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Systematic Trends of Hot-Spot Flow Velocity in Laser-Direct-Drive Implosions on OMEGA

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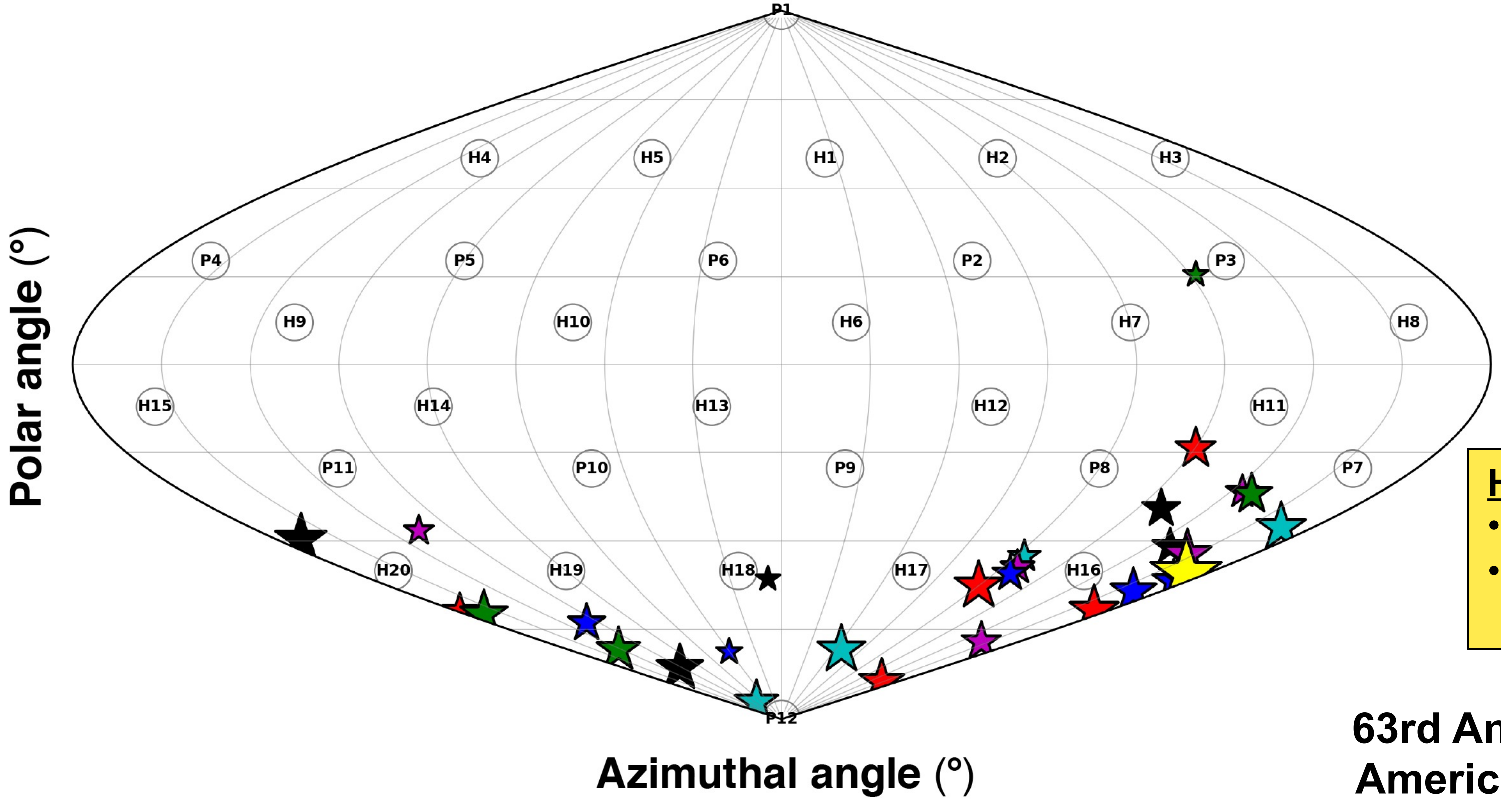
Hot-spot flow velocity of DT cryogenic implosions



