

Inverse Free-Electron-Laser based Inverse Compton Scattering: an All-Optical 5th Generation Light Source



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UCLA-BNL ATF project *RUBICONICS*: *Compact* γ-ray source enabled by lasers and electron beams



ICS permits compact undulator, access to MeV photons
IFEL: high gradient laser-based, free-space acceleration scheme
↔ Low collective e-beam effects
↔ Laser can be recirculated (not in plasma)

Applications of MeV photons

*****Active detection of special nuclear materials

National security priority: Active detection of nuclear materials via photo-fission (also nuclear fluorescence)



- ★ Directed γ s, *U*~10-15 MeV
- **★** Required photon number > 10¹² /sec
- **\star** Similar requirements for keV γ 's in medicine, semiconductors

ICS Demands High Collision "Luminosity"

- Like HEP collider: timing, pointing, *focusing*
- Ultra-strong e- focusing (<10 μm e- spots)
- Innovation: ultra-strong PMQs, "camera" triplet



J. K. Lim, et al., Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 8, 072401 (2005)



Intense, focused beams increase X-ray flux

High brilliance Luminosity/pulse

$$N_{\gamma} = \sigma_{T} L = \sigma_{T} N_{e} N_{L} / 4\pi \sigma_{x}^{2} \approx 10^{10}$$
$$N_{\gamma} = 0.6\alpha (k_{L} \sigma_{z}) a_{L}^{2} N_{e^{-}} \propto a_{L}^{2} a_{L} = \frac{eE_{L} \lambda_{L}}{2\pi m_{e} c^{2}}$$

J. B. Rosenzweig, O. Williams, Inter. J. Mod. Phys. A 23, 4333 (2007)

Focused laser produces nonlinear electrodynamic effects – increased bandwidth and harmonic generation; lower brightness

Must study fundamental *electrodynamics* in high intensity (E_L^2) , long I_L (high a_L) laser field



Multi-bunch ICS Interaction

- Optimized ICS source produces ~10⁸ photons *per pulse*
- Cargo interrogation, e.g., requires >10¹²-10¹³ photons/s
- State of the art accelerator and laser systems ~500 pps
- Few laser photons scattered (*used up*) in ICS interaction
- Solution: re-use photons, interact N time per RF pulse
 - Requires producing N electron bunches per pulse and recirculating the laser N times





radiabeam Laser Recirculation with multi-pulse electrons



- Pulsed ICS using CO₂ laser pulse-train
- Active medium recirculating cavity
 - Passive solutions also (*e.g.* ELI-NP)

Recirculating ICS interaction demonstrated

- Output fluctuations stabilized
- Multiple pulse performance limited by CO2 laser degradation
 - Correction now in place
- Recirculation of IFEL...



A. Ovodenko, et al. Appl. Phys. Lett., 109, 253504 (2016)

Inverse Compton Scattering: Experimental Context

- Prehistory illuminates methods
- PLEIADES (UCLA/LLNL) diffraction
- K-edge filtering at BNL ATF
- Single-shot phase contrast imaging
- Single-shot diffraction



F.H. O'Shea, et al., Phys. Rev. ST-Accel Beams 15, 020702 (2012)







X-ray spectrum from *K-edge filtering*



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Characterization results of the BNL ATF Compton X-ray source using K-edge absorbing foils

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Characterizing X-rays via K-edge foil ICS photons have angular-energy correlation (as in FEL):

$$\hbar \,\omega_{\text{x-ray}} = \frac{4\gamma^2 \hbar \omega_{\text{L}}}{1 + a_{\text{L}}^2/2 + \gamma^2 \theta^2}$$



Crude band-pass filter – must improve!



Current experimental emphasis: nonlinear ICS physics



Nonlinear ICS: $a_L \sim 1$, transverse motion relativistic, nontrivial longitudinal oscillation

★ Red-shifting *and* BW increase: $hv_{X-ray} => hv_{X-ray} / (1+a_{L}^{2}/2),$ a_{I} not constant during interaction

 ★ Harmonic generation/angular dependence: (Multi-photon process in dense photon field) hv_{X-ray} = 4 γ² hv_Ln

Calculating Nonlinear Electrodynamics in ICS: Lienard-Wiechert Field Solver

Angular-wavelength spectra for nonlinear ICS experimental scenarios



Nonlinear ICS Experiments 2014-16



+ CO₂ laser: $a_L \approx 0.6$ to 1.0 FWHM ≈ 3.5 – 5.0 ps, 10.6 µm, $w_0 \approx 40$ µm + Electron beam: *E*=65 - 70 MeV *Q* ≈ 0.3 nC, $\sigma_7 \approx 300$ µm, $\sigma_x \approx 30$ µm

★ Compton edge: $hv = 4\gamma^2 E_L \approx 7 - 10 \text{ keV}$ ★ Photons/pulse from IP : $N_g \approx 10^9$



Observation of nonlinear red-shift in fundamental



 $hv_{ICS, 1}^{st} = 4\gamma^2 v_L / (1 + a_{L,0}^2 / 2) \rightarrow \therefore 0.5 < a_{L,0} < 0.7$

Y. Sakai, et. al, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 18, 060702 (2015)



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Circularly polarized harmonic radiation

1/4 wave plate between regenerative and TW amplifier



Seeing the *details* of the ICS X-ray spectrum...

