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Results from magneto-Rayleigh-Taylor Instability Experiments on Thin Foils Driven by a 1-MA LTD¹ J.C. ZIER, S.G. PATEL, A.M. STEINER, R.M. GILGENBACH, D.M. FRENCH, M.R. GOMEZ, Y.Y. LAU, University of Michigan, M.G. MAZARAKIS, M.E. CUNEO, M.R. LOPEZ, Sandia National Labs — Foils are under investigation as imploding liners for magnetized target fusion. We report our latest design and experimental progress on the magneto-Rayleigh-Taylor instability. Planar foils driven by the 1-MA LTD, MAIZE, are the dynamic loads for this investigation. Initial experiments utilized 400 nm Al foils accelerated by asymmetric placement between return current plates. Diagnostic deployment, transmission line and load hardware, and experimental progress will be presented.

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