



3D MODELING OF NON-LINEAR LASER PLASMA INTERACTION IN HYDRODYNAMIC CODES - APPLICATION TO STUDY OF LOW MODES IN DIRECT-DRIVE IMPLOSIONS

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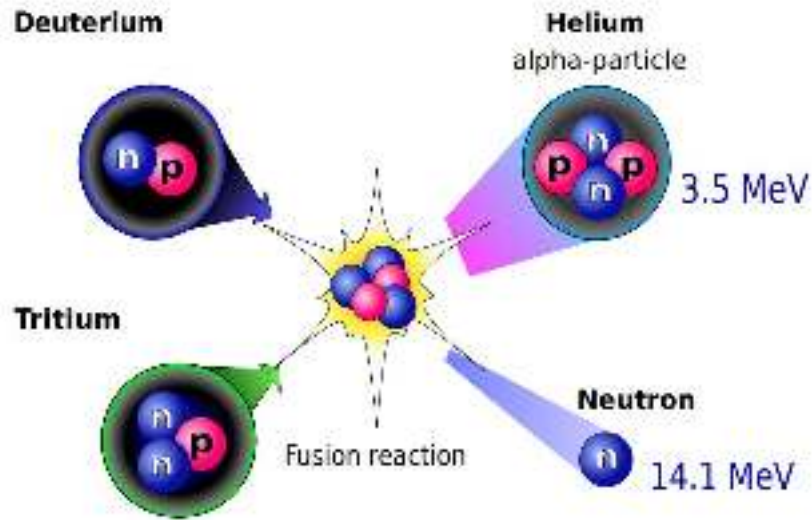
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NUCLEAR FUSION REACTIONS



Energy density

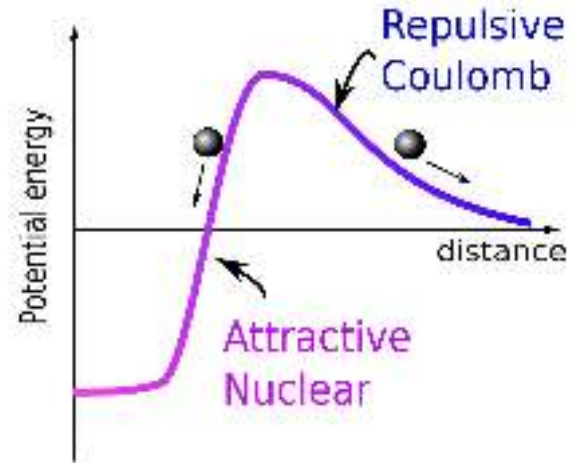
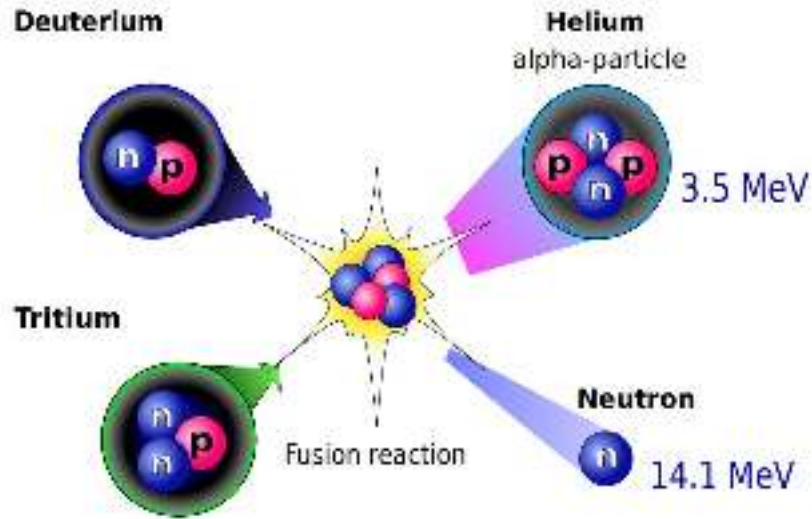
Fusion : 339 million MJ/kg

Chemical oxydation of
hydrogen : 120 MJ/kg

Combustion of TNT : 4.6 MJ/kg

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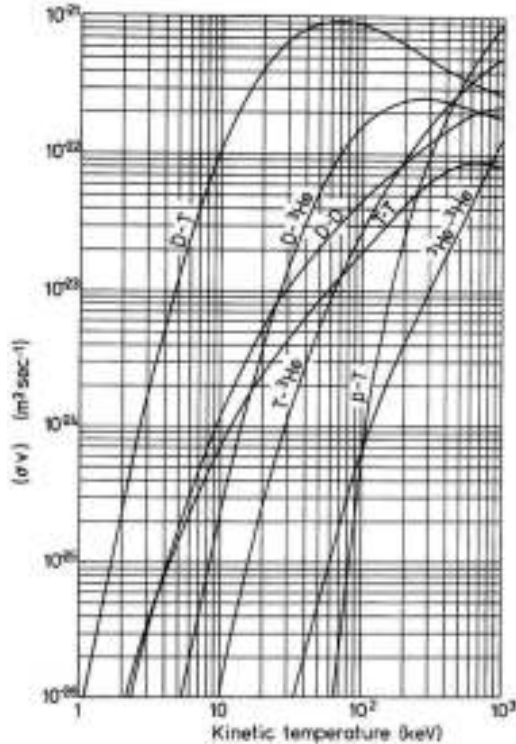
NUCLEAR FUSION REACTIONS



Overcoming the coulomb barrier can be achieved through the thermal motions of particles (i.e. thermonuclear fusion). The thermal approach is favored for energy production.

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IGNITION OF FUSION REACTIONS



The choice of D-T as a fuel is conditioned by the reactivity (reaction probability per unit time and density)

What we need to produce significant amount of fusion reactions:

- High temperatures
 - High densities
 - Confinement - time for the reactions to occur to provide energy gain
- ⇒ high pressures

Magnetic confinement: large confinement time, low density plasma - steady burn of DT fuel, continuous injection of reaction mass

Inertial confinement (ICF): high density and short confinement time; targets ignited one by one

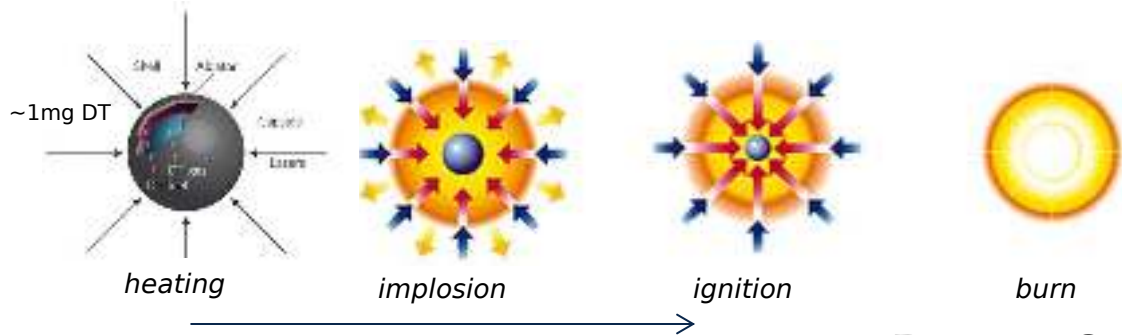
ICF: ignition condition is pressure.R >1.5 GBar.cm



e.g. 50 microns diameter, 600 GBar

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INERTIAL CONFINEMENT FUSION



$$\text{Energy gain } G = E_{\text{fusion}}/E_{\text{driver}}$$

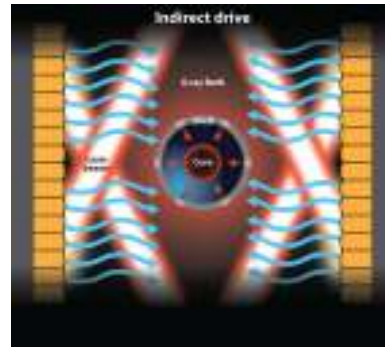
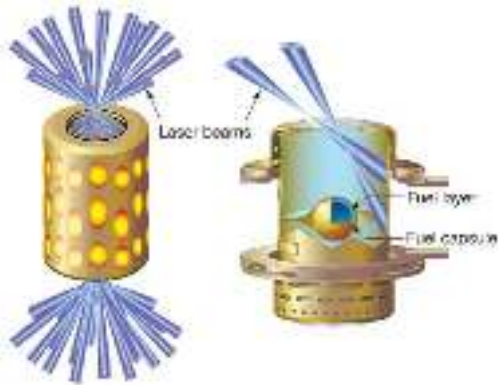
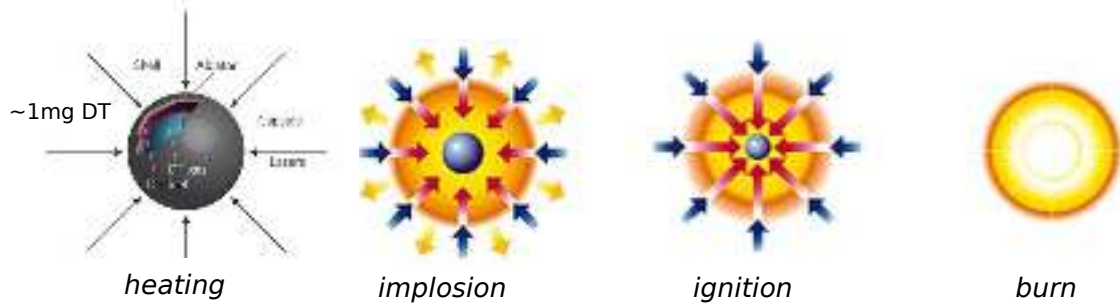
- Compress by x1000
- Heat to 4.5 keV (~ 5 M degrees C)

\Rightarrow Driver energy $\sim 1\text{-}10$ MJ in 10 ns timescale

\Rightarrow Large scale laser facilities capables of delivering ~ 100 TW laser power are required

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INERTIAL CONFINEMENT FUSION



Indirect-drive approach

- Lower gain (X-ray conversion)
- Higher drive smoothness
- Time-dependant cylindrical drive to implode a spherical capsule

Direct-drive approach

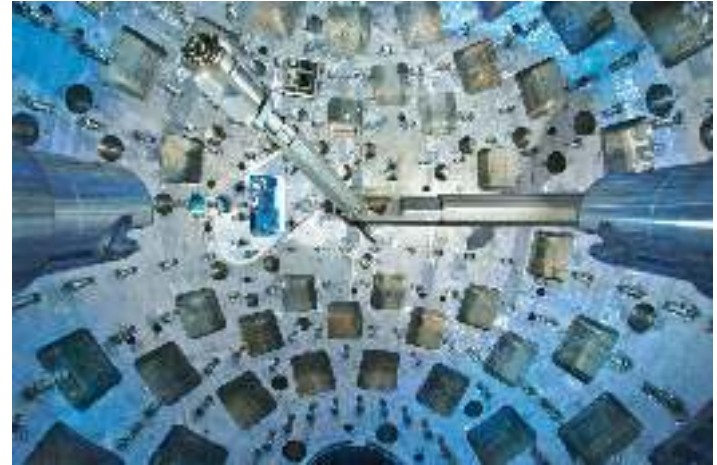
- Higher gain
- More sensitive to 3D laser effects (imbalance, alignment, etc) and beam smoothness

