

Modeling of Target Radiation Heating

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Radiation Target Heating - An Overview

- Target composition : Au / GDP / solid DT / vapor DT
- Minimize target heating inside chamber before beam irradiation : $T_{\text{fuel}} < \text{DT triple point (21 K)}$
- Sombrero study showed :

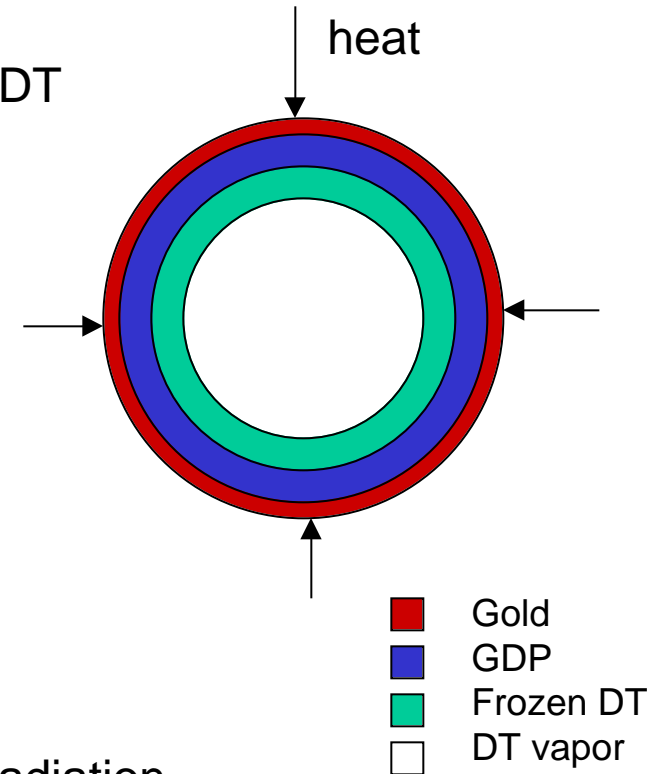
Radiation heating from chamber wall

>> Convective heat transfer from chamber gas

- Target is illuminated by heat radiation uniformly.
- Radiation heat load is assumed to be from black radiation power produced by chamber wall at temperature T_w :

$$e_b = \sigma T_w^4$$

where σ is Stefan-Boltzmann constant.



Development of Analysis Tool, TARAH

- Objective is to analyze radiation heating of inertial fusion target during injection and before beam (laser or HI) irradiation. Specifically calculate:
 - (1) Power reflectivity on target
 - (2) Local power deposition on various layers.

- Assume incident black body radiation spectrum:

$$i'_b(\theta, T) = 2C_1 / \lambda^5 (e^{C_2/\lambda T} - 1)$$

- Include both S- and P-polarization components. Assuming random polarization mix, we have for reflectivity:

