LETTER OF INTENT FOR STUDIES OF ULTRAFAST PROCESSES IN CONDENSED MATTER

SUMMARY

This LOI is centred around the tasks within the European Marie-Curie Research Training Network "FLASH". The unifying scientific aim of **FLASH** is to exploit recently developed ultrafast pulsed X-ray technology, together with complementary methodologies so as to open new windows on fundamental processes in photo-chemistry and photophysics. Connections with the ERATO project in Japan through a French partner and other collaborations are manifested through the participation of Japanese scientists in this LOI.

Within this collaboration involving about 40 scientists, we intend to investigate the temporal evolution of matter following excitation by short laser pulses. Using time-resolved x-ray diffraction we will follow atomic motions in real time.

The LOI involves utilizing LCLS as a part of a wider theme where x-ray and visible pump/probe methodologies, as well as theoretical development and molecular dynamics simulations are employed. We will address key scientific issues as the role of optical phonons in phase-transitions, describing non-equilibrium states of matter, identifying intermediate complexes in chemical reactions, using shock-waves to probe and control matter, triggering by light coherent macroscopic switching and domain-reversal in materials (ferroelectric or other ones).

Driving phase-transitions with compression waves		
Optical phonon-softening during phase-transitions		
Phase-transitions in semi-metals and metals		
Multi-photon damage of material		
Molecular switching and photo-induced phase transitions		
Ferro-electric phase-transitions		
Charge-transfer reaction dynamics		
Coherent phenomena in the disordered phase		

EXPERIMENTS

Direct visualisation of atomic movements on the sub-ps time scale through time resolved X-ray scattering will break new ground in material physics and chemistry. Several non-equilibrium problems of both scientific and technological interest will be studied with X-ray probes, visible probes and theoretical calculations [1-15].

Driving phase-transitions with compression waves

The vast majority of methods used to diagnose shock waves in solids measure macroscopic parameters, and give no information on the lattice level. On the other hand, X-ray diffraction affords the possibility to directly measure the lattice spacing, and potentially the phase, of materials, as they are shocked to pressures up to a few Mbars, where shock melting typically takes place. The fundamental physics of such shock waves remains elusive – that is to say, the exact mechanisms by which the material behind a strong shock rapidly attains hydrostatic conditions is poorly understood. **We anticipate a**

breakthrough where in situ x-ray diffraction can shed considerable light on these issues, as it allows the measurement of elastic strain. We will use X-ray diffraction to directly measure the lattice spacing, and potentially the phase, of materials, as they are shocked to pressures up to a few Mbars, where shock melting typically takes place. It has not previously been possible to follow shock-driven phase-transitions with high temporal resolution in real time. Ultrafast melting has been shown to occur in semiconductors, but using a multi-peak analysis (rather than a single Bragg peak), the motion of atoms could be followed in real time showing possible new phases just prior to melting. The work being done in the project goes well beyond the present state of the art knowledge of phase transitions. The mechanisms studied are responsible for the refractive index modification of dielectric materials processed with ultrashort pulses. The study of single crystalline dielectric materials will help in understanding the modification mechanisms (i.e. chemical modification, densification by pressure, defect formation) present. The broad applicability of refractive index modification spans information storage and direct waveguide manufacturing. In order to better understand the deformation mechanisms that take place in crystalline solids subject to shock compression (Wark) have been using molecular dynamics techniques to model motion at the atomic level. Calculations can involve up to 108 atoms with the equations of motion for each atom solved for periods of up to a few picoseconds. Wark has developed X-ray diffraction post-processors to these simulations which give sophisticated predictions for the expected diffraction patterns expected when femtosecond duration X-rays are scattered from the shocked samples. The insights gained are giving considerable insight into new methods of diagnosing deformation mechanisms and rates on both a temporal and length scale hitherto inaccessible, and will, we believe, result in a deeper understanding of how materials respond under ultra high strain rates.

OPTICAL PHONON-SOFTENING DURING PHASE-TRANSITIONS

Upon femtosecond laser excitation strong changes of the effective potential energy surfaces, which determine the equilibrium structure of a solid, can be induced. This may lead to atomic rearrangement even on a sub-picosecond time-scale. A very exciting example is the sub-picosecond solid-liquid phase transition induced by femtosecond laser-irradiation in covalently bonded semiconductors. This process is often called <u>non-thermal melting</u> since the transition takes place on a time scale much shorter than the time required to transfer the energy from the excited electrons to the thermal motion of the lattice, which is of the order of several picoseconds. Using a novel multi-peak diffraction analysis, time resolved on the femtosecond time scale, we plan to study the onset of non-thermal melting and track the coherent and incoherent atomic displacements (acoustical and optical phonons) near the melting threshold to understand the contribution, if any, of these atomic vibrations to the whole dynamics.

