Overview of Heavy Ion Fusion / High Energy Density Laboratory Physics *

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Highlights of the US heavy ion fusion science program

- Compressed intense heavy ion beams in neutralizing background plasma in NDCX-I: 150 ns down to 2 ns FWHM.
- Begun heavy-ion driven isochoric target heating experiments to 1 eV in joint experiments with GSI, Germany, to develop HEDP diagnostics.
- Unique diagnostic measurements of electron cloud effects on intense heavy-ion beam transport in both quadrupole and solenoid magnets.
- Computer simulation models that match the experimental results in both neutralized beam compression and e-cloud studies.
- ATA accelerator equipment sufficient for 3 to 6 MeV NDCX-II next step for both warm dense matter and ion direct drive target physics experiments.
- New LLNL Lasnex work on high gain HIF direct drive, and in-house capability to run HYDRA code for NDCX target design support, and to explore new heavy ion fusion direct drive target concept.



The HIFS-VNL pursues a unique approach to warm dense matter physics driven by intense, compressed ion beams



NDCX-I is being upgraded this year for first mm-scale warm dense matter experiments in FY08, initially below 5000 deg K.

NDCX-II, with 10X more beam energy using existing ATA induction nodules, is planned to be operational by 2010



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Induction Bunching Module #1 from First Point Scientific using Astron cores













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The neutralized drift compression experiment (NDCX-I) continues to improve longitudinal compression of intense neutralized ion beams

Shorter pulses (2.4 ns) obtained with new Ferro-electric plasma source



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60x compression

measured, modeled

-40

-80

-120

-160

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V (kV)

may yield 250x

100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200

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Time (ns)

compression

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Simulations predict higher compression with new induction bunching module to be installed later this year



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EXPERIMENTAL TARGET CHAMBER FACILITY FOR NDCX-1A INCLUDING DIAGNOSTICS NEEDED FOR FIRST TARGET MEASUREMENTS

M. LEITNER, F. BIENIOSEK, G. HANSEN, J.-Y. JUNG and P. NI



Four FCAP sources give > 20 X more plasma density near the focus! Sept 15 2007





Simulations (Adam Sefkow, PPPL \rightarrow SNL) show smaller NDCX-I focal spots will be possible with a higher field 8T focusing solenoid



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We are developing diagnostics and two-phase EOS models in joint experiments with GSI for isochoric heating & expansion relevant to indirect drive HIF target radiators, and to droplet formation.



Final focus magnets

Visible ms camera frame showing hot target debris droplets flying from a VNL gold target (~ few mg mass) isochorically heated by a 100 ns, 100 J heavy ion beam to 10¹² W/cm² and 1 eV in joint experiments at GSI, Germany.

Measuring two-phase WDM EOS and expansion of target materials @ 1 eV can benchmark/improve models→ science that is also relevant to isochoric neutron heating effects in NIF high yield shots.

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Formation of droplets during expansion of foil is being investigated



Ref: J. Armijo, master's internship report, ENS, Paris, 2006.



NDCX Infrastructure

New target chamber



New optical diagnostics ("laser") lab







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Double-pulse or ramped-pulse planar target interaction experiments should reveal unique heavy-ion direct-drive coupling physics



Proposed schedules for NDCX-I and NDCX-II in the updated HIFS-VNL Five Year Plan for FY09-FY13



Hardware mods/assembly cost \$4.7M= \$1.7M (09) + \$2.5M (10) + 0.5M (11)



S. Kawata (Utsunomiya U.) has proposed several techniques to reduce RT growth in ion-beam-driven direct drive



We have used the LLNL HYDRA code to show how unique heavy ion direct drive hydrodynamics as well as WDM can be studied on NDCX-II



Can modulated beams stabilize ion Rayleigh-Taylor modes? (S. Kawata)

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Our GSI/ITEP collaborators are developing the tools we would need to test dynamic stabilization of ion direct drive RT instability

ITEP design of RF HIB GHz Wobbler for GSI

(Much lower RF fields are required to modulate 100 MeV Ar beams compared to 200 GeV Uranium beams!)



Beam spot rotation improves symmetry for direct drive: fewer beams needed for azimuthal symmetry

Transverse beam intensity distributions @ the focal plane with a single rotating beam!

→Two sided (polar) direct drive implosion studies may be possible with two twirled ion beams from two linacs, each with 10-pulse picket fences







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RF wobblers: rapid beam rotation about a polar axis:

- More natural approach to two-sided polar drive geometry most compatible with preferred long-lasting liquid-wall chambers
- With sufficient rotation frequency, possible improved drive symmetry and smoothness with much fewer beams compared to designs with fixed beam pointing- simpler driver-chamber interface.
- Fast RF beam deflection wobbers designed for beam rotation can also incorporate control to "zoom" the beam radius off axis during the implosion to improve beam target coupling efficiency.
- Fast beam rotation might reduce Rayleigh Taylor instability growth.

