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# A Universal Cookoff Model (UCM) coupled to a MicroMechanics Pressurization (MMP) model

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# Universal Cookoff Model (UCM)

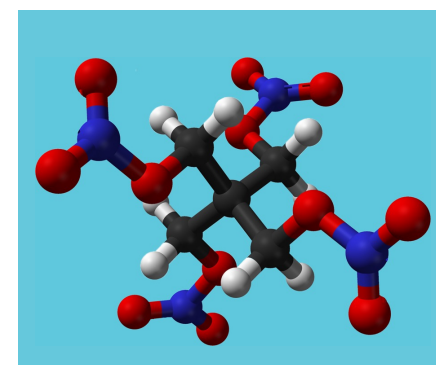
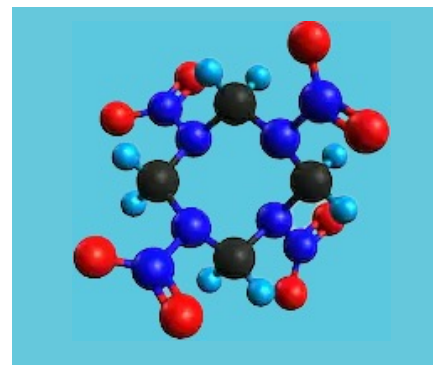
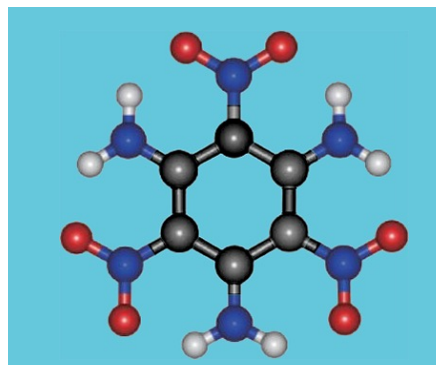
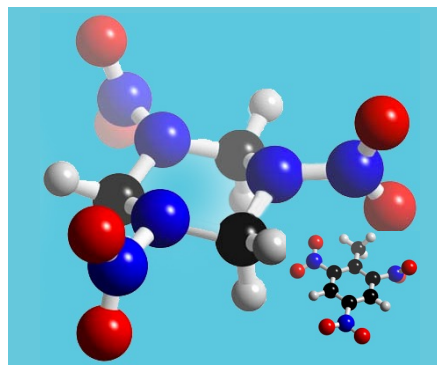
USS Forrestal 134 deaths

RDX (Comp-B)

TATB (PBX 9502)

HMX (PBX 9501)

PETN



Original

Energy	$\rho_b C_b \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) + \sum_{i=1,4} r_i h_{r,i} M w_i$
Mechanism	$S \xrightarrow{1} S_g$ , adsorbed gases (e.g. moisture) $E \xrightarrow{2} \alpha G_E + \beta C_E$ , Condensed-phase dominant ( $r_2 \neq f[P]$ ) $E \xrightarrow{3} \alpha G_E + \beta C_E$ , Gas-phase dominant ( $r_3 = f[P]$ ) $B \xrightarrow{4} \gamma G_B + \delta C_B$ , Binder
Rates	$r_1 = A_1 T^{m_1} \exp\left(\frac{-E_1 + \xi_1 \sigma_1}{RT}\right) [S]$ $r_2 = A_2 \lambda_2 T^{m_2} \exp\left(\frac{-E_2 + \xi_2 \sigma_2}{RT}\right) [E]$ $r_3 = A_3 \lambda_3 T^{m_3} \left(\frac{P}{P_o}\right)^{n_3} \exp\left(\frac{-E_3 + \xi_3 \sigma_3}{RT}\right) [E]$ $r_4 = A_4 T^{m_4} \exp\left(\frac{-E_4 + \xi_4 \sigma_4}{RT}\right) [B]$
Species	$\frac{d[S]}{dt} = -r_1$ ; $\frac{d[S_g]}{dt} = r_1$ ; $\frac{d[E]}{dt} = -r_1 - r_2$ ; $\frac{d[G_E]}{dt} = \alpha(r_2 + r_3)$ ; $\frac{d[C_E]}{dt} = \beta(r_2 + r_3)$ ; $\frac{d[B]}{dt} = -r_3$ ; $\frac{d[G_B]}{dt} = \gamma r_3$ ; $\frac{d[C_B]}{dt} = \delta r_3$
Distribution	$\xi_1 = \text{invnorm}\left(\frac{[S]}{[S_o]}\right)$ ; $\xi_2 = \xi_3 = \text{invnorm}\left(\frac{[E]}{[E_o]}\right)$ ; $\xi_4 = \text{invnorm}\left(\frac{[B]}{[B_o]}\right)$

Current

Use the following modified Arrhenius rate expression for each reactive component:

$$r = A \left( \frac{P}{P_o} \right)^n T^m \lambda \exp(-(E + \xi \sigma)/RT) [E]$$

Combining several phenomena into a single rate expression makes parameterizing the model simple and accurate.



# The form of the rate expression is key

(Comp-B mechanism used as example)

Cosine ramps are currently used for the acceleration terms to permit precise specification of the temperature where the rates change.

## Mechanism

## Rates



$$r_1 = A_1 \lambda_1 T^{m_1} \exp\left(\frac{-E_1 + \xi \sigma_1}{RT}\right) [RDX]$$



$$r_2 = A_2 \lambda_2 T^{m_2} \left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)^{n_2} \exp\left(\frac{-E_2 + \xi \sigma_2}{RT}\right) [RDX]$$

## Accelerations

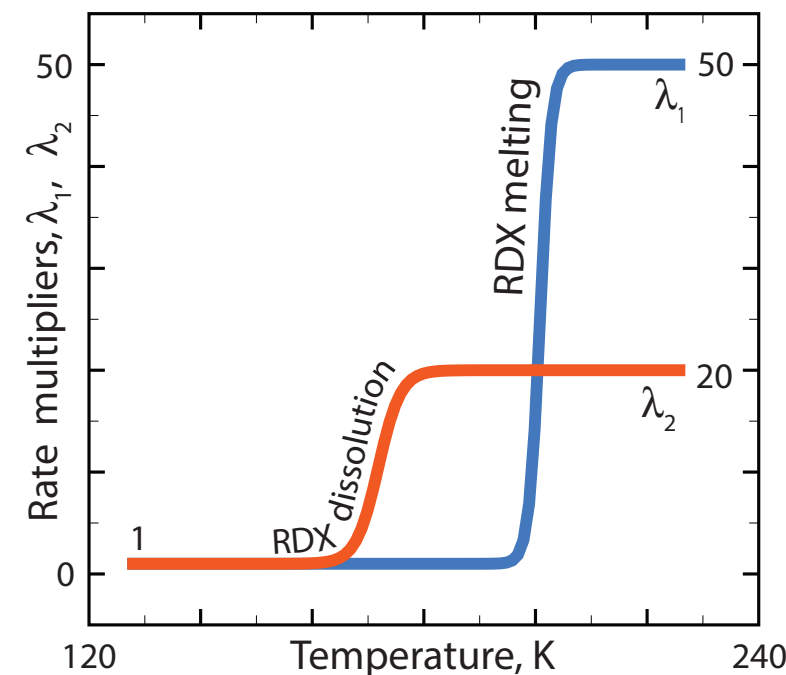
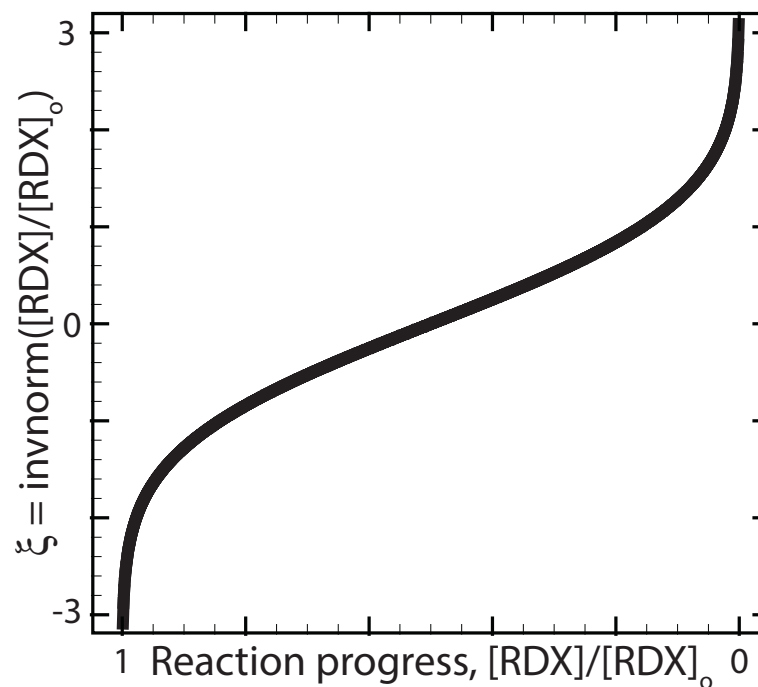
$$\lambda_1 = 1 + 0.5 \left[ 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{T - 474}{2}\right) \right] \times 49$$

