

PDV measurements on the Sandia Z machine

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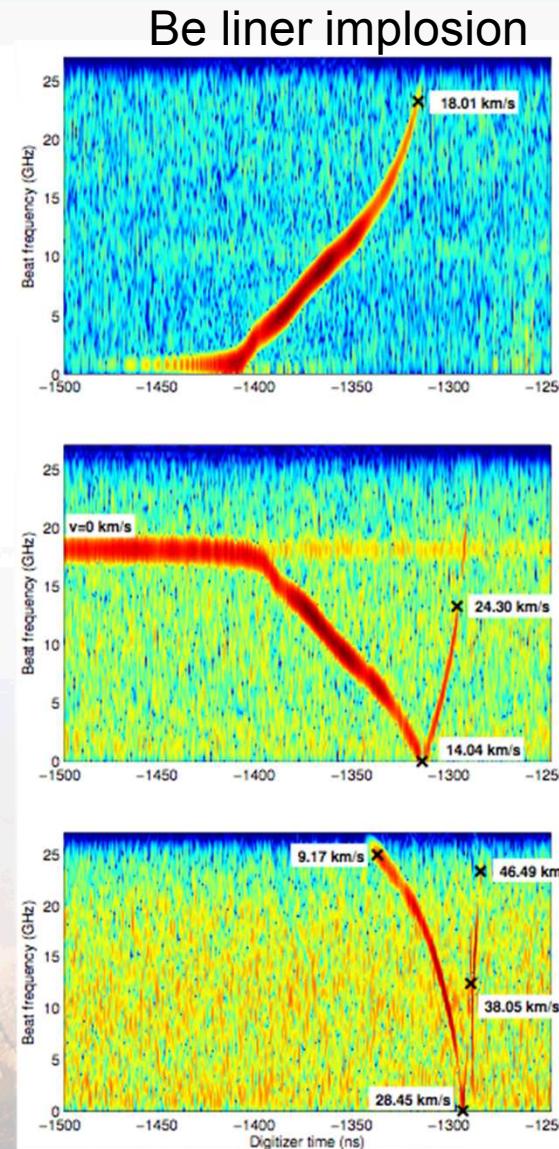
Photonic Doppler Velocimetry overview

- **Frequency-shifted PDV**

- What is PDV and how is it different from VISAR?
- How can be PDV be used to measure extreme velocities?
 - Dealing with finite electrical bandwidth

- **Examples**

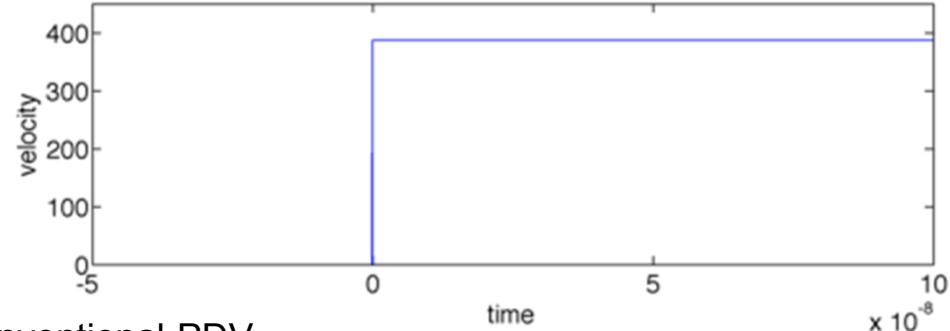
- Cylindrical implosion
 - Hollow and liquid-filled liners
- Plate impact experiments



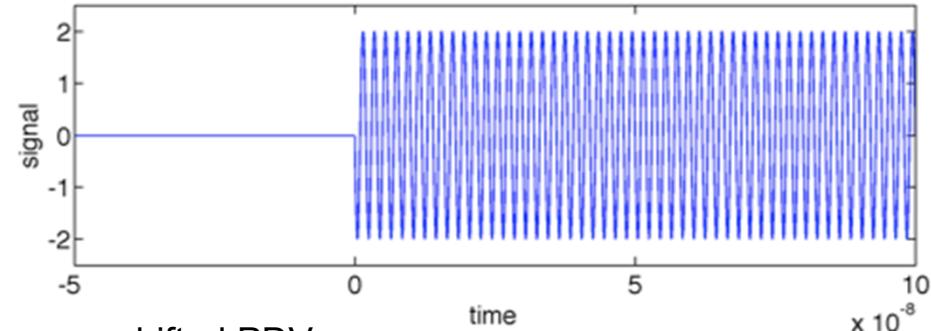
Differences between VISAR and PDV

- **VISAR mixes Doppler shifted light with a time-delayed version of itself**
 - Velocity changes correspond to fringe shifts
 - Typically visible light (532 nm)
- **PDV mixes Doppler shifted light with a reference source**
 - Conventional: single laser
 - Frequency-shifted: multiple lasers
 - Velocity changes correspond to frequency shifts
 - Infrared light (1550 nm)

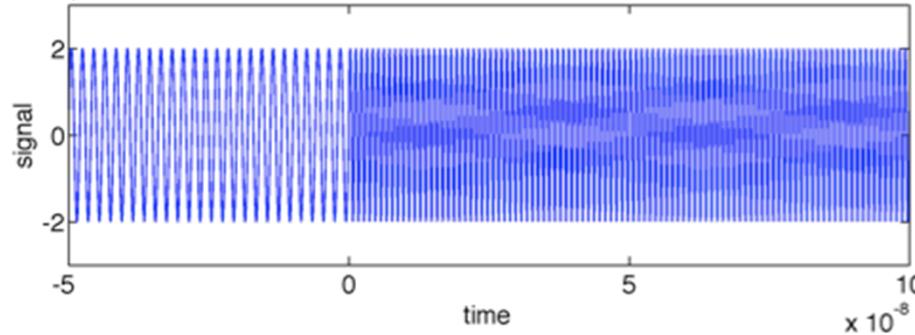
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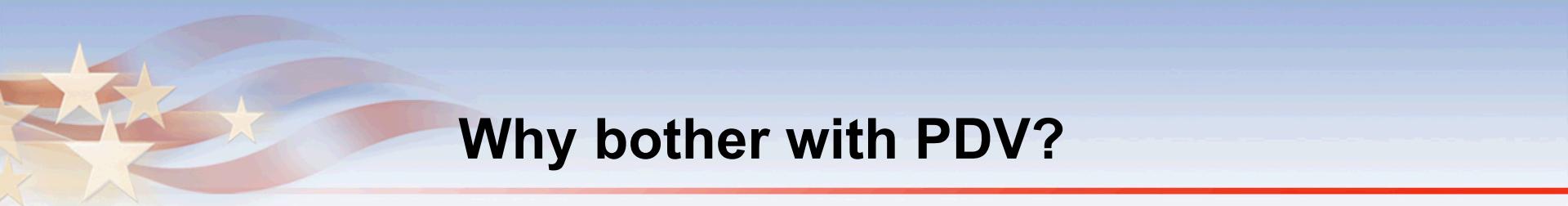


