

A large industrial facility, likely a fusion reactor, with a worker in a red coat working on a complex machine. The machine is composed of several large, cylindrical components and is surrounded by various pipes and cables. The worker is standing on a platform, reaching into the machine. The background shows the interior of a large building with a high ceiling and structural beams. A red banner with the text "general fusion" is visible on the right side of the image.

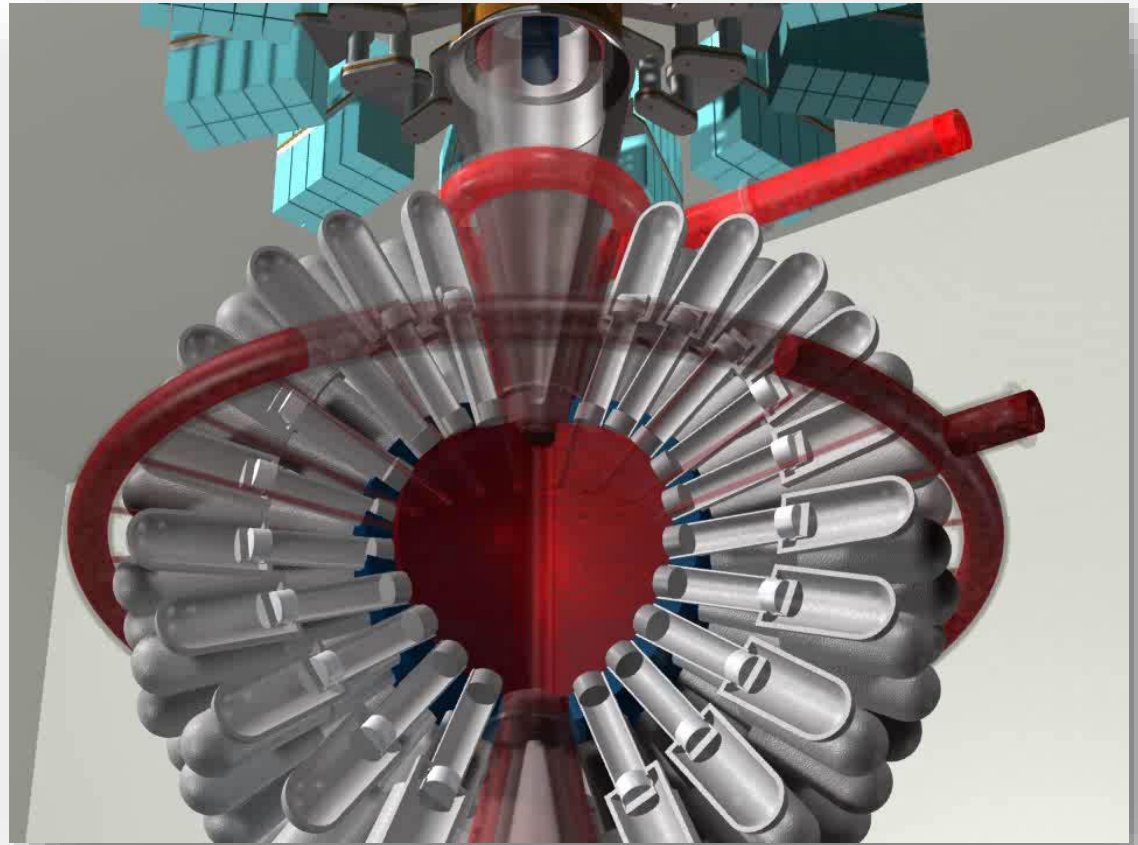
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MTF Power Plant Concept



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Key Features

- Low cost compressed gas driver
- Thick liquid metal blanket
 - Shields structure
 - Extracts heat
 - Breeds tritium
- Pulsed with plasma-only target

Development Program



PLASMA INJECTOR



COMPRESSION SYSTEM



COMPRESSION TESTING

Compression System

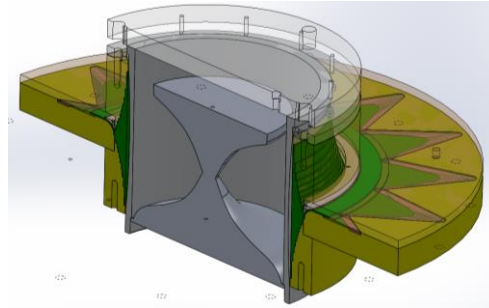
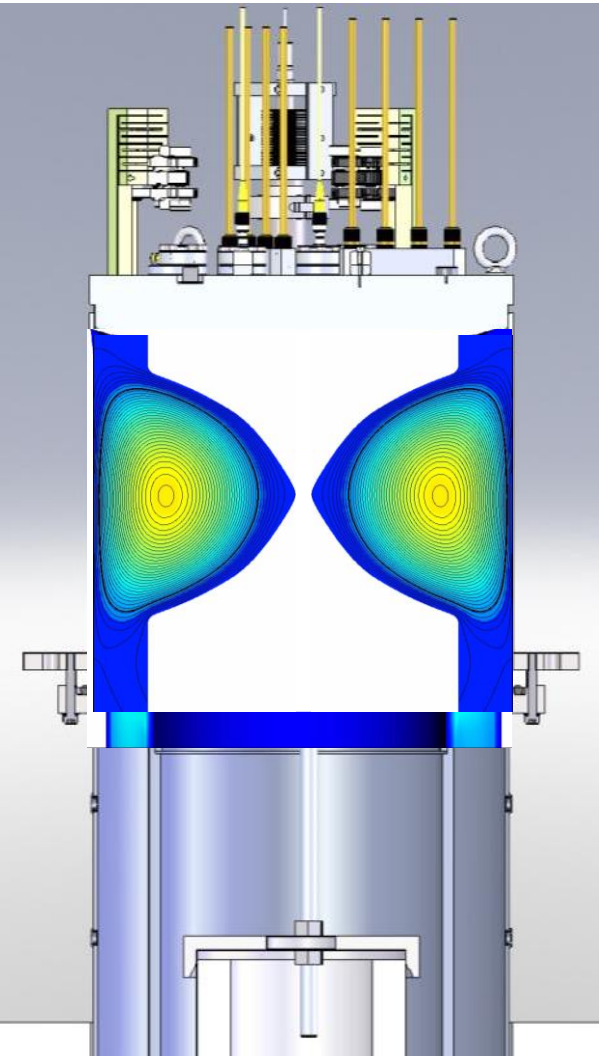
New piston design completed and undergoing testing

