

# the Latest Achievements

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## ABSTRACT

- Initiate unprecedented large experiments provided by high technological measuring equipments that are widely used in international laboratories.
- The study of the interaction of high density laser fields with matter is an important rapidly expanding branch of physics since the last five years. The potential applications of this research are numerous, not only in physics, but also in new energy resources, chemistry, biology, material science, in the fast ignition approach to fusion, in accelerators, for relativistic electrons and for Nuclear effects and charged ion acceleration.
- Since their starting steps in 2000, high density short pulse (HDSP) lasers have been developed to generate very short pulses with typical high performance parameters:

# Agenda

- Oulinte of Basic Research to create new science & applications in Energy Production, Industrialization & Commercialization
- Abstract: Performance of HDSP Lasers, Created Conditions, nonlinearities, Interdisciplinary Fields & Innovation
- Introduction
- CPA Technique
- Advances in Laser Performance
- Suggested Innovation
- How Inertial Fusion Power Works
- Big High Density Science & Applications
- Conclusion
- Memorandum for Cooperation

## OUTLINE: NEW DEVELOPENTS of HDS

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- The potential applications of this research are numerous, not only in physics, but also in Chemistry, Biology, Material Science and in the:
- Fast Ignition Approach to Inertial Confinement Fusion as:

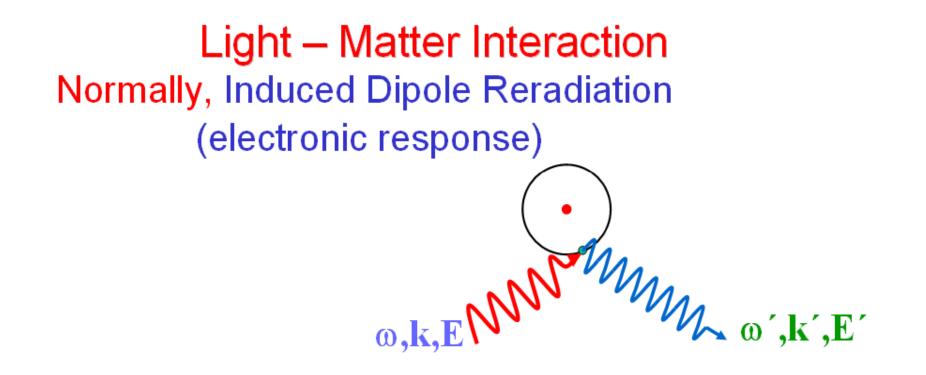
### • NEW ENERGY SOURCES

### **Performance** Parameters Lasers

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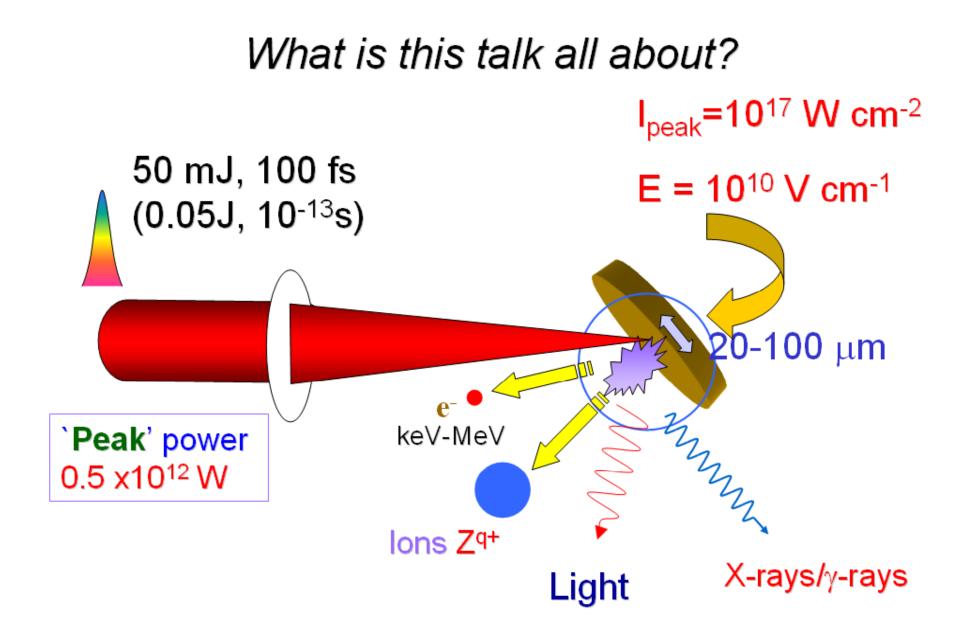
- Peak Power up to ~ 1000 TW = PW
- Pulse Duration
- Pulse Energy
- Rep. Rate
- Wavelength