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Laser Megajoule (LMJ) - CEA CESTA



Experimental chamber (LMJ)

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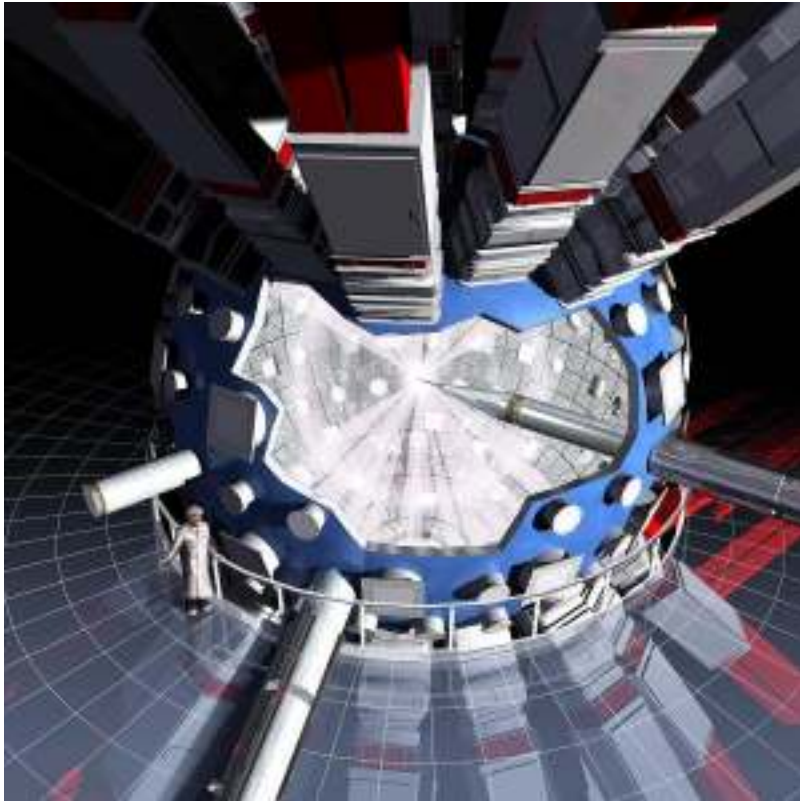
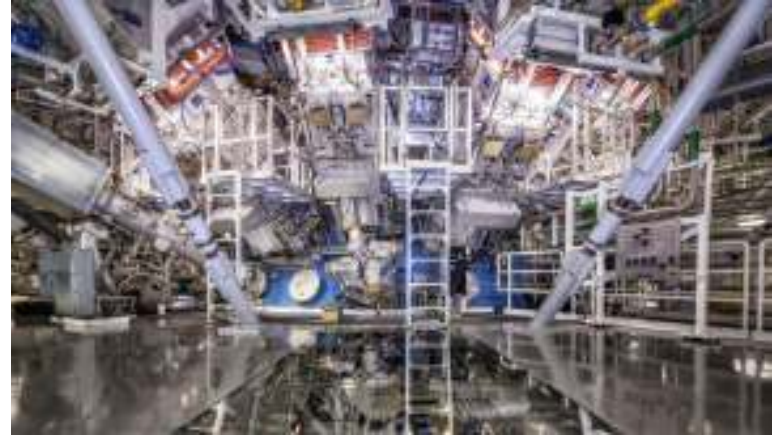


Illustration of the NIF experimental chamber and beams

NIF experimental chamber



NIF facility schematic

(full-scale, indirect-drive)



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OMEGA60 experimental chamber

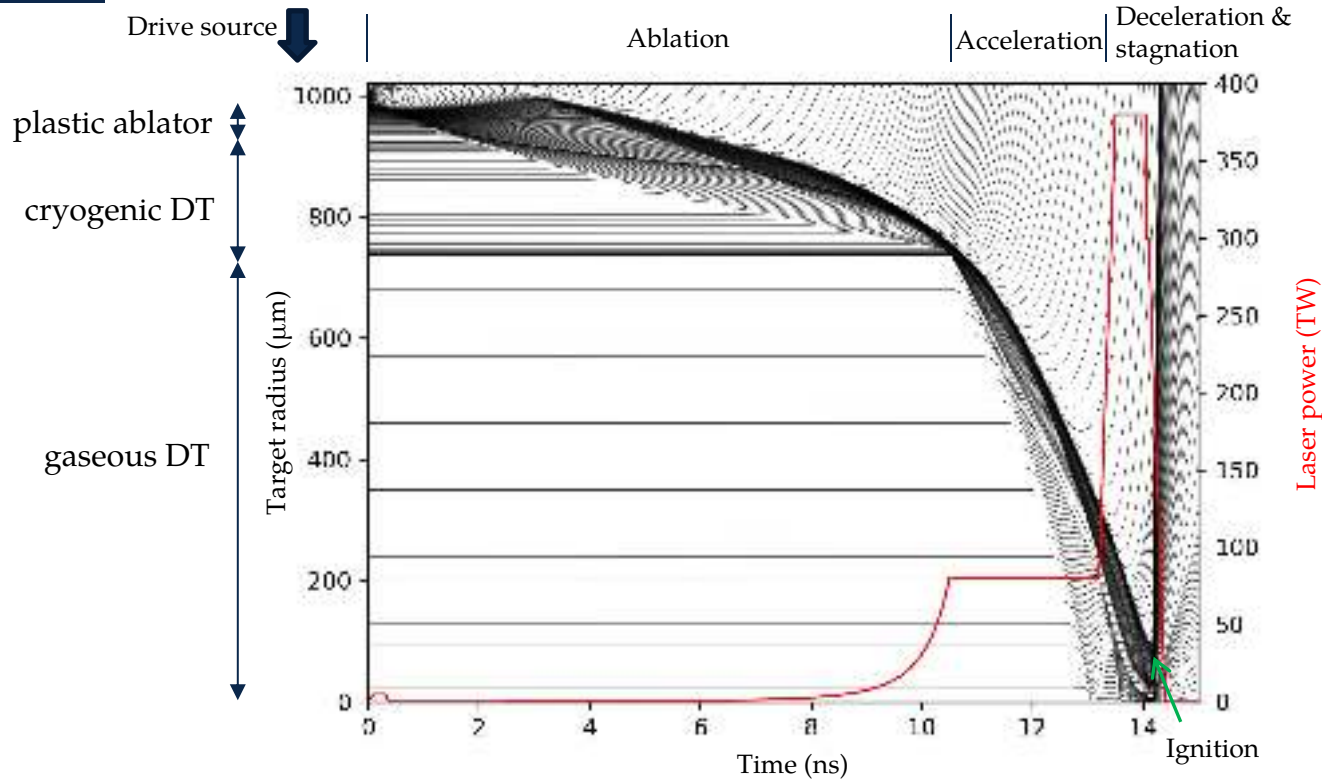


OMEGA60 amplifiers

(sub-scale, direct-drive)

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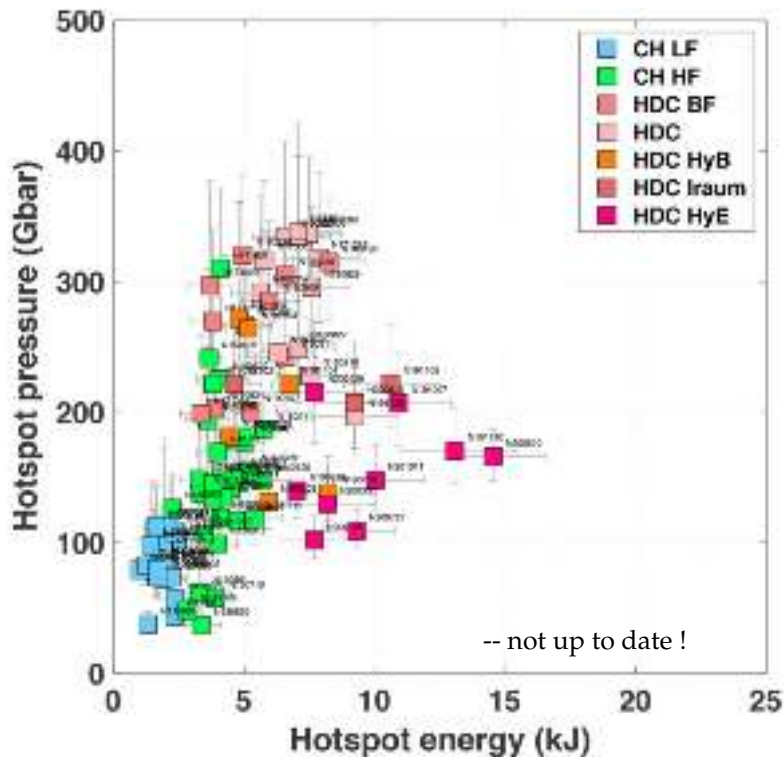
TARGET IMPLOSION AND IGNITION



Example here is direct-drive shock ignition

There are several direct-drive ignition schemes considered: central hot-spot ignition, fast ignition, shock ignition, dynamic shell, etc...

