Exotic Behavior of Matter at Extreme Densities Extreme Densities

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Earth

Central Pressure: 360 GPa Central Temperature: 6000 K Rocky Silicate Mantle



Saturn

Stewart McWilliams



















These large lasers allow us to explore very extreme pressures and densities



Stixrude, 2008

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How does chemistry change at extreme densities?

What is the effect of core electrons on bonding? Nature of insulator-metal transitions at high densities

What is a solid at > 10 Mbar?

Melt, strength, phase at ultra high densities

How fast can you squish matter?

What is the nature of helium or hydrogen at the density of lead?

Chemistry at low pressure

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+ Actinide Series

- Filling of s, p, d, ... orbitals
- Simple structures





Chemistry at High pressure





Hemley

High pressure shock conditions: determine shock and particle speed with a shock speedometer (VISAR)





$$\rho_{o}(U_{s}) = \rho(U_{s} - U_{P})$$

$$P = \rho_{0} U_{s} U_{P}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} P(1/\rho_{o} - 1/\rho)$$

Determine shock temperature with pyrometer









Carbon, a key constituent of Neptune and an ablator candidate for fusion, is also quite complicated at hi-P







By measuring shock velocities very accurately we determine pressure and density to a few percent





Shock temperature data show a strong signature at melt revealing the carbon melt curve from 6 to 11 Mbar



Temperature data from 2-shock compression was used to determine the melt curve of carbon to 20 Mbar



Reflectivity measurements show Carbon melts from the diamond phase to a liquid metal





• In fact several materials become conducting upon melt (MgO, SiO2, ..) This is not what one would expect from simple condensed matter theory

Finally this carbon metallic fluid phase is also partially bonded up to 20 Mbar and 30kK



Again this is seen in many materials, MgO, MgSiO₃, SiO2...

This is not predicted by Ab-initio models

Several materials seem to become conductors and have complex chemistry just above melting



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McWilliams

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To generate colder dense states with lasers, just tune laser intensity versus time





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Ramp compression techniques can now explore solids at unprecedented pressures





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In a couple of years we will be exploring solids at 30 to 100 Mbar





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Combining lasers, pulse power, guns and DAC's allow us to vary ramp compression rates by more than 10¹³





How do solids deform under dynamic compression and how fast can you squish a solid



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Dennis Grady Smith, Eggert et al.

Dennis Grady

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Celliers

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Below melt shocks have significant structure 4.5 Mbar, 200 nm xtals



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Velocity fluctuations show characteristic defect mode and scaling which will hopefully give solid viscosity

- High levels of heterogeneity in the solid phase
- Approximately 40-fold reduction in the fluctuation power near the onset of melting
- Does this suggest melt nucleation size?





For elastic-plastic solids (Si and Fe), elastic-plastic transition is smooth, but significant structure exists after a phase transition



In general, the elastic-plastic transition increases with increasing strain rate

Yield stress also increases with with strain rate (decreasing thickness)



Same behavior exists for Ta, W, Fe, Si



The plastic flow is also strain rate dependent for several materials





Here we equate strength with deviatoric stress $Y = \frac{3}{4} \left[\sigma(\rho) - P(\rho) \right]$

Al is in the phonon drag regime at ~ 10⁸/sec strain rates

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The easiest way to locate phase boundaries is to look at the wave profile under ramp loading





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We observe a logarithmic dependence of overpressurization with strain rate for $\varepsilon > 5x10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$

The logarithmic increase in overpressurization is pretty general



We need to determine final phase with a different technique

We use powder diffraction + ramp compression to explore ultra-high pressure phases









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Simultaneous measurements of velocity and diffraction gives compressibility and phase







EXAFS data is used to determine local order, structure, temperature in a 50 ps snapshot





Best fit to EXAFS data at 3 Mbar shows HCP structure, compression =1.55, T=6000 K

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EXAFS diffraction, and wave profile data are consistent and give P-rho-T and structure







How do we study materials that are significantly more compressible, such as H and He





Use diamond cells to pre-compress H/He Then use shocks or ramps to compress to many g/cc

He/H2 data give insight to the insulatorconductor transition of the mixture



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Reflectivity data show He becomes conducting near ~1 Mbar, and perhaps a metal at 1.8 g/cc





Exploring the matter at the deepest interiors of large planets is filled with surprizes





It is difficult to travel to other planets and explore the deep interior

It is a bold new era for exploring matter at extreme conditions



Initial "low pressure" dynamic diffraction on Fe used single crystals=>gave phase, pathway, morphology



•Recall shock and ramp waves become rough after phase transition

Kalantar, Wark et al., PRL 05 Hawreliak, Wark et al., PRB 06 Hawreliak, et al. PRB 08

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