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: Introduction to free electron lasers

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: 15, 16, 17 May from 11:00 hrs to 12:00 hrs

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: Council room, bldg. 503 on 15 May, Auditorium, bldg. 500 on 16 and

17 May

ABSTRACT

The Free-electron laser (FEL) is a source of coherent electromagnetic radiation based on a relativistic electron beam. First operated 25 years ago, the FEL has now reached a stage of maturity for operation in the infra-red region of the spectrum and several facilities provide intense FEL radiation beams for research covering a wide range of disciplines. Several projects both underway and proposed aim at pushing the minimum wavelength from its present limit around 100 nm progressively down to the 1 Angstrom region where the X-ray FEL would open up many new and exciting research possibilities. Other developments aim at increasing power levels to the 10's of kW level. In this series of lectures we give an introduction to the basic principles of FELs and their different modes of operation, and summarise their applications and current state of development.

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Introduction to Free-Electron Lasers

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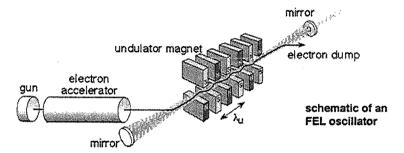
- * Introduction
- * Historical Background
- * Basic FEL Physics
- * Low-Gain FELs
- * High-Gain FELs
- * Technical Challenges for Short Wavelength SASE FELs
- * Harmonics, Seeding and Short Pulse Generation

Scope of the Lectures

- Introductory
- Basic concepts and phenomena
- Very little maths
- Historical development
- Different FEL types
- Applications
- Technology
- World scene
- Future directions

So, what is a Free-Electron Laser?

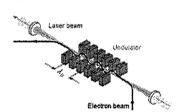
- a device which amplifies short-wavelength radiation by stimulated emission when the radiation and a relativistic electron beam propagate together through an "undulator" or "wiggler" magnet:



Not a coventional laser! - electrons are 'free' in the sense that they are not bound to atoms as in conventional lasers

(but not completey free since they are under the influence of magnetic forces which cause them to radiate)

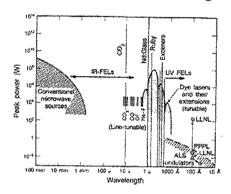
Main features of FELs



Unlike conventional lasers:

- the wavelength of the radiation depends on the electron beam energy and magnetic field strength and hence is continuously tuneable
- FELs are capable in principle of being extended to very short wavelengths. FELs have operated from the mm-wave regime through infra-red and visible and into the vacuum ultra-violet (100 nm) and various projects aim at 1Angstrom.
- no lasing medium, hence no breakdown problems;
 possibility of obtaining high peak and average power levels
- flexible time structure of the radiation: pulse length and repetition frequency is determined by that of the electron beam and hence can be manipulated relatively easily

Role of the FEL vs. Other Light Sources



The main role for the FEL lies in the

Curent Status:

far-infrared (FIR) (10 μm - 1 mm) mature technology; several user facilities

vacuum ultra-violet (VUV) (200 - 10 nm) ——— Current R&D

Applications of the FEL

- Physics/Chemistry
 - IR: solid state physics, semiconductors, surface chemsitry etc.
 - VUV; electronic excitations, photochemistry etc.
 - Xray: atomic physics, structure determination etc.
- Biology
 - microscopy, DNA studies, cell response
- Medicine
 - surgery, ablation, photo-therapy (IR)
- Industrial
 - materials processing, microfabrication, photochemistry etc. (IR,UV) $\,$
- High power microwave applications
 - power beaming to satellites, plasma heating
 - remote atmospheric sensing etc.
- Accelerators
 - Inverse FEL, Two-beam accelerator
- Nuclear physics
 - gamma ray production by Compton backscattering
- Military (SDI/"Star Wars")

First Description of the FEL: Stimulated Compton Scattering

The undulator magnetic field is seen by the relativistic electron as an electromagnetic wave

The electrons can either -

i) scatter an undulator "photon" in the forward direction and loose momentum (Emission) :

or.

ii) scatter a laser photon in the backward direction and gain momentum (Absorption):

J.M.J. Madey, J. Appl. Phys., 42 (1971) 1906.

Stimulated Compton scattering

Because of electron recoil:

$$\hbar\omega_e' < \hbar\omega_u'$$
 and $\hbar\omega_a' > \hbar\omega_u'$

i.e. emission and absorption of a photon of a given frequency requires slightly different "undulator photon" energies, and hence different electron energies.

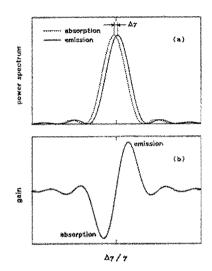
The probability curves for emission/absorption are therefore slightly shifted in energy:

Stimulated Compton scattering

Thus, the "Gain Curve" i.e. rate of (emission - absorption) is the derivative of the spontaneous emission curve:

"Madey's Theorem"

 a useful general result that allows the influence on the gain to be determined from the effect on the spontaneous emission spectrum (which is easier to calculate, and measure).



Stimulated Compton scattering

Madey's work is closely related to a proposal for Stimulated Compton scattering of a relativistic electron beam from microwave radiation

(Pantell et al., 1968):

itself following work going back to Kapitza and Dirac (1933)

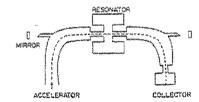


Fig. 1. Physical configuration for stimulated Compton scattering at infrared wavelengths.

e.g. E = 17.8 MeV, λ_0 = 10 cm, λ = 20 μm

"The advantages of a Compton laser are that it is voltage tunable over a wide range and may provide intense, coherent radiation in portions of the spectrum where other sources are not readily available"

The main difference of Madey's proposal with respect to earlier work is the use of a static magnetic field, rather than an electromagnetic one.

R.H. Pantell et al., IEEE J. Quantum Electr. QE-4 (1968) 905.

But is it a "Laser" ?

The first analysis of the FEL (Madey, 1971) was made using quantum theory, and the physical principles of FEL operation were considered different to those of earlier devices.

It was noted however that \hbar cancelled out of the final equations and many doubts were expressed whether it was a 'true' laser ...

Later, a fully classical picture was developed* (Hopf et al., Colson, 1976):

"the quantum theory of a free-electron laser is extremely tedious, and is neither desirable nor necessary" Hopf et al., 1976

The physical picture is of electrons bunching on the scale of the radiation wavelength and so emitting radiation coherently.

Slightly later a connection was made with earlier theoretical work showing that the FEL did indeed operate according to the same principles as earlier devices (Kroll et al., 1978) and so it eventually became clear that the FEL was essentially the latest in a long series of electron beam devices that generate coherent radiation.

Bunching

For electrons having different longitudinal positions the Electric field of the emitted radiation depends on the phase with respect to the radiation wavelength: $\phi = 2\pi z/\lambda$

$$E = E_o \sum_{k=1}^{N_e} \exp(i\phi_k) = E_o B$$
 Intensity:

$$I = I_o \left| B^2 \right|$$

1) uniform distribution: B = 0, I = 0

Bunching factor

2) random distribution:

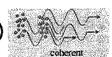
$$\langle B \rangle = 0$$
, $\langle B^2 | \rangle = N_e$, $I = I_o N_e$



usual case: spontaneous emission, synchrotron radiation etc. Intensity - No

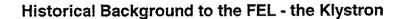
3) electrons all in phase:

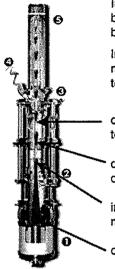
$$\langle B \rangle = N_e, \ \langle \left| B^2 \right| \rangle = N_e^2, \ I = I_o N_e^2$$



coherent emission: Intensity ~ N_c^2

^{*} but also separately in R.B. Palmer, J. Appl. Phys. 43 (1972 3014.





In the first microwave devices (triode) a bunched beam was produced by direct modulation of the beam intensity.

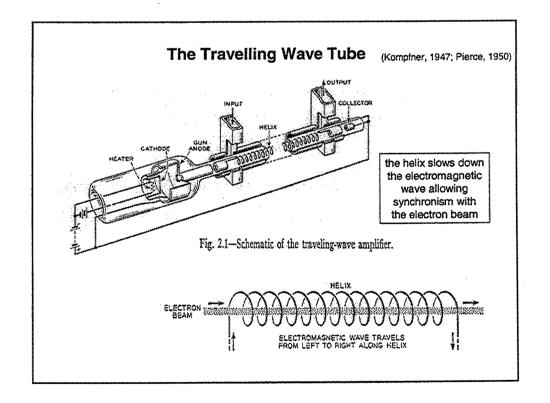
In 1937 the klystron was invented capable of much higher frequency operation, using a new technique of velocity modulation:

output cavity - the bunched beam delivers power to the electromagnetic field

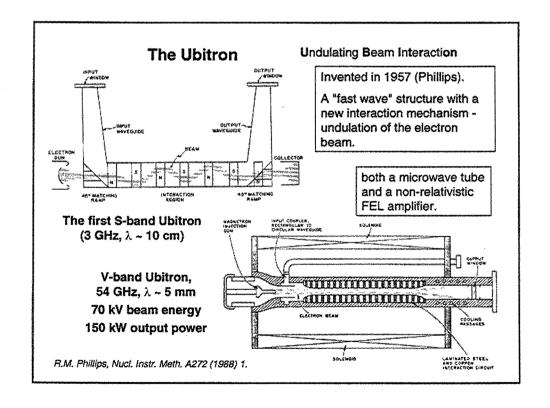
drift region - velocity modulation converts to density modulation

input cavity - r.f. voltage produces a velocity modulation

d.c. electron gun



In these devices, the electromagnetic radiation is either contained in cavities (klystron, magnetron) or propagated along a loaded waveguide (TWT) to slow down the radiation to allow synchronism between radiation and electron beams ("slow-wave" structures). The minimum wavelength is limited by the difficulty of fabricating small cavity and waveguide structures: 1 GW 100 MW 100 KW 10 MW Output point 10 KW CW belly TWTs 100 808 1 899 10 KW 100 W Frequency (GHz) High-power Klystrons and Gyrotrons Traveling-wave tubes (TWTs)



The Undulator Applications of the Radiation from Fast Electron Beams li. Mors vectory, Stanford University, Califor**nic** (Received July), 1950) Invented in 1951 by Motz as a means of producing coherent millimetre waves from a pre-bunched electron beam. SI M Later experiments (1961) with a 3-5 MeV H. Motz,J. Appl. Phys. 22 (1951) 527. electron beam showed semi-coherent emission of 6-8 mm band radiation with Intensity ~ (current)1.7 indicating that the bunch length was about 10 mm. Visible radiation was also generated using a 100 MeV electron beam (Motz, 1953) H. Motz and D. Walsh, J. Appl. Phys. 33 (1962) 978.

The Undulator Amplifier

It was also shown (Motz, 1959) using the same analysis as for a TWT, that the undulator could be used to <u>amplify</u> a radiation beam - "fast wave amplification".

Essentially this was a relativistic FEL amplifier; the feeding back of the generated radiation to produce bunching at any wavelength was not however considered.