- ~ less than 20 fs
- ~ 2 Joules
- ~ 10 Hz
- ~ 800 nm



- 1. Optical interactions depend on the Electric field in the light wave.
- Valence/outer `bound' electrons that respond to this field. But,
- 3. Does this idea work when you go to high light Intensities?

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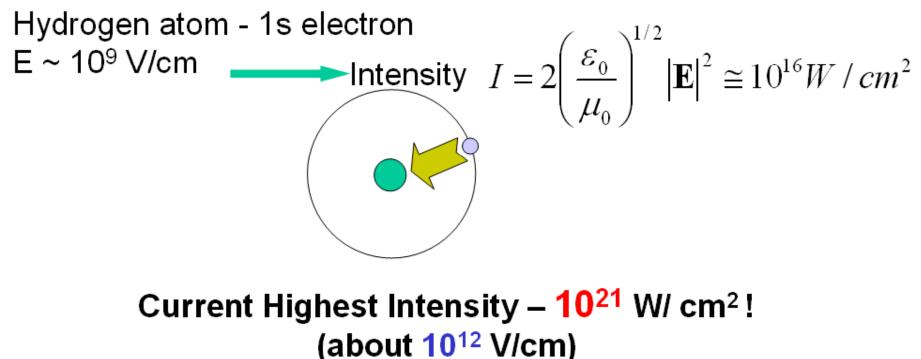


Light pulse - Spatial Packet (Length approx. 65 micrometers !) less than the breadth of human hair!

### Intense Light Fields

Extremely large E fields generated by short pulse, high energy lasers





# **Created Exotic Conditions**

- When such photons are properly focused on a target, creation of simultaneous exotic conditions within an extremely short time are developed, which have never been achieved before in labs, namely:

- Magnetic field ~ 10<sup>9</sup> gauss
- Pressure
- Acceleration ~ 10<sup>26</sup> cm/s2

- Intensities ~ 10<sup>20</sup> Watts/cm2
- Electric field ~ 10<sup>11</sup> Volts/cm

  - Temperature  $\sim 10^{10}$  K (10 eV)
    - ~ 10<sup>9</sup> bars

### Physics In ULTRA-INTENSE Light Fields

Matter totally ionized Energetic electrons (10<sup>3</sup> - 10<sup>6</sup> eV) Sur

Nonequilibrium dynamics - violently driven systems

Non-Maxwellian particle distributions

Gigantic magnitudes Magnetic fields 10<sup>9</sup> G Electric field 10<sup>10</sup> V cm<sup>-1</sup> Pressure 10<sup>9</sup> bars Temperature 10<sup>8</sup> K ( for e<sup>-</sup> )



Relativistic and QED effects multiphoton Compton scattering, pair production Nuclear excitation and fusion

# Nonlinerities

- These conditions would definitely initiate severe nonlinearities. Matter exposed to these extreme conditions behaves in ways that produce new insight to the fundamental phenomena from condensed matter studies to nuclear physics, high energy physics, astrophysics, etc...
- This means NEW SCIENCE DOMAIN which one can call High Density Science (HDS).

