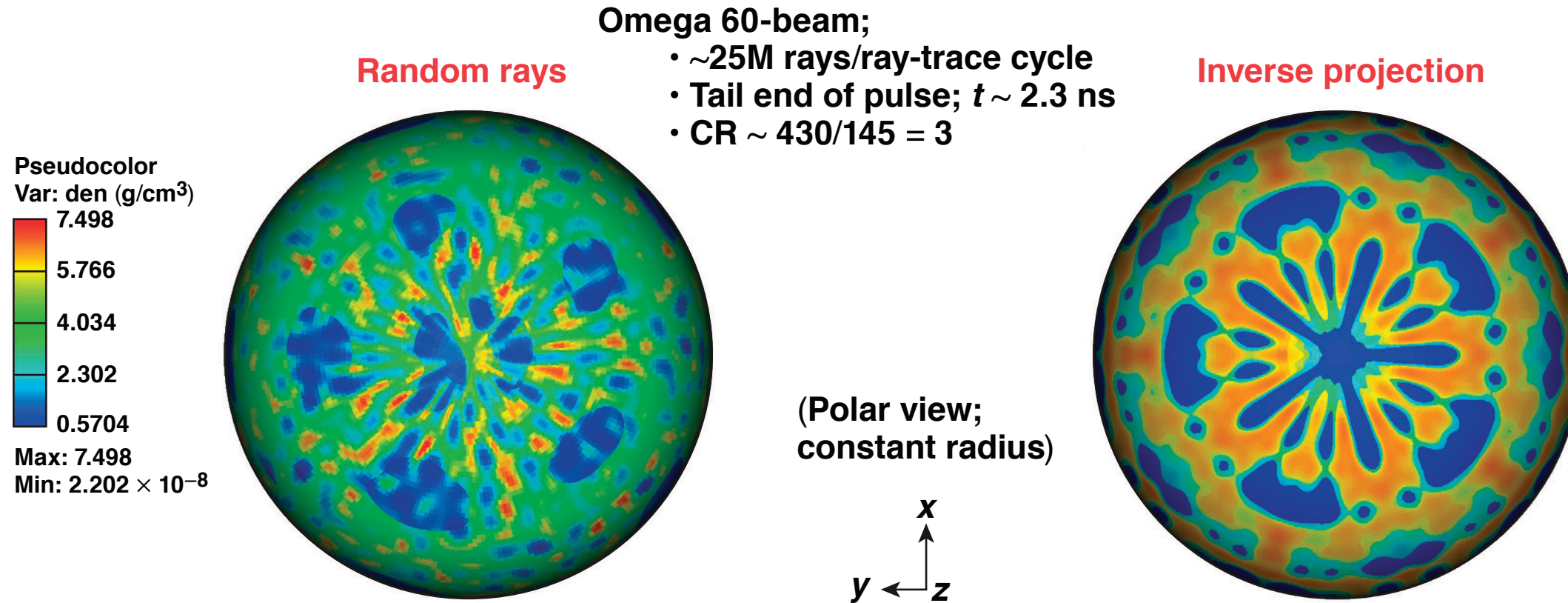


Implementation of the Low-Noise, 3-D Ray-Trace Inverse-Projection Method in the Radiation-Hydrodynamics Code *HYDRA*



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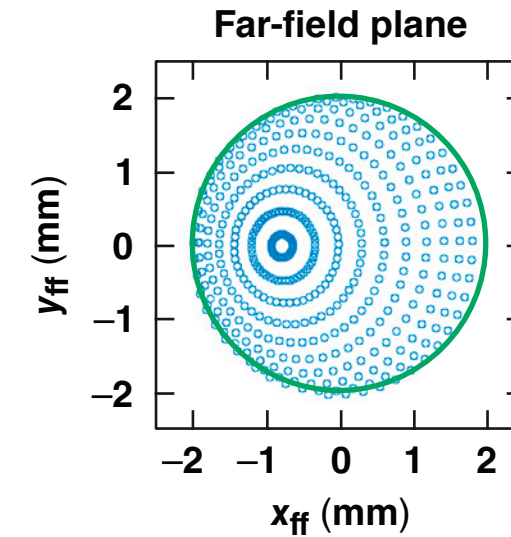


