

# EXTENTION OF FREE-STANDING TARGET TECHNOLOGIES ON IFE REQUIREMENTS: DD TARGET PRODUCTION AND PREACCELERATION

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## OUTLINE

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### □ IFE TARGET FABRICATION

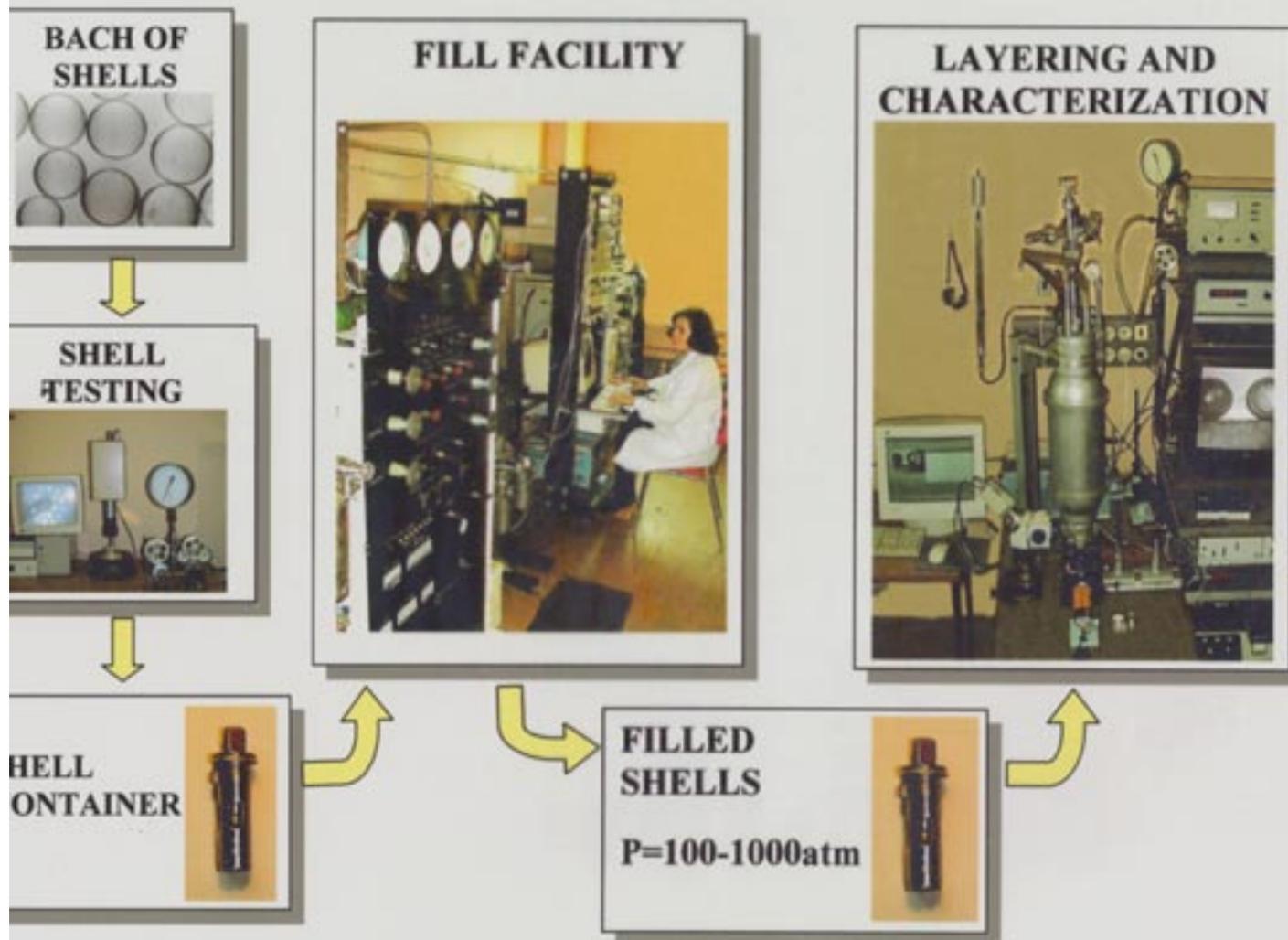
1. Theoretical modeling of the FST technologies for IFE target fabrication
2. Physical layout of the FST-layering experiment

### □ IFE TARGET DELIVERY INTO A BURN AREA

1. Target survival and protection issues
2. A concept of IFE target factory

# DESIGNED FOR 1 mm TARGETS

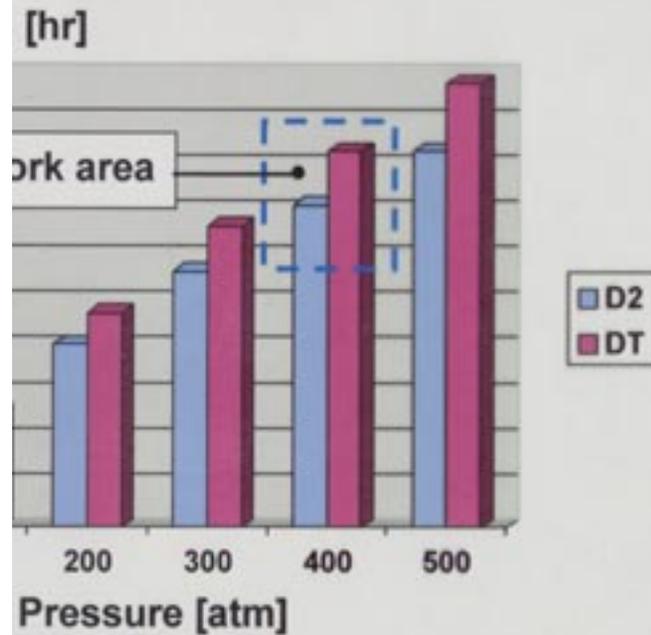
MAINTAINING A BATCH OF FREE-STANDING SHELLS AT EACH PRODUCTION STEP  
50% DIFFUSION FILLING OF 25 SHELLS UP TO 1000ATM  
MULTI-LAYERING INSIDE MOVING TARGET LESS THEN 12 SEC.



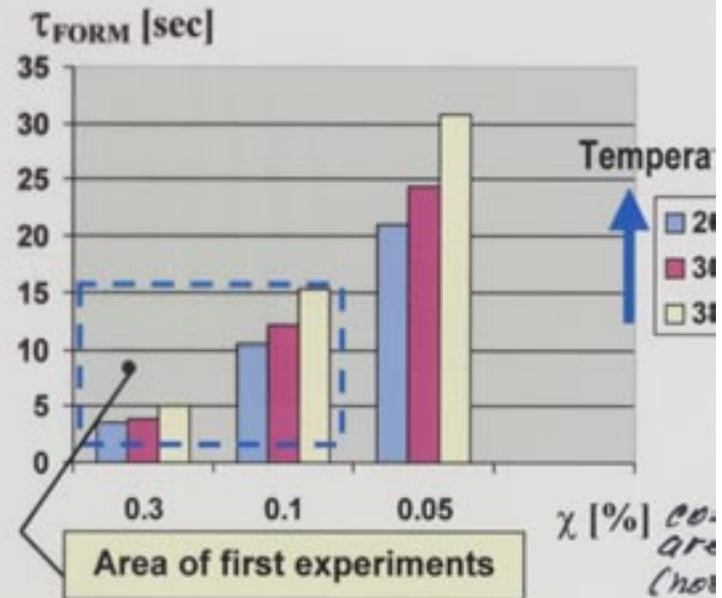
RSS E → IAEA pr. #11536

Reported: IFSA  
Sept. 2001, Kyoto.

DRY EXTENSION ON IFE TARGET DESIGN MADE DURING 2000-2001 HAS SHOWN THAT THE CHGT-1 SYSTEM IS SUITABLE FOR FIRST EXPERIMENTS WITH REACTOR TARGETS made in the frame of the IAEA project #11536



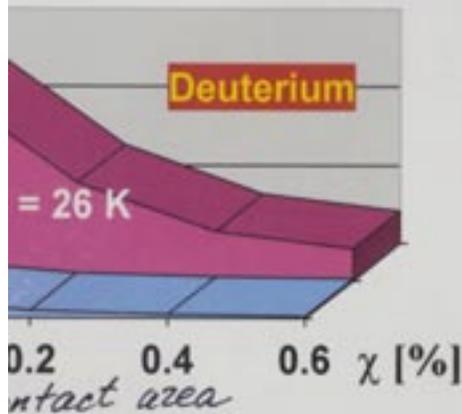
Layering time by diffusion for a 4- mm CH shell with a 45- μm thick wall.



The CHGT-1 layering time vs. the experimental conditions.

CH shell  $\varnothing$  4 mm,  $\Delta R = 45 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $W = 200 \mu\text{m}$  DT (D<sub>2</sub>);  $P_{\text{FILL}} = 423 \text{ atm}$  (D<sub>2</sub>) 427 atm (DT)  
 Properties used in estimations:  $E = 3.83 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $K_{\text{D}_2} = 6 \cdot 10^{-15} [\text{mol}/\text{m}^3\text{Pa}]$

## 02: NEW RESULTS ON THE FST TECHNOLOGIES FOR IFE TARGETS LAYERING

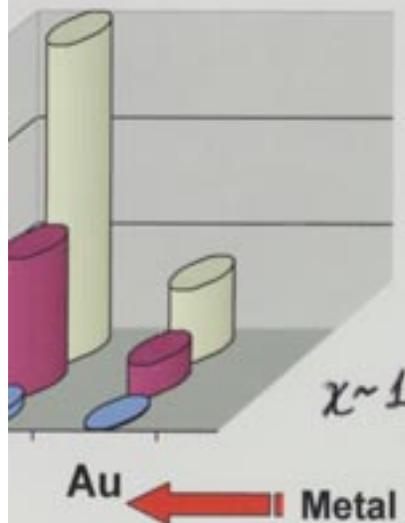


No reflecting layer, channel geometry variations

- CHGT1 ( $\varnothing$ 4mm,  $\Delta R$  45  $\mu$ m, 200  $\mu$ m  $D_2$ )
- CHGT2 ( $\varnothing$ 6mm,  $\Delta R$  300-500  $\mu$ m, 200-300  $\mu$ m  $D_2$ )

The key issue is determination of an optimal produce a target with a carefully layered fuel is plan to use the R&B cell for detailed analysis.

### Preliminary Results



With reflecting layer: Pd or Au of  $\sim 200 \text{ \AA}$

- ICF target (CH  $\varnothing$ 1mm,  $\Delta R$  15  $\mu$ m, 100  $\mu$ m  $D_2$ )
- CHGT1 (CH  $\varnothing$ 4mm,  $\Delta R$  45  $\mu$ m, 200  $\mu$ m  $D_2$ )
- CHGT2 (CH  $\varnothing$ 6mm,  $\Delta R$  300-500  $\mu$ m, 200-300  $\mu$ m)

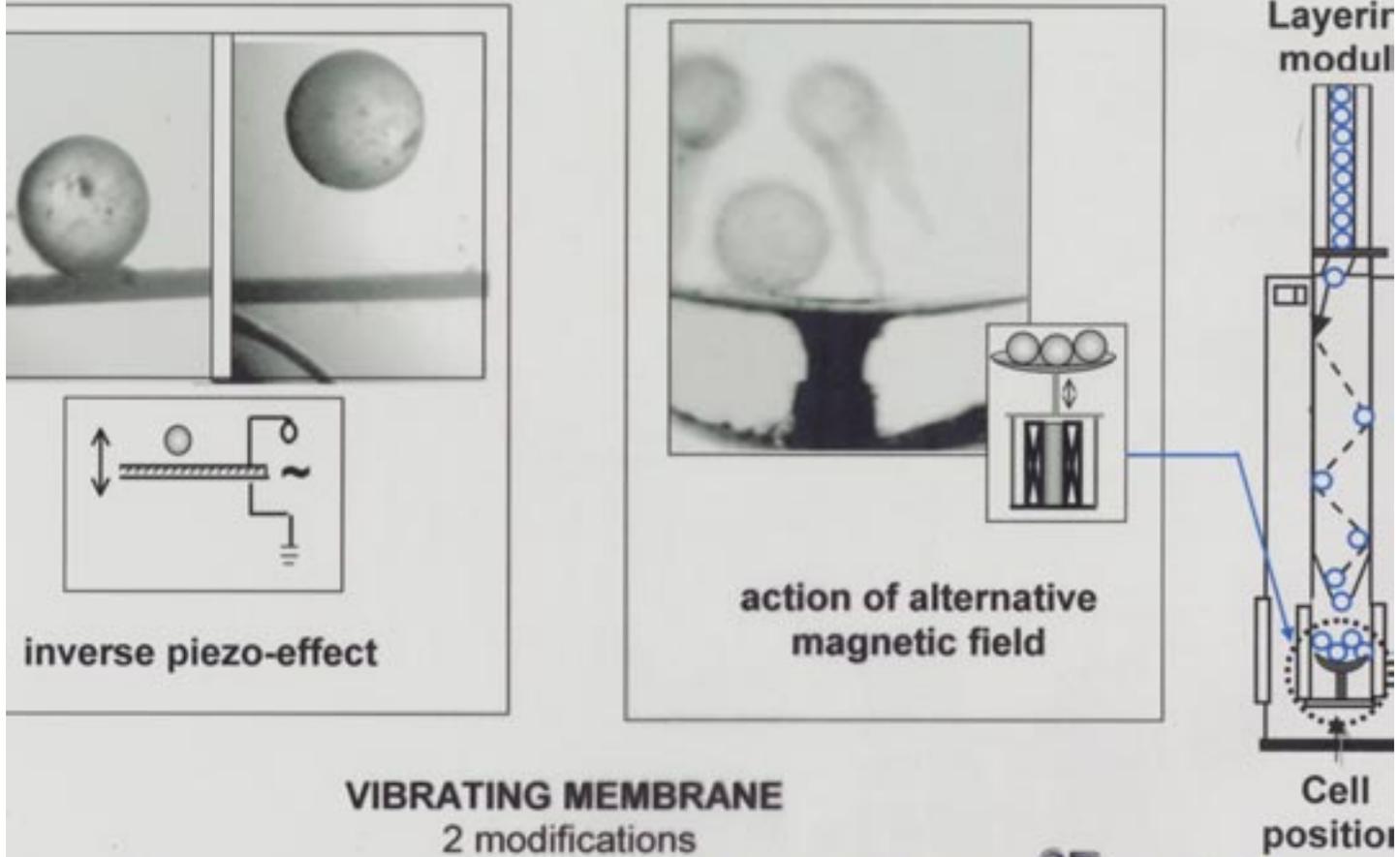
The first calculations of metal layer cooling time for Pd Au have shown that effective value of  $\chi$  becomes close For that case the layering time of the CHGT2 is <10 se

**START TO INVESTIGATE THE FUEL FREEZING IN A SHELL PLACED IN TI  
TO ELUCIDATE THE PHYSICAL FUNDAMENTALS UNDERLYING THE EFFI  
E FST-PROCESSES**

### **ISSUES TO BE STUDIED**

- **Elastic shell deformation in the case of thin and thick wall**
- **Thermal contact area expansion over the shell surface**
- **Surface properties and the stress state**
- **Drop-wise condensation in the presence of a special doping**
- **Cooling rates influence on the layering results, etc.**

