



Stagnation and Burn Panel intro

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We have developed and validated a thermodynamic model fit to implosion data

- **Analysis of THD & DT performance trends**
 - **Yield and Pressure are 3-20 times lower than post-shot simulation**
 - **We infer high Entropy in Hotspot, (large V, small P, small M)**
 - **Fuel rho-r consistent with nominal Fuel entropy, but large hotspot**
 - **Most likely sources of high Entropy Hotspot**
 - **Incomplete conversion of KE into compression (Hammer's talk)**
 - **Shock Mistiming/ 4th rise causing hot release of inner ice layer**
 - **Stronger & early 4th Shock, 5th Shock**
 - **Early termination of drive**
 - **We infer rho-r asymmetry & incomplete conversion of kinetic energy into compression**
 - **3D shape , Shell breakup**
 - **We observe evidence of strong Mixing of ablator material into hotspot**
 - **Ablation front Growth factors, seeds**

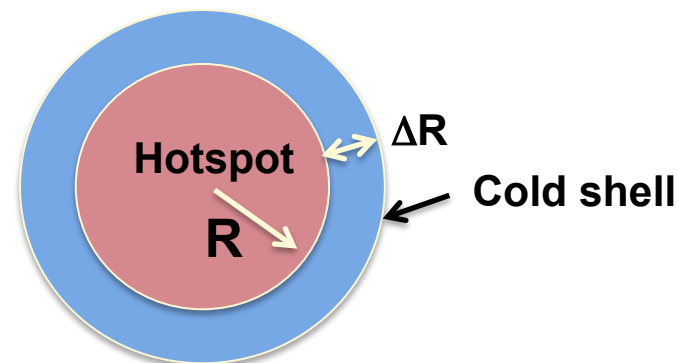
How Inertial Confinement Fusion works

- 1. Multiple shocks compress DT ice layer**
 - Sets Fuel compressibility
- 2. DT layer accelerates to high velocity**
 - Sets Implosion Energy , Mix
- 3. Hotspot is formed from deceleration & stagnation**
 - Sets hotspot Adiabatic, Mix, Shape
- 4. Alpha heating & bootstrap**
 - Sets ignition threshold & gain

Implosion performance can be characterized by thermodynamic variables of the Hotspot and Fuel

Key Thermodynamic Variables

- Pressure
- Temperature
- Volume
- +
- Energy $\sim PV$
- Mass $\sim PV/T$



Cold shell surrounds emitting hot spot

Why are these important?

$$PV_{\text{Tot}} \sim E_{\text{imp}} \quad \text{Implosion Energy} \sim M v^2$$

$$PV^{5/3} \sim e^S \quad \text{Implosion Adiabatic} \sim PV^{5/3}, \text{ (very) sensitive to entropy } S_{\text{hs, Fuel}}$$

$$Y \sim P^2 T^2 V t \quad \text{Yield \& Ignition threshold} \quad (P > 400 \text{ Gbar}, T > 4 \text{ keV})$$

Measuring the pressure, temperature, and volume of the hotspot and fuel is important to understanding and optimizing the implosion performance

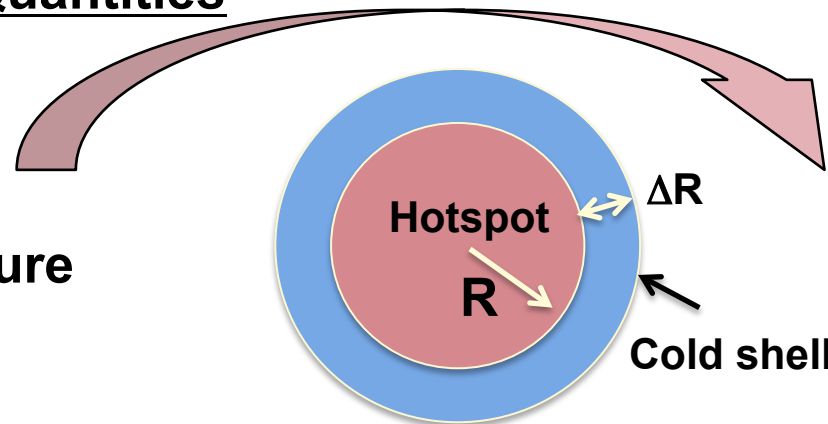
We infer the hotspot pressure, temperature, and volume using a static isobaric model fit to nuclear & x-ray data

Measured Hotspot Quantities

R_{hs}	Radius
τ_b	Duration
T_{hs}	Temperature
Y_{DT}	Yield

Inputs from experiment

- X-ray Images, waist & pole
- Burn history, x-rays
- Neutron time of Flight
- Activation
- Spectrum



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Derived Quantities

V_{hs}	Volume
ρ_{hs}	Density
P_{hs}	Pressure

Outputs from model

$$Y \sim n^2 \cdot \langle \sigma v \sim T^{4.5} \rangle \cdot Vol \cdot \tau_b$$

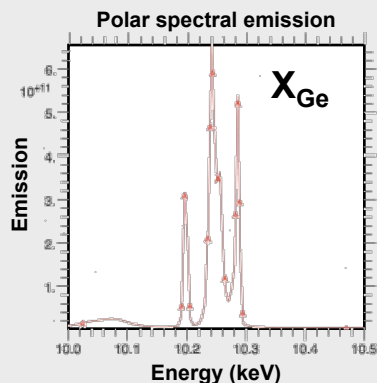
neutrons

X-rays (for now)

Hotspot Volume and temperature are measured and used to infer pressure
Cold Fuel properties further constrained by mass & neutron downscatter $\rho \Delta R$

We actually use a 3D static model fit nuclear & x-ray data to derive implosion conditions on each shot

