

# Introduction to Nuclear Fusion as An Energy Source

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**Lecture 11**

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**Tuesday 9:00-12:00**

**Materials:**

**<https://capst.ncku.edu.tw/PGS/index.php/teaching/>**

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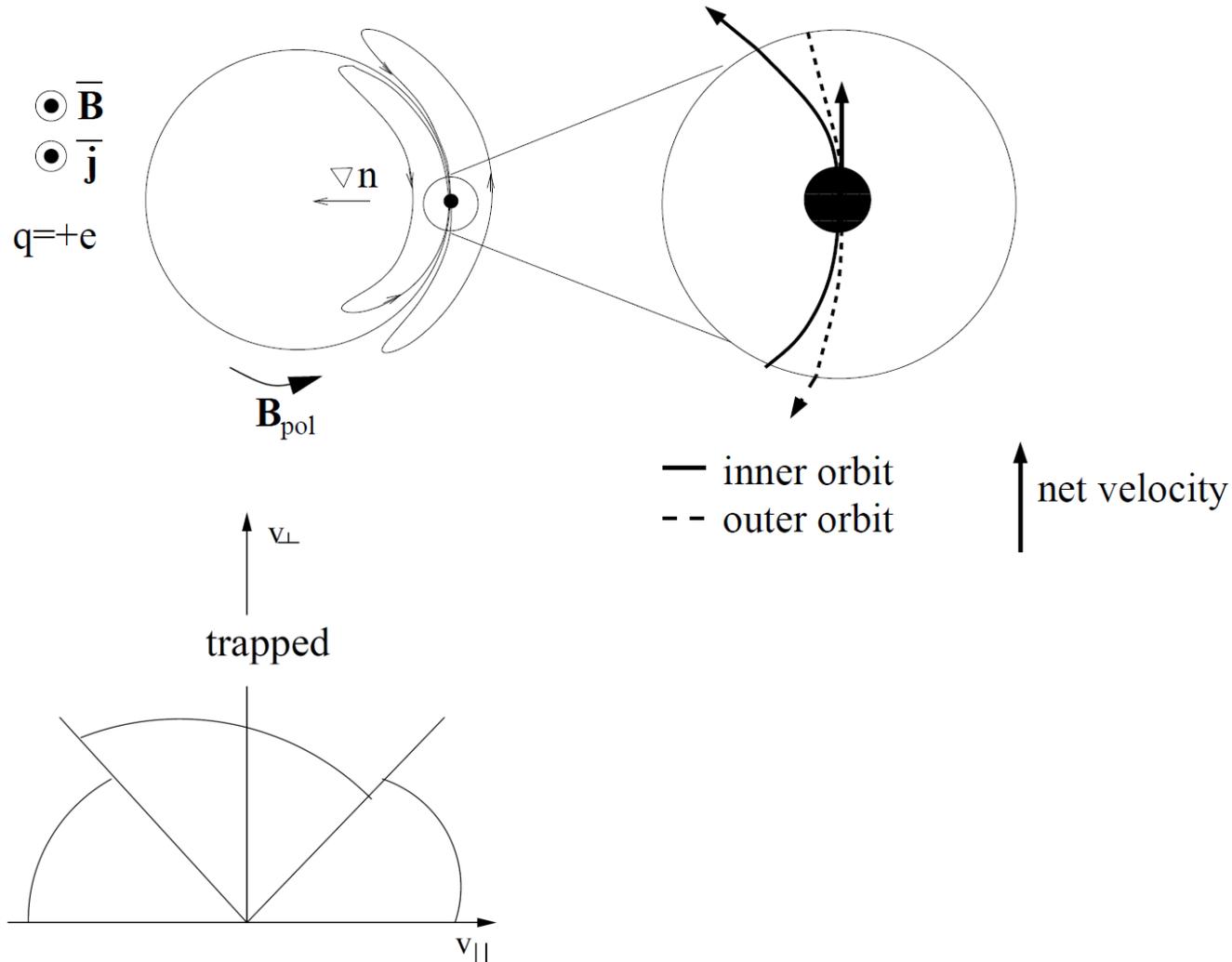
# Note!

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- **Final exam 6/ 3 (One double-sided A4 cheating sheet is allowed.)**
- **Contents after the midterm, i.e, after (included) Lecture 8**

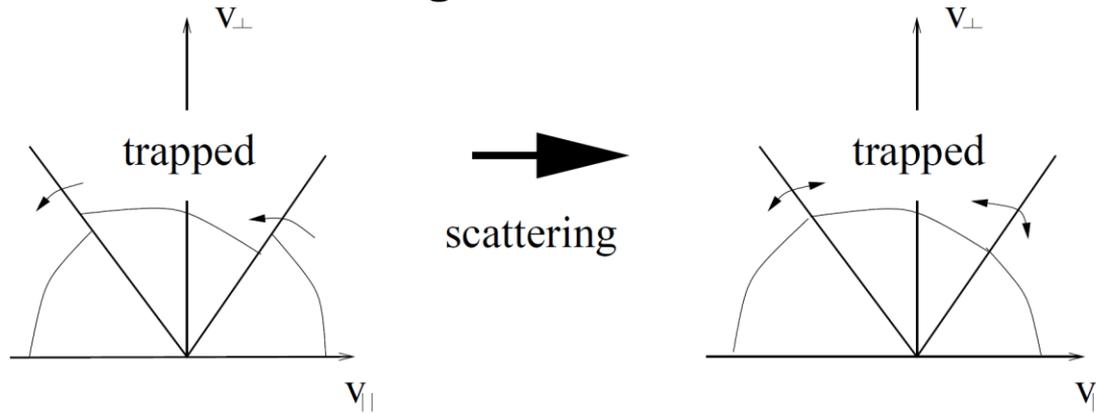
# A banana current is generated when there is a pressure gradient in the plasma



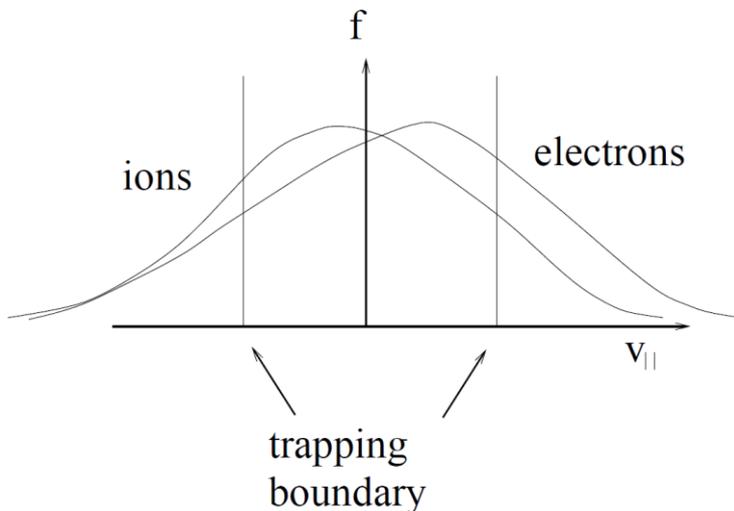
# Bootstrap current is generated when passing particles are scattered by the trapped particles



- Scattering smooths the velocity distribution and shifts it in the parallel direction, i.e., a current is generated. It is called the bootstrap current.

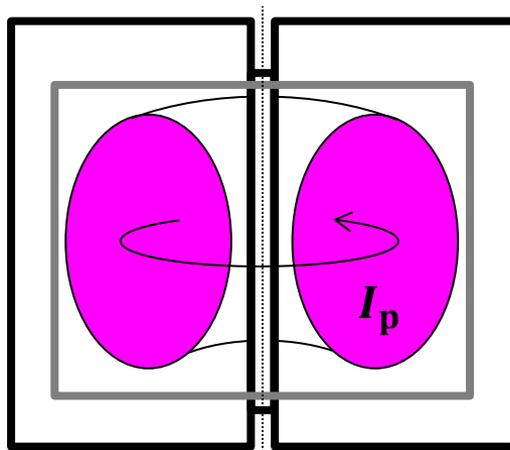


$$j = -enu_{||e} + enu_{||i} = 4\epsilon^{3/2} \frac{1}{B_p} T \frac{dn}{dr}$$

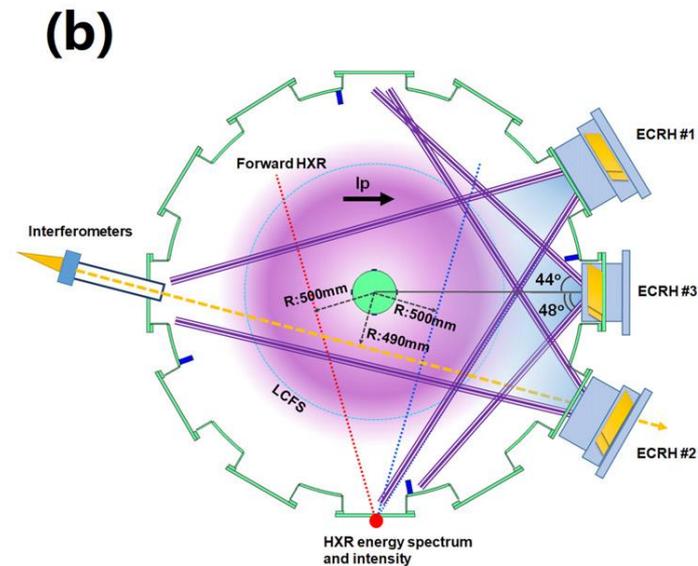
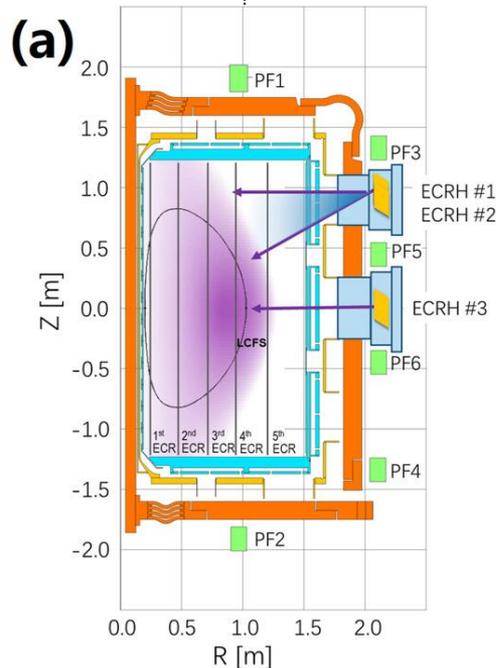


- The bootstrap current is vital for steady-state operation.

# Momentum exchange may be needed to drive plasma current



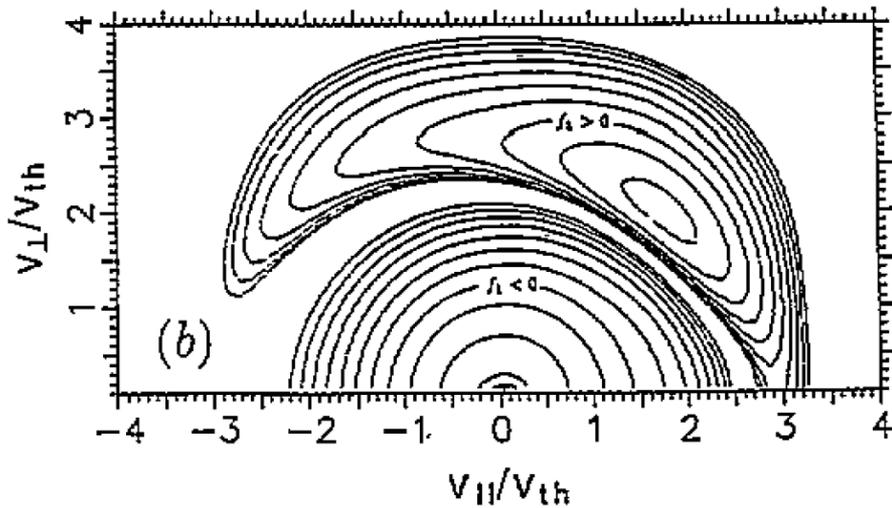
$$\vec{j}_p = \Sigma qn \vec{v} = -en_e \vec{v}_e + en_i \vec{v}_i$$



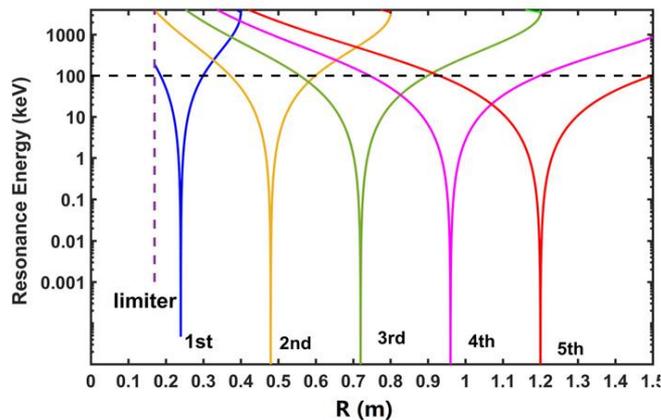
# The collisional re-distribution of the ECRH-driven anisotropy in $E_{\perp}$ causes some parallel momentum to flow from $e^{-}$ to ions



- Coulomb collisions are more efficient at lower energies.

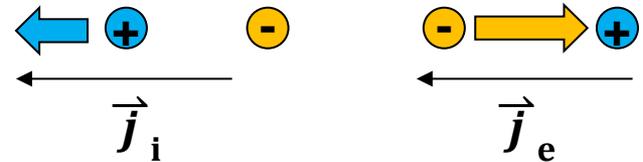


- Electron cyclotron current drive:



Velocity:  $v_2 > v_1$

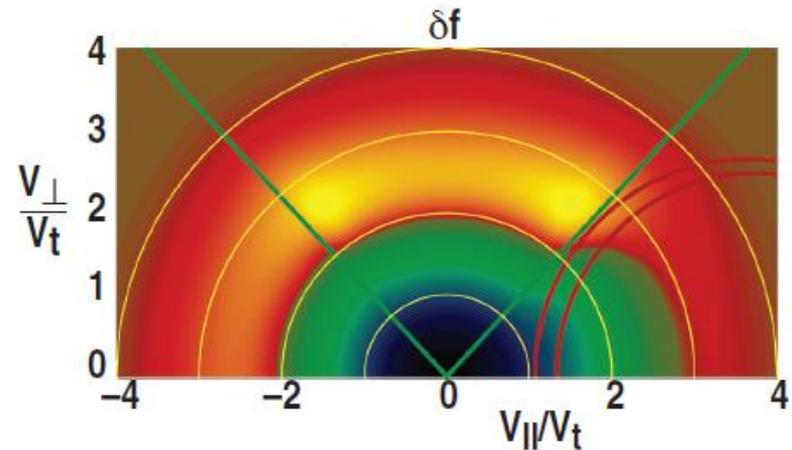
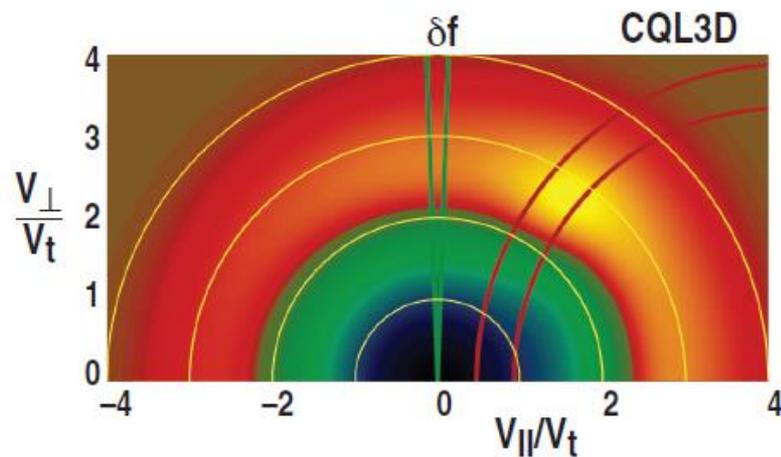
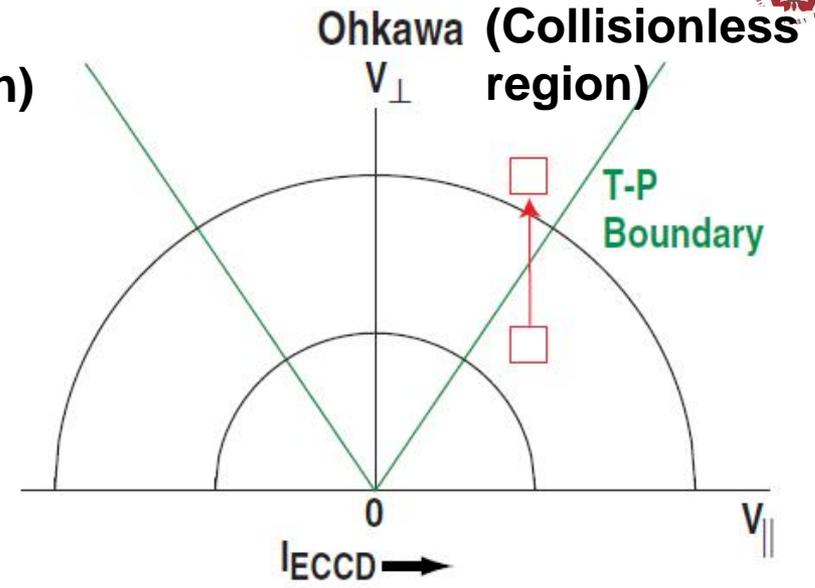
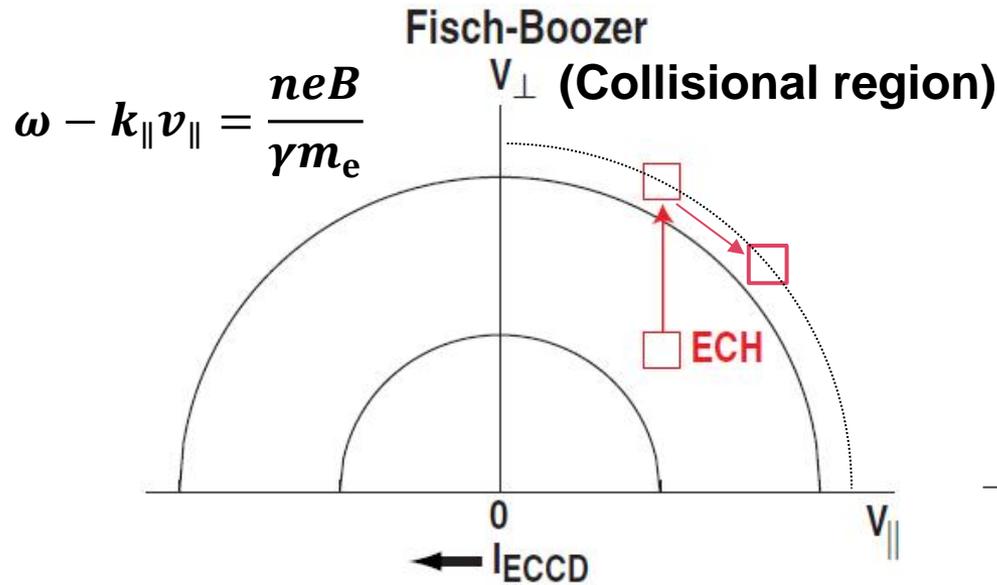
Collisions:  $v_2 < v_1$



$$\vec{j}_p = -en_e \vec{v}_e + en_i \vec{v}_i$$

$$\vec{P} = n_e m_e \vec{v}_e + n_i m_i \vec{v}_i \approx 0$$

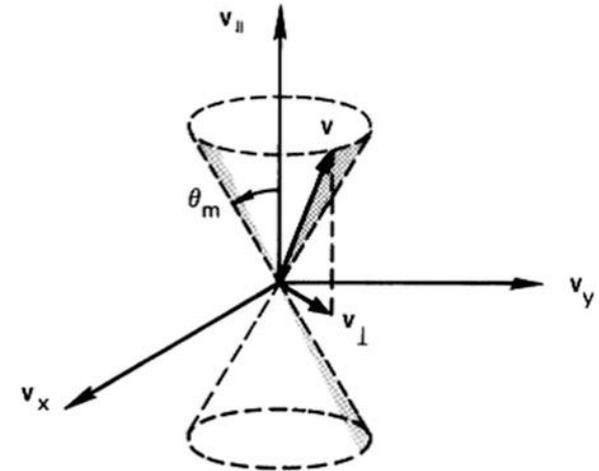
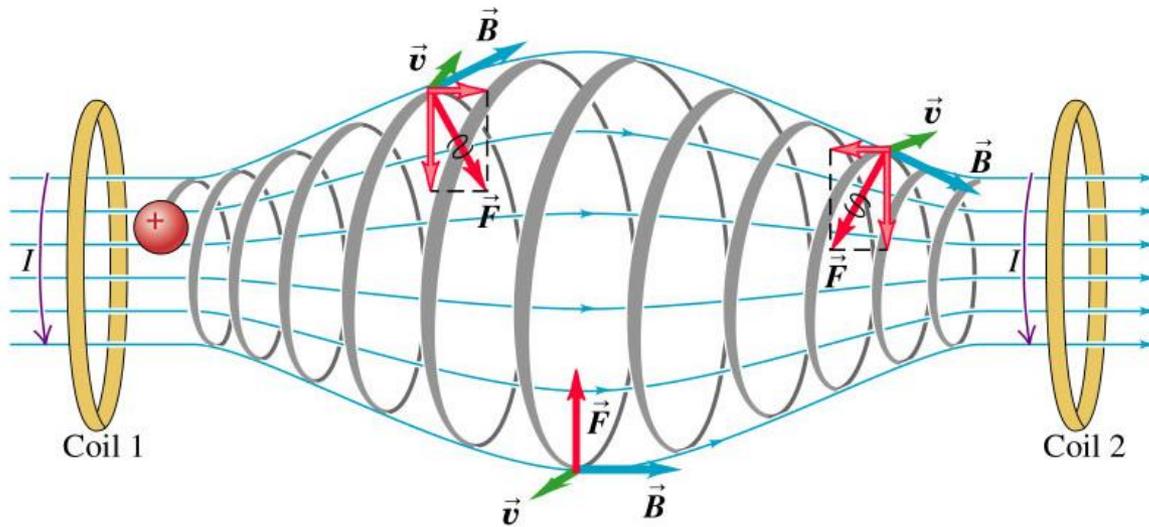
# Passing electrons can be trapped if the $v_{\perp}$ is increased by heating



# Charged particles can be partially confined by a magnetic mirror machine



- Charged particles with small  $v_{\parallel}$  eventually stop and are reflected while those with large  $v_{\parallel}$  escape.



$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_{\perp}^2 \quad \text{Invariant: } \mu \equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{B}$$

$$v_{\perp}^{\prime 2} = v_{\perp 0}^2 + v_{\parallel 0}^2 \equiv v_0^2$$

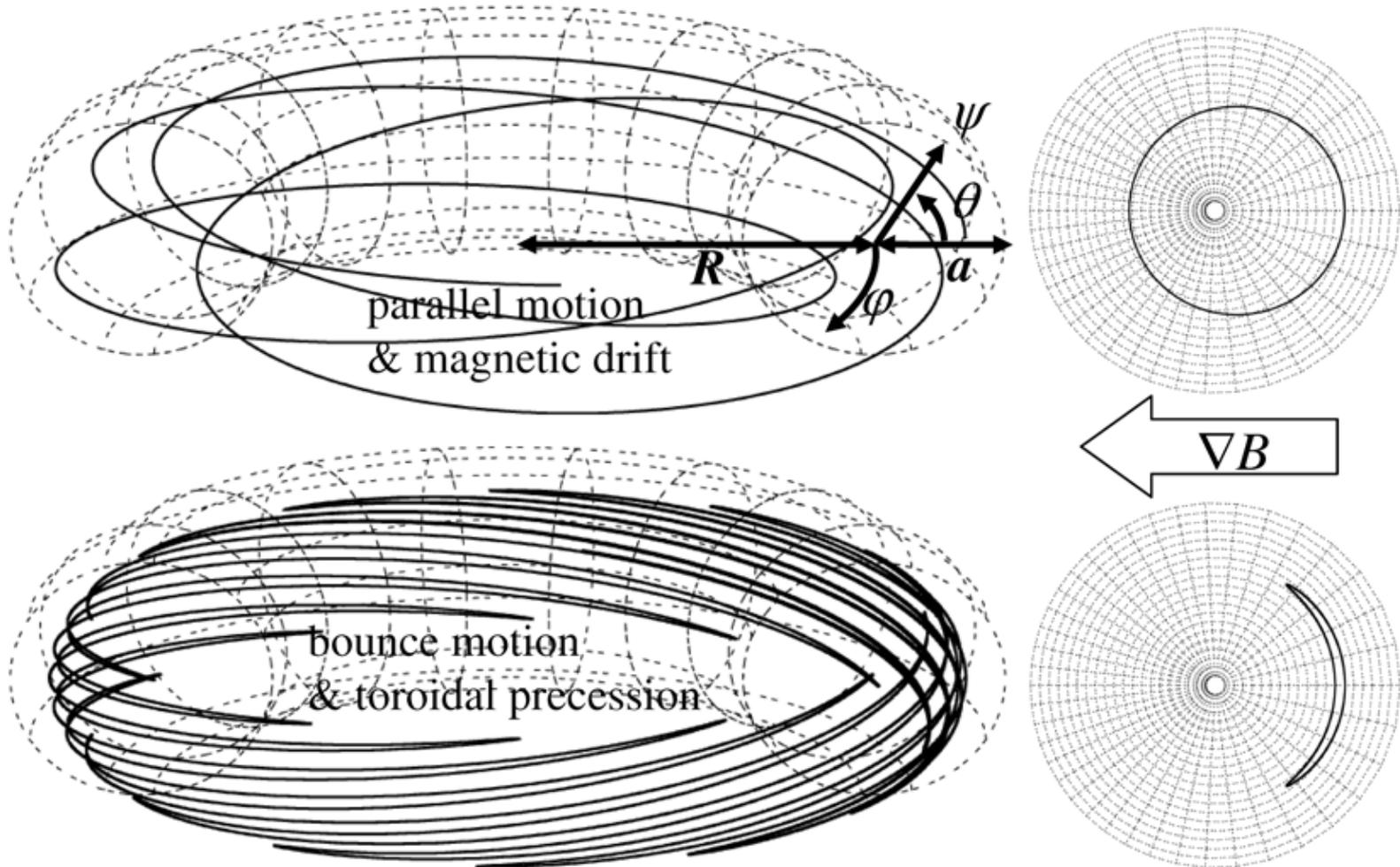
$$\frac{B_0}{B'} = \frac{v_{\perp 0}^2}{v_{\perp}^{\prime 2}} = \frac{v_{\perp 0}^2}{v_0^2} \equiv \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{B_0}{B_m} \equiv \frac{1}{R_m} = \sin^2 \theta_m$$

- Large  $v_{\parallel}$  may occur from collisions between particles.

Those confined charged particle are eventually lost due to collisions.

# The trajectories of charged particles follow the toroidal field lines



# Comparison of Fisch-Boozer Mechanism and Ohkawa Mechanism

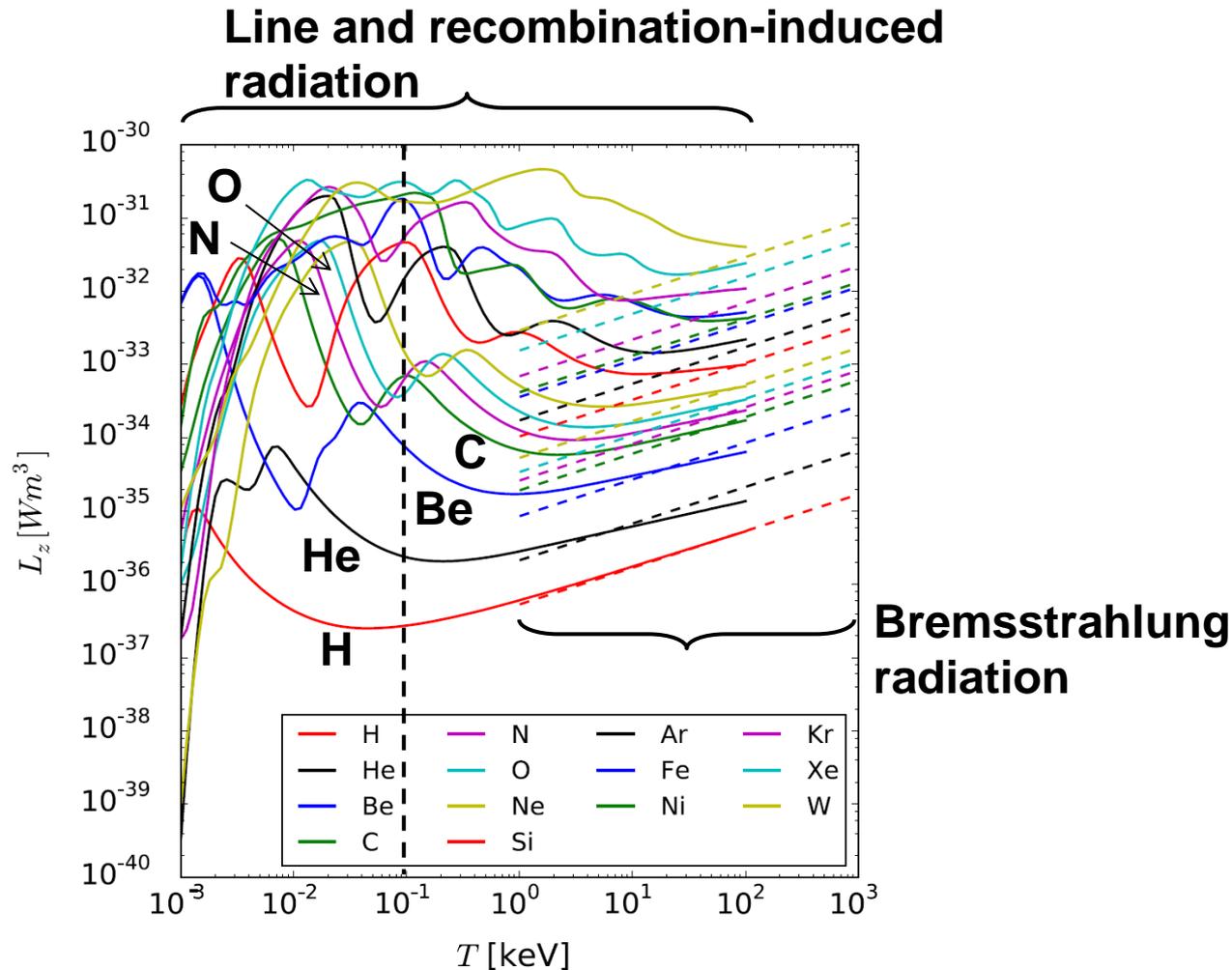


Aspect	Fisch–Boozer Mechanism <sup>[1]</sup>	Ohkawa Mechanism <sup>[2]</sup>
Physical Process	Asymmetric heating of passing electrons with subsequent collisional momentum transfer	Selective de-trapping of barely trapped electrons into passing orbits (collisionless mechanism)
Requires collisions?	Yes (collisional mechanism)	No (collisionless pitch-angle scattering)
Key Particle Population	Passing electrons	Trapped (or barely trapped) electrons
Wave absorption location	Depends on Doppler-shifted resonance; typically near magnetic axis or mid-radius	Usually near edge where barely trapped particles are abundant

1 N. J. Fisch and A. H. Boozer, Phys. Rev. Lett. 45, 720 (1980).

2 T. Ohkawa, “Steady state operation of tokamaks by rf heating,” General Atomics Report No. GA-A13847 (1976).

# Temperature of 100 eV is the threshold of radiation barrier by impurities



# Reference for MCF

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- **Jeffrey P. Freidberg, Ideal Magnetohydrodynamics**
- **John Wesson, Tokamaks**
- **Tokamak Physics by 陳騷 院士**

# Course Outline

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- **Inertial confinement fusion (ICF)**
  - **Plasma frequency and critical density**
  - **Direct- and indirect- drive**
  - **Laser generated pressure (Inverse bremsstrahlung and Ablation pressure)**
  - **Burning fraction, why compressing a capsule?**
  - **Implosion dynamics**
  - **Shock (Compression with different adiabat)**
  - **Laser pulse shape**
  - **Rocket model, shell velocity**
  - **Laser-plasma interaction (Stimulated Raman Scattering, SRS; Stimulated Brillouin Scattering, SBS; Two-plasmon decay )**
  - **Instabilities (Rayleigh-taylor instability, Kelvin-Helmholtz instability, Richtmeyer-Meshkov instability)**

