High Energy Density Science Workshop

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International workshop on the High Energy Density Science Endstation and associated instrumentation at the European XFEL

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St Catherine's College University of Oxford, UK

The capability to produce material at ultra high energy densities is one of the prioritized areas of science for the upcoming European XFEL facility as described in the Technical Design Report (available at www.xfei.eu). Matter at such energy densities is of relevance to a number of fields of science, including basic plasma physics, materials in extreme environments, and planetary physics and astrophysics.

The workshop will bring together scientists interested in using the HEDS instrument at XFEL in order to review the present state of the field, potential experiments on XFEL, and the requirements for the facility in terms of beam characteristics, chamber configuration, diagnostics, and associated instrumentation and data acquisition technology.

The workshop will feature a series of invited lectures providing an overview of scientific and technical ideas for the endstation. Group sessions will build on the ideas presented. providing the opportunity for specific input on endstation design and capability from potential users.

Young scientists bursaries Deadline 06 February 2009 (for details see website)

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What is 'High Energy Density Science'

- 'Rough' definition is the study of matter with energy density exceeding of order 10¹¹ Jm⁻³.
- Why this definition?:
 - This is about the point where the temperature of solid density matter is such that the thermal energy competes with the potential (Coulomb) energy.
 - It is also about the regime where cold matter is compressed by of order a factor of two - and close to pressures that greatly exceed those attainable in any diamond anvil cell.



So What? Why is this interesting?

- The focussed beam from XFEL impinging on a solid target will invariably create such states...
 - Matter with thermal energies comparable to coulomb energies ('strongly coupled') is very poorly understood, yet is wide-spread throughout the universe (e.g. centres of giant planets). We don't know the equation of state or transport properties.
 - Current synchrotron-based/diamond anvil cell 'high pressure' research 'gives up' at about 3.5Mbar (the pressure at the centre of the earth). Novel pulsed (nanosecond) laser techniques offer the potential to access up to 30 Mbar solid crystalline material - but we need sub-nanosecond diffraction to observe and diagnose.
 - This means that a HEDS end-station will produce such matter by the XFEL itself (mainly isochorically), but we will also need optical lasers for compression and/or heating for other classes of experiments.

High Energy Density matter is interesting because it occurs widely

• Hot Dense Matter (HDM) occurs in:

- Supernova, stellar interiors, accretion disks
- Plasma devices: laser produced plasmas, Z-pinches
- Directly and indirectly driven inertial fusion experiments

• Warm Dense Matter (WDM) occurs in:

- Cores of large planets
- Systems that start solid and end as a plasma
- X-ray driven inertial fusion experiments





An extract of some spots from microscopy analysis (Czech IOP):



- Assuming the average energy on target (10 μ J) this corresponds to \approx 4 10¹⁶ W/cm².
- Peak energies of 2-3 times higher also observed intensities in the 10¹⁷ W/cm² range!

WDM created by isochoric heating will expand isentropically



Thomson forward scattering from collective regime: plasmons provides additional data



- Plasmon peak intensity related by detailed balance, i.e., e^{-(2ΔE/T)}
- Experiments with independent T_e measurement are needed to determine correct approximation for collisions

Mapping the electronic structure of WDM





How do we measure the equation of state and transport properties





Motivation





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Phase Transitions in Iron - so far only resolved with nsec resolution





XFEL bright enough to allow powder diffraction of shocked samples







Simulations by Giles Kimminau, University of Oxford



- MD Simulations of powder diffraction fro unshocked and shocked polycrystalline copper (NB MD shown left is polycrystalline *Iron*).
- 30 million atoms (72nm³)
- 3000 grains
- Calculate 'absolute' intensities

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Shocked Cu - real space



Shocked Cu - reciprocal space

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Laser produced isentrope is generated by a stagnating plasma and measured with line VISAR





Smith et al., APS DPP, 2004



Working Groups

- Optical Laser Instrumentation
 - Chaired by Patrick Audebert (Ecole Polytechnique, France).
- X-ray Instrumentation
 - Chaired by Dave Riley (QUB, UK)



