Application of Plasma Phenomena



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Materials:

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

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Saha equation gives the relative proportions of atoms of a certain species that are in two different states of ionization in thermal equilibrium

$$\frac{n_{r+1}n_e}{n_r} = \frac{G_{r+1}g_e}{G_r} \frac{(2\pi m_e KT)^{3/2}}{h^3} \exp\left(-\frac{\chi_r}{KT}\right)$$

- n_{r+1}, n_r: Density of atoms in ionization state r+1, r (m⁻³)
- n_e: Density of electrons (m⁻³)
- G_{r+1}, G_r: Partition function of ionization state r+1, r
- g_e=2: Statistical weight of the electron
- m_e: Mass of the electron
- χ_r: Ionization potential of ground level of state r to reach to the ground level of state r+1
- T: Temperature
- h: Planck's constant
- K: Boltzmann constant

Supplement to Ch. 6 of Astrophysics Processes by Hale Bradt (http://homepages.spa.umn.edu/~kd/Ast4001-2015/NOTES/n052-saha-bradt.pdf) 2

Saha equation – example: hydrogen plasma of the sun



- Photosphere of the sun hydrogen atoms in an optically thick gas in thermal equilibrium at temperature T=6400 K.
 - Neutral hydrogen (r state / ground state)

$$G_r = \Sigma g_{r,k} = g_{r,0} + g_{r,1} \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon_{r,1}}{\mathrm{KT}}\right) + \dots = 2 + 8\exp\left(-\frac{10.2\mathrm{eV}}{0.56\mathrm{eV}}\right) + \dots$$
$$= 2 + 9.8 \times 10^{-8} + \dots \approx 2$$

- Ionized state (r+1 state)

$$G_{r+1} = \Sigma g_{r+1,j} = g_{r+1,0} + g_{r+1,1} \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon_{r+1,1}}{\mathrm{KT}}\right) + \cdots \approx 1$$

- Other information: $g_e = 2$ $\chi_r = 13.6 \text{eV}$; kT = 0.56 eV $n_{r+1} = n_e$

$$\frac{n_{r+1}^2}{n_r} = 2.41 \times 10^{21} \frac{1 \times 2}{2} (6400)^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{13.6}{0.56}\right) = 3.5 \times 10^{16} m^{-3}$$

It is mostly neutral in the photosphere of the sun



• Assuming 50 % ionization:

 $n_{r+1} = n_r = 3.5 \times 10^{16} m^{-3}$ $n = n_{r+1} + n_r = 7 \times 10^{16} m^{-3}$

• In the photosphere of the sun:

 $ho \sim 3 imes 10^{-4} \, {
m kg}/m^3 o n = 2 imes 10^{23} m^{-3} \gg 7 imes 10^{16} m^{-3}$

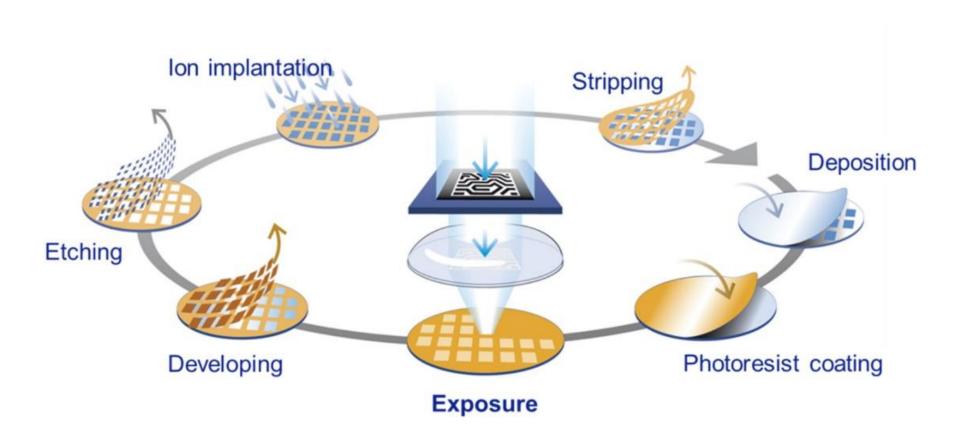
 At higher densities n at the same temperature, there should be more collisions leading to higher recombination rate and thus the plasma is less than 50 % ionization.

 \Rightarrow Less than 50 % ionization

• Use the total number density to estimate the ionization percentage:

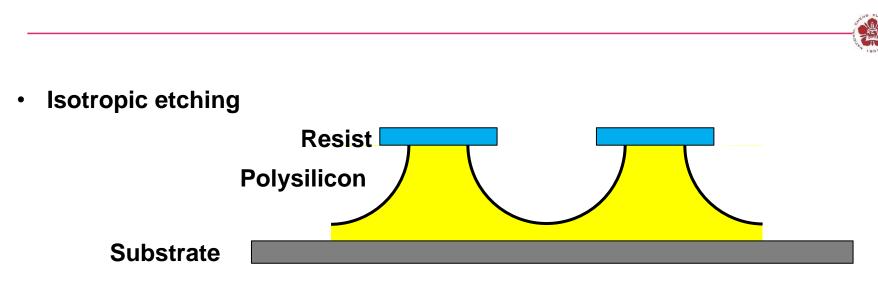
$$n_{r+1} + n_r = 2 imes 10^{23}$$
 $rac{n_{r+1}}{n_r} = 4 imes 10^{-4} @ 6400 K$

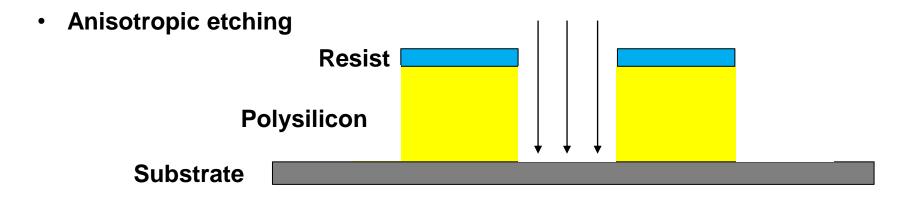
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There are two types of etching: isotropic vs anistropic



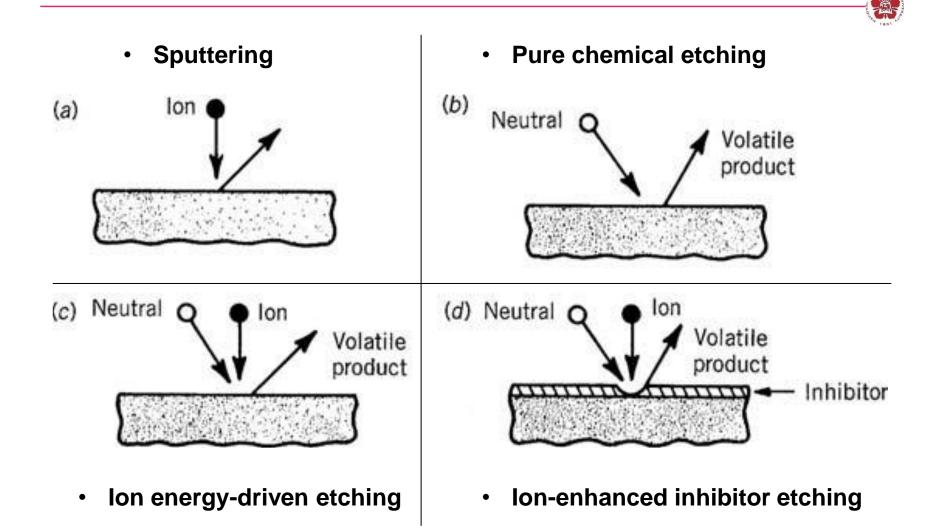


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	Si_3N_4 , silicides		F				
	Al		Cl, Br				
	Cu		Cl ($T > 210^{\circ}$ C)				
	C, organics		0				
	W, Ta, Ti, Mo, Nb		F, Cl				
	Au		Cl				
	Cr		Cl, Cl + O				
	GaAs		Cl, Br				
	InP		Cl, C + H				

There are four major plasma etching mechanisms



Principles of plasma discharges and materials processing, 2nd edition, by Michael A. Lieberman and Allan J. Lichtenberg

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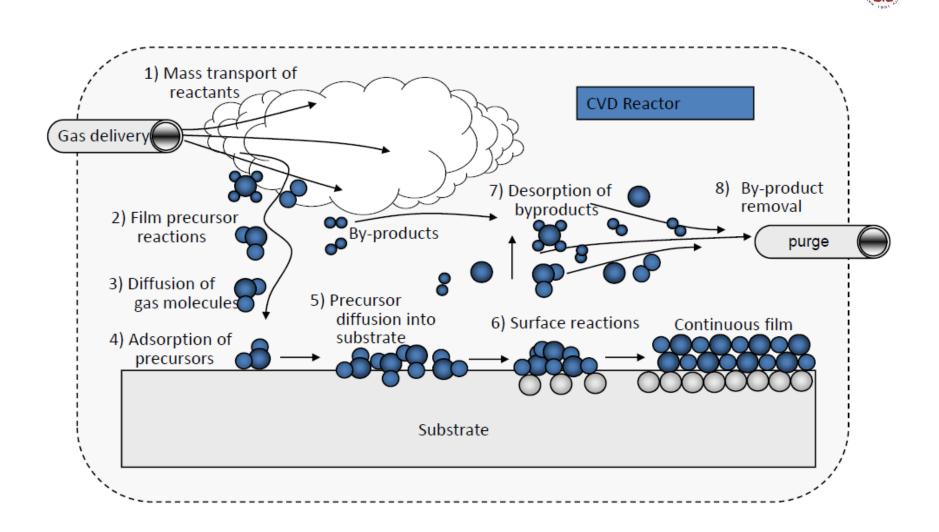
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- Plasma-assisted deposition, implantation, and surface modification are important material processes for producing films on surfaces and modifying their properties
- Example processes:
 - Plasma-enhanced chemical vapor deposition (PECVD)
 - Sputter deposition / physical vapor deposition (PVD)
 - Plasma-immersion ion implantation (PIII)

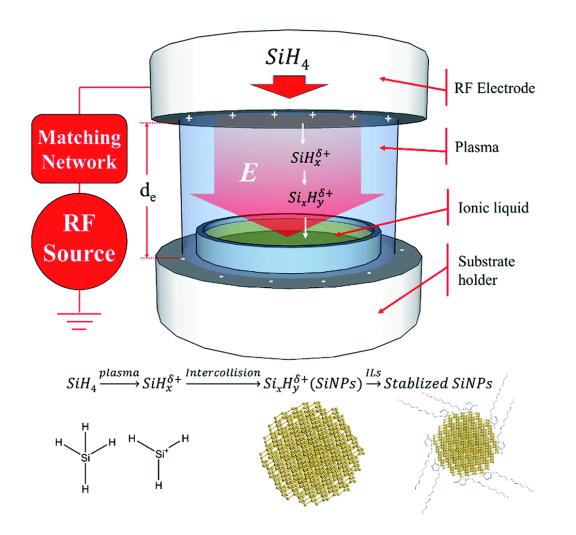


Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD)



Plasma-enhanced chemical vapor deposition (PECVD)





Films can be deposited in low temperatures using plasma deposition



- Device structures are sensitive to temperature, high-temperature deposition processes cannot be used in many cases.
- High-temperature films can be deposited at low temperatures.
- Unique films not found in nature can be deposited, e.g., diamond.

Working temperature is determined by the desired film properties

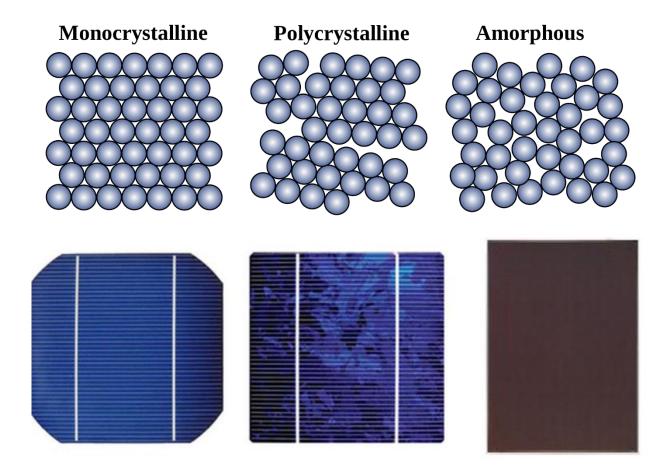


- CVD consists of a thermally activated set of gas-phase and surface reactions that produce a solid product at a surface.
- PECVD gas-phase and the surface reactions are controlled or modified by the plasma properties.
- Te~2-5 eV in PECVD is much greater than the substrate temperature, the temperature in PECVD is much less that CVD.
- Deposition rates are usually not very sensitive to the substrate temperature T.
- Film properties such as composition, stress, and morphology, are functions of T.
- Low-temperature PECVD films are amorphous, not crystalline, which can more easily be achieved with chemical vapor deposition (CVD).

Example of using PECVD – amorphous silicon

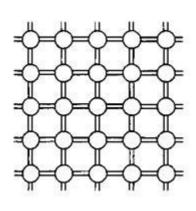


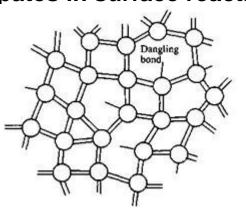
Amorphous silicon thin films are used in solar cells

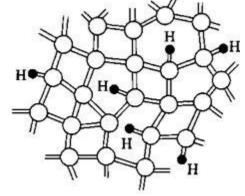




- H is required so that SiH₄ is used
 - For the material to be semiconducting.
 - Terminate the dangling bonds.
 - The dangling bonds are created by ion bombardment (SiH₃⁺) which also removes hydrogen from the surface.
 - SiH₃ and SiH₂ radicals are important precursors for film growth while SiH₄ also participates in surface reactions.



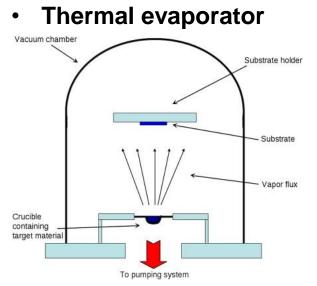




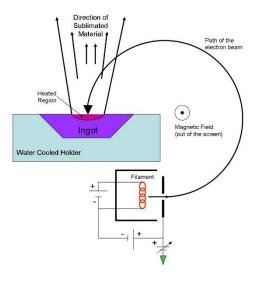
PVD

Physical vapor deposition can be achieved by heating the deposited material

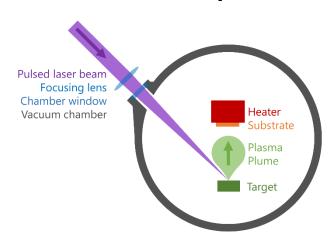




Electron-beam evaporator

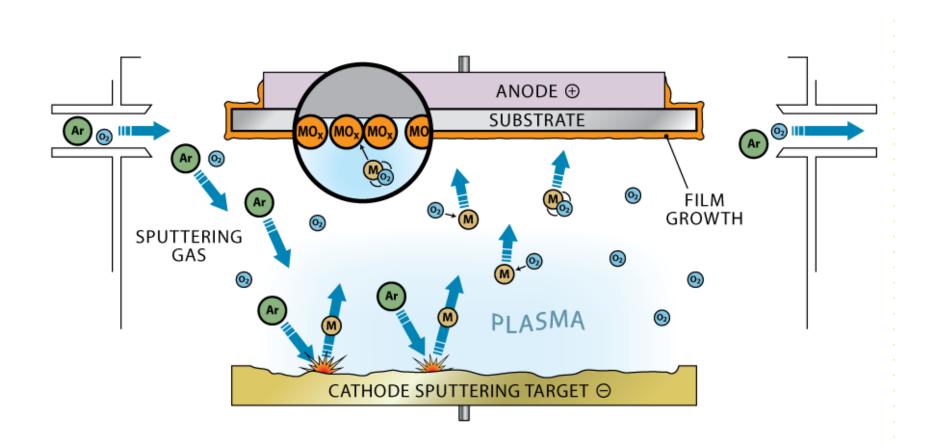


Pulsed-laser deposition



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pulsed_laser_deposition Engineered biomimicry by A. Lakhtakia and R. J. Martin-Palma https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electron-beam_physical_vapor_deposition

Sputtering deposition



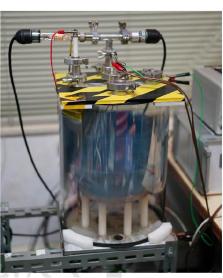
The chamber becomes very dirty after the deposition process



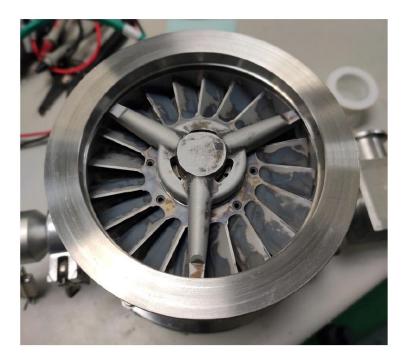
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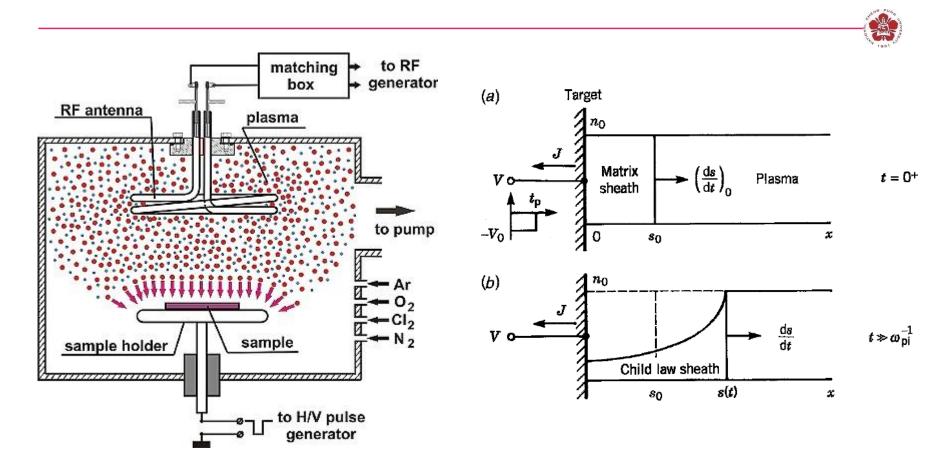
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• The turbomolecular pump is also very dirty after the process.

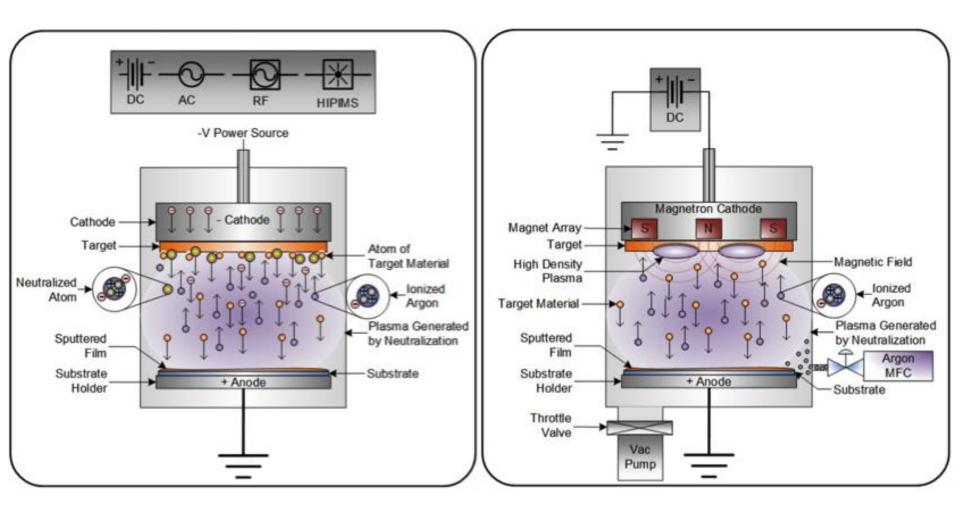


Plasma-immersion ion implantation (PIII)



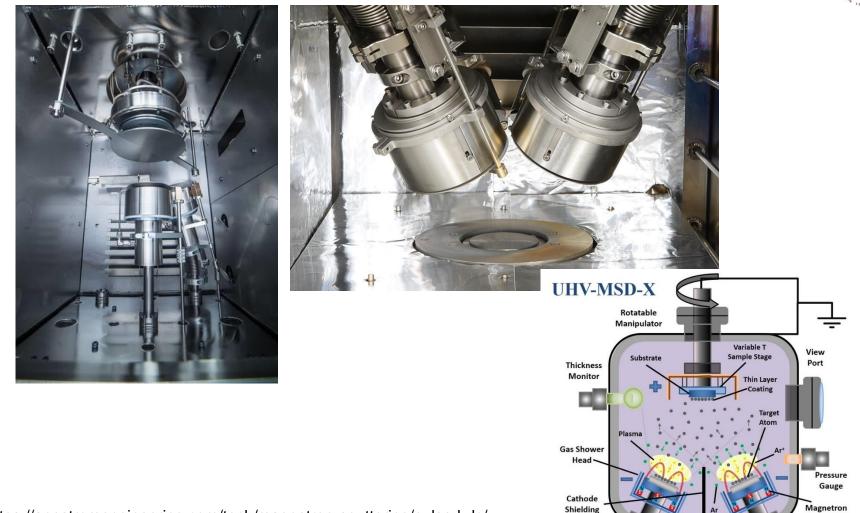
- Silicon doping ions such as B, P, As are implanted
- Surface hardening of metals N, C are implanted

Magnetron sputtering provides higher deposition rates than conventional sputtering



Examples of magnetron sputtering deposition





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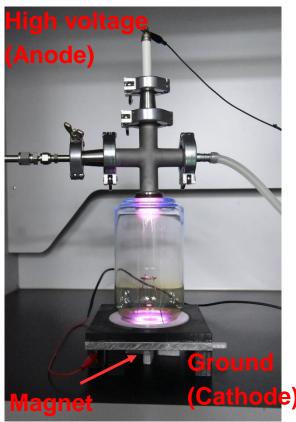
Magnetron

Cathode

Demonstration experiments – magnetron sputtering



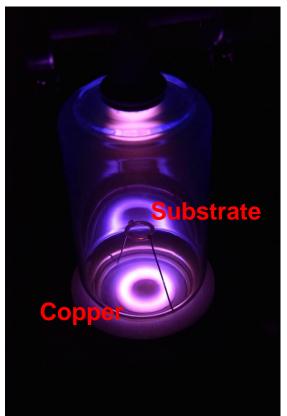
• System



Without magnet

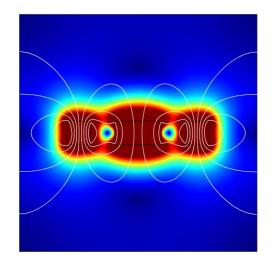


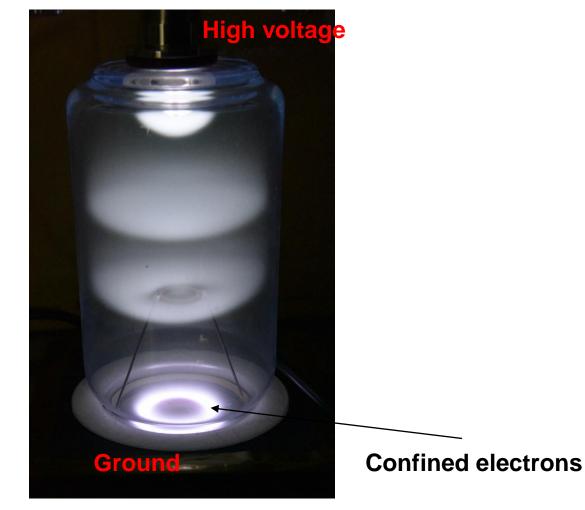
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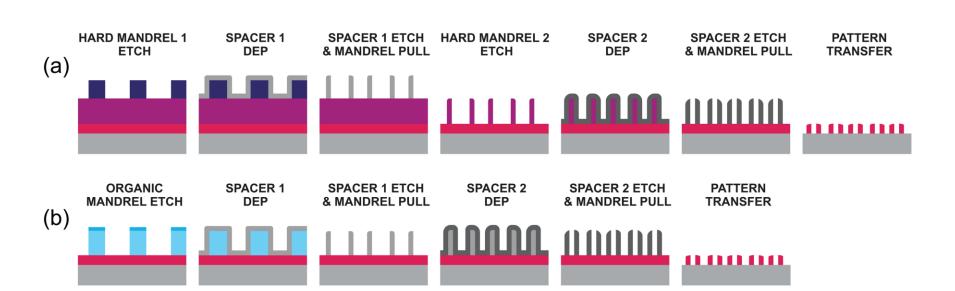


A bright ring occurs when the magnet is inserted into the system



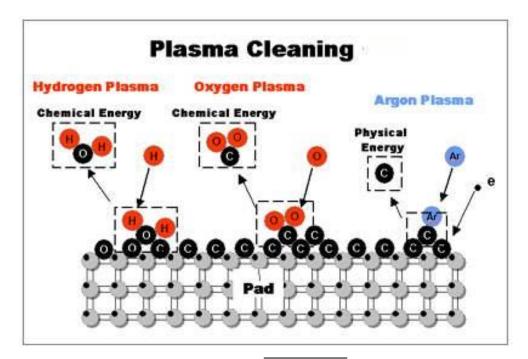






Plasma can be used for cleaning surface

- Cleaning mechanisms:
 - Chemical reactions by free radicals
 - Physical sputtering by high energy ions



馗鼎奈米科技股份有限公司 https://www.ecplaza.net/products/plasma-cleaning_111807 26 Free radicals are generated and used in chemical reactions



- $e^- + H_2 \rightarrow 2H \bullet$ $e^- + O_2 \rightarrow 2O \bullet$ $0 \bullet + O_2 \rightarrow O_3$
- Highly reactive free radicals generated in plasma may react with the hydrocarbon contaminants of surface oxide.
- **Both H** and O• can react with grease or oil on surface to form volatile hydrocarbons.

$$H \bullet_{(g)} + C_n H_{2n+2(s)} \to CH_{4(s)}$$

$$0 \bullet_{(g)} + C_n H_{2n+2(s)} \to CO_{(s)} + CH_x O_{y(g)} + H_2 O_{(g)}$$

 O• is more reactive than H•. But O• may also react with surface metal to form oxide, deteriorating the material properties. Nevertheless, H• can make metal oxide back to metal.

$$0 \bullet + Me \rightarrow MeO$$

 $H \bullet + MeO \rightarrow Me + H_2O$

The effect of chemical reactions is increased as the pressure increases

- Advantages:
 - Stable gas products are formed.
 - No redeposition problem.
 - High etching selectivity.
- Disadvantages:
 - Higher concentration of H_2 or O_2 is required to ensure an appropriate etching rate.
 - H₂ safety or O₂ strong oxidation ability needs to be monitored.

High energy ions are used in physical sputtering cleaning



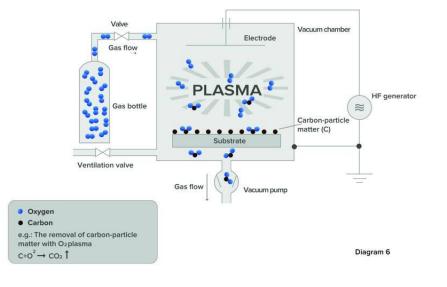
- lons generated in plasma can be accelerated toward the substrate to physically bombard away the atoms of contaminants.
- The physical sputtering rate increases as the following quantities increase:
 - Plasma density;
 - Accelerating voltage;
 - Mass of bombardment atoms.
- The physical sputtering is also enhanced by lowering the pressure.
- High cathode bias is used.
- Ar+ has strong sputtering effect.

The physical sputtering rate increases with higher cathode bias and Ar concentration and lower pressure

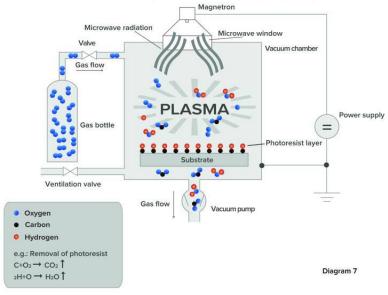
- Advantages:
 - Highly efficient cleaning effect can be achieved.
 - Gas consumption rate can be very low.
- Disadvantages:
 - Etching problems non-selective etching by physical sputtering.
 - Redeposition problems: the products sputtered out may be highly unstable and tend to deposit again downstream.

Plasma cleaning examples





Low-pressure plasma system: Generation with a low-frequency or high-frequency generator



Low-pressure plasma system: Cleaning with a microwave generator

Plasma cleaning needs to work in the regime of abnormal glow discharge



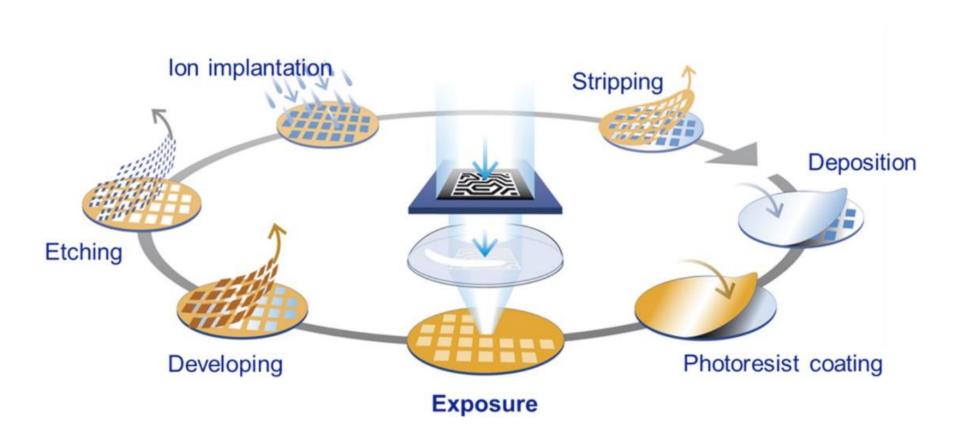






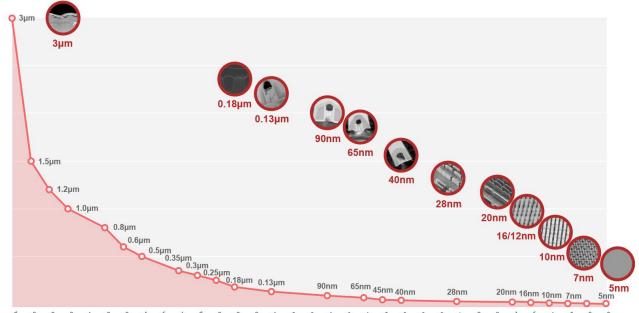
EUV light sources

A semiconductor device is fabricated by many repetitive production process



Ultraviolet lithography (EUVL) is one of the key technologies in semiconductor manufacturing nowadays

• The process technology of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited (TSMC):



- Optical diffraction needs to be taken into account.
- Shorter wavelength is preferred.
 - Light source with a center wavelength of 13.5 nm is used.

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EUV lithography becomes important for semiconductor industry



• 0.15 billion USD for each EUV light source.

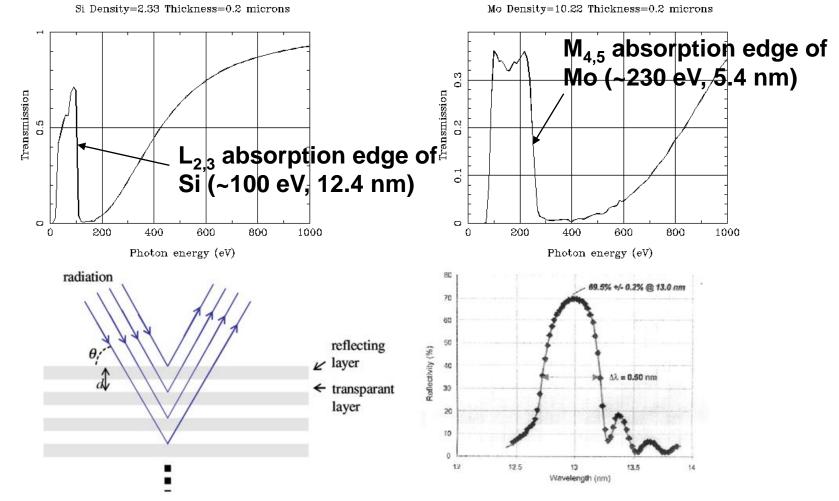
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EUV light can only be reflected using multilayer mirrors

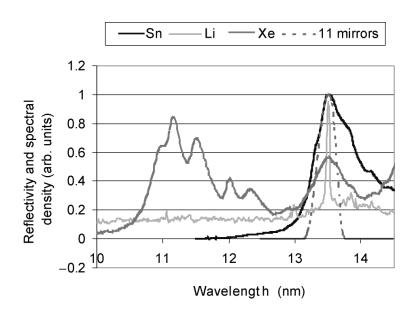




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Mo/Si multilayer coating technology for EUVL, coating uniformity and time stability; E. Louis et al.; SPIE 4146-06, Soft X-ray and EUV Imaging Systems, San Diego, 2000.

13.5-nm EUV light is picked for EUV lithography



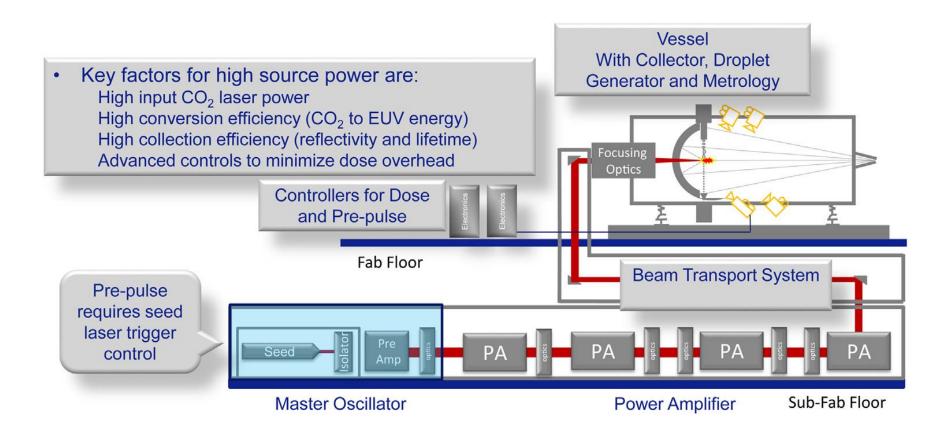
- $\lambda = 13.5 \text{ nm} \pm 1\%$ is required.
- At T=35-40 eV (~450,000 K), in-band emission occurs.
- Xenon:
 - $4p^{6}4d^{8} \rightarrow 4p^{6}4d^{7}5p$ from single ion stage Xe¹⁰⁺
 - UTA @ 11 nm

- Tin:
 - $4p^{6}4d^{N} \rightarrow 4p^{5}4d^{N+1} + 4p^{6}4d^{N-1}4f$ (1 \leq N \leq 6) in ions ranging from Sn⁸⁺ to Sn¹²⁺
 - UTA @ 13.5 nm
 - UTA: unresolved transition array
- V. Bakshi, EUV sources for lithography

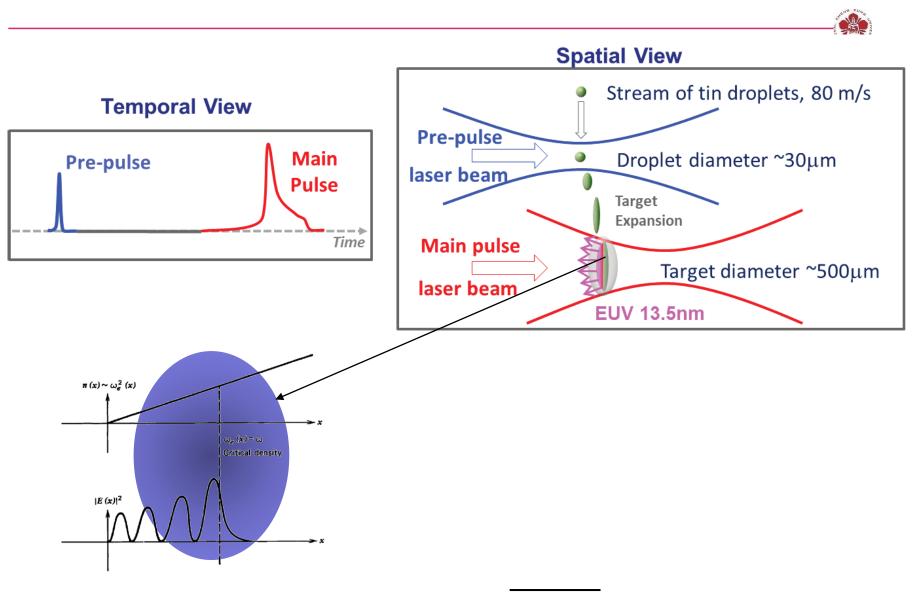
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EUV light is generated from laser-produced plasma (LPP)

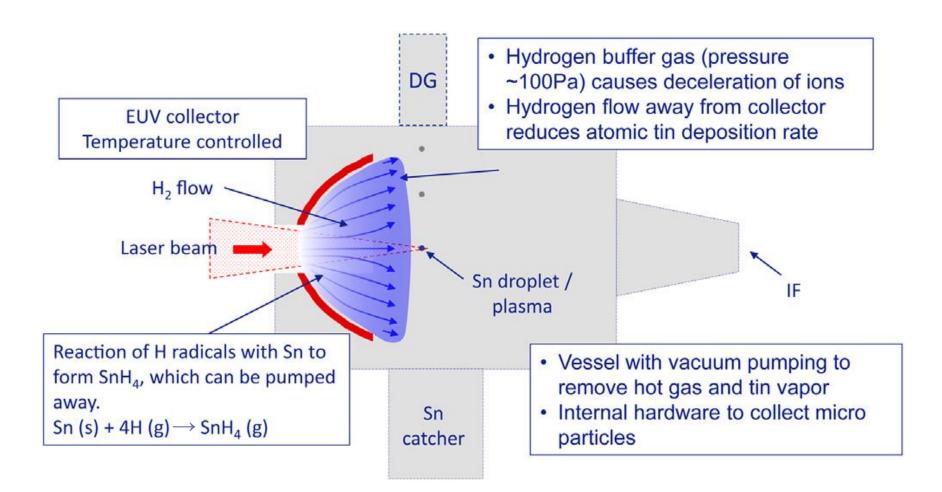




Two laser pulses are used to heat the plasma

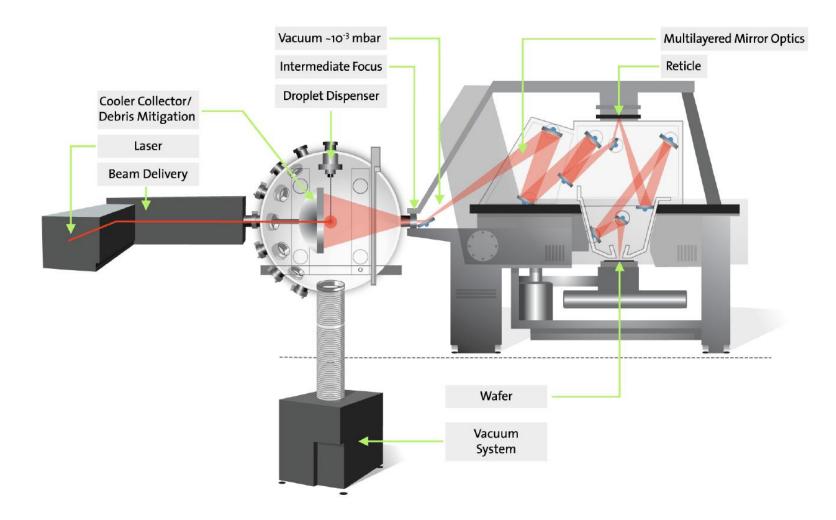


Hydrogen buffer gas with a pressure of ~100 Pa is used to protect the collector mirror



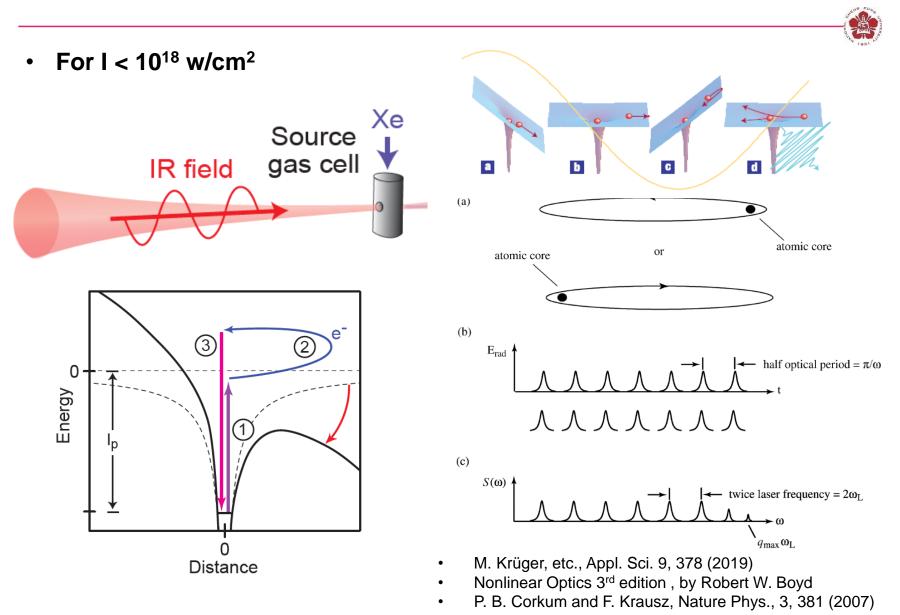
Laser-produced plasma (LPP) is used in the EUV lithography





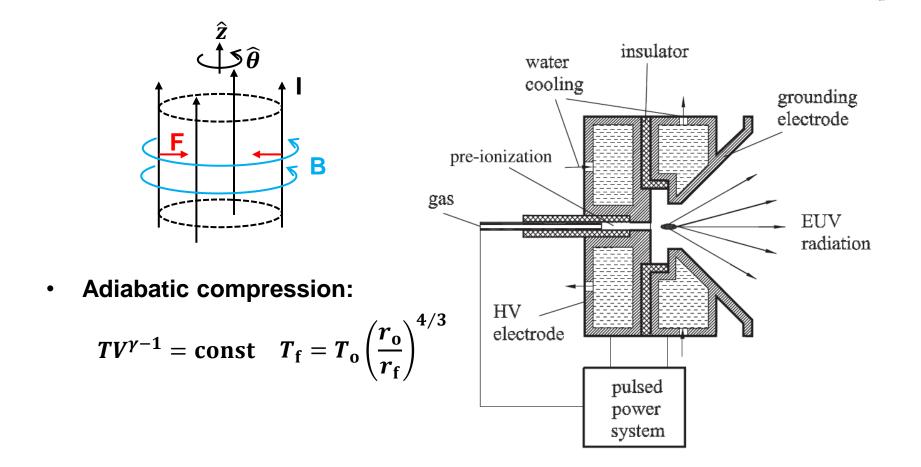
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High harmonic generation from high-power laser



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EUV light can be generated using discharged-produced plasma

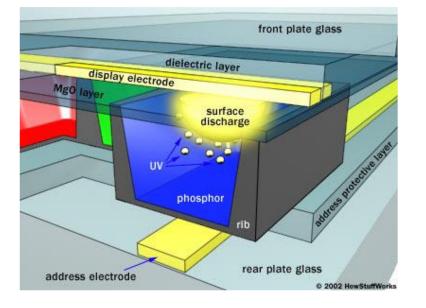


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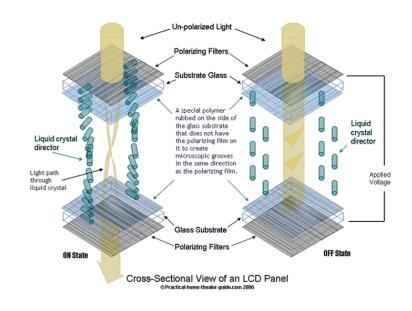
Light source and display systems



Plasma display panel (PDP)



Liquid crystal display (LCD)