# Breakthroughs

- In this study we shall summarize the breakthroughs achieved by some researchers exploring novel uses of the existing HDSP lasers.
- We shall also point out important innovative projects that are expected to raise the Scientific Research Capabilities in EGYPT specifically CAIRO UNIVERSITY

# Introduction Facilities around the

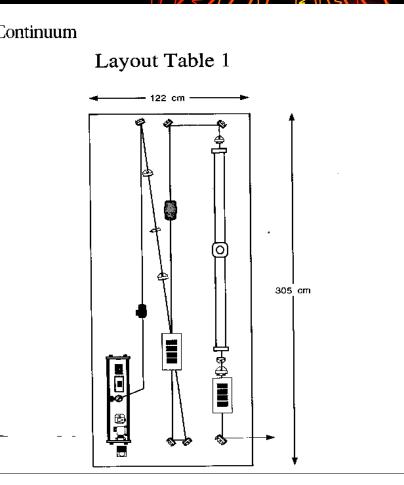


# The Existing Facilities at IC-SAS

### Picosecond Silicate glass laser

 Oscillator CW modelocked Nd:YAG Laser. 120ps, E 1 micro J

 Output 25 mm beam 120ps E 1 J

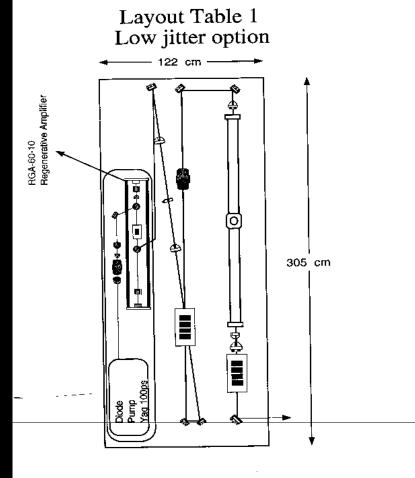


# The Existing Facilities at IC-SAS

### **Additions**

- Oscillator CW modelocked Nd:YAG Laser. 120ps, E 1 micro J
- Regenerative amplifier E 50 mJ at 10 Hz
- Double path configuration E 400 mJ
- Output 25 mm beam 120ps E 2 J