Conventional PDV



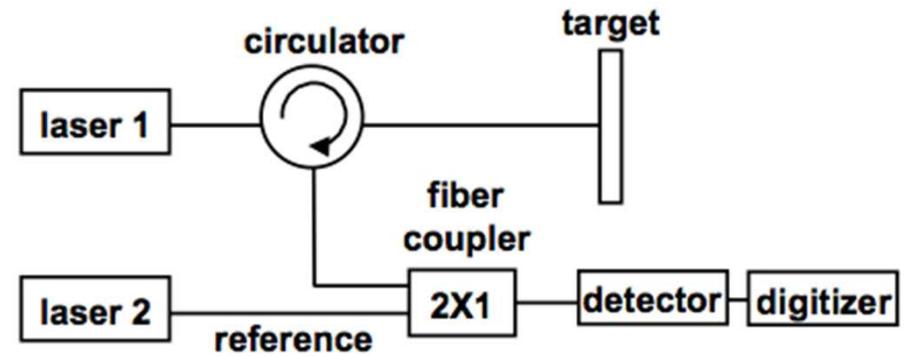
Frequency shifted PDV





Why bother with PDV?

- **Very simple to field**
 - Fiber-based, commercial components
- **Extremely compact**
- **Relatively low power requirements**
 - ~100 mW target power
 - ~1 mW reference power
 - Mostly class I hazard
- **Very robust to light variation**
 - >50 dB return variations are acceptable
- **No hardware time scale (etalon)**
 - Time resolution defined in the analysis
 - Can be optimized for different purposes (arrival time, etc.)
- **Tolerates multiple velocities (where VISAR loses contrast)**



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Velocity-frequency mapping

- **Conventional**

- 1.3 GHz per 1 km/s
- No motion, no beating
- Not currently used at Z

$$B = \frac{2v}{\lambda_T}$$

- **Frequency shifting**

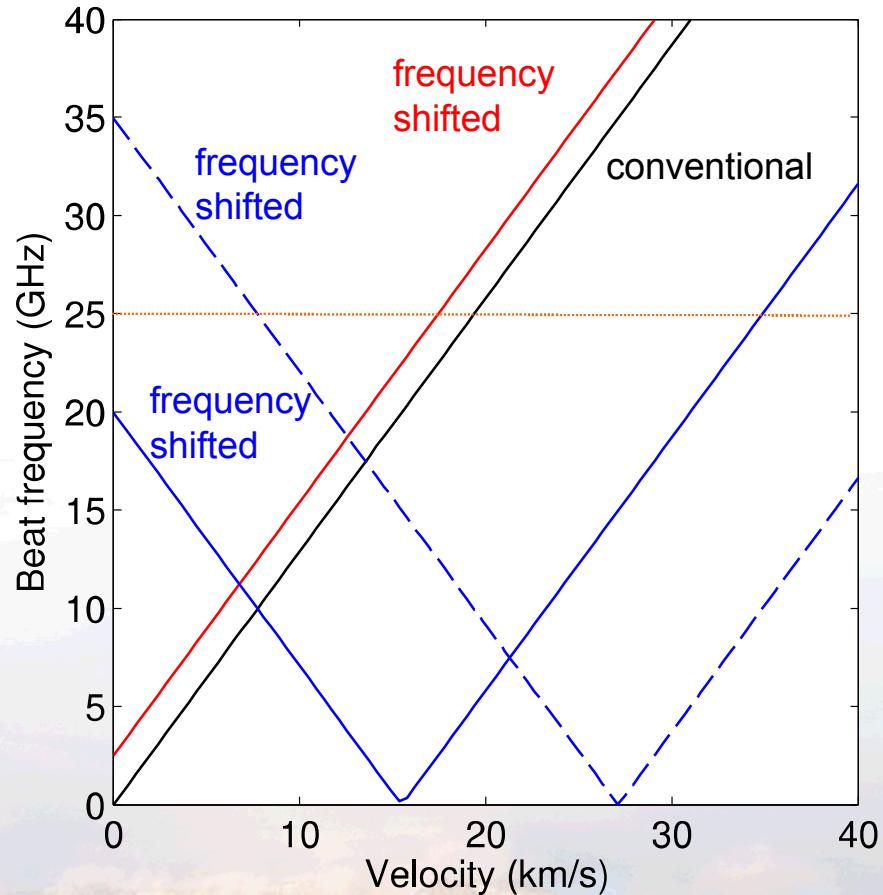
$$B = \left| \frac{2v}{\lambda_T} + c_0 \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_T} - \frac{1}{\lambda_R} \right) \right|$$

