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## **Physics of warm dense matter**



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- What is "warm dense matter" (WDM)?
- Shock-wave experiments generate WDM
- Pump-probe experiments for WDM
- Chemical picture and WDM
- Quantum Molecular Dynamics (QMD)
- Outlook



#### **Density-temperature plane** Coupling $\Gamma = \ell/d$ , Degeneracy $\Theta = k_B T/E_F$



#### Shock wave techniques: Compression of materials to high pressure





#### **Hugoniot relations**

• Compression ratio: 
$$\frac{1}{\eta} = \frac{\rho_0}{\rho_1} = 1 - \frac{u_p}{u_s}$$

• Final pressure:  $P_1 - P_0 = \rho_0 u_s u_p$ 

• Hugoniot relation: 
$$\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left( P_1 + P_0 \right) \left( \frac{1}{\rho_0} - \frac{1}{\rho_1} \right)$$

- Ideal atomic gas:  $\eta_{max}$ =4, ideal molecular gas:  $\eta_{max}$ =8
- Check EOS of materials at ultra-high pressures

#### **Typical pressures** (1 bar=10<sup>5</sup> Pa, 1 Mbar=100 GPa)

Cosmic background radiation	10 <sup>-20</sup> bar
UHV in laboratory	10 <sup>-16</sup> bar
Atmosphere at sea level	1 bar
Moon center	50 kbar
Earth center	3,6 Mbar
Jupiter center	50 Mbar
Sun center	100 Gbar
Red Giants	10 <sup>15</sup> bar
White Dwarfs	10 <sup>18</sup> bar
Neutron stars	10 <sup>29</sup> bar

#### **Chemical explosions**

- Institute of High Temperatures, Moscow, RAS
- Institute of Problems of Chemical Physics, Chernogolovka, RAS
- Russian Federal Nuclear Center, Sarov



#### Two-stage light gas gun



(a) In the first stage of the gas gun (blue shading), hot-burning gases from gunpowder drive a piston, which in turn compresses hydrogen gas. (b) In the second stage (pink shading), the highpressure gas eventually ruptures a second-stage valve, accelerating the impactor down the barrel toward its target.

Multiple shock waves in sandwich target Isentropic process → low temperatures **Metallic conductivity** at 2500 K, 1.4 Mbar (proposed by Wigner & Huntington 1936)

W.J. Nellis et al., PRL **68**, 2937 (1992) S.T. Weir et al., PRL **76**, 1860 (1996)



#### **High-power lasers**



Schematic of the Nova laser shocking a target cell filled with liquid deuterium and machined into a copper block. One end of the cell is capped by an aluminum pusher, the other by a sapphire window used for rearview diagnostics. X-ray transmitting windows made of beryllium foil are located on each side of the cell.



The image of the deuterium is moved across the film over time, producing a streak radiograph. In the figure, the pusher is above the deuterium, so the shock travels from top to bottom. Nova @ LLNL Omega @ Rochester Vulcan @ RAL Gekko in Japan NIF @ LLNL LMJ in France



L.B. DaSilva et al., PRL 78, 483 (1997)

#### Z pinch at Sandia National Laboratory



- 20 MA current in 100 ns
- through 240 thin W wires
- 200 TW x-ray power
- 2 MJ energy output
- Short-circuit load: magnetically launched flyer plates generate shock waves in fluid D<sub>2</sub>
- u<sub>p</sub> ~ 10-22 km/s
- Principal Hugoniot up to 4 Mbar
- $\eta_{max}$ =4.3  $\longrightarrow$  stiff EOS

M.D. Knusdon et al., PRL 87, 225501 (2001), PRB 69, 144209 (2004)

