# Seeing elusive protein structures at high resolution: Instrumentation for XFEL crystallography and imaging



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#### The European XFEL





#### **Traditional X-ray sources**







Images: https://industry.gov.au http://www.xstruct.ugent.be

#### **Protein structure**



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Nass et al. (2016)

TRM Barends et al. (2014)

R Neutze (2015)



Scattered x-rays is proportional to N<sup>2</sup> (~ 100 x 100 x 100 elements)

### O If N=1, then scattering is proportional to 1 (~ a million times less than above)

#### Conclusion: Need a lot more x-rays



#### **SASE** radiation

FELs offer improvements over 3<sup>rd</sup> generation synchrotrons

- Orders of magnitude brighter
- Extremely short pulse duration
- Both µm and nm focus



Dr. Grant Mills, EIROforum School of Instrumentation, 22 June 2017

#### **Diffraction before destruction**





Image: R. Neutze et al. Nature (2000)

#### SASE pulse train



#### Undulator





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Coherent radiation is emitted from 175 m of SASE undulator

- Initial section of undulator produces radiation
- The radiation couples with the electron's to bunch the electrons
- Saturation occurs when the electrons are completely microbunched
- This process greatly amplifies the radiation emitted



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#### **Radiation damage**



Diffraction before destruction (2014) Henry N. Chapman, Carl Caleman, Nicusor Timneanu



#### Imaging biomolecules and X-ray radiation



**Technical Design Report: Scientific Instrument SPB, (2013)** A. P. Mancuso, et al.

#### **KB mirror systems**

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#### **KB** mirror systems



Design of the mirror optical systems for coherent diffractive imaging at the SPB/SFX instrument of the European XFEL, (2016) Richard J Bean, et al.

#### **Manufacturing achievements**



970 x 25 mm clear aperture

- 1.8 nm peak to valley variation
- 2x 50 nm thick polished coatings
  B₄C and Ru
  950 x 10 mm

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#### **Compound refractive lenses**

Initial operation will use the CRL in the tunnel

- CRL is a repeating structure of parabolic surfaces
- 12 mm diameter
- 2 mm thickness
- Focus to 2.5 µm diameter







#### **Cassette ordering**

Initial operation will use the CRL in the tunnel

**1**, 2, 4, 8, 10, 10 .....

Allows the change of X-ray energy while still maintaining focal location





#### Interaction region

There are two inline interaction regions, thes 1st upstream region is available day 1

- Day 1 will provide 60 pulses per trai
  10 Hz
- Photons at 8.4 keV
- Pulse energy at 2 mJ
- Pulse duration 43 fs
  - 120° open scattering cone

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#### **Sample injection**

Many methods have been adopted to deliver sample into the interaction region





#### **Gas Dynamic Virtual Nozzle**

- Capillary guides the sample into the interaction region
- Inert gas focuses the jet into a thin stream
- A μm thin jet can be maintained over more than 100 μm distance
- A modified system can also handle viscous solutions

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## Design study of a microfluidic mixing nozzle in 25 mm nozzle rod



Image: Joachim Schulz, Rita Graceffa, Dennis Ropers



#### **Aerosol injectors**

- Injector creates particle beam
- Pressures decrease through the injector nozzle
- Rapid motion of sample



#### **Fixed targets**





#### **AGIPD Detectors**



- 📕 6 13 keV
- 1 x 10<sup>4</sup> at 12 keV dynamic range
- **5** σ at 12 keV sensitivity
- Number of storage cells 352
- Can store images at 4.5 MHz

#### **Experiments**





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#### A three-dimensional movie of structural changes in bacteriorhodopsin

Time-resolved SFX

Bacteriorhodopsin conformational changes

10 fs long pulses at SACLA





#### **Experiments**

#### Atomic resolution structure of serine protease proteinase K at ambient temperature

- High resolution SFX
- 1.2 Å res proteinase K
- Comparision of SFX and SRX B-factors



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#### **Experiments**

- Two-colour X-ray-pump/X-ray-probe scheme used for studying the molecular fragmentation of XeF<sub>2</sub>
- These reactions occur on the fs timescale, perfect for the European XFEL



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A Picón, et al 2016 CS Lehmann, et al 2016



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In the future we hope to have a more automated way to deposit data.

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