

# Two-bunch operation with ns temporal separation at FERMI

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- Introduction:
  - FERMI in a nutshell
  - Overview on two-color schemes



- Two-bunch generation and transport along the FERMI linac
- Longitudinal phase space manipulation
- Lasing in two-bunch mode on FEL-1 (XUV range)





# FERMI Linac



- S-band (~3GHz) normal conducting linac with a 10-50Hz rep rate;
- Nominal operation with only one bunch compressor (but two-stage compressor is an open option);
- Accelerating sections:
  - Travelling Wave in the photoinjector, Linac 1 (+X-band) and Linac 2
  - Backward Travelling Wave (high impedance) in Linac 3 and Linac 4 (strong geometric Wakefields to deal with)





# FERMI (High Gain Harmonic Generation): FEL-1 and FEL-2



# FEL-2: Double stage HGHG with fresh bunch injection technique



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**LETTERS** 

# FEL-1: multi-color, coherent control

#### NATURE PHOTONICS DOI: 10.1038/NPHOTON.2016.13



Tuning the **last undulator** to an **harmonic** of the main radiator allows to **control** the **phase** between **two pulses** with **different wavelength** (with a temporal resolution of **3 attoseconds**).







Fig. 1 Timescales. The relevance to physical, chemical, and biological changes. The fundamental limit of the vibrational motion defines the regime for femtochemistry. Examples are given for each change and scale.

> A W Zewail © 2000 IUPAC, Pure and Applied Chemistry 72, 2219–2231

#### Two-color schemes based on using:

- Two portions of the same a. electron bunch.
- Two independent electron bunch a. in the same rf-bucket A.Marinelli et al. Nat. Comm. 6, 6369 (2015)



A photon delay-line can in principle extend the temporal separation, but at the cost of a significant pulse energy loss and of reduced flexibility, e.g. limiting the operation to a set of predetermined wavelengths. W. Roseker et al., JSR 18, 481 (2011)





# Two-bunch mode ( $\Delta T \sim ns$ )

- Generate two electron bunches at the gun separated by few main RF buckets (i.e. multiple of 0.33ns)
- Common linac setting (trajectory steering, compression setting, feedbacks, ...)

## **Photoinjector setup**

- Gaussian temporal profile (FWHM~6.5ps)
- The UV pulse is splitted according to the polarization: one can be delayed from 600ps to 2.5ns
- Rotating a half-wave plate before splitting we can distribute the total laser energy between the two pulses
- Each PIL pulse has an independent shutter
- Laser Heater over both bunches

### Ref.: Miltcho Danailov







### The Schottky Scan (Extracted charge vs RF gun phase):

- The maximum charge extracted depends upon the energy distribution between the two pulses
- The zero-charge phase depends upon the delay between the two pulses





### The two bunches detected by a scope on the Bunch Arrival Monitor after the injector (~100MeV)



#### Courtesy of F. Rossi





# Second step: verify they are similar in single-bunch

• Virtual Cathode Image: the two pulses are slightly misaligned



Adjusting the second pulse on the cathode (tens of  $\mu$ m) to have no trajectory steering after the gun:

- The two beam in LH and after BC1 look very similar and the traj of the second one alone is much more onaxis



Using the **first bunch trajectory** and **disabling the Feedback**, the second bunch undergoes through a different trajectory already outside the gun



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# Long-Range Wake Potential in BTW sections

Calculated with ECHO code and MAFIA (Ref. P. Craievich et al. Tech Note ST/M-04/02)



Red circles correspond to long-range wakes sampled by bunches in subsequent RF buckets





# Two-bunch mode: linac transport

# **Screen in the mid of the BC1** chicane: the two bunches have almost the same energy:





In TLS (end of the linac)

Traj. Feedback ON with only bunch #1, then in stand-by with only bunch #2 and in Two-Bunch mode Activate a Traj. Optimizer (Ref. G. Gaio) to minimize the spot size on the TLS screen





**Conclusion**: using the traj. feedback in two-bunch mode is not the best strategy, we need a new one.





# Two-bunch mode: from the gun to the MBD

- The first bunch is used as reference (i.e. all feedback on with only bunch #1)
- All feedback in stand-by, close bunch #1, and open bunch #2
- Two bunches transported to the MBD: losses under control, trajectory of the "two-bunch system" as seen by BPMs within 300µm (rms)



- Feedback disabled otherwise it would steer off-axis each bunch symmetrically enhancing the trasv. wakes of the front bunch on the second one.
- Diagnostic screens along the linac to check the transverse position of both bunches, steering the 1<sup>st</sup> one to find the best compromise
- Future upgrade solution: dedicating a small fraction of shots to operate with only the drive bunch with the trajectory feedback enabled.





## Two-bunch mode: energy spectrometer





In two-bunch mode also the bunch #1 changes the energy due to the beam loading of the rf linac sections (hard to be compensated in few rf cycles)





# BPM response simulation to two consecutive bunches



Considering that the signal generated by one bunch takes **1** ns to reach the shortcircuit on a BPM edge and be reflected back, a  $2^{nd}$  bunch with  $\Delta T=1$ ns perfectly cancels it.

Moreover, the BPM signal excites a sixth-order band-pass filter at 500 MHz, (bandwidth=10 MHz) with a resulting output oscillating pulse of about 1  $\mu$ s.





### Vertical RF Deflector + Energy Spectrometer (DBD) -> Long Phase Space Measurement

Changing the time-delay by few ps:

- The bunch #2 sampled a slightly different RF gun phase (~ from -5 to +5 deg):
- Different charge (Schottky effect)
- Shifting of the linac phase with a consequently different compression factor



























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Possible Future Upgrade:

FEL-1 and FEL-2 simultaneously



The layout naturally suggests this option that however requires important modifications:

• New design of the Spreader Common Line





#### **KICKER OPTION**

- **Fast high Q-factor resonant deflecting magnet** by SwissFEL (M. Paralier et al. Proc. FEL 2014):  $\Delta T=28ns$ , demonstrated a shot-to-shot amplitude stability of  $\pm 9-11$  ppm, time jitter of 25ps (ptp)
- Sub-harmonic RF-deflector phased to kick them at  $+\pi/2$  and  $-\pi/2$  (limiting the transverse momentum) and the best solution would be a 1.5-GHz rf-deflector (largest flexibility)

### **ULTIMATE CHALLENGE:**

Consider the possibility to recombine Fel-1 and Fel-2 output for pump-probe experiment





- Two-bunch operation at FERMI has been successfully tested: transport through FEL-1 undulator line up to the MBD
- Studies of the Long-range wakefields induced by the drive bunch affecting the traj and energy of the trailing bunch: fine tuning the charge and/or the time-delay allows to manipulate the long phase space
- Lasing on FEL-1 in two-bunch mode with good performance, close to the nominal one.
- Forthcoming application: THz-pump FEL-probe experiment by using the trailer bunch for the FEL emission and the 1<sup>st</sup> bunch for producing synchronized THz light in the TeraFERMI line
- Future advance option: operation of FEL-1 and FEL-2 simultaneously and/or recombining the ouput radiations for pump-probe experiments





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