

# IAEA training workshop on synchrotron technologies and techniques and their applications

# Beamlines





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A beamline is the "equipment" required to transport SR from the source (BM/ID) to the sample and to condition the radiation for the experiment.





## **Beamline Definition**





X-ray powder diffraction - MCX
 X-ray single crystal diffraction - XRD1/2
 X-ray absorption - XAFS
 X-ray Fluorescence - XRF





# **Beamline Definition**



- Steer beam in an efficient manner **preserving flux**
- Steer beam in a safe manner both for equipment and personnel





What does condition mean?

- Control energy (E) and bandwidth ( $\Delta E$  ) of the beam
  - Monochromatic beam ( $\Delta E = 1-2 \text{ eV}$  @ 10KeV;  $\Delta E / E = 10-4$ )
  - Polychromatic beam ( $\Delta E = 1-2 \text{ KeV} @ 10 \text{KeV}; \Delta E / E = 10-1$ )
  - High resolution beams ( $\Delta E$  a few meV @ 10KeV;  $\Delta E$  /E = 10-7)
- Control size/divergence of the beam
  - Micro or nano beams
  - Highly collimated beams
- Control polarization of the beam
  - Linear
  - Circular
- Remove unwanted power











# Beamline Components → Vacuum system

Ring pipe is maintained in ULTRA HIGH VACUUM (< 10<sup>-9</sup> mbar)

LOW VACUUM

Roughing pumps ~10<sup>-3</sup> mbar

Mechanically noisy, lubricants  $\rightarrow$  contamination HIGH VACUMM (HV)

Turbo pumps ~10<sup>-8</sup> mbar

Mechanically quiet, magnetically suspended, needs low

vacuum pumps

HIGH and ULTRA HIGH VACUUM (UHV)

lon pumps ~10<sup>-11</sup> mbar

CONFLAT

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No moving parts, no lubricants. Molecular casting.













A radiation is defined as **ionizing** if it carries enough energy for ionizing atoms and/or molecules

DIRECT IONIZATION

 $\bullet$  Massive charged particles traveling at relativistic speed:  $\alpha\mbox{-}particles$  ,  $\beta\mbox{-}particles$ 

#### INDIRECT IONIZATION

- High energy photons that exert ionization through photoelectron, Compton effect or pair production (γ-rays, Xrays and Higher Energy UV)
- Uncharged fast neutrons can dislodge a proton upon collision the "recoil proton" may induce secondary ionization







Beamline Components → Safety system

#### **Radiation sources at Synchrotron Facility**

X-ray and UV **synchrotron radiation** produced by Bending Magnets and Insertion Devices **Bremsstrahlung** produced by electromagnetic cascade or shower due to e-beam *loss* 

Prompt radiation sources at electron accelerators are generated by e-beam loss

♦ All the electron injected into the ring pipe are lost naturally: during ring revolution → due to Columbian *friction* / scattering with residual gas particles

Shielding structures (lead)

Very good vacuum for electrons!





# Beamline Components $\rightarrow$ Safety system



Shutters (Cooled copper blocks to manage beam power) and stoppers (high density materials, e.g. Tungsten) to protect users in case of e<sup>-</sup>-beam loss (**Bremsstrahlung**)





# Beamline Components $\rightarrow$ Radiation Sources







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# Beamline Components → Radiation Sources/spectra



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# Beamline Components → Radiation Sources/spectra







# Beamline Components → Monochromator





# Beamline Components $\rightarrow$ Monochromator



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$$\sin\alpha + \sin\beta = Nk\lambda$$









# Beamline Components → Monochromator



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Radiation of wavelength is <u>reflected</u> by the lattice planes. The outgoing waves interfere. The interference is constructive when the optical path difference is a multiple of  $\lambda$ :



d is the distance between crystal planes.

Si(111), d=3.13 Å, Emin ~ 2 KeV Si(220), d=1.92 Å, Emin ~ 3.2 KeV Si(311), d=1.64 Å, Emin ~ 3.8 KeV InSb(111), d=3.74 Å, Emin ~ 1.7 KeV Ge(111), d=3.27 Å, Emin ~ 1.9 KeV Multilayers: W/Si, Mo/Si, W/B4C Ru/B4C, Rh/C, Ni/C



# $\bigcirc$ Beamline Components $\rightarrow$ Monochromator

• The diffraction **grating** is an artificial periodic structure with a well defined period d. The diffraction conditions are given by the grating equation:



Laminar gratings: higher spectral purity

Blaze gratings: higher efficiency



# $\bigcirc$ Beamline Components $\rightarrow$ Monochromator

Monochromator is made by two parallel crystals (usually with same hkl exposed face) and produces a monochromatic beam running parallel to the incident X-ray beam

The whole system is mechanically designed in order to rotate the pair of crystals to change the incident angle corresponding to a given energy

Maintaining the perfect parallelism is crucial for maximizing the throughput of the system



# $\bigcirc$ Beamline Components $\rightarrow$ Monochromator

Channel cut or Double crystal monochromator (DCM) :In order to make h fix (that is important for properly illuminating the downstream optics), g should be changed accordingly to the selected energy

Deformation of the crystal due to the thermal load can severely affect the performances of the monochromator. Monochromators are usually cooled



#### **Sincrotrone Beamline Components** → Monochromator





• The energy resolution of a crystal monochromator is determined by the angular spread ° of the diffracted beam and by the Bragg angle .

