Laser-based e-beam manipulation

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Let's narrow the field ...

Laser systems are ubiquitous is accelerators and are used to control the beam at different levels. Just a few examples:

- Lasers allow the generation of high brightness beams by photemission in RF photoinjectors
- Lasers can be the "source" of the accelerating field:
 - Laser Plasma acceleration
 - Inverse FEL
- Lasers are used to manipulate the electron beam phase space:
 - Laser Heater
 - Enhanced-SASE
 - Seed an FEL amplifier

The ones in red have in common the resonant interaction of a laser field with the beam in magnetic undulator.

Electron motion in undulator with a co-propagating optical wave



Phase space manipulation



Phase space manipulation

Inducing density modulation



phase

Enhanced SASE: - Generate current spike A. Zholents, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 8, 040701 (2005)

Seeding: Induce modulation with higher frequency components

I.Boscolo, V. Stagno, Il Nuovo Cimento 58, 271 (1980) L.H. Yu, Phys. Rev. A 44, 5178 (1991)



The «converter» concept

A FEL «modulator» encodes phase and amplitude of a laser field on the phase-space of an electron beam.



While retaining of the coherence of the original laser, the encoded phase-space can be manipulated in different ways to induce emission of light with different properties, in terms of **wavelength**, field amplitude **& phase**, and polarization



In 2003 extended to UV L. H. Yu et al, PRL 91, 074801 (2003)





Bird's eye view of Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste







FERMI FELs: FEL-1 & FEL-2

modulator

High gain radiator tuned at nth harmonic



to the $n^{th} x m^{th}$ harmonic of the seed

Spectral properties



21.21 21.05 20.88 20.72 20.5 Wavelength (nm)



4.09 4.04 4.00 3. Wavelength (nm)

- The spectral properties can be preserved up to h13-h15 on FEL1 and h65 on FEL2 (*linewidth down to 2 10⁻⁴ rms, depending on wavelength & seed setting/duration*).
- Similar spectral quality with the OPA laser system.
- High stability of central wavelength set by the seed (10⁻⁵ rms)
- FEL2 with the double stage is more sensitive to parameters fluctuations and to set-up & tune, but similar spectral performances to the ones of FEL-1 are possible, even at h65 = 4 nm.



Energy stability and temporal jitter

Not standard, typical 10-15% rms on FEL-1 $\sim 1.3 - 1.5 \times$ on FEL-2 (double stage cascade)



Temporal jitter < 6 fs

M. Danailov et al. Optics Express, Vol. 22, Issue 11, 12869 (2014)





Temporal jitter < 6 fs 2.2 fs

from *P. Finetti et al. Phys. Rev. X* 7, 021043 (2017)

Hanbury Brown and Twiss interferometry with spectral measurements

2° order correlation function

 $g^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2) = \langle I(\mathbf{r}_1)I(\mathbf{r}_2)\rangle/\langle I(\mathbf{r}_1)\rangle\langle I(\mathbf{r}_2)\rangle,$

FERMI (FEL-2 - 10.9 nm)

SEEDED – FEL: laser light statistics Second order coherence from the «seed» oscillator is preserved

O. Yu. Gorobtsov et al., Nat. Comm. (2018) 9:4498

FLASH in SASE

SASE – FEL: chaotic light statistics

O. Yu. Gorobtsov et al., Phys. Rev. A 95, 023843 (2017)



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Full control of the polarization

APPLE-II undulators in the final radiator ensure polarization control

Characterization of the FEL polarization produced by APPLE-2 undulators at 32nm, 26nm, 43nm, 53nm

- Horizontal/Vertical polarization.
- Circular polarization.

Three different setups for characterization of the FERMI FEL polarization:

- LOA optical UV polarimeter.
- DESY electron spectrometer polarimeter.
- LDM X-UV He fluorescence polarimeter.

E. Allaria et al. Phys. Rev. X 4, 041040 (2014)

Studies of cross-polarized schemes to control the polarization

- Circular right and left for generating linear polarization.
- Linear vertical and horizontal for generating circular polarization.

E. Ferrari et al. Sci. Rep. 5:13531 (2015)



0th-diffraction order.

Orbital Angular Momentum modes *TIMEX*

- Zr filter blocks light at $\lambda = 31.2$ nm
- FEL 2nd harmonic emerges from the helical-pol. radiator
- Interference of Gaussian (n=2) and OAM mode (2nd harm. of n=1) shows spiral intensity distribution.



