## **Dynamic laser compression at XFELs**

#### pushing boundaries and identifying challenges

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## European XFEL HED High-Energy Density science

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#### How it works: a closer look at the facility



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### **XFEL properties at the HED instrument (SASE2)**

Fully tunable between	3 – 25 keV (3 – 5 keV with limited performance)
Pulse duration	2 – 100 fs
Number of photons per pulse	~10 <sup>12</sup> (25 keV), ~10 <sup>13</sup> (5 keV)
Spot size on sample	sub-μm (HIBEF), few μm, 20 – 30 μm, 200 – 300 μm, few mm
Seeded beam	First SASE beamline to be seeded; available soon after initial commissioning
Repetition rate	shot on demand (pulse picker), 10 Hz – 27000 pulses/sec



## X-ray free-electron lasers worldwide with big OLs





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## **DiPOLE 100-X properties**

# DiPOLE100



- □ UK contribution in kind
- □ EPSRC Oxford University
- □ STFC Central Laser Facility
- Designed, built and commissioned at CLF, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, UK
- Decommissioned, packaged & shipped to European XFEL

□ >100 J @ 10 Hz

- 2-15 ns pulse
- pulse shaping
- $\Box$  2 $\omega$  conversion
- □ delivery mid 2018
- □ User operation in 2019

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#### **HED** hutch overview



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## Conceptual Design Report: Dynamic lasesr compression at European XFEL



CDR published: go to XFEL HED website, under "documentation" http://www.xfel.eu/research/instruments/HED

http://dx.doi.org/10.22003/XFEL.EU-TR-2017-001

#### **XRD Perspectives at HED, European XFEL**

DiPOLE 100-X laser (HIBEF / STFC) with 100 J at 10 Hz,  $2\omega$  $\rightarrow$  go beyond current repetition rates of one shot every few minutes

- Photon energies up to 25 keV  $\rightarrow$  collapse *q*-space forward
- DiPOLE focus >100µm
- Pulse shaping with few-% accuracy
- Large area detector
  → Increase *q*-range
  → texture analysis

Proposal by HIBEF UC for a dedicated chamber:

courtesy HP Liermann, J Eggert et al., Draft CDR on Dynamic Compression European XFEL



### **Call for proposals**

Timeline not entirely fixed, best estimate currently:

First call for SASE1 instruments (FXE and SPB/SFX)

- ▶ published 23 Jan 2017
- ► Experiments in second half 2017
- Second call + 6 months
- ▶ published June-August 2017
- Experiments in first half 2018
- SASE1 + SASE3 instruments
- SASE2 (HED, MID) depends on performance

Third call + 6 months

- Published in Dec 2018 if possible
- For second half of 2018 → all instruments

Fourth call + 6 months most likely with all HIBEF lasers (depending on perfomance)

XFEL may ask for feedback by SAC for the first intervals for calls

# 3rd and 4th generation light sources - Competitive or complementary?

	<u>European XFEL, HED</u>	<u>ESRF, HPLF</u>
Pulse length	< 100 fs	100 ps
Energy range	5 - 25 keV	5 keV - 25 keV - > 60 keV
# of photons/pulse	$10^{13}$ - $10^{12}$ on target, focused	10 <sup>10</sup> -10 <sup>9</sup> -10 <sup>8</sup> from source, w/o optics
bandwidth	SASE and seeded (~0.1% bw)	~3% bw - ~1% bw

#### **XFEL: observing ultrafast phase transitions**

#### how fast is a phase transition?

- magnetic phase transitions may occur on the order of 100 ps or quicker
  - (only electronic response, spin state changes)
- Crystallographic twinning may occur of order < 100 ps (work by Sebastien Merkel et al.)
- structural changes might also be as fast as 100 ps (of order phonon dynamics)
  - Fastest phase transition = typical phonon period example Bi (467 fs, electronic) XRD oscillations
  - ► References:
    - · Work by Norimasa Osaki & Marion Harmand
    - proton heating results in fast phase transition work by Pelka et al., PRL **105** (2010): melting < 18 ps</li>
       Y. Sentoku et al., Physics of Plasmas 14, 122701 (2007)
       P. K. Patel et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 91, 125004 (2003)
- if a (transient) phase lives for less than 100 ps, measurements are blurred due averaging over different states when done at synchrotron





## **XFEL:** transient phases, 90° geometry XRD, PCI

For strong (fast) shocks, 100 ps could be on the (long) edge for hydrodynamic evolution in strong shocks (ramps might be safe).