$$\lambda_2 = 1 + 0.5 \left[ 1 + \tanh\left(\frac{T - 445}{4}\right) \right] \times 19$$

## Flexibility

Negative  $\sigma$  autocatalytic  
 Positive  $\sigma$  diffusion limited  
 $\sigma$  Fit with pressure profile data  
 E fit with vented data  
 n fit with sealed data  
 m fit with ignition data  
 $\lambda$  fit with ignition data

$$r = A \left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)^n T^m \lambda \exp\left(-\frac{(E + \xi \sigma)}{RT}\right) [E]$$



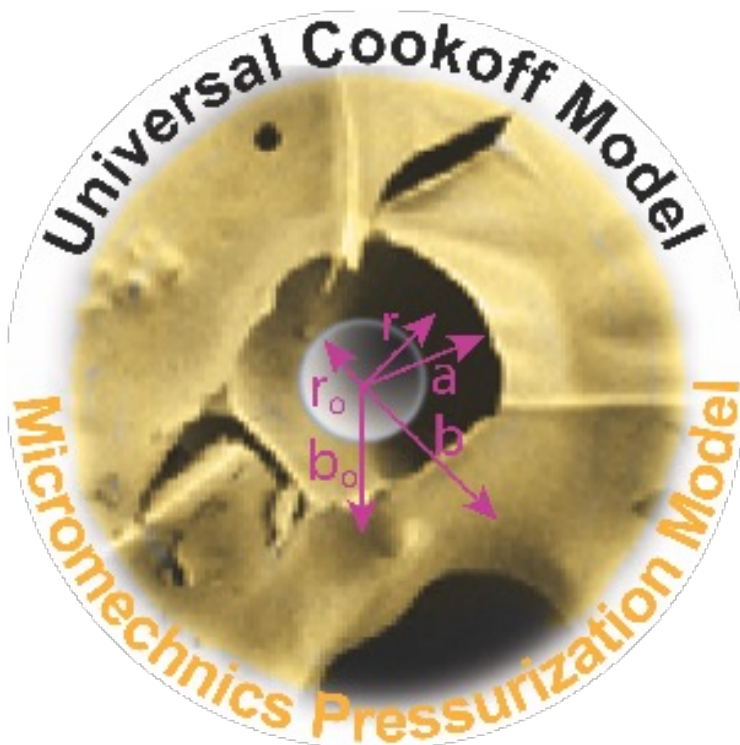
*A single modified Arrhenius rate expression can fit data as good or better than multiple Arrhenius rate expressions.*





# Micromechanics Pressurization model

MicroMechanics Pressurization (MMP) model developed for high density explosives where the decomposition gases are initially impermeable to decomposition gases



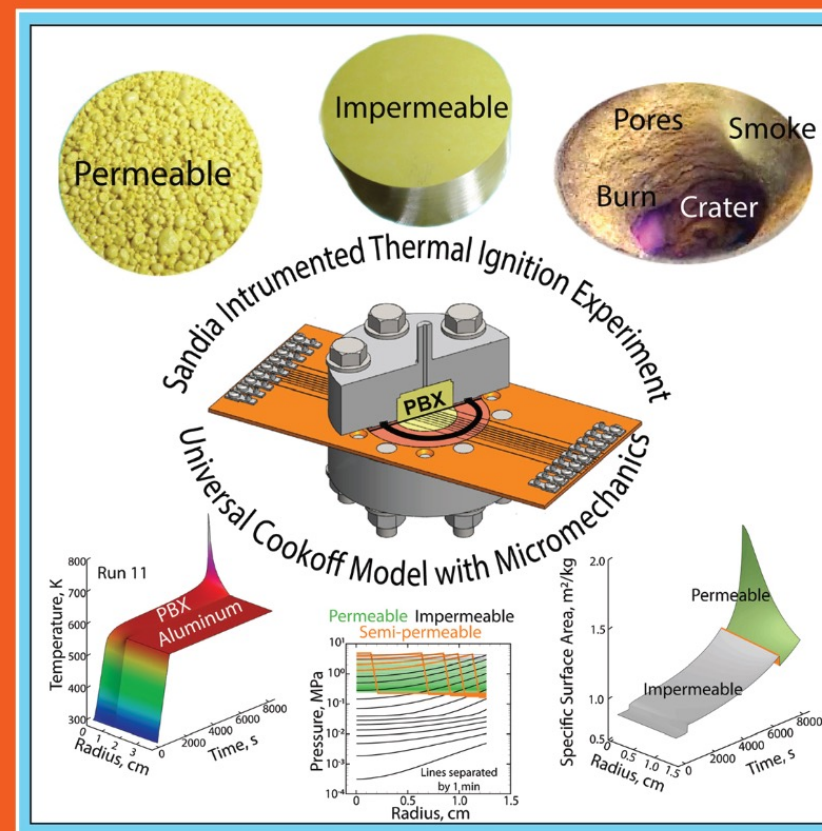
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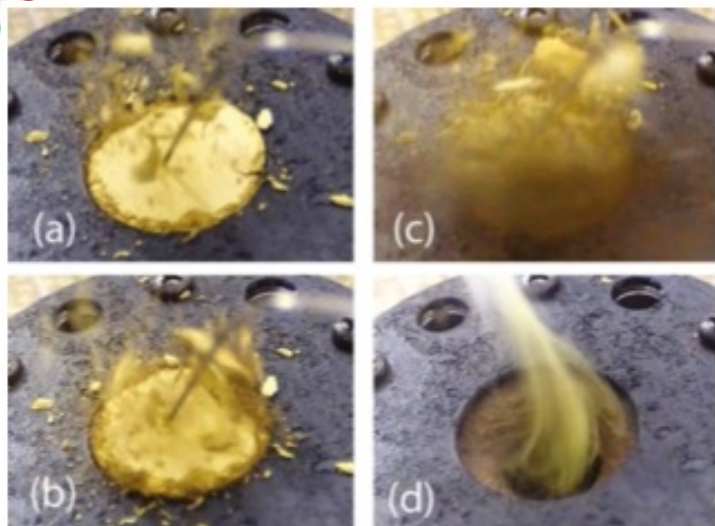