**EQUIPMENT FOR TARGET TESTING**  
**A UNIT FOR TARGET MOTION DRIVER: ROTATING & BOUNCING (R&B) CELL**



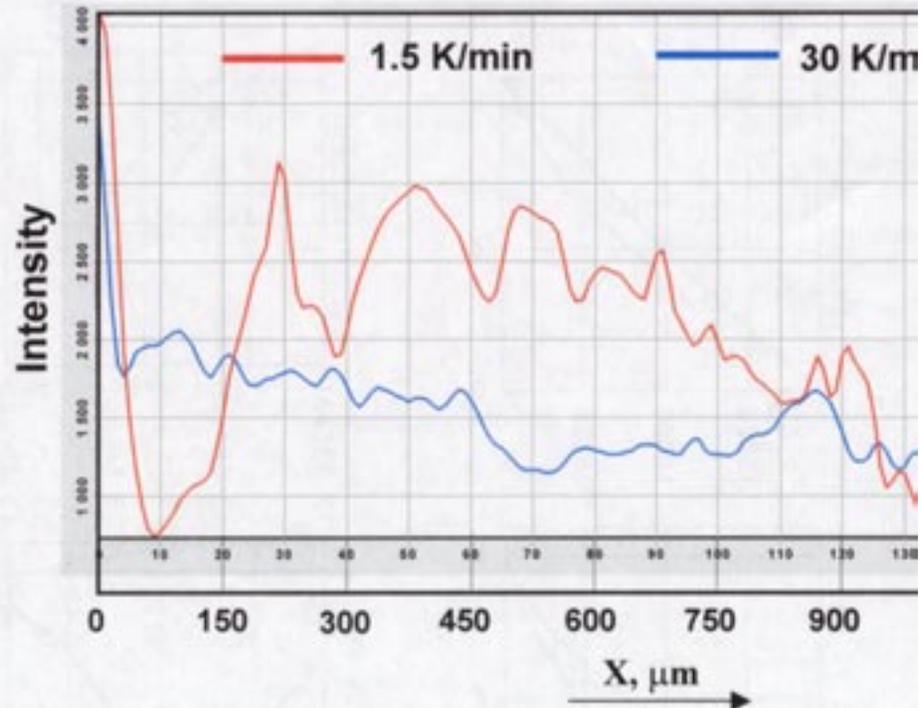
**VIBRATING MEMBRANE**  
 2 modifications

*Current WORK T : 4.2 ÷ 20 K ;  $\partial T / \partial t = 0.1 \div 50$*   
*WORKING MODES : Bouncing, rotating, mixed*  
*Key param.:  $f, V$*

## EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS ON D<sub>2</sub> LAYERING STUDY USING THE R&B CELL:

It is possible to form solid D<sub>2</sub>-layer inside a bouncing shell

The higher cooling rate of a substrate, the smoother layer structure

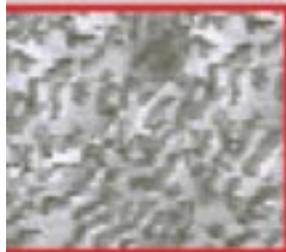


Conditions of the experiment. CH shell:  $\varnothing$  1.2 mm,  $P_F$  300 atm D<sub>2</sub>  
Substrate (piezo-crystal): 10 kHz, 75 V, 1.5-to-30 K/min cooling rate

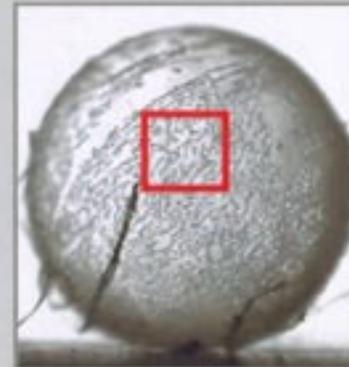
# COOLING RATES INFLUENCE ON THE UNIFORMITY OF D<sub>2</sub> LAYER CRYSTALLINE STRUCTURE OVER THE SHELL

**1.7 K/min**

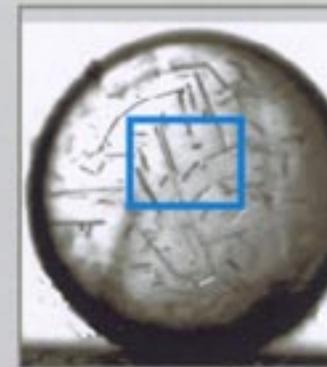
$T_{IN} = 22.8 \text{ K}$   
 $T_F = 10.8 \text{ K}$



100  $\mu\text{m}$



0°



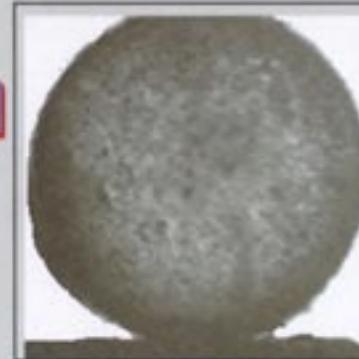
~ 90°

finer grain structure  
more uniform + angular non-  
uniformity

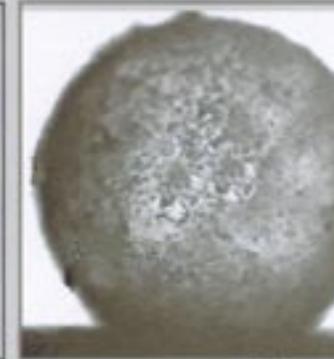
higher cooling rate  
leads to more smooth ice  
structure with lower  
angular non-uniformity

**29 K/min**

$T_{IN} = 21.3 \text{ K}$   
 $T_F = 5.8 \text{ K}$



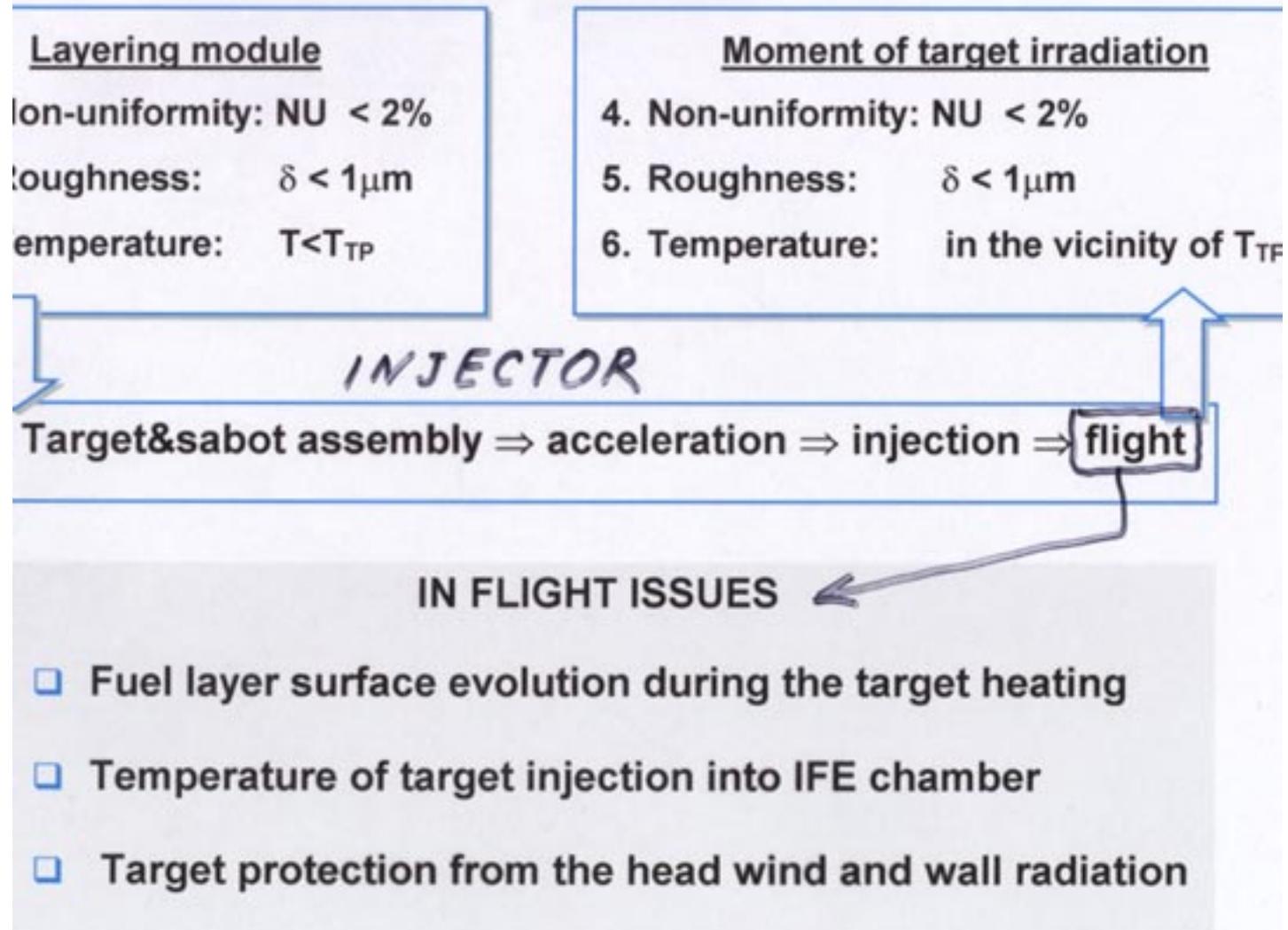
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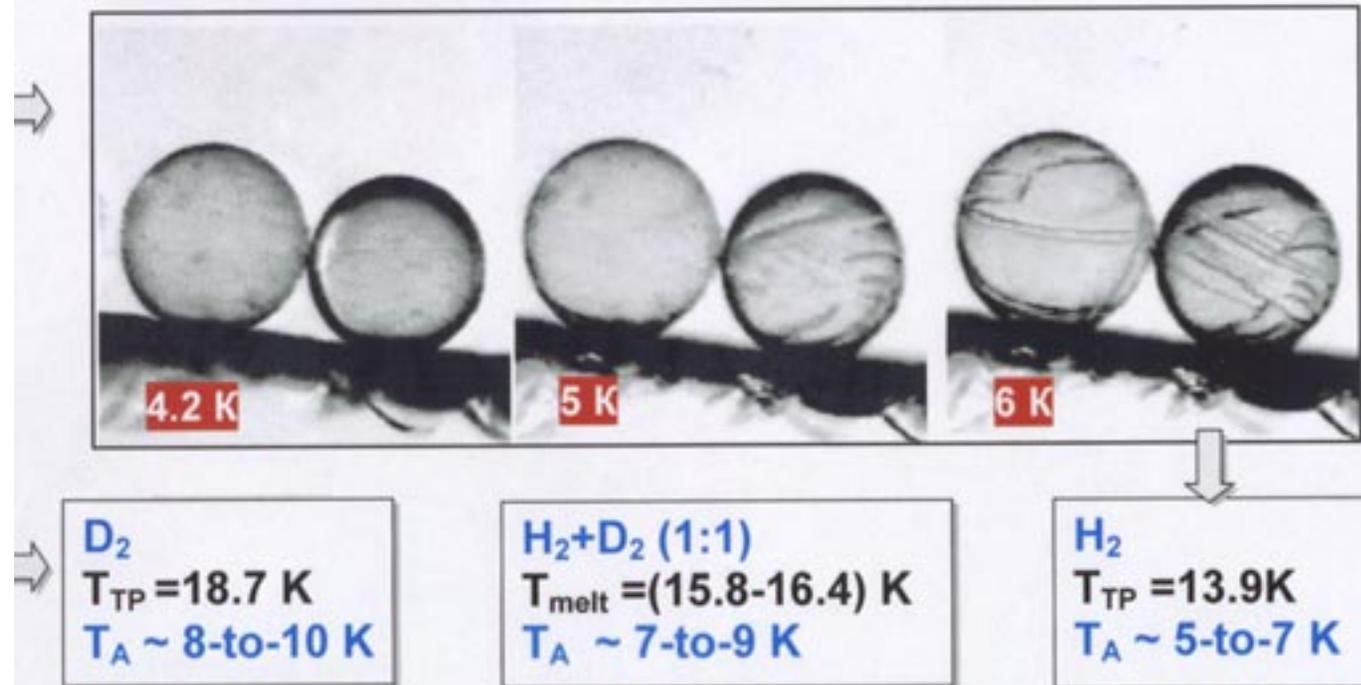
CH shell (made in ILE, Japan):  $2R = 1724 \mu\text{m}$   $P_F = 150 \text{ atm D}_2$

## TARGET SURVIVAL AND PROTECTION ISSUES



## ALL-8-STRIKE TECHNIQUE (FST)

SMOOTH AMORPHOUS FILMS CAN BE FORMED INSIDE A SHELL AT COOLING RATES  $>10^4$  K/min. THE FILMS EXIST ONLY BELOW  $\sim 0.5T_T$

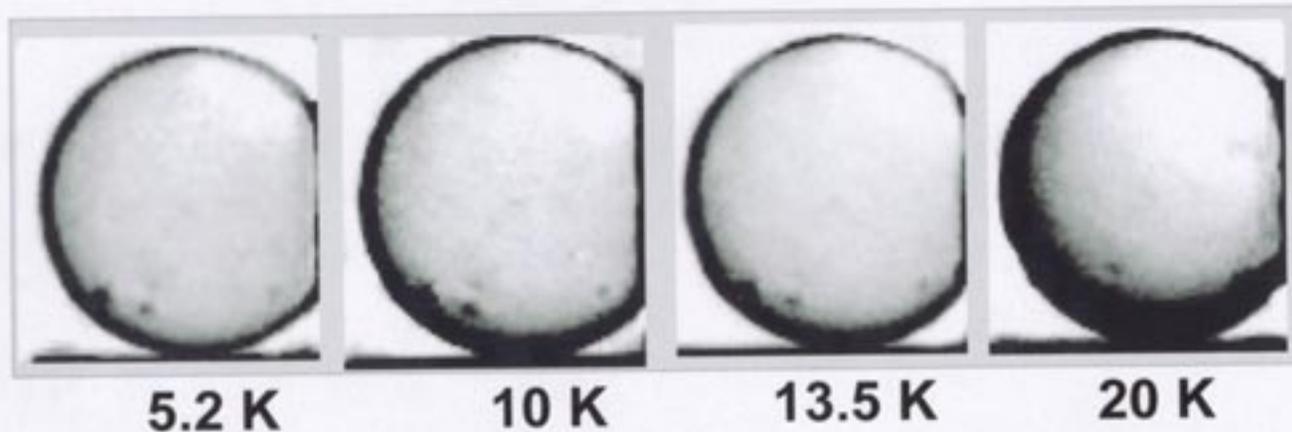


eliminated the amorphous cryogenic layers from further consideration because they do not exist in the vicinity of  $T_{TP}$  (required IFE target temperature at the moment of irradiation)

APPROACH IS IN PROGRESS at LPI [1,2]  
describes the basic principles of fabrication of finely dispersed composites and alloys with little ~~doping~~ dopant

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Method has been demonstrated for H<sub>2</sub> with little HD additives (0.3-tc)



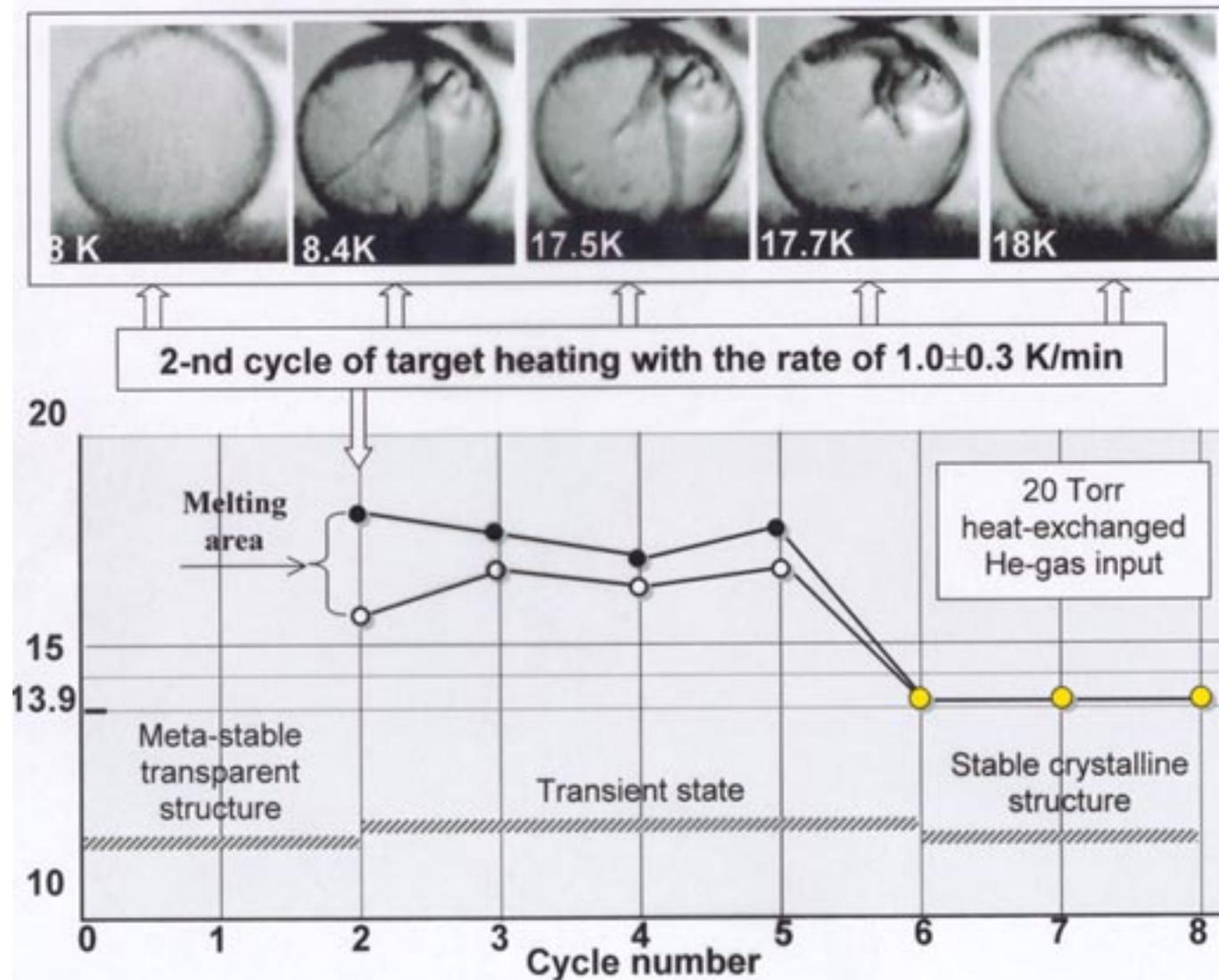
Transparent solid layer does not spoil at reheating from 5 K to 1

