Pulsed power, Z-pinches, and Applications

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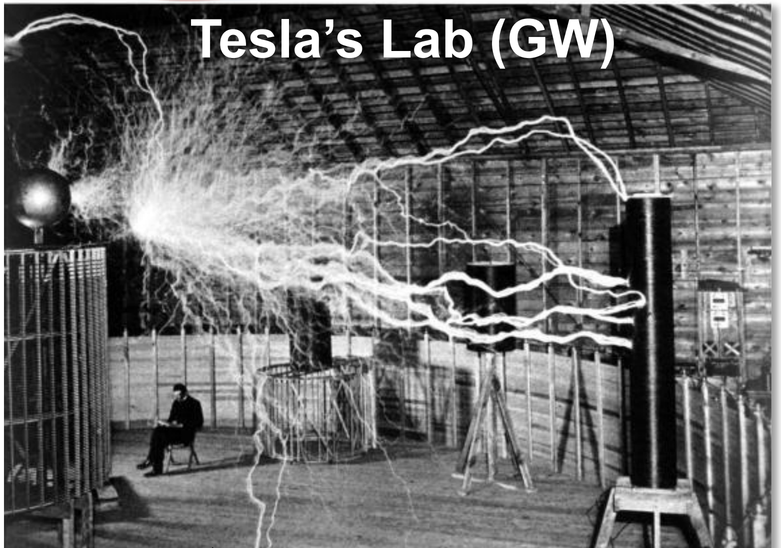
Outline

- Pulsed-power technology produces large currents (15-27 MA) in a short pulse (100-600 ns) on the Z machine
- Large currents generate large magnetic fields
  = tremendous pressure
- Large pressures enable access to
  High Energy Density regimes (> ~10^{11} J m^{-3}, or > ~1 Mbar)
- There are many interesting applications

The accumulation and transmission of electromagnetic energy, called “pulsed power”, has been investigated for over a century



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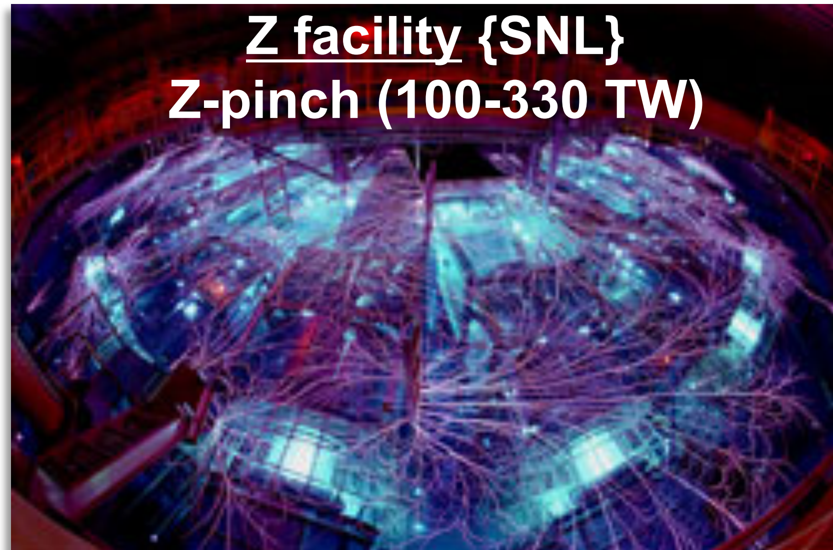
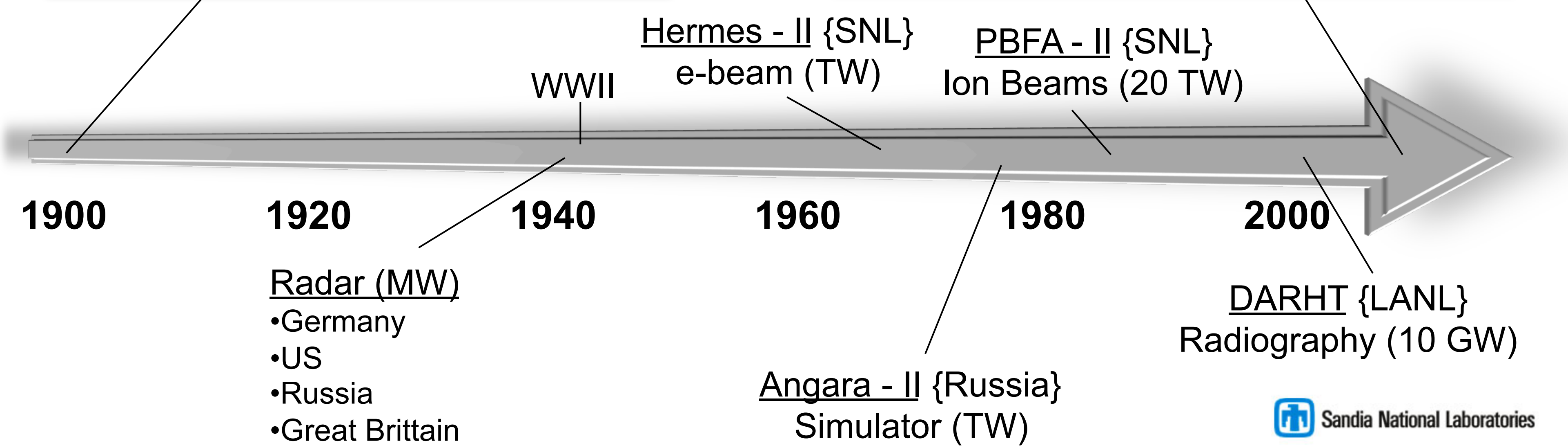


Z facility {SNL}
Z-pinch (100-330 TW)

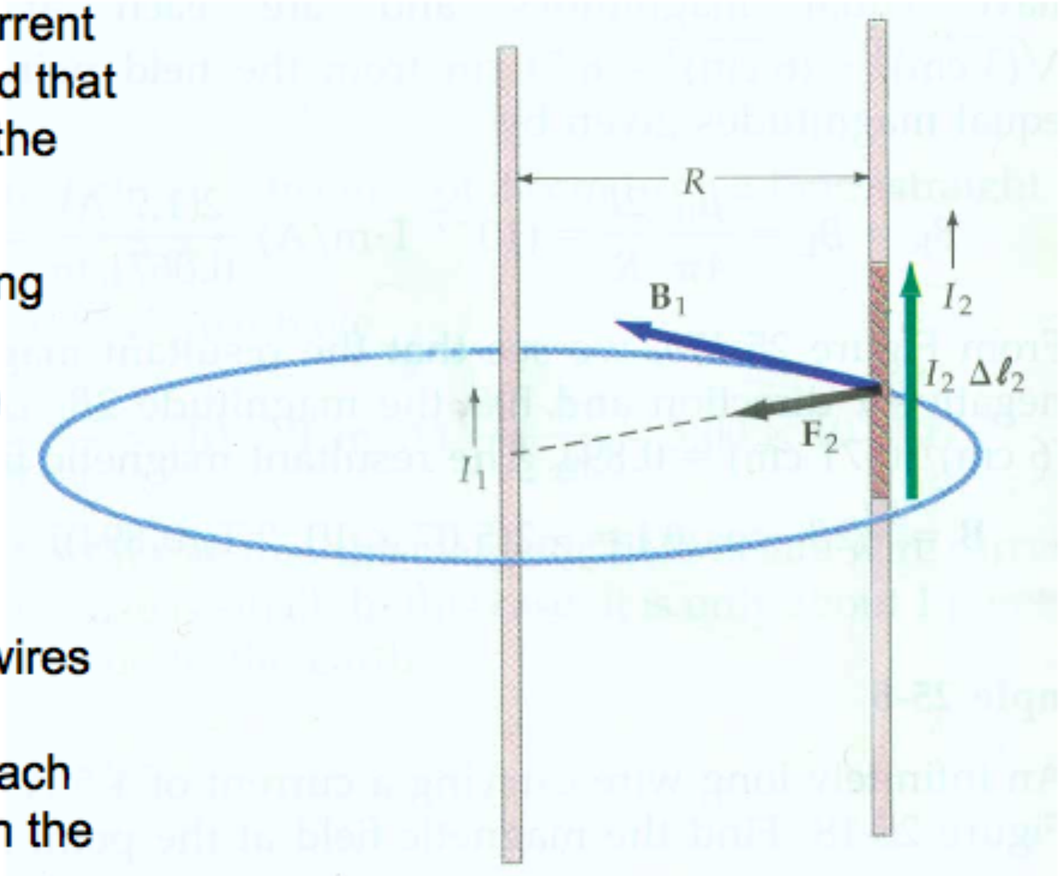


1st year physics refresher

A single wire carrying current produces a magnetic field that encircles it according to the right-hand rule

Two parallel wires carrying current along the same direction will attract each other (Biot-Savart Law, "JxB force")

Definition of an Ampere:
If two very long parallel wires 1 m apart carry equal currents, the current in each is defined to be 1 A when the force/length is 2e-7 N/m



We can incorporate the effect of magnetic fields into our plasma fluid equations as an effective pressure

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \bullet \rho \mathbf{u} = 0$$

mass conservation

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{u}\right) = \frac{\mathbf{J}\times\mathbf{B}}{c} - \nabla P$$

momentum conservation
(F=ma) cgs

For slowly varying fields we can approximate: $\nabla\times\mathbf{B} = \frac{4\pi\mathbf{J}}{c}$ *(Ampere's law, ignoring displacement current)*

We re-write JxB as: $\mathbf{J}\times\mathbf{B} = \frac{c}{4\pi}(\nabla\times\mathbf{B})\times\mathbf{B} = -\frac{c}{4\pi}\mathbf{B}\times(\nabla\times\mathbf{B})$

From vector identities: $\mathbf{B}\times(\nabla\times\mathbf{B}) = \frac{1}{2}\nabla(\mathbf{B}\bullet\mathbf{B}) - \mathbf{B}\bullet\nabla\mathbf{B} = \nabla\left(\frac{B^2}{2}\right) - \mathbf{B}\bullet\nabla\mathbf{B}$

So JxB becomes: $\mathbf{J}\times\mathbf{B} = \frac{c}{4\pi}\left(\mathbf{B}\bullet\nabla\mathbf{B} - \nabla\left(\frac{B^2}{2}\right)\right)$

magnetic tension **fluid pressure** **magnetic pressure**

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{u}\right) = \frac{\mathbf{J}\times\mathbf{B}}{c} - \nabla P = \frac{1}{4\pi}\mathbf{B}\bullet\nabla\mathbf{B} - \nabla\left(P + \frac{B^2}{8\pi}\right)$$

In the case of an axisymmetric z-directed current (B_θ field), the magnetic tension is zero

Plasma momentum is affected by magnetic fields

Large currents and the corresponding magnetic fields can create and manipulate high energy density (HED) matter

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u}\cdot\nabla)\mathbf{u}\right) = \frac{\mathbf{J}\times\mathbf{B}}{c} - \nabla P \approx \frac{1}{4\pi}\mathbf{B}\bullet\nabla\mathbf{B} - \nabla\left(P + \frac{B^2}{8\pi}\right)$$

HED Matter P > 1 Mbar, B > 5 Megagauss

Magnetic fields have some unique advantages when creating HED plasmas:

- Magnetic fields are very efficient at creating HED matter, enabling large samples and energetic sources
- Magnetic fields have very interesting properties in converging geometry

Magnetic fields have interesting contrasts with other ways of generating HED:

- Magnetic fields can create high pressures without making material hot
- Magnetic fields can be generated over long time scales with significant control over the time history

Magnetic fields change the way particles and energy are transported in a plasma

How strong is this pressure?

$N = kg\ m\ s^{-2}$ (mks) versus $dyne = g\ cm\ s^{-2}$ (cgs)

So $1\ N = 10^5\ dyne$, and, in pressure units:
$1\ N\ m^{-2}$ (Pa) = $10\ dyne\ cm^{-2} = 10^{-5}\ bar$

$$P_m(dyne / cm^2) = \frac{B(G)^2}{8\pi}$$

A typical refrigerator magnet is 100 gauss ~ 400 dyne/cm^2

A 5000 G (0.5 T) magnetic field ~ 10^6 dyne/cm^2 ~ 1 atmosphere ~ 1 Bar

A 5×10^6 G (500 T) magnetic field ~ 1 Million atmospheres = 1 Megabar (MB)= High energy density physics ("HEDP")

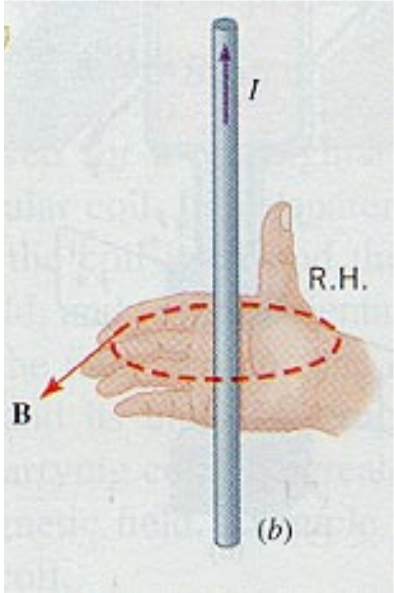
A 5×10^9 G (500 kT) magnetic field ~ 1 Trillion atmospheres = 1 Terabar (TB) > pressure in the center of the sun

Note that high explosives have pressure ~ 100,000-300,000 atmospheres ~ 0.1-0.3 Mbar (not "HEDP") ~ equivalent ~50-150 T or 5×10^5-1.5×10^6 G

Large currents can create large B fields!

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{4\pi \mathbf{J}}{c}$$

$$\oint_C \mathbf{B} \cdot dl = \frac{4\pi}{c} \iint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$ Ampere's law



For an axial current I:

$$2\pi r B_\theta = \frac{4\pi}{c} I \qquad B_\theta = \frac{2}{c}\frac{I}{r} \quad (cgs)$$

$$B_\theta(G) = \frac{I(A)}{5\,r(cm)} \longrightarrow$$ $P_{mag} \sim B^2 \sim I^2\, r^{-2}$

100 A at 2 mm radius is 100 G

1.0×10^7 A (**10 MA**) at **4 mm** radius is 5×10^6 G = **1 MBar** of pressure!

2.5×10^7 A (**25 MA**) at **1 mm** radius is 5×10^7 G = **100 MBar** of pressure!! **←Z Machine**

(~1000x more than high explosives)

LARGE CURRENTS → LARGE MAGNETIC FIELDS → LARGE PRESSURES!

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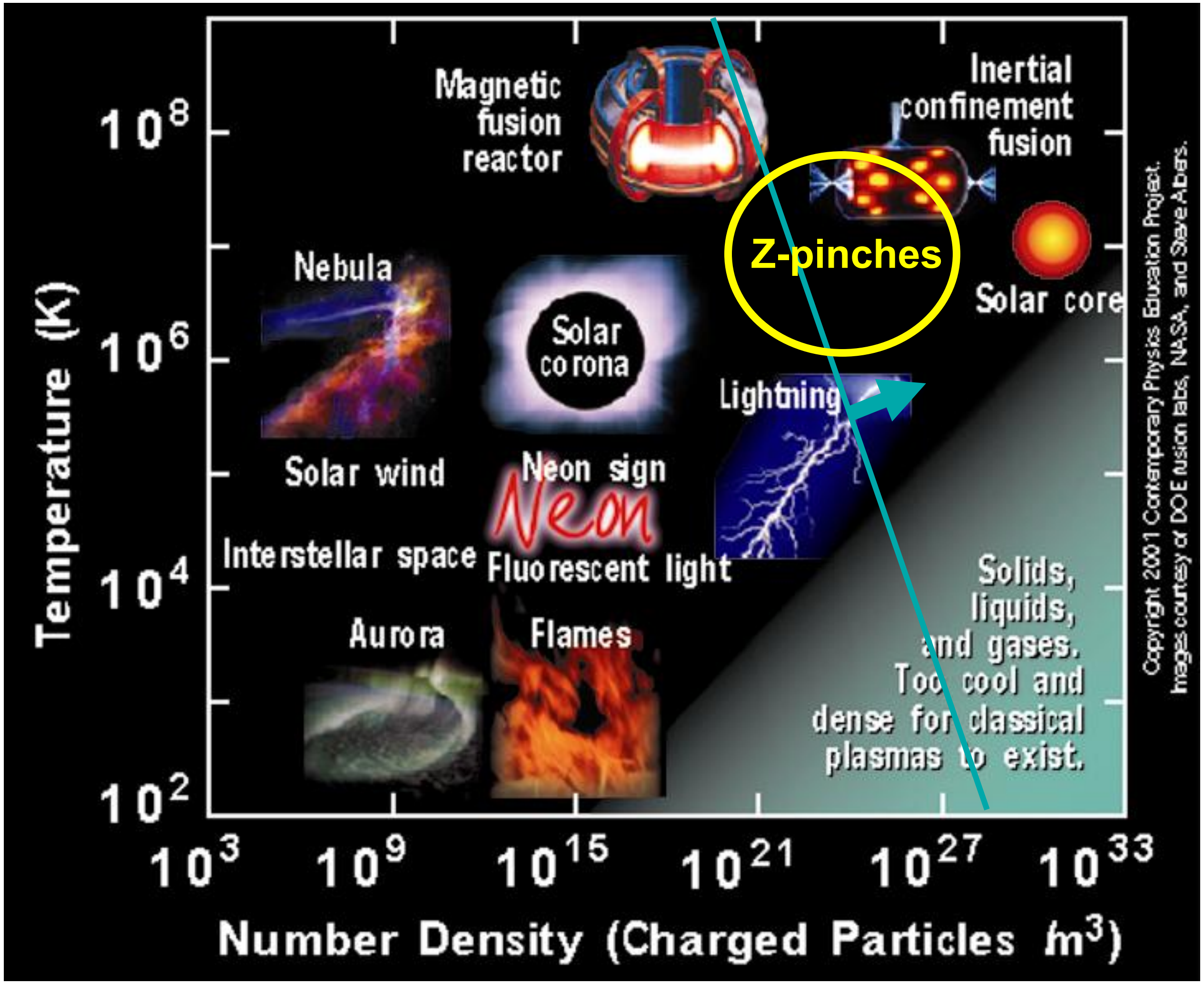
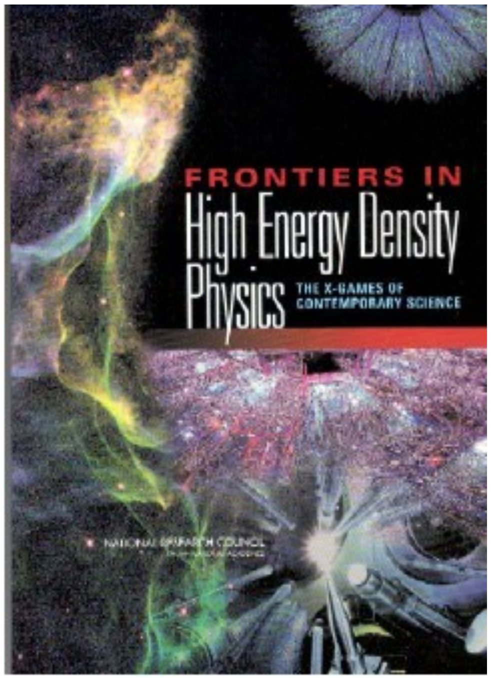
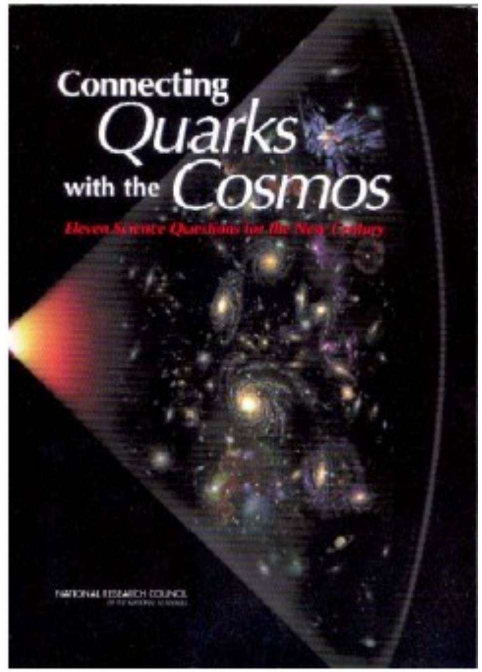
Regimes of high energy density are typically associated with energy density 10^{11} J/m^3 = 1 Mbar



Several recent studies have highlighted High Energy Density Science



“Frontiers in High Energy Density Physics”,
R. Davidson et al. 2004



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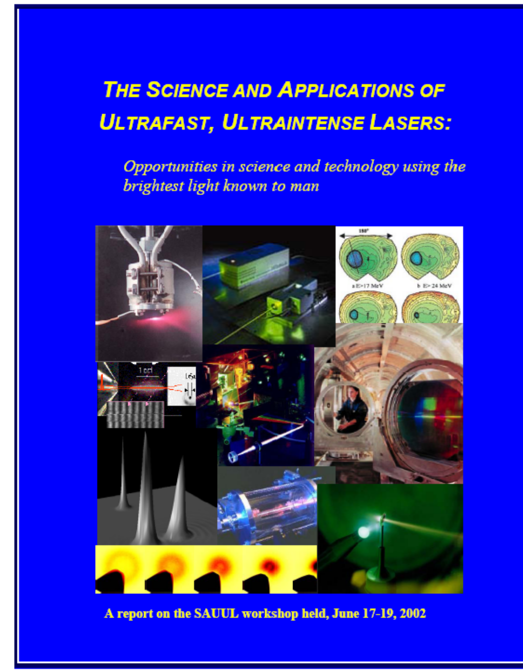
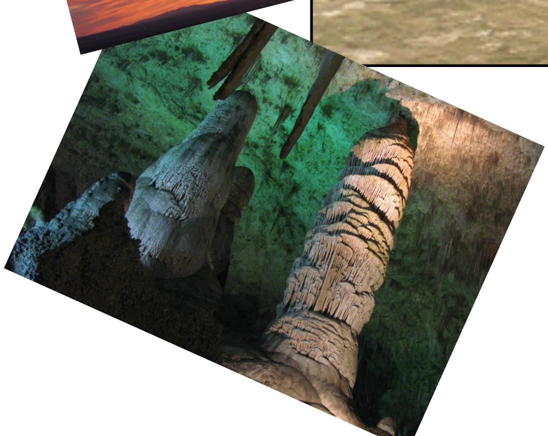


Science and Applications of Ultrafast, Ultraintense Lasers

The "Z" pulsed-power facility is located at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Youtube.com: search for the BBC TV show:
"*Horizon: Can we make a star on earth*?"





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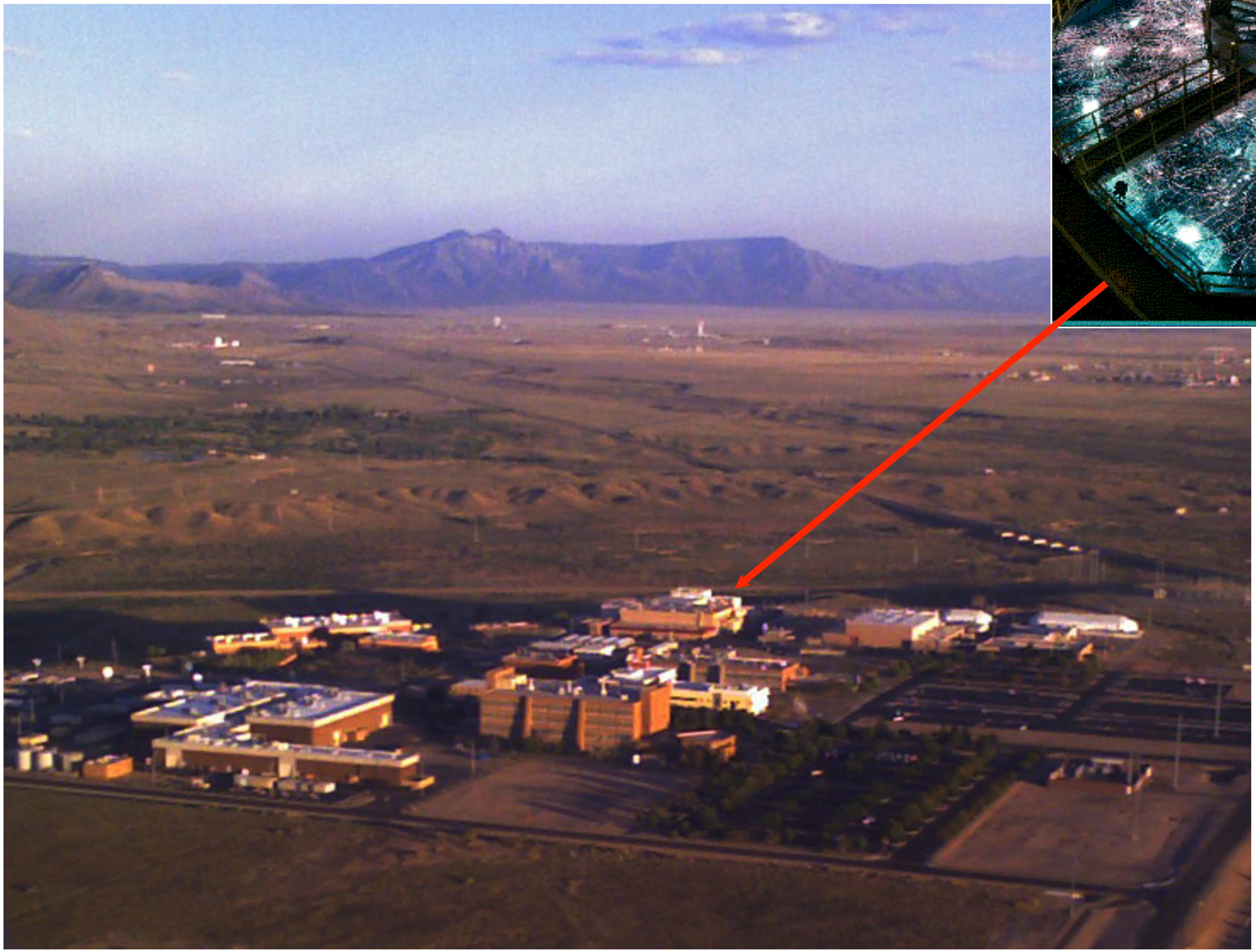

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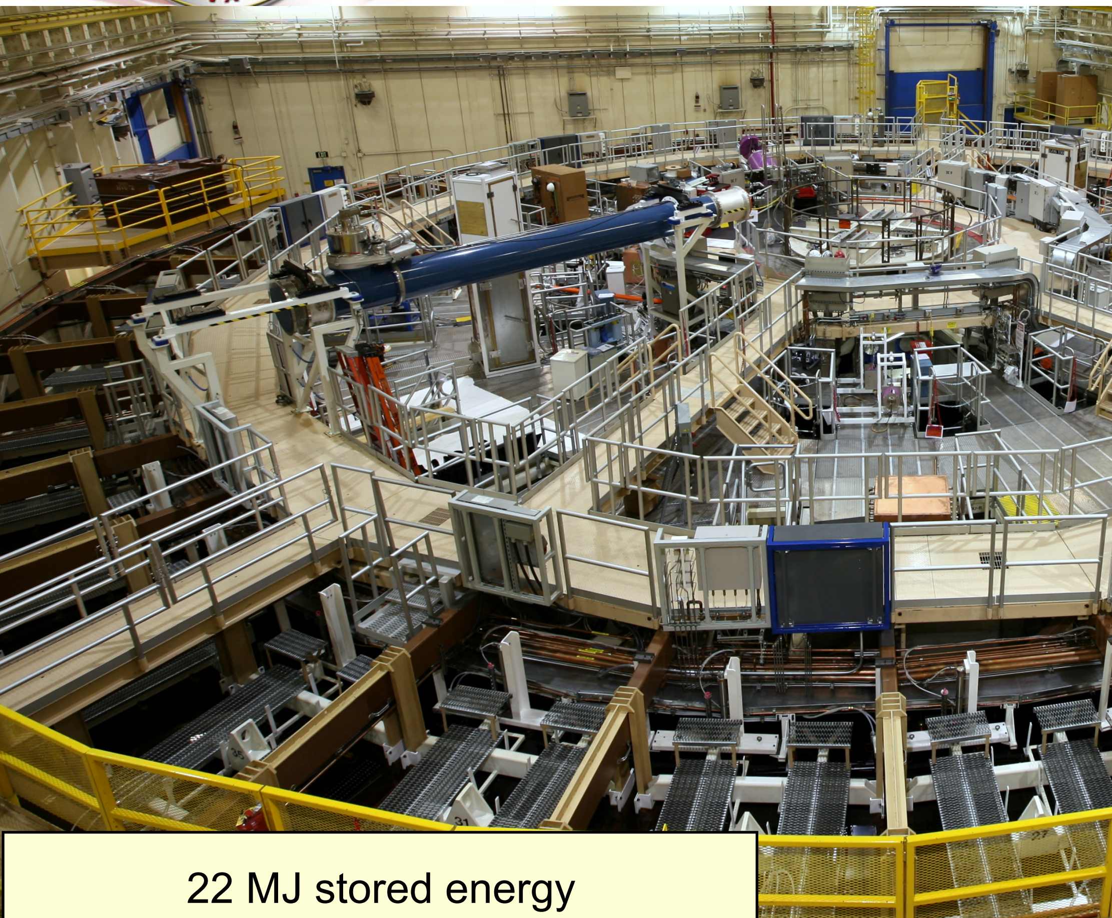
"Z" is the world's largest pulsed-power facility

Tank~10,000 ft^2



22 MJ stored energy
3MJ delivered to the load
27 MA peak current
5 – 50 Megagauss (1-100 Megabar)
100-600 ns pulse length

