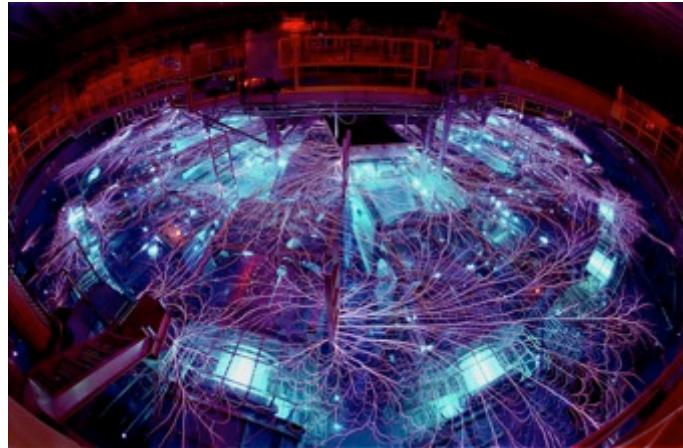


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Using Magnetic Fields to Create and Control High Energy Density Matter

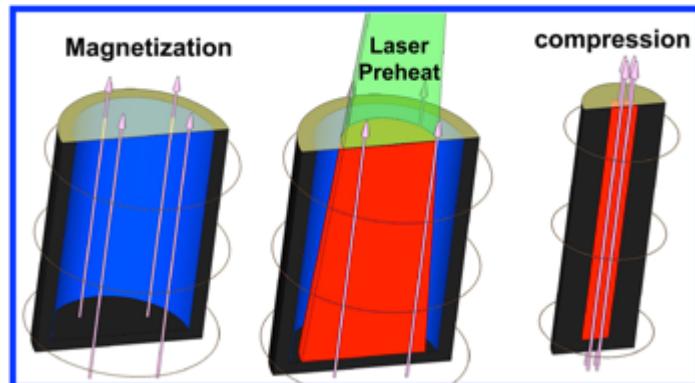
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It is an exciting time to be working in High Energy Density Science

- Large currents and magnetic fields can be used to create and study high energy density matter
- We are applying the Z facility to better understanding material properties relevant to planetary science and astrophysics
- Various approaches to inertial confinement fusion are showing progress.
- We have performed our first test of Magnetized Liner Inertial Fusion (MagLIF) on the Z facility. Initial results are promising.

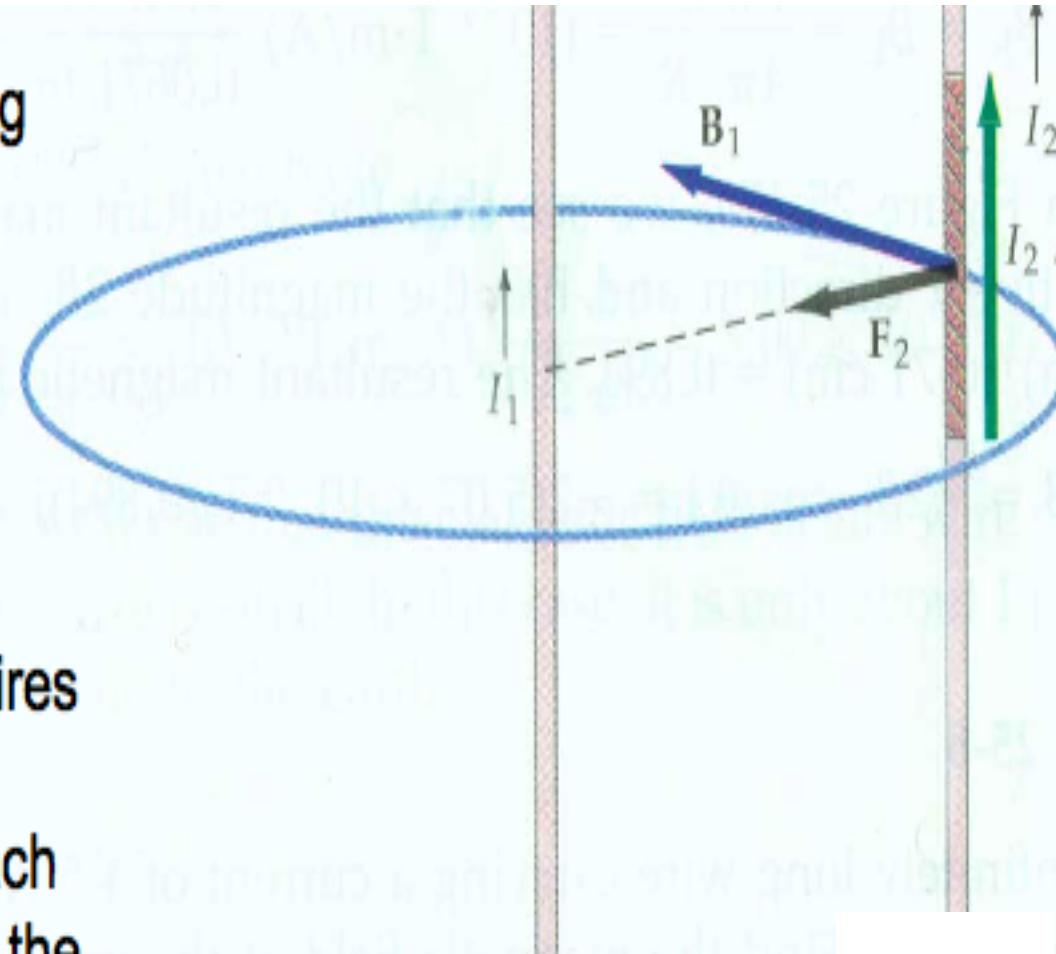
What is high energy density science?

- Pressure (Pascals, bars) is equivalent to Energy Density (J/m³)
 - 1 Mbar = 10^6 atm = 10^{11} Pascals = 10^{11} J/m³
- HED threshold is pressures >1 Mbar, which exceeds the internal energy density of molecules/atoms (solids become compressible, etc.)

Object	Pressure (Mbar)
Atmosphere at sea level	1e-6
High pressure gas cylinder	1e-4
TNT	0.07
Internal energy of H atom	1.00
Pressure at the center of the Earth	3.5
Pressure at the center of Jupiter	30.00
Center of the sun	250,000.00

Currents create magnetic fields that in turn apply forces on other currents

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

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

Magnetic fields and currents can push matter around:

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

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

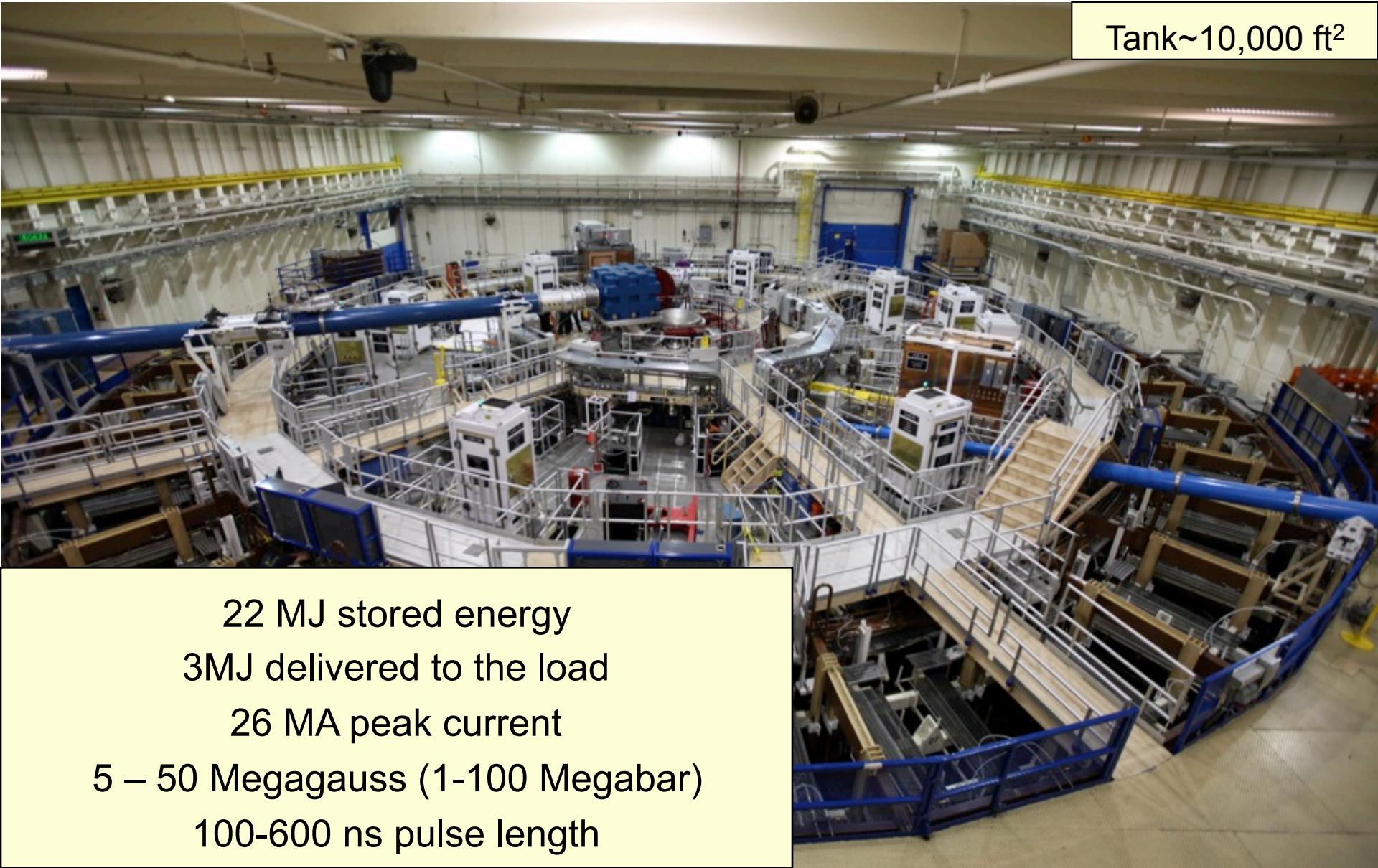
Magnetic fields change the way particles and energy are transported in a plasma

A 5 Megagauss (500 T) magnetic field applies a pressure of 1 Megabar (MB) to a conductor.

A current of 25 MA at 1cm radius is 5×10^6 G = 1 Mbar of pressure

A current of 25 MA at 1mm radius is 5×10^7 G = 100 Mbar of pressure

We use the Z pulsed power facility to generate large currents and large magnetic fields



22 MJ stored energy

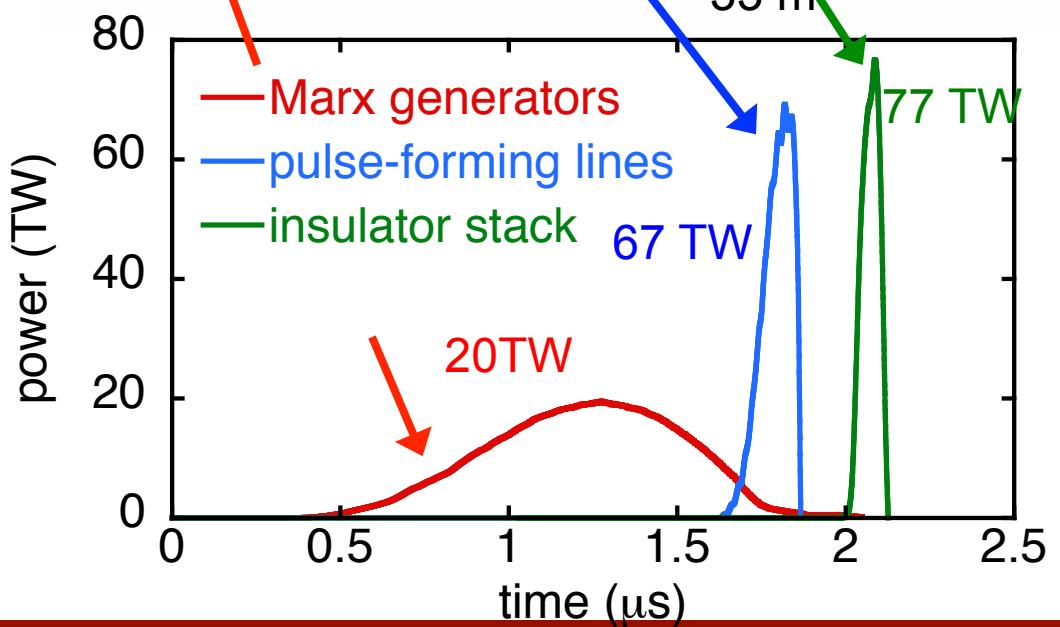
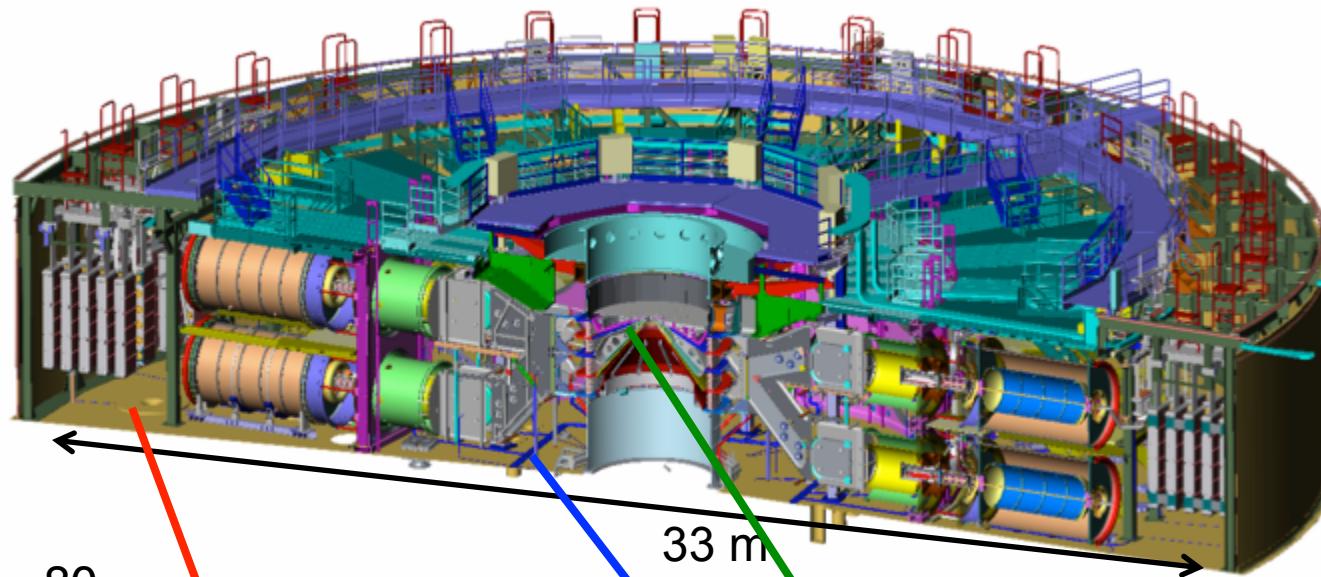
3MJ delivered to the load

26 MA peak current

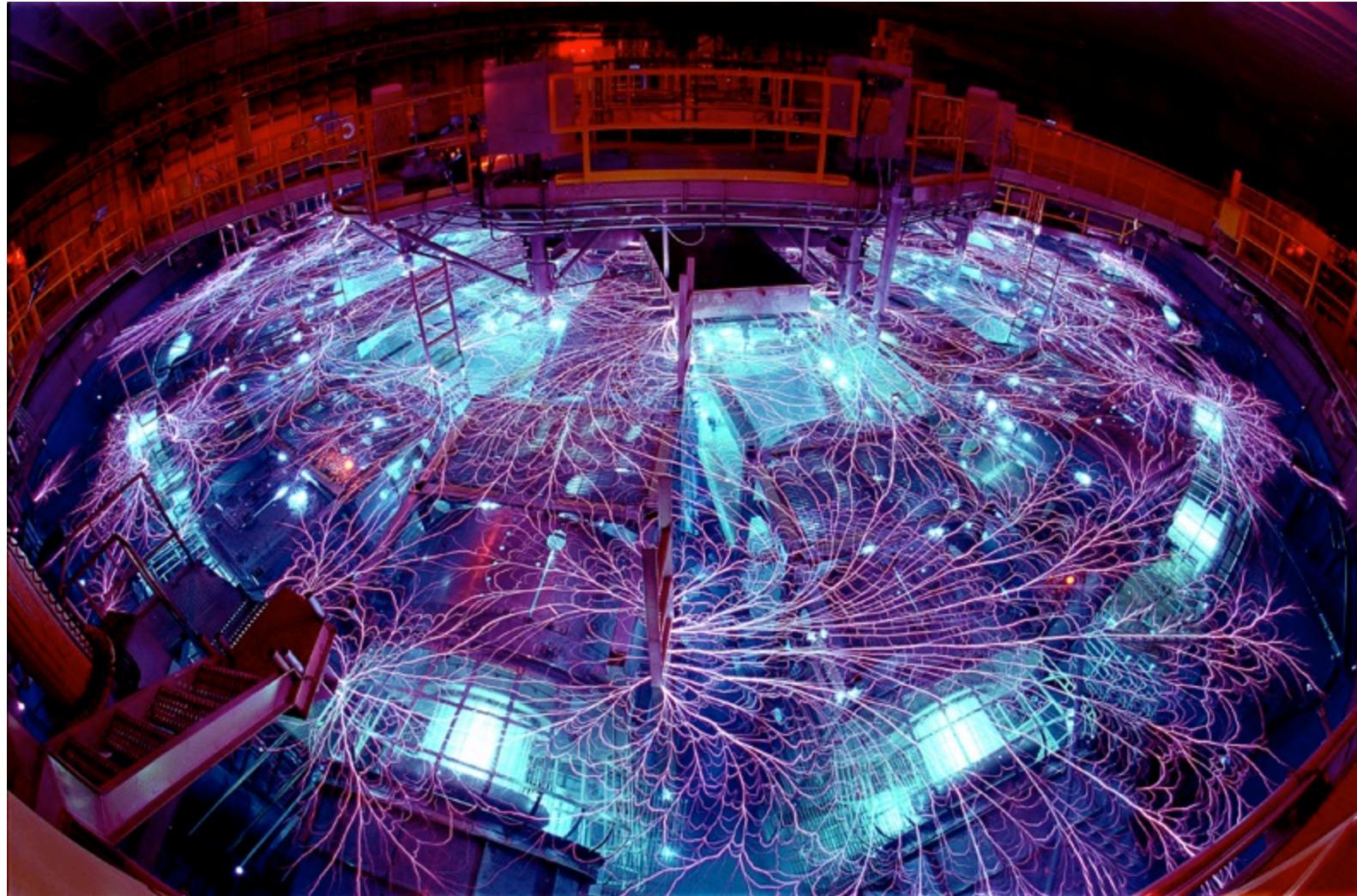
5 – 50 Megagauss (1-100 Megabar)

100-600 ns pulse length

Z works by compressing electromagnetic energy in time and space



Not all of the electrical energy in the Z facility makes it to the load



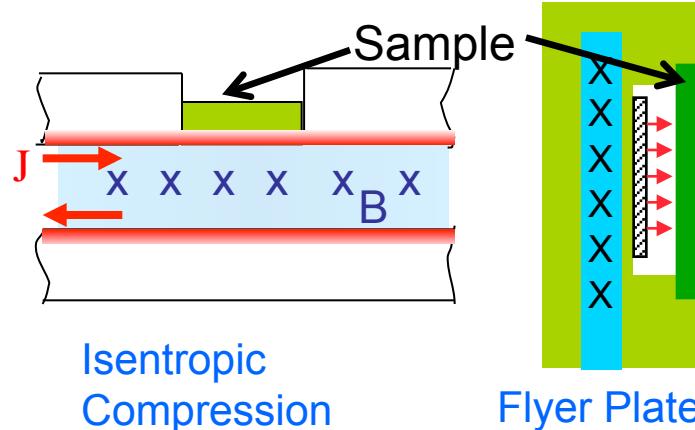
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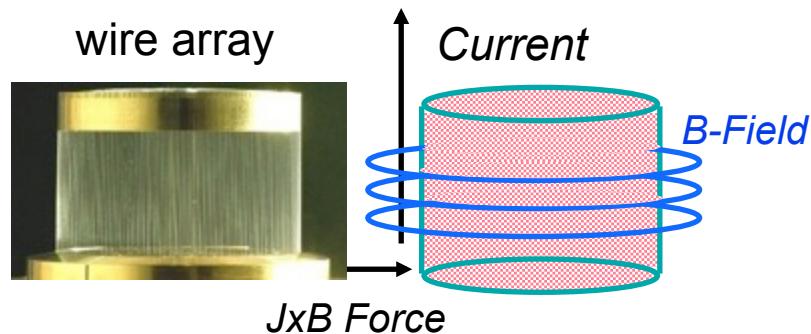
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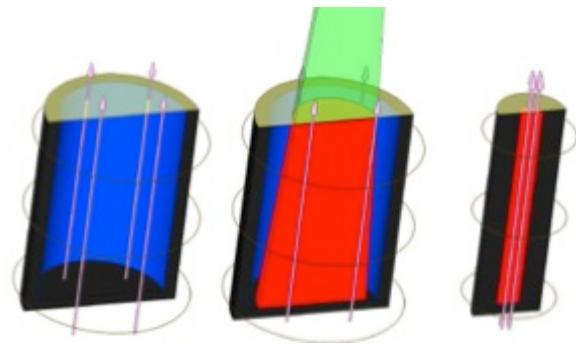
Materials Properties