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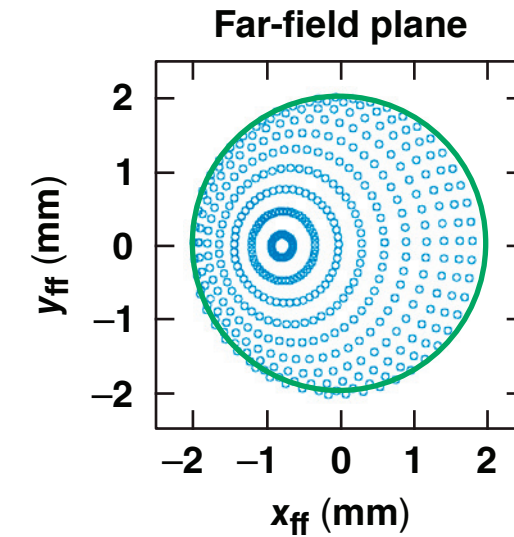
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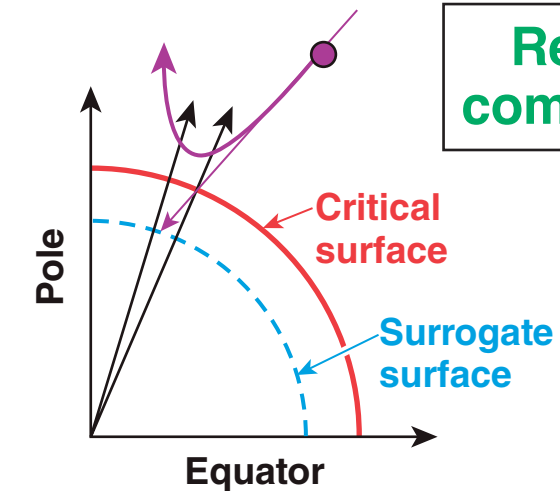
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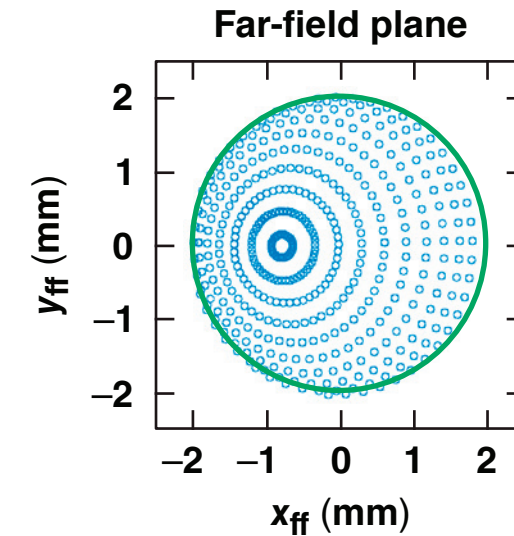
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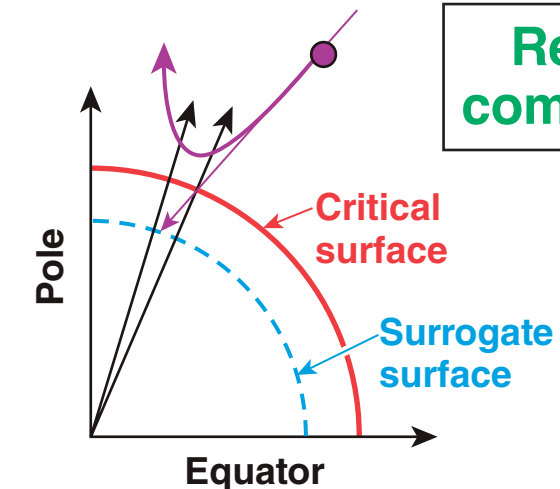
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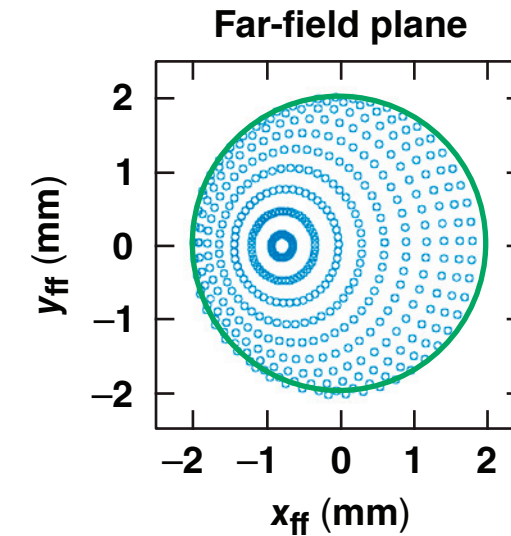