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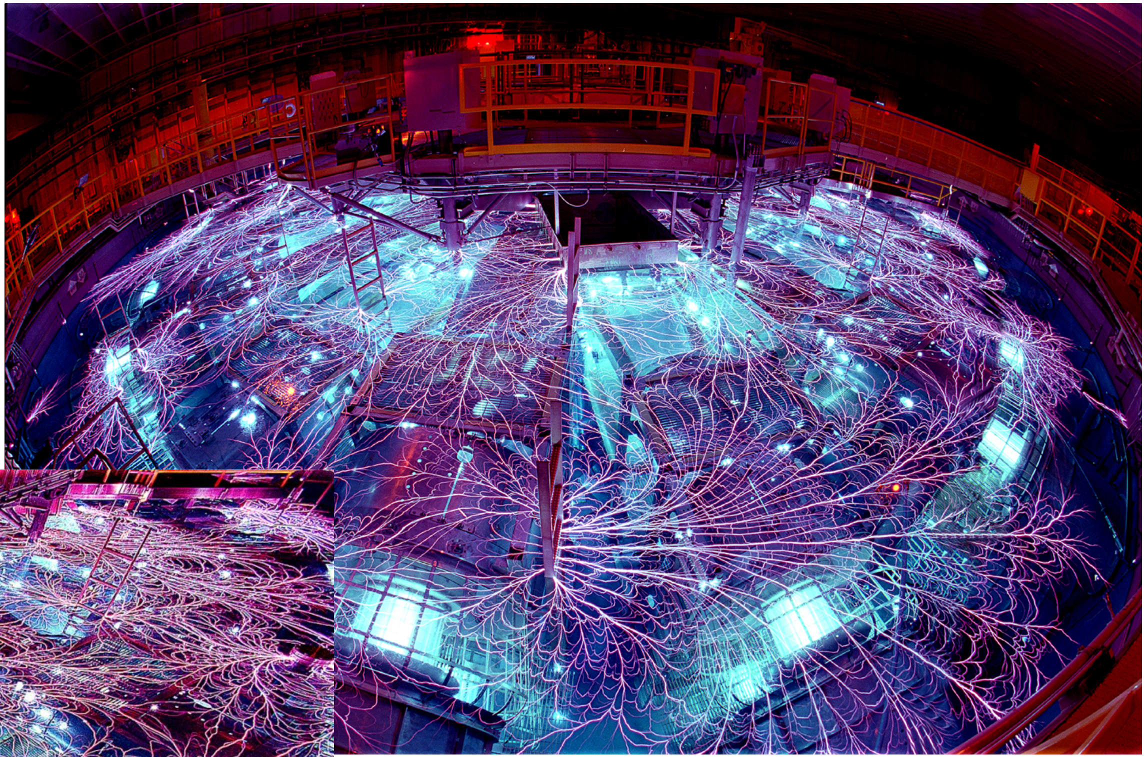
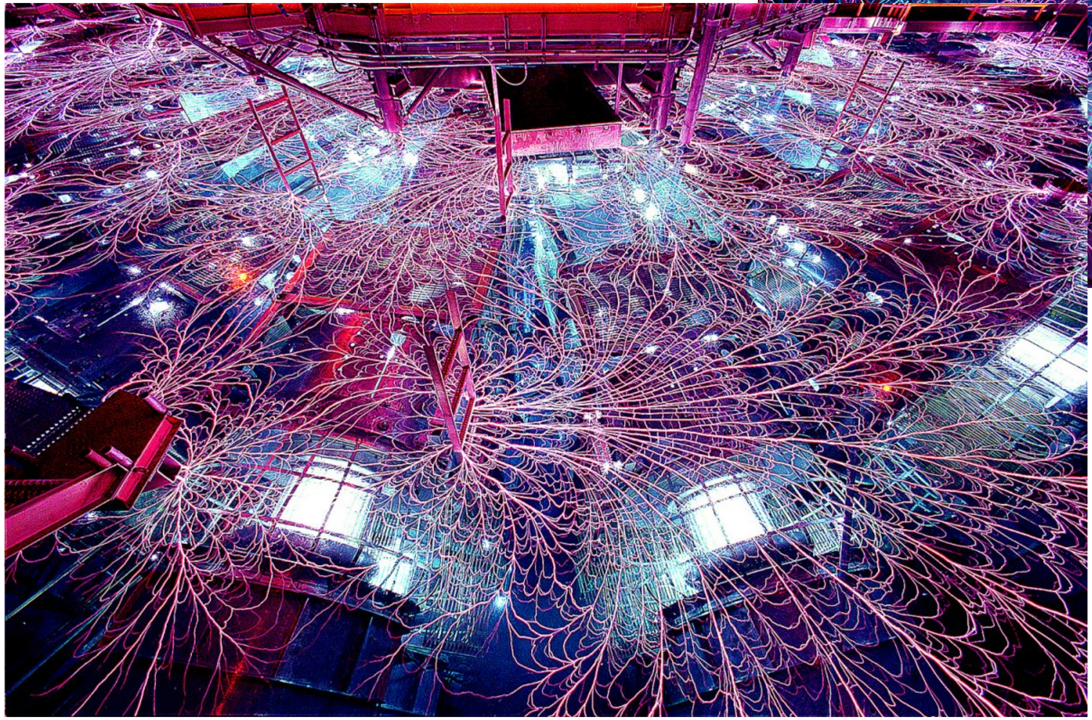
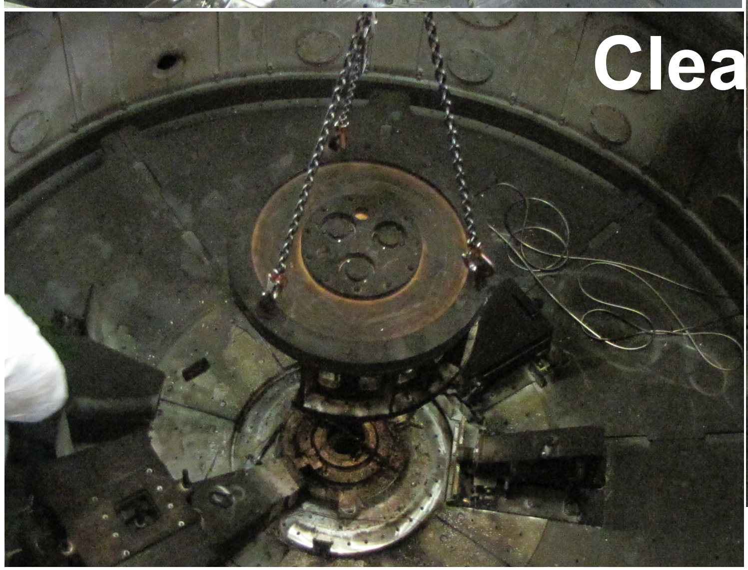




"Z" is a great place to conduct experiments

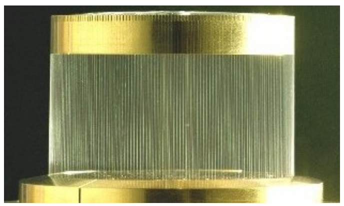


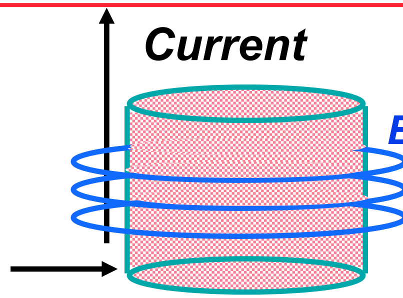
We can use high currents to push plasmas in different ways for different experiments

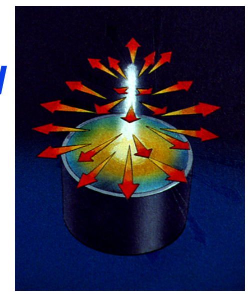
High Current

Cylindrical compression: Z-pinch x-ray source

wire array

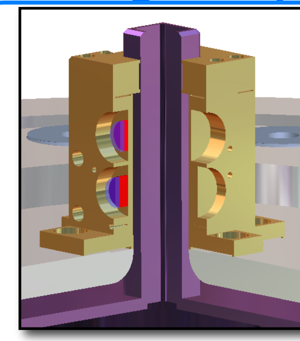






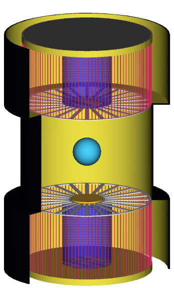
Produces intense x-ray sources:
~ few ns timescale, > 1 MJ energy, > 100 TW power

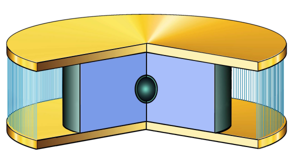
Planar magnetic pressure



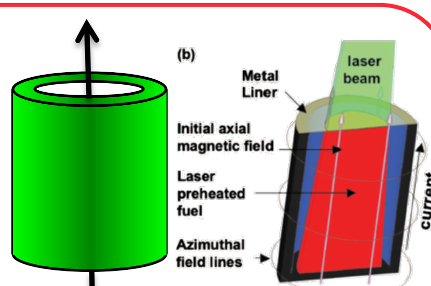
"ICE" and "flyer" plates: Accurately measure material properties, e.g. "Equation of State" *(how P relates to ρ and T in the fluid formalism)*

Inertial Confinement Fusion (ICF)

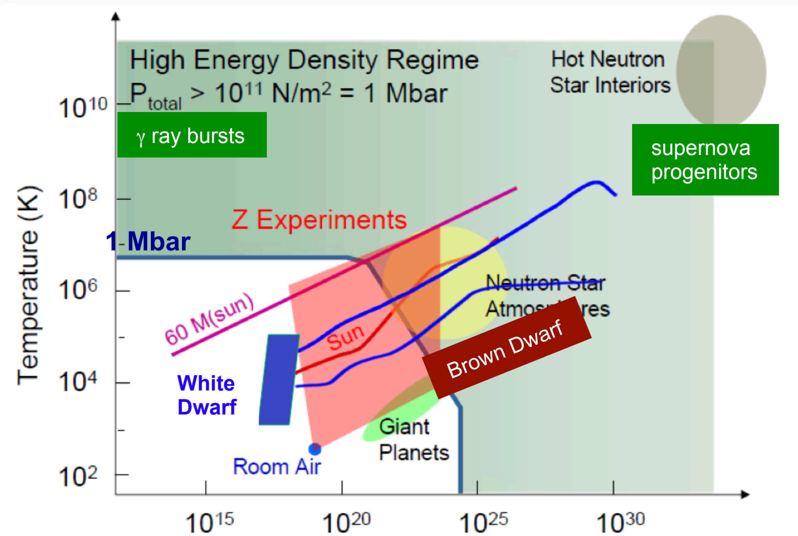




Indirect-drive (x-rays)



Direct-drive (magnetic field)



(courtesy of Greg Rochau)

Our experiments are well-diagnosed

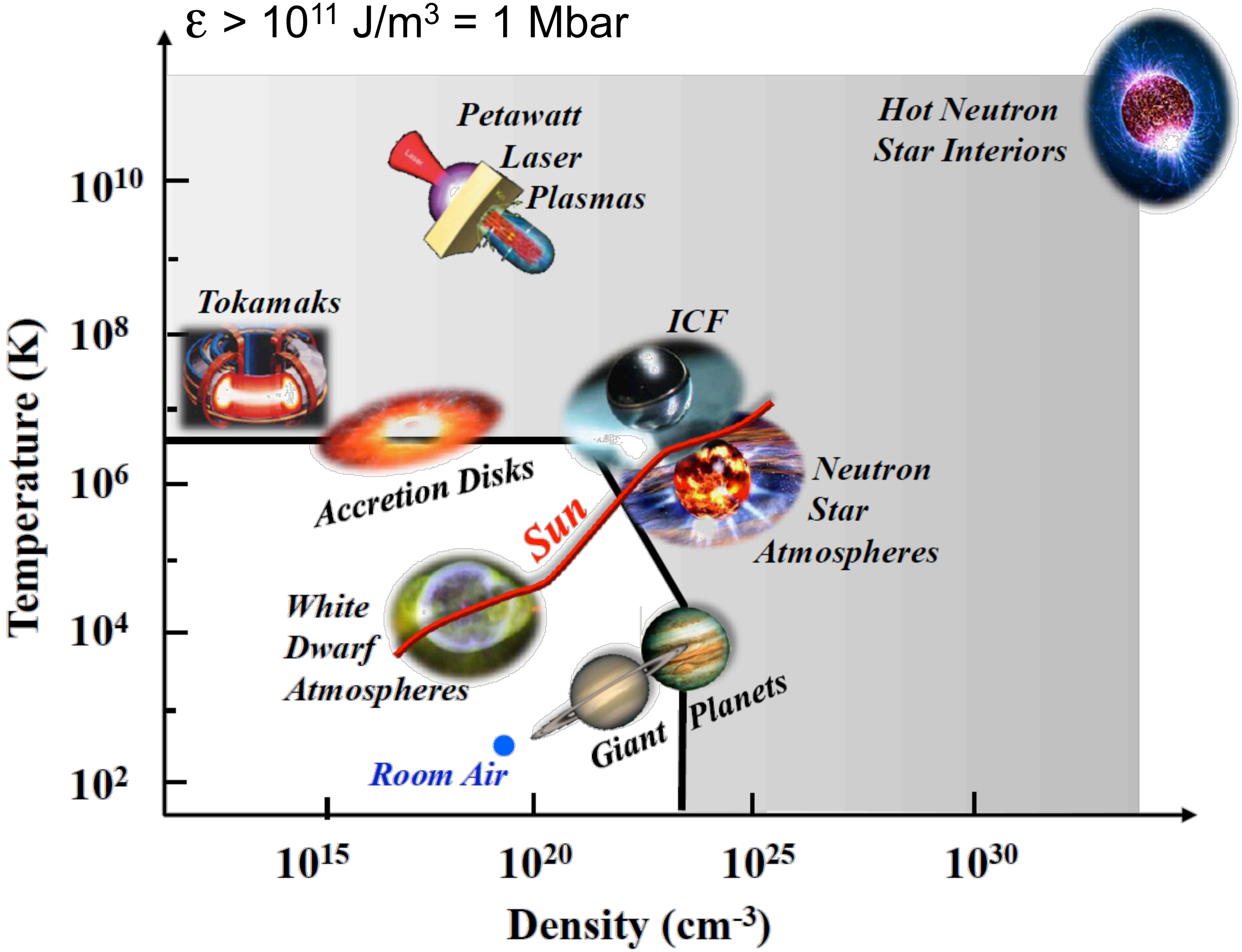
Z Target Diagnostics

- **Power & Energy**
  - X-ray Diodes
  - Photo Conducting Diamonds
  - Silicon Diodes
  - Bolometer
- **Spectroscopy**
  - Time-integrated 0.8-10 keV
  - Time-resolved 0.8-10 keV
  - Time-integrated 7-25 keV
  - Streaked Visible
- **X-ray Imaging**
  - 1.9 or 6.1 keV Backlighting
  - 277 or 528 eV Self-Emission
  - Filtered Self-Emission
- **Motion / Velocity**
  - VISAR
  - Photonic Doppler Velocimetry
  - Passive Shock Breakout
- **Neutrons**
  - D-D Activation
  - D-T Activation
  - Time-of-Flight
  - Imaging

Experiments on Z access a large region of the energy density phase-space

High Energy Density Regime

$\varepsilon > 10^{11}$ J/m^3 = 1 Mbar



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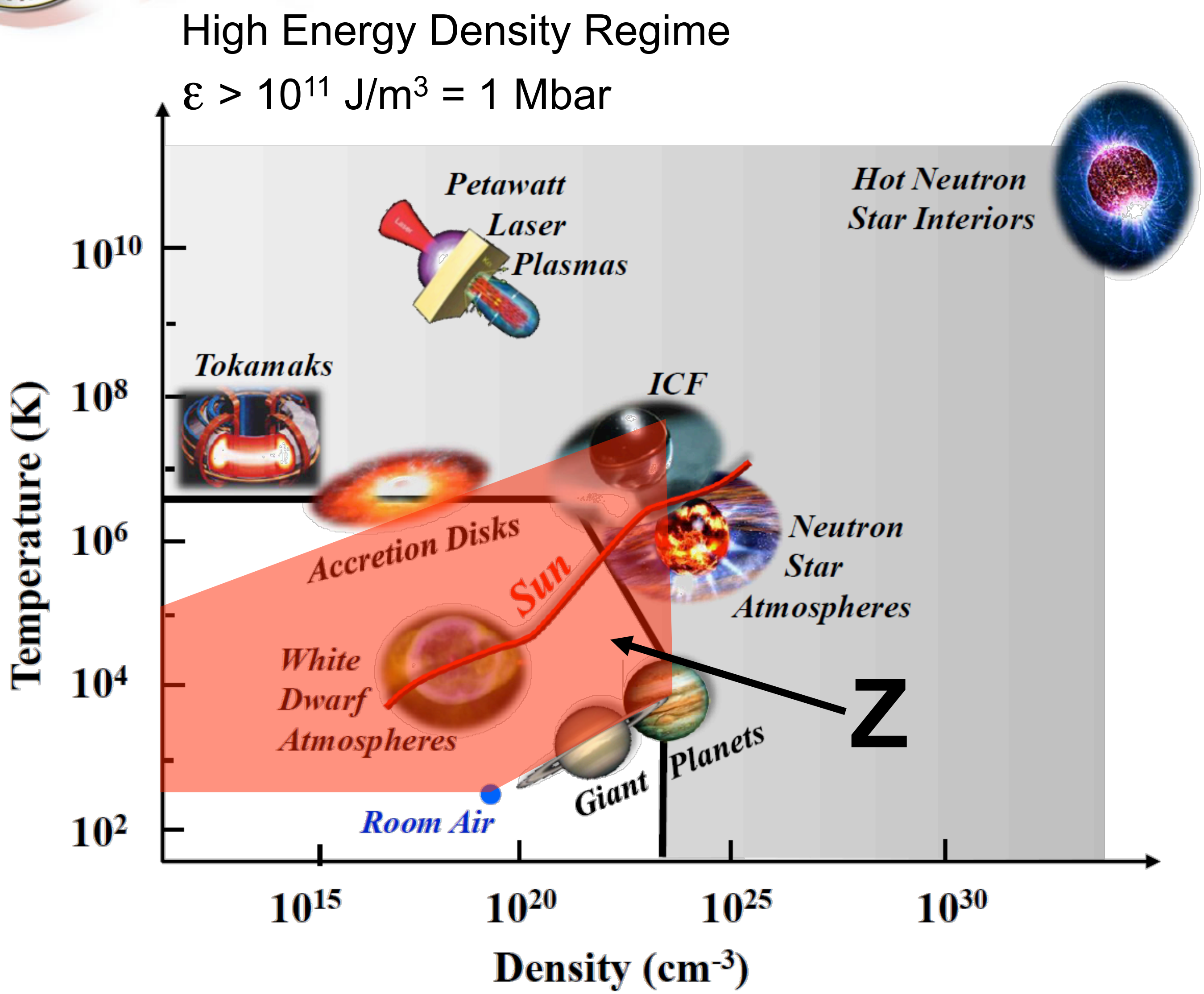
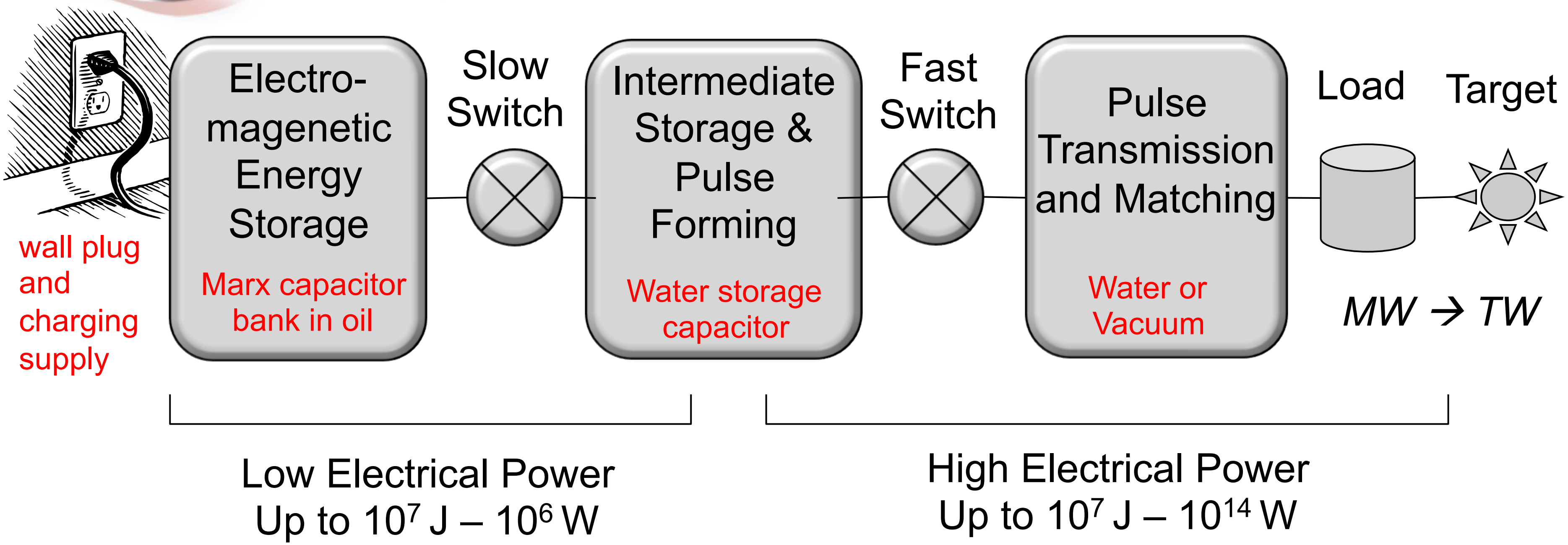
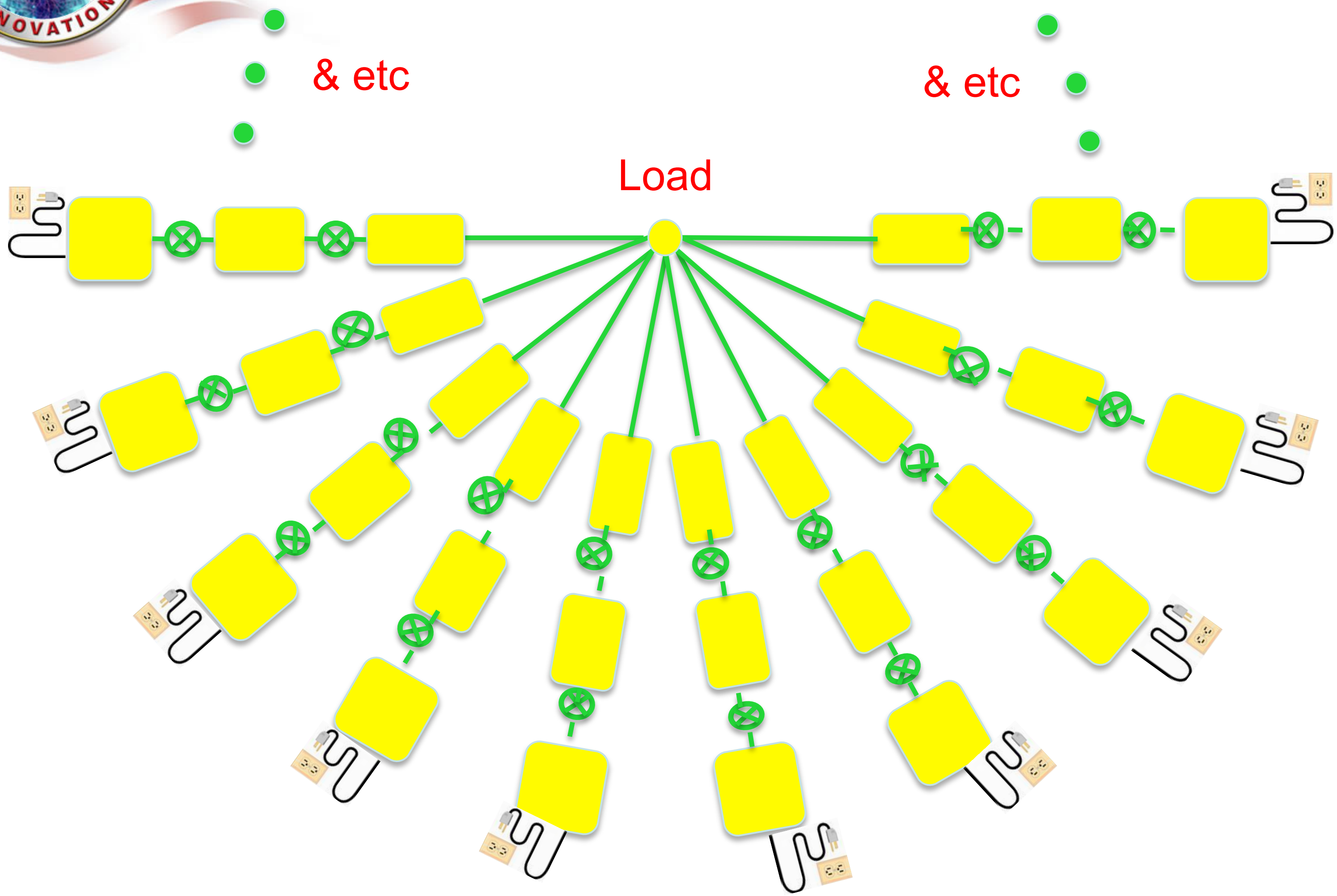


Pulsed-power technology produces high electrical power using fast switching and pulse compression



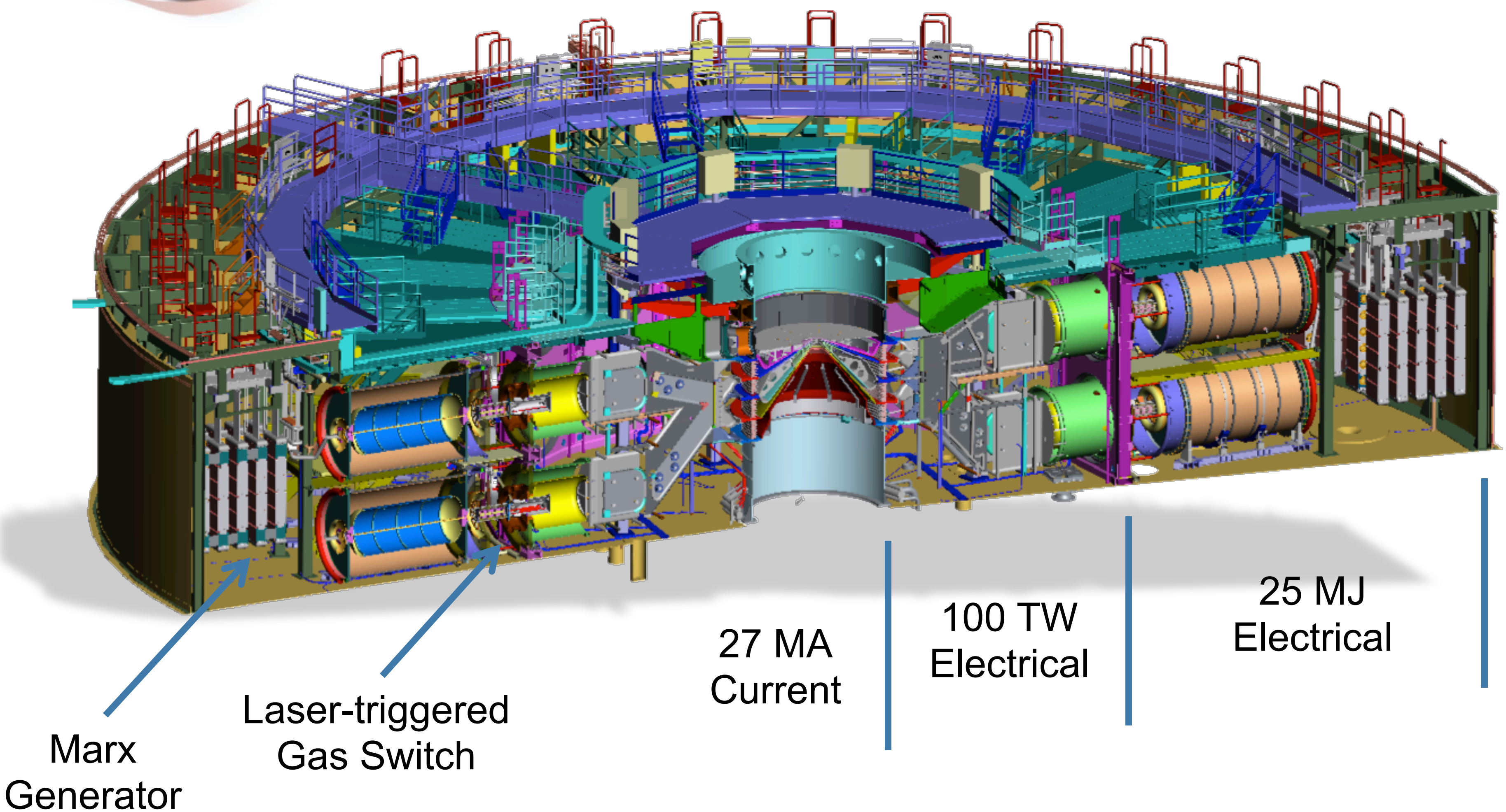
- Typically the pulse is compressed in both space and time
- The load produces the last step in pulse compression and power gain
- You can think of this as a complicated circuit
  (whose load is destroyed with each shot)

Multiple modules are used to achieve the highest powers

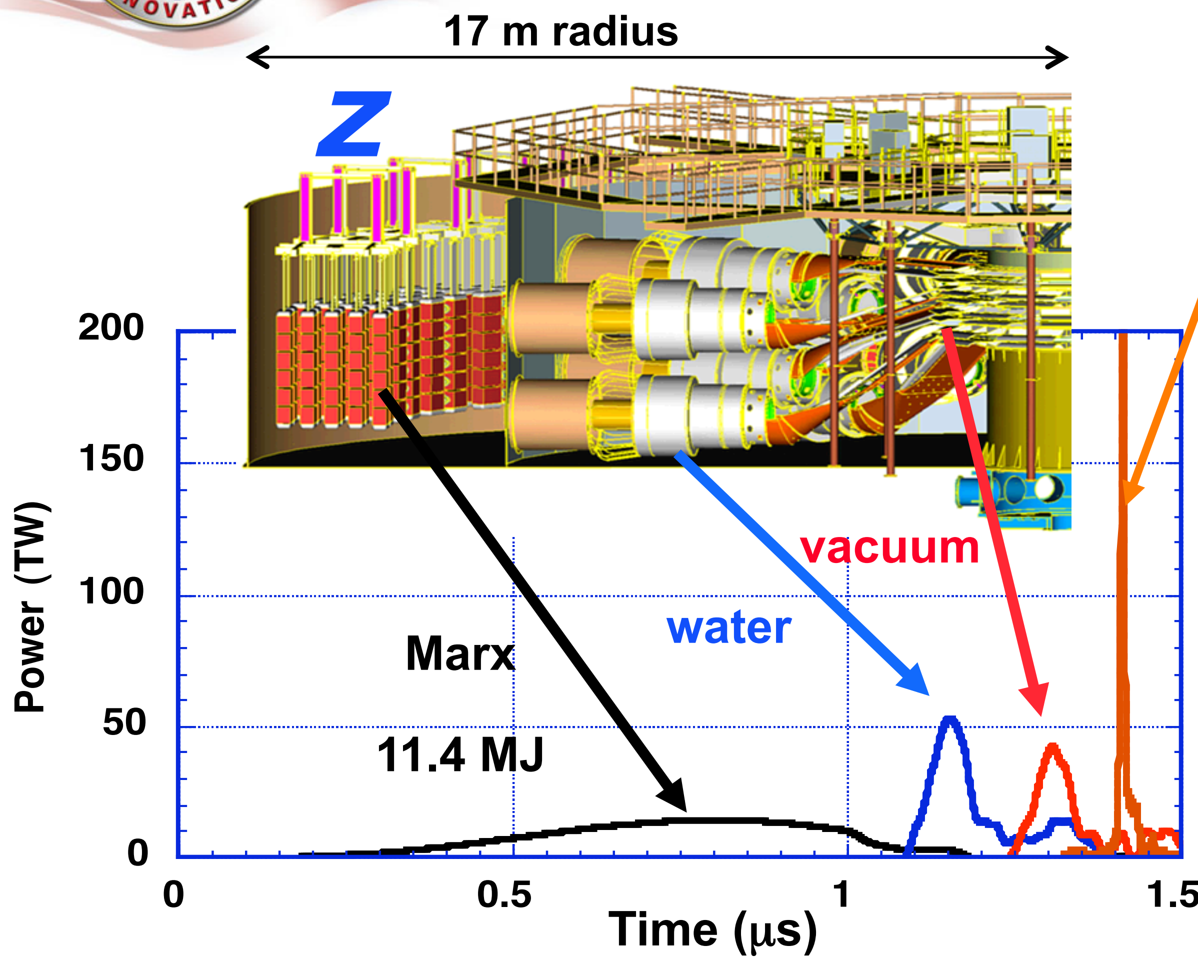


- Laser-triggered gas switches are used to synchronize the pulses (to within a few ns) from the individual modules

Cross section of the Z facility at Sandia National Laboratories



Pulsed-power provides compact, efficient, power amplification



x ray output
~2 MJ
~200 TW in ~5 ns

conversion efficiency ~15% (wall-plug to x-rays)

at a velocity of c:
Current pulse: 100 ns (30 m)
x-ray pulse: 5 ns (150 cm)

This is akin to taking the equivalent electrical energy consumption in one evening's operation of a TV set (a few MJ) and compress it into more electrical power than provided by all the power plants in the world combined (~13-15 TW).