Z-Pinch X-ray Sources

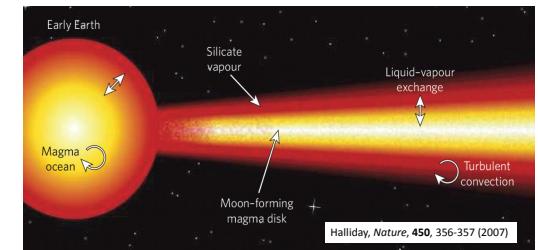
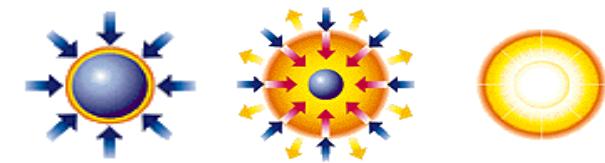


Inertial Confinement Fusion

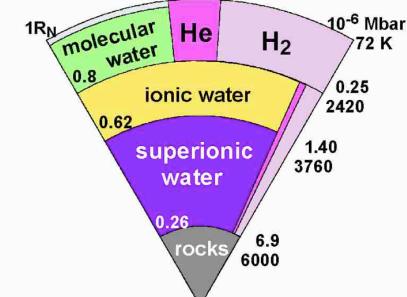


Understanding material properties at high pressure is important for Stockpile Stewardship, ICF, and understanding planets

- Nuclear Weapons materials
 - In the absence of underground testing we need a predictive capability
 - Material properties are a key input to nuclear weapons simulations
- Inertial confinement fusion (ICF) materials
 - Behavior of hydrogen, plastics, beryllium, diamond
- Planetary science
 - Giant impacts (e.g. Moon Forming Event)
 - Earths and super-earths
 - Equation of state of Mg, Fe, Si, C, O and related compounds
 - Giant Planets (e.g. Uranus & Neptune and exo ice-giants)
 - High-pressure mixtures of H, He, C, O, N

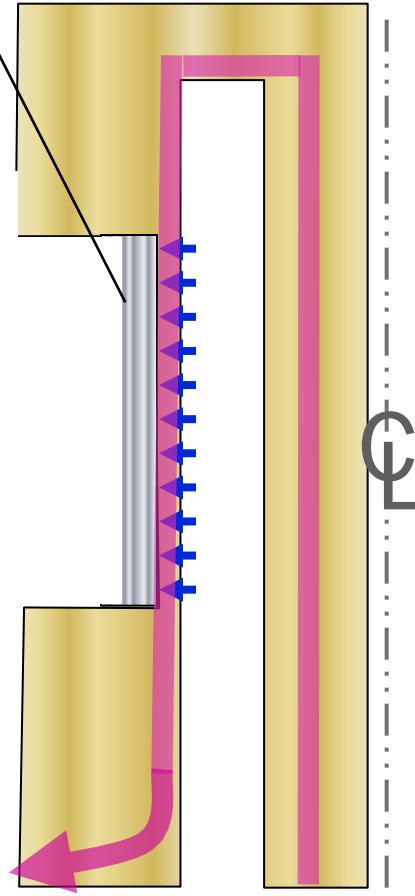


Neptune



Isentropic compression and shock wave experiments map different regions of a material's phase space

Sample
 $P > 4 \text{ Mbar}$

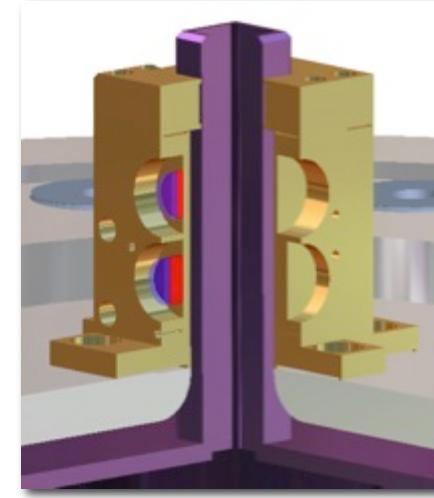


P

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Shocks

ICE



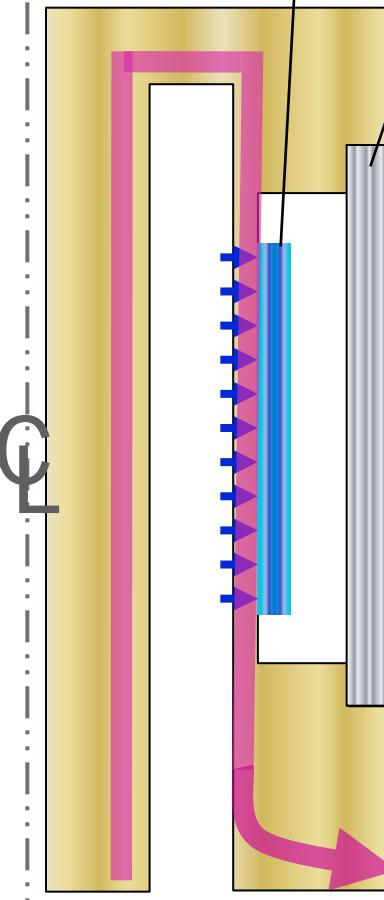
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Flyer Plate

v up to 40 km/s

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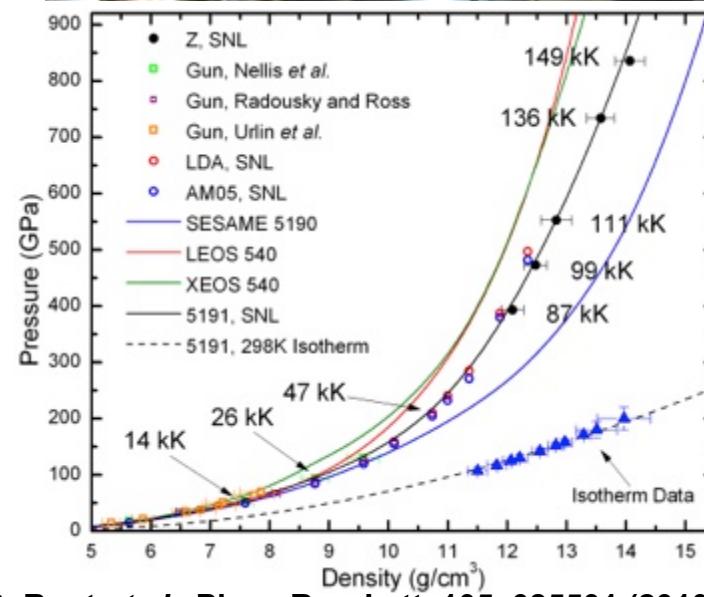
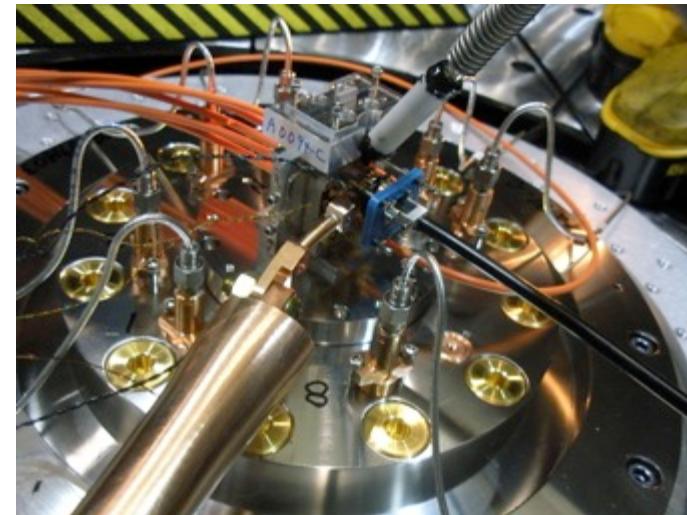
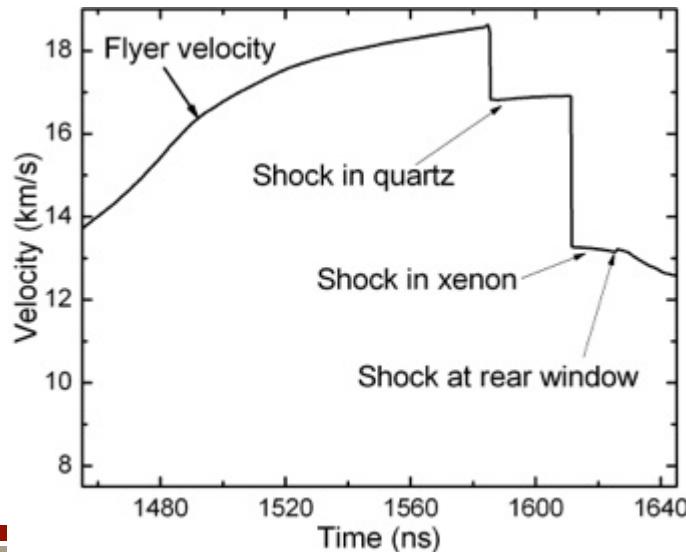
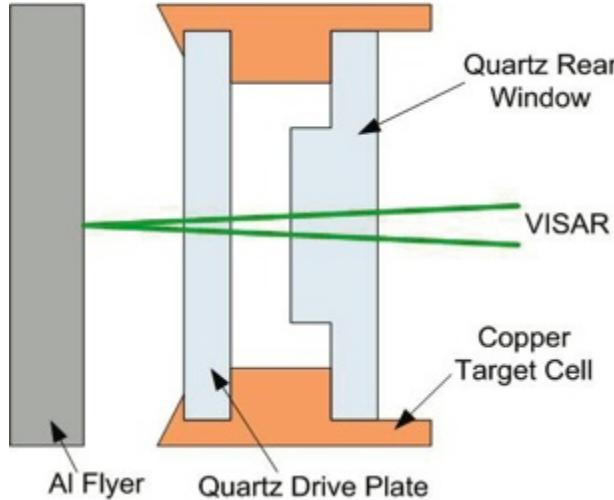
$P > 10 \text{ Mbar}$



Isentropic Compression Experiments:
gradual pressure rise in sample

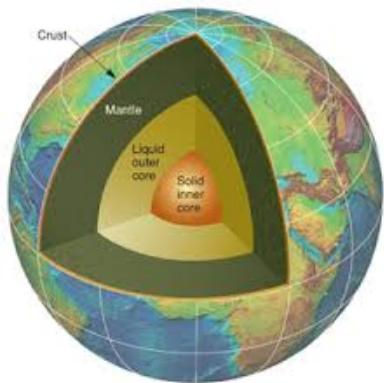
Shock Hugoniot Experiments:
shock wave in sample on impact

Large sample sizes and “long” time scales enable sub-percent accuracy at record pressures

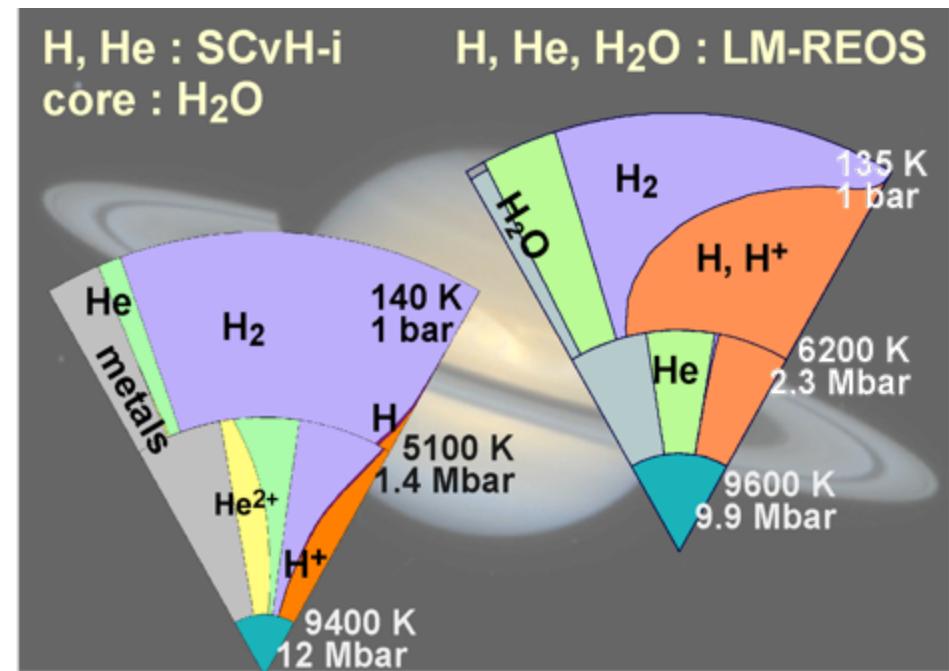


S. Root *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 085501 (2010).

The structure of planets is determined by properties of elements and compounds at very high pressure



1 Mbar is 1 million atmosphere pressure:
Core of the Earth 3.5 Mbar
Core of Saturn 10 Mbar
Core of Jupiter 40 Mbar

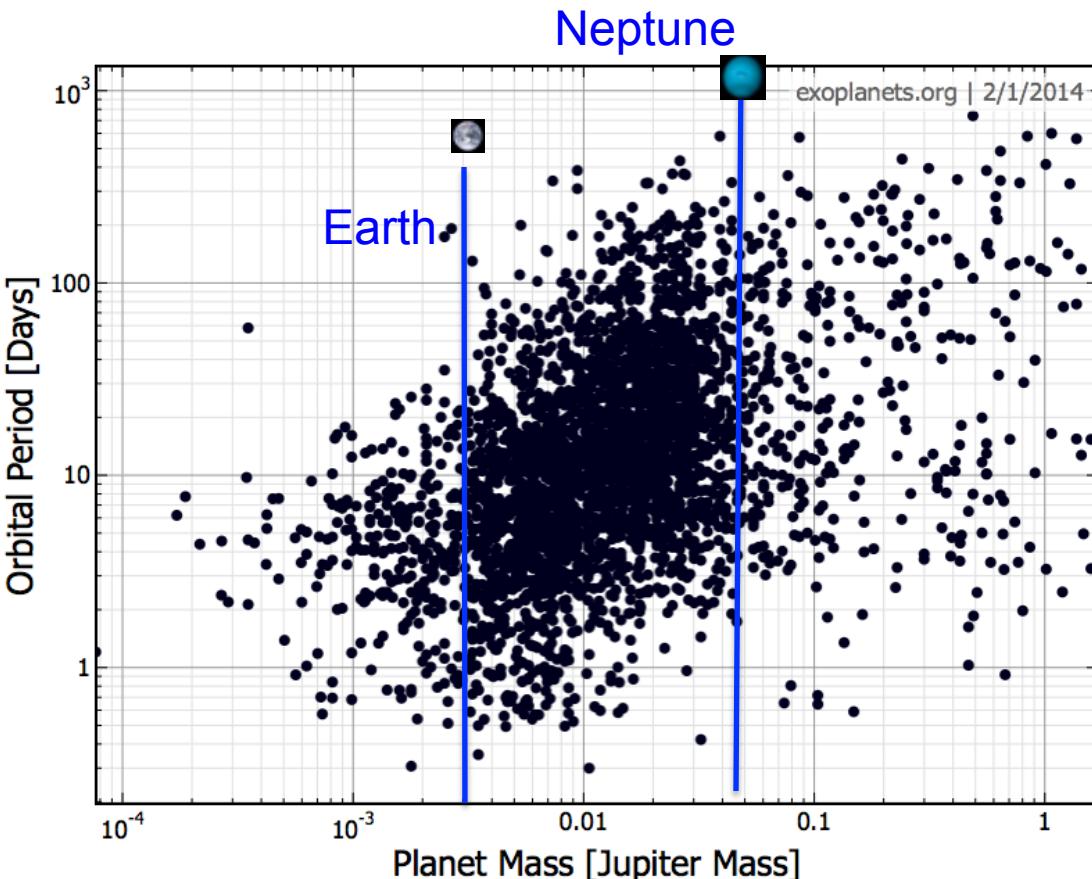


Structural models of Saturn using different equation of state (pressure/density/temperature) relationships

Notice the differences in core temperature and pressure from the competing models

Using the Z-machine, we can create and diagnose matter at these conditions

The field of planetary science has seen a rapid growth in terms of planets and complexity

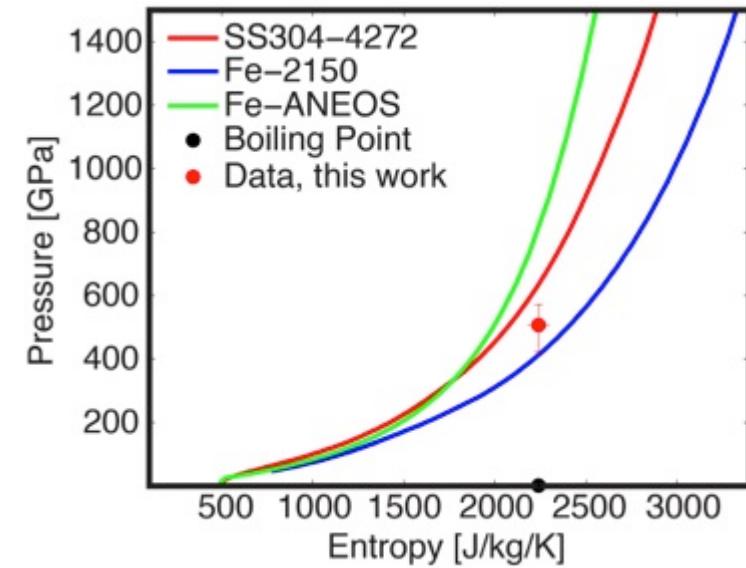
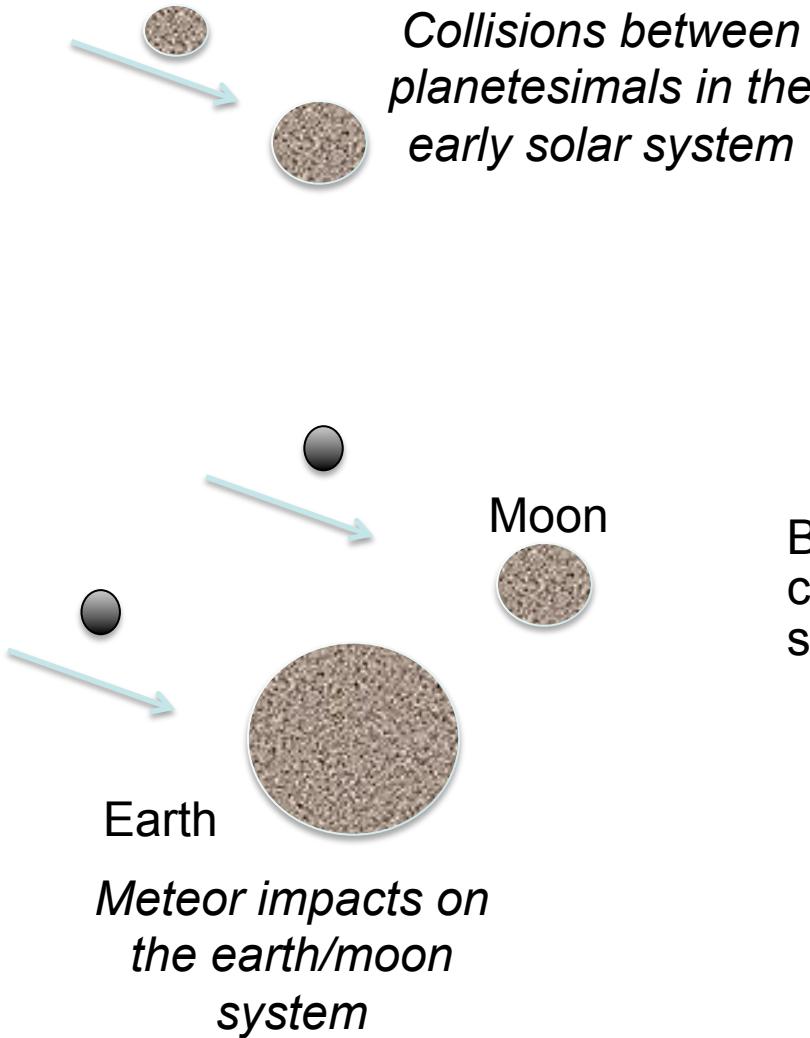


The solar system we know is not the only one – so formations theories need to be applicable elsewhere too

Kepler candidates and confirmed exo-planets on February 1, 2014

The plethora of newly discovered planets raises profound questions about the formation of solar systems (planetesimal collisions, giant impacts, moon formation) and structure of planets (magnetic fields, layering, plate tectonics, etc.)