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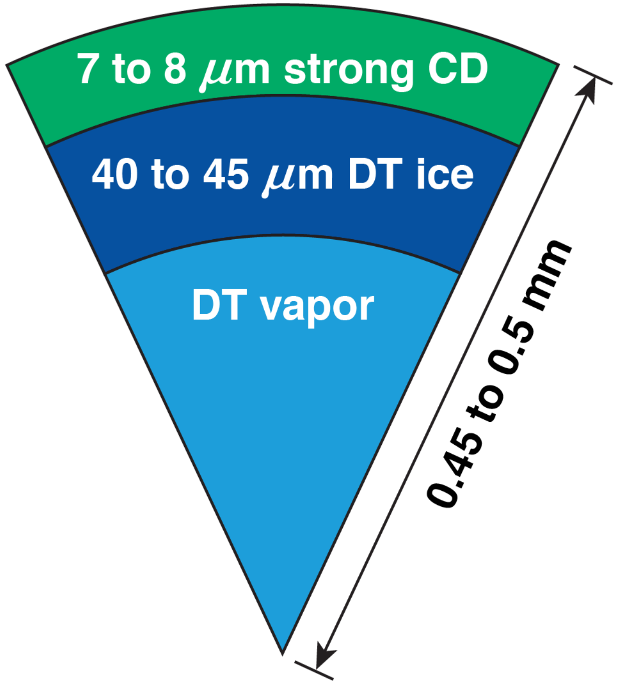
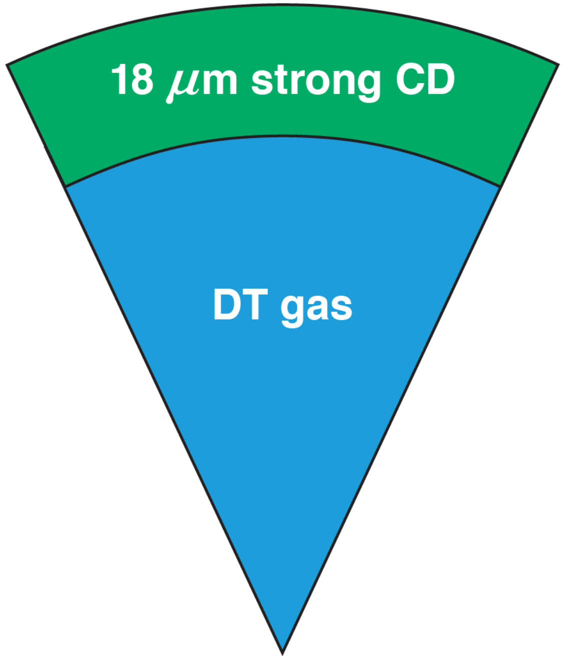
OMEGA laser-direct drive implosions of DT cryogenic targets and DT gas-filled, plastic shell targets were studied