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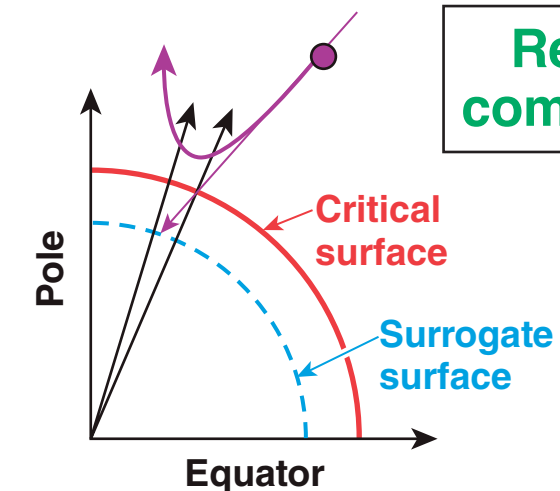
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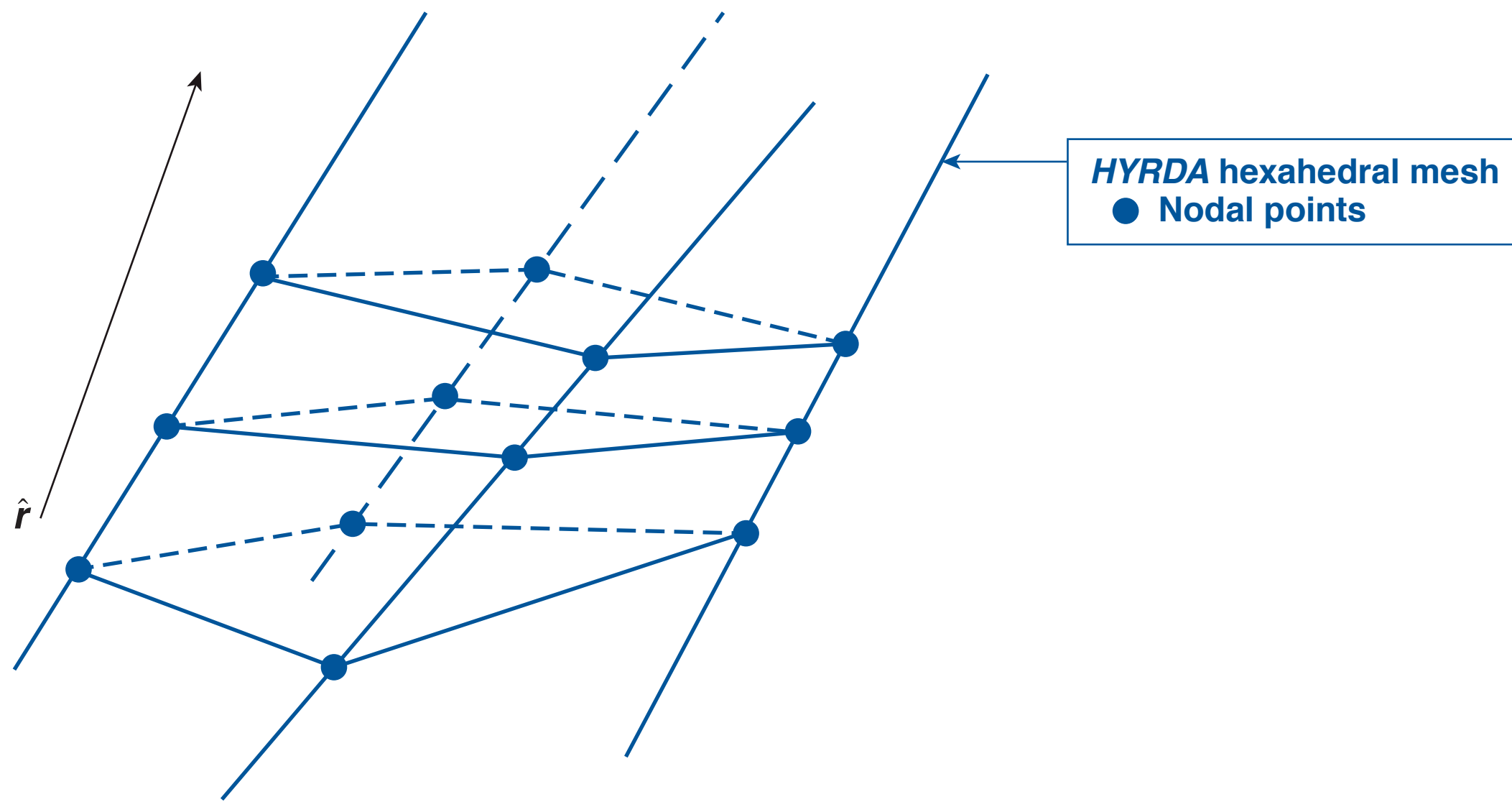
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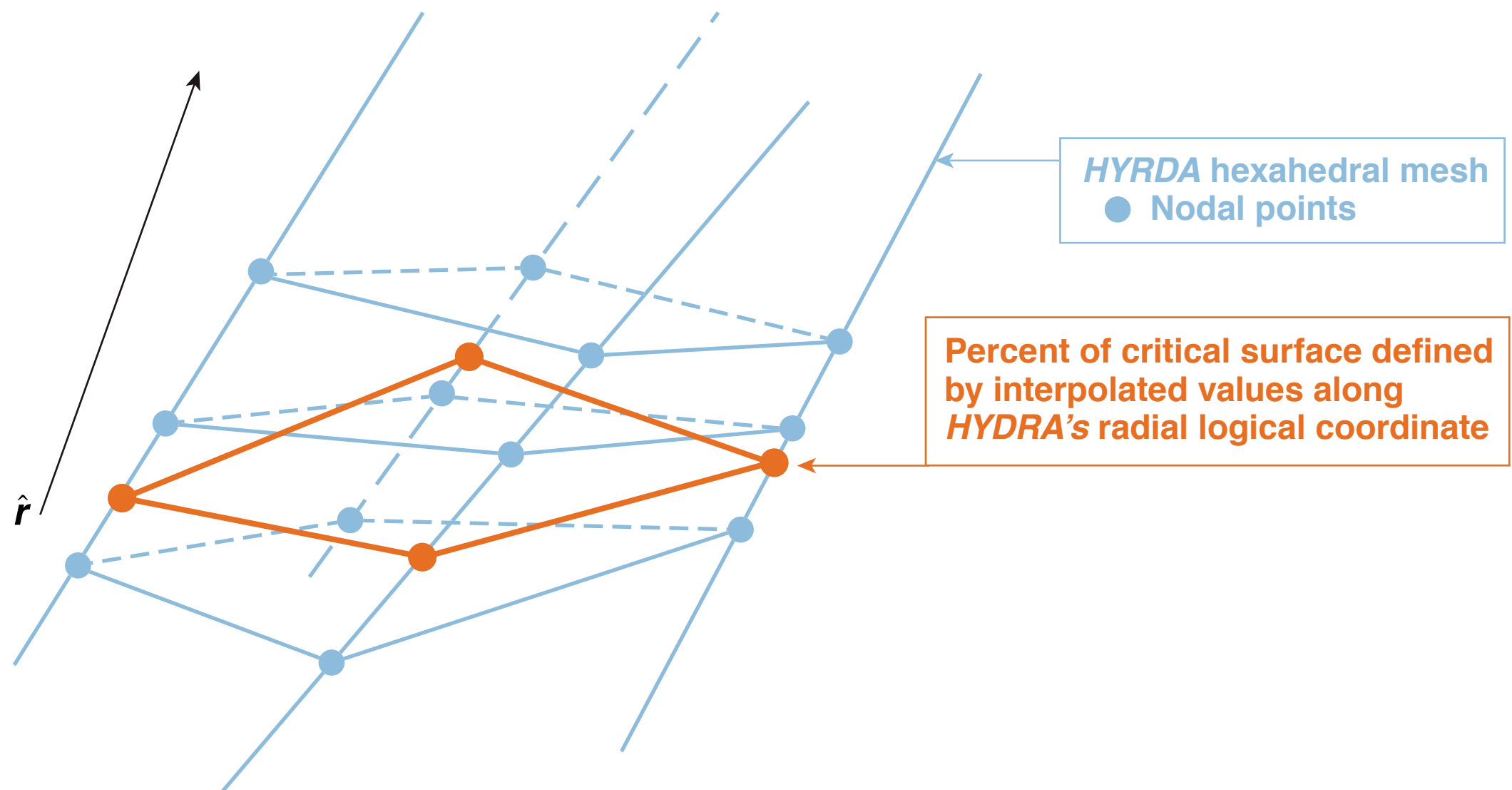
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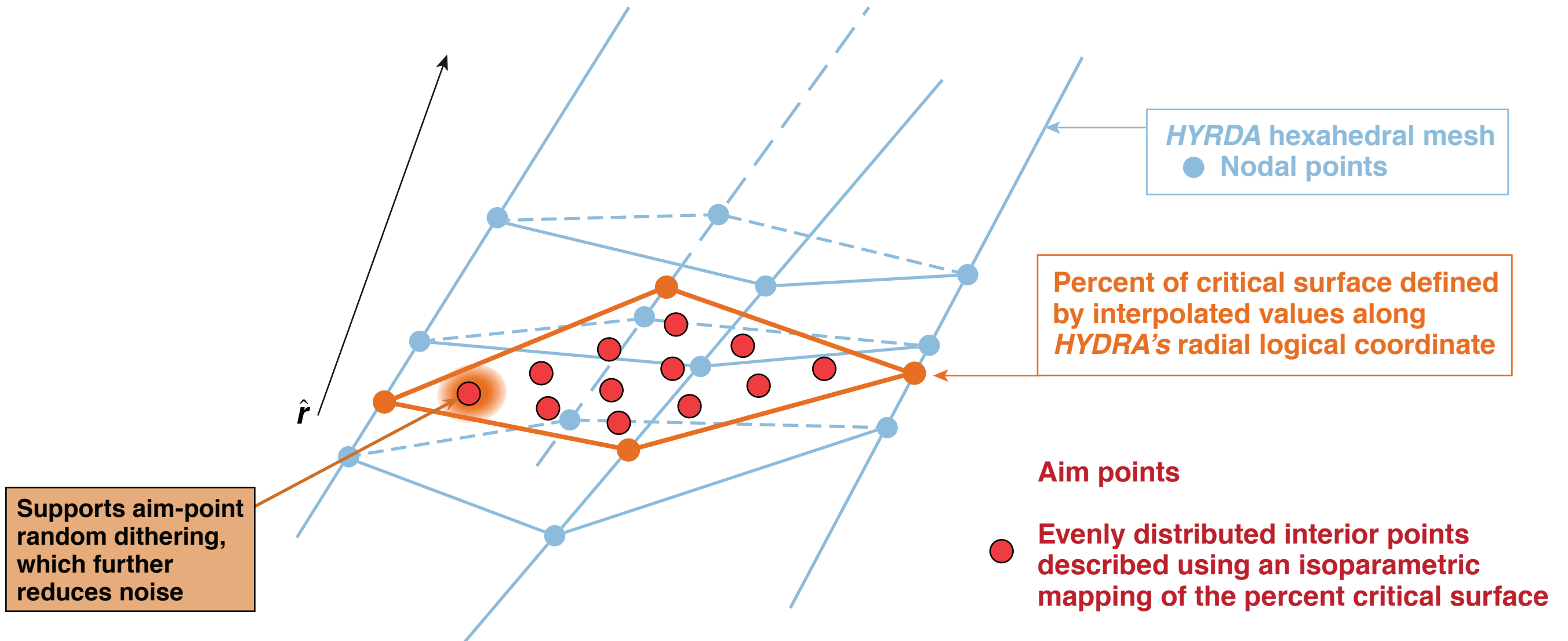
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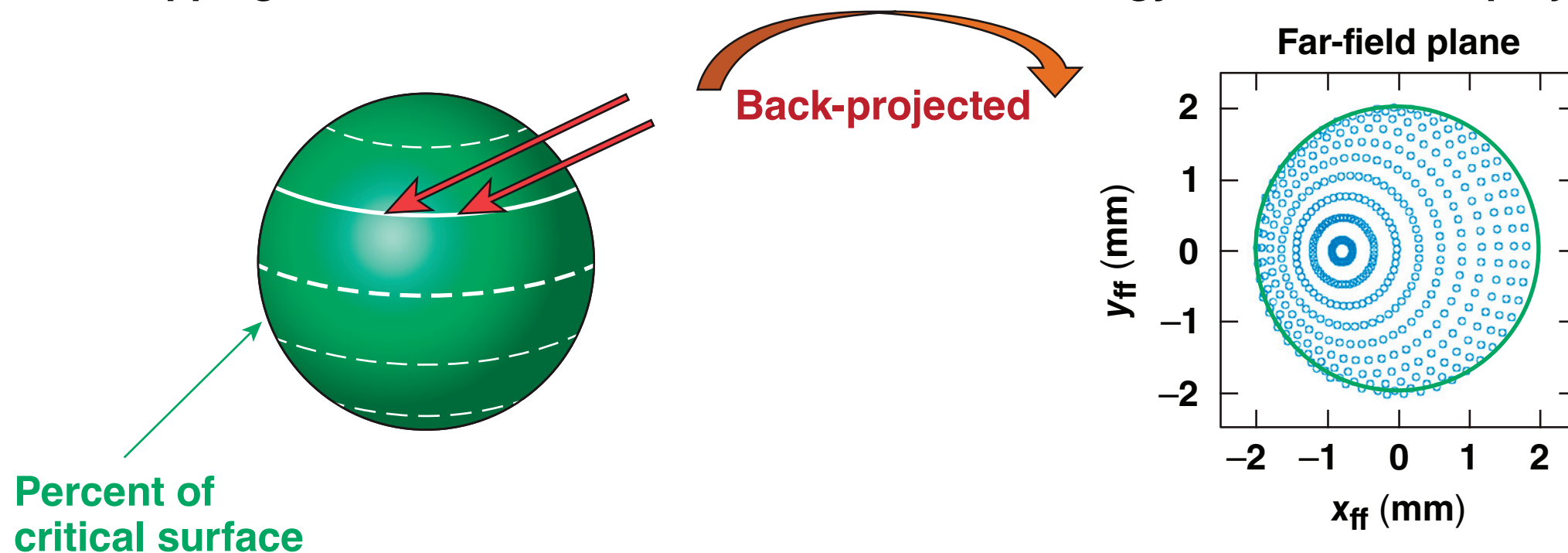
Phase 1