We have determined the shock pressure (impact velocity) at which iron is vaporized



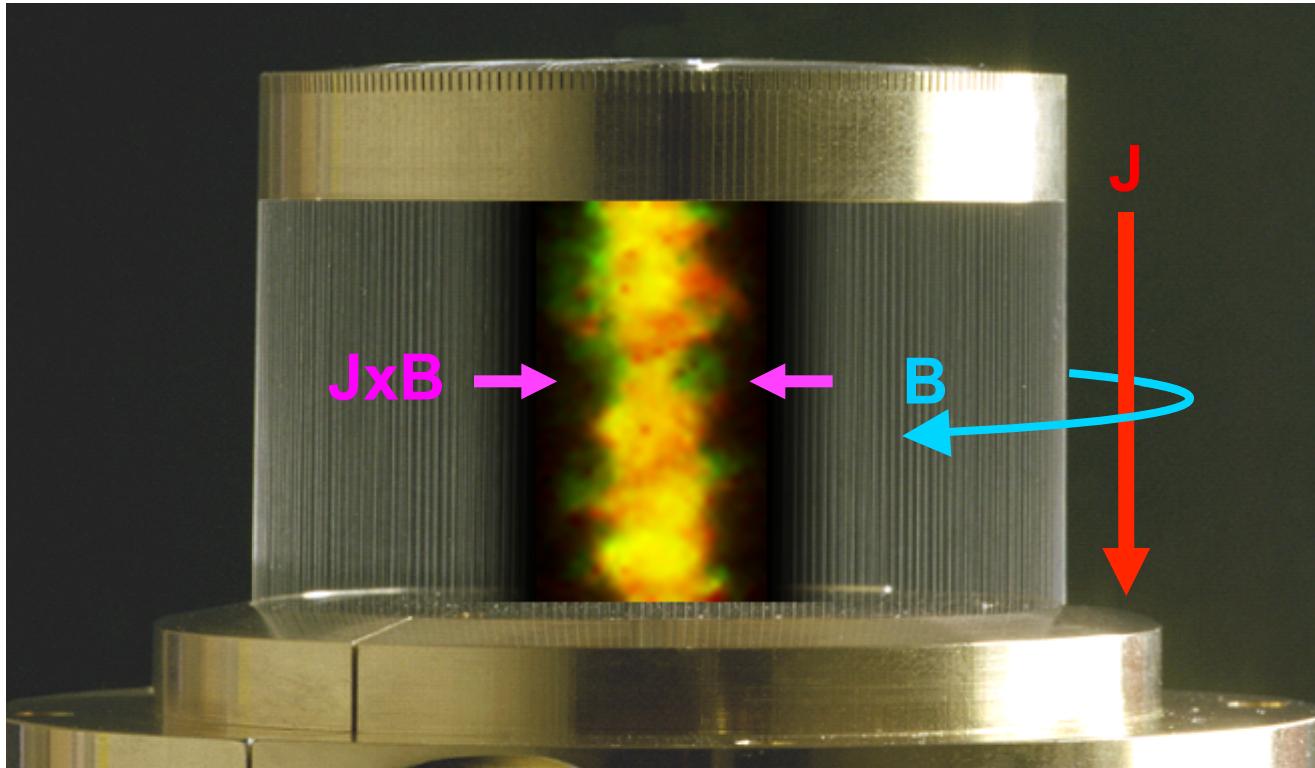
By knowing the vaporization pressure of iron we can eliminate significant uncertainties in simulations of solar system formation

Shock Thermodynamics of Iron and Impact Vaporization of Planetesimal Cores

Kraus, Root, Lemke, Stewart, Jacobsen, and Mattsson. Harvard University and Sandia National Laboratories

Submitted to Nature Geoscience (2013).

Magnetically driven implosions are efficient, powerful, x-ray sources from 0.1 to 10 keV



$P_{\text{rad}} \sim 400 \text{ TW}$, $Y_{\text{rad}} \sim 2.5 \text{ MJ}$
 $\sim 10\text{-}15\%$ wall plug efficiency

We are using the intense x-ray bursts from Z to create unique plasmas that can help address astrophysical questions

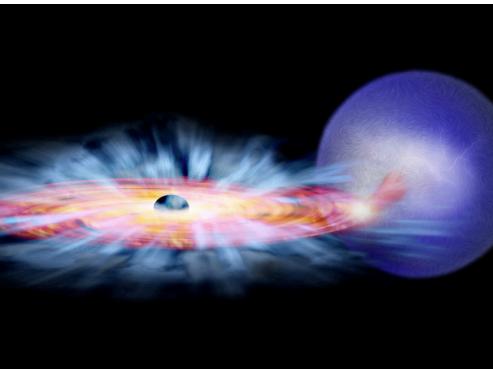
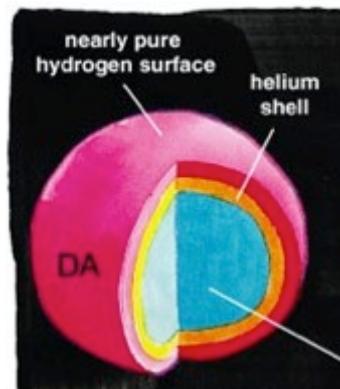
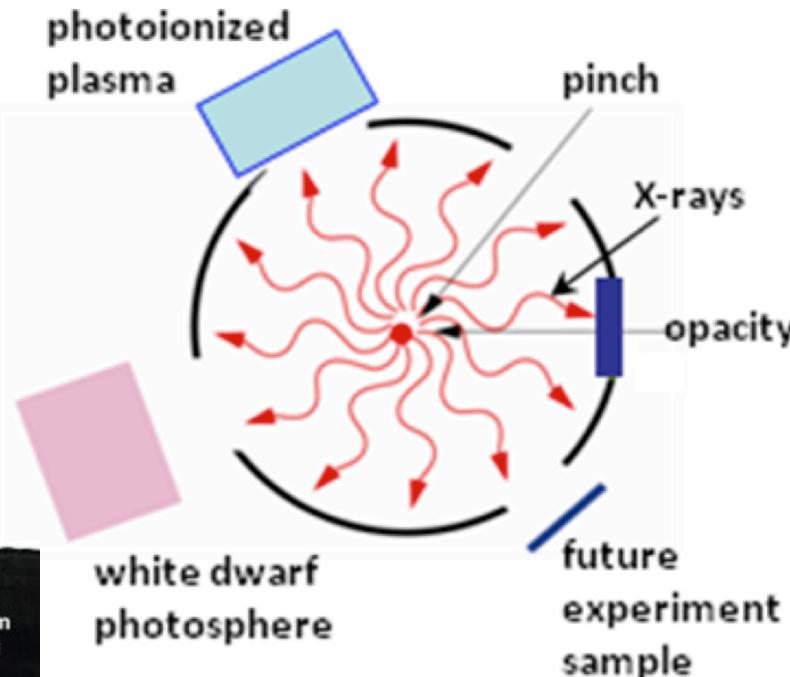


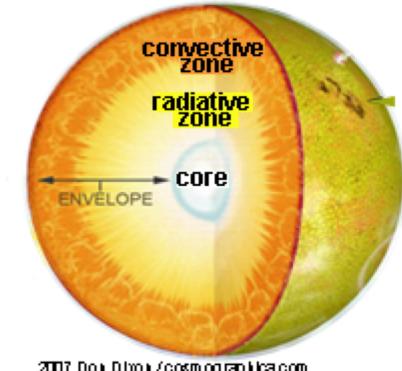
Photo-ionized plasmas
**How does the
accretion disk
around a black-hole
behave?**



White Dwarfs



Can we use white dwarfs as cosmic chronometers?



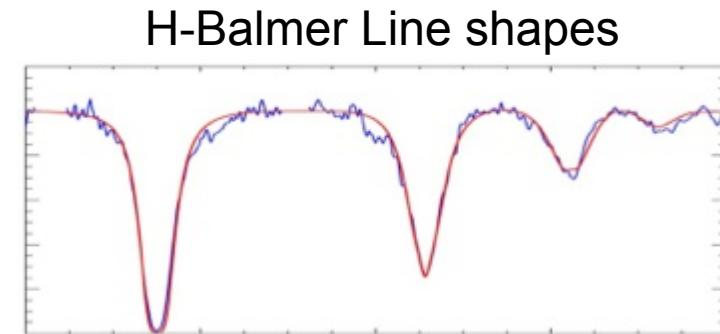
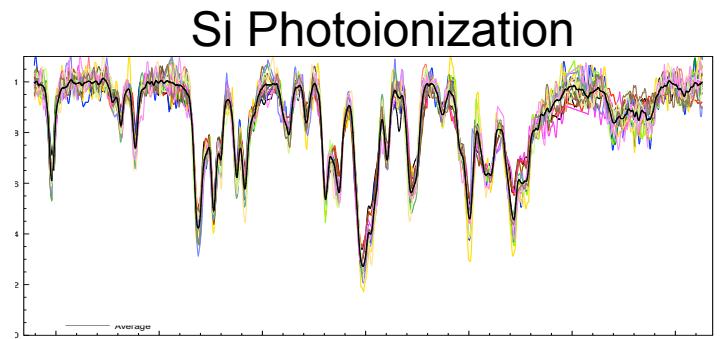
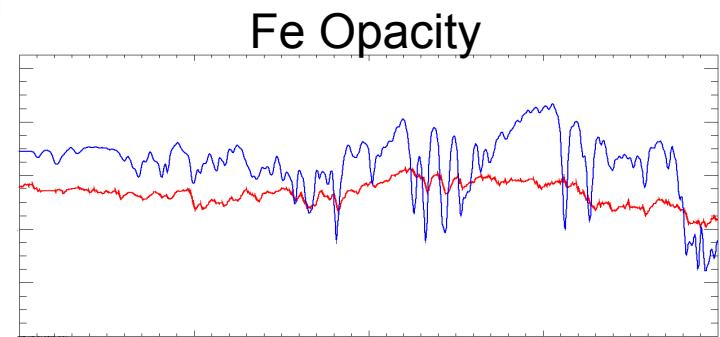
Solar Opacities

Do we understand the structure of the sun?

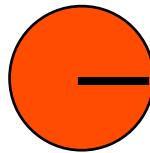
The Z Astrophysical Plasma Properties (ZAPP) collaboration studies the behavior of atoms in plasmas



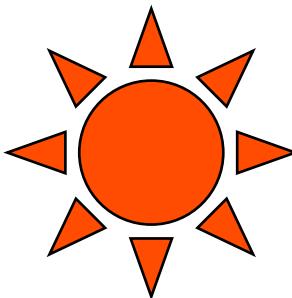
- Why can't we predict the location of the convection zone boundary in the Sun?
 - Opacity of Fe at ~ 200 eV
- How does ionization and line formation occur in accreting objects and warm absorbers?
 - Ionization distribution and spectral properties of photoionized Ne and Si
- Why doesn't spectral fitting provide the correct properties for White Dwarf stars?
 - Stark-broadened H-Balmer line profiles



Under extreme conditions a mass of DT can undergo significant thermonuclear fusion before falling apart



ρ, R, T



- Consider a mass of DT with radius R , density ρ , and temperature T
- How does the disassembly time compare with the time for thermonuclear burn?

$$\tau_{disassembly} \sim \frac{R}{c_s} \sim \frac{R}{\sqrt{T}}$$

$$\tau_{burn} \sim \frac{1}{n_i \langle \sigma v \rangle} \sim \frac{1}{\rho \langle \sigma v \rangle}$$

- The fractional burn up of the DT (for small burn up) is:

$$f_{burn} \approx \frac{\tau_{disassembly}}{\tau_{burn}} \sim \rho R \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{\sqrt{T}}$$

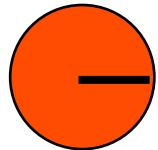
- At sufficiently high ρR and T the fractional burn up becomes significant and the energy deposited by alpha particles greatly exceeds the initial energy in the fusion fuel (“ignition”)

$$\rho R \approx 0.4 \text{ g/cm}^2$$

$$T \approx 5 \text{ keV}$$

- Typical conditions are:

For hot spot ignition fusion fuel must be brought to a pressure of a few hundred billion atmospheres



For ignition conditions:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rho R \approx 0.4 \text{ g/cm}^2 \\ T \approx 5 \text{ keV} \end{array} \right\}$$

ρ, R, T

$$E_{HS} \propto m_{HS} T_{HS} \propto \rho_{HS} R_{HS}^3 T_{HS} \propto \frac{(\rho_{HS} R_{HS})^3 T_{HS}^3}{P_{HS}^2}$$

$$E_{NIF} \sim 15 \text{ kJ} \Rightarrow P \sim 400 \text{ GBar} \quad R \sim 30 \mu\text{m} \Rightarrow \text{ and } \rho \sim 130 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

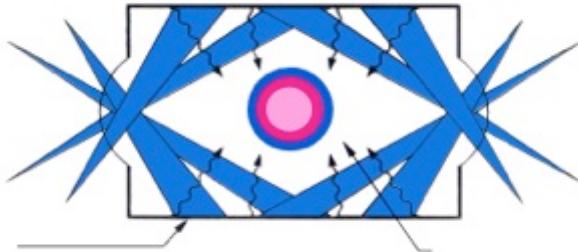
This is consistent with detailed calculations

Note for magnetic confinement fusion ignition

$$P \sim \text{few Bars} \quad \rho \sim \text{few } 10^{-10} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

Imploding thin shells at high velocities is the most common approach to reaching these conditions

Indirect Drive (X-ray)



In either direct or indirect drive, peak drive pressures are of order $\sim 50\text{-}150$ MBars

We need to get pressures to > 1000 X that for ignition!

Spherical implosions enable us to store energy in the fusion fuel in the form of kinetic energy, which is converted to pressure at stagnation

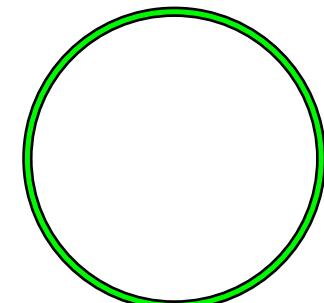
$$P_{stag} \sim \alpha \rho_{stag}^{5/3} \quad \alpha \rho_{stag}^{2/3} \sim v^2 \Rightarrow P_{stag} \sim v^5 / \alpha^{3/2}$$

$$\alpha \equiv P/P_{Fermi}$$

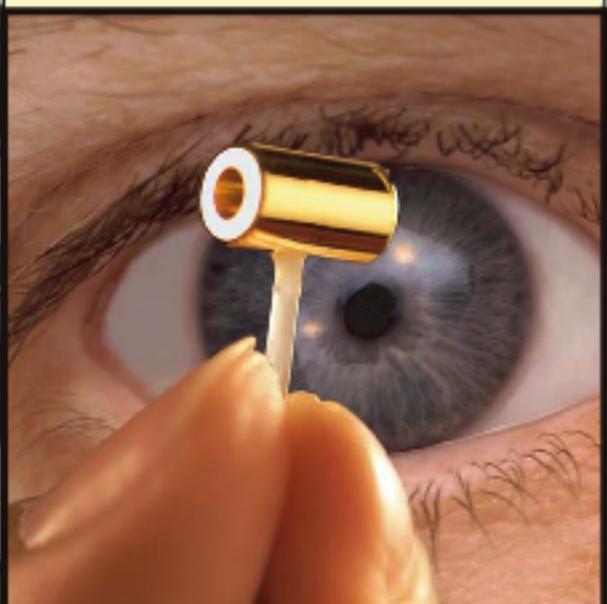
Thin shell implosions can reach the 200-400 km/sec needed for ICF

$$\int P_{drive} dV = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \quad m \sim 4\pi R^2 \rho \delta R$$

$$P_{drive} R^3 \sim R^2 \rho \delta R v^2 \Rightarrow v^2 \sim \frac{P_{drive}}{\rho} \frac{R}{\delta R}$$



NIF concentrates all the energy in a football stadium-sized facility into a mm³



Laser Specifications

192 Laser Beams

Energy \Rightarrow 1.8 MJ

Power \Rightarrow 750 TW





Cardinal

GOLDEN BEARS

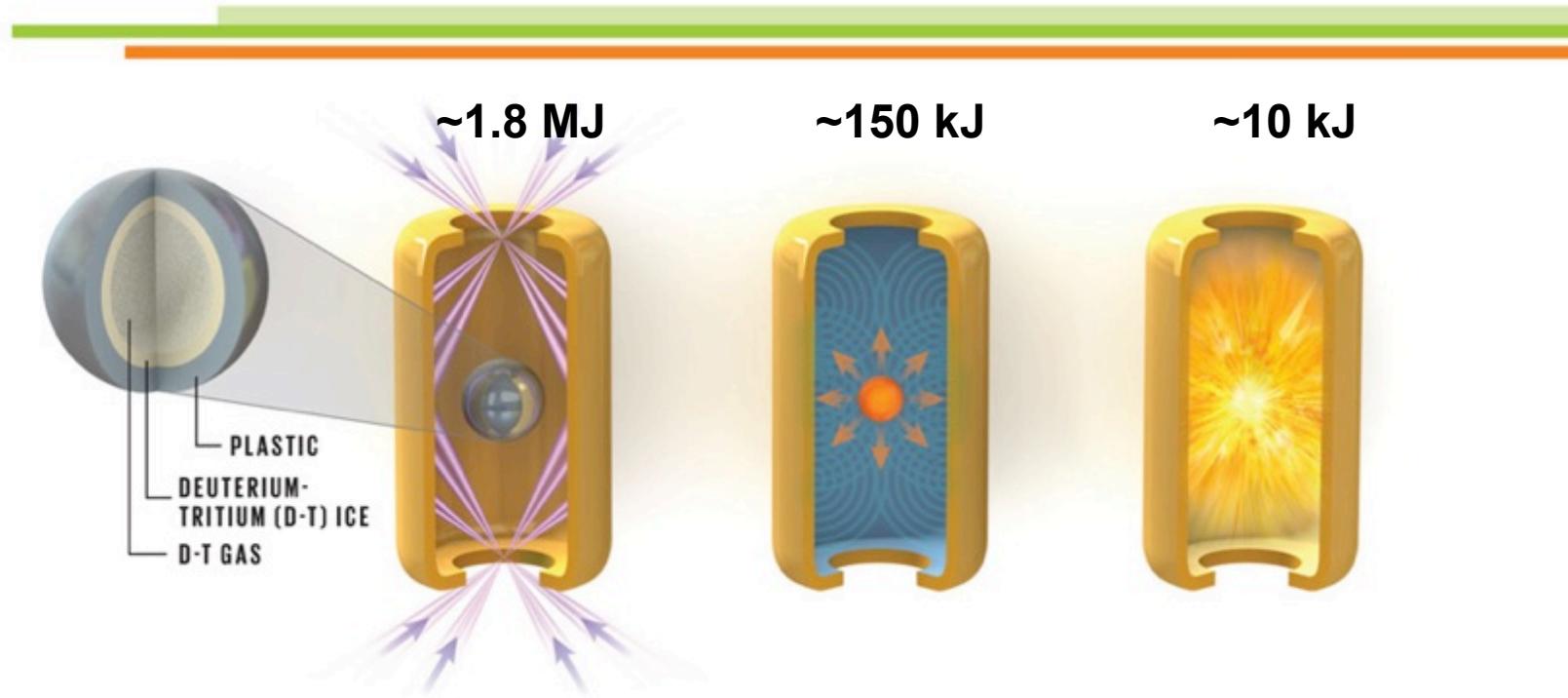
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The NIF has focused on the indirect or x-ray driven approach to inertial confinement fusion



