Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering at SIX of NSLS II: An update on the beamline status and its performances

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Outline:

- A. Soft Inelastic X-ray Scattering Beamline SIX at NSLS -II
 - Beamline overview
 - <u>Status update</u>: flux, BL energy resolution, beam size at the sample, spectrometer resolution
- **B.** Collective excitations in model devices
 - Scope of the research project
 - First data measured at SIX



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Design Parameters for Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering at SIX

Energy: soft x-rays, 200 – 2000 eV

Polarization of incoming light: LV, LH, Circular

Operation modes: Medium Resolution (R~ 15000) High Resolution (R~ 35000) Ultra High Resolution (R~ 70000)

Scattering angle: Continuous in vacuum rotation from 38 deg to 150 deg

Beamline open to user proposals: Next Call: September 30th

https://www.bnl.gov/ps/beamlines/



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Centurion Spectrometer: M5 collecting mirrors



- M5 alignment requires a µm-sensitive alignment procedure
- It is fundamental to have the M5 focal point, the center of rotation of the 2θ optics wheel and the M4 focal spot all at the same point!

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Two CCD sensors imaging each one of two beams from the parabolic mirror



M5 dual parabolic mirror unit on 20 wheel

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Centurion Spectrometer: M6/M7/GR focalize and analyze energy

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- Hettrick-Underwood scheme + Dvorak's mirror (M7) keep outgoing beam angle fixed at -1° at all energies
- CCD height is fixed

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SIX Beamline: Flux



Study of Flux at 850 eV versus exit slit vertical gap

- GR 500 lmm⁻¹ provides 6 x more flux then GR 1800 lmm⁻¹
- Flux linear with exit slit vertical gap: medium res mode (GR 500lmm⁻¹, 30um es vg) ~40x more flux then ultra high res mode (GR 1800lmm⁻¹, 5um es vg)

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SIX Beamline: Energy Resolution for GR 500 lmm⁻¹

XAS transmission measurement of reference gases ٠



Calibrate the PGM energy

- Estimate the energy resolution
- ✓ Identify the optimum C_{ff} value

SIX Beamline: Energy Resolution for GR 1800lmm⁻¹

• XAS transmission measurement of reference gases

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- Calibrate the PGM energy
- X Estimate the energy resolution
- X Identify the optimum C_{ff} value

• PGM is calibrated when the same energy goes through the exit slit during a C_{ff} scan





• Fine tuning of *C_{ff}* optimal value is done using the spectrometer

SIX Beamline: Beam Size at the Sample

• New M4 refocusing mirror from JTEC installed in April 2019

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Centurion Spectrometer: Current Performances

BL GR 500 lmm⁻¹ / SP GR 2500 lmm⁻¹

Resolving Power ~ 21000

BL GR 1800 lmm⁻¹ / SP GR 2500 lmm⁻¹

Resolving Power ~ 42000



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Centurion Spectrometer: Scattering Arm Rotation



- Spectrometer arm motion system fully implemented and commissioned.
- Sample chamber is equipped with a discrete number of fixed exit ports.
- Long term solution: fully in vacuum rotation with Triple Rotating Flange













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