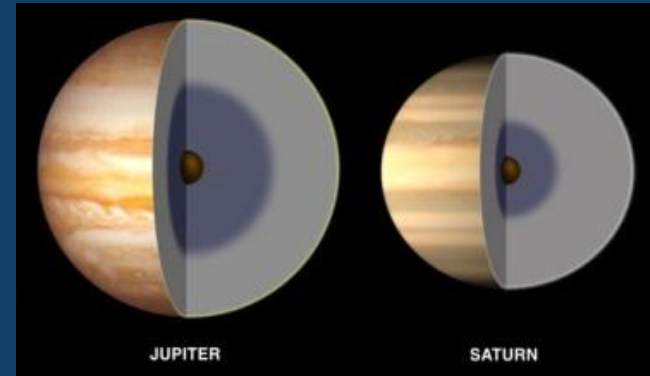
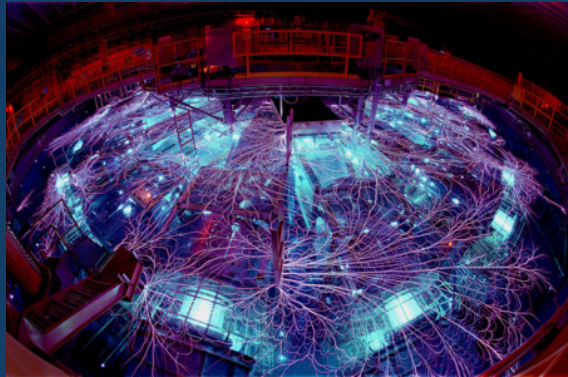


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# Hydrogen at planetary conditions - direct observation of an abrupt insulator-to-metal transition in dense liquid deuterium

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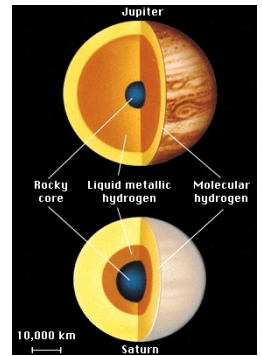
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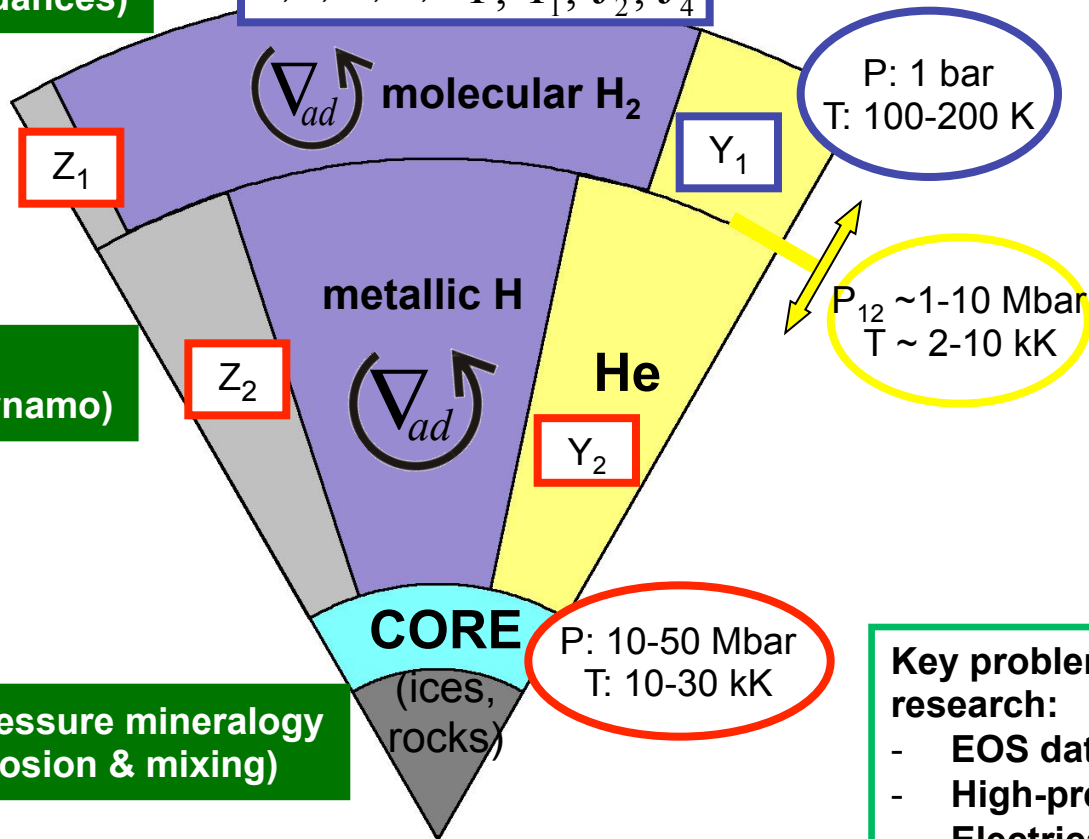
# Interior of gas giants: H-He

## three-layer model, input and constraints



Atmosphere models  
(luminosity, abundances)

$L, T, M, R, \bar{Y}, Y_1, J_2, J_4$



Magnetic field  
generation (dynamo)

High-pressure mineralogy  
(core erosion & mixing)

Existence, origin  
and location of a  
layer boundary...  
→ H metalization  
→ H-He demixing

Key problems in warm dense matter  
research:

- EOS data
- High-pressure phase diagram
- Electrical & thermal conductivity
- Diffusion & viscosity

constraints  
 results from modeling  
 free parameter

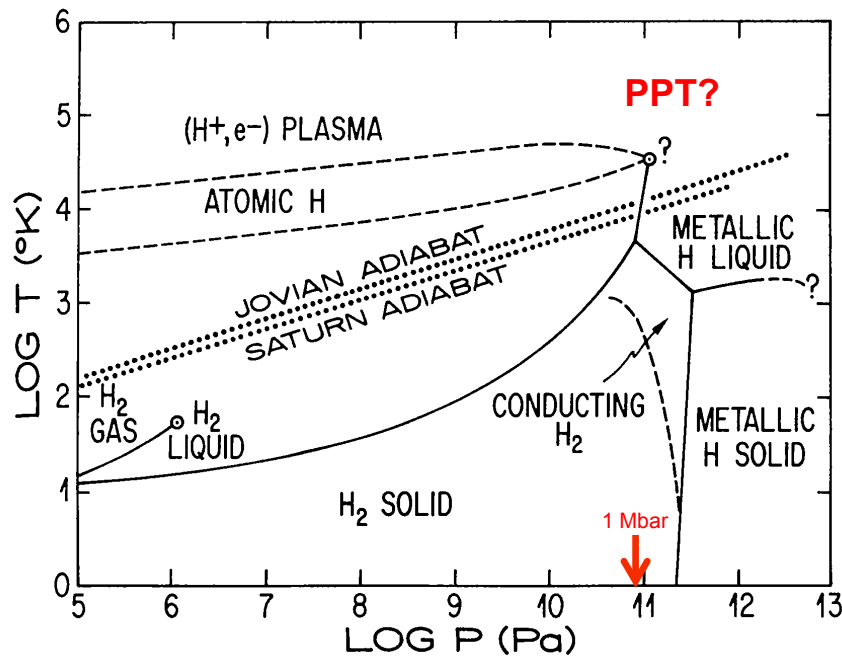
See e.g. D.J. Stevenson (1982), T. Guillot (1999), N. Nettelmann et al. (2008, 2012)

# important for understanding planets

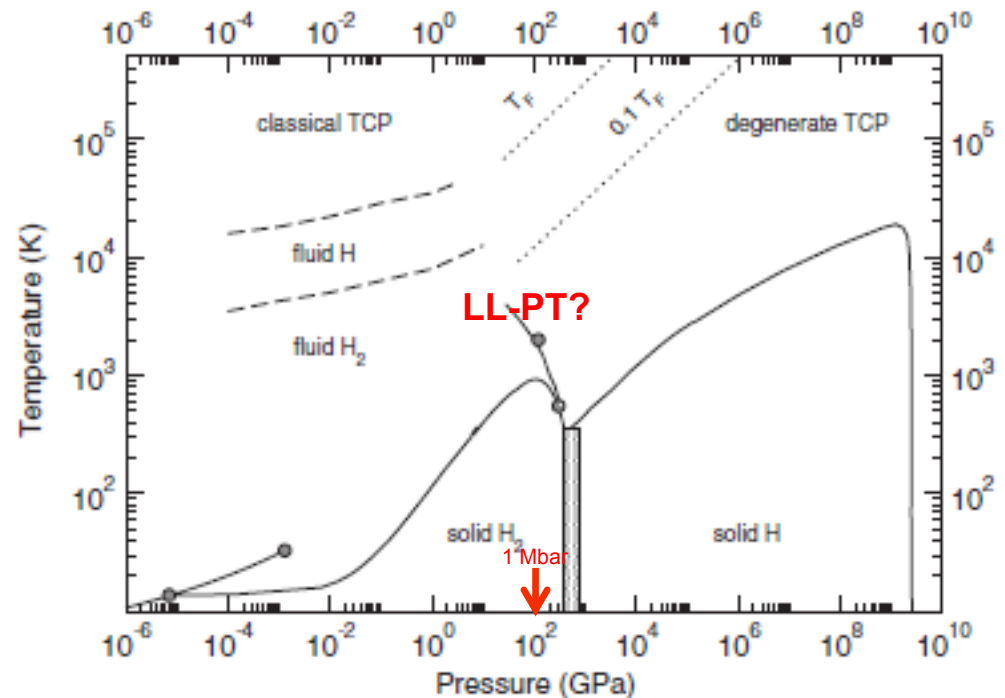
First-order phase transitions have been proposed:

# Plasma Phase Transition (PPT)

## Liquid-Liquid Phase Transition (LL-PT)



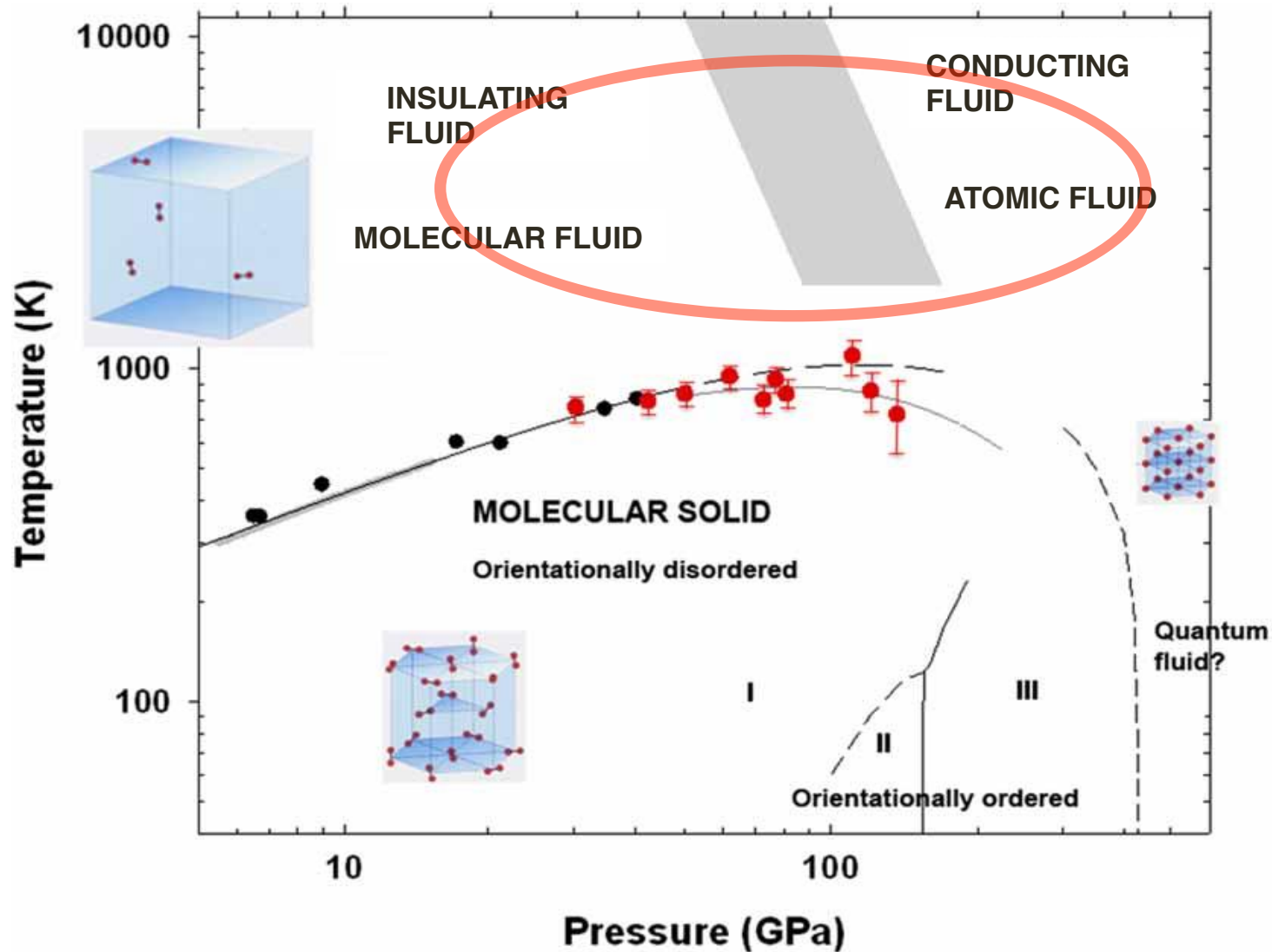
D.J. Stevenson, *Ann. Rev. Earth Planet. Sci.*  
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# Hydrogen at high pressures – the known phase diagram so far



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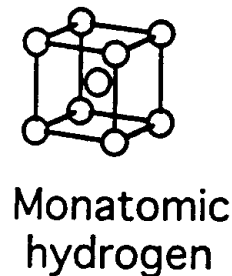
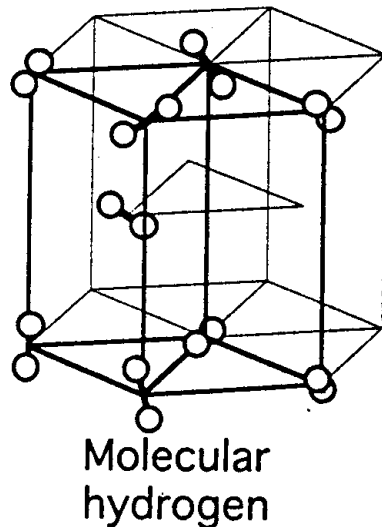
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# Solid metallic hydrogen at $T=0$ K?

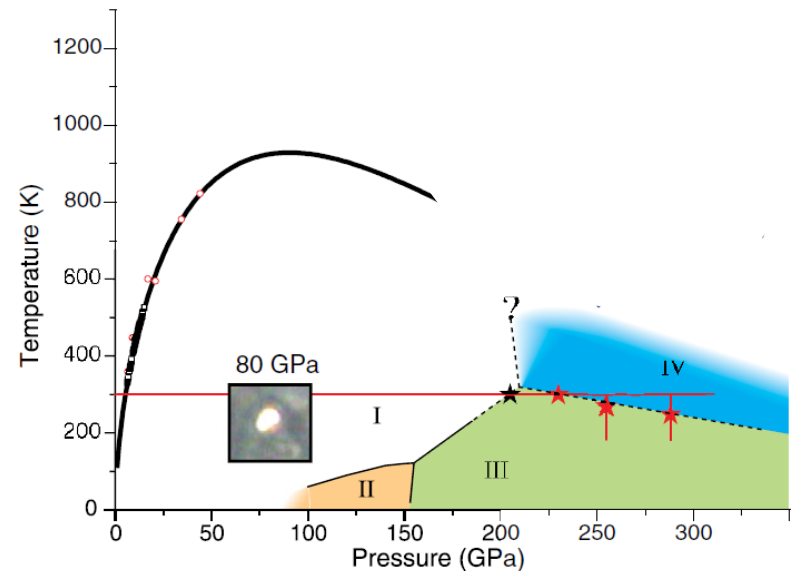
Proposed by Wigner and Huntington already in 1935 (at 25 GPa).

Not verified in **DAC** experiments up to 3.5 Mbar so far.

But rich phase diagram obtained in solid H: phases I, II, III, IV.



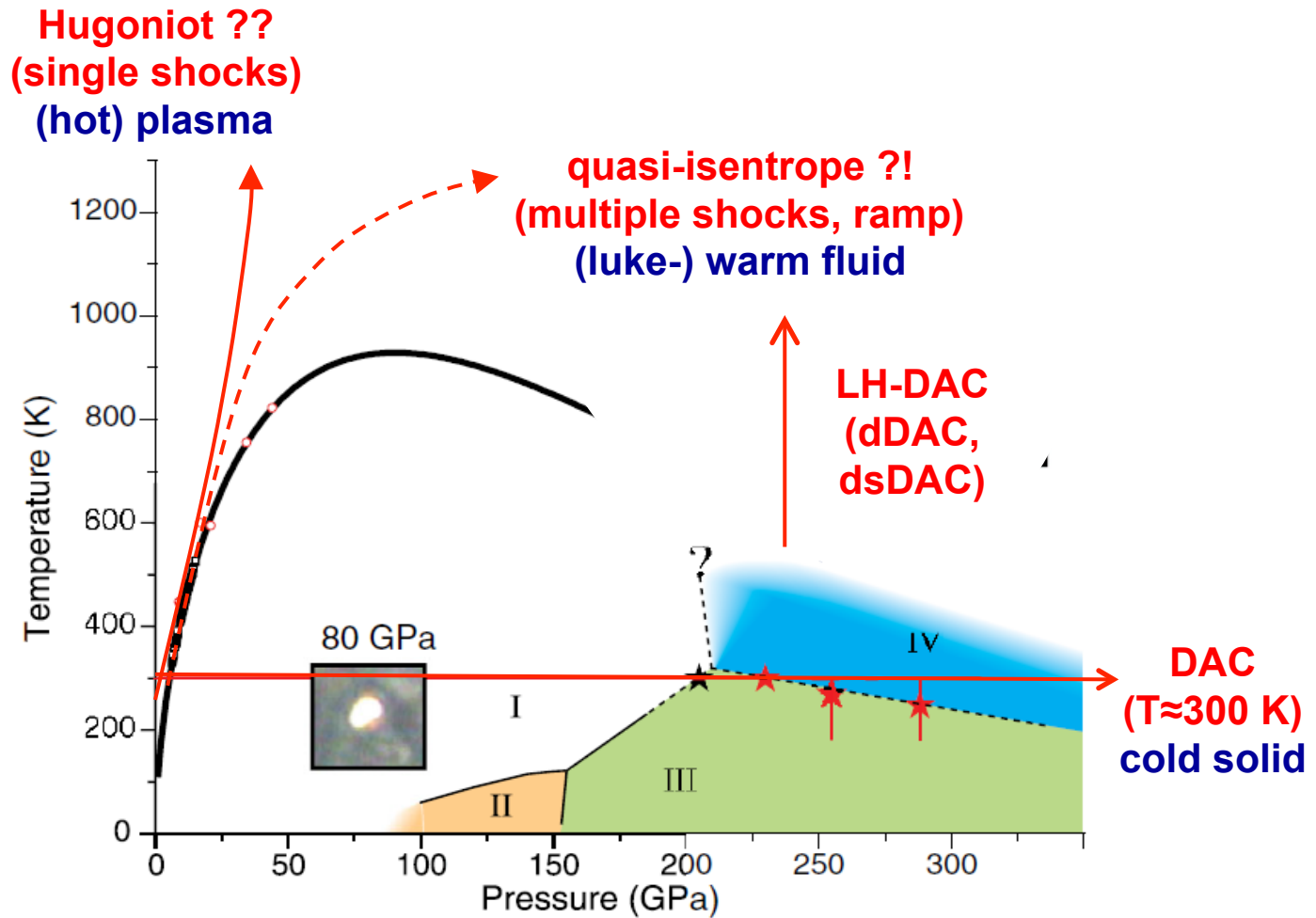
H.K. Mao & R.J. Hemley, RMP **66**, 671 (1994)



R.T. Howie et al., PRL **108**, 125501 (2012)

**Metallization by band-gap closure:**  
From 15 eV in the hcp molecular insulator to zero in the bcc metal

# Liquid metallic hydrogen at $T > 0$ K?



R.T. Howie et al., PRL **108**, 125501 (2012)

# Higher temperatures: chemical models for the fluid and **plasma** region

$$F(T, V, \{N_c\}) = F_0 + F_{\pm} + F_{\text{pol}}$$

- $F_0$  neutral fluid: H, H<sub>2</sub>
- $F_{\pm}$  plasma component: e, p, H<sup>-</sup>, H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>
- $F_{\text{pol}}$  polarization term: e-H, e-H<sub>2</sub>
- multicomponent system: c = e, p, H, H<sub>2</sub>
- chemical reactions: H<sub>2</sub> ↔ 2H, H ↔ e+p, ...
- chemical equilibrium:  $\mu_{\text{H}_2} = 2\mu_{\text{H}}$ ,  $\mu_{\text{H}} = \mu_{\text{e}} + \mu_{\text{p}}$ , ...