This could have been the start of the FEL development, but as Motz pointed out:

"in the relativistic range amplification from undulating electrons leads to small gains .. radiation from pre-bunched electrons seems a more hopeful approach.."

H. Motz and M. Nakamura, Symposium on Millimeter Waves, Brooklyn, 1959.

Historical Background to the FEL

In conclusion,

although the FEL follows on naturally from earlier work on stimulated compton scattering, it also has roots in both the Undulator Amplifier (a relativistic FEL amplifier) and Ubitron (a non-relativistic FEL amplifier) - both fast-wave structures - which themselves had close similarities with the Travelling Wave Tube (slow-wave structure).

FEL Operating Regimes

A. Low-gain (Compton)

single electron interaction; $G \sim z^3$; gain per pass small (G<< 1) usually are oscillators

B. High-gain (Compton)

collective interaction or "instability"; space-charge effects negligible; $G \sim \exp(z), G >> 1,$

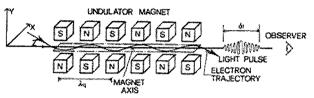
can be **amplifiers**, or build up from noise ("super-radiant" or "Self Amplified Spontaneous Emission", **SASE**)

C. High-gain (Raman)

"three-wave" device; electron beam is sufficiently dense, and low energy, that the collective interaction with space-charge (plasma) oscillations waves is dominant

can be amplifiers, oscillators, or SASE

Electron Motion in an Undulator



vertical sinusoidal field component:

$$B_y = B_o \cos(kz), \quad k = 2\pi/\lambda_o$$

equation of motion from
$$\underline{F} = e(\underline{E} + \underline{v} \wedge \underline{B})$$

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{e}{vm}\dot{z}B_y$$

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{e}{\gamma m} \dot{z} B_{y} \qquad \qquad \left\{ \gamma = \frac{E}{mc^{2}} = \frac{E[MeV]}{0.511} \right\}$$

integrating gives the velocity:

$$\dot{x} = -\frac{eB_o}{vm} \frac{\cos(kz)}{k}$$

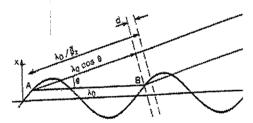
$$\dot{x} = -\frac{eB_o}{\gamma m} \frac{\cos(kz)}{k} \qquad \beta_x = \frac{\dot{x}}{c} = \frac{K}{\gamma} \cos(kz)$$

$$K = \frac{e B_o \lambda_o}{2\pi mc} = 0.93 B_o[T] \lambda_o[cm] \quad \text{(dimensionless)}$$

NB] the <u>average</u> <u>velocity</u> along z is reduced due to the undulating

since $\beta_x^2 + \beta_z^2 = \beta^2$ (= constant) $\overline{\beta}_z \cong \beta \left(1 - \frac{K^2}{4\gamma^2} \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2\gamma^2} - \frac{K^2}{4\gamma^2}$

Interference Condition



distance between wavefronts emitted from points A and B

$$d = \frac{\lambda_o}{\beta_z} - \lambda_o \cos \theta$$

constructive interference if

$$d = n\lambda$$

using the previous result

$$\overline{\beta}_z = 1 - \frac{1}{2v^2} - \frac{K^2}{4v^2}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n} \frac{\lambda_o}{2v^2} \left(1 + \frac{K^2}{2} + \gamma^2 \theta^2 \right)$$

in the ideal case, on-axis, n = 1, 3, 5

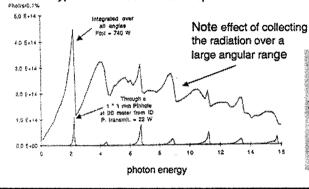
Spontaneous (Undulator) Radiation

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n} \frac{\lambda_o}{2\gamma^2} \left(1 + \frac{K^2}{2} + \gamma^2 \theta^2 \right)$$

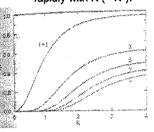
The spontaneous radiation emitted in an undulator consists of a series of harmonics of a fundamental, which has a wavelength much smaller than the magnet period, $\lambda_{\rm o}$ ($\gamma >> 1$)

$$\left\{ \gamma = \frac{E}{mc^2} = \frac{E[MeV]}{0.511} \right\}$$

Typical undulator radiation spectra



Number of hamonics in the spectrum increases rapidly with K (~ K³):



The Helical Undulator

$$\underline{B} = B_o \left(\cos(k_o z) \hat{x} + \sin(k_o z) \hat{y} \right) \quad k_o = 2\pi/\lambda_o$$

$$\underline{\beta} = -\frac{K}{\gamma} \left(\cos(k_o z) \hat{x} + \sin(k_o z) \hat{y} \right)$$

$$\beta_x^2 + \beta_y^2 + \beta_z^2 = \beta^2 \quad (= \text{constant})$$

$$\overline{\beta}_z = 1 - \frac{1}{2\gamma^2} - \frac{K^2}{2\gamma^2}$$

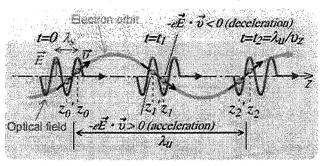
$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda_o}{2\gamma^2} \left(1 + K^2 + \gamma^2 \theta^2 \right)$$

NB] Higher symmetry results in only one harmonic on-axis

Resonance Condition

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda_0}{2y^2} \left(1 + \frac{K^2}{2} \right)$$

The same equation gives also the condition for **synchronism** ("resonance condition") between an electron and an external radiation beam: the electrons slip by one radiation wavelength for each magnet period.



Since:

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{e}{mc} \underline{\beta} \bullet \underline{E}$$

the transverse motion allows an energy exchange between the electron and radiation beams.

interference condition.

A systematic energy exchange can therefore take place, which depends on the initial phase of the electrons with respect to the radiation, resulting in an <u>energy modulation</u>, and hence <u>density modulation</u> (bunching) on the scale of the radiation wavelength.

The FEL Interaction

consider for simplicity a helical magnet:

$$\underline{B} = B_o \left(\cos(k_o z) \hat{x} + \sin(k_o z) \hat{y} \right) \quad k_o = 2\pi/\lambda_o$$

$$\underline{\beta} = -\frac{K}{\gamma} \left(\cos(k_o z) \hat{x} + \sin(k_o z) \hat{y} \right)$$

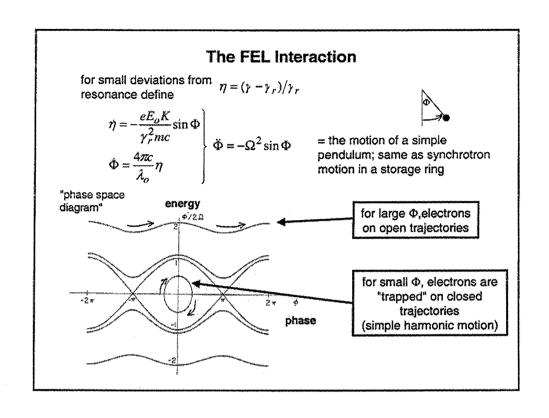
$$\underline{E} = E_o \left(\sin(kz - \omega t + \phi_o) \hat{x} + \cos(kz - \omega t + \phi_o) \hat{y} \right) \quad k = 2\pi/\lambda = \omega/c$$

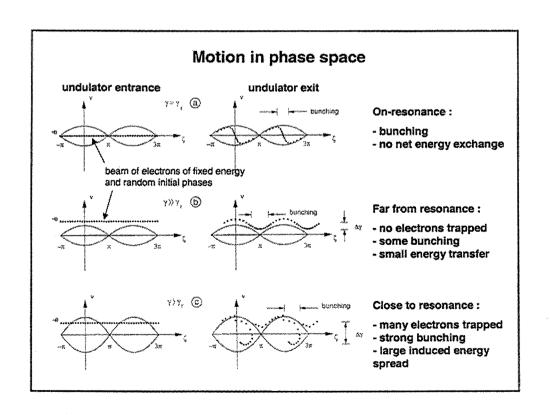
$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{e}{mc} \underline{\beta} \bullet \underline{E}$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = -\frac{eE_o K}{\gamma mc} \sin \Phi \qquad \Phi = (k + k_o) z - \omega t + \phi_o$$

$$\Phi = \phi_o \quad \text{when} \quad (k + k_o) z = \omega t$$
same as the

i.e. $\gamma = \gamma_r$ with $\lambda = \frac{\lambda_o}{2v_*^2}(1+K^2)$



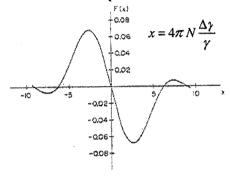


Small Signal Gain

Averaging the energy loss/gain over all phases,and dividing by the radiation beam intensity results in the following expression for the Gain per pass:

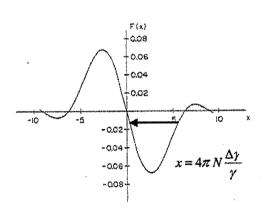
$$G = -\frac{32\sqrt{2}\pi^2\lambda^{3/2}\lambda_o^{3/2}}{\Sigma} \frac{K^2}{(1+K^2)^{3/2}} \frac{I_{peak}}{I_A} N^3 F(x)$$

- depends linearly on peak current
- decreases with decreasing wavelength



NB] F(x) < 0 means gain!

The Gain Curve



- the maximum energy transfer from an electron to the radiation

$$(\Delta \gamma)_{\max}/\gamma \approx 1/2N$$

- the maximum power that can be extracted is therefore:

$$P_{laser} = (1/2N)I_b E$$

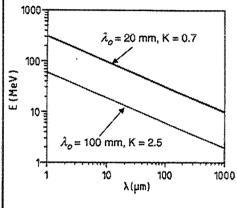
- the energy spread of the electrons must be less than this:

$$\sigma_{\gamma}/\gamma < 1/2N$$

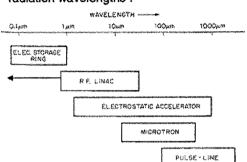
Electron beam energy and FEL wavelength

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda_o}{2\gamma^2} \left(1 + \frac{K^2}{2} \right) \quad K = 0.93 \, B_o[T] \, \lambda_o[cm]$$

Due to magnet technology reasons, as the period reduces, so does the field amplitude. and hence K



choice of electron source for different radiation wavelengths:



Electron Beam Quality

1) small energy spread

$$\sigma_{\gamma}/\gamma < 1/2N$$

- 2) small transverse sizes
 - for good overlap with the photon beam
 - because focussing effects in the undulator cause position offsets to turn into angular' offsets (and v.v.)
- 3) small angular divergence:

electrons travelling at an angle θ to the axis have effectively a lower velocity:

and so to stay in resonance:

 $\left\langle \theta^2 \right\rangle^{1/2} \le \frac{(1+K^2/2)^{1/2}}{v\sqrt{N}}$

4) high peak current

Electron Beam Quality

Requirements on angular deviation and energy spread can be derived from the effect on the spontaneous radiation spectrum (Madey theorem):

