Experience with the standard diagnostics at the European XFEL

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- Overview European XFEL
- Standard diagnostics: beam position, charge, beam loss monitors, dosimetry and screen stations
- Summary
- Outlook







- al station = XHPSC station • XHVAG





Modu lator ball/Dumping station • XH



- 17.5 GeV superconducting electron linac
- RF photo-injector, two bunch compression stages
- 3 SASE FEL with variable gap (plus 2 spontaneous source, extension possible)
- Up to 2700/RF Pulse @ 10 Hz or 27000 bunches/second with superconducting technology
- 5 experimental stations to be extended to 10
- Potential extension with a second experimental hall





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2000: First lasing at 109 nm at the Tesla Test Facility (TTF), now FLASH

2001: TESLA Linear Collider TDR with XFEL appendix

2002: TESLA TDR supplement with stand-alone XFEL

2006: European XFEL TDR

2009: Foundation of the European XFEL GmbH

Start of underground construction

2010: Formation of the Accelerator Consortium:

16 accelerator institutes under the coordination of DESY

2012: End of tunnel construction

Start of underground installation

2016: Finish of accelerator installation

Start of commissioning

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- Superconducting linac with 97 1.3 GHz superconducting modules
- 10 Hz pulsed mode with 600 µs flat-top, 2700 bunches/pulse
- Variation of bunch charges between 20-1000 pC foreseen to vary final pulse length
- Fast distribution of bunches into beam distribution lines





- Photoinjector conditioned and characterized at PITZ, DESY-Zeuthen
- Injector cool-down 12/2015
- First Beam on 18/12/2015- commissioning till Q2/2016
- Full bunch train length (27000 bunches/s) reached for 20pC-1000pC bunch charges
- Photocathode laser (Yb:YAG laser from Max-Born Institute Berlin 257 nm ≤ 4 µJ; 3 ps) with excellent up-time
- 3.9 GHz system operational from day 2
- Laser heater commissioned (but not in routine operation)



Strategy: get as many systems in the game as soon as possible

- 12/16 Start: Cooldown
- 01/17 Injector at 130 MeV (3 RF stations)
- **01/17** L1 commissioning (+1 RF station)
- **02/17** L2 commissioning (+3 RF stations)
- 02-04/17 L3 commissioning (+15 RF stations)
- **05/17** Beam through SASE1 & SASE3 undulator sections
- End 05/17 Milestone "First Lasing Possible"
- 06-08/17 Commission SASE1 photon beamline and experiment Consolidate FEL operation at 8-10 keV photon energy
- **09/17** First user experiments (total 800 hours)
- **2018** Continue facility commissioning + 2000 user hours
- **2019** Routine operation with 6 experiments + 4000 user hours



First Cooldown of XFEL Linac (>300 t)









- Average accelerating gradient after module test and waveguide tailoring
- 26 MV/m, (design 23.5 MV/m)
- Some additional gradient "loss" due to tunnel waveguide distribution
- After initial commissioning design gradient almost reached
- Operation of RF stations "off beam" allows final commissioning of single stations parallel to XFEL operation





- 20 out of 25 RF stations are commissioned
- Handed over to operations and controlled via FSM
- Inner loop RF stability <0.01 deg, < 0.01%</p>
- Preliminary measurements of beam energy jitter ≈ 10⁻⁴







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Quantity	Target	Achieved
electron energy	14 GeV	12 GeV%
macro pulse repetition rate	10 Hz	10 Hz
RF pulse length (flat top)	600 µs	600 µs
# bunches / second	600	300\$
bunch charge	0.5 nC	0.1, 0.5 nC
electron bunch length after compression (FWHM)	90 fs	90 fs
Normalized slice emittance	1 mm mrad	0.6 mm mrad
beam power	4.2 kW	1.8 kW

\$: in the injector

% Initial commissioning at reduced gradients & 3 more stations ready \$ Machine protection system 'soft' limit





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Night between 2nd and 3rd May 2017





Improvement of beam position in SASE beamline increases energy 25.05.2017 0:00: dnoelle Lasing at 2 Angström with pulse energies up to 100 μJ using a beam with 500 pC ad 10.3 GeV with moderate compression settings.

Using the results from the last BBA (nichtshift from 23rd to 24th of May) the SASE1 undulator was closed segment by segment, always correcting the orbit to the BBA straight line. After about 10 segments being closed, first indications of SASE could be seen on the first imager in the photon beamline. After closing more undulators the signal could be tuned, and intensity measurement by the XGM show up to 100 µJ SASE pulses at a wavelength of 2 Angström or 6.2 keV. The SASE operation could be keept over night and during the next day with variing but still some 10 µJ level.