#### Continuum



# 120 ps / 2J Nd glass Laser

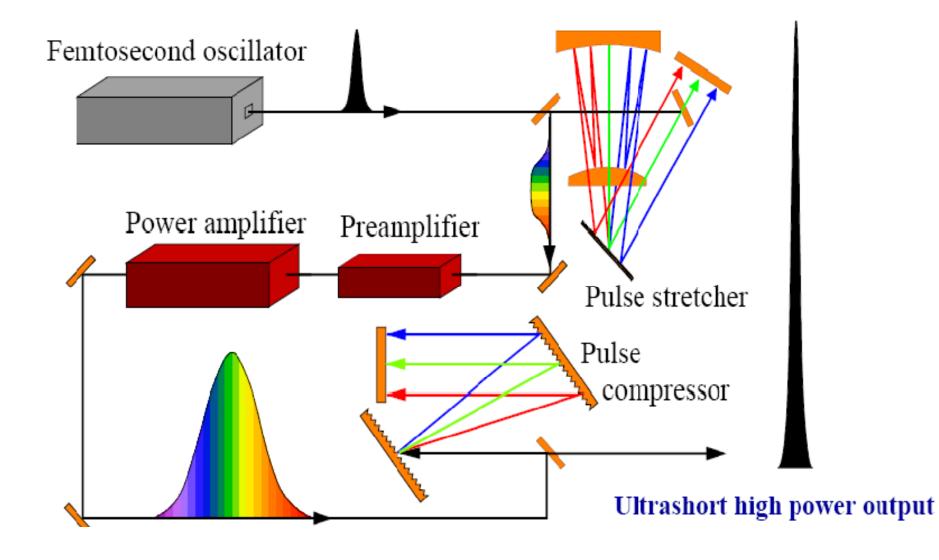
# Target chamber inside view

# Suggested Innovation

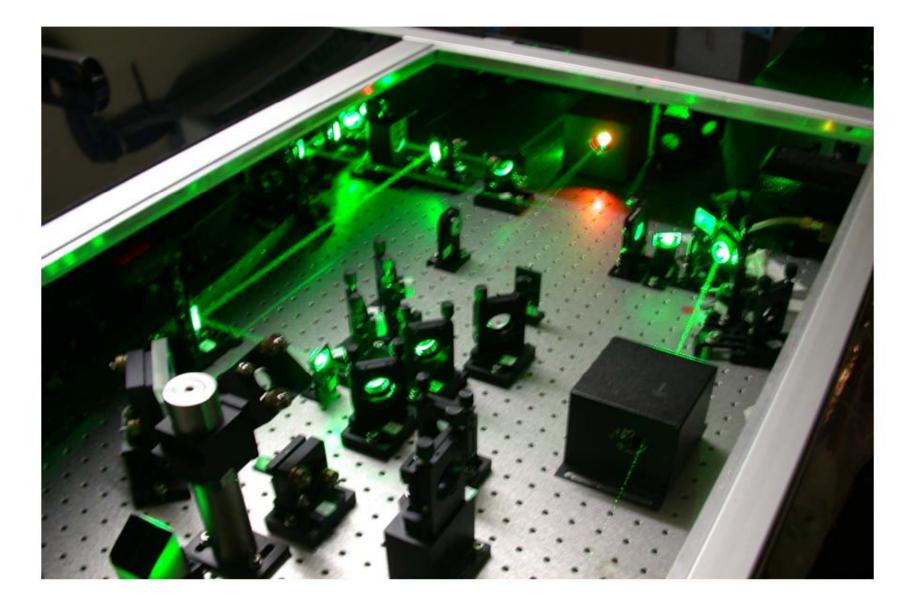
### Advanced Laboratory High Density PHYSICS (ALHDP)

• Multi-pass Ti: Sapphire amplifier High Density Short Pulse Laser

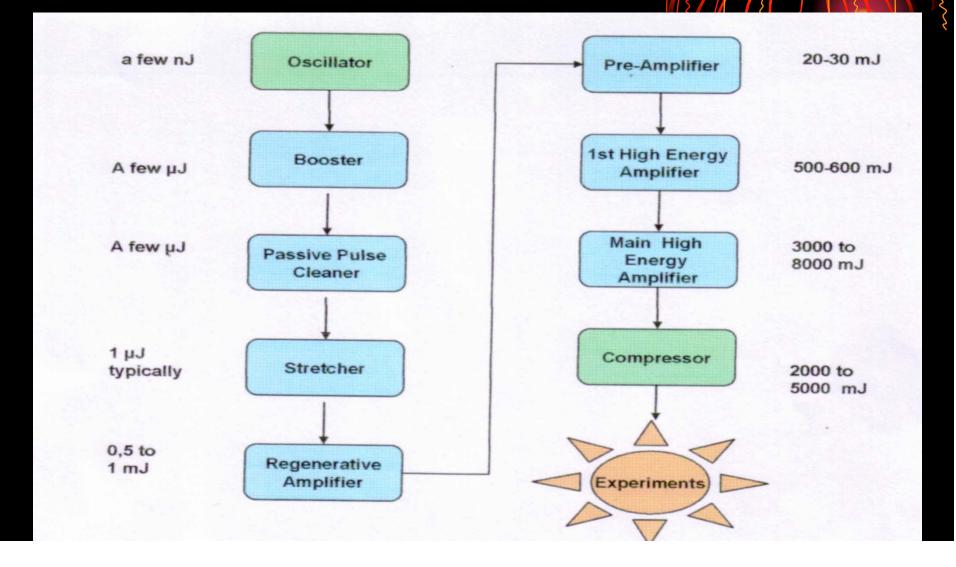
# Chirped Pulse Amplification CPA



A glance at the laser ...



# Multi-pass Ti:Saphire amplifier HDSP



#### Injection demonstration at GA to simulate the full length of a LIFE fueling system have demonstrated many objectives



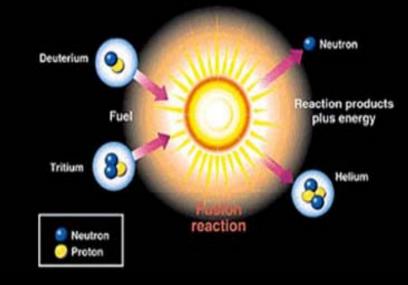


- Injection at 6 Hz (burst mode) 400 m/sec to 200 µm demonstrated
- Additional R&D needed for Cryogenic targets and >10 Hz

