

Application of Plasma Phenomena



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Tuesday 9:10-12:00

Materials:

<https://capst.ncku.edu.tw/PGS/index.php/teaching/>

Online courses:

<https://nckucc.webex.com/nckucc/j.php?MTID=m2a52f2d8ea616f434b6ec3053ef0ebd2>

Grading

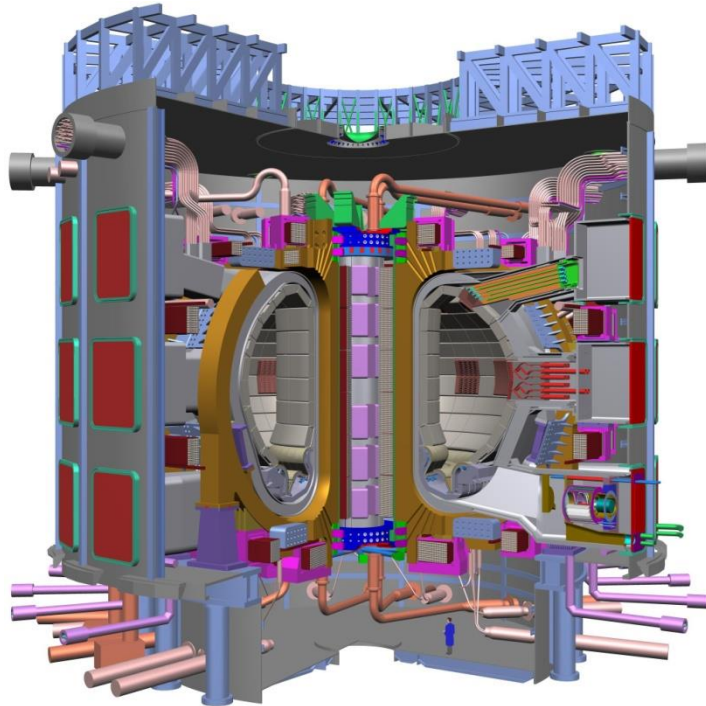


- **Assignments 50 % - There will be 3 homework in total.**
- **Presentations 50 % - 6/13(Tuesday) 10:00**
(10-min presentation on any
plasma applications or phenomena)

To control? Or not to control?

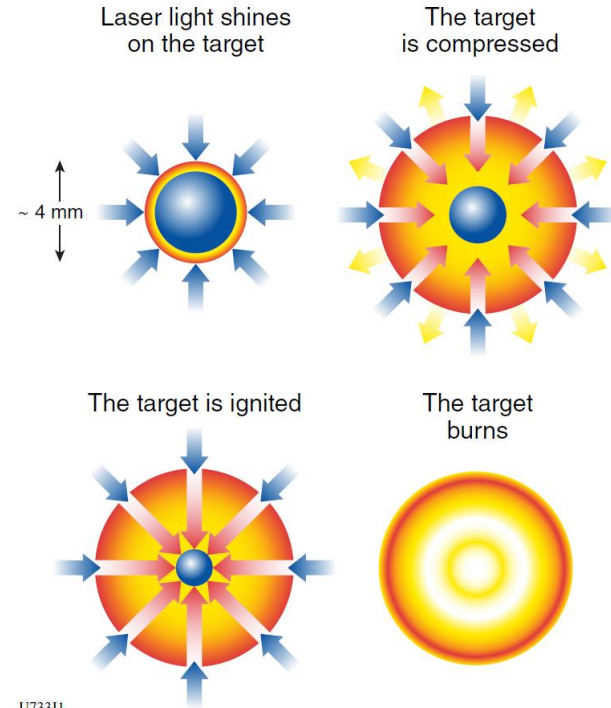


- **Magnetic confinement fusion (MCF)**



- Plasma is confined by toroidal magnetic field.

- **Inertial confinement fusion (ICF)**



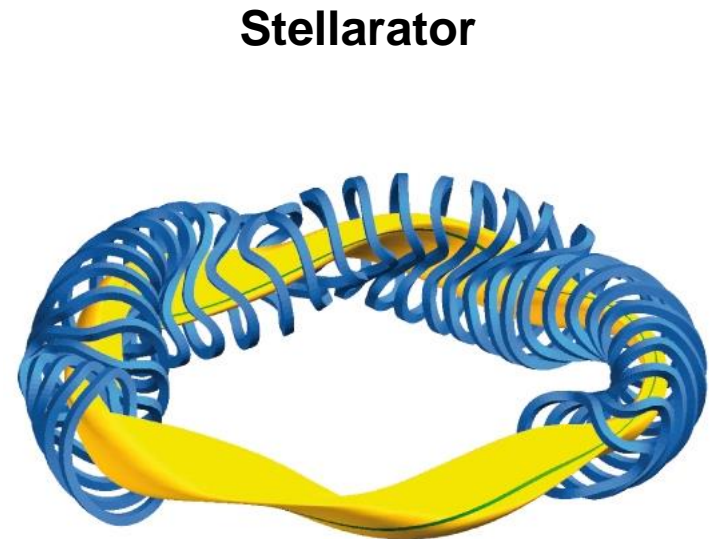
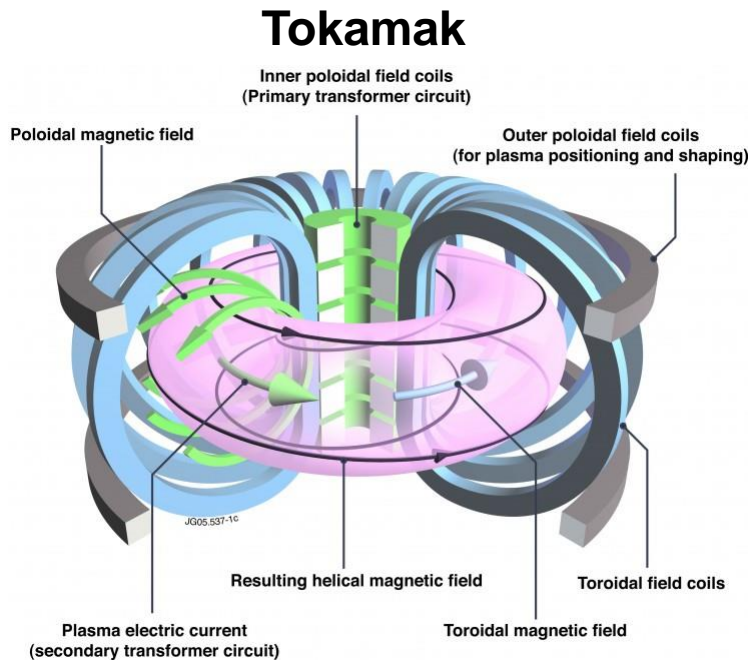
- A DT ice capsule filled with DT gas is imploded by laser.

Laboratory for Laser Energetics, University of Rochester is a pioneer in laser fusion

The plasma is too hot to be contained



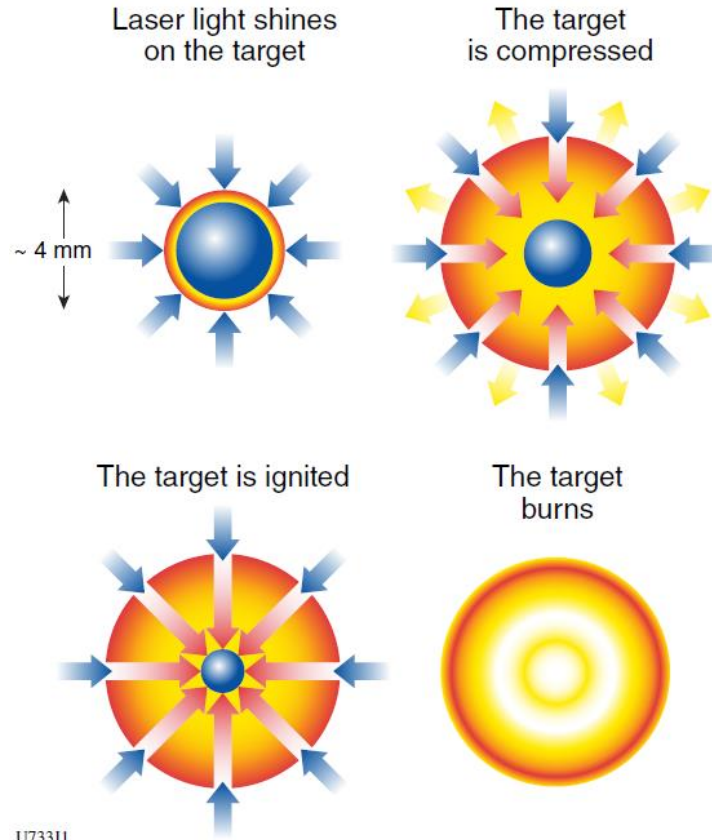
- **Solution 1: Magnetic confinement fusion (MCF), use a magnetic field to contain it. $P \sim \text{atm}$, $\tau \sim \text{sec}$, $T \sim 10 \text{ keV}$ ($10^8 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)**



Don't confine it!

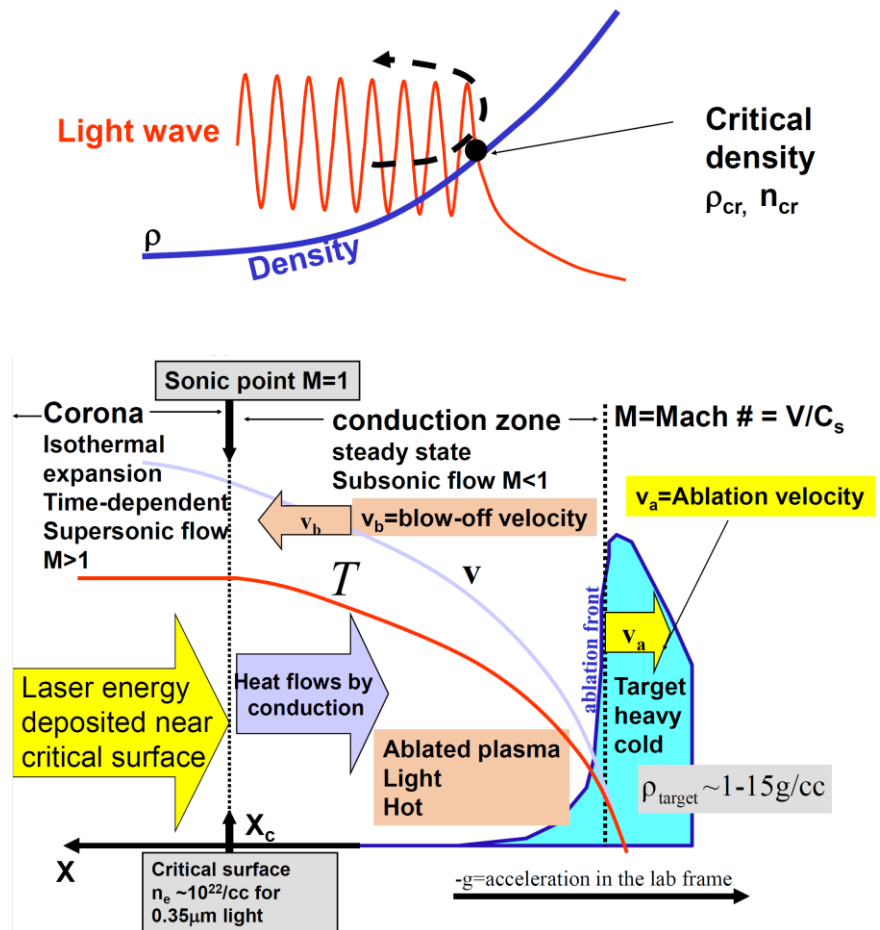
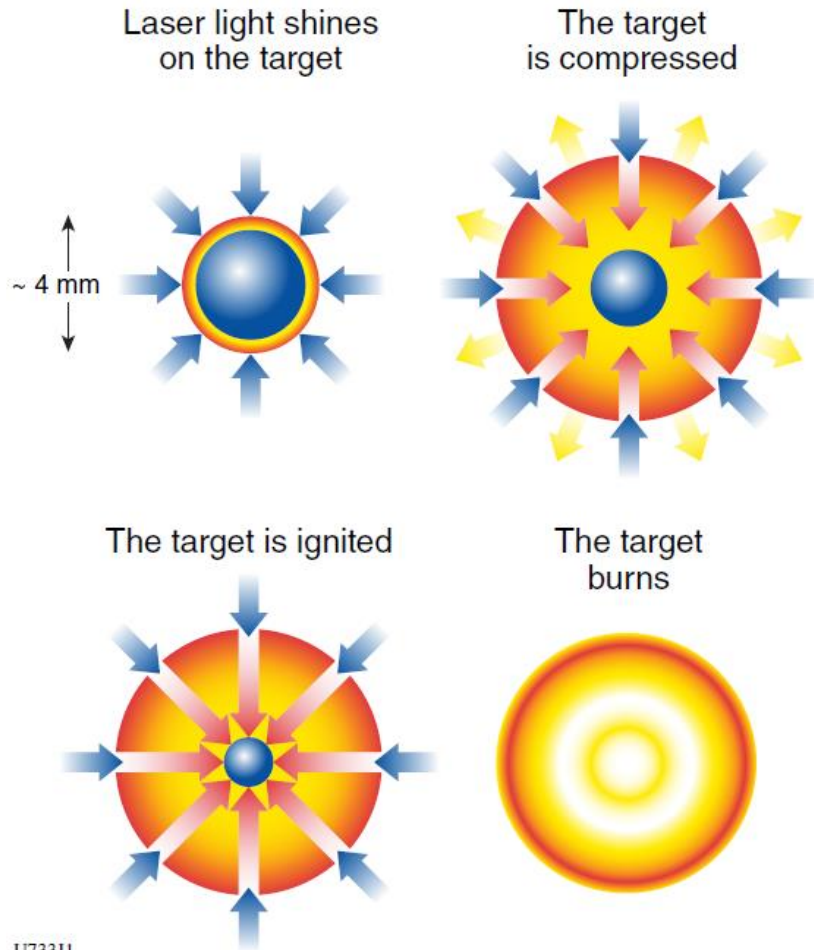


- **Solution 2: Inertial confinement fusion (ICF). Or you can say it is confined by its own inertia: $P \sim \text{Gigabar}$, $\tau \sim \text{nsec}$, $T \sim 10 \text{ keV}$ ($10^8 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)**



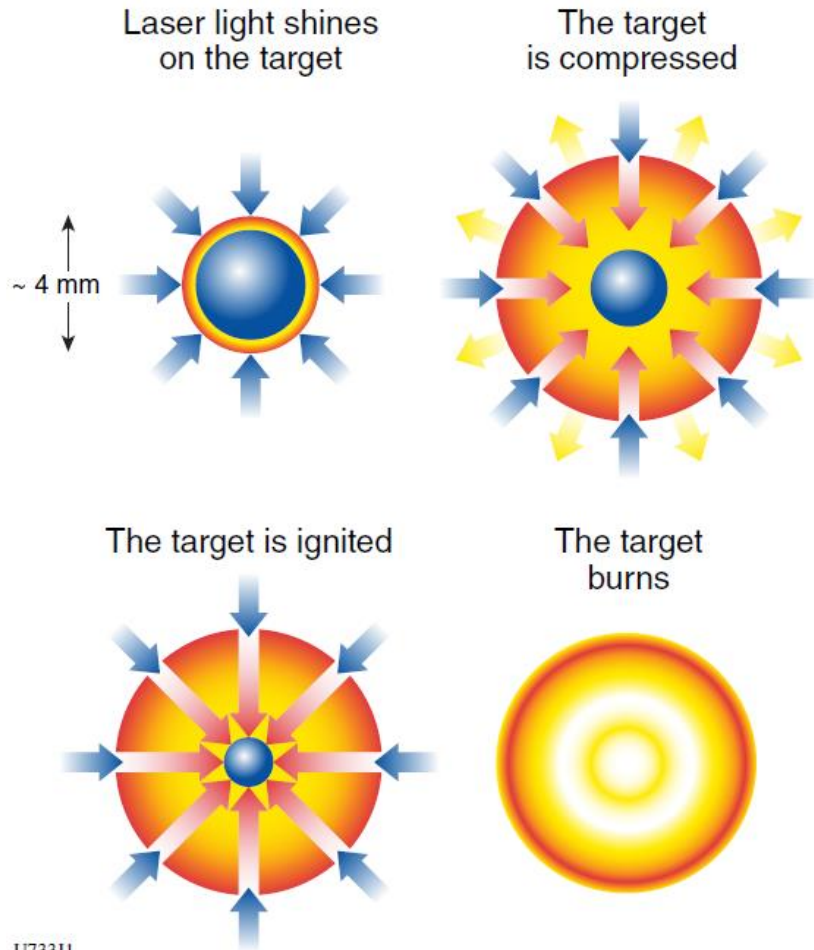
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Compression happens when outer layer of the target is heated by laser and ablated outward

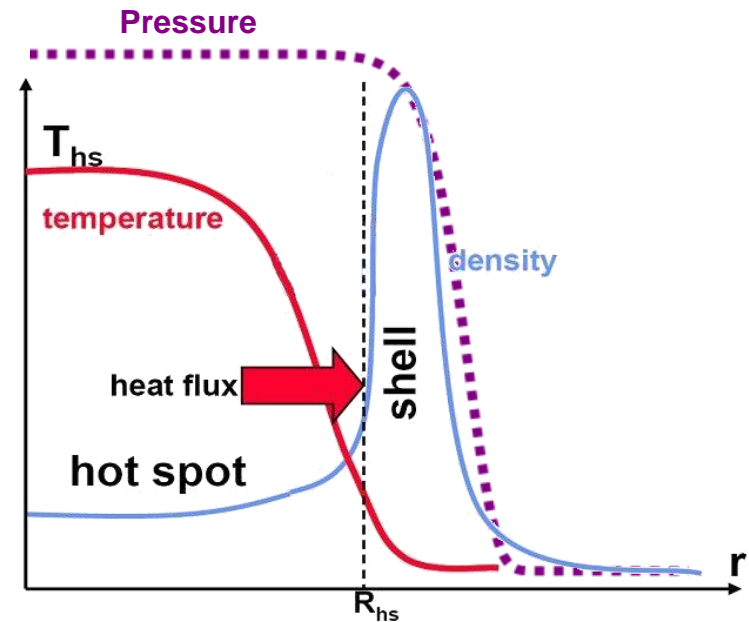


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Plasma is confined by its own inertia in inertial confinement fusion (ICF)



Spatial profile at stagnation

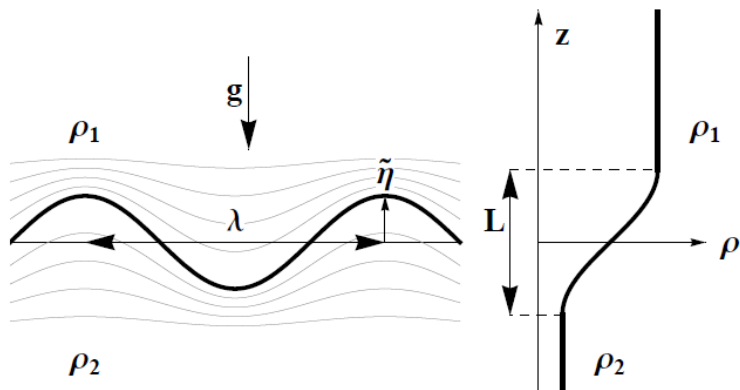


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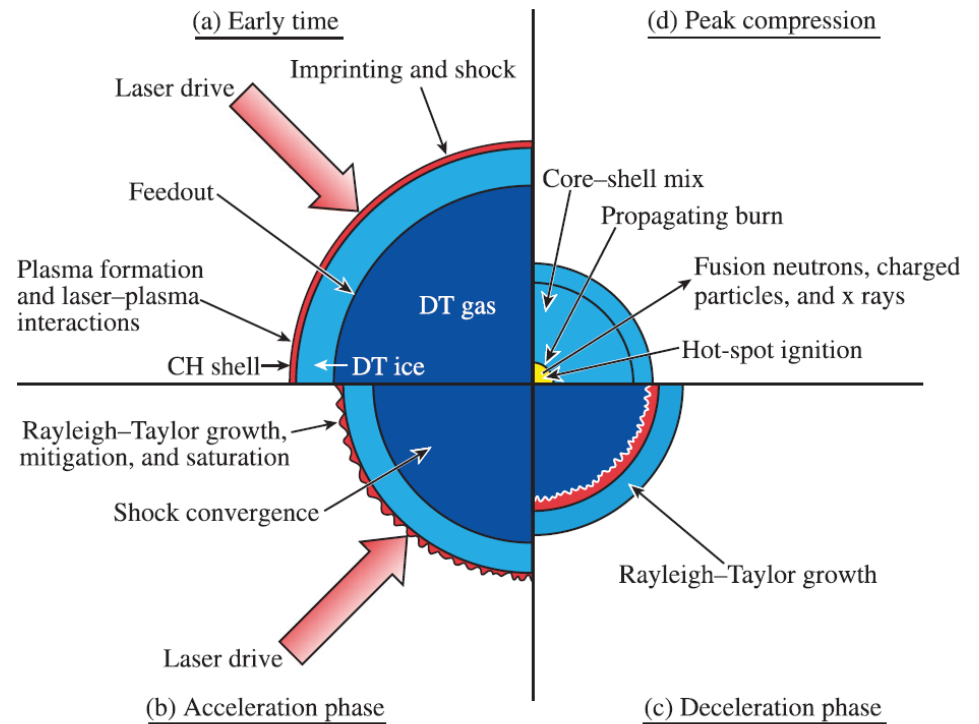
A ball can not be compressed uniformly by being squeezed between several fingers



• Rayleigh-Taylor instability

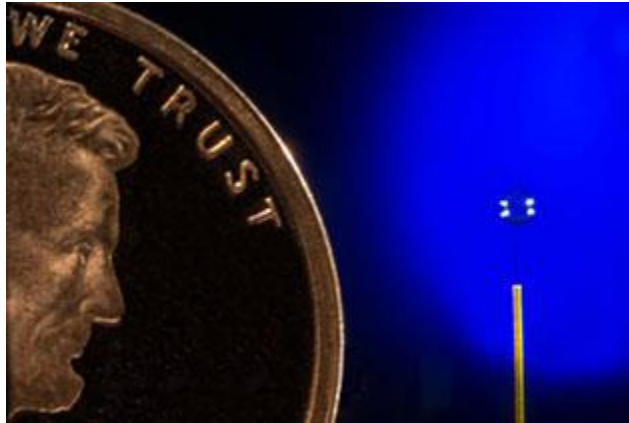


• Stages of a target implosion

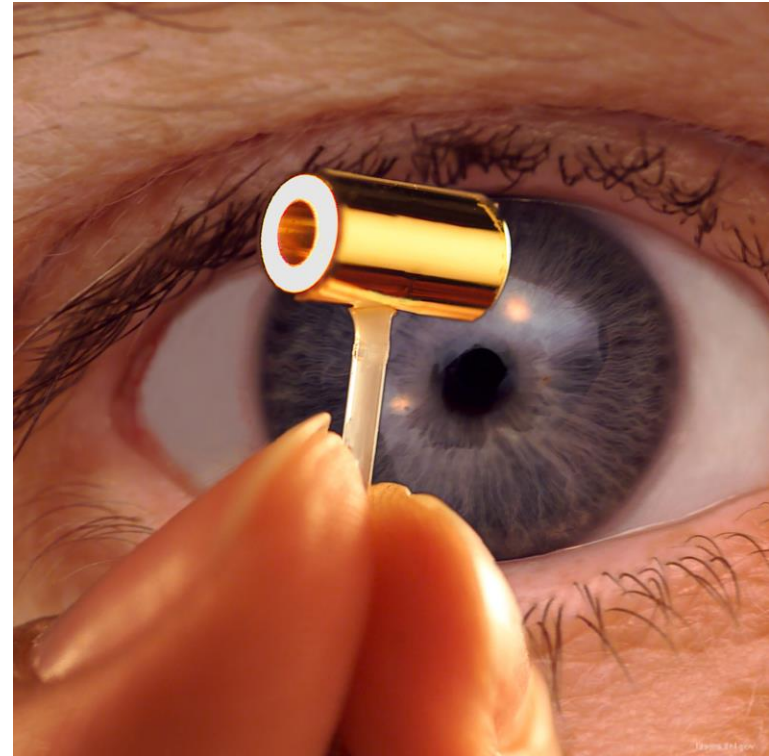
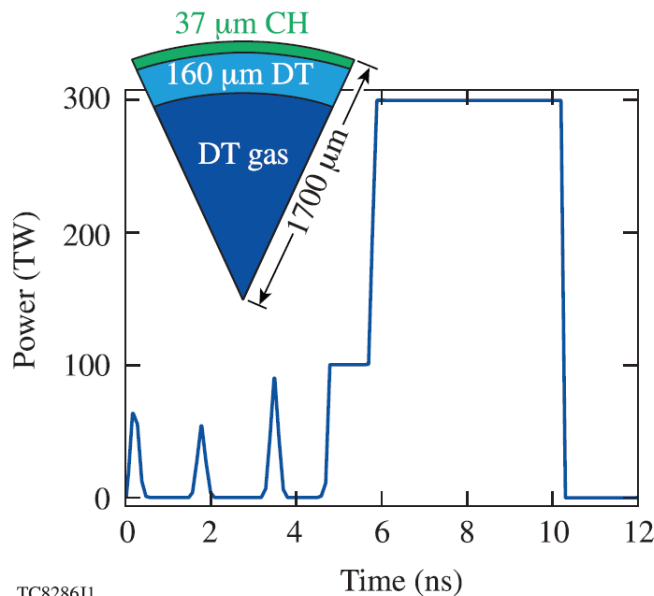


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Targets used in ICF



- **Triple-point temperature : 19.79 K**



<http://www.lle.rochester.edu>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inertial_confinement_fusion
R. S. Craxton, et al., *Phys. Plasmas* **22**, 110501 (2015)

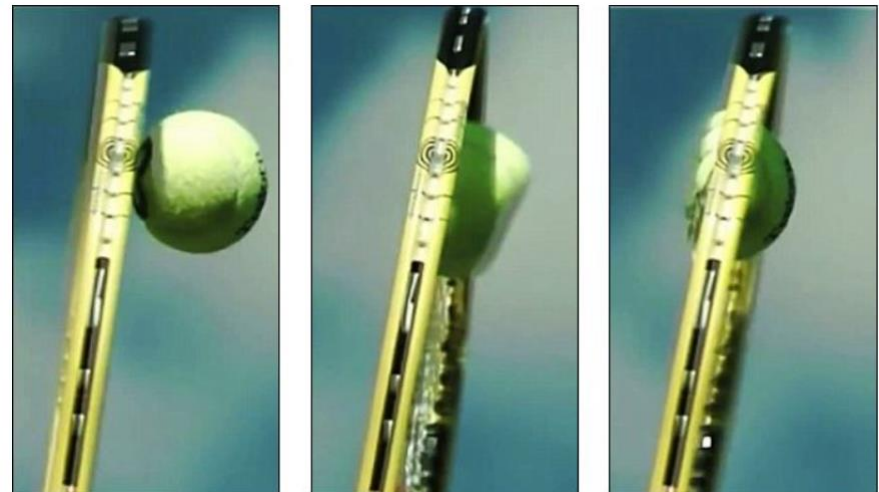
Softer material can be compressed to higher density



- **Compression of a baseball**



- **Compression of a tennis ball**



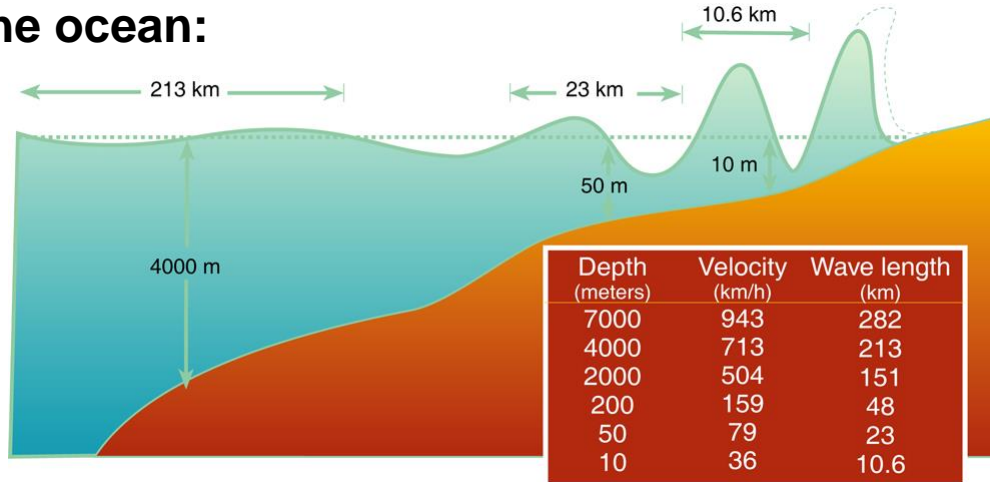
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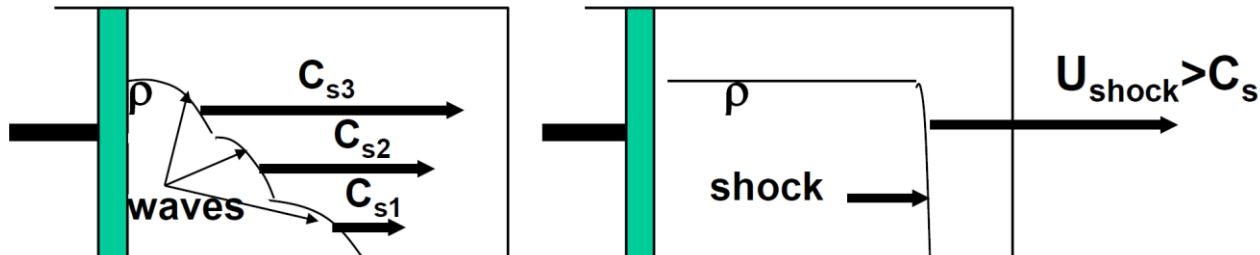
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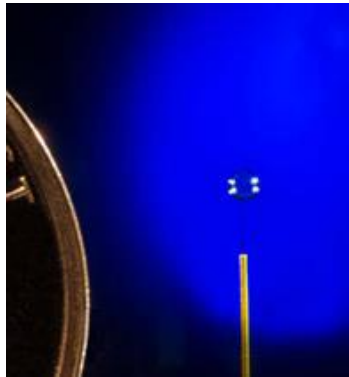


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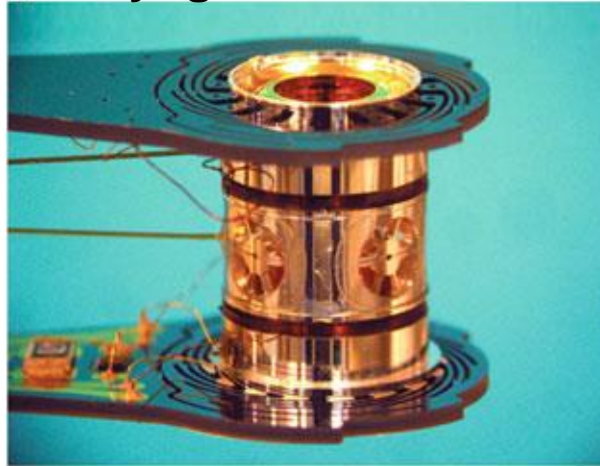
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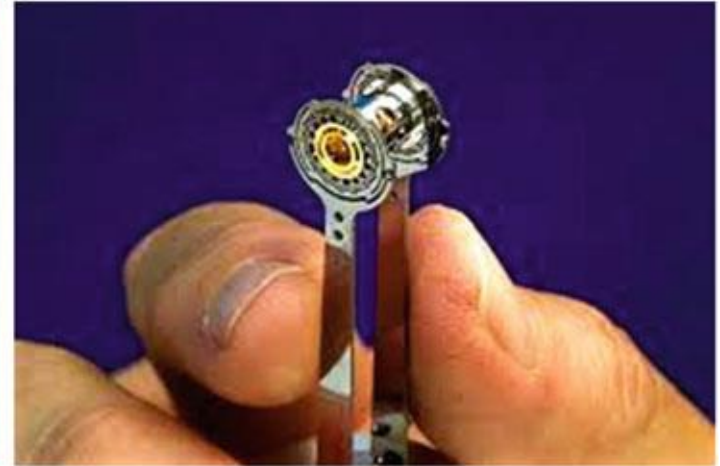


Cryogenic shroud

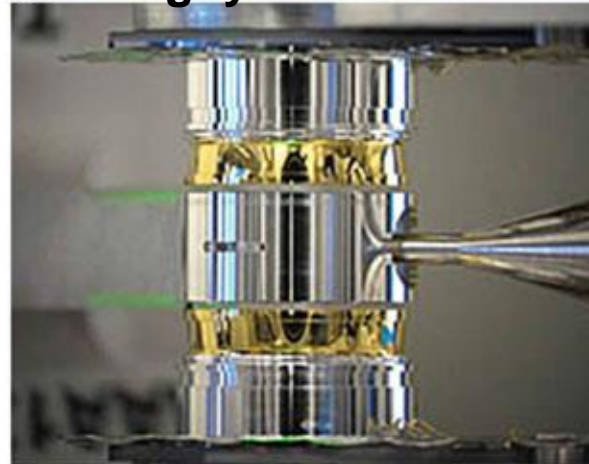
a Cryogenic hohlraum



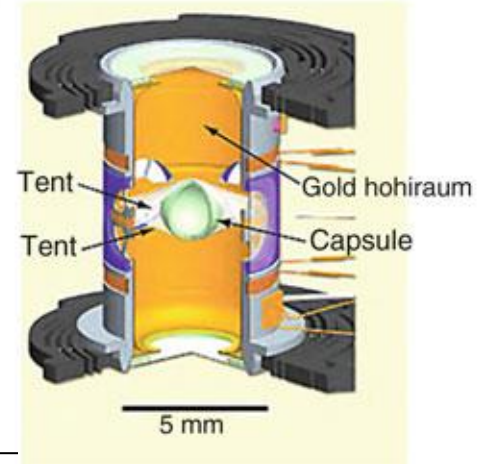
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c Rugby hohlraum

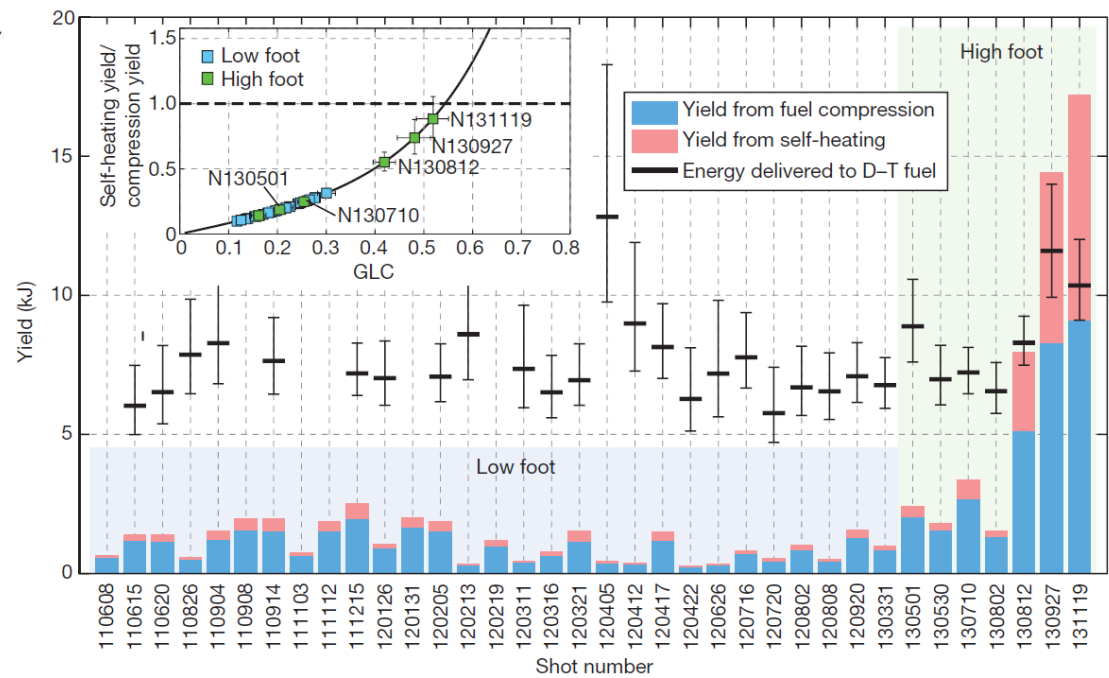
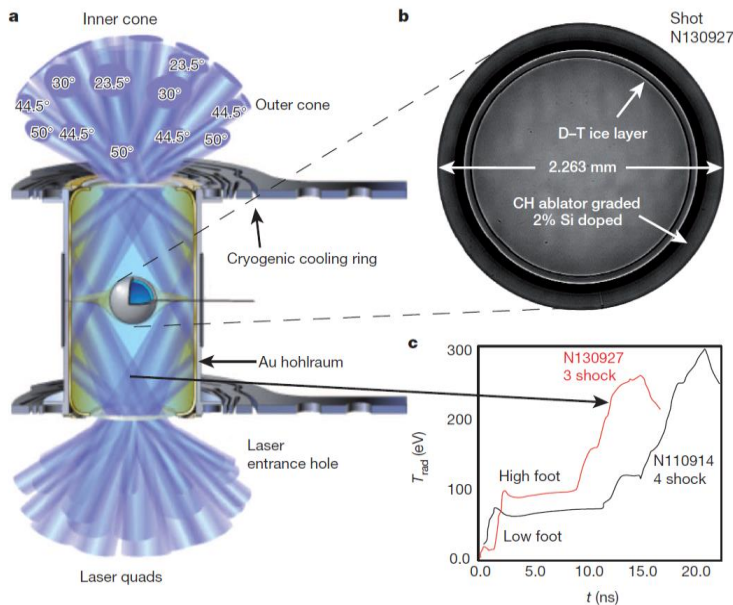


d Tent holder



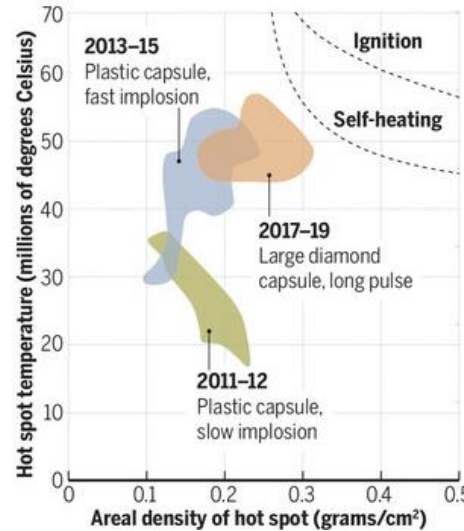
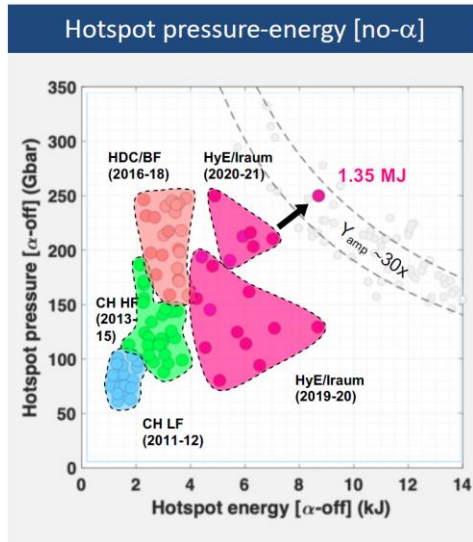
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Introduction to Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion 3rd Edition, by Francis F. Chen
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Nature letter “Fuel gain exceeding unity in an inertially confined fusion implosion”

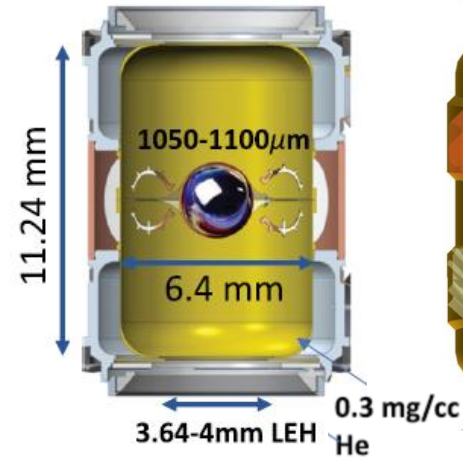


• Fuel gain exceeding unity was demonstrated for the first time.

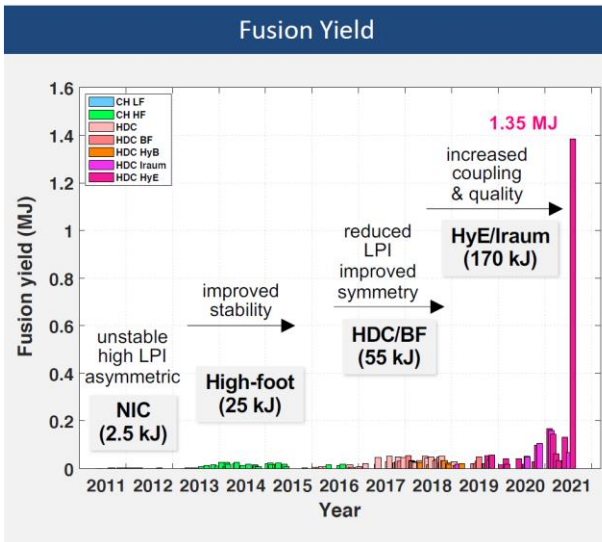
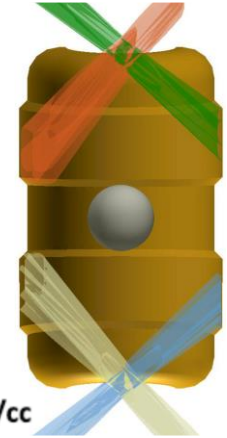
The hot spot has entered the burning plasma regime



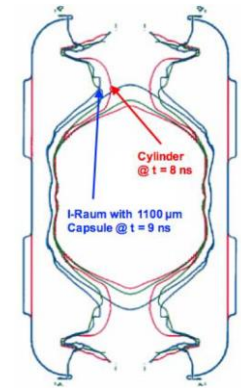
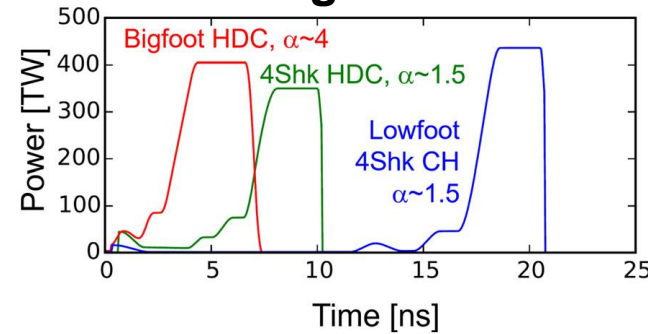
- **Hybrid-E**



- **I-raum**



- **Big foot**



T. Ma, ARPA-E workshop, April 26, 2022

Science 370, p1019, 2020

D. T. Casey, etc., Phys. Plasmas, 25, 056308 (2018)

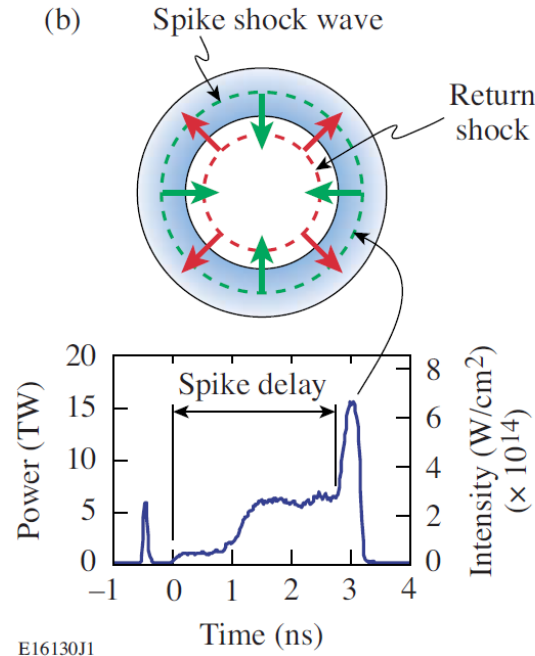
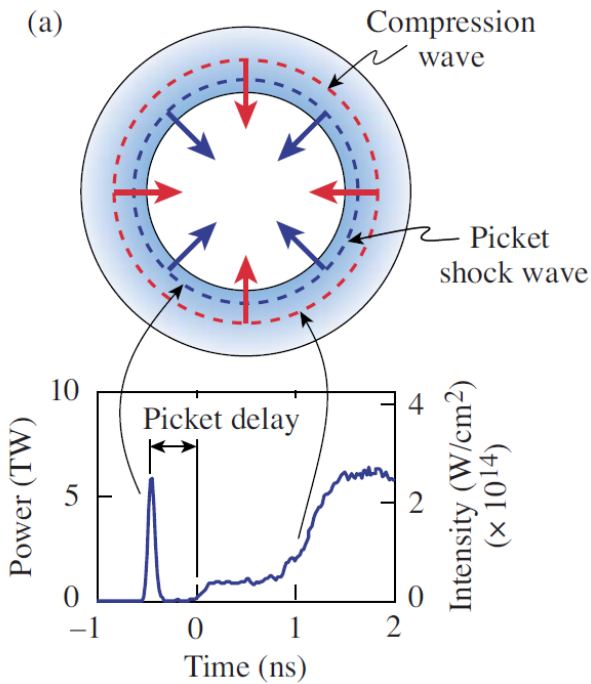
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External “spark” can be used for ignition

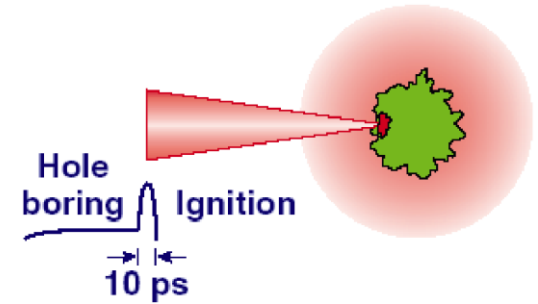


- **Shock ignition**

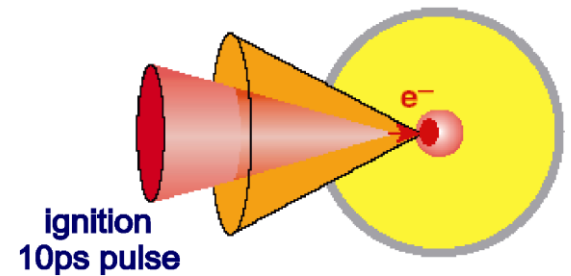


- **Fast ignition**

- a) channeling FI concept



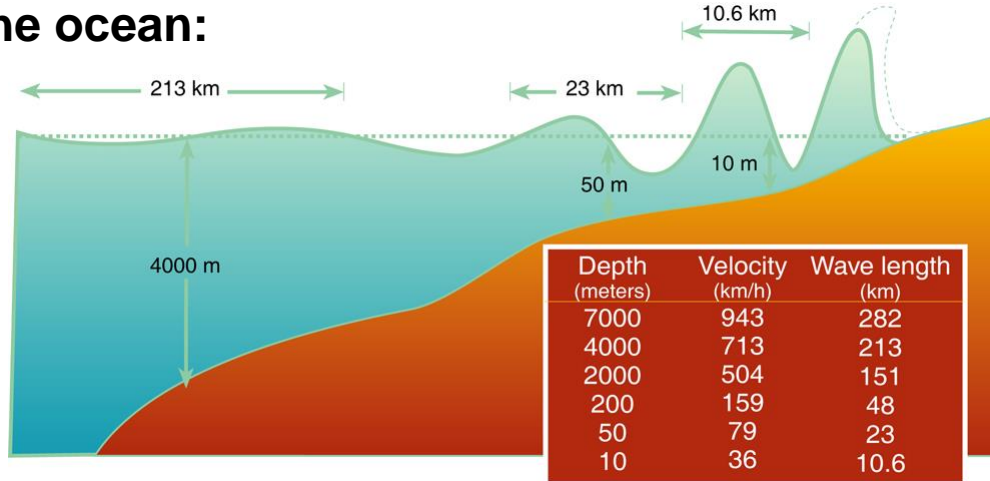
- b) cone-in-shell FI concept



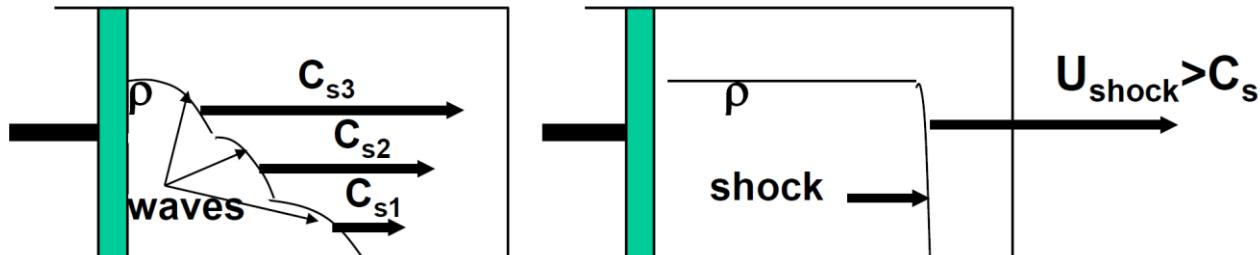
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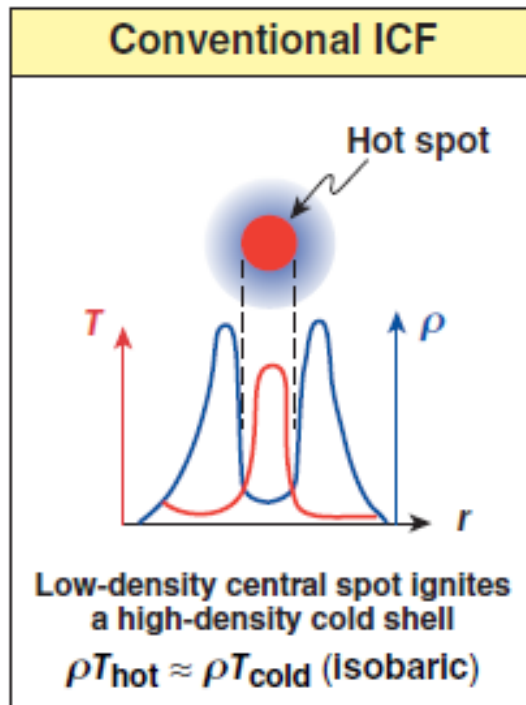


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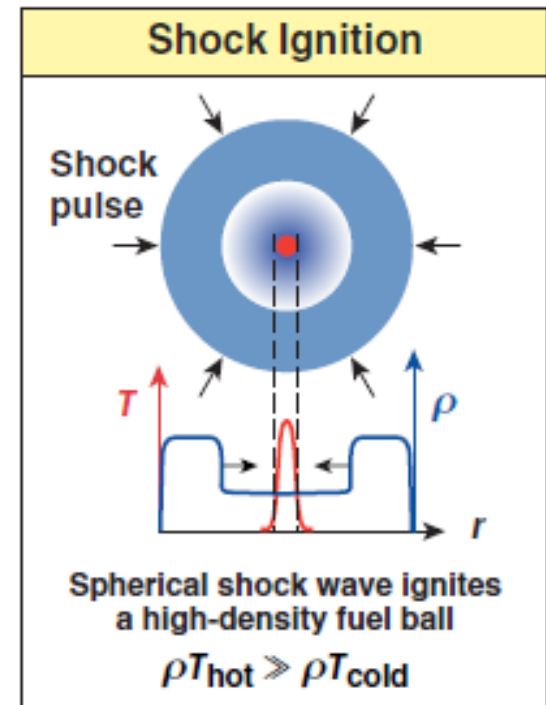
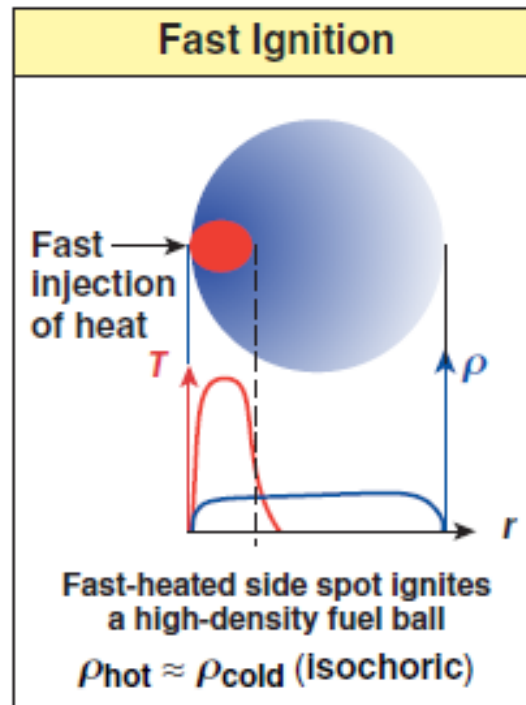
Ignition can happen by itself or being triggered externally



Self-ignition



External “spark” for fast ignition

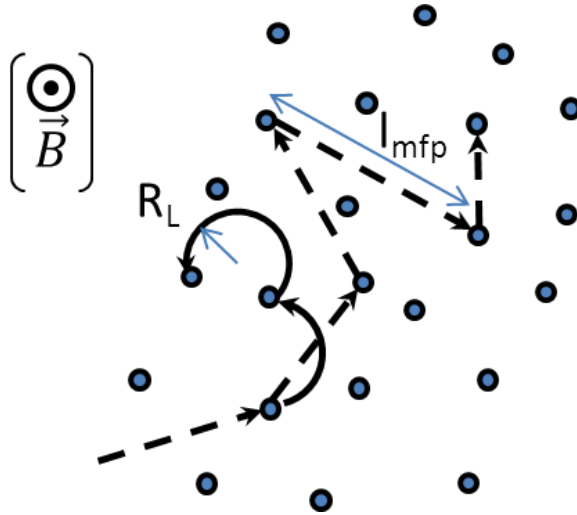


Outline



- Introduction to nuclear fusion
- Magnetic confinement fusion (MCF)
 - Tokamak
 - Stellarator
- Inertial confinement fusion (ICF)
 - Indirection drive ICF
 - Direct drive ICF
- **Innovation idea – MCF + ICF**
- Plasma in space
- Pulsed-power system at NCKU

A strong magnetic field reduces the heat flux



$$\mathbf{q}_T = -\kappa_{\parallel} \nabla_{\parallel} T - \kappa_{\perp} \nabla_{\perp} T$$

$$\kappa_{\parallel} = \kappa_0 T^{5/2}$$

$$\kappa_{\perp} = \frac{\kappa_{\parallel}}{\chi^2} \quad \text{for large Hall parameter } \chi \propto \frac{l_{\text{mfp}}}{R_L} \gg 1$$

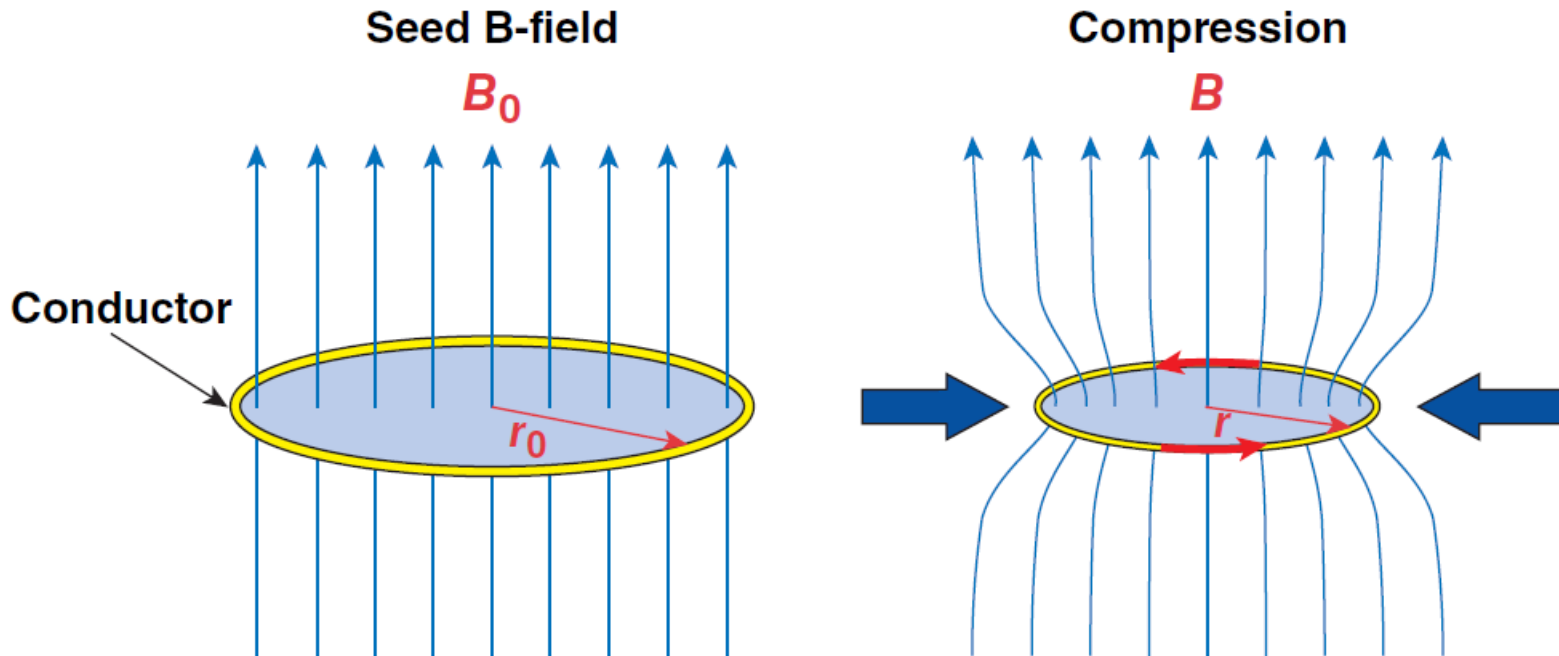
• Typical hot spot conditions:

$R_{\text{hs}} \sim 40 \mu\text{m}$, $\rho \sim 20 \text{ g/cm}^3$, $T \sim 5 \text{ keV}$:

$B > 10 \text{ MG}$ is needed for $\chi > 1$

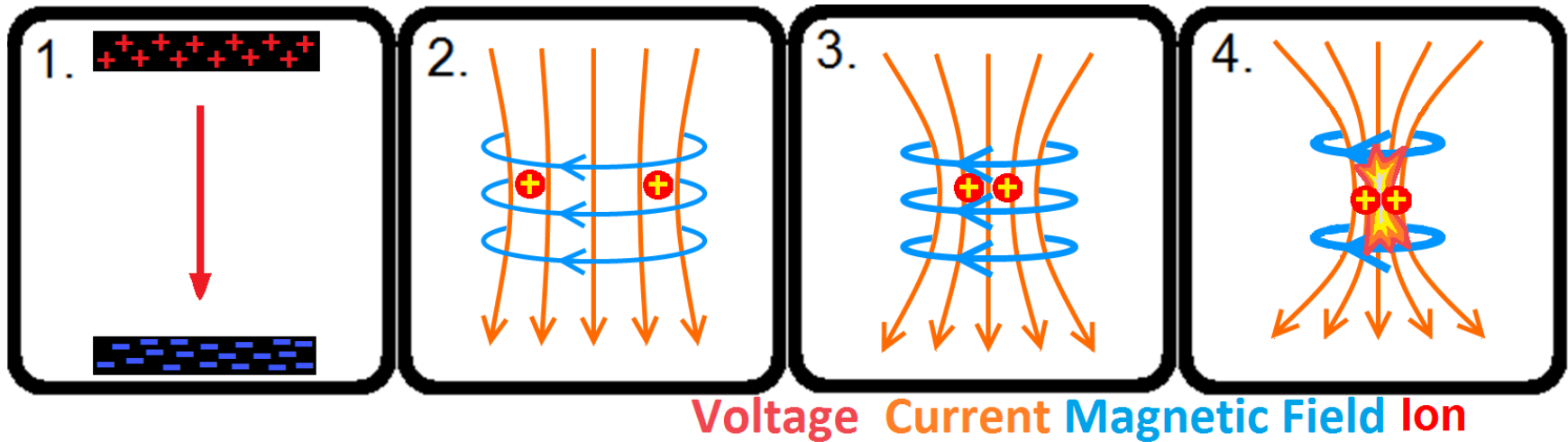
Magnetic-flux compression can be used to provide the needed magnetic field.