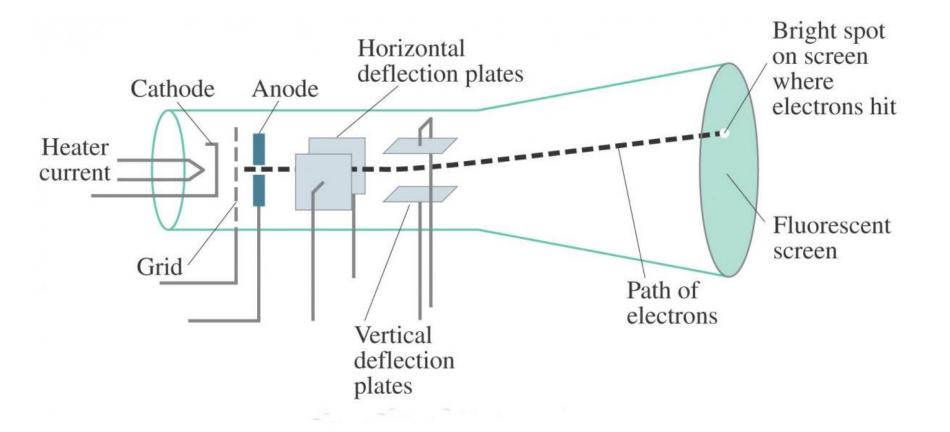




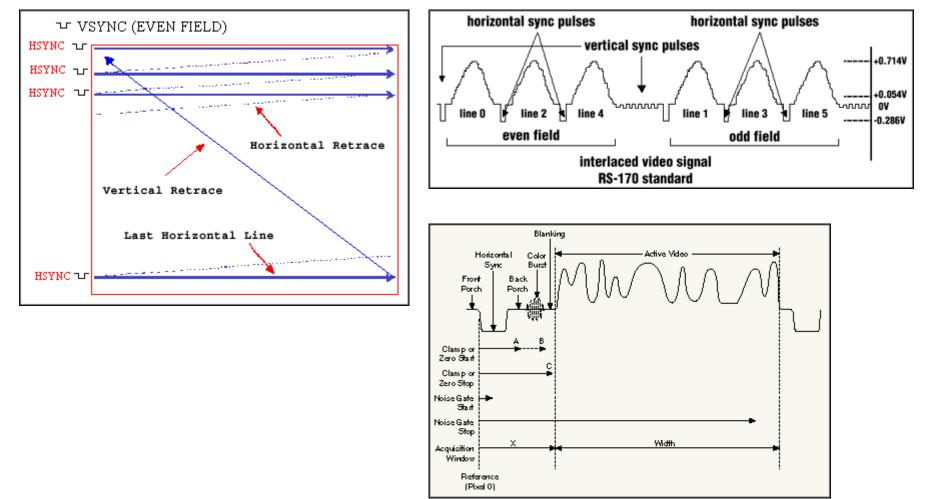
- Cathode Ray Tube
- Color space (CIE 1931 color spaces)
- History of plasma display panel (PDP)
- Design of PDP
- Liquid crystal display (LCD)
- LCD vs PDP



Cathode Ray Tube uses electron beams to light the fluorescent screen

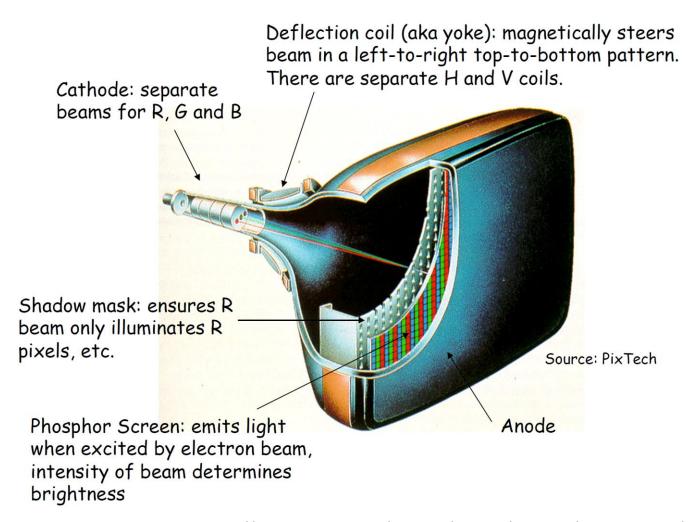


The image is shown by scanning through the whole screen with the single electron beam



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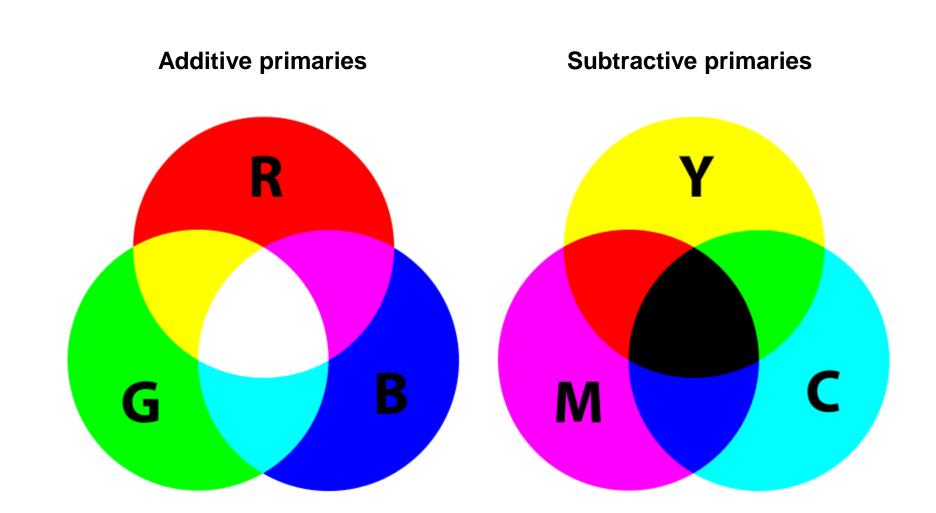
Color image is formed by using three electron beams scanning through three different color channels



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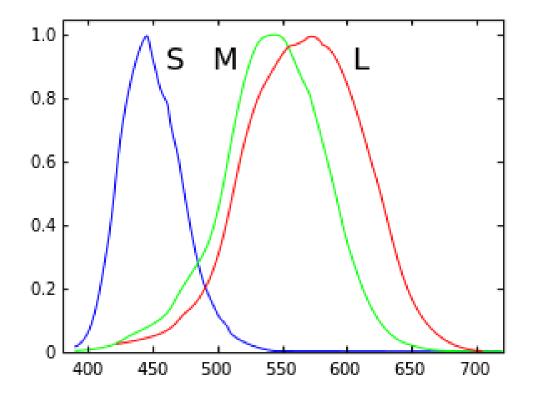


Color can be created using three primary colors

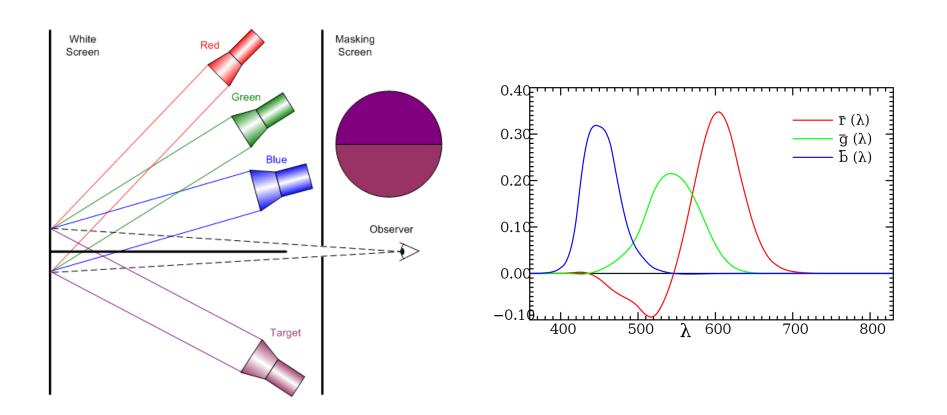


Human retina has three kinds of "cones" that have different spectral response



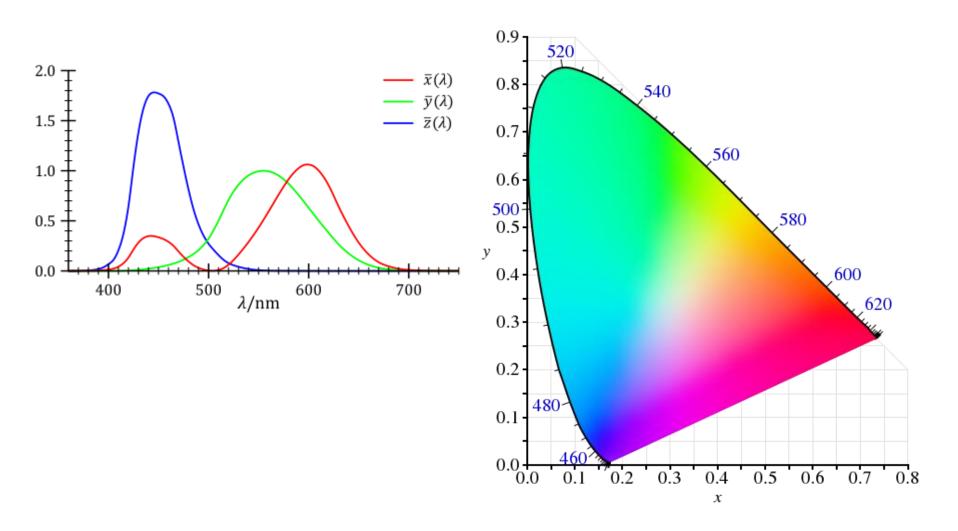


Spectral response of retina "cones" are tested using light sources with single wavelength



http://betterphotographytutorials.com/2011/08/01/light-and-colors-%E2%80%93-part-3/ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CIE_1931_color_space

The CIE 1931 color space chromaticity diagram is the standard color space

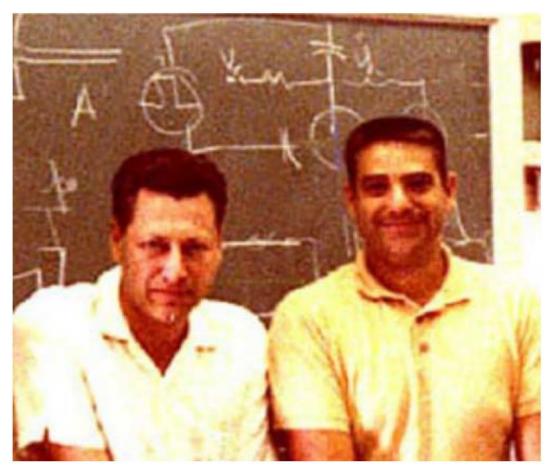


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History of PDP

Plasma display panel was invented at the University of Illinois in 1967





Prof. H. Gene Slottow

Prof. Donald L. Bitzer

PDP was invented due to a need for Programmed Logic for Automatic Teaching Operations (PLATO) in 1960s



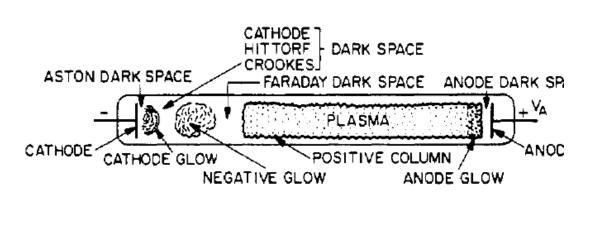


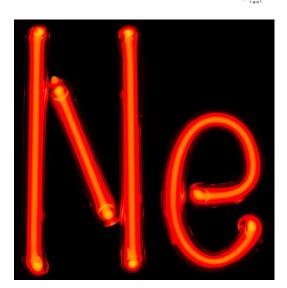




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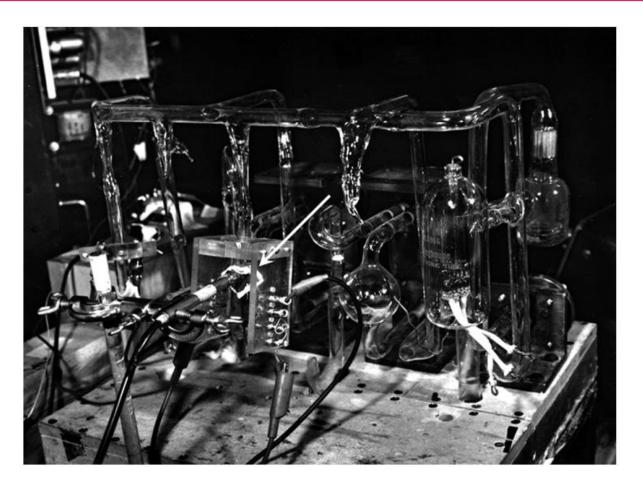
The positive column in a glow discharge is used to excite phosphors in color PDP





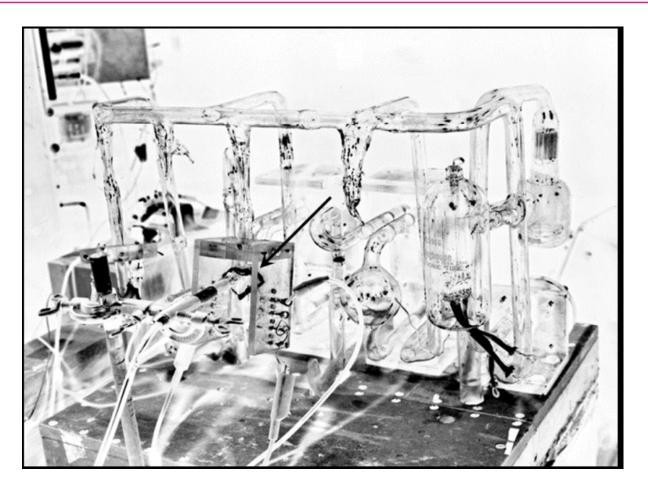
- Majority of monochrome PDPs use the negative glow as the light source
- The positive column is used to excite phosphors in fluorescent lamps and in color PDPs

Early plasma panel (PD) attached to the glass vacuum system used for the first plasma displays at UI



• It had the same alternating sustain voltage, neon, gas, and dielectric glass insulated electrodes that are used for plasma TVs today.

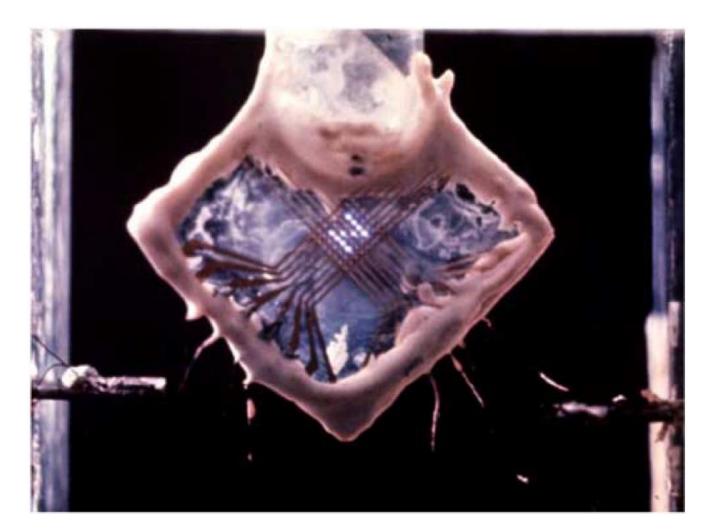
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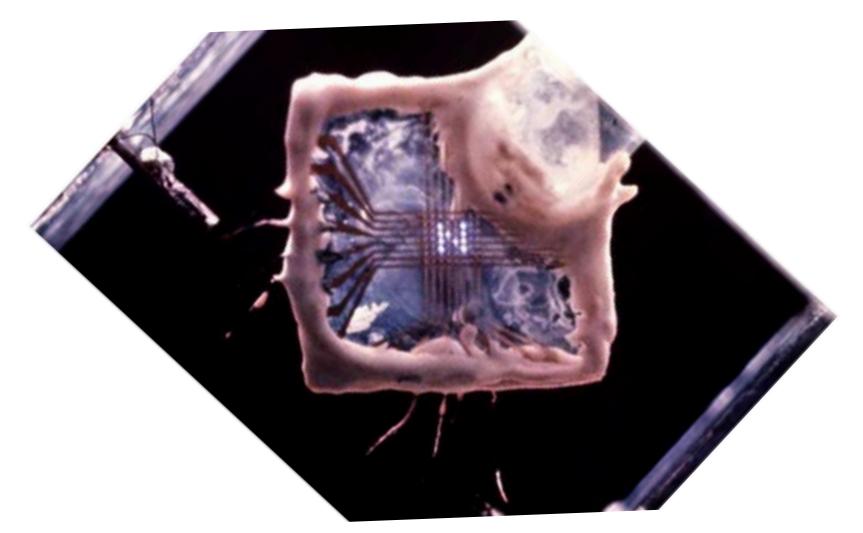
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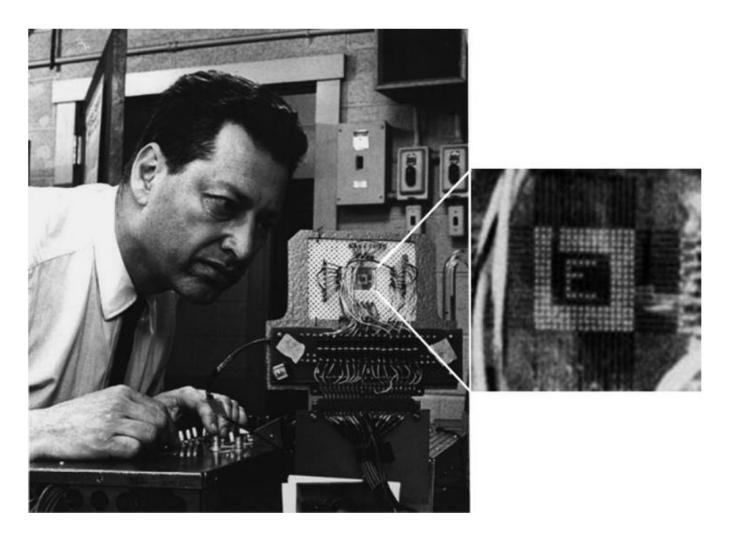
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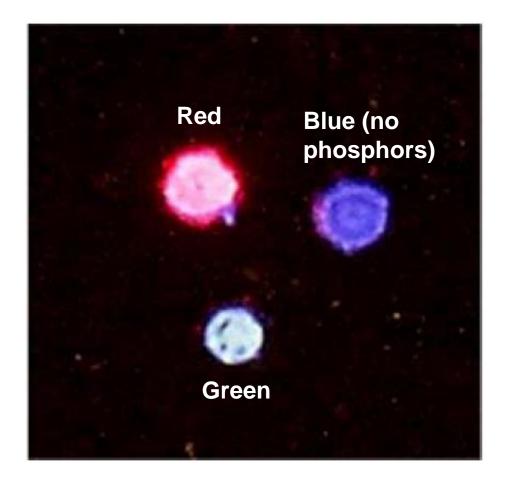


A 16x16 pixel PD, developed in 1967, needed to be addressed manually

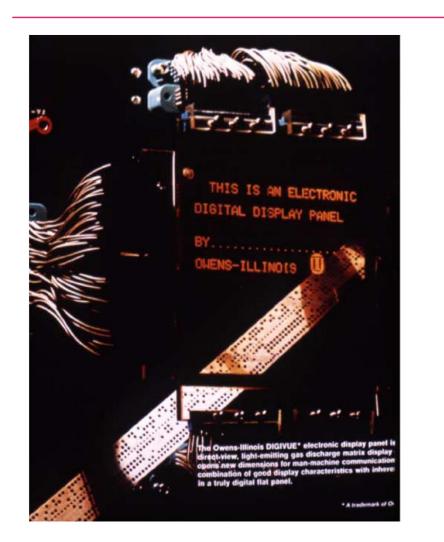


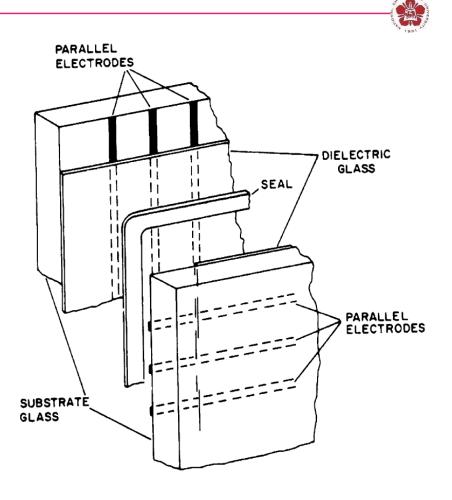


First color PD was three cell prototype with red and green color phosphors excited by a xenon gas discharge



Open-cell structure developed in 1968





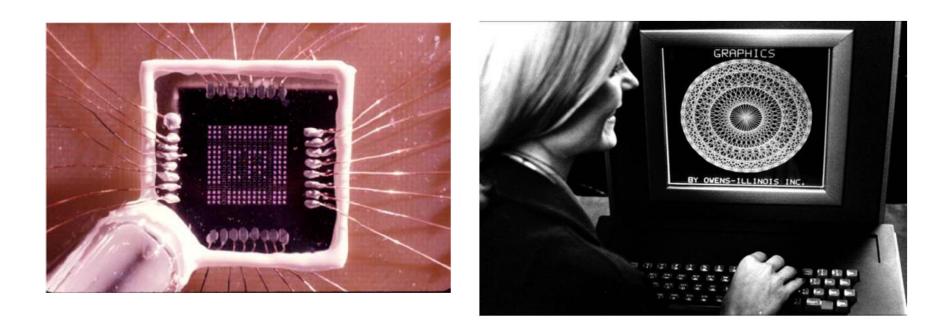
It could be baked under vacuum at 350 °C to drive out contaminants.

More progress

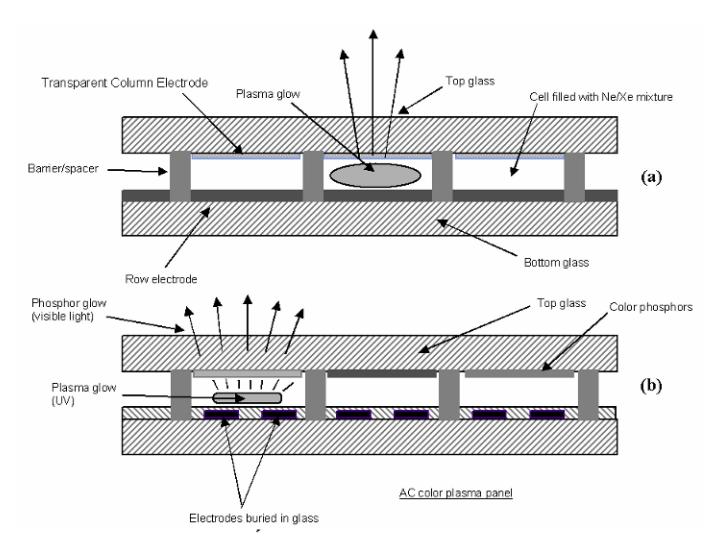


1968, University of Illinois 16x16 pixels

1971, Owens-Illinois 512x512 pixels



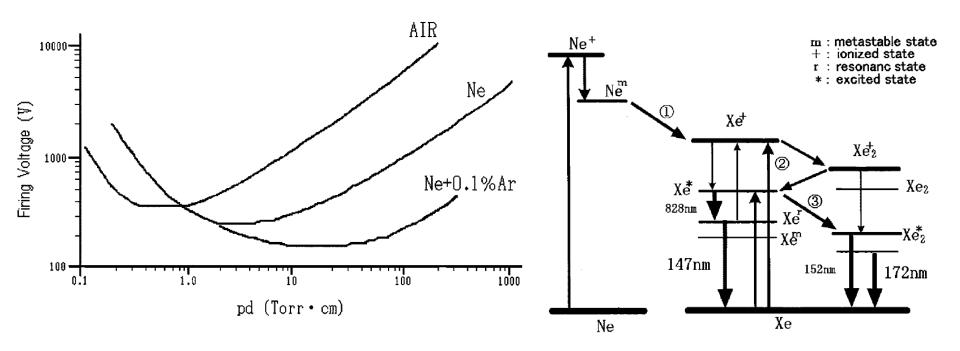
Color PDPs had short display lifetime due to the degradation of color phosphors caused by ion sputtering



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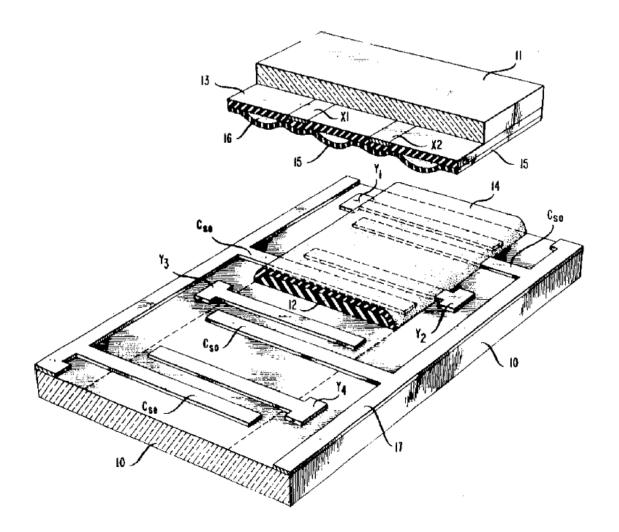
Design of PDP

A lower breakdown voltages can be obtained with very small amounts of added gas



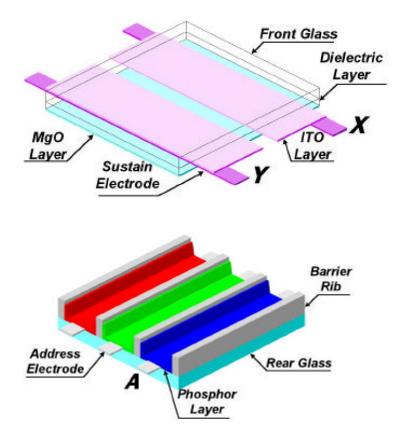
AT&T three-electrode patent

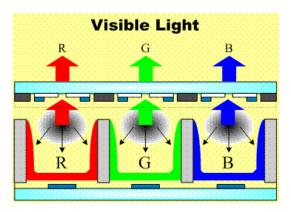




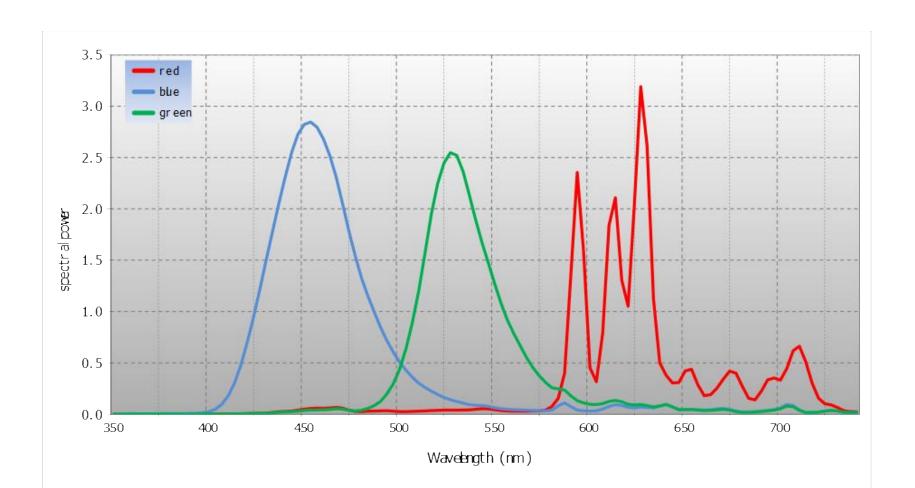
Reflective phosphor geometry is used in most of today's plasma TVs



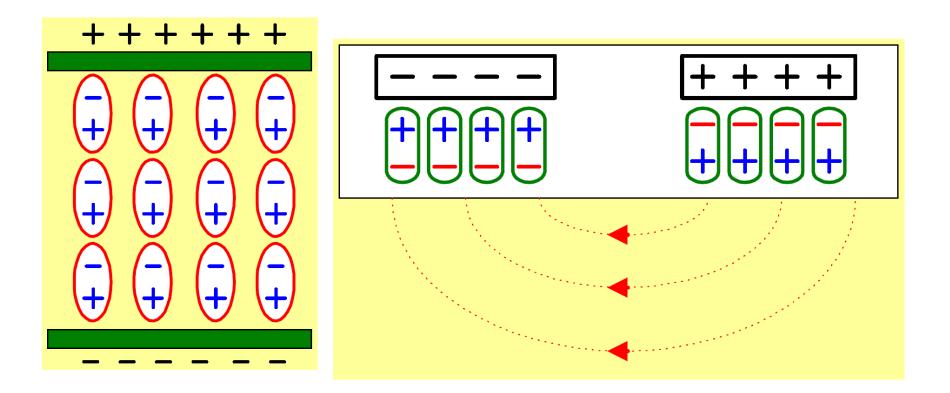




Spectrum of the different phosphors

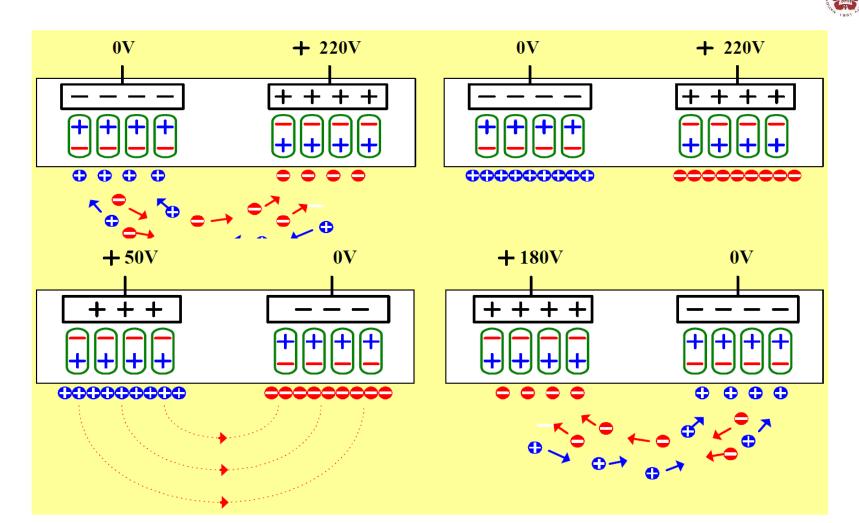


The foundation of AC discharge



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The plasma can be sustained using ac discharged

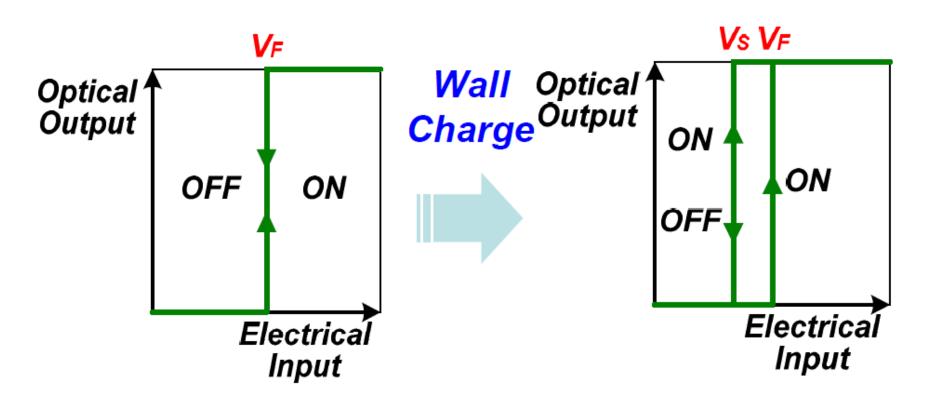


• Wall discharge reduced the required discharge voltage

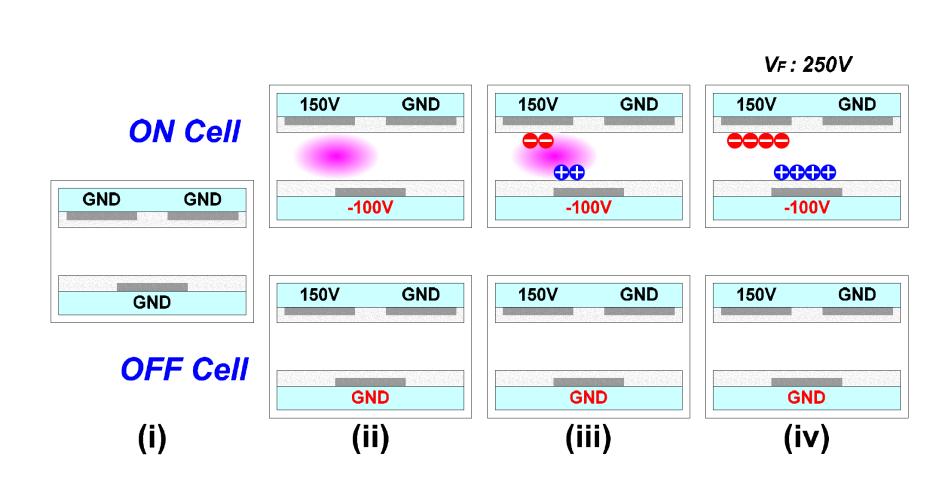
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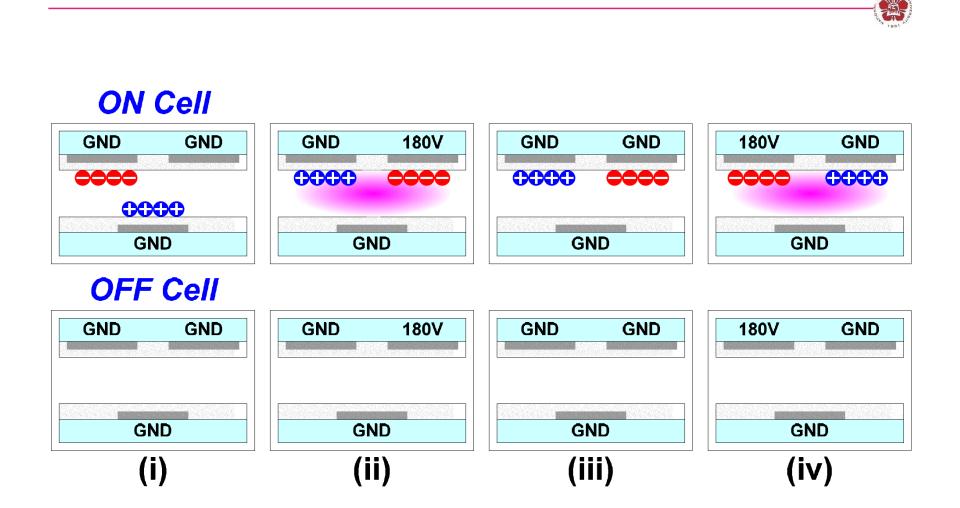


ON/OFF State Selection



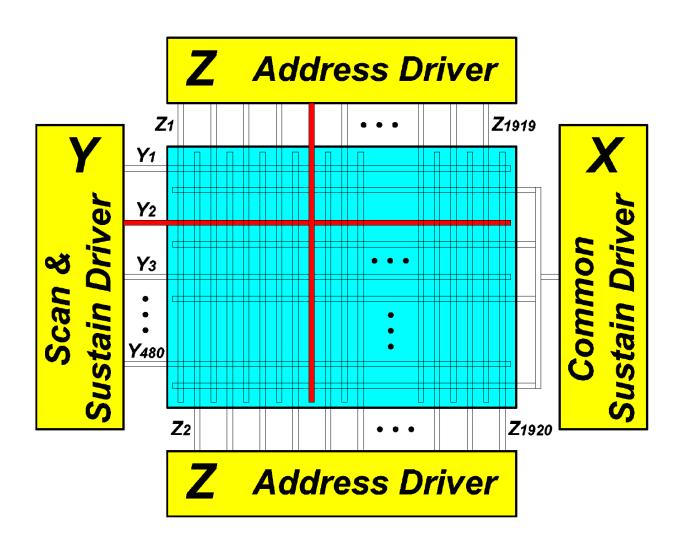
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Sustain discharge



Address and sustain electrodes are connected to different drivers

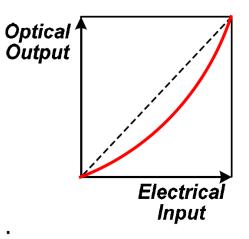




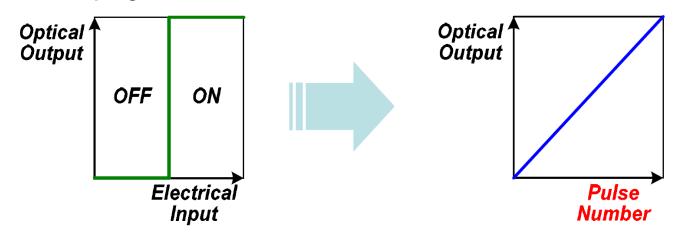
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PDP pixel can only be either ON or OFF





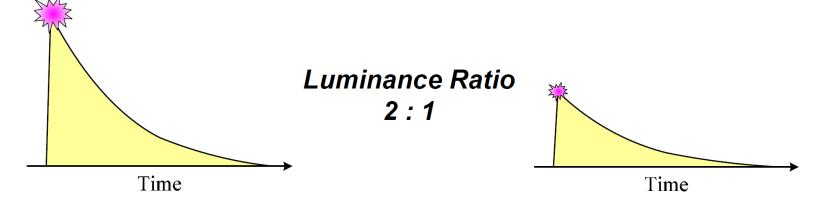
• Plasma Display Panel :



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PDP luminance is controlled by using number of light pulses

CRT : Control the Luminance using Electron Beam Intensity

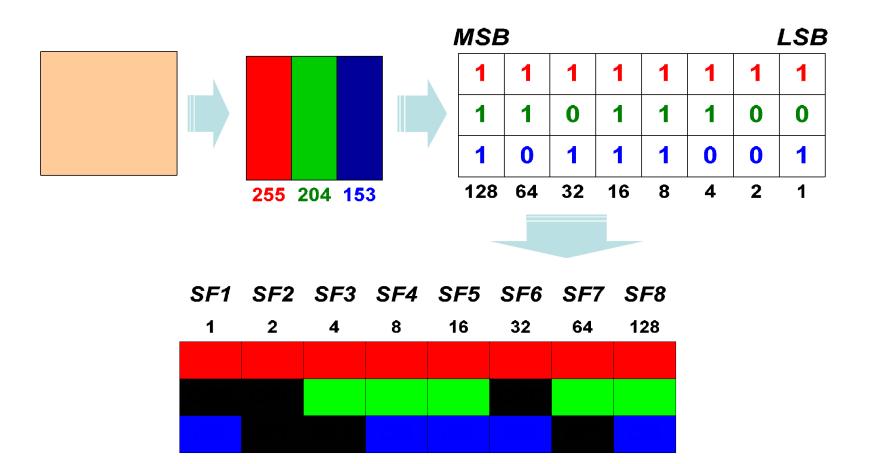


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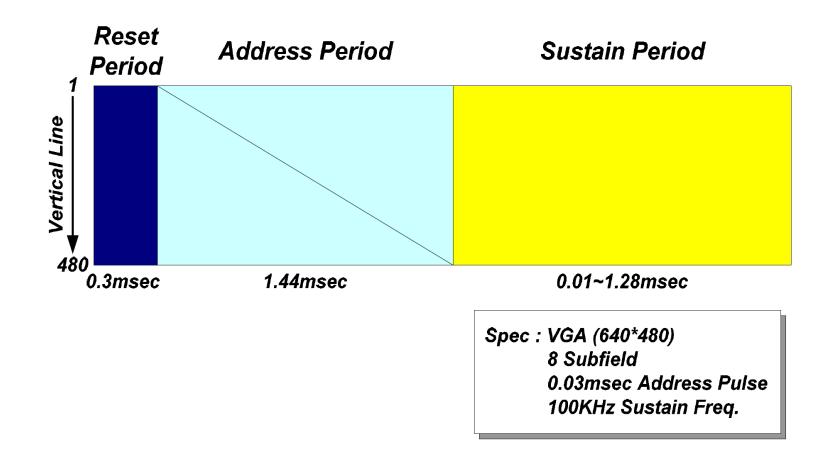


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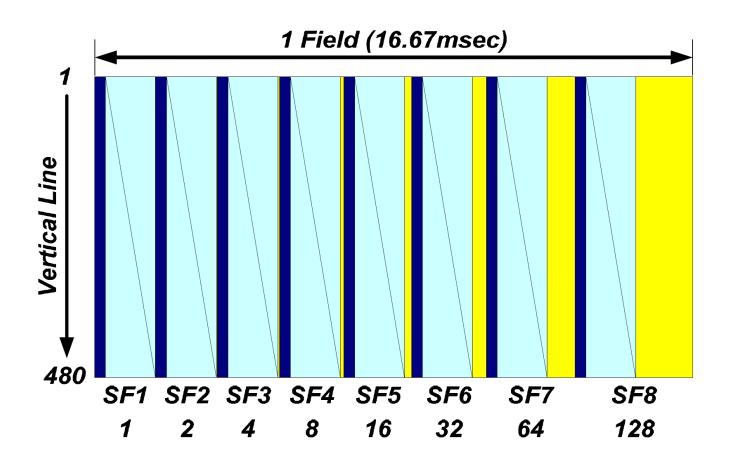
A single field is divided into 8 subfield



Composition of each subfield

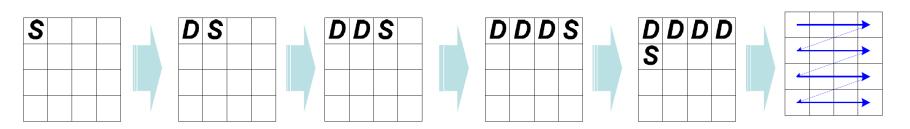


8 subfield in one TV-Field (ADS)

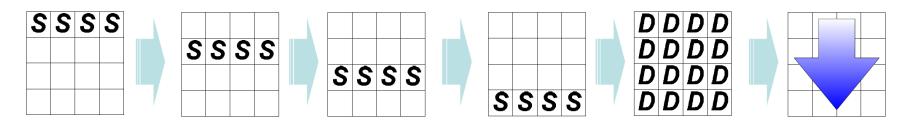




Cathode Ray Tube : Cell-by-Cell Scanning



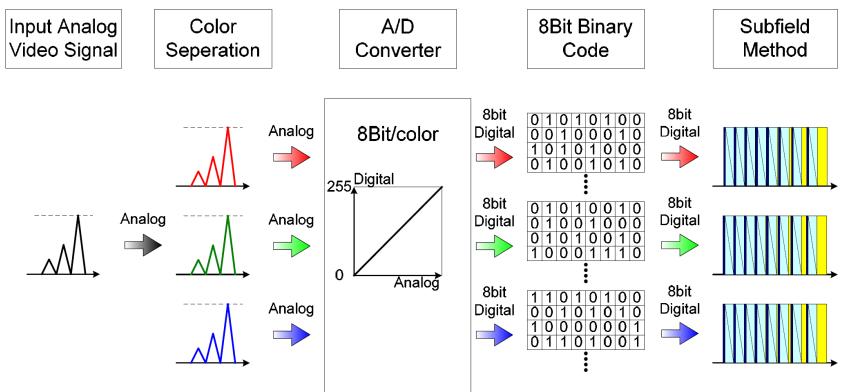
• PDP : Line-by-Line Scanning





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• Analog Video Signal ⇒ Digital Pulse Signal



Addressing period





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Displaying period

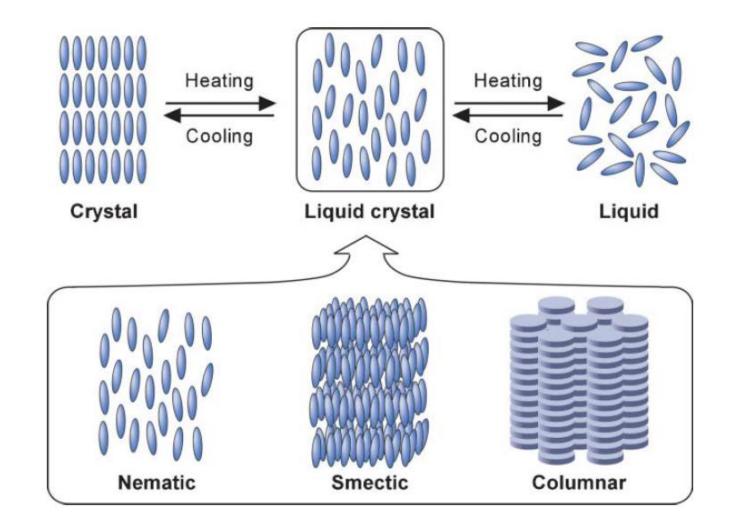




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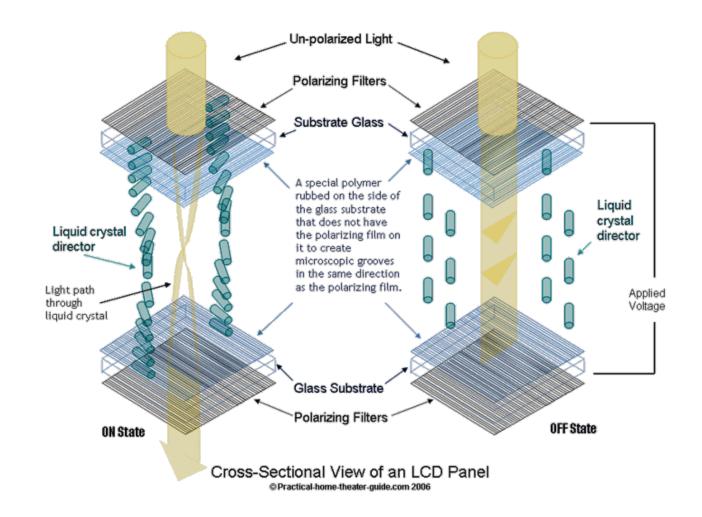


Liquid crystal are a special state of matter between liquid and crystal

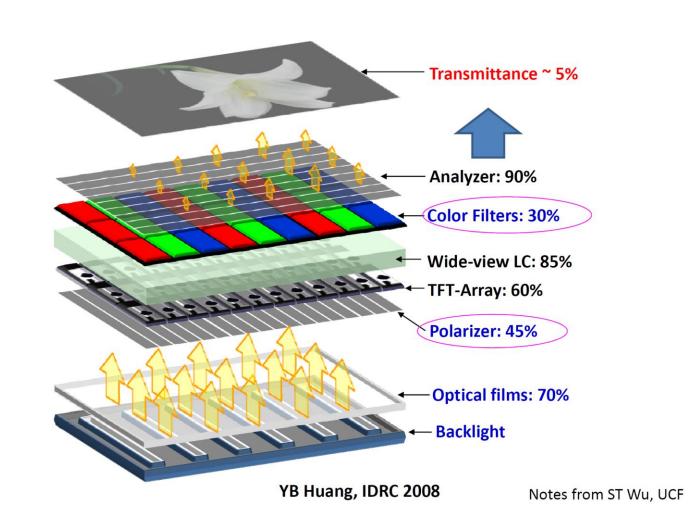


Linear polarization of a light can be rotated by miss aligned liquid crystal



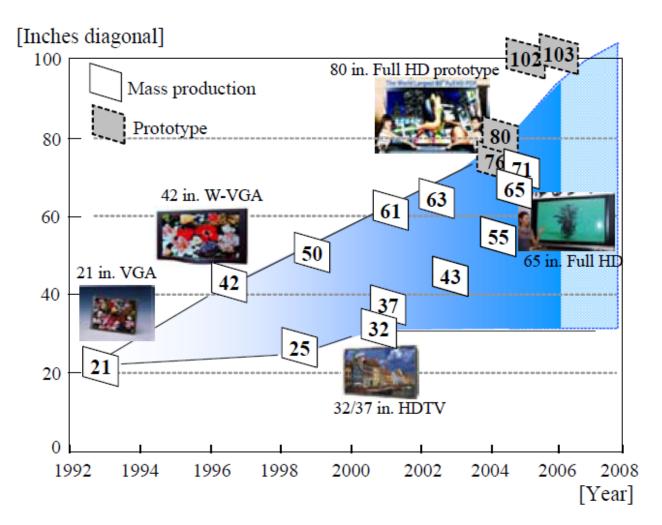


Structure of Liquid crystal display (LCD)



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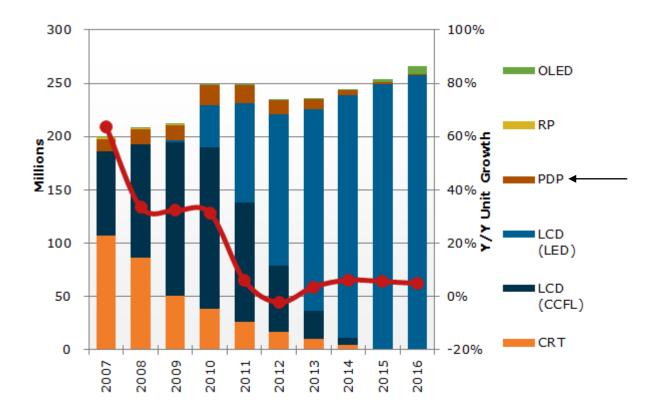
Optimistic projection of PDP market



Reality



TV Shipment Growth by Technology



Too many reasons that PDP died!

