



### Results from FLASH

Free-electron LASer in Hamburg

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- FEL basics
- FLASH layout
- Electron beam -- The challenge of fs bunch length
- Photon beam
- The future
- Conclusion



### **FEL Basics**

Radiation power of oscillating point-like charge Q:

Point-like bunch radiates coherently  $P \propto N_e^2$ !

$$P \propto Q^2 \cdot \gamma^2$$

$$Q = N_e \cdot e$$

$$N_e = \# \text{ electrons}$$

<u>"Point" means above all: bunch length <  $\lambda_{radiation}$ </u> Synchrotron radiation of an incoherent electron distribution:  $P \propto N_{e}$ 

 $\rightarrow$  desired: bunch length < wavelength

OR (even better)

Density modulation at desired wavelength

→Potential gain in power:  $N_e = 10^9 - 10^{10} !!$ 



### **FEL Basics**



### Idea:

Start with an electron bunch much longer than the desired wavelength and find a mechanism that cuts the beam into equally spaced pieces automatically

### **Free-Electron Laser**

(Motz 1950, Phillips ~1960, Madey 1970)

Special version:

starting from noise (no input needed) Single pass saturation ( no mirrors needed)

### Self-Amplified Spontaneous Emission (SASE)





### SASE FEL challenges



### Electron beam parameters needed:

Gain Length (power e-folding):  $L_g = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ \frac{2mc \ \gamma^3 \sigma_r^2 \lambda_u}{\mu_0 e \ K^2 \hat{I}} \right]^1$ 

Beam size:

 $\sigma_r \approx 50 \ \mu m \Leftrightarrow$  high electron desity for maximum interaction with radiation field Emittance  $\varepsilon \leq \lambda/4\pi$ 

need special electron source & accelerate the beam before it explodes due to Coulomb forces

#### Energy width:

Narrow resonance  $\rightarrow \sigma_E/E \leq 10^{-3}$  $\Leftrightarrow$  Small distortion by wakefields etc.

#### Peak current inside bunch: Î > 1 kA

feasible only at ultrarelativistic energies, otherwise ruins emittance  $\Rightarrow$  bunch compression

#### Straight trajectory in undulator

to guarantee overlap electron beam – photon beam:

<u>typical</u>ly < 10  $\mu$ m over >10 m

Increasingly difficult for shorter wavelength:

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Wavelengths achieved at SASE FELs vs. year of 1<sup>st</sup> operation Jörg Rossbach, Univ HH



### **FLASH** Layout





250 m



### **FLASH Aerial View**





First lasing at 32 nm in January 05

TESLA Test Facility Injector + bunch compression

s.c. TESLA Modules + undulators

### experimental hall

#### **Beam time allocation:**

- FEL Users
- FEL studies to further develop the FEL
- accelerator studies, in particular on TESLA technology for XFEL and ILC

## see S. Schreiber Ongitudinal phase space injector







### **Transverse Projected Emittance**



#### Observation of beam size at 4 OTR screens simultaneously



- Continuous measurement of the emittance during a period of ~1.5 hours (1 nC, 127 MeV); no compression
- In this example, the <u>projected</u> normalized 90% rms emittance is ε<sub>n</sub> = 1.6 mm mrad
- Jitter 2 3 % (rms)
   → agrees with the statistical error

Fitting method, 100% emittance Tomography, 100% emittance Fitting method, 90% emittance Tomography, 90% emittance



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# **Resolving fs properties**



- The observed double peak structure of the FLASH beam is understood by simulations: effect of coherent synchrotron radiation in bunch compressor.
- Qualitative agreement between simulated and measured profiles



LOLA long. resolution ~20 fs

see M. Roehrs MOPCH13 MOPCH14

Can we distinguish between csr vs. space charge driven effects on beam dynamics?



### Coherent synchrotron radiation effects



 $\rightarrow$  CSR effects inside the chicane dominate while space charge forces are negligible.

CSR emission leads to centroid shifts due to energy loss and non-zero dispersion for off energy particles.







# ... further fs scale diagnostics



Spectroscopy of coherent THz radiation

see O. Grimm TUPCH 021 H. Delsim-Hashemi TUPCH 016

Beam arrival time stability measured with electro-optic sampling: rms timing fluctuations 200 fs





Cure: Remove spurious dispersion (while keeping constant the orbit)



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### Lasing at 13 nm





 $E_{electron} = 690 \text{ MeV}$ 

 $E_{pulse}$  = up to 30 µJ  $\rightarrow$   $P_{rad}$  = up to 1 GW

### **Summary radiation properties:**

Radiation pulse duration (FWHM)	20 -100 fs
Radiation peak power	1 - 4 GW
Spectrum width	~ 1 %
Transverse coherence	almost perfect

Peak brilliance exceeds any source at this wavelength by many orders of magnitude.







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- 16 projects had beam
- Most experiments are very complex and include many components → collaborations, large teams
- First reports are very promising:
  - commissioning of most experiments was quite successful
  - most experiments have taken first useful data demonstrating that their concepts work;
     data are currently evaluated





# FLASH: the VUV-FEL User Facility at DESY



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# First demonstration of coherent diffraction imaging with a soft-X-ray FEL (Hajdu, Chapman)





### The European XFEL



Proposal October 2002:

X-ray FEL user facility with 20 GeV superconducting linear accelerator in

TESLA technology

- Approval by German government Feb. 2003 as a European Project
- German commitment for 50% of the funding plus another expected 10% by the states Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein, 40% from European partners
- Estimated total project cost 970 M€







# The European XFEL





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# The European XFEL





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- Reach design wavelength 6 nm (need 1 more TESLA module)
- Install 3rd Harmonic Cavity → remove curvature in long. phase space
- Long pulse trains (7200 bunches)
- Fast wavelength tuning (now ~ 1 day)
- Install self-seeding



## Conclusion



- fs scale accelerator physics & technology
- SASE FEL principle demonstrated down to 13 nm
- Brilliance 100 Mio above storage ring sources
- Full agreement with theory
- FLASH running for users
- Paves the way towards Ångstrøm FELs

   --- in particular the European XFEL





# **Simulation Methods**



- → RF-gun **ASTRA**
- Apply wake field kicks of ACC1 & Optics matching
- → BC2 CSRTrack (projected method)
- → BC2 to BC3 **ASTRA**
- Apply wake field kicks of ACC2&3
- → BC3 **CSRTrack** (projected method)
- → BC3 to LOLA ASTRA

Start-to-end tracking for different phases in ACC1



## The VUV-FEL team

#### The VUV-FEL is a project of the TESLA Technology Collaboration

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