### I-Fusion Fuels, the heavy isotopes of H (D

- Are derived from water and the metal lithium, a relatively abundant resource.
- The fuels are virtually inexhaustible one in every 6,500 atoms on Earth is a deuterium atom – and they are available worldwide.
- One gallon of seawater would provide the equivalent energy of 300 gallons of gasoline; fuel from 50 cups of water contains the energy equivalent of two tons of coal.
- A fusion power plant would produce no climatechanging gases, as well as considerably lower amounts and less environmentally harmful r a d i o a c t i v e b y p r o d u c t s than current nuclear power plants.
- And there would be no danger of a runaway reaction or core meltdown in a fusion power plant

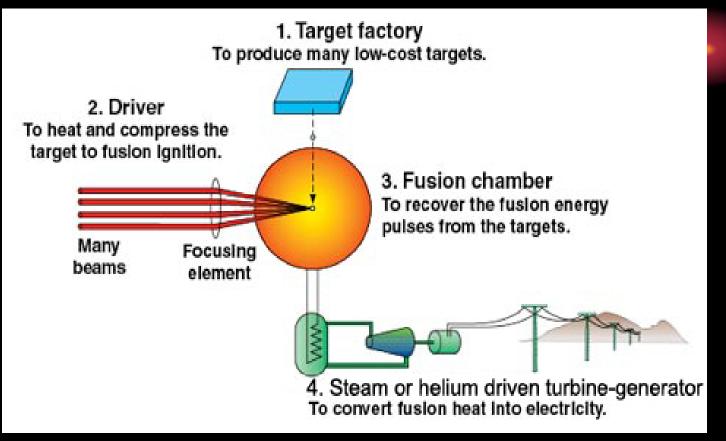
### II-Fusion Fuels, the heavy isotopes of H



- NIF is designed to produce fusion burn and energy gain using a technique known as inertial confinement fusion (How to Make a Sun)
- NIF's intense laser beams, focused into a tiny gold cylinder called a holhlraum, will generate a "bath" of soft X-rays that will compress a tiny hollow shell filled with deuterium and tritium to 100 times the density of lead.
- In the resulting conditions a temperature of more than 100 million degrees Celsius and pressures 100 billion times the Earth's atmosphere – the fuel core will ignite and thermonuclear burn will quickly spread through the compressed fuel, releasing ten to 100 times more energy than the amount deposited by the laser beams.

### I-How Inertial Fusion Energy Work

 An inertial fusion energy (IFE) power plant consists of a target production facility (or target factory): 1 target injection and tracking systems, 2- the laser, 3- a fusion chamber, and 4- a power conversion system.



### **II-How Inertial Fusion Energy Work**

- In the plant, many pulses of fusion energy per second (typically 10–20) would heat a low-activation coolant, such as lithiumbearing liquid metals or molten salts, surrounding the fusion targets.
- The coolant in turn would transfer the fusion heat to a turbine and generator to produce electricity.
- A NIF-scale laser operating at this repetition rate would produce over 1000 MW of electricity to the grid—enough to power a city the size of San Francisco.

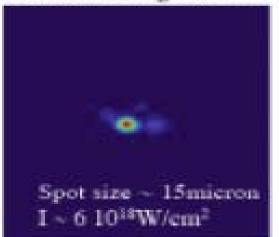
#### Vaci Advanced Accelerator at TIER and CAT India Advanced Accelerator research in Israel Electron Acceleration

Electron Acceleration using Intense Lasers In Plasma

Arie Zigler Hebrew Univ., Jerusalem Electron Acceleration with Intense Lasers in Vacuum

Levi Schächter Technion-IIT, Haifa

Plasma channels based on capillary discharge
 Optical guiding - guiding up to 6 cm
 (hundreds of Rayleigh lengths) and
 laser intensities in range of 10<sup>18</sup> W/cm<sup>2</sup>