- Much higher drive pressure
- New “launch” system
- Frictionless servo control and independent position measurement

Technology scalable to large piston arrays



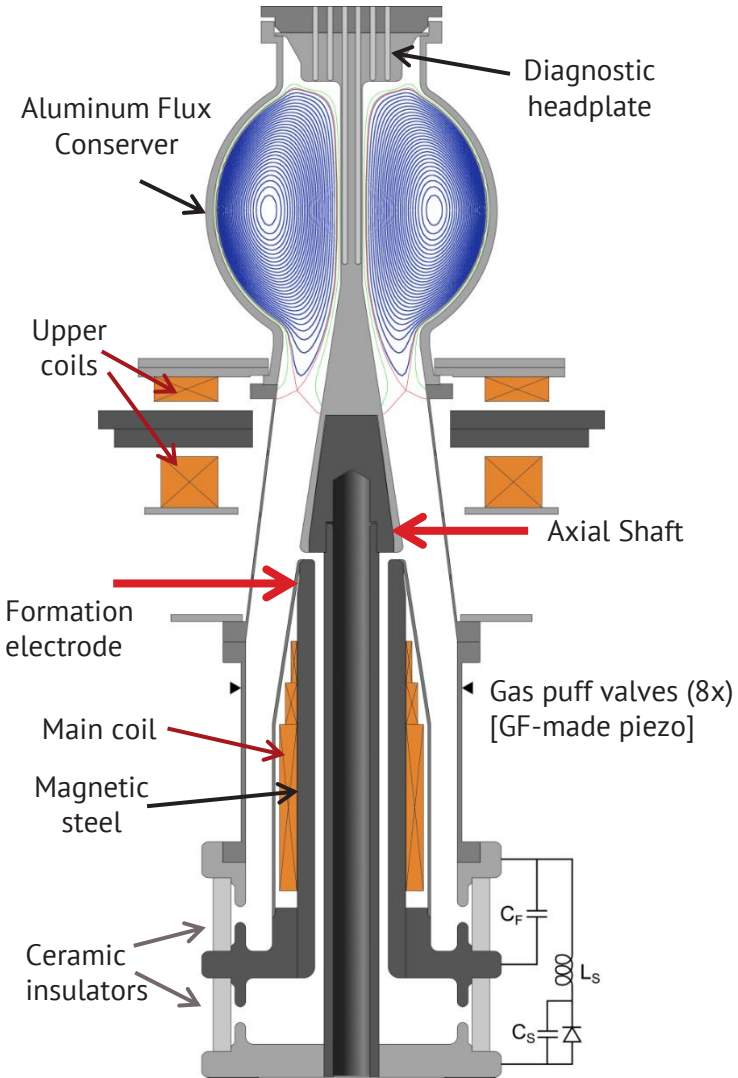
Plasma Injector: Recap to end of 2015



Bad curvature in compression one of the suspects for MHD instabilities in compression

Move to new design with better curvature, self-similar compression geometry

SPECTOR (SPhErical Compact TORoid)



SPECTOR forms spheromak and spherical tokamak plasmas by coaxial helicity injection into a flux conserver

Major, minor radius $R = 12$ cm, $a = 8$ cm

Vessel radius = 19 cm (interior)

Current in axial shaft ≤ 500 kA [crowbarred] creates pre-existing toroidal field before formation plasma

Density range = 5×10^{19} to 5×10^{20} m^{-3}

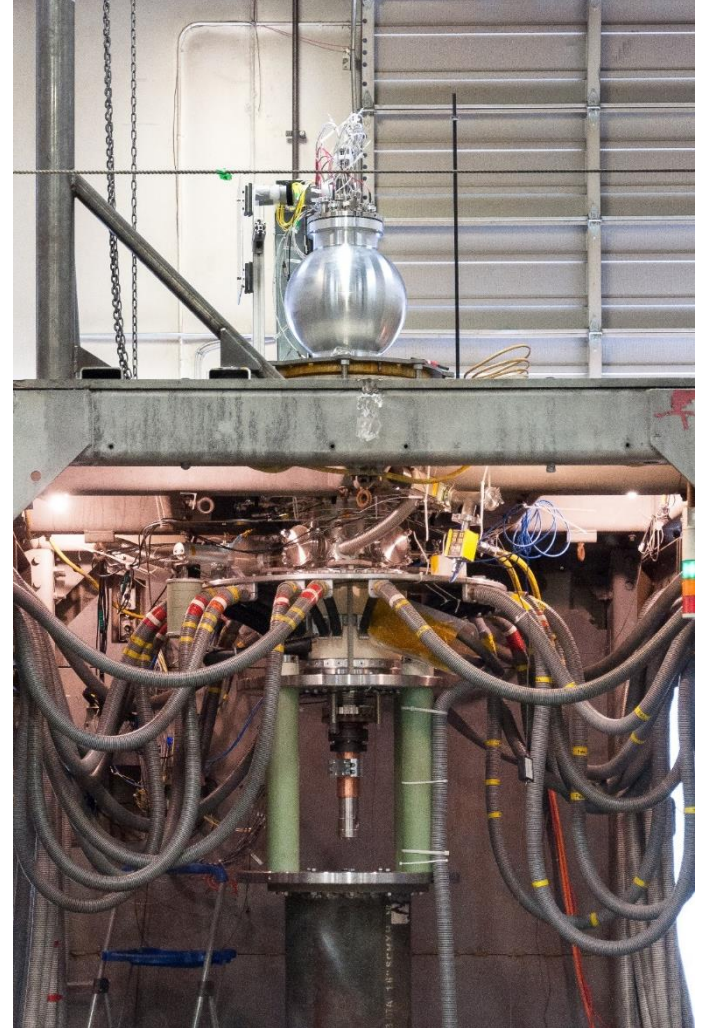
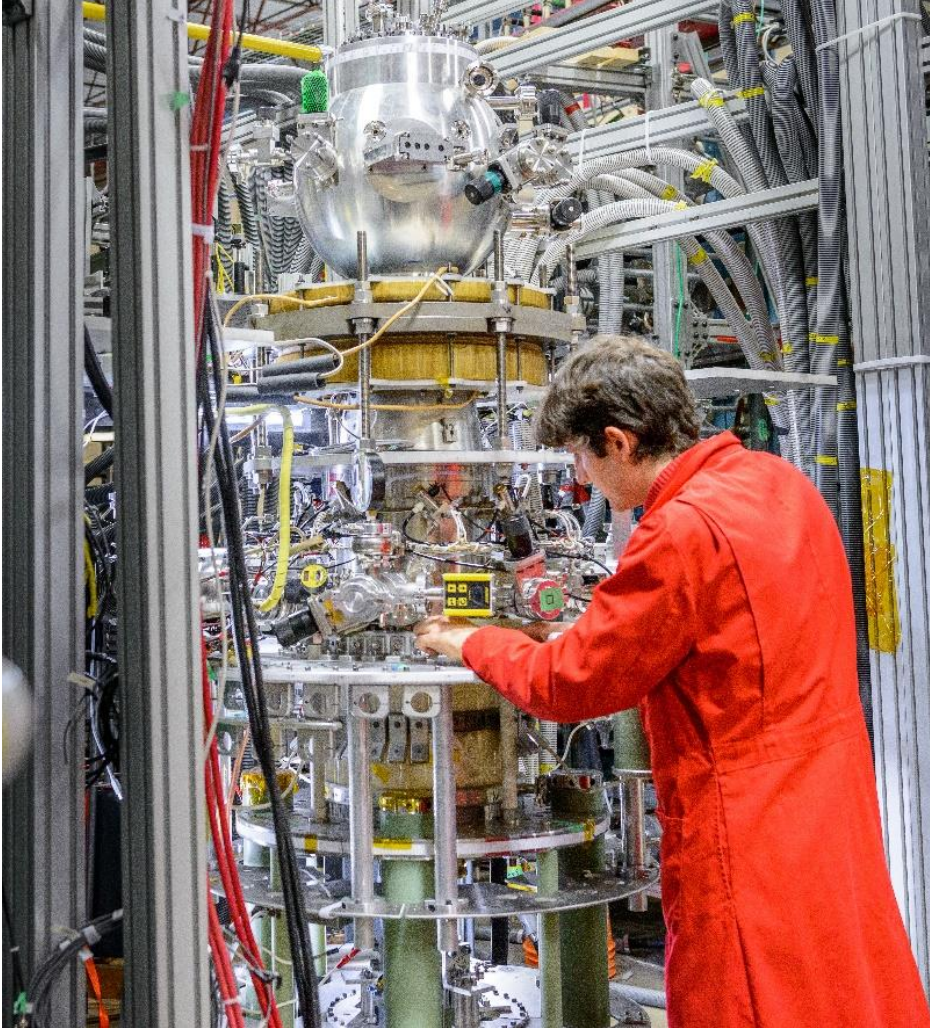
Poloidal Flux in CT = 30 mWb

