Perspectives and challenges of accelerator-based ultrafast electron diffraction(UED) and microscopy(UEM)

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The most important part of science: observation



Ribosome, ATP, GPCR etc.; 1997, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012 Nobel prize in Chemistry



Quasi-crystal, super-resolved fluorescence microscopy; 2011 and 2014 Nobel prize in Chemistry

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Galaxy

Atom

The 3D static world is no longer a mystery to us

The BIG challenge

- All matter around us consists of atoms and electrons; their structure determines its properties.
- Any reaction or process is essentially defined by movement paths on an atomic level.
- Understanding the functionality requires observation with both high spatial and temporal resolution.





Horse galloping (Muybridge/Stanford, 1878) Molecular rotation (Wu, ECNU) Thymine dimer splitting (Zhong, OSU)

Pump-probe technique for ultrafast science



- A pumping pulse to initiate a dynamical process
- A pumping pulse drives the system out of equilibrium state
- Probing pulse measures the response
- Pumping pulse defines time zero
- Changing time delay to obtain a complete picture

Three probes in ultrafast science





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With positions of the ball and sportsman recorded, one can reproduce the process of jump-serving in volleyball.



Phase transition



An atomic view of phase transition in Aluminium

Science (2003)

Melted in a flash!



"How does the laser-excited, ordered solid know how to become disordered without letting its atoms bounce around a couple of times to find the new ground state?"

> Disorder & weak bond Bismuth

> > Nature (2009)

Strongly correlated electron materials







A step closer to visualizing the electron–phonon interplay in real time Bi2212: anisotropy electron–phonon

coupling within the CuO2 plane

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Strongly correlated electron materials

1T-TaS2, tr-ARPES

1T-TaS2, UED





Nature 468, 799 (2010)

PRL 97, 067402 (2006)

Chemical bond forming and breaking



keV UED resolution limit

$$(\Delta t)^{2} = (\Delta t_{laser})^{2} + (\Delta t_{e})^{2} + (\Delta t_{VM})^{2} + (\Delta t_{jit})^{2}$$



t/x

UEM: Ultrafast electron microscope

Transmission EM



- Gun: thermionic or field emission
- Acceleration with DC field
- Voltage: <200 kV (routine); 200 ~ 500 kV (medium energy); 500 kV ~ 3 MV (high voltage)
- Spatial resolution: down to 50 pm





5th order aberration corrected TEM (2009)

UEM: Ultrafast electron microscope



Stroboscopic

- Modified from a commercial TEM
- Beam energy: <200 keV</p>
- Laser triggered photocathode gun
- Pumping laser
- ~ 1 electron per pulse (multiple shot)
- Temporal resolution: ~100 fs
- Spatial resolution: ~0.1 nm
- Integration over 10⁸ shots
- Perfectly reversible process

Caltech's 4D-EM

UEM: Ultrafast electron microscope



Single shot

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- Beam energy: ~200 keV
- Laser triggered photocathode gun
- Pumping laser
- ~ 10⁸ electrons per pulse
- Temporal resolution: ~10 ns
- Peak current: ~1 mA
- Spatial resolution: ~10 nm
- Resolution limited by space charge and beam brightness

LLNL's DTEM



Real-time imaging of mechanical motions of nanostructures (MEMS/NEMS)

Nano Lett. 11, 2183 (2011)











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UED/UEM goes relativistic!



The electric force and magnetic force cancel if v=c

1 MV TEM@ Beijing



3 MV TEM@ Osaka





$F=q[E+(v \times B)]$



The quest for higher resolution



What is an accelerator

Use electromagnetic fields to propel charged particles to high speeds



Rutherford's alpha scattering experiment



I have long hoped for a source of positive particles more energetic than those emitted from natural radioactive substances.

Ernest Rutherford, 1928



On average accelerator science has contributed to a physics Nobel Prize winning research every 2.9 years since 1938.

Applications of accelerators



Accelerator-based MeV UED

First proposals and feasibility studies

Journal of the Korean Physical Society, Vol. 48, No. 3, March 2006, pp. 390~396

Potential of Femtosecond Electron Diffraction Using Near-Relativistic Electrons from a Photocathode RF Electron Gun

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Wang, BNL LDRD, 2000; Wang et al., PAC03; Xiang et al., PAC05; Wang et al., 2006

Accelerator-based MeV UED: world-wide efforts



Accelerator-based MeV UED: applications

Phase transition



UCLA, 2010; Osaka U, 2013; SJTU, 2014; THU, 2014; SLAC, 2015

Superlattice



BNL-FSU-SJTU Collaboration, 2013

2D material and gas phase sample



SLAC, 2015 ~100 fs resolution

Accelerator-based MeV UEM

Conceptual design with superconducting solenoids



- S: solenoid
- C: condenser lens
- O: objective lens
- I: intermediate lens
- P: projection lens
- D: detector

