# **Optimizing EuXFEL Photoinjector Performance** via Laser Shaping Approach

### **OPAL-FEL - Optimized Laser Pulses for Free-Electron-Lasers**

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### Project goal

Minimal emittance at higher photon energies (30+ keV) in the EuXFEL injector by temporal laser shaping and ML driven modeling







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### **Photocathode Laser System Simulations and Experiments\***



#### **Results and Achievements**

- Development of differentiable simulation software for nonlinear pulse propagation
- Gradient based shape optimization and transfer to the NEPAL laser system
- Successful operation of EuXFEL with flat-top temporal laser shape (1 week)

#### \*Main work confined by D. Ilia (FS-LA)

### **Photoinjector Simulations and Experiments\***

(2)

00% Projected emittance  $[\mu m]$ 

1.2

0.2

0

50

100

Measurement index #

150

200

### Simulation (1)

Simulation results indicating low emittance beam yielded by flat-top bunches of 25ps length



50

250

0.35

0.3

10

20

30

Measurement index #

40

50

5.5

1.5

60

### Experiments (2) + (3)

Best ever achieved (slice) emittance results for (250) 100pC at (0.32) 0.27µm

\*Main work confined by Ye Chen and Meng Cai (MXL)

## **Machine Learning and Differentiable Simulations**

#### Inverse modeling for electron gun

Successful prediction of gun parameters from slice emittance and slice mismatch measurements on simulated data



### Ongoing and future work

- Development of differentiable gun forward model to be used with Cheetah
- Generative ML modeling for pulse shaping

