XFEL HEDS Workshop

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The XFEL HEDS Workshop

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What

 One in a whole series of workshops organized and sponsored by XFEL to help in the design of end-stations for XFEL.

 The UK is honoured and pleased to be hosting the workshop on High Energy Density Science.

When?

• From lunchtime Monday 30th March until lunchtime Wednesday 1st April.

Where St. Catherines College, University of Oxford.



Why?

- The aim of the workshop is to bring together scientists from across Europe who are working in the HEDS area - i.e. dense plasmas, warm dense matter, x-ray and laser created plasmas, shock wave physics, and astrophysically relevant plasmas and other areas of extreme condition science, to consider current developments and the future possibilities for using the XFEL system for this burgeoning area of research.
- Start to develop concrete plans for the endstation.

Science Examples

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



XFEL bright enough to allow powder diffraction of shocked samples



Investigate elastic-plastic response and phase transitions at the granular level in polycrystalline materials.





Debye Scherrer Rings

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

High Energy Density Matter



- Warm Dense Matter is notoriously hard to model (pressure predictions vary by factors of 2).
- WDM is automatically produced (isochorically) in 4th generation source interactions. 'Structure' probed via Thomson Scattering.
- Also require 'high reprate' (10Hz) high-energy optical laser to form other (compressed) states.



Micro-focusing at FLASH: hysexperimental setup



Focusing optic: multilayer coated offaxis parabola

CHAMBER ATTACHED TO FEL BEAMLINE

Position of a ToF or alternatively a VUV spectrometer

Focused on Targets: PMMA, Ce:YAG, Al, SiN, etc. FLASH Beam 15 fs, 13.5 nm

Micro-focusing at FLASH: hysitesults

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!



Aluminium Transmission data



Al absorption coefficient



L-edge shift



L-edge shift



L-edge shift



Simple Model

- The high saturable absorption indicates recombination probably takes longer than than the FEL pulse.
- Propagate the pulse through the foil, reducing the absorption coefficient due to the depletion of L-shell electrons, and shift of the edge beyond the photon energy.
- The increased transmission occurs when the edges move beyond the photon energy.

Transmission of 52nm AI with Oxide layer (10nm)





Time (fs)

We are heating matter isochorically to tens of eV, resulting in multi-Mbar pressures homogeneous heating an order of magnitude more efficient

Who?

- Conference Committee
 - Justin Wark Oxford & STFC
 - Patrick Audebert, LULI
 - Marta Fajardo, IST, Portugal
 - Gyula Faigel, RISSP, Hungary
 - Gianluca Gregori, Oxford
 - Richard Lee, LLNL
 - David Riley, QUB
 - Thomas Tschenscher, XFEL
- Invited Speakers
 - List to be put on website soon.
- To whom to send registration forms andy.boyd@stfc.ac.uk

Wallet

Subsidized by XFEL and by STFC.
No attendance fee - all in accommodation + food cost of £180.

 Limited number of bursaries for young scientists upon application of upto 400 Euros (in most cases this will cover all costs).

Website

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

30 March - 01 April 2009



Local Organizer Science & Technology Facilities Council Justin Wark

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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.xfel.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)

The workshop is co-funded by the European Commission through the Pre-XFEL grant. This will allow free of charge access to the workshop Access to the workshop. Hosting the workshop and support by the Photon Science Research Institute of the UK Science and Technology Facilities Council is gratefully acknowledged.

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