COHERENT PHOTON DOURCES: FREE ELECTRON LASER AND THEIR MULTIDISCIPLINARAY APPLICATIONS

 FEL production, characteristics and properties of FEL light.
 Selected application examples.
 What is next?

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FEL PRODUCTION: Electron motion in a very long undulator evolves to a free electron laser

With a very long undulator the radiated fields become stronger and lead to microbunching, i.e. transform the random positions and motions of electrons into correlated waves of electrons, emitting radiation in phase.



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SASE-FEL Physics: increase of coherence power N as result of

constructive interference of emitted radiation

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The Physics of Free Electron

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- Uniformly distributed particles (beam) into undulator.
- Emission of radiation ("spontaneous" emission).
- Wave grows enough (undulator radiation) to begin affecting.
 particle dynamics through ma = -eE radiation.

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- Transverse coupling between \mathbf{E}_{rad} and transverse velocity \mathbf{v}_x (in undulator) leads to energy exchange between fields and particle (zero net at first) $\frac{dEe}{dt} = mc^2 \frac{d\gamma}{dt} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{v} = -e \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{v}_x$.
- Modulated velocities with increments in \mathbf{v}_x lead to bunching on axis.
- Electron density modulation leads to stronger radiation, $P_{Tot} \propto \frac{Q^4}{M^2} \sim N^2 \frac{e^4}{m^2}$. Time/energy structure: envelope of a series of sub-pulses with random intensity, time duration, bandwidth and phase.
- Stronger fields (wave) drive stronger transverse velocity.
- Stronger v_x drives stronger bunching, . . . stronger fields, . . . FEL action.



SASE-FEL: <u>self-seeding</u> for improving spectral (λ) purity

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- > First undulator generates SASE.
- > X-ray monochromator (grating for soft X-rays or Si/diamond crystal for hard X-rays) filters SASE and generates seed.
- > Chicane delays electrons and washes out SASE micro-bunching.
- > Second undulator amplifies seed to saturation.





Seeding SASE-FEL using optical laser

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simulations at the radiation $\begin{array}{c} \text{simulations at the } radiation \\ \text{simulations at the undulator} \\ \text{simulations the undulator} \\ \text{wavelength the undulator} \\ \text{wavelnside the undulator} \end{array}$ **High Gain Harmonic Generation (HGHG):** seeding (modifying) the emitting electron bunch with an external laser pulse controlled in all the relevant photon parameter LINAC **UV seed laser** GUN bunch compression <1 ps electron bunches

"SASE" FEL – several separate "waves" of electrons with uncorrelated phase. Less peak power, broader spectrum.

The properties of the FEL radiation are entangled with those of the seed laser. Defined energy-time profile.





Free Electron Lasers in operation and coming 2016

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	LULS	LULUI	EU-AFEL	SACLA	FLASH	FLASHI	FERIVI	SWBSF EL	XFEL	XFEL
Shortest wavelength	1.5 Å	1 Å	0.5 Å	1Å	40 Å	40 Å	40 Å	1Å	1 (0.6) Å	1Å
Undulator type hard X-ray.	Fixed gap	Variable gap	Variable gap	In- vacuum Var. gap	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	In- vacuum var.gap	Variable gap	Variable gap
Undulator type soft X-ray.	n.a.	Variable gap	Variable gap	n.a.	Fixed gap	Variable gap	Apple II	Apple II	Apple II	?
Injector	S-band RFgun	S-band RF gun	L-band RF gun	Pulsed Diode	L-band RF gun	L-band RF gun	S-band RF gun	S-band RF gun	S-band RF gun	S-band RF gun
Cathode	Cu	Cu	Cs ₂ Te	CeB ₆ (thermionic)	Cs ₂ Te	Cs ₂ Te	Cu	Cu	Cu	Cu
Main linac technology	n.c. Pulsed	n.c. pulsed	s.c. pulsed	n.c. pulsed	s.c. pulsed	s.c. pulsed	n.c. pulsed	n.c. pulsed	n.c. pulsed	n.c. pulsed
RF frequency	S-band	S-band	L-band	C-band	L-band	L-band	S-band	C-band	S-band	C-band
RF Rep. rate	120 Hz	120 Hz	10 Hz	60 Hz	10Hz	10 Hz	10-50 Hz	100 Hz	120 Hz	60 Hz
FEL pulses/RF pulse	1	1	2700	1	2700	2700	1	2	1	1
max. bunch charge	0.25 nC	0.25 nC	1 nC	0.2 nC	1 nC	1 nC	0.5 nC	0.2 nC	0.2 nC	0.2 nC
max. electron energy	13.6 GeV	14 GeV	17.5 GeV	8 GeV	1.2 GeV	1.2 GeV	1.5 GeV	5.8 GeV	10 GeV	6.4 GeV
No. RF stations	81	81	29	69	5	5	15	34	49	?
Approx. facility length	1.7km	1.7 km	3.4 km	0.8km	0.32 km	0.32 km	0.5 km	0.7km	1.1 km	0.6 km
Startoperation	2009	2017	2015	2011	2005	2013	2010	2016	2015	2019

