

# First-principles Stopping Power in Warm Dense Matter



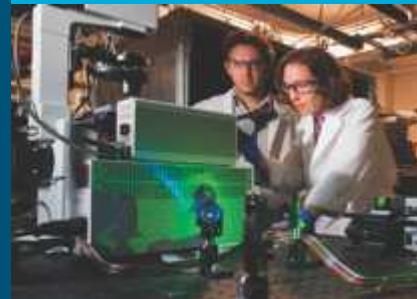
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# Electronic Stopping in Warm Dense Targets

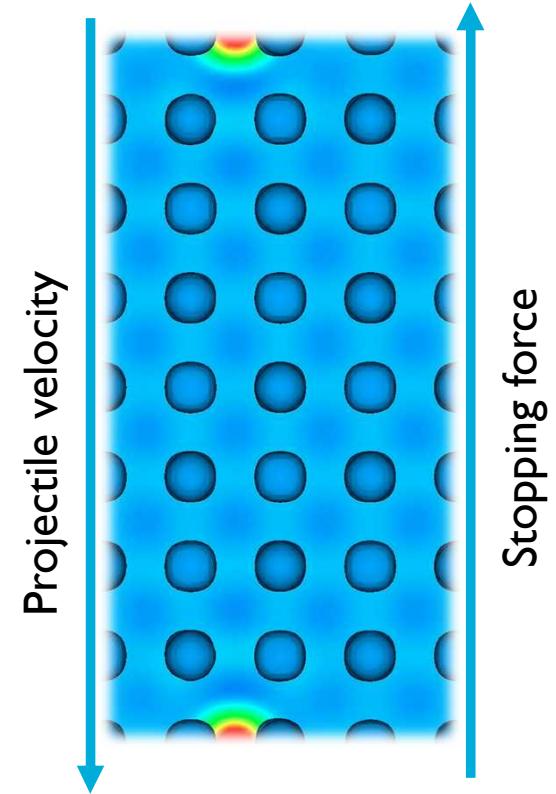
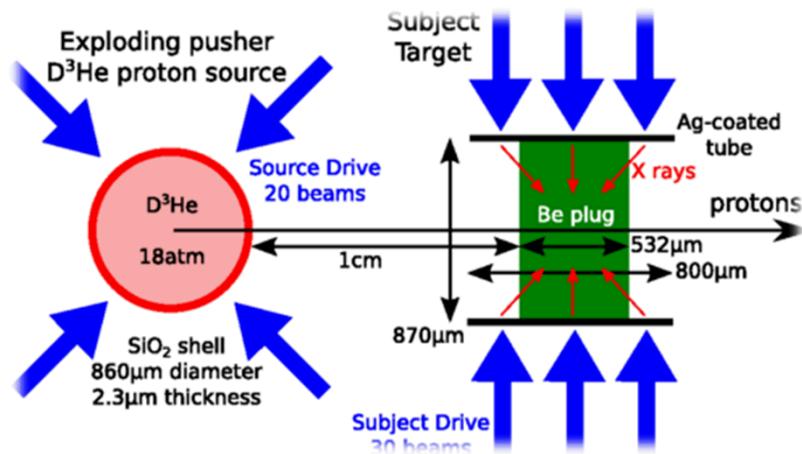
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## Stopping mechanisms

- Nuclear stopping (lattice vibrations)
- Electronic stopping (electronic excitations, quantum effects)

## Large body of literature for cold targets

- Empirical approximations (Rutherford, Thomson, Bohr, Bethe)
- Parameter-free atomistic simulations
  - Electronic structure coupled to molecular dynamics
- Cold stopping power (Echenique, Correa, Artacho, Schleife)



$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial s} = \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\langle \frac{\mathbf{P}^2}{2M} \right\rangle$$

# Sandia's Capability: TDDFT for Warm Dense Matter

## Sandia implementation of TDDFT-Ehrenfest MD in VASP

- Andrew D. Baczewski et al., PRL 116, 115004 (2016)
- Plane wave basis
- Projector-augmented wave (PAW) formalism
- Crank-Nicolson time integration (unitary)
- Generalized minimal residual method

