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Overview of Photon Diagnostics at the LCLS FEL

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X-ray FELs promise revolutionary capabilities



Exploiting the 9 orders of magnitude increase in x-ray peak brilliance

- Pulse energy
- Pulse length
- Pulse coherence
- Spectral brightness

These properties enable us to measure DYNAMCIS on the atomic length and time scale!

LCLS performance parameters

	Current performance
Photon energy range	280 to 11,500 eV
FEL pulse length	< 5 – 500 fs
FEL pulse energy	~ 4 mJ (2.5 * 10 ¹² @ 10 keV)
FEL coherence	SASE, Seeding (hard x-ray)
Repetition Rate	120 Hz





Near transform limited soft x-ray pulses

What LCLS does: a few examples



Dell'Angela et al., Science, **339**, 6125 (2013)

laser

pump

at t = 0

Soft X-ray probe





Lee et al., Nature Communications, **3**, 838 (2012) Chuang et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., **110**, 127404 (2013).

LCLS (FELs) – the ideal x-ray source?





LCLS source fluctuations



• Every pulse is different and must be diagnosed individually

LCLS – intensity fluctuations



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LCLS beam profile monitor





YAG:Ce





LCLS beam profile measurements



Transverse coherence effects



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LCLS front end gas detectors

0.2

0, 0

0.4

0.2

0.6

0.8

GD #1 Intensity (a.u.)

1.2

1.4

1.6



DESY/PTB Gas monitor detector deployed at LCLS

K. Tiedtke et al., J. Appl. Phys. 103 094511 (2008).



GMD schematic:

lons are measured as average ion current and pulse resolved multiplier waveforms.





Typical time of flight ion charge spectrum for a single pulse using krypton as a target gas.

Tono et al., Rev. Sci. Intsr. 98, 023108 (2011).



Calculated Scattering Pattern



Relative intensity monitor



Si₃N₄ thin targets

Photon statistics limited relative accuracy

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Atomic absorption edge measurement

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Iron absorption edge



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One man's trash is another man's treasure!



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The bent crystal concept





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D. Zhu et al., APL. 101 034103 (2012)

Spectrometer performance

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The next generation – variable energy design



- energy range: 4-20 keV
- bandwidth: > 1%
- resolution: $< 3x10^{-5}$
- dynamic range: > 10⁴
- transmission: > 50%
- sensitivity: < 1 micro Joule
- Three crystals cover all the possible photon energies with good overlap, for high/low resolution options.

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Spatial Diagnostics Intensity Diagnostics Spectral Diagnostics Temporal Diagnostics - Arrival Time

- Pulse Structure

Pump-Probe Experiments



Relative pump laser/FEL arrival time monitor

Spectral dispersion Chirped continuum pulse X-ray Target film



- Collinear configuration
- Time window controlled by probe pulse chirp

Bionta et al. (2011), Optics express, 19(22), 21855-65. Harmand et al. (2013). Nature Photonics, 7(3), 215–218. Lemke et al. Proc. SPIE 8778 87780S (2013)

Spectral normalization

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Reference spectra are taken regularly to correct for continuum spectrum fluctuations



Data reduction example: Step finding



Digital filter edge recognition: Matt Weaver

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Correlating two time tools



Sorting Data is Essential to "See" Effects



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- Arrival Time
- Pulse Structure

X-band Transverse Cavity



Y. Ding, P. Krejcik et al.

Resolution corrected 2.6 fs FWHM

Spectrum can be used to characterize double pulse



Spectrum can be used to characterize double pulse

Double slotted foil at 14 fs: only one slot lasing



Double slotted foil at 14 fs: both lasing

5

10

0



15

time (fs)

20

25

30

Spectrum can be used to characterize double pulse









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Summary



- X-ray free electron lasers provides revolutionary capabilities but present significant challenges
 - Uniqueness of each pulse, and in some cases sample, drive the need to diagnose each x-ray pulse
- Sophisticated diagnostics are needed to optimize the use of these sources
- Diagnostics are now implemented at LCLS to measure various properties of the beam
 - Spectrum, arrival time, intensity, ...
- Our ability to conduct more precise experiments requires advances in our beam diagnostics