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n} \frac{\lambda_o}{2\gamma^2} \left(1 + \frac{K^2}{2} + \gamma^2 \theta^2 \right)$$

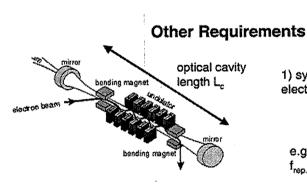
$$\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} = 2 \frac{\Delta \gamma}{\gamma}$$

it follows:
$$\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} = 2 \frac{\Delta \gamma}{\gamma}$$
 and $\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{\gamma^2 \theta^2}{1 + K^2/2}$

comparing to the natural linewidth

$$\frac{\Delta \gamma}{\gamma} < \frac{1}{2N}$$

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 and $\left(\Delta \theta^2\right)^{1/2} < \frac{(1+K^2/2)^{1/2}}{\gamma \sqrt{N}}$

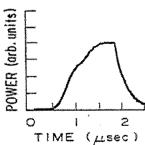


1) synchronism with the electron beam requires:

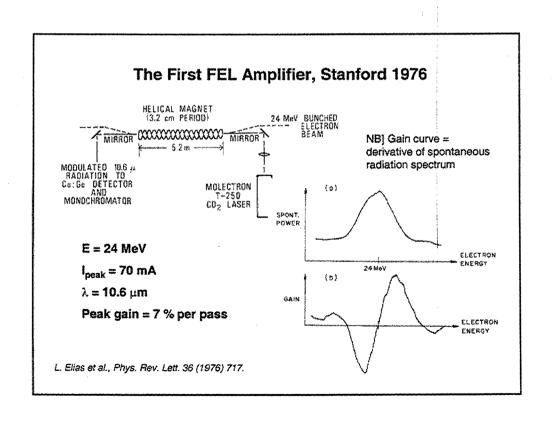
$$\frac{2L_c}{c} = \frac{1}{f_{rep.}}$$

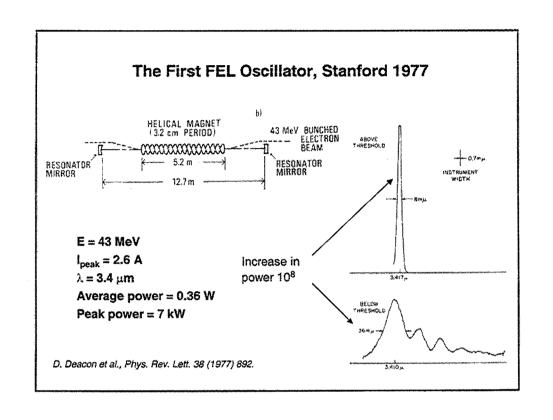
e.g. L_c = 6.9 m (LANL) $f_{rep.}$ = 214 MHz

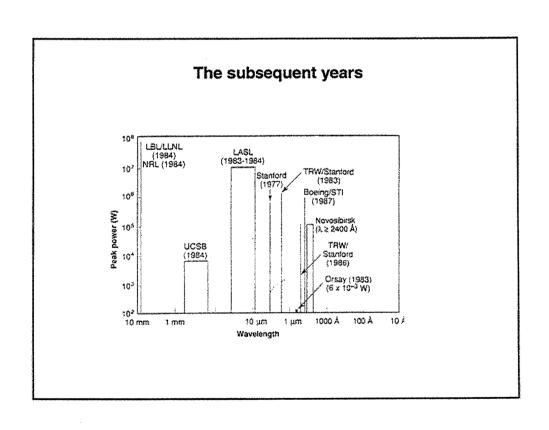
2) sufficiently long macropulse to allow build-up to saturation:



Other Requirements 3) correct cavity length Cavity length detuning curve for the LANL FEL *20 SETUNING (Jami) Fluctuations in 4) stable electron beam laser intensity in the LANL FEL: LANL FEL expts. (1984) "Rocky $\lambda = 10 \, \mu m$ Mountain" effect E = 21 MeV due to gun and I_{peak} = 40 A G = 25 % accelerator variations.



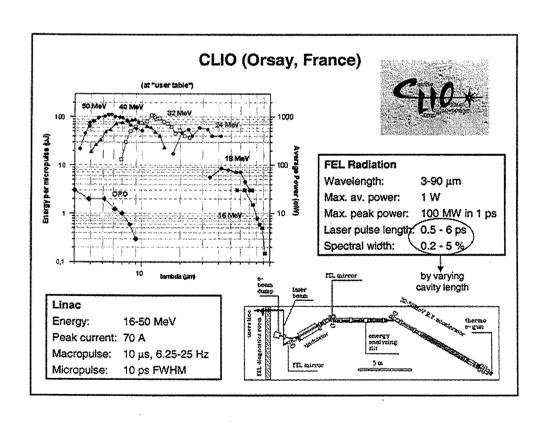


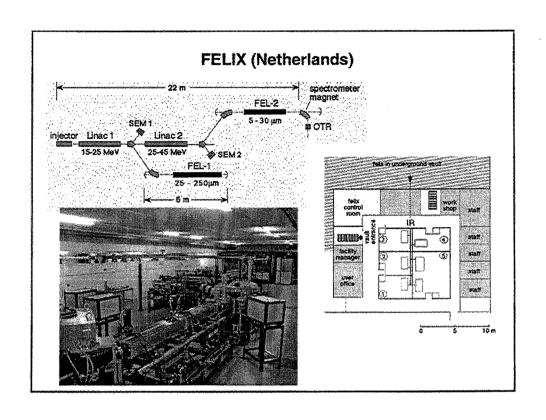


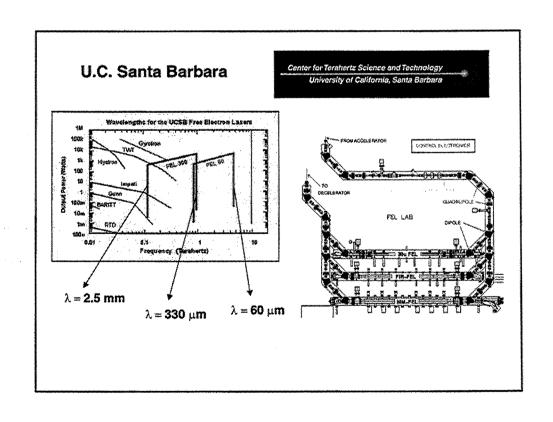
Facilities currently providing FEL radiation for research

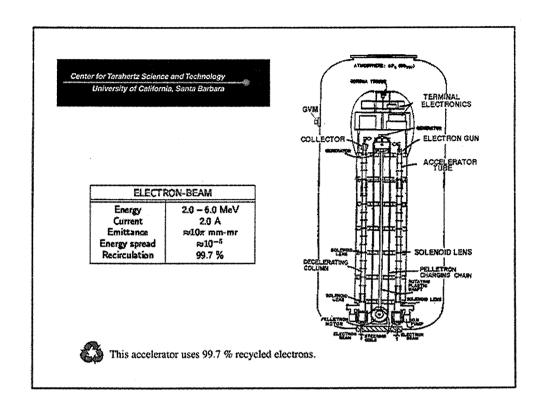
Laboratory	Country	Wavelengths	Туре
Univ. Duke (i) (ii)	USA	1.7 - 9.1 µm 193 nm - 400 nm	Linac Storage Ring
ire.	Japan	230 nm - 100 μm	Linac
LURE (i,CLIO (ii)	France	3 - 90 μm 300 - 400 nm	Linac Storage Ring
Univ. Vanderbilt	USA	2.1 - 9.4 μm	Linac
Stanford	USA	3 - 65 μm	SC-linac
FELIX	Netherlands	3.1 - 250 μm	Linac
Jefferson Lab.	USA	3 - 6 μm	SC-linac
Science Univ, Tokyo	Japan	5 - 16 μm	Linac
UCSB	USA	30 μm - 2.5 mm	Electrostatic accelerator
ENEA	Italy	2.1 - 3.6 mm	Microtron

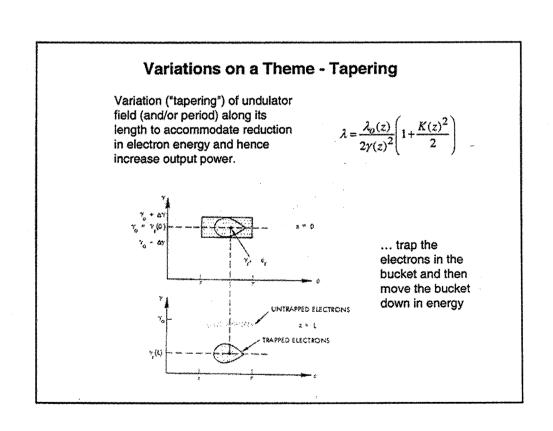
NB] all are low-gain FEL oscillators

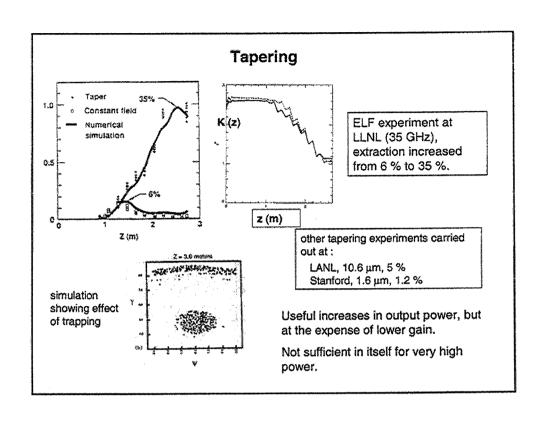


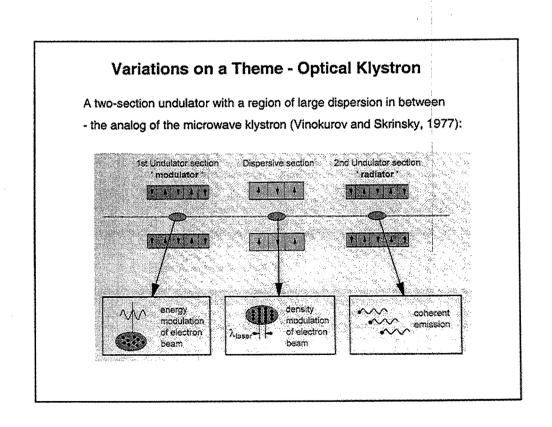






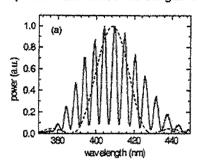


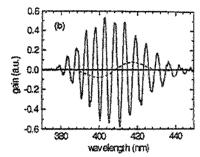




The Optical Klystron

The effect is introduce a modulation into the radiation spectrum and hence into the gain curve:





The peak gain is increased significantly but:

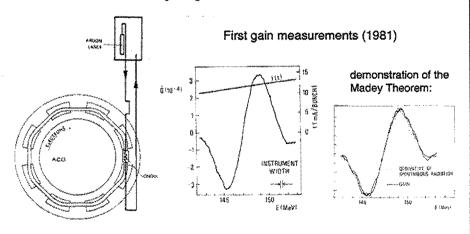
- increased sensitivity to electron beam energy spread
- lower extraction efficiency

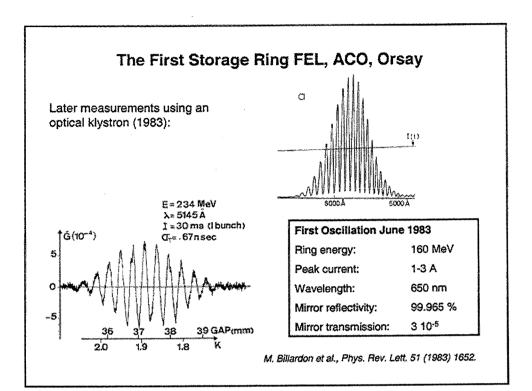
Used in the majority of storage ring FEL experiments, where the high quality allows a higher gain.