Formulation with accelerator terminology

- Imaging condition: R₁₂=R₃₄=0
- Chromatic aberration: T₁₂₆
- Spherical aberration: U₁₂₂₂

$$T_{ijk} = \sum_{m=1}^{6} R_{im}^{(2)} T_{mjk}^{(1)} + \sum_{m,n=1}^{6} T_{imn}^{(2)} R_{mj}^{(1)} R_{nk}^{(1)}$$



Xiang et al., Nucl. Instrum. Methods A, 759, 74 (2014)



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1. Increase rep-rate to 1 kHz and beyond

- 1 kHz pumping laser widely available
- keV UED typically operates at 1 kHz
- Reduce data acquisition time and enable new science





LCLS gun designed for 120 Hz at 120 MV/m; ~500 Hz with 60 MV/m; Roughly a factor of 2 to go.

2. Reducing beam emittance to ~10 nm

$$\triangle r = C_s \theta^3; \quad \triangle r = C_c \theta \triangle E/E; \quad \epsilon = \sigma_x \sigma_{x'}$$

- Reduce thermal emittance
- Reduce space charge induced emittance growth



$$\phi(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(x', y', z')dx'dy'dz'}{[(x - x')^2 + (y - y')^2 + (z - z')^2]^{1/2}}.$$



Vary cathode and laser parameters to control the photoelectron distribution

Laser shaping to produce uniform (ellipsoidal) beam

3. Reducing beam energy spread to <10⁻⁴

Remove quadratic energy chirp with a harmonic cavity (cos5⁰=0.996)
 Excellent RF and Low-level RF system



Hemsing, Stupakov, Xiang, Zholents, Rev. Mod. Phys. 86, 897(2014)

4. High beam density and space charge effect

- Rose theorem: >100 electrons/pixel to make a useful image
- Ultimate beam density (e⁻/nm³) limited by space charge (SC) effect
- Spatial resolution also limited by stochastic space charge effect



Handbook of charged particle optics

Li and Musumeci, PRA, 2, 024003 (2014)

10 nm & 10 ps seems to be achievable; extremely challenging to push spatial resolution to ~1 nm while keeping ps temporal resolution.



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Tsinghua University

Construction of a new experimental hall



06/2014

08/2014

09/2014



10/2014

11/2014

12/2014

Construction of a new experimental hall











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Development of 1 kHz photocathode rf gun









Field distribution





40.2628 44.146 48.0293 51.9126 55.7959 42.2044 46.0877 49.971 53.8542 58.0

- Beginning of simulation

 After 1 rf cycle

 After 30 rf cycles

 After 60 rf cycles
- 2.4 cell gun
 9 Cooling channels
 Max temperature rise 18°C
- Multipacting OK

SJTU/SINAP/ANL/LBNL Collaboration

Development of high-field solenoid lens

 $C_c \sim C_s \sim f$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{e^2}{4\gamma^2 m^2 v_z^2} \int B_z^2 \mathrm{d}z$$



Schematic of the HT_c superconducting lens





HTS lens by IHEP



Commissioning the test facility



Photocathode rf gun based MeV UED test facility



High quality AI and Au diffraction pattern (Fu et al., Rev. Sci. Instru. 2014)

Commissioning the test facility



Finding time-zero with the perturbation from laser-induced plasma



MeV UED pump-probe experiment (Zhu et al., CPL, 2014)

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Simulation Condenser-objective lens



Shoot for 10⁻¹⁹ s*m with our user facility

Coherent diffraction imaging



Schematic layout of coherent diffraction imaging

- Start with a random phase set;
- Combine this random phase set with the measured Fourier magnitude;
- Apply an inverse FFT to get an initial image;
- Apply constraints to get an updated image;
- Apply FFT and replacing its magnitude with the measured data;



Algorithm

Repeat.

Coherent diffraction imaging



Schematic layout of coherent diffraction imaging



Sample

Diffraction

Reconstruction

Algorithm

Coherent diffraction imaging





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- Historically particle accelerators are instrumental for high energy physics and photon sciences.
- Accelerator based MeV UED/UEM hold great potential in solving the challenges in probing matter at ultrafast temporal and ultrasmall spatial scales.
- Potentially better performance than keV UED/UEM.
- Compact facility, yet with rich physics and grand challenges.
- Several MeV UED user facilities are being built.
- Initial results are very encouraging.
- The fun just begins!



Thanks! We are hiring!

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