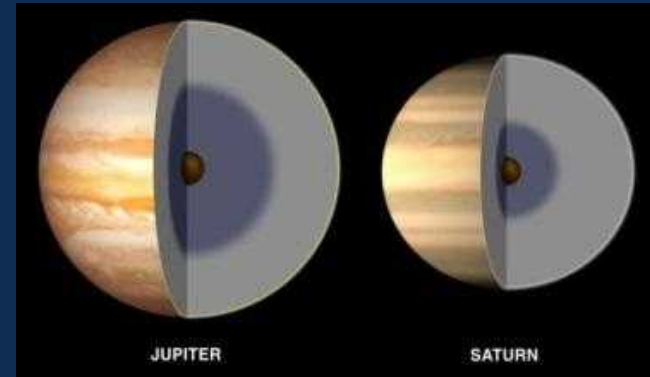
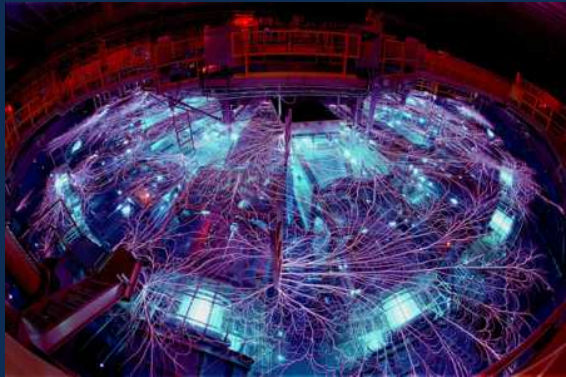


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# Dynamic compression experiments on liquid deuterium above the melt boundary