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Probing matter on nm length scales and and fs time scales



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A source with finite size and spectral bandwidth, restricted to radiate over a narrow solid angle, generates fields with strong phase and amplitude correlation to a limited extend





Young's double slit experiments as measure of spatial coherence







Coherent Diffraction Imaging (CDI):

based upon the principle of coherent scattering in combination with a method of direct phase recovery called oversampling





Incoherent illumination: coherence length larger than the sample structures <u>Diffuse scattering</u> that averages over all features resulting from slightly different wavefronts







<u>Coherent illumination:</u> coherence length larger than the sample <u>Speckles</u> due to interference of wavefronts scattered from the features - information on the positions of each feature, obtained inverting the pattern.

> The scattered amplitude is Fourier transform of real space electron density f(r) of the object: F(k) = ∫ f(r) e-2πi k ⋅ r dr

- **<u>Proposed by Sayre</u>** to visualize the electron-density distribution in non-crystalline materials (1980)
- <u>Pioneering experiments: Kirz, Miao, Chapman, Spence, Robinson</u>, (Nature 400, 342; ibid. 442, 63; 448, 679; MRS Bull 29, 177, PNAS 102, 15343), *Science*, 316, 5830 etc)





3D CDI of Ag cubes using synchrotron



Surface plots of reconstructed shapes

Rocking scan of Ag cubes with 0.01° steps,

courtesy K. Robinson, PRL 87, 195505







Resonant CDI: elemental and 'dichroic' sensitive

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CDI is also sensitive to chemical states via near-edge resonances and can be extended to exploit other contrast mechanisms depending on resonant transitions such as x-ray magnetic circular dichroism. electronic orbital as well as chemical state.

Holographic image of random magnetic domains in a Co/Pt ML sample, Co L_3 -edge absorption edge.

S. Eisebitt¹, J. Lüning², W. F. Schlotter^{2,3}, M. Lörgen¹, O. Hellwig^{1,4}, W. Eberhardt¹ & J. Stöhr² NATURE, 432, 885 (2004)



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X-ray exposure determines the achievable resolution. Radiation damage sets the dose

For each scattered photon that contributes to the diffraction pattern there are about 10 x-ray photons absorbed. This absorption deposits energy into the sample and leads to sample degradation.





Coherent Diffraction Imaging: Synchrotron vs FEL Radiation

long pulses (sub-ns) max ~10⁸ photons/pulse



Synchrotron radiation:



pinhole and monochromators for spatial and spectral filtering, but at the expense of intensity!



FEL (FLASH, LSLS, SACLA, FERMI):

Fs pulses > 10¹¹ photons/pulse

natural space coherence: each electron - spontaneous emission that overlap each other in phase

Ultra-short (fs) and ultra-bright coherent FEL pulses allow imaging with single pulse before the radiation damage manifests itself !





How matter will respond when exposed to a very high power short fs pulses



When matter is irradiated with very intense light, exciting deeper electronic levels, unusual processes occur which do not happen upon irradiation with less intense light: exotic non-equiliblium state with electrons at temperatures tens eV) and ions at RT (< 100 fs), electronphonon energy transfer leading to warm dense matter (>1 ps), lattice expansion (> 5 ps) Coloumb explosion..







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properties resulting from the secondary

structures of the assembled NP

20 µm⁻¹ O S at 10.08-3 µm Diffraction pattern Aerodynamic lens stack Sample inlet Particle beam CCD Aperture FEL Pulses E. Pedersoli et al, J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. 46 (2013) 164033 Maya Kiskinova

Fs Serial Protein Nano-crystallography

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Need very short pulses of secondary ionization C Auger electron N Auger electron 100 O Auger electron 10 Number 10 100 Time (fs) 0.1 RMSD Relative intensity of Bragg peak urea 0.08 0.8 atomic positions 0.06 0.6 (220) (330) 0.04 0.4 RMSD 0.02 0.2 -15 -10 -5 0 5 10 15 Time (fs)

FEL=~ 6-8 keV: radius of gyration of the photoelectron cloud can reach 300 nm, and that of the Auger electron cloud - 8 nm: photoelectron cascade becomes bigger than a typical nanocrystal under consideration.

C. Caleman et al, ACS NANO 5, 136, 2011



Response of solid state matter exposed to a very high power short fs pulses: Al



The smearing of the absorption edge indicates an ultrafast rearrangement of the electron population around the Fermi level, driven by the sudden electron temperature change. The thermalization of conduction band electrons occurs within ~ 70 fs pulse duration, time shorter than phonon-phonon scattering. For E_{photon} above AI 2p edge, the temperature of the electron sub-system

is estimated to be ~0.5 eV, well above the AI melting point ~ 0.05 eV.

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Magnetic domains exposed to a very high power short fs pulses

Reorganization from aligned to labirinth domain structure & change in the average domain period with increasing pulse power: ? is 'damage' threshold for dynamic magnetic studies.