Storage Ring FELs

Because of the high energy, high beam currents and high beam quality, electron storage rings were once thought the key towards achieving high power and short wavelength ...

The first successful storage ring FEL was on ACO:



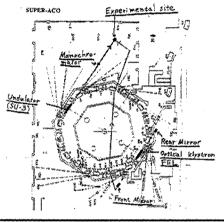


Storage Ring Free-Electron Lasers

Ring	Country	First lasing	Energy (MeV)	λ range (nm)	Status
ACO	France	1983	160-240	655-463	Closed
VEPP-3	Russia	1988	350	690-240	Suspended
SuperACO	France	1989	600-800	690-300	Operating User expts.
TERAS	Japan	1991	231	598	Suspended
UVSOR	Japan	1992	430-600	488-238	Operating
NIJI-IV	Japan	1992	240-310	595-212	FEL dedicated
Duke Univ.	USA	1996	300-800	413-193	Operating User expts.
DELTA	Germany	1999	450-500	470-420	Suspended
ELETTRA	Italy	2000	0.9 - 1.3 GeV	356-189	Operating

Storage Ring FELs - state of the art

Shortest Wavelength	189 nm	ELETTRA
Minimum linewidth	3 10 ⁻⁷ (rms)	VEPP3
Maximum gain	~ 20 %	ELETTRA, Duke
Maximum peak power	60 kW	VEPP3
Maximum average power	560 mW	ELETTRA
Maximum cw operation	10 h	SuperACO



first pump-probe experiments, FEL+SR, at Super-ACO

Storage Ring FEL Physics

Storage ring FELs are significantly different to single-pass FELs because of the coupling of the FEL and ring dynamics

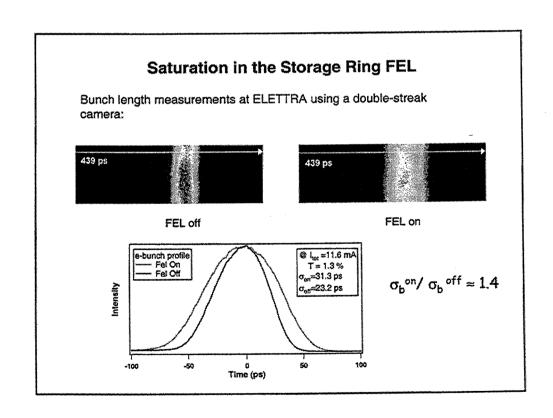
- changes introduced by the FEL action (e.g. increase in energy spread) remain in the beam and are only damped by long-timescale radiation damping effects
- since at saturation the FEL is operating close to threshold (gain=losses) it is very sensitive to small instabilities and fluctuations in the electron beam (coupled bunch modes, 50 Hz noise etc.)

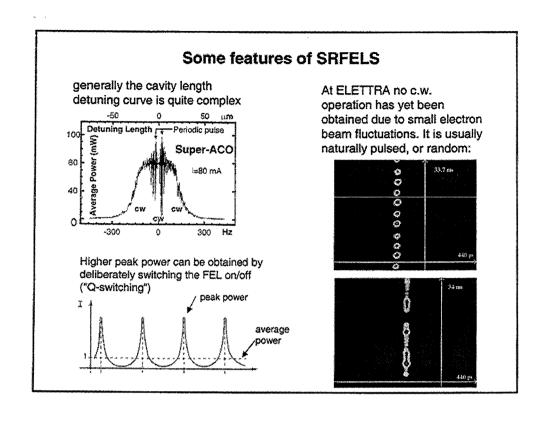
The maximum power of a storage ring FEL is limited by the increased energy spread, which can be related to the total synchrotron radiation power emitted in the whole ring (Renieri criterion):

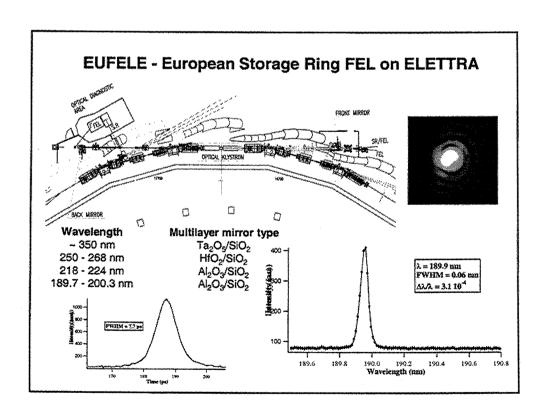
$$P_{FEL} \le \left(\frac{\Delta E}{E}\right) P_{SR}$$

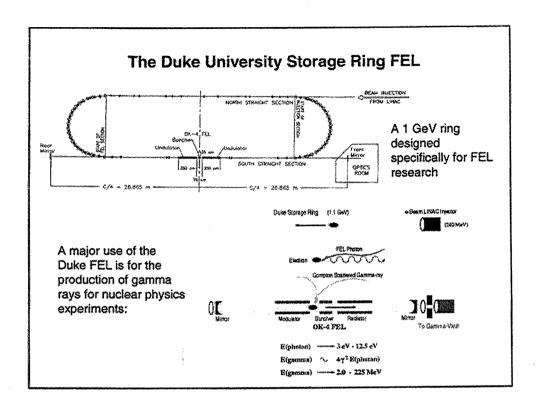
A. Renieri, Nuovo Cimento B53 1979 160.

Saturation in the Storage Ring FEL In reality, this limit is not reached because of the increased energy spread and bunch length reduce the gain: initial gain **(b)** (**24**) energy spread 20 (2 m) (2 m) 40 (2 m) 0.2 0.0 6 0,0 0.6 10 timo (a.u.) as power builds up, the gain reduces due to increased energy spread saturation occurs when gain=losses









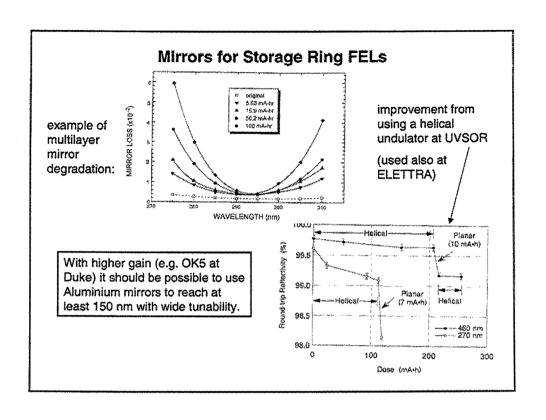
Advantages and Limitations of Storage Ring FELs

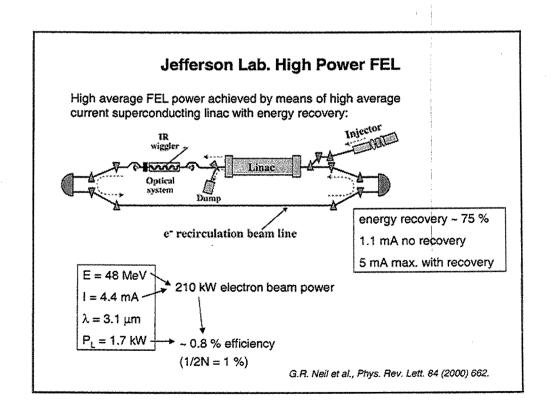
Advantages:

- Tunable in wavelength
- high average power, and photon flux compared to UV laser or SR
- continuous operation with MHz rep. rate
- Synchronised to synchrotron radiation (permitting two-beam, "pump-probe" experiments at high rep. rate)
- Small spectral linewidth (~ 10⁻⁴ "easy", ~ 10⁻⁶ possible)
- "Cheap" addition to a Synchrotron Radiation user facility

Limitations:

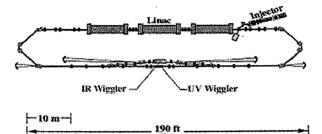
- mainly due to the present performance of high reflectivity (> 95 %)
 multilayer mirrors, which limit the shortest wavelength achievable, as well as the range of tunability
- limited power ouput





Jefferson Lab. High Power FEL

Upgrade to 10 kW in progress:



E = 160 MeV I = 10 mA λ = 250 nm - 15 μ m

Applications:

Polymer surface processing (e.g. clothing, carpets etc.)

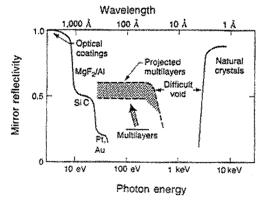
Metal surface processing (e.g. corrosion resistant materials with increased toughness)

Micromachining (mechanical and optical components)

Electronic materials processing (e.g. electronics for use in harsh conditions)

The FEL High Gain Regime - Why?

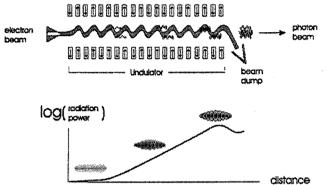
FEL oscillators are limited in wavelength by the availability of high reflectivity mirrors:



A different mechanism is therefore needed to approach short wavelengths.

The FEL High Gain Regime

The high-gain FEL regime with exponentially growing radiation was first analysed around 1977 (Kroll et al.), establishing a link between the FEL and the Travelling Wave Tube.



The use of this mechanism - with no resonator and with sufficiently long undulator that self-bunching can occur starting from random statistical fluctuations in intensity - as a source of coherent radiation was proposed in 1979 (Kondratenko and Saldin).

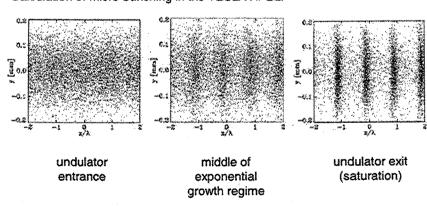
A.M. Kondratenko and E. Saldin, Sov. Phys. Dokl. 24 (1979) 986.

The FEL High Gain Regime

In this regime we refer to a collective "instability":

bunching - radiation - more bunching - more radiation ...

