Cavity-based X-ray Free-Electron Laser Research and Development

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Outline



Motivation

- Cavity-based XFEL schemes
 - X-ray free-electron laser oscillator (XFELO)
 - X-ray regenerative amplifier free-electron laser (XRAFEL)
- ANL/SLAC R&D program
- Summary

Motivation - the need for longitudinal coherence

- SASE XFELs are capable of producing extremely bright, transversely coherent, ultra-short X-ray pulses that have opened the door to new regimes of photon science.
 - However, they suffer from poor longitudinal coherence due to the stochastic nature of the start-up process.
- Generating fully coherent X-ray beams at high repetition rate, and providing control of the longitudinal coherence (trade-off of BW vs. pulse length at the FT limit), will drive another qualitative advance for many areas of science.
 - Hard X-ray spectroscopy at the Fourier limit RIXS and IXS
 - Two-pulse X-ray photon correlation spectroscopy (XPCS)
 - Nuclear resonance scattering
 - Quantitative investigation of nonlinear X-ray phenomena and applications
 - etc.
- Longitudinal coherence can be obtained by seeding an FEL amplifier with narrow bandwidth radiation well above the effective shot noise power in the electron beam









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HXU in integration area in B081

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XFELO

Operational characteristics

- XFELO relies on a low-loss cavity supporting a low-gain FEL for *ultra-narrow* bandwidth
- Typically relies on steady-state radiation output coupling
- CW operation after initial turn on extremely stable



Typical longitudinal pulse evolution in an XFELO



Defining performance characteristics

- Extremely *narrow* and *stable* spectral bandwidths as small as a few meV
- Average brightness ~3 order of magnitude greater than SASE (LCLS-II/-HE)
- Ultrafine spectral capabilities with high spectral photon density

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XRAFEL

XRAFEL, G. Marcus, TUP032 Microbunch rotation, R. Margraf, THP036 Q-switching, J. Krzywinski, TUP033

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Operational characteristics

- XRAFEL is a high-gain FEL that can tolerate significant cavity losses and saturates in only few round trips
- Active radiation output coupling to dump significant cavity power (passive methods too)
- Gain-guiding relaxes cavity opto-mechanical alignment and stability tolerances





Defining performance characteristics

- Fully coherent but *shorter* pulses similar in length to SASE
- Can produce both high *average* (CW passive) and high *peak* (active) power pulses
- Stable and high-power seed with fresh electrons enables strong undulator tapering

Complimentary characteristics of XFELO and XRAFEL for LCLS-II-HE

	XRAFEL	XFELO
Gain & output coupling	High	Low
Necessary cavity roundtrip efficiency	~1%	~ 85%
Passes to saturation	~ 10's	~ 100's
Repetition rate	Q-switched (~10-50 kHz), CW (~ MHz)	CW (~ MHz)

	SASE	XRAFEL	XFELO
Peak Power	~10 GW	~50 GW	~10 MW
Average power	~100 W (at ~1 MHz)	10 W (at 10 kHz)	20 W (at ~1 MHz)
Spectral bandwidth	~10 eV	~0.1 eV	~1 meV
Pulse length	$\sim 1 - 100 \text{ fs}$	$\sim 20 \text{ fs}$	~ 1 ps
Stability	Poor	Excellent	Excellent
Longitudinal coherence	Poor	Excellent	Excellent
Transverse mode	Defined by gain- guiding	Defined by gain- guiding	Defined by the optical cavity

ANL/SLAC collaboration to conduct targeted R&D



- Construct a rectangular X-ray cavity that encloses the first 7 LCLS-II HXR undulator modules.
- Investigate crucial aspects related to CBXFEL physics using a pair of electron bunches from the SLAC copper RF linac.
- Perform 2-pass gain measurements and cavity ring-down measurements for low and high gain schemes.
- Demonstrate cavity tolerance and stability requirements necessary for both schemes.

X-ray optical cavity in the undulator hall



- Undulator hall provides requisite temperature stability for sensitive optomechanical hardware
- Cavity wraps 7 undulator sections
- Total cavity length $\sim 66 \text{ m} (\sim 220 \text{ ns})$
- Lateral offset of return line < 1 m



X-ray optical cavity in the undulator hall











Output coupling, Y. Shvyd'ko, TUP029







rocking curve width

rocking curve center



0 uRad



0 15 30 45 uRad



"Drum head" diamond (~ 20 μ m thickness) to increase output coupling

Parameter	Value	Unit
Crystal material	C*(400)	-
Bragg angle	45	degree
Photon energy	9.83	keV
Wavelength	1.26	Angstrom
Bragg width (energy)	75	meV
Bragg width (angle)	8	µrad



- Strain free diamond mounting
- Similar to crystal holder designed for EuXFEL self-seeding mono.



L. Samoylova, et al., Proceedings of SRI-2018, June 2018, Taipei, Taiwan.



- Pitch and roll nano-positioning stage (D. Shu, et al., APS Nanopositioning Support Lab)
- Laminar weak-link structure with resolution and stability < 50 nrad
- UHV compatible





- High efficiency, low loss beryllium compound refractive lenses (CRL) provide focusing in the stable cavity
- CRLs have high transmission, excellent image quality, and are radiation hard



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Wavefront sensor, Y. Liu, WEP106



- A transmission-geometry CVD diamond phase grating as a beam sampler
- Measure the FEL amplification processes and cavity ring-down *in-situ*



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• Sufficient diagnostics to detect X-ray radiation and align the cavity

XFELO crystal misalignments, R. Lindberg, TUP027



- 2-bunch schemes have been explored in the past
 ~10, 50, 122.5, 210 ns bunch separations (F.J. Decker, *et al.*)
- Achieved close to 2 x single bunch FEL performance
- Relative temporal (energy) jitter between the two bunches for the 50 ns separation case is ~ 6 fs (0.35 MeV) rms
- Relative energy jitter can be overlapped and controlled with some effort
- Implement fast kickers to control pointing and lateral offsets in the undulator

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Parameter	XFELO	XRAFEL	Unit	
Energy	10.3		GeV	
Charge	100	150	pC	
FWHM length	300	50	fs	
RMS beam size	22	24	μm	
RMS angular divergence	1.1	1.2	μrad	
RMS energy spread	0.5	1.5	MeV	
Bunch spacing	~66	(620)	m (RF cycles)	
$I_{pk} = 300 \text{ A} \text{ (flat-top)}$ $I_{pk} = 3 \text{ kA} \text{ (flat-top)}$				

Low gain, 50 shot averaged transmitted spectra



Perform both 2-pass time-independent and time-dependent GENESIS simulations with Fourier optics propagation in an ideally aligned cavity Gain of ~ 3 consistent with TI simulations at the optimal detuning, GINGER simulations, and analytic estimates

Gain of ~ 100 seen for high-gain case

Summary

- CBXFELs can deliver fully coherent, stable, high average and peak brightness hard X-ray pulses
 - Provides significant advances for many areas of science
- All the pieces are nearly in place to experimentally study CBXFEL concepts
- Joint ANL/SLAC collaboration plans to install an X-ray cavity around 7 LCLS-II HXR undulator modules
- Explore CBXFEL physics from low to high gain and demonstrate necessary performance tolerances needed for a full scale implementation

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