EOS:

$$F = U - TS$$

$$p = -(dF/dV)_{T,N}, \mu_c = (dF/dN_c)_{T,V}, S = -(dF/dT)_{V,N}$$

**Landau & Zeldovich (1944) and Norman & Starostin (1968) ...**

**Partially ionized plasma with pressure dissociation and ionization**

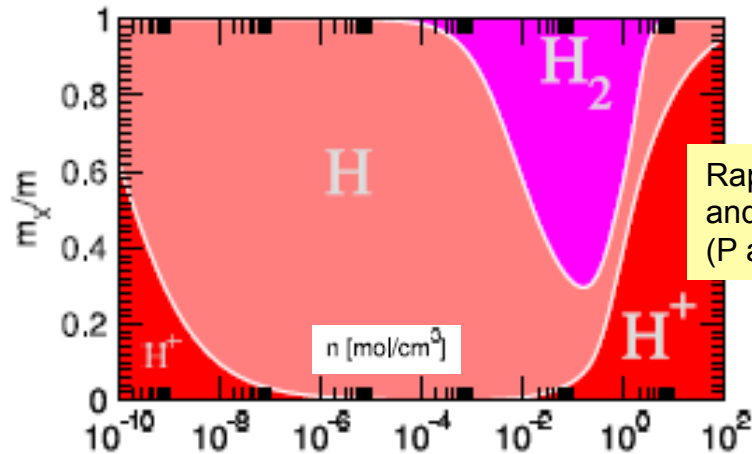
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D. Saumon, G. Chabrier, H.M. Van Horn, ApJS **99**, 713 (1995)

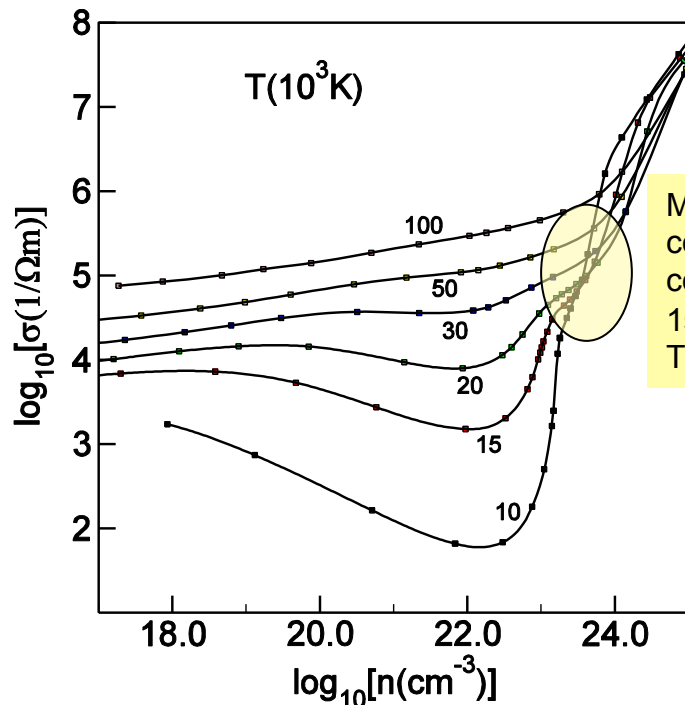
H. Juranek et al., JCP **112**, 3780 (2000), **117**, 1768 (2002)

# Phase diagram at high pressures - PPT?

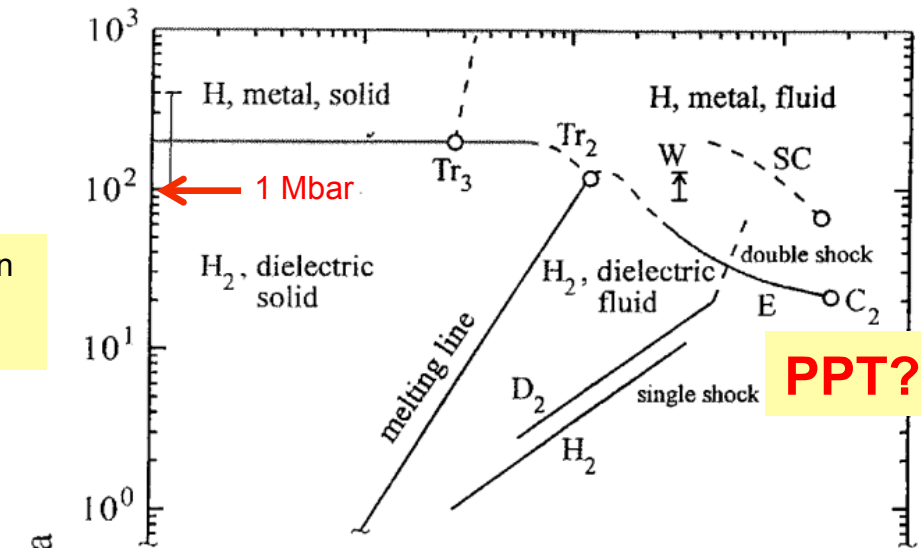
10.000 K



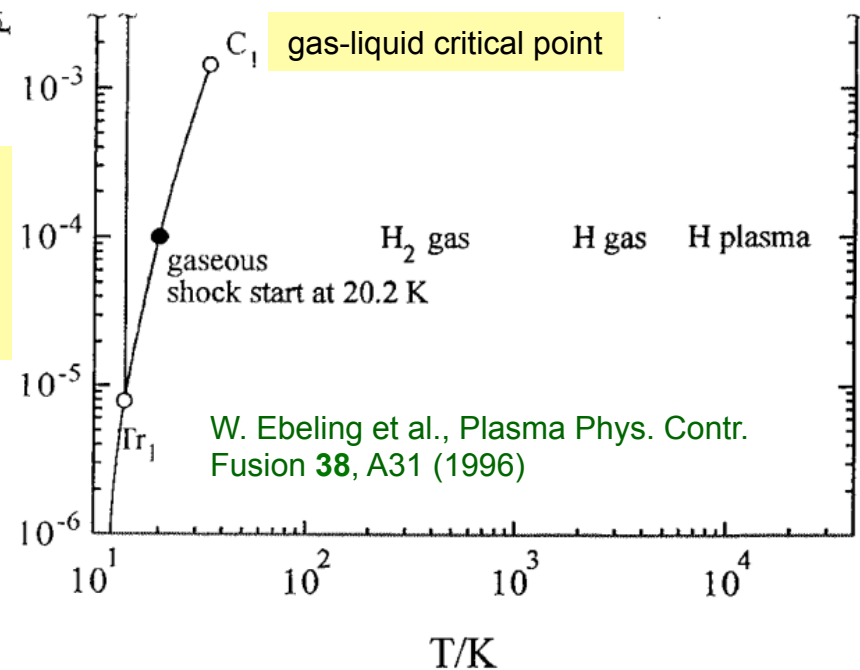
Rapid dissociation and ionization (P and T driven)



Minimum metallic conductivity (Mott) – connected with a 1st-order PT below  $T_{\text{cr}}$ ?



PPT?



gas-liquid critical point

W. Ebeling et al., Plasma Phys. Contr. Fusion **38**, A31 (1996)

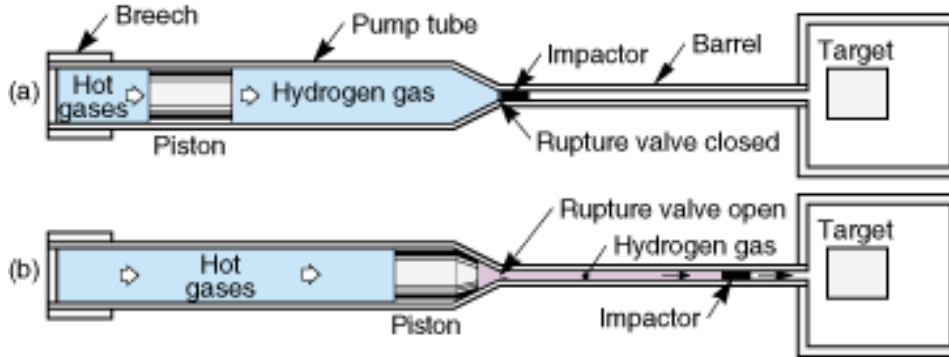
# Critical point of the hypothetical PPT

Predicted by Zeldovich/Landau (1944) and Norman/Starostin (1968)

| $T_c$ ( $10^3$ K)                            | $P_c$ (GPa)  | $\rho_c$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Method      | Reference                      |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 12.6                                         | 95           | 0.95                          | PIP         | Ebeling/Sändig (1973)          |
| 19                                           | 24           | 0.14                          | PIP         | Robnik/Kundt (1983)            |
| 16.5                                         | 22.8         | 0.13                          | PIP         | Ebeling/Richert (1985)         |
| 16.5                                         | 95           | 0.43                          | PIP         | Haronska <i>et al.</i> (1987)  |
| 15.8                                         | 194          | 1.48                          | FIT         | Hess <i>et al.</i> (1987)      |
| 15                                           | 64.6         | 0.36                          | PIP         | Saumon/Chabrier (1991)         |
| 15.3                                         | 61.4         | 0.35                          | PIP         | Saumon/Chabrier (1992)         |
| 14.9                                         | 72.3         | 0.29                          | PIP         | Schlanges <i>et al.</i> (1995) |
| 16.5                                         | 57           | 0.42                          | PIP         | Reinholz <i>et al.</i> (1995)  |
| 11                                           | 55           | 0.25                          | PIMC        | Magro <i>et al.</i> (1996)     |
| 20.9                                         | 0.3          | 0.002                         | FE model    | Kitamura/Ichimaru (1998)       |
| 10                                           | 50           | 0.17                          | spin pol. H | Xu/Hansen (1999)               |
| for $10^4$ K between 0.1-1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> |              |                               | DPIMC       | Filinov <i>et al.</i> (2004)   |
| 16.2                                         |              | 0.13                          | REMC        | Kremp <i>et al.</i> (2005)     |
| 10-20                                        | $\approx 50$ | 0.1-0.5                       | Exp.        | PPT exists?                    |

Almost all based on chemical models including pressure dissociation and ionization.

# Gas gun experiments: fluid metallic hydrogen



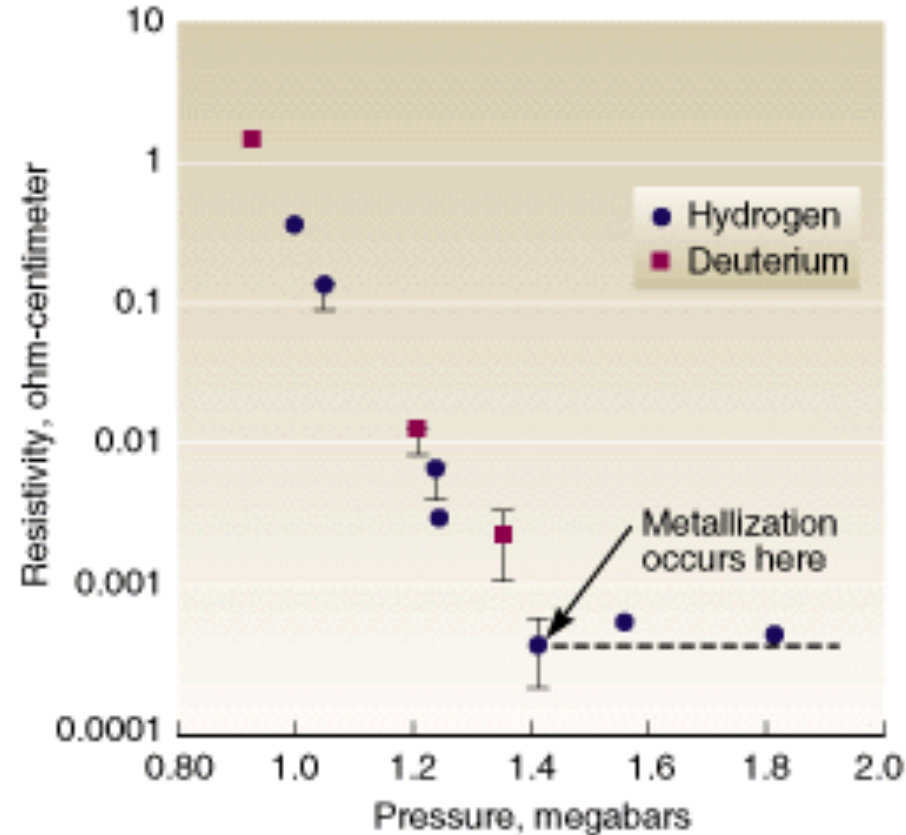
(a) In the first stage of the gas gun (blue shading), hot-burning gases from gunpowder drive a piston, which in turn compresses hydrogen gas. (b) In the second stage (pink shading), the high-pressure gas eventually ruptures a second-stage valve, accelerating the impactor down the barrel toward its target.

Reverberating shock waves in sandwich target

- quasi-isentropic process
- low temperatures

**Metallic conductivity** at ~3000 K and 1.4 Mbar (Wigner & Huntington 1935)

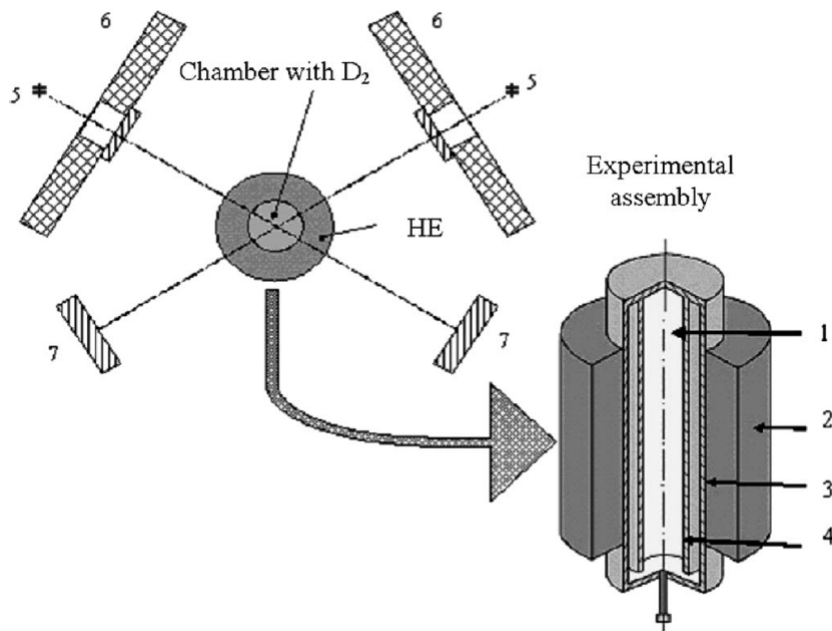
W.J. Nellis et al., PRL **68**, 2937 (1992)  
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**No indication of a first-order phase transition!**

# Quasi-isentropic shock compression experiments using high explosives

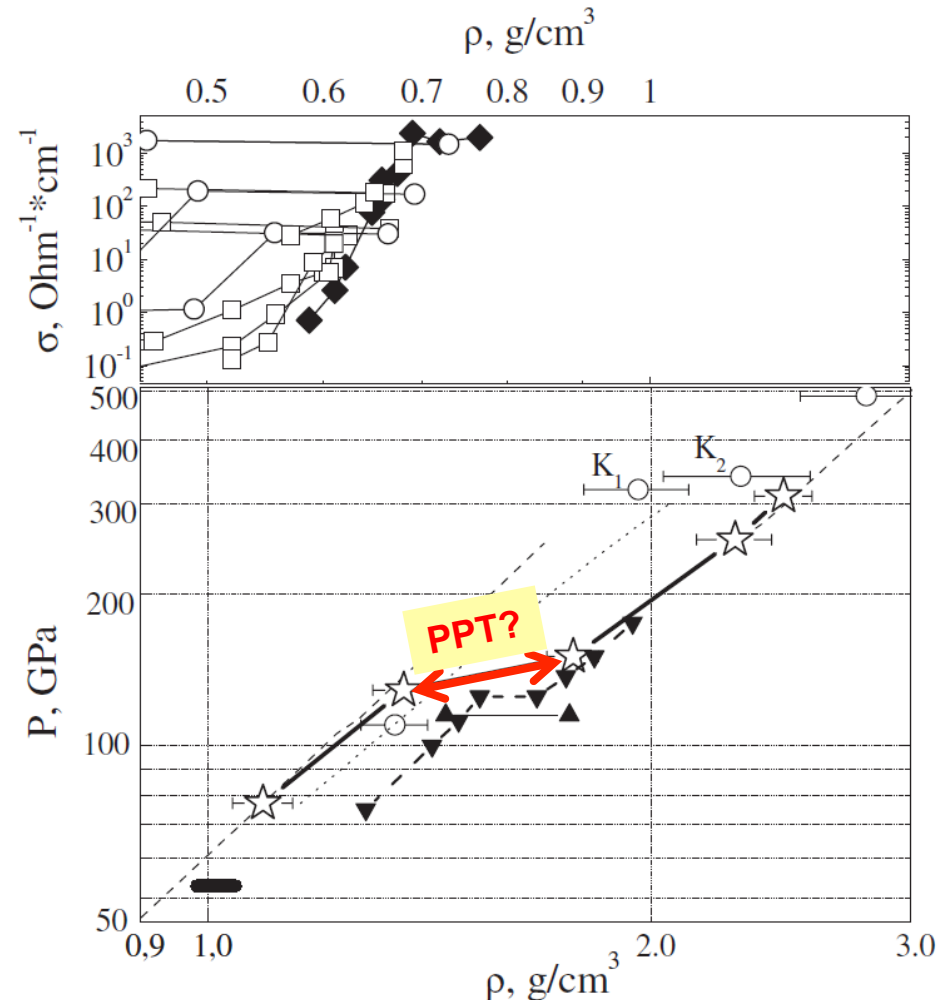
V.E. Fortov et al., PRL **99**, 185001 (2007)



Direct experimental indication of a first-order PPT?

Chemical model SAHA-D used to evaluate the data – correct?

But strong increase in electrical conductivity describes clearly an insulator-to-metal transition



# DFT-MD simulations: strict physical picture

**No effective pair potentials or assuming bound states (H, H<sub>2</sub>) – nuclei and electrons!**

Born-Oppenheimer approximation: combination of (quantum) DFT (e) and (classical) MD (nuclei).

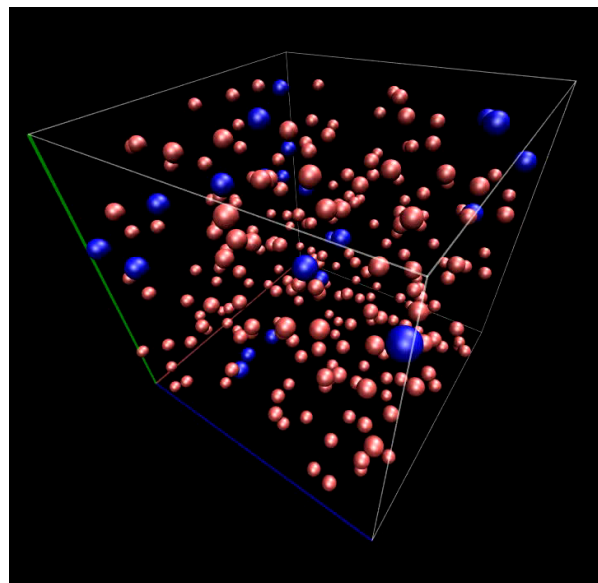
Warm Dense Matter: finite-temperature DFT-MD simulations based on

N.D. Mermin, Phys. Rev. **137**, A1441 (1965)

Implemented e.g. in the Vienna Ab-initio Simulation Package (VASP) or Abinit ...

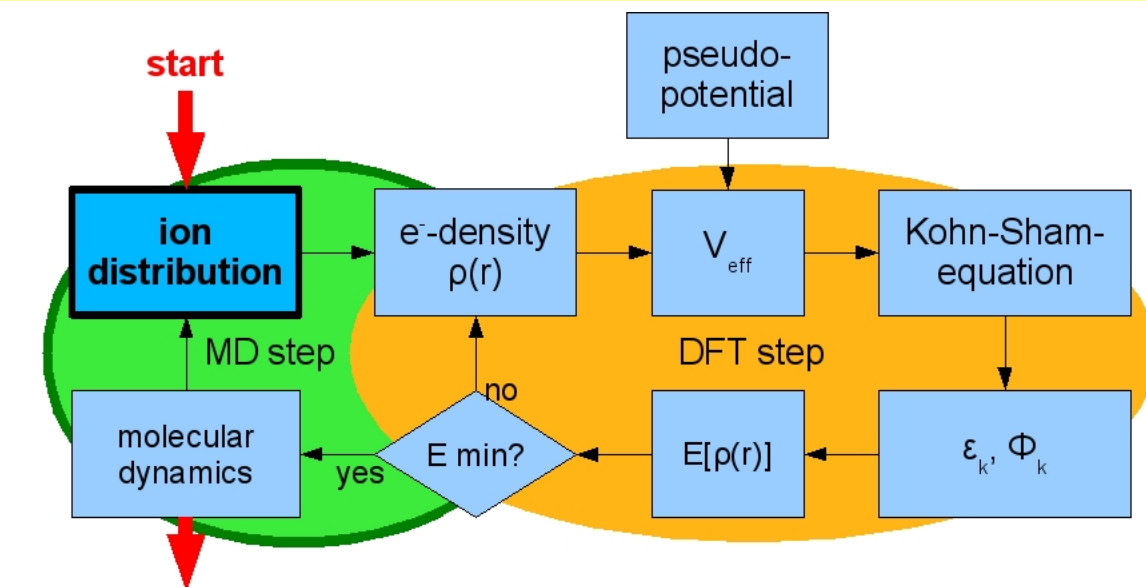
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G. Kresse and J. Furthmüller, Comput. Mat. Sci. **6**, 15 (1996), PRB **54**, 11169 (1996)



H-He (8.6%) @ 1 Mbar, 4000 K

box length  $\sim 10^{-9}$  m



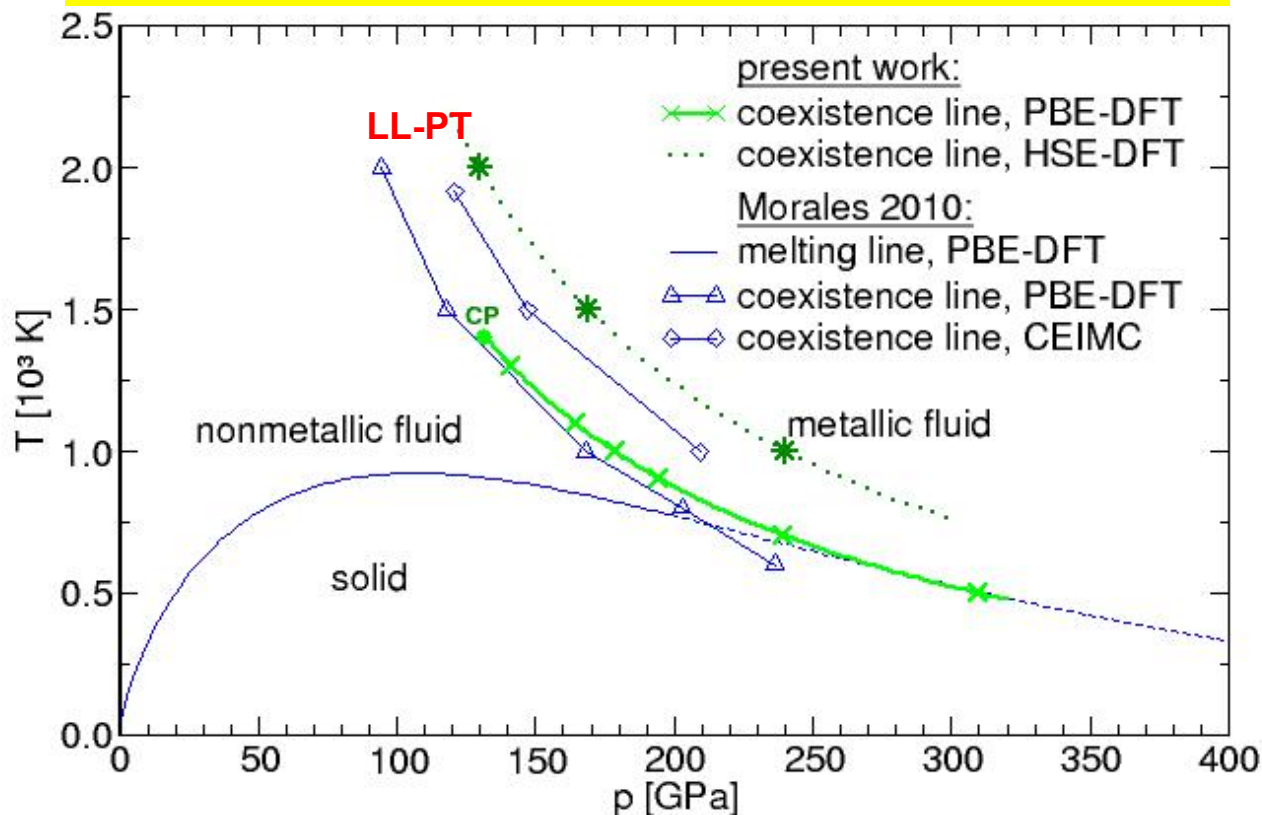
thermodynamic data  
high-pressure phase diagram  
pair correlation functions  
electrical & thermal conductivity  
diffusion coefficient  
viscosity, opacity



GP size  $\sim 10^8$  m

# H phase diagram at high pressure

**1st-order liquid-liquid phase transition predicted at much lower T (Scandolo 2003)**

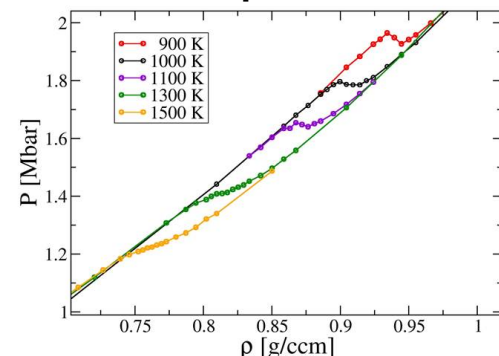


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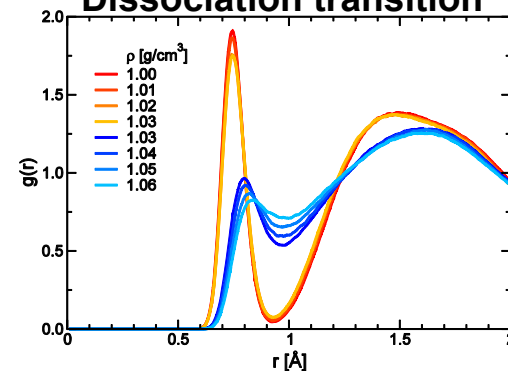
M.A. Morales et al., PNAS **107**, 12799 (2010)

**Problems:** NQE, non-local XC functionals, vdW corrections ...  
shift the transition, see M.A. Morales et al., PRL **110**, 065702 (2013)