Calculation of micro-bunching in the TESLA XFEL:



The FEL High Gain Regime

A simple theory which describes most of the physics with a single parameter (the Pierce parameter) was developed in 1984 (Bonifacio et al.):

$$\rho = \left(\frac{K}{4\gamma} \frac{\Omega_p}{\omega_o}\right)^{2/3}$$

$$\Omega_p = \text{plasma frequency}$$

$$r_e = \text{classical electron radius}$$

n_e = electron density

$$\omega_o = 2\pi c/\lambda_o$$
 $\Omega_p = \left(\frac{4\pi r_e n_e c^2}{\gamma}\right)^{1/2}$

NB] neglecting space-charge forces implies:

0<1

For a long undulator the power grows as:

 $I - \frac{I_o}{9} \exp(z/L_G)$

where the gain lengths is:

 $L_G = \lambda_o / 4\sqrt{3}\pi\rho$

Saturation occurs in about 20 gain lengths:

 $L_{sat} \sim 20L_G \sim \lambda_o/\rho$

 $P \sim \rho I_h E$

with a saturation power:

NOTE: power gain length = field gain length / 2

R. Bonifacio et al., Opt. Comm. 50 (1984) 373.

Electron Beam Requirements for SASE (1D model)

Small electron beam emittance

 $\{\varepsilon_{x,y}=\sigma_{x,y}\sigma_{x,y}'\}$

Small electron beam energy spread

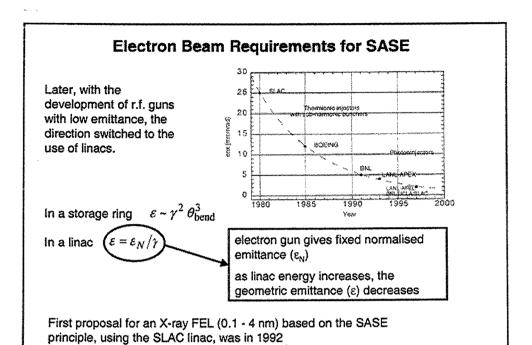
 $o_F/E < \rho$

High peak current

Initial proposals to use the high-gain regime for short wavelength FELs assumed use of a storage ring, because of the possibility of creating high current, low emittance beams:

e.g. Murphy and Pellegrini, 1985

NB] this would involve switching the beam into the FEL bypass and back again, once each damping time



C. Pellegrini, 4th Generation Light Source Workshop, Stanford, Feb. 1992.

The FEL as a "Fourth Generation" Light Source With the increasingly real propsect of the Peak Brilliance FEL entering the short-wavelength domain of the synchrotron radiation sources, it is now considered to be the "fourth generation" of light source: 1st Generation: rings built originally for HEP and used parasitically for SR 2nd Generation: rings specially built for SR 3rd generation 20 3rd Generation: dedicated rings with a large number of undulator radiation sources Beam Brilliance 2nd generation 4th Generation: coherent radiation sources 10 NB] Not only is Brilliance important, but also the short radiation pulses, into the femtosecond region Year

SASE FEL Radiation Properties

Electrons communicate only with the electrons in front of them, at a distance no larger than the slippage distance = N λ

The main effect however takes place over the smaller "cooperation length", L_c - the slippage over one gain length:

$$L_{c} = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_{o}} L_{G} = \frac{\lambda}{4\sqrt{3}\pi\rho}$$

At the undulator entrance the electron distribution - and hence the initial spontaneous radiation - is random on the scale of the radiation wavelength.

As amplification occurs each cooperation length evolves independently. The final radiation therefore consists of a number, M, of spikes whose intensity varies independently, where

$$M = \frac{L_{bunch}}{2\pi L_c}$$

SASE FEL Radiation Properties

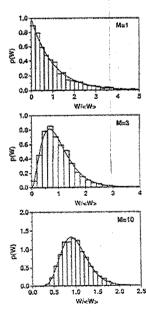
The total intensity of each pulse fluctuates from shot to shot, following a Gamma distribution with normalised rms variation =

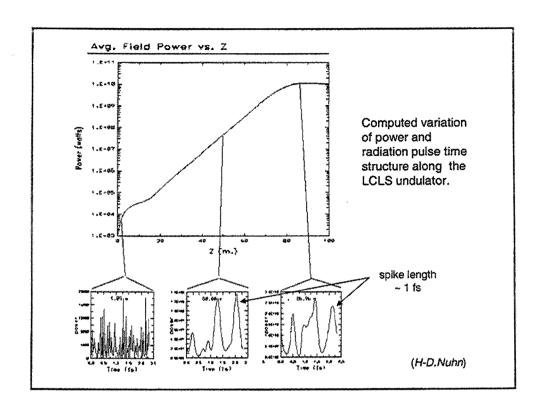
$$1/\sqrt{M}$$

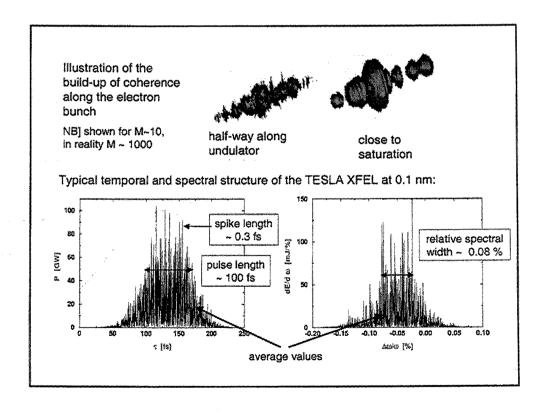
The overall bandwidth of the radiation is relatively large, given by the temporal duration of one spike:

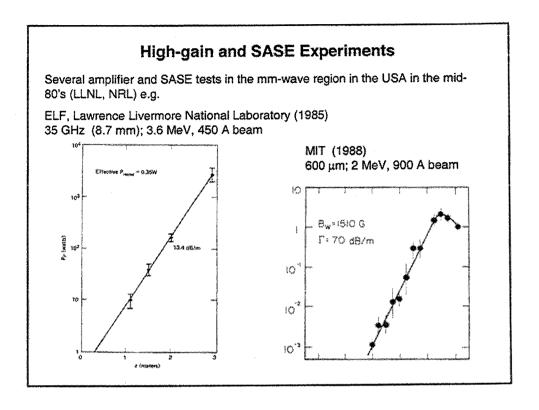
$$\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi L_c}$$

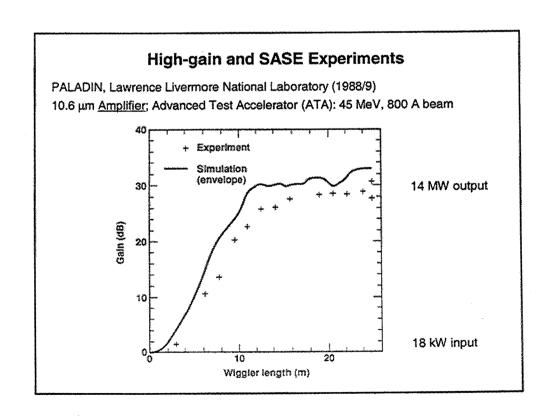
i.e. the bandwidth is M times that of the Fourier Transmform limit of a single spike.