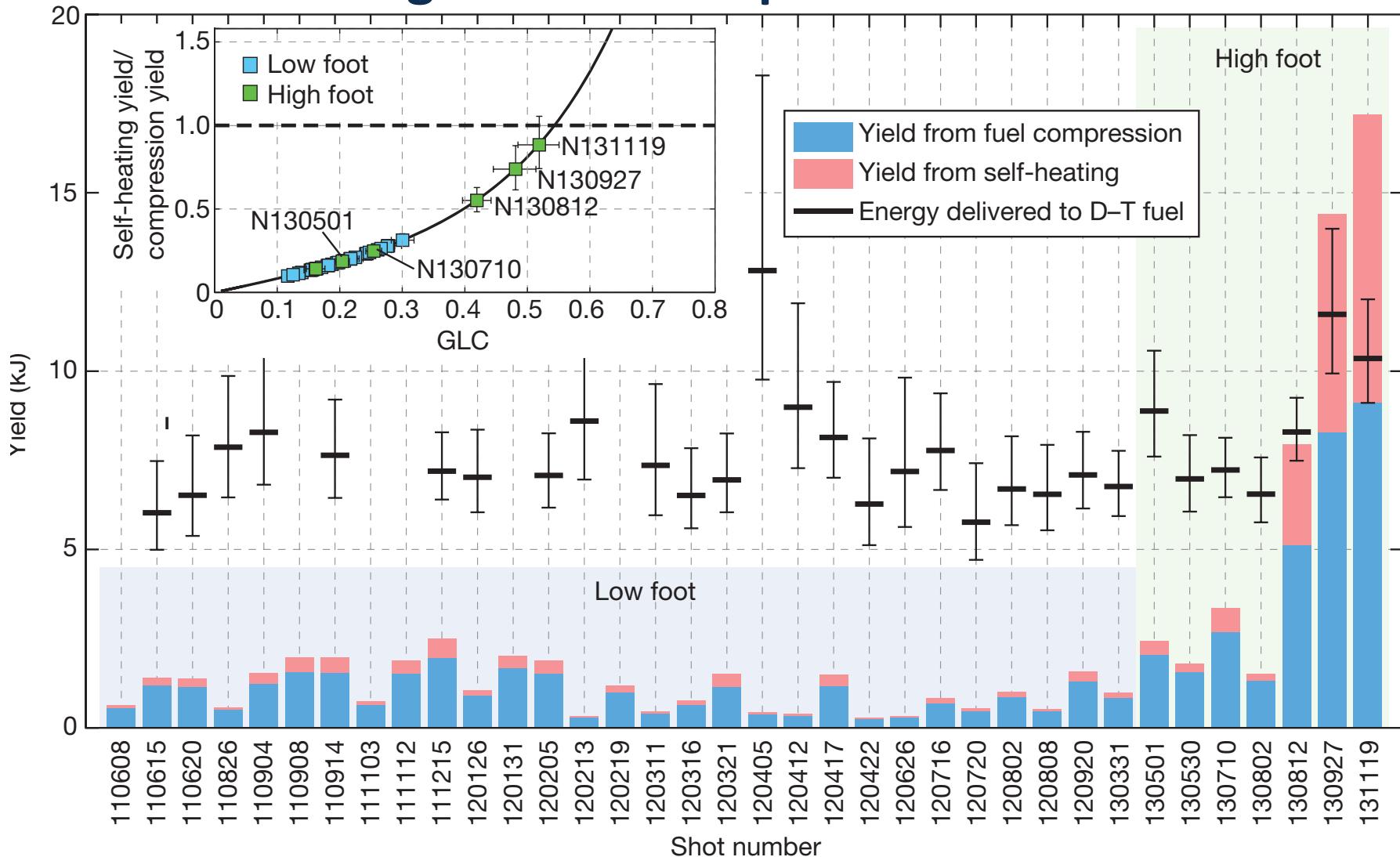
The Path to Ignition

1. Laser light enters both ends of the hohlraum, striking and heating the inner surface.

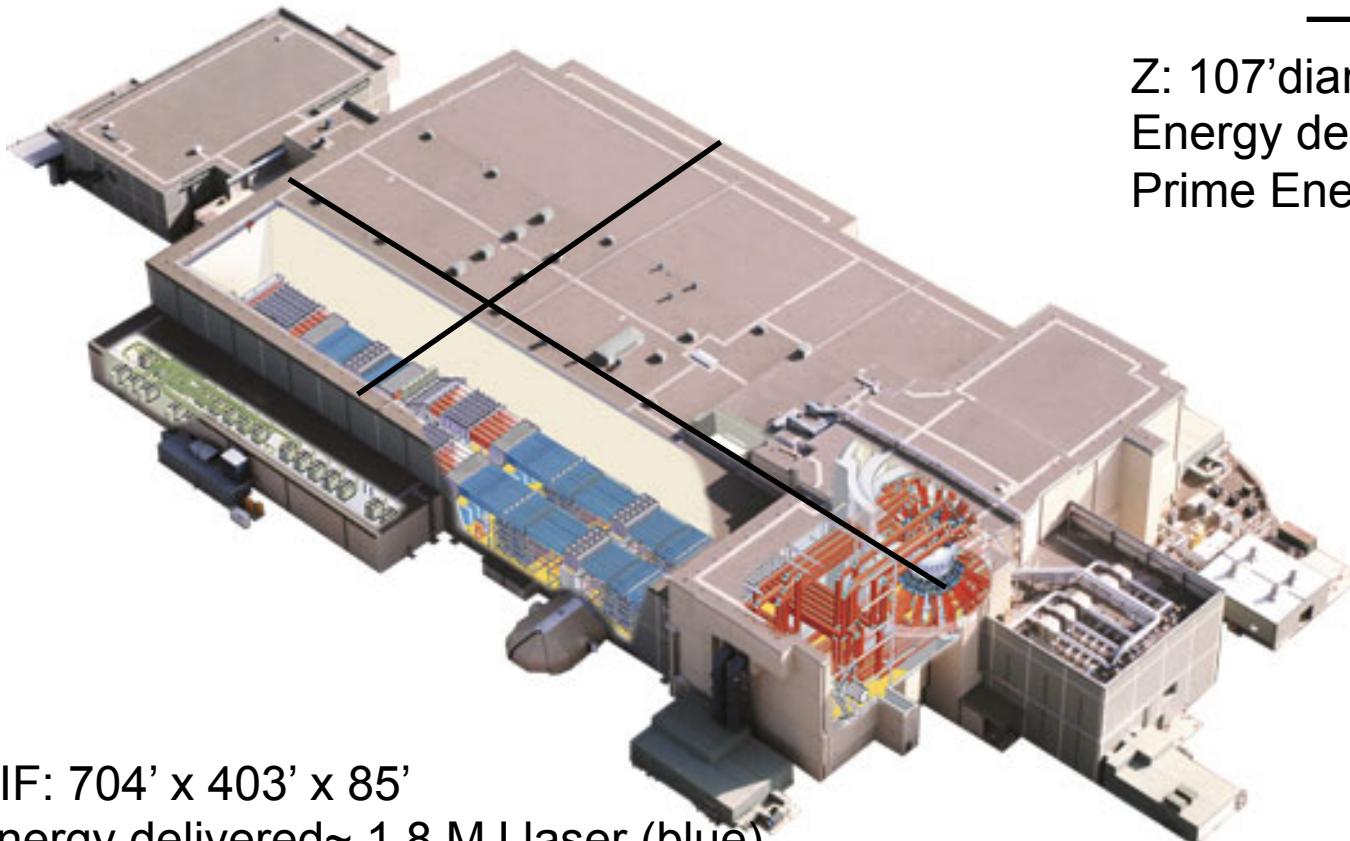
2. The resulting X-rays propagate toward the center, where they heat and blast away the outer part of the target.

3. In reaction, the remainder of the target accelerates inward and begins to fuse.

Recent results from NIF are exciting, they obtained more energy from fusion than was invested in the fusion fuel but ignition will require 100x increase*



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



NIF: 704' x 403' x 85'

Energy delivered~ 1.8 MJ laser (blue)

Prime Energy ~ 370 MJ



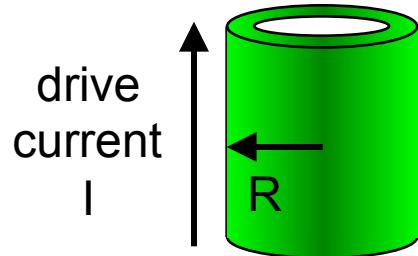
Z: 107'diam x 20' high
Energy delivered ~3 MJ
Prime Energy ~ 22 MJ

Of course, high energy lasers have tremendous control over where and when energy is delivered.

Magnetically driven implosions can efficiently couple energy at high drive pressure

Magnetically-Driven Implosion

$$P = \frac{B^2}{8\pi} = 105 \left(\frac{I_{MA}/26}{R_{mm}} \right)^2 \text{ MBar}$$



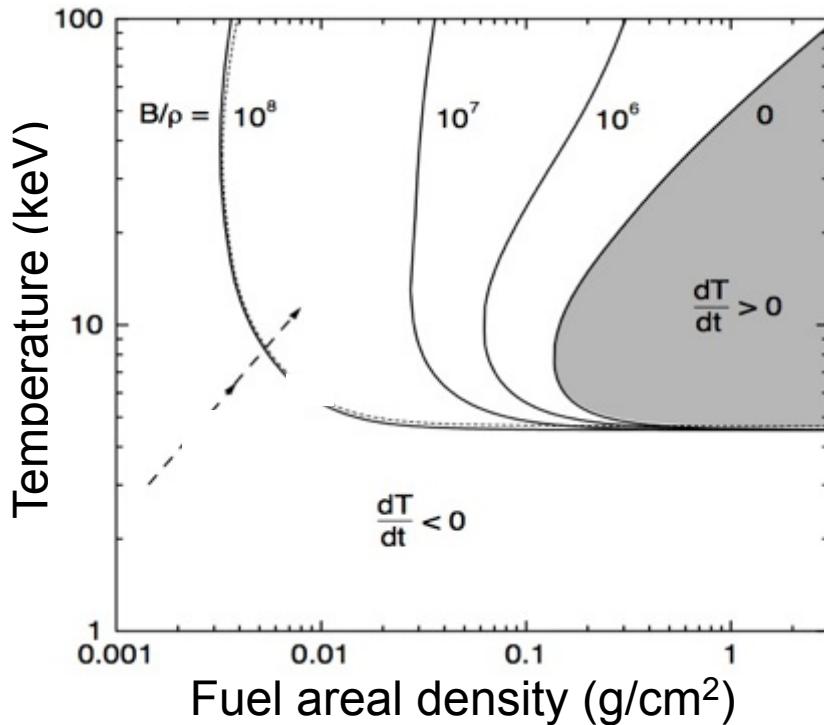
100 MBar at 26 MA and 1 mm

- Magnetic drive can reach very high drive pressures if current reaches small radius
- Magnetic drive is very efficient at coupling energy to the load (no energy wasted on ablation)
- 100 MBar is comparable to drive pressure on a NIF capsule

- However cylindrical implosions do not achieve the same compression that spherical implosions do
- Cylindrical shells must be thick to avoid disruption by instabilities
- Thick shells are slow, meaning they won't obtain high pressures at stagnation

A large, embedded magnetic field significantly expands the space for fusion self heating

*Basko et al. *Nuc. Fusion* 40, 59 (2000)



The ρr needed for ignition can be significantly reduced by the presence of a strong magnetic field

- Inhibits electron conduction
- Enhances confinement of α particles

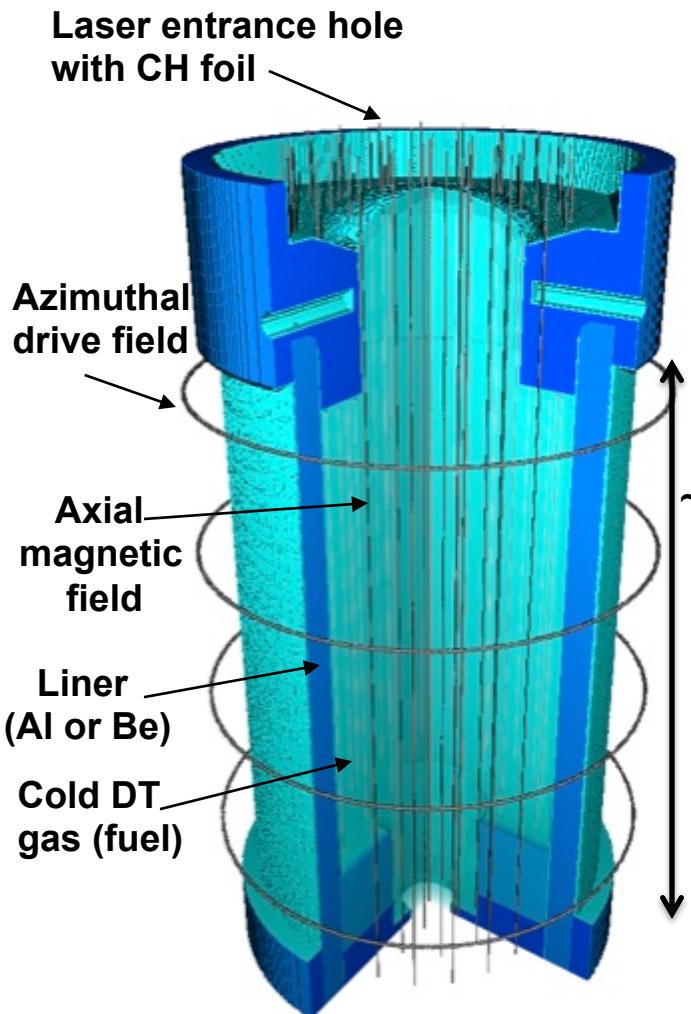
Lower ρr means low densities are needed (~ 1 g/cc $\ll 100$ g/cc)

Pressure required for ignition can be significantly reduced to ~ 5 Gbar ($\ll 500$ Gbar for hotspot ignition)

Large values of B/ρ are needed and therefore large values of B are needed.

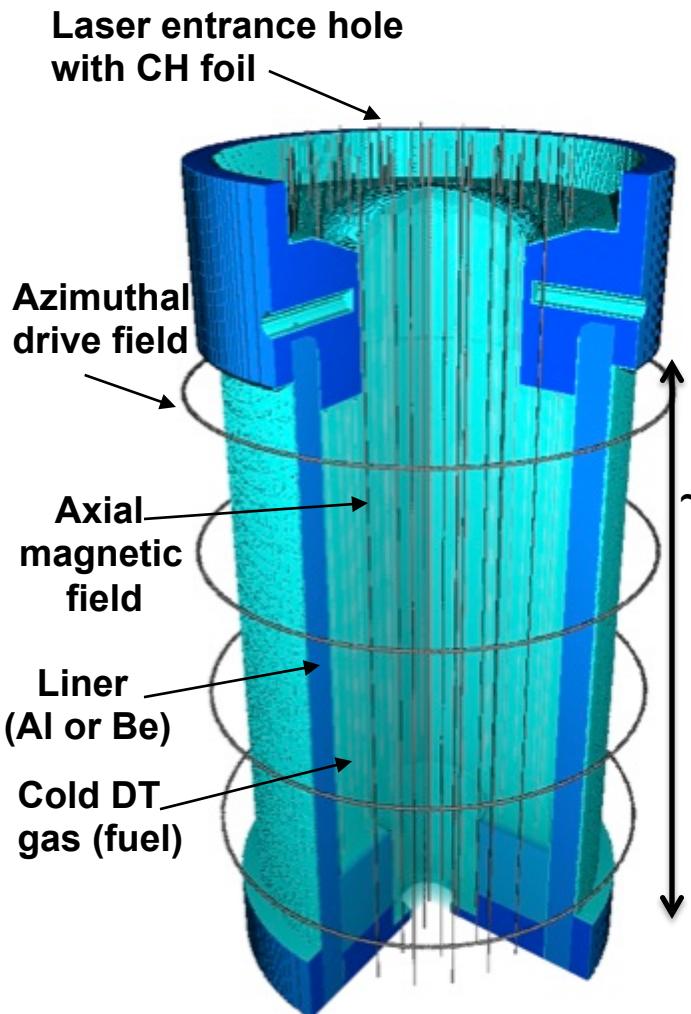
$B \sim 50\text{-}150$ Megagauss $\gg B_0$ \rightarrow flux compression is needed

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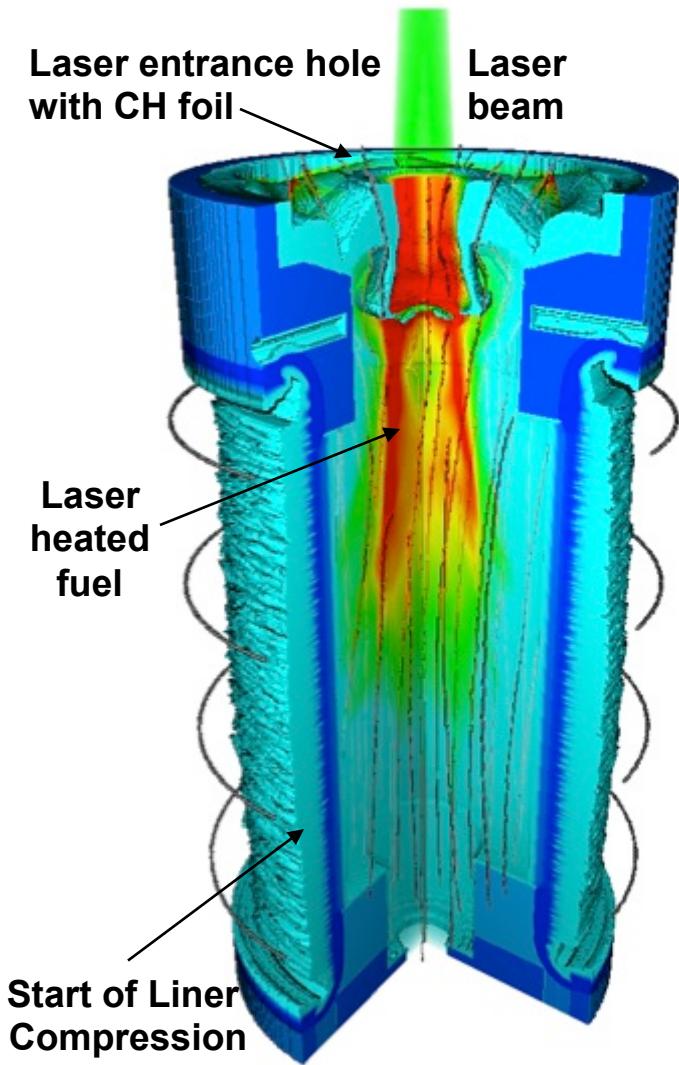
- An initial 30 T axial magnetic field is applied
 - Inhibits thermal conduction losses
 - May help stabilize implosion at late times
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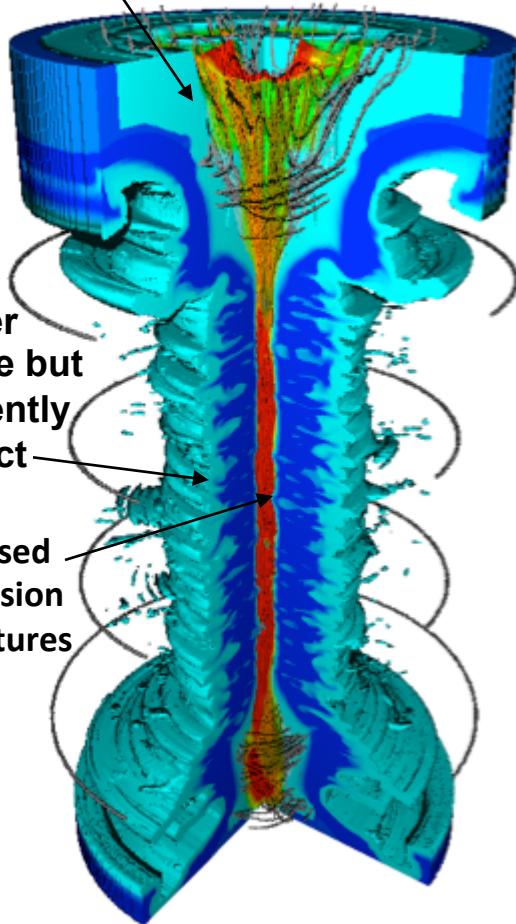
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We are evaluating a **Magnetized Liner Inertial Fusion (MagLIF)*** concept that may reduce fusion requirements

Axial field compressed by implosion



- An initial 30 T axial magnetic field is applied
 - Inhibits thermal conduction losses
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Simple scalings for a cylindrical implosion apply

Let $\frac{R_0}{R_f} \equiv CR$ then for high magnetic Reynolds number



$$B_{zf} R_f^2 \sim B_{z0} R_0^2 \Rightarrow B_{zf} \sim CR^2 B_{z0} \text{ Implies convergences of } \sim 20-30 \text{ for desired B's}$$

For an implosion slow compared to the sound speed in the preheated gas (but fast enough that radiative losses are negligible) :

$$T \sim T_0 \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{2/3} \sim T_0 CR^{4/3} \text{ Implies } T_0 \text{ of a few hundred eV for fusion temperatures}$$

Axial α -trapping with open field lines requires $\rho \Delta z > 0.5 g/cm^2$

Implies a final density of $\sim 1 g/cc$

Simulations indicate interesting conditions may be possible on Z with DT fuel

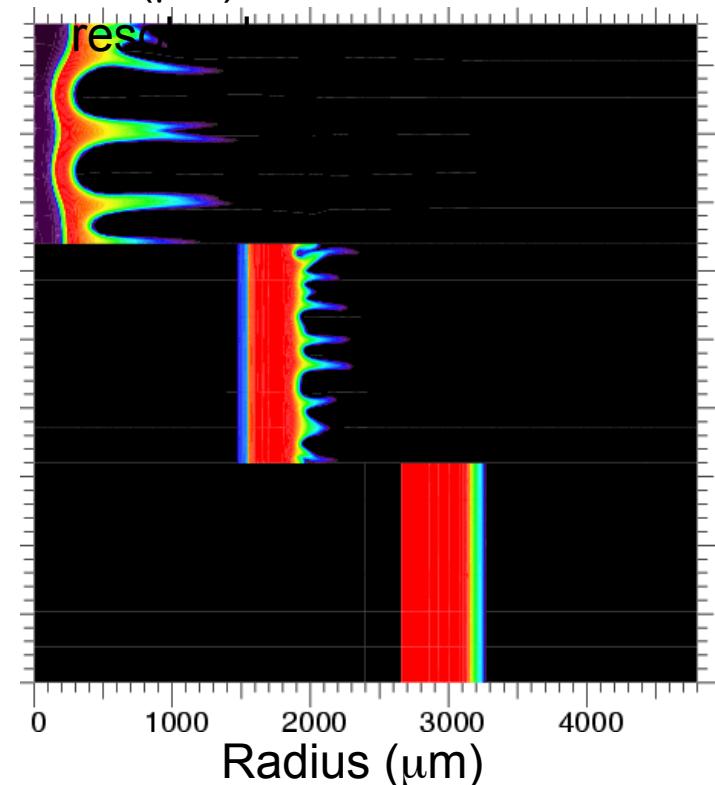
INITIAL CONDITIONS

Peak Current: 27 MA
 Be Liner R0: 2.7 mm
 Liner height: 5 mm
 Aspect ratio (R0/ΔR): 6
 Initial gas fuel density: 3 mg/cc
 Initial B-field: 30 T
 Preheat Temperature: 250 eV

FINAL CONDITIONS

Energy in Fusion Fuel ~200 kJ
 Target Yield: 500 kJ
 Convergence ratio (R0/Rf): 23
 Final on-axis fuel density: 0.5 g/cc
 Peak avg. ion temperature: 8 keV
 Final peak B-field: 13500 T
 Peak pressure: 3 Gbar

60 nm surface roughness,
80 (μm) waves are



2D yield for a DT target ~ 350 kJ (70% of 1D)