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RECENT RESULTS BROUGHT THE BEST PERFORMER AT $G \sim 0.7$ IN INDIRECT-DRIVE

Current record:

1.3 MJ yield for ~ 1.9 MJ laser energy $\Rightarrow G \sim 0.7$

~ 230 kJ was coupled to the spherical target

~ 12 kJ was coupled to the hotspot

~ 15 PW of fusion power for ~ 90 ps

\sim Hotspot ion temperature of about 11 keV

Factors several key improvements; including:

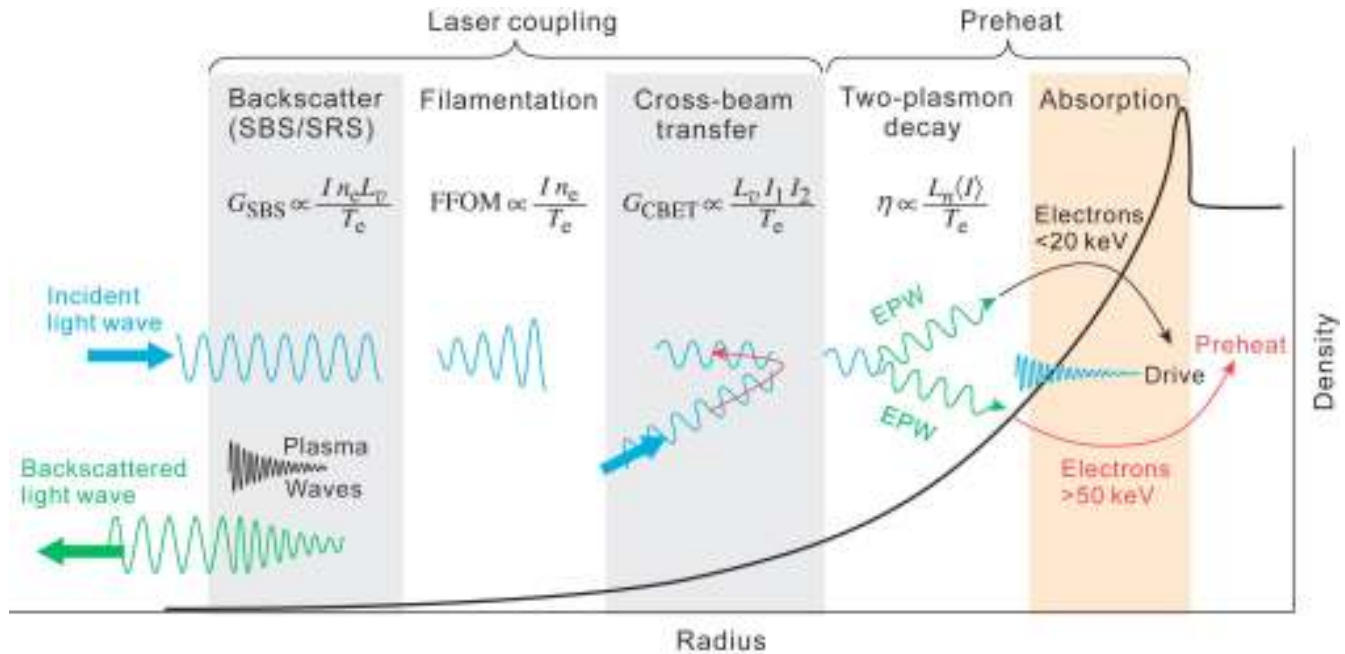
- better than usual HDC layer quality (holes and angular uniformity)
- good laser delivery (but still $\sim 3\%$ imbalance)
- small fill tube (2 microns thickness)
- ...

NIF is likely to reach ignition in the coming months/years. However, high gain cannot be obtained in indirect-drive due to the Holhraum intermediary.

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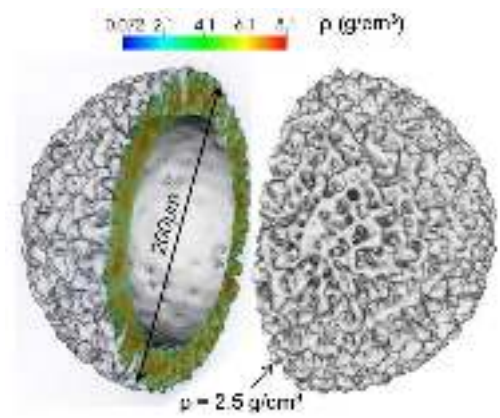
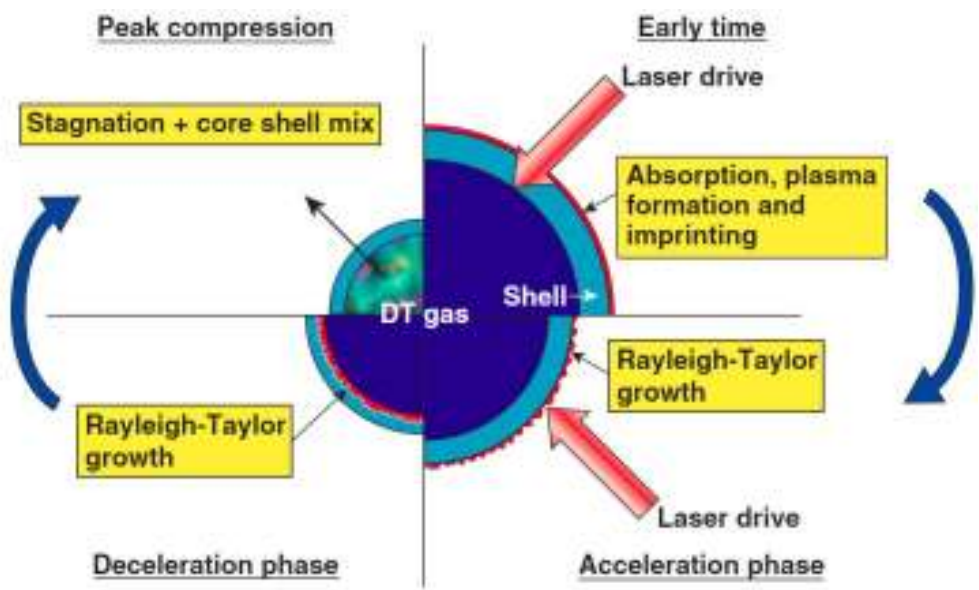
⇒ Laser-Plasma coupling instabilities



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COMMON SOURCES OF YIELD DEGRADATION

⇒ Hydrodynamic instabilities (high modes)



[I. V. Igumenshchev, LLE Report]



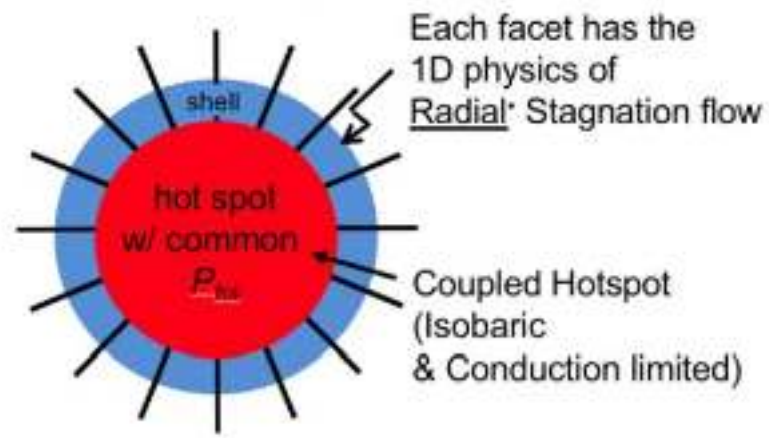
[Campbell et al., IAEA (2018)]

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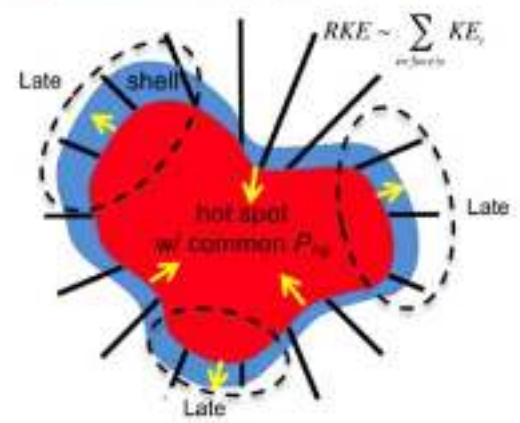
COMMON SOURCES OF YIELD DEGRADATION

⇒ Low modes

Symmetric implosion



Asymmetric implosion



... in the rest of this talk, we will look at low mode flow anomalies in current OMEGA experiments, and discuss modeling capabilities developed in that framework at CELIA



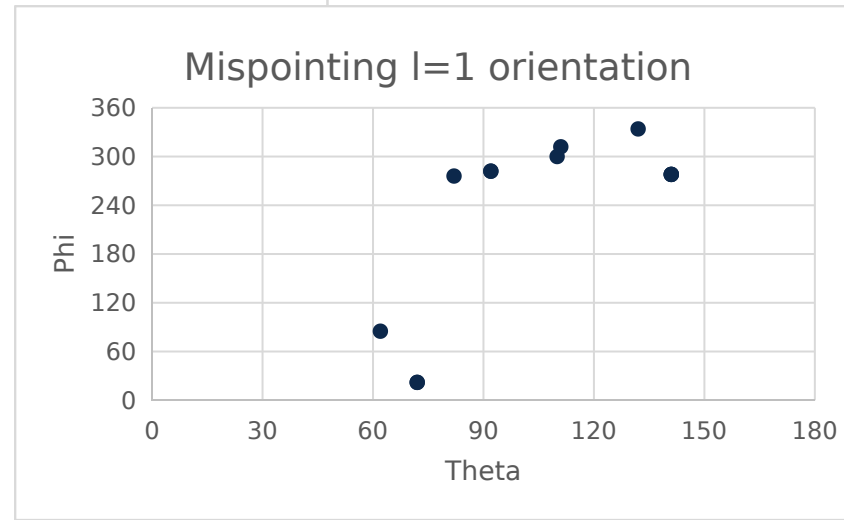
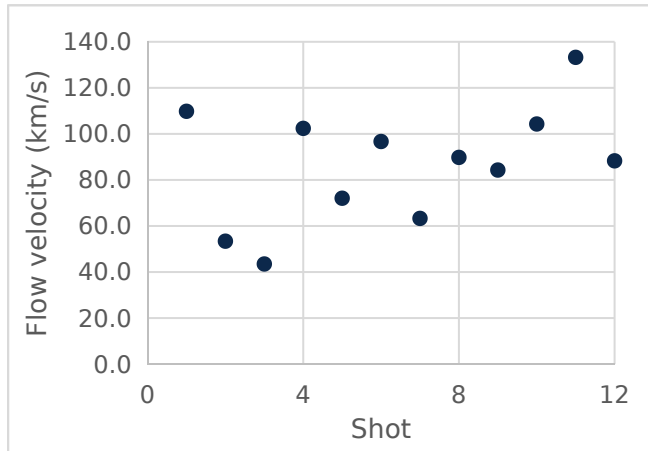
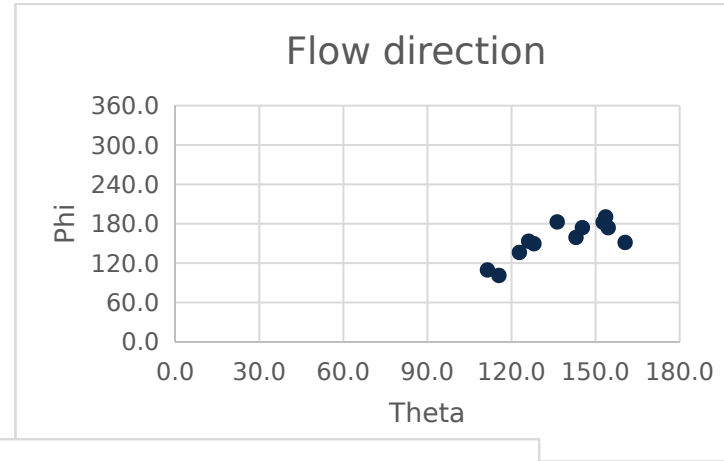
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RECENT OMEGA EXPERIMENT EXHIBIT SYSTEMATIC FLOW ANOMALY

