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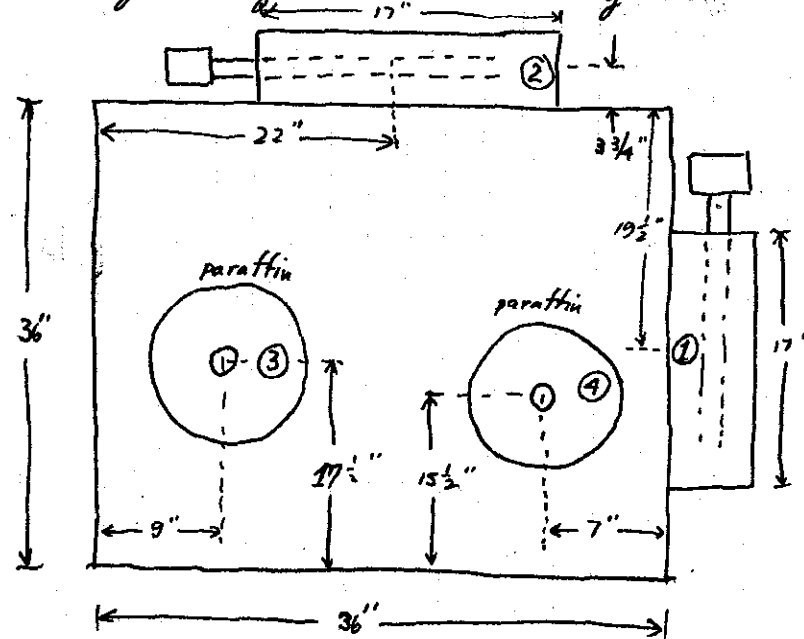
This notebook assigned for Critical Assembly data at  
Parajonita Canyon. April 4, 1964  
L. J. Ford Beck

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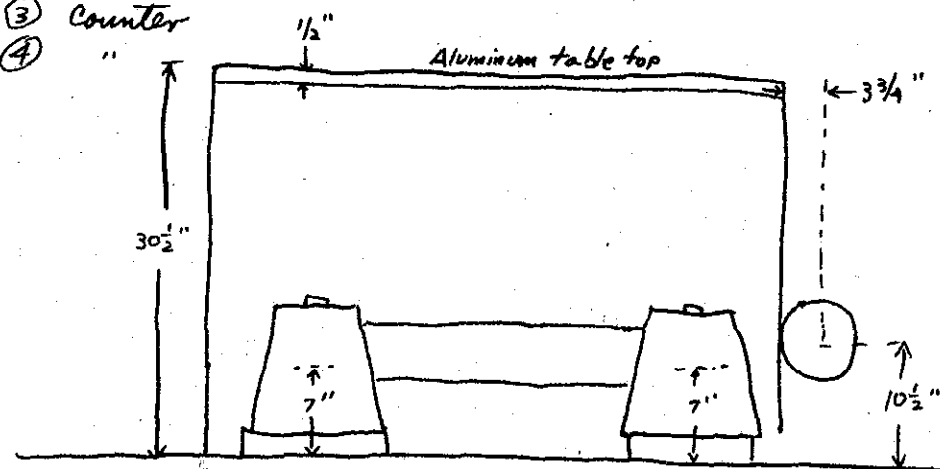
April 7, 1946 Critical Assembly Experiments.

Physical arrangement of table and counting tubes.



counting equipment

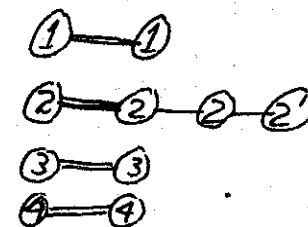
- ① Ionization chamber
- ② "
- ③ Counter
- ④ "



Electrical equipment

- ① recording milliammeter
- ② recording milliammeter
- ③ milliammeter
- ④ recording milliammeter
- ⑤ recording milliammeter
- ③ mechanical counter
- ④ mechanical counter

counter recorder



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6 April 4, 1946.

Calculation of distances from centers of counters to center of a 10" cube.

- ① 33"
- ② 34"
- ③ 30"
- ④ 31"

Pile 1 (Tubes only, untamped) (0% tamped)

Began piling selected cubes (eliminating 95 on the basis of low or high density,  $\pm 2\%$  ~~465-481~~ used in experiment, and on

height, 8994-1013 used in experiment) in center of table. Source put at base of pile, center, counter ① side of pile. Mock fission Po-Be.  $\sim 5 \times 10^5$  neutrons/sec.

1a took counts on pile 3 blocks high, 10 long, 10 wide.  $1/2 = 1$  curie

④ top counter -  $\Delta t = 10$  minutes. Counts  $\begin{array}{r} 1253 \\ 1218 \\ \hline 35 \times 64 = 2240 \\ \text{interpolation} \quad 46 \\ \hline \text{total} \quad 2286 \\ \text{counts/minute} = 228.6 \\ \text{reciprocal} \times 1000 = 4.36 \end{array}$

③ bottom counter  $\Delta t = 10$  minutes. Counts  $\begin{array}{r} 4495 \\ 4488 \\ \hline 7 \times 64 = 448 \\ \text{interpolation} \quad 33 \\ \hline 481 \\ \text{c.p.m.} \quad 48.1 \\ \text{recip} \times 1000 \quad 2.08 \end{array}$

1b

4 blocks high

④ top counter  $\Delta t = 10$  min. counts  $\begin{array}{r} 1311 \\ 1273 \\ \hline 38 \times 64 = 2432 \\ \text{interpolation} \quad 33 \\ \hline 2465 \\ \text{c.p.m.} \quad 246.5 \\ \text{recip} \times 1000 \quad 4.07 \end{array}$

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Apr. 4, 1946

③ bottom counter  $\Delta t = 10 \text{ min}$  counts 4507

4500  
 $7 \times 64 = 448$   
 interpolation 23  
 total 471  
 cpm 47.1  
 recip  $\times 1000 = 21.2$

height counter ④

lc 5 counts 12390  
 " 348  
 $\Delta c$   $64 \times 42 = 2688$   
 interp 3  
 total 2691  
 c/m 269.1  
 1000 m/c 3.72

counter ③

4421  
4414  
 $64 \times 7 = 448$   
11  
459  
45.9  
21.8

ld 6 counts 1460  
 " 20  
 $\Delta c$   $64 \times 40 = 2560$   
 interp 8  
 total 2568  
 c/m 256.8  
 1000 m/c 3.88

4434  
4427  
 $64 \times 7 = 448$   
11  
459  
45.9  
21.8

le 7 counts 1528  
 " 1496  
 $\Delta c$   $64 \times 42 = 2688$   
 interp 22  
 total 2710  
 c/m 271.0  
 1000 m/c 3.69

4447  
4441  
 $64 \times 6 = 384$   
5 62  
446  
44.6  
22.9

le 8 counts 1615  
 " 1573  
 $\Delta c$   $64 \times 42 = 2688$   
 interp 14  
 total 2702  
 c/m 270.2  
 1000 m/c 3.70

4460  
4454  
 $64 \times 6 = 384$   
23  
417  
41.7  
24.0

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height 19 10

Counter ④	
counts	1745
"	1699
Δc	$64 \times 46 = 2944$
interp.	43
total	2987
c/m	298.7
1000 m/c	335

Counter ③	
	4482
	4475
	$64 \times 7 = 448$
	20
	468
	46.8
	21.7

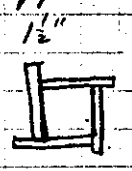
[17] Concluded that further additions of layers would probably never make the pile go critical. See graphs 1 and 2

Pile 2 (Teubes only, fanned)

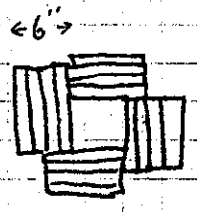
single surrounded pile 10 x 10 x 10 inches with slabs of 1 1/2" paraffin. four sides, not on top or bottom. <sup>(50%)</sup> Po-Be <sup>19-20 curies</sup> ~~neutron~~ fission source placed on top of pile.

Counter ④	
counts	1837
"	1817
Δc	$64 \times 20 = 1280$
interp	32
total	1312
c/m	131.2
1000 m/c	7.6

Counter ③	
	9500
	4495
	$64 \times 5 = 320$
	52
	322
	37.2
	26.8



Added three more layers of 1 1/2" paraffin to the 4 sides (67%)



counts	1880
"	1856
Δc	$64 \times 24 = 1536$
interp	51
	1587
c/m	158.7
1000 m/c	

	4512
	4506
	$64 \times 6 = 244$
	56
	400
c/m	400
1000 m/c	

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14 April 1946

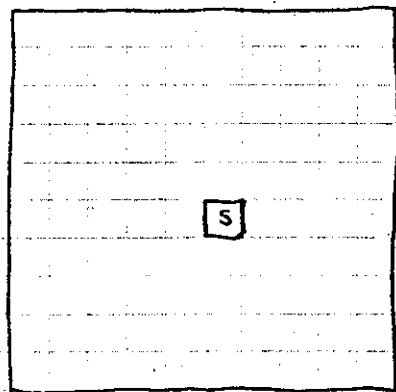
added four slabs of paraffin 10" square on top of the pile.  
Source buried in lowest layer. (84% tamping)

	Counter ④	Counter ③
counts	<u>1956</u>	<u>4536</u>
"	<u>1910</u>	<u>4522</u>
AC	$64 \times 46 = 2924$	$64 \times 14 = 896$
interp	<u>58</u>	<u>4</u>
total	<u>2982</u>	<u>900</u>
C/m	<u>298.2</u>	<u>90.0</u>

→ Covered roof of pile more completely - no apparent increase in reactivity.

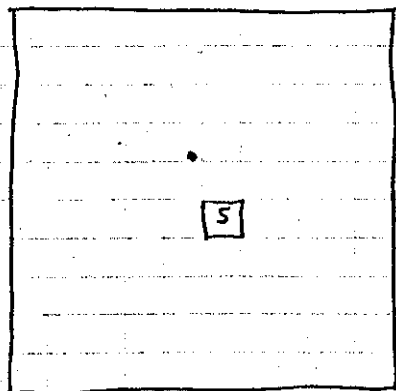
<sup>UNIDENTIFIED</sup>  
Removed paraffin, installed strong source in the place of the  
cube lying near the center - see diagram  
cube lying six cubes from the lower ① ② corner, in each direction.

2a Pile 10 x 10 x 10 = 1000 cubes ② 84% tamping



①

Top view



①

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Counter ④

clicks 3437  
 " 2655  
 counts  $64 \times 782 = 50098$   
 c/m. 5009.8 (2.03) \*  
 1000/c/m 0.200 (5.4) ≠  
 4.93

Counter ③

4973  
 4741  
 counts  $64 \times 232 = 14848$   
 c/m = 1484.8 (2.20) \*  
 0.673 (4.53) ≠

Removed one layer of pile from top, front, left side

2b Pile  $9 \times 9 \times 9 = 729$  cubes (84%)

Counter ④

clicks 4571  
 " 3879  
 counts  $64 \times 692 = 44288$   
 c/m 4428.8 (1.79)  
 1000/c/m .226 (5.58)

Counter ③

5295  
 5107  
 counts  $64 \times 188 = 12032$   
 c/m = 1203.2 (2.00)  
 1000/c/m = .830 (5.00)

Removed another layer of pile from top, ~~front~~ back, right side

2c pile  $8 \times 8 \times 8 = 512$  cubes (40%)

Counter ④

clicks 5356  
 " 4744  
 counts  $64 \times 612 = 63968$   
 c/m 3916.8 (1.58)  
 1000/c/m .256 (6.32)

Counter ③

5499  
 5343  
 counts  $64 \times 151 = 9664$   
 966.4 (1.61)  
 1.035 (6.23)

2c' supported source only, with cubes removed, in same location as previously. (84%)

Counter ④

clicks 6051  
 " 5665  
 counts  $64 \times 386 = 24704$   
 c/m 2470.4  
 1000/c/m

Counter ③

5663  
 5869  
 counts  $64 \times 94 = 6016$   
 c/m = 601.6

Extrapolates to 2700 cubes (14 cubes on a side) when plotted on  $10/\text{multiplication vs } T \text{ cube graph}$

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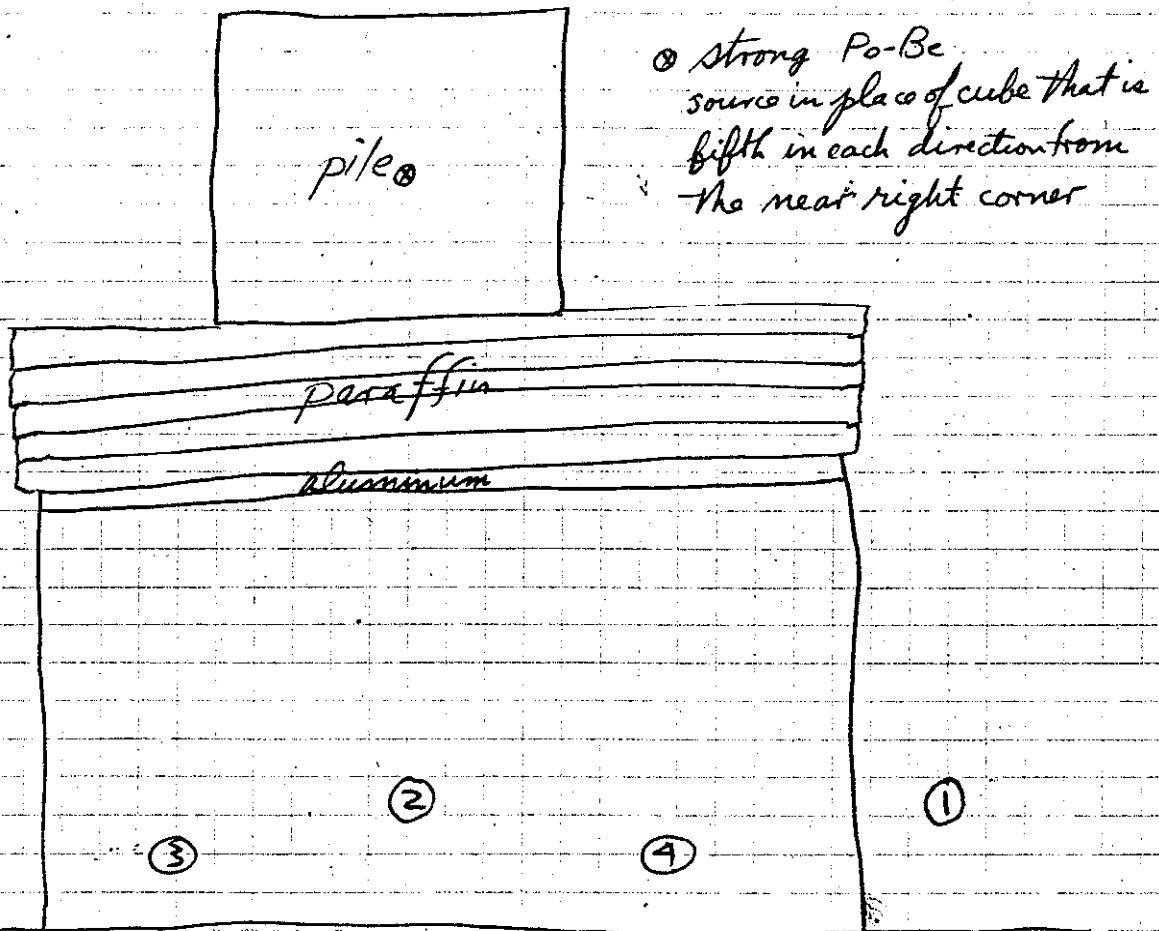
\* # Pile 3 (7 cubes only, completely tamped)

Figures in parentheses are counting rates divided by background counting rate, i.e. multiplication, and reciprocal same multiplication  $\times 10$ .

Later are plotted on graph 3. Curves extrapolate to 13.6 (3) and 17.2 (4) cubes for critical.

Piled cubical array, base 10 x 10 cubes on a support of five layers of 1 1/2" paraffin, all on same table as in previous test.

3a added layer of cubes with defective heights and densities on front (16%)



count on array 11 x 10 x 10: counter (4)

counter (3)

clicks	5935
"	<u>5860</u>
counts	64 x 75 = 4800
c/m	480.0

	5749
	<u>5733</u>
	64 x 16 = 1024
c/m	102.9

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Resoldered connection on #4 scalar.

10:12-10:22 AM

counter (4)

clicks 5951.0  
 " 6004.3  
 counts  $64 \times 53.3 = 3411.2$   
 c/m 341.1

counter (3)

7141.0  
 7198.8  
 $64 \times 7.8 = 499.2$   
 49.9

repeated observations

10:26-10:36 AM

clicks 6062.0  
 " 6004.3  
 counts  $64 \times 57.7 = 3692.8$   
 c/m 369.3

(3)

7166.6  
 7198.8  
 $64 \times 17.8 = 1179.2$   
 117.9

Bursts of counts observed →

- Repeated observations

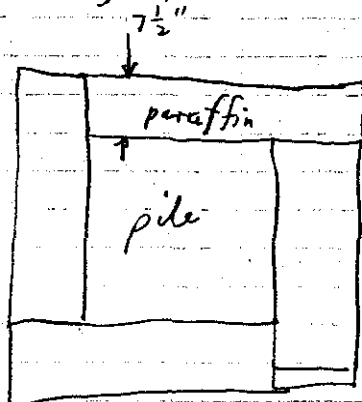
10:39-10:49 AM

clicks 6062.0  
 " 6119.7  
 counts  $64 \times 57.7 = 3692.8$   
 c/m 369.3

7167.0  
 7187.5  
 $64 \times 20.5 = 1312.0$   
 131.2

Bursts of counts observed. →

Covered pile over completely with paraffin. In addition to the five slabs forming the base, five slabs each arranged in a swastika shape to cover the sides, also 5 slabs on top. to simulate spherical symmetry of tamping, another swastika composed of 4 slabs per side was added to the top.



top view.

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12:00-12:10 PM

	Counter ④	Counter ③
clicks	679.3	705.8
"	590.0	290.0
counts	$64 \times 89.3 = 5715.2$	$64 \times 15.8 = 1011.2$
c/m	571.5	101.1

12:14-12:24 PM

clicks	775.0	323.9
"	686.0	308.0
counts	$64 \times 89.0 = 5696.0$	$64 \times 15.9 = 1017.6$
c/m	569.6	101.8

3b Removed the extra 11th row (see p. 11) of the cubes. Replaced paraffin pile now 10x10x10 cubes, paraffin tamped. (100%)

12:38-12:48 PM

clicks	902.8	349.9
clicks	828.0	335.0
counts	$64 \times 74.8 = 4780$	$64 \times 14.9 = 868.954$
c/m	478	86.8 95.4

average c/m = 488

12:52-1:02 PM

clicks	980.9	363.7
"	903.0	350.0
counts	$64 \times 77.9 = 4980$	$64 \times 13.7 = 868$
c/m	498	86.8

3c Reduced pile size to 9x9x9, paraffin tamped. (100%) Took off back, left side, top.

clicks	176.0	460.5
"	114.0	391.0
counts	$64 \times 62.0 = 3970$	$64 \times 69.5 = 4450$ ?
c/m	397	445

average c/m = 406

clicks	7253.3	7574.4
"	7191.0	7483.0
counts	$64 \times 62.3 = 4000$	$64 \times 91.4 = 5840$ ?
c/m	400	584

clicks	<del>7574.4</del> 7317.6	7582.1
"	<del>7483.0</del> 7253.0	7574.0
counts	$64 \times 114$ $64.6 = 4200$	$64 \times 8.1 = 520$ ?
c/m	420	51.0

#3 counter gives very erratic readings.