The MagLIF plasmas transitions through interesting regimes

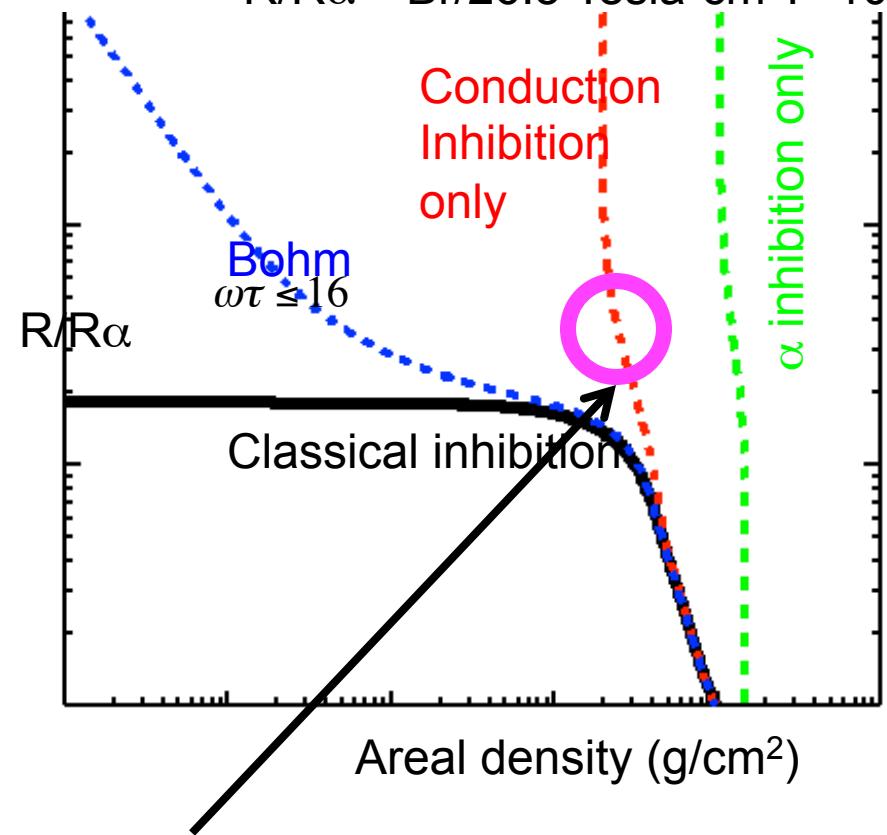
	$n, 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$T(\text{keV})$	$B(\text{MG})$	$a(\text{mm})$	$L(\text{mm})$	$\rho_i(\mu\text{m})$	$\lambda(\mu\text{m})$	$W(\text{kJ})$
T preheat	0.3	0.3	0.3	3	6	132	9	7.34
T stagnation	120	8	130	0.12	6	1.57	16	125

	$\frac{a}{\rho_i}$	$\frac{a}{\lambda}$	β	$\frac{L}{a}$
T preheat	22.7	333	80.5	2
T stagnation	76.4	7.50	4.57	50

There are a number of interesting plasma physics questions raised by MagLIF

Ignition is above the curves

$$R/R_\alpha = Br/26.5 \text{ Tesla-cm} \quad T=10 \text{ keV}$$

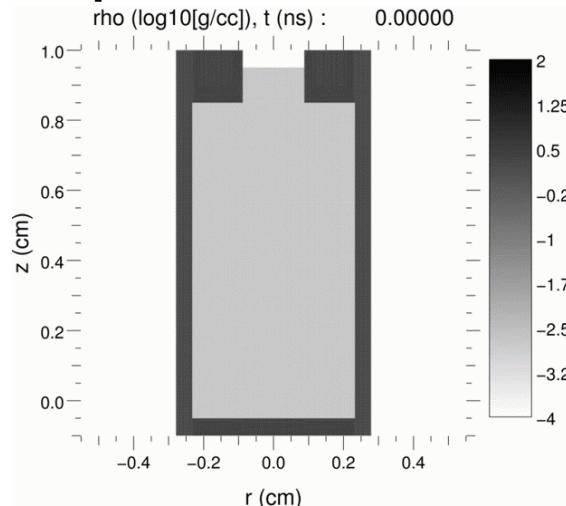


MagLIF regime

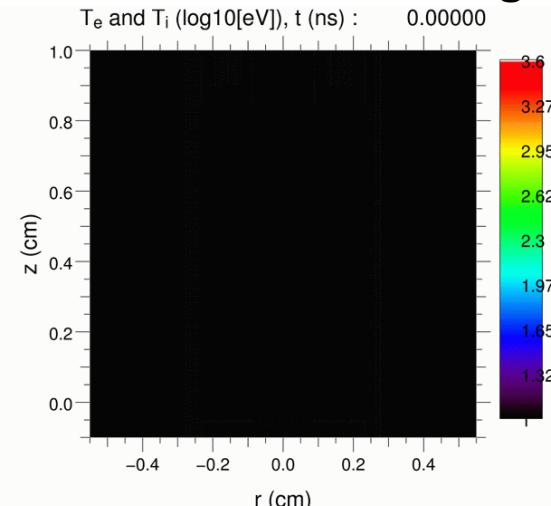
- What role might anomalous transport play in these plasmas?
- How will self generated magnetic fields ($\text{grad } n \times \text{grad } T$) compare to our preimposed magnetic field?
- How will flows of the very high beta plasma tangle the magnetic field lines and what effect will that have?
- Will plasma rotation play a significant role?
- How will laser heat the gas in the presence of a large magnetic field?

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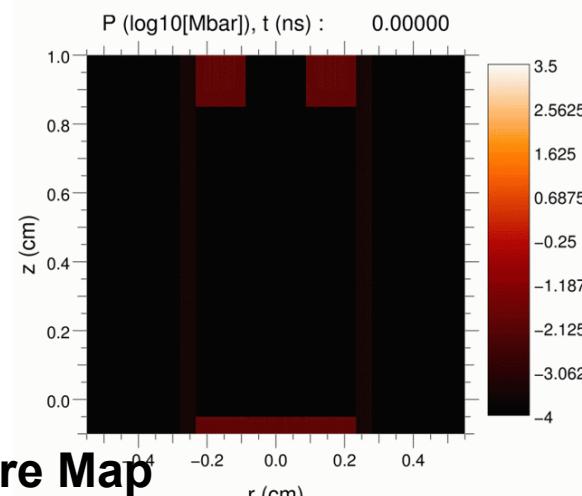
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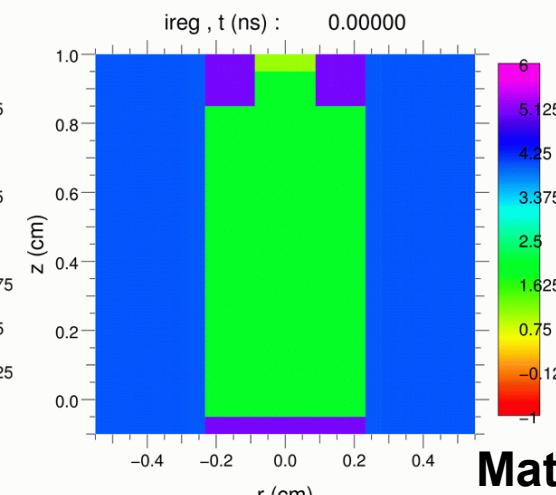
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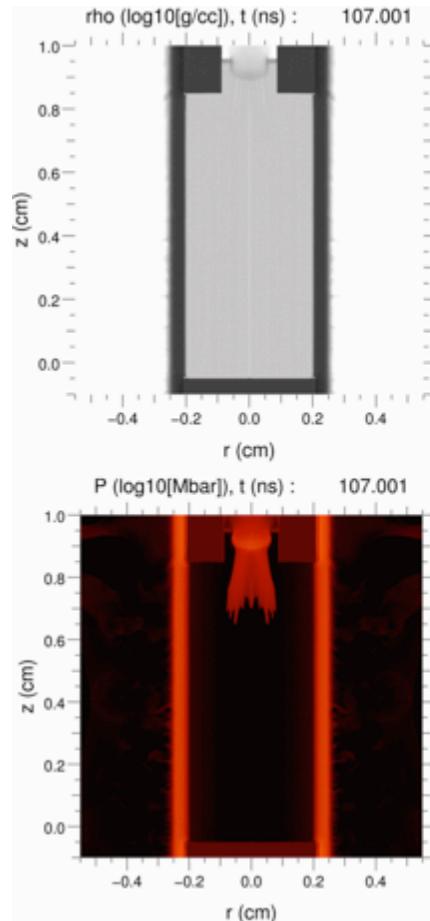


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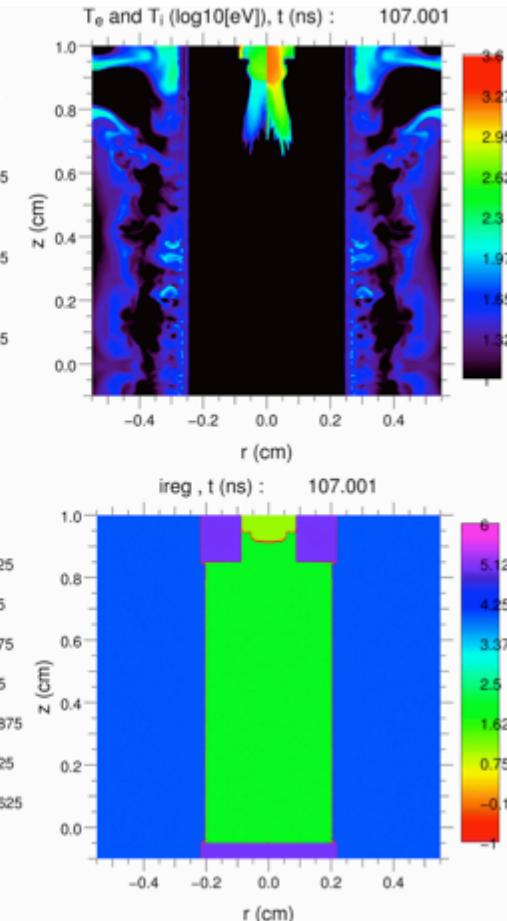


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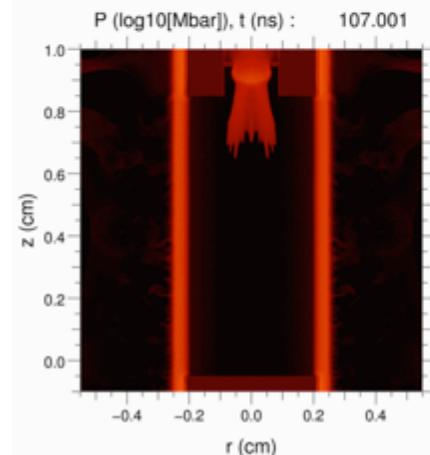
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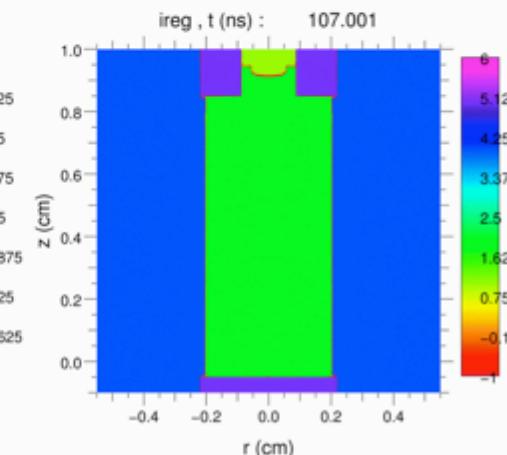
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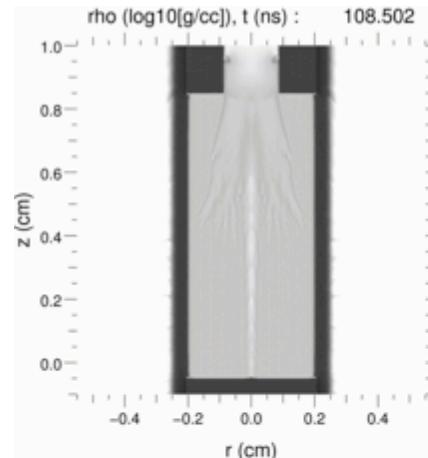


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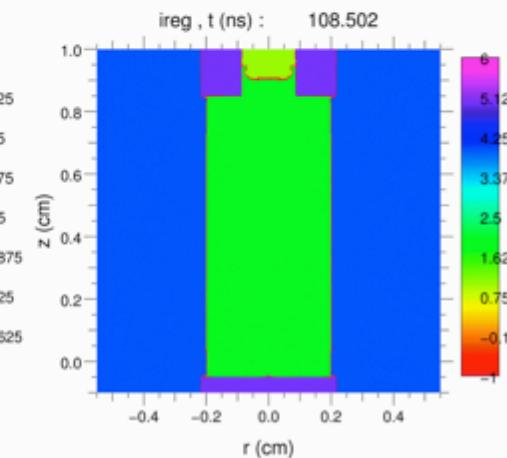
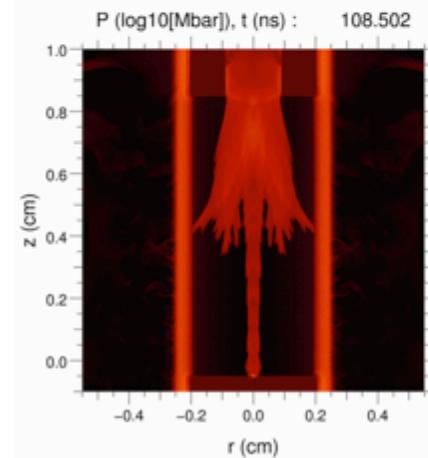
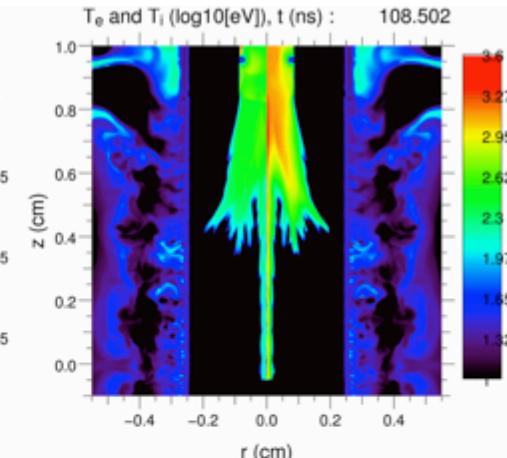


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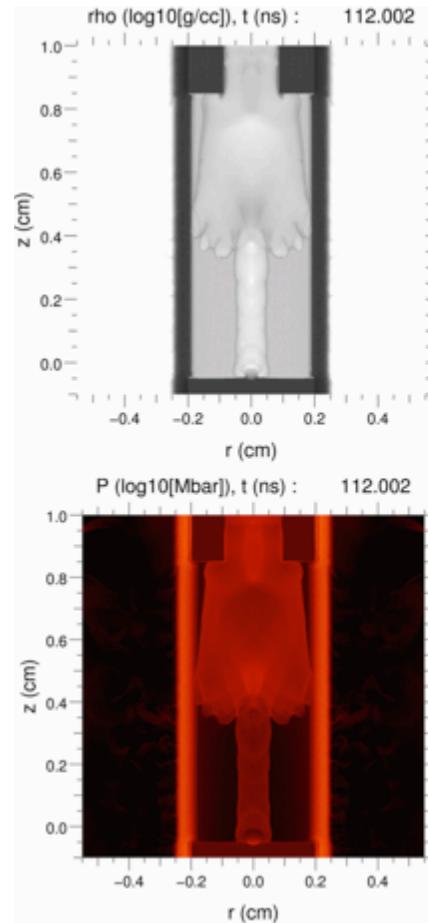


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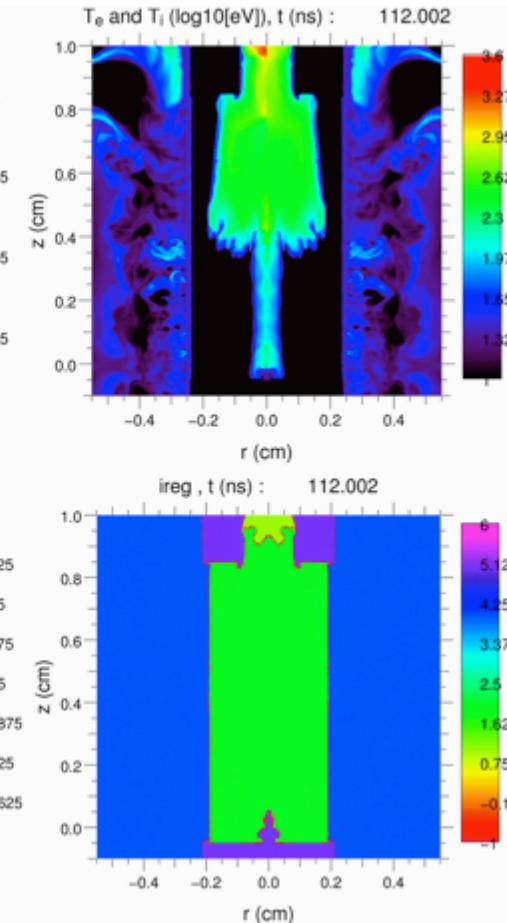
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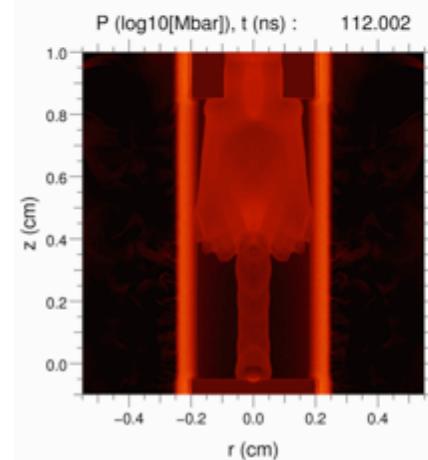
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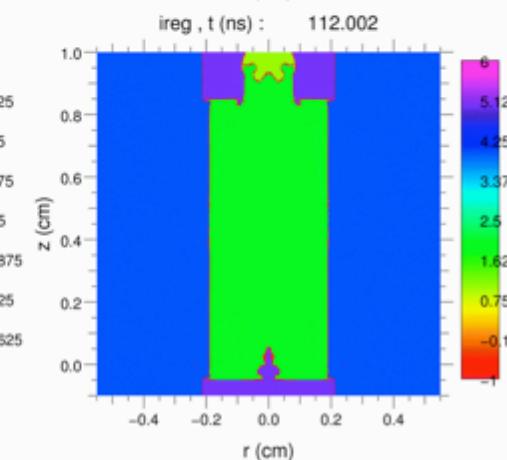
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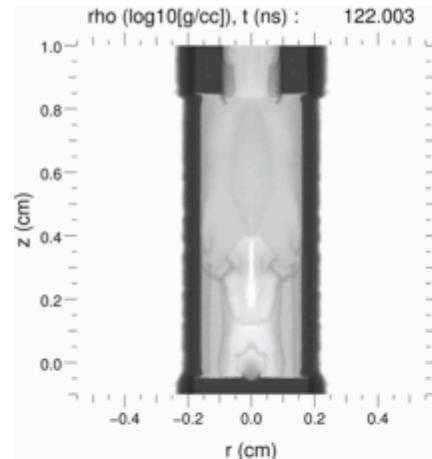


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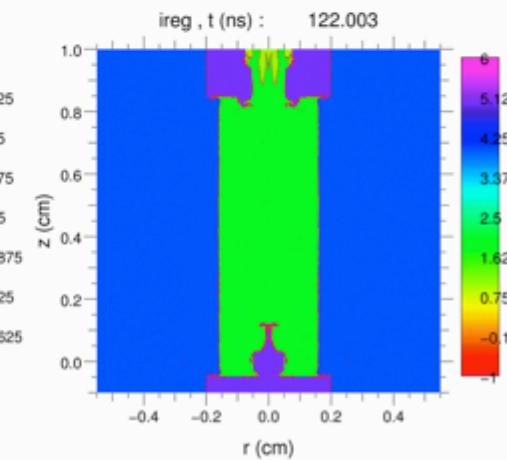
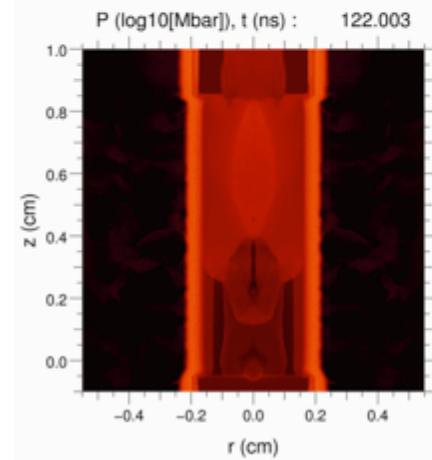
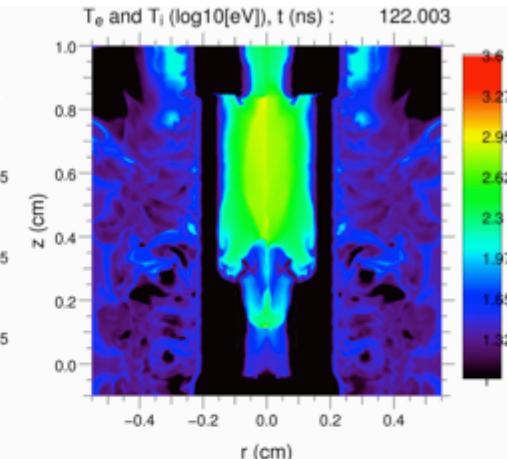


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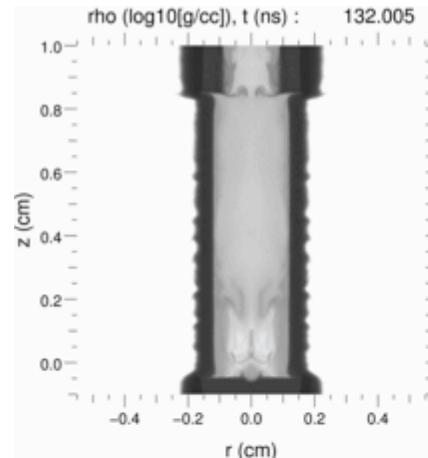