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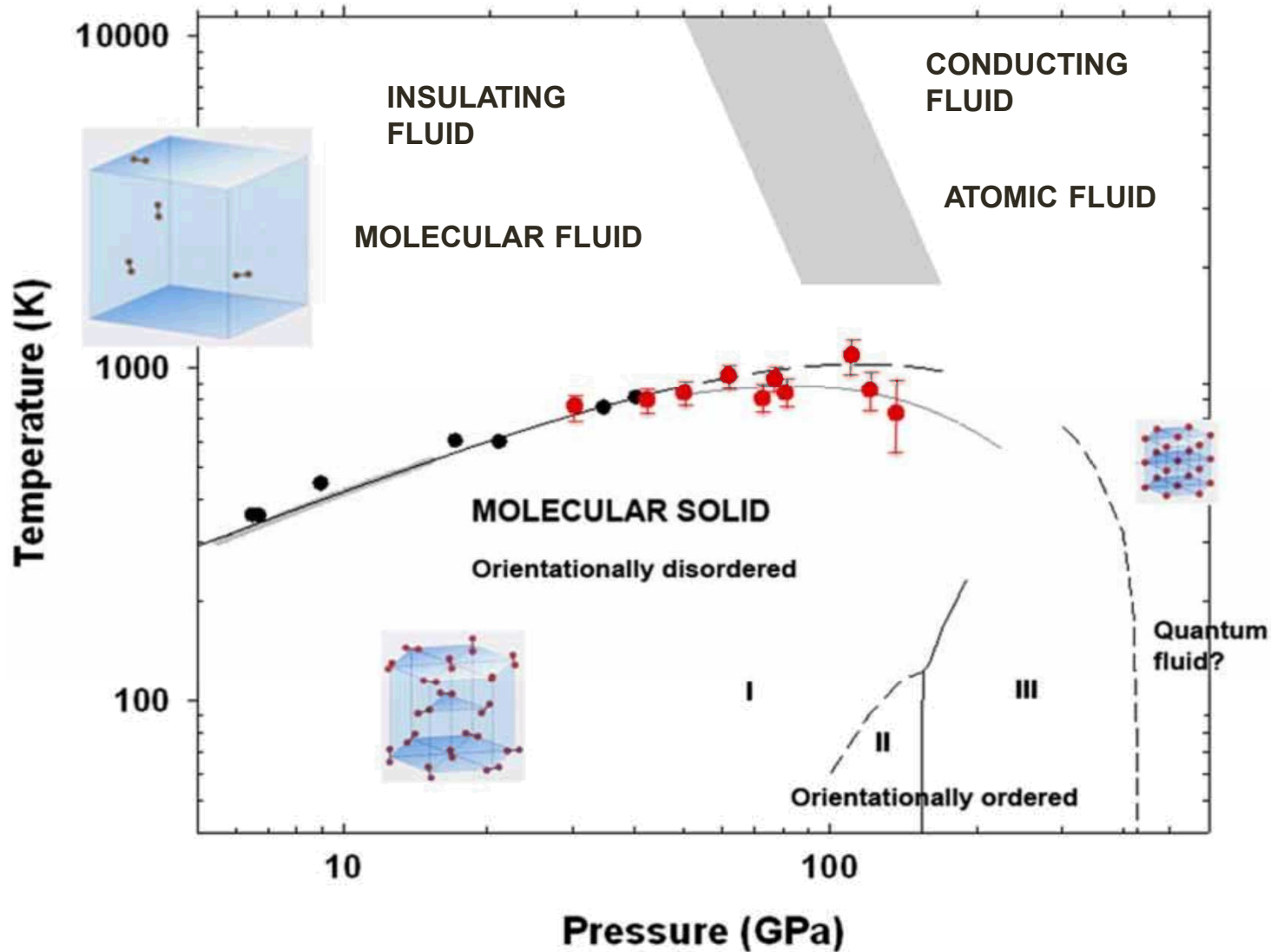
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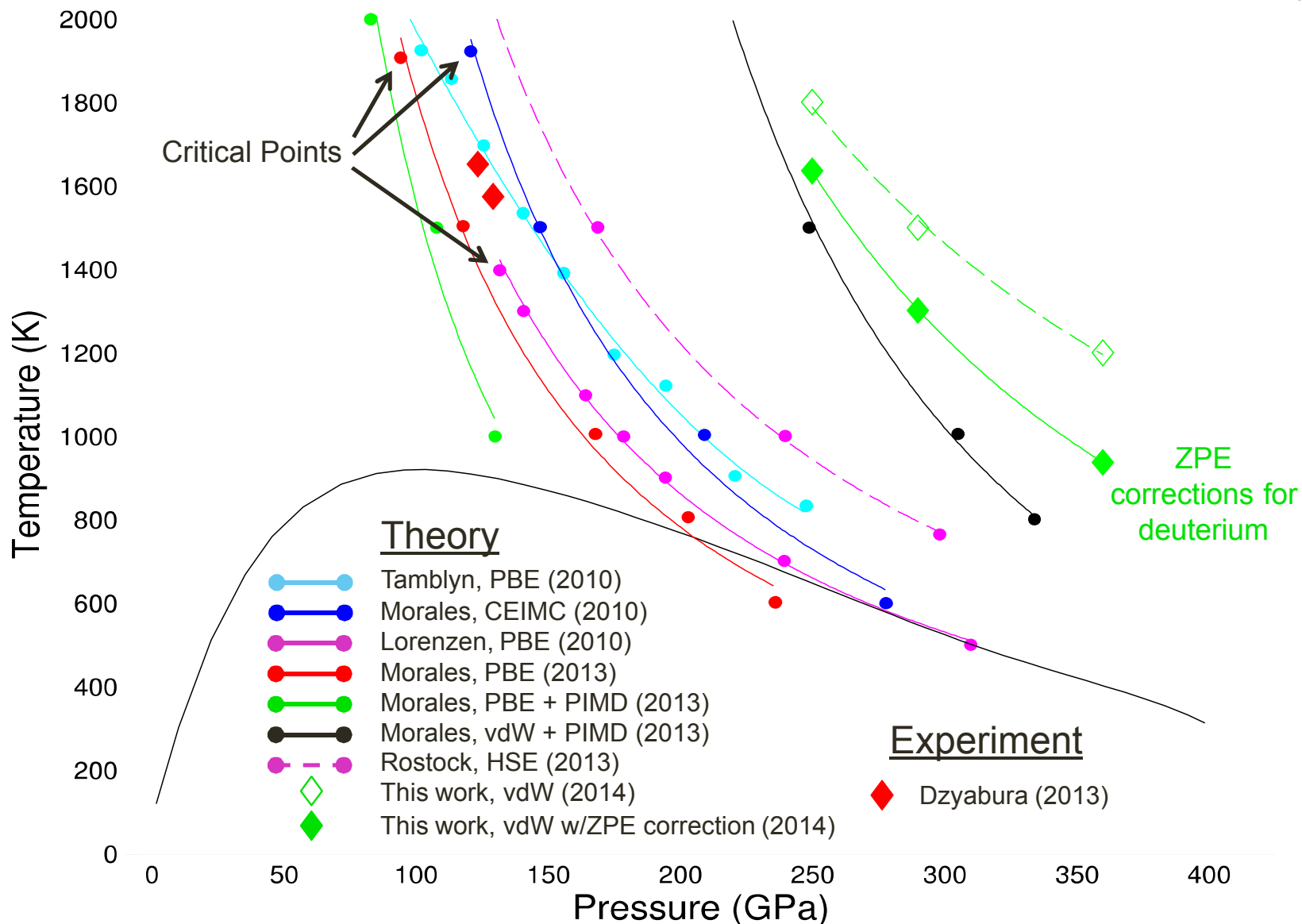
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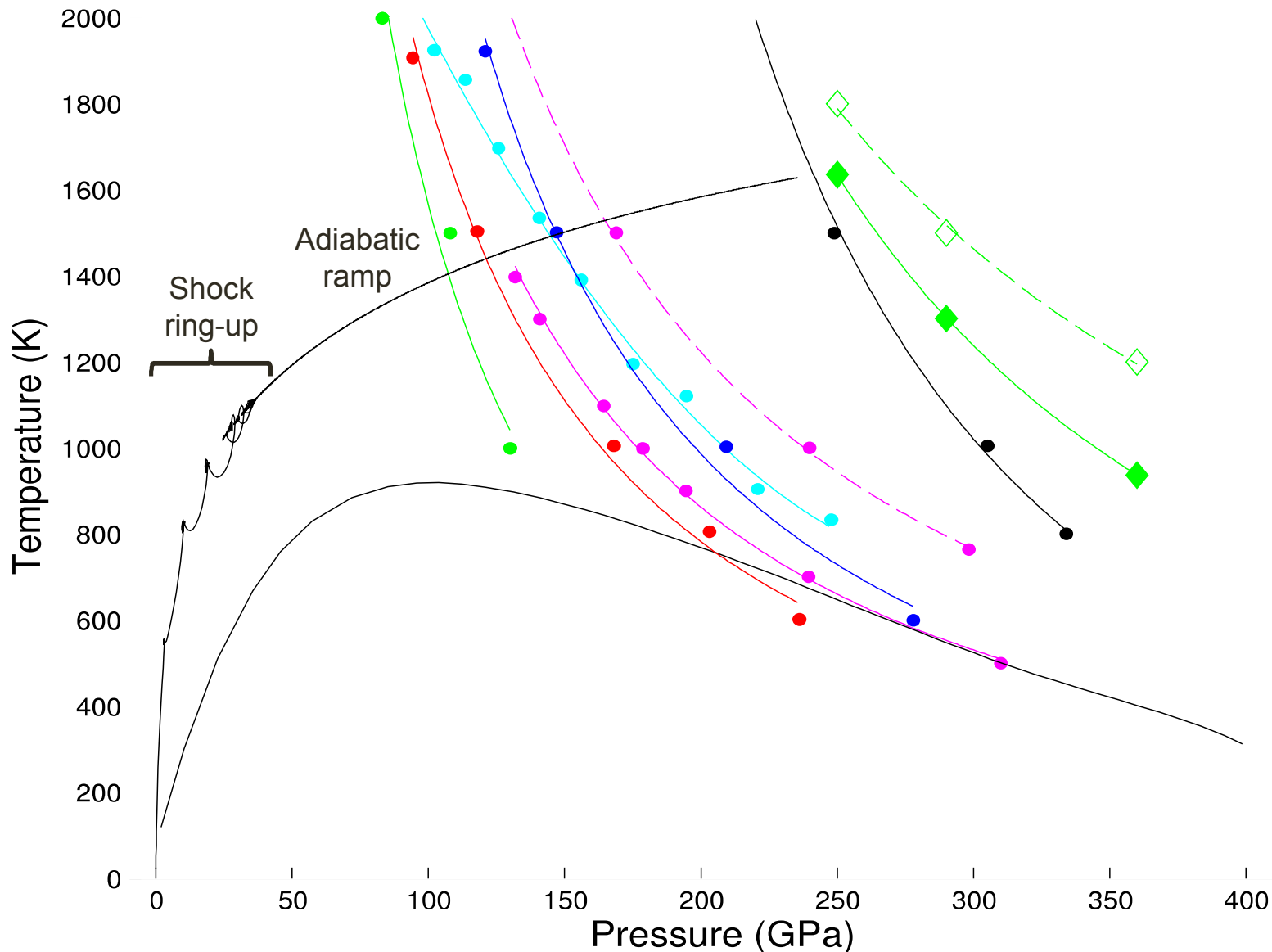
