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LANL Capabilities and Perspectives

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The presentation is a summary of LANL capabilities and perspectives on high explosives. it describes our high explosives research capabilities (firing sites and diagnostics), a list of the extent to which high explosive materials have been characterized at LANL, as well as LANL's perspectives on potential research direction for the NCT program.

# **NCT HE Roadmap Meeting December 15th, 2010**

## **LANL Capabilities and Perspectives David Robbins**

# HE NCT Issues:

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**Many of the standard HE classification experiments, material property extraction analysis and modeling approaches cannot be directly applied to NCT relevant materials**

Low mass and energy density

Long reaction zones (several mms to cms)

Often possess highly heterogeneous structure (porous, granular)

Non-molecular mixing of fuel and oxidizer

Significant potential for dead zones

Much of our HE capability based on near Dcj ideas

The working fluid for a non-ideal HE comes from both the reaction zone and products

# Addressing HE NCT Issues

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## Issues with NCT HE classification and modeling

- Classification of a large quantity of materials (inc. material variability) of HEs and inerts

- Not realistic

- Develop capability to "Bin" materials according to various criteria?

- Material structure, DSD classification, shock/thermal insult,...

- Understand base materials in each class; develop a "perturbative" approach to classifying the broader range of materials

## Encourage design of new experiments and models

- Many traditional CHE-based experiments and HE models are not suitable for non-ideals (e.g. cylinder tests, gauge experiments for detonation structure, standard programmed burn models,...).

- Suggestions for non-ideal HE appropriate experiments and models

# Addressing HE NCT Issues

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## **Non-ideal HE mixtures are not well controlled.**

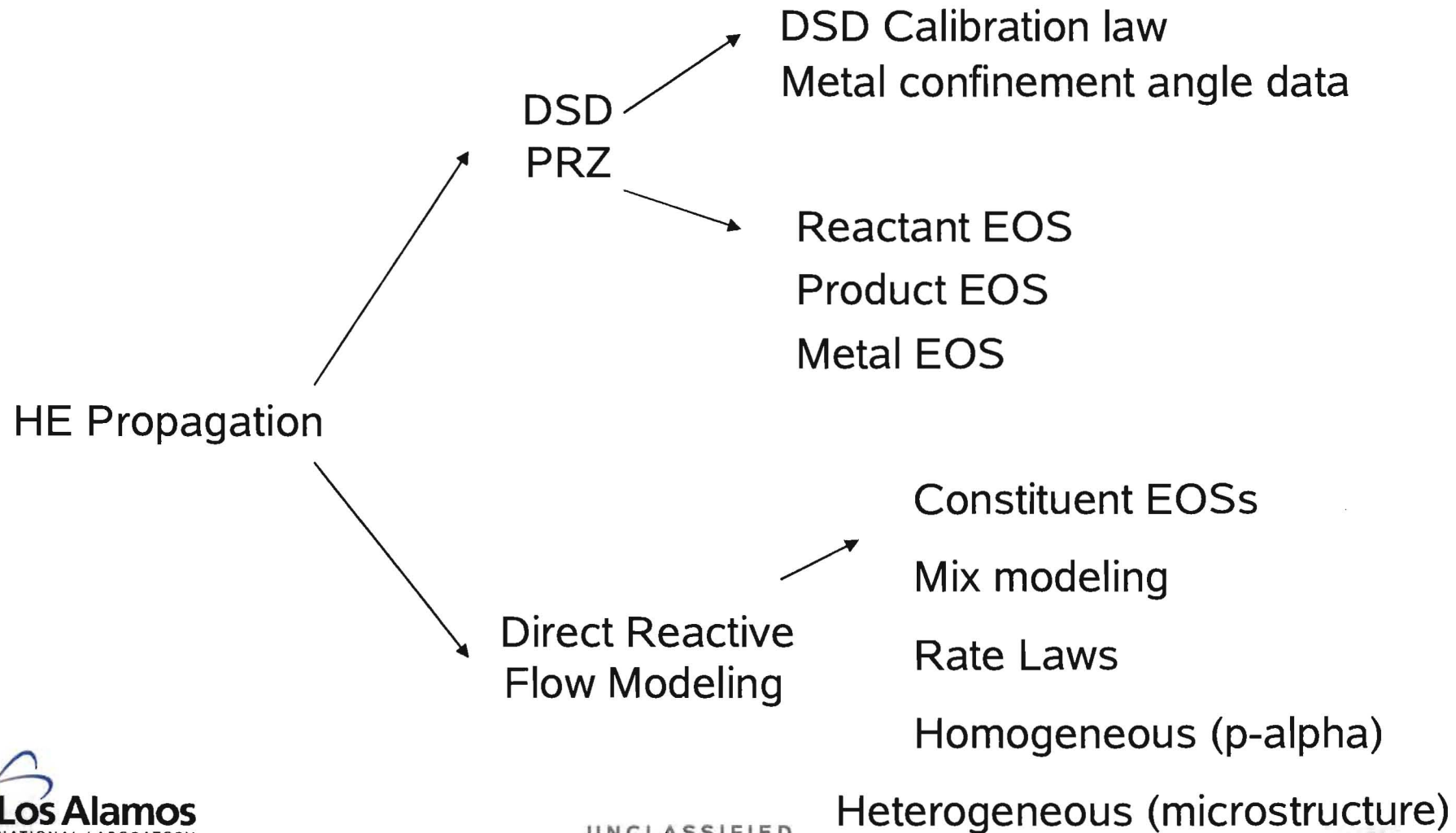
Does it make sense to be too concerned about the detailed characteristics rather than design experiments/models that capture the general trends.

