

Development of a laser-driven shock compression platform at the ID09 beamline of the ESRF-EBS

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Introduction

An ongoing revolution in the field of HEDP

- Coupling of new dynamic compression platforms with large scale X-ray facilities
 - Can probe matter *in situ* under extreme conditions of pressure and temperature
 - Temporal and spatial scales commensurate with those of microscopic simulations



Different X-ray techniques allowing to probe various physical phenomena

• XRD, XAS, XES, PCI, ...



An ongoing revolution in the field of HEDP

Implementation of dynamic compression platforms @ all the major large scale X-ray facilities



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Development of a 100 J, 10 Hz laser for compression experiments at the High Energy Density instrument at the European XFEL

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HPLF-I = 100 J laser + XAS + line VISAR

Fully operational



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HPLF-II = Laser upgrade to 200 J IR / 140 J Green + extend to XRD, XRI, XES

Foreseen in the future

LTP HC-4528 submitted on ID09 in 2021 to pave the way for HPLF-II

A few words about the ID09 beamline



Beamline fully dedicated to time-resolved X-ray scattering/diffraction experiments

- Part of the Complex System and Biomedical Sciences (CBS) group at ESRF
- Custom advanced system of fast choppers and shutters → phenomena can be tracked as a function of time with 100 ps resolution up to seconds (or more)
- Phenomena investigated = chemical or biological reactions, light-induced phase transitions in solid-state samples, laser-induced structural changes in colloidal systems
- ID09 has greatly benefited from the EBS upgrade (enhanced spectral purity of the beam)
 - Significant reduction of the second harmonic contamination
 - Bandwidth reduction (~ 1.5%)
 - Higher symmetry of the peak shape

Ultrafast pump–probe experiments, can now be performed with a 5-fold higher flux without employing any multilayer monochromator





Past solid state XRD experiments on ID09

- Already used to study phase transitions in solids at moderate pressure
 - Experiments on Sn and Bi



Observation of the shock-induced β -Sn to b.c.t.-Sn transition using time-resolved X-ray diffraction

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Rapid Communication

Kinetics and structural changes in dynamically compressed bismuth

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But maximum pressure limited by the absence of vacuum chamber

• Confined interaction scheme $\rightarrow P_{max} \leq 15 \text{ GPa}$

2 The laser shock compression platform

The laser shock compression platform project @ ID09

A lot of compromises

- Space constraint in ID09
 - > Fit inside ID09's hutch without removing anything !
 - > Use the existing laser beam path \rightarrow beam diameter < 25 mm
- Financial constraint → budget allocated ~ 400 k€
- Time constraint → start as soon as possible to fit with the initial schedule for HPLF-II



Industrial on the shelf laser coupled with a point VISAR/PDV system

Overview of the new laser-shock platform

Main components

- Custom EKSPLA ANL5kSS-SH laser system
 - > 5 J @ 1064 nm, 3,5 J @ 532 nm, 6.3 ns Gaussian pulse, near-field super Gaussian spatial profile
- Custom 3D printed vacuum chamber developed by ESRF's Sample Environment Support team
- Rayonix MX170-HS CCD detector
- Custom portable point Valyn VISAR system



Overview of the new laser-shock platform

- A few details
 - 18° angle between laser and X-rays
 - Adjustable delay between laser and X-rays
 - > Up to seconds by steps of 10 ps (controlled by CITY board)
 - Measured by an ultra-fast Hamamatsu S2383 photodiode coupled with a Picosecond Pulselabs 5531 High Voltage Bias Tee
 - > t=0 corresponds to X-rays located at the left foot of the laser pulse
 - Adjustable focal spot
 - > Silios DOE components (250 μ m to 1 mm)
 - 1 cm diameter samples
 - Glued with low viscosity epoxy
 - Brass holder
 - Between 5 and 9 shots on each sample







Breliminary results on Fe and Tin

First experiment on Fe

- Fe samples = 50 μm Black Kapton + 25 μm Fe + (500 μm LiF)
 - 25 μ m thick high purity rolled foils purchased from GoodFellow
 - SEM + EBSD observations
 - > Elongated grains and strong texturing typical of a rolling microstructure



1D simulation 2 phases EOS with JMAK kinetics



t = 16.5 ns



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t = 16.5 ns

-65

z (μm)

15

t (ns)

20

-55

-50

-60

25





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We do not observe a full transition to the ϵ *hcp* high pressure phase and always have some residual α *bcc* phase

Fe XRD data

Pre-shot





Significant memory effect

pre-shot

+28 ns

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Comparison with Righi et al.

Righi *et al.,* Acta Mat. 257, 119148 (2023)

• Strong texturation \rightarrow Pawley and Le Bail refinements instead of Rietveld refinement





Fe VISAR data



Fe results: VISAR data





Experiment on tin

- Tin samples = 50 μm Black Kapton + 25 μm Sn + (500 μm LiF)
 - 25 μ m high purity Sn foils purchased from GoodFellow
 - SEM + EBSD observations
 - Large grains (> 100 μm)
 - > Grain boundaries perpendicular to the surface \rightarrow quasi-columnar structure \rightarrow no XRD peaks !













Full transition to the high pressure δ phase under shock, followed by a release in the γ and β phases passing through the triple point

Tin results







CONCLUSION



LTP HC-4528 launched in 2021, really started in 2023

- The laser shock compression platform is now operational
- First successful experiments on Fe, Sn, Zr and Ti

Work plan for 2024

- 2 new experiments
 - > Other materials, different pressures, ...
 - > Reach higher pressures and probe liquid in Pb, Sn, or Bi
- Evolutions of the setup
 - > Couple our resistive heating system (up to 900 K) with the vacuum chamber
 - > New fibered triature PDV system \rightarrow on the fly velocity measurements
 - > On the fly laser diagnostics
 - New DOEs

Opening to collaboration planned in 2025

Think about it ...



ID09 beamline visit Mikhail Kozhaev's poster



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