Looking at 2 years of implosions on OMEGA (2019 - 2020), and selecting only shots with:

- good ice thickness uniformity
- good ice surface roughness
- low pointing error ($<2\%$ $l=1$, $<2\%$ $l=2$ to $<1\%$ $l=1$)
- low power imbalance
- low target offset (< 5 microns to < 1 micron)

... there seem to remain some significant source of mode 1 assymetry that is not correlated to the mispointing



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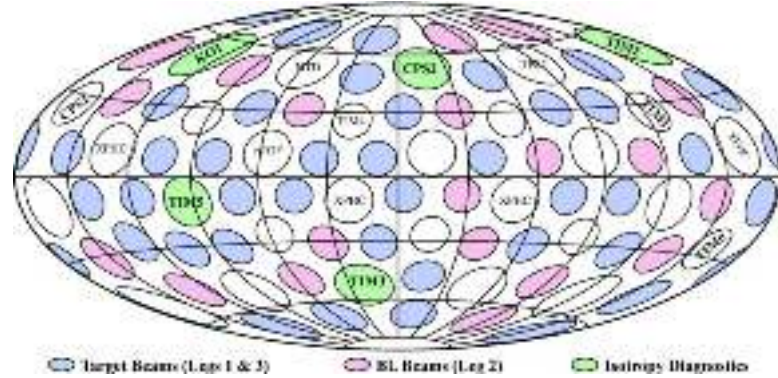
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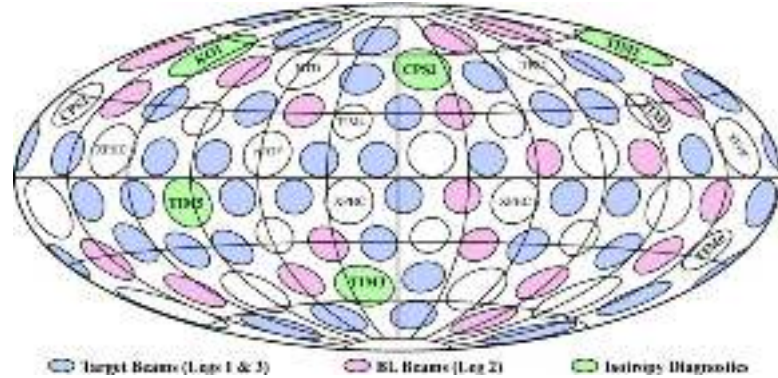
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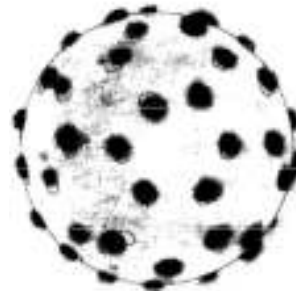
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Example X-ray imaging of hard sphere illuminated by 60 beams, with ideal pointing shown as circles

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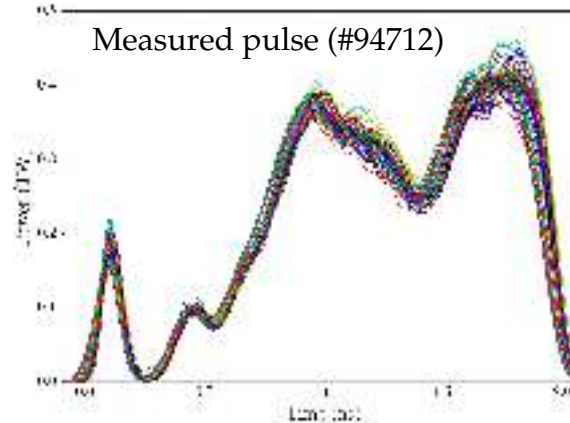
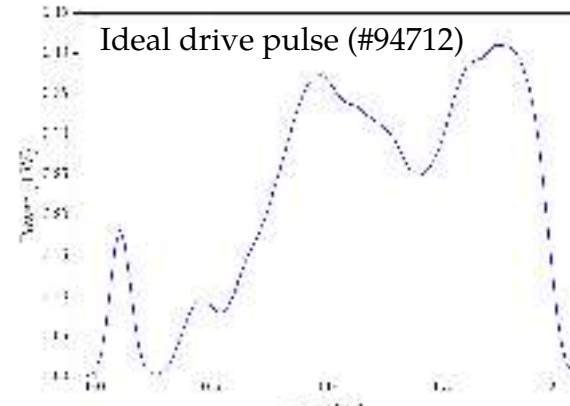
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- In that case; average standard deviation of 3.3% of peak power
- Modes change dynamically during the profile !

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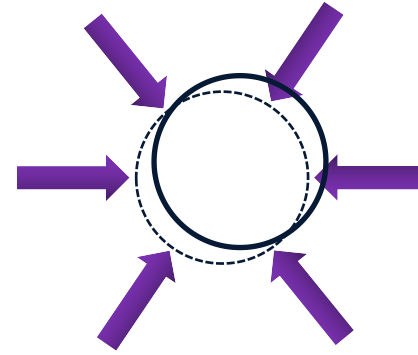
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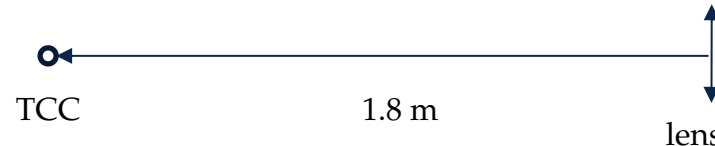
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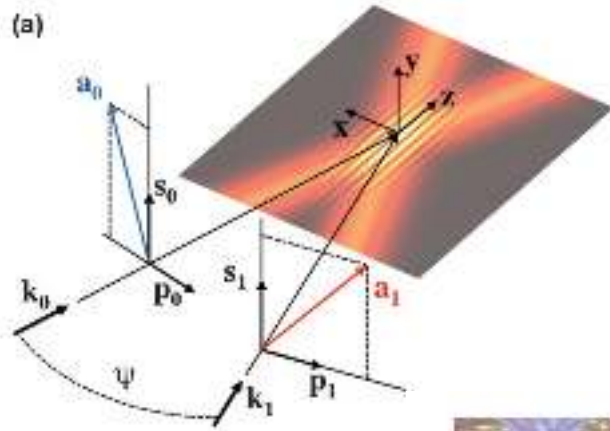
Ranging from 0 (ideal) to ~ 40 microns (bad performance)

Most likely, we need under 5 microns of accuracy (at OMEGA scale)



If the pointing accuracy was the size of a basketball, this would be comparable to scoring a basket from 86 km away

CROSS BEAM ENERGY TRANSFER CAN LEAD TO LARGE POWER REDISTRIBUTION BETWEEN BEAMS

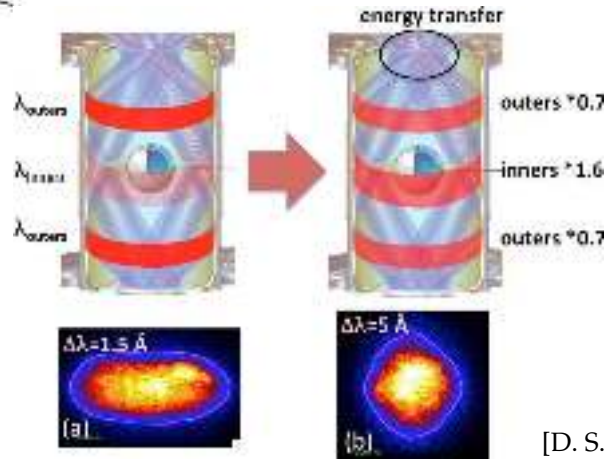


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[P. Michel et al. PRL 113 (2014)]

The CBET interaction depends on the wavelength of the interacting beams, polarization vectors, local velocity profile, and IAW response (i.e. plasma composition and electron distribution function)



[D. S. Montgomery et al. PoP 23 (2016)]

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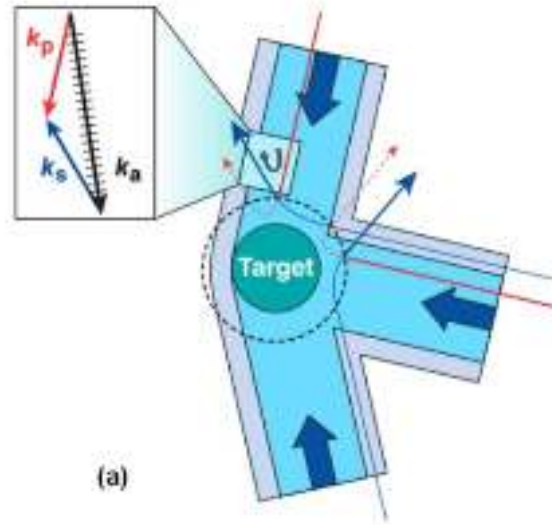
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[A. K. Davis et al. PoP (2016)]

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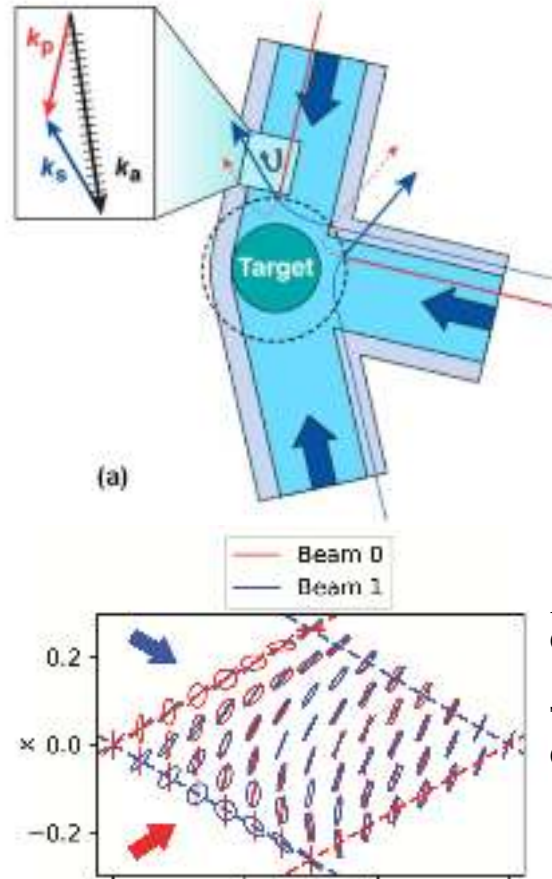
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Accounting for polarization changes the CBET.

The polarized beam configuration on OMEGA is not symmetric !