The basic inverse-projection algorithm back-projects the aim-point distribution onto the far-field plane to form the set of launch points that do not bias the modal pattern



Rays are aimed at evenly distributed points using an isoparametric mapping within *HYDRA*'s cells

In the far-field plane, the back-projected points sample the intensity and derive energy from their area projections



- Once the atmosphere develops, many layers of percent-critical form the surfaces

The early-time–deposited energy density in *HYDRA* illustrates the dramatic noise reduction—the standard illumination cf. the inverse projection methods

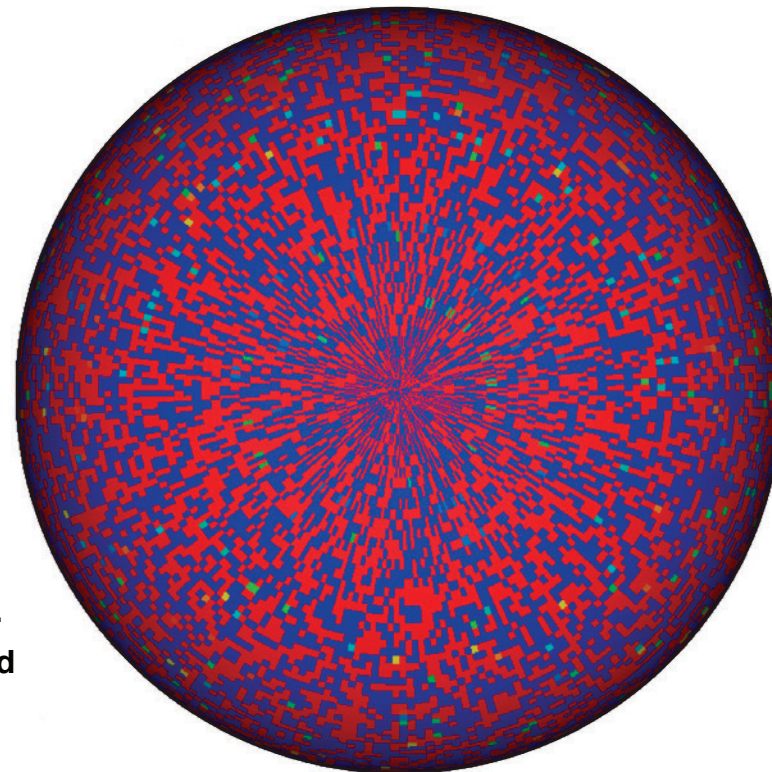


OMEGA 60 beam; ~4M rays
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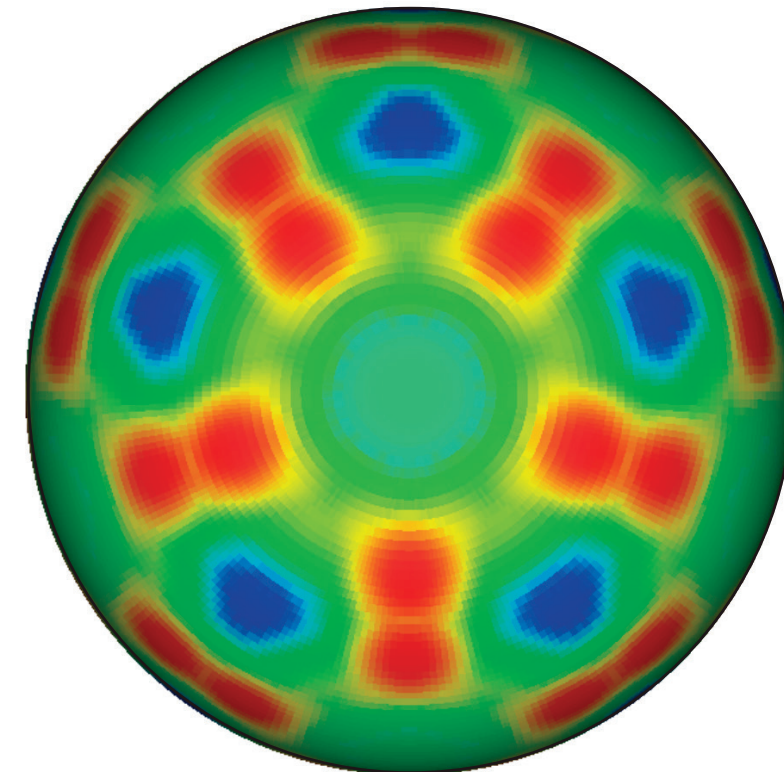
Pseudocolor
Var: elv
[0.1 TW/cm³]
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3.788
3.779
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Max: 13.45
Min: 0.000

elv = laser power
density deposited
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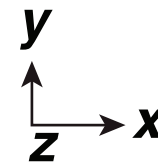
Random rays



Inverse projection



(polar view)



Relies on temporal averaging with staggering
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during the imprint period

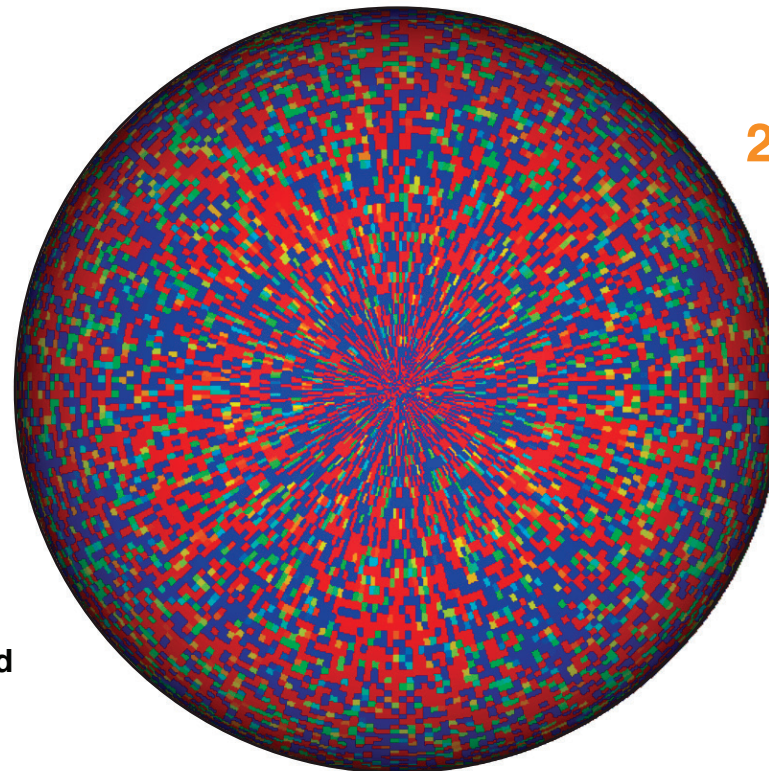
The number of rays needs to increase $>$ order-of-magnitude before the expected smooth pattern begins to emerge

