

Introduction to Free-Electron Laser Theory

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- Low-gain FEL
- High-gain FEL
- Experimental results on FEL performance \rightarrow

Do we understand the machinery ?

• Some notes on key components



Electron Accelerators as Light Sources



Synchrotron radiation from electron storage ring with bending magnets: •continuous spectrum •wide angular distribution

Undulator radiation:

- (almost) monochromatic
- narrow angular distribution

Free-Electron Laser (FEL):

- narrow spectral line
- transverse coherence
- powerful: $I_N = N^2 \cdot I_1$



dependence on charge!

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NOTE:
$$P = \frac{Q^2 a^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0^3 c^3} \gamma^4 \omega^4$$
 assumes point-like charge Q!

If Q consists of many particles, this requires that all charges are concentrated within distance λ !

→ FREE-ELECTRON LASER

 \rightarrow desired: bunch length < wavelength

OR (even better)

Density modulation at desired wavelength

→ Potential gain in power: $N_e \sim 10^6 !!$



FEL Basics

Idea:

Start with an electron bunch much longer than the desired wavelength and find a mechanism that cuts the beam into equally spaced pieces automatically

Free-Electron Laser (Motz 1950, Phillips ~1960, Madey 1970)

Special version:

starting from noise (no input needed) Single pass saturation (no mirrors needed)

Self-Amplified Spontaneous Emission (SASE)

(Kondratenko, Saldin 1980) (Bonifacio, Pellegrini 1984)







Basic FEL theory



The energy dW is taken from or transferred to the radiation field.

For most frequencies, dW/dz oscillates very rapidly.

 $\Psi = \left(k_u + k_L\right)z - \omega_L t + \varphi_0$

Continuous energy transfer ?

Yes, if
$$\Psi$$
 constant. $\rightarrow \frac{d\Psi}{dz} = 0 ! \frac{d\Psi}{dz} = k_u + k_L - \omega_L \frac{dt}{dz} \rightarrow$
 $\rightarrow k_u + k_L - \frac{k_L}{\beta_z} = 0 \rightarrow k_u = k_L \frac{1 - \beta_z}{\beta_z} = k_L \frac{1}{2\gamma_z^2 \beta_z} = k_L \frac{1 + K^2/2}{2\gamma^2 \beta_z}$

→ Resonance condition:
$$\lambda_{\rm L} = \frac{\lambda_{\rm u}}{2\gamma^2} \left(1 + \frac{{\rm K}^2}{2} \right)$$

Note: Same equation as for wavelength of undulator radiation.

→ Energy modulation inside electron bunch at optical wavelength !



Basic FEL theory

Step 2: Current modulation

Energy modulation by $\Delta\gamma$ leads to change of Phase Ψ :



Gain (or loss) in field energy per undulator passage, depending on where to start in phase space :



 $G_i = \frac{\text{gain of field energy produced by electron } i}{\text{total field energy}} \rightarrow \text{ requires solution of pendulum equation for } \gamma(z).$

Real beam may have well defined energy, but all phases are equally probable! \rightarrow Need to average gain for fixed energy $\Delta\gamma$ over all phases



$$Gain \propto -\frac{d}{d\omega} \frac{\sin^2 \left(\pi N_u \frac{\Delta \omega}{\omega_{res}}\right)}{\left(\Delta \omega\right)^2}$$

The FEL gain curve is the derivative of the line shape of spontaneous undulator radiation Madey-Theorem





The "low gain" FEL

For many FELs, it is sufficient to have only a few % power gain (low gain FEL). Using a pair of mirrors, one can multiply the gain, if on each round trip of radiation there is a fresh electron bunch available.

After N round trips, $G_{total} = G^{N}$, which can be a very big number.



Only few % of radiation intensity is extracted per electron passage (mirror reflectivity) to keep stored field high

courtesy R. Bakker

Very nice scheme. But what if we want wavelength < approx. 100nm where no good mirrors exist?





Reflectivity of most surfaces at normal incidence drops drastically at wavelengths below 100 - 200 nm.