Single-shot bent multi-layer crystal X-ray spectrometer





Y. Kamiya, T. Kumita and P. Siddons et al., X-ray spectrometer for observation of nonlinear Compton scattering, Proc. Joint 28th Workshop on Quantum Aspects of Beam Physics (World Scientific), 103 (2003)

Single shot, double differential spectrum $a_0 = 1$ case



What are these fringes?

Width/shape of spectrum yields information on laser-electron beam overlap



Analysis: near-axis spectral broadening in nonlinear ICS

 $P_1(\Delta \lambda)$

- ***** Probability model (no wave effects)
- ***** Temporal variation: high red-shift emphasized
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 $\kappa = \sigma_l / \sigma_e$

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All effects, κ dependence

Evaluation of Experimental Results

- Shape similar but more peaked
- Fine structure present, due to what?



Is structure due to self-interference?

Measured spectral resolution (NSLS)

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Self-interference in the literature

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Two comments:

- We need to observe this effect. Optimize resolution
- Theorists lived in a a 1D world until now (only t-dependence)

Determination of beam-beam overlap

- Use multi-shot average for peak location
- $\kappa^{0.5}=0.75$ is obtained within experimental error



More sophisticated analysis can permit details of interaction to emerge

Compact *optical* accelerator: IFEL



In an IFEL the electron beam absorbs energy from a radiation field.



Undulator magnetic field couples high power radiation with relativistic electrons

- IFEL well suited for 50 MeV *up to few GeV* (due to SR limits)
- *Plane wave or far field* accelerator: minimal 3D effects.
- *Vacuum* accelerator not dependent on boundaries
 - Preserves e-beam quality/emittance
 - Stable energy output: static undulator field sets resonant energy

Rubicon IFEL experiment

- Helical geometry, high gradient IFEL
- Strongly tapered helical Halbach undulator
 - Tunable system

Input e-beam energy	50 MeV
Average accelerating gradient	100 MeV/m
Laser wavelength	10.3 µm
Laser power at interaction point	500 GW
Laser focal spot size (w)	980 µm
Laser Rayleigh range	30 cm
Undulator length	54 cm
Undulator period	4 – 6 cm
Magnetic field amplitude	5.2 – 7.7 kG



High gradient acceleration

- 52 to 106 MeV in 54 cm
 - 100 MeV/m average accelerating gradient
- Aperture demands relaxes laser focus, reduces available gradient
- Undulator retuning to improve *capture*





High quality accelerated beams

- 93 MeV 1.8 % energy spread
- Reproducible spectra (mean energy std < 1.5 %) with 30% rms laser energy fluctuations
- Laser intensity 5 orders of magnitude lower than LWFA



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IFEL with prebuncher

- UCLA permanent magnet based prebuncher
- Permanent magnet chicane with adjustable R₅₆
- Achieved > 50% capture

First experiment using a CPA CO2 laser

• IFEL acceleration preserves emittance









Can IFEL run in reverse? Tapering Enhanced Stimulated Super-radiant Amplification (TESSA)

- <u>Reverse the laser-acceleration process</u>, extract large fraction of energy from an electron beam, given:
 - A high current, micro-bunched input e-beam
 - Intense input seed
 - Gradient matching to exploit growing radiation field



NOCIBUR IFEL deceleration experiment

- Maximized capture with variable field chicane
- 45% of the 100 pC beam captured and decelerated
- 30% extraction efficiency (2 mJ)
- Spectra agree with simulation





N. Sudar, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 174801 (2016)

Merging IFEL and ICS

 Success of understanding IFEL, combined with ICS physics and experimental methods...
 RUBICONICS: pre-bunched IFEL for ICS



Two-pulse CO₂ laser, separated by 2x focal length of retro-reflector (0.5 ns)

Retuned RUBICON for stable operation

• Efficiently bunched beam accelerated to 82 MeV

- Negligible emittance growth



RUBICONICS scattered photons



- Six sequential shots with highly stable beam
- Al filter attenuates ICS from 52 MeV beam
- 12 keV X-rays obtained
 - 34 fs pulse train, unique format

Improving the source: double buncher





Current and Future Directions

- Femtosecond bursts of X-rays
- Micro-bunched e-beam
 - Bunching at laser wavelength $\lambda_L = 10.3 \ \mu m$
 - Translates to $\Delta T = 34.4$ fs pulse-to-pulse separation
- Application to pump probe
 - CO₂ pumped system, synchronized X-rays
- Measure e-s with RF deflector
- Currently working on IFEL recirculation
- On to main application... CONTROL



normalized photon density

Electron pulse structure at ICS IP

CONTROL: COmpton-based Nuclear probe using Tapered, Recirculating Optical



Summary

- ***** UCLA developing all-optical IFEL/ICS system for high average flux MeV γ 's
- *Fundamental ICS physics investigated: nonlinear shift and harmonics, OAM
 - ***** Insight into spectral shape from single shot spectrometer
- *****IFEL compact accelerator optimum for <GeV energy
 - Excellent performance, high quality microbunched beam
 Spin-off to FEL TESSA; use for e- energy recovery
- ******Recirculation* for high average flux
 - *****Advantage over other advanced acceleration schemes
 - ***ICS demonstrated; IFEL underway**
- *****5th generation light source with unique characteristics