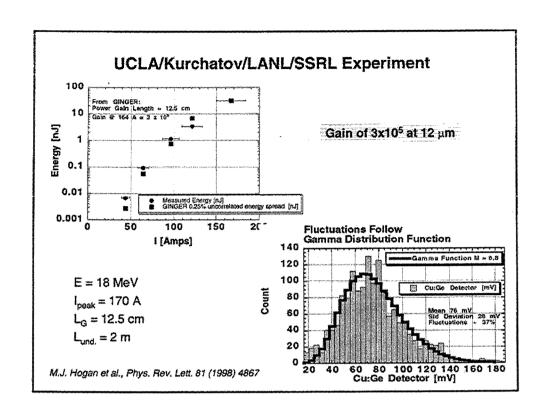


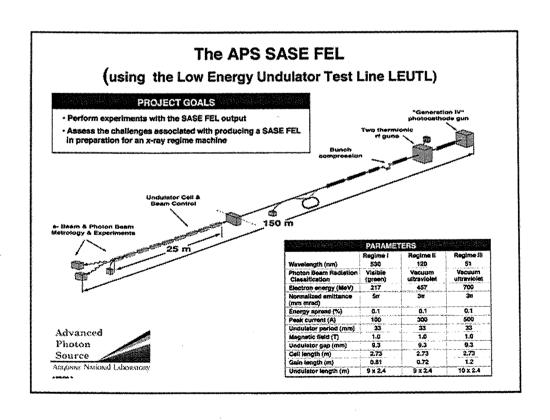


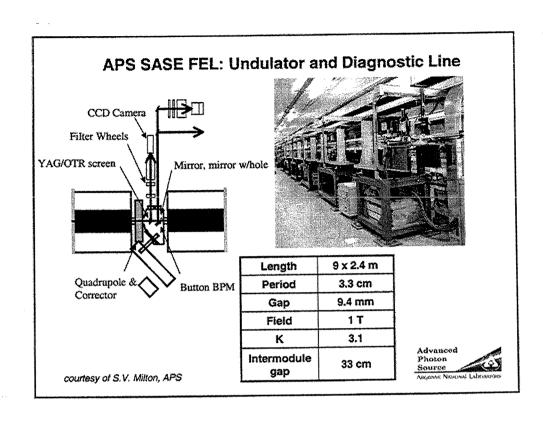


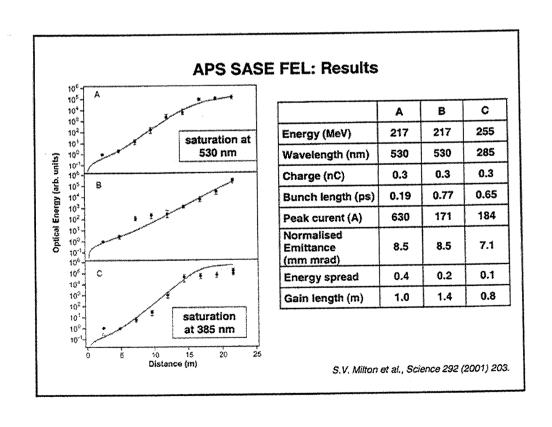


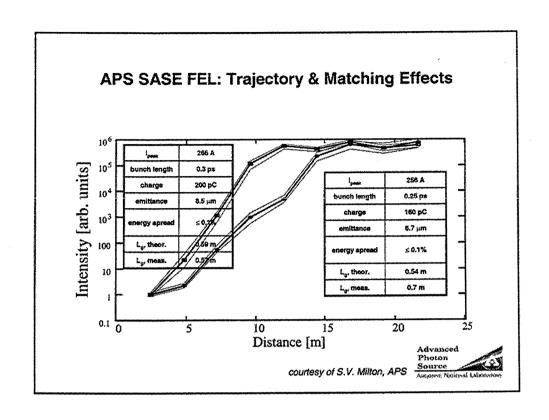


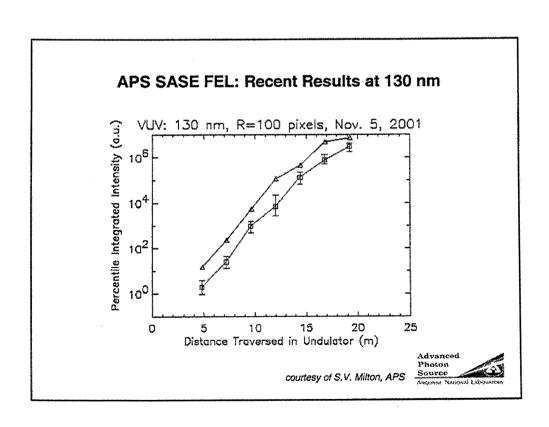








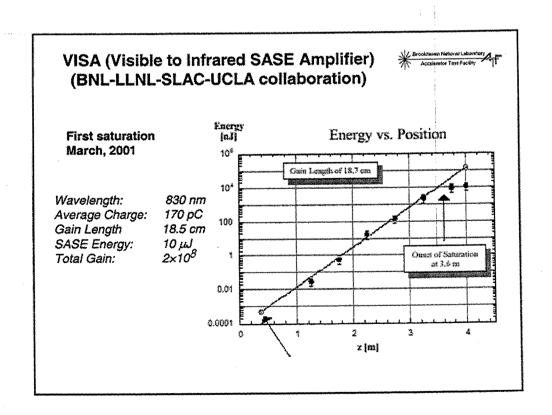


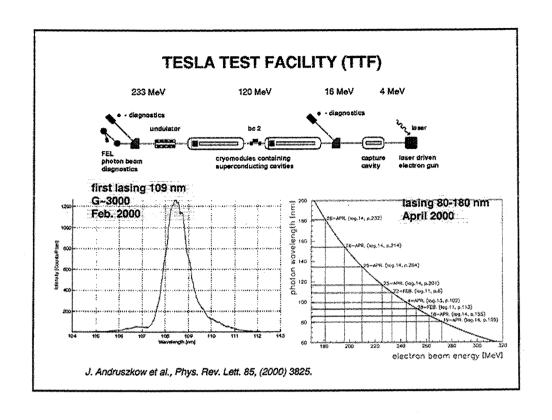


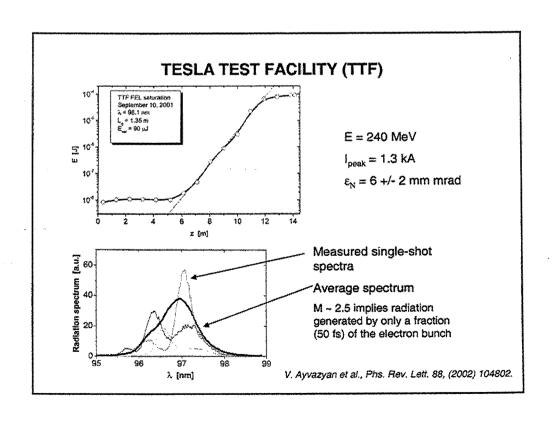
APS SASE FEL: The First Experiment Single Photon Ionization / Resonant Ionization to Threshold (SPIRIT) M. Pellin MSD/ANL planned in 2002 TOP SPIRIT will use the high VUV pulse energy from LEUTL to uniquely study -Trace quantities of light elements: H. C. N. O in semiconductors with 100 times lower detection limit Organic molecules with minimal LEUTL fragmentation VUV Light cell mapping by mass becomes feasible polymer surfaces modified (carcinogenic) DNA photoionization thresholds **Excited states of molecules** cold wall desorption in accelerators sputtering of clusters Advanced Photon

courtesy of S.V. Milton, APS

Source







Future Short Wavelength SASE FELs

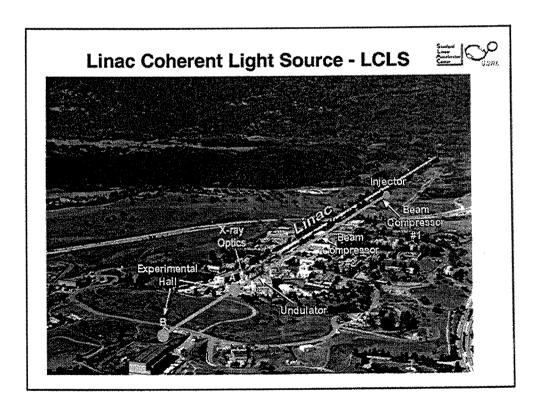
Extension of existing projects:

APS-FEL: extension to 50 nm

TTF-II: extension to 6 nm (1 GeV) underway; will become a user facility

New Projects:

Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS)	1.5 Å	14.3 GeV	Linac
TESLA X-FEL	0.85 Å	50 GeV	SC linac
Spring-8 Compact SASE Source (SCCS)	3.6 nm	1 GeV	Linac
BESSY-FEL	1.2 nm	2.25 GeV	Linac
SPARX/FERMI (Italy)	1.2/1.5 nm	2.5/3 GeV	Linac
4GLS (UK)	12 nm	0.9 GeV	ERL



LCLS Main Design Parameters

	15	A	
14.3	4.5	GeV	
1.2	1.2	mm-mrad	
3.4	3.4	kA	
230	230	fs	
<0.01	0.025	%	
87	25	m	
8	17	GW	
1.1	29	10 ¹²	
8.0	0.06	10 ³³ *	
Full	Full		
0.06	0.24	%	
0.13	0.47	%	
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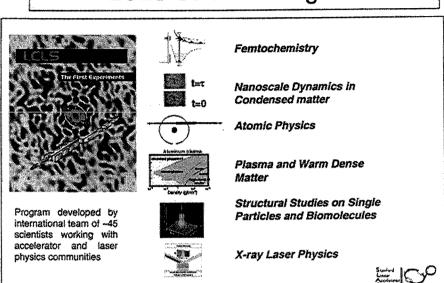
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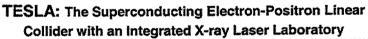
Total Estimated Cost (\$FY2002) \$ 196.5 M • Project Engineering and Design (direct) \$ 29.7 M • Construction(direct) \$ 106.2 M • Overhead \$ 23.1 M • Contingency \$ 37.5 M

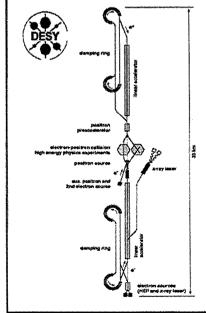
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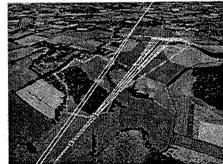
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May 2002	Projected DoE approval of preliminary project baseline (CD-1)	
Jan. 2003	Projected DoE approval of performance project baseline (CD-2)	
Mar. 2004	Projected DoE approval for start of construction (CD-3)	
Oct. 2004	Start of Construction	
Oct. 2007	Projected DoE approval for start of operation (CD-4)	

LCLS Science Program



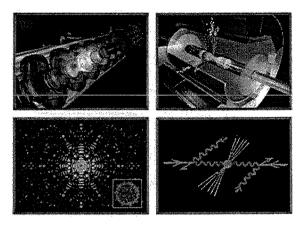




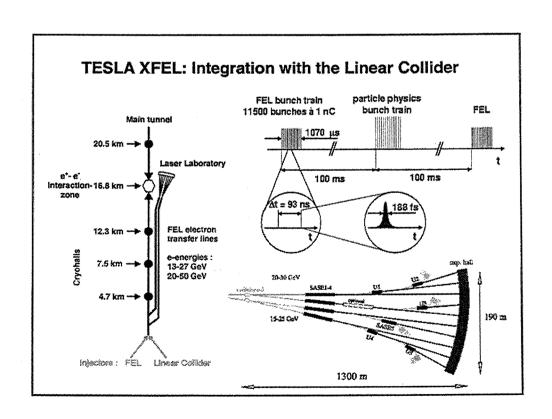


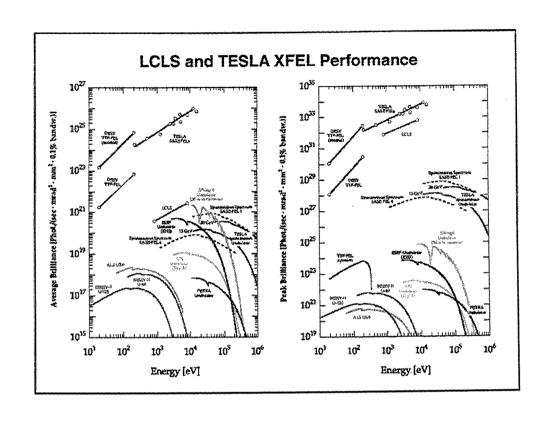
500 GeV linear collider 3136 M EUR
Detector for Particle Physics 210 M EUR
Additional cost for X-FEL 531 M EUR
TOTAL 3877 M EUR
Construction time 8 years

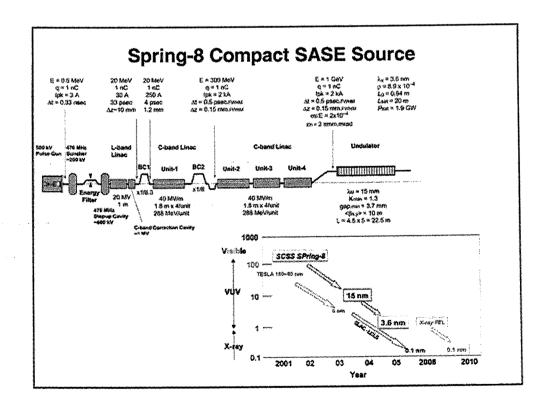
TESLA: The Superconducting Electron-Positron Linear Collider with an Integrated X-ray Laser Laboratory

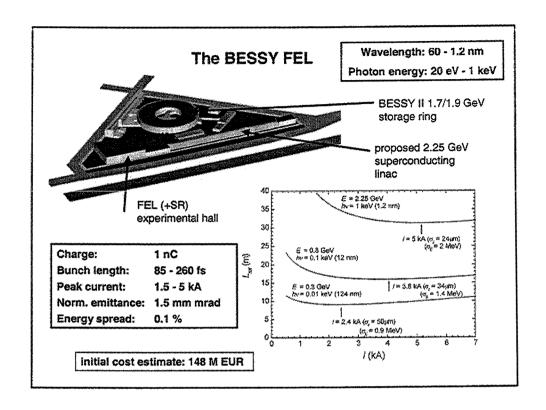


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Technical Challenges for Short Wavelength SASE FELs

Injector

- Low emittance
- Stability

Compression and Acceleration

- Emittance preservation due to Coherent Synchrotron Radiation (CSR) and transverse wakefield effects
- Stability (phase, amplitude)