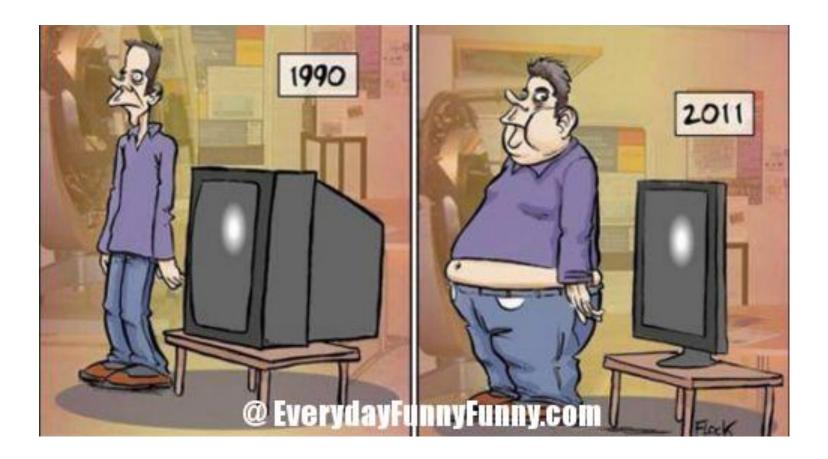


- Bright showroom conditions put plasmas at a distinct disadvantage versus LED-lit LCDs
- Aesthetics may have played a role in hastening plasma's demise
- UHD/4K caught on quickly
- Screen-size limitations also played a part in plasmas plight
- You can't bend a plasma
- Plasmas were harder to deal with than LCDs
- While OLED is still in the early stages of development, there's no question it offers greater potential than plasma
- Energy efficiency may have played a part in putting plasma out to pasture
- Plasma was the original flat-panel technology, People just thought of it as old technology.
- Projectors improved in quality and prices dropped

http://www.avsforum.com/forum/40-oled-technology-flat-panels-general/2080650-10-reasons-plasma-died.html 89

Let's stand up and do exercise!!



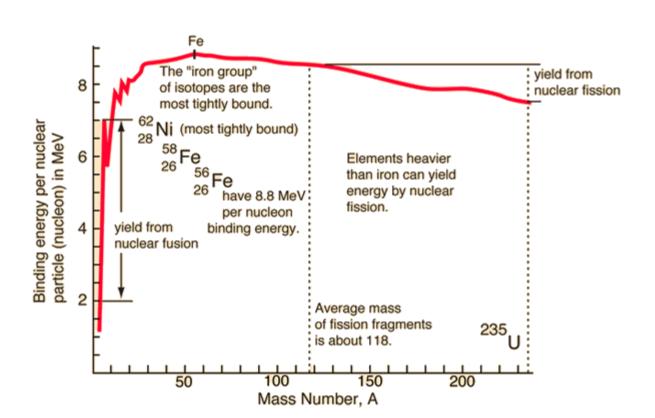


The hydrogen bomb





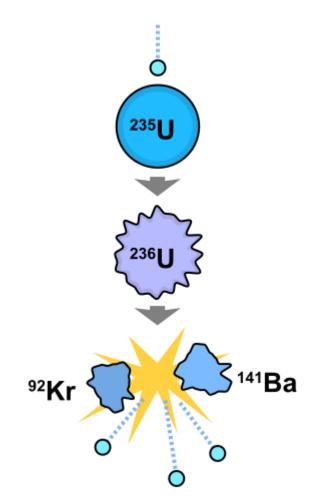
The "iron group" of isotopes are the most tightly bound



Chain reaction can happen in U²³⁵ fission reaction



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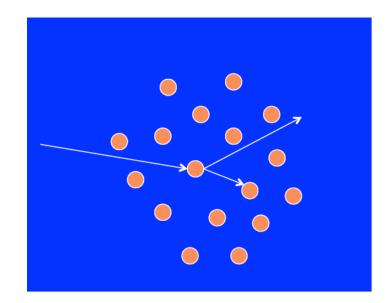
- ~ 200 million electron volts (MeV)/fission, ~million times more than chemical reactions
- Energy for bombs, or for civilian power can generate huge amounts of energy (and toxicity) in a small space with a modest amount of material
- Source of safety, security issues for nuclear power

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uranium-235

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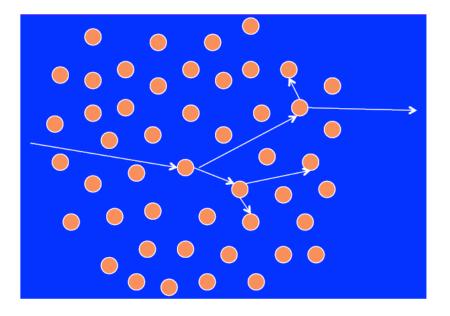
The neutrons are leaking out and stopping the chain reaction in a sub-critical mass





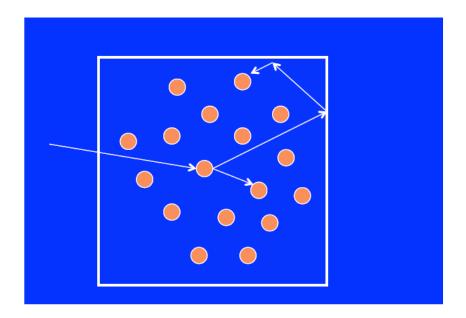
Solution 1: add more material





Solution2: reflect the neutron back in

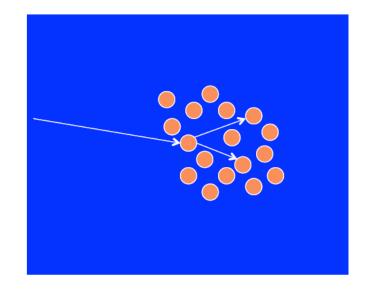




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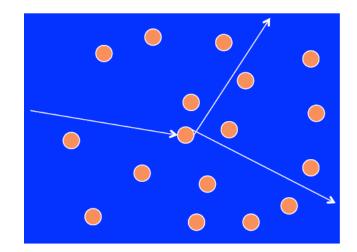
Solution 3: increase the density





How to get the material together before it blows apart?





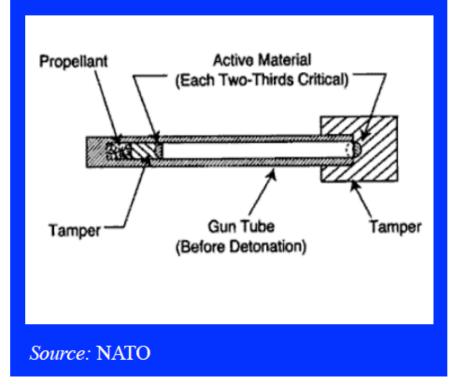
- There are always neutrons around
- Once chain reaction starts, material will heat up, expand, stop reaction
- How to get enough material together fast enough?

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Gun-type bomb

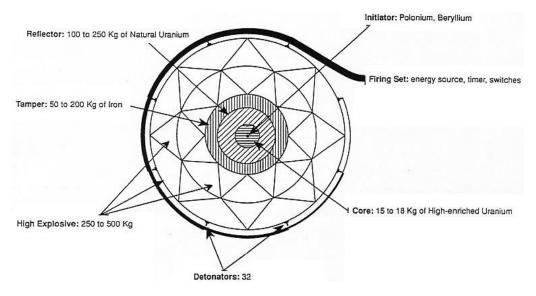


- Simple, reliable can be built without testing
- Highly inefficient require lots of nuclear material (50-60 kg of 90% enriched HEU)
- Can only get high yield with HEU, not plutonium
- Hiroshima bomb: cannon that fired HEU projectile into HEU target

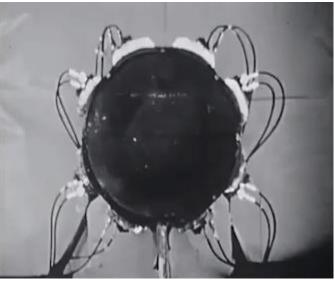


Implosion design

 A schematic diagram of an implosion bomb



 Small-scale slow-motion cross-section of a shaped charge implosion design



https://www.wisconsinproject.org/nuclear-weapons/ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity_%28nuclear_test%29



The 1st nuclear bomb: Trinity (Bradbury Science Museum)

Model of the Trinity Gadget



 Project Y Atomic Bomb Detonator System



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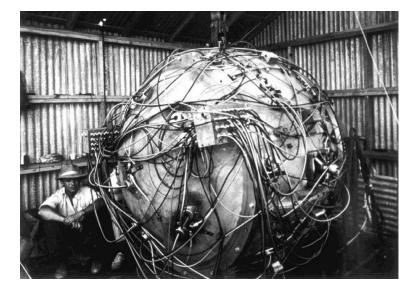


 Project Y Atomic Bomb Detonator System Spark Gap Switch



The 1st nuclear bomb: Trinity

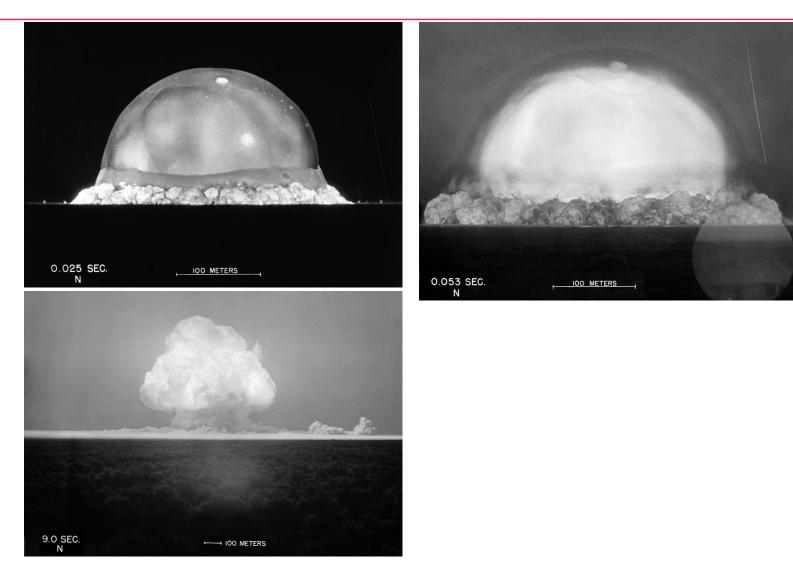






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Trinity explosion on July 16, 1945



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Hiroshima Bomb – "Little Boy"





Gun Type – Easiest to design and build (Hiroshima bomb was never tested)

About 13 kiloton explosive yield

Talk given by Dr. Charles D. Ferguson, President, Federation of American Scientists, Department of Physics, Colloquium, American University, 2012

Atomic bomb is very destructive

Hiroshima: August 6, 1945



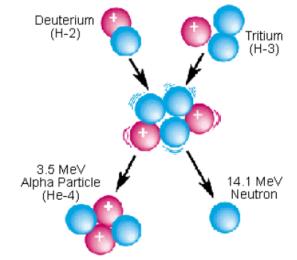
Nagasaki: August 9, 1945



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The fusion process





²H+³H ⇒ ⁴He+n+Q ≡ 17.6 MeV Energy release Q=17.6 MeV In comparison ²H+²H ⇒ ¹H+³H +Q ≡ 4.0 MeV ²H+²H ⇒ ³He+n +Q ≡ 3.2 MeV ³H+³H ⇒ ⁴He+2n+Q ≡ 11.3 MeV ²³⁵U+n ⇒ X_A+X_B+3n +Q ≈ 200 MeV

Deuterium-Tritium Fusion Reaction

Fusionable Material, deuterium ²H (D) and tritium ³H (t):

Deuterium: natural occurrence (heavy water) (0.015%).

Tritium: natural occurrence in atmosphere through cosmic ray bombardment; radioactive with $T_{1/2}$ =12.3 y.



Fusion of ²H+³H:
$$\frac{Q}{A} = \frac{17.6 MeV}{(3+2)amu} = 3.5 \frac{MeV}{amu}$$

Fission of ²³⁵U:
$$\frac{Q}{A} = \frac{200 MeV}{236 amu} = 0.85 \frac{MeV}{amu}$$

Fusion is 4 times more powerful than fission and generates 24 times more neutrons!

$${}^{2}H + {}^{3}H : \frac{n}{A} = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$$

Neutron production:

$$^{235}U + n: \quad \frac{n}{A} = \frac{2}{236} = 0.0085$$

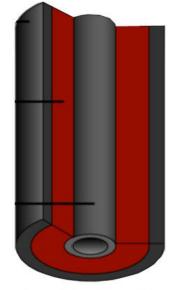
Hydrogen bomb uses a fission bomb to initiate the fusion reaction





Primary Fission Device

Core: ²³⁹Pu, ²³⁵U, plus ²H+³H booster Shell: ²³⁸U tamper High explosive lenses Fuel



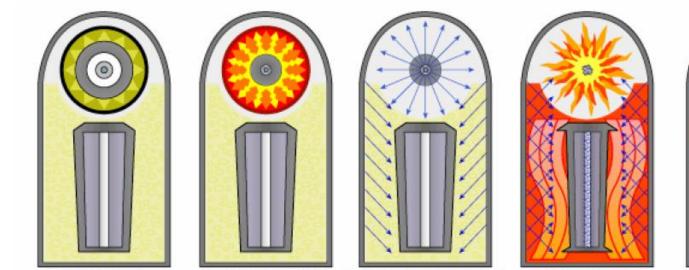
Secondary Fusion Device

Radiation channel ²³⁹Pu sparkplug ⁶Li, ²H, ³H fusion cell ²³⁸U tamper

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Event sequence





1. Warhead before firing; primary (fission bomb) at top, secondary (fusion fuel) at bottom, all suspended and beginning a fission in polystyrene foam.

2. HE fires in primary, compressing plutonium core into supercriticality reaction.

 Fissioning primary emits X-rays which reflect along the inside of the casing, irradiating the polystyrene foam.

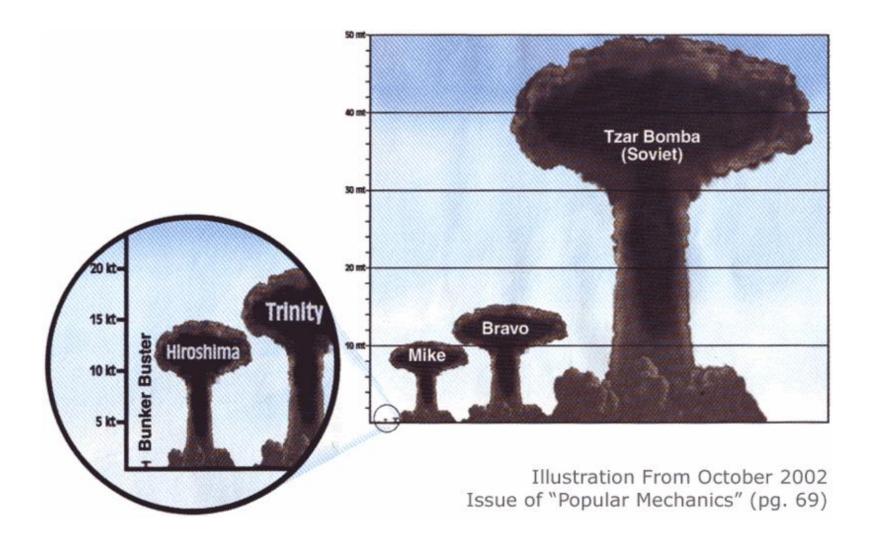
4. Polystyrene foam becomes plasma, compressing secondary, and plutonium sparkplug begins to fission.



5. Compressed and heated, lithium-6 deuteride fuel begins fusion reaction, neutron flux causes tamper to fission. A fireball is starting to form ...

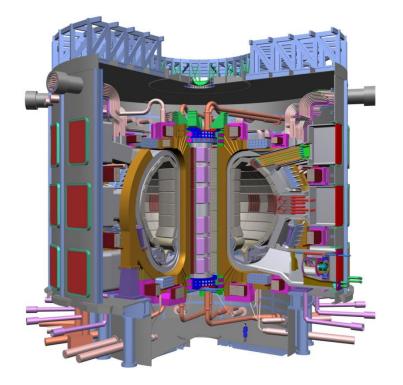
Additional pressure from recoil of exploding shell (ablation)!

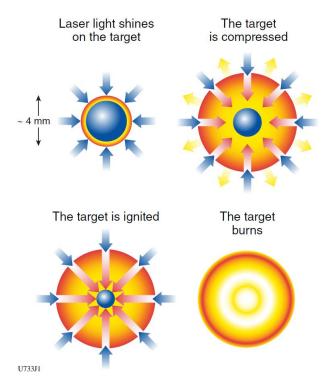
You don't want to build a hydrogen bomb!



To Fuse, or Not to Fuse...









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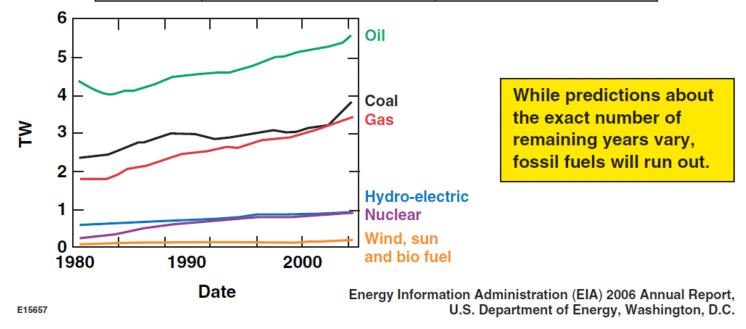
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World energy consumption is dominated by the use of dwindling fossil fuels

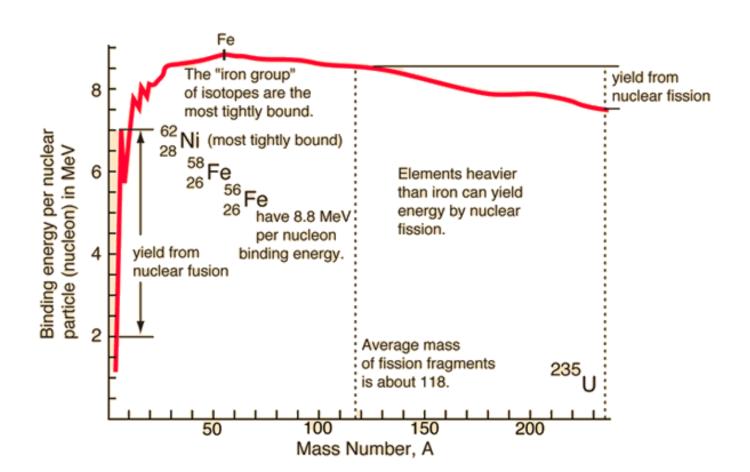


Fossil fuel	Estimated reserve	(2005 consumption rate) Years remaining	
Oil	1,277,702 million barrels	32 years	
Natural gas	~6,500,000 billion cubic ft	72 years	
Coal	1,081,279 million tons	252 years	



*from Laboratory for Laser Energetics, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 114

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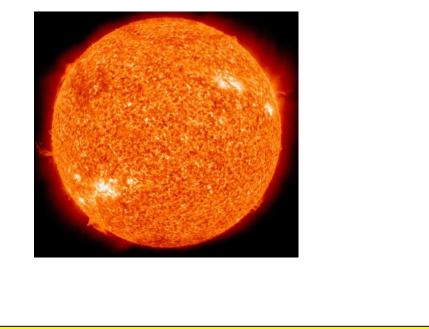


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Fusion in the sun provides the energy



Proton-proton chain in sun or smaller

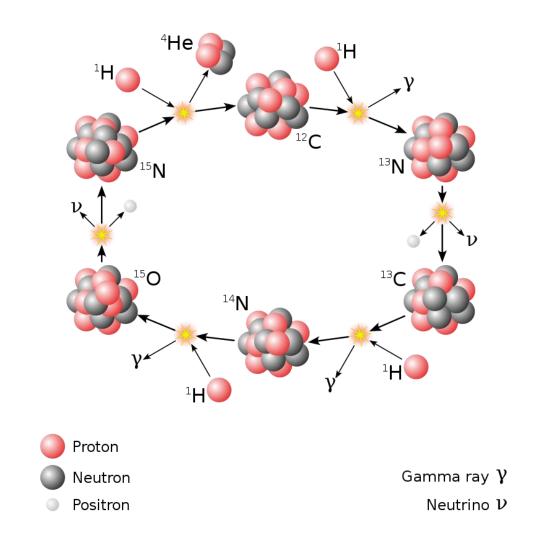


 $^{1}\mathsf{H}$ ^{1}H ^{1}H $^{1}\mathsf{H}$ Η ^{1}H ^{2}H ^{2}H ³Не ³Не ¹H ^{1}H ⁴He Proton Gamma ray γ Neutron Neutrino \mathcal{V} Positron

• Particles are confined by the gravity.

In heavy sun, the fusion reaction is the CNO cycle





https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_fusion

The cross section of proton-proton chain is much smaller than D T fusion

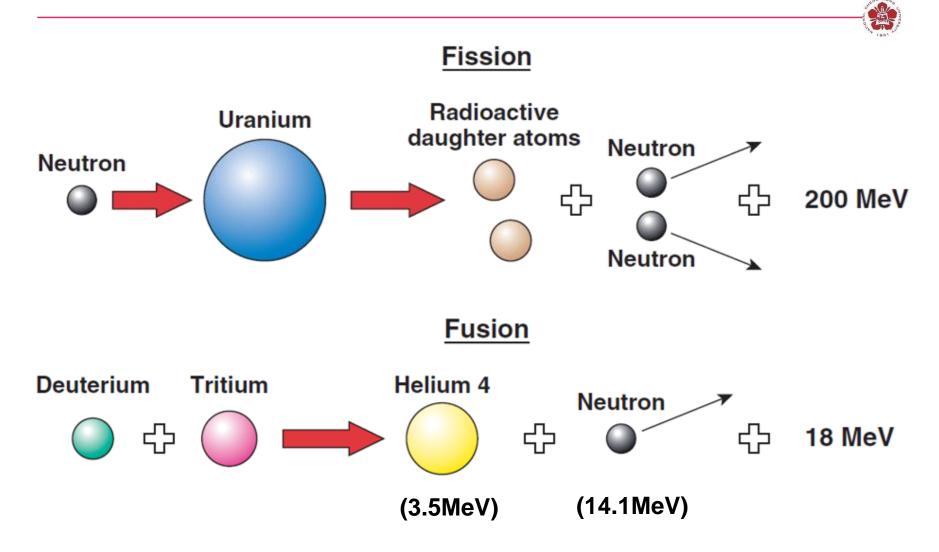


Reaction	σ _{10 keV} (barn)	σ _{100 keV} (barn)	σ _{max} (barn)	ε _{max} (keV)
D+T→α+n	2.72x10 ⁻²	3.43	5.0	64
D+T→T+p	2.81x10 ⁻⁴	3.3x10 ⁻²	0.06	1250
D+T→³He+n	2.78x10 ⁻⁴	3.7x10 ⁻²	0.11	1750
T+T→α+2n	7.90x10 ⁻⁴	3.4x10 ⁻²	0.16	1000
D+³He→α+p	2.2x10 ⁻⁷	0.1	0.9	250
p+ ⁶ Li→α+³He	6x10 ⁻¹⁰	7x10 ⁻³	0.22	1500
p+ ¹¹ B→3α	(4.6x10 ⁻¹⁷)	3x10 ⁻⁴	1.2	550
p+p→D+e⁺+v	(3.6x10 ⁻²⁶)	(4.4x10 ⁻²⁵)		
$p \textbf{+}^{12} \textbf{C} {\rightarrow}^{13} \textbf{N} \textbf{+} \gamma$	(1.9x10 ⁻²⁶)	2.0x10 ⁻¹⁰	1.0x10.4	400
¹² C+ ¹² C (all branches)		(5.0x10 ⁻¹⁰³)		

• "()" are theoretical values while others are measured values.

The Physics of Inertial Fusion, by Stefano Atzeni and Jürgen Meyer-Ter-Vehn

Nuclear fusion and fission release energy through energetic neutrons



Nuclear fusion provides more energy per atomic mass unit (amu) than nuclear fission

Fusion of ²H+³H:
$$\frac{Q}{A} = \frac{17.6 \ MeV}{(3+2) \ amu} = 3.5 \ \frac{MeV}{amu}$$

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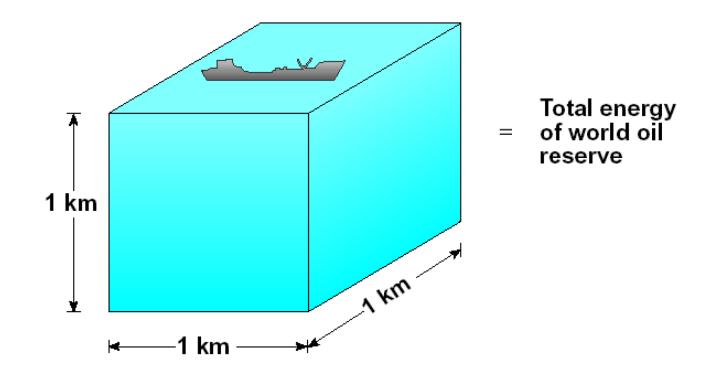
	Half-life (years)	
U235	7.04x10 ⁸	
U238	4.47x10 ⁹	
Tritium	12.3	



- 1 kg DT -> 340 Tera joules
 - You can drive your car for ~40,000 km (back and forth between Keelung and Kaoshiung for 50 times).
 - You can keep your furnace running for 8 years.
 - You can blow things up! 1 TJ = 250 tons of TNT.

Enormous fusion fuel can be produced from sea water

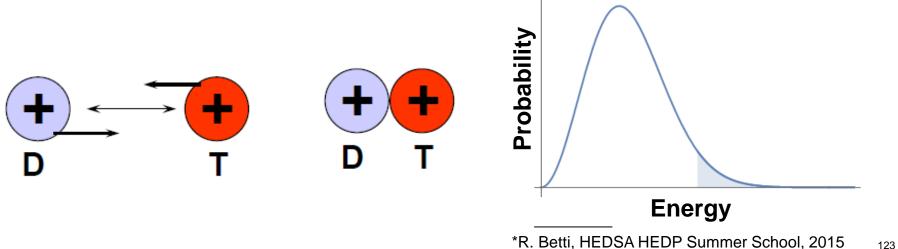




• Probability for fusion reactions to occur is low at low temperatures due to the coulomb repulsion force.



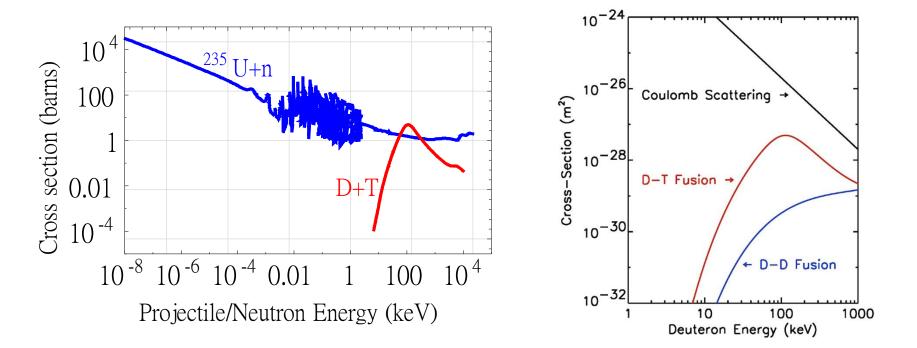
 If the ions are sufficiently hot, i.e., large random velocity, they can collide by overcoming coulomb repulsion



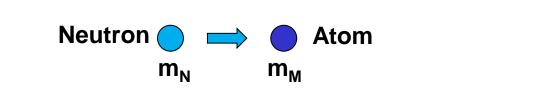
Fusion is much harder than fission, a "hot plasma" at 100M °C is needed

- Fission: $n + {}^{235}_{92} U \rightarrow {}^{236}_{92} U \rightarrow {}^{144}_{56} Ba + {}^{89}_{36} Kr + 3n + 177 \text{ MeV}$
- **Fusion:** $D + T \to He^4 (3.5 \text{ MeV}) + n (14.1 \text{ MeV})$





Fast neutrons are slowed down due to the collisions

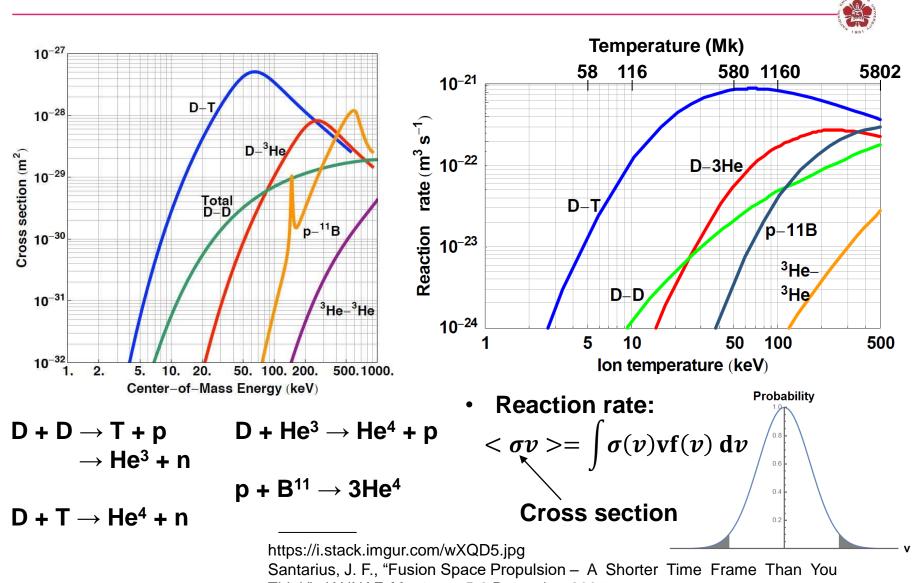


- A moderator is used to slow down fast neutrons but not to absorb neutrons.
- For m_M~m_N, the energy decrement is higher. Therefore, H slows down neutron most efficiently.
- However, H + n \rightarrow D, i.e., H absorbs neutrons.
- The best option is the D in the heavy water (D₂O).

Energy decrement	Neutron scattering cross section (σs) (Barns)	Neutron absorption cross section (σs) (Barns)
1	49 (H ₂ O)	0.66 (H ₂ O)
0.7261	10.6 (D ₂ O)	0.0013 (D ₂ O)
0.1589	4.7 (Graphite)	0.0035 (Graphite)
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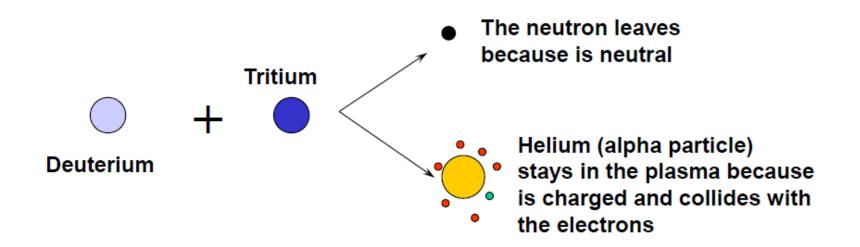
Fusion doesn't come easy



Think", JANNAF, Monterey, 5-8 December 2005.

It takes a lot of energy or power to keep the plasma at 100M °C

• Let the plasma do it itself!



• The α-particles heat the plasma.

Under what conditions the plasma keeps itself hot?



• Steady state 0-D power balance:

 $S_{\alpha}+S_{h}=S_{B}+S_{k}$

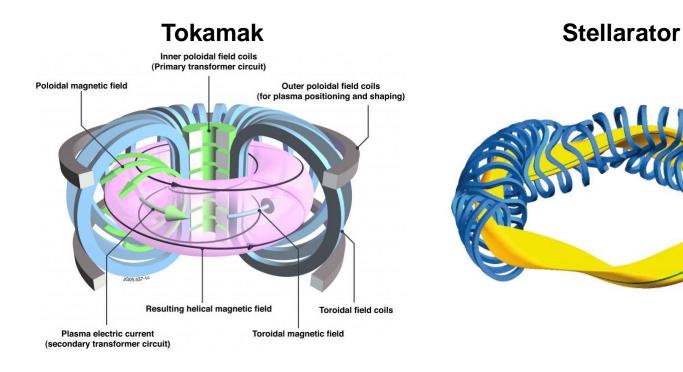
- S_{α} : α particle heating
- S_h: external heating
- **S_B: Bremsstrahlung radiation**
- S_k: heat conduction lost

Ignition condition: Pτ > 10 atm-s = 10 Gbar - ns

- P: pressure, or called energy density
- т is confinement time

The plasma is too hot to be contained

 Solution 1: Magnetic confinement fusion (MCF), use a magnetic field to contain it. P~atm, τ~sec, T~10 keV (10⁸ °C)

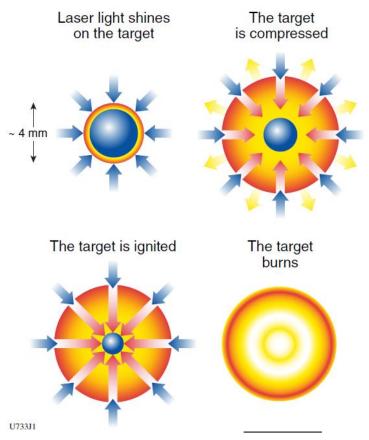


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Don't confine it!



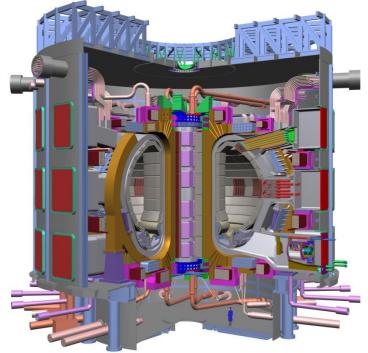
 Solution 2: Inertial confinement fusion (ICF). Or you can say it is confined by its own inertia: P~Gigabar, τ~nsec, T~10 keV (10⁸ °C)



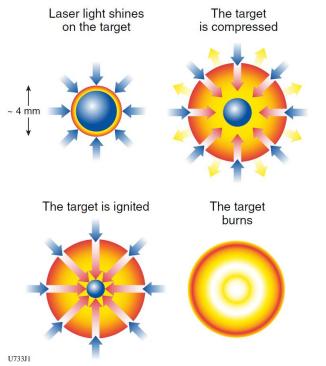
Inertial confinement fusion: an introduction, Laboratory for Laser Energetics, University of Rochester

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

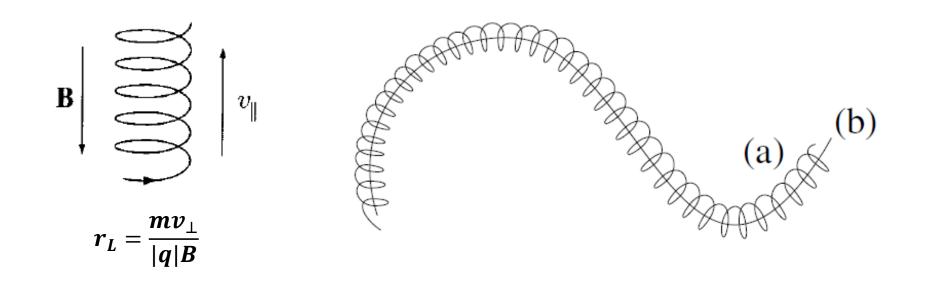
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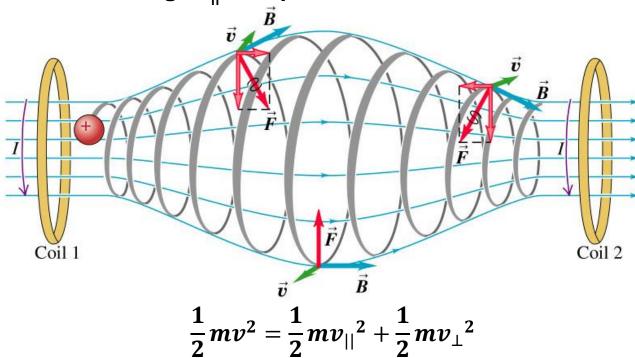




Charged particles can be partially confined by a magnetic mirror machine

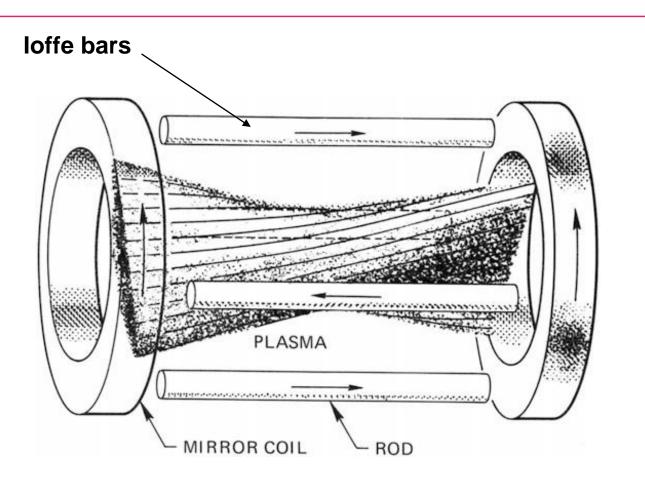


• Charged particles with small $v_{||}$ eventually stop and are reflected while those with large $v_{||}$ escape.



- Large v_{\parallel} may occur from collisions between particles.
- Those confined charged particle are eventually lost due to collisions.

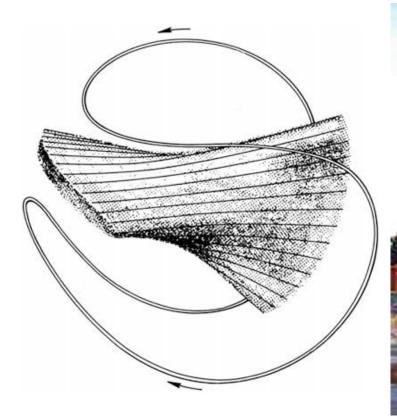
"loffe bars" are added to stabilize the Rayleigh-Taylor instabilities at the center of the mirror machine



A "baseball coil" is obtained if one links the coils and the bars into a single conductor



Baseball coil

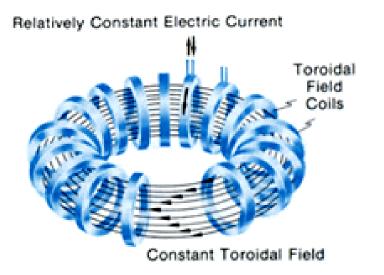


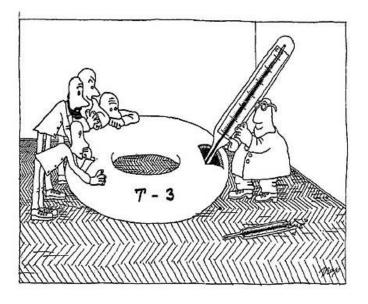
• MFTF-B mirror machine



Plasma can be confined in a doughnut-shaped chamber with toroidal magnetic field

• Tokamak - "toroidal chamber with magnetic coils" (тороидальная камера с магнитными катушками)



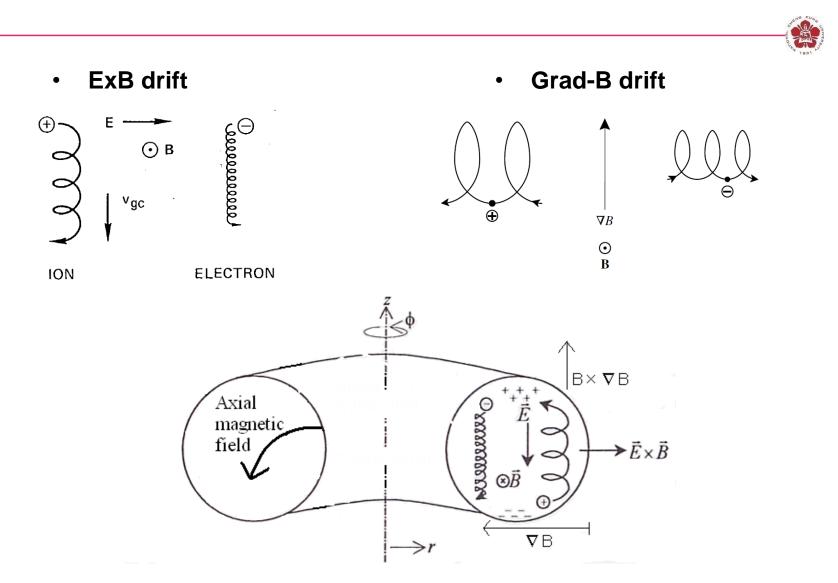


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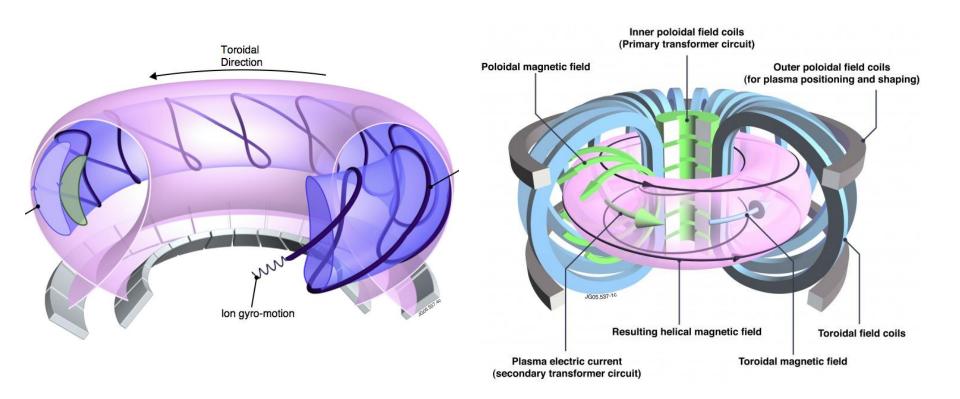
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Drawing from the talk "Evolution of the Tokamak" given in 1988 by B.B. Kadomtsev at Culham.