Principle of frozen magnetic flux in a good conductor is used to compress fields



$$\Phi = \pi r_0^2 B_0 = \pi r^2 B$$

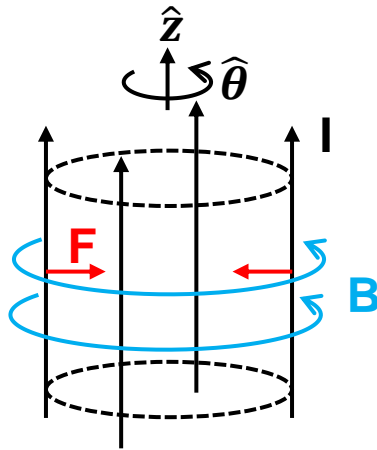
Plasma can be pinched by parallel propagating plasmas



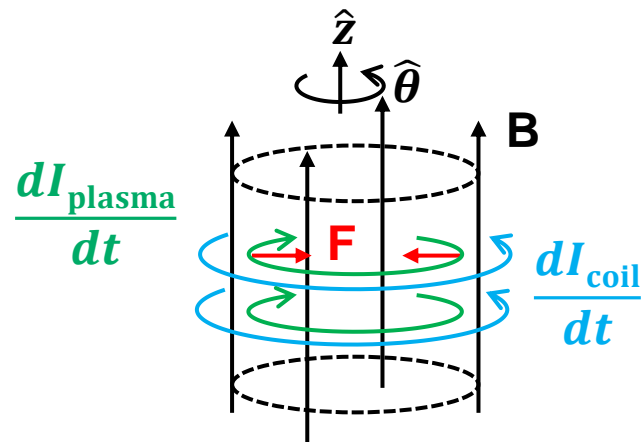
Plasma can be heated via pinches



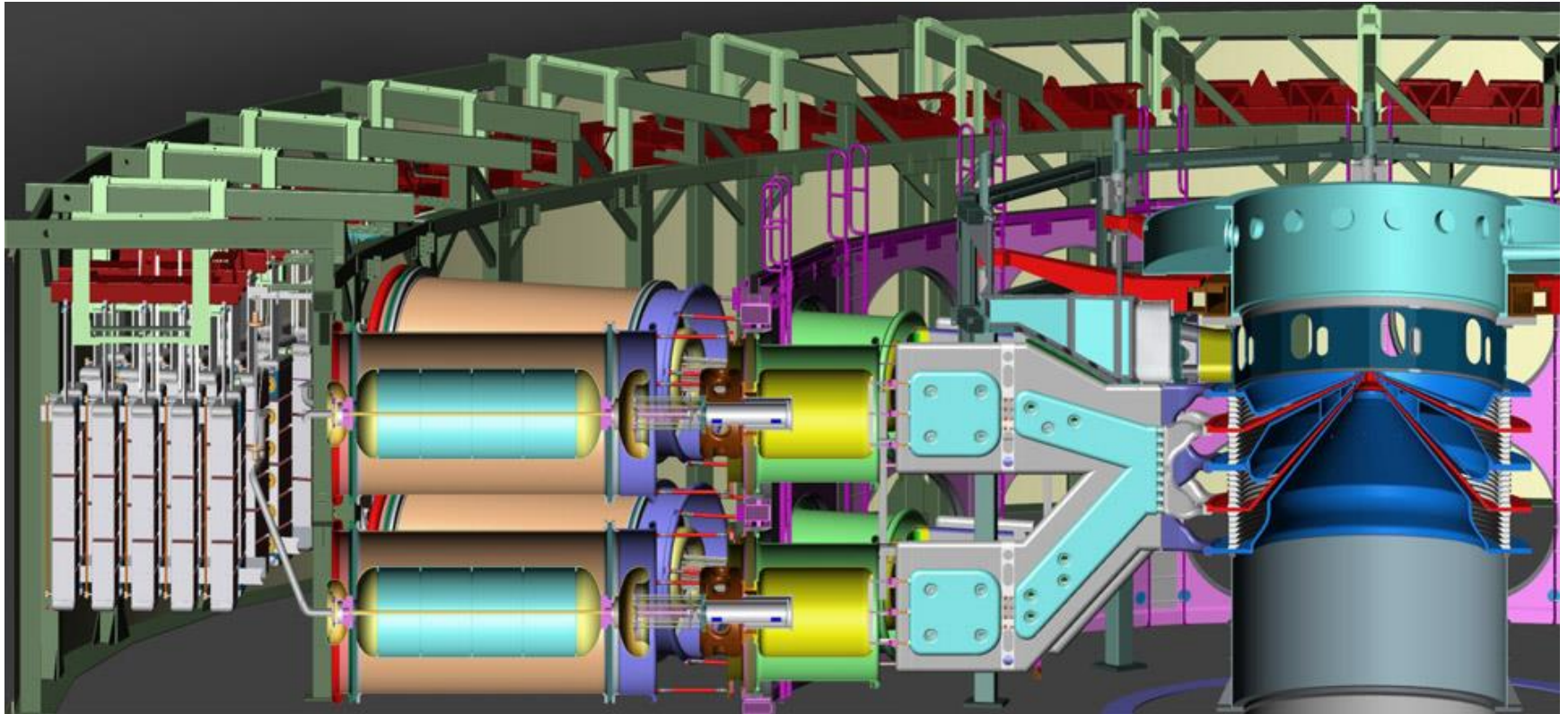
Z pinch



Theta pinch

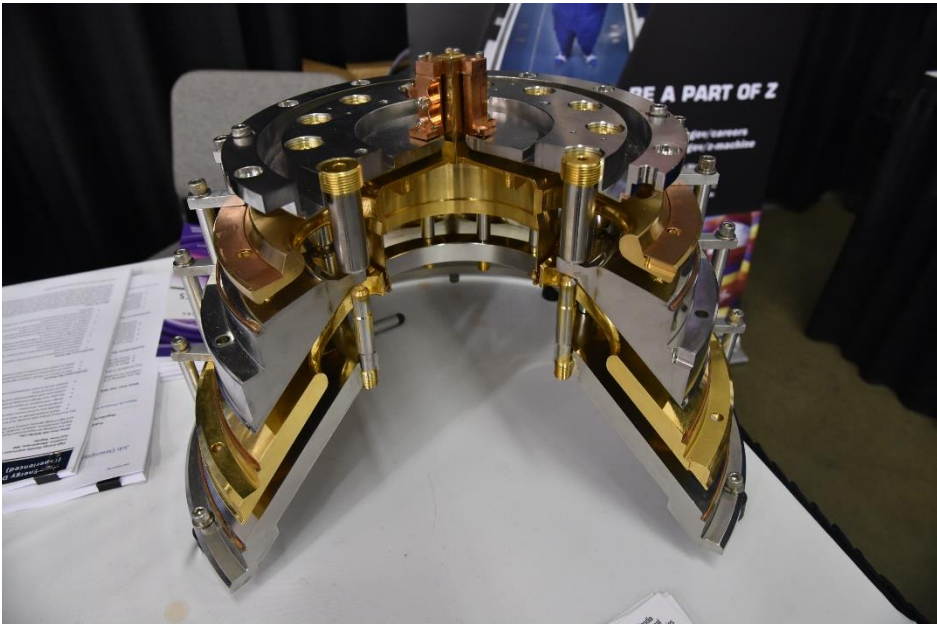


Sandia's Z machine is the world's most powerful and efficient laboratory radiation source

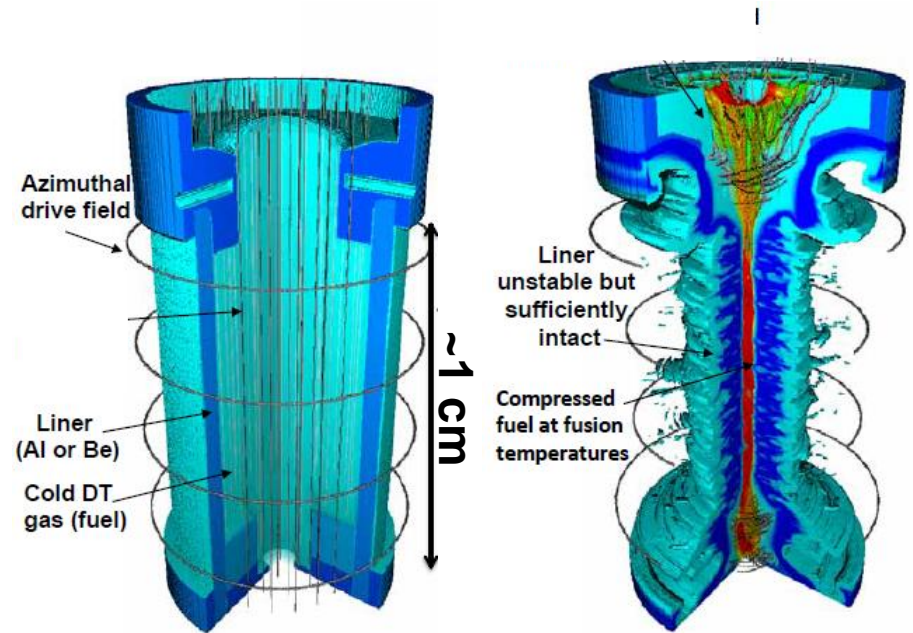


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- **Marx charge voltage: 85 kV**
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Z machine



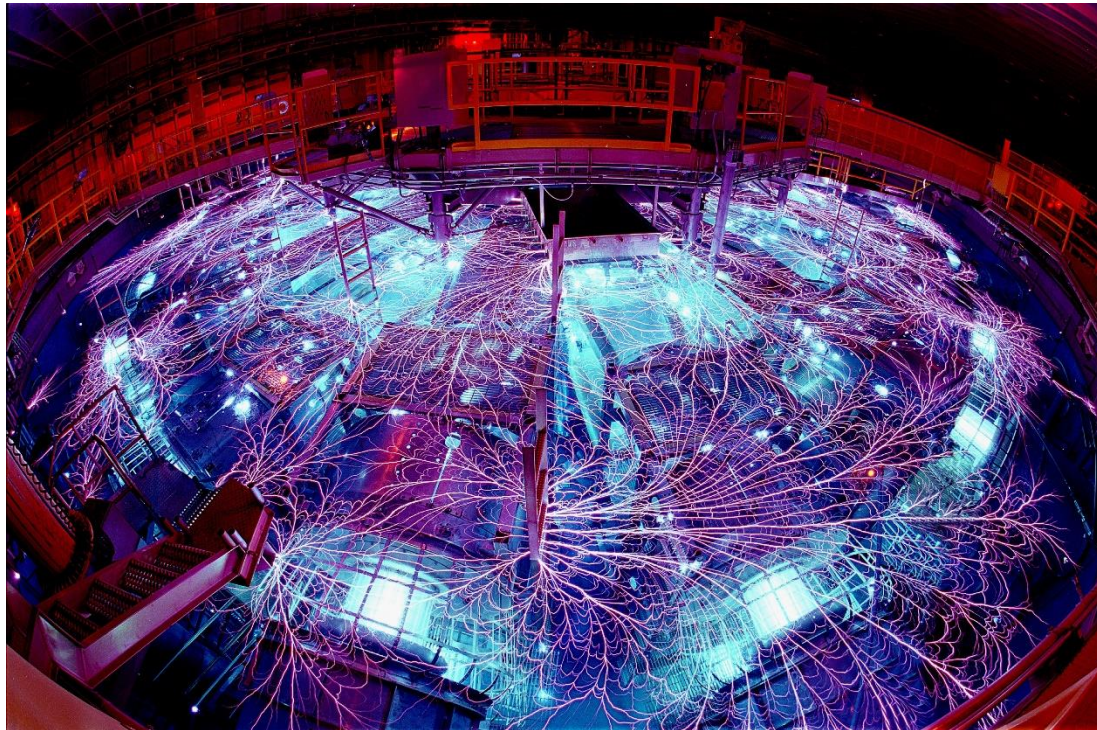
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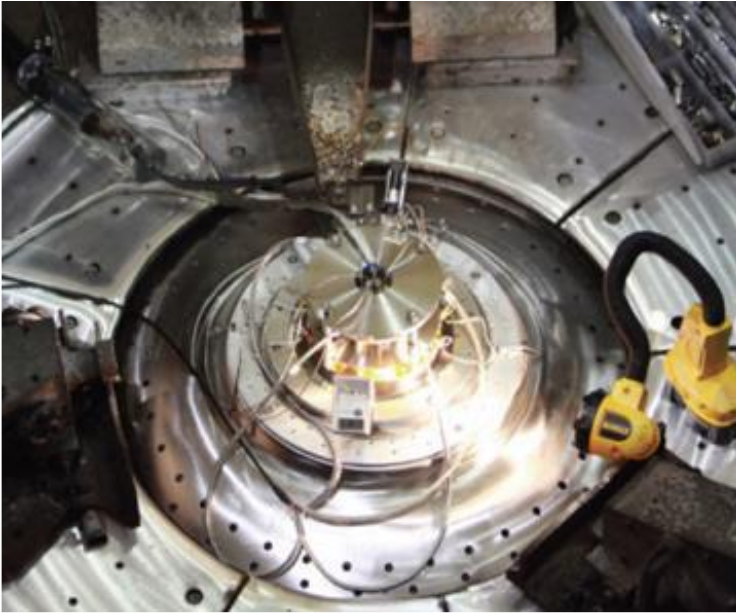
Z machine discharge



Before and after shots



- Before shots

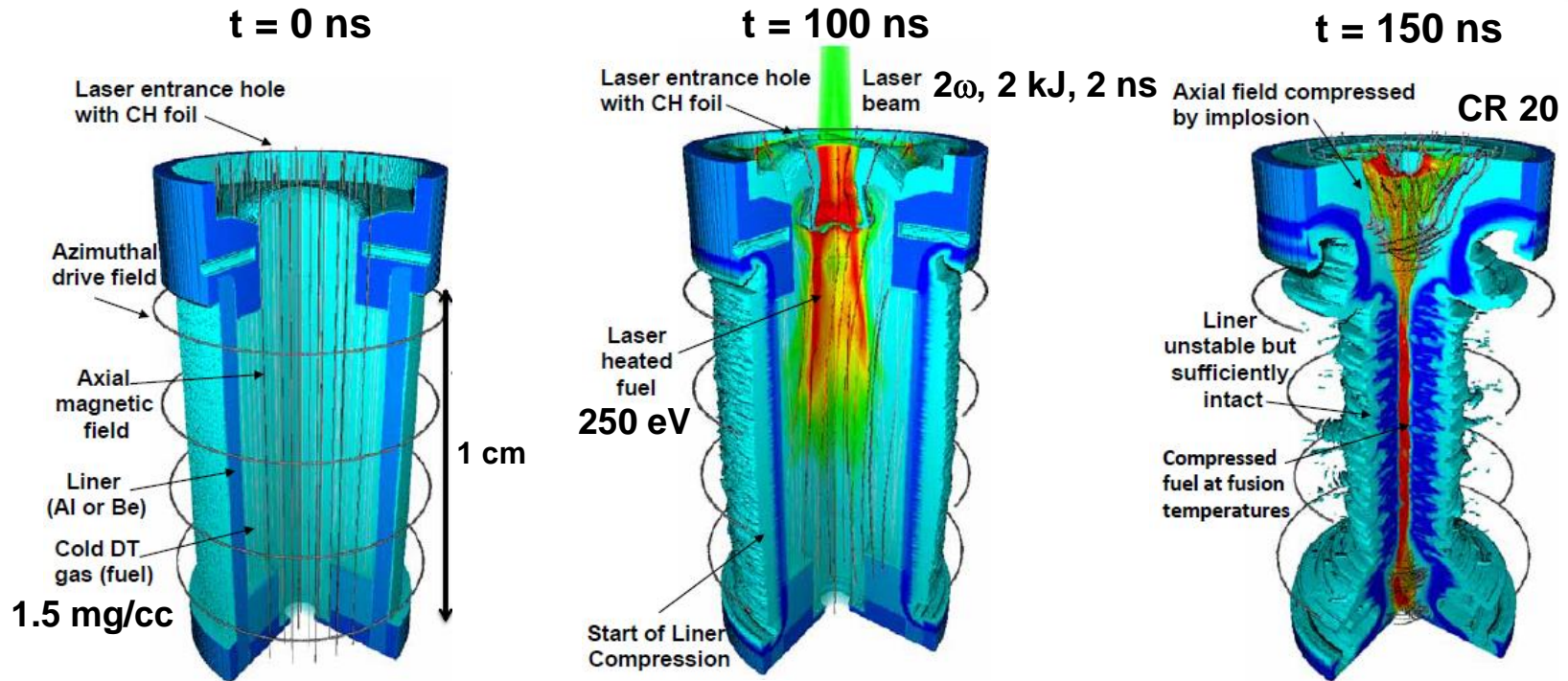


- After shots



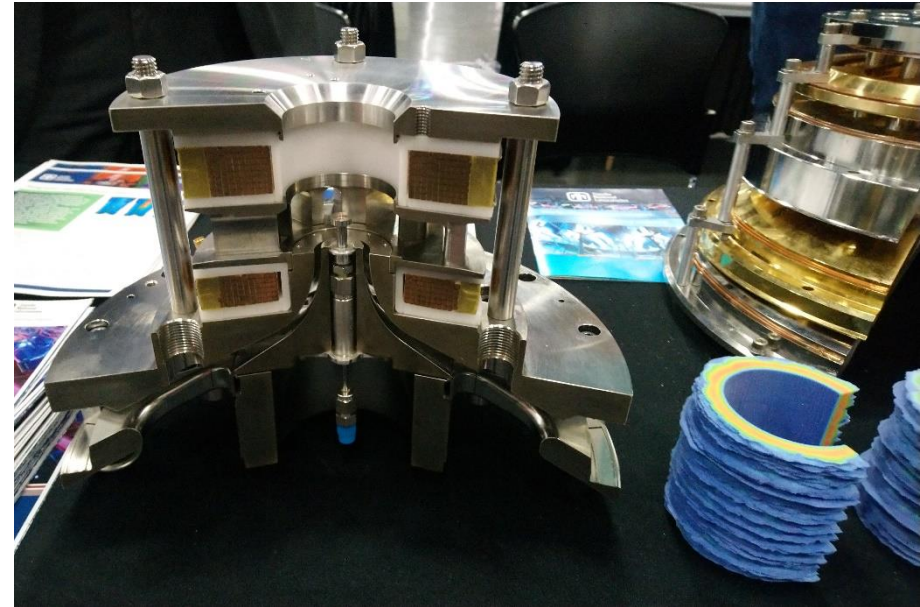
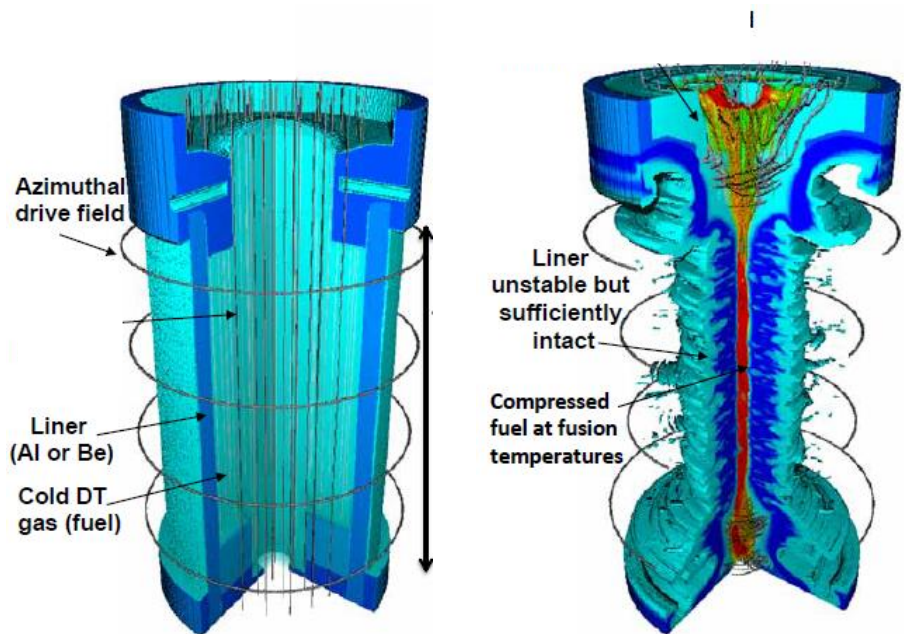
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Promising results were shown in MagLIF concept conducted at the Sandia National Laboratories

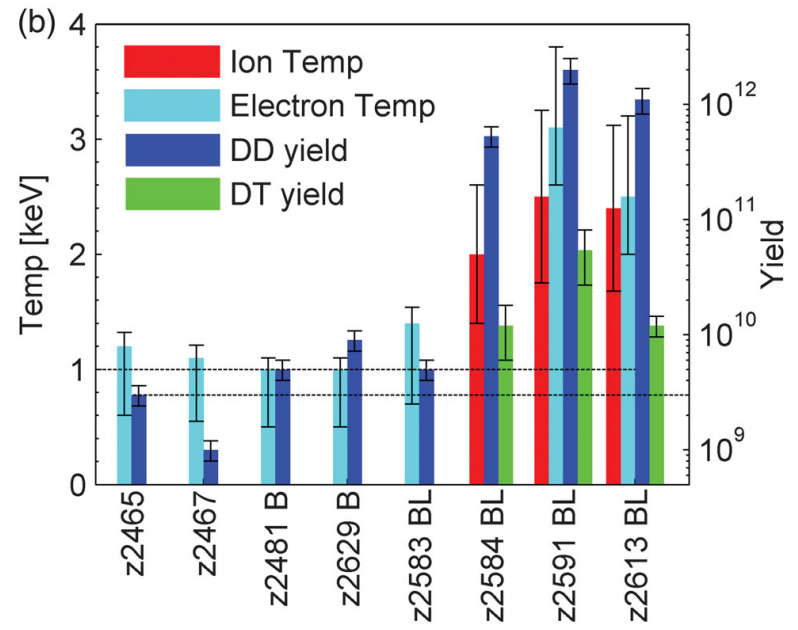
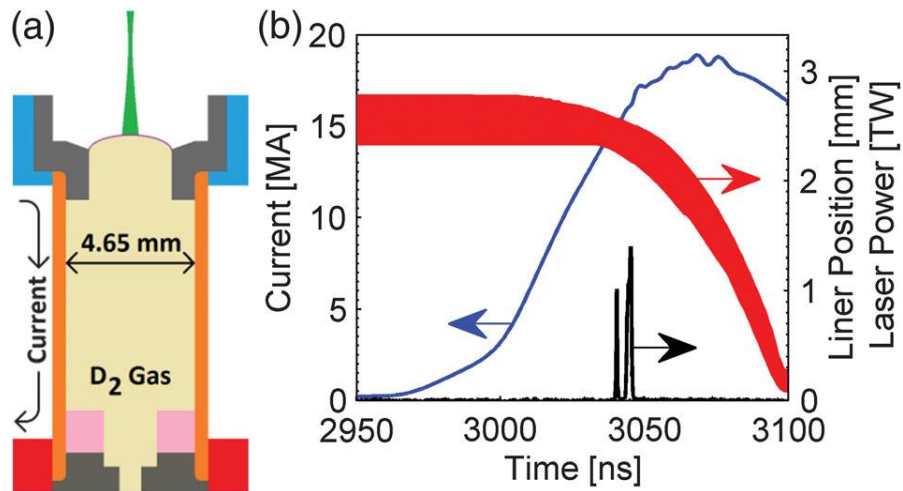


The stagnation plasma reached fusion-relevant temperatures with a 70 km/s implosion velocity

MagLIF target



Neutron yield increased by 100x with preheat and external magnetic field.

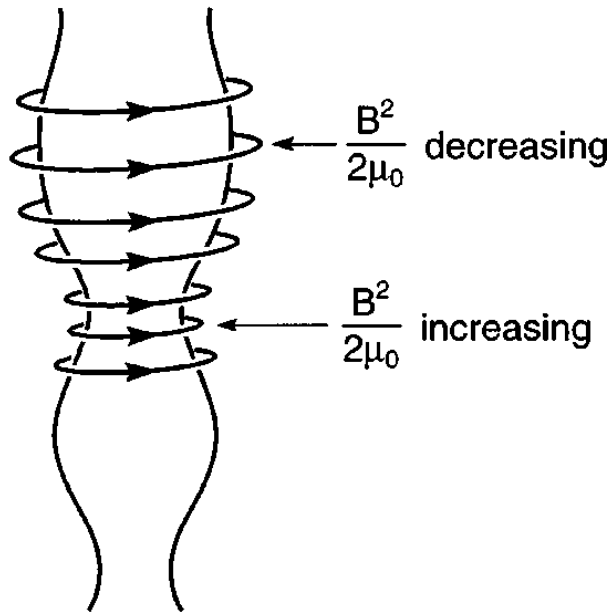


Sheared flow stabilizes MHD instabilities

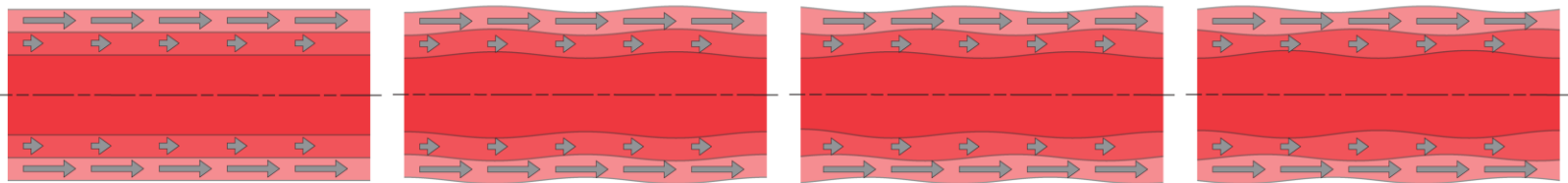
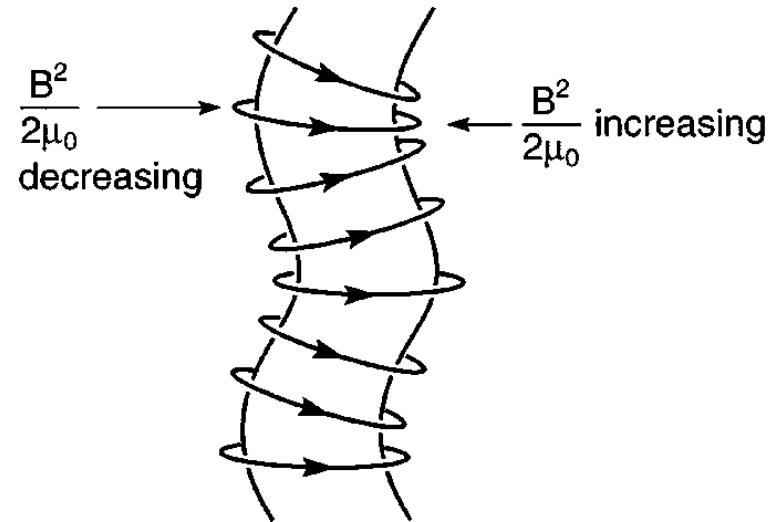


$m = 0$ (sausage)

Perturbation $\propto e^{(im\theta + ikz + \gamma t)}$



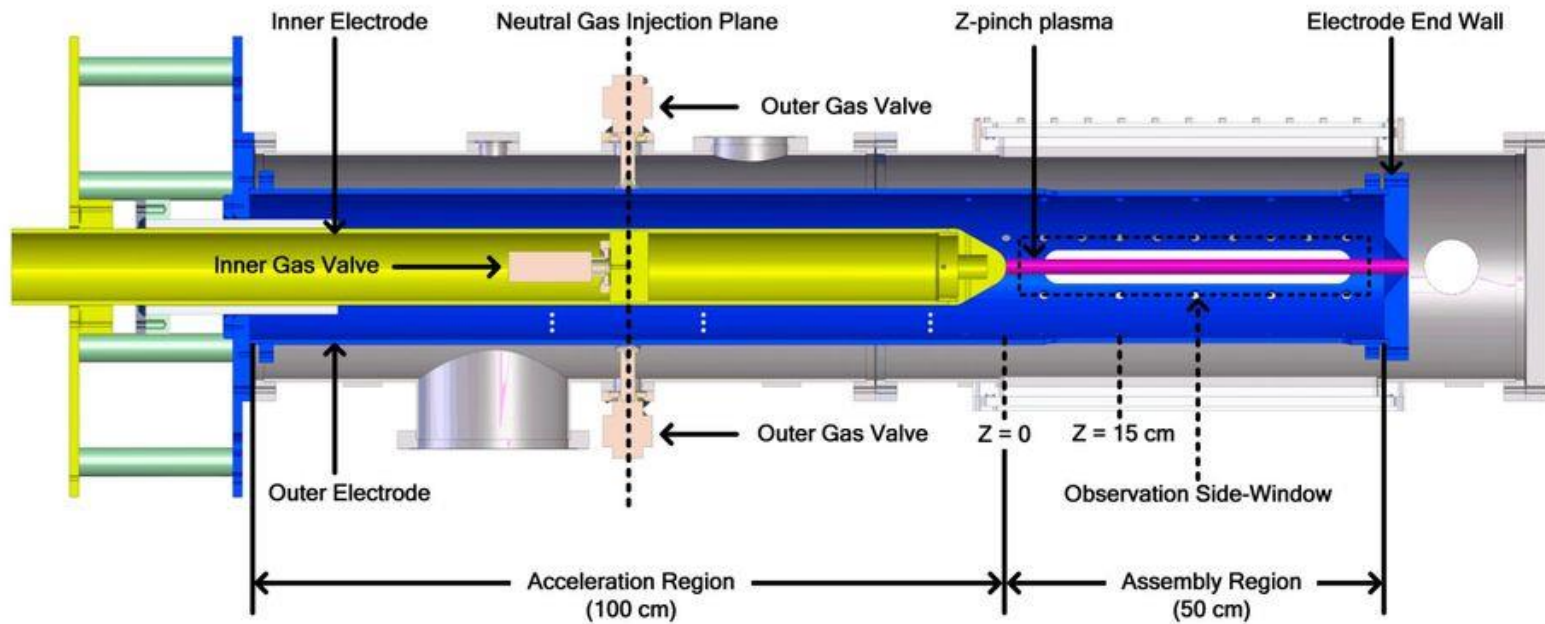
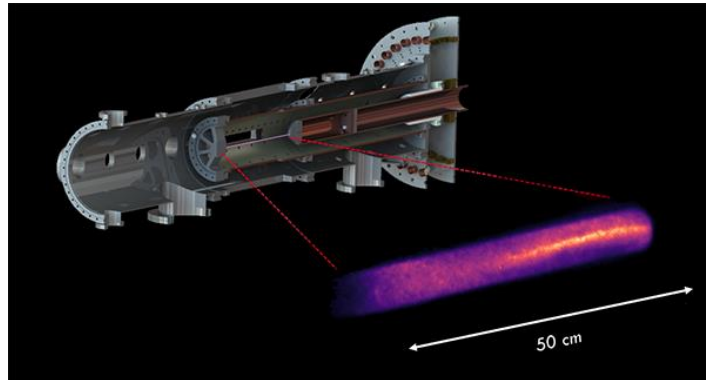
$m = 1$ (kink)



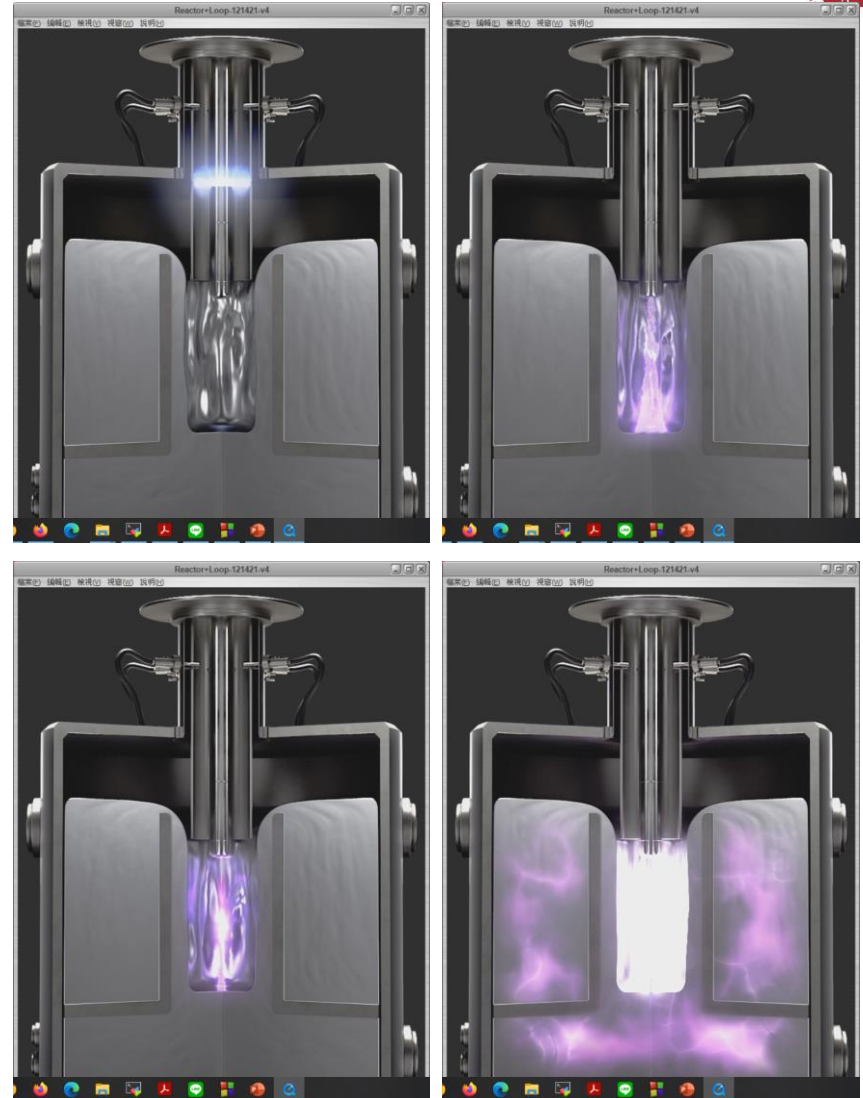
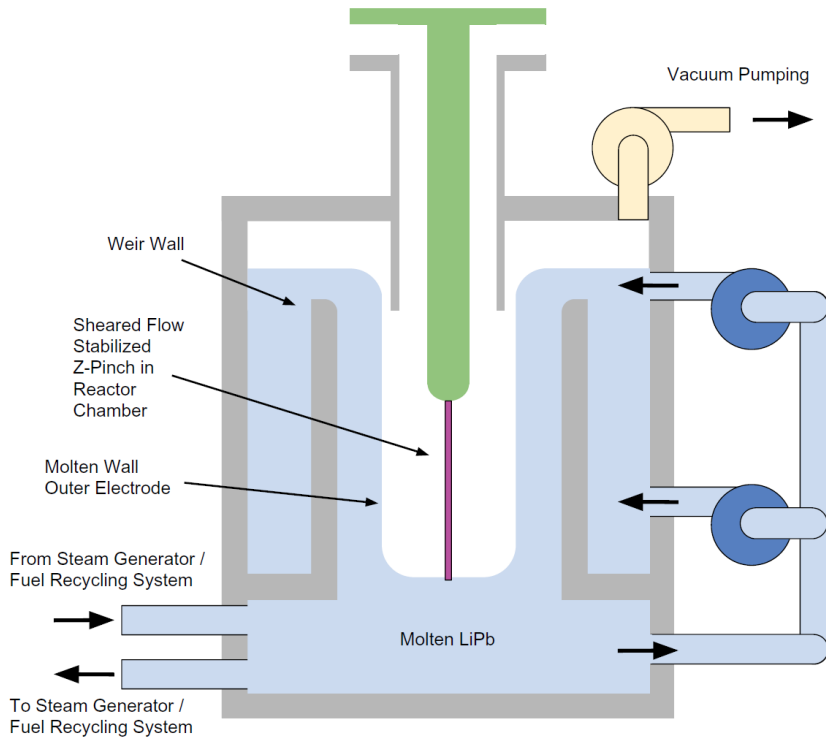
$$\frac{dV_z}{dr} \neq 0$$

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A z-pinch plasma can be stabilized by sheared flows



Fusion reactor concept by ZAP energy



There are alternative

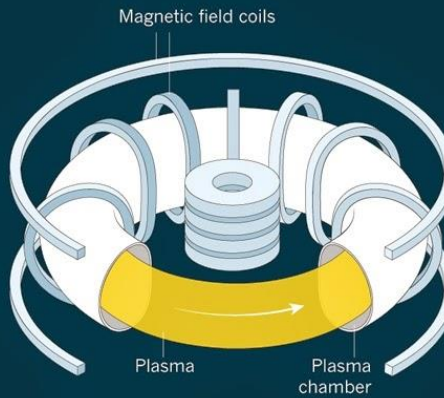


TRAPPING FUSION FIRE

When a superhot, ionized plasma is trapped in a magnetic field, it will fight to escape. Reactors are designed to keep it confined for long enough for the nuclei to fuse and produce energy.

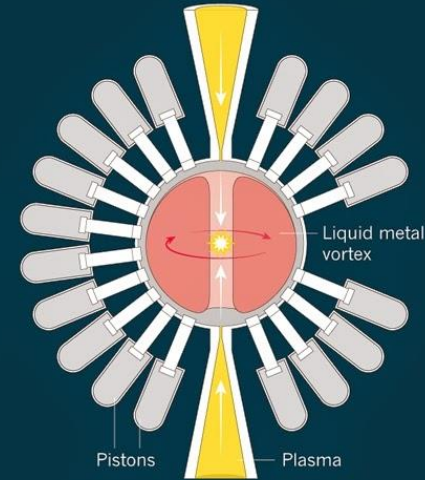
A CHOICE OF FUELS

Many light isotopes will fuse to release energy. A deuterium–tritium mix ignites at the lowest temperature, roughly 100 million kelvin, but produces neutrons that make the reactor radioactive. Other fuels avoid that, but ignite at much higher temperatures.



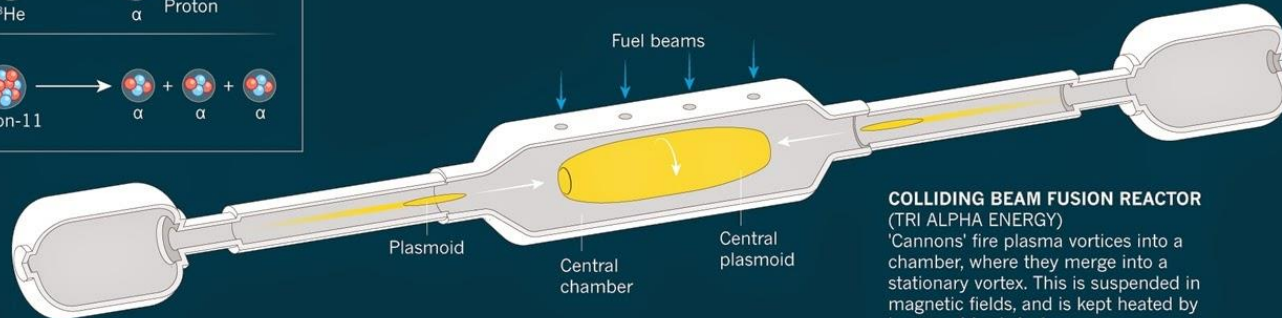
TOKAMAK

(ITER AND MANY OTHERS)
Multiple coils produce magnetic fields that hold the plasma in the chamber. A coil through the centre drives a current through the plasma to keep it hot.



MAGNETIZED TARGET REACTOR (GENERAL FUSION)

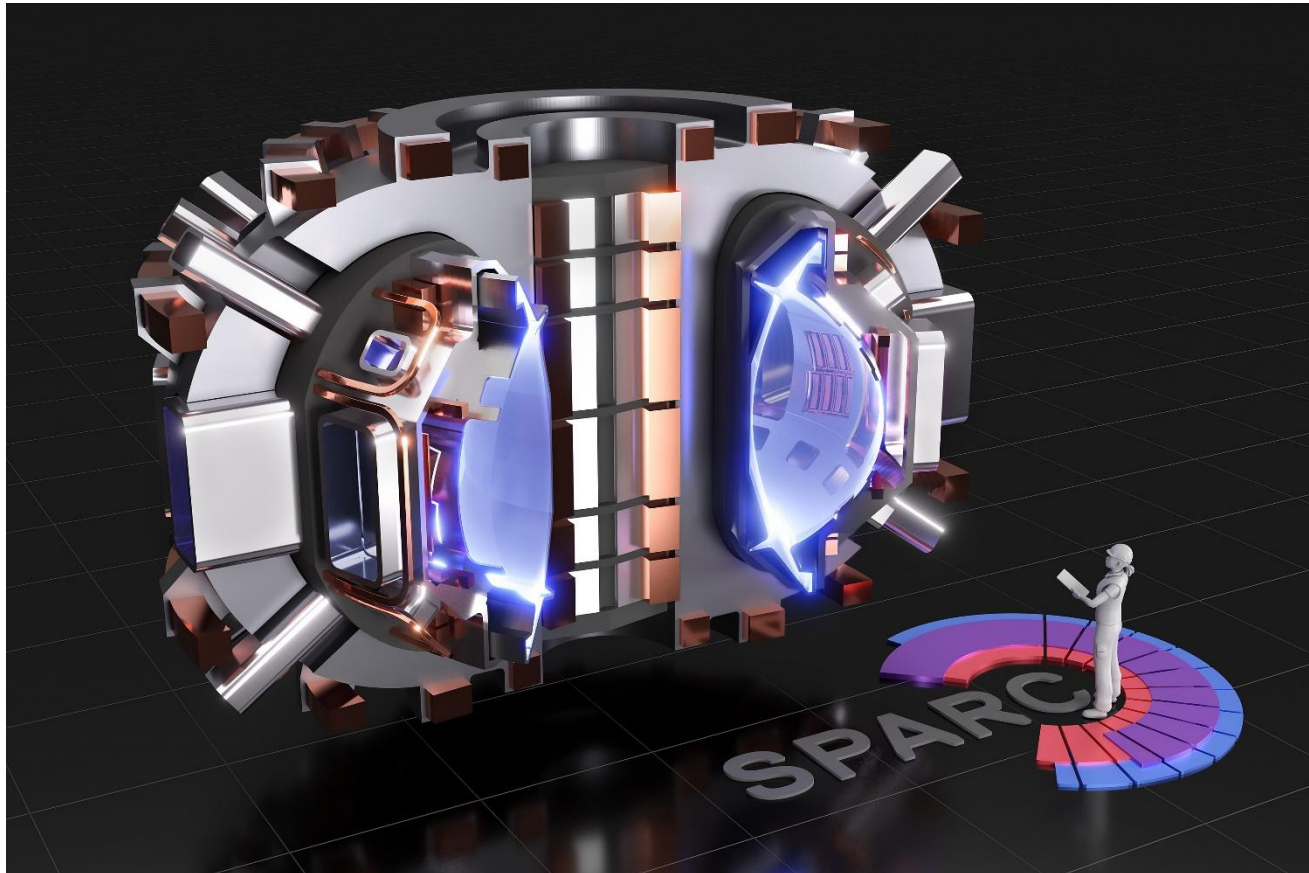
Magnetized rings of plasma are injected into a vortex of liquid metal. Pistons punch the metal inwards, compressing the plasma to ignite fusion.



COLLIDING BEAM FUSION REACTOR (TRI ALPHA ENERGY)

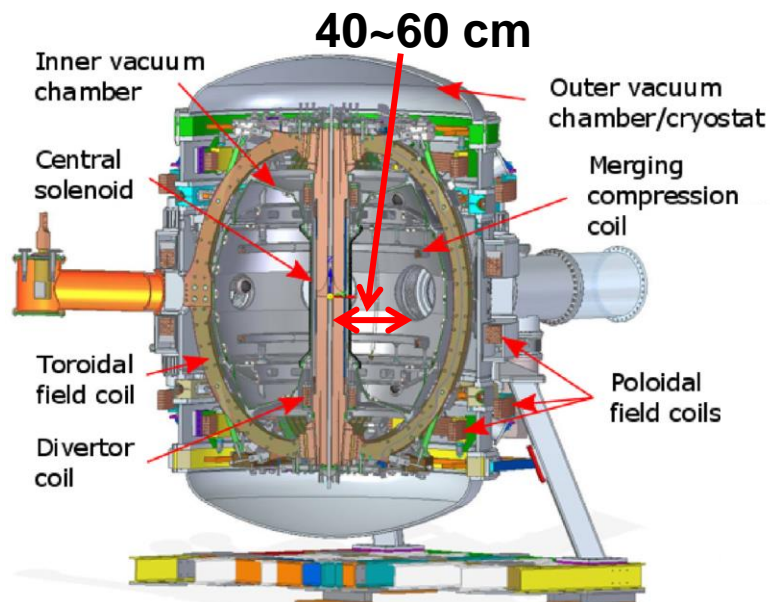
'Cannons' fire plasma vortices into a chamber, where they merge into a stationary vortex. This is suspended in magnetic fields, and is kept heated by beams of fresh fuel.

Commonwealth Fusion Systems, a MIT spin-out company, is building a high-magnetic field tokamak



- Fusion power $\propto B^4$.
- The fusion gain $Q > 2$ is expected for SPARC tokamak.

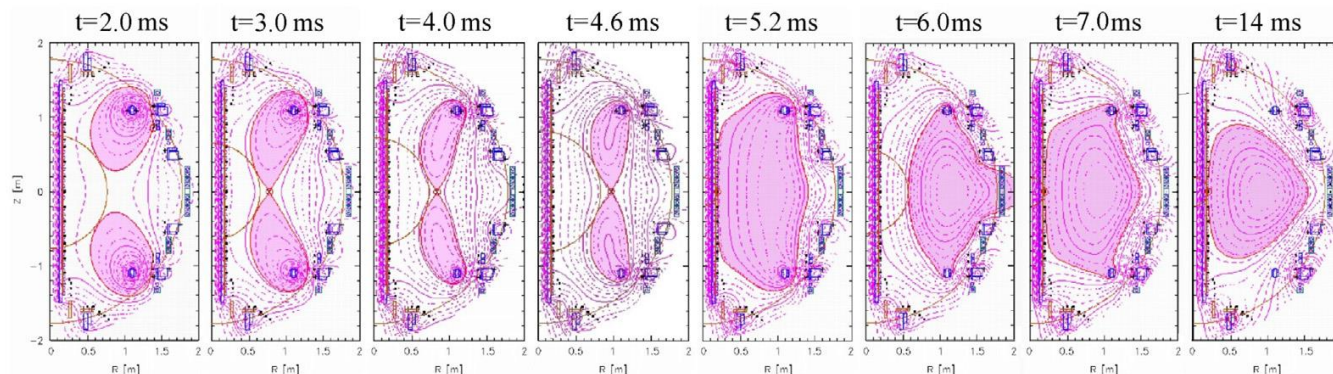
Merging compression is used to heat the tokamak at the start-up process in ST40 Tokamak at Tokamak Energy Ltd



- High temperature superconductors are used.
- $B_T \sim 3 \text{ T}$

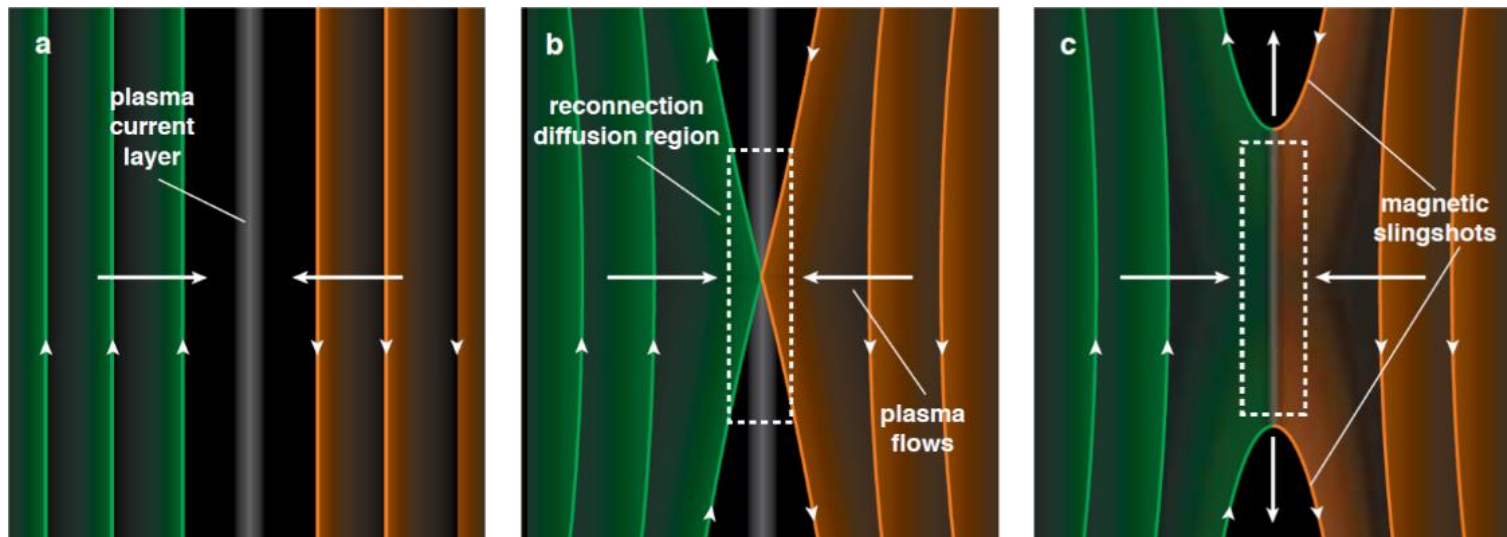


- **Merging compression**



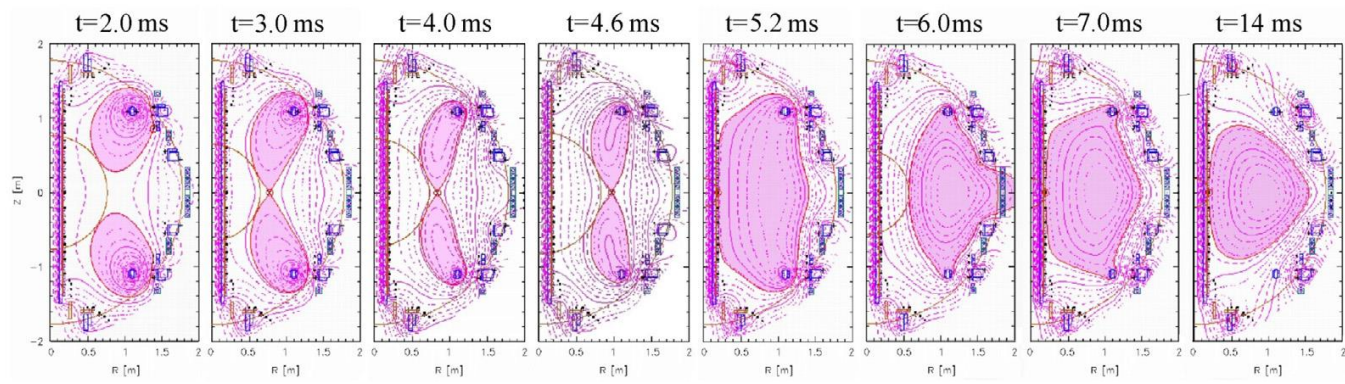
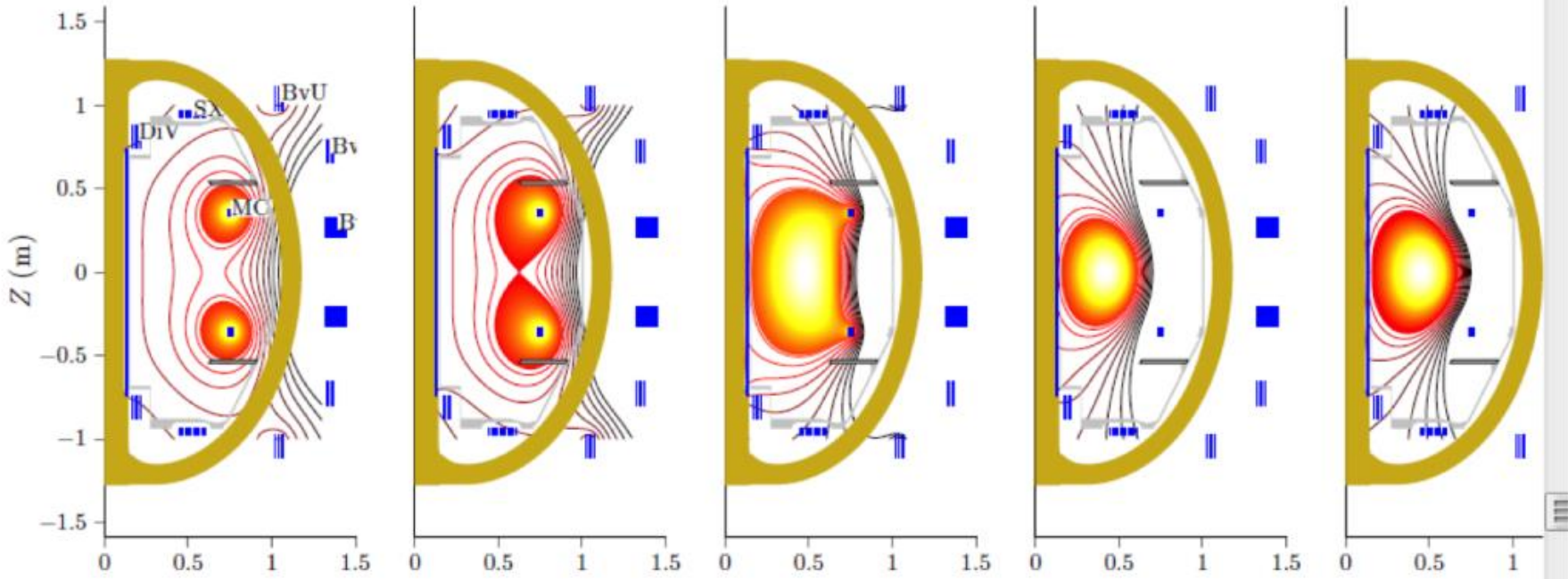
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Reconnection



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Merging compression is used to heat the plasma

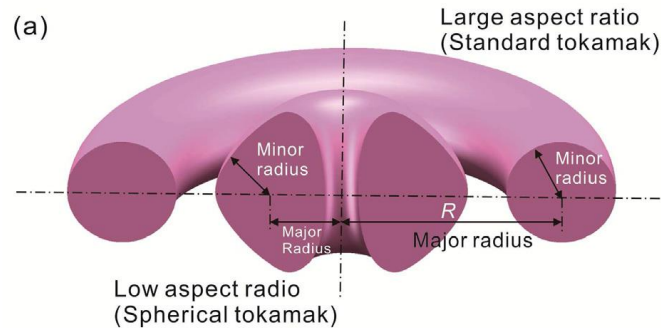


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Spherical torus (ST) and compact torus (CT)

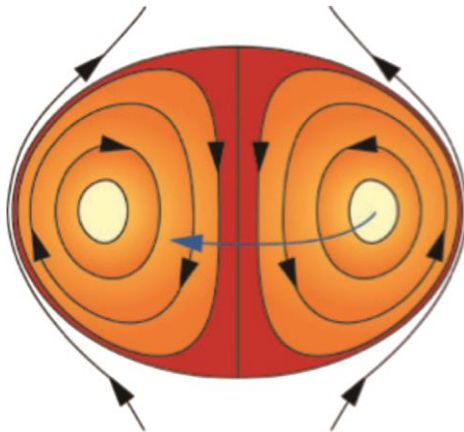


- Spherical torus (ST)

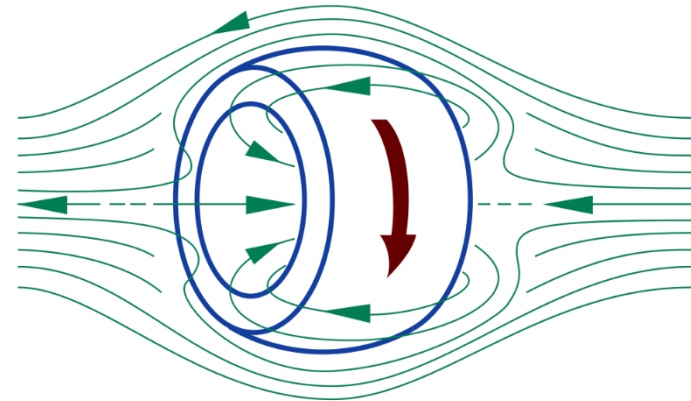


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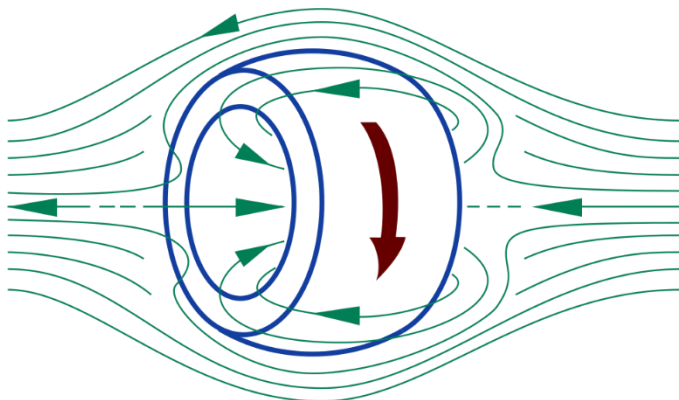
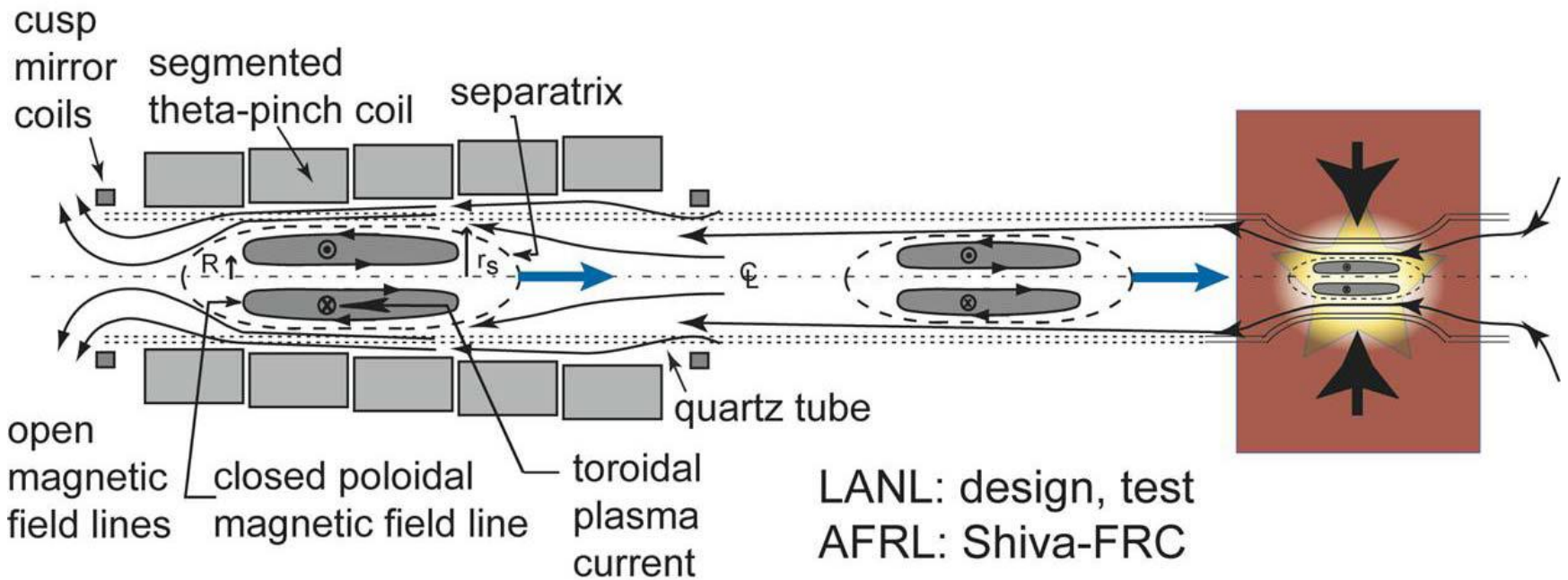
- Spheromak