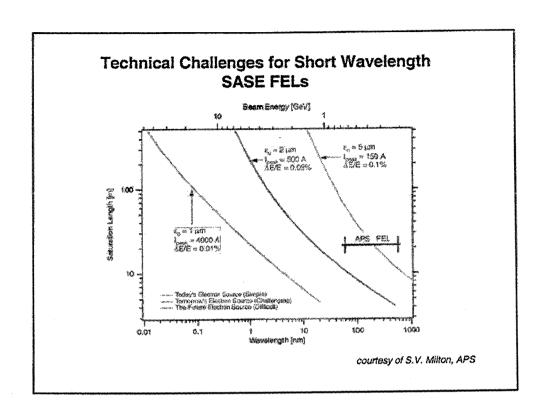
Undulators

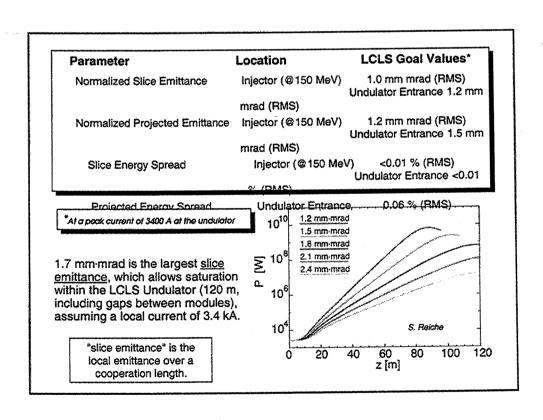
- Precise fabrication of long undulators
- Trajectory alignment
- Wakefields in the undulator (resistive wall, surface roughness, geometrical changes)

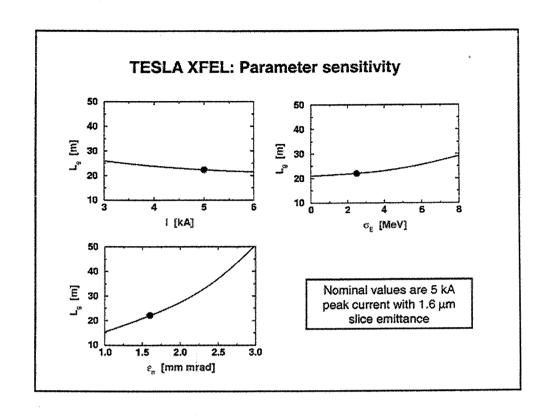
Photon beams handling

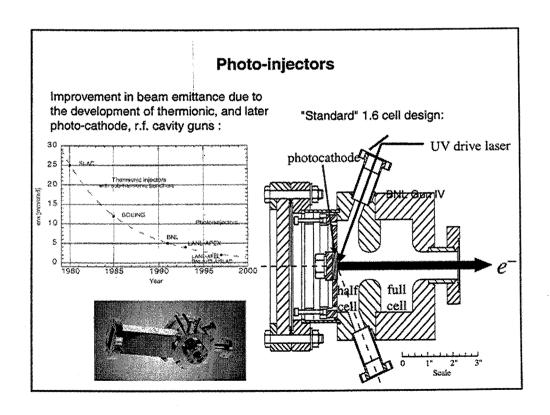
- optics, diagnostics etc.

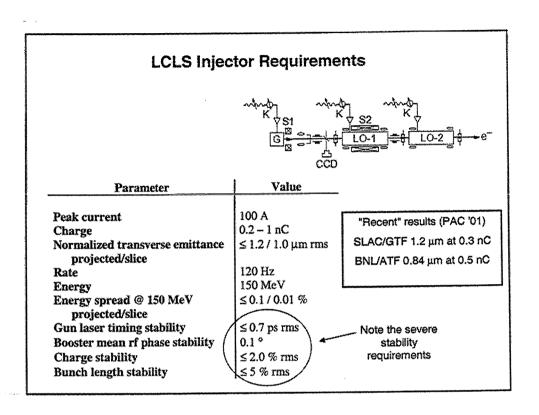


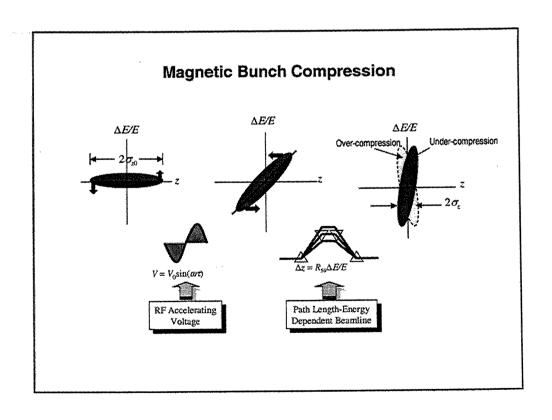


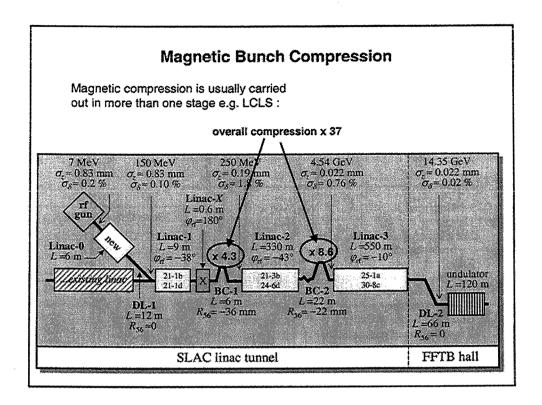


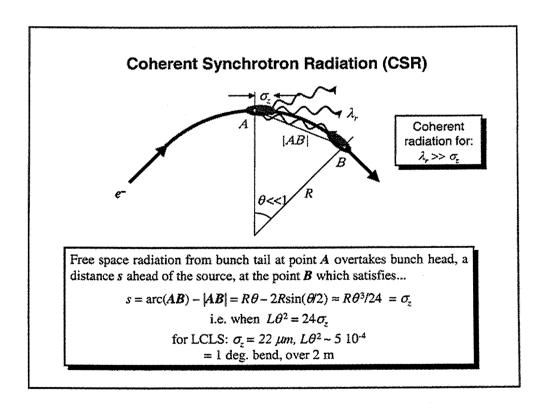


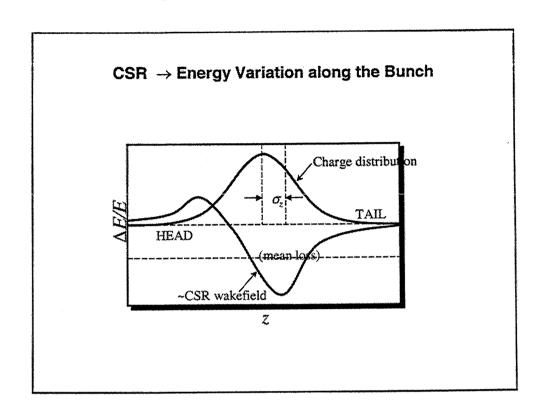


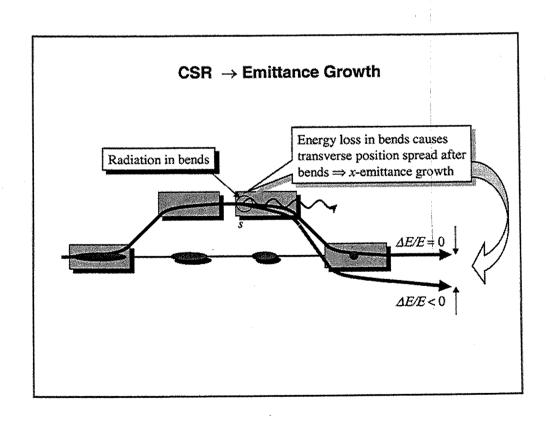


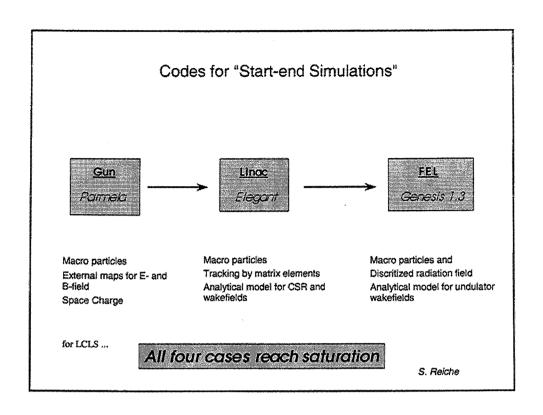


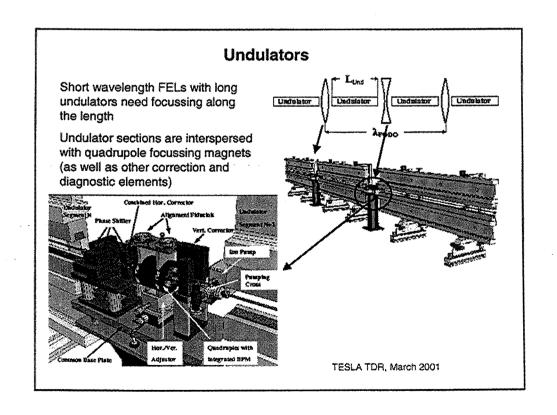












TESLA XFEL Undulators

Main TESLA XFEL Undulator Parameters (SASE1)

Gap	12	mm
Period Length	6	cm
Peak On-Axis Field	1.32	7
κ	3.71	
Segment Length	5	m
Number of Segments	53	
Undulator Magnet Length	165	m
Total Undulator Length	323	m

Total for 5 SASE Devices

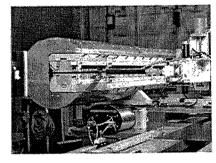
Total No. Segments 231
Total Undulator Length 1.1 km

TESLA TDR, March 2001

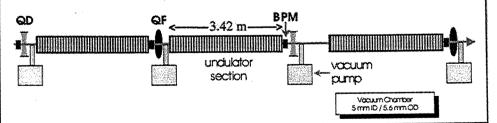
LCLS Undulator

Main LCLS Undulator Parameters

Gap	6	mm
Period Length	3	cm
Peak On-Axis Field	1.32	T
K		3.71
Segment Length	3.42	m
Number of Segments	<i>3</i> 3	3
Undulator Magnet Length	112.8	m
Total Undulator Length	121.1	m

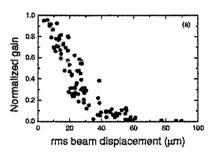


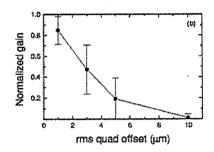
Prototype LCLS undulator under test



Undulator Quality and Alignment

Very high field quality, and precise alignment, is required to maintain the beam trajectory within tight tolerances, e.g. TESLA XFEL

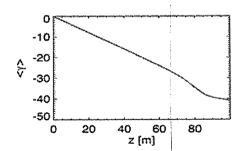




reduction in gain due to trajectory errors caused by random undulator field errors reduction in gain due to random quadrupole misalignments, before correction

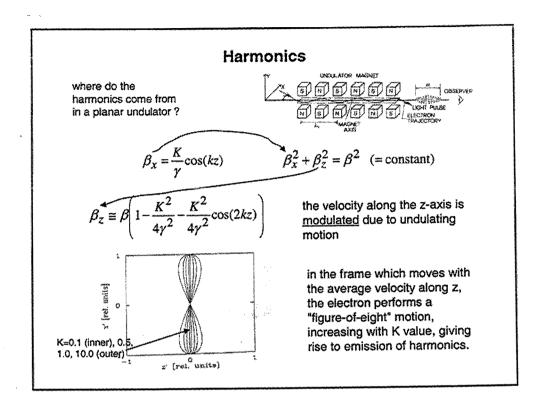
Effect of Spontaneous Radiation

Weak taper of undulator field needed to compensate change in resonance condition due to energy loss caused by spontaneous emission:



for LCLS:

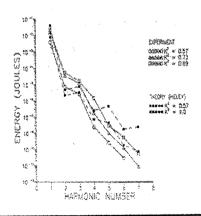
$$\frac{d}{dz}K = -1.5 \cdot 10^{-5} \,\mathrm{m}^{-1}$$



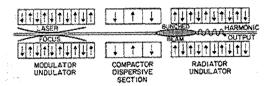
Harmonics in the low-Gain FEL

<u>Lasing</u> on the 3rd harmonic (and <u>not</u> on the fundamental) was first obtained in the Stanford Mark III FEL (Benson and Madey, 1989).