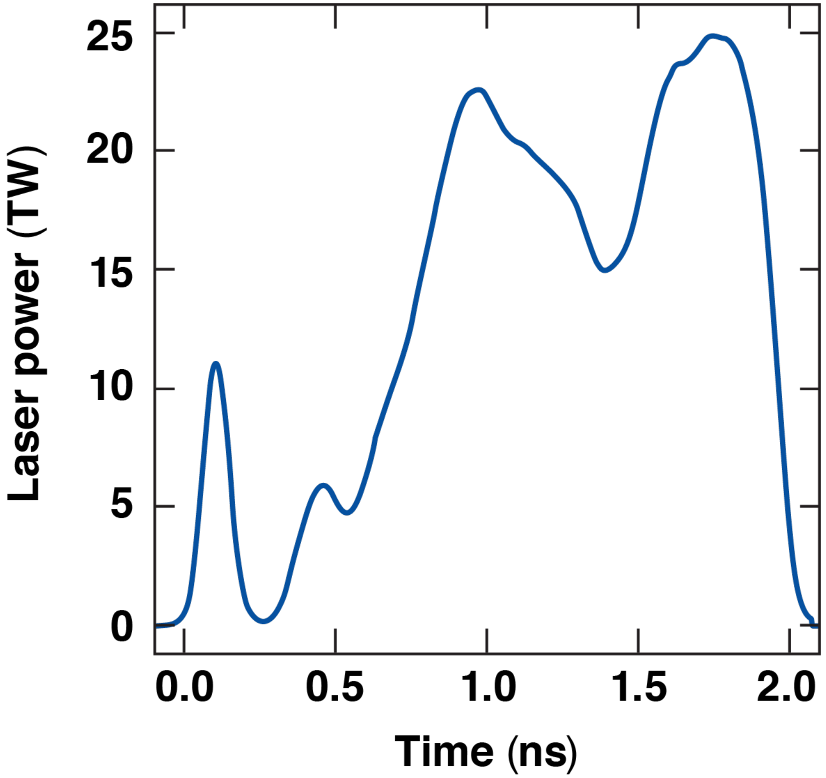
DT cryogenic target



DT gas-filled, plastic shell target



Laser drive



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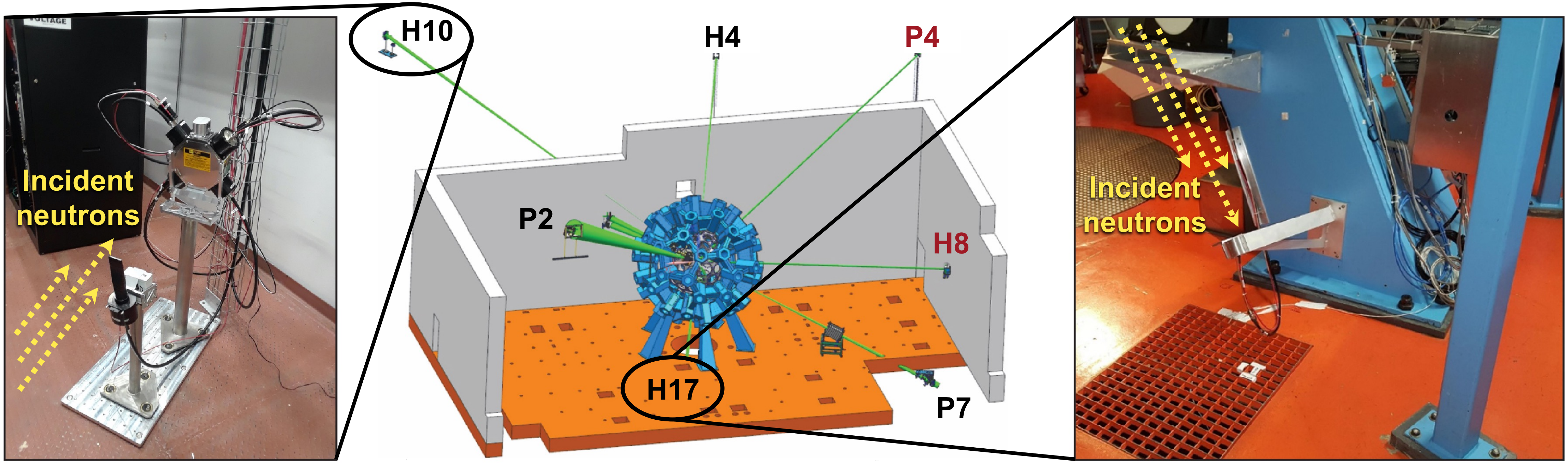
The hot-spot flow velocity was diagnosed using multiple neutron time-of-flight detectors arranged along quasi-orthogonal diagnostic lines of sight *,**,†

