

The HAPL Program: Integrated program to develop the science and technologies for Fusion Energy with Laser Direct Drive



19th HAPL meeting
Oct 22-23, 2008
Madison, WI
54 participants, 10 students

Government Labs

1. **NRL**
2. **LLNL**
3. **SNL**
4. **LANL**
5. **ORNL**
6. **PPPL**
7. **SRNL**

Universities

1. **UCSD**
2. **Wisconsin**
3. **Georgia Tech**
4. **UCLA**
5. **U Rochester, LLE**
6. **UC Berkeley**
7. **UNC**
8. **Penn State Electro-optics**

Industry

1. **General Atomics**
2. **L3/PSD**
3. **Schafer Corp**
4. **SAIC**
5. **Commonwealth Tech**
6. **Coherent**
7. **Onyx**
8. **DEI**

9. **Voss Scientific**
10. **Northrup**
11. **Ultramet, Inc**
12. **Plasma Processes, Inc**
13. **PLEX Corporation**
14. **APP**
15. **Research Scientific Inst**
16. **Optiswitch Technology**
17. **ESLI**

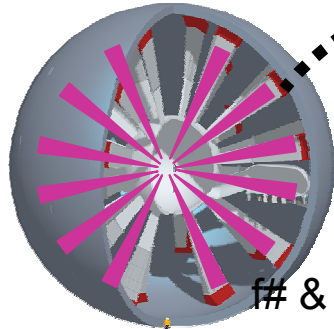
HAPL “Business Model” for IFE development

- 1) **Develop science & technology as an integrated system**
- 2) **Pick approaches that:**
 - a) **Lead to an attractive power plant**
technically, economically, environmentally
 - b) **Requires less investment to develop**
 - c) **Value simplicity and durability**
- 3) **Encourage competition**
- 4) **Managed by one institution, partnership among many.**
 - a) **Synergies with other fusion approaches**
 - b) **Engage non fusion community (e.g. materials)**
 - b) **Encourages alternative views, avoids “groupthink”**
- 5) **Staged program with well defined “go / no-go” points**
 - a) **S&T advances pace program, *not* mandates**

An "integrated systems" approach is essential

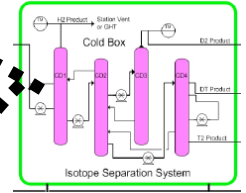
Much harder, but much more likely to yield something that works!

Blanket- (tritium breeding)

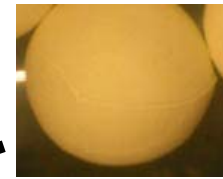


Example: target physics

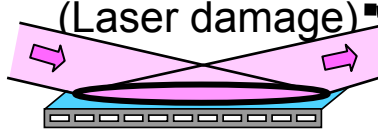
tritium supply



Target fabrication

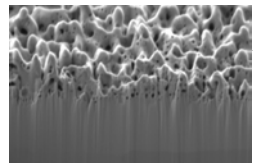


Final optics

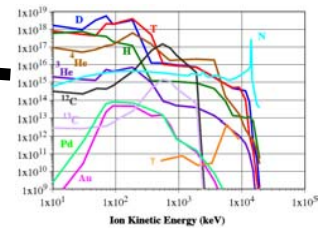


Emission Damage

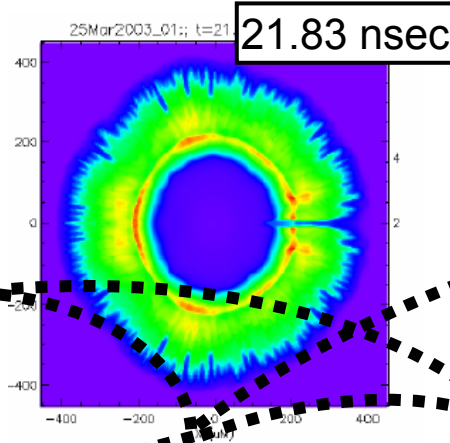
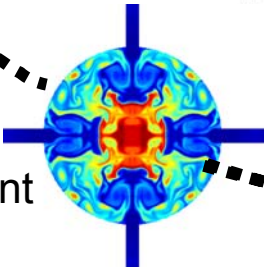
First wall (survival)



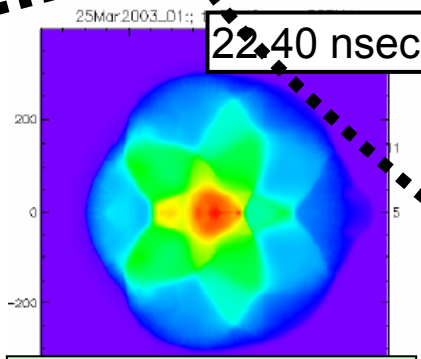
target emissions



Chamber environment



21.83 nsec

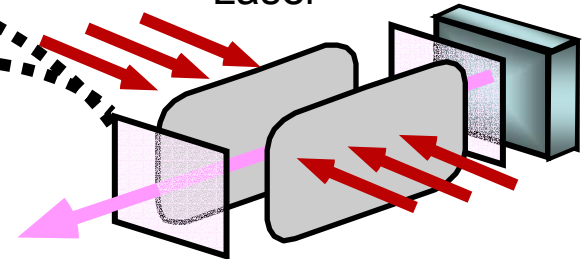


22.40 nsec

GAIN = 160 😊

simulations A.J. Schmitt

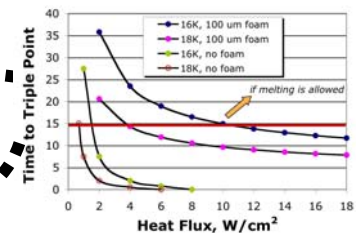
Laser



DT strength (acceleration)



target injection survival



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The keys to *economically attractive fusion power:*
Simplicity, Durability, Performance



