

# **Radiation Safety of New X-ray Free Electron laser facility** at SPring-8



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## **Introduction:**

The 8 GeV class X-ray Free Electron Laser facility at SPring-8 (SACLA; SPring-8) Angstrom Compact free electron LAser) has just started the operation to provide the X-ray laser with the shortest wavelength of less than 0.1 nm. SACLA is based on three new technologies. One is the low emittance thermionic gun, one is the C-band accelerators of up to 8.5 GeV and 30 nC/s, the other is the in-vacuum type undulators. The length of this system is about 414m, 234m, and 56m for the accelerator section, the undulator section, and the experimental hall, respectively. Based on the ALARA principles, the radiation shielding design criteria at the SPring-8 site are 8.5 µSv/h, 2.5µSv/h, and 100µSv/y, for the radiation controlled area, the boundary of the controlled area, and the site boundary, respectively. In addition to the radiation monitors outside the shield tunnel, a beam halo monitor and beal loss

monitors have been installed inside the tunnel to prevent unwated electron beam losses.



C-band accelerator

Undulator

Front-end (dump magnet, permanent mag., collimators) Laser spectrum (Self Amplitude Spontaneous Emission free electron laser, Undulator light)



The system is fundamentally same between SR and XFEL (linked by hard wires and redundant systems)

Inside monitors within shield tunnel to reduce unwanted electron beam loss and leakage dose









Outline of accelerator interlock logic (the permissions of the gun H.V and deflector are canceled within 16ms when the significant failure of the safety interlock system is occurred. <sup>(3)</sup>)



#### **Diamond based beam halo monitor**<sup>(1)</sup>

#### **Fiber based Cherenkov beam loss monitor** <sup>(2)</sup>

#### Summary

There are no marked increase of leakage doses outside the shield tunnel including the optics hutches until now including the commissioning even though the lower Using a beam halo monitor and Cherenkov beam loss monitors, repetition rates. unwanted accelerated electron beam losses can be decreased successfully. The safety interlock system of SACLA is fundamentally same as that of SPring-8, however the beam loss rates at the SACLA beamlines are one order or more higher than the SPring-8 beamlines so that radiation safety design should be more carefully such as installing a permanent magnet.

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