

Formation of diamonds in lasercompressed hydrocarbons at planetary interior conditions

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#### **Giant Planets**





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#### Giant Planets – Hydrogen phase diagram

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#### Models of the icy giant planets

#### 100 GPa = 1 Mbar





N. Nettelmann et al., Icarus 275, 107–116 (2016)

M. Bethkenhagen et al., Astrophys. J. 848, 67 (2017)

#### The ice layer in Uranus and Neptune-diamonds in the sky?

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#### letters to nature

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# Simulations: Polymerization and C-H phase separation in methane





F. Ancilotto et al., Science 275, 1288 (1997)

G. Gao et al., J. Chem. Phys. 133, 144508 (2010)



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#### Compressed and heated methane



 $\rm CH_4$  recovered from DAC at 20 GPa and 2000 K

L. R. Benedetti et al., Science 286, 100 (1999)



#### Laser-driven shock waves



Intensity ~10<sup>13</sup> W/cm<sup>2</sup> (wavelength 527 nm):

Ablation pressure: P ~ 150 GPa =  $1.5 \times 10^6$  bar

- $\rightarrow$  shock wave
- → Entropy and temperature increase due to compression wave
- → Multiple shocks: lower entropy and temperature increase compared to single shock to same pressure!



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Pulse shape



83 µm polystyrene:

1<sup>st</sup> shock: 60 GPa, 4000 K 2<sup>nd</sup> shock: 150 GPa, 5000 K



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#### Microscopic picture



## VISAR data for step pulse from 50 µm polystyrene



#### Approximate locations in phase diagram from simulations



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Diffraction: lower limit via Scherrer formula: diamond diameter > 4nm consistent with SAXS



#### **Recovery target tests**











#### Summary

X-ray Free Electron Lasers in combination with high-energy lasers: Unprecedented possibilities for studying chemical processes inside giant planets.

Example: Diamond precipitation inside ice giants

Combining various X-ray diagnostics in one experiment is extremely powerful!

Just the beginning of studies like this!  $\rightarrow$  e.g. HED / HIBEF at XFEL.EU













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