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Developing a D^3He exploding-pusher platform to study kinetic effects H. SIO, M. ROSENBERG, H. RINDERKNECHT, D. CASEY, A. ZYLSTRA, C. WAUGH, M. GATU-JOHNSON, F. SEGUIN, C. LI, J. FRENJE, R. PETRASSO, MIT, J. DELETTREZ, V. GLEBOV, T. SANGSTER, C. STOECKL, V. GONCHAROV, LLE, P. AMENDT, C. BELLEI, S. WILKS, LLNL — The yield anomalies recently observed in direct-drive and indirect-drive exploding pushers suggests that the shock dynamics in these implosions is not well-described by 1D fluid models. The results suggest that kinetic effects such as species separation, different types of diffusion, and loss of high-energy ions must be accounted for in the modeling of exploding pushers. D^3He gas-filled exploding pushers are ideal for studying these effects because implosions with varying fuel mixture can be made hydroequivalent, and all D^3He reaction products can be measured. In this paper, we discuss the implications of this work as well as steps to develop exploding pusher as a robust platform for study of basic implosion physics in a simple 1D system. This work was supported in part by the U.S. DOE, LLNL and LLE.

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