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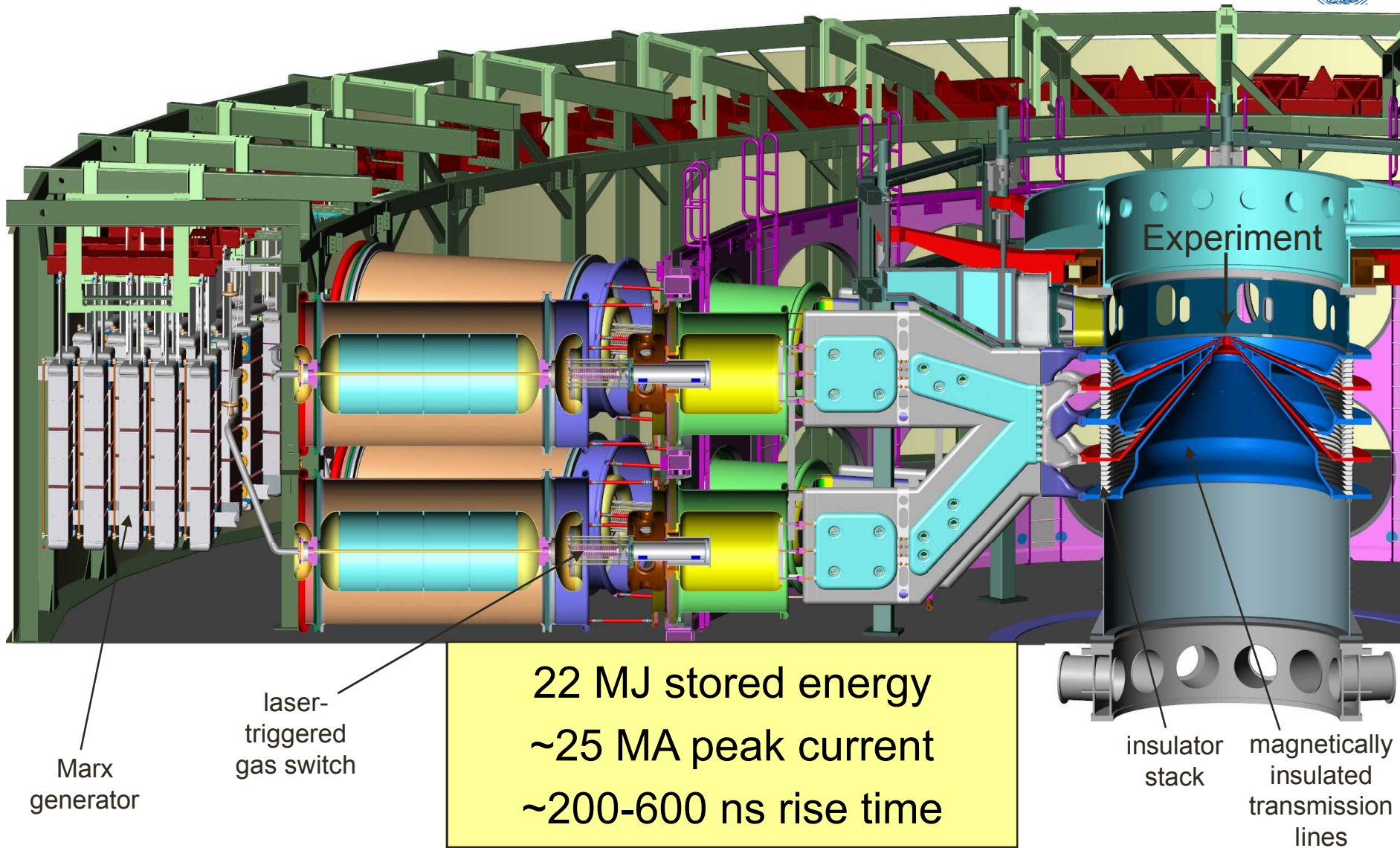
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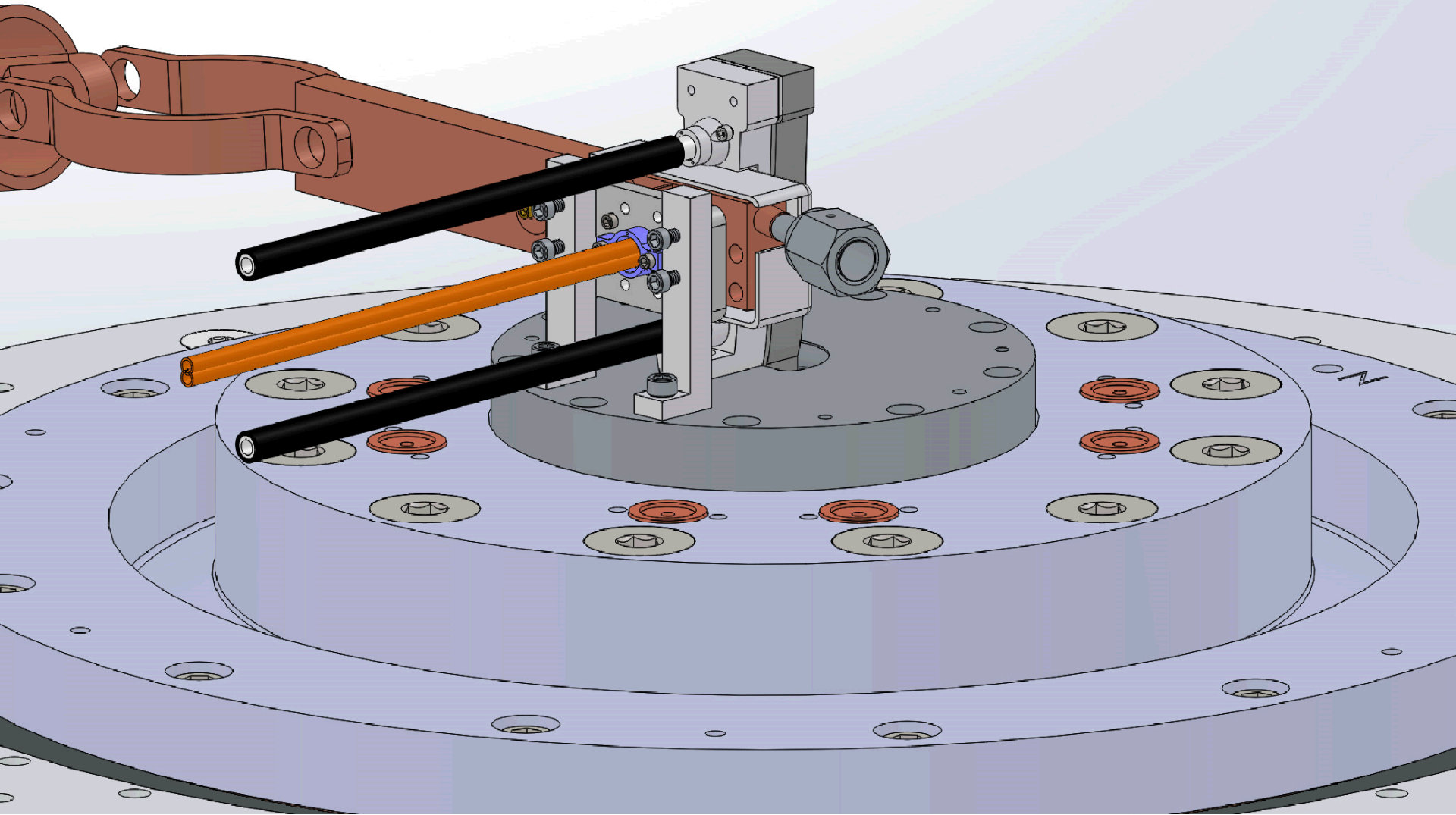
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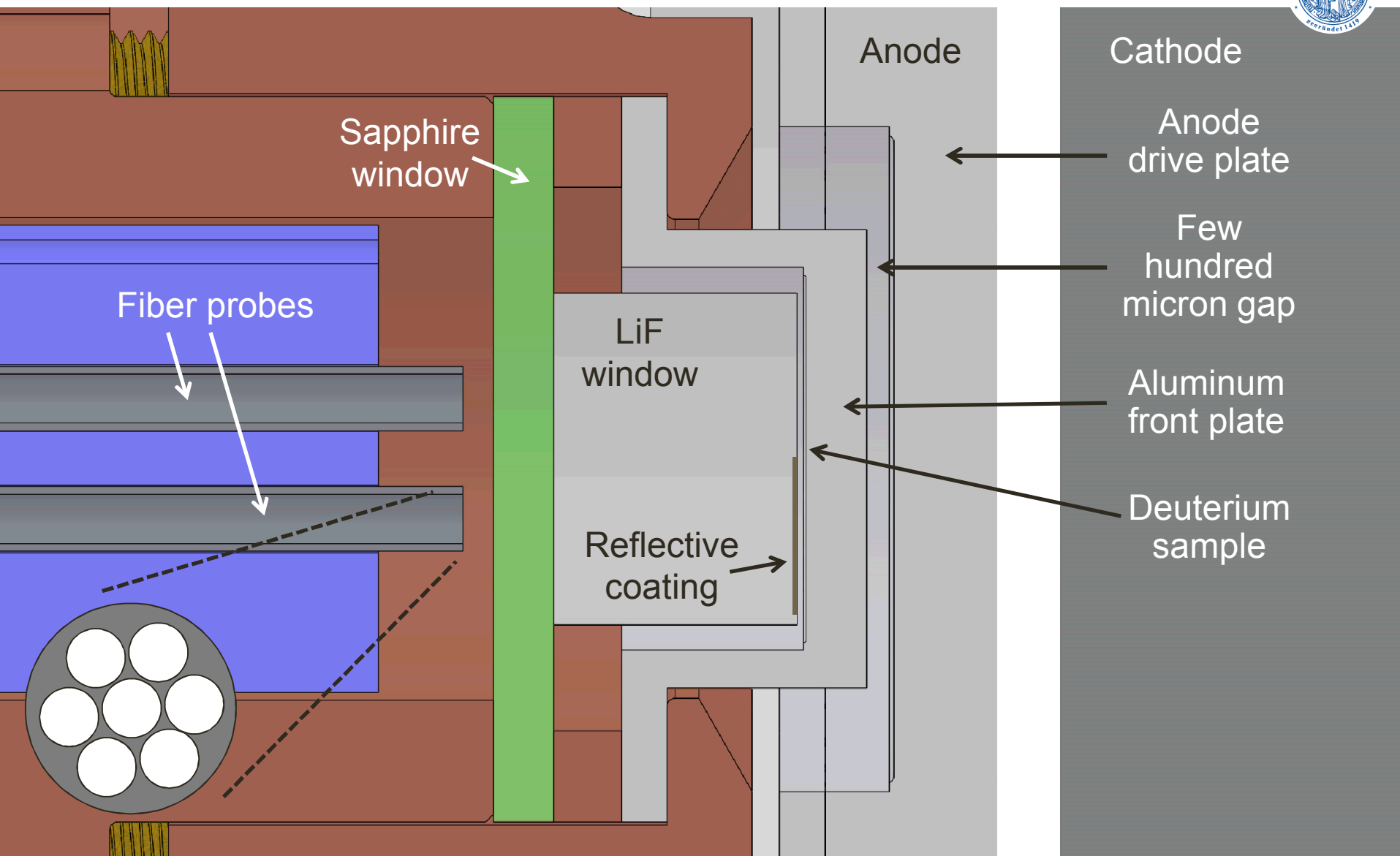