## **Database highlighting gaps in our current knowledge**

## **Need for coherent and co-ordinated tri-lab effort**

# HE Propagation Requirements:

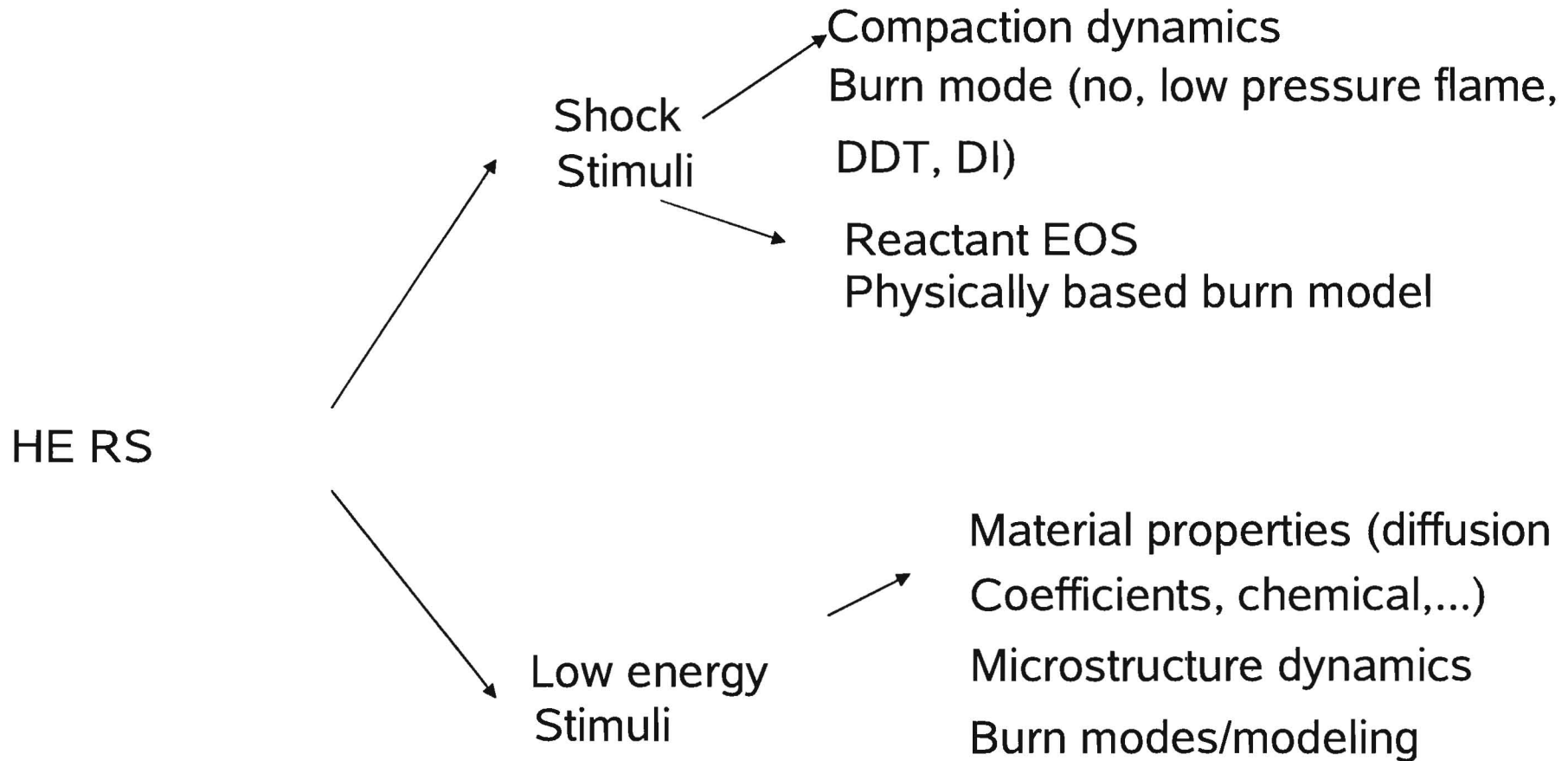
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# HE RS Requirements:

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# Experimental Capabilities

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## Capabilities

### Propagation

Rate sticks, cylinder test, diameter effect, critical diameter, front curvature, gap testing, corner turning, arc tests, material variability, confinement effect, sandwich tests, detonation wave profiles, DSD calibration, detonation mass spectrometry, gap tests,

### Initiation/EOS

Gun facilities, overdriven EOS,

### Insult

Bullet testing, fragment insult, water knife insult, shape charge insult

## Extensive range of state-of-the-art diagnostics for HE characterization

Skid tests, drop tower, compatability testing,...

## Extensive HE fabrication facilities

# Experimental Capabilities

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## Capabilities

Very high speed imaging

streak cameras, high speed framing cameras,

X-ray imaging

portable X-ray flash machines (150keV, 450keV, 600keV, 1.2MeV),

VISAR, PDV, Schlieren Imaging, PLIF, PIV, 1- and 2-stage gas driven guns, 23-stage powder guns

# Modeling Capabilities

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## **HE and Metal EOS Group (T-1, lead)**

Extensive first principles and empirical EOS models for HE reactants, products, inert metals

Shaw SESAME table formulations (recent non-ideal additions e.g. ANFO)

## **HE Reactive Flow Modeling Group (WX-9, lead)**

Extensive background in HE reactive flow model development and code integration

Most recently developed a new more physical based reactive flow model for PBX 9502 that models dynamic initiation and failure

## **HE DSD group (XCP-4, lead – implementation, WX-9 model development)**

Developers of the Detonation Shock Dynamics capability for simulating detonation propagation. Implemented in a number of codes now including ALE3D.

Recently developed improved programmed burn models specific to IHEs and NIHEs

# Modeling Codes

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**LANL has a range of ASC program derived codes (inc. safety and propagation) and a research and development code (AMRITA) that can be successfully utilized by NCT**

Significant investment to develop physics-based models of non-ideal HE that can be integrated into codes

# Modeling Issues

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## **Non-ideal HE systems are typically multi-phase and heterogeneous**

Limited experience with best practice for model development

More investment needed with ASC funding leverage

## **Unrealistic to model many formulations of same base HE**

E.g. ANFO, variations in density, stoichiometry, prill size, etc.