- Field reversed configuration (FRC)



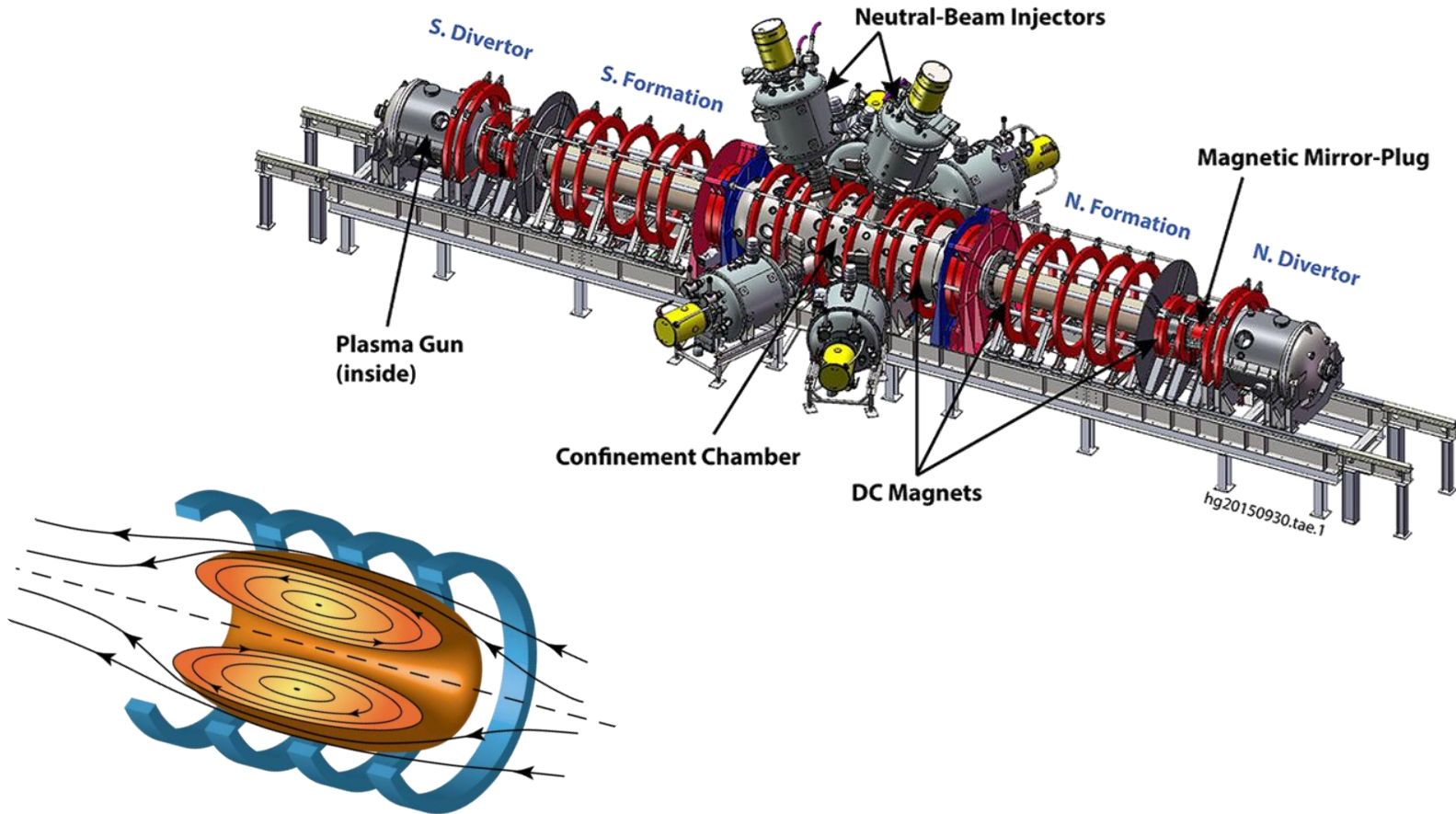
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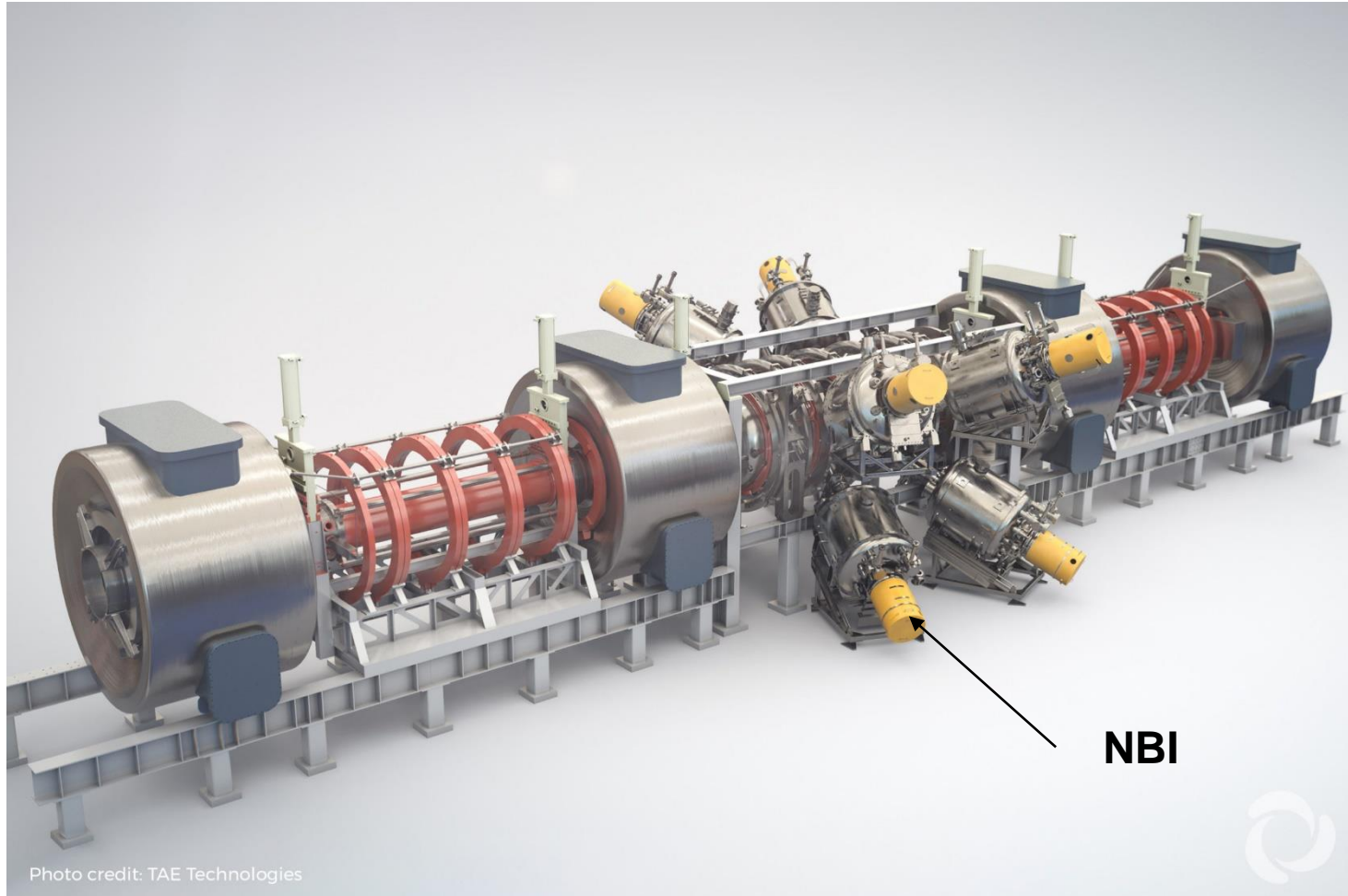
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NBI for Tri-Alpha Energy Technologies



Neutral beams are injected in to the chamber for spinning the FRC

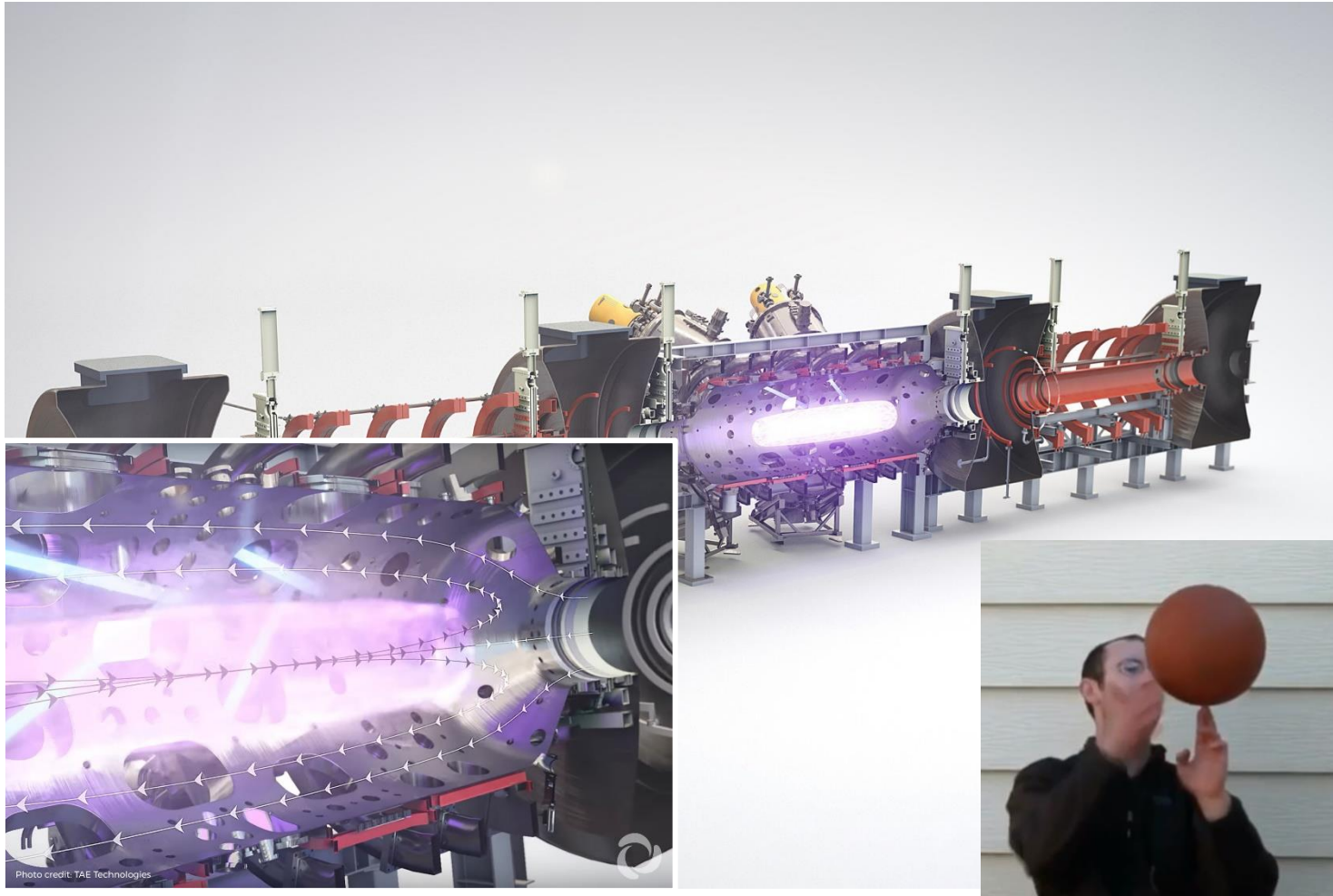
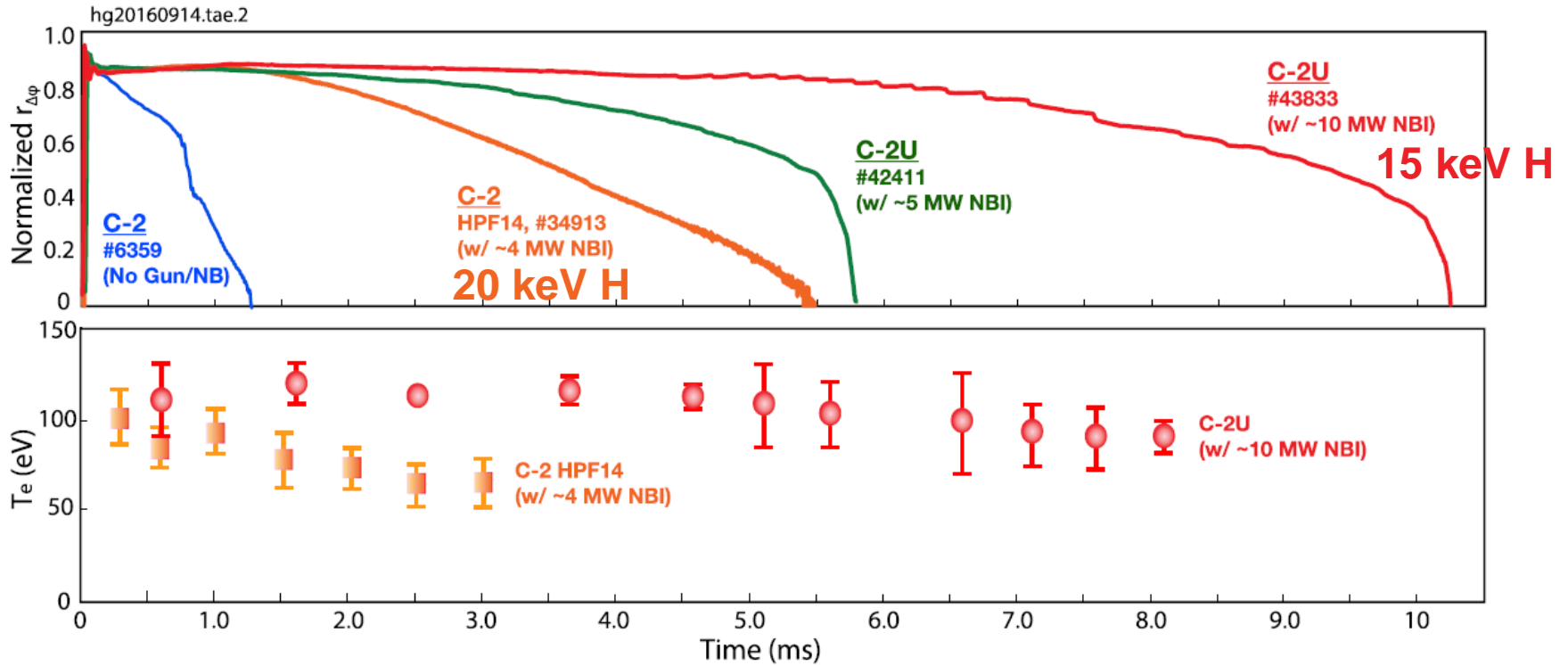


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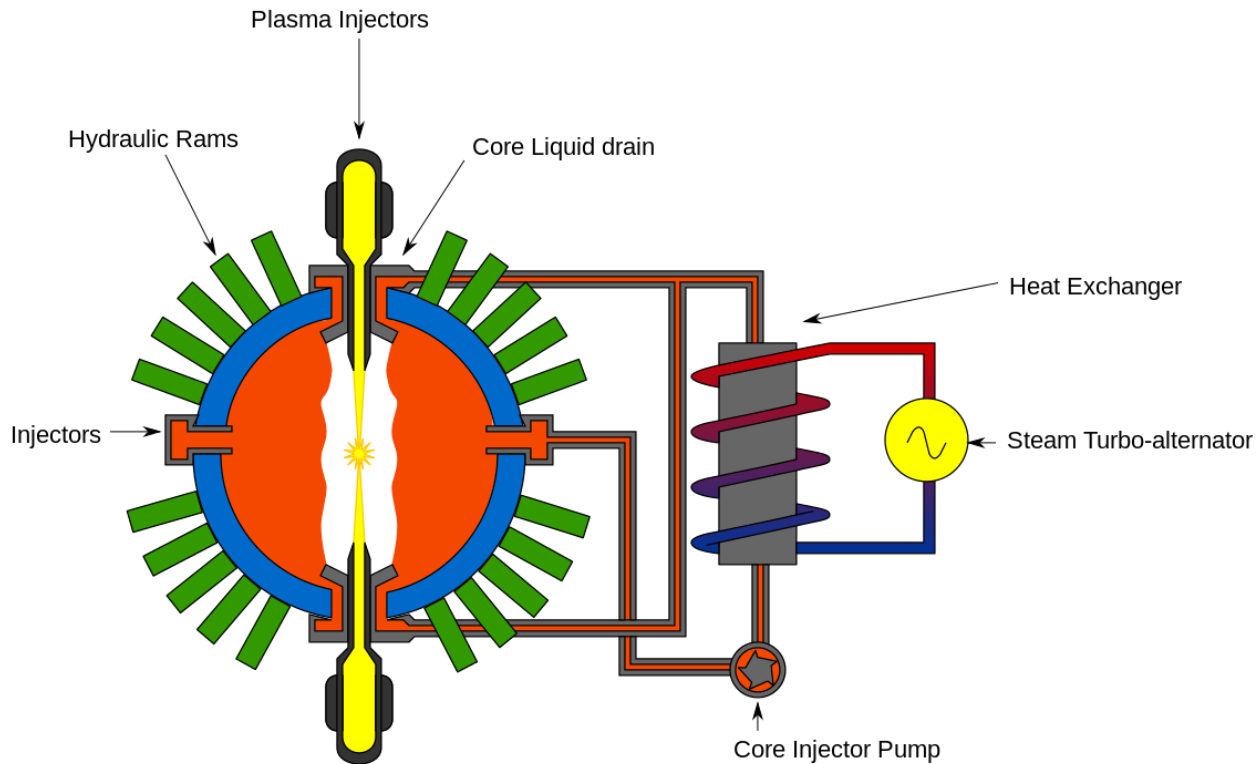
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FRC sustain longer with neutral beam injection



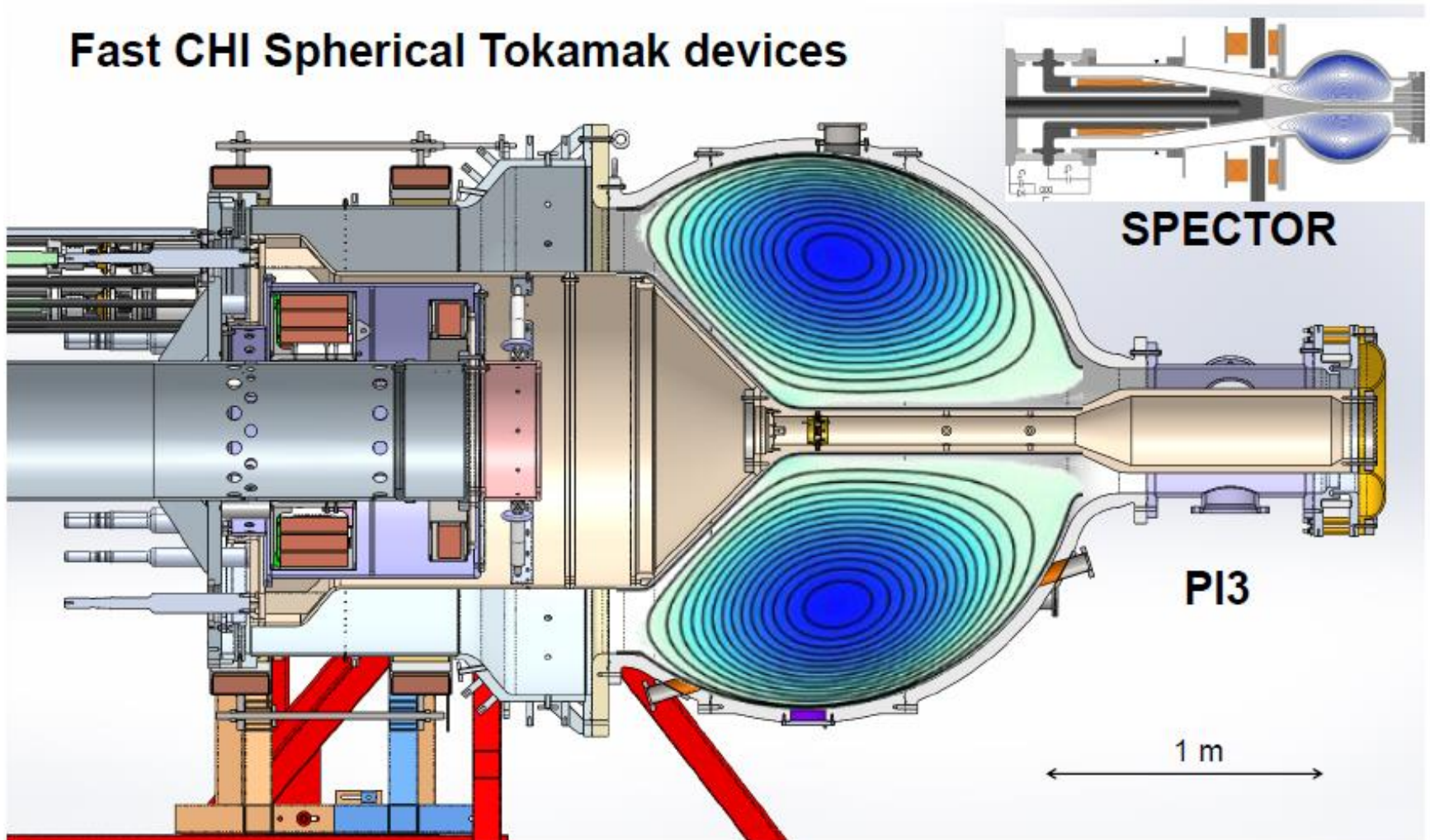
General fusion is a design ready to be migrated to a power plant



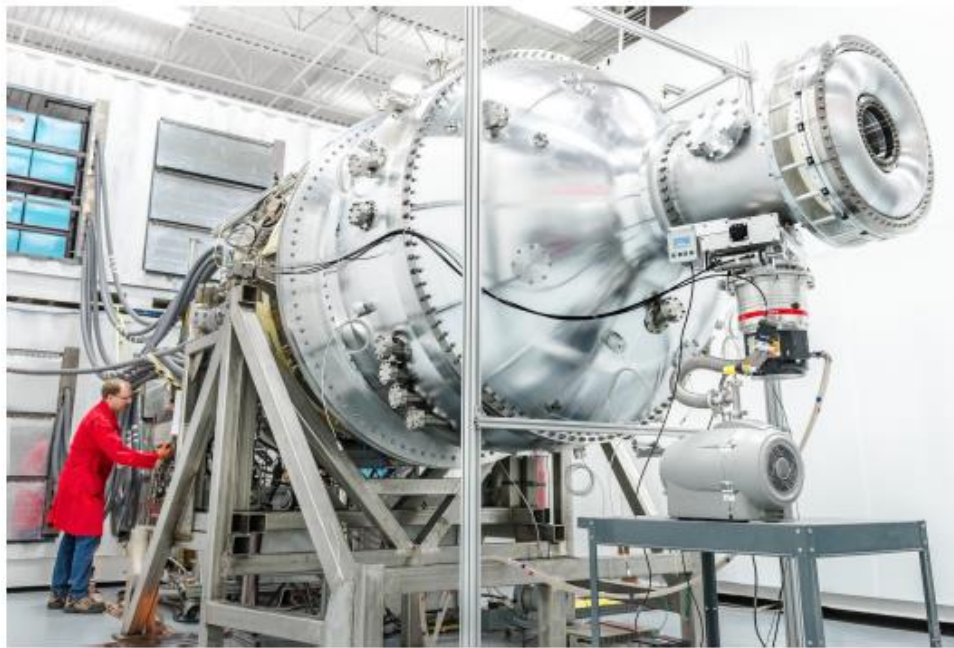
A spherical tokamak is first generated



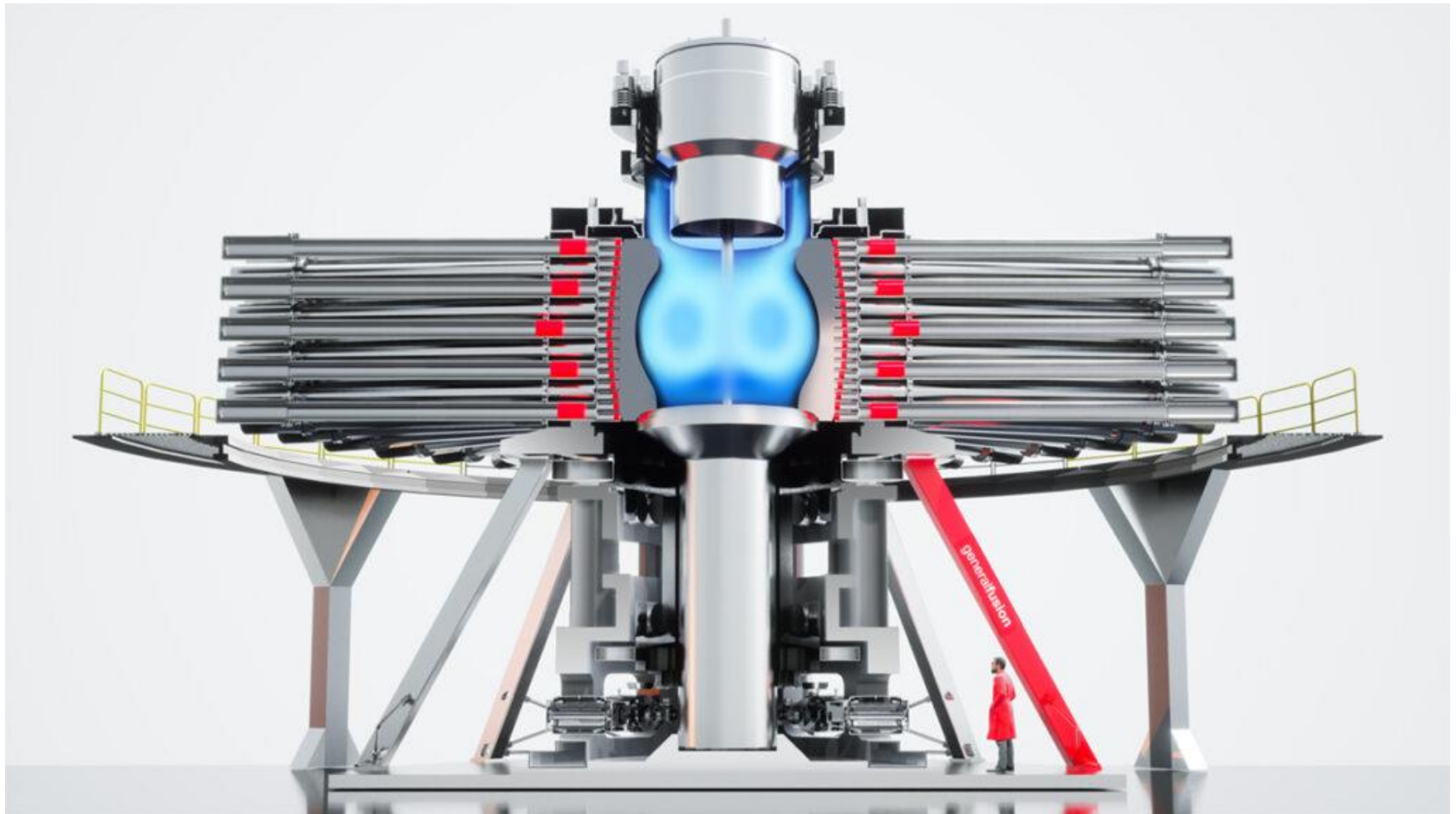
Fast CHI Spherical Tokamak devices



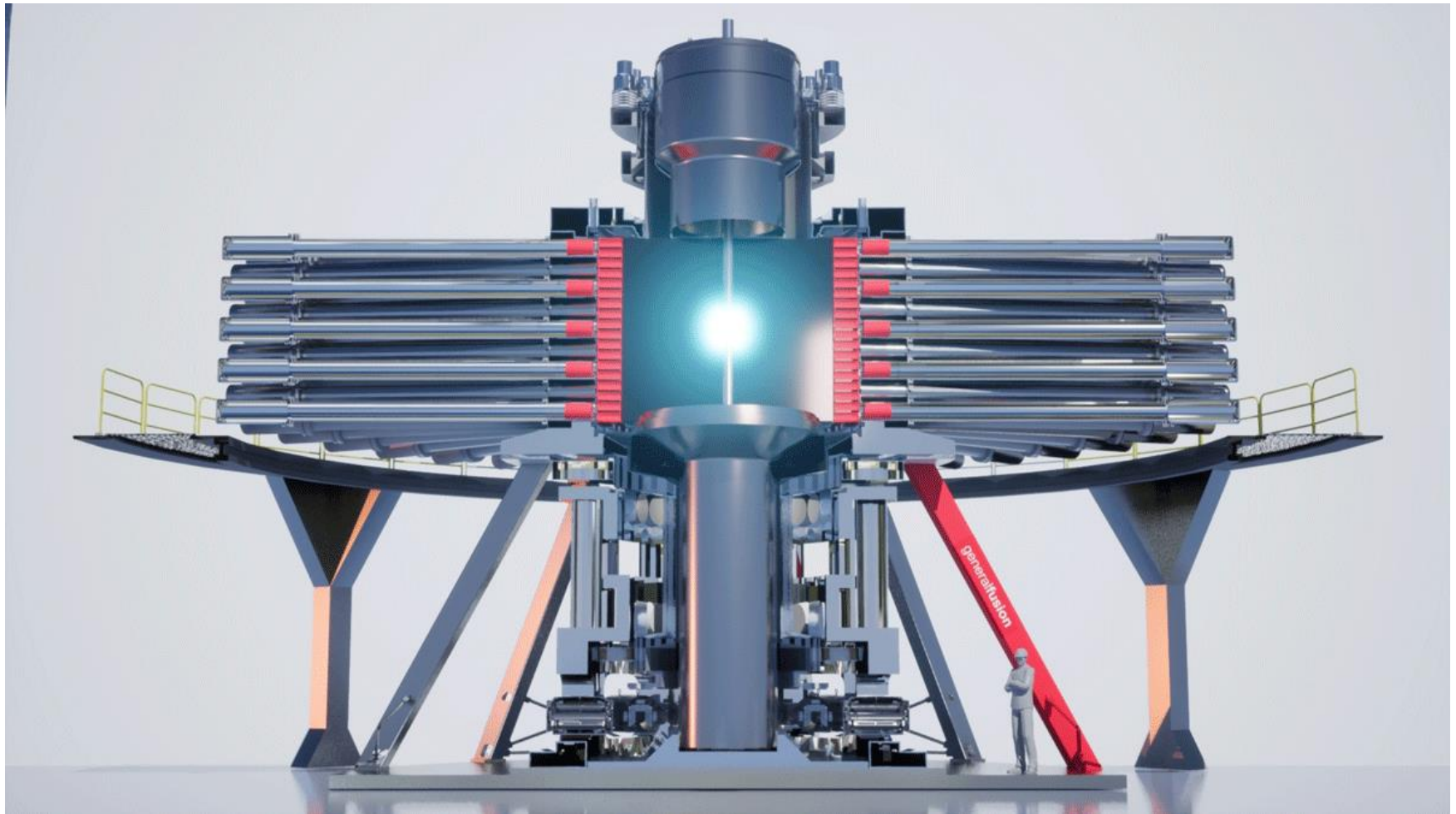
Plasma injector for the spherical tokamak



A spherical tokamak is generated in a liquid metal vortex



The spherical tokamak is compressed by the pressure provided by the surrounding hydraulic pistons



BBC: General Fusion to build its Fusion Demonstration Plant in the UK, at the UKAEA Culham Campus



Nuclear energy: Fusion plant backed by Jeff Bezos to be built in UK

By Matt McGrath
Environment correspondent

17 June

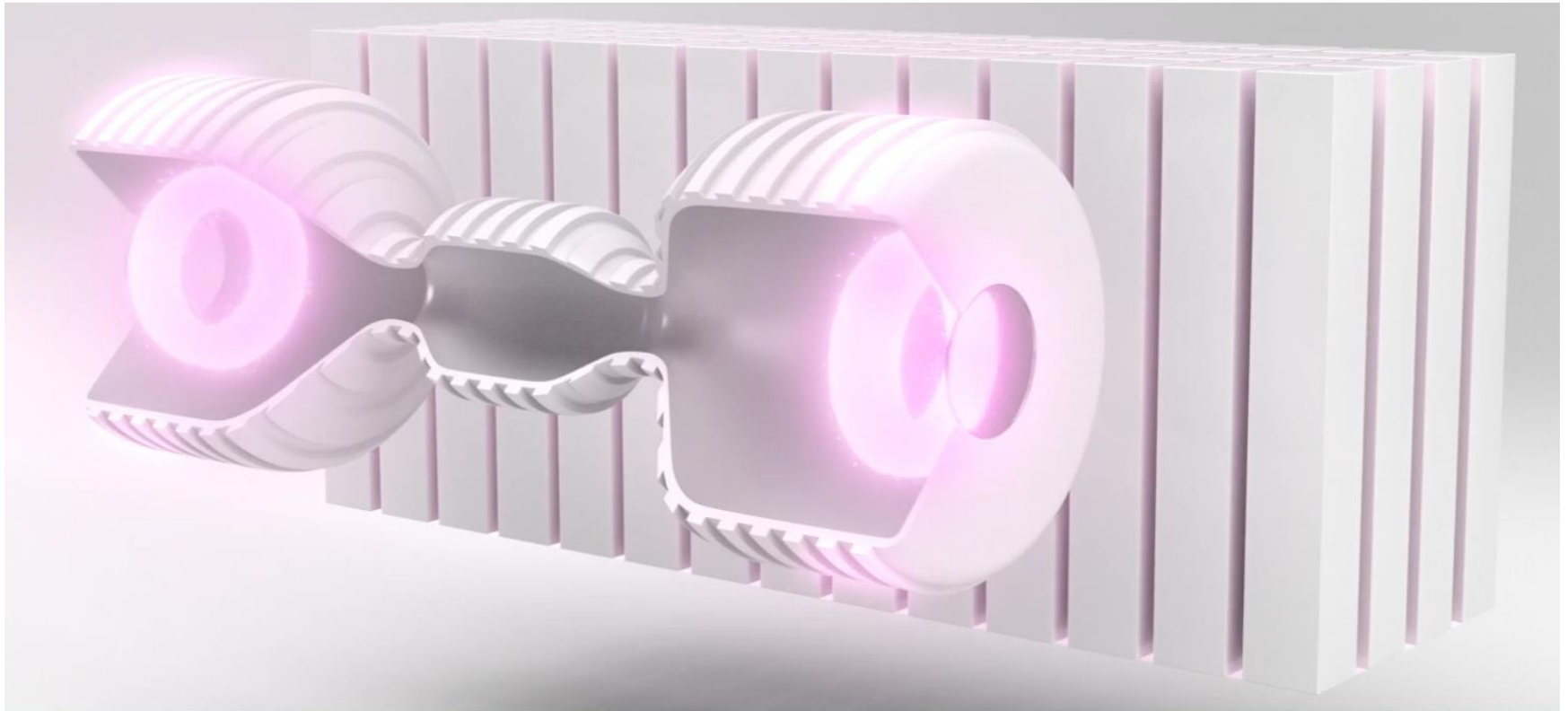


An artist's impression of what the new demonstration plant might look like

A company backed by Amazon's Jeff Bezos is set to build a large-scale nuclear fusion demonstration plant in Oxfordshire.

Canada's General Fusion is one of the leading private firms aiming to turn the

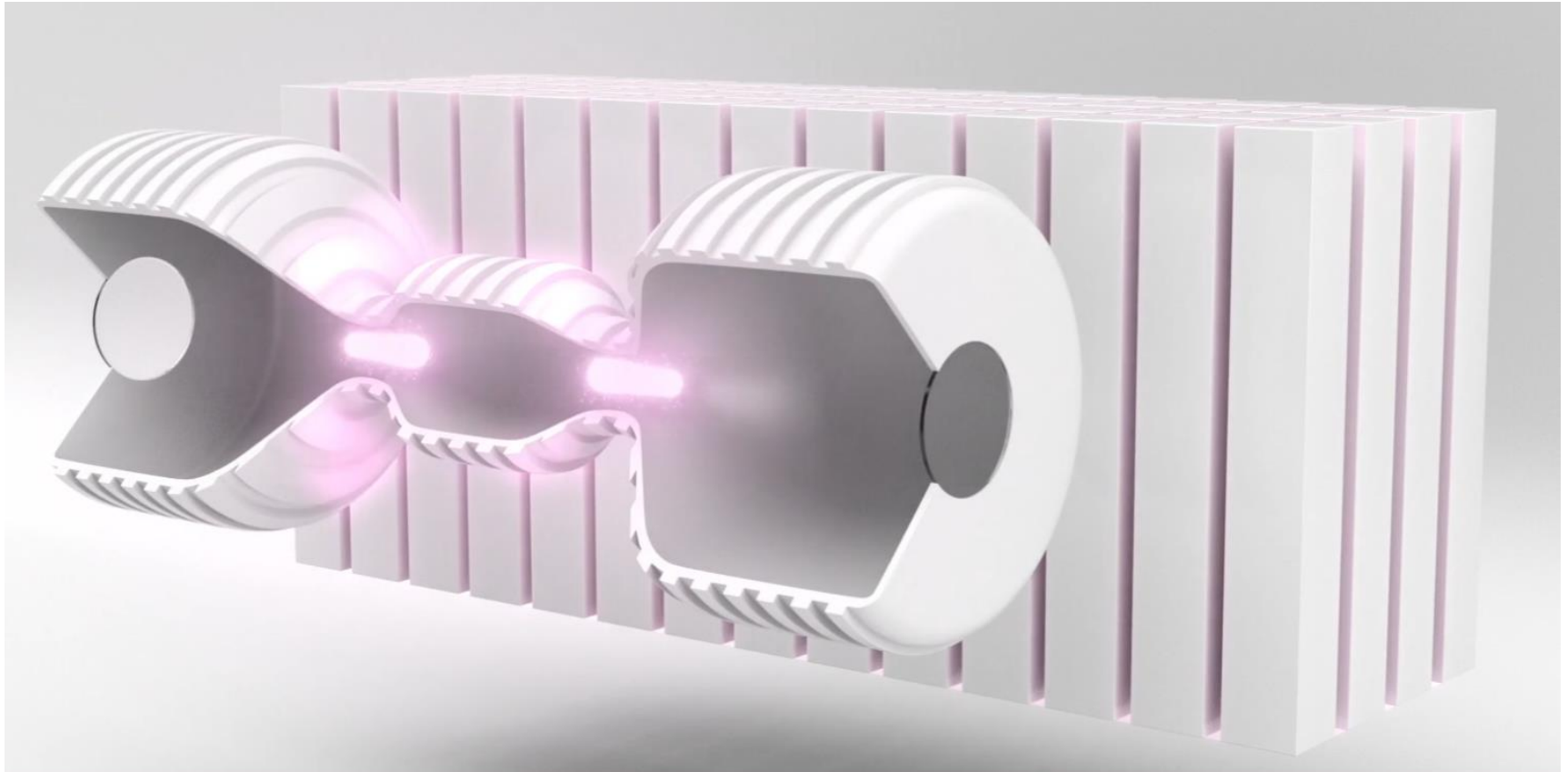
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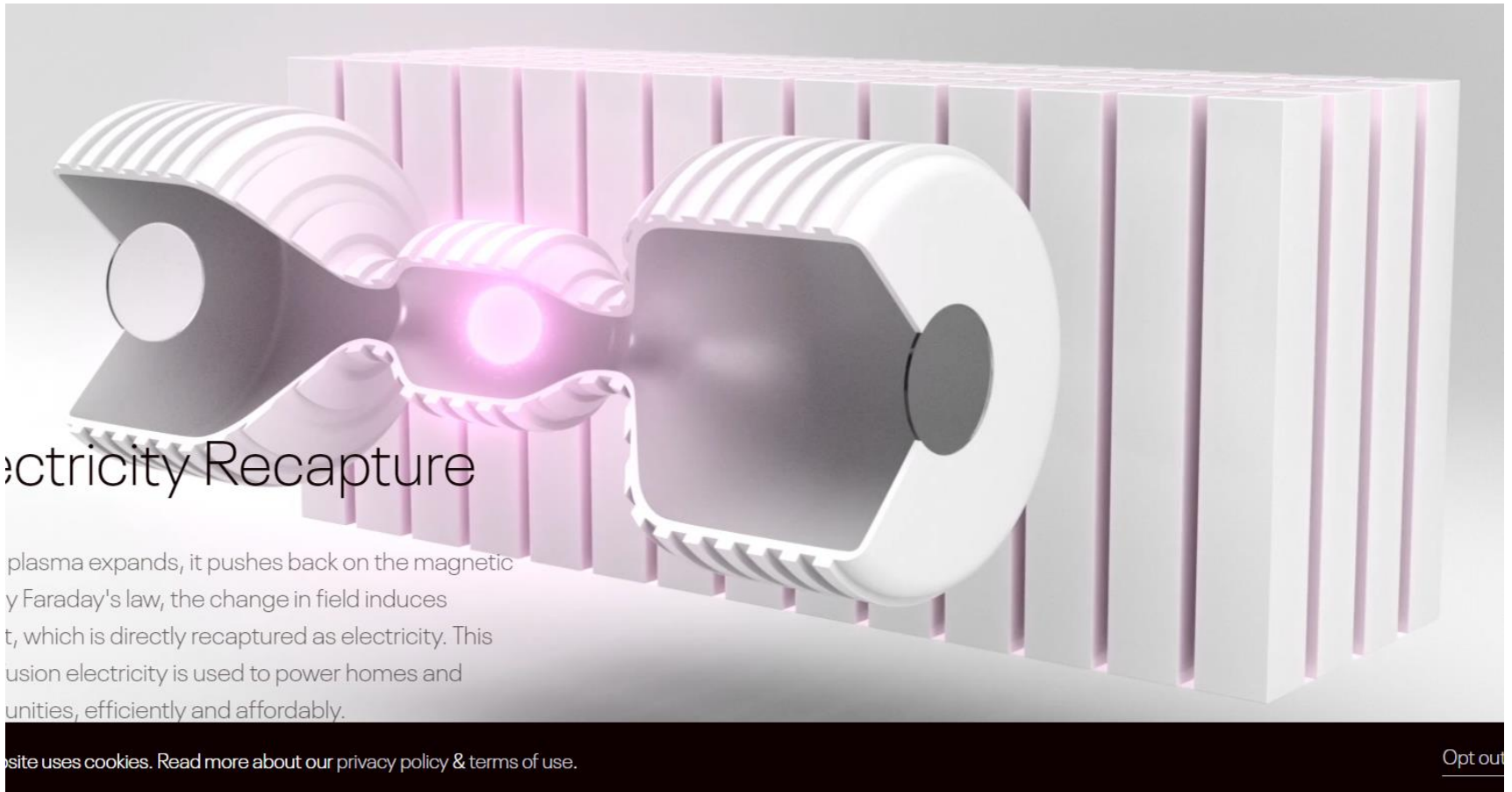
Two FRCs are accelerated toward each other



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Two FRCs merge with each other



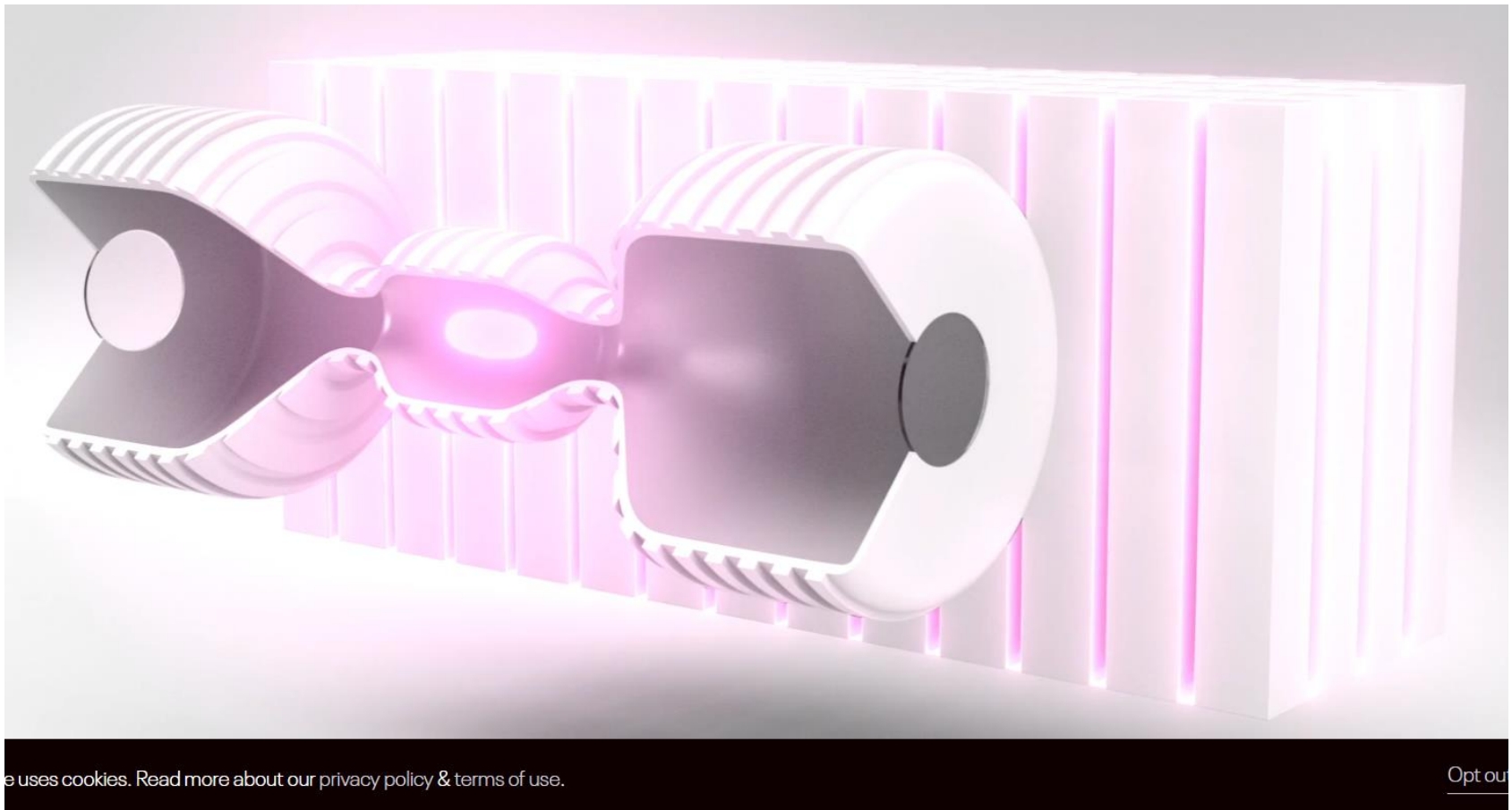
Electricity Recapture

When the plasma expands, it pushes back on the magnetic field. By Faraday's law, the change in field induces an electric current, which is directly recaptured as electricity. This recaptured electricity is used to power homes and businesses, efficiently and affordably.

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The merged FRC is compressed electrically to high temperature



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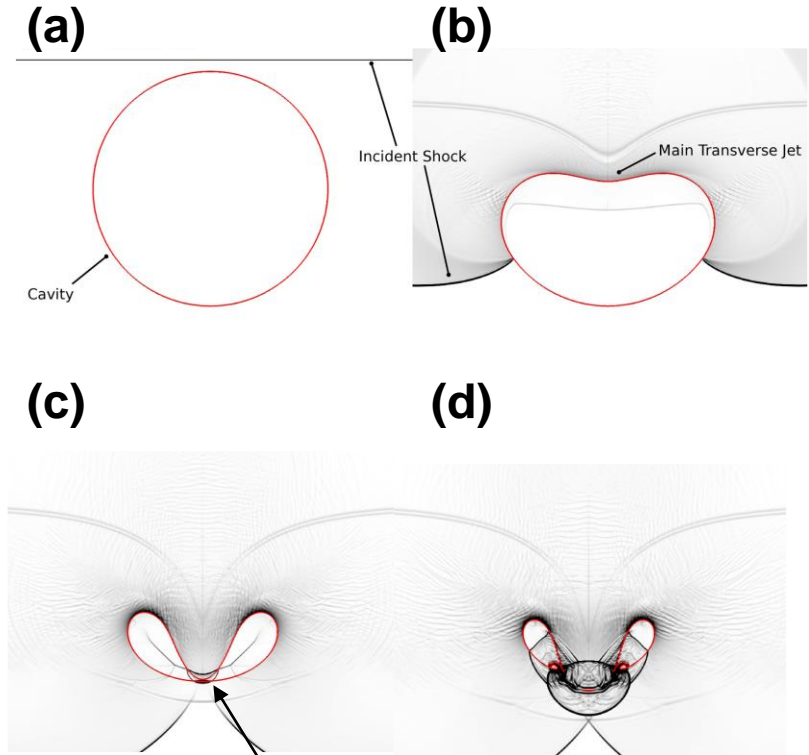
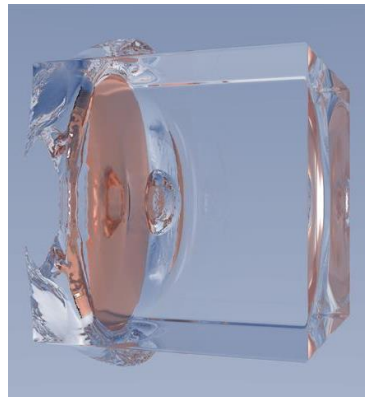
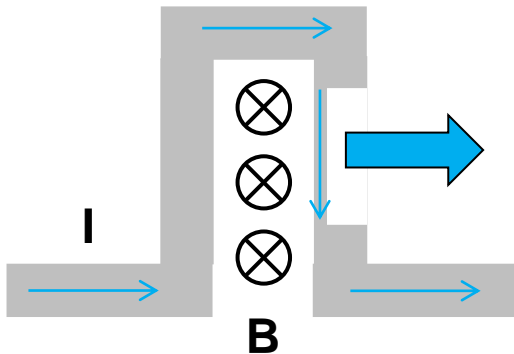
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- **Similar concept will be studied in our laboratory.**

Projectile Fusion is being established at First Light Fusion Ltd, UK



- **Stored energy: 2.5 MJ @ 200 kV**
($C_{\text{tot}}=125 \text{ uF}$)
- $I_{\text{peak}}=14 \text{ MA}$ w/ $T_{\text{rise}} \sim 2 \mu\text{s}$.



- **High pressure is generated by the colliding shock.**

<https://firstlightfusion.com/>

B. Tully and N. Hawker, Phys. Rev. **E93**, 053105 (2016)

A gas gun is used to eject the projectile

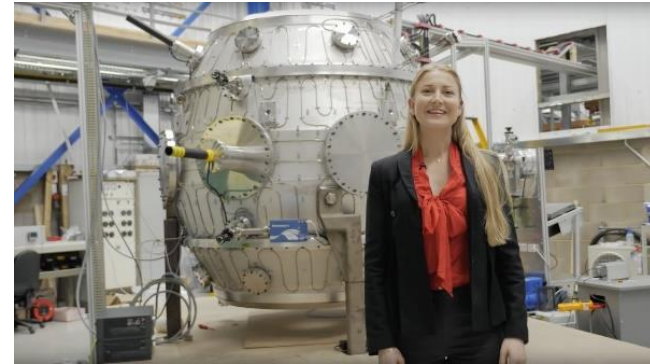
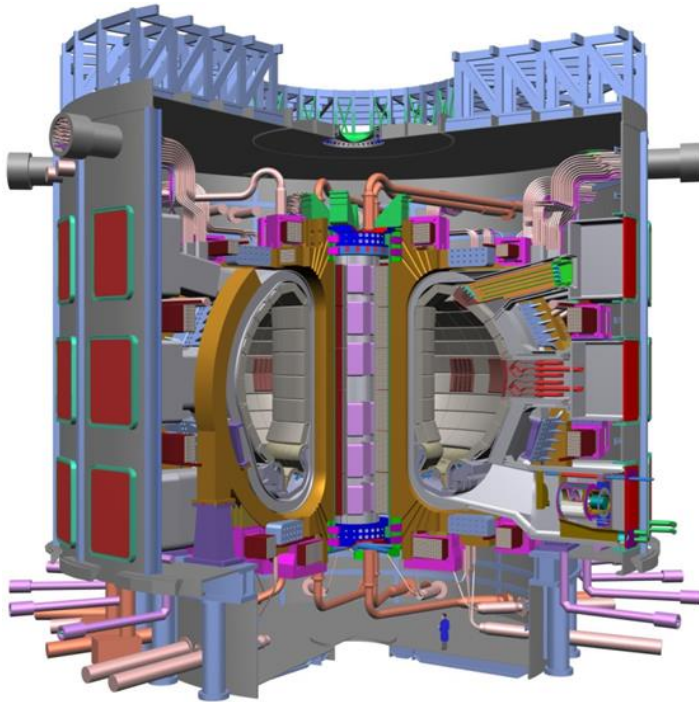


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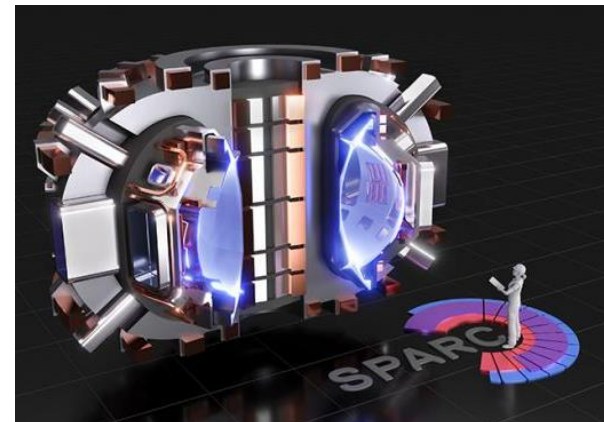
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Fusion is blooming



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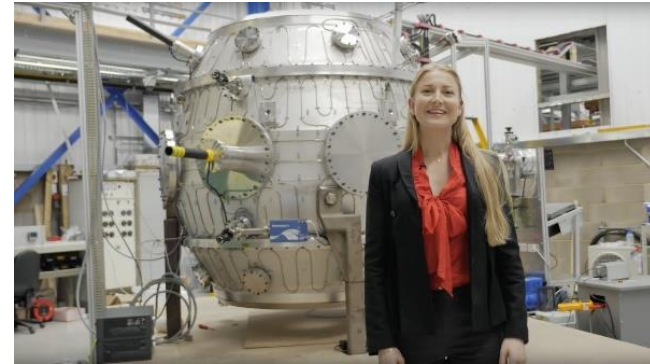
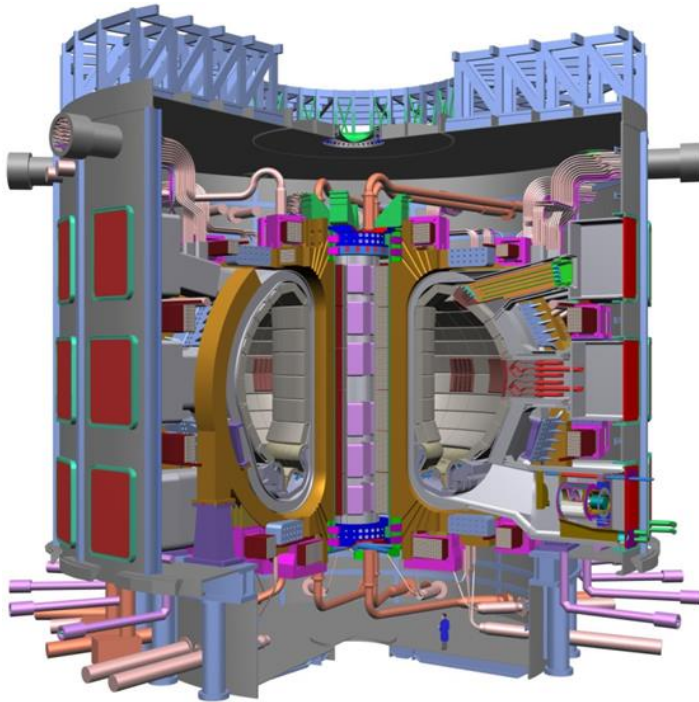


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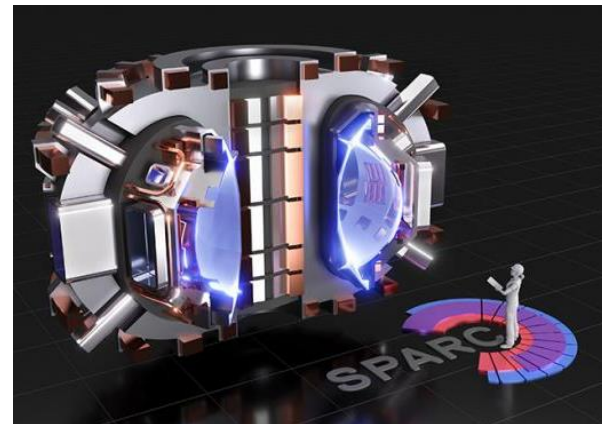
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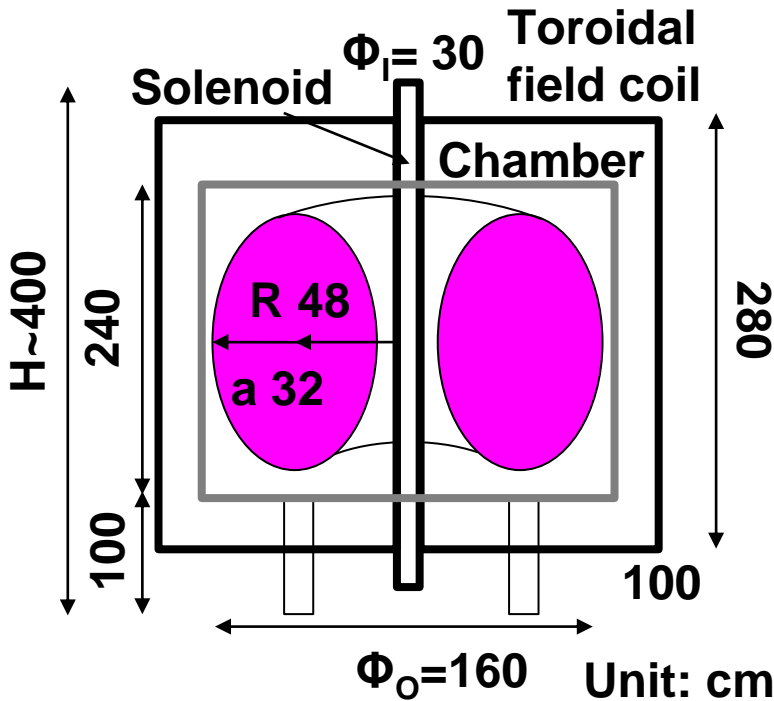
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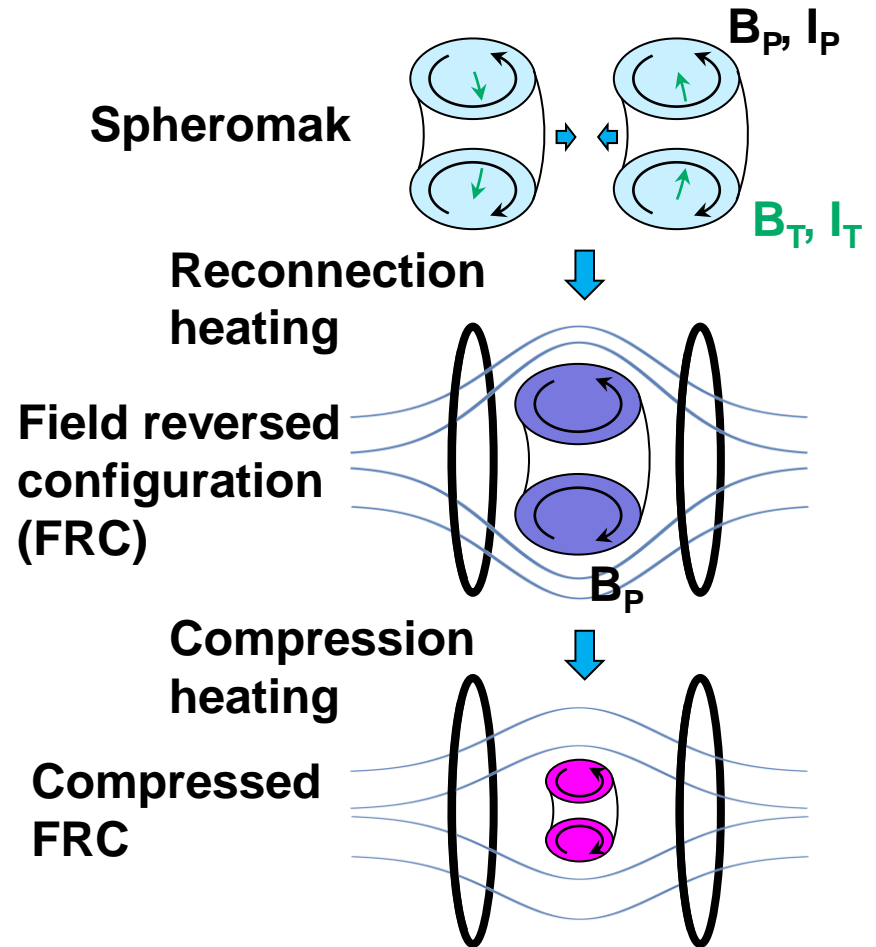


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Formosa Integrated Research Spherical Tokamak (FIRST)



- Magneto-inertial fusion (MIF)



• We welcome anyone interested in fusion research to join our team!