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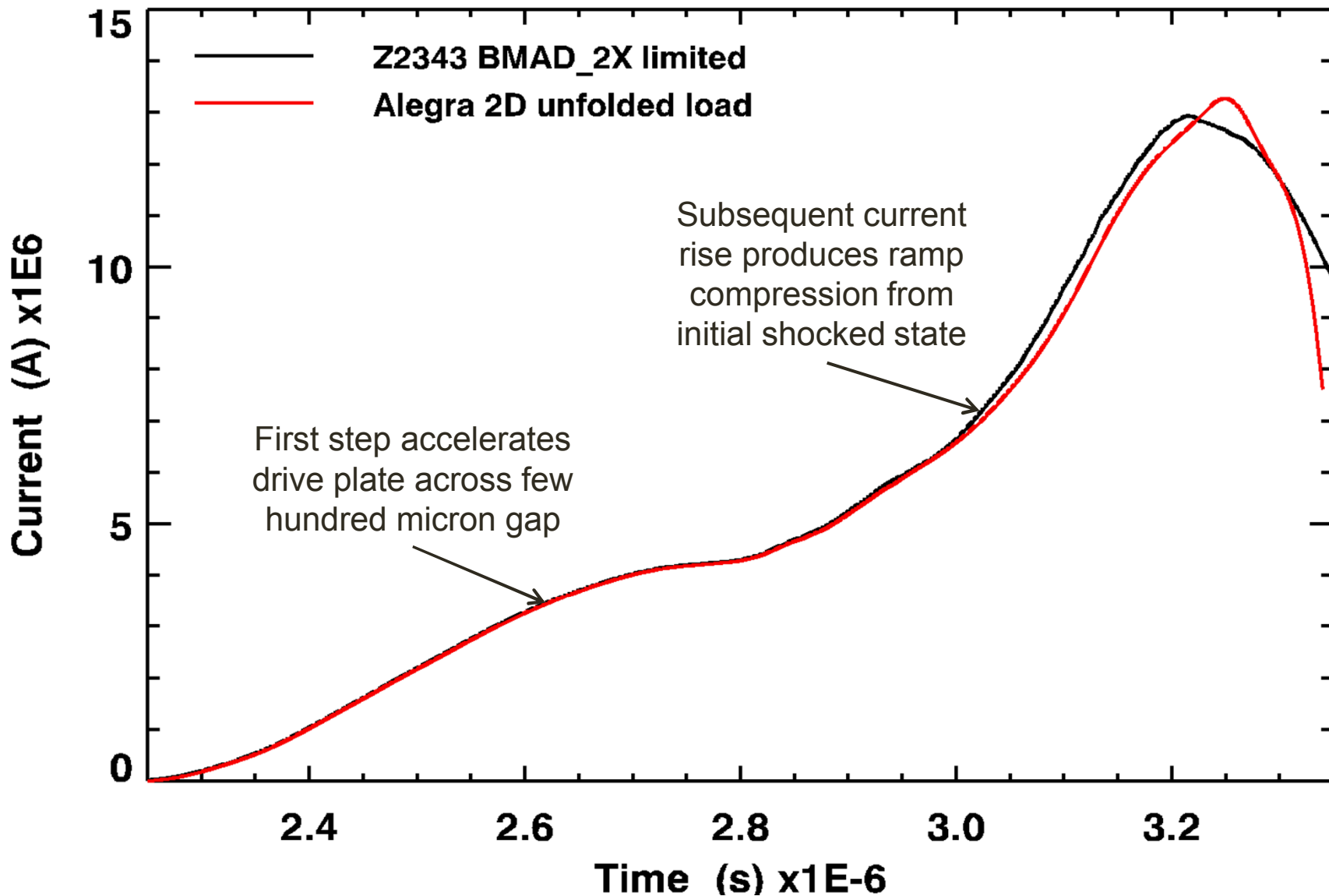
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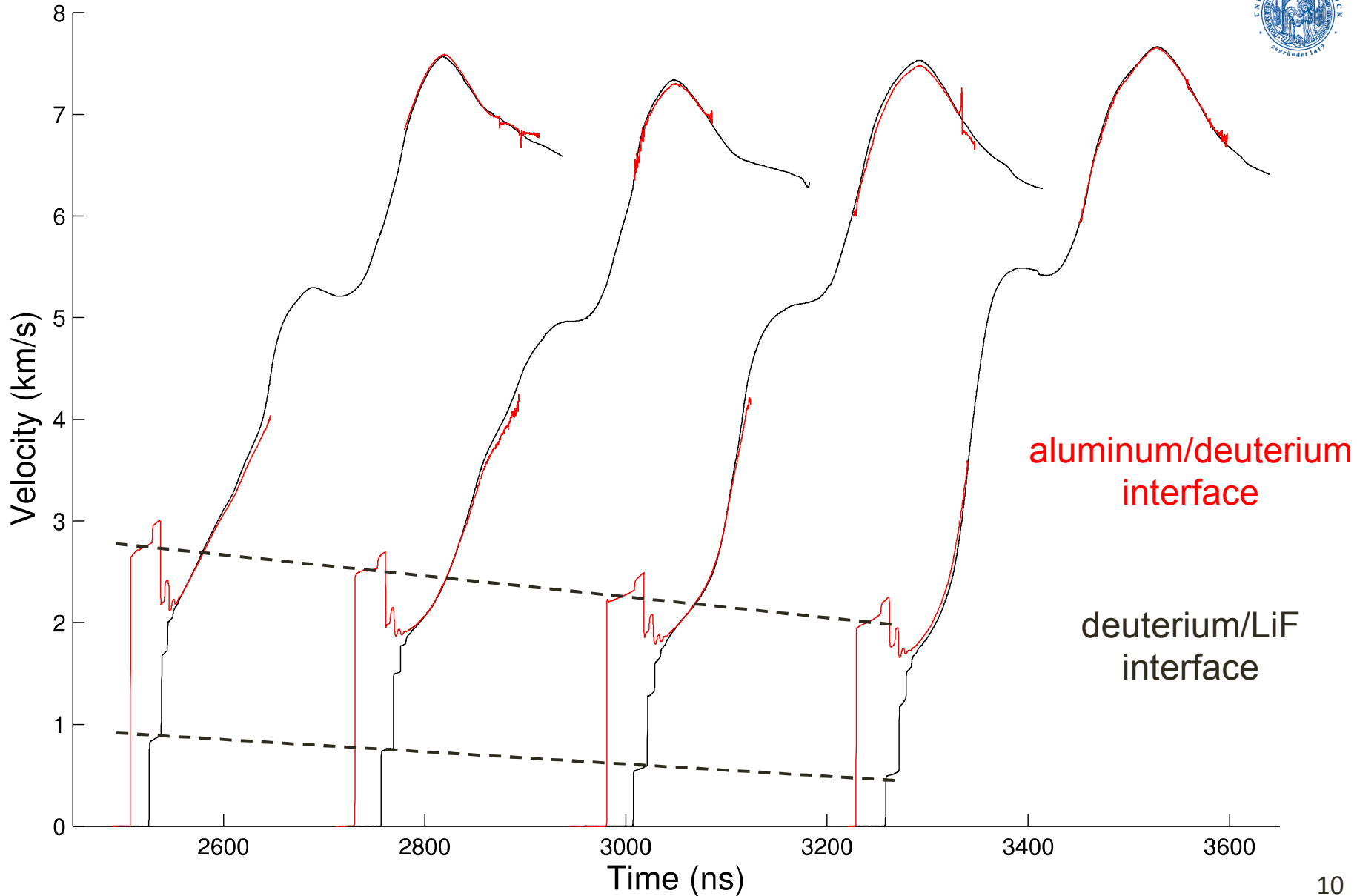
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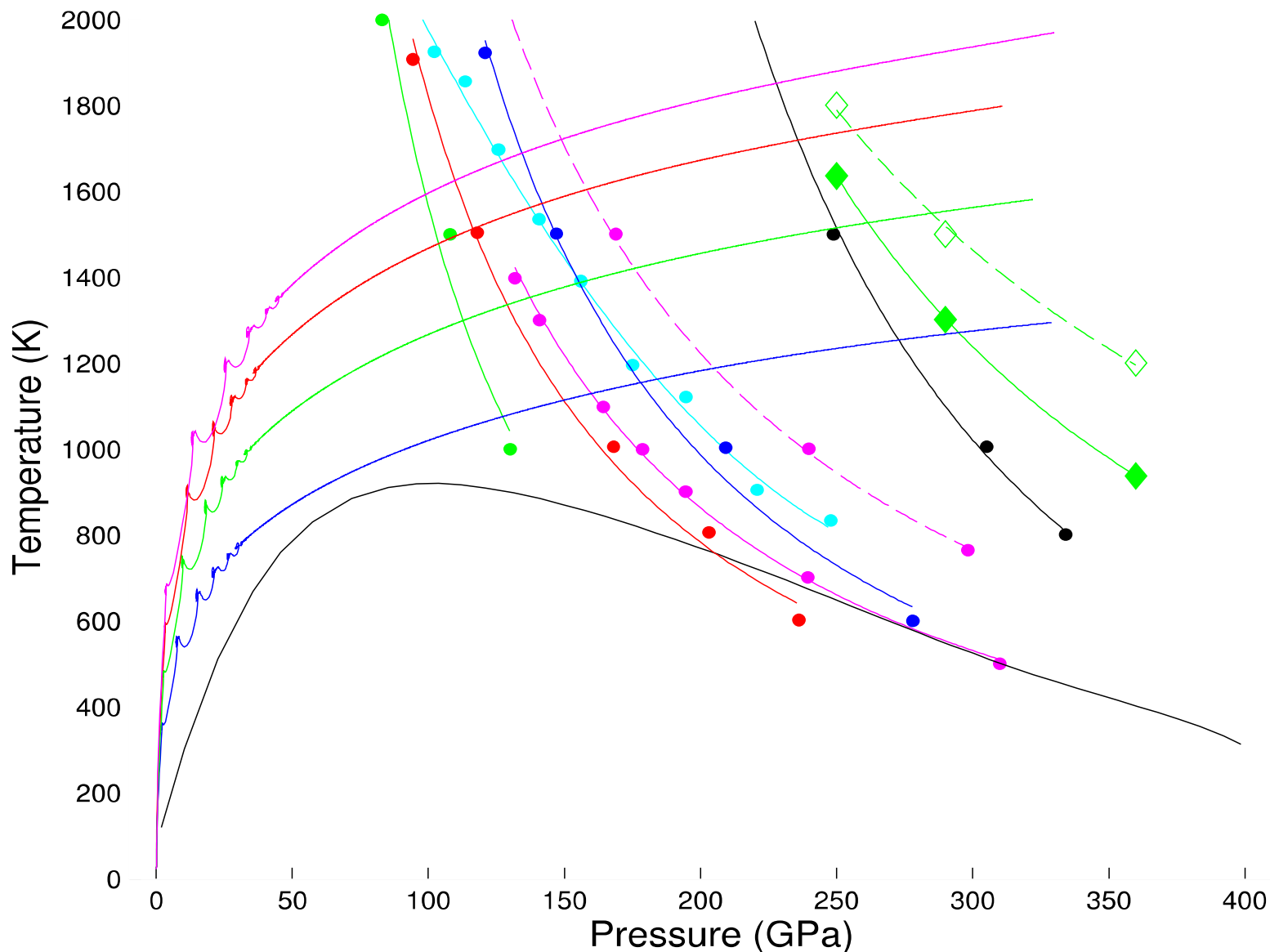
