



Design of a Compact Portable X-Pinch X-Ray Generator at Idaho Accelerator Center

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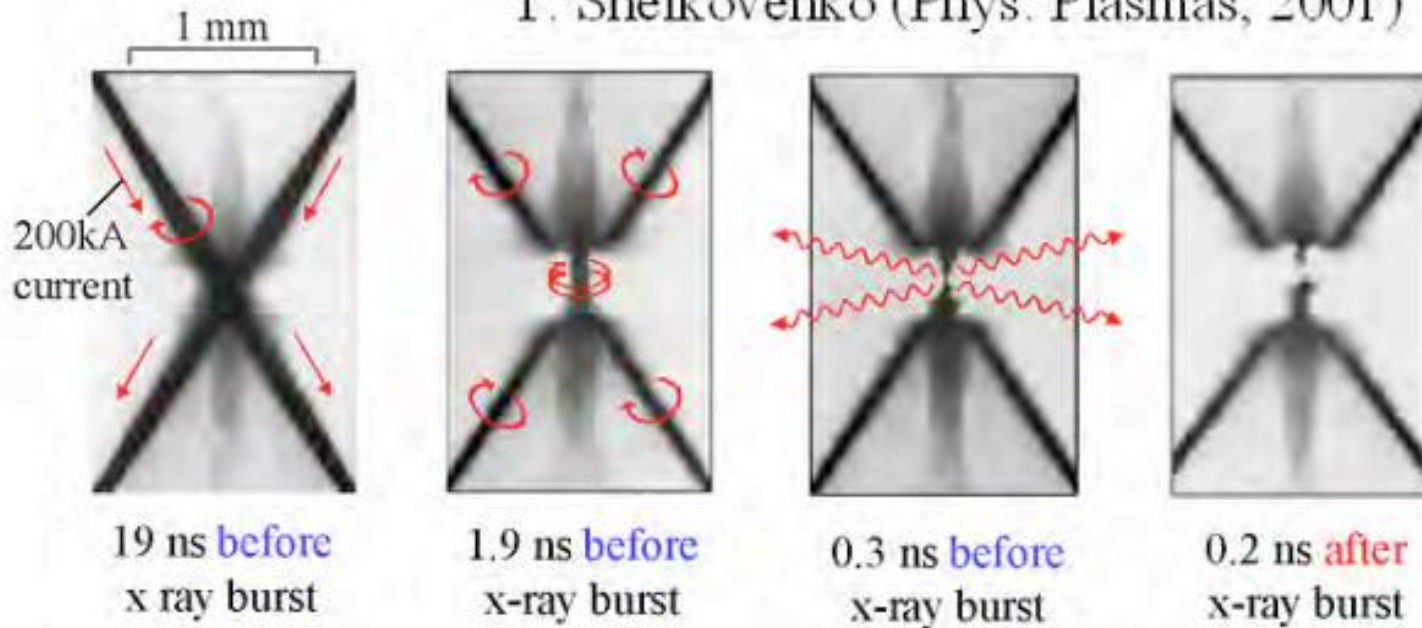
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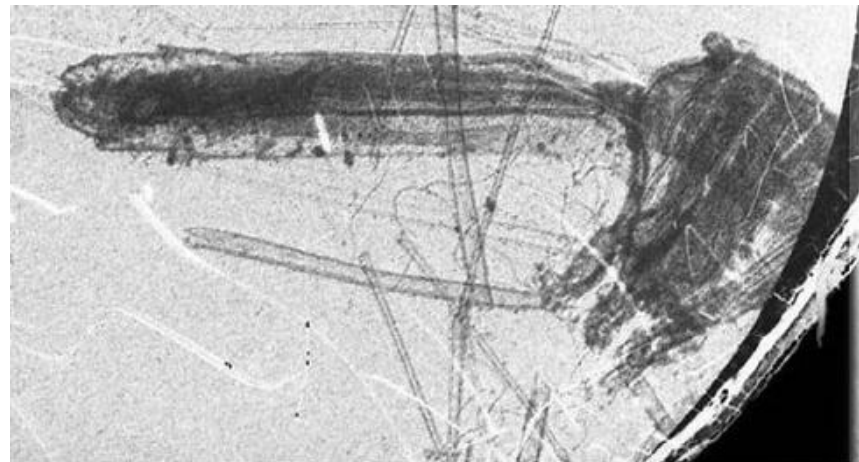
What is X-pinch? Why?

