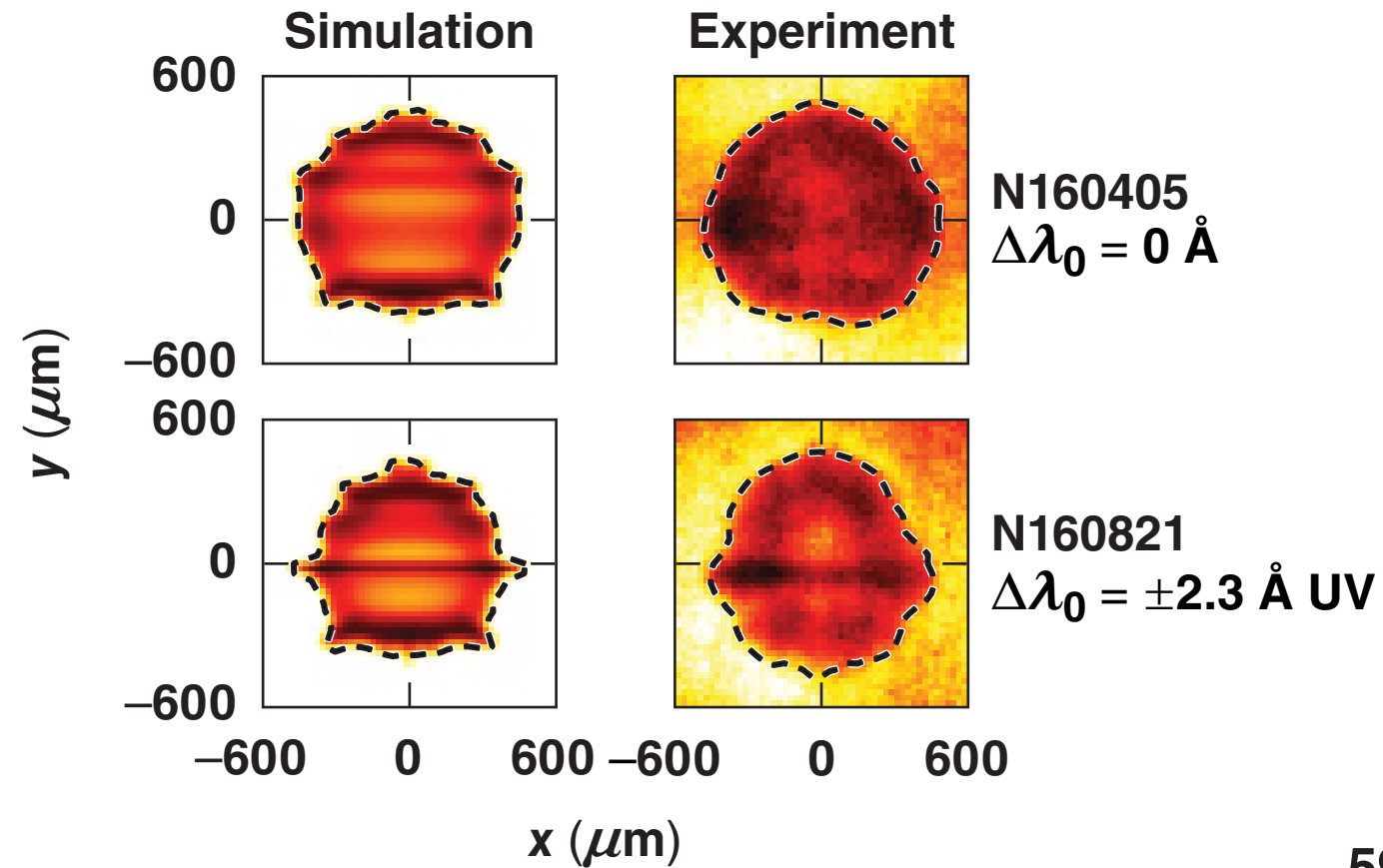


Wavelength Detuning Cross-Beam Energy Transfer Mitigation Scheme for Direct-Drive: Modeling and Evidence from National Ignition Facility Implosions



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A wavelength detuning ($\Delta\lambda_0$) cross-beam energy transfer (CBET) mitigation scheme improves coupling in direct drive

- Initial proof-of-principle $\Delta\lambda_0$ experiments on the NIF* successfully demonstrated CBET mitigation in polar direct drive (PDD)
 - the first $\Delta\lambda_0$ experiments measured changes in shape, shell trajectory, and scattered light as predicted by simulations
- The successful NIF $\Delta\lambda_0$ experiments lay the foundation for future improvements
 - larger $\Delta\lambda_0$, multiple wavelengths, flexible wavelength distribution, optimized spot shapes, larger targets, and lower adiabats
- Symmetric direct drive (SDD) on OMEGA benefits from $\Delta\lambda_0$
 - *DRACO* simulations indicate that $\Delta\lambda_0$ achieves >100 Gbar

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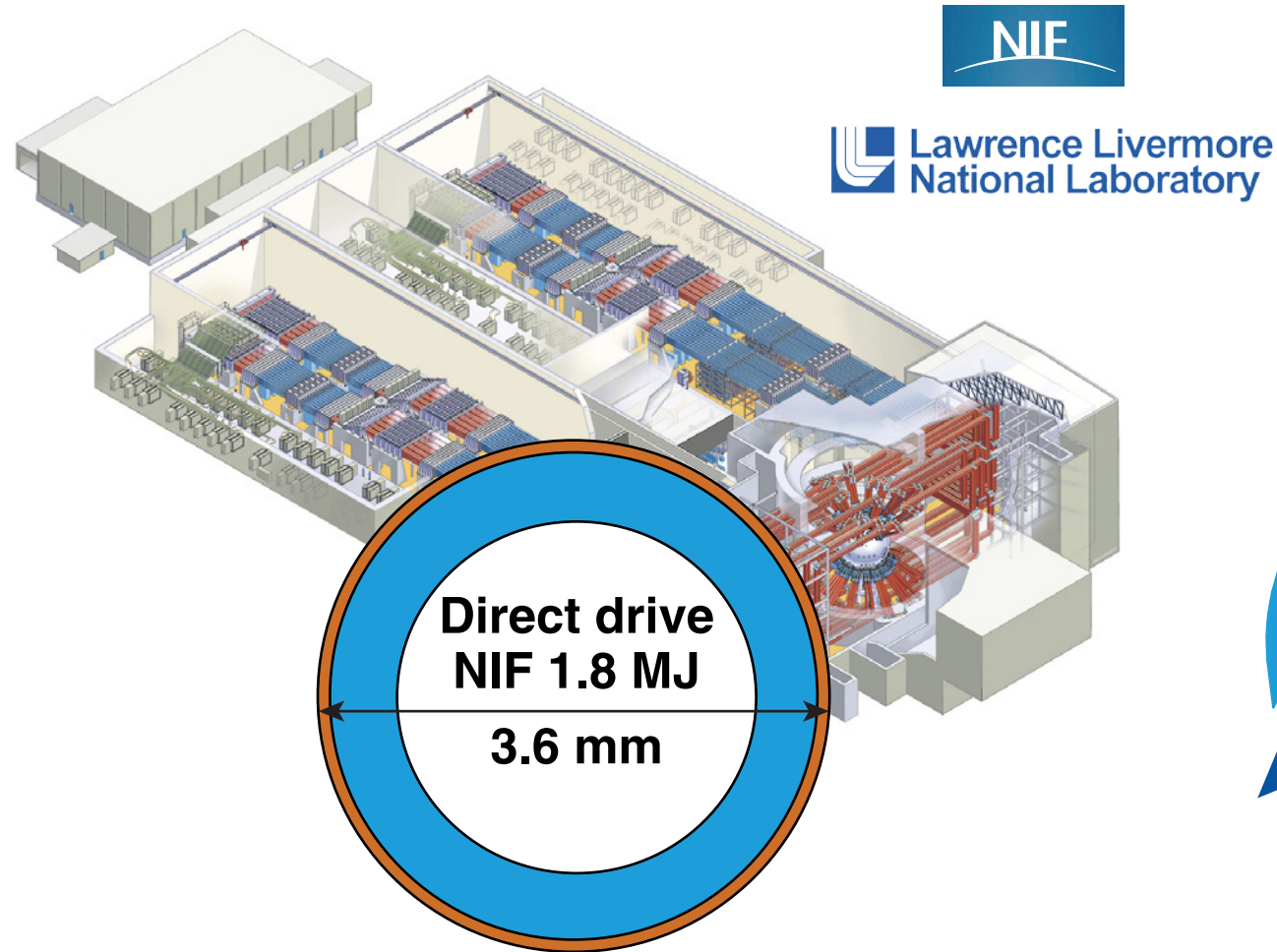
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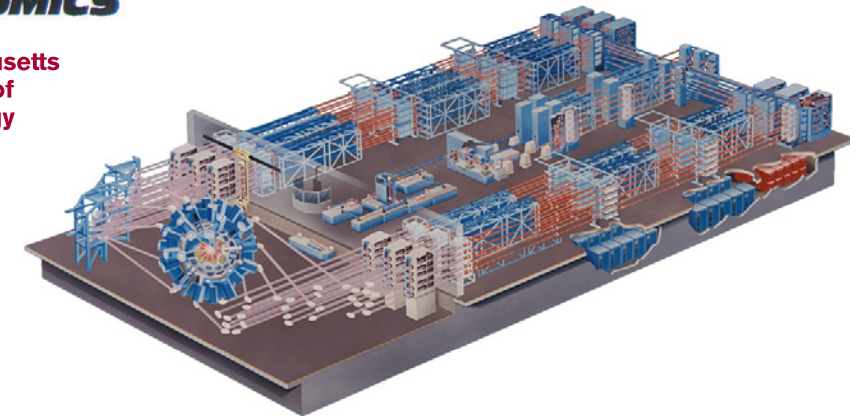


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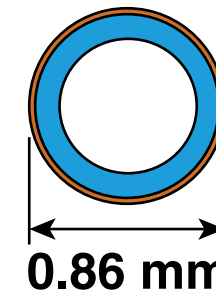
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Scale 1:70 in energy

OMEGA 26 kJ



- Laser energy coupling (e.g., $\Delta\lambda_0$)
- Imprint
- Preheat

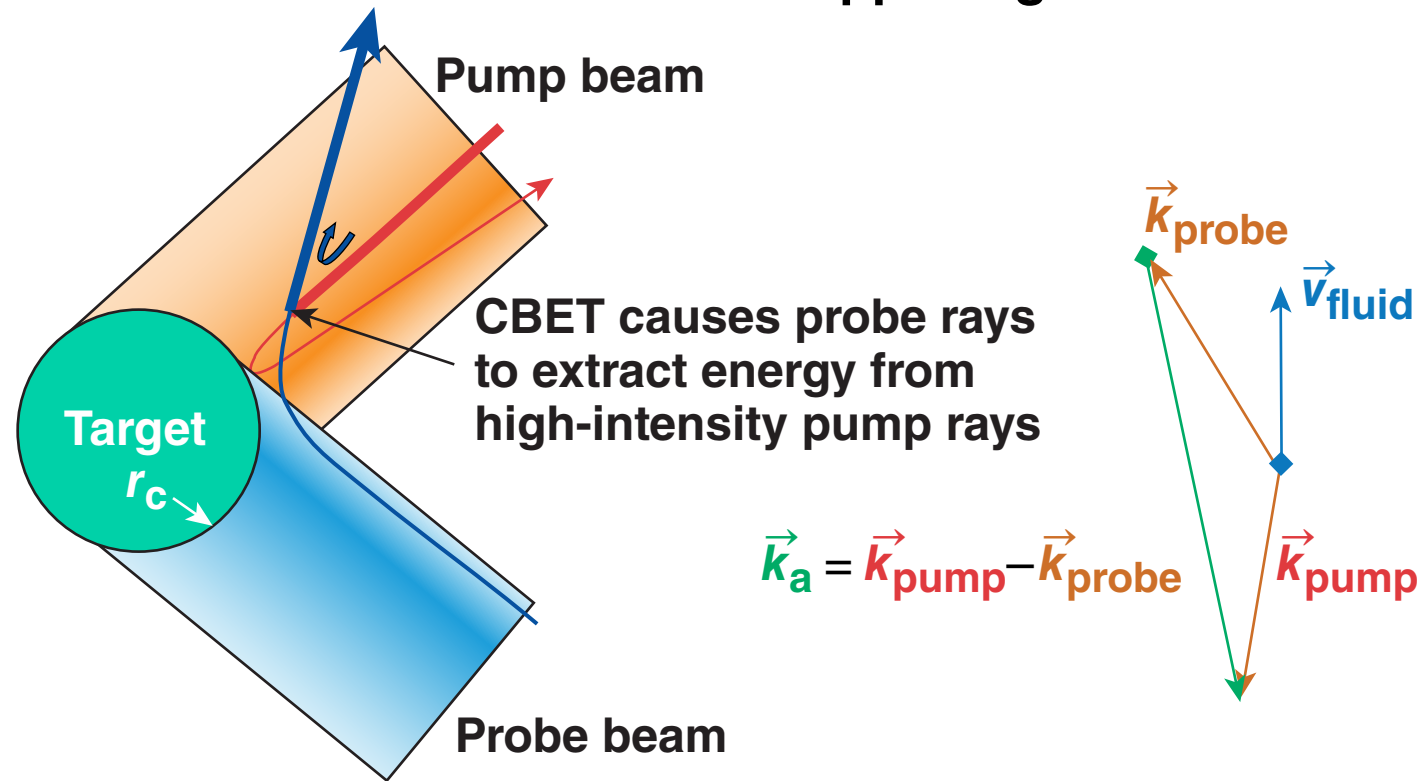
- Cryogenic implosions scaled from NIF ignition designs



*ICF: inertial confinement fusion

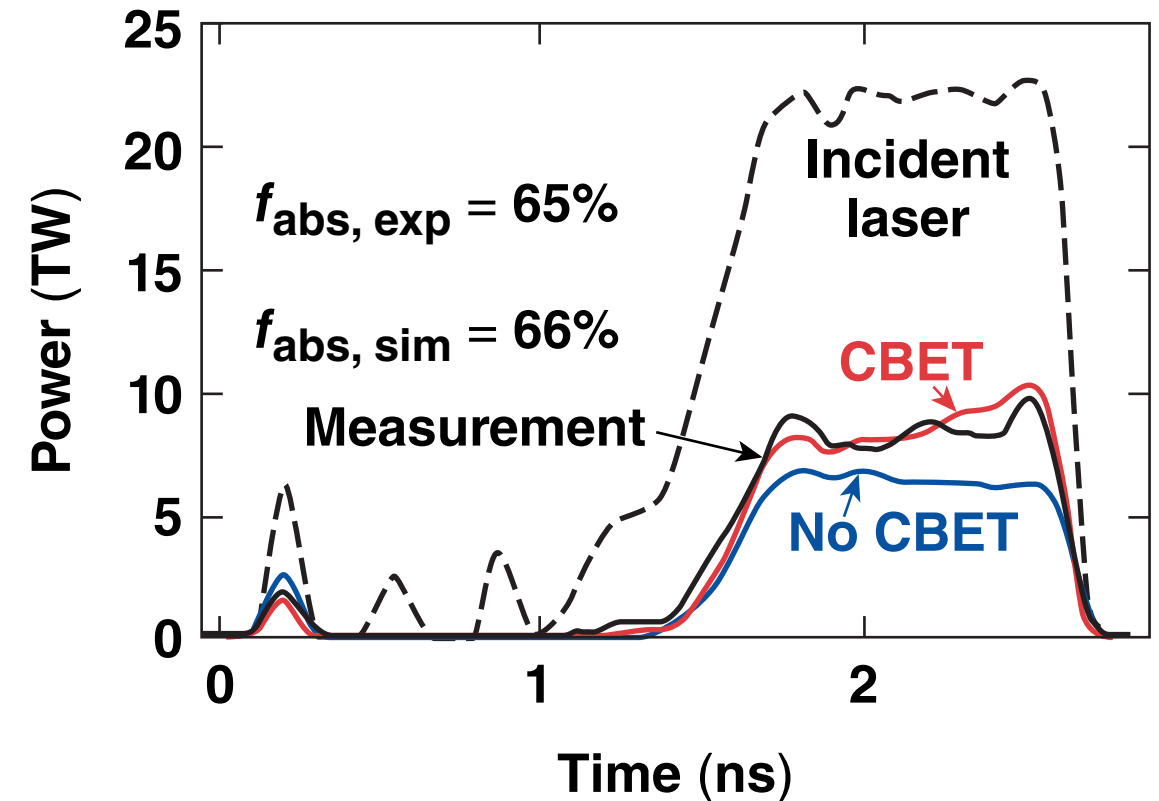
CBET losses are included in the modeling to agree with multiple experimental measures

The backscatter mode occurs for opposing beams



- The outbound ray always gains energy regardless of color ($\Delta\lambda_0 < | \pm 20 \text{ \AA UV} |$)
- Leads to shell nonuniformity; mitigation can correct

