High Pressure X-ray Diffraction Experiments on the Omega and NIF Laser Facilities <u>+ future experiments at the ESRF</u>

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Recent experiments on Omega have focused on determining the high pressure crystal structure of MgO and FeSi alloys



We have developed ns x-ray diffraction platforms on the Omega and NIF Laser facilities

1 TPa = 1000 GPa = 10 Mbar











image plates





















X-ray Spectrum emitted in 4π



10¹¹ - 10¹² photons incident on sample 3.5% bandwidth

Main sources of noise

PXRDIP BOX

Hard X-ray emission from He-α source

Thermal X-ray emission from drive plasma (scales with Laser Intensity, plasma volume and duration)





Experimental setup



Pressure Determination using reflecting shock in quartz





Target design for ramp-compression of FeSi



Using this technique we have obtained diffraction data from solid state FeSi alloys up to 1300 GPa

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X-ray diffraction experiments on Omega/NIF and ESRF

- X-ray source
- Required Laser Spot Size
- Signal-to-Noise
- Achievable sample pressures
- Shot Rate

Energy Needed to achieve a given pressure scales with Laser Intensity

For Shock Sample with a CH ablator: $P_{CH} \sim I_{LASER}^{0.8}$

For Ramp Compression Sample with a diamond ablator: $P_{Diamond} \sim I_{LASER}^{0.7}$

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NIF Laser Spot



Omega-EP 1.1 mm phase plate



Future ESRF 250 µm phase plate





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20 μm x-rays ? 100 ps duration Laser spots are needed on Omega and NIF to accommodate larger diameter x-ray beams. This improves the signal-to-noise in the diffraction pattern



New 100-J class, pulse-shaped lasers are being built at X-ray sources around the world.













Pulse shaping is available on LCLS/MEC albeit with less fidelity

MEC Laser – April 2014, 25 repeat laser shots



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Pulse shaping at APS-DCS







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Requirements

- Need good phase plates
- Laser Pulse shaping
- High Rep rate targets
- Good VISAR and Pyrometry diagnostics
- Equation of state and hydrocode development to understand target conditions

Backup slides

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Experiment setup on the Stanford LCLS-MEC hutch





Recent MEC diffraction publications: Gleason *et al.*, Nat. Comm. (2015) Gorman *et al.*, Phy. Rev. Letts. (2015)

- 1) Quickly map out phase space using variable pulse shapes
- 2) low-signal phenomena
 - a) Narrow-bandwidth diffraction
 - b) Liquid diffraction
 - c) EXAFS
- 3) Make movies of transitions using variable time delays over many shots



2b)







May need to average ~100 shots to obtain high-quality liquid diffraction

Equilibrium thermodynamics is described by an equation-of-state (EOS) surface



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Future experiments using the ESRF laser

Laser

100-200 J, 4-10ns, shaped, 1shot/minute, 1053nm & 528 nm

X-rays

Phase I, the laser will be coupled to a XAS beamline (5-27 keV). Phase II,, we hope to add a second beamline with XRD, XRI and XES (~ 20 - 60 keV), pink beam (1-2% bandwidth), ~1x10¹¹ photons per X-ray pulse in 100 ps.