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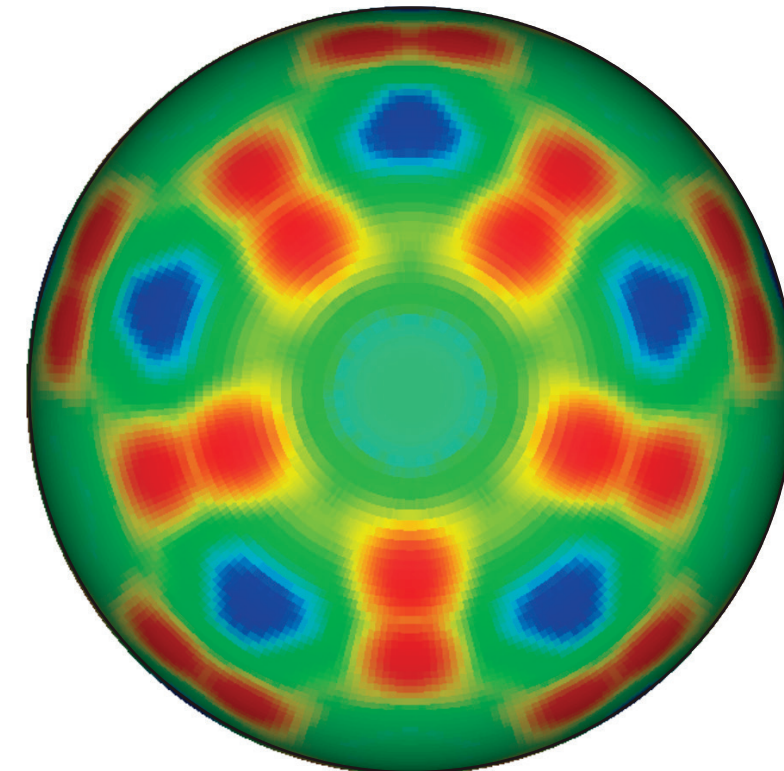
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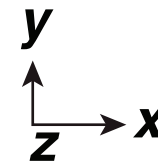
240M rays

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~4M rays

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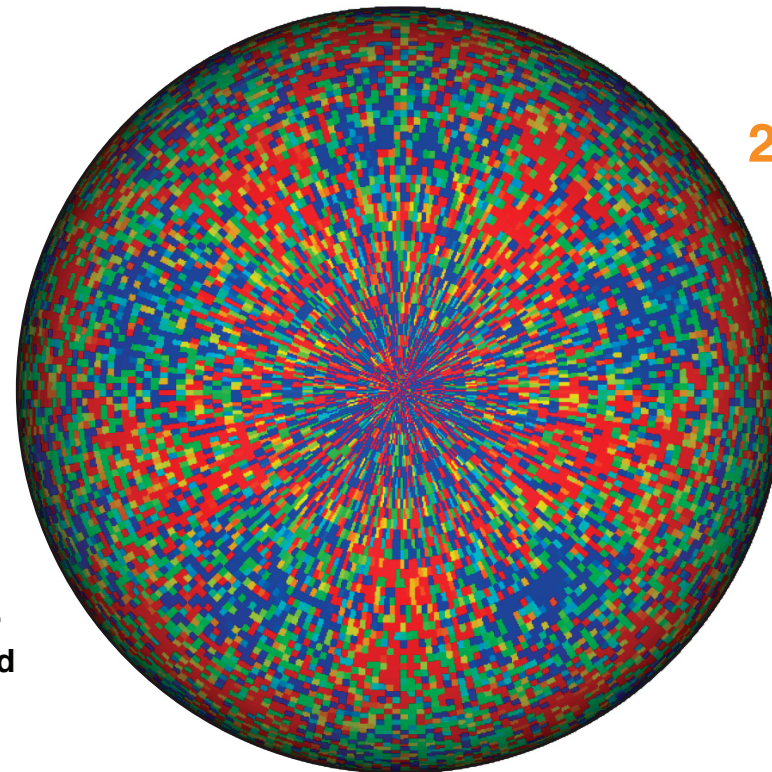
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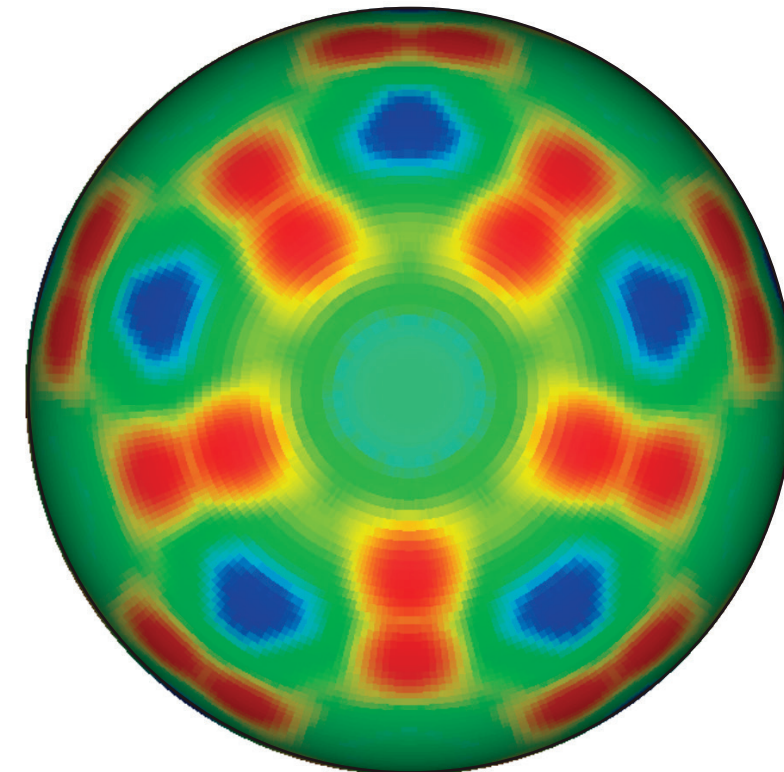
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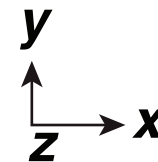
2.4G rays