X-ray Spectrum



Composition

3D Hotspot Model

Atomic data
• EOS
• Opacity

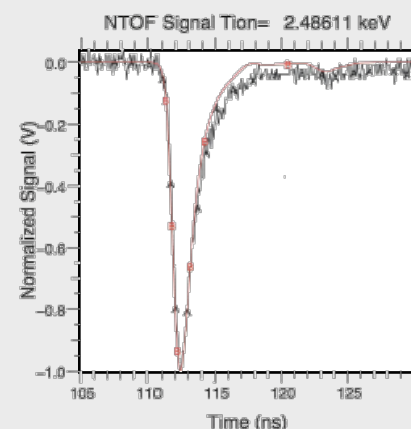
Nuclear data
• $\sigma v(T)$

Predict Diagnostics

Optimize Fit
Minimize χ^2

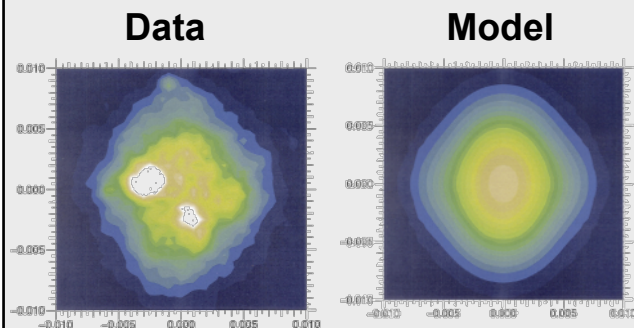
Adjust Conditions

Neutron Time-of-Flight Spectrum



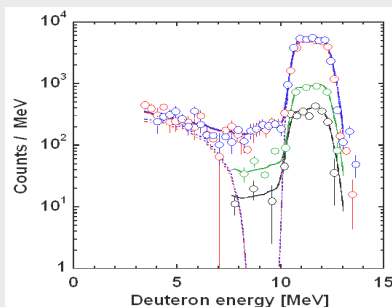
Temperature

X-ray Spatial Profiles



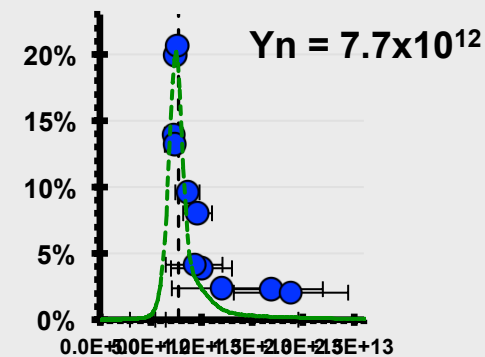
Volume

Neutron Down Scatter



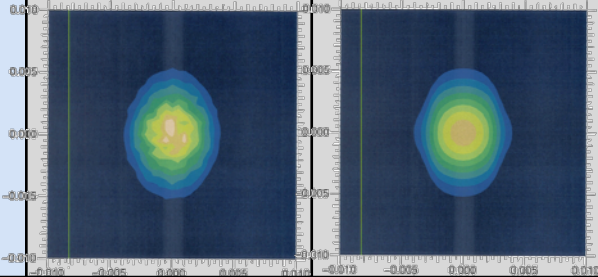
$$\rho R = 0.48 \pm 0.04 \text{ g/cm}^2$$

Neutron Yield



Density

Validation studies in 2D indicate ~10% accuracy in hotspot pressure, density, and total energy

Implosion Metric	Simulation	Model Fit	Relative Error %	Spatially uniform approx
Ti (keV)	3.20	3.42	7	3.4
ρ_{ion} (g/cm ³)	23.9	24.0	1	22
Mass (μg)	18.9	20.2	6	11.5
Volume (μcm^3)	50.3	50.3	1	50.3
Energy (kJ)	6.54	6.48	-1	5.78
P (Gbar)	69.8	68.0	-1	73
Yield 10 ¹¹	1.05	1.07	2	1.07
X-ray image				

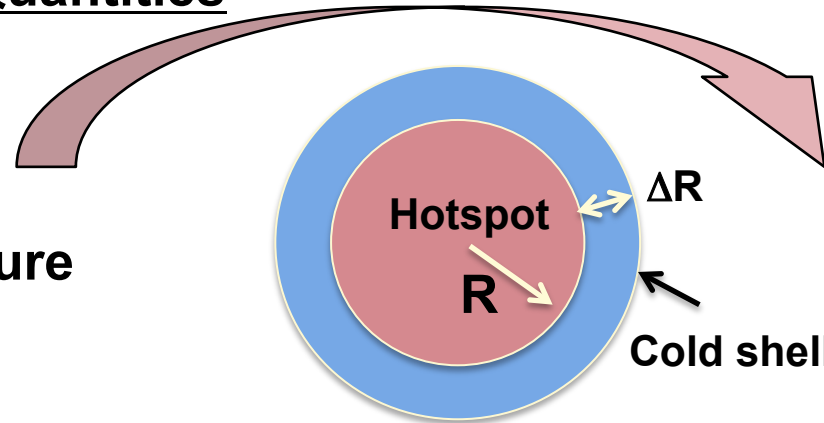
We have not completed the validation of accuracy for cold shell properties & total energy (initial estimates are 20-30 %)

An “idealized” uniform hotspot model provides simple estimate for pressure and expected accuracy



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$$Y_{DT} = 6.023e23 \underbrace{(\rho_{hs}/2.5)^2}_{ND * NT} \underbrace{X_D X_T \sigma v(T_{hs})}_{Fusion \sigma} \underbrace{4\pi/3 R_{hs}^3}_{Volume} \underbrace{\tau_b}_{Duration}$$