° has two contributions :

- beam : angular divergence of the <u>incident</u> beam
- Intrinsic width of the Bragg reflection



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# Beamline Components -> Monochromator

#### Intrinsic width of the Bragg reflection (maximum energy resolution)

• The intrinsic reflection width of the crystal,  $\omega_s$ , can be obtained measuring the crystal reflectivity for a perfectly collimated monochromatic beam, as a function of the difference between the actual value of the incidence  $\theta$  angle and the ideal Bragg value:  $\Delta \theta = \theta - \theta_B$ .

This reflectivity is derived by the dynamic diffraction theory, which includes multiple scattering Darwin curve:





# Beamline Components $\rightarrow$ Mirrors (and more)





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# Beamline Components -> Mirror Reflectivity

Reflectivity drops down fast with the increasing of the grazing incidence angle

→ only reflective optics at grazing incidence angles

**Typically** 1°-2° for soft x-rays, few mrad for hard x-rays, 1 mrad= 0.057°

Reflectivity depends on photon energy... let's make a step back!





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# Beamline Components → Radiation Sources/spectra





# $\bigcirc$ Beamline Components $\rightarrow$ Mirrors, focusing properties

X-rays mirrors can have different geometrical shapes, their optical surface can be a plane, a sphere, a paraboloid, an ellipsoid and a toroid.



• The meridional or tangential plane contains the central incident ray and the normal to the surface. The sagittal plane is the plane perpendicular to the tangential plane and containing the normal to the surface.

# Beamline Components - Mirrors (paraboloid)

- Rays traveling parallel to the symmetry axis OX are all focused to a point A.
- Conversely, the parabola collimates rays emanating from the focus A.







• Rays from one focus F<sub>1</sub> will always be perfectly focused to the second focus F<sub>2</sub>.





• J.B. West and H.A. Padmore, Optical Engineering, 1987

#### Beamline Components $\rightarrow$ Mirrors (toroid) Sincrotrone

- The bicycle type toroid is generated rotating a circle of radius in an arc of radius R.
- In general, a toroid produces two non-coincident line images: one in the tangential focal plane and one in the sagittal focal plane





- For =R toroid becomes spherical.
- A stigmatic image can only be obtained at normal incidence.
- For a vertical deflecting spherical mirror at grazing incidence the horizontal sagittal focus is always further away from the mirror than the vertical tangential focus. The mirror only weakly focalizes in the sagittal direction.









• This configuration, originally suggested by Kirkpatrick and Baez in 1948, is based on two mutually perpendicular concave spherical mirrors.







# $\Rightarrow \qquad \text{Beamline Components } \rightarrow \text{Mirror defects}$



### Manufacturing imperfections on a mirror surface:

- Micro roughness
- Slope errors

spatial period <1 mm spatial period >1 mm





#### Micro roughness, Spatial period <1 mm

Characterized by the rms value of the surface height measured with respect to the mean surface level. **Usual range: 1-5 Å** 







- produces a diffuse background: light is scattered at random directions
- superposition of diffraction gratings, each diffracting the light in different directions







• R is the attenuated reflectivity, R<sub>0</sub> is the reflectivity of the ideal smooth surface





**Slope errors**: deviations from the the ideal profile of the mirror with **spatial period > 1 mm** They are characterized by the rms value of the <u>derivative</u> of the error profile (**range 0.5-5**  $\hbar$  **rad**)







Slope errors enlarge the image formed by specular reflected beam

surface of a mirror at an incidence angle it is reflected at the same angle:



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 Slope errors locally rotate the direction of the normal to the optical surface

Beamline Components  $\rightarrow$  Mirror defects, Slope

 $\rightarrow$  rotate the direction of the reflected beam









# Beamline Components → Mirror Manufacture

Shape	Spherical/ Flat	Toroidal/ aspherical
Roughness (Å) on <u>glass based</u> <u>materials</u>	3Å standard 1Å best	5Å standard 3Å best (1-2 some times happen)
Roughness (Å) on <u>metallic</u> <u>materials</u>	5Å standard 3Å best	5Å standard 3Å best

Typical values (SESO, ZEISS, Winlight, Jobin Yvon)

Shape	Length	rms <mark>slope</mark> errors
Spherical/ flat	Up to 500 mm	< 0.5 µrad
Spherical/ flat	> 500 mm	1-2 µrad
Toroidal	Up to 500 mm	1 µpad
Toroidal	> 500 mm	2 µrad
Aspherical	Up to 500 mm	2 µrad
Aspherical	> 500 mm	3-5 µrad





# Beamline Definition $\rightarrow$ Other optics







### **Beamline Definition**



compound refractive lenses (CRLs)



Be lenses

Refractive x-ray lenses on a holder



Fresnel zone plates. (a) The path difference between adjacent transparent rings,  $P_{n+2} - P_n$ , in a zone plate should be equal to the wavelength of the x-rays being focused. (b) An electron microscopy image of a zone plate manufactured using electron-beam microlithography.



nanofocusing lens array fabricated by lithographic and ion-etching techniques





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