# Under what conditions the plasma keeps itself hot?



- **Steady state 0-D power balance:**

$$S_{\alpha} + S_h = S_B + S_k$$

$S_{\alpha}$ :  $\alpha$  particle heating

$S_h$ : external heating

$S_B$ : Bremsstrahlung radiation

$S_k$ : heat conduction lost

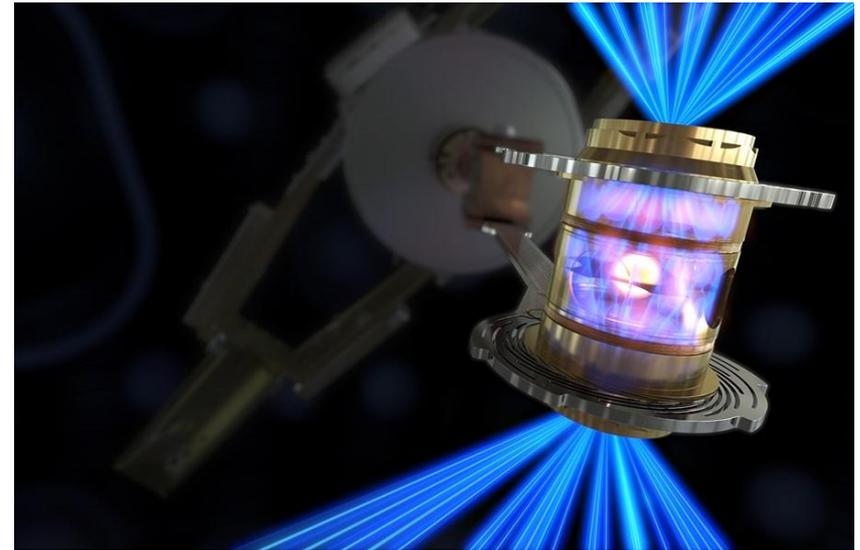
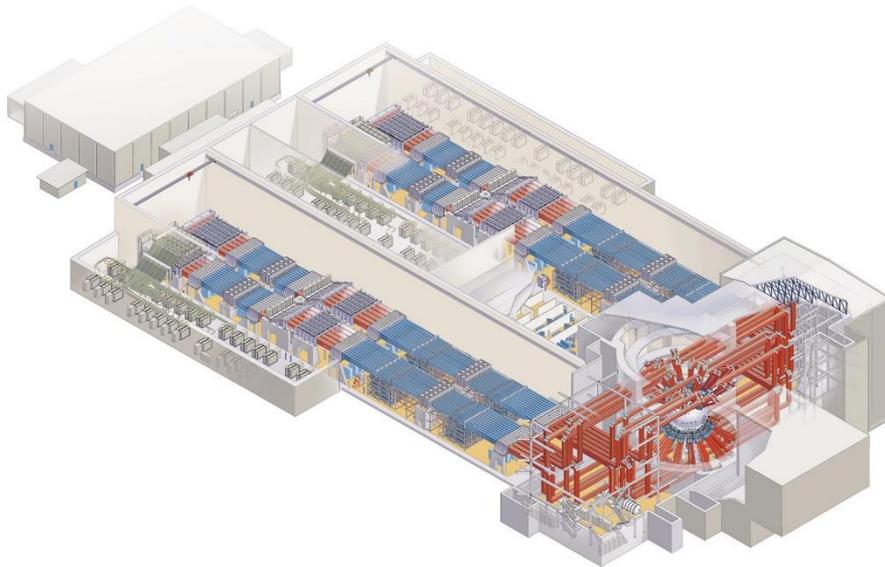
**Ignition condition:  $P\tau > 10 \text{ atm-s} = 10 \text{ Gbar} \cdot \text{ns}$**

- **P: pressure, or called energy density**
- **$\tau$  is confinement time**

# Significant breakthrough was achieved in ICF recently



- Inertial confinement fusion (ICF)



- **National Ignition Facility (NIF) demonstrated a gain greater than 1 for the first time on 2022/12/5. The yield of 3.15 MJ from the 2.05-MJ input laser energy, i.e.,  $Q=1.5$ .**

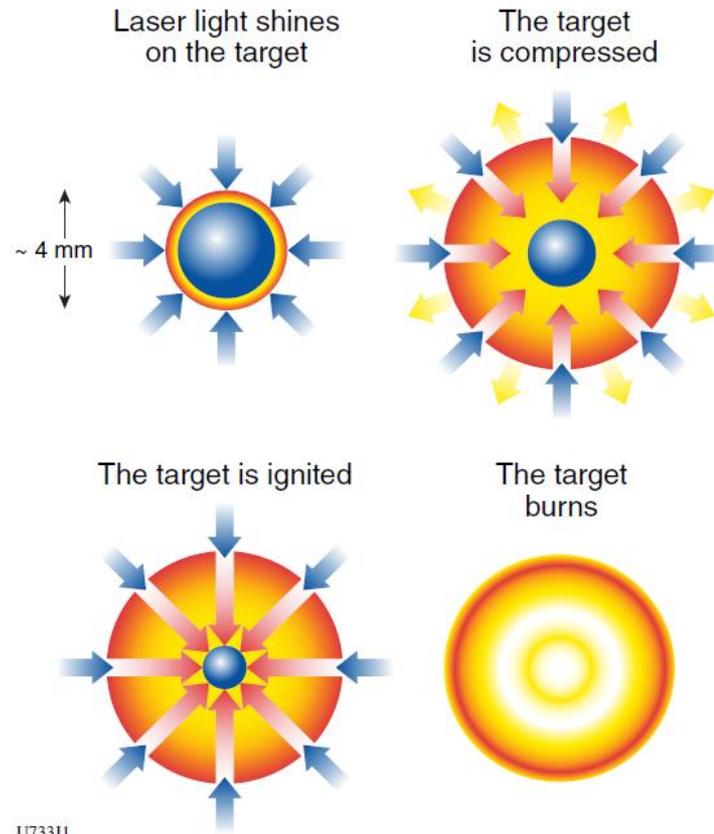
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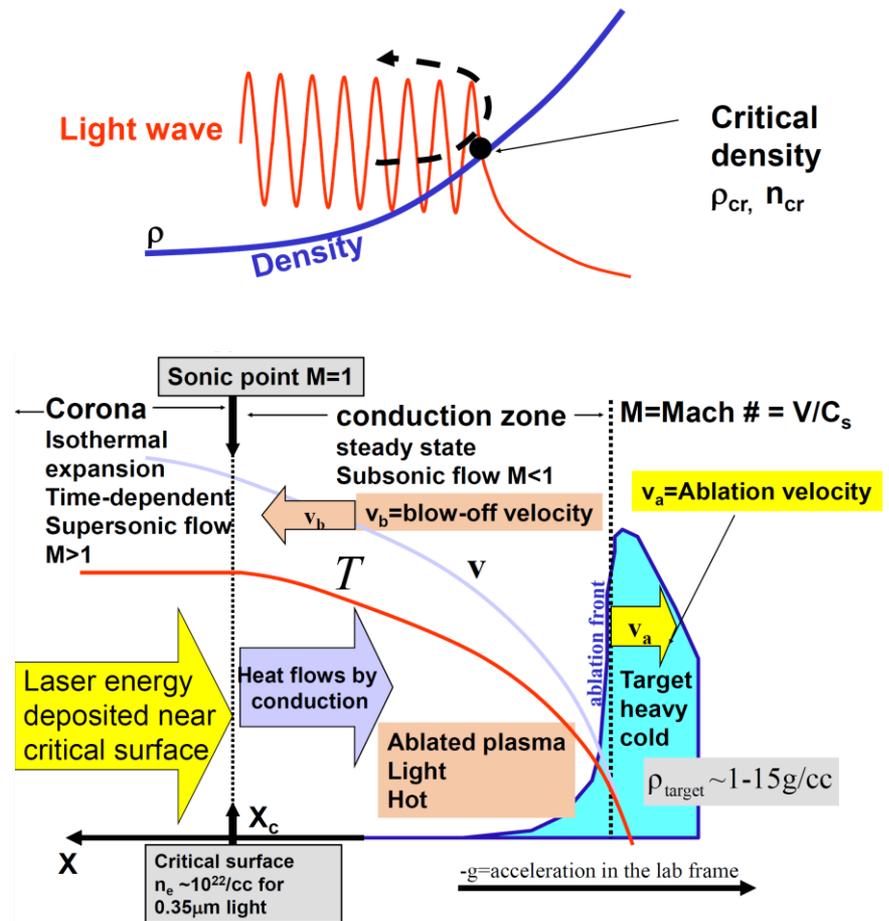
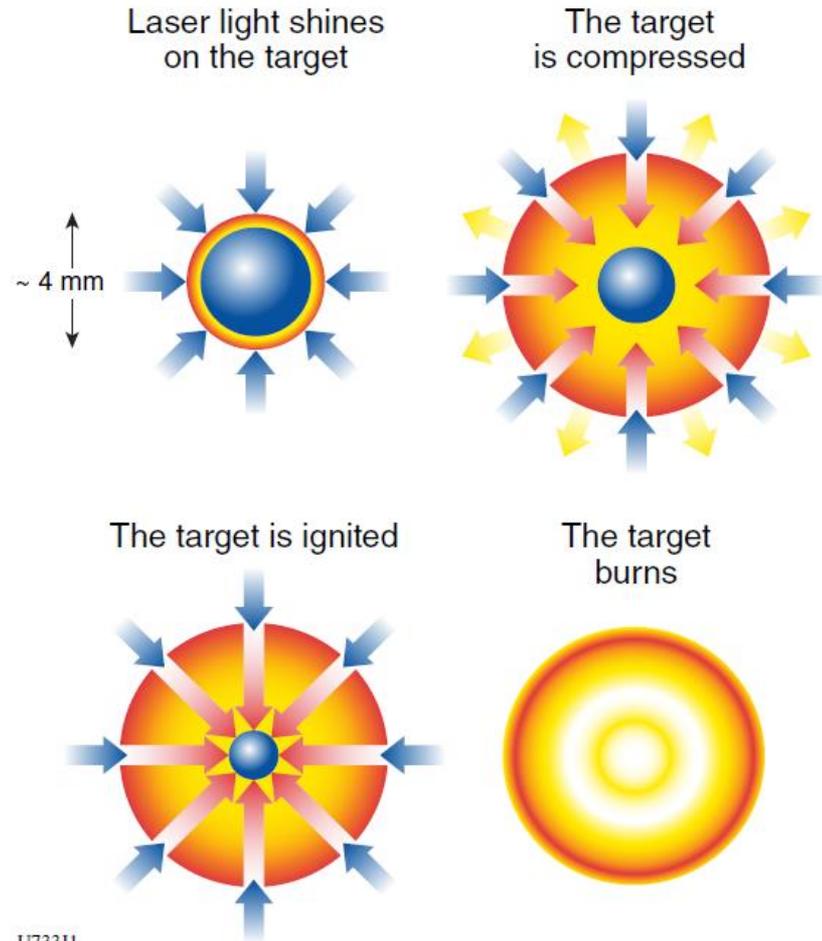
# Don't confine it!



- **Solution 2: Inertial confinement fusion (ICF). Or you can say it is confined by its own inertia:  $P \sim \text{Gigabar}$ ,  $\tau \sim \text{nsec}$ ,  $T \sim 10 \text{ keV}$  ( $10^8 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ )**

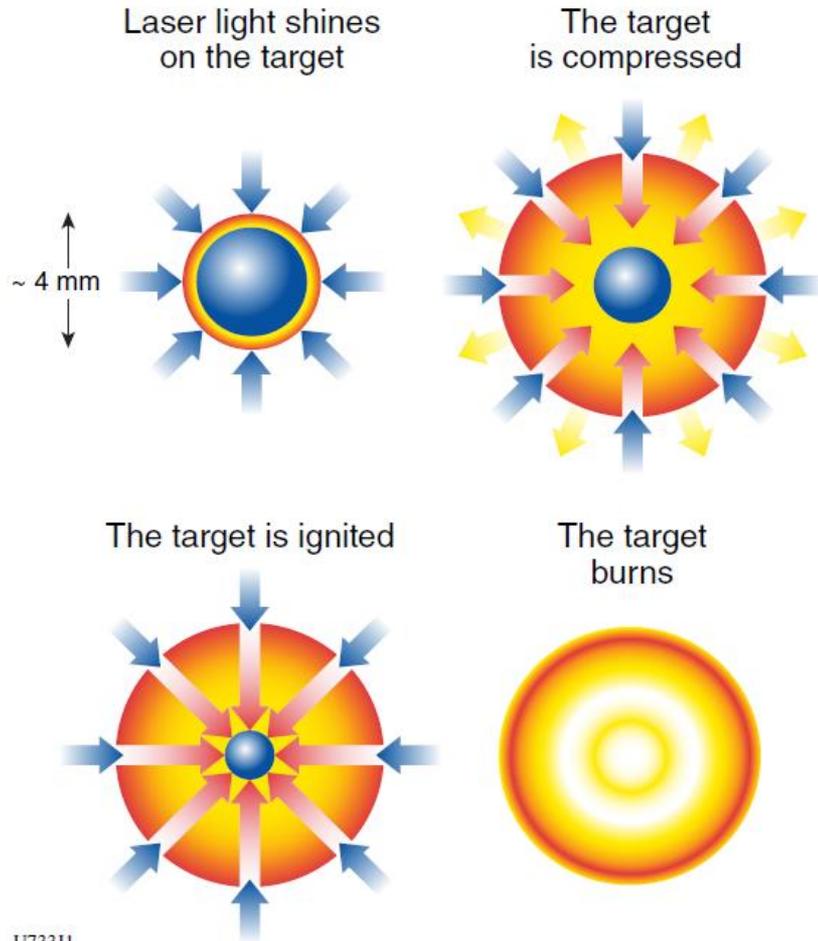


# Compression happens when outer layer of the target is heated by laser and ablated outward

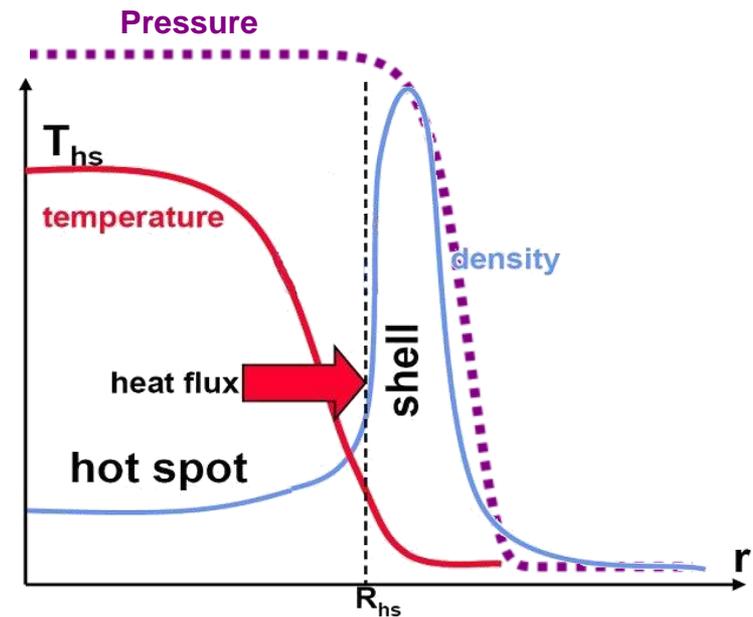


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# Plasma is confined by its own inertia in inertial confinement fusion (ICF)



## Spatial profile at stagnation

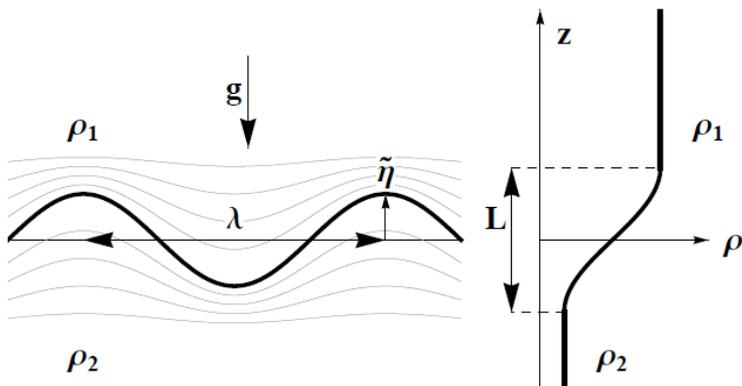


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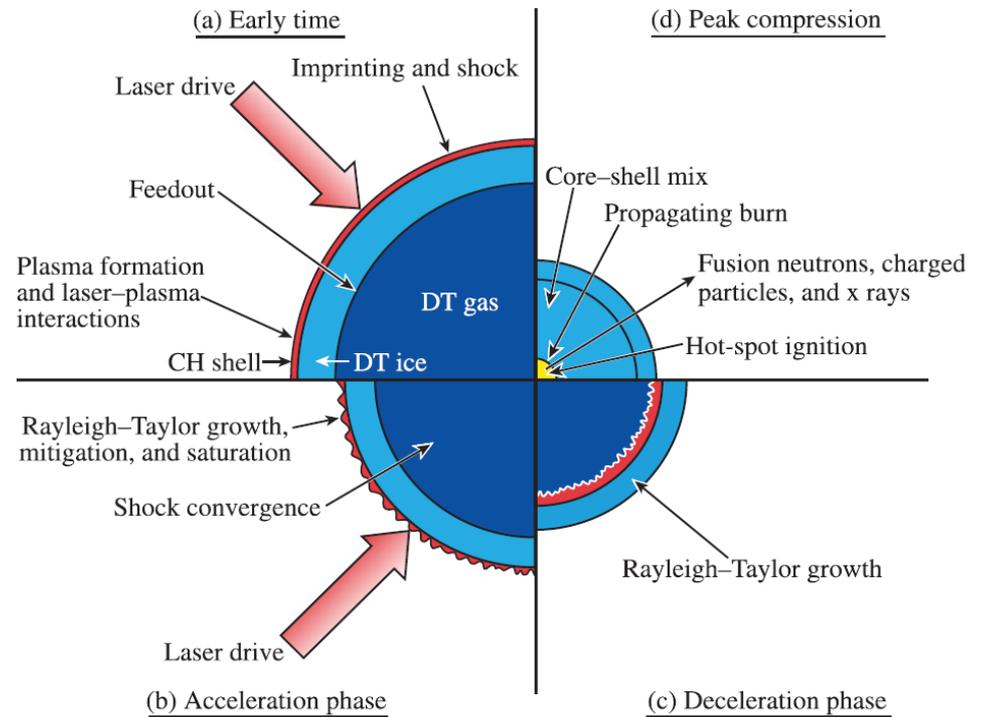
# A ball can not be compressed uniformly by being squeezed between several fingers



## • Rayleigh-Taylor instability



## • Stages of a target implosion

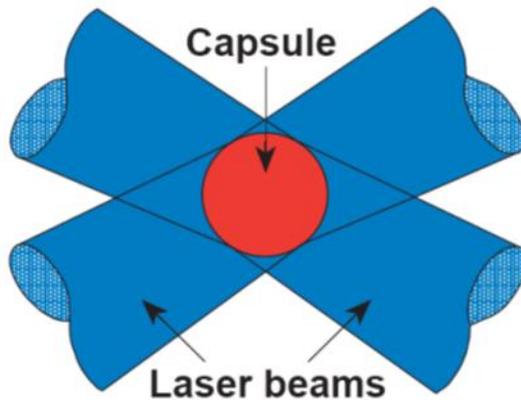


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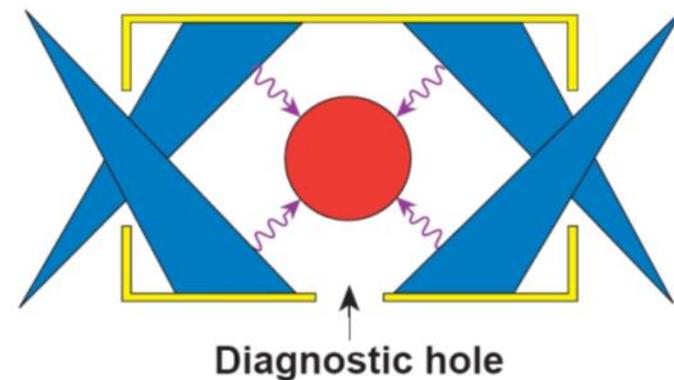
# A spherical capsule can be imploded through directly or indirectly laser illumination



Direct-drive target

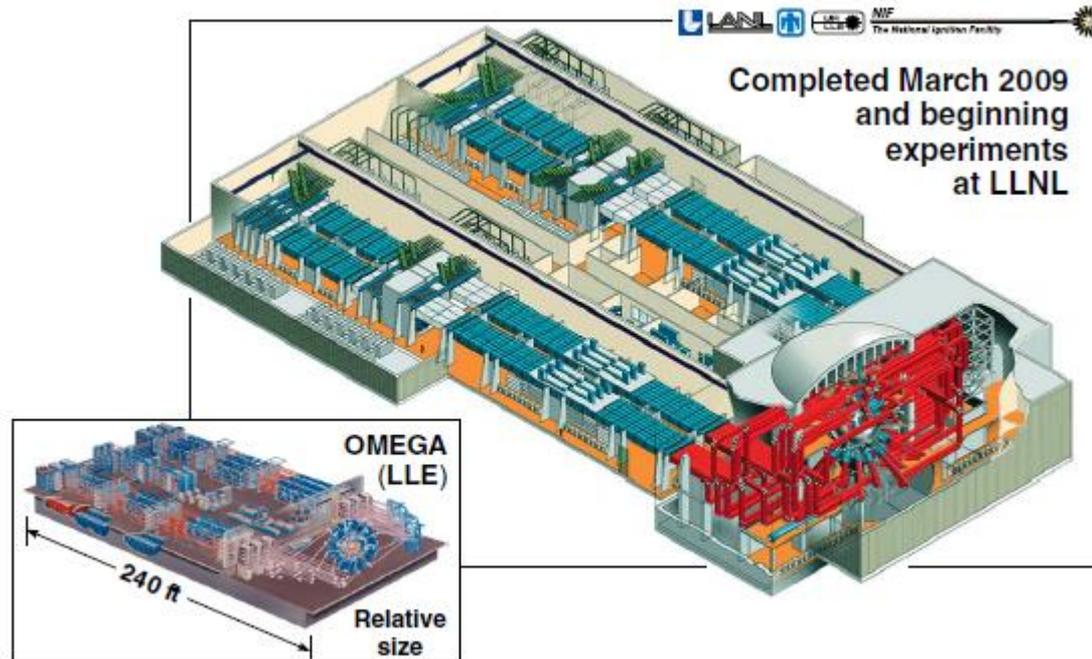


Indirect-drive target



*Hohlraum* using  
a cylindrical high-Z case

# The 1.8-MJ National Ignition Facility (NIF) will demonstrate ICF ignition and modest energy gain

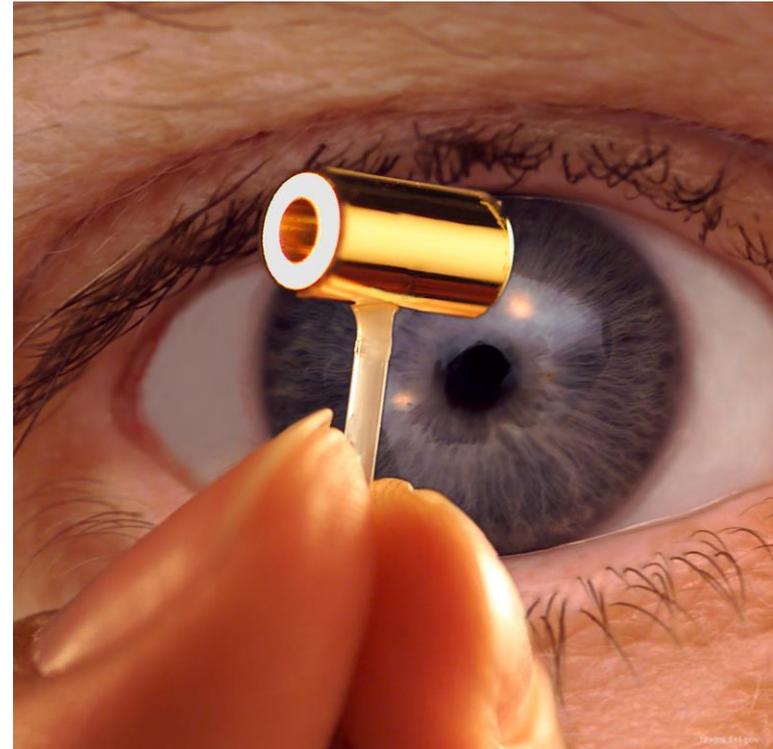
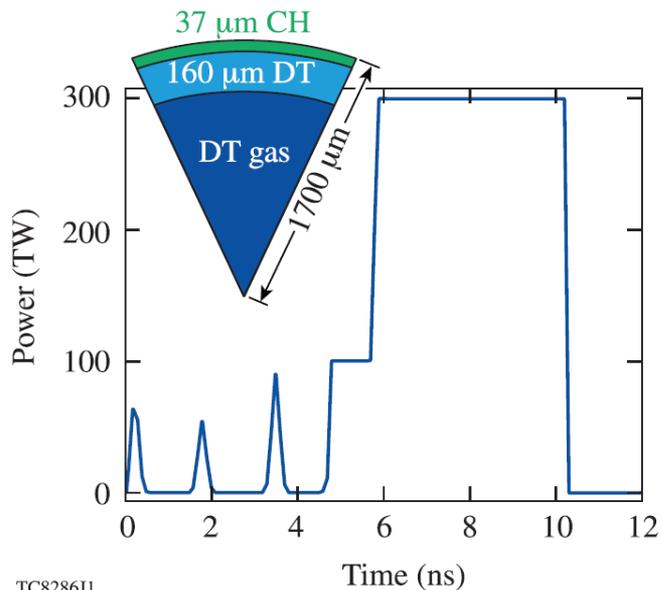


**OMEGA experiments are integral to an ignition demonstration on the NIF.**

# Targets used in ICF



- **Triple-point temperature : 19.79 K**



<http://www.lle.rochester.ed>  
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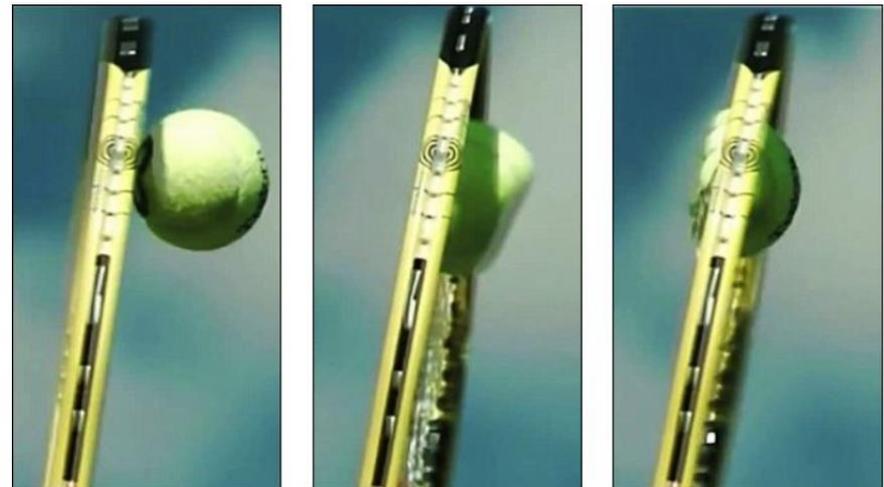
# Softer material can be compressed to higher density



- **Compression of a baseball**



- **Compression of a tennis ball**



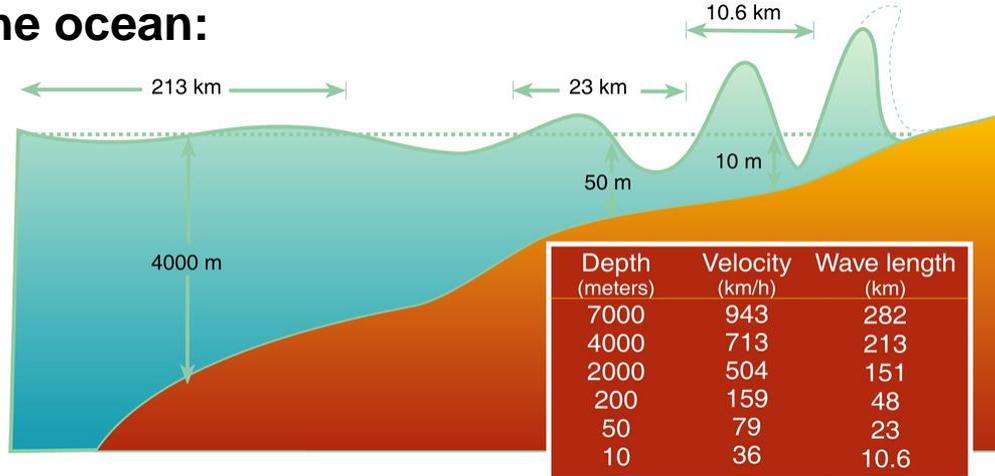
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxlldMoAwbY>

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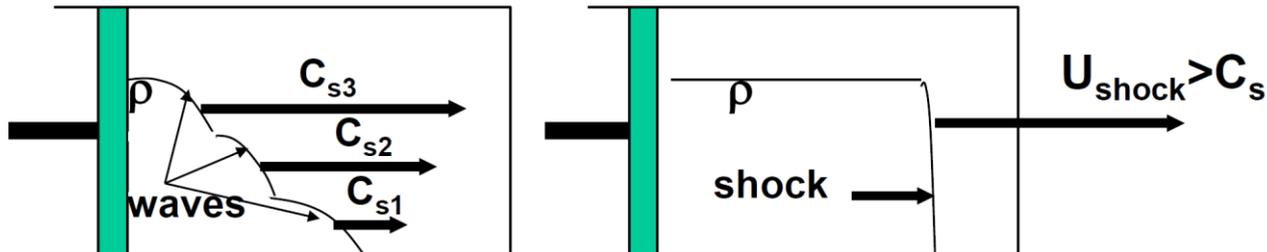
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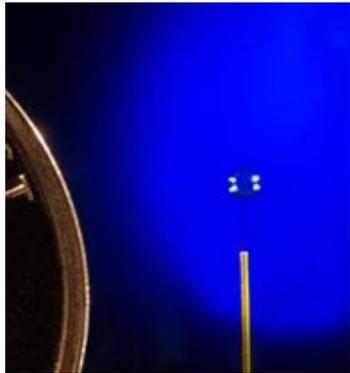


- **Acoustic/compression wave driven by a piston:**



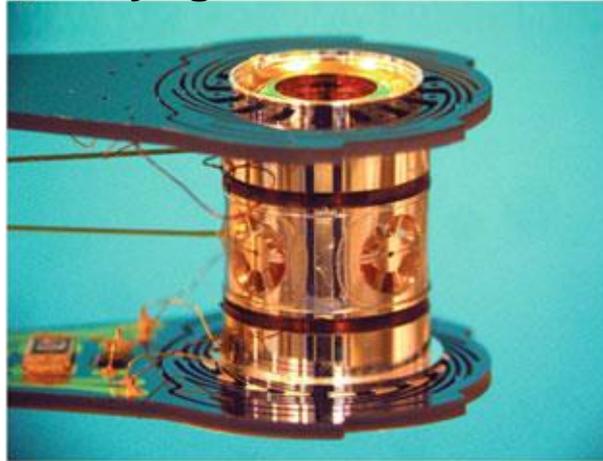
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# Targets used in ICF

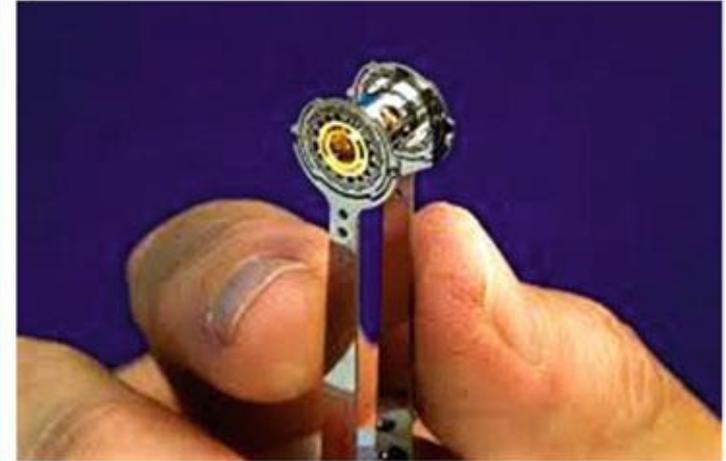


Cryogenic shroud

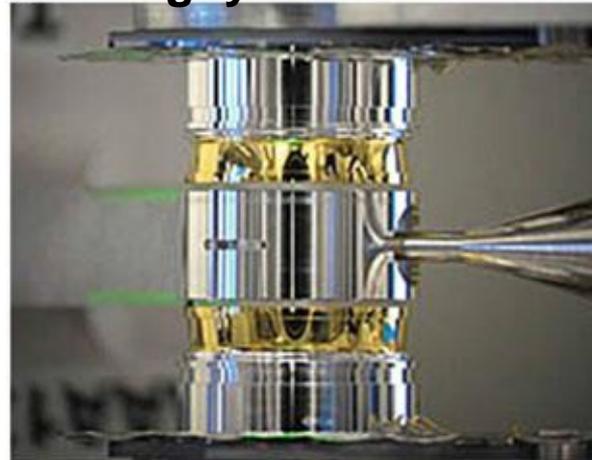
a Cryogenic hohlraum



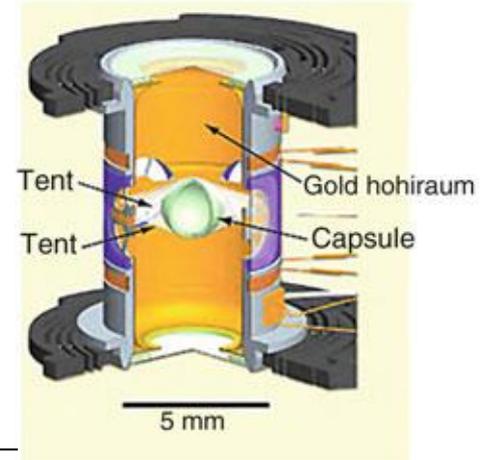
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c Rugby hohlraum

