Analysis of Self-Emission from Spherical Shock Experiments



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Statistical methods are being developed that allow a systematic comparison of integrated physics models to experimental data

- Recently much work has been done in trying to improve the predictability^{*} and extrapolation of implosion models by finding a mapping^{**} between simulations and experiments
- While this provides greater predictive capability for experimental design,[†] it does not offer insight into deficiencies in the physics present in models

This work aims to identify where there are deficiencies in the physics models.

[†] K. D. Humbird et al., Computer Science Archive, available at <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.06055</u> (2018).



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The experimental setup includes a solid CD sphere with a CH outer layer





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80 distinct experimental observables are measured





The 80 experimental observations are compared to data modeled by the hydrodynamics code *LILAC* *





A method developed by Gaffney *et al.*^{*} that uses the information^{**} as the objective function is used to fit the modeled data to the experimental data

- Gaffney et al.* developed a technique to constrain the physics of models by minimizing the information,** which is calculated from model predictions of experimental observations accounting for the effect of nuisance parameters from the experimental setup
- The information^{**} consists of terms relating to:
 - standard χ^2 term
 - how much the difference in modeled data from observable data can be explained by variation in the nuisance parameters
 - information about nuisance parameters and prior information about physics parameters



Physics parameters are adjusted until a minimum in the information is found



The best fit includes an opacity multiplier of <1, indicating the opacity is overpredicted for x-ray energies above ~2 keV



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Backup slides



The physics parameters are varied and the shape of the information surface is mapped out searching for a minimum





Coarse x-ray spectral measurements were made using a filtered x-ray pinhole camera





Temporal and spatial measurements of the x-ray emission were made using a fast x-ray framing camera*





A shock collapse time of 5.5 ns and time-resolved radial profiles were measured



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A forward-fitting procedure is used to generate data from the models to compare to the experimental measurements





The measurements are fit using two models and a Bayesian model fitting method*

- Models include a semi-analytic modified Guderley solution** and a 1-D Lagrangian hydrodynamics code LILAC[†]
- The modified Guderley solution includes only hydrodynamics and electron-ion equilibration, while *LILAC* includes a full suite of physics including radiation transport and thermal conduction along with more-realistic equations of state
- A forward-fitting procedure is applied using a minimization of information with the inclusion of nuisance parameters



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X-ray shape is insensitive to the thermal conduction model used around shock collapse



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A very small amount of the internal energy is conducted around the time of shock collapse



The conducted energy in the most-extreme cases accounts for a small fraction of a percent of total internal energy.





Emission follows the shock front closely, so the shape of the emission is likely dominated by the outgoing trajectory (which is determined by the EOS and the strength of the shock \rightarrow Energy coupling in the corona?)

