

Challenges of Optics for High Repetition Rate XFEL Source

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- 10-15 experiments (start-up 6)
- 27,000 pulses/sec (2-100 fs long)
- 10¹⁰ 3.7×10¹⁴ phs/pulse @ 0.5Å 49 Å
- flux: 1.7×10¹⁶ phts/(0.1% sec) @ 12.3 keV
- 10⁹€(start-up 850 M€)

Timeline:

June 5, 2007: Official funding of project by Germany and 12 international partners

Nov. 2008: Award of construction contracts

Oct 2009: Foundation of XFEL Company

mid 2013: All buildings finished, start installation of components

mid 2015: first beam

December 2015: User operation, SASE 1





XFEL pulse structure







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Experimental stations:

HED: High Energy Density matter experiments
MID: Material Imaging and Dynamics
FXE: Femtosecond X-ray Experiments
SPB: Single Particle, clusters & Biomolecules

SQS: Small Quantum Systems SCS: Spectroscopy & Coherent Scattering

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Photon transport systems



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Requirements to Photon Transport System

- Maximal possible transmission single pulses / full pulse train
- Minimal possible distortion of wavefronts
- Extensive/ redundant monitoring of the system status motor encoders, temperatures, bending radii of mirrors ...
- Safe operation single pulse damage, heat load damage during the pulse trains
- Fast change in between experiments
- Reliable & fast change of photon energy tuning of mirror system
- Stability of beam positions *cp jitter of SASE*
- Radiation protection

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Mirror Optics Optimization



- Diffraction effects on mirror apertures can be reduced with increasing θ_{inc}
- Wave front distortions
 due to surface height errors
 ~2 h_{PV} sin(θ_{inc}) grow proportional to θ_{inc}⁻
- Ultra smooth mirrors, <2-3 nm PV, length 800 mm
- Single pulse damage
- Heat load





Mirror Optics Optimization



Is 4 σ clear aperture sufficient?

Is it possible to minimize WF distortions and provide maximum beamline transmission for whole operation ranges?



Wave front simulation

- Fourier optics approach to propagation of XFEL pulses through the X-ray grazing incidence optics
- Alternatives (used mostly for cross-checking):
 - stationary phase method
 - Fresnel Kirchhoff numerical integration
- PHASE software: HZB,
 J. Bahrdt
- SRW
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The diffraction effects become noticeable for footprints of 4σ or less.





SASE1 central station (SPB)



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Height difference in the center of the mirror

$$h[nm] = \frac{l_{mirr}^2[mm]}{8\,R[km]}$$

10% size variation of focused beam (20μm) -3 nm stability of distribution mirror curvature

10% size variation of a round beam @ 12 keV ~30 nm of offset mirror



Comparison with experiment



Wave front analysis at LCLS XPP station, 9 keV

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Measuring Wavefronts: Grating X-ray Interferometry



Differential phase contrast imaging!



sketch courtesy of C.David, PSI

First results from X-ray wavefront measurements at LCLS

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Wave front analysis at LCLS XPP, 9 keV Intensity distribution after two HOMs mirrors





XPP wavefront measurements with 1D grating interferometer

phase stepping mode (~100 shots per step)

Calculations:

Gaussian beam with far field divergence 3.5 µrad FWHM

2D grating interferometer data processing by Simon Rutishauser surface profiles by LLNL/Jacek Krzywinski

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Summary



- Photon transport systems can transmit single XFEL pulses and pulse trains with reasonable wavefronts distortions by beamline optics
- Design relies on novel optical components. In particular, 800 mm long mirrors, with profile errors < 2nm PV, ~20 nm slope errors and with bending control precision up to 10 nm and better.
- First experience with grazing incidence X-ray optics at LCLS:
 - coherent X-ray laser radiation brings problems,
 - good news: we can predict and analyze them in advance



... and Outlook



- precise and mechanically stable (~1 nm)
 active optics
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- in-situ metrology and control are crucial!
 In-situ X-ray metrology optical and X-ray grating interferometry, precision up to 10nm/10nrad
- user-friendly wave optics software for design, J.Bahrdt HZB
 commissioning and optimisation of beamlines
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 and instruments



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