

Operation of FLASH with Short SASE-FEL Radiation Pulses

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	Typ. FLASH parameters	Single spike operation at FLASH	Single spike operation at FLASH
Injector laser pulse duration (rms)	6.5 ps	6.5 ps	1 ps
Bunch charge	0.08 - 1 nC	20 pC	20 pC
Bunch duration (rms)	30 - 200 fs	3 fs	3 fs
compression	220 - 32	2200	330
FEL pulse duration (FWHM)	30 - 200 fs	3 fs	3 fs

For FLASH:

rms bunch length: ~ 3 fs \rightarrow due space charge forces the bunch charge has to be reduced: ~ 20 pC

 Shorter photo-injector laser pulse is required
a large compression factor (~1000) requires RF
tolerances of 0.0014° phase
tolerance (3fs!) and 0.003%
amplitude tolerance





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First SASE with short pulse injector laser:

- 9th & 11th of January 2013
- 5 μJ at 13.5 nm, bunch charge 35 pC



 25 µJ at 13 nm, charge 80 pC Narrow bandwidth (0.34 % in linear regime, 0.42% at saturation)



- Radiation pulse duration at full undulator length is estimated as 50 fs.
- rms bunch duration of lasing fraction of the electron beam: 40 fs.





Measurement: May 2014

Bunch charge: 80 pC

laser pulse duration: 1 ps rms

Optical afterburner measurement of the FEL pulse duration: < 30 fs

Analysis of single FEL pulse spectrum:

- Events:1768
- $\lambda = 6.97 \text{ nm}$
- in average: 3.8 spikes
- 2.7 spikes within the FWHM





wavelength (nm)



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Conclusions

- New photoinjector laser commissioned
- FEL pulses with a few longitudinal modes demonstrated
- Outlook: truely single-spike operation
 - Needs more experience with charges of about 20 pC



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Thank you for the attention

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