We compress energy in space *and* time on Z

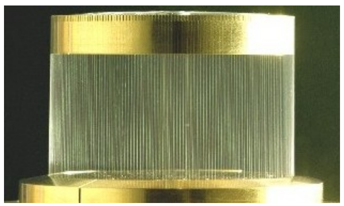
- Compression in height X 625
  - 625 cm tank Marx height to 1.0 cm load height
- Compression in radius X 1375
  - 1650 cm in Marx tank radius to 1.2 cm load radius
- Compression in time X 2.4×10^{10}
  - 2 minute Marx charge to 5 ns pinch output
  - Total power density compression factor ~8×10^{15}
  - (η x area x time, η~0.4)

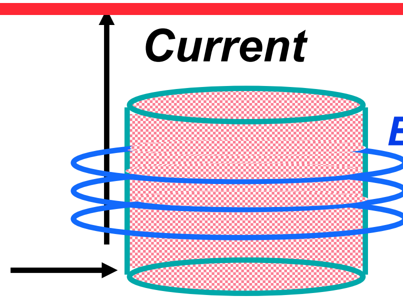
We can use high currents to push plasmas in different ways for different applications

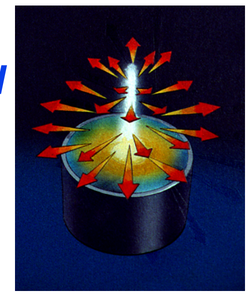
High Current

Z-pinch X-ray sources

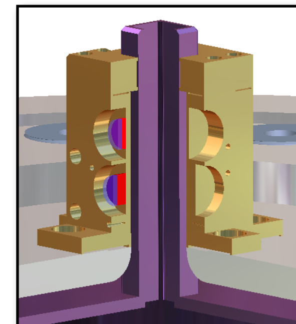
wire array







Planar magnetic pressure



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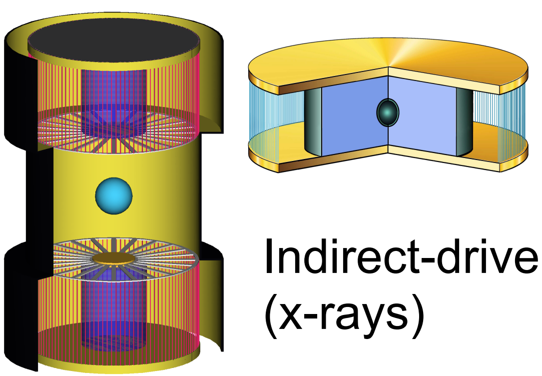
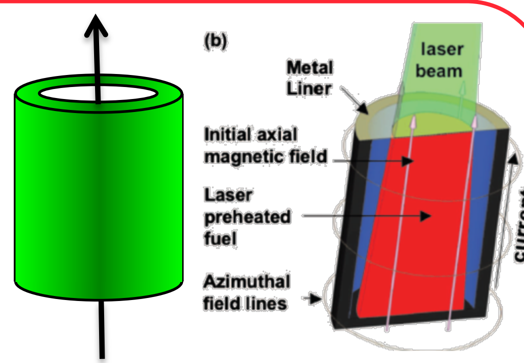


Indirect-drive
(x-rays)



Direct-drive
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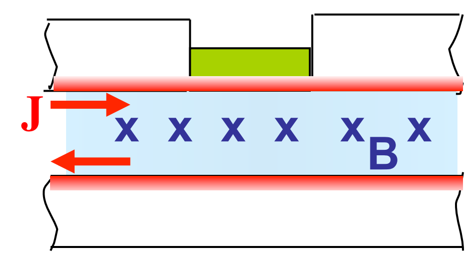
Material Properties

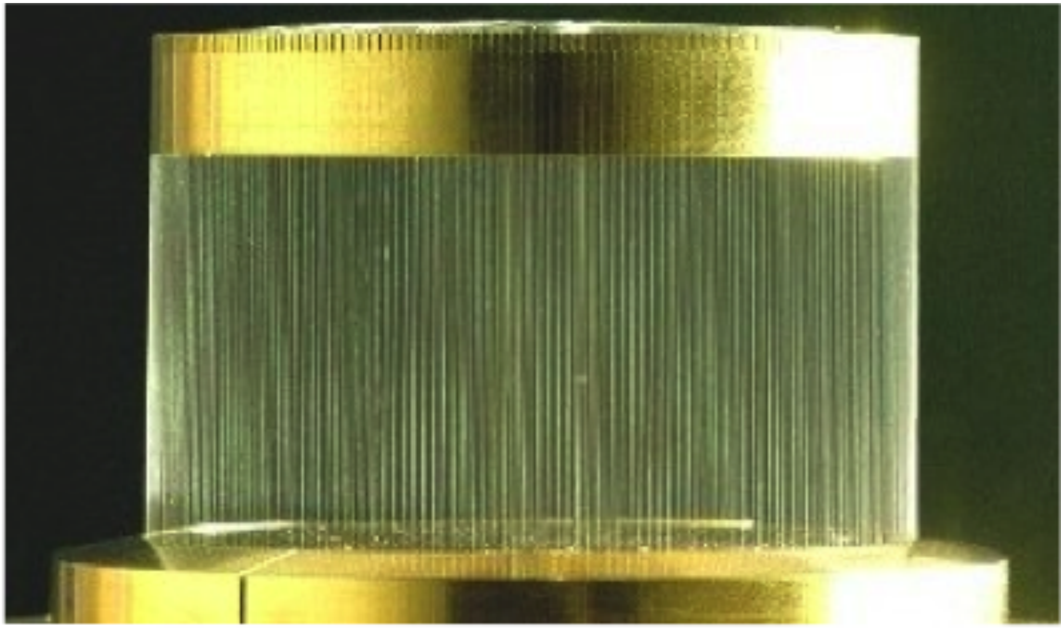


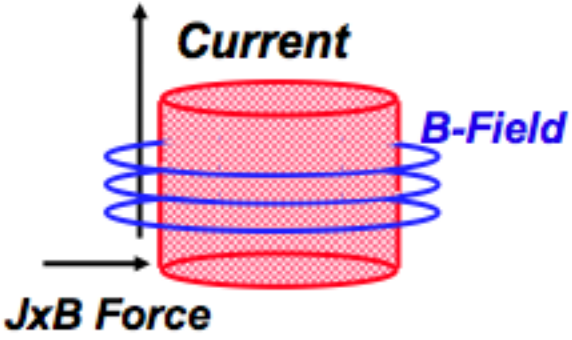
Wire arrays are a “simple” extension of the two wire problem

Instead of 2 wires, use ~300 wires in a cylindrical array. The JxB force accelerates the wires toward the array axis.

Instead of 1 mA or 1 A, use 20,000,000 Amperes of current in the array, delivered in a ~100 ns current pulse.

The result is the creation of soft x rays (~0.1-10 keV) with 10-15% efficiency from the stored electrical energy

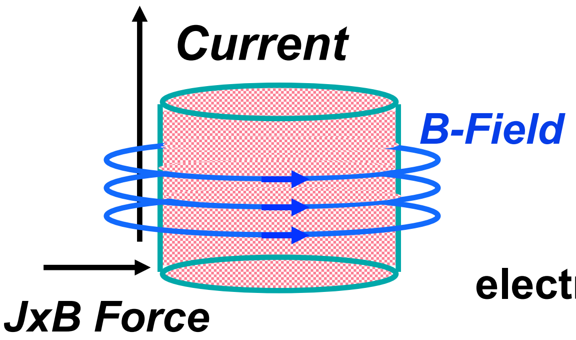




Z-pinch loads:

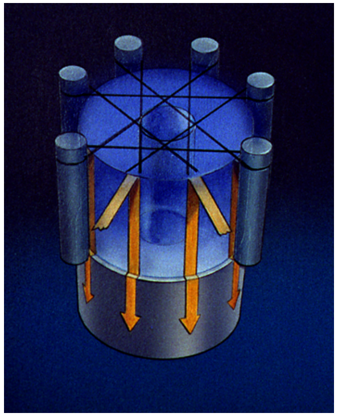
Wire Array
Gas Puffs
Foil/Liner
Foam

Magnetically-driven fast z-pinch implosions efficiently convert electrical energy into radiation



kinetic and magnetic energy → **internal energy** → **x rays**

electrical energy → **kinetic energy**



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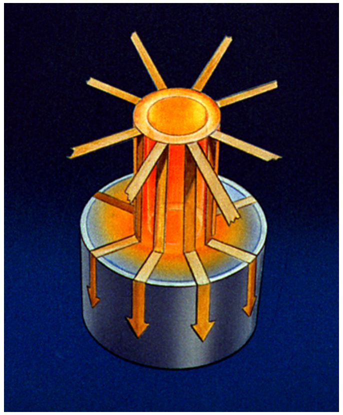

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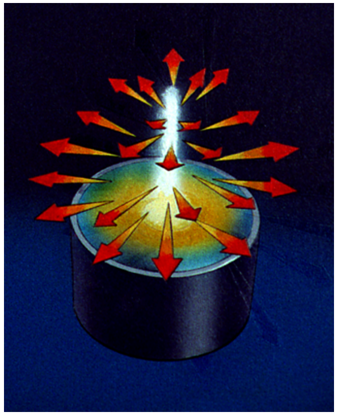


Stagnation

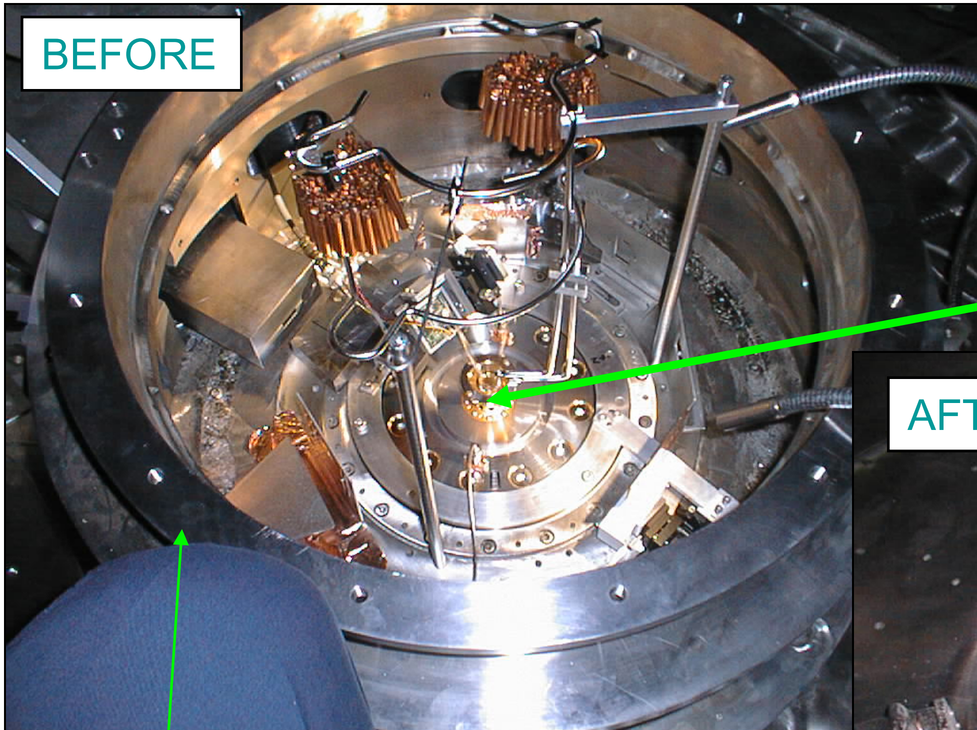
Fast wire z-pinch loads:

- Z-pinches are imploded in 60-120 ns, and radiate x-rays in 5 ns
- Energy: x-ray ~ 15% of stored electrical

The 2-3 MJ of magnetic energy and radiation destroys the hardware following the pulse

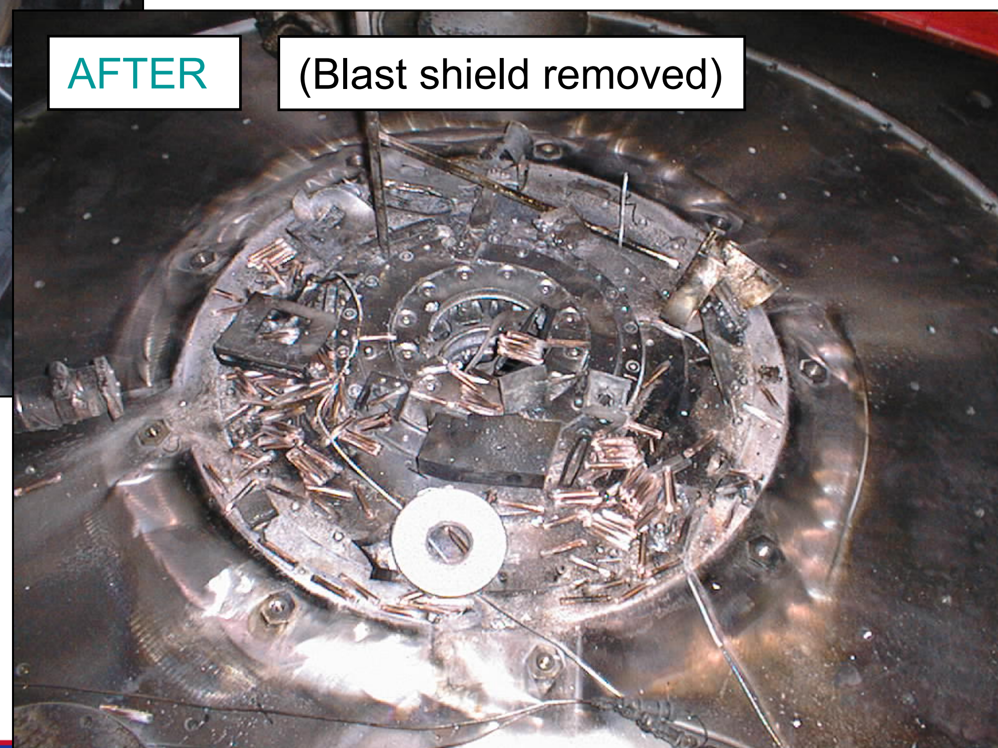
“Hostile” environment

debris, electrical noise, photon background, plasma



Wire array

Blast shield



Equivalent to 2 lbs high explosive released in a few ns in <1 cm^3 volume!

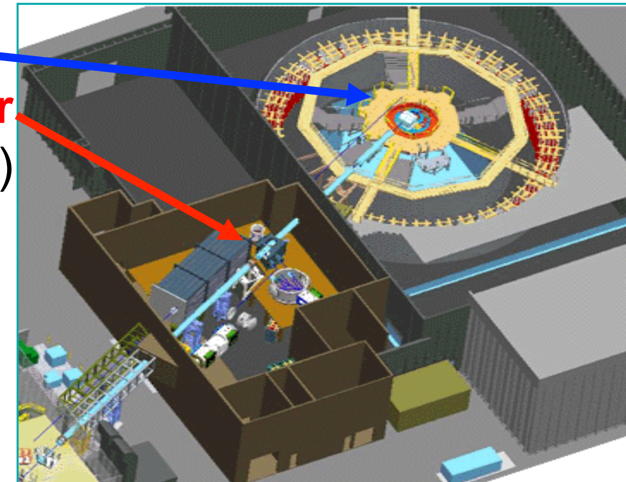
Magneto-Rayleigh-Taylor (MRT) instability limits the quality of the implosion

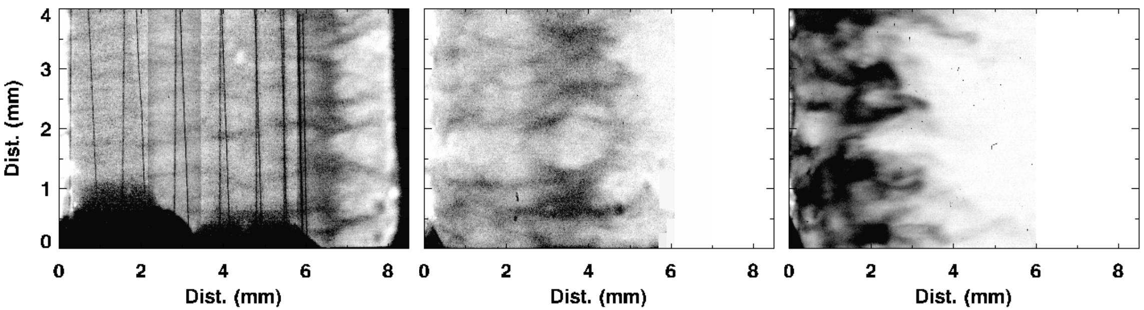
Xray images of a wire array during its implosion!

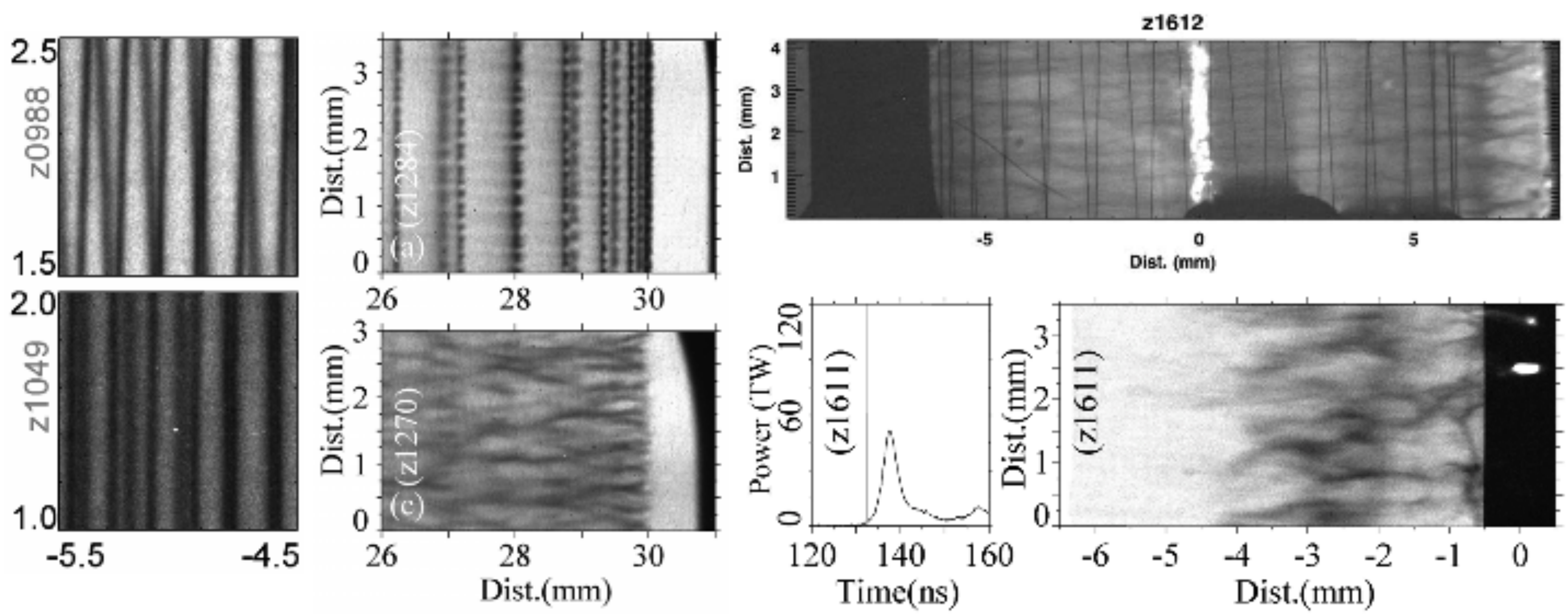
Z Machine

Z Beamlet laser

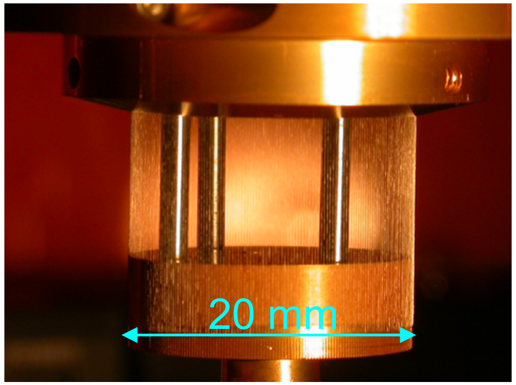
(for radiography)

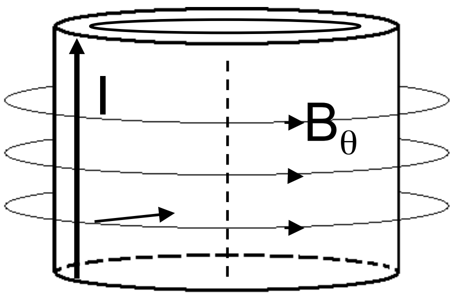


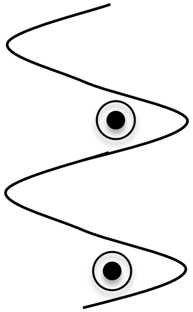


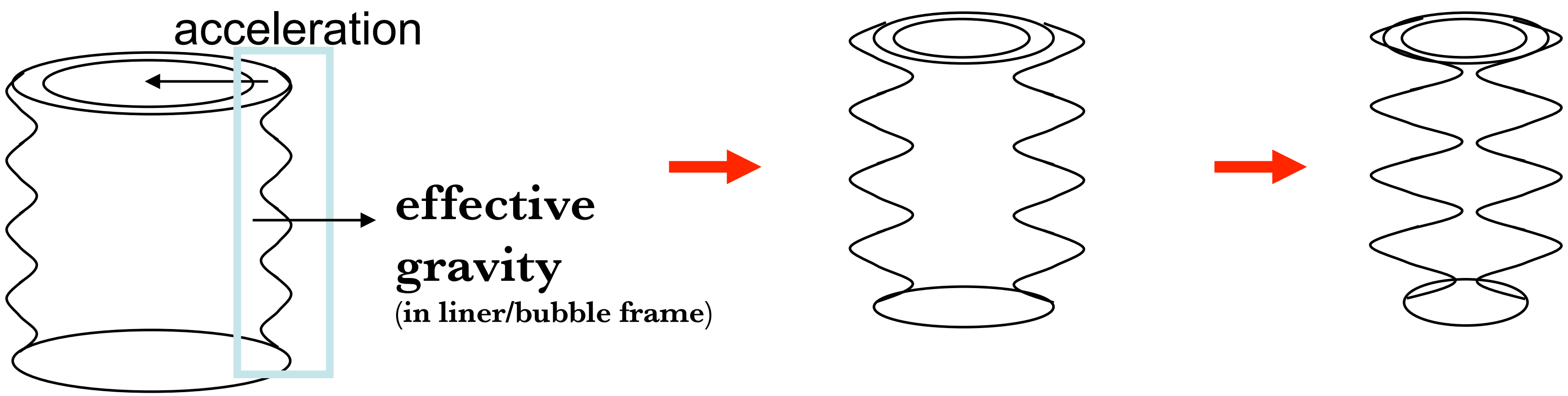


The plasma is the heavy fluid and the B field is the light fluid → *unstable* to the MRT



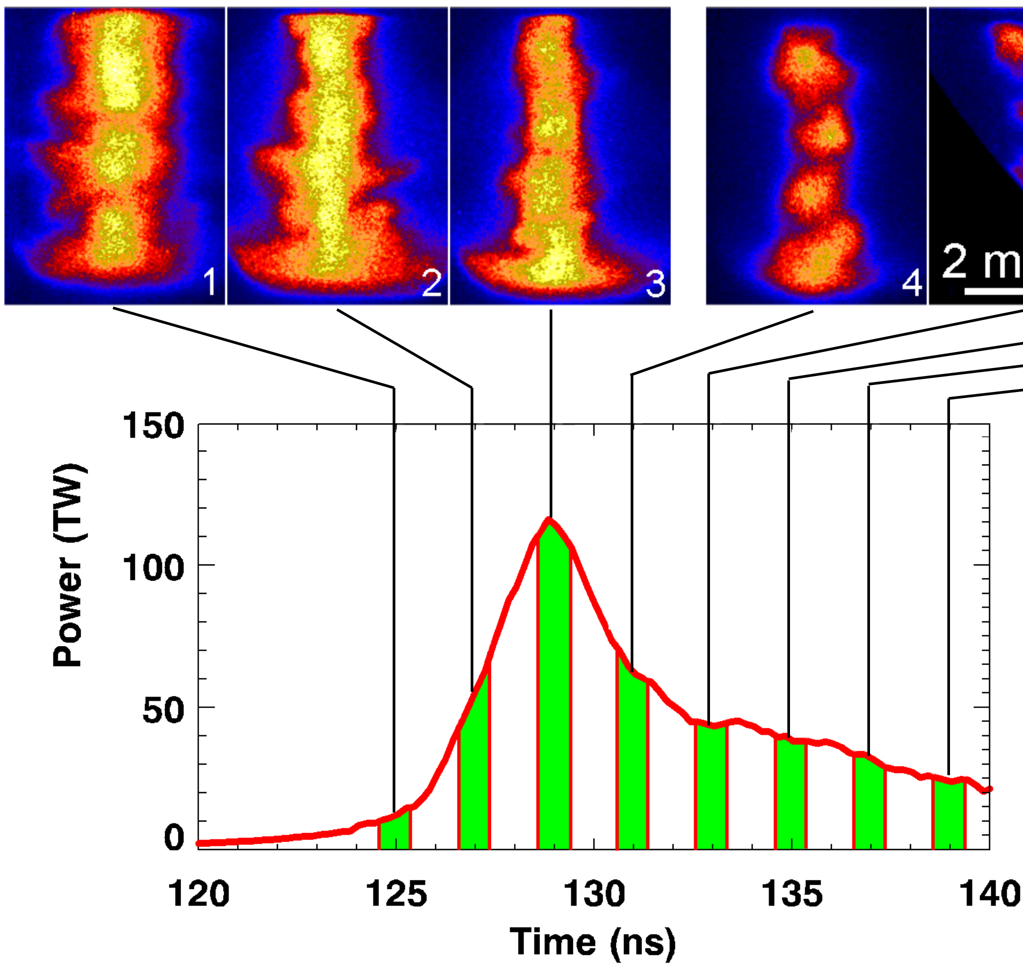






- Our z-pinches are termed "fast" because only the MRT grows during implosion

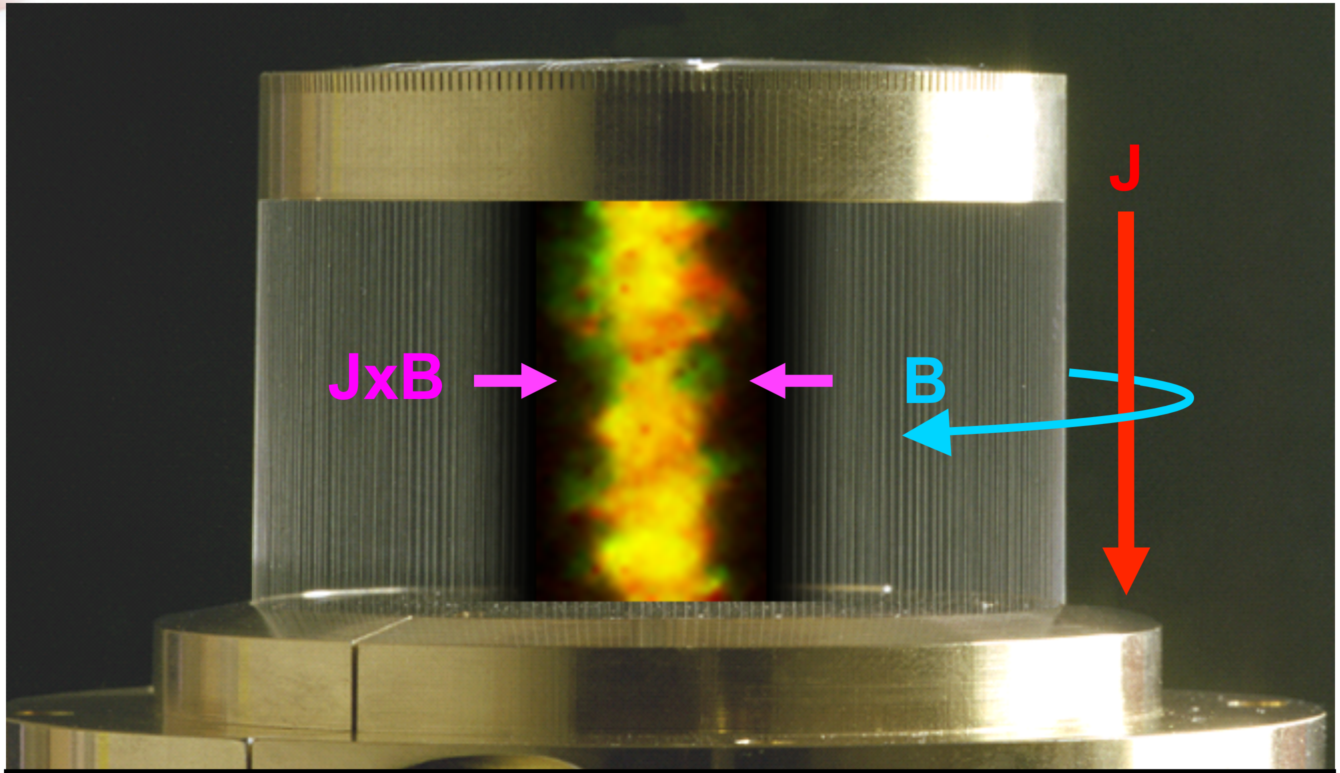
The plasma pinch convergence ratio is commonly estimated using x-ray self-emission imaging