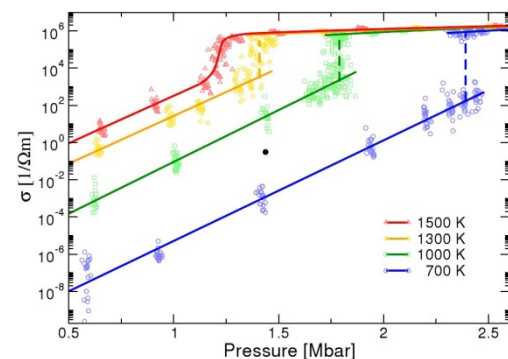
**First-order phase transition**



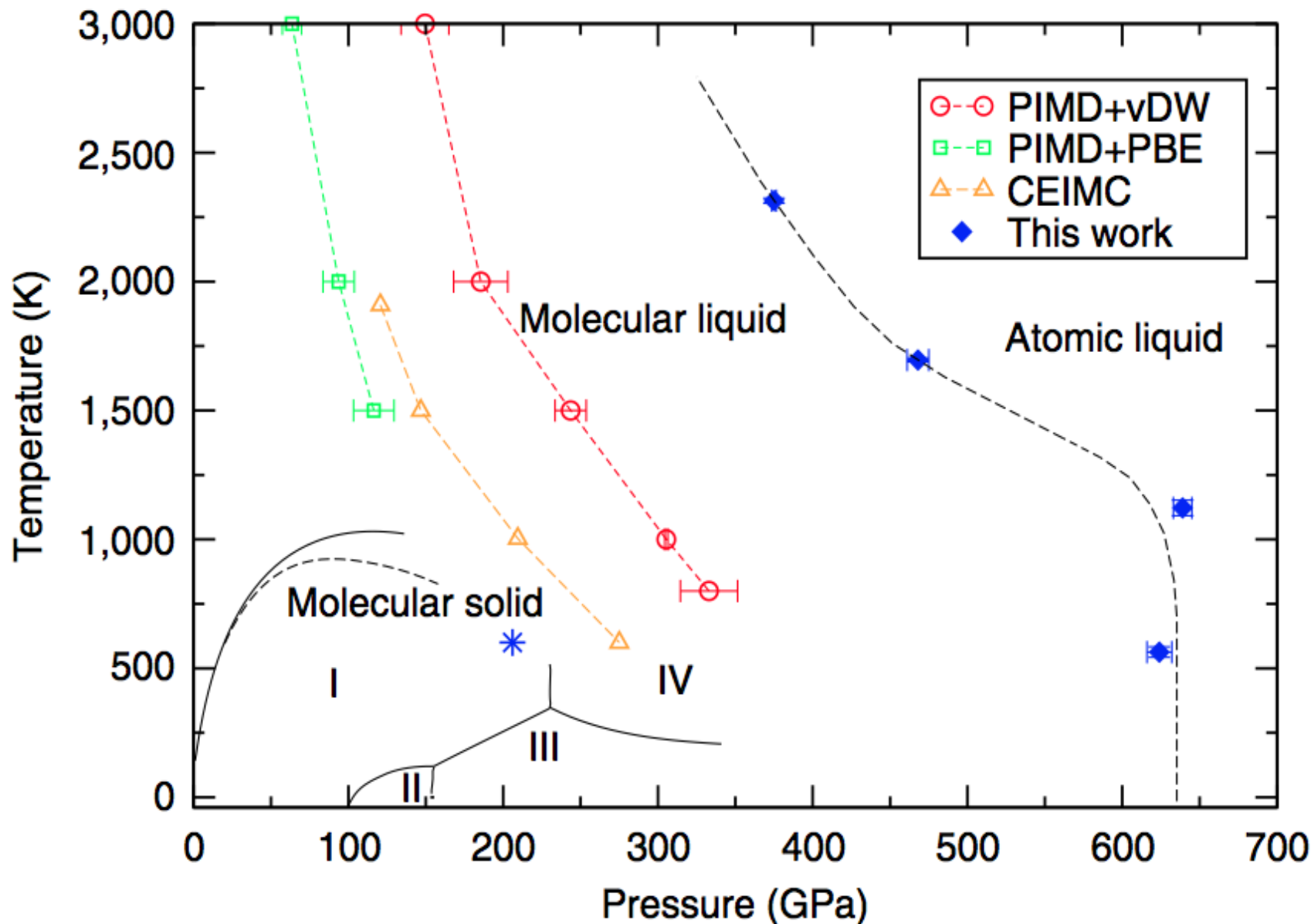
**Dissociation transition**



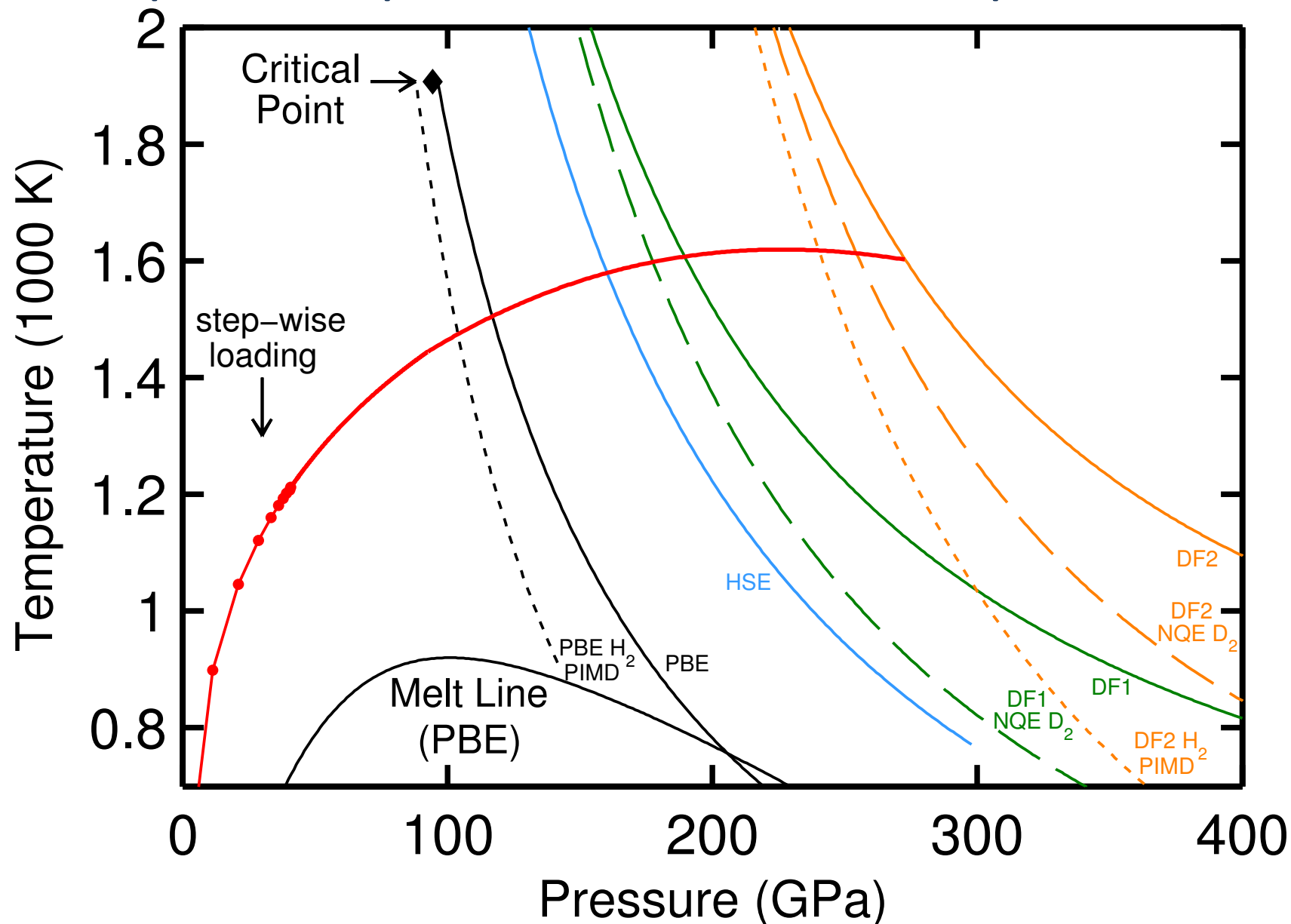
**Nonmetal-to-metal transition**



# Recent predictions of the LL-IMT in hydrogen



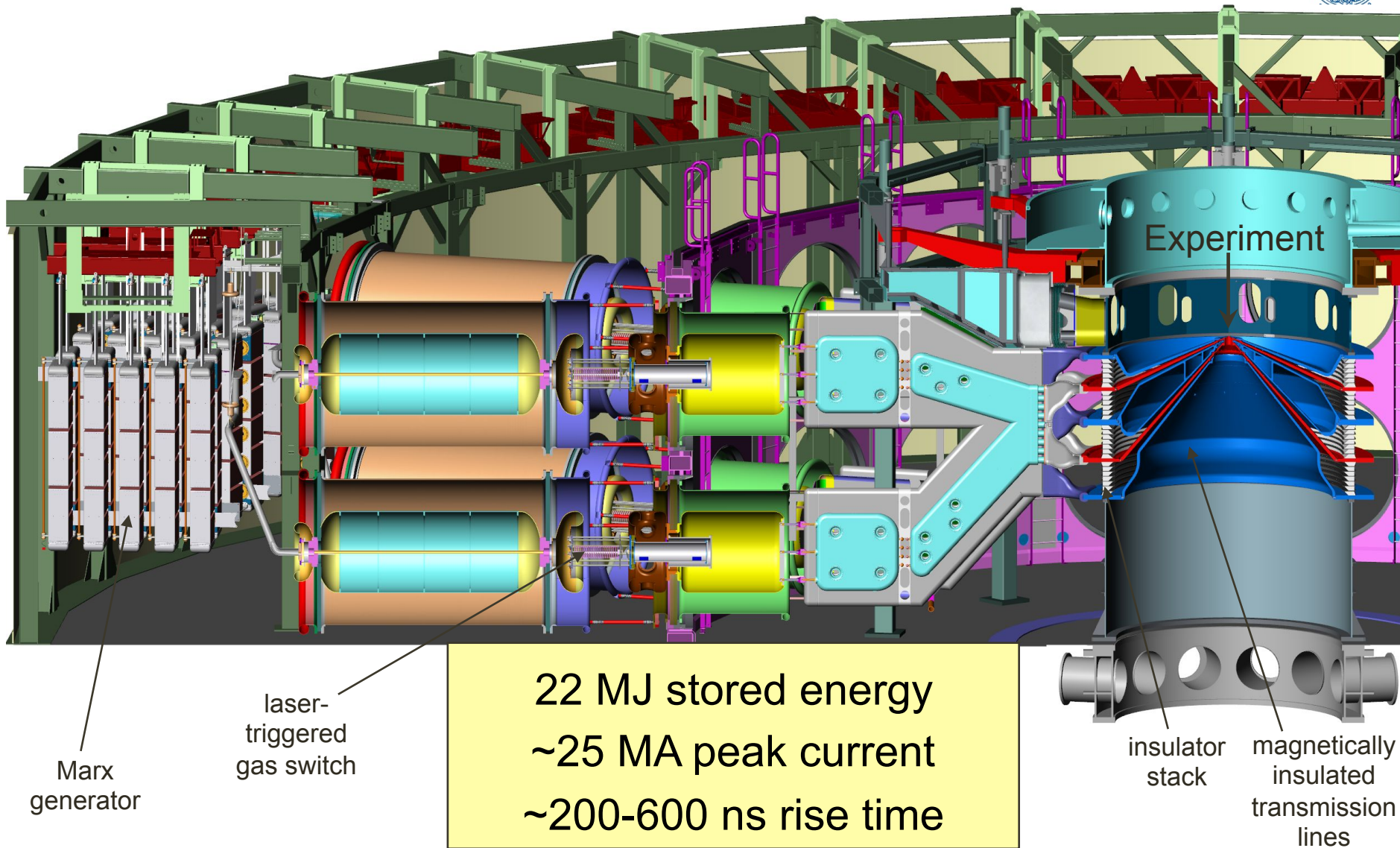
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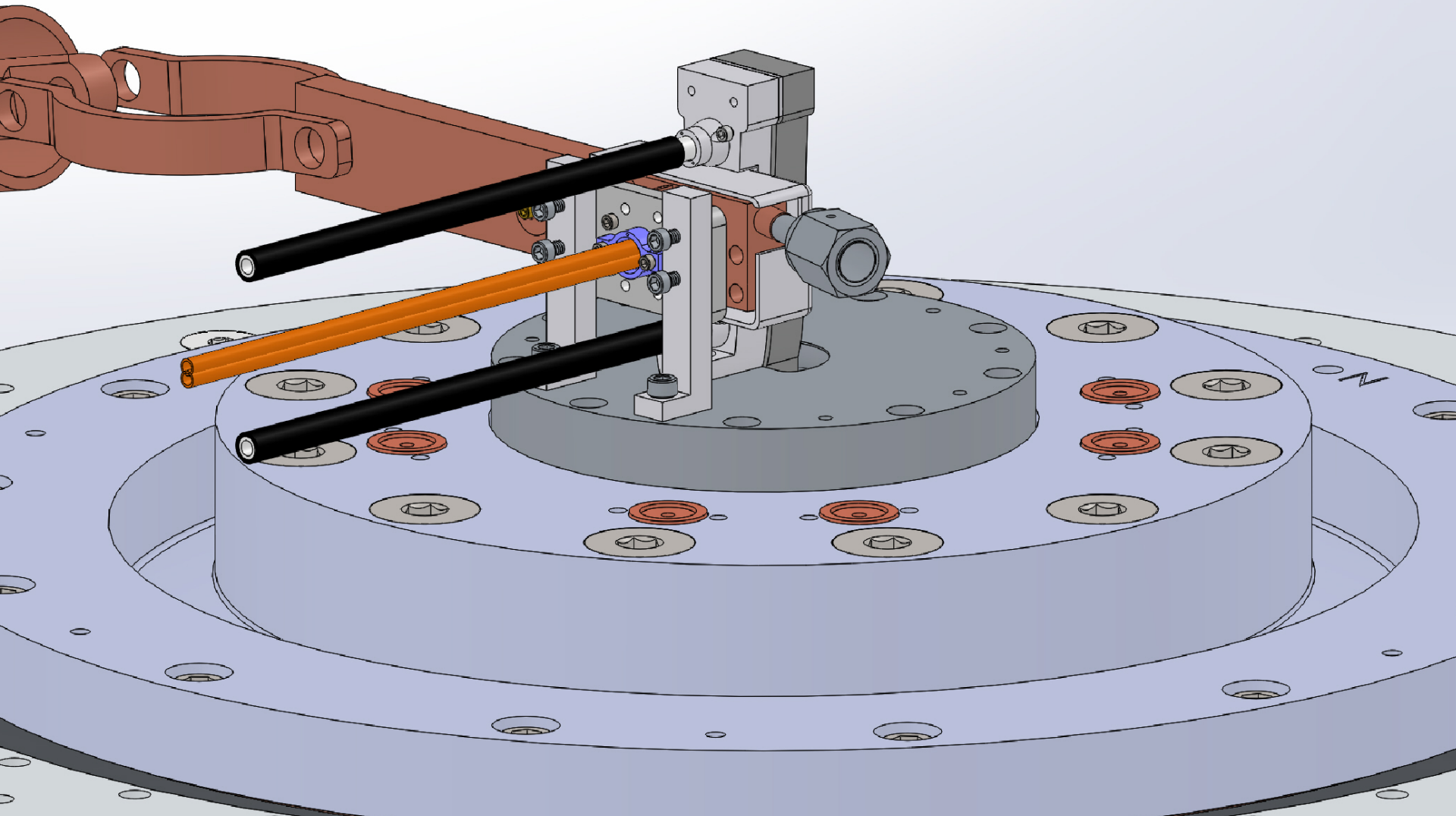
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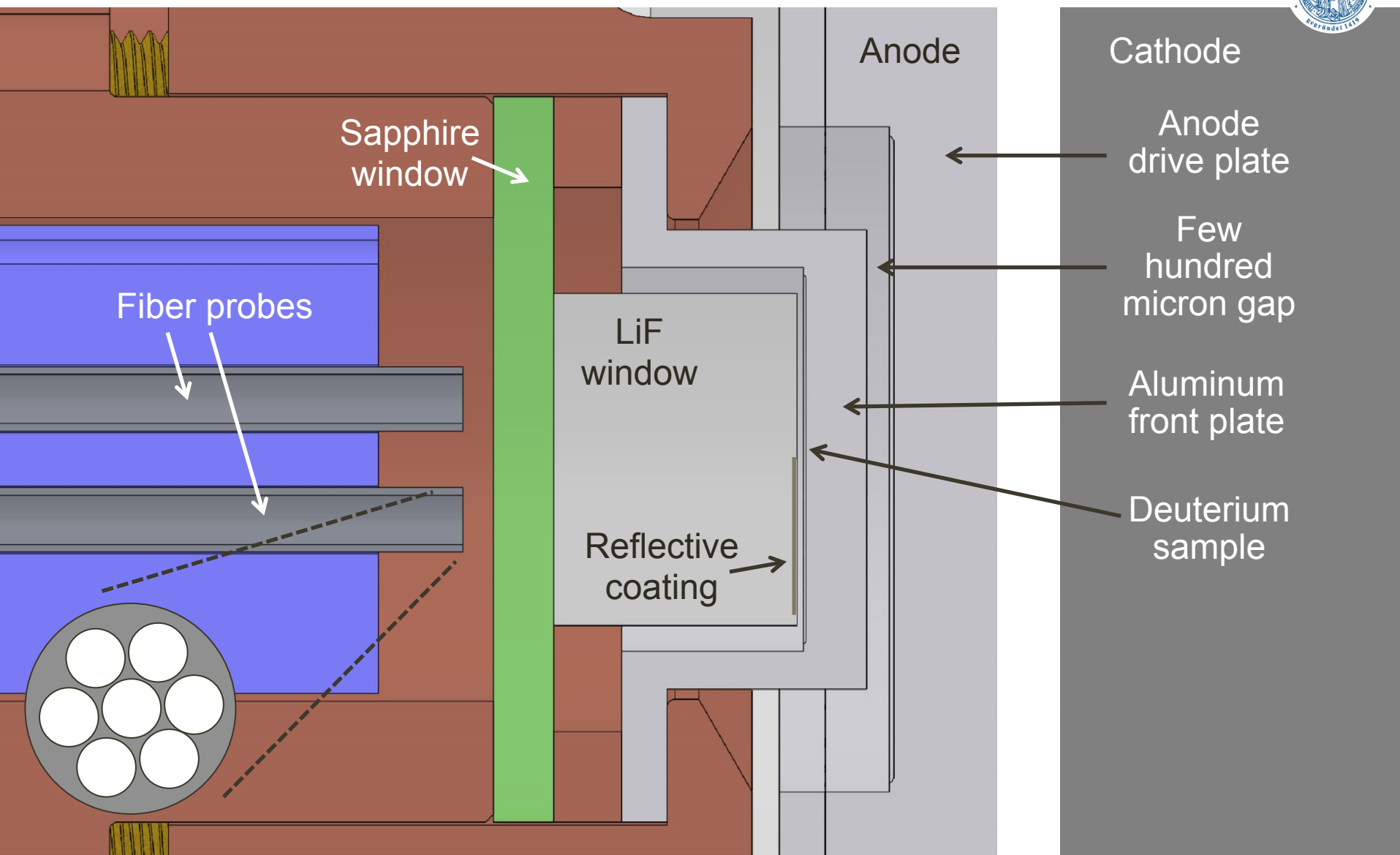
# Sandia Z Machine