We invite our Japanese collaborators to join us with our Russian collaborators to explore these topics with a goal of beam experiments within the next four years. →success may revolutionize HIF target design!



We are exploring heavy-ion-driven direct-drive target physics in the ablative rocket regime enabled by compressing and focusing low-range ions in neutralizing background plasma:

- Double-pulse target experiments planned for NDCX-II: Coupling efficiency of low range ions in cryogenic H2 or D2 ablators, RT instability effects with an upstream beam wobbler.
- Analytic and hydro code studies of incident drive beam profiles (intensity and range variations in r and θ) required to support twosided polar direct drive experiments in future facilities.
- Conceptual heavy-ion fusion reactor studies that could exploit neutralized beam compression and focusing, and polar direct drive.





Heavy ions with the right range can in principle drive targets at the peak of rocket efficiency like x-rays, but without the energy penalty of conversion to x-rays, and with lower ionization loss using H_2 ablators.



Heavy ion beams can suffer more parasitic beam losses on out-going ablation corona plasma than either x-ray or laser photons -but our work shows overall coupling efficiencies can still be several times higher.



First heavy-ion direct drive (no late shock) LASNEX runs by John Perkins (LLNL) suggests gains ≥ 50 at 1MJ with high drive efficiencies that can be further improved



Higher drive efficiencies \geq 20% may be possible by tuning the ion kinetic energy, 50 \rightarrow >200MeV, as the capsule implodes

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We are also beginning to use the LLNL HYDRA code in to explore heavy ion direct drive coupling efficiency in 2-D (John Barnard, LLNL)



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An IRE-scale new accelerator tool to explore polar direct drive hydro physics with heavy ions in parallel with NIF



The DARHT 2nd Axis: a state-of-the-art induction accelerator @ >50 kJ/ electron beam pulse. Technology relevant to induction lina The DARHT 2nd Axis Project is a



The DARHT 2nd Axis Project is a collaborative effort among LANL, LBNL, and LLNL







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Heavy ion driven HEDP and fusion: Conclusions

- Heavy Ion Fusion Science experiments and simulations on NDCX I are making outstanding progress in neutralized beam compression and focusing in background plasma.
- Warm Dense Matter experiments are beginning
 - -- Transient darkening experiments on HCX
 - -- Metallic foam studies at GSI
 - -- Target heating experiments (~.2 .5 eV) to begin this year on NDCX I
 - -- 1 eV experiments on NDCX II by 2010
- Hydrodynamics experiments for stability and ion ablative direct drive physics are being studied for NDCX II.
- Analytic and hydro code calculations are being pursued for heavy ion fusion in two-sided polar direct drive geometry.



BACKUP SLIDES





All ADRHT-II Induction Cells Have Been Refurbished and Tested at LANL, Meeting All Requirements

200 kV/cell 1.6 µs; ± 0.65% ∆V



Each cell is 1.85-m in diameter and weighs 7,300 kg





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Streak camera for time resolved spectroscopy of target





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VISAR for target pressure measurement



In June 2007, first tests using a 5 T final focus magnet increased final focus beam intensity on axis -further optimization in progress



NDCX Left to right: 315 keV, 25 mA K+ ion source, solenoid transport section, induction bunching module (IBM) which imparts the velocity ramp on a 150 ns slice of the injected beam, ferroelectric plasma source (FEPS), 5T final focus solenoid (FFS), and new target chamber containing diagnostics at the target plane and two filtered cathodic arc plasma sources (FCAPS).



Beam density profiles at the target focal plane with the final focus solenoid on (FFS=5T) and off (FFS=0).

Solenoid transport experiments in 2006: when e-clouds were *not* trapped with biased wall electrodes, measured beam envelopes agreed well with simulations.



Isochoric heating by ion beams can simulate neutronic isochoric heating near NIF target (Dave Eder, LLNL)



Exposure: 10¹⁷ - 10¹⁹ neutrons per shot

 $kT \sim 4 \text{ eV} (1 \text{ cm/r})^2 (N_n/10^{19})(\sigma/10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2)$

Near target, material is vaporized, but some material a few cm away is volumetrically preheated by neutrons to melting point or lower, changing material properties, before hohraum shock wave reaches preheated material

> Isochoric heating experiments on NDCX-II can study relevant materials for better predictions of chamber response

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Is it Time to Reconsider Direct Drive for HIF (John Perkins, LLNL)?



With modern (mainly DT) direct drive capsules, efficient heavy-ion beam coupling and shock ignition, ~1MJ drive may suffice for gains ≥ 200 and ηG >20!

