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Non-local electron transport validation using 2D DRACO simulations¹ DUC CAO, JEFF CHENHALL, ELI MOLL, ALEX PROCHASKA, GREGORY MOSES, University of Wisconsin-Madison, JACQUES DELETTREZ, TIM COLLINS, Laboratory for Laser Energetics — Comparison of 2D DRACO simulations, using a modified version² of the Schurtz, Nicolai and Busquet (SNB) algorithm³ for non-local electron transport, with direct drive shock timing experiments⁴ and with the Goncharov non-local model⁵ in 1D LILAC will be presented. Addition of an improved SNB non-local electron transport algorithm in DRACO allows direct drive simulations with no need for an electron conduction flux limiter. Validation with shock timing experiments that mimic the laser pulse profile of direct drive ignition targets gives a higher confidence level in the predictive capability of the DRACO code. This research was supported by the University of Rochester Laboratory for Laser Energetics.

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