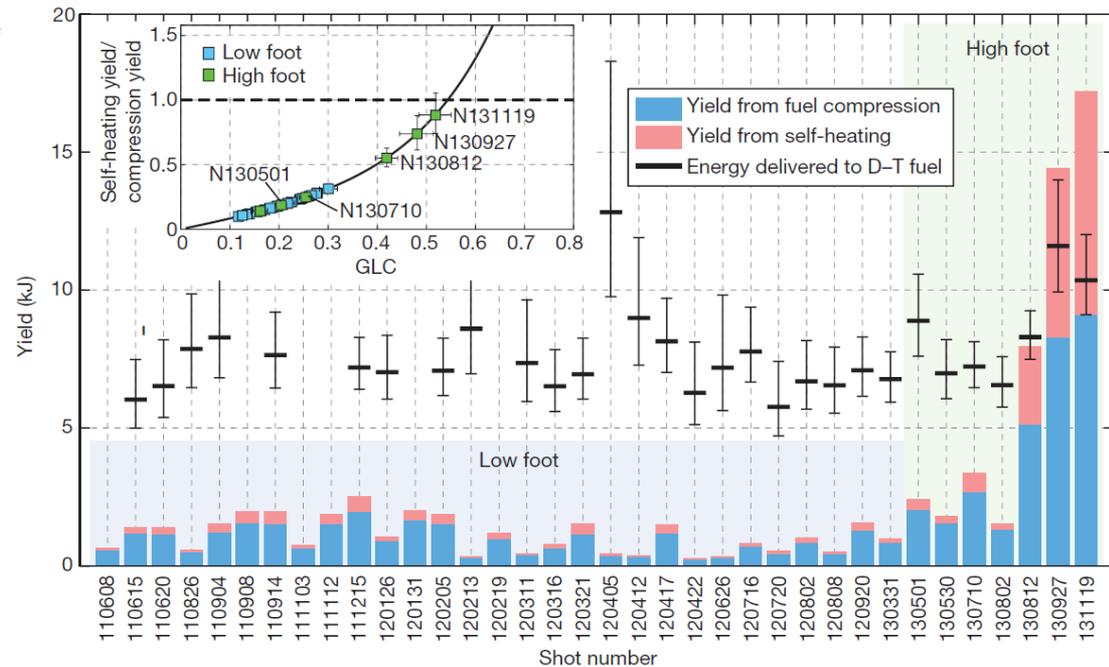
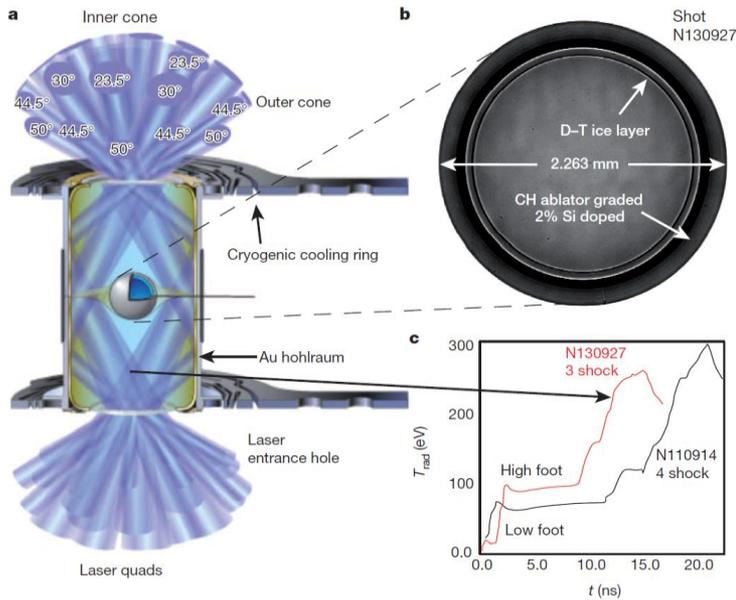


d Tent holder



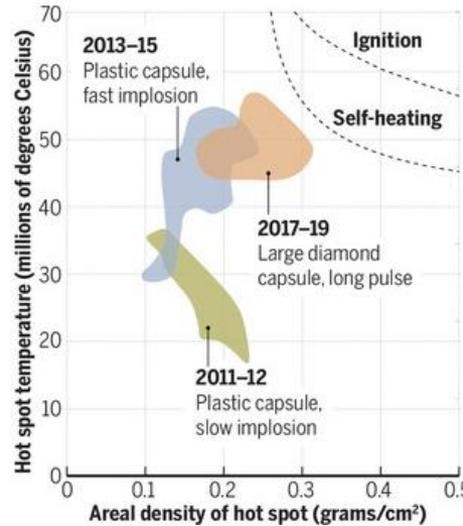
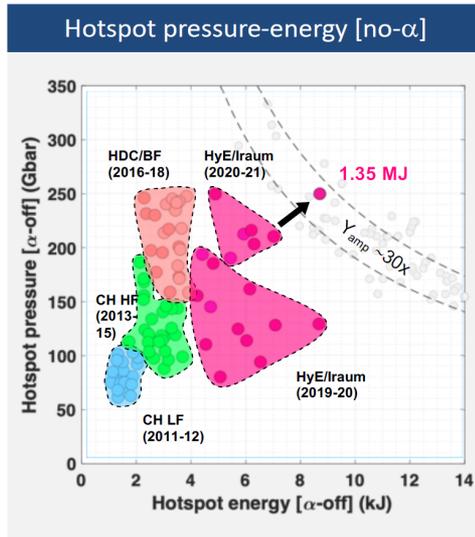
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# Nature letter “Fuel gain exceeding unity in an inertially confined fusion implosion”

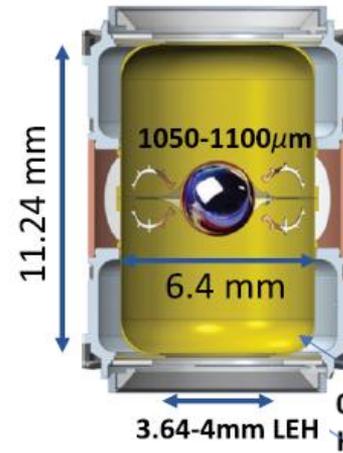


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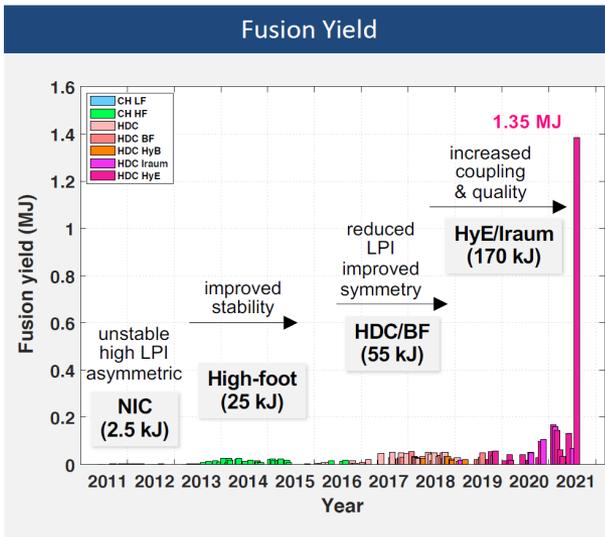
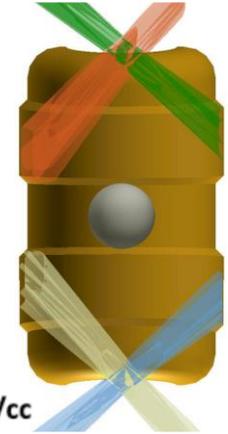
# The hot spot has entered the burning plasma regime



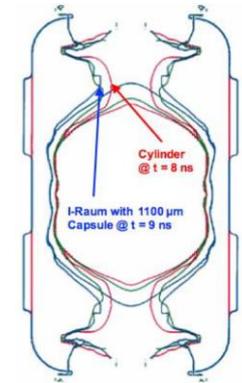
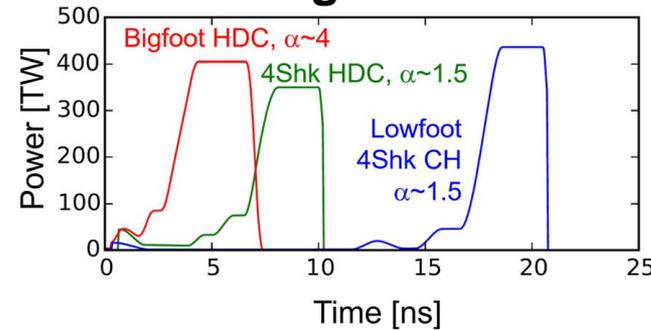
## • Hybrid-E



## • I-raum



## • Big foot



T. Ma, ARPA-E workshop, April 26, 2022

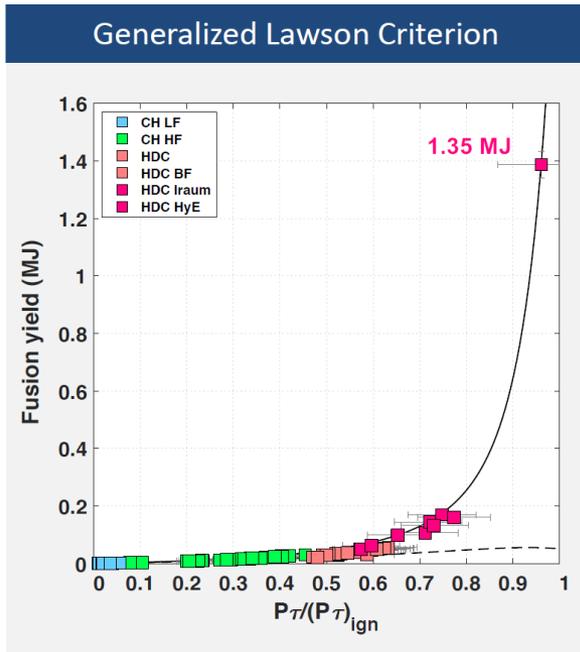
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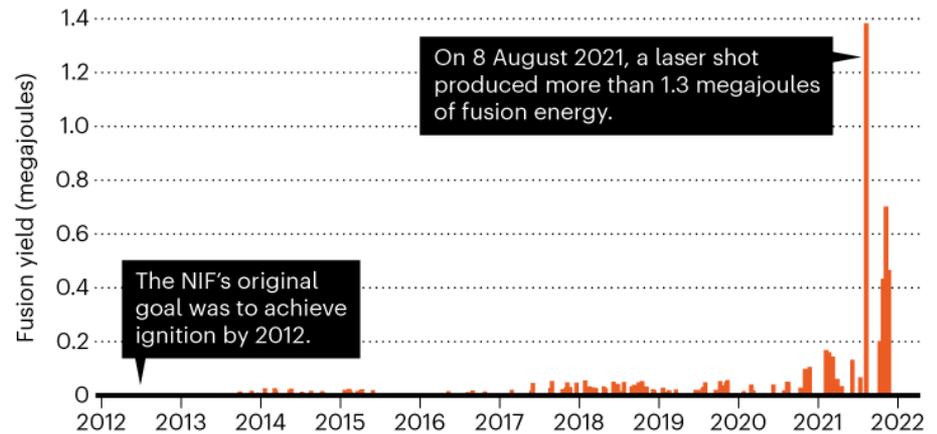
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## THE ROAD TO IGNITION

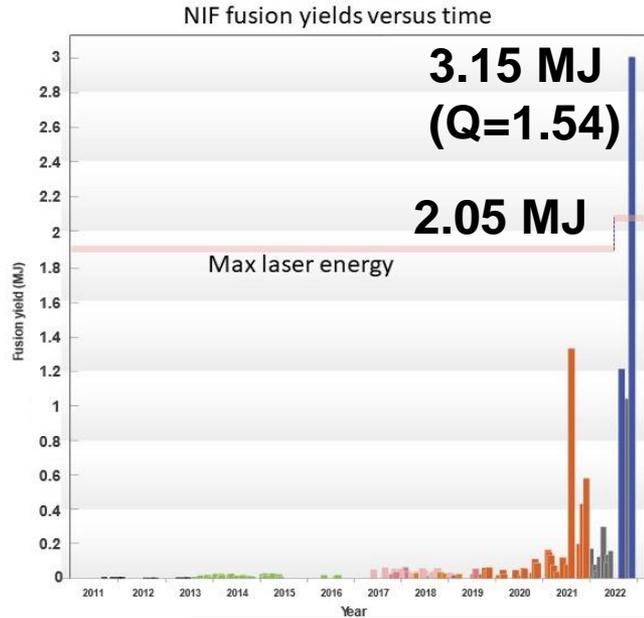
The National Ignition Facility (NIF) struggled for years before achieving a high-yield fusion reaction (considered ignition, by some measures) in 2021. Repeat experiments, however, produced less than half the energy of that result.



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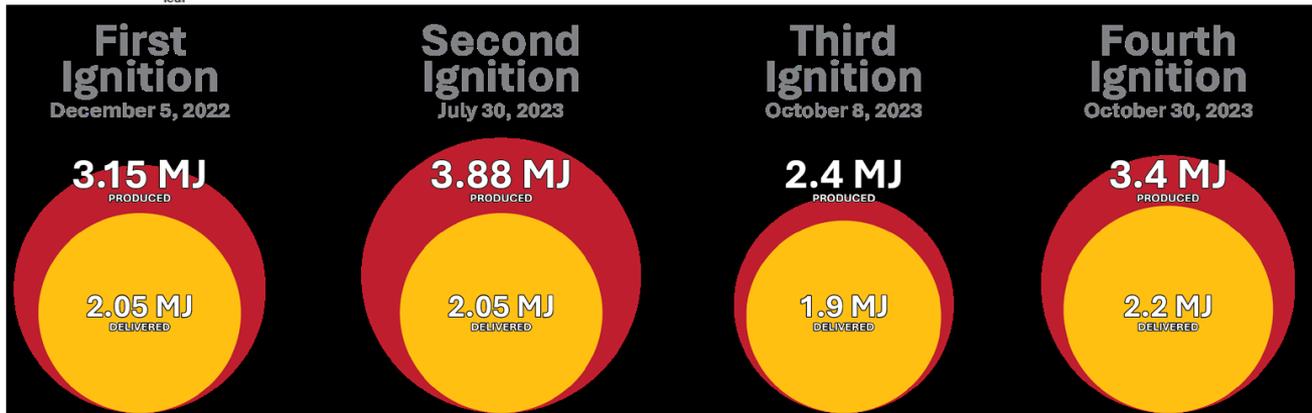
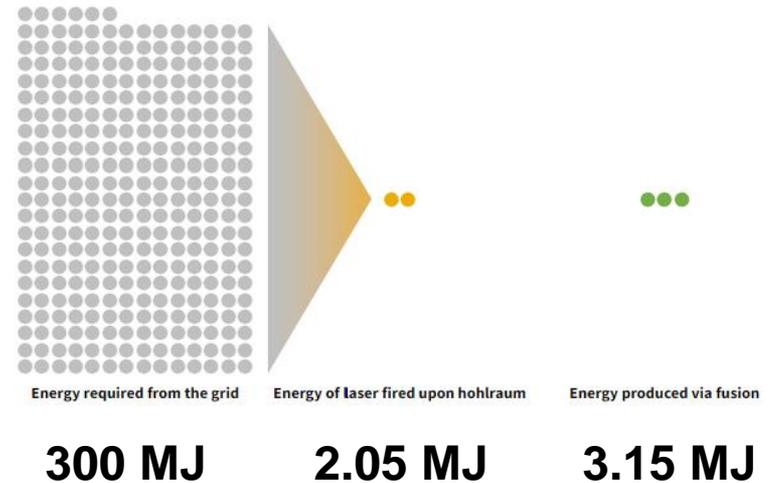
- Laser-fusion facility heads back to the drawing board.

# “Ignition” (target yield larger than one) was achieved in NIF on 2022/12/5

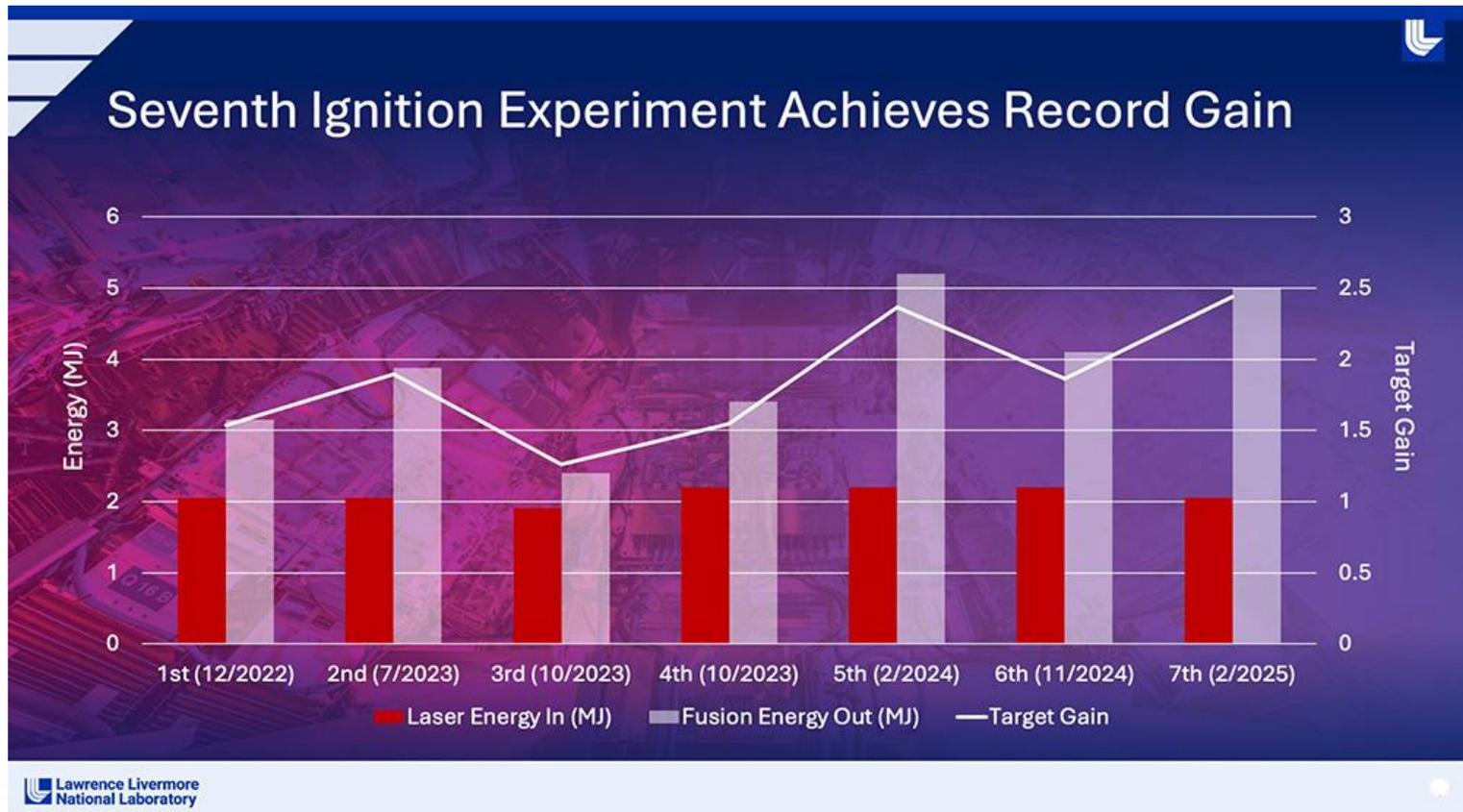


## NIF's ignition achievement in perspective

Energy in megajoules ● = 1



# A gain over 2.5 has been achieved



- In recent attempts, the team at NIF increased the yield of the experiment, first to 5.2 megajoules and then again to 8.6 megajoules, according to a source with knowledge of the experiment.

<https://lasers.llnl.gov/science/achieving-fusion-ignition>

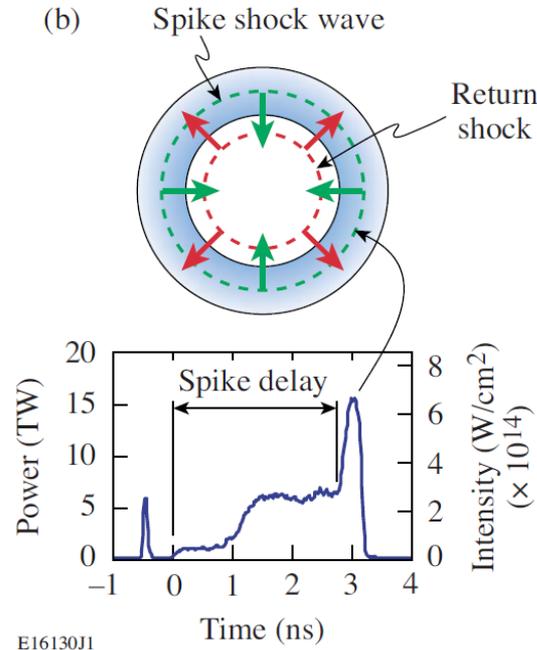
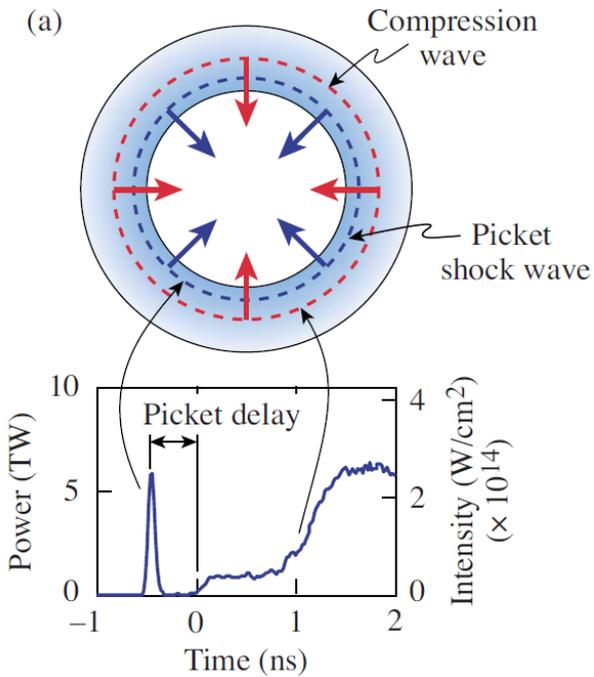
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# External “spark” can be used for ignition

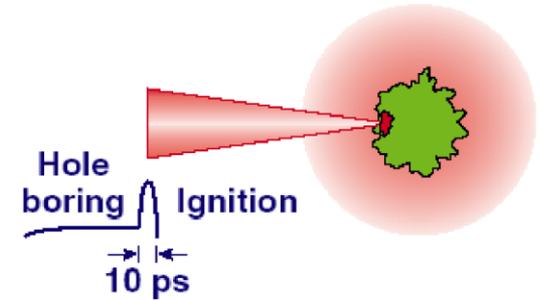


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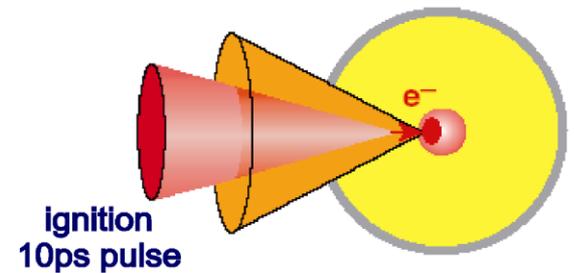


- **Fast ignition**

- a) channeling FI concept



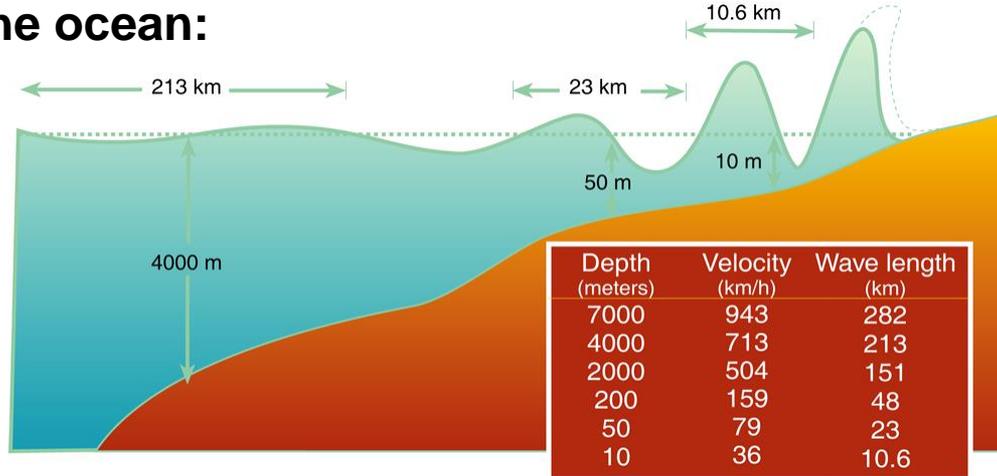
- b) cone-in-shell FI concept



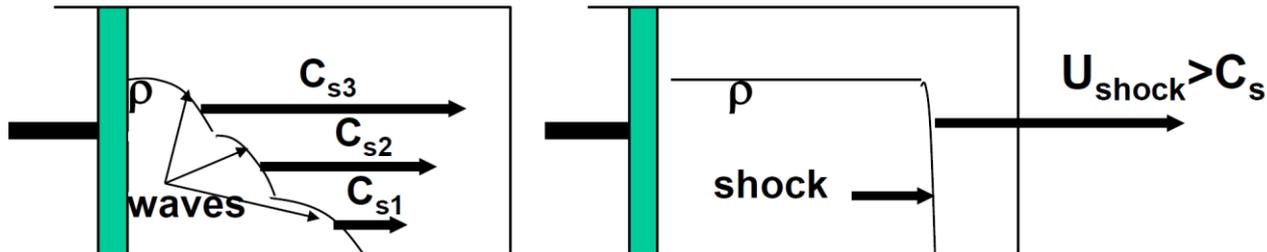
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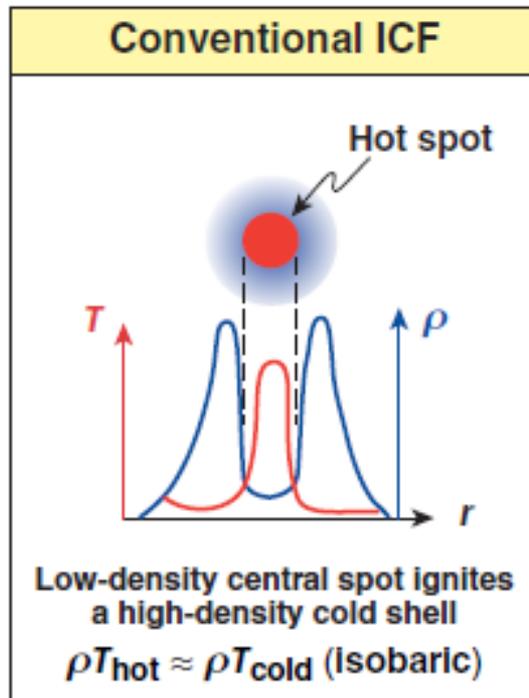


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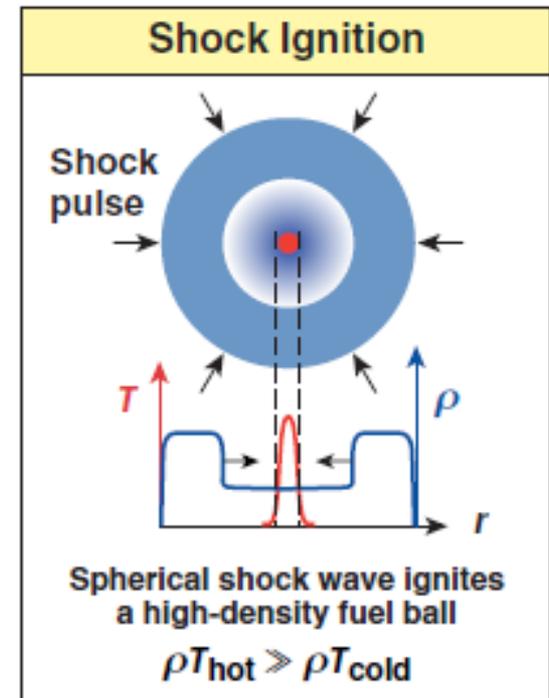
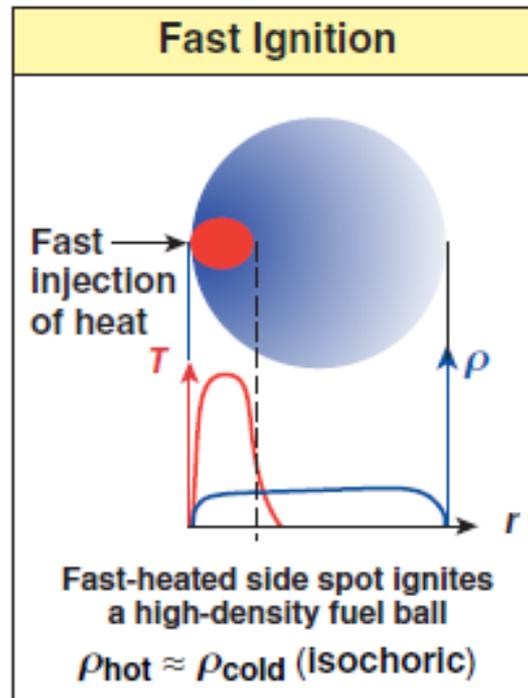
# Ignition can happen by itself or being triggered externally



