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Three dimensional hybrid simulations of the UCLA collisionless shock experiment DAVID LARSON, LLNL, STEPHEN BRECHT, Bay Area Research Corporation — We present simulations of the UCLA laser-driven collisionless shock experiment. Past attempts at generating magnetized collisionless shocks in the laboratory have had limited success. A new effort is underway at UCLA utilizing the LAPD and a new kJ-class laser [1]. Recent simulation results using our three dimensional parallel hybrid plasma code will be presented and discussed, including the influence of debris charge state and debris cloud expansion geometry.

[1] C Niemann, et al, 2012 JINST 7 P03010

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