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3d Reduced pile size to 8x8x8, paraffin tamped. (100%)  
 took off right side, front, top.

④

	clicks	508.0	
	clicks	459.0	60.86
		<del>461.0</del>	<u>601.0</u>
Average c/m = 313.2	Counts	64 x 49.0 = 3140	64 x 7.6 = 485
	c/m.	314.0	48.5

③

	clicks	556.8	618.1
	clicks	508.0	<u>609.0</u>
	Counts	64 x 48.8 = 3125	64 x 9.1 = 581
	c/m.	312.5	58.1

Removed Pile, substituted 8"x8"x8" plywood box (1/4" stock), source supported on cylinder in same position  
 100% tamped.

315pm	clicks	time zero	634.0	661.0	
			> 40		> 12
		10min	674.0	673.0	
			> 34		> 8
		20min	708.0	681.0	
			> 37.5		> 6.6
		30min	745.5	687.6	

Δ clicks	111.5	26.6
clicks/min	37.2	
counts/min	238	

Multiplication =  $\frac{98.9}{37.2} = 1.31$   
 8x8x8

Substituted 10"x10"x10" plywood box.

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4 <sup>00</sup> pm clicks	790.0		695.0	
	791.0	> 39		> 5
4 <sup>10</sup> pm "	830.0		700.0	> 7
		> 41	707.0	> 4.9
4 <sup>20</sup> pm "	871.0		711.9	
		> 38.9		
4 <sup>30</sup> pm "	909.9			
			16.9	
Δ Clicks	118.9			
clicks/min	3.96			
counts/min	253			

Multiplication  $\frac{488}{253} = 1.93$

assumed "no-pile" count for 9x9x9 box - 3.8x4 clicks/min, by 10-8 interpolation (or 2450 counts/min)

Resulting multiplications and reciprocals x 10

	c/m/c/m	
10x10x10	$488/253 = 1.93$	5.18
9x9x9	$406/245 = 1.66$	6.02
8x8x8	$313/238 = 1.31$	7.62

Plotted reciprocal multiplications on graph 4

Extrapolated to ~14" cube for critical.

Removed source -

Background

4 <sup>52</sup> pm clicks	19.0	> 2	} probably missed source nearby!	} 713.0 > .5 713.5
5 <sup>00</sup> pm "	21.0			
5 <sup>12</sup> pm "				
5 <sup>22</sup> pm "				
5 <sup>52</sup> pm	62.8			721.9
clicks/min	1.04			9.5
counts/min	67			

43.8 - clicks total - 8.9

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Direct & Reciprocal Multiplications corrected for Background

$$10 \times 10 \times 10 \quad \frac{421}{2126} = 2.26$$

$$9 \times 9 \times 9 \quad \frac{339}{178} = 1.90$$

$$8 \times 8 \times 8 \quad \frac{246}{171} = 1.44$$

probably invalid  
found source nearby!

Repeat of Background count

6:05 PM

63.0

③

22.0

invalid - crane operated - surge in line.

April 6, 1946

Background

④

clicks: integration

8:31

19.00

9:09

19.59

$$\Delta = \frac{59 \text{ counts}}{30 \text{ min}} \approx 2 \frac{\text{counts}}{\text{min}} \text{ negligible}$$

Therefore, correction for background not necessary.

Multiplications given on page 15 accurate.



Saturday April 6 - 1946

1108 cubes. Packed as follows.

y<sub>1</sub> - y<sub>10</sub> inclusive 10 yellow buckets

7-9-10-125

80 cubes in each bucket except 75 which has 68

13
80
1040
68
1108 total

E.7.(3) —

10:30 AM

Voltages, gain settings on counters

③ 615 18

④ 630 24

11:20 AM changed counter ③. New voltage setting 600v, gain setting 18

Monday April 8, 1946.

Data on counters - small source.

Top (#4)		Bottom (#3)	
clicks/5 min	deviation	clicks/5 min	deviation
21	1.8	26	1.1
22	0.8	27	2.1
23	0.2	24	0.9
22	0.8	28	3.1
22	0.8	23	1.9
24	1.2	25	0.1
22	0.8	25	0.1
26	3.2	22	2.9
23	0.2	24	0.9
ave 22.8	1.09	ave 24.9	1.4

counts 24 x 64 = 1536

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1536}} = 25\%$  39 c/5 min

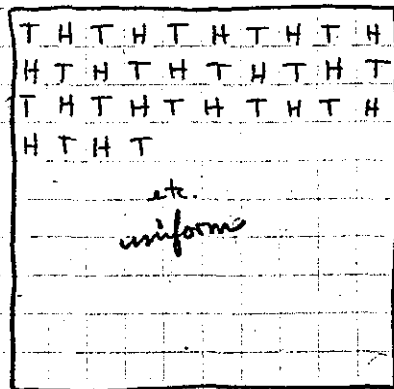
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Monday April 8, 1946  
 Pile 4 ( $T/H = 1:1$ , tamped)

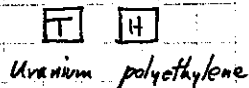
Constructed  $1/4$ " plywood box  $10" \times 10" \times 10"$  I.D. to hold cubes of T and polyethylene.

Started with 1-1 ratio.

no. of T's = 500  
 no. of H's =  $\frac{500}{1000} = 10^3$



top view, facing bank of instruments.



4a With 1000 total cubes - 1:1 sitting on paraffin - not critical without tamping. (16%)

1:20 PM. 4b With 1000 cubes in box 1:1 Greasalt to plastic cubes. Went critical with 5 layers of paraffin tamping built (85%) up on 4 sides of cube. Bottom of cube covered with paraffin. 4 layers of tamping complete -  $1/2$  of one side added (one paraffin block)

4c Next experiment - remove 1 layer of cubes leaving  $10 \times 10 \times 9$ . - Restack paraffin tamping 90 test for critical.

$10 \times 10 \times 9$  Critical 6 layers completed on 4 sides,  $1/2$  of one additional slab advanced. (90%)

Tuesday April 9, 1946

4d Built up 9x9x9 assembly  $\frac{1}{2}$  plastic, half polyethylene in plywood box.  
front also plywood

total no T cubes 365  
" H cubes 364  
 $729 = 9^3$

Neutron Dosage meters (Zemlin)  
#  
Callihan 6 6 divisions 0  $\frac{10}{20}$   $\frac{10}{20}$   
Booth 9 9 divisions 0  $\frac{10}{20}$   
Murray 5 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  divisions 0  
Gahr  
Guard 3 < 1 division  
Slotin 8 5 divisions  
Klein 2 —

Dimensions of assembly  $9\frac{1}{16}'' \times 9\frac{1}{16}'' \times 9\frac{1}{16}''$

time for 5 slides.

57	16
47	14
43	10
41	10
39	8
36	
33	footfast
30	
29	
27	
27	
26	
23	
21	
Random 33	
31	
29	
29	
27	
27	
24	
23	
21	
22	
2A	

Went critical at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  layers  
of  $1\frac{1}{2}''$  paraffin on the sixth side  
top, bottom, other 3 sides  
completely tamped with  $\approx 6''$   
paraffin. (95% tamping)

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(18 green cubes)

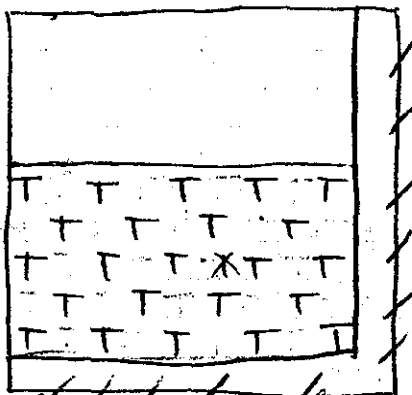
4e Removed  $\frac{4}{9}$  of front face - replaced vacant space with polyethylene filler.

time for  
slices

30  
27  
27  
26  
25  
22  
18  
15  
13  
8  
7  
6  
tookst

total T's 347  
Total H's 346  
H's as tamper 36  
total 729 =  $9^3$

Critical at 5 $\frac{2}{3}$  layers of paraffin on 6th side. (98%)



23 T's

4f Removed polyethylene filler to determine effect on criticality. vacant space left

time for  
slices

35  
29  
30  
29  
29  
21  
21  
15  
15  
13  
9  
9  
8  
6  
6

Remained very slightly below critical with complete tamping.

remained fairly constant

April 9, 1946

4g Removed all of front face, replaced vacant space with polyethylene filler

time for  
5 slices

34

32

28

26

20

16

16

13

13

12

Steady

Did not come as near critical as with previous assembly.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{total T's} &= 324 \\ \text{Total H's} &= 324 \\ \text{H's as taper} &= \frac{81}{729} = 9^3 \end{aligned}$$

4h Removed 6/9 of front face instead of 9/9 (see p 20) replaced with polyethylene filler. (leaves 14 T cubes)

time for  
5 slices

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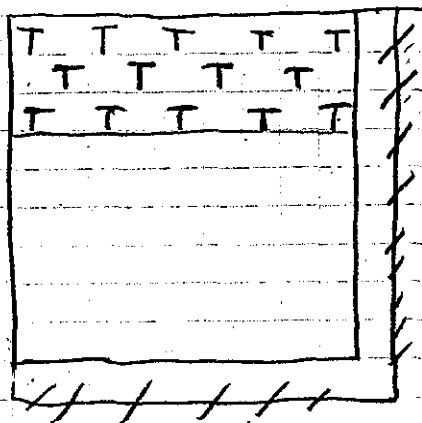
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{total T's} &= 338 \\ \text{total H's} &= 337 \\ \text{H's as taper} &= \frac{59}{729} = 9^3 \end{aligned}$$

14 T's



Did not go critical - very close

See Summary, next page.

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First point:

Best estimate of critical mass of T for cubical arrangement,  
at <sup>volume</sup> ratio of "TF<sub>6</sub>" to polyethylene of 1:1 =  $342 \times 0.051 \text{ kg} = 17.5 \text{ Kg}$   
Tamped with at least 6" of paraffin. Dimensions of array  $\approx 9 \times 9 \times 8.44$  (or cubes).  
(ie  $7.9 \times 8.18/41$ )

Calculation of wt of T per cube of mix.

average density = 4.73 grams/cm<sup>3</sup>

average height = 1.003 in

" length  $\approx 1.009$  in

" width  $\approx 1.003$  in

" volume  $\approx 1.010 \text{ in}^3 \approx 16.55 \text{ cm}^3$

calculated wt = 78.3 grams of mix (78.442 g = average of 1013 usable cubes)

x .652 = 51.0 grams of T (51.16 g of T calculated)

x 95% X = 48.5 grams of X

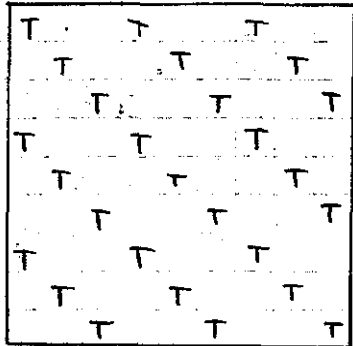
95.3% gives 48.76  
grams of X

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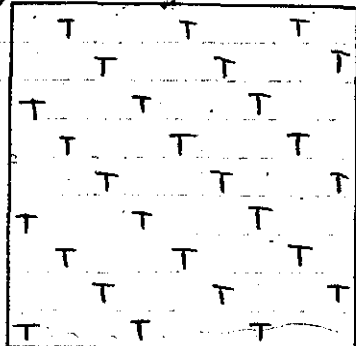
Started assembly of 9x9x9 array with  $\frac{T}{H} = \frac{1}{2}$

Pile 5 (T/H = 1/2, tamped)

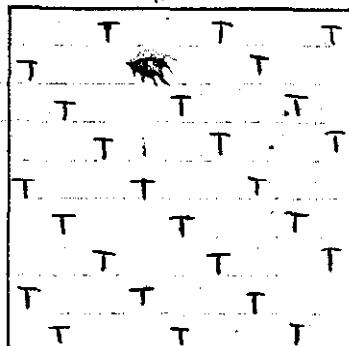
The following diagrams indicate plans for layers, starting with layer ① as the bottom. Packed in plywood box



①

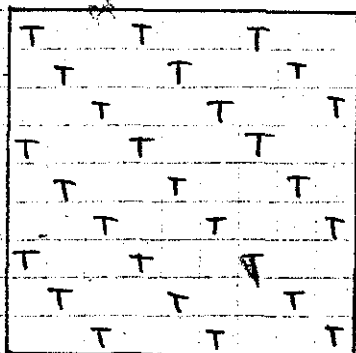


②



③

27 T's, 54 H's = 81 total



④ = ①

∴ ① = ④ = ⑦  
 ② = ⑤ = ⑧  
 ③ = ⑥ = ⑨

Total T's: 243  
 H's: 486  
 729 = 9<sup>3</sup>

Completed the array.

5a Critical with bottom and 4 sides completely  
 paraffin-tamped, hand tamping  
 on top 90% (85%)

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Neutron Meters

	#	start day fully charged	maxt
Baath	10	(+1) $3\frac{1}{2}$	4M
Callihan	61	(+1) 5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Murray	7	(-1) 4	5

# 6 + #9 recharged and put on rack for observation

5b Removed 27 T cubes from front face, filled with H cubes.

Resulting array  $\begin{array}{r} 216 \\ 432 \\ \hline 648 \end{array}$  T's  
 $\begin{array}{r} 216 \\ 432 \\ \hline 648 \end{array}$  H's  
 total =  $9 \times 9 \times 8$

Time/s clicks

47	13
37	11
35	10
38	16
34	9
30	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
30	7
28	6
29	6
27	5
25	5
23	
22	
21	
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19	
16	
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14	

Critical - with 7 slabs of paraffin on 2 sides, 6 on one, 5 on one, 5 on top.

(89% tamping)



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(24 Tubes)

5c Removed top layer, replaced with H cubes

Resulting array  
192 T's  
384 H's

$576 \text{ total} = 9 \times 8 \times 8$

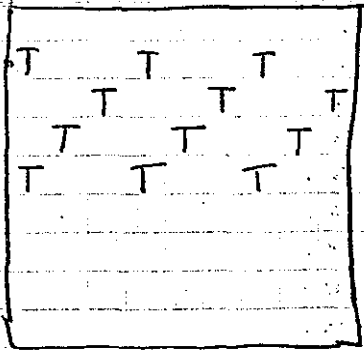
t/10 slides

- 37
- 30
- 26
- 29
- 27
- 27
- 26
- 23
- 23
- 25 top
- 21
- 19
- 18
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 17
- 16
- 16
- 15
- 17
- 16

Did not go critical with full Paraffin tamping.

5d Replaced <sup>12</sup> 27 T tubes in front. (4 rows)

thus assembly now  $9 \times 8 \times 8\frac{1}{2}$



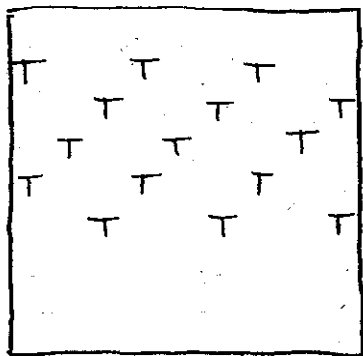
front view

Did not go critical - very close with full paraffin tamping

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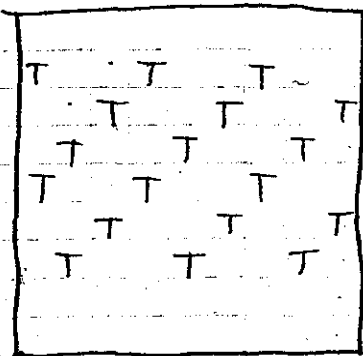
5c added 3 more cubes to front, making a total of 15.

Thus, assembly  $9 \times 8 \times 8\frac{5}{8}$ 

front view.

did not go critical  
with complete tamping

5f added 3 more cubes to front, making a total of 18

Thus, assembly  $9 \times 8 \times 8\frac{3}{4}$ 

front view

critical with 6 layers of  
paraffin on 6th side. (96%)

5g removed two cubes, leaving a total of 16.

assembly  $9 \times 8 \times 8\frac{16}{24}$ 

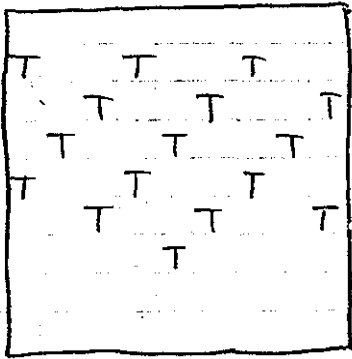
$$T's \quad 8 \times 24 + 16 = 208$$

layers / layer

$$H's \quad 76 \times 48 + 32 = 416$$

$$624 = 9 \times 8 \times 8\frac{2}{3}$$

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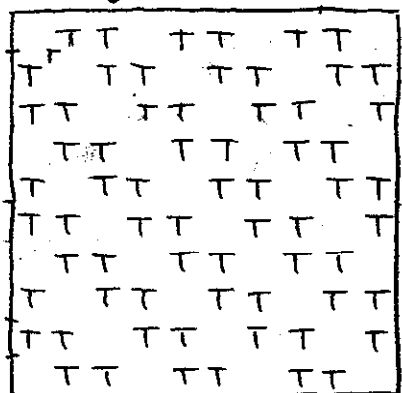
Critical with almost 7 layers  
of paraffin on two sides, other  
sides, top & bottom completely  
tamped. (98% tamping)

Second point:

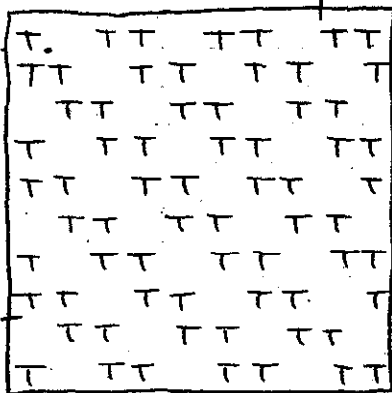
Best estimate of critical mass of T for cubical arrangement, at volume  
ratio of  $TF_6$  to polyethylene of 1:2 =  $208 \times 0.51 \text{ kg} = 10.6 \text{ kg}$   
Tamped with at least 6" of paraffin. Dimensions of array  $9 \times 8 \times 8^{2/3}$

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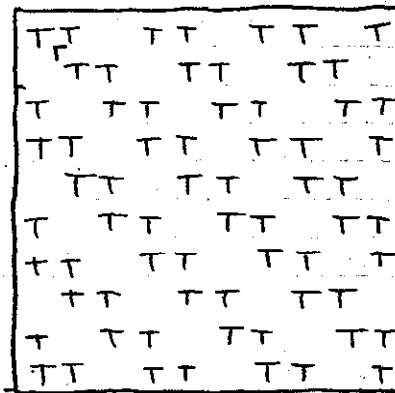
Pile 6 (T/H = 2:1 tamped)  
6a Piled array 10 x 10 x 10, ratio of TF<sub>6</sub> to H cubes 2:1  
in plywood box



66 T's 34 H's  
① = ④ = ⑦ = 10



67 T's 33 H's  
② = ⑤ = ⑧



67 T's 33 H's  
③ = ⑥ = ⑨

no. of T's 66 x 4 = 264  
67 x 6 = 402

no. of H's 666  
33 x 6 = 198  
34 x 4 = 136  
334

total 1000 = 10<sup>3</sup>

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Critical with a little less than 7 layers of  
paraffin on 6th side. (98% tamping)

### DATA ON BORON PLASTIC

4.3% Boron by weight  
Density 1.6 grams/cm<sup>3</sup>

Boron as Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub> · 10 H<sub>2</sub>O

34½% cellulose acetate by weight

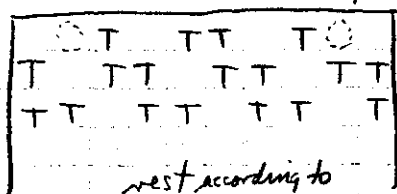
25% unknown plasticiser.

