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The simulation study of foam Au as hohlraum wall in indirect-drive inertial confinement fusion CHANGSHU WU, WENBING PEI, SHAOPING ZHU, Institute of Applied Physics and Computational Mathematics — The high Z metallic foam as hohlraum wall can reduce hydrodynamic losses, and hence, net absorbed energy (“wall loss”). Therefore, this approach is used to increase hohlraum coupling efficiency in laser indirect drive inertial-confinement fusion (ICF). We have also simulated the foam Au as hohlraum wall with our one-dimensional (1D radiation hydrodynamic code RDMG) and two-dimensional (2D radiation hydrodynamic code LARED-H). The required radiation drive for capsule implosion is more complex pulse shape, and it has been used to ablate the normal density Au wall. The simulation result indicates that the kinetic energy fraction is only about 18%, and it is less than that with constant radiation drive. The wall loss is difficult to be reduced by reduced kinetic energy with decreased original density of Au wall, and the wall loss increases in lower density region because of the increased internal energy. Although the wall loss can't be reduced, the 1D simulation result by RDMG indicates that the kinetic energy and the blowoff mass decrease with decreased original density of Au wall. The 2D simulation result by LARED-H indicates that reduced hydrodynamic motion can restrain the motion of laser spots, and that is of benefit to the symmetry control.

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