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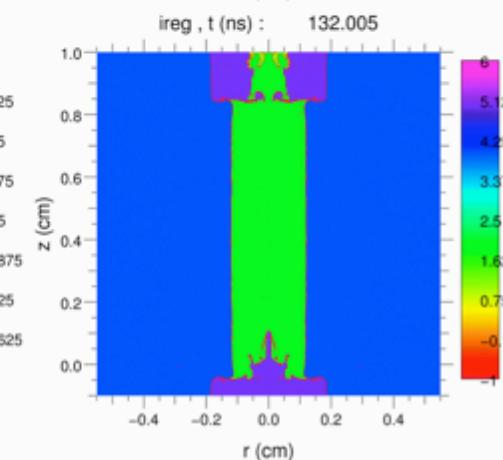
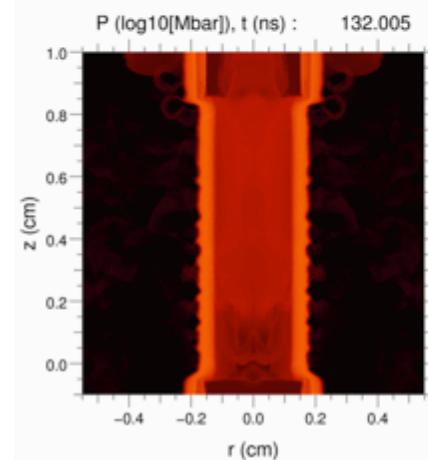
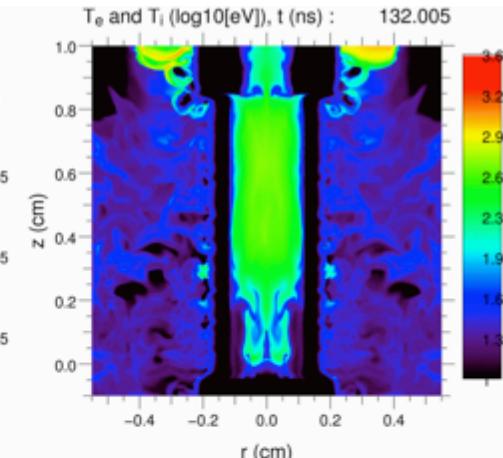
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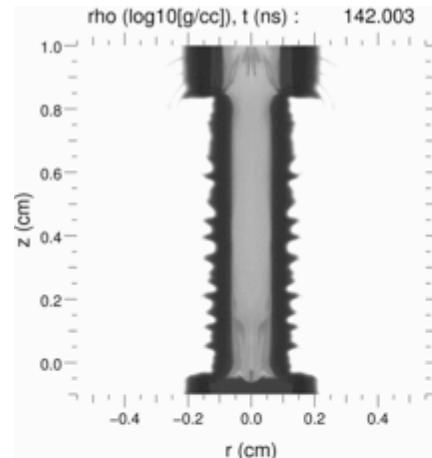


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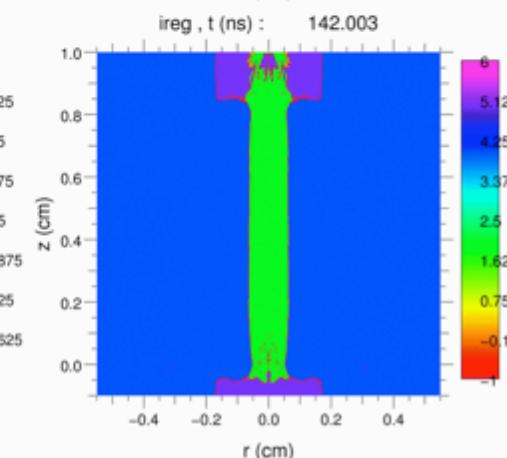
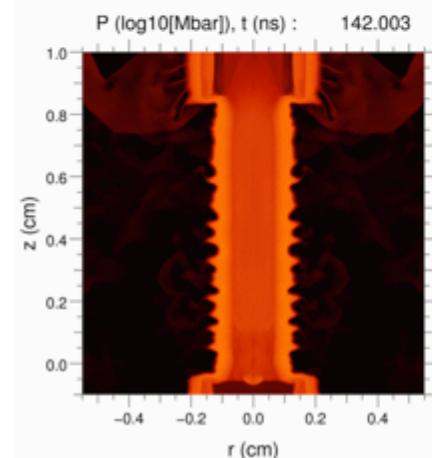
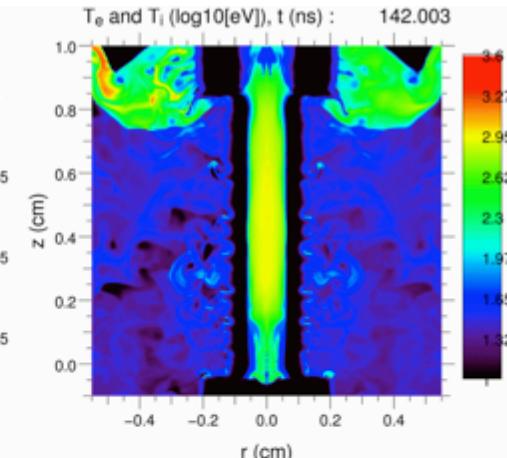
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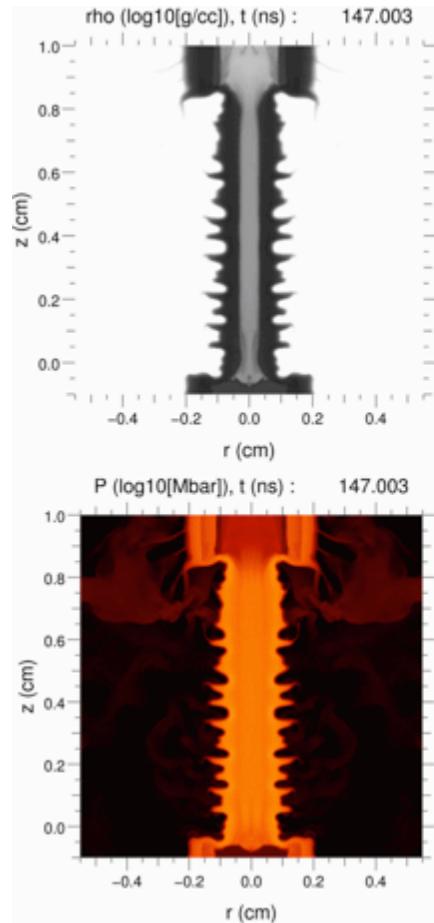


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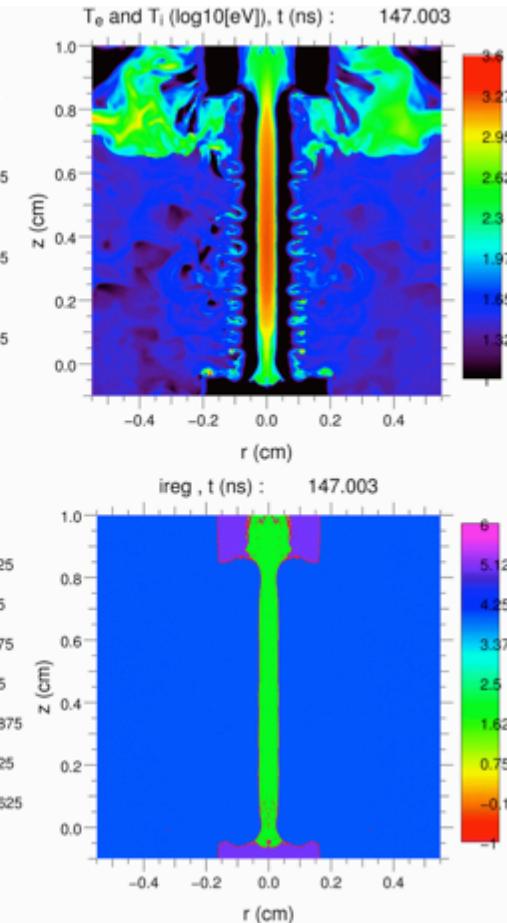
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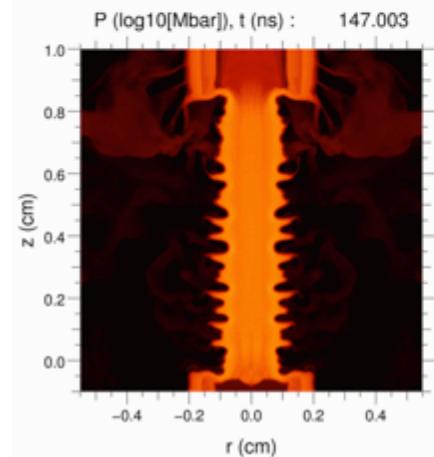
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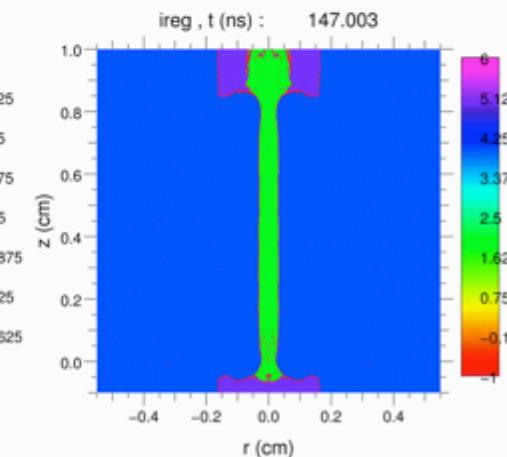
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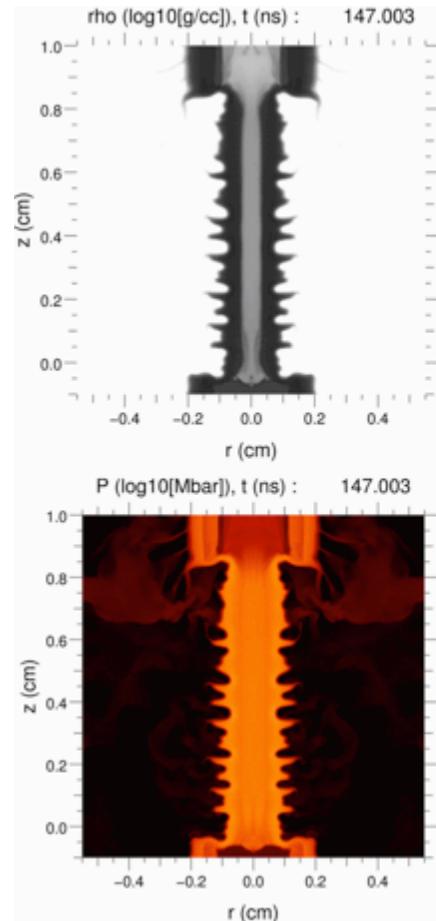


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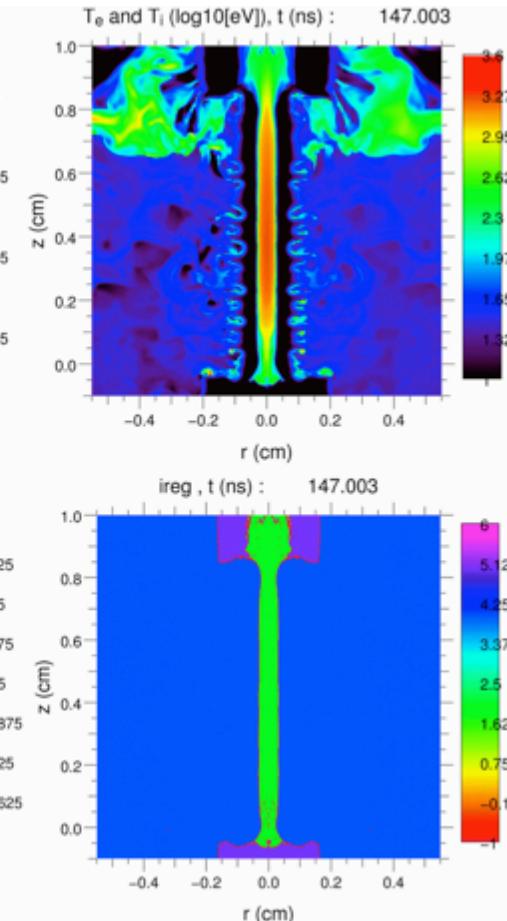


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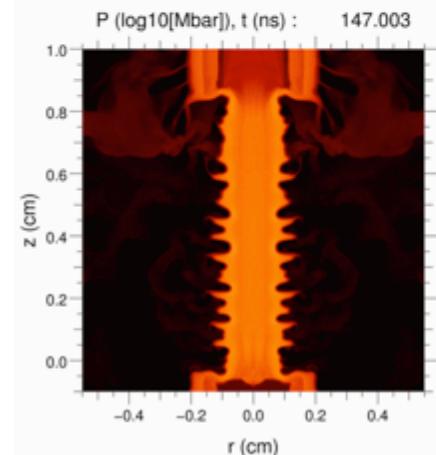
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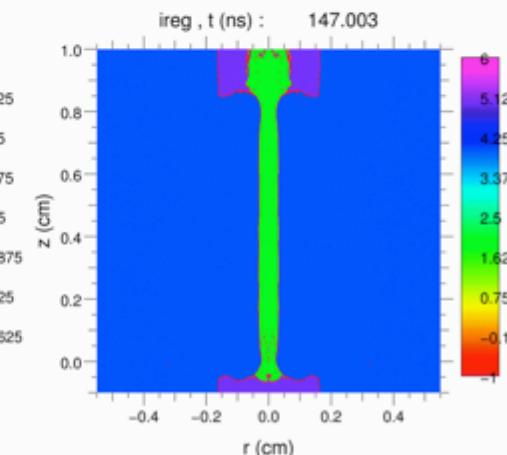
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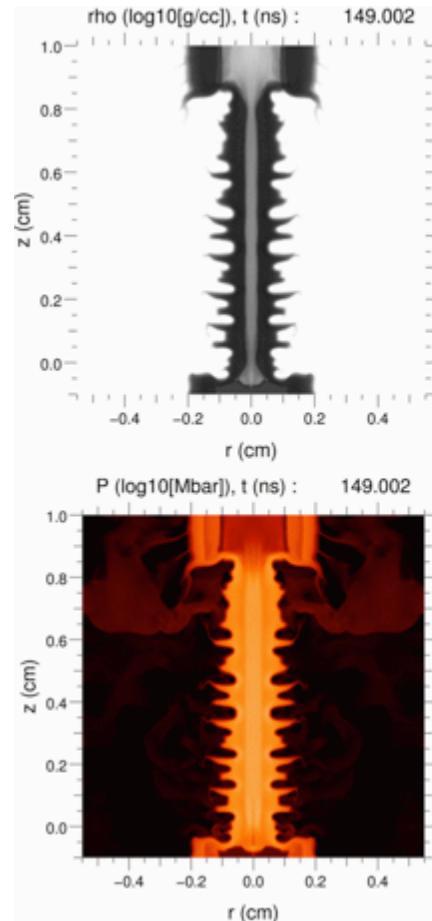


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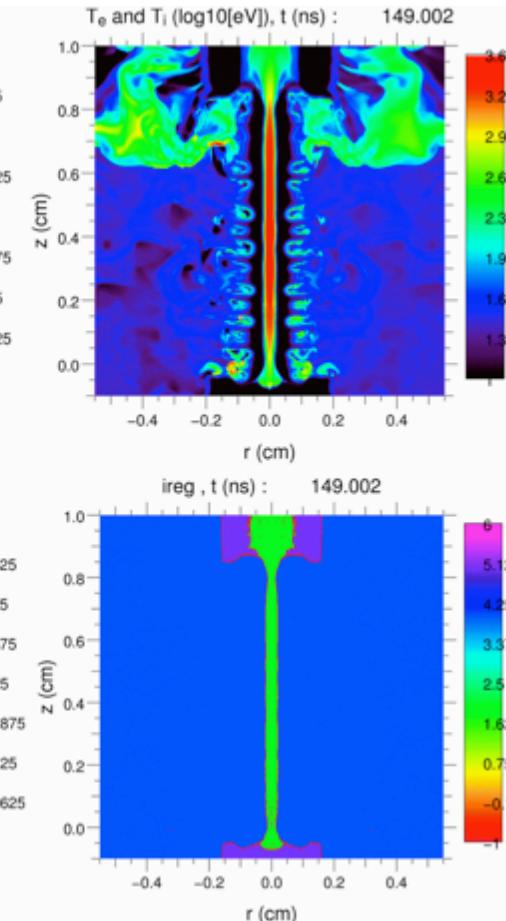


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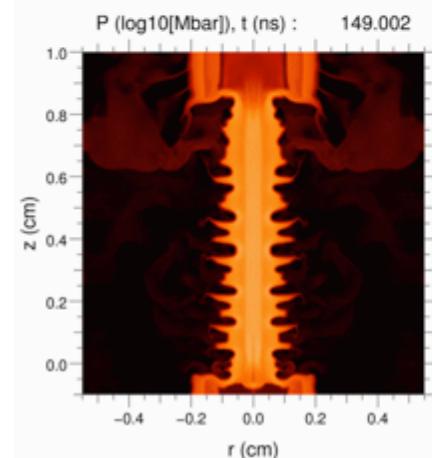
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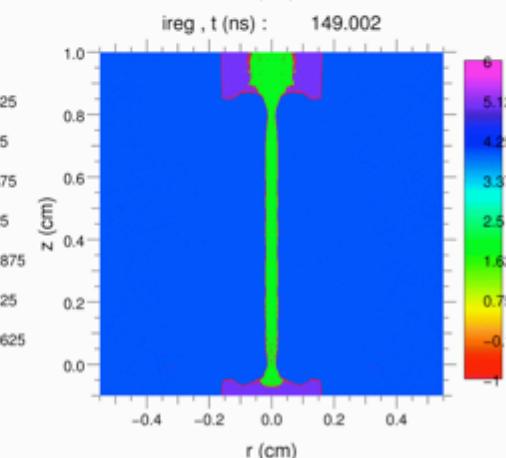
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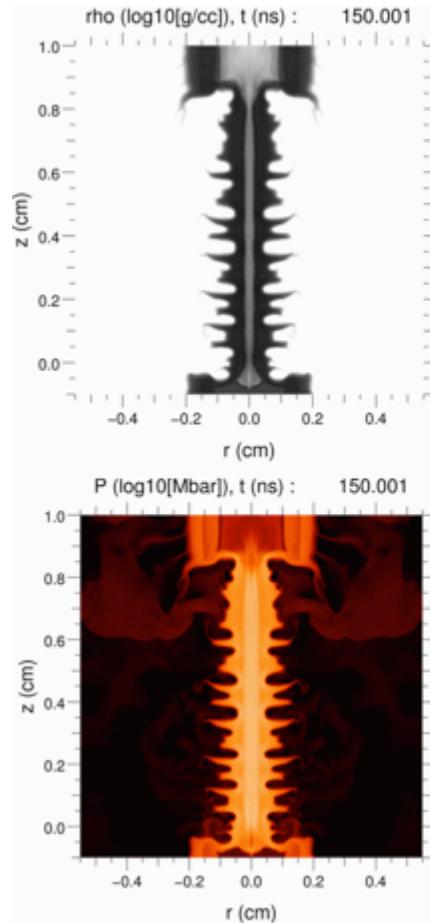


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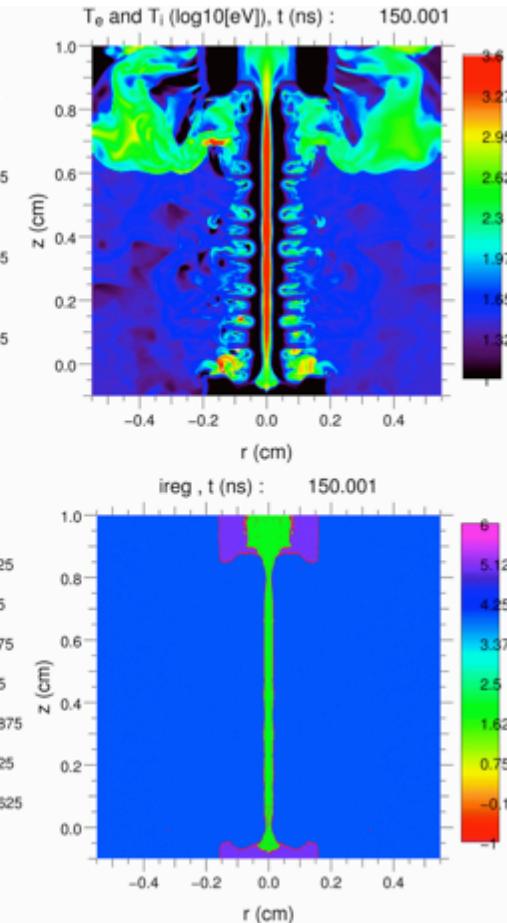