Plasma is relatively stable and axially uniform during main radiation pulse

Most work in literature estimates plasma CR using x-ray pinhole cameras

Summary: J x B force pinches wire array into a dense, radiating plasma column



Z-pinch wire array x-ray source summary:

E_{rad} ~ 2 - 3 MJ, ~15% wall plug efficiency

P_{rad} ~ 100-330 TW (~330 million million Watts)

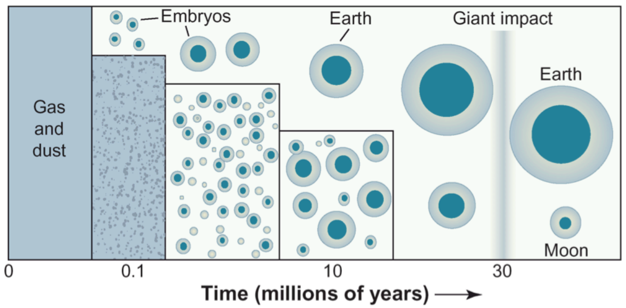
T_{rad} ~ 200 eV ~ 2,300,000 °K

A power of 330 TW

- 25 x global annual power consumption [2008]
- 104 x US annual power consumption

- BUT, remember, it’s just on for 5 ns……..light will only travel 4.9 feet in 5 ns

We have established a fundamental science program on Z and have awarded time to university users



Earth formation

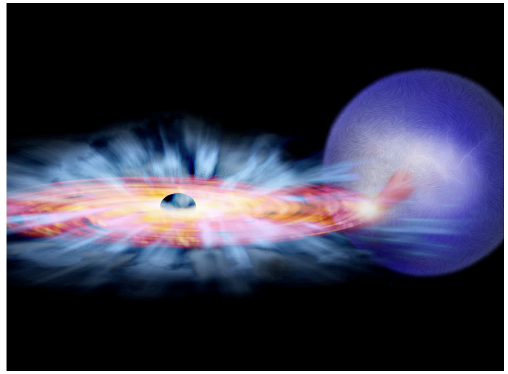
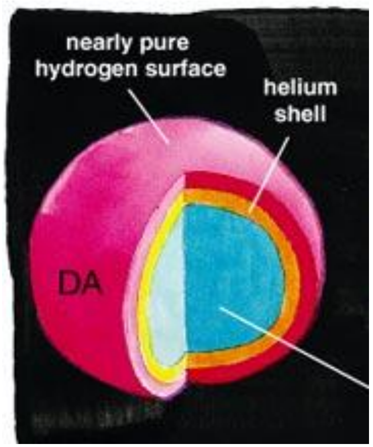
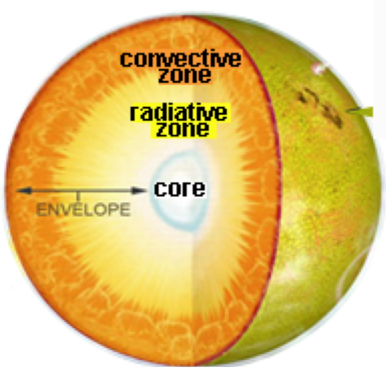


Photo-ionized plasmas



White Dwarfs



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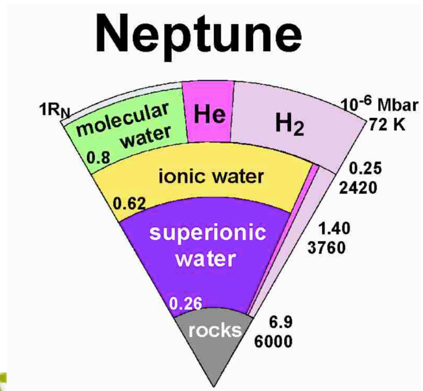
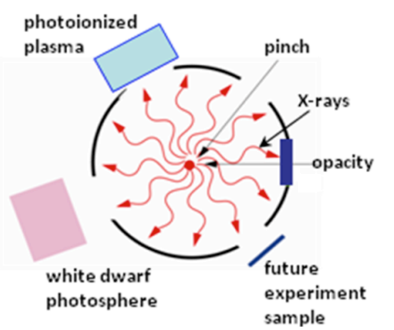


Planetary structure

- We use high magnetic pressures and intense x-ray bursts to create unique matter and plasmas that can help address astrophysical questions
- Proposals address exciting scientific issues:
  - Do we understand the structure of the sun?
  - Can we use white dwarfs as cosmic chronometers?
  - How does the accretion disk around a black-hole behave?
  - What is the structure of the planets in our solar system (and beyond)?
  - How did the Earth and the Moon form?

Z Astrophysical Plasma Properties (ZAPP) project



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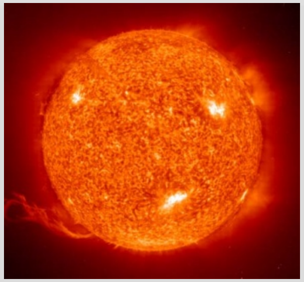
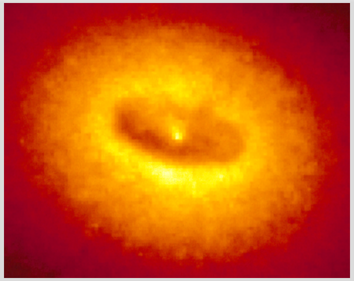


Collaborator:
Ohio State University

Purpose:
Test Fe opacity models at conditions relevant to the convection zone boundary in the Sun.

Required Conditions:
$T_e \sim 180$ eV, $n_e \sim 10^{23}$ cm^{-3}

Photoionized Plasma



Collaborators:
UNR / LLNL

Purpose:
Test photo-ionization models and atomic physics at conditions relevant to black hole accretion disks.

Required Conditions:
$T_e \sim 15$ eV, $n_e \sim 10^{18}$ cm^{-3}

White Dwarf Line-Shapes

Collaborator:
University of Texas

Purpose:
Test line-broadening theory of H at conditions relevant to White Dwarf photospheres.

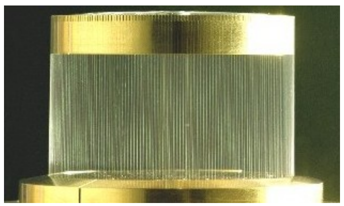
Required Conditions:
$T_e \sim 1\text{-}4$ eV, $n_e \sim 10^{17\text{-}19}$ cm^{-3}

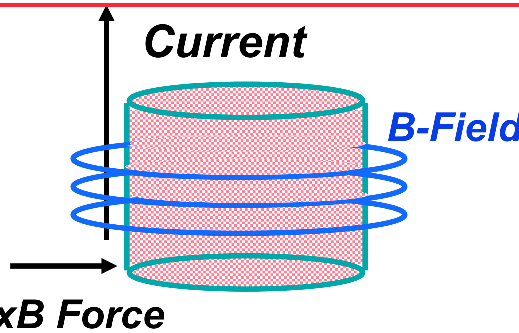
We can use high currents to push plasmas in different ways for different applications

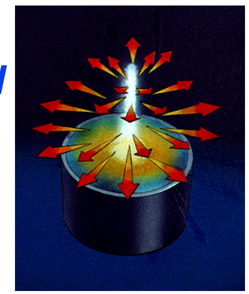
High Current

Z-Pinch X-ray Sources

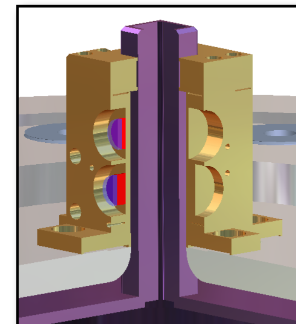
wire array







Planar magnetic pressure



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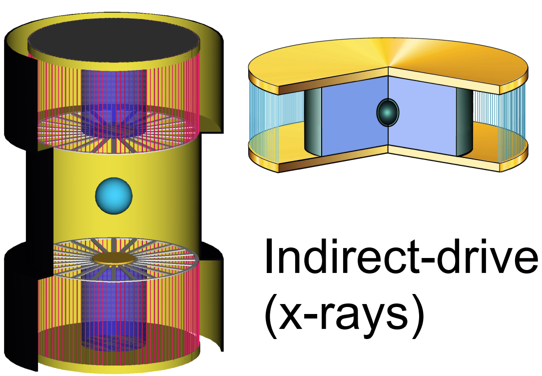
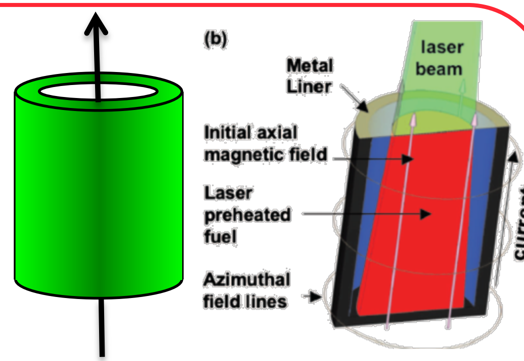
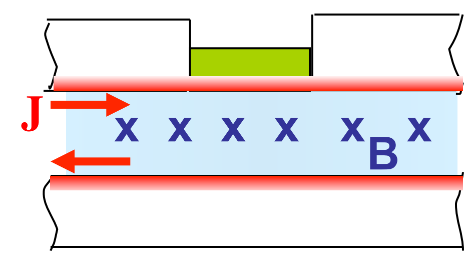


Indirect-drive (x-rays)



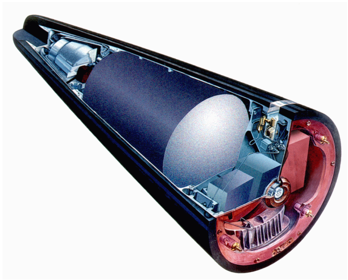
Direct-drive (magnetic field)

Material Properties

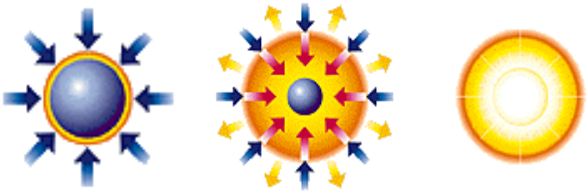


Understanding material properties at high pressure is important for Stockpile Stewardship, ICF, and understanding planets

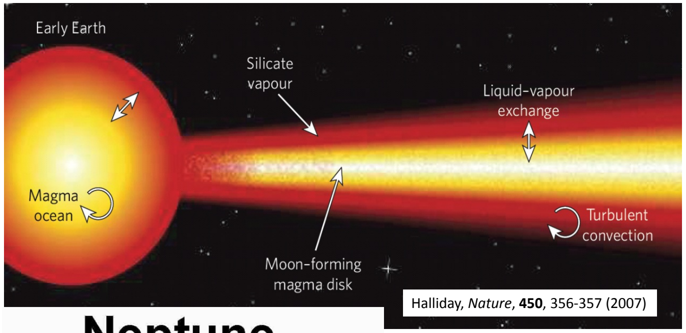
- Nuclear weapons materials
  - Behavior of plutonium, uranium, etc.



- Inertial confinement fusion (ICF) materials
  - Behavior of hydrogen, plastics, beryllium, diamond, etc.



- Planetary science
  - Giant impacts (e.g. Moon Forming Event)
  - Earths and super-earths
    - Equation of state of *Mg, Fe, Si, C, O*, etc.
  - Giant Planets (e.g. Uranus & Neptune and exo ice-giants)
    - High-pressure mixtures of *H, He, C, O, N*



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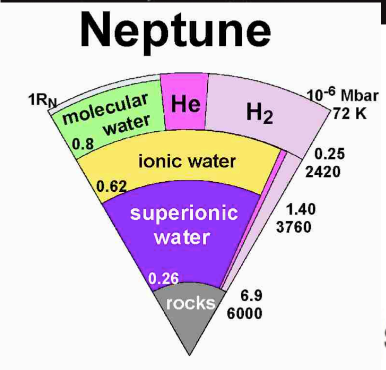
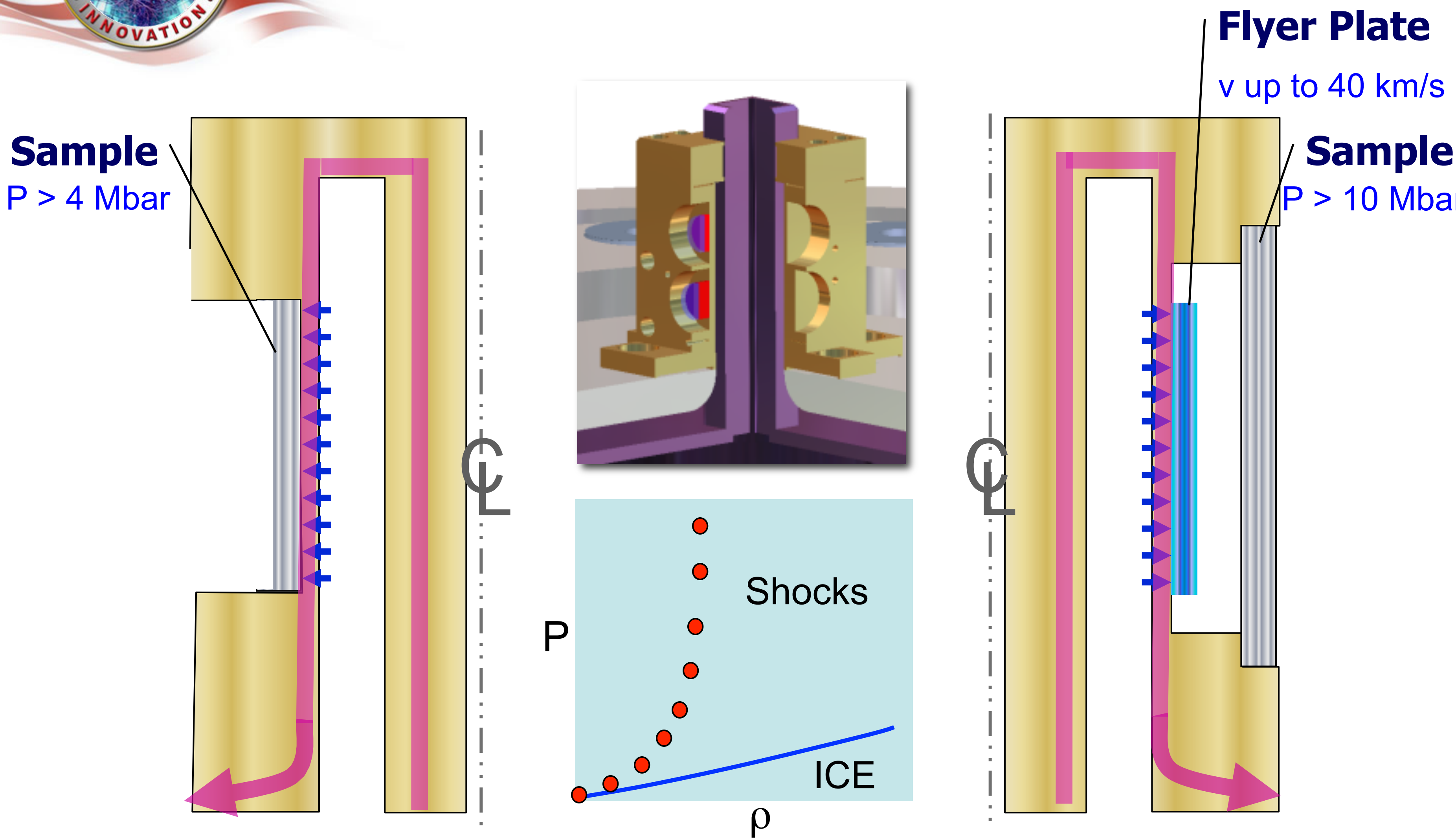


Isentropic compression and shock wave experiments map different regions of phase space

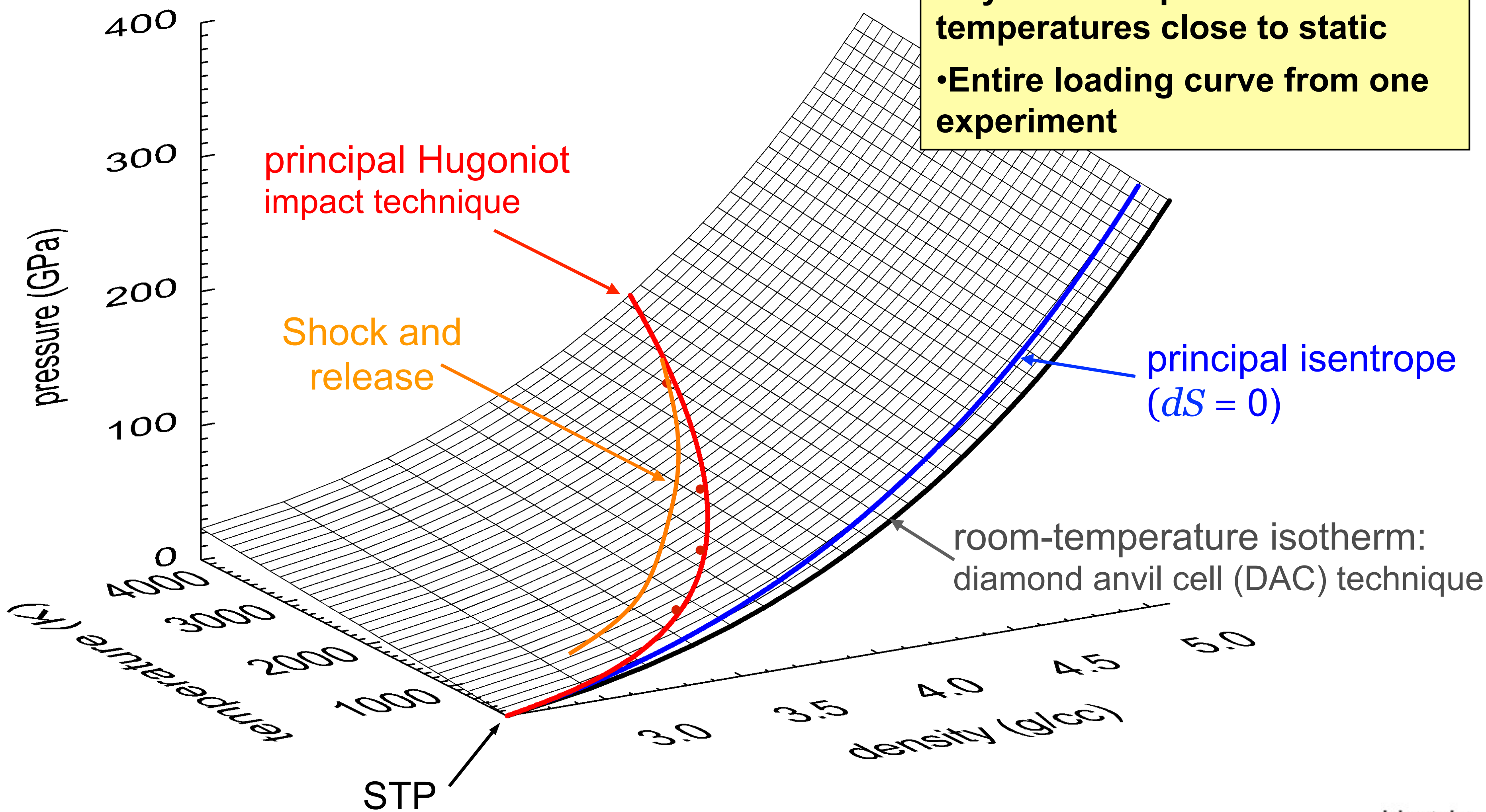


Isentropic Compression Experiments:
gradual pressure rise in sample

Shock Hugoniot Experiments:
shock wave in sample on impact

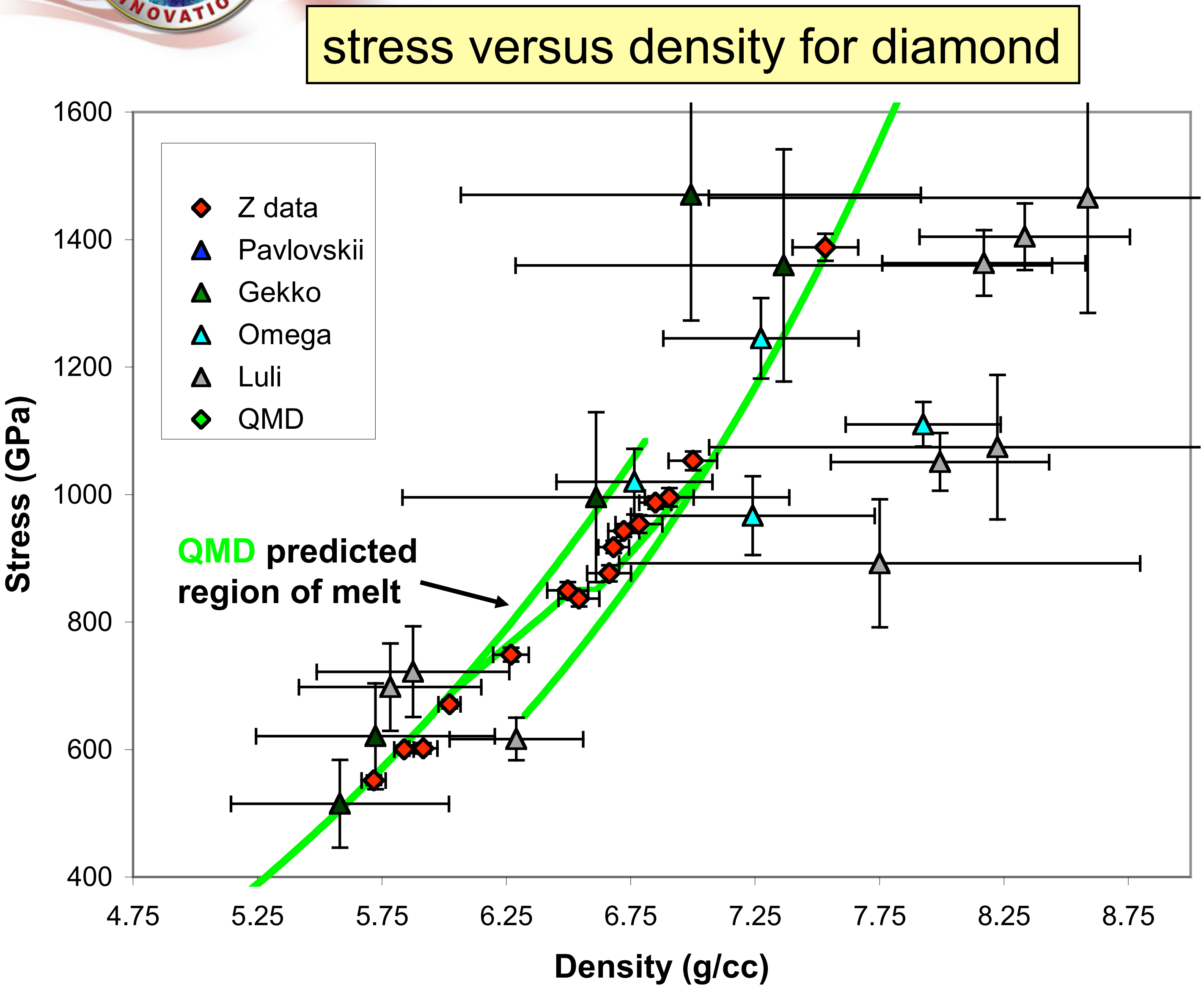
Magnetic pressure can be used to examine fundamental material properties at HED conditions

- **Dynamic response at temperatures close to static**
- **Entire loading curve from one experiment**



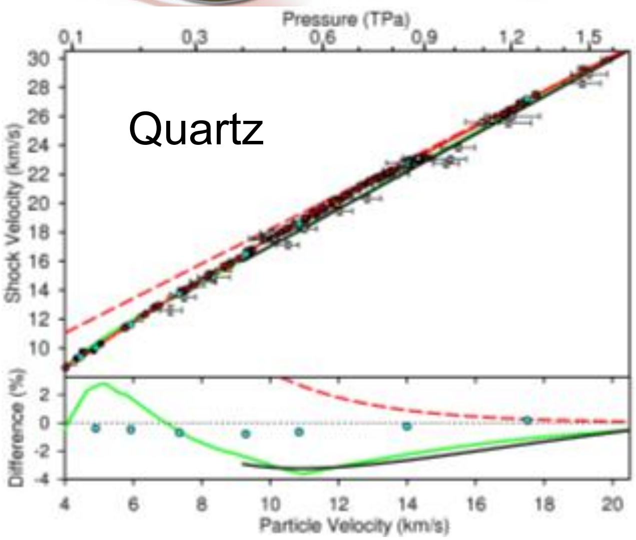
Laboratories

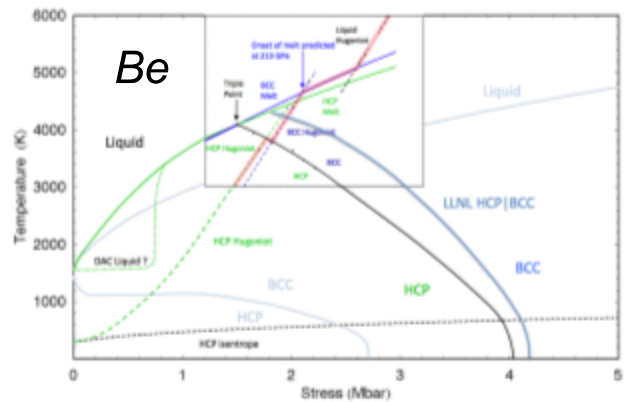
Z answered important questions about the properties of diamond at high pressure

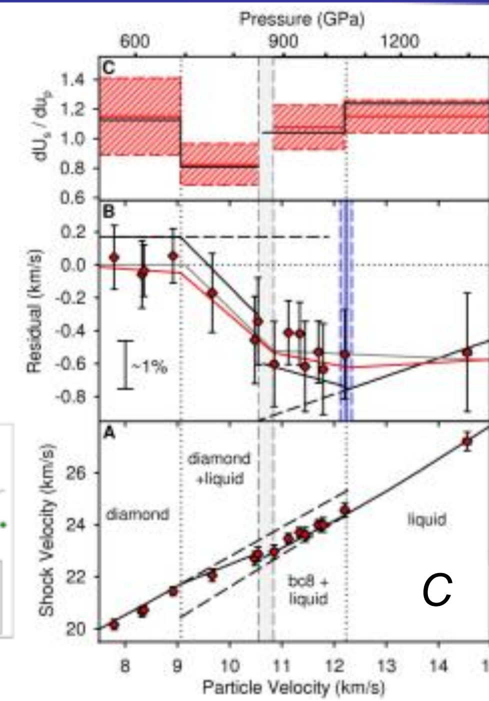


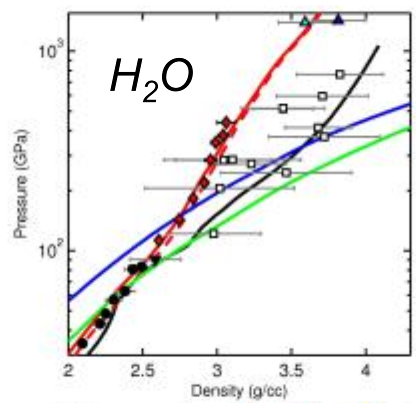
- **The Z data was obtained in 1 week**
- **Measurements on Z have an accuracy of ≤ 1%**