- **Red reference**

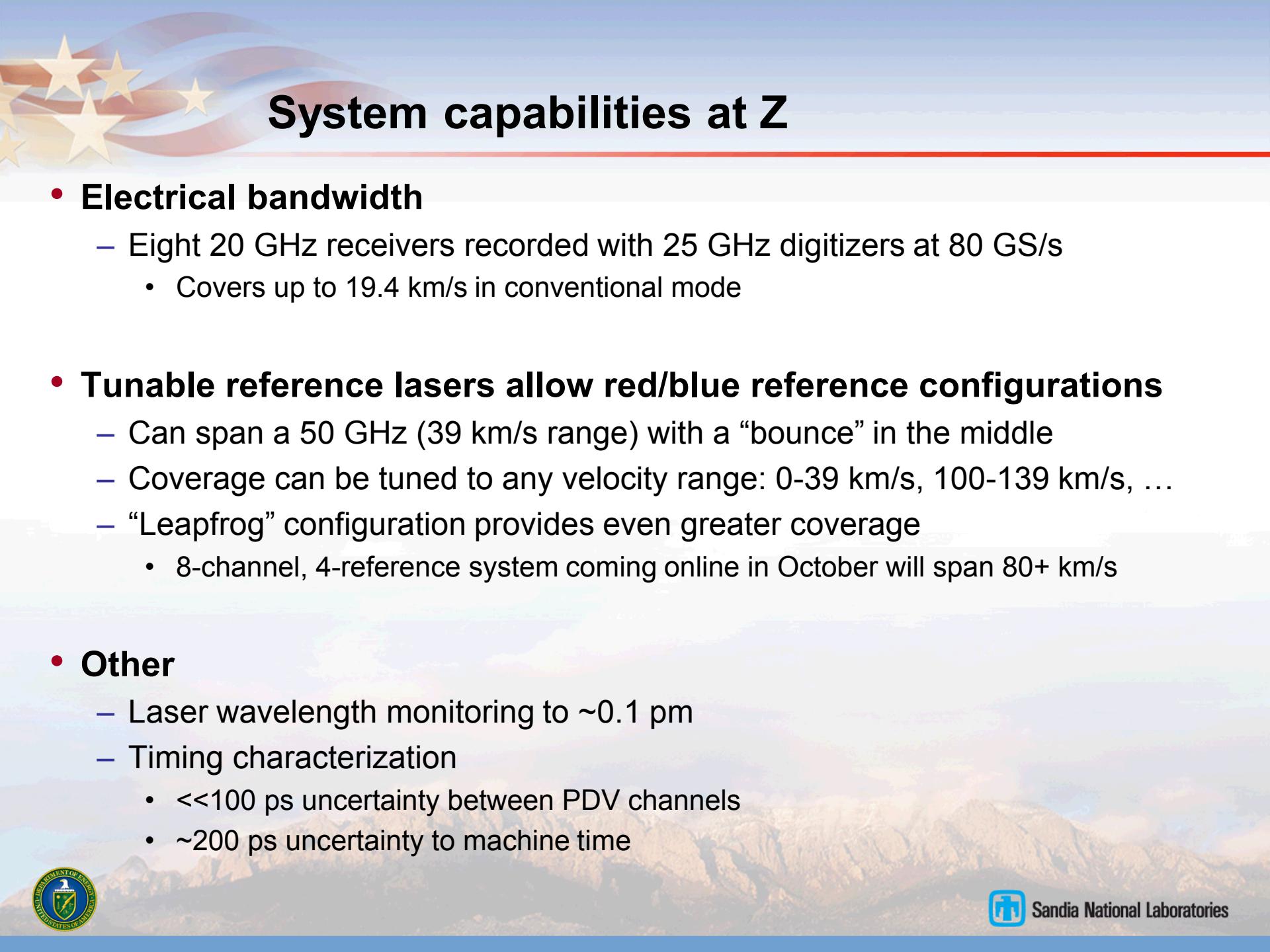
- Unambiguous mapping
- Preferred configuration

- **Blue reference**

- Greater coverage
- Issues near $f=0$
- May require precise wavelength monitoring



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System capabilities at Z

- **Electrical bandwidth**
 - Eight 20 GHz receivers recorded with 25 GHz digitizers at 80 GS/s
 - Covers up to 19.4 km/s in conventional mode
- **Tunable reference lasers allow red/blue reference configurations**
 - Can span a 50 GHz (39 km/s range) with a “bounce” in the middle
 - Coverage can be tuned to any velocity range: 0-39 km/s, 100-139 km/s, ...
 - “Leapfrog” configuration provides even greater coverage
 - 8-channel, 4-reference system coming online in October will span 80+ km/s
- **Other**
 - Laser wavelength monitoring to \sim 0.1 pm
 - Timing characterization
 - \sim 100 ps uncertainty between PDV channels
 - \sim 200 ps uncertainty to machine time



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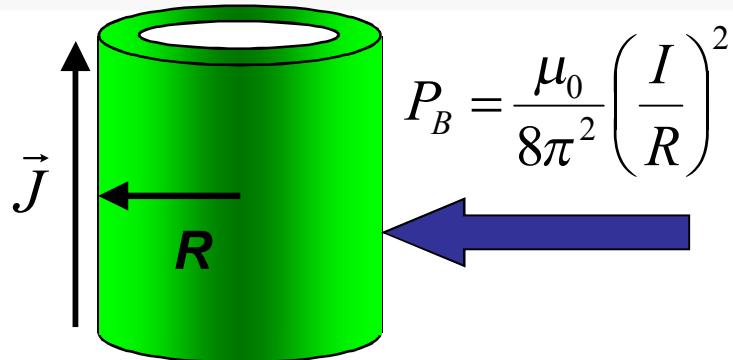
Cylindrical implosion



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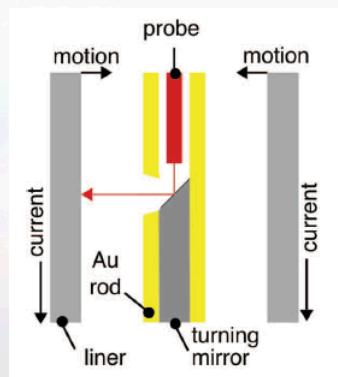
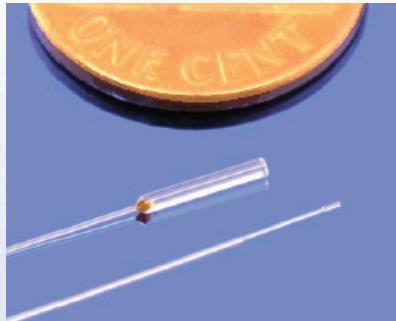