T. Shelkovenko (Phys. Plasmas, 2001)



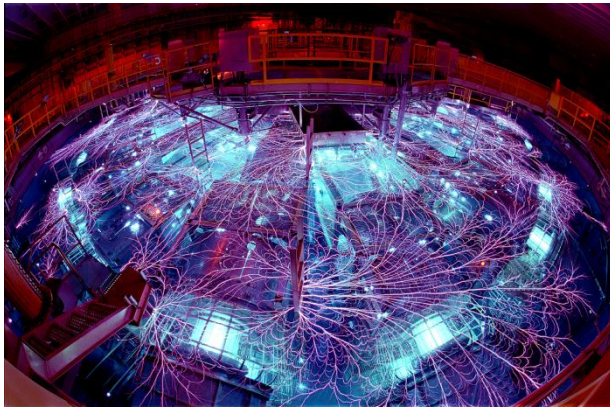
Remarkable X-Ray Source:

- fast (< 1 ns)
- small (1-10 μm)
- bright (> 100 -200 mJ)

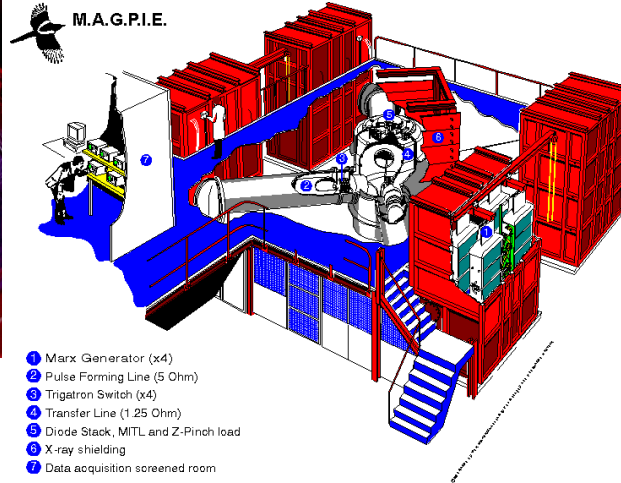


Pulsed Power Generators: Marx and Pulse Forming Lines

ZR (27 MA 96 ns)



MAGPIE (1.4 MA 150 ns)



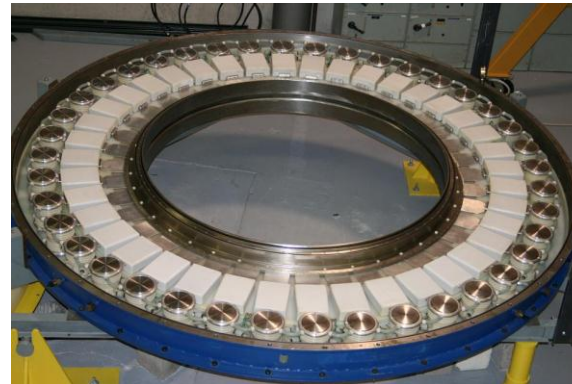
PPG-1 (400 kA 100 ns)



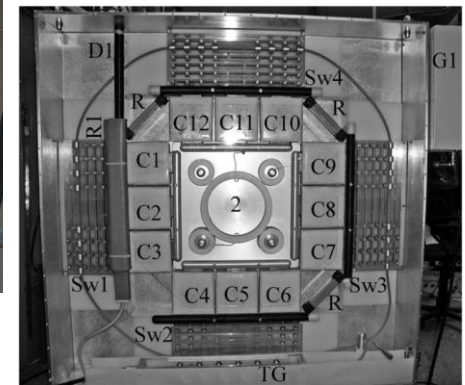
Pulsed Power Generators: Low Inductance Capacitors and Switches