Toroidal Flux in CT = 35 mWb

Toroidal plasma current = 250 kA

Total magnetic energy in CT = 120 kJ

SPECTOR: Lab and Field Variants



SPECTOR Diagnostics

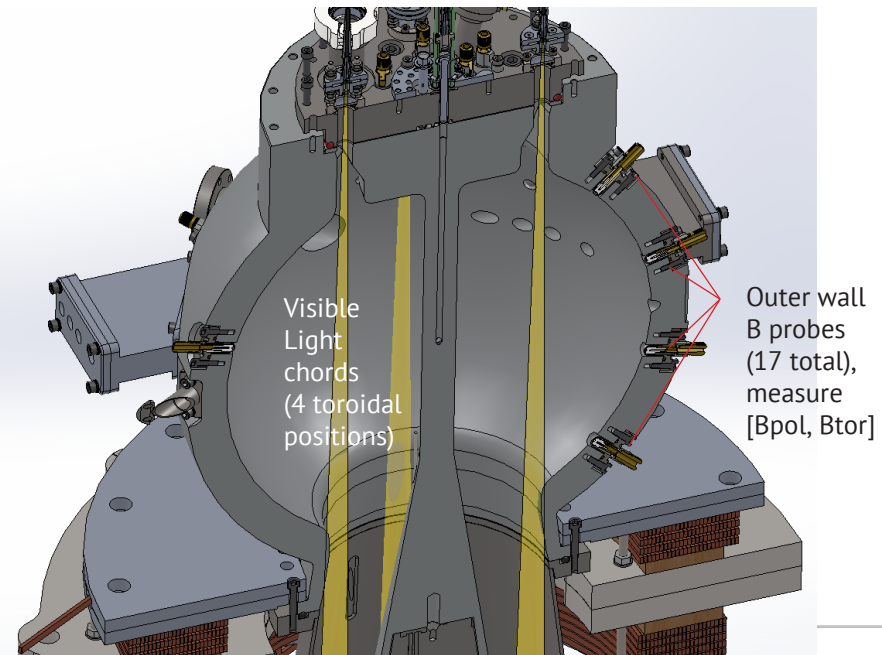
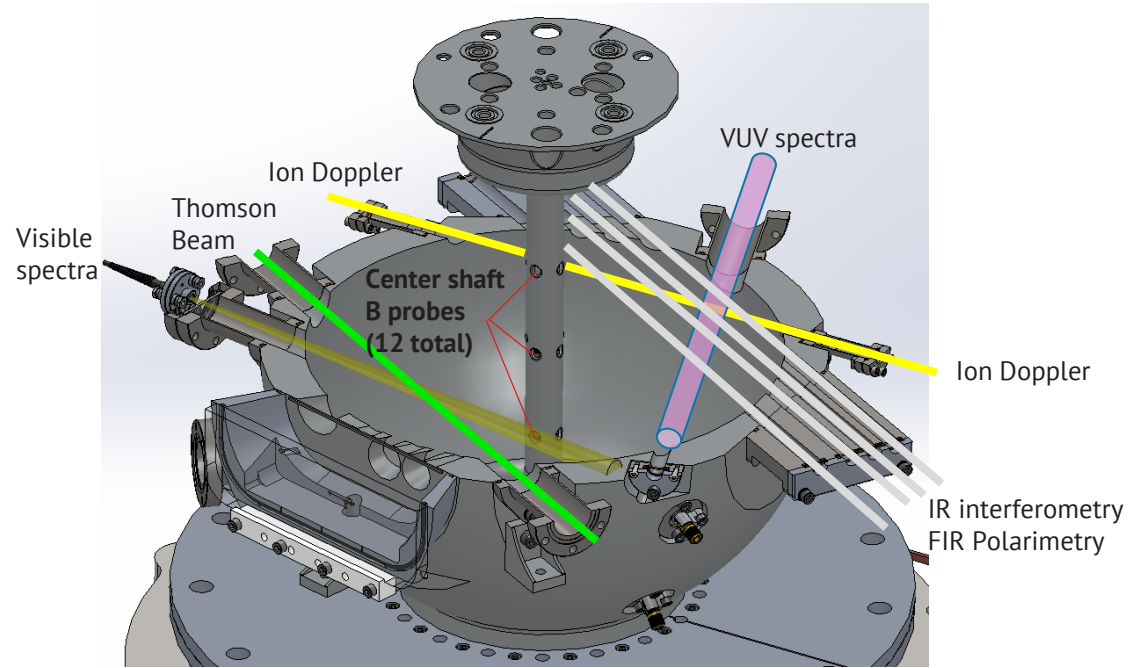
Not Shown:

Visible survey spectrometers
(x3)

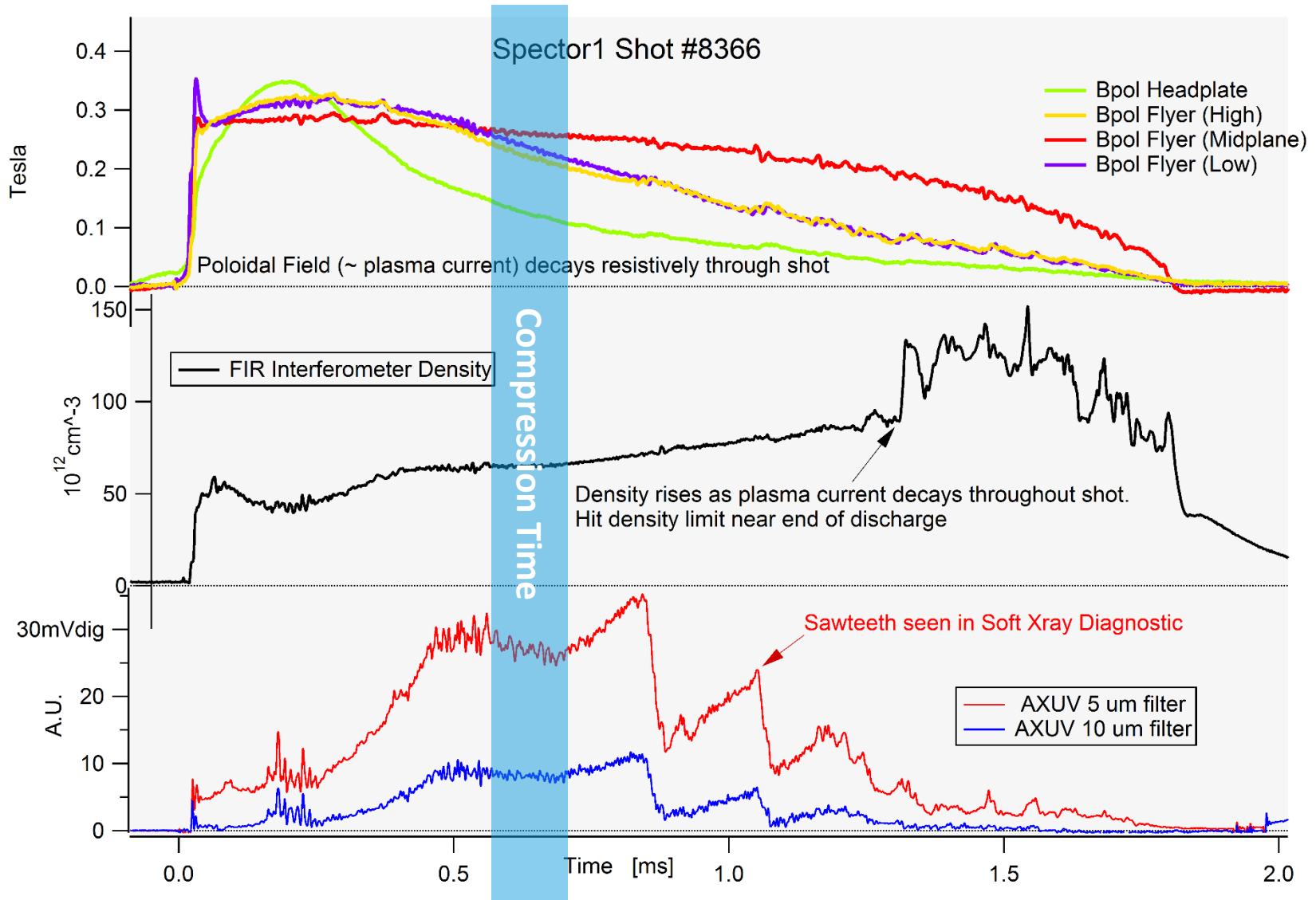
Liquid Scintillator (Gamma +
Neutron detector, PSD)