Charged particles drift across field lines



A poloidal magnetic field is required to reduce the drift across field lines

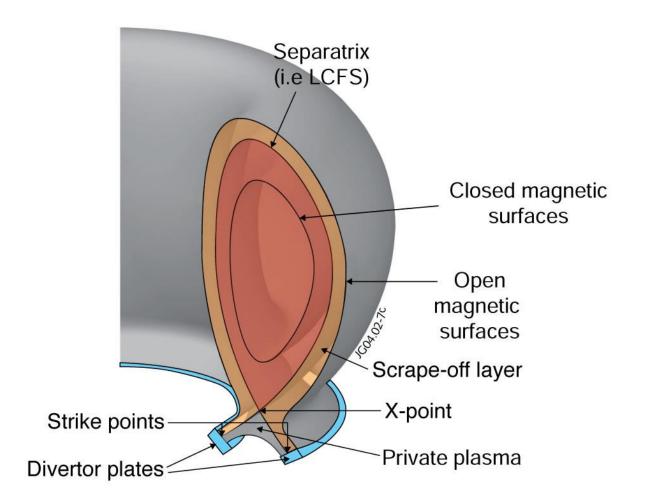


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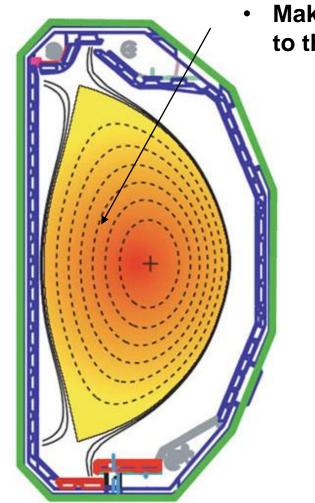


A divertor is needed to remove impurities and the power that escapes from the plasma



D-shaped tokamak with diverter is more preferred nowadays



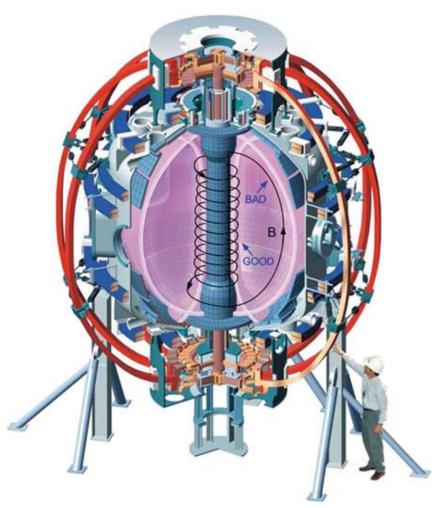


 Make the plasma closer to the major axis

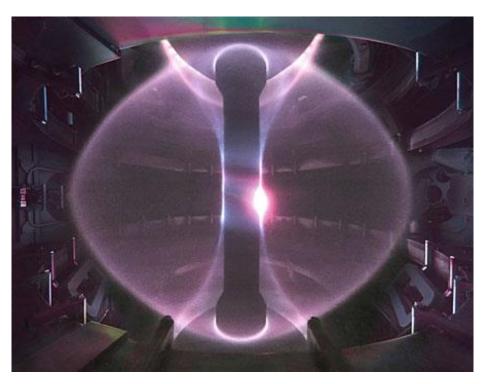
Introduction to Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion 3rd Edition, by Francis F. Chen 142

Spherical tokamak is formed when the aspect ratio of a tokamak is reduced to the order of unity

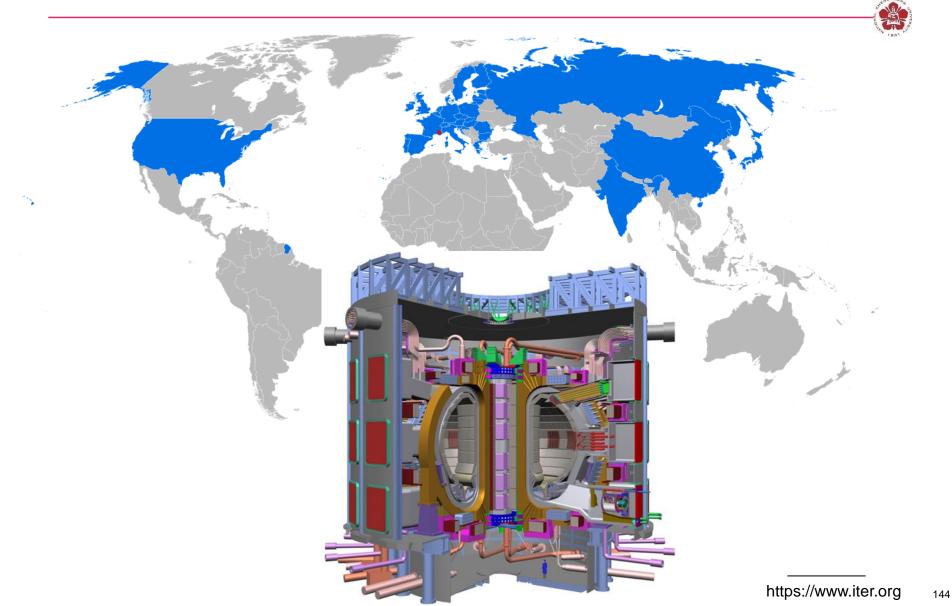
NSTX @ Princeton



 MegaAmpere Spherical Tokamak (MAST) @ Culham center for fusion energy, UK

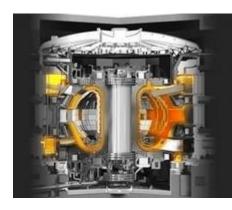


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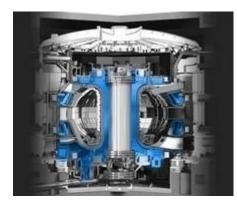


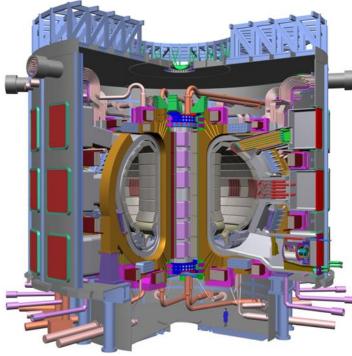
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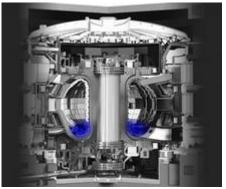


Magnets

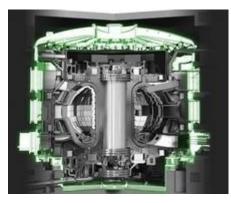




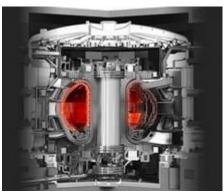
Divertor



Cryostat



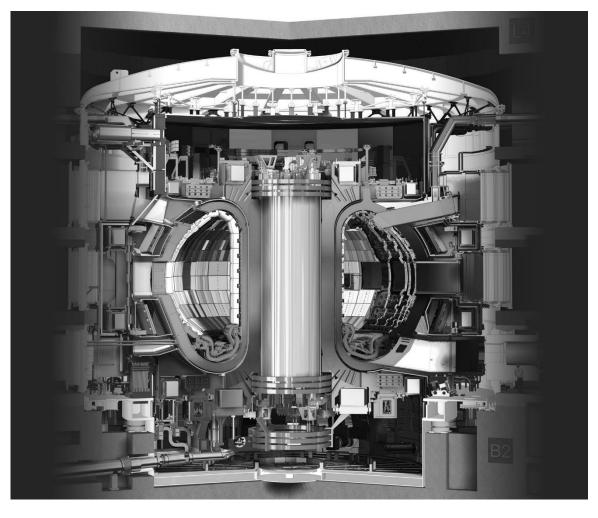
Blanket



ITER



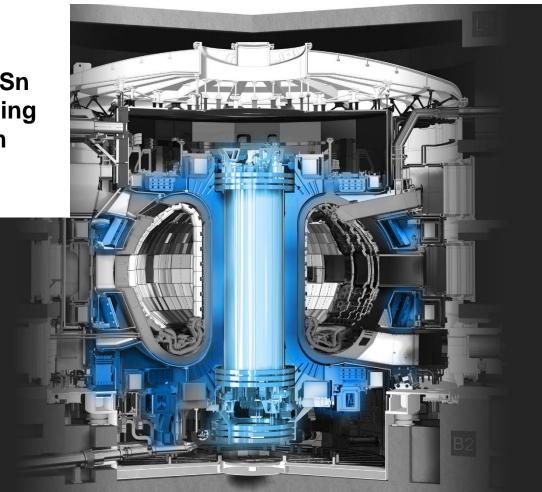
- T=150M °C
- P=500 MW



ITER – Magnets



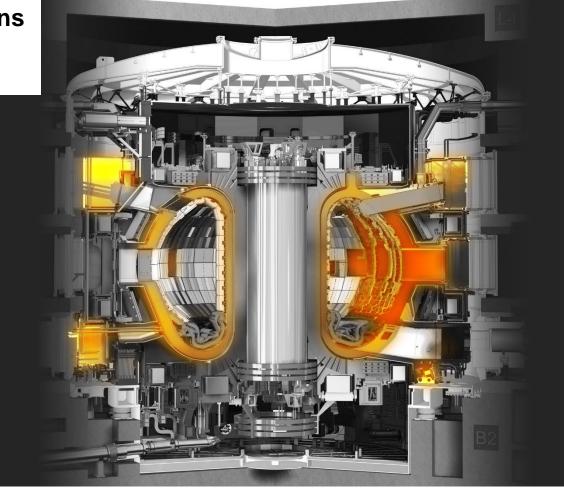
- E_B=51 GJ
- $T_B = 4 K$
- Length of Nb₃Sn superconducting strand: 10⁵ km
- B_{T,max}=11.8 T
- B_{P,max}=6 T



ITER – Vacuum vessel



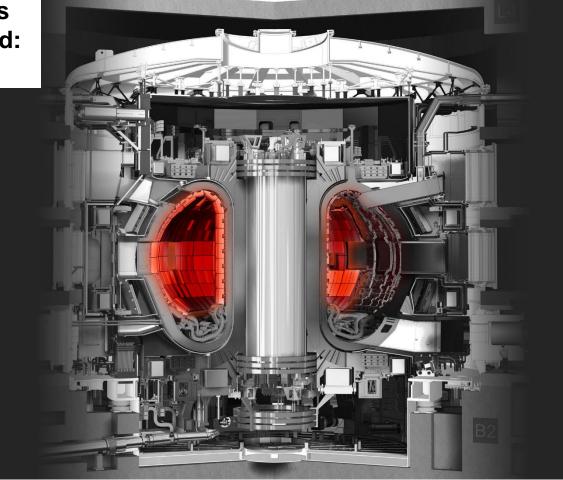
- W = 8000 tons
- V = 840 m³
- R = 6 m



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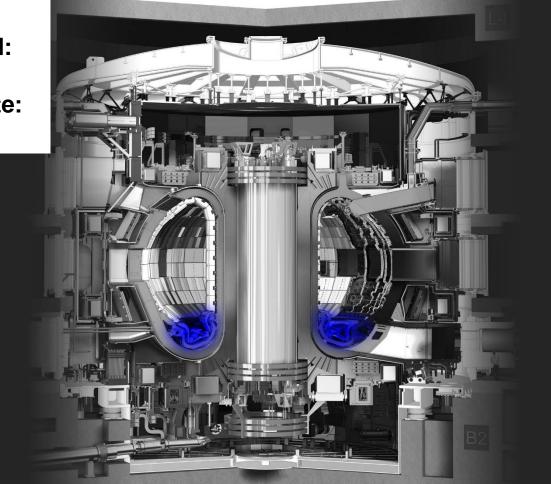
- 440 modules
- Thermal load: 736 MW



ITER – Divertor



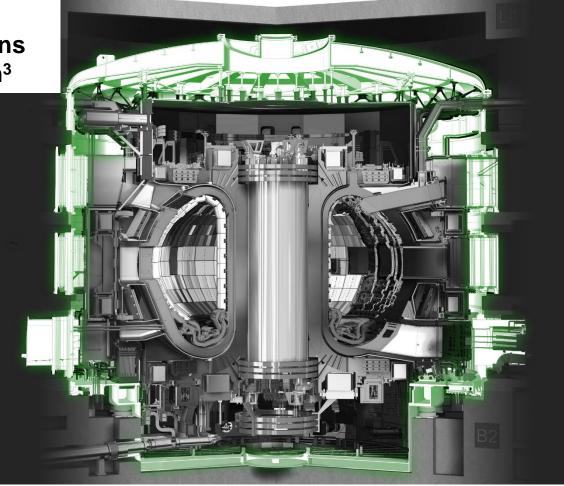
- 54 cassettes
- Thermal load: 20 MW/m²
- Each cassette: 10 tons



ITER – Crystat



- P = 10⁻⁶ atm
- W = 3800 tons
- V = 16000 m³



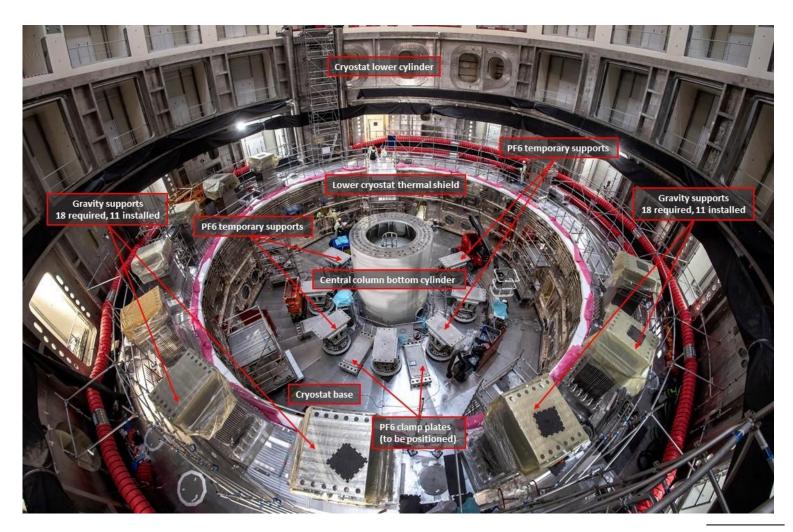
Supporting systems



- Tritium breeding
- Control, Data access and Communication (CODAC)
- Cooling water
- Cryogenics
- Diagnostics
- Fuel cycle
- Hot cell a secure environment for processing, repair or testing, etc., of components that have become activated by neutrons.
- Power supply
- Remote handling
- Heating and current drive
- Vacuum system

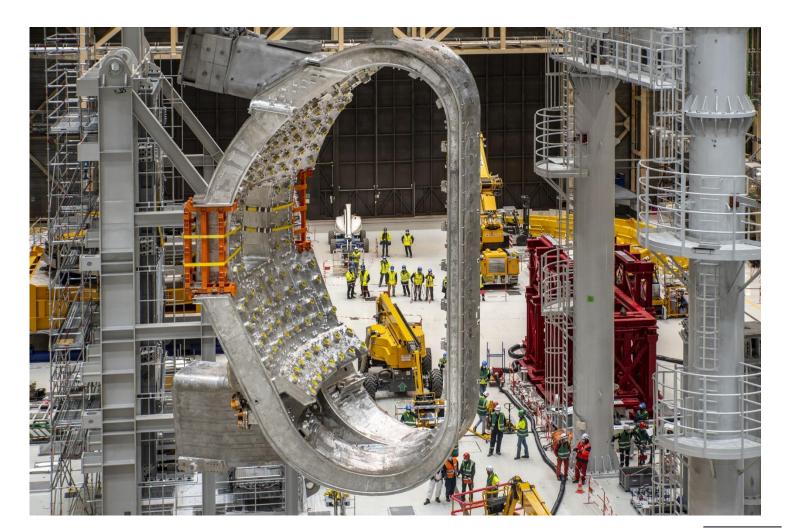
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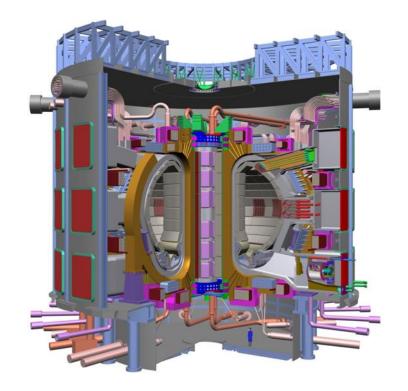


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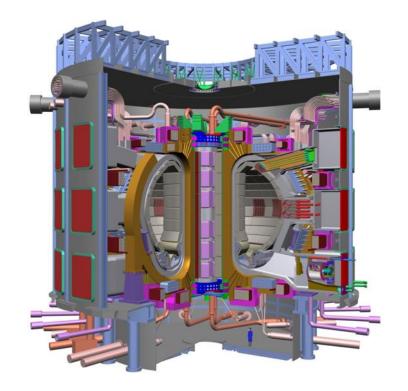






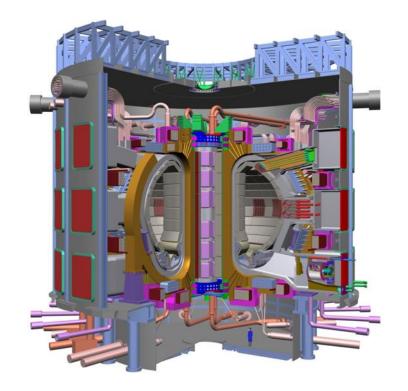
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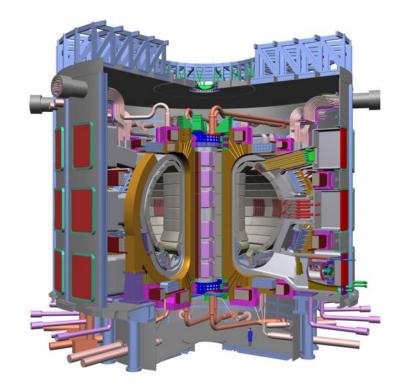
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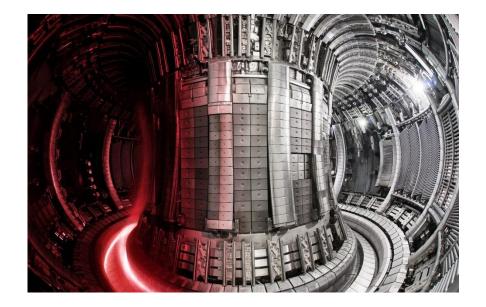




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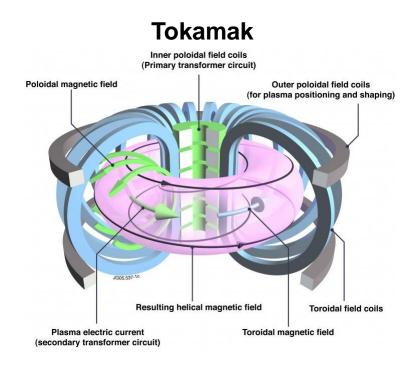


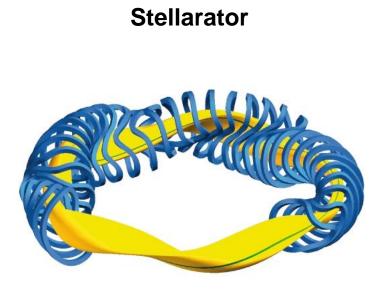


 Record-breaking 59 megajoules of sustained fusion energy in Joint European Torus (JET) facility in Oxford demonstrates powerplant potential and strengthens case for ITER.

Stellarator uses twisted coil to generate poloidal magnetic field

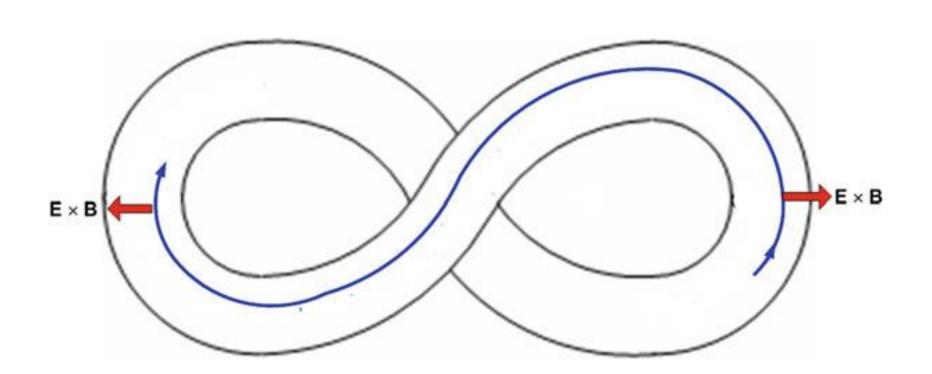






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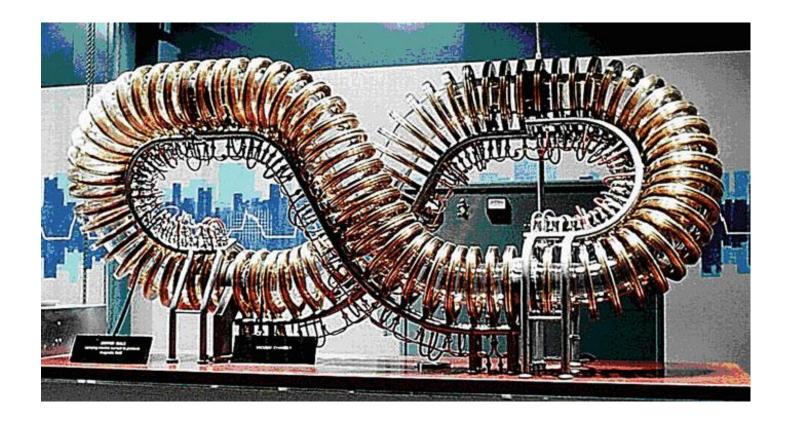


Lyman Spitzer, Jr. came out the idea during a long ride on a ski lift at Garmisch-Partenkirchen

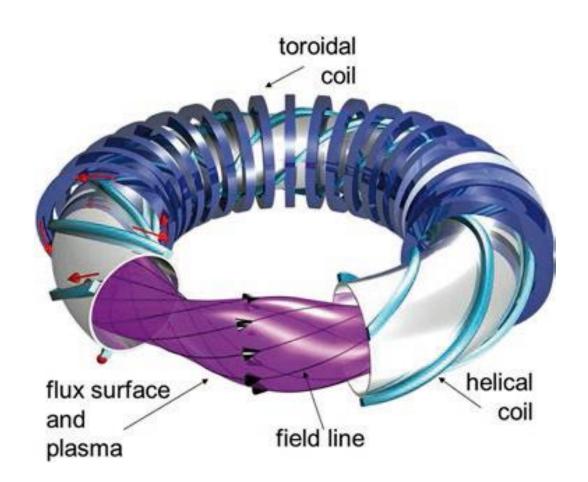


Exhibit model of a figure-8 stellarator for the Atoms for Peace conference in Geneva in 1958



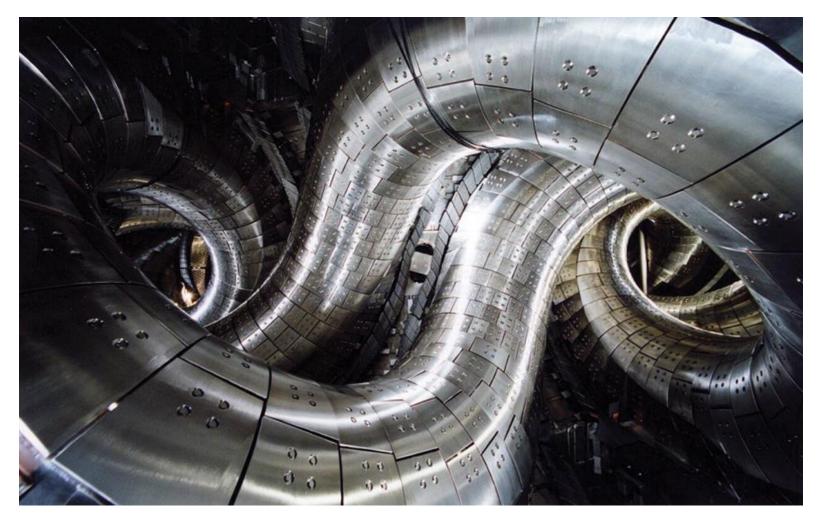


Twisted magnetic field lines can be provided by toroidal coils with helical coils



LHD stellarator in Japan



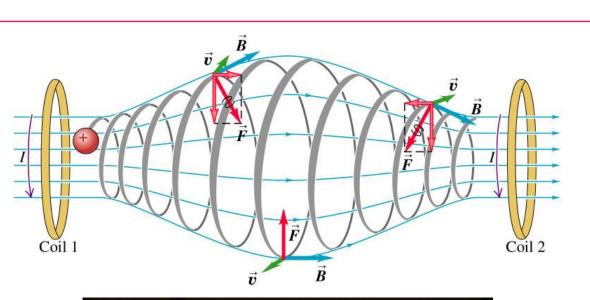


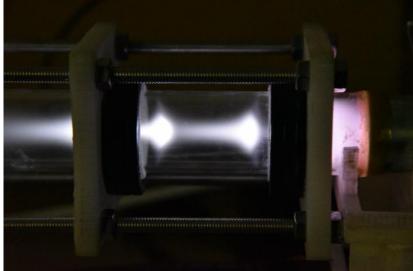
Wendelstein 7-X is a stellarator built by Max Planck Institute for Plasma Physics (IPP)





Demonstration of a magnetic mirror machine

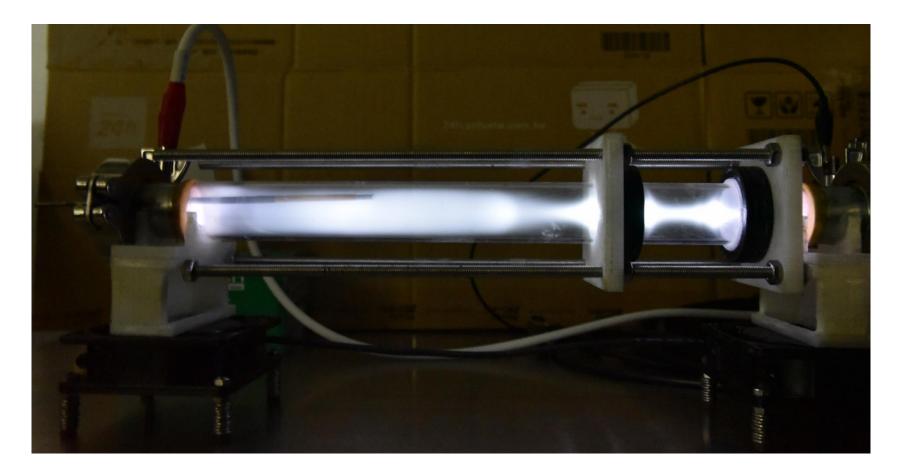




Show video.

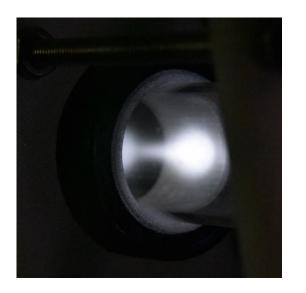
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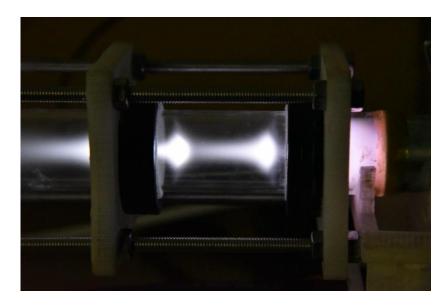


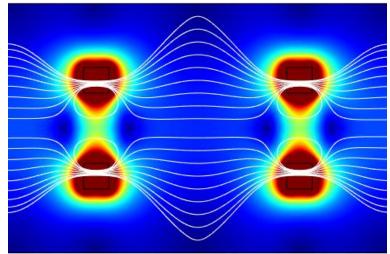


Many mirror points are provided by a pair of ring-type magnets





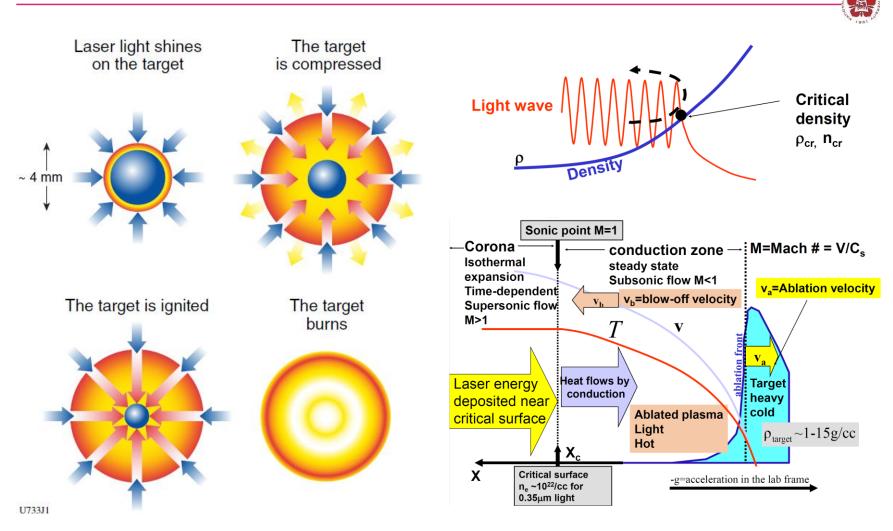






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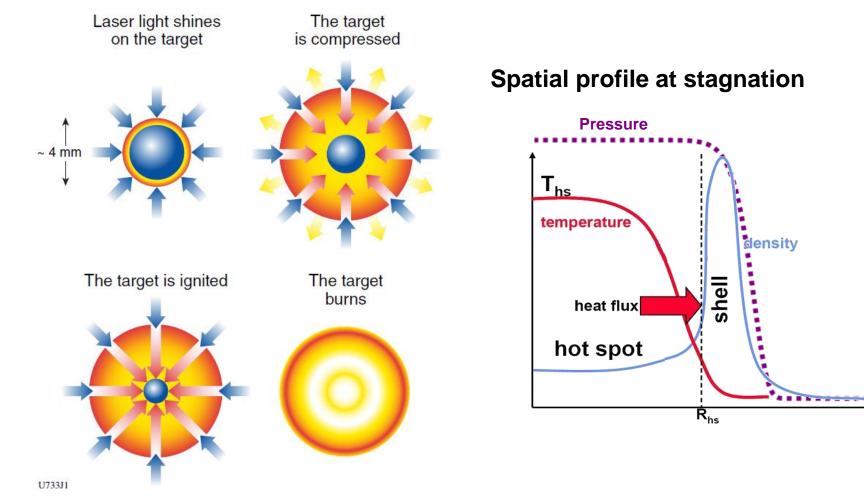
Compression happens when outer layer of the target is heated by laser and ablated outward



Inertial confinement fusion: an introduction, Laboratory for Laser Energetics, University of Rochester R. Betti, HEDSA HEDP Summer School, 2015

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

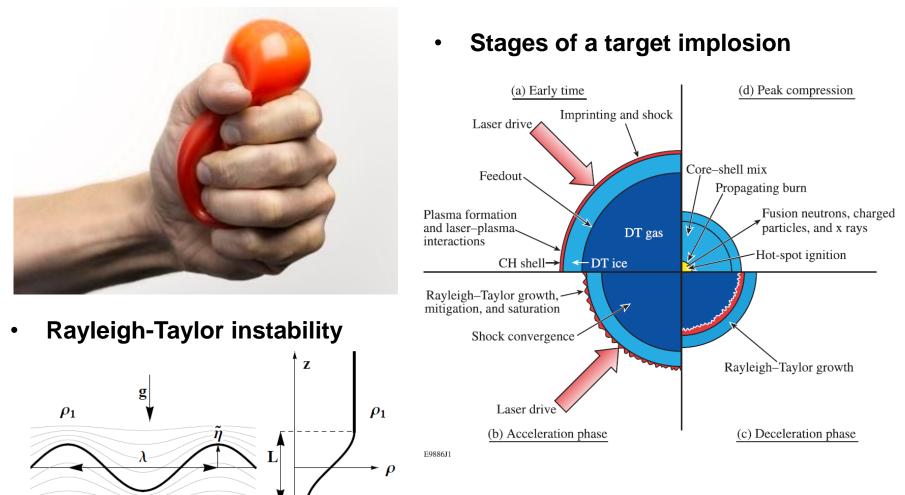




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A ball can not be compressed uniformly by being squeezed between several fingers



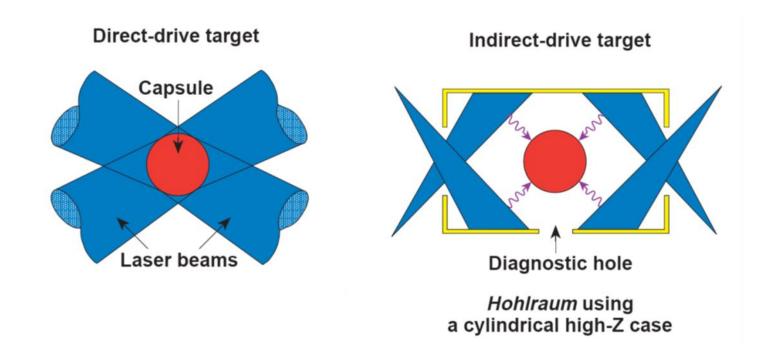


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P.-Y. Chang, PhD Thesis, U of Rochester (2013) R. S. Craxton, etc., *Phys. Plasmas* **22**, 110501 (2015) 174

A spherical capsule can be imploded through directly or indirectly laser illumination





Rochester is known as "The World's Image Center"





There are many famous optical companies at Rochester



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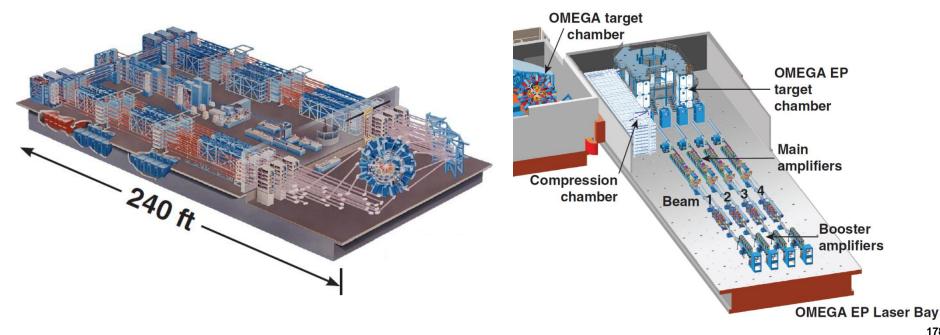


BAUSCH + LOMB

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

- **OMEGA** Laser System
 - 60 beams
 - >30 kJ UV on target
 - 1%~2% irradiation nonuniformity
 - Flexible pulse shaping •

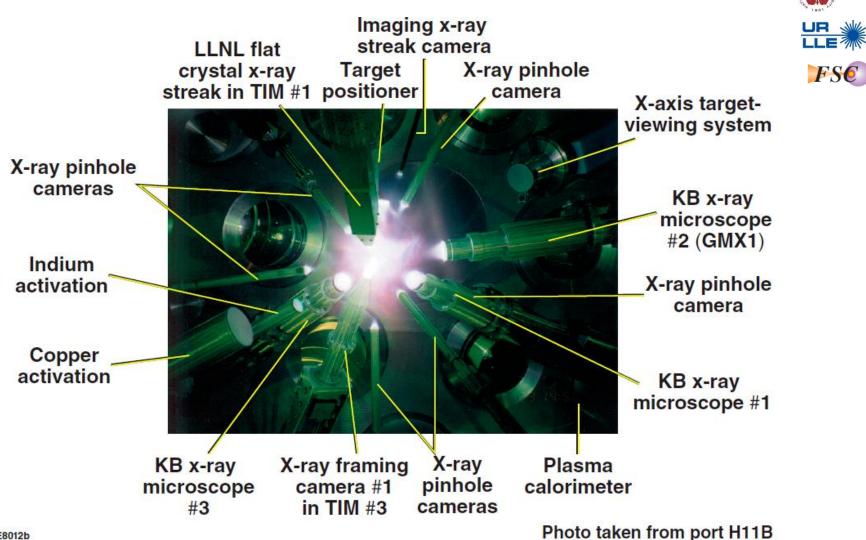
- **OMEGA EP Laser System**
 - 4 beams; 6.5 kJ UV (10ns)
 - Two beams can be highenergy petawatt
 - 2.6 kJ IR in 10 ps
 - Can propagate to the **OMEGA or OMEGA EP** target chamber



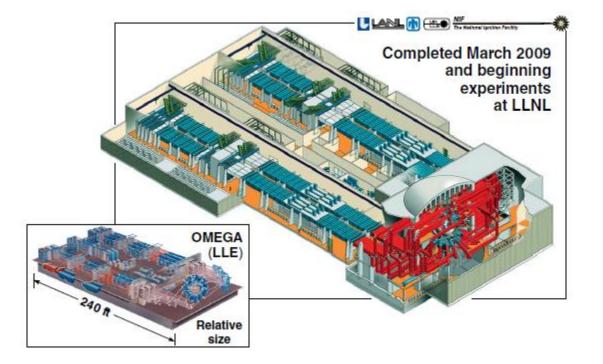
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The OMEGA Facility is carrying out ICF experiments using a full suite of target diagnostics



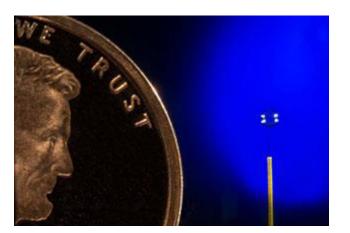
The 1.8-MJ National Ignition Facility (NIF) will demonstrate ICF ignition and modest energy gain



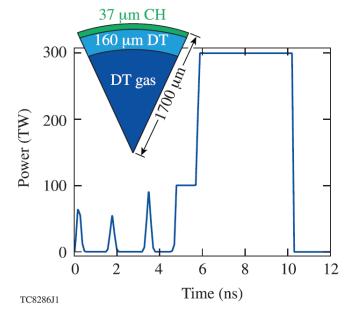
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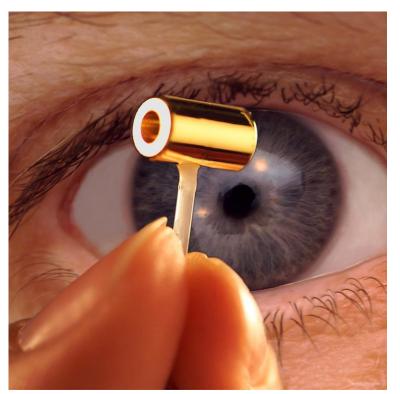
Targets used in ICF





• Triple-point temperature : 19.79 K





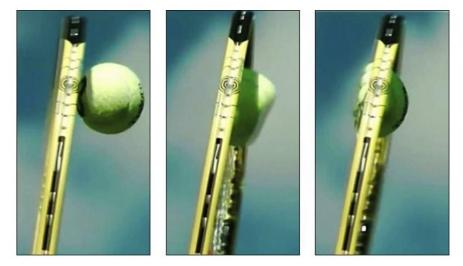
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Softer material can be compressed to higher density



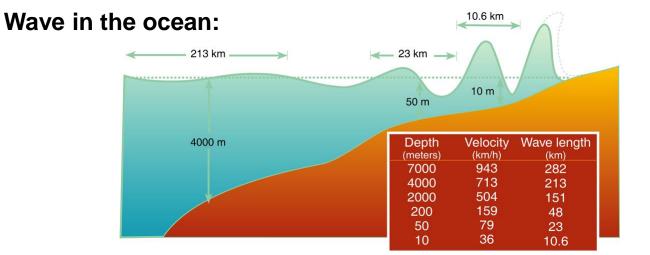
Compression of a baseball

Compression of a tennis ball

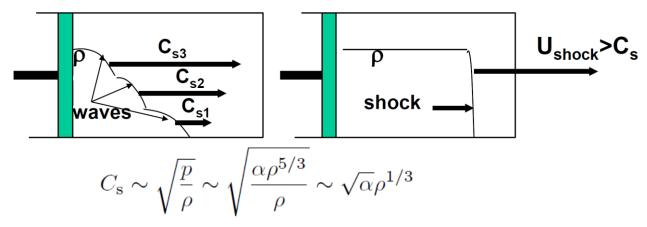


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A shock is formed due to the increasing sound speed of a compressed gas/plasma



Acoustic/compression wave driven by a piston:



http://neamtic.ioc-unesco.org/tsunami-info/the-cause-of-tsunamis *R. Betti, HEDSA HEDP Summer School, 2015

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Cryogenic shroud

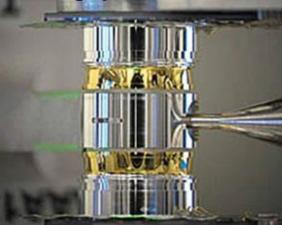


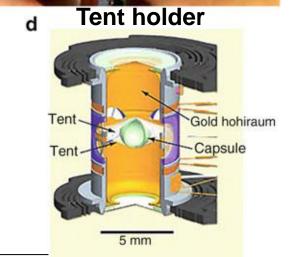
a Cryogenic hohlraum



Rugby hohlraum

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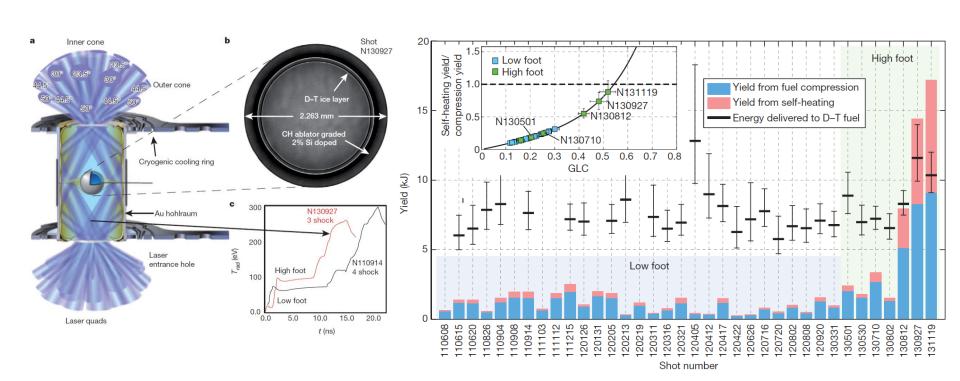




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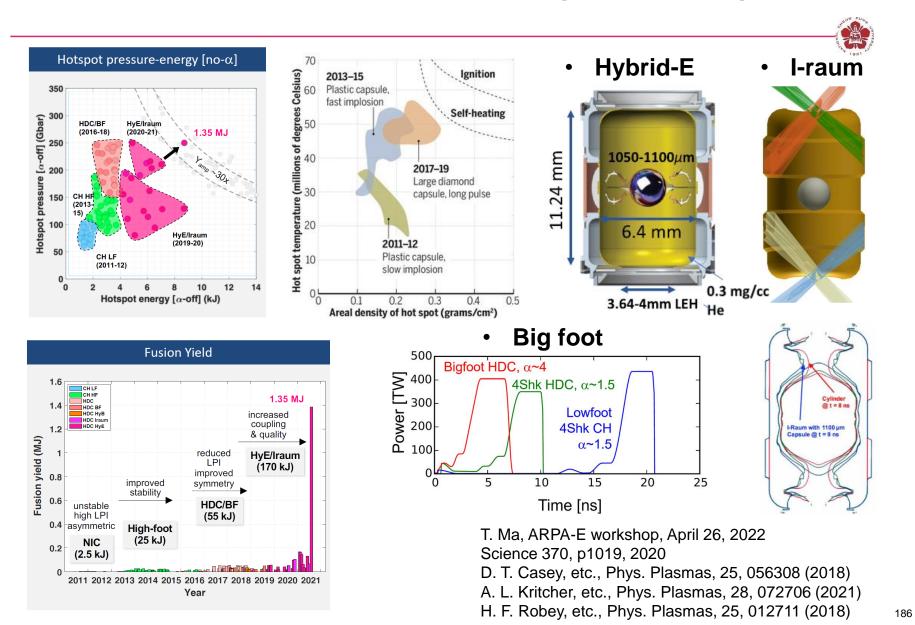
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Nature letter "Fuel gain exceeding unity in an inertially confined fusion implosion"

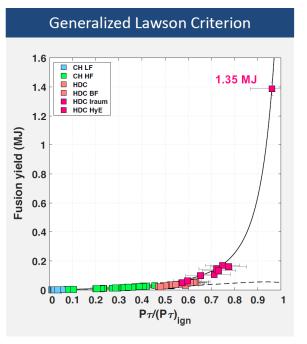


• Fuel gain exceeding unity was demonstrated for the first time.

The hot spot has entered the burning plasma regime



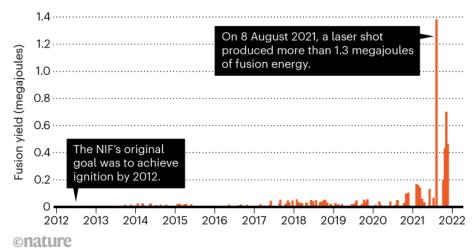
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THE ROAD TO IGNITION

The National Ignition Facility (NIF) struggled for years before achieving a high-yield fusion reaction (considered ignition, by some measures) in 2021. Repeat experiments, however, produced less than half the energy of that result.

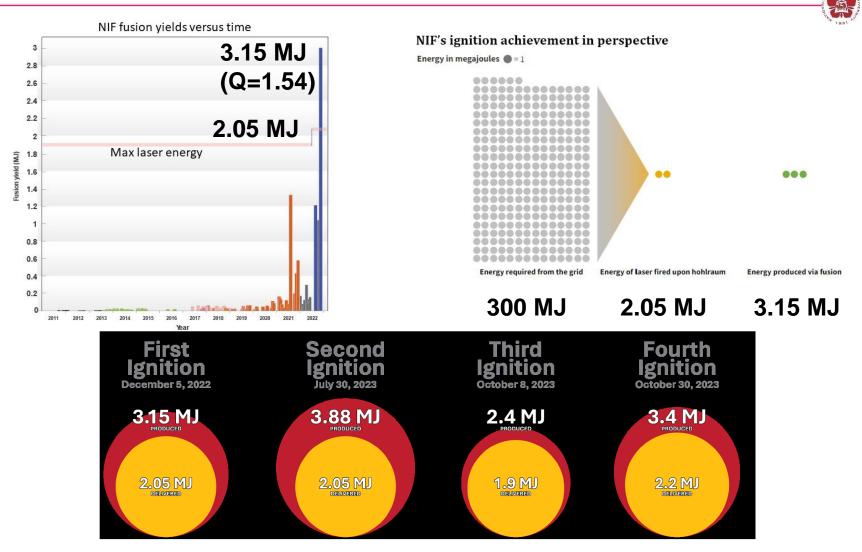


• Laser-fusion facility heads back to the drawing board.