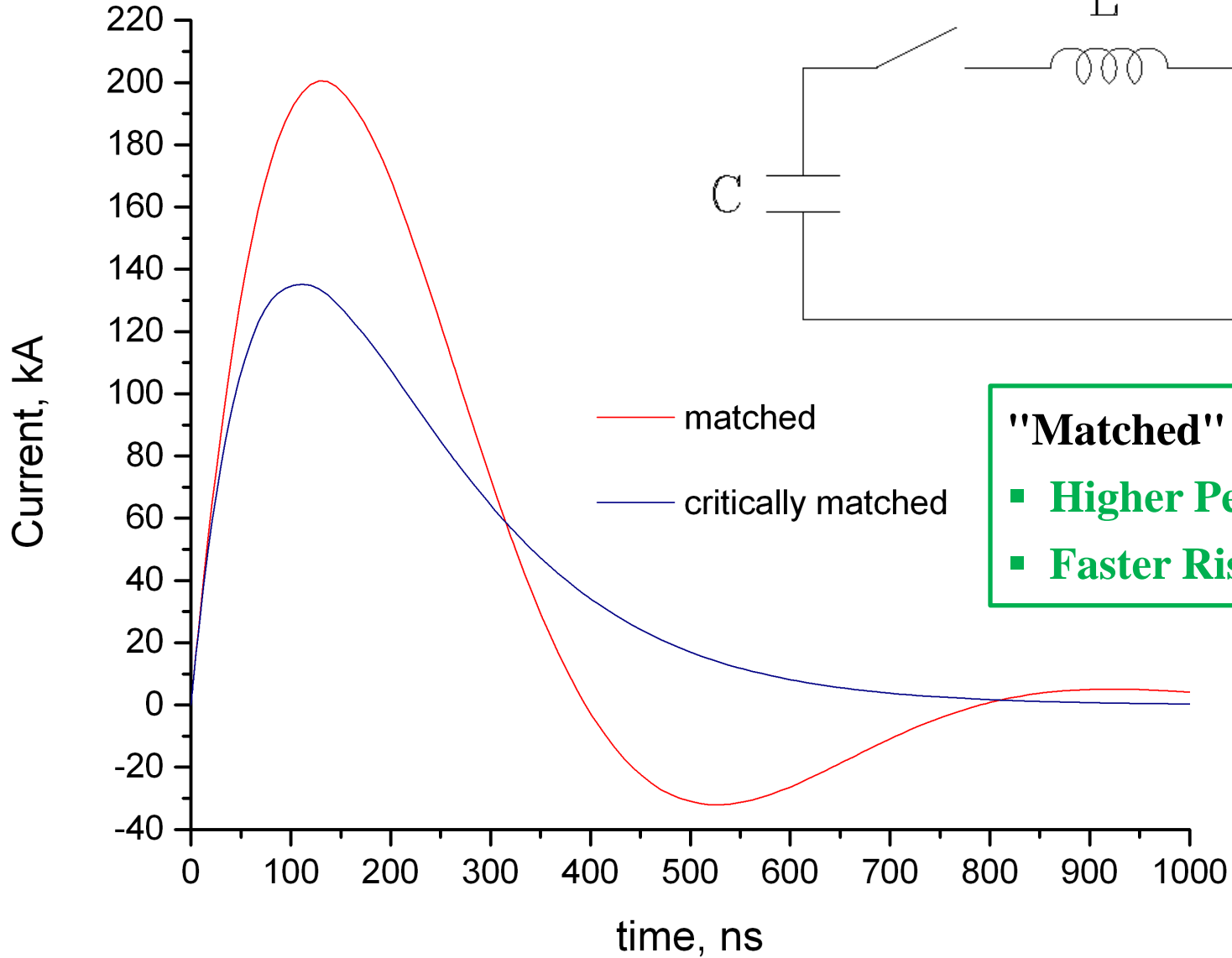
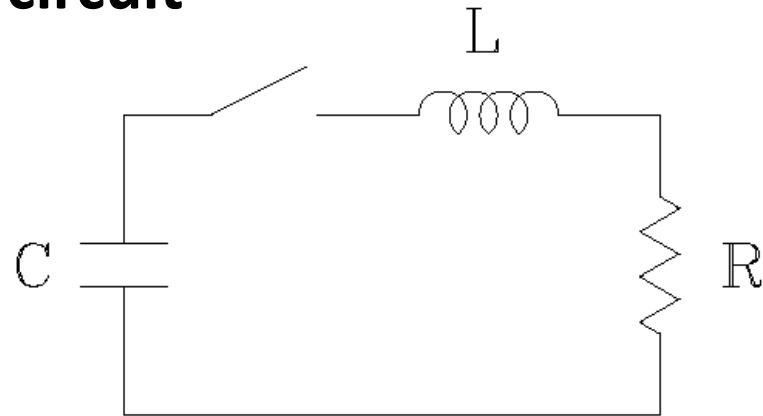
MAIZE (1 MA 100 ns)