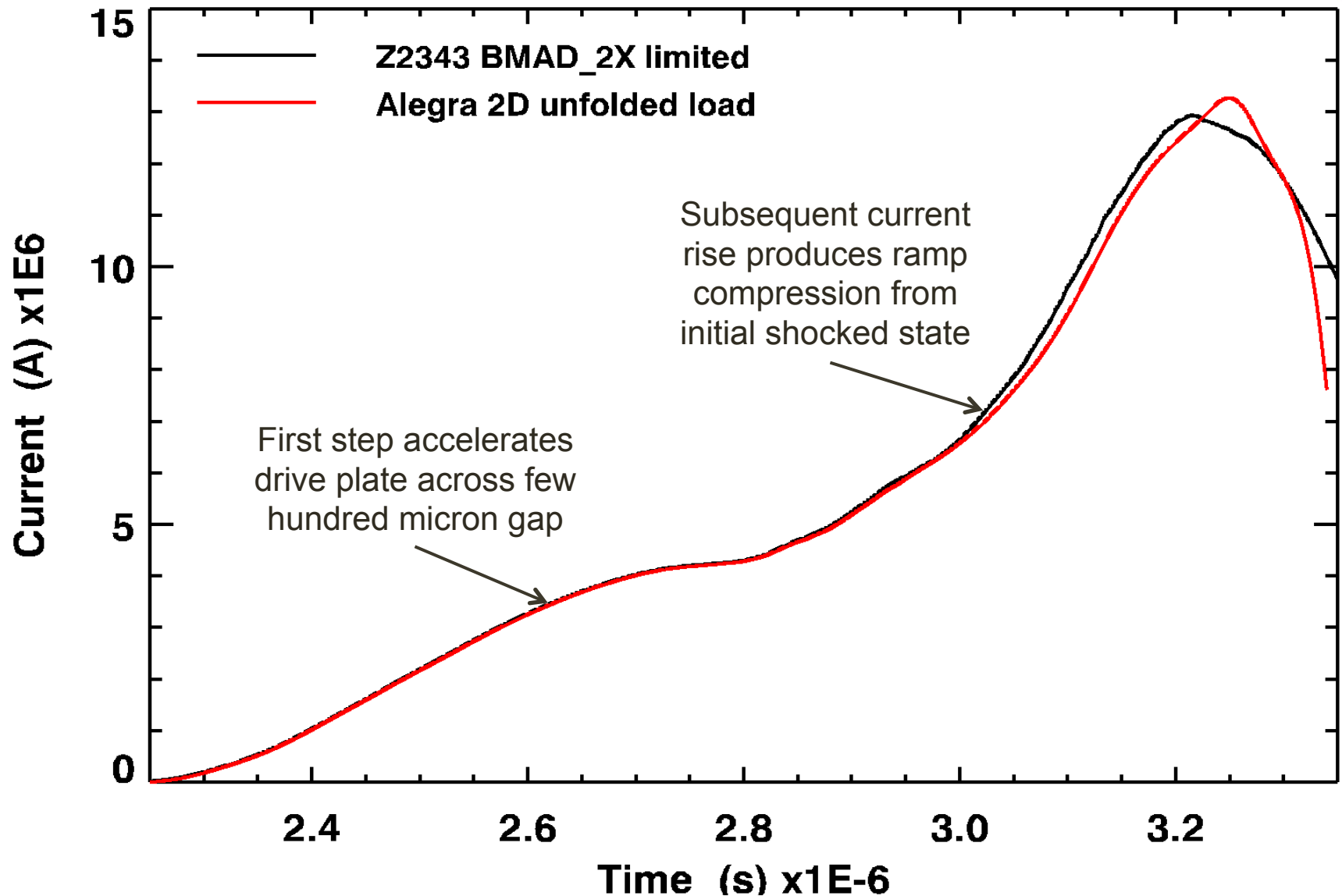
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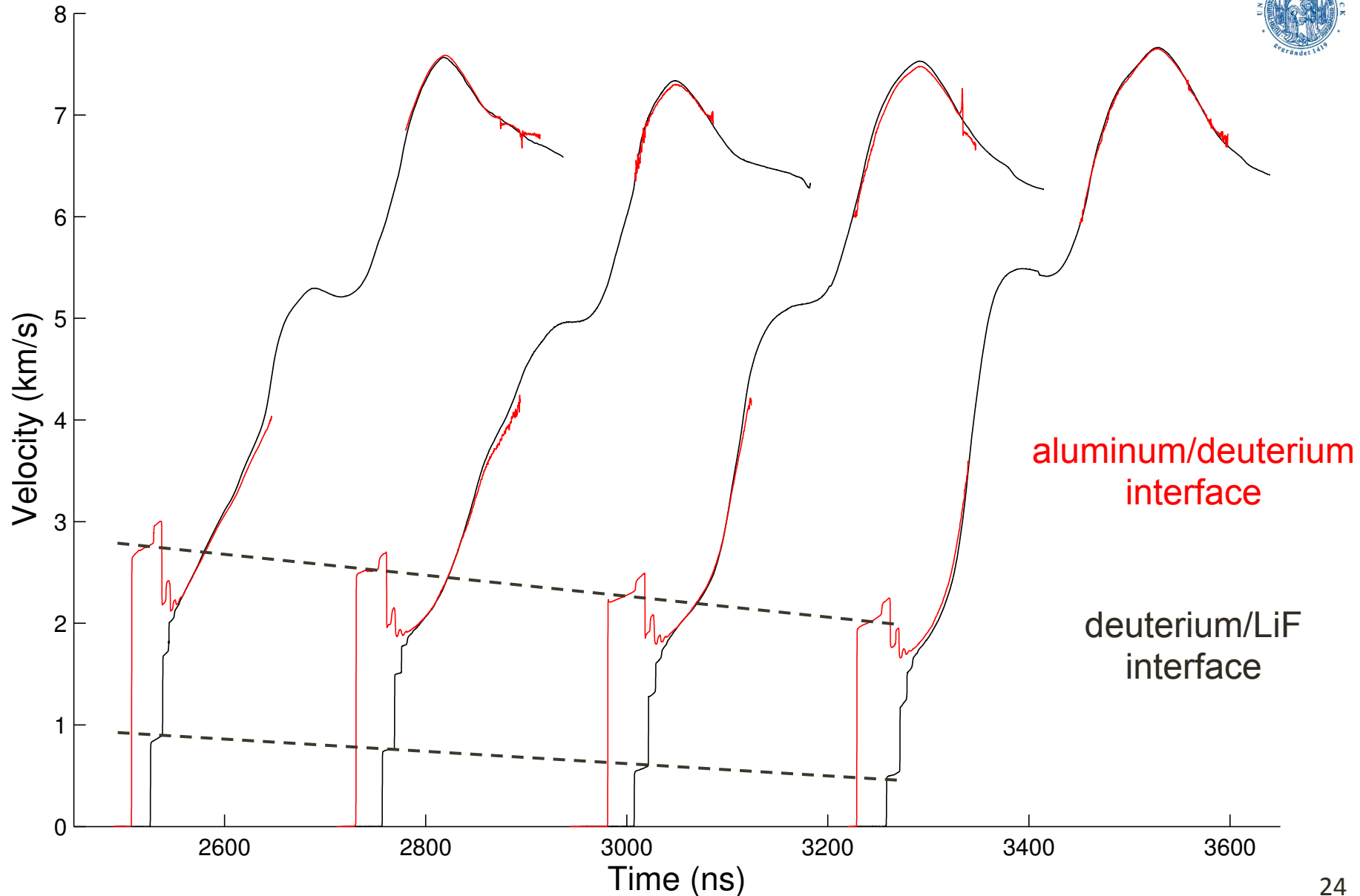
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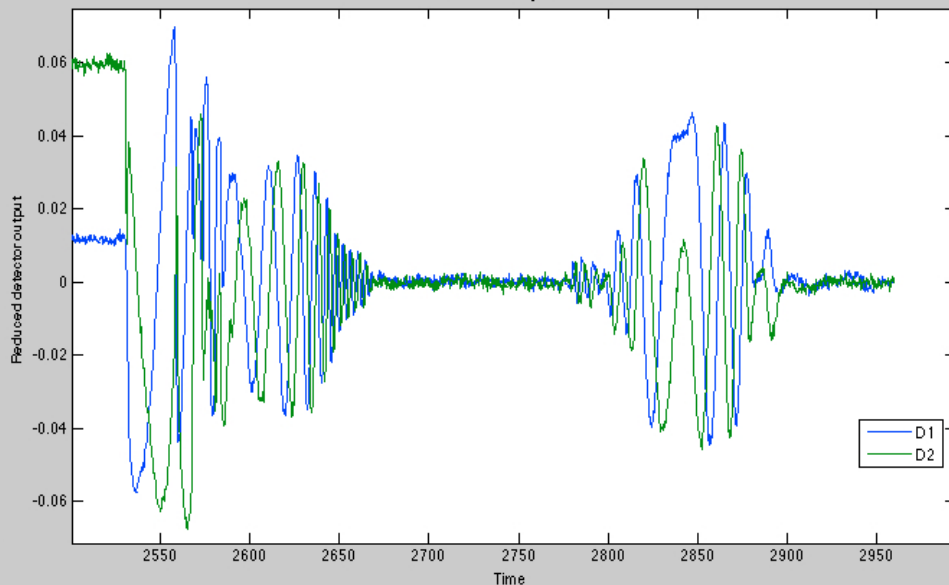
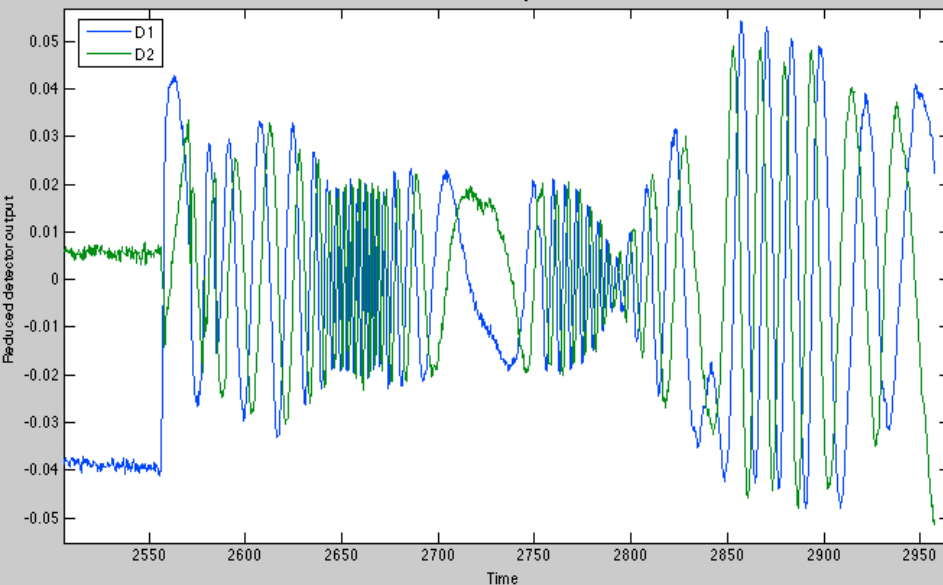
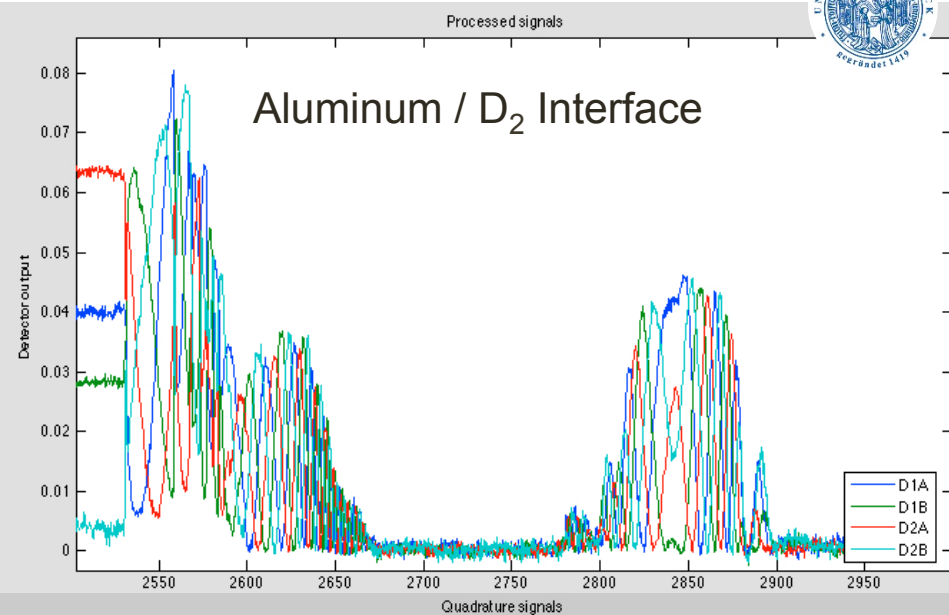
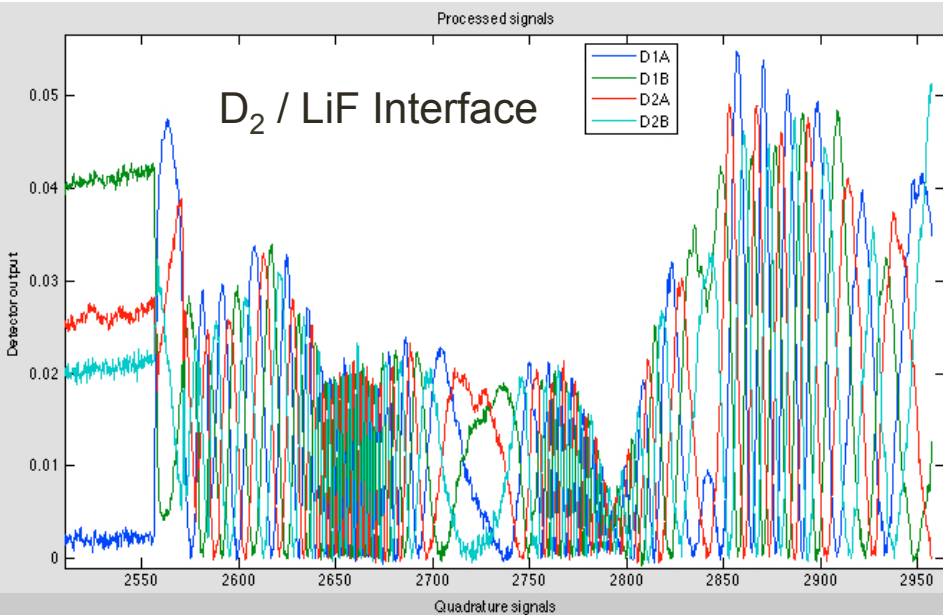
# Two-step pulse shape provides shock-ramp profile



# Stripline experimental profiles

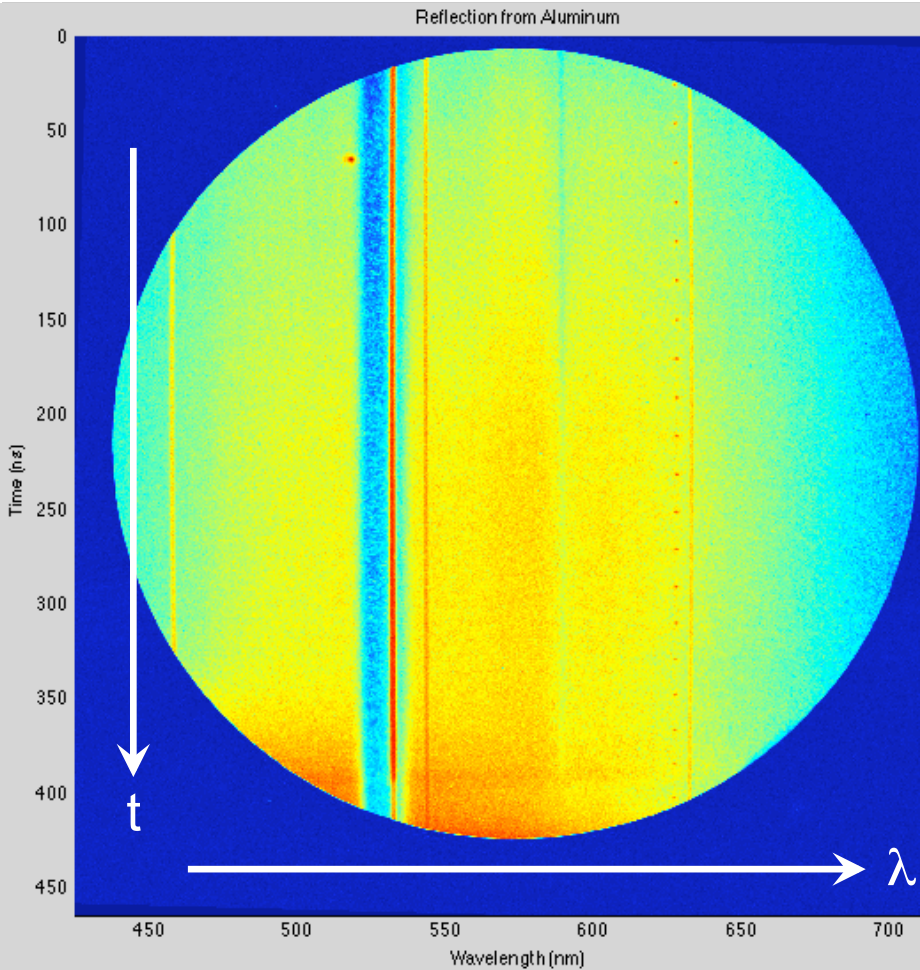


# Processed VISAR signals



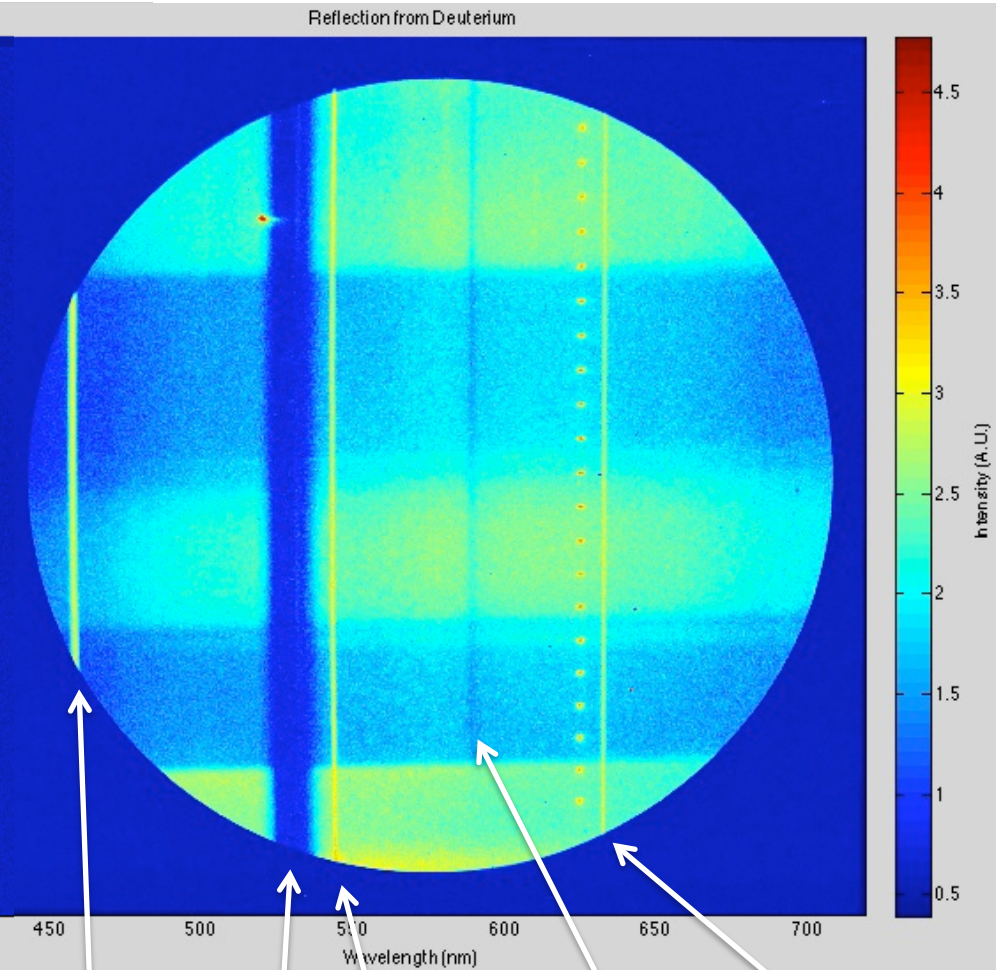
# SVS system provides data to infer reflectivity

## Reflection from aluminum coating



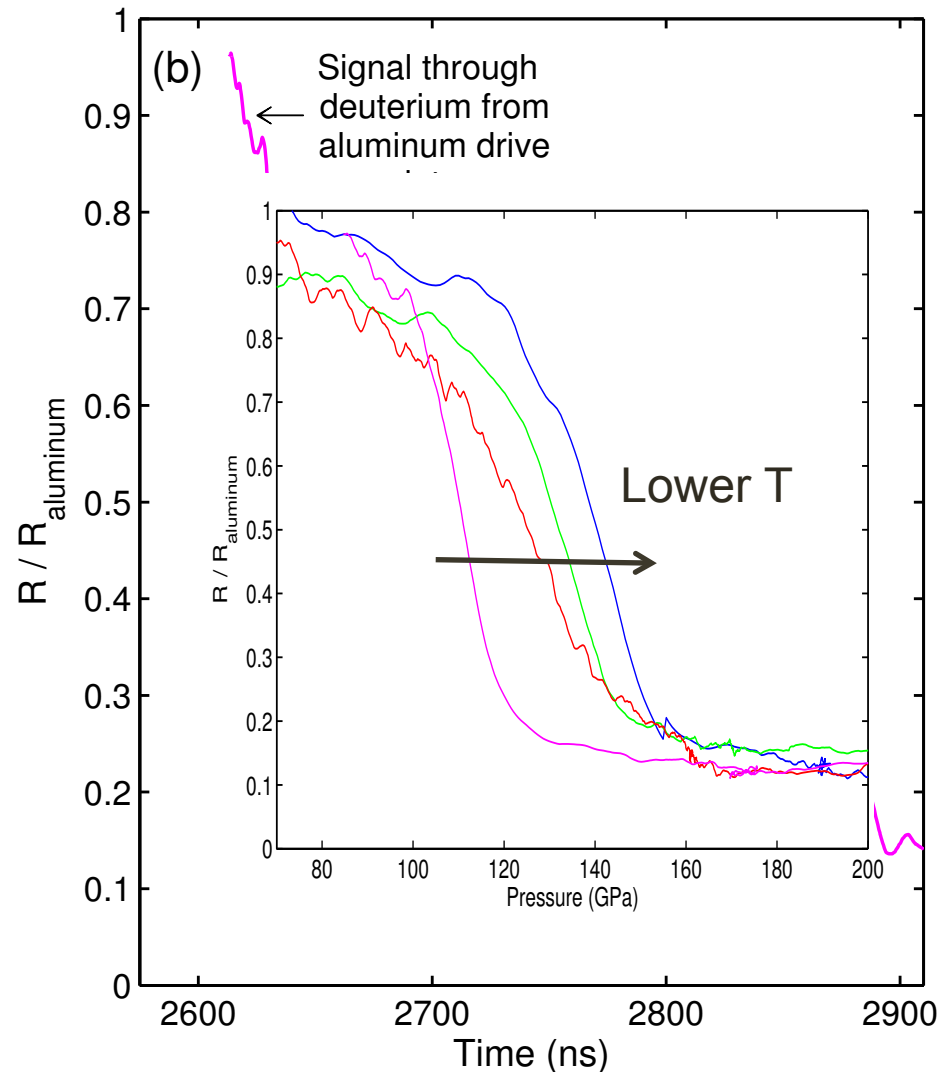
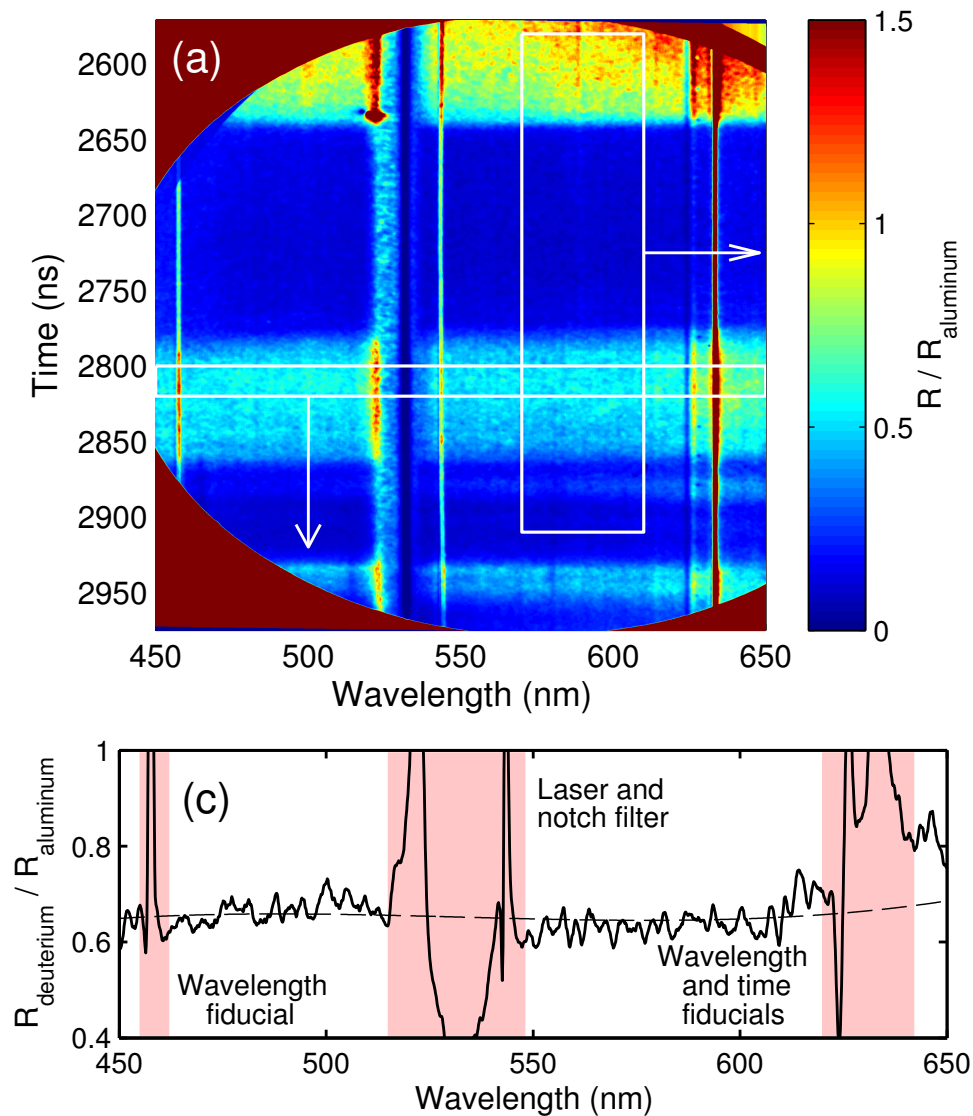
Wavelength range ~450-700 nm