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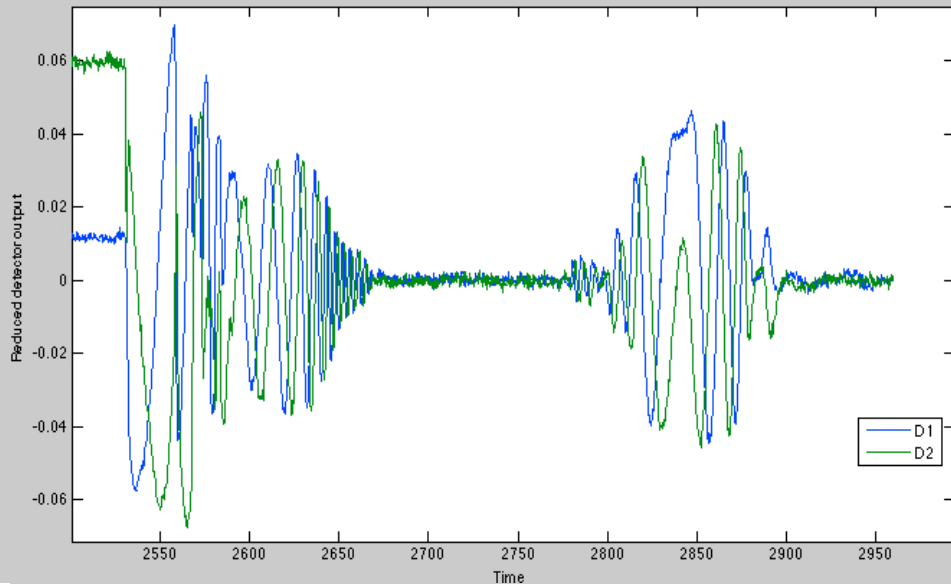
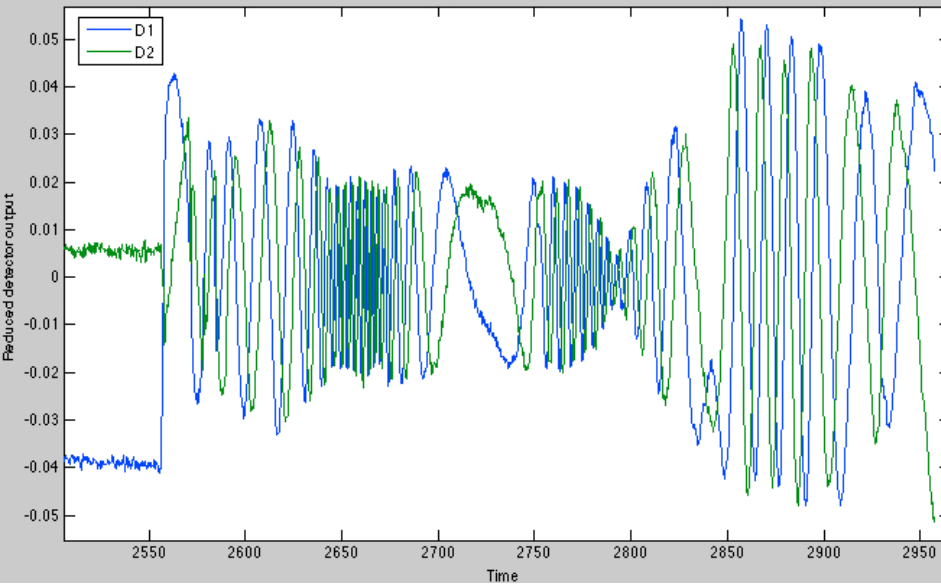
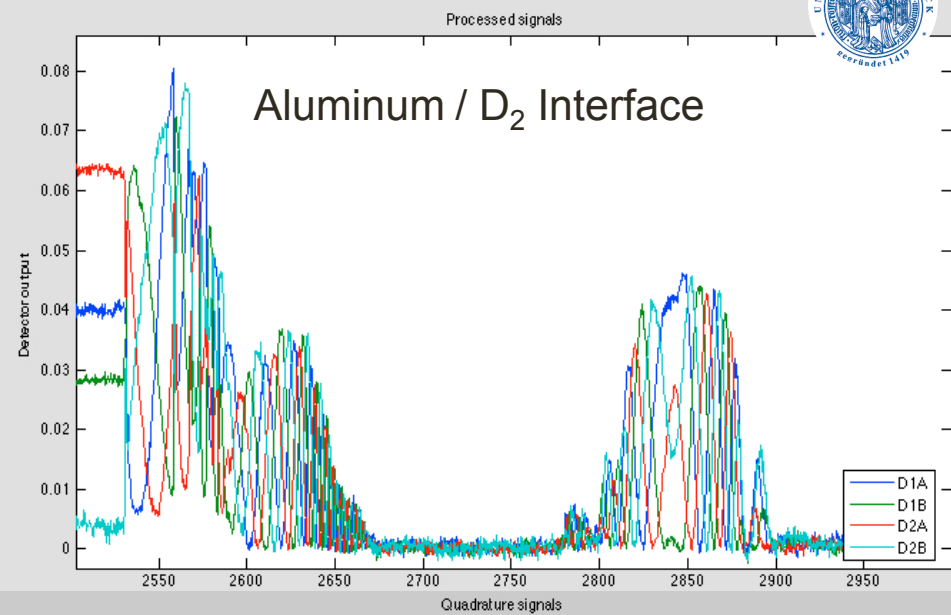
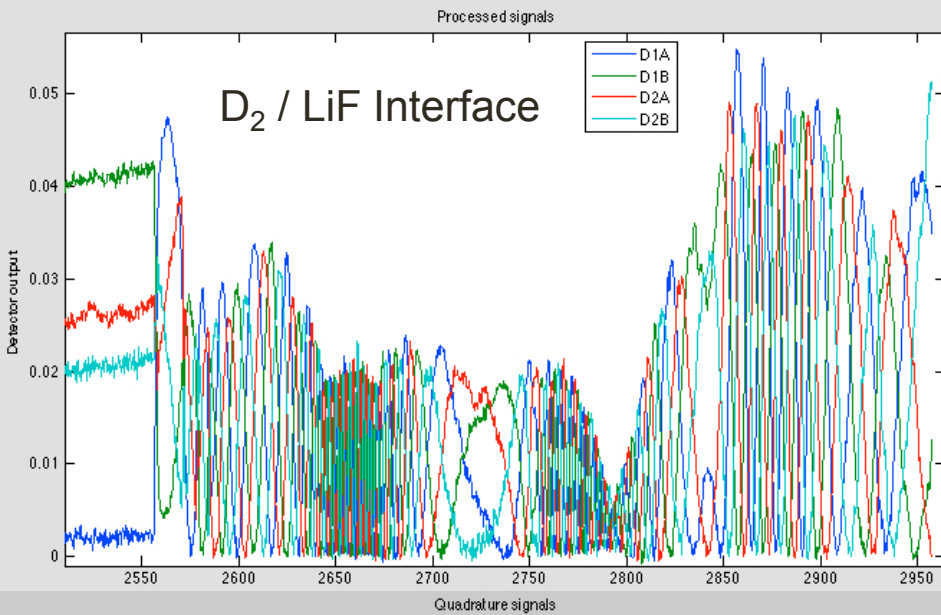
# Stripline experimental profiles