Cylindrical implosion reaches extreme pressure states



$$I=20 \text{ MA}$$
$$R=0.1 \text{ cm}$$
$$P_B \approx 64 \text{ Mbar}$$

- Current pulse shaping creates ramp-wave compression
 - Quasi-isentropic compression to 20 Mbar



Diagnostics are challenging

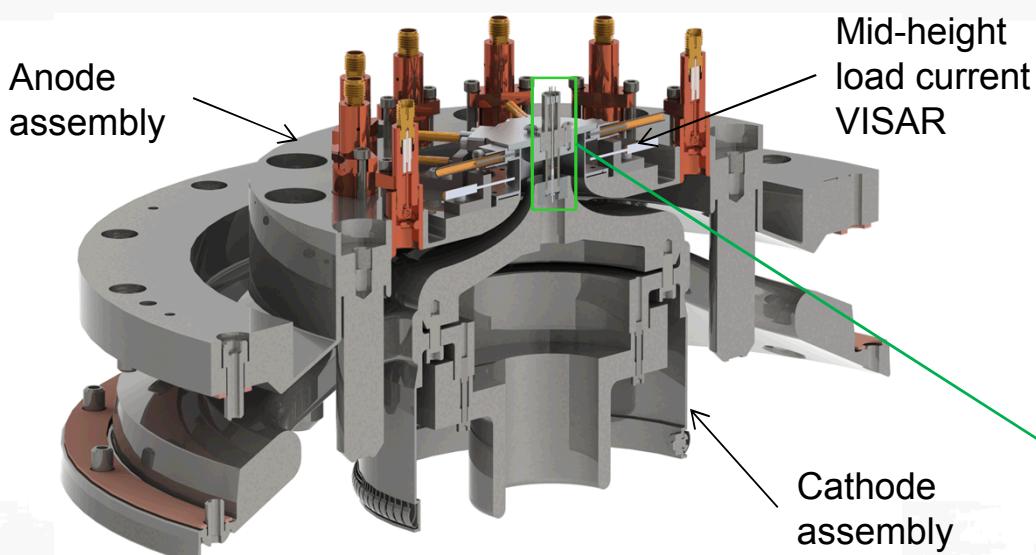
- Limited space
 - Miniature PDV probes
- Velocities well beyond 10 km/s



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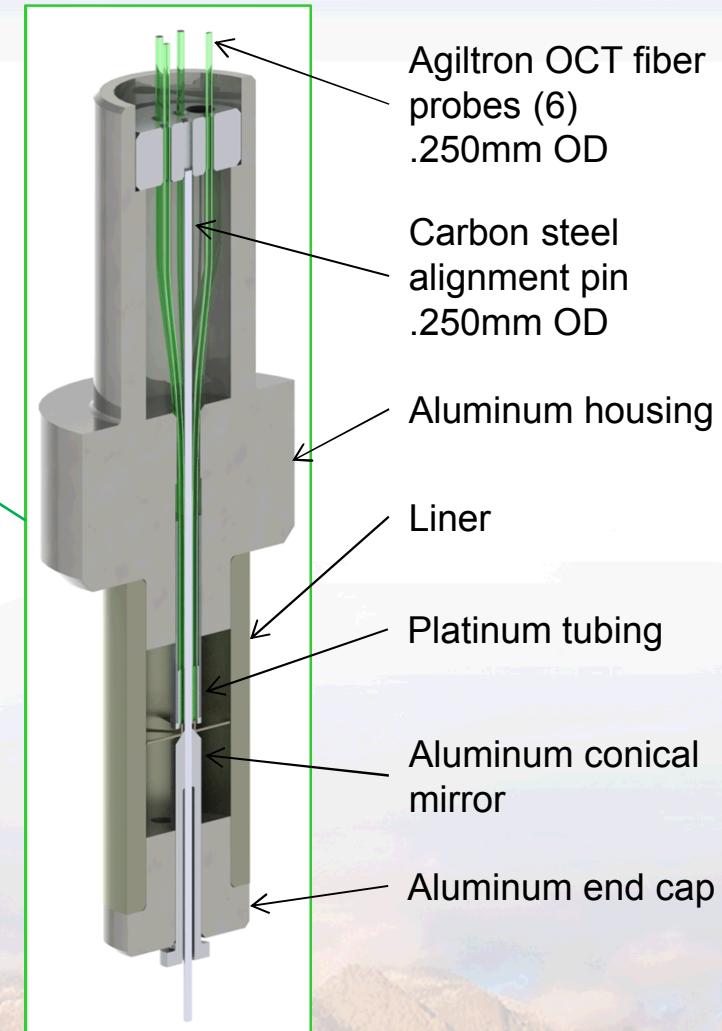
Multi-point design evaluates symmetry



- ≈ 18.6 MA Load Current
- 10-20 km/s velocity (heavier liners)