This exp. paves the way to much brighter OAM pulses than from conventional (short) IDs

P. Rebernik et al., PRX 7, 031036 (2017)

High harmonic conversion and the energy spread budget

Virtually any harmonic order can be obtained by increasing the seed power ... at a cost of an increased energy spread





• Required energy spread in order to bunch at the nth harmonic (Liouville's theorem)

• Condition to ensure high gain growth in final radiator

Fresh bunch injection technique, L. H. Yu, I. Ben-Zvi, NIM 1993 = FERMI FEL-2
Echo Enabled harmonic generation, G. Stupakov, PRL, 2009
Non Gaussian energy spread distrib., E. Ferrari et al., PRL, 2014
Energy spread removal by space charge, E. Hemsing et al., PRL 2014
Phase merging in TGU undulator, H. Deng and C. Feng PRL (2013)
.... L. H. Yu, I. Ben-Zvi NIM A393 (1997) 96

Phase space "stretching" to reach high harmonics:











EEHG Experiments: High harmonics in a single stage conversion

- Demonstrated at harmonic 3 ECHO 3 at SLAC NLCTA D. Xiang et al., PRL 2010 and SINAP Z. T. Zhao Nat. Phot. 2012
- ECHO 7 D. Xiang et al., PRL 2012 demonstrated lower sensitivity to energy spread
- ECHO 15 *E. Hemsing et al. PRL 2014*, confirmed lower sensitivity to energy spread & improved stability and spectral quality with respect to HGHG
- ECHO 75 Bunching up too h75: E. Hemsing et al. Nature Photonics 10, 512–515 (2016))
- In first semester 2018 experiment at FERMI Single stage EEHG 266nm->5nm first FEL amplification experiment *P. Rebernik Ribič et al.* Nat. Photonics 13, 555–561 (2019)
 FEL pulse b)



Results at FERMI:

- Gain up to H45
- Low sensitivity to uBI even at intermediate harmonic orders (H30-50)
- Mild dependence of energy spread on harmonic order
- Reasonably «clean» spectra measured up to harmonic 101 (ECHO 101 ?)



Clear indication of FEL amplification is demonstrated with exponential growth of the power along the radiator.

FERMI Future Upgrade strategy

(see https://www.elettra.eu/lightsources/fermi.html)

FERMI 2.0

According to the past experience and to the feedback coming from the user community, FERMI is undergoing though an upgrade plan, as described in the FERMI 2.0 Conceptual Design Report*



- 1. FEL-1 in HGHG (as in the present configuration) and EEHG with double-seed / double-modulator (100-10nm) (2023)
- 2. Beam energy increase up to 1.8 GeV (2.0 GeV under investigation) (2028)
- 3. FEL-2 first stage in EEHG second stage (fresh-bunch) in HGHG (10 2 nm) (2028)

Multiple pulses multiple colours

About 30% of the experiments carried out at FERMI require "special" modes of operation. <u>Starting the amplification from a pre-modulated</u> <u>beam reduces the required undulator length</u>: The undulator can be separated in segments dedicated to one harmonic each. Multiple pulses can be generated by single or double pulse seeding in different ways, depending on the requirements on the output radiation. Temporal separation between 100-200 and 700-800 fs depending on the seed duration and on the e⁻ bunch duration. Larger separations require the split & delay line.



EUV – Four Wave Mixing (DIPROI & TIMER)

- Four Wave-Mixing (FWM): Three coherent electromagnetic fields that may have different photon parameters (frequency, wavevector, polarization, etc.) interact in the sample, driving the radiation of a fourth (signal) field.
- FWM: Stimulated Raman Gain Spectroscopy, Photon Echo and Raman induced Kerr effect Spectroscopy, Femtosecond Stimulated Raman Scattering and Coherent Antistokes Raman Scattering (CARS)
- FWM methods may be carried out exploiting electronic resonances, i.e. with elemental specificity. At FERMI: TIMER & Minitimer@DIPROI.



The two pulses 285 ± 5 fs constant temporal separation

All EUV Four Wave Mixing (TIMER)

EUV-induced Transient Grating & Coherent Anti-Stokes Raman Scattering spectroscopy to *investigate* collective *atomic dynamics at the nano-scale & control* atomic *levels on demand*.



Coherent control in VUV: phase locked pulses

Two (almost) temporally superimposed pulses at harmonic wavelengths of the seed. The two pulses are correlated in phase and the phase can be controlled with the phase shifter. *K. Prince et al., Nat. Phot. 10, 176 (2016)*



Attoseconds delay control (LDM)

Left-right asymmetry in photoelectron angular distribution: interference between **p-wave** (2-photon process from fundamental) and **s/d-wave** (1-photon process from 2nd harmonic).

