## Abstract

Proton Radiography

Los Alamos National Laboratory has used high energy protons as a probe in flash radiography for a decade. In this time the proton radiography project has used 800 MeV protons, provided by the LANSCE accelerator facility at LANL, to diagnose over three-hundred dynamic experiments in support of national and international weapons science and stockpile stewardship programs. Through this effort significant experience has been gained in using charged particles as direct radiographic probes to diagnose transient systems. The results of this experience will be discussed through the presentation of data from experiments recently performed at the LANL pRad.





# Proton Radiography Primer





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## Early Proton Radiography





Fig. 1. Proton radiograph of aluminum absorber 7 cm in diameter and 18 g/cm<sup>2</sup> thick, with an additional thickness of 0.035g/cm<sup>2</sup> aluminum foil, cut in the shape of a pennant, inserted at a depth of 9 g/cm<sup>2</sup> The addition of 0.2 percent to the total thickness produces a substantially darker area on the film.

Fig. 2. Proton flux as a function of depth in aluminum. The steeply falling portion of the curve near  $18 \text{ g/cm}^3$  is used to obtain the high contrast of Fig. 1.

#### Marginal Range Radiography

- Reduce proton beam energy to near •end of range.
- $\bullet$  Use steep portion of transmission curve to enhance sensitivity to areal density variations.
- $\bullet$  Coulomb scattering at low energy results in poor resolution >1.5 mm.
- • Contrast generated through proton absorption.

J. A. Cookson Naturwissenschaften 61, 184-191 (1974)



Fig. 6a and b. Radiographs of leaves by a) marginal range radiography with 196 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> of extra Al absorber, and b) scattering radiography with leaf sandwiched between two 6.9 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> Al layers and 14 mm from the film



#### Scattering Radiography

- Edge detection only•
- Limited to thin objects•
- • Contrast generated through position dependent scattering

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characteristic edge pattern

## LANL Transmission Radiography (1995)

188 MeV secondary proton beamline at LANSCE



## Magnetic Imaging Lens



## Multiple Coulomb Scattering



## Contrast from Multiple Coulomb Scattering



## Nuclear Interactions



 Simple Approximation for Modeling Proton Radiography•Characteristic Nuclear Collision Length:  $\lambda_c$  •Approximate that each interaction removes the proton from the acceptance of the imaging lens.•Measure the collision Length at 800 MeV

The "true" nuclear interactions are more complicated than this simple assumption and these interactions are reasonably well understood. This can all be simulated, but it is typically not worth theeffort for designing small scale experiments.



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# Transmission Calculation

#### Nuclear removal processes:

- $\circledcirc_{\circ}$  scattering angle (radians)
- x- areal density

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T_{nuclear} = e^{\frac{-\theta_c^2}{2\theta_o^2}}
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T_{MCS} = 1 - e^{\frac{-\theta_c^2}{2\theta_o^2}}
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\theta_o = \frac{14.1 MeV}{p\beta} \sqrt{\frac{x}{x_o}}
$$

*x*

 $\lambda$ <sub> $\alpha$ </sub>

*nuclear*

 $T_{\scriptscriptstyle{nuclear}} = e^{\sqrt{-\alpha_c}}$ 

Multiple Coulomb Scattering with collimation:

- $\circledcirc_{\mathtt{o}}$  scattering angle (radians)
- $x$  areal density
- $x_o$  radiation length
- p momentum (MeV)
- *β* relativistic velocity

$$
T = e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda_c}} \left( 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{\theta_c p \beta}{14.1 MeV}\right)^2 \frac{x_o}{2x}} \right)
$$

Total EstimatedTransmission: Good to 5-10%







# 6. ATOMIC AND NUCLEAR PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS

s by D. E. Groom (2007). See web para entries. Quantities in parantheses are at 1 atm. Refractive indices  $n$  are Table 6.1 Abridged from pdg.1b1.gov/ktomic0luclearProperties b<br>this table including chemical formulae, and for several hundred other<br>square brackets indicate quantities evaluated at STP. Boiling points are<br>(589.2 nm); val



# Particle Data Group:<br>http://pdg.lbl.gov/<br>**A** Useful Table

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## Accurate Areal Density Reconstructions



$$
T = e^{-\left(\frac{x}{\lambda_c} + \left(\frac{\theta_c p\beta}{14.1MeV}\right)^2 \frac{x_o}{2(x + x_f)}\right)}
$$

*<sup>e</sup>* Adjust parameters to fit transmission data:

 $\cdot \lambda_c$  - nuclear collision length

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 $\bullet \mathsf{X}_{\mathsf{f}}$  – fixed radiation length (windows, beam angular spread)

Build a step wedge and adjust parameters to fit measured data



## When is an object too thick?



Areal density contours of constant transmission as a function of atomic number.