J. Tollefson, Nature (News) 608, 20 (2022)

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

"Ignition" (target yield larger than one) was achieved in NIF on 2022/12/5



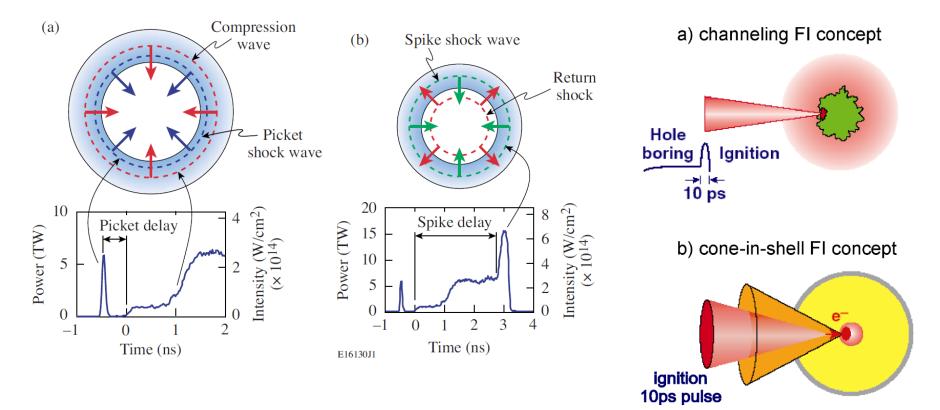
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External "spark" can be used for ignition

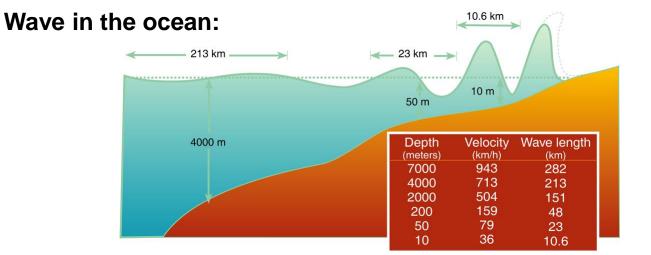


Shock ignition

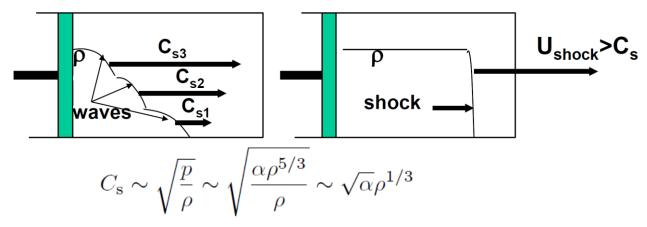
Fast ignition



A shock is formed due to the increasing sound speed of a compressed gas/plasma



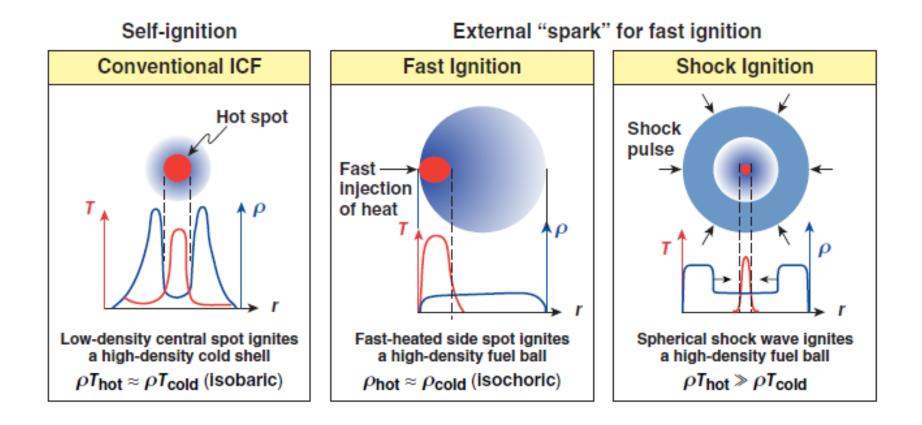
• Acoustic/compression wave driven by a piston:



http://neamtic.ioc-unesco.org/tsunami-info/the-cause-of-tsunamis *R. Betti, HEDSA HEDP Summer School, 2015

Ignition can happen by itself or being triggered externally

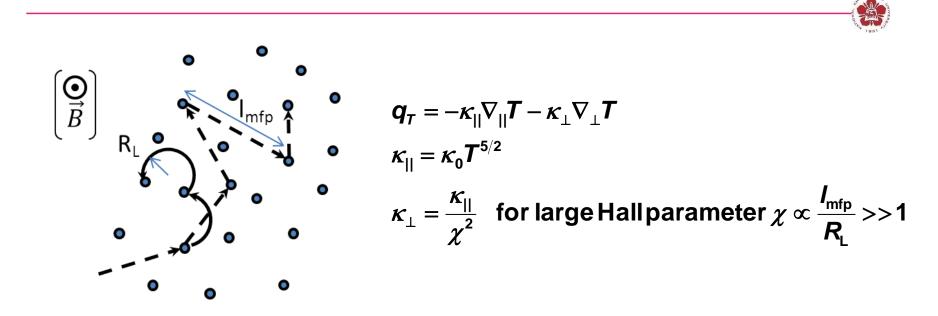






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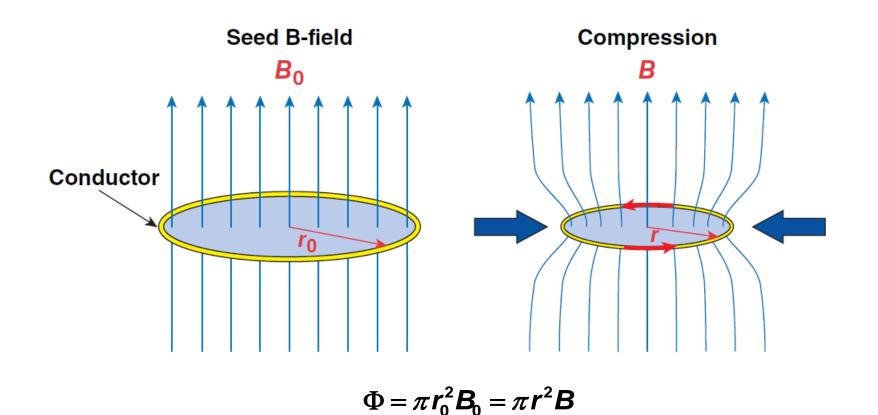
A strong magnetic field reduces the heat flux



 Typical hot spot conditions: R_{hs} ~ 40 μm, ρ ~ 20 g/cm³, T ~ 5 keV: B > 10 MG is needed for χ > 1

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

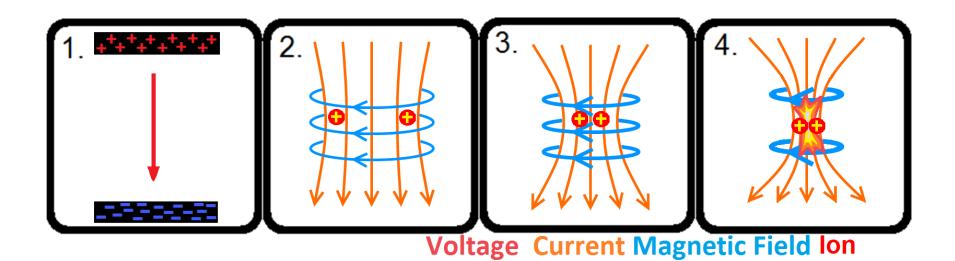
Principle of frozen magnetic flux in a good conductor is used to compress fields



M. Hohenberger, P.-Y. Chang, et al., Phys. Plasmas <u>19</u>, 056306 (2012). ₁₉₄

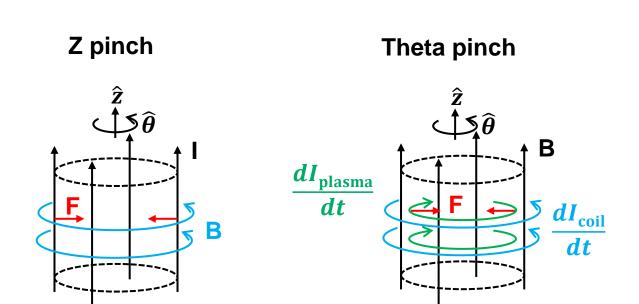
Plasma can be pinched by parallel propagating plasmas





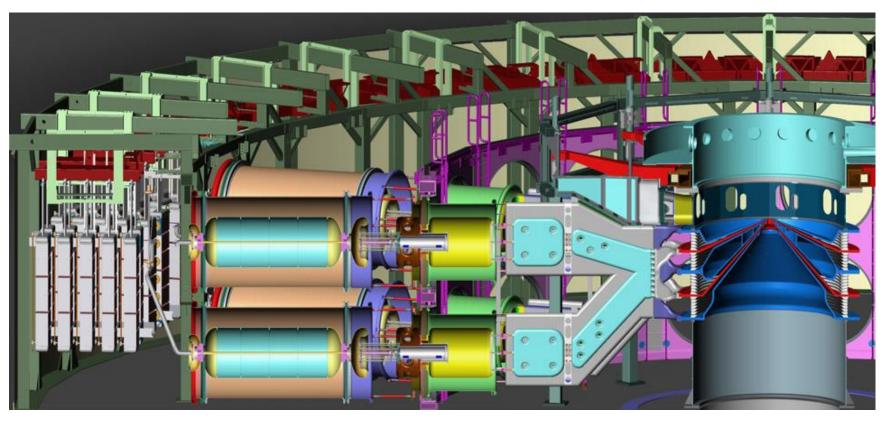
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pinch_(plasma_physics) 195

Plasma can be heated via pinches



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

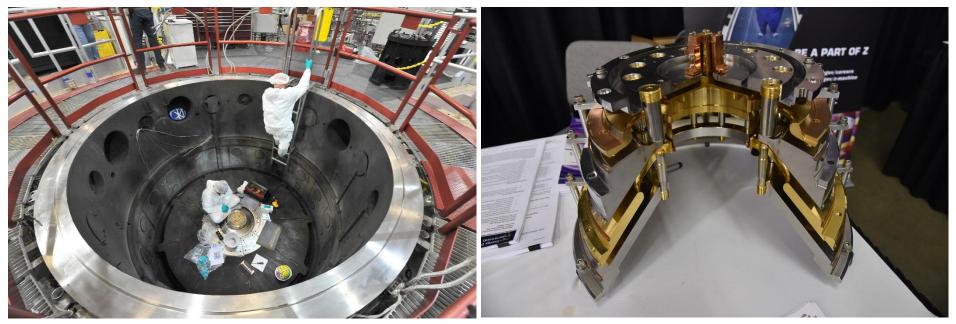




- Stored energy: 20 MJ
- Marx charge voltage: 85 kV
- Peak electrical power: 85 TW
- Peak current: 26 MA
- Rise time: 100 ns
- Peak X-ray emissions: 350 TW
- Peak X-ray output: 2.7 MJ

Z machine

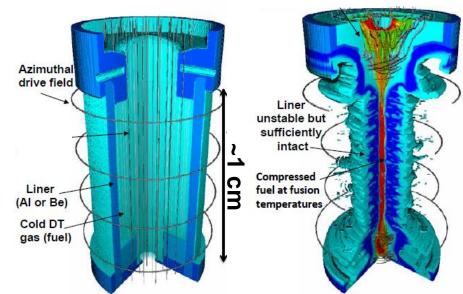




Z machine



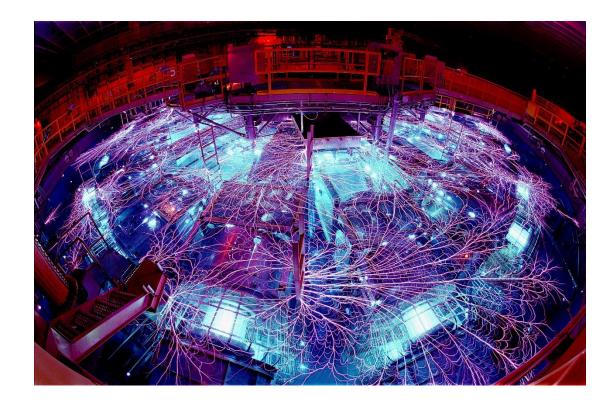




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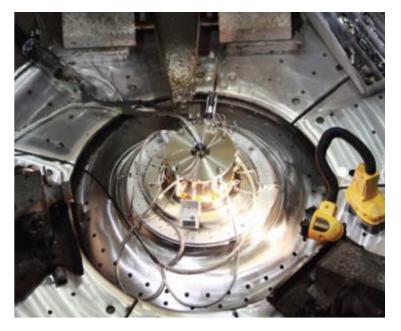
Z machine discharge





Before and after shots

• Before shots

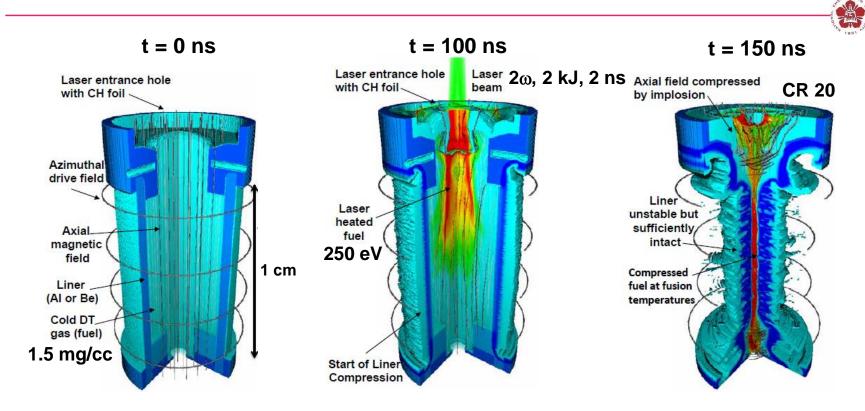


SAND2017-0900PE_The sandia z machine - an overview of the world's most powerful pulsed power facility.pdf

After shots



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



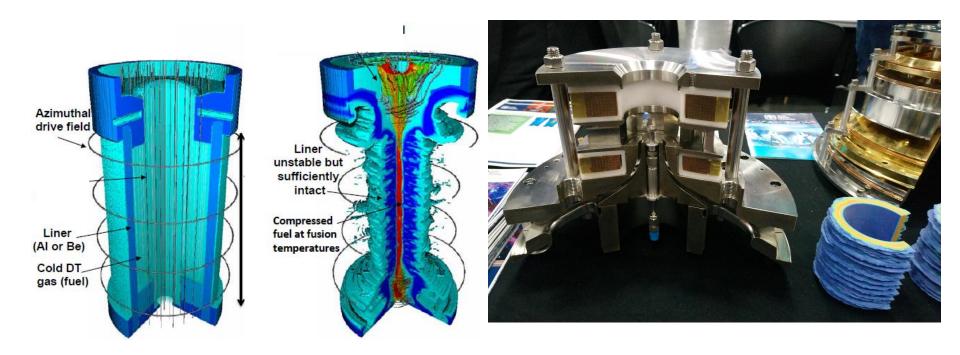
The stagnation plasma reached fusion-relevant temperatures with a 70 km/s implosion velocity

S. A. Slutz *et al* Phys. Plasmas 17 056303 (2010)

M. R. Gomez et al Phys. Rev. Lett. 113 155003 (2014) 202

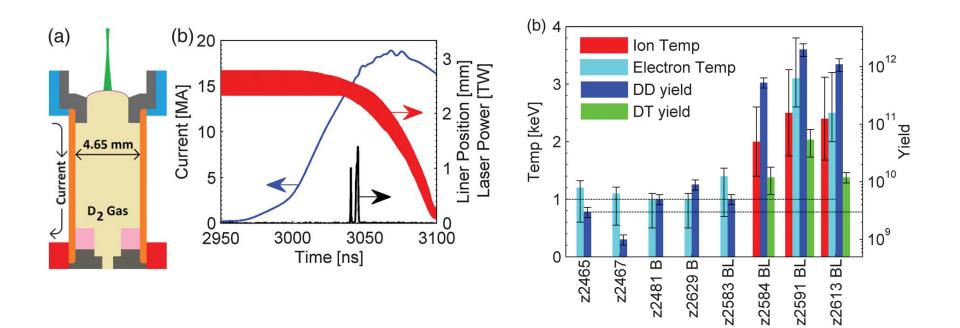
MagLIF target



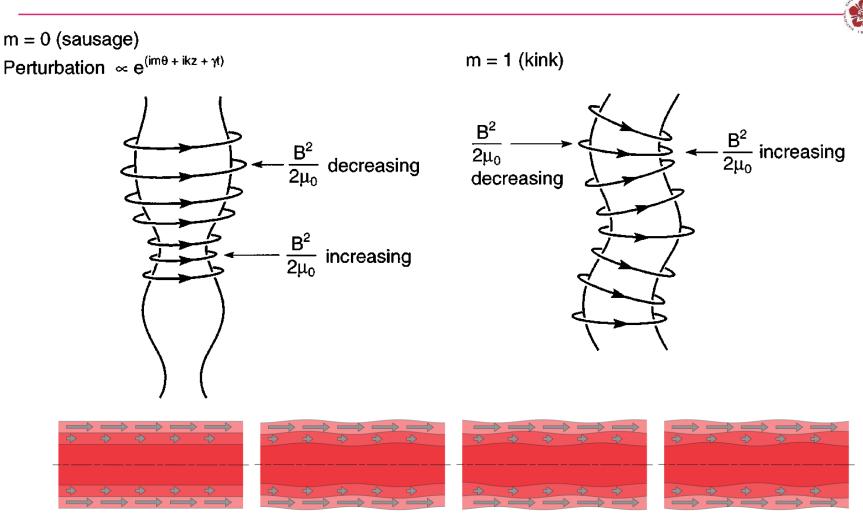


Neutron yield increased by 100x with preheat and external magnetic field.





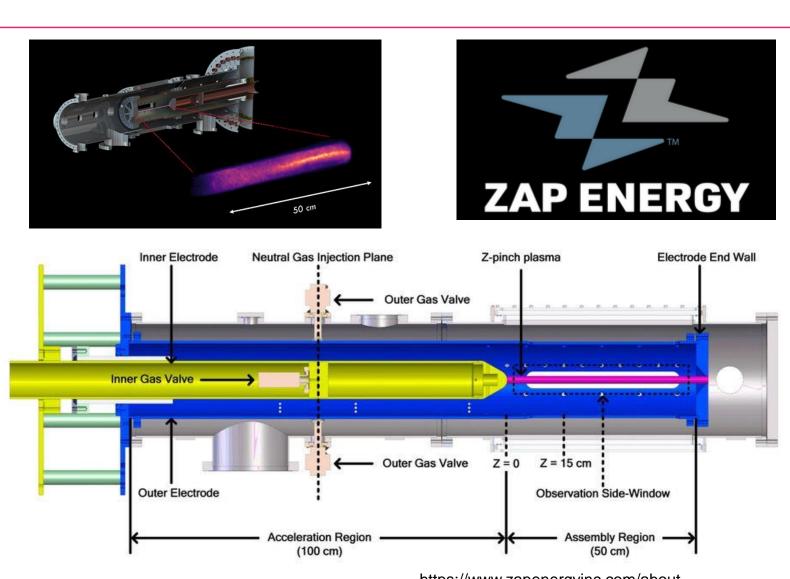
Sheared flow stabilizes MHD instabilities



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

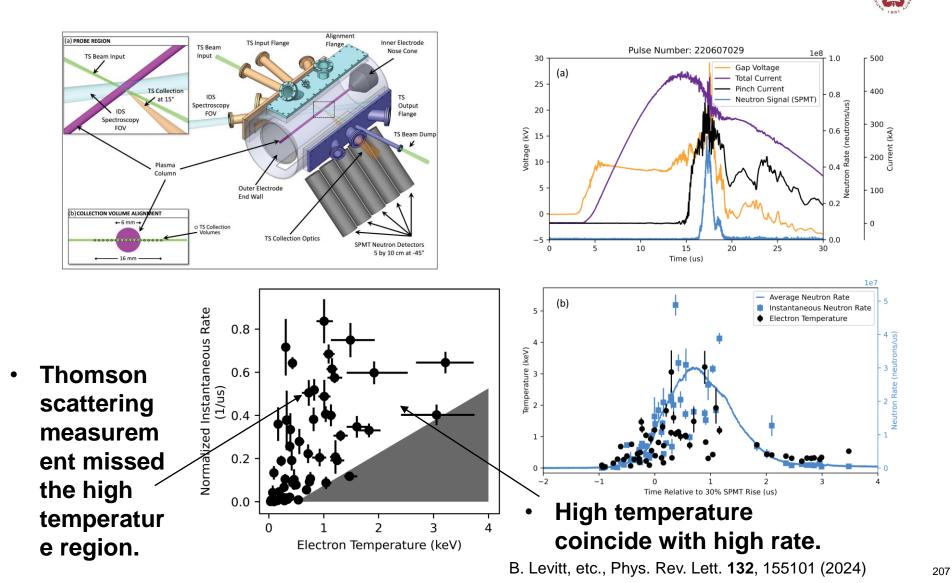
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A z-pinch plasma can be stabilized by sheared flows

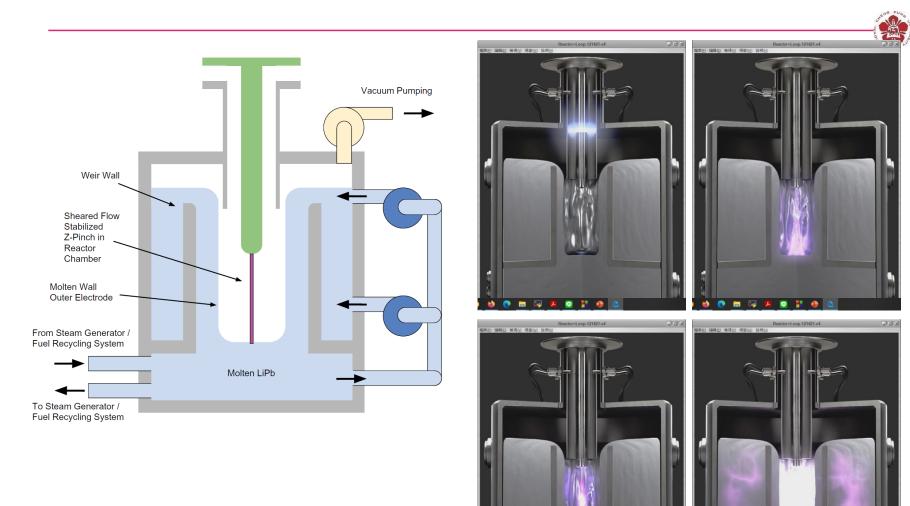


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Elevated electron temperature coincident with observed fusion reactions in a sheared-flow-stabilized z pinch



Fusion reactor concept by ZAP energy



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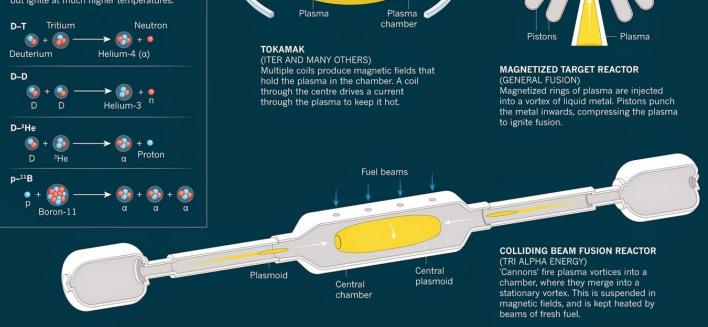
There are alternative

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.



Magnetic field coils

http://www.nextbigfuture.com/2016/05/nuclear-fusion-comany-tri-alpha-energy.html

Liquid metal vortex

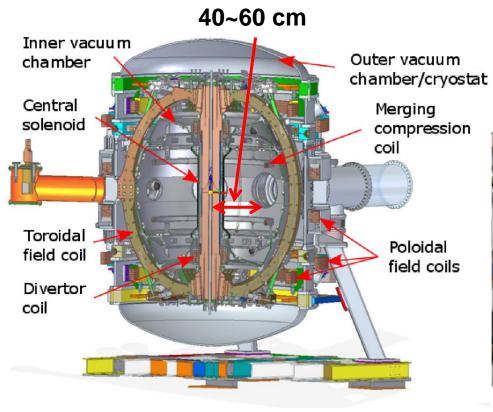
Commonwealth Fusion Systems, a MIT spin-out company, is building a high-magnetic field tokamak





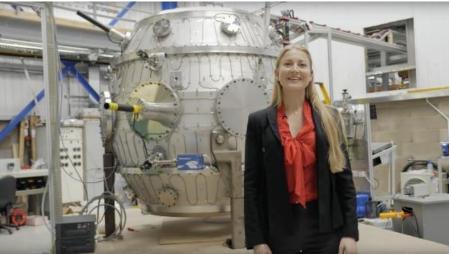
- Fusion power $\propto B^4$.
- The fusion gain Q > 2 is expected for SPARC tokamak.

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.

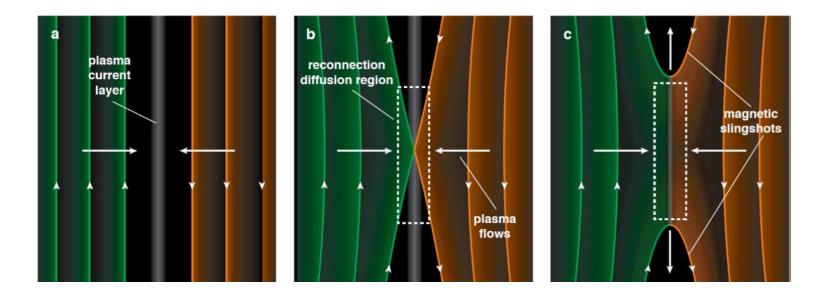
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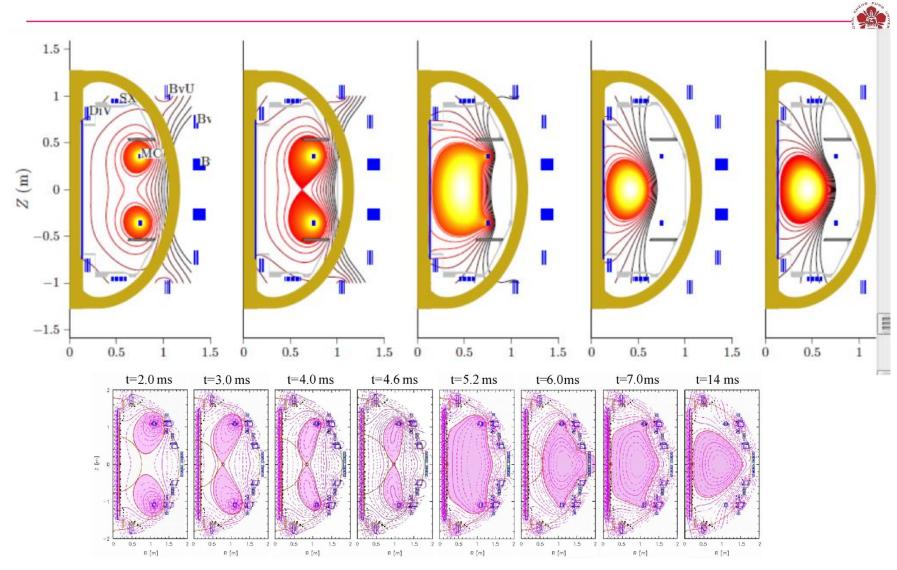
Reconnection





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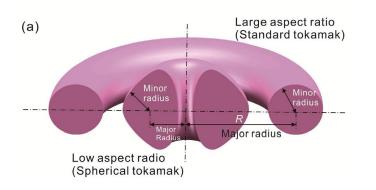
Merging compression is used to heat the plasma



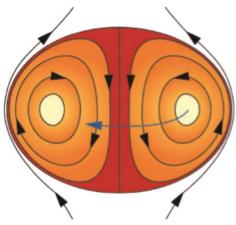
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Spherical torus (ST) and compact torus (CT)

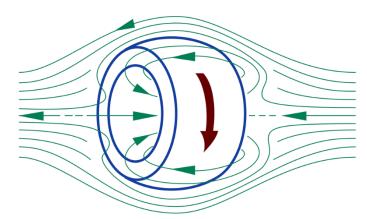
Spherical torus (ST)



- Compact torus (CT)
 - Spheromak

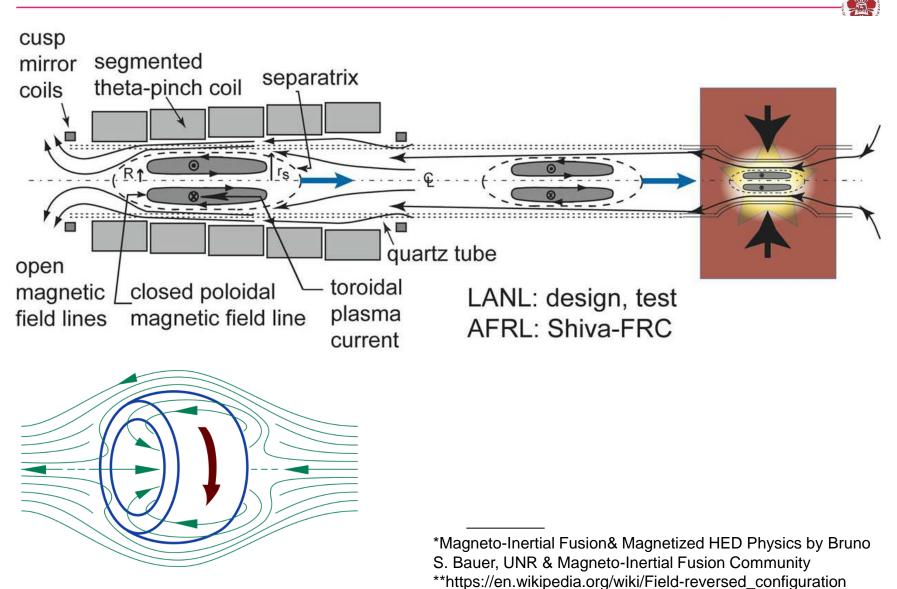


Field reversed configuration (FRC)



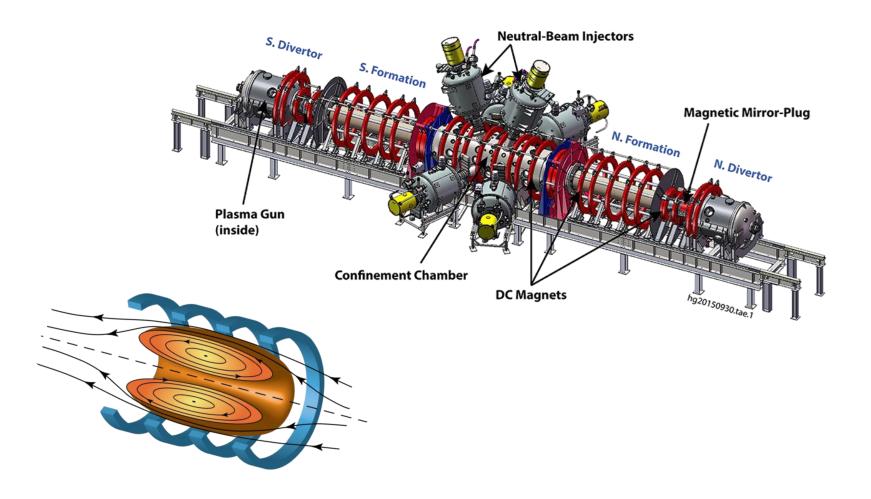
Zhe Gao, Matter Radiat. Extremes **1**, 153 (2016) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Field-reversed_configuration

Field reverse configuration is used in Tri-alpha energy



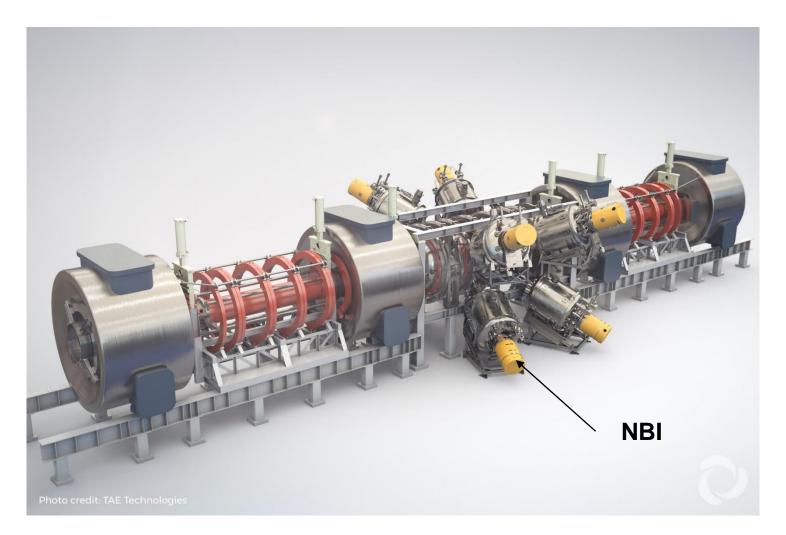
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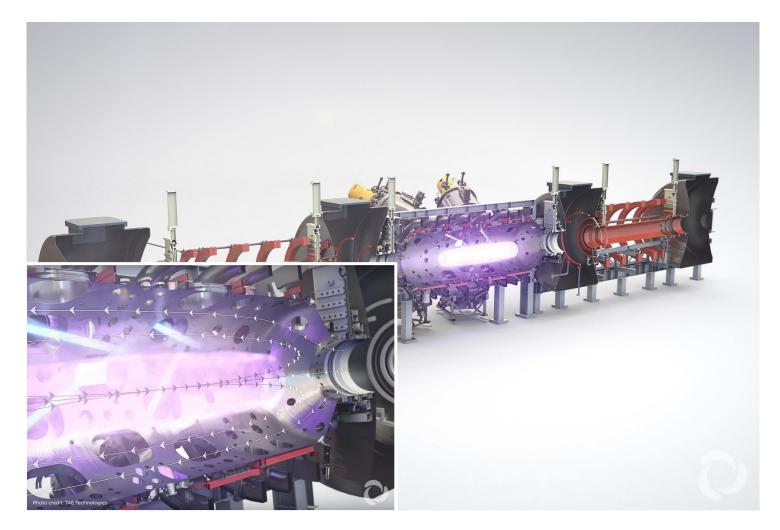
NBI for Tri-Alpha Energy Technologies





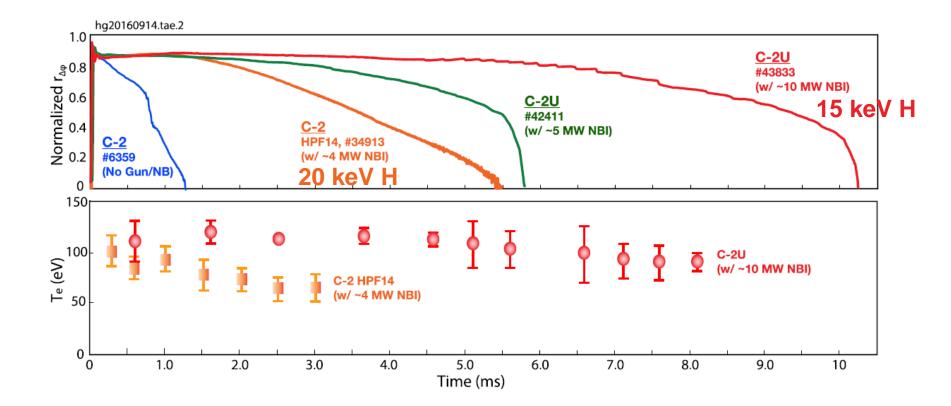
Neutral beams are injected in to the chamber for spinning the FRC



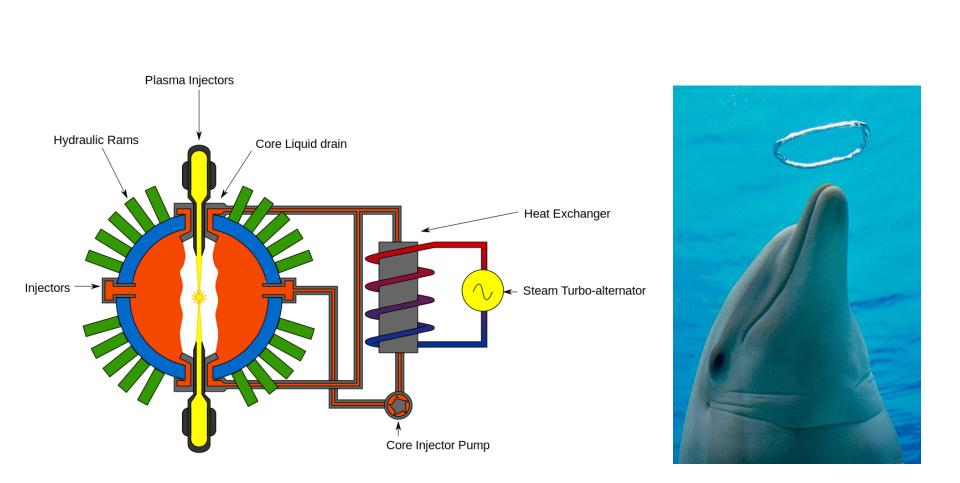


FRC sustain longer with neutral beam injection

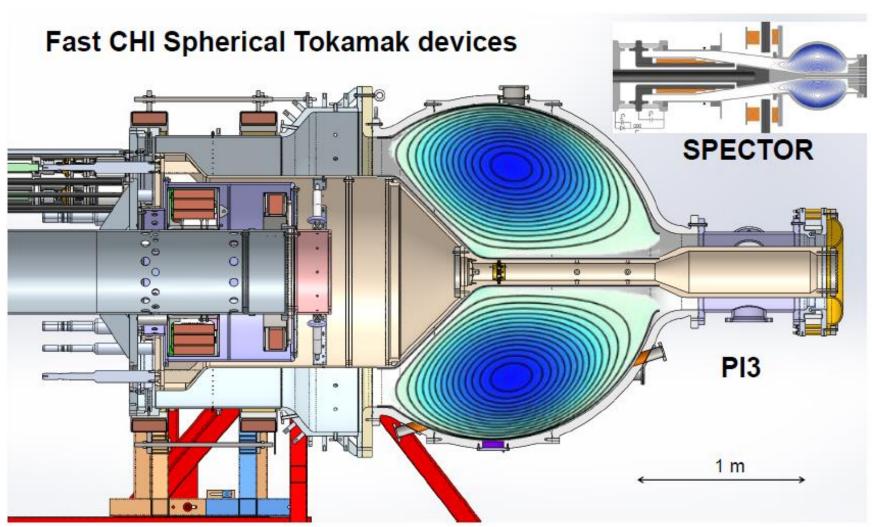




General fusion is a design ready to be migrated to a power plant

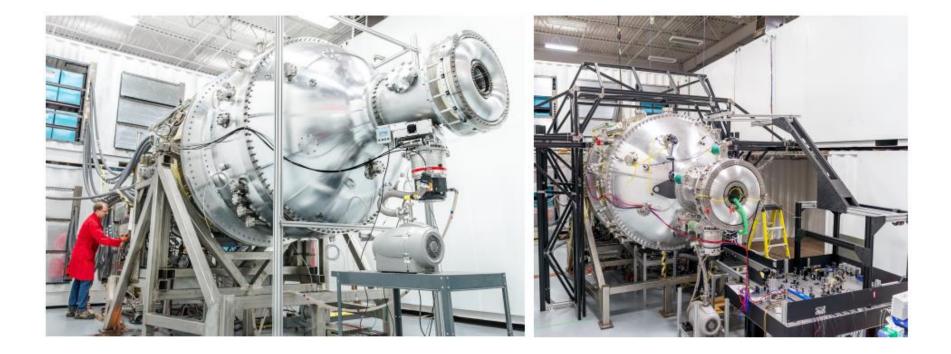


A spherical tokamak is first generated



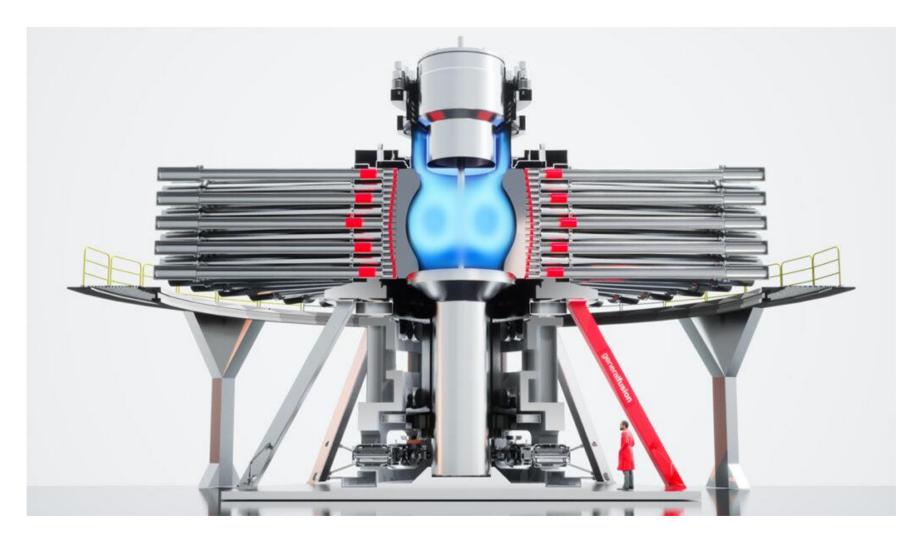
Plasma injector for the spherical tokamak



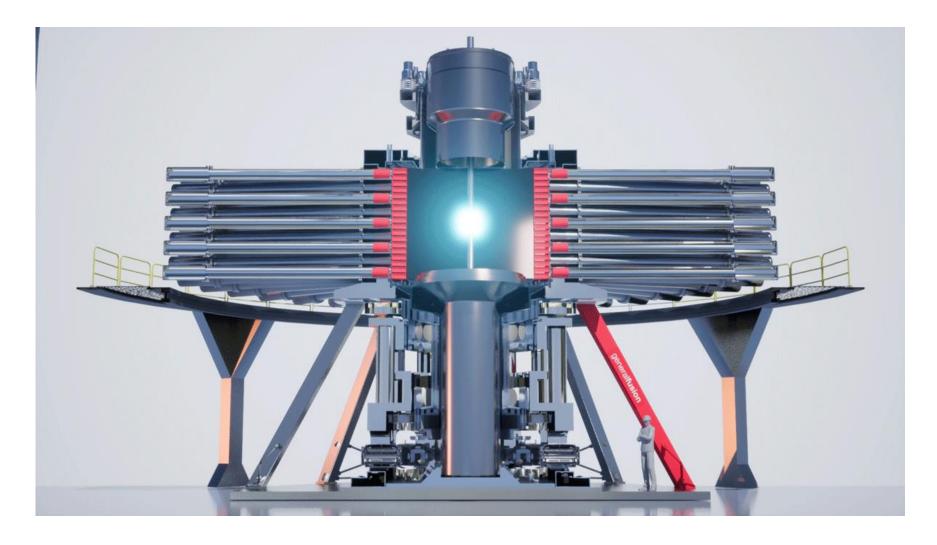


A spherical tokamak is generated in a liquid metal vortex





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



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



By Matt McGrath Environment correspondent

🕑 17 June



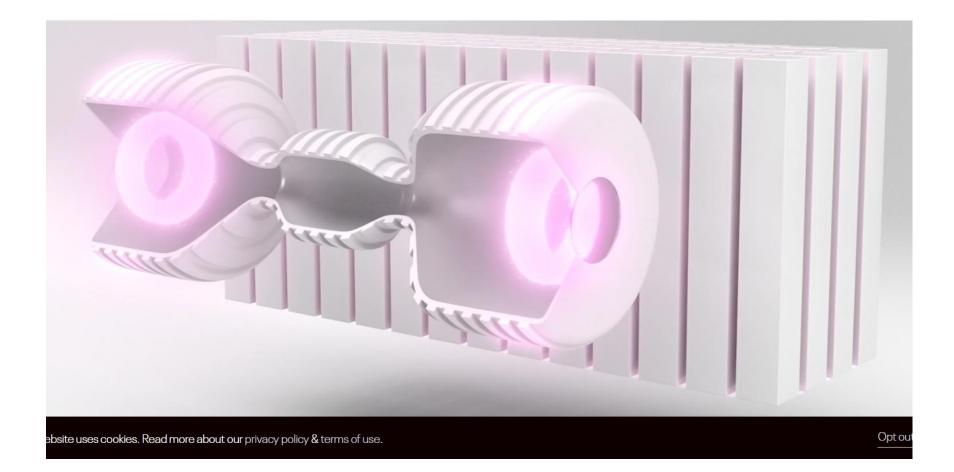


A company backed by Amazon's Jeff Bezos is set to build a large-scale nuclear fusion demonstration plant in Oxfordshire.