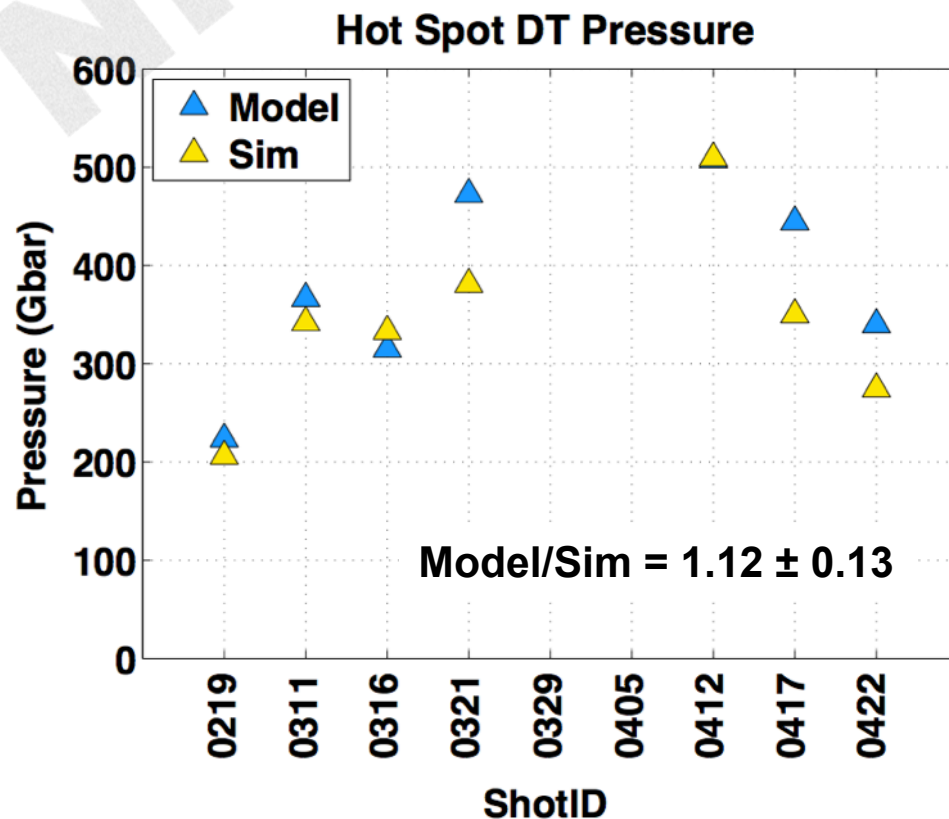
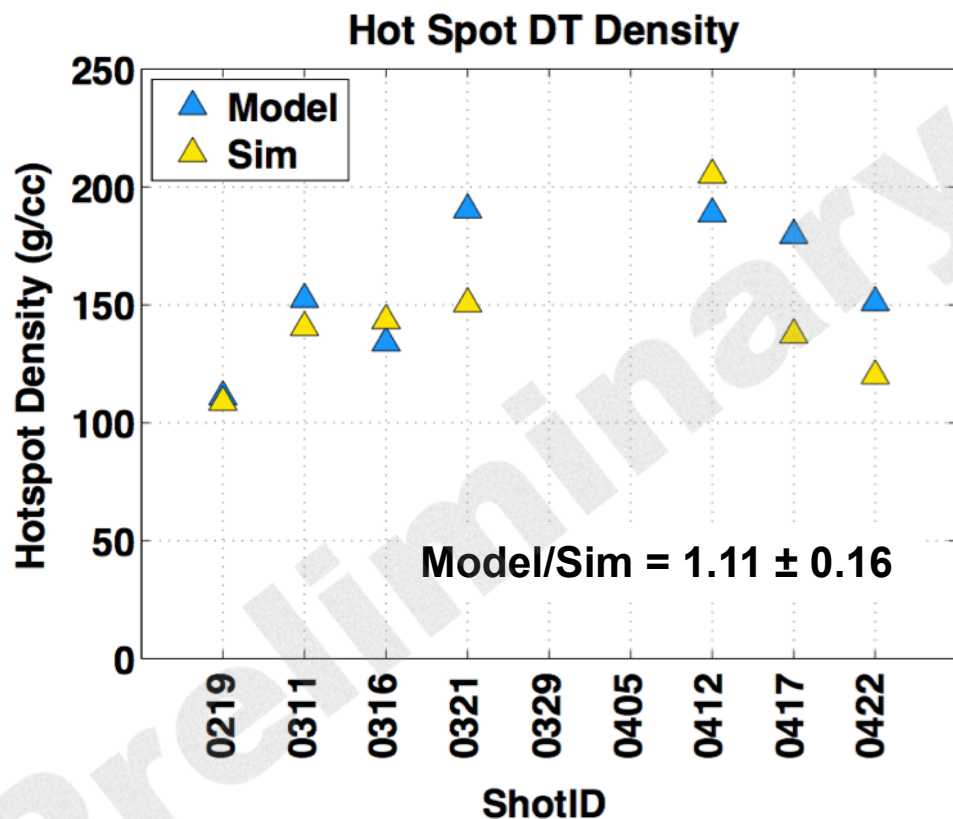
Measured
Inferred

$P_{hs} = 0.772 \rho_{hs} T_{hs} = 1.167e-14 Y_{DT}^{1/2} X_D^{-1/2} X_T^{-1/2} T_{hs}^{-1.05} R_{hs}^{-3/2} \tau_b^{-1/2}$

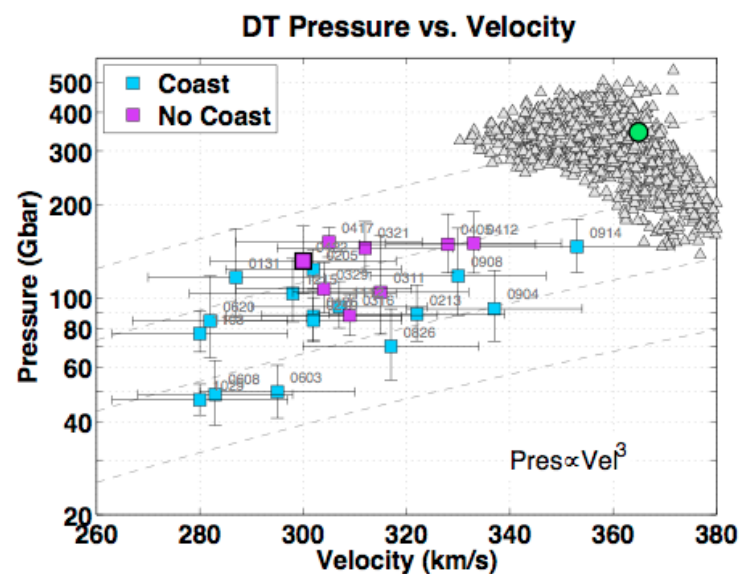
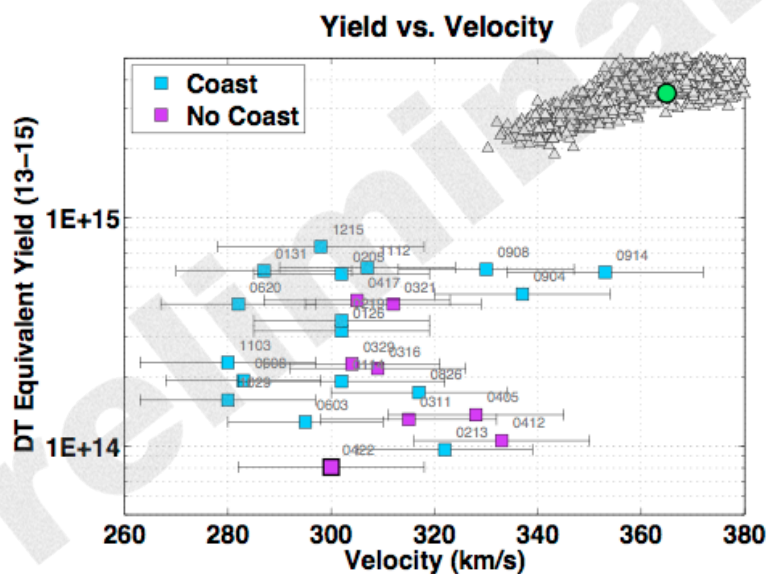
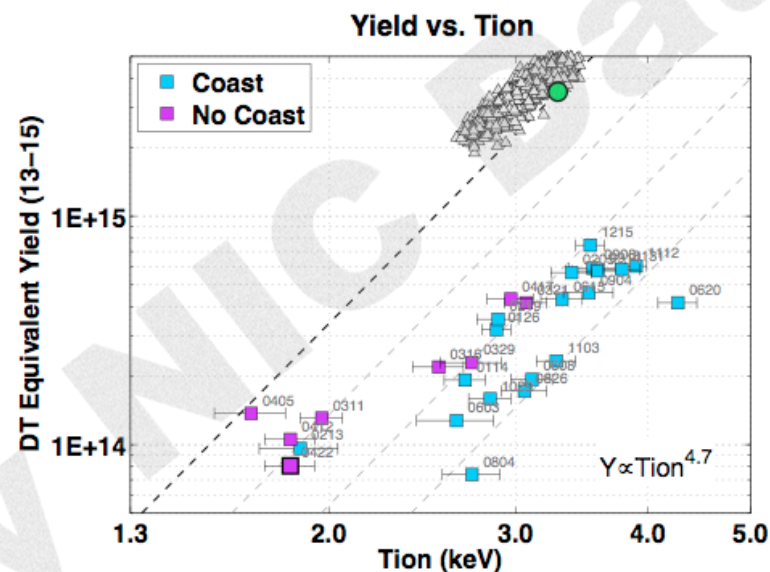
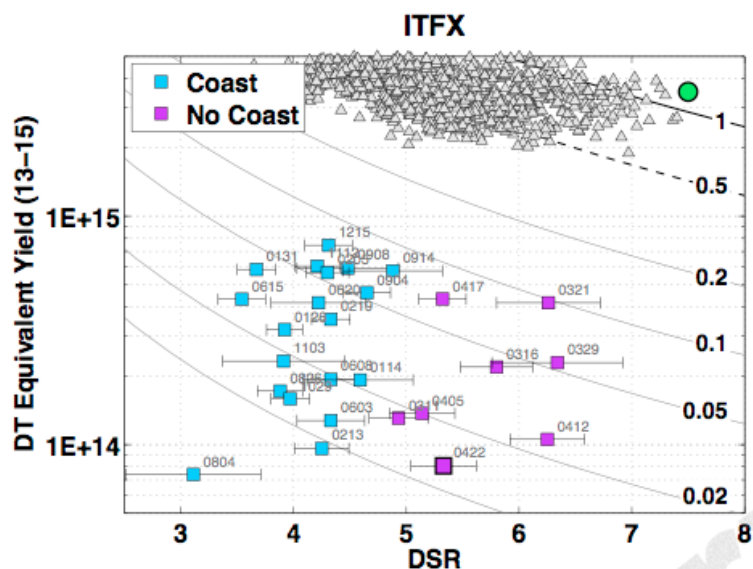
20 %
20%
5%
5%
5%
20%