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Neutron detectors recharged 9:30 AM

Booth	10	0	4	
Callihan	1	0	+2	
Murray	7	0	4 1/2	
Guard	3	0		discharged at noon Mettler when shaken given #2 at 1 PM - 0
Slotin	9	0		
Klein	6	0		
Young	8	0	3	
6b Guard	2	0	9	recharged to 0 at 5 pm

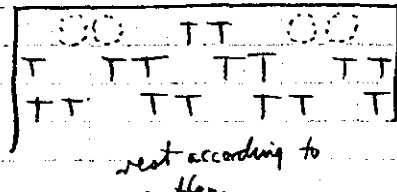
Removed 2 T cubes at ends of top row, front.



no of T's 664  
 no of H's 336  
 1000 = 10<sup>3</sup>

Array now 10x10x9 64/66 in T  
 critical at ~ same tamping (98%)

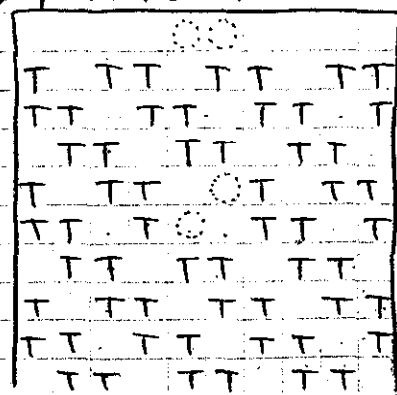
6c Removed two more T cubes from top row front



no of T's 662  
 no of H's 338  
 1000 = 10<sup>3</sup>

Array now 10x10x9 62/66 in T  
 critical at ~ same tamping (98%)

6d Removed final two T cubes from top row front, also two more near center



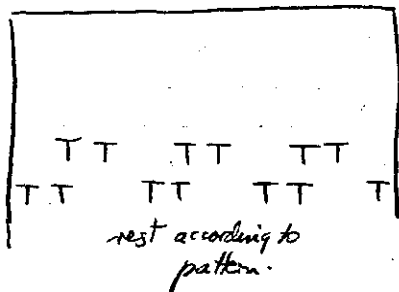
no of T's 658  
 no of H's 342  
 1000 = 10<sup>3</sup>

Array now 10x10x9 58/66 in T  
 critical at ~ same tamping (98%)

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6 = Replaced two middle cubes - took out down to 7th row, i.e. took out 3 complete rows, top, front face



$$\begin{array}{r} \text{no. of } T's = 646 + \\ \text{no. of } H's = 364 \\ \hline 1000 = 10^3 \end{array}$$

Array now  $10 \times 10 \times 9$   $\frac{46}{66}$  in T

Just critical full tamping

Method of estimating % of tamping -

Each side contributes  $1/6$

Each layer of each side contributes percentage.

Third point:

Best estimate of critical mass of T for cubical arrangement, at volume ratio of "TF<sub>c</sub>" to polyethylene of 2:1 =  $646 \times 0.51 = 32.9$  kg. tamped with at least 6" of paraffin. Dimensions of array  $10 \times 10 \times 9^{23/33}$

Summary of data on variation of critical mass with hydrogen proportion  $v = \frac{H}{T}$

$v = \frac{1}{2}$   $T_c = 646$   $(T+H)_c = 969$  Average dimension 9.90 Mass of T = 32.9 kg, of X 31.2

$$\frac{N_H}{N_U} = 4.68$$

$v = 1$   $T_c = 342$   $(T+H)_c = 684$  Average dimension 8.80 Mass of T = 17.5 kg, of X 16.6

$$\frac{N_H}{N_U} = 9.36$$

$v = 2$   $T_c = 208$   $(T+H)_c = 624$  Average dimension 8.54 Mass of T = 10.6 kg, of X 10.1

$$\frac{N_H}{N_U} = 18.72$$

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and dimensions

Measurements of weight of polyethylene cubes. (by Callihan)

Cube #	wt (grams)	l x w x h (in)	Vol	density	density
1.	15.076	1.003 x 1.002 x 1.007	1.012	16.587	.910
2.	15.141	1.007 x 1.0035 x 1.005	1.015	16.632	.910
3.	15.107	1.003 x 1.006 x 1.006	1.015	16.632	.908
4.	15.164	1.009 x 1.000 x 1.008 <sub>5</sub>	1.017	16.665	.911
5.	15.139	1.007 x 1.004 <sub>5</sub> x 1.005 <sub>5</sub>	1.017	16.665	.910
6.	15.064	1.006 x 1.000 x 1.005 <sub>5</sub>	1.011	16.568	.910
7.	15.134	1.005 <sub>5</sub> x 1.007 x 1.003 <sub>5</sub>	1.015	16.632	.910
8.	15.094	1.007 x 1.007 x 1.002	1.016	16.648	.906
9.	15.098	1.007 x 1.006 x 1.001	1.014	16.616	.907
10.	15.119	1.002 x 1.007 x 1.006 <sub>5</sub>	1.015	16.632	.909
<u>1136</u>		ave dimensions 1.006 x 1.004 x 1.005 Total 20.02 2007	<u>1147</u>		

weight ave. 15.114 grams

ave volume = 16.62 cm<sup>3</sup>

ave density =  $\frac{15.114}{16.62} = .909 \text{ gms/cm}^3$

Calculation of  $\frac{N_H}{N_U}$  per cube. Assume polyethylene C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3.87</sub>

$$N_H = \frac{(187)(1.008)}{12.01 + (1.87)(1.008)} \cdot \frac{(15.114)}{1.008} = \frac{2.09}{.2175} = 9.36 \text{ per cube}$$

$$N_U = \frac{5.10551.14}{235.15}$$

for  $\frac{H}{T} = 1$   $\frac{N_H}{N_U} = 9.36$   
 $\frac{H}{T} = 2$   $\frac{N_H}{N_U} = 18.72$   
 $\frac{H}{T} = .5$   $\frac{N_H}{N_U} = 4.68$

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File 7 (Cadmium 11x11)

assembled 11x11x11 assembly, T/H = 1/1 in plywood box

To 1/64" Cadmium on all 6 sides. - Critical on 65% tamping  
Cadmium actually 0.0165" thick

No. of T's 666  
" H's 665  
1331 = 11<sup>3</sup>

75 Removed front face, pushed Cd in, filled space  
with polyethylene cubes.

No. of T's 685  
H's 605  
1210 = 11x11x10

Not critical with complete tamp

Neutron meters

Zeroed 9 AM 5:30 pm

Callihan #1

13.5 div

#6 9:22 placed next to source

Booth #10

8 div.

Murray #7

9 div

Security #8

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Young #3



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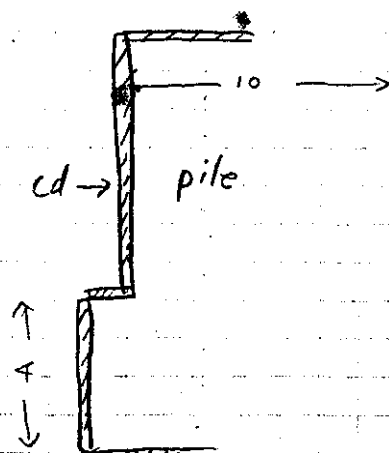
Pattern for 11x11x11 array

* Front layer	61 T's	60 H's	1=3=5=7=9=11	Total T's	666
@ next layer =	60 T's,	61 H's	2=4=6=8=10	total H's	665
					1331 = 11 <sup>3</sup>

7c Replaced 4 rows in bottom front face, ie 22 T's, 22 H's

new array  $\begin{matrix} 627 \text{ T's} \\ 627 \text{ H's} \\ \hline 1254 = 11 \times 11 \times 10^{22}/61 \text{ in T} \end{matrix}$

put Cd over faces as indicated - side view  
filled space left with polyethylene cubes  
critical with 92% tamping

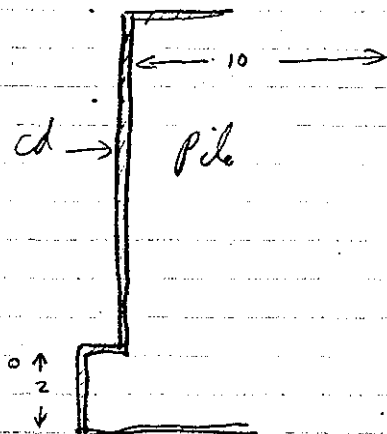


7d Removed two of rows of 7c., leaving 11x11x10 plus 11 T's, 11 H's

new array  $\begin{matrix} 616 \text{ T's} \\ 616 \text{ H's} \\ \hline 1232 = 11 \times 11 \times 10^{11}/61 \text{ in T} \end{matrix}$

Put Cd over faces as indicated, - side view.  
filled space left with polyethylene cubes

Not critical with complete tamping



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7c Replaced 1 row of 6 T's, 5 H's, leaving  
 $11 \times 11 \times 10$  plus 17 T's, 16 H's

New array 622 T's,  
 621 H's

$$1243 = 11 \times 11 \times 10^{17/61} \text{ in T}$$

Cadmium lined in same manner as 7c, 7d. Space filled with  
 polyethylene cubes

Critical with 95% tamping

### Point

Best estimate of critical mass of T for cubical arrangement, at volume  
 ratio of "TF<sub>6</sub>" to polyethylene of 1:1 =  $619 \times 0.05 \text{ kg} = 31.6 \text{ kg}$ ,  $X = 30.2$   
 $1/64$ " sheets of Cd metal between pile and 6" of paraffin tamping.  
 Dimensions of array  $11 \times 11 \times 10^{17/61}$ .

Calculation of amount of Boron / cm<sup>2</sup> (Thickness  $3/4$ " ) Data p. 28

$$\text{amt of plastic / cm}^2 = (.75 \cdot 2.54 = 1.805) (1.6) = 2.89 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{amt of boron / cm}^2 = (2.89)(.043) = .124 \text{ g/cm}^2$$

Calculation of amount of Radium / cm<sup>2</sup> (Thickness 0.0165")

$$\text{Weighted piece } 2" \times 2\frac{1}{4}" = 26.0 \text{ cm}^2, \quad 9.27 \text{ grams}$$

$$\text{amt of Cd / cm}^2 = \frac{9.27}{26.0} = .356 \text{ g/cm}^2$$

$$\text{Density of metal} = \frac{9.27}{(26.0)(.042)} = 8.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Ratio of no of atoms} \\ \text{B / Cd per cm}^2 \end{array} = \frac{\frac{.124}{10.8}}{\frac{.356}{112.9}} = 36$$

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### Pile 8 (Boron Lining)

8a assembled 11x11x11 at 1:1 ratio in 5-sided Boron plastic box (3/4" thick)  
critical without additional paraffin tamps (other than 6" bottom) and  
 when front face 3/4 way on.  
 of box (conv)

$$\begin{array}{r} T's \ 666 \\ H's \ 665 \\ \hline 1331 = 11^3 \end{array}$$

8b Removing front face, 61 T's, 60 H's

critical with 80% tamping with paraffin - completely  
 Boron plastic lined.

$$\begin{array}{r} T's = 605 \\ H's \ 605 \\ \hline 1210 = 11 \times 11 \times 10 \end{array}$$

8c Removed two layers (original array 8a) i.e. 121 T's, 121 H's

one layer of polyethylene  
 outside the front Boron lid.

$$\begin{array}{r} T's = 545 \\ H's = 544 \\ \hline 1089 = 11 \times 11 \times 9 \end{array}$$

Not critical - fully tamped.

8d Replaced 6 layers, starting at bottom  
 see diagram. Space filled with polyethylene

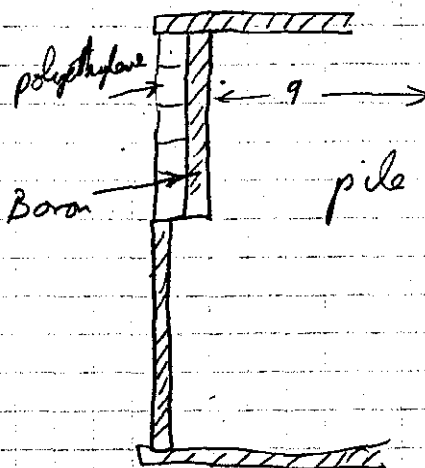
is added 33 T's, 33 H's

array, now T's 578

H's 577

$$\frac{1155}{11} = 11 \times 11 \times 9 \frac{1}{2}$$

Not critical, fully tamped



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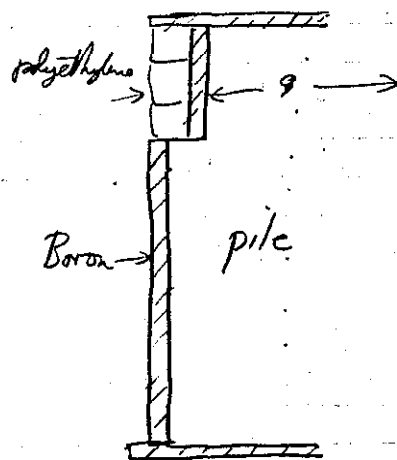
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8e added two more layers 11 T's, 11 H's, making total of 8. see diagram

array now

T's	589
H's	588
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	1177 = 11 x 11 x 9 8/11

Critical with 98% tamping



### Point

Best estimate of critical mass of T for cubical arrangement, at volume ratio of "TF<sub>6</sub>" to polyethylene of 1:1 = 583 x 0.51 = 29.8 kg  
 3/4" sheets of Boron plastic between pile and 6" of paraffin tamping.  
 Dimensions of array 11 x 11 x 9 8/11.

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## Pile 9 (Effect of density)

9a Stacked 11" I.D. plywood box (with top and front removed) with 1 green cube, 1 white cube and 1 air space.

Purpose to test effect of density on criticality. 12.5 mil Al sheet inserted between each horizontal layer to allow stacking.

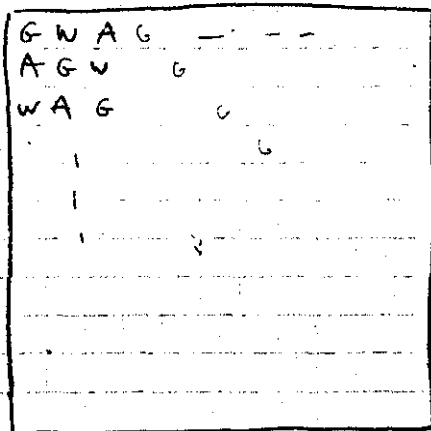
Newton meters  $10^{20}$  Av

#1 Murray +1 +4

#7 Booth +1 +3

#5 Callahan 0 7

#10 Guard 0 -



As layers piled up  
cube colors shift to  
the right

Assembly 11x11x11 cubes

front  
top view

Dimensions of completed assembly  $11\frac{1}{8} \times 11\frac{1}{8} \times 11\frac{1}{4}$ "  
10 sheets of 0.0125" Al =  $\frac{1}{8}$ " (height)

Not critical minimum time for 5 clicks ( $\times 4 = \text{counts}$ ) = 20 sec.

9b added one more layer to top, making assembly 11x11x12

not critical minimum time for 5 clicks = 18 sec.

9c Rebuilt assembly in box 12" I.D. Same pattern

12x12x12 array did not go critical

9d added layer to top -

12x12x13 array did not go critical, fellumping.

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9e added layer to front, array now  $12 \times 13 \times 13$ ,  
actual dimensions  $12\frac{1}{8} \times 13\frac{1}{8} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$   
height.

Critical @ 20f. (45 sec. doubling time)

676 T's or 34.6 kg T

676 H's

576 airspaces

$$2028 = 13 \times 12 \times 13$$

Calculation of "density factor" appearing in the relation:

$$\frac{(M_c)_1}{(M_c)_2} = k \left( \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right)^x$$

According to X-10 report  $x$  should be 1.6 for  
the fanged case. assume  $M_c$ 's.

average volume of T and H cubes  $16.6 \text{ cm}^3$

$(M_c)_1$ : no of cubes 1:1 ratio = 684

total volume  
 $684 \times 16.6 = 11354 \text{ cm}^3$

$(M_c)_2$ : no of cubes 1:1:1 ratio = 2028

$(12\frac{1}{8} \times 13\frac{1}{8} \times 13\frac{1}{4})(16.387) = 34554 \text{ cm}^3$

Mass of "TF<sub>6</sub>" in (1).  $(342) \left( \frac{349}{361} \right) (78.44) = (342) (75.83) = 25934 \text{ g.}$

Mass of "TF<sub>6</sub>" in (2).  $(676) \left( \frac{349}{361} \right) (78.44) = (676) (75.83) = 51261 \text{ g.}$

$$\rho_2 = \frac{51261}{34554} = 1.48$$

$$\left( \frac{1.48}{2.28} \right)^x = \frac{25934}{51261} \quad \text{or } .649^x = .506$$

$$\rho_1 = \frac{25934}{11354} = 2.28$$

$$x = \frac{\log .506}{\log .649} = \frac{9.7042 - 10}{9.8122 - 10} = \frac{.2958}{.1878} = 1.5$$

Alternative calculation: variation in critical mass of 235  
as a function of density of 235. (mass of 235 / unit volume of assembly)

$$(M_c)_1 = 16.7 \text{ kg of X} \quad \text{vol}_1 = 11354 \text{ cm}^3 \quad \rho_1 = \frac{1.47}{4.23} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$(M_c)_2 = \frac{33.0}{26.8} \text{ kg of X} \quad \text{vol}_2 = 34554 \quad \rho_2 = 0.954 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\left(\frac{1.47}{4.23}\right)^x = \frac{34554 \cdot 33.0}{16.7}$$

$$x = \frac{1.57}{2.64}$$

third calculation - variation in critical mass of  $\text{UCF}_6$  (mix)  
as a function of density of  $\text{UCF}_6$ . (mass / unit volume of assembly)

$$(M_c)_1 = 26.8 \text{ kg of UCF}_6 \quad \rho = 2.36 \text{ g/cm}^3 \quad (\text{same vol. as above})$$

$$(M_c)_2 = 53.0 \text{ kg of UCF}_6 \quad \rho = 1.54 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\left(\frac{2.36}{1.54}\right)^x = \frac{53.0}{26.8}$$

$$x = 1.61$$

Note: All these should give  
identical  $x$  factors -  
differences are due to  
limits of accuracy of  
calculations

11 meters  $9^{80} \text{ A4}$

#1 Murray 0

#7 Callahan 0

#9 Booth 0

#5 guard 0

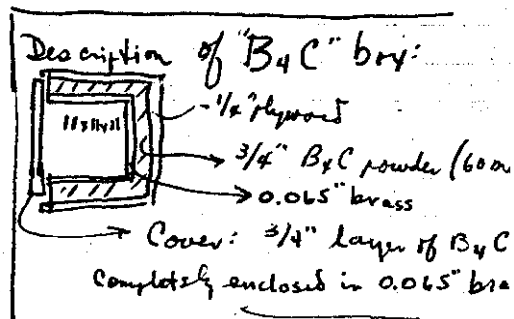
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✓ Density of  $B_4C = 251$  from Handbook of Chem. & Physics.  
Assume  $\rho$  80% of this density as packed ||  $17/11/46$  - Precise density of  $B_4C$  measured  
at  $T = 0.5 \rightarrow 0.77 \text{ gm/cm}^3$   
 $\therefore$  density  $\approx 2.0 \text{ g/cm}^3$

Started stacking  $11 \times 11 \times 11$  I.D. Boron box with  $H:T = 1:1$ .