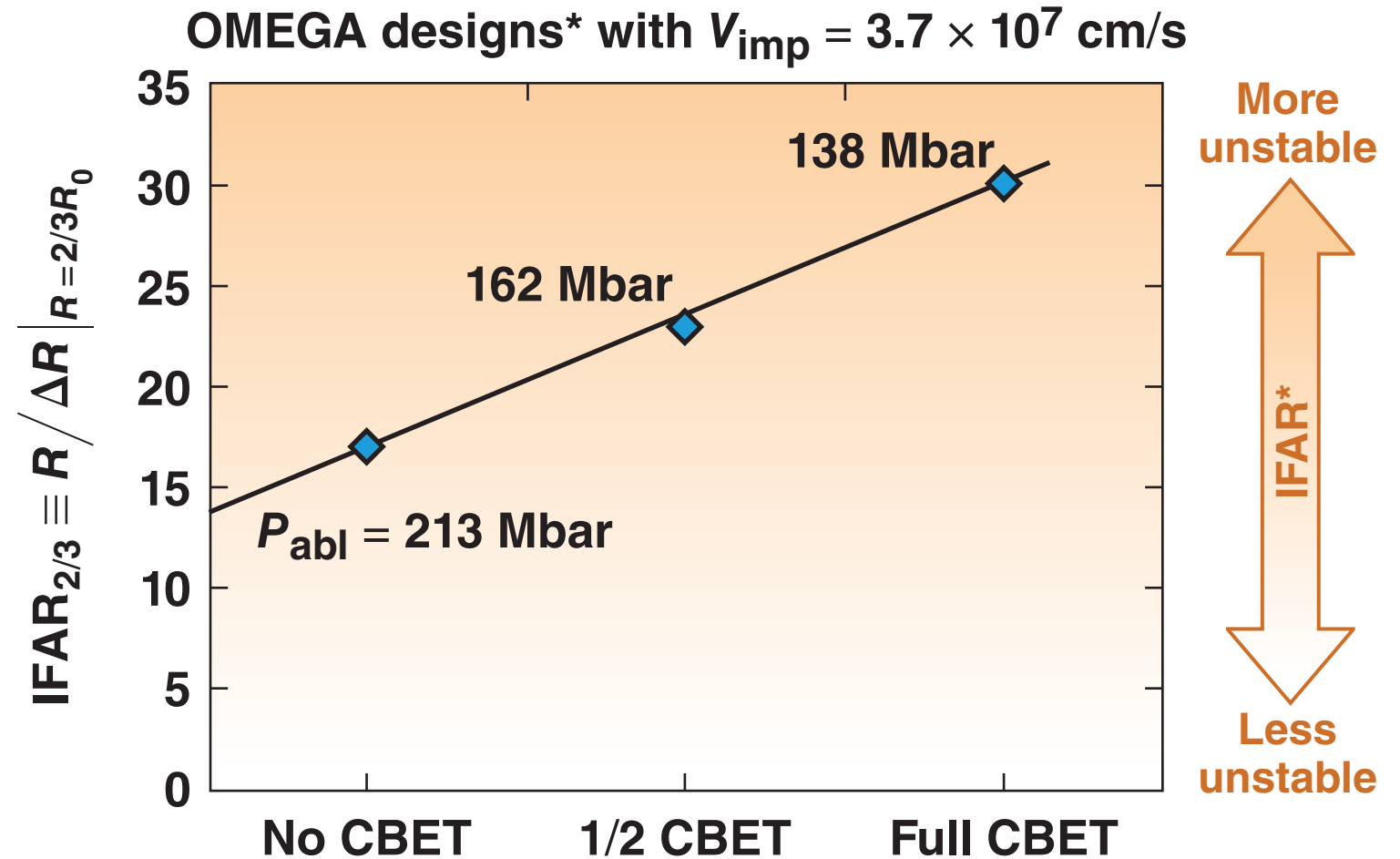
OMEGA experiment and simulation



- Measurement constraints: scattered light, shell trajectory, bang time, and shock timing

Mitigating CBET is important for high-yield, robust implosions

- Compensating for CBET losses by thinning the shell compromises its integrity
- CBET mitigation is the best option



V. N. Goncharov *et al.*, Phys. Plasmas **21**, 056315 (2014).
*IFAR: in-flight aspect ratio

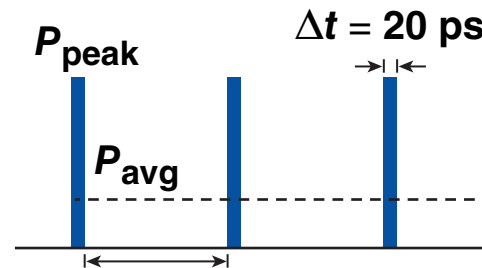
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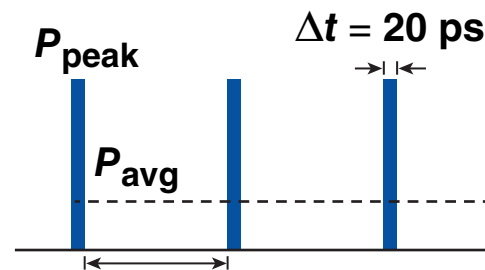
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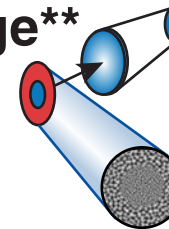
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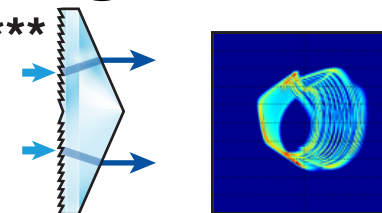
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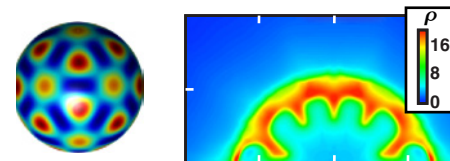


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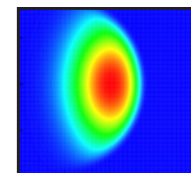


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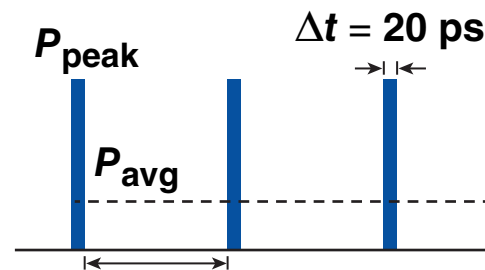
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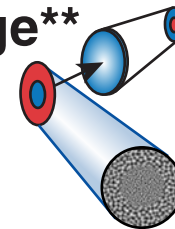
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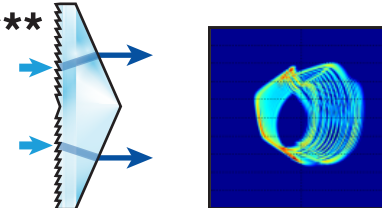
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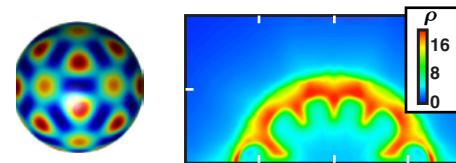


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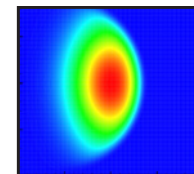


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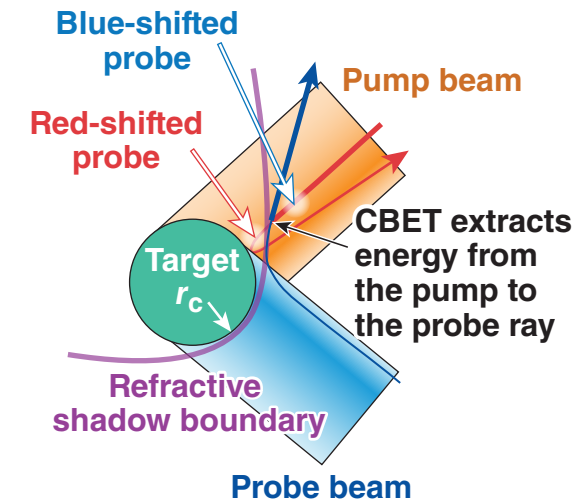


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- Spectral domain**

- wavelength detuning; $\Delta\lambda_0$



- wide bandwidth within each beam (e.g., SRRS‡)
- lower intensity per band and incoherence disrupts growth

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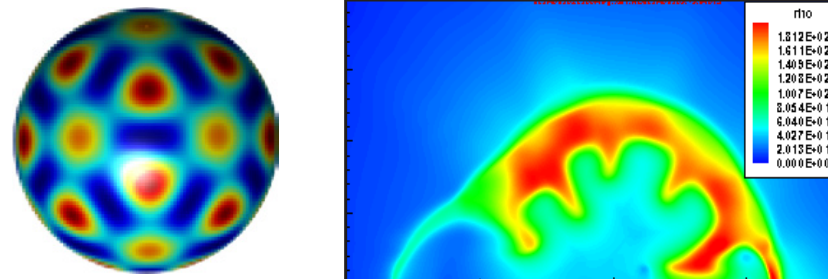
‡ SRRS: stimulated rotational Raman scattering;

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CBET mitigation is being explored on the NIF and OMEGA

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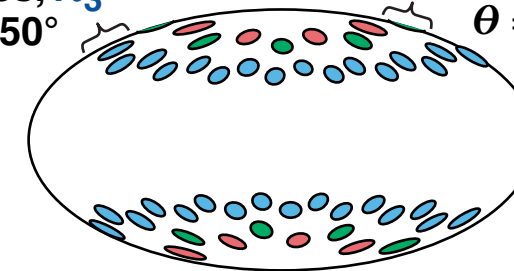
- OMEGA is planning to explore R75 distributed phase plates (DPP's)



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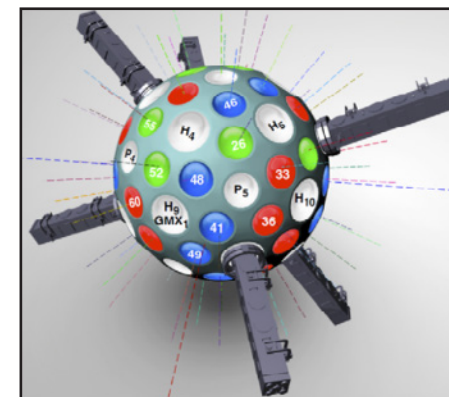
Outer cones, λ_3
 $\theta = 45^\circ, 50^\circ$ Inner cones, $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2\}$
 $\theta = 23^\circ, 30^\circ$



$$\Delta\lambda_0 = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3\}$$

- $\Delta\lambda_0 \sim \pm 6 \text{ \AA UV}$; great performance
- recent *LPSE* simulations indicated TPD* mitigation

- OMEGA's three-legged layout could be modified to support wavelength detuning

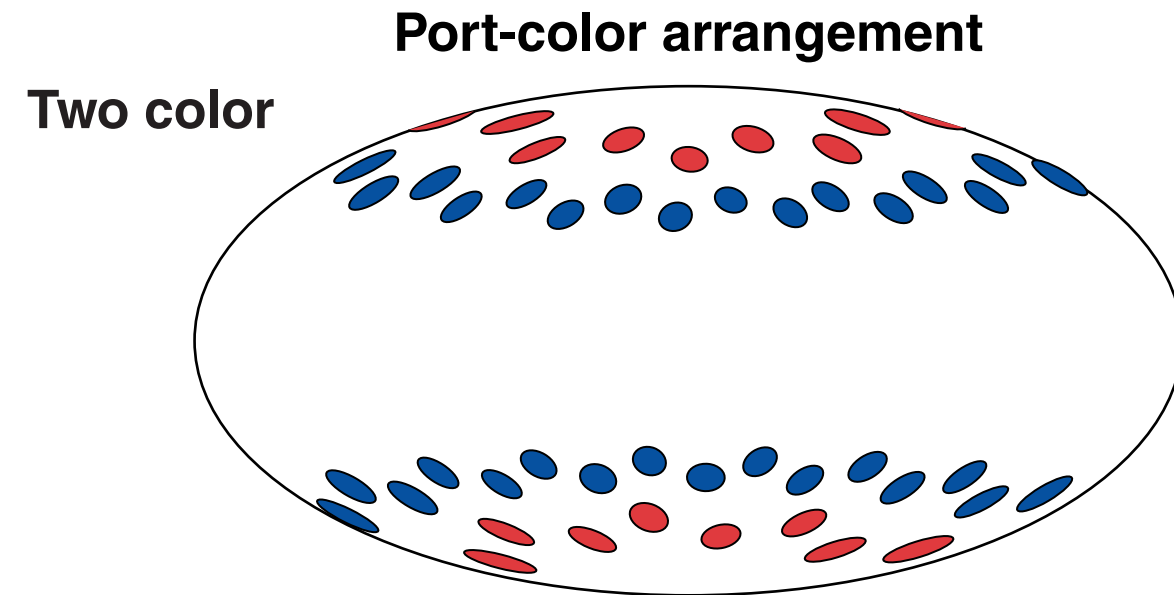


*TPD: two-plasmon decay

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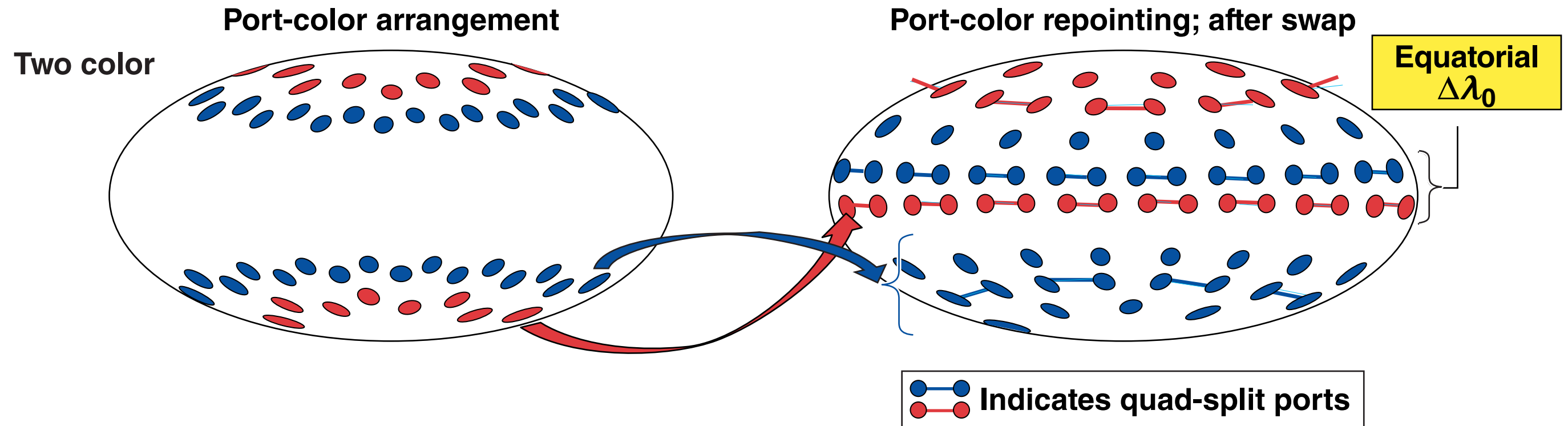
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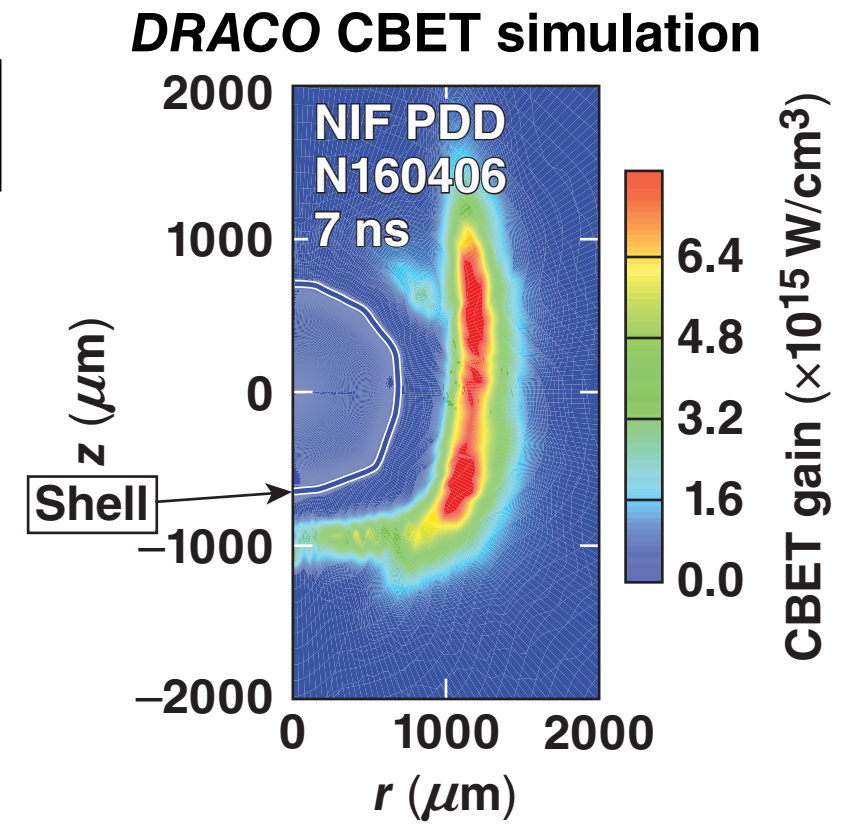
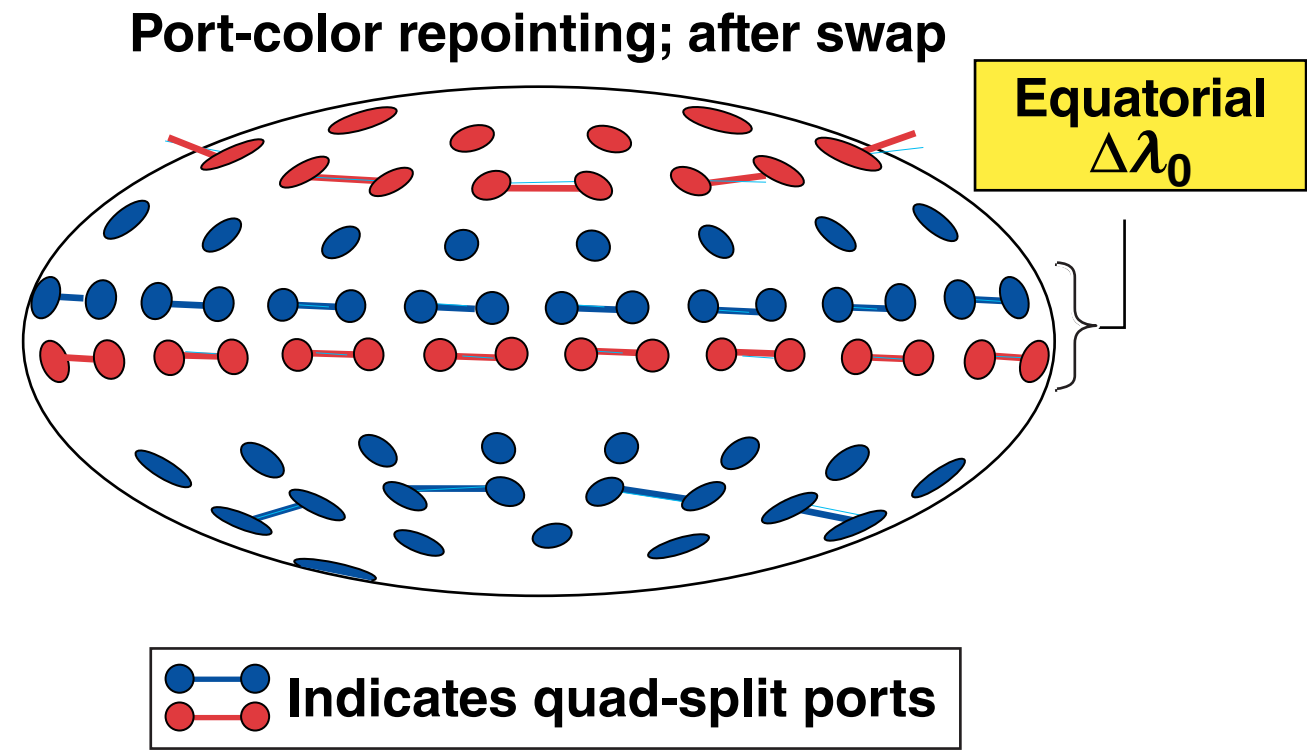
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The equatorial wavelength difference concentrates CBET mitigation in the region dominated by losses



CBET mitigation in PDD predominantly affects the equatorial region.