Outline



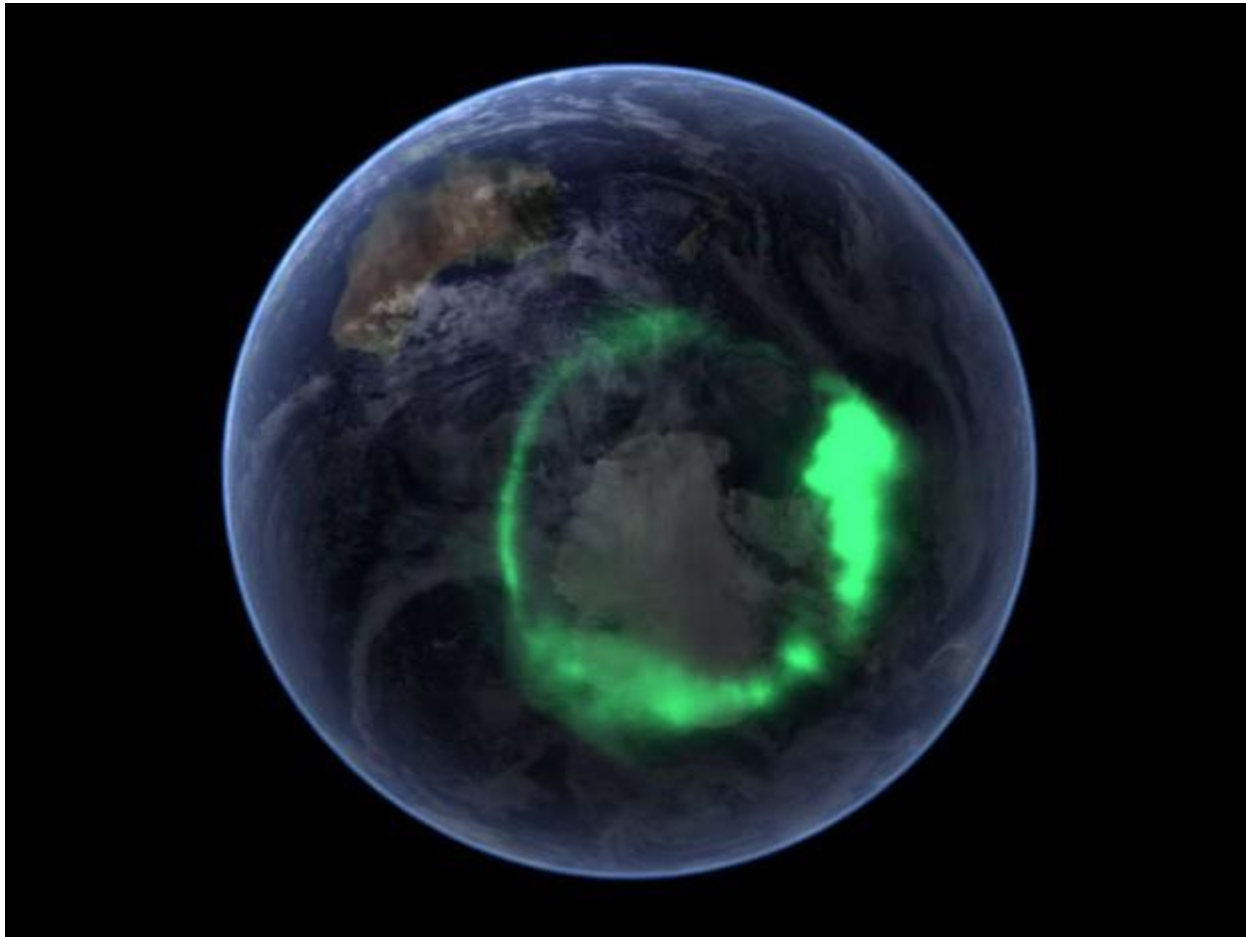
- Introduction to nuclear fusion
- Magnetic confinement fusion (MCF)
 - Tokamak
 - Stellarator
- Inertial confinement fusion (ICF)
 - Indirection drive ICF
 - Direct drive ICF
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- **Plasma in space**
- Pulsed-power system at NCKU

Aurora



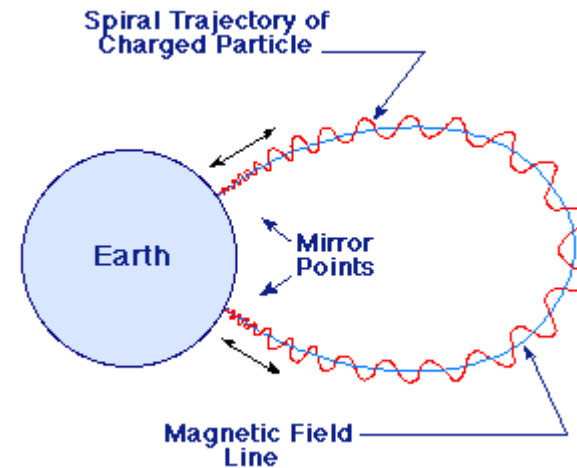
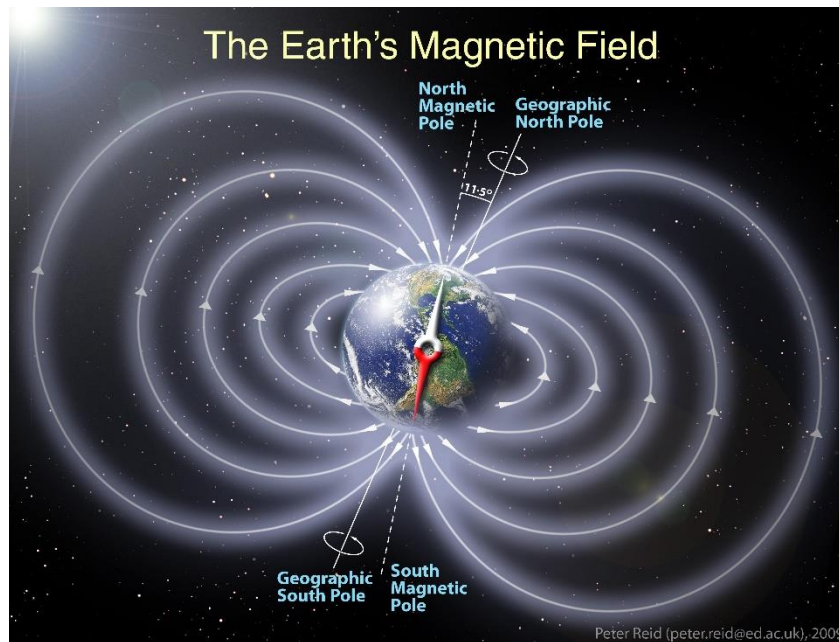
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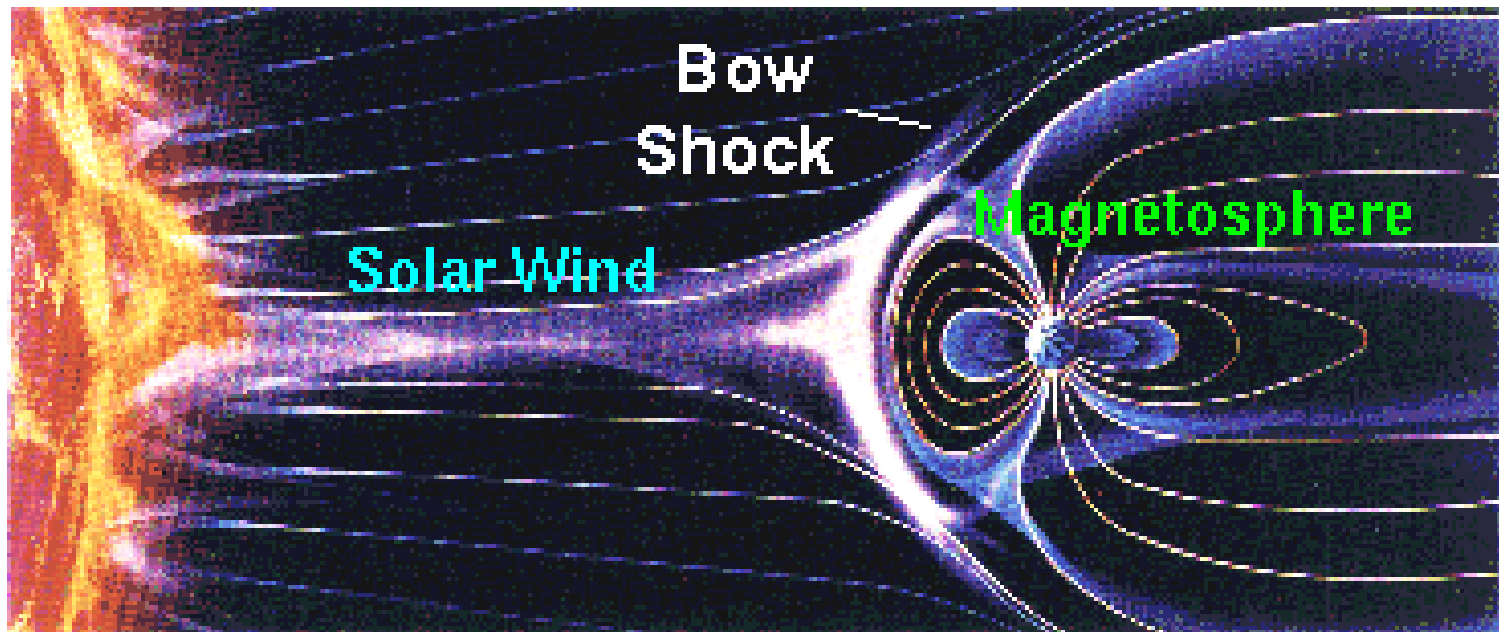
Earth's magnetic field



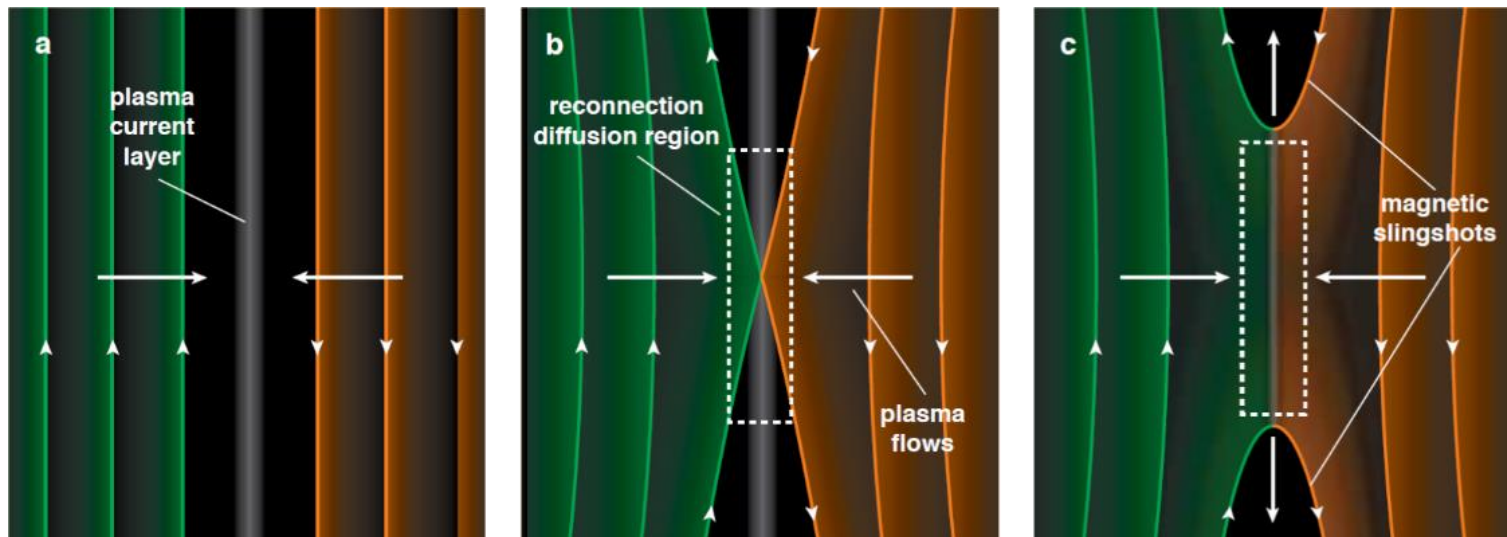
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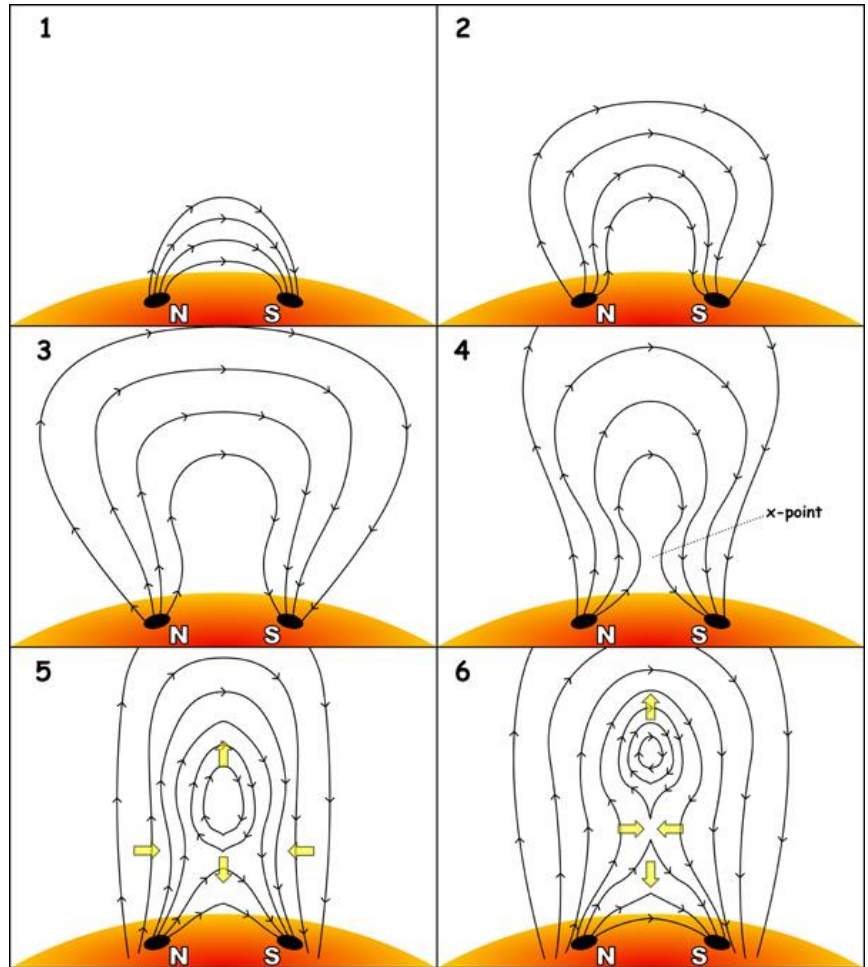
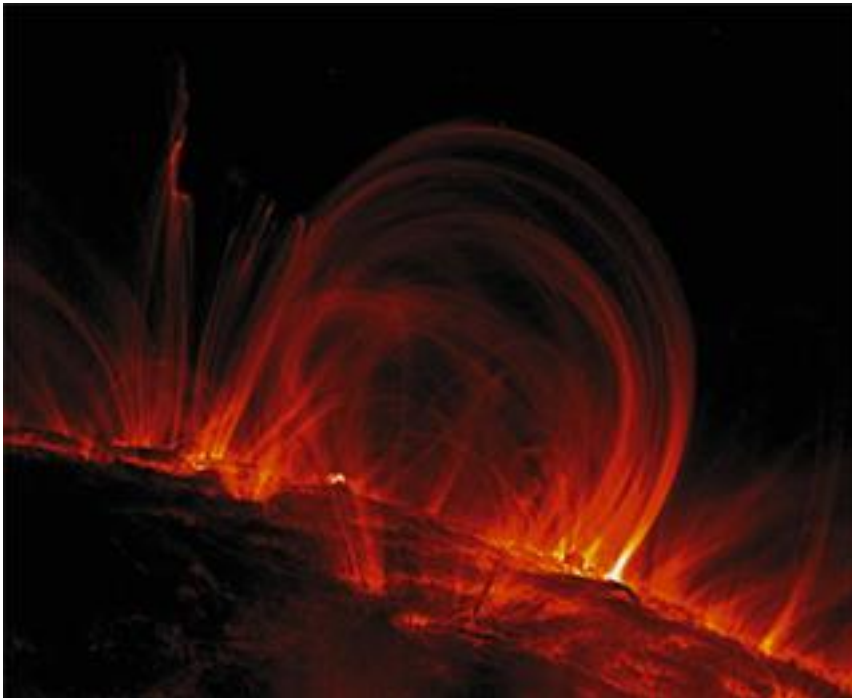


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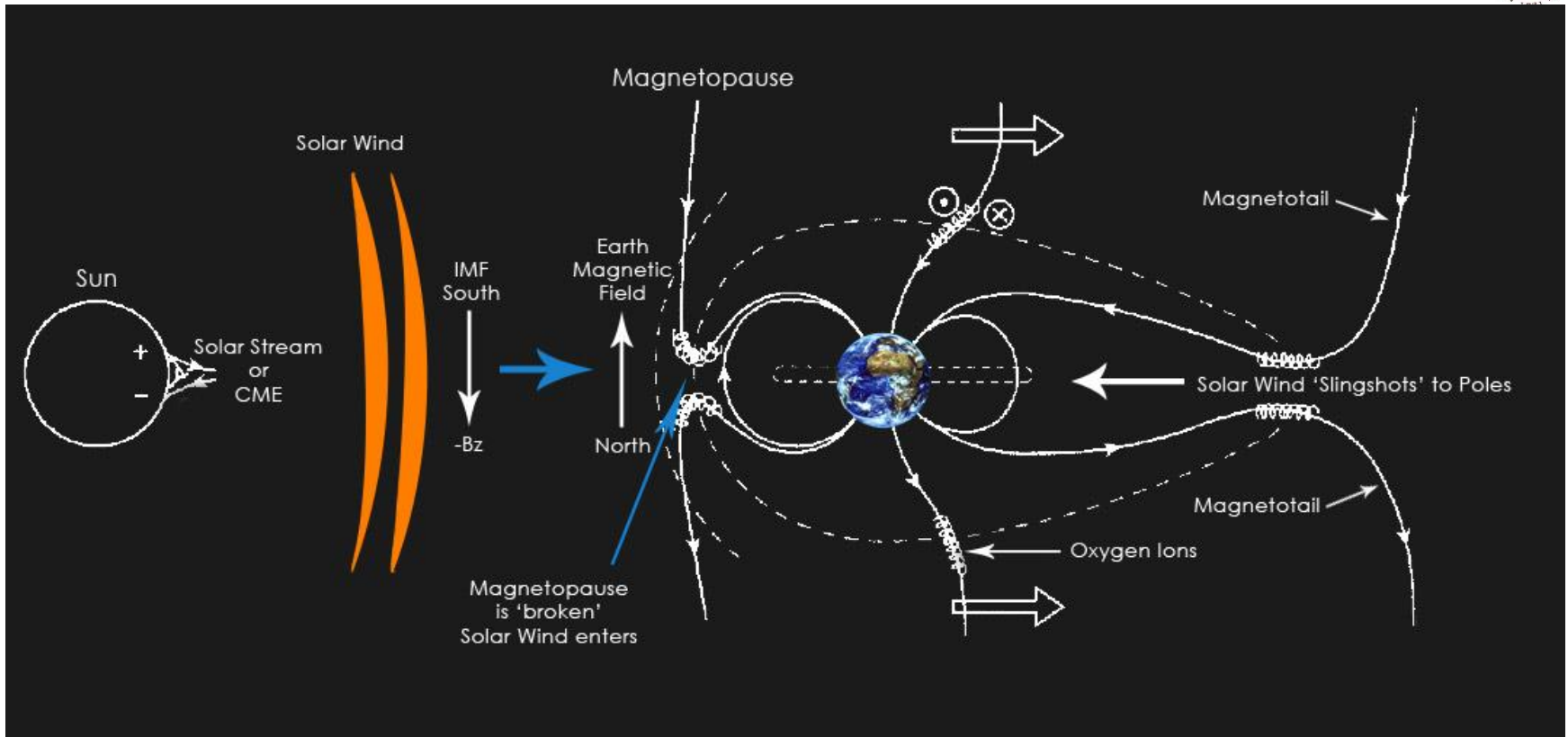
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Corona mass ejection (CME)



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Reconnections occur in many locations

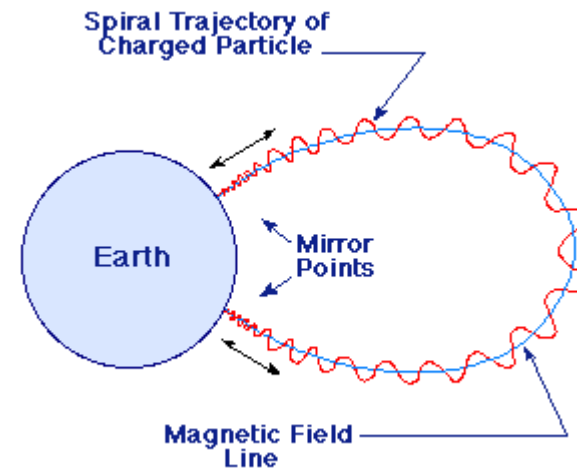
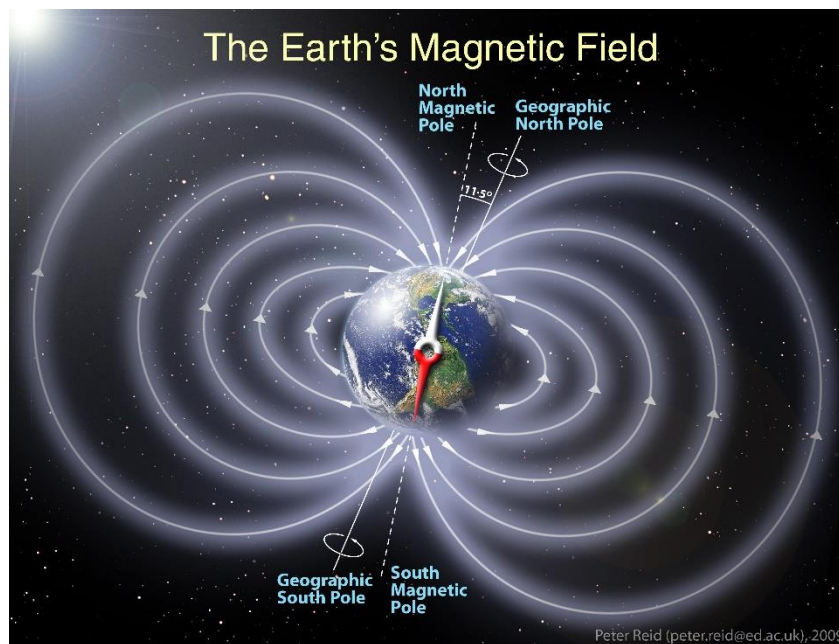


- The Aurora Borealis:

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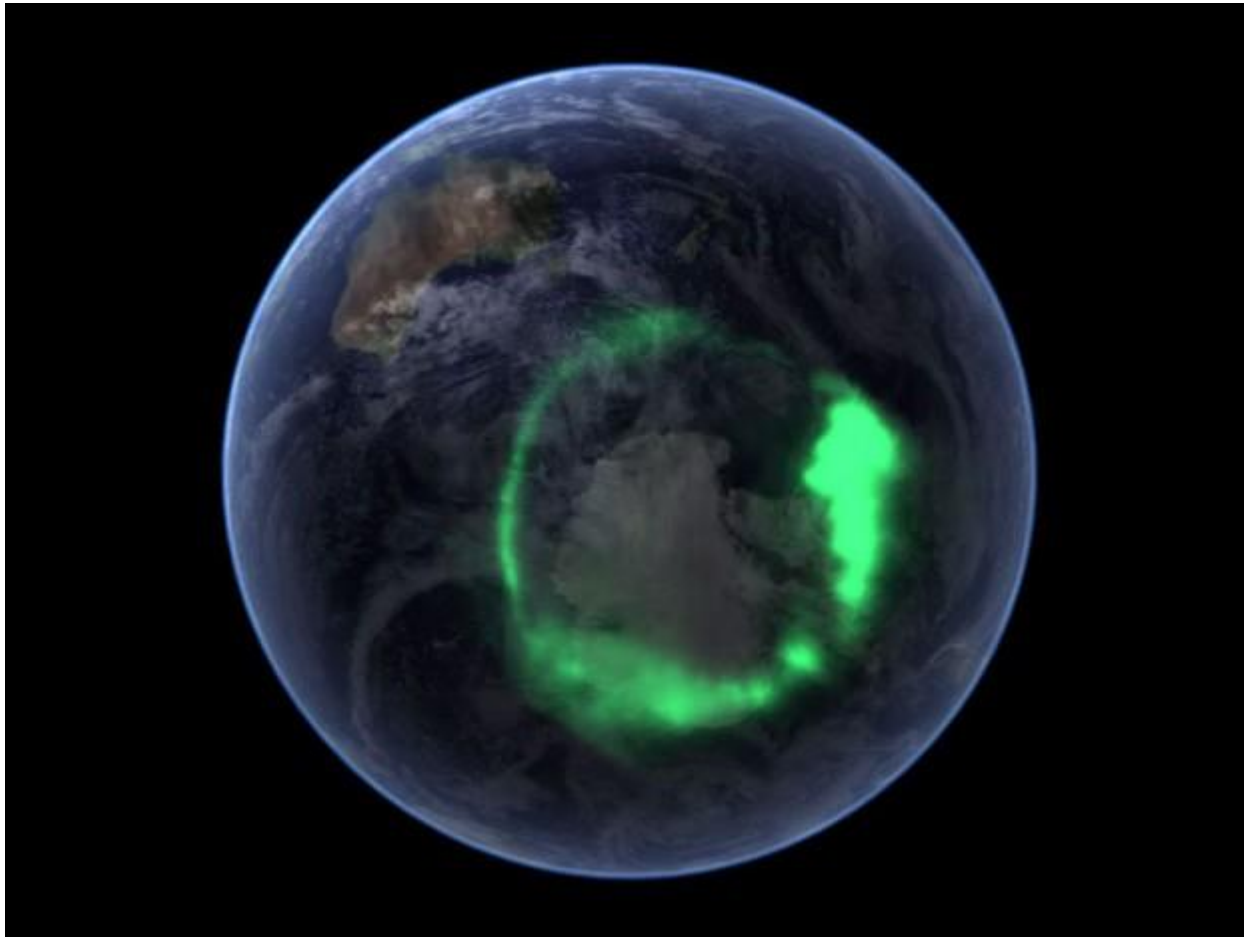
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Neutral beam source



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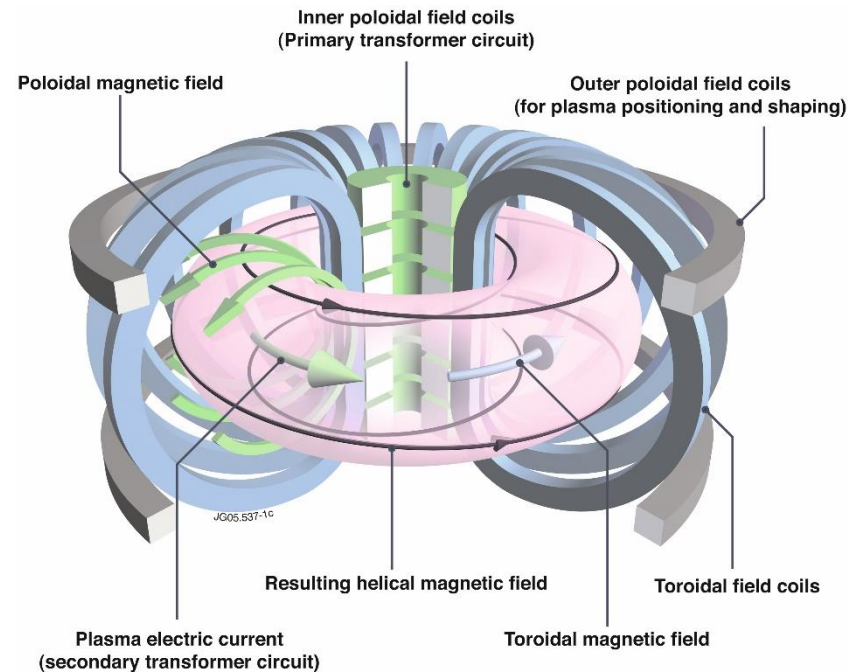
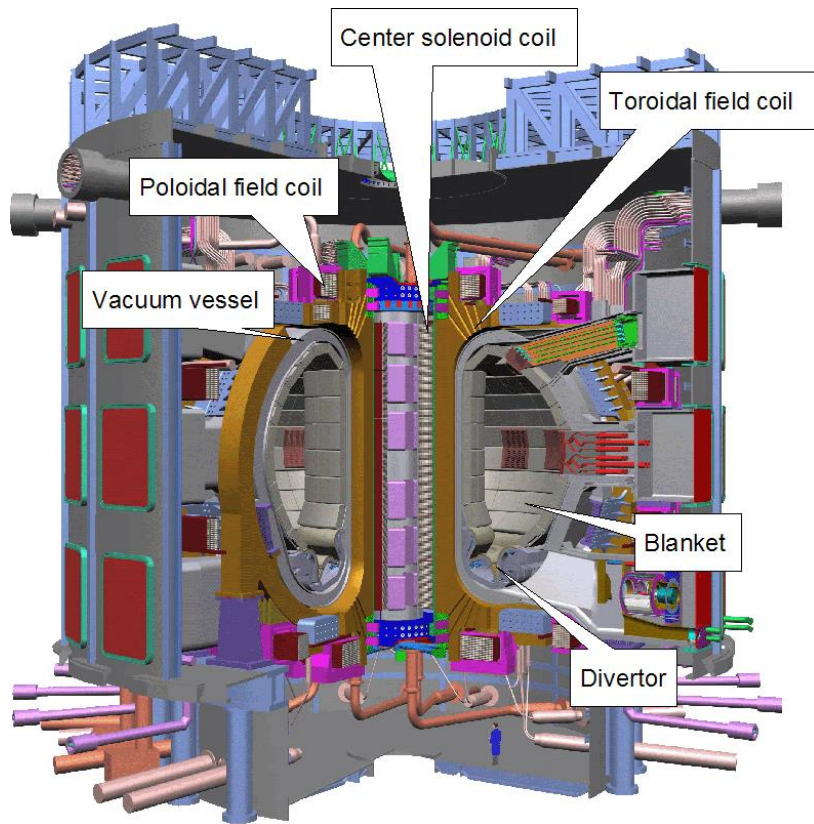
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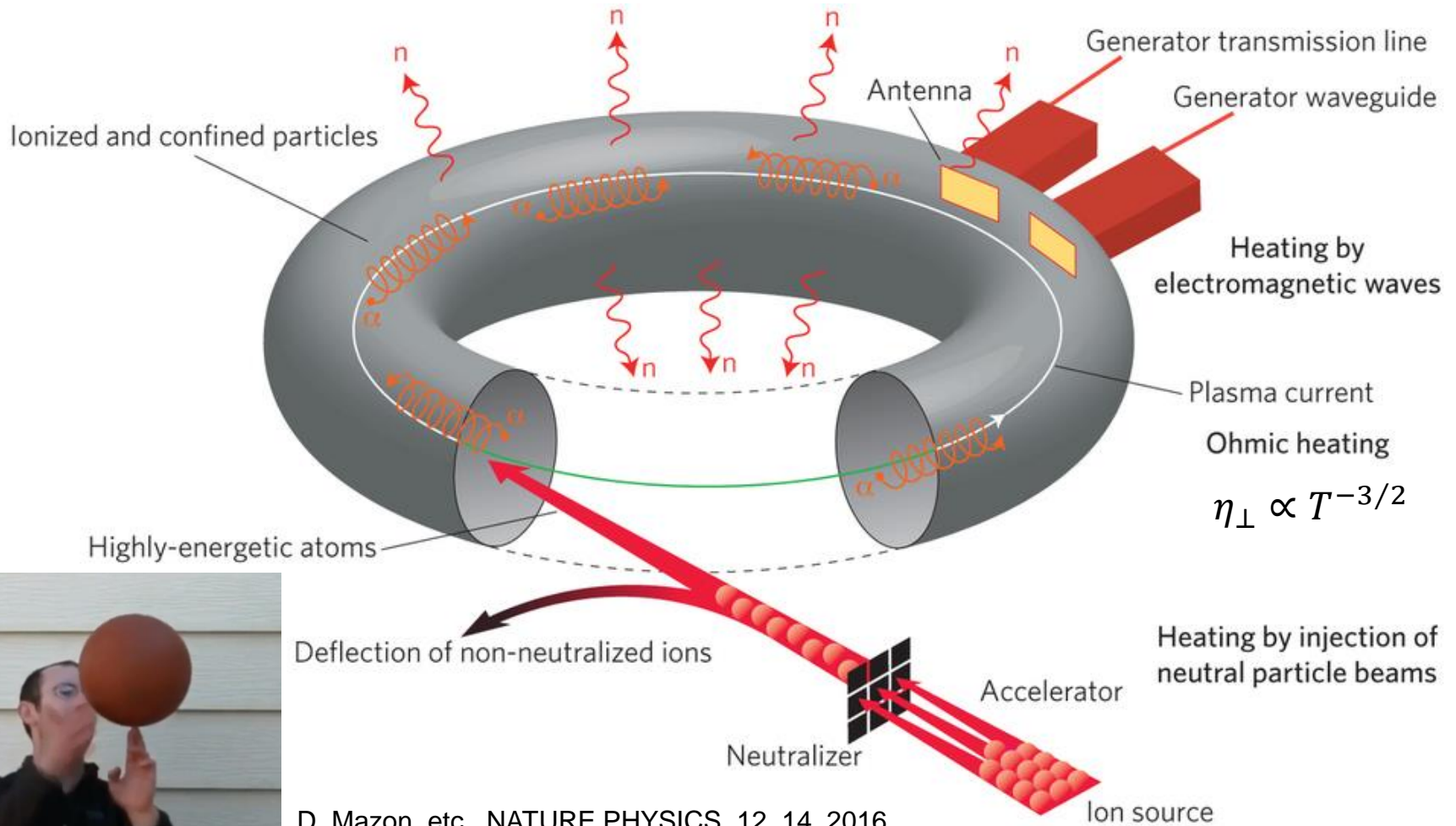


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Hot plasma is confined by the magnetic field in magnetic confinement fusion



Neutral beam injector is one of the main heat mechanisms in MCF



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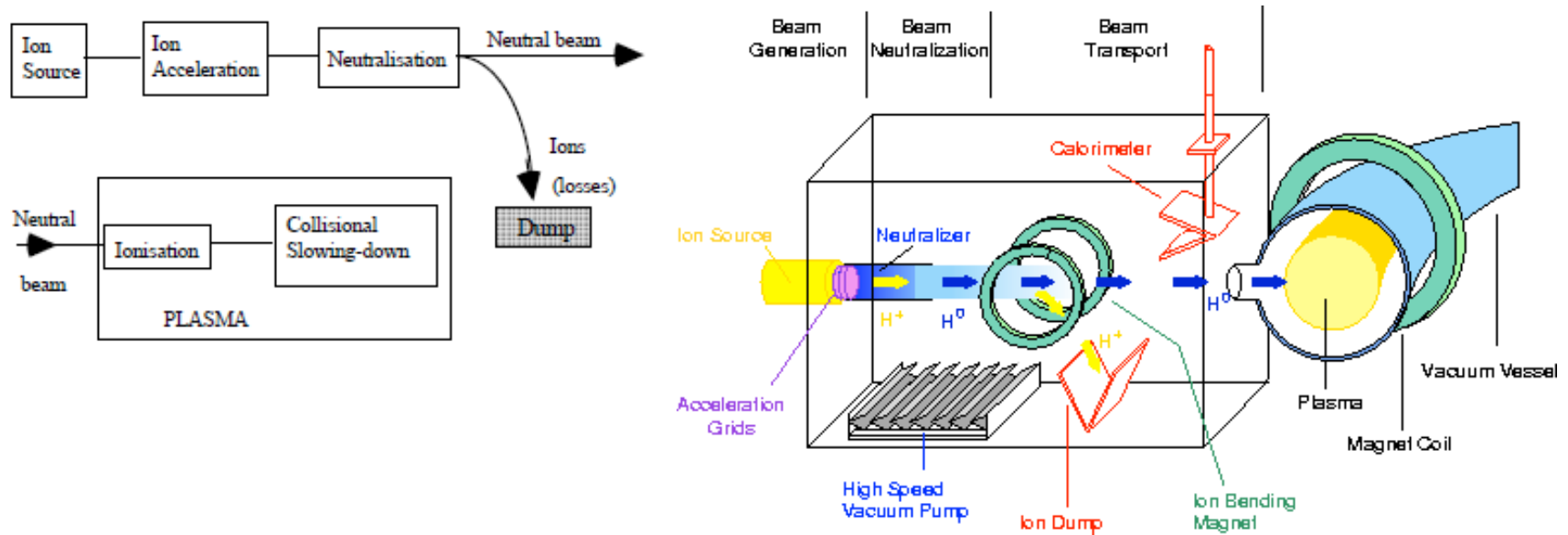
Varies way of heating a MCF device



	System	Frequency/ energy	Maximum power coupled to plasma	Overall system efficiency	Development/ demonstration required	Remarks
ECRF	Demonstrated in tokamaks	28–157 GHz	2.8 MW, 0.2 s	30–40%	Power sources and windows, off-axis CD	Provides off-axis CD
	ITER needs	150–170 GHz	50 MW, SS			
ICRF	Demonstrated in tokamaks	25–120 MHz	22 MW, 3 s (L-mode); 16.5 MW, 3 s (H-mode)	50–60%	ELM tolerant system	Provides ion heating and smaller ELMs
	ITER needs	40–75 MHz	50 MW, SS			
LHRF	Demonstrated in tokamaks	1.3–8 GHz	2.5 MW, 120 s; 10 MW, 0.5 s	45–55%	Launcher, coupling to H-mode	Provides off-axis CD
	ITER needs	5 GHz	50 MW, SS			
NBI	+ve ion Demonstrated in tokamaks	80–140 keV	40 MW, 2 s; 20 MW, 8 s	35–45%	None	Not applicable
	ITER needs	None	None			
NBI	–ve ion Demonstrated in tokamaks	0.35 MeV	5.2 MW, D [–] , 0.8 s (from 2 sources)	~37%	System, tests on tokamak, plasma CD	provides rotation
	ITER needs	1 MeV	50 MW, SS			

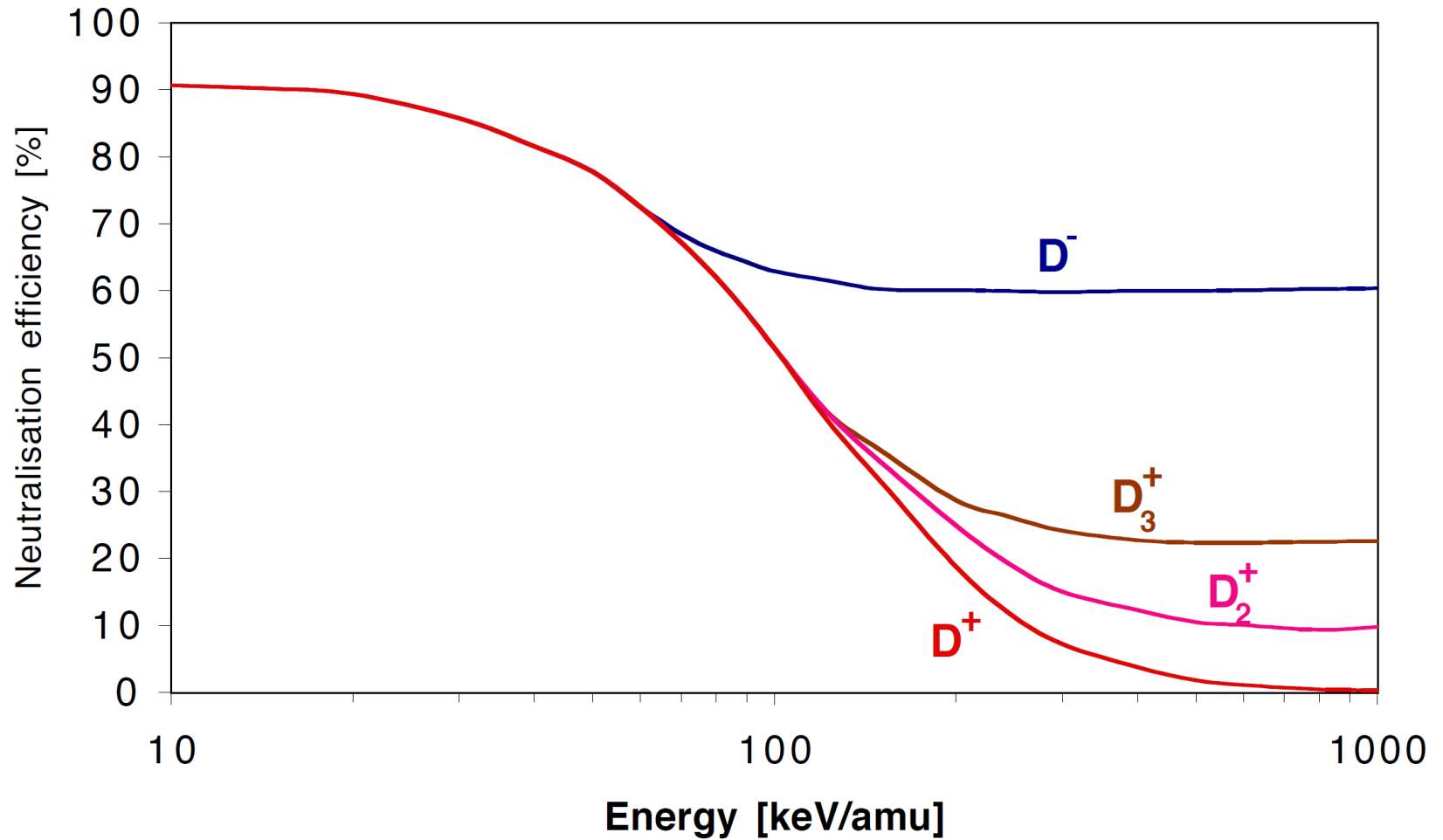
‘SS’ indicates steady state

Neutral particles heat the plasma via coulomb collisions



1. create energetic (fast) neutral ions
2. ionize the neutral particles
3. heat the plasma (electrons and ions) via Coulomb collisions

Negative ion source is preferred due to higher neutralization efficiency

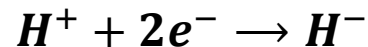
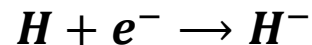
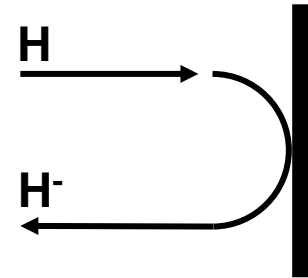


There are two ways to make negative ions – surface and volume production

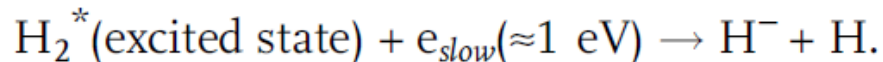
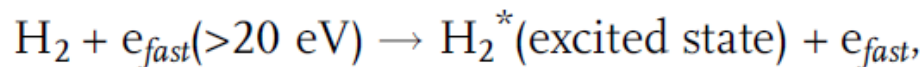


- **Surface production, depends on :**

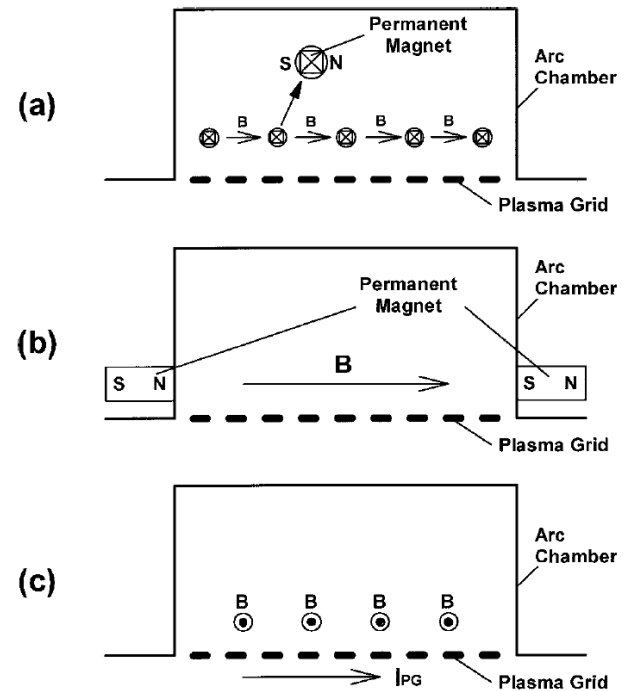
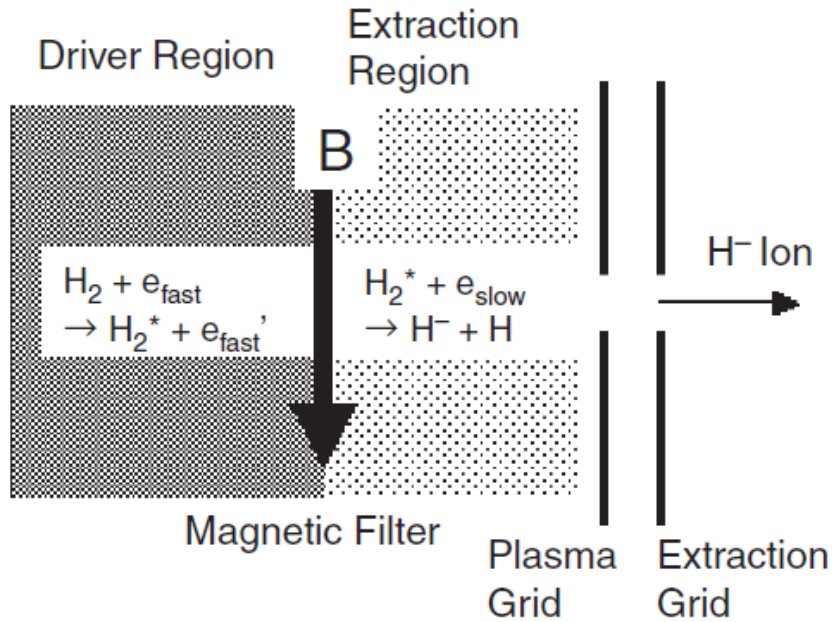
- **Work function Φ**
- **Electron affinity level, 0.75 eV for H^-**
- **Perpendicular velocity**
- **Work function can be reduced by covering the metal surface with cesium**



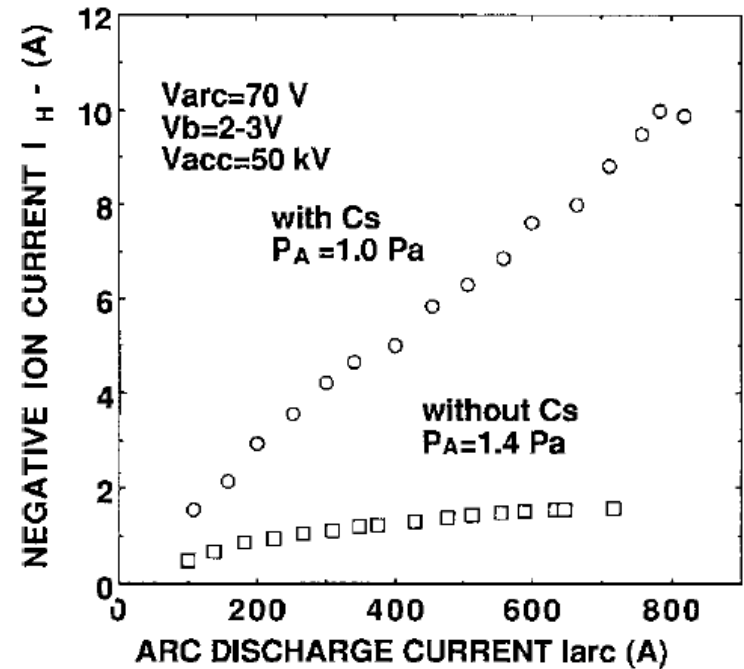
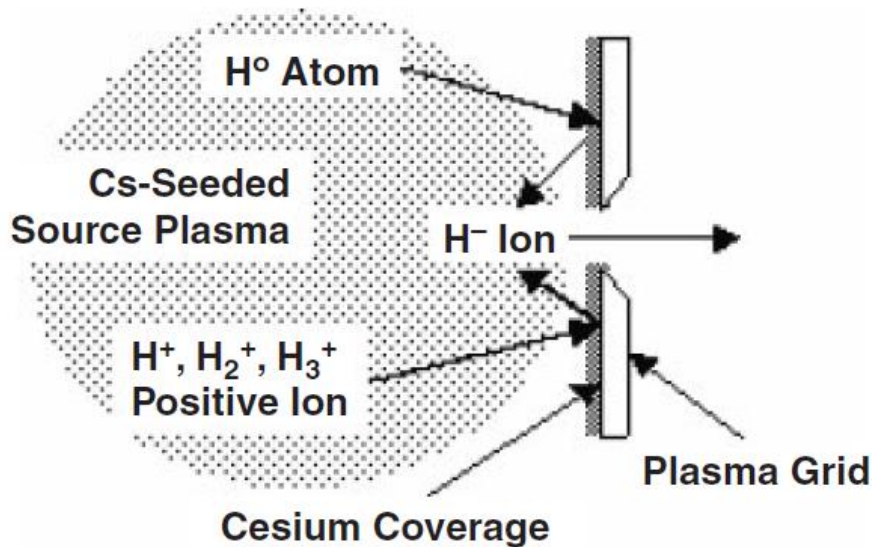
- **Volume production:**



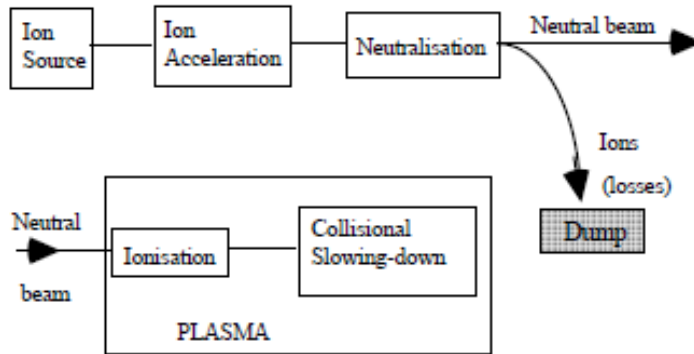
Two-chamber method of negative ions in volume production with a magnetic filter



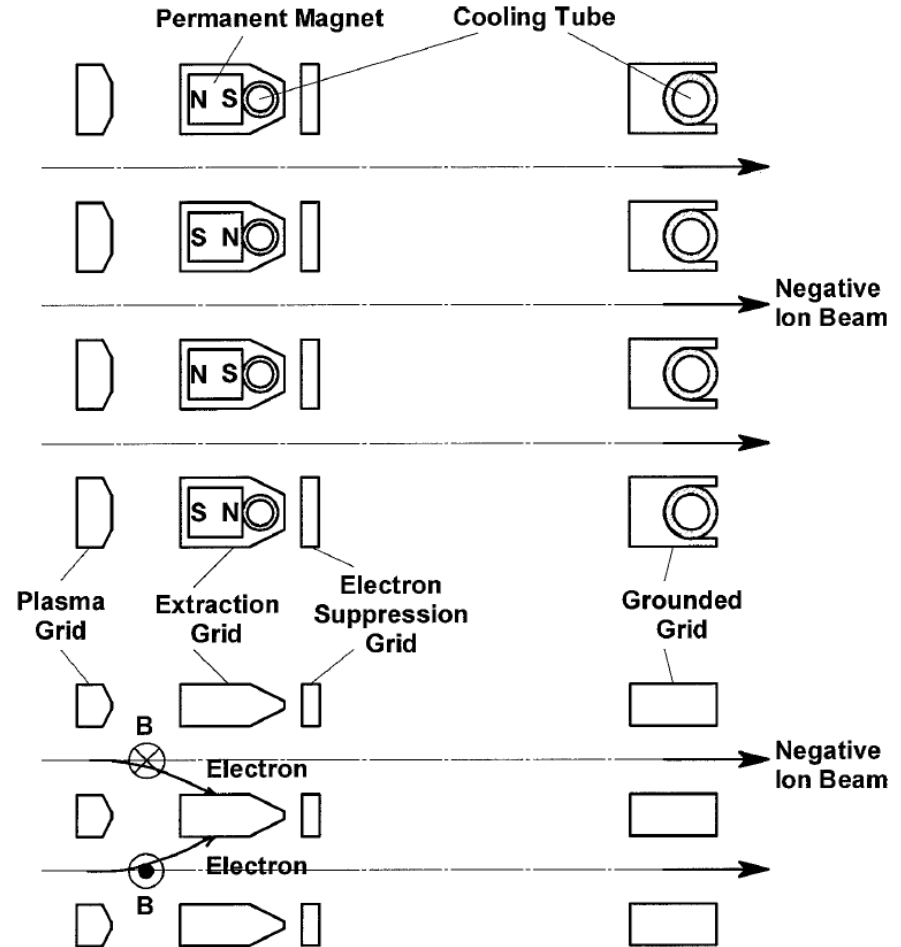
Adding cesium increases negative ion current



Electrons need to be filtered out since they are extracted together with negative ions



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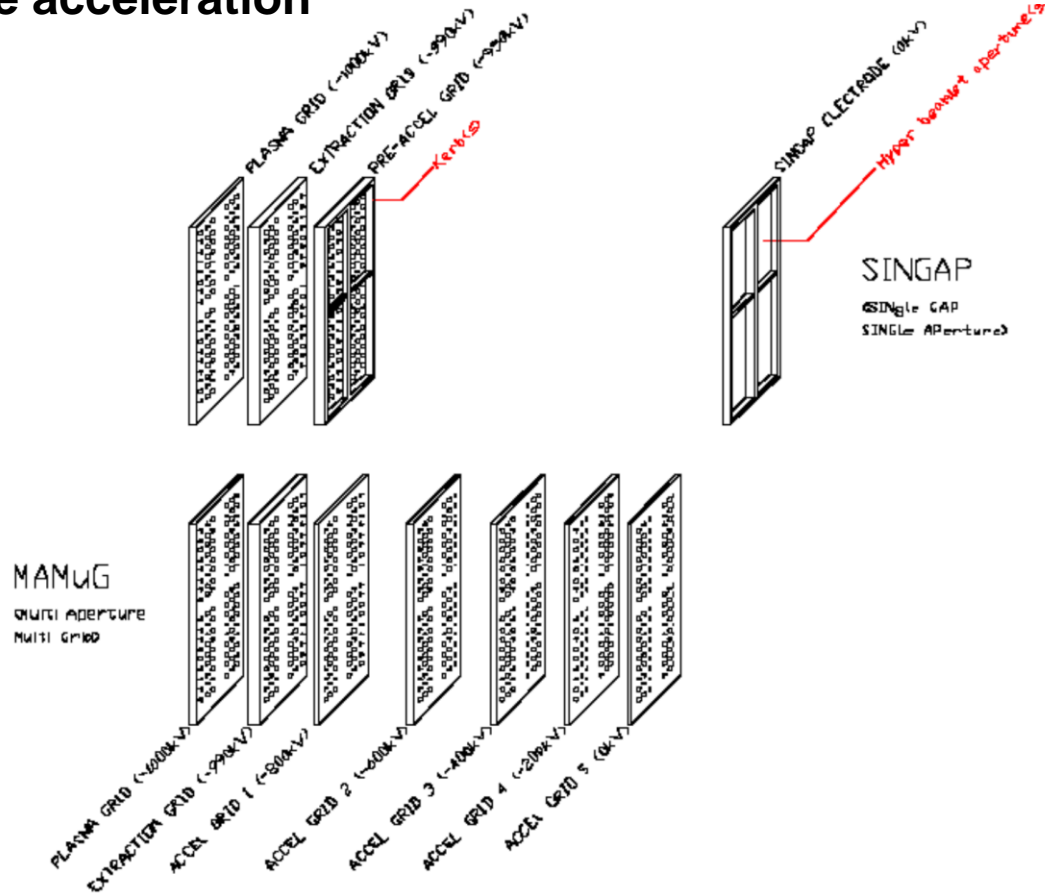


