New science opportunities at XFELs: probing ultra-intense laser-solid interactions

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Extreme Conditions with Ultra-intense & High-energy Lasers

Extreme particle beams

Laser Blow-off plasma Target

Plasma Plasma Plaser Plaser Plaser

Extreme radiations



Ambient elastic plastic New Voids crystal phase phase phase Shock drive Release wave Strong Fields Extreme currents fast current laser pulse scatteri collisions slowing return current



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HIBEF: New Experimental Capabilities



XFEL-based probing \rightarrow faster, brighter (focused), coherent



XFEL combined with high-power laser drivers will open a new frontier of Science at Extreme Conditions



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Important Challenge - Advancing hard X-ray Techniques

→ Adapting techniques from: Synchrotron-, Laser-, FEL-, & Ultrafast-science communities

Example: XPCS X-ray Photon Correlation Spectroscopy

- Single-pulse x-ray Split & Delay
- Self-seeding (full coherence)





Small Angle X-ray Scattering (SAXS)

- \rightarrow Coherent diffractive imaging
- \rightarrow X-ray holography
- \rightarrow e.g., XMCD for magnetic domain imaging
- $\rightarrow S_{ee}(q)$ electron correlation function



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Unique Science Opportunities:

- Relativistic Laser-Plasmas
- New Phases of Matter
- Ultra-strong Field Physics
- Material Dynamics & Damage
- Element-selective Magnetism

X-FEL User Consortium

HZDR, DESY, HIJ, XFEL, + over 90 institutions in 19 countries

after ion impact



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>100 Institutions, >400 faculty/scientists, >300 students



		Nr	%	%
DE	HGF	74	10.9	33.3
	DE	152	22.4	
EU	UK	73	10.8	33.9
	FR	39	5.8	
	ES	29	4.3	
	SE	28	4.1	
	СН	10	1.5	
	CZ	10	1.5	
	PL	10	1.5	
	RU	10	1.5	
	HU	9	1.3	
	IT	6	0.9	
	XFEL	6	0.9	
Asia	CN	94	13.9	17.8
	JP	22	3.2	
	IN	5	0.7	
US	US	101	14.9	14.9

*as of 3/15/2012



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Ultra-Intense Laser-Matter Interactions - Key Challenges



10¹³ A/cm², > 1000 T, 10¹³ V/m, ~keV solid density

→ Current filamentation
 → Ionization dynamics

Essential Questions:

- return-current generation, neutralization (ionization, resistivity, heating)
- filament formation & propagation
- particle & energy transport
- e-e & e-i equilibration
- quasi-static resistive fields
- magnetic diffusion (relaxation, >6 ps)
- radiation transport

- ...



- Extreme transients & gradients
- Transition through cold-WDM-hot
- Extreme magnetizations

→ Ultrafast probing of Z*, j_e , T_{e_j} B, inside solid-density plasma, time & space resolved, on the *plasma scale*



Small Angle X-ray Scattering & Coherent Diffraction Imaging







- SAXS: Small angle x-ray scattering Q-range < 0.3 nm⁻¹
- optical laser: λ =800 nm, Q=0.008 nm⁻¹
- plasma oscillations: λ_p ~30 nm, Q~0.2 nm⁻¹

$$I(Q) \sim |f_0 + f' + if''|^2 S_{ii}(Q) + Z_f S_{ee}(Q)$$

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Example 1: Physics in buried layer targets



Processes:

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- spatial frequencies \rightarrow mode structure of instabilities
- time history \rightarrow growth rates, γ vs κ





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Example 2. Ultrafast electron dynamics at solid-density

Integration over XFEL pulse:

- Speckle blurring \rightarrow loss of absolute position information
- But, retain full mode information $\rightarrow S_{ee}(q)$, growth rate γ vs κ



Simulation (T. Kluge): 10^{20} W/cm² , 30 fs plane wave on 2.5 μm Ti



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Example 2. High sensitivity to type of instability









preplasma 0.1 λ , Z/A=1/6







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Free electron density related to ionization state, Z* (prior to ion motion)







Jisolate a specific
 charge-state by tuning to
 bound-bound resonance
 (e.g., Kα or Kβ)



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Simulation (L. Huang): 10^{20} W/cm², 50 fs \rightarrow on 2.5 μ m Cu

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 $I(\mathbf{q}) \sim |f_0(\mathbf{q}) + f' + if''|^2 S_{ii}(\mathbf{q}) + Z_f S_{ee}(\mathbf{q})$

for K-alpha resonance at Cu^{20+} , f" ~ 60 – 100 e/atom

with resonant @ Cu 20+

without resonant



XFEL: 8 keV, 10^{10} ph, 8.2x8.2 μ m². Detector: 20 μ m pixels @ 1 m. Target: 1.6 μ m thick, 6.4 μ m deep (0.64 μ m Cu). Solid density.



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HIBEF: Bringing New Communities to XFEL

- XFEL probing inside *dense plasma* or *dynamically compressed matter* (with time-resolved, brilliant, and fully coherent x-rays) will:
- → <u>revolutionize</u> our understanding of *laser-interactions* with matter, matter at *high pressure*, matter in *strong fields*, …
- → <u>advance</u> high energy density research at other facilities...
- → <u>benefit</u> high-power laser research worldwide, in many fundamental & applied areas...
 - Compact accelerators
 - Table-top light sources
 - Radiation research in Oncology
 - Fusion energy research

- Material dynamics & Ageing
- Ultrafast (fs-, as-) physics
- Geo- & planetary science
- Laboratory Astrophysics





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