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Radiation dominated implosion with nano-plasmonics

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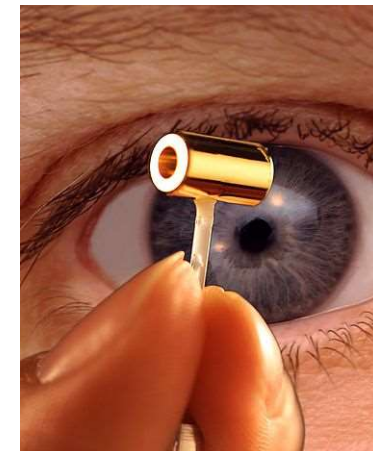
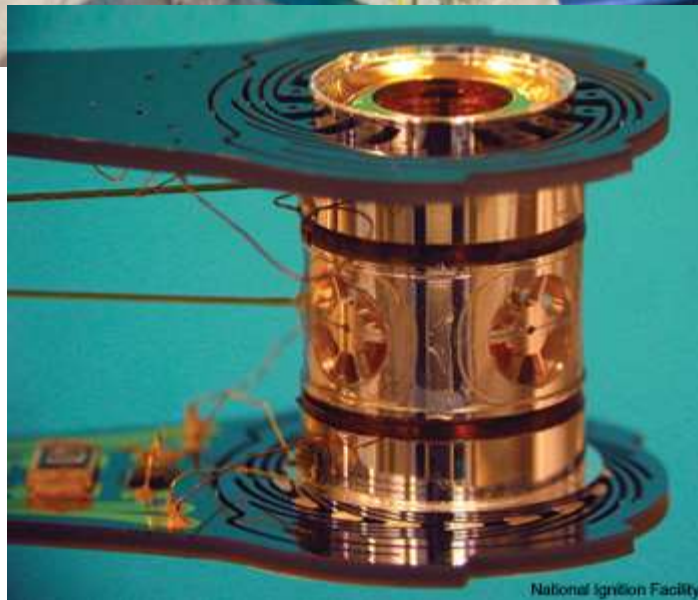
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Abstract

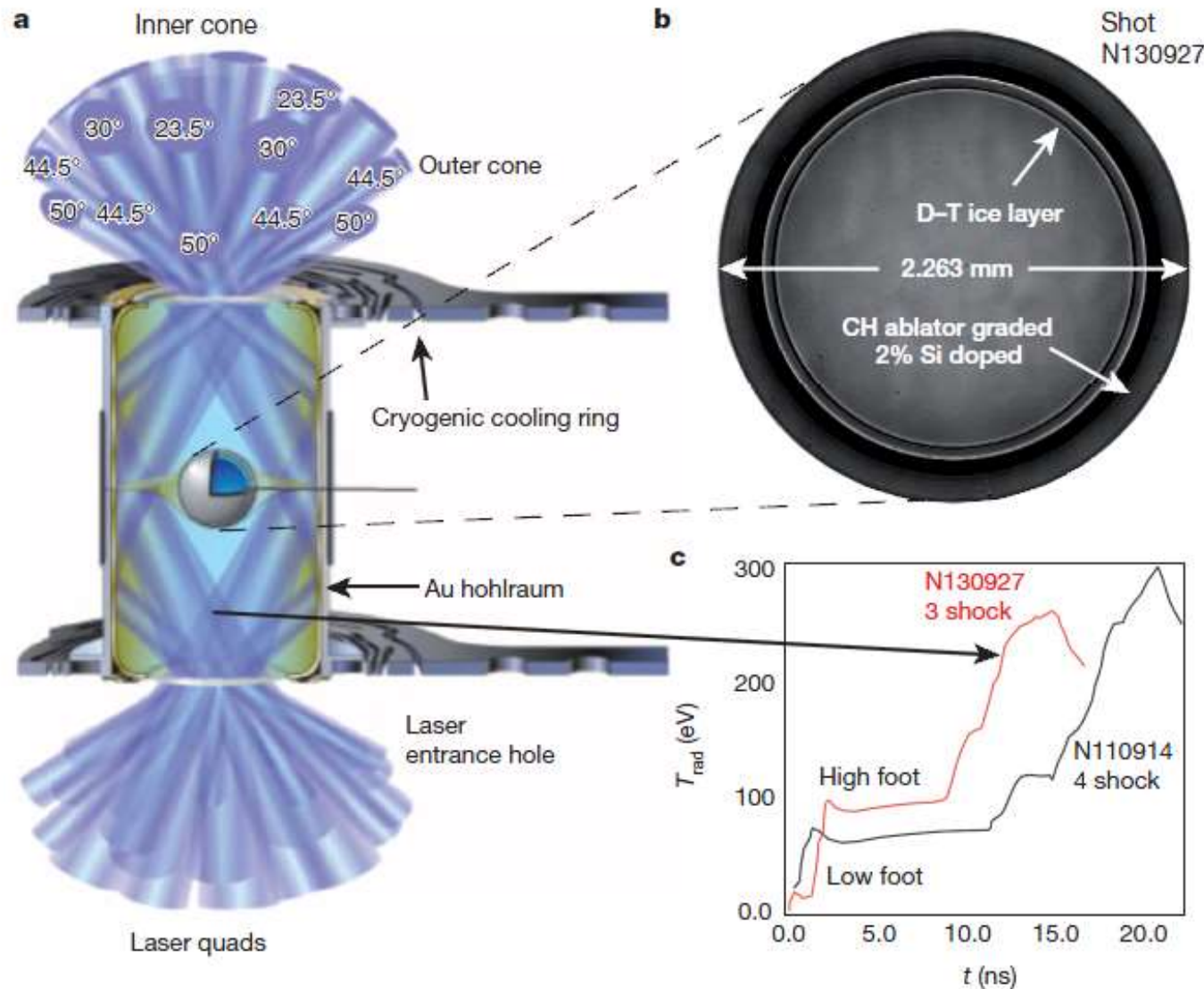
Inertial Confinement Fusion is a promising option to provide massive, clean, and affordable energy for mankind in the future. The present status of research and development is hindered by hydrodynamical instabilities occurring at the intense compression of the target fuel by energetic laser beams. A recent patent combines advances in two fields: Detonations in relativistic fluid dynamics (RFD) and radiative energy deposition by plasmonic nano-shells. The initial compression of the target pellet can be decreased, not to reach the Rayleigh–Taylor or other instabilities, and rapid volume ignition can be achieved by a final and more energetic laser pulse, which can be as short as the penetration time of the light across the pellet. The reflectivity of the target can be made negligible as in the present direct drive and indirect drive experiments, and the absorptivity can be increased by one or two orders of magnitude by plasmonic nano-shells embedded in the target fuel. Thus, higher ignition temperature and radiation dominated dynamics can be achieved with the limited initial compression. Here, we propose that a short final light pulse can heat the target so that most of the interior will reach the ignition temperature simultaneously based on the results of RFD. This makes the development of any kind of instability impossible, which would prevent complete ignition of the target.



Indirectly Driven,
ICF target for NIF
at LLNL



Indirectly Driven, ICF target for NIF



Time profile of the laser beam:

Initial pre-compression of **~ 10 ns**,
→ Stable compression

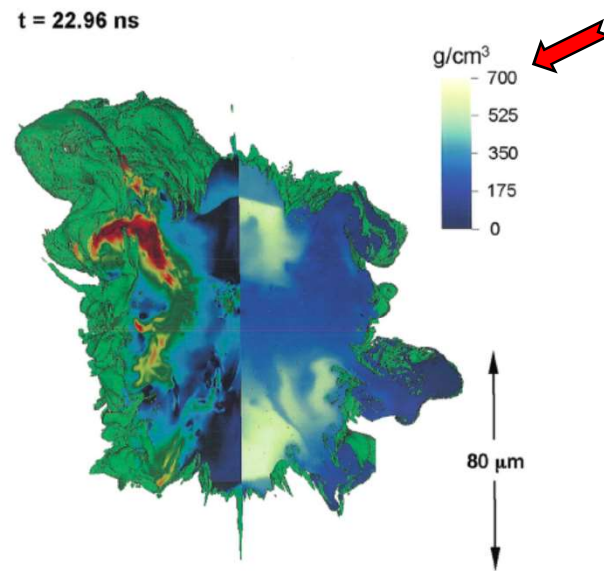
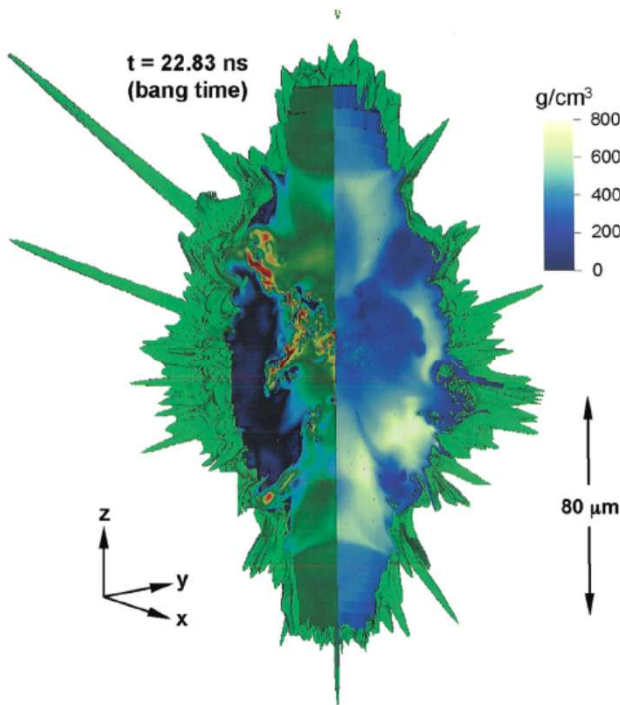
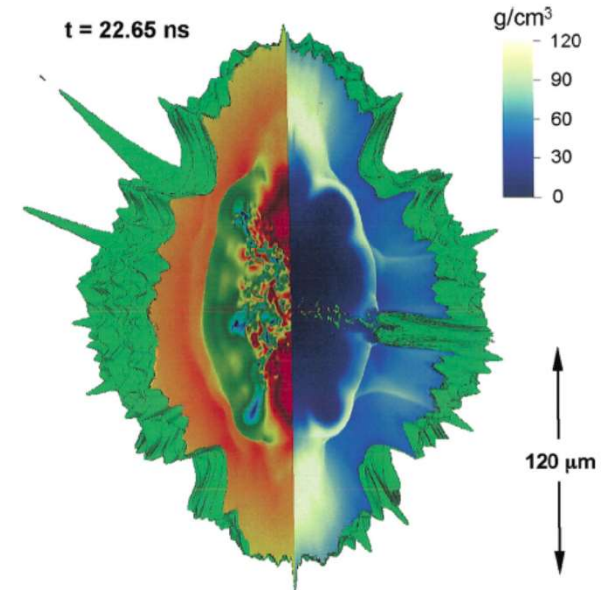
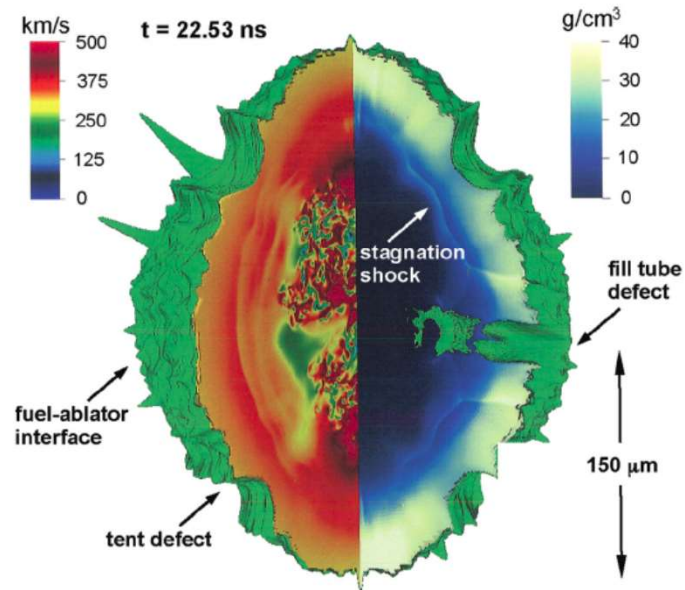
→ Then final “shocks” of **~ 15 ns** to ignite

[Clark et al., Phys. Plasmas, **22**, 022703 (2015).]

