Seeded FELs

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Fort Collins, Colorado

WINNER Top 100 rank: 6 Population: 141,000 Unemployment: 7.4%

Bikers and beers. In most parts of the country, those two elements may be reasons to move elsewhere. But in the foothills of Colorado's Front Range, bikers mean cyclists: Fort Collins has 29 miles of well-used trails.



As for beers, this town has become a high-end microbrew mecca. New Belgium Brewery (maker of Fat Tire) is based in this entrepreneurial town, and competitors are moving in.



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The Plan

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FIRST "modern" free-electron laser relativistic doppler shift, amplifier system

Observation of Stimulated Emission of Radiation by Relativistic Electrons in a Spatially Periodic Transverse Magnetic Field*

Luis R. Elias, William M. Fairbank, John M. J. Madey, H. Alan Schwettman, and Todd I. Smith Department of Physics and High Energy Physics Laboratory, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305 (Received 15 December 1975)



Ubitron: first free-electron laser "non-relativistic" free-electron laser generating microwaves

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The Classical Laser



The early classical lasers generated mostly ASE (amplified spontaneous emission), but with the addition of mirrors and longer lasing times (longer flash lamp pulses), the pulse quickly cleaned up temporally and provide near complete temporal coherence. The classical oscillator configuration.

The Classical Laser

- For the atomic lasers to work one needs to first raise the atom or molecule to an excited state.
- Producing lasing action directly at UV wavelengths or beyond becomes increasingly difficult as one needs to pump the atom up to might higher excited states.
- Current records are in the 5nm-10nm range using Nickel-like atomic states generated in high-Z elements from high temperature, high-density plasmas created with very powerful lasers.

CSU Laser Lab 1 System

High energy femtosecond Ti:Sapphire laser (> 400 TW, up to 5 Hz repetition rate)





Primary Laser Lab Purpose: Generation of secondary radiation from the extreme ultraviolet to x-rays



Example:Ti:Sapph MLL



Repetition rate given by round trip travel time in cavity. Modulated by piezo adjustment of cavity mirror.

Passive mode locking achieved by properties of nonlinear crystal

Modern commercial designs include dispersion compensation in optics

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Comb spectrum allows direct link of microwave frequencies to optical frequencies

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RF Photocathode Drive Laser



This was the original design for the drive laser of the LCLS. The figure is from the LCLS CDR.

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FEL Types: Oscillator, Seeded FEL, SASE



Multiple Electrons





Incoherent Emission





Coherent Emission

If the electrons are independently radiating light then the phase of the their electric fields are random with repect ot one another and the electric field scale as the square root of the number of electrons

If the electrons are in lock synch are radiate coherently then the electric field grows linear with the number of electrons

The power goes as the square of the field and if N is very large one can get an enormous gain in power emitted.

This is the essence of the Freeelectron laser.



• The total field of all electrons is



- And the total intensity is $I_{tot}(\lambda) = I_1(\lambda) \left| \sum_{k=1}^N e^{2\pi i n_k \cdot r_k/\lambda} \right|^2 = I_1(\lambda) N + I_1(\lambda) \sum_{j \neq k}^N e^{2\pi i (n_k \cdot r_k - n_j \cdot r_j)/\lambda}$ The 1st is the incelescent terms and the 2nd is the schemet
- The 1st is the incoherent term and the 2nd is the coherent

Nodvick and Saxon, Phys. Rev. 96 (1954) 180.

Coherent Radiation

 Replace the sum with an integral and assume a normalized distribution symmetric about r = 0

$$I_{tot}(\lambda) = I_1(\lambda) [N + N(N-1)f(\lambda)]$$
$$I_{tot}(\lambda) = I_{inc}(\lambda) [1 + (N-1)f(\lambda)]$$

Where
$$I_{inc}(\lambda) = N I_1(\lambda)$$

and
$$f(\lambda) = \left| \int dz \, e^{2\pi i z/\lambda} S(r) \right|^2$$

is the total incoherent intensity emitted by the bunch of N particles

is the form factor for the normalized bunch distribution S(r). Here we have assumed that the detector is located at a distance much larger than the length of the electron bunch.

