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## Femtosecond-stability delivery of synchronized RFsignals to the klystron gallery over 1-km optical fibers

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## Why do we need XFEL?

#### Synchrotron (3<sup>rd</sup> generation)



X-ray with extremely short wavelength and high brilliance can capture molecular structures.



Protein structure by Swiss Light Source (D. A. Pomeranz Krummel, C.Oubridge et al. Nature 458, 475-480)

#### XFEL (4<sup>th</sup> generation)



- Billion times higher peak brilliance than synchrotron
- Ultra short pulse (tens of fs)

Not only the molecular structures, but also dynamics can be captured.



Still frames of a molecular complex transition by LCLS (Credit: Shibom Basu/Arizona State University)

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### Fully pulsed optical timing system



- Timing detection using ultra short pulse -> extremely high resolution and low drift
- Strong electron beam diagnostic tools can be used (BAM).
- Various RF/microwave components and optical pulse trains can be simultaneously used.
- Direct pump/probe experiment is possible.

#### Pulsed optical timing and synchronization system overview



#### Pulsed optical timing system is being operated at FEL facilities.

FERMI







S. Schulz et al, IBIC 2013, Paper WEPC32 S. Schulz et al, PAC 2009, Paper TH6REP091

Each unit currently being installed at FLASH (Hamburg, Germany) and FERMI @ Elettra (Trieste, Italy)

However, the full implementation of OMO vs remote RF synchronization has not been demonstrated so far.

M. Ferianis, PAC 2009

# We perform full RMO vs remote RF synchronization.



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## **Optical/RF synchronization method**

Fiber-Loop Optical-Microwave Phase Detector (FLOM-PD)



• Excess phase noise in the photodetection process is suppressed.

• Laser intensity noise is also suppressed by balancing scheme.

K. Jung and J. Kim, Opt. Lett. 37, 2958 (2012)

K. Jung et al, IEEE Photon. J. 5, 5500906 (2013)

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#### **Operation principle of the FLOM-PD**



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#### RF Master Oscillator (RMO)

Optical Master Oscillator (OMO)









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## Short-term residual phase noise result between delivered 2.856 GHz RF and optical pulse trains



This is the first RF transfer test based on optical pulsed timing system in accelerator environment.

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Integrated timing jitter: 7.3 fs [1 Hz - 10 MHz]
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K. Jung et al, J. Lightwave. Technol., DOI:10.1109/JLT.2014.2312400 (2014)

## Long-term residual timing drift result between delivered 2.856 GHz RF and optical pulse trains



- 6.6 fs in rms for highlighted 3 ~ 10 hours
- 31 fs in rms for whole 62.5 hours It was caused by the FLOM-PD temperature change and fiber link PMD (polarization mode dispersion).
- Typically known PMD of the SMF-28 fiber is 60 fs/ $\sqrt{km}$ .

K. Jung et al, J. Lightwave. Technol., DOI:10.1109/JLT.2014.2312400 (2014)

#### **Electron bunch timing jitter measurement**



## Summary

- We have implemented the optical pulse-based timing distribution system test bed in Pohang Accelerator Laboratory.
- We showed that sub-10 fs synchronization between a RF oscillator and an optical pulse train which are 1 km away can be possible in the real accelerator machine.
- Now, we are measuring electron bunch timing jitter after applying the full optical pulsed timing system including synchronization of an injector laser (Ti:Sa laser) to the optical master oscillator (to be presented at IBIC 2014).

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## Appendix

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#### Out-of-loop local synchronization performance between a mode-locked laser and a microwave



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#### Two color balanced optical cross-correlator (TC-BOC)

#### Er laser vs Ti:Sa laser synchronization experimental setup



## Residual phase noise between injector laser (Ti:Sa) and optical master oscillator (Er laser)



Resonant peak + Ti:Sa laser absolute noise

## BAM??? 측정 결과



This is a preliminary data. rms timing drift: 47 fs [Hz ~ MHz]

## Balanced optical cross-correlator for the timing fluctuation detection



#### **Balanced optical cross-correlator**

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## Why optical timing and synchronization at FELs in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

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