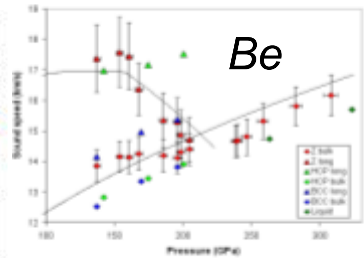
Z has been used to study material properties in the multi-Mbar regime for many materials

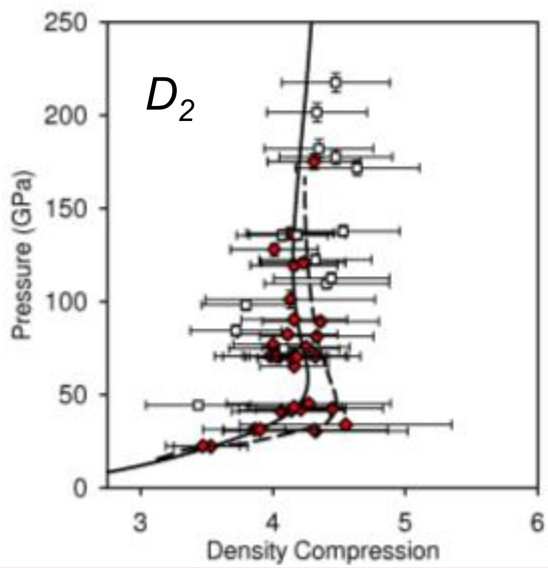


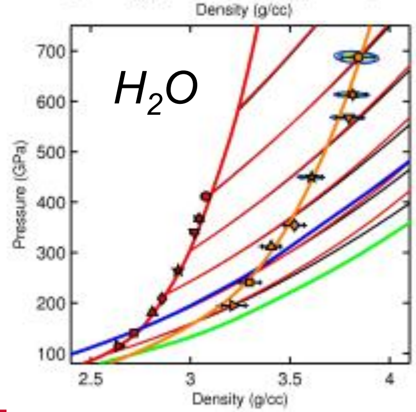


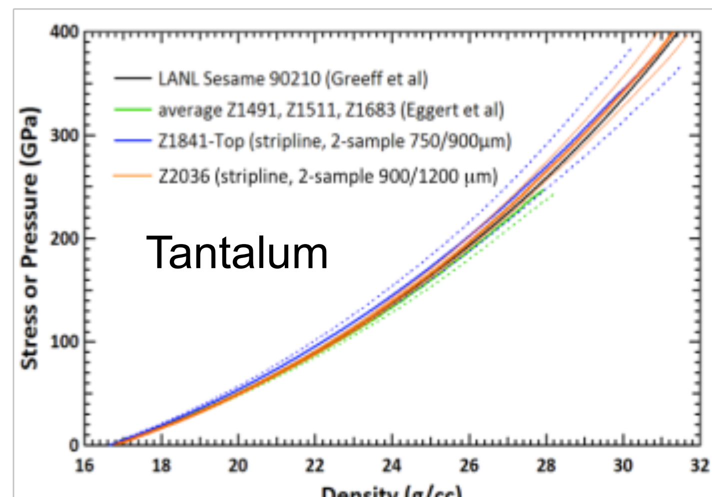












Giant Impacts:
unlocking the mysteries of satellites and planets

Giant impacts:
- affect final physical and dynamical properties of a planet
- are invoked to explain the large core of Mercury, spin of Venus, crust asymmetry on Moon and Mars, etc.
- result in a diversity of features from possible outcomes

Physical properties of the planets and moons, and collisions among them, depend on thermodynamics models:
→ EOS (T, ρ, P, S), phase changes, mixtures, strength

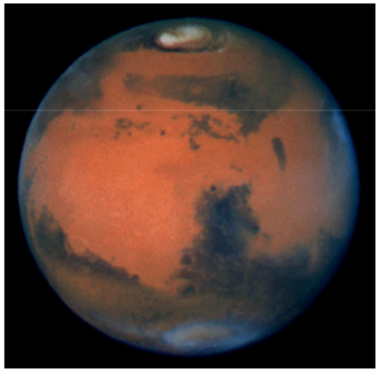
The goals are to understand:
- planet and satellite formation, structure, and evolution
- effects of collisions on planets and satellites
- cratering mechanics and morphology

We use flyer plates on the Z machine to gather shock data on relevant materials, such as *MgO* and *Fe*, in support of this research

Credit: S. Stewart (Harvard)

Giant Impacts:
unlocking the mysteries of satellites and planets

Europa Ganymede Callisto



Mars

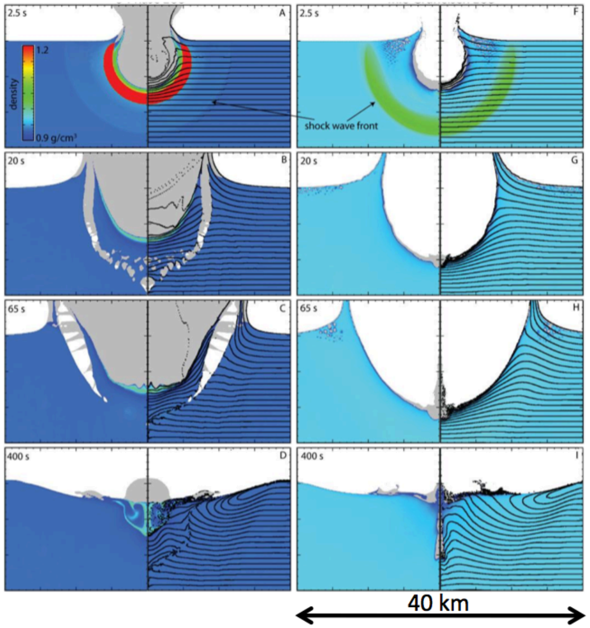
5-Phase EOS Simple single phase EOS

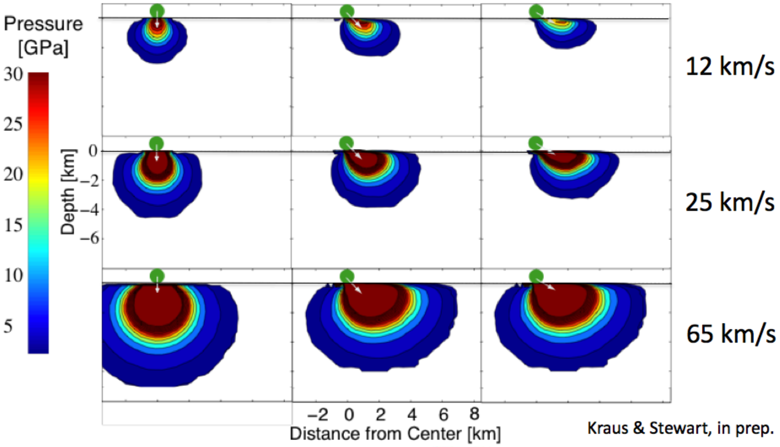
2.5 s

20 s

65 s

400 s





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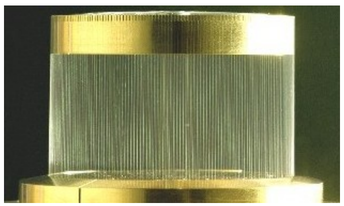
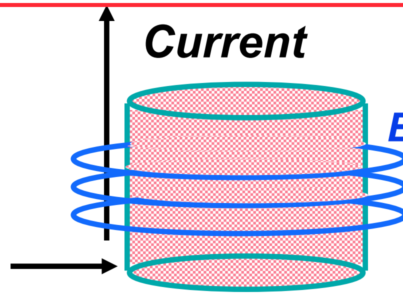
We can use high currents to push plasmas in different ways for different applications

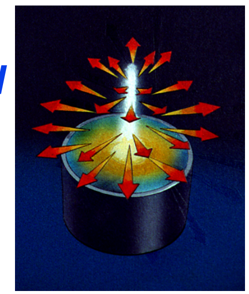
High Current

Z-pinch X-ray sources

wire array







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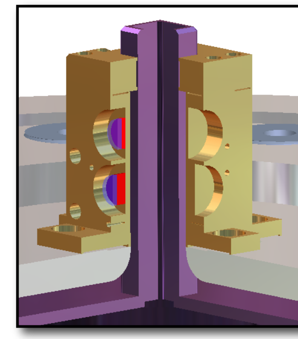

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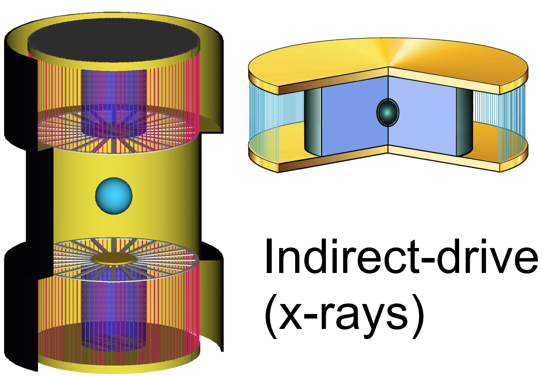

Indirect-drive
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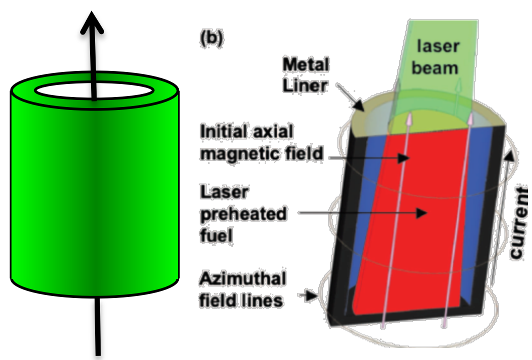

Direct-drive
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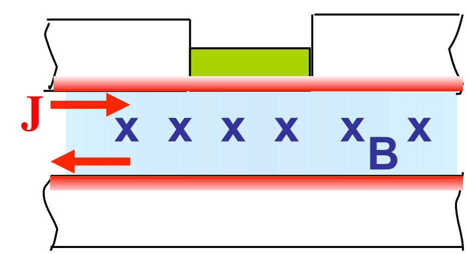
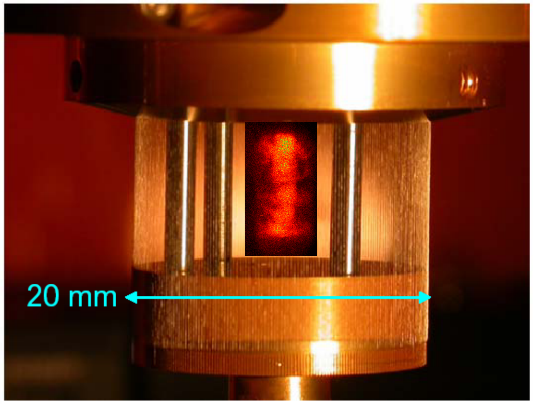
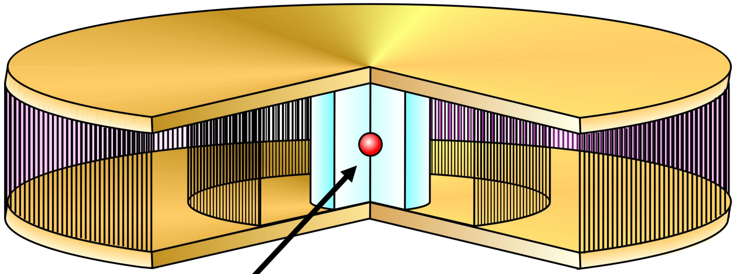
Material Properties



Indirect drive: how can we use this efficient x-ray source to do ICF?



Dynamic Hohlraum



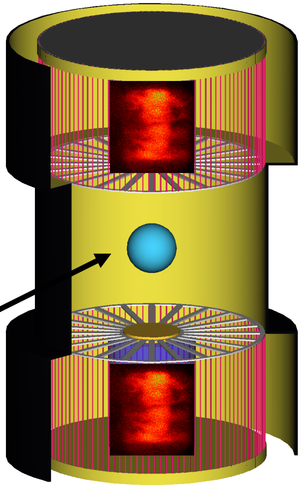
Two methods were proposed

Where do we put the capsule?

We want high intensity (high T_r) for high ablation pressure
→ *let the capsule see the pinch*

Capsule needs high uniformity (~1%) in x-rays for symmetry
→ *hide the capsule from the pinch*

Double-Ended Hohlraum

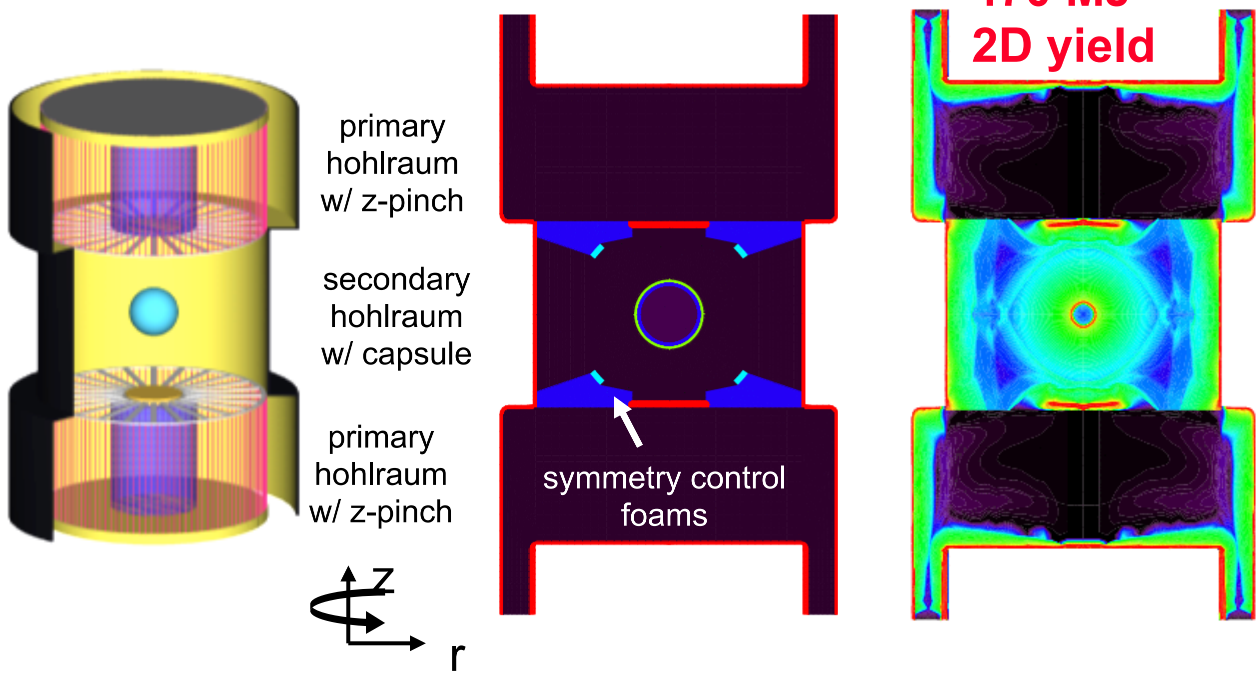


This approach is the most conservative

Integrated simulations demonstrate 400+ MJ fusion yield in a z-pinch driven hohlraum

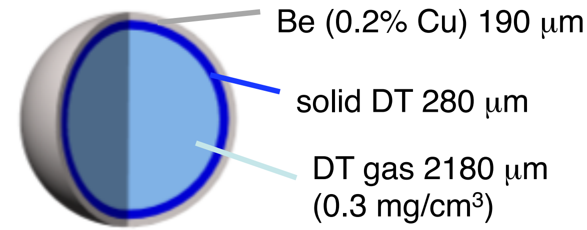
Double z-pinch hohlraum fusion concept

R. A. Vesey, M. C. Herrmann, R. W. Lemke *et al.*,
Phys. Plasmas (2007)

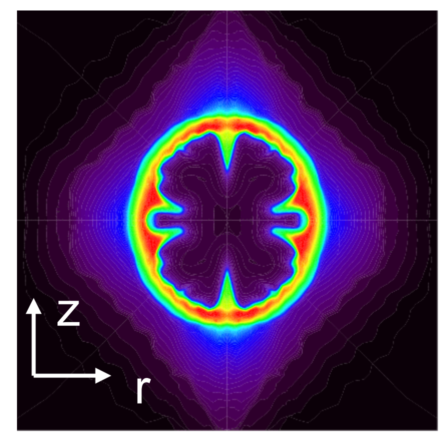


- Two z-pinches, each with 9 MJ x-ray output
- Symmetry control to 1% via geometry, shields
- Capsule absorbs 1.2 MJ, yields 400-500 MJ

High yield capsule design



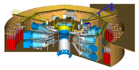
Fuel density at ignition



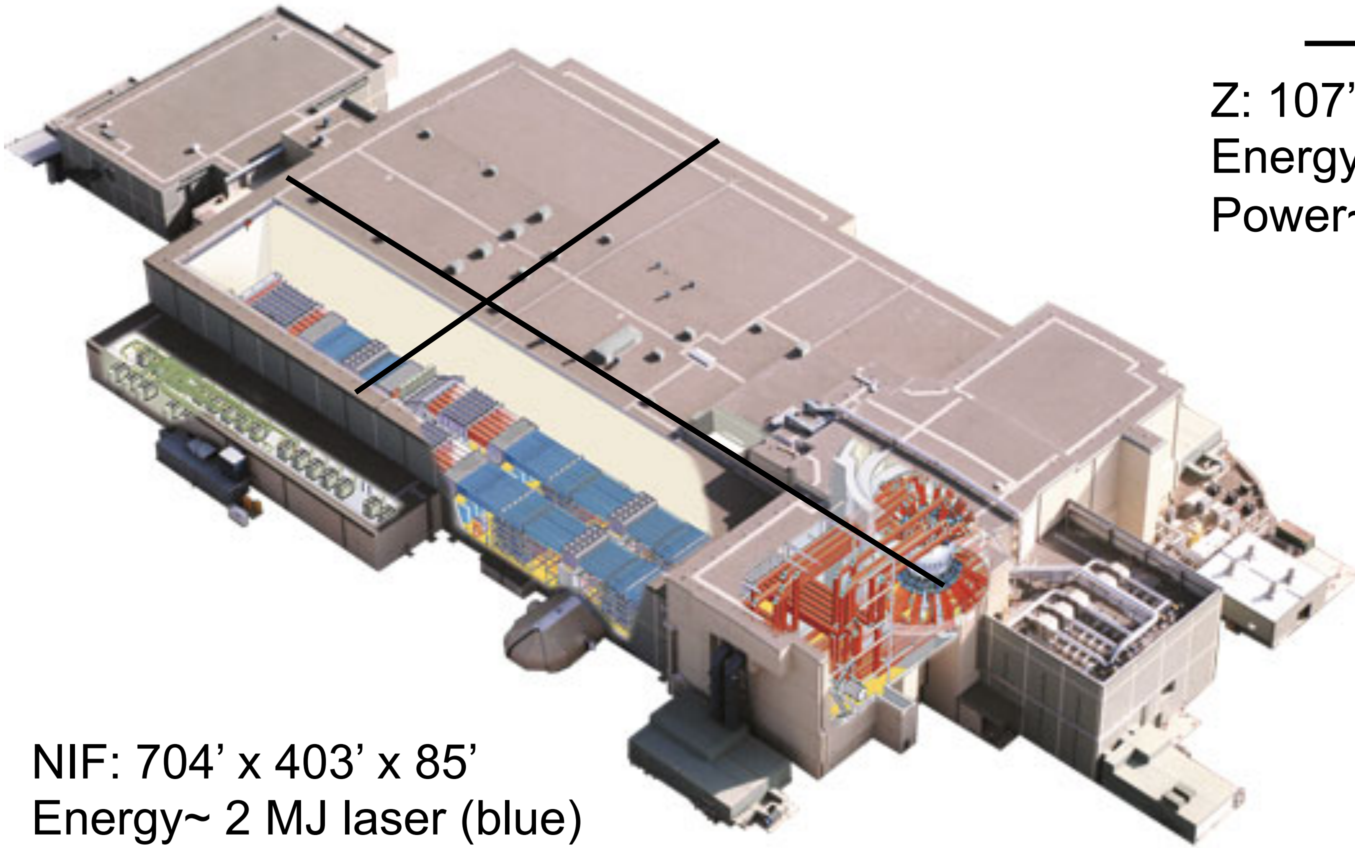
1D capsule yield 520 MJ
2D integrated yield 470 MJ

Pulsed power is a compact and efficient driver for high energy density physics experiments

The cost effectiveness and efficiency of pulsed power is evident from a size comparison of Z and NIF



Z: 107’diam x 20’ high
Energy ~2 MJ x-rays
Power~100-330 TW

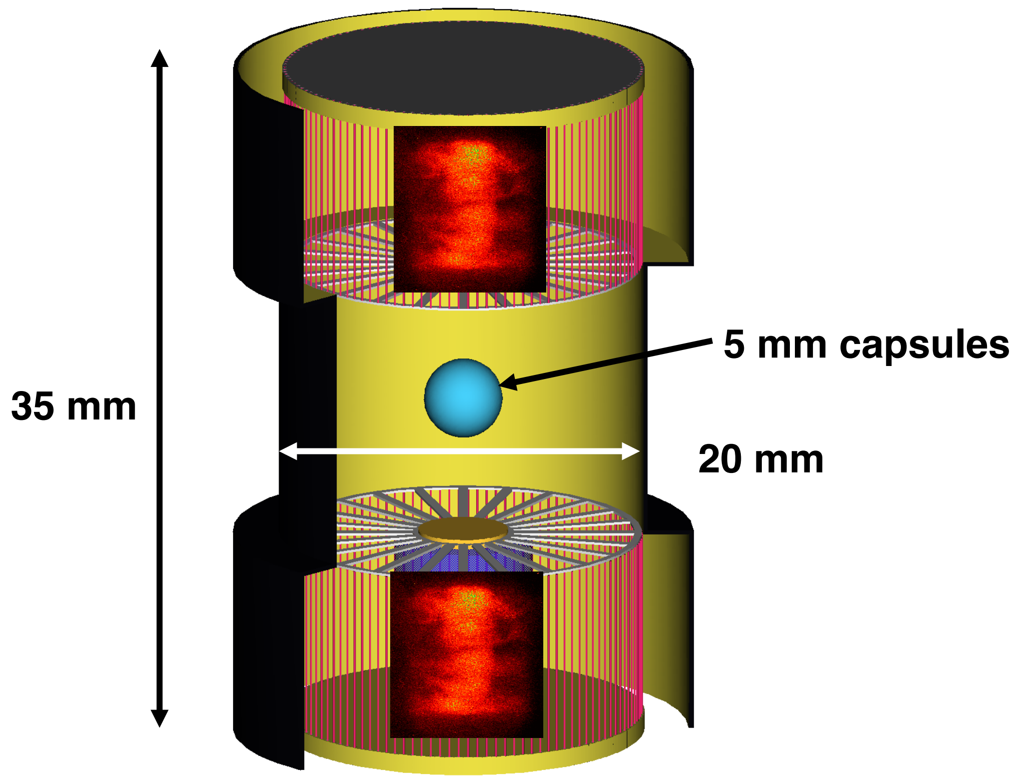


NIF: 704’ x 403’ x 85’
Energy~ 2 MJ laser (blue)
Power~ 500 TW

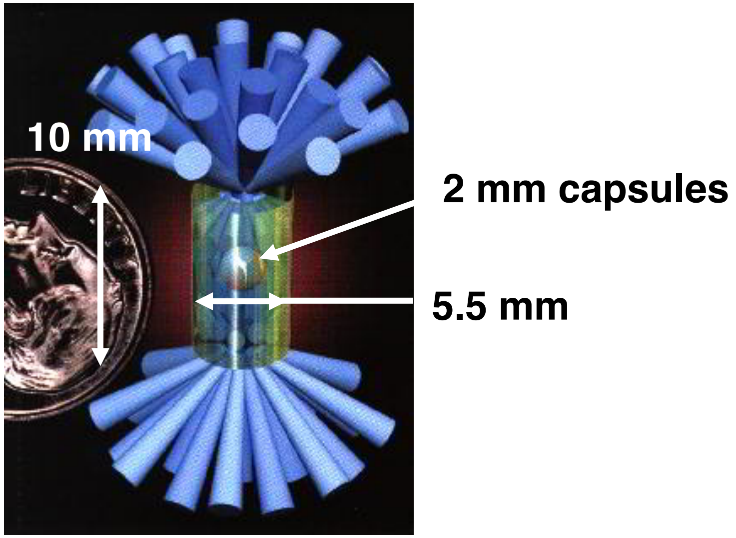
HOWEVER:

While Z pinches are more efficient radiators, they need more energy to reach ICF conditions...

…. because they radiate in *bigger volumes*

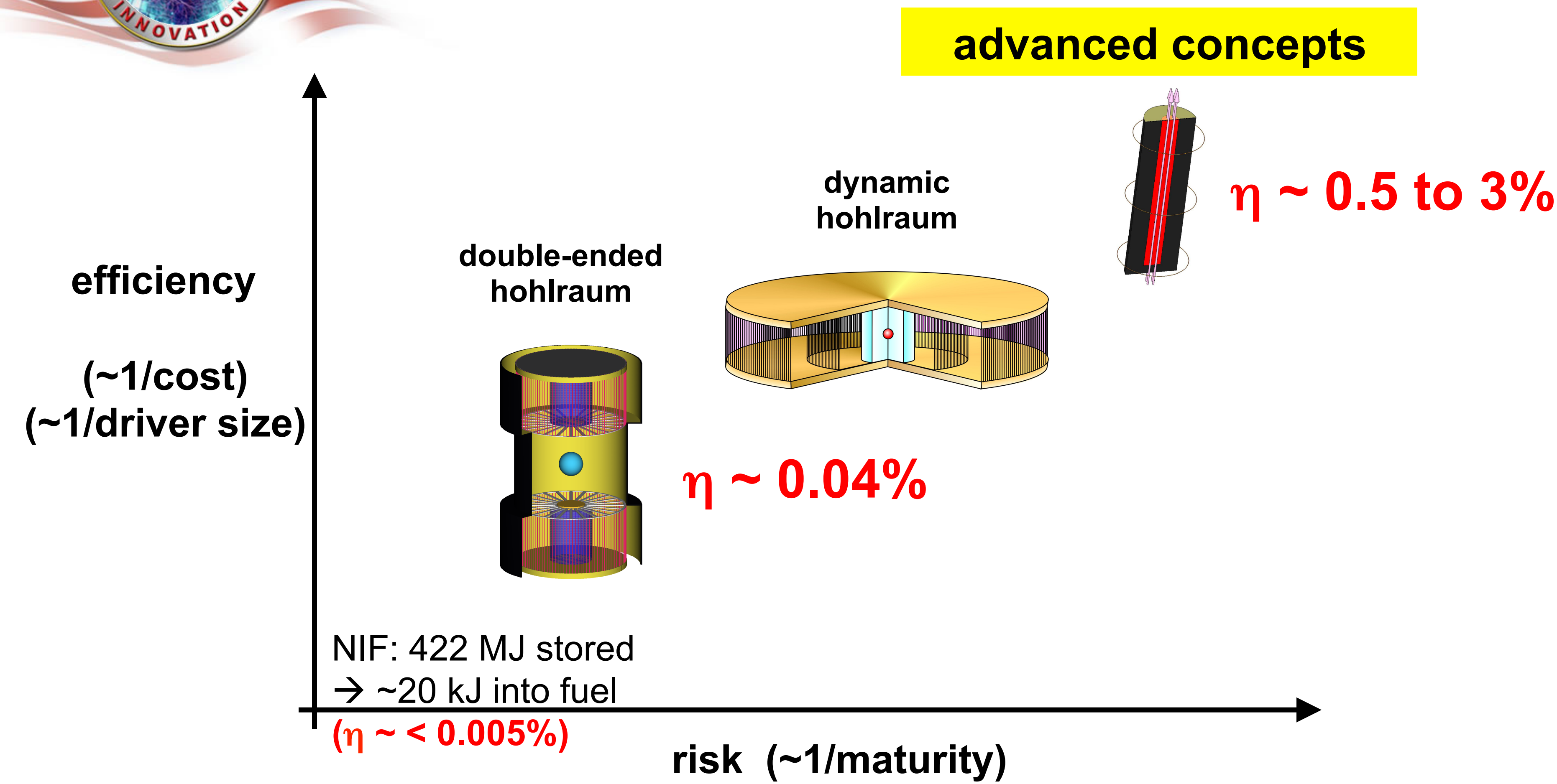


Z-pinch driven hohlraum (2 Z-pinches)
Z: 2 MJ X-ray source
High Yield requirement ~ 16 MJ x-ray source
$50 per Joule of x-rays



NIF Laser (192 laser beams)
1-2 MJ X-ray source
$4000 per Joule of x-rays

Are there more efficient pulsed power methods for heating and compressing fusion fuel?