Inverse projection



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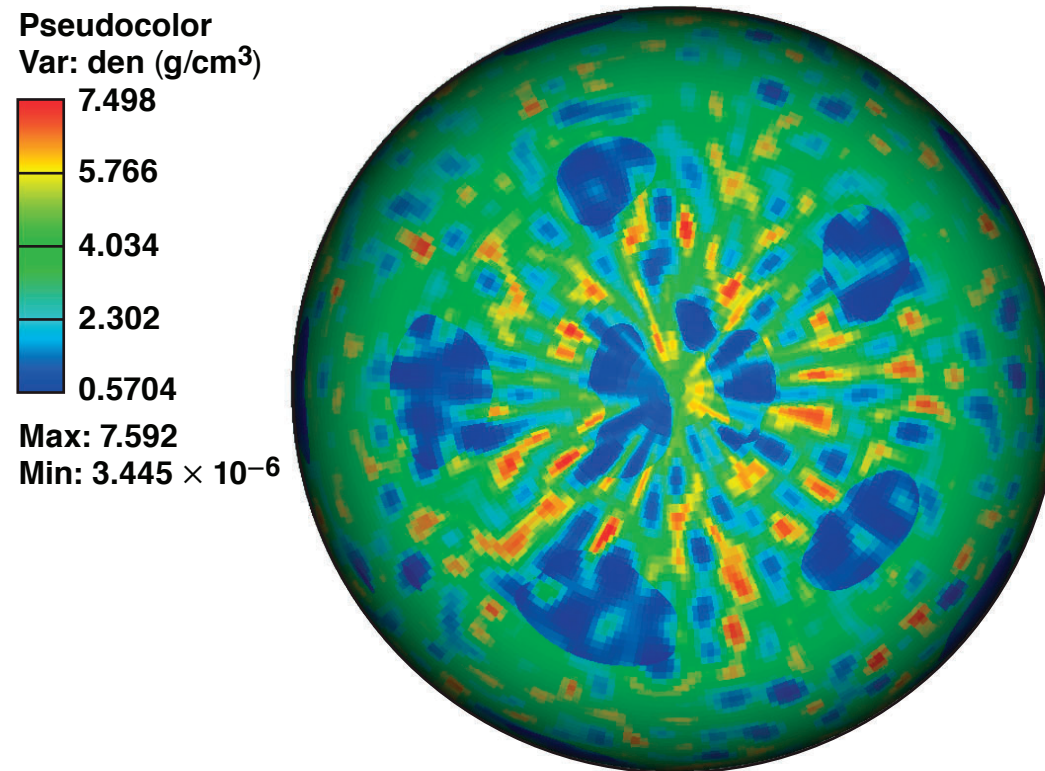
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The benefits of the basic inverse projection persist into late-time evolution

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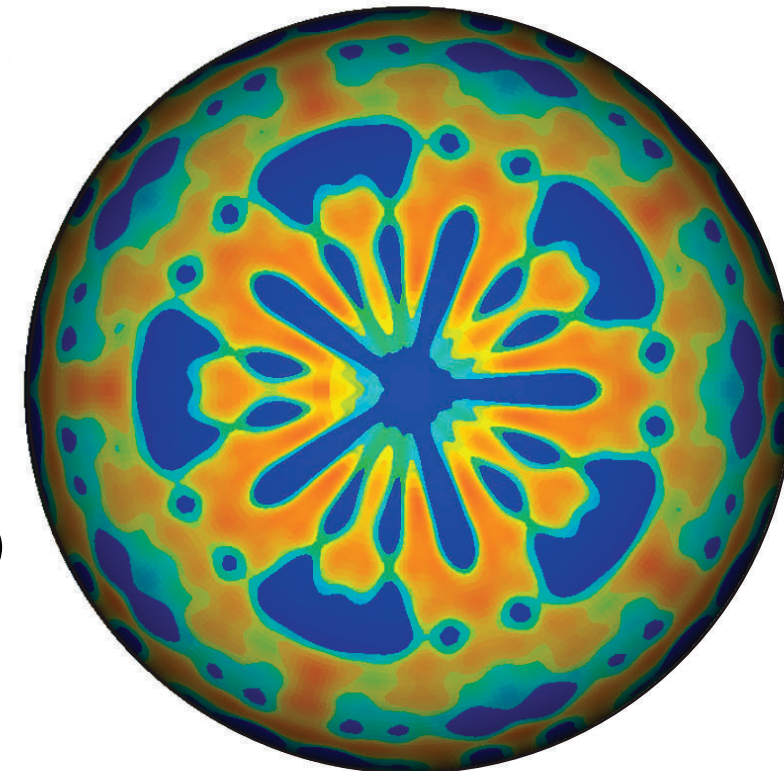
- ~25M rays/ray-trace cycle
- Tail end of pulse; $t \sim 2.3$ ns
- CR $\sim 430/145 = 3$

Random rays



Many small high-density, random-noise features dominate the shell; the only recourse is to use many times more rays

Inverse projection

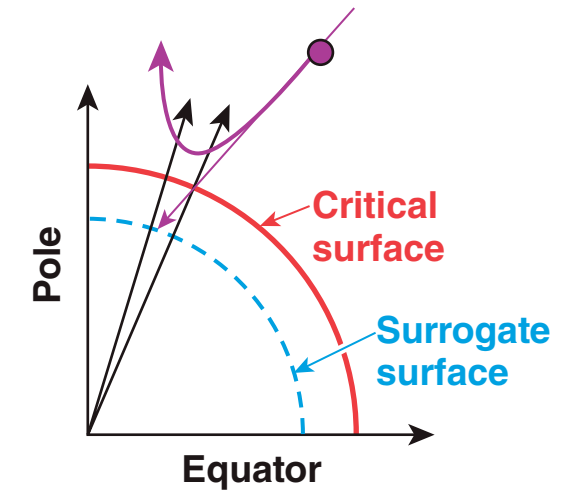
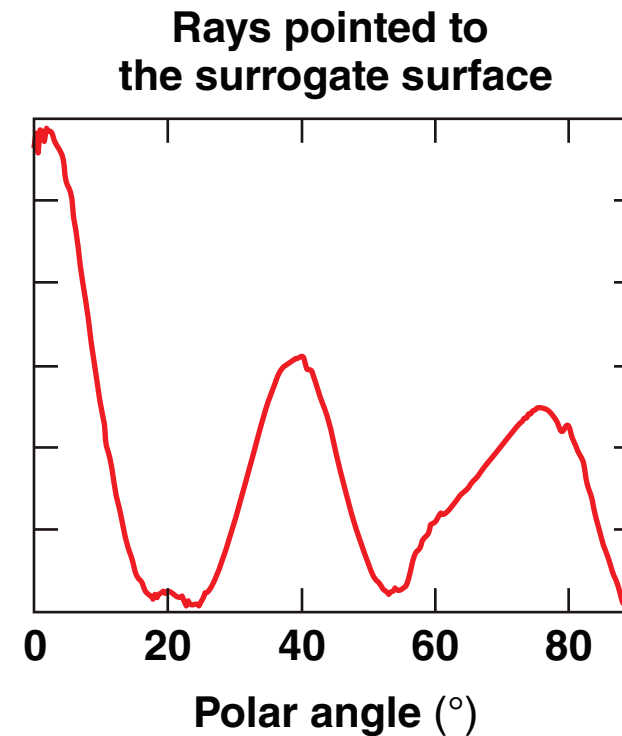
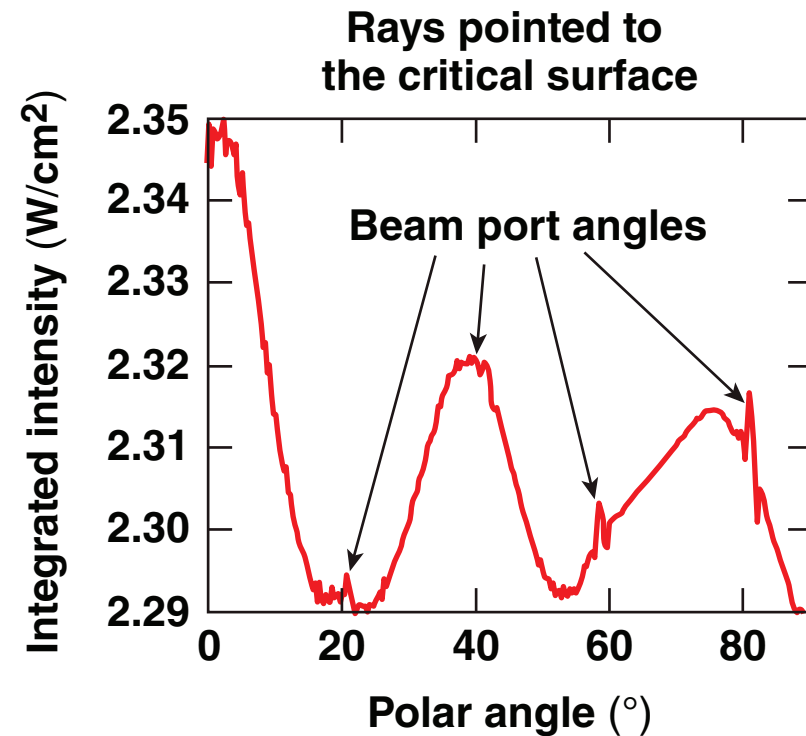