Neutron time of flight (nTOF) suite on OMEGA*



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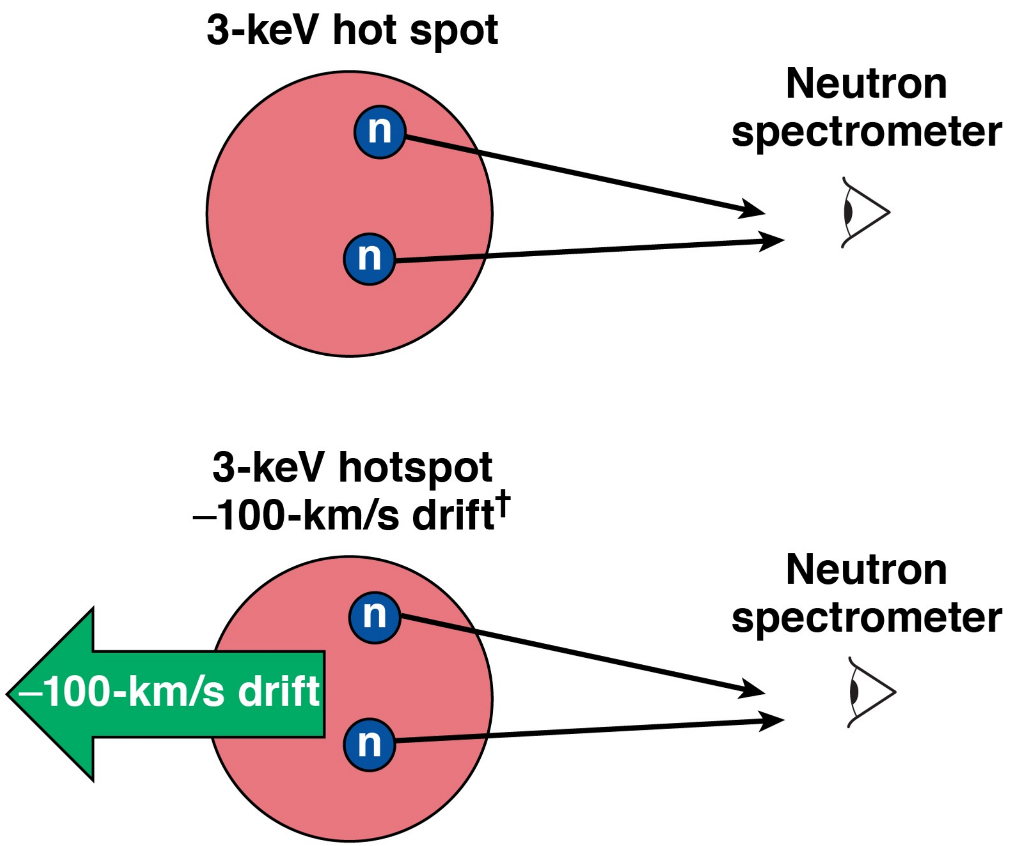