Issues Raised in Working Groups

- *‡* Experimental techniques

- x-ray scattering (elastic, inelastic, small-angle) (G. Gregori)
- plasma spectroscopy (XFEL pump ◊ x-ray emission) (F. Rosmej)
- WDM generation/Transmission (B. Nagler)
- (2-color) FEL/FEL pump-probe experiments (H. Sinn, K. Sokolowski-Tinten)
- studying strongly driven matter (K. Sokolowski-Tinten)
- *‡ Laser issues*
 - Lasers for shock generation (J. Wark)
 - Lasers for driving matter to excited states (P. Audebert, K. Sokolowski-Tinten)

- *†* Instrumentation

- Soft x-ray spectroscopy (D. Riley)
- Hard x-ray spectroscopy (E. Förster, F. Rosmej)
- Visible light & charged particle spectroscopy (L. Juha)
- Coherent diffraction imaging ◊ (LLNL) (I. Robinson)
- Bragg/Powder diffraction (A. Jephcoat, (Wark-group))
- Visible light diagnostics (FDI, tr optical probing) (C. Fourment, F. Dorchies)



- Optical Lasers for Excitation
 - Low energy (0.1mJ), high rep rate (MHz), 10-fsec
 - Medium Energy (1J), TW, highest rep rate possible (few Hz?), 30fsec
 - Large Energy (10s-500J), nanoseconds pulselengths, pulse shaping, what rep rates are possible? (diode pumping/ HiPER project indicates Hz technology is being developed). Can this be within budget (?). If not, what can be? Impact on shock/compression work (fsec lasers can generally only heat a system uniformly, not compress/rarify) - alternatives need to be discussed.
- Optical Lasers for Probing
 - Velocity Interferometry (Shock/Isentropic compression of matter)
 - Fourier domain interferometry (can be the low energy fsec laser).



X-ray Instrumentation

Purpose	Short description	Comments
X-ray techniques	Amorphous/liquid scattering, Bragg/Powder scattering, Imaging (Holography, CDI, Phase contrast), Absorption/XANES, inelastic scattering/emission spec. (resonant).	
OL techniques	FDI, VISAR,	
Sample environment	Vacuum chamber (Fast) Sample mover/exchanger Liquid jet	
Detector	Mostly 1 – 10 Hz Requirements acc. to other instruments	
Spectrometer	Optimize to emission angle Resolution 100 – 1000 Resolution 10000 (ion measurements)	

Table 2: Requirements to instrumentation at the HED instrument.

Parameter	Unit	Value (range)	Comments/Special
Photon energy	keV	3.1 – 12.4	Lower energies for heating;
			Harder x-rays for probing
Bandwidth	%	10^-6 10^-3	Monochromate to see ion features
Tunability	%	+/- 3	Tune across edges
Harmonics		Yes	For 2-colour pump-probe experiments the 3 rd harmonics shall be available
Focal spot size	μm	1 - few 100	
Polarization		No	No particular request - but could affect geometry of Thomson scattering
Coherence			No particular requests at this stage
Rep. rate	Hz	10+	Use of pulsetrains requested in cases of flux limited techniques (e.g. IXS) and schemes in place for sample refreshment
Pulse duration	fs	30 - 100	Perhaps shorter to investigate k-shell lifetimes
Synchronization	fs	< 30	To optical lasers
X-X delay	ps		Delay generated using x-ray split&delay unit
			Delays >700 ps accessible by accelerator



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- We need to hone down our analysis of required lasers that fit in the budget. The issues here are:
 - The field of isentropic compression to multi-Mbar pressures is itself in its infancy, and laser-pulse requirements will be material dependent.
 - Laser technology is rapidly evolving we are trying to hit a moving target
- Detailed Instrument design and detectors.
- Monitor Progress at LCLS

MEC endstation configuration for HEDS



LCLS: *probe* solid density, WDM and high pressure matter; *create* HED matter; *photo-excite* selected transitions; *perform* x-ray Thomson scattering

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