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⇒ smaller size (~ 500 microns), shorter timescales (~10-100 ps)

⇒ simplify light modeling (and sacrifice some of the details of the coupling...)

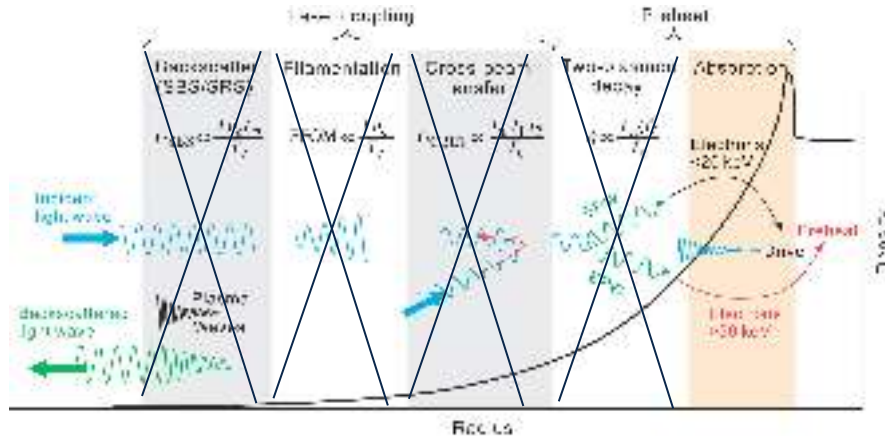
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GEOMETRICAL OPTICS MODELING FOR HYDRODYNAMIC SCALES

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⇒ A lot of work has been carried out in developing more advanced ray-trace based models that allow to capture the finer scale physics while retaining CPU efficiency

Example shown in what follows:

3D modeling of the laser plasma interaction for collisional absorption + langdon effect + (polarized) CBET, coupled to hydrodynamics

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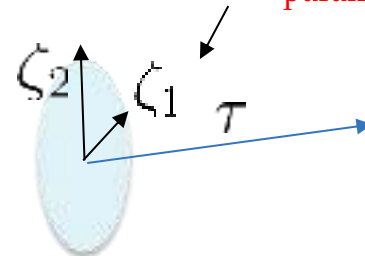
THE RAY FIELD FORMULATION OF GEOMETRICAL OPTICS RAY TRACING

In ray optics, you can write the ray field as:

$$u(\mathbf{r}) = A_{01}(\mathbf{r}) \exp ik_0 \psi_1(\mathbf{r})$$

↑ ray field
↑ ray amplitude
↑ ray phase

ray phase space parameters



ray phase equation

First order solution: the ray trajectory and phase

$$\Delta u(\mathbf{r}) + k_0^2 \epsilon(\mathbf{r}) u(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

$$(\nabla \psi)^2 = \epsilon(\mathbf{r}) \implies \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{d\tau} = \mathbf{p} \quad \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \epsilon(\mathbf{r}) \quad \frac{d\psi}{d\tau} = \epsilon(\mathbf{r}) \quad \frac{dP}{d\tau} = -\epsilon'' P(\mathbf{r}(\tau))$$

Second order solution: the ray amplitude

$$2(\nabla A_0 \cdot \nabla \psi) + A_0 \Delta \psi = 0 \implies A_0(\tau) = A_0^0 \left(\frac{D_0}{D(\tau)} \right)^{1/2}$$

ray amplitude equation

2.3

THE HYDRODYNAMICS ULTIMATELY ONLY NEEDS A LASER HEAT SOURCE TERM

Absorption is not computed along rays, but from the fields:

$$\Omega_i^{\text{hs}} = \sum_{b \in \text{beams}} \frac{m_e^2 \omega_{b,0}^3}{2e^2 \mu_0} \epsilon_{b,i}'' \int_{V_i} \sum_{s \in \text{sheets}} |u_s^2| dV$$

- Methods to solve for fields are in general different than absorption along rays
- At least 5 different widespread methods to solve the absorption and fields using rays... Each has merit and shortcomings. Here we present one: Inverse Ray Tracing (IRT)
- IRT for spherical plasmas is both fast and high order in space, allowing for 3D calculations of non-linear effects at reasonable CPU costs. Implemented in the IFRIIT* inline/offline propagation code.
- Coupled to the ASTER** 3D radiation hydrodynamics code using heterogeneous parallelism on decoupled grids***

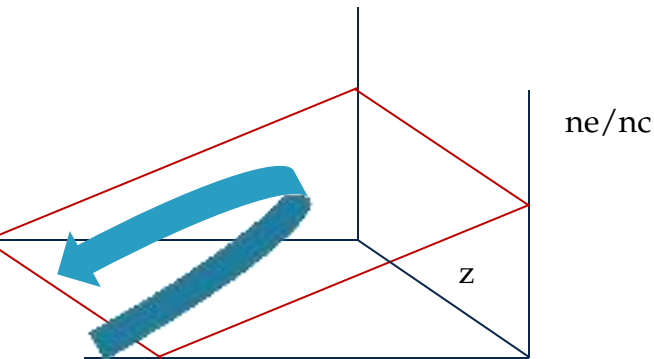
* [A. Colaitis et al. PoP 26 (2019)]

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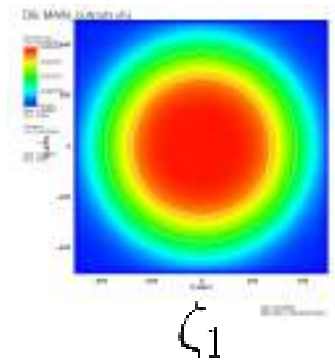
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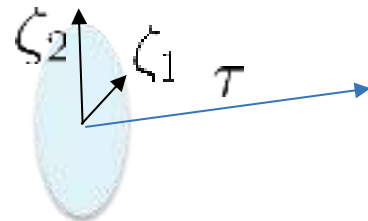
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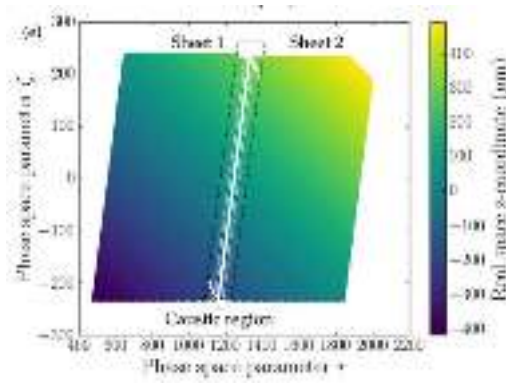
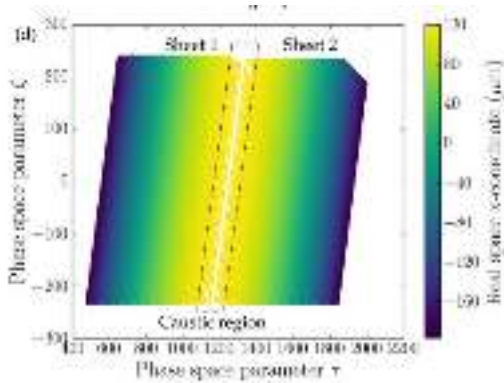
plane wave at an angle



initial ray surface: super-gaussian spot



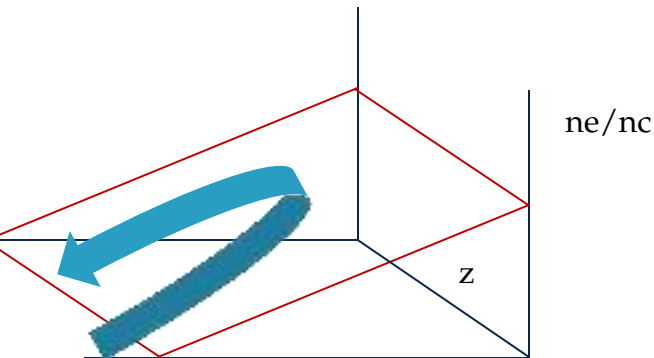
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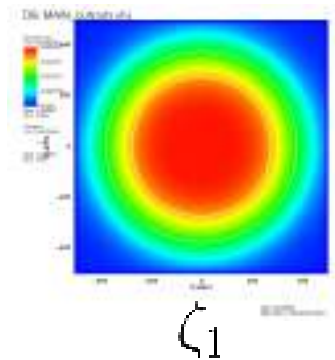
Note;
 - the white "hole"... a caustic; location of ray optics inapplicability!
 - the two sheets

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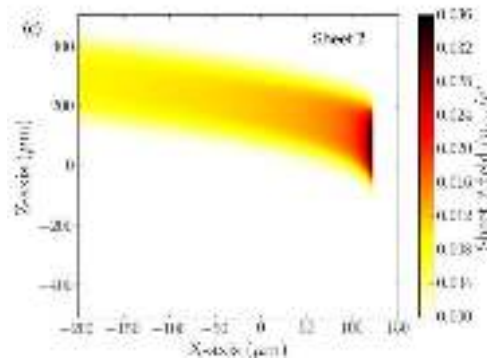
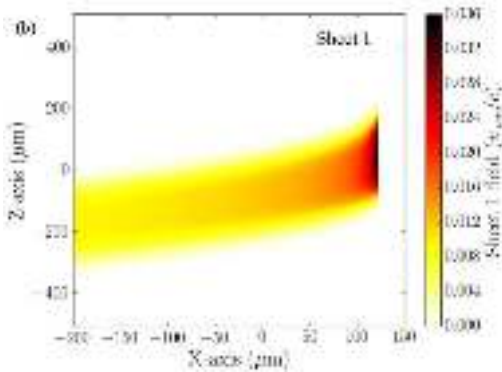


initial ray surface:
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$$\frac{d\psi}{d\tau} = \epsilon(\mathbf{r})$$

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Step 2; compute the ray amplitude and phase to get the total field on each sheet



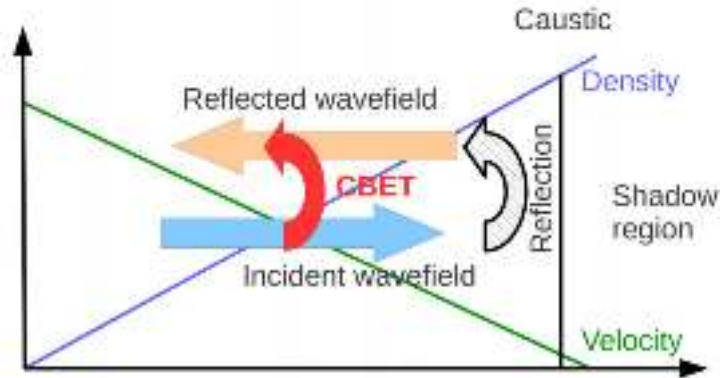
The field at caustics is reconstructed using a specific method not detailed here...