NOTE challenge: Use Bragg crystals instead of normal incidence mirrors!
 → optical resonator for X-rays!
 Idea by K.-J. Kim; investigated for European XFEL at Univ.HH





Theory: High-gain FEL

Ansatz: $j(z) = j_0 + j_1(z)\cos(\Psi + \psi_0)$

i.e. we assume a density modulation at the optical wavelength

Maxwell Eq. combined with Vlasov Eq. results in a linear integro-differential equation for the electric field amplitude **E** growing with z (in a way to be calculated).

Can be translated into an ordinary differential equation of 3rd order:

 $\frac{d^{3} \mathbf{E}}{dz^{3}} + 2iC \frac{d^{2} \mathbf{E}}{dz^{2}} - C^{2} \frac{d\mathbf{E}}{dz} = i\Gamma^{3} \mathbf{E}$. Ansatz: $\mathbf{E} = A \exp(\Lambda z) \rightarrow \Lambda(\Lambda + iC)^{2} = i\Gamma^{3}$ <u>Abbreviations</u>
Gain Factor: $\Gamma = \left(\frac{\pi j_{0}K^{2}(1 + K^{2})\omega_{L}}{I_{A}c\gamma^{5}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ <u>Detuning parameter:</u> $C = k_{u} + k_{L} - \frac{\omega_{L}}{v_{z}}$ <u>Alven current:</u> $I_{A} = 17 \text{ kA}$

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Most simple case: All electrons <u>on</u> resonance energy \rightarrow

$$\frac{d^{3}\mathbf{E}}{dz^{3}} = i\Gamma^{3}\mathbf{E}$$
. Ansatz: $\mathbf{E} = A \exp(\Lambda z) \rightarrow \Lambda^{3} = i\Gamma^{3}$
("characteristic equation")

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda_1 = -i\Gamma; \quad \Lambda_2 = \frac{i+\sqrt{3}}{2}\Gamma; \quad \Lambda_3 = \frac{i-\sqrt{3}}{2}\Gamma$$

The general solution is:
$$\mathbf{E}(z) = A_1 \exp(-i\Gamma z) + A_2 \exp(\frac{i+\sqrt{3}}{2}\Gamma z) + A_3 (\exp\frac{i-\sqrt{3}}{2}\Gamma z)$$

All contributions to solution oscillate or vanish, except for:

For an undulator much longer than $1/\Gamma$, this part of solution dominates. Coefficients $A_{1,2,3}$ need to be determined by initial conditions:

With the initial condition, the amplitudes $A_{1,2,3}$, can be calculated as follows: we write $\tilde{E}(z) = A_1 \exp(\Lambda_1 z) + A_2 \exp(\Lambda_2 z) + A_3 \exp(\Lambda_3 z)$ in the form

 $\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(z) = A_1 \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_1(z) + A_2 \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_2(z) + A_3 \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_3(z) \text{ with } \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_1(z) = \exp(\Lambda_1 z) \text{ , etc. and write } \frac{d}{dz} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} = \tilde{\mathbf{E}}', \text{ etc.}$

The general solution is written in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}' \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}'' \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}'' \end{pmatrix}_{z} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{1} & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{2} & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{3} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{1}'' & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{2}'' & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{3}'' \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}'' \\ \tilde{$$



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For the simple case C=0,
$$\mathbf{k}_{p} = 0$$
 we got $\Lambda_{1} = -i\Gamma; \Lambda_{2} = \frac{i+\sqrt{3}}{2}\Gamma; \Lambda_{3} = \frac{i-\sqrt{3}}{2}\Gamma$, thus

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}' \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}'' \end{pmatrix}_{z} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{1} & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{2} & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{3} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}'_{1} & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}'_{2} & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}'_{3} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}''_{1} & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}''_{2} & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}''_{3} \end{pmatrix}_{z} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{i}{3\Gamma} & -\frac{1}{3\Gamma^{2}} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3\Gamma}\exp\left(-i\frac{\pi}{6}\right) & \frac{1}{3\Gamma^{2}}\exp\left(-i\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{-1}{3\Gamma}\exp\left(i\frac{\pi}{6}\right) & \frac{1}{3\Gamma^{2}}\exp\left(i\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}' \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}'' \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}'' \end{pmatrix}_{z=0}$$
(use $1+i\sqrt{3} = 2\exp(i\frac{\pi}{3})$)