Calculations on  $B_4C$  and B

✓ Thickness of powder layer =  $3/4" = 1.9 \text{ cm}$ .  
Mass/cm<sup>2</sup> = 3.8 grams of boron carbide  
Mass/cm<sup>2</sup> =  $4(10.8) \cdot 3.8 = 295$  grams of boron.  
mass  $B_4C/\text{cm}^3 = 0.77 \cdot 55.3 = 1.46 \text{ gm/cm}^3$   
mass  $B/\text{cm}^3 = 1.46 \cdot \frac{4 \times 10.8}{55.3} = 1.14 \text{ gm/cm}^3$   $D = (2.17)$



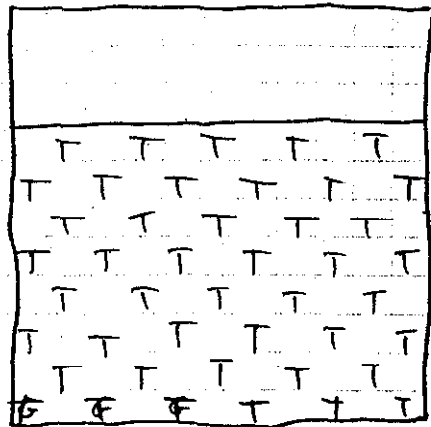
A Critical with no tamping on top, other 5 sides tamped.

Removed six layers from front face, i.e. 30 T's, 30 H's,  
~~replaced with H filler~~ left space vacant.

B not critical

C Replaced 3 layers - array (front view) now  
total layers in front row now 8

not critical



D Replaced one more layer. total  
layers in front row now 9

Critical with about  $1/2$  of sixth face not tamped  
~~removed two layers (east end) until morning.~~



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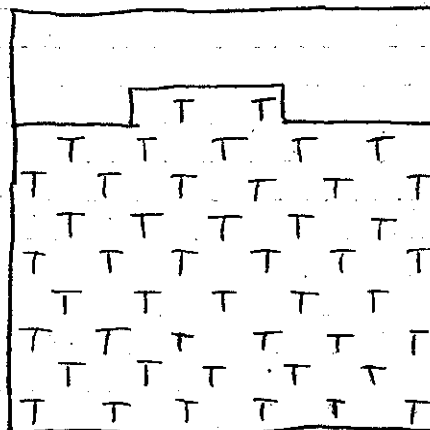
Removed two T cubes from each end of top layer front face

array now as shown

T's  $\frac{46}{64}$  front face  
H's  $\frac{36}{64}$  front face

T's 605 body of assembly 11x11x10  
H's 605 " " " "

total T's  $\frac{669}{651}$   
" H's  $\frac{669}{651}$   
total  $\frac{1338}{1302}$



Just critical, full tamping

Point:

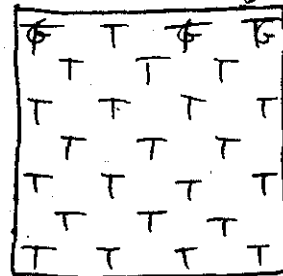
Best estimate of critical mass of T for cubical arrangement at volume ratio of  $T/F_0$  to polyethylene of 1:1 =  $651 \times .051 = 33.4 \text{ Kg}$   
B<sub>9</sub>C powder between pile and 6" of paraffin tamping  
Dimensions of array 11x11x10  $\frac{46}{61}$

comparison	B <sub>129</sub>	Cd <sub>356</sub>	B <sub>295</sub>	paraffin plywood box no shielding	paraffin	untamped (air)
critical # of T's	$\frac{583}{342}$	619	651	342		
Ratios to no shielding	1.70	1.80	1.90	—		
critical mass of $\frac{\text{mix}}{F_0}$	46.6	48.4	51.0	26.8		
critical mass of T	29.9	31.7	33.4	17.5		
critical mass of X	28.5	30.3	31.9	16.7	15.7	41.0

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Assembled rectangular parallelepiped without plywood box.  
7x7x16 cubes. 1:1 ratio T:H

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{total T's} \quad 8 \times 25 = 200 \\
 \quad \quad \quad 8 \times 24 = 192 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \hline
 \text{H's} \quad \quad \quad 392 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \hline
 \quad \quad \quad 784 = 7 \times 7 \times 16
 \end{array}$$



first  
layer of  
the 16

$$\begin{array}{r}
 25 \text{ T's} \\
 24 \text{ H's} \\
 \hline
 49 \text{ total}
 \end{array}$$

Not quite critical with full  
tamping

added one layer of 49 on end. 24 T's, 25 H's to make array 17 long

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{new total T's} = 416 \\
 \text{H's} = 417 \\
 \hline
 833 = 7 \times 7 \times 17
 \end{array}$$

Critical only partially tamped on one end, other sides completely tamped  
Removed ~~the~~ <sup>three most</sup> ~~end~~ layers until morning

what part ~~is~~  
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Purported rule of thumb for criticality of circular cylinder:

if a sphere of <sup>diameter D</sup> radius R just goes critical, and its volume is arranged in a circular cylinder of diameter d and length 3d, the cylinder will go critical at infinite length.

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi \frac{D^3}{8} = 3d \cdot \pi \frac{d^2}{4} \quad d = \sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{9}} D \quad \text{or } d \approx .6 D$$

assuming a similar rule holds for rectangular parallelepipeds,

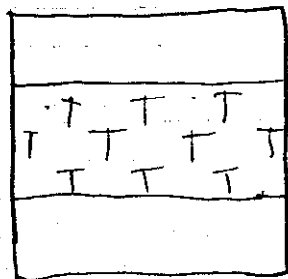
$$L^3 = 3l \cdot l^2 \quad l = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{3}} L \quad \text{or } l = .7 L$$

if a 1:1 8.8 cube went critical, then  $l = (0.7)(8.8) \approx 6$  cubes (cross-section 6x6.) would go critical only at infinite length.

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Neutron distribution ~~was~~ zeroed + issues 2:50 P.

Beck #8	+4
Young #2	+11
Globin #6	
Callahan #10	+4
Murray #9	+3
Heland #1	+5

assembled array  $7 \times 7 \times 16 + 10 T's, 11 H's$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total } T's &= \del{784} + 10 = 402 \\ H's &= 11 \\ \hline &= 403 \\ &= \frac{403}{806} \approx 7 \times 7 \times 16^{3/7} \end{aligned}$$

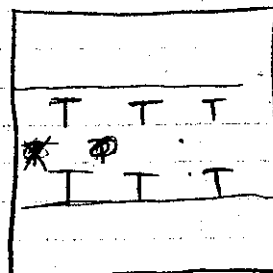
Critical with almost full tramping

Removed middle row of 3 (see above)

to leave end view as indicated  $\longrightarrow$ 

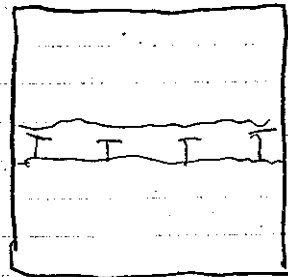
$$T's = 398$$

$$H's \approx 398$$

Critical with approx. same tramping as previous assemblysubstituted 4 instead of 6.  $\longrightarrow$ 

$$T's = 396$$

$$H's \approx 396$$

Critical.PointBest estimate of critical mass of rectangular parallelepiped  $7'' \times 7''$  cross-section at volume ratio of "TEG" to H of 61  $= 394 \times 0.51 = \del{20.1} 20.1$  kgLength  $16 \frac{1}{2}$

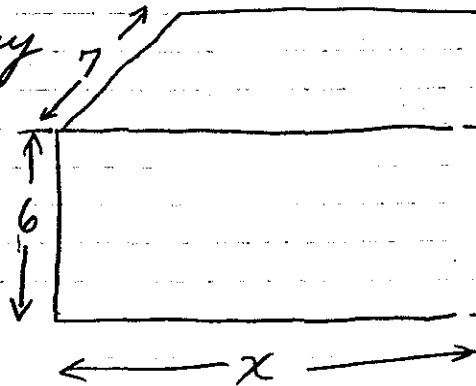
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Took off top layer, leaving array  
7x6 cross section  
Cubes/layer 21 T's  
21 H's

to determine  $x$  for criticality

Initial length 19



$$T's = 19 \times 21 = 399$$

$$H's = 19 \times 21 = 399$$

$$798 = 7 \times 6 \times 19$$

Not Critical - Fully Staged

Add four 7x6 layers to north end - dimension  
now 7x6 x 23 -

Not Critical - Fully Staged

Add <sup>four</sup> three 7x6 layers to north end - dimension  
now - 7x6 x 26 27

just critical

Point

Best estimate of critical mass of rectangular parallelepiped 6x7  
cross section, at volume ratio of T's to H's = 1.1 = 567 x .051 = 28.9 kg

Length = 27

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Summary

Dimensions	T's (T+H)'s	Mass of T (kg)	Critical mass ratio
9 x 9 x 8.44	342 684	17.5	1.00
7 x 7 x 16 1/2	394 788	20.1	1.15
6 x 7 x 27	567 1134	28.9	1.65

Neutron dosers

#5 Security guard	Tot 930 reset to 2000.6 <sup>30pm</sup>	3
#7 Murray	zero	14
#6 Callahan	"	5
#22 Beck	"	11

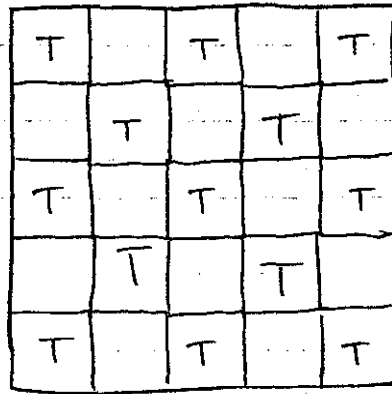
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assembled array composed of groups of cubes of 8.  
 ie 2:2 in 3 dimensions or  
 1:1 in zero dimensions.

first array 4 "layers"

total T's = 400  
 total H's = 400  
 800 = 10 x 10 x 8

Not critical



T's 13 x 8 = 104  
 H's 12 x 8 = 96

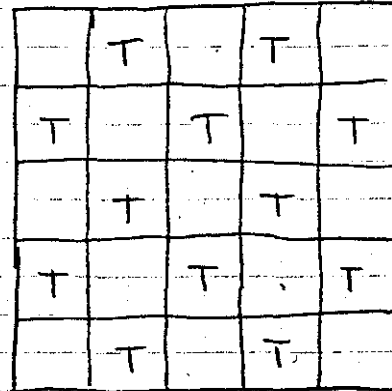
added half "layer" to top

ie T's 52  
 H's 48  
 100

new array T's 52  
 H's 48  
 900 = 10 x 10 x 9

Critical with about .1 tamping  
 on 6th side.

"Bottom" layer" actually 2 layers

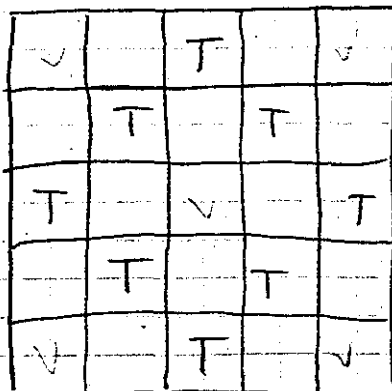


T's 12 x 8 = 96  
 H's 13 x 8 = 104

next "layer"

Removed 5 groups of 4 T cubes  
 (at four corners and middle of  
 top row)

view of top  
 leaves 32 T's  
 ~ 32 H's



new array 432 T's,  
 432 H's  
 864 total

repeats

Critical with ~.6 tamping on 6th side

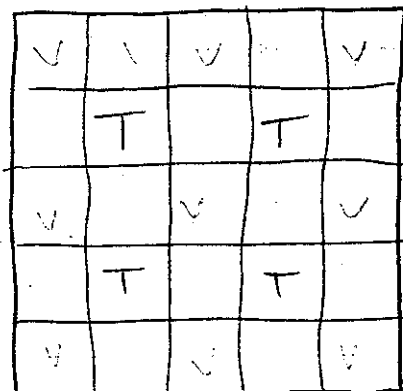
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Removed 16 more T cubes leaving  
array top as shown

leaves 16 T's  
~ 16 H's

new array 416 T's  
416 H's  
832 total

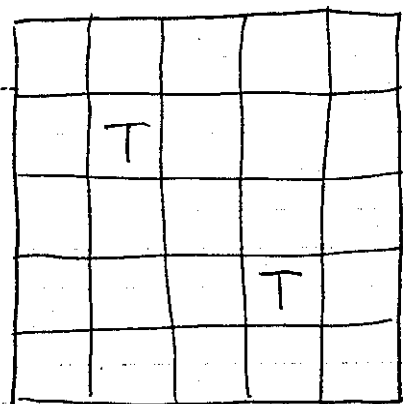
Critical with about .9 of tamping on  
6th side.



Removed 8 more T cubes leaving

new array 408 T's  
408 H's  
816 total

Not Critical



Point

Best estimate of critical mass of T for cubical arrangement, at  
volume ratio of TFC to polyethylene of 1:1, but in which the units  
of each material were 8 cubes in a cubes  $2 \times 2 \times 2$ , is  $412 \times .051 = 210 \text{ kg}$   
Dimensions of array  $10 \times 10 \times 8 \frac{1}{50}$

The critical mass ratio for the cases -  $\frac{\text{units of 8}}{\text{units of 1}} = \frac{412}{392} = 1.2$

$\frac{2:2 \text{ in three dimensions}}{1:1 \text{ symmetric}} = \frac{412}{342} = 1.21$



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Assembled array with 2:2 ratio of H to T in one dimension and 1:1 in two dimensions. Nominally 9x9x9 assembly.

Diagram of bottom layer, viewed from south

T's in bottom layer 41  
 H's in " " 40  
 81

T		T		T
	T		T	
T		T		T
	T		T	
T		T		T
	T		T	
T		T		T
	T		T	
T		T		T

bottom

T's in 2nd layer 40  
 H's in " " 41  
 81

	T		T	
T		T		T
	T		T	
T		T		T
	T		T	
T		T		T
	T		T	
T		T		T
	T		T	

next layer

array T's -  $41 \times 5 = 205$   
 $40 \times 4 = 160$   
 365  
 H's  $40 \times 4 = 160$   
 $40 \times 5 = 200$   
 364

total  $729 = 9^3$

repeat.

Critical with half-tamping on 6th side

Top layer

Second trial: Removed 18 cubes from top layer

$T = 365 - 18 = 347$   
 $H = 364 + 18 = 382$  ( $364 - 18 = 346$ )

Critical at 80% tamped on 6th side

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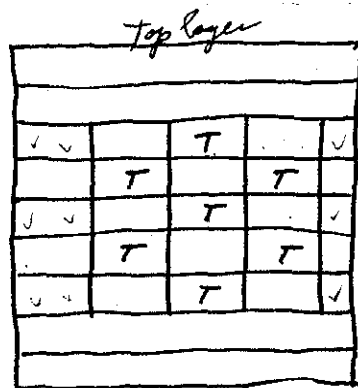
T		T		T
	T		T	
T		T		T
	T		T	
T		T		T

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Third Trial: Removed 9 molecules from top layer:

$$T = 347 - 9 = 338.$$

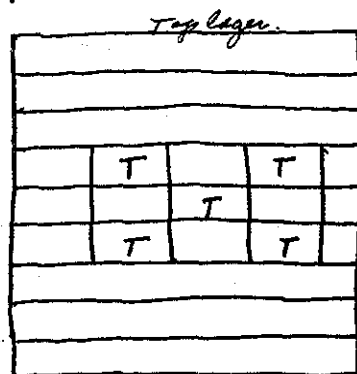
Critical at 90-95% tamped



Fourth trial: Removed 4 more cubes from top layer:

$$T = 338 - 4 = 334 \text{ cubes.}$$

Exactly critical!! (upon going two cubes)  
(completely tamped)



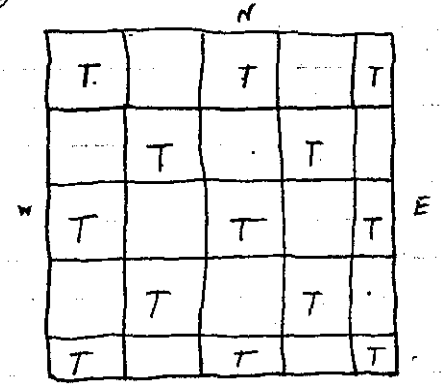
Point

Best estimate of critical mass of T for cubical arrangement, at volume ratio of "TF<sub>6</sub>" to polyethylene of 1:1, but in which the units appear in a 2:2 ratio in one dimension is  $334 \times 0.51 = 17.0 \text{ kg}$   
Dimensions of array  $9 \times 9 \times 8 \text{ }^{10/41}$

$$\text{Critical Mass ratio for cases } \frac{2:2 \text{ in one dimension}}{1:1 \text{ symmetric}} = \frac{334}{342} = .98$$

4/18/46. Assembled array with 2:2 ratio H/T in Two dimensions and 1:1 ratio in 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension. Begin with 9x9x9 assembly.

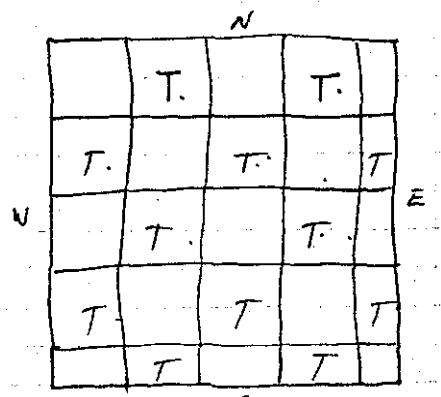
T cubes: odd layers = 4 green cubes each =  $4 \times 5 = 20$  205  
 even layers = 40 " " " =  $40 \times 4 = 160$  160  
 Total green cubes = ~~370~~ 365



Bottom layer S

H cubes: odd layers = 40 white cubes each =  $40 \times 5 = 200$   
 even layers = 41 white cubes each =  $41 \times 4 = 164$   
 Total white cubes = 364

Critical with 80% tamping on 6th side.



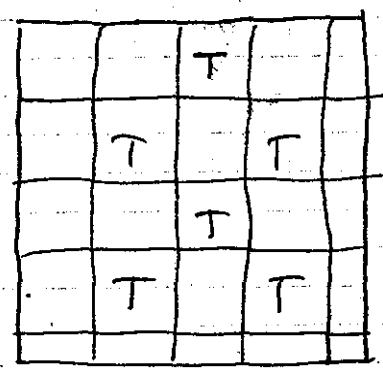
second layer S

Final trial

Removed 17 cubes from top layer, leaving array as diagrammed

Leaves 24 T's in top  
 ~ 24 H's in top

new array T's = 348  
 H's ~ 348  
 696



Not quite critical.