Various Form Factors

- For a gaussian bunch
- For a uniform rectangular distribution
- For an ellipsoidal distribution

$$S(z) = \frac{\exp\left[-\left(z/\sigma_{z}\right)^{2}\right]}{\pi^{1/2}\sigma_{z}}$$

$$f(\lambda) = \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha^{2}}{2}\right) \qquad \alpha = 2\pi\sigma_{z}/\lambda$$

$$S(z) = \frac{1}{2\sigma_{z}}, \qquad |z| < \sigma_{z},$$

$$= 0, \qquad otherwise$$

$$f(\lambda) = \left[(\sin\alpha)/\alpha\right]^{2}$$

$$S(r) = \frac{3}{4\pi\sigma_{\rho}^{2}\sigma_{z}}, \qquad (z/\sigma_{z})^{2} + (\rho/\sigma_{\rho})^{2} \le 1,$$

$$= 0, \qquad otherwise$$

$$f(\lambda) = 9\left[(\sin\alpha)/\alpha - \cos\alpha\right]^{2}/\alpha^{4}$$

Interaction Between the Electron and EM Field



If the electron oscillates in phase with a co-propagating EM field of the correct frequency it can pick up or lose a net amount of momentum. Whether it picks up momentum or loses some is depended on the phase relationship.

In an assemble of electrons this process can create microbunching within the macroscopic electron bunch.

Self-Amplified Spontaneous Emission (SASE)

An intense, highly collimated electron beam (a) travels through an undulator magnet. The alternating north and south Poles of the magnet force the electron beam to travel on an approximately sinusoidal trajectory, emitting synchrotron radiation $\wedge \wedge \wedge \bullet$ as it goes.



Self-Amplified Spontaneous Emission (SASE)



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The electron beam and its synchrotron radiation are so intense that the electron motion is modified by the electromagnetic fields of its own emitted synchrotron light. Under the influence of both the undulator and its own synchrotron radiation, the electron beam begins to form micro-bunches, () separated by a distance equal to the wavelength of the emitted radiation.

Self-Amplified Spontaneous Emission (SASE)

These micro-bunches begin to radiate as if they were single particles with immense charge. The process reaches *saturation* when the micro-bunching has gone as far as it can go.



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Example of growth in a SASE FEL



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Growth in a SASE FEL



SASE FELs

Since they are regularly spaced, the micro-bunches produce radiation with enhanced temporal coherence. This results in a "smoothing out" of the instantaneous synchrotron radiation power (shown in the three plots) to the right) as the SASE process develops.



First to saturate



First SASE FEL to Saturation



Flash of UV light (385 nm) near saturation. The expected wavelength as a function of angle (radial offset) is clearly seen. The darker "lines" are from shadows of secondary emission monitors in the vacuum chamber.



S. Milton et al., Science, Vol. 292, Issue 5524, 2037-2041 (2001)

Optical Intensity vs. Distance: Gain



Transverse coherence in SASE FELs

- Fundamental Gaussian TEM₀₀ mode has highest on-axis intensity
- Higher order TEM_{mn} modes extend to larger radial distances and may even vanish on axis
- The higher overlap of the TEM₀₀ mode with the electron beam ensures a higher growth rate and will increasingly dominate the laser field
- Near saturation the TEM₀₀ mode will usually dominate and the FEL radiation will show a high degree of transverse coherence



Genesis 1.3 simulation (courtesy S. Reiche) LCLS, Stanford, USA L_q =5 m

LCLS: AN X-RAY LASER @ 1.5 Å



10 April 2009!

- 21 undulators available
 - reduce peak current from 3 kA to 0.5 kA
 - insert undulator section at a time
 - correct orbits
 - observe spontaneous emission:
- after 10 undulators a small spot started to form at the centre of the screen:
- insert remaining undulators and slowly increase peak current to full 3 kA:

Courtesy Paul Emma & LCLS commissioning team





The Start of Microbunching

$$E_{tot}(t) = E_x(t) \sum_{j=1}^{N} \exp(i\phi_j)$$

Coherent sum of radiation from N electrons 300 –



The SASE light consists of several coherent regions, also known as spikes, randomly distributed over the pulse length of the electron beam.

Stochastic nature of SASE light

- Electrons produce spontaneous undulator radiation in first section of a long undulator and this acts as seed for remainder
- Alternatively, the random distribution of electrons in the bunch result in "white noise" in the density distribution.
 - thus some "pre-bunching" at radiation wavelength that seeds the FEL.
- Both views describe the same physics.



