Free Electron Laser (FEL) and Inverse Free Electron Laser (IFEL)



FIG. 1. Schematic view of IFEL accelerator.

The longitudinal component describes the change in the energy of the electron and can be written as

$$mc^{2} \frac{d\gamma}{dt} = e\vec{v}_{T} \bullet \vec{E}_{l} - \frac{dP_{rad}}{dt}$$

Energy exchange between the electron and laser beam

Electron to laser : FEL

Laser to electron: IFEL

Assume rate of change of radiative loss is zero: $\frac{dP_{rad}}{dt} = 0$

$$mc^2 \frac{d\gamma}{dt} = e\vec{v}_T \bullet \vec{E}_l$$

$$\frac{d\gamma}{dz} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{d\gamma}{dt}$$

Assume a helical wiggler and a circularly polarized laser or planar wiggler with linearly polarized laser. One can calculate the transverse velocity v_T of the electron in the magnetic field and the scalar product of v_T and E_I

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$$\frac{d\gamma}{dz} = E_0 \alpha e^{\left\{2\pi i z \left[\frac{1}{\Lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta \cos \alpha}\right)\right] + i\phi\right\}}$$

where E_0 is the amplitude of the laser field, $\dot{\alpha}$ is the angle between the particle and the z axis, Λ is the wiggler period, λ is the wavelength of the laser and Φ is the relative phase of the particle in the helix to the electric field of the laser.

If the wiggler is designed such that

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta \cos \alpha} \right) \quad \text{then,}$$

$$\frac{d\gamma}{dz} = \alpha E_0 \cos\phi$$



Particles at

- A: Max acceleration, but unstable
- B: Medium acceleration, stable-slow ones speed up, fast ones slow down-IFEL conditionbunching, coherence
- C: No acceleration
- E: Medium deceleration, FEL condition





Snap shot of electron trajectory and electric field of laser for FEL as they progress along one period of the wiggler

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Courtesy: http://reu.physics.ucla.edu/common/papers/2007/affolter_matthew.pdf



Courtesy: A. van Steenbergen et al. Phys Rev. Lett. 77 (1996), 2690

Electron beam		
Injection energy (MeV)	40.0	
Exit energy (MeV)	42.3	
Mean accelerator field (MV/m)	4.9	
Current, nominal (mA)	5	
N (bunch)	109	
$I_{\max}(A)$	30	
$\Delta E/E(1\sigma)$	$\pm 3 imes 10^{-3}$	
rms emittance (m rad)	$7 imes 10^{-8}$	
Beam radius (mm)	0.3	
Wiggler		
L_{w} (m)	0.47	
Section length (m)	0.6	
Period λ_w (cm)	2.89-3.14	
Gap (mm)	4	
B_{w}^{\max} (T)	1.0-1.024	
Beam oscillation $a_{1/2}$ (mm)	0.16-0.19	
Laser beam		
Power W_l (GW)	1	
Wavelength λ (μ m)	10.6	
Maximum field E_0 (MV/m) ^a	$0.78 imes10^3$	
Guide loss α (m ⁻¹)	0.05	
Field attenuation (dB/section)	0.26	
τ , FWHM (ps)	200-300	
Normal field $A (m^{-1})$	1.53×10^{3}	
Beam waist $r_0(L_w/2)$ (mm)	1.0	

TABLE I. Design parameters of the IFEL accelerator.

 ${}^{a}E_{0} = (\pi W_{l}Z_{0})^{1/2}/R_{0}, Z_{0} = 377 \ \Omega$, and $R_{0} = 2.8 \text{ mm wave-}$ guide radius. Triveni Rao, USPAS 2008, Annapolis

CO₂ laser

EH₁₁ mode stabilized with in Rayleigh length from entrance

2.8 mm ID, 0.6 m long sapphire circular waveguide

Evidence of Acceleration







Courtesy: P. Musumeci et al., Proc. Of 2005 PAC P. 500

Electron beam	
energy	14.5 MeV
charge	0.3 nC
emittance	5 mm-mrad
pulse length (rms)	бps
σ_{rms} at focus	$120 \ \mu m$
CO ₂ laser	
power	400 GW
wavelength	$10.6 \ \mu m$
pulse length (FWHM)	240 ps
spot size (1/e ²)	240 µm

≻20 MeV (150%) energy gain

>70Mv/m gradient

>5% of particles trapped for acceleration







Energy modulation in wiggler



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Charge distribution after transit- left hand side faster e catch up with right hand side slower e



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Further transport

Optimal positioning of next stage



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Courtesy: Y. Liu et al Phys Rev. Lett. 80, (1998) 4418



Coherent transition radiation signal

Applications of Micro-bunching

- Seeder for staged acceleration

 Staged IFEL, ICA, LW
- Seeder for FEL
 - Normal FEL at fundamental wavelength
 - High harmonic generation
- Source of short bunch length electrons
 Attosecond e beam generation
- Source of coherent radiation – CTR, THZ (300 µm)

Seeder for staged acceleration



Courtesy: W. Kimura et al. Proc. Of 2003 PAC, 1909

Parameter	Value
<i>E</i> -beam energy	45.6 MeV
E-beam intrinsic energy spread	~0.04%
<i>E</i> -beam normalized emittance	1.5 mm- mrad
<i>E</i> -beam charge	~0.1 nC
<i>E</i> -beam pulse length	~3 ps
Laser wavelength	10.6 μm
Laser pulse length	~180 ps
Laser pulse energy	>5 J



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FEL SEEDER



Micro bunches 340 μ m apart \rightarrow seed for THZ FEL

Courtesy: C. Sung et al. Proc. Of 2005 PAC, P. 2812

High Gain Harmonic Generator



Courtesy: L. H. YU et al. Science 289, (2000) 932



A: Comparison of HGHG and SASE

Spectral width of HGHG 15 nm,<< SASE (90 nm)

Amplitude of HGHG is >10⁶ of SASE

B: Spectral distribution of HGHG signal

Technique used to generate VUV, X ray FEL beams: BESSY, SDL @ BNL, LBL, UCB

Source of radiation and use of radiation for electron diagnostics

Slice emittance, longitudinal distribution of short (100 fs) electron bunch can not be measured by standard techniques \rightarrow generate optical replica of the electron beam



Use standard optical technique to measure beam parameters

Courtesy: E. Saldin et al. Proc. Of PAC 07, P. 965

Attosecond electron beam generation

TABLE I. Experimental parameters for attosecond bunch train production. All widths are given as FWHM.

Parameter	Value
Electron energy	60 MeV
Electron energy spread	30 keV (typical)
Electron energy jitter	6 keV
Electron pulse length	0.8 ps ^a (typical)
Electron timing jitter	<0.2 ps ^a
Electron spot size	100 μ m (nominal)
Electron transverse jitter $(x \text{ and } y)$	25 µm
Bunch charge	1 pC (nominal)
Laser wavelength	785 nm
Laser energy	0.65 mJ/pulse
Laser pulse length	0.55 ps
Laser spot size	200 µm
Undulator period	1.8 cm
Number of periods	3
Undulator strength (a_w)	0.46
Chicane R ₅₆	0.04-0.16 mm



Courtesy: C. Sears et al. Phys. Rev. Spl. Topics AB, 11, (2008), 061301



Opens up possibility of accelerating with high intensity Ti:Sa laser

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