#### Experimental Hugoniot points for D<sub>2</sub>



#### Problems

- Shock wave experiments have relatively large error bars
- u<sub>s</sub>-u<sub>p</sub> relation provides EOS:
- Behavior at megabar pressure?
- Maximum compression?
- Phase diagram and phase transitions?
- Path in the n-T plane restricted to:
- Hugoniot curve (single shocks) determined by  $\rho_0$ ,  $P_0$ ,  $T_0$
- Isentrope (multiple shocks)  $\rightarrow$  low temperatures
- Use precompressed targets, pulse shaping

Alternative: Apply X-rays or particle beams to isochorically heat solid/liquid targets and to probe WDM by scattering experiments

#### **Pump-probe experiments in WDM**

O.L. Landen et al., JQSRT 71, 465 (2001)



Isochoric heating of solid density materials by intense x-rays (PUMP) Perform x-ray scattering in the cold, warm, or hot material (PROBE) Study of strongly coupled matter: T<sub>e</sub>, T<sub>i</sub>, n<sub>e</sub>, Z<sub>eff</sub>

#### G. Gregori et al., PRE **67**, 026412 (2003)



0

С

0

100

200

**Temperature (eV)** 

300

n<sub>e</sub>=3.3x10<sup>2</sup>

N'

Energy (keV)

4.8

4.6

Efficient tool for plasma diagnostics: Determine T<sub>e</sub> and Z<sub>eff</sub>

Requires sophisticated many-particle theory for S(q, $\omega$ ) and  $\epsilon$ (q, $\omega$ )

> G. Gregori et al., JQSRT **99**, 225 (2006)

#### Dense matter: Strong correlation effects

Case study hydrogen: Bound and free electron states  $\rightarrow$  chemical picture at low  $\rho$ Shift and damping of one- and two-particle states with increasing  $\rho \rightarrow$  Mott effect Derive and solve Bethe-Salpeter equations accounting for in-medium effects (dynamical screening, self-energy, Pauli blocking, degeneracy)



#### Chemical picture and WDM: Dense hydrogen

Free energy model:  $F(T,V,\{N_c\}) = F_0 + F_{\pm} + F_{pol}$ 

- neutral fluid: H, H<sub>2</sub> Fluid Variational Theory (FVT)
- plasma component: e, p,  $H^-$ ,  $H_2^+$  quantum virial expansion
- polarization term: e-H, e-H<sub>2</sub> 2nd virial coefficient
- multicomponent system: c = e, p, H, H<sub>2</sub>
- hydogen-helium mixtures: He<sup>+</sup>, He<sup>2+</sup> in addition
- chemical reactions:  $H_2 \leftrightarrow 2H$ ,  $H \leftrightarrow e+p$ , ...
- chemical equilibrium:  $\mu_{H_2} = 2\mu_H$ ,  $\mu_H = \mu_e + \mu_p$ , ... Equation of state: F = U - TS

p=-(dF/dV)<sub>T,N</sub> ,  $\mu_c$  = (dF/dN<sub>c</sub>)<sub>T,V</sub> , S=-(dF/dT)<sub>V,N</sub>

D. Beule et al., PRB **59**, 14177 (1999), PRE **63**, 060202 (2001); H. Juranek et al., JCP **112**, 3780 (2000), **117**, 1768 (2002)

## Effective potentials of exp-6 type for neutral particle interactions

Self-consistent fluid variational theory for hydrogen



H. Juranek, R. Redmer, Y. Rosenfeld, J. Chem. Phys. **117**, 1768 (2002)
V. Schwarz, H. Juranek, R. Redmer, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. **7**, 1990 (2005)

#### Include ionization equilibrium (plasma): Partial dissociation and ionization



H. Juranek et al., Contrib. Plasma Phys. **45**, 432 (2005)



#### Hugoniot curves

FVT: pure fluid hydrogen H, H<sub>2</sub> FVT<sub>id</sub><sup>+</sup>: ideal plasma contribution included

All shock-wave experiments except Nova, PIMC and QMD simulations:

#### maximum compression < 4.5

Nova data probably incorrect! Include nonideality corrections! B. Holst (Diploma 2006)