SASE FEL spectrum as measured at SCSS (test accelerator for Japanese XFEL project).

courtesy M. Yabashi, H. Tanaka

Stochastic nature of SASE light

Coherence time *r_{coh}*: time over which correlation exists in the light pulse

$$au_{coh} pprox rac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sigma_w}$$

$$\sigma_{w} = \sigma_{w}(z) = 3\sqrt{2}\rho\omega_{r}\sqrt{\frac{L_{g}}{z}}$$

rms Power bandwidth (is larger at beginning of undulator)

• Consider a "flat-top" electron bunch of duration T_{b} , then $M = \frac{T_b}{\tau_{coh}}$ independent wave packets can evolve. These are also called τ_{coh} "longitudinal modes".

• Let $u = \frac{W_r}{\langle W_r \rangle}$ be the SASE pulse energy normalised to the average energy, then in the exponentional gain regime the variance of *u* is given by $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\sigma_u^2 = \frac{1}{M}$$
Stochastic nature of SASE



Ayvazyan, V., et al. Eur. Phys. Journ. D 20, 149 (2002)

SASE Spectra – 385 nm



Measured Beam Energy Spectra

View Screen

- During lasing the beam energy spread is significantly larger than periods of no lasing.
- The centroid energy also drops.
- This is a good tuning aid.

Bending Magnet





Advantage of Seeded FELs

In Comparison to SASE FELs seeded FELs can offer the improvement:

- 1. Control/Improvement of the Longitudinal Coherence
- 2. Improved Brilliance
- 3. Energy Stability of FEL Output Pulse
- 4. Spectral Stability at Selected Frequency
- 5. Synchronization with External Source (Pump-Probe)
- 6. Ability to Increase FEL Efficiency with Taper
- 7. FEL becomes shorter

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Benefits of a Seeded FEL

A "seed" laser controls the distribution of electrons within a bunch:

- Very high peak flux and brightness (comparable to SASE FELs)
- Temporal coherence of the FEL output pulse
- Control of the time duration and bandwidth of the coherent FEL pulse
- Close to transform-limit pulse provides excellent resolving power without monochromators
- Complete synchronization of the FEL pulse to the seed laser
- Tunability of the FEL output wavelength, via the seed laser wavelength or a harmonic thereof
- Reduction in undulator length needed to achieve saturation.

Giving:

- Controlled pulses of 10-100 fs duration for ultrafast experiments in atomic and molecular dynamics
- Temporally coherent pulses of 500-1000 fs duration for experiments in ultrahigh resolution spectroscopy and imaging.
- Future possible attosecond capability with pulses of ~100 as duration for ultrafast experiments in electronic dynamics



Disadvantage of Seeded FELs







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Shot Noise and Seeding Efficiency

$$P_{sn} = \frac{3\sqrt{4\pi}\rho^2 P_{beam}}{N_{\lambda}\sqrt{\ln(N_{\lambda}/\rho)}} \propto \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{a-\ln\gamma}}$$

Towards shorter wavelengths the typical beam energy increases and the shot noise signal gets larger Example: 5 nm @ 2 GeV \rightarrow P_{sn} ~ 100 W (N_{λ}: #electrons/wavelength, ρ : FEL Parameter)









Phase-matched frequency conversion in waveguides:



- Waveguide creates plane-wave geometry
- Waveguide can control the phase velocity $(v_p = \omega/k)$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \left(1 + P\delta(\lambda) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{u\lambda}{2\pi a} \right]^2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{N_e r_e \lambda^2}{\pi} \right)$$

vacuum gas waveguide ionization



HHG Seed is amplified by a factor of about 500

SASE signal is 2600 times weaker than seeded FEL(good contrast of seed to shot noise)



HHG sources as seeds for FEL have been demonstrated at various experiments with the current record of 39 nm [C. Lechner, et al, Proc of FEL Conference 2012]

However further progress requires significant R&D in the source development:

- Decrease the wavelength (extending the plateau of the HHG process)
- Increase the efficiency of HHG process to overcome increasing shot noise power
- Control/preserve the phase front and mode content of the HHG source
- Control the bandwidth of a given harmonic to match FEL bandwidth

Wavelengths below 20 nm difficult to achieve

Best for sync FEL pulse to external signal

Very little increase in brightness (Single-spike SASE might be better alternative)





High Gain Harmonic Generation (HGHG)

- Induced energy modulation at longer wavelength is changed into rich harmonic current content after compression with a chicane.
- To avoid smearing out the energy modulation must be larger than intrinsic energy spread
- A selected harmonic is picked up with a succeeding undulator.



