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# Soft X-rays Photon Diagnostics: the FERMI experience

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#### FERMI: HIGH GAIN HARMONIC GENERATION FEL-1 and FEL-2





#### FERMI: HIGH GAIN HARMONIC GENERATION Routine performance

- High Gain Harmonic Generation free electron laser
- Covering the 100 4 nm range with two FEL lines (single and double "fresh bunch scheme" cascades)
- Pulse energy: 10 100s µJ | Pulse length: 20 100 fs
- Full polarization control
- High **coherence** (temporal and spatial)
- Down to 2.10-4 rms linewidth
- Central λ stability down to 10<sup>-5</sup> rms

#### Several unique properties, stability (time, energy, photons): laser like photon statistics









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#### FERMI: HIGH GAIN HARMONIC GENERATION Versatility $\rightarrow$ Exotic modes

Multiple pulses can be generated by **double pulse seeding** in different ways, depending on the requirements on the output radiation. Temporal separation between 25-300 and 700-800 fs. Shorter separations are accessible via FEL pulse splitting\*. Larger separations require the split & delay line. \* Pulse Splitting by using a powerful chirped Seed Laser



PRL 110, 064801 (2013)

Allaria et al., Nat. Comm., 2013

or much larger if the two radiators are tuned at different harmonics Ferrari et al., Nat. Comm, 2016

Two (almost) temporally superimposed pulses at harmonic wavelengths of the seed. The two pulses are correlated in phase and the phase can be controlled with the phase shifter. K. Prince et al. Nat. Phot. 10, 176 (2016)



# FERMI PHOTON TRANSPORT AND DIAGNOSTICS Photon Analysis Delivery and REduction System





FERMI PHOTON TRANSPORT AND DIAGNOSTICS The most peculiar elements

<u>Most</u> of the machine activities devoted to fine tuning and to reach the ultimate performance rely on the photon diagnostics available along PADReS:

- Intensity monitors
- Beam position monitors
- Energy spectrometers (PRESTO/TARDI)

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<u>All</u> of the experimental activities carried out in the endstations rely, besides the photon diagnostics, on the photon transport/manipulation system

- Gas absorber
- Split and delay line (AC/DC)
- Focusing systems (KAOS and elliptical mirror)





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#### **TRANSVERSE DISTRIBUTION**

**Beam Defining Apertures and Beam Position Monitors** 





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#### **TRANSVERSE DISTRIBUTION** YAG screens



**Ce:YAG screens:** 

Along the whole system (ideally one for each optical element)



**FERMI** experience: BDAs and BPMs play an important role in cutting unwanted off-axis emission from undulators and monitoring possible instabilities in the photon beam pointing

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#### INTENSITY Gas-based monitors

#### EIS-TIMER 3-Ways Switching **EIS-TIMER EIS-TIMEX** Transverse Switching Coherence Shutters BPM 2.5º BPM GA FEL1 PYD DiProl 2⁰ **KB** System 2.5º Delay Line ▲ 2º Energy FEL2 2.5º 5⁰ ( 2⁰ IC M **BDA** Spectrometer **KB** System **Plane Mirrors** LDM **Intensity monitors:** Ion signal Measures the number of r $N_{particle} = N_{photon} \cdot \sigma(hv) \cdot z \cdot \eta \cdot n$ (Intensity) (~3% precision, 1% repro Online and shot-to-shot N<sub>particle</sub> = number of detected particles Transparent Nphoton + number of photons Drift lon signal $\sigma$ = photoionization cross section tube (Position) z = detector acceptance lengthр = З <sup>24</sup>n = ion detection efficiency n = atomic gas density (p and T required) Photon beam rating-based, mirror photo-current, operating on e transport (especially before the endstations) Electron signal Electron signal (Position) (Intensity) CQ



# INTENSITY

#### Gas-based absorbers







#### INTENSITY FILTERING Solid state filters





### **ENERGY SPECTROMETERS** PRESTO and TARDI



250mm

60

mm

- ~97% of FEL  $\rightarrow$  beamlines •
- 1% of FEL  $\rightarrow$  YAG + triggered CCD
- Resolving Power ~15000 @32.5nm (2.5meV) •
- Available information:  $\lambda$ , BW, spectral content



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PRESTO:Pulse Resolved Energy Spectrometer, Transparent and Online Diffraction gratings



#### FERMI experience:

The energy spectrometers should operate in single-shot mode ( $\rightarrow$  efficient gratings and detectors) and should be able to operate in two/multi color acquisition mode to measure fundamental/higher harmonics, 2-color double pulses, and FEL double-stage photons



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### PRESTO/TARDI spectrometers Parameters and Efficiencies

	LE	HE	SHE
λ (nm) – m=1	100-24.8	27.6-6.7	12.7-3.1
D <sub>0</sub> (I mm <sup>-1</sup> )	500	1800	3750
D <sub>1</sub> (I mm <sup>-2</sup> )	0.35	1.26	2.68
D <sub>2</sub> (I mm