- Pulsed power can flexibly drive many target types
- **Direct fuel compression** and heating with the magnetic field could be ~20-50 times more efficient than x-ray indirect drive

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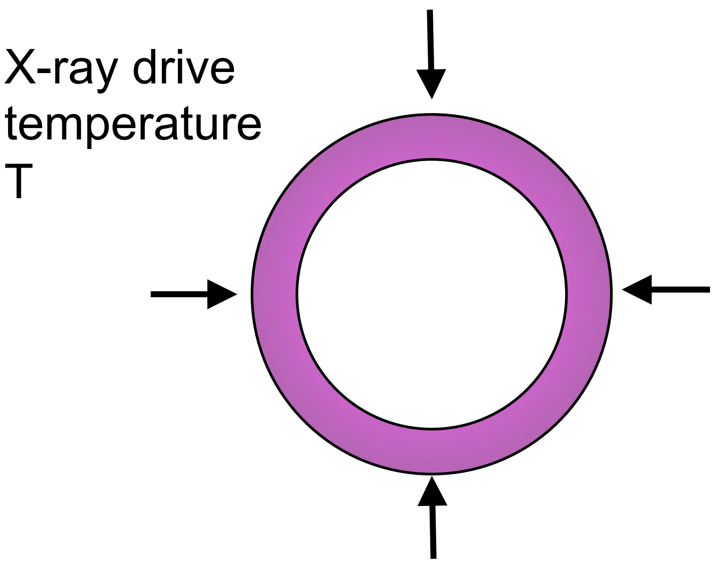
Magnetic direct-drive implosions generate high pressures just like radiation indirect-drive implosions

Radiation-driven spherical implosion (spherical rocket), ***indirect drive***

$$P = \frac{(2/5)(1-\alpha)\sigma T_r^4}{C_s} = 3e-7 * T_r[eV]^{3.5} \text{ MBar}$$

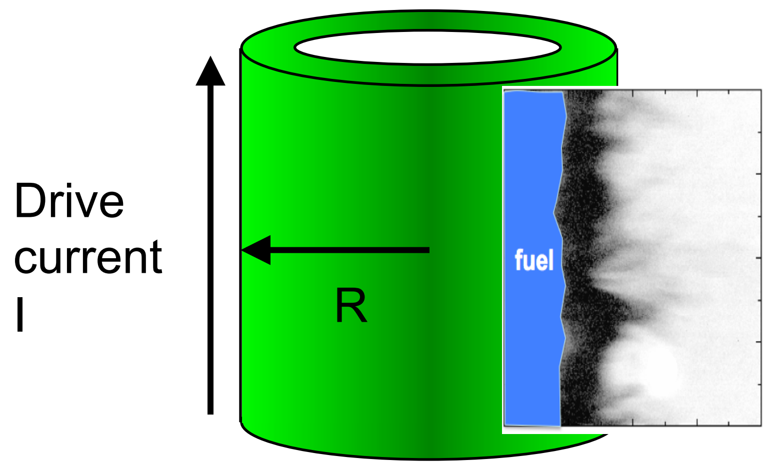
140 MBar
at T_r = 300 eV



Magnetically-driven cylindrical implosion, ***direct drive***

$$\mathbf{P = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_o} = 1.57e-3\left(\frac{I_{MA}}{R_{cm}}\right)^2} \text{ MBar}$$

~458 MBar
at I = 27 MA, R = 0.05 cm



~2.26 GBar
at I = 60 MA, R = 0.05 cm

Need fuel pressures of ~100s Gbar and fuel ρr of ~1 g/cm^2 for ignition

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The parameter space for magnetized ICF is large, allowing for a diverse set of approaches

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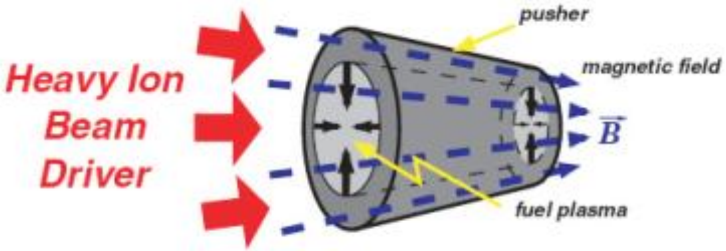

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Field Reversed Configuration
Shiva Star generator
~20 μs, 0.5 cm/μs liner implosion

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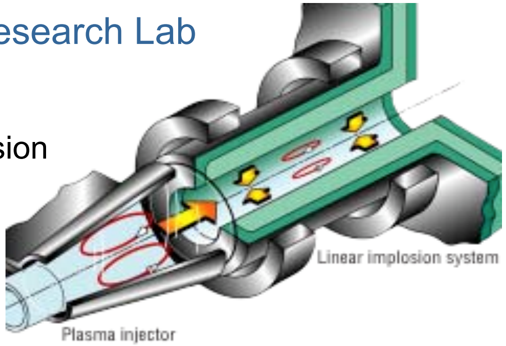

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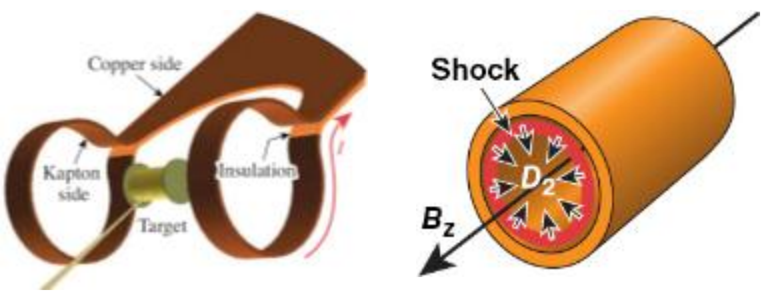

Direct drive laser implosion of cylinders
-- shock pre-heating, high implosion velocity

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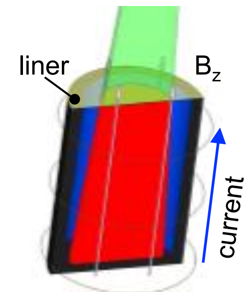

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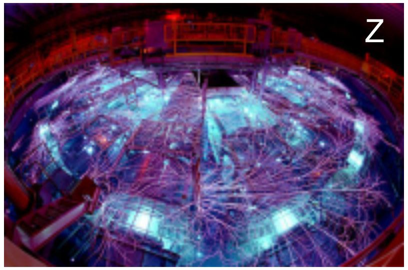
Magnetized Liner Inertial Fusion (MagLIF)



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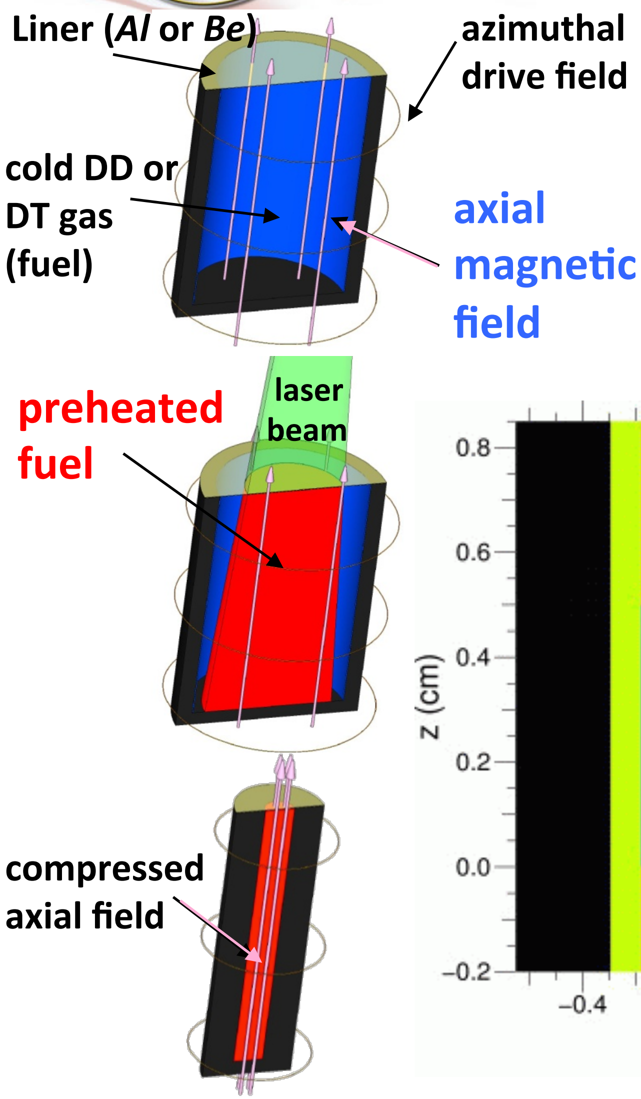
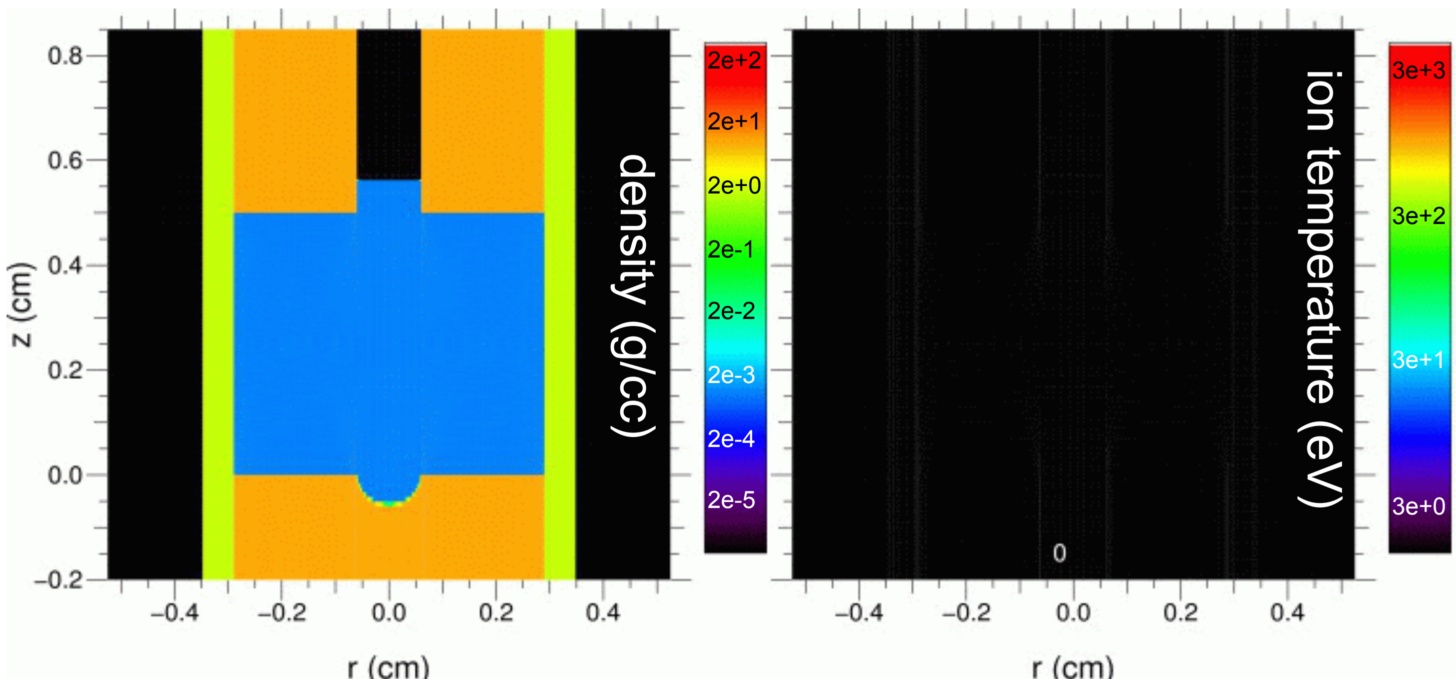
We are working toward the evaluation of the Magnetized Liner Inertial Fusion* concept

- The **initial B_z~10-40 T** flux is compressed to ~5-15 kT (~50-150 MG)
  - to reduce thermal electron conduction losses
  - to enable low ρR_{fuel} ignition ($B_z R_{fuel}$ and ρR_{liner} required instead)
- The fuel is **preheated** using the Z-Beamlet laser in order to reduce:
  - the convergence ratio (CR) needed to obtain T_{ion} > 4 keV
  - the implosion velocity needed to ≤ 100 km/s
  - the stagnation pressure needed to a few Gbar (not 100s Gbar)
- ***Thermonuclear yields have been measured on Z***





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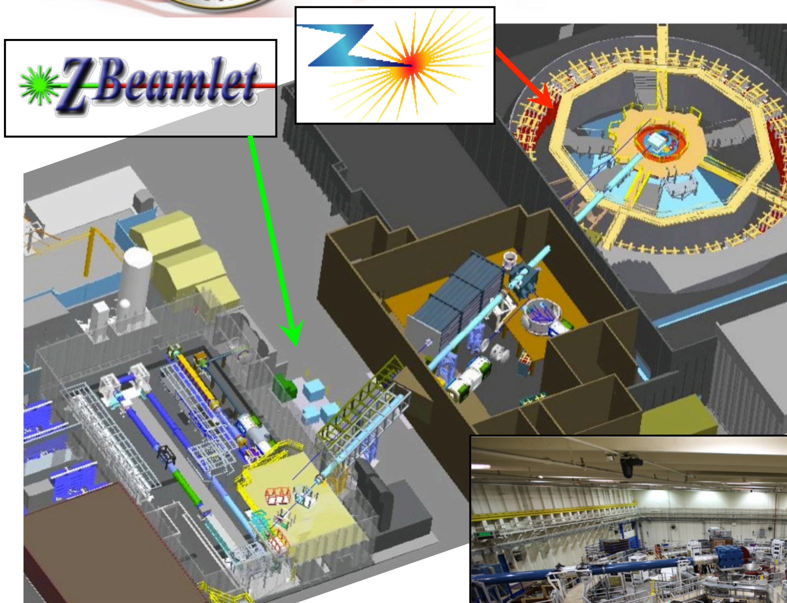
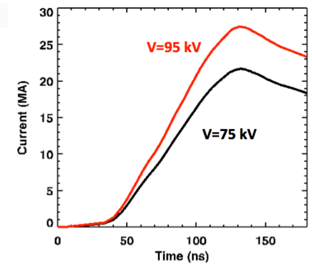
MagLIF uses the Z facility to compress a liner containing pre-magnetized and pre-heated D_2 gas

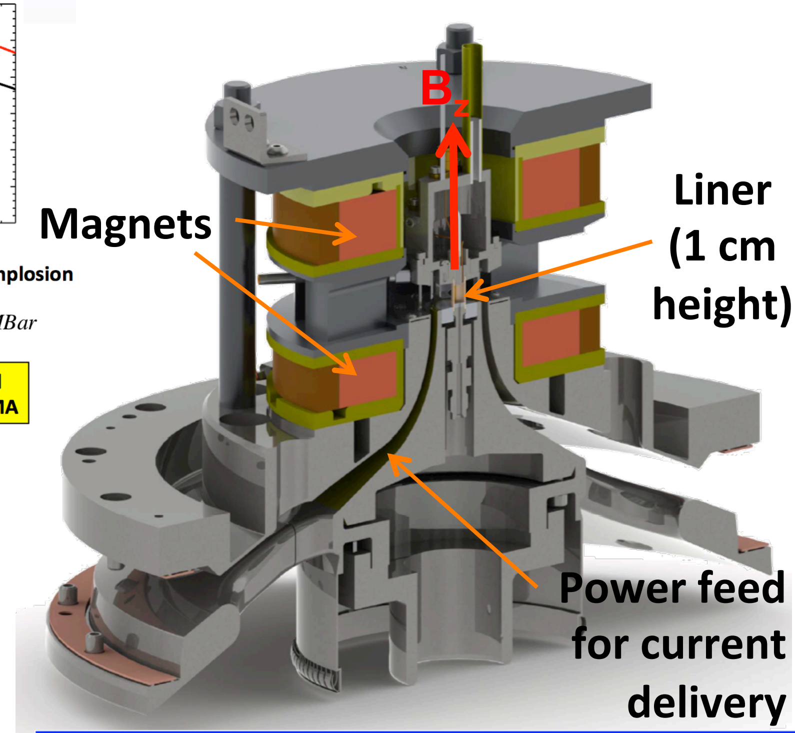


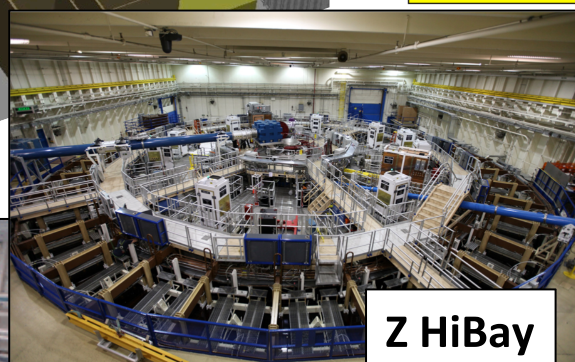


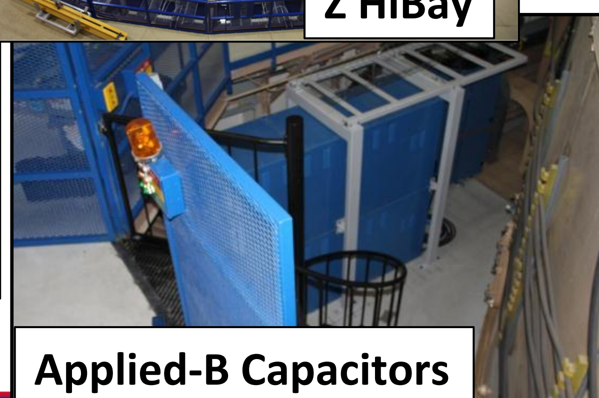
Magnetically-Driven Cylindrical Implosion

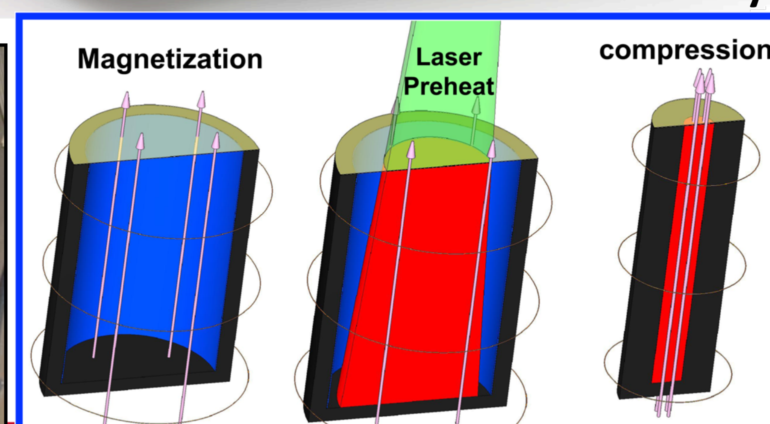
$$P = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_o} = 140\left(\frac{I_{MA}/30}{R_{mm}}\right)^2 MBar$$

140 MBar is generated at R = 1 mm and I = 30 MA









An integrated 2D model seeks to realistically simulate experiments as they would occur on Z

A number of parameters and constraints must be self-consistently included and integrated into one simulation:

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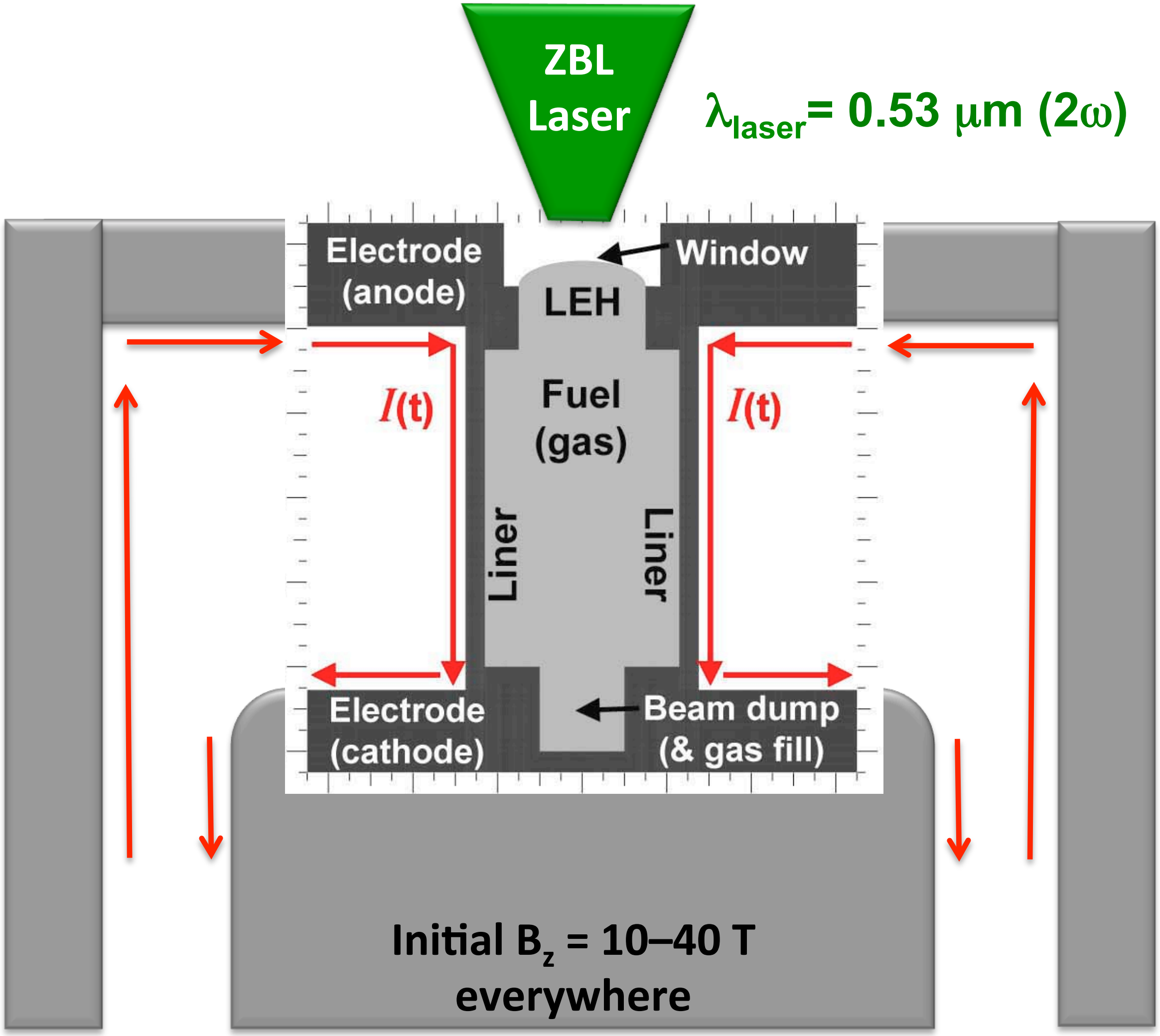

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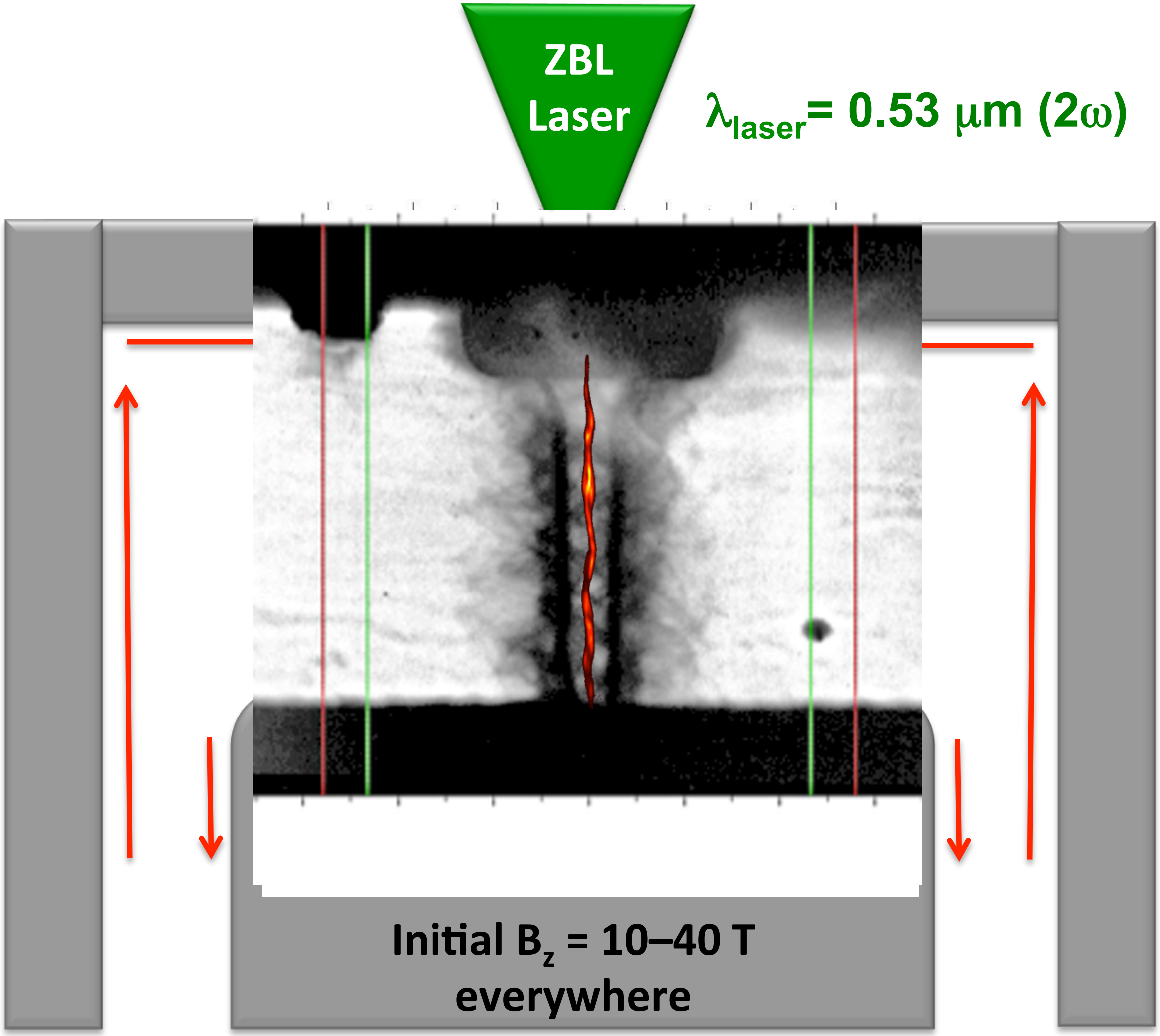
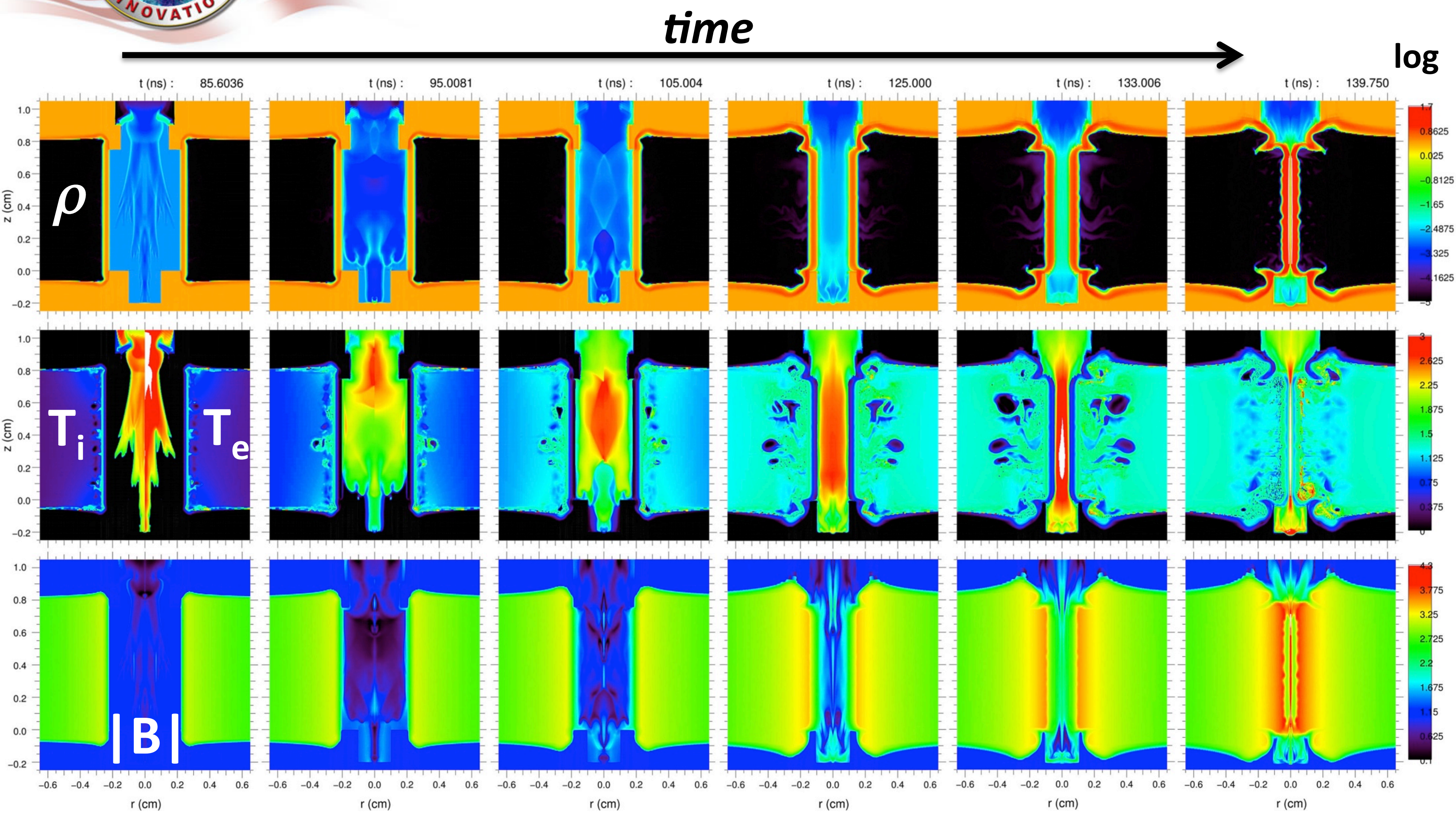


Integrated 2D HYDRA simulation of near-term experiments on Z using available parameters



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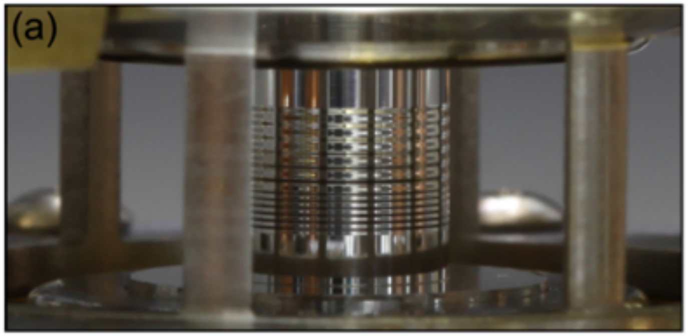
Comparison between ideal 1D and integrated 2D simulation using available parameters

