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XFEL Accelerator Based Light Sources

FIRST GENERATION: Accelerators and storage rings built for other purposes, parasitically used as light sources

SECOND GENERATION: Dedicated rings designed and optimised as light sources

THIRD GENERATION: Dedicated rings built to maximise brilliance by reducing the beam emittance (electron phase space volume) and by the extensive use of undulators as light sources

"FOURTH+" GENERATION: Diffraction-limited VUV and X-ray sources, with full spatial coherence: "Ultimate" Storage Rings, Free-electron lasers based on Linacs, Energy-Recovery Linacs.





FLUX OF PHOTONS IN UNIT SPECTRAL RANGE

(SOURCE AREA) X (BEAM DIVERGENCE)

Units: photons/s/mm²/mrad²/0.1%BW



XFEL Important properties of storage ring sources

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- High pulse-to-pulse reproducibility
- High stability of intensity, position, spectral properties
- High repetition rate
- Geometry allowing a large number of source points/beamlines and instruments operated in parallel





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XFEL Fundamental limits to storage rings brilliance





Solids

XFEL Time Scales for Dynamics



Intraband and intersubband redistribution of carriers

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XFEL Spatially coherent X-ray sources

Compression of electron bunches to <100 fs preserving (or even increasing) the brilliance and number of photons per bunch is impossible in a storage ring configuration, where the same electrons run through the undulators $\sim 10^6$ times per second.

This can however be achieved in a single-pass machine such as a linear accelerator, with suitable bunch compressors.

In addition, in a linac, emittance ε is NOT conserved, but $\varepsilon_n = \gamma \varepsilon \sim \text{const.}$, with $\gamma = E/mc^2$. It is then possible to reach the condition in which $\varepsilon \sim \lambda$.

XFEL Wanted...A more brilliant X-ray source, with:



wavelength down to ~ 0.1 nm ==> atomic-scale resolution



ultra-high peak brightness ==>investigation of matter under extreme conditions... ultrashort (<1 ps) pulses ==> "molecular movies"



transverse spatial coherence

==> imaging of single nanoscale objects, possibly down to individual macromolecules (no crystals)

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XFEL Free Electron Lasers





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(after T. Shintake)

XFEL Origin of Microbunching





Radiation electric field has a small component parallel to electron velocity, which can accelerate or decelerate electrons



XFEL Self-Amplified Spontaneous Emission



Tightly collimated (low emittance) electron beam in a long undulator: coherent emission results from microbunching, produced by amplification of shot-noise density fluctuations at the resonant wavelength by the radiation, as it progresses through the bunch.



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Comparison of synchrotron and FEL sources



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XFEL Today's state of the art

FLASH – Ultraviolet and soft x-ray FEL user facility in Hamburg (down to $\lambda \sim 4.5$ nm), in operation since 2005

LCLS (Linac Coherent Light Source) first hard Xray FEL using 13.6 GeV electrons from SLAC Linac, first beam April 10, 2009

FERMI@ELETTRA (Trieste, Italy) λ ~ 100 – 1 nm, "Seeded" FEL, First beam Dec. 2010

SACLA, Spring-8, Japan, hard X-ray FEL, 8 GeV Linac, down to $\lambda \sim 0.08$ nm, First beam April 2011



XFEL Comparison of the hard X-ray FEL Projects

Project	LCLS I, US	SACLA, JP	European XFEL	SwissFEL, CH	PAL-XFEL, KR	LCLS II, US
Max. electron energy (GeV)	14.3	8.5	17.5	5.8	10	4
Wavelength range (nm)	0.13-4.4	0.06-0.3	0.05-4.7	0.1-7	0.06-10	0.25 – 4.7
Photons/pulse	~ 10 ¹²	2 x 10 ¹¹	~ 10 ¹²	~ 3.6 x 10 ¹⁰	10 ¹¹ -10 ¹³	2 10 ¹¹ – 2 10 ¹⁰
Peak brilliance	2 x 10 ³³	1 x 10 ³³	5 x 10 ³³	7 x 10 ³²	1.3 x 10 ³³	
Pulses/second	120	60	27 000	100	60	10 ⁵ - 10 ⁶
Date of first beam	2009	2011	2016	2016	2015	2019



Electron bunch trains





XFEL Limits of Synchrotron for Bio-crystallography



In spite of its extraordinary success, synchrotron bio-crystallography meets some limitations:

- Need for crystals > $(10-100 \ \mu m)^3$ (membrane proteins?)
- Radiation damage limits resolution... freezing a partial remedy
- Crystal of Bovine Enterovirus 2 (BEV 2), 0.5 s, 10^8 ph/µm² D. Axford et al., Acta Cryst D68, 592 (2012)





XFEL Speed may be the answer!

"Diffraction before destruction" $1 fs = 10^{-15} s$







- D. Sayre, 1991:
- Phase can be retrieved and problem solved, for non-periodic objects, if sufficient information is collected, by "oversampling" diffraction pattern







XFEL X-ray Diffraction: liquids!





XFEL X-ray diffraction from liquids...