The model has been validated using 2D HYDRA synthetic data – agreement in ρ , P is better than 12%

- As input to model we used simulated Yield, Tion, XrayP0, XrayP2P0, XrayM0, XrayBW from 7 postshot simulations (Oggie's)
- We calculate model density and pressure and compare with HYDRA burn-weighted density and pressure

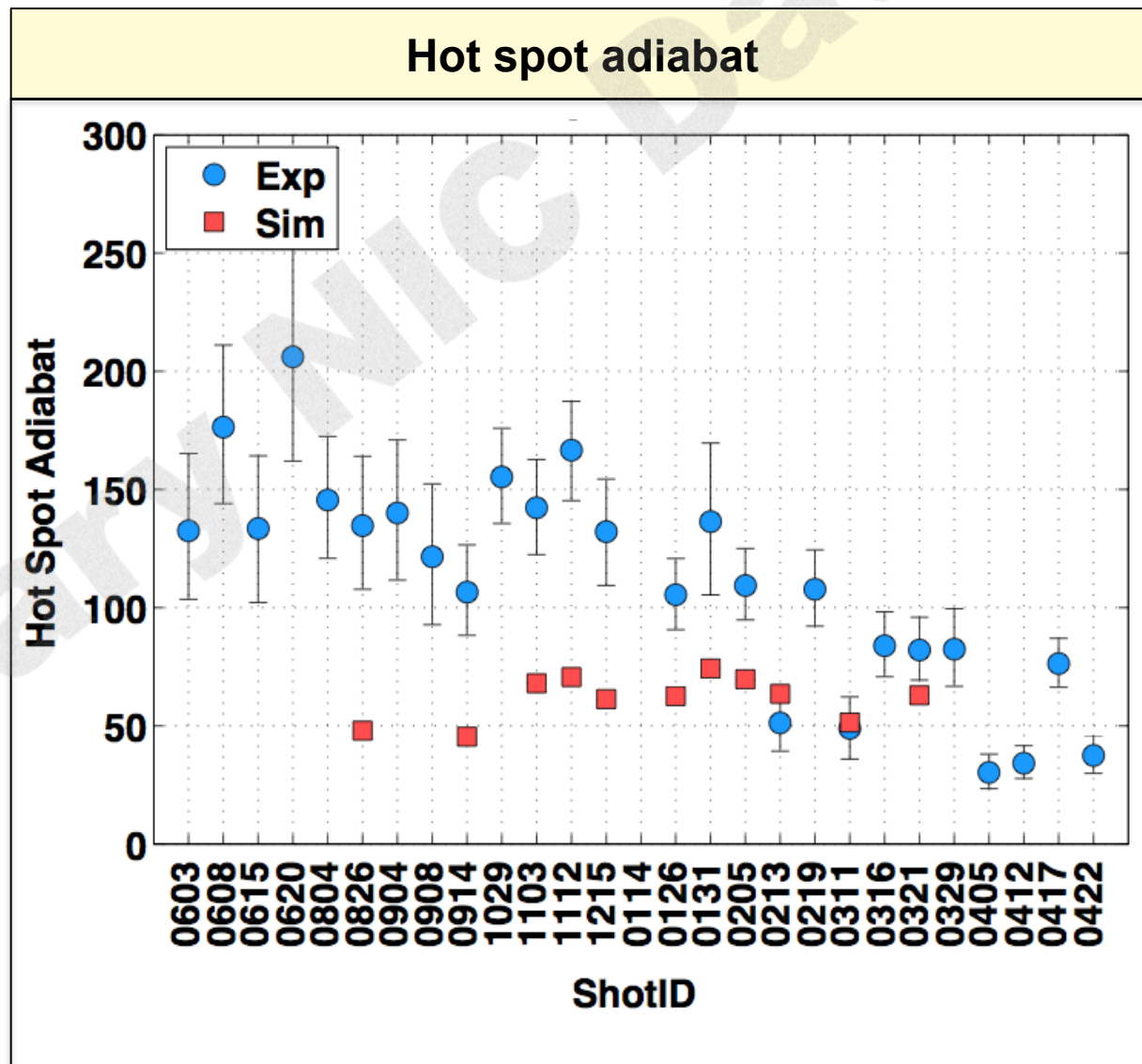


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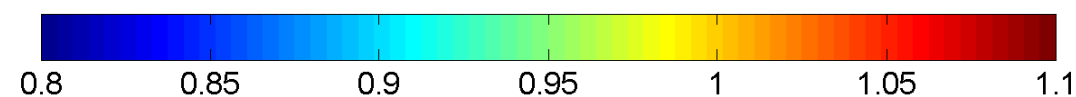
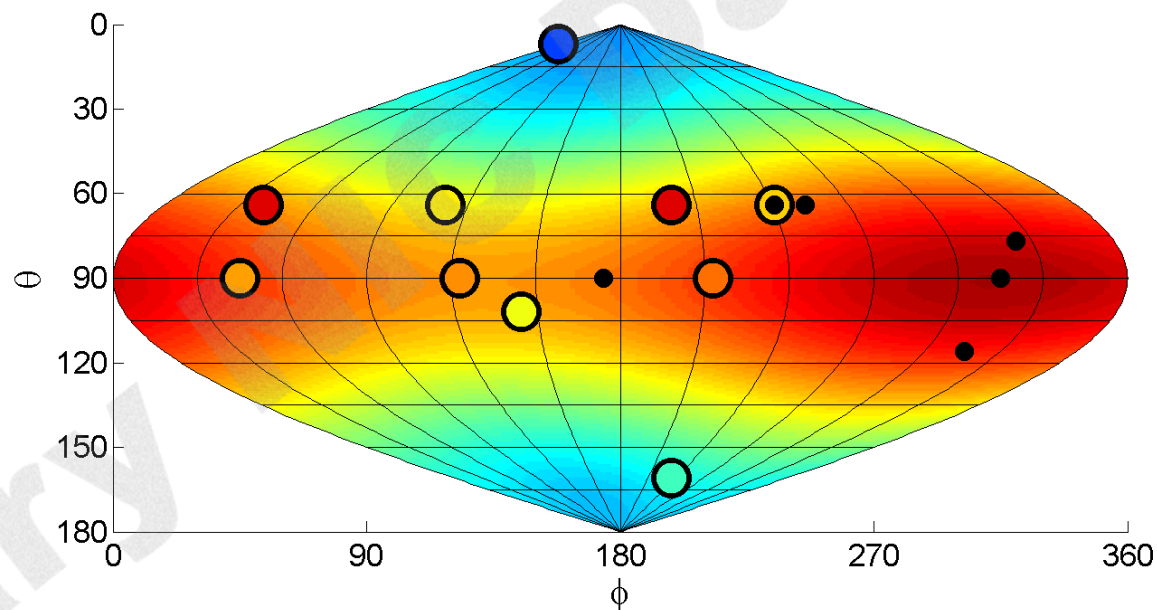
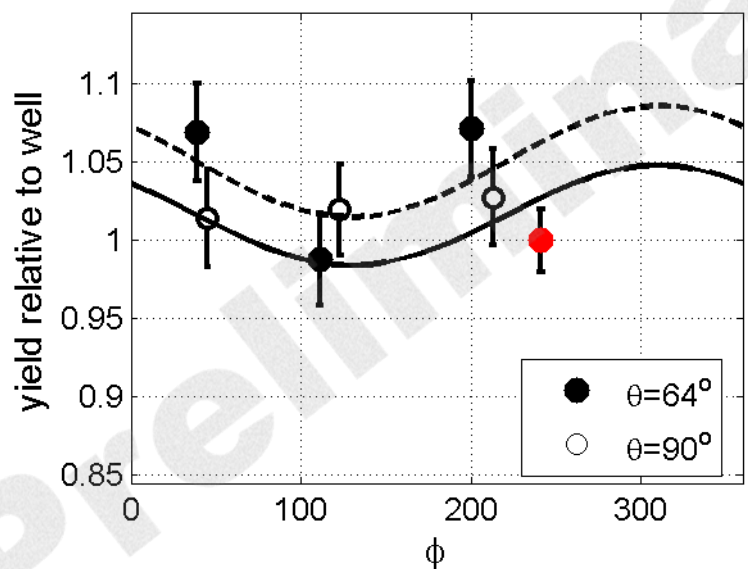
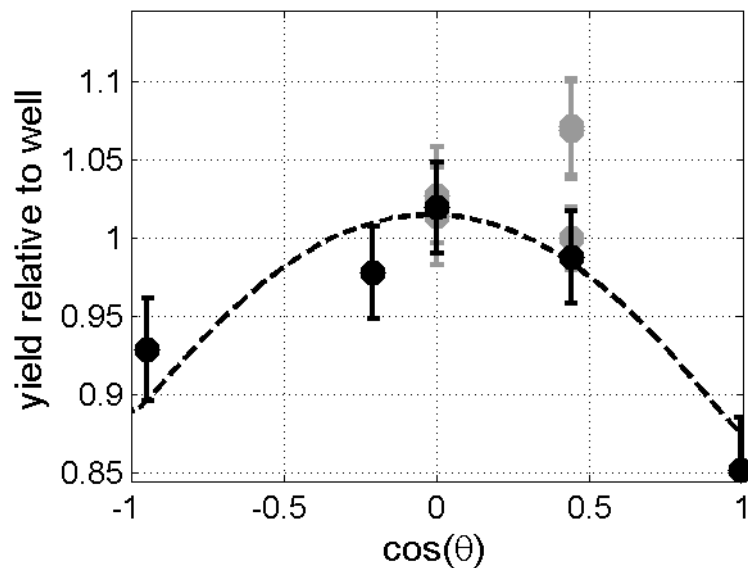