High Gain Harmonic Generation - HGHG





HGHG Experiments

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Proof-of Principle Experiment (SDL)

A. Doyuran et al, PRL 86 (2001) 5902



L.-H. Yu et al, NIMA 528 (2004) 436



FERMI @ Elettra – User Facility based on HGHG

E. Allaria et al, Nature Photonics. 6 (2012) 699







Fresh Bunch Technique (e.g. FEL II at FERMI@Elettra)



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Comments on HGHG

Strong progress in the last year mostly due to the success of FERMI. Wavelengths down to 4 nm have been achieved.

However an HGHG FEL cannot be optimized much for pulse energy:

- Only fresh bunch feasible for cascades due to the tremendous sensitivity of same bunch cascades
- Long bunches reduces the current and thus the saturation power
- Only a subsection of the bunch contribute to the final radiation stage (similar to HHG seeds)
- Energy spread of initial beam has to be less than in SASE case, limiting the use of laser heaters in the injector and machine.

Wavelengths down to 1 nm seems feasible

Good for sync FEL pulse to external signal

Not optimized for pulse energy.



Basic Idea [D. Xiang and G. Stupakov, PR STAB 12 (2009) 030702]:

- First stage: Modulation and overcompression to generate energy bands
- Second stage: HGHG principle but spacing of bands
 defines harmonics

High efficiency for bunching

$$b_{\rm max} = \frac{0.39}{m^{1/3}}$$





Experiments for EEHG

[D. Xiang et al PRL 105 (2010) 114801]

 λ_1 = 759 nm, λ_2 = 1590 nm

Little Chirp



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[Z.T. Zhao et al Nature Photonics 6 (2012) 360]

 λ_1 = 1047 nm, λ_2 = 1047 nm





Wavelength Limit of EEHG

Although scaling towards shorter wavelength is promising, there are practical reasons for the higher harmonic numbers:

- Total width of energy modulation is limited by FEL process ($\Delta\gamma/\gamma < \rho$)
- Number of lines defines harmonic *m* with an average line spacing of $\delta\gamma/\gamma < \rho/m$
- Hyperfine structure can be blurred out by:
 - Quantum Fluctuation of the incoherent emission in modulator and chicane
 - Favors low magnetic field and long chicanes
 - Intrabeam scattering [G. Stupakov, FEL 2011]
 - Favors compact chicanes

Wavelength limit at about 1 nm

Good control of electron chirp

1st chicane can lengthen bunch





Basic Idea:

- 1st stage operates as SASE FEL, but stopped before saturation
- Radiation is filtered, introducing longitudinal coherence
- Delay of radiation field is matched with delay electron beam with a magnetic chicane. The chicane removes also any induced bunch, removing the imprint of SASE in the bunch (quasi fresh bunch)
- Beam and radiation are overlapped in a second stage, operating as an FEL amplifier.

First proposed for soft X-ray FEL FLASH [J. Feldhaus et al, Opt. Comm 140 (1997) 341] but never realized due to the strong delays in the photon and electron path.

Idea brought up again for hard X-ray [*G. Geloni, Jour. Of Modern Optic 58:16 (2011) 1391*], using the transmission around the stop band of a Bragg reflection (see next slide).

More compact design for soft X-ray [Y. Feng, LCLS] makes self-seeding feasible for longer wavelength



Top: Basic scheme of a two-stage FEL [16] providing full longitudinal and transverse coherent light, see text for details. Bottom: GENESIS simulation of the two-stage FEL employing a 3 kW seed in the second undulator.

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Example Performance for SwissFEL at 1 nm







Proof-of Principle Experiments

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Hard X-ray Self-seeding done at LCLS for 8 keV [J. Amann et al, Nature Photonics 6 (2012) 693]

- Wavelength: 1.5 nm
- Diamond Crystal, using (400) reflection
- Reduction of Bandwidth by factor 40 observed
- Output energy very sensitive to electron energy jitter



Wavelength Shifting

- Basic Idea
 - Modulate in energy at a fixed wavelength the electron bunch
 - Compress the bunch and create a density modulation at a different wavelength than the seed
 - Remove any unwanted energy chirp
 - Pass the beam through an undulator tuned to the new wavelength
- Advantages
 - Allows one to seed with a well controlled fixed source
 - Allows one to set up the major part of the system and then leave untouched

Wavelength Shifting: Graphically



Imprint an energy modulation onto the beam. This is identical to the first step in HGHG, i.e. combine an electron bunch with a laser seed pulse within the field of an undulator resonant at the seed wavelength.