10% is near the lower limit of reasonable transmission.





## Dynamic Range of 800 MeV Proton Radigraphy



 $\bullet~$  800 MeV proton radiography ranges from 1 g/cm $^2$  up to 70 g/cm $^2$  of iron



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#### LANSCE Experimental Areas





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# Full LANSCE System



- •Diffuser sets illumination pattern at object.
- •Matching quads establish position-angle correlation
- •CL-0 has a 9.0 mRad collimator
- CL-1 and CL-2 can independently have 5-20 mrad collimators•
- •Lens 0 used for beam monitoring
- IL-1 has seven single-shot camera systems•
- IL-2 has five single-shot camera systems and a 9-frame framing camera•
- •21 images per dynamic event at up to 21 different times.





### 800 MeV pRad Facility at LANSCE



# **Temporal Resolution**



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## Chromatic Aberration and Resolution

#### Identity Lens **National Contract Example 23 Magnifier**





• 12 inch lens

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- <u>Station 1: 178 μm</u>
- <u>Station 2: 280 μm</u>
- Gaussian blur function.
- 120 mm field of view

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- 4 inch lens
- **Station 1: 65 μm**  $\bullet$
- Gaussian blur function.
- 44 mm field of view

#### X7 Lens







- 1 inch lens
- Station 1: 30 μm •
- Gaussian blur function.
- 17 mm field of view



## Radiographic Analysis





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#### Bethe-Bloch Energy Loss for 800 MeV Protons

$$
-\frac{dE}{dx} = Kz^{2} \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^{2}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_{e}c^{2} \beta^{2} \gamma^{2} T_{\text{max}}}{I^{2}} - \beta^{2} \right] \approx 1.5 \frac{MeV}{g/cm^{2}}
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# **Density Reconstruction**

#### Invert to calculate Areal Density

$$
T = e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda_A}} \left( 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{\theta_c p \beta}{14.1 \text{MeV}}\right)^2 \frac{x_o}{2x}} \right)
$$



Areal Density (g/cm2)



 Use assumption of cylindrical symmetry to determine volume density (Abel inversion)



Volume Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)





# Multi-Frame Radiographic Movies









# Resolution of Proton Radiography

- **1. Object scattering** introduced as the protons are scattered while traversing the object.<br>**2. Chromatic aberrations**-introduced as the protons pass through the magnetic lens imag
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## Measurements of Object Scattering Blur



## Correcting Second Order Chromatic Aberrations





# Chromatic Blur— $\rightarrow$ Limbing

#### Limb: To outline in clear sharp detail

Like phase-contrast radiography:

- Useful to enhance edges
- Problem for density reconstruction

Resolution proportional to energy offset

$$
\sigma = \theta l_c \frac{E - E_f}{E_f}
$$





### Example: Focused on high energy protons



## 800 MeV x3 Magnifying Imaging Lens



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## Solid-Solid Phase Transition in Iron

Dramatic Improvement in Resolution is allowing us to make new measurements like this solid-solid phase transition in iron. We are performing experiments with the magnifier to study solid-solid phase transitions in cerium this week.



copper



Resolution improvement equivalent to an energy increase from 800 MeV to 2 GeV (in terms of chromatic blur)





#### Material Strength Experiments



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#### Powder Gun Driven Equation Of State Measurements





Aluminum









## Solid-Solid Phase Transitions in Iron



#### pRad has been used to study the failure of materials driven by point detonated high explosives



- • Experiments were aimed at extending VISAR measurements below the leading spall layer.
- Proton radiographs reveal that the deepest damage •layers are not well defined.
- Multiple pRad experiments show that damage •formation deep within the metal is "statistical" in nature and dependent on metal.

#### A comparison of spall for different materials





## Complicated Studies of HE Burn Products





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## Evolution of Spall Damage



Incipient Spall with Recovery Experiments



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#### Dynamic Radiograph



0.8 cm



- How do they coalesce to form •macroscopic damage?
- Requires improvements in •resolution.



# Few Hertz Radiographic Movies

- <5 Hz Frame Rate
- 1000 Frame limit







## **Summary**

- 800 MeV proton radiography continues to provide high quality dynamic materials studies for LANL.
- Gains in resolution have been realized through the development of magnifying lens systems.
- • Interest at Los Alamos to build a user community foraccess to 800 MeV proton radiography.
- We will be looking for user experiments in the 2008 run cycle (June-December).