## Self-ignition



## External “spark” for fast ignition



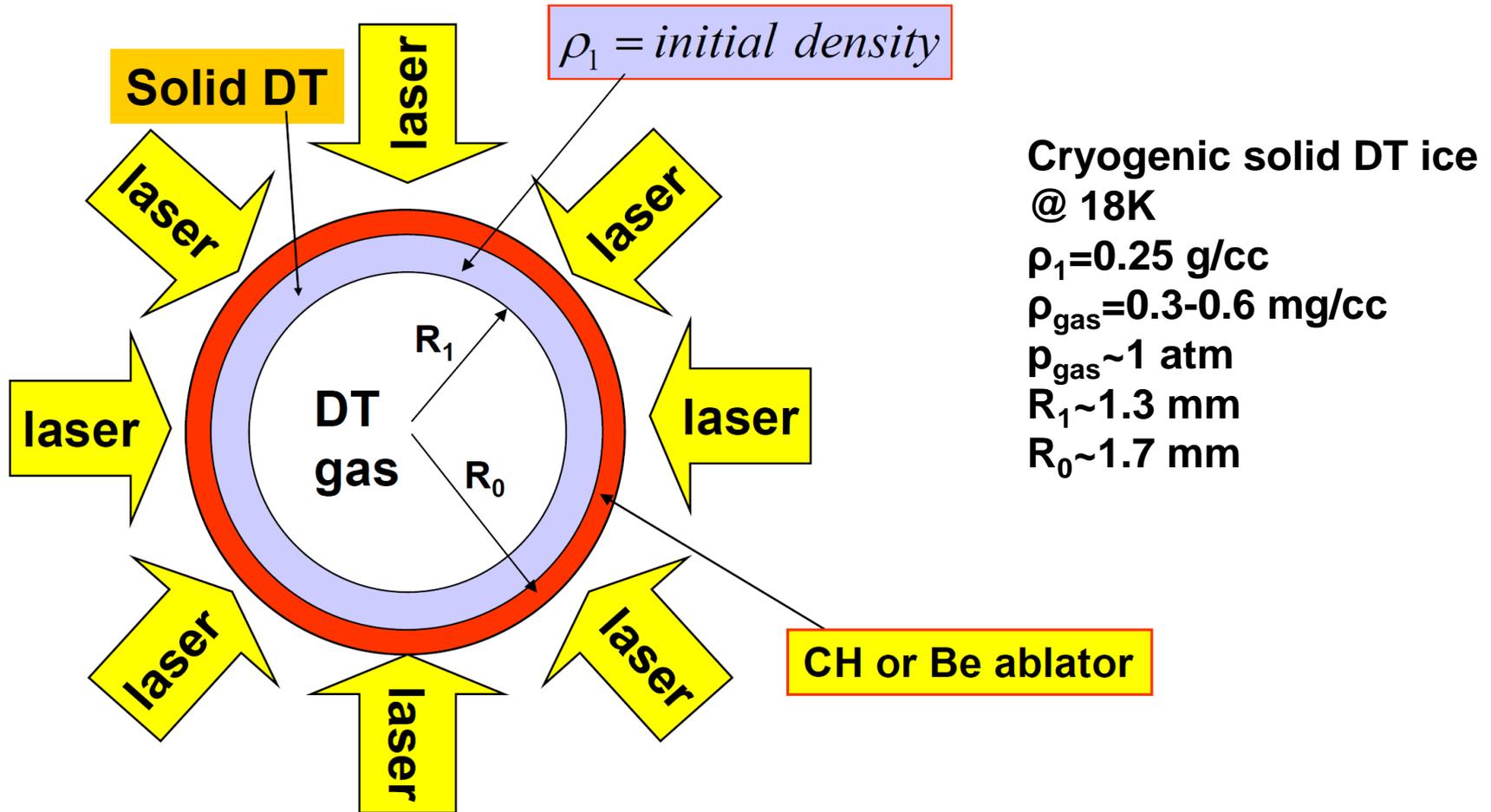
# Reference for ICF

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# Laser-driven imploding capsules are mm-size shells with hundreds of $\mu\text{m}$ thick layers of cryogenic solid DT



# Conservation equations of gas-dynamics and ideal gas EOS are used for DT plasma



**Mass conservation:**  $\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho \vec{v}) = 0$

**Momentum conservation:**  $\partial_t(\rho \vec{v}) + \partial_x(p + \rho v^2) = \vec{F}$

**Energy conservation:**  $\partial_t \epsilon + \partial_x[\vec{v}(\epsilon + p) - \kappa \partial_x T] = \text{source} + \text{sinks}$

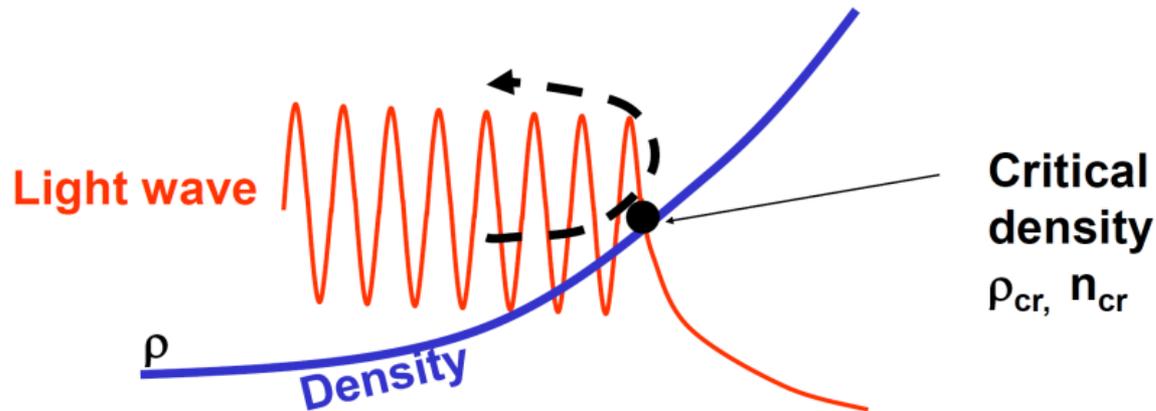
**Ideal gas EOS:**  $p = (n_e T_e + n_i T_i) = 2nT = \frac{2}{m_i} \rho_i T = \frac{\rho T}{A}$

**Total energy per unit volume:**  $\epsilon = \frac{3}{2} p + \rho \frac{v^2}{2}$

**Mass density:**  $\rho = n_i m_i$

**Plasma thermal conductivity:**  $\kappa$

# The laser light cannot propagate past a critical density



- **Critical density is given by plasma frequency=laser frequency**

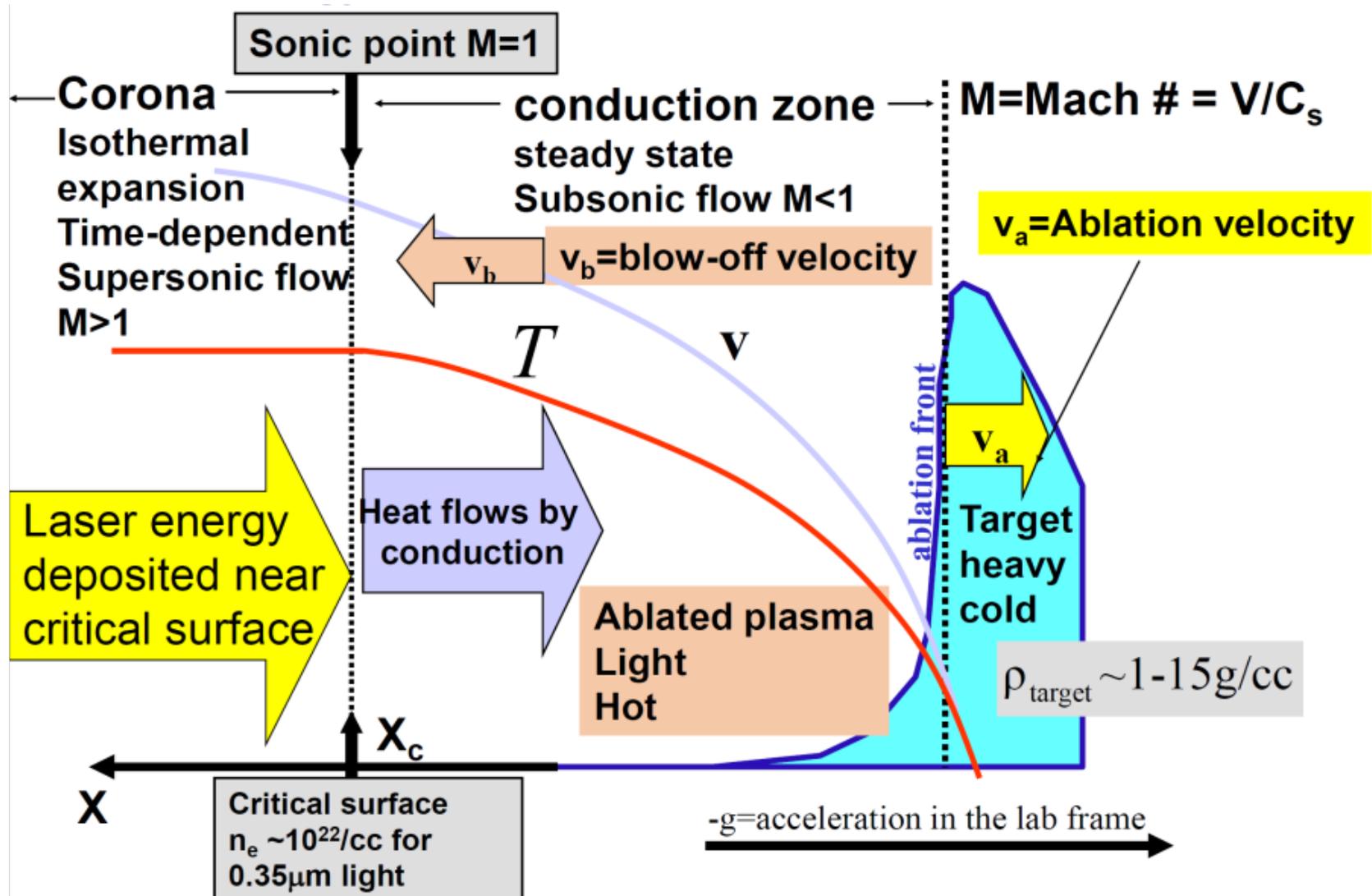
$$\omega_L = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda_L}$$

$$\omega_{pe} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi n_e e^2}{m_e}}$$

$$\omega_L^2 = \omega_{pe}^2$$

$$n_e^{cr} = \frac{1.1 \times 10^{21}}{\lambda_{L,\mu m}^2} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

# The laser generates a pressure by depositing energy at the critical surface



# The plasma thermal conductivity is written in a power law of T



$$n \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) \rightarrow n \frac{T}{t} \sim \frac{\kappa T}{x^2} \Rightarrow \kappa \sim n \frac{x^2}{t}$$

$$x \Rightarrow \lambda_{\text{mfp}} \sim v_{\text{th}} \tau_{\text{coll}} = \frac{v_{\text{th}}}{\nu_{\text{coll}}} \quad t \Rightarrow \tau_{\text{coll}} = \frac{1}{\nu_{\text{coll}}} \quad \Rightarrow \kappa \sim n \frac{v_{\text{th}}^2}{\nu_{\text{coll}}}$$

$$v_{\text{th}}^2 \sim \frac{T}{m_e} \quad \nu_{\text{coll}} \sim \frac{n}{T^{3/2}} \quad \Rightarrow \kappa \sim T^{5/2}$$

$v_{\text{th}}$ : thermal velocity  
 $\nu_{\text{coll}}$ : collision frequency  
 $\tau_{\text{coll}}$ : collision time

Plasma thermal conductivity

$$\kappa \approx \kappa_0 T^{5/2}$$

# Sound speed in an ideal DT gas/plasma



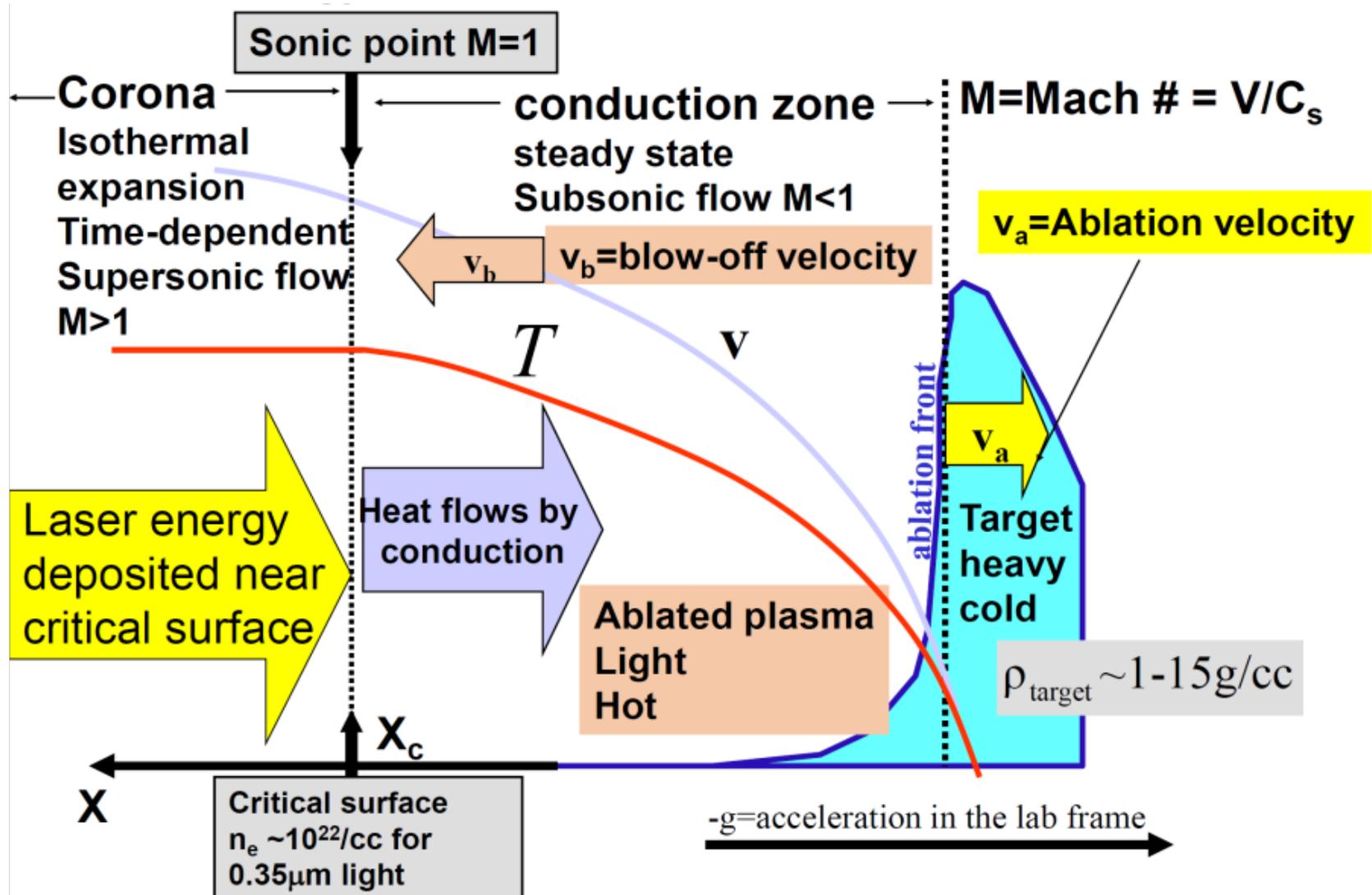
- **Adiabatic sound speed when the entropy is conserved along the fluid motion**

$$C_s^{\text{adiabatic}} = C_s \text{ (constant entropy)} = \sqrt{\frac{5 p}{3 \rho}} = \sqrt{\frac{10 T}{3 m_i}}$$

- **Isothermal sound speed when the temperature is constant along the fluid motion**

$$C_s^{\text{isothermal}} = C_s \text{ (constant temperature)} = \sqrt{\frac{p}{\rho}} = \sqrt{\frac{2T}{m_i}}$$

# The laser generates a pressure by depositing energy at the critical surface



# Consider the steady state equations of motion in the conduction zone



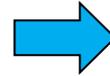
$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\rho v) = 0$$

$$\kappa = \kappa_0 T^{5/2}$$

$$\partial_t(\rho \vec{v}) + \partial_x(p + \rho v^2) = \vec{F}$$



$$\frac{d}{dx}(p + \rho v^2) = 0$$

$$\partial_t \epsilon + \partial_x[\vec{v}(\epsilon + p) - \kappa \partial_x T] = \text{source} + \text{sinks}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ v \left( \frac{5}{2} p + \frac{\rho v^2}{2} \right) - \kappa \frac{dT}{dx} \right] = 0$$

$$p = (n_e T_e + n_i T_i) = 2nT = \frac{2}{m_i} \rho_i T = \frac{\rho T}{A}$$

$$p = \frac{\rho T}{A}$$

$$A = \frac{m_i}{1+z}$$

• Integrate with space:

$$\rho v = \rho_c v_c$$

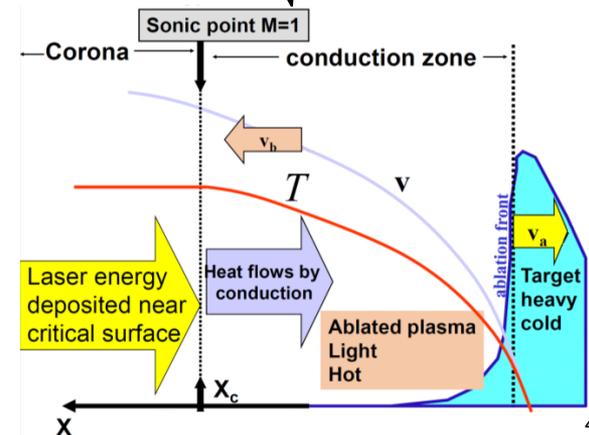
$$p + \rho v^2 = p_c + \rho_c v_c^2$$

$$\frac{\rho T}{A} + \rho v^2 = \frac{\rho_c T_c}{A} + \rho_c v_c^2$$

$$\frac{\rho v}{\rho} \left( \frac{T}{Av} + v \right) = \frac{\rho_c v_c}{\rho_c} \left( \frac{T_c}{Av_c} + v_c \right)$$

$$\frac{T}{Av} + v = \frac{T_c}{Av_c} + v_c \Rightarrow v \left( \frac{1}{M^2} + 1 \right) = v_c \left( \frac{1}{M_c^2} + 1 \right)$$

$$c_s = \sqrt{\frac{p}{\rho}} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{A}}$$

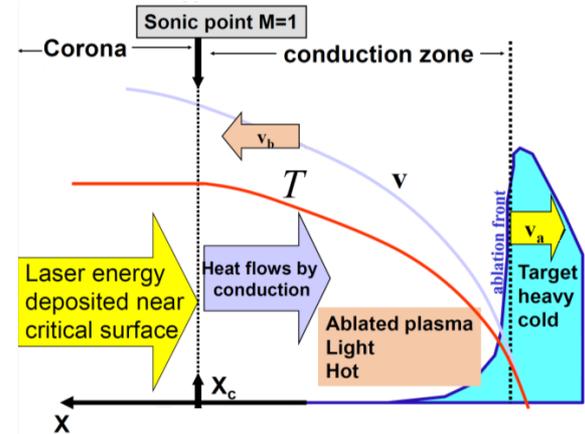


# Consider the steady state equations of motion in the conduction zone



$$\frac{T}{Av} + v = \frac{T_c}{Av_c} + v_c \quad v^2 - v \left( \frac{T_c}{Av_c} + v_c \right) + \frac{T}{A} = 0$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{T_c}{Av_c} + v_c \pm \sqrt{\left( \frac{T_c}{Av_c} + v_c \right)^2 - \frac{4T}{A}} \right]$$



- Near the target where  $T \ll T_c$ , one expect that  $v \ll v_c$ . Therefore,

$$v = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{T_c}{Av_c} + v_c - \sqrt{\left( \frac{T_c}{Av_c} + v_c \right)^2 - \frac{4T}{A}} \right]$$

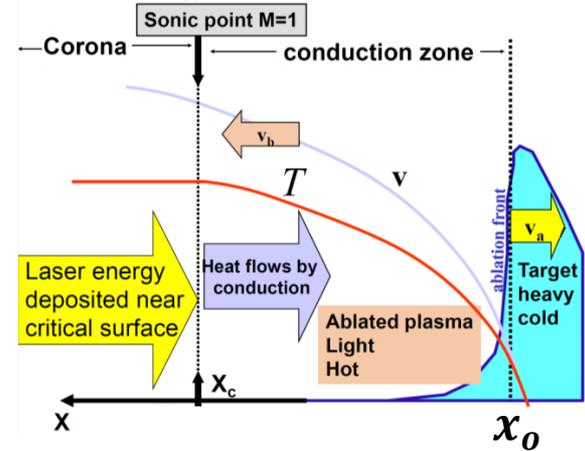
- At  $T = T_c$ ,  $v = v_c$ :

$$v_c = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{T_c}{Av_c} + v_c - \left| \frac{T_c}{Av_c} - v_c \right| \right]$$

# Consider the steady state equations of motion in the conduction zone



- If  $\frac{T_c}{Av_c} - v_c \leq 0$        $v_c = \frac{T_c}{Av_c}$        $M_c = 1$
- If  $\frac{T_c}{Av_c} - v_c \geq 0$        $v_c = v_c$        $M_c \leq 1$
- Pick  $M_c = 1$ , i.e., the flow is sonic at the critical surface.



- Integrate the energy equation in the conduction zone:

Assuming  $M_c \ll 1$ , i. e.,  $p \gg \rho v^2$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ v \left( \frac{5}{2} p + \frac{\rho v^2}{2} \right) - \kappa \frac{dT}{dx} \right] = 0$$

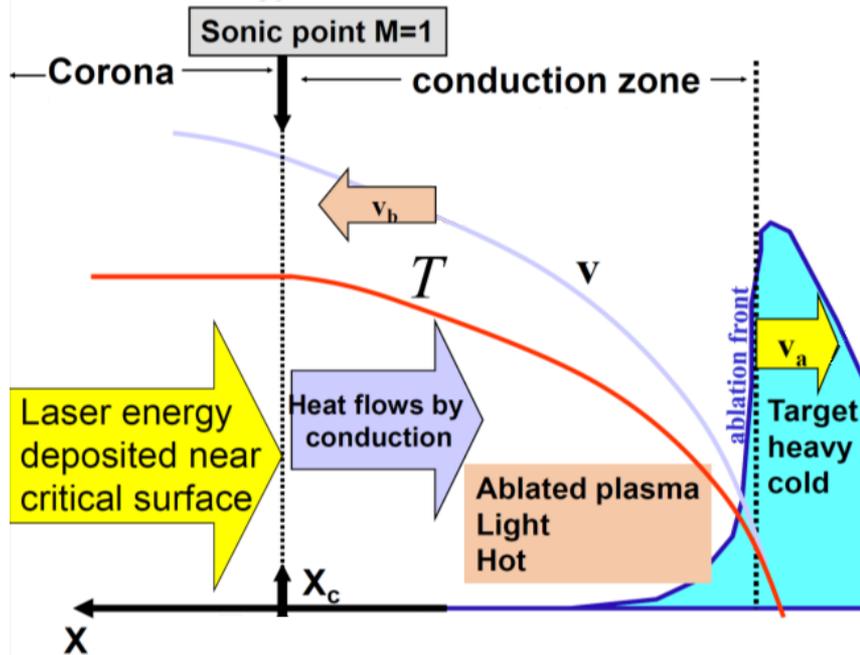
$$\frac{5}{2} p v - \kappa \frac{dT}{dx} = \frac{5}{2} p_o v_o - \left( \kappa \frac{dT}{dx} \right)_o = \frac{5}{2} \frac{\rho_o T_o}{A} v_o - \left( \kappa_o T^{5/2} \frac{dT}{dx} \right)_o \rightarrow 0$$

$$\frac{5}{2} \frac{\rho T v}{A} - \kappa_o T^{5/2} \frac{dT}{dx} = 0$$

$$\frac{5}{2} \frac{\rho_c v_c T}{A} - \kappa_o T^{5/2} \frac{dT}{dx} = 0$$

$$T = T_c \left[ 1 + \frac{25}{4A} \frac{\rho_c v_c}{\kappa_o T_c^{5/2}} (x - x_c) \right]^{2/5}$$

# Consider the steady state equations of motion in the conduction zone



$$T = T_c \left[ 1 + \frac{25}{4A} \frac{\rho_c v_c}{k_o T_c^{5/2}} (x - x_c) \right]^{2/5}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{T_c}{A v_c} + v_c - \sqrt{\left( \frac{T_c}{A v_c} + v_c \right)^2 - \frac{4T}{A}} \right]$$

$$\rho = \frac{\rho_c v_c}{v}$$

# Pressure generated by a laser is obtained using energy conservation equation



- **Energy conservation equation:**

$$\partial_t \epsilon + \partial_x [\vec{v} (\epsilon + p) - \kappa \partial_x T] = \underbrace{\text{source + sinks}}_{w/cm^2 \cdot s \cdot 1/cm} = I \delta(x - x_c)$$

- **Since the temperature gradients are small in the corona, the heat flux is small**

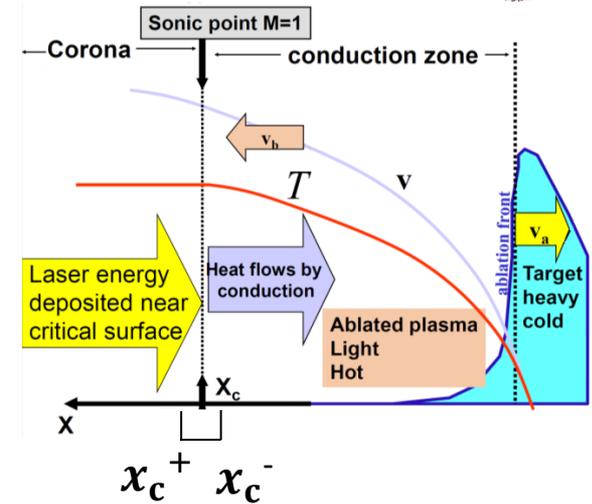
$$\kappa \partial_x T (x \geq x_{cr}) \ll \kappa \partial_x T (x \leq x_{cr}) \quad \left( \kappa \partial_x T (x \geq x_{cr}) \approx \frac{1}{3} \kappa \partial_x T (x \leq x_{cr}) \right)$$

- **Integrate around critical surface  $x_c$**

$$\int_{x_{cr}^-}^{x_{cr}^+} \{ \partial_t \epsilon + \partial_x [\vec{v} (\epsilon + p) - \kappa \partial_x T] \} dx = \int_{x_{cr}^-}^{x_{cr}^+} \{ I \delta(x - x_{cr}) \} dx$$

$$\partial_t \epsilon x \Big|_{x_{cr}^-}^{x_{cr}^+} + [v (\epsilon + p)]_{x_{cr}^-}^{x_{cr}^+} - [\kappa \partial_x T]_{x_{cr}^-}^{x_{cr}^+} = I$$

$$- [\kappa \partial_x T]_{x_{cr}^-}^{x_{cr}^+} = I \Rightarrow I = -\kappa^+ \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^+ + \kappa^- \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^- \approx \kappa^- \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^-$$



# Laser produced ablation pressure



$$\partial_t \epsilon + \partial_x [\vec{v} (\epsilon + p) - \kappa \partial_x T] = \text{source} + \text{sinks} = I \delta(x - x_c) \quad I \approx \kappa^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)$$

- Solving at steady state in the conduction zone ( $x < x_c$ ) leads to

$$v (\epsilon + p) \sim \kappa \partial_x T \quad \text{for } x \leq x_{cr}^-$$

- At the sonic point (i.e., critical surface)  $C_s \sim \sqrt{p/\rho}$

$$I = [v (\epsilon + p)]_{x_{cr}^-} = C_s \left( \frac{5}{2} p_{cr} + \rho_{cr} \frac{C_s^2}{2} \right) \sim \frac{p_{cr}^{3/2}}{\rho_{cr}^{1/2}}$$

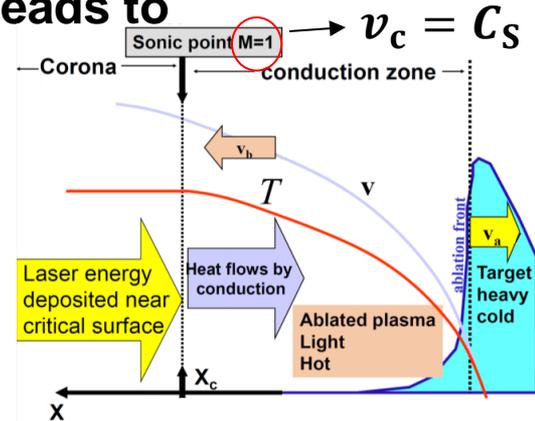
- The total pressure (static+dynamic) is the ablation pressure

$$p_A = [p + \rho v^2]_{x=x_{cr}} = 2p_{cr} \sim \left( I \rho_{cr}^{1/2} \right)^{2/3} \sim \left( \frac{I}{\lambda_L} \right)^{2/3}$$

- The laser-produced total (ablation) pressure on target:

$$p_A (\text{Mbar}) \approx 83 \left( \frac{I_{15}}{\lambda_{L,\mu\text{m}}/0.35} \right)^{2/3}$$

$I_{15}$ : laser intensity in  $10^{15} \text{W/cm}^2$   
 $\lambda_{L,\mu\text{m}}$ : laser wavelength in  $\mu\text{m}$



$$\epsilon = \frac{3}{2} p + \rho \frac{v^2}{2}$$

$$n_e^{cr} = \frac{1.1 \times 10^{21}}{\lambda_{L,\mu\text{m}}^2} \text{cm}^{-3}$$

# Mass ablation rate induced by the laser



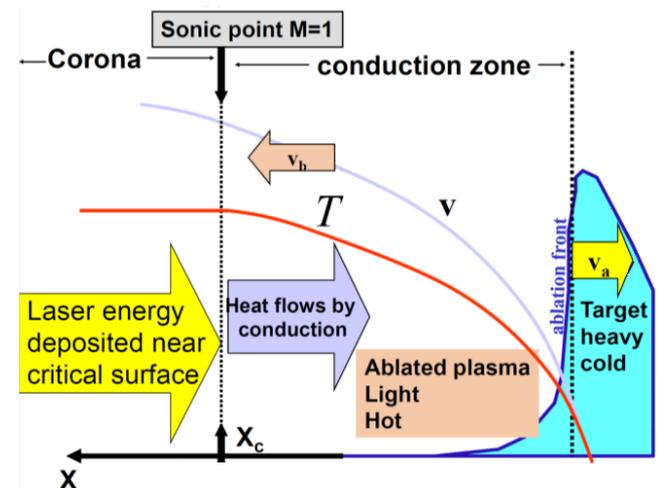
- At steady state, the mass flow across the critical surface must equal the mass flow off the shell (i.e., the mass ablation rate )

$$\dot{m}_a = \rho v = \rho_{cr} v_{cr} = \rho_{cr} C_s^{cr} = \rho_{cr} \sqrt{\frac{p_{cr}}{\rho_{cr}}} = \sqrt{\rho_{cr} p_{cr}}$$

$$\rho_{cr} \sim \frac{1}{\lambda_L^2} \quad p_{cr} \sim \left(\frac{I}{\lambda}\right)^{2/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{m}_a = \frac{I^{1/3}}{\lambda_L^{4/3}}$$

$$\dot{m}_a = 3.3 \times 10^5 \frac{I_{15}^{1/3}}{\lambda_{L,\mu m}^{4/3}} \text{ g/cm}^2 \text{ s}$$



# Entropy of an ideal gas/plasma



- The entropy  $S$  is a property of a gas just like  $p$ ,  $T$ , and  $\rho$

$$S = c_v \ln \left[ \frac{p}{\rho^{5/3}} \text{const} \right] = c_v \ln \alpha \qquad \alpha = \text{const} \frac{p}{\rho^{5/3}}$$

- $\alpha$  is called the “adiabat”
- The entropy/adiabat  $S/\alpha$  changes through dissipation or heat sources/sinks

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla S \right) = \frac{DS}{Dt} = \mu \frac{|\nabla \vec{u}|^2}{T} + \frac{\nabla \cdot \kappa \nabla T}{T} + \text{sources/sinks}$$

- In an ideal gas (no dissipation) and without sources and sinks, the entropy/adiabat is a constant of motion of each fluid element

$$\frac{DS}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow S, \alpha = \text{const} \Rightarrow p \sim \alpha \rho^{5/3}$$

# It is easier to compress a low adiabat (entropy) gas



- **Smaller  $\alpha$  -> less work to compress from low to high density**

$$W_{1 \rightarrow 2} = - \int p dV \sim - \int_{\rho_1}^{\rho_2} \alpha \rho^{5/3} d \left( \frac{M}{\rho} \right) \sim \alpha M \left( \rho_2^{2/3} - \rho_1^{2/3} \right)$$

- **Smaller  $\alpha$  -> higher density for the same pressure**

$$\alpha \sim \frac{p}{\rho^{5/3}} \Rightarrow \rho \sim \left( \frac{p}{\alpha} \right)^{3/5}$$

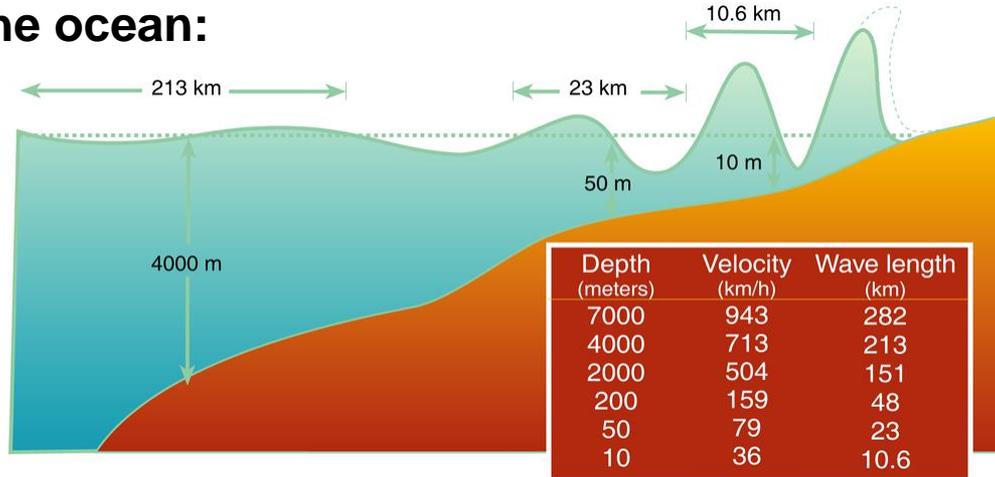
- **In HEDP, the constant in adiabat definition comes from the normalization of the pressure against the Fermi pressure.**
- **When thermal effects are negligible at very high densities, the pressure is proportional to  $\rho^{5/3}$  due to the quantum mechanical effects (degenerate electron gas) just like isentropic flow**