Focus on developing a ``HE" model

Investment in ``perturbative" modeling required to extend from base model to deal with material variability

## **Ability to model HE RS VERY poor**

Substantial investment needed to understand response of heterogeneous HE material to various energy stimuli.

Related- Our ability to model dead zone generation in IHEs is poor – no understanding of the physics.

# LANL FY11 Experimental Focus:

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**Propagation**

**Initiation**

**Render Safe**



# Essential LANL Capabilities & Facilities

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**HE fabrication and sensitivity testing**

**Firing sites with large load limits**

Includes LANL collaboration with Energetics Materials Research and Testing Center (EMRTC) at NM Tech, Socorro, NM.

**Precision diagnostic firing sites (chambers 8 & 9, PRAD, DARHT,...)**

**Support of non-ideal HE modeling capability**



# Essential LANL Capabilities & Facilities

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**In addition to unique site specific capabilities, many LANL firing sites have the following additional capabilities**

High speed streak cameras; high speed framing cameras; VISAR; PDV; portable flash X-ray machines (150 keV, 450 keV, 600 keV, 2.3 MeV), 20 GHz oscilloscopes.

# LANL HE Experimental Capabilities (Firing Sites)

Firing Site	HE Limits (Derived/Admin)	Unique/Enhanced Capabilities/Diagnostics
Q-site East (TA-14-23/29)	6.5/5, 13/10, 26/20, 39/30, 65/30	Explosive Sensitivity Testing
Q-site West (TA-14-39)	?	Explosive Sensitivity Testing
Eenie (TA-36-3)	1000/500	DU/Uranium(?)
Meenie (TA-36-6)	5000/2000	Still open?
Minie (TA-36-8)	5000/2000	DU/Uranium(?)
Lower Slobbovia (TA-36-12)	5000/500	DU/Uranium(?)
Point 6 (TA-39-6)	500/200	High explosive pulsed power
Point 88 (TA-39-88)	2000	4 600kJ capacitor banks. High explosive pulsed power.
Chamber 5 (TA-40-5)	2/1	Detonator testing and firing. Booster and initiation systems testing. Particle image velocimetry (PIV). Schlieren imaging. PLIF.
Chamber 15 (TA-40-15)	150/1	Detonator testing and firing. Booster and initiation systems testing
Chamber 8 (TA-40-8)	10/5	Enclosed HE firing vessel. Hercules HE Laser Lab
Energetic Materials Research Testing Center. NM tech	20000	Large scale testing. Classified firing sites.
Advanced Proton Source	?	Static, high pressure diamond anvil cell

# LANL HE Experimental Capabilities (Firing Sites)

Firing Site	HE Limits (Derived/Admin)	Unique/Enhanced Capabilities/Diagnostics
PRAD	10	Proton radiography, confinement vessel
DARHT	150/66	20MeV penetrating X-rays. Dual Axis. Be & Du capable
TA-40 (Chamber 9)	?	1-stage gas driven (0.1 to 1.5 km/s, 78 mm bore dia). 2-stage gas gun (1.0 to 3.5 km/s, 102/55 mm bore dia.) Embedded magnetic gauges. Shock trackers.
Ancho Canyon (TA 39-69)	?	2-stage powder driven (1.5 to 7.5 km/s, 89/28 mm bore dia.) Uranium.
S-site		HE pressing/casting/machining. Vacuum capable.
Darla Thompson	?	?
Drop tower, skid test; synthesis, compatibility		