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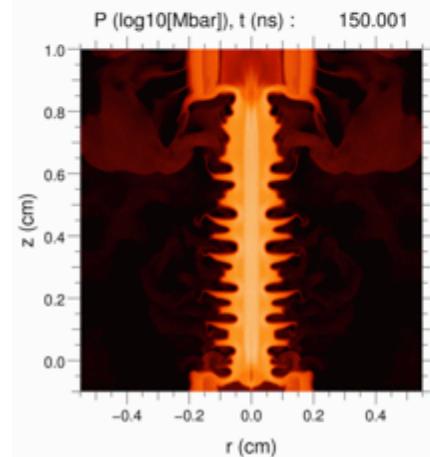
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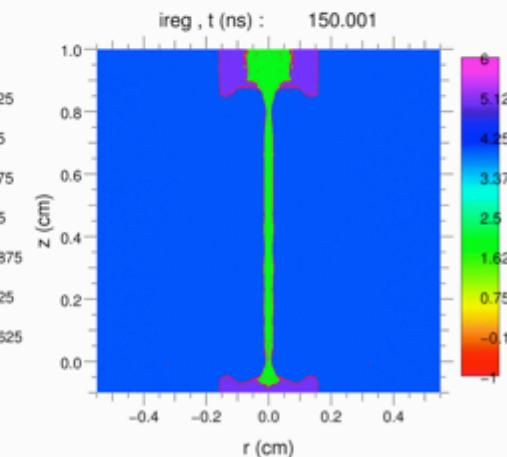
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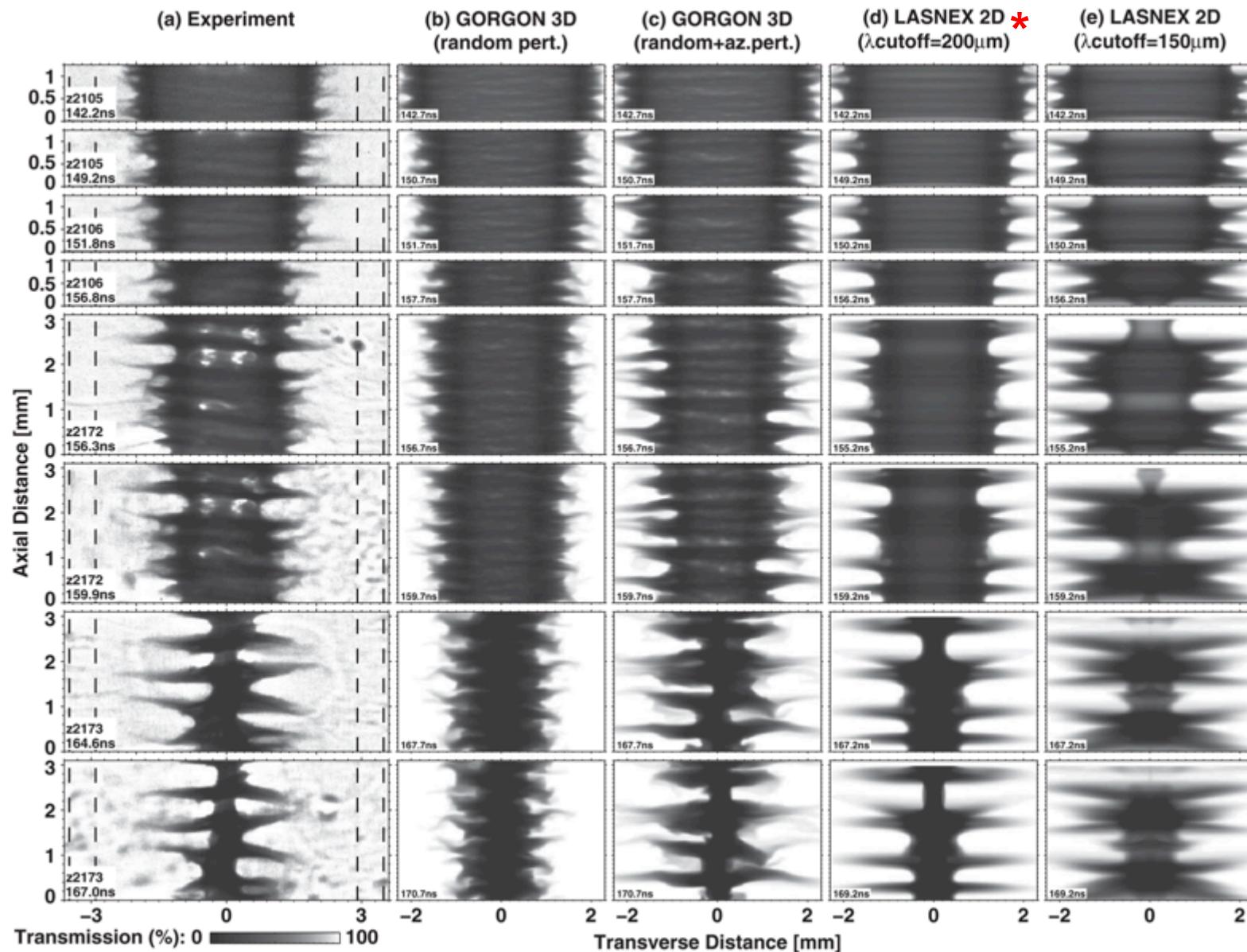
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Beryllium experiments show strong azimuthal correlation of the instability growth at late times, informing calculations

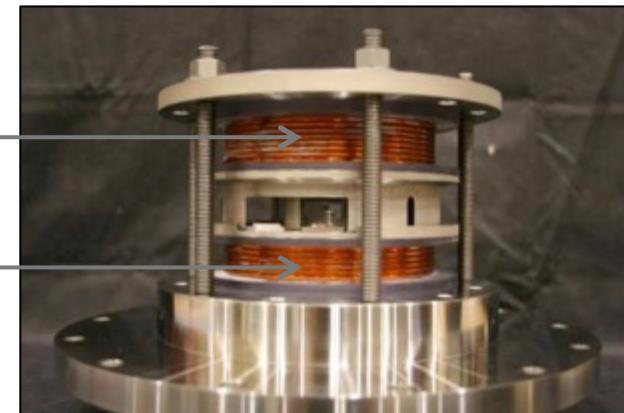


We have installed an 8 mF, 15 kV, 900 kJ capacitor bank on Z to drive 10-30 T axial fields over a several cm³ volume for MagLIF

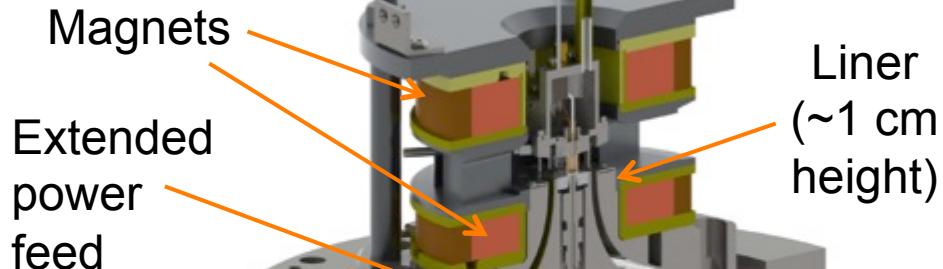
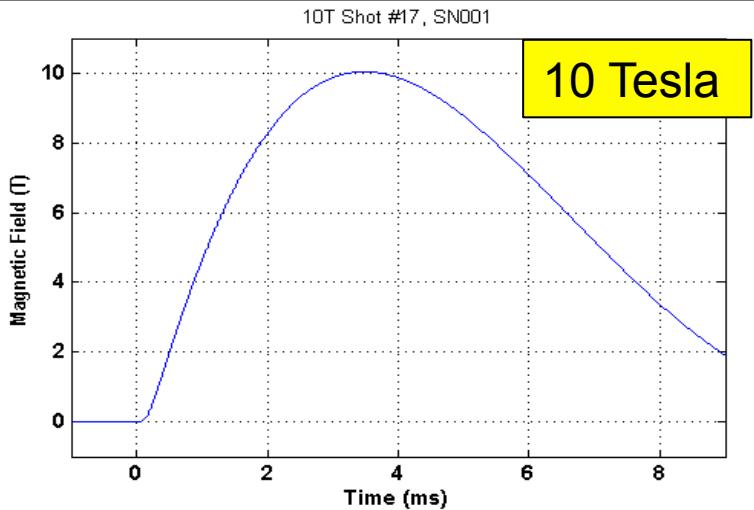
Capacitor bank system on Z
900 kJ, 8 mF, 15 kV



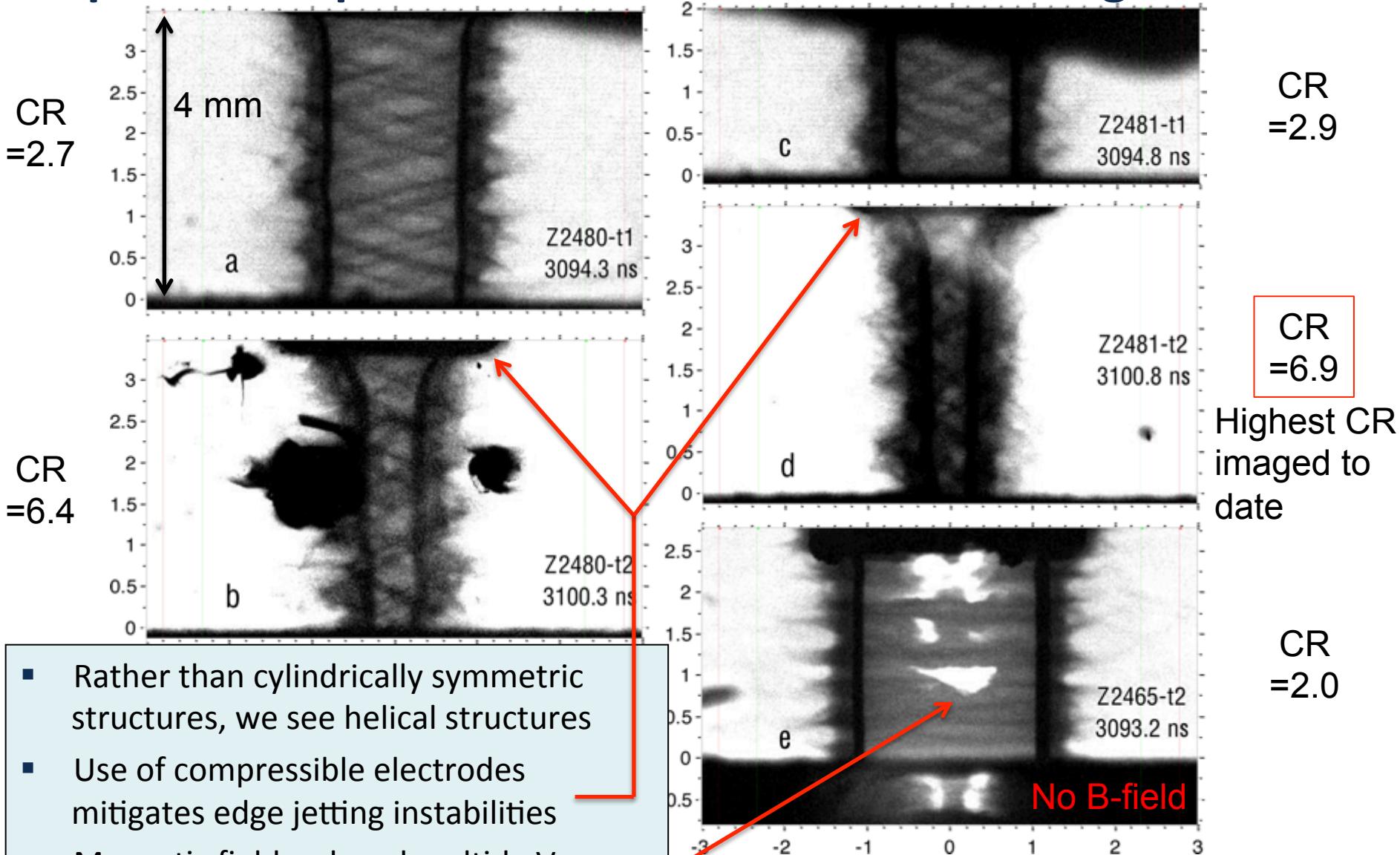
MagLIF assembly with coil



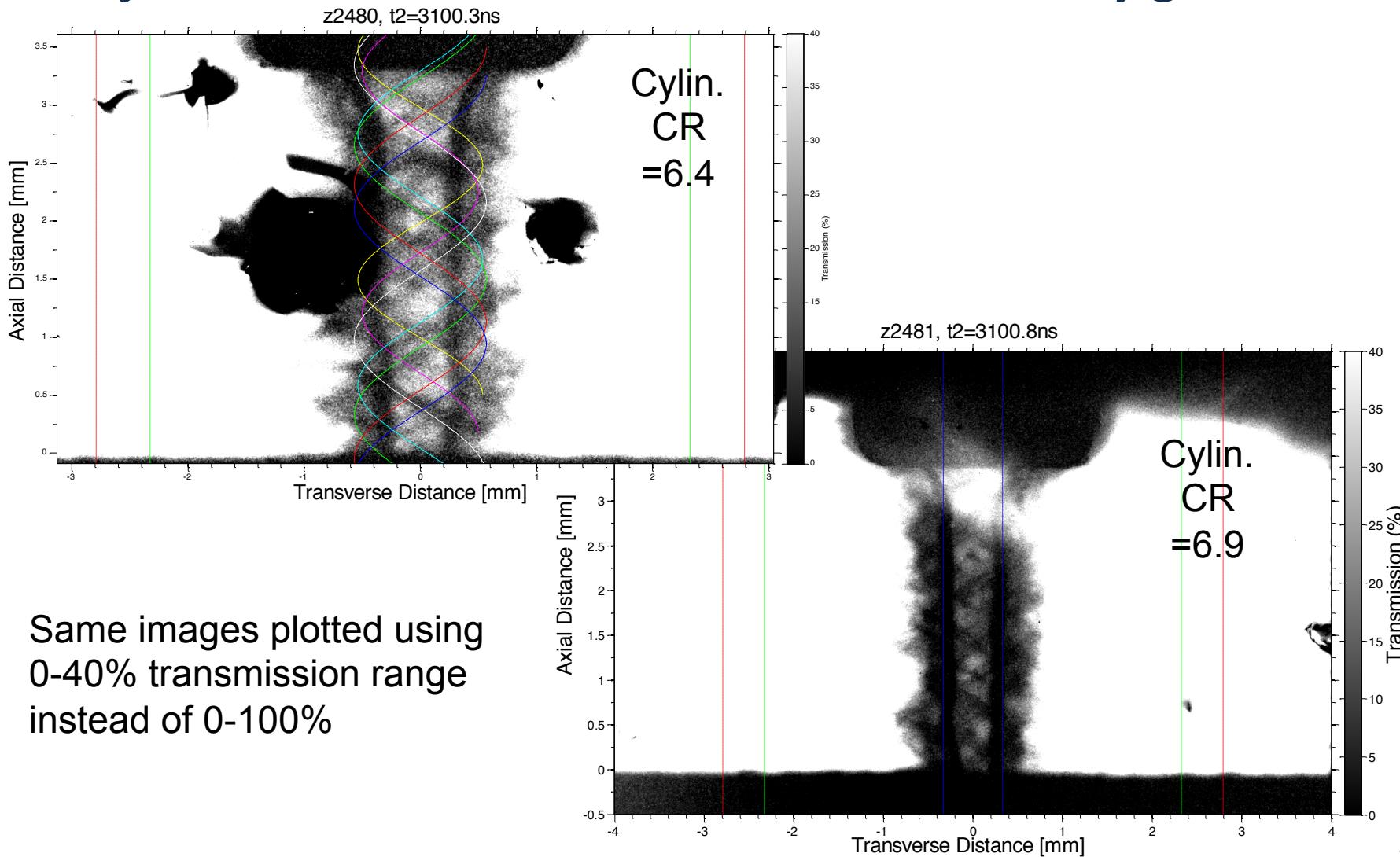
MagLIF on-axis magnetic field data



Our first axially-magnetized liner implosion experiments provided us with several new insights



Though the opacity of the converging liners is significant, it is possible to see the inner boundary adjacent to the fuel, which looks reasonably good

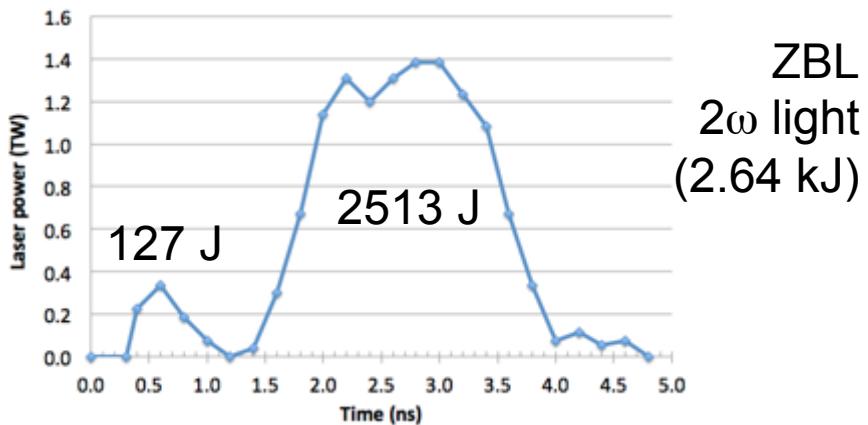


Same images plotted using
0-40% transmission range
instead of 0-100%

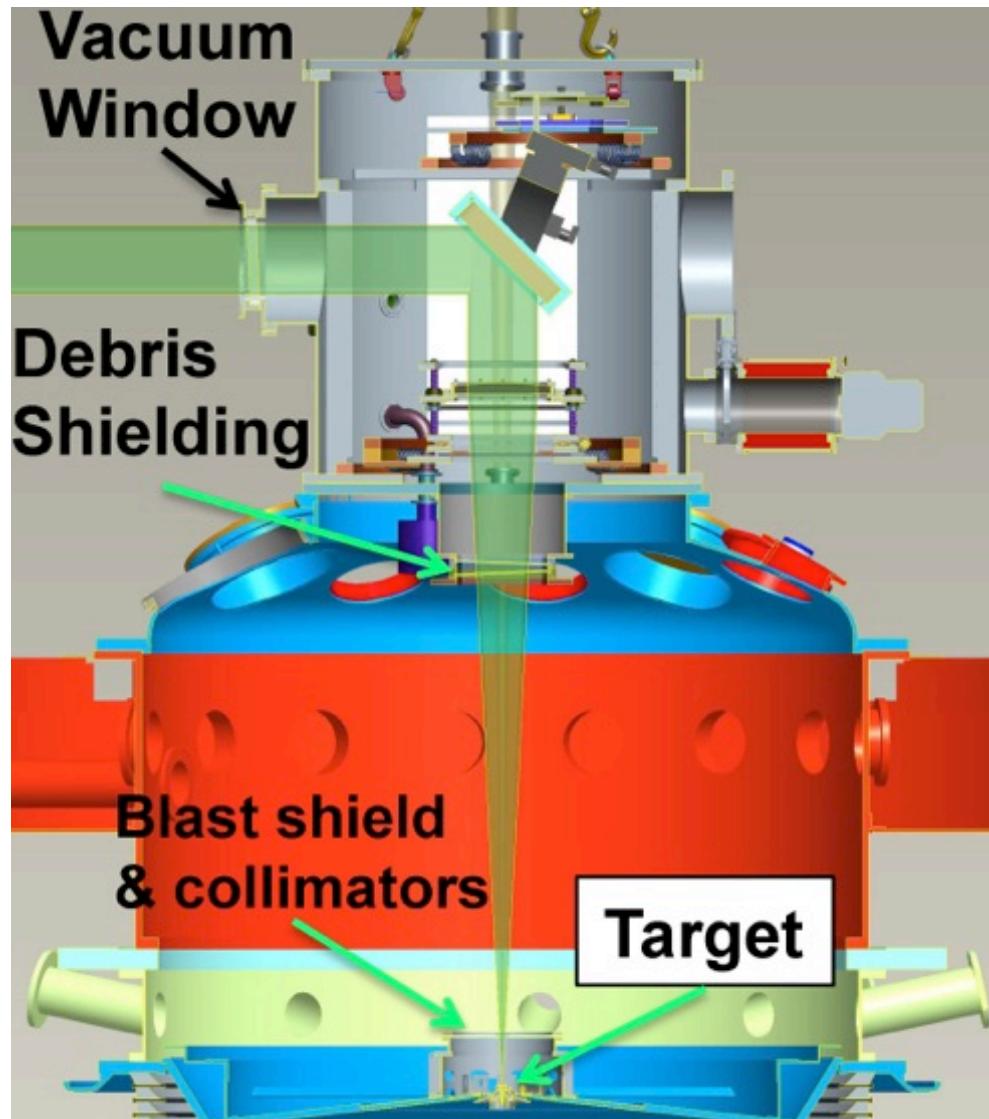
In August 2013 we commissioned a new vacuum final optics assembly to safely enable 2 kJ of laser preheating of fuel



Example pulse measurement

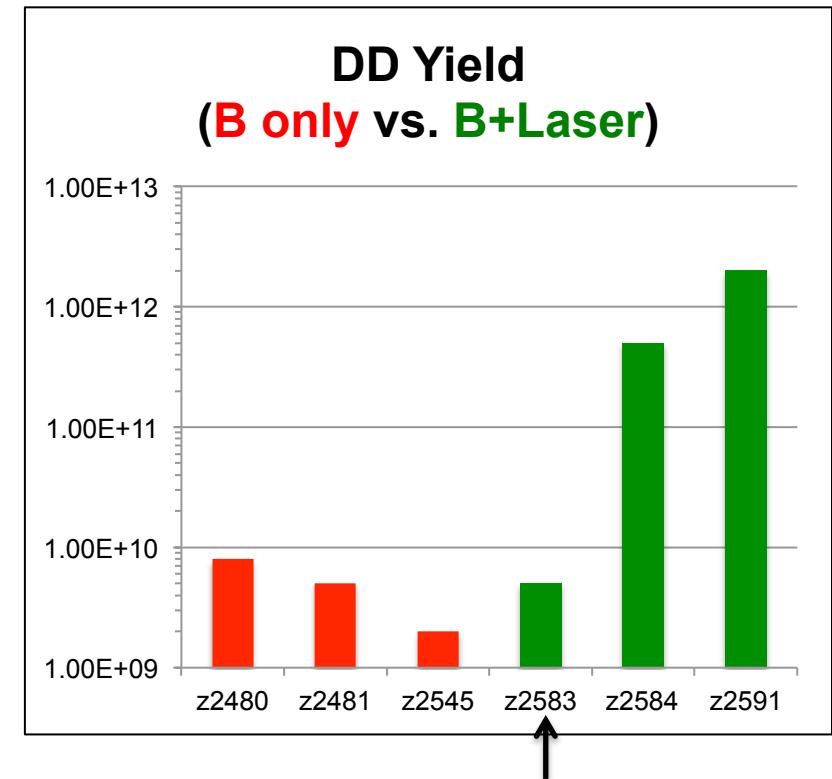


Prepulse vaporizes gas-containing foil; main pulse couples to DD fuel



Integrated shots on Z with both magnetization and preheat dramatically outperformed shots using the same target without both of these design elements