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{p}{\rho^{5/3}} \Rightarrow \alpha_{DT} = \frac{p_{\text{Mbar}}}{2.2 \rho_{\text{g/cc}}^{5/3}}$$

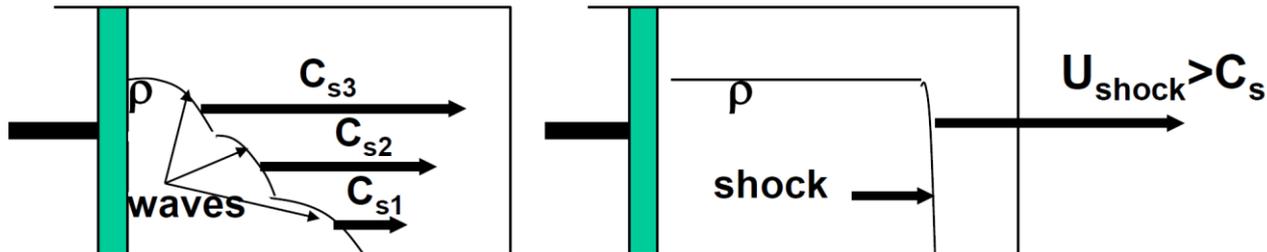
# A shock is formed due to the increasing sound speed of a compressed gas/plasma



- Wave in the ocean:



- Acoustic/compression wave driven by a piston:



$$C_s \sim \sqrt{\frac{p}{\rho}} \sim \sqrt{\frac{\alpha \rho^{5/3}}{\rho}} \sim \sqrt{\alpha} \rho^{1/3}$$

# Rankine-Hugoniot conditions are obtained using conservation of mass, momentum and energy across the shock front



$$\rho_1 u_1 = \rho_2 u_2$$

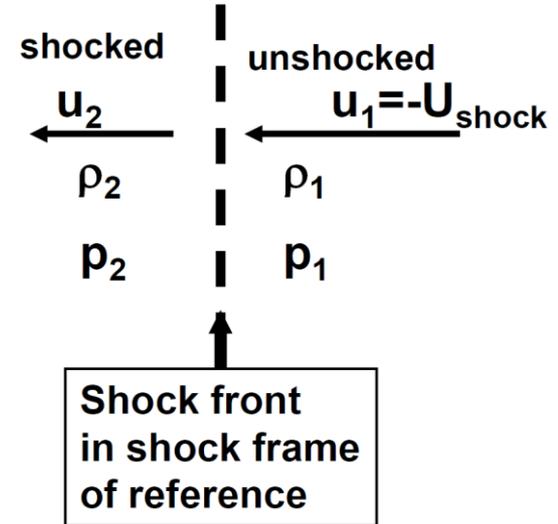
$$p_1 + \rho_1 u_1^2 = p_2 + \rho_2 u_2^2$$

$$u_1 (\varepsilon_1 + p_1) = u_2 (\varepsilon_2 + p_2)$$

- **Ideal gas/plasma:**

$$\varepsilon = \frac{3}{2}p + \rho \frac{u^2}{2}$$

- **With assigned  $\rho_1$ ,  $p_1$ , and  $p_2$ ,  $\rho_2$ ,  $u_2$ , and  $u_1 = -U_{\text{shock}}$  can be obtained using Rankine-Hugoniot conditions**



# For a strong shock where $p_2 \gg p_1$ , the R-H conditions are simplified

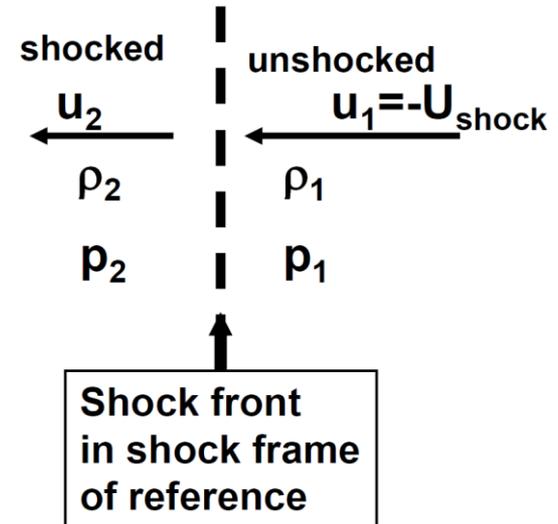


$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \approx 4$$

$$U_{\text{shock}} = -u_1 \approx \sqrt{\frac{4p_2}{3\rho_1}}$$

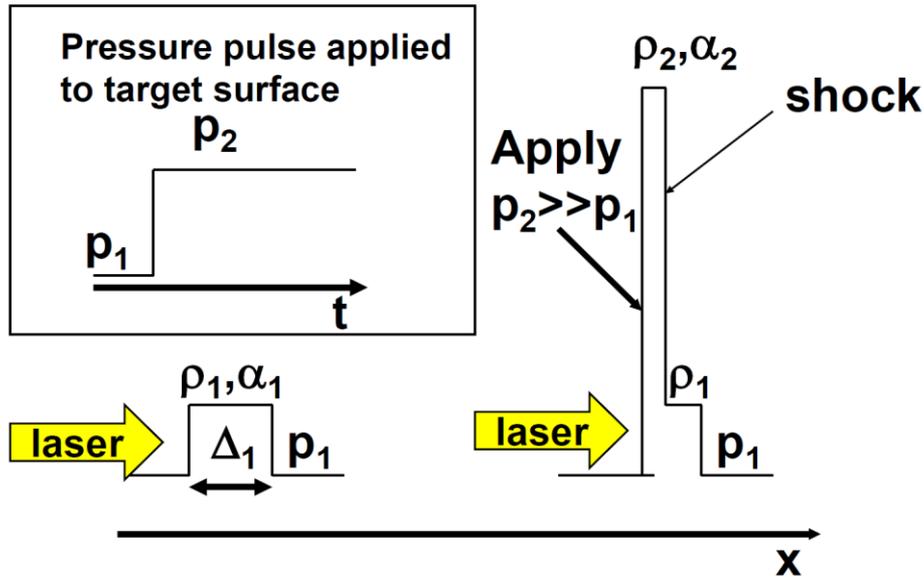
$$u_2 \approx \sqrt{\frac{p_2}{12\rho_1}}$$

$$\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} = \frac{p_2/\rho_2^{5/3}}{p_1/\rho_1^{5/3}} \approx \frac{1}{4^{5/4}} \frac{p_2}{p_1} \gg 1$$



- The adiabat increases through the shock.

# In an ideal gas/plasma, the adiabat $\alpha$ only raises when a shock is present



- Post-shock density

$$\rho_2 \approx 4\rho_1$$

- Adiabat set by the shock for DT:

$$\alpha_2 \approx \frac{p_2, \text{Mbar}}{2.2 (4\rho_1, \text{g/cc})^{5/3}}$$

- Time required for the shock to reach the rear target surface (shock break-out time,  $t_{sb}$ )

$$t_{sb} = \frac{\Delta_1}{u_{shock}} = \Delta_1 \sqrt{\frac{3\rho_1}{4p_2}} \propto \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha_2 \rho_1^{2/3}}}$$

$$U_{shock} = -u_1 \approx \sqrt{\frac{4p_2}{3\rho_1}}$$

# Higher laser intensity leads to higher adiabat



- For a cryogenic solid DT target at 18 k:

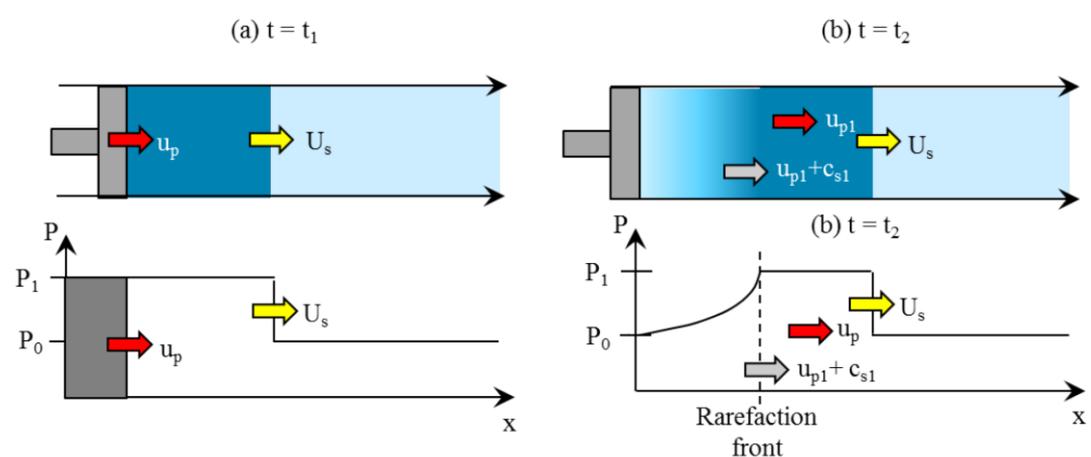
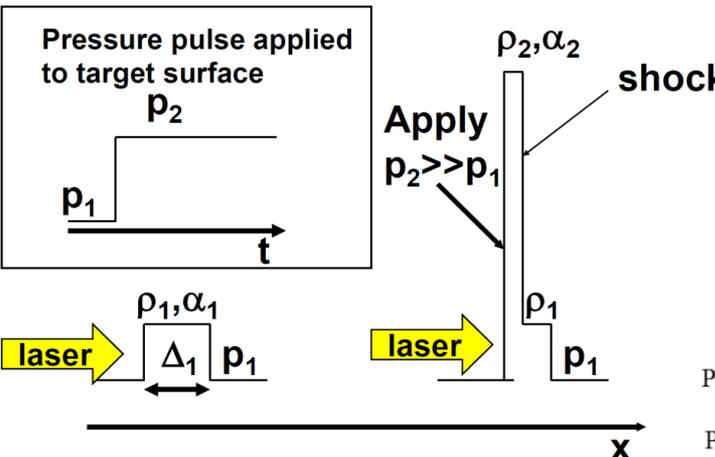
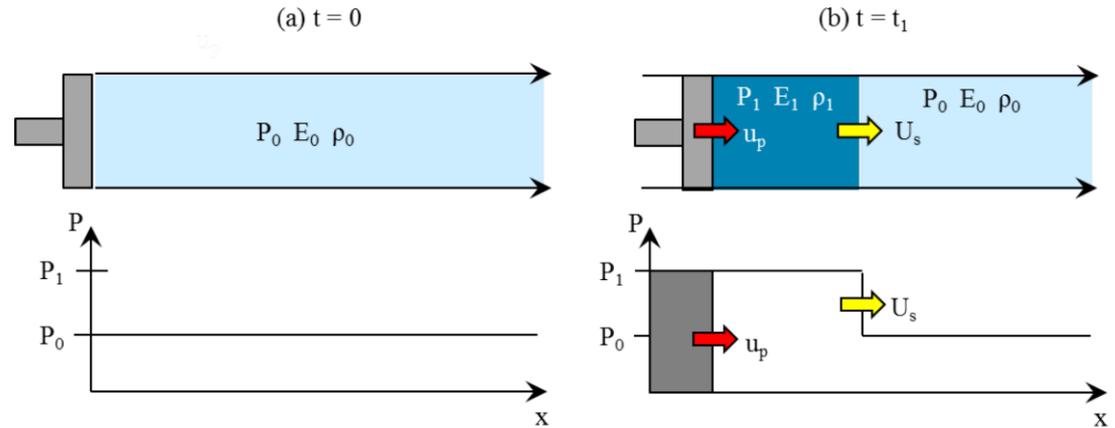
$$\rho_1 = 0.25 \text{ g/cc} \quad \alpha = \frac{p \text{ Mbar}}{2.2} \quad p \approx 83 \left( \frac{I_{15}}{\lambda_{\mu\text{m}}/0.35} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$I \approx 4.3 \times 10^{12} \text{ w/cm}^2 \Rightarrow p = 2.2 \text{ Mbar} \Rightarrow \alpha = 1$$

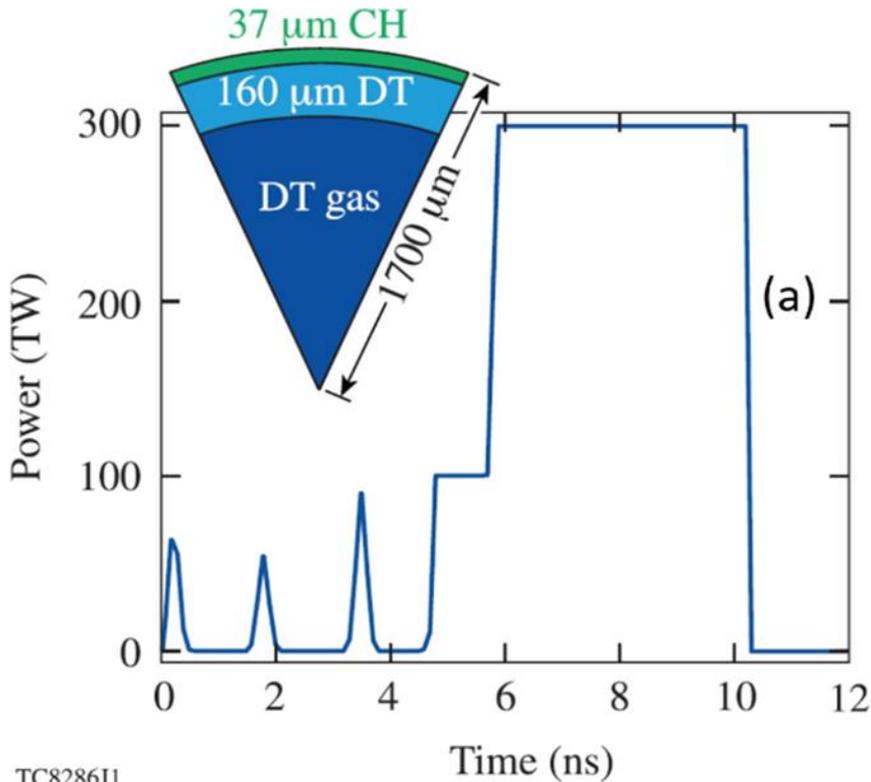
$$I \approx 1.2 \times 10^{13} \text{ w/cm}^2 \Rightarrow p = 4.4 \text{ Mbar} \Rightarrow \alpha = 2$$

$$I \approx 2.2 \times 10^{13} \text{ w/cm}^2 \Rightarrow p = 6.6 \text{ Mbar} \Rightarrow \alpha = 3$$

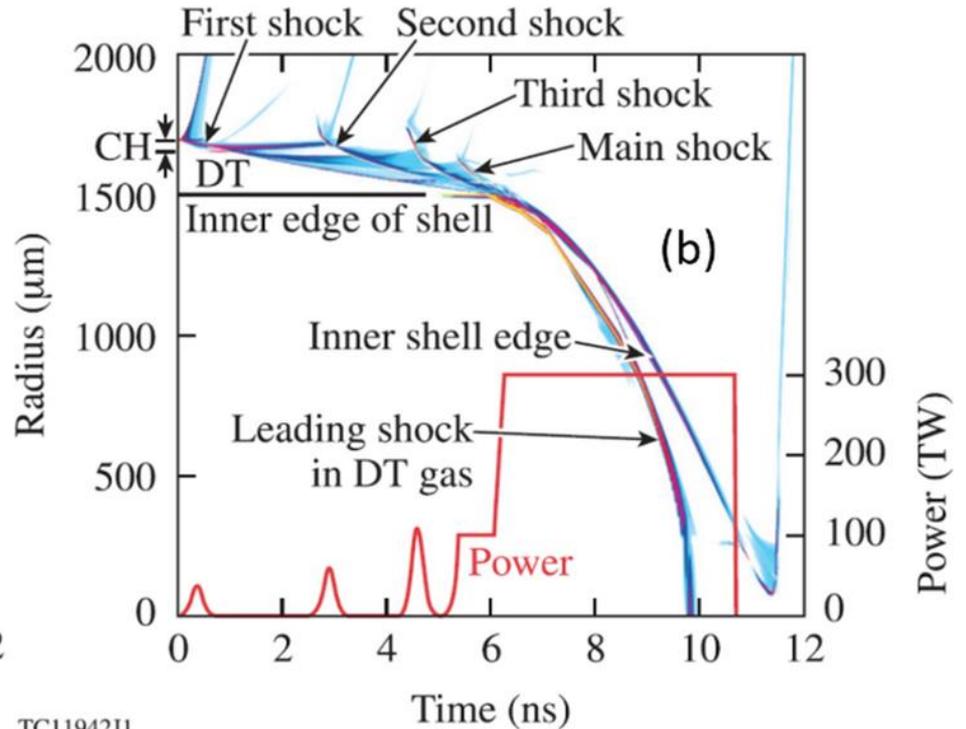
# A shock or a rarefaction wave may be formed depending on the driving force from the piston



# Multiple shock can be generated with multiple pickets



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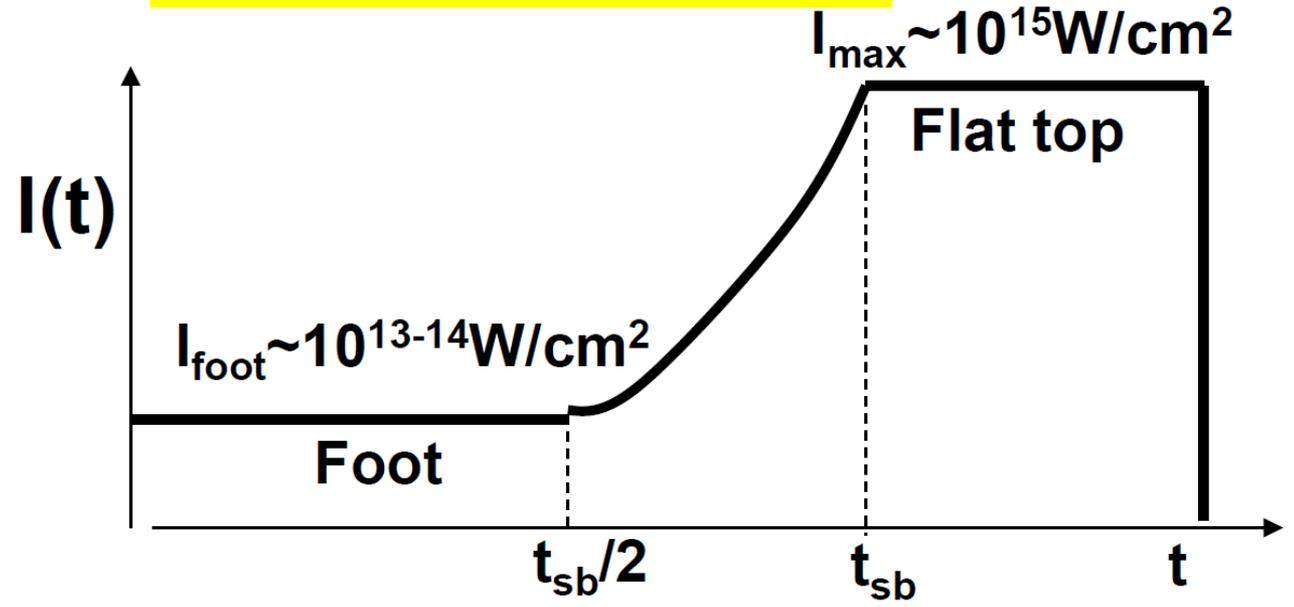
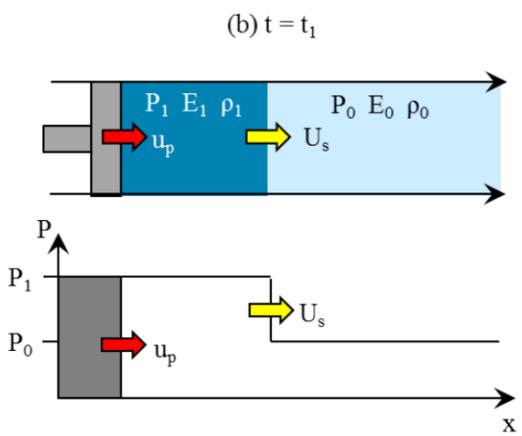


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The pressure must be “slowly” increased after the first shock to avoid raising the adiabat

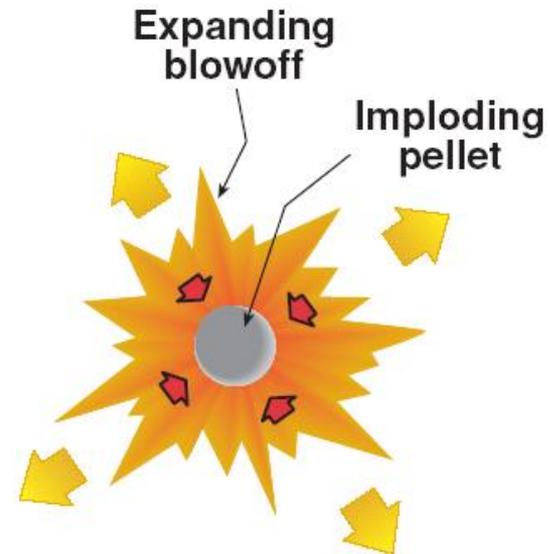
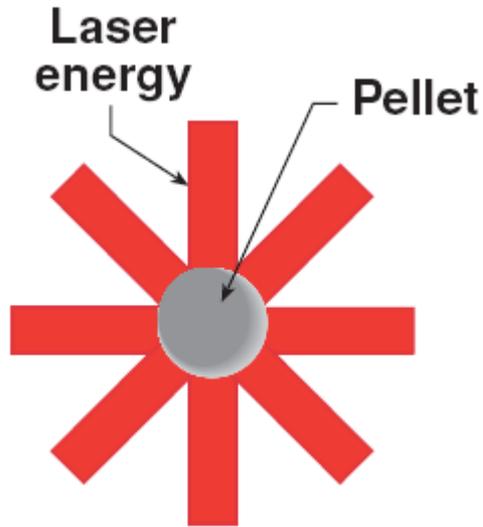


## Laser pulse shape



- After the foot of the laser pulse, the laser intensity must be raised starting at about  $0.5t_{sb}$  and reach its peak at about  $t_{sb}$
- Reaching  $I_{max}$  at  $t_{sb}$  prevents a rarefaction/decompression wave to propagate back from the rear target surface and decompress the target.

# Most of the absorbed laser energy goes into the kinetic and thermal energy of the expanding blow-off plasma



- The rocket model:

Shell Newton's law

$$M \frac{du}{dt} = -4\pi R^2 p_a$$

Shell mass decreases due to ablation

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = -4\pi R^2 \dot{m}_a$$

$p_a$  = ablation rate x exhaust velocity

$$p_a = \dot{m}_a u_{\text{exhaust}}$$

# Shell velocity can be obtained by integrating the rocket equations



$$M \frac{du}{dt} = -4\pi R^2 p_a \quad \frac{dM}{dt} = -4\pi R^2 \dot{m}_a \quad p_a = \dot{m}_a u_{\text{exhaust}}$$

$$M \frac{du}{dt} = -4\pi R^2 p_a = -4\pi R^2 \dot{m}_a u_{\text{exhaust}}$$

$$= -4\pi R^2 u_{\text{exhaust}} \frac{1}{-4\pi R^2} \frac{dM}{dt}$$

$$= u_{\text{exhaust}} \frac{dM}{dt}$$

$$\int du = u_{\text{exhaust}} \int \frac{dM}{M}$$

$$u_{\text{shell}} = u_{\text{exhaust}} \ln \left( \frac{M_{\text{initial}}}{M_{\text{final}}} \right)$$

$$E_{\text{kin}}^{\text{shell}} = \frac{M_{\text{final}}}{2} u_{\text{shell}}^2 = \frac{M_{\text{final}}}{2} \left[ u_{\text{exhaust}} \ln \left( \frac{M_{\text{initial}}}{M_{\text{final}}} \right) \right]^2$$

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$$M_{\text{exhaust}} = M_{\text{initial}} - M_{\text{final}}$$

**(dynamic + static)**

# Maximum hydro efficiency is about 15%

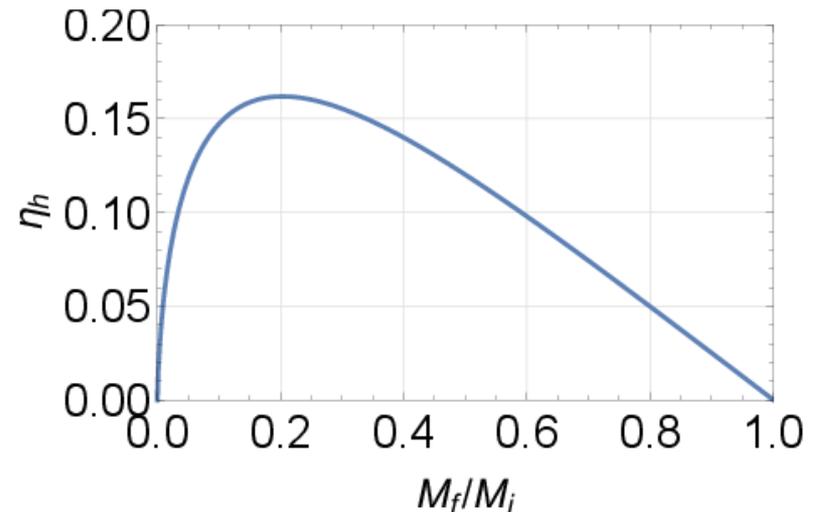


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$$\text{Take } u_{\text{exhaust}}^2 \approx C_s^2 \approx \frac{p_{\text{ex}}}{\rho_{\text{ex}}}$$

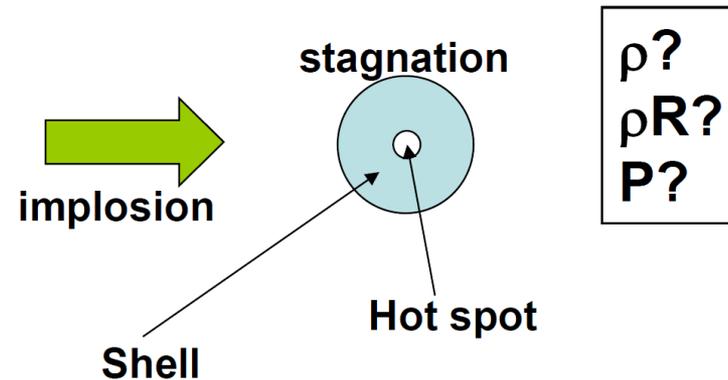
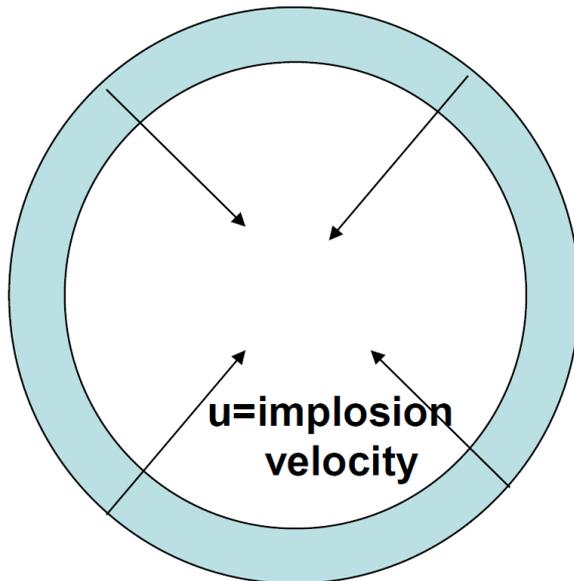
$$\eta_h = \frac{E_{\text{kin}}^{\text{shell}}}{E_{\text{exhaust}}} = \frac{M_f/M_i [\ln(M_f/M_i)]^2}{4(1 - M_f/M_i)}$$



# One dimensional implosion hydrodynamics



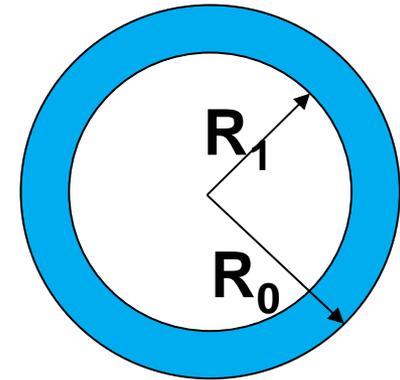
- What are the stagnation values of the relevant hydrodynamic properties?



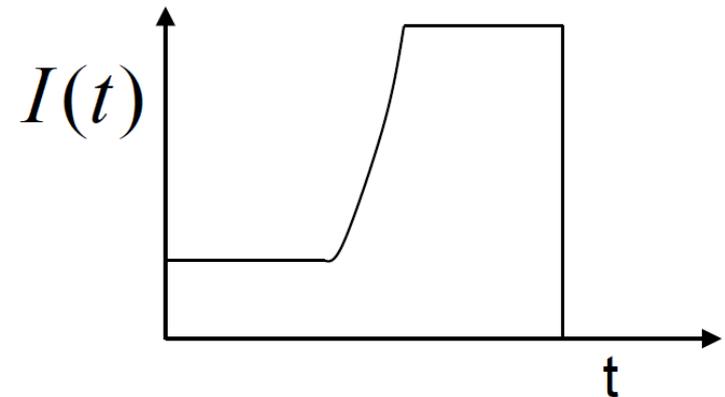
# What variables can be controlled?