## Reflection from deuterium

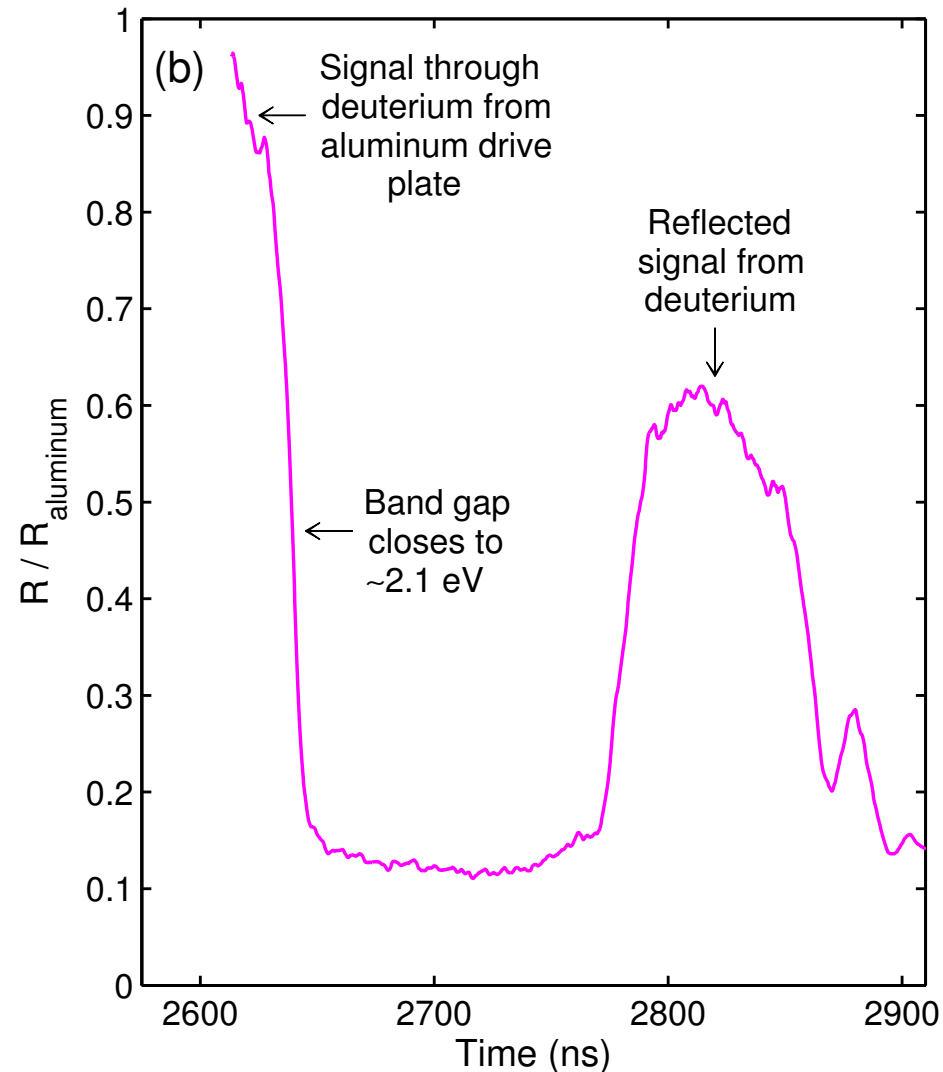
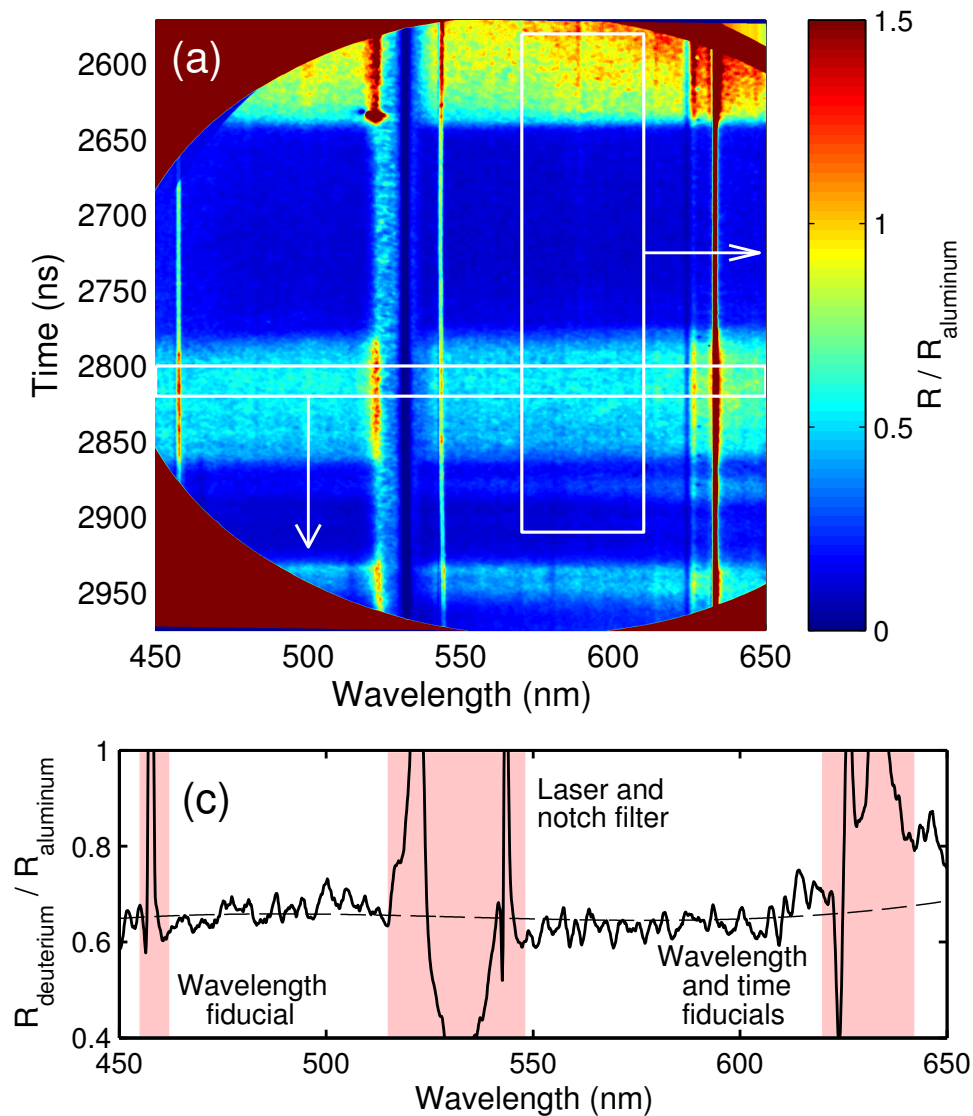


457.9 nm 532 / 543.5 nm 589.3 nm 633 nm

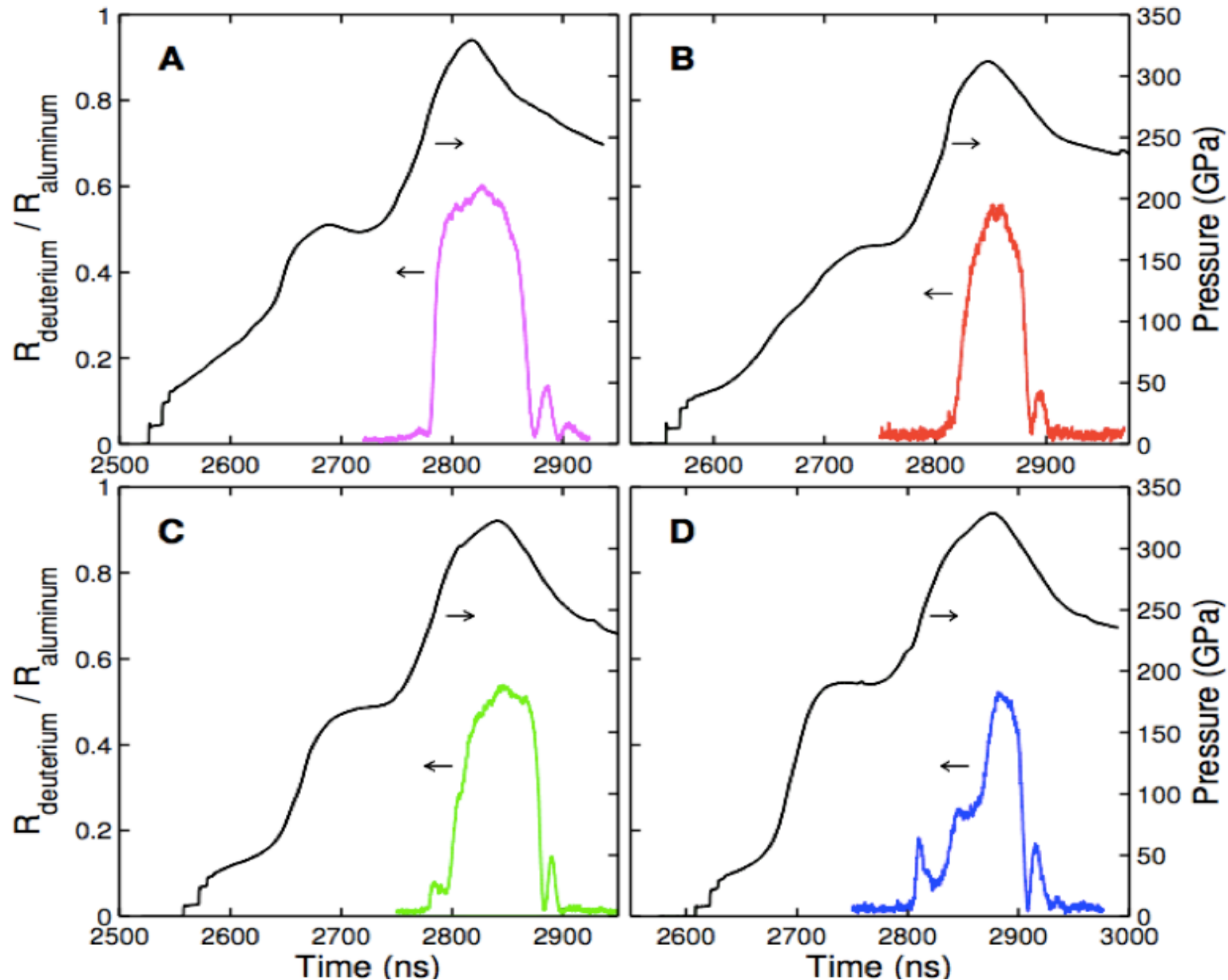
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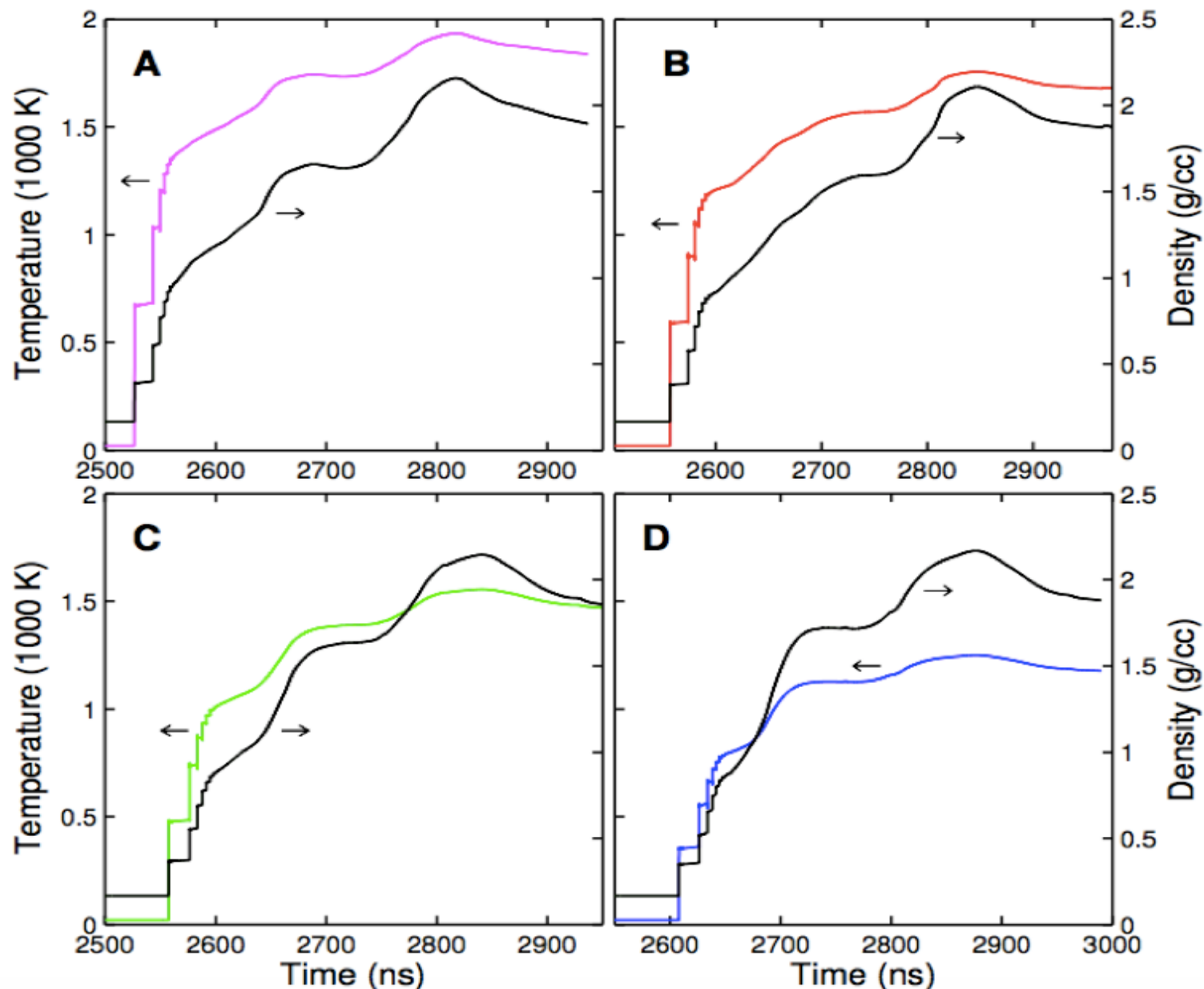
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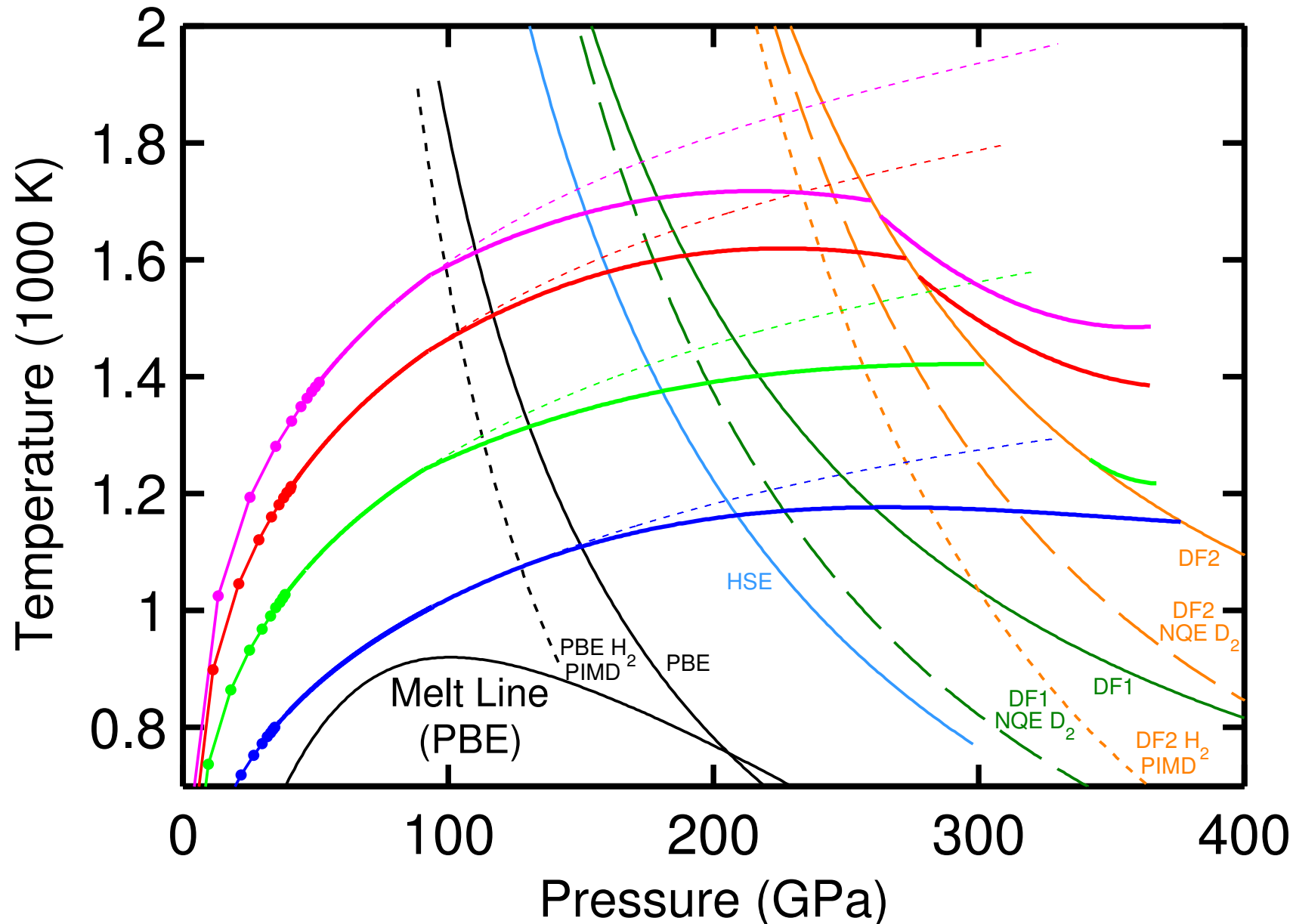
# Reflectivity and pressure vs. time from VISAR



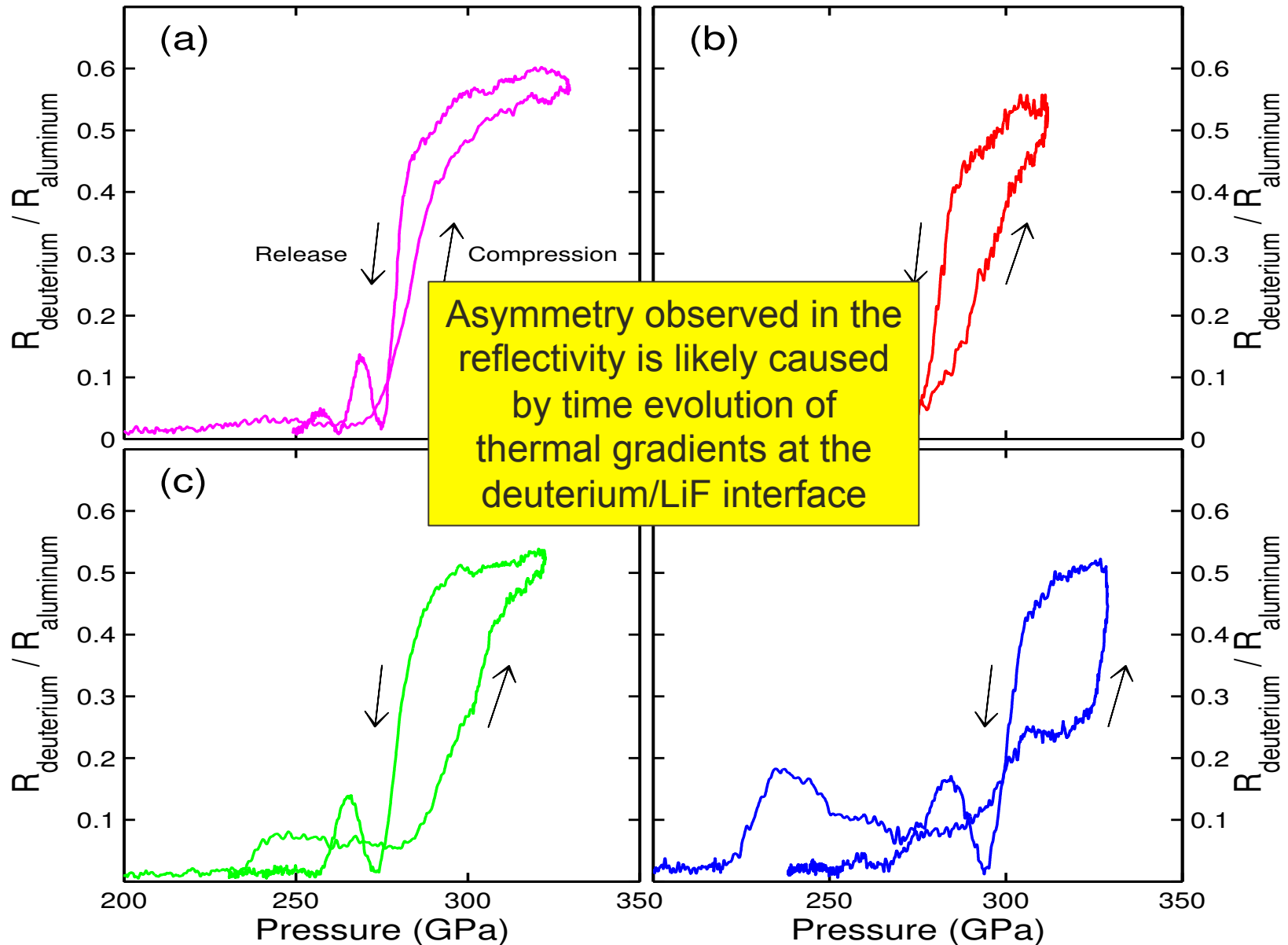
# Temperature and density from Kerley03 EOS