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Acceleration

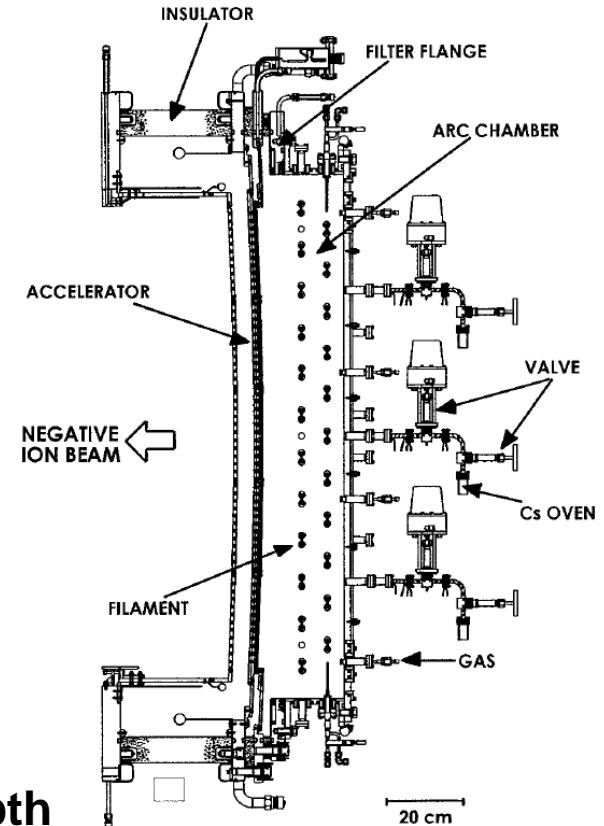
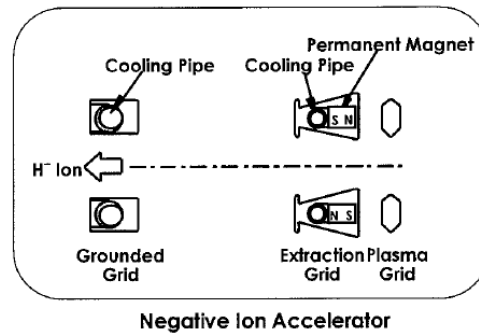


- Multi-stage acceleration
- Single-stage acceleration



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NBI system of the LHD fusion machine

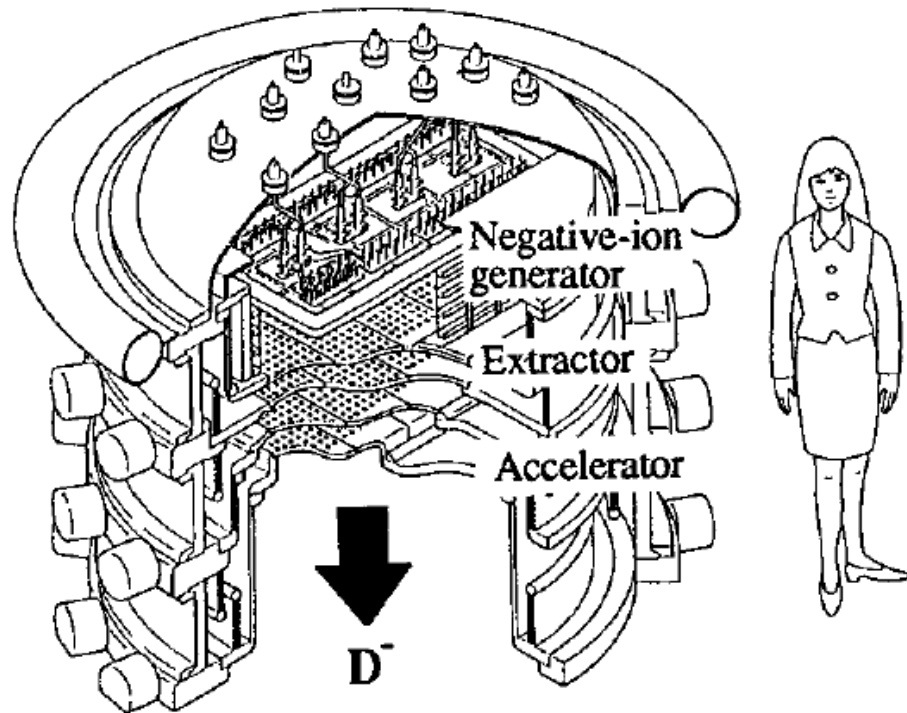


- 180 keV and 30 A
- Arc chamber: 35 cm x 145 cm, 21cm in depth
- Single stage accelerator

JT60U NBI system



- JT-60 (Japan-Torus) is a tokamak in Japan.
- 550 keV, 22A
- 2m in diameter and 1.7 m in height
- 3-stage accelerator

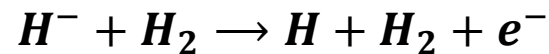


Neutralization



- **Gas neutralization**

- **Collisions between fast negative ions and atoms**

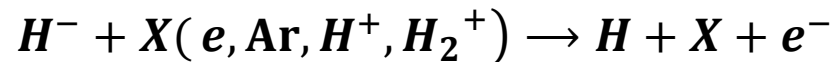


- **Fast ions can lose another electron after neutralized**



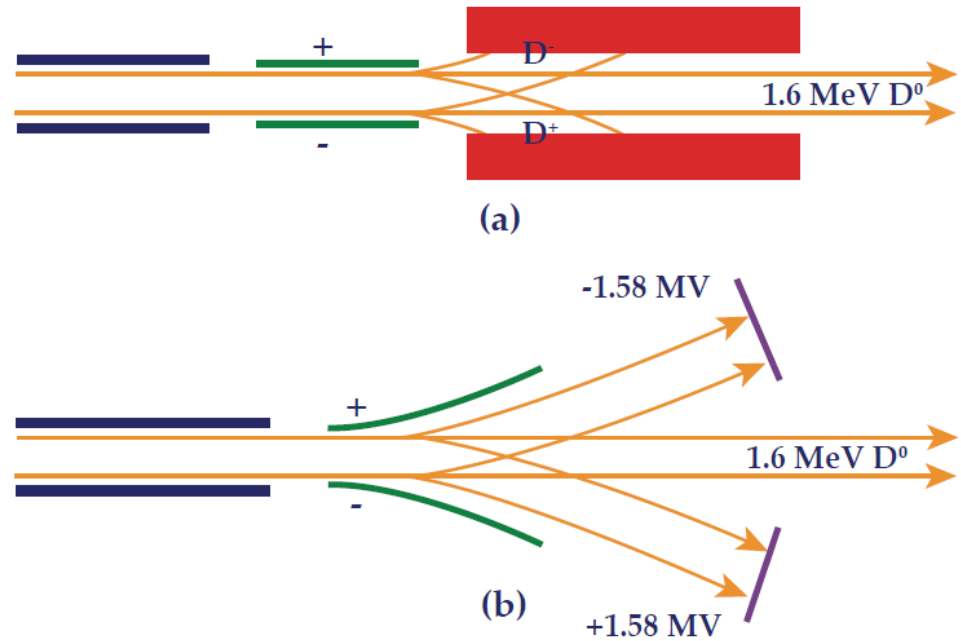
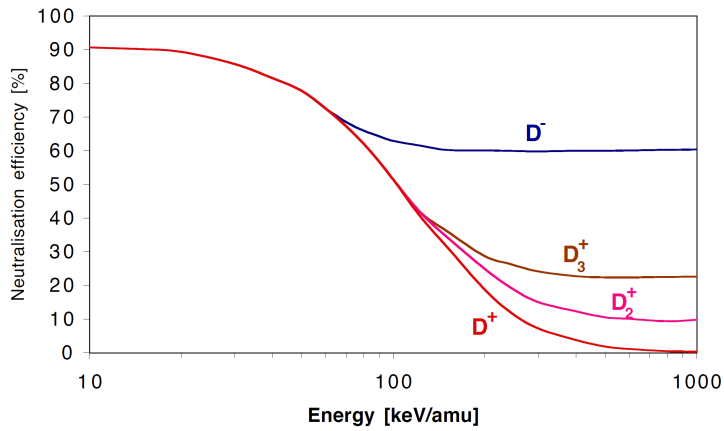
- **Plasma neutralization**

- **Collisions with charged particles in plasma**



- **The efficiencies reach up to 85% for fully ionized hydrogen plasma**

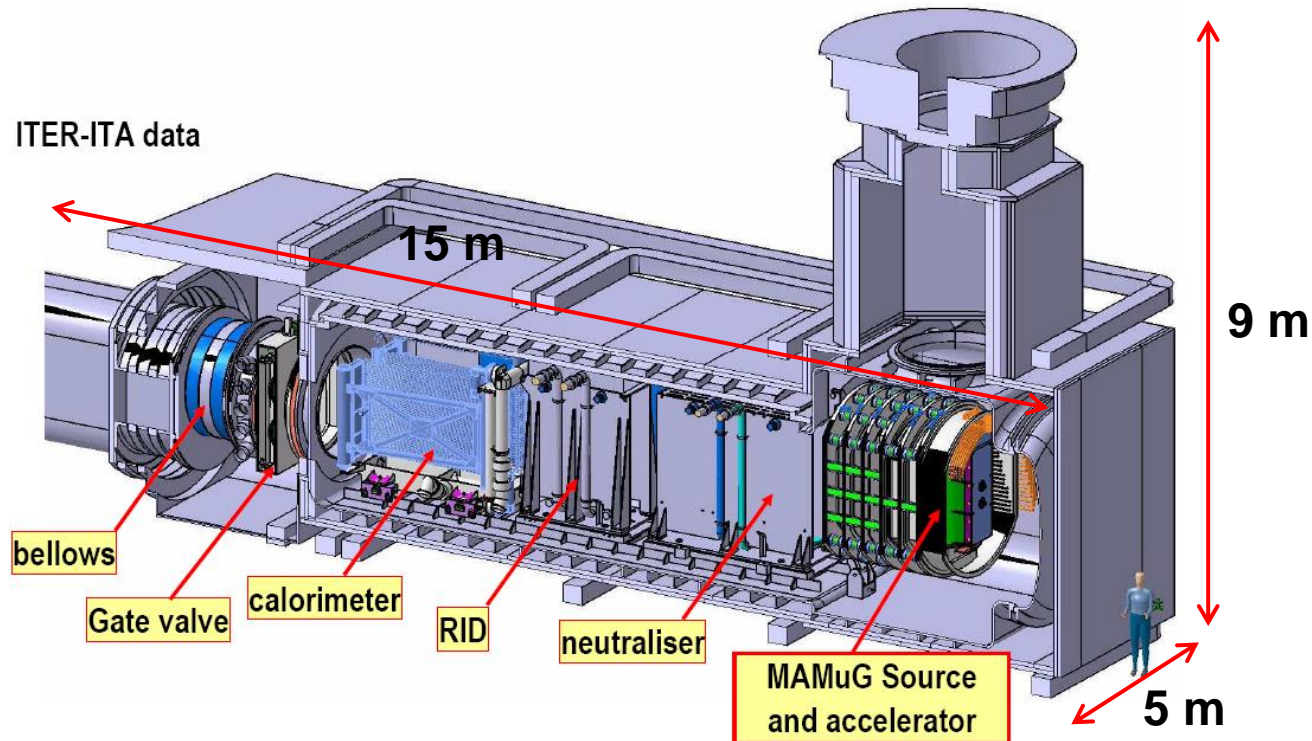
Beam dump



NBI for ITER

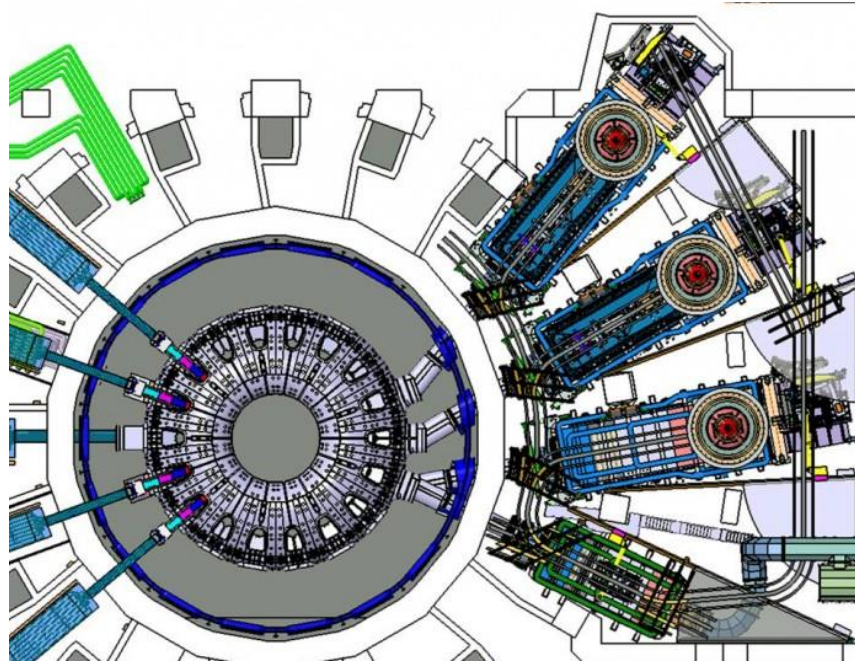


- beam components (Ion Source, Accelerator, Neutralizer, Residual Ion Dump and Calorimeter)
- other components (cryo-pump, vessels, fast shutter, duct, magnetic shielding, and residual magnetic field compensating coils)



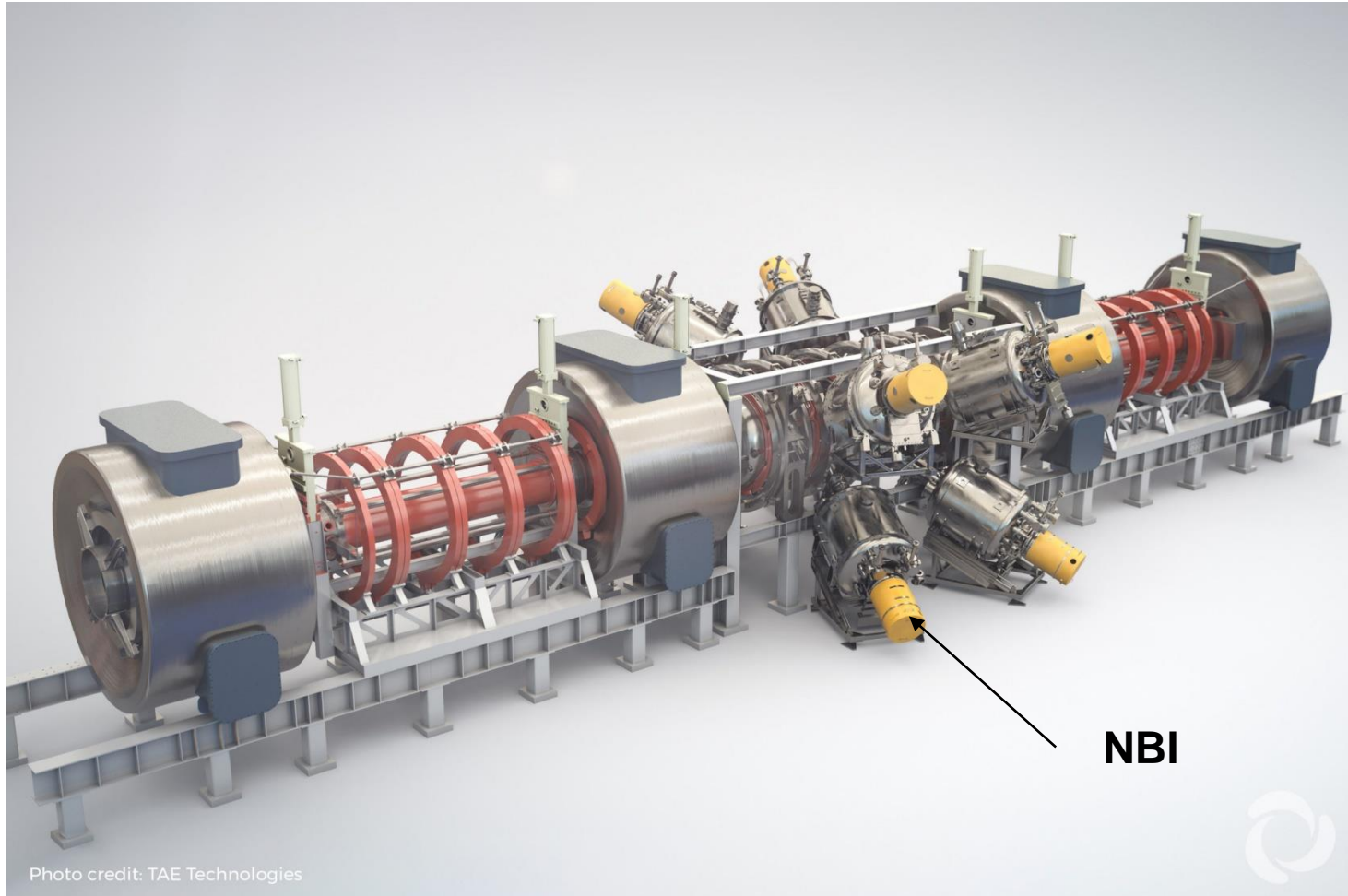
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Neutral beam penetration



- **Parallel direction**
 - Longest path through the densest part of the plasma
 - Harder to be built
- **Perpendicular direction**
 - Path is short
 - Larger perpendicular energies leads to larger losses
 - Easier to be built

NBI for Tri-Alpha Energy Technologies



Neutral beams are injected in to the chamber for spinning the FRC

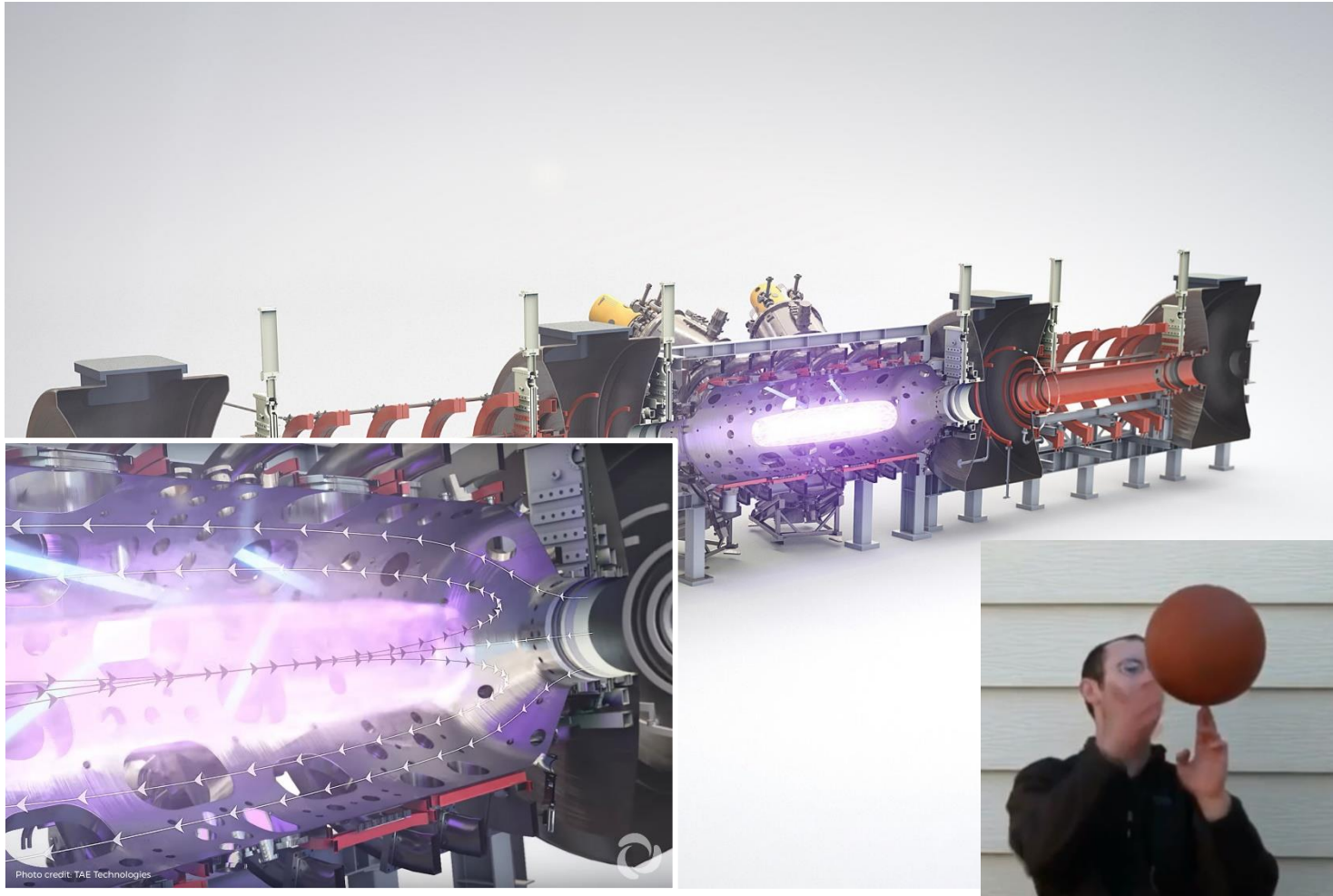
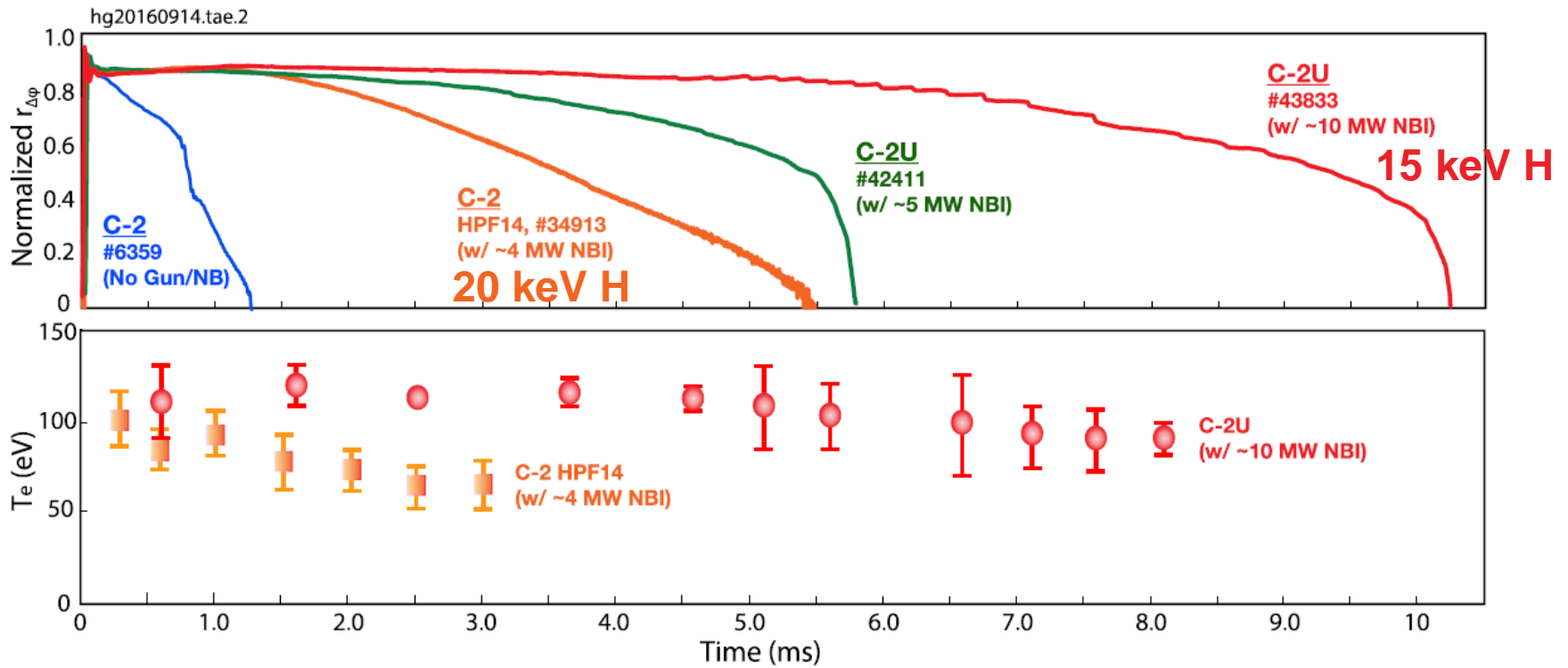


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FRC sustain longer with neutral beam injection



Neutral beam source



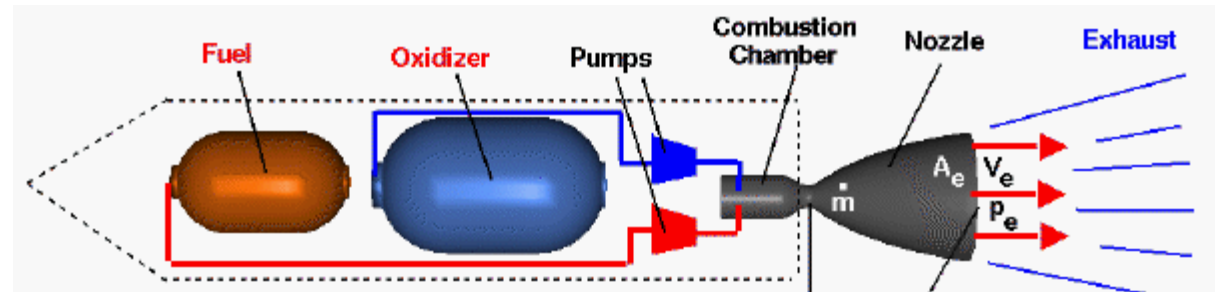
- Neutral beam injection for heating plasma in Tokamak
 - Jure Maglica, Seminar at University in Ljubljana
 - Ian G. Brown, The Physics and Technology of Ion Sources
- Electric propulsion (plasma thrusters)
 - D. M. Goebel and I. Katz, Fundamentals of Electric Propulsion: Ion and Hall Thrusters

Comparison between liquid rockets and ion thrusters



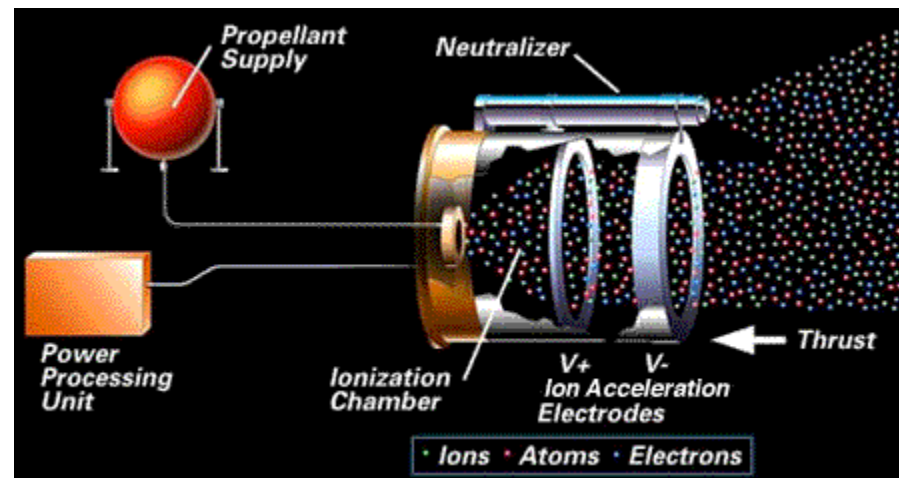
- Liquid rockets

- $u \sim 4500$ m/s
- $I_{sp} \sim 450$ s
- Energy ~ 100 GJ
- Power ~ 300 MW
- Thrust $\sim 2 \times 10^6$ N



- Ion thrusters

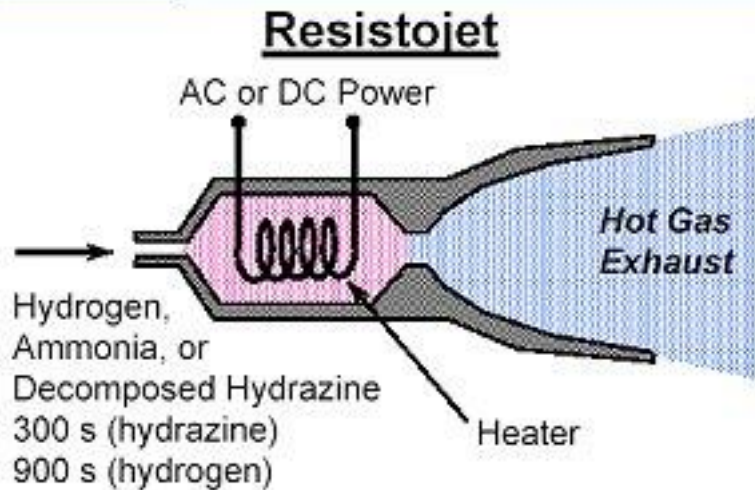
- $u \sim 30000$ m/s
- $I_{sp} \sim 3000$ s
- Energy ~ 1000 GJ
- Power ~ 1 kW
- Thrust ~ 0.1 N



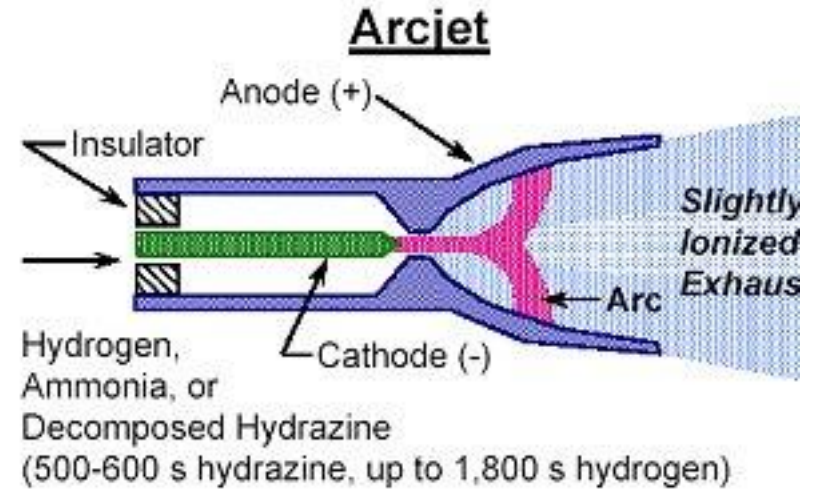
Electric thruster types - electrothermal



- **Resistojet**



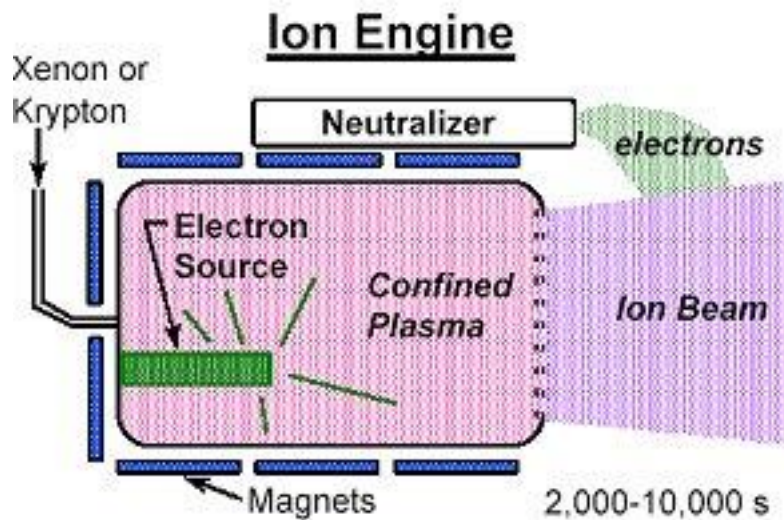
- **Arcjet**



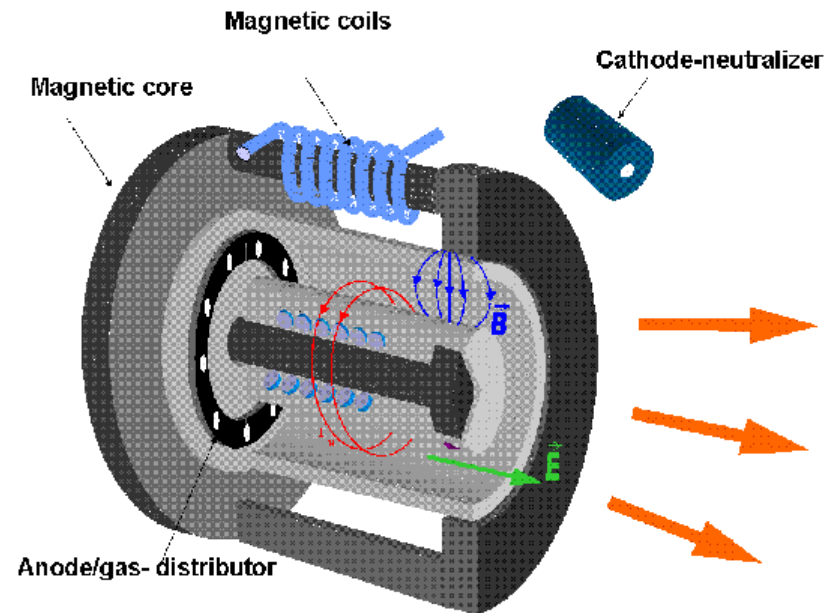
Electric thruster types - electrostatic



- Ion thruster



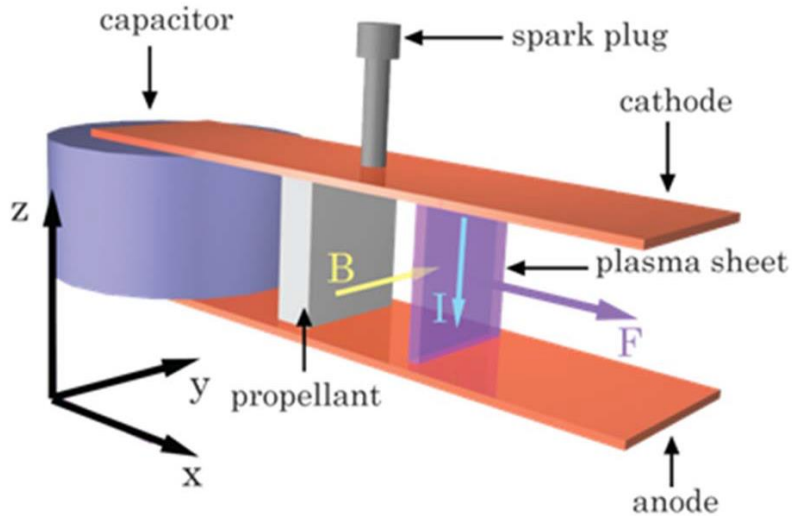
- Hall thruster



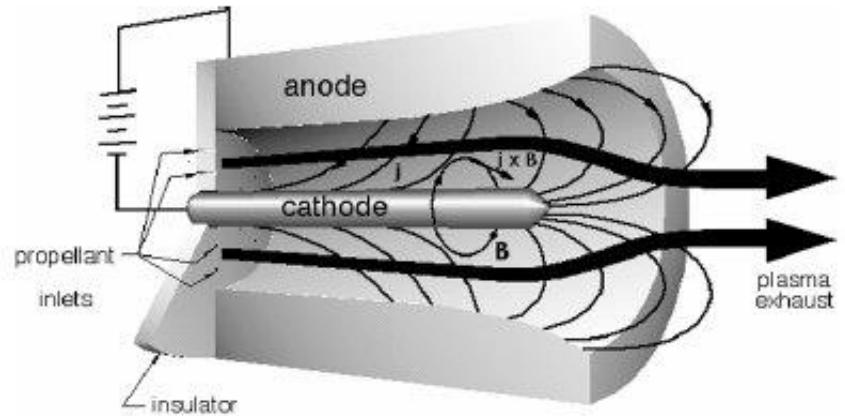
Electric thruster types - Electromagnetic



- Pulsed plasma thruster



- Magnetoplasmadynamic thruster (MPD)



The thrust in an ion engine is transferred by the electrostatic force between the ions and the two grids



$$\frac{dE(x)}{dx} = \frac{\rho(x)}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{qn_i(x)}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \int_0^x n_i(x') dx' + E_{\text{screen}}$$

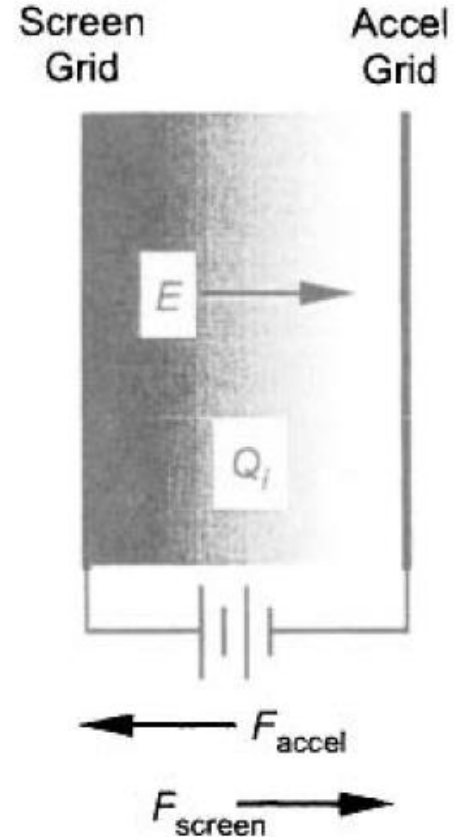
Gauss's law: $\sigma = \epsilon_0 E_{\text{screen}}$

$$F_{\text{screen}} = \sigma \frac{(E_{\text{screen}} + 0)}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_{\text{screen}}^2$$

$$F_{\text{accel}} = -\sigma \frac{(E_{\text{accel}} + 0)}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_{\text{accel}}^2$$

$$T = F_{\text{screen}} + F_{\text{accel}} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 (E_{\text{screen}}^2 - E_{\text{accel}}^2)$$

$$F_{\text{ion}} = q \int_0^d n_i(x) E(x) dx = \epsilon_0 \int_0^d \frac{dE}{dx} E dx = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 (E_{\text{accel}}^2 - E_{\text{screen}}^2)$$



The rocket equation



$$p(t) = p(t + dt)$$

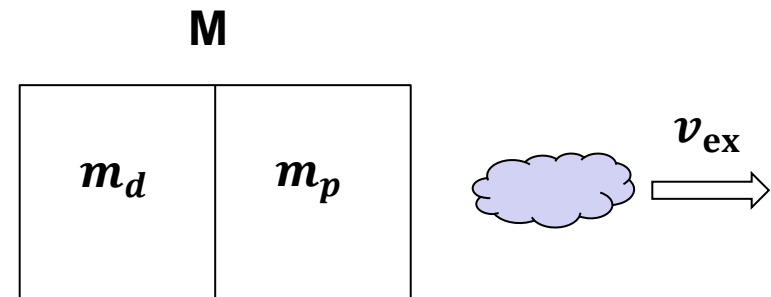
$$Mv = (M - dm_p)(v + dv) + dm_p(v - v_{ex})$$

$$\cancel{Mv} = \cancel{Mv} + Mdv - \cancel{dm_p}v - dm_p dv + \cancel{dm_p}v - dm_p v_{ex}$$

$$dv \sim -v_{ex} \frac{dM}{M} \text{ where } dm_p dv \text{ is neglected and } dm_p = -dM$$

$$\int_{v_i}^{v_f} dv = -v_{ex} \int_{m_d+m_p}^{m_d} \frac{dM}{M}$$

$$\Delta v = (I_{sp} \times g) \ln \left(\frac{m_d + m_p}{m_d} \right)$$



$$m_p = m_d [e^{\Delta v / v_{ex}} - 1]$$

$$= m_d [e^{\Delta v / (I_{sp} \times g)} - 1]$$

Force transfer



$$T = -\frac{d}{dt}(m_p v_{ex}) = -v_{ex} \frac{dm_p}{dt} = -\dot{m}_p v_{ex}$$

$$\dot{m}_p = QM$$

\dot{m}_p = propellant mass flow rate in kg/s

$$P_{jet} = -\frac{1}{2} \dot{m}_p v_{ex}^2 = -\frac{T^2}{2\dot{m}_p}$$

Q = propellant particle flow rate in particles/s

M = atomic mass in kg

$$T = -\frac{dm_p}{dt} v_{ex} \approx -\dot{m}_i v_i$$

\dot{m}_i = ion mass flow rate in kg/s

I_b = ion current

$$v_i = \sqrt{\frac{2qV_b}{M}}$$

$$-\dot{m}_i = \frac{I_b M}{q}$$

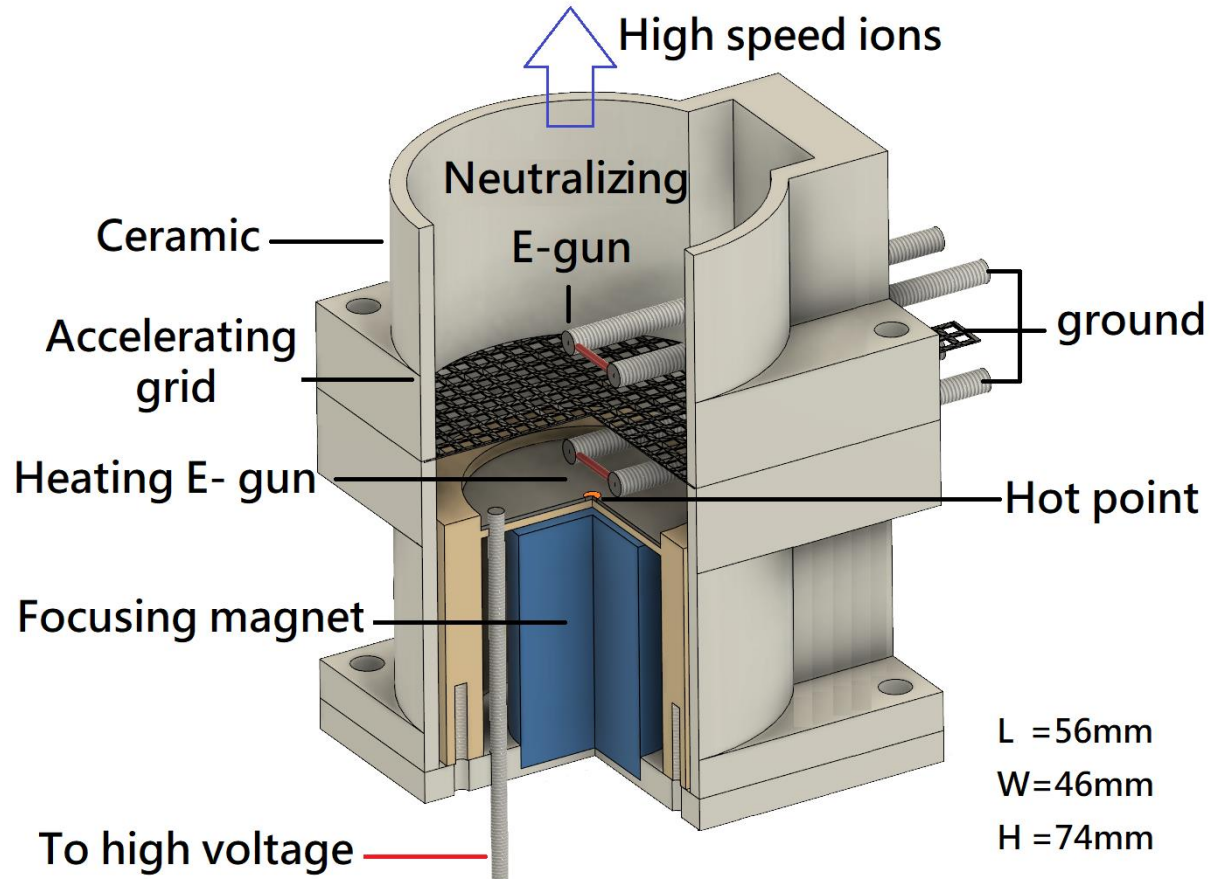
$$T = \sqrt{\frac{2M}{e}} I_b \sqrt{V_b} \text{ (Nt)}$$

Ion thruster has the highest specific impulse (Isp)

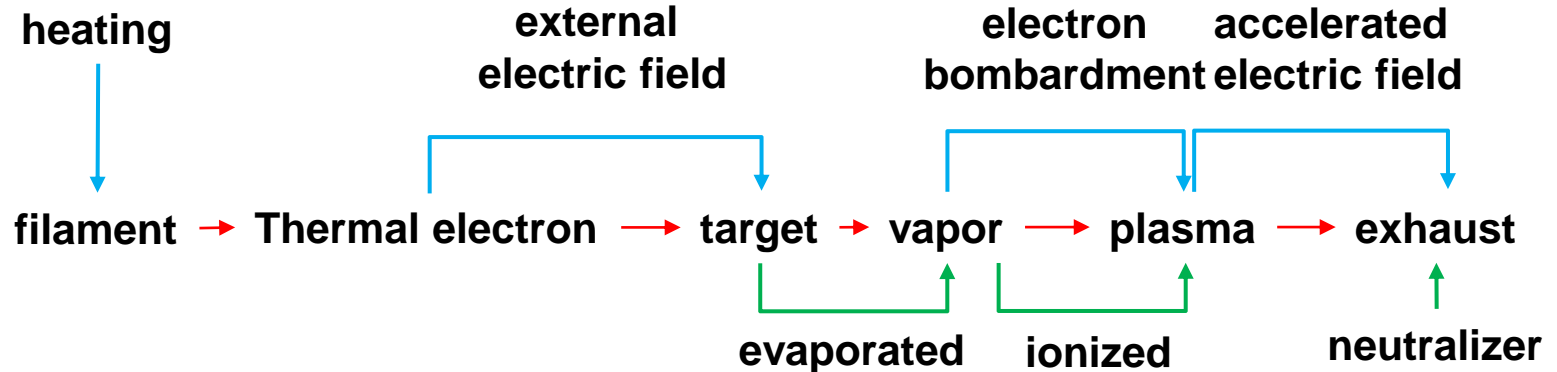
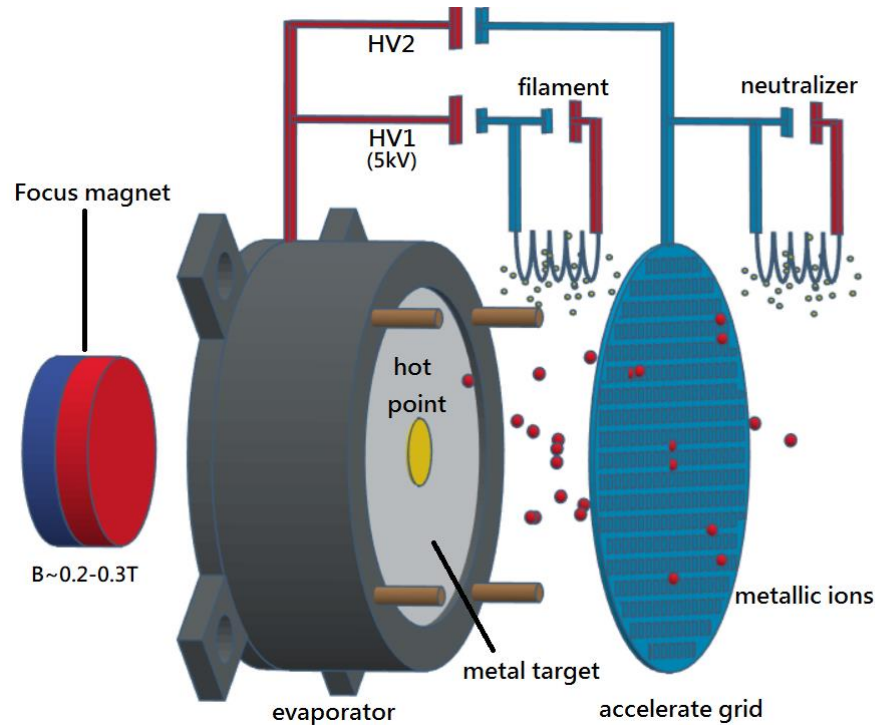


Thruster	Specific Impulse (s)	Input Power (kW)	Efficiency Range (%)	Propellant
Cold gas	50–75	—	—	Various
Chemical (monopropellant)	150–225	—	—	N ₂ H ₄ H ₂ O ₂
Chemical (bipropellant)	300–450	—	—	Various
Resistojet	300	0.5–1	65–90	N ₂ H ₄ monoprop
Arcjet	500–600	0.9–2.2	25–45	N ₂ H ₄ monoprop
Ion thruster	2500–3600	0.4–4.3	40–80	Xenon
Hall thrusters	1500–2000	1.5–4.5	35–60	Xenon
PPTs	850–1200	<0.2	7–13	Teflon

Metallic Ion Thruster Using Magnetron E-Beam Bombardment (MIT-MEB)



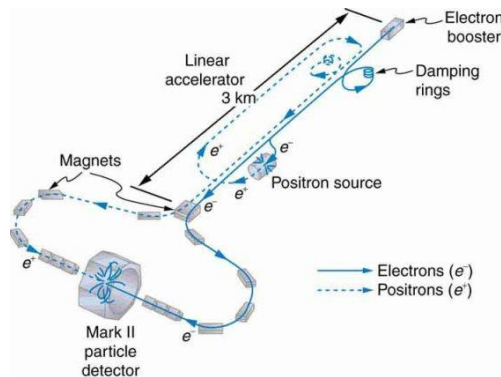
Electrons are used to generate metallic gas, metallic plasma and to neutralize ions



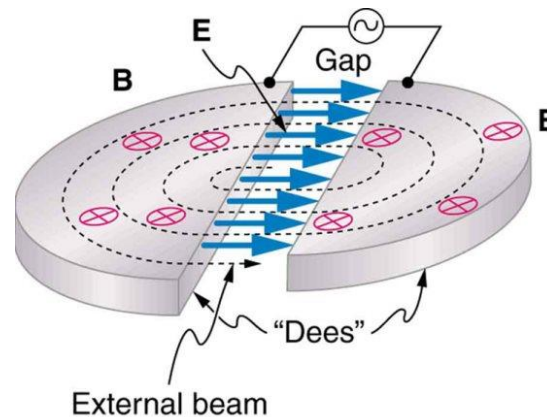
High energy particle accelerator



- linear particle accelerator (Linac)



- Cyclotron

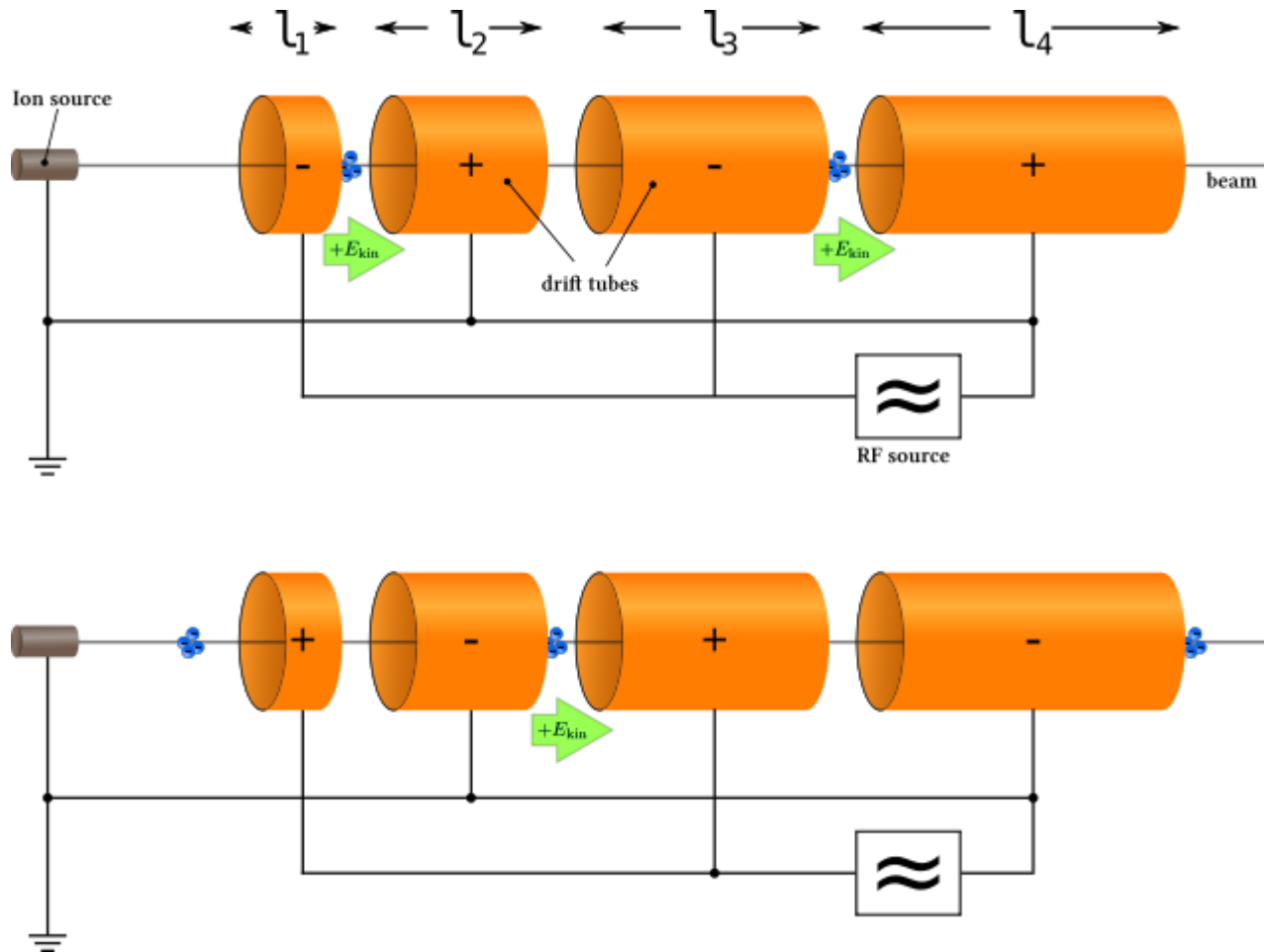


- Synchrotron

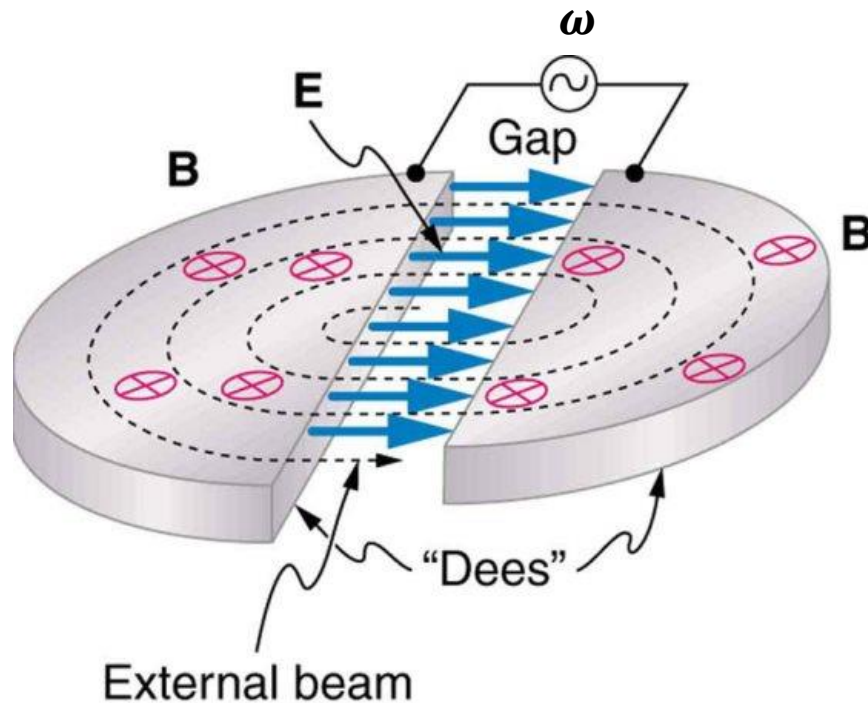


- Reference: Introduction to plasma phenomena and plasma medicine, Y. Nishida and K.-L. Ou

A linear particle accelerator (linac) accelerates charged particles using a series of oscillating electric potentials along a linear beamline



