Introduction to breakout session B1 (hard X-ray beamlines)

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This year: 10-year anniversary of hard XFELs at SACLA

Birth of the first hard X-ray laser at SACLA (June 7, 2011)





Thanks for your continuous support!!

It is truly disappointing that we can not celebrate this memorial year in person, but...

First user experiment (March 7, 2012)



Prof. Shen's group of Okayama U.

Next year is also a memorial year 2022: 10-year anniversary of *user operation*

SACLA performance exceeded our expectations



T. Hara et al., Nature Commun. 4, 2919 (2013).

Early results (within 3 years after the start of user operation)

<u>Damage-free PX</u> -> Talk by Prof. Iwata (Kyoto U) on Mar. 11

Determination of damagefree crystal structure of an X-ray-sensitive protein using an XFEL

Kunio Hirata^{1,2,9}, Kyoko Shinzawa-Itoh^{3,9}, Naomine Yano^{2,3}, Shuhei Takemura³, Koji Kato^{3,8}, Miki Hatanaka³, Kazumasa Muramoto³, Takako Kawahara³, Tomitake Tsukihara^{2–4}, Eiki Yamashita⁴, Kensuke Tono⁵, Go Ueno¹, Takaaki Hikima¹, Hironori Murakami¹, Yuichi Inubushi¹, Makina Yabashi¹, Tetsuya Ishikawa¹, Masaki Yamamoto¹, Takashi Ogura⁶, Hiroshi Sugimoto¹ Jian-Ren Shen⁷, Shinya Yoshikawa³ & Hideo Ago¹ Grease matrix as a versatile carrier of proteins for serial crystallography

Michihiro Sugahara¹, Eiichi Mizohata², Eriko Nango¹, Mamoru Suzuki^{1,3}, Tomoyuki Tanaka¹, Tetsuya Masuda^{1,4}, Rie Tanaka¹, Tatsuro Shimamura⁵, Yoshiki Tanaka⁵, Chiyo Suno⁵, Kentaro Ihara⁵, Dongqing Pan⁶, Keisuke Kakinouchi⁷, Shigeru Sugiyama⁷, Michio Murata⁷, Tsuyoshi Inoue², Kensuke Tono⁸, Changyong Song¹, Jachyun Park¹, Takashi Kameshima⁸, Takaki Hatsui¹, Yasumasa Joti⁸, Makina Yabashi¹ & So Iwata^{1.5}

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Native structure of photosystem II at 1.95 Å resolution viewed by femtosecond X-ray pulses

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Ultrafast pump-probe

-> Talk by Prof. Ihee (KAIST) on Mar. 11

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Direct observation of bond formation in solution with femtosecond X-ray scattering

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Nonlinear X-ray interactions with matter



50 papers/year -> 1 paper / 1 experiment !!

Similar to early days of X-ray crystallography ??

"It was a wonderful time. Like discovering a new goldfield where nuggets could be picked up on the ground, with thrilling new results every week".

XFELs are becoming popular tools like synchrotron X-ray sources



XFEL experiments are gradually maturing.

e.g. some kinds of experiments are standardized (SFX, pump-probe).

Currently, most researchers are trying to reveal unexplored information about the samples, rather than carry out the principle-of-proof experiments.

Improving qualities of XFELs should be a key for maximizing scientific outputs

Now that SACLA team is almost done with initial R&D for the machine and standardization of experimental set-up.

It's a good timing to discuss about what direction we should go for next 10 years.

Photon parameters compared to other XFEL facilities



Moving SACLA forward: short- and long-term development plans



"Completely decoupling BL2 and BL3 operations"

Short-term development: maximizing machine performance

Issues in present FELs

Photon parameters are not reproducible.

- \rightarrow change from beam time to beam time
- Parameters sometimes drift with time, especially for unique operation modes

Facility activities

Implemented machine learning (ML) optimizer for maximize the pulse energy

(Bayesian approach using Gaussian processes)

Small changes in electron conditions cause big differences in photon qualities.

Most parts of machine tuning rely on operators' experiences, although number of accelerator components is huge. Machine optimization is sometimes inadequate.



cf. ML optimization at large-scale X-ray facilities



Machine learning based-tuning (optimizing pulse energy)

 \bigcirc R&D started in the middle of 2020.

Project led by E. Iwai (SACLA)

From 2020 winter, developed optimizers are used for daily machine tuning.



Significant results in 2021: pulse energy reached all-time high!

As a next step, we are expanding ML technique to more complicated optimization problems (multiple parameters, beam profile) towards realizing tailor-made XFELs.

Concept of tailor-made XFELs



Questions from facility

•Any other parameters we should optimize?

•Are there critical photon parameters in each science case?

Tailor-made XFELs for more demanding users/experiments

Option 1.

Facility provides virtual data set of XFEL pulses (pulse energy, spectrum, profile) prior to the experiment.



Option 2. (for extremely demeaning users/experiments)



R&D of these schemes for tailor-made XFELs is on-going.

Long-term development plan (machine upgrade)



How long will it take for implementing these technologies to SACLA?
How much the photon qualities will be improved?

-> Takahiro's talk

Questions from facility

•Which improvement(s) will be a game changer for your scientific field?

•What is the target values for respective parameters?

Note:

Due to the limited budget and man power, simultaneous development of all technologies is not realistic. We need to define the priority.