- Cone-swapping leads to an asymmetric configuration
 - remapping the fiber front end alleviates this constraint

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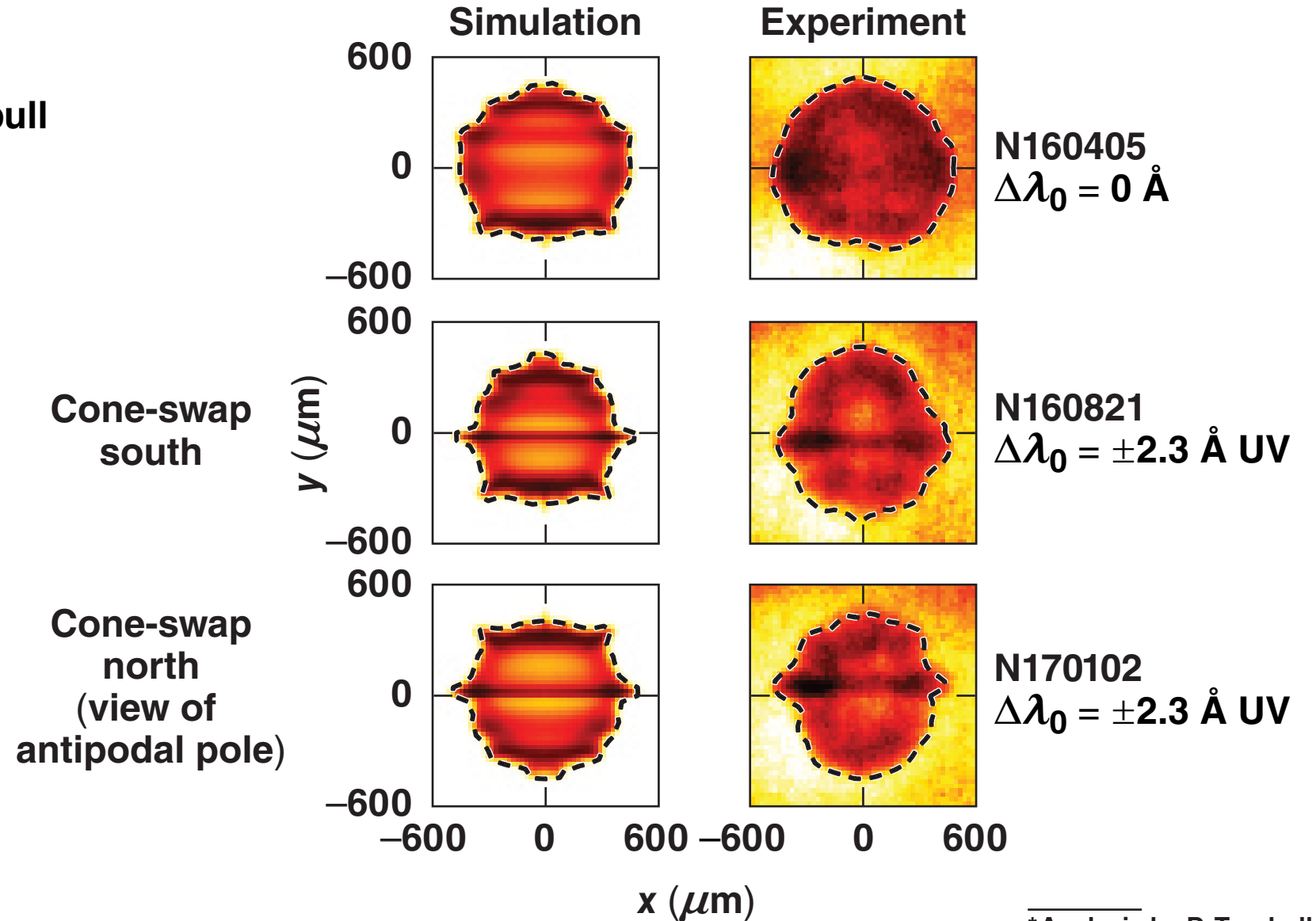
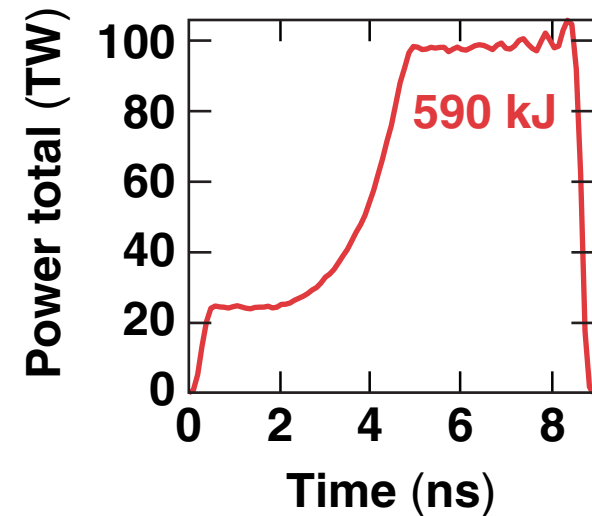
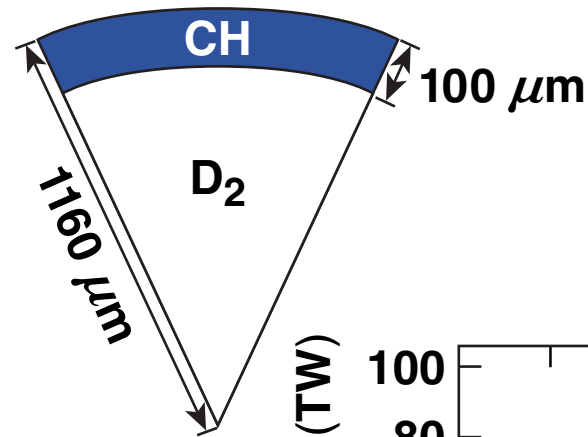
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NIF Equatorial $\Delta\lambda_0$ Campaign:

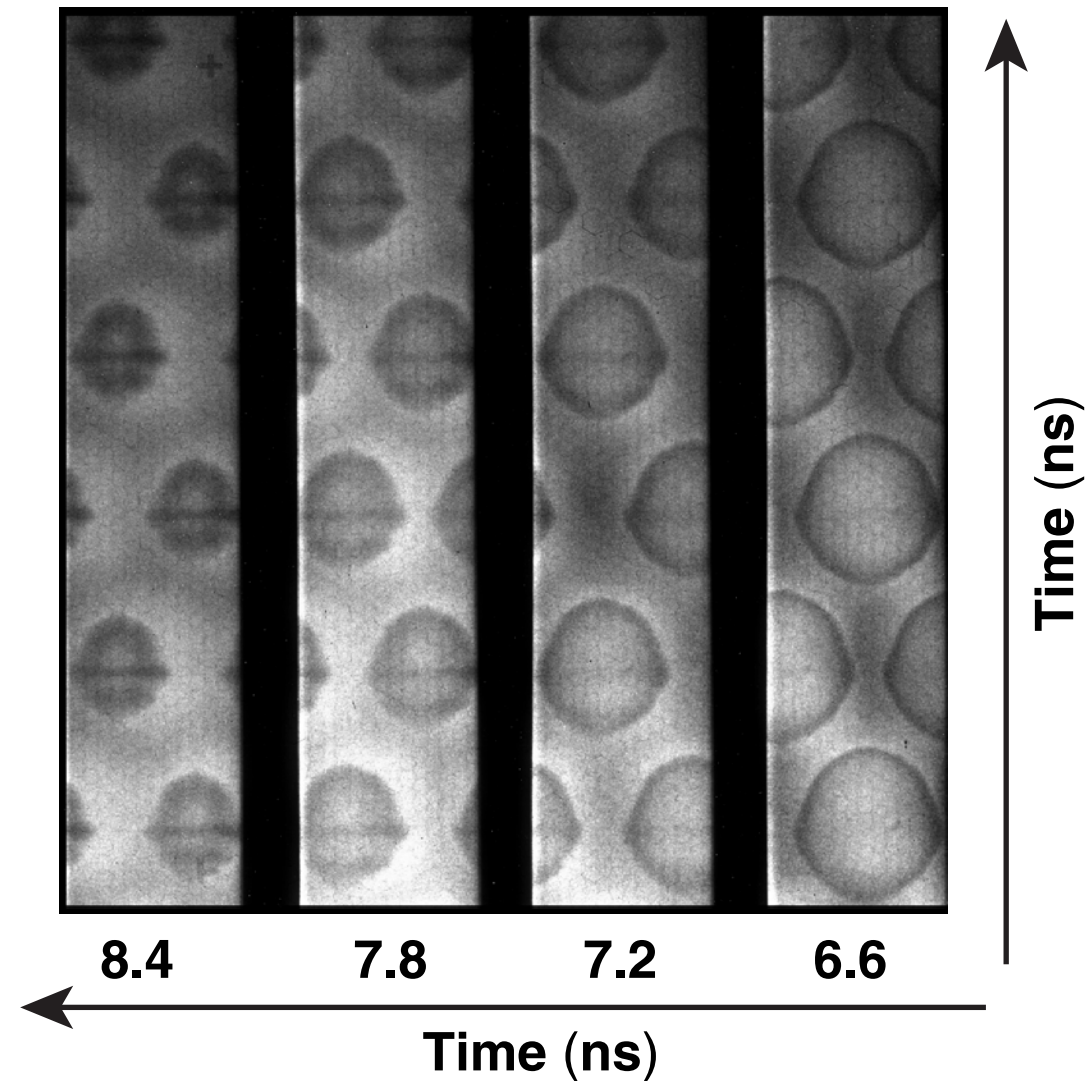
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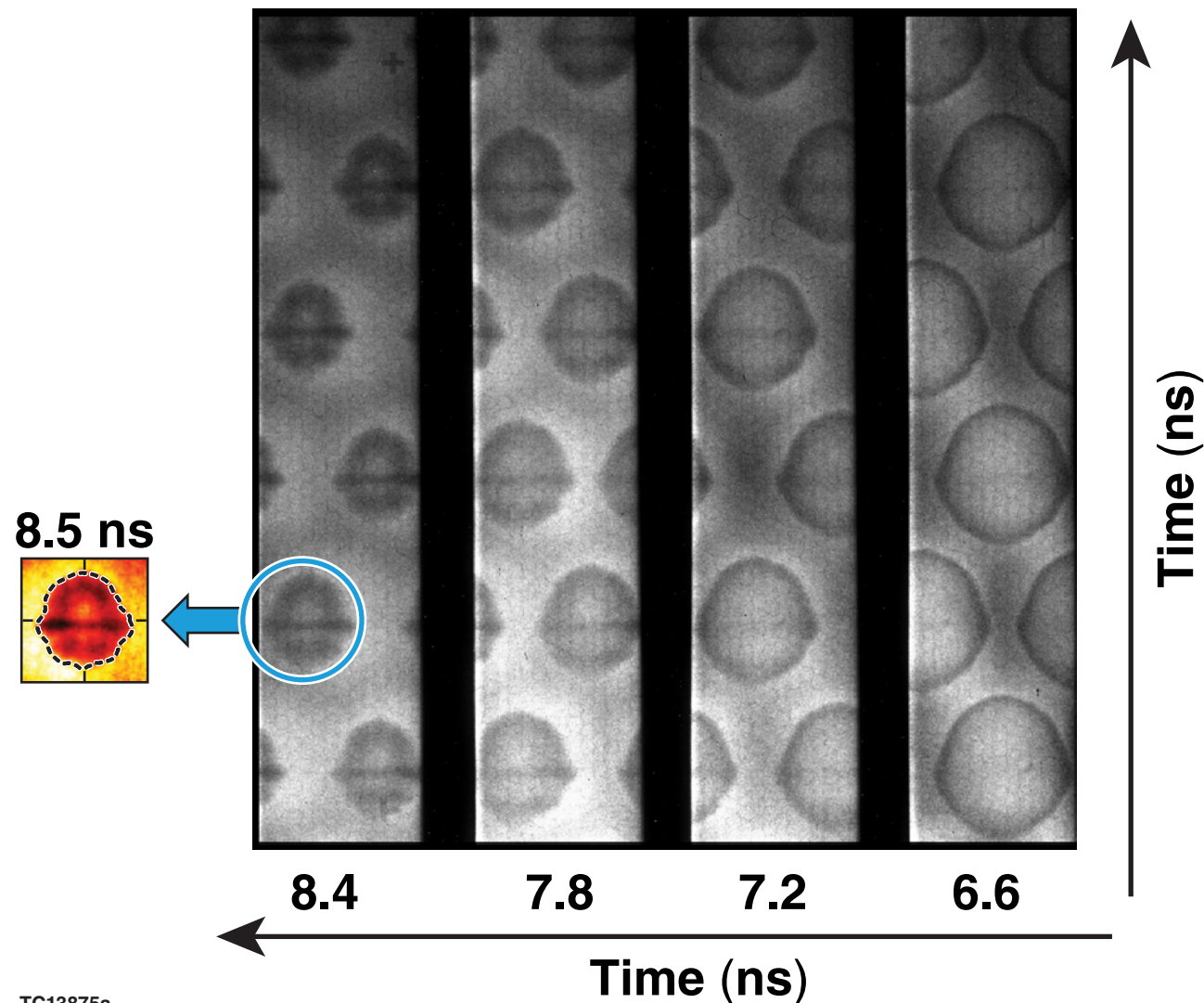
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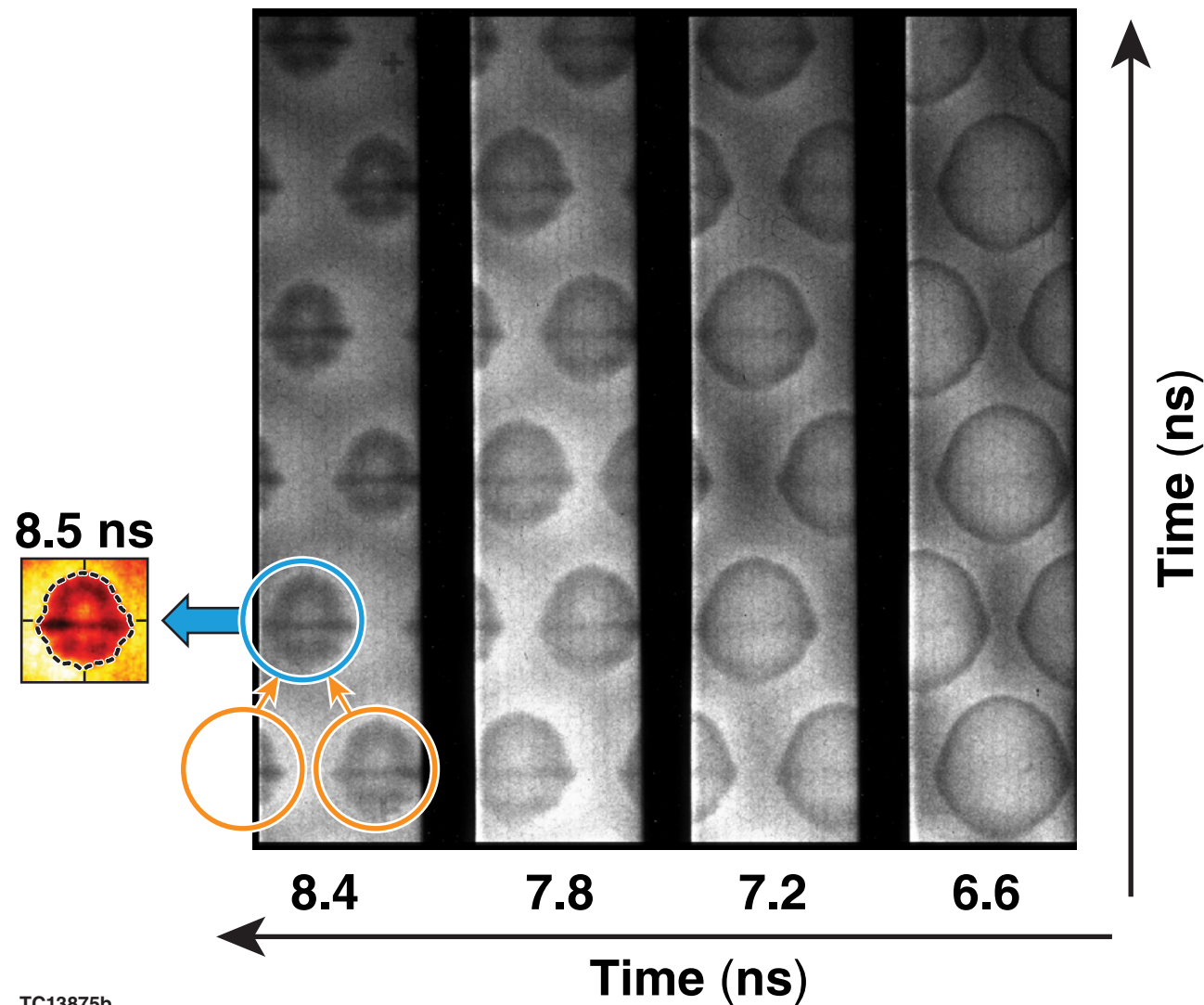
- Each whole image is post-processed to extract the shell