GenASIS (250 kA 150 ns)



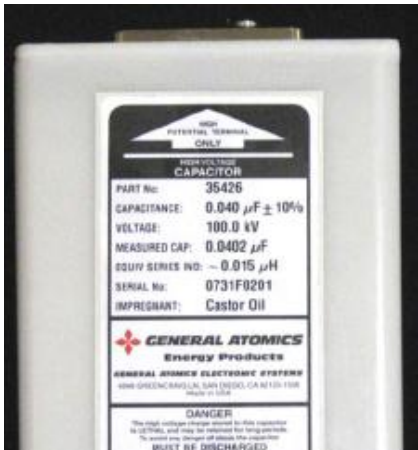
RLC circuit



"Matched" Load:

- **Higher Peak Current**
- **Faster Rise Time**

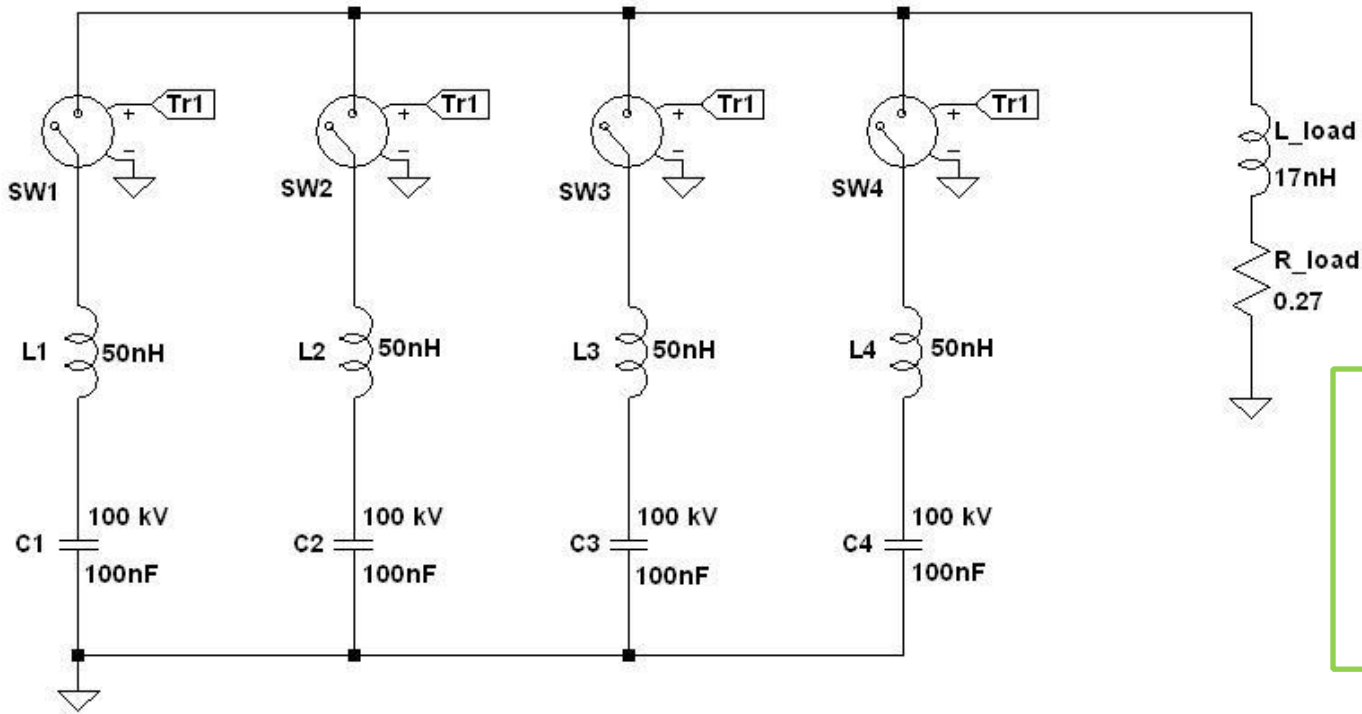
Compact Portable Plasma Radiation Source Generator