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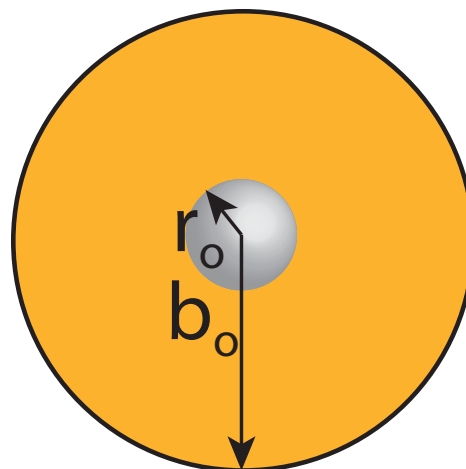




# Micromechanics Pressurization model

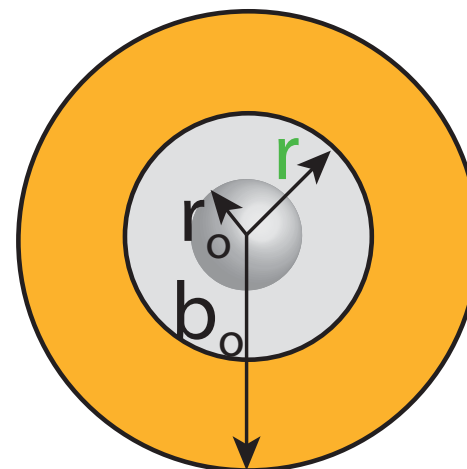


Initial



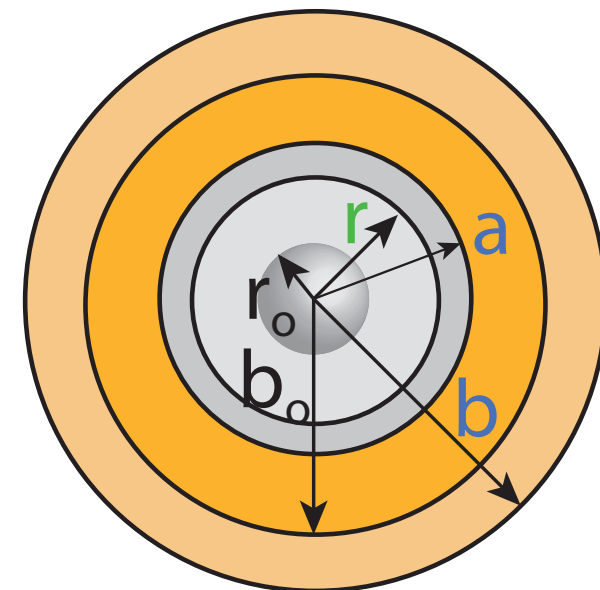
$r_o$  Initial defect radius.  
 $b_o$  Half the initial distance between defects.

Chemistry

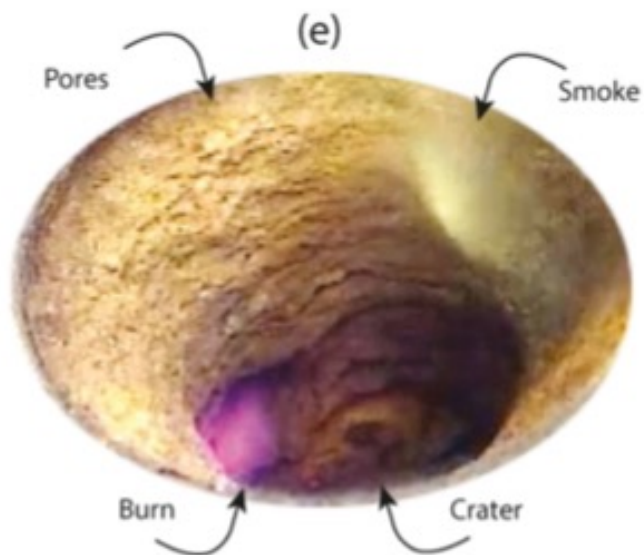


$r$  Initial radius plus radial increase due to decomposition.

