

LD₂ Target Thickness Analysis for EG2

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Overview

The cell

- 2-cm LD₂ cell, 1.3 atm;
- Goal: thickness uncertainty < 1%.

Error Sources

- Density $\rho = \rho(P, T)$;
- Absolute cell length measurement;
- Thermal contraction of cell wall (Kapton);
- Endcap bulging;
- Beam position drifting;

References

- R. Prydz, NBS report on *The Thermodynamic Properties of Deuterium*, (1967);
- R.F. Barron, *Cryogenic Systems*, (1985);
- Tests done at JLab: S. Christo, D. Kashy.

Density

- Pressure sensor: $dP = 0.005P + 50 \text{ mbar} = 56.6 \text{ mbar} @ 1.3 \text{ atm}$;
- Temperature sensor: $dT = 50 \text{ mK}$ (calibration);
- Subcooling:
 - From LD₂ test (with super insulation), observed no bubbling at 1.3 atm, 24.49 K (interpolated), this means no subcooling needed;
 - Plan: 1 K subcooled (to be confirmed), i.e., condenser set at 23.55 K, hence $dT = 0.5 \text{ K}$ due to subcooling;
- From (P, T) to density (NBS report):
 - Two methods: equation of State, fit to data;

Method	ρ (g/cm ³)	$\partial\rho/\partial T$ (g/cm ³ /K)	$\partial\rho/\partial P$ (g/cm ³ /bar)
Eq. of State	$0.1620 \times (1 \pm 0.80\%)$	-0.0026	0.213
Fit to NBS data	$0.1621 \times (1 \pm 0.74\%)$	-0.0024	-0.285

- Take the larger value **0.80%** as a conservative estimation of uncertainty in deuterium density due to dP and dT ;
- Error in NBS data: **0.15%** (typical).

Absolute cell length measurement

- $dL = 80\mu\text{m}$, i.e., **0.4%** to target thickness;

Kapton Thermal Contraction

- Kapton thermal contraction coefficient from 300 K to 78 K:
 - 31.13 ppm/K measured at JLab;
 - 21.4 ppm/K from Dupont;
- From 78 K to 22 K (non-linearity of thermal contraction)
 - Data on Kapton not available;
 - Using existing data of various plastic materials;
 - Estimate total shrinkage from 300 to 22 K
 $\approx (1.13 \pm 0.03) \times$ shrinkage from 300 to 78 K;
- Total:

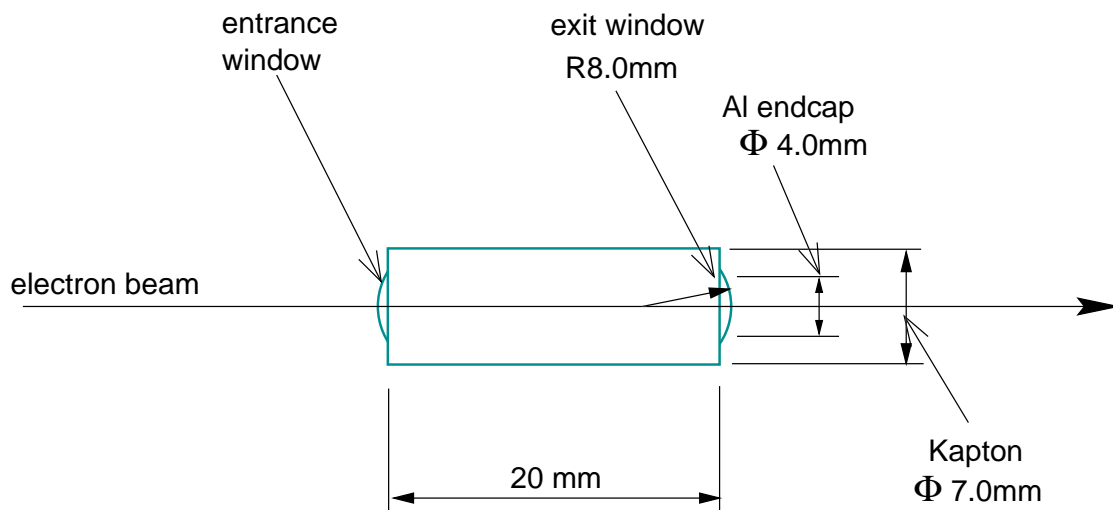
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{L(300K) - L(22K)}{L(300K)} &= (26.45 \pm 4.67) \text{ ppm} \times (300 - 78) \times (1.13 \pm 0.03) \\ &= (0.667 \pm 0.135\%) \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow contribute **0.135%** to target thickness.

Endcap bulging

- Cell length (body + exit window) measured from 0 to 1.5 atm;
- Exit window average 0.206 mm;
- Error of the measurement: $3\ \mu\text{m}$ device, $5\ \mu\text{m}$ fluctuation $\Rightarrow \approx 0.01\ \text{mm}$;
- Assuming the same deformation for the entrance window;
- Contribute **0.1 %** to target thickness.

Beam position drifting



- Take $dL/L = 0.4\%$, corresponding to **1.13 mm drift from center**.

Summary

Source	Uncertainty in Thickness
dP and dT	0.823%
$\rho = \rho(P, T)$	0.15%
Absolute cell length	0.4%
Kapton contraction	0.135%
Endcap shape	0.10%
Beam position	0.40%
Local bubbling	0.00%
Total	1.005%