Snapshots of 3D simulation
 22.53ns: peak impl. Velocity
 23.83ns: bang, max compr.
 22.96ns: jet out, up left
 Green surface: Ablator/DT-f.
 Peaks: Ablator defects
 Colours:
 Left: fluid speed
 Right: matter density

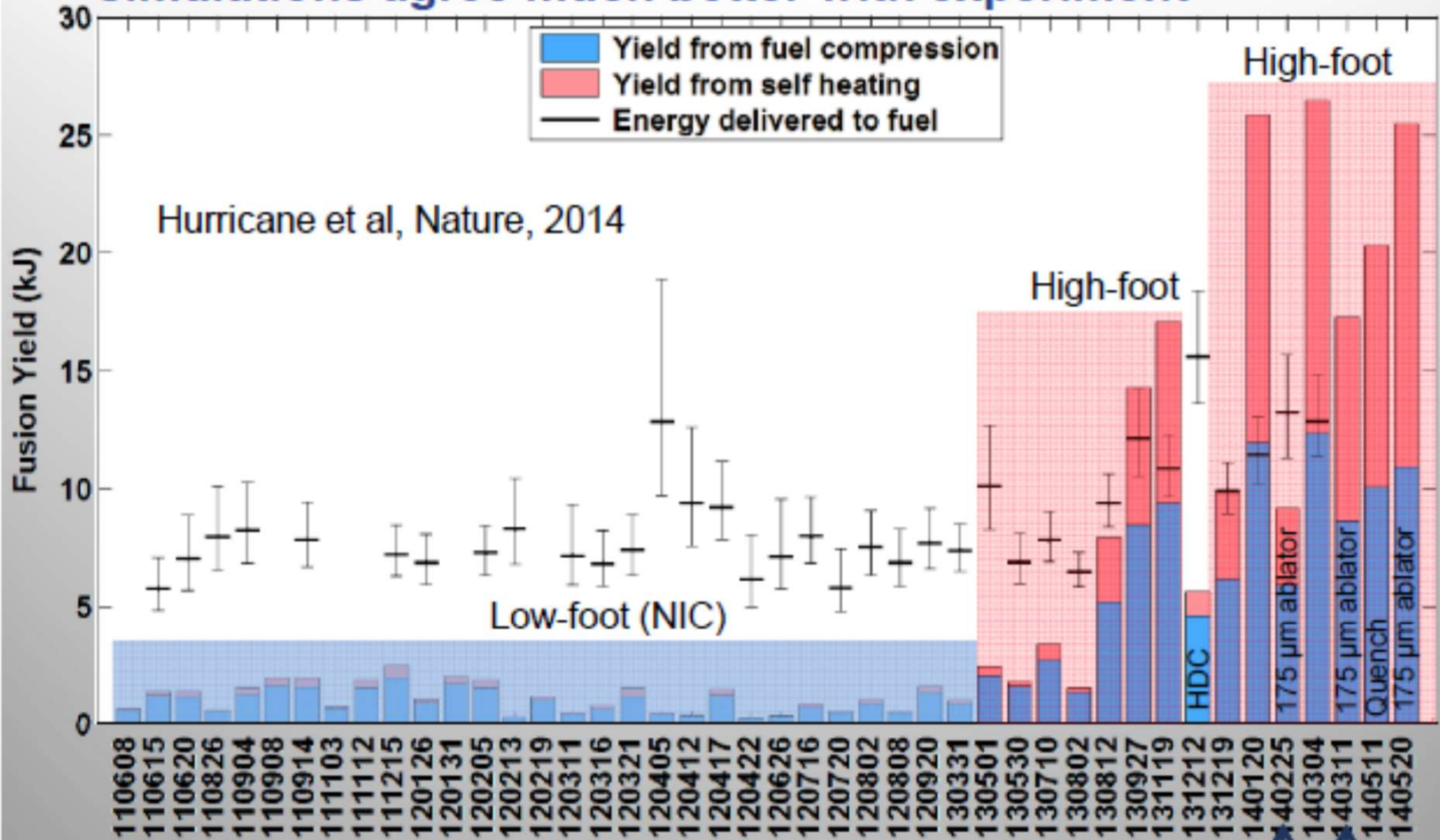
022703-10 Clark et al.

Phys. Plasmas 22, 022703 (2015)



80 μm

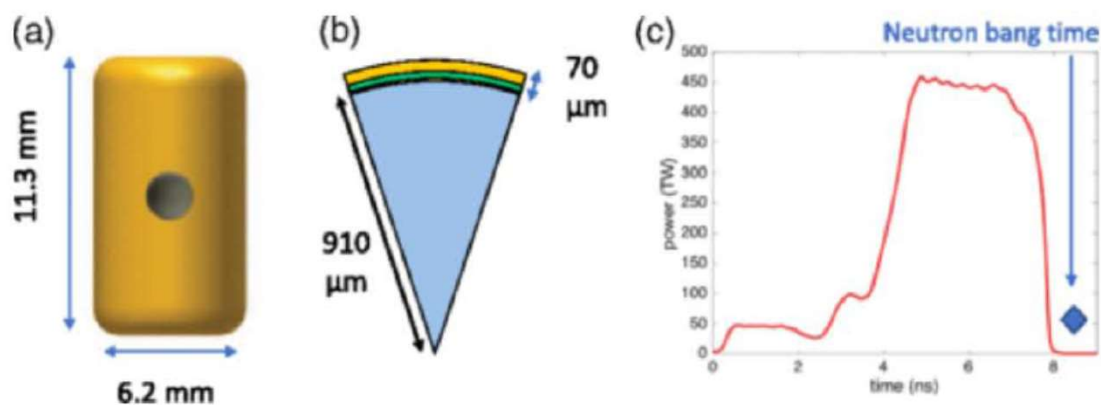
“High foot” experiments exhibit significant alpha heating – simulations agree much better with experiment



Experimental validation of alpha heating highly desirable

S. Le Pape et al., (LLNL - NIF)

Fusion Energy Output Greater than the Kinetic Energy of an Imploding Shell at the National Ignition Facility



Depleted Uranium

Notice: The last energetic part of the pulse is less than **4ns!**
(It was ~ 15ns earlier.)

Figure 1

Target and laser specifications for shots N170601 and N170827. (a) 6.20 mm scale hohlraum (b) 70 μm thick HDC capsule used in the 6.20 mm scale hohlraum, green layer denotes the doped layer. This figure illustrates the doped layer of the HDC capsule. The doped HDC layer is 20 microns thick doped with 0.3% atomic percent of tungsten to shield the fuel from suprathreshold x rays. This shielding is designed to reduce decompression of the inner capsule region and fuel and to improve the stability of the fuel-capsule interface. (c) Laser pulse.

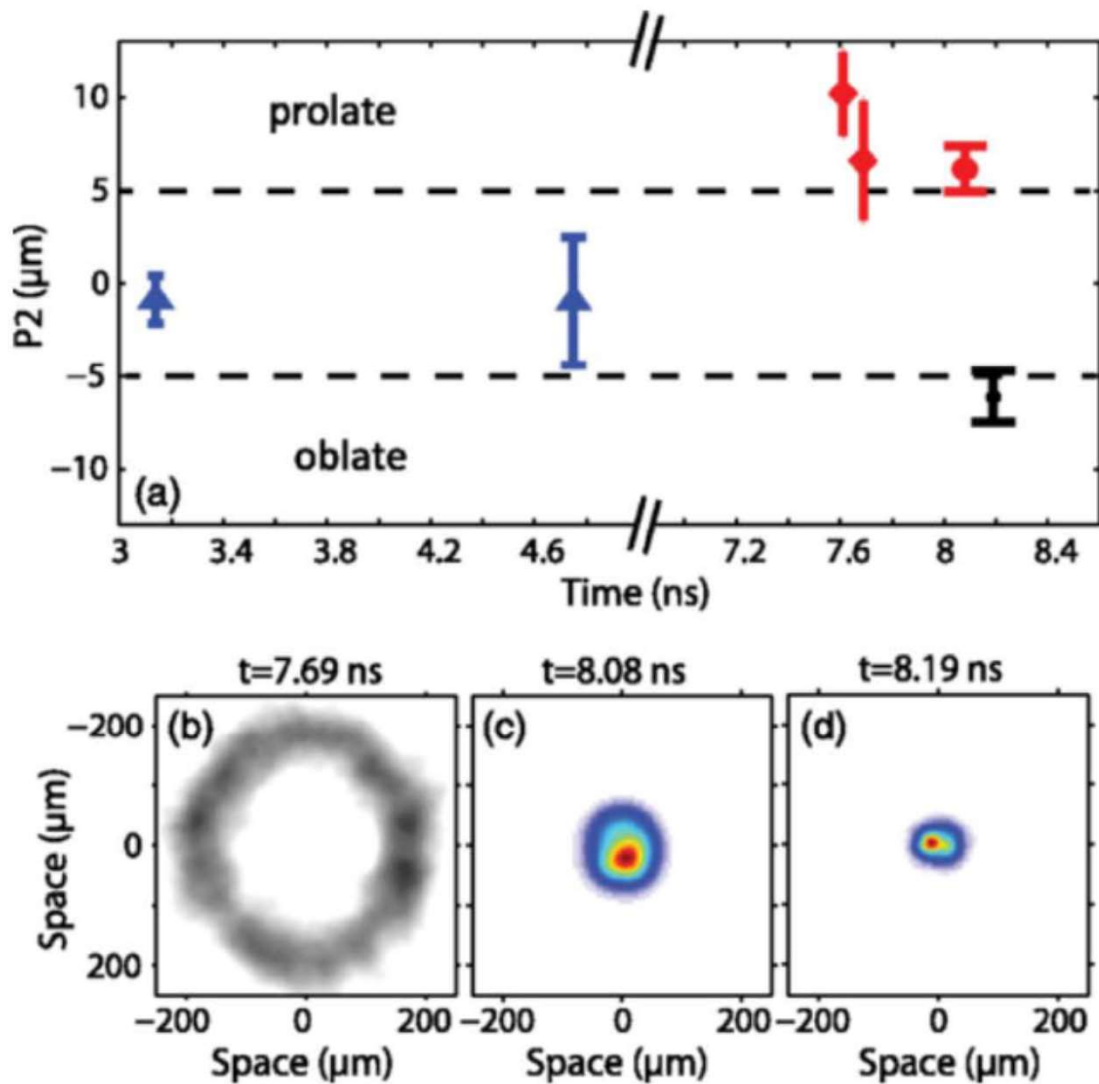


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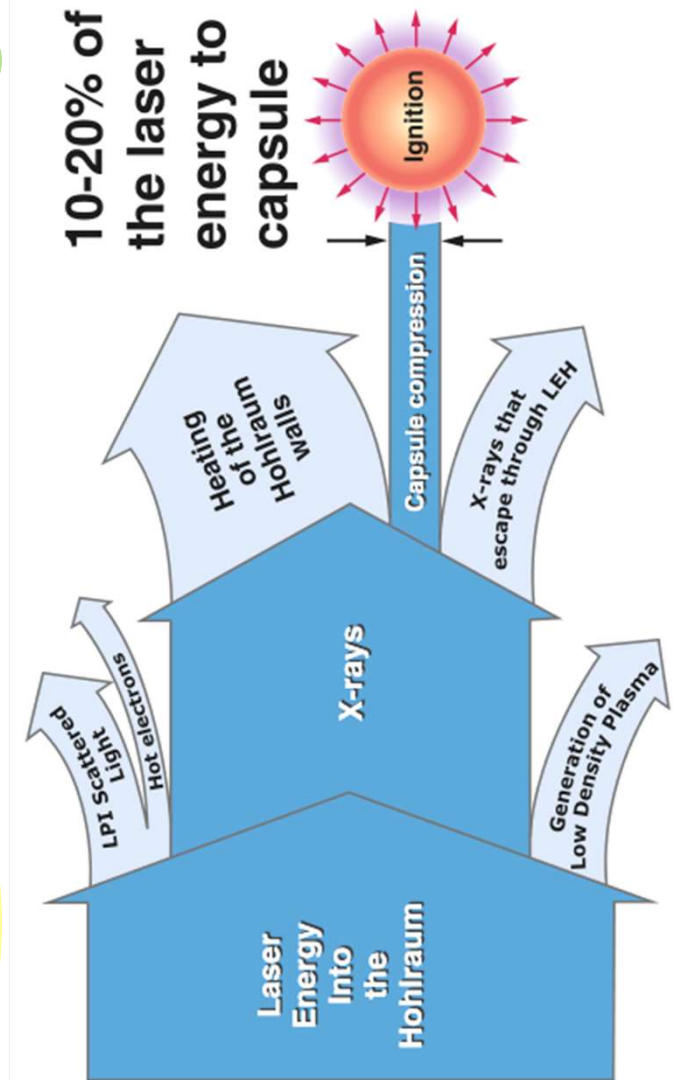
(a) History of the implosion symmetry for the doped HDC capsule measured at increasing convergence and time using a succession of experimental techniques. Blue points are keyhole data, red points are 2DconA data, black point is the DT cryogenic platform. The definition of $P2$ in microns as a measure of deviation from round is described in the text. (b) equatorial x-ray radiograph of the shell, (c) equatorial x-ray image of the hot spot at bang time (convergence 17) (d), equatorial x-ray image of the hot spot at bang time (convergence 25).