Mechanics



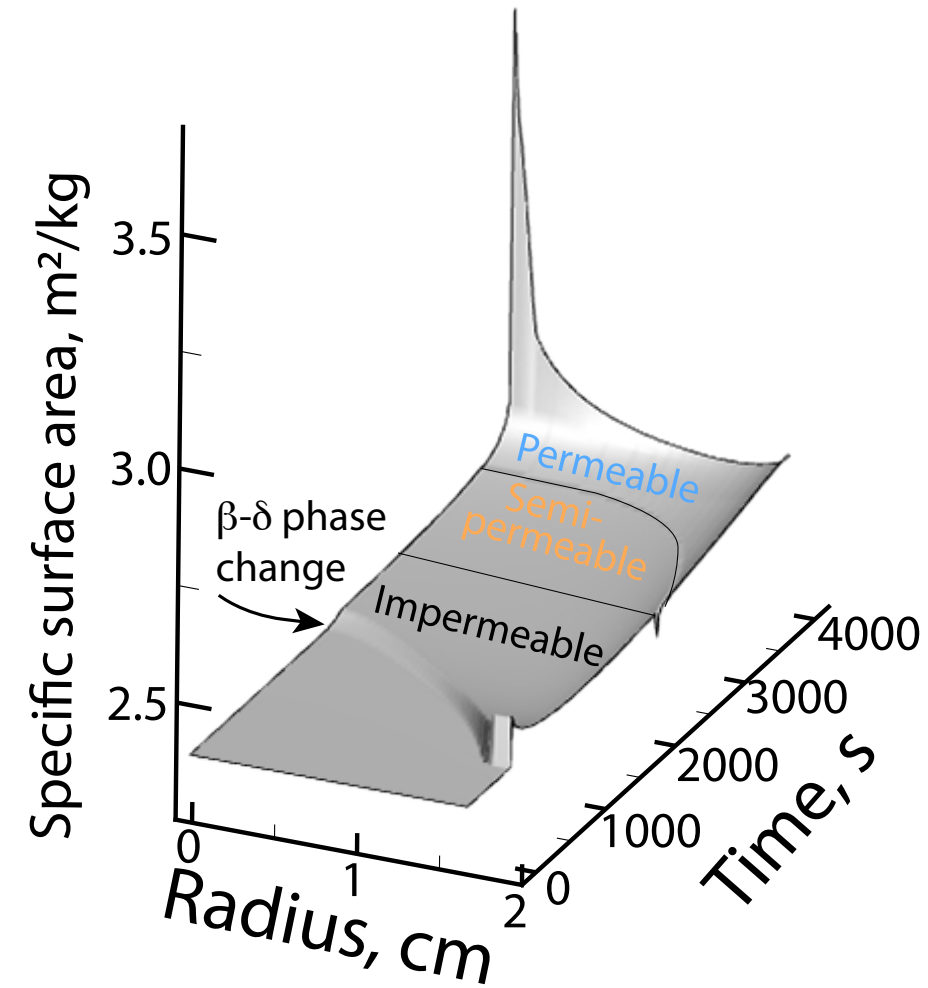
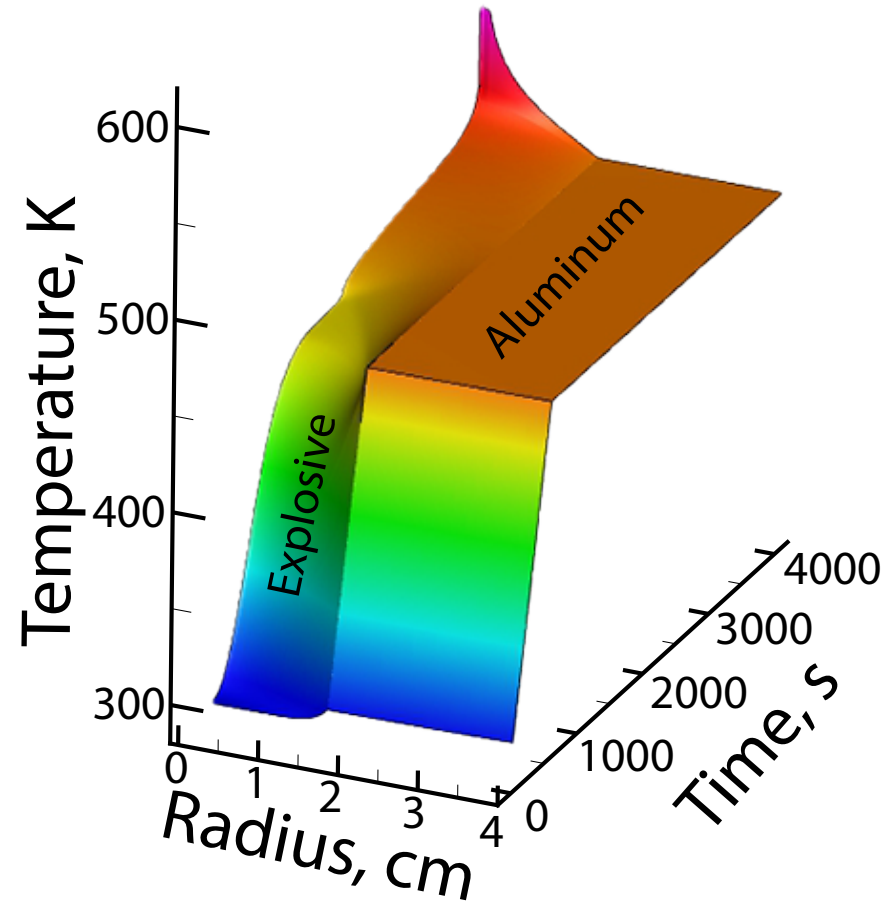
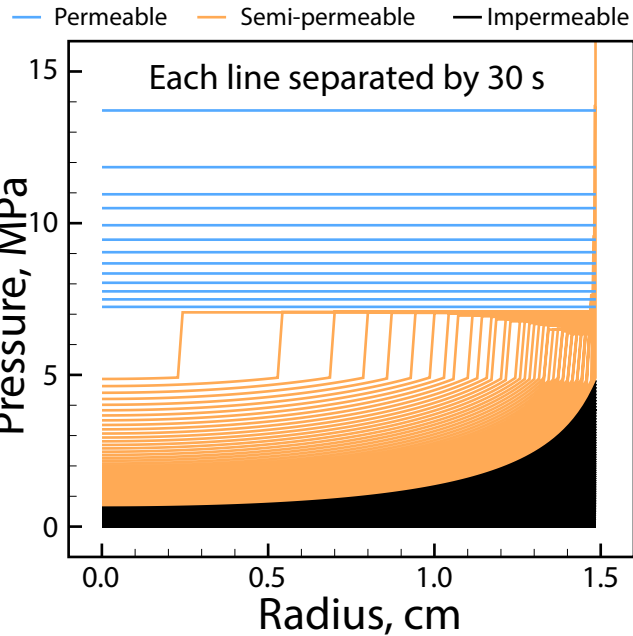
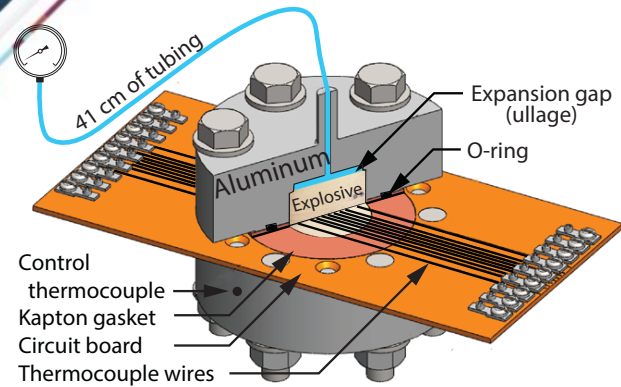
$a$  Defect radius resulting from chemistry and mechanical deformation.  
 $b$  Half the distance between defects.



MMP model gives better pressure for high-density pressed explosives (e.g., PBX 9501, PBX 9502, etc.)



# MMP predicts thermal damage in HMX based explosive



Combined UCM/MMP model predicts transient evolution of permeability.

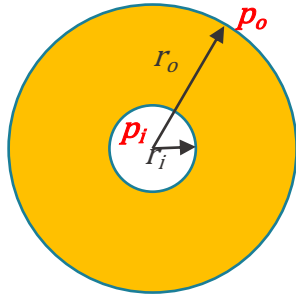




# Micromechanics pressurization MMP model

## Micromechanical Pressurization (MMP) model

- Based on simple analytic expressions for deformation in a spherical pressure vessel



radial stress at inner surface:

$$\sigma_{rr} = \frac{p_o r_o^3}{r^3} \frac{r^3 - r_i^3}{r_i^3 - r_o^3} + \frac{p_i r_i^3}{r^3} \frac{r_o^3 - r^3}{r_i^3 - r_o^3}$$

displacement at inner surface:

$$u_{r=r_i} = \frac{3(p_i - p_o)r_i r_o^3}{4E(r_i^3 - r_o^3)}$$

## The idea is that one can:

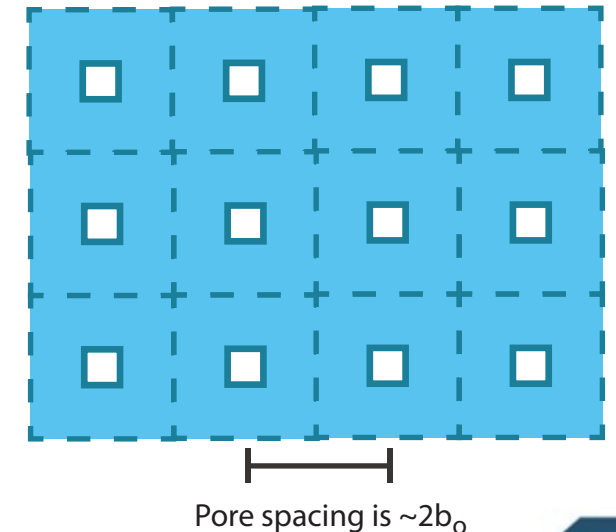
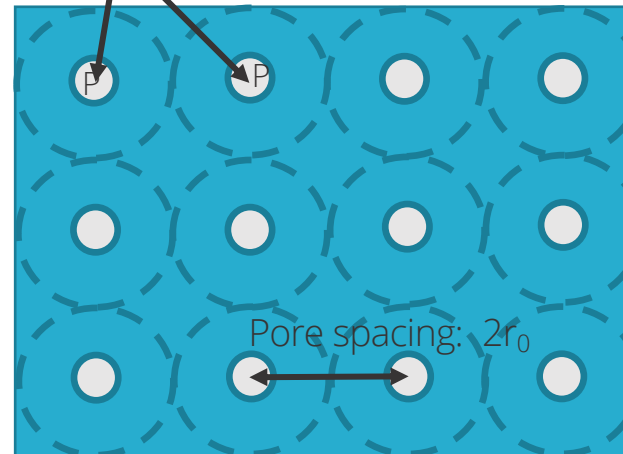
- determine the effective pore size and internal pressure by balancing the internal gas with material strength properties;
- use internal pressure in chemical reaction models;
- start to address permeability prediction (so far used in a gross sense, either “non permeable” or “fully permeable”) by using percolation limits of pore density and size;
- do this without having to resort to an expensive full poromechanics formulation & code (i.e. it is still tractable).