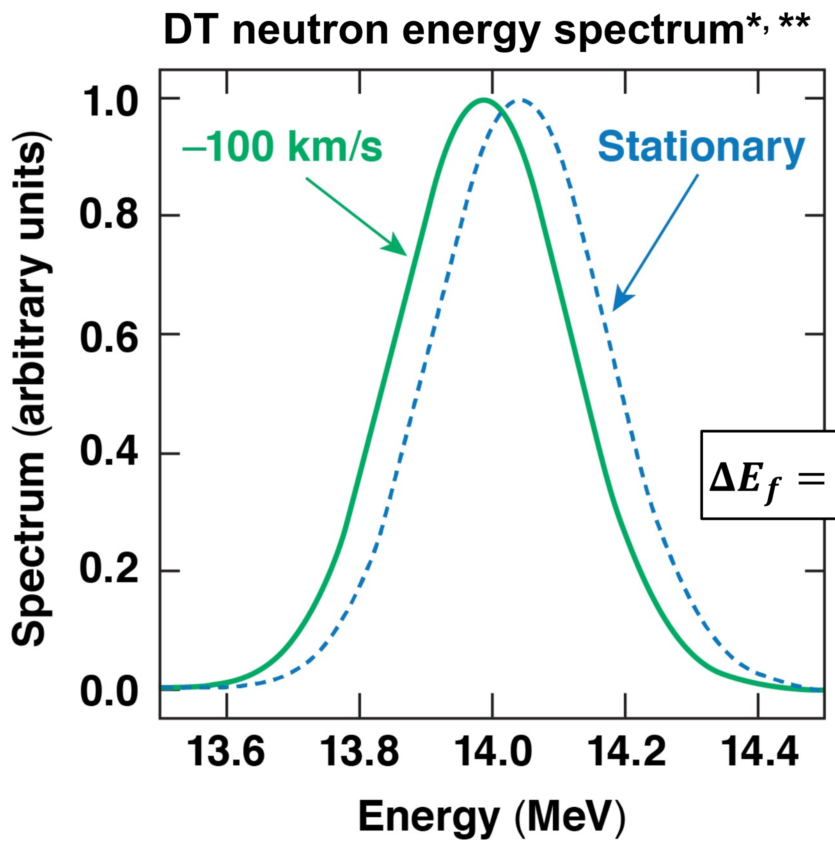

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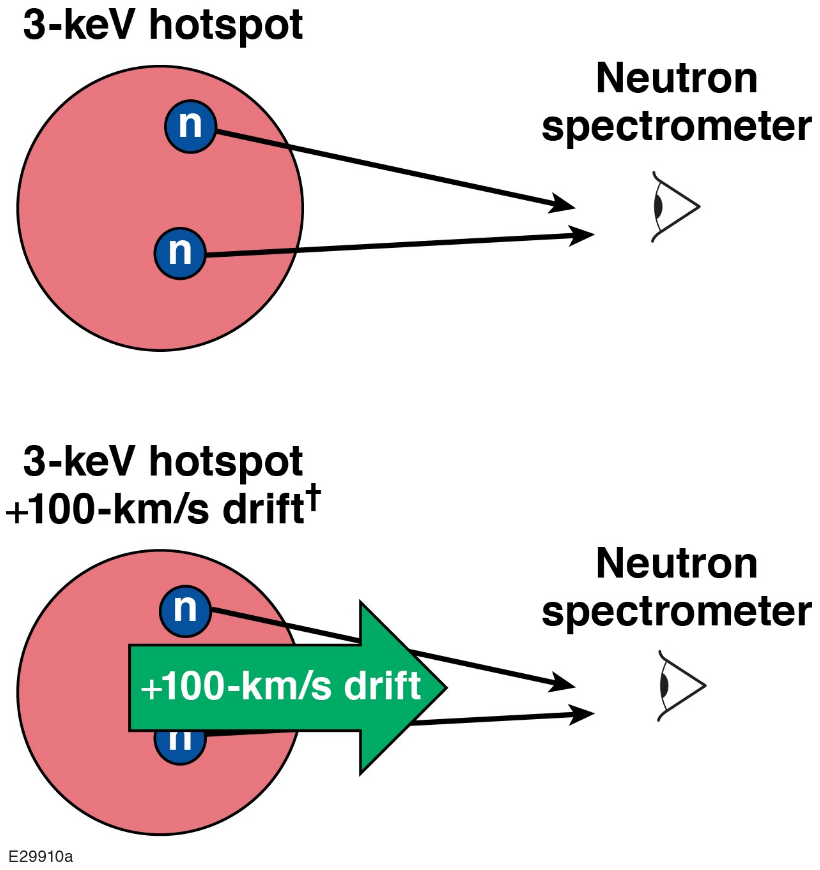