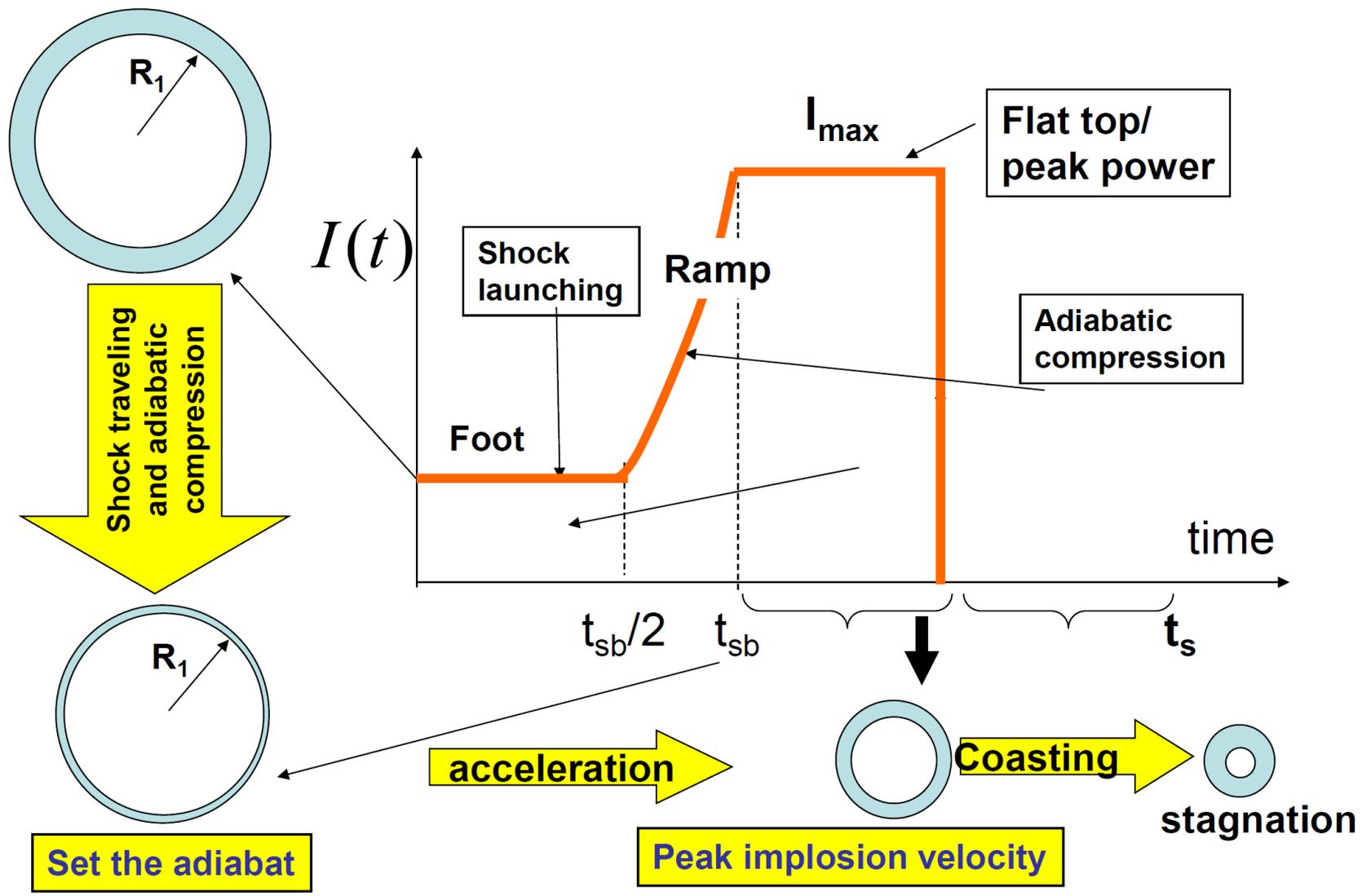
- Shell outer radius  $R_0$  at time  $t=0$
- Shell inner radius  $R_1$  at time  $t=0$
- The total laser energy on target
- Adiabatic  $\alpha$  through shocks
- Applied pressure  $p(t)$  through the pulse shape  $I(t)$



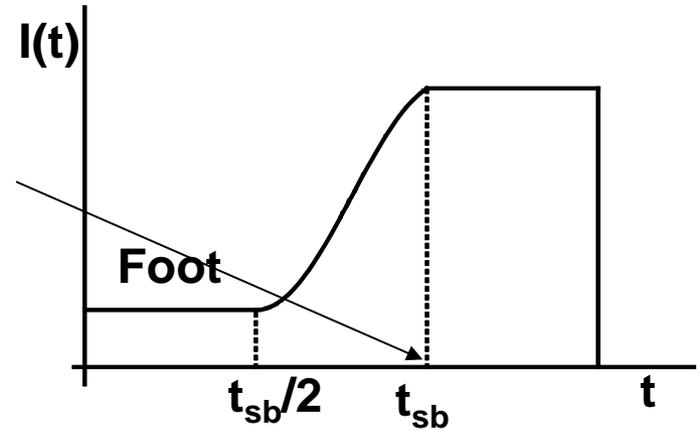
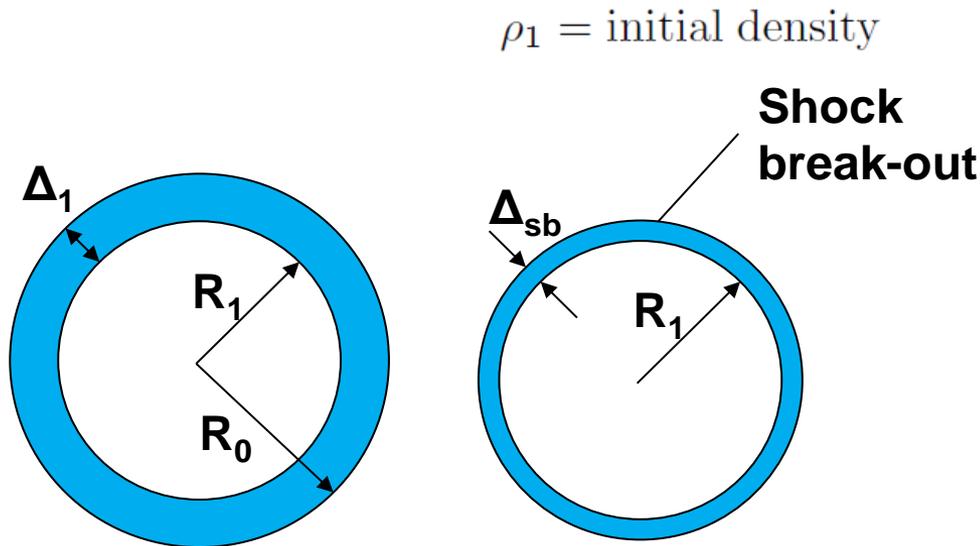
$$\alpha \sim \frac{p}{\rho^{5/3}} \quad p \sim I^{2/3}$$



# There are three stages in the laser pulse: foot, ramp, and flat top



# The adiabat is set by the shock launched by the foot of the laser pulse



$$\alpha \sim \frac{p}{\rho^{5/3}} \sim \frac{p_{\text{foot}}}{(4\rho_1)^{5/3}}$$

$$\rho_{sb} \sim \left(\frac{p_{\text{max}}}{\alpha}\right)^{5/3} \Rightarrow 4\rho_1 \left(\frac{p_{\text{max}}}{p_{\text{foot}}}\right)^{5/3}$$

$$\Delta_{sb} = \Delta_1 \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_{sb}} \sim \Delta_1 \frac{\rho_1}{4\rho_1 \left(\frac{p_{\text{max}}}{p_{\text{foot}}}\right)^{3/5}} = \frac{\Delta_1}{4} \left(\frac{p_{\text{foot}}}{p_{\text{max}}}\right)^{3/5}$$

# Density and thickness at shock break out time are expressed in laser intensity

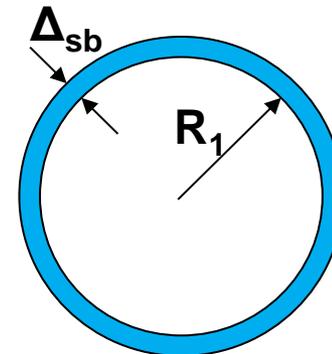


- Use  $p \sim I^{2/3}$

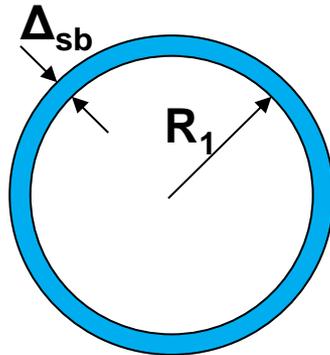
- Shell density 
$$\rho_{sb} \sim \rho_1 \left( \frac{p_{\max}}{p_{\text{foot}}} \right)^{5/3} = 4\rho_1 \left( \frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\text{foot}}} \right)^{2/5}$$

- Shell thickness 
$$\Delta_{sb} \sim \frac{\Delta_1}{4} \left( \frac{p_{\text{foot}}}{p_{\max}} \right)^{3/5} = \frac{\Delta_1}{4} \left( \frac{I_{\text{foot}}}{I_{\max}} \right)^{2/5}$$

- Shell radius 
$$R \approx R_1$$



# The aspect ratio is maximum at shock break out



$$\text{Aspect ratio} \equiv \frac{R}{\Delta}$$

$$A_1 = \frac{R_1}{\Delta_1} = \text{initial aspect ratio}$$

$$A_{sb} = IFAR = \frac{R_1}{\Delta_{sb}} = 4A_1 \left( \frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\text{foot}}} \right)^{2/5}$$

$$A_{sb} = A_{\max}$$

**IFAR  $\equiv$  Maximum In-Flight-Aspect-Ratio = aspect ratio at shock break-out**

# The IFAR scales with the Mach number



- The shell kinetic energy = the work done on the shell

$$Mu_{max}^2 \sim - \int_{R_1}^R pr^2 dr \sim p(R_1^3 - R^3) \approx pR_1^3 \quad R_1^3 = \frac{Mu_{max}^2}{p}$$

$$M \sim \rho_{sb} \Delta_{sb} R_1^2 \quad \Delta_{sb} \sim \frac{M}{\rho_{sb} R_1^2} \quad R_1 \gg R$$

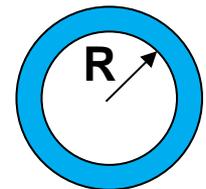
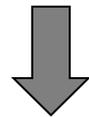
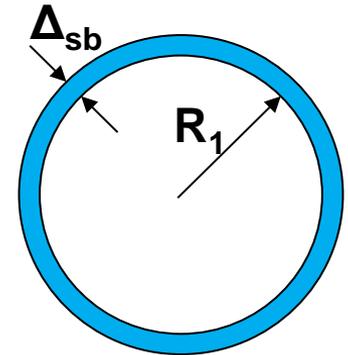
$$IFAR = \frac{R_1}{\Delta_{sb}} = \frac{R_1}{\frac{M}{\rho_{sb} R_1^2}} = \frac{\rho_{sb} R_1^3}{M} = \frac{\rho_{sb}}{M} \frac{Mu_{max}^2}{p}$$

$$= \frac{u_{max}^2}{p/\rho_{sb}} \sim Mach_{max}^2$$

$$\alpha \sim \frac{p}{\rho^{5/3}}$$

$$p \sim I^{2/3}$$

$$IFAR \sim \frac{u_{max}^2}{\alpha^{3/5} I^{4/15}}$$



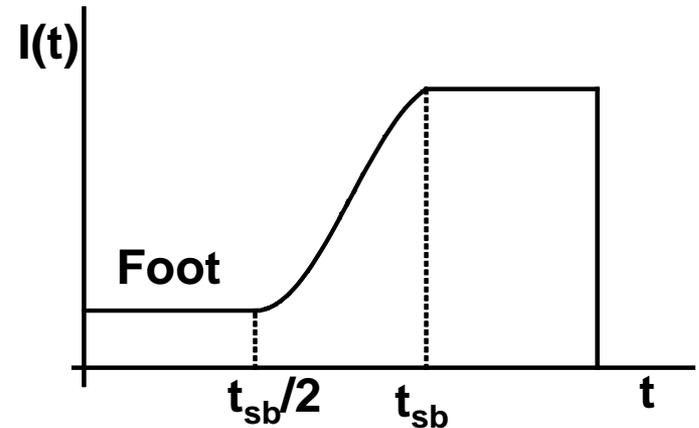
# The final implosion velocity can be found using IFAR



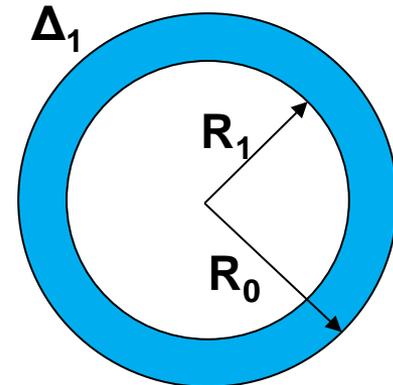
$$u_{\max}^2 \sim IFAR \times \alpha^{3/5} I^{4/15}$$

$$IFAR = 4A_1 \left( \frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\text{foot}}} \right)^{2/5}$$

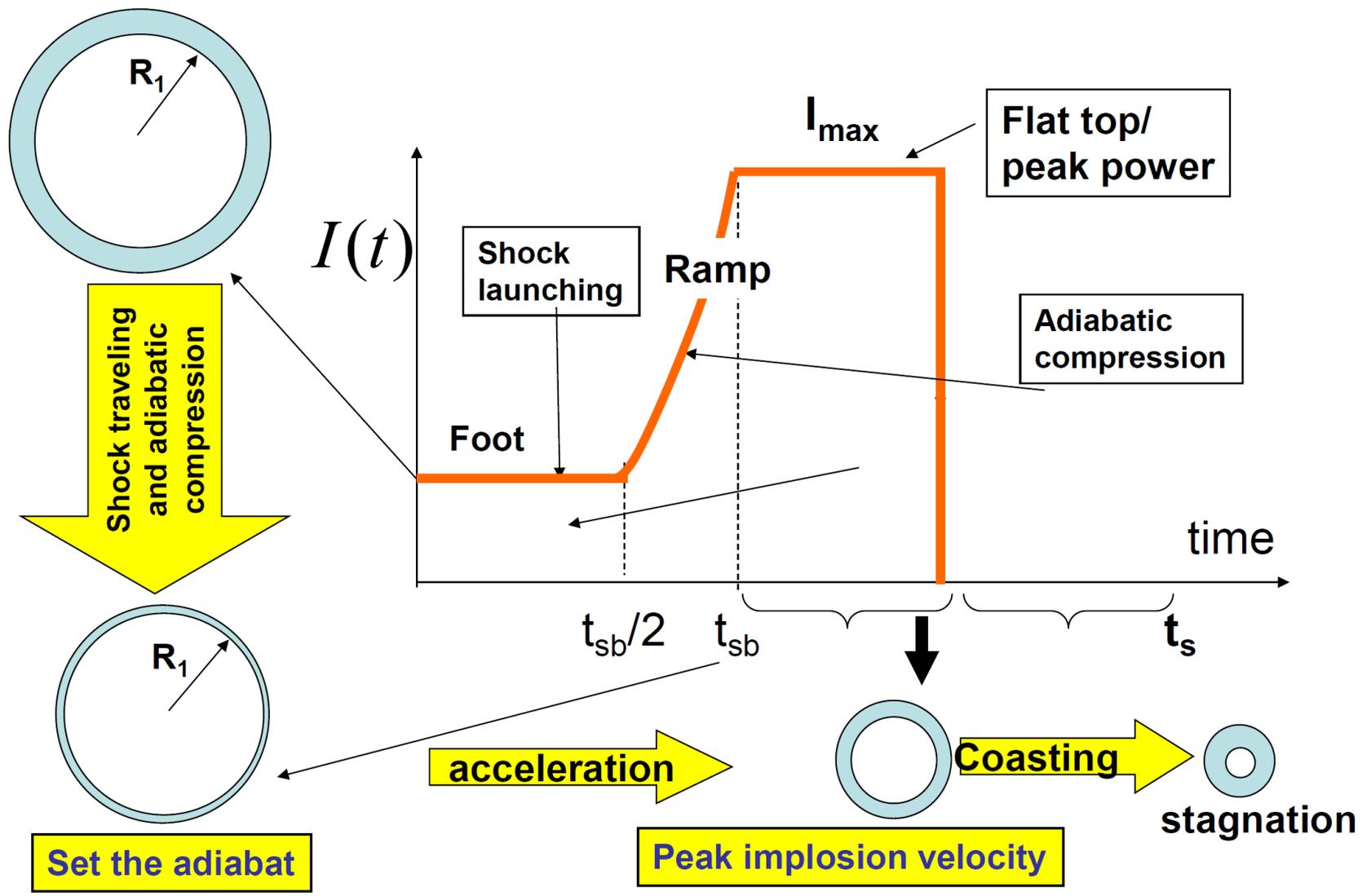
$$A_1 = \frac{R_1}{\Delta_1}$$



$$u_{\max, \text{cm/s}} \approx 10^7 \sqrt{0.7 A_1 \alpha^{3/5} I_{15, \max}^{4/15} \left( \frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\text{foot}}} \right)^{2/5}}$$



# There are three stages in the laser pulse: foot, ramp, and flat top

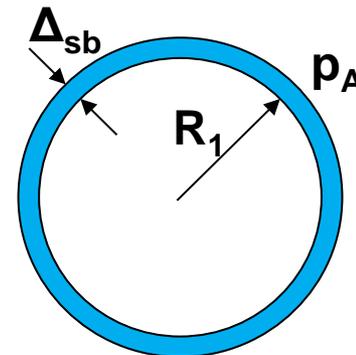


# A simple implosion theory can be derived in the limit of infinite initial aspect ratio

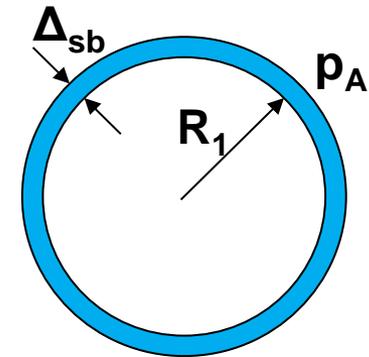
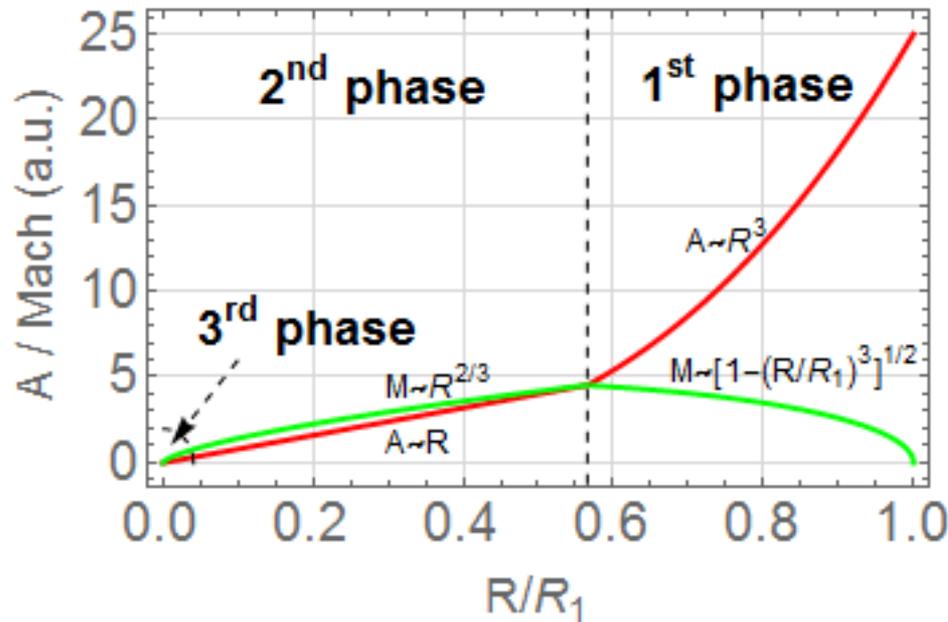


- Start from a high aspect ratio shell (thin shell) at the beginning of the acceleration phase
  - Constant ablated pressure
  - The adiabat is set and kept fixed by the first and the only shock

$$IFAR = A_{sb} = \frac{R_1}{\Delta_{sb}} \gg 1$$



# The implosion are divided in 3 phases after the shock break out



- 1<sup>st</sup> phase: acceleration
- 2<sup>nd</sup> phase: coasting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> phase: stagnation

# The shell density is constant



- **Shell expansion/contraction:**  $t_{\text{ex}} \sim \frac{\Delta}{C_s}$
  - **Implosion time:**  $t_i \sim \frac{R}{u_i}$
- $$\frac{t_i}{t_{\text{ex}}} \sim \frac{R C_s}{\Delta u_i} = \frac{A}{Mach} \quad A = \frac{R}{\Delta} \quad Mach = \frac{u}{C_s}$$

- **In the acceleration phase**  $A \sim Mach^2$

$$\frac{t_i}{t_{\text{ex}}} \sim \frac{A}{Mach} \sim Mach \sim \sqrt{A} \gg 1 \Rightarrow \rho \approx \text{const}$$

- **From mass conservation:**

$$M \sim 4\pi R^2 \Delta \rho \Rightarrow \Delta \sim R^{-2} \quad A = \frac{R}{\Delta} \sim R^3 \Rightarrow A = A_{\text{sb}} \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3$$

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- In the acceleration phase  $A \sim Mach^2$   $IFAR \sim Mach_{\text{max}}^2$  (p29)

$$\frac{t_i}{t_{\text{ex}}} \sim \frac{A}{Mach} \sim Mach \sim \sqrt{A} \gg 1 \Rightarrow \rho \approx \text{const} \quad (\text{Thin shell})$$

(implosion time  $\gg$  expansion/contraction time)

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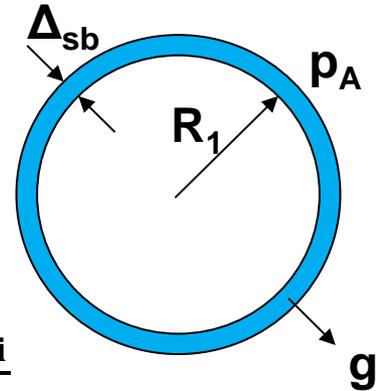
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# The shell density is constant



- Shell expansion/contraction:  $t_{ex} \sim \frac{\Delta_{sb}}{C_s}$
- Implosion time:  $t_{imp} \sim \frac{R_1}{u_i}$

$$\frac{t_{imp}}{t_{ex}} \sim \frac{R_1}{\Delta_{sb}} \frac{C_s}{u_i} = \frac{A_{sb}}{Mach} \gg 1 \quad A_{sb} = \frac{R_1}{\Delta_{sb}} \quad Mach = \frac{u_i}{C_s}$$



- The pressure and the density are constant throughout the whole shell.

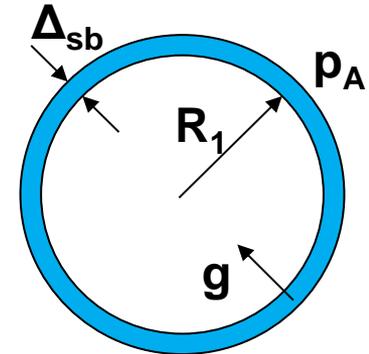
# The shell density is constant



- In the shell frame of reference:

$$\rho(\partial_t \vec{w} + \vec{w} \cdot \nabla \vec{w}) = -\nabla p + \rho g \hat{r}$$

Neglect the first two term (check later)  $\Rightarrow \frac{dp}{dr} = -\rho \ddot{R}$

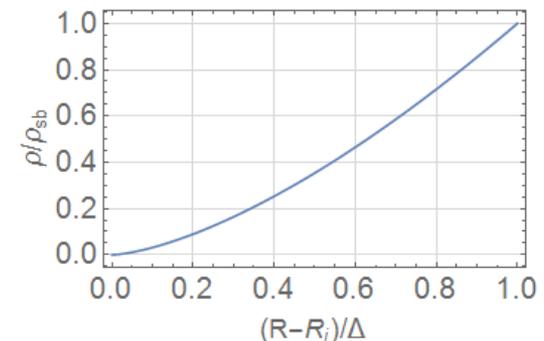


Use  $p = \alpha_0 \rho^{5/3}$  and integrate along r:

$$\alpha_0 \frac{d\rho^{5/3}}{dr} = -\rho \ddot{R} \Rightarrow \alpha_0 \frac{d\rho^{5/3}}{\rho} = -\ddot{R} dr \Rightarrow \alpha_0 \frac{5}{3} \int_{@R_i}^{@R} \frac{\rho^{2/3}}{\rho} d\rho = -\ddot{R}(t) \int_{R_i}^R dr$$

$$\rho = \rho_{sb} \left( \frac{R - R_i}{\Delta} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } \Delta &= -\frac{5}{2} \frac{\alpha_0 \rho_{sb}^{2/3}}{\ddot{R}} = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{5}{3} \frac{p_A}{\rho_{sb} \ddot{R}} \\ &= -\frac{3}{2} \frac{C_s}{\ddot{R}(t)} \end{aligned}$$



# The requirement of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase is obtained using mass conservation



- Mass conservation:

$$m = \int_{R_i}^{R_i+\Delta} \rho r^2 dr = \rho_{sb} \int_{R_i}^{R_i+\Delta} \left(\frac{r - R_i}{\Delta}\right)^{3/2} r^2 dr \quad \rho = \rho_{sb} \left(\frac{R - R_i}{\Delta}\right)^{3/2}$$

$$\simeq \rho_{sb} R_i^2 \Delta \int_{R_i}^{R_i+\Delta} \left(\frac{r - R_i}{\Delta}\right)^{3/2} d\left(\frac{r - R_i}{\Delta}\right) = \frac{2}{5} \rho_{sb} R_i^2 \Delta \sim \frac{2}{5} \rho_{sb} R^2 \Delta$$

$$\Delta = \frac{5}{2} \frac{m}{\rho_{sb} R^2} \Rightarrow \dot{\Delta} = \frac{5}{2} \frac{m}{\rho_{sb}} (-2) \frac{\dot{R}}{R^3} = -2 \frac{\dot{R}}{R} \Delta = -2 \frac{v}{A} \quad \dot{\Delta} = -2 \frac{v}{A} \quad t_{imp} \sim \frac{R_1}{u_i}$$

$$\rho(\partial_t \vec{w} + \vec{w} \cdot \nabla \vec{w}) = -\nabla p + \rho g \hat{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho \left( \frac{\dot{\Delta}}{t_{imp}} + \frac{\dot{\Delta}^2}{\Delta} \right) \sim -\frac{p}{\Delta} + \rho \ddot{R}$$

$\vec{w} \sim \dot{\Delta}$       $\partial_t \sim 1/t_{imp}$       $\nabla \sim 1/\Delta$   
 $\rho \frac{\dot{\Delta}}{t_{imp}} \sim \rho \frac{v}{A t_{imp}} \sim \rho \frac{v^2}{AR}$       $\rho \frac{\dot{\Delta}^2}{\Delta} \sim \rho \frac{v^2}{A^2 \Delta} \sim \rho \frac{v^2}{AR}$

$$\rho \frac{\dot{\Delta}}{t_{imp}} / \frac{p}{\Delta} \sim \rho \frac{v^2}{AR} \frac{\Delta}{p} \sim \frac{v^2}{c_s^2} \frac{1}{A^2} = \frac{Mach^2}{A^2}$$

- $Mach \ll A$  is the requirement for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase

# Aspect ratio and Mach number are functions of radius



$$A = \frac{R}{\Delta} = R^3 \left( \frac{2 \rho_{sb}}{5 m} \right) \propto R^3 \Rightarrow$$

$$A = A_{sb} \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 = \text{IFAR} \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3$$

$$\Delta = -\frac{3 C_s^2}{2 \dot{R}} \quad (\text{p36}) \Rightarrow \ddot{R} = -\frac{3 C_s^2}{2 \Delta} = -\frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{2 \rho_{sb} R^2}{5 m} \right) \left( \frac{5 p_A}{3 \rho_{sb}} \right)$$

$$\dot{R} \frac{d\dot{R}}{dt} = -\frac{p_A}{m} R^2 \dot{R} \quad \frac{1}{2} \int d\dot{R}^2 = -\frac{p_A}{m} \int R^2 dR \quad \dot{R}^2 = \frac{2 p_A R_1^3}{3 m} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 \right]$$

$$\text{Mach}^2 = \frac{\dot{R}^2}{C_s^2} = \frac{2 p_A R_1^3}{3 m} \frac{3 \rho_{sb}}{5 p_A} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 \right] = \frac{2 R_1^3 \rho_{sb}}{5 m} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 \right]$$

$$\text{Mach} = \text{Mach}_{\max} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mach}_{\max}^2 &= \frac{2 R_1^3 \rho_{sb}}{5 m} = \frac{2}{5} \frac{5}{2} \frac{R_1^3 \rho_{sb}}{\rho_{sb} R_1^2 \Delta_{sb}} \\ &= \frac{R_1}{\Delta_{sb}} = A_{sb} \end{aligned}$$

# The model breaks down when $A \sim \text{Mach}$



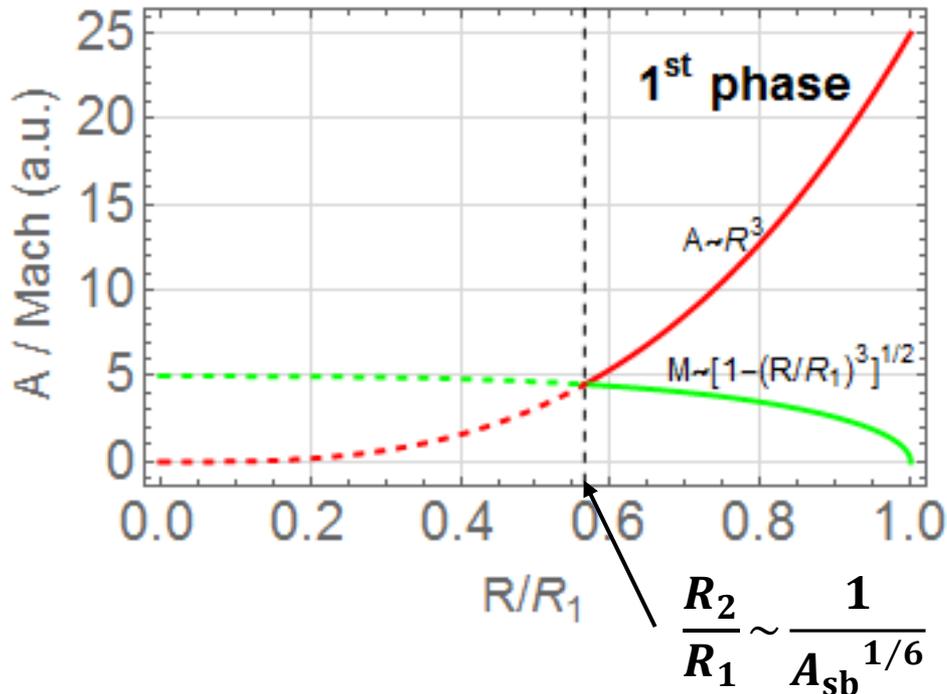
$$A \sim \text{Mach} \quad A_{\text{sb}} \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 \sim \text{Mach}_{\text{max}} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 \right]^{1/2} = \sqrt{A_{\text{sb}}} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$A_{\text{sb}} \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^6 \sim 1 - \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 \Rightarrow A_{\text{sb}} \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^6 + \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 - 1 \sim 0$$

$$\left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 \sim \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4A_{\text{sb}}}}{2A_{\text{sb}}} \sim \frac{-1 \pm 2\sqrt{A_{\text{sb}}}}{2A_{\text{sb}}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_{\text{sb}}}} \quad \because \sqrt{A_{\text{sb}}} \gg 1$$

$$\frac{R}{R_1} \sim \frac{1}{A_{\text{sb}}^{1/6}} \ll 1 \quad A = A_{\text{sb}} \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 \sim \sqrt{A_{\text{sb}}} \gg 1$$

# Summary of phase 1 (acceleration phase)



$$\frac{1}{A_{sb}^{1/6}} < \frac{R}{R_1} \leq 1$$

$$A = A_{sb} \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 = \text{IFAR} \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3$$

$$\text{Mach} = \text{Mach}_{\max} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R}{R_1} \right)^3 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\text{Mach}_2 \simeq \text{Mach}_{\max} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_{sb}}} \right)^{1/2} \simeq \text{Mach}_{\max} = \sqrt{A_{sb}} \quad A_2 \sim \sqrt{A_{sb}}$$

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase starts when $R < R_2$



- $A$  decreases as  $R$  decreases. Eventually,  $A < \text{Mach}$
- $A \gg 1$  is required for thin shell model
- Assuming that the laser is off (coasting phase) when  $R/R_1 \sim A_{\text{sb}}^{1/6}$

$$\rho(\partial_t \vec{w} + \vec{w} \cdot \nabla \vec{w}) = -\nabla p \quad t_{\text{imp}2} \sim \frac{R_2}{u_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\dot{\Delta}}{t_{\text{imp}2}} + \frac{\dot{\Delta}^2}{\Delta} \sim -\frac{p/\rho}{\Delta} \quad \frac{\dot{\Delta}}{t_{\text{imp}2}} = \frac{\dot{\Delta}}{\Delta} \frac{u_i}{R_2/\Delta} = \frac{\dot{\Delta} u_i}{\Delta A}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\dot{\Delta} u_i}{A}}_{(1)} + \underbrace{\dot{\Delta}^2}_{(2)} \sim \underbrace{C_s^2}_{(3)}$$

- There are two cases:
  - Case 1: (3)  $\ll$  (1) and/or (2)
  - Case 2: (3)  $\sim$  (1) and/or (2)

# The shell thickness does not change in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase (coasting phase)



- Case 1: (3)  $\ll$  (1) and/or (2)

$$\underbrace{\frac{\dot{\Delta} u_i}{A}}_{(1)} + \underbrace{\dot{\Delta}^2}_{(2)} \sim \underbrace{C_s^2}_{(3)}$$

$$\dot{\Delta} \left( \frac{u_i}{A} + \dot{\Delta} \right) \sim 0 \quad \dot{\Delta} \sim 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta \equiv \Delta_2 = \text{constant}$$

- Case 2: (3)  $\sim$  (1) and/or (2) and  $A \ll \text{Mach}$

$$- (3) \sim (1) \quad \frac{\dot{\Delta} u_i}{A} \sim C_s^2 \Rightarrow \dot{\Delta} \sim \frac{C_s A}{u_i / C_s} = \frac{C_s A}{\text{Mach}}$$

$$\frac{\delta \Delta}{\Delta} \sim \frac{\dot{\Delta} t_{\text{imp}2}}{\Delta} \sim \frac{1}{\Delta} \frac{C_s A}{\text{Mach}} \frac{R_2}{u_i} \sim \frac{A^2}{\text{Mach}^2} \ll 1$$

$$- (3) \sim (2) \quad \dot{\Delta}^2 \sim C_s^2 \quad \frac{\delta \Delta}{\Delta} \sim \frac{\dot{\Delta} t_{\text{imp}2}}{\Delta} \sim \frac{C_s}{\Delta} \frac{R_2}{u_i} \sim \frac{A}{\text{Mach}} \ll 1$$

Change of shell thickness is small!

$$\Delta \equiv \Delta_2 = \text{constant} = \Delta_2 \frac{R_2}{R_1} = \frac{R_2}{A_2} \frac{R_1}{R_1} = \frac{1}{A_{sb}^{1/6}} \frac{R_1}{\sqrt{A_{sb}}} \sim \frac{R_1}{A_{sb}^{2/3}}$$