$$R = 0.5 (R_S + R_P)$$

- Calculate reflectivity averaged over incident angles by

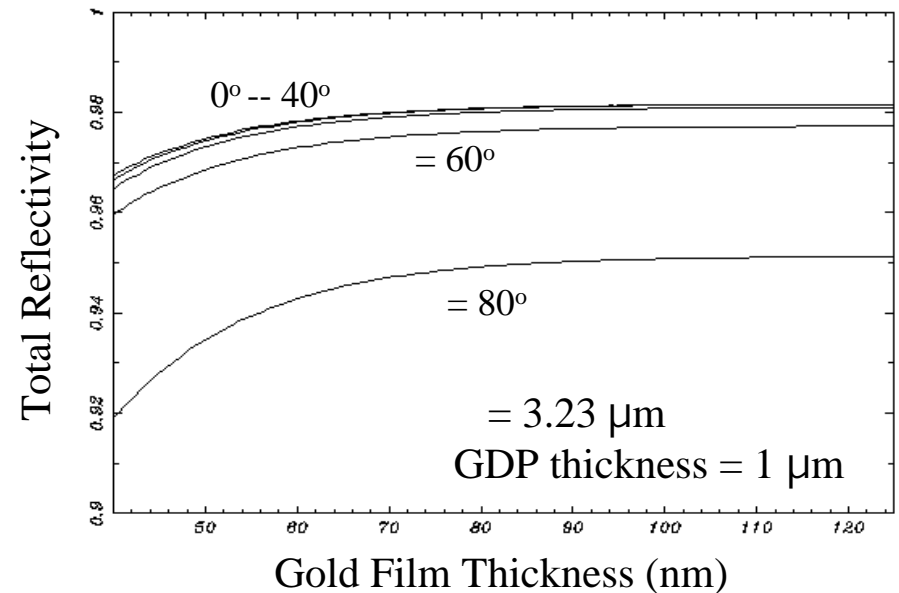
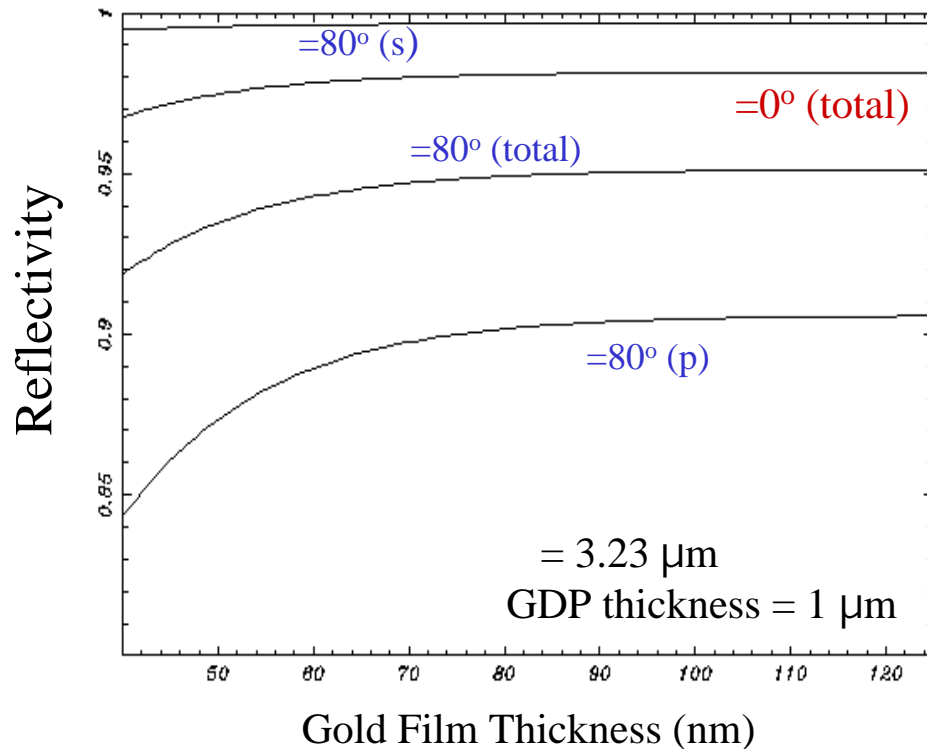
$$\langle R \rangle = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} R(\theta) \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta$$

- Integrate over radiation spectrum to obtain total reflectivity:

$$\langle R \rangle(T) = \int_0^\infty \langle R \rangle i'_b(\theta, T) d\lambda / T_w^4$$