Phys.D: Appl.Phys. 35 (2002) 825-830

Russian Patent, Claim No 2001121680 of 9.08.2001

Reported: IFSA-2001, Kyoto, Japan  
Sept. 2001

# TRANSPARENT SOLID LAYER AGES UNDER CYCLING HEATING TREATMENT



Target: Glass shell  $\varnothing$  500  $\mu$ m, 100 atm H<sub>2</sub> + 0.5 atm HD (300 K)

## EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS INDICATE THAT THE APPLIED TECHNIQUE ALLOWS FORMATION OF A THIN SOLID FUEL LAYER IN A GLASS (LIQUID-LIKE) STATE

The procedure of solid layer formation includes 3 steps:

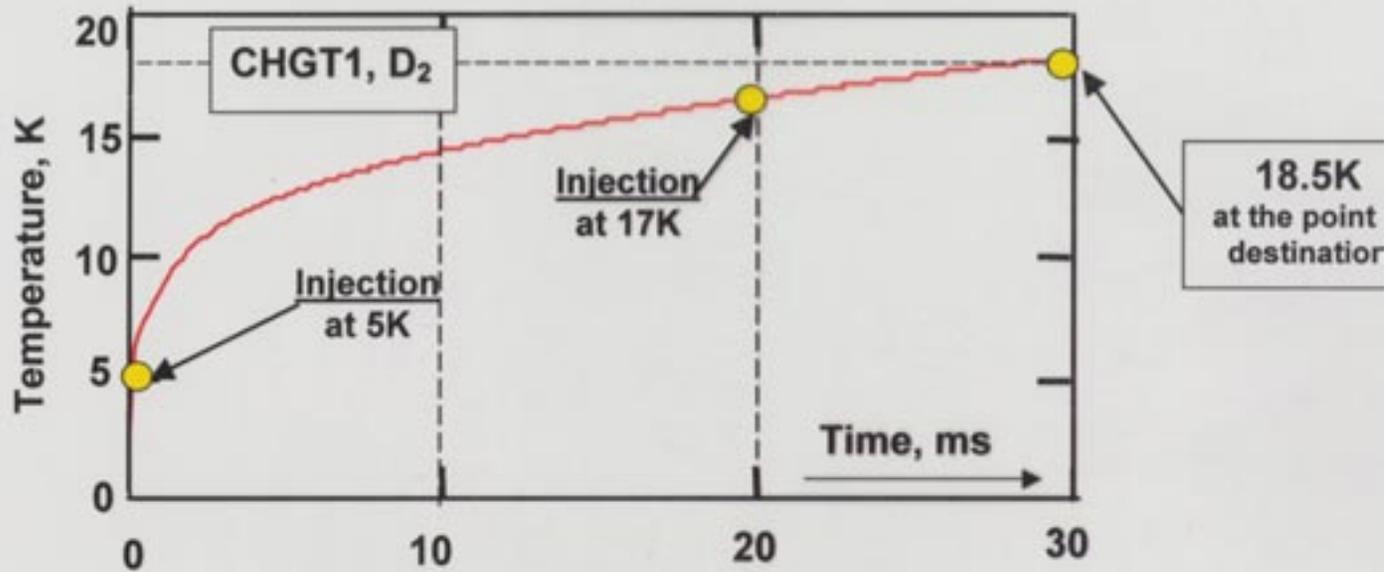
1. **FILLING**: Diffusion filling a shell with gas fuel + small doping
2. **MIXING**: Drop-wise condensation of the fuel+doping mixture results in the formation of a liquid layer with uniformly distributed particles of doping in it.
3. **FREEZING**: Liquid layer rapid cooling to 5 K resulting in transparent solid layer formation ( $t < 18s$  for  $\Delta T$ , according to Souers)

The layer properties:

1. It does not melt when the temperature is raised from 5K to 20K
2. It does not crystallize when the temperature is dropped from 20K to 5K
3. It degrades after several cycles of heating treatment in the range of 5-20K

Such properties signify that the layer is in a glass (liquid-like) state with an extremely smooth free surface.

## T WITH FUEL IN GLASSY STATE CAN BE INJECTED IN IFE CHAMBER



### Target history inside IFE chamber.

Estimations made for the following conditions:

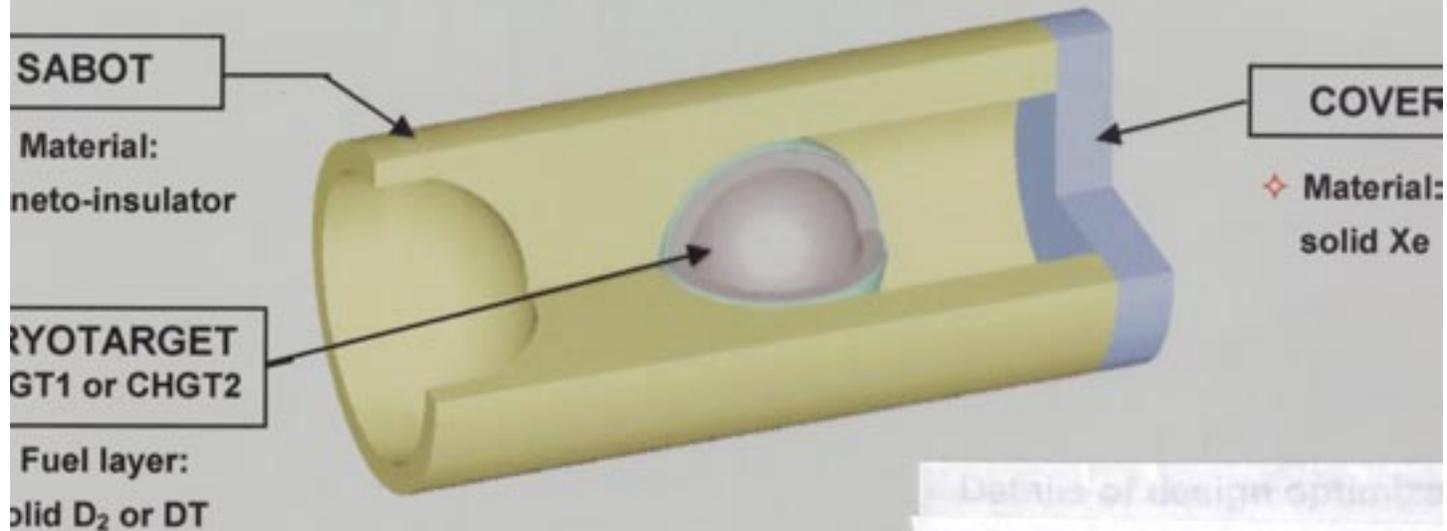
CHGT1 with D<sub>2</sub> fuel (no reflecting layer), chamber wall T=1773 K, 0.5 Torr Xe

### Advantages:

Injection at 5K makes risk of layer mechanical damage minimal:

1. Smaller injection speed calls for smaller g-loads during target acceleration
2. Acceleration goes at ~ 5 K when tensile strength of a fuel-layer is maximum

## CRITICAL POINT OF TARGET DELIVERY: TARGET ASSEMBLY WITH A SPECIAL EFFECTIVE SABOT AT CRYOGENIC TEMPERATURES



**SABOT FUNCTIONS:**

- To transmit an impulse of motion to the target
- To protect the target from heat- and g- loads

**DESIGN CRITERIA:**

- design must be suitable for acceleration in injector of any type: coil gun, gas gun or mixed
- working temperatures: 5- to - 17 K
- working overloads:  $a/g \leq 1000g$

MAY INCLUDE A COVER WHICH IS INJECTED TOGETHER WITH TARGET  
 PROTECTS THE TARGET FROM A HEAD WIND OF RESIDUAL GAS.

Drag force estimations two cases were considered: solitary and joint flight cover.  
 Correction for the solitary case (effect of wake) is about 30%

Equation 1: 
$$L_{cov/targ} = v_{\infty} \cdot t - \frac{Drag}{2 \cdot M_{cov/targ}} \cdot t^2$$

Equation 2: 
$$u_1(x, y) = U_{\infty} \times \frac{\pi c_D}{32} \left( \frac{2 \cdot R}{x} RD \right) \exp(-\eta^2)$$

Equation 3: 
$$\eta = \frac{y}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{v_{\infty}}{\nu \cdot x}}$$

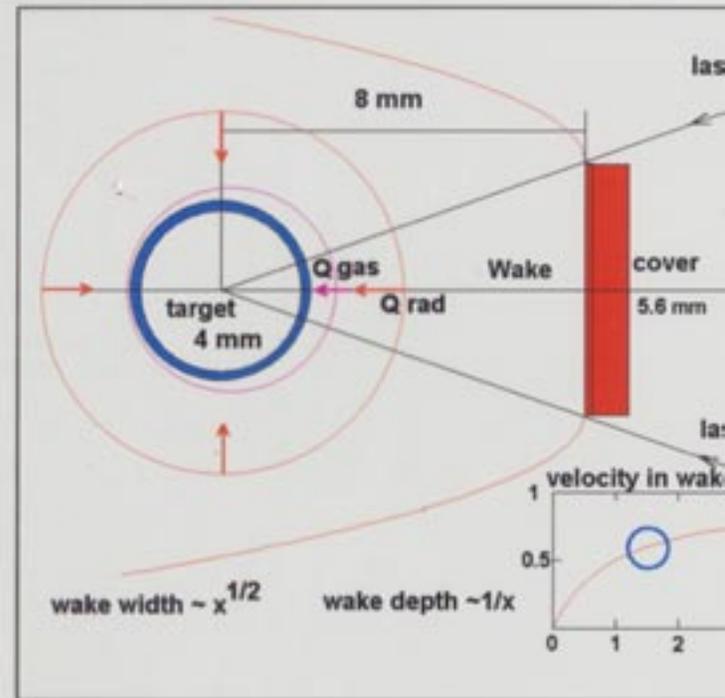
Equation 4: 
$$Drag = - \frac{3 \cdot k_B \cdot T \cdot n_o \cdot a^2 \cdot M}{2 \cdot \pi} F_1 \cdot \rho =$$

Equation 5: 
$$- \frac{3}{4} \cdot a^2 \cdot n_o \cdot u \cdot \left( \frac{m_g \cdot k_B \cdot T}{2 \cdot \pi} \right)^{1/2} \cdot F_1 \cdot \rho$$

Equation 6: 
$$F_1 = F_{1o} + F_{1p} \quad F_{1p} = - \frac{21.28}{\chi^2}$$

Equation 7: 
$$F_{1o} = 8 \cdot \pi \cdot (8 + \pi) / 9$$

Conditions under consideration:  
 speed is 250m/s, initial distance is 1mm  
 residual gas is Xe at 0.5Torr, chamber radius is 5mm  
 m<sub>g</sub>, M<sub>targ</sub>=5mg,  $\chi = 1.43$



Distance between target and cover at the point of destination:

22 mm (solitary motion)

15 mm (wake region effect)

Recommended distance:  $\geq 8$  mm

## ACTIVE COVER. RESUME OF THE ESTIMATIONS\* (DSMC approach)

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cover effectively reduces the gas heat flow by a factor of 4- to- 5

drag force provides necessary separation of the cover and target inside factor chamber

radiation heat flow from the chamber wall is an order of magnitude higher than the gas heat transfer

for target protection against radiation it is proposed to apply the ablating layer of  $D_2$ - or Ne- formed on the outer target surface (alternative to reflectors)

*\*/B.V.Kuteev Research report NIFS-718, Nov.2006*

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TSU St. Petersburg

## TARGET SURVIVAL DURING THE INJECTION PROCESS

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### Summary of possible ways to solve the problem

To apply target having a fuel layer in glassy state which does not spoil at target heating (from 5K to  $T_{TP}$ ) during its flight to the point of destination

To reduce target injection T from 17K to 5K that allows to reduce injection speed, and, thus, to reduce g-loads during target acceleration

To carry out the process of target acceleration at ~ 5 K when risk of target mechanical damage is minimal

To use a special sabot for target protection from heat- and g- loads inside injector

To use a special cover protecting the target from the action of a head wind inside IFE chamber

To apply a special ablating layers from  $D_2$  or Ne formed on the outer target surface

## PHYSICAL LAYOUT OF THE FST-LAYERING EXPERIMENT

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### Stage 0: Shell testing

GOAL: determination of the FST experiment conditions for a given shell batch

### Stage I: Fuel filling of a shell batch

GOAL:

- ▶ to achieve the necessary amount of fuel in the shells
- ▶ to add necessary doping to a fuel gas
- ▶ to obtain necessary ortho-para composition
- ▶ to investigate the limits of the diffusion filling

### Stage II: Preliminary cooling of the batch placed in target collector.

GOAL:

- ▶ to cool the filled shells to a temperature of target injection into the layering channel
- ▶ to obtain the uniform distribution of doping clusters over the liquid fuel ( *structure* )

### Stage III: Fuel layering

GOAL:

- ▶ to achieve layer symmetrization and freezing inside the target during its movement in the layering channel

### Stage IV: Cryogenic target injection into an optical test chamber

GOAL: cryogenic target study in multiple views and its characterization

↳ *fundamental to success*

## GE 0: SHELL TESTING WITH THE AIM TO DETERMINE THE FST EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR A GIVEN SHELL BATCH

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### PROCEDURE OF SHELL TESTING

multi views study of the backlit shell images

Equipment: “*Shell Tester*” with 8-to-120 projections (views) and a spatial resolution of  $\sim 1.5 \mu\text{m}$

shells strength relative to the outer and inner gas pressure during the process

- diffusion filling (300 K)
- shell container depressurization (30-to-70 K)

Equipment: (a) device for measuring the tensile strength, the buckling and collapsing pressure  
(b) fill facility

shells withstanding to the mechanical stress arising due to the FST conditions

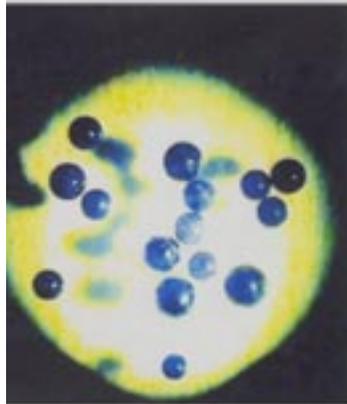
- rapid cooling (300-to-4.2 K for glass shells and 40-to-4.2K for CH shells)
- strikes between the shell and the cryogenic surface (4.2-to-30 K)

Equipment: (a) rotating and bouncing cell (R&BC)  
(b) layering module (LM)

**T RESULTS.** A batch of CH shells ( $\varnothing$  1.5 -to- 2.2 mm) made at the ILE (Japan) have been examined. The testing showed the shells principle fitness to the FST conditions. For these shells, special conditions of such experiments have been found.

## STAGE I. FUEL FILLING OF A SHELL.

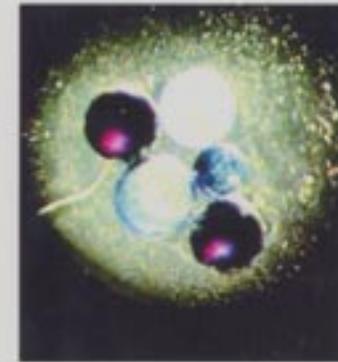
Which diffusion mode, atomic or molecular, has a greater permeation rate?  
Can we govern the gas diffusion mode through a shell wall?