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 $C_c = 100 \text{ nF}$
 $I_c = 60 \text{ kA}$
 $V_c = 100 \text{ kV}$

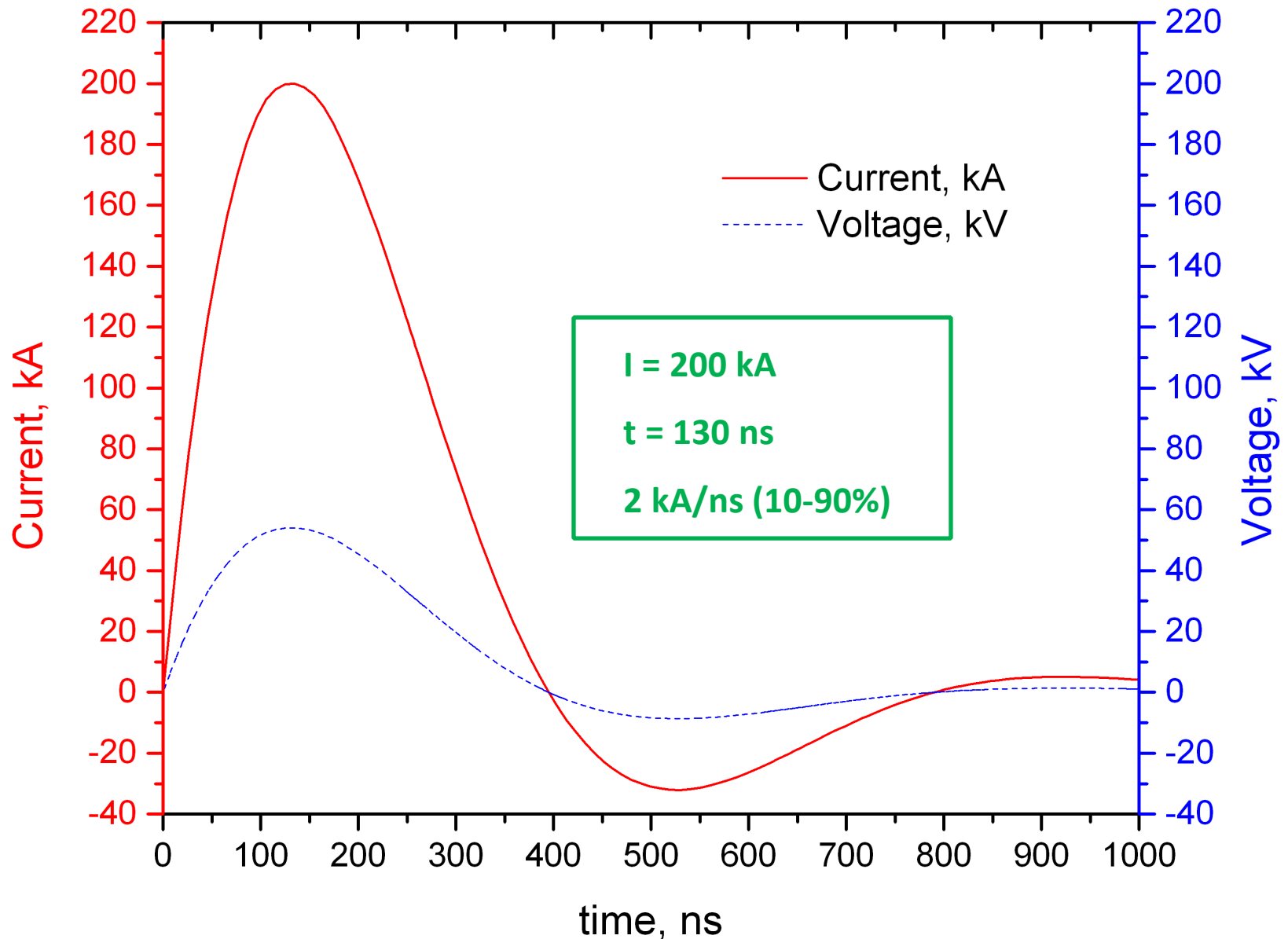


$L_{sw} < 40 \text{ nH}$
 $I_c = 100 \text{ kA}$
 $V_c = 25\text{-}100 \text{ kV}$



$L = 29.5 \text{ nH}$
 $C = 400 \text{ nF}$
 $R = 0.27 \text{ Ω}$

Simulation results : 4 capacitors and 4 switches



After construction and testing we are expecting:

X-Pinch Generator:

1. Peak current 200 kA with 80 ns rise time
2. Energy stored in capacitors: 2 kJ.
3. Energy transferred to the x-pinch: 0.8 kJ
4. Peak Power: 11 GW
5. Compact: (3 x 2 x 2) feet

Remarkable X-Ray Source:

1. Fast (< 100 ps)
2. Small (1-2 μm)
3. Bright (> 200 mJ)

Possible Experiments at Idaho Accelerator Center

1. Phase-Contrast Imaging
2. Nuclear Weapon Effect Testing
3. And more...

Looking Forward:

1. Higher Current
2. Z-Pinch
3. Fusion Energy










THANK YOU


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Z-Pinch/X-Pinch worldwide Installations

- Sandia National Laboratories, Z machine (1996), 18 MA 100ns [\[4\]](#) 
- Sandia National Laboratories, ZR (Refurbished) (2006), 27 MA, 95ns