25.05.2017 01:48 XFEL forinker, dnoelle, jgruenert, zpisarov 6.2 KeV, 500 pC, 10.3 GeV signal on XGM





Standard diagnostics for the E-XFEL

Systems count in total and per section

> Gun

- > Injector
- XTL: the long accelerator with collimator section
- XTD: undulator sections up to dumps

All components, except wire scanners, used in entire facility are tested in injector

System	Subsystem	Gun	Injector [XTIN]	XTL	XTDs
BPM system	Button	3	7	162	126
~ 460	Cavity Ø 10 mm				103
	Cavity Ø 40.5 mm		3	19	5
	Reentrant		1	23	
	Button Compressor			3	
	НОМ		2		
Charge	FCUP	4			
~ 50	DaMon	1	1	7	
	Toroid	1	3	16	15
Screens	Simple	3			
~ 70	Complete		7	26	16
	Dump		1	4	5
	Compressor			3	
Wire scanners				6	6
12					
Loss monitors	BLM	1	18	230	240
~ 490	BHM		1	1	2



Diagnostics setup: BPMs

BPM types

- > Button for different beam pipe diameter
- Low Q cavity BPMs with 2 beam pipe diameters
- Reentrant Cavity BPM (30% of cold LINAC)

Collaboration (institutes and tasks)

- CEA Saclay: re-entrant cavity BPM for cold modules including front end electronics
- > DESY: button and cavity BPM mechanics
- PSI: front end electronics (button and cavity BPM) and digital back end (all)

Readout

- MBU (Modular BPM Unit)
- > Single bunch measurement
- Connection to DOOCS via a FPGA-FPGA bridge with optical fibers.
- Decoding of E-XFEL timing protocol in MBU



Diagnostics: BPMs

- > Operational from day 0
- Start with self trigger mode: voltage above ADC threshold, find beam bucket precisely, beam detected immediately
- Trigger delay measured, set in control system, followed by fine adjustment for cavity BPMs
- Laboratory calibration used and checked for buttons and cavity BPMs, reentrant cavity BPM calibrated beam based
- Stable, robust operation, except some communication problems between PSI backend and DESY µTCA system still recently in the SASE1 section





BPM: resolution measurement

> One BPM compared to all others with model independent analysis





BPM: resolution measurement

> Analysis of residual results in standard deviation from gaussian fit





BPM: resolution measurement

> Do this for all BPMs



BPM: bunch compressor

Special construction at bunch compressor with 400 mm x 40 mm inner chamber aperture

FLASH button electronics







Diagnostics setup: charge monitors

Toroids or Current transformers provide differential signal from RFFE processed in µTCA; testwinding for calibration and selftest; connection to MPS for transmission

Dark current Monitors
 (DaMon) low Q resonators at
 1.3 GHz to provide field
 amplitude from beam and dark
 current bunches, signal
 processing via down
 conversion and log-amplifiers

 Additional data from BPMs and Faraday cups













Diagnostics: charge monitors

Charge transmission GUI with Toroid (dark blue) and BPMs (bright blue)



Start with self trigger, operational from 1st day

> Based on laboratory calibration, beam based adjusted at BPMC and Toroid in dump (4%)



Diagnostics: BPM charge resolution

Charge resolution of BPMs; Toroids will be included later



Buttons (red) better charge resolution compared to cavities (green and blue), all below 1pC



Diagnostics: dark current monitor



Charge can be detected with few fC at DC channel (helpful after maintenance)



Diagnostics setup: beam loss and halo monitors

BLMs:

- Scintillators with photomultipliers
- > Single bunch resolution
- > On board HV generation
- Single, multiple bunch and integration alarms to MPS
- Readout by µTCA board with rear transition module, digital interface to MPS system

Halo monitors (BHM):

- Radiation hard sensors: diamond and sapphire with different sensitivities to enhance dynamic range
- Installed in dump line around pipe
- Readout similar to BLMs







Diagnostics: beam loss monitors



- During operation BLM show losses and alarms
 - If number of macro-pulse above threshold is exceeded the signal is transmitted to MPS and inhibits beam

> Reset necessary; orbit correction



Diagnostics: beam loss monitors

- Detected beam before and after main bunch
- Sensitivity of dark current monitor is lower compared to BLM but charge estimated about few fC (with DaMon)
- Problem with photo cathode pockels cell, is solved last week