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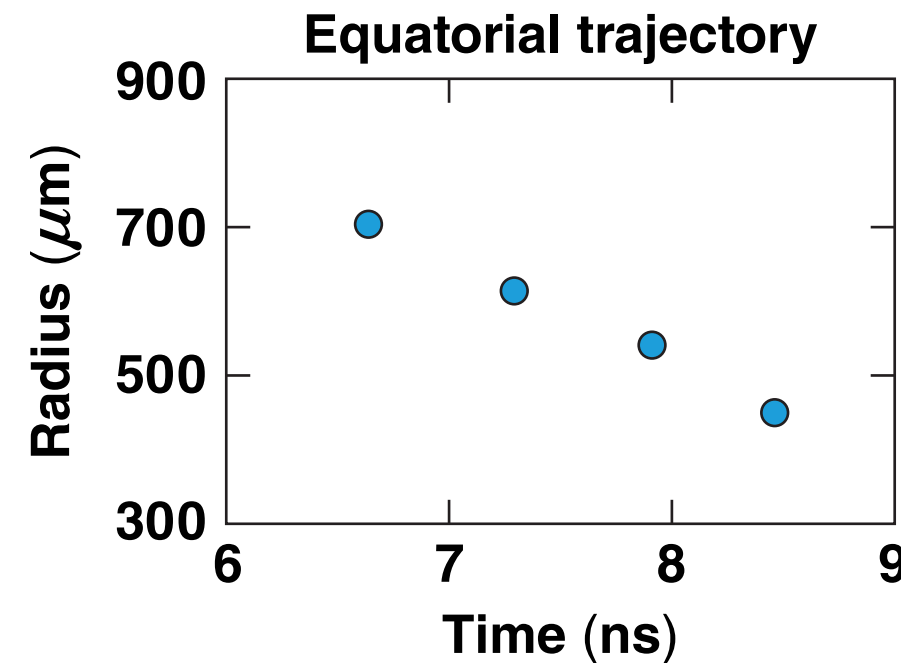
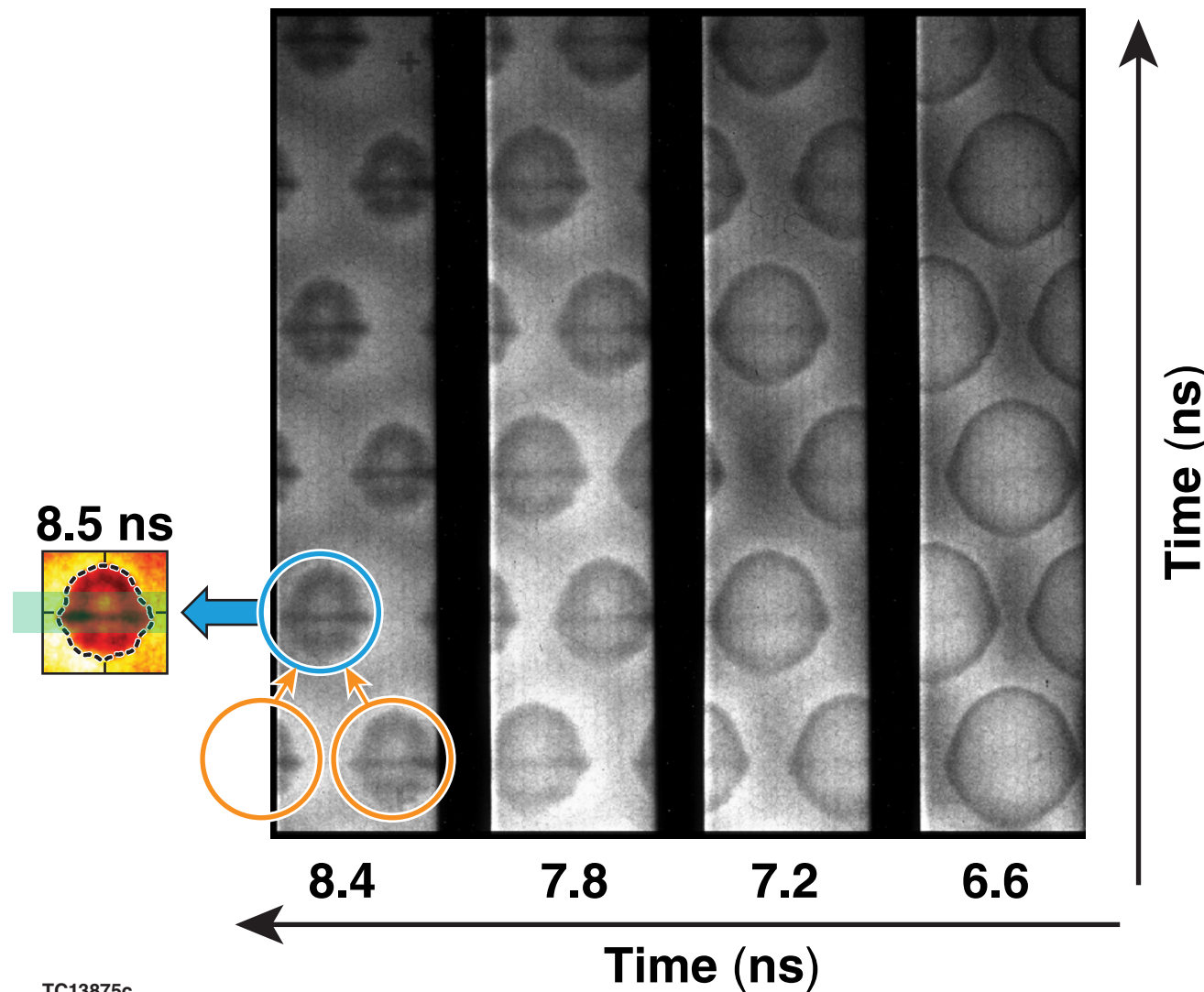
- Can be combined with nearest-neighbor partial images to enhance the signal-to-noise ratio



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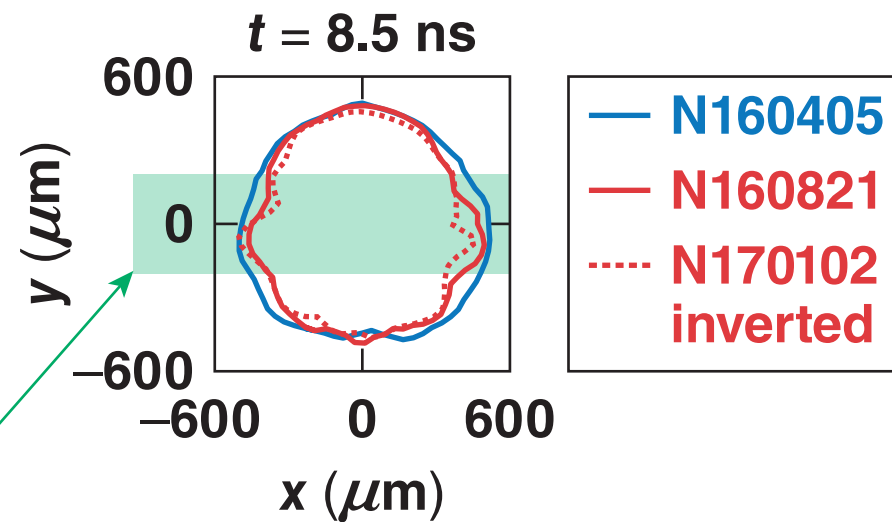
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- A trajectory is then inferred by plotting the surface-weighted radial average

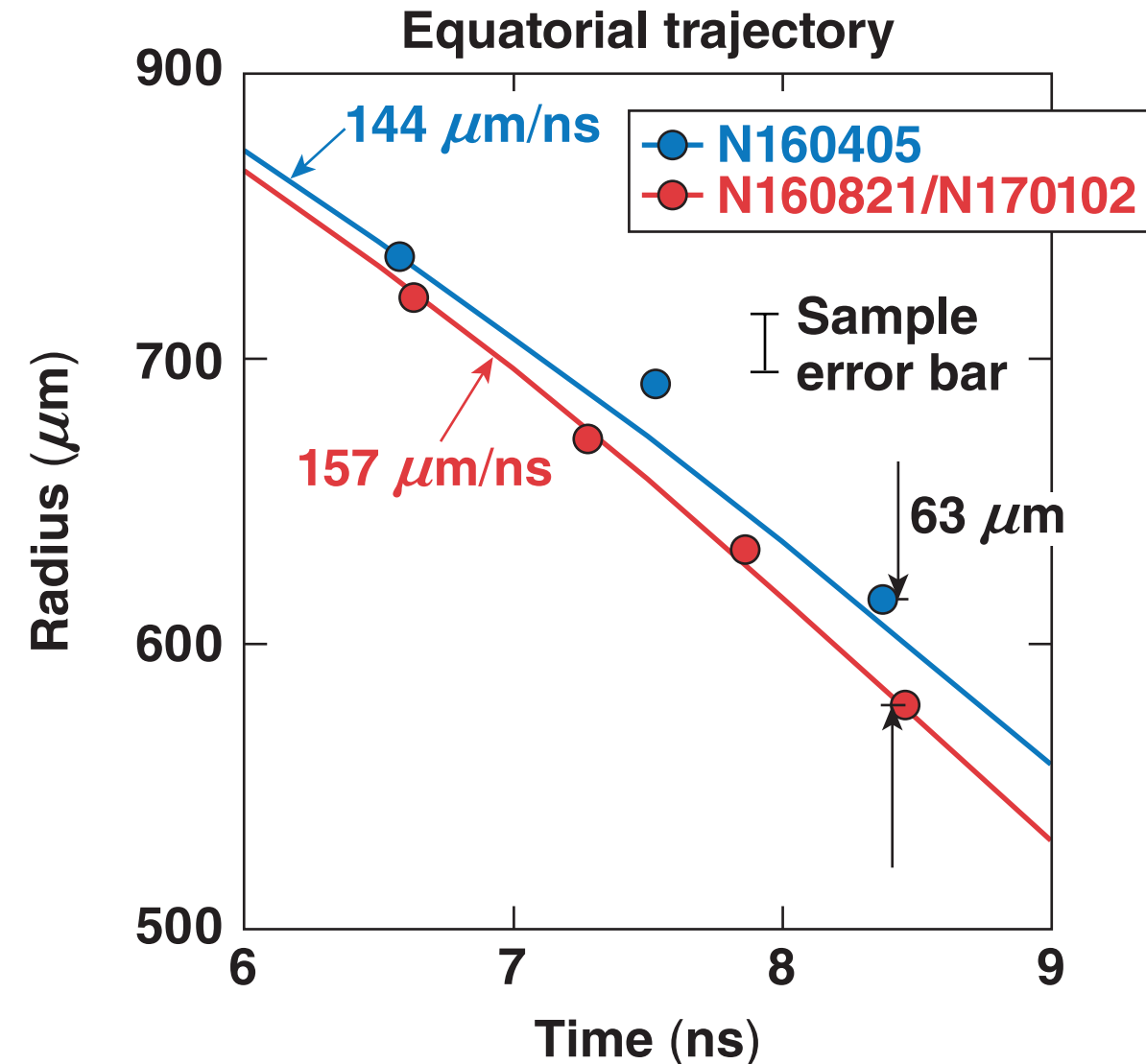


Improved equatorial coupling from wavelength detuning is inferred from gated radiographs

- The predicted and measured trajectories* show the expected faster implosion speeds near the equator



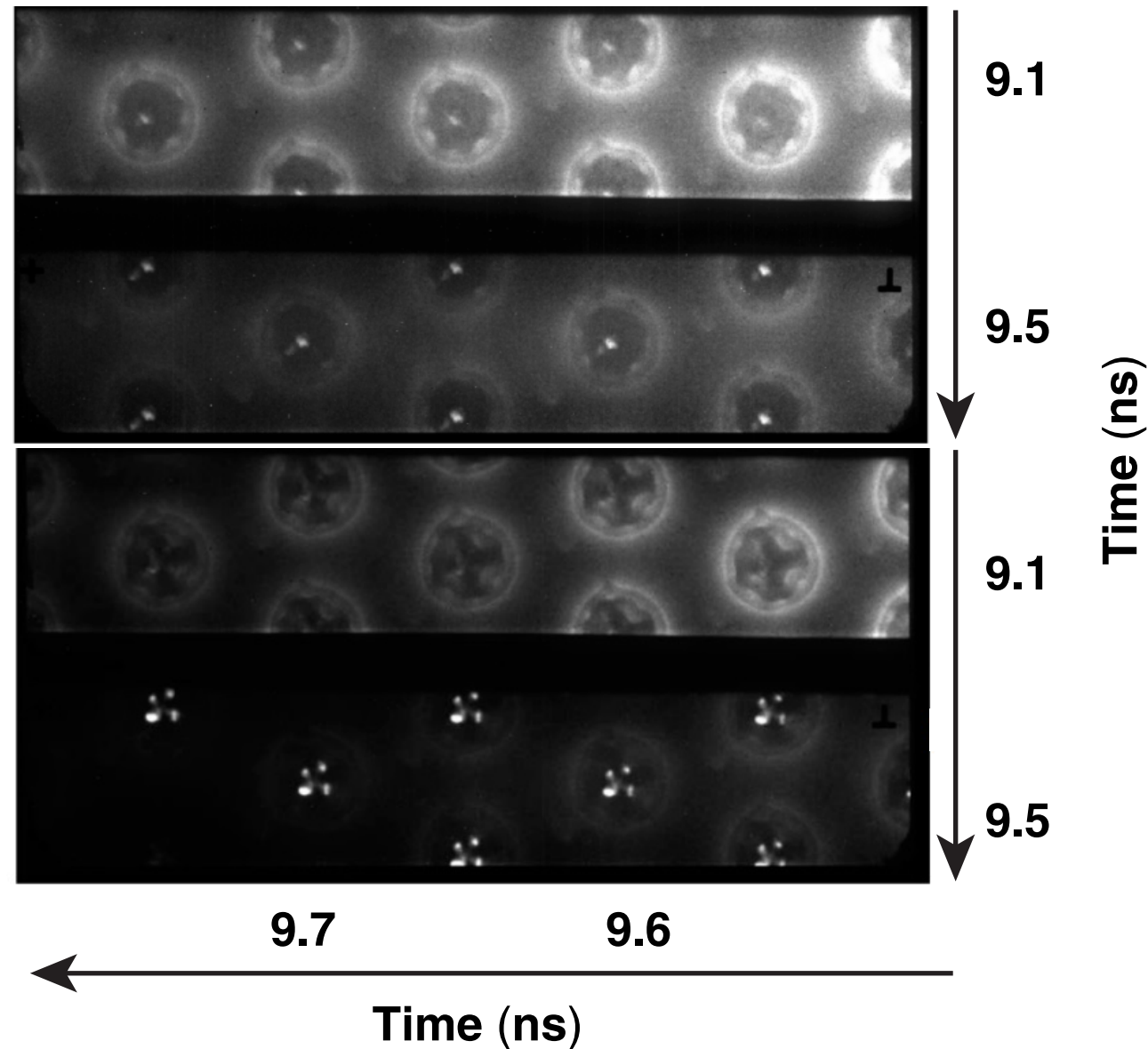
The surface-weighted average $\pm 15^\circ$ defines the equatorial trajectory



The polar self-emission measurements of the cone-swapping $\Delta\lambda_0$ experiments showed late-time core emission and $m = 4$ and 8 ring structures