The unprecedented flux at LCLC will allow for studies of photo-induced phase transitions in solid-matter by diffuse scattering. This x-ray scattering technique provides many more details about microscopic changes during the transition than the integrated intensity in the Bragg spot. This technique could be applied to photo-excitation of single crystals (e.g. melting type transitions or solid-solid transitions) and to phase formations.

Sondhauss and Wark have extended the Takagi-Taupin theory in order to model optical phonons. By splitting up the susceptibility into the contributions from each atom in a unit-cell modifications to the structure factor, as well as lattice parameter, are taken into account. The result is a compact, surprisingly simple equation with a strong formal similarity to classical Takagi-Taupin equation, with the latter included as a special case.

MOLECULAR SWITCHING AND PHOTO-INDUCED PHASE TRANSITIONS

The ultra-fast macroscopic switching of materials in solid state opens new avenues for the manipulation of matter with light and it will present, in fact, a high potential for new keys in industrial innovation. Indeed, information storage in materials is based up to now on switching kinetics governed by slow thermal activated nucleation-growth processes above the ns time-scale. Switching in a macroscopic or nano-structured material triggered by coherent motions (molecular, domain wall, ...) would signify a technological breakthrough. Especially, in relation with the investigated molecular materials, there is a large demand in optical information processing (ultra-fast writing and/or erasing) and optical devices for telecommunication applications (large spectral photo-induced changes). In addition, the (dis)appearance of magnetic species controlled by light (as in spin transition systems) supplies a new channel for information storage. This is coming up in molecular materials by virtue of photo-induced co-operative and coherent change in molecular identity, such as its charge state and/or spin state. Thus in some unconventional photo-active materials, the structural relaxation of the localised or delocalized excited states following the absorption of photons are not independent, as in conventional excitonic or photo-chemical processes, or for the conventional excitation of coherent collective phonons, but entails a photo-induced phase transition towards a new lattice structure and electronic order, as discovered during pioneering works performed in Japan. This gives the possibility of an ultra-fast tuning of optical, magnetic, dielectric and other macroscopic physical properties of materials by light pulse stimuli. This also opens the way for light to induce symmetry breaking from a stable high temperature phase and so to establish a new self-organised long-range order. In addition light pulse driven coherent reversal of domain orientations (ferroelectric or other ones) appears possible with the control of the interplay between the number of excited molecules and the amplitude of the related soft mode. Indications of such processes have already been observed [16].

The exceptional possibilities of ultra-fast X-ray techniques promise direct access to see an assembly of a huge number of molecules in a crystal moving in a regimented way and getting self-organized. This provides an outstanding opportunity for the direct observation of the dynamics of photo-induced co-operative phenomena as recently shown in pioneering works [17]. These takes place intrinsically at different scales (spatial and temporal): sub-ps precursor phenomena, such as formation of (1D, 2D or 3D) dynamical nano-domains (diffuse scattering) and the excitation of coherent phonons and non-linear excitations, 3D ordering and macroscopic transformation triggering phase separation at ps time scale. In addition, the collection of complete diffraction data, needing short wavelength and large detector, will give access to the precise structural determination of the photo-induced states (average structure) at different stages, from the precursor phenomena to the establishment of the new metastable macroscopic state (in general phase coexistence). It will take advantage of the experience and methodological progress acquired around synchrotron and present fs sources. In the same way, a close coupling with optical pump-probe progresses is needed.

FERRO-ELECTRIC PHASE-TRANSITIONS

We will investigate solids exhibiting displacive structural phase transitions (soft mode dynamics). Focus will be given to materials commonly used in optics technology (e.g. KDP), as quantum paraelectric systems.

CHARGE-TRANSFER REACTION DYNAMICS

A set of fundamental light-triggered reactions in the solid state apply the so-called topochemical principle. Depending on the chromophore packing, photoactivity is selectively given or not, i.e. reactions with transition state geometries which are not

allowed by the crystal packing are strongly disfavoured. These crystal-packing properties of reactants have far-reaching consequences e.g. for optical applications of such materials, e.g., photo-driven nanometer-scale actuators or holographic and three-dimensional memories, as the reversible morphological changes of blue-white photochromic diarylene crystals show. Unfortunately, no detailed time-resolved studies have been carried out in order to understand their kinetics and structural mechanisms. We will focus our attention on how reactants form a transient phase following the absorption of a photon and the structural characterisation, by sub-picosecond to picosecond x-ray diffraction studies, of the fast intermediates within the reaction cavity. Structural results from MPIBPC and ESRF suggest that it is possible to follow such photo-induced solid-state dimerisation reactions. The planned experiments will shed light on how the topochemical principle and how the photo-chemical dynamics of medium-sized systems can be strongly affected by their immediate environment. This understanding will prove instrumental as crystals with novel optical properties are to be tailored.

