

UCLA Particle Beam Physics Lab

Progress in Nonlinear Inverse Compton Scattering at UCLA



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Advanced Medical Imaging with Synchrotron and

Compton X-ray Sources

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keV-to-MeV Photon Production: Inverse Compton Scattering (ICS)

- Collision of relativistic electron beam bunch with intense laser pulse
- Source is directional, to sub-100 fs
- Scattered light is ultra-fast, quasi-monochromatic
- Tunable wavelength (relativistic Doppler, like FEL)
- $\lambda_{sc} \approx \lambda_L / 4\gamma^2$
- Uniquely powerful source of monochromatic MeV γ's



F.V. Hartemann et al., PR ST AB 8, 100702, 2005

Recent emphasis: UCLA experiment *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 (unlike, e.g, in plasma)

Recent context: applications of narrow-spectrum MeV photons

*****Active detection of SNM for DHS; ideal mission for ICS

National security: Active detection of nuclear materials via photofission (also nuclear fluorescence). In basic research there is overlap with the ELI-NP mission.



★ Directed γ 's, mrad divergence, U~10-15 MeV

- ★ Required photon number > 10¹² /sec
- **\star** Similar flux requirements for keV γ 's in *medicine*, etc. Spinoff!

High flux ICS Demands High Collision "Luminosity"

- Like HEP collider: timing, pointing, *focusing*
- Low emittance electron beam
- 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

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

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

Focused laser produces nonlinear electrodynamic effects – increased bandwidth[~]a², harmonic generation; lower γ brightness

We thus study fundamental *electrodynamics* in high intensity (E_L^2) , long λ_L (high a_L) laser field



Alternative: multi-bunch ICS interaction

- Optimized ICS source produces ~10⁸ photons *per pulse*
- Active interrogation/medicine needs >10¹² photons/s
- State of the art accelerator and laser systems ~500 pps
- Few laser photons used up in ICS interaction
- Solution: re-use photons, interact N time per RF pulse
 - Produce N e- bunches per RF pulse, recirculate laser N times



Recirculating ICS interaction demonstrated by RadiaBeam-UCLA

- 40 MHz pulse train, active cavity
- Demonstration of significant ICS output through pulse train



Recirculation of IFEL...





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

Inverse Compton Scattering: Experimental Context

- *K*-edge filtering diagnostics
- Single-shot phase contrast imaging
- Single-shot diffraction









Nonlinear ICS physics "observables"



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_{L} not constant during interaction

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

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)

2nd & 3rd harmonics with *linear polarization*





3rd

Au L-edge (12 keV) Al 250 μ m > 10 keV Al 1000 μ m > 15 keV



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

Circularly polarized harmonic radiation

1/4 wave plate between regenerative and TW amplifier



 Al 1000 μm
 Linear, 3rd
 Circular, 3rd

Much attention to this result-Demonstration of orbital angular momentum? V. Petrillo, G. Dattoli, I. Drebot, and F. Nguyen, PRL 117, 123903 (2016)

Orbital angular momentum in short wavelength light

• Can make OAM X-rays using FEL, ICS scenarios

X-RAY OPTICS

Nature Photonics (2019)

Twisted light beyond the visible

Orbital angular momentum is a property of light that has many emerging applications, but has been poorly appreciated until recently. The wavelength frontier of orbital angular momentum sources is extending beyond the ultraviolet thanks to research in fields ranging from nanostructures to free-electron lasers.

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Recent results obtained in soft X-ray techniques







Nanolithography based gratings for OAM creation and analysis (J.C. Lee, et al., Nature Photonics (2019)

Binary diffraction fork, OAM mode structure

• What physical systems can be probed w/OAM X-rays?

Seeing 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

Near-axis spectral broadening in nonlinear ICS

1.2

- ***** Probability model (no wave phase effects)
- ***** Temporal variation: high red-shift emphasis P_1
 - ***** Wave *self-interference* effects from a_L occurring twice
- ***** Transverse effect displays more *low red-shift P*₂









Evaluation of Experimental Results

- Shape similar to model but more peaked
- Peak position is non-destructive method for determining laser-electron beam overlap
- Fine structure present (but inconclusive). Must revisit.



Compact *optical* accelerator: IFEL

In an FEL, energy is transferred from an electron-beam to a radiation field



 $\lambda_{r,n} = \frac{\lambda_u}{2\gamma^2 n} \left(1 + \frac{K^2}{2} \right)$

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



R.B. Palmer, J. Appl. Phys. 43, 3014 (1972).
E. D. Courant, C. Pellegrini, and W. Zakowicz, *Phys. Rev. A* 32, 2813 (1985).