- Adiabat shaping and SSD beam smoothing makes direct drive viable for NIF
- LLE/NIF polar-direct-drive will test geometries suitable for liquid protected chambers
- Direct drive capsule radii >2mm allow large beam spots
- Neutralized drift compression allows multiple pulses of lower ion ranges
- Shock ignition direct drive enables high gains/yields without the need for separate PW lasers

⇒ Pursuit of direct drive <u>and</u> shock ignition allows HIF to take advantage of ongoing progress in modern laser facilities as it had for indirect drive



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Initial LASNEX results (John Perkins, LLNL) also suggest promise for shock-ignited heavy-ion targets at ≥1MJ drive.



Heavy-ion drive	50MeV Ar (z = +8 accel, +16 drift/focus)
Drive energy	1.0(main) +0.3(shock) = 1.3MJ
Yield	199MJ
Gain	153
Peak velocity	2.2e7cm/s
Drive efficiency (η _{coupled} x η _{rocket})	8.6% (not yet optimized for low velocity fuel assembly)
rho-R	2.25 g.cm-3

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Recent LASNEX work confirms T-lean targets can self breed tritium @ $\rho R_{tot} \sim 10 \text{ g/cm}^2$ and 500 MJ yields (Kai LaFortune, LLNL)



T- breeding ratio, DT yield fraction (mostly from T originating from D(d,p)T reactions of the majority DD fuel), and total fusion yield as a function of the DT core ρR_{DT} .

→ Required 1 MJ compressed fuel assembly energy →
 3.3 MJ (5 MJ) drive energy with heavy-ion direct drive coupling efficiency of 30% (20%).

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Preliminary results for heavy-ion direct-drive efficiency are very encouraging. Validation with 2-D hydro codes are planned.





Recent HIF target implosion calculations (John Perkins*) using state-of-the-art codes at LLNL confirm the unique potential of HIF direct drive.

- Overall beam-to-compressed fuel coupling efficiencies >15%, despite major parasitic beam losses that can be further reduced by optimizing parameters in the next set of calculations.
- 2. Use of low range ions synergistic with neutralized beam drift compression and focusing as in current NDCX program.
- 3. Ion ranges set at 25% of the initial ablator thickness allows sufficient shock timing control to get low adiabat implosions α <1.5 enabling gains > 60 at 1MJ, higher with more fuel mass.
- 4. Potential example demonstrates use of a late ion-driven shock for two-step implosion and ignition benefits like fast ignition.
 *(Joint paper in progress, to be submitted to Nuclear Fusion)

→These advances enable T-lean implosions with larger fuel masses sufficient to capture most neutron energy for low cost direct plasma MHD direct conversion. (See second talk)



With eV-scale volumetric ion heating of foams and solids a variety of physics is opened to exploration



→These three process need both improved WDM theory and well-characterized data, and so are early candidates for experiments and modeling!

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Key EOS parameters we are pursuing in the Warm Dense Matter regime





Additional fundamental scientific opportunities of WDM



Selected scientific questions that can be pursued in NDCX–I and II (R. More, J. Barnard, F. Bieniosek)

- 1. Quartz transient darkening emission and absorption experiment.
- →What is the physical mechanism for changes in the optical properties of glass, as matter approaches the WDM regime?
- 2. Measure target temperature, using a beam compressed both radially and longitudinally.
- How can we measure the thermodynamic properties of matter, heated by ion beams compressed in space and time?
- 3. Thin target dE/dx, energy distribution, charge state, and scattering in a heated target.
- Can an ion beam (after it heats and exits a target) be used as a unique diagnostic tool for WDM exploration?
- 4. Positive negative halogen ion plasma experiment (kT >~ 0.4 eV)
- Can unique states of matter be created with nearly equal quantities of positive and negative ions (and few electrons)?
- 5. Two-phase liquid-vapor metal experiments (e.g. kT > 0.5 1 eV for Sn)
- In the two-phase regime, what is the best way to make predictive simulations of the EOS and dynamics including the effects of droplets?

→See 2006 international workshop on accelerator-driven warm dense matter (<u>http://hifweb.lbl.gov/public/AcceleratorWDM/TableOfContents.html</u>)



Improving NDCX-I for FY08-09 warm dense matter experiments



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With new improved bunching module to be installed later this year, plus a higher field 15T focusing magnet in FY09, NDCX-I is predicted to support >0.5 eV target conditions with 2 ns pulses



Fig. 4. The IBM for the simulation in Section II used the upgraded optimized voltage waveform (red) shown in the figure in order to apply an axial velocity tilt to the ion beam as it traverses the acceleration gap region. The existing IBM voltage waveform (green) is shown for comparison.



Actual achievable NDCX-I intensity for WDM targets in FY09 will range between > 0.15 J/cm² (previous slide) and this simulation of best possible case < 4 J/cm².

Fig. 6. Ion beam properties at the simultaneous focal plane (within a 150 kG final-focus solenoid): (a) density (log scale); and (b) radial profile of cumulative energy deposition through the focal plane.