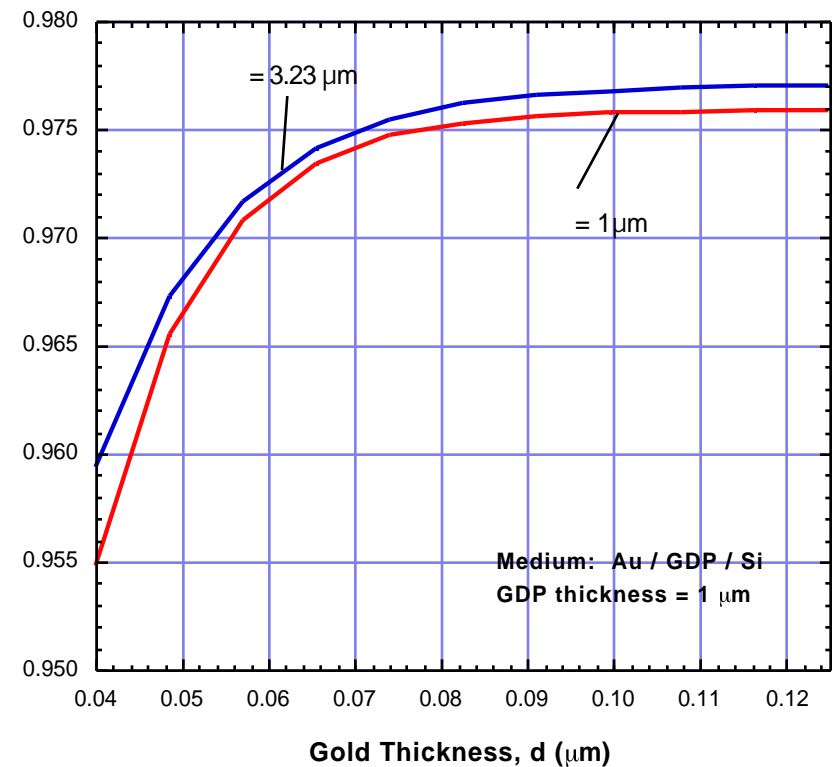
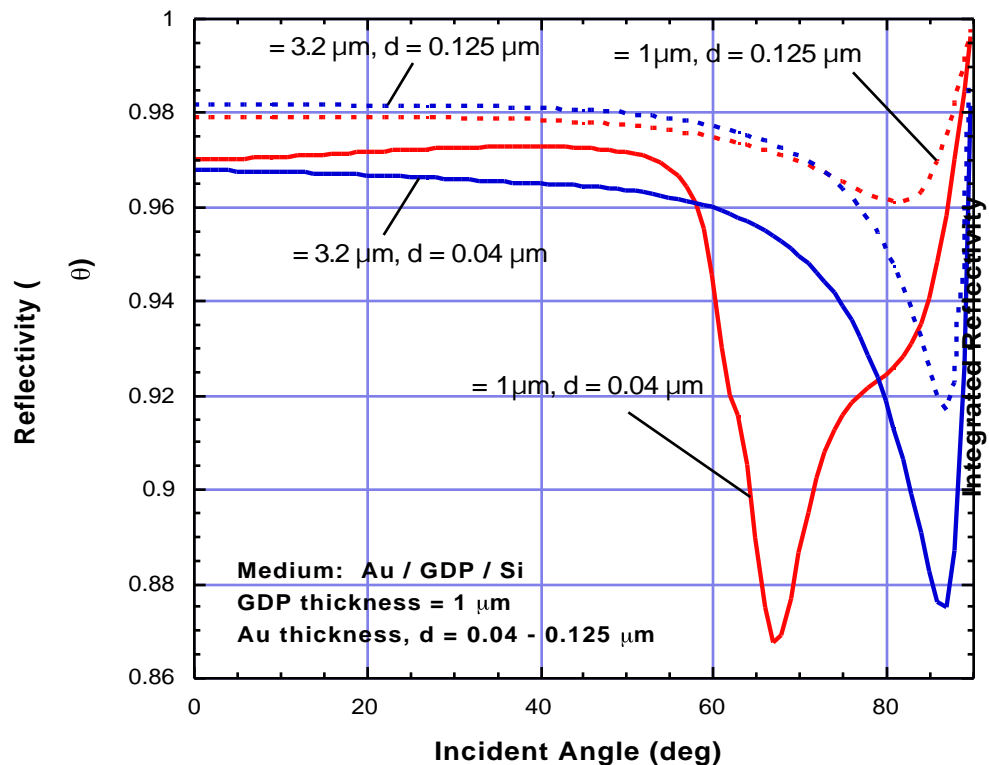
Target Reflectivity for S- and P-Polarization of Incident Radiation