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Third trial: added 6 cubes to give as shown:

top row now 30 T's,  
~ 30 H's

Array  $\frac{354 \text{ T's}}{\sim 354 \text{ H's}}$   
708 total

		T		
	T		T	
T		T		T
	T	<del>T</del>	T	

Critical at 95% tamping on 6th side.

Point:

Best estimate of critical mass of T for cubical arrangement, at volume ratio of "TF<sub>6</sub>" to polyethylene of 1:1, but in which the units are arranged to give 2:2 in two dimensions, is 350 T's  $\times$  .051 = 17.9 kg  
Dimensions of array 9  $\times$  9  $\times$  8 ~~241~~.

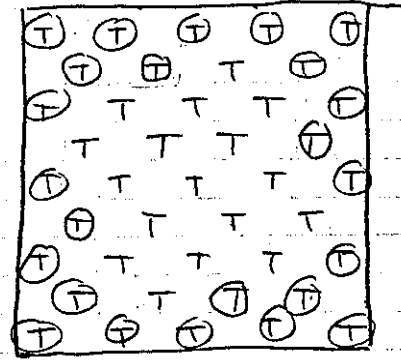
Critical mass ratio for  $\frac{2:2 \text{ in two dimensions}}{1:1 \text{ Symmetric}} = \frac{350}{342} = 1.02$

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In view of the fact that a 2:2-in-one dimension array gives a critical mass apparently lower than the 1:1 symmetric array, the latter was assembled for a check test. See p. 22 Apr 9, 1946 for initial experiment. Only differences between previous and present assemblies is that  $\frac{1}{2}$  plywood box not used in present, and that in the recent series, cubes have been chosen to simulate spherical symmetry rather than removing by layers from one side.

Basic array  $9 \times 9 \times 9$ .

Trial 1 Removed 29 <sup>T (circled)</sup> cubes from periphery of top layer leaving as indicated, leaving 17 T's.



front (s)

Critical with about 60% tamping on sixth side.

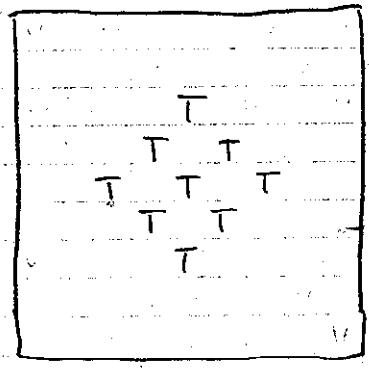
$$\begin{array}{r} T's \quad 4 \times 40 = 160 \\ \quad \quad 4 \times 41 = 164 \\ \quad \quad 17 \quad \quad 17 \\ \hline \quad \quad \quad 341 \end{array}$$

Trial 2 Removed 8 more cubes, leaving top  $\rightarrow$

array now  $9 \times 9 \times 8 \frac{3}{41}$

$$\begin{array}{r} T's \quad 4 \times 40 = 160 \\ \quad \quad 4 \times 41 = 164 \\ \quad \quad + 9 = 9 \\ \hline \quad \quad \quad 333 \end{array}$$

Critical with about 75% tamping on 6th side.

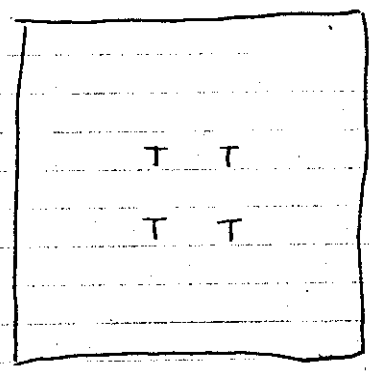


Trial 3 Removed 5 more cubes, leaving top  $\rightarrow$

array now  $9 \times 9 \times 8 \frac{4}{41}$

$$\begin{array}{r} T's \quad 324 \\ \quad \quad 4 \\ \hline \quad \quad 328 \end{array}$$

Critical with about 80% tamping



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Trial 4  
~~two~~ <sup>four</sup> ~~four~~ Removed remainder of top layer T's and  
four from next layer (one from next to corner)  
Not quite critical.

Trial 5 Replaced four T's array now 9x9x8.  
Critical 98% tamping on last side.

Point:

Best estimate of critical mass of T in cubic arrangement 1:1 TF<sub>6</sub>/Polyethylene  
ratio, but without plywood box =  $324 \times 0.51 = 16.5 \text{ kg}$

Dimensions of array 9x9x8.

Ratio of critical masses  $\frac{\text{with box}}{\text{without box}} = \frac{342}{324} = 1.055$

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Neutrons 6<sup>30</sup> PM

Beck #10 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Murray #3 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Young #1 4

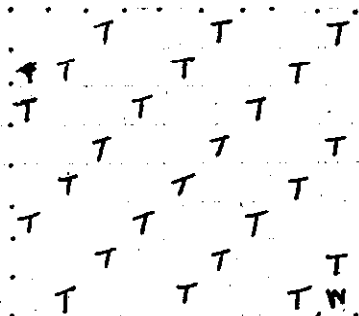
Callahan #8 5

Guard #5 2

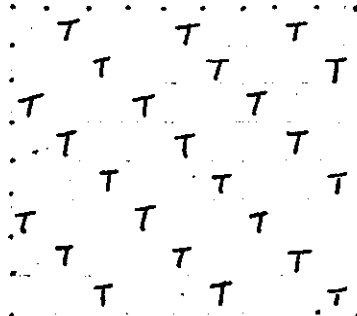
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Stacked 8x8x8<sup>9</sup> array of 2H/1T cubes: (no plywood box).  
Repeat of previous experiment, see p. 23

Front face



Top (viewed from front face).

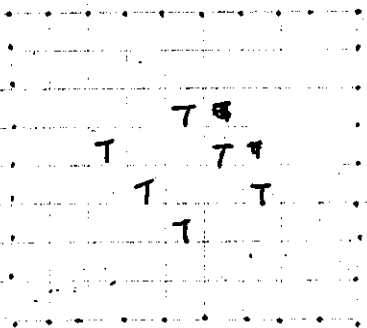


Contains - 192 T cubes  
384 H "

576  
ARRAY WAS NOT CRITICAL WITH 100% TAMPING -

ADDED another horizontal layer (making an 8x9x9). consisting of 6 T cubes and 66 white cubes -

Top view.



Contains 192 + 6 = 198 T cubes  
384 + 66 = 450 H  
648

is equivalent to 2H/1T array 9x8x8 1/4

Just critical with full tamping.

Point

Best estimate of critical mass of T in cubical arrangement 1:2 "TF<sub>6</sub>" to polyethylene ratio, but without plywood box = 198 x 0.051 = 10.1 kg

Ratio of critical masses  $\frac{\text{with box}}{\text{without box}} = \frac{208}{198} = 1.050$

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100// Stacked 10x10x9+ array TF<sub>6</sub>/polyethylene = 2:1. Repeat of previous Exp. on p. 28, but without plywood box.

TS in Basic 10x10x9 array

$$TS \ 67 \times 6 = 402$$

$$66 \times 3 = \frac{198}{600}$$

~~$$HS \ 66 \times 6 = 396$$~~

~~$$67 \times 3 = \frac{201}{597}$$~~

$$HS \ 33 \times 6 = 198$$

$$34 \times 3 = \frac{102}{300}$$

total 900 = 10x10x9

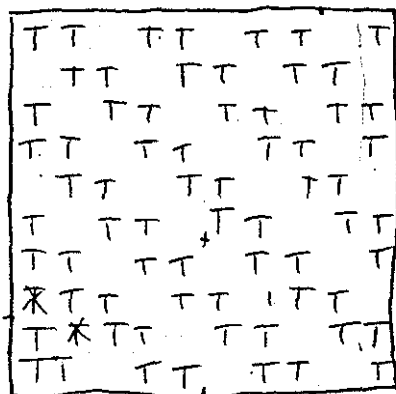
First trial: Added 20 TS to top layer

$$TS \ 620$$

$$HS \ 310$$

$$930$$

Critical with ~ half tapping on 6A side



--- Bottom row = 4=7=(10)

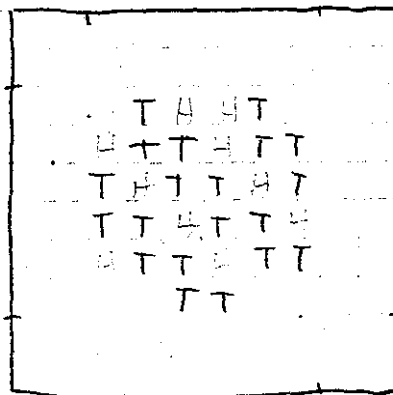
67 TS, 33 HS

$$2 = 5 = 8$$

66 TS, 34 HS

$$3 = 6 = 9$$

67 TS, 33 HS

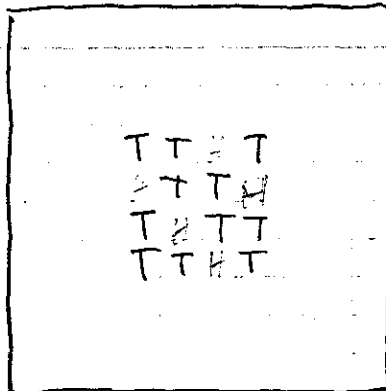


top row (10th)  
moved from south



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Removed 16 T cubes from top.

leaves  $\rightarrow$   
array T's 611, H's ~ 305critical with  $5\frac{1}{2}$  layers of stamping on  
6th side.

removed from S.

Removed remaining 19 T cubes from top.

Array now  $10 \times 10 \times 9$  exactly

T's	600
H's	300
total	900

Very near critical  $\approx 2$  more T's would have made it critical

Point - Best estimate of critical mass of T in cubical arrangement  
 2:1 "TF<sub>6</sub>" to polyethylene ratio, but without plywood box =  $602 \times 0.051 = 30.7 \text{ kg}$

Ratio of critical masses  $\frac{\text{with box}}{\text{without box}} = \frac{646}{602} = 1.072$

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Purpose to test the multiplication method - to see if extrapolation from reciprocal multiplication on cubical arrays  $9 \times 9 \times 9$ ,  $8 \times 8 \times 8$  and  $7 \times 7 \times 7$  gives the same critical mass as observed directly.

"TF<sub>6</sub>" = 2:1; no plywood box; completely paraffin tamping.

Strong source - orig 20 curies, 210 curies at present.

Removed <sup>white</sup> ~~green~~ cube\* 5th row, layer and side, (ie in middle of  $9 \times 9 \times 9$  array) substituted source.

$$\begin{aligned} 1=4=7 &= 54T's \quad 27H's \\ 2=5=8 &= 54T's \quad 27H's \\ 3=6=9 &= 54T's \quad 27H's \\ &= 162 + 81 = 243 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{total } \begin{array}{r} 729 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{9 \times 9 \times 9 \quad T's 486 \quad H's 243 \quad \text{total } 729}$$

Start 3pm #4 (top) 10 minute count.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Clicks end } & 722.1 \\ \text{begin } & 505.0 \\ \text{counts } & 64 \times 217.1 = 13900 \end{aligned}$$

Start 3:22pm 10 minute count.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Clicks end } & 944.6 \\ \text{begin } & 722.0 \\ \text{counts } & 64 \times 222.6 = 14270 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Average counts/min} = 1410$$

Counter voltages

$$\begin{aligned} \#4 & 650 \text{ v.} \\ \#3 & 630 \text{ v.} \end{aligned}$$

#3 (bottom)

$$\begin{aligned} & 541.1 \\ & 472.0 \\ \text{counts } & 64 \times 69.1 = 4420 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 609.3 \\ & 541.0 \\ \text{counts } & 64 \times 68.3 = 4320 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Average counts/min} = 437$$

Removed front, right and top layers.

$$\begin{aligned} 1=4=7 &= 43T's \quad 21H's \\ 2=5=8 &= 42T's \quad 22H's \\ 3=6 &= 43T's \quad 21H's \end{aligned}$$

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8x8x8 T's 341 H's 170\* total 511

#4 (top)

#3 (bottom)

Start 3:23 pm 10 minute count

Clicks end 157.4  
start 070.0  
counts 64 x 87.4 = 5590

end 683.4  
start 656.0  
counts 64 x 27.4 = 1750

Start 3:55 pm 10 minute count

Clicks end 243.3  
start 157.0  
counts 64 x 86.3 = 5530

712.1  
start 683.0  
counts 64 x 29.1 = 1860

Average counts/min = 556

Average counts/min = 180.5

Removed top, back, left. Source shifted down, green cube removed, white ~~cube~~ \* instead of

1=4=7 33 T's 16 H's  
2=5 33 T's 16 H's  
3=6 33 T's 16 H's

7x7x7 T's 230\*\* H's 112 total 342

#4 (top)

#3 (bottom)

Start 4:37 pm 10 minute count

Clicks end 477.2  
start 414.0  
counts 64 x 63.2 = 4040

end 810.7  
start 809.0 (?)  
counts 64 x 1.7

Start 4:52 pm 10 minute count

Clicks end 545.7  
start 487.0  
counts 64 x 58.7 = 3760

end 941.3 (?)  
start 824.0 (?)  
counts 64 x 117.3

Start 5:05 pm 5 minute count

end 584.7  
start 546.0 Burst  
counts 64 x 38.7

end 974.8 (?)  
start 941.0 (?)  
counts 64 x 133.8

Start 5:12 5 minute count

Start 614.8  
end 586.0 369  
counts 64 x 28.8 = 1840

end 1026.9 (?)  
start 975.0 (?)  
counts 64 x 51.9

Average counts/min = 386

Unreliable result

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Supported source (in same position) in  $7 \times 7 \times 7$  cavity. Top layers of paraffin supported by  $1/32''$  Aluminium sheet:

Start 5:37 pm 10 minute count

Clicks end 740.7  
begin 694.0  
Counts  $64 \times 46.7 = 2990$   
Start 5:48 pm 10 minute count

Clicks end 786.1  
begin 741.0  
Counts  $64 \times 45.1 = 2890$

Multiplication

Average counts/min = 294

end 135.9  
begin 129.0  
Counts  $64 \times 6.9$

end 170.5  
begin 136.0  
Counts  $64 \times 34.5$

unreliable

Supported source in proper position in  $9 \times 9 \times 9$  cavity. Top layers of paraffin supported by  $1/32''$  Aluminium sheet.

Start 6:22 pm 10 minute count

Clicks end 886.0  
begin 818.0 841.0  
Counts  $64 \times 45.0 = 2880$   
Start 6:24 pm 10 minute count

Clicks end 928.8  
begin 886.0  
Counts  $64 \times 42.8 = 2740$

Average counts/min = 281

no further observations on this counter

Assume average for 8:08 case = 287

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Multiplication based on #4 counter:

	$T$	mult photons	$\frac{R}{10/\text{multiplication}}$	$K$
<u>9x9x9</u>	$T_s$ 486	$1410/281 = 5.02$	$\frac{R}{2.00} = 1.99$	<u>23.7</u>
<u>8x8x8</u>	$T_s$ 341	$556/287 = 1.94$	5.16	16.6
<u>7x7x7</u>	$T_s$ 230	$386/294 = 1.31$	7.64 7.62	<u>11.2</u>

Least squares line and extrapolation:

$$R = aT + b$$

$$= 12.67T - 0.02$$

$$R = a + bT$$

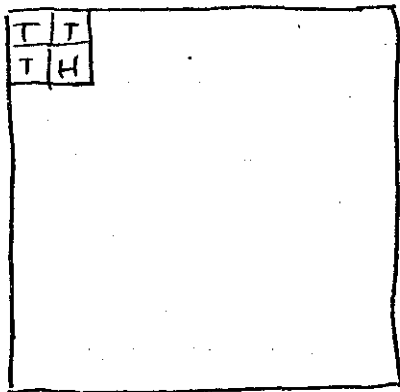
$$= 12.67 - 0.022T$$

$$\text{intercept } -a/b = \underline{\underline{576}}$$

$\therefore$  Critical mass = 576 T cubes, by extrapolation.

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Assembled  $10 \times 10 \times 10$  array with 1:7 ratio H/T.

South

A unit of 1 H, 7 T's always  
has the white cube in the  
upper, front, right corner.

Each "layer" of  $25 \times 8$  cubes = 200  
has 25 H's  
 $25 \times 7 = 175$  T's

total array 875 T's  
125 H's  
 $\frac{1000}{\text{total}} = 10^3$

No evidence of multiplication with complete paraffin tamping.

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added layers to front (south) and left side.

front	110 T's	no H's
side	75 T's	25 H's
	185	25 H's
new array	1060 T's	150 H's

Bad cubes used in front  
top two rows (except two on left side)  
also top of assembly.

Put cluster of T cubes on top ( $7 \times 7 - 1 = 48$ ) surrounded by H cubes  
as stamping.

Final array

1108 T's 158 H's (assumed 8 H's in top as effective moderator)  
Ratio  $\approx 7$

Some multiplication but did not come near critical.

Took down part of array to insert source in 6th row from every direction.  
Removed green cube, but put it on top.

① Multiplication Array 1108 T's 11x11x11  
158 H's  
1266 total L-1  
B-1

Start 10:08 10 min. count

Clicks end 2401.7

start 1953.0

counts  $64 \times 448.7$

Start 10:19 10 min. count

end 2848.0

start 2402.0

Counts  $64 \times 443.0$

Start 10:08 10 min. count

Clicks end 0826.9

start 9537.0

counts  $64 \times 1289.9$

Start 10:19 10 min. count

end 2125.0

start 0827.0

counts  $64 \times 1298.0$

Average =  $64 \times 44.58 = 2853 \text{ c/m}$       Average =  $64 \times 129.40 = 8282 \text{ c/m}$

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② Removed the 49 cubes on top. Array now 1059 T's 11x11x10  
150 H's  
1209 total

start 10:40 10min. count B-1

clicks end 3336.7  
start 3015.0  
counts 64x 321.7

L-1  
end 3643.8  
start 2697.0  
counts 64x 946.8

start 10:53 10min. count

clicks end 3667.2  
start 3337.0  
counts 64x 330.2

end 4595.0  
start 3644.0  
counts 64x 952.0

Average 64x 32.59 = 2086 c/m

Average = 64x 94.94 = 6076 c/m

③ Removed rightside, ~~10x11~~ containing 25 H-cubes, 85 T's

Array now 10x10x11, 974 T's  
125 H's  
1099 total

start 11:20 10min. count

clicks end 4058.5  
start 3739.0 3743.0  
counts 64x 215.5

end 5424.2  
start 4807.0 4817.0  
counts 64x 607.2

start 11:33 10min. count

end 4182.8  
start 3859.0  
counts 64x 223.8

end 6044.4  
start 5424.0  
counts 64x 620.4

start 11:46 10min count

end 4406.5  
start 4183.0  
counts 64x 223.5

end 6672.7  
start 6044.0  
counts 64x 628.7

Average 64x 2209 = 1415 c/m

Average 64x 6158 = 3960 c/m



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④ Removed front 10x10 containing 100 T's, no H's

array now 10x10x10 = 875 T's (one removed from 875 for source)  
 - 125 H's  
 B- 750 total

start 1:26 pm 10 min count

clicks end 6394.6  
 start 6220.0  
 counts 64x 174.6

end 2314.9  
 start 1879.0 1866.0  
 counts 64x 478.9

start 1:38 pm 10 min count

clicks end 6561.9  
 start 6395.0  
 counts 64x 166.9

end 2766.4  
 start 2315.0  
 counts 64x 451.4

Average 64x 17.07 = 1092 c/m

Average 64x 45.01 = 2880

⑤ Removed front, top, right side, leaving 9x9x9 array

right side - 100 T's, no H's (10x10)  
 front 65 T's, 25 H's (9x10)  
 top 61 T's, 20 H's (9x9)  
 206 T's, 45 H's

leaves 649 T's, 80 H's = 728 total  
 648 T's

start 2:27 10 min. count

clicks end 6880.9  
 start 6756.0  
 counts 64x 134.9

end 3603.7  
 start 3302.0  
 counts 64x 301.7

start 2:40 10 min. count

clicks end 7009.3  
 start 6881.0  
 counts 64x 128.3

end 3909.3  
 start 3604.0  
 counts 64x 305.3

Average 64x 13.21 = 846

Average 64x 303.5 = 1940

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10x10x10<sup>1/2</sup> cavity. Source in center

start 3<sup>18</sup> <sup>20</sup> B-1  
15 min count.