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

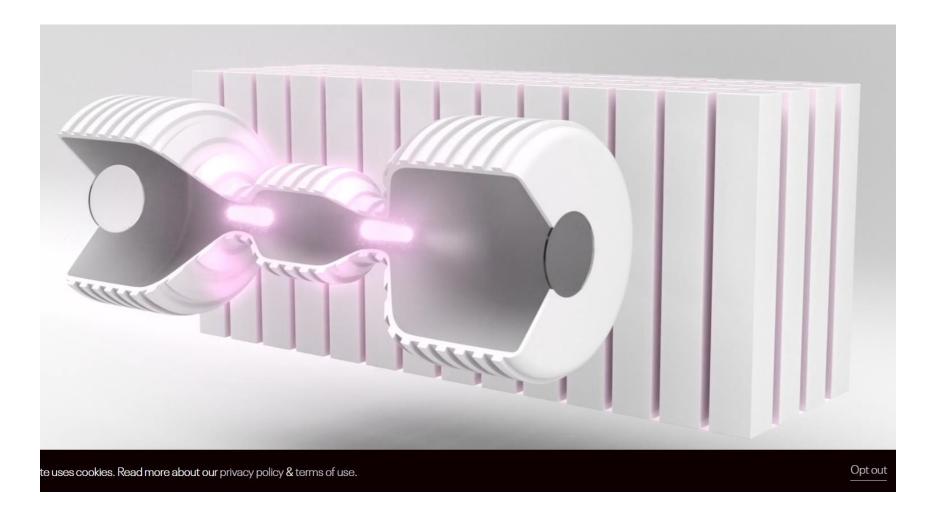
Helion energy is compressing the two merging FRCs





Two FRCs are accelerated toward each other





Two FRCs merge with each other



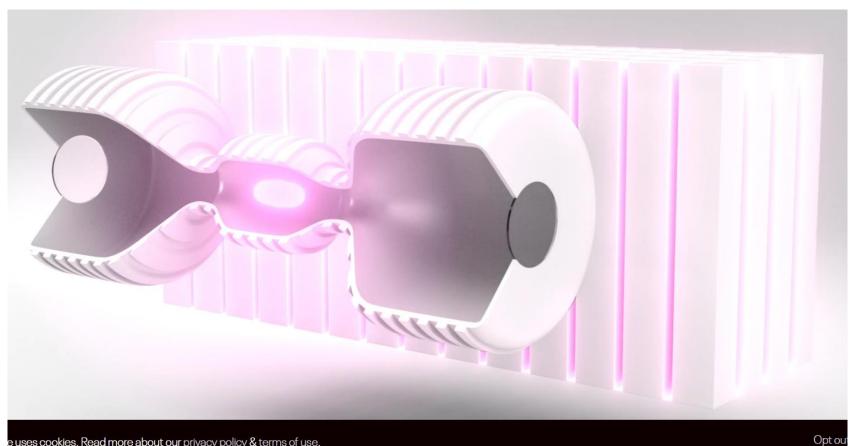
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The merged FRC is compressed electrically to high temperature



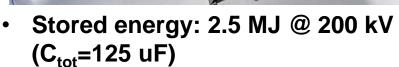


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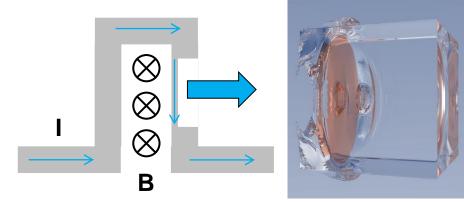
Similar concept will be studied in our laboratory. •

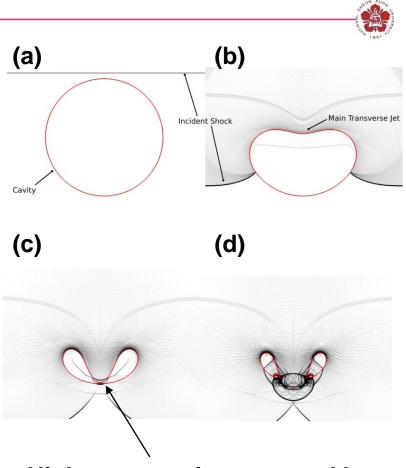
Projectile Fusion is being established at First Light Fusion Ltd, UK





• I_{peak}=14 MA w/ T_{rise}~2us.





 High pressure is generated by the colliding shock.

https://firstlightfusion.com/ B. Tully and N. Hawker, Phys. Rev. **E93**, 053105 (2016) ₂₃₀

A gas gun is used to eject the projectile

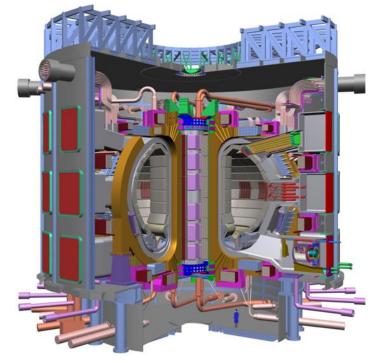




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Many groups aim to achieve ignition in the MCF regime in the near future

ITER – 2025 First Plasma
 2035 D-T Exps
 2050 DEMO

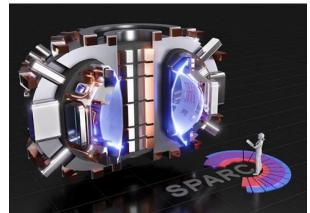


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- Tokamak energy, UK
 - 2025 Gain
 - 2030 to power grid



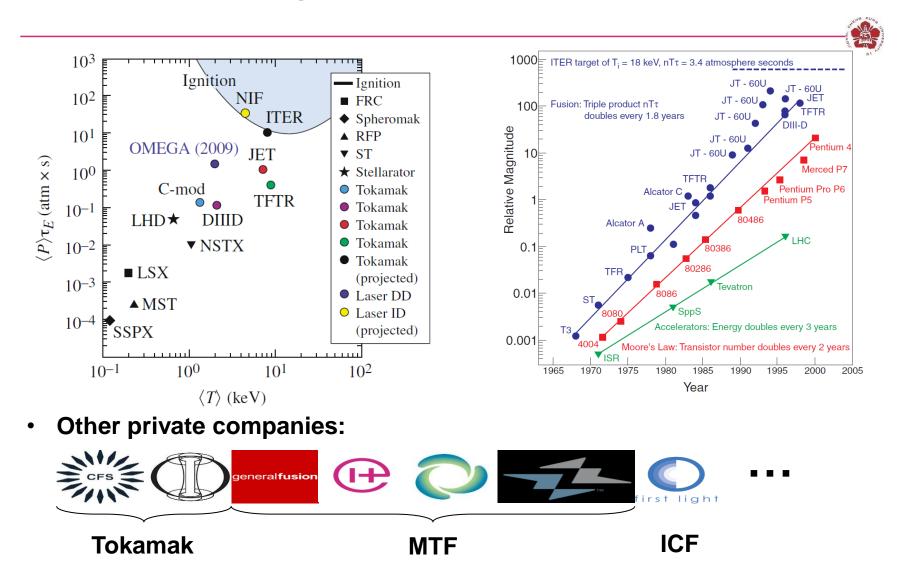
 Commonwealth Fusion Systems, USA – 2025 Gain



Fusion is blooming



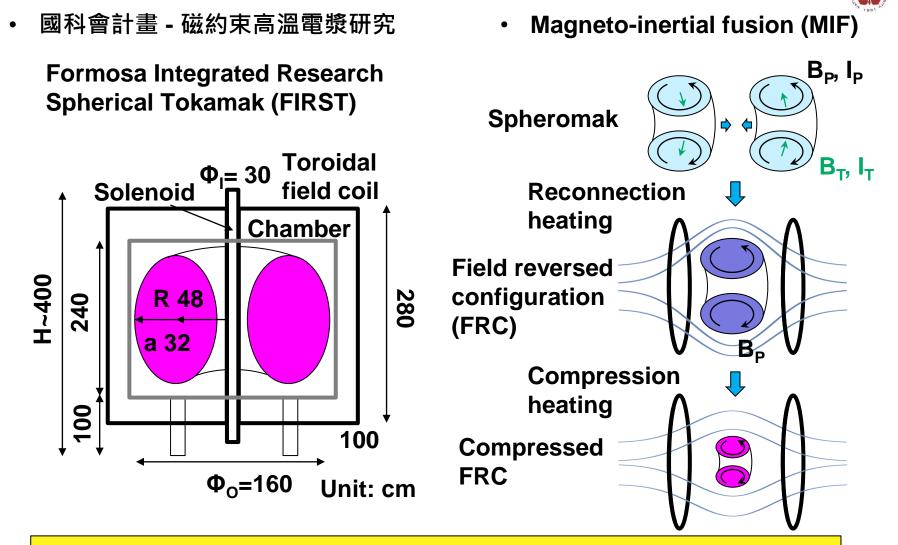
We are closed to ignition!



A. J. Webster, Phys. Educ. **38**, 135 (2003)

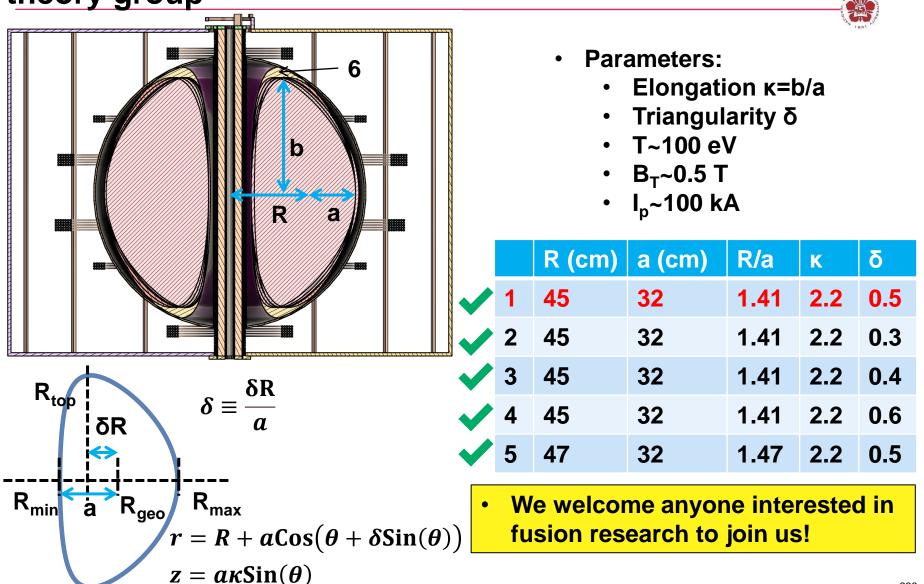
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Fusion projects in Inst. Space and Plasma Sciences, National Cheng Kung University



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

A new design using a spherical chamber can tolerate several potential shapes and sides calculated by the theory group





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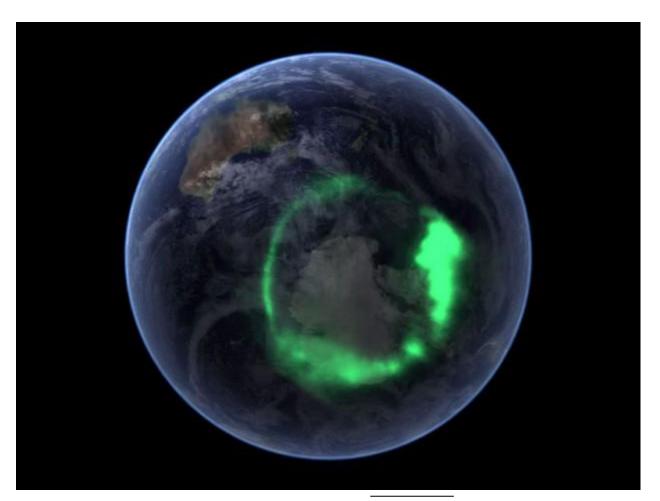
Aurora





Aurora seen from a satellite

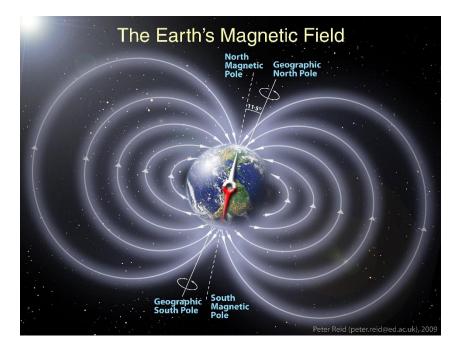


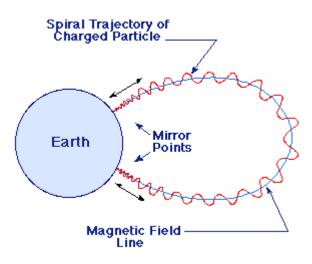


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Earth's magnetic field



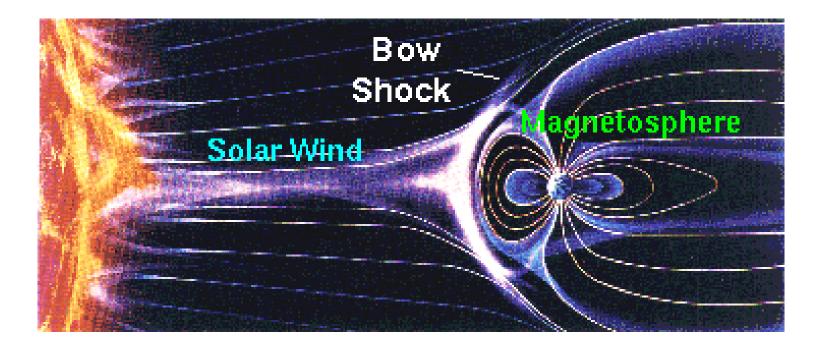




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Earth magnetic fields are strongly influenced by solar wind

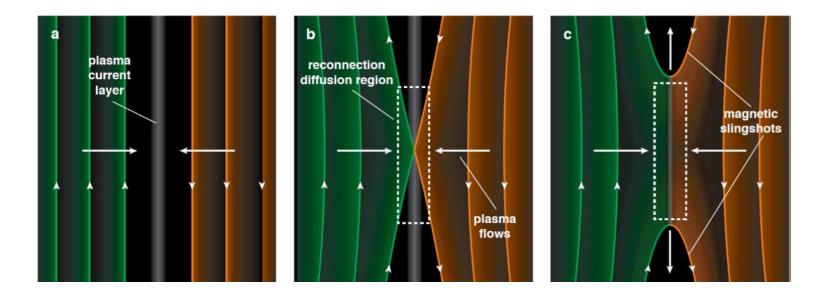




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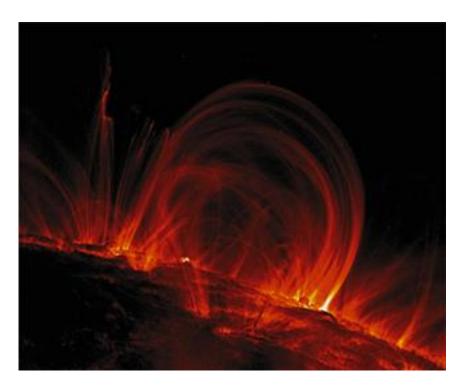


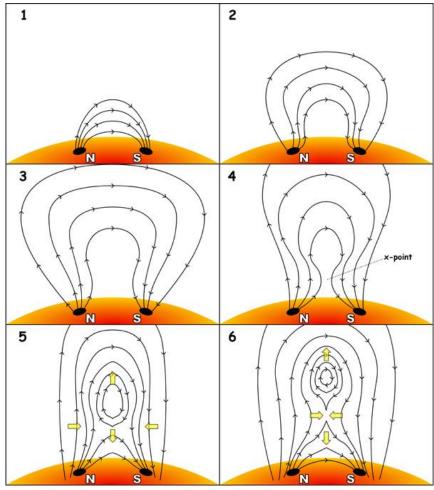


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Corona mass ejection (CME)

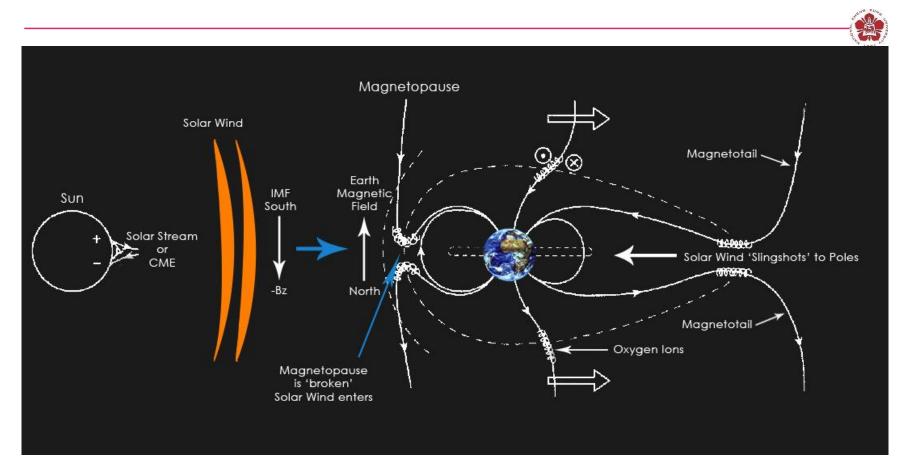






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Reconnections occur in many locations



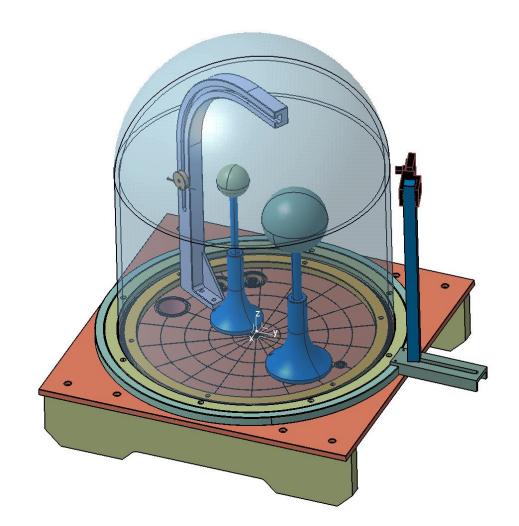
• The Aurora Borealis:

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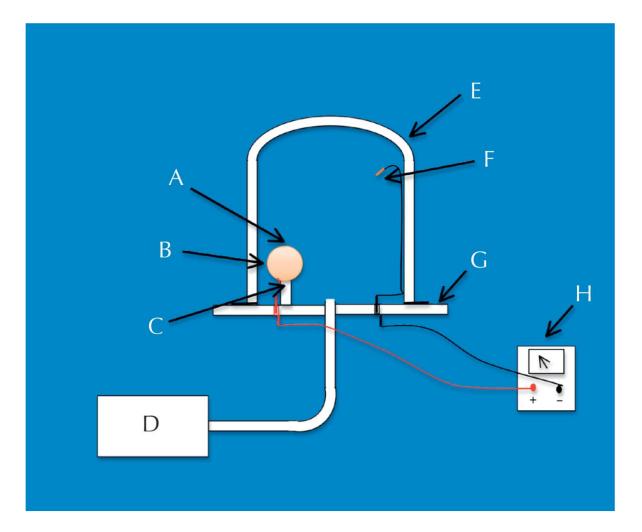
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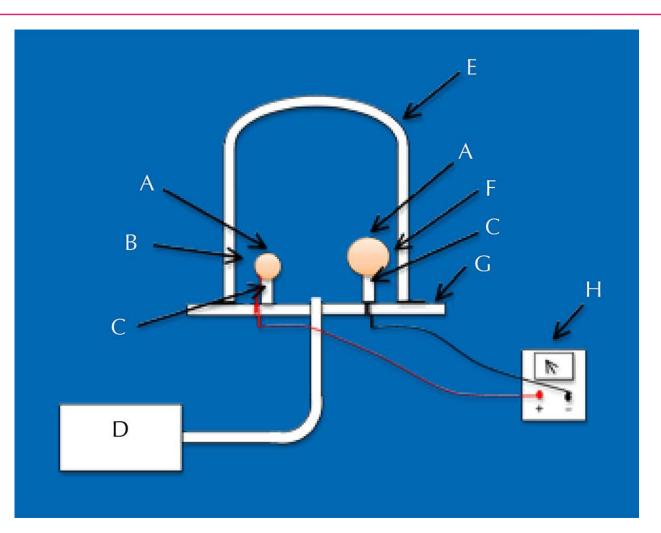


Simple glow discharge is demonstrated





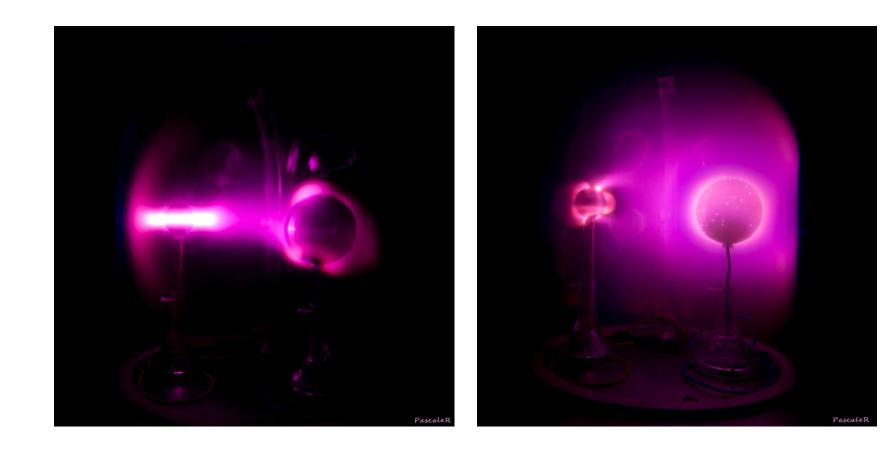
Aurora/ring current are demonstrated



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

Aurora and ring current are expected to be seen

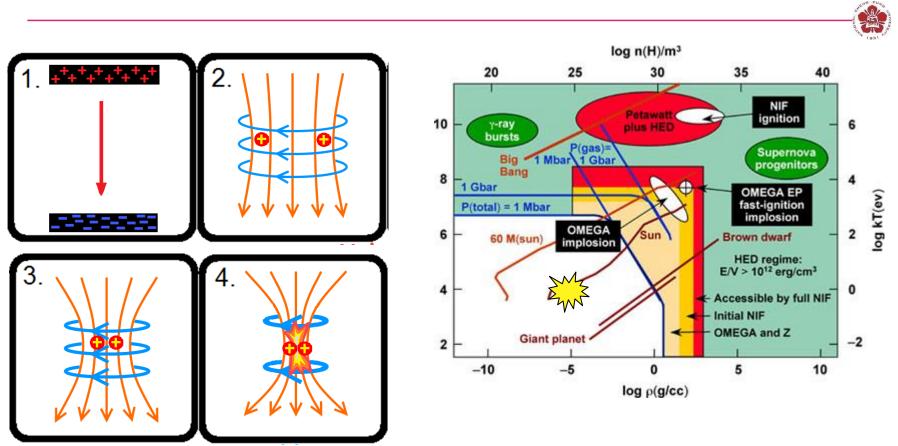






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Plasma can be compressed when parallel propagating current occurs



• High energy density plasma (HEDP) regime: P > 1 Mbar

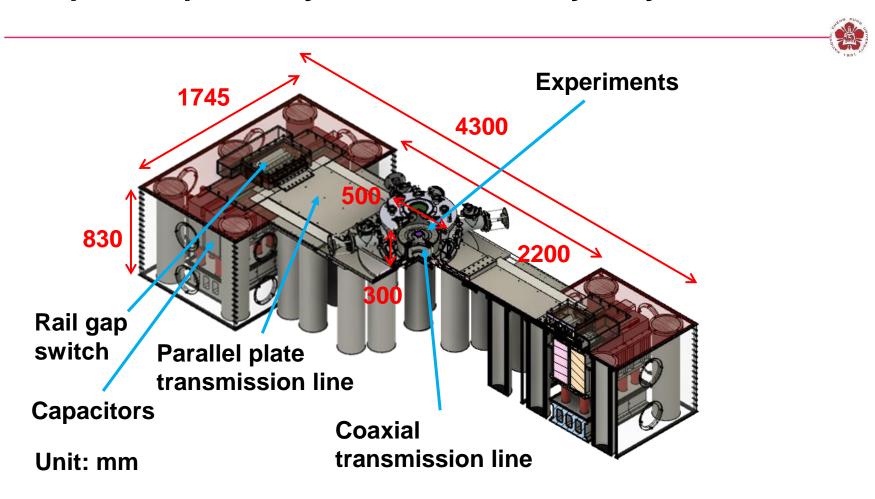
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A pulsed-power system is much cheaper than a laser facility



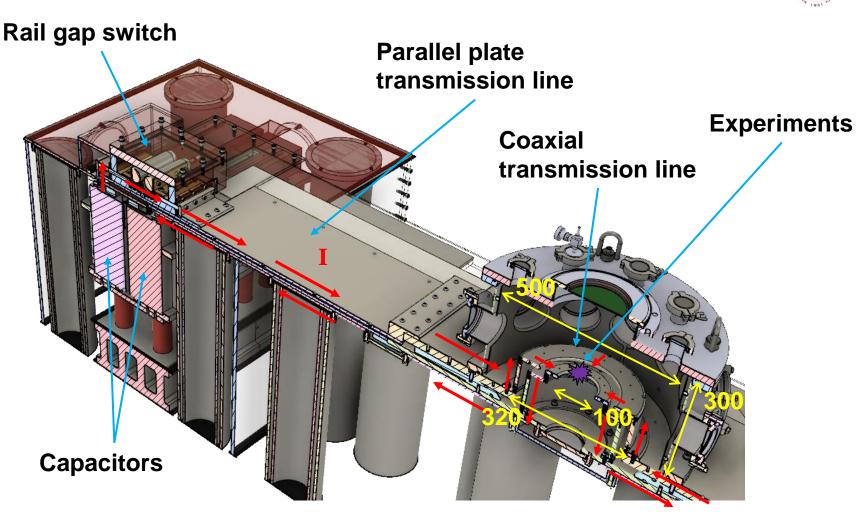
Facility	Budgets (NTD)
OMEGA at University of Rochester	~1.8 billion
National Ignition Facility (NIF) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)	~100 billion
Advanced Light Source (ALS) at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in Berkeley (LBNL)	~3 billion
Taiwan Photon Source (TPS) at National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center (NSRRC)	~7 billion
Pulsed-power system at ISAPS, NCKU	~0.002 billion (<0.1 %)!!!

The pulsed-power system was built by only students



 A 1 kJ pulsed-power system at ISAPS, NCKU started being operated since September, 2019.

Experiments will be taken placed at the center of the vacuum chamber

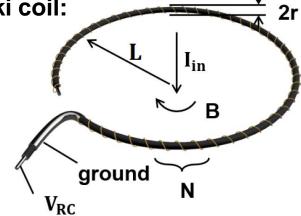


Unit: mm

A peak current of 135 kA with a rise time of 1.6 us is provided by the pulsed-power system

Capacitance (µF)	5		150
V _{charge} (kV)	20	(50)	3 100
Energy (kJ)	1	(6.25)	モ 50 ゼ 0
Inductance (nH)	204 ± 4		<u> </u>
Rise time (quarter period, ns)	1592 <u>+</u> 3		ਤੋਂ -100 -150
I _{peak} (kA)	135 <u>+</u> 1	(~340)	0 1 2 3
Peak power (GW)	~0.6	(~4)	Time (µs)

Rogowski coil:



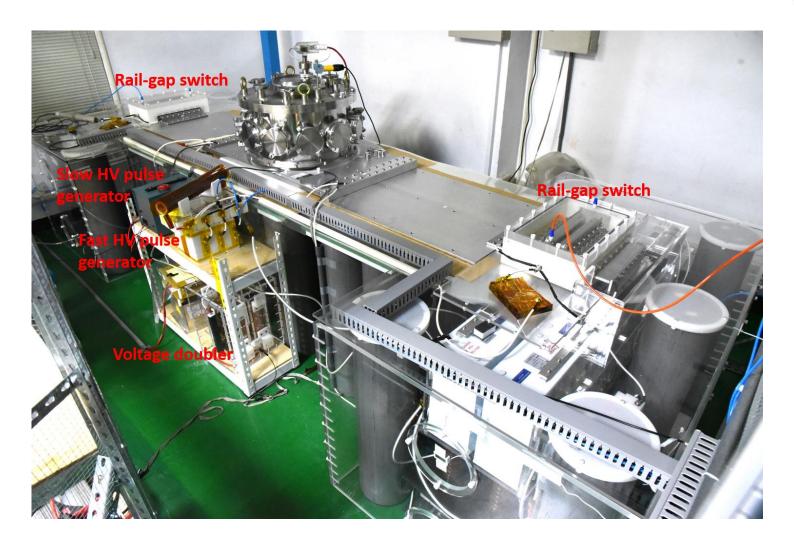


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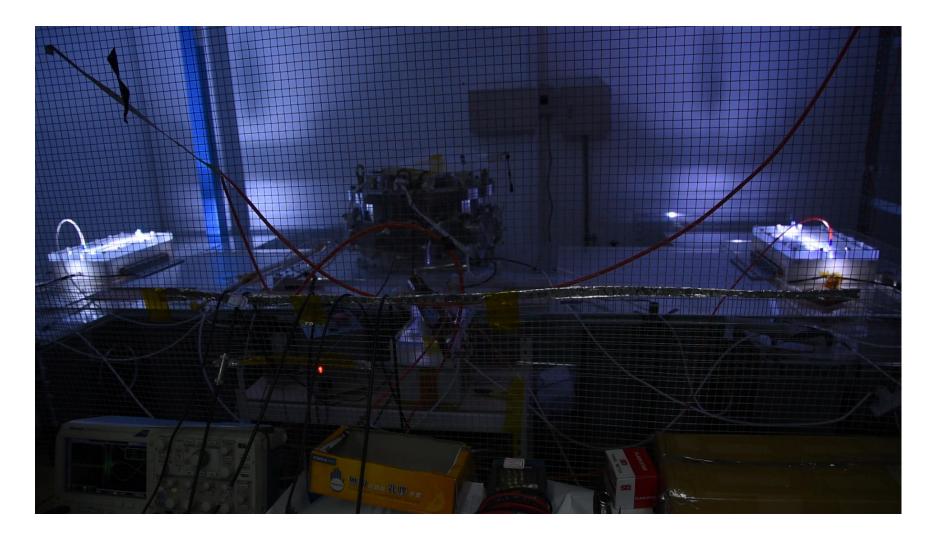
The 1-kJ pulsed-power system



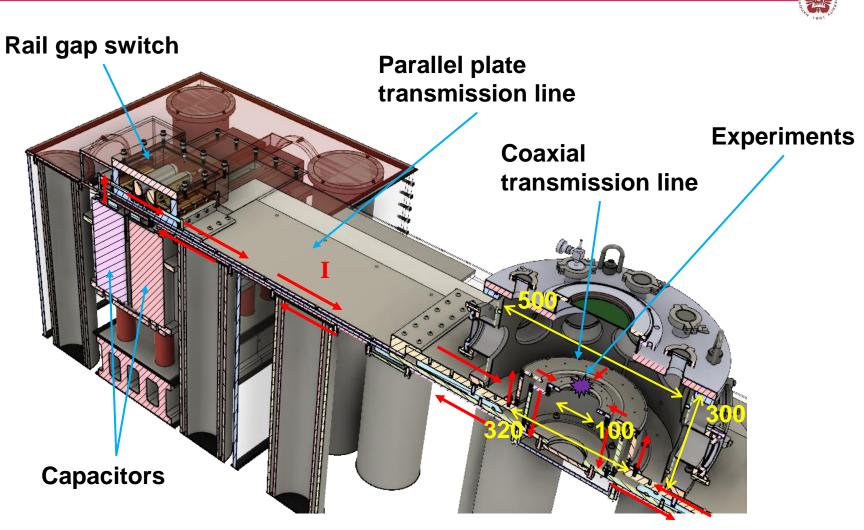


First shot with two synchronized rail-gap switches





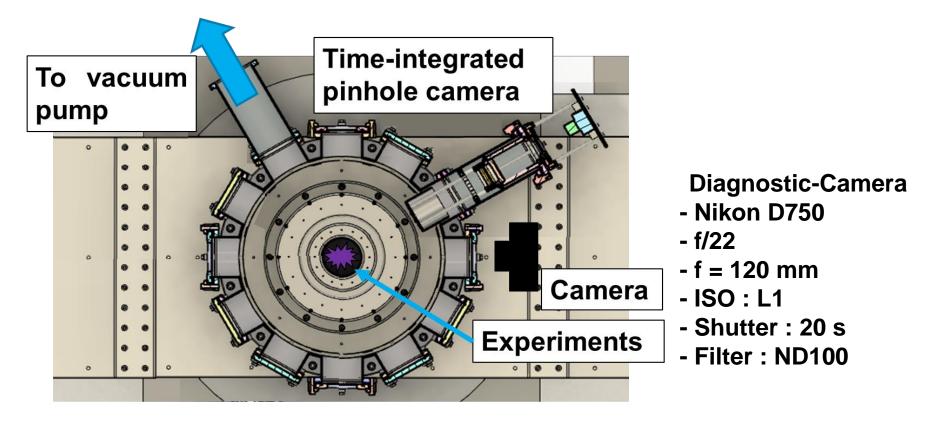
Experiments will take place at the center of the vacuum chamber



Unit: mm

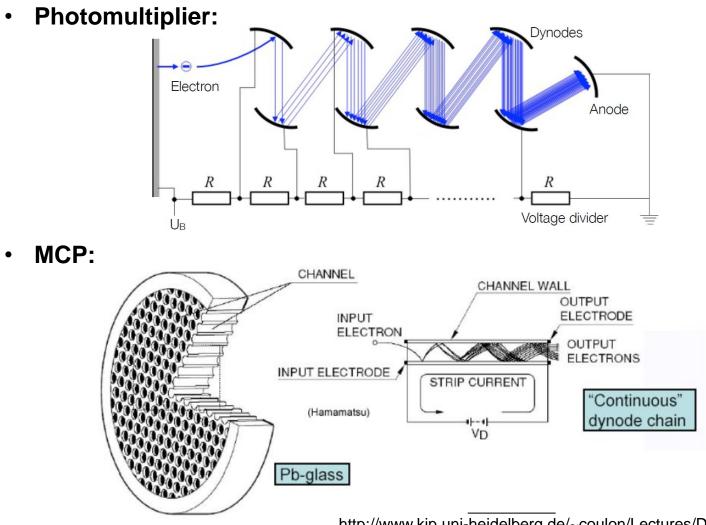
System with current diagnostics





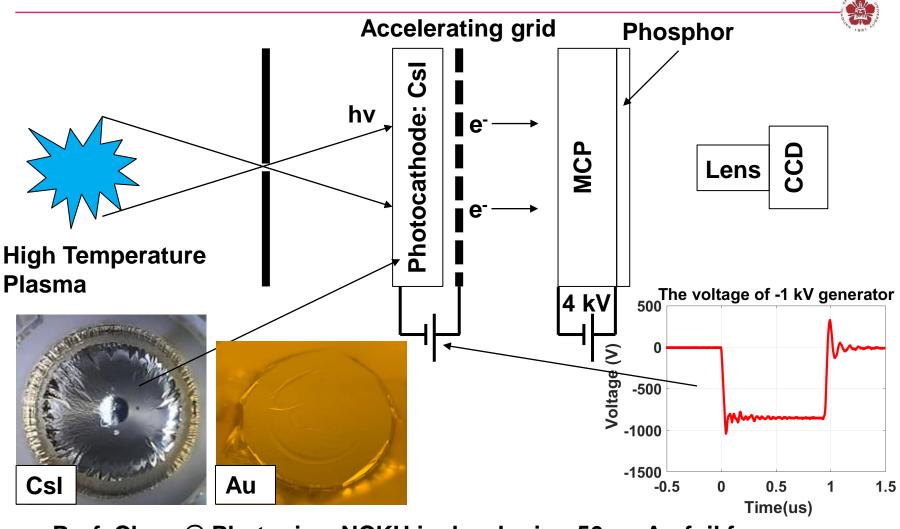
Pinhole camera

The number of electrons can be increased through a photomultipliers or a microchannel plate (MCP)



http://www.kip.uni-heidelberg.de/~coulon/Lectures/DetectorsSoSe10/ Slides from 2013 HEDP Summer School (http://hedpschool.lle.rochester.edu/1000_proc2013.php)

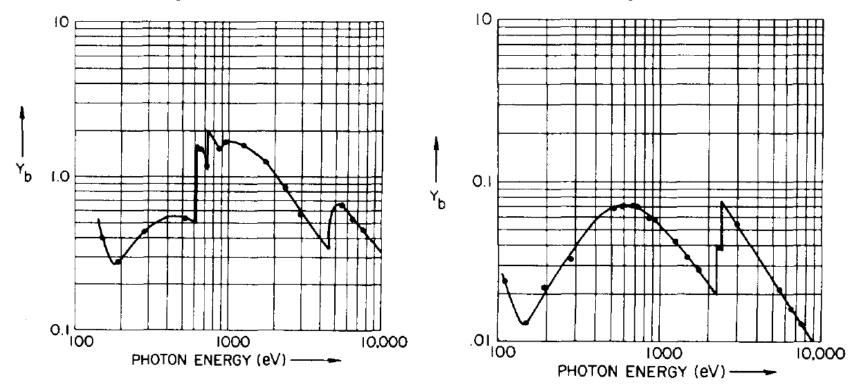
X-rays are imaged using photocathode, MCP, phosphor, and CCD



- Prof. Chou @ Photonics, NCKU is developing 50nm Au foil for us.
 - Images can be gated using fast high voltage pulses.

The CsI photocathode is sensitive to photons with energy above 600 eV

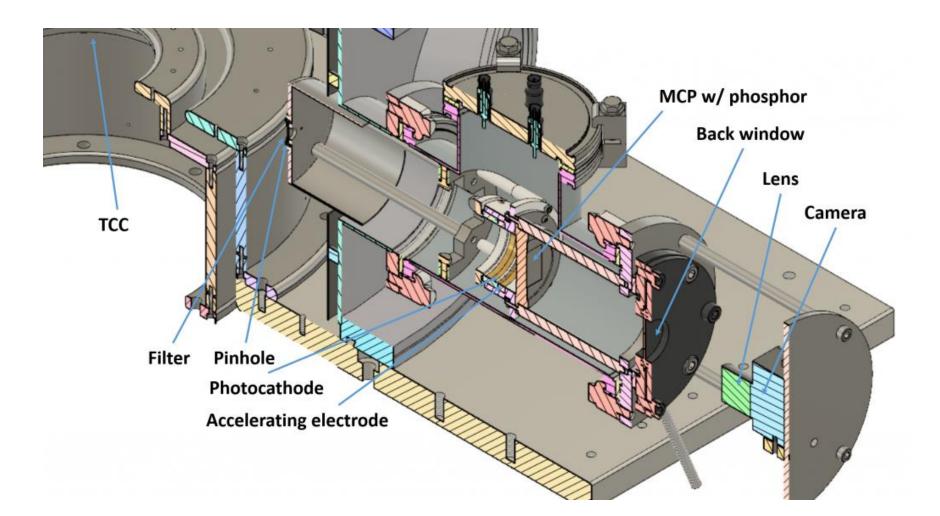
- Back-surface secondary electron quantum yield for a 100 nm Csl transmission photocathode.
- Back-surface secondary electron quantum yield for a 23 nm Au transmission photocathode.



• Our photocathode: 200nm Lexan / 25nm Al / 120nm Csl.

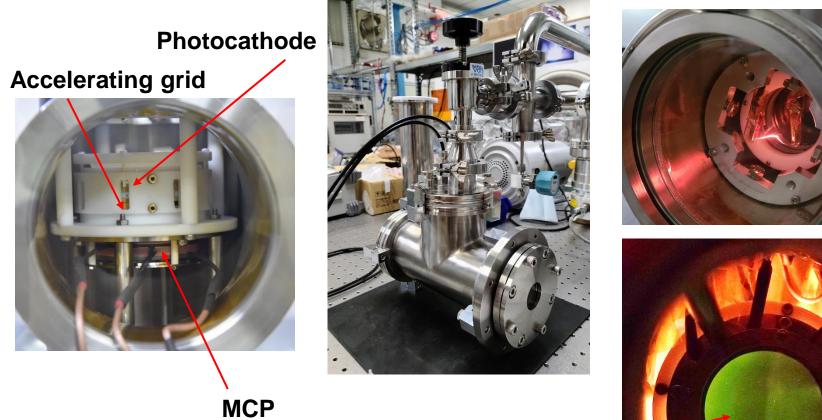
The pinhole camera is attached to one of the flange



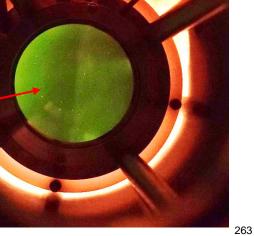


The MCP right was tested



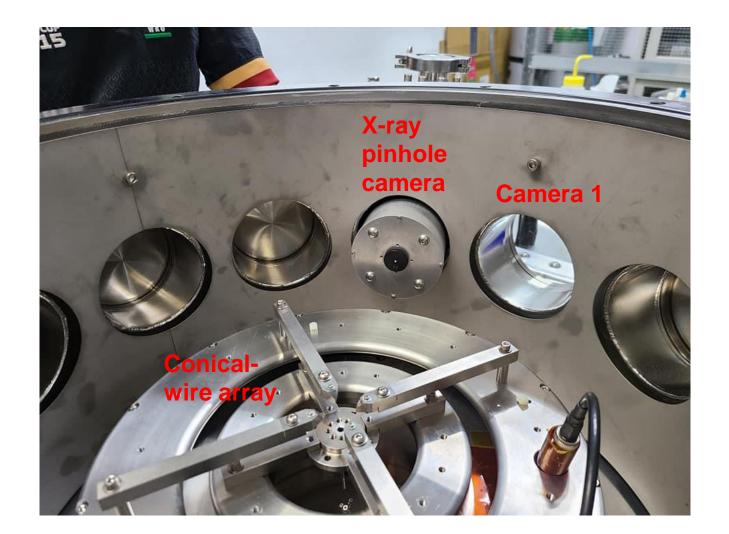


Phosphor



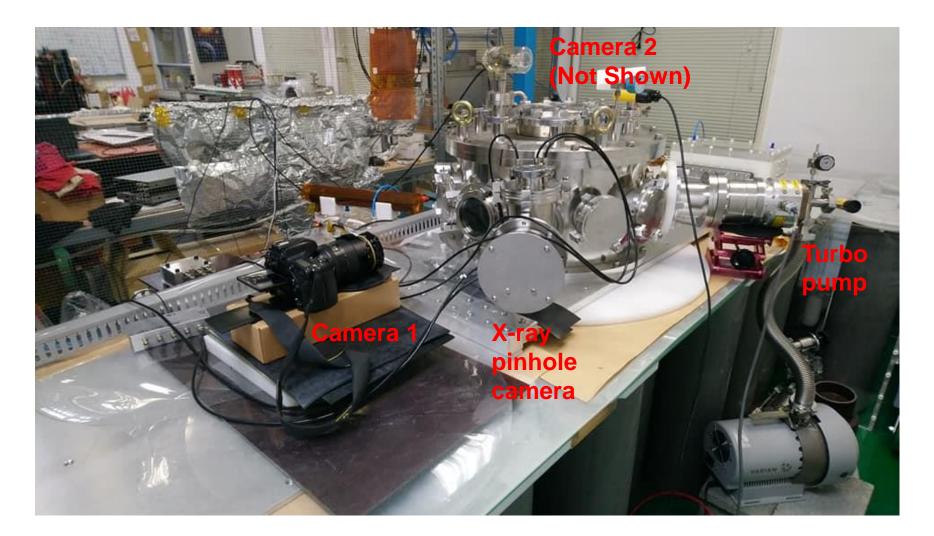
The view inside the vacuum chamber





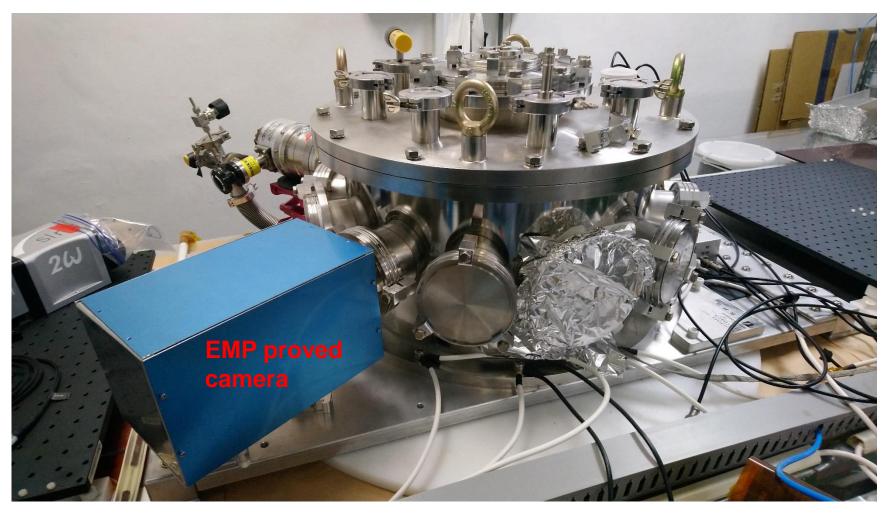
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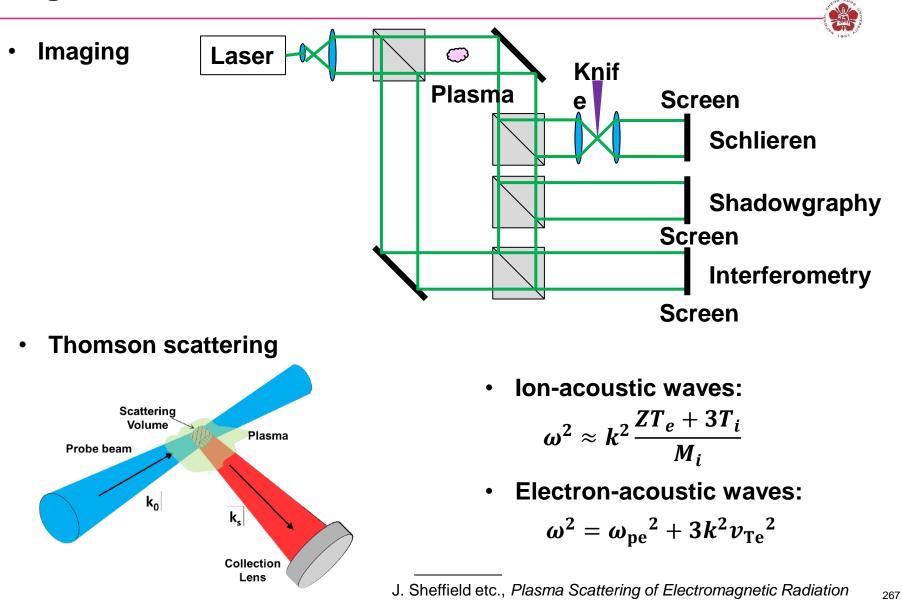
EMP proved camera



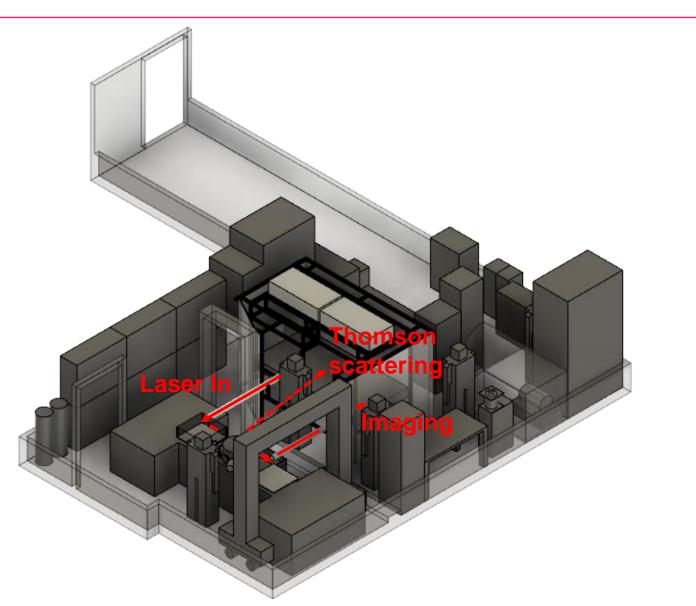


• The camera is controlled via wifi and powered by batteries.