INITIAL BATCH



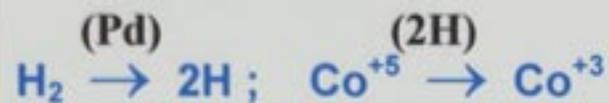
7 days in 100 atm H<sub>2</sub>  
MOLECULAR DIFFUSION



7 days in 100 atm H<sub>2</sub> +  
ATOMIC DIFFUSION

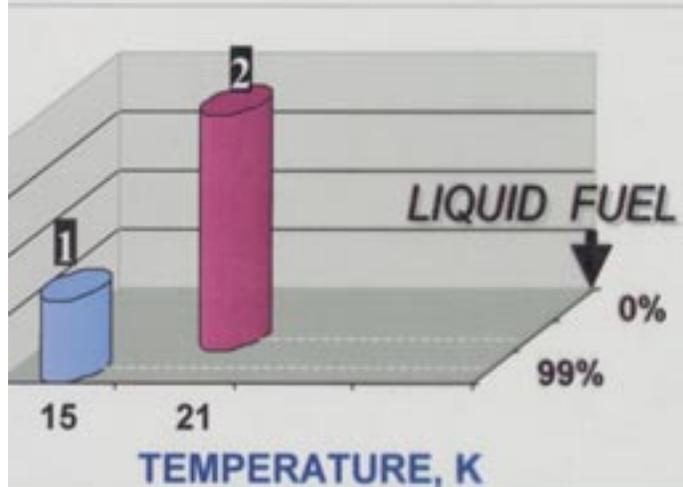
Observation of color change of cobalt containing glass balls  
during their retention in H<sub>2</sub> with Pd present

phenomena can be identified as cobalt valence changes under atomic hydrogen infl  
ng in color change of the sample.



**E II: PRELIMINARY COOLING OF THE BATCH PLACED IN TARGET COLLECTOR**  
 calculation model and experimental data indicate that FST layering re-  
 sults from the temperature of target injection into the layering channel because  
 solid phase existence should be enough for layer symmetrization

**Theory**



ONLY FUEL FREEZING  
 FREEZING + SYMMETRIZATION

**Experiment**



$T_{IN}=21\text{ K}$



$T_{IN}=15\text{ K}$

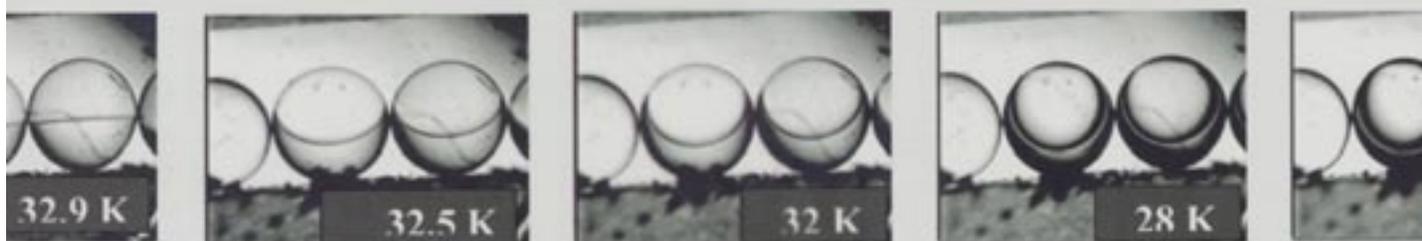
THE FST RESULTS FOR DIFFERENT  
 CH shells ~ 1 mm  $\varnothing$ , W~ 90  $\mu\text{m}$  H

*Freezing: heat output through the contact*  
*symmetrization: target random rotation*

PRELIMINARY COOLING (cont.). THE TEMPERATURE OF TARGET IN LAYERING MODULE IS EASILY CONTROLLED IN A TARGET COLLECTOR



$\mu\text{m}$ , 305 atm of H<sub>2</sub>



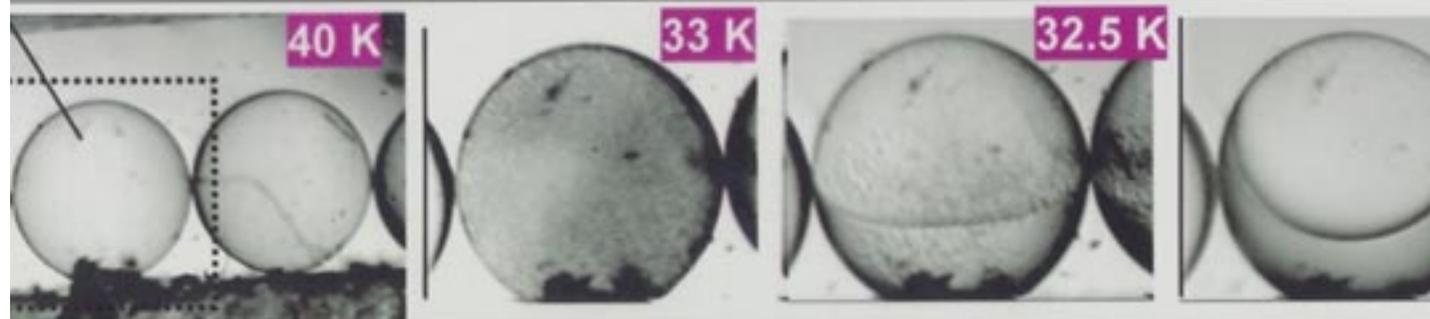
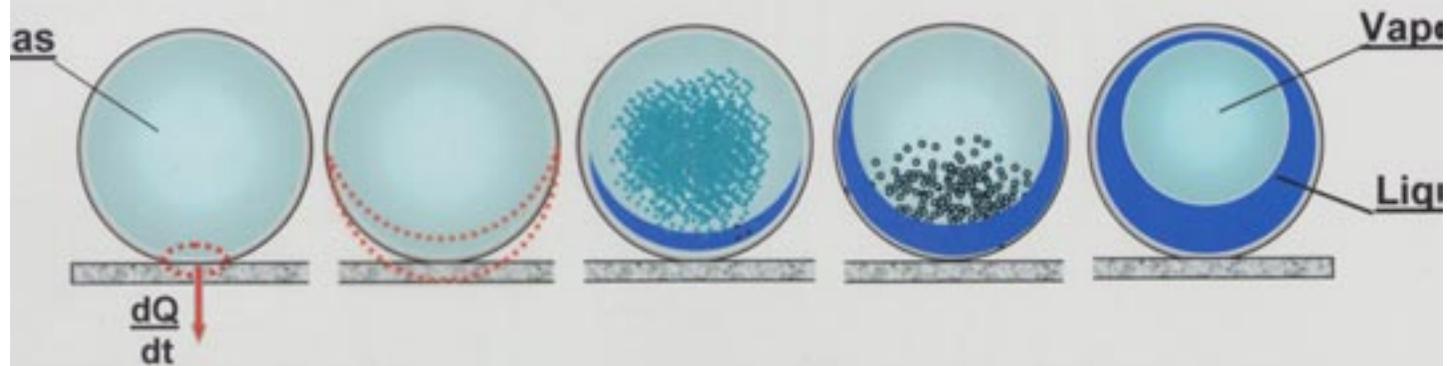
$\mu\text{m}$ , 445 atm of H<sub>2</sub>



$\mu\text{m}$ , 765 atm of H<sub>2</sub>

II. PRELIMINARY COOLING (cont). TO OBTAIN THE UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION OF CONDENSING CLUSTERS OVER THE LIQUID FUEL THE PROCESS OF DROP-CONDENSATION MUST BE INITIATED INSIDE A TARGET AT THE STAGE II.

Simulation model is under development with the goal to predict optimal conditions of the process.

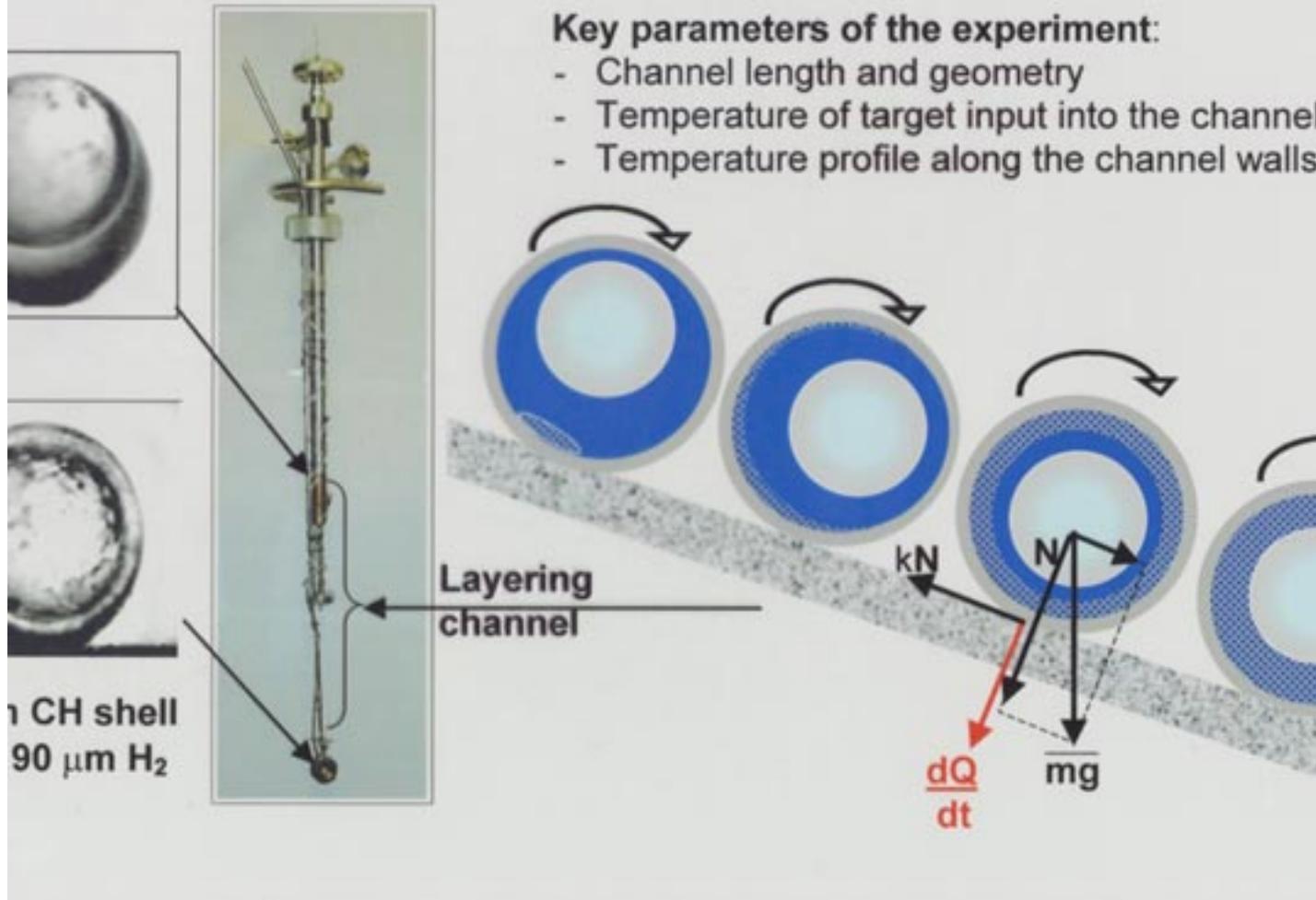


Sequential steps of drop-wise condensation process initiated at the rates of  $\sim 1$  l/min. Target: CH shell  $\varnothing$  949  $\mu$ m, 490 atm  $H_2$  (at 300 K)

### III. FST-LAYERING. LAYER SYMMETRIZATION & FREEZING DURING TARGET MOVEMENT IN THE LAYERING CHANNEL. CONDITIONS OF THE EXPERIMENT:

necessary :  $\tau_{\text{symmetr}} \leq \tau_{\text{freeze}} \leq t_{\text{stay}}$   
 optimal case:  $\tau_{\text{symmetr}} = \tau_{\text{freeze}} = t_{\text{stay}}$

Cooling rates:  $\geq 180 \text{ K/min}$   
 Layering time:  $< 12 \text{ sec}$



**EXISTED LAYERING MODULE CONSISTS OF A SET INTERCHANGABLE ELEMENTS: SHELL CONTAIN SHUTTER, LAYERING CHANNEL, TEST CHAMBER**