- Sandia National Laboratories, future ZN (Z Neutron), 20 and 30 MJ per shot
- Sandia National Laboratories, future Z-IFE (Z-inertial fusion energy), 70 MA, 1 PetaWatt
- Sandia National Laboratories, SATURN, 8 MA
- Cornell University, USA: COBRA, 1 MA, 95-180 ns [\[5\]](#) 
- Cornell University, USA: XP Pulser, 450 kA, 50 ns [\[6\]](#) 
- University of Nevada, Reno: Zebra, 1MA, 100ns [\[7\]](#) 
- University of California, San Diego: GenASIS, 210 kA, 150 ns [\[8\]](#) 
- University of California, San Diego: X-Pinch Pulser, 80 kA, 50 ns [\[9\]](#) 
- University of Michigan, USA: MAIZE, 1 MA, 100 ns [\[10\]](#) 
- Florida A&M University: X Pinch system

- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile: Llampüdkeñ, 400 kA, 260 ns
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile: GEPOPU, 180 kA, 120 ns

- Imperial College, London: MAGPIE, 1.4 MA, 240 ns [\[11\]](#) 
- Imperial College, London: Table-top X-pinch, 40 kA, 30ns
- France?: PIAF, 250 kA, 180 ns

- Xi'an, China: QiangGuang-1, 1 MA, 50 ns
- Beijing, China: PPG-1, 400 kA, 100 ns
- CIAE, China: Light II-A, 200 kA
- Beijing, China: Table Top, 100 kA, 60 ns, 2m x 1.1m x 1.2m