The Hot spot adiabat is typically 2-3 times larger than desired

- Current implosions have $v \sim 300 \text{ km/s}$
- Anticipate higher stagnation adiabat at 370 km/s counter balanced by less coasting
- Analysis on going



Springer/Cerjan analysis

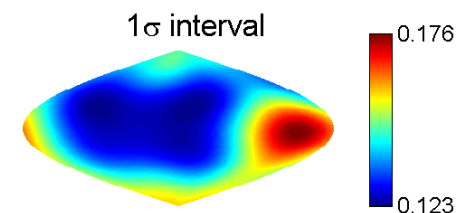
N120205-002 Rho-r asymmetry at stagnation



$a_0 = 0.9952$
 $a_{10} = -0.006284$
 $a_{11} = 0.0228$
 $a_{1-1} = 0.02728$
 $a_{20} = -0.05477$

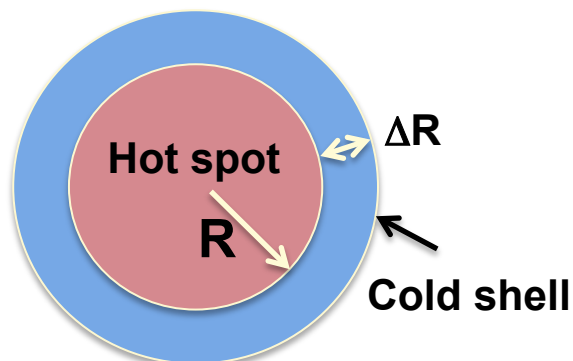
$|Y1m|: 0.036104 \pm 0.061907$
 $\text{adj}R^2 = 0.448$

Well-NAD: 1.0272
 MRS: 1.0744
 nToF BT: 1.0332
 SpecA: 1.0535
 specE: 1.0249
 NI(90-315): 1.086



