Imaging clusters dynamics



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Light induced dynamic with X-ray pulses



Two aspects

- Light induced expansion dynamics
 - Short time scale, fs-ps,
 - Long time scale, ps- ns



• Collective cluster oscillations, fission, fs-ps time scale





Beginning of the pulse During the pulse After the pulse **5** fs **50 fs** > 500 fs CICCLICIIO Outer ionisation **Disintegration**, **Single photon** relaxation, Ionization recombination Few electrons are removed from cluster energy, size, Inner ionisation power density Nano plasma formation

I. Cluster dynamics induced by intense x-ray pulses

Experiments Wabnitz et al, Nature 420, 482, Laarmann et al, PRL 92, 143401, PRL 95, 063402(2005)

Theory R. Santra, PRL 91, 233401 (2003), Siedschlag, Rost, PRL 93, 43402 (2004), Ziaja, Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 205002 (2009

Simultaneous light scattering and ion spectroscopy on individual clusters FLASH (DESY)



Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 093401 (2012)

Morphology of very large xenon cluster

Analysis with 2D-Fourietransform



New Journal of Physics 14 (2012) 055016

Time resolved imaging of exploding clusters

Study how ultrafast ionization dynamics influence scattering process

• Scattering sensitive to both, changes in electronic and geometric structure



IR pump + FEL probe pulse (LCLS), CAMP X-rays only Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 245005 (2012)

Experimental layout





IR laser: 50 fsec, 2 mJ, 2•10¹⁵ W/cm²



Bryan et al., Nature Physics 2, 379 (2006)

XUV pump XUV probe

FLASH, 93 eV

R_{_}~23 Å

probe

pump

1.2



ion spectra

0.8

Time-of-flight (µs)

0.3

0.4

Xe

1.0

Xe²⁺

0.6

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2 nm Xe clusters, destroyed after ~2 ps

0.5

0.6

0.7

M. Krikunova, et al. J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. 45 (2012) 105101

Very long delay: Results from FLASH 93 3V, Comparison with simulations

Timescale: 1000 – 1500 ps - moderate NIR intensities



Simulation with Gunnier-aproach

R. De Castro et al, J. Ele. Spectr. Rel. Phen. 166, 21 (2008)





Density fluctuations in an expanding nanoplasma?

With two X-rays pulses at SQS

- First (weak) puls shape of initial cluster
- Second pulse imaging of the cluster dynamics
- surface melting and explosion, fs-time scale
- Cluster expansion, ps time scale

Collective oscillations/dynamics in nanoparticles



Size selected nanoparticles and two/three light pulses

- first (very weak) X-ray pulse
- IR pulse induces vibration by heating
- second X-ray pulse, imaging as a function of delay
- Two x-ray pulses, inital shape of clusters

New regime of cluster dynamics Damping on the nanoscale

Parameters wish list

	Day 0	Nice to have
Experimental techniques	Scattering / spectroscopy	
Source properties		
Energy range	500	500 eV- 2000 eV
Pulse duration	50 fs or less	< 30 fs
bandwidth		
Device properties		
Maximum Temporal delay	5 ps	30 ps or more
Pulse intensity ratio	1:3	1:1-1:50
2 Colors		yes
Symmetric delay around t=0		no
Spatial separation behind sample		
Add your suggestions	Small focal spot, good overlap	

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