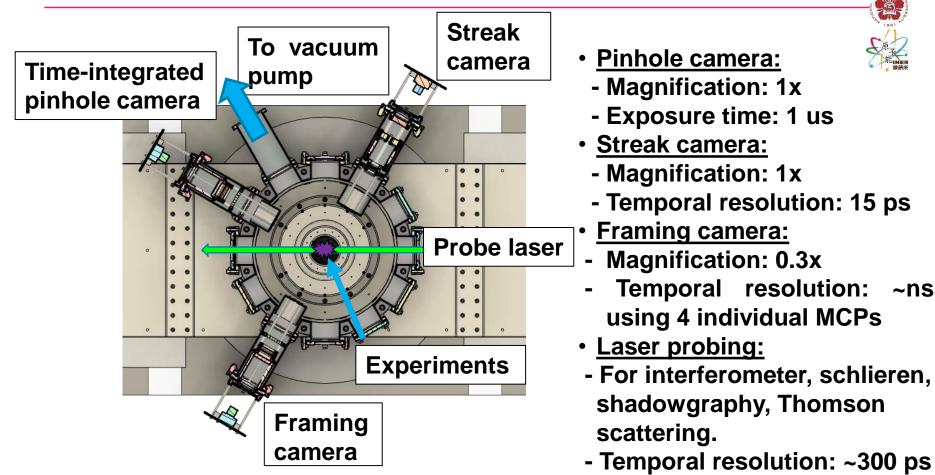
Density and temperature can be measured using laser diagnostics



Laser alignment on three different optical tables will be challenging but possible



A suit of diagnostics in the range of (soft) x-ray are being built



- CsI are used as the photocathode for all xray imaging system.
- Au photocathode may be used in the future.

using stimulated brillouin

scattering (SBS) pulse

compression in water

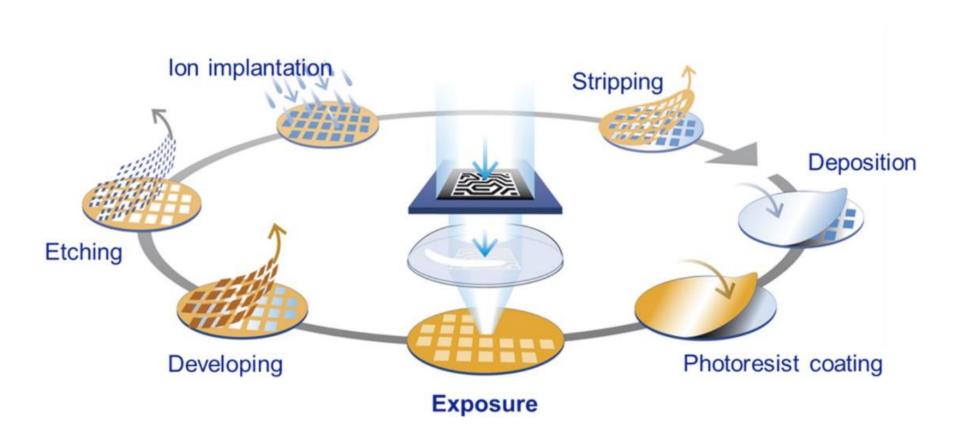
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EUV light sources

A semiconductor device is fabricated by many repetitive production process



EUV lithography becomes important for semiconductor industry



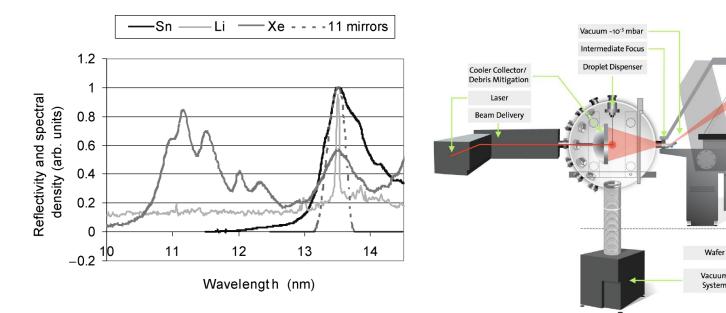


EUV light is generated from laser-produced plasma (LPP)



Multilayered Mirror Optics

Reticle



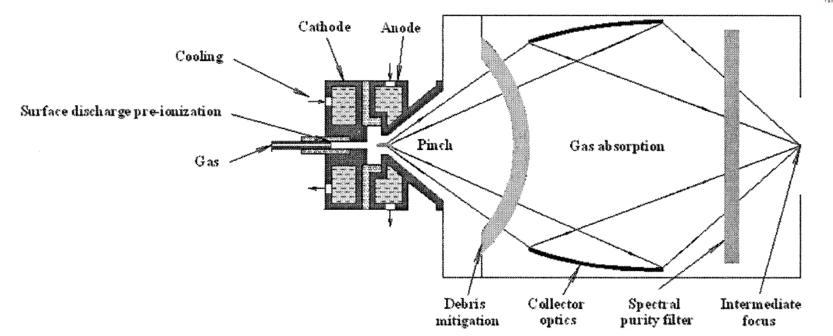
- $\lambda = 13.5 \text{ nm} \pm 1\%$ is required.
- At T=35-40 eV (~450,000 K), ٠ in-band emission occurs.
- Xenon:
 - $4p^{6}4d^{8} \rightarrow 4p^{6}4d^{7}5p$ from single ion stage Xe¹⁰⁺
 - UTA @ 11 nm

- Tin:
 - $4p^{6}4d^{N} \rightarrow 4p^{5}4d^{N+1} + 4p^{6}4d^{N-1}4f$ $(1 \le N \le 6)$ in ions ranging from Sn⁸⁺ to Sn¹²⁺

Wafe

- UTA @ 13.5 nm
- UTA: unresolved transition array
- V. Bakshi, EUV sources for lithography
- R. S. Abhari, etc., J. Micro/Nanolithography, MEMS, and MOEMS, 11, 021114 (2012) 273

Discharge produced plasma (DPP) can generate EUV light for EUV lithography

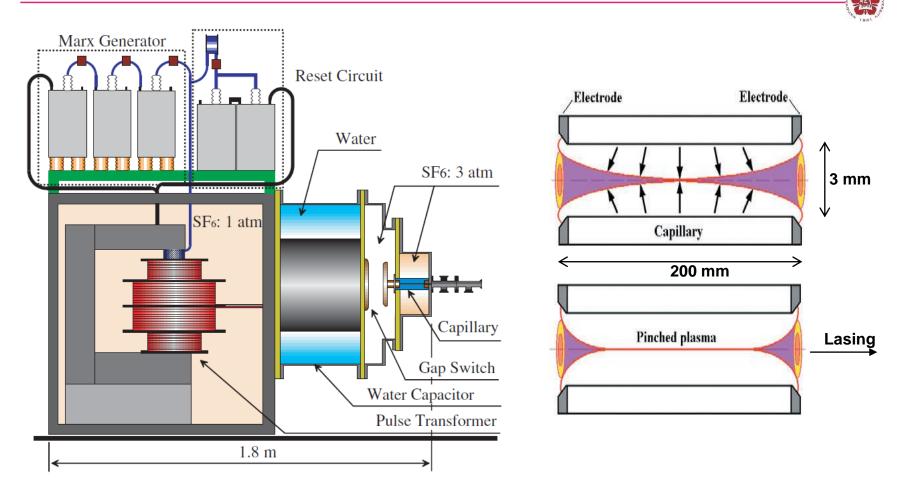


• Electrodes are damaged significantly due to the heat and sputtering by ions.

	Laser-produced plasma (LPP)	Discharge-produced plasma (DPP)
Pros	Commercial system available.	High conversion efficiency.
Cons	Low conversion efficiency.	Short system life time due to electrode erosion.

V. Borisov, etc., Proc. SPIE 6611, Laser Optics 2006: High-Power Gas Lasers, 66110B (12 April 2007) 274

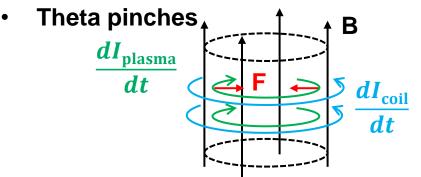
Soft x-ray laser can be generated using a capillary zpinch discharge



 If 200~500 mTorr Ar is used as the filled gas, 46.9 nm (26.5 eV) Ne-like Ar laser can be built.

EUV light can be generated using gas-puff theta pinches

Coil



- **Gas-puff Theta pinches**
- High voltage is applied between electrodes to generate initial plasma via arc discharge.
- Advantages:
 - **Energy is directed** used for generating and heating plasma.
 - **Electrodes are away** from hot plasma.
 - Less current is used to generate plasma.
- Adiabatic compression: $TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{const} \quad T_{\rm f} = T_{\rm o} \left(\frac{r_{\rm o}}{r_{\rm f}}\right)^{\gamma}$ $T_0 = 1 \sim 10 \text{ eV}$ $T_f = 40 \text{ eV}$ Compression ratio: $\frac{r_o}{-} = 16 \sim 3$ **Electrodes Pulsed** gas Helmholtz injected Insulator **10 mm** Plasma plume mm

Simulations show that plasma with temperature higher than 30 eV can be generated on our system

• Snow plow model is used*:

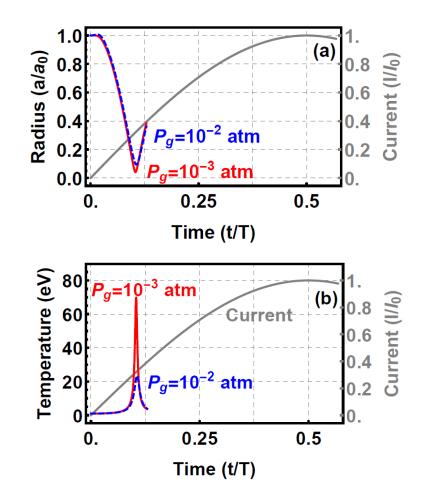
$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(M_{s}\frac{da}{dt}\right) = -2\pi a \left(\frac{B^{2}}{8\pi} - P_{0}\left(\frac{a_{0}}{a}\right)^{2\gamma}\right)$$
$$M_{s}(t) = \pi m_{i}N_{0}\left(a_{0}^{2} - a^{2}\right)\eta(t)$$

• The magnetic field provided by a Helmholtz coil with both radius and separation equal to 5 mm:

$$B = B_{max} sin(\omega t)$$
 where $B_{max} = 9 T$

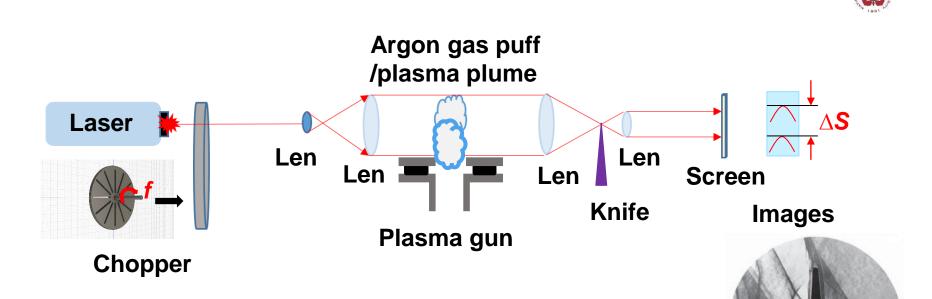
• Initial conditions:

$$a_0 = 5$$
mm
 $P_0 = 2P_g \frac{11604}{300}$
 $N_0 = 2.43 \times 10^{19} P_g \text{cm}^{-3}$
 $m_{i,\text{Ar}} = 6.67 \times 10^{-23} g$



^{*}T. Uchida, etc., Nuclear Fusion, 2, 70, 1962277

Flow speed of the Argon gas puff/plasma plume will be measured using time-resolved Schlieren system

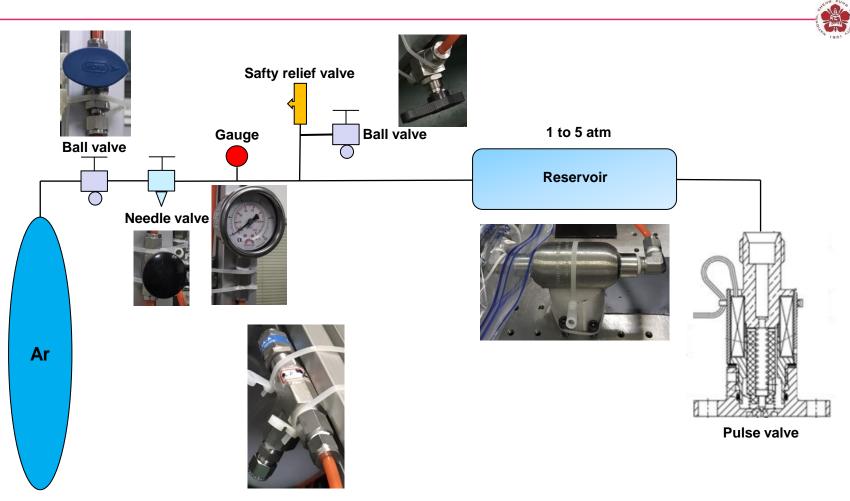


• The flow speed is important for synchronization.

• Speed:
$$v = \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta t} = \Delta S f$$

- Sound speed: 300 m/sec
 For 50 μs, the traveling distance of the plume is 1.5 cm.
- An 20-kHz optical chopper provides 50 µs time separate.

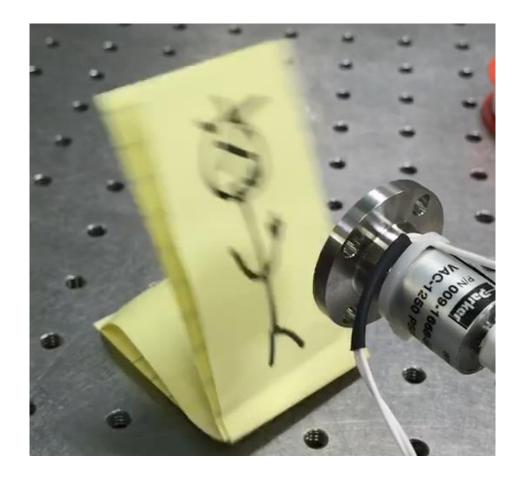
The gas-puff system in atmosphere has been built for testing



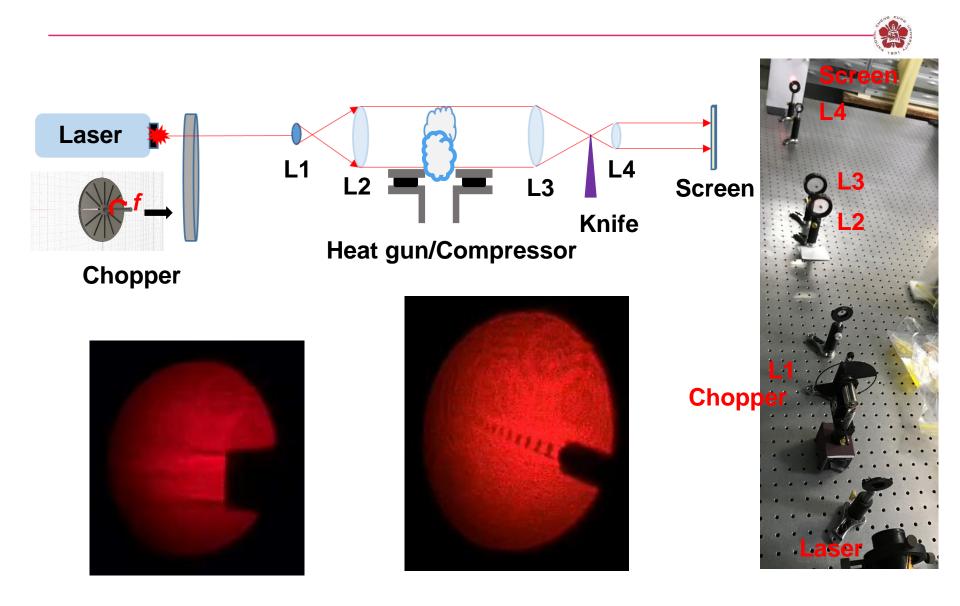
6 atm

The gas-puff was capable to push two slides of papers

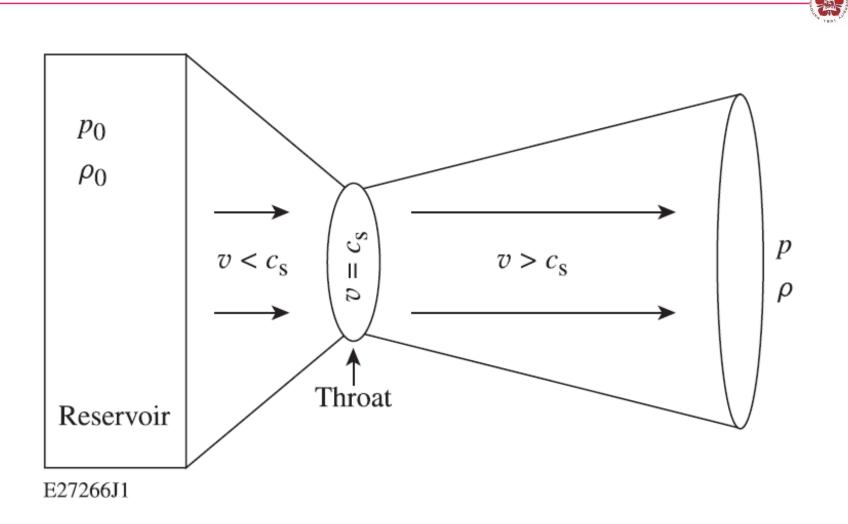




The Schlieren system has been built

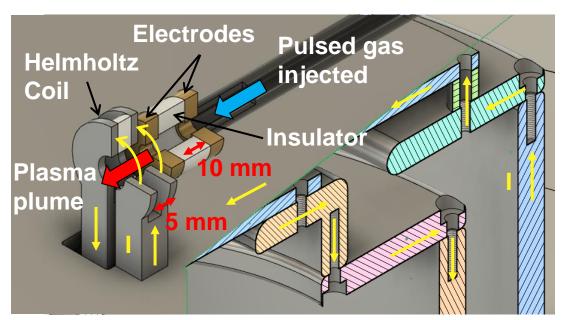


A converging/diverging nozzle is needed to generate a supersonic gas puff



^{*}A. M. Hansen, etc., Rev. Sci. Instrum., 89, 10C103, 2018 282

EUV light characteristics will be measured



- Plasma density, temperature before and after compression will be measured.
- EUV light characteristic will be measured.
 - Intensity
 - Pulse width
 - Spectrum
 - Uniformity
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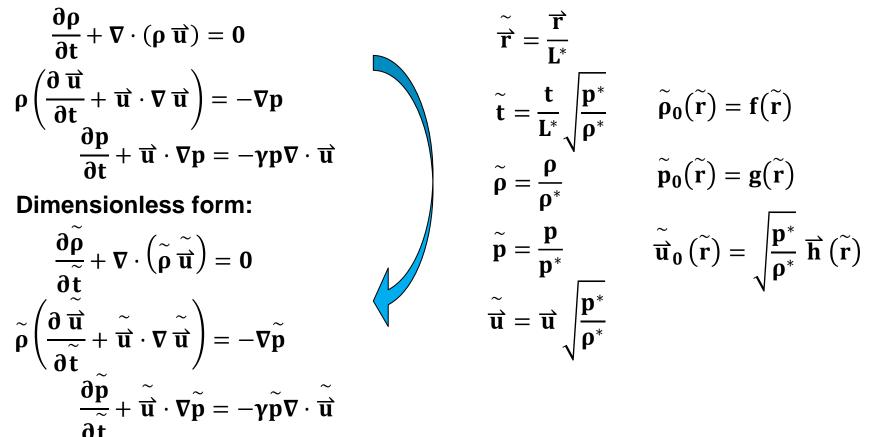


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Laboratory astrophysics and space sciences

Hydrodynamic equations can be written in a dimensionless form

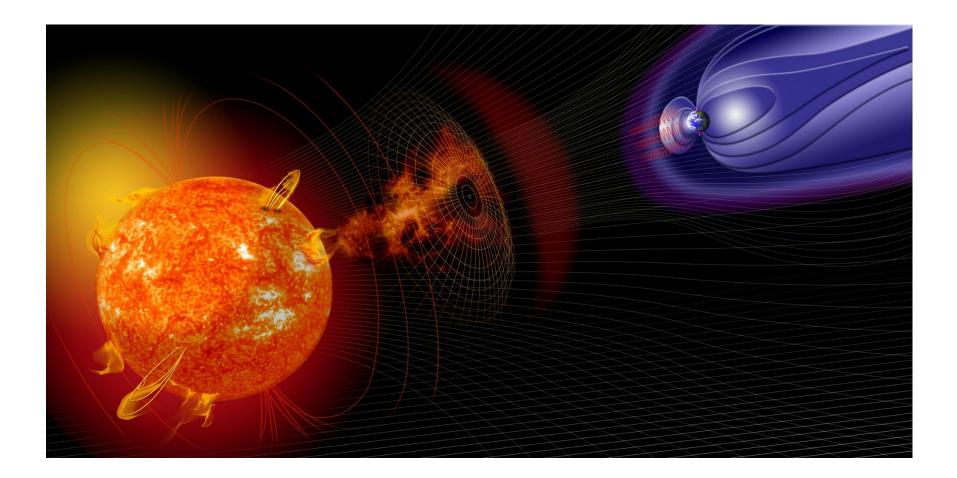
• Dimensional form:



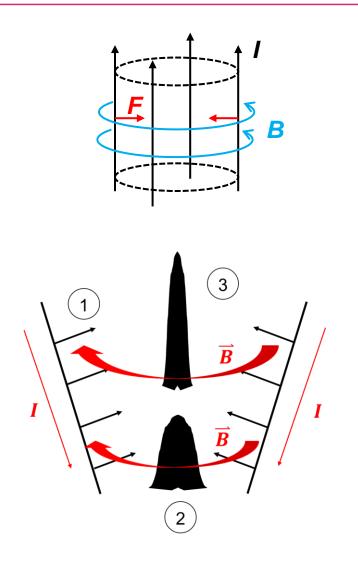
Any two hydrodynamic systems involve identically in a scaled sense if f, g, h, and $u^{*}(\rho^{*}/p^{*})^{1/2}$ are the same.

Solar wind is a supersonic plasma plume coming from the sun





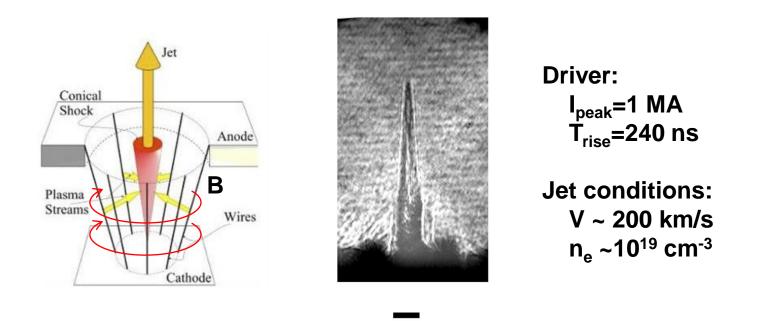
A plasma jet can be generated by a conical-wire array due to the nonuniform z-pinch effect



- 1. Wire ablation : corona plasma is generated by wire ablations.
- 2. Precursor : corona plasma is pushed by the $\vec{J} \times \vec{B}$ force and accumulated on the axis forming a precursor.
- 3. Plasma jet is formed by the nonuniform z-pinch effect due to the radius difference between the top and the bottom of the array.

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Plasma jets generated by conical-wire arrays can be used to simulate the solar wind



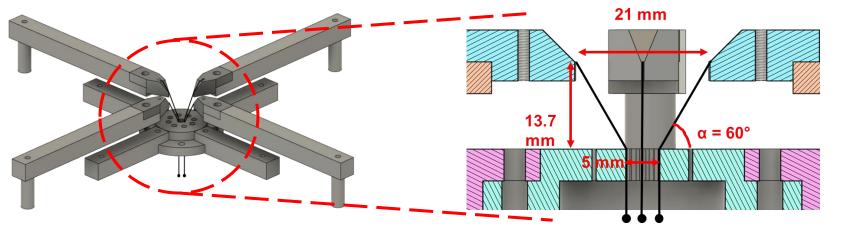


- A conical-wire array can be used to generate a plasma jet where the flow speed is ~ 200 km/s with Mach number up to 20.
- The solar wind is a supersonic plasma flow with Mach number ~ 5-10 and the flow speed ~ 400 km/s.

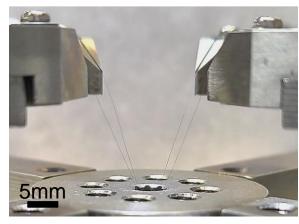
* George K. Parks, Physics of Space Plasmas: An Introduction (Perseus Books (Sd), 1991).

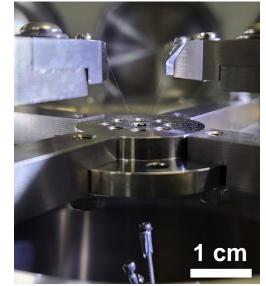
^{*} S. V. Lebedev et al. Astrophys. J. 564, 113 (2002)

Our conical-wire array consists of 4 tungsten wires with an inclination angle of 30° with respect to the axis



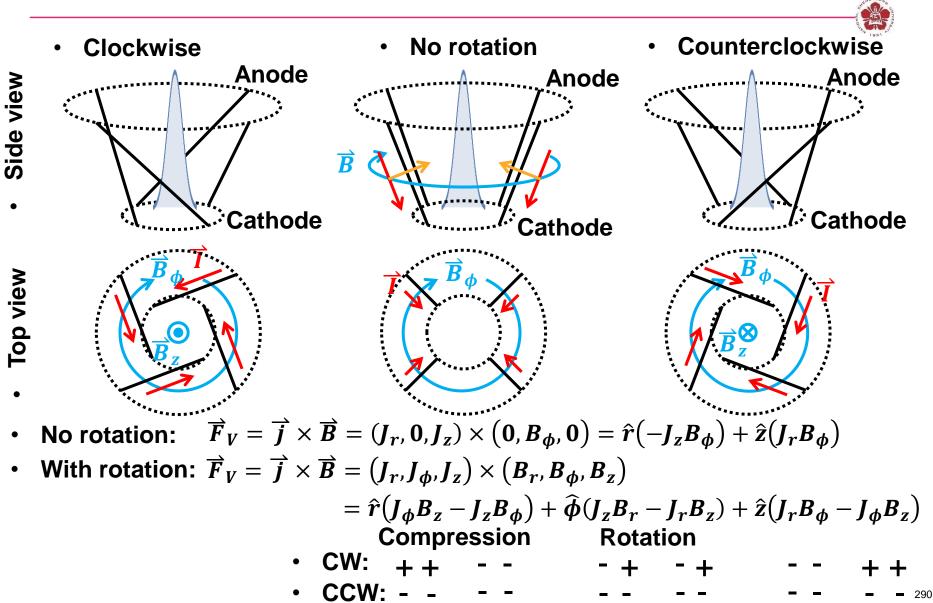
Conical-wire array





- Material : Tungsten
- Number of wires : 4
- Diameter : 0.02 mm

The rotational plasma jet produced by a twisted-conicalwire array is being studied

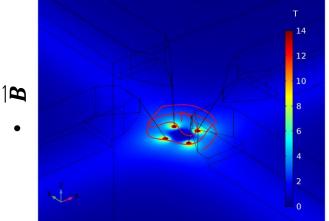


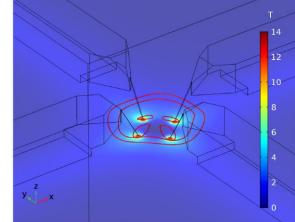
Bz is generated when the coil is twisted

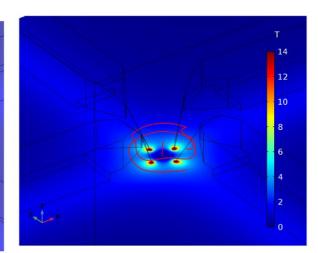
Clockwise

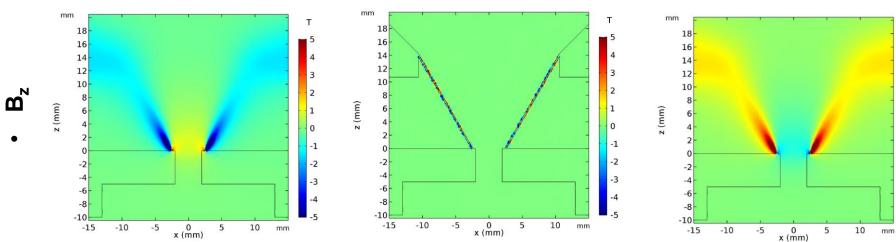
No rotation

Counterclockwise







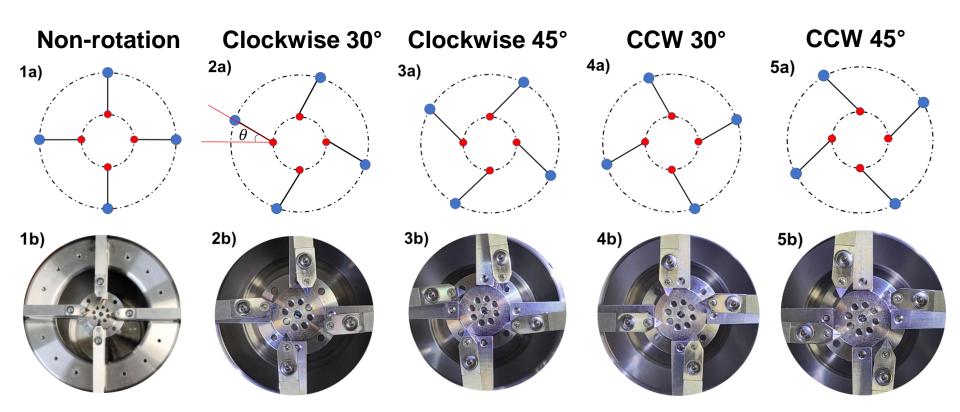


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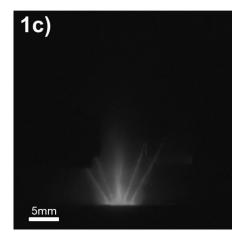
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Conical-wire arrays were twisted with different angles and in different directions

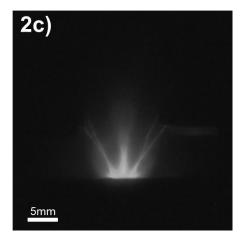


The brightness of the generated plasma jets depend on the twisted angle of the conical-wire array

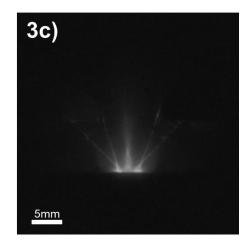
Non-rotation



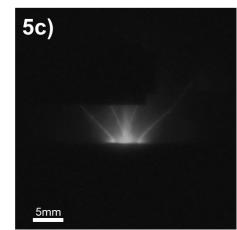
Clockwise 30°



Clockwise 45°

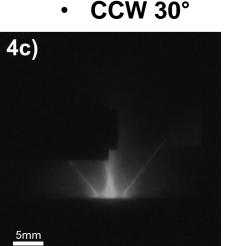


• CCW 45°

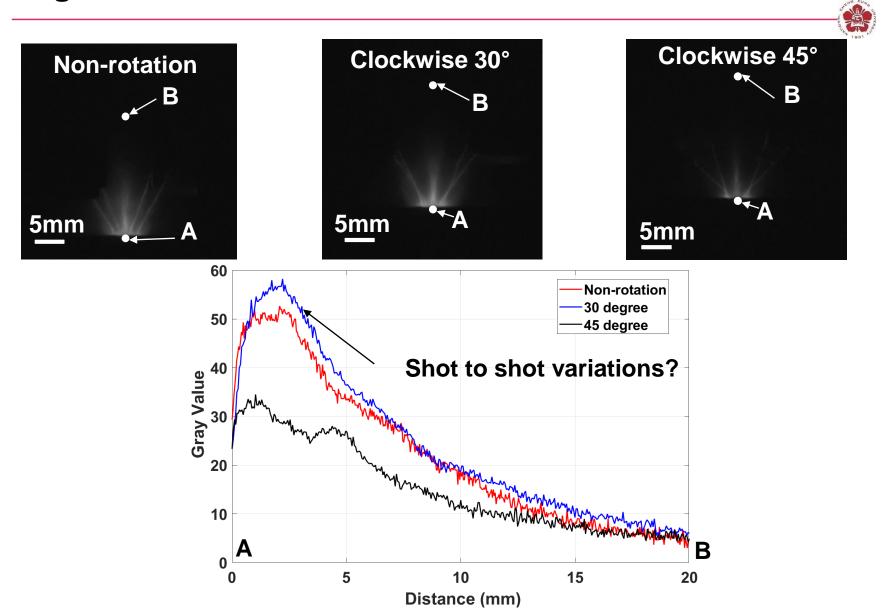


 The view of the plasma jet was blocked





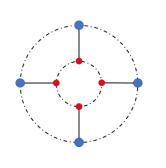
The plasma jet with the twisted angle of 30° was the brightest

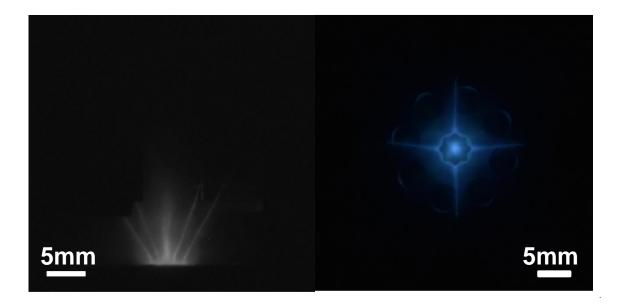


The plasma jet is a bright spot from the top view



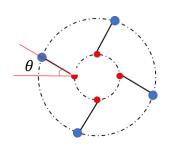
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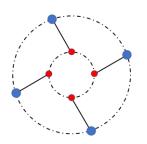


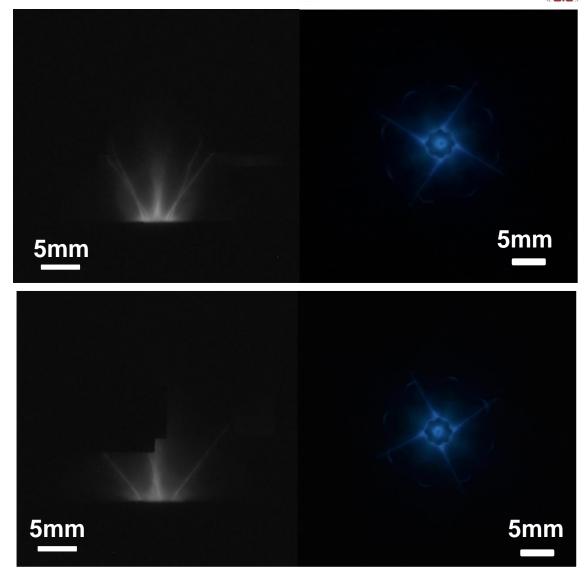
Hollow plasma jets were generated when the conicalwire arrays were twisted

Clockwise 30 °

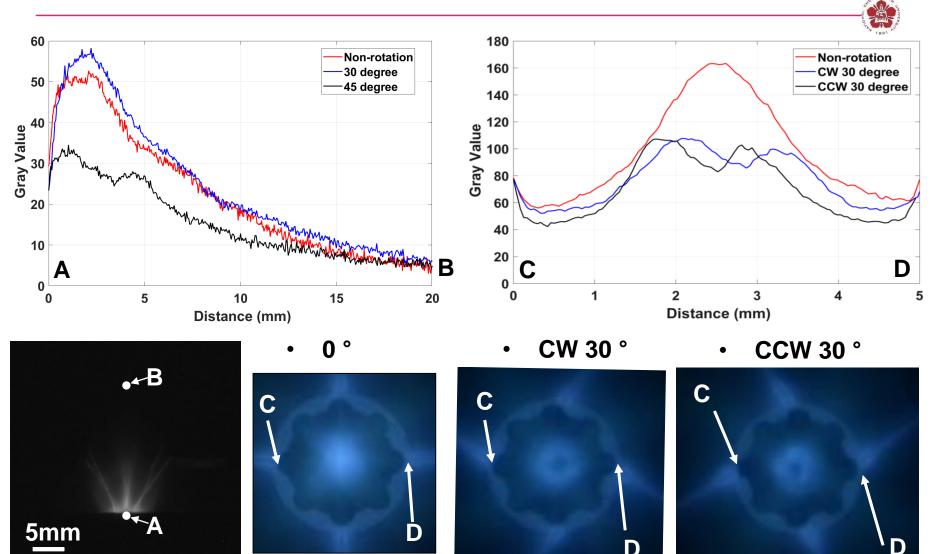


Counter clockwise 30 °





The hollow region at the center was due to angular momentum conservation of the in-coming plasma flow

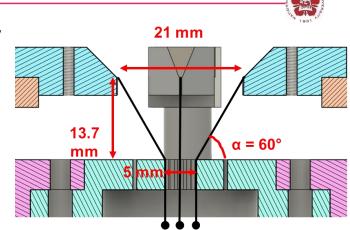


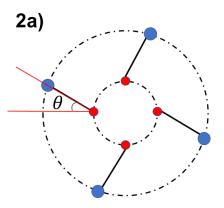
5mm

D. J. Ampleforda, et al., PRL 100, 035001 (2008) 297

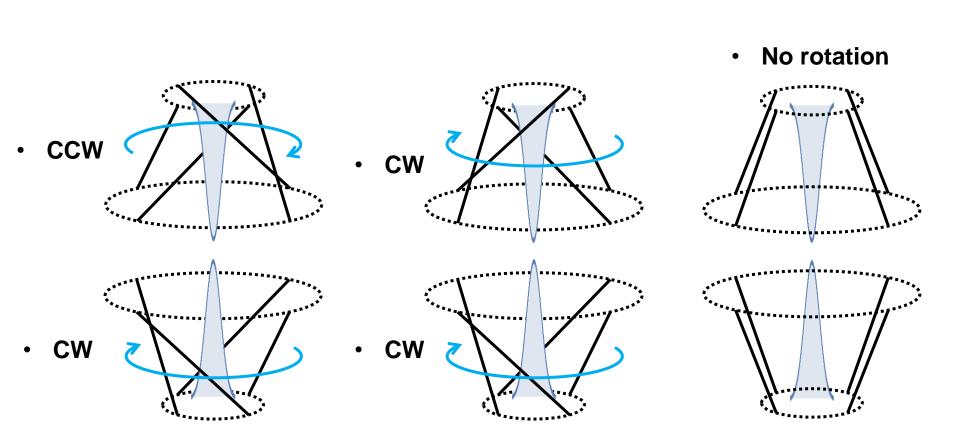
Time-integrated images were not enough to capture the whole stories

- <u>The angular momentum is conserved</u>: larger initial angular momentum may lead to less compression.
- <u>Compression</u>: the magnetic field in the φ direction provides the $\vec{J} \times \vec{B}$ force to compress the plasma jet.
- <u>Heat conduction suppression</u>: the magnetic field in the z-direction may inhibit the thermal conduction losses. The temperature of the plasma jet may be higher leading to a brighter emission.
- <u>Radiation</u>: depends on temperature and density.
 - The time-resolved densities, temperatures, and magnetic fields of the plasma jets need to be measured.





Can the angular momentum be cancelled out through collisions?