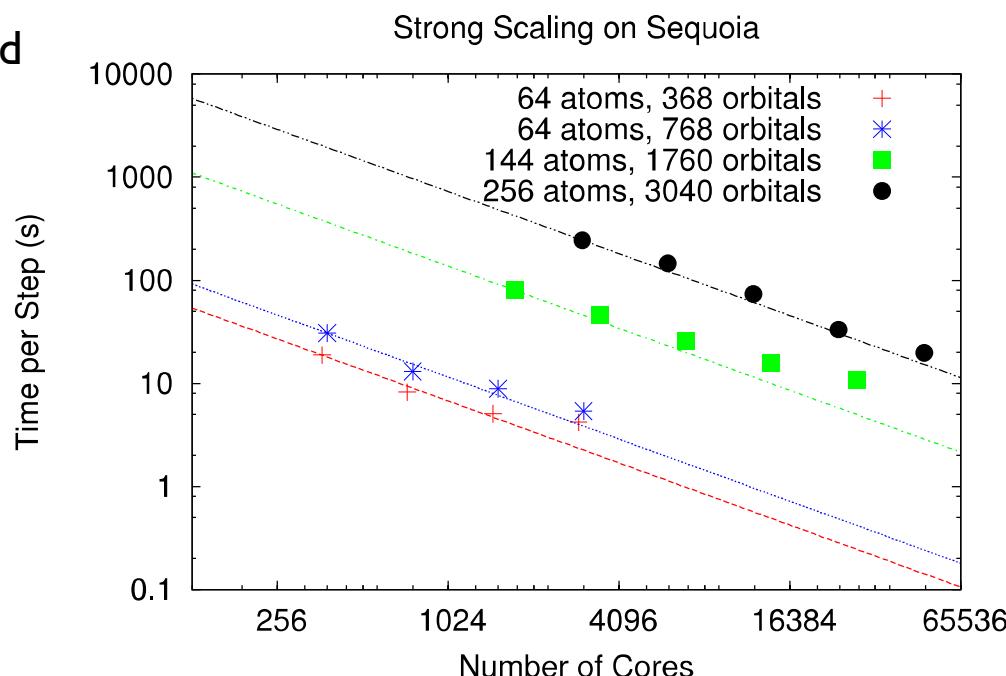
## Scales well on DOE machines

- Typically 100s of cores, a few hours
- No “free” parameters
  - takes mass density
  - # of electrons
  - exchange-correlation functional

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}, t) = \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + v_s(\mathbf{r}, t) \right\} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

