First test experiments with FMB-Oxford direct drive DCM at the Sirius beamline of Synchrotron SOLEIL

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The Sirius beamline at SOLEIL: experimental requirements



Energy range: 1.4–12 keV tender x-ray variable polarisation

Goal: to combine different scattering and spectroscopy techniques at grazing incidence for surface/interface studies GIXD, GISAXS, FLY-XAS, DAFS, Reflectivity, XRMS



The Sirius beamline at SOLEIL: experimental requirements



In situ / in operando experiments

Monitoring the nucleation process and the early stages of MOCVD/ALD growth of ZnO via X-ray techniques

We need fast scanning to follow kinetics !



The Sirius beamline at SOLEIL: technical solutions/selected optics





The FMB-Oxford DCM: worm-wheel vs. direct drive

worm - wheel



direct drive (torque)



Sirius DCM uses a synchronous brushless motor (ETEL) with 44 poles (22 pairs) \longrightarrow backlash-free and dynamic response Renishaw encoder + interpolator = 144x10⁶ counts/revolution



The FMB-Oxford DCM: worm-wheel vs. direct drive

Parameter	Worm Wheel	Direct Drive	
Resolution	<0.04 arc seconds (0.18 µrad)	<0.02 arc seconds (0.09 µrad)	
Repeatability	<0.15" (0.7 µrad) over 35° <0.2" (1 µrad) over 90°	<0.1" (0.45 µrad) over 35° <0.15" (0.7 µrad) over 90°	
Velocity Range	0.000 1°/sec - 1°/sec	0.000 1°/sec - 4°/sec	
Velocity Accuracy*	1.5% (20" at 0.5°/s)	0.1% (2.5" at 1°/s)	
Settling Time*	150ms from 0.5°/s	50ms from 1°/s	

Direct drive enables Slightly better repeatability
Superior dynamic performances
Very small increments without any backlash

With 4°/s at 10 keV we can cover ~ 700 eV in 0.2 s \implies kinetics monitoring



DCM geometry and specifications



- Two crystal pairs: Si (111) and InSb (111) selected by translation of the whole vessel
- Perpendicular translation of 2nd crystal for fixed exit (xtal2perp)
- Beam walks on the second crystals (longer)
- Very large Bragg angle range (3° to 85°) and xtal2perp (9-73mm crystal separation) to allow access to 2 KeV with Si (111)



DCM typical offline tests at the factory







Performances at fixed energy (on line)





Beam intensity and position monitored with 4Q scCVD diamond [thickness =50 μ m, φ = 4mm, gap=50 μ m]. 27 m from source.

K. Desjardins et al., Journal of Physics Conferences Series 425, 212004, (2013)

- Vertical beam movement of 24 µm in ~12 hours
- Horizontal beam movement of 18 μm in ~12 hours
- Intensity variation < 0.4 % in ~12 hours

No stabilisation feedback



Performances at fixed energy



Horizontal and vertical beam movements not due to the source, they origin from the DCM



Performances at fixed energy



Intensity variations read by XBPM2 not related to oscillation in machine current



Performances at fixed energy





Performances at fixed energy/issues

Stability issues may be due to the fact that we do not use water cooling



Water connectors too close to LN one: freezing when water supply fails !



Home-made solution: it does not work yet. Improving it or chiller solution.



Performances at fixed energy - XRD

XRD test on low-density zincblende InP nanowires on Si substrate





Scans are performed by moving simultaneously monochromator Bragg angle and undulator gap

2		
7		
E Rs		
5.0	-0.7134	
6.0	-0.7121	
7.0	-0.7333	
8.0	-0.7335	1
9.0	-0.7337	
10.0	-0.7030	
11.0	-0.7030	

Tables used for 2nd crystal pitch, roll and perp calibration during scan



No piezo used, no feedback to stabilise beam position/intensity

Step observed in XANES, not in monitor, spoils the spectrum









Second roll fixed to average of optimized values in energy range of interest.

Pitch and roll do not vary more than repeatability now, but there are important beam movements during the scan.





Beam movements after DCM larger than source movements, even if a contribution from the source is possible, especially in horizontal. Main contribution comes from the DCM.





No more steps and good exafs spectra of dilute elements in nanostructures possible at Sirius fixing the crystal 2 roll, even without feedback.







Performances in energy scan/issues



Problems in beam intensity stabilisation during scans at low energy (< 3 keV) due to large variation of 2^{nd} crystal perp. translation \Rightarrow many points needed in table.

Solutions: use of piezo on 2nd crystal perp/feedback ? InSb instead of Si at E < 3 ?



Issues and correction strategies

- Solving problem with 2nd crystal roll minimum step (Tango configuration): done !
- New test to re-introduce water cooling for long time stabilization
- Improving stability in beam position using one or two of the piezo on pitch/roll/perp (depending on experiment) along with the I-200 two-channel digital electrometer with analog output for servo control (Successfully tested at other beamlines in SOLEIL !)
- Increase of velocity in scans to fully exploit the DCM dynamics thanks to continuous energy scan/fly scan