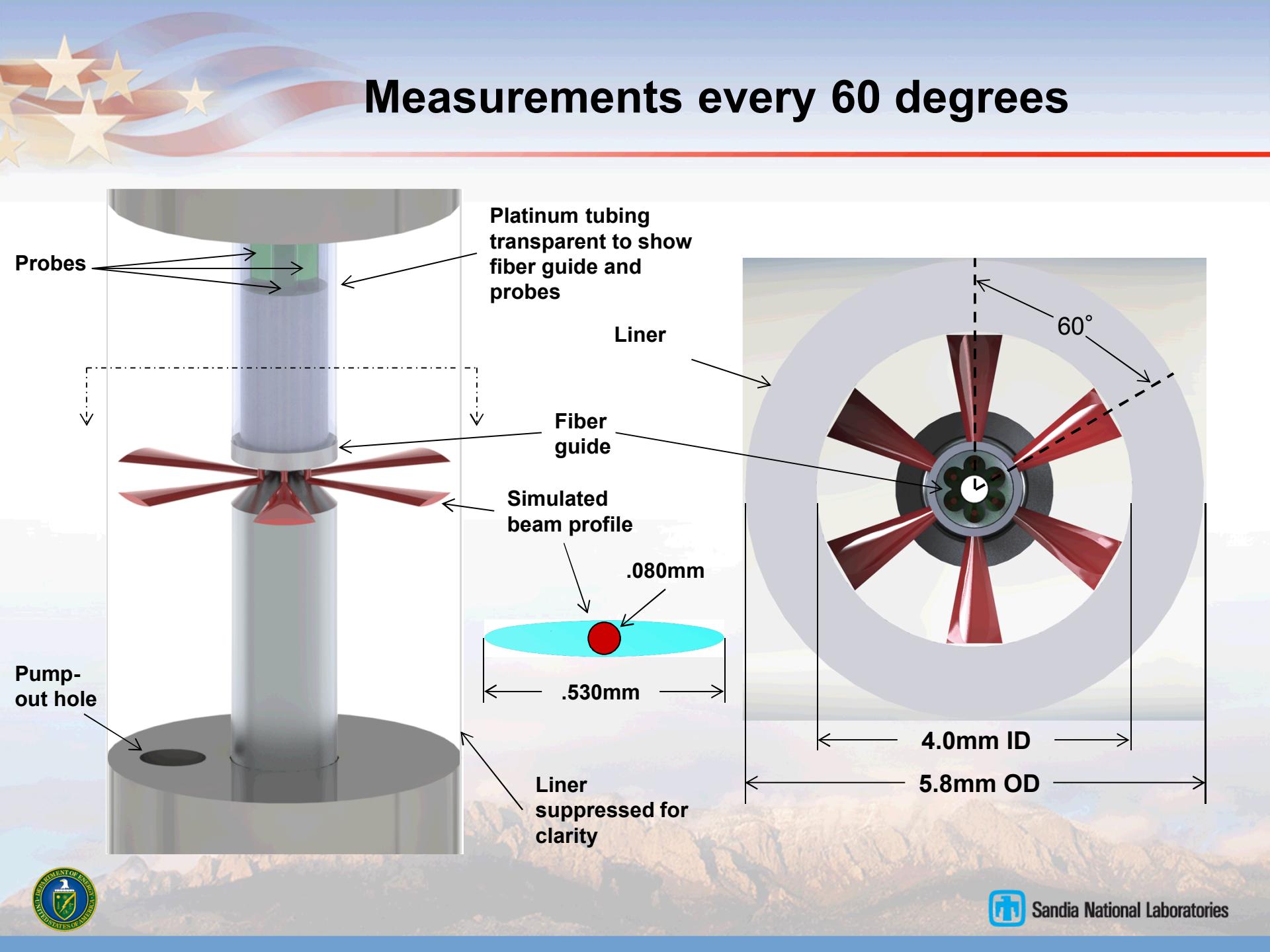


Conical mirror design



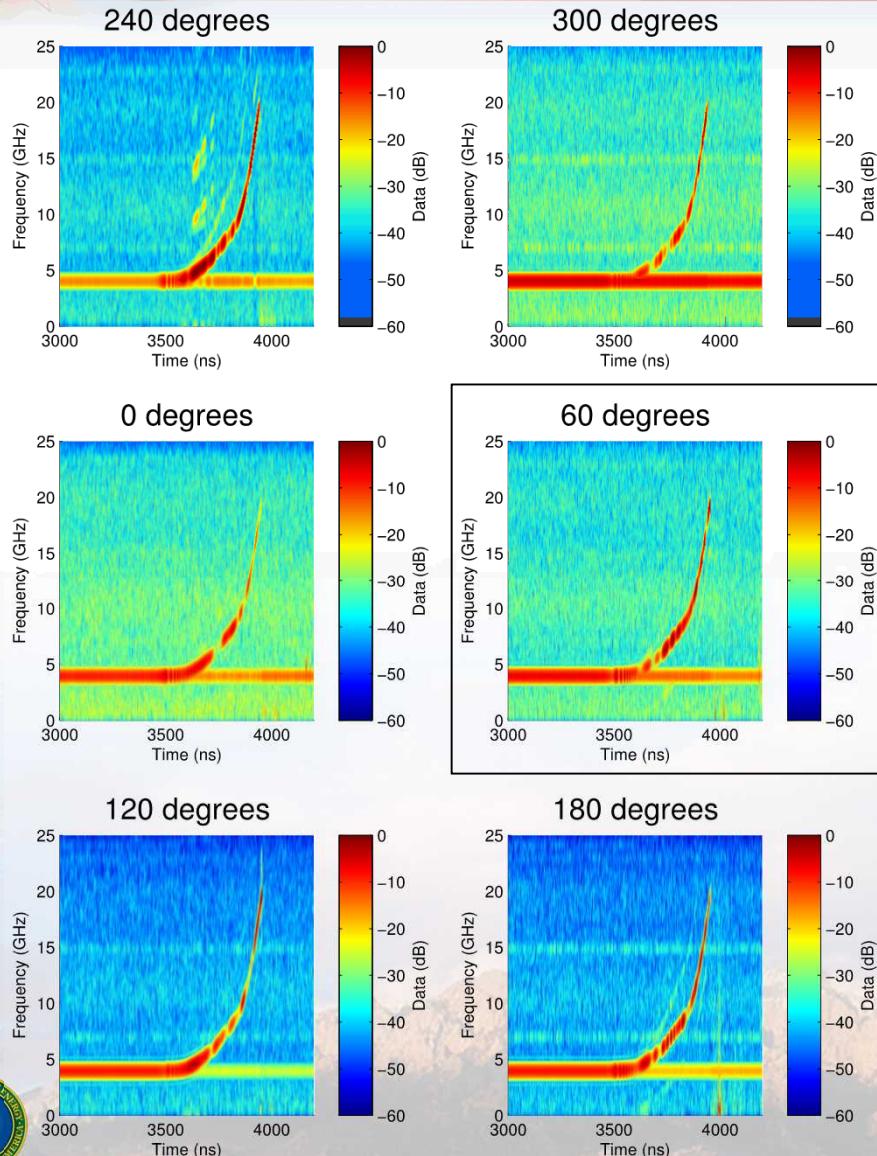
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Measurements every 60 degrees