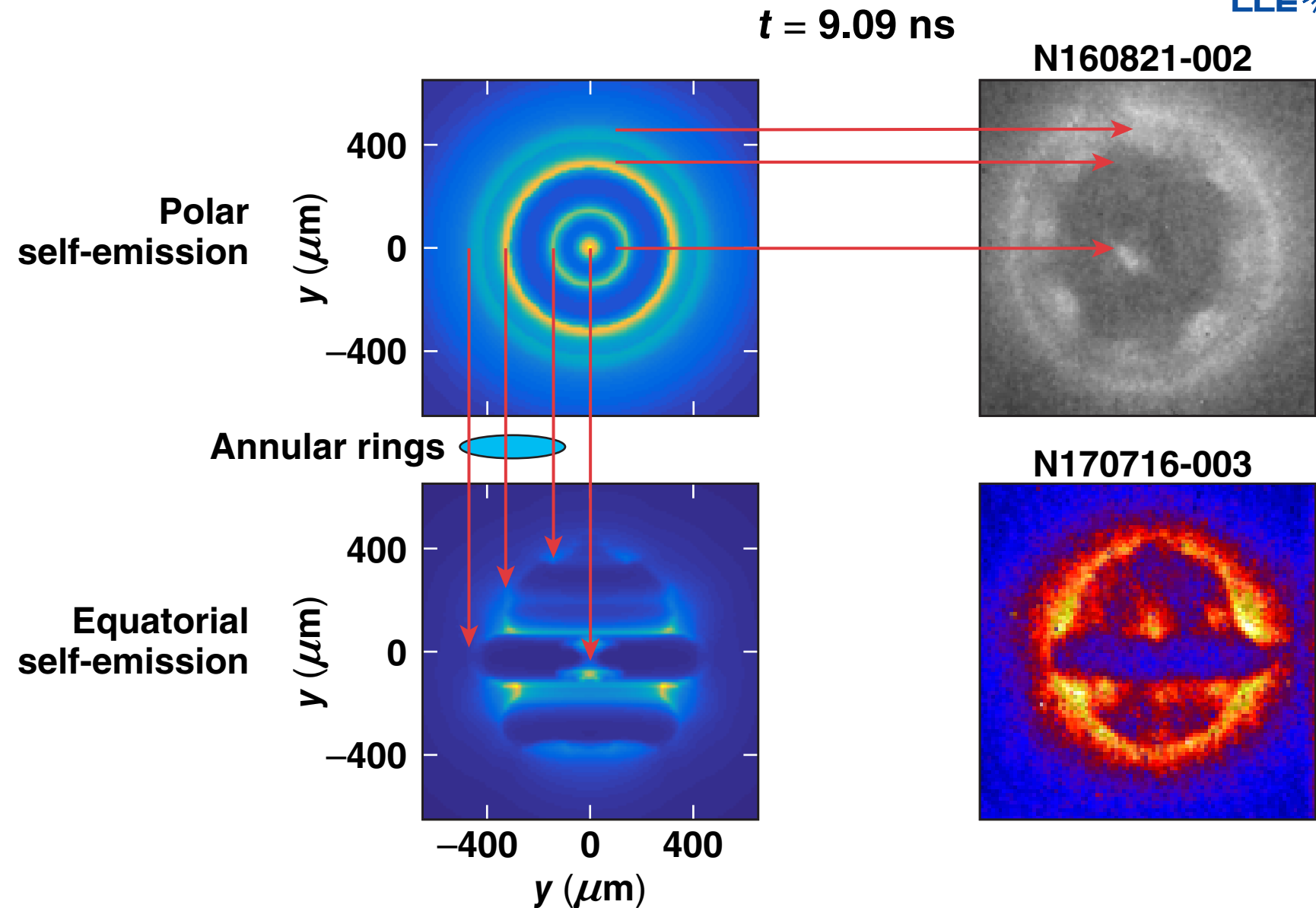
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(northern hemisphere cone swapping)

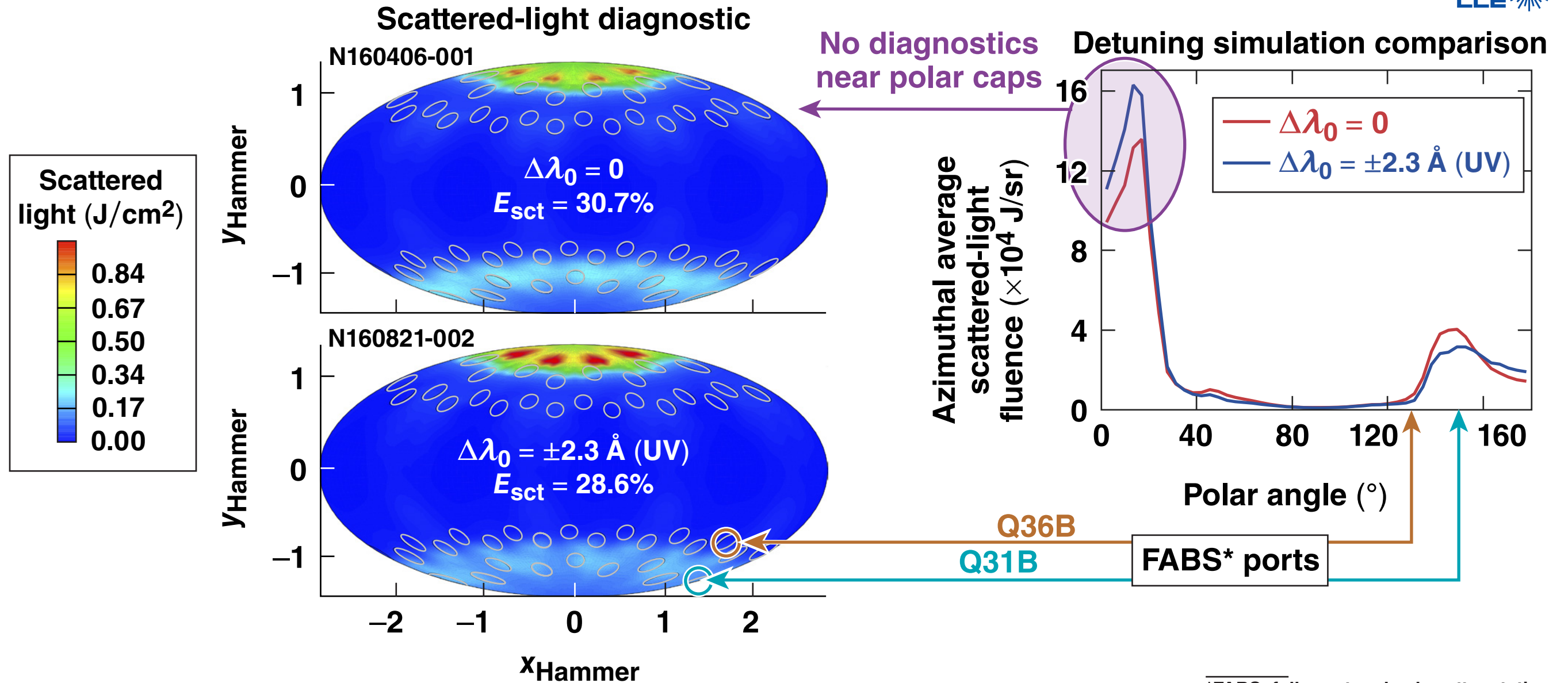


The source of the polar self-emission structure is reproduced in *DRACO* simulations

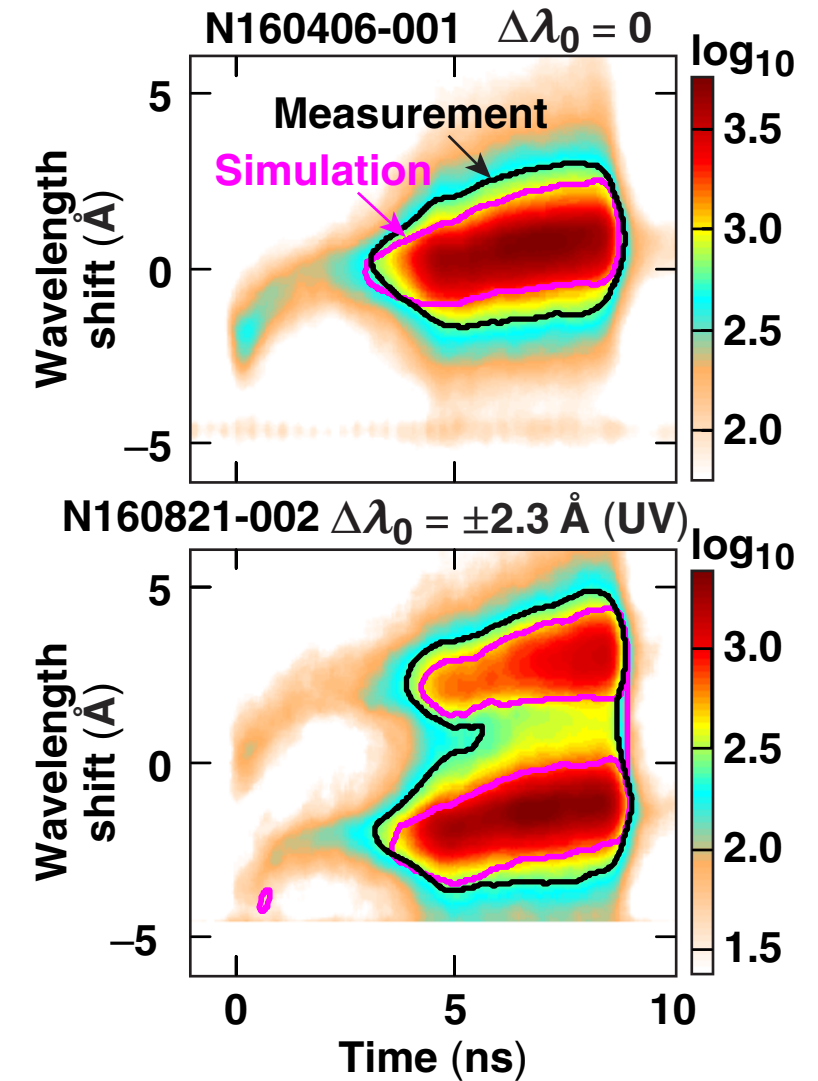
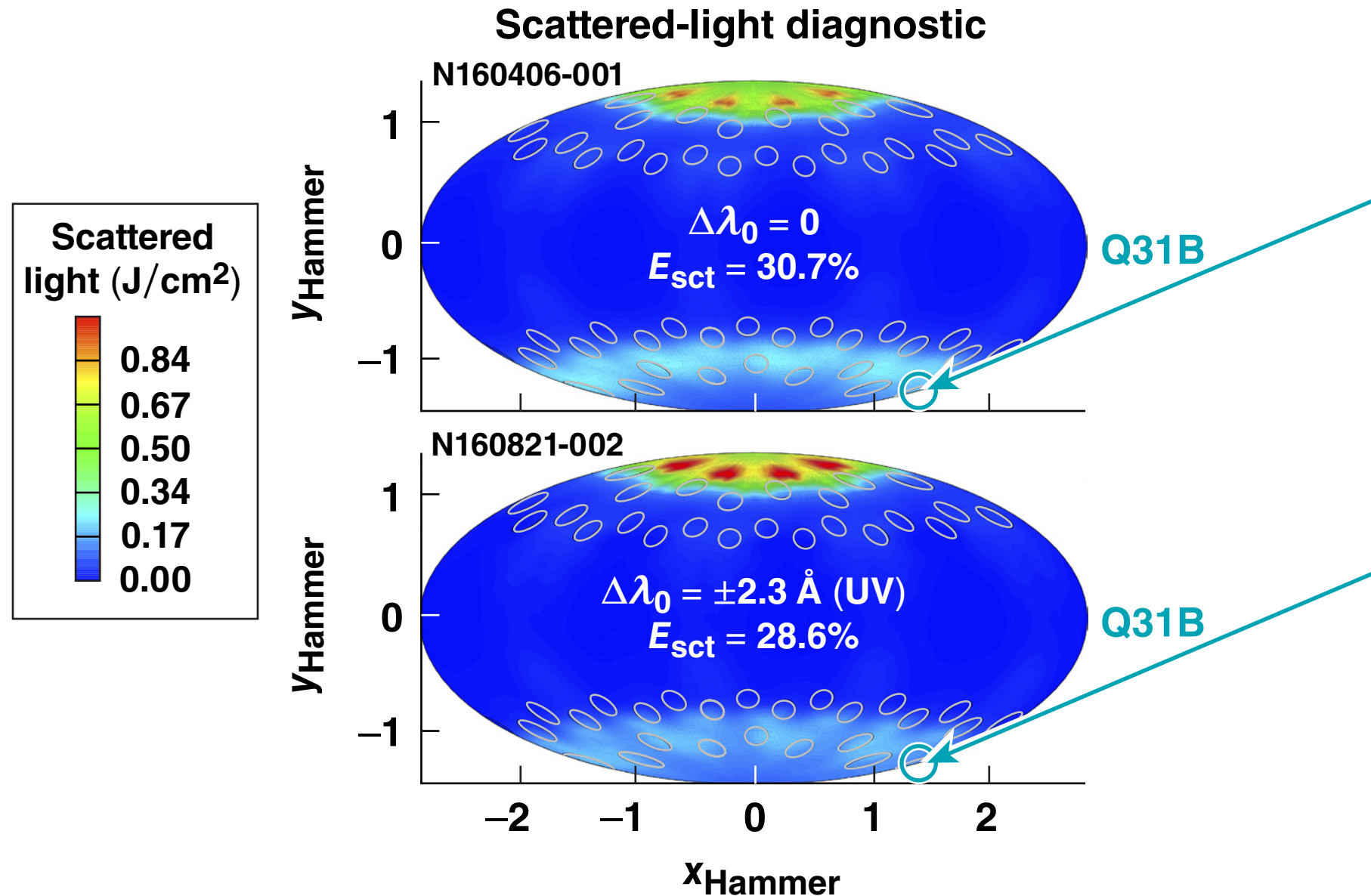
- The self-emitting sources in the equatorial view map onto rings in 2-D *DRACO*
- These 2-D rings map onto the four- and eightfold ring structure in the measurements
- The 3-D *HYDRA* hydrocode will be used to investigate this further



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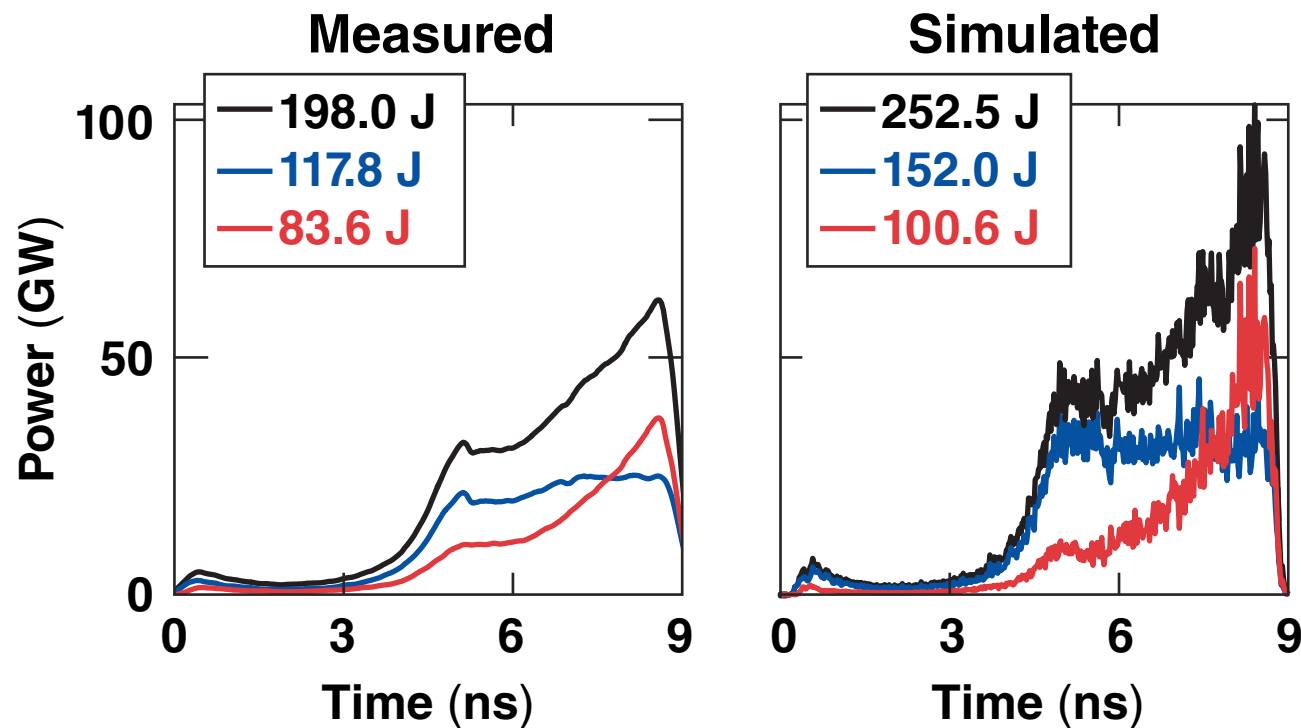
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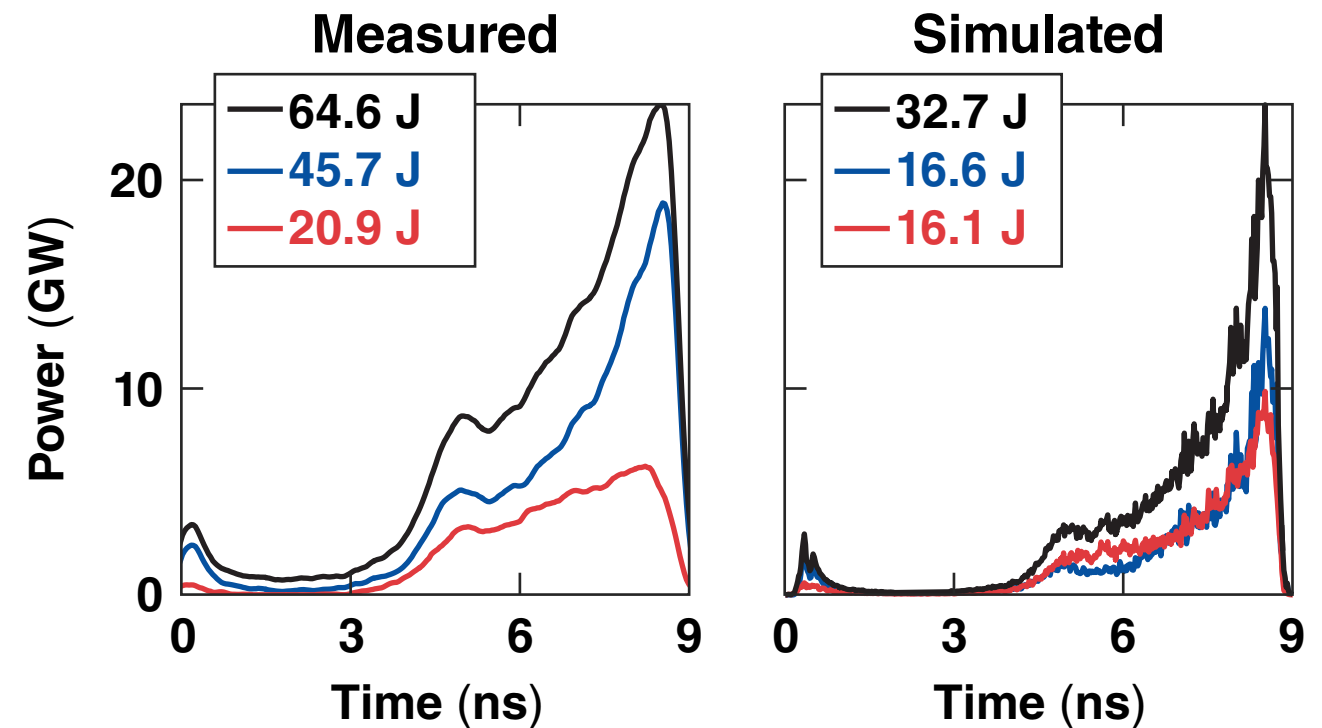
- Contours are at 10% of peak for measurement and simulation