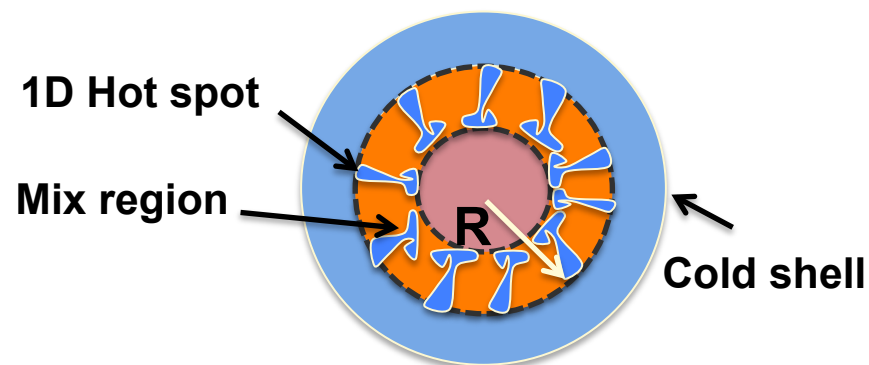
In 3D the hotspot can appear to be smaller than the 1D implosion.

1-D Implosion



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3-D Implosion



- Mix region too cold to emit neutrons/ x-rays too hot to compress.
- $R_{hs} < (M_{fuel} / 4\pi \rho_{fuel})^{1/2}$

We infer the minimum and maximum stagnation PV energy using two extremes

- 1.) Smallest Fuel volume (Place Fuel in close to hotspot, minimize Fuel mass)
- 2.) Largest 1D hotspot (Maximize 1D hotspot, use all 170 ug mass)

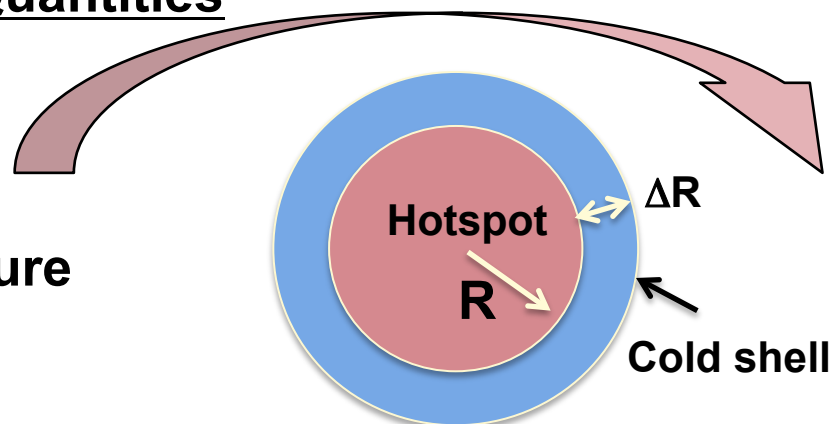
We infer the mix mass and shell attenuation by adding impurity to match x-ray yield data

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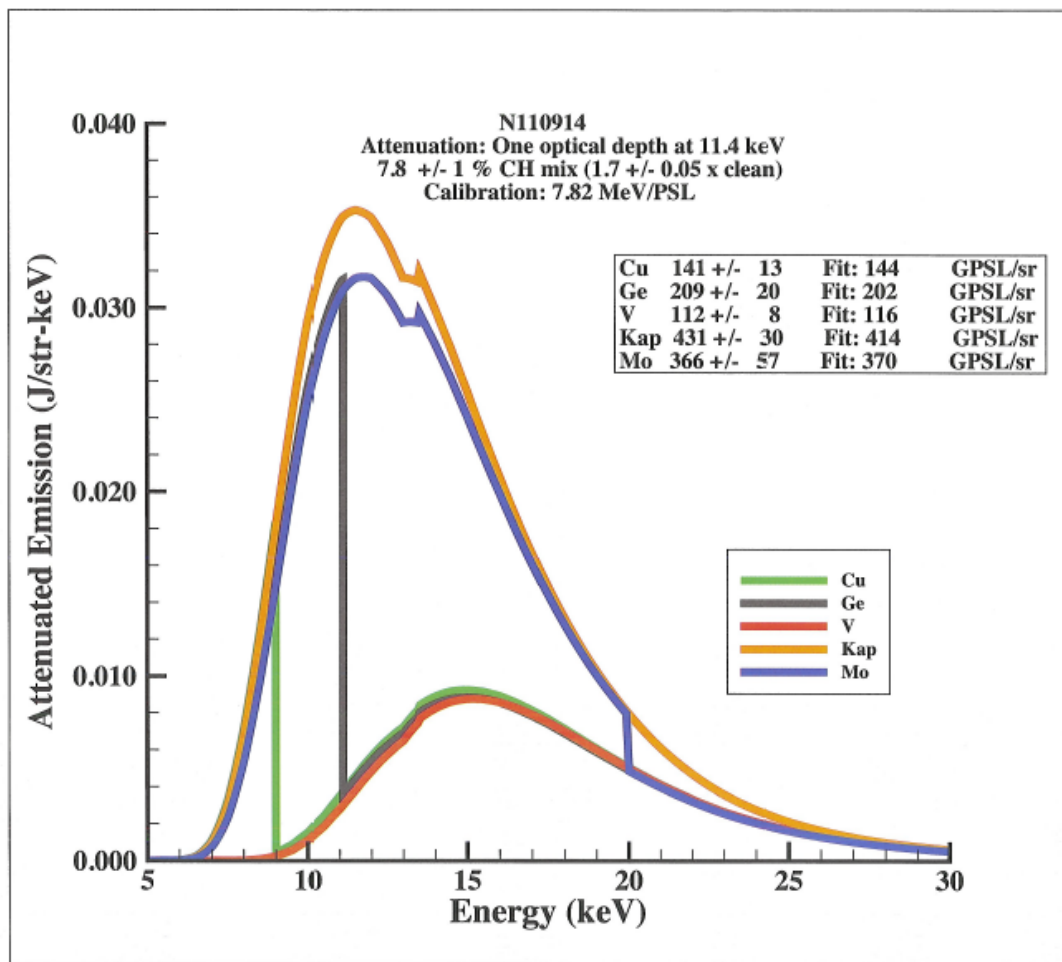
$$Y_x \sim n_{DT}^2 \cdot Vol \cdot \tau_b \cdot \langle Bv K_{ff} \rangle (1+xZ)(1+xZ^2) \tau_{shell}$$

X-rays

Impurity concentration
(2% CH doubles emission)

X-ray emission can be used to determine impurity mix and pressure providing we have absolute calibration of x-ray yield and account for absorption through shell

We observe evidence of Mixing of ablator material into hotspot – and agreement between x-ray and neutron Y