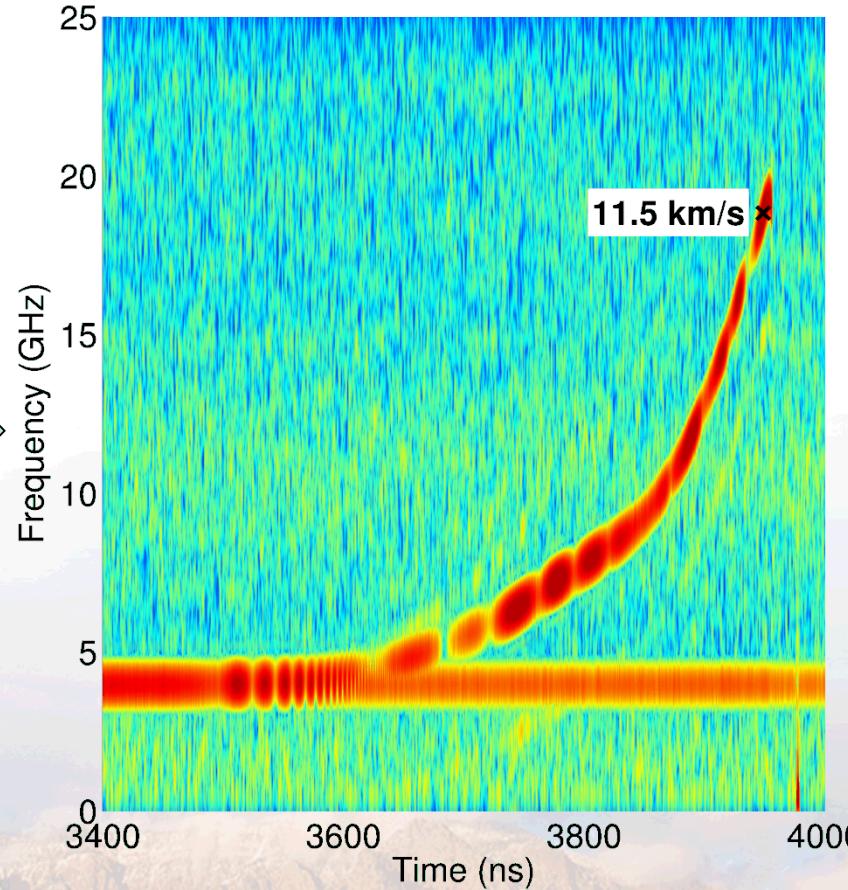


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Symmetric results for Ta



7.3 Mbar peak pressure (Al drive)

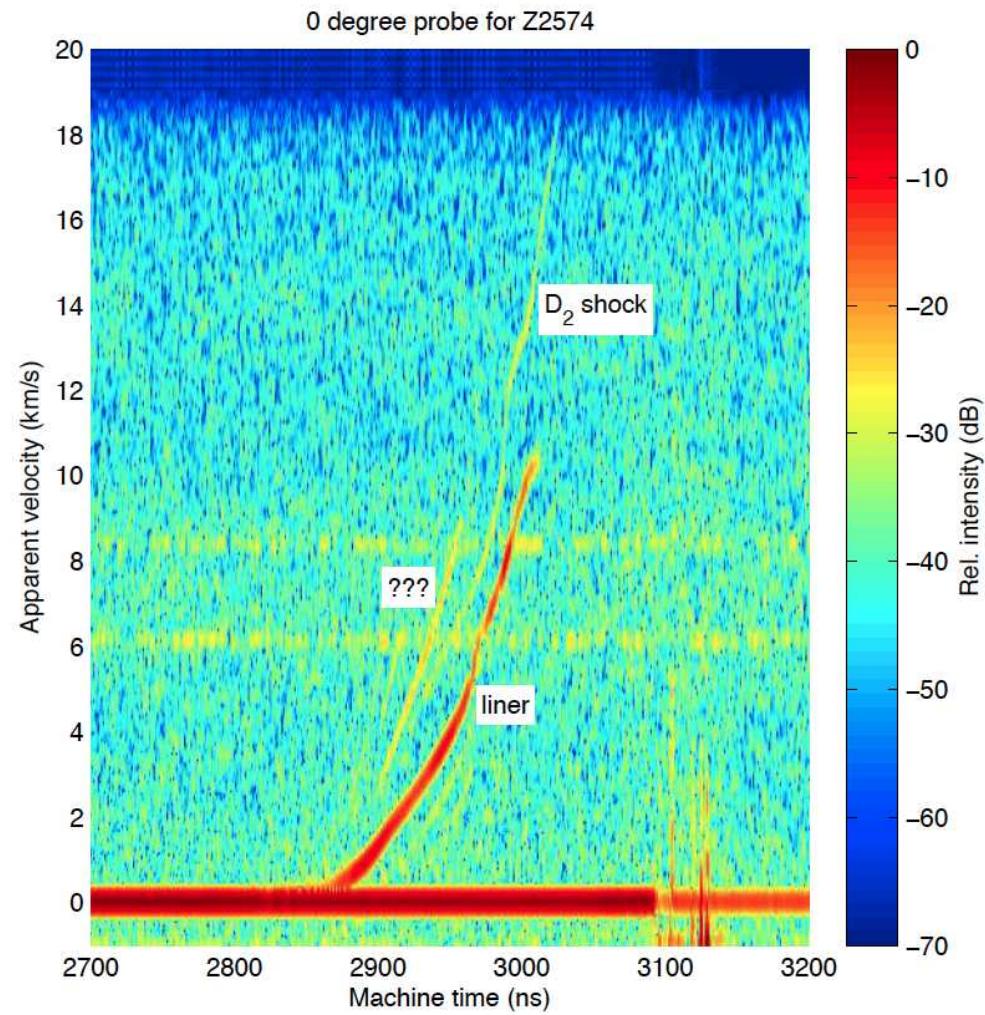


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Hollow liner can be filled with a liquid

