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Multi-element Magnetic “B-dot” Probe¹ SAMUEL HARROLD²,
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element magnetic probe consisting of miniature commercial chip inductors that will
be used to investigate the evolution of the magnetic field lines during a reconnection
event. Eight clusters of three mutually orthogonal inductor coils mounted in a linear
array provide dB/dt data in the x , y , and z directions with a spatial resolution of
0.5 cm. The probe will be part of the Reconnection Scaling Experiment (RSX) at
Los Alamos National Laboratory, which creates multiple magnetic flux ropes of H⁺
plasma. Using numerical integration, we expect to measure magnetic field strengths
of 1-10 gauss. The plasma columns of RSX that undergo magnetic reconnection,
merging, and bouncing evolve on a characteristic timescale of 1-10 μ s, which is well
within the probe’s expected time resolution.

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