# Conductivity of multi-shock compressed deuterium





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- Simultaneous velocimetry and emissivity measurements
- Electrical conductivity inferred from optical absorbance and reflectance measurements
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## Motivation: Jupiter's B-field is generated by currents in high pressure hydrogen





## Experiment: A thin cryogenic $D_2$ layer was compressed $U^4$ by multiple laser-driven shocks at the OMEGA facility



## The D<sub>2</sub> layer was characterized by simultaneous velocity, reflectance, and pyrometric measurements



### Velocity, reflectance and temperature histories





## Pressure is inferred using EOS tables and imposing U<sup>7</sup> continuity at LiF-D<sub>2</sub> interface







## **Other multi-shock compressed D<sub>2</sub> experiments** (T, ρ typically inferred from hydro simulations)



# Conductivity is inferred from optical absorption in shocked D<sub>2</sub>





Relate absorption to electrical conductivity using Drude-Zener:  $\sigma_0 = \frac{\varepsilon_0 c n}{z_0}$ 

$$\sigma_0 \approx 4 \ \Omega^{-1} \ cm^{-1}$$

(D<sub>2</sub> conductivity at 10 GPa, 2000 K)

# Conductivity is inferred from reflectance of the final shocked state





Measured reflectance (15%) constrains conduction electron density and collisionality within the Drude model:

$$R = \left| \frac{N - n_1}{N + n_1} \right|^2$$
$$N^2 = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \left( 1 + \frac{i}{\omega \tau_e} \right)^{-1}$$

Drude model electrical conductivity gives\*:

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{n_e e^2 \tau_e}{m_e}$$
$$\sigma_0 \approx 1050 \ \Omega^{-1} cm^{-1}$$

\*assuming electron relaxation time  $\tau_e$  time is at loffe-Regel limit

## Theoretical models of conductivity predict greater density dependence than that observed



## Off-Hugoniot conductivity experiments measure values much lower than those of theoretical model







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