# Stripline experiment PT paths



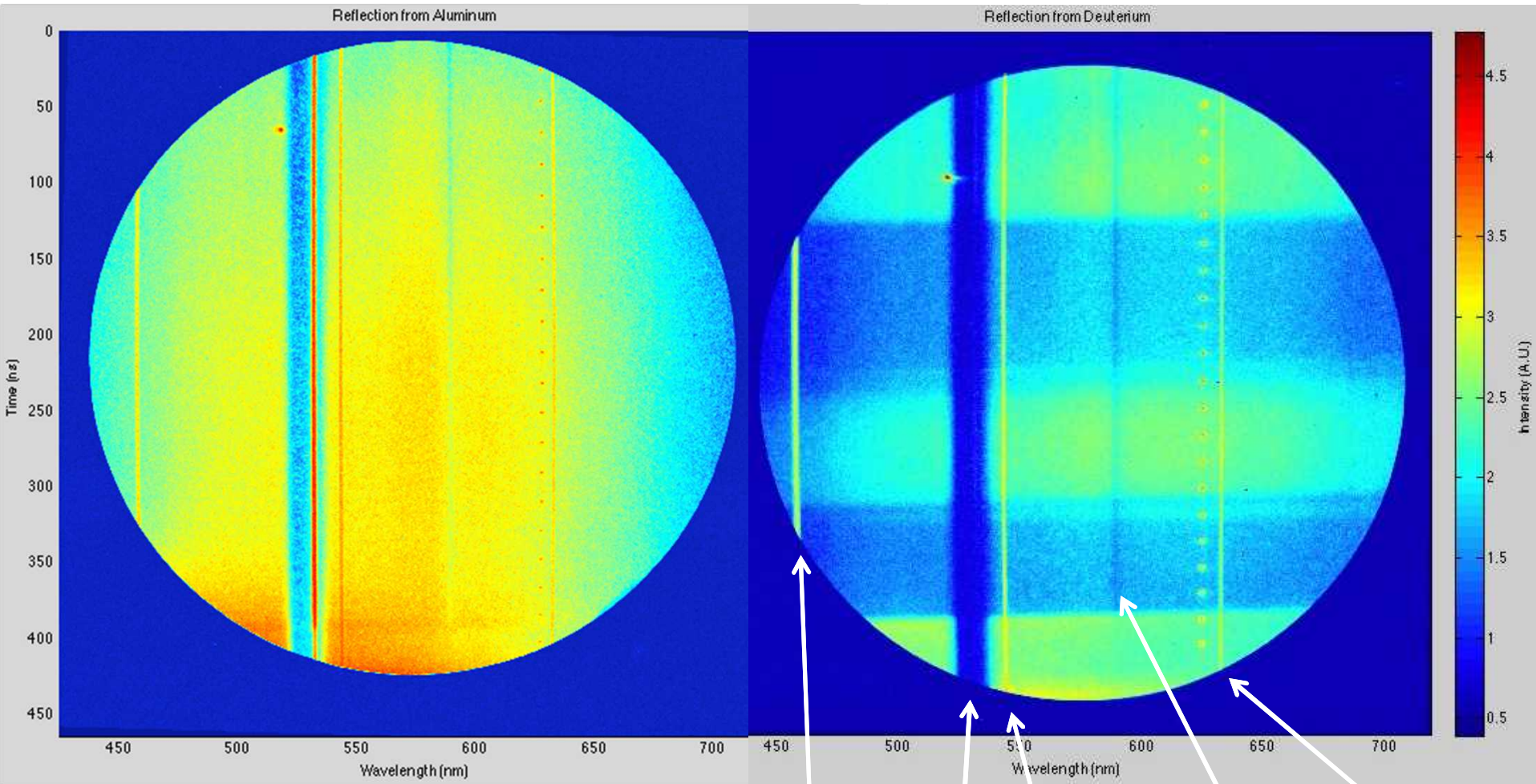
# Processed VISAR signals



# SVS system provides data to infer reflectivity

## Reflection from aluminum coating

## Reflection from deuterium



Wavelength range ~450-700 nm

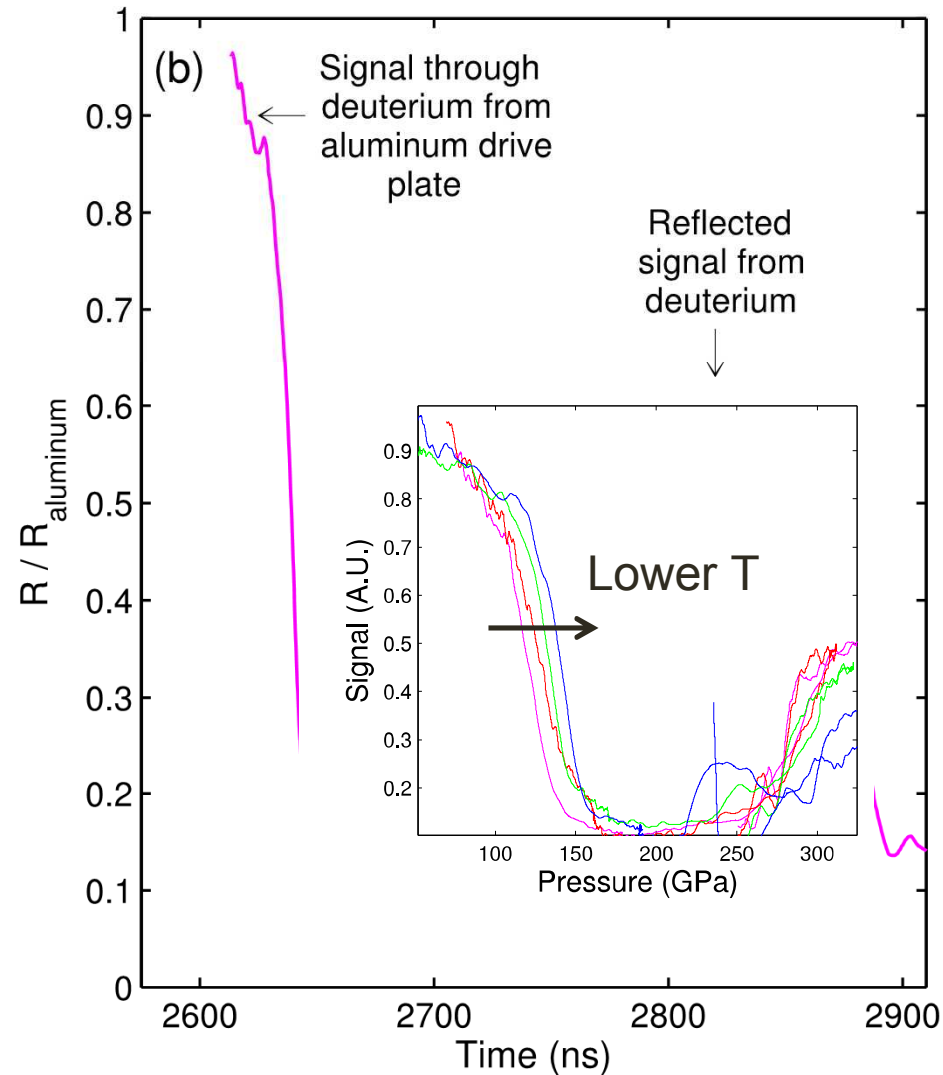
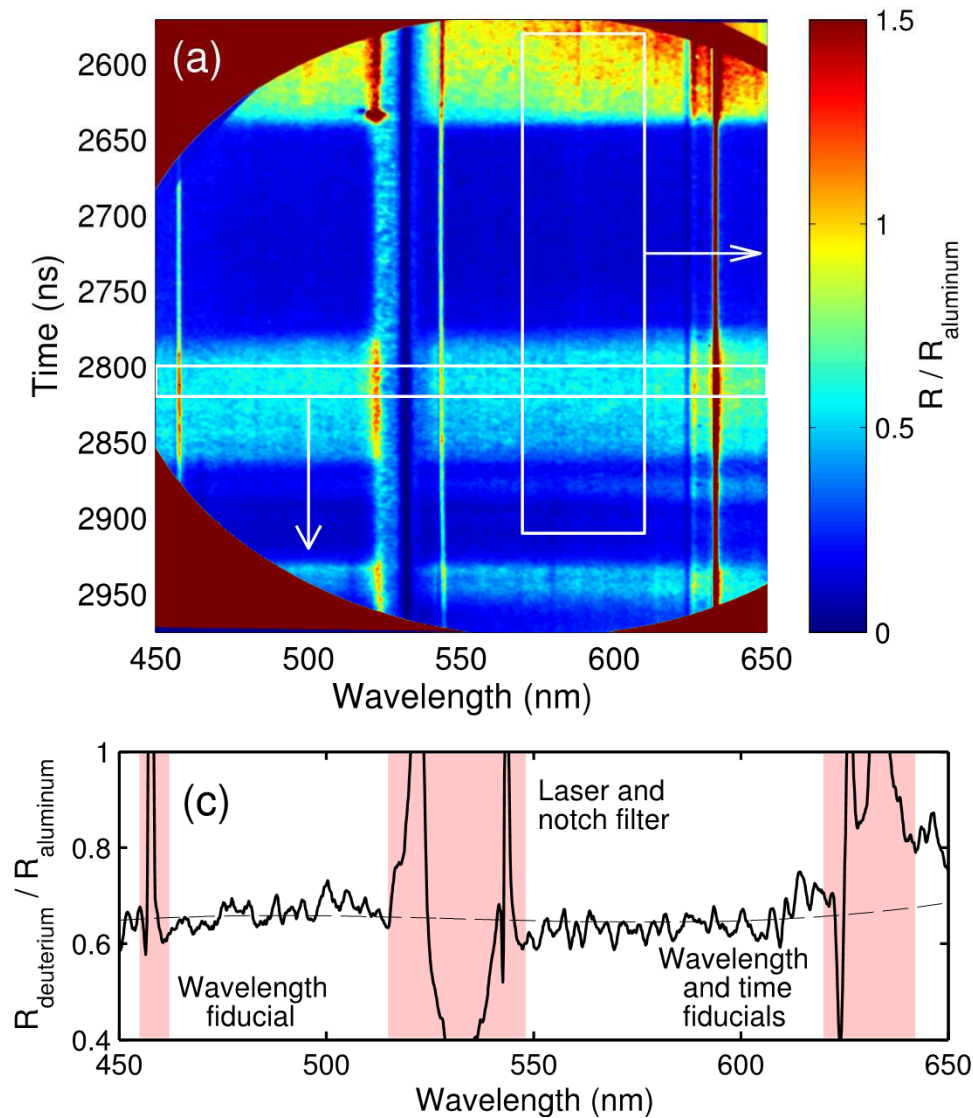
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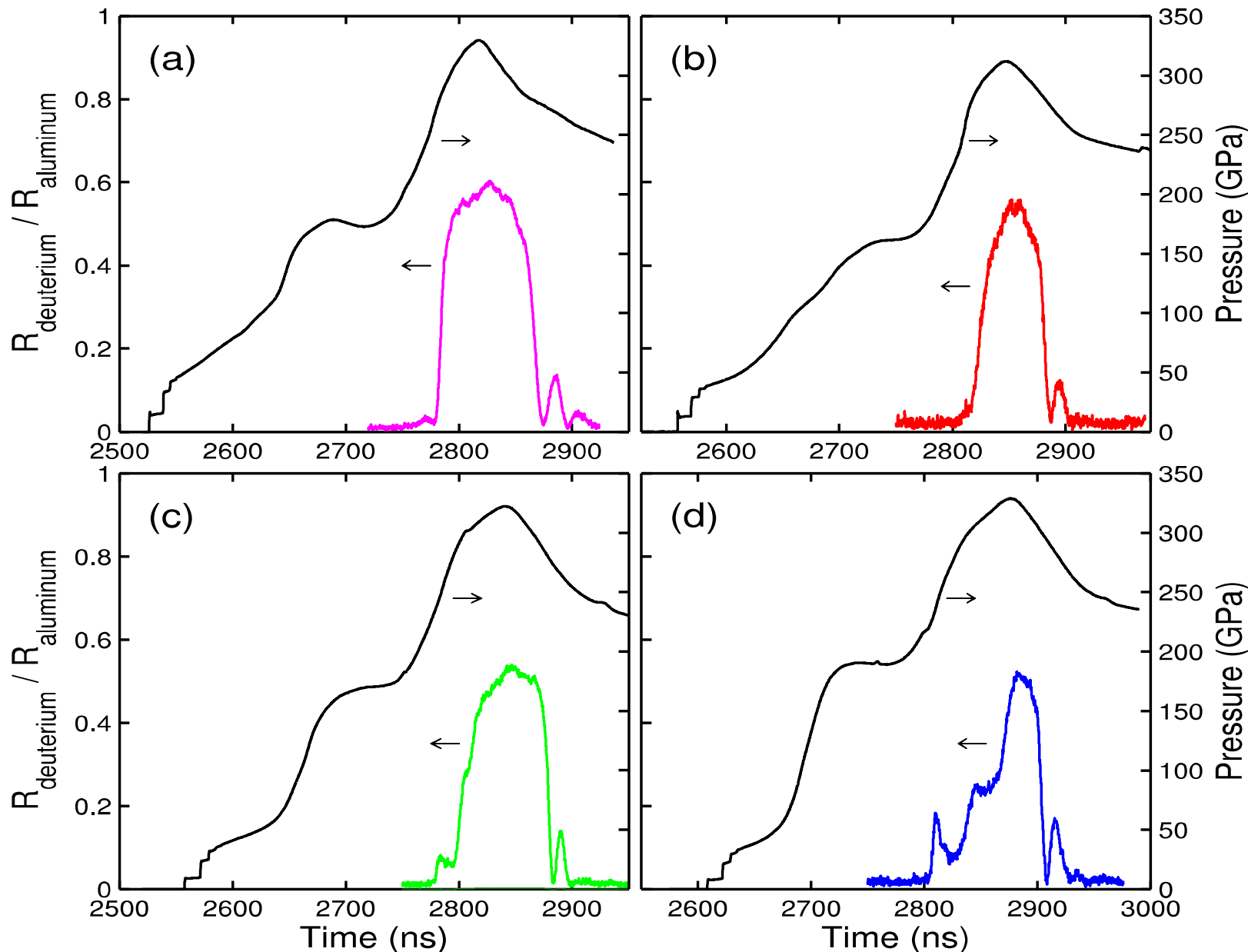