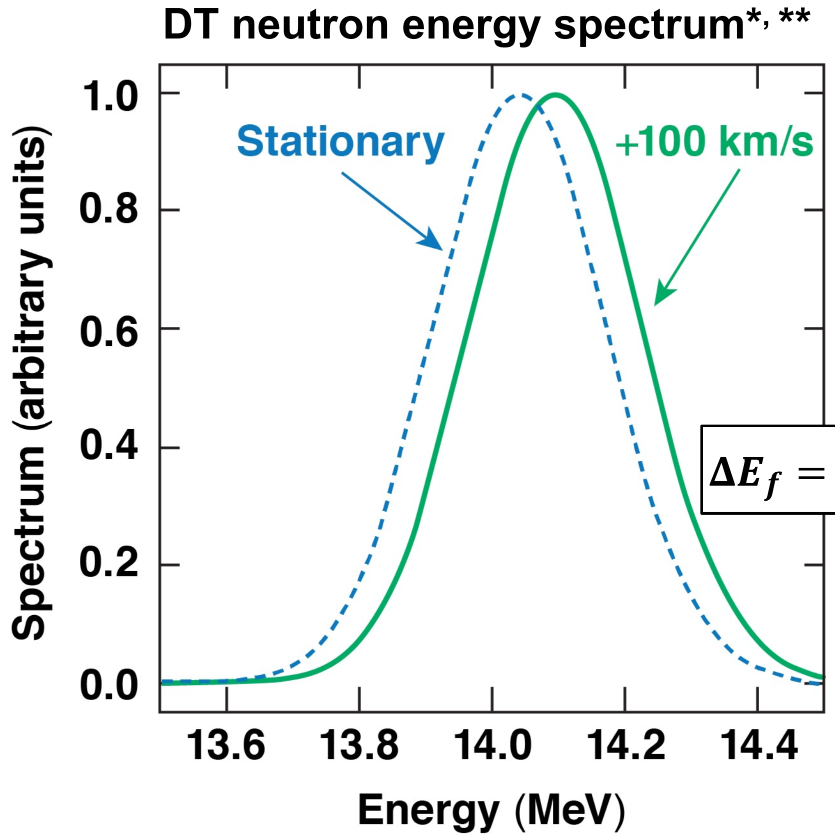

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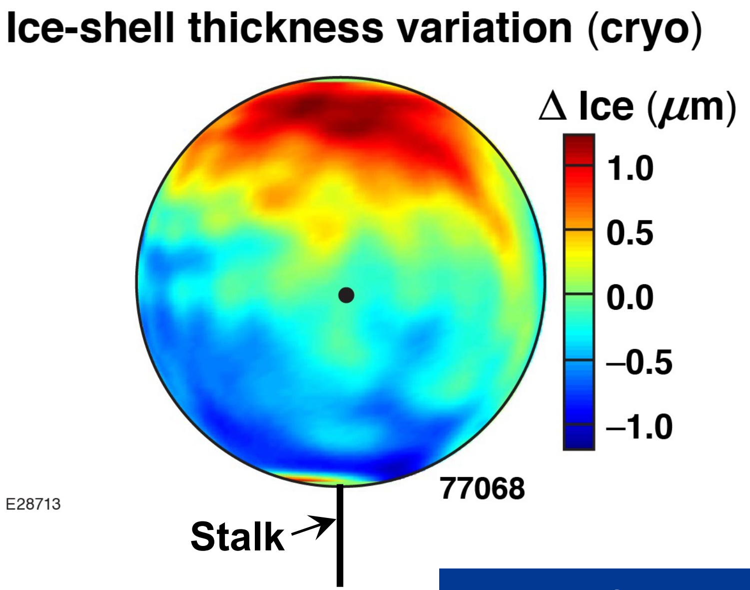
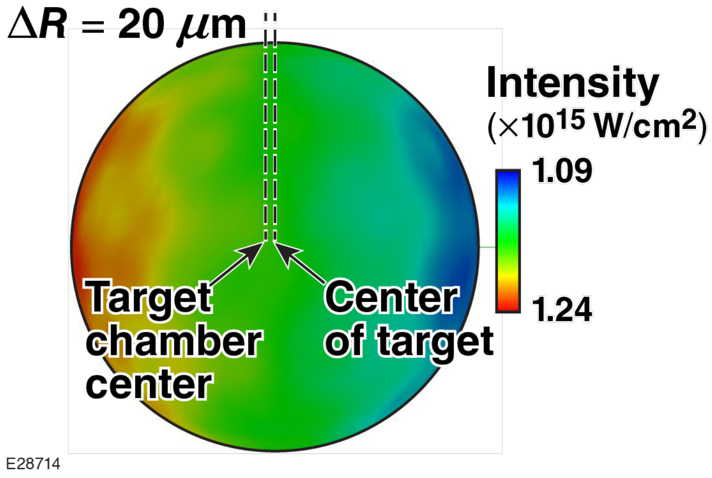
Multidimensional effects are seeded by several sources of nonuniformities in the laser and the target[#]

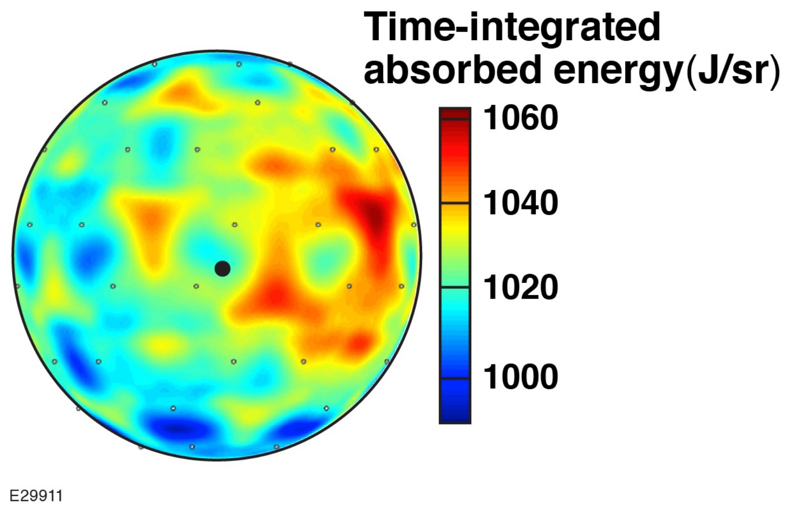
Target asymmetries from nonuniform layers and the target stalk → asymmetric implosion



Target positioning*,**



Beam pointing, beam-to-beam energy/power imbalance, and LPIs[†]



Nonuniformity leads to asymmetric compression of the target, resulting in inefficient *PdV* work being done by the shell on the hot spot.

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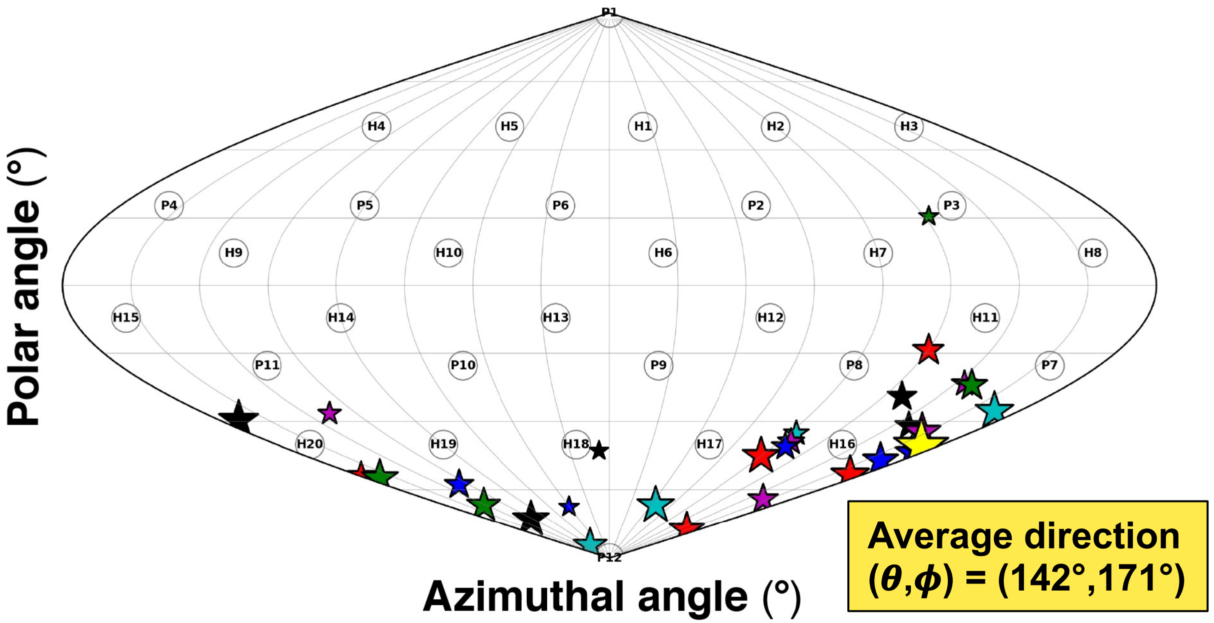

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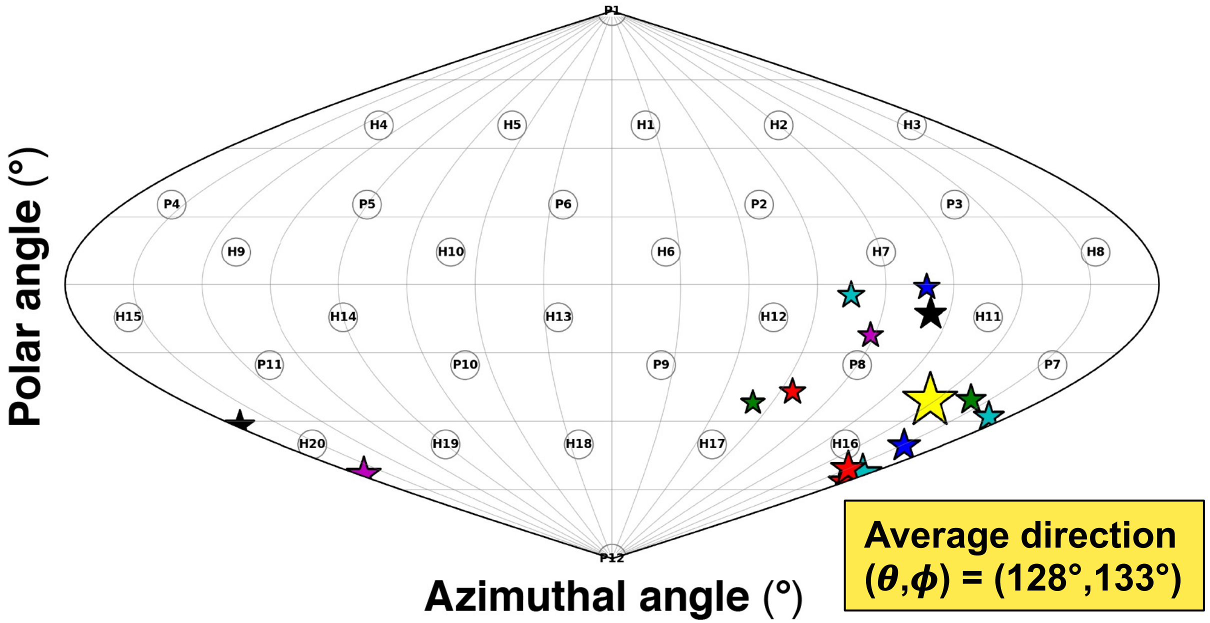

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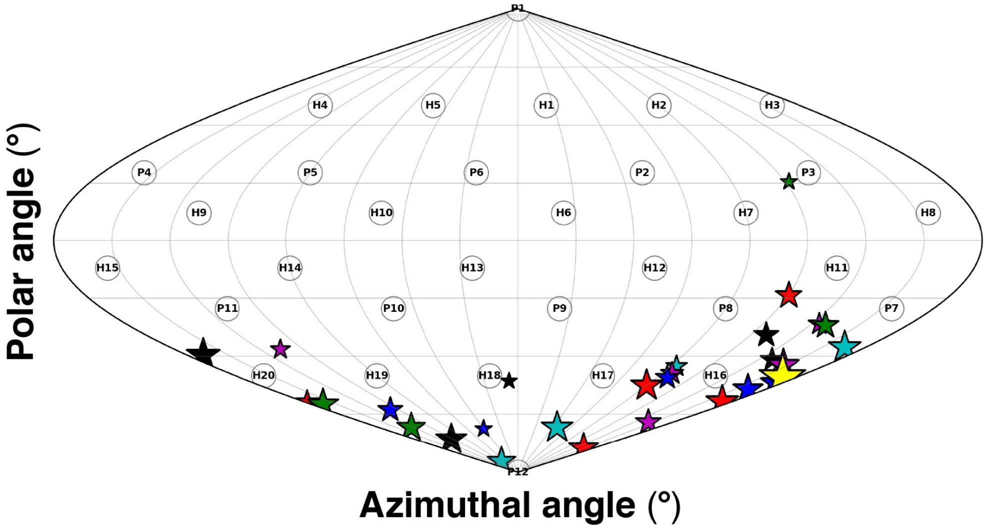

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ℓ-mode amplitudes of drive asymmetry♯

ℓ mode	Beam pointing (worst)**	Beam pointing (typical)	Energy / power imbalance (typical)	Target positioning (typical)	LPI effects‡
1	~5%	~1-1.5%	~0.5-1%	~0.5%	~0.4%

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