X-ray pinhole camera, with
Phantom high speed video

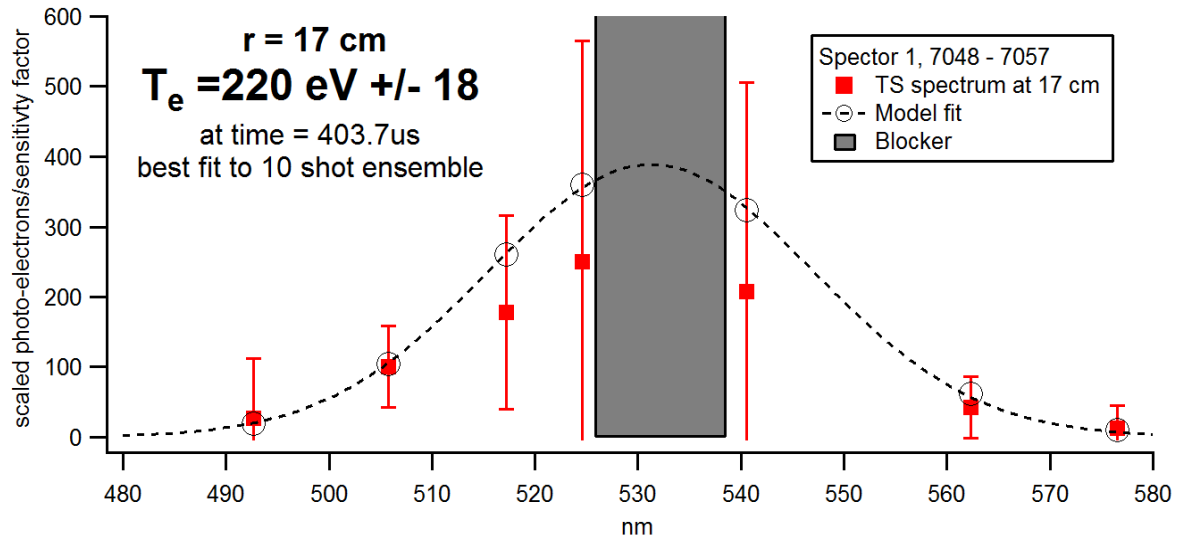
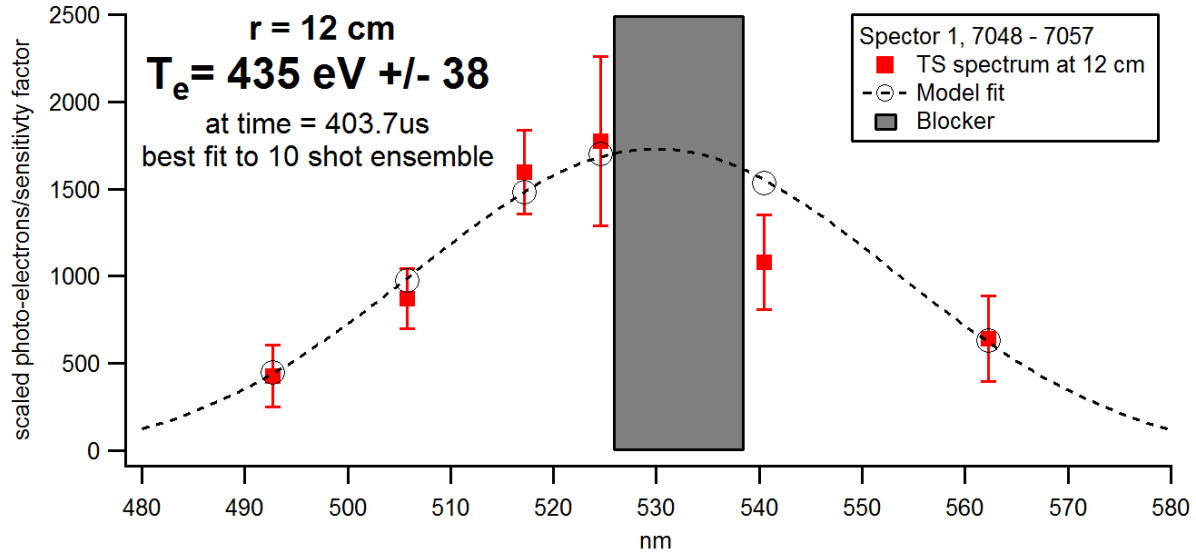
Filtered X-ray photodiodes



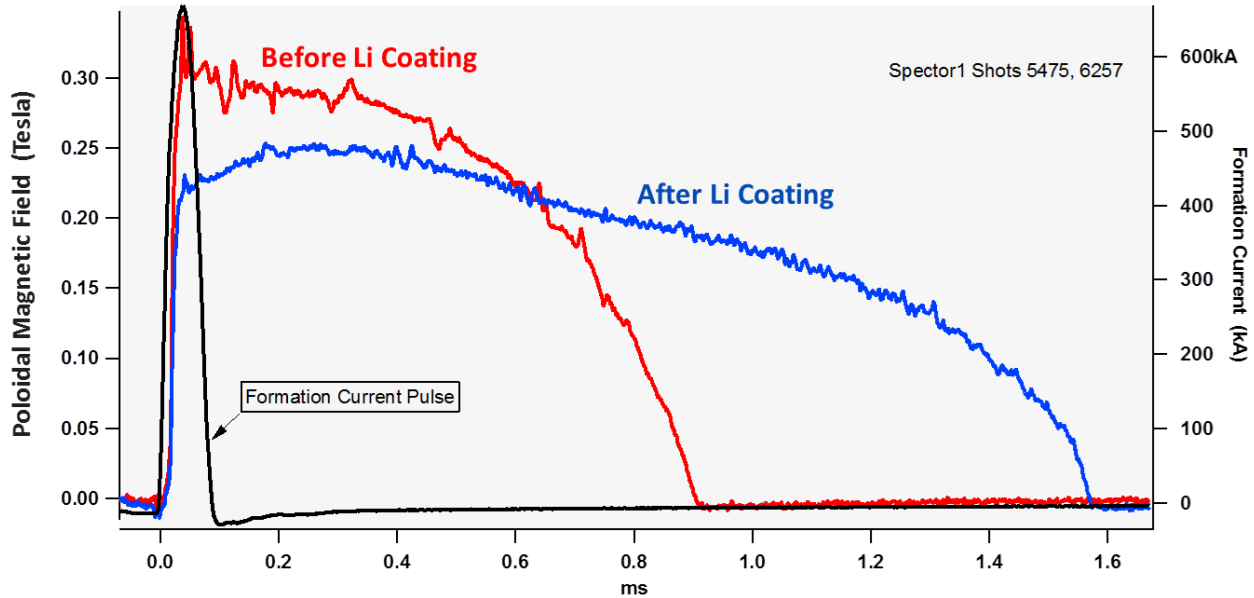
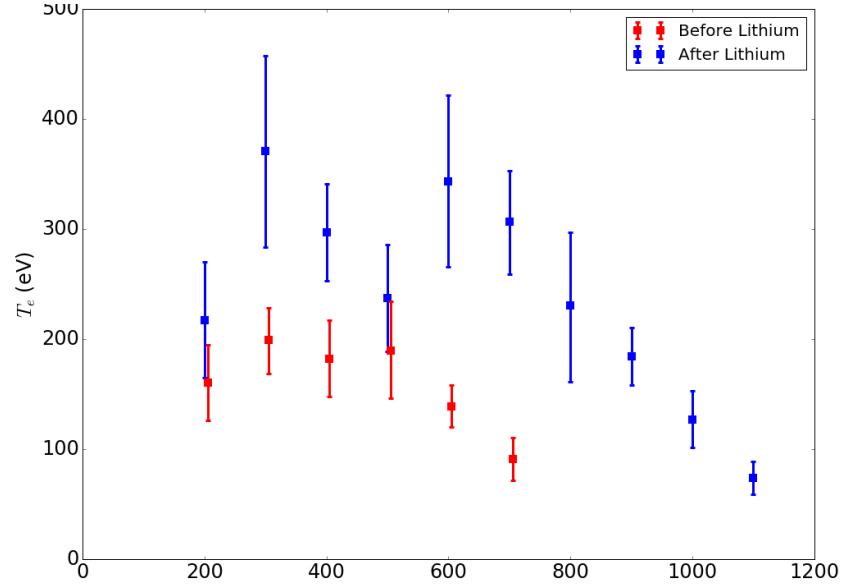
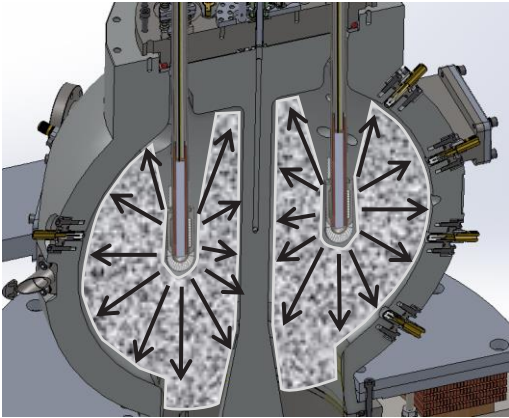
Plasma Lifetimes ~2 ms