Cyclotrons use a magnetic field to cause particles to move in circular orbits

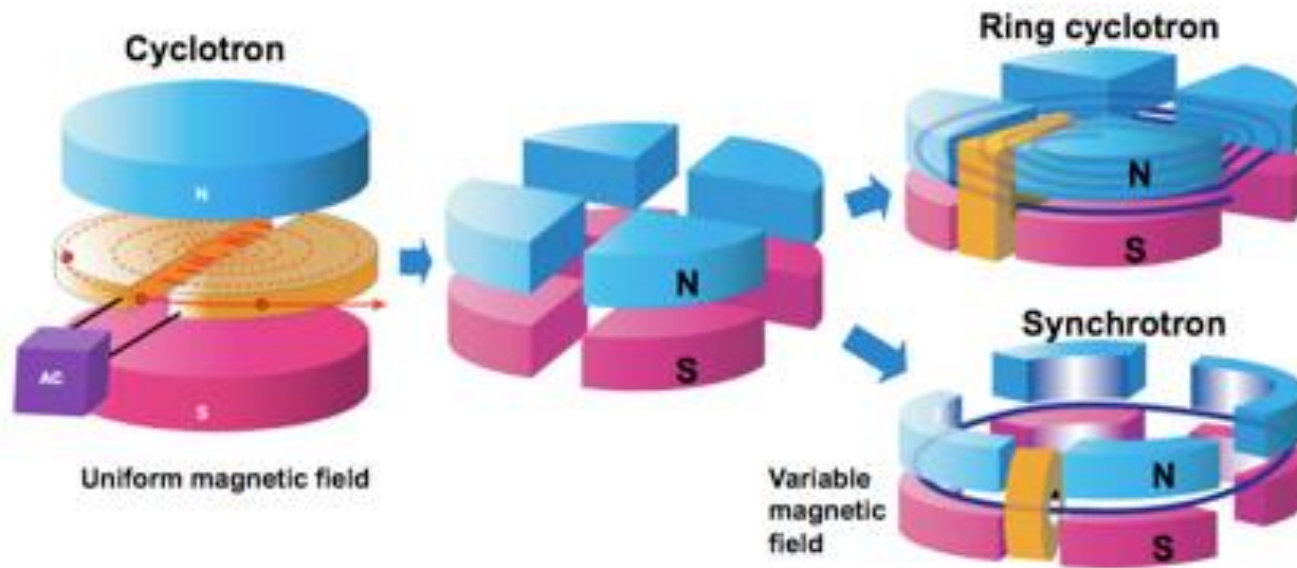


$$\omega_{ce} = \frac{eB}{m_e c}$$

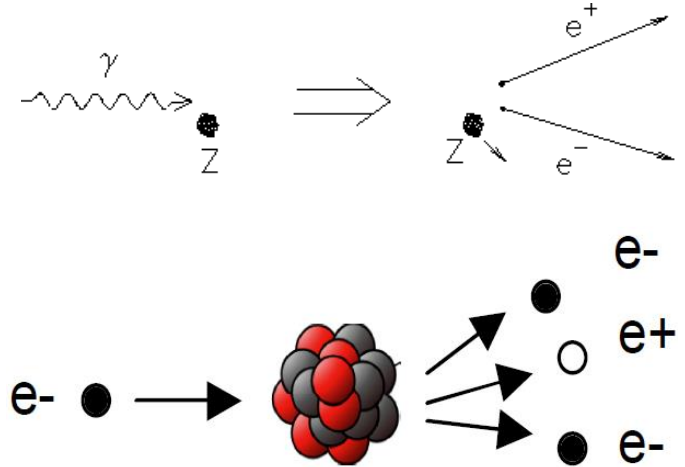
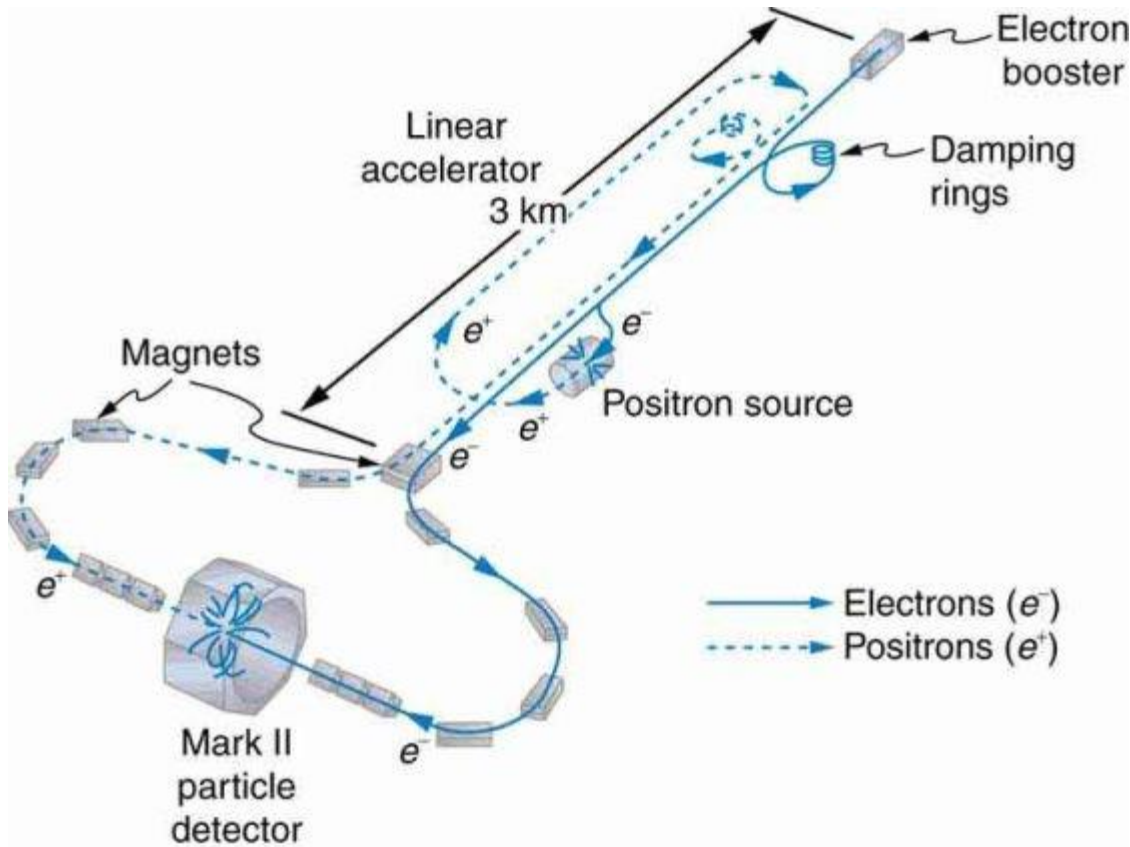
$$r_e = \frac{v}{\omega_{ce}} = \frac{m_e c v}{eB}$$

- Cyclotron was invented by Ernest Lawrence who earned the 1939 Nobel price in physics

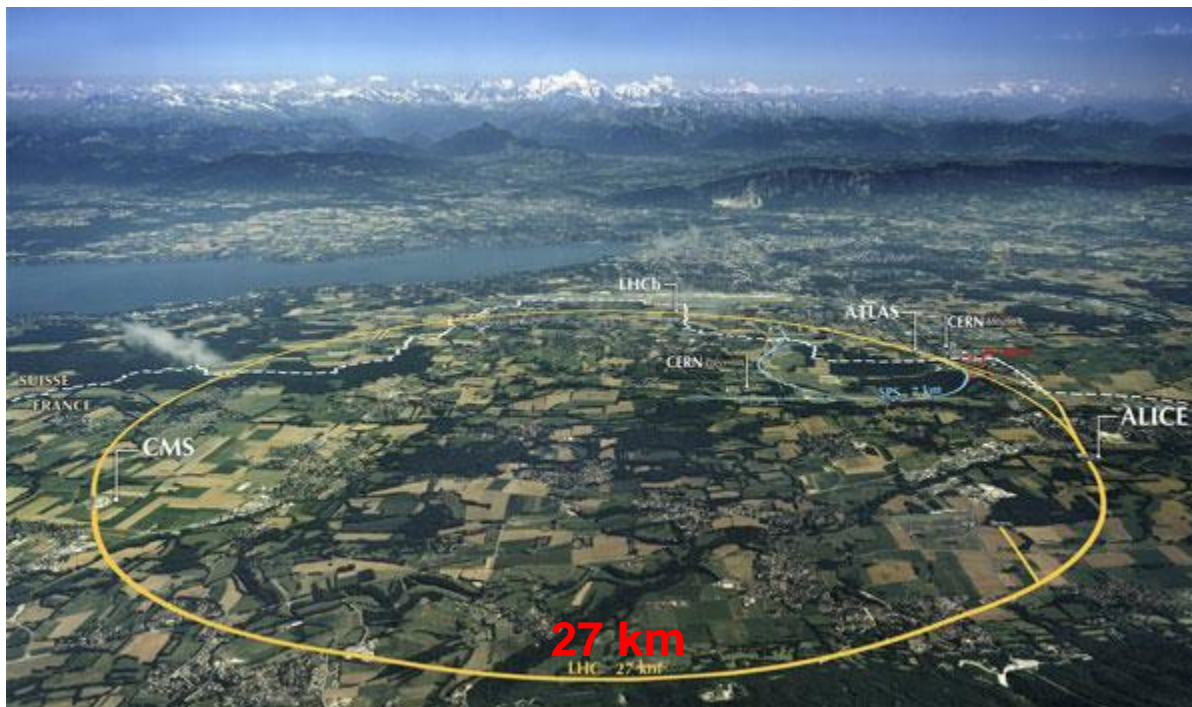
Synchrotron uses time-dependent guiding magnetic field synchronized to a particle beam



Stanford linear accelerator center (SLAC) is a 50 GeV electron / positron accelerator



Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is the world's largest and most powerful particle collider providing 13 TeV protons



Plasma based accelerators will become 3 orders smaller than the regular microwave based accelerator



- **Maximum field strength:**

- **Microwave: 100 MV/m**

- **Plasma: >10 GV/m, 300 GV/m was achieved using laser wakefield accelerator¹**

- **Plasma based high energy accelerators:**

- **$V_p \times B$ or surfatron accelerator²**

- **Plasma wakefield accelerator (PWFA)³**

- **Plasma beat wave accelerator (PBWA)⁴**

- **Laser wakefield accelerator (LWFA)⁴**

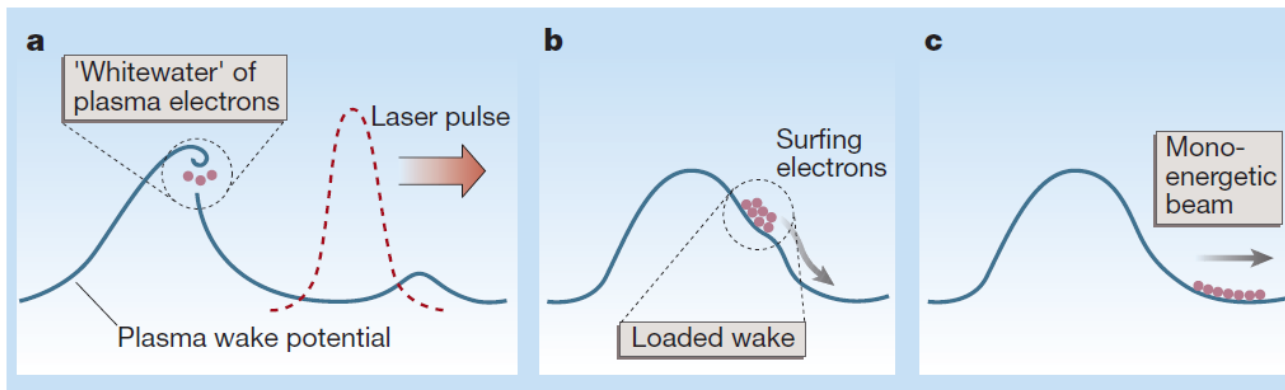
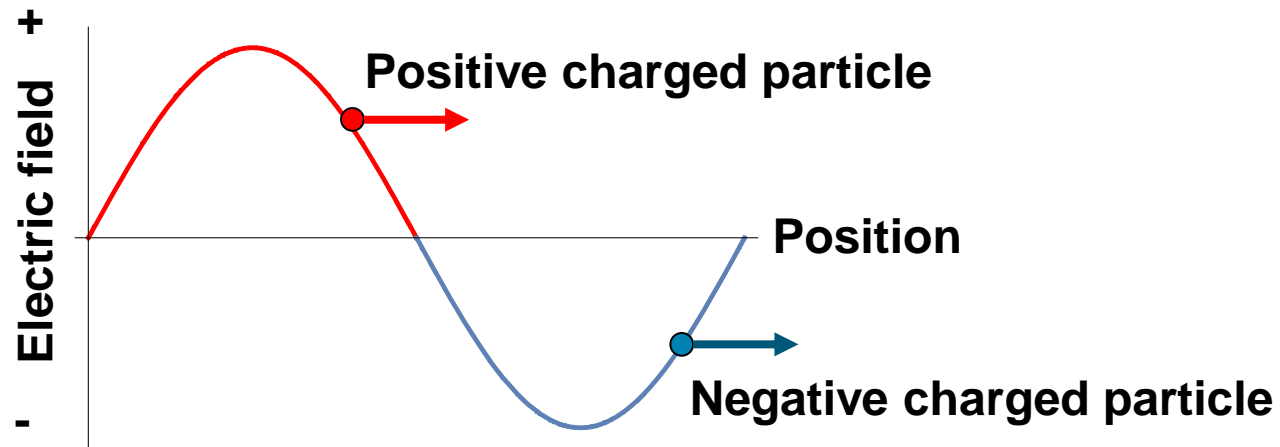
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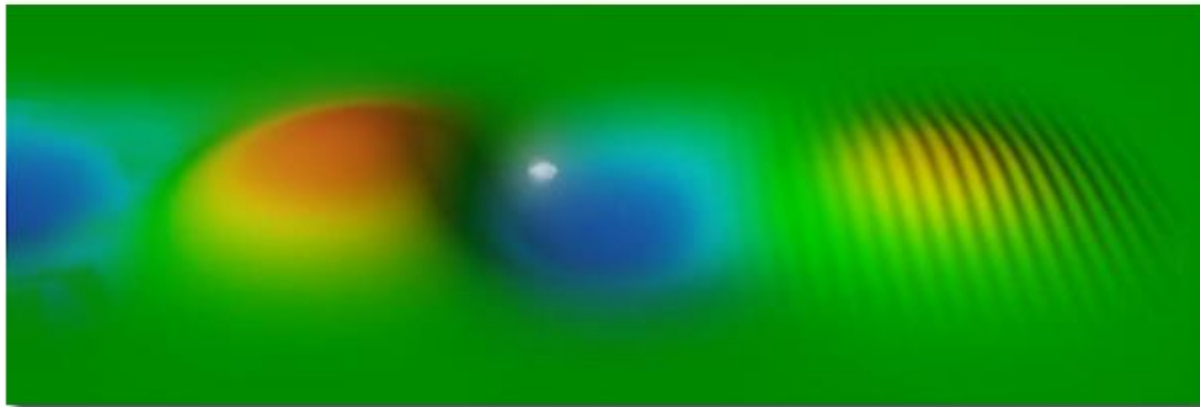
Charged particles can be accelerated in the wave electric field



Who will catch the wave?



Plasma wake field accelerator is just like boat wake surfing



A wake surfer catches the wake field via being pulled by the boat using a roap



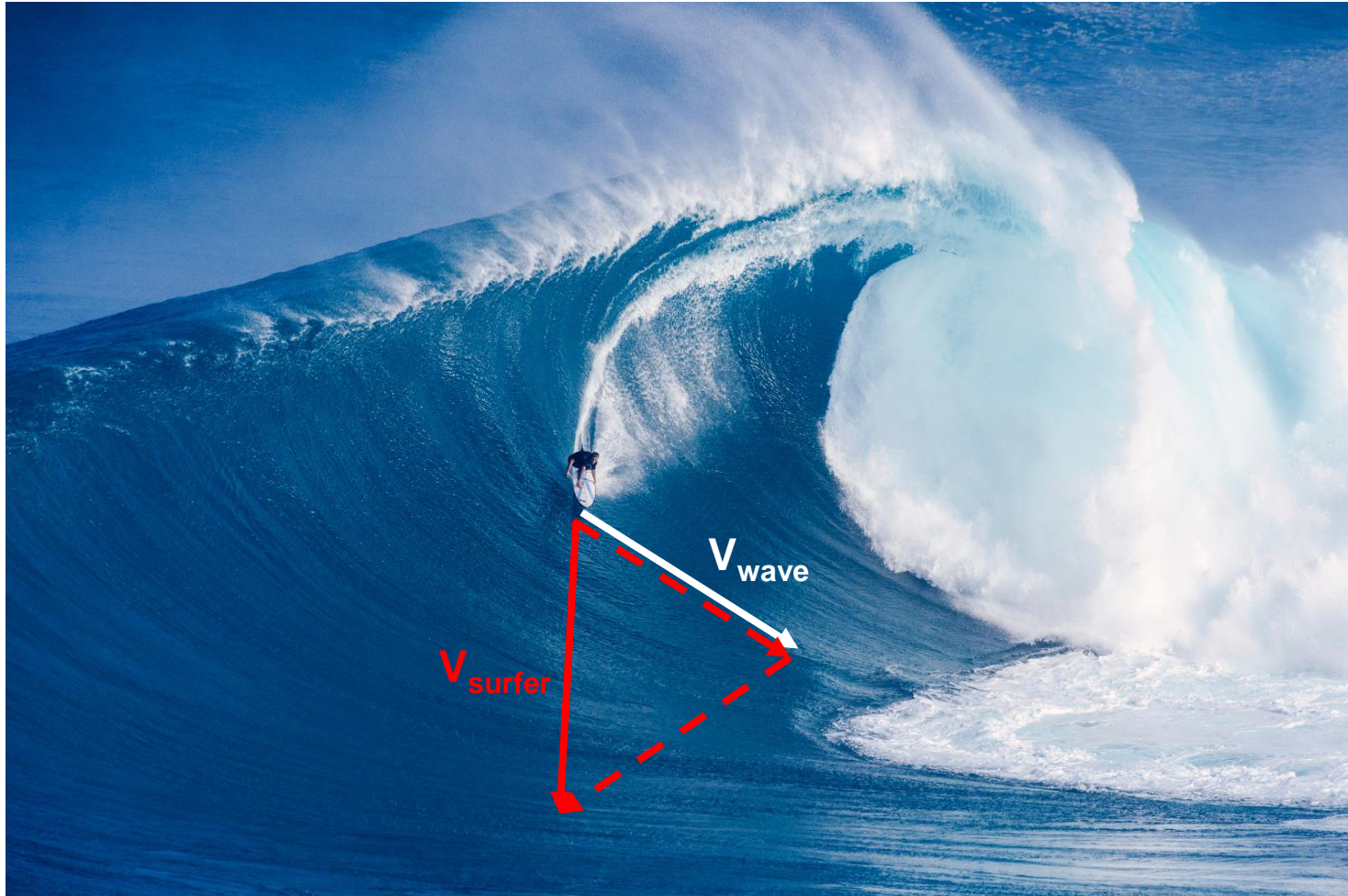
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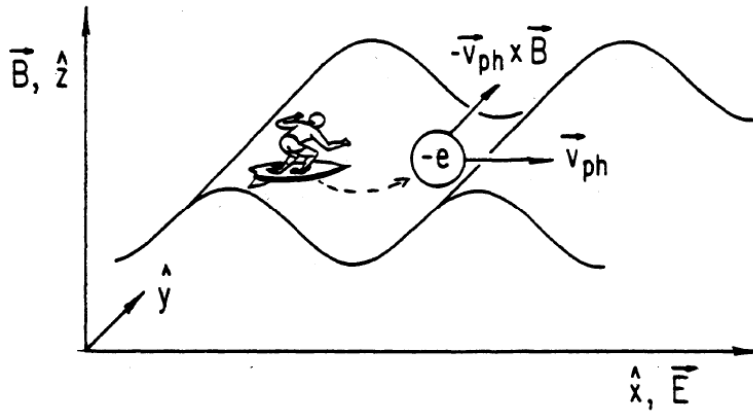
The surfer glides in a direction not parallel to the wave direction to be in phase to the wave propagation



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Electrons may be accelerated to speed of light using $V_{ph} \times B$ acceleration (Surfatron)



- On the wave frame and if the particle is trapped in the wave:

$$x_1 = x - v_{ph}t \quad \frac{d}{dt}(\gamma v_x) = 0$$

$$v_x \rightarrow v_{ph}$$

$$v_y = -\frac{\omega_c v_{ph} t}{\gamma_{ph} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\omega_c^2 t^2 v_{ph}^2}{c^2}}}$$

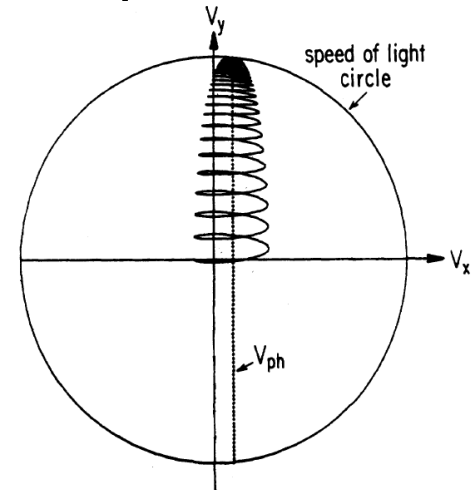
- Plane wave electric field and uniform magnetic field:

$$\vec{E} = E_0 \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{x}$$

$$\vec{B} = B \hat{z}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\gamma v_x) = \frac{qE_0}{m} \sin(kx - \omega t) + \omega_c v_y$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\gamma v_y) = -\omega_c v_x \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v_x^2 + v_y^2}{c^2}}}$$

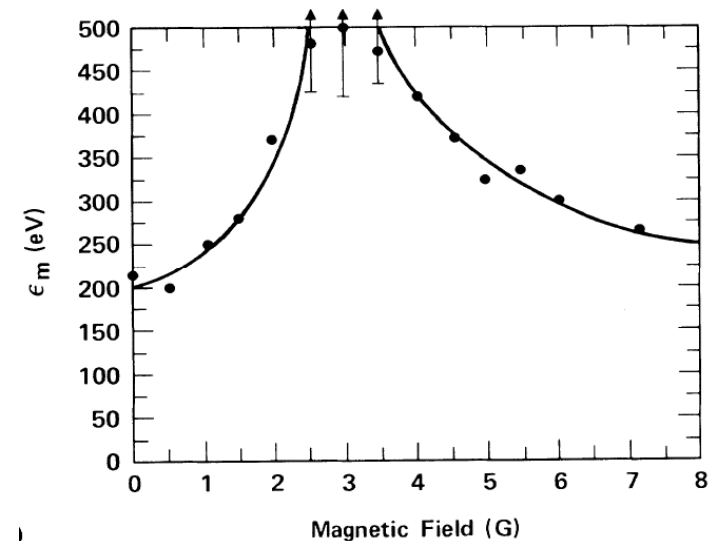
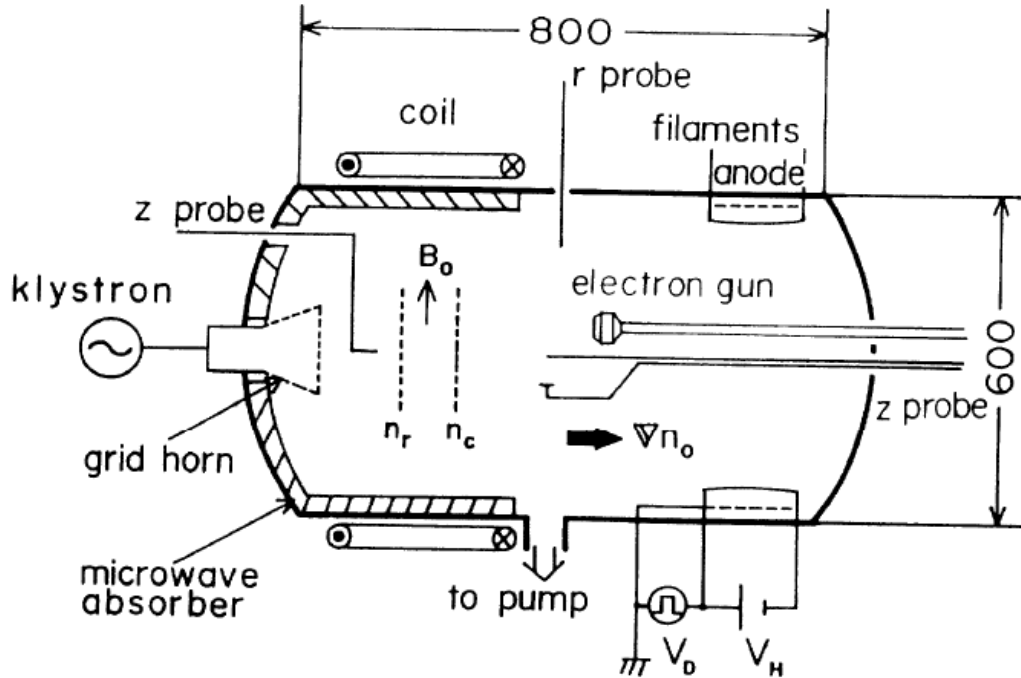


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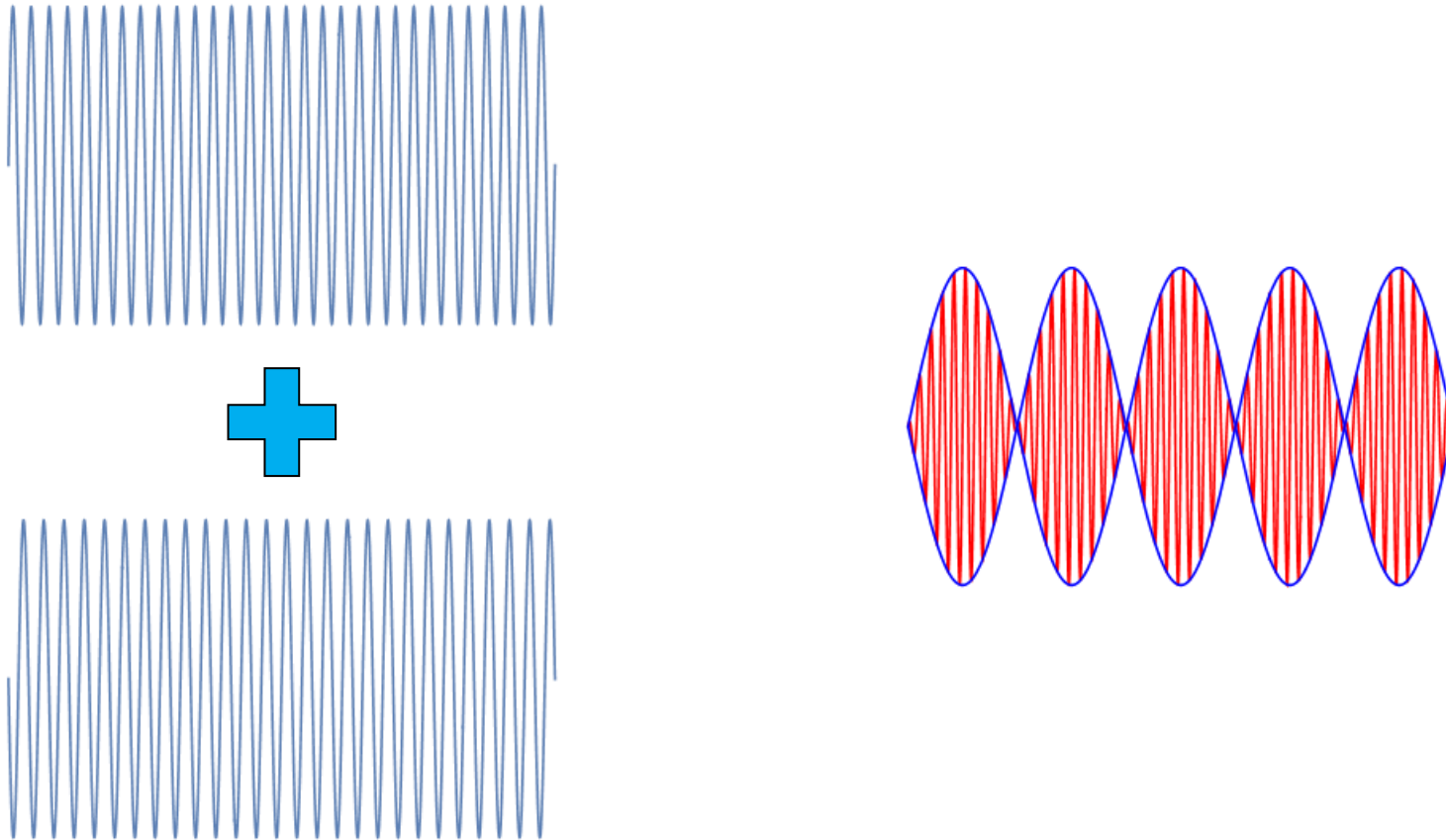
Experimental results of $V_p \times B$ acceleration (Surfatron)



- $n_0 \sim 1-30 \times 10^{17} \text{ m}^{-3}$
- $T_e \sim 2-5 \text{ eV}$

- $T_i \sim 0.1-0.2 \text{ eV}$
- Microwave frequency: 3-10 GHz

Plasma beat wave accelerator



$$\sin(x_1) + \sin(x_2) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x_1 - x_2}{2}\right)$$

A plasma wave is driven by the laser beat wave



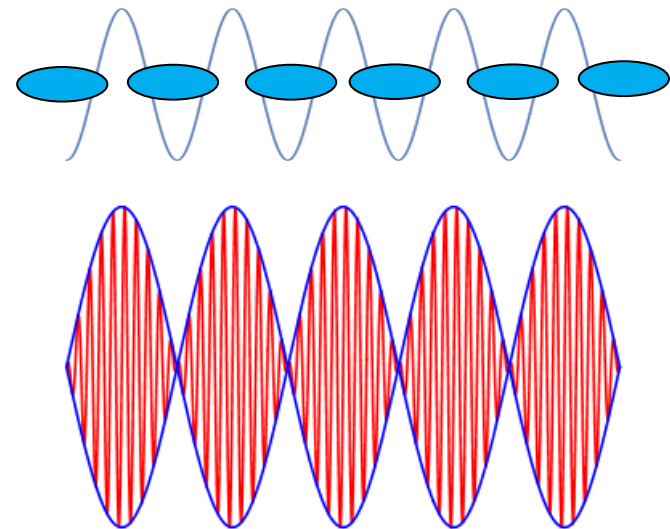
$$\omega_0 = \omega_2 - \omega_1$$

$$k_0 = k_2 - k_1$$

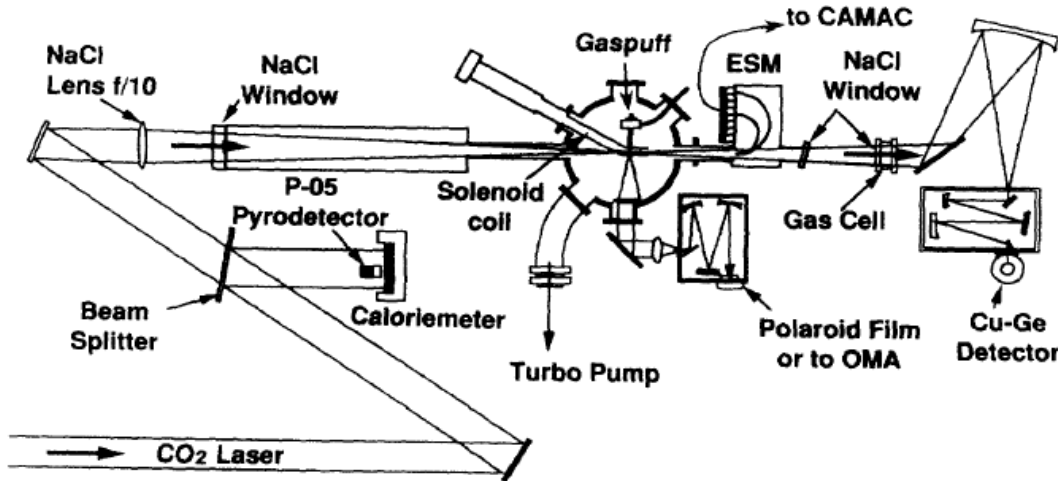
$$v_{\text{ph}} = v_g = c \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0^2}}$$

$$F = -e\nabla\phi_p = -\nabla \frac{e^2 E^{(1)} \cdot E^{(2)*}}{m\omega_1\omega_2}$$

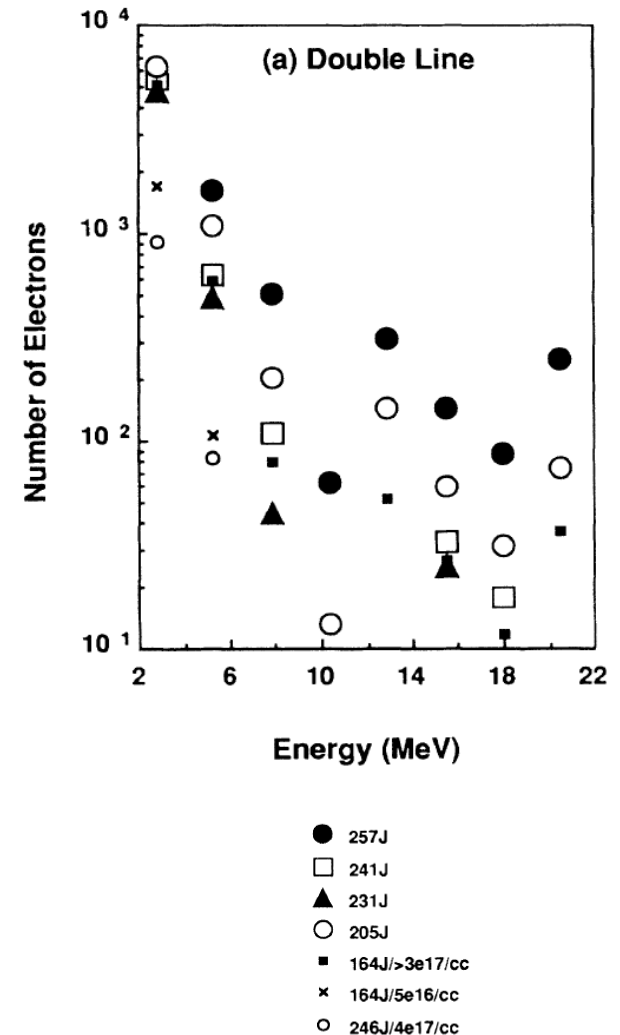
Plasma wave



Electrons were accelerated to over 20 MeV using plasma beat wave accelerator



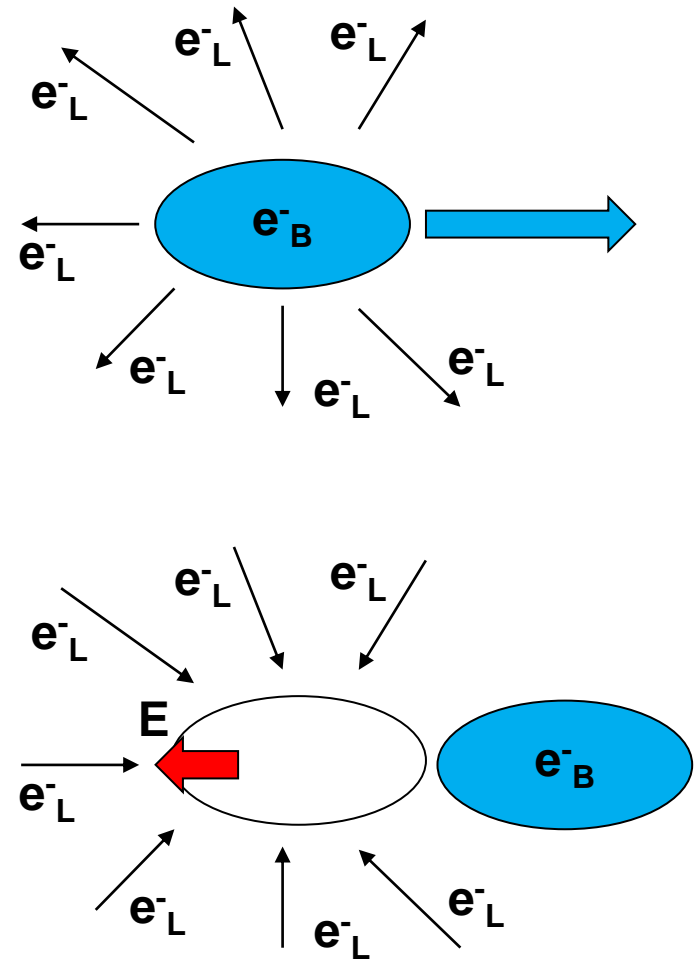
Laser: 10.6 μm + 9.57 μm
Intensity: $2 \times 10^{13} \sim 2 \times 10^{14}$ W/cm²
Injected E-beam: 0.1~1 MeV
 $n_0 = 3 \times 10^{16} \sim 7 \times 10^{17}$ cm⁻³



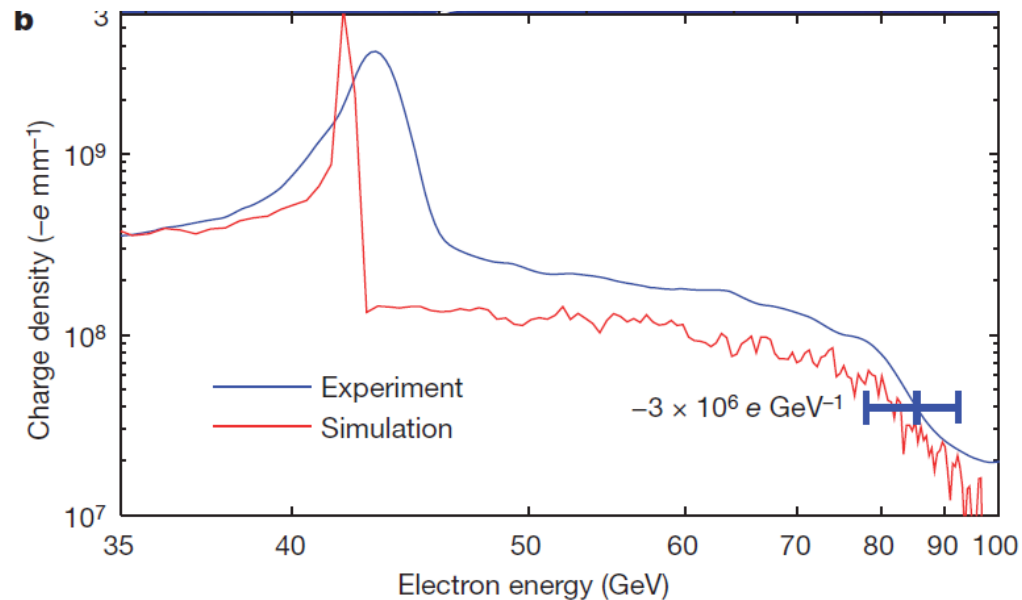
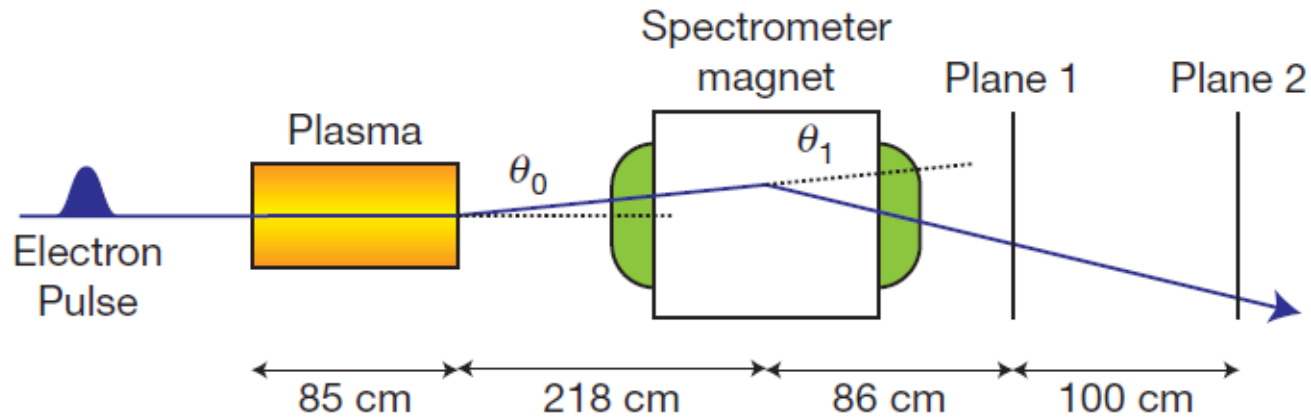
Plasma wakefield accelerator employs two beams



- When a bunch of electrons enter the plasma, they expel local electrons.
- When the bunch of electrons leave the plasma, the local electrons try to return but oscillate around their original locations and generate a wake field behind the bunch.
- The longitudinal field of the wake can accelerate the particles in the back.
- Key components:
 - Drive bunch: excite wake-field
 - Test bunch: beam that is accelerated to high energy



Energy doubling of 42 GeV electrons in a metre-scale plasma wakefield accelerator



Dream beam – the dawn of compact particle accelerators



Ponderomotive force expelled electrons away from the higher electric field region



$$m_s \ddot{x} = q_s E = q_s E_0(x) \cos \omega t$$

$$x = x_0 + x_1 \text{ where } x_0 = \bar{x}$$

$$m_s (\ddot{x}_0 + \ddot{x}_1) = q_s \left(E_0 + x_1 \frac{dE_0}{dx} \right) \cos \omega t$$

- Take time average:

$$m_s \ddot{x}_0 = q_s \left. \frac{dE_0}{dx} \right|_{x_0} \overline{x_1 \cos \omega t}$$

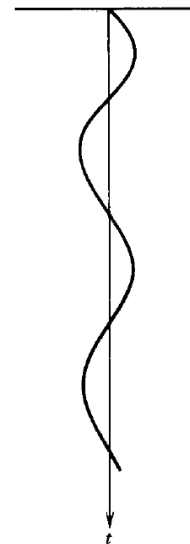
- $\ddot{x}_1 \gg \ddot{x}_0$, $E_0 \gg x_1 \frac{dE_0}{dx}$

$$m_s \ddot{x}_1 = q_s E_0 \cos \omega t$$

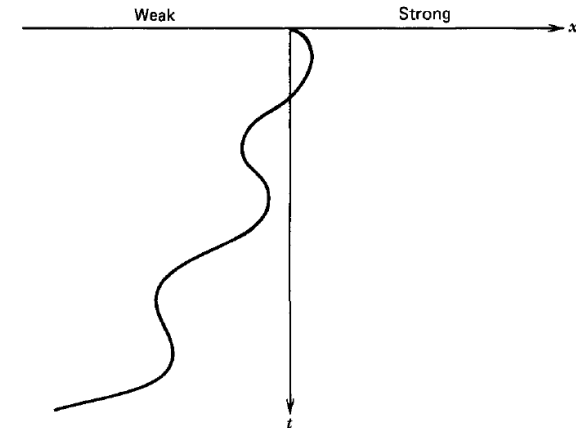
$$x_1 = -\frac{q_s E_0}{m_s \omega^2} \cos \omega t$$

$$\ddot{x}_0 = -\frac{q_s^2 E_0}{2m_s^2 \omega^2} \frac{dE_0}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dE_0}{dx} = 0$$



$$\frac{dE_0}{dx} > 0$$



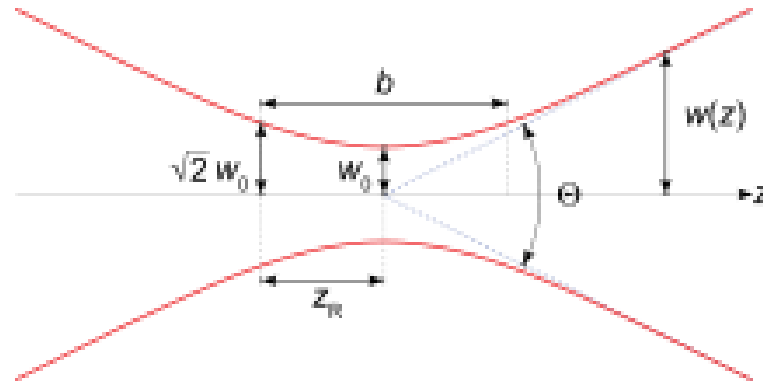
$$F_p = m_s \ddot{x}_0 = -\frac{q_s^2}{4m_s \omega^2} \frac{d}{dx} (E_0^2)$$

Laser is used to create a bunch in laser wakefield accelerator

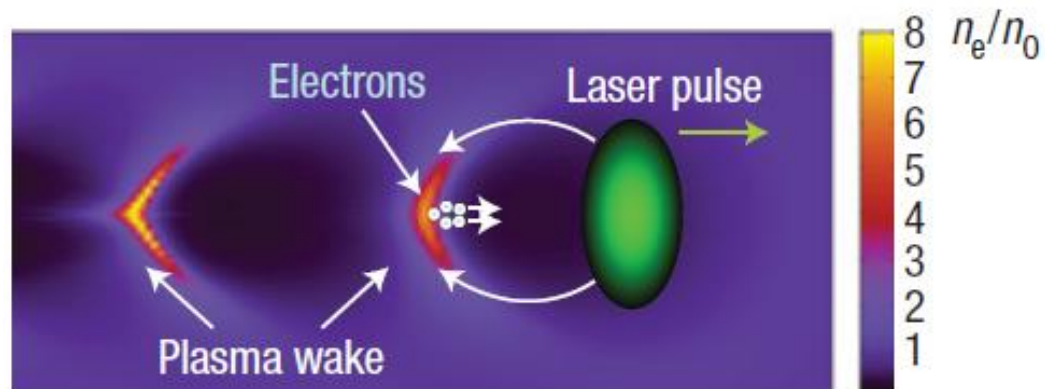


$$I(r, z) = \frac{2P}{\pi w^2(z)} \exp\left[-\frac{2r^2}{w^2(z)}\right]$$

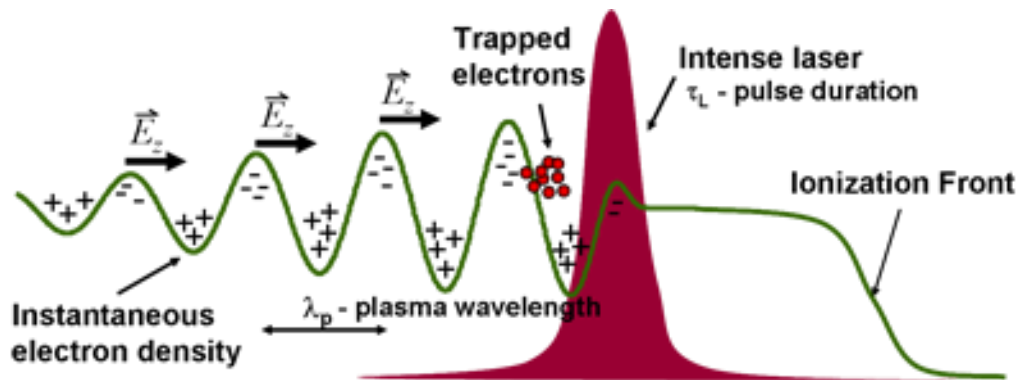
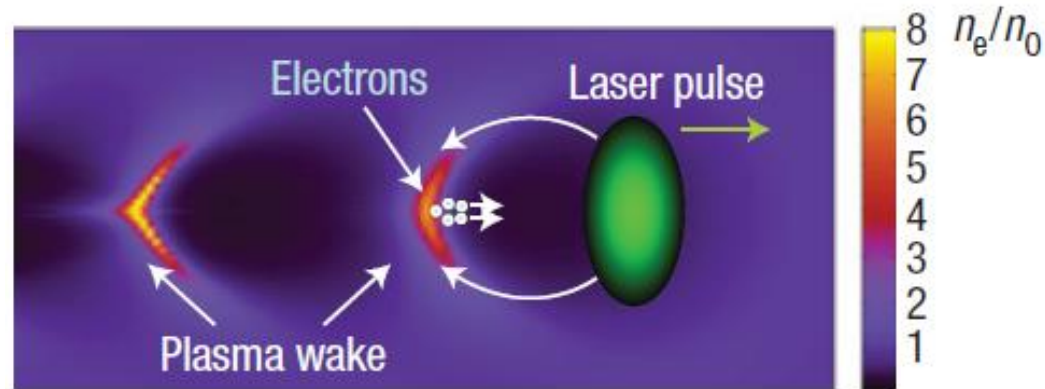
- **Waist:** $w(z) = w_0 \sqrt{1 + \frac{z^2}{z_R^2}}$
- **Rayleigh length:** $z_R = \frac{\pi w_0^2}{\lambda_L}$



Bubble/blow-out regime



A plasma wake is generated by a short pulse laser



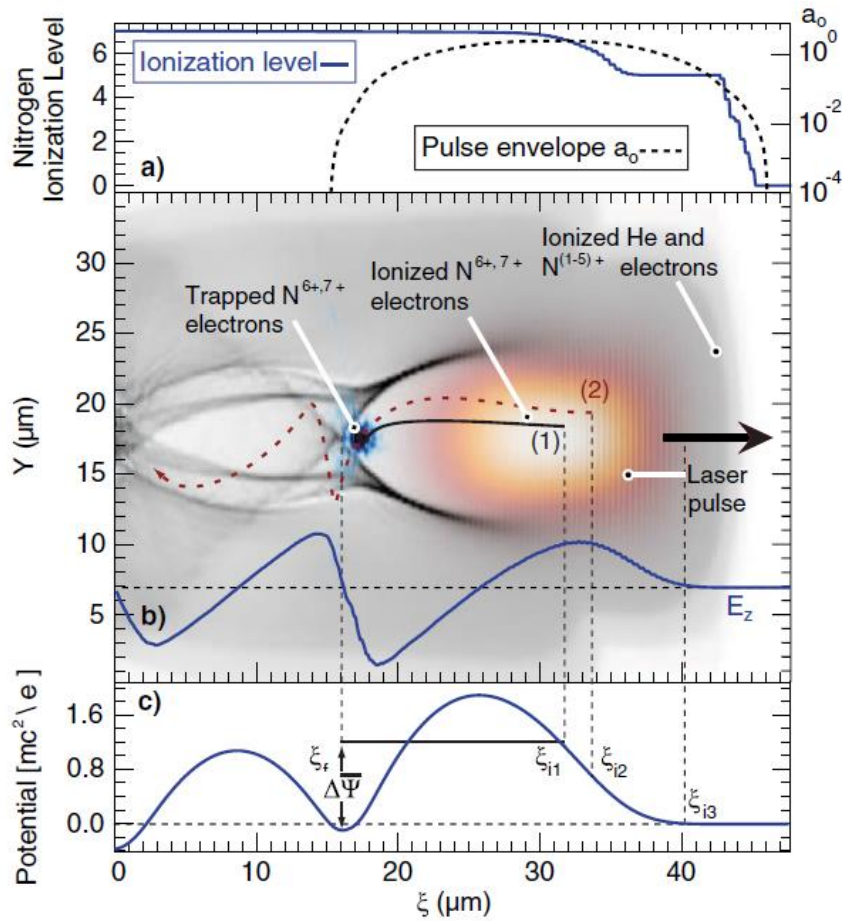
V. Malka, *et al.*, Nature Physics 4, 447 (2008)

<http://cuos.engin.umich.edu/researchgroups/hfs/research/laser-wakefield-acceleration/>

The wakefield generated by a short pulse laser is very similar to the wave behind a boat

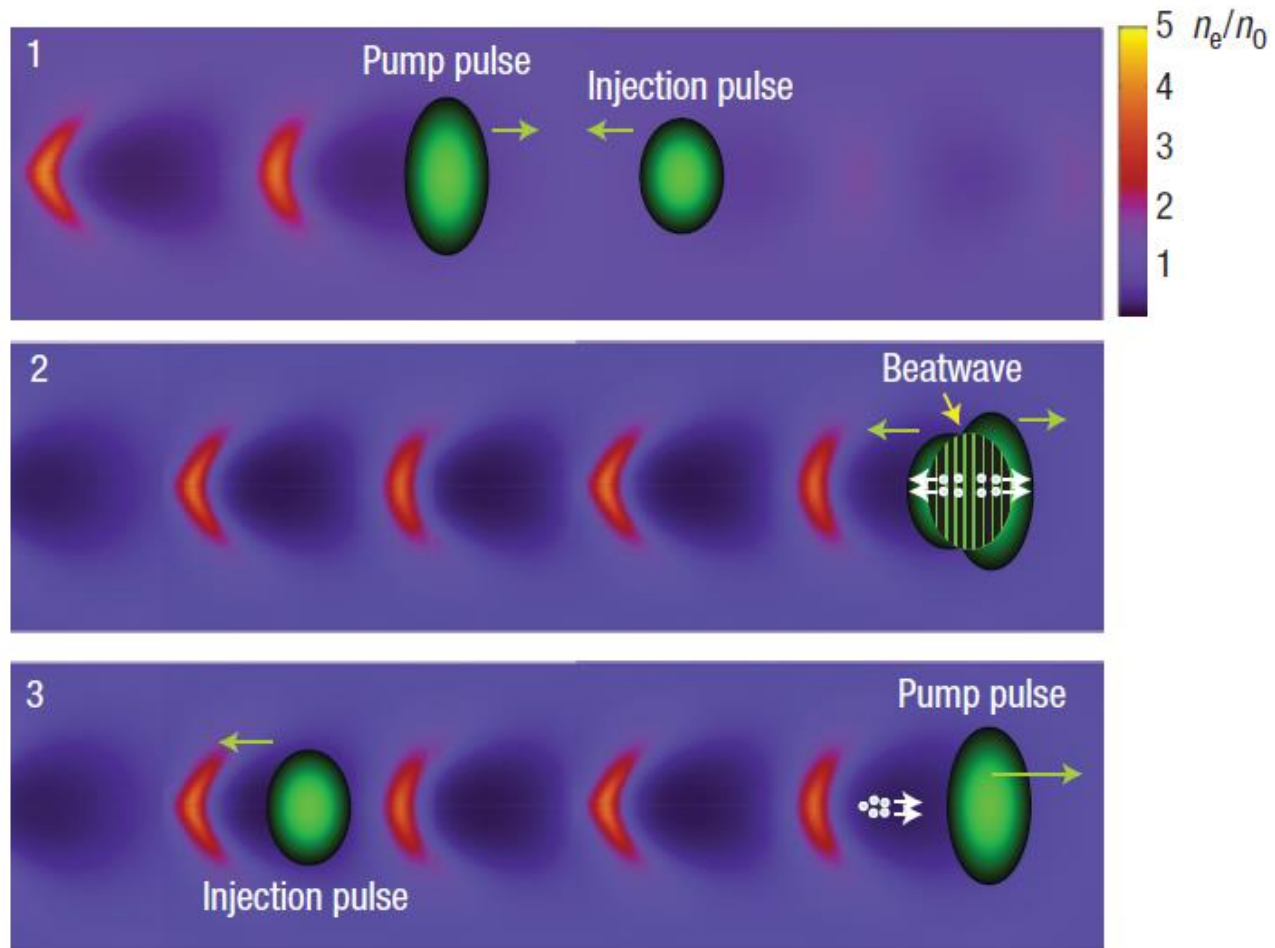


Ionization injection

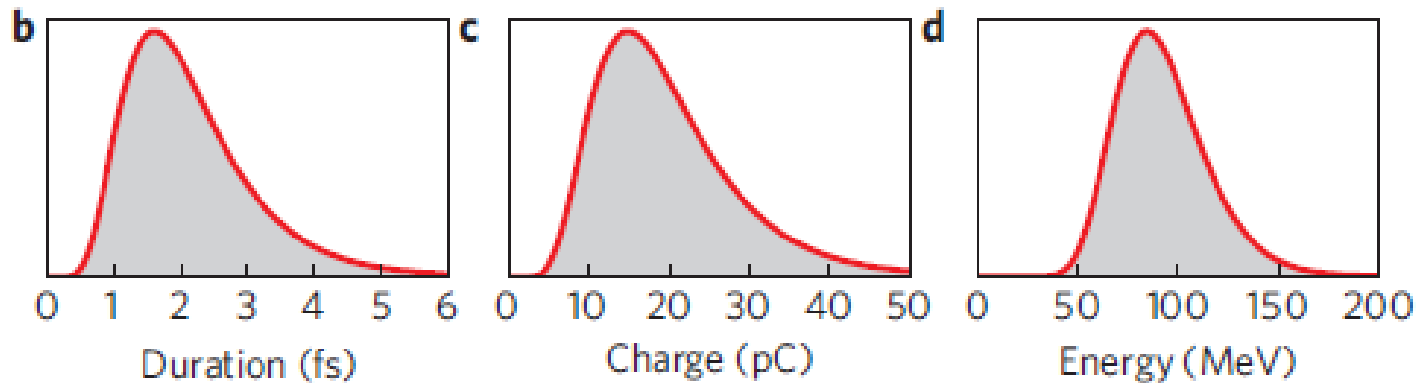
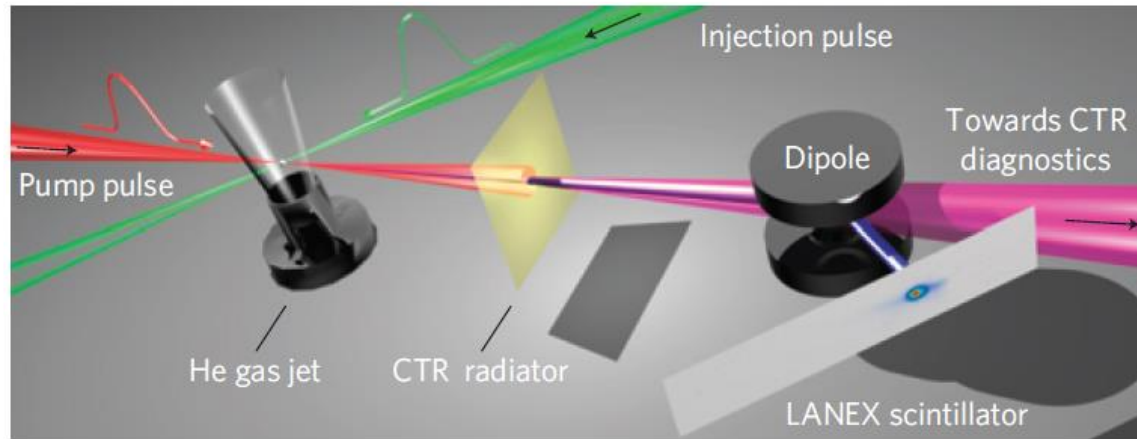


- Large relative energy spread
- Energy required to trap electrons is reduced so that electron beams with large charge can be produced in a moderate laser energy

Colliding laser pulses injection



Few femtosecond, few kiloampere electron bunch is produced by a laser-plasma accelerator



Plasma medicine



- **Reference:**
 - **“Applied Plasma Medicine”, by G. Fridman, et al., Plasma Process. Polym., 5, 503, 2008**
 - **“Plasma Medicine”, by A. Fridman and G. Fridman**

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Plasma is characterized by the electron and ion temperatures



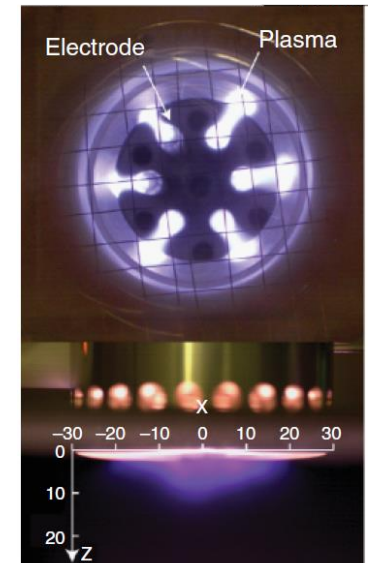
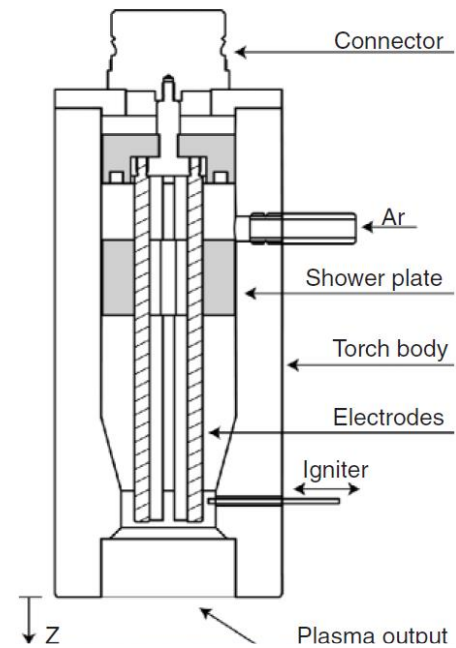
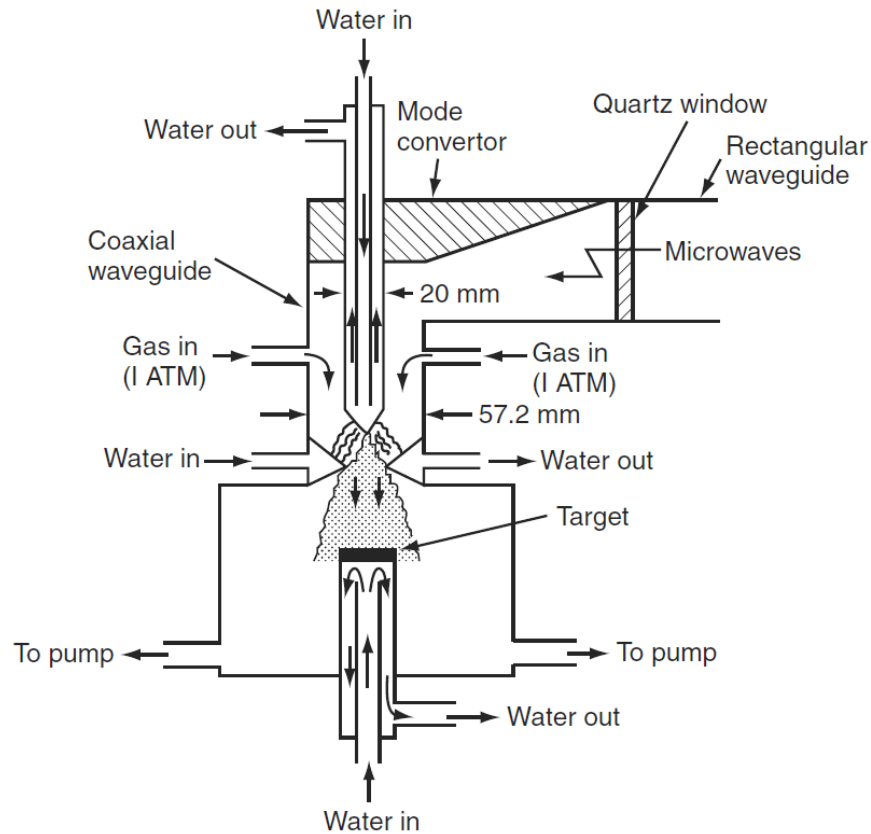
- **Non-thermal plasma**
 - $T_i \ll T_e$
 - Also called non-equilibrium plasma
- **Thermal plasma**
 - $T_i \approx T_e$
- **Earlier applications of plasma in medicine – thermal effects of plasma**