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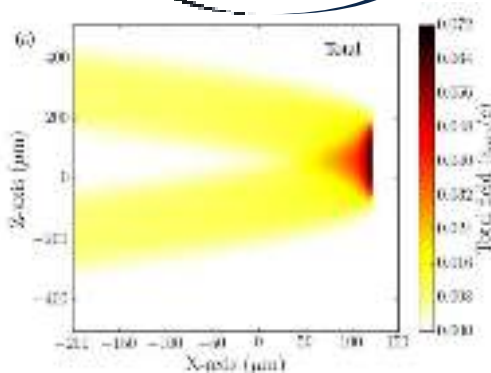
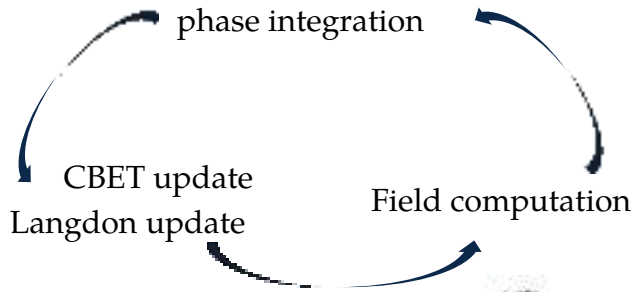
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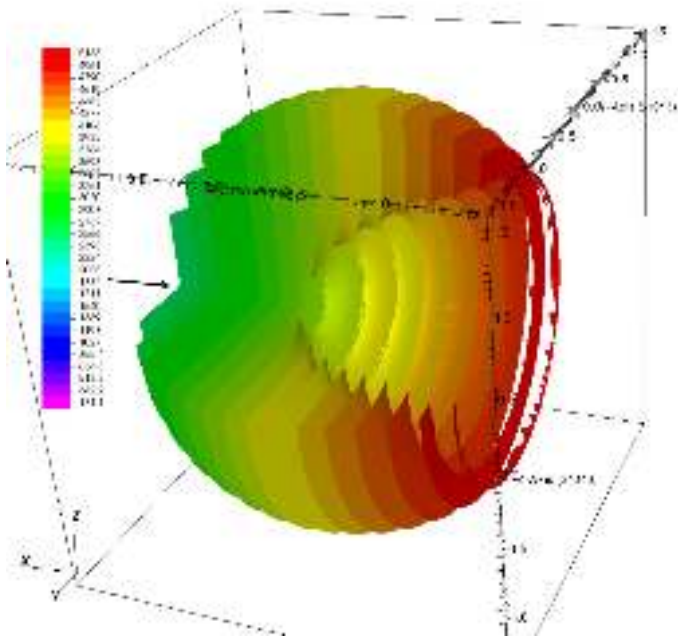
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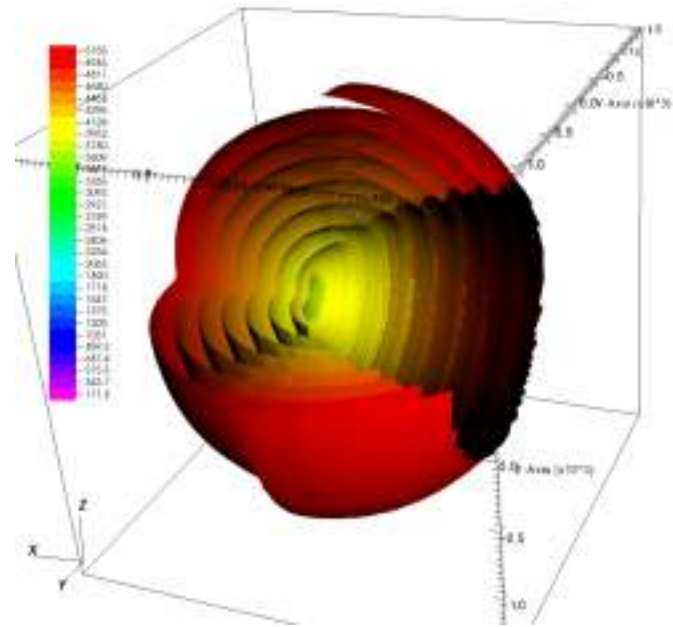
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WHAT RAY PHASE SPACE LOOKS LIKE IN SPHERICAL GEOMETRY

Mapping of tau (\sim ray propagation time) to real space



Sheet 1 (incident field)

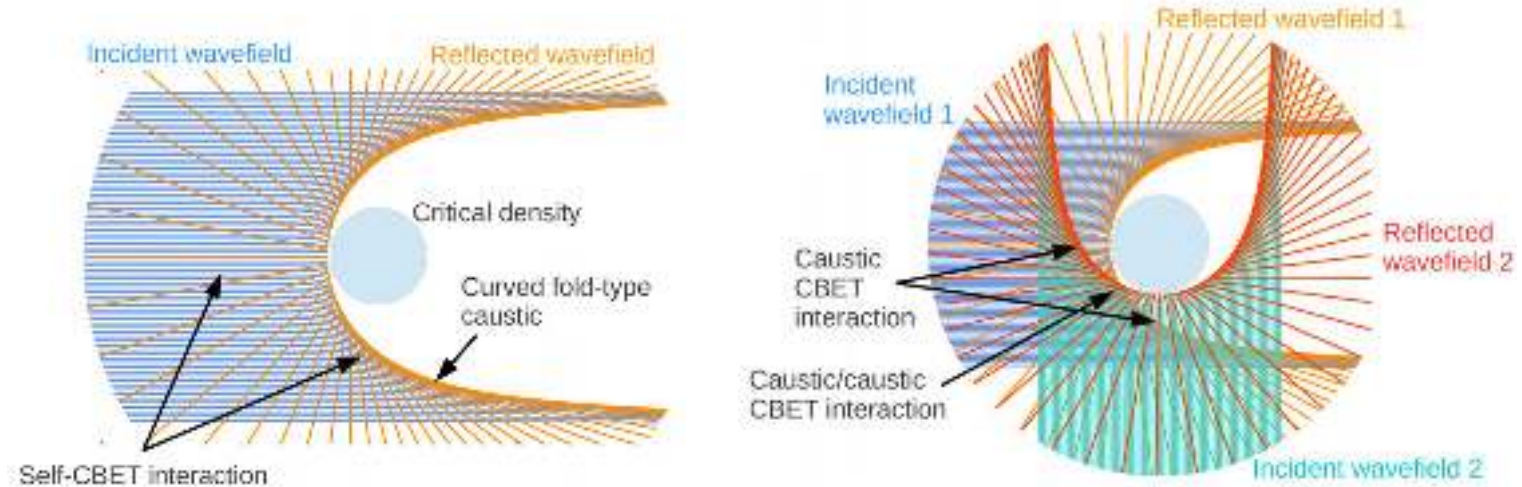


Sheet 2 (reflected field)

2.6

THE CBET IS DIRECT-DRIVE SPHERICAL GEOMETRY IS A CHALLENGING CALCULATION

The CBET interaction in direct-drive couples many beams because of overlap



The number of CBET interaction coefficients to compute scales as $(4N_{\text{beams}}^2 - 2N_{\text{beams}})N_{\text{cells}}$
 For polarized CBET with DPR smoothing, the scaling is $(64N_{\text{beams}}^2 - 8N_{\text{beams}})N_{\text{cells}}$

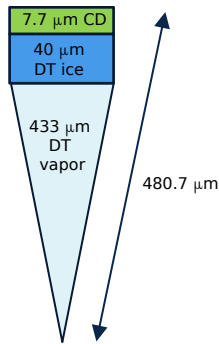
1- Introduction to inertial confinement fusion and a few typical degradation sources in implosions

2- Laser plasma transport and interaction modeling for study of low-mode degradations

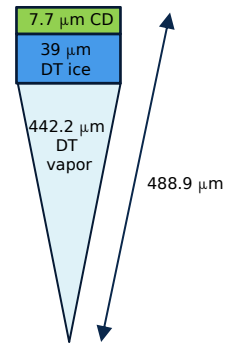
3- Application to a study of “best-setup” OMEGA implosions

3.1

TWO CRYOGENIC SHOTS ARE CONSIDERED TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF LOW MODES ON IMPLOSIONS



Cryo Shot 94712
Offset: $\sim 7 \mu\text{m}^*$
Pointing: 7% mode $l = 1$
Measured hot-spot velocity: 146.3 km/s



Cryo Shot 94343
Offset: $3.5 \mu\text{m} \pm 2.2 \mu\text{m}$
Pointing: 1.7% mode $l = 1$
Measured hot-spot velocity: 109.8 km/s

We study two cryo shots:

- shot 94712 with bad pointing
- shot 94343 with good pointing, low offset and low beam imbalance

Simulations are conducted with the ASTER/IFRIIT coupled code

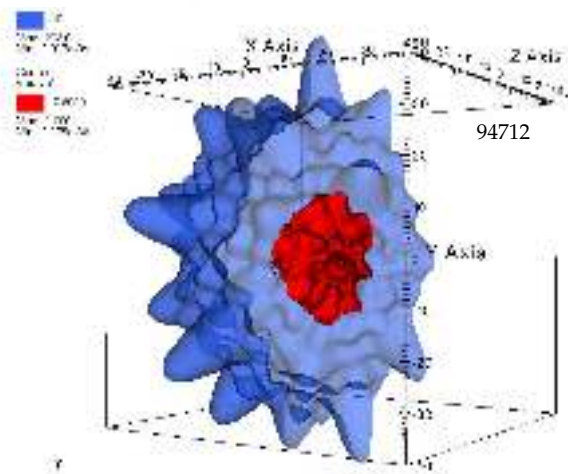
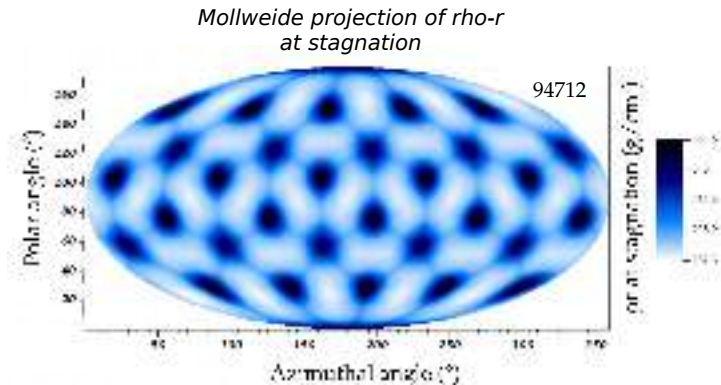
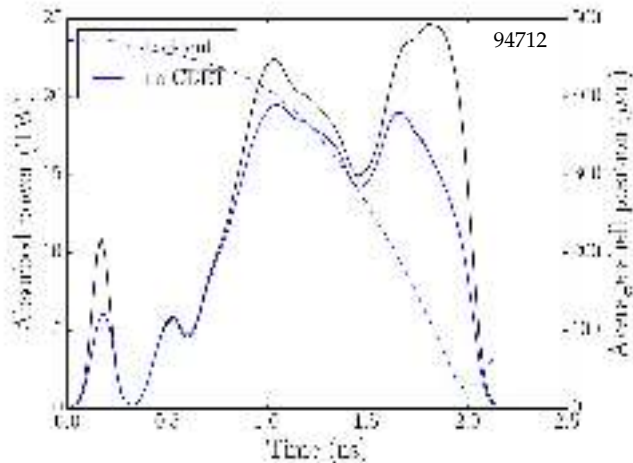
[A. Colaitis, I. V. Igumenshchev et al. JCP (2021)]