Plasma Temperatures >400 eV



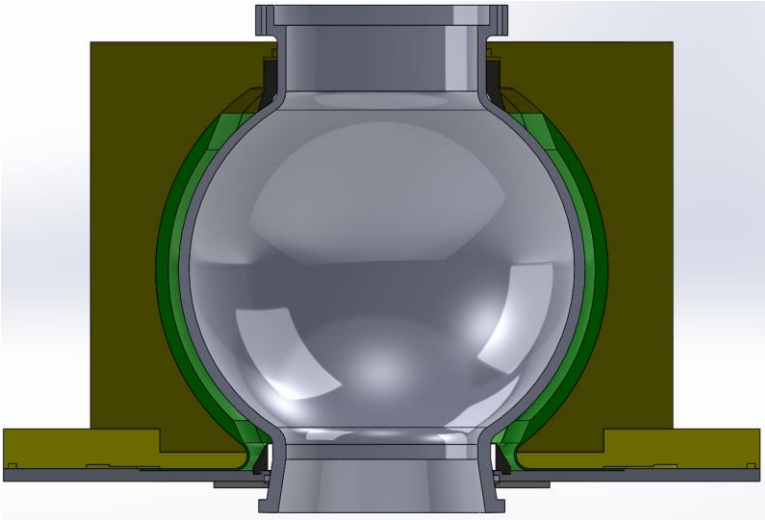
Lithium Gettering



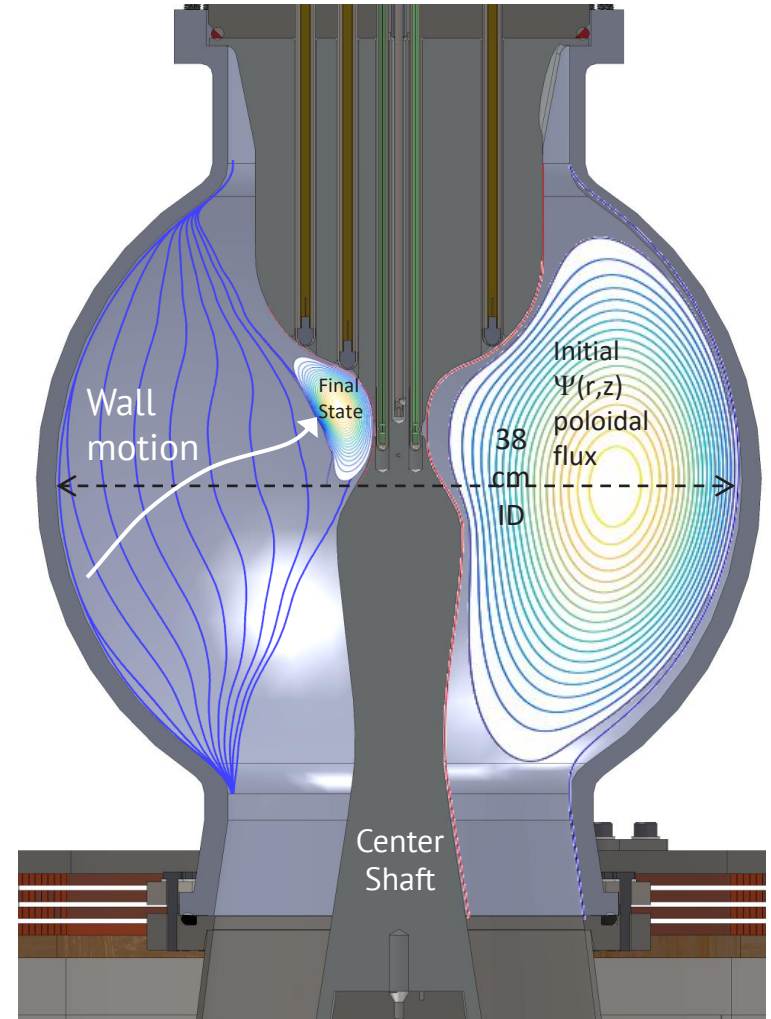
Plasma Compression System



Compression Geometry

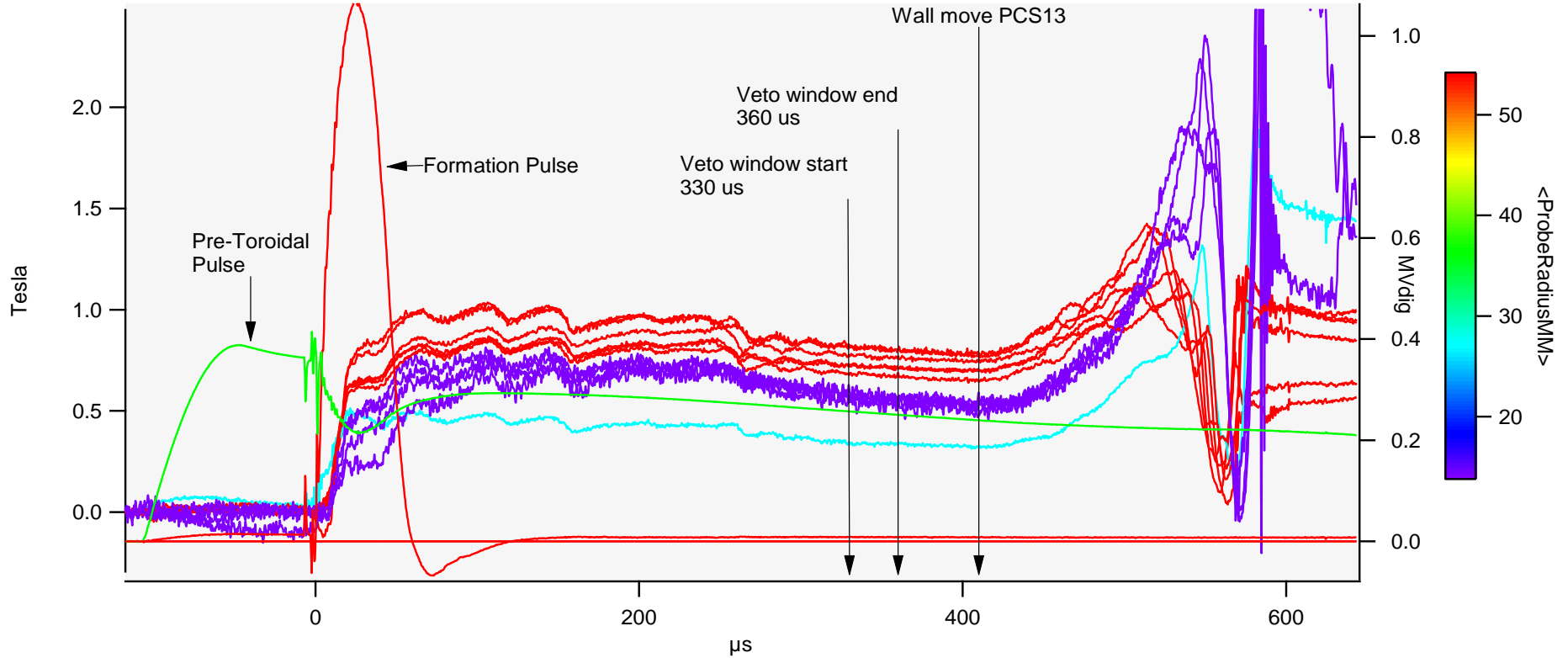


- Design achieves ~4:1 radial compression
- Good shape until very final stages



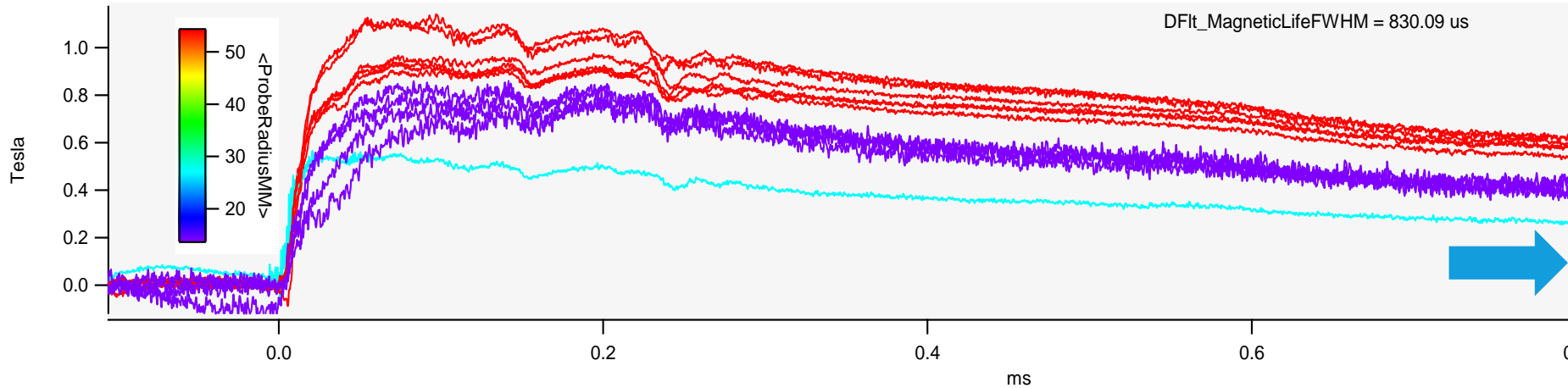
Pot BZ Poloidal

MRT2 Shot 4915

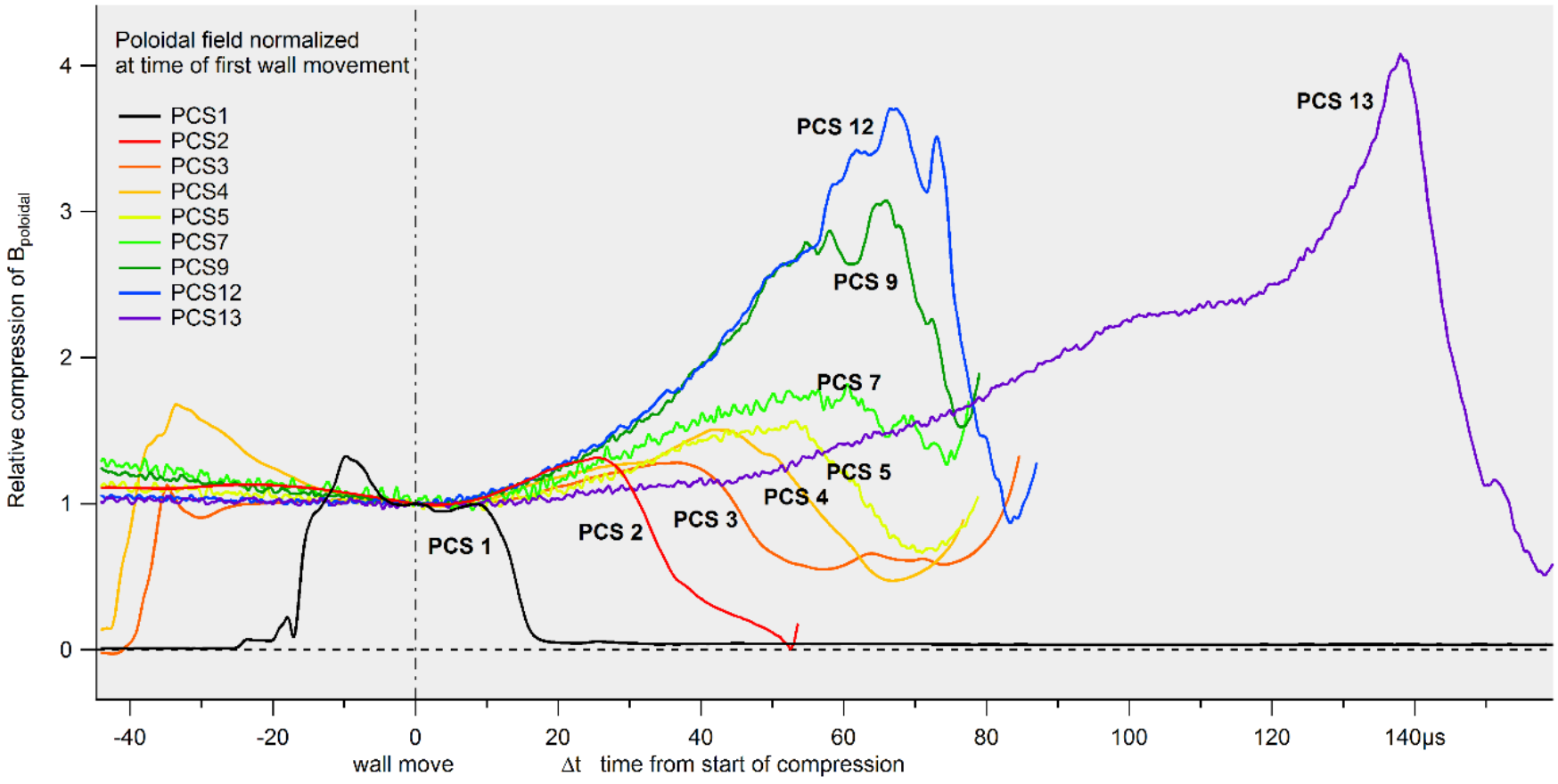


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Plasma Compression Results