Notice: The ignition peak is now in the centre of the compressed target pellet!

80 μm - 2018

Approximate energy efficiency of diff. process steps of NIF:

Input energy of the laser (xenon lamps are powered by a capacitor bank)	422 MJ
Laser Infrared output (amplified IR light of the laser)	3.6 MJ
Laser UV output (about 50% is left after conversion to UV)	2.1 MJ
Laser energy absorbed by the hohlraum (theoretical prediction: about 85% is left after the X-ray conversion in the hohlraum)	<1.5 MJ
Laser energy absorbed by the outer layers of the DT target pellet (theoretical prediction: about 15% of the X-rays are absorbed by the outer layers of the target)	<220 kJ
Actual energy absorbed by the DT target pellet (based on report that more energy for this shot was released than UV-energy that is absorbed in the DT-target).	<14 kJ
Energy out	
Energy released by fusion reactions (fraction 3.3×10^{-5} of input energy of the laser)	14 kJ



2014:= 0.003318% !

2018:= fusion energy of 54 kJ.

Burning of Quark Gluon Plasma in Relativistic, Radiation Dominated Systems according to Relativistic Fluid Dynamics

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Applications to Pellet Fusion

Classical Fluid Dynamics (CFD) does assumes that all dynamical processes, including shocks and detonations, are having speeds slower than the speed of light, c .

Initial Relativistic FD (RFD) maintained this assumption based on the requirement of causality [A.Taub, 1948]. → Engineering books keep this assumption even today!

Relativistic Heavy Ion Physics proved the opposite!

[A.H. Taub (1948)]

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Relativistic Rankine-Hugoniot Equations

A. H. TAUB

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Next we suppose that the three-dimensional volume is a shell of thickness ϵ enclosing a surface of discontinuity Σ whose three-dimensional normal vector is Λ_i . If we choose our coordinate system so that the discontinuity is at rest, then since

$$\underline{\lambda_\alpha \lambda^\alpha = 1}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^3 \Lambda_i^2 = 1,$$

we have

$$\lambda_i = \Lambda_i \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{\lambda_4 = 0.}$$

Hence Eqs. (7.1) and (7.2) become, as ϵ goes to zero,

$$[\rho^0 u^i \Lambda_i] = 0, \quad (7.3)$$

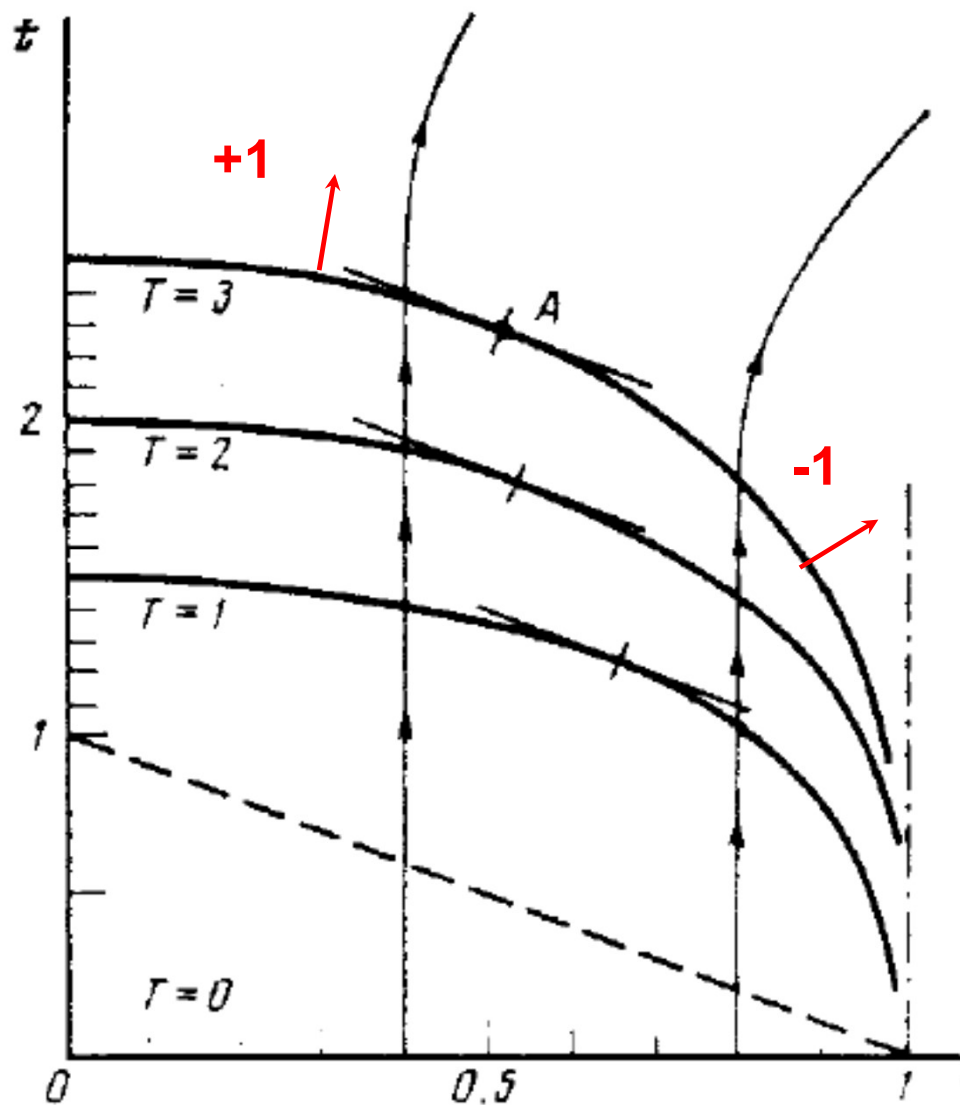
$$[T^{\alpha i} \Lambda_i] = 0, \quad (7.4)$$

where

$$[f] = f_+ - f_-$$

Taub assumed that (physically) only slow space-like shocks or discontinuities may occur (with space-like normal, $\lambda_4=0$).

This was then taken as standard, since then (e.g. LL 1954-)



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$$\lambda_\alpha \lambda^\alpha = \pm 1$$