First example: Seeding by input e.m. wave

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In this case:
$$\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(z=0) = \mathbf{E}_{ext}$$
, $\tilde{j}_{l}(z=0) = 0$, $\frac{d}{dz}\tilde{j}_{l}(z=0) = 0$ (i.e. no current modulation at the beginning) $\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}' \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}'' \end{pmatrix}_{z=0} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}_{ext} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$Thus \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}' \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}'' \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}'' \end{pmatrix}_{z} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{1} & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{2} & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{3} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{1}' & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{2}' & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{3}' \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{1}'' & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{2}'' & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{3}'' \\ \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{1}'' & \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_{$$

for z>>1/
$$\Gamma$$
: $\tilde{\mathbf{E}}(z) = \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{E}_{ext} \exp\left(\frac{i+\sqrt{3}}{2}\Gamma z\right)$

The power gain is given by (prove it!)

$$G = \frac{\left|\tilde{\mathbf{E}}\right|^{2}}{\left|\mathbf{E}_{ext}^{2}\right|^{2}} = \frac{1}{9} \left[1 + 4\cosh\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\Gamma z \left(\cosh\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\Gamma z + \cos\frac{3}{2}\Gamma z\right)\right]$$
$$\rightarrow \text{(for } z >> 1/\Gamma\text{):} \quad G = \frac{1}{9}\exp\sqrt{3}\Gamma z$$

The factor 1/9 describes the coupling of the incoming e.m. field to FEL gain process ARD-ST3 workshop DESY-Zeuthen, 2017

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Evolution of FEL bucket and capture of electrons inside buckets





Phases of electric field and of current modulation slip w.r.t. ponderomotive phase:

Don't get confused:

Electrons do NOT move that quickly ! (Only in saturation regime)

Bucket center slips together with E-field.

→Center of microbunch remains in that (r.h.s.) side of bucket where particles lose energy

(i.e. they keep on pumping energy into E-field)



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central bucket

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$$\begin{split} P_{rad} &= \frac{1}{9} P_{in} \exp\left(\sqrt{3}\Gamma z\right) = \frac{1}{9} P_{in} \exp\left(z/L_{G}\right) \quad . \\ L_{G} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{I_{A} c \gamma^{5}}{\pi j_{0} K^{2} (1+K^{2}) \omega_{L}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ or, using } \omega_{L} = \frac{4\pi c \gamma^{2}}{\lambda_{u} (1+K^{2})} \text{ and } j_{0} \approx \frac{\hat{1}}{\pi \sigma_{r}^{2}} , \\ L_{G} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{I_{A} \gamma^{3} \sigma_{r}^{2} \lambda_{u}}{4\pi \hat{I} K^{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ is called power gain length.} \end{split}$$

Note:

This is 1D FEL theory, assuming a perfect electron beam with zero emittance and zero momentum spread.

Theory: High-gain FEL



1. Expect exponential gain with e-folding length L_G

Major additional assumption: Orbit is perfectly straight

2. Gain should saturate when modulation is complete \rightarrow Happens after approx. 20 gain lengths



Start-up from noise





Theorie vs. Experiment

INPUT (electrons)

- Momentum
- Momentum spread/chirp
- Slice emittance/ phase space distribution
- Total charge
- Long. charge profile
- Peak current
- Orbit control



OUTPUT (photons)

- Gain length
- Saturation behaviour
- Spectrum
- Harmonics
- Transverse coherence
- Pulse length
- Effective input power
- Fluctuations

Do we understand the machinery ?



Exponential growth ?

Reasonable gain length ?

Achieve full density modulation ?



Bandwidth

Gain vs. momentum error $\eta=dp/p$ (momentum spread σ_{η}) *Note:*

Emittance effect similar



Offset: 0.25825, Amplitude: 72.4116, Centre: 13.1256, Width (rms): 0.042418

FEL is a narrow band amplifier; bandwidth related to gain length Note: Cannot produce few-cycle pulses !





