# **Review of BigFoot Implosion Data at NIF**



#### BigFoot experiments

- Au hohlraum with 0.3 mg/cc fill
- DT adiabat 3 to 4
- Capsule IR 844 um\*\*

CH, Be, and HDC experiments

- Au hohlraum with 0 to 1.6 mg/cc fill
- DT adiabat 1.5 to 2.5
- Capsule IR 900 to 1000 um



Yield quantified versus:

- 1. Hotspot symmetry = P<sub>2</sub>
- 2. Target scale = S
- 3. Implosion velocity = v
- 4. Laser energy = E
- 5. DT adiabat =  $\alpha$
- 6. Shot number (reproducibility)
- 7. Compression = C

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\*\* Converted to a common scale assuming Y ~ S+4

### Summary

# BigFoot was designed to limit hydrodynamic growth, laser-plasma instabilities, and hohlraum filling



- Minimize impacts of target quality, target alignment, laser pointing, etc.
- Maximize coupling and predictability (laser energy to target)
- Simplify interpretations of data, and physics vs reproducibility



BigFoot data (2016)\*\*

X-ray emission ~ 10 keV

Nuclear BT

+150 ps

## Primary goal: study implosion physics, establish understanding



\*\* Capsule filled with Hydrogen gas, not a cryogenic DT layer

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# BigFoot data responds to hotspot symmetry = $P_2$ (though $P_2$ can vary, shot-to-shot)



A: 180128 (highest performing experiment to-date)

- B: Repeat of A after changes in the laser, target alignment system, and target fab
- C: Repeat of B at 12% smaller scale
- D: Repeat of C with 12% less inner cone power

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## Performance increases with target scale = S (for a perfect hydro-scale: $L = S L_o$ , $t = S t_o$ , $P = S^2 P_o$ , $E = S^3 E_o$ )





#### Hohlraum and capsule physics similar for factor of 1.5 in energy

\*\* Converted to 1D yield assuming Y ~ 1 - 0.045 |P2|

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## Yield increases with implosion velocity = v (at constant laser energy)



 Theory:
 Adiabatic hotspot.

 Y ~ S<sup>+4</sup> T<sup>+2.5</sup> ← T ~ (v C)<sup>+2</sup>

Neglects small changes in self-heating and C(v); data should scale faster.

Y ~ S+4 v+5 C+5

It is important to optimize velocity ~ function of ablator and DT ice mass



# Sensitivity to laser energy exceeds no-alpha theory ~ E<sup>+5</sup> (at constant scale)



#### Suggests alpha-heating ~ E<sup>+2.5</sup>, consistent with Betti-type analysis

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## Performance is inconsistent with expectations on DT adiabat (at constant symmetry, scale, velocity, energy, etc.)



Rad-hydro calculations are unable to predict 2D/3D stability?



# Reproducibility: can be a challenge ~ 1 shot in 5 (including variability in symmetry, ~ 1 shot in 2)





Au flakes on capsule?

Same target and laser power vs time, but different response to capsule fill tube. \*\*

A: capsule with largest fill tube hole (more mix?) B: 200 um offset in target alignment (3D implosion?) C: increased x-ray emission from hotspot (more mix?)

### Need to apply care with individual data points, 'equivalent shots', etc.



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## Physics scaling(s) can be used to set priorities



BigFoot data are at smaller scale (S), higher energy density (E/m), and higher adiabat ( $\alpha$ ) than prior data, and achieve higher yield (Y) and gain (Q). Even when compared to data using advanced hohlraums (more effective energy) and high quality targets (smoother capsules, smaller fill tube, polar tent, etc.).

#### Can also gain insight by careful comparisons with other data



## Performance should depend on energy density



#### **BigFoot data are 10-15% low in compression relative to expectations**



\*\* DSR = down-scatter neutron ratio = neutron emission at 10-12 MeV vs 13-15 MeV ~ 3 to 4%

## Rad-hydro simulations are able to reproduce data if we correct for the measured compression ratio = C



Improvements in understanding/compression could increase performance



## Conclusion

# BigFoot implosions have been used to investigate the physics that work/don't in ICF



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# Ignition at NIF will require a high return on energy (~ scaling)





Performance in DT-layered Implosions

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BigFoot meant to emphasize coupling, predictability, and stability, and a conservative approach to collecting and analyzing data



Target and pulse:

- 1. Low Gas Fill LGF hohlraum (0.3 mg/cc): reduce risk of laser-plasma instabilities at max power and energy
- 2. High Density Carbon HDC ablator: shorten the laser pulse
- 3. 12 Mbar "BigFoot" 1<sup>st</sup> shock: avoid phase coexistence in ablator, shorten the laser pulse, reduce hydrodynamic growth
- 4. High DT adiabat (4) by 1-2 shock overtake: shorten the laser pulse, reduce hydrodynamic growth, simplify pulse-shaping studies
- 5. Cone-and-quad split laser pointing: reduce intensity at the hohlraum wall, reduce wall motion, make experiments less 3D
- 6. Large Laser Entrance Hole (LEH): reduce sensitivity to target alignment and laser pointing
- 7. Truncation of final pulse: limit laser backscatter
- Most implosions (~ 40) were posed as single variable sensitivity studies
- All primary design variables were tested (e.g. cone fraction, pulse length, hohlraum radius, etc.)
- Many "tuning shots" were actually repeats
  - 1 keyhole was shot 3x at scale 844, 3x at scale 950
  - Same target and pulse were compared in keyhole, SymCap, ConA, and DT experiments, 2x

### No change in design or strategy for "BF" campaign from 2015 to 2019



## Shots with BigFoot "BF" label in archive

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