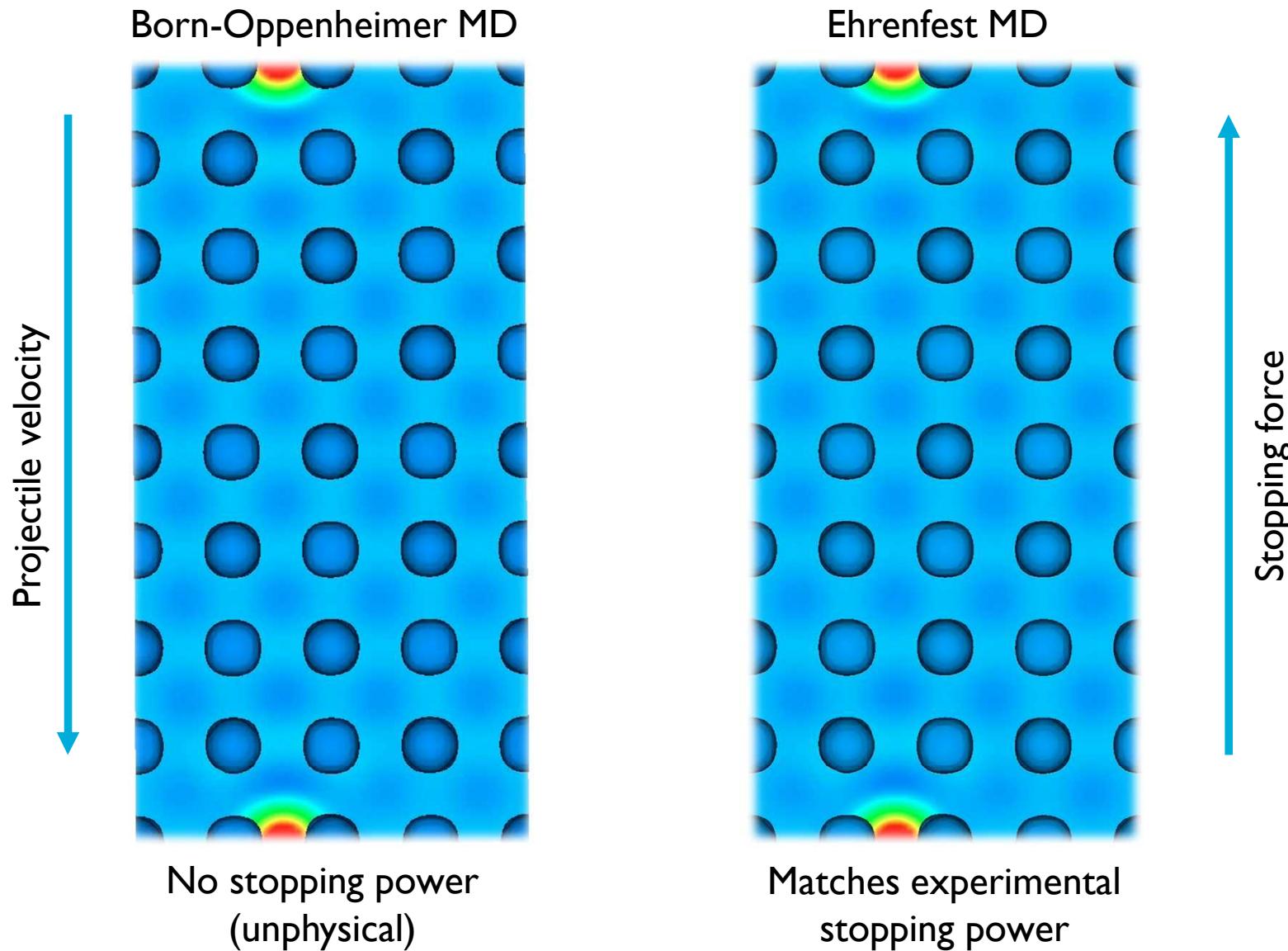
$$M_\alpha \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{R}_\alpha}{\partial t^2} = -\nabla_{R_\alpha} E[R_\alpha, n(\mathbf{r}, t)]$$

$$\vec{F}_\alpha = \sum_{nq} f_n \mathbf{C}_{nq}^*(t) [\nabla_{R_\alpha} \mathbf{H}_s - \epsilon_n \mathbf{S}] \mathbf{C}_{nq}(t)$$