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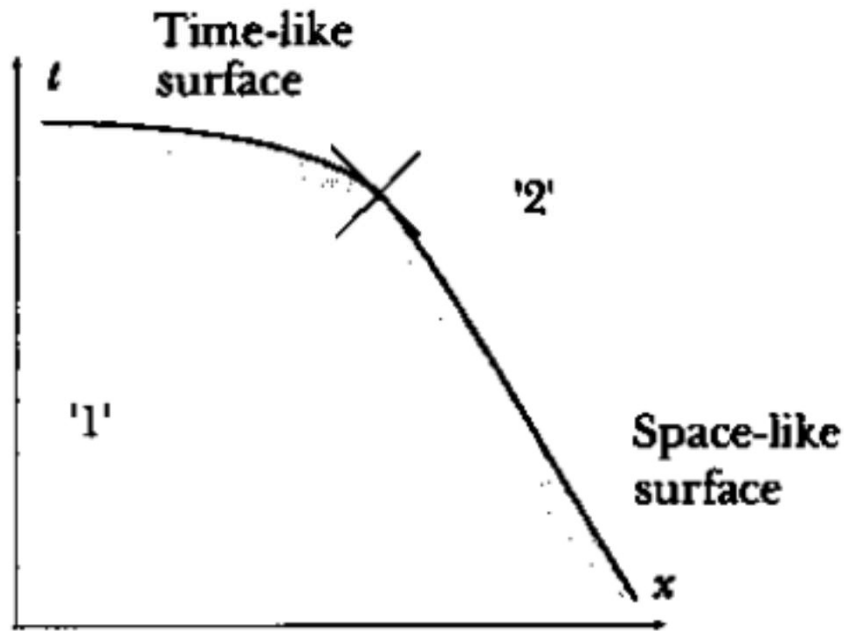
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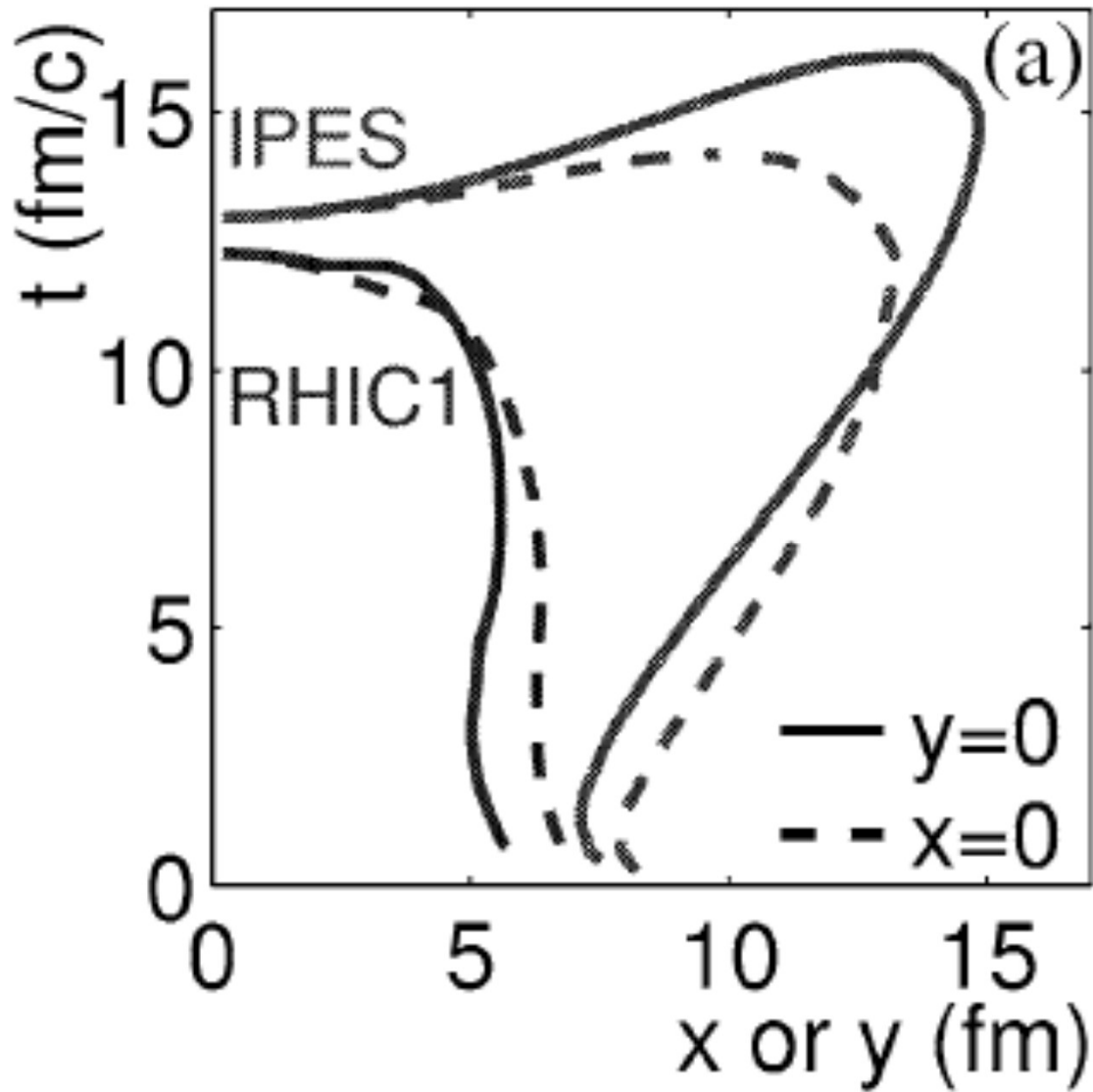
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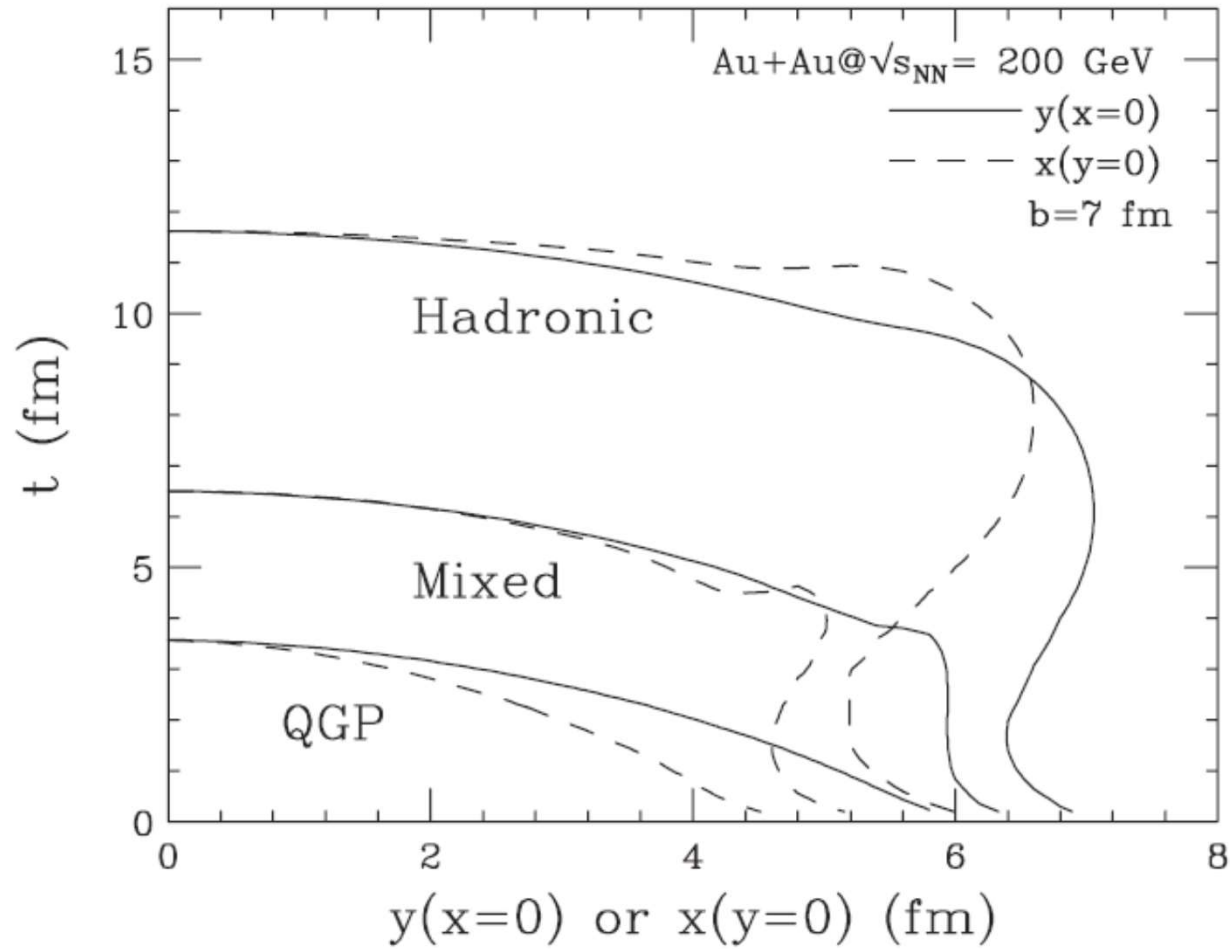
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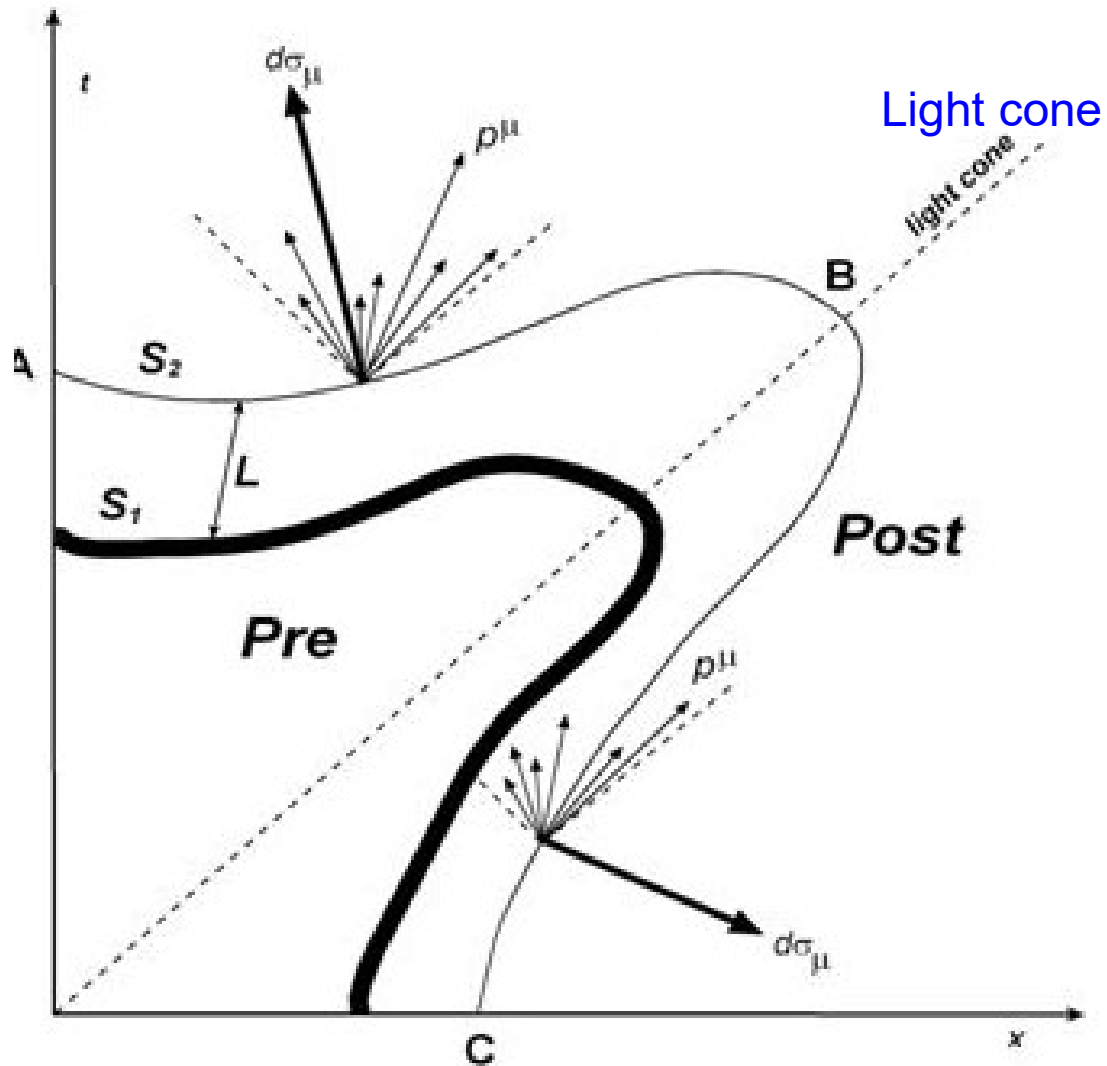