Transverse coherence S. Reiche



Single mode dominates → close to 100% transverse coherence

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Transverse Coherence

Emittance of a perfectly coherent ("gaussian") light beam:

→ FEL theory predicts high transverse coherence of photon beam, if electron beam emittance:

$$\varepsilon_{Light} = \sigma_r \cdot \sigma_{\theta} = \frac{\lambda_{Light}}{4\pi}$$

 \wedge



Observation of interference pattern at FLASH:





Higher Harmonics



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FEL-equation tells:Electric field gain depends on frequency $E = E(z, \omega)$

First-order correlation function can be expressed as: $C(\tau)_{Light} = \frac{\left\langle \int |E(\omega)|^2 \exp(i\omega\tau) d\omega \right\rangle}{\left\langle \int |E(\omega)|^2 d\omega \right\rangle}$

Longitudinal coherence time:

$$\tau_{coh} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (C(\tau))^2 d\tau = 2\sqrt{\pi}\sigma_t \quad \text{with:} \quad \sigma_t = \frac{1}{2\sigma_{\omega}}$$

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Simple 1D model: Superposition of many wavetrains with random phases





SASE output will fluctuate from pulse to pulse,

-- just as ANY part of spontaneous synchrotron radiation does ! Remember: FEL is just an amplifier !

Photon pulse length = M × (coherence length of single mode)





Pulse length

Time-domain measurement of pulse length:

not (yet) regularly available for X-ray (established in the visible, FROG etc.)

Alternative: intensity fluctuation translates into spectral fluctuation: Width of frequency spikes \leftrightarrow length of pulse





Why is such a device called a laser?

- 1. Emission of photons is stimulated by the presence of the electromagnetic field inside the undulator
 - electron beam takes the role of active medium
- 2. Radiation properties are typical for lasers

What do we observe ?




For all experiments there exists a "reasonable" set of electron beam parameters such that gain length and saturation level agree with theoretical expectations.

Gain Length at 1.5 A at LCLS

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The Linac Coherent Light Source LCLS - the blue print of all SASE FELs



- Proposed 1992 by C. Pellegrini, et al.
- Based on 1/3 of SLAC linac \rightarrow max. 15 GeV \rightarrow 1.5 Å
- Normal conducting S-band (3 GHz) linac very well understood

Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS) at SLAC X-FEL based on last 1-km of existing 3-km linac Proposed by C. Pellegrini in 1992 I.5-15 Å Proposed by C. Pellegrini in 1992 Injector (35%) at 2-km point

> Existing 1/3 Linac (1 km) (with modifications)

New e⁻ Transfer Line (340 m)

Undulator (130 m) Near Experiment Hall

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And more XFELs



SASE Wavelength range: **3 – 0.6** Å

Photon energy range: 4 - 20 keV

- Pulse length (10 fs FWHM)
- Pulse energy up to 1 mJ

more to come: Europ. XFEL (2017) PAL-XFEL (2017) SwissFEL (2017) LCLS-II (>2020)

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SwissFEL construction site 27 June 2013





Jan'16 first users of game crossing observed



UHE SPARC @LNF, Frascati: Test bed for many new ideas



- Magnetic Length 215 cm
- K factor: from 0.5 and 3
- Beam energy E_B(MeV) 162,5±0,27
- Beam charge(pC) 312 ±16
- Energy Spread (proj: %) 0,2 ± 0,015
- Energy Spread (slice %) 0,050 ±0,005
- Length r.m.s. (ps) 1,65 ± 0,05
- Beam current I_{peak}(A) 75,63 ±3,5
- Vertical Emittance 90% (mm mrad) 1,95 ± 1,0
- Horizontal Emittance 90%(mm mrad) 1,74 ± 1,1

1.6 cells RF injector UCLA/BNL/SLAC design 120 MV/m

3 SLAC type Focalization solenoids (velocity bunching)





Also soft X-ray FELs:





We must increase peak current, preserve emittance, and maintain small energy spread so that power grows exponentially with undulator distance, *z*, P(z) = P₀ · exp(z/L_G)
FEL power reaches saturation at ~18L_G
SASE performance depends exponentially on e⁻ beam quality ! (challenge)