## Born-Oppenheimer Fails: Importance of Non-Adiabatic Effects

Hydrogen moving through cold, bulk aluminum in a channeling trajectory

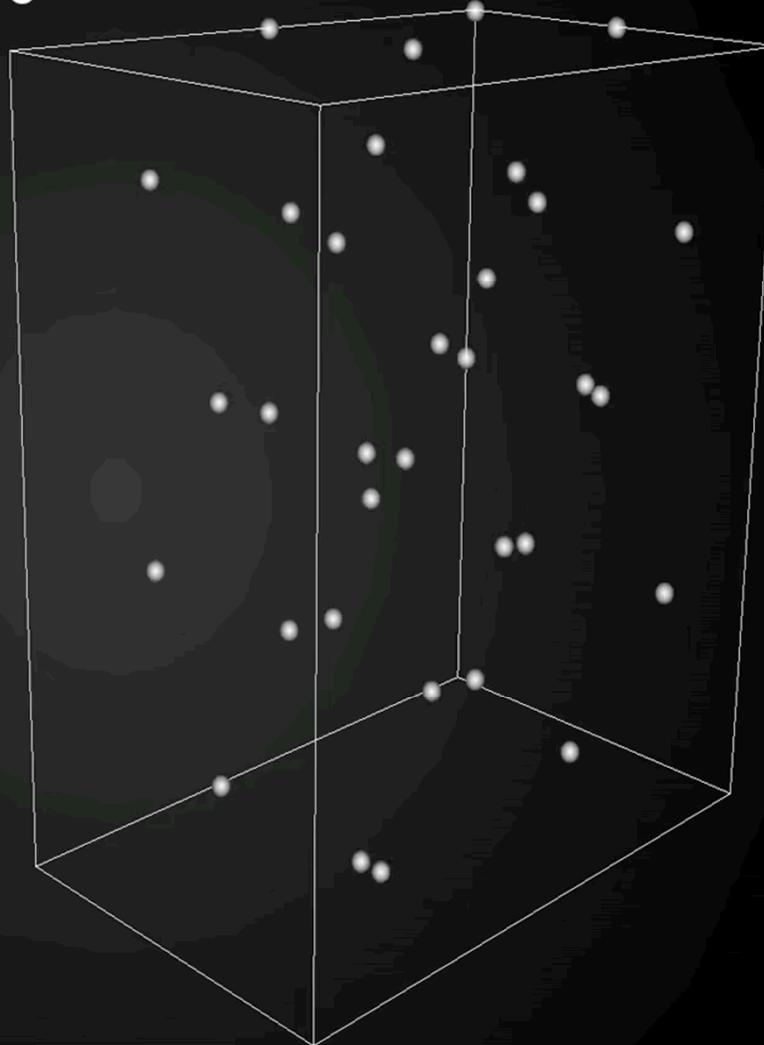


## Stopping power in cold Be

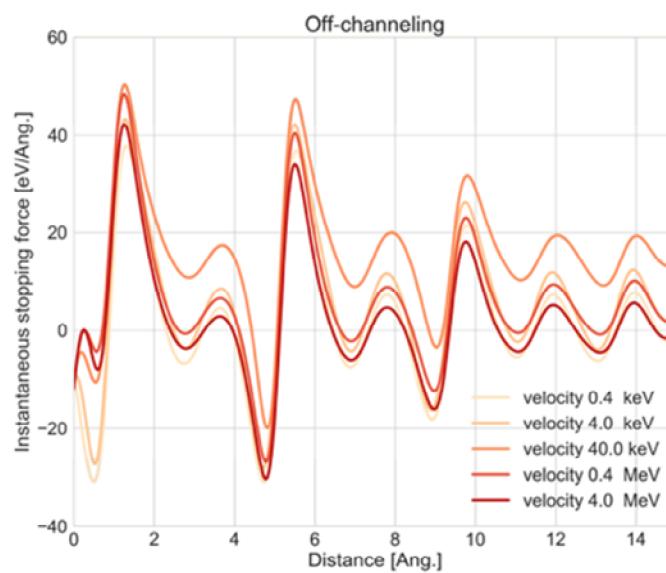
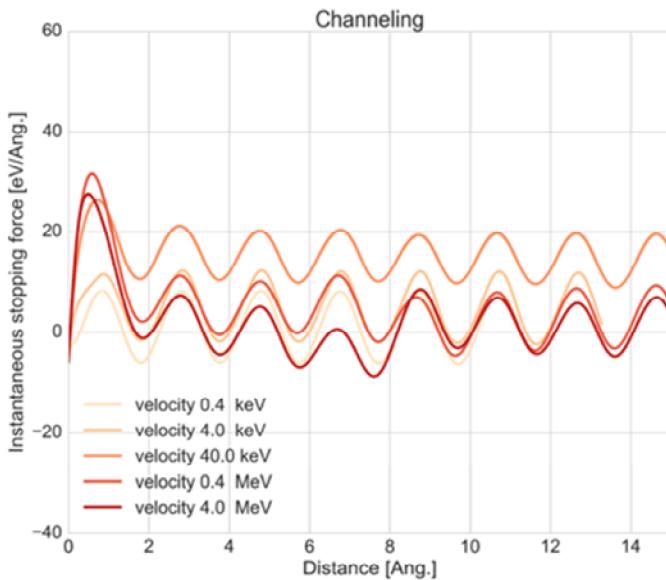
Hydrogen projectile  
 $v = 40.0 \text{ keV (27.7 Angstrom/fs)}$