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1} \sim \frac{1}{A_{sb}^{1/6}}$$

$$A_2 \sim \sqrt{A_{sb}}$$

# To verify that $A \ll \text{Mach}$



- Comparison of  $A$  and Mach:

$$A \approx \frac{R}{h_2} \frac{R_2}{R_2} = A_2 \left( \frac{R}{R_2} \right) \quad \text{Mach} \sim \frac{u_i}{C_s} \sim \frac{u_i}{\sqrt{p/\rho}} \sim \frac{u_i}{\sqrt{\alpha \rho^{2/3}}} = \frac{u_i}{\alpha^{1/2} \rho^{1/3}}$$

$$m \sim \bar{\rho} R^2 \Delta \simeq \bar{\rho} R^2 \Delta_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{\rho} \simeq \frac{m}{R^2 \Delta_2}$$

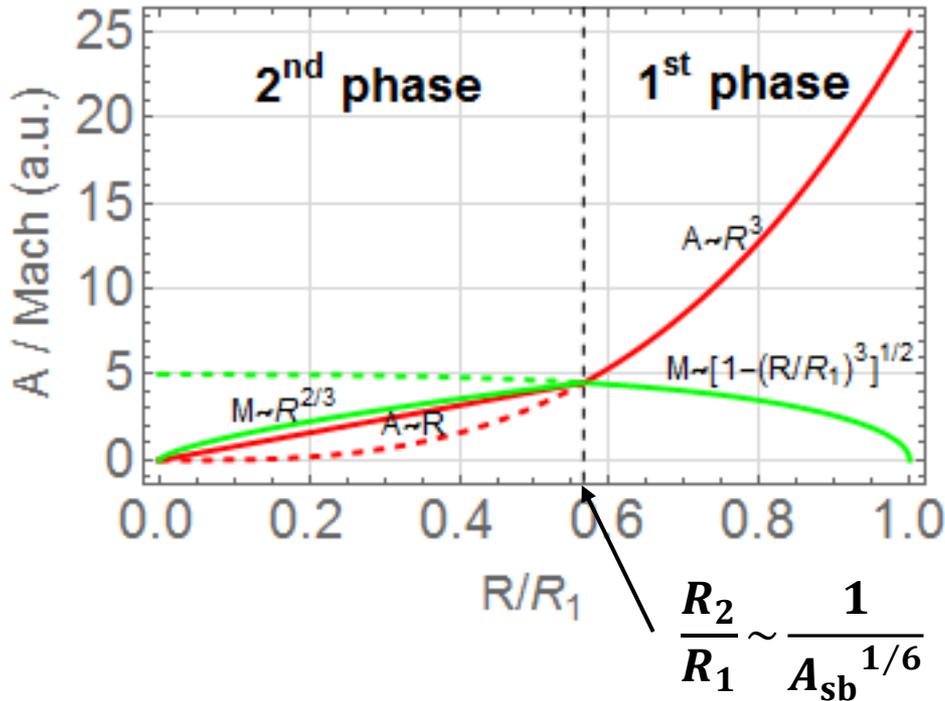
$$\text{Mach} \sim \frac{u_i}{\alpha^{1/2}} \left( \frac{R^2 \Delta_2}{m} \right)^{1/3} = \frac{u_i}{\alpha^{1/2}} \left( \frac{\Delta_2 R_2^2}{m} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{R}{R_2} \right)^{2/3} = \text{Mach}_2 \left( \frac{R}{R_2} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\text{where } \text{Mach}_2 = \text{Mach}(R = R_2) = \frac{u_i}{\alpha^{1/2}} \left( \frac{R_2^2 \Delta_2}{m} \right)^{1/3} \sim A_2 \sim \sqrt{A_{\text{sb}}}$$

$$\frac{A}{\text{Mach}} \sim \frac{A_2 \left( \frac{R}{R_2} \right)}{\text{Mach}_2 \left( \frac{R}{R_2} \right)^{2/3}} \sim \left( \frac{R}{R_2} \right)^{1/3} \ll 1$$

- Requirement for thin shell model:  $A \gg 1 \Rightarrow A_2 \left( \frac{R}{R_2} \right) \gg 1 \Rightarrow \frac{R}{R_2} \gg \frac{1}{A_2} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{A_{\text{sb}}}}$

# Summary of phase 2 (coasting phase)



$$1 < A < \sqrt{A_{\text{sb}}} \quad A < \text{Mach}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{A_{\text{sb}}}} \sim \frac{1}{A_2} < \frac{R}{R_2} < 1$$

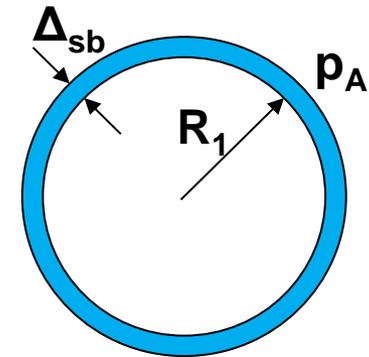
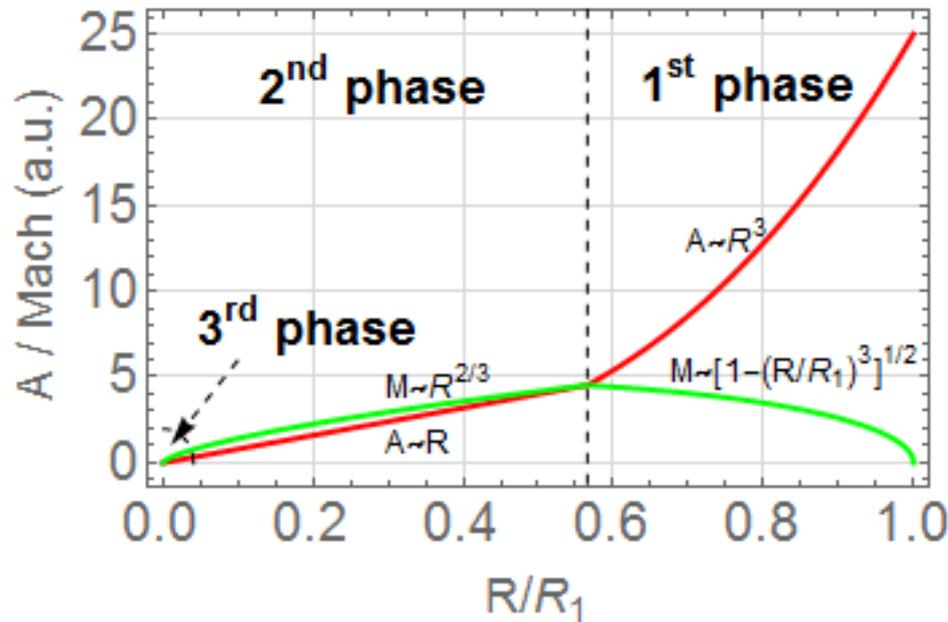
$$A = A_2 \left( \frac{R}{R_2} \right) \sim \sqrt{A_{\text{sb}}} \left( \frac{R}{R_2} \right)$$

$$\text{Mach} \sim \text{Mach}_2 \left( \frac{R}{R_2} \right)^{2/3} \sim \sqrt{A_{\text{sb}}} \left( \frac{R}{R_2} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\text{Mach}_2 = \text{Mach}_{\text{max}} \simeq A_2 = \sqrt{A_{\text{sb}}}$$

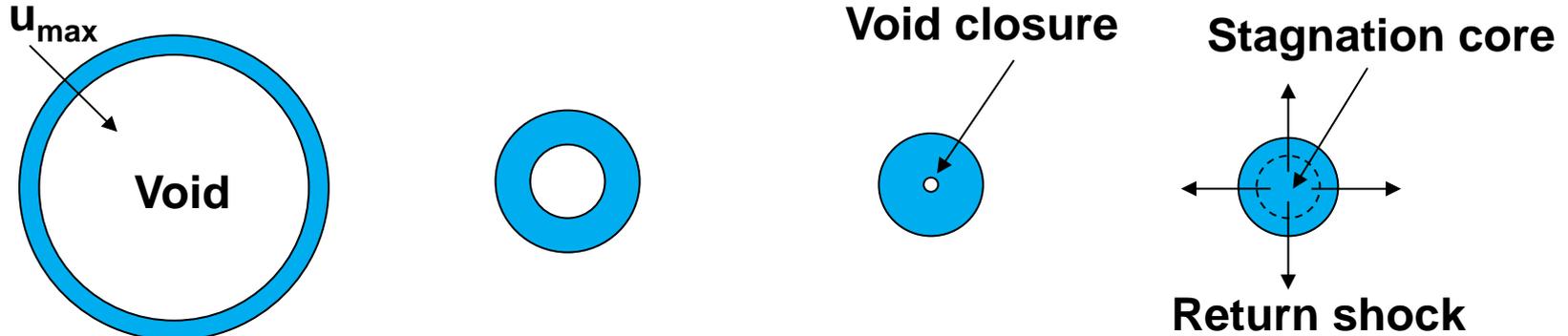
$$\Delta \simeq \text{constant} = \Delta_2 \sim \frac{R_1}{A_{\text{sb}}^{2/3}} \quad \bar{\rho} \simeq \rho_2 \left( \frac{R_2}{R} \right)^2 \sim \rho_{\text{sb}} \left( \frac{R_2}{R} \right)^2$$

# How about the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase where $A \sim 1$ ?



- 1<sup>st</sup> phase: acceleration
- 2<sup>nd</sup> phase: coasting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> phase: stagnation

# The thin shell model breaks down when $A \sim 1$



- When  $A \sim 1 \Rightarrow \Delta \sim R$ , the “void” inside the shell closes and a “return shock” propagating outward is generated due to the collision of the shell with itself
- The density is compressed by a factor no more than 4 even if the strong shock is generated

$\rho_{st} \sim \rho_3$  where  $\rho_3$  is the density right before the void closure

# The stagnated density scales with square of the maximum Mach number



$$\rho_3 \sim \rho_2 \left( \frac{R_2}{R_3} \right)^2 \sim \rho_{sb} \left( \frac{R_2}{R_3} \right)^2 \quad \bar{\rho} \simeq \rho_2 \left( \frac{R_2}{R} \right)^2 \quad (\text{p40})$$

$$A = A_3 \sim 1 \Rightarrow \frac{R_3}{\Delta_3} \sim \frac{R_3}{\Delta_2} \sim 1 \Rightarrow R_3 \sim \Delta_2$$

$$\rho_{st} \sim \rho_3 \sim \rho_{sb} \left( \frac{R_2}{\Delta_2} \right)^2 \sim \rho_{sb} A_2^2 \sim \rho_{sb} Mach_2^2 \sim \rho_{sb} Mach_{\max}^2$$

$$\frac{\rho_{st}}{\rho_{sb}} \sim Mach_{\max}^2$$

← Density compression scaling law.

# The stagnated pressure scales to the 4<sup>th</sup> power of the maximum Mach number



- Conservation of energy at stagnation:

$$p_{st} R_{st}^3 \sim m u_{max}^2 \quad R_{st} \sim R_3 \sim \Delta_3 \sim \Delta_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p_{st} \Delta_2^3 \sim m u_{max}^2 \sim \rho_2 R_2^2 \Delta_2 u_{max}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{st} \sim \rho_2 \left( \frac{R_2}{\Delta_2} \right)^2 u_{max}^2 = \rho_2 A_2^2 u_{max}^2 \sim p_2 Mach_2^2 \frac{u_{max}^2}{p_2/\rho_2} \sim p_A Mach_2^4 \sim p_A Mach_{max}^4$$

$$\frac{p_{st}}{p_A} \sim Mach_{max}^4$$

$$Mach_2 = Mach_{max} \simeq A_2 = \sqrt{A_{sb}}$$

$$\alpha_{st} \sim \frac{p_{st}}{\rho_{st}^{5/3}} \sim \frac{p_A Mach_{max}^4}{\rho_{sb}^{5/3} Mach_{max}^{10/3}} = \alpha_{sb} Mach_{max}^{2/3}$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{st}}{\alpha_{sb}} \sim Mach_{max}^{2/3}$$

$$\frac{\rho_{st}}{\rho_{sb}} \sim Mach_{max}^2$$

# Scaling of the areal density of the compressed core



$$\rho_{st} R_{st} \sim \rho_{st} \Delta_2 \sim \left( \frac{p_{st}}{\alpha_{st}} \right)^{3/5} \frac{\Delta_2}{R_2} \frac{R_2}{R_1} R_1 \sim \left( \frac{p_A \text{Mach}_{\max}^4}{\alpha_{sb} \text{Mach}_{\max}^{2/3}} \right)^{3/5} \frac{1}{A_2} \frac{1}{A_{sb}^{1/6}} R_1$$

$$A_2 \sim \text{Mach}_{\max} \quad A_{sb} \sim \text{Mach}_{\max}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{st} R_{st} &\sim \left( \frac{p_A}{\alpha_{sb}} \right)^{3/5} \text{Mach}_{\max}^2 \frac{1}{\text{Mach}_{\max}} \frac{1}{\text{Mach}_{\max}^{1/3}} R_1 \\ &\sim \left( \frac{p_A}{\alpha_{sb}} \right)^{3/5} \text{Mach}_{\max}^{2/3} R_1 \sim \left( \frac{p_A}{\alpha_{sb}} \right)^{3/5} \frac{u_{\max}^{2/3}}{(p_A/\rho_{sb})^{1/3}} \frac{p_0^{1/3} R_1}{p_0^{1/3}} \\ &\sim \left( \frac{p_A}{\alpha_{sb}} \right)^{3/5} \frac{u_{\max}^{2/3}}{(p_A^{2/5} \alpha_{sb}^{3/5})^{1/3}} \frac{(p_A R_1^3)^{1/3}}{p_A^{1/3}} \sim \frac{p_A^{2/15}}{\alpha_{sb}^{4/5}} u_{\max}^{2/3} E_k^{1/3} \end{aligned}$$

$$E_k \sim E_{\text{las}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\rho_{st} R_{st} \sim \frac{p_A^{2/15} u_{\max}^{2/3} E_{\text{las}}^{1/3}}{\alpha_{sb}^{4/5}}$$

$$E_k \sim p_A R_1^3$$

# Amplification of areal density



$$\rho_{st} R_{st} \sim \rho_{st}^{2/3} (\rho_{st} R_{st}^3)^{1/3} \sim \rho_{sb}^{2/3} Mach_{max}^{4/3} Mass^{1/3}$$

$$\sim \frac{\rho_{sb}^{2/3}}{\rho_1^{2/3}} Mach_{max}^{4/3} \rho_1^{2/3} (\rho_1 R_1^2 \Delta_1)^{1/3}$$

$$\rho_{st} R_{st} \sim (\rho_1 \Delta_1) Mach_{max}^{4/3} A_1^{2/3} \left( \frac{\rho_{sb}}{\rho_1} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\frac{\rho_{sb}}{\rho_1} = 4 \left( \frac{I_{max}}{I_{foot}} \right)^{2/5}$$

$$(\rho R)_{st} \sim (\rho_1 \Delta_1) IFAR^{2/3} A_1^{2/3} \left( \frac{I_{max}}{I_{foot}} \right)^{4/15}$$

$$E_{las} = 4\pi R_1^2 I_{max} t_{imp} \approx 4\pi R_1^2 I_{max} \frac{R_1}{u_{max}}$$

$$E_{las} \approx \frac{4\pi R_1^3 I_{max}}{u_{max}}$$

# Summary



$$A_{sb} = \text{IFAR} = 4A_1 \left( \frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\text{foot}}} \right)^{2/5} \quad u_{\max, \text{cm/s}} \approx 10^7 \sqrt{0.7A_1 \alpha^{3/5} I_{15, \max}^{4/15} \left( \frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\text{foot}}} \right)^{2/5}}$$

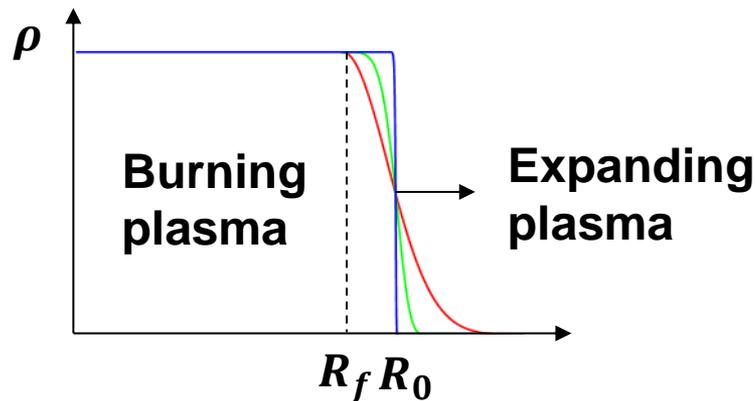
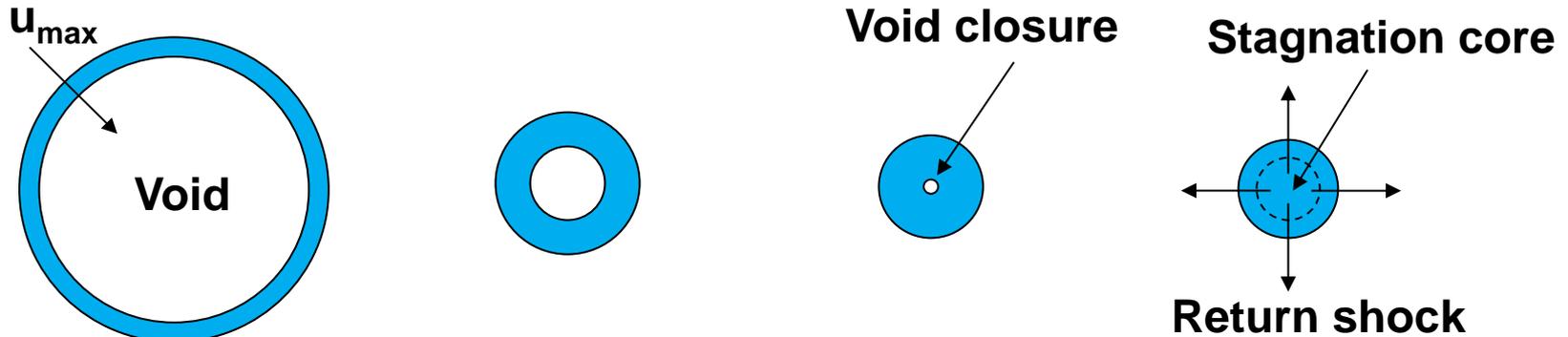
$$\rho_{st} \sim \rho_{sb} \text{Mach}_{\max}^2 \sim \rho_1 \text{IFAR} \left( \frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\text{foot}}} \right)^{2/5}$$

$$p_{st} \sim p_A \text{Mach}_{\max}^4 \sim p_A \text{IFAR}^2$$

$$\alpha_{st} \sim \alpha_{sb} \text{Mach}_{\max}^{2/3} \sim \alpha_{sb} \text{IFAR}^{1/3}$$

$$(\rho R)_{st} \sim (\rho_1 \Delta_1) \text{IFAR}^{2/3} A_1^{2/3} \left( \frac{I_{\max}}{I_{\text{foot}}} \right)^{4/15}$$

# Calculation of the burn-up fraction



$$R_f = R_0 - C_s t$$

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (n_i v) - \frac{n_i^2}{4} \langle \sigma v \rangle \times 2$$

# Calculation of the burn-up fraction - continue

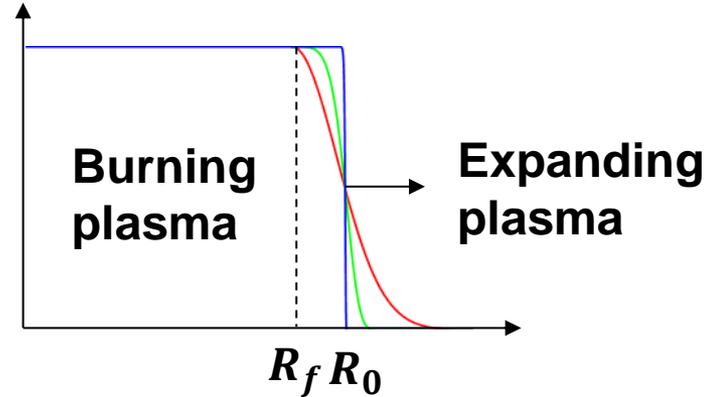


$$4\pi \int_0^{R_f} r^2 dr \left( \frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (n_i v) - \frac{n_i^2}{2} \langle \sigma v \rangle \right)$$

$$4\pi \int_0^{R_f} r^2 \frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} dr = 4\pi \partial_t \int_0^{R_f} r^2 n_i dr - 4\pi \dot{R}_f R_f^2 n_i$$

$$= -n_i v 4\pi R_f^2 - \frac{n_i^2}{2} \langle \sigma v \rangle V_f$$

(neglect)



(Leibniz integral rule)

$$N_f \equiv \frac{4\pi}{3} R_f^3 n_i \equiv V_f n_i$$

$$d_t N_f - 3N_f \frac{\dot{R}_f}{R_f} = -\frac{N_f^2}{V_f} \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2}$$

$$\frac{d_t N_f}{N_f^2} - \frac{3\dot{R}_f}{N_f R_f} = -\frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2V_f}$$

$$d_t \frac{1}{N_f} + \frac{3\dot{R}_f}{N_f R_f} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2V_f}$$

$$R_f^3 d_t \frac{1}{N_f} + 3R_f^2 \frac{\dot{R}_f}{N_f}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{R_f^3}{N_f} \right) = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2V_f} R_f^3$$

# Calculation of the burn-up fraction - continue



$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{R_f^3}{N_f} \right) = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2V_f} R_f^3 \quad \frac{R_f^3}{N_f} = \int_0^t \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2V_f} R_f^3 dt + \frac{R_0^3}{N_0}$$

$$R_f = R_0 - C_s t \quad dt = -\frac{dR_f}{C_s} \quad V_f = \frac{4\pi}{3} R_f^3$$

$$\frac{R_f^3}{N_f} = - \int_{R_0}^{R_f} \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2 \times 4\pi/3 C_s} dR_f + \frac{R_0^3}{N_0} \quad n_0 = \frac{N_0}{V_0}$$

$$\frac{R_f^3}{N_f} = - \int_{R_0}^{R_f} \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2C_s} \frac{3}{4\pi} dR_f + \frac{R_0^3}{N_0} \quad \frac{V_f}{N_f} = \frac{V_0}{N_0} \left[ 1 + \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2C_s} n_0 R_0 \left( 1 - \frac{R_f}{R_0} \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{R_f^3}{N_f} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2C_s} \frac{3}{4\pi} (R_0 - R_f) + \frac{R_0^3}{N_0}$$

$$\xi \equiv \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2C_s} n_0 R_0$$

$$\frac{V_f}{N_f} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2C_s} R_0 \left( 1 - \frac{R_f}{R_0} \right) + \frac{V_0}{N_0}$$

$$\frac{V_f}{N_f} = \frac{1}{n_0} \left[ 1 + \xi \left( 1 - \frac{R_f}{R_0} \right) \right]$$

# Calculation of the burn-up fraction - continue



$$\frac{V_f}{N_f} = \frac{1}{n_0} \left[ 1 + \xi \left( 1 - \frac{R_f}{R_0} \right) \right] \quad n_i = \frac{N_f}{V_f}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{\#Burned ions} &= \int_0^t \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2} n_i^2 V_f dt = \int_0^t \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2} \frac{N_f^2}{V_f} dt = - \int_{R_0}^{R_f} \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2} \left( \frac{N_f}{V_f} \right)^2 V_f \frac{dR_f}{C_s} \\ &= \int_{R_f}^{R_0} \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2} \frac{n_0^2}{\left[ 1 + \xi \left( 1 - \frac{R_f}{R_0} \right) \right]^2} \left( \frac{R_f}{R_0} \right)^3 V_0 R_0 \frac{dR_f/R_0}{C_s} \\ &= \int \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2} \frac{n_0^2}{[1 + \xi(1 - x)]^2} x^3 V_0 \frac{R_0}{C_s} dx = N_0 \xi \int_0^1 \frac{x^3 dx}{[1 + \xi(1 - x)]^2} \\ &= N_0 \frac{\xi[6 + \xi(9 + 2\xi)] - 6(1 + \xi)^2 \text{Ln}[1 + \xi]}{2\xi^3} \end{aligned}$$

**\#Burn-up Fraction**

$$\theta(\xi) = \frac{\xi[6 + \xi(9 + 2\xi)] - 6(1 + \xi)^2 \text{Ln}[1 + \xi]}{2\xi^3}$$

# Calculation of the burn-up fraction - continue

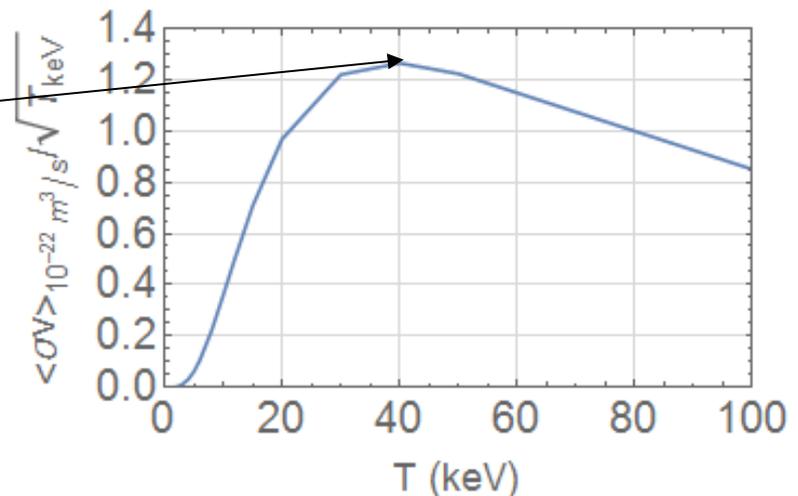


$$C_s = \sqrt{\frac{T_e + T_i}{m_i}} = \sqrt{\frac{2T}{m_i}} \quad \rho = n_0 m_i \quad m_i = \frac{m_D + m_T}{2} = 2.5 \times 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$\xi = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{\sqrt{T}} (\rho R_0) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}m_i} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{m^3/s}}{\sqrt{T_{keV}} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-16}} \frac{(\rho R_0)_{g/cm^2} \times 10}{2\sqrt{5} \times 1.67 \times 10^{-27}}$$

$$\xi \approx \frac{1.25 \times 10^{-22}}{\sqrt{1.6 \times 10^{-16}}} \frac{10(\rho R_0)_{g/cm^2}}{2\sqrt{5} \times 1.67 \times 10^{-27}} = 0.54(\rho R_0)_{g/cm^2}$$

$$\left. \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{\sqrt{T_{keV}}} \right|_{\text{max}} = 1.25 \times 10^{-22} \quad @ \quad T = 40 \text{ keV}$$



# Smallest areal density ( $\rho R$ )



#Burned-up Fraction  $\theta(\xi) = \frac{\xi[6 + \xi(9 + 2\xi)] - 6(1 + \xi)^2 \text{Ln}[1 + \xi]}{2\xi^3}$

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} \theta(\xi) = \frac{\xi}{4} \quad \lim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \theta(\xi) = 1 \quad \theta(\xi) \approx \frac{\xi}{4 + \xi} \quad \xi \simeq 0.54(\rho R_0)_{g/cm^2}$$

$$\theta(\xi) \approx \frac{0.54\rho R}{4 + 0.54\rho R}$$

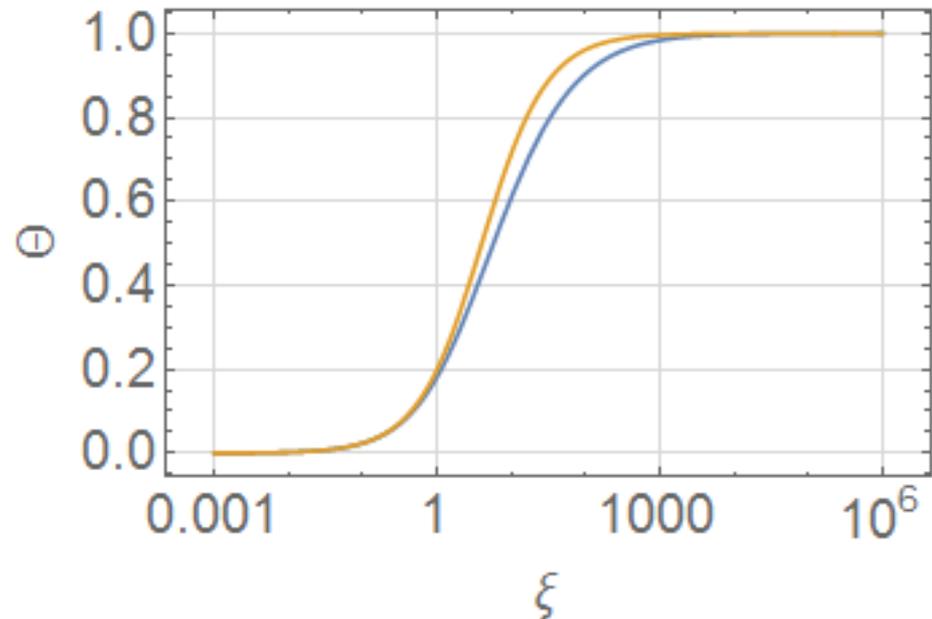
$$\theta(\xi) \approx \frac{(\rho R)_{g/cm^2}}{7 + (\rho R)_{g/cm^2}}$$

Large  $\rho R$  is needed to have high burn-up fraction.

For energy applications:

$$\theta \gtrsim 0.3$$

$$\rho R \geq 3 \text{ g/cm}^2$$



# Energy gain



$$\text{Fusion energy} = \frac{M_0}{2m_i} \epsilon_f \Theta$$

$$\epsilon_f = 17.6 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{Energy gain} = \frac{\text{Fusion Energy}}{\text{Input Energy}}$$

**Mass =  $M_0$**   
**Temp =  $T$**   
**DT**  
**Volume =  $V_0$**

- Input energy: the sphere is heated to the temperature  $T$

$$\text{Thermal energy in sphere: } \frac{3}{2} (n_{i0} T_i + n_{e0} T_e) V_0$$

$$n_{i0} = n_{e0} \equiv n_0 \quad T_e = T_i \Rightarrow 3n_0 T V_0 = 3 \frac{M_0}{m_i} T$$

$$\text{Set heating efficiency: } \eta = \frac{\text{Thermal Energy}}{\text{Input Energy}}$$

$$\text{Gain} = \frac{\frac{M_0}{2m_i} \epsilon_f \Theta}{3 \frac{M_0}{m_i} T / \eta} = \eta \frac{M_0}{2m_i} \frac{\epsilon_f \Theta}{3 \frac{M_0}{m_i} T} = \frac{\eta}{6} \frac{\epsilon_f}{T} \Theta$$

$$\text{Gain} = \eta 293 \left( \frac{10}{T_{\text{keV}}} \right) \Theta$$

# The power to heat the plasma is enormous



- Consider the small T limit:

$$\theta(\xi) \approx \frac{\xi}{4 + \xi} \quad \xi \equiv \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2C_s} n_0 R_0 = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{\sqrt{T}} (\rho R_0) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2m_i}}$$

$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim T^4$  for  $T \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\xi \sim T^{7/2}$  and  $Gain \sim T^{5/2} \rightarrow 0$

- Required input power:

$$P_w = \frac{E_{\text{input}}}{\tau_{\text{input}}} \quad \tau_{\text{input}} \ll \tau_{\text{burn}} = \frac{R}{C_s} \quad \text{(Heat out before it runs away)}$$

$$P_w = \frac{E_{\text{input}}}{\mu R / C_s} = \frac{E_{\text{thermal}}}{\eta \mu R / C_s} = 3 \frac{M_0}{m_i} \frac{T}{R} \frac{C_s}{\eta \mu} \quad \tau_{\text{input}} = \mu \frac{R}{C_s} \quad \text{Ex: } \mu \sim 0.1$$

$$\frac{P_w}{M_0} = \frac{3}{m_i} \frac{T}{R} \frac{C_s}{\eta \mu} = \frac{3}{m_i} \frac{T}{R} \sqrt{\frac{2T}{m_i}} \frac{1}{\eta \mu}$$

$$\frac{P_w}{M_0} = 10^{18} \left( \frac{T_{\text{keV}}}{10} \right)^{3/2} \frac{0.1}{\mu} \frac{1}{R_{\text{cm}}} \frac{1}{\eta} \text{ Watts/g}$$

# A clever way is needed to ignite a target



- For  $T = 10$  keV

$$\xi \approx 0.18(\rho R) \quad \text{Gain}|_{10\text{keV}} \approx 293\eta \frac{0.18\rho R}{4 + 0.18\rho R} \approx 293\eta \frac{\rho R_{g/cm^2}}{22 + \rho R_{g/cm^2}}$$

- For  $T=40$  keV

$$\xi \approx 0.54(\rho R) \quad \text{Gain}|_{40\text{keV}} \approx 73\eta \frac{\rho R_{g/cm^2}}{7 + \rho R_{g/cm^2}}$$

- For Gains  $\gtrsim 100$

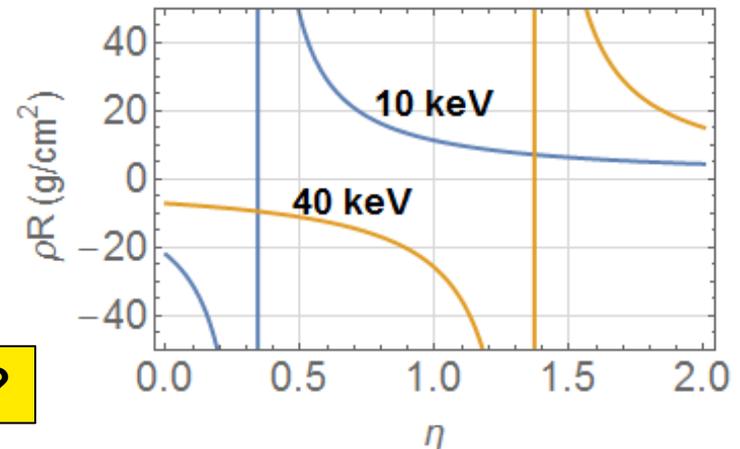
- $T = 10$  keV

$$\rho R \gtrsim 22 \text{ g/cm}^2 \quad \eta > 1$$

- $T = 40$  keV

$$\eta > 1$$

How do we get  $\eta > 1$ ?