- IFEL well suited for 50 MeV *up to few GeV* (due to SR limits)
- Plane wave accelerator: minimal 3D effects
- Vacuum accelerator not dependent on boundaries
 - High rep rate, low losses
 - Preserves e-beam quality/emittance

- Stable energy output: static undulator field sets resonant energy

• Requires ~10 TW laser for GeV/m; *same laser* is optimal for ICS

Rubicon IFEL experiment

- Helical geometry, high gradient IFEL
- Strongly tapered helical Halbach undulator
- High gradient(>100 MeV/m demonstrated

Laser

Electrons





0.8

Rubicon: high quality IFEL-accelerated beams



- 93 MeV 1.8 % energy spread ۲
- **Reproducible spectra** ($\sigma_{E} < 1.5$ %) with 30% rms laser fluctuations
- Since superseded by "double buncher" ٠



free-electron laser accelerator

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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 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)

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

RubiconICS Future Directions

- First 5th generation light source gives fsec 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
- Development of integrated system with optical energy recovery



normalized photon density

Electron pulse structure at ICS IP

TIGER High Flux MeV ICS Source

• Full recirculating IFEL system – multi TW laser



TIGER Schematic. RF photoinjector, linac generates train of 100 MeV e- pulses. A 180 deg arc redirects and compresses the beam to a subpsec levels. Bend allows injection of co-propagating high power laser pulse for IFEL acceleration. A 1 m IFEL undulator driven by 5-10 TW laser pulse accelerates e-s up to 0.6 GeV energy for MeV ICS photons. The laser wavelength is 400 nm, lowering the e-beam energy needed, Downstream of the interaction, the laser beam energy is fully recovered, by an IFEL decelerator section.

1 μm ICS-Driven Photon Activated Therapy by with non-reactive AuNP (*K*-edge = 81 keV)

Central Axis ICS Spectrum vs. 250kVp X-ray



Goal ICS spectrum: 81 keV < *hv* < 95 keV Enhanced dose with ICS monochromatic photons Process: *Hard X-ray absorption by Au K-shell electrons*

Emission of Auger electron from outer shell, Dose enhancement adjacent to nano-particle surface

AuNP size ~ 10 <u>n</u>m Penetration depth of Auger e- ~ 10 <u> μ m</u> (function of hv_{ICS})

Au nanoparticle is also a *diagnostic* for > 81 keV photons Transparent for surrounding low *Z* material: *K*-edge (resonant energy) for C, O, H is lower << 10 keV



Linear ICS Spectrum

Example of dose enhancement by ICS source Monte Carlo simulation

Brain

AuNP 100 mg/g uptake (<0.2% volumetric ratio) for cm size target shows dose saturation ② Density of Au: 19.7 g/ml ③ Corresponds to few 100's μm thick Au filter





Y Yang, I Gadjev, J Rosenzweig, K Sheng "Gold Nanoparticle Dose Enhancement of Inverse-Compton Based Monoenergetic Photon Beams: A Monte Carlo Evaluation" *Int. J. Rad. Oncol.* **99**, E744 (2017)



3D gel dosimetry validation test using optical CT scanner in UCLA medical school



3D gel dosimetry validation test:

Two pairs of 5 mm circularly collimated orthogonal beams were projected on a 3D gel dosimeter. The change in optical density is visible as a purple hue in the irradiated gel bottle (A) and quantified by an optical CT scanner. After conversion to dose using a calibration curve, the measured dose (C) was compared against the calculated dose (B). (D) Gamma calculation. [K. Sheng et. al.]

Also developing fluorescence imaging of Au NP with Stanford Medical School



Spectral characterization

- For >81 keV photons, Au K-edge based diagnosis
 Au foils, AuNP gel
- Bent crystal spectrometers now under development
 - Transmission geometry
 - Synergy with FACET-II betatron radiation



Higher energy photons

- Compton spectrometer 0.25(!)-20 MeV
 - Covers DARPA and FACET-II (betatron/Compton needs
 - Characterize at ATF with 3rd harmonic laser



Collimator allows only "good" electrons to be measured Extend utility from 1 MeV minimum down to 250 keV

Summary

***** UCLA developed basis for all-optical IFEL/ICS system for high average flux MeV γ 's

***** Transition to other funding agency

*****5th generation light source with unique characteristics *****Come back for pump-probe in the future *****Applications to MeV γ 's – SNM detection *****AuNP-ICS therapy urgent (Stanford, UCLA Medical) *****Fundamental ICS physics investigated *Nonlinear red-shift, harmonics. Self-interference! *****Novel behavior of 1 um/10 um ICS spectra *****Orbital angular momentum needs to be explored

★*Other system architectures* for very narrow band...

DARPA GRIT Program Initializing

- Burst mode high flux γ output through pulse stacking laser cavity
- Cryo-cooled hybrid photoinjector, ultralow emittance, short pulse —Emittance permits low bandwidth
- C-band RF linac to enable compactness (~10 m) and high flux
- Develop up to 200 keV ICS capabilities at UCLA during project

