Commissioning and First Results of the Materials Imaging and Dynamics (MID) Station at the European XFEL



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European XFEL – a new unique research facility



European XFEL – an overview of the underground



Nov 2009: Start of construction work

Picture from winter 2011

Tunnel drilling machine coming out at Osdorfer Born



Nov 2009: Start of construction work

Picture from spring 2012

Looking down into the future experimental hall



Nov 2009: Start of construction work

Picture from spring 2012

Tunnel drilling machine almost out of the SASE-2 tunnel (MID)



Nov 2009: Start of construction work

Picture from summer 2012

Aerial view of the construction site



10 year anniversary of European XFEL

Nov 2009: Start of construction work

Picture from Nov 2012

Experimental hall



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Nov 2009: Start of construction work

Picture from Nov 2019

Experimental hall



The facility





superconducting linac, ~1 km long built and operated by DESY electron energy 8.5 - 17.5 GeV up to 27000 electron pulses/s



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The accelerator

Pulse pattern of European XFEL



10¹² X-ray photons (~1 mJ) per pulse (<100 fs)

10 trains/s Until 27000 pulses/s

Pulses within train distributed to all beamlines in a predefined pattern

X-ray lasing



X-ray lasing



Average Brightness is huge but **Peak Brightness (~10³⁴)** is gigantic due to the short (<100 fs) pulse duration

Combination of the three:

- Coherence
- Ultra-fast pulses
- Gigantic peak brilliance

is particularly interesting

 \rightarrow Important part of XFEL mission

1st Batch of Instruments at European XFEL



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Materials Imaging and Dynamics Instrument

The Materials Imaging and Dynamics (MID) station aims at the investigation of nanosized **structure** and nanoscale **dynamics** using **coherent hard X-rays**. Applications to a **wide range of materials** from hard to soft condensed matter and biological structures are envisaged

(1st MID workshop, Oct 2009 @ ESRF, Grenoble)



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Materials Imaging and Dynamics Instrument

- Materials MID focuses on structural studies of materials including liquid, glassy, amorphous and crystalline states. Connecting the nanoscale behavior to the macroscopic properties of materials is at the heart of our investigations
 - **Imaging** Imaging of materials with X-rays is the technique used at MID. X-ray imaging can be done in many ways, e.g. using absorption, phase or scattering contrast. The coherence of the beam offers new opportunities to achieve higher spatial resolution in X-ray microscopy
- **Dynamics** With sufficiently high time resolution in imaging experiments it will be possible to capture phenomena like phonon dynamics or atomic diffusion. The pulsed structure of European XFEL with MHz repetition rate of fs pulses is a unique feature with benefit for time-domain investigations like XPCS

Materials Imaging and Dynamics Instrument: An ultrafast camera

Length	10 mm	1 mm	0.1 nm
Velocity	10 m/s	100 m/s	1000 m/s (acoustic phonon in matter)
Time	1/1000 s	1/100.000 s	1/10.000.000.000.000 s (100 femto-seconds)

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MHz area detector, 1M pixels (AGIPD) Windowless, all in-vacuum setup or sample in air Sample - detector distance 0.2 - 8 m 2θ up to ~50°, 5-24 keV



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MID commissioning



First users at SASE-1 Sept 2017

First beam at MID, Dec 2018



MID Pop-in MID_AUXT2_IMGPI

MID commissioning: nano-focusing



MID commissioning: nano-focusing

Be is a good material for XFEL optics due to the high ablation threshold
Ablation limits (~1eV energy absorbed per atom per pulse) are typically not reached for Be in the unfocused FEL beam

nano-CRL & phase plate





20 Be lenses f=30 cm @ 9 keV

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Au wire scans, 50 nm step size Integrated over 1000 pulses

MID commissioning: nano-focusing



Jets of Ar and Kr in MID's vacuum chamber (#2272 and 2542)





1st users at MID (#2272) 20-24 March 2019

Alexander Schottelius, Robert Grisenti, Anton Kalinin, et al. Uni. Frankfurt and GSI

MID commissioning

Towards lasing at larger photon energy \rightarrow 18 keV with good flux at MID (Oct 2019)



18 keV beam at MID960 m from source,730 m from collimating optics



~ 500 x 500 μm²

Time-resolved in-line holography of cavitation dynamics (#2207 & 2544)



Commissioning of single-pulse spectrometer (this week)



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Diamond detectors and fast photodiode

- test with 9 keV, 120 uJ / 7.5 keV , 40 uJ
- In-air setup with 200 um SC-diamond window upstream
- Be and graphite-coated diamond detectors (I₀ monitor)
- Using oscilloscope and fast ADC digitizer boards



T. Roth et al., J. Synchrotron Rad. 25, 177 (2018)



Split-Delay line at MID (installation start: Dec 2019)



geometrical thin beam second beam merger merger channel cut first geometrical thin beam channel cut beam splitter splitter

Inner mechanics

Max Born Institute Eisebitt group

Femtosecond Pump laser for MID (commissioning start: Feb 2020)

Courtesy Max Lederer (EuXFEL laser group)

https://www.xfel.eu/facility/instruments/mid/index_eng.html

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