**Encourage competition.
It leads to innovation and a better product.
And leads to it faster**



HAPL generated credible solutions for most key components needed for IFE (1 of 2)

Final Optics:
High Laser Damage Threshold
Grazing Incidence Metal Mirror



10 M shots at
 3.5 J/cm²
(not a limit!)

Penultimate Optics:
Neutron Resistant Dielectric Mirror

Laser Damage Threshold
 (Al₂O₃/SiO₂)

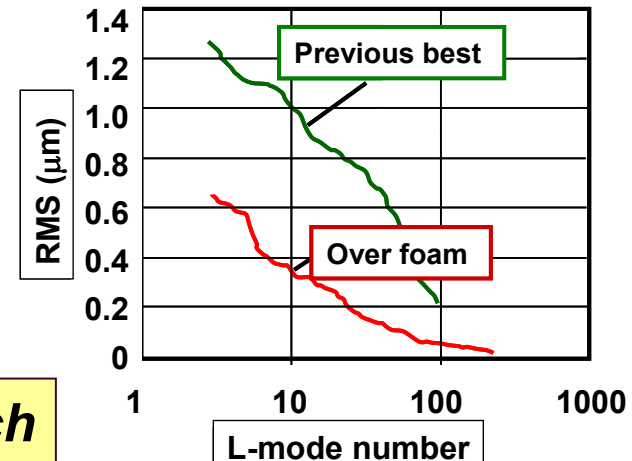
No dpa	0.001 dpa	0.01 dpa	0.1 dpa
86-87%	84-86%	78-83%	83-84%

Target Fabrication:
Mass Produced Foam Shells



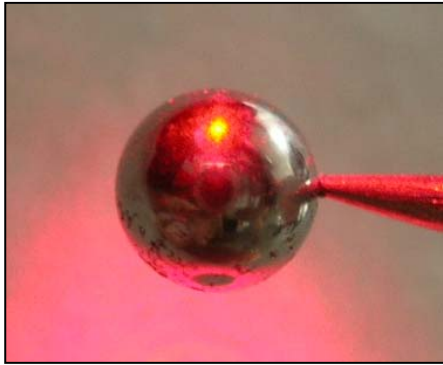
Estimate Target Cost 16 ¢ each

Target Fabrication:
Smooth DT ice layers over foam

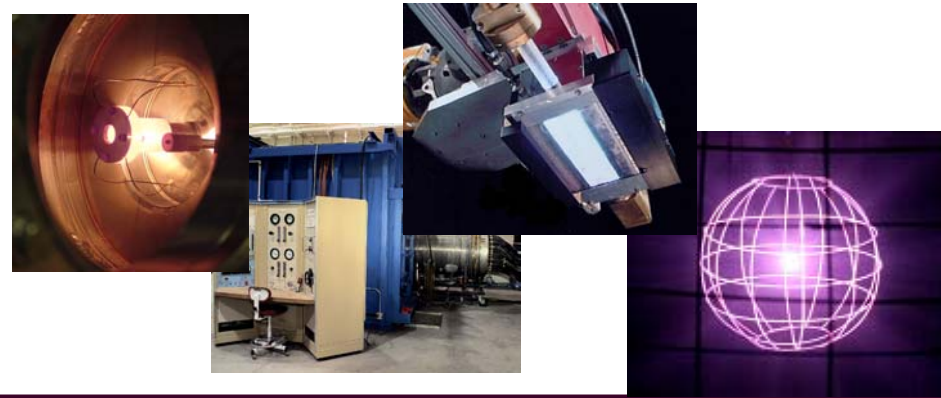


HAPL generated credible solutions for most key components needed for IFE (2 of 2)

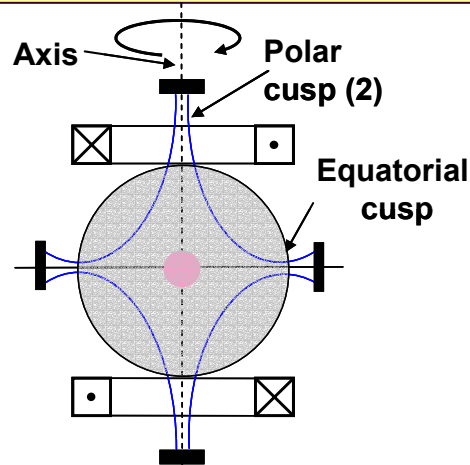
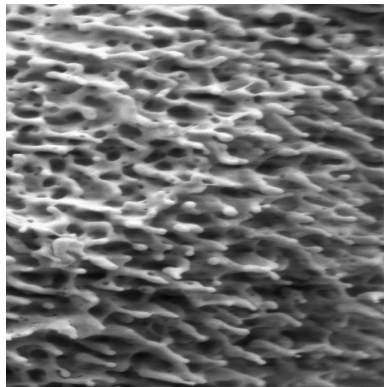
Target Engagement:
Glint system: accuracy 35 microns



First wall experiments & modeling
Study threats on Chamber Wall



Developing two chamber concepts
Engineered Wall Magnetic Intervention



Conceptual designs for ancillary components:

- Chamber/structure
- Blanket
- Tritium Breeding/processing
- Vacuum system
- Power conversion

HAPL team had over 210 publications /presentations

<http://aries.ucsd.edu/HAPL/>

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The HAPL Program produced > 31 students



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Georgia Tech
U Rochester
U North Carolina
Duke
Princeton

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