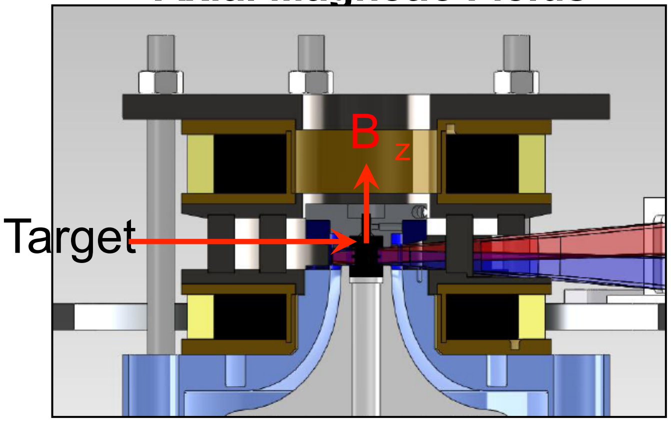
Parameter	1D ideal	2D integrated
• E_{gas}^{abs}	2.20 kJ	1.74 kJ
• m_{loss}	0%	43%
• Φ_{loss}	36%	38%
• CR_{2D}	28 (r_{stag} 84 μm)	37 (r_{stag} 63 μm)
• T_i^{peak}	5.0 keV	6.5 keV
• $\langle T_i \rangle^{DD}$	2.9 keV	3.2 keV
• ρ_{gas}^{stag}	0.6 g cm^{-3}	0.5 g cm^{-3}
• ρR_{liner}^{stag}	1.0 g cm^{-2}	0.9 g cm^{-2}
• P^{stag}	2.5 Gbar	2.2 Gbar (peak in bottle)
• $B_z^f r_{stag}$	4.1e5 G cm (r_{stag}/r_α 1.5)	5.3e5 G cm (r_{stag}/r_α 2.0)
• Y_n^{DD}	2.6e14 (in 7.5mm)	6.1e13 (24% of 1D)
• Y_n^{DD}/Y_n^{DT}	23	44
• t_{burn}^{FWHM}	3.2 ns	2.1 ns

All the necessary capabilities for MagLIF have been commissioned, and experiments are happening now

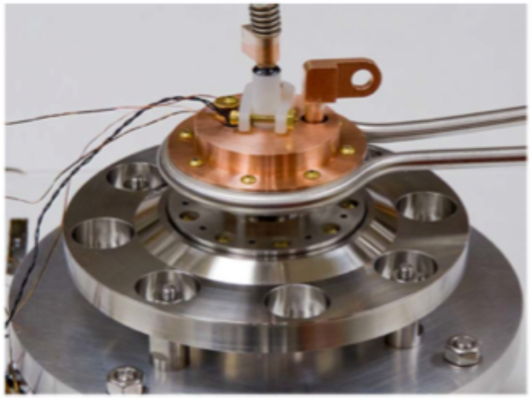


High-quality target fabrication on site

Externally-Applied Axial Magnetic Fields

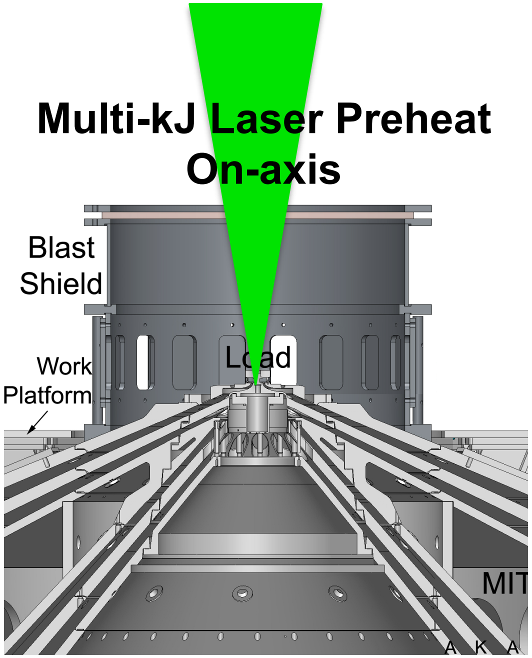


Challenges
- Maintain magnetic insulation in feeds
- Allow diagnostic access
- Measure B-field compression



Cryogenic cooling of liner targets has been demonstrated (liquid D2)

Multi-kJ Laser Preheat On-axis



Challenges
- Maximize laser energy on target
- Protect final optics from debris
- Measure preheated fuel conditions

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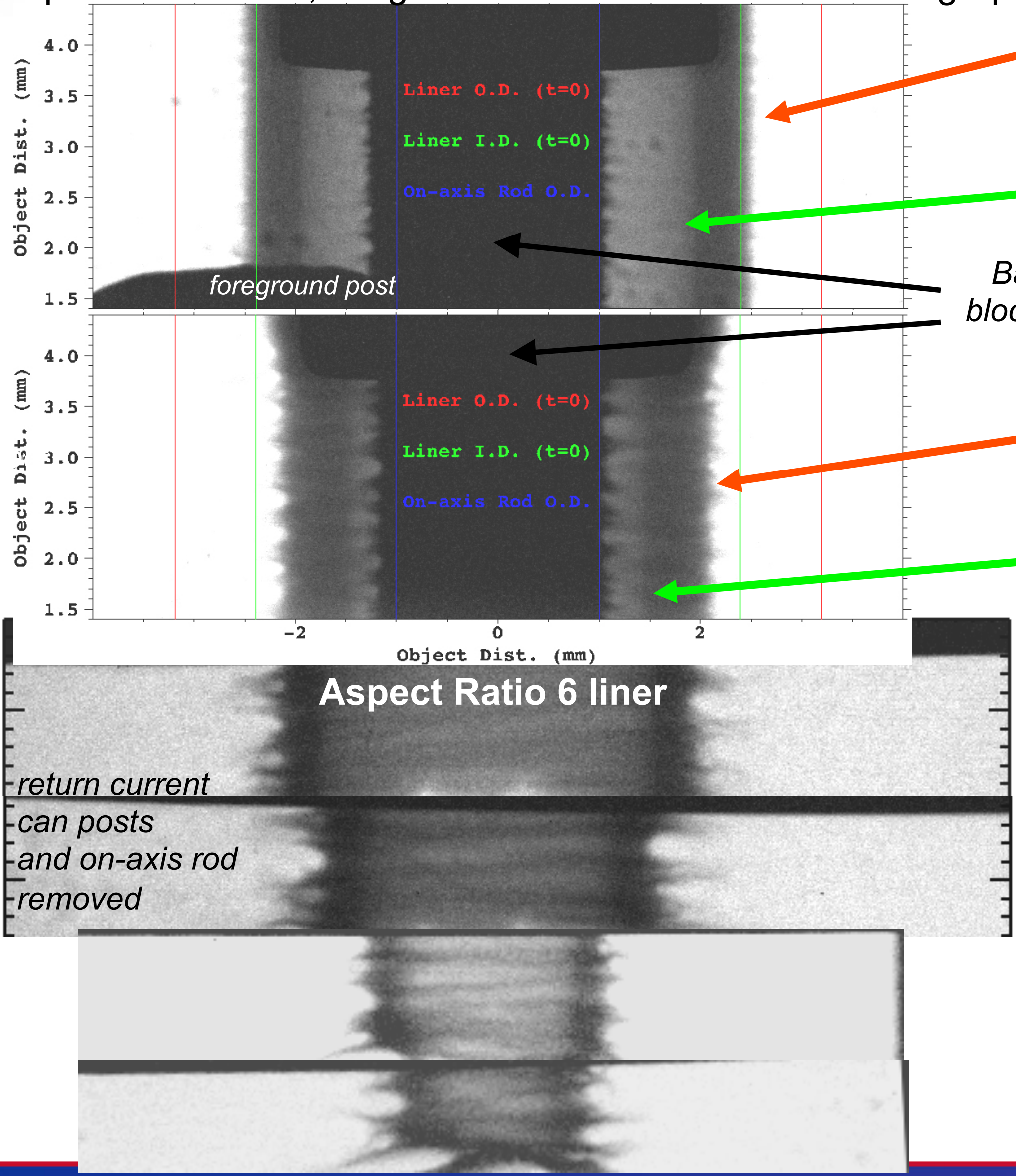
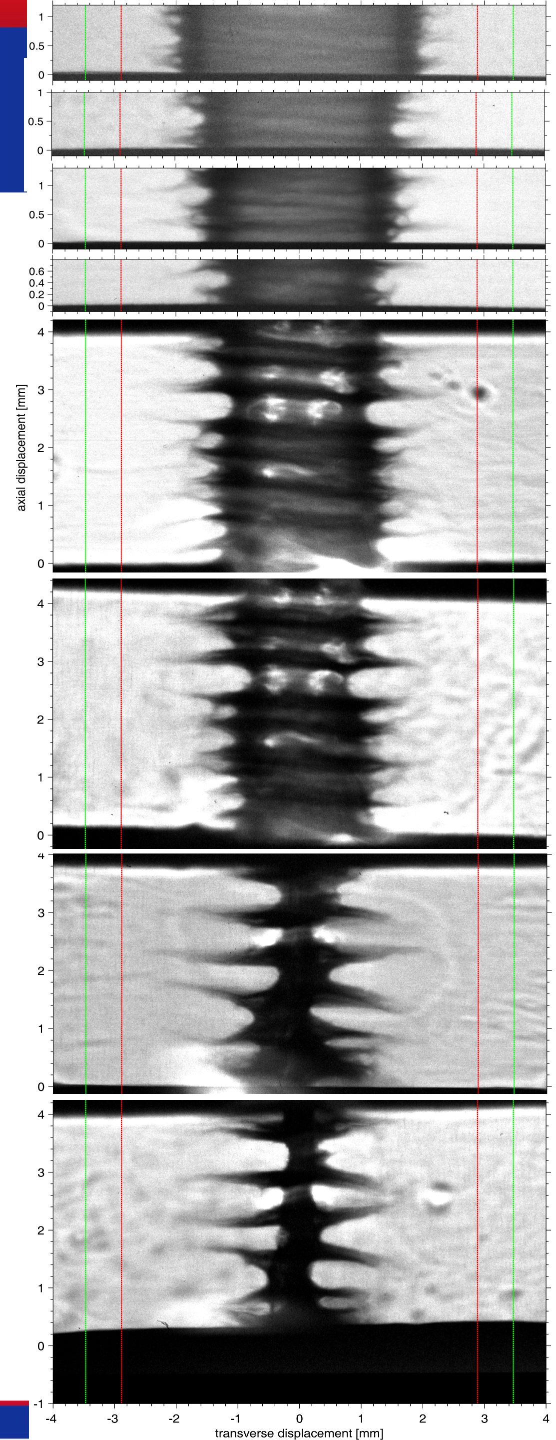
The inner surface of a thick *Be* liner is observable with 6 keV x-rays generated by the Z-Beamlet laser

Aspect ratio 4 liner, imaged with 2-frame 6.151 keV radiography




axial displacement [mm]
transverse displacement [mm]
-4
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-2
-1
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3
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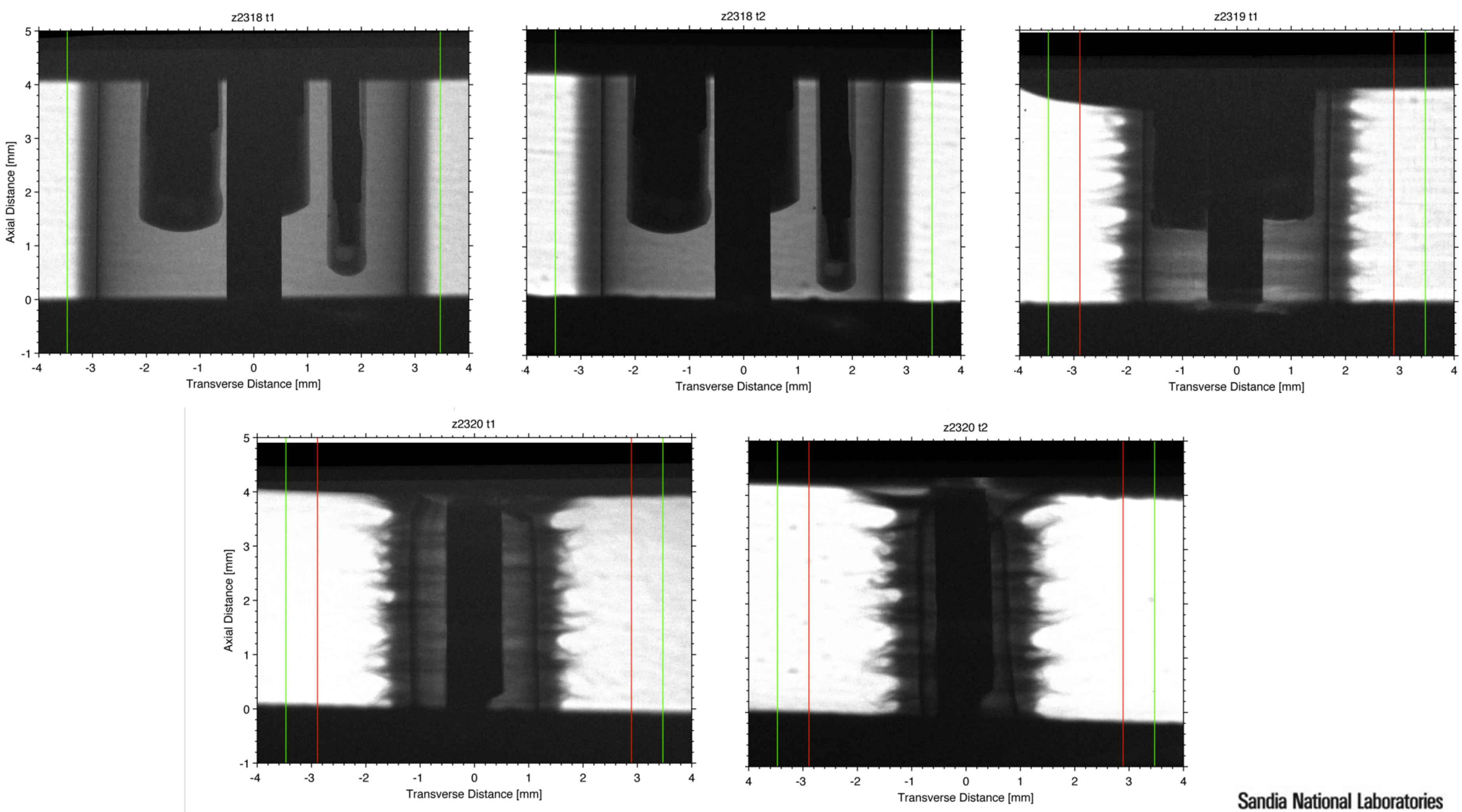
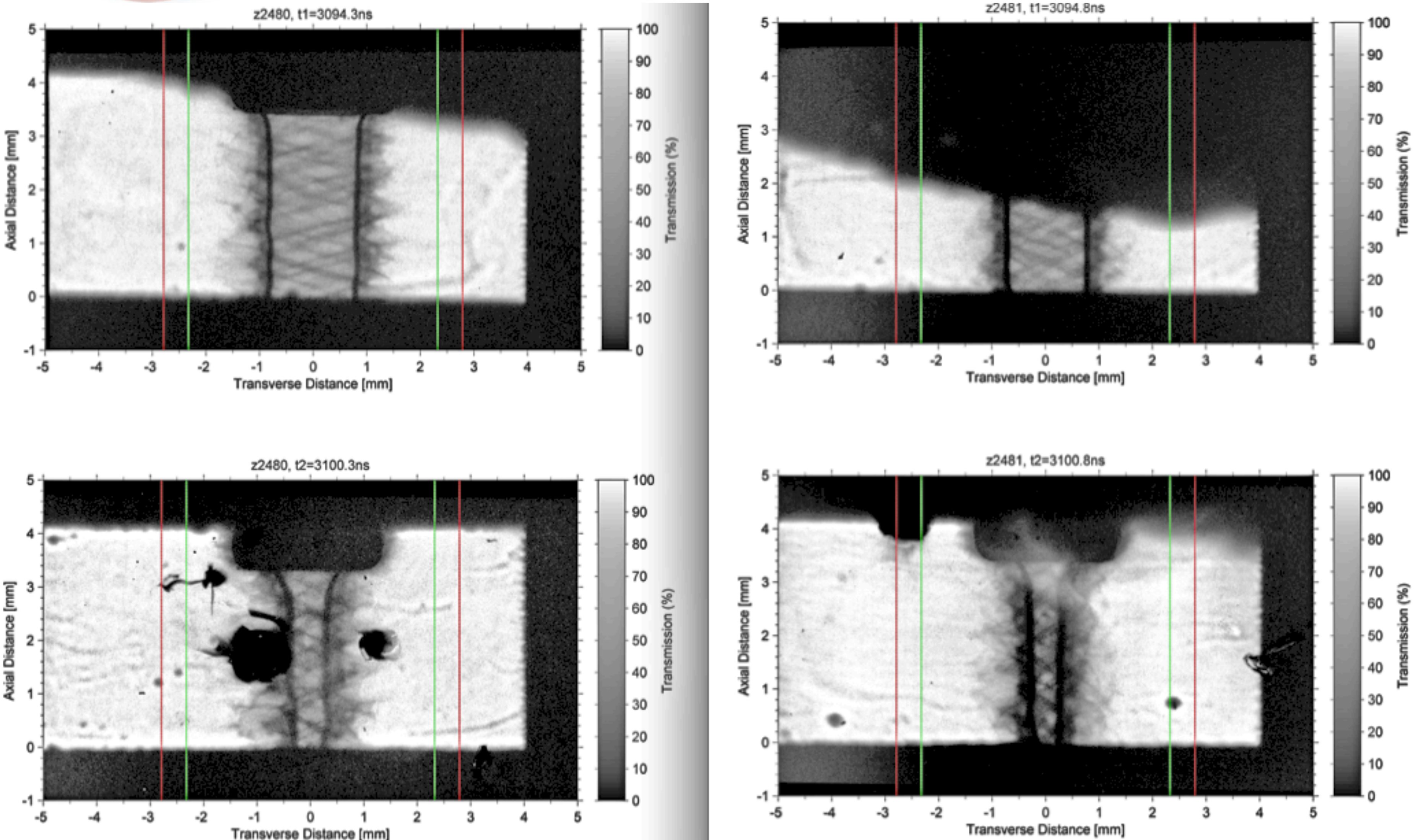
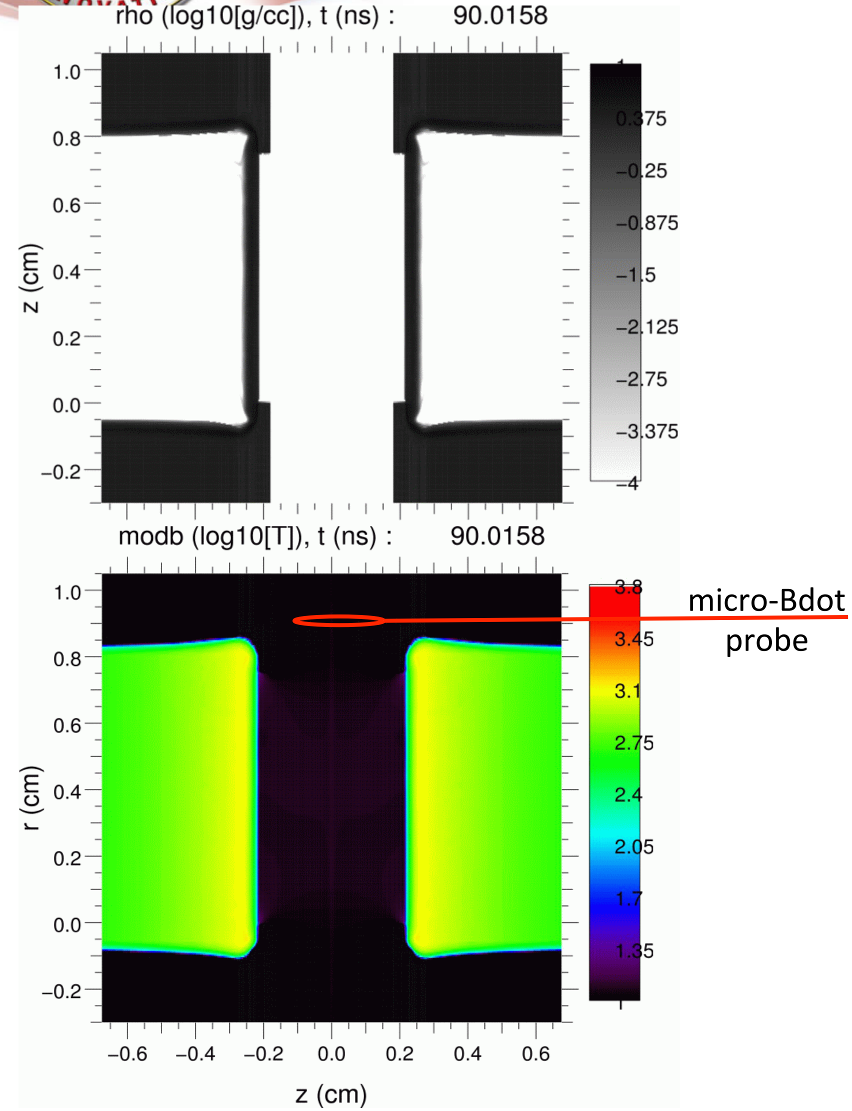
Recent studies examined a thin *Al* sleeve placed inside a *Be* liner to study the integrity of the inner surface

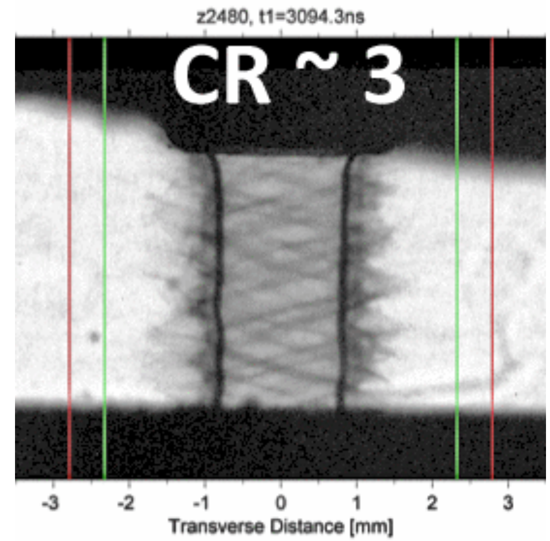


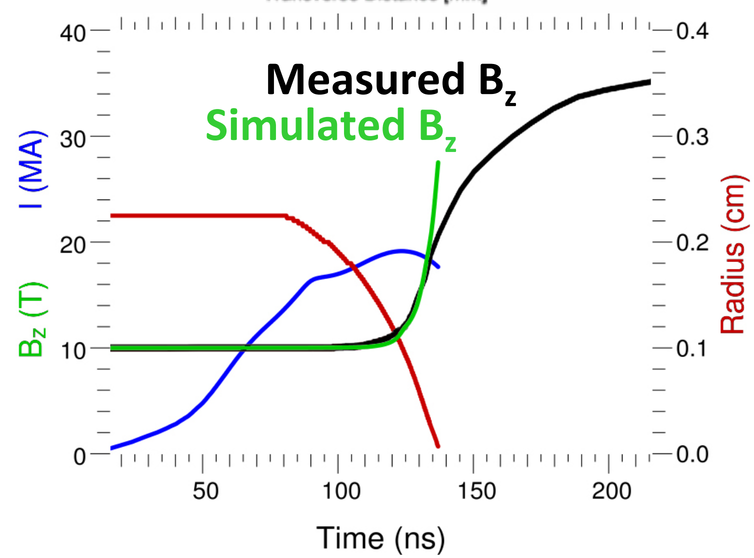
Recent experiments with B_z^0=7 T and 10 T, and I_{max}~17 MA, demonstrate excellent inner surface integrity at CR ~ 7



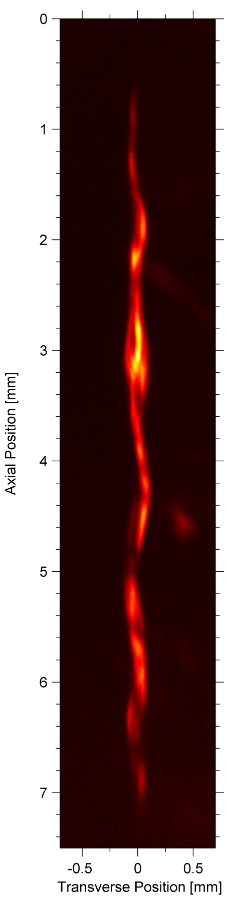
Liner-only flux compression experiments (with B_z, without laser) measure $B_z(t)$ and $r_{inner}(t)$



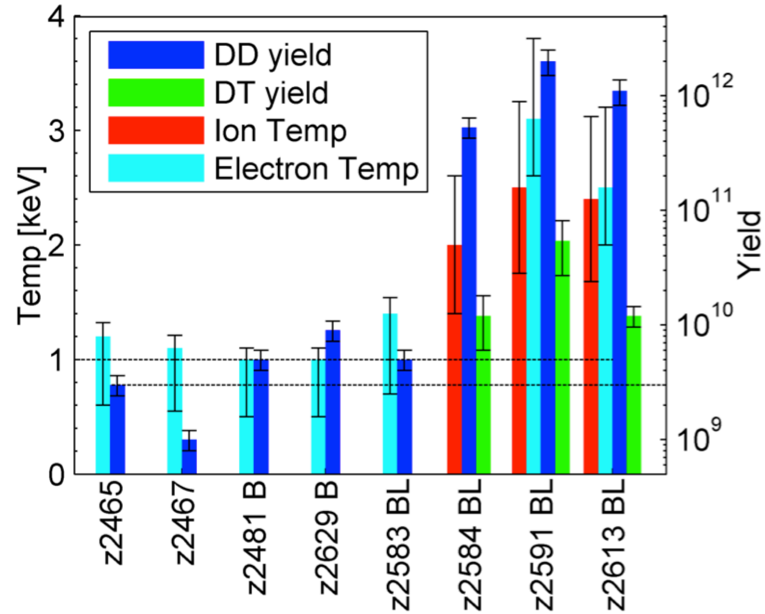


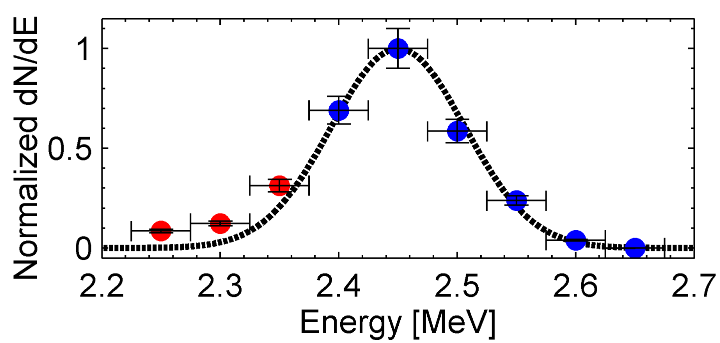


First integrated (with laser) MagLIF experiments successfully demonstrated the concept



- **Thermonuclear neutron generation up to 2e12**
- **Fusion-relevant stagnation temperatures**
- **Stable pinch with narrow emission column at stagnation**
- **Successful flux compression**