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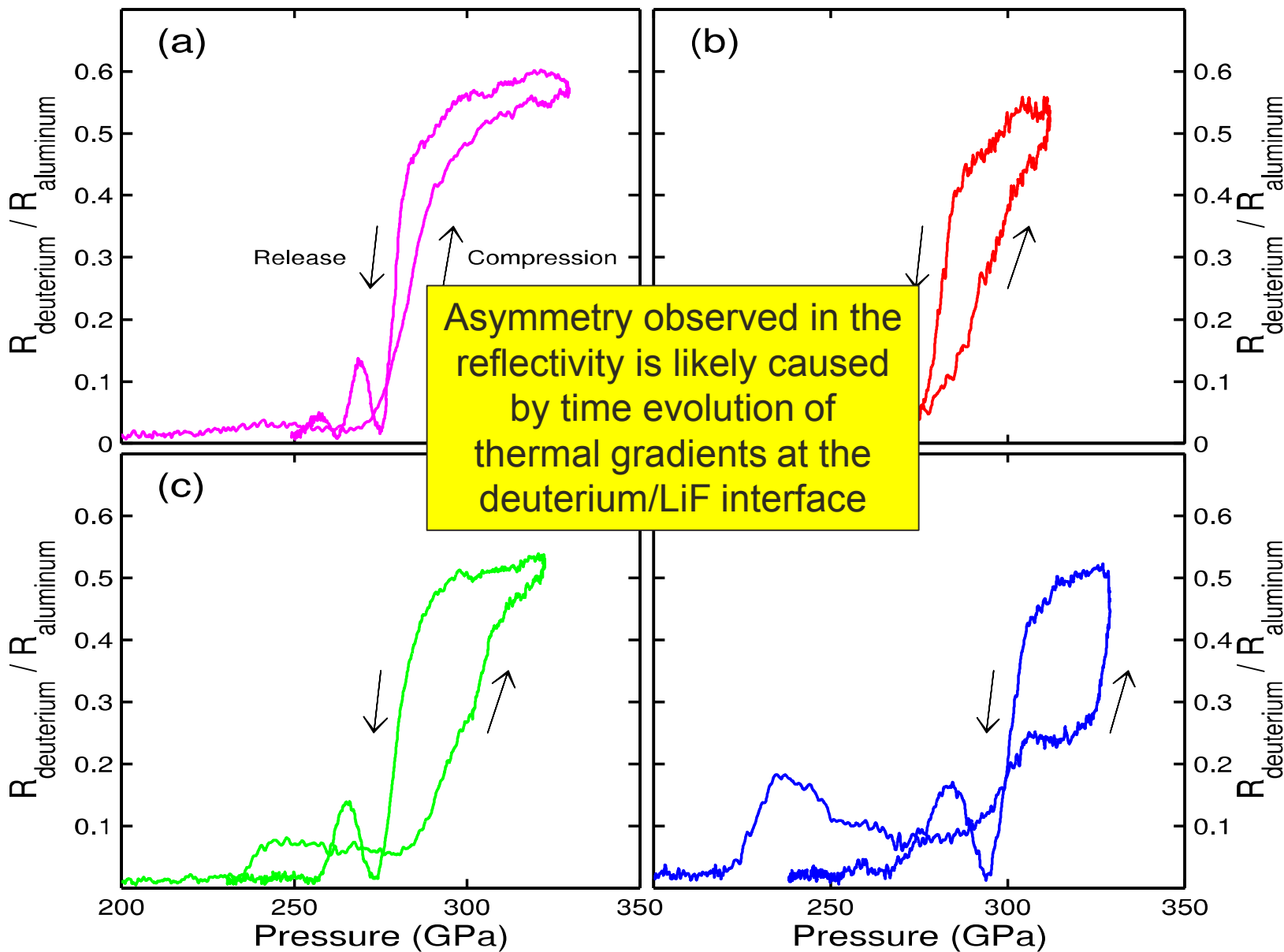
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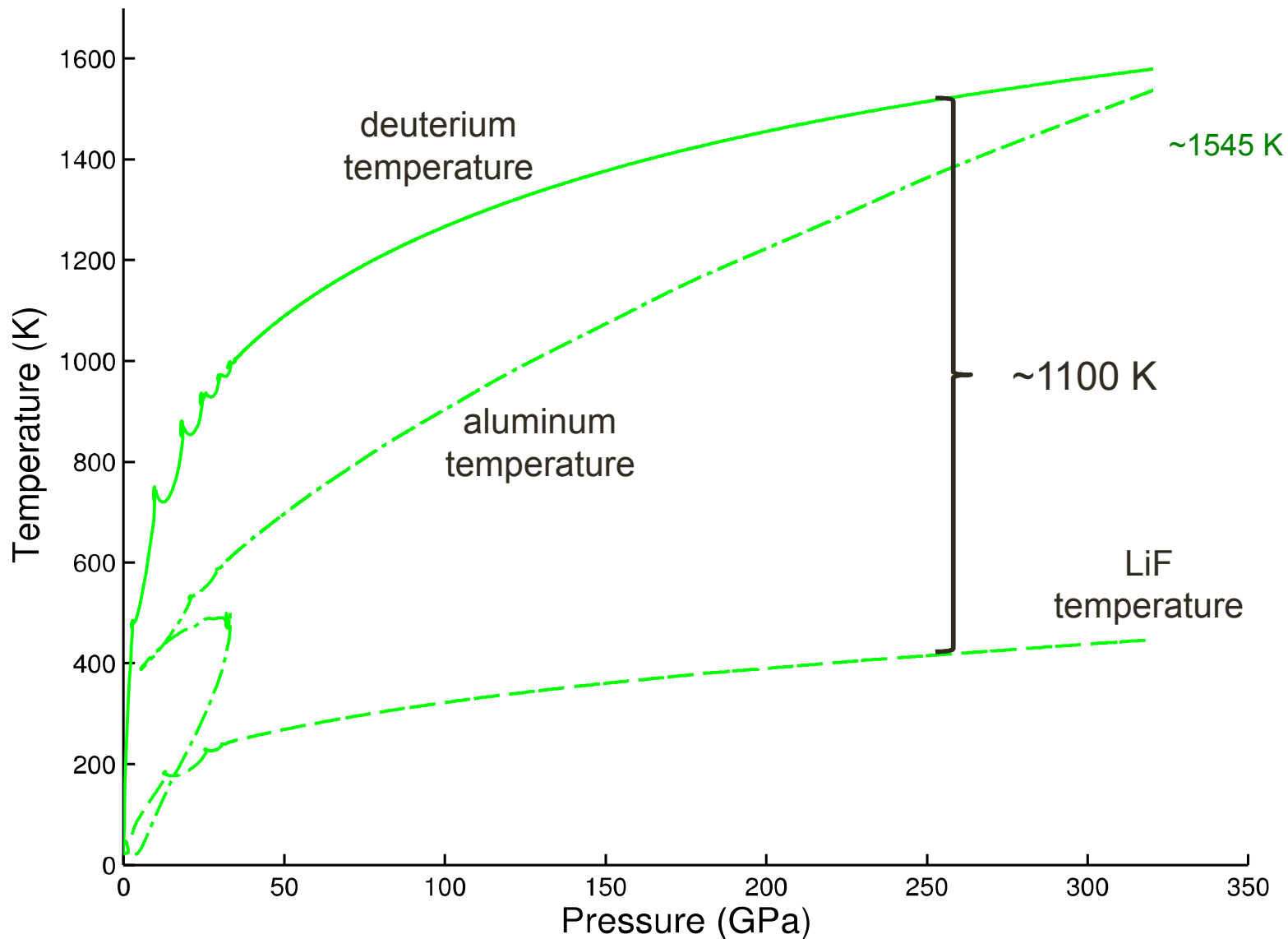
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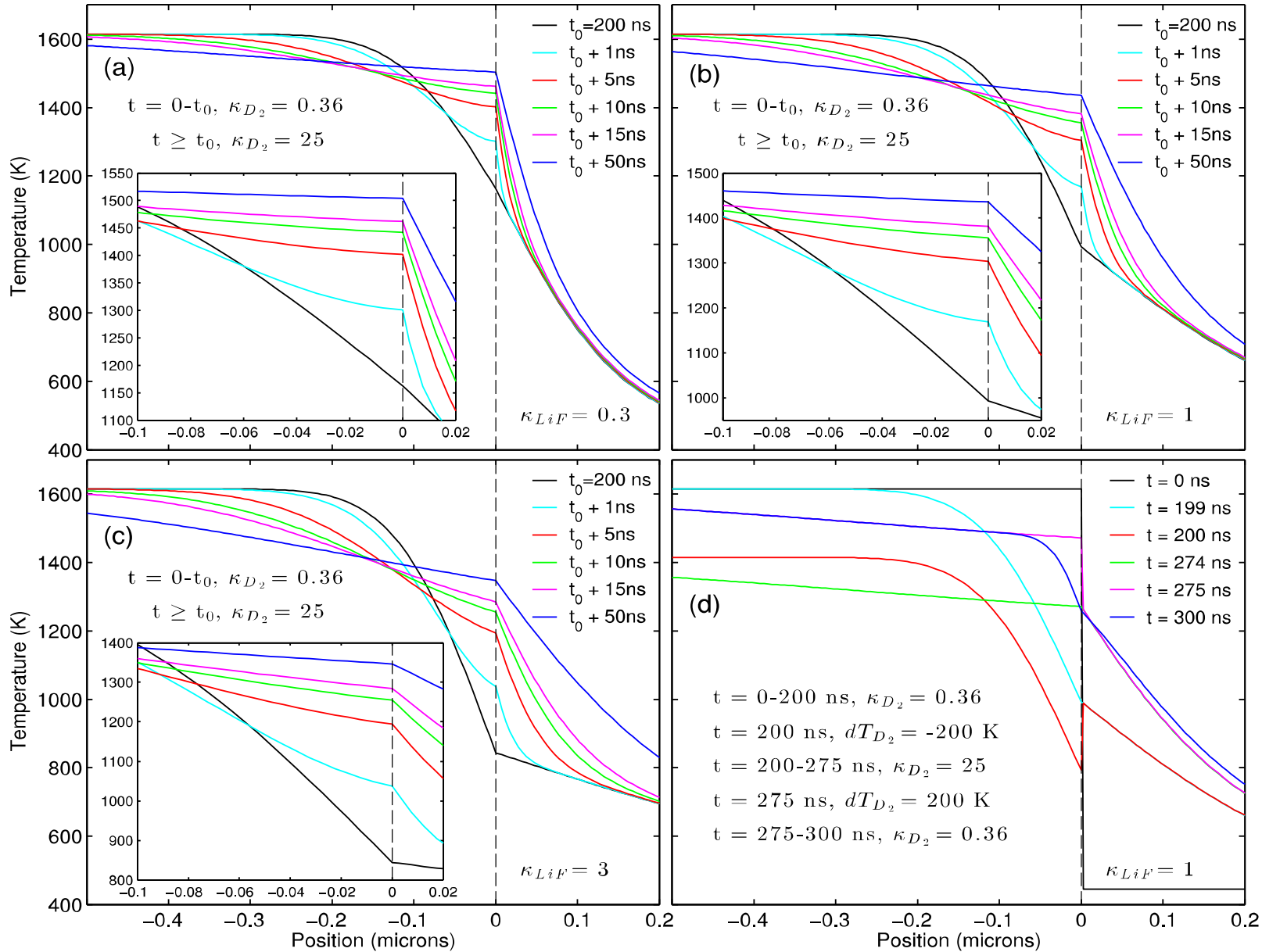
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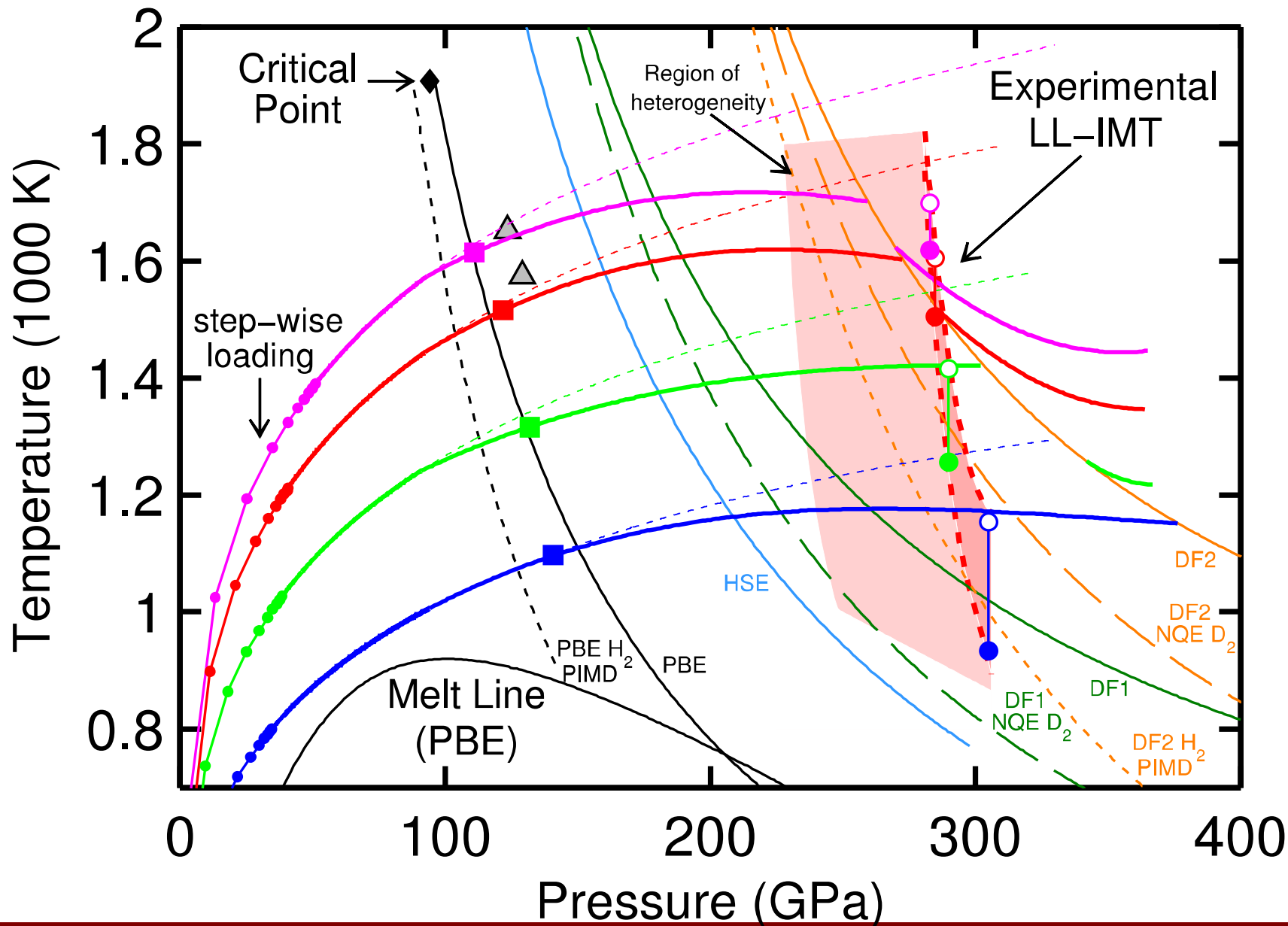
# There is a significant temperature difference at the deuterium/LiF interface