Further improvements are necessary to eliminate the unphysical features

- Phases 2, 3, 4

A dynamic inverse-projection algorithm accounts for refraction and helps maintain smooth deposition—for example, *DRACO*

Refraction compensation



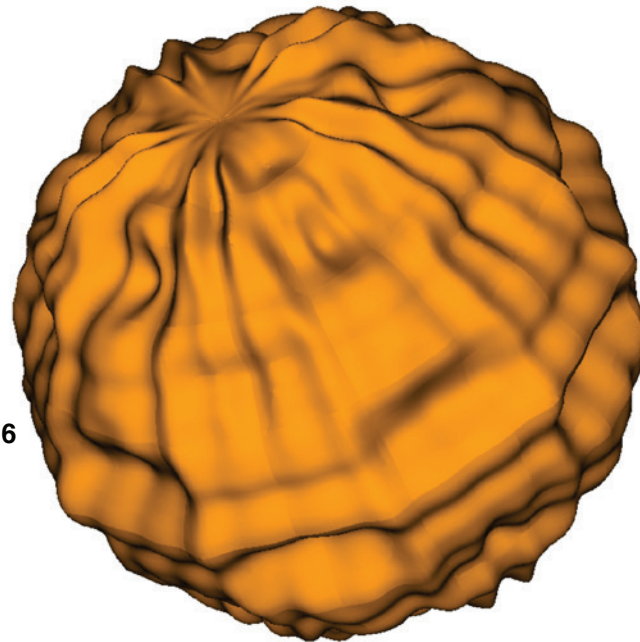
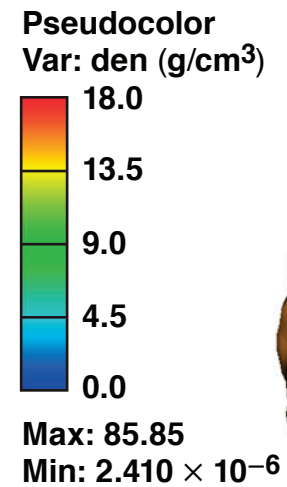
- An optimization algorithm locates the surrogate surface in *DRACO*
- *HYDRA* will employ this method plus a Delaunay/Voronoi triangulation method

A proof-of-principle approximation of the simple dynamic refraction compensation promises additional control of numeric noise in 3-D *HYDRA*

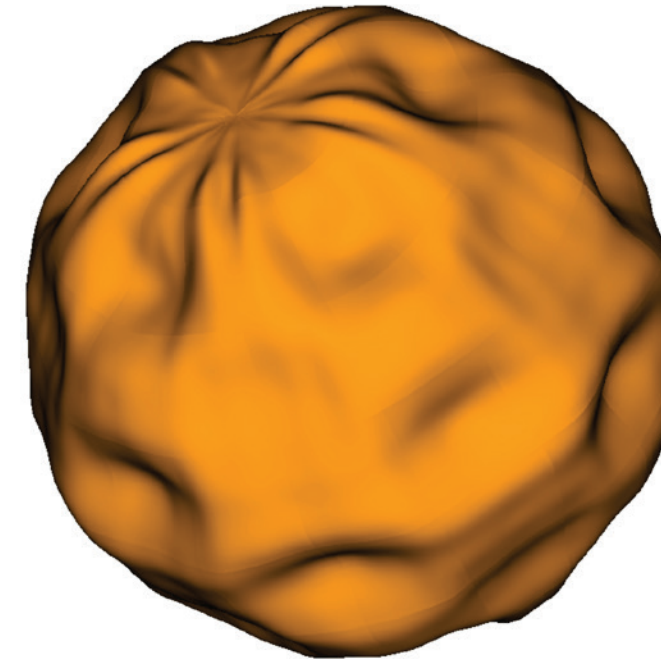
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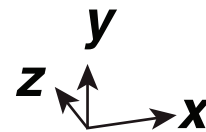
Without compensation



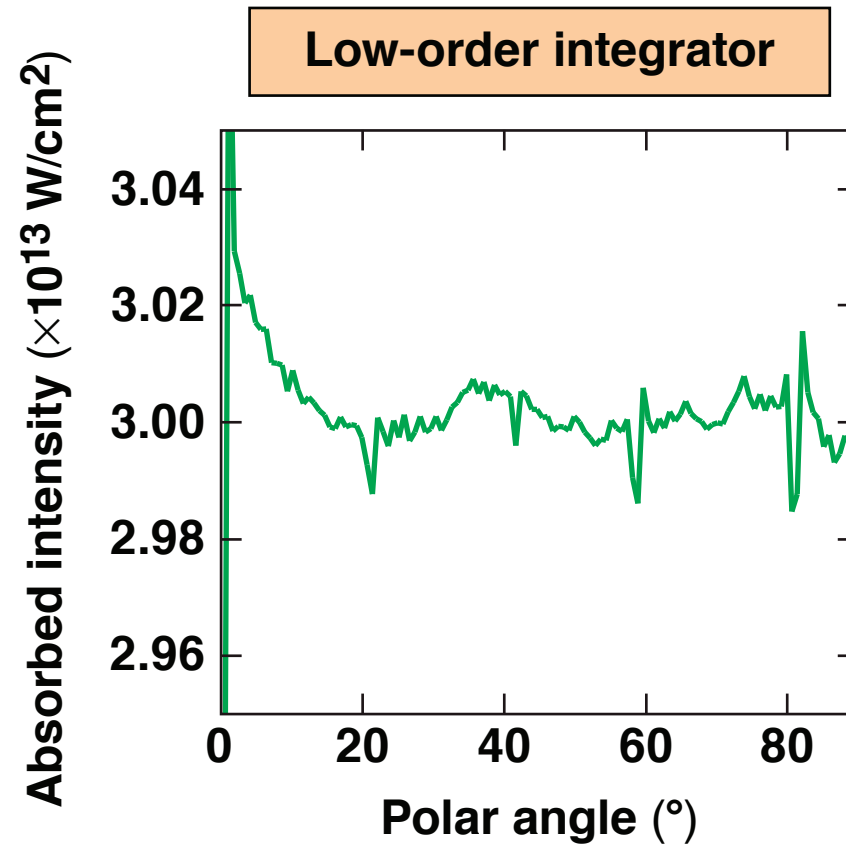
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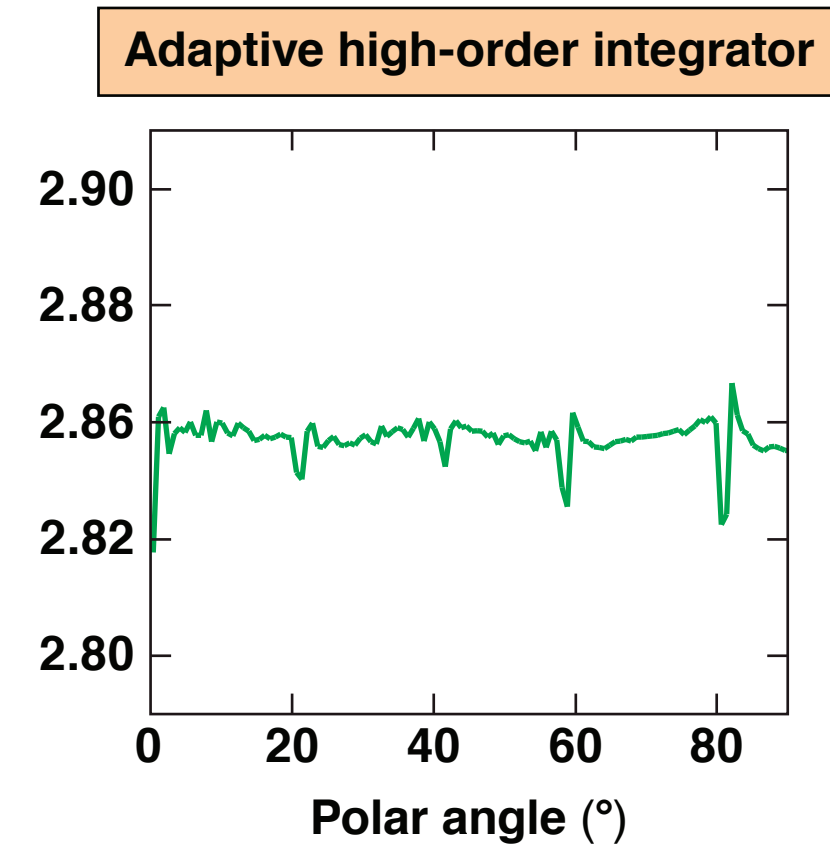
(15-g/cm³
mass-density
isosurface)