Discovery of QGP:
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2001 BNL

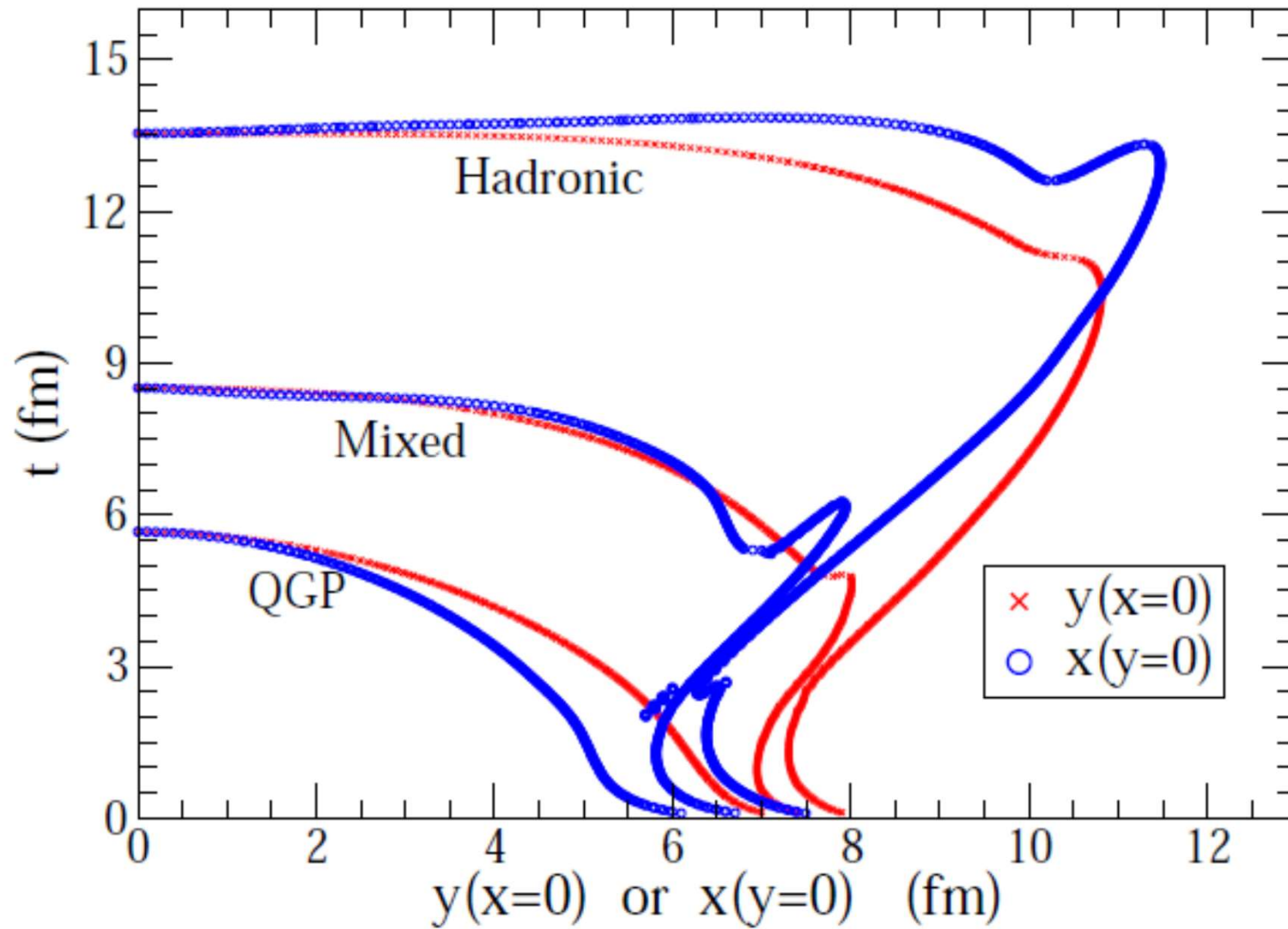
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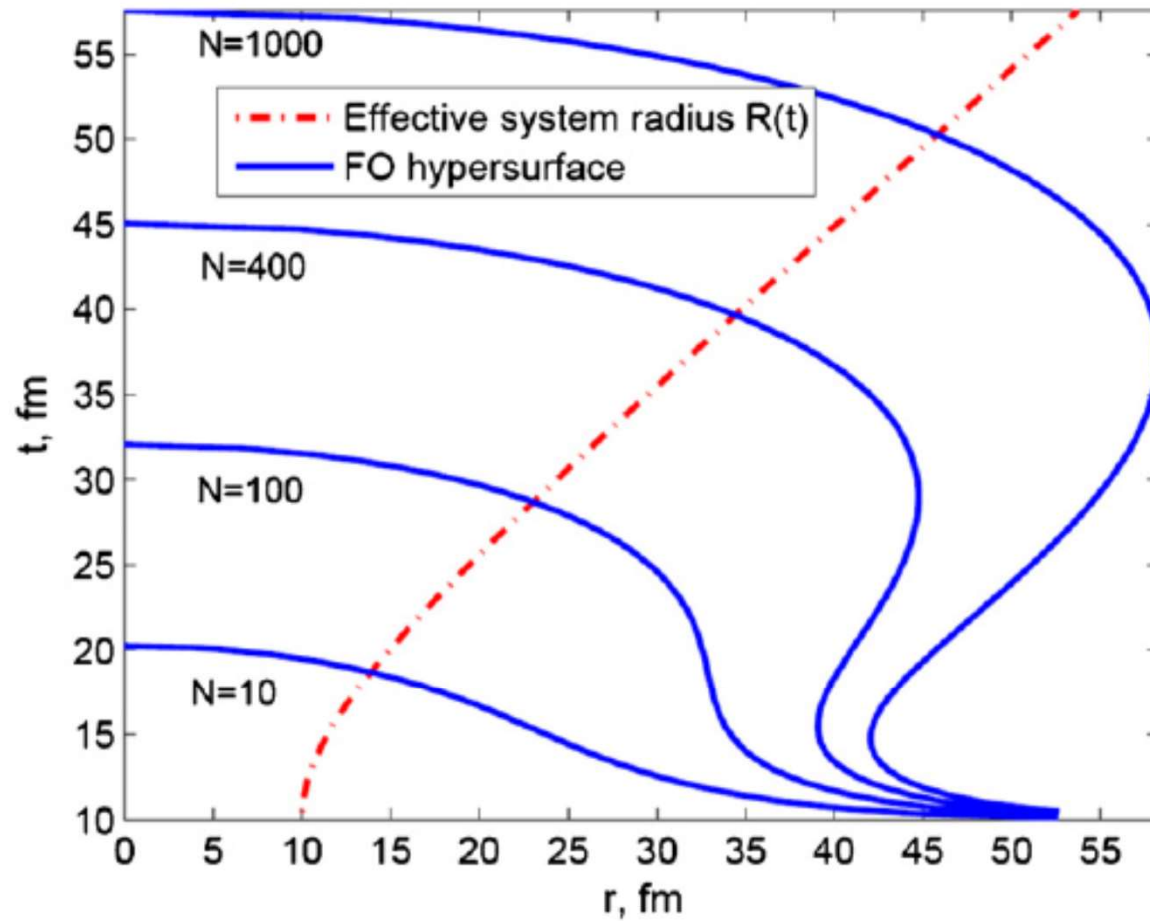
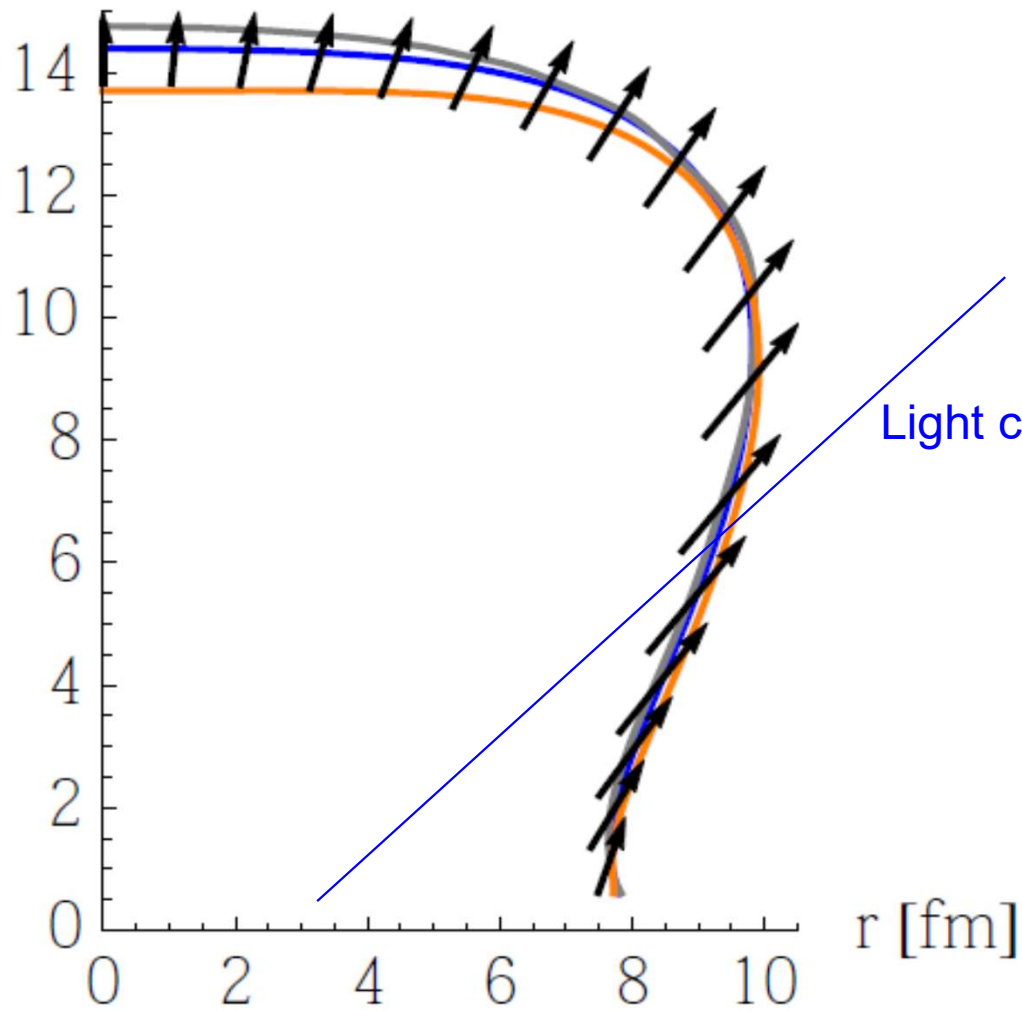
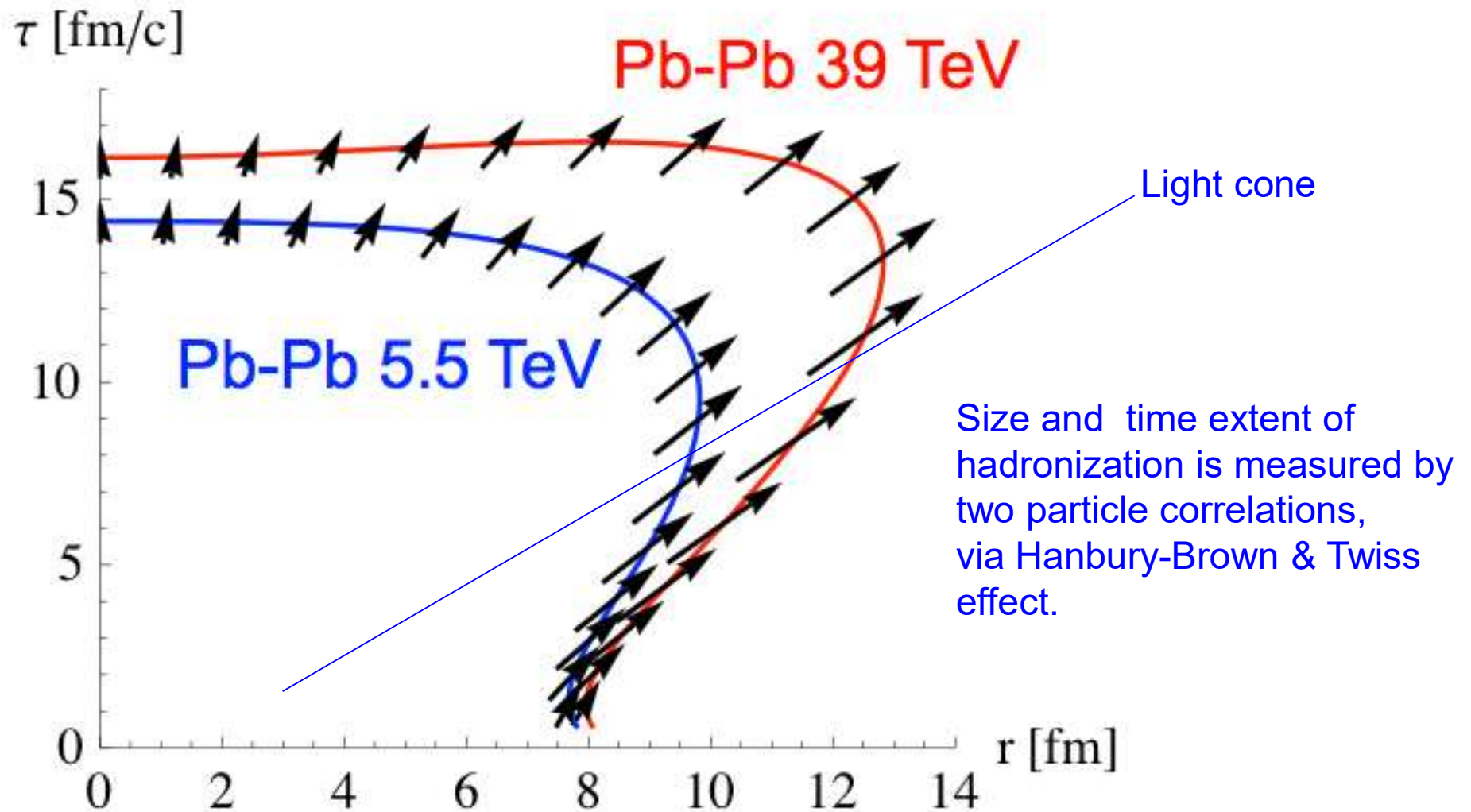


Figure 4. Freeze-out surfaces calculated from the Bondorf condition (see the text) for various particle numbers N .

τ [fm/c]



[Stefan Floerchinger,
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Wiedemann,
Phys. Rev. C 89,
034914 (2014)]



[N. Armesto, et al., Nucl.Phys. A931 (2014) 1163]

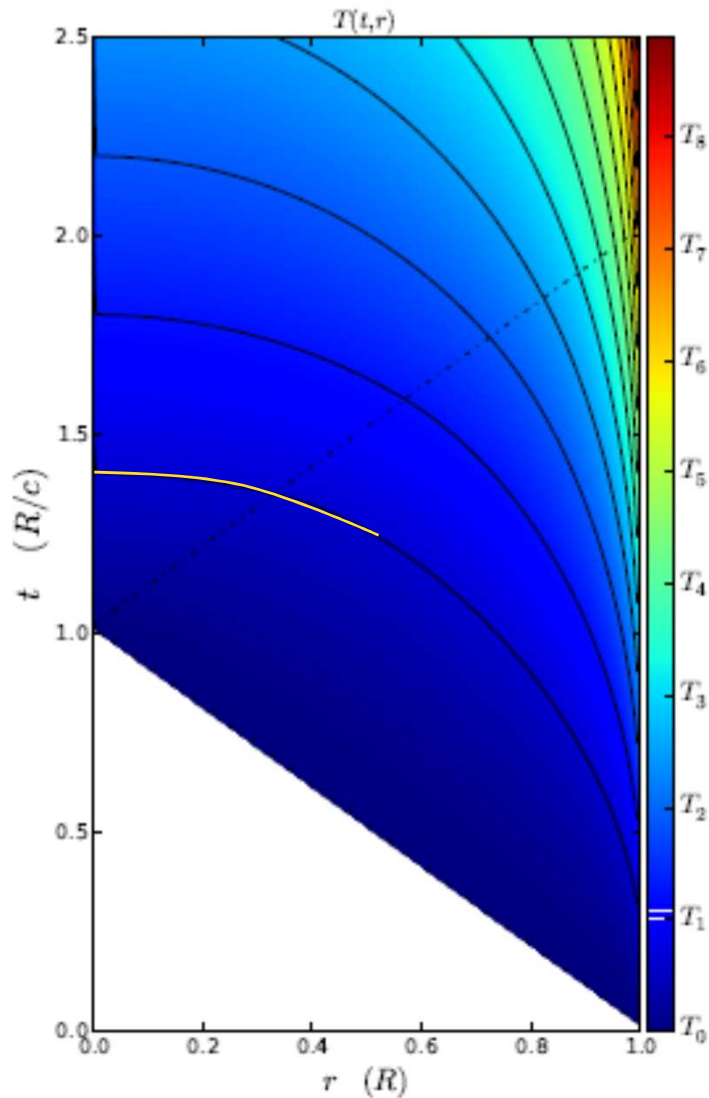
Applications to Pellet Fusion

Relativistic Heavy Ion Physics proves that simultaneous ignition and burning is possible, both theoretically and experimentally!

Up to now all theoretical studies of Internal Confinement fusion are based on Classical Fluid Dynamics (CFD)
[HYDRA, LASNEX]

Still the aim is to

- achieve Volume Ignition
- achieve Rapid Ignition
- but within CFD ?! →



Fusion reaction:

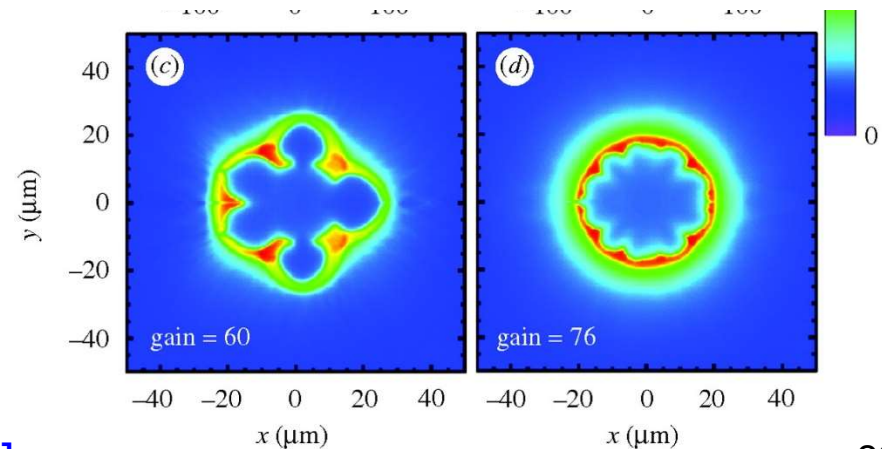


Constant absorptivity,
Spherical irradiation

Ignition temperature = $T_1 \rightarrow$

Simultaneous, volume ignition up to
0.5 R (i.e. **12%** of the volume).