Key components: electron gun example: gun for FLASH and XFEL



Courtesy: F. Stephan/PITZ@DESY-Zeuthen





T. Shintake/SCSS: You can also use a thermionic cathode with subsequent multi-stage bunching

<u>"Reproducibility Confirmed by 5-years Operation of SCSS" by Togawa-san</u> **CeB6 single-crystal thermionic gun** K. Togawa, PRST-AB 10-020703 (2007)

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Nice stability, but suffers also from micro-bunching instability. My view: Less flexible than rf gun, ARD-ST3 workshop DESY final conclusion in terms of preference 50



Electron guns: comparison



compiled by G. Vashchenko



Key components: linac

Superconducting vs. normal conducting:

Key issues:	
high accelerating field \rightarrow	+ escape from space charge forces
	+ short device
Normal conducting rf linac prefers high frequency	
LCLS: S-band (3 GHz):	~20-25 MV/m
SCSS, SwissFEL: C-band (6 GH	Hz): 35/28 MV/m

BUT: Ohmic losses in copper resonator \rightarrow heating \rightarrow rf duty cycle <10⁻⁴ \rightarrow 120 – 400 rf pulses of ~1µs length, only one electron bunch per pulse

Superconducting resonators: L-band 1.3 GHz OK Max. acc. field fundamentally limited to approx. 45 MV/m, but in practice (manufacturing) ~25 MV/m Still dissipative losses: ca. 1 W/m @ G=25 MV/m, scaling ~G² \rightarrow rf duty cycle ca. 1% @25MV/m or 100% @ <10MV/m + large resonators \rightarrow large stored rf energy, small wake fields \rightarrow Can accelerate several 1000 bunches per second. -- more expensive (but cheaper per photon!) HH



Key components: bunch compressors

ISSUE:

Electron bunches must be generated at few A peak current (to mitigate radial Coulomb forces), but FEL needs kA!

• Accelerate to ultrarelativistic energies and profit from $1/\gamma^3$ scaling of space charge effect.

- Must compress longitudinally at ultrarelativistic energy where all particles have same speed, irrespective of momentum
- \rightarrow "Velocity bunching" option limited. \rightarrow need to use magnetic chicane



Coherent Synchrotron Radiation (CSR) in Bends



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Radiation from tail catches head and is coherent for wavelengths greater than the bunch length ($\lambda_r > 2\pi\sigma_z$)

rms energy spread induced by CSR







Micro-bunching Instability (can ruin e⁻ beam)

Initial e^- bunch current modulation induces energy modulation through impedance, $Z(\lambda)$, converted to more current modulation by bunch compressor, R_{56}







→ Expect modulation at mm scale and below !! Provoke it and use it to generate coherent radiation ("longitudinal space charge amplifier") !!



Microbunching instability at FLASH for two different compressor settings

Note: time resolution of device > 20 fs



Chr. Behrens et al., PRST-AB 15, 062801 (2012)



LCLS: TCAV after FEL undulator



resolution
$$\propto \frac{\hat{\lambda}_{rf}}{V_0} \sqrt{E \frac{\mathcal{E}_{N,x}}{\beta_x(s_0)}}$$







Micro-Bunching on LCLS Electron Beam measurements with and without laser heater



Heater's energy spread Landau-damps micro-bunching before it can degrade the electron beam brightness (better FEL performance)

courtesy: P. Emma





Beam dynamics simulation tools → see Mikhail Krasilnikov's talk









Key components: undulators

Must provide

- Periodic magnetic field of ~1T amplitude
- Straight electron trajectory within $\sim \pm 10 \mu m$ over 10m 300m (\rightarrow overlap !)

Basically 3 different design concepts:

- Permanent magnet outside beam vacuum
- Permanent magnet inside vacuum
- superconducting



In-vacuum undulator at Spring-8 (Kitamura et al.)

Magnet array covered with thin Cu sheet for impedance reduction





Small gap \leftrightarrow large K





Variable gap undulators

$$\lambda_{FEL} = \frac{\lambda_u}{2\gamma^2} \left(1 + K^2 / 2 \right)$$

Use K ↔ gap dependence to vary FEL wavelength at constant beam energy



Challenge:

Guarantee reproducibility of gap size at micrometer precision !