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Initial NDCX-I Target diagnostics

- Fast optical pyrometer
 - Similar to GSI pyrometer, improved for faster response (~1 ns) and greater sensitivity
 - Temperature accuracy 5% for T>1000 K
 - Position resolution about 400 micron
 - Parts are being ordered to be assembled in FY07
- Fiber-coupled VISAR system *now under test*
 - Martin Froescher & Associates
 - Sub-ns resolution
 - 1% accuracy
- Hamamatsu visible streak camera with image intensifier
 - Sub-ns resolution
 - arrived Feb. 2007



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Diagnostic development and testing: VISAR for NDCX-I









VNL porous target experiments at GSI have already begun



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 High energy
 High energy



•Replace target foil with porous material.

•Study effect of pore size on target behavior using existing diagnostics.

•Sample targets: LLNL (Au, 50 nm), Mitsubishi (Cu, 50 micron).



Data analysis from GSI experiments is underway (Bieniosek)

 Gold targets heated to about 6000 K (T-boil = 2435 K). Solid and porous gold targets show similar behavior (temp, 1.4 km/s expansion).



Copper targets heated to about 3000 K (T-boil = 3200 K). Porous copper broke up into droplets.



Porous copper – before, during, after beam pulse

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NDCX-II is the next step towards IB-HEDPX as well as towards a heavy-ion-fusion direct drive capability following NIF ignition

GOALS FOR NDCX-II:

- Integrated compression, acceleration, and focusing sufficient to reach 1 eV in targets and to drive hydrodynamics experiments relevant to asymmetric direct drive heavy ion fusion.
- Incorporate short-pulse injector to minimize accelerator cost

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 Diagnostics, target, and target chamber development for IB-HEDPX user facility to be constructed after NDCX-II, and for future heavy ion fusion direct-drive capability

TARGET POINT DESIGN:



LLNL has donated 30 surplus ATA induction modules now located at LBNL- sufficient for NDCX-II







- We have shipped hardware for 30 induction cells to LBNL.
- We are building a high-field pulsed solenoid to fit into an ATA induction cell for tests.
- Hardware for two cell units has been refurbished for testing.





NDCX-II TARGET POINT DESIGN AND DRIVER REQUIREMENTS FOR >1 eV TARGET HEATING

ALUMINUM TARGET FOIL .

Thickness (for <5% △T): ~3 micron, solid density foil ~25 micron, 10% solid density foam

LITHIUM ION BEAM BUNCH

Final Beam Energy: Final Spot Size : Final Bunch Length: Total Charge Delivered: Normalized Emittance: 2.8 MeV <1 mm diameter <1 ns (≅ <1 cm) 0.03 micro-Coulomb (I_{max} ~ 42 A) 0.4 pi-mm-mrad

Exiting Ion Beam Available for dE/dx Measurement

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NDCX-2 TESTSTAND IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO VERIFY CELL PERFORMANCE AND TO TEST HIGH FIELD SOLENOID

FIRST INDUCTION CELL WITH VACUUM HARDWARE

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For a very modest investment of \$1.5M, the NDCX-II accelerator can be assembled and offer high shot rates available for HEDLP science users:

- Precise control of beam energy deposition
- 5 % uniformity over large sample sizes ~ mm²
- Pulses long enough to achieve local thermodynamic equilibrium
- Maximum # of NDCX experiments ~100's of shots per day for useravailable targets, ~ 500 more/day for beam/diagnostic tune-up.
- Benign environment (no intense x-rays or neutrons that require shielding for people or diagnostics)
- NDCX-I-II would be dedicated to HEDLP users-not encumbered by other programmatic priorities
- Easily accessible site to visiting scientists and students





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POSSIBLE NDCX-2 SCHEDULE

(PRESIDENT'S BUDGET DOES NOT CURRENTLY SUPPORT NDCX-2 CONSTRUCTION)

NDCX-1

- (1) COMPRESSION IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN
- (2) TARGET EXPERIMENTS
- (3) TIME DEPENDENT FOCUSING EXPERIMENTS
- (4) PLASMA SOURCE IMPROVEMENT
- (5) HYDRO EXPANSION AND TARGET TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS

NDCX-2

- (1) CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
- (2) INJECTOR
- (3) INJECTOR SOLENOIDS
- (4) PRE-BUNCHING SECTION
- (5) ACCELERATOR
- (6) DRIFT BUNCHING MODULE (EXISTING)
- (7) DRIFT COMPRESSION
- (8) TARGET CHAMBER INCL. MAGNET (EXISTING)
- (9) CONTROLS
- (10) SUPPORT HARDWARE
- (11) DOUBLE PULSING HARDWARE
- (12) SUPERCONDUCTING FF SOLENOID



→Requires \$1.5M incremental funding for hardware to complete

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