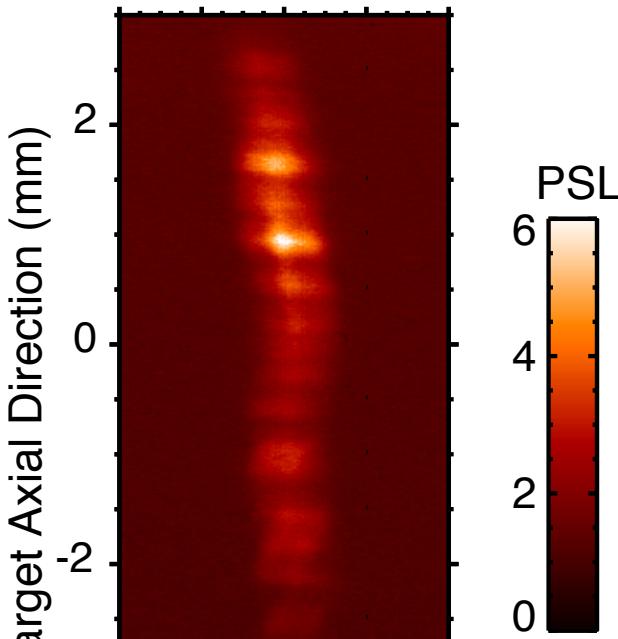
- Targets without magnetization or laser-heated fuel produced $<1\text{e}9$ DD yield (these shots included high-Z dopants that contributed to reduced yield)
- Targets that were magnetized but not laser-heated produced $\sim 5\text{e}9$ DD yield
- High yields were obtained in our first four tests using both magnetization and laser heating of the fuel
 - Z2584: $5\text{e}11$ DD (2.45 MeV) + $1.2\text{e}10$ DT (14 MeV) neutron yield
 - Z2591: $2\text{e}12$ DD (2.45 MeV) + $5.4\text{e}10$ DT (14 MeV) neutron yield



Z2583 result not fully understood. An additional shot (z2585) used fuel dopants for diagnostic purposes that were predicted to reduce the yield —it gave $2\text{e}9$ DD

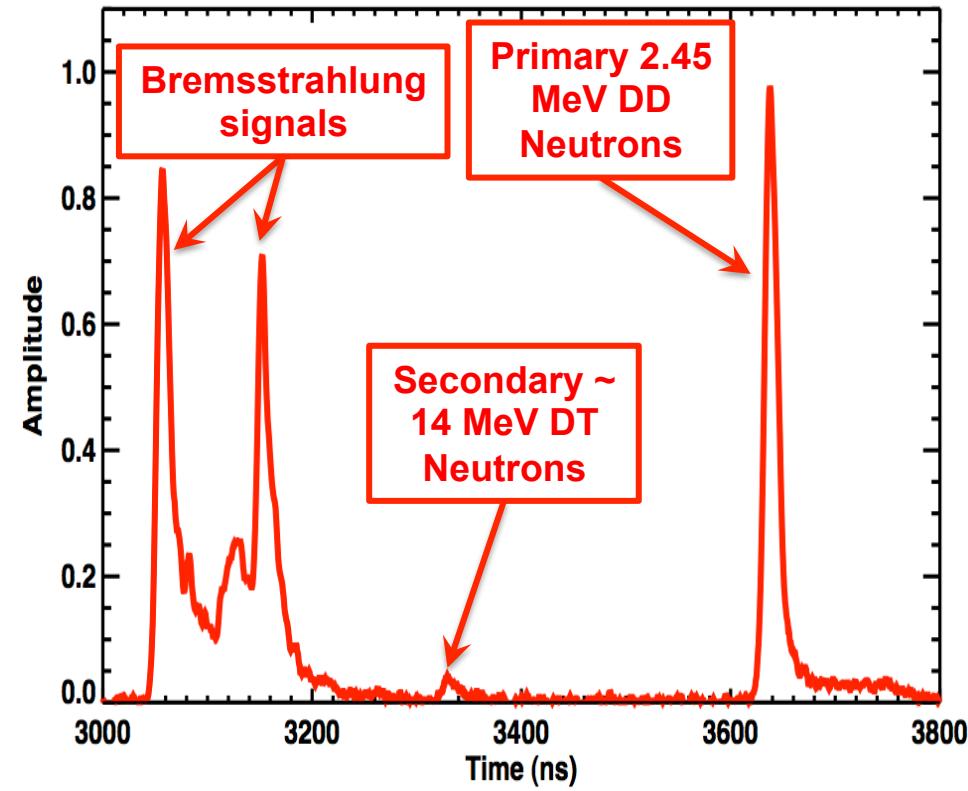
For z2584 (5e11 yield shot) we obtained x-ray imaging and neutron time of flight data

z2584

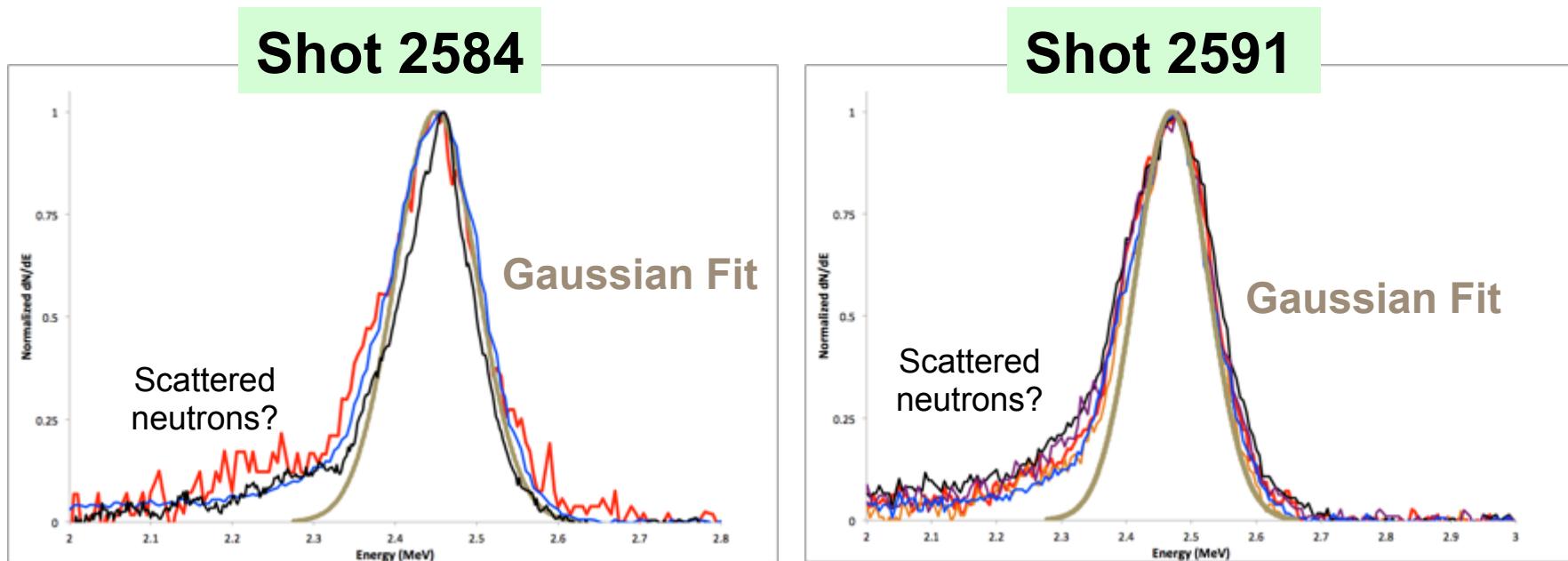


Target Radial Dir. (mm)

X-ray Image @3.1 and 6.2 keV
is ~140 microns wide



The DD peaks on the nTOF instruments can be used to infer ion temperatures. Fits to the spectra from the high-yield shots suggest 2.5 keV (z2584) and 3.5 keV (z2591) ion temperatures.



Normalized neutron energy spectra from detectors at 3-5 different distances and 2 different pinch viewing angles are overlaid

Ion temperatures of 3.5 keV on z2591 agree with electron temperatures from x-ray spectroscopy

Our path forward for the next few years involves increasing our understanding and enhancing capabilities



Improve experimental capabilities to support ~100 kJ DT yield experiments on Z

- Increase current from 20 MA to 25 MA
- Increase Bfield from 10 T to 30 T
- Increase laser energy from 2 kJ to >6 kJ
- Begin designs for DT capabilities on Z

Understand the physics of target magnetization and fuel preheating (on Z, Ω , Z-Beamlet)

- Understand and measure efficacy of magnetic flux compression by the liner implosion (e.g., Nernst effect)
- Understand the efficacy of heat loss suppression (Braginskii transport valid?)
- Understand laser-plasma coupling efficiency and dynamics

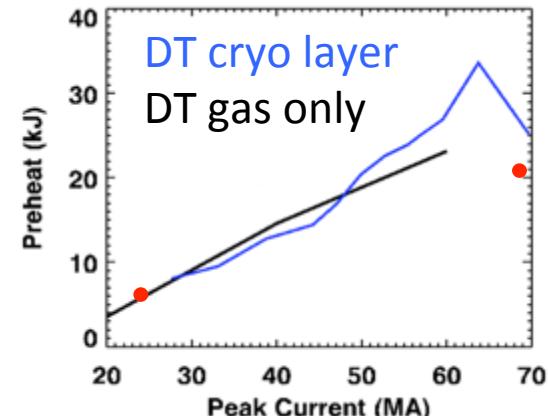
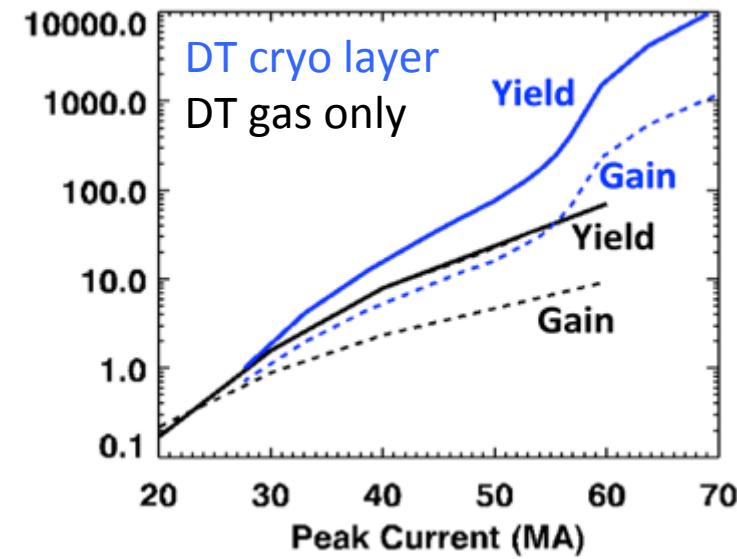
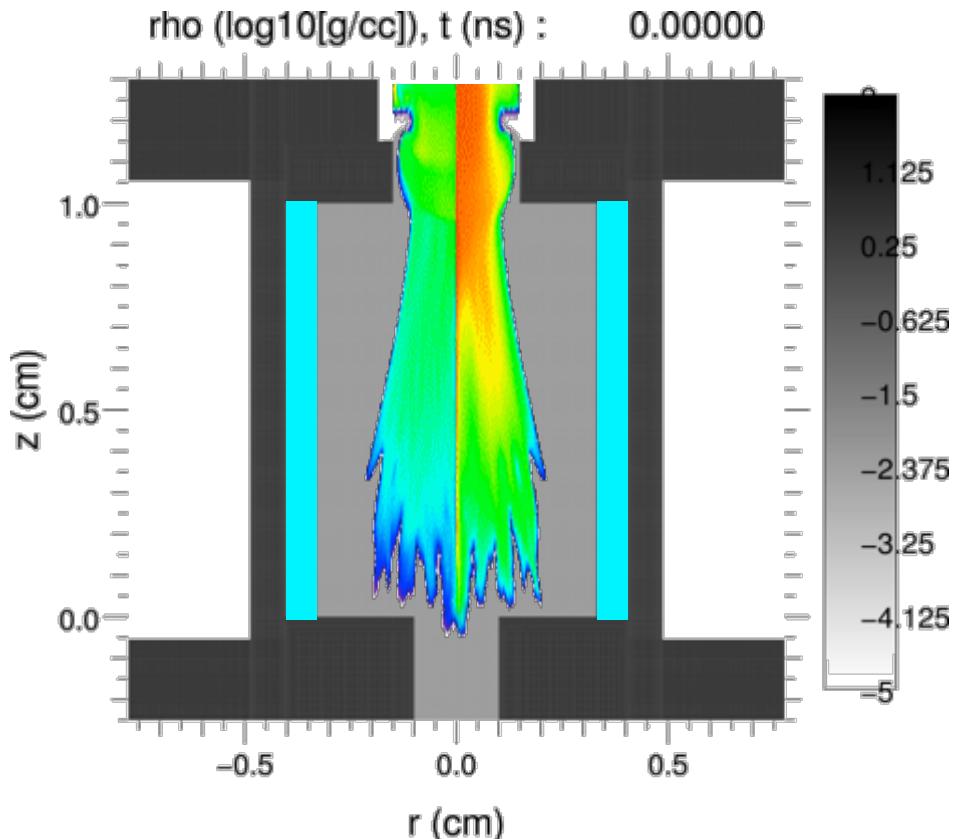
Continue to advance our understanding of liner implosions

- Have a large database of radiography-based instability studies with images up to convergence ratio of 8
- Will begin working on deceleration instability studies in 2014
- Developing methods to measure liner implosion symmetry

Performing and diagnosing integrated implosions

- Apply diagnostics to understand stagnation conditions
- Study the implosion performance with changing inputs
- Begin exploring non-laser-based methods for preheating to couple >10 kJ

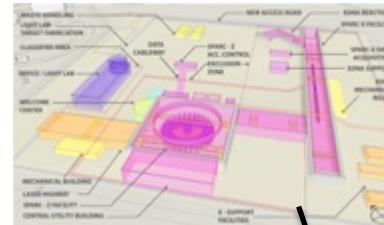
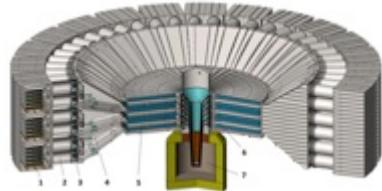
Calculations suggest there is a path to much larger yields with more current



An intermediate regime exists where the B_z field is

- *strong enough* to reduce conduction losses, but
- *weak enough* not to inhibit the α deflagration wave

Our long-term vision is to establish a compelling argument that pulsed power ICF can achieve 1 GJ/shot



2019: Baikal operations begin

SPARC-Z operations begin

CD-0 for SPARC-Z High-Yield Facility

Z-300 demonstrates ignition

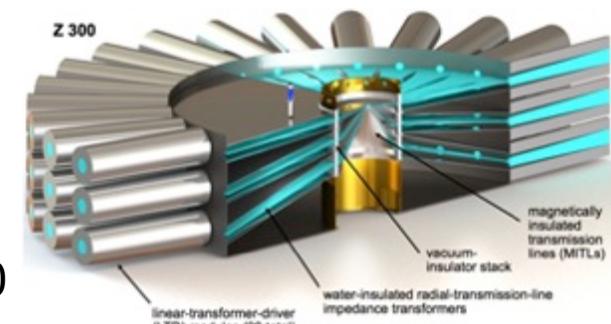
Z-300 operations begin

Review of Ignition on Z-300; CD-0 for Z300

Demonstrate LTD module prototypes (e.g., radiography)

2015: National ICF program review

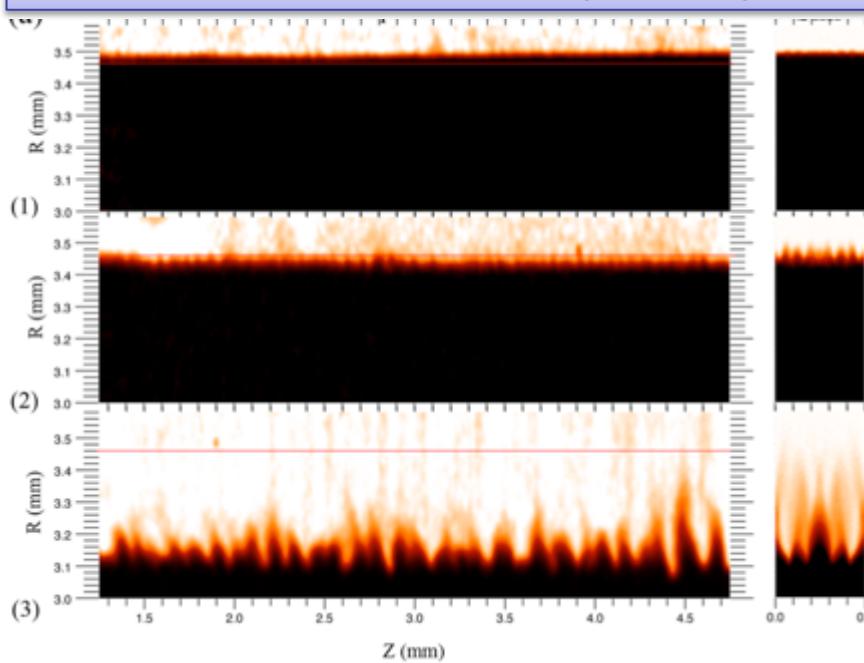
2013: First integrated tests of new MagLIF idea on Z



Backup

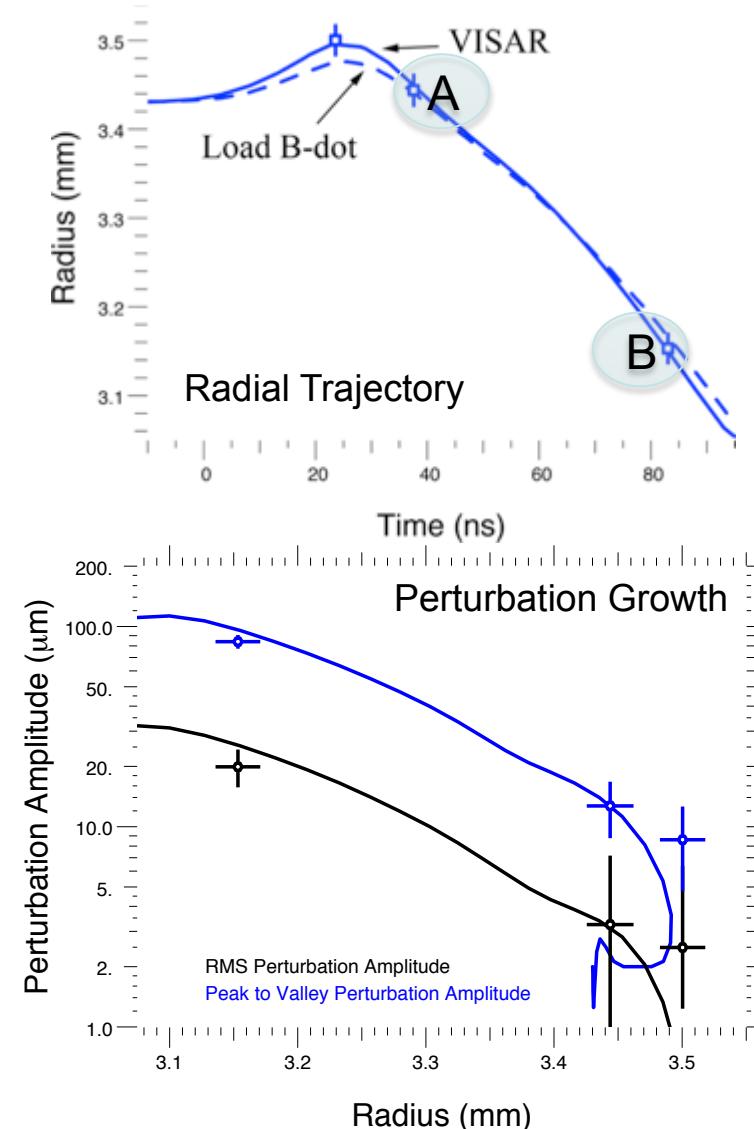
Precision, early-time data allows detailed analysis of perturbation growth from electrothermal instabilities

Experimental (left) & simulated (right) radiographs



Perturbation Growth Comparison

Time	Est. MRT ($\lambda=100 \mu\text{m}$)	$h=0.06Agt^2$	Observed
A	0.36 μm	6.2 μm	$13 \pm 7 \mu\text{m}$
B	24 μm	41 μm	$80 \pm 7 \mu\text{m}$



Simulations predicted that we could mitigate the impact of the electrothermal instability by tamping out the density variations—this was confirmed experimentally