Not too good, but better than:



[L.P. Csernai & D.D. Strottman,
Laser and Particle Beams 33, 279 (2015).]

Can we achieve better volume ignition, and how?

Two ideas are combined by

L.P. Csernai, N. Kroo, I. Papp [**Patent # P1700278/3**](*)

- **Heat the system uniformly by radiation with RFD**
- **Achieve uniform heating by Nano-Technology**

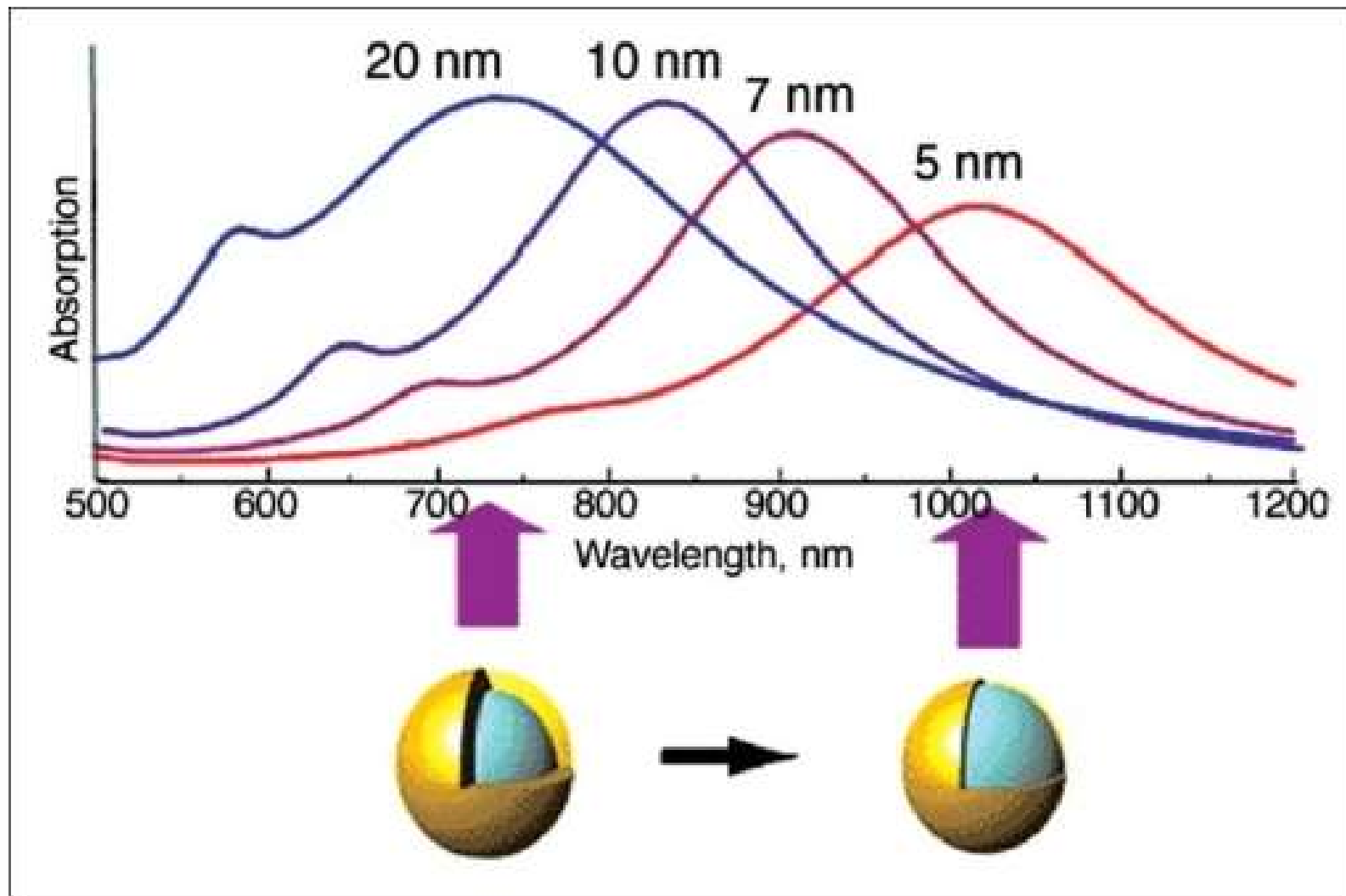
Mechanical compression and adiabatic heating should be reduced, because it is slow and leads to Rayleigh-Taylor instabilities. Similarly outside ablator surface should be reduced also.

Uniform, **4π radiation** should heat the target to ignition within the light penetration time (i.e. ~ 10 - 20 ps). This follows from RFD!

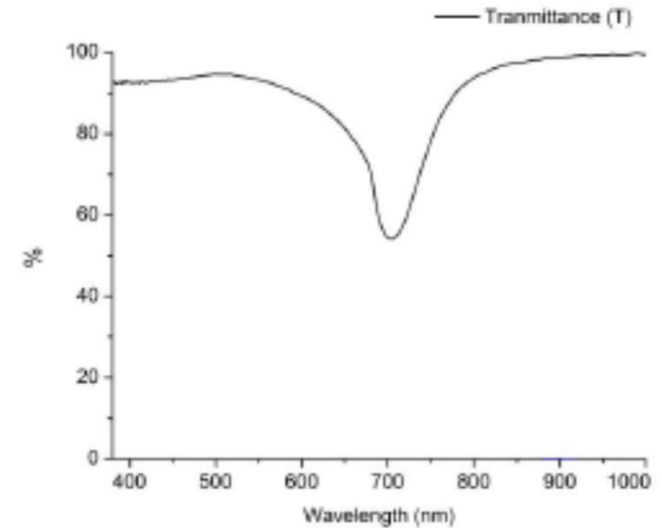
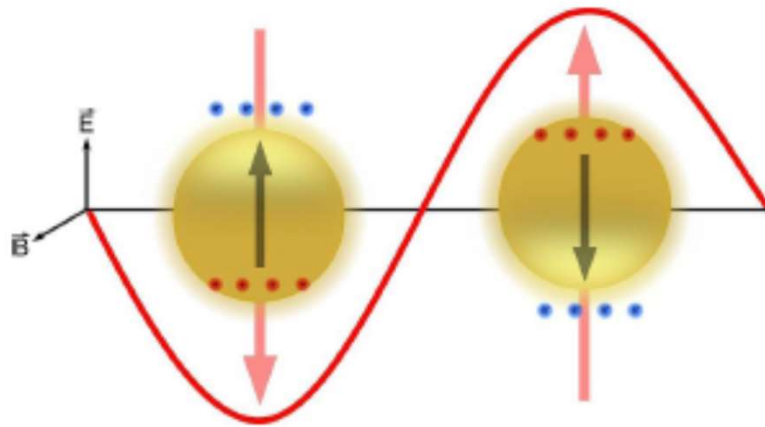
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Golden Nano-Shells – Resonant Light Absorption



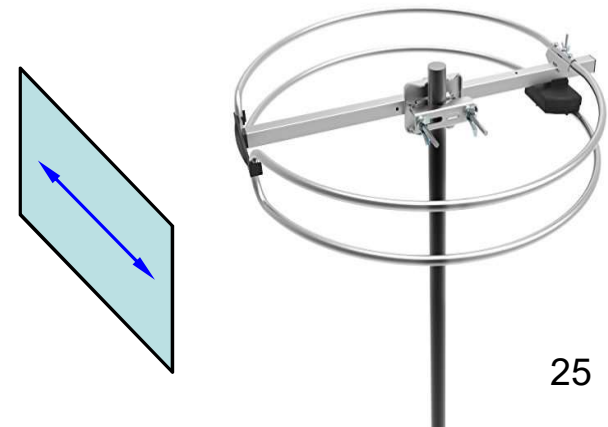
Metal nanoparticles (MNP) and their optical properties



[Martin Greve, IFT Seminar, Fall (2017) for PV Solar panels]

Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance (LSPR)!

Omnidirectional TV antenna



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Variation of absorptivity by Nanotechnology

Doping INF pellets with golden nano-shells enables us to achieve the desired variable absorptivity (Tanabe, 2016).

$$\alpha_k = \alpha_{k0} + \alpha_{ns} , \quad (12)$$

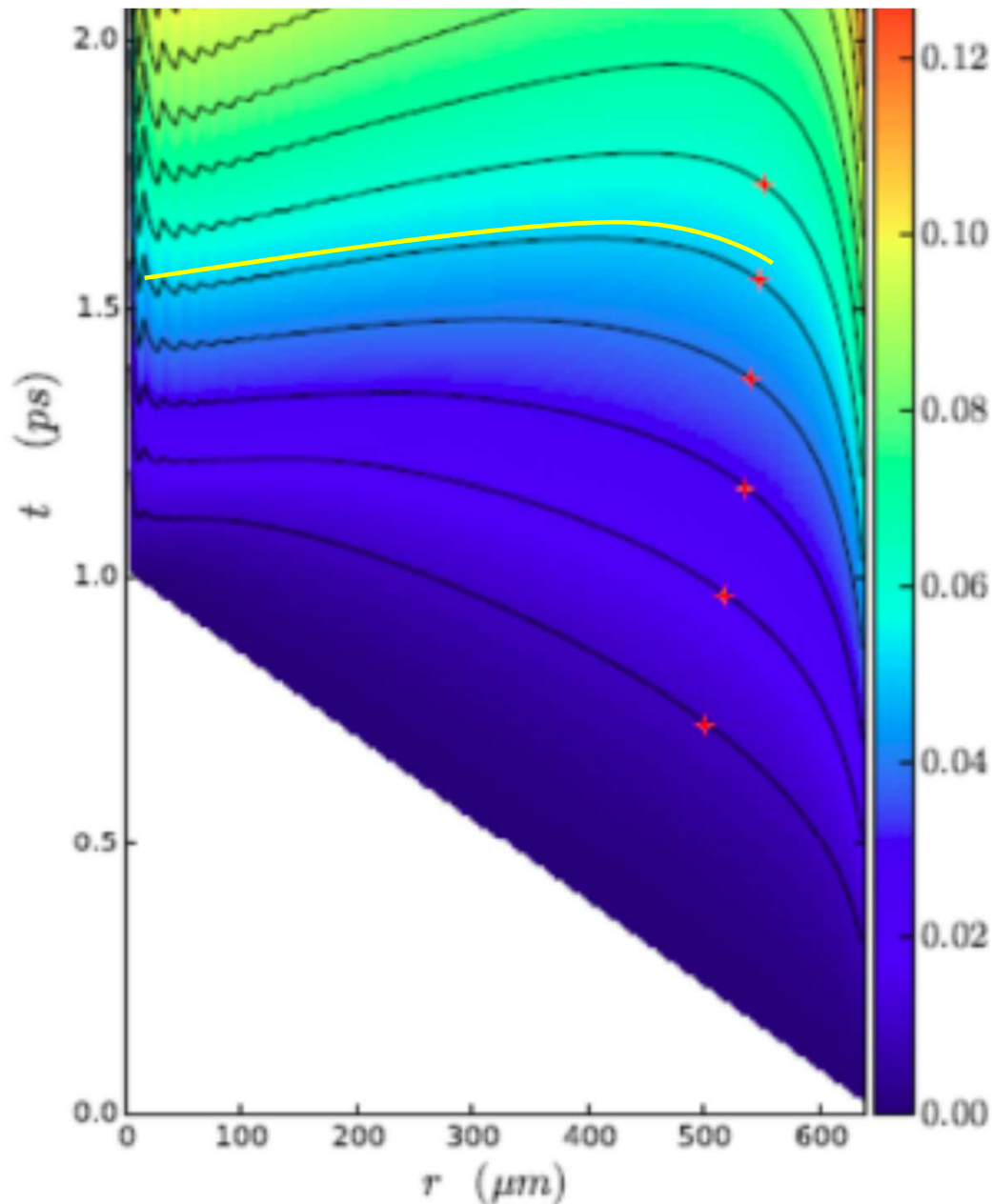
where the absorptivity of nano-shells, α_{ns} , is

$$\alpha_{ns} = \rho G Q_{abs} . \quad (13)$$

For a nano-shell of $R = 30$ nm the additional contribution would be $\rho G Q_{abs} = \rho Q_{abs} 0.283 \text{ cm}^2$. Consequently, for a typical nano-shell density (James *et al.*, 2007) of $\rho = 10^{11}/\text{cm}^3$ and a $Q_{abs} \approx 10$, we can reach an additional absorptivity of

$$\alpha_{ns} = 28.3 \text{ cm}^{-1} . \quad (14)$$

T (MeV)



The absorption coefficient is **linearly** changing with the radius: In the center, $r = 0$, $\alpha_K = 30 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ while at the outside edge $\alpha_K = 8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

The temperature is measured in units of $T_1 = 272 \text{ keV}$, and $T_n = n T_1$.