*degraded data from 30s before shot with 45kg preload on the shroud

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IN THE IDEAL CASE, ONLY PORT-INDUCED LOW MODES ARE PRESENT, EVENTUALLY MODIFIED BY CBET

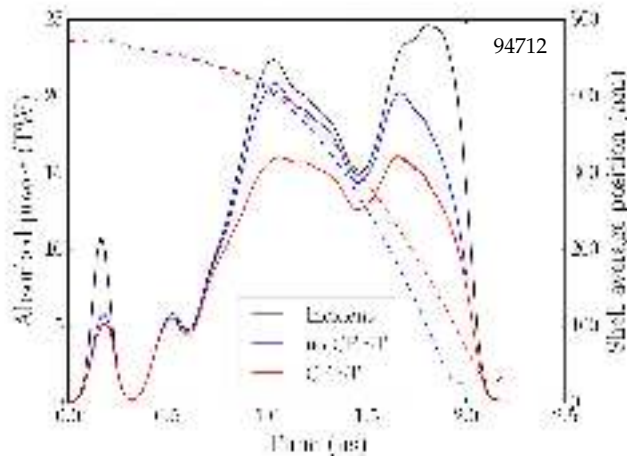


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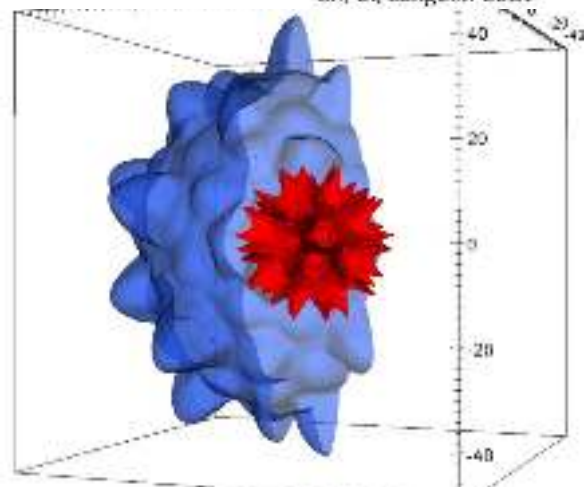
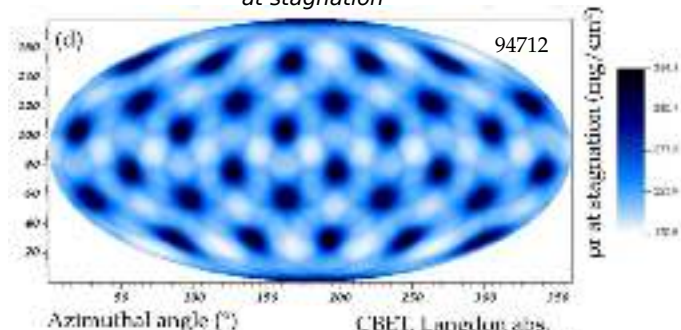
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Mollweide projection of rho-r at stagnation

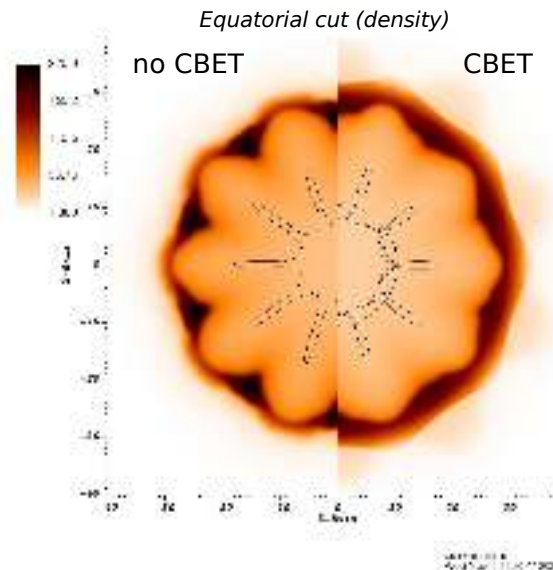
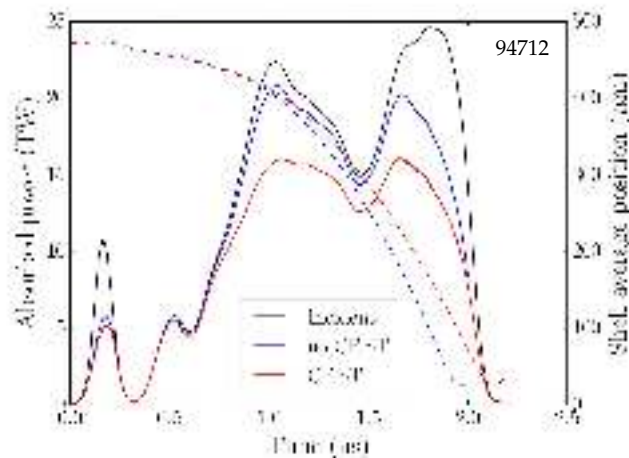


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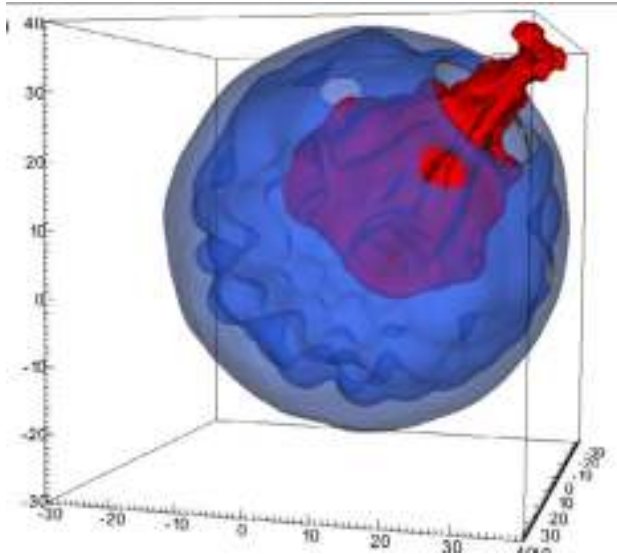


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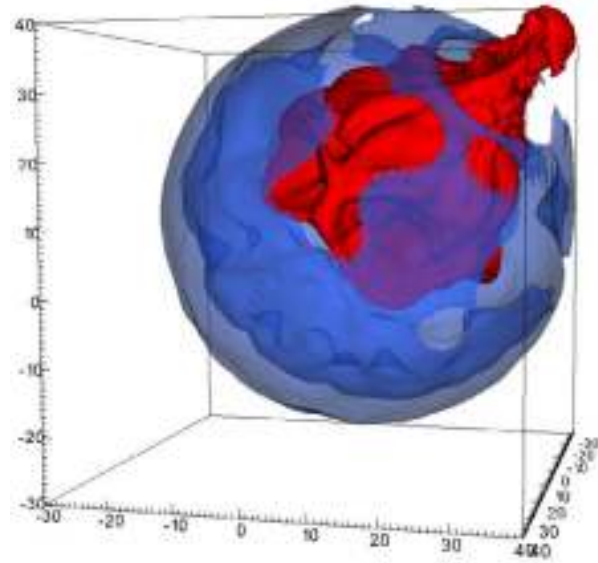
3.3

OFFSET AND L=1 BEAM IMBALANCE HAVE SIMILAR NEFARIOUS EFFECT AND CAN LEAD TO SHELL BREAKUP



Effect of a 40 microns target offset

CBET Yield: $3.56 \times 10^{14} \Rightarrow 2.3 \times 10^{14}$



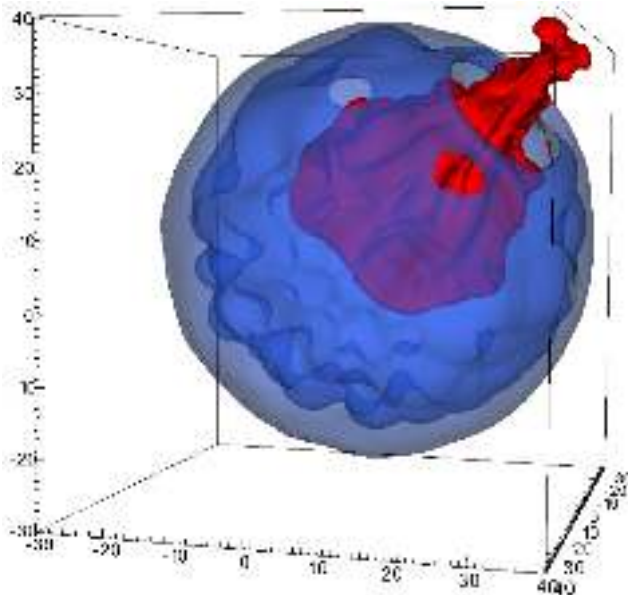
Effect of a 5% l=1 beam imbalance

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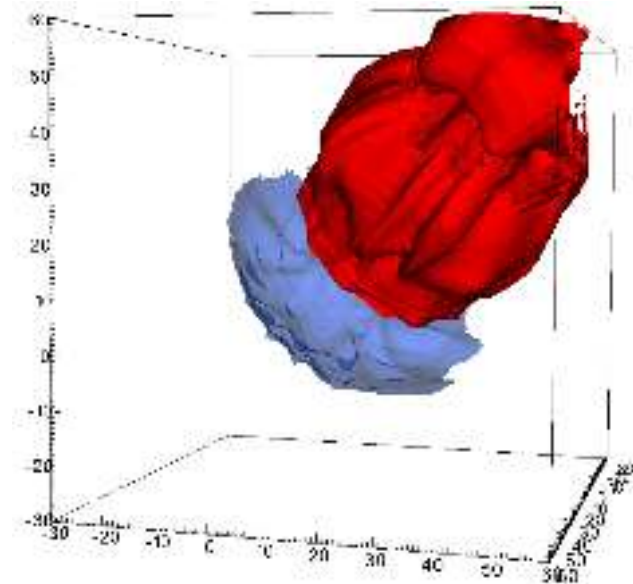
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WHILE CBET REDUCES YIELD, IT ALSO MITIGATES OFFSET AND IMBALANCE ERRORS

40 microns target offset; mitigation by CBET !