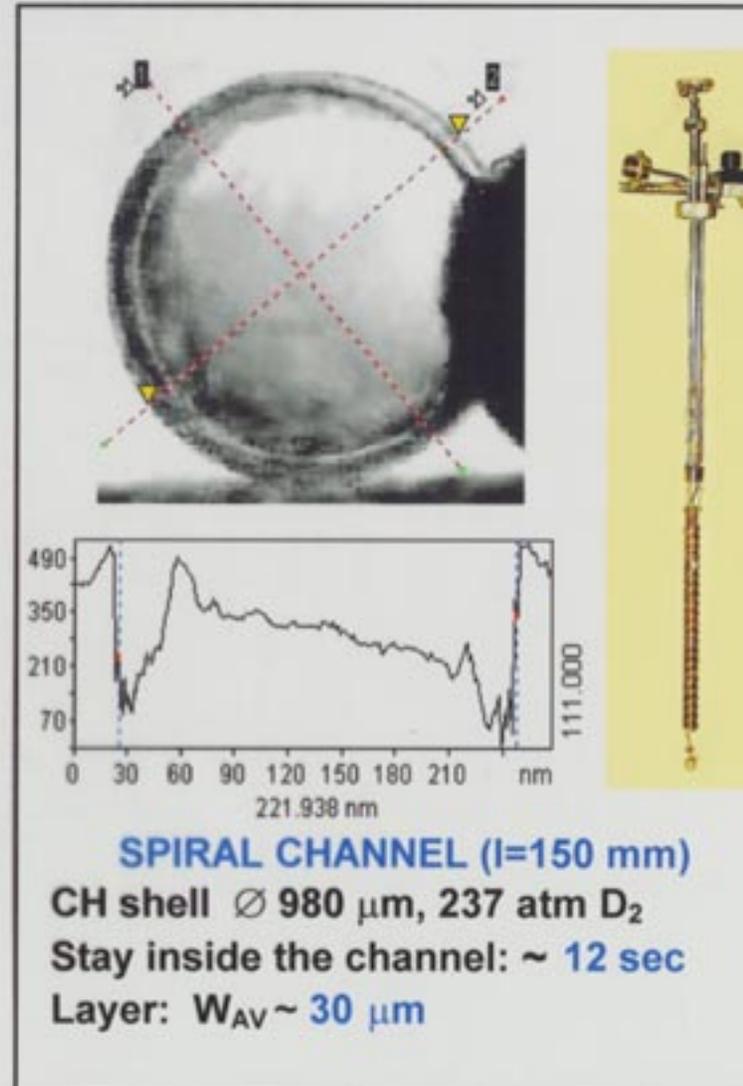
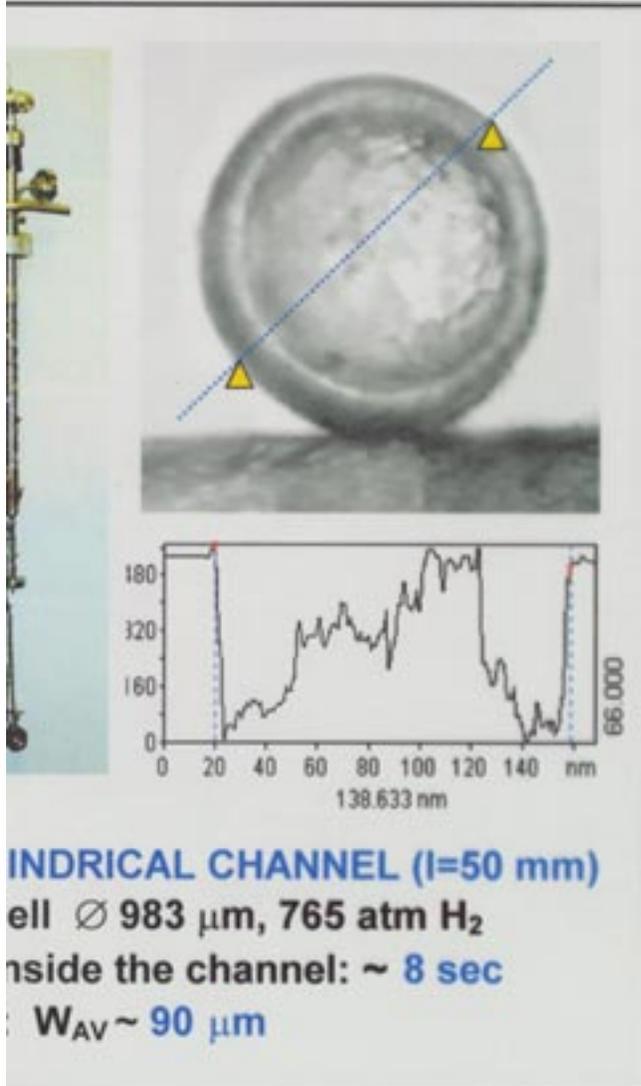
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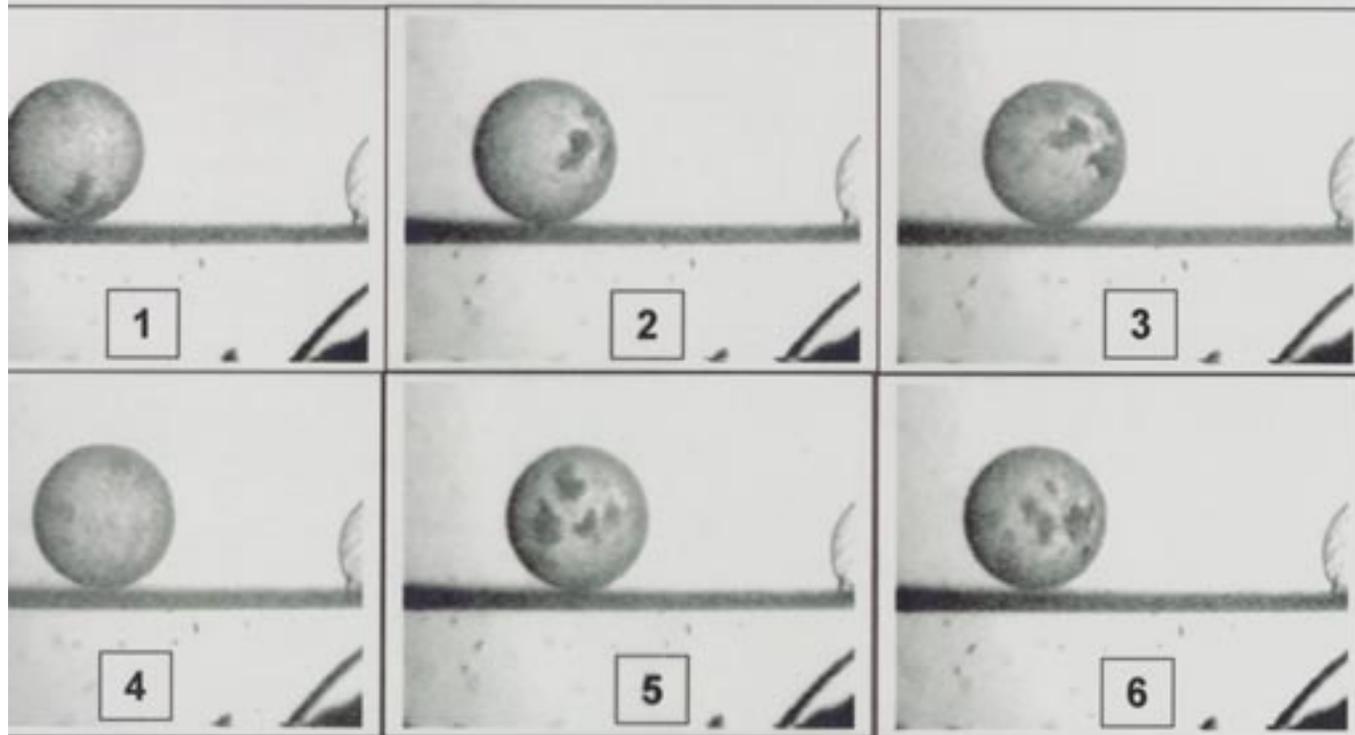
**Distinctive features of the LM design allow easily modify it for the cryogenic experiments with the shells of different diameters (from 0.5 mm to 4 mm).**

# LAYERING RESULTS FOR DIFFERENT CHANNELS

E III. FST LAYERING. Layering channel length and geometry are the key parameters influencing the FST results



**FIGURE IV. TARGET CHARACTERIZATION.** A step-wise rotation of target characterized experimentally using the R&B cell. This allows us to examine target image in multiple views using only one optical train.

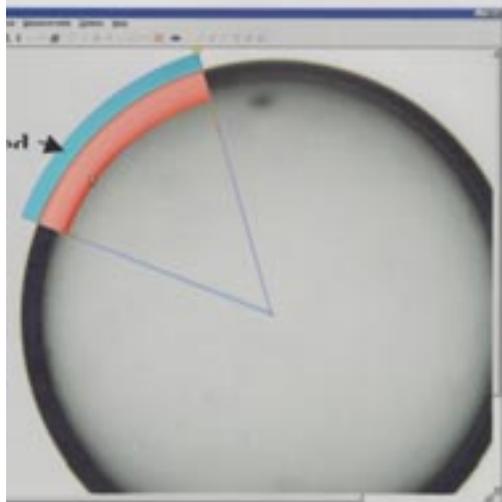


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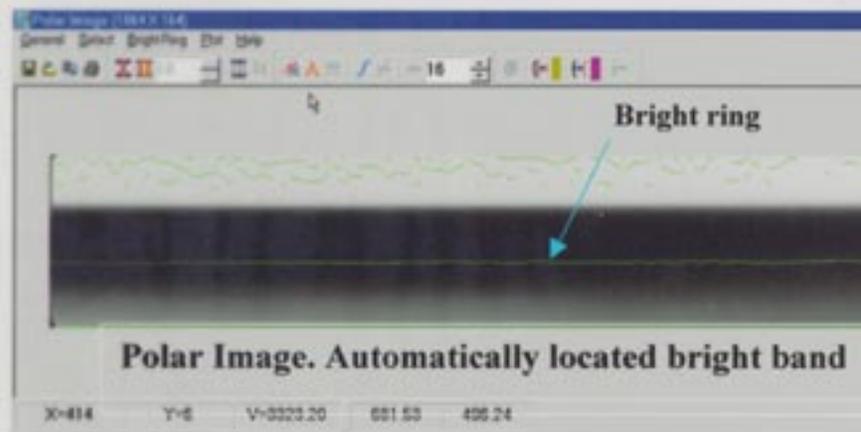
3 mm CH shell with D<sub>2</sub> ice spots distributed over the inner shell surface; T=5 K  
target and piezo-crystal substrate temperature is 6 K; input voltage 75 V, f = 10.4 kHz

**Goal: development of scanning system with an arbitrary angle step for a threshold target characterization**

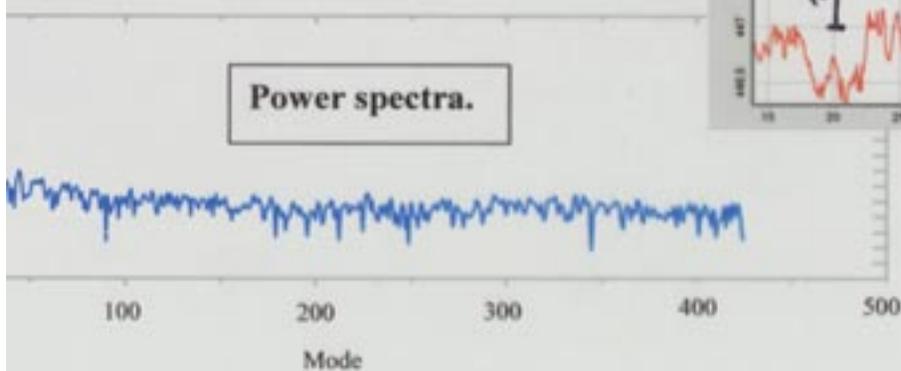
**FIGURE IV. TARGET CHARACTERIZATION. Software for target precise characterization using the "BRIGHT BAND POSITION" (BBP) algorithm**



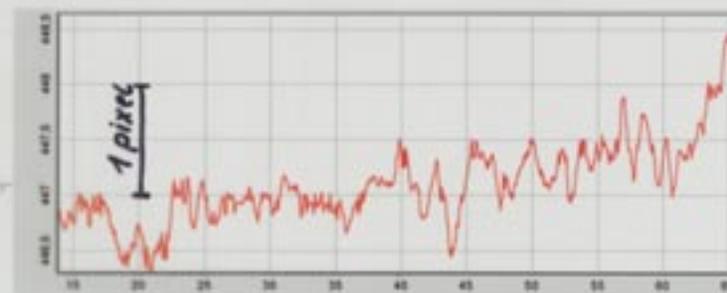
**Polar Image. Zone of interest selection.**



**Polar Image. Automatically located bright band**

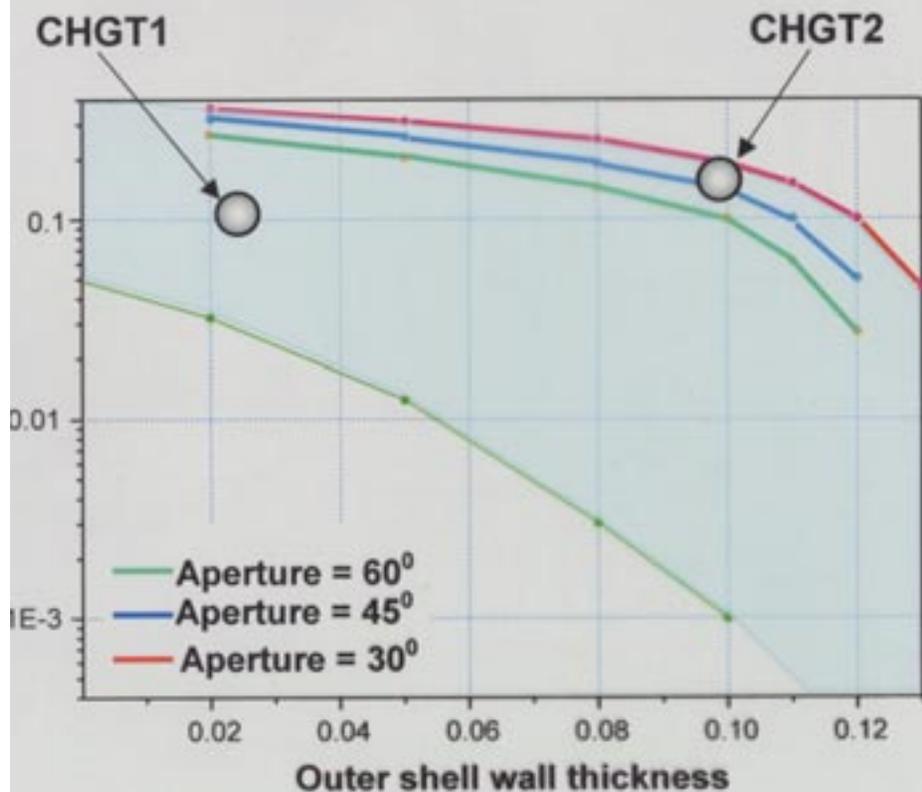


**Power spectra.**



**Bright band precise position calculation.**

# POSSIBILITIES AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE BRIGHT BAND POSITION APPROACH TO IFE TARGET CHARACTERIZATION



CHGT1  
 $\phi 4 \text{ mm } \Delta R 45^\circ$



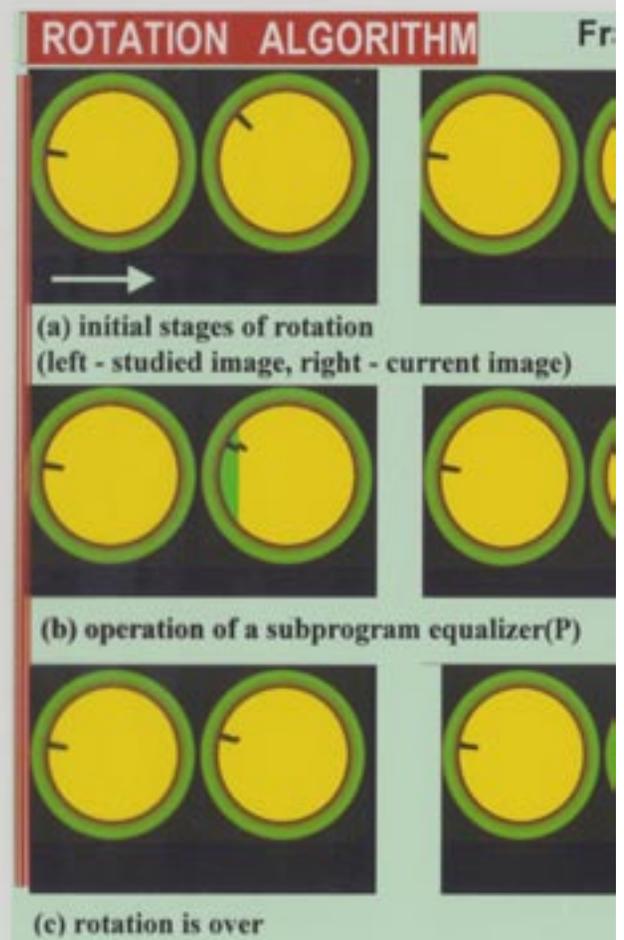
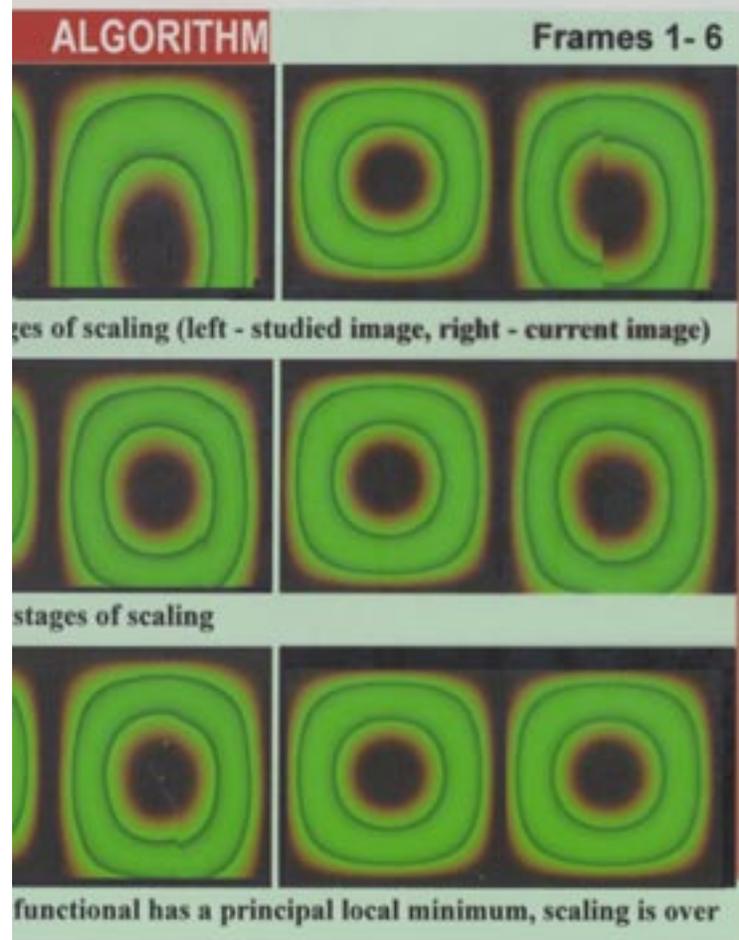
CHGT2  
 $\phi 6 \text{ mm } \Delta R = 50^\circ$   
300  $\mu\text{m}$

RSSE  $\Rightarrow$  ISIC pt #1557 (collab ILE, Japan)

(cont.) Reconstruction Algorithm 'FUNCTIONAL'. First testing results:

Algorithm is based on comparison of multi views image data obtained experimentally and computationally.

Other types of evaluation functionals sensitive to affinities are under development. We are interested in translation, rotation, and scaling transformations (expansion or contraction in any direction).



