## Advances of HED physics through co-location of PW lasers and X-ray lasers

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X-ray lasers probe High Energy Density Plasmas to resolve questions on producing and diagnosing fusion plasmas and their environment SLAC

- Validate simulations of the most extreme plasma phenomena
  - *Particle in Cell (PIC)* simulations predict novel plasma accelerators, instabilities that lead to high-energy cosmic rays
- Understanding the conditions of burning plasmas
  - Test Density Functional Theory (DFT) for alpha stopping and plasma heating to simulate nuclear burn waves
- Predict material behavior in extreme fusion plasma environments
  - Knowledge of inter-atomic potential for Molecular Dynamics (MD) modeling of ultrafast behavior/design of new materials

A high-energy, petawatt laser will produce plasmas in support of DOE missions

### **Extreme Conditions**

#### **Fusion Material Science**

**Basic Plasma Science** 

Inside of a tokamak

### LCLS is essentially a 2-mile long atomic-scale camera with a femtosecond "shutter speed"



LCLS: coherent, extreme brightness x-rays (>10<sup>9</sup> increase over prior sources) resolve collective plasma waves and structures



LCLS operates 24 hours/day with 95% beam availability as an open-access User Facility

## Matter in extreme conditions (MEC) instrument is supporting the science



**€10** μm

Combined X-ray beam and highpower lasers in large target chamber



MFX

Long pulse and short pulse lasers



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### LCLS brings unique capabilities to study high-energy density plasmas

Fine spectral control



Ultra short pulses

am Direction



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MEC

## SLAC has delivered a world-leading program in HED science with X-ray lasers



Visualizing Nano-plasmas with Small Angle X-ray Scattering (SAXS)

Data validate PIC modeling

#### M. Mo et al, Science Adv. (2019)





Ultrafast heterogeneous melting

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Data demonstrate sensitivity to material defects

*E. McBride et al, Nature Physics (2019) S. Brown et al. Science Adv. (2019)* 



Silicon failure in extreme conditions

Data indicate phase transition below elastic limit

Beginning of 2020, LCLS-II will provide a major leap in performance both in high energy and multi-bunch trains greatly benefitting this research

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# LLNL and SLAC are leading the publication list in HED science with X-ray Lasers



# Studies of Matter in Extreme Conditions have received wide public attention



# SLAC HED is bringing the HED community to MEC and LCLS



- >100 attendees
- 40% students/postdocs
- 15 Universities
- 5 National Labs
- 8 Company Sponsors
- Reports J. Syn. Rad., Pow. Diff.
- Present MEC experiments

### 7<sup>TH</sup> HIGH-POWER LASER WORKSHOP

September 26-27, 2019 SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory Menlo Park, CA

The 7th HPL workshop will be held co-jointly with the general LCLS users meeting to discuss recent progress in the field of high-energy density physics enabled by the Matter in Extreme Conditions instrument at LCLS. During the first day of the workshop the attendees are encouraged to take part in the general LCLS users meeting and further have technical sessions related to LCLS-II and the MEC instrument. The second day of the workshop is dedicated to presentations of recent experimental results from MEC users during Run 17 and a poster session to encourage discussion and exchange of future ideas in our field. The goal is to discuss the scientific opportunities at the MEC instrument, propose future standard configurations, and provide time to discuss important physics proposals and experimental needs for cutting-edge high-energy density physics at LCLS.

The workshop will provide opportunities for presentations by students and postdocs. Sponsor exhibits will be on display throughout the duration of the workshop.

#### Organizers:

Cindy Bolme, Los Alamos National Laboratory Gilliss Dyer, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory Siegfried Glenzer, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

#### Important Dates:

Poster abstracts due by: September 2, 2019 PDF of final poster due by: September 28, 2019 Registration deadline: September 18, 2019

Deadline for applications for student/postdoc support: August 23, 2019

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### We are planning the next MEC user meeting, HPL-VII, September 2019

## Proposal to upgrade MEC for leadership in HEDS science with X-ray Free Electron Lasers

- Expanded facility east of LCLS for new lasers, multiple shielded target areas
- MEC Upgrade
  - PW Laser
    - 10<sup>18</sup> Pa light pressure
  - Compression Laser:
    - 10<sup>12</sup> Pa material pressure
- Strongly supported by HEDS community:
  - NAS study, High Power Laser and Brightest Light Initiative Workshop
- Ensure preeminence in the field of HED





Nobel laureate Donna Strickland visiting MEC at LCLS

Project will position LCLS beyond any other XFEL in HEDS science capability.

## The Laser specs for the MEC upgrade are driven by the scientific missions within DOE

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- PW Laser: 150J, 150 fs, 1 μm, 10 Hz
- 10<sup>18</sup> Pa light pressure, Bright ion beams, Collision-less shocks
  - Compared to international competition
    - 10x higher repetition rate
    - 6x higher energy
    - 2x higher power



Producing bright sources of ions, neutrons and magnetic fields for fusion material science

- Compression Laser: 1 kJ, 20 ns, 0.35 μm, shot/minute
  - 10<sup>12</sup> Pa material pressure, Ablator physics, Unearthly materials
  - Compared to international competition
    - 10x higher energy at shot/minute
    - 2x higher energy at 10 Hz



Producing extreme material states through near isentropic compression

These lasers provide unparalleled capabilities to access and probe new states of matter

### **Opportunities for U.S. – ELI joint projects** SLAC Develop ultra-bright, high-energy radiation sources for pump-probe **4x40** μm<sup>2</sup> experiments Cryogenic H-Jet at Radiation damage cascades **Texas PW** Neutrons, Protons, heavy ions **Develop high rep rate target delivery** systems for high-intensity lasers Liquid jets/Cryogenic jets • Machine learning techniques for analysis Water of large data sets Jet at UED We have begun delivering > 1 million shots in laser experiments Q [A-1] 360 Hz High-repetition rate X-ray detectors

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data

Delay time (ps