Energy Transport in High-Energy-Density Matter

High energy density (HED) science is an emerging interdisciplinary research field where properties of matter are of broad interest in geophysics, planetary science, inertial confinement fusion and astrophysics, etc. HED states are generally defined as pressure larger than 1 Mbar (one million atmospheres), or energy density larger than 100kJ/cm^3. Recent advancements in supercomputers and laser facilities have enabled proper modeling of HED matter and creation of such matter in a laboratory. Many unexpected behaviors of materials have been discovered under these extreme conditions. This talk will give a brief overview of this new field, highlight some recent discoveries, and focus on energy transport in HED matter. Studies of radiation transport, ionization and thermal conduction will be presented.

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