The integrated scattered-light data show some qualitative agreements with simulations for $\Delta\lambda_0$ shot N160821-002

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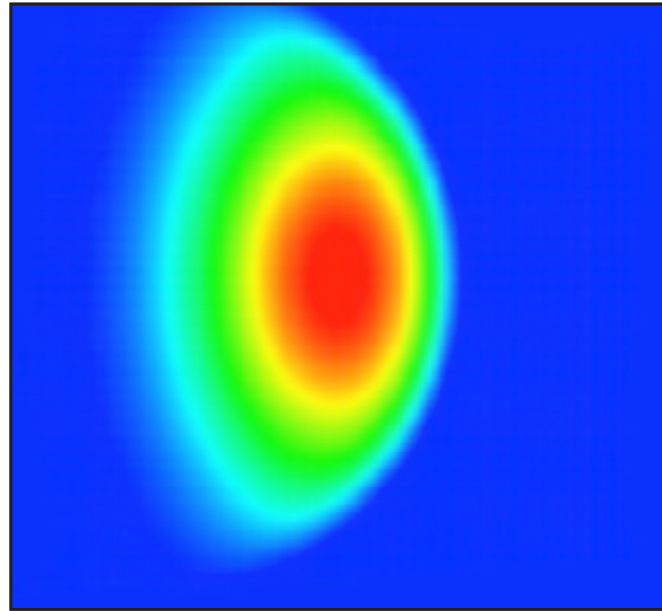


- Adding more diagnostic ports would help resolve these discrepancies

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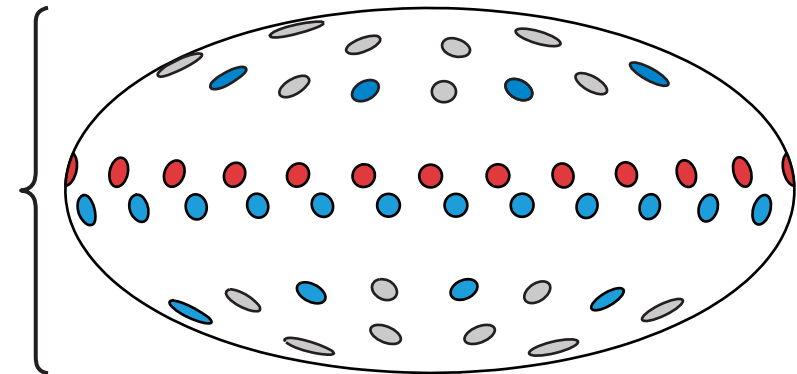
Additional capabilities on the NIF improve PDD target-energy coupling according to simulations



- **Optimized spot-masking apodization; SMA-DPP's**
 - tailored shape
 - improves energy efficiency
 - improves uniformity
 - minimize over-the-horizon energy
 - CBET reduction

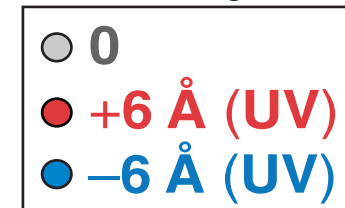
- **Flexible color to port mapping**
 - fiber front end

Balanced tricolor

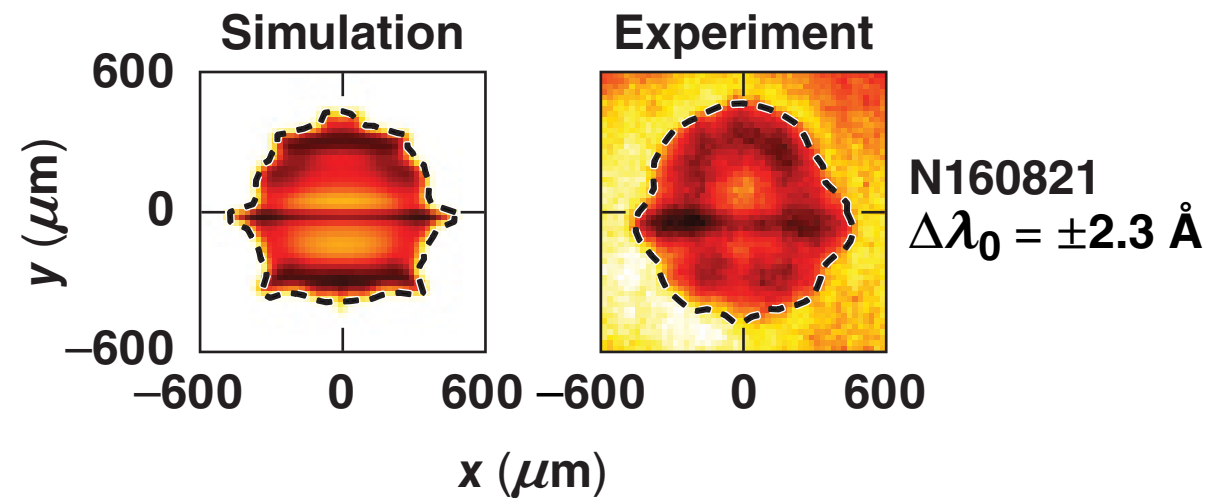


- **Increased $\Delta\lambda_0$ range improves coupling**
 - armor-glass clips
 - polarization rotation

$\Delta\lambda_0$

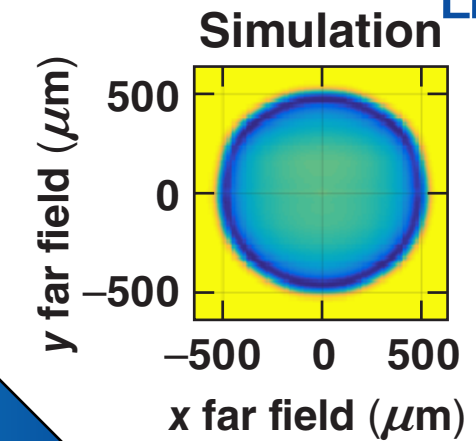
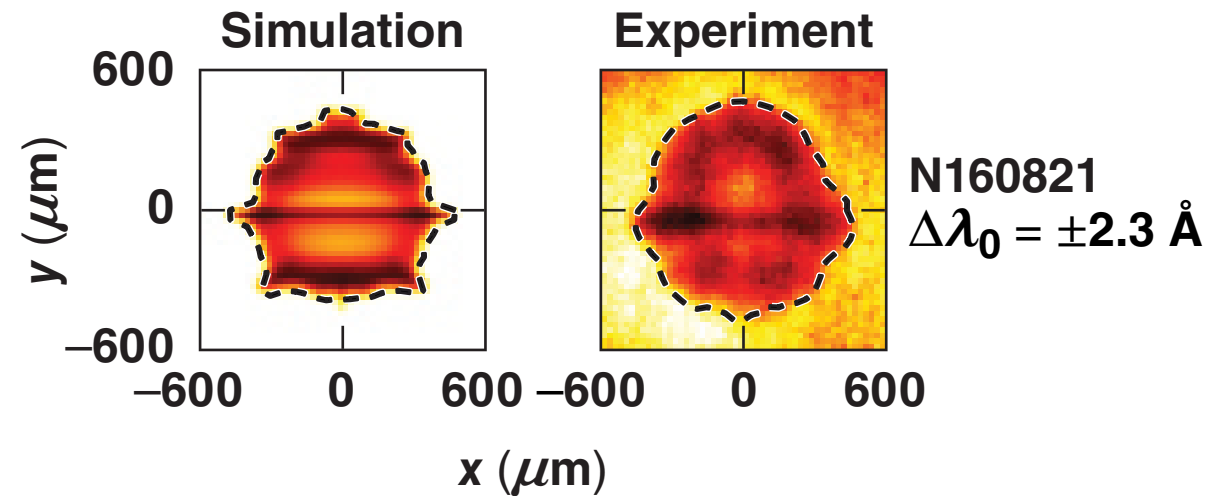


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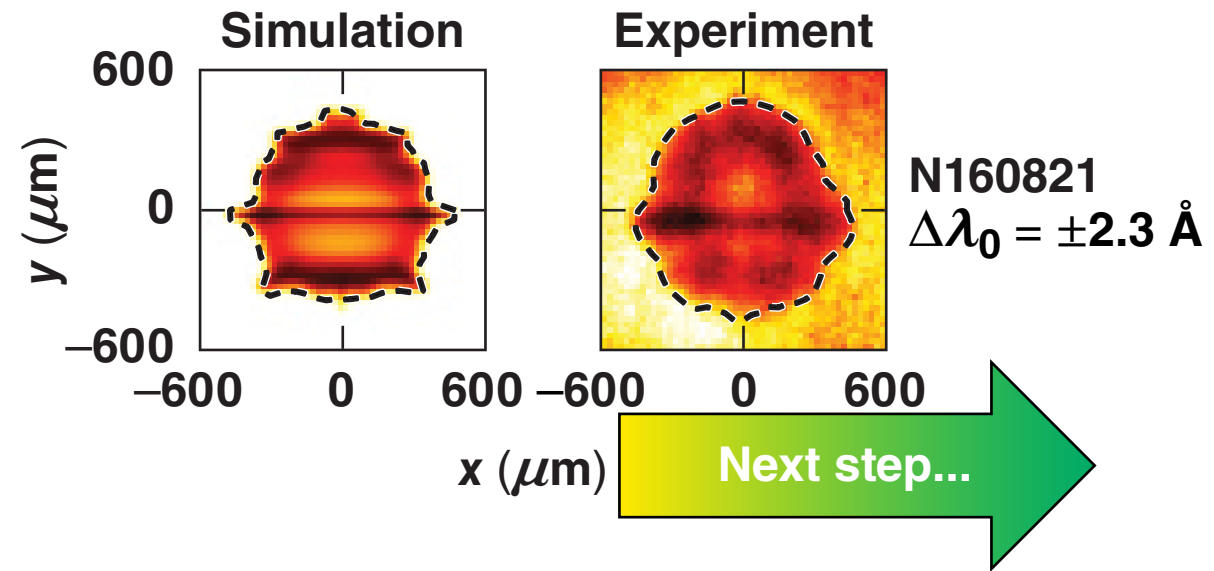
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- The iPDD* design demonstrates the benefits of all improvements
 - optimized SMA spots; all ports
 - large color separation with balanced tricolor;
 $\Delta\lambda_0 = \{-6, 0, 6\} \text{ \AA}$, UV
 - flexible color-to-port mapping
- Achieved high convergence, yields, and uniformity for a triple-picket pulse

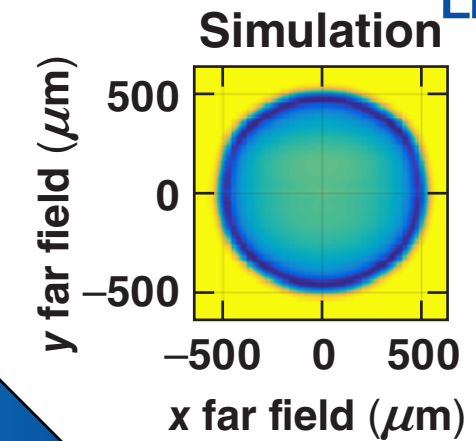
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Proposal:
improve symmetry
with SMA spots

Beyond 2020...



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 - improve shell uniformity
 - higher convergence
 - rounder shells and hot spots
- Populating the 16 quads repointed to the equator
 - demonstrates improvements
- Swapping current DPP's would also help

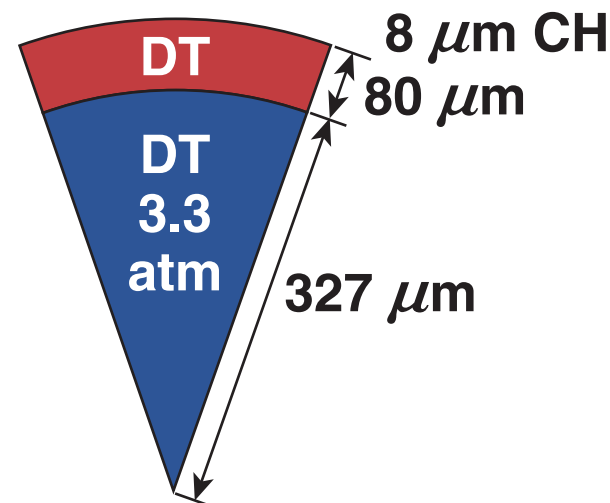
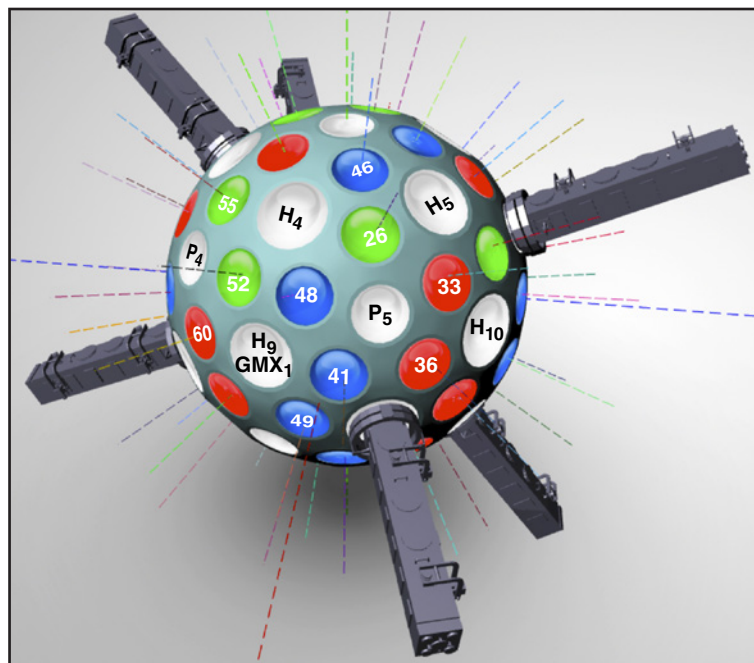
- The iPDD* design demonstrates the benefits of all improvements
 - optimized SMA spots; all ports
 - large color separation with balanced tricolor; $\Delta\lambda_0 = \{-6, 0, 6\}$ Å, UV
 - flexible color-to-port mapping
- Achieved high convergence, yields and uniformity for a triple-picket pulse

