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#### **Spanish+International collaboration**





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#### Why research in Ion Stopping Power?

- ✓ Inertial confinement fusion alpha particle heating
- $\checkmark$  Direct drive approach to ICF proton fast ignition
- ✓ Plasma Diagnostics (time-dependent proton radiography and deflectometry)
- ✓ Study of Equation of States and transport properties in materials
- ✓ kinetic simulations (Fokker-Planck collision operator) Multi-fluid plasma simulations
- ✓ Medical applications (Proton therapy),
- ✓ Material science (PIXE, Aerospace)







## Which conditions?

- Most of the discrepancies between different theoretical approaches are located around the Bragg peak  $v_p \sim v_{th}$
- experimental results are necessary to discriminate theoretical predictions with errors below few tens of KeV







#### Ion Stopping Power theories



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#### Interest in Ion stopping power

*—High Energy Density material*; —High Z materials; —Warm Dense Matter

#### Recent advances in theory and experiments related to SP in Plasmas

- ✓ Improvements of RPA-LDA and TD-DFT theories have been recently presented by some of the authors
- ✓ RPA-LDT: close agreements with experiments for a wide range of cold materials
- $\checkmark$  There is gap and a need of experimental data to benchmark the theoretical prediction
- ✓ Comparison with theory still needs:
  - ✓ Data from Ion SP in Plasma
  - $\checkmark$  HRR acquisition to reduce the Uncertainty (to apply also to cold matter)
- $\checkmark$  Improvements in experimental techniques have been obtained by some of the authors
- $\checkmark$  new small-scale HRR laser facilities can host dedicated (pump and probe) experiments
- ✓ ELIMAIA can provides unique proton (ion) beams selected in energy, collimated and relatively short (~ hundreds of ps )+ 1 ns long 2 kJ laser.





#### Improvements in theoretical description of Ion SP in Plasma

- ✓ More accurate RPA-LDA model than Wang<sup>1</sup> through local field corrections & binding energy corrections average atom model for electron density from Flexible Atomic Code (FAC)<sup>2</sup>.
- ✓ eRPA-LDA<sup>3</sup> proton stopping powers are in close agreement with experimental data in the NIST PSTAR database across the periodic table.
- ✓ SP in Plasma still require validation<sup>4,5</sup>



Comparison with PSTAR https://physics.nist.gov/ PhysRefData/Star/Text/ PSTAR.html

New open access database available on GitHub (https:// github.com/dedx-erpa/dedx)

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### Improvements in experimental activities in Ion SP measurement in Plasma From High energy Large scale single shot to low energy small scale HRR









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## Ion Stopping Power in WDM driven by laser @CLPU





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#### PLASMA CONDITIONS

#### Heating mechanisms

- Charged particle
- Laseres
- X rays (incoherent)
- X-rays laseres X-FEL

### Ideal Experimental conditions

- ✓ Heat matter at a given temperature T
- ✓ Before hydrodynamic expansion
- ✓ Maintain constant volume
- ✓ Maintain constant temperature
- ✓ Maintain constant density







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#### Conditions for WDM parameters measurement

$$n_c = \frac{\omega^2 m_e \varepsilon_o}{e^2} = 1.113 \times 10^{21} \left(\frac{1\mu m}{\lambda}\right)^2 cm^{-3}$$



#### Diagnostic methods

- 1. Full characterisation of the Plasma state
  - 1. UV, XUV and X-ray spectroscopy (T)
  - 2. shadowgraphs Under-Dense
  - 3. Proton and X-ray Radiography Over-Dense
- 2. Ion Spectrometer HRR
- 3. Ion Thomson parabola HRR, ToF
- 4. (X-ray) Streak techniques







#### • The CLPU local expertise







CLPU is a user facility opened to the domestic and international community through competitive access





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Phase II – 20 TW Phase II – 200 TW Phase III – 1 PW		The VEGA system			
25 mJ     22 mJ     70 mJ     20       Front end     Fast shutter     Multi-pass amplifier     Pulse picker Propulse +     Pulse picker Propulse +     Pulse picker Pockels cell     Pulse picker     Pickels cell     Pickels cell <th colspan="2">20 mJ</th> <th colspan="3"><ul> <li>VEGA 2 parameters</li> <li>E= 6 J</li> <li>F/3 F/4 F/13</li> <li>FWHM~ 5 6 20 um</li> <li>I(W/cm<sup>2</sup>)~3x10<sup>20</sup> 2x10<sup>20</sup> 1x10<sup>19</sup></li> <li>VEGA 3 parameters</li> <li>E=30 J</li> <li>F/10</li> <li>FWHM~ 14 um</li> <li>I(W/cm<sup>2</sup>)~6 10<sup>20</sup></li> </ul></th>	20 mJ		<ul> <li>VEGA 2 parameters</li> <li>E= 6 J</li> <li>F/3 F/4 F/13</li> <li>FWHM~ 5 6 20 um</li> <li>I(W/cm<sup>2</sup>)~3x10<sup>20</sup> 2x10<sup>20</sup> 1x10<sup>19</sup></li> <li>VEGA 3 parameters</li> <li>E=30 J</li> <li>F/10</li> <li>FWHM~ 14 um</li> <li>I(W/cm<sup>2</sup>)~6 10<sup>20</sup></li> </ul>		
VEGA2	VEGA System	VEGA-1	VEGA-2	VEGA-3	
VEGAS	Energy /shot	600 mJ	6 J	30 J	
	Pulse duration	30 fs	30 fs	30 fs	
	Peak power	20 TW	200 TW	1 PW	
	Rep. Rate	30 J	30 fs	1 Hz	





#### • Laser-Plasma HRR diagnostics development I



### A 2D scintillator-based proton detector for high repetition rate experiments

Part of: Editors' Pick

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#### • Laser-Plasma HRR diagnostics development II





# **Conclusion and prospectives**

- There is a strong gap between theoretical predictions and experimental validation in lon stopping power.
- ✓ This gap could be filled with the advent of new Big Infrastructures
  - ✓ High Power Lasers
  - ✓ X-FEL
  - ✓ Ion accelerators
- ✓ FAIR is a "Unique" ion acceleration facility and extreme and uniform Plasma condition can be easily created
- ✓ Spanish Community can contribute with the experience on:
  - ✓ Ion stopping power theory (UPM, CyLM)
  - ✓Plasma Diagnostics (CIEMAT, CLPU)
  - ✓Laser-Plasma diagnostics (CLPU, SdC)

# Thanks for the attention







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✓ Establish a series of diagnostics for High density plasmas

- $\checkmark$  Proton isochoring heating how to maintain constant Volume high density WDM
- Topics of possible common activities 0.4 0.3 Target Width (mm)



PHELIX PW laser beam

X-ray backlighting

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✓Synchronisation

#### • Topics of possible common activities

- ✓ Measurements are interesting close to the Bragg peak  $E_p \sim E_{th}$
- ✓ WDM require relatively law temperatures  $T \sim 1 50 eV$
- ✓ So the proton energy must be of the order of  $E_p \sim$  hundreds of keV
- ✓The areal density of the WDM sample must be no more than few um
- $\checkmark$  The stagnation time is then of the order of tens of ps or even less
- $\checkmark$  The time of the proton probe must be less than the stagnation time
- $\checkmark$  Or the diagnostic must be time dependent







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