At this point there is no density modulation on the beam and so the beam is not yet suitable for coherent emission

Wavelength Shifting: Graphically





Wavelength Shifting: Graphically



Wavelength Shifting Experiment BNL



T. Shaftan, et al.





Figure 1: A schematic of the components involved in attosecond x-ray pulse production.



FIG. 2: The calculated energy modulation of the electrons along the electron bunch produced in the interaction with a few-cycle, 800-nm laser pulse in the wiggler magnet presuming an instantaneous electron beam energy spread $\sigma_E = 0.3$ MeV.

FIG. 4: (Color) Predicted attosecond pulse power at 1-nm wavelength from a radiator with $N_R = 80$ (top line) and $N_R = 45$ (bottom line) using Eq. (7). Both curves were normalized to the peak intensity of the $N_R = 80$ simulation results (dots).

A.A. Zholents, W.M. Fawley, Phys. Rev. Lett., 92, 224801 (2004); LBNL-54084Ext, (2003).
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Comparison and Summary

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Method	Direct Seeding (HHG)	HGHG Cas. or EEHG	Self-Seeding
Wave Length Limit	>20 nm	> 1nm	> 0.1 Å
Synchronization	Good	Good	None
Brilliance	Similar to SASE (penalty from seed BW)	Slightly better (penalty from lower current)	Much better than SASE
Pulse Length	~10 fs	10 – 100 fs	As electron bunch
Signal-to- Background	Poor	Moderate - Good	Excellent
Complexity	Moderate (excluding source)	High	Moderate
Electron Beam Requirement	Arrival time and energy stability	Arrival time and energy stability, lower energy spread	Energy stability
Undulator Length	Slightly less than SASE FEL	Comparable and longer than SASE FEL	50% longer than SASE FEL

Laser Heater System: Add energy spread (IFEL)



Laser heater replaces SC wiggler to suppress beam instabilities
Uses a small portion of the drive laser IR beam
Cost and Schedule in Baseline

Slide compliments of P. Emma

Laser Heater Effect on Beam

• Laser Heater increases the uncorrelated energy spread from ~5keV to more than 50keV to suppress beam instabilities.

• Studies show Laser Heater is more effective than SC Wiggler in controlling instabilities.



Overlap

- Size
- Position
- Timing
- Beam to beam signal overlap
- Energy overlap

Transverse Overlap of Beams

- Transverse overlap
 - Seed beam smaller than the e-beam size
 - Doesn't make much sense as one wants to seed the fill transverse size of the e-beam
 - Seed beam the same size as e-beam
 - Not necessarily ideal
 - Outer edges of e-beam do not get the full effect of seeding
 - Sensitivity to beam to beam relative motions



- Seed beam larger than the e-beam size
 - Good it not too much larger
 - Too much larger and the power density goes
 - Reduces somewhat the sensitivity to beam to beam relative motion



Transverse Overlap of

Beams

One must take care in the design of the optical transport system.

Transverse Overlap of Beams

View Screens

and camera

It is straightforward to ensure transverse overlap by imaging the e-beam and seed beam at two positions on a jointly used imaging system.

One needs to ensure that the system can image both beams within its dynamic range and that one does not do the imaging in a manner that might compromise the undulator with excessive radiation.

This same system is used for both position and size checks.

Timing and Synchronization

Example: Beam Arrival Time Monitor using MLL pulses



Variations of the bunch arrival-time result in a modulation of the laser pulse energies.

By measuring the energies of single laser pulses, the bunch arrival time can be deduced.



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• Florian Loehl, et al., PRL 104, 144801 (2010)

Use arrival time and bunch length to stabilize FEL output

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compression FB off, BAM FB off

compression FB on, BAM FB off

compression FB on, BAM FB on

Coherent THz signal used as ulletrelative bunch length monitor



More slides to follow