- **Eddy series:**

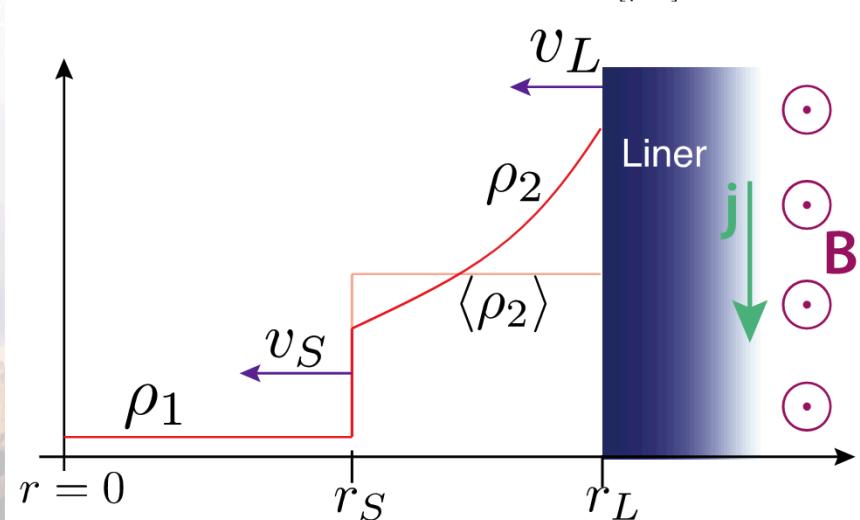
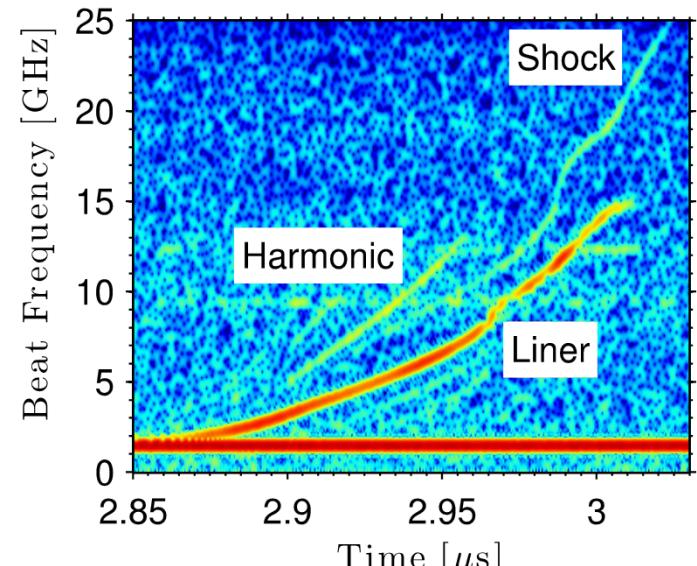
- Beryllium liner filled with liquid deuterium (20 K)
- Probe immersed in liquid
 - Survives condensation
 - Some fibers damaged during freeze/melt cycle
- “Chandelier” design
 - Conical mirror incorporated into the probe bundle
 - X-ray radiography performed underneath the PDV measurement



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Eddy interpretation

- Magnetic drive launches a ramp wave in the liner
- Ramp wave quickly becomes a shock wave in the liquid
 - Liner reflection
 - D2 shock front (initially weak)
- As the shock grows stronger, its reflectance increases
 - Eventually light cannot reach the liner
- Window corrections are complicated
 - Ambient index unknown
 - No steady state