# Requirement to ignite a target



- For  $T=10$  keV and  $\rho R \gtrsim 22$  g/cm<sup>2</sup>

$$\rho R = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{\rho R^3}{4\pi R^2/3} = \frac{M_0}{\frac{4\pi}{3} R^2} = \frac{3}{4\pi} \frac{M_0}{R^2} \gtrsim 22 \text{ g/cm}^2$$

$$\frac{M_0}{R^2} \gtrsim 92 \text{ g/cm}^2$$

$$P_w|_{10\text{keV}} = 10^{18} \left( \frac{T_{\text{keV}}}{10} \right)^{3/2} \frac{0.1}{\mu} \frac{M_0}{R_{\text{cm}}} \frac{1}{\eta} = 10^{18} \frac{0.1}{\mu} \frac{1}{\eta} 92 R_{\text{cm}} \text{ Watts}$$

$$P_w|_{10\text{keV}} \approx 10^{20} \frac{0.1}{\mu} \frac{R_{\text{cm}}}{\eta} \text{ Watts}$$

- For  $T=40$ keV

$$\rho R \gtrsim 7 \Rightarrow \frac{M_0}{R^2} \gtrsim 30 \text{ g/cm}^2$$

$$P_w|_{40\text{keV}} \approx 2.4 \times 10^{20} \frac{0.1}{\mu} \frac{R_{\text{cm}}}{\eta} \text{ Watts}$$

- Needed:

$$R_{\text{cm}} \ll 1$$

$$\eta \gg 1$$

$$\mu \gg 0.1$$

# Requirements to ignite a target

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$$P_w|_{10keV} \approx 10^{20} \frac{0.1 R_{cm}}{\mu} \frac{1}{\eta} \text{ Watts}$$

- $R_{cm} \ll 1$  : sphere size in the order of 100's um
- $\eta \gg 1$  : input energy amplification
- $\mu \gg 0.1$  : energy delivery time decoupled from burn time. Need longer energy delivery time. Need to bring down power to  $\sim 10^{15}$  W

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$$P_w = 10^{18} \frac{M_{0,g}}{\eta} \left( \frac{T_{\text{keV}}}{10} \right)^{3/2} \frac{0.1}{\mu} \frac{1}{R_{\text{cm}}} \text{ Watts/g}$$

$$\tau_{\text{input}} = \mu \frac{R}{C_s} \quad \text{Ex: } \mu \sim 0.1 \quad \eta = \frac{\text{Thermal Energy}}{\text{Input Energy}}$$

$$\text{Gain} = 293 \eta \left( \frac{10}{T_{\text{keV}}} \right) \theta(\xi) \quad \theta(\xi) \approx \frac{\xi}{4 + \xi} \quad \xi = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2m_i C_s} (\rho R_0)$$

$$G_{\text{max}} \equiv 293 \eta \left( \frac{10}{T_{\text{keV}}} \right) \quad G = G_{\text{max}} \frac{\xi}{4 + \xi} \Rightarrow \xi = \frac{4G}{G_{\text{max}} - G}$$

$$P_w = \frac{10^{18}}{\eta} \left( \frac{T_{\text{keV}}}{10} \right)^{3/2} \frac{0.1}{\mu} \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{\rho R_0^3}{R_0} = \frac{10^{18}}{\eta} \left( \frac{T_{\text{keV}}}{10} \right)^{3/2} \frac{0.1}{\mu} \frac{4\pi}{3} (\rho R_0) R_0$$

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$$P_w = \frac{10^{18}}{\eta} \left( \frac{T_{\text{kev}}}{10} \right)^{3/2} \frac{0.14\pi}{\mu} \frac{\rho R_0^3}{3 R_0} = \frac{10^{18}}{\eta} \left( \frac{T_{\text{kev}}}{10} \right)^{3/2} \frac{0.14\pi}{\mu} \frac{1}{3} (\rho R_0) R_0$$

$$= \frac{10^{18}}{\eta} \left( \frac{T_{\text{kev}}}{10} \right)^{3/2} \frac{0.14\pi}{\mu} \frac{1}{3} R_0 \frac{2m_i C_s}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \xi \quad \text{where } \xi \equiv \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2m_i C_s} (\rho R)$$

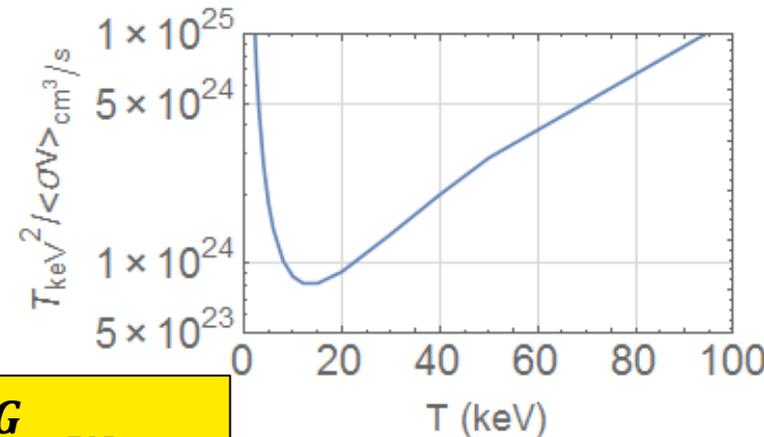
$$= \frac{10^{18}}{\eta} \left( \frac{T_{\text{kev}}}{10} \right)^{3/2} \frac{0.132\pi}{\mu} \frac{1}{3} R_{0,\text{cm}} \frac{\sqrt{T m_i}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \frac{G}{G_{\text{max}} - G} \quad \text{where } C_s = \sqrt{\frac{2T}{m_i}}$$

$$P_w = \frac{10^{18}}{\eta} \frac{T_{\text{kev}}^2}{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{cm}^2/\text{s}}} \frac{0.1}{\mu} R_{0,\text{cm}} \frac{G}{G_{\text{max}} - G} \text{ Watts}$$

$$\left. \frac{T_{\text{kev}}^2}{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{cm}^2/\text{s}}} \right|_{\text{min}} = 8 \times 10^{23} \quad \text{for } T = 14\text{keV}$$

$$\frac{G}{G_{\text{max}} - G} \approx \frac{G}{G_{\text{max}}}$$

$$P_w \approx \frac{7 \times 10^{19}}{\eta} \frac{0.1}{\mu} R_{0,\text{cm}} \frac{G}{G_{\text{max}}} \text{ Watts}$$



# Need to lower the power by 5 orders of magnitude



$$P_w \approx \frac{7 \times 10^{19}}{\eta} \frac{0.1}{\mu} R_{0,\text{cm}} \frac{G}{G_{\text{max}}} \text{Watts}$$

- $\mu \uparrow$  :
- $\eta \uparrow$  : require the fuel ignition from a “spark.” Ignite only a small portion of the DT plasma, i.e.,  $M_h \ll M_0$
- $R_0 \downarrow$  : smaller system size

$$P_w = P_w(M_0) \frac{M_h}{M_0}$$

$$P_w^{\text{min}} = \frac{7 \times 10^{15}}{\eta_h} \left( \frac{M_h/M_0}{0.01} \right) \left( \frac{R_{0,\mu\text{m}}}{100} \right) \left( \frac{0.1}{\mu} \right) \left( \frac{G}{G_{\text{max}}} \right) \text{Watts}$$

↖ Effective increase in  $\eta$

# Lawson's Ignition Criterion



- Approximate the power losses:

$$\text{Plasma energy: } \epsilon = \frac{3}{2}PV = \frac{3}{2}(2nT)V = 3nTV$$

$$P_{\text{losses}}^{\text{total}} = P_{\text{losses}} + P_{\text{brem}} = \frac{3nTV}{\tau_E} + C_b n^2 \sqrt{TV}$$

- Plasma energy balance:

Confinement time

$$\frac{d\epsilon}{dt} = V \left\{ \langle \sigma v \rangle \frac{n^2}{4} \epsilon_\alpha - C_b n^2 \sqrt{T} - \frac{3nT}{\tau_E} \right\} > 0$$

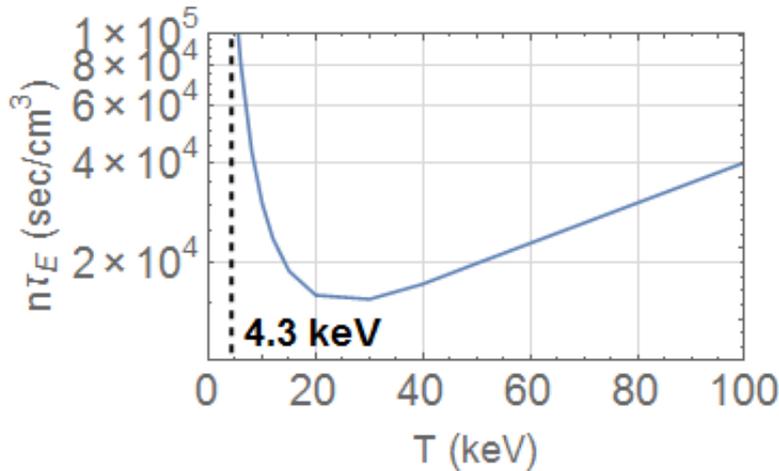
$$n^2 \left[ \frac{1}{4} \langle \sigma v \rangle \epsilon_\alpha - C_b \sqrt{T} \right] > \frac{3nT}{\tau_E}$$

$$n\tau_E > \frac{3T}{\frac{1}{4} \langle \sigma v \rangle \epsilon_\alpha - C_b \sqrt{T}}$$

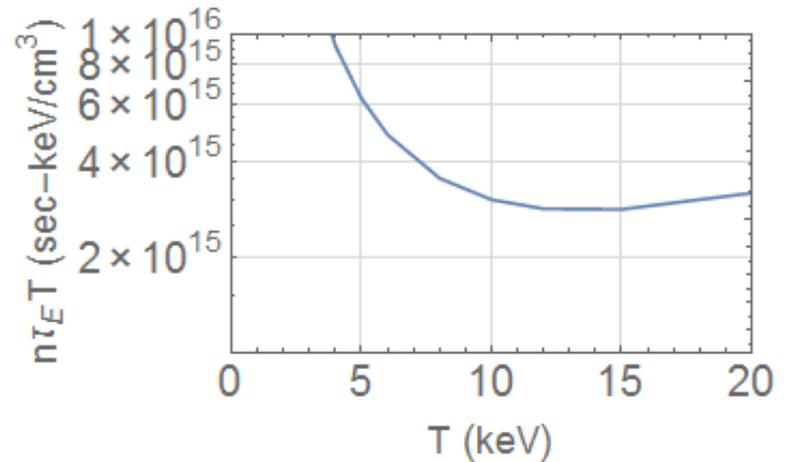
# Temperature needs to be greater than ~5 keV to ignite



$$n\tau_E > \frac{3T}{\frac{1}{4} \langle \sigma v \rangle \epsilon_\alpha - C_b \sqrt{T}}$$



$$n\tau_E > 2 \times 10^4 \text{ sec/cm}^3$$



$$nT\tau_E > 3.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ keV - sec/cm}^3$$

# Target design using an 1MJ laser



$$P_w^{\min} = \frac{7 \times 10^{15}}{\eta_h} \left( \frac{M_h/M_0}{0.01} \right) \left( \frac{R_{0,\mu\text{m}}}{100} \right) \left( \frac{0.1}{\mu} \right) \left( \frac{G}{G_{\max}} \right) \text{Watts}$$

- For the case of using a huge laser, ex: 1MJ.
- The ignition requires temperatures  $T \gtrsim 5\text{keV}$  , then the energy required for ignition is

$$E_{\text{ign}} \approx 3 \frac{M_h}{m_i} \frac{T}{\eta_h}$$

$$M_h \approx \frac{m_i}{3} \frac{\eta_h E_{\text{ign}}}{T}$$

$$M_{h,\mu\text{g}} \approx 17 \left( \frac{5}{T_{\text{keV}}} \right) E_{\text{igm,MJ}} \left( \frac{\eta_h}{0.01} \right) \quad M_h \approx 20\mu\text{g}$$

# Target design using an 1MJ laser - continue



- For “inefficient” heating mechanism ( $\eta_h \approx 1\%$ ), the mass that can be heated to  $T \approx 5$  keV is in the order of  $M_h \approx 20 \mu\text{g}$ .
- If  $M_h/M_0 \approx 0.01$ , then  $M_0 \approx 2$  mg .

- Assuming that the burned-up fraction  $\theta \approx \frac{\rho R}{7 + \rho R}$

for  $\theta \approx 30\% \rightarrow \rho R \approx 3 \text{ g/cm}^2$

$$M_0 = \frac{4\pi}{3} \rho R^3 = \frac{4\pi}{3} R^2 (\rho R) \qquad R = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{M_0}{\rho R}} = 126 \sqrt{\frac{M_{0,\text{mg}}}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{3}{\rho R}} \mu\text{m}$$

$$\rho = \frac{3M_0}{4\pi R^3} = 240 \sqrt{\frac{M_{0,\text{mg}}}{2}} \left(\frac{126}{R_{\mu\text{m}}}\right)^3 \text{ g/cm}^3 \qquad \rho_{\text{DT}} = 0.25 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

- DT must be compressed ~1000 times
- The initial radius of a 2 mg sphere of DT is  $R_{\text{init}} \approx 2.6$  mm while the final radius  $R_{\text{final}} \approx 100 \mu\text{m}$ , the convergence ratios of 30 ~ 40 are required.

# Requirements of the density and size of the ignition mass



$$M_h \approx 20\mu\text{g}$$

$$\rho_h R_h \approx 0.3 \text{ g/cm}^2 \longleftarrow \text{To stop 3.5 MeV } \alpha \text{ particles}$$

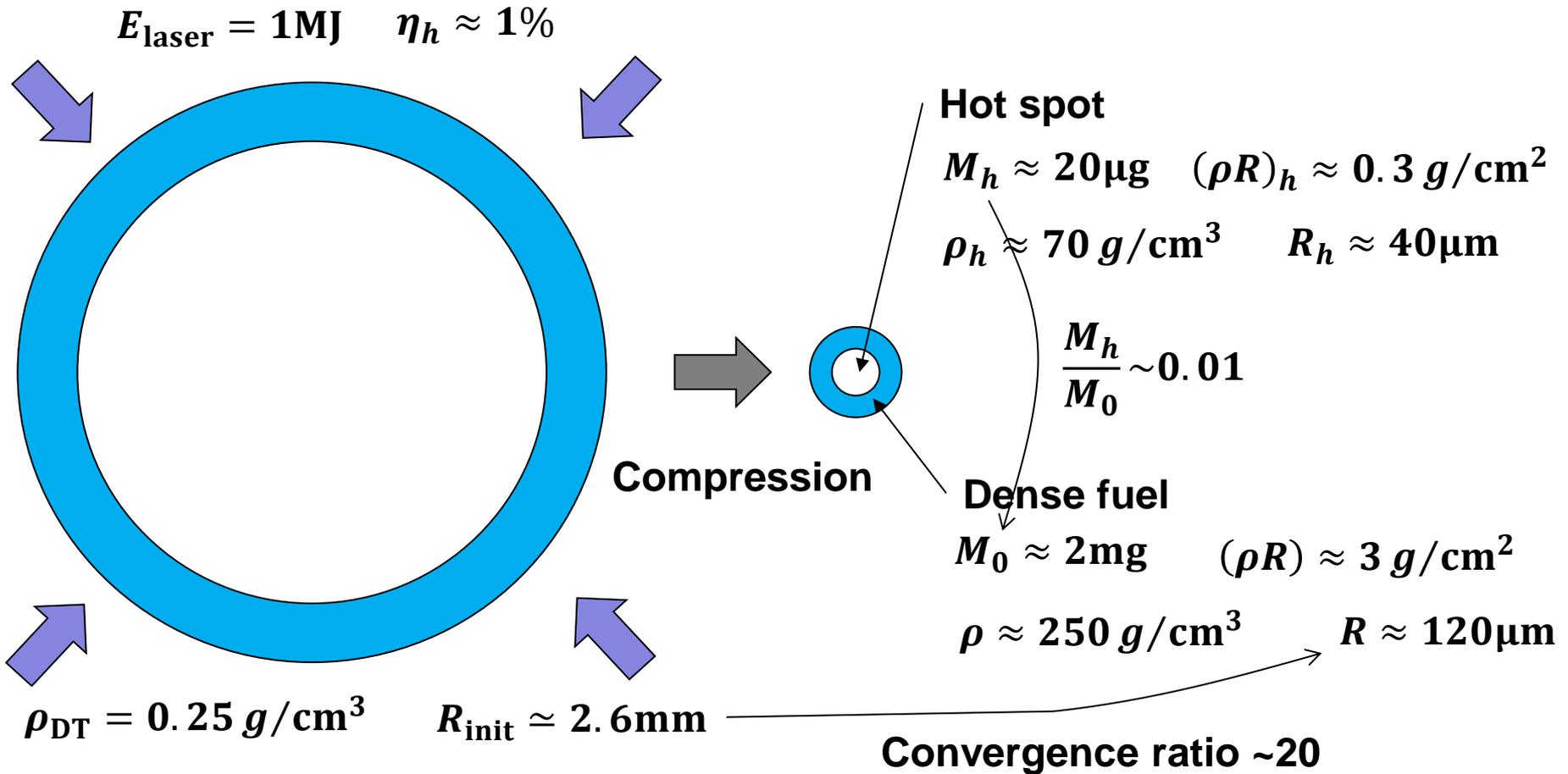
$$R_h \approx \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi} \frac{M_h}{\rho_h R_h}} \approx 40\mu\text{m}$$

$$\rho_h \approx \frac{(\rho_h R_h)}{R_h} = \frac{0.3}{40 * 10^{-4}} = 75 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

# Summary



- Possible fuel assembly for 1MJ ICF driver



# Backup



# The plasma keeps expanding in the corona zone so that no steady state can be found



- For  $x > x_c$ :

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho v) = 0$$

$$\rho(\partial_t v + v \partial_x v) + \partial_x p = 0$$

$$\partial_t \left( \frac{3p}{2} + \frac{\rho v^2}{2} \right) + \partial_x \left[ v \left( \frac{5p}{2} + \frac{\rho v^2}{2} \right) - \kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right] = 0$$

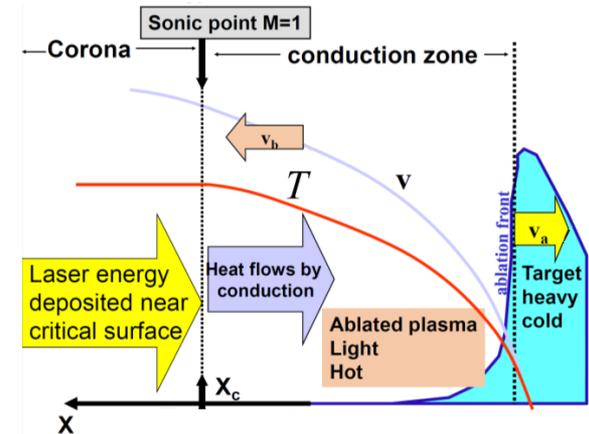
- The temperature in the corona is high.

$$\kappa = \kappa_0 T^{5/2} \Rightarrow \text{very large} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow T = T_c = \text{constant} \quad p = \frac{\rho T_c}{A}$$

$$\rho(\partial_t v + v \partial_x v) + \frac{T_c}{A} \partial_x \rho = 0$$

- Self-similar solutions depending on  $\xi = \frac{z}{t}$   $z \equiv x - x_c$

$$\partial_t = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} = -\frac{z}{t^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \rightarrow -\frac{\xi}{t} \partial_\xi \quad \partial_x = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} = \frac{1}{t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \rightarrow \frac{1}{t} \partial_\xi$$



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$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho v) = 0$$

$$\rho(\partial_t v + v \partial_x v) + \frac{T_c}{A} \partial_x \rho = 0$$

$$-\xi \partial_\xi \rho + \partial_\xi(\rho v) = 0 \quad \frac{\partial_\xi \rho}{\rho} = \frac{\partial_\xi v}{\xi - v}$$

$$\rho \left( -\frac{\xi}{t} \partial_\xi v + \frac{v}{t} \partial_\xi v \right) + \frac{T_c}{A} \frac{1}{t} \partial_\xi \rho = 0$$

$$(\xi - v) \partial_\xi v = \frac{T_c}{A} \frac{\partial_\xi v}{\xi - v}$$

• At  $z=0$  ( $x=x_c$ ),  $v = v_c = \sqrt{\frac{T_c}{A}} \Rightarrow v = \xi + \sqrt{\frac{T_c}{A}}$

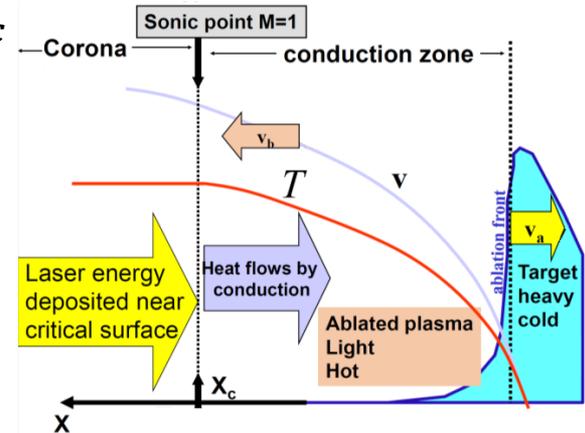
$$\xi = \frac{z}{t} \quad z \equiv x - x_c$$

$$\partial_t \rightarrow -\frac{\xi}{t} \partial_\xi$$

$$\partial_x \rightarrow \frac{1}{t} \partial_\xi$$

$$(\xi - v) \partial_\xi v = \frac{T_c}{A} \frac{\partial_\xi \rho}{\rho}$$

$$(\xi - v)^2 = \frac{T_c}{A}$$



$$v = \xi \pm \sqrt{\frac{T_c}{A}}$$

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$$v = \xi + \sqrt{\frac{T_c}{A}}$$

$$(\xi - v) \partial_{\xi} v = \frac{T_c}{A} \frac{\partial_{\xi} \rho}{\rho}$$

$$\partial_{\xi} \ln \rho = - \frac{\partial_{\xi} v}{\sqrt{T_c/A}}$$

$$\ln \rho = - \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{T_c/A}} + \text{constant}$$

$$\rho = \rho_c e^{-\frac{\xi}{\sqrt{T_c/A}}}$$

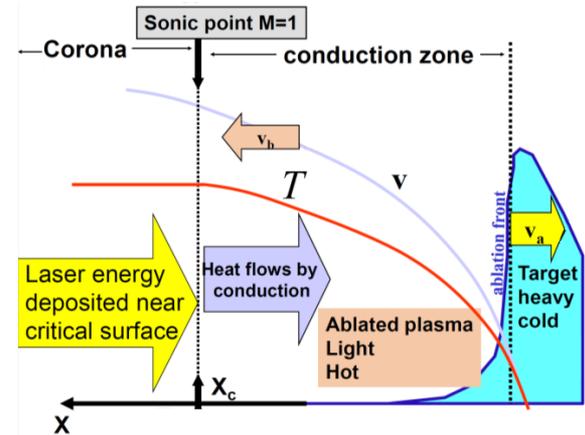
$$\rho = \rho_c \text{ at } \xi = 0$$

$$v = \frac{x - x_c}{t} + \sqrt{\frac{T_c}{A}}$$

$$\rho = \rho_c \exp \left[ - \frac{x - x_c}{t \sqrt{T_c/A}} \right]$$

- Laser energy is absorbed at the critical surface:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{3p}{2} + \frac{\rho v^2}{2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ v \left( \frac{5p}{2} + \frac{\rho v^2}{2} \right) - \kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right] = I \delta(x)$$



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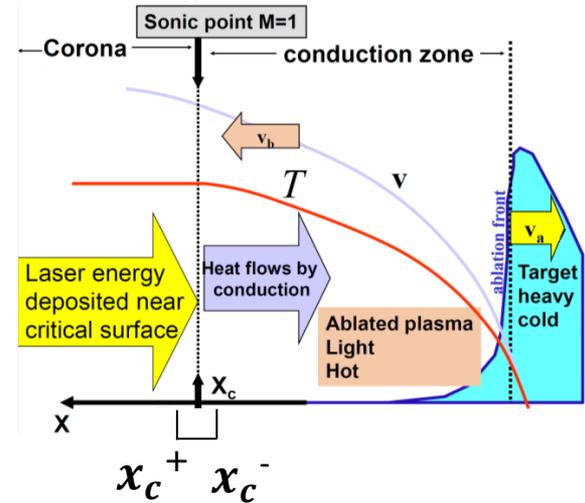
- The jump conditions are

$$\left[ -\kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right]_{x_c^-}^{x_c^+} = I = -\kappa^+ \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^+ + \kappa^- \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^-$$

$$T = T_c \left[ 1 + \frac{25}{4A} \frac{\rho_c v_c}{k_0 T_c^{5/2}} (x - x_c) \right]^{2/5}$$

$$\kappa^- \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^- \simeq \frac{5}{2} \frac{\rho_c v_c T_c}{A} + \frac{1}{2} \rho_c v_c^3 = 3 \frac{\rho_c v_c T_c}{A} = 3 \rho_c \left( \frac{T_c}{A} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$\kappa^+ \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^+ = ? \quad \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^+ \rightarrow 0 \quad \kappa^+ \rightarrow \infty$$



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- Total energy in the corona:

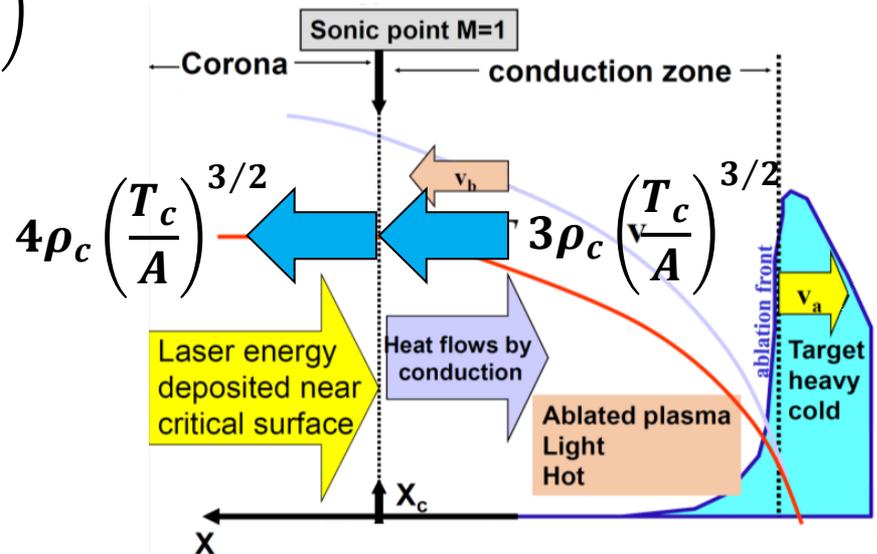
$$\epsilon = \int_{x_c}^{\infty} dx \left( \frac{3}{2} p + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \right) = \int_0^{\infty} dz \left( \frac{3}{2} \rho \frac{T_c}{A} + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \right)$$

$$= t \int_0^{\infty} d\xi \rho_c e^{-\frac{\xi}{\sqrt{T_c/A}}} \left( \frac{3}{2} \frac{T_c}{A} + \frac{1}{2} \xi^2 + \xi \sqrt{\frac{T_c}{A}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{T_c}{A} \right)$$

$$= t \left( \frac{T_c}{A} \right)^{3/2} \rho_c \int_0^{\infty} d\zeta e^{-\zeta} \left( 2 + \frac{1}{2} \zeta^2 + \zeta \right)$$

$$= 4 \rho_c \left( \frac{T_c}{A} \right)^{3/2} t$$

$$\frac{d\epsilon}{dt} = 4 \rho_c \left( \frac{T_c}{A} \right)^{3/2}$$



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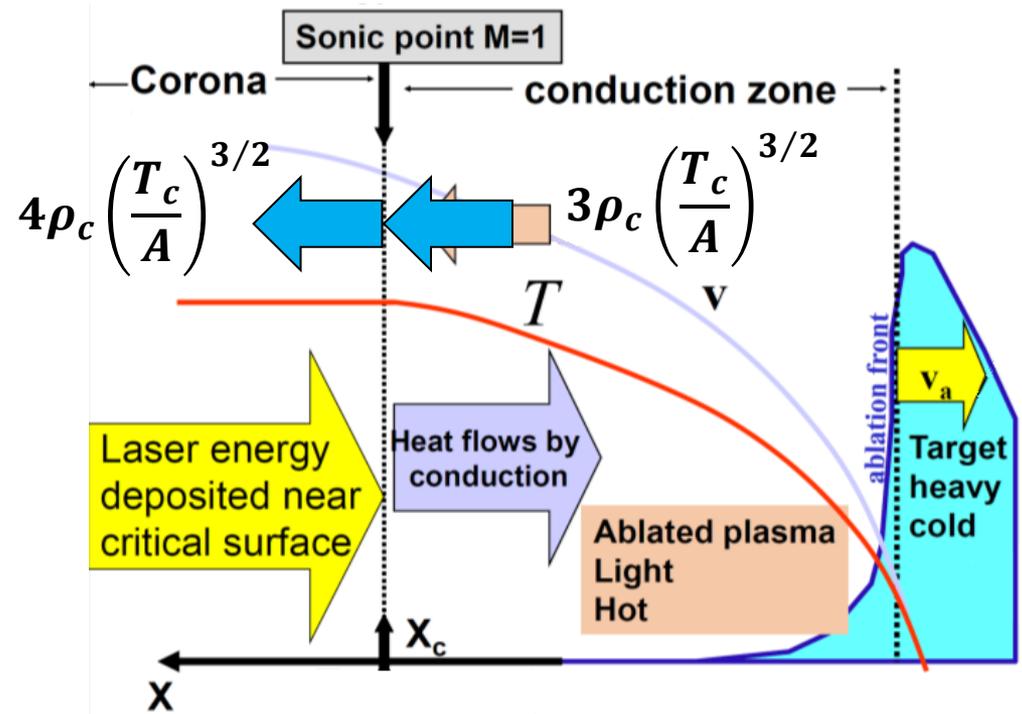


$$\kappa^- \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^- = 3\rho_c \left( \frac{T_c}{A} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$-\kappa^+ \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^+ = \rho_c \left( \frac{T_c}{A} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$I = -\kappa^+ \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^+ + \kappa^- \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^-$$

$$= 4\rho_c \left( \frac{T_c}{A} \right)^{3/2}$$



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- Total ablation pressure (static + dynamic):

$$P_A = \frac{\rho_c T_c}{A} + \rho_c v_c^2 = 2 \frac{\rho_c T_c}{A} \sim \rho_c \frac{I^{2/3}}{\rho_c^{2/3}} \sim \rho_c^{1/3} I^{2/3}$$

$$v_c = \sqrt{\frac{T_c}{A}} \quad I = 4\rho_c \left(\frac{T_c}{A}\right)^{3/2}$$

- Temperature at critical surface:  $T_c \sim \left(\frac{I}{\rho_c}\right)^{2/3}$

- Velocity at critical surface:  $v_c \sim \left(\frac{I}{\rho_c}\right)^{1/3}$

- Ablation rate:  $\rho_c v_c \sim \rho_c^{2/3} I^{1/3}$

