## **Drift compression and Final Focus**

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# <sup>#2</sup> Neutralized drift compression can potentially reach 300x900 X 3 10<sup>5</sup> combined longitudinal and transverse compression of ion beam pulse.



If all ions of the beam pulse are ideally focused to one spot the final compression is limited by small temperature or emittance. An example:

- 1 meter length pulse to 3 mm= 300 density compression
- 3 cm radius to 1 mm =  $30^2$ =900 density compression.

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- Longitudinal Drift compression
  - Effects of voltage errors
- Simultaneous longitudinal and radial compression
  - Chromatic effects in final focus
- The physics of the neutralization process and requirements for plasma sources.

#### Longitudinal Compression



Experiments at NDCX I observed ~90 times compression: the peak current (2.7A) has increased from the uncompressed current (0.030A).



## <sup>#5</sup> Longitudinal Compression is sensitive errors in velocity tilt



The phase-space during ideal compression with a linear velocity gradient.



Compression time is given by 1/dv/dz

is very sensitive to small scale wiggles, that results in different parts of the beam pulse being compressed at different location.

# 1-10% Voltage errors limit the longitudinal compression

Experimental voltage waveform Phase space plot of the pulse with of the NDCX-I induction different mean intrinsic energy spreads, bunching module from S.  $E_{b0} = 322 \text{keV}$  and the target location is Massida, et al NIMA **678**, 39 2.846m. (2012).



## Beam compresses for a wide range of locations near the target plane

The simulated compressed pulse waveform at six different target locations, from z=255 cm to 295 cm as a function of drift time after the beam pulse passes through the induction bunching module for the NDCX-I voltage waveform. The beam energy is 317keV, and the energy spread is 252eV.



from S. Massidda, et al NIMA **678**, 39 (2012).

#### <sup>#8</sup> Compression ratio is a weak function of errors, that is factor of two improvement will require a lot of work

Simulated compressed pulse waveform and pulse location at the target location for reduced voltage errors as a function of time. The initial beam energy is 276keV, and the longitudinal temperature is  $T_z=0.27eV$   $t_z \approx t_z \approx t_z \approx t_z$ 





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## <sup>#10</sup> Aberrations in the bunching module results in beam defocusing



## Strong final focusing element is utilized to reduce spot size at target.

A strong focusing element mitigates defocusing errors in the bunching module, because beam from different radius is focused into the target, but introduces chromatic effects.



## Chromatic effects in final solenoid yield a sharply peaked radial distribution with "long wings"

NCDX-II beam parameters, 8T solenoid 10% velocity tilt, initial beam radius,  $R_0$ , 30 mm, 3 MeV, Li<sup>+</sup> ions,  $\epsilon$ =2.25 mm·mrad.

 $\mathbf{r}_{50}$  – radius containing 50% of beam particles.



## Increasing strength of final solenoid does not reduce the spot size $r_{sp} \sim r_f 2 \mathbb{K} v_b / v_b$



## Using two solenoids yields about twice smaller spot size=100s micron! $r_{sp} \sim r_f 2 \boxtimes v_b / v_b$



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#### #16 Methods to neutralize intense ion beam

I. D. Kaganovich et al, Physics of neutralization of intense highenergy ion beam pulses by electrons, Phys. Plasmas 17, 056703 (2010).



Without

plasma



## Application of the solenoidal magnetic field allows control of the radial force acting on the beam ions.



Can be used for self-pinch ion beam transport (final transport section of a HIF-driver)

Fringe magnetic fields of a final focus solenoid do matter (NDCX-II)

I. Kaganovich, et al, PRL 99, 235002 (2007);
M. Dorf, et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 075003 (2009).

$$\mathbf{F}_{r} = \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{E}_{r} - \mathbf{V}_{b}\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{X}}/\mathbf{c}),$$

The focusing is provided by a strong radial self-electric field



## **Collective focusing schemes**



S. Robertson, PRL, **48**, 149 (1982). Thin collective lens

From R. Kraft, Phys. Fluids 30, 245 (1987)

E<sub>b</sub>~360 keV, r<sub>b</sub>~2 cm, n<sub>b</sub>~1.5·10<sup>11</sup>cm<sup>-3</sup>



. Experimental apparatus.



FIG. 8. Focused ion current. (a) Ion current density versus time (B = 0, 1.5 kG). (b) Peak ion current density versus axial position (B = 0, 1.5 kG). (c) Peak ion current density versus axial position (B = 0, 1.5 kG).

#### PIC Simulations show Collective Focusing Lens Can be Used for NDCX Beam Final Focus



#### The beam can excite whistler waves



The whistler waves excited by the ion beam pulse. M. Dorf, et al., Phys. Plasmas **17**, 023103 (2010). Strong (resonant) wave excitation occurs at  $\omega_{ce}/2\beta_b\omega_{pe}=1$ 

## Tenuous plasma from large volume can provide sufficient neutralization and avoid two stream instability



Density slices along r = 2 cm, Black is beam ion density, red is emitted electron density, dark green is plasma electron density , and bright green is the sum of the red and dark green curves.



## Conclusions for Neutralized Drift Compression and Final Focus

- Longitudinal compression is limited by errors in the applied velocity tilt and is not affected by plasma neutralization.
- The radial compression is mostly limited by chromatic effects in the focusing system. Two solenoid scheme provide better focusing than one solenoid scheme. Inadequate neutralization and instabilities may affect focusing as well.
- The applied magnetic field tend to increase self consistent radial electric field and can be actively used for beam focusing in various collective focusing schemes. However, it can be subject to instabilities and deleterious effects.