L-1

clicks end 7141.1  
start ~~7009.0~~ 7014.0  
127.1

end 4227.0  
start ~~3909.0~~ 3922.0  
305.0

$$c/m = 69 \times 6350 = 406$$

$$c/m = 69 \times 15250 = 976$$

Assume that c/m same for each cavity - range is 11x11x11 to 9x9x9, above test is on average.

Multiplication and <sup>10x</sup> reciprocal multiplication vs no. of T cubes.  
(counter B-1)

$$\frac{2853}{406} = 7.01$$

$$\frac{1.42}{c/m}$$

1108

K9-25  
54.0

$$\frac{2086}{406} = 5.13$$

1.95

1059

51.6

$$\frac{1415}{406} = 3.48$$

2.87

974

47.5

$$\frac{1092}{406} = 2.69$$

3.72

874

42.6

$$\frac{846}{406} = 2.08$$

4.80

648

31.6

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counter L-1

Multiplication and <sup>10x</sup>reciprocal multiplication vs No of T cubes

$$\frac{8282}{976} = 8.48$$

1.18

$$1108 = 54.0 \times 25$$

$$\frac{6076}{976} = 6.22$$

1.61

$$1059 = 51.6$$

$$\frac{3960}{976} = 4.06$$

2.46

$$974 = 47.5$$

$$\frac{2880}{976} = 2.95$$

3.39

$$874 = 42.6$$

$$\frac{1940}{976} = 1.99$$

5.03

$$648 = 31.6$$

Extrapolations B-1 1235  
L-1 1225 average 1230 T cubes.

Point:

Estimate of critical mass of cubical array with  $\frac{H}{T} = \frac{1}{7}$ , completely tamped by extrapolation of reciprocal multiplication, is  $1230 \times 0.051 = 63.0 \text{ Kg}$ .

If a 20% inhomogeneity correction were made,  $M_c$  would be 50.3 Kg.

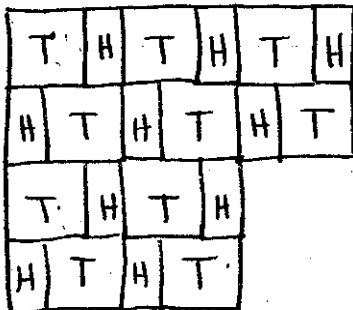
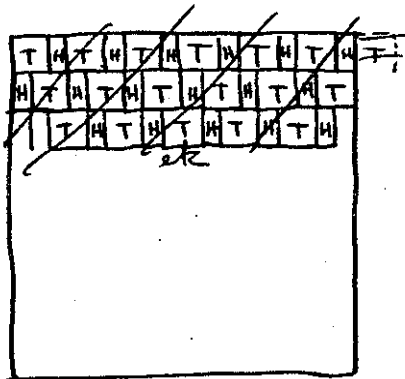
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assembled cubical array basically  $9 \times 9 \times 9$ ,

with  $\frac{H}{T} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

trial 1 not critical full tamping



trial 2

added layer  $9 \times 9$  to right side (viewed from south)

composed of 1:1 H/T. Assume that half of H cubes are used as moderator, half as tamper. Added layer has thus

41 T's 40 half H's (= 20% full H's).

Array thus	T's	(1/2 H's)	H's	total
	486	486	243	
	+ 41	90	20	
	527	526	263	790

Critical with  $\sim$  full tamping.

Point:

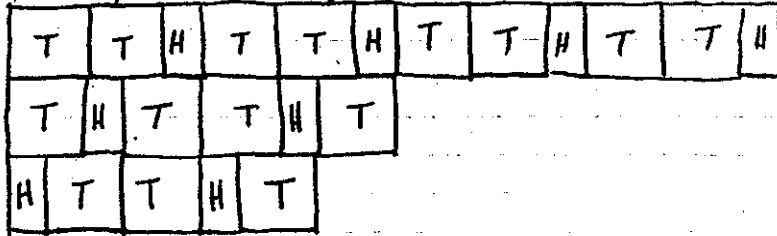
critical mass of cubical array with  $\frac{H}{T} = \frac{1}{2}$ , fully tamped  
 $= 527 \times 0.51 = 26.9 \text{ Kg}$

Ratio, mass  $\frac{H/T = 1/2}{H/T = 1/2} = \frac{602}{527} = 1.14 = \text{effect of inhomogeneity}$

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Assembled cubical array — 10x10x10 with  $H/T = \frac{1}{2}$

1st layer & 4th layer.

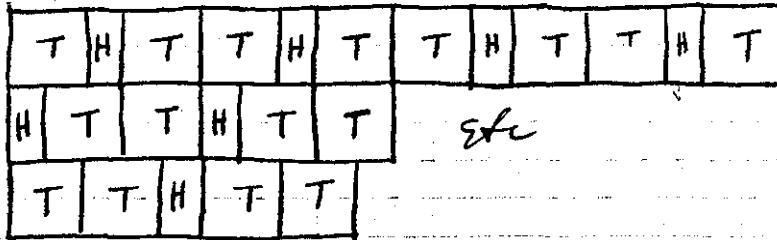


etc.

10x10x10 array

contains 800 T cubes  
400 H cubes  
(1/2 size).

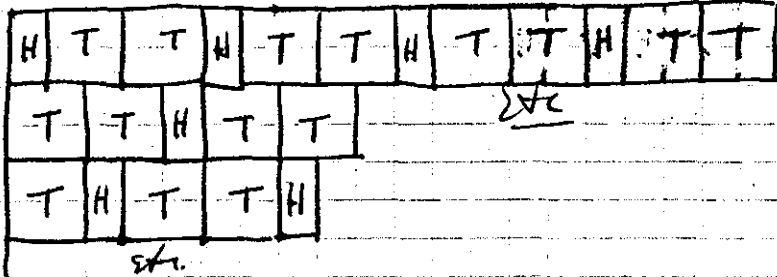
2nd layer



etc

Not critical when  
100% tamped.

3rd layer



etc.

2<sup>nd</sup> trial: Added seventh layer bringing  
totals to 880 T cubes  
440 H cubes (1/2 size).

Not critical with 100% tamping.

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3rd Trial -

Added (vertical) layer to front marking

assembly 11" high  
10" wide  
11" deep

Containing 968 T cubes  
484 H cubes (1/2 size).

Not critical with 100% tamping.

4th Trial -

Added ~~5/11~~<sup>5/11</sup> vertical layer to right face - filling  
out face with CHe tamper - (rows filled in from bottom).

This new layer contains 37 green cubes and 18 ~~7/8~~ 1/2 size white cubes.

Total: 1005 T cubes  
502 H cubes (1/2 size).

Critical with 98% tamping.

5th Trial

Changed ~~5/11~~<sup>(See 4)</sup> vertical layer to leave only 22 T's in layer

total: 990 T cubes  
495 H cubes (1/2 size)

Critical with 98+ % tamping

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6th critical trial.

Removed 12 more cubes leaving 10.

total 978 T's  
489 H's (half size)

Critical with 99% tamping

7th trial -

Removed all (12), but left <sup>10 20 7/14/46</sup> side of polyethylene to check whether polyethylene is better tamped than paraffin. Slightly more reactive than trial 3, but still not critical

Point

Best estimate of critical mass of cubical array containing 49.5 kg  
 $\frac{H}{T} = \frac{1/2}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$  completely tamped = 970 T's  $\times .051 = 50$  kg

$$\frac{Nu}{Nu} = \frac{9.36}{4} = 2.34$$

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 Assembled cube  $\frac{H}{1} = \frac{7}{1}$   
 Trial 1

125 T's  
 875 H's  
 1000  
 top layer of H's missing however. assume  
 tamper will act as moderator.  
 $\therefore$  125 T's actually  
 715 H's  
 $\frac{900}{900} = 10 \times 10 \times 9$

Trial 2 Not near critical

added 25 T's on right side as viewed from front, 65 H's = 90 total  
 added 30 T's on front face. 69 H's = 99 total  
 added ~~127 H's~~ to top 121 H's = 121 total  
~~array contains 180 T's actually~~  
~~909 H's~~  
~~1089 total = 11 x 11 x 9~~

~~array contains 180 T's~~  
~~1260 H's theoretically~~  
~~1440 total = 12 x 12 x 10~~

array contains 180 T's } actually  
 1030 H's }  
 1210 total = 11 x 11 x 10

array contains 180 } theoretically  
 1260 }  
 1440 total = 12 x 12 x 10

Not critical

Trial 3  
 added layer of T+H, one of H only, to top.

array contains 216 T's, } actually  
 1236 H's }  
 1452 total = 11 x 11 x 12

216 T's } theoretically  
 1512 H's }  
 1728 total = 12 x 12 x 12

Critical with 95% tampering



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Trial 4 <sup>20 out of 30</sup> Removed ~~HT~~ cubes from front face, replaced with H's.

array contains 196 T cubes } actually  
1280 H " }  
- 1452 = 11x11x12

196 T } theoretically  
1372 H }  
1568  $\approx$  11.6 on side.

Not critical with full tamping

Trial 5 added 4 T cubes.

array now 200 T's actually  
1250 H's  
1452 = 11x11x12

Not critical with full tamping

Trial 6 added 6 T cubes

array now 206 T's } actually  
1246 H's }  
1452

206 } Theoretically  
1442 }  
1678

Critical

Point

Best estimate of critical mass in cubical array, with  $\frac{H}{T} = 7$   
 $= 203 \times .051 = 10.4 \text{ kg.}$

935  
1  
6545

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Assembled  $\frac{4}{1} = \frac{H}{T}$  basic 12x12x12 array

T	H	H	T	H	H
H	H	H	H	H	H
T	H	H	T	H	H
H	H	H	H	H	H

H	T	H	H	T	H	H
H	H	H	H	H	H	H
H	T	H	H	T	H	H
H	H	H	H	H	H	H

114H's, 30T's

layer 1 = 6 = 11

114H's, 30T's layer 2 = 7 = 12

H	H	T	H	H	T	H	H
H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
H	H	T	H	H	T	H	H
H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H

H	T	H	H	T	H	H
H	H	H	H	H	H	H
H	T	H	H	T	H	H
H	H	H	H	H	H	H

120H's, 24T's

layer 3 = 8

114H's, 30T's layer 4 = 9

H	H	T	H	H	T	H	H
H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
H	H	T	H	H	T	H	H

T	H	H	T	H	H
H	H	H	H	H	H
T	H	H	T	H	H

120H's, 24T's

layer 5 = 10

layer 6 = layer 1

total in 12x12x12 array

$$\begin{array}{r} T's \\ 30 \times 8 = 240 \\ 24 \times 4 = 96 \\ \hline 336 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} H's \\ 114 \times 8 = 912 \\ 120 \times 4 = 480 \\ \hline 1392 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} total T+H \\ \hline 1728 \end{array}$$

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Trial 1 Built only 9 high to start, due to reactivity  
critical with 20% tamping

$$\begin{array}{r} 1044 \text{ H's} \\ 252 \text{ T's} \\ \hline 1296 \text{ total} = 9 \times 12 \times 12 \end{array}$$

Trial 2 took off two front faces, first all white  $9 \times 12 = 108 \text{ H's}$   $0 \text{ T's}$   
 2nd ~~all white~~,  $66 \text{ H's}$   $42$   
 $174 \text{ H's}$   $42 \text{ T's}$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Array now } 210 \text{ T's} \\ 870 \text{ H's} \\ \hline 1080 \text{ total} = 12 \times 10 \times 9 \end{array}$$

Critical with 60% tamping.

Trial 3 Removed 10 cubes from each end, total of 20

on one end, pulled greens, substituted half whites, removing  
 $9 \times 10$  half whites, reducing length by  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

on other end, substituted full whites for greens, no change in length.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Array now } 190 \text{ T's} \\ 845 \text{ H's} \\ \hline 1035 \text{ total} = 9 \times 10 \times 11\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

could consider that one side has  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of tamping  $9 \times 10 = 45 \text{ H's}$

Critical with 85% tamping.

Trial 4 Removed 10 cubes from each end, total of 20 - Effectively shortened  
 one end 1", other none.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Array now } 170 \text{ T's} \\ 775 \text{ H's} \\ \hline 945 = 9 \times 10 \times 10\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

could consider that one side  $9 \times 10$  has 1" of tamping

Critical with 99% tamping.

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Trial 5 Removed 4 T's from end, substituted full H's.

Array 166 T's,  
779 H's  
945 total

could still assume one side has 1" of hanging.

Not quite critical

Point

Best estimate of critical mass in cubical arrangement at  $\frac{H}{T} = \frac{4}{1}$   
 $= 1.68 \times .051 = 8.6 \text{ kg of T. Dimensions } 9 \times 10 \times 10\frac{1}{2}, 777 \text{ H's}$

$$\frac{N_H}{N_T} = 375$$

Numbers of H cubes on hand:

652  $\frac{1}{2}$  size  $\sim$  326 whole cubes

947 full size

total 1273 whole.

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$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 59 \\ \hline 1366 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 59 \\ \hline 1366 \end{array}} \right\} \text{free size}$$

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assembled parallelepiped  $\frac{H}{T} = \frac{2}{1}$  with cross-section 6x6.

(T = 198 H = 396 went critical, average side 8.5)  
total = 594

If same mass 6x6 went critical it would be  $\frac{594}{36} = 16\frac{1}{2}$  long.

If same mass were put in array three times the short side, the latter would be

$\sqrt[3]{\frac{594}{3}} = \sqrt{198} = 5.82$  long, the long side would be 17.5

Trial 1 array 6x6x20 = 720; 240 T's, 480 H's.

layer 1 = 4, 2 = 5, 3 = 6

not critical with full tamping - little multiplication, if any.

Trial 2 array 6x6x29 = 1044, 348 T's, 696 H's

not critical with full tamping - some multiplication

Trial 3 array 6x6x53 = 1908, 636 T's, 1272 H's Actual length 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

not critical with full tamping.

Mass of T = 636 x .051 = 32.5 } ratio 3.2  
Compare with cubical 198 x .051 = 10.1

Point:

assembly in rectangular parallelepiped form, 53 cubes long, 6x6 cubes cross section,  $\frac{H}{T} = \frac{2}{1}$  does not go critical with full tamping.

Mass of T = 636 x .051 = 32.5 Kg 3.2 times the mass that went critical in cubical form, i.e. length also 3.2 times that it would be if the previous mass were put in 6x6 array.

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Trial<sup>1</sup> Assembled  $6 \times 7 \times 20$  at  $\frac{H}{T} = \frac{2}{1}$

Critical, 99% tamping. Each layer along length has 147's  
total array  $\begin{array}{r} 280 \text{ T's} \\ 560 \text{ H's} \\ \hline 840 = 6 \times 7 \times 20. \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{r} 28 \text{ H's} \\ \hline 42 \end{array}$

Trial<sup>2</sup> Removed one layer of 147's, 284's, now  $6 \times 7 \times 19$

total array  $\begin{array}{r} 266 \text{ T's} \\ 532 \text{ H's} \\ \hline 798 = 6 \times 7 \times 19 \end{array}$

$\frac{594}{7 \times 6} = \frac{594}{42} = 14$  length of unit with same mass that went critical.

Critical about same tamping

Trial<sup>3</sup> Removed another layer of 147's, 284's, now  $6 \times 7 \times 18$

total array  $\begin{array}{r} 252 \text{ T's} \\ 504 \text{ H's} \\ \hline 756 = 6 \times 7 \times 18 \end{array}$

Not quite critical

assume 3 more cubes would have gone critical ie  $\begin{array}{r} 255 \text{ T's} \\ 510 \text{ H's} \\ \hline 765 = 6 \times 7 \times 18\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$

Point

critical mass of parallelepiped  $6 \times 7$  cross section, 18.2 long,

$$\frac{H}{T} = \frac{2}{1} = 255 \times 0.51 = 130 \text{ kg}$$

$$\frac{\text{Mass of T critical as cube}}{\text{Mass of T critical as } 6 \times 7 \text{ parallelepiped}} = \frac{255}{198} = 1.29$$

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Trial 1 Assembled  $7 \times 7 \times 15$  at  $\frac{H}{T} = \frac{2}{1}$

Each horiz. layer has 35 T's 70 H's; with 7 layers, 245 T's, 490 H's  
total 735

✓ Critical with about 97% tamping.

Trial 2 Removed 16 T's, 33 H's in one layer, now

$7 \times 7 \times 14$

229 T's, 457 H's  
total 686

✓ Not quite critical

Trial 3 Added 4 T's, filled with Polyethylene to make complete layer

$7 \times 7 \times 14\frac{1}{4}$

233 T's 466 H's total 699

✓ Critical with almost complete tamping

Point

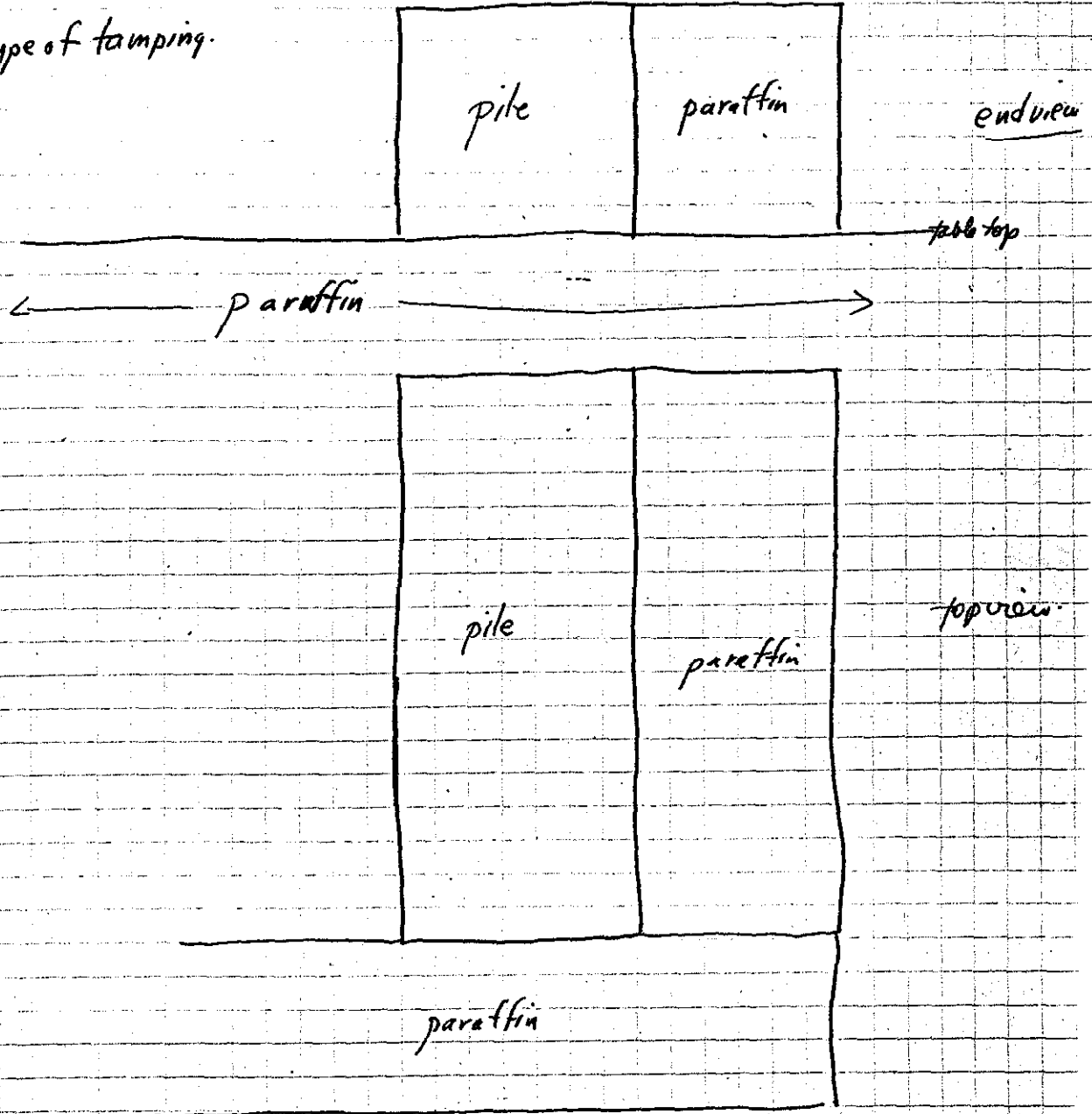
Best estimate of critical mass in rectangular parallelepiped arrangement,  
cross-section  $7 \times 7$ , length  $14\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{H}{T} = \frac{2}{1} = 231 \times 0.051 = 11.8$  kg.