H. Juranek et al., Contrib. Plasma Phys. **45**, 432 (2005)

#### Alternative theoretical methods

- Chemical picture is based on the definition of bound states (atoms, molecules) as new species
- Employs effective two-particle potentials and cross sections

- Virial, fugacity, activity expansions (Rogers, Ebeling ...)
- Integral equation methods: HNC, MHNC, VHNC ... (Ichimaru, Rosenfeld ...)
- Combine DFT and HNC: QHNC (Chihara, Perrot, Dharma-wardana ...)
- Quantum simulations: Path-Integral Monte Carlo (PIMC) and Quantum Molecular Dynamics (QMD)

## **Quantum Molecular Dynamics (QMD)**

- combination of DFT and MD is possible in Born-Oppenheimer approximation:
  - Electrons are treated quantum mechanically on the level of the Schrödinger equation (KS equations):

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + v_{KS}(\vec{r})\right]\varphi_i(\vec{r}) = \varepsilon_i\varphi_i(\vec{r})$$

Ions are handled classically (Newton's equation of motion):

$$m_{\alpha}\ddot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha} = \vec{F}_{\alpha}$$

 Forces on the ions are calculated by using the "Hellmann-Feynman theorem":

$$\vec{F}_{\alpha}(\vec{r}) = -\nabla_{\alpha} E[n(\vec{r})]$$

#### **Basics of DFT**

- Theorems of Hohenberg and Kohn:
  - The energy can be described by a functional of the electron density: E=E[n(r)]
  - 2. The functional E[n(r)] is unique for the ground state.

$$E[n] = T_{\rm s}[n] + \int n(\mathbf{r}) v_{\rm ext}(\mathbf{r}) \, d^3r + \frac{e^2}{2} \int \int \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \, d^3r d^3r' + \frac{E_{\rm xc}[n]}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

Kohn-Sham equations (KS)

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + v_{\rm KS}(\mathbf{r})\right]\varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_i\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

Kohn-Sham potentials

$$v_{\rm KS}(\mathbf{r}) = v_{\rm ext}(\mathbf{r}) + e^2 \int \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3 r' + v_{\rm xc}(\mathbf{r})$$

• LDA, GGA, exact exchange (EXX) and hybrid schemas

#### Accessible quantities in QMD: Electronic properties, structure, EOS

- Each time step:  $\vec{r}_i, \vec{v}_i, \vec{F}_i, \Psi_i$
- Finite temperatures:  $n(r) = \sum_{i} f(\epsilon_{i}) |\Psi_{i}(r)|^{2}$  (Mermin)
- Calculation of T and p → EOS
- Average over hundreds of time steps: g(r) → S(k)
- Autocorrelation function: self-diffusion coefficient via Einstein's relation:

$$D_{S} = \frac{1}{6t} \left\langle \left| \vec{r}_{i}(t) - \vec{r}_{i}(0) \right|^{2} \right\rangle$$
$$D_{S} = \frac{1}{3} \int_{0}^{\infty} dt \left\langle \vec{v}_{i}(t) \cdot \vec{v}_{i}(0) \right\rangle$$

#### Dynamic (optical) conductivity via QMD

• Interpretation of the wave function: dynamic conductivity

 $\sigma(\omega) = \sigma_1(\omega) + i\sigma_2(\omega)$ 

- Kubo-Greenwood formula  $\sigma_1(\omega) = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega} \sum_{ij} F_{ij} |D_{ij}|^2 \delta(\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j \omega)$  $F_{ij} = \left[ f(\varepsilon_i) - f(\varepsilon_j) \right] \omega$ ,  $|D_{ij}|^2 = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\alpha} \left| \left\langle \Psi_i | \nabla_{\alpha} | \Psi_j \right\rangle \right|^2$
- Dielectric function:  $\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_1(\omega) + i\varepsilon_2(\omega) = 1 \frac{4\pi}{\omega}\sigma_2(\omega) + i\frac{4\pi}{\omega}\sigma_1(\omega)$

