Study of Coherence limits and chirp control in long pulse FEL oscillator

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Inner Cavity Electrostatic Accelerator FEL Configuration







Coherence Limits of FEL

Schawlow–Towns Equivalent Natural linewidth*:

$$\Delta f_{laser} = \frac{\left(\Delta f_{1/2}\right)^2}{I_0/e}$$

 $\left(\Delta f_{laser} = 10^{-2} Hz, for \qquad I_0 = 2A, \quad \Delta f_{1/2} = 10 MHz\right)$

Technical noise frequency instability** :

$$\Delta f_{tech} = \left[\left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial V_b} \right)^2 \langle \left(\Delta V_b \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial I_b} \right)^2 \langle \left(\Delta I_b \right)^2 \rangle \right] \Delta f_{1/2} \qquad \left(\varphi = \delta k_r L_w \right)$$
$$\frac{\Delta f_{tech}}{f_0} = 5 \cdot 10^{-7} \quad \left(for \qquad \Delta V_{brms} = 1 kV, \quad \Delta I_{brms} = 10 mA \right)$$

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Effect of Voltage Drop: Chirp



FEL Frequency Dependence on in a

Waveguide Dispersive



Block-Diagram RF Measurements of FEL Radiation



Voltage Drop Effect: Mode Hoping



IF - signal

Numerically filtered IF signal amplitude

IF Signal at Single Mode Operation



Measured IF Signal $f_{IF} = |f(t) - f_{LO}|$

<u>f(t)>f_{LO}=86,4000 [MHz]</u>

<u>f(t)<f_Lo=86,402 [MHz]</u>



 $=> f(0)=86.401\pm1MHz$

Frequency Chirp and Power Decay of a single mode during voltage drop







Spectrum and Inherent Spectral Width



Inherent Spectrum Width 1.5 N 0.5 PMHM band, 1 0.27 MHz -1.5 16.5 17.5 17 18.5 18 19 time, µs

10µs window spectrogram after numerical elimination of linear chirp

1µs window spectrogram

Inherent Spectral Width



Planned Application of Controlled Chirp in Electrostatic Accelerator FEL



Scanning Single Pulse Spectroscopy



FEL Oscillator Frequency Stabilization





- 3. Plans to utilize chirp for :
 - (a) Single pulse scanning spectroscopy
 - (b) Phase locked loop frequency stabilization