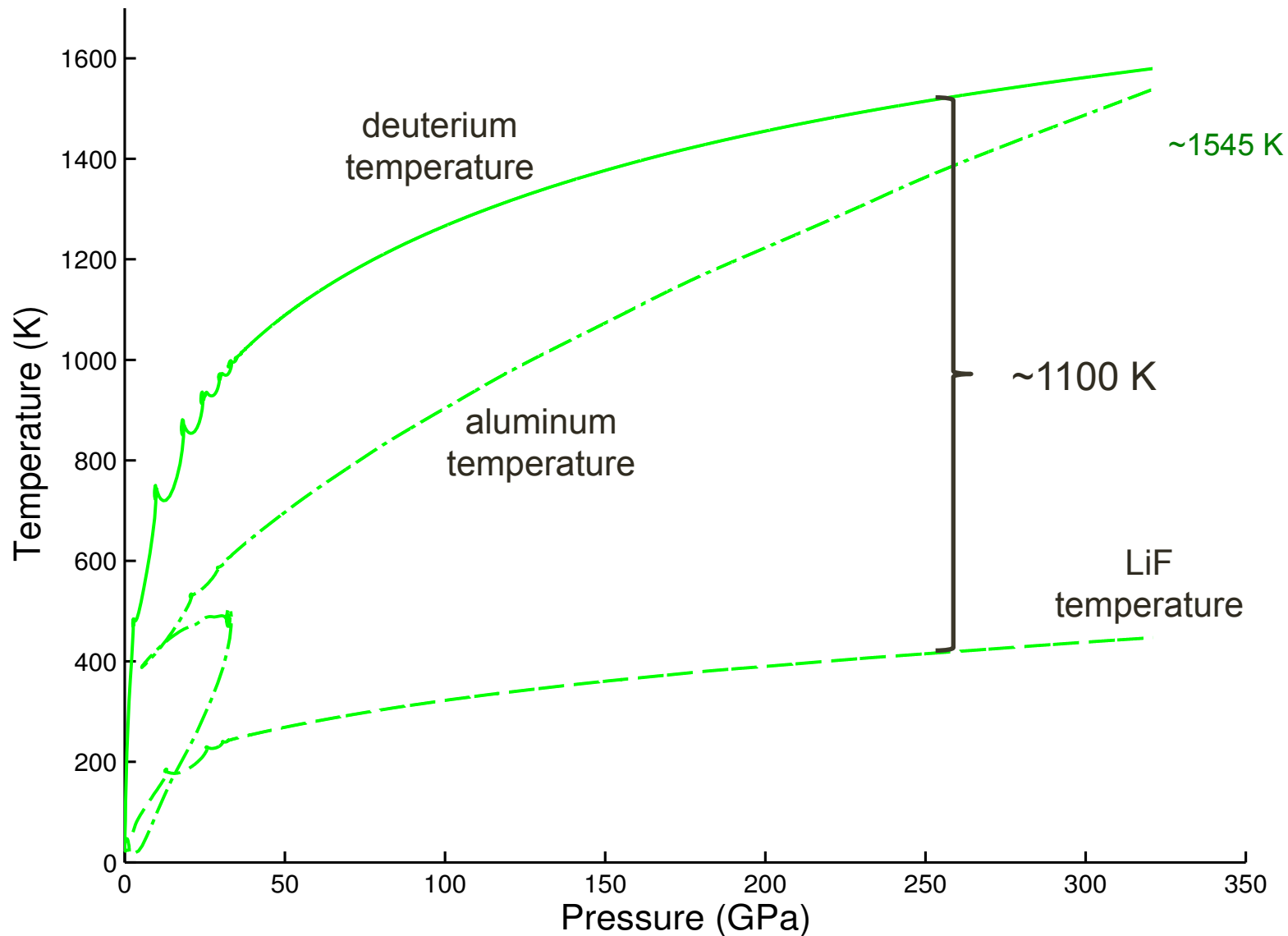
# Experimental PT Paths



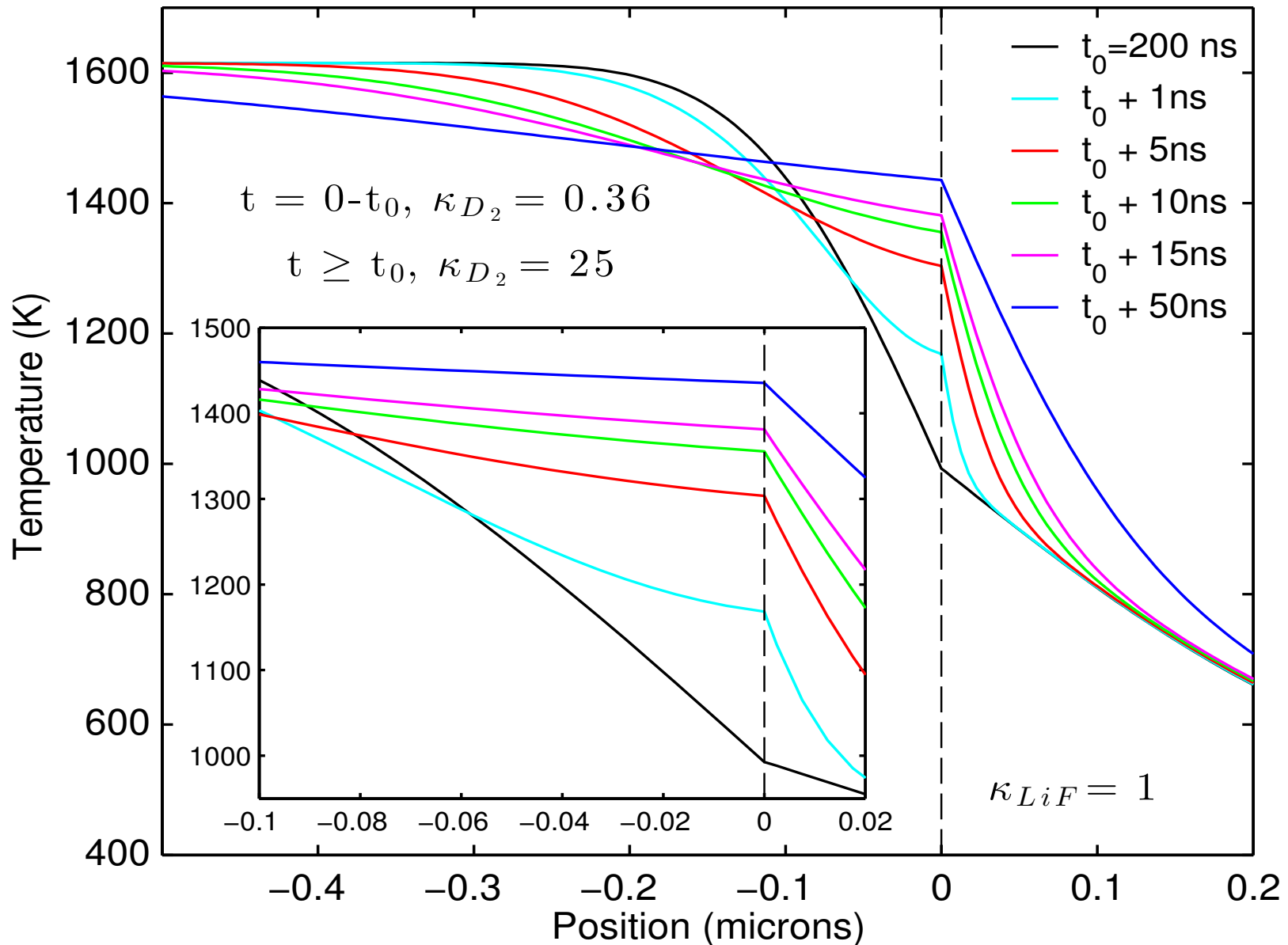
# Reflectivity signals mapped to pressure



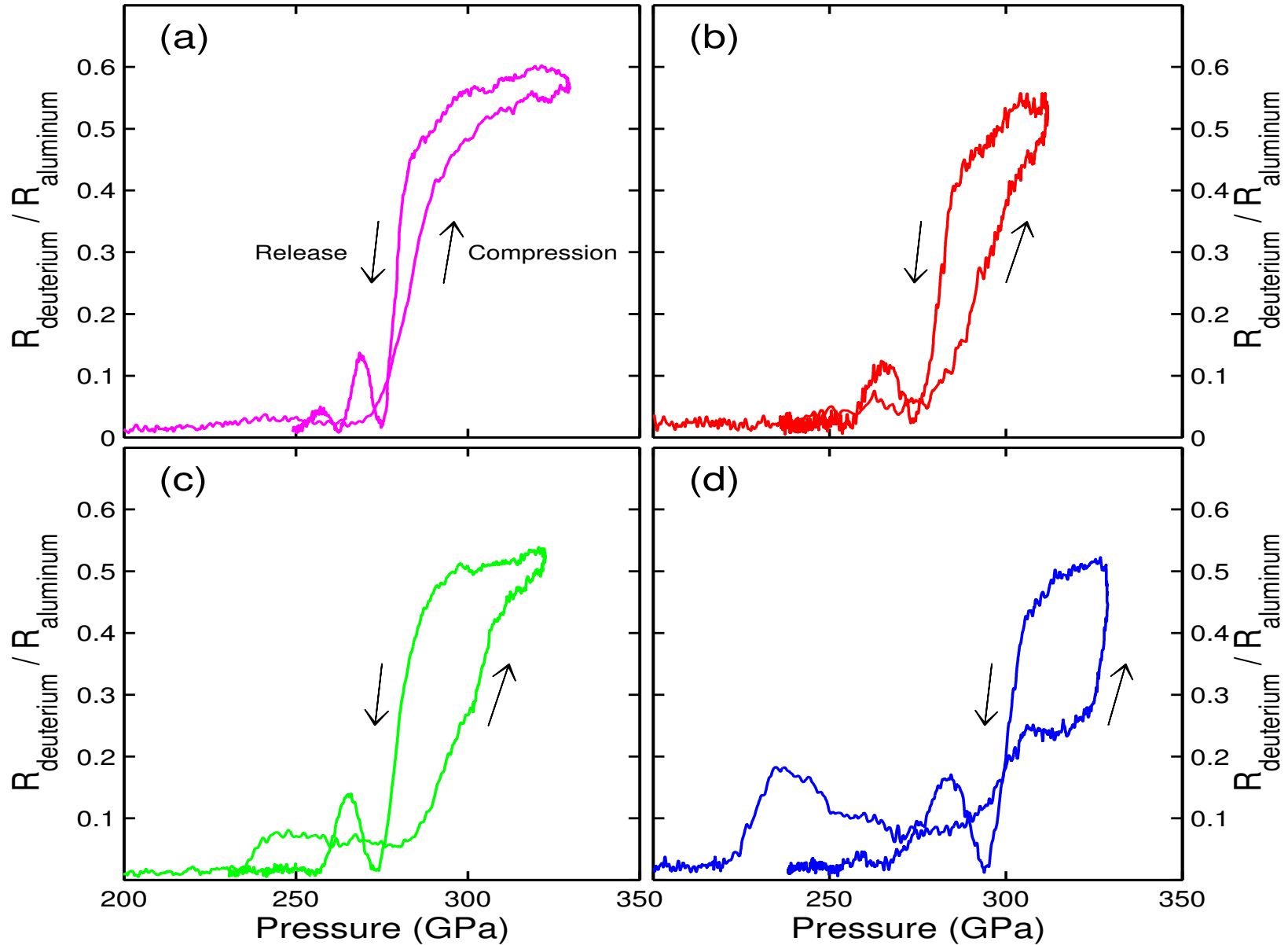
# There is a significant temperature difference at the deuterium/LiF interface



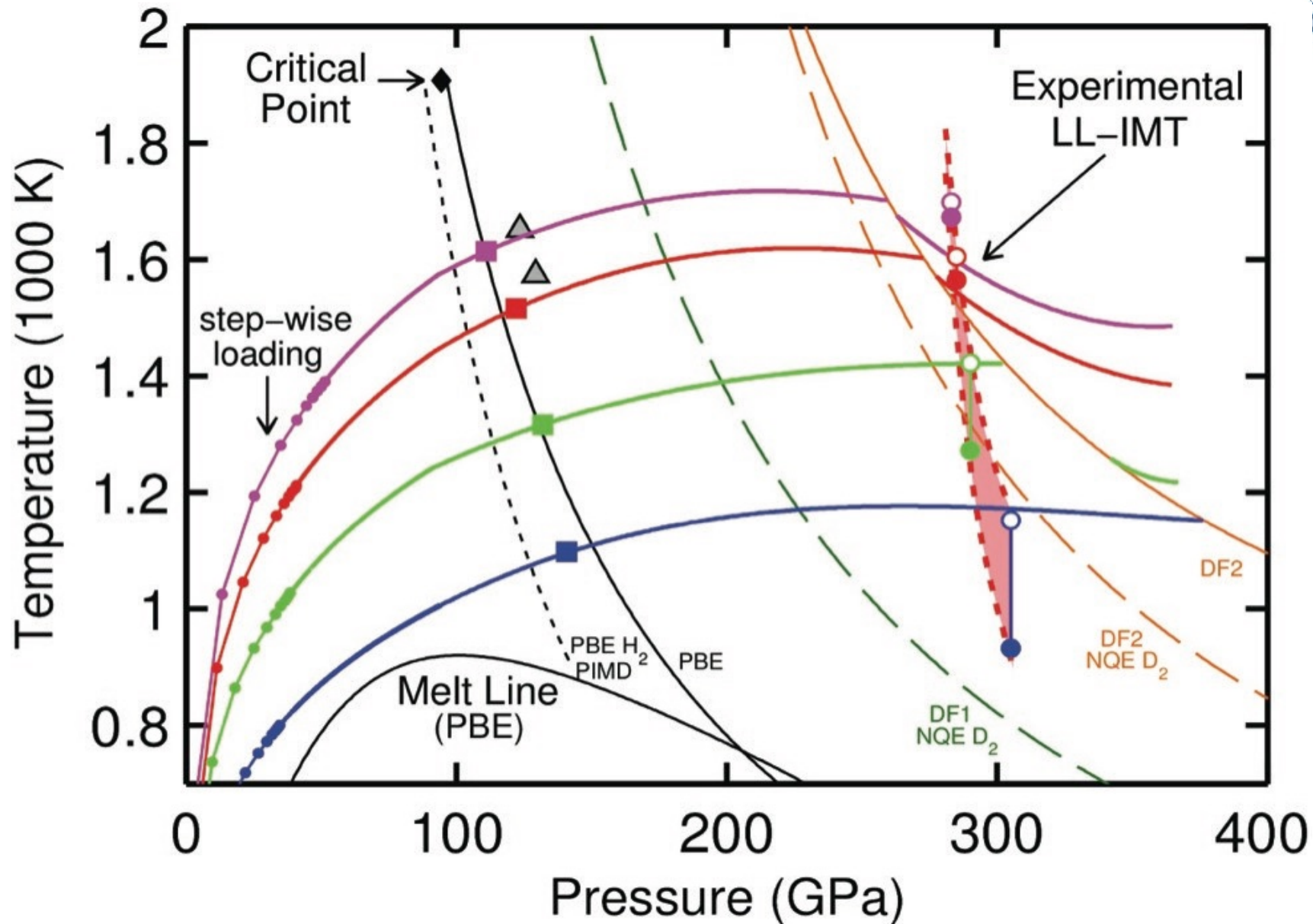
# Thermal conduction simulations



# Reflectivity signals mapped to pressure



# Location of the LL-IMT in deuterium



# Direct observation of an abrupt insulator-to-metal transition in dense liquid deuterium

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Eighty years ago, it was proposed that solid hydrogen would become metallic at sufficiently high density. Despite numerous investigations, this transition has not yet been experimentally observed. More recently, there has been much interest in the analog of this predicted metallic transition in the dense liquid, due to its relevance to planetary science. Here, we show direct observation of an abrupt insulator-to-metal transition in dense liquid deuterium. Experimental determination of the location of this transition provides a much-needed benchmark for theory and may constrain the region of hydrogen-helium immiscibility and the boundary-layer pressure in standard models of the internal structure of gas-giant planets.

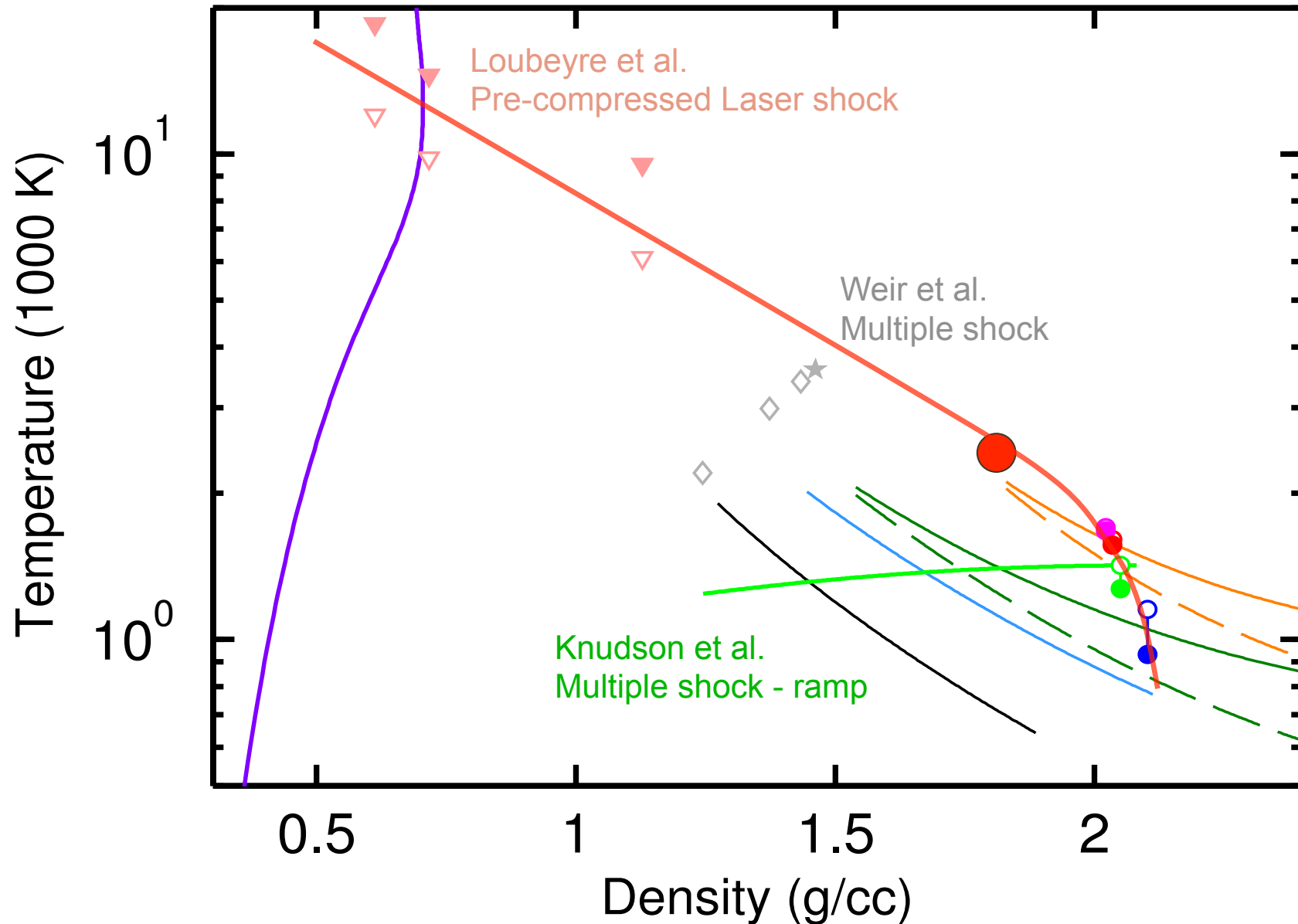
In 1935, Wigner and Huntington (1) were the first to predict that when squeezed to sufficiently high density ( $\rho$ ) and pressure ( $P$ ), hydrogen would undergo a density-driven transition from an insulating, molecular solid to a conducting, atomic solid. Subsequently,

this fundamental question of precisely how and at what  $P$  hydrogen metallizes at low temperature ( $T$ ) has become one of the longest-standing open questions of high-pressure physics (2). More recently, there has been much interest in the analogous molecular insulator to atomic metal transition in the liquid at low  $T$  just above the melt line, largely due to its relevance to planetary science (3, 4). A metallization transition in this region could provide a constraint for the

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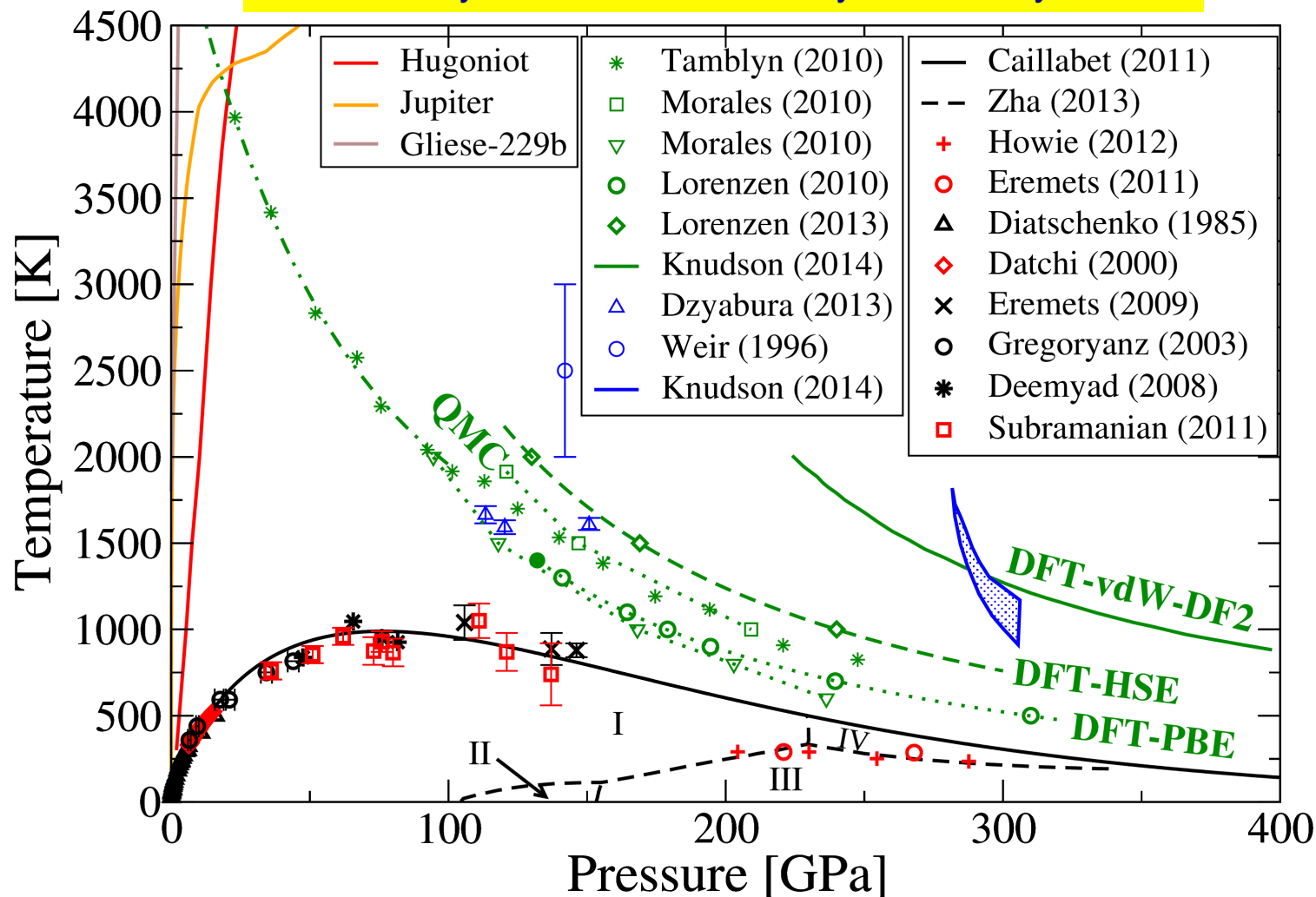


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- 4. Consequences for giant planets – structure and evolution of Jupiter and Saturn**

# New H phase diagram at high pressure

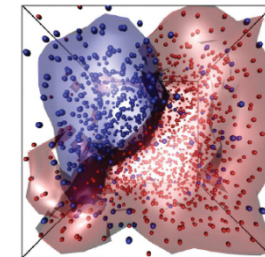
Location of the 1st-order liquid-liquid phase transition?  
Obviously not relevant for the layer boundary, or ?