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Added more layers to previous array to obtain qualitative idea of effect on critical mass of half-tamping.  $\frac{H}{T} = \frac{2}{1}$

trial  
Added 6 more layers - Array now 7x7x20

type of tamping.



not critical



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Trial 2 Added 10 more layers, now  $7 \times 7 \times 30 = 1470$   
 490 T's, 980 H's

not critical. little multiplication.

Comment: Tamping of half of array probably causes an increase of critical mass, in this form of a factor of ~~10~~ 5.

Note that this is not true for cubical arrays - see p. 75:

60% tamping critical with 210 T's, } factor of 125  
 100% tamping critical with 168 T's }

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Density experiment  $T:H:A = 1:1:\frac{1}{2}$

Expected configuration

$$\frac{M_c}{T_c} = \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{1.6} T_0 = 2^{1.6} T_0 = 3.03 T_0 = 303 \times 324 = 983$$

total no of cubes = ~~983~~  $\times 4 = 3930 \approx 15.8$  or 16 on side

$$\frac{M_1}{M_2} = \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1}\right)^{1.6} \left. \begin{array}{l} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1T:1H:0A \equiv \rho=1, M_c = 324 \text{ T Cubes} \\ 1T:1H:\frac{1}{2}A \equiv \rho=0.8, M_c = M_1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$M_1 = 342 \left(\frac{1}{0.8}\right)^{1.6} = 342 \times 1.44 = 492 \text{ T Cubes.}$$

Array which is expected to go Critical: ~~492 T~~

466 T	466 H
466 H	<del>492</del> $\frac{1}{2}$ " air space
466 $\frac{1}{2}$ " air space	<del>3</del>
<u>1165 in<sup>3</sup></u> $\approx 10 \times 10 \times 11 \text{ ft.}$	<u>1230 in<sup>3</sup></u> $\approx$

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T	H	A	T	H	A	T	H	A	T	H	A
H	A	T	H	A	T	H	A	T	H	A	T
A	H	A	T	H	A	T	H	A	T	H	T
A	T	H	A	T	H	A	T	H	A	T	H
H	A	T	H	A	T	H	A	T	H	A	T

1st layer contains  
~~20T, 20H, 10A.~~  
 40T, 40H, 20A

irregularity

Each 3 rows  
 contain all  
 supply

T
H

etc

In Each successive layer (horizontal)  
 the T cube is set 1" to right -  
 irregularities excepted. Therefore  
 each row (left-right) in the  
 assembly contains 4 T and  
 4 H cubes -

Trial 1

Original array  $10 \times 10 \times 10 =$   
 $\begin{array}{r} 400 T \\ 400 H \\ 200 A \\ \hline 1000 = 10 \times 10 \times 10 \end{array}$

Actual dimensions =  
 $10 \frac{1}{8} \times 9 \frac{15}{16} \times 10 \frac{1}{16}$

Not critical

Trial 2

added another layer  $10 \times 10 \times 11 =$   
 $\begin{array}{r} 440 T \\ 440 H \\ 220 A \\ \hline 1100 = 10 \times 10 \times 11 \end{array}$

Not critical

Trial 3

Added 20 more <sup>T</sup>cubes on top =  
 $\begin{array}{r} 460 T \\ 460 H \\ 230 A \\ \hline 1150 = 10 \times 10 \times 11 \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$

Not quite critical

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Trial 4 added 8 more T's to top - 468 T  
 468 A  
 234 A  
 1170 total = 10x10x11.7

over-critical

Measurement of dimensions

12 1/8 high, 10 1/8 x 10; Effective height =  $\frac{468}{480} \cdot 12 \frac{1}{8} = 11.7$

Point

Best estimate of critical mass in cubical arrangement - H:T:A = 1:1:1/2, temp  
 = 464 x 0.51 = 23.7 kg.

Calculation of "density factor" appearing in the relation

$$\frac{(M_c)_1}{(M_c)_2} = K \left( \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right)^x$$

1.430 ratio	324	698 total volume	10750	Effect # of cub
$(M_c)_1 = \text{no. of cubes } 1:1 \text{ ratio} = 324$	<del>198</del>	<del>324</del> $\times 16.6 =$	<del>5380</del> $\text{cm}^3$	698
$(M_c)_2 = \text{no. of cubes } 1:1:1/2 \text{ ratio} = 464$		$\# = (10 \frac{1}{8} \times 10 \times 11.84) = 1263.7$	19650	124
			22600 cm	1184
			19446	1171
			DC 712563	1171

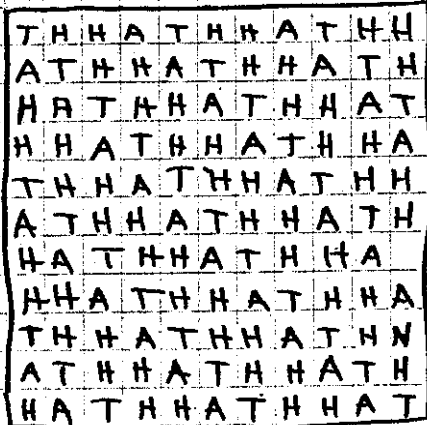
" $\rho_1$ " = no. of cubes per unit volume =  $\frac{324}{9860} = .03285$   
 " $\rho_2$ " = no. of cubes per unit volume =  $\frac{464}{22600} = .02050$   
 ratio = 1.602

$$x = \frac{\log 1.602}{\log 1.430} = \frac{.20466}{.15534} = 1.32$$

$$\left( \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} \right)^x = \frac{464}{324} \quad x = \frac{\log 1.432}{\log 1.282} = \frac{.1559}{.1070} = 1.45$$

4/26/46 <sup>27</sup> Density: T:H:A = 1:2:1, 11x11 basic layer.

T's	H's	A's
3	6	2
3	5	3
3	5	3
2	6	3



- 1 = 5 = 9
- 2 = 6 = 10
- 3 = 7 = 11
- 4 = 8
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11

aluminium 0.0125" between each layer.

layer 1 -	T's	H's	A's
	3x3 = 9	6x3 = 18	2x3 = 6
	3x3 = 9	5x3 = 15	3x8 = 24
	3x3 = 9	5x3 = 15	30
	2x2 = 4	6x2 = 12	
	31	60	

layer 2	T's 30	H's 60	A's 31
layer 3	T's 30	H's 61	A's 30
layer 4	T's 30	H's 61	A's 30

Repeat after this:

- 1 = 5 = 9
- 2 = 6 = 10
- 3 = 7 = 11
- 4 = 8 = 12

Trial 1	11x11x11	T's 333	H's 665	A's 333	Total 1331
	not critical				
Trial 2	11x11x12	T's 363	H's 667	A's 363	Total 1452
	critical		726		

Actual dimensions:  $12\frac{3}{8} \times 11\frac{1}{16} \times 11\frac{1}{8} = 1523 \text{ m}^3 = 24957 \text{ cc}$   
 corresponds to no. of cube spaces = 1503

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Calculation of density factor

$$\left( \begin{array}{r} 198 \\ 208 \\ \hline 634 \\ \hline 363 \\ \hline 1503 \end{array} \right)^x = \frac{363}{\frac{208}{198}}$$

$$x = \frac{\log 1.745}{\log 1.380} = \frac{.2418}{.13998} = 1.73$$

$$x = \frac{\log 1.833}{\log 1.380} = \frac{.2632}{.13988} = 1.88$$

First trial of T:H:A = 1:2: $\frac{1}{2}$  fell down. No aluminum sheets between layers. array came apart, fortunately, rather than together. Later developments see p 89, indicated that probably, would not have gone critical anyway.

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Stacked T:H:A = 1:2:1/2 basically 10x10.

T	H	H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H	H	
H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H
H	H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H	H	A	T
A	H	H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H	H	A
A	T	H	H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H	H
H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H
H	H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H	H	T	
T	H	H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H	H	
H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H
H	H	A	T	H	H	A	T	H	H	A	T

	T	H	A
1 = 8	3	6	1
2 = 9	3	5 1/2	1 1/2
3 = 10	3	5 1/2	1 1/2
4	2	8	2
5	3	5 1/2	1 1/2
6	3	5 1/2	1 1/2
7	3	6	1
8			
9			
10			

layer 1

layer 1

layer 2 composed of rows of type 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 7

layer 3

layer 4

layer 5

layer 6

layer 7

layer 8

layer 9

layer 10

total array 6x10x10

T	H	A
29	57	14
28	57	15
28	57	15
28	57	15
29	57	14
29	57 1/2	13 1/2
29	57 1/2	13 1/2
29	57	14
28	57	15
28	57	15
285	571	144

1000

Aluminum between each 2 layers

Critical 93% tamped

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Trial<sup>2</sup>

Removed 14 T's from top layer. Filled in with white cubes as tamps.

Array now  $285 - 14 = 271$  T's Critical 96% tampingTrial<sup>3</sup>

Removed 4 T's from top layer

Array now  $271 - 4 = 267$  T's Not critical, full tampingactual dimensions —  $10\frac{1}{32} \times 10\frac{3}{32} \times 10\frac{1}{8}$ effective dimensions  $10\frac{1}{32} \times 10\frac{3}{32} \times \frac{\text{(height)}}{285} \cdot 10\frac{1}{8} = 968$  Cubic inches  
(= 9.58) = ~~1523 cc~~  
1523Point

Best estimate of critical mass of cubical array with

 $H:T:A = 2:1:\frac{1}{2} = 269 \times 0.51 = 137$  kg. completely tamped

Determination of density dependence - comparison with

 $2H:1T:0A$  which was critical with 198 T Cubes:

$$M_1/M_2 = (r_2/r_1)^x$$

$$\log x = \frac{\log M_1/M_2}{\log r_2/r_1}$$

$$= \frac{\log 1.358}{\log 1.187}$$

$$= \frac{0.1329}{0.0745} = 1.78$$

$$= 1.78$$

$$M_1 = 198 \cdot 269$$

$$M_2 = 198$$

$$r_1 = \frac{269}{9.58} = 0.281$$

$$r_2 = \frac{1}{3}$$



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Untamped  $H/T = 2/1$ 

Removed paraffin from table, assembled 12x12 layers.

Critical with 10 high, 12 wide, 11 (+ 23 T's)  
(46 H's) deep

$$\therefore 10 \times 12 \times 11^{2\frac{3}{4}}/40 = 1389 \text{ total, } 463 \text{ T's, } 926 \text{ H's}$$

PointCritical mass of T in cubical array,  $H/T = 2/1$ , untamped  
 $463 \times .051 = 23.7 \text{ kg.}$ 

$$\text{Ratio } \frac{\text{untamped}}{\text{tamped}} = \frac{463}{198} = 2.34$$

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30 / Untamped  $H/T = 1:1$

assembled cubical array  $12 \times 12 \times 11 + \frac{52 T's}{53 H's}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 844 T's \\ 845 H's \\ \hline 1689 \text{ total} \approx \end{array}$$

Critical

finis

Point:

critical mass of T in cubical array,  $H/T = 1/1$ , untamped

$$844 \times .051 = 43.2 \text{ kg.}$$

$$\frac{\text{Ratio untamped}}{\text{tamped}} = \frac{844}{324} = 2.60$$

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Dimensions of 1" x 1" x 1/2" polythene cubes -  
Ten cubes randomly selected.

Cube #	l in	w in	h in	Volume in <sup>3</sup>	Weight cc	mass mg	ρ g/cc
1	1.006	1.007	0.502	0.509	8.34	7.61	0.912
2	1.007	1.006	0	07	31	60	15
3	5	6	1	07	31	60	15
4	8	8	2	10	38	63	11
5	7	5	2	08	32	61	15
6	7	6	3	10	38	61	08
7	7	7	2	09	34	62	14
8	6	7	3	10	38	61	08
9	6	4	2	08	32	60	13
10	7	5	2	08	32	59	12
Ave	1.0065	1.0062	0.509	0.509 <sup>3</sup>	8.34cc	7.61 gm	0.912 g/cc

## Summary of Properties of Materials

## Green Sekt Cubes -

Average density	-	4.74 gm/cm <sup>3</sup>
" height	-	1.003"
" length	-	1.004"
" width	-	1.003"
" volume	-	1.010 in <sup>3</sup>
"	-	16.55 cm <sup>3</sup>
" mass	-	78.44 gm of UCF <sub>6</sub>
T content of each cube	-	78.44 × 0.65218 = 51.16 gm
25 "	"	51.16 × 0.953 = 48.76 gm.
F "	"	= 24.71 "
C "	"	= 2.57 "

## Polyethylene Cubes:

	1x1x1"		1x1x1/2"
Average density	0.909 gm/cm <sup>3</sup>		0.912 gm/cc
" volume	1.015 in <sup>3</sup>		0.509 in <sup>3</sup>
"	16.62 cc		8.34 cc
" mass	15.114 gm.		7.61 gm.

## Summary of Critical Assembly Experiment

- (1) Estimation of critical mass of  $UCF_6$  from the evaluation of the neutron multiplication produced by various sized untempered cubical assemblies having the neutron source at the center (approximately).

SIZE of ASSEMBLY	Counts/min		Multiplication (M)		$10M^{-1}$	
	Counter 4	3	4	3	4	3
10x10x10 = 1000 cubes = 48.8 Kg 25	5004.8	1484.8	2.03	2.96	4.93	4.05
9x9x9 = 729 = 35.6 Kg 25	4428.8	1203.2	1.79	2.00	5.58	5.00
8x8x8 = 512 = 25.0 Kg 25	3916.8	966.4	1.58	1.61	6.37	6.23
0	2470.4	601.6				

(See page 10, 4/4/46, for data).

Conclusion: \* An extrapolation of the  $(M)^{-1}$  - assembly size plot gives a 17.1" ~~sq~~ (or edge) cube as that which will be critical with out dilution with hydrogenous material and untempered. The value arises from the #4 counter data (#3 counter gives 13.6"). The former is weighted and a 17x17x17" assembly, is the best estimate. This is equivalent to 385 Kg of  $UCF_6$ , 251 Kg of U and 239 Kg of 25. (17.1" cube)

- (a) Attempt at direct evaluation of critical mass of undiluted (no moderator)

$UCF_6$ :

1099  
H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  $UCF_6$  cubes were stacked in an array 11x10x10" (P<sub>0</sub>-B<sub>26</sub>  $\pi$  source was in center of array) and fully tempered then multiplication was ca. 2.3x. 1099 cubes contain 96.2 Kg  $UCF_6$ , 562 Kg U, 53.6 Kg 25.

\* Extrapolation of least squares line through  $M^{-1}$  - Kg 25 plot gives 133.3 Kg 25 as un-moderated, untempered critical mass.

(2) Estimation of critical mass of  $UCF_6$  (fully tempered) from the evaluation of the neutron multiplication produced by various sized perforated cubical assemblies having the neutron source at the center (approximately). Data from Counter 4.

SIZE OF ASSEMBLY	Coupled from with $UCF_6$	Count '0'	MULTIPLICATION M	$10 M^{-1}$
$10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1000$ cubes $= 488 \text{ Kg } 25$ 48.8	488	253	1.93	5.18
$9 \times 9 \times 9 = 729$ $= 335.6 \text{ Kg } 25$	406	245 by inter- polation	1.66	6.02
$8 \times 8 \times 8 = 512$ $= 250 \text{ Kg } 25$	313.2	238	1.31	7.62

See pg. 13-15, 4/5/46 for data.

Conclusion: Extrapolation of the  $M^{-1}$  - assembly size plot gives a cubical assembly  $14 \times 14 \times 14$  as that which, when 100% tempered would be critical. (No dilution with H<sub>2</sub>). This is (2744 cubes) equivalent to 215 Kg  $UCF_6$ , 140 Kg U and 134 Kg 25.

Extrapolation of least squares solution of  $M^{-1}$  Kg 25 plot gives 98.7 Kg as critical mass of unmoderated fully tempered  $UCF_6$  array.

Supp 130 for revised experiment.

- 3) To determine critical mass of undeluted, <sup>fully tamped</sup> UCF<sub>6</sub> from extrapolation of critical masses assembled at various dilutions, all 100% tamped.

A. 1:1 ratio of UCF<sub>6</sub> - CH<sub>2</sub> Cubes. (packed in plywood box - 1/4" plywood + 1/16" air between arrays and tamped).

- |    |                                                             |                                               |    |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----|
| a. | 10x10x10 = 1000 cubes (total)                               | Critical at 85% tamping.                      | 19 |
| b. | 10x10x9 = 900 " " "                                         | " " 90% "                                     | 18 |
| c. | 9x9x9 = 729 " (365 UCF <sub>6</sub> + 364 CH <sub>2</sub> ) | Critical with 95% tamping.                    | 19 |
| d. | 9x9x8+ = 349 UCF <sub>6</sub> + 346 CH <sub>2</sub> cubes.  | " " 98% "                                     | 20 |
| e. | 9x9x8+ = 338 UCF <sub>6</sub> + 337 CH <sub>2</sub> cubes   | was slightly below critical with 100% tamping | 21 |

Best estimate of critical assembly: one containing 342 UCF<sub>6</sub> cubes and 100% tamped. 342 UCF<sub>6</sub> cubes contain 26.8 Kg of UCF<sub>6</sub>, 17.5 Kg of U, and 16.7 Kg of X.