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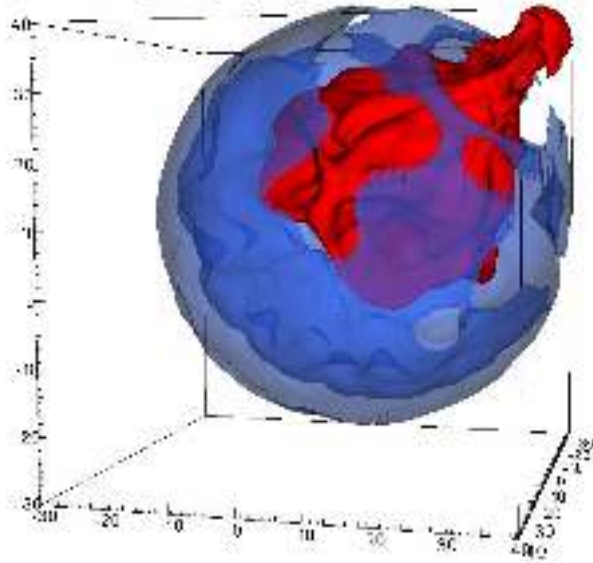
no CBET Yield: $1e15 \Rightarrow 6e13$

The significant yield reduction without CBET is due to a completely broken shell

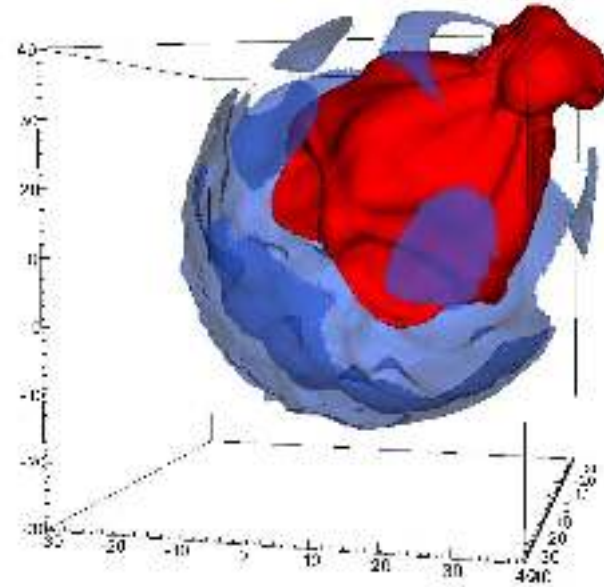
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5% beam balance error



CBET Yield: $3.56 \times 10^{14} \Rightarrow 1.45 \times 10^{14}$



no CBET Yield: $1 \times 10^{15} \Rightarrow 2 \times 10^{14}$

Note that the yield increases but that is not significant; however the target is much more punctured

3.5

A DETAILED COMPARISON OF 94712 WITH DATA GIVES REASONABLE AGREEMENT WITH THE MODELING

DT flow direction as measured from neutron data

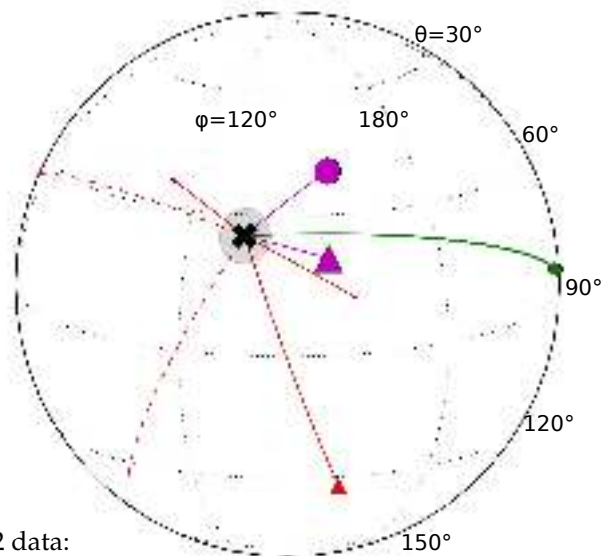
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 Real balance
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○ unpolarized CBET model
 Δ polarized CBET model
 * no CBET

— with CBET
 --- without CBET

Symbol size \propto flow velocity
 Grey shade: error bar

- Angular anomaly dominated by **pointing**
- Closest point is polarized CBET with real balance and pointing (18° angular distance)
- Fuel aging (not modeled), is estimated to account for another 30% drop in yield
- Small-scale mixing may account for the remaining yield degradation

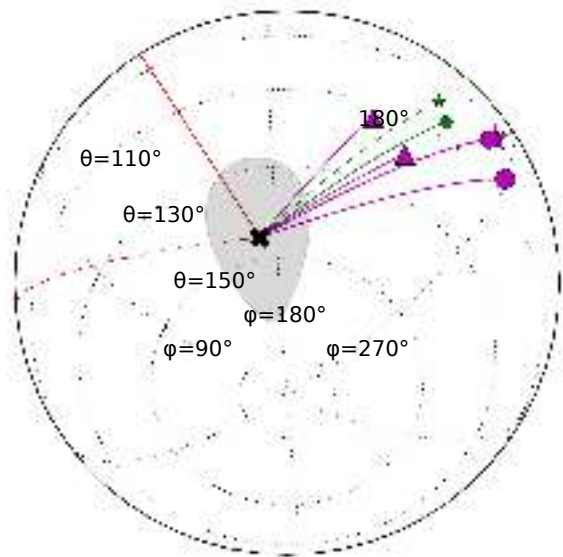


94712 data:
 Offset: $\sim 7 \mu\text{m}$ (not simulated for 94712)
 Pointing: 7% mode $l = 1$

case	abs frac	peak neutron rise (ps)	yield (1e14) DT neutrons	l=1 areal mass mod. at stag. (microns)	final integrated flow velocity (km/s)	final integrated flow polar direction (°)	final integrated flow azimuthal direction (°)	Angular distance to measurement (°)
polarized CBET + DPR	71.1%	2107	1.51	4.28	168.2	69.4	152.9	18
data	N.A.	2081 +/- 50	0.77 +/- 0.054	N.A.	146.3 +/- 12	64.6 +/- 7	133.6 +/- 5	0

3.6

COMPARISON WITH 94343 HIGHLIGHTS THAT NOT ALL ASYMMETRY SOURCES HAVE YET BEEN UNDERSTOOD



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- Balance and pointing induce similar flow directions
- Both pointing and balance contribute to flow velocity (here constructively)
- Closest point is still the polarized CBET case with full input
- Potential culprits of the mismatch:
 - dynamic pointing derivation during shot day (can shift up to 90° at similar amplitude !)
 - stalk (although it is not clear if the systematic deviation changes between warm/cryo shots)

94343 data:
 Offset: $\sim 3.5 \mu\text{m}$
 Pointing: 1.7% mode $l = 1$

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polarized CBET + DPR	73.5	2219	1.54	0.44	110.1	114	204.3	38
data	N.A. ?	2213 +/- 50	0.746 +/- 0.052	N.A.	109.8 +/- 15	145.3 +/- 18	174 +/- 18	0

CONCLUSION: SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT LOW MODES IN OMEGA ICF EXPERIMENTS

- Full scale modeling of ICF implosions is challenging in part due to micro-scale physics processes to be accounted for
 - New modeling tools allow to probe better and better the interplay between these processes and the macroscopic (fluid) scale
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- Even with **ideal pointing and balance**; polarized CBET can induce a **flow up to 90 km/s (YOC=30%)**
=> **mitigation of polarization effects are ultimately important**: need to redesign the OMEGA DPR system
 - When all sources of imbalance are comparable and small, it seems like polarized CBET induces non-dominant effect over unpolarized CBET :
=> **mitigation of pointing and offset errors may be higher priority than mitigating polarization**
 - **Decreasing pointing error from 7 to 1.7% does not change the yield** (in both the experiment and simulation) because the “low mode budget” of the implosion is quickly depleted !
 - **Current best pointing (L=1 of 1.7%)/ low offset (3.5 microns) shots still have simulated YOC of 30% without CBET...**
=> **we need to come up with direct-drive designs that are not so sensitive to such small errors.. !**
(low velocity schemes - shock ignition ? chambers with more beams ? different port configuration ? how does this change at ignition scale ?)

Backup slides

Inline Run 94712

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Ideal	nox_nodpr	86.9%	1932	9.8	0.01	0.5	147.8	355.3	136
	nox_dpr	86.6%	1935	10.	0.01	0.52	97.6	352.4	139
	x_unpol_nodpr	73.1%	2087	3.56	0.003	0.35	77.8	158.3	27
	x_unpol_dpr	72.3%	2102	3.58	0.02	1.18	54.0	112.5	21
	x_pol_dpr	71.6%	2110	3.02	1.97	86.9	122.8	156.6	62
Real Balance									
	x_unpol_nodpr	73.1%	2082	2.87	1.72	55.7	84.8	226.5	90
	x_unpol_dpr	72.3%	2097	2.88	1.76	56.1	84.0	224.2	88
Real Balance Real Pointings									
	x_unpol_dpr	71.8%	2096	1.68	3.54	154.5	50.3	154.5	23
	x_pol_dpr	71.1%	2107	1.51	4.28	168.2	69.4	152.9	18
GIFs	data	N.A. ?	2081* +/- 50	0.77 +/- 0.054	N.A.	146.3±1 2	64.6±7	133.6±5	0
	*corrected for 61 ps time shift in ASTER/IFRIIT setup								

Inline Run 94343

		case	abs frac	peak neutron rise (ps)	yield (1e14) DT neutrons	l=1 areal mass mod. at stag. (microns)	final integrated flow velocity (km/s)	final integrated flow polar direction (°)	final integrated flow azimuthal direction (°)	Angular distance to measurement (°)
Ideal	}	nox_dpr	86.8	2070	7.72	0.008	0.37	37.6	24.6	162
		x_unpol_dpr	74.4	2214	2.63	0.047	2.84	25.77	124	126
Real Balance	}	nox_dpr	86.8	2067	6.17	1.715	78.48	99.8	218.5	57
		x_unpol_dpr	74.4	2209	2.1	1.174	53.7	104.9	221.2	54
Real Balance Real Pointings	}	nox_dpr	86.8	2062	3.41	3.33	171.6	96.4	234.4	68
		x_unpol_dpr	74.3	2208	1.74	1.94	96.35	98.67	232.8	65
		x_unpol_dpr_offset	74.1	2210	1.66	2.44	107	105	240	64
		x_pol_dpr	73.5	2219	1.54	0.44	110.1	114	204.3	38
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GIFs	}	data	N.A. ?	2213* +/- 50	0.746 +/- 0.052	N.A.	109.8±15	145.3±18	174±11	0

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