Time step: 0.13 as

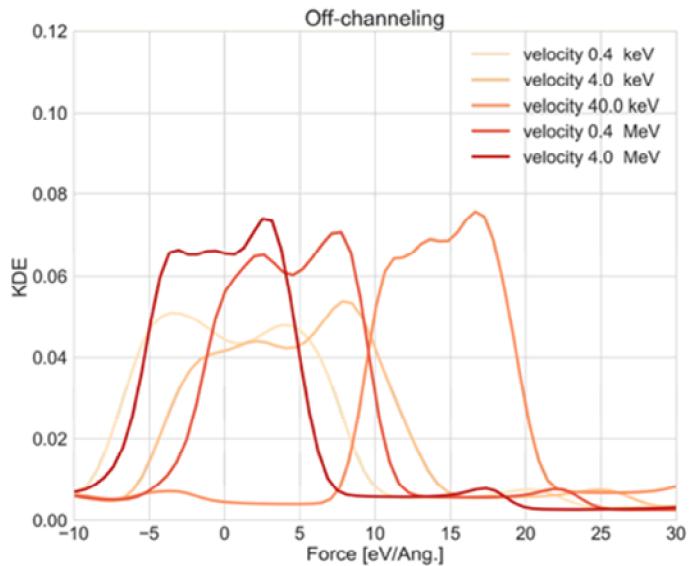
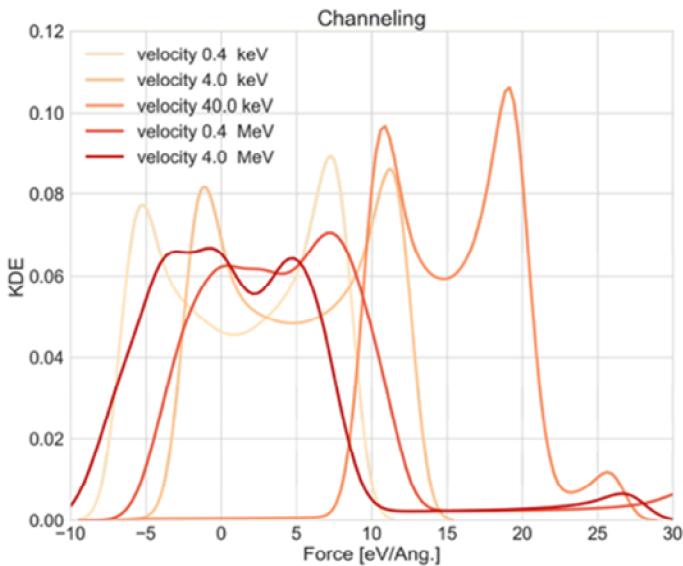
Total simulation time: 730 as



