Target basics Abbas Nikroo, General Atomics





The target is one of the key elements of a successful experiment





GA's major infrastructure has made it a natural choice for development and production of targets





Components and targets for ICF program are primarily made at GA and the national labs



Assembly is performed primarily at the laser facilities



A variety of capabilities are needed for fabrication of various classes of ICF targets



Multiple capabilities are often needed to make a single target



Simpler components (e.g. simple planar foils) are simply purchased



Commonality of capabilities and equipment at one facility improves efficiency and reduces duplication of resources



GA and the labs have this necessary infrastructure



GA produces targets for all the major NNSA ICF facilities

NNSA's three major new ICF facilities



- The facilities use thousands of high precision targets/year
 - OMEGA ~ 4000 components and targets/year
 - ZR ~ 200 targets/year
 - NIF ~ two thousands components/year
 - Other some work depending on complexity

A number of target platforms have already been transferred from Omega to NIF



We anticipate target needs through scheduling in close partnership with laboratory Point of Contacts and PIs



- Discusses all OMEGA targets:
 - Track status
 - Flag and resolve issues
 - Planning

Make sure you know you lab and GA POC's and "Target Fab Engineers"



Engage target fabrication early





"3 page" experiment request is an effective tool in communicating the target needs





Get to know your target ABC's!

Type A : R&D never done before

Type C: "routine" , made several or more times before

Type B: in between A and C

Consult target fab regarding proper designation!



A target may go from routine (Type C) to R&D (Type A) just by changing one of the materials (ask Bob Heeter!)



Machined components can come in a variety of flavors





A shell is a shell is a shell ...?





Blueprint for a successful target acquisition



Plan early and stay engaged throughout the target production timeline



Target design and fabrication techniques may evolve significantly during the course of a campaign





Significant R&D may needed to determine if we could even make the targets



Target request form (TRF) documents target types, quantities, specifications

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TRF is starting and ending point for ensuring targets for your experiments



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