# Demixing of H/He and evolution of Jupiter and Saturn

R. Püstow & N. Nettelmann (U Rostock),

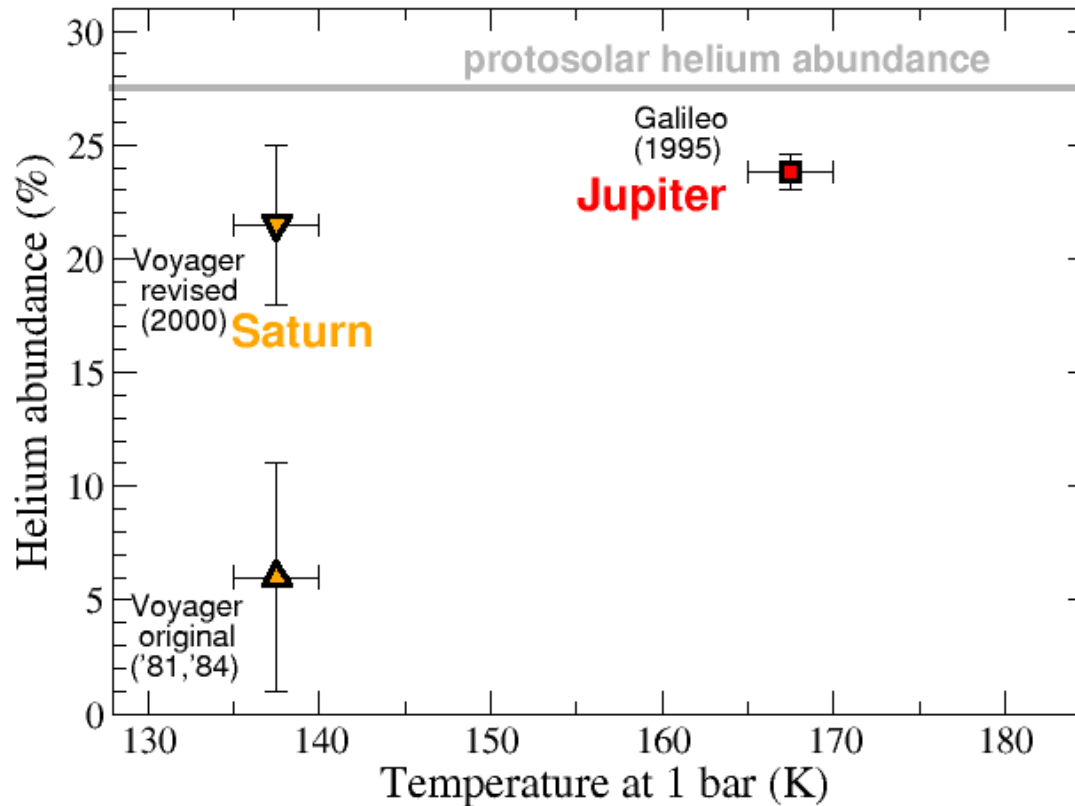
J.J. Fortney (UCSC), S. Hamel (LLNL), W. Lorenzen



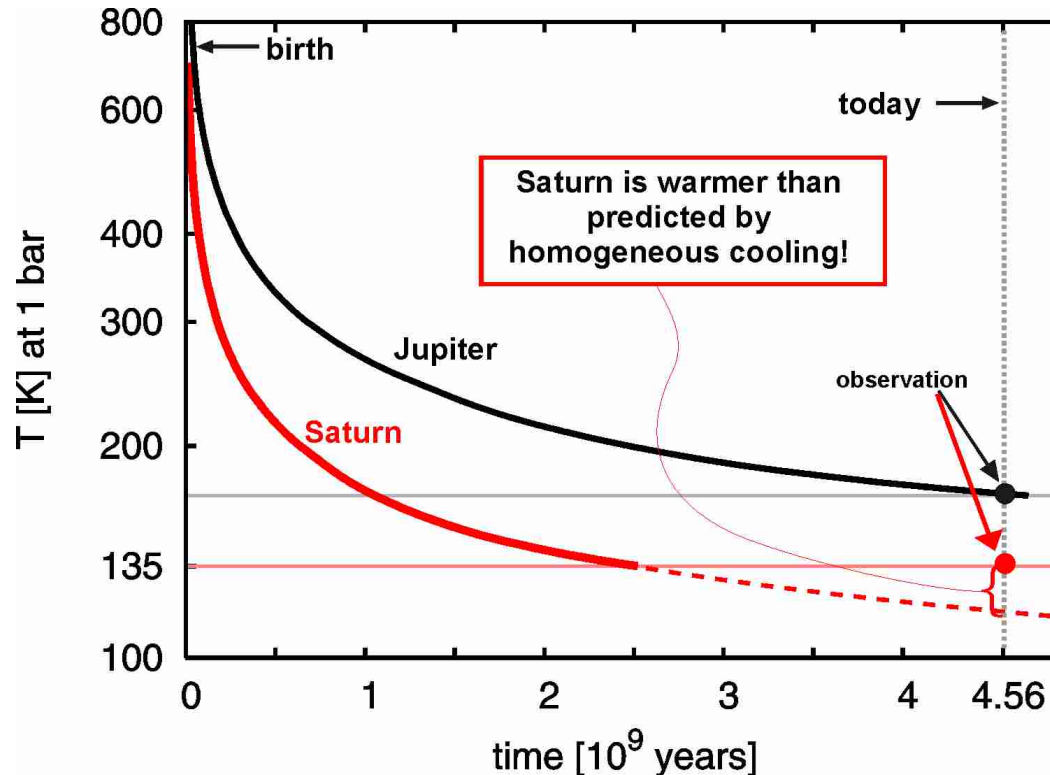
|                              |                                               |                                               |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mass                         | 318 $M_{\text{Earth}}$                        | 95 $M_{\text{Earth}}$                         | $P > \sim 1 \text{ Mbar}$   |
| Radius                       | 11 $R_{\text{Earth}}$                         | 9 $R_{\text{Earth}}$                          | $T < \sim 10,000 \text{ K}$ |
| Luminosity                   | $1.7 \times L_{\text{inc}}$                   | $1.9 \times L_{\text{inc}}$                   | $x_{\text{He}} < 0.95$      |
| T at 1-bar                   | 170 K                                         | 140 K                                         | ➤ Lorenzen et al (Rostock)  |
| T, P at center               | $\sim 20,000 \text{ K}, \sim 70 \text{ Mbar}$ | $\sim 10,000 \text{ K}, \sim 40 \text{ Mbar}$ | ➤ Morales et al (LLNL)      |
| H/He ( $M_{\text{planet}}$ ) | $\sim 0.9$                                    | $\sim 0.8$                                    |                             |

# Jupiter & Saturn: atmospheric helium depletion

The atmospheres are observed to be depleted in helium compared to the protosolar value ( $y_{\text{He}}=0.275$ ).



# Saturn: excess luminosity

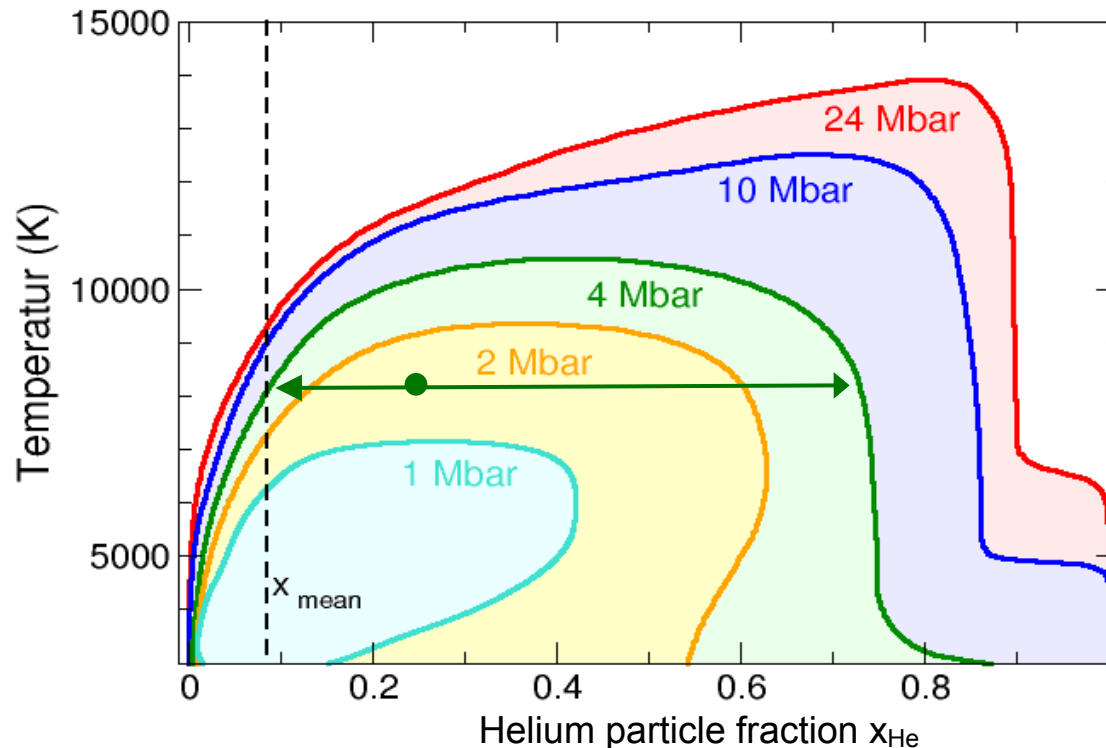


**Jupiter:** standard models reproduce all observational constraints

**Saturn:** standard models predict too low luminosity – why?

# H/He phase diagram: $T(x_{\text{He}})$ , $P=\{1,2,4,10,24\}$ Mbar

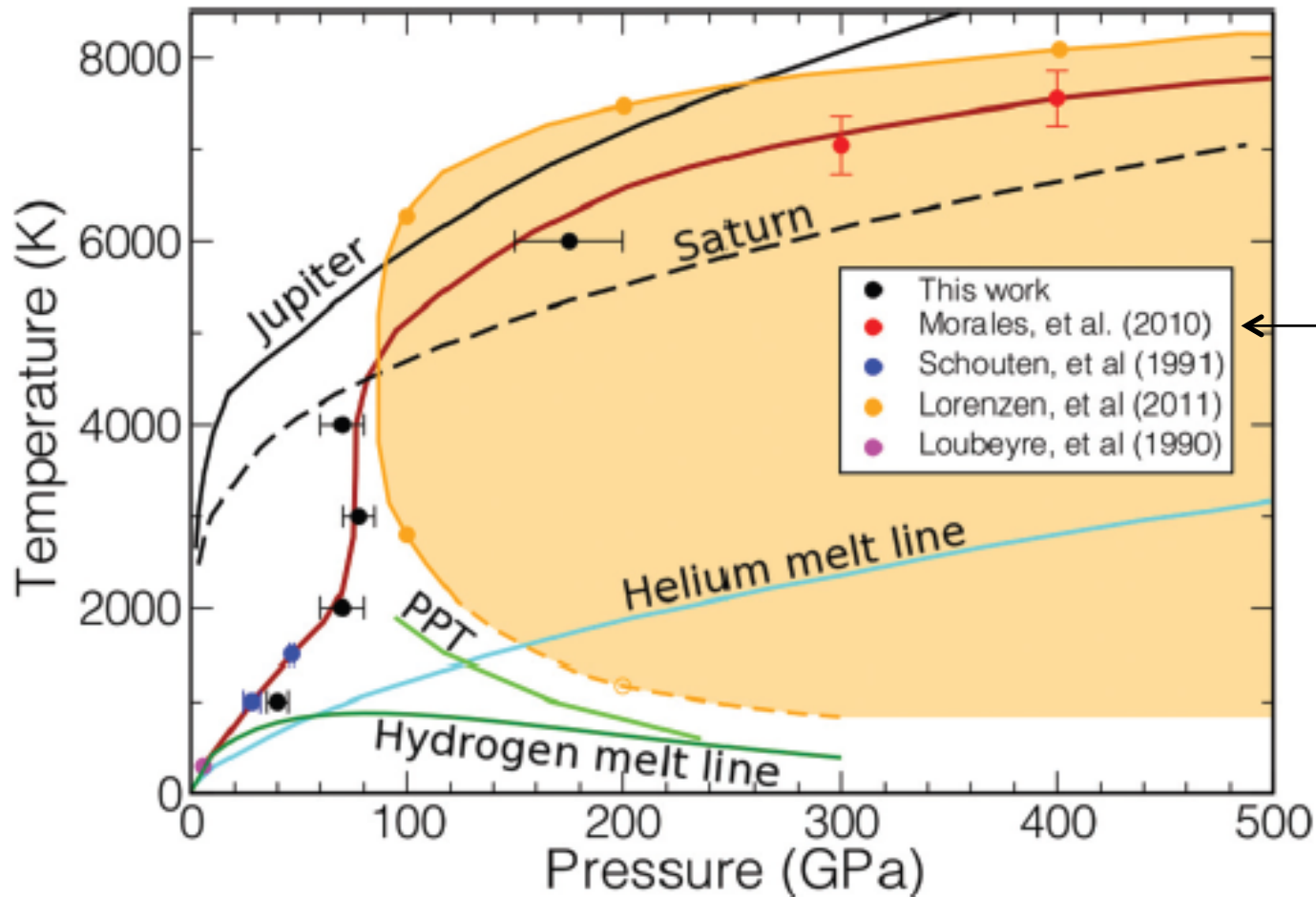
A demixing H-He system will separate into two phases on the phase boundary.



Lorenzen, Holst, Redmer (2009, 2011) via DFT-MD simulations using the PBE XC functional – impact of non-ideal entropy of mixing, NQE, nonlocal XC functionals, vdW corrections?

# H-He demixing in gas giants

Metallic hydrogen acts as a “catalyst” for H/He demixing.  
Effect maybe relevant for Jupiter but clearly is for Saturn.

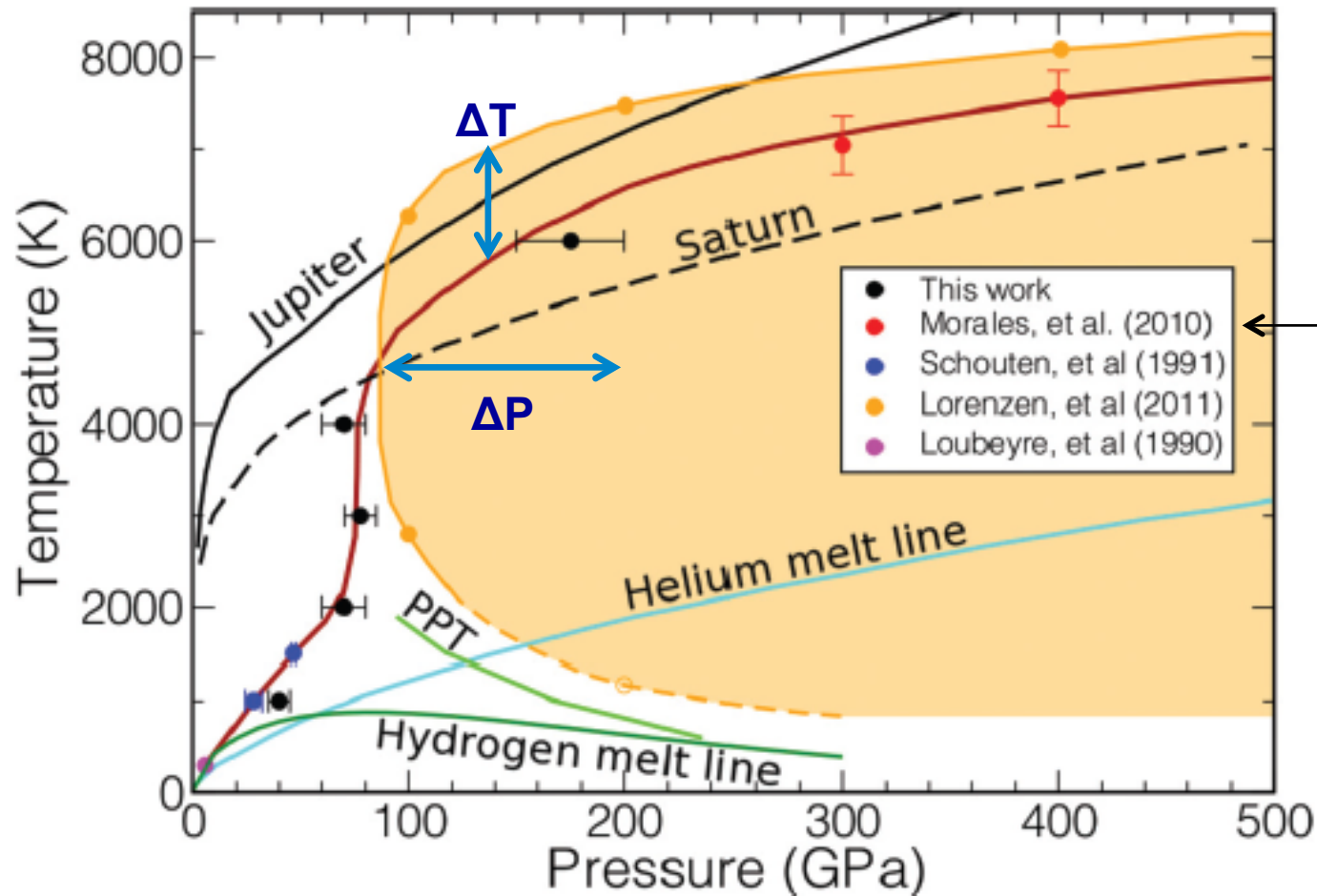


W. Lorenzen et al., PRL **102**, 115701 (2009), PRB **84**, 235109 (2011)  
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# H-He demixing in gas giants

Correct location of demixing region?

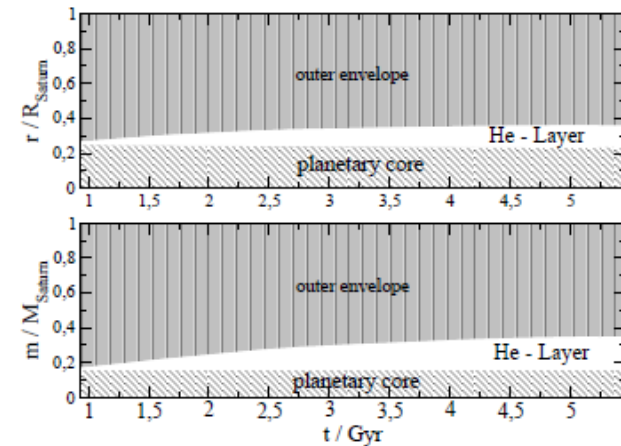
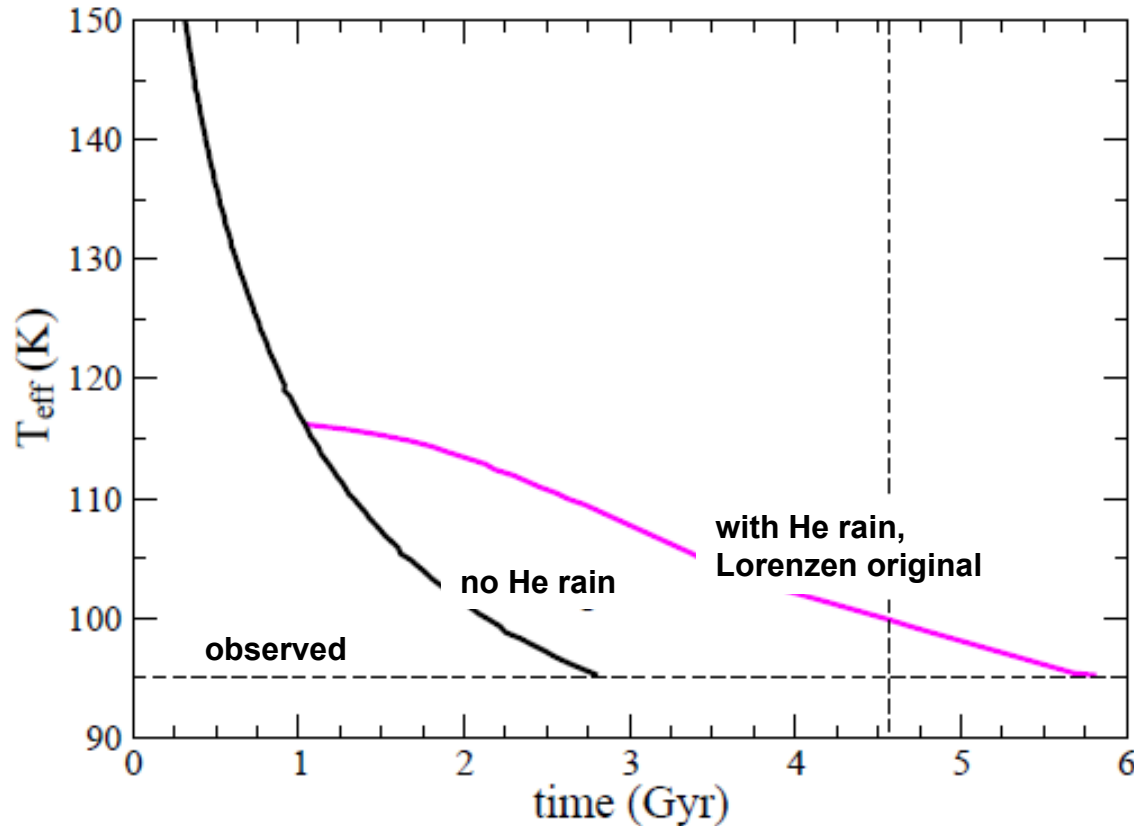
Study shifts in P and T!



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# Results for Saturn: new cooling curve

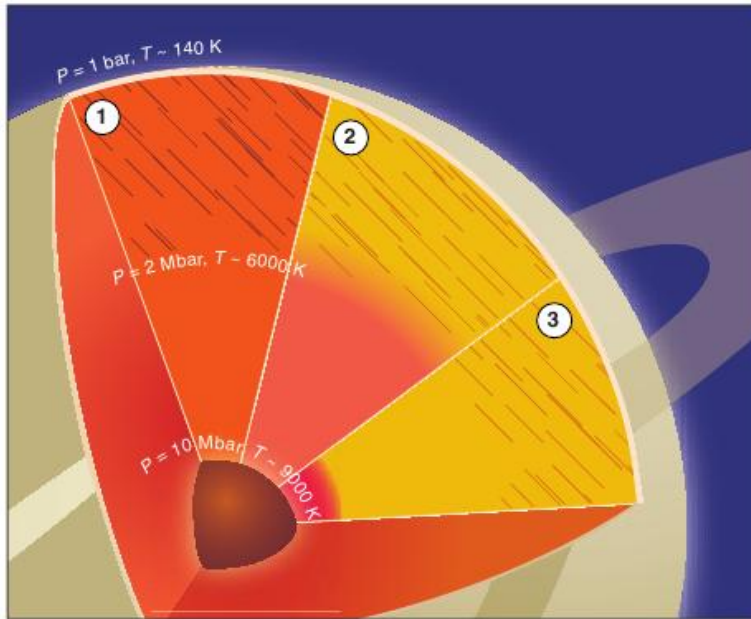
Application of the original Lorenzen (2009, 2011) phase diagram leads to over-estimation of Saturn's excess luminosity.



- Püstow, Nettelmann, Redmer, submitted
- Lorenzen, Holst, Redmer (2009, 2011)

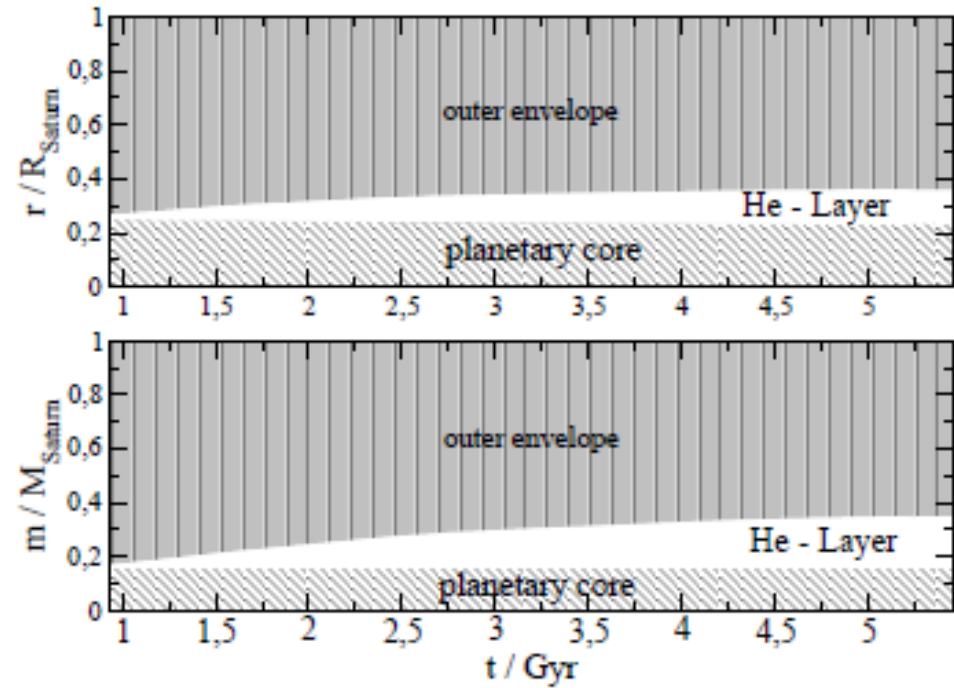
# Evolution and structure of Saturn: He layer

J.J. Fortney, Science **305**, 1414 (2004)

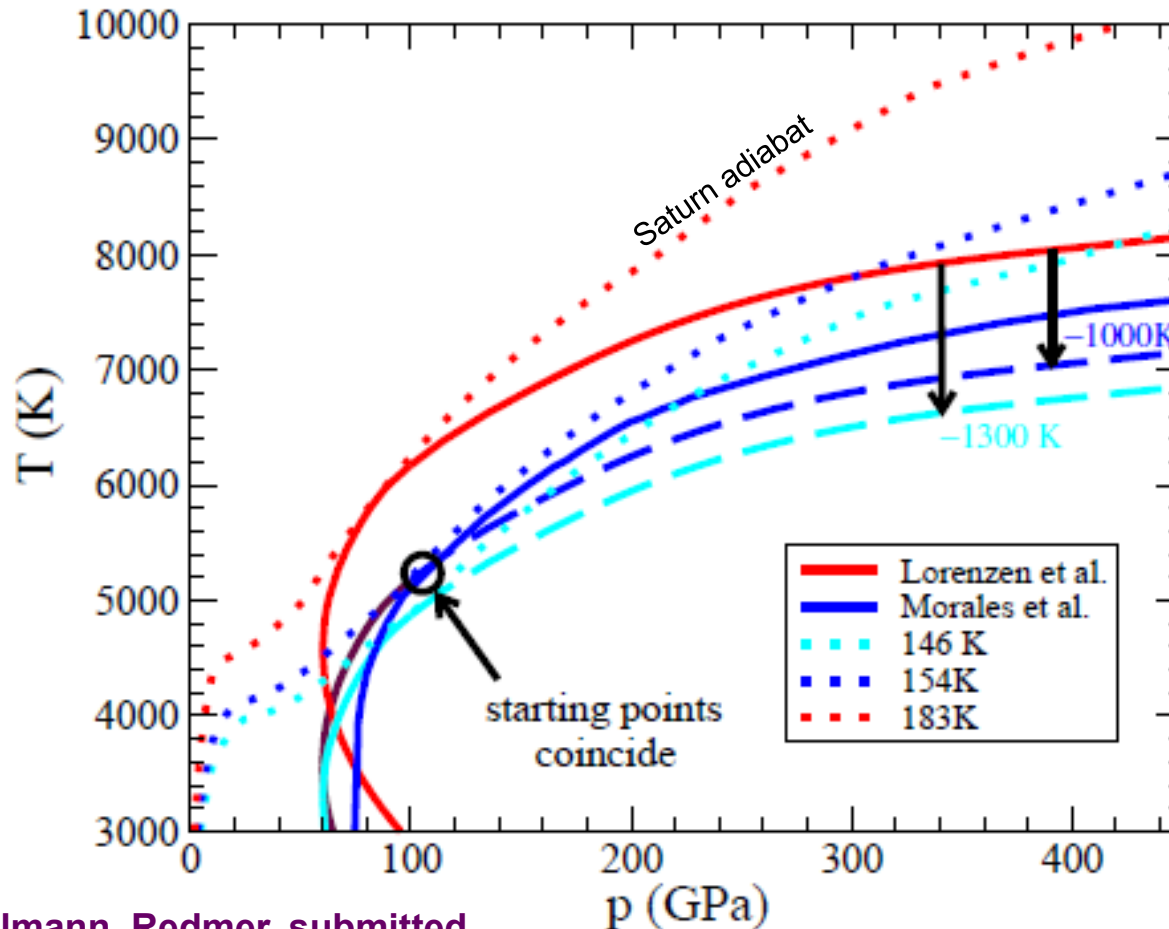


Three views of the interior of Saturn. Orange represents the protosolar He/H ratio. A yellow/orange indicates less He, and a redder orange more He. Brown is the ice/rock core. The hashed regions indicate that H is liquid metallic, whereas in the unhashed regions it is liquid molecular. (1) Saturn at an age of  $\sim 1.5$  billion years, before the onset of He phase separation. (2) The current Saturn according to a previously proposed H-He phase diagram (11). (3) The current Saturn according to a phase diagram derived from new evolutionary models (2).