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Undulators for XFEL







SwissFELARAMIS undulator





SwissFELARAMIS undulator





Optimization: trajectory

First field integral: determines angular deviation

Second field integral: determines orbit deviation $I_1(s) = \frac{e}{\gamma mc} \int_{s_0}^s B(s') ds'$

$$I_2(s) = \frac{e}{\gamma mc} \int_{s_0}^{s} ds' \int_{s_0}^{s'} B(s'') ds''$$

 \rightarrow Iterative modification of individual pole strengths



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Field fine tuning by pole height adjustment for the undulator of the TTF-FEL

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Seeding Schemes



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Requires MHz electron bunch repetition (storage ring or cw linac) Bandwidth determined by mirror system

"Seeding" by spontaneous synchrotron radiation, i.e. by shot noise

Increase peak current within mirco-bunches generated through laser modulation and subsequent compression

Cut out monochromatic portion from initial SASE FEL for seeding

Generate coherent seeding pulse by external laser (synchronized to e-beam!)

Dto., but also produce higher FEL harmonics for further seeding stages.

Like HGHG, but generate very high harmonics by multiple compression and multiple seeding.


X-ray FEL oscillator (XFELO)

Idea (K-J. Kim/ANL):

Use Bragg crystals to set up an X-ray "resonator" originally proposed for energy recovery linac (ERL)



X-ray FEL oscillator (XFELO)

-- adopted for Europ. XFEL, making use of MHz bunch repeptition in bunch trains, investigated at Univ. HH



Potentially the first XFELO worldwide

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Numerical simulation for Diamond-Bragg-crystals in (4,4,4) geometry (J. Zemella, Univ. HH):

 $\lambda = 1 \text{ Å}, \ \Delta \lambda / \lambda = 10^{-6}.$

Only 4% coupled out \rightarrow excellent pulse-to-pulse stability Key issue: heat load on Bragg crystals \rightarrow investigated by Y. Shvyd'ko/ANL and J. Zemella, Ch. Maag/Univ. HH



Self-Seeding^{1,2}

First undulator generates SASE

- X-ray monochromator filters SASE and generates seed
- Chicane delays electrons and washes out SASE microbunching
- Second undulator amplifies seed to saturation



- Long x-ray path delay (~10 ps) requires large chicane that take space and may degrade beam quality
- Reduce chicane size by using two bunches³ or single-crystal wake monochromator⁴.

1. J. Feldhaus et al., NIMA, 1997.

2. E. Saldin et al., NIMA, 2001.

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courtesy: Zh. Huang/SLAC



Hard x-ray self-seeding @ LCLS





HXRSS at LCLS (replacing U16)











HGHG Seeding at FERMI/ELETTRA







July 2011



)11 The Spectrometer on PADReS







FEL Wavelength Stability



Central Wavelength Stability: $\leq 10^{-4}$ (RMS) Spectral BW Stability: $\leq 3\%$ (RMS)



Once FEL operation is optimized, its stability is quite good: the central wavelength stability is below 10⁻⁴, the

Peak Intensity Stability: $\leq 10\%$ (RMS)



^{sp} Have meanwhile reported HGHG seeding at 12 nm ab and double-stage cascaded HGHG at 4 nm



Efficient Harmonic Generation using Echo-seeding (EEHG)

(invented by G. Stupakov/SLAC)





Considerable bunching at very high harmonics – even at large energy spread



Simulation for FLASH by K. Hacker/U Dortmund

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Reasonable gain length ?



Fluctuation properties ?

Pulse length ?

coherence ? 🖌



But: measurement of relevant beam parameters is not precise enough to just predict gain length with reasonable precision.



Do we understand the machinery ?

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- Effective input power
- Fluctuations

Most probably yes, but we should know more details about the machinery (electron beam).



Different FEL generations already visible

Different FELs have complementary characteristics and applications ! FEL 2

FEL 1





FEL 3

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Key components: linac



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Effect of coherent synchrotron radiation on observation of transverse electron profile

→ Images from screens do NOT reflect charge distribution, but are dominated by charge portions radiating coherently

Idea: observe delayed scintillator light !



*) Cerium-doped lutetium aluminum garnet



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