COHERENT PHENOMENA IN THE DISORDERED PHASE

Complementary to the proposals suggested above we wish to study the light-driven dissociation and elimination reactions of halide and aromatic compounds in the solution and amorphous phase (*ie.* films and liquids). These experiments would benefit from the gain in flux when compared with the SPPS facilitating the visualisation of coherent motions in disordered systems at low concentrations. In particular, for dissociation and elimination reactions, the so-called transition state dynamics are structurally uncharacterised. The unique temporal and spatial resolution foreseen at the LCLS will enable us to characterise atomic movements on the time-scale of bond breaking and formation, as well as coherent motions. The scientific impact of these experiments is underpinned by the fact that it is these motions which control the outcome of the photochemical reaction. As an extension we would like to use the experimental setup to control and select the photochemical products in solution.

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institute	Time-Resolved X-ray Diffraction
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Oxford	and Coherent Phonon Studies
Uppsala	Photo-activated chemistry, Femtosecond spectroscopy Liquid-
University	phase dynamics
LOA, CNRS	Facility for ultra-fast visible pump/X-ray probe experiments. X-
Paris	ray diffraction investigations of solid-state physics and chemistry
ESRF	Facility for visible pump/X-ray probe experiments. Investigations
Grenoble	of chemical reactions in liquids
UR1	Co-operative molecular switching in solid state
Rennes	Photo-induced electronic and structural phase transitions
Chalmers	Diffuse scattering
Göteborg	
CSIC	Light induced phase-transitions in solids
Madrid	Thin-film sample manufacturing
IEP-UDE	Facilities for optical pump-probe experiments and optical pump/X-
Essen	ray probe experiments. X-ray diffraction studies of ultrafast
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DESY	Co-operative molecular switching
Hamburg	Photo-induced phase transitions
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BEAMLINE

We wish to make use of a femtosecond laser synchronized to the X-FEL with as high an accuracy as possible. If that accuracy is below 50 fs a signal measuring the delay with that accuracy is useful.

We envision the beamline as a low-vacuum beamline with a high level of flexibility. A relatively large 1m³ vacuum chamber with ports for diagnostics. Fast pumping times to reach 10⁻⁶ torr and access through a door. Sample goniometer, laser mirror and mounts, detectors, should be possible to mount in vacuum chamber. Some experiments may be best suitable to be conducted in air. Health hazards due to ozon formation and other issues related to the beam interacting with air, may require that a helium atmosphere is considered.

- Vacuum chamber with pumps (\$50 000)
- In-vacuum 4-6 axis goniometer (\$500 000)
- Sample rastering (\$50 000)
- CCD-cameras and Image plates as detectors. (\$1 000 000)
- Fast photodiodes for timing monitoring+ >5 GHz analog bandwidth oscilloscope. (\$50 000)
- Ce: Yag crystals or other scheme to measure spatial overlap
- X-ray and laser pulse energy monitor on shot-to-shot basis. (\$ 10 000)
- Equivalent plane setup for measuring spatial mode of visible laser. (\$10 000)

- Monochromators with 10⁻² and 10⁻⁴ bandwidth. (\$ 1 000 000)
- Variable focusing of X-ray beam 100 nm / 10 micron / 1 mm (\$ 200 000)
- Laser beam transport (\$100 000)
- Laser safety equipment (personal and laboratory) (\$ 100 000)
- Samples and diagnostics for each experiment (\$200 000)
- OPG \$200 000
- Femtosecond laser
- A laser with 30 fs pulse length and \geq 5 mJ pulse synchronized to the LCLS at 120 Hz. (\$500 000)
- Pulse-shaping capabilities for laser (\$100 000)
- Solution phase flow cell environment compatable with vacuum chamber. (\$ 50 000)
- Acoustic tweezers for sample manipulation (\$ 20 000)
- Travel costs from Europe and Japan will also need to be covered as well as salaries for post-docs working on the project (\$400 000 per year)
- Set-up for visible pump-probe experiments to be carried out simultaneously as additional diagnostic and as preparation for X-ray experiments. (\$100 000)

Financial support:

EU

Development of equipment could be supported by the European Union through STREP programmes. Development of the samples and diagnostics for individual experiments are expected to be supported by national funding agencies. Samples and diagnostics tested out at 3rd generation sources available within the collaboration.

National

So far concrete plans for co-financing has started in Germany and Sweden.

Germany:

DESY has asked for specific money for contributions to SPPS & LCLS for the years 2005-2006. There are also plans to establish an R&D effort for detectors suitable for usage at the XFELs. Both proposals are currently evaluated by our funding institutions.

Sweden:

An application for travel costs and experimental equipment for research LCLS is under preparation. This is a joint application involving Jorgen Larsson, Janos Hajdu and Richard Neutze.

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We consider this LOI to be in category A.

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