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Jitter-free time resolved resonant CDI experiments using two-color FEL pulses generated by the same electron bunch

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- FERMI@Elettra
- Photon Beam Transport System (PADReS)
- DiProl endstation
- Two-color experiment: source peculiarities

PRESTO + KAOS contribution

results

- Discussion and perspectives
- Acknowledgments



FERMI@Elettra Layout + Parameters





Parameters:

- FEL-1:
- FEL-2:
- Pulse length:
- Bandwidth:
- Polarization:
- λ fluctuation:
- 86-20 nm 20-4 nm <100 fs FWHM 20-40 meV rms LH-LV-RC-LC within BW

Beamlines:

- **DiProl: Diffraction and Projection Imaging** (M. Kiskinova, F. Capotondi)
- LDM: Low Density Matter (C. Callegari)
- EIS-TIMEX: Elastic and Inelastic Scattering (C. Masciovecchio, E. Principi)

Open to external users since 12/2012 2nd external users Run: scheduled 3rd call for users: deadline in 10/2013 FEL-2 open to users in late 2014



TWO COLOR PUMP-PROBE Motivations and Requests

Motivations

- Pump-probe techniques to study non-equilibrium transient states of matter

 → extended to HHG- and FEL-generated pulses (either X-ray or synchronized optical and X-ray pulses pairs)
- Advantage of XUV/X-ray photons: they can stimulate and probe electronic transitions from core levels, providing chemical selectivity as well
- Ultrabright FELs overcome the pulse intensity and wavelength tunability limitations of HHG sources

Requests

- Generate two FEL pulses with precisely controlled time delay, wavelength and intensity ratio
- Perform proof-of-principle XUV-pump / XUV-probe experiment that examines the dynamics of a thin-metal layer structure exposed to high intensity XUV excitation



PHOTON TRANSPORT SYSTEM Energy Spectrometer





PHOTON TRANSPORT SYSTEM KB focusing mirrors



Best spot 10 µm x 13.5 µm





Installed on dedicated FERMI beamline: June 2011 Open to User Experiments: December 2012

Versatile modular construction allowing exchange and/or adding new components

DiProl ENDSTATION Core capabilities

Pressure (Torr)

Forward scattering scheme

Single shot FEL pulse diffraction experiment and P&P experiment



Particle

iniector

M, Bogan et al.

NanoLett. 2009.

AST 2010

H.N. Chapman et al. Nature Physic 2007

Magnetic Res-scattering



In collaboration with G.Grübel, C. Gutt (DESY) J. Lüning (Univ.Paris)

B. Pfau et al Nature Com. (2012)

Aerosol particle injector

Developed by J. Hajdu et al.

coupled to TOF.

Un. Uppsala



Instrument design in collaboration with: H.N. Chapman, S. Bajt, H. Fleckenstein, J. Schulz, J. Hajdu, M. Bogan





Beam





DiProl ENDSTATION Commissioning results





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Achievable delay: 300 – 700 fs (December 2012)

Seed pulses:

independently tunable in 260-262 nm 180 fs-long (FWHM) variable time separation and intensity ratio splitting introduced in the seed fundamental

e⁻ bunch:

mildly compressed 750 fs-long preserve the temporal uniformity of current and energy



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TWO-COLOR EXPERIMENT Scheme + Source features



0,005 % Shot-to-Shot spectral ~15% Shot-to-Shot intensity



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Intensity [A.U.]

Pulse wavelengths

TWO-COLOR EXPERIMENT PRESTO + KAOS

Pulse stabilities



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TWO-COLOR EXPERIMENT Experimental setup + Results



Two pulses tuned to wavelengths across the Ti- M edge

The two pulses have different wavelengths so to be diffracted at different angles \rightarrow detected at different positions on the CCD







At high fluence \rightarrow evidence for dramatic changes in the Ti electronic structure: high degree of ionization that shifts the Ti edge to shorter wavelengths making the grating 'transparent' for the second pulse [low-F \rightarrow <1% of Ti atoms ionized – high-F \rightarrow ~100% of Ti atoms ionized (in some tens of fs)]

The pulse length (~90 fs) and the delay (max 500 fs) are shorter than the time scales of hydrodynamic expansion 1 - 10 ps

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TWO-COLOR EXPERIMENT Comparison with theory



The experimental results can be reproduced using a 2.3 nm-long edge shift *i.e.*, when the probe λ is not anymore in the absorption edge window



TWO-COLOR EXPERIMENT Reducing the interpulse delay

The present scheme (2 seeding pulses) can generate interpulse delays down to 150-200 fs. To decrease further the delay (to values comparable to the FEL pulse length) a different approach should be followed: seeding with a single, frequency-chirped pulse \rightarrow spectro-temporal splitting in FEL deep saturation regime

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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Chirped Seeded Free-Electron Lasers: Self-Standing Light Sources for Two-Color Pump-Probe Experiments

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- FERMI and DiProl: operative and versatile
- Successful generation of two FEL pulses with precisely controlled wavelengths, time delay and intensity ratio
- Test experiment on Ti-grating: successful

- Further investigations with different delays (50-300fs → 1ps)
- Investigation of magnetic phenomena varying the interpulse delay and intensity ratio



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