It was also shown that a FEL operating near saturation generates harmonics in excess of spontaneous radiation due to the harmonic content of the bunching (Bamford and Deacon, 1989).



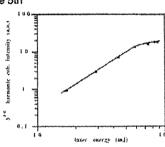
Coherent Harmonic Generation



First demonstrated on ACO, where the 3rd harmonic of an 1.06 µm Nd:YAG laser was generated with 10²-10³ enhancement over spontaneous emission (Girard et al. 1984).

Later experiments at SuperACO have shown also the 5th harmonic.

- requires very precise alignment of laser and electron beams
- average CHG output is limited by the laser repetition frequency (10-20 Hz in these experiments).

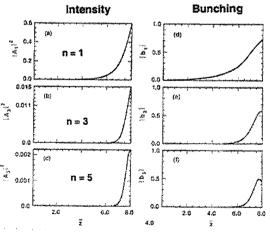


"Non-linear" Harmonic Generation

High gain regime experiments at ELF (35 GHz) showed a rapidly increasing signal at the 3rd harmonic:

10° Fundamental Fundamental To State State

This was later explained as being due to the exponential gain on the fundamental driving the harmonic bunching:



R. Bonifacio et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A293 (1990) 627.

"Non-linear" Harmonic Generation

This led to the proposal for:

Resonant Frequency Tripling

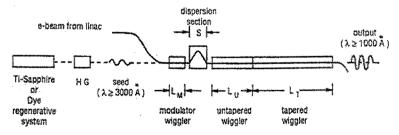
A two-stage FEL amplifier, with the second undulator tuned to the third (or higher) harmonic of the first.

- no mirrors
- advantages of an amplifier configuration (narrow linewidth)
- no seed required at the output frequency

R. Bonifacio et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A296 (1990) 787.

High Gain Harmonic Generation (HGHG)

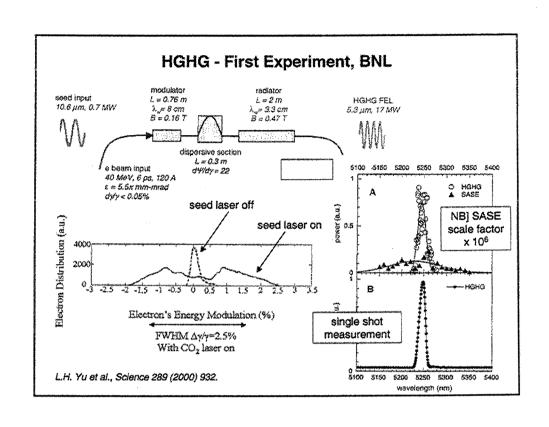
modified version of the the previous scheme, using a dispersion section to enhance the bunching:

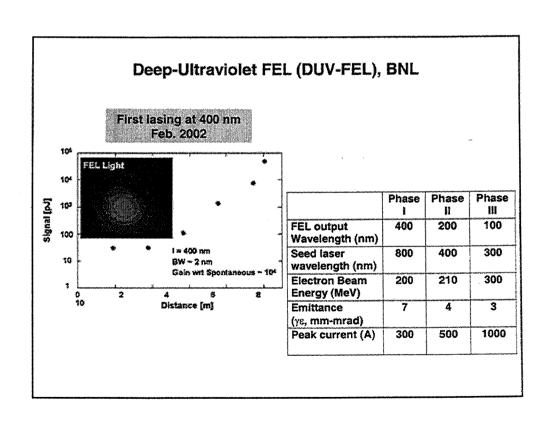


Advantages of HGHG, compared to SASE:

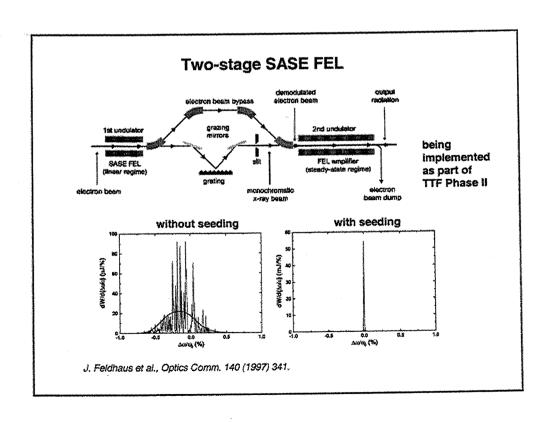
- radiation is longitudinally coherent
- no spiking: smooth pulses in the temporal and spectral domains
- narrower linewidth
- wavelength stability provided by the seed laser
- adjustable pulse length by varying the seed laser pulse length
- shorter undulator

L.H. Yu, Phys. Rev. A44 (1991) 5178.





HGHG X-ray FEL Cascaded HGHG using the 'fresh-part-of bunch' scheme : Pout=2GW 1.8CW 140MW P_{In}=300MW 2,250(Å) 10GW 1.4GW 10(Å) 450(Å) 30(Å) 10(Å) 90(Å) Δ₩. e-beam 1500Amp 1mm-mrad o, /y=5×10 · 4 3GeV Amplifier Stage Stage Stage Stage 10 2250 450 450 90 90 30 10 λ(Å) 2.3 2.3 2,9 2.9 8.5 3.8 3.8 $\lambda_{\rm w}({\rm cm})$ 0.1 dy/dy 0.4 0.1 0.1 8.5 1.5 5.5 10 9.5 1 $L_w(m)$ 1.86 1.12 1.12 1.86 0.74 0.87 0.87 0.93 0.93 $L_G(m)$ Ltotal=46m to reach 2 GW J. Wu and L.H. Yu, Proc. PAC 2001

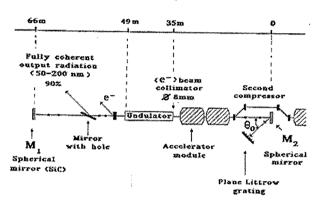


Regenerative Amplifier FEL (RAFEL)

High-gain FEL with a small amount of feedback, to allow it reach saturation in a small number of passes. First developed and demonstrated at LANL (Nguyen and Goldstein, 1997).

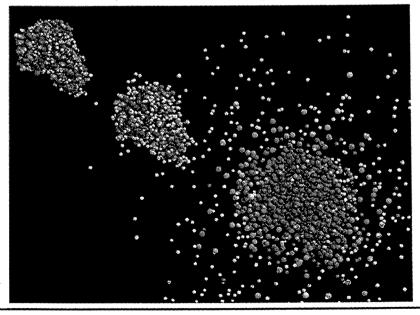
The concept was then modified to include monochromatization so that the seed radiation is longitudinally coherent. (Faatz et al., 1999)

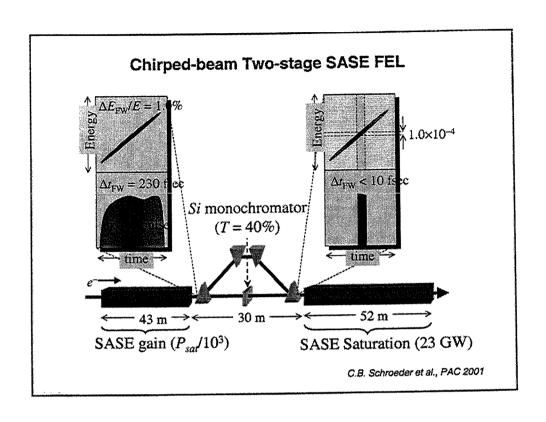
Experiment is currently being carried out at TTF-1:

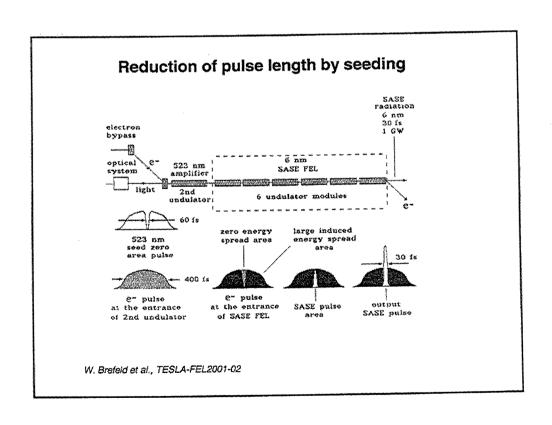


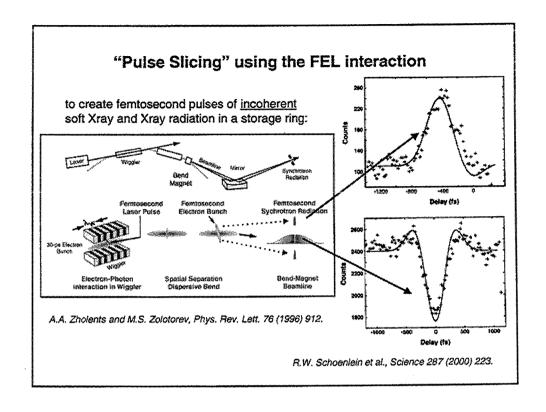
66.4 m between the mirrors corresponds to 2 x distance between micropulses (9 MHz).

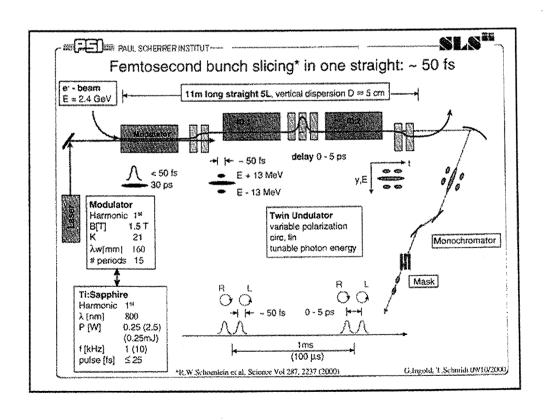
Motivation for Shorter Pulses: Radiation Damage











Conclusion

Since the first operation 25 years ago,
FELs have branched out in many different
directions so that today there is a very wide range
of FEL related activity.
(See for example the Proceedings of the Annual
International FEL Conferences).

Many developments are underway, involving challenging accelerator physics and technological problems, particularly in the case of the short wavelength FELs

I hope these few lectures have stimulated some interest in this expanding and exciting field.