R. Püstow et al. (2015)



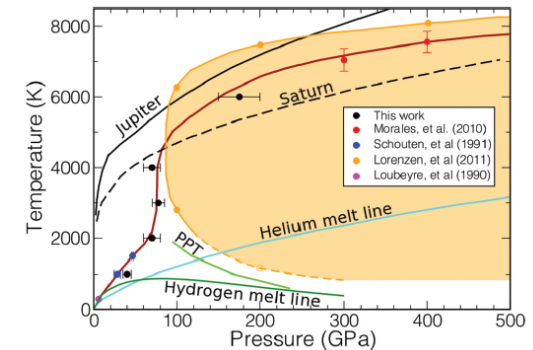
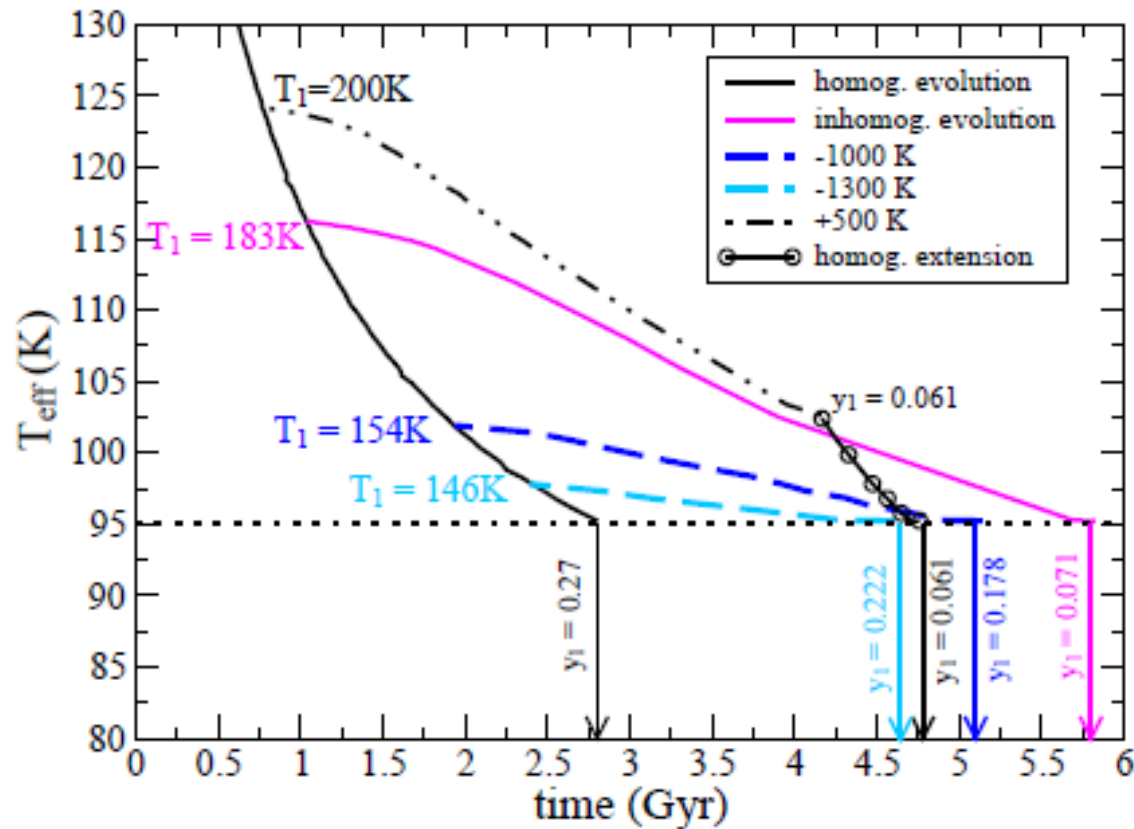
# Modifications of the Lorenzen H/He phase diagram ( $\Delta T = -1000 \text{ K}, -1300 \text{ K}, +500 \text{ K}$ )



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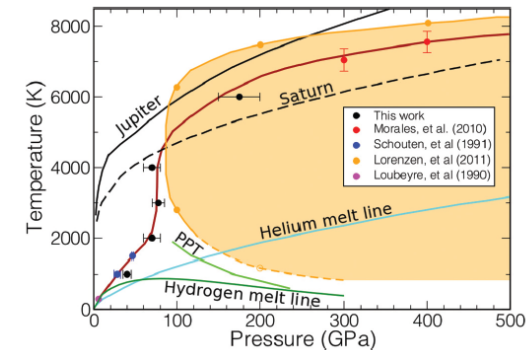
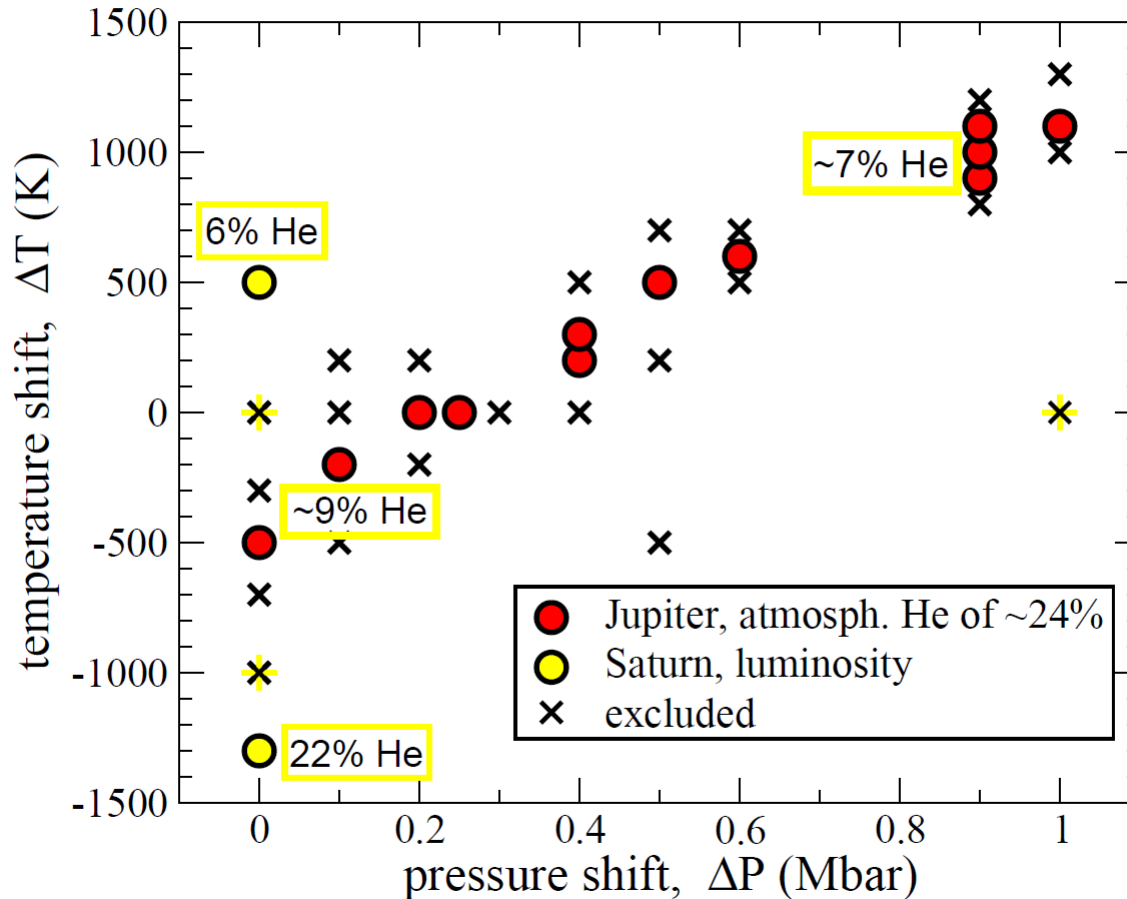
# Saturn cooling curves for modified Lorenzen H/He phase diagrams

Lorenzen H-He EOS with demixing available for all He concentrations.  
Shifts by  $\Delta T = -1300$  K and  $\Delta T = +500$  K yield the correct cooling time.

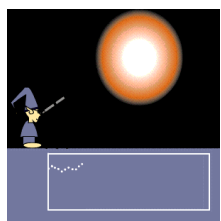


# Which H/He phase diagrams reproduce observations for Jupiter and Saturn?

We use Jupiter's measured atmosph. He abundance to predict corrections to the H/He phase diagram

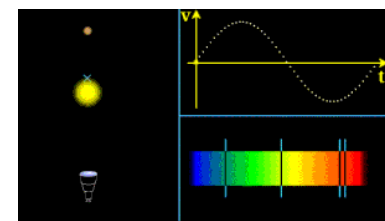


ZFSP experiments are an important step towards a coherent understanding of interior structure, evolution and magnetic field of the gas giants.

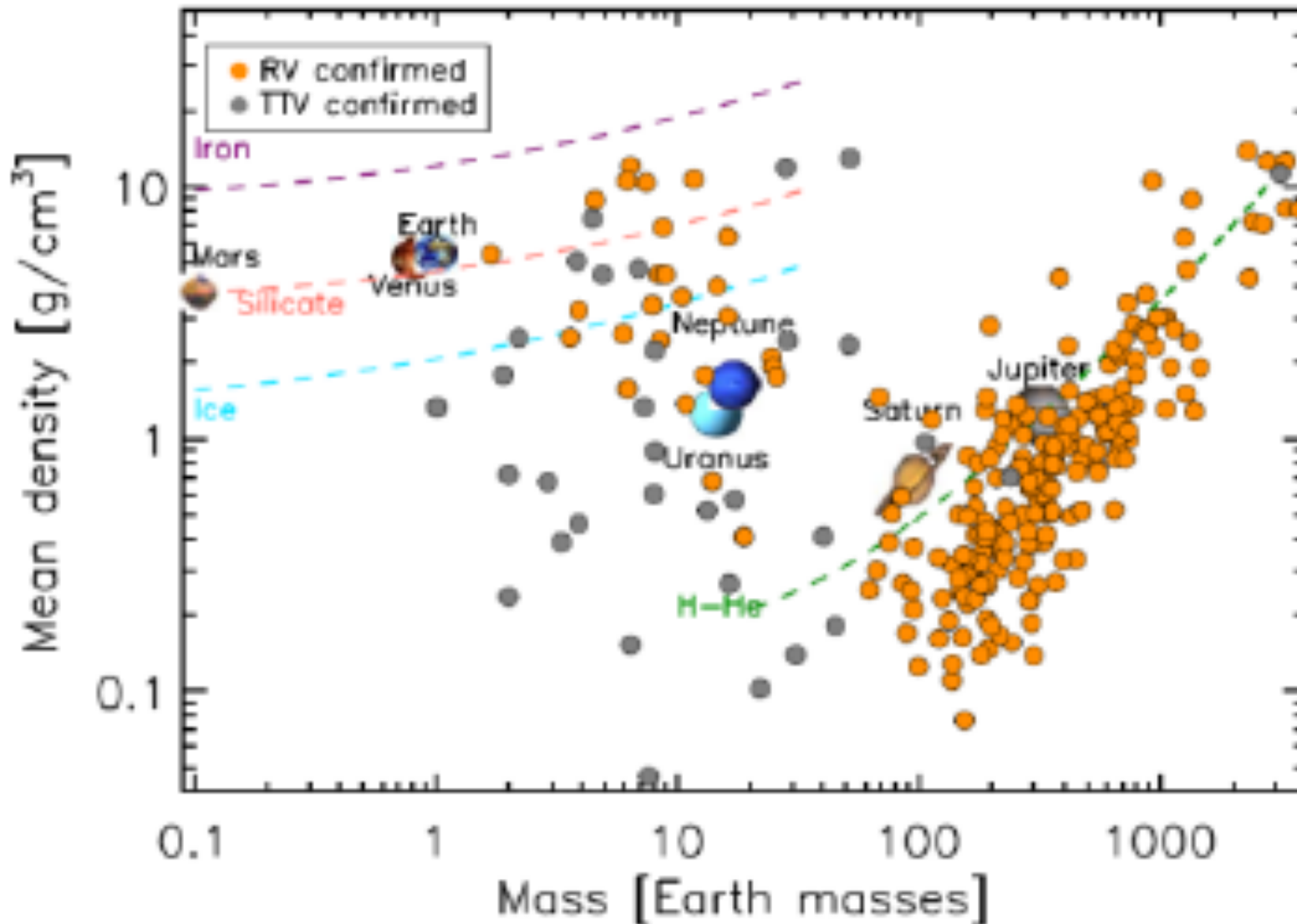


# Mean planet density vs. mass

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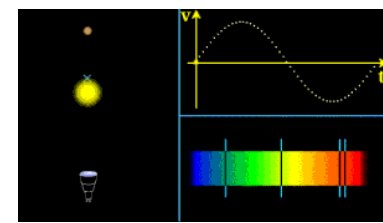


H. Rauer, DLR, 2014-5-20 (based on exoplanet.eu)

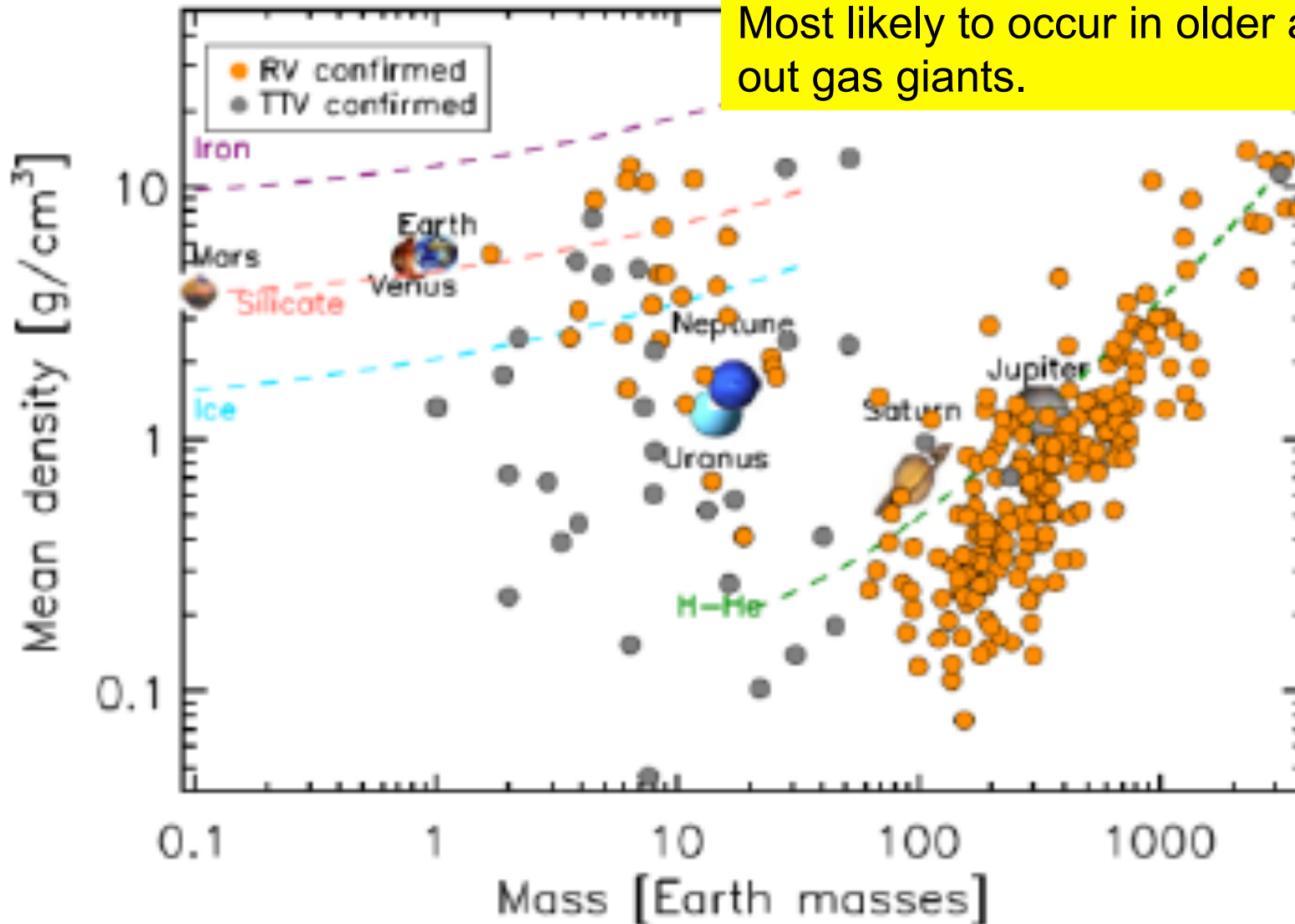


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H/He demixing in Saturn-like planets?  
Most likely to occur in older and far-out gas giants.



# Conclusions

- Shock-ramp technique enables experimental access to the region of phase space where the liquid-liquid, insulator-metal transition (LL-IMT) has been proposed for hydrogen
- Experiments above  $\sim 250$  GPa show clear evidence of metallization of deuterium
  - Very abrupt increase in reflectivity to  $\sim 40$ - $50\%$
  - Pressure state well above numerous first principles predictions
  - Indications suggest that the density-driven transition is first order
- Impact on planetary physics due to a first constraint for the
  - Region of metallic (conductive) hydrogen  $\rightarrow$  magnetic field, interior
  - Region of H/He demixing  $\rightarrow$  evolution, interior

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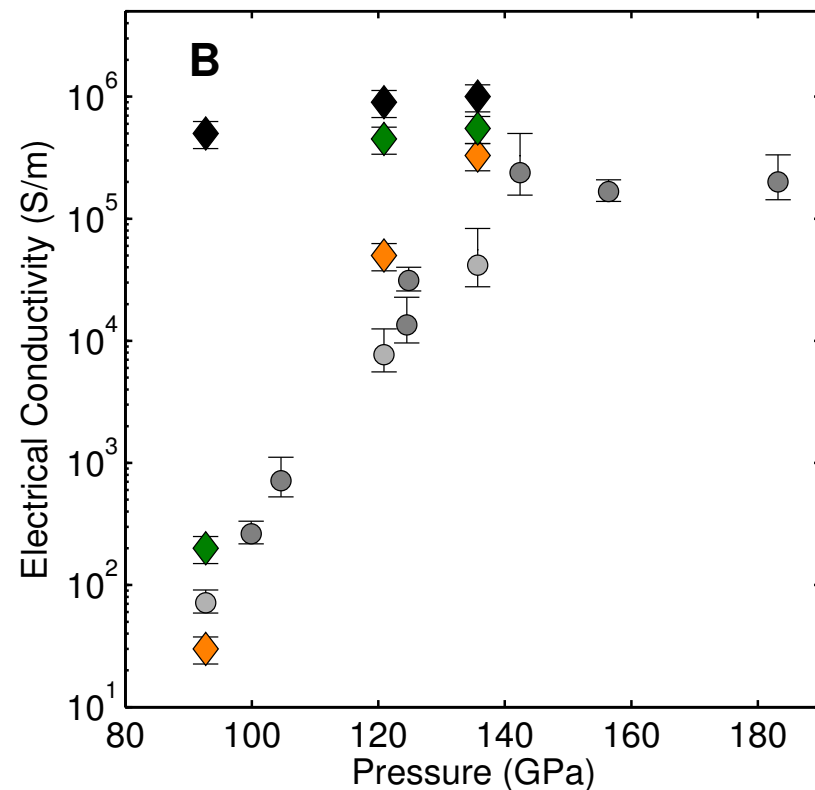
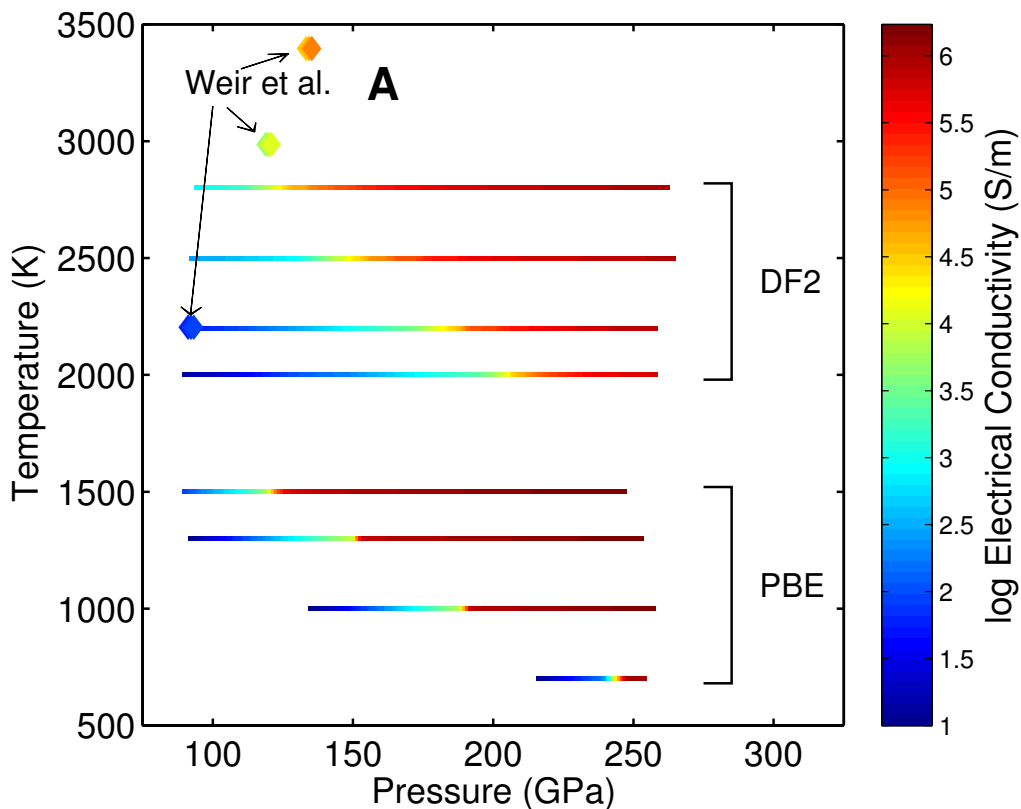
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# Comparison of Weir et al. data with DFT



# Reanalysis of Weir et al. data