- The target shell is composed of Au/GDP/Si(DT). At a wall temperature of 625°C, blackbody radiation intensity is peaked at $\lambda = 3.23 \mu\text{m}$.
- To calculate reflectivity for p-polarization, we substitute $n_j \cos \theta_j$ in Fresnel formulae for S-polarization by $\cos \theta_j/n_j$, and define total reflectivity as $R = (R_s + R_p)/2$.



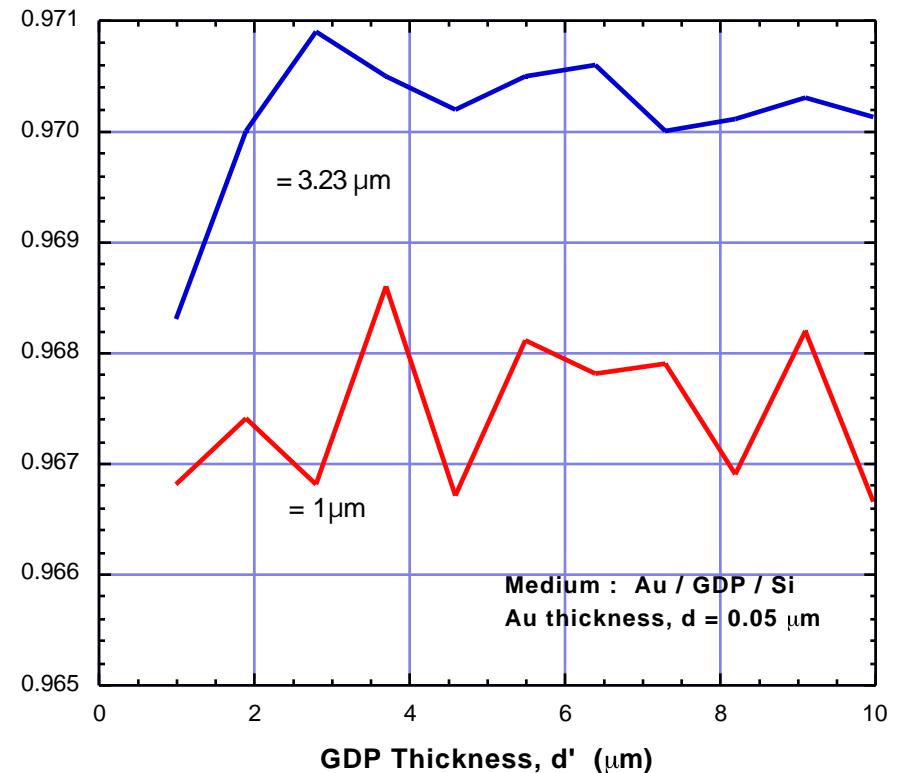
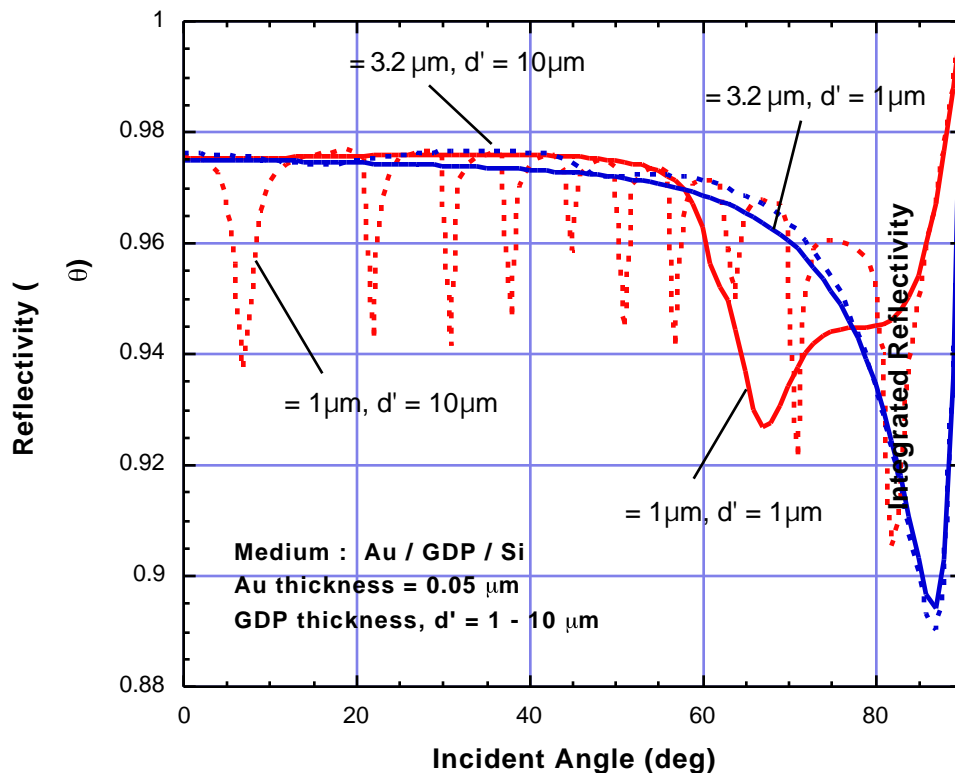
Target is Highly Reflective in the Infrared Spectrum With Gold Film Thickness $> 0.04\mu\text{m}$