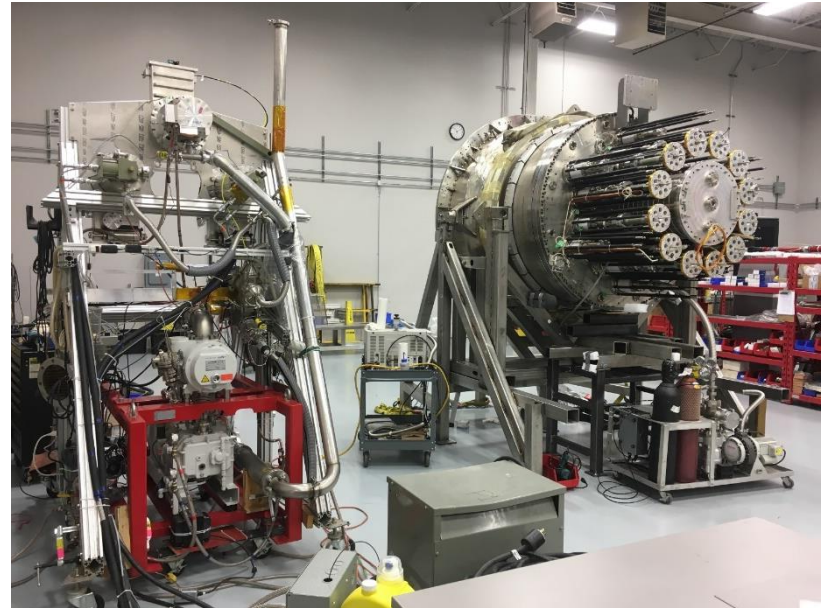
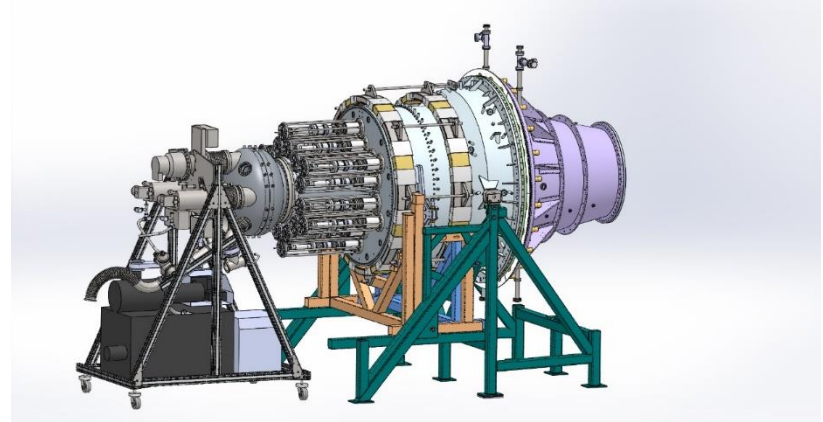
Next Steps

Three plasma compression tests expected in 1H2017

New large injector design being assembled, first plasma this month

Frictionless servo on new piston undergoing testing

Combine it all: detailed design of integrated system in 2017



Aurora

Initiative to migrate all our plasma data to a cloud-based system

Platform for collaboration with outside researchers