Fast, coherent => Speckles! "Hologram"

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- Shock compression along Hugoniot (kJ, ~ ns pulse profile)
- Ramped (isoentropic) shock-free compression, with careful optimization of pulse profile Isochoric Heating (very short pulse, x-ray laser)







- Serial Femtosecond Crystallography of biomolecules: nanocrystals
- Liquid phases and nucleation: birth of a crystal
- Real time observation of vibrational modes of nanocrystals





Fig. 4. Glycosylation of the TbCatB-propeptide complex. (**A**) Enzyme carbohydrate structure comprising two NAG and one MAN residue (yellow) N-linked to Asn²¹⁶ C-terminal of the occluding loop (beige). The carbohydrate structure connects both occluding loop strands by two direct and one water-bridged H bond (black dashed lines). (**B**) Propeptide glyco-

sylation site comprising two NAG units (yellow) at Asn⁵⁸ within the kinked region of the propeptide (green). The propeptide carbohydrate structure forms an H bond to Gln⁵⁷ of the propeptide and two H bonds to Ser¹⁹⁶ at the tip of the occluding loop (beige), which stabilize its open conformation. Color codes correspond to Fig. 1C.





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Serial Femtosecond Crystallography of G Protein–Coupled Receptors

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XFEL Science 346, 1242 (2014): first time-dep. studies



STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY

Time-resolved serial crystallography captures high-resolution intermediates of photoactive yellow protein

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Serial femtosecond crystallography using ultrashort pulses from x-ray free electron lasers (XFELs) enables studies of the light-triggered dynamics of biomolecules. We used microcrystals of photoactive yellow protein (a bacterial blue light photoreceptor) as a model system and obtained high-resolution, time-resolved difference electron density maps of excellent quality with strong features; these allowed the determination of structures of reaction intermediates to a resolution of 1.6 angstroms. Our results open the way to the study of reversible and nonreversible biological reactions on time scales as short as femtoseconds under conditions that maximize the extent of reaction initiation throughout the crystal.

Overview European XFEL European XFEL J. Sellberg et al., Nature 510, 381 (2014) 33 а LCLS Detector (CSPAD) Droplet dispenser Droplet size ~9 to 37 µm LCLS Xray pu Supercooled Bragg peaks from ice liquid droplets Interaction point С b Diffuse scattering from liquid



XFEL X-ray diffraction from liquids...



Slow, incoherent...



Fast, coherent => Speckles! "Hologram"



Instead of inserting micro or nanocrystals in a fluid, consider the emergence of nanocrystals in a freezing liquid – to address the open problems of *nucleation*

J. Sellberg et al., *Nature* **510**, 381 (2014)

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XFEL Imaging of vibrational modes



Beyond the analysis of the Bragg spots position: imaging

Fig. 3. Imaging of acoustic phonons in a nanocrystal. Orthogonal cut planes through the center of nanocrystal I showing the projected displacement as a function of delay time. Three different viewing directions are shown. The direction of the displacement field is given by the Qvector in red. For clarity, the range of displacement has been truncated to ±26 pm instead of the full range of ±53 pm.



XFEL European XFEL: the most brilliant X-ray source





XFEL The European XFEL



Some specifications

- Photon energy 0.3-24 keV
- Pulse duration ~ 10-100 fs
- Pulse energy few mJ
- Superconducting linac. 17.5 GeV
- 10 Hz (27 000 b/s)
- 5 beamlines / 10 instruments
 - Start version with 3 beamlines and 6 instruments
- Several extensions possible:
 - More undulators
 - More instruments
 - Variable polarization
 - Self-Seeding
 - CW operation

First beam late 2016





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XFEL First accelerated e- beam in the injector

- Injector commissioning started, injector tunnel closed, cool down to 2 K successful.
- First 130 MeV Electron beam on 21.12.2015!







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XFEL Undulator 5 m segment, made in Spain, Germany

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XFEL SASE1 undulator (35 segments) installed









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XFEL Photon diagnostics for the SASE1 beamline

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XFEL Tunnel to Experiment Hall



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XFEL Experiment Hall, Headquarters building





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European **XFEL** Scientific instruments



Ultrafast Coherent Diffraction Imaging of SPB/SFX: Single Particles, Clusters, and Biomolecules Structure determination of single particles: atomic clusters, bio-molecules, virus particles, cells. MID: **Materials Imaging & Dynamics** Structure determination of nano-devices and dynamics at the nanoscale. FXE: **Femtosecond X-ray Experiments** Time-resolved investigations of the dynamics of solids, liquids, gases **High Energy Density Matter** HED: Investigation of matter under extreme conditions using hard X-ray FEL radiation, e.g. probing dense SQS: Small Quantum Systems

Investigation of atoms, ions, molecules and clusters in intense fields and non-linear phenomena

SCS: Soft x-ray Coherent Scattering/Spectroscopy

Soft x-rays Electronic and real structure, dynamics of nano-DESY/European XFEL Turkey workshops and of non-reproducible biological objects 2016











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Hard X-rays



XFEL SASE1 stations FXE and SPB/SFX











XFEL SASE3 hutches construction in progress



XFEL Moving to Schenefeld Campus in June 2016





XFEL Timetable...



- 2016 Initial commissioning of linac, to bring electron beam in first undulator (SASE1). Enable first lasing.
 FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS!
- 2017 Bring X-ray FEL beam to XHEXP.
 Continue commissioning of accelerator.
 Initial commissioning of X-ray beam transports and instruments.
 Start "early user experiment" program (peer-reviewed).
- 2018 Reach full performance of accelerator.
 Development of X-ray beam transports and instruments towards full performance.
 Continue "early user experiment" program (peer-reviewed).
 During 2nd half 2018 gear up towards full scope user program (peer-reviewed).
- **2019** Regular operation (4000 hrs for user programme).



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