## Use mesoscale FE modeling to investigate some key assumptions of MMP model:

- How reasonable is the assumption that pores remain isolated from each other as they grow from chemical reaction producing gases?
- At what conditions would interactions of pores produce “connectedness” which would allow permeation of gases?
- Are there aspects from a group (rather than single pore) analysis which would help improve MMP model?
- Etc.
- Status: [work in progress](#), plan to continue through FY22



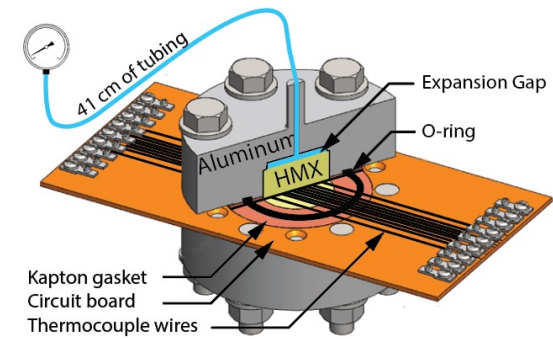
Gas-filled pores/reaction nucleation sites  
Internal Pressure, P



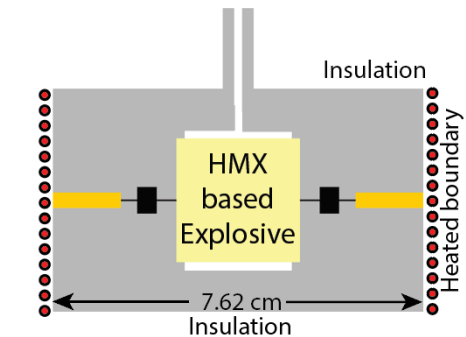
Model couples chemistry and mechanics.

# UCM/MMP ARIA implementation of HMX/NC/K10 of SIT1

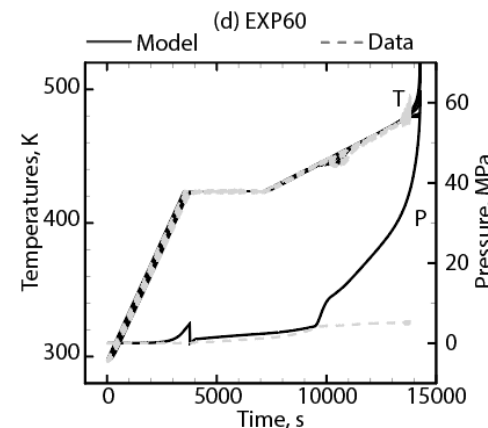
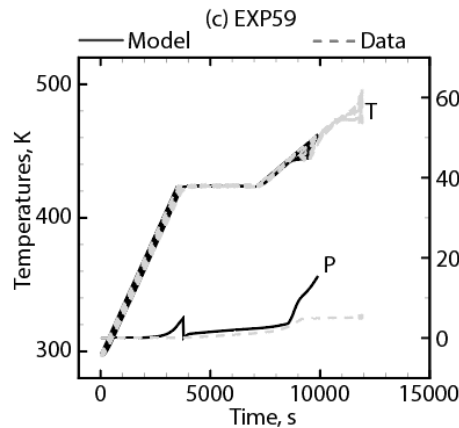
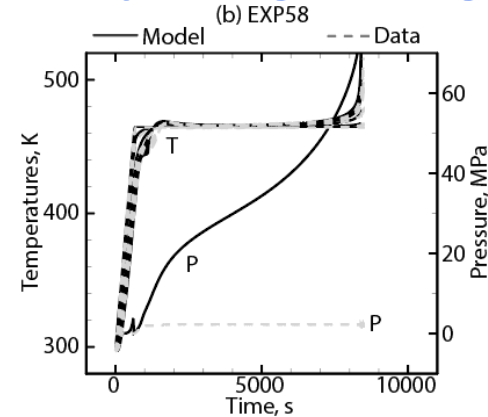
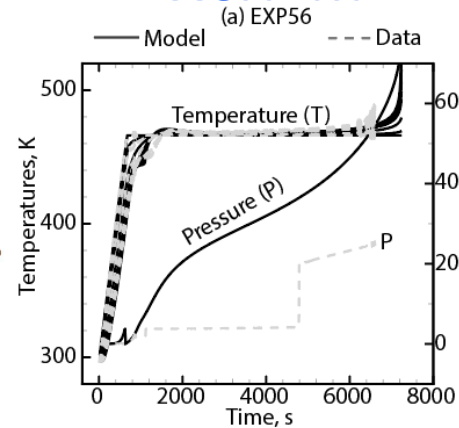
## SITI configuration



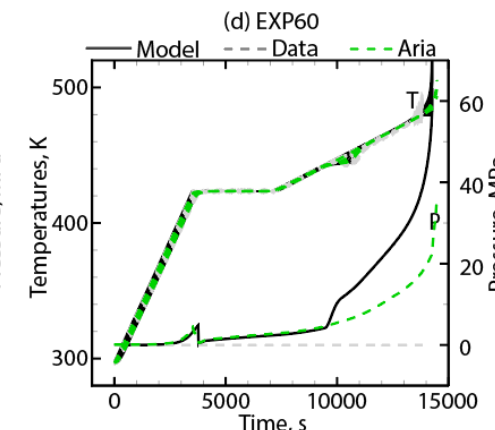
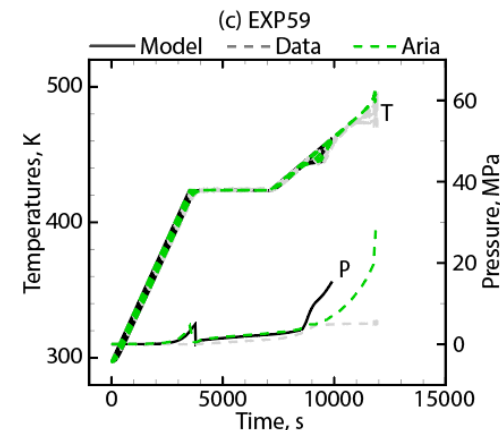
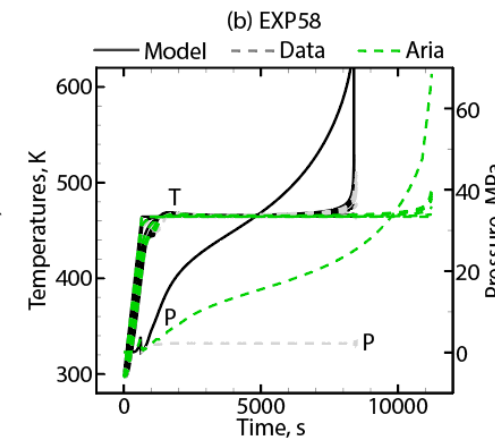
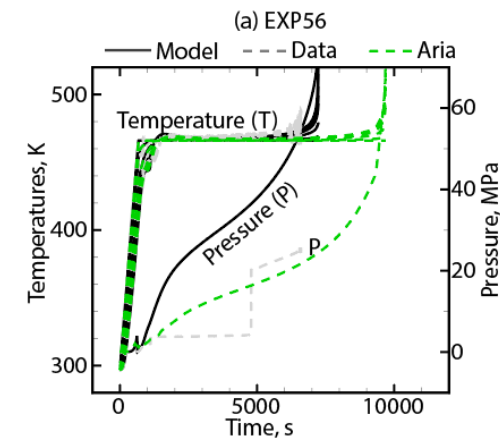
## SITI schematic