- Reflectivity (S+P polarization) exhibits minimum as $\theta_{\text{inc}} \longrightarrow 90^\circ$ for polymer thickness of $1\mu\text{m}$.
- Angle-averaged reflectivity variation with gold thickness is similar for $d = 1, 3.2\mu\text{m}$; rises and levels off at $\langle R \rangle = 0.976$ as $d \longrightarrow 0.1\mu\text{m}$.



Target Reflectivity is High in Infrared Spectrum, and Insensitive to Polymer Layer Thickness in 1-10 μm Range

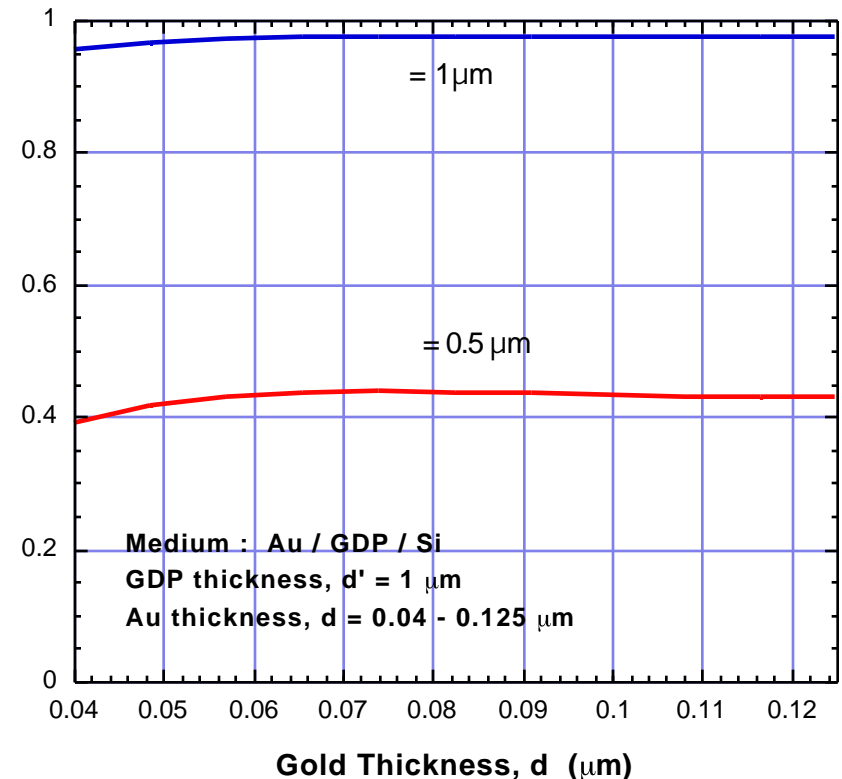
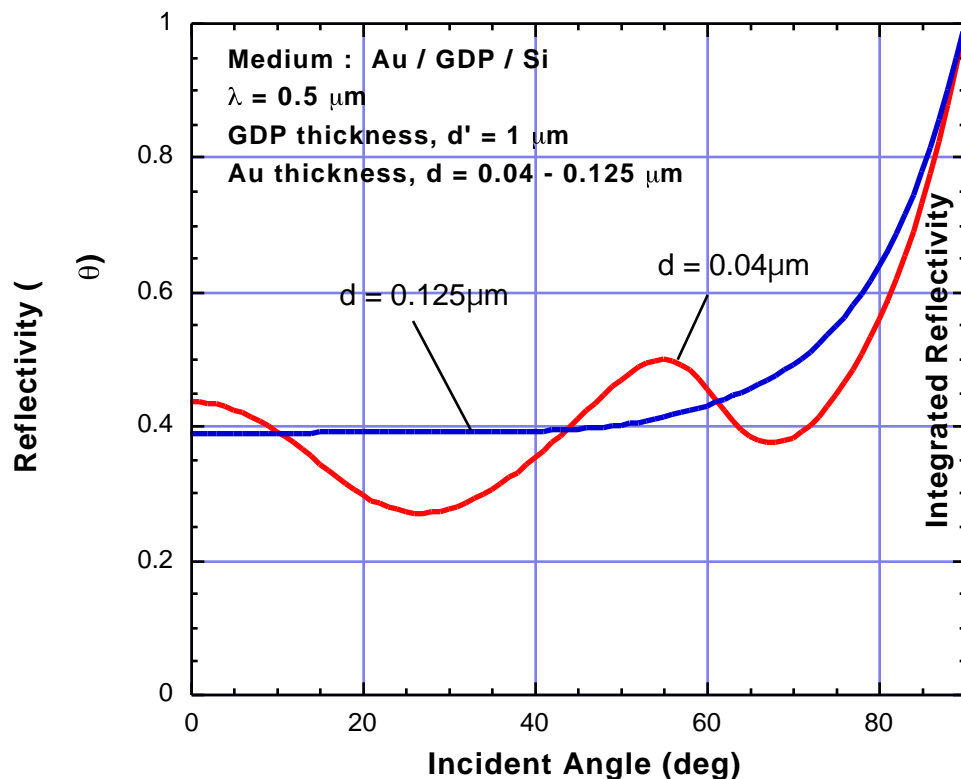
- Reflectivity (S+P polarization) exhibits a minimum close to tangential incidence. Periodic interference effects are seen for 10 μm GDP thickness incident angle is varied.
- Angle-averaged reflectivity ~ 0.97 for GDP thickness = 1 - 10 μm .



Target Heating is Strong in Visible Spectrum

- Radiation absorption is strong over all angles of incidence.
 $R < 0.6$ for $\theta_{inc} < 80^\circ$.
- Angle-averaged reflectivity drops drastically as $d = 1\text{mm} \rightarrow 0.5\text{mm}$.

Since $T_{max} \sim T_{wall}$, this implies low first wall temperature is desirable.



FUTURE PLANS

- Calculation of total reflectivity integrated over radiation spectrum and fractional power deposition in various layers
- Comparison of Silicon substrate with DT
- Extrapolation to low temperature
 - n and k values at room temperature have been used
- Correct accounting of geometry and surface roughness
- Sensitivity studies w.r.t. wall temperature and fuel temperature