- 90° geometry (90° between shock propagation and x-rays)
  Diagnostics could be phase contrast imaging (PCI) and/or diffraction (XRD) *Nagler, Schropp et al., RSI 87, 103701 (2016)*
  - Shock speed 10 km/s = 1 nm/ 100 fs = 1 μm/ 100 ps
  - sharpness and fringes in shock front may be blurred
  - Fine structure in shock front (denting, instability growth, ....) might be washed out
- Additionally, PCI might need the higher photon number and coherence of an XFEL → talk by A. Schropp



Schropp et al., Sci. Rep 2015, 5, 11089

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#### Synchrotron: XRD, XANES

#### XRD $\rightarrow$ generally better done at synchrotrons

- Higher photon energy than 25 keV (current limit at XFEL.EU)
- large detectors that are already available.
- However, XFELs have advantages for:
  - Combine XRD with collective (plasmon) IXS → need < 10 keV photon energy</p>
  - Transient and/or ultrafast phase transitions, high strain rates (strong shocks)

Do we benefit from "snapshots" in shorter than a phonon period?

- XANES  $\rightarrow$  generally better done at synchrotrons
  - wider bandwidth 1-3% b.w. (after upgrade)
- Shot-to-shot reproducibility
  - no SASE spikes, XFELs lack good incident spectrum monitor
- Expert for XANES at XFELs  $\rightarrow$  talk by Marion Harmand

### **Emission spectroscopy**

Typically, the X-ray K $\beta$  line shapes are analyzed

- x-ray emission scan of K-edges (pumping, IPD)
   Narrow bandwidth → XFEL
  - x-ray resonant / two-photon (DCH, beat the Auger clock)
    inigh intensity & short pulses → XFEL

Potential challenge for both facilities:

- fluorescence/IXS from plasma might be stronger than X-ray emission
  - $\rightarrow$  More photons at XFEL might be an advantage

#### **IXS Plasmon Perspectives at HED**

Seeding available, 4-bounce monochromator available,  $\Delta E \sim 1 eV$ 

HAPG spectrometers on curved rails to scan scattering angles

Measure plasmon dispersion in compressed matter ~ 1Mbar

Distinguish between collision models and local field corrections





## hrIXS perspectives at HED, European XFEL



Dynamic ion structure factor allows accessing

- disipative processesviscosity
- thermal conductivity
- diffusive modes at  $\Delta k=0$

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Courtesy P. Mabey et al., under review

#### x-ray pump-probe – fs dynamic response

HED x-ray beam split & delay line (SDL) – wavefront division

Multi-layer mirrors --- Variable delay up to ~23 ps (5 keV), ~4 ps (15 keV), 2 ps (20 keV)



S. Roling, H. Zacharias, et al., SPIE conf 8504, 850407 (2012) BMBF project 05K10PM2 University of Münster

- → measure ultrafast dynamic response (electron-electron, electron-ion equilibration)
- $\rightarrow$  with 2 subsequent fs x-ray pulses launched into sample
- $\rightarrow$  reach astrophysically relevant states at  $\rho > \rho_0$  with pre-compressed samples
- → conductivity of deeper layers of Jupiter, conductivity of eath core-mantle boundary



## Summary

#### European XFEL, HED instrument:

- IC1 for very flexible setups, IXS, 90° etc.
- HIBEF IC2 as standard high quality XRD platform
  - concept similar in scope the XRD part of the HPLF proposal.

#### Synchrotron cases:

- XRD
- XANES

#### XFEL cases:

- Collective IXS: plasmons, ion acoustic waves (hrIXS)
- Emission spectroscopy
- Repetition rate (need: refreshing targets & ablator concept)
- Ultrafast X-ray pump-probe
- XRD in 90°, phase contrast imaging



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#### SASE2 milestones II/II

Early 2018 Commission the tunnel and optics hutch devices with X-rays

- up to the beam stop between optics and experiments hutch
- HED tunnel devices: CRLs, monochromator, split-and-delay line
- HED optics hutch: slits, attenuators, CRLs, spectrometer, monitors
- Spring 2018 mechanical setups around the IC1 commissioning in full swing
  - Slits, differential pumping stages from IC1, laser beam transport
  - step-by-step commissioning with x-rays, starting from the optics hutch up to beam stop
  - rooms will be interlocked frequently and access is limited
- Delivery of multi-100-TW class laser and DiPOLE laser to HED laser room
  - Unpacking, setup and full-scale commissioning will take a minimum of 6-9 months.
  - Summer 2018: start of early user operation
    - Experiments in IC1, x-ray only (plus split-and-delay unit).
- End-2018: as soon as the pump-probe (PP) laser (up to 2.5 mJ short pulse at 800 nm / up to 40 mJ at 1030 nm @ 1 ps) is available, this laser can be commissioned at HED and thereafter provided for user experiments.
- 2019: Tentatively, we do not expect availability of the large HIBEF laser systems before 2019.
  HED instrument fully operational spring 2019.

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