BASED ON RECENT ADVANCES LPI NOW IS AT THE STAGE OF DEVELOPING THE PROTOTYPE OF THE FACILITY FOR IFE TARGET REPEATABLE PRODUCTION AND INJECTION INTO REACTOR CHAMBER

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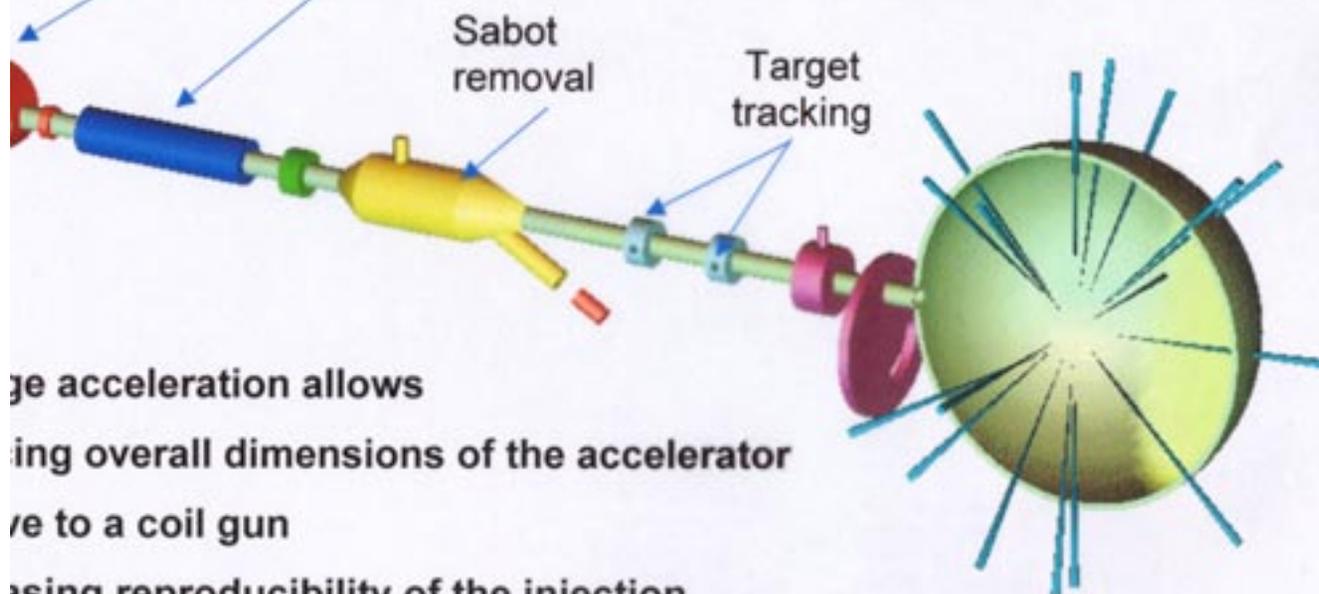
### Principle blocks of the facility

- Layering module operating with moving free-standing targets
- Device for target & sabot repeatable assembly and pre-acceleration
- Target injector based on a combined coil-&-gas gun

In this research we collaborate with the Red Star SE and TUAP Ltd., of Technical Univ. of St.Petersburg

## CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF THE FACILITY OPERATING :

- Layering module based on the FST principle
- Device for sabot-&-target repeatable assembly
- Double-stage accelerator:
  - ⇒ coil gun - target pre-acceleration up to 10
  - ⇒ gas gun - target acceleration up to  $\geq 200$



High acceleration allows  
reducing overall dimensions of the accelerator  
relative to a coil gun  
increasing reproducibility of the injection  
efficiency relative to a gas gun

Collaboration  
LPI + RSSE +

## R DESIGN (IAEA Project #11536): DEVICE FOR TARGET & SABOT REPEATABLE ASSEMBLY

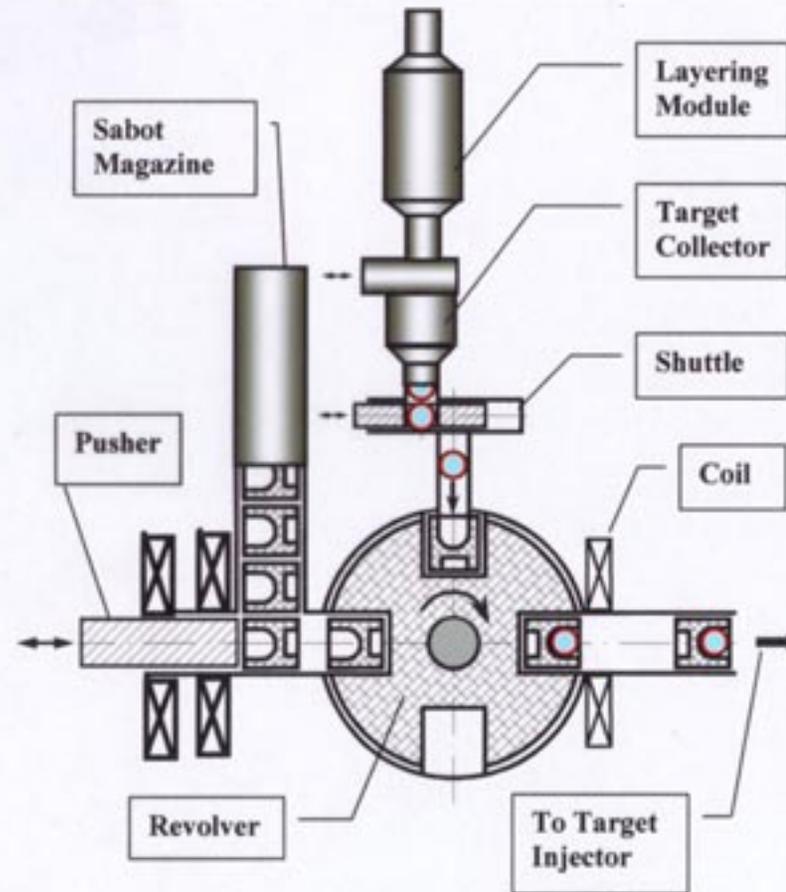
Design is able to complete the following functions:

1. Assembly for layering module/injector

2. Assembly target & sabot repeatable

3. Accelerates the target & sabot to velocities of  $\sim 3 \text{ m/s}$ .

4. Transport of the assembly to the collector.



INDIVIDUAL ELEMENTS AND BLOCKS HAS BEEN TESTED BEFORE CHANGE OVER TO THE STAGE OF THE DEVICE CONSTRUCTING

## VICE FOR TARGET & SABOT REPEATABLE SEMBLY AND PRE-ACCELERATION

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### Modeling of sabot electromagnetic preacceleration

- simulation code + software
- experimental research

### Sabot design

### Accuracy of target delivery

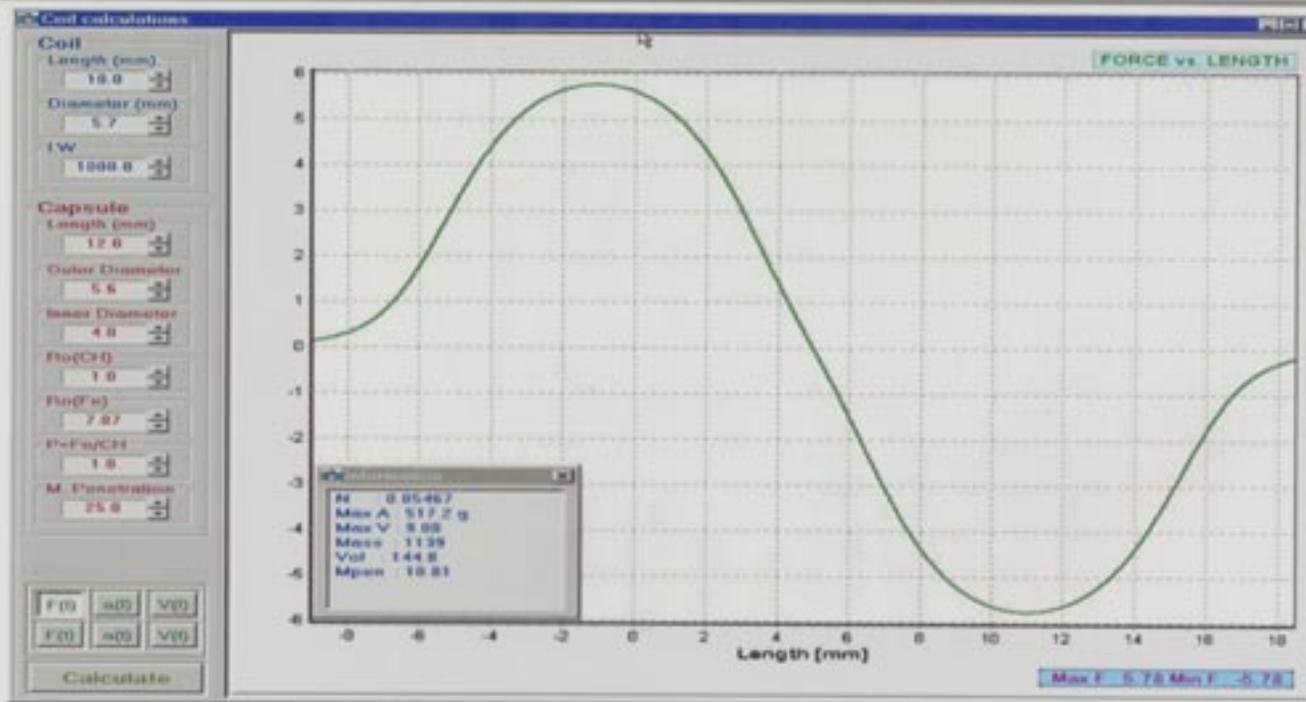
# HEMATICAL MODEL AND SOFTWARE FOR SABOTIER DESIGNS OPTIMIZATION ARE DEVELOPIED

DUCTION DISTRIBUTION ON BUTT-END IS UNIFORM

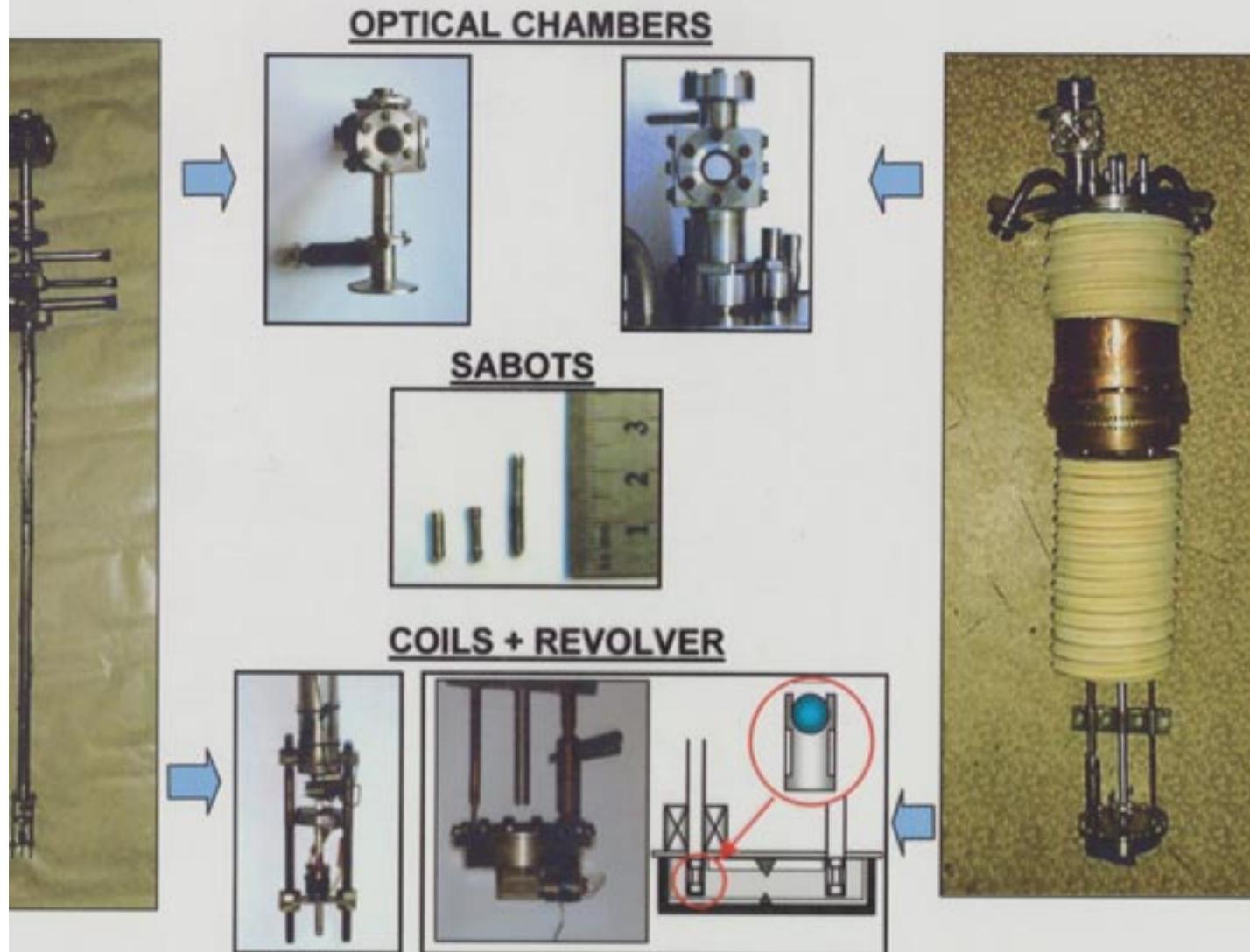
DUCTION VECTOR IS NORMAL TO THE BUTT-END SURFACE OF THE SAB

$$) = - \frac{\pi \cdot \mu_0}{4 \cdot [N + (1 - N) / \mu_E]^2} \cdot (I \omega)^2 \cdot \Phi(z, l_c, l, r) ; \quad \mu_E = \frac{\mu^P}{1 + (\mu^P - 1)}$$

demagnetization factor,  $\mu_E$  - magnetic penetration,  $I \omega$  - current x number of turns;  
 $l, r$  - sabot and coil geometry



# SABOT PROTOTYPE WAS TESTED AT ROOM & CRYOGENIC TEMPERATURES

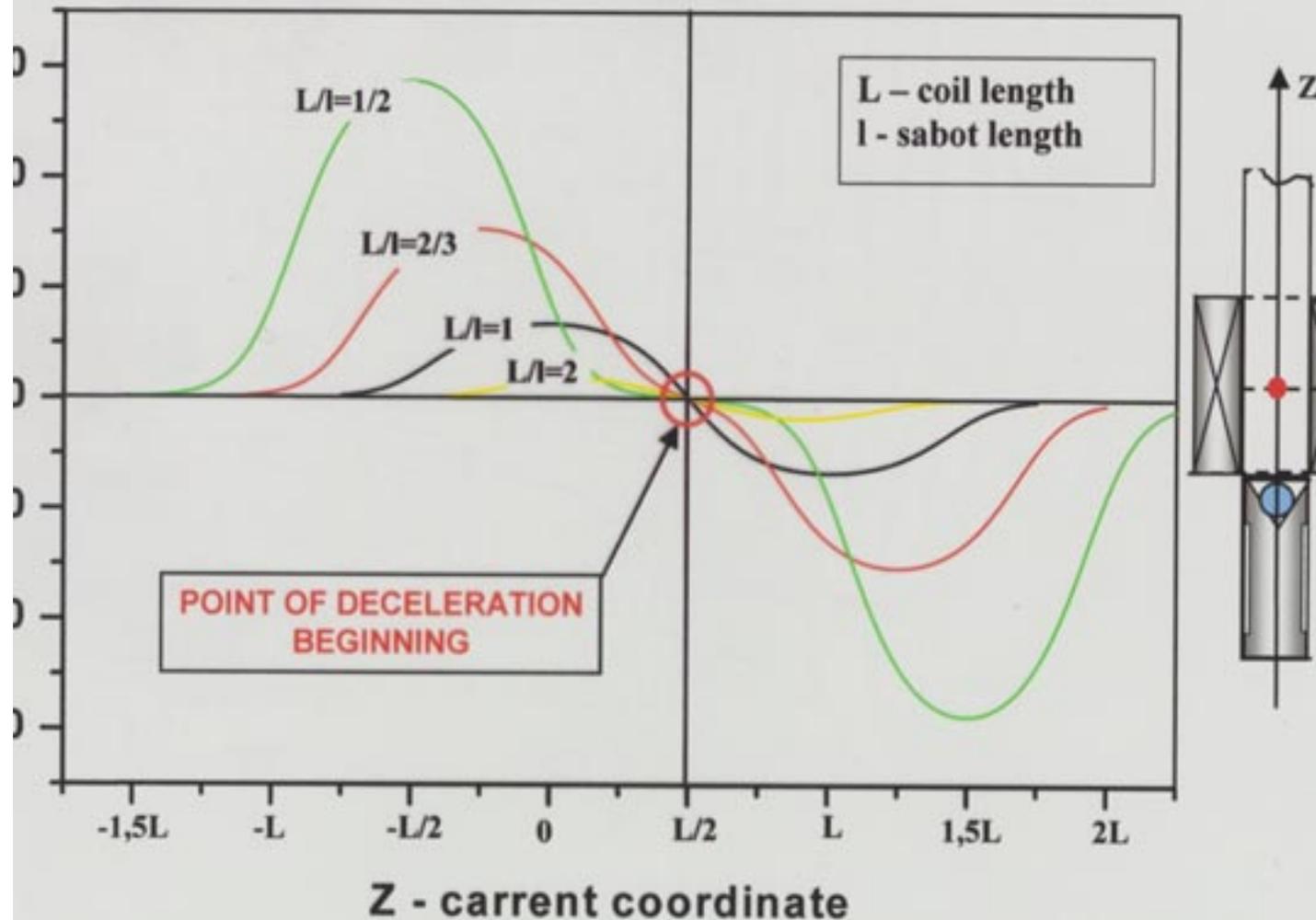


# SABOT ACCELERATION REGIMES

SIMULATION MODEL INDICATE:

current puls duration  $\tau_{cur} = \tau_f$  flight time of central of mass of the sabot  
middle of the coil

acceleration force vary in inverse proportion to  $L(\text{coil}) / l(\text{sabot})$