Plasma can provide good surface treatment with low temperature

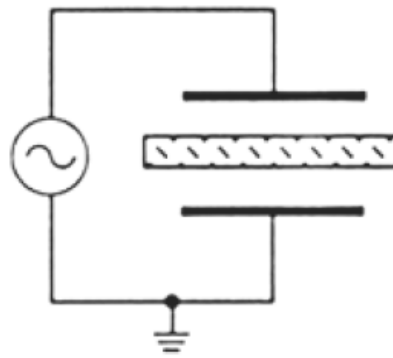
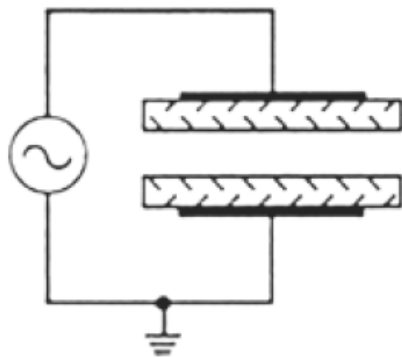
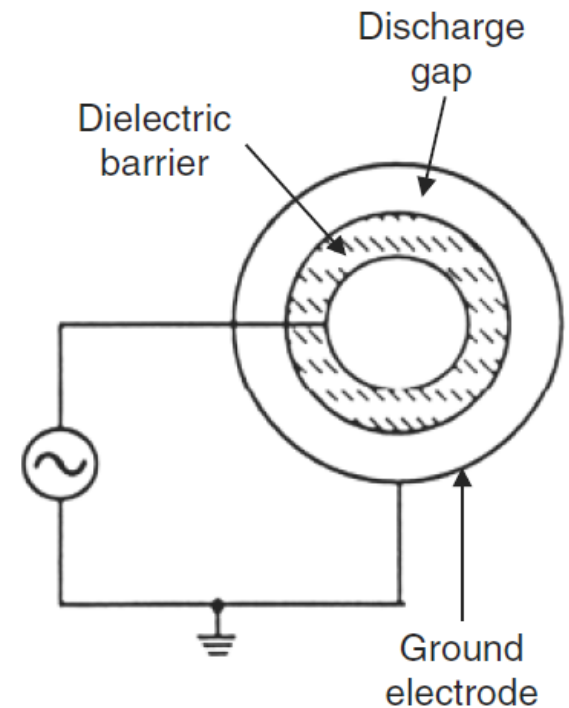
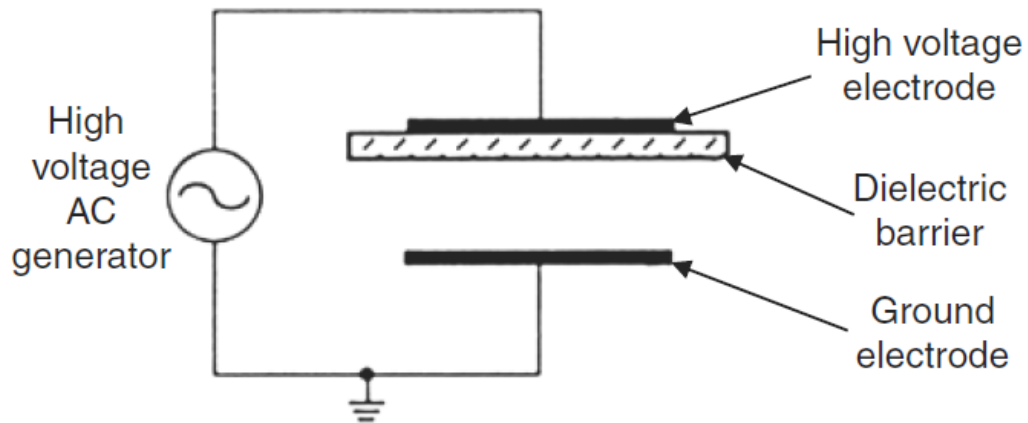


Treatment	Surface treatment level	Depth	Temperature	Cost
Chemical	Large	Deep	Room temperature ~200 °C	Medium
Heat	Only oxidizing	Deep	High temperature	Cheap
Radiation	Small	Whole sample	High temperature	Expensive
Plasma	Large	Surface	Room temperature ~100 °C	Cheap ~ Medium

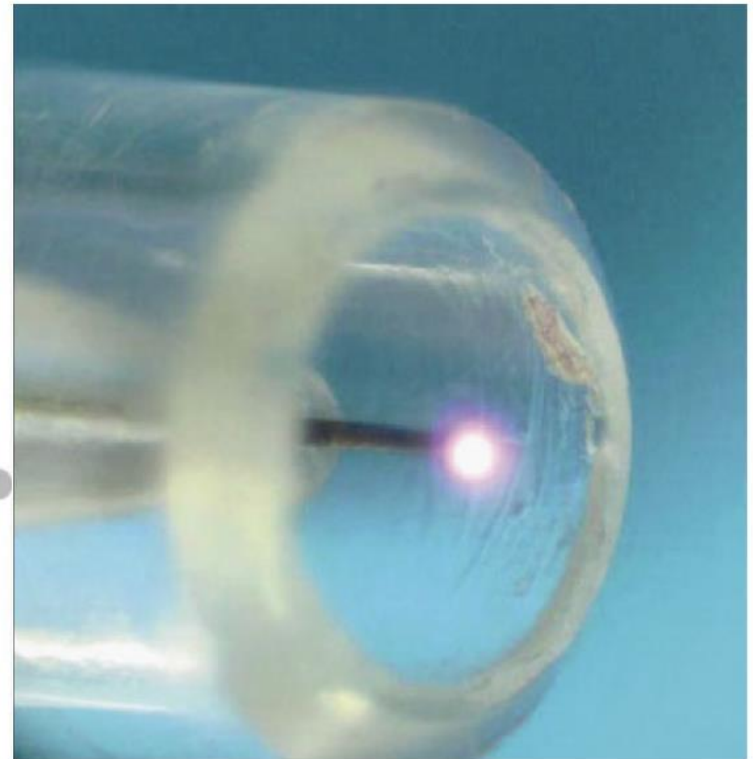
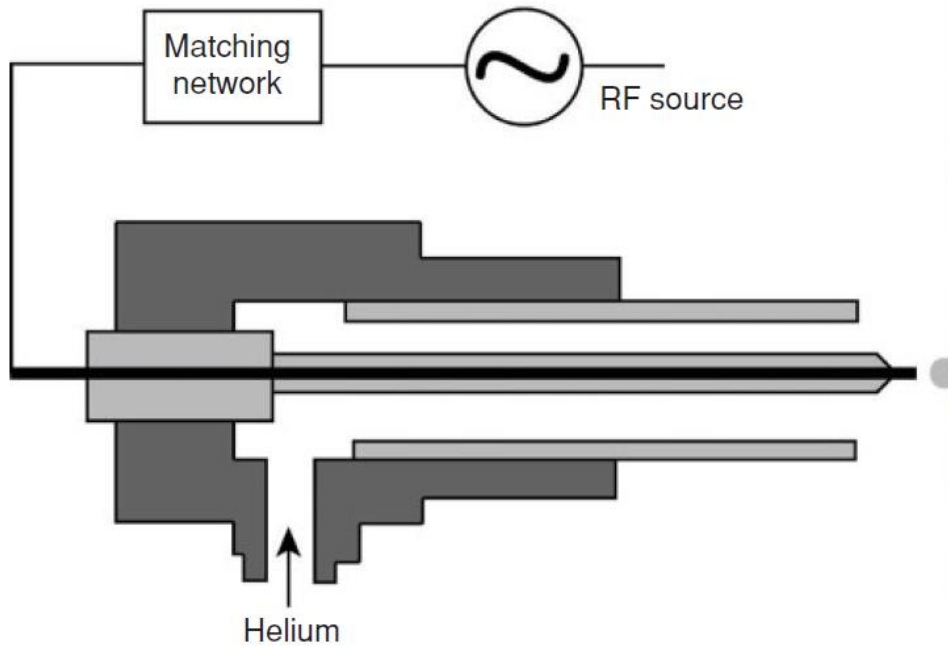
Microwave plasma torch



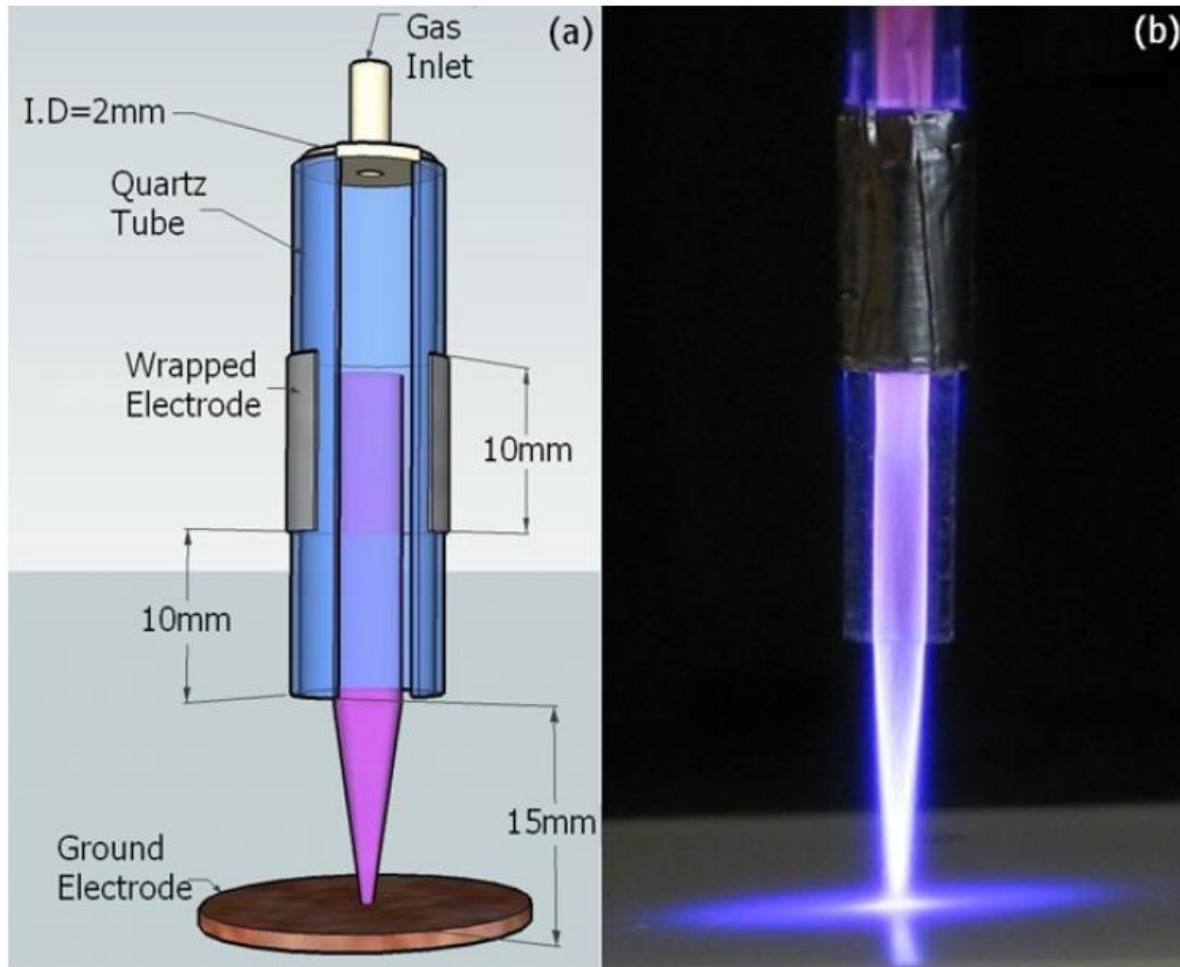
Dielectric-barrier discharges (DBDs)



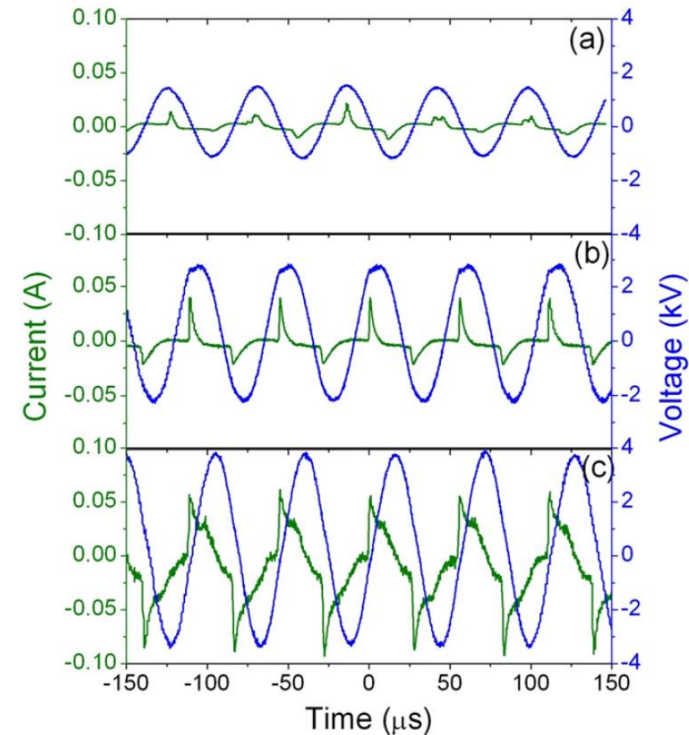
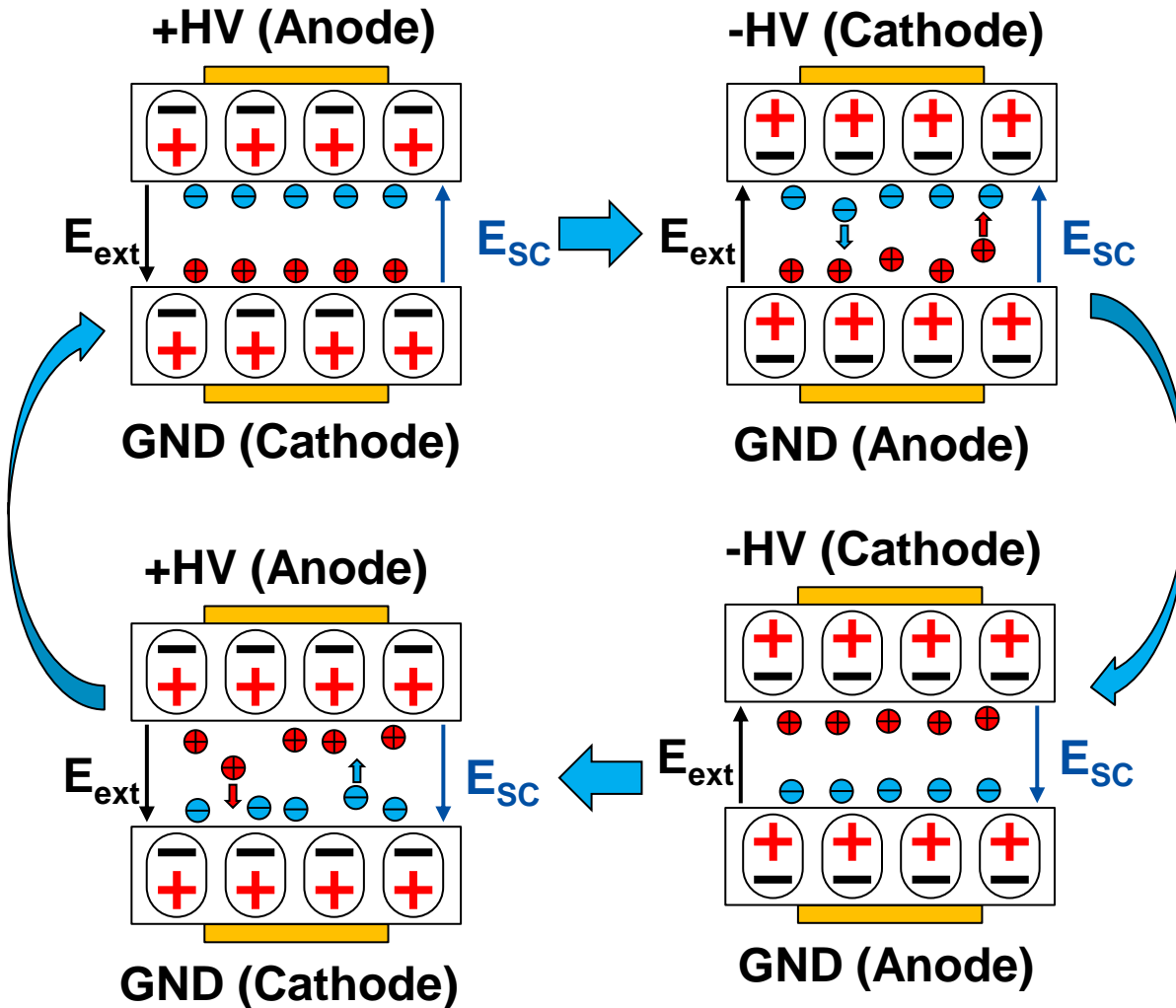
Plasma-needle discharge



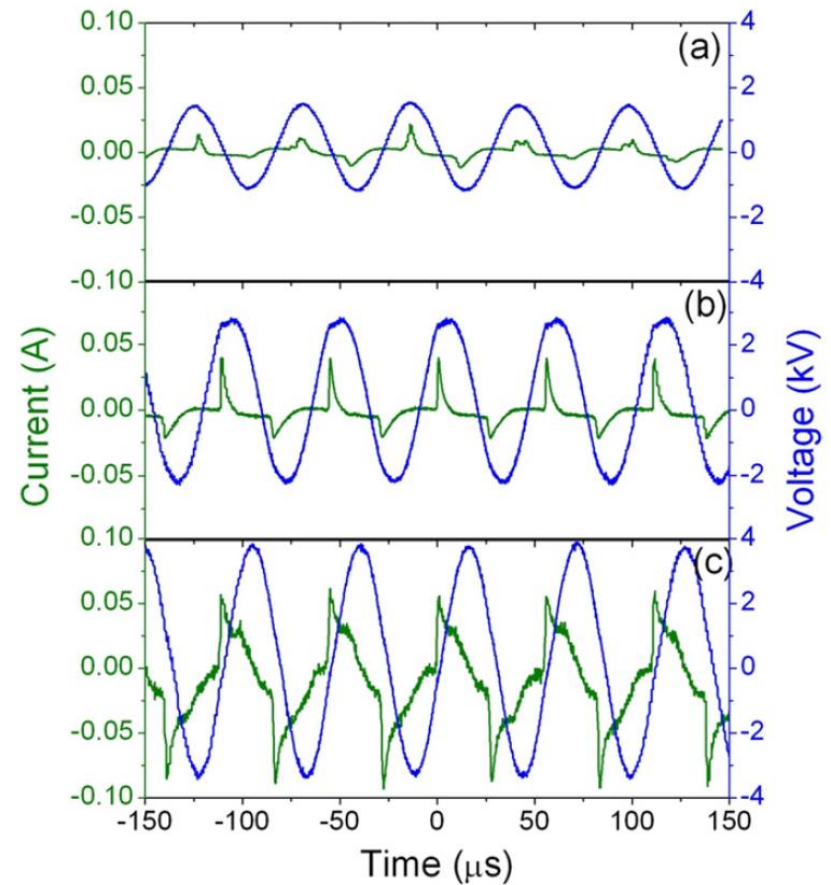
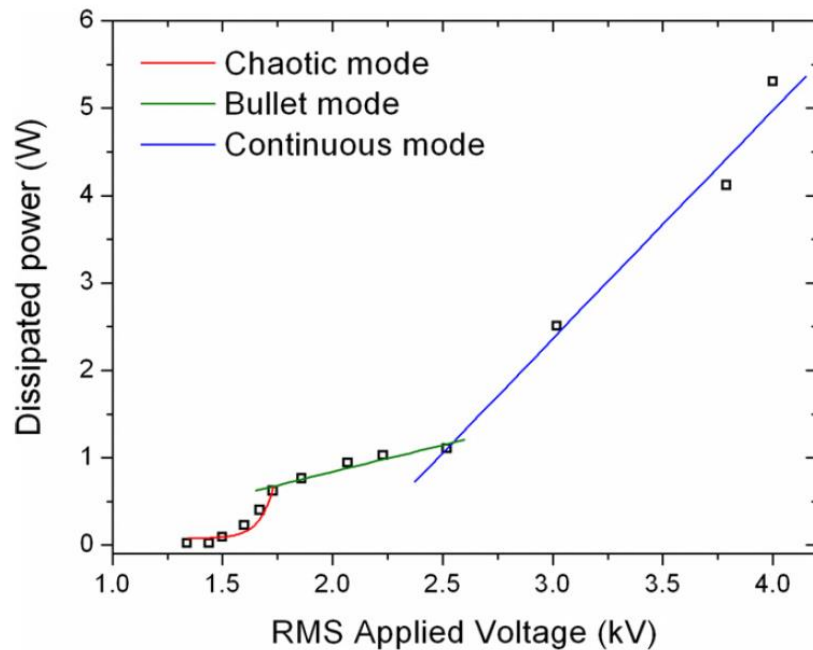
Atmospheric-pressure cold helium microplasma jets



Space charge effect enhance the electric field



There are three different modes: chaotic, bullet, and continuous mode



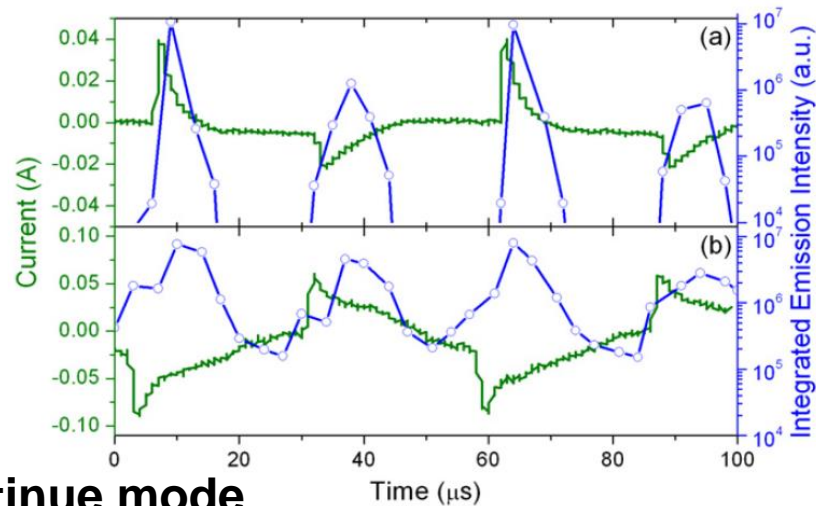
In bullet mode, the plasma jet comes out as a pulse



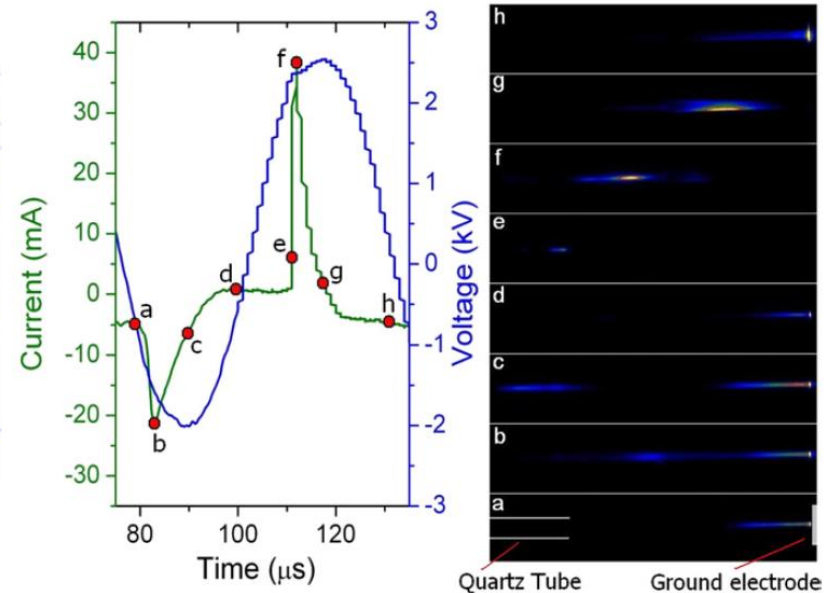
- wavelength-integrated optical emission signal (350–800 nm)

- Images of bullet mode

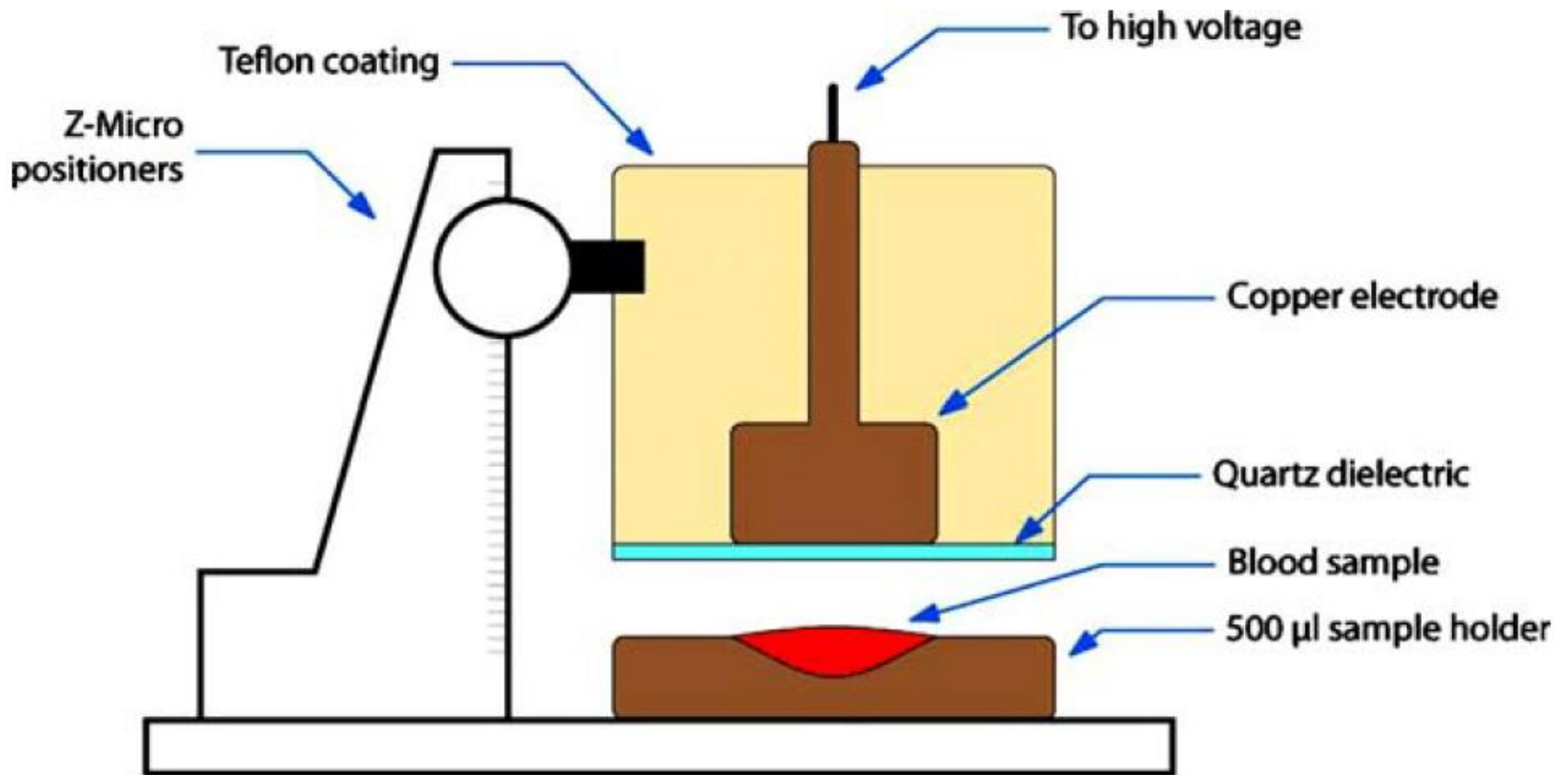
Bullet mode



Continue mode



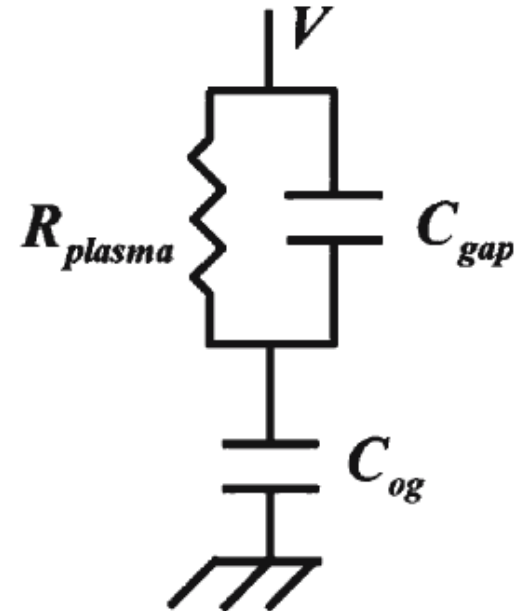
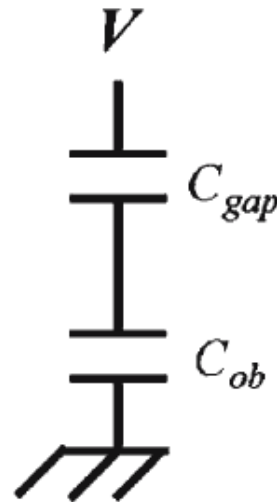
Floating-electrode dielectric barrier discharge (FE-DBD)



Simplified electrical schematic of FE-DBD



- electrode itself
- electrode near the treated object
- e-plasma discharge

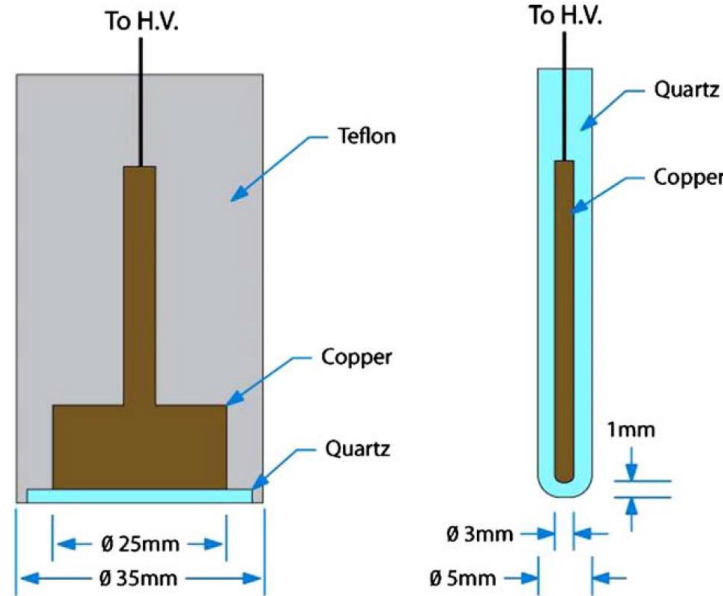


$$C_{ob} \gg C_{gap} \Rightarrow V_{ob} \ll V_{gap}$$

Depending on the needs, the size and the shape of FE-DBD treatment electrodes can vary

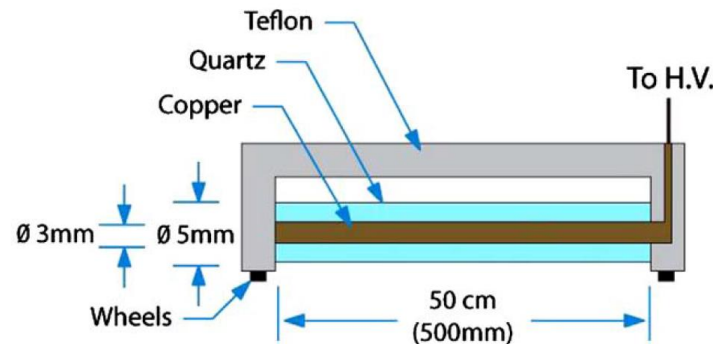


- Round

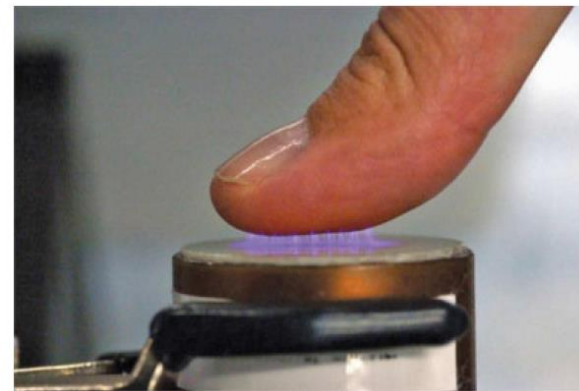
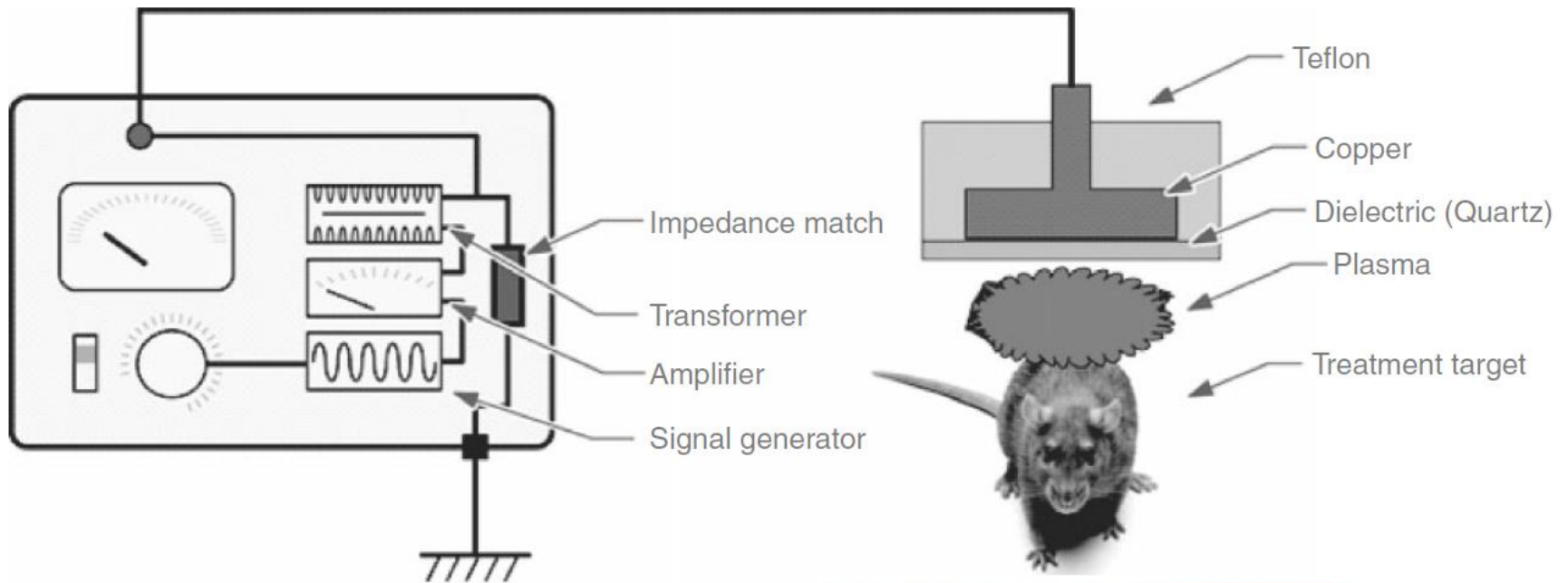


- Wand

- Roller



FE-DBD is a direct plasma medicine



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Bacteria concentration reduces after being treated with FE-DBD



Table 1. Bacteria sterilization results (in cfu · mL⁻¹).^[26]

Original concentration	5 s of FE-DBD	10 s of FE-DBD	15 s of FE-DBD
10 ⁹	850 ± 183	9 ± 3	4 ± 4
10 ⁸	22 ± 5	5 ± 5	0 ± 0
10 ⁷	6 ± 6	0 ± 0	0 ± 0

- **Maximum acceptable dose – the highest dose that doesn't cause a damage on skin**

The power of FE-DBD is low enough such that the tissue is not damaged by the plasma

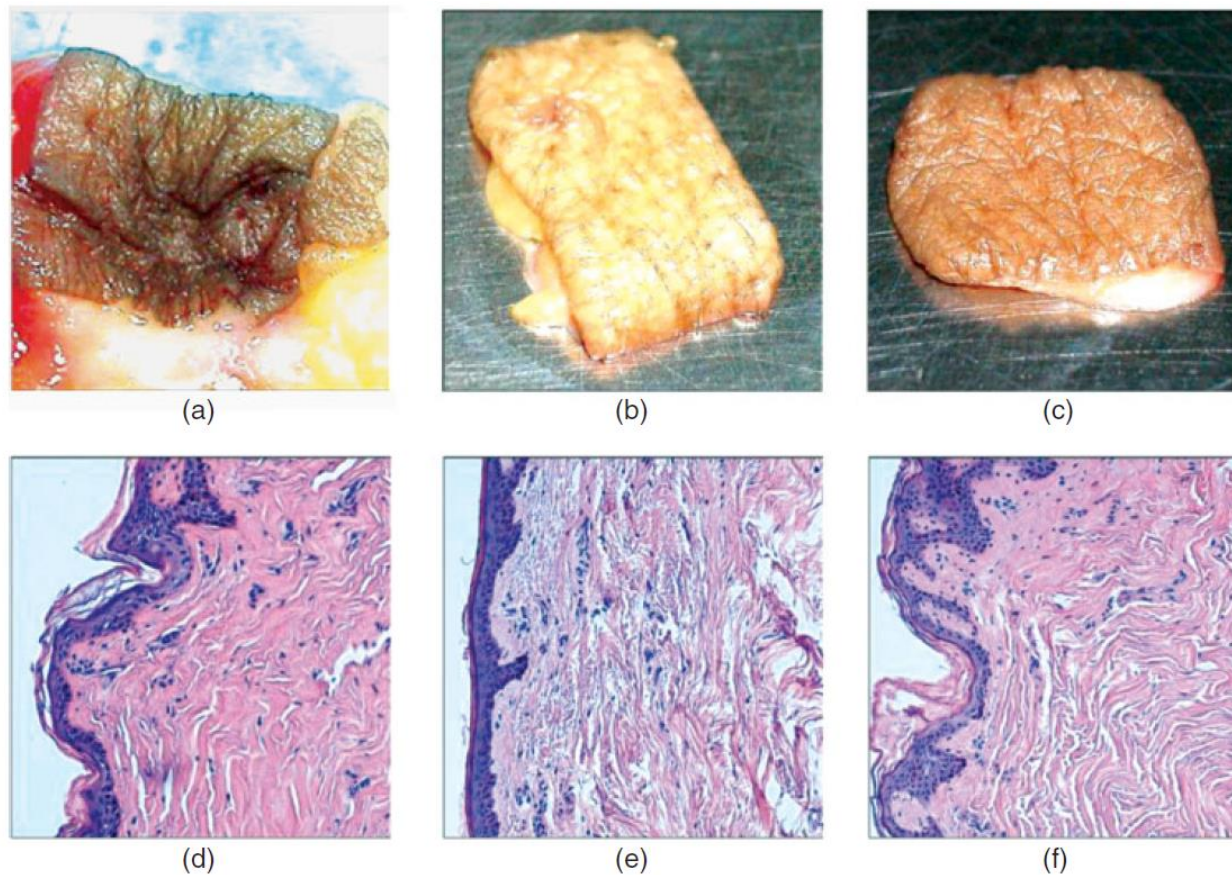
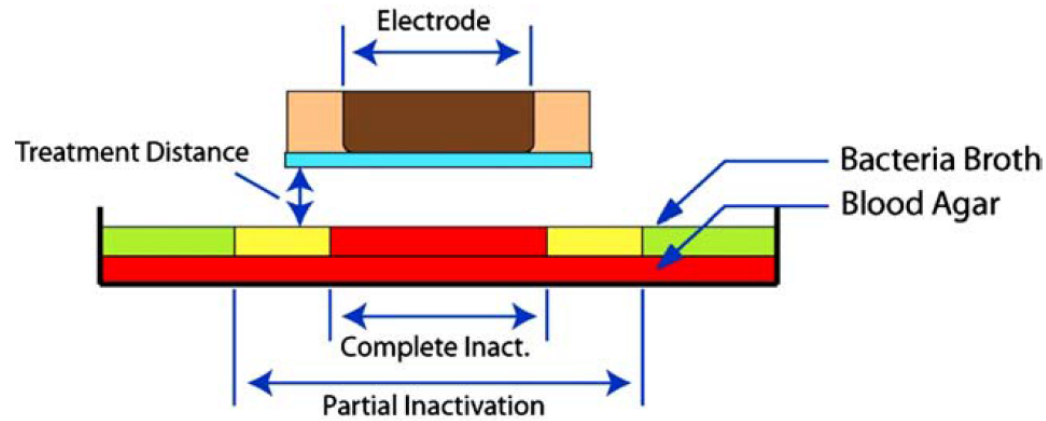


Figure 6.23 Photos (top) and tissue histology (bottom) of cadaver skin samples after FE-DBD treatment: (a, d) control; (b, e) after 15 s of treatment; and (c, f) after 5 min of treatment – no visible damage is detected.

Bacteria is inactivated by the plasma



- $\sim 1.3 \times 10^7$ cfu/cm² (10^9 cfu/ml) of skin flora (CFU: colony-forming unit)
- Treated by FE-DBD plasma for 10 s

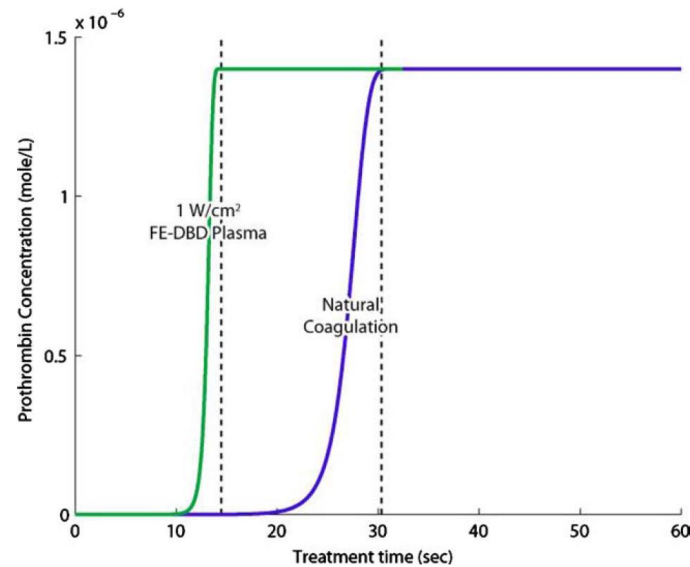
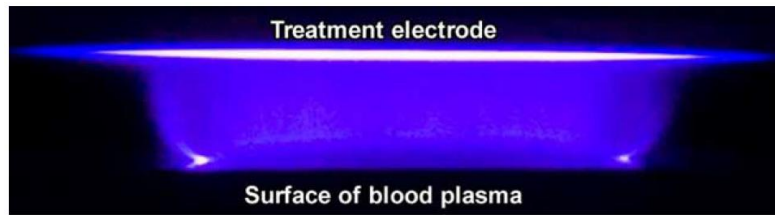


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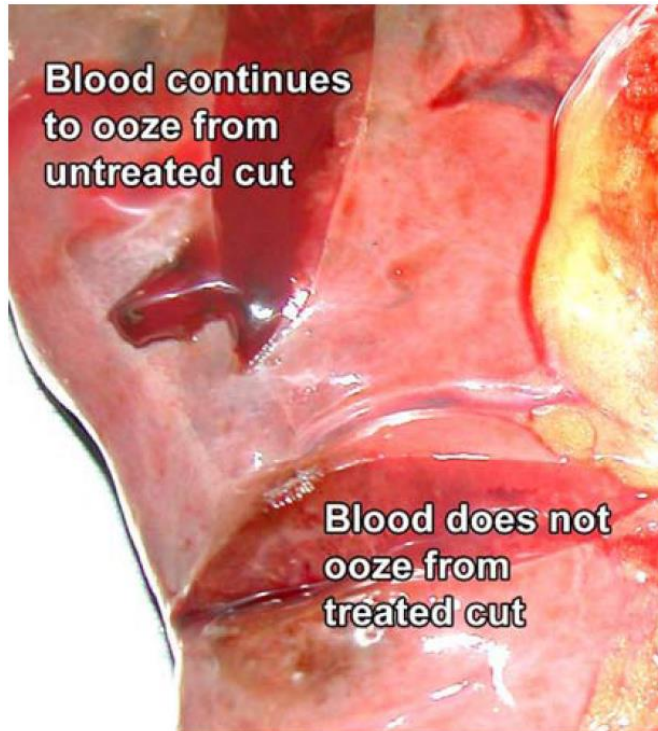


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Plasma can stimulate blood coagulation



Example of blood coagulation using plasma



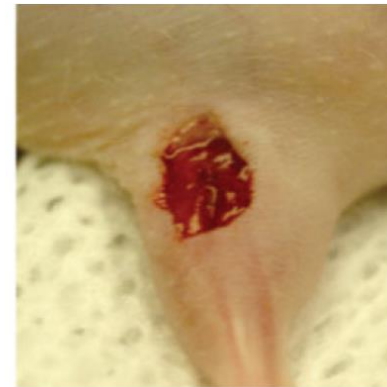
Saphenous vein is a major blood vessel for a mouse

(a)



If left untreated following a cut animal will bleed out (control)

(b)



15 seconds at 0.8 Watt/cm² stops the bleeding completely right after treatment

(c)

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Nitrogen oxide (NO) serves a multitude of essential biological functions



- Blood coagulation
- Immune system
- Early apoptosis (細胞凋亡)
- Neural communication and memory
- Relaxation of flat bronchial (支氣管) and gastrointestinal muscles (胃腸肌肉)
- Hormonal (激素) and sex functions
- Anti-microbial (抗微生物) and anti-tumor (抗腫瘤) defense
- Play an important role in tumor growth, immunodeficiency (免疫缺陷), cardiovascular (心血管), liver (肝), gastrointestinal tract (胃腸道) disease

NO treatment of wound pathologies



Before treatment



21st day of NO-therapy
(10 seances)



After 2 months of
NO-therapy

- **Decrease in the trophic ulcer (營養性潰瘍) area:**
 - Traditional treatment methods: **0.7% per day**
 - NO treatment methods: **1.7% per day**

NO treatment of wound pathologies



Before treatment



After 4.5 months of NO-therapy
(3 courses; 12 seances per course)

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Non-thermal plasma treatment of melanoma skin cancer (黑色素瘤皮膚癌)



- Melanoma cancer cell line (ATCC A2-58) was used
- $\sim 1.5 \times 10^6$ per dish

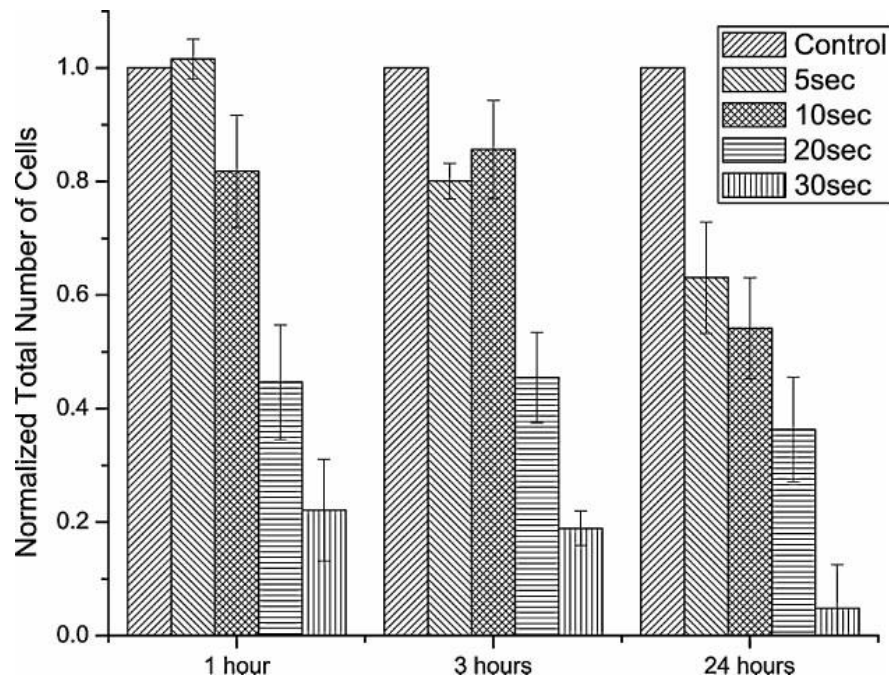
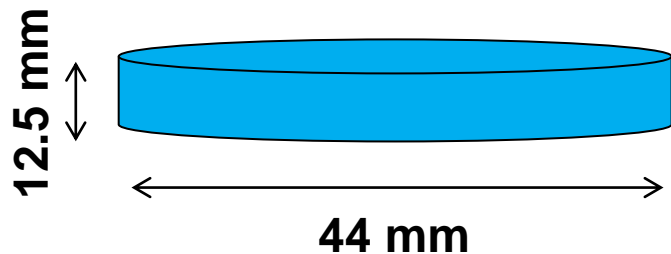
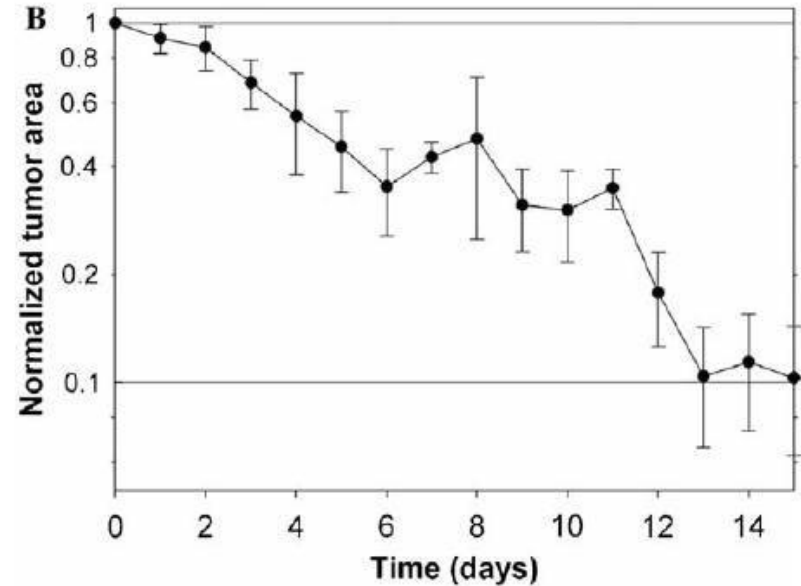
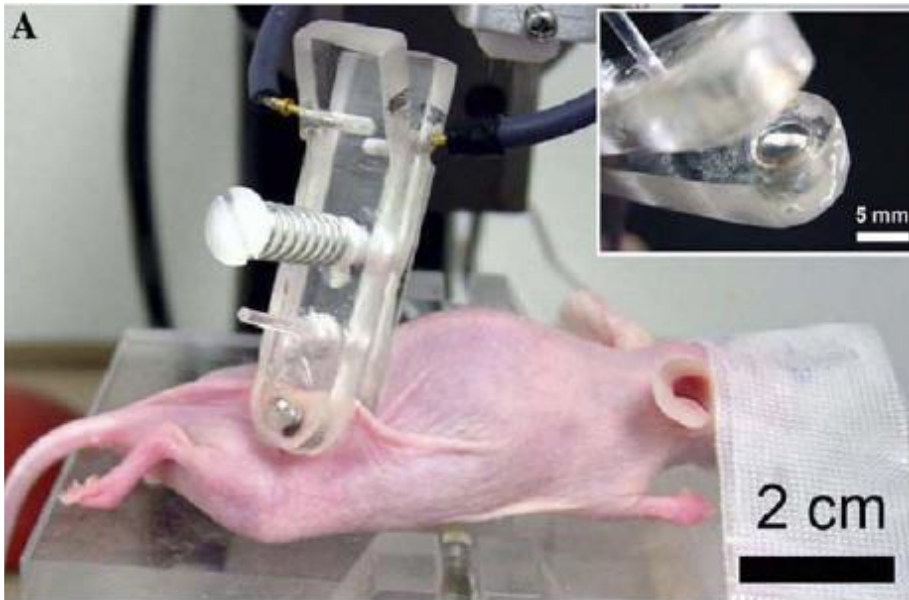
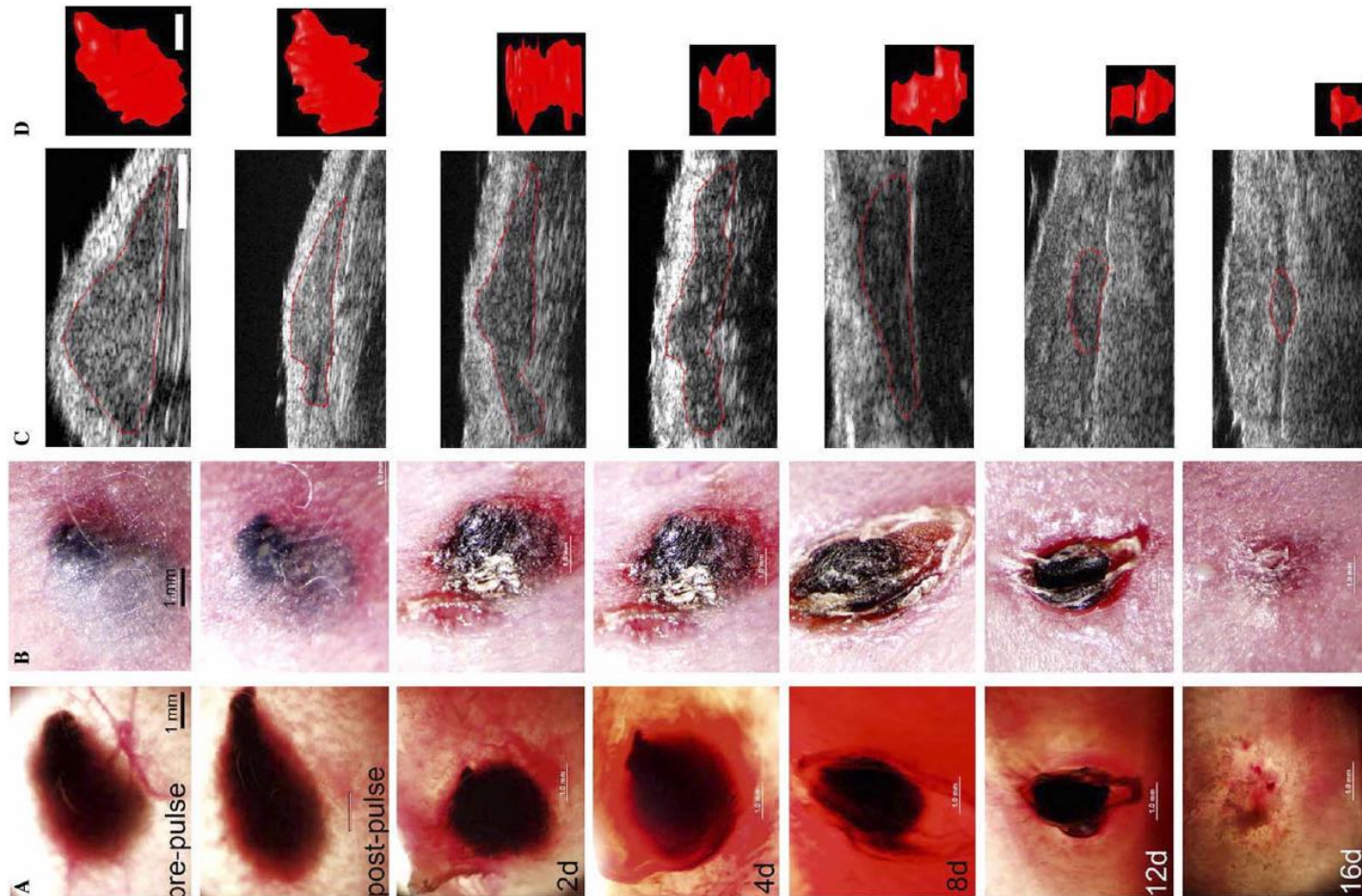


Figure 22. Results of FE-DBD treatment of melanoma cancer cells: Control, 5, 10, 20, and 30 s, counted 1, 3, and 24 h post-treatment.^[27]

SKH-1 hairless mouse is treated with parallel plate electrode under isoflurane inhalation anesthesia

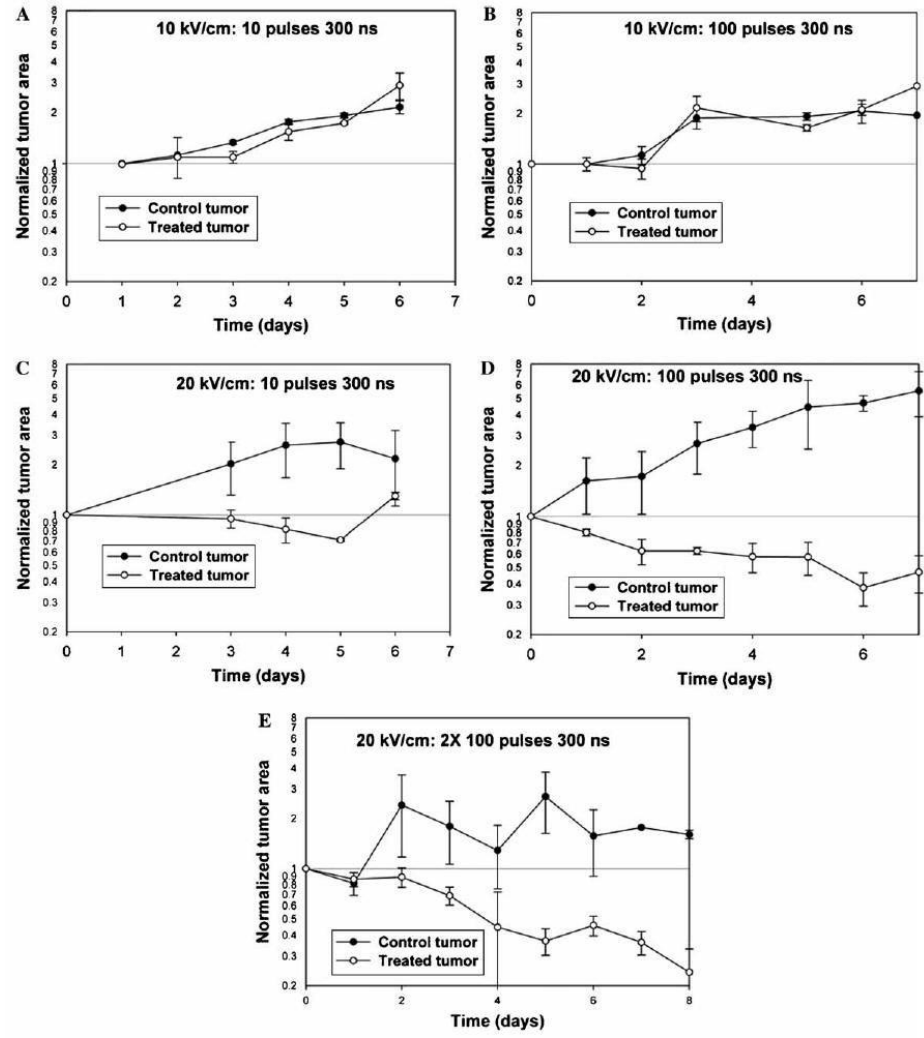


Melanoma shrinks after the treatment



- Day 0-3: 3 applications of 100 pulses (300 ns, 40 kv/cm, 0.5 Hz), 30 min apart
- Day 4: single application using 5 mm diameter parallel plate electrode

Electric field of 20 kV/cm is needed to treat Melanoma

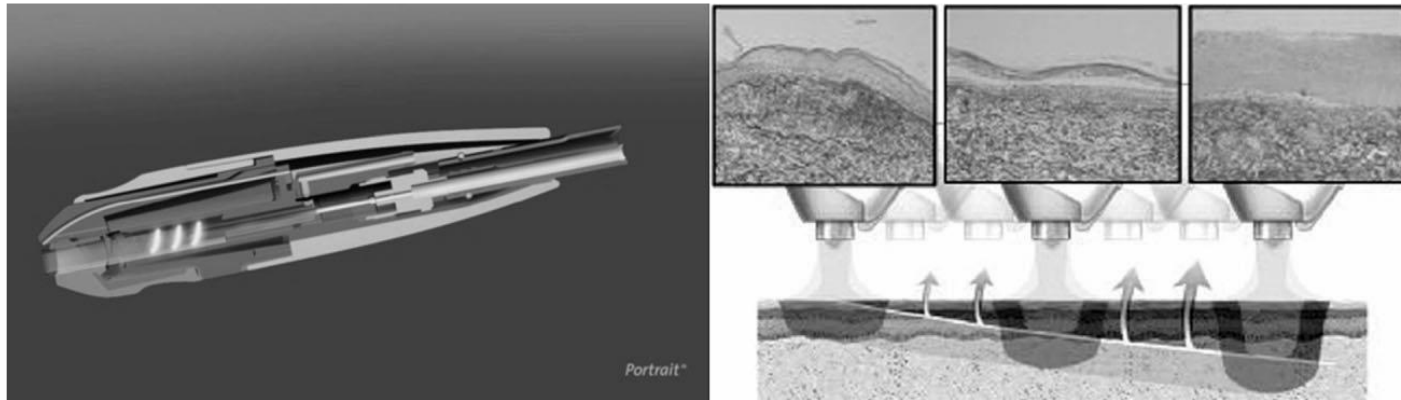


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Plasma skin regeneration (PSR) is a novel skin treatment device



- PSR provides 1-2 J or 3-4 J per pulse for lower or higher power, respectively
- The skin is damaged slightly by the nitrogen plasma jet
- Skin regeneration is stimulated
- Local anesthetic (麻藥) is required and a systemic anesthetic, administered orally is recommended
- Ablative-like effect, similar to that of laser skin resurfacing can also be achieved, but with higher doses

Zones of the face and associated treatment energy settings



This particular patient-rated improvement in overall skin rejuvenation was 85%



- Patients reported minimal discomfort following the procedure and reported over 60% improvement in their skin condition

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Atmospheric-Pressure Plasma sterilization 99.9999% bacteria on surfaces of eggs

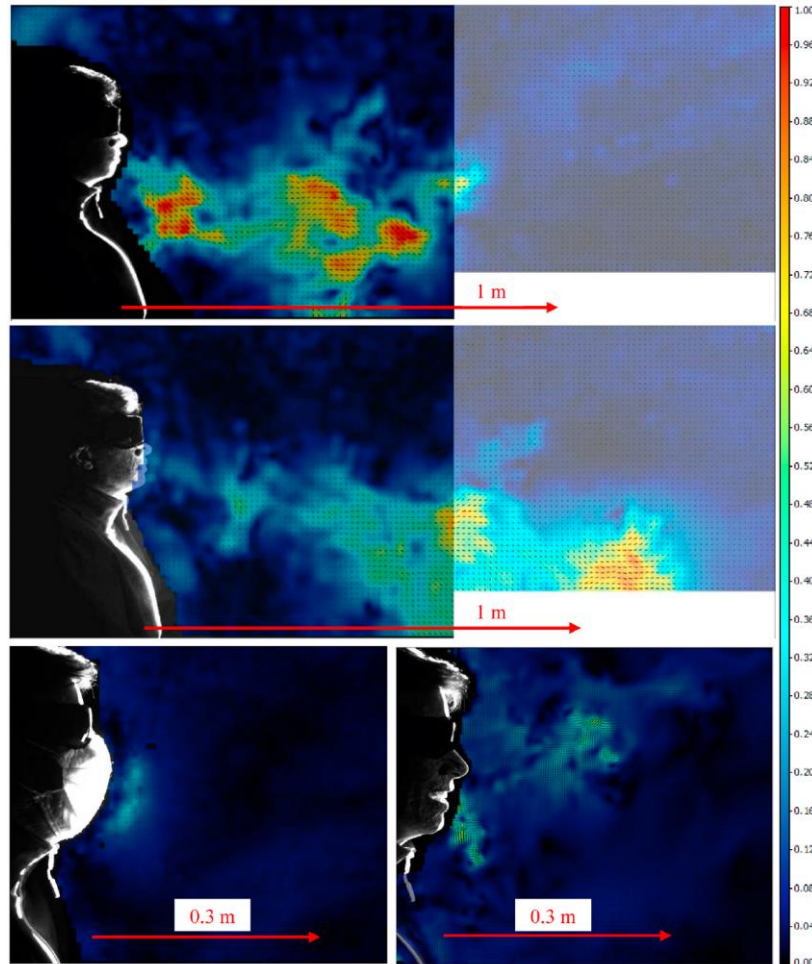


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A face mask do restrict the air flow from the mouth and the nose



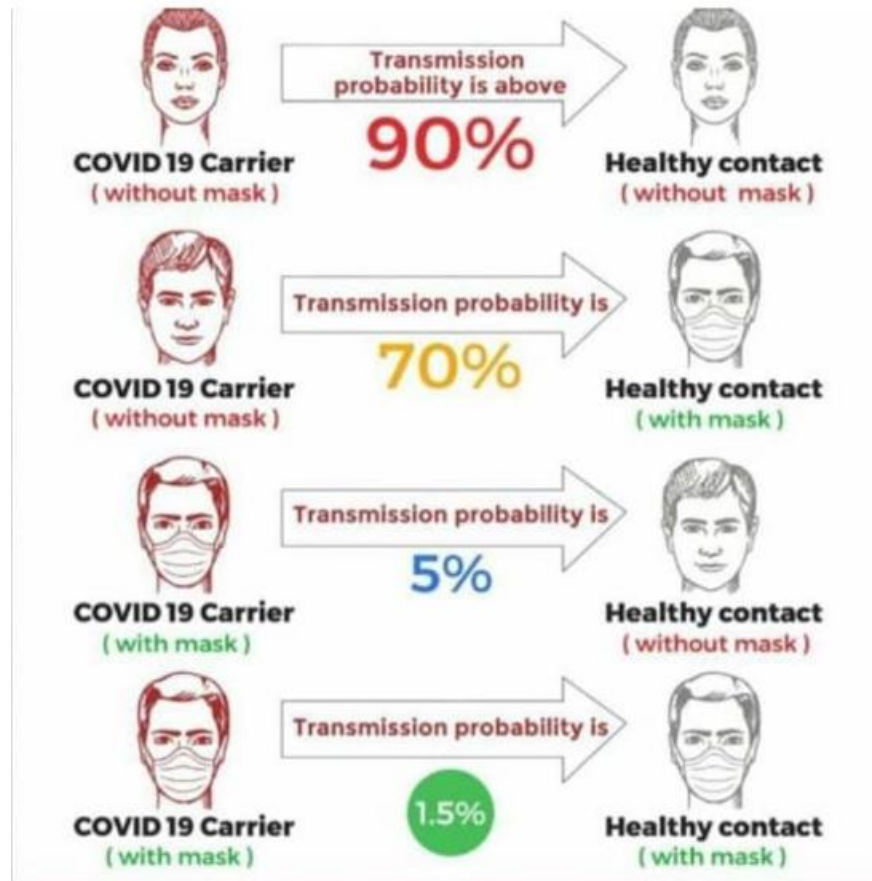
Coughing over one breath w/o mask.