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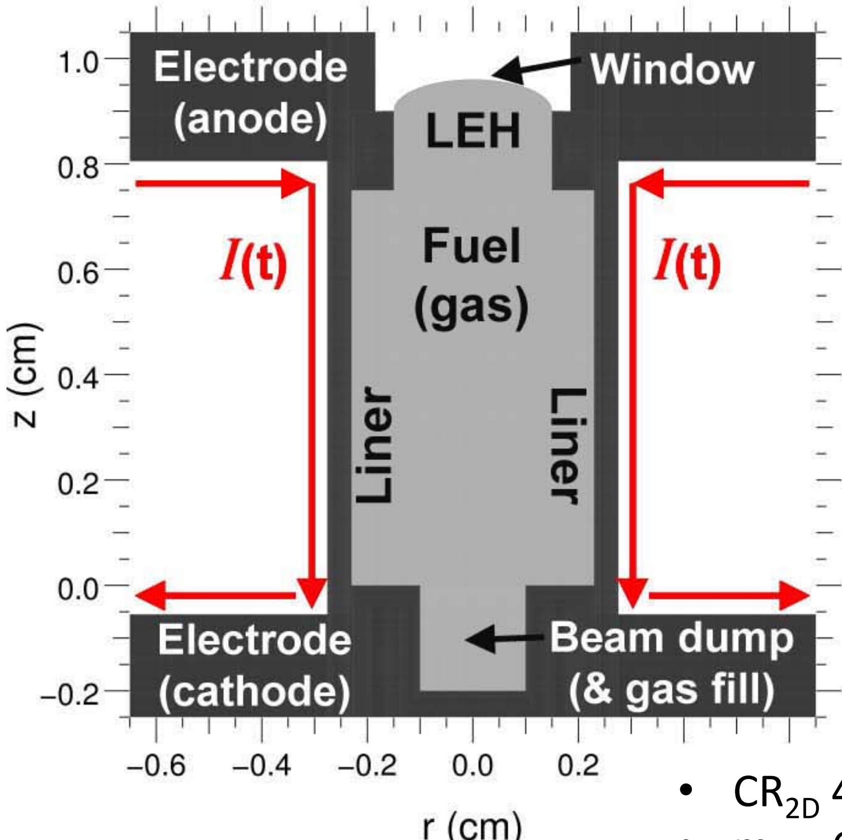
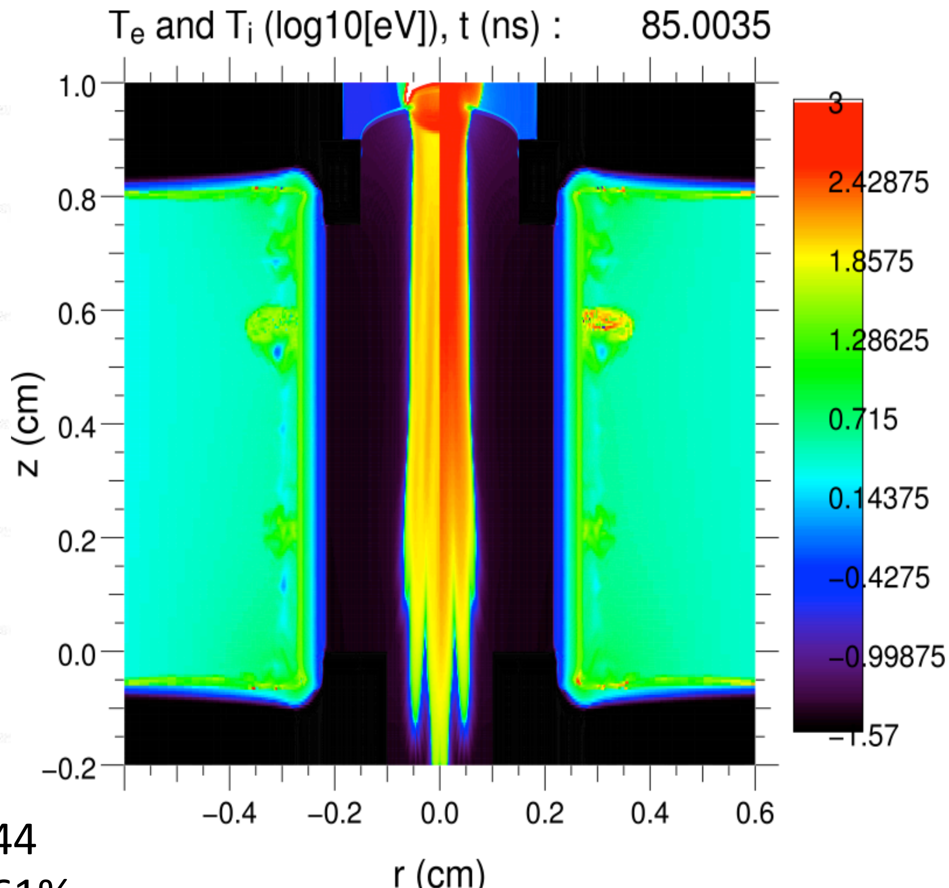
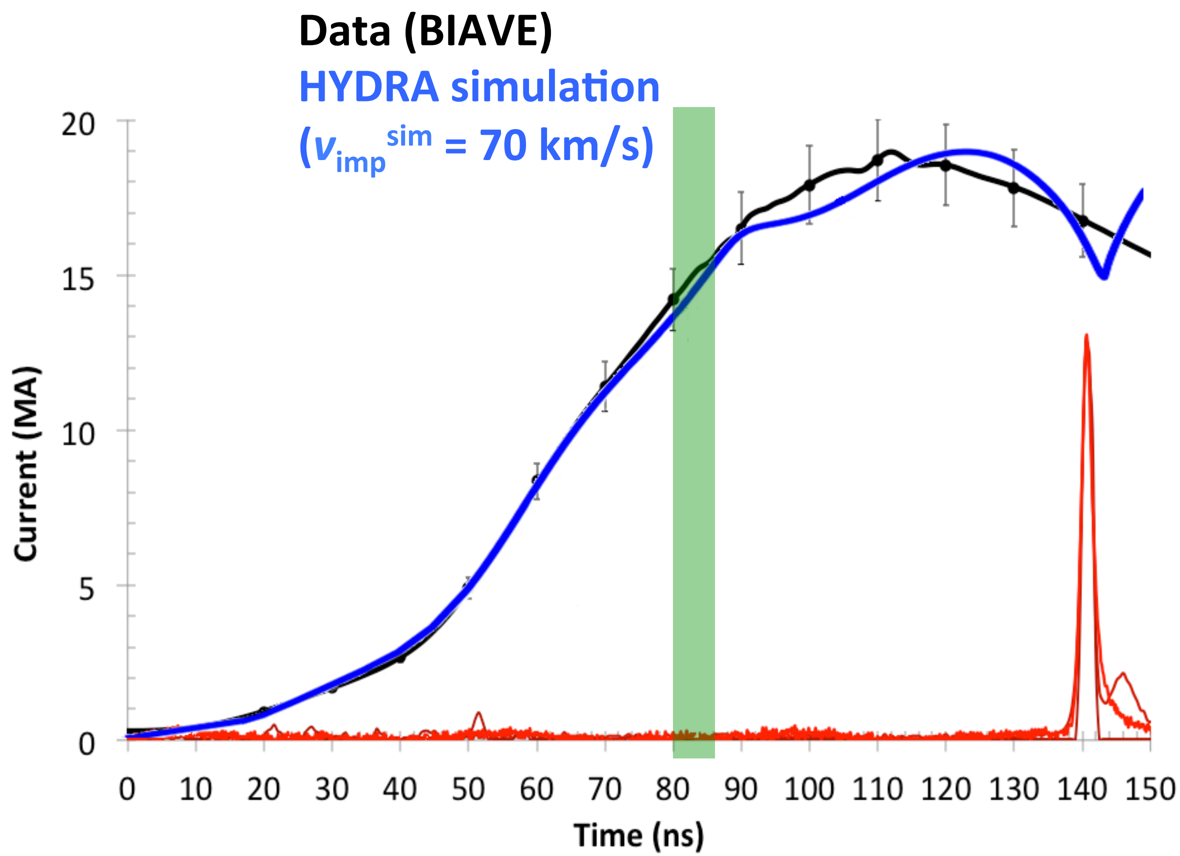
Estimate for laser energy transmission is FWHM~450±150 μm gaussian beam with 150±50 J

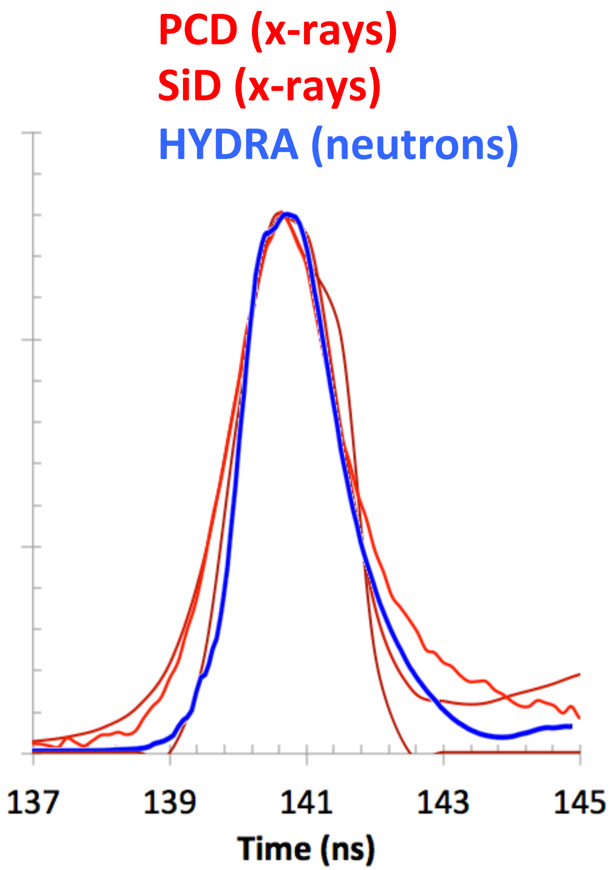




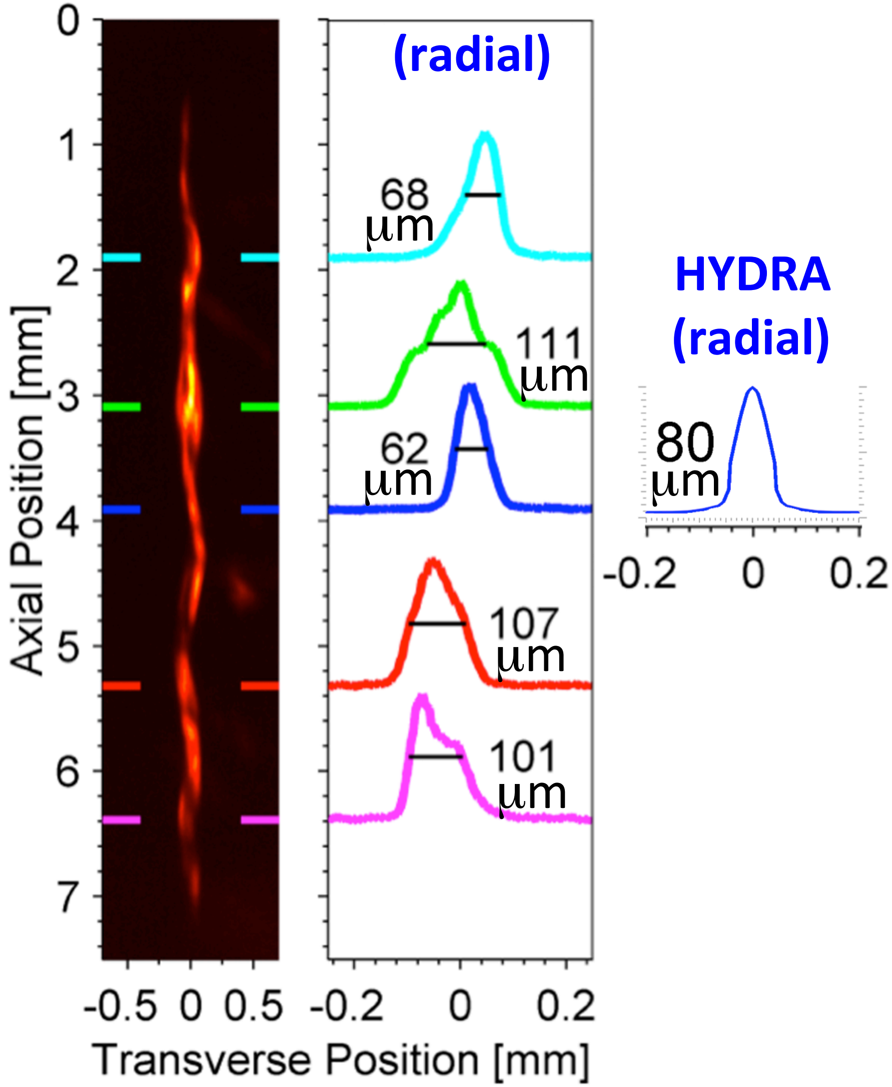
- CR_{2D} 44
- m_{loss} 61%
- Φ_{loss} 53%
- $\langle T_i \rangle^{DD}$ 3.0 keV
- $\langle T_{e/i} \rangle$ 2.7 keV

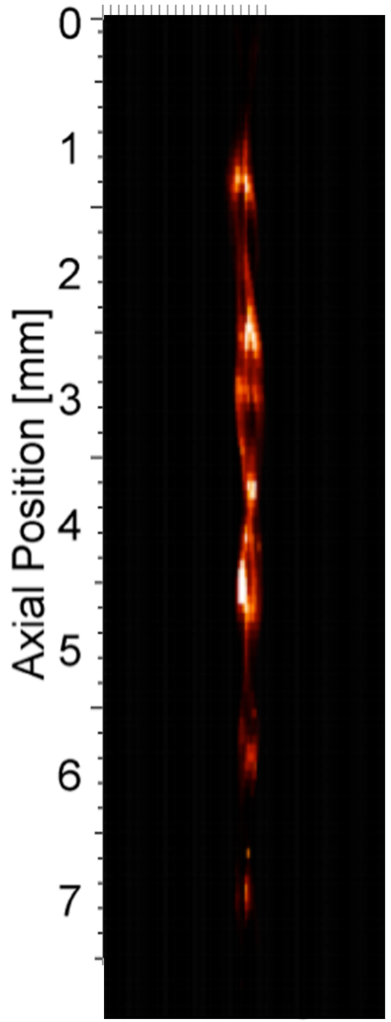
Current and implosion time agree within error





Comparison of stagnation column shape

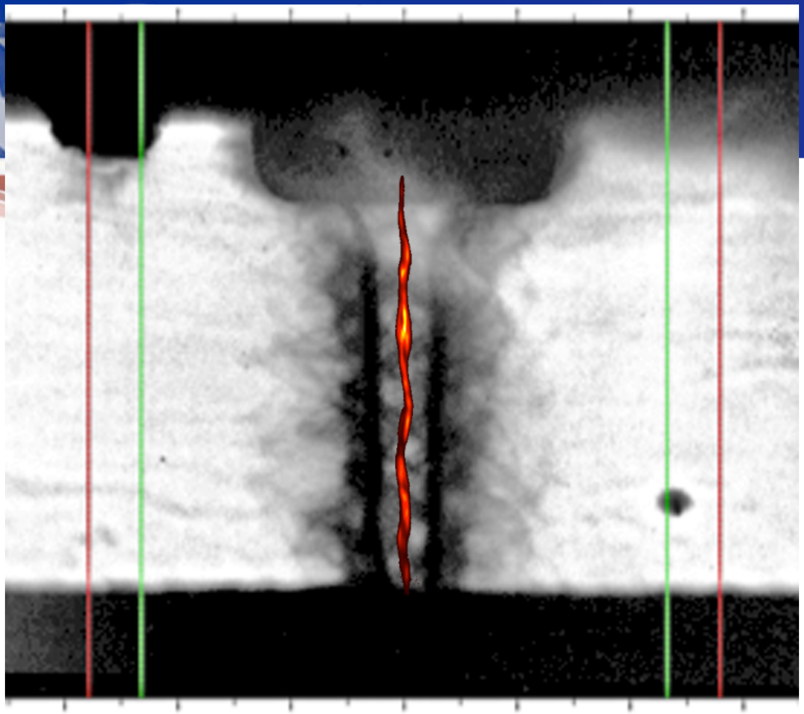




HYDRA Simulation

Comparison between observables and post-shot degraded simulations

Parameter	Measured/inferred [z2591]	Post-shot HYDRA simulations
• I_{max}	19 ± 1.5 MA	19 MA
• t_{imp}^{5MA}	+90 ± 1 ns	+90 ns (~70 km/s)
• r_{laser}	450 ± 150 μm	450 ± 150 μm
• E_{gas}^{abs}	~100-600 J	150 ± 50 J
• r_{stag}^{hot}	44 ± 13 μm	40 μm (r_{stag}^{liner} 53 μm, CR_{2D}^{liner} 44)
• $\langle T_i \rangle^{DD}$, $\langle T_{i,e}{}^{spec} \rangle$	2.5 ± 0.75, 3.0 ± 0.5 keV	3.0 ± 0.5, 2.7 ± 0.5 keV
• ρ_{gas}^{stag}	0.3 ± 0.2 g cm^{-3}	0.4 ± 0.2 g cm^{-3}
• ρR_{gas}, ρR_{liner}^{stag}	2 ± 1, 900 ± 300 mg cm^{-2}	2.6 ± 1.0, 900 mg cm^{-2}
• $\langle P^{stag} \rangle$, E_{gas}^{stag}	1.0 ± 0.5 Gbar, 4 ± 2 kJ	1.5 ± 0.3 Gbar, 7 ± 2 kJ
• $\langle B_z^f r_{stag} \rangle$	(4.5±0.5)e5 G cm ($r_{stag}/r_{L,\alpha}$ 1.7)	4.8e5 G cm ($r_{stag}/r_{L,\alpha}$ 1.8) ($\langle B_z^f \rangle$ 91 MG)
• Y_n^{DD}	(2.0±0.4)e12	(2.5±0.5)e12
• Y_n^{DD}/Y_n^{DT}	40 ± 20	41-57
• DD, DT spectra	isotropic, asymmetric	isotropic, asymmetric
• t_{burn}^{FWHM}	2.3 ± 0.6 ns (x-rays) [z2591, Y_n^{DD}=2e12] 1.5 ± 0.1 ns (x-rays) [z2613, Y_n^{DD}=1e12]	1.6 ± 0.2 ns (neutrons)
• Liner emission	bounce & peak emission: t_{stag}+5 ns	bounce & peak emission: t_{stag} +5 ns
• Δz_{burn} shape	5 ± 1 mm, asymmetric	Similar (but no helix or liner attenuation)
• mix	0 - 10 %, not ≥ 20%	0% (by design)



MagLIF Summary

MagLIF enables ICF yields
on pulsed-power accelerators
using slow < 100 km/s implosions

Integrated calculations provide realistic design requirements for MagLIF experiments, as well as "clean 2D" predictions

Integrated experiments show strong evidence for thermonuclear neutrons and magnetized fuel

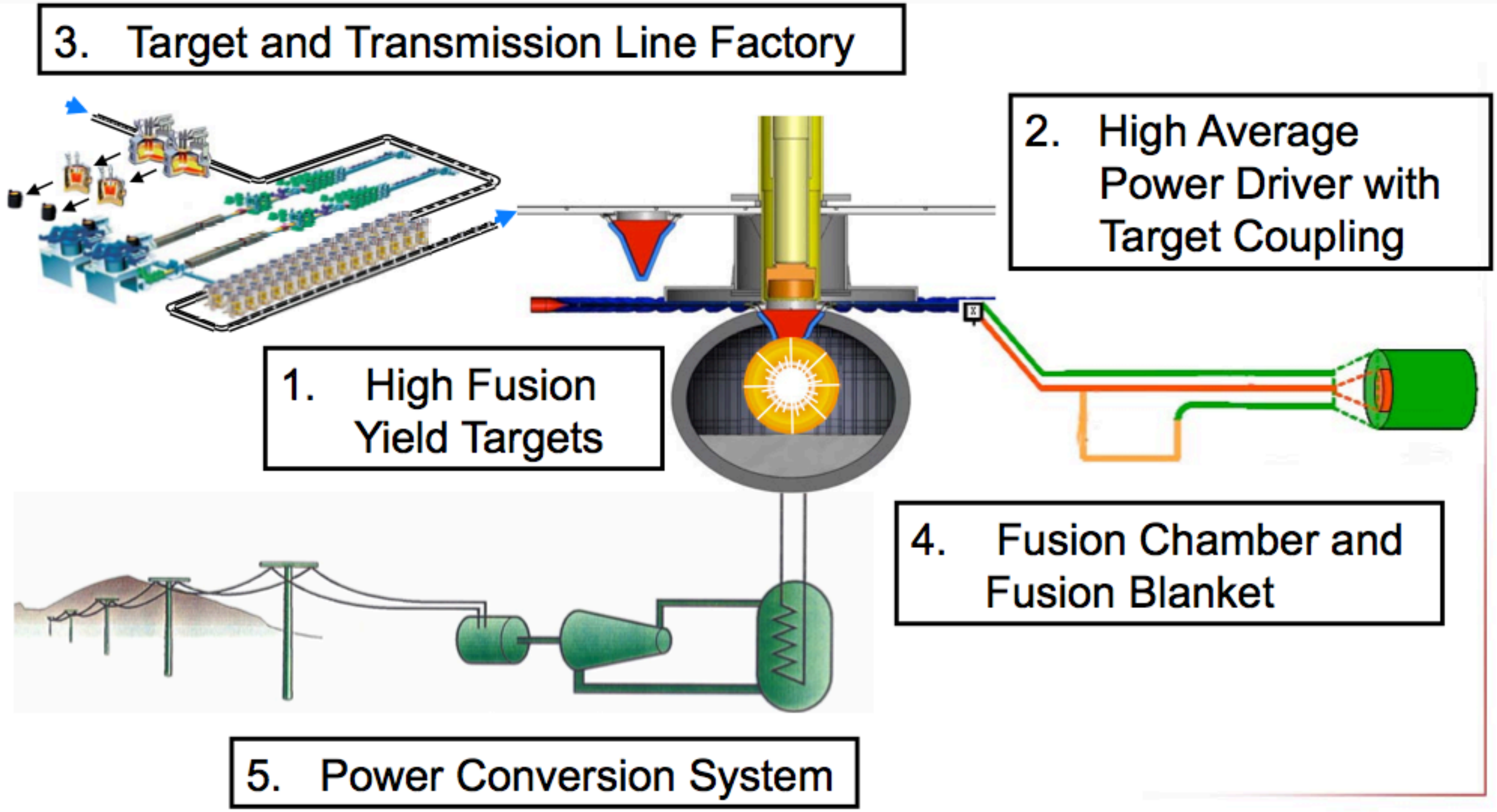
Detailed comparisons between "post-shot, degraded" simulations and experimental results are promising and ongoing

What is the right driver for the application?

- Inertial Fusion Energy
  - Reliable
  - Credible and affordable development path
  - Energy rich
  - High gain
  - Efficient
  - Low cost
  - Scalable
  - Possibility for flexible output (e.g. units from 100 MWe to >1000 MWe)

Many of these requirements are met by pulsed power systems
Direct drive options are more efficient

At a high level, all IFE power sources have five major elements



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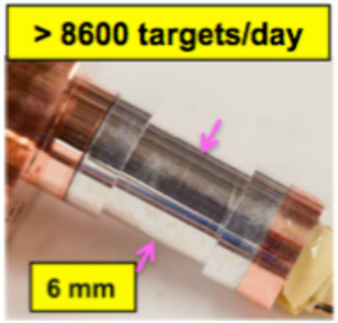
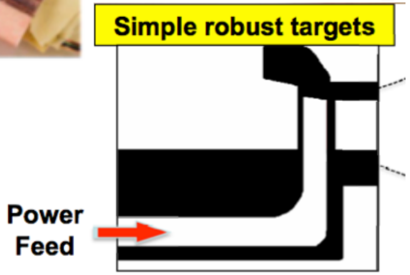
Our vision for pulsed power direct drive IFE

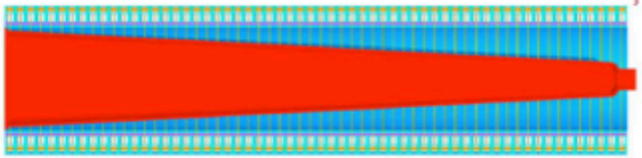
- Simple Robust Targets
  - Stamp robust and inexpensive targets with at hand technology and fill with liquid DT
  - High magnetic pressure (>5 GBar) produced by a 60 MA current pulse delivers 10-20 MJ and implodes targets to high yields (G~100-300)





- Efficient, Inexpensive, Rep-rated Drivers
  - We have inexpensive, efficient Liner Transformer Driver (LTD) modules
  - Economies of scale through mass fabrication
  - Long current pulse has lower cost and higher coupling efficiency

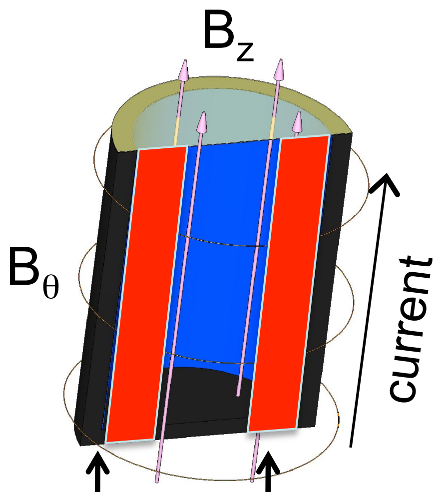
70% energy efficient module
1 of 210 shown



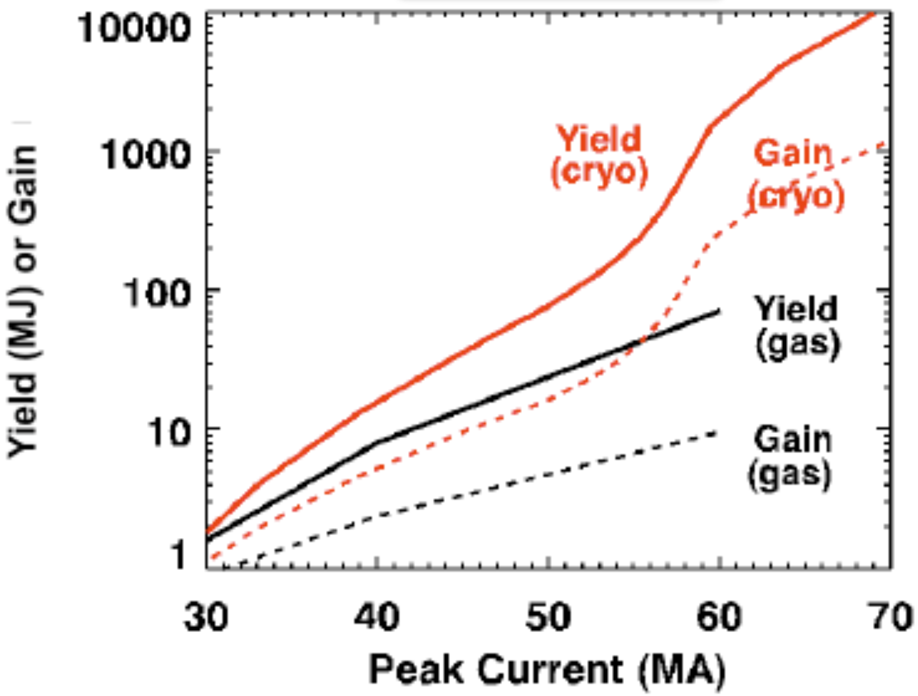
6 MV, 60 cavity LTD voltage adder

Direct-magnetically-driven targets give high yields (>1 GJ) at 60 MA in simulations

Magnetized Cryogenic Levitated Shell



Yield and Gain



- Reduce difficulty of ignition and high yield
  - Large energies to target (> 1 MJ)
  - Magnetized fuel
  - Pre-heated fuel

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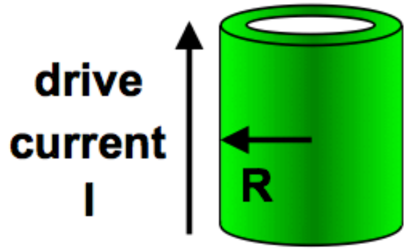
The physics issues for direct magnetic-drive targets are similar to those for other inertial fusion concepts

Stabilization techniques

Instability growth

Fuel Preheat

Convergence ratio



Fuel Premagnetization

Implosion time and velocity

Driver coupling

Pusher adiabat

Pusher-fuel mix

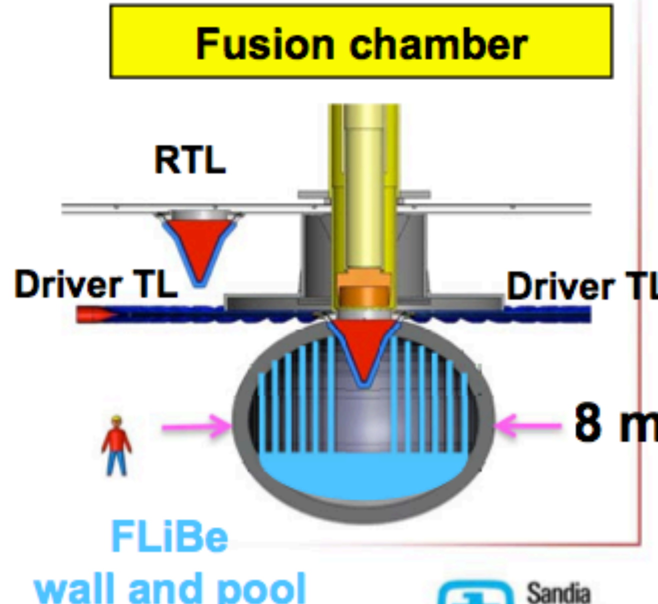
r-θ symmetry

- We are conducting a vigorous research program to validate the general class of magnetically-driven targets on the Z facility at the MJ target scale

Large yields and low rep-rates may be an attractive path for IFE

- Recyclable Transmission Lines (RTL) directly connect driver to target repetitively
  - Mass produced by on hand technology (stamping or casting)
  - Economic at lower rep-rate and higher yield
  - Can be shaped to shield driver direct-line-of-sight

- High Yields
  - Low rep-rate (> 0.1 Hz)
  - Compatible with high pulsed power driver energy to the load (>10 MJ)
  - Thick liquid walls made possible by RTL provide operational lifetime for chamber and driver of 40 years
  - RTL provides coupling of driver and target even with chamber debris from previous event; chamber clearing not required



Large yields and low rep-rate may be an attractive path for Inertial Fusion Energy

The logic of the integrated system is compelling

- Compact, efficient, low cost, long-lifetime, repetitive driver
- Advanced, efficient, low cost, robust targets, that are simple to fabricate
- Large stored energies, efficient coupling
- $\Longrightarrow$ Very large absorbed target energies
- $\Longrightarrow$ Very large fusion yields
- $\Longrightarrow$ Allows low rep-rate
- $\Longrightarrow$ RTL coupling is feasible, engineering development required
- $\Longrightarrow$ RTL allows thick-liquid-wall (TLW) and vaporizing blanket
- $\Longrightarrow$ TLW provides long lifetime chamber

Key enabling physics: **magnetically-driven-targets**
Key enabling technologies: **LTD's and RTL's, Fusion Engineering**

There are many applications of pulsed power technology – we've only discussed some

(and there are more than just these….)

- Pulsed electric fields
  - Electroporation
  - Bacterial decontamination
  - Discharges through solids and liquids
- Pulsed magnetic fields
  - Equation of state measurements
  - High energy density physics
  - Ultra high field production
- High power beams
  - Electron beams
  - Ion beams
- Intense radiation sources
  - Laser flashlamps
  - Microwave generation
  - Z-pinch soft X-ray sources (< 5 keV)
  - Z-pinch warm x-ray sources (5-10 keV)
  - Hard X-ray sources (>100 keV)
- Pulsed power inertial confinement fusion
  - Indirect-drive wire arrays
    - Dynamic and double ended hohlraum
  - Direct-drive magnetically-driven implosions
    - Magnetized Liner Inertial Fusion
  - Liner stability experiments
  - Inertial Fusion Energy
    - High gain targets, linear transformer drivers, chambers, recyclable transmission lines
- Fundamental science
  - Laboratory astrophysics
  - Earth and planetary Sciences

Summary

- **Large currents** create large magnetic fields, and large magnetic fields **create large pressures**, which are needed to access high energy density regimes

- Pulsed power can inexpensively, efficiently, and flexibly drive many different kinds of experiments at **large currents** and high voltages

- The Z machine creates large currents (and is the world's largest x-ray source), allowing us to address fundamental issues in HED science, laboratory astrophysics, and inertial fusion energy

- Lasers have more control than Z-pinches regarding "where", "how", and "how long" energy is deposited.

  However, Z-pinches are **much cheaper** and **more efficient** than lasers, and so provide an attractive option for inertial fusion energy

- **The upper limits on Z-pinch performance in achieving high energy densities are not known.**

  There is a lot of room for innovation! (esp. direct drive concepts for fusion)

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Thanks for your attention!

Any questions?