Diagnostics: beam halo monitors

- Example with large beam size at first main dump
- Causes alarm to MPS





Diagnostics setup: dosimetry

- Gamma sensors RadFets for online measurements of accumulated dose
- Plug-in readout module (according FPGA Mezzanine Card [FMC] standard)
- Hosted on FMC carriers, e.g. DAMC02 or other systems like PSI BPM electronics
- Internal and external sensors:
 - internal sensors on MPS and BPM boards distributed inside the machine racks
 - outside of racks, connected via field bus system
- > Option to extend for Neutron dosimetry









Logbook entry: "The plot shows the readings from RadFet sensors outside of the shielding. The scaling is roughly 5.6 Sv/V. The brown line is a sensor in A6, green and pink are external sensors in A26.

The others are A25 and one station in the middle of the L3. One can see some dose at the L3 entrance, I think due to B2D operation and at the end of L3 at the last module.

The dose at the end is roughly 0.5 Sv."





raw data of the radfet at the end of L3 together with toroid charge in TLD and bunch number



Logbook entry: Overview on the radiation doses at SASE1 and SASE3

Increase on the absorbed doses is seen over the last week/Weekend in SASE1 and SASE3. The picture summarizes the current level in Gy per undulator cell of SASE1 and SASE3, both at top and bottom girders of the undulators.



Doses in Gy at SASE1 and SASE3 cells as for 06/06/2017 at 8:00AM

DESY

Diagnostics setup: screens

- Scintillator screens perpendicular to the beam, camera under 45° for spatial suppression of COTR
- Scheimpflug principle to extend depth of field over entire screen
- Screen actuator on mover to insert different targets: on- and off-axis screens and grid
- Camera Basler Aviator avA2300-25gm with possible two different lenses (1:1 and 1:2) on mover to focus the spot, optical resolution ≤ 10µm for 1:1
- > Wire scanner will be used as well





dotted calibration grid (spot Ø .5mm)

200µm thick LYSO screen (on-axis) 1 or 2 "half "LYSO screens 200µm thick (off-axis)





Diagnostics: screen

"Smoke rings"



- Images of scintillating screens along the beam line
- Structure is present even after acceleration and compression
- Can be observed in simulations (non-linear space charge effect), but should be more sensitive to phase-advance ...
- Maybe decrease of light intensity for higher charge density ?



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Diagnostics with screen stations: emittance along bunch train

Scheme of the XFEL injector diagnostics section



- Fast kickers kick single bunches out of the trains to off-axis screens
- "Semi-parasitic" diagnostics during beam delivery
- Together with transverse deflecting system also used for slice diagnostics



Variations along the train can be monitored

Corrections to provide uniform conditions along train



Diagnostics: Wire scanner

Tungsten wire thickness 10, 20 and 30um

Table 3 Wire scanner specifications

Units to install	24 (3x4 stations vertical/horizontal)
Number of wires per fork	3 + 2 (3x90deg, +/-60 deg)
Wire material	Tungsten
Fork gap	15mm
Wire-wire distance (0deg)	5mm
Stroke	53mm
Scanning modes	Fast (1m/s, <100ms/scan), Slow
Measurement duration	5 sec (per Emittance measurement
	station, i.e. 4 scanners)
Position accuracy in a cycle	2 μm (rms)
Width accuracy per cycle	2 % (rms)
Wire positioning error	1 μm





Figure 4 WS fork with wires: dimensions (left) and a 3D view (right).





31.05.2017 11:16 Froehlich, Lensch, Liu First test of wire scanners with beam
 We moved the first vertical wire (i.e. the 10 um W wire of the horizontal wire scanner) of OTRBW.1523.L3 into the beam. Beam losses are visible on the BLMs downstream and on the dedicated wirescanner detectors.

The first horizontal wire (for vertical wirescans) worked as well.





Summary

- EU-XFEL started with lasing this year
- BPMs, Toroids, BLMs and BHMs worked before beam appeared, selftrigger mode helpful for beam commissioning
- > BPMs and Toroids within specification
- > DaMon detects very low beam charges
- > BLMs and BHMs work well with machine protection
- > BLMs very sensitive to detect side bunches
- > Dosimetry can be correlated with expected radiation
- Screens used to measure transverse distribution, "smoke rings" under investigation
- > Wire scanners started to be commissioned



Outlook

- > Wire scanners will be commissioned further
- SASE2 installation ongoing
- SASE2 commissioning expected second half of October this year
- > 2 seed sections with 2 cavity BPMs without reference to be commission



Outlook



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