Simultaneous, volume ignition is up to 0.9 R, so 73% of the fuel target!

Problem:

Not easy to realize, 4π irradiation geometry → **80-192 laser beams**

In the earlier estimates we did establish that:

- The principle of simultaneous volume ignition is theoretically possible with nano-shells
- We **did not** estimate the necessary laser energy need, and assuming extremely large laser input energy we neglected the losses.

- However the basic principle, the **simultaneous all volume ignition** can be achieved in 3D, 2D and 1D geometry also !!!
(Einstein's synchronization of watches.)
- We did calculate the realistic energy balance
- → So, we repeated realistic estimates in 1D with a flat (coin like) target.

Thick Coin like target - New Developments

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Thickness of
the target is: h

h depends on
pulse energy,
ignition energy,
target mass, ...

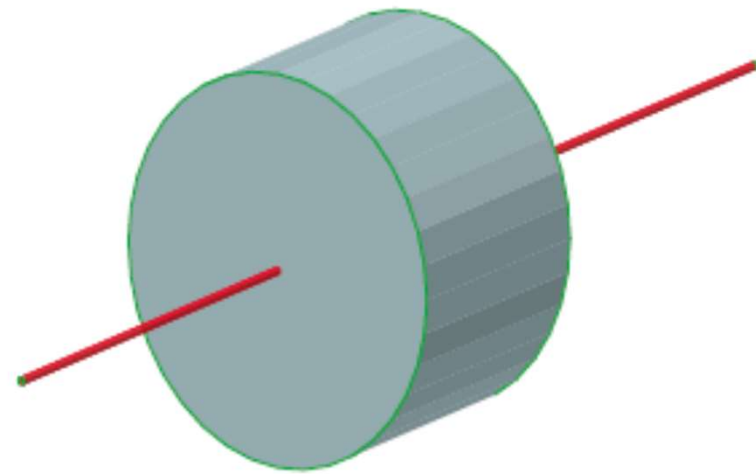
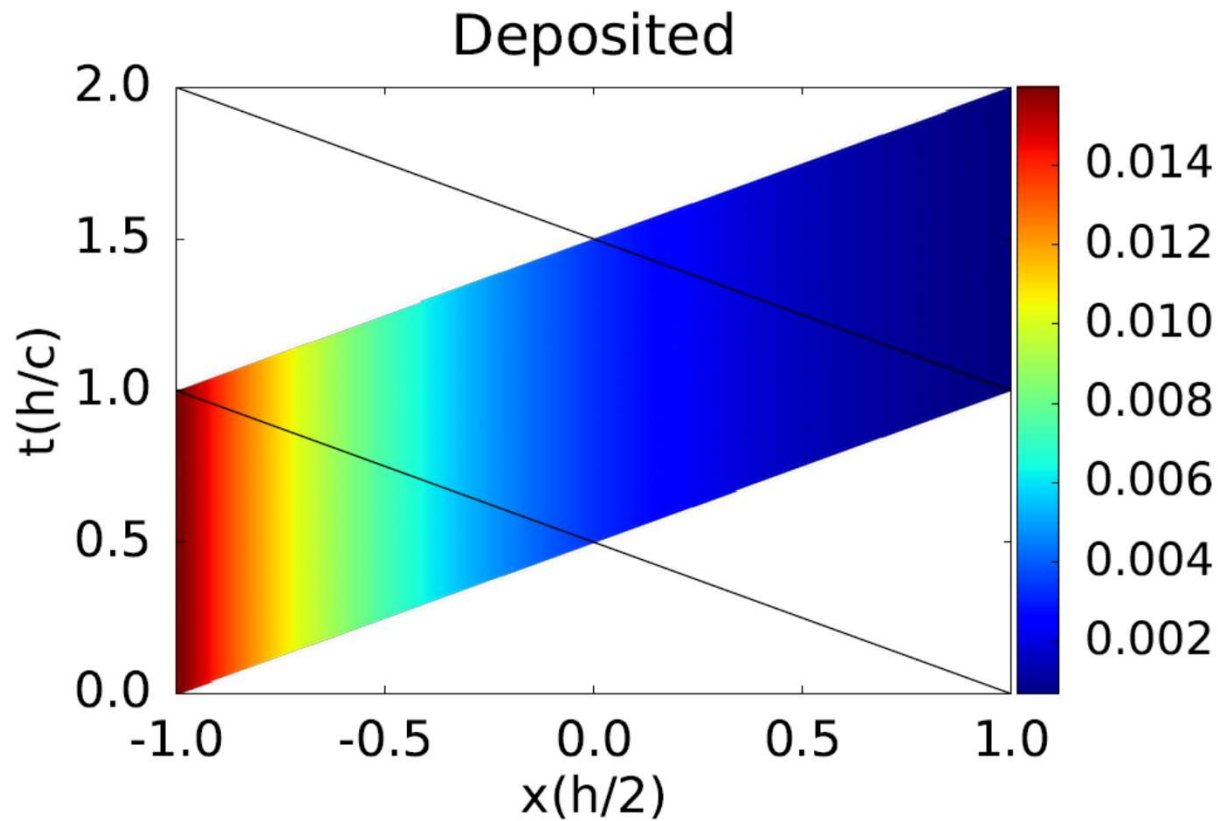


Figure 1: (color online) The target still should be compact to minimize the surface effects. The irradiation is performed along the x -axis from both sides towards the target. The laser beam should be uniform hitting the whole face of the coin shaped target.



**Without nano
antennas**

The deposited energy from laser irradiation from one side only. The absorption is constant, this leads to an exponentially decreasing energy deposition, and only a negligibly small energy reaches the opposite end of the target.

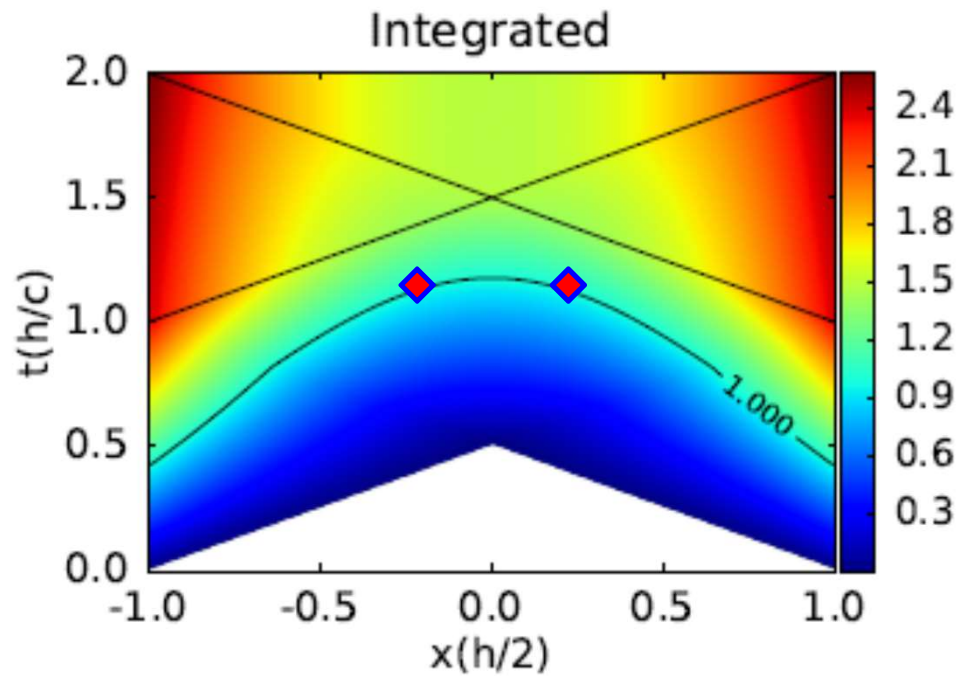


Figure 4: (color online) Integrated energy up to a given time in the space-time across the depth, h , of the flat target. The color code indicates the temperature, T , reached in a given space-time point, in units of the critical temperature, (T_c). The contour line $T = 1$, indicates the critical temperature, T_c , where the phase transition or the ignition in the target is reached. This contour line, compared to the one in Fig. 3, is never constant in time, indicating no simultaneous whole volume transition or ignition. The time-like (causally unconnected) part of the transition takes place only in the central $\sim 15\%$ of the target volume. The two straight lines indicate the light-cones originating at the outside edges of the target at the ending of the irradiation pulse.

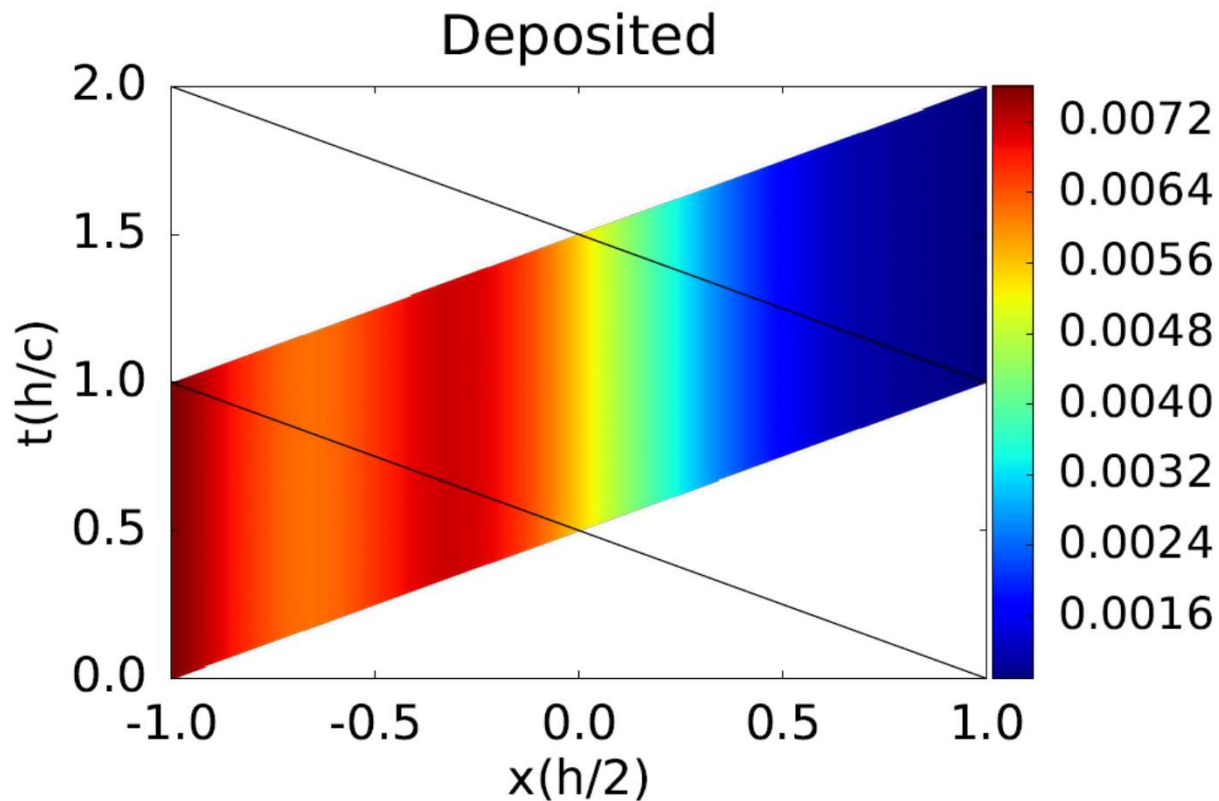
Without nano antennas

Irradiation from both sides.

Exponential decrease of deposited energy. Due to the already deposited energy, less energy reaches the middle →

The front and back surface is heated up but the middle is not!