# Electronic Stopping Force

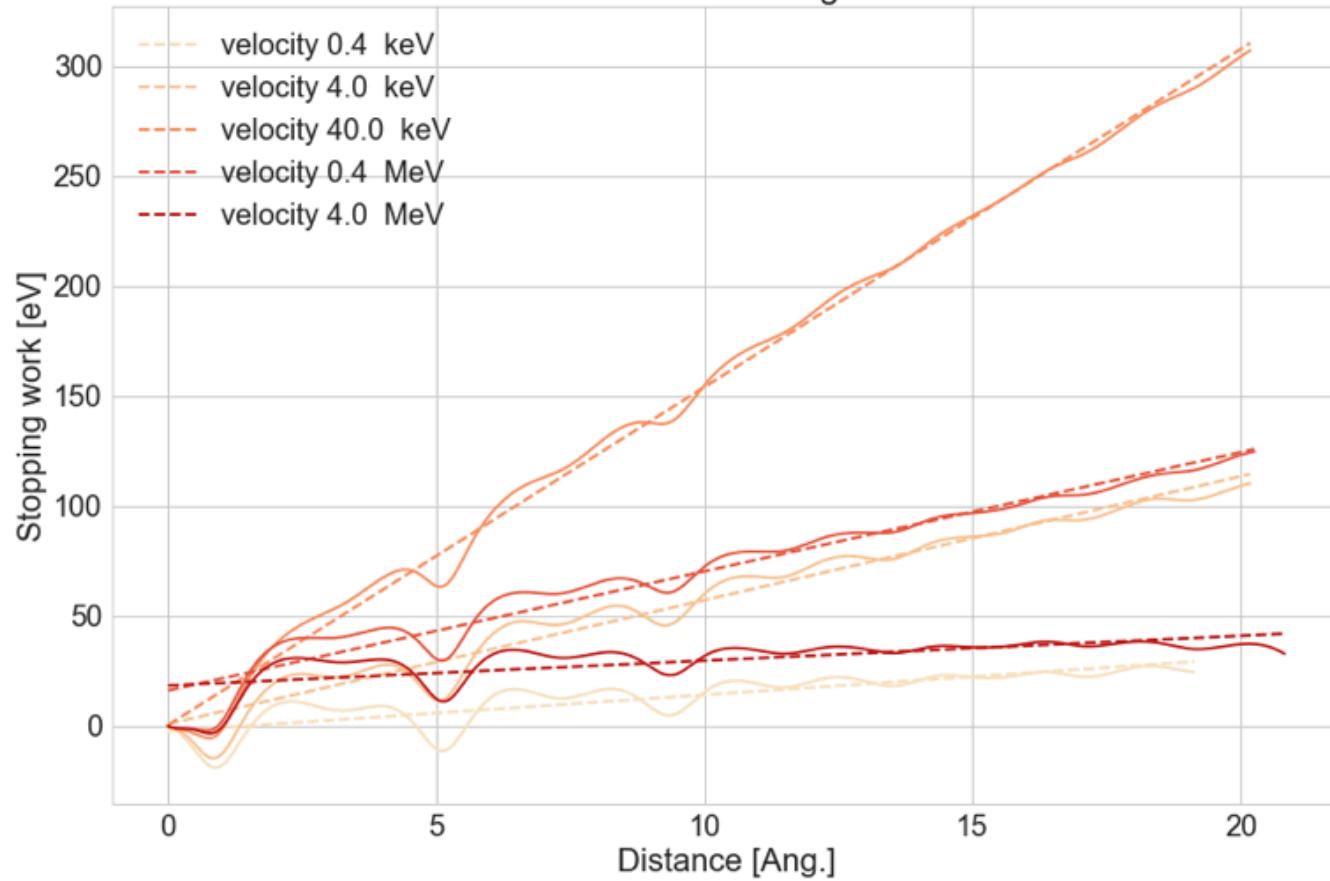


# Statistics of the Electronic Stopping Force

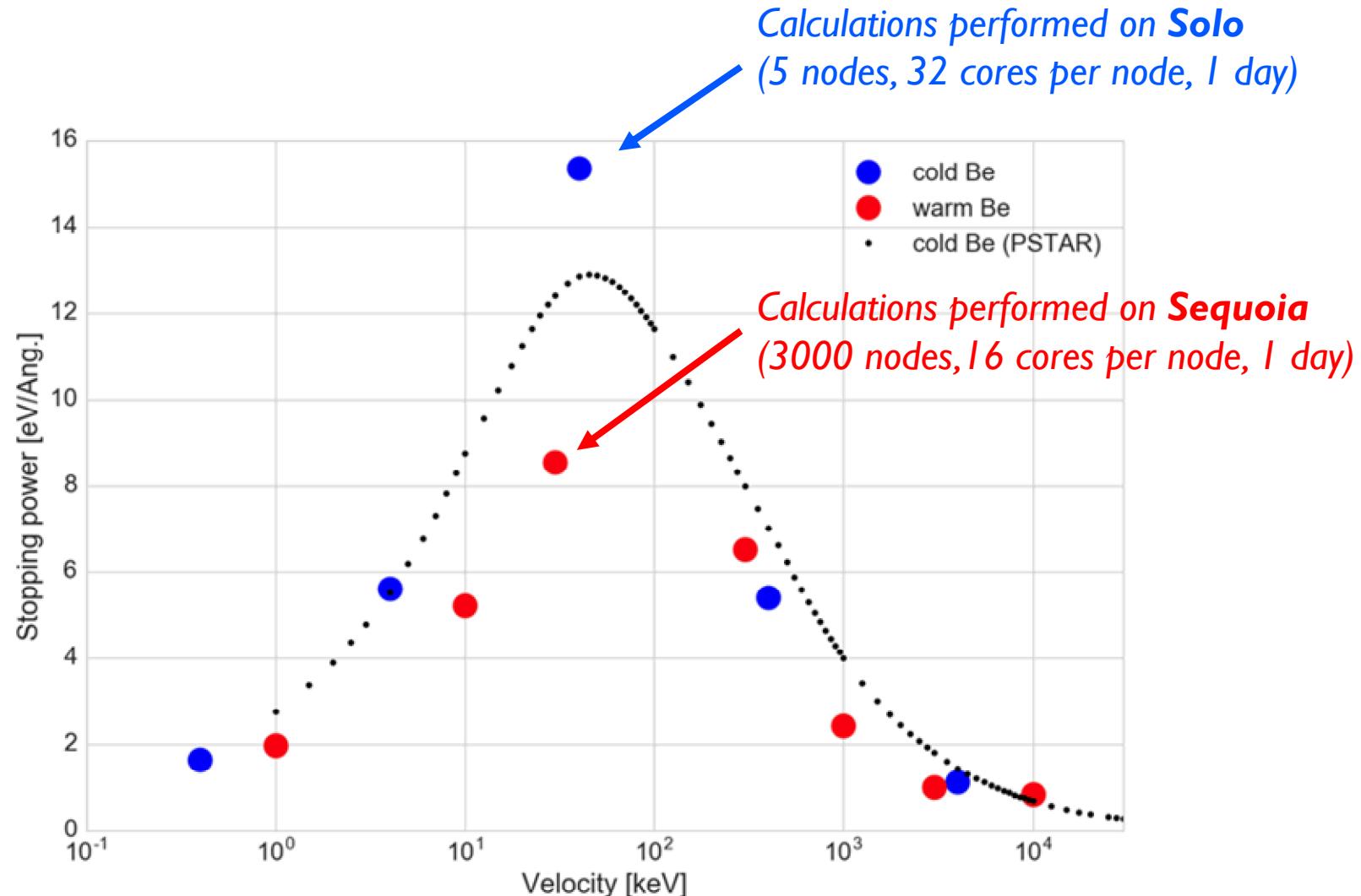


# Electronic Stopping Work

Off-channeling



## Electronic Stopping Power



## Conclusions and Future Work



First-principle stopping power calculations help constrain experiments and lower level methods (empirical formulas).

Capability to improve databases of stopping curves for a wide range of warm dense targets

- Mixtures of target materials
- Different types of projectiles
- Collect statistical data

Future developments

- **Computational efficiency**
  - Stopping power from TDDFT on average-atom models
- Accuracy
  - More accurate inclusion of non-adiabatic effects from exact factorization method
  - Methods beyond TDDFT (non-equilibrium many-body perturbation theory)