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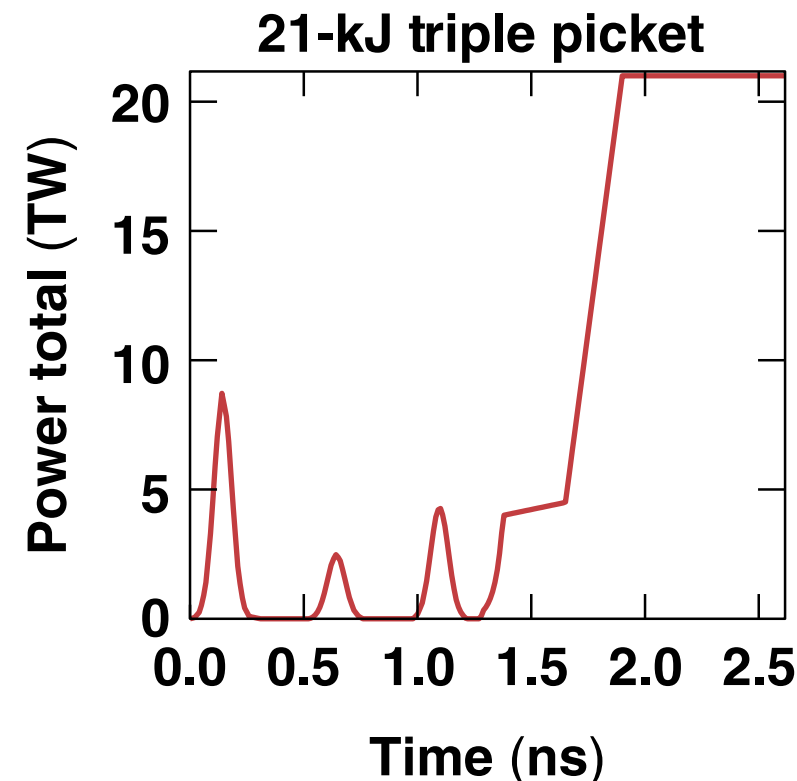
Wavelength detuning CBET mitigation scheme for direct-drive

- CBET overview
- CBET mitigation schemes
- Wavelength detuning ($\Delta\lambda_0$) on the NIF
 - experimental results
 - next steps
- **Wavelength detuning ($\Delta\lambda_0$) on OMEGA**

Simulations predict that combining $\Delta\lambda_0$ and SMA-DPP's achieves >100 Gbar with good shell uniformity on OMEGA cryo



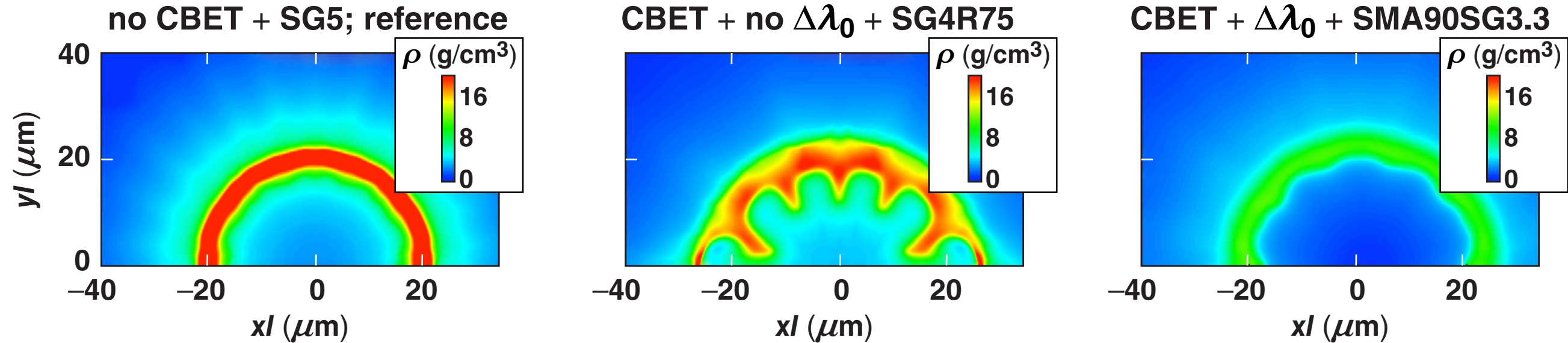
Full system energy, ~26 kJ, possible with laser-glass upgrades.



- OMEGA's three-legged layout could be modified to support wavelength detuning

- A tuned non-CBET simulation is employed as the reference to judge mitigation success
 - successful mitigation schemes converge to this reference run

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CBET bracket

A wavelength detuning ($\Delta\lambda_0$) cross-beam energy transfer (CBET) mitigation scheme improves coupling in direct drive

- Initial proof-of-principle $\Delta\lambda_0$ experiments on the NIF* successfully demonstrated CBET mitigation in polar direct drive (PDD)
 - the first $\Delta\lambda_0$ experiments measured changes in shape, shell trajectory, and scattered light as predicted by simulations
- The successful NIF $\Delta\lambda_0$ experiments lay the foundation for future improvements
 - larger $\Delta\lambda_0$, multiple wavelengths, flexible wavelength distribution, optimized spot shapes, larger targets, and lower adiabats
- Symmetric direct drive (SDD) on OMEGA benefits from $\Delta\lambda_0$
 - *DRACO* simulations indicate that $\Delta\lambda_0$ achieves >100 Gbar

The CBET effect is modeled by generalizing collinear interacting plane waves to include arbitrary incidence angles and polarization*

- The exponential CBET gain or loss factor is given by

$$d\tau_{\text{CBET}} = \zeta_{\text{pol}} \left[\frac{e^2}{c^3 m_e} \frac{n'_e}{1 - n'_e} \frac{\lambda_0 \langle Z \rangle}{\langle Z \rangle T_e + 3T_i} \right] \underbrace{P(\eta)}_{\text{ASR}} I_{\text{pump}} ds$$

$$P(\eta) = \frac{\eta v_a}{(\eta v_a)^2 + (1 - \eta^2)^2} \quad \text{Resonance function; } **$$

$P = \pm 1 / v_a$, when matched; i.e., $\eta = \pm 1$

$$\eta = \frac{(\omega_{\text{pump}} - \omega_{\text{probe}}) - \mathbf{k}_a \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\text{fluid}}}{|\mathbf{k}_a| c_a} \quad \text{Matching condition}$$

$$\begin{cases} \eta > 0; \text{ gain} \\ \eta < 0; \text{ loss} \end{cases}$$

- Random polarization ζ_{pol} is included using either a constant 1/2 factor or $1/4 \left\{ 1 + [\hat{\mathbf{k}}_{\text{pump}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{\text{probe}}]^2 \right\}^{***}$
- Probe energy is gained or lost as $E_0 [e^{d\tau_{\text{IB}^\dagger}} e^{d\tau_{\text{CBET}}} - 1]$ in a cell

*C. J. Randall, J. R. Albritton, and J. J. Thomson, Phys. Fluids **24**, 1474 (1981).

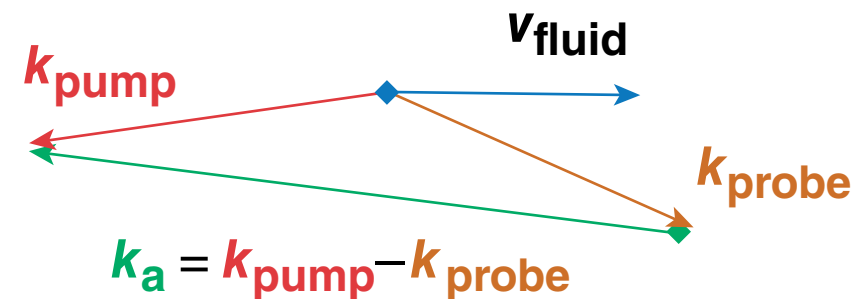
**ASR = angular-spectrum representation

***P. Michel, LLE/LLNL Meeting (May 2014).

†IB = inverse bremsstrahlung

The interaction of crossed laser beams within an expanding plasma causes CBET between beams

- This stimulated Brillouin scattering (SBS)-based interaction leads to a resonance condition for transferring energy between a pump ray and a probe ray by means of an ion-acoustic wave k_a^*



- The resonance condition peaks when the matching condition is met

$$\eta = \frac{(\omega_{\text{pump}} - \omega_{\text{probe}}) - k_a \cdot v_{\text{fluid}}}{|k_a| c_a}$$

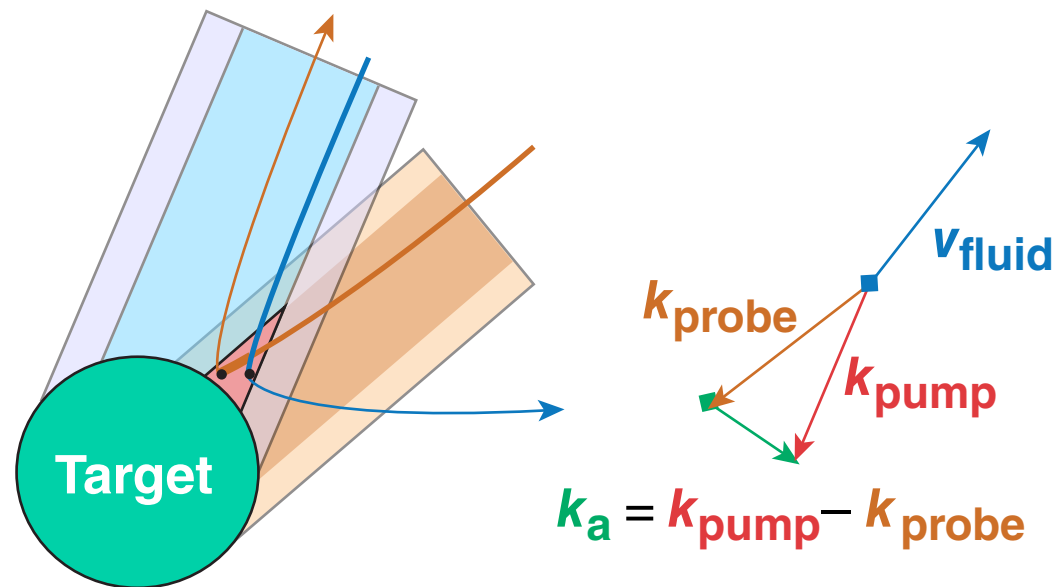
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Resonance (± 1) occurs in the neighborhood of the Mach-1 surface under typical conditions.

The sidescatter mode causes an inbound beam-to-beam CBET exchange

- The sidescatter mode occurs when both beams are inbound or outbound

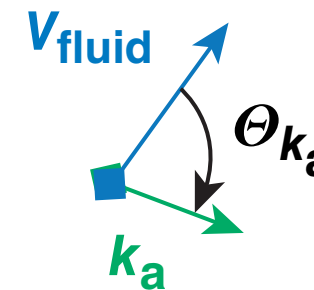
Sidescatter mode



Matching condition

$$\Delta\omega = \omega_{\text{pump}} - \omega_{\text{probe}} = |k_a| c_a + k_a \cdot V_{\text{fluid}}$$

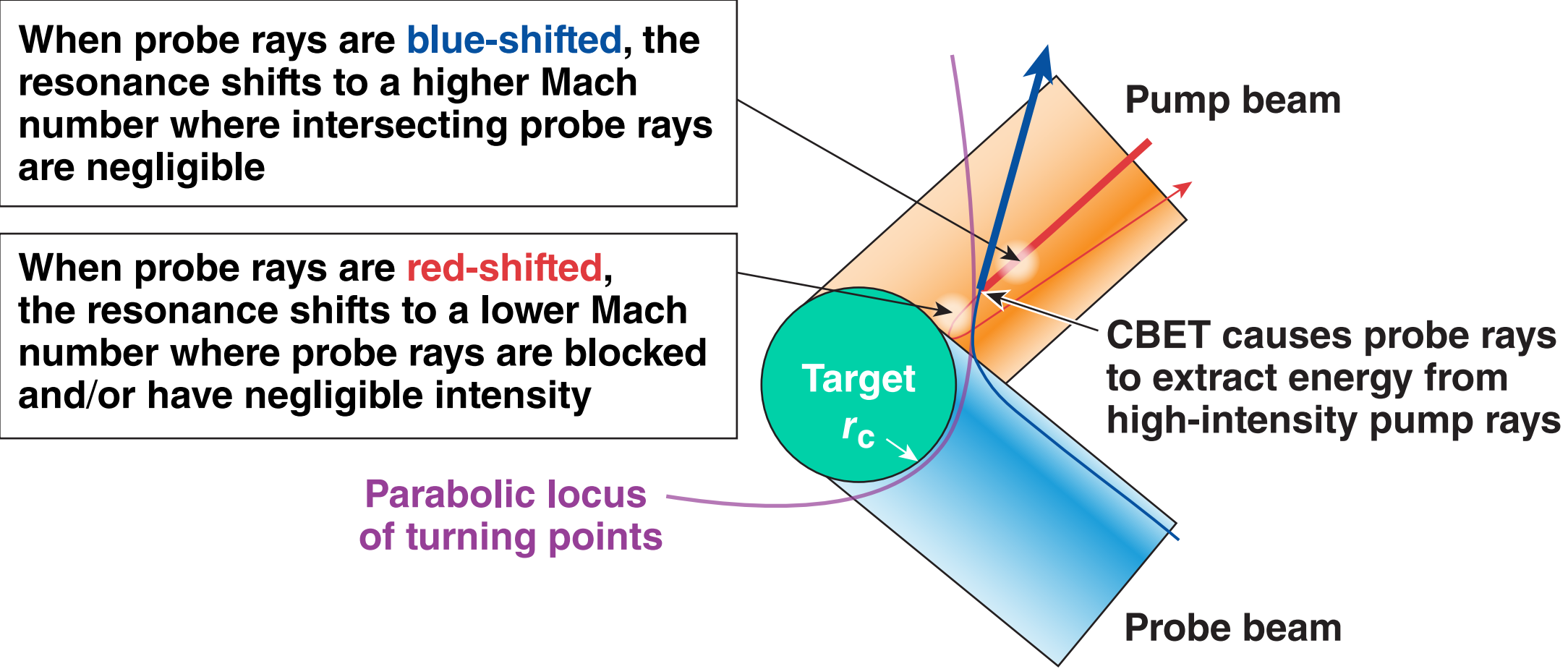
$$\lim_{V_{\text{fluid}} \rightarrow Mc_a \hat{r}} \eta = \frac{\Delta\omega - |k_a| c_a M \cos\theta_{k_a}}{|k_a| c_a}$$



This mode leads to nonuniformity without altering total deposition when activated in SDD*

- The resonance condition still peaks where the fluid is supersonic (small $\Delta\omega$)
- The $|k_a|$ is much smaller, however, and the angle θ_{k_a} can be near orthogonal, which implies that the $k_a \cdot V_{\text{fluid}}$ term no longer dominates
 - the sign of the $\Delta\omega$ can now determine gain/loss for smaller values

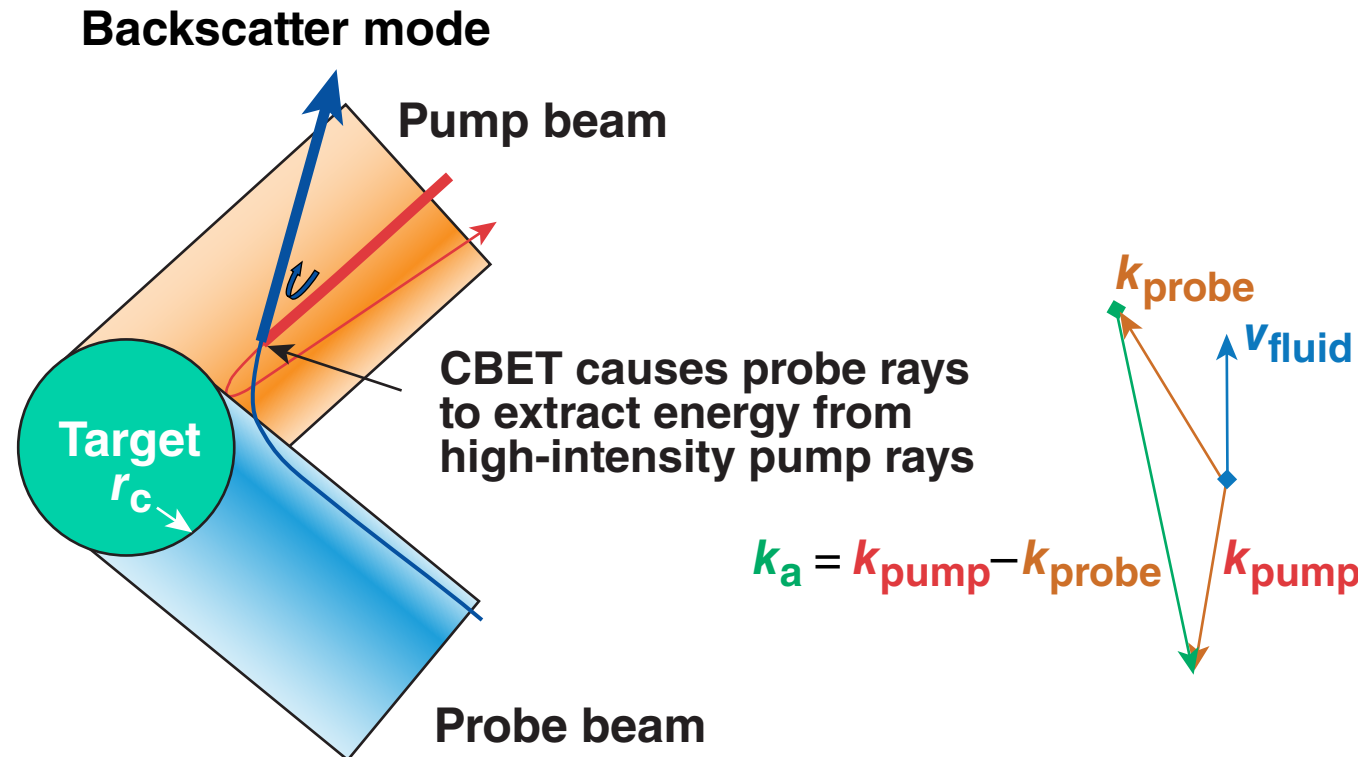
Successful wavelength detuning shifts the resonance location sufficiently to mitigate CBET