Coughing over a longer periods of time w/o mask.

Coughing over one breath w/ mask.

Talking w/o mask.

Wearing face mask can reduce the Covid-19 transmission probability significantly



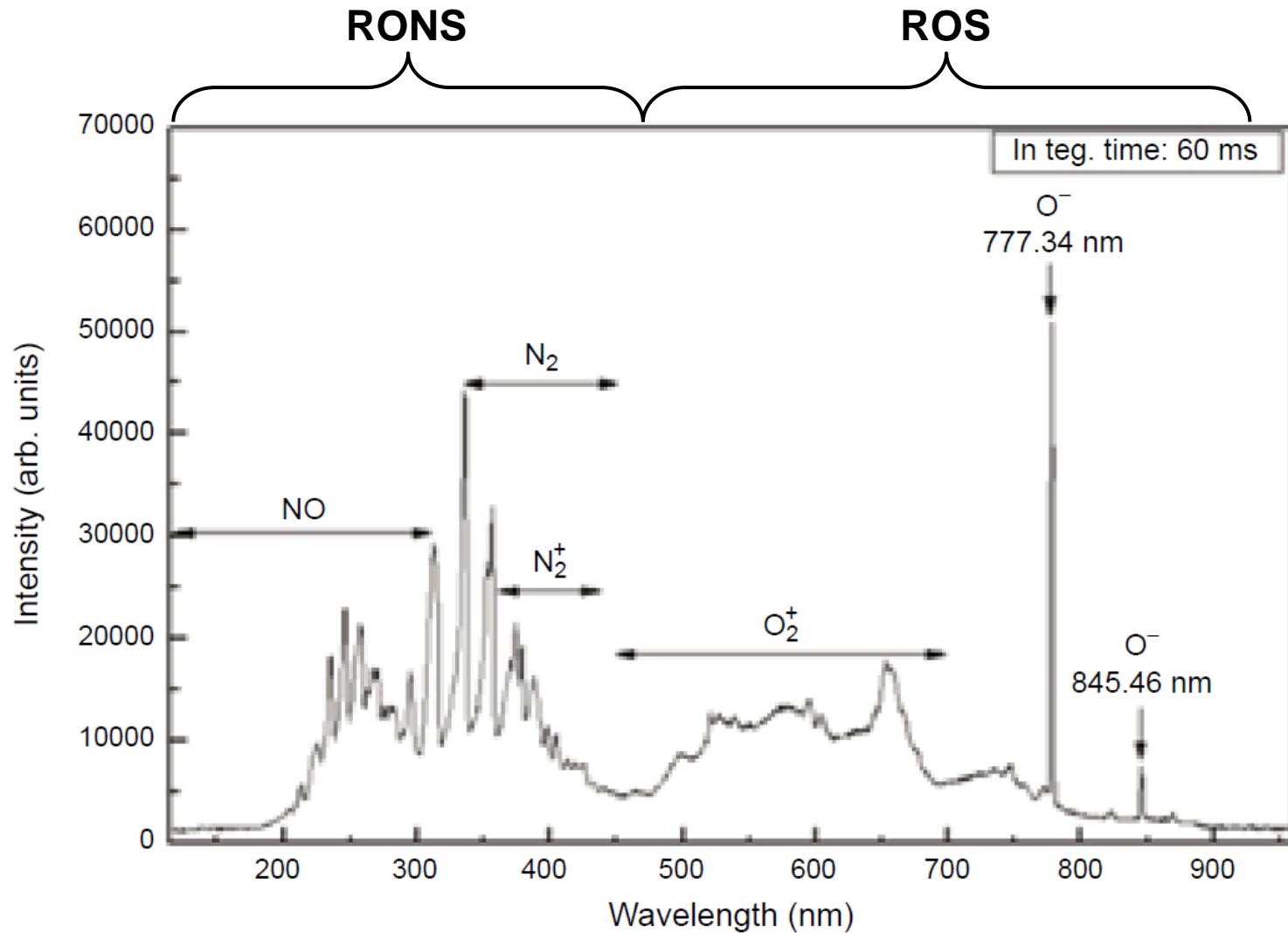
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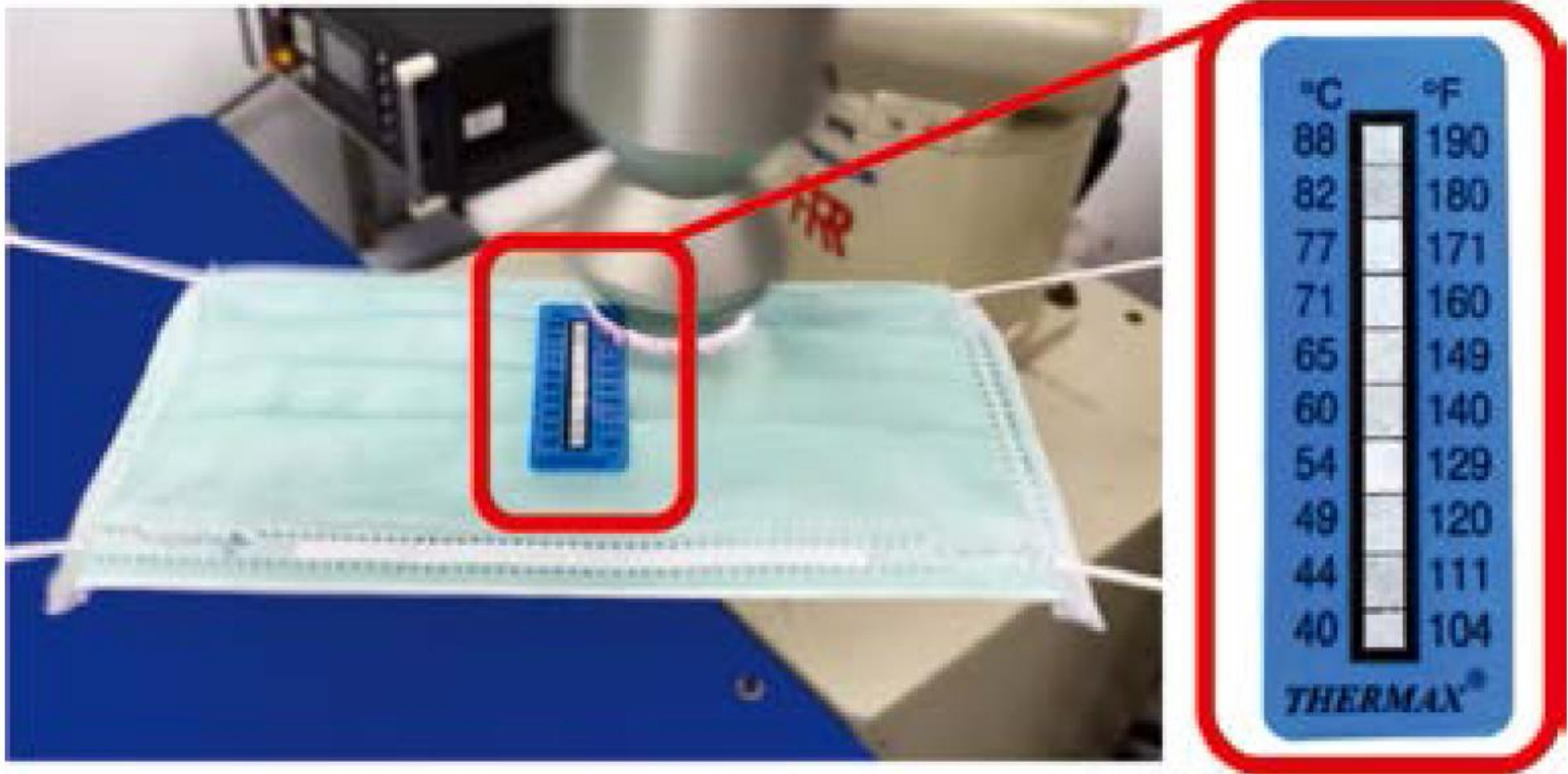
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- Atmospheric plasma can generate radicals, ozone, reactive oxygen/nitrogen/NH (ROS · RONS), UV light, electrons, charged particles.

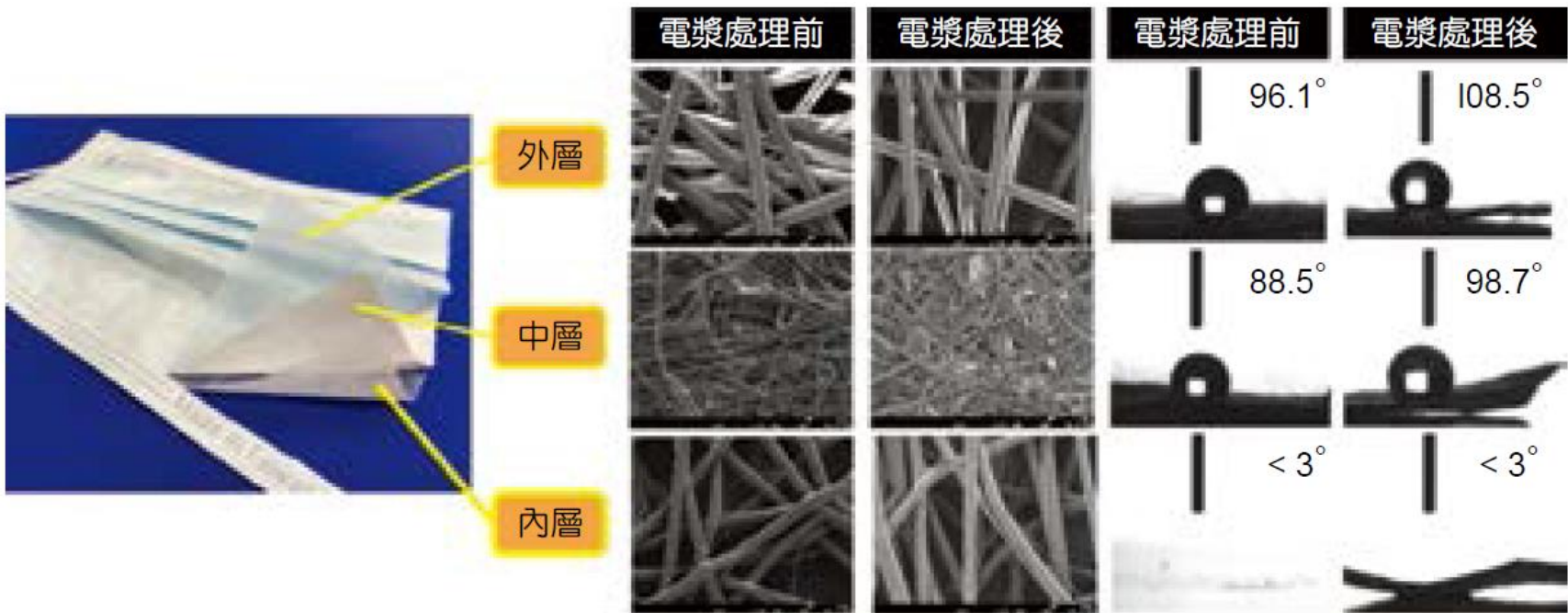
Plasma can generate ROS and RONS



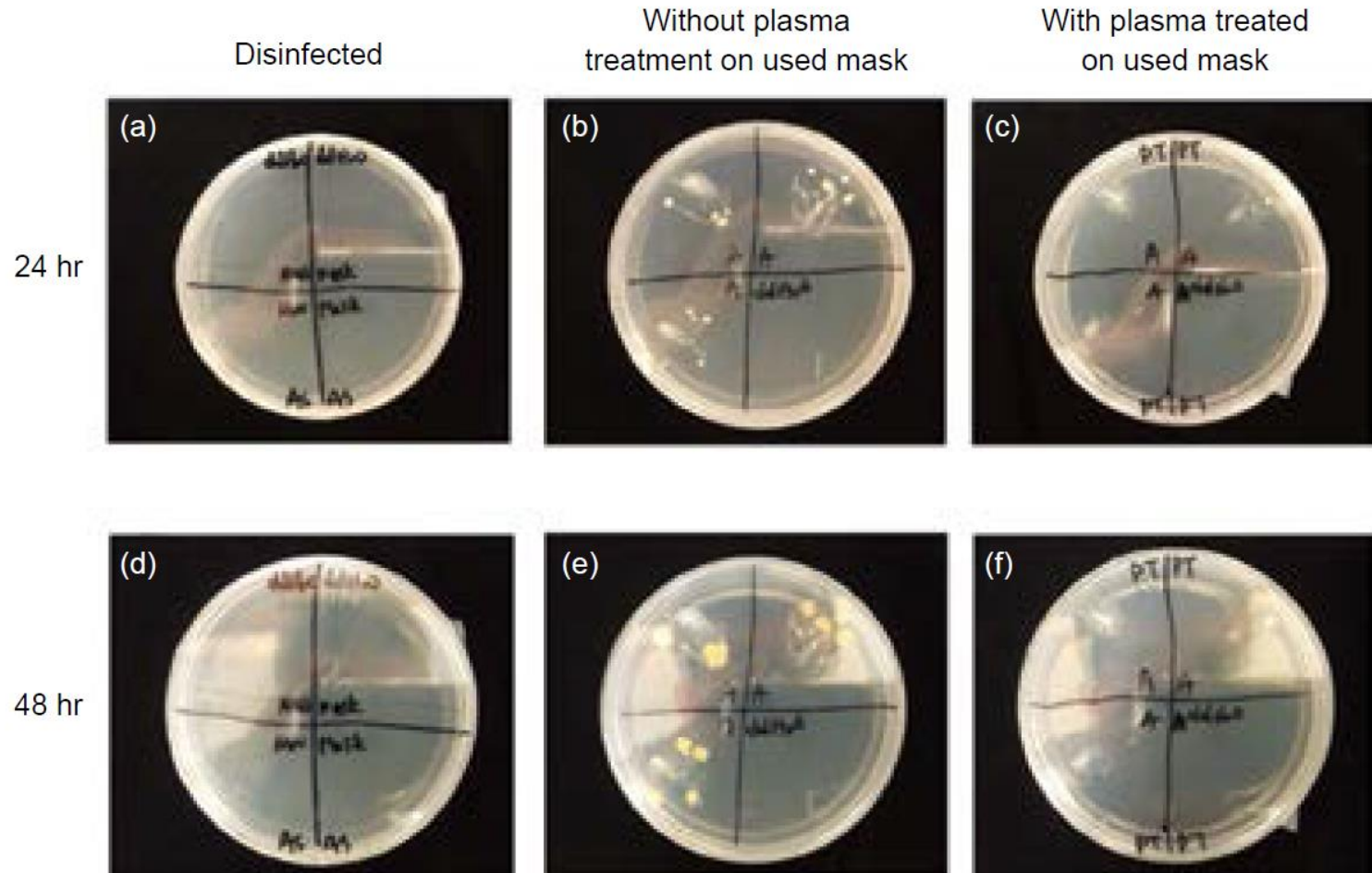
The temperature of the mask under plasma treatment is below 40 °C



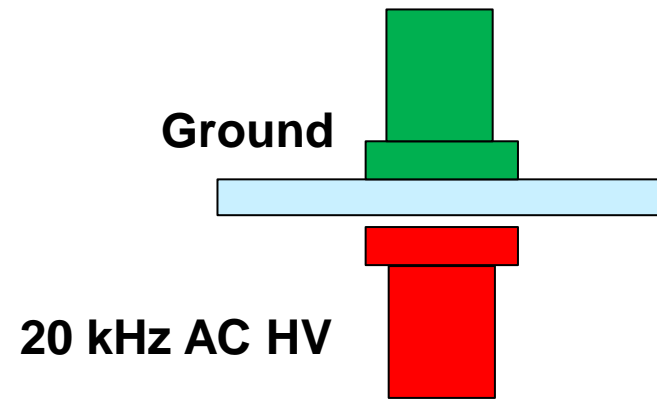
The surface quality of the face mask was not influenced by the plasma treatment



The growth of the bacteria on the face mask was suppressed

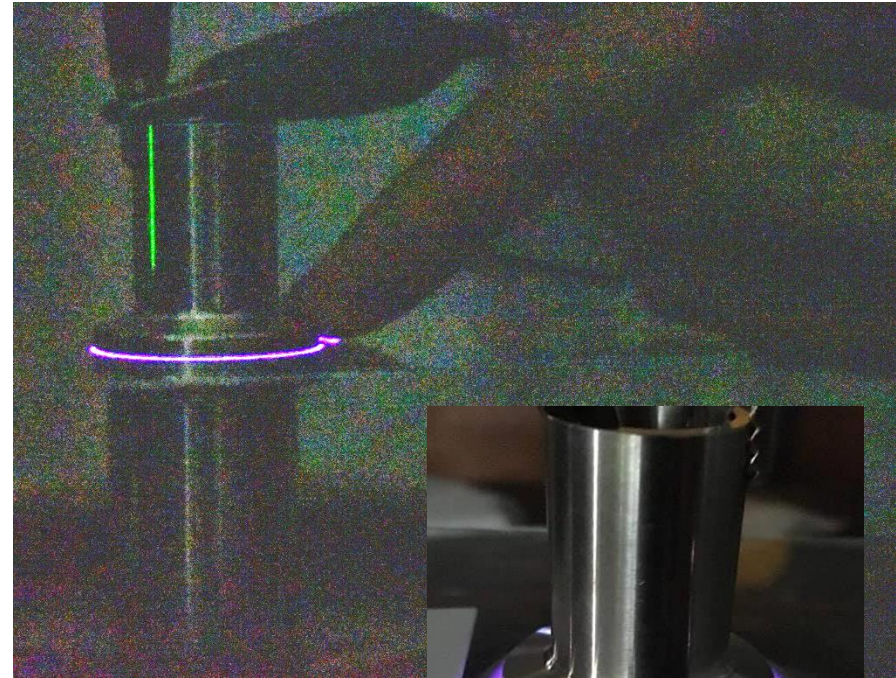
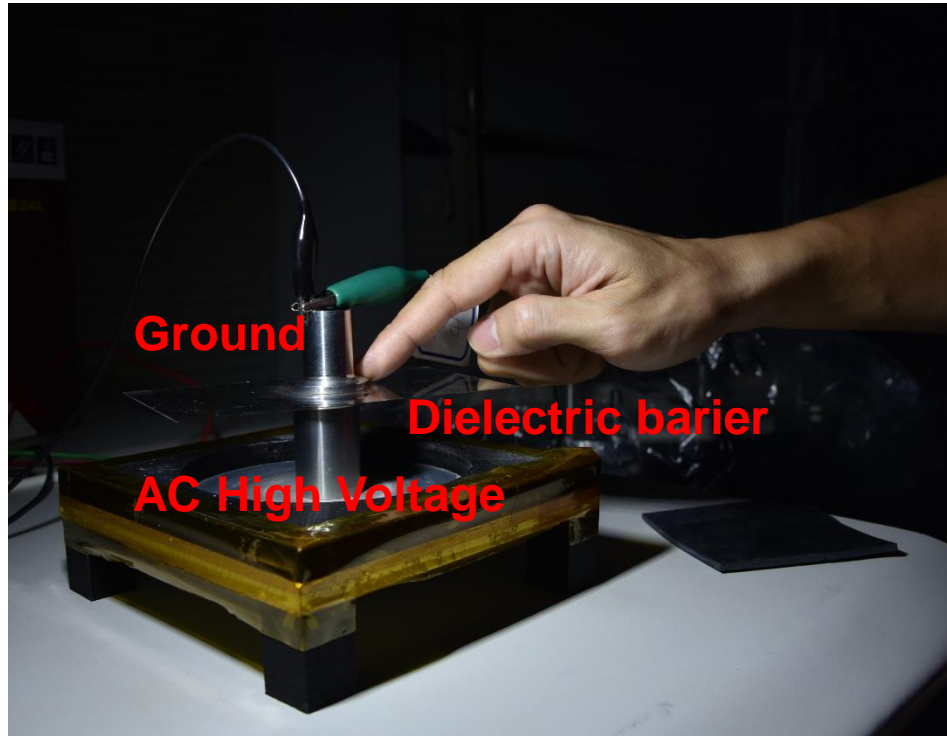


DBD plasma demonstration

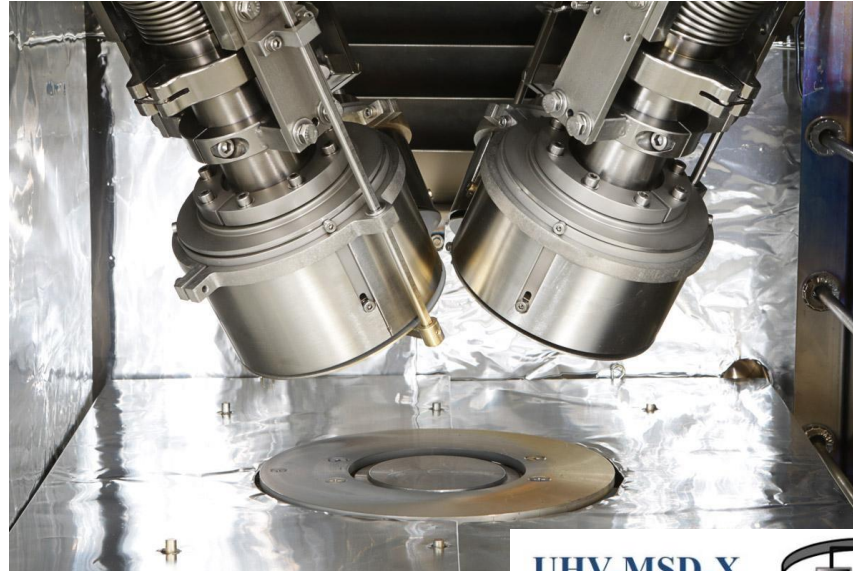
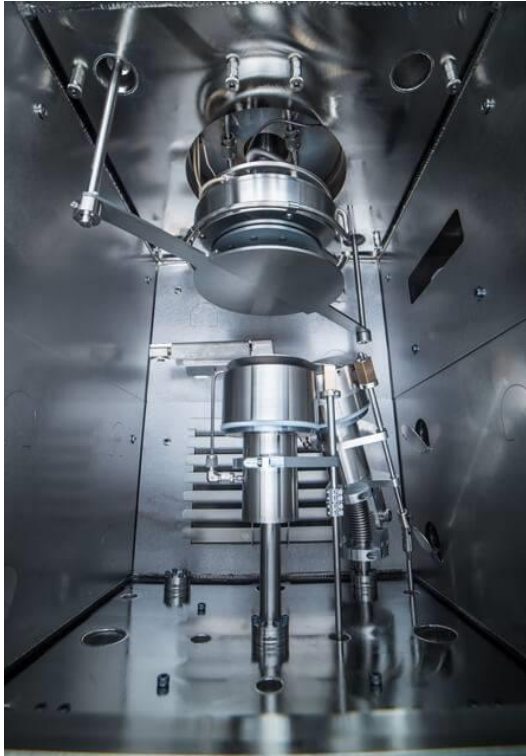


Show video.

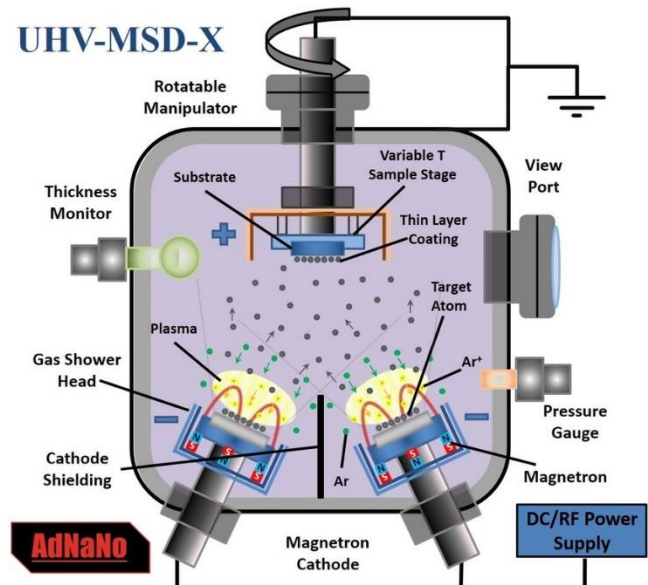
DBD plasma can be generated between the finger and the dielectric layer



Examples of magnetron sputtering deposition



UHV-MSD-X



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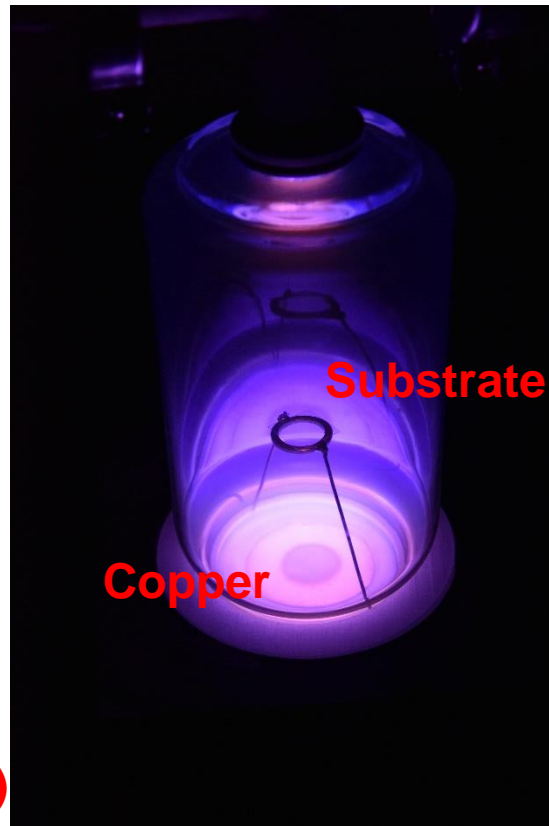
Demonstration experiments – magnetron sputtering



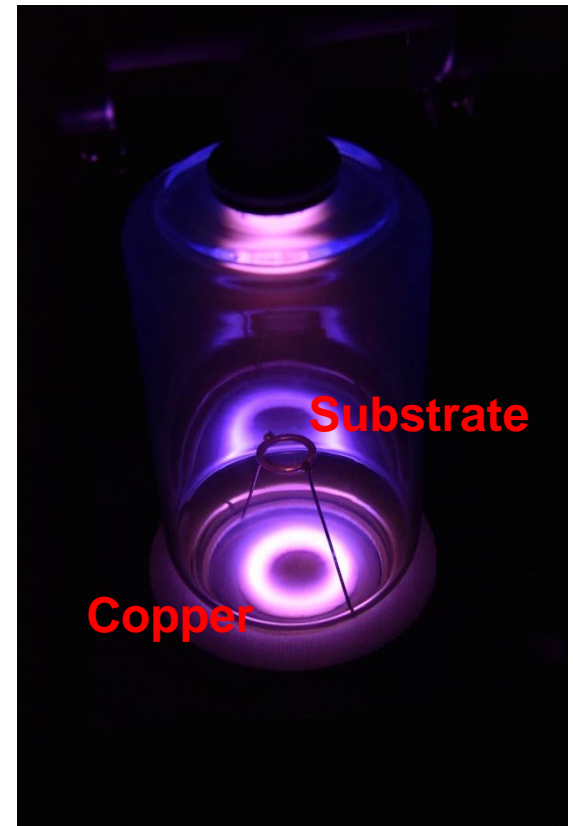
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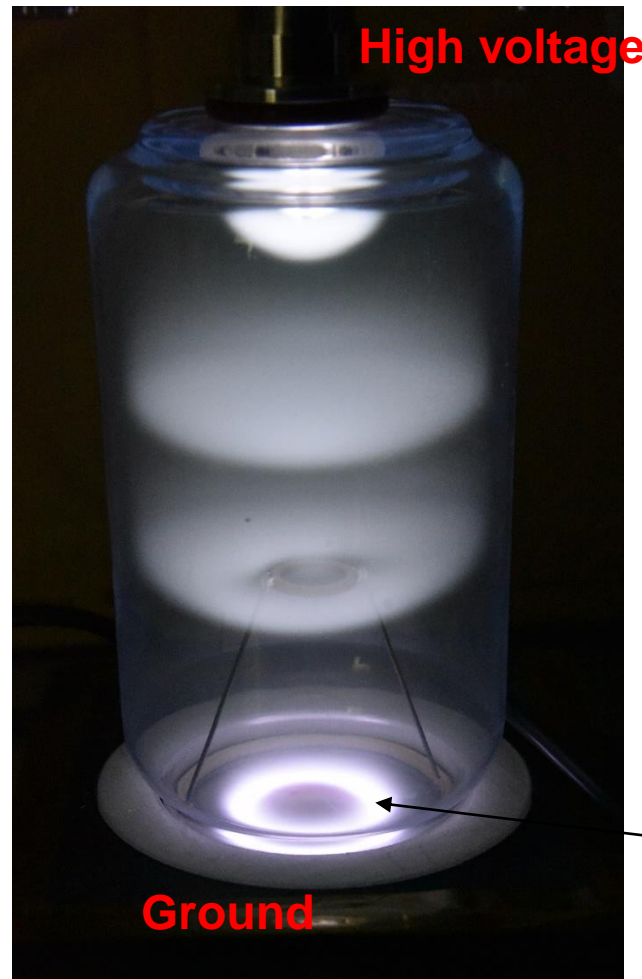
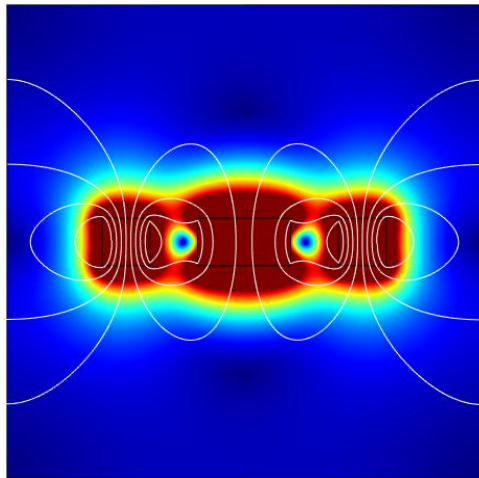
- Without magnet



- With magnet

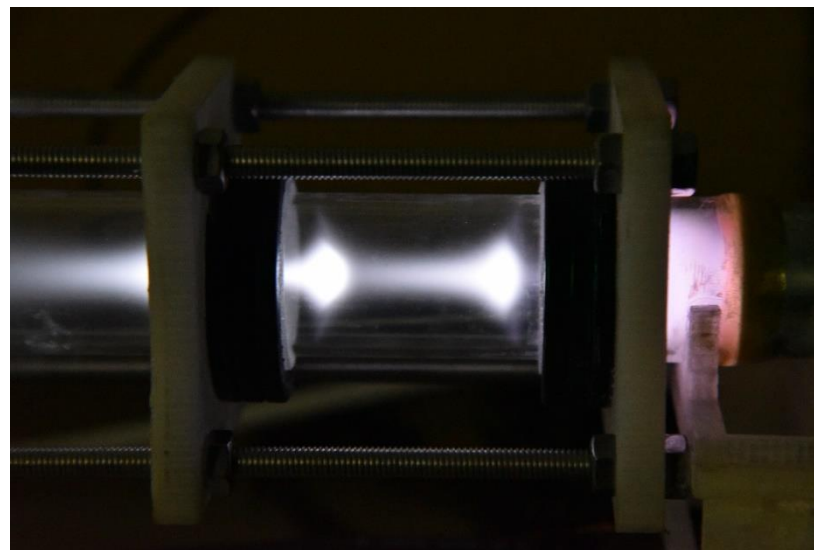
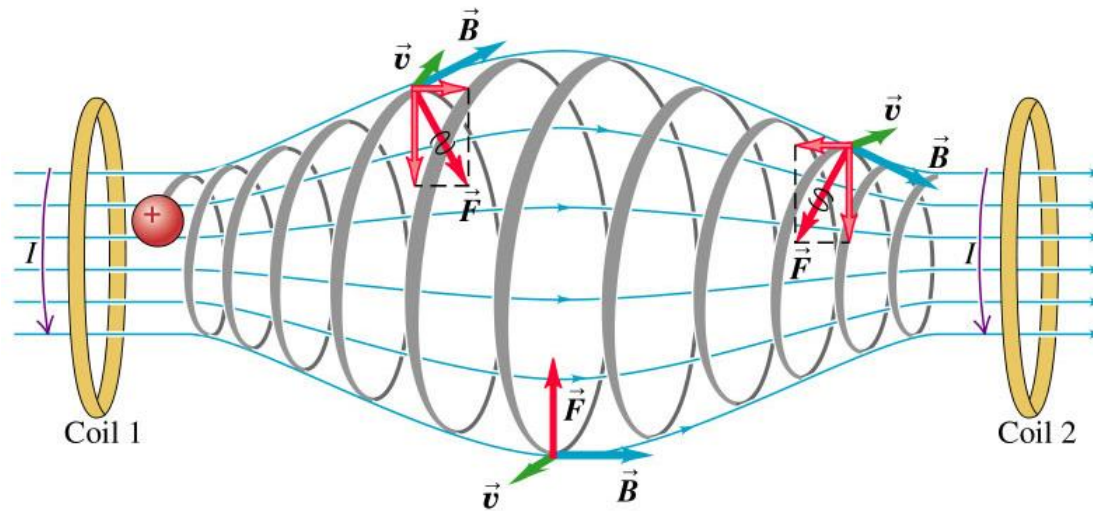


A bright ring occurs when the magnet is inserted into the system



Confined electrons

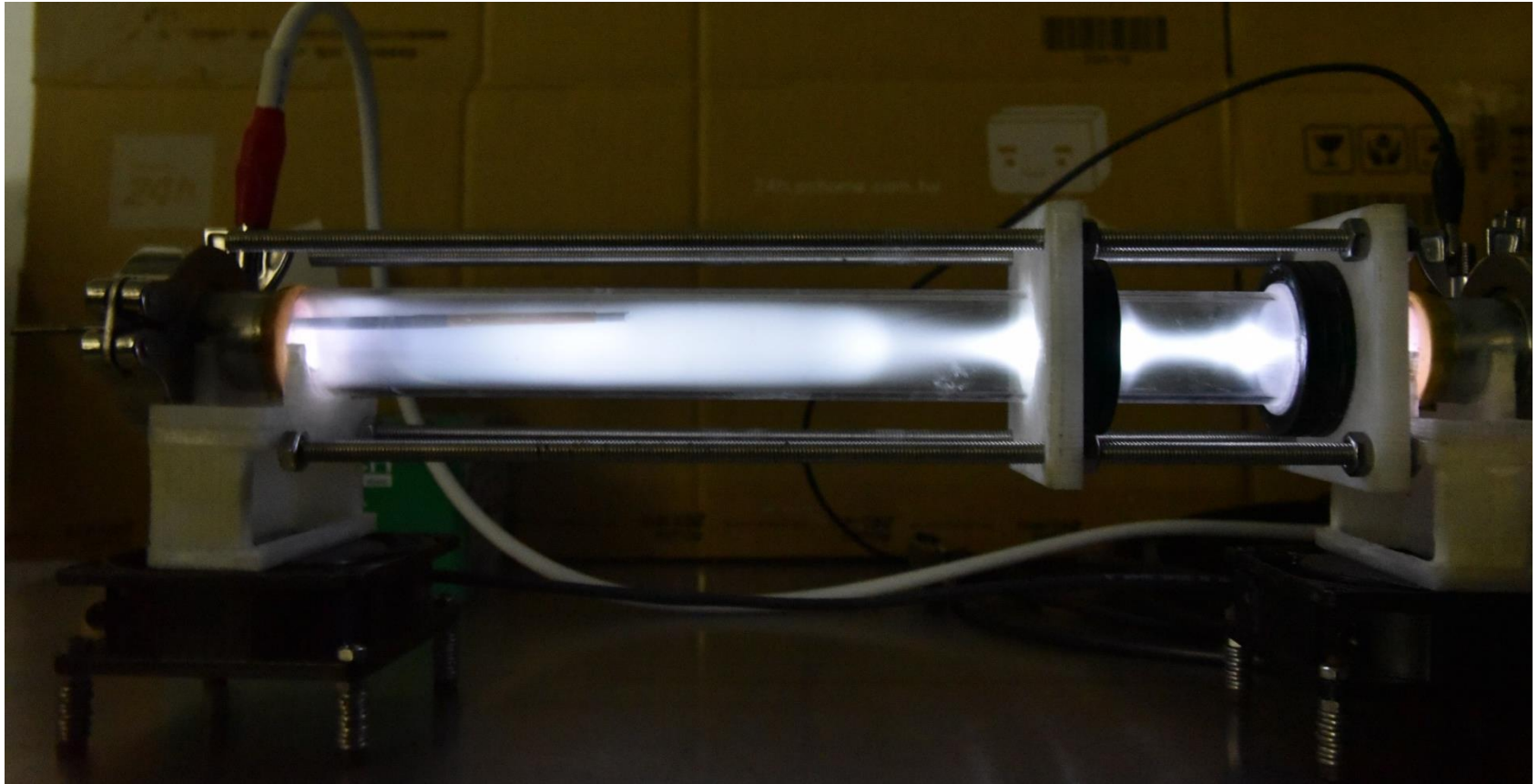
Demonstration of a magnetic mirror machine



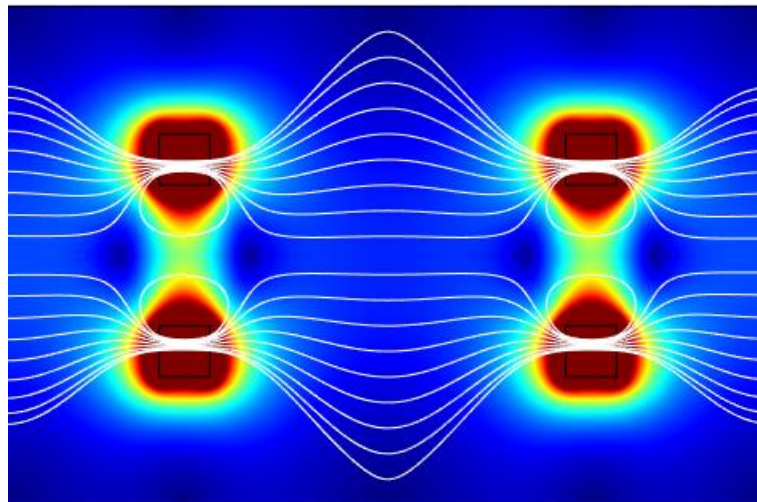
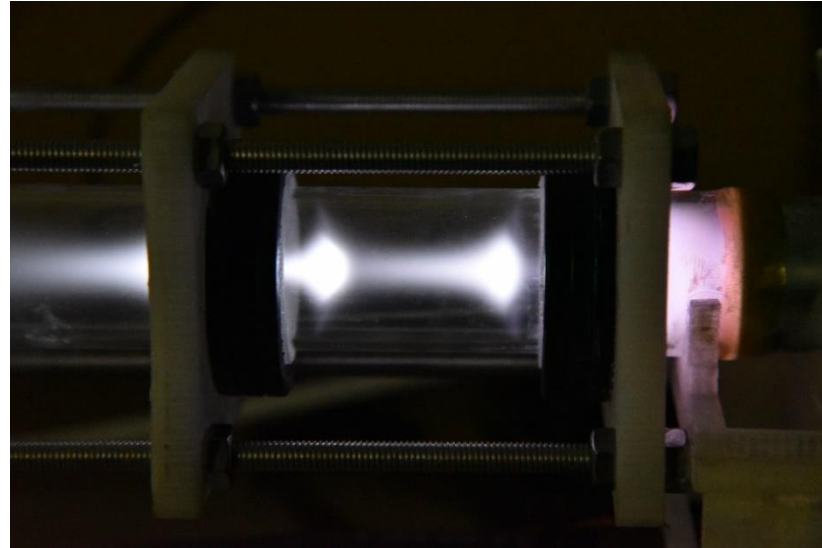
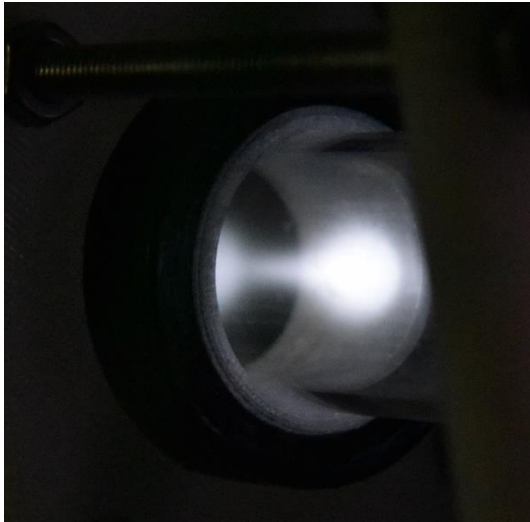
Show video.

<https://i.stack.imgur.com/GIzGZ.jpg>

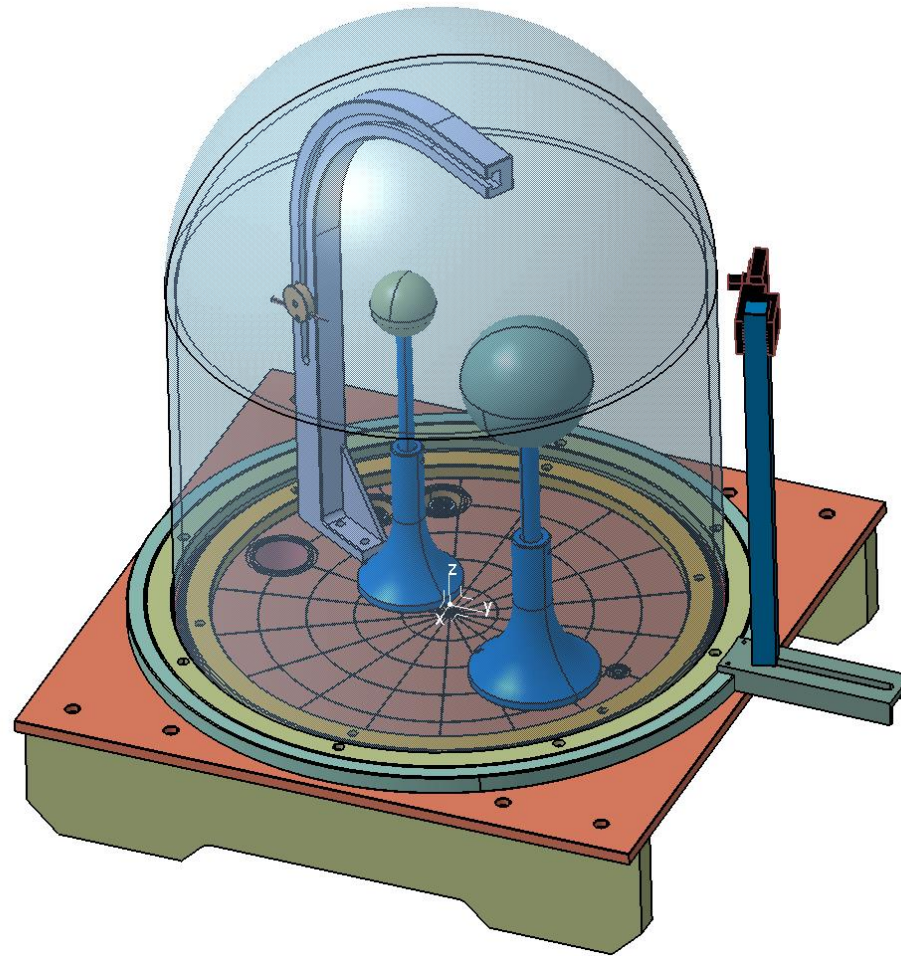
Plasma is partially confined by the magnetic field



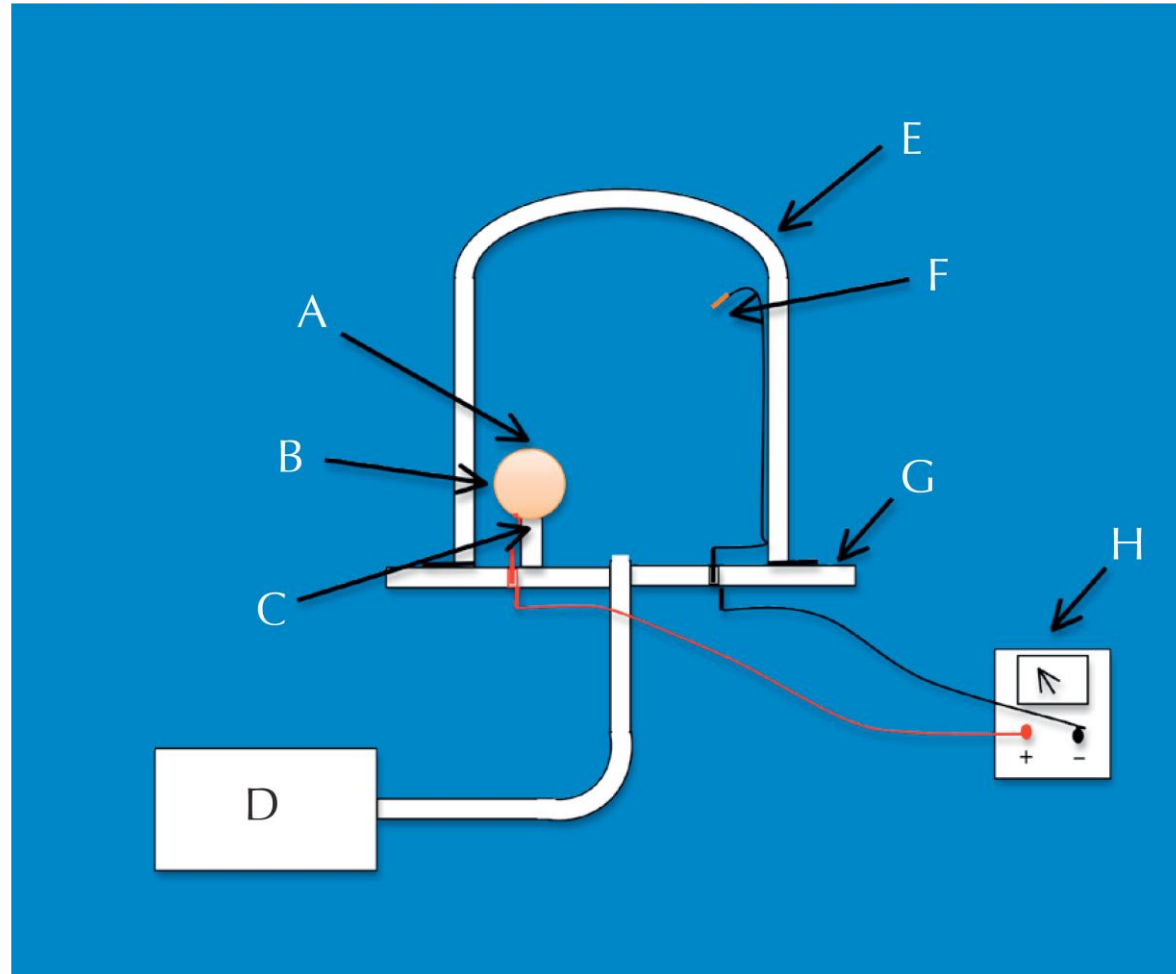
Many mirror points are provided by a pair of ring-type magnets



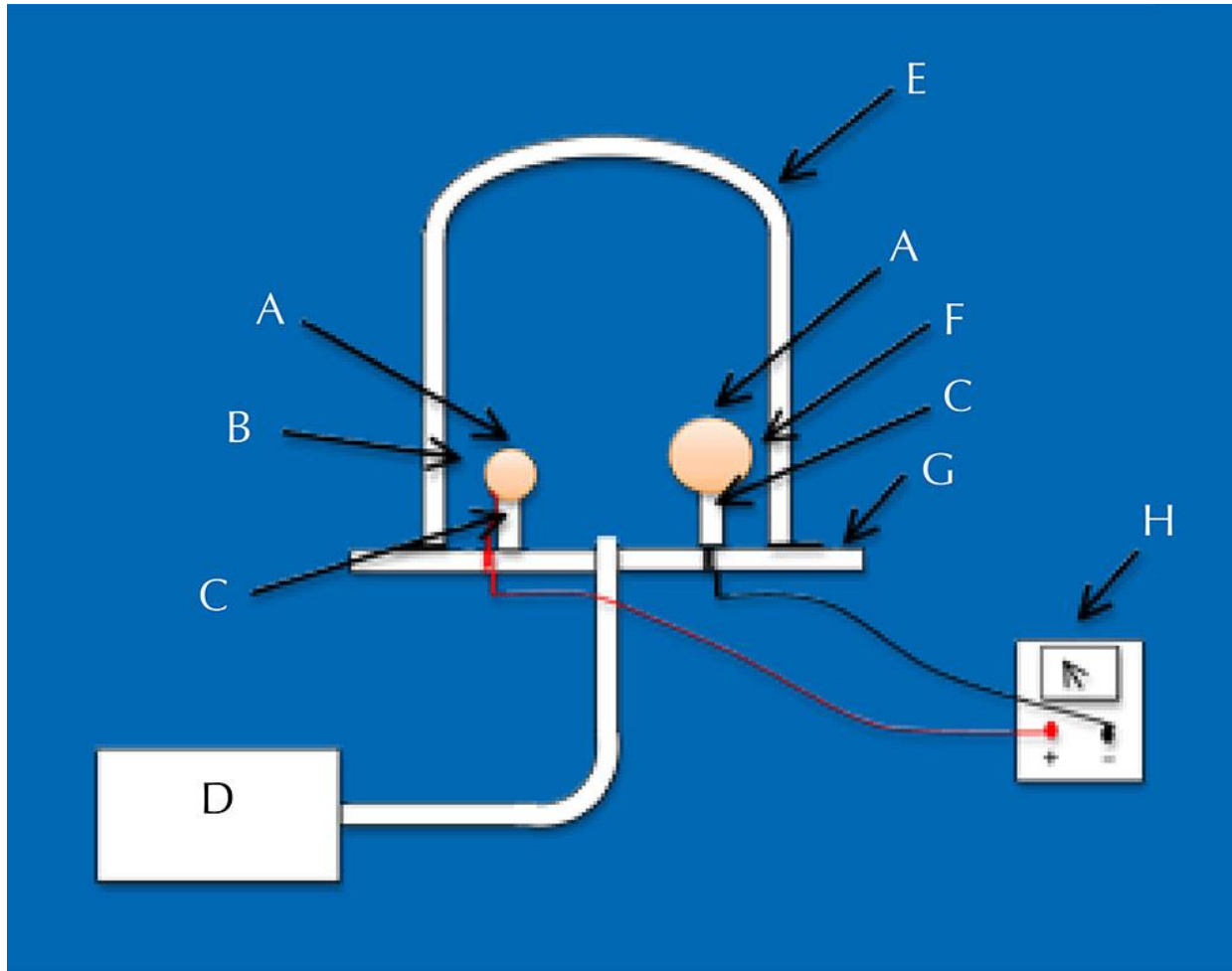
Planeterrella is an aurora simulator



Simple glow discharge is demonstrated



Aurora/ring current are demonstrated



- B w/ magnet: aurora demonstration
- F w/ magnet: ring current

Aurora and ring current are expected to be seen

