



Science at

Single Pass X-ray FELs





SASE FEL: Shot by shot fluctuations





spectral distribution (13.7 nm, 90 eV)



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- Transform-limited bandwidth
- Full longitudinal coherence
- Suppression of fluctuations





Resonant two-photon absorption





He⁺: 24.587 eV He²⁺: 54.416 eV He 1s – 2s: 19.8 eV

Evidence for non-sequential resonant two photon absorption



hv(*FEL*) = 38.5 eV



Energy levels from: Zhen-sheng Yuan et al., Physical Review A 70, 062706 (2004)

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Results: Transient Reflectivity



time resolved microscopy



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Results: surface morphology - GaAs









fs opt. laser







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MPI-K @ FLASH



I. Highly Charged Ions



II. Molecular Ions

FLASH-light

Impact of studying highly charged ions





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Highly charged ions (HCIs) play an essential role in hightemperature terrestrial plasmas, they are everywhere in the universe providing us with direct and unique information on the composition and state of matter of even the most distant known objects.

Besides their importance in plasma and astrophysics, HCI provide an ideal testing ground for forefront atomic structure theory.

The most important problem, is that leading one-photon exchange contributions from bound state quantum electro dynamics (QED) not only scale with about the fourth power of the nuclear charge Z, but moreover, cannot be calculated in a perturbative way since the expansion parameter $Z\alpha$, with α =1/137 being the fine-structure constant, approaches almost unity for uranium.

Epp, Crespo López-Urrutia, Brenner, Mäckel, Ullrich et al.



Highly charged ions: Testing QED





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• typical present accuracy: $\Delta\lambda/\lambda = 10^{-3}-10^{-4}$

 high average brilliance needed

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FEL average brilliance





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Laser spectroscopy on trapped highly charged ions





Electron beam ion trap (EBIT)





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EBIT trap region



für Kernohysil





Transverse cross section of the EBIT trap region illustrating the various ports dedicated to X-ray detection with two Ge-detectors as well as the grazing incidence flat-grating spectrometer for the VUV and the atomic beam injection

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$2 {}^{2}S_{1/2}$ to $2 {}^{2}P_{1/2}$ line of Li-like Fe²³⁺ at 48 eV







2D plot of the fluorescence signal as a function of the photon arrival time relative to the FEL pulse. Inset: Projection of the 2D representation onto the energy axis yielding the number of photons (white squares) per 5 meV photon energy interval as a function of photon energy

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HELMHOLTZ Producing samples of trapped cold molecules GEMEINSCHAFT









Nature 406 (2000) 491

10⁴-10⁵ oriented molecules in a volume of 2x2x25 mm³

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The merging of molecular beam methods and accelerator physics methods has yielded new tools to produce samples of state-selected and spatially oriented, ground-state molecules at mK temperatures.

- ND₃ molecules and OH radicals have been trapped at densities of 10⁷-10⁸/cm3 and at temperatures of 1-50 mK.
- An AC electric trap for ground-state molecules has been demonstrated.
- Trapped molecules have been used to measure the lifetime of metastable states. Decelerated beams have been used for high-resolution spectroscopy. Near-threshold inelastic scattering experiments using molecular beams with a tunable velocity have been demonstrated.



Reviews: Int. Rev. Phys. Chem. 22 (2003) 73 Adv. in At., Mol., and Opt. Phys. 52 (2005) 209 Ann. Rev. Phys. Chem. 57 (2006) 159 Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. 8 (2006) 2666

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Imaging of a single bio-molecule





Oversampling: J. Miao, K.O. Hodgson and D. Sayre, PNAS 98 (2001) 6641-6645

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Determination of 3D structure will require multiple samples and multiple orientations





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Interaction of intense soft X-rays with atomic and molecular clusters



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Goal: Understanding the interaction of high intensity, short-wavelength, short-pulse radiation with matter which is essential for future FEL experiments.



Example: Photo dissociation

Questions asked:

- which multi-photon processes are observed
- cross sections (surface, bulk)
- which ions are prepared (charge state, electronically excited states)
- life time of intermediate states
- high-order harmonic generation

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First FEL Cluster Experiment at 100 nm





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H. Wabnitz et al., Nature <u>420</u>, 482 (2002)



Coulomb explosion of Xenon clusters with ~ 300 atoms





multi-photon absorption at 100 nm



Absorption of ~40 photons per atom

Plasma absorption and thermionic effects are considered the dominant processes like for IR and visible light.

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Imaging of nano-particles in the gas phase by single shot diffraction



From time of flight mass spectra one concludes that the ions ejected from the cluster move with about 104 m/s, i.e. ions move ~ 3 Å in 30 fs and clusters stay essentially intact during exposure time.



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From the width of the intensity distribution of the scattered light the cluster radius is determined to range between 15 – 60 nm with an error of less than 10 nm. For the lowest nozzle temperatures the radius of the clusters is about two times larger than predicted by thermodynamic scaling laws.



The intensity of the FEL beam was sufficient to record scattering patterns when the FEL beam was attenuated to 1%. Therefore time resolved studies with pump and probe techniques making use of the first and the third harmonic of the FEL will be possible.

Möller et al

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Single Shot Photoemission





Towards single shot time resolved pump–probe spectroscopy for non-reversible dynamics.

At high peak brilliance space charge limitations.

Towards novel spectroscopic tools:

Resonant inelastic X–ray scattering (RIXS) of excited, non–equilibrium states.



Cu subshell photoionization cross section at 38.29 eV: 3d: 9.934 Mb/atom 4s: 0.041 Mb/atom

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Challenges for Science at FEL Facilities





FLASH	 FEL process: pulse shaping e- and photon beam diagnostics, synchronization
LCLS	 mechanical stability (10 fs ↔ 3 μm) interaction of FEL beam with matter
SCSS	 sample preparation sample environment (pump lasers, synchronization)
European XFEL	 detector development data processing and analysis

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New experimental domain





Accelerator Science & Particle Physics methodology

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