Planar impact

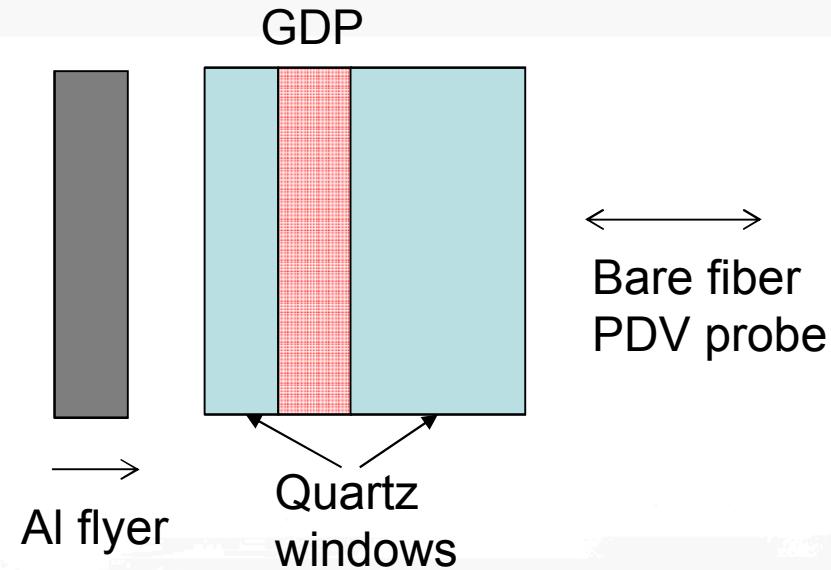


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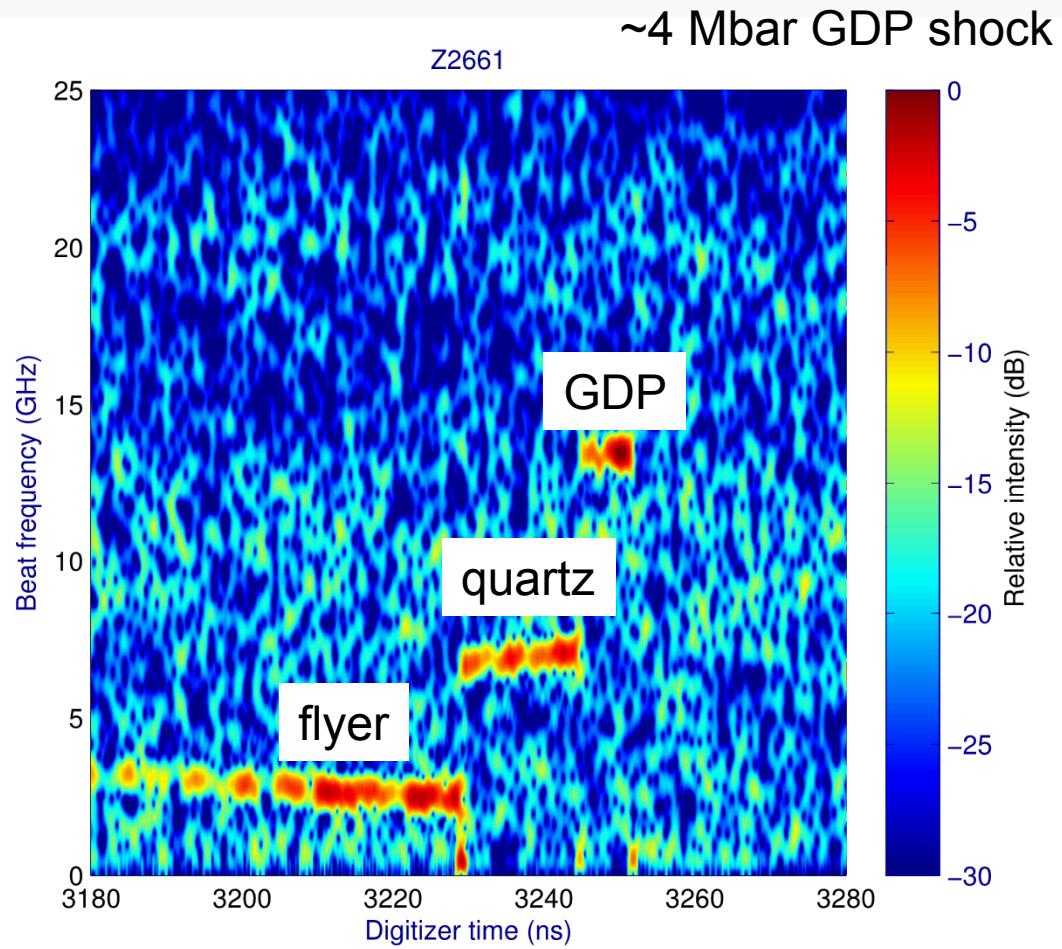
Planar impact measurement

- **Glow Discharge Polymer (GDP)**
 - NIF ablator material
 - Very little Hugoniot data
- **Ideal experiment**
 - Measure flyer velocity
 - Measure GDP shock velocity
 - Impedance match GDP to the flyer
- **Real experiment**
 - Sample sealed between quartz windows to prevent oxygen absorption
 - Impedance match to the front quartz window
- **Characteristic velocities**
 - Flyer: 25 km/s
 - Shock: 20-30 km/s (apparent velocity ~50% higher)



GDP results

- **Offset frequency**
 - 35.148 ± 0.006 GHz
 - 27.257 ± 0.005 km/s
- **Flyer measurement**
 - 2.44 GHz beat
 - ~ 25.4 km/s (before bounce)
- **Quartz measurement**
 - 6.7-7.2 GHz beat
 - 32.5-32.9 km/s apparent velocity (after bounce)
- **GDP measurement**
 - 13.4 GHz beat
 - 37.6 km/s apparent velocity (after bounce)



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Velocity-frequency mapping

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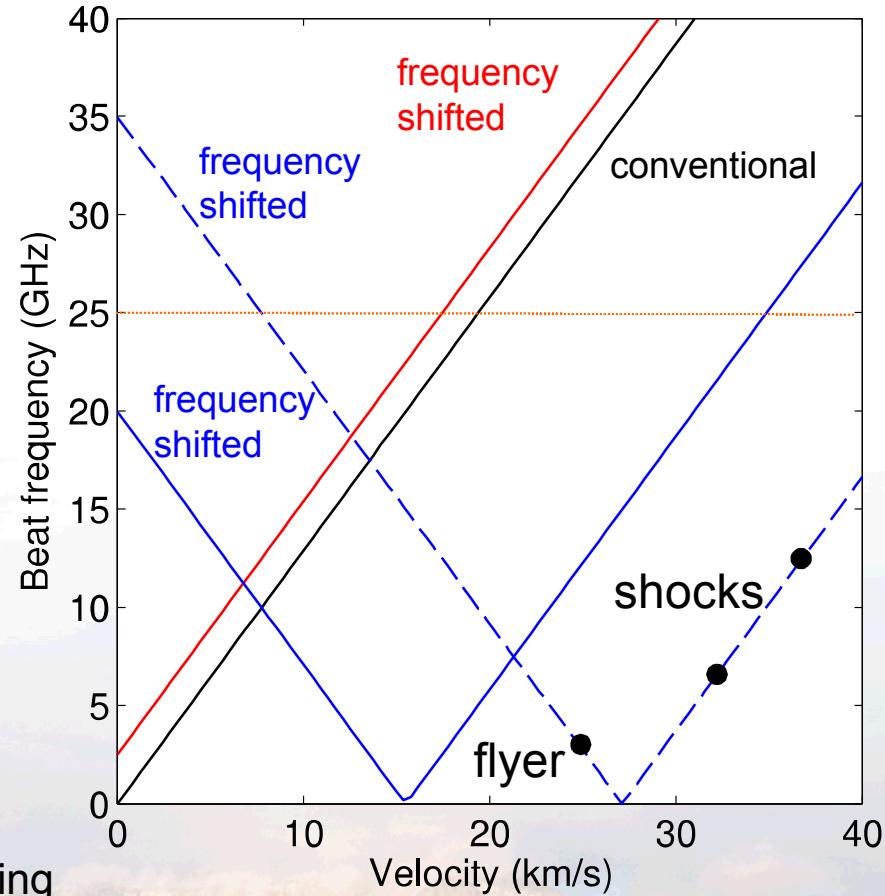
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