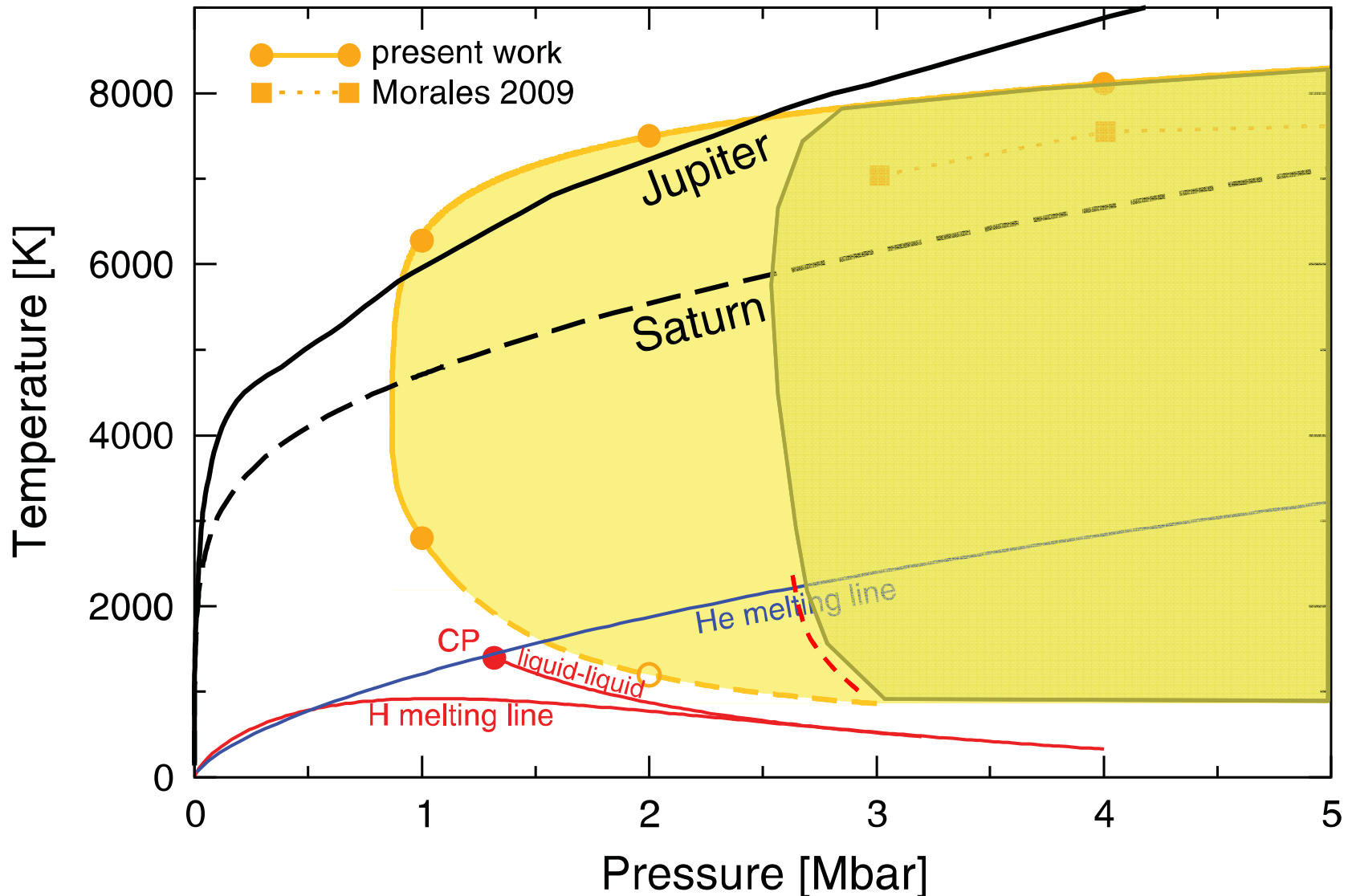
# Thermal conduction simulations



# Possible location of the LL-IMT in deuterium



# H-He de-mixing appears to be precipitated at low T and P by metallization in hydrogen



# Conclusions

- Shock-ramp technique enables experimental access to the region of phase space where the liquid-liquid, insulator-metal transition (LL-IMT) has been proposed for hydrogen
  - Temperature of the adiabat controlled by magnitude of initial shock
  - $P(t)$  in the experiments determined from the LiF equation of state
- Experiments above  $\sim 250$  GPa show clear evidence of metallization of deuterium
  - Very abrupt increase in reflectivity to  $\sim 40-50\%$
  - Pressure state well above numerous first principles predictions
  - Indications suggest that the transition is first order
- Interpretation of the experimental results is complicated
  - Thermal conduction likely very important at the deuterium / LiF interface

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