## LANL HE Characterization Summary.

HE	Sens.	Cook-off	CO Model	Rate Slick	Cylinder test	Diameter Eff.	Critical Diam.	Front curvat.	Confinem. Eff.	Material Var.	DSD Calib.	Arc	product EOS	Corner Turn.	Gap Testing	Polyrho	Det. Mass Spect.	Shock Initiation	Reactant EOS	Det Wave prof.	HODSD Model	TOA/PB/DSD Simulation	Reactive Burn	Bullet test	fragment Insult	Water Knife Insult	Shape charge Ins.	Raman	Photosensitive
ANFO		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X					X	X	X	X	X				X			X
ANFO Slurry	X					X		X	X		X		X					X	X		X	X							
AN													X					X	X		X							X	
UAN/urea/AN/AN				X														X	X										
Black Powder		X	X																										
Bulleave		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X					X	X			X							X
Densified Bulleave				X		X		X										X	X										
Comp-B		X	X	X	X	X	X						X										X					X	
C-4		X	X		X								X											X					X
Pydrodex		X	X																										X
Semtex 1A		X	X		X													X	X									X	
Semtex 1H		X	X		X													X	X									X	
Semtex 10		X	X										X															X	
TNT		X	X										X				X								X				
Sugar Mock																			X						X				
JMR 4196				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X					X	X	X						X			
NM			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X	X	X									
Sensitized NM				X														X	X	X									
Deuterated NM				X			X										X	X	X	X									
Bromo-NM				X			X											X	X									X	
Heterogenized NM				X			X	X										X	X				X						
H2O2 > 99%																		X	X										
H2O2 90%				X			X												X										
RDX			X																	X									X
RDX single crystal																		X	X										
PETN			X					X																				X	
PETN Single Crystal																		X	X										
HMX single crystal																		X	X										
TATB										X				X				X										X	
FFFO				X			X							X				X	X										
IPN isopropyl Nitrate																		X	X										
PBX 9404					X	X	X	X	X		X		X					X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
PBX 9501		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
PBX 9502					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
LX-17											X							X				X	X						



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DCQONAB		X																																		
BTDAONAB		X																																		
BANTAONAB		X																																		
DMONAB		X																																		
TAG-zazide		X																																		
DPX-01						X																														
DPX-02						X																														
LAX-117-4			X			X											X																			
LAX-117-13			X			X						X					X																			
PBX - 9504						X										X																				
LAX-120.1			X			X			X	X		X					X																			
PBXN-7						X			X	X		X					X																			
PBXW-14						X						X					X																			
LAX-117-6			X			X											X																			
LAX-117-8			X			X											X																			
LAX-117-10			X			X			X	X							X																			
LAX-112						X										X																				
Fox-7/Kel-F						X												X																		
RX-55-AY						X												X																		
DAAF/TATB						X						X																								
TATB/KelF370												X																								
TATB/Viton												X																								
TATB/THV												X																								
TATB/Oxy 461												X																								
TATB & LFC-1/FC 2175												X																								
LX-07						X										X																				
DAAF & 3% Kel-F						X										X		X		X																
DAAzF						X																														
ADAAF						X																														
TAGDNAT						X																														
SMX						X																														
FOX-7						X																														
NO2Tz						X																														
TAGNO2Tz						X																														
BPTAP						X																														
DHT						X																														
DAAT						X																														
TNAZ						X																														
ANTA-NQ						X																														
LAX-112						X																</														



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RX-55-AE						X																													
HMX/ZnO/Vto						X																													
R-salt						X																													
X-0535						X																													
TATB/DAAzF						X																													
DNAT						X																													
BguTz-2HClO4						X																													
FeN4BIM						X																													
NM+nono Al						X																													
TAGzT						X		X			X						X																		
TBX01-TAGzT+nAl+GAP						X																													
TBX02-TAGzT+nAl+Vto						X																													
LAX-134						X																													
PBXN109						X	X								X																				
PBXN109						X	X								X																				
PBXN109						X	X								X																				
PBXN109						X	X								X																				
HMX+Al+GAP/Fe/Ni/D						X	X								X																				
HMX+Si+GAP/Fe/Ni/D						X	X																												
DHT						X																													
AP+sugar						X		X	X		X																								
AP+Al						X		X	X		X																								
AP+Dodecane						X	X	X	X		X																								