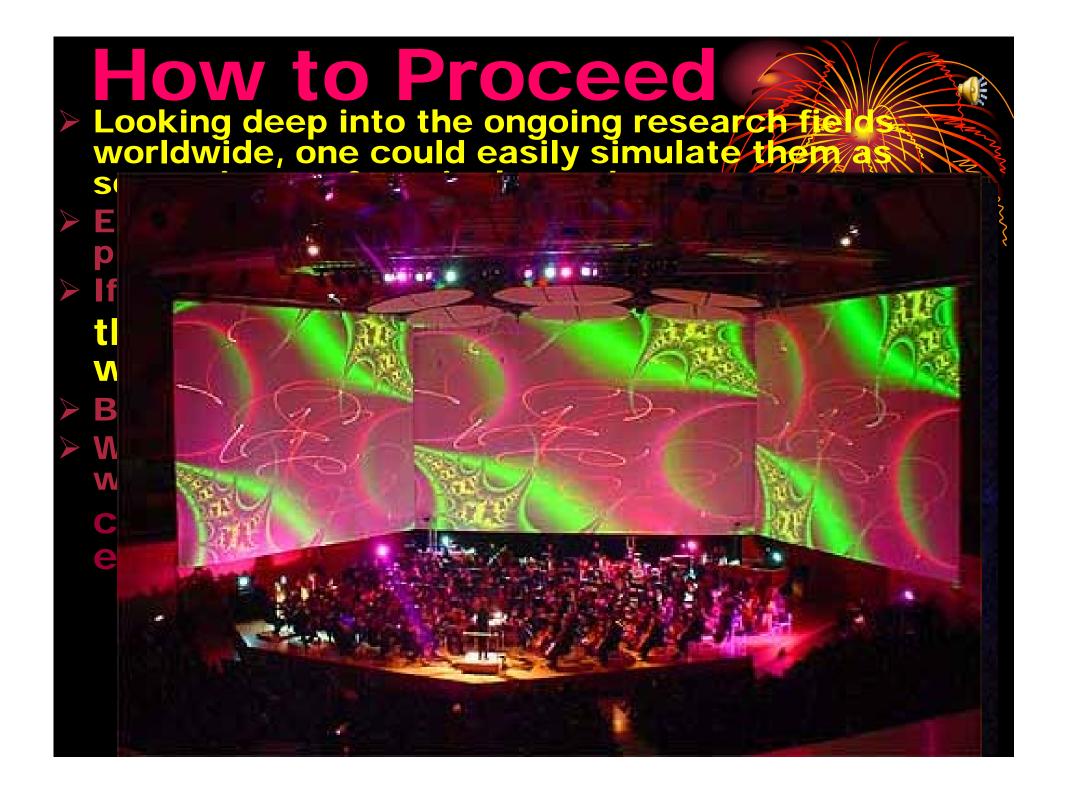


Interaction impedance

**Optical Bragg Accelerator** 

n a Bragg structure the order of **2000**Ω.

 Maximum surface field for 1GV/m gradient of the order of 2GV/m



### **Scientific Community**

Coordination Mechanisms should be strengthened by:

- Stronger unity & sense of identifying science leader
- Enhance meetings & workshops
- <u>Create programs through which international cooperative</u> activities could exist
- Understand the needs & concerns of researchers
- Implement new lines of research

 Attract more students to work and stay in the field

### **TENTATIVE PROJECTS**

INVESTIGATING TARGET HOT SURFACE LAYERS formation using HDSP laser due to high pressure shock waves.

EXPLORATION EFFORTS to understand the energy transport physics and to clarify the merits of a FI / IFE power related to target design.

PHOTONICS AND NANOTECHNOLOGY experimental studies of surface nanostructure of silicon, titanium...etc by ablation with HDSP laser pulses in liquids.

POSSIBLE HDSP LASER EXPERIMENTS that will help in understanding exotic astrophysical events. These experiments include hydrodynamic studies of shocks generated by the short laser pulse, studies relevant to the study of supernovae dynamics and the structure of the interstellar medium

NUCLEAR REACTIONS & the PRODUCTION of ISOTOPES USING HDSP LASER (e.g.<sub>5</sub>Li, <sub>7</sub>Be, 11C, 13N, 15O, 18F......) positron emitters

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## Memorandum for Cooperation

- Implement Egyptian & International
  Research Action in HDS
- Decide Main Objectives
- Estimate Economic Dimensions
- Adopt cooperation with Int. countries
- Lay down capacity building projects

**IDEAL** conditions for International and Local experts to cooperate and initiate new science and encourage young scientists to join HDS (Future Energy)

# **THANK YOU**





# **Questions**?