- The magnitude of $\Delta\lambda_0$ determines the mitigation duration
 - works for both symmetric and PDD
 - tailoring the spot shape will help limit the required $\Delta\lambda_0$

The backscatter mode dominates the CBET loss for directly driven targets

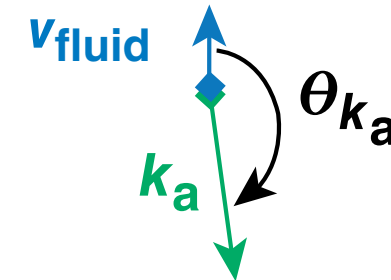
- The backscatter mode occurs for opposing beams



Matching condition

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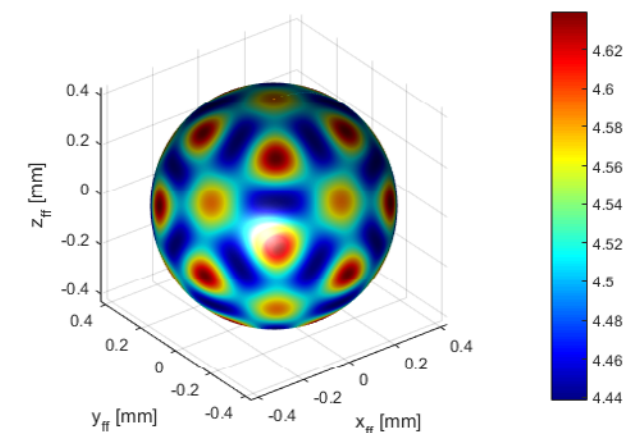
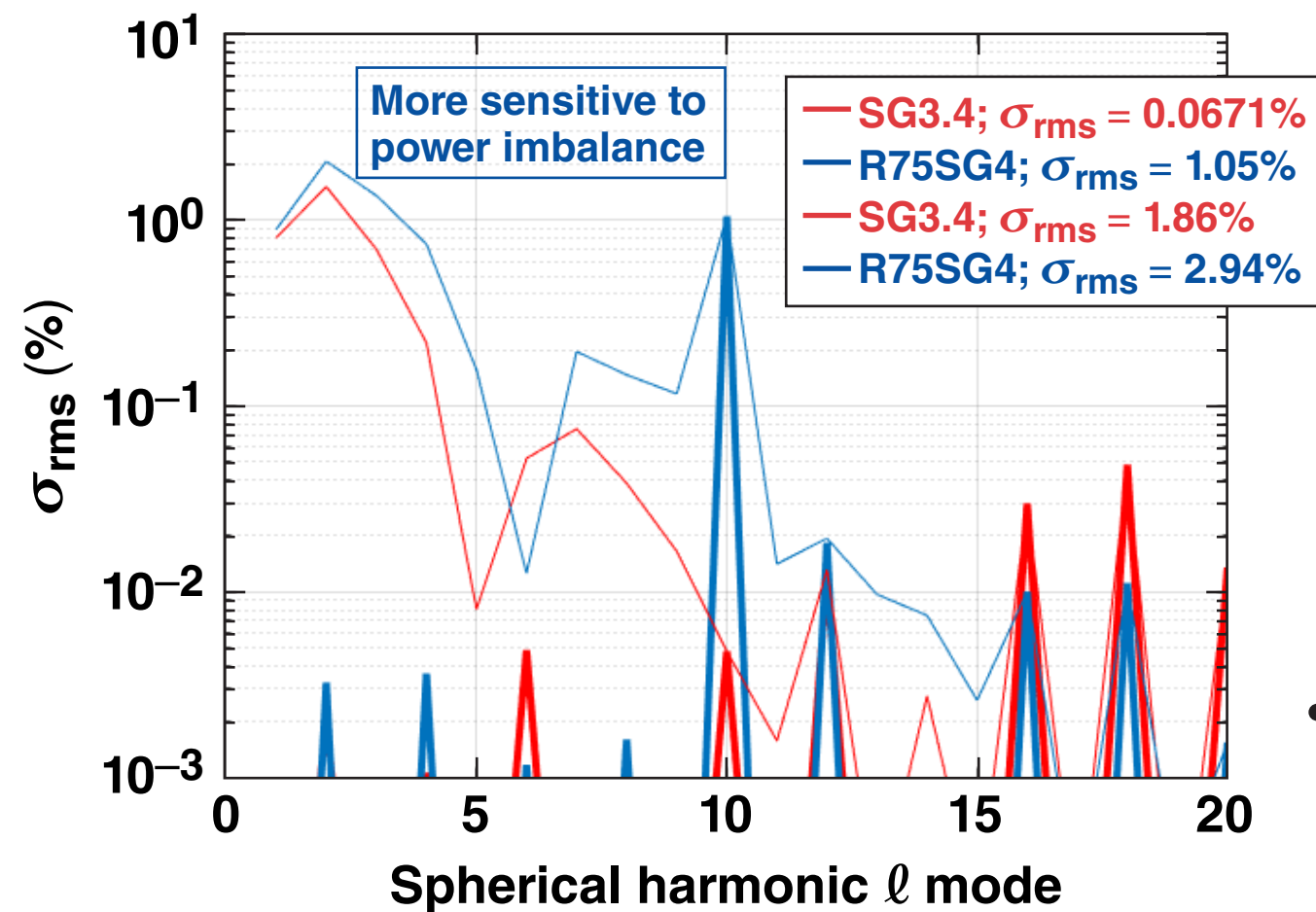
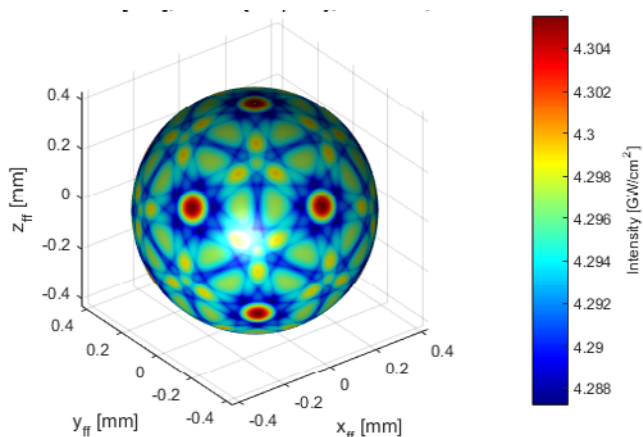
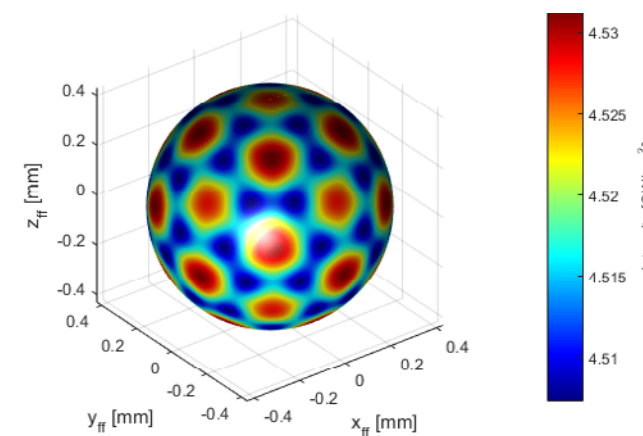
$$\lim_{v_{\text{fluid}} \rightarrow M c_a \hat{r}} \Rightarrow \eta = \frac{\Delta\omega - |k_a| c_a M \cos\theta_{k_a}}{|k_a| c_a}$$



This mode leads to nonuniformity and alters total deposition when activated in SDD*

- The resonance condition peaks where the fluid is supersonic (small $\Delta\omega$)
- As the frequency difference increases, the resonance condition shifts to lower/higher sonic speeds depending on the sign (e.g., $M = \{0.4, 1.6\}$ for $\pm 6\text{-\AA}$ UV)
 - dominated by the $k_a \cdot v_{\text{fluid}}$ term; its sign determines whether there is gain/loss
 - frequency difference cannot alter the gain/loss unless it can counter the large $k_a \cdot v_{\text{fluid}}$ term (e.g., $\pm 20\text{-\AA}$ UV)

The R75 SG4 induces a large $\ell = 10$ that is responsible for poor performance

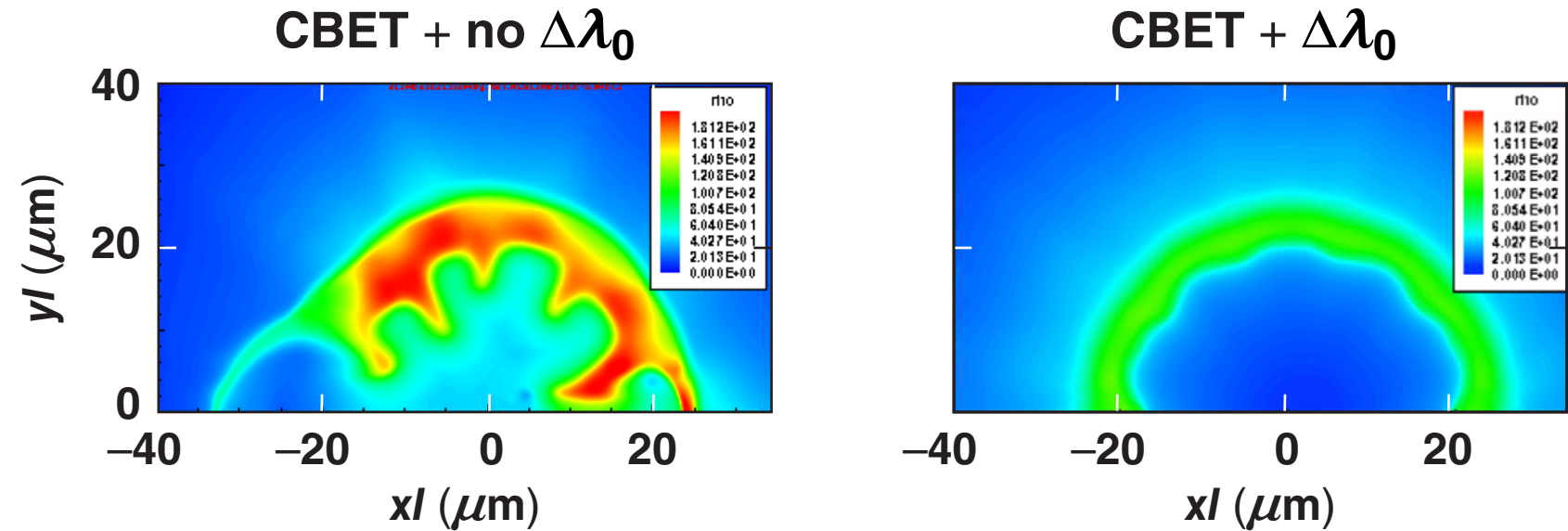


- The R75 induces large perturbations at every Pent; *DRACO* captures this 3-D feature on the poles
- The hex centers are worse
- The Pk2Pk is 10× worse than SMA90

Results with imbalances show that $\Delta\lambda_0$ can achieve 100 Gbar

Power imbalance = 10% rms, mistiming = 5-ps rms, mispointing = 10- μm rms

The performance of R75 suffers as result of the imbalances but not as severe as from the smaller spot (i.e., $\ell = 10$); the performance will be worse in 3-D.



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CBET bracket

Compared to CBET mitigation strategies; summary

no CBET + SG5

- Reference run
- **Successful mitigation strategies converge toward this run**
- Intentionally achieves over 100 Gbar

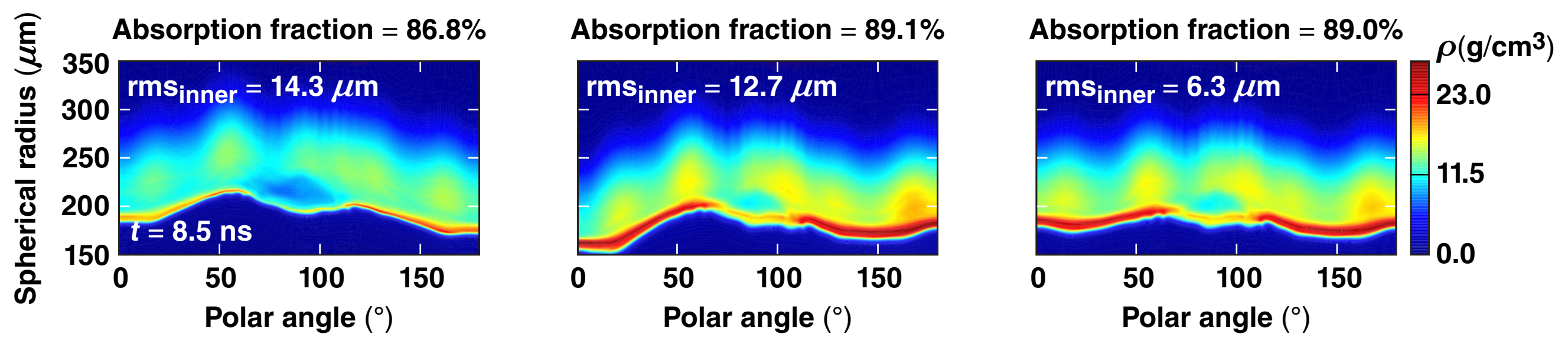
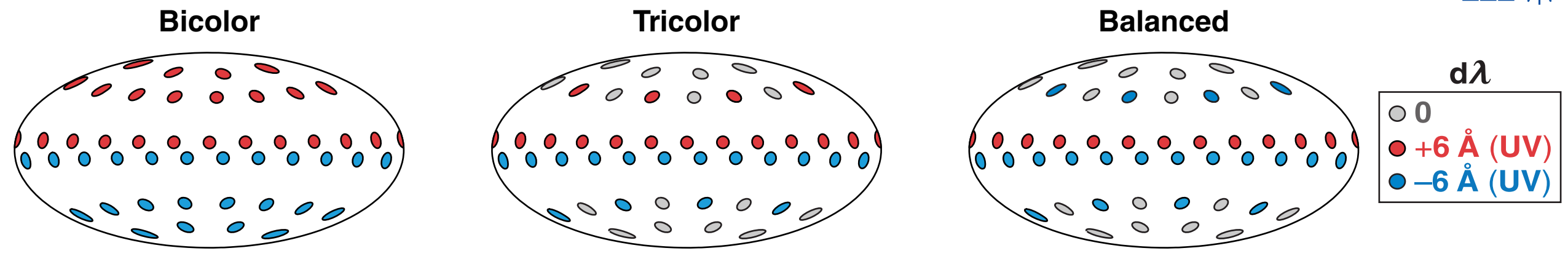
CBET + NOd λ 0 + SG4R75

- Increases P_{abl} and P_{hs} and Y_{DD} ; but achieves <100 Gbar when everything is perfect; ~72 Gbar
- Comes at the expense of
 - higher sensitivity to port-geometry modal structure; i.e., $\ell = 10$
 - more sensitive to imbalances
 - smaller and distorted hot spot
 - on verge of compromised shell; will be worse in 3-D
- Any increase in laser drive will exacerbate all mode growth (low to high modes) and further degrade P_{abl} , P_{hs} and YDD
- Larger targets decrease the mispointing sensitivity but adapting to smaller DPP's in not advised

CBET + 6Å, (UV) + sma90SG3.3

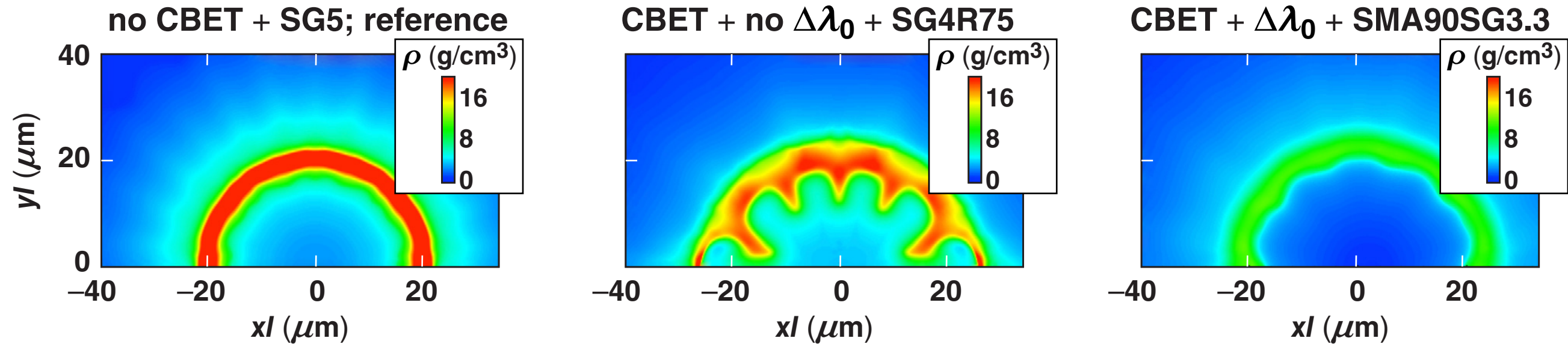
- The best mitigation strategy to date
 - highest P_{abl} , P_{hs} , and Y_{DD}
- Closely matches the reference run in drive and imprinted structure
- **Potentially higher laser drive headroom going to 26 kJ; will improve P_{abl} , P_{hs} , and YDD**

The balanced hemispheric detuning uses three wavelengths to improve drive and symmetry



- These detuning configurations all recover more laser absorption in PDD relative to SDD

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