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Heavy-Ion Stopping Calculation for Warm Dense Targets Using Dielectric Response Functions

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Concept of the ion-driven WDM experiment planned by US-HIFS-VNL¹:



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However, the Bragg curve shape can change during irradiation owing to

- increase of temperature,
- decrease of density (if hydro expansion is not negligible).
- → Hydro calculation with temperature/density-dependent stopping data is necessary for detailed design of the experimental conditions.

In the previous calculation, collective excitation of the target electrons was not taken into account.

Previous calculation (US-J WS2008) \leftarrow Classical binary collision model:

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- The projectile is assumed to be a point charge q+
- Total interaction = sum of many classical binary close collision





The stopping calculation was performed based on a similar way to the Ziegler's method².



²J.F. Ziegler, J.P. Biersack and U. Littmark, *The Stopping and Range of Ions in Solids*, Pergamon Press, ISBN 0-08-021603 (1985). ³W. Brandt and M. Kitagawa, *Phys. Rev.* B **25** (1982) 5631.



dependence

Quantum mechanical dielectric response functions were used to treat arbitrary plasma degeneracies.

Temperature/density-dependent dielectric response function by Arista⁴:

$$\varepsilon(k,\omega) = \varepsilon_{\text{Re}}(k,\omega) + i\varepsilon_{\text{Im}}(k,\omega)$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{Im}}(k,\omega) \begin{cases} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{Close binary collision} \\ = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Collective (Plasmon) excitation} \end{cases}$$

$$excitation$$

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The Brandt-Kitagawa theory³ was adopted to calculate the projectile effective charge.

Screening/anti-screening effect was taken into account by assuming the projectile charge density distribution $\rho(r)$: Projectile

$$\rho(r) = z_{\rm p}\delta(r) - \frac{N_{\rm bound}}{4\pi\Lambda^3} \left(\frac{\Lambda}{r}\right) e^{-r/\Lambda} \quad \stackrel{\rm Fourier}{\underset{\rm transform}{\longrightarrow}} \hat{\rho}(k) = z_{\rm p} \left\{\frac{q + (k\Lambda)^2}{1 + (k\Lambda)^2}\right\}$$

- Screening
length:
$$\Lambda = \frac{0.48 (N_{bound}/z_p)^{2/3}}{z_p^{1/3} \{ 1 - (N_{bound}/z_p)/7 \}}$$

Projectile charge state:



Number of the electrons contributing the screening

 $N_{
m bound}$ = $z_{
m p} - q$



- BK's recipe: v_{ve} must be the averaged velocity only of "valence" electrons (not of all the electrons) \rightarrow The "core" must be excluded!



A Thomas-Fermi model was used to evaluate the target electron density/velocity distribution.

- Temperature-dependent Thomas-Fermi model:
 - $e\phi(r)$ = electrostatic potential
 - μ = chemical potential



- \rightarrow No shell structure, no distinction between the core- and valence electrons
- The TF target atom was separated into the core and valence parts using Cappeluti's method⁵:
 - Total energy stored in a sphere with a radius *r*.

$$W(r) \equiv \int_{0}^{r} \left(w_{kin}(r') + w_{ei}(r') + w_{ee}(r') \right) 4\pi r'^{2} dr',$$

$$w_{kin}(r) \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{m_{e} v_{e}^{2}(r)^{2}}{2} dv_{e}, \quad w_{ei}(r) \equiv -\frac{Ze^{2}}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}} n_{e}(r),$$

$$w_{ee}(r) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{e^{2}}{4\pi\varepsilon_{0}} \right) n_{e}(r) \int_{r'}^{R_{WS}} \frac{n_{e}(r')}{|r-r'|} dr'.$$

- The core-valence boundary is given by r_c where W(r) has the minimum.







The target electron density distribution changes with the temperature and pressure.

Temperature/density-dependence of $n_{\rm e}(r)$ in an ₁₃AI target atom:

Density	Temp. <i>kT</i> (eV)	Press. <i>P</i> (Mbar)	loniz. deg. η	Plasma coup. const. Г
$3 ho_{ m solid}$	0.025	12	42%	925
	25	38	44%	0.94
$10^{-4} ho_{ m solid}$	0.025	2.8×10 ⁻⁸	1.1%	8.72
	25	1.8×10 ⁻³	58%	0.033

Comparison with a HF calculation:







The accuracy for the cold solid target became a bit worse than before, although the model was improved.

Result of calculation; comparison with other data:

- 11Na projectile, 13Al target
- Total stopping S = Electronic stopping S_e + Nuclear stopping⁶ S_n ($S_n \ll S_e$)
- Asymptotic behaviors ($E < \approx 30$ keV/u, ≈ 5 MeV/u < E) are excellent.



^{\$}J. F. Ziegler, "Computer Code SRIM-2008", URL: http://www.srim.org/.

The projectile stopping power increases with increasing temperature and decreasing density of the target.

Temperature/density-dependence of the stopping cross-section for 13AI:

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The target thickness and projectile energy were designed based on the data for cold solid AI target.



- Projectile: 30.6-MeV ²³Na⁺ (1.33 MeV/u), 30 GW/mm² (peak) × 1 ns (FWHM)
 → Energy per pulse W = 30 J/mm² (1.7×10¹³ ions/mm²) (Not achievable even by the future VNL IB-HEDPX):
- Target: ₁₃Al-slab, thickness = 2.3 mg/cm²
- $-dE/d(\rho x)$ -inhomogeneity = \pm 5%, if the cold solid AI data are used.



Target	(Solid)	Foam	Foam
Density (ρ / ρ_{solid})	(1.00)	0.1	0.01
Thickness (µm)	(8.36)	83.6	836







Hydro motion of the target was analyzed using a 1D code being coupled with the stopping data.

- Original hydro code summary:
 - "MULTI (MULTIgroup radiation transport in MULTIlayer foils)"⁷, version 7 by Rafael Ramis (MPQ, Garching)
 - 1D radiation hydrodynamics
 - Fully implicit Lagrangian scheme
 - Time-splitting algorithm
 - Tabulated EOS data (SESAME table)
- Modifications made by this work:
 - Laser deposition routine was canceled.
 - Original ion beam deposition routine (constant dE/dx!) was modified to use a dE/dx (E,ρ,kT) table prepared by the present methods.
 - Heat conductivity: Classical heat flux by Spitzer
 → SESAME table



The target hydro motion can be affected by the temperature/density dependence of the stopping.

Temporal evolution of kT and -dE/pdx during irradiation (t < 2 ns):</p>



Hydro motion after irradiation (t > 2 ns):





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If the peak power is reduced to < 10 GW/mm², the heating homogeneity can be improved.

Beam power dependence (*t* = 2 ns): cf. Previous results:



Conclusions: The projectile stopping calculation was improved and successfully embedded in the hydro code.

- Projectile stopping calculation using the quantum dielectric response theory:
 - Temperature/density dependence of the stopping showed a similar tendency to the previous calculations based on the classical binary collision model.

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- The temperature/density effects became less significant than those by the previous calculations.
- Hydro calculation regarding the Bragg-peak-based US-WDM experiment:
 - Consideration on the temperature/density effect might not be necessary, if the ₁₁Na-beam power is less than \approx 10 GW/mm² (or kT < 10 eV).