Asymmetry depends on the relative phase of coherent radiation pulses.

Photo-electron distribution is acquired with Velocity Map Imaging, and the *asymmetry* recorded *vs. phase*.

0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8

 I_R



Lobes represent direction and intensity of photoelectron emission from Ne.



K. Prince et al., Nat. Phot. 10, 176 (2016)

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4 1 0 1 4

Kinetic energy (eV)

Attosecond Pulse Train (LDM)

"synthesis" of 3 (4..6) phase-locked harmonics of the FEL \Rightarrow generation of attosecond pulses

Intensity (a.u.)



generating this plot, but <u>sidebands are correlated</u>

Attosecond Pulse Train reconstruction (LDM)

 $|\varphi_0|$

2

3

 $\Delta \varphi_{7.8.9}$ (rad)

0



*After Maroju et al. Nature 578, 386–391 (2020), trains of VUV-EUV attosecond pulses with tens of as laser synchronization are almost routinely available by frequency synthesis

 $2\pi - \varphi_0$

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FEL non linear dynamics: Superradiance

- Saturation: When the FEL laser power reaches ~pP_E, saturation occurs: there is a cyclic energy exchange between electrons and field
- Slippage: The light advances over the electrons of a distance Nλ over N undulator periods



R. Bonifacio et al., Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res., Sect. A 296, 358 (1990).
R. Bonifacio et al., Riv. Nuovo Cimento Soc. Ital. Fis. 13, 1 (1990).
L. Giannessi, P. Musumeci, and S. Spampinati, J. Appl. Phys. 98, 043110 (2005).

Saturated pulse properties & scaling laws

Theory:

- The pulse peak power continues to grow after saturation $P \propto u^2$
- The pulse duration decreases $\sigma_{\rm t} \propto u^{-1/2}$
- The pulse energy grows $\rm E \propto u^{3/2}$
- The pulse is not FT limited, but FWHM spectral width = FT limit of FWHM spike temporal width
- Pulse duration halves at saturation: pulses shorter than those supported by gain bandwidth can be generated
- The pulse grup velocity > c
- Peak power higher than that at saturation

Xi Yang, et al., Phys. Rev. Accelerators and Beams 23, 010703 (2020) and references therein



First stage Second stage Third stage $\lambda = 88 \text{ nm}$ $\lambda = 264.4 \text{ nm}$ $\lambda = 44 \text{ nm}$ $\lambda = 14.7 \text{ nm}$ DL $(\Delta \varphi)$ MOD1 DS1 RAD1 RAD2 DS2 (off) RAD3 С а b 1.0 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.6 (a.u.) 1 (a.u.) 0.6 0.6 0.4 0.4 0.2 0.2 0.2 0 87.5 88.0 88.5 44.0 44.5 λ (nm) 0 λ (nm) 14.6 14.7 14.8 λ (nm)

Superradiant cascade

N. S. Mirian, et al., Nat. Photonics 15, 523–529 (2021).

Demonstrated in the experiment:

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- Longitudinal compression leads to pulse duration shorter than that supported by gain bandwidth of the amplifier (4.7 fsò 14 nm)
- Peak power larger than the FEL saturation power •
- FWHM spectral width corresponds to front spike • FT limit pulse duration



Strong frequency pulling by resonance detuning. ٠ Central frequency dominated by resonance.

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Conclusions & future perspectives at FERMI

- A laser seed has offered the possibility of controlling synchronization, polarization, pulse duration and phase, to generate multiple pulses for the implementation of multiple color schemes coherent control and ultrashort pulses via superradiance. An impressive flexibility.
- For the future the indication from the FERMI SAC and users is: extend the wavelenght range to include k edge of Oxygen (and possibly the L-edges of transition metals) & reduce pulse duration
- ... but: preserve of the uniqueness of FERMI, i.e. preserve the control the properties of the radiation by seeding the FEL with an external laser system.
- The implementation of EEHG seeding on FEL-1 and FEL-2 and the upgrade of the linac broadens the FELs spectral range and increases the flexibility: EEHG Long seed narrow bandwidth mode, multiple color multiple seed down to 100 eV, multiple seed multiple modulators, optical klystron seeded FEL, extended spectral range up to 600 (700) eV

Credits

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IMPORTANT DATES

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