B. 1:2 Ratio of UCF<sub>6</sub> - CH<sub>2</sub> Cubes. (see A above for data on plywood box)

- |    |                                                    |                            |
|----|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. | 9x9x9 = 243 UCF <sub>6</sub> + 486 CH <sub>2</sub> | critical with 85% tamping. |
| b. | 9x9x8 = 216 UCF <sub>6</sub> + 432 CH <sub>2</sub> | " " 89% "                  |
| c. | 9x8x8 = 192 + 384                                  | near " " 100% "            |
| d. | 9x8x8+ = 204 + 408                                 | near " " " "               |
| e. | 9x8x8+ = 207 + 414                                 | " " " "                    |
| f. | 9x8x8+ = 210 + 420                                 | critical " 96% "           |
| g. | 9x8x8+ = 208 + 416                                 | " " 98% "                  |

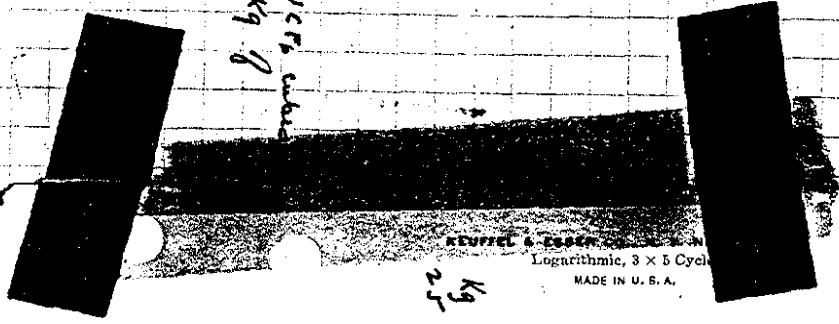
Best estimate of critical assembly: one containing 208 UCF<sub>6</sub> cubes and 416 CH<sub>2</sub> cubes and fully tamped. 208 UCF<sub>6</sub> cubes contain 16.3 Kg of UCF<sub>6</sub>, 10.6 Kg U, 10.1 Kg Z.

1% Tamping  
 2%  
 21

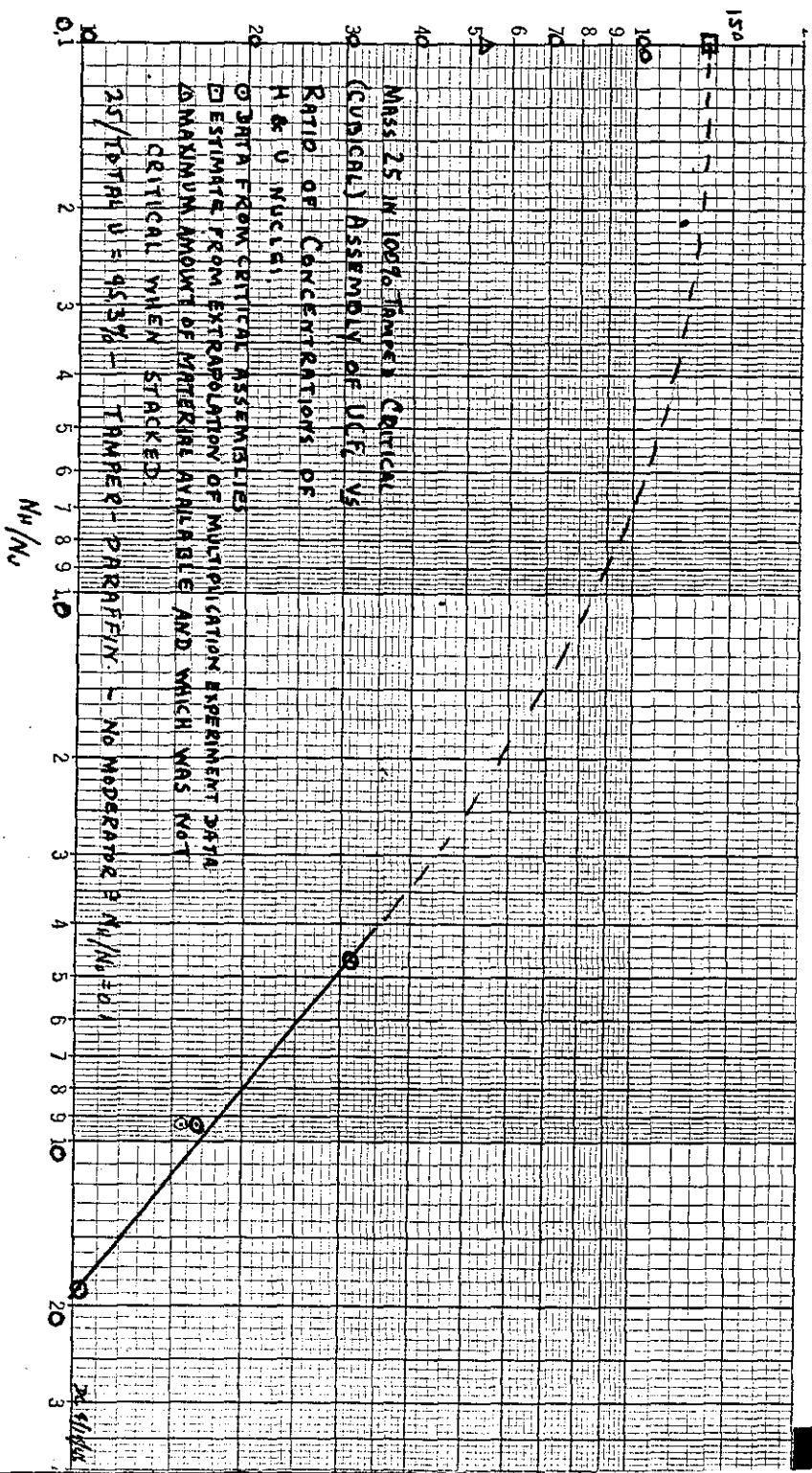
342 UCFE  
 no trace

1099

208 UCFE  
 16.3 kg



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3 cont.)

C. 2:1 ratio of  $UCF_2 - CH_2$  cubes (See A above re plywood box)

a. $10 \times 10 \times 10$	=	666 $UCF_2$ cubes	+ 334 $CH_2$ cubes	critical at 98% temp. eq.	N 29
b. $10 \times 10 \times 4$	=	662	+ 338	" " " " " "	29
c. $10 \times 10 \times 4$	=	646	+ 364	" " " " 100% "	30

100% temped cubical array containing 646  $UCF_2$  cubes w/critical -  
646 cubes contain 50.7 Kg  $UCF_2$ , 33.0 Kg U, 31.5 Kg ZS.

To determine ratio of number of H atoms to U atoms assuming polyethylene is  $CH_{1.87}$ :

$$N_H/N_U = \frac{1.87(1.008)}{12.01 + 1.87(1.008)} \frac{15.114}{m} \quad \text{where } m \text{ is mass of H atom}$$

= 9.35	when building ratio is	1:1
= 18.70	"	2:1
= 4.68	"	1:2

$N_H/N_{ZS}$
9.80
19.60
4.90

~~Plot of  $N_H/N_U$  vs mass of ZS extrapolates to 110-140 Kg ZS at zero dilution. This is in agreement with the value determined from the extrapolation of the multiplication data, (pg 121) or the mass of 100% temped  $UCF_2$  ZS in 100% temped  $UCF_2$  (cubical array) to give criticality.~~

- 4) To test the effect on the critical mass of increasing cadmium between the  $UCF_6 - CH_2$  array and the paraffin tamper.  $UCF_6 - CH_2$  cubes in 1:1 ratio -

Shr. Cd - 0.0167" ( $1/64$ ) thick - equivalent to 0.356 gm/cm<sup>2</sup> -

a. 11x11x11 = 666 $UCF_6$ + 665 $CH_2$ was critical at 65% tamper	32
b. 11x11x10 = 605 " + 605 " not " " 100% "	"
c. 11x11x10+ = 627 " + 627 " was " " 92% "	32
d. 11x11x10+ = 616 " + 616 " not " " 100% "	33
e. 11x11x10+ = 622 " + 621 " was " " 95% "	34

Best estimate: Critical array containing 619  $UCF_6$  cubes in 1:1 ratio with  $CH_2$  and 100% tamper would be critical. 619 cubes  $UCF_6$  contain 48.55 kg  $UCF_6$ , 31.7 kg U, 30.2 kg 25.

The Cd increased the critical mass by 80%:  
(30.2/16.7 = 1.8)

5)a) To test the effect on the Critical mass of interposing  
-boron between the active material and the fission  
tamper. Active material is 1:1 array of UCF<sub>6</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub> cubes.

(~~45~~) Boron impregnated plastic: 3/4" thick containing  
0.124 gm B/cm<sup>2</sup> as  $N_2 B_4 O_7 \cdot 10H_2O$  (see pg 28+34).

a)	11x11x11 = 666	UCF <sub>6</sub> + 665	CH <sub>2</sub> cubes critical at <15% tamper	pg 35
b)	11x11x10 = 605	" + 605	" " " " 80%	35
c)	11x11x9 = 545	" + 544	" " " " 100%	35
d)	11x11x9 = 578	" + 577	" " " " "	35
e)	11x11x9 = 589	" + 588	" " " " 98%	36

Best estimate: Critical array containing 583 UCF<sub>6</sub> cubes  
in a 1:1 array with CH<sub>2</sub> cubes and 100% tamper would  
be critical. 583 UCF<sub>6</sub> cubes contain 45.7 Kg UCF<sub>6</sub>,  
29.8 Kg U, 28.4 Kg B.

Boron in this form increases the Critical mass by only  
 $28.4/16.7 = 1.7$ . The plastic acts as a tamper.

5b. Effect of effect of interposing boron between  
tamper and 1:1 (1 green cube: 1 white cube) moderated  
assembly:

Boron as B<sub>4</sub>C 60 mesh powder in double  
walled box. Inner wall - brass; outer wall - plywood.  
3/4" thick layer of B<sub>4</sub>C equivalent to  $\frac{2.95}{1.14}$  gm/cm<sup>2</sup> of B. (pg 40)

When fully tamper<sup>ed</sup>, was critical with  
651 UCF<sub>6</sub> cubes and 651 CH<sub>2</sub> cubes.

651 cubes UCF<sub>6</sub> = 31.7 Kg 25.

$31.7/16.7 = 1.9$ , is the ratio of masses of 1:1 critical  
assemblies with and without boron.

6.) To test the effect of density of array on its critical mass -

Method: Stacked green, white and black (air) cubes in 1:1:1 array, each layer separated by 12.5 mil Al sheet, stacked in 4-sided plywood box. (p937)

Results: ①  $12\frac{1}{8}'' \times 13\frac{1}{8}'' \times 13\frac{1}{4}''$  (overall) array was critical when fully tamped. This contained, in addition to the aluminum, 676 T Cubes, 676 Ch. cubes and 676 air spaces.

676 T Cubes contain 33.0 Kg 25.  
Overall density 1.48 gm/cc

Conclusions: Since 16.7 Kg 25 was critical in a closely packed 1/1 array (density 2.28 gm/cc) these data show  $CM \propto \rho^{-1.6}$

② Array: 1T:1H:1/2A critical when containing

464 T cubes = 22.6 Kg 25

Comparison of these data with 1T:1H:0A array gives (Exp 3'a)  $M \propto (\rho)^{-1.54}$  1583.

③ Array: 1T:2H:1A critical when containing 363 T

cubes = 17.7 Kg 25.

Comparison with 1T:2H:0A array (Exp 3'b) gives  $M \propto (\rho)^{-1.86}$  1185

④ Array: 1T:2H:1/2A critical when containing 269 T

cubes = 13.1 Kg 25

Comparison with 1T:2H:0A array gives  $M \propto (\rho)^{-1.78}$  1987

- 7) To examine criticality of 1 green cube / 1 white cube array when stacked in the form of a parallelepiped.

Method: 1:1 assembly of green and white cubes arranged in parallelepipeds so they were critical when fully tamped. No plywood box.

Results: ①  $7'' \times 7'' \times 16\frac{1}{2}''$  parallelepiped was critical -

Contained  $\begin{matrix} 394 \\ 396 \end{matrix}$  T cubes =  $\begin{matrix} 192 \\ 192 \end{matrix}$  Kg 25 (p 42)  
 $\begin{matrix} 396 \\ 394 \end{matrix}$  H cubes

②  $6'' \times 7'' \times 27''$  critical when fully tamped

Contained 567 T cubes = 27.6 Kg 25 (p 45)  
 567 H cubes

③ 4p. 3'a (p 130) shows  $9 \times 9 \times 8$  to be critical -

Contained 324 T cubes = 15.8 Kg 25

Conclusion: Application of rule of thumb for spheres  $\frac{1}{2}$  and cylinders to parallelepipeds says if  $9 \times 9 \times 9$  is critical  $6.3 \times 6.3$  would be critical at infinite length. This is shown to be approximately correct. (see p 43).

7a) Same experiment but with 1 T / 2 H cube array  $NH/N_0 = 18.7$

① Array  $6'' \times 6'' \times 53''$  containing 636 T cubes = 31.0 Kg 25 was not critical with 100% tamping. p 77

② Array  $6 \times 7 \times 18.2$  containing 255 T cubes = 12.4 Kg 25 was critical with 100% tamping. p 78

③ Array  $7 \times 7 \times 14\frac{1}{4}$  containing 231 T cubes = 11.3 Kg 25 was critical with 100%. p 79

Experiment 8) To examine effect of inhomogeneity on the critical mass of a moderated assembly of green and white cubes.

Method: The moderation of green cubes with white cubes can be kept constant and the homogeneity varied by the dimensions of the basic unit stack, i.e. all cubes may be 1", or all 2" or the units may be 1" x 1" x 2" or 1" x 2" x 2". The first of these is now to be called a 1:1 assembly, the next an 8:8, 2:2, 4:4, respectively. These four arrays were stacked to criticality, freely tamped.

Results: ① 1:1 - Critical at  $9 \times 9 \times 8$  (1953).

with 324 T Cubes = 15.8 Kg T.

② ~~2:2~~ <sup>4:4</sup> - Critical at  $9 \times 9 \times 8$  (1951)

containing 350 T Cubes = 17.1 Kg T.

③ ~~4:4~~ <sup>2:2</sup> - Critical at  $9 \times 9 \times 8$  (1949)

containing 334 T Cubes = 16.3 Kg T.

④ 8:8 - critical at  $10 \times 10 \times 8$  (1947)

containing 412 T Cubes = 20.1 Kg T.

Conclusions: Critical Mass "Homogeneity" Inhomogeneity factor

15.8

1:1

1

16.3

2:2

$16.3/15.8 = 1.03$

17.1

4:4

$17.1/15.8 = 1.08$

20.1

8:8

$20.1/15.8 = 1.27$

Further, these assemblies were stacked with no wooden box as support and the 1:1 critical mass is significantly less than that given in Exp 3A, p. 122. Exp. 3 was then repeated.

Exp 3': To measure critical mass as function of amount of moderation by hydrogenous material. (Repeat of Exp 3, p 122 - the earlier stacking was done inside a plywood box which allowed an air gap between cubes and tamper as well as introduced some nitrogen).

Method: Stack various ratios of green & white cubes until array is critical - tamper.

- Results: (a)  $1 \text{UCF}_6 : 1 \text{CH}_2$  - Critical at  $9 \times 9 \times 8$   $N_H/N_0 = 9.35$   
 containing 324 green cubes = 15.8 Kg 25 - (1953)
- (b)  $1 \text{UCF}_6 : 2 \text{CH}_2$  - Critical at  $9 \times 8 \times 8 \frac{1}{2}$   $N_H/N_0 = 18.7$   
 containing 198 T. cubes = 9.65 Kg 25 (1955)
- (c)  $2 \text{UCF}_6 : 1 \text{CH}_2$  - Critical at  $10 \times 10 \times 9 +$   $N_H/N_0 = 4.68$   
 containing 602 T. cubes = 29.4 Kg 25 (1956)

[Conclusion - Above effects of plywood, <sup>but</sup> increases critical mass by ca 5%.]

- (d)  $7 \text{UCF}_6 : 1 \text{CH}_2$  - Least aqueous solution of straight line  $N_H/N_0 =$   
 through multiplication experiment data gives 61.7 Kg 25 (31.6 Kg found omitted). 134  
 (1962) (7/1 array containing 1108 T. cubes, 54.0 Kg 25 was not critical when fully tampered)
- (e)  $1 \text{UCF}_6 : \frac{1}{2} \text{CH}_2$  - Critical at  $9 \times 9 \times 9 +$  containing  $N_H/N_0 = 4.68$   
 527 T. cubes = 25.7 Kg 25. (Compare with (c) above  $\frac{254}{257} = 1.14$ )  
 (1968)
- (f)  $2 \text{UCF}_6 : \frac{1}{2} \text{CH}_2$  - Critical at  $11 \times 11 \times 10 +$  containing  $N_H/N_0 = 2.34$   
 970 T. cubes = 47.3 Kg 25 (1969)
- (g)  $7 \text{UCF}_6 : 7 \text{CH}_2$  - Critical at  $11 \times 11 \times 11 +$  containing  $N_H/N_0 = 65.5$   
 203 T. cubes = 9.9 Kg 25 (1972)

48.2  
6.2



(R) 1 UCF<sub>6</sub>: 4 CH<sub>2</sub> - critical at 9x10x10 + containing  
168 Tubes = 8.2 Kg 25 (pg 74)

NH/H<sub>0</sub> = 37.4

1993-08-25 = 19.15  
19.000 6.2

Experiment 9 - To compare critical mass obtained from extrapolation of neutron multiplication experiment data with the value directly measured.

Method - Three cubical arrays (9x9x9, 8x8x8, 7x7x7) were stacked with green cube / white cube ratio = 2/1. Source was placed at center of each and count taken with and without active material present.  $M^{-1}$  - vs  $25 \text{ mass}^2$  plot was extrapolated to  $M = \infty$  for CM value. (pg 5B)

Results: Array size	Kg 25	Counts/min	M	$10/M$
		array homogeneously		
9x9x9	23.7	1410	281	5.02
8x8x8	16.6	556	287	1.94
7x7x7	11.2	386	294	1.31

Least squares extrapolation of  $M^{-1}$  - mass 25 plot  
 gives - 28.4 Kg 25 as critical mass.  
 28.1

Conclusion - This 28.4 Kg is to be compared with 29.4 Kg obtained by direct determination.

Experiment 10: To determine the critical mass of  $^{252}\text{Cf}$  in untamped assemblies of various moderation.

Method: Stacks ①  $^{10}\text{CF}_6: 2\text{CH}_2$  and ②  $^{10}\text{CF}_6: 1\text{CH}_2$  assemblies until they became critical with no tampering.

Results ①  $^{10}\text{CF}_6: 2\text{CH}_2$  assembly was critical at  $10 \times 12 \times 11 +$  containing 463 T Cubes = 22.6 Kg  $^{252}\text{Cf}$ .

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②  $^{10}\text{CF}_6: 1\text{CH}_2$  assembly was critical at  $12 \times 12 \times 11 +$  containing 844 T Cubes = 41.2 Kg  $^{252}\text{Cf}$ .

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$$\text{Ratio } \frac{C.M.^{252}\text{untamped}}{C.M.^{252}\text{tamped}} = \frac{463}{198} = 2.34$$

$$= \frac{844}{324} = 2.61$$

$$a_0 (\text{intercept}) = \frac{y_1 x_2 - y_2 x_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$a_1 (\text{slope}) = \frac{y_2 x_3 - y_3 x_2}{x_3 - x_2}$$

} least squares line

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