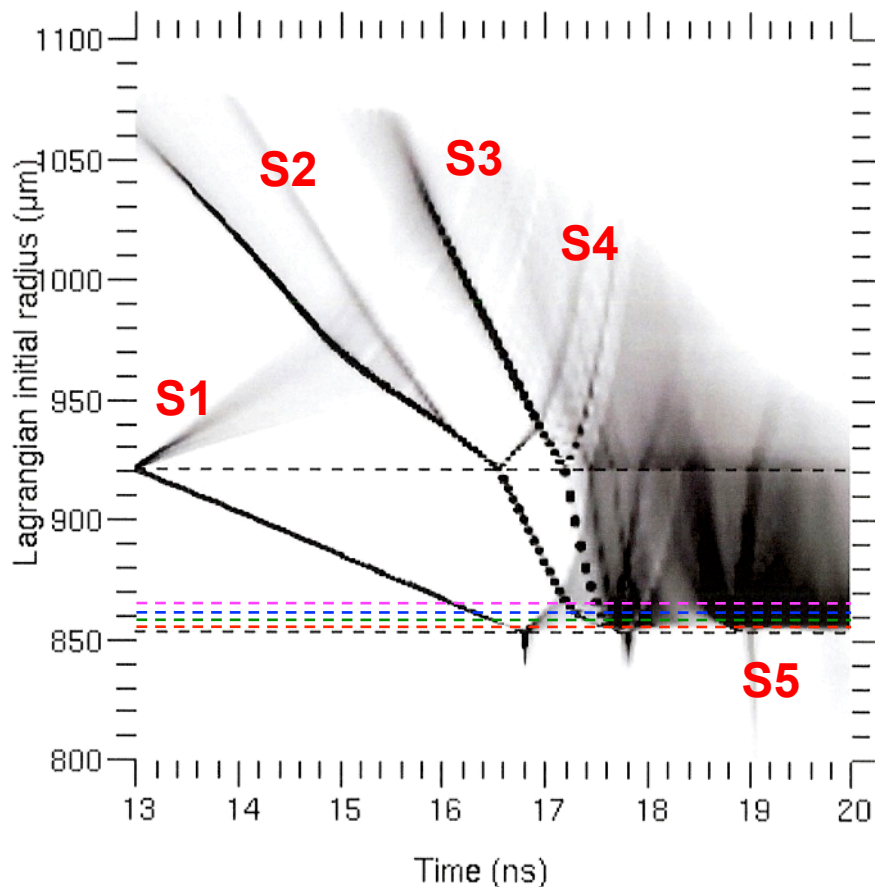


N110914 with a mix mass of 7.8 +/- 1 % (448 +/- 50 ng) matches all Ross pair channels to 5%

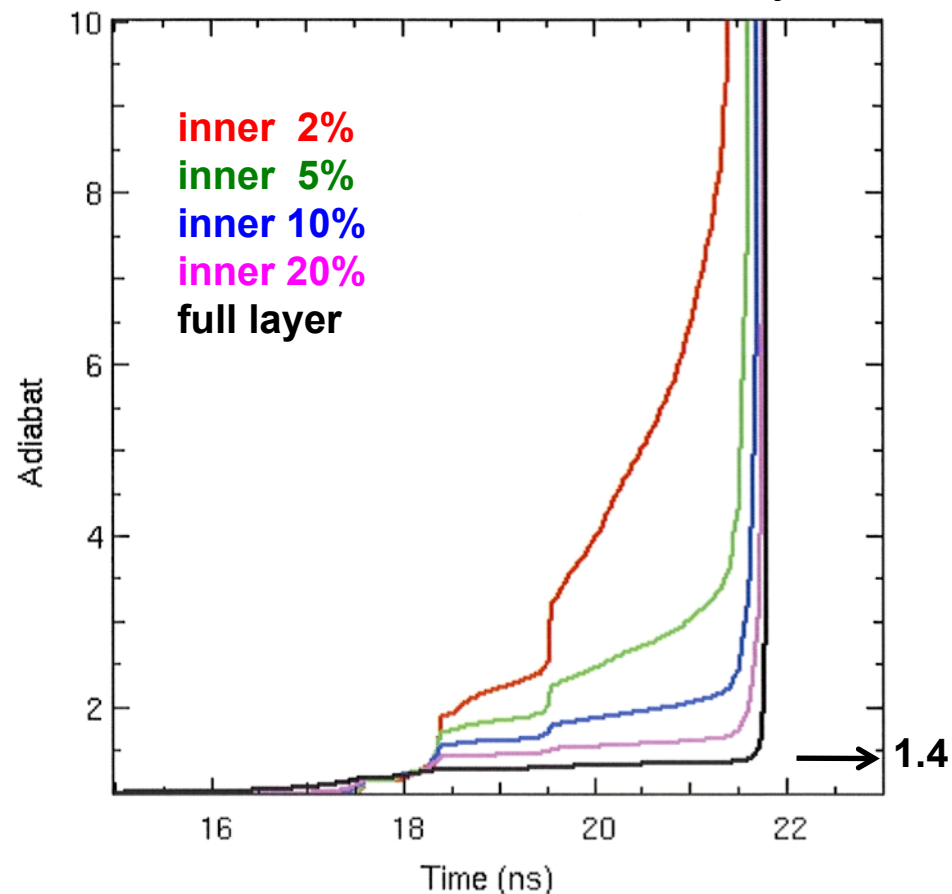
Shell attenuation of 5 +/- 1% at 8 keV from Cu – V data