Will include some analysis and visualization tools

Will support application of machine learning and “big data” statistical analysis



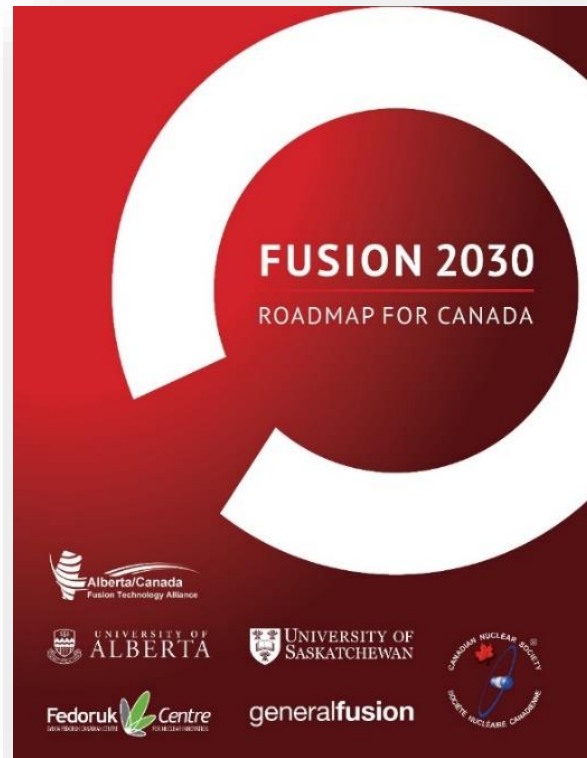
Fusion 2030



A joint initiative by the Canadian fusion research community

Proposes a staged program, starting with a renewal of research capacity in fusion science and support for domestic and international collaborations

[Fusion 2030: Roadmap for Canada](#)



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