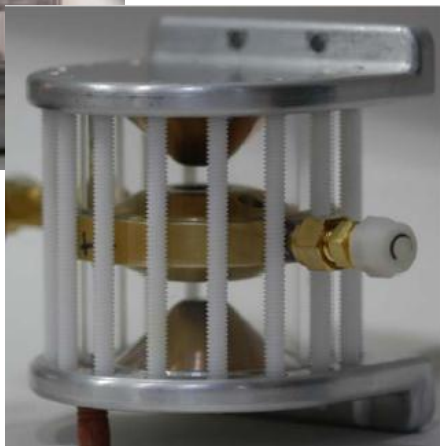
- TRINITI, Russia: ANGARA-5-1, 4 MA, 100 ns [\[12\]](#) 
- Institute of High Current Electronics, Russia: Compact Pulse Generator, 300 kA, 200 ns, 70 kg
- Institute of High Current Electronics, Russia: Compact submicrosecond, high current generator, 650 kA, 390 ns



no Marx generator
no
Pulse Forming Lines



instead utilize advantages of
high current low inductance
capacitors and switches



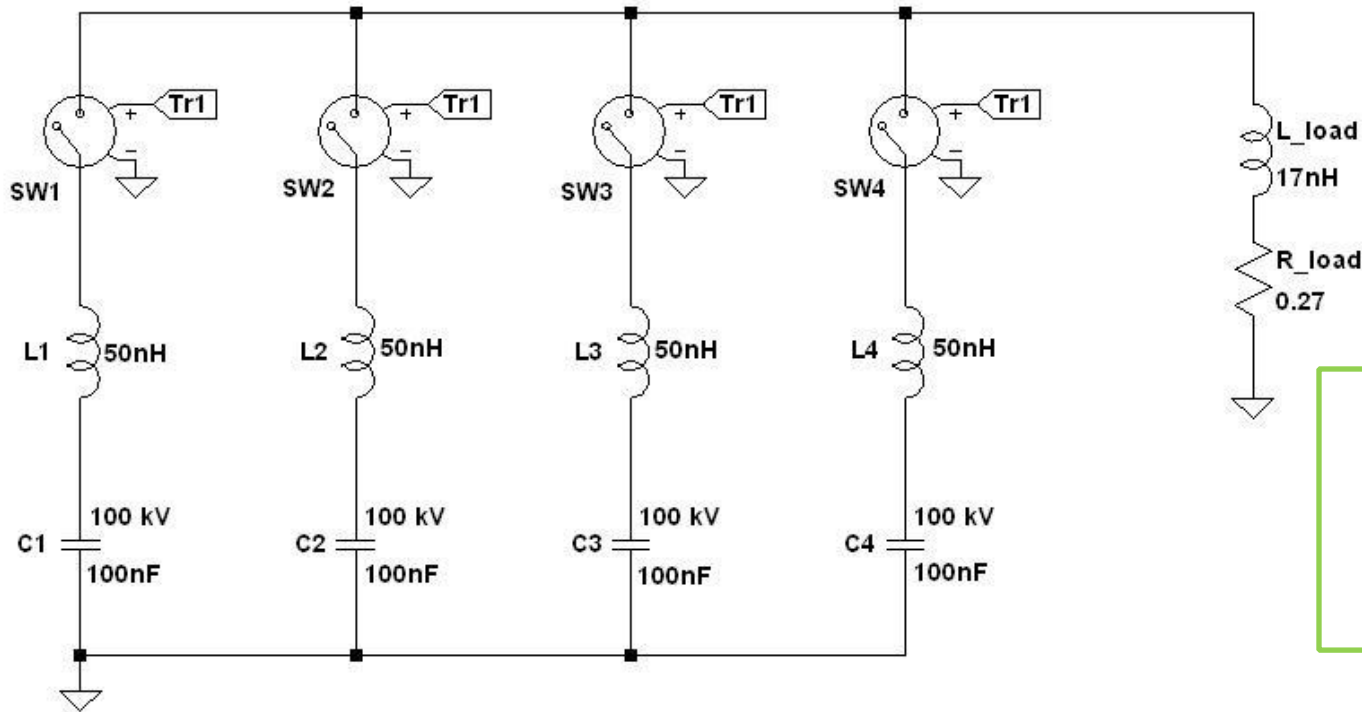
**With four high current low inductance capacitors and switches we can built
200 kA, 80 ns (10%-90%) compact and portable x-ray generator**



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