• Kramers-Kronig relation: 
$$\sigma_2(\omega) = \frac{2}{\pi} P \int \frac{\sigma_1(v)\omega}{(v^2 - \omega^2)} dv$$

- Index of refraction:  $\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_1(\omega) + i\varepsilon_2(\omega) = [n(\omega) + ik(\omega)]^2$
- Reflectivity  $r(\omega)$  and absorption coefficient  $\alpha(\omega)$  via standard relations
- Dynamic structure factor  $S(q, \omega)$  via fluctuation-dissipation theorem

Ground state properties using DFT

Optimization of the lattice constant of solids:



#### Band structure of semiconductors: GaAs



A. Kuligk et al.; PRB 71, 085201 (2005)

#### Band gap problem of DFT



N. Fitzer, PhD Thesis (Rostock, 2002)

# QMD simulations for expanded and compressed fluids (WDM)

**Thermal expansion** of fluid metals (Hg, alkali metals) from the melting point to the critical point:

Metal-to-nonmetal transition (localization of electrons)

**Compression** of molecular fluids ( $H_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $H_2O$ ,  $CO_2$ ) and noble gases (He, Ar, Xe) to high pressure:

Nonmetal-to-metal transition (delocalization of electrons, band gap closure  $\rightarrow$  band gap problem!)

Test of the QMD method:

Comparison with accurate static high-pressure experiments and dynamic shock wave experiments

#### Structure of expanded liquid metals

- Continuous phase transition by expanding the liquid thermally to the vapor phase around the critical point
- Pair correlation function determines the number of next neighbors, the next neighbor distance and the phase state





F. Hensel, W.W. Warren: Fluid Metals (Princeton Univ. Press, Princeton, 1999)

#### Pair correlation function of Rb

Slight change of the shape at the first and second peak can be interpreted as the occurrence of dimers and trimers (Rb<sub>2</sub>, Rb<sub>3</sub>) in liquid Rb at lower densities.

#### QMD with VASP:

32 to 64 atoms with 7 electrons per atom, canonical ensemble (Nosé-thermostat), 500-1000 time steps per run with 5-20 fs time step, 2.5-20 ps simulation time



#### Red circles: QMD data

Black line: Experimental data (Matsuda et al., 2006)

#### Coordination number N<sub>1</sub> Next neighbor distance R<sub>1</sub>



Open red symbols: QMD-data

Closed black symbols: Experimental data

A. Kietzmann, R. Redmer, F. Hensel, M.P. Desjarlais, T.R. Mattsson, J. Phys.: Condensed Matter **18**, 5597 (2006)

#### Charge density of Rb: Contour plots



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## Equation of state for steel: Location of the critical point

M.P. Desjarlais, T.R. Mattsson (Sandia Natl. Lab.)



**CP:** QMD simulation yields 10 000 K, 1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 6 kbar SESAME tables give 8800 K, 2.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 1.5 kbar

#### QMD simulation for the dc conductivity in AI: Evaluating the Kubo-Greenwood formula



M.P. Desjarlais et al., PRE 71, 016409 (2005)

#### Summary and outlook

- WDM as perfect case study for strongly coupled systems
- Shock-wave and pump-probe experiments access WDM
- Codes for EOS and transport coefficients within the efficient chemical picture: FVT, FVT<sup>+</sup>, COMPTRA04
- Physical picture: (M,V,Q)HNC, PIMC ...
- QMD simulations for liquid H<sub>2</sub>, He, H<sub>2</sub>O …: EOS data, Hugoniot curves, to be used in planetary physics
- QMD simulations for expanded and compressed metallic liquids:
- structural changes
- EOS data and location of the CP
- melting line at high pressures
- dynamic conductivity and reflectivity
- metal-nonmetal transition

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