Radially integrated deposition patterns from *DRACO* illustrate the benefits of using adaptive integrators



$t \sim 450$ ps



- Lower binning noise
- More accurate overall deposition
- Lower errors at beam centers
- More computationally efficient

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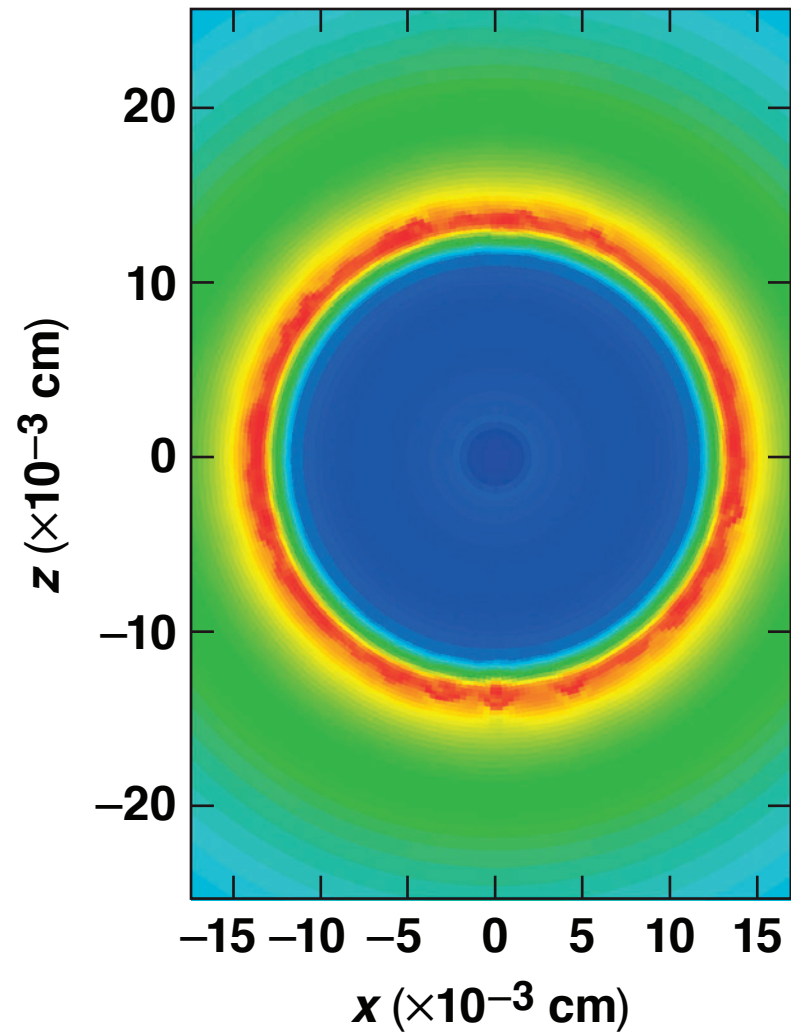
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Backup slides

The shell is more uniform using half the number of rays for inverse-projection, cf. the random distribution

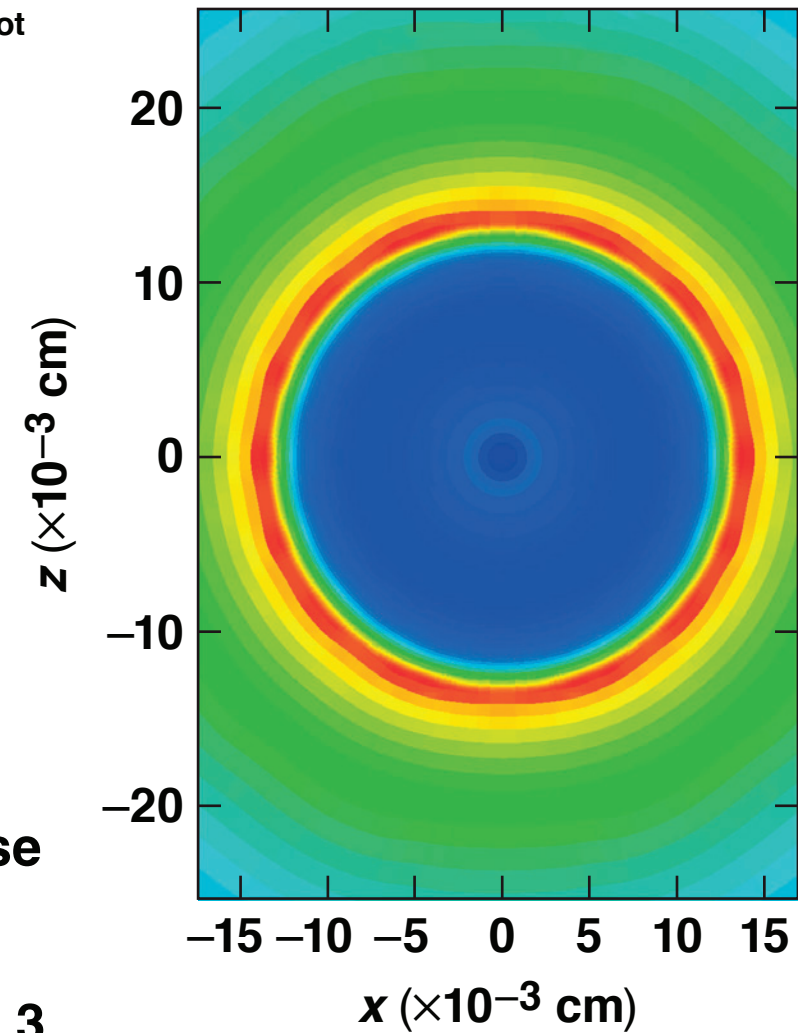
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Min: 2.510×10^{-5}



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Time: 0.00231013
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Var: den
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42.34
0.003622
Max: 174.4
Min: 0.003615

Tail end of pulse
 $t \sim 2.3 \text{ ns}$

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Random dithering when combined with refraction compensation shows the most control of numeric noise in 3-D *HYDRA*