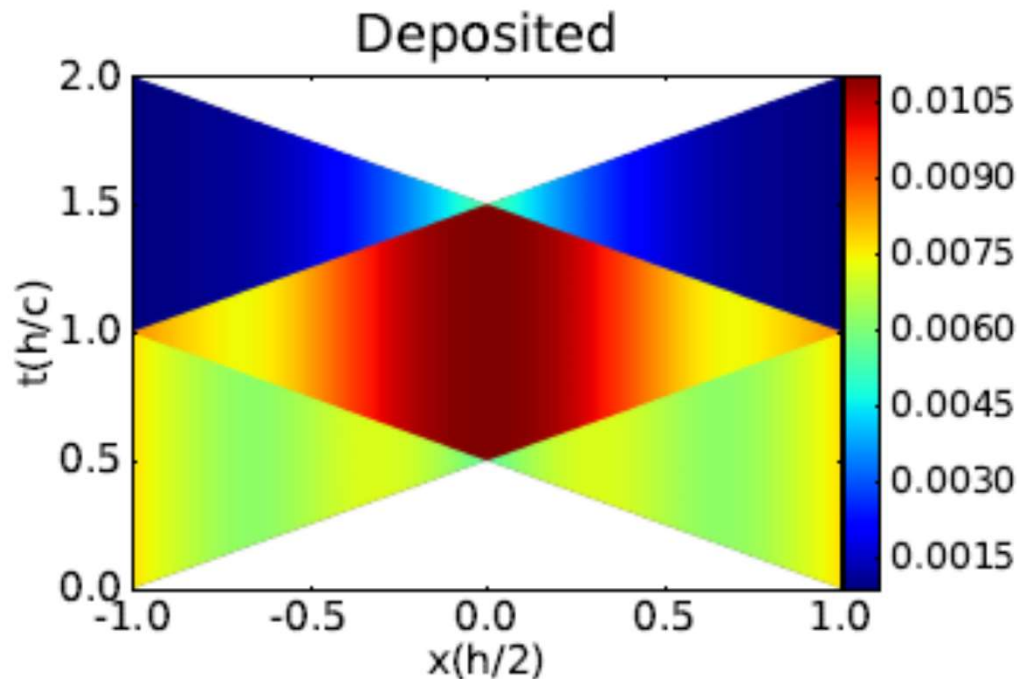
Pulse length is: $t_p = h/c$



With nano antennas

The absorptivity is increased towards the center, due to the implanted nano antennas.

The deposited energy from laser irradiation from one side only. The absorption is modified by nano antennas so that the absorptivity is increasing towards the middle, so that the deposited energy is constant up to the middle. Then the absorptivity is decreasing, but hardly any energy is left in the irradiation front. Thus again only a negligibly small energy reaches the opposite end of the target.



With nano antennas

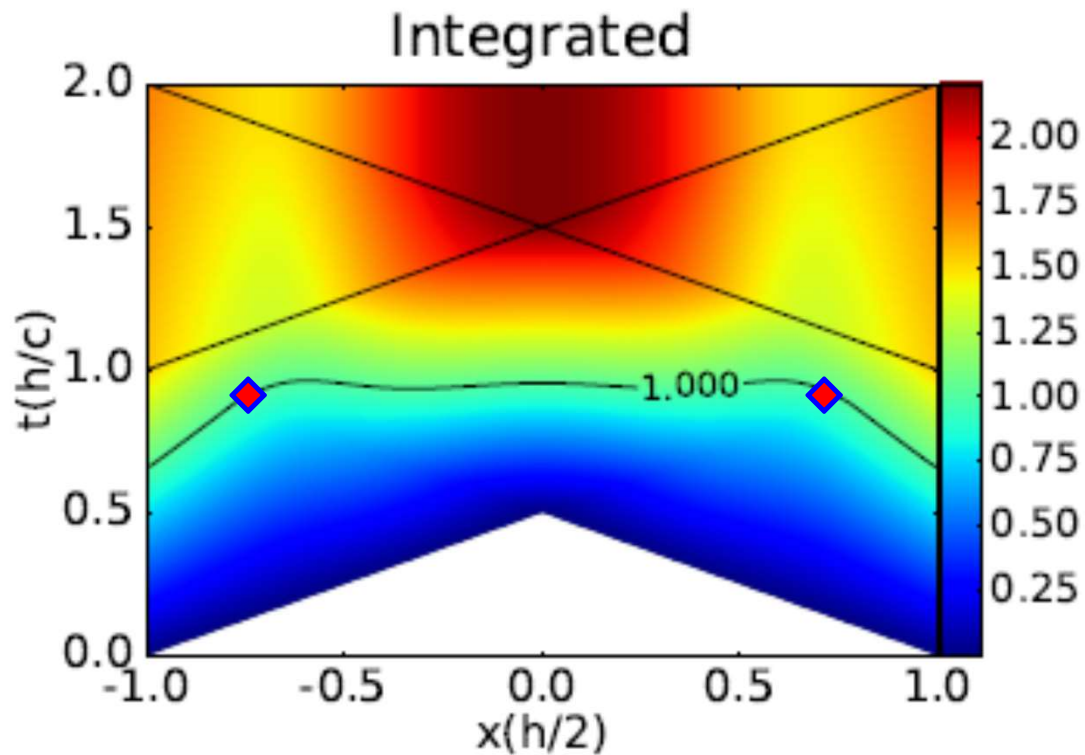
Irradiation from both sides.

Figure 2: (color online) Deposited energy per unit time in the space-time across the depth, h , of the flat target. The time is measured in units of (h/c) , where c is the speed of light in the material of the target. The irradiation lasts for a period of $\Delta t = h/c$ the time needed to cross the target. The irradiated energy during this time period is Q from one side, so it is $2Q$ from both sides together.

The color code indicates the deposited energy per unit time and unit cross section (a.u.). The deposited length is $\Delta x = c\Delta t$. Note! The absorptivity in this case $\alpha_K \neq \text{const}$. For more details please see Appendix B.

Ignition energy is: Q_i/m
 e.g. for DT target: $Q_i/m = 27 \text{ kJ/g}$
 → if we have $Q = 100 \text{ J}$, then
 we can have a target mass:
 $m_{DT} = Q / Q_i \text{ g} = 3.703 \text{ mg}$.

Then with m_{DT} and ρ_{DT} given
 we get the DT-target's volume,
 V_{DT} and $h_{DT} = 2.67 \text{ mm}$.



With nano antennas

Ignition is reached at contour line $Q = 1$.

Figure 3: (color online) Integrated energy up to a given time in the space-time across the depth, h , of the flat target. The color code indicates the temperature, T , reached in a given space-time point, in units of the critical temperature, (T_c). The contour line $T = 1$, indicates the critical temperature, T_c where the phase transition or the ignition in the target is reached. This contour line is almost at a constant time, indicating simultaneous whole volume transition or ignition. The irradiated energy, Q is chosen so that, $1Q$ irradiation will achieve the critical temperature.

Test of principles with smaller pulse energy

- 1 Relativistic time-like (simultaneous) ignition
- 2 Using nano antennas to reach whole volume uniform ignition or transition
- 3 Using 1D geometry, with two beams from opposite direction for realizability

Let us take

a $P = 30 \text{ mJ}$, 1 ps laser,

a polylactic acid (PLA) target with $T = 150 \text{ C}$ melting temperature, $Q_i/m = 28 \text{ J/g}$

this leads to $m_i = 0.32 \text{ mg}$ target mass, and $h_i = 683 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ target thickness.

The melting transition profile can be checked by simple and affordable analysis by microscope.

The distribution, and absorption properties of implanted nano antennas can be well optimized.

European Laser Infrastructure – Szeged, HU



ELI-ALPS Szeged:
EU Extr. Light Infrastructure
Attosec. Light Pulse Source

2PW High Field laser
10 Hz, <math><10\text{fs}</math>, **20 J**



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Ti-Si Hydra L. 30mJ 10Hz 40fs

Laser wake acceleration of protons for radiation therapy

- proton beam energy is deposited at a location of a certain depth [Bragg peak]
- tumor treatment with minimal side damage (compared to other radiation therapies)
- target is low density (~ like water or more)
- Collaboration with Peking University, China

These features are similar to the needs of laser induced ICF with nano-plasmonics!
Deposition at a depth via the Bragg peak is an alternative way to get volume ignition

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Fusion plasma diagnostics, ITER, JET etc.

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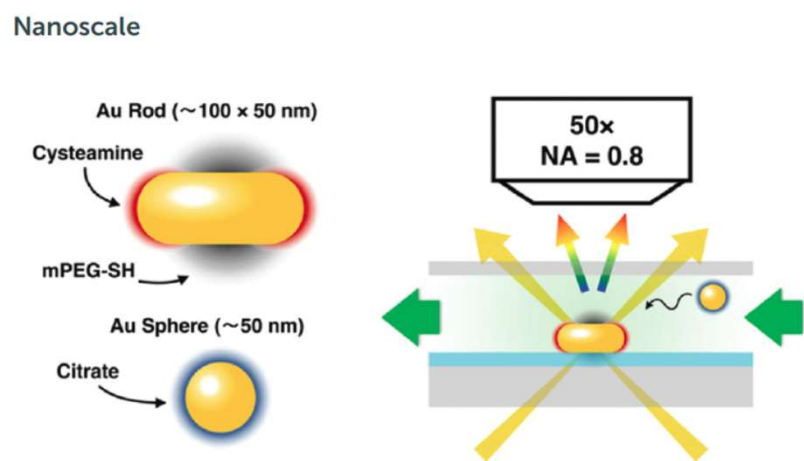
Laser induced nano-plasmonics

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Nano-particle assembly at the single particle level

- manufacturing of Au nano-shells and nano-rods
- imbedded in different concentrations in carriers
- polarized target constructions with nano-rods (for polarized laser irradiation)
- testing resonant light absorption



Scheme 1 Schematics of the prepared nanoparticles (left) and the measurement arrangement (right). The patchy nanorods are first immobilized on ITO covered substrates, then the aqueous nanosphere solution is introduced and changes in the scattered spectrum upon binding detected.

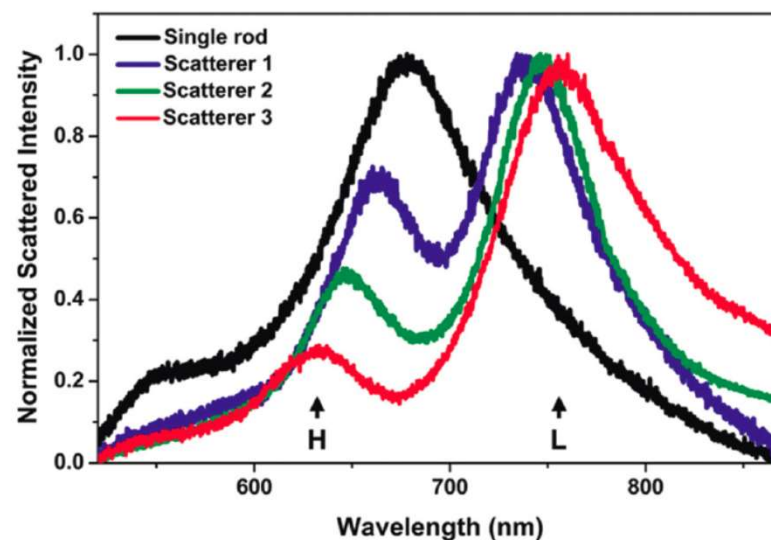


Fig. 1 Typical scattering spectra measured *in situ* in the liquid cell. The appearance of the high (*H*) and low (*L*) energy peaks surrounding the dip indicate the formation of a heterodimer. The spectrum of a single nanorod before the assembly is shown for reference.

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■ Laser Parameter: PHELIX

	Langer Puls	Kurzer Puls
Pulslänge:	1 - 10 ns	0.5 - 20 ps
Energie:	0.3 - 1 kJ	bis 200 J
Max. Intensität:	10^{16} W/cm ²	$2 \cdot 10^{21}$ W/cm ²
Kontrast:	50 dB	bis 120 dB

■ Wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen

PHELIX wird genutzt, um verschiedene wissenschaftliche Gebiete, meist in der Plasma- und Atomphysik, zu erforschen. Auf der Seite mit den [PHELIX Publikationen](#), erhalten Sie zusätzliche Informationen, sowie die aktuellsten wissenschaftlichen Veröffentlichungen, die mit den Daten aus Experimenten mit dem PHELIX-Laser erarbeitet wurden.

<https://www.gsi.de/work/forschung/appamml/plasmaphysikphelix/phelix.htm>

Available resources:

	Pulse energy	Pulse frequency	Pulse length
LLNL NIF 192 laser 3D (1 laser:	11.2 kJ	1/day	~ 10-30 ns
ELI-APLS 2PW High field laser	20 J 34 J	10 Hz	< 10 fs
GSI/FAIR PHELIX laser	200 J	1/90min	> 0.5 ps
Wigner - Coherent Ti-Si Hidra L. (upto 100 mJ)	30 mJ	10 Hz	40 fs
Optimal for laser induced ICF with nano-plasmonics tests	~ 100 J	1 Hz	1-10 ps !

Thus, ultra-relativistic heavy ion physics lead to discovery **Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP)**, but also to advances in

(i) relativistic fluid dynamics (RFD).

With **(ii) nano technology** this may revolutionize in a simple, and **(iii) affordable 1D geometry** the technological development of

(→ iv) Inertial Confinement Fusion.

This methodology may be used to study other dynamical, radiation dominated processes.