Towards *fs*-movie with single shot CDI

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Microscopists dream



Challenging computational task:

- a) Collection of a speckle pattern not a real space image. Phase retrieval algorithm.
- Reconstruction algorithm has to catalog orientation and "recognize" the frames temporal evolution.



Using phase retrieval algorithm: galopping horse movie can be reconstructed





Time-resolved Studies

Energy-time picture of x-ray material interaction



✓ Temporal resolution of the sample response is determined by the duration of the probe.

✓ For larger particles CDI spatial resolution becomes depended on longitudinal coherence and SEEDING is highly desirable.

- IR-UV pump/X-ray probe: X-ray pulse duration determines temporal resolution: – dynamic study of transient phenomena – fluctuating and fast evolving systems, structural dynamics on nanoscale resulting from chemical or physical changes induced by IR and UV laser.
- 2. <u>Ultrafast FEL pulse as a pump:</u> X-ray or IR probe: a unique way of depositing energy into materials and to create states of strong electronic excitation, high temperature and pressure.

<u>Tunability allows working above and below resonances, probing the</u> <u>selectively the effect of excitation on the target constituents.</u>





-100 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 Delay Time (fs)

Stroboscopic schemes for time resolved FEL experiments: two color IR pump/FEL probe

IR-induced dissociation of CH₃I <u>following the energy of emitted I ions</u> Localized charge on I atom, created by X-rays may transfer to the methyl group via Auger decay: event affected by the I-C distance



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Delay Time (fs)



Stroboscopic schemes for time resolved FEL experiments: two color IR pump/FEL probe

Shedding light on lattice dynamics in individual gold nanocrystals via coherent diffraction



The evolution of the coherent acoustic phonons within the nanocrystal through the Bragg peak shift: can be modelled as a harmonic oscillator with two modes.

J. Clark, Science 341, 56–59 (2013)

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Time resolved resonant magnetic holography Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste with sub-100 nm spatial and 100-fs temporal resolution



Ultrafast de-magnetization within 250 fs, spatially localized via a tailored micro-resonator. Point out the important role of ultrafast spin-electron transport.

C. Von Korff Schmising et al, PRL112, 217203 (2014). XIII School on Synchrotron Radiation, September 14-25, 2015





IR /FEL: Laser-induced surface reactions: map transient changes of electronic structure by trRIXS (x-ray emission/absorption spectroscopy - XES/XAS)



O becomes activated on a time scale below 300 fs, whereas CO is activated on a 500-fs time scale and beyond the transient states 1 and 2 are formed leading to CO₂



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Stroboscopic schemes for FEL/FEL experiments: single color FEL-pump/probe







Producing plasma – highly ionized state of matter and monitoring its evolution via FEL pump-probe

With an X-ray laser, plasmas can be created that are as hot as the interiors of giant stars. At the same time, it will be possible to investigate the status of created plasmas at varying intervals with another part of the laser beam and thus to conduct research into the plasma state.



Al foil irradiated with high energy 92 eV FEL photons becomes transparent because both electrons from the 2p state are ejected and no more photoionization of electrons is possible – blue shift in the L edge

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Generation of 2-color FEL pulses separated in time





Diffraction from Ti grating using two color FEL pulses



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Four wave mixing: generation of VUV transient grating in the SiO₂ using two coincident FEL pulses



When the three beams arrive on the sample at the same time ($\Delta t = 0$) a FWM signal is recorded, showing the occurence of the wave mixing process. With time delay of the optical pulse, intensity modulation of the scattered signal are observed compatible with the excitation of Raman modfes ($\Delta t < 1.5$ ps) and longitudinal acoustic modes ($\Delta t > 10$ ps).

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Future developments (stero/strobo-CDI)

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Extended reference holography

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FTH ideal case is to optimize the experimental geometry without restriction due to the reference wave, permitting to optimize signal-to-noise and resolution.



A.V. Martin. et al. "X-ray holography with customizable reference" Nature Comm. 4, 2476 (2014).





PES with FELs???

Core-level PE was proven to be extremely useful tool for time-resolved studies but FELs are too bright!....





Momentum-Time resolved resonant inelastic x-ray scattering with high spectral resolution is feasible and complementary.

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Imaging-resolution-penetration-time

- Scanning microscopes monitoring electrons <u>limited to</u> <u>surfaces</u>.
- Transmission electron microscopes can resolve even atoms but are <u>limited in penetration</u> (samples thinner than ~ 30 nm).
- X-ray crystallography reveals the globally averaged 3D atomic structures based on the diffraction phenomenon, but <u>requires crystals.</u>
- Classical x-ray microscopy <u>limited in resolution</u> and focal depth by the optical elements. Temporal resolution ≥ ns

The optics depth and resolution limitations can be overcome by image reconstruction from measured <u>coherent</u> X ray scattering pattern visualizing the electron density of non-crystalline sample.





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X-ray sources complementary used in material science: from static to dynamics