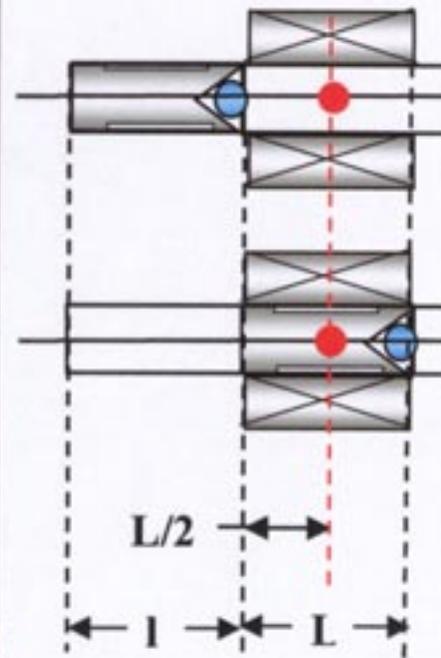
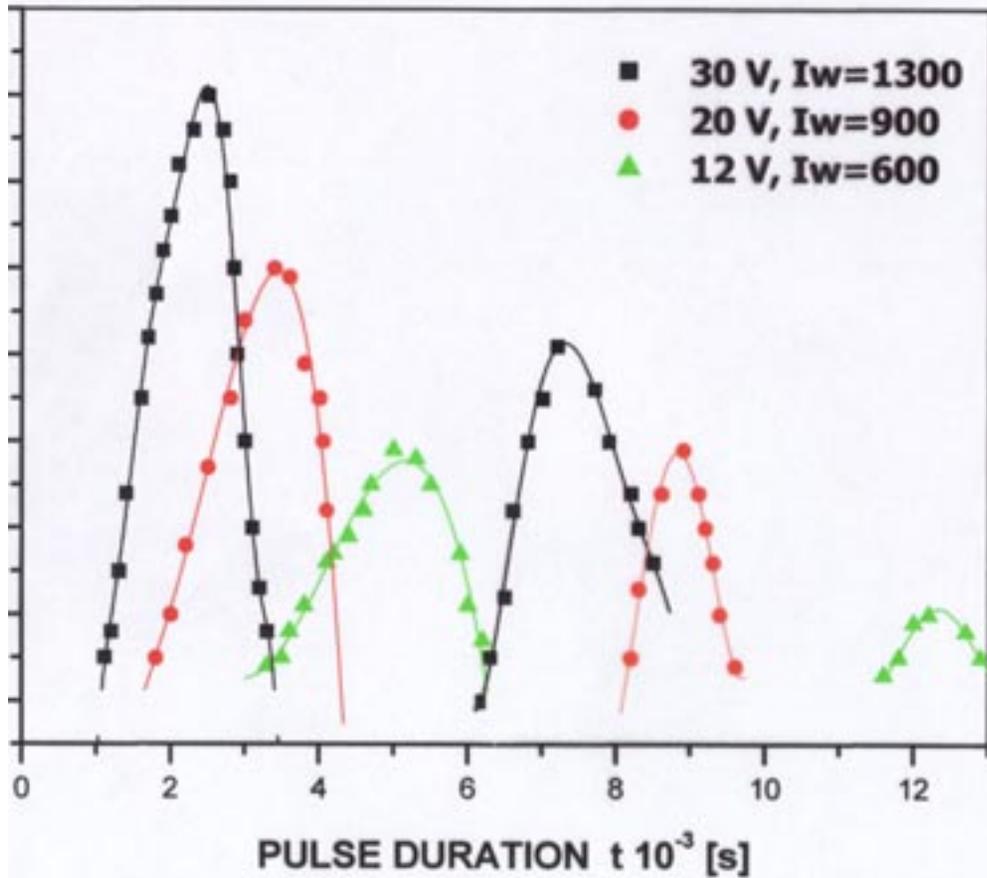


# ACCELERATION REGIMES

EXPERIMENT INDICATE:

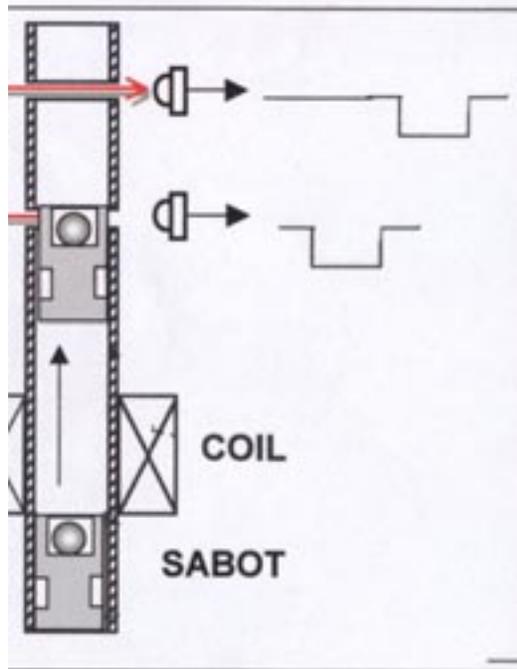
maximum velocity corresponds to the moment when the central of sabot  
s of the first time crosses the middle of the coil.

release is  $\sim 0.2Wt$  for sabots preacceleration with rate of 6Hz ( $I_w=600$ ).

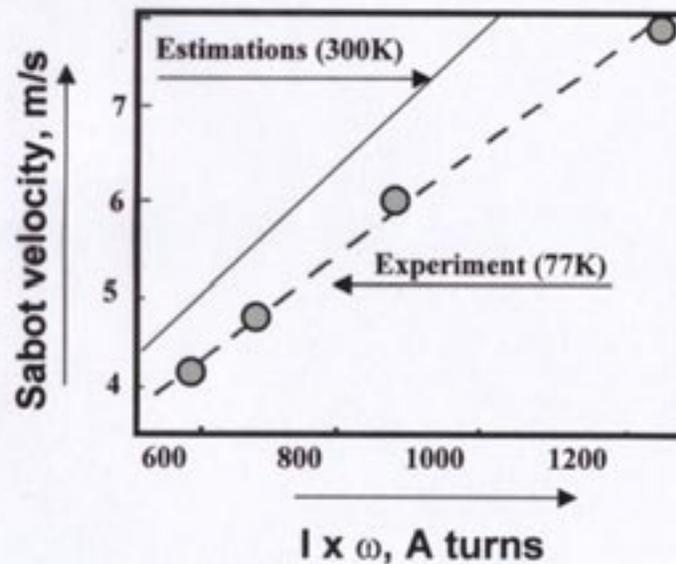


## TARGET ACCELERATION BY THE SOLENOIDAL FIELD HAS BEEN STUDIED AT ROOM AND CRYOGENIC TEMPERATURES

Comparative analysis of the estimated and experimental data has shown that the magnetic penetration of sabot material decreases in about twice with cooling from 300 K to 77 K ( $\mu_{77K} = 125$ ).



3 mm, Length studied 1, 2, 3 cm  
 : Cu,  $\varnothing$  0.08 mm, 1000 turns  
 Temperatures studied: 300K, 77K, 4.2K



- Sabot
  - O.D. 2.6 mm, Length studied 1, 2, 3 cm
  - Magnetic penetration factor 250 (300K),
  - Target nest geometry: plane, cone

## VICE FOR TARGET & SABOT REPEATABLE SEMBLY AND PRE-ACCELERATION

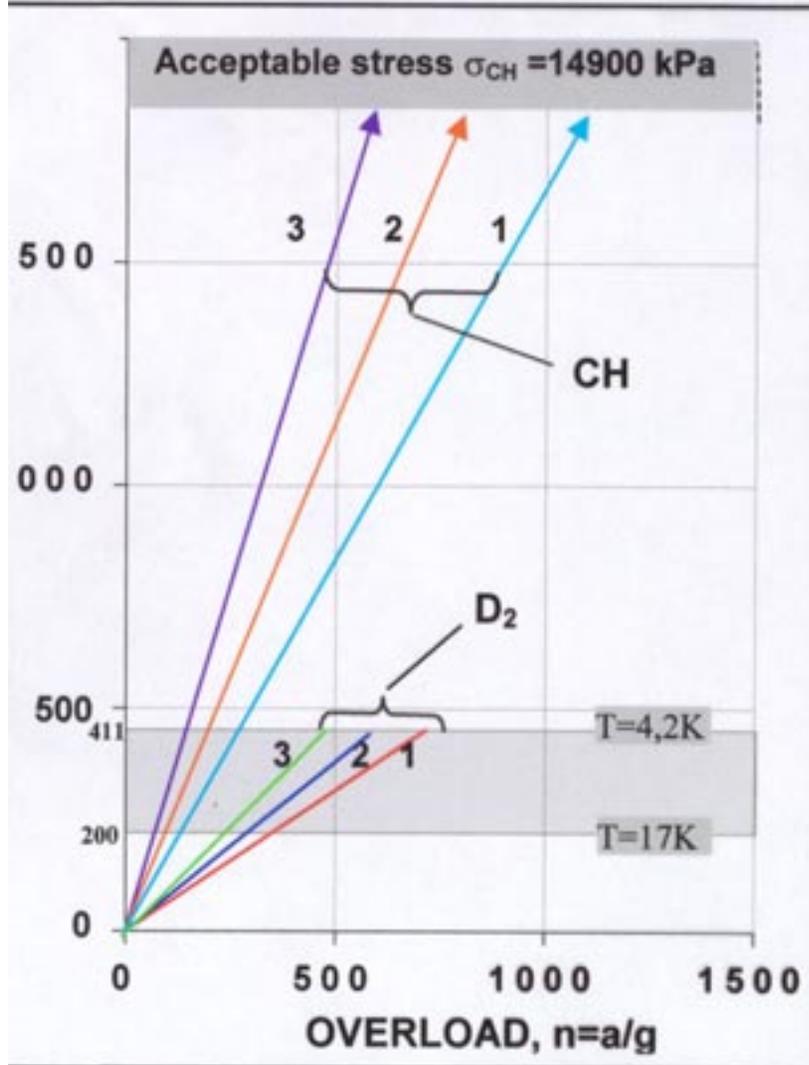
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- **Modeling of sabot electromagnetic preacceleration**
- **Sabot design**
  - acceptable target stress
  - shape of target nest
  - sabot material optimization
- **Accuracy of target delivery**

# able stress estimation for a double-layered shell

II is crashed according collapsing theory

3 is of design version of IFE targets



### Elementary cell

- Resulted stress

$$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\sigma_{11}^2 - \sigma_{11} \cdot \sigma_{22} + \dots}$$

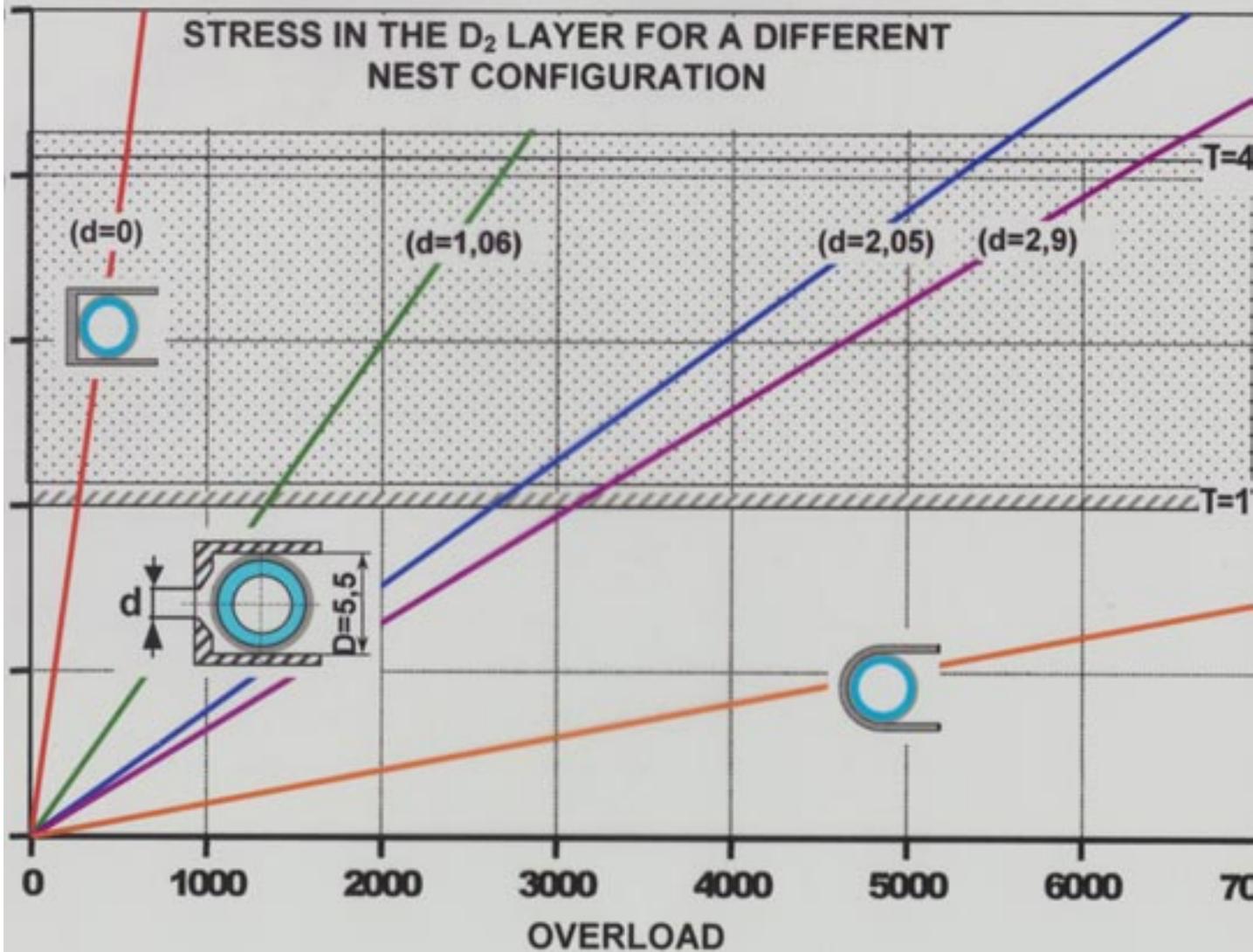
- Acceptable stress:

$$\sigma_i < \frac{\sigma_b}{k}$$

$\sigma_b$  - tensile stress  
 $k=1.3$  - assurance

# OPTIMIZATION OF THE NEST CONFIGURATION

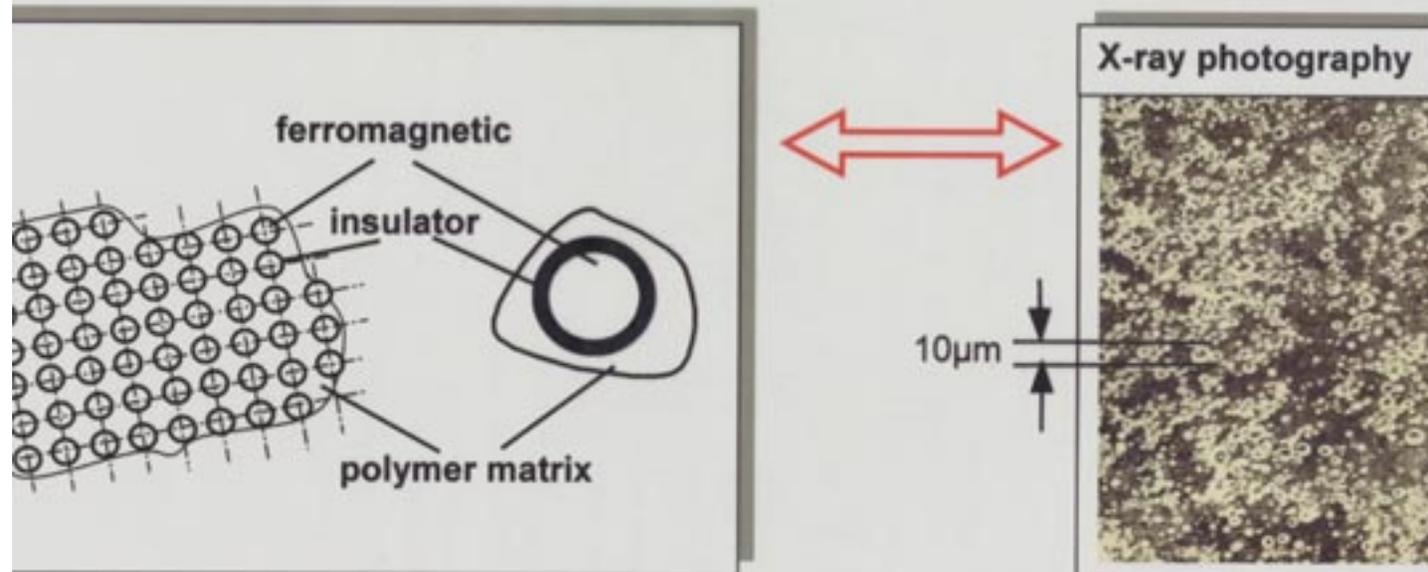
OUR PROPOSAL IS TO MAKE A HOLE IN THE CENTER OF FLAT BOTTOM  
THE HOLE ALLOWS TARGET TO WITHSTAND GREATER OVERLOAD



# OT MATERIAL IS A COMPOSITION OF POLYMER MATRIX & FERROMAGNETIC ADDITIVES

Candidates for polymer matrix and ferromagnetic additives are commercial materials using well-known technology

- low-cost
- reusable operation



Volume concentration:

$$P = \frac{v_D \cdot P_{\text{mass}}}{v_D \cdot P_{\text{mass}} + v_f \cdot (1 - P_{\text{mass}})}$$

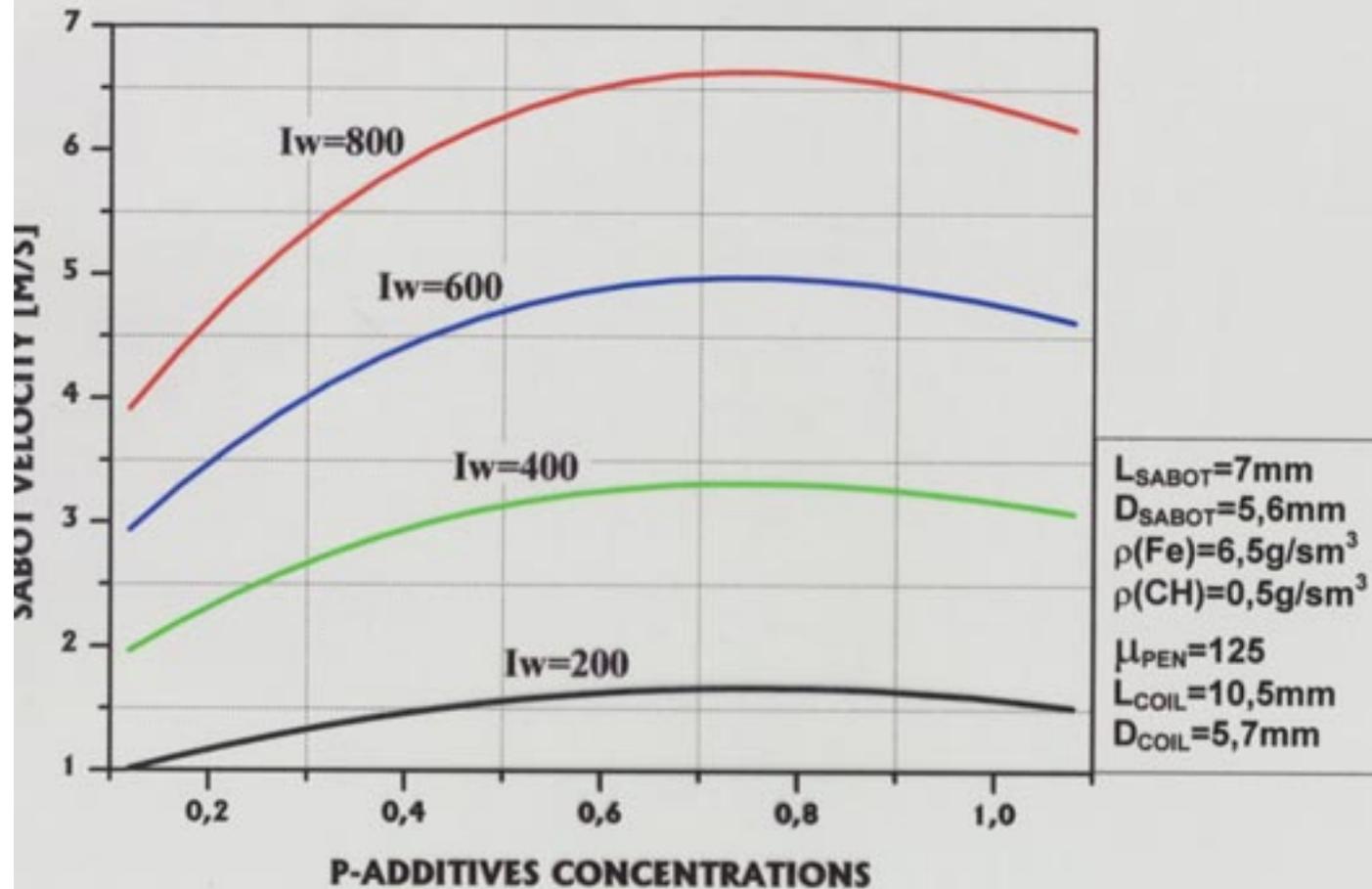
Mass concentration:

$$P_{\text{mass}} = \frac{v_f \cdot P}{v_f \cdot P + v_D \cdot (1 - P)}$$

Where:  $v_f$  - ferromagnetic additive density,  $v_D$  - polymer matrix density

# OPTIMAL CONCENTRATION OF FERROMAGNETIC ADDITIVE

ACCORDING TO DESIGN CRITERIA PREACCELERATION SABOT VELOCITY IS  
INFLUENCE OF ADDITIVES CONCENTRATION ALLOWS:  
REDUCE PRESSURE OF HEAT ON COIL ( $I_w$ )  
REDUCE SABOT MASS



# ICE FOR TARGET & SABOT REPEATABLE SEMBLY AND PRE-ACCELERATION

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**Modeling of sabot electromagnetic preacceleration**

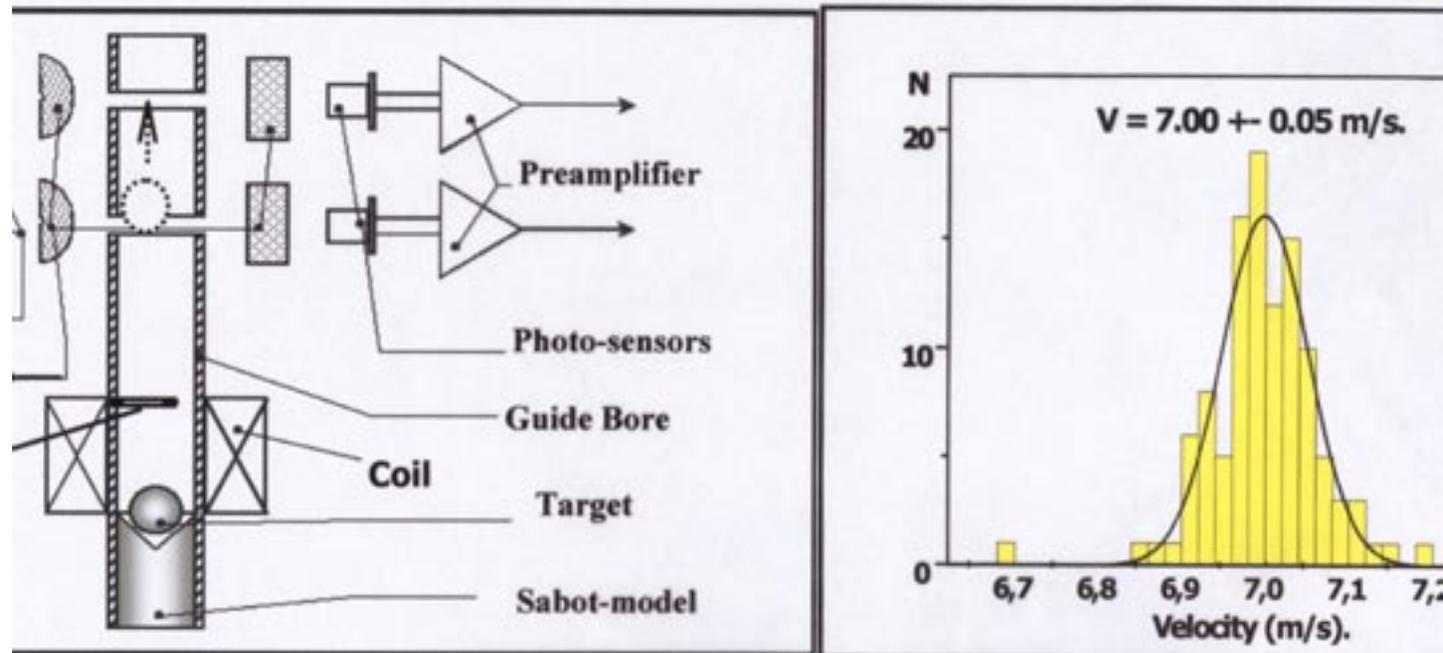
**Sabot design**

**Accuracy of target delivery**

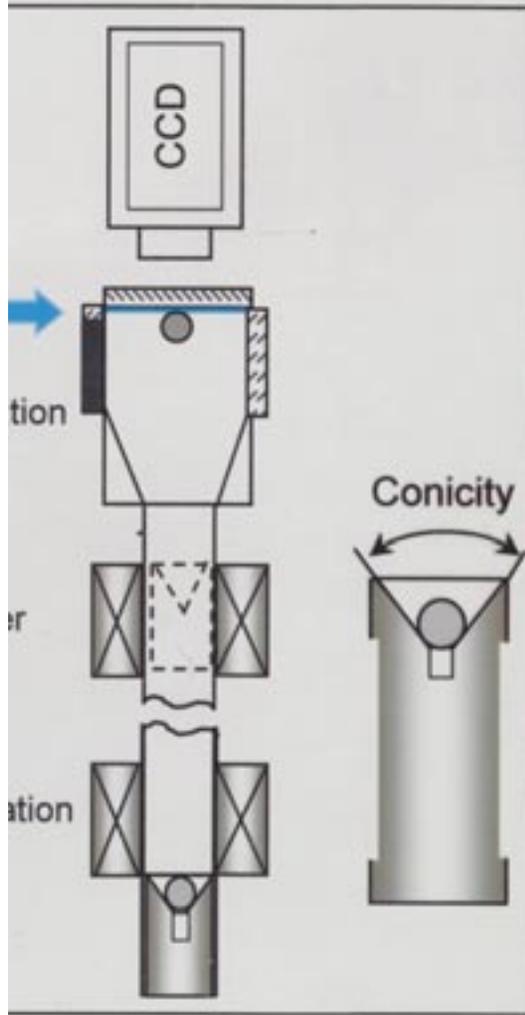
- velocity reproducibility
- shape of sabot nest

# URACY OF SABOT VELOCITY REPRODUCIBILITY ABOUT 0,7%

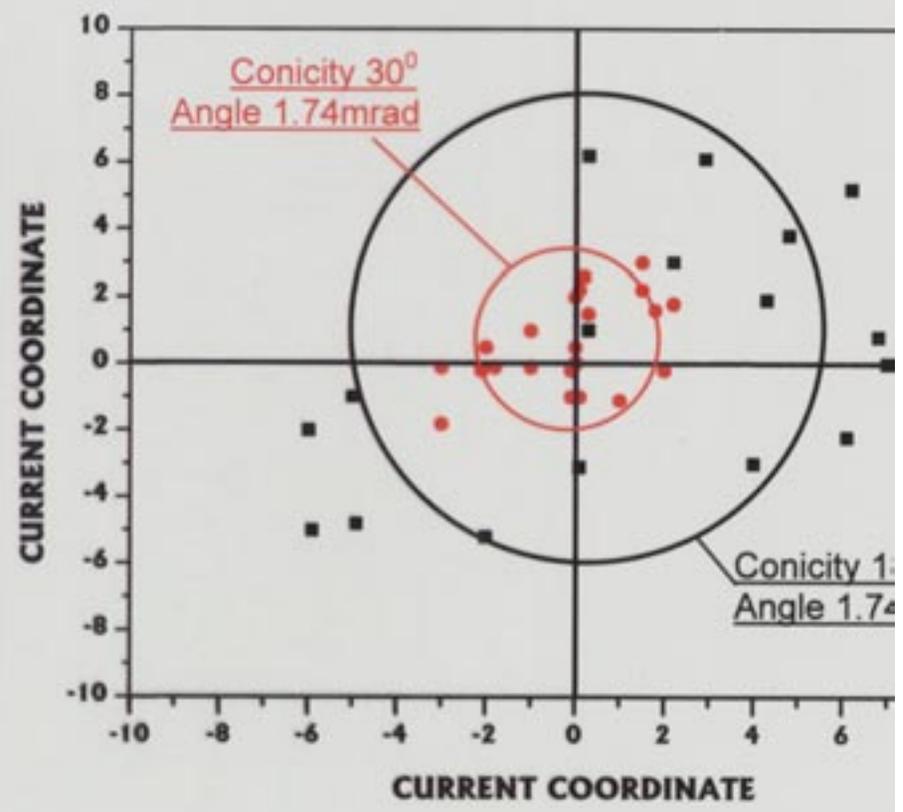
METERS OF PELLET INJECTION INTO THE "BALLISTIC FURNACE"  
STANDARD DEVIATION  $\pm 0.05$  M/SEC NUMBER OF SHOTS N=1000  
PRECISION OF SABOT VELOCITY REPRODUCTION IS 0.7 %



Using of conical nest increase target accuracy injection in about thrice.



- SHELLS WITH DIAMETER UP TO 1MM WAS
- WAS TESTED AT ROOM AND CRYOGENIC TEMPERATURE.



## SUMMARY

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### PRESENT STATUS

Free-Standing Target system allows to fill, layer, characterize and inject target to a test optical chamber with a rate of 0.1 Hz

A special physical layout has been developed to carry out the layering experiments in a wide range of target diameters including a reactor scaled on

The reconstruction algorithms and scan system are under way with the aim to realize micro-tomography approach to target characterization

### NEW LINES OF DEVELOPMENT

Adding a small doping to the fuel to form cryogenic layer in a glass state. The layer withstands to target heating in the range of 5K-to- $T_{TP}$

Using large shells with a metallic layer onto the outer surface to shorten the layering time for reactor target

Using the shells with Co micro-inclusions to investigate the limits of diffusion process

Rotating and bouncing cell application to FST technology

Designing a prototypical facility for repeatable target fabrication and injection including (a) FST-layering module, (b) device for target & sabot assembly, and (c) combined coil-&-gas gun.