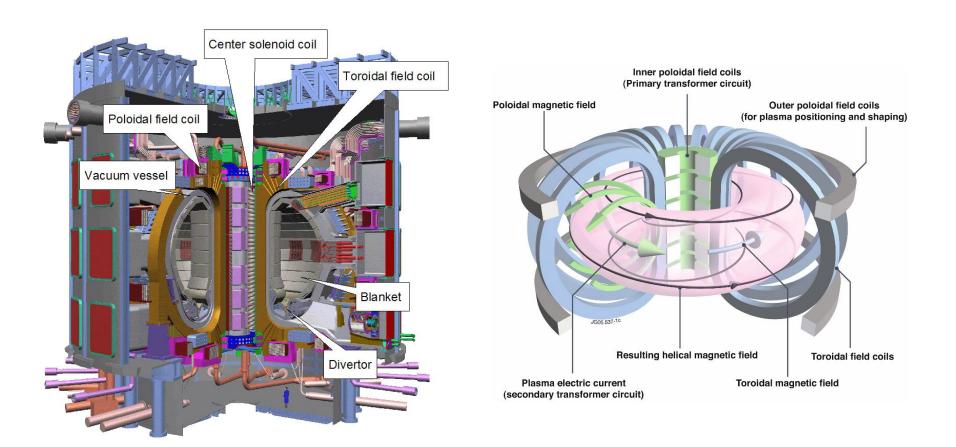


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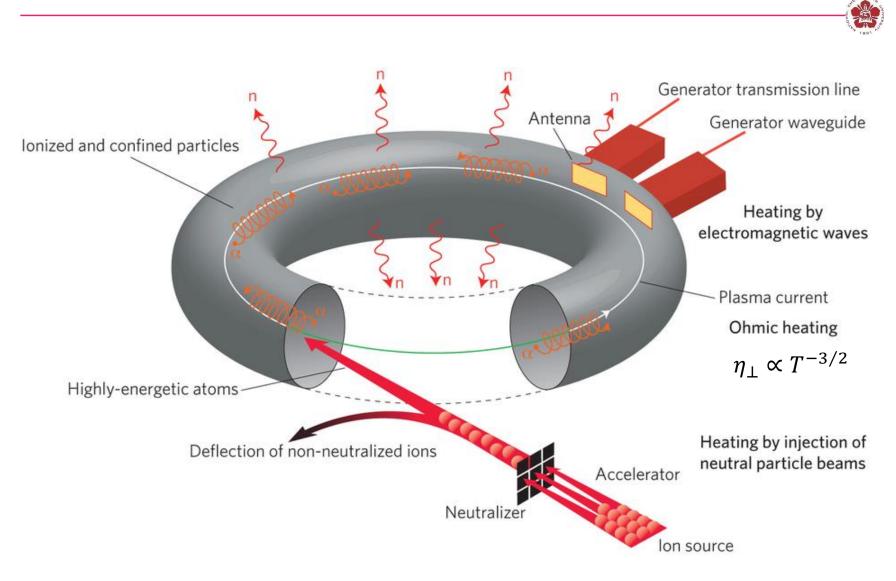
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Hot plasma is confined by the magnetic field in magnetic confinement fusion



http://www.dailykos.com/story/2010/5/24/869588/https://www.euro-fusion.org/jet/

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



Varies way of heating a MCF device

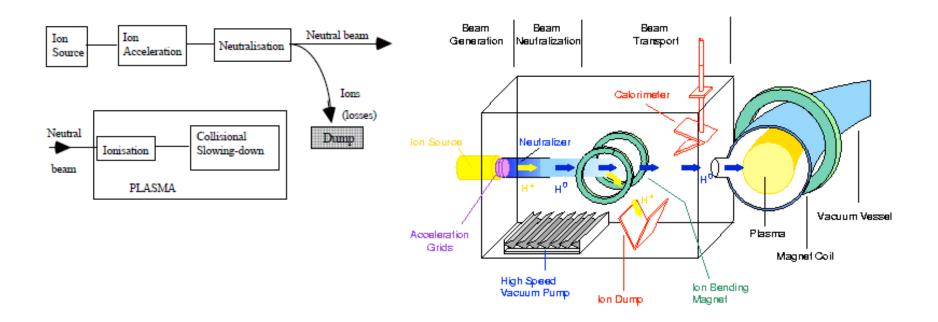
Sy	rstem	Frequency/ energy	Maximum power coupled to plasma	Overall system efficiency	Development/ demonstration required	Remarks
ECRF	Demonstrated in tokamaks	$28157~\mathrm{GHz}$	2.8 MW, $0.2~\mathrm{s}$	30 - 40%	Power sources and windows, off-axis CD	Provides off-axis CD
	ITER needs	$150170~\mathrm{GHz}$	50 MW, S S			
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 ELM
	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	$5~\mathrm{GHz}$	50 MW, S S			
+ve ion NBI -ve ion	Demonstrated in tokamaks	$80–140~{\rm keV}$	40 MW, 2 s; 20 MW, 8 s	35-45%	None	Not applicable
	ITER needs	None	None			
	Demonstrated in tokamaks	$0.35 { m MeV}$	$5.2 \text{ MW}, \text{ D}^-, 0.8 \text{ s}$ (from 2 sources)			
	ITER needs	$1 { m MeV}$	50 MW, SS	$\sim \! 37\%$	System, tests on tokamak, plasma CD	provides rotation

 $\rm ^{\prime S}\,S^{\prime}$ indicates steady state



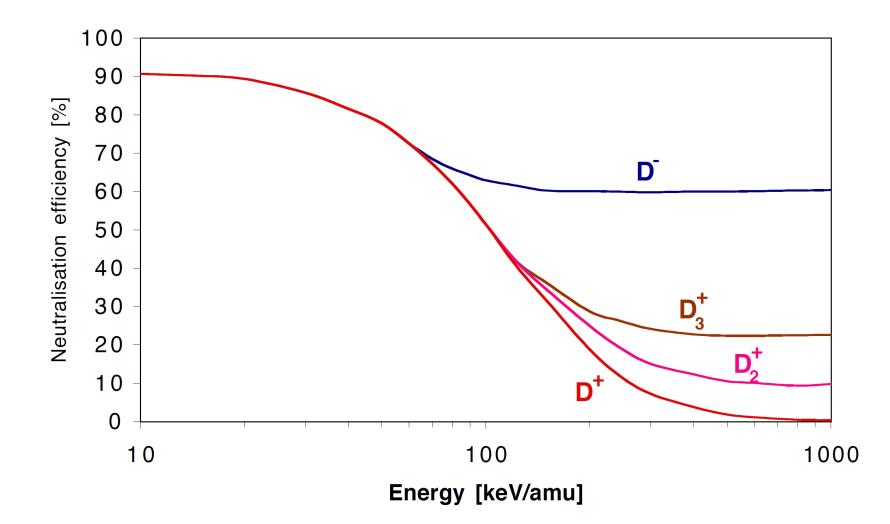
Neutral particles heat the plasma via coulomb collisions





- 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

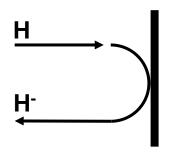
$$H + e^- \rightarrow H^-$$

 $H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H^-$

• Volume production:

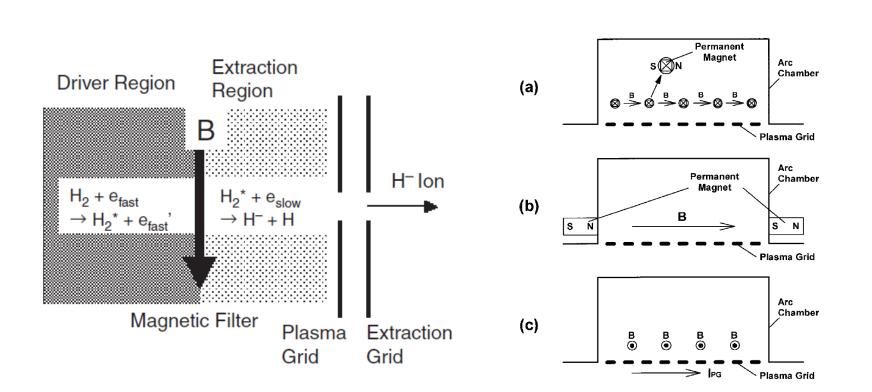
$$H_2 + e_{fast}(>20 \text{ eV}) \rightarrow H_2^*(\text{excited state}) + e_{fast},$$

 $H_2^*(\text{excited state}) + e_{slow}(≈1 \text{ eV}) \rightarrow H^- + H.$



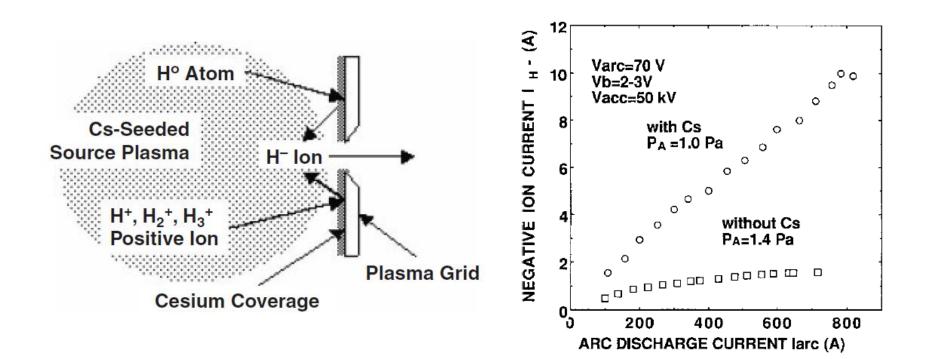


Two-chamber method of negative ions in volume production with a magnetic filter



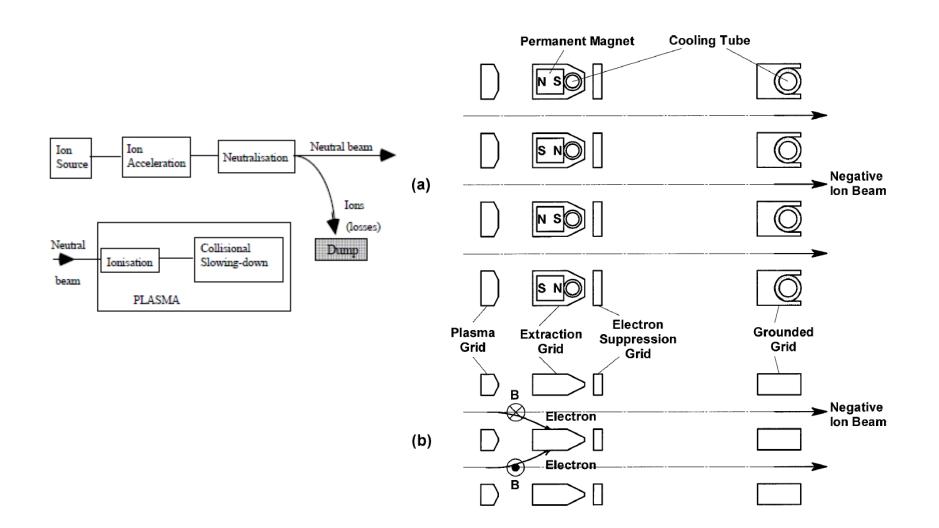
Adding cesium increases negative ion current





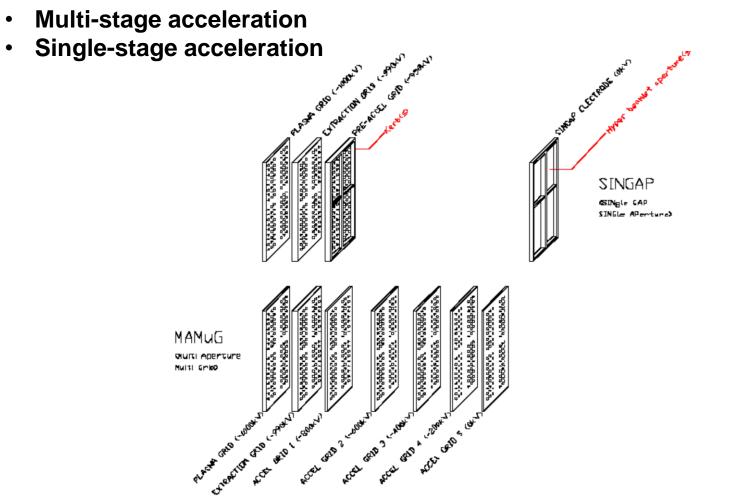
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Electrons need to be filtered out since they are extracted together with negative ions



Acceleration



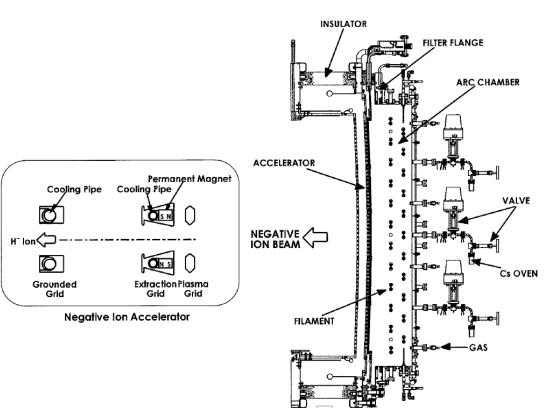


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NBI system of the LHD fusion machine







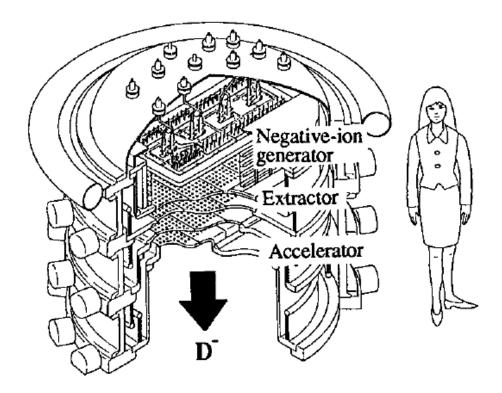
- 180 keV and 30 A
- Arc chamber: 35 cm x 145 cm, 21cm in depth
- Single stage accelerator

20 cm

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

 $H^- + H_2 \longrightarrow H + H_2 + e^-$

- Fast ions can lose another electron after neutralized

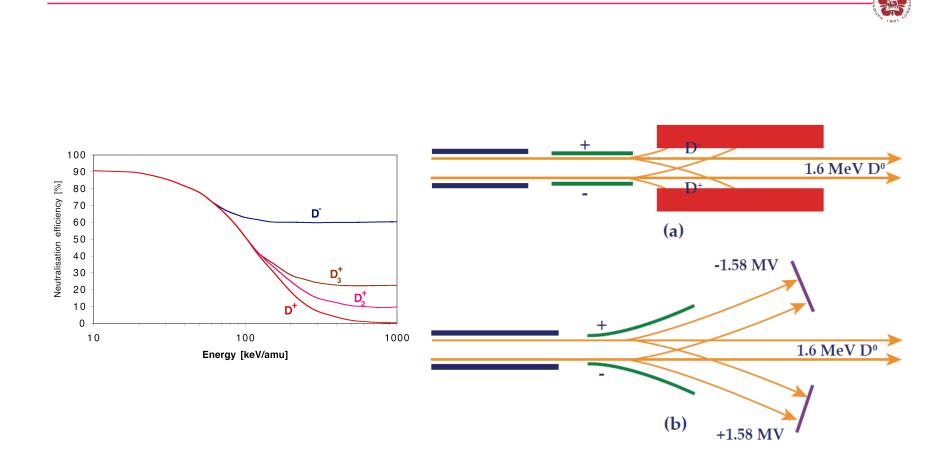
$$H + H_2 \longrightarrow H^+ + H_2 + e^-$$

- Plasma neutralization
 - Collisions with charged particles in plasma

$$H^- + X(e, \operatorname{Ar}, H^+, H_2^+) \longrightarrow H + X + e^-$$

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

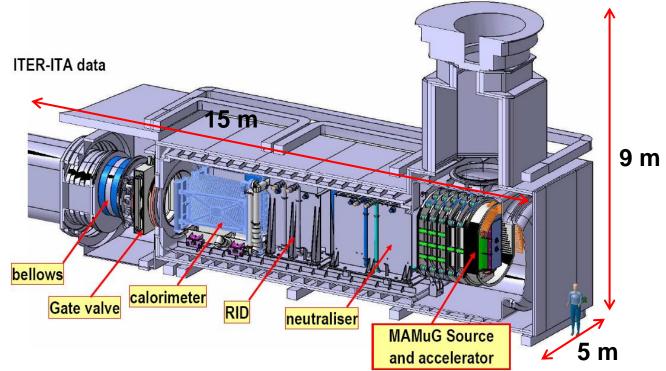
Beam dump







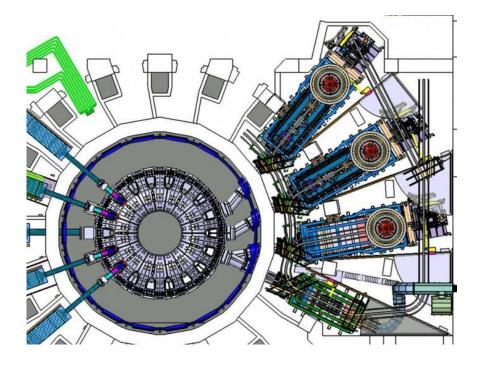
- beam components (Ion Source, Accelerator, Neutralizer, Residual Ion Dump and Calorimeter)
- other components (cryo-pump, vessels, fast shutter, duct, magnetic shielding, and residual magnetic field compensating coils)



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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

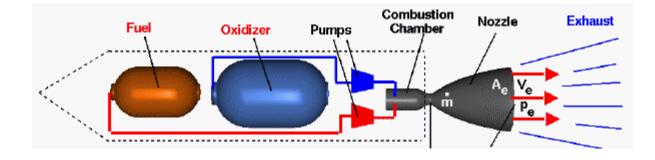


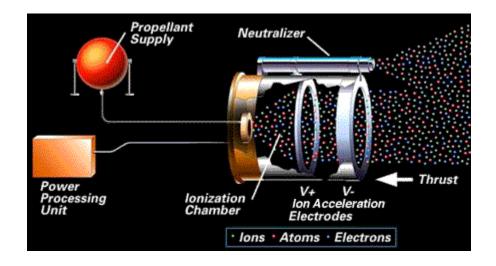
- Neutral beam injection for heating plasma in Tokamak
 - Jure Maglica, Seminar at University in Ljubljana
 - Ian G. Brown, The Physics and Technology of Ion Sources
- Electric propulsion (plasma thrusters)
 - D. M. Goebel and I. Katz, Fundamentals of Electric Propulsion: Ion and Hall Thrusters

Comparison between liquid rockets and ion thrusters



- Liquid rockests
 - u~4500 m/s
 - Isp~450 s
 - Energy ~ 100GJ
 - Power ~ 300MW
 - Thrust ~ 2x10⁶ N
- Ion thrusters
 - u~30000 m/s
 - Isp~3000 s
 - Energy ~ 1000GJ
 - Power ~ 1kW
 - Thrust ~ 0.1 N

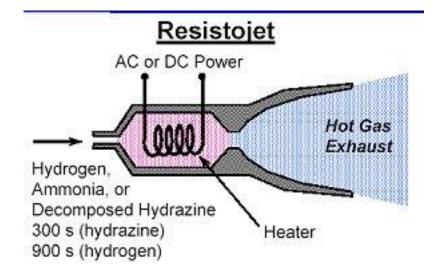


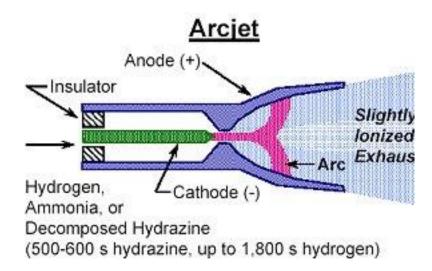


Electric thruster types - electrothermal

• Resistojet



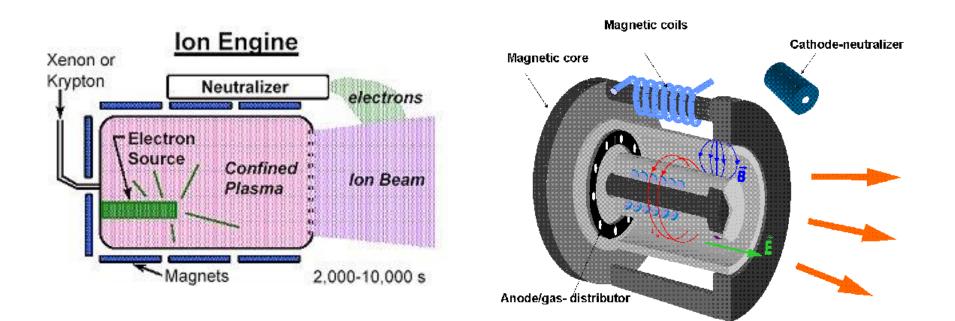




Electric thruster types - electrostatic

• Ion thruster



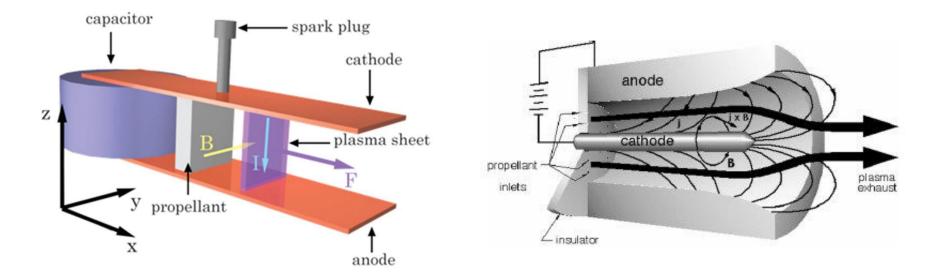


Electric thruster types - Electromagnetic



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

$$\frac{dE(x)}{dx} = \frac{\rho(x)}{\varepsilon_0} = \frac{qn_i(x)}{\varepsilon_0}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{q}{\varepsilon_0} \int_0^x n_i(x') dx' + E_{\text{screen}}$$

$$\text{Gauss's law: } \sigma = \varepsilon_0 E_{\text{screen}}$$

$$F_{\text{screen}} = \sigma \frac{(E_{\text{screen}} + 0)}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 E_{\text{screen}}^2$$

$$F_{\text{accel}} = -\sigma \frac{(E_{\text{accel}} + 0)}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 E_{\text{accel}}^2$$

$$T = F_{\text{screen}} + F_{\text{accel}} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 (E_{\text{screen}}^2 - E_{\text{accel}}^2)$$

$$F_{\text{ion}} = q \int_0^d n_i(x) E(x) dx = \varepsilon_0 \int_0^d \frac{dE}{dx} Edx = = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 (E_{\text{accel}}^2 - E_{\text{screen}}^2)$$

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The rocket equation

Force =
$$T = M \frac{dv}{dt}$$

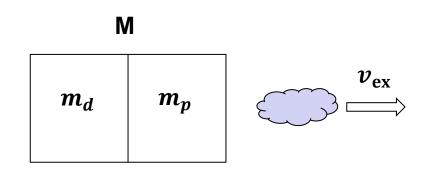
 $T = -\frac{d}{dt} (m_p v_{ex}) = -v_{ex} \frac{dm_p}{dt}$
 $M(t) = m_d + m_p$
 $\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{dm_p}{dt}$
 $M \frac{dv}{dt} = -v_{ex} \frac{dM}{dt}$
 $\int_{v_i}^{v_f} dv = -v_{ex} \int_{m_d + m_p}^{m_d} \frac{dM}{M}$

$$v_f - v_i = \Delta \mathbf{v} = -v_{\mathrm{ex}} \ln \left(\frac{m_d}{m_d + m_p} \right)$$

$$m_d = (m_d + m_p)e^{-\Delta v/v_{ex}}$$

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

$$egin{aligned} m_p &= m_d [e^{\Delta \mathrm{v} / v_\mathrm{ex}} - 1] \ &= m_d [e^{\Delta \mathrm{v} / (\mathrm{Isp} imes g)} - 1] \end{aligned}$$



Force transfer



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

$$\dot{m}_p = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{M}$$

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

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

$$Q =$$
 propellant particle flow rate in particles/s
 $M =$ atomic mass in kg

$$T = \frac{\mathrm{d}m_p}{\mathrm{d}t} v_{\mathrm{ex}} \approx \dot{m}_i v_i$$

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

 $I_b = \text{ion current}$

$$v_i = \sqrt{\frac{2 q V_b}{M}}$$

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

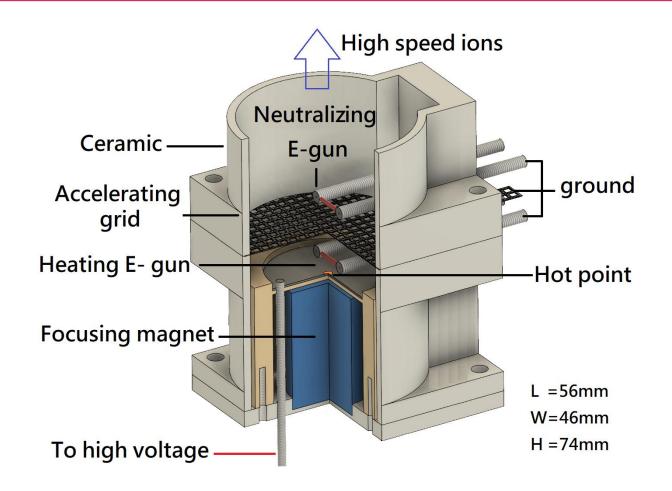
$$T = \sqrt{\frac{2M}{e}} I_b \sqrt{V_b} (\mathrm{Nt})$$

Ion thruster has the highest specific impulse (Isp)

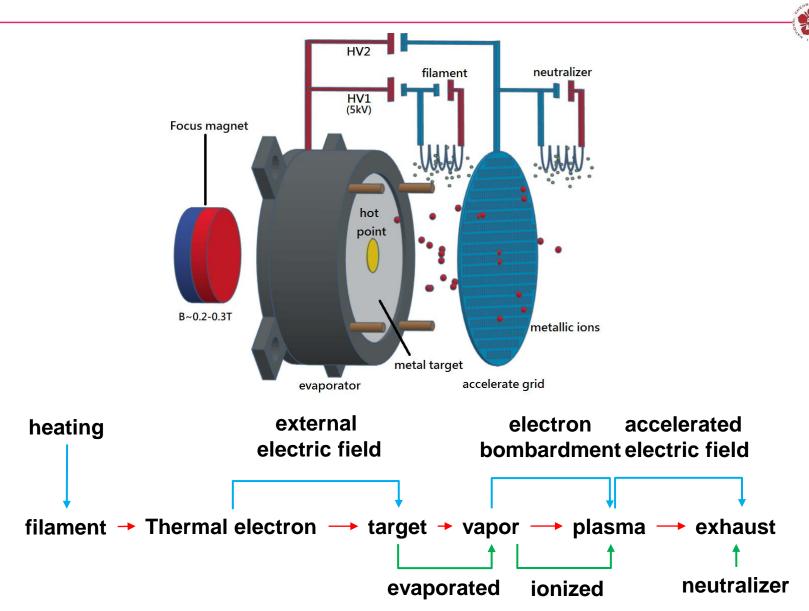


Thruster	Specific Impulse (s)	Input Power (kW)	Efficiency Range (%)	Propellant
Cold gas	50-75			Various
Chemical (monopropellant)	150-225			N_2H_4 H_2O_2
Chemical (bipropellant)	300-450		—	Various
Resistojet	300	0.5-1	65-90	N₂H₄ monoprop
Arcjet	500-600	0.9-2.2	25-45	N ₂ H ₄ monoprop
Ion thruster	2500-3600	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

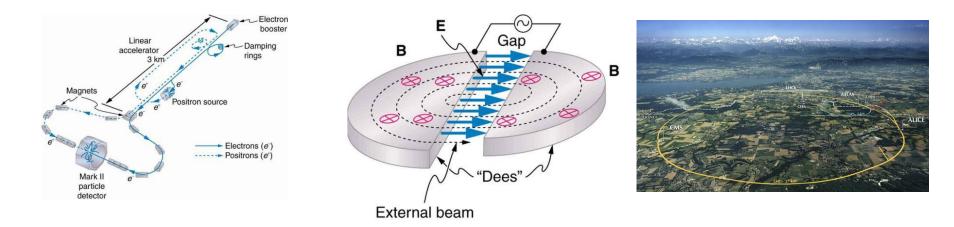


High energy particle accelerator



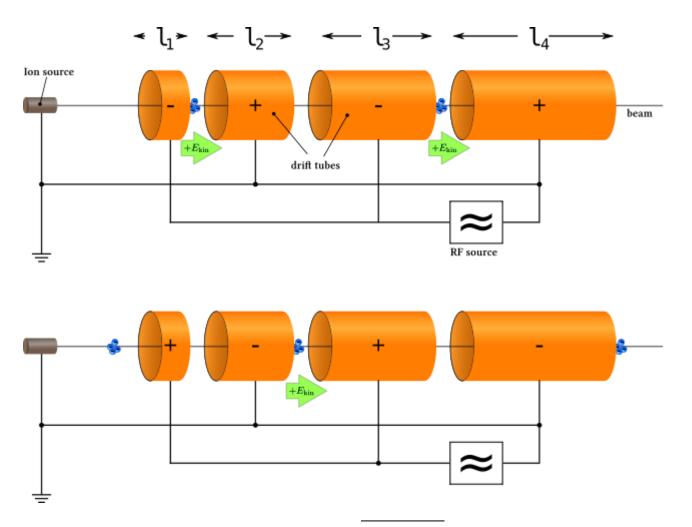
- linear particle accelerator (Linac)
- Cyclotron

Synchrotron

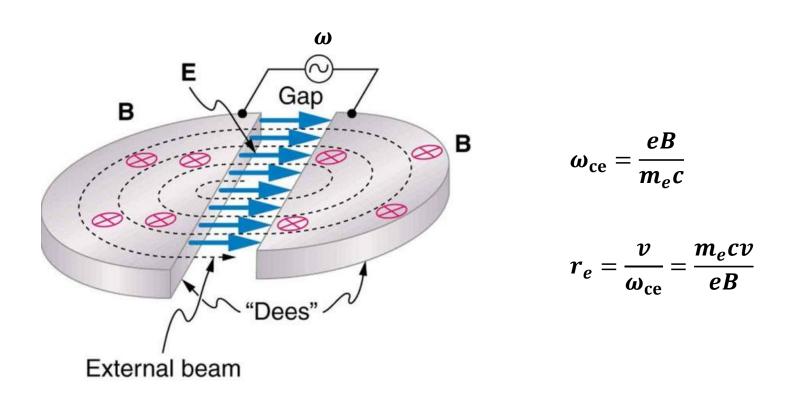


Reference: Introduction to plasma phenomena and plasma medicine, Y. Nishida and K.-L. Ou

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

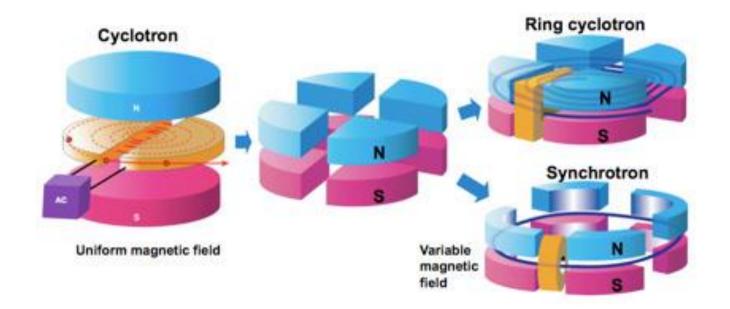


 Cyclotron was invented by Ernest Lawrence who earned the 1939 Nobel price in physics

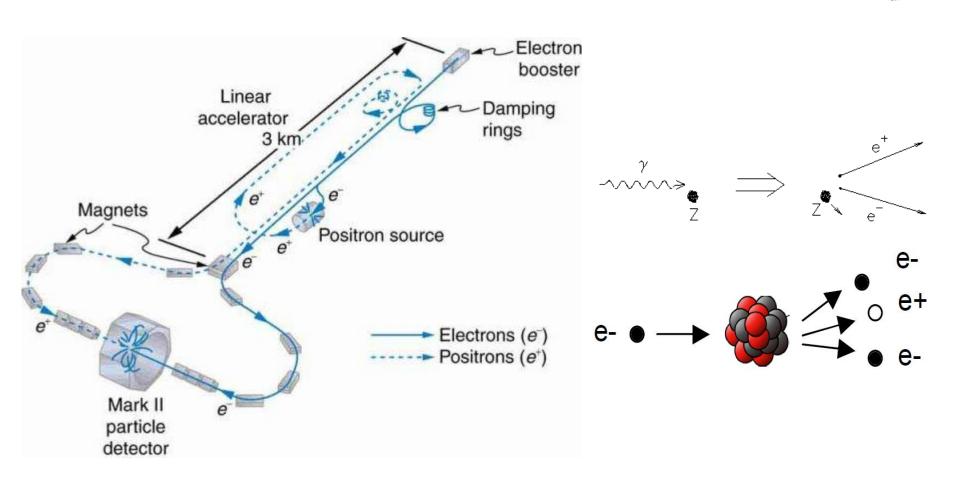
http://math.ubooks.pub/Books/ON/M1/1704/C33S4M004.html ³³¹

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





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



http://cnx.org/contents/aypTUEkP@4/Accelerators-Create-Matter-fro https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/64/Pair_production_Cartoon.gif 3

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



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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_pxB or surfatron accelerator²
 - Plasma wakefield accelerator (PWFA)³
 - Plasma beat wave accelerator (PBWA)⁴
 - Laser wakefield accelerator (LWFA)⁴

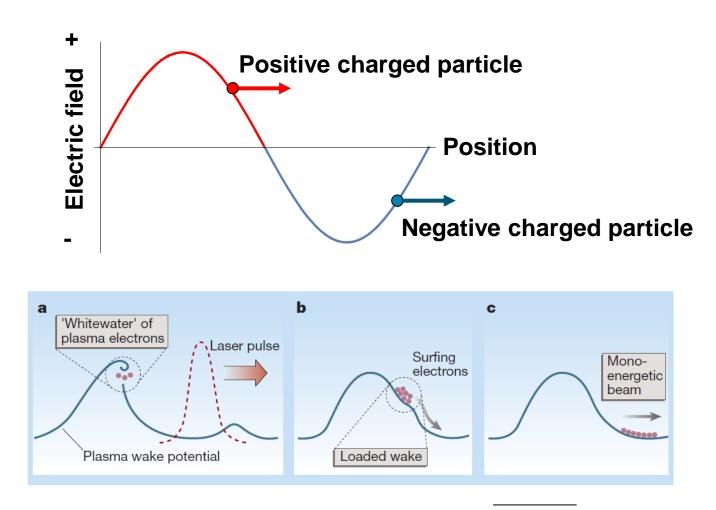
¹N. A. M. Hafz, *et al.*, Nature Photonics **2**, 571 (2008)

²T. Katsouleas and J. Dawson, Phys. Rev. Lett. 51, 392 (1983)

³P. Chen, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 54, 693 (1985)

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Charged particles can be accelerated in the wave electric field



Who will catch the wave?





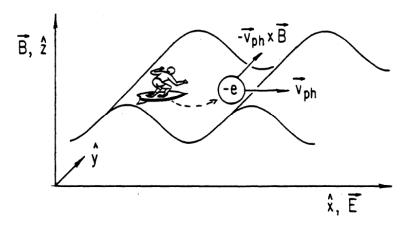
https://lightsabersandsurfboards.wordpress.com/tag/lake-erie-surfing/

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





Electrons may be accelerated to speed of light using V_pxB acceleration (Surfatron)



Plane wave electric field and uniform magnetic field:

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

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\gamma v_y) = -\omega_c v_x$$

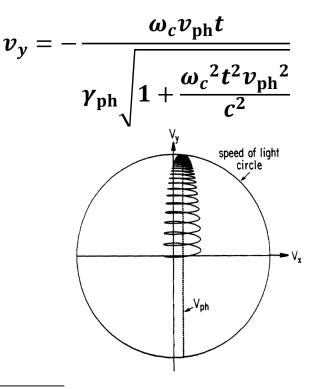
$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v_x^2 + v_y^2}{c^2}}}$$
Katsouleas *et al.* PRI 51 392 (1983)

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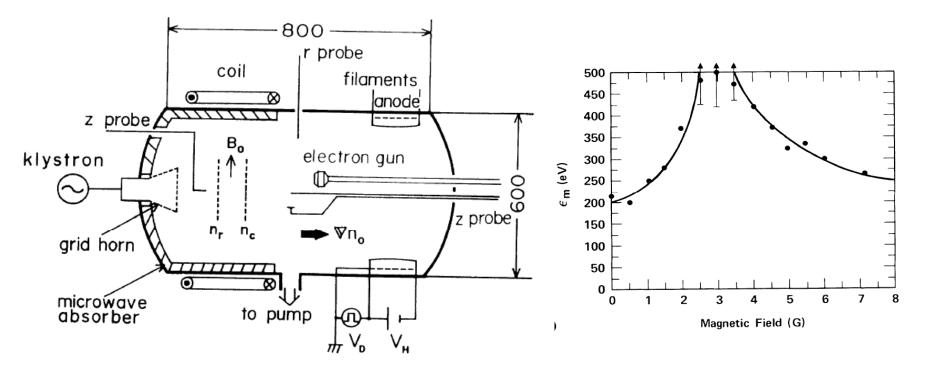
On the wave frame and if the particle is trapped in the wave:

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

$$v_x \rightarrow v_{\rm ph}$$



Experimental results of V_pxB acceleration (Surfatron)



• $n_0 \sim 1-30 \times 10^{17} \text{ m}^{-3}$

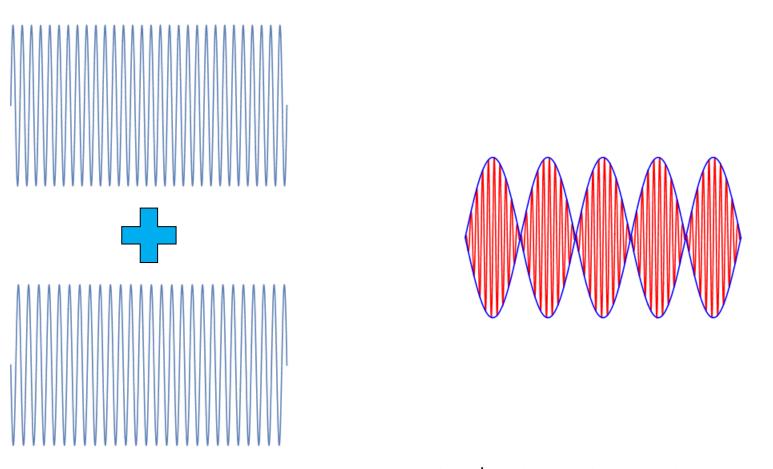
• T_i ~ 0.1-0.2 eV

• $T_e \sim 2-5 \text{ eV}$

Microwave frequency: 3-10 GHz

C. Domier, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **63**, 1803 (1989) ₃₄₀

Plasma beat wave accelerator



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

A plasma wave is driven by the laser beat wave



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

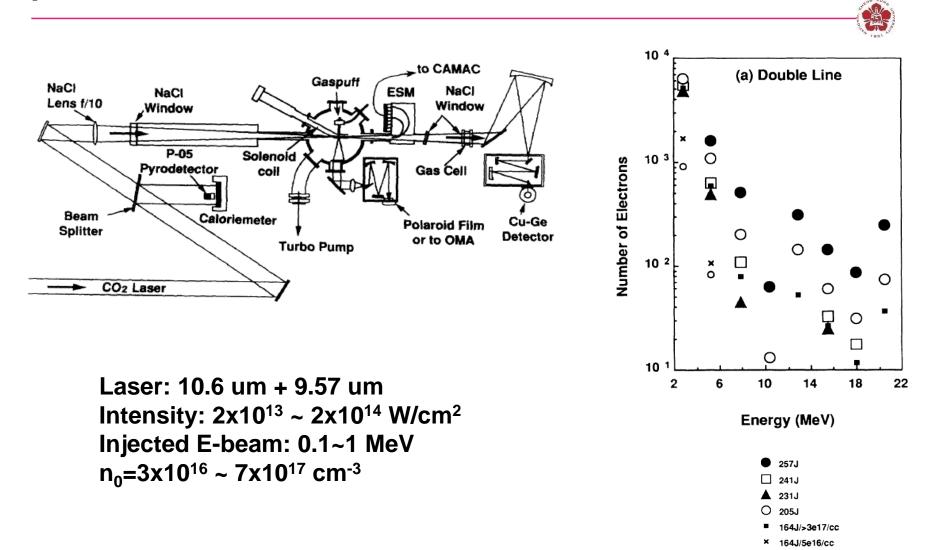
$$k_0 = k_2 - k_1$$

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

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

Plasma wave

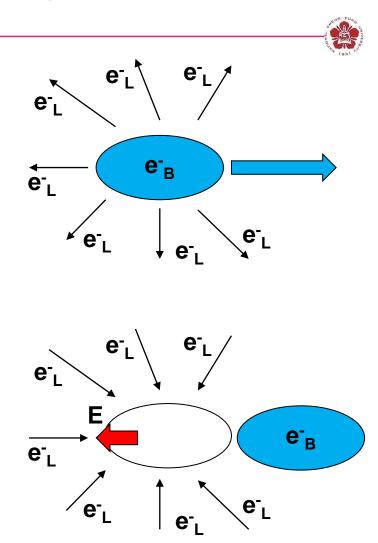
Electrons were accelerated to over 20 MeV using plasma beat wave accelerator



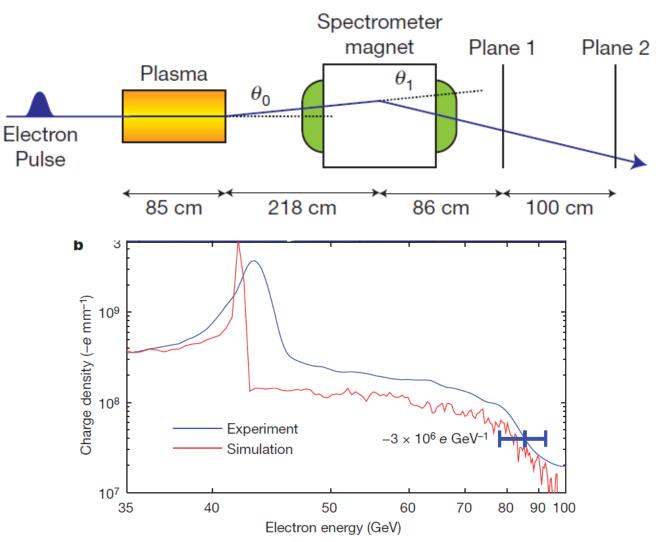
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Plasma wakefield accelerator employs two beams

- 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 wakefield
 - 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

$$m_{s}\ddot{x} = q_{s}E = q_{s}E_{0}(x) \cos \omega t$$

$$x = x_{0} + x_{1} \text{ where } x_{0} = \overline{x}$$

$$m_{s}(\ddot{x}_{0} + \ddot{x}_{1}) = q_{s}\left(E_{0} + x_{1}\frac{dE_{0}}{dx}\right)\cos \omega t$$

$$\cdot \text{ Take time average:}$$

$$m_{s}\ddot{x}_{0} = q_{s}\frac{dE_{0}}{dx}\Big|_{x_{0}}\overline{x_{1}\cos \omega t}$$

$$\cdot \ddot{x}_{1} \gg \ddot{x}_{0} , E_{0} \gg x_{1}\frac{dE_{0}}{dx}$$

$$m_{s}\ddot{x}_{1} = q_{s}E_{0}\cos \omega t$$

$$x_{1} = -\frac{q_{s}E_{0}}{m_{s}\omega^{2}}\cos \omega t$$

$$\ddot{x}_{0} = -\frac{q_{s}^{2}E_{0}}{2m_{s}^{2}\omega^{2}}\frac{dE_{0}}{dx}$$

$$F_{p} = m_{s}\ddot{x}_{0} = -\frac{q_{s}^{2}}{4m_{s}\omega^{2}}\frac{d}{dx}(E_{0}^{2})$$

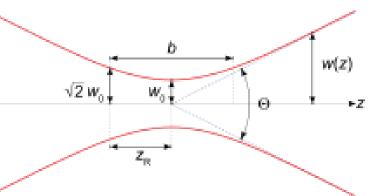
Laser is used to create a bunch in laser wakefield accelerator



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

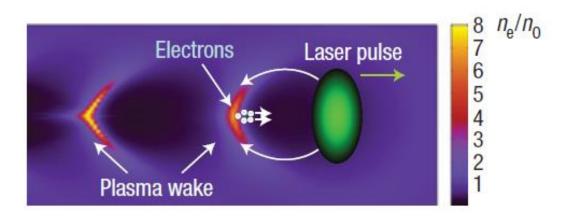
• Waist: $w(z) = w_0 \sqrt{1 + \frac{z^2}{z_R^2}}$

• Rayleigh length:
$$z_R = \frac{\pi W_0^2}{\lambda_L}$$



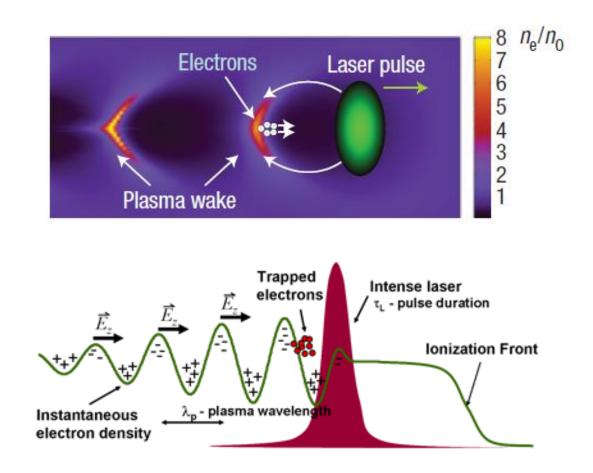
Bubble/blow-out regime





A plasma wake is generated by a short pulse laser

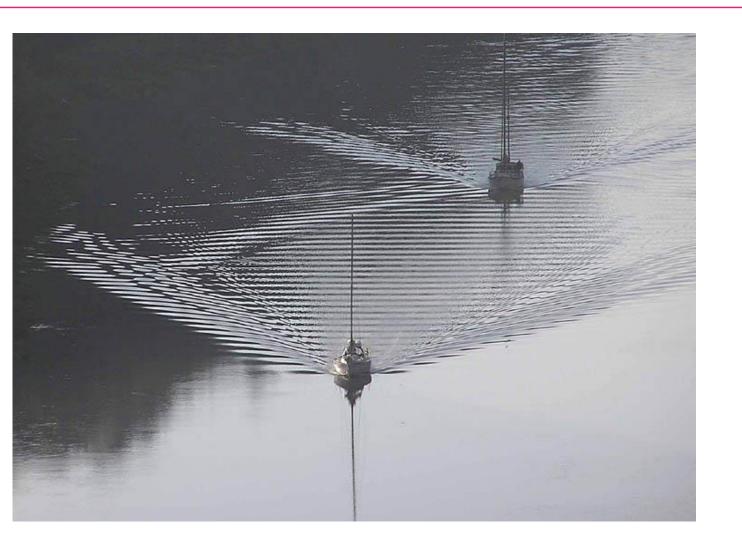




V. Malka, et al., Nature Physics 4, 447 (2008)

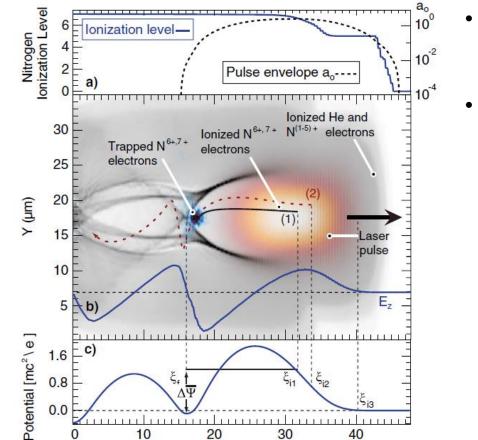
http://cuos.engin.umich.edu/researchgroups/hfs/research/laser-wakefield-acceleration/

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



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Ionization injection

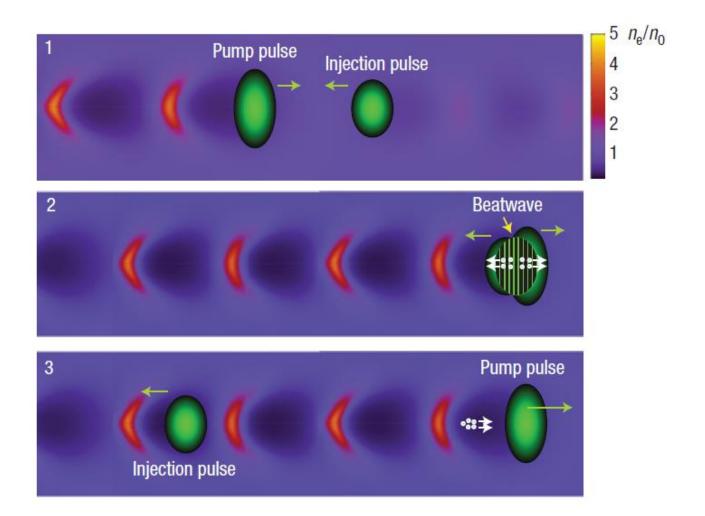


ξ (µm)

- The second second
- 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

