Finally, G. Petite (CEA, France) gave a very instructive presentation on electron emission associated with laser solid interactions both in metals and dielectrics.

Diagnostics

The physical mechanisms of ablation remain controversial but are expected to largely depend both on the physicochemical properties of the target and laser irradiation conditions. This is why it appears of paramount importance to analyze the plasma formation and species emission from laser treated targets using *in-situ* time- and space-resolved techniques.

Laser ablation of high T_c superconductor and semiconductor targets under vacuum and gaseous conditions was investigated by P.E. Dyer (University of Hull, U.K.), K. Murakami (University of Tsukuba, Japan), and A. Catherinot (University of Limoges, France) using optical spectroscopy and/or fast imaging techniques.

D.B. Geohegan (Oak Ridge National Laboratory, U.S.A.) extensively studied

laser-produced plasma from YBaCuO targets by a combined set of *in-situ* diagnostics such as ion probes, optical emission and absorption spectroscopy and ICCD photography.

Applications

As clearly depicted by H.U. Habermeier (Max-Planck-Institut, Germany) and J. Perriere (University of Paris 6-7, France) for YBaCuO and BiSrCaCuO, respectively, laser ablation is able to produce high quality films of the new superconductor compounds, meeting industrial requirements.

These successful results explain the recent growing interest in depositing and synthesizing thin films of new materials with this novel technique. J.T. Cheung (Rockwell I.S.C., U.S.A.) also emphasized the technique for growing epitaxial layers of CdTe, HgCdTe, and their superlattices as did D.H. Lowndes (Oak Ridge National Laboratory, U.S.A.) for fabricating epitaxial copper oxide semiconductor/super-conductor heterostructures. Another important area is laser surface patterning of electronic materials. Laser surface modification and ablation of polymers, important in microelectronics, was reviewed by A. Yabe (NCLI, Tsukuba, Japan).

An interesting comparison between laser ablation and laser etching of silicon in a chlorine atmosphere was presented by J. Boulmer (IEF Orsay, France). Finally, in instrumentation, J.F. Muller (University of Metz, France) demonstrated that laser ablation coupled with a mass spectrometer could be an alternative tool for surface characterization and material analysis.

A proceedings including invited and contributed papers is under preparation and will be published by Elsevier/North Holland.

For information, please contact: E. Fogarassy, CRN-PHASE, BP 20, 67037 Strasbourg Cedex, France; phone (33) 88-28-62-57; fax (33) 88-28-09-90.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

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Shakhashiri is well-known for his development and use of demonstrations in teaching to prove that "science is fun." He has had an interactive chemistry exhibit on display since 1983 at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry and annually puts on a Christmas science show that has been presented at various places, including the National Academy of Sciences and the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

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