1. Multiple shocks compress DT ice layer

Rev 5 shock trajectories



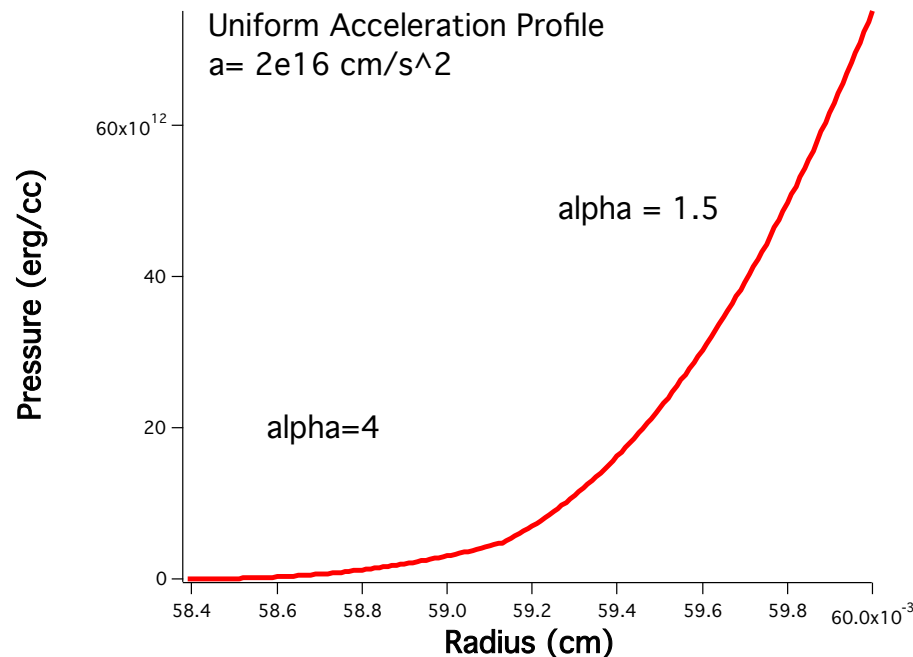
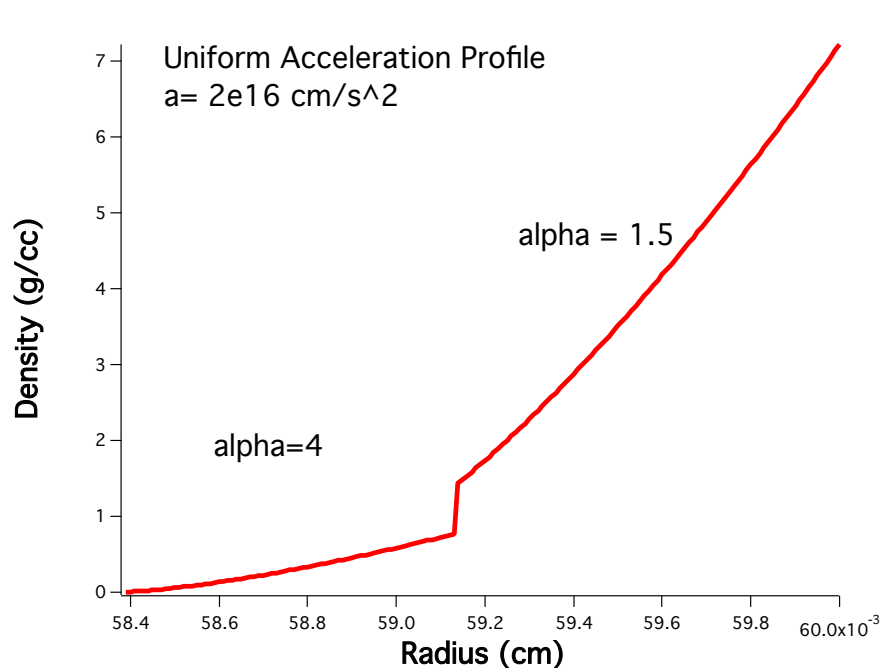
Rev 5 Fuel adiabat history



- Shock timing & fifth shock set inflight adiabat
- Inner 5% (mass 8 ug) has adiabat < 4 prior to stagnation
- Hotspot adiabat (mass 8 ug) 60 – 200 is acquired during stagnation

2. DT layer accelerates to high velocity

Fuel density depends on acceleration $P = \rho r a \sim \alpha \rho^{5/3}$



Thickness $\sim 16 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$, Sound speed $\sim 40 \text{ km/s}$ \rightarrow 400 ps transit time

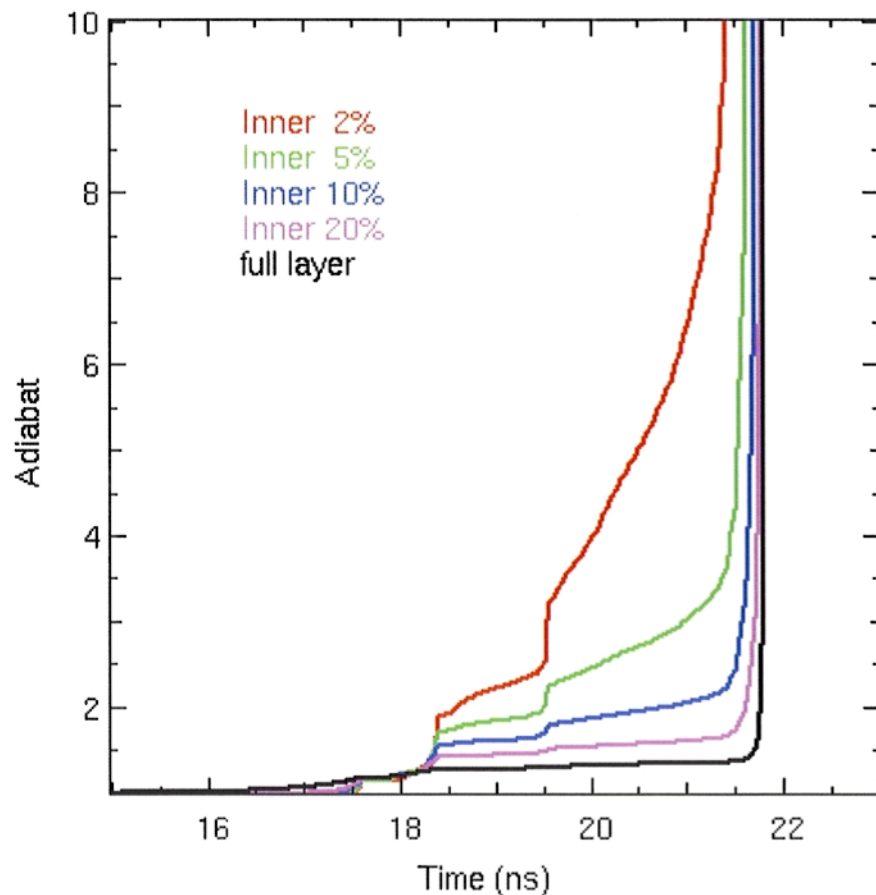
“Coasting” sudden drop in acceleration from outside, inside still accelerates

Fuel can develop a differential velocity
Thickness increases, density drops

$dv = a dt = 80 \text{ km/s}$
2 fold in 400 ps

3. Hotspot is formed from deceleration & stagnation

Rev 5 Fuel adiabat history



- Hotspot adiabat (60- 200) is much higher than inflight values
 - Heat flow from the hotspot
 - Stagnation with hotspot

How Inertial Confinement Fusion works

1. Fuel assembly

- Conversion efficiency of kinetic energy into PV energy
- Rho-r asymmetry
- Roles of target features (capsule roundness, fill tubes, holes in hohlraum)
- Laser issues – beam imbalance, x-beam transfer, power imbalance
- Diagnostics – need movies of final assembly

2. Hotspot Formation

- Stagnation versus inflight adiabat?
- Role of coasting on hotspot adiabat?
- Do we have a 5th shock?
- Magnetic Fields – dense materials in hotspot w/o cooling
- Role of kinetics, species separation
- Mat'l properties (EOS, opacity, conductivity,)
- Turbulent energy in HS, Fuel

How Inertial Confinement Fusion works

3. Transport in hotspot (radiation, conduction, particle)
 - Mat'l properties
 - Radiative loss
 - electron ion equilibrium?
 - Do we have strong magnetic fields & what is their consequence?
 - Maxwellian ion electron distributions?

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