## XCHEM—1D adaptive gridding



## ARIA—2D axisymmetric



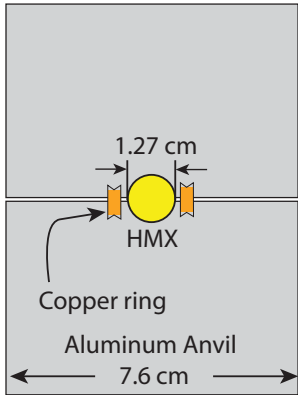
ARIA model lacks volume change associated with  $\beta$ - $\delta$  polymorph



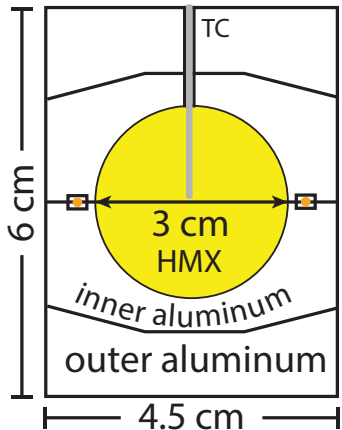


# UCM/MMP ARIA implementation of HMX/NC/K10 of ODTX and ODTV

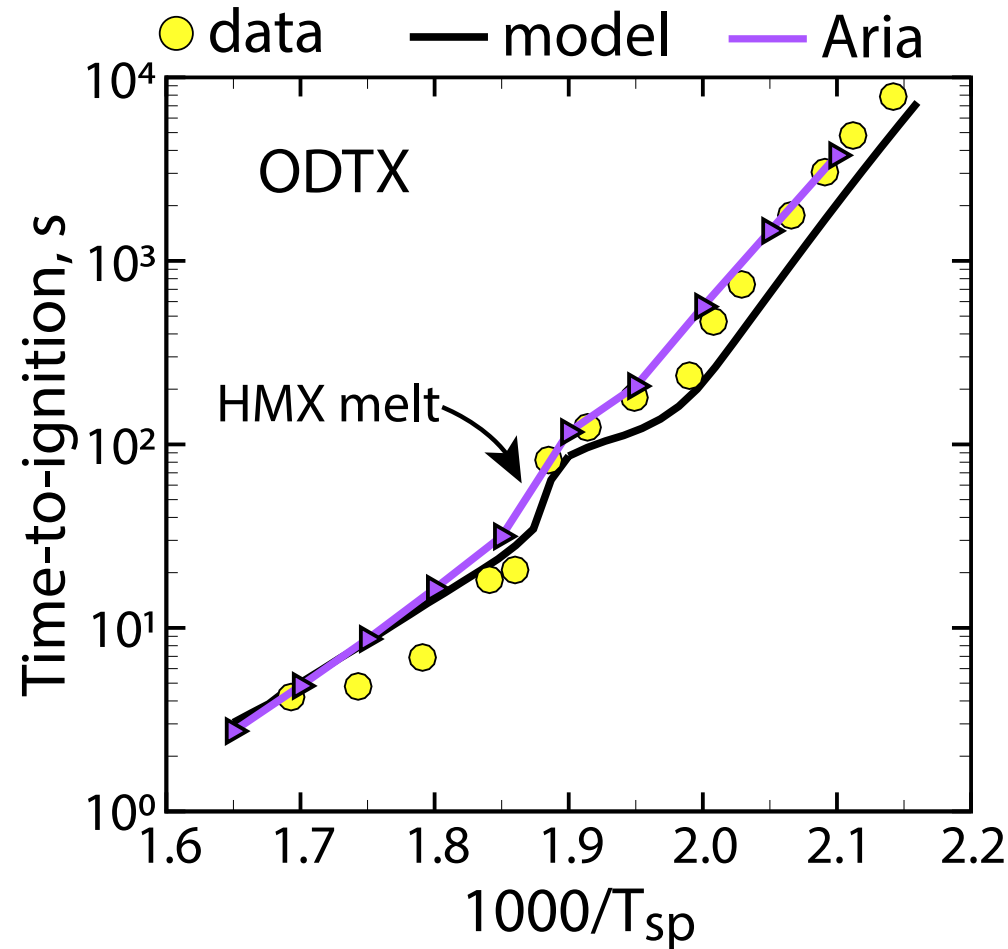
## ODTX schematic



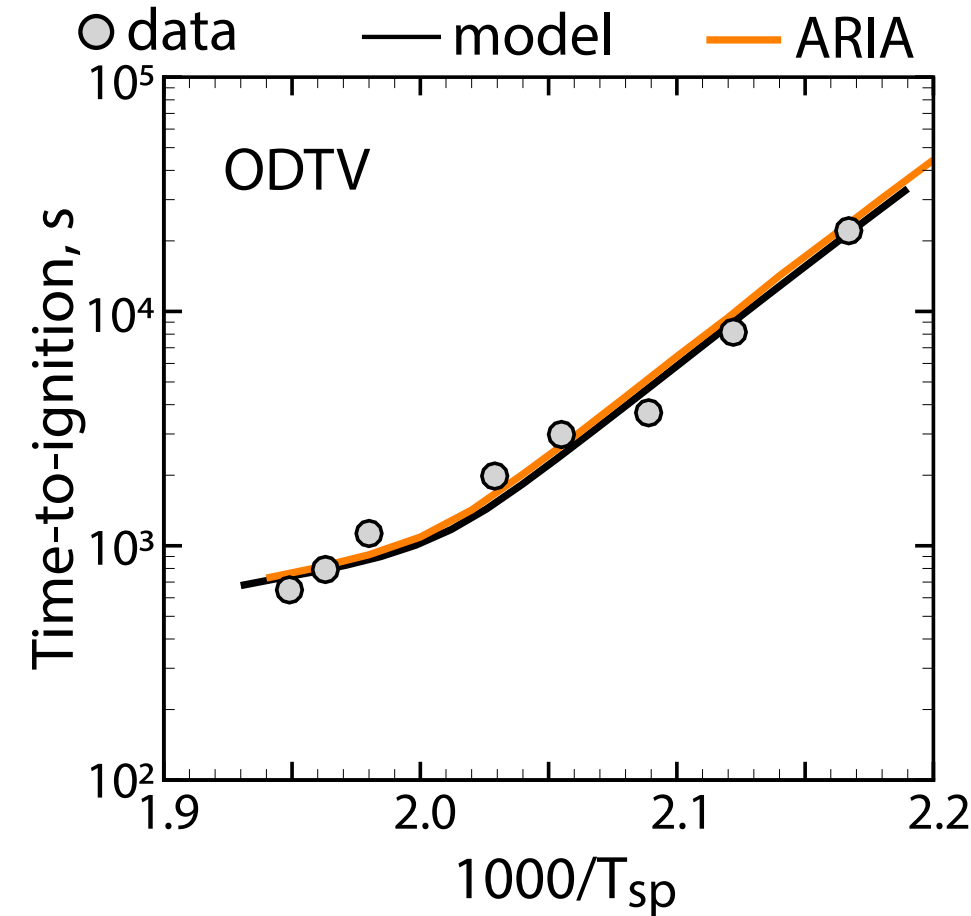
## PDTV schematic



## ODTX simulations



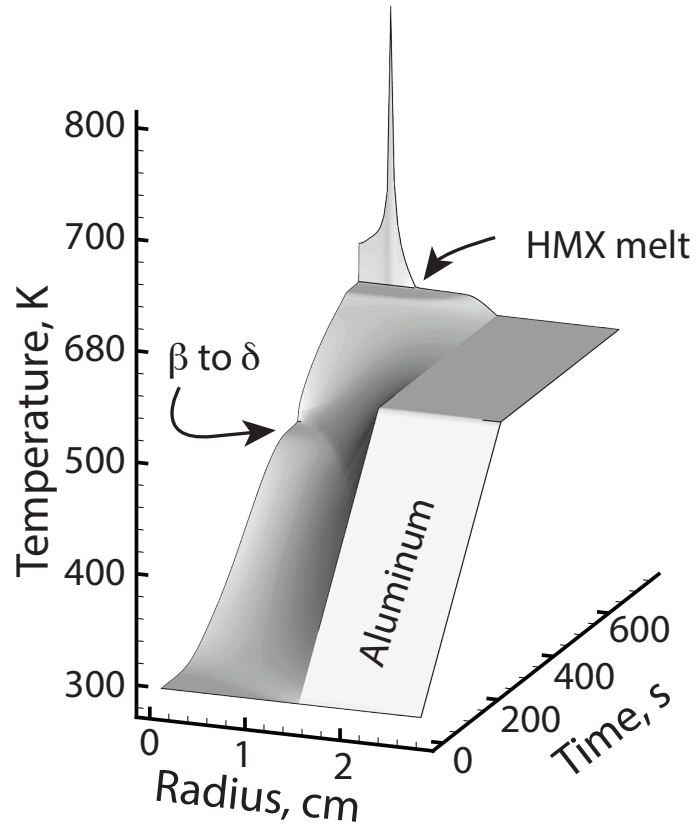
## ODTV simulations



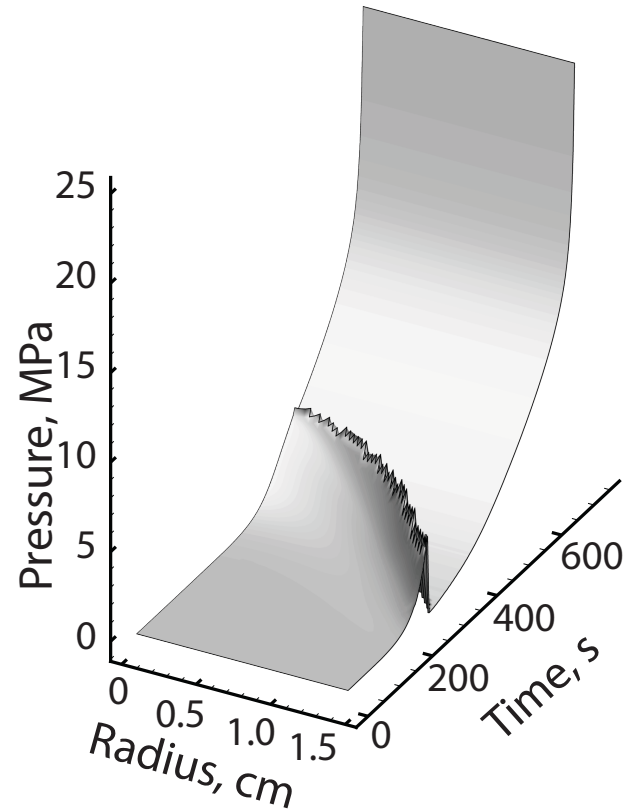


# UCM/MMP Predictions of Thermal Damage in ODTV

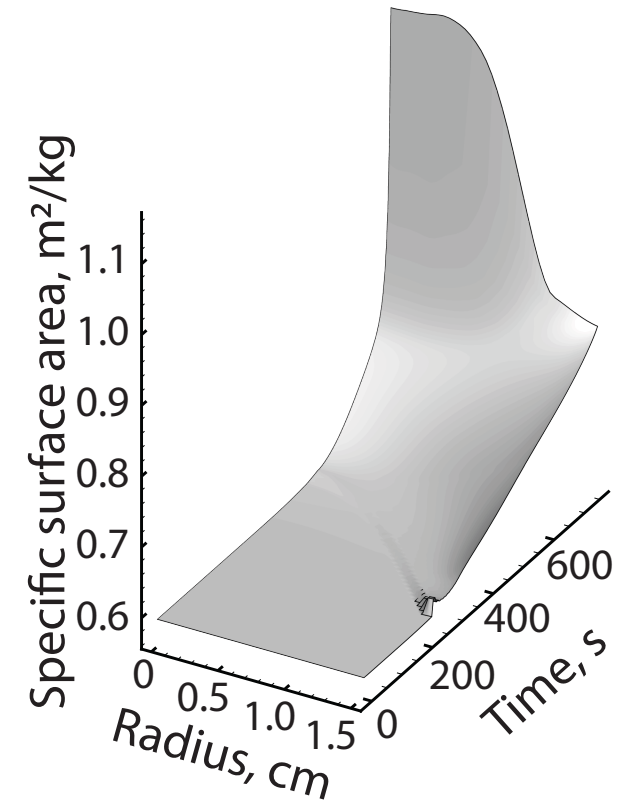
## Temperature



## Pressure



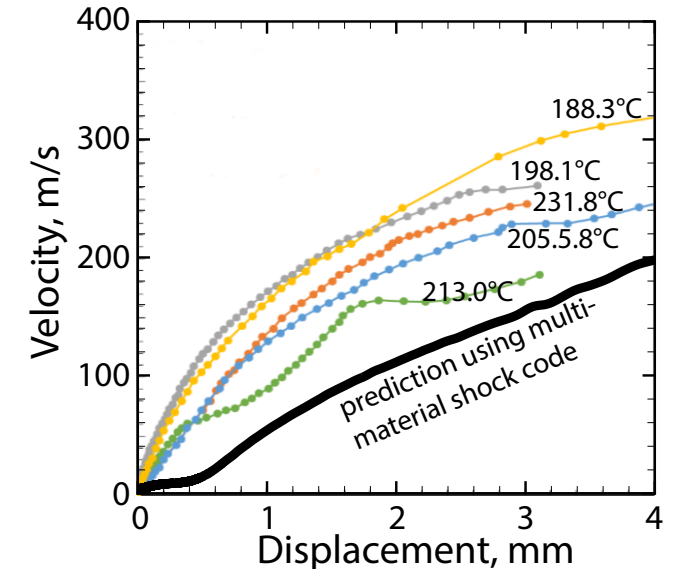
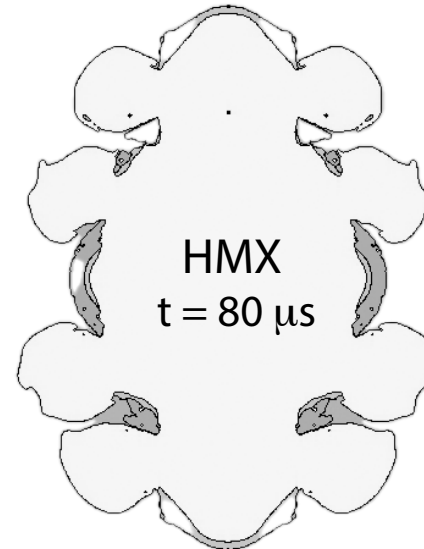
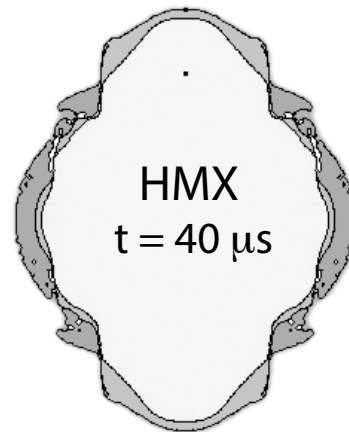
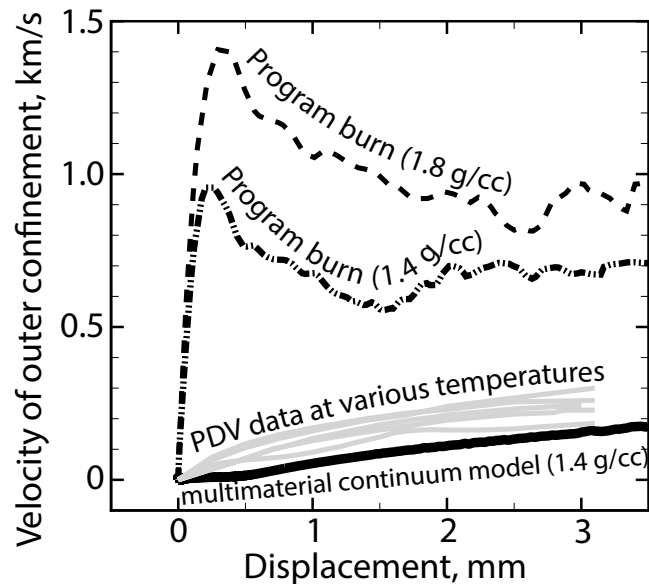
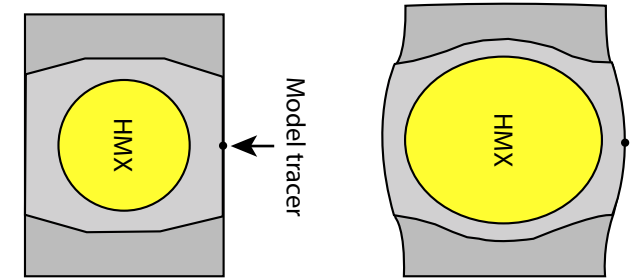
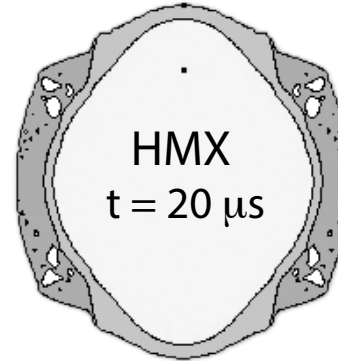
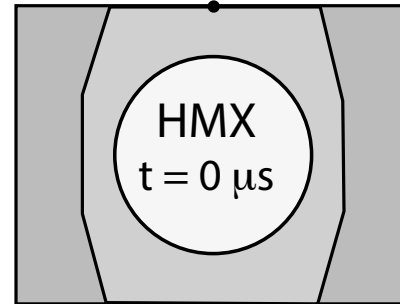
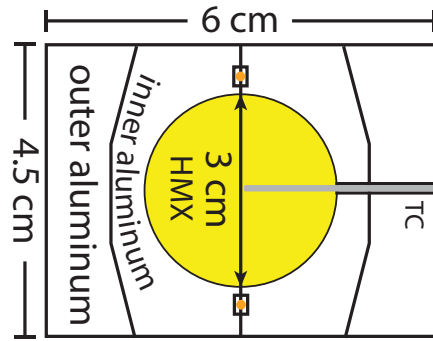
## Surface Area



Challenge is to incorporate these results into violence predictions.



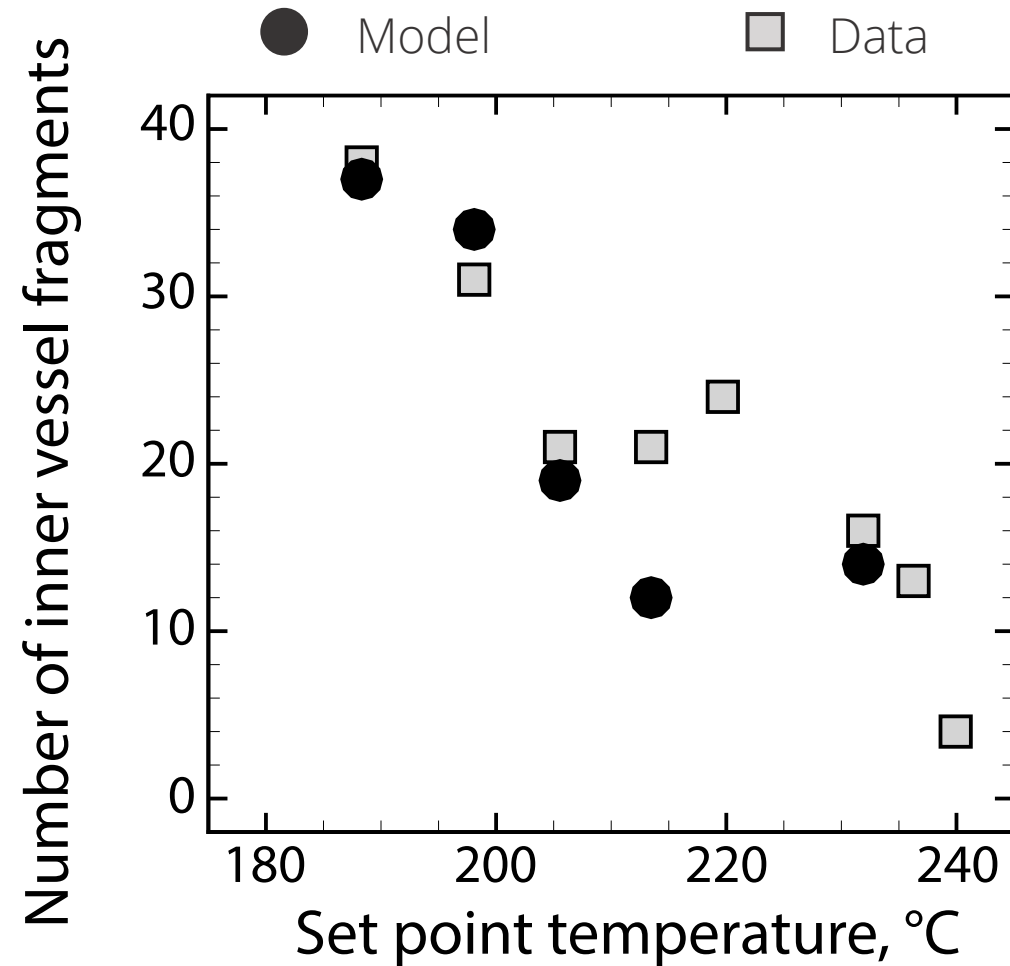
# Programmed burn vs multimaterial DDT



Programmed burn is not close. However, DDT models are promising even though the density used was only 1.4 g/cc and the VCCT was 1.8 g/cc

# Fragmentation based on fracture toughness

$$s = \left( \frac{\sqrt{24}K \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_m}\right)^n}{\rho c \dot{\epsilon}} \right)$$



M. E. Kipp, D. E. Grady and J. W. Swegle, *International Journal of Impact Engineering*, 1993, 14, 427.

The agreement was obtained by judicious selection of the temperature exponent  $n$  (-3.5) in the equation and usage of the experimentally measured velocities rather than the predicted velocities.





# Summary and conclusions

- UCM model uses 1 modified Arrhenius rate for each reactive ingredient.
- UCM reaction rate is a function of temperature, pressure, phase
- MMP model determines effective pore size by balancing internal gas generation with mechanical strength.
- UCM/MMP models can be calibrated with two experiments, but cannot model aging without additional experiments.
- UCM/MMP model has been validated with several materials and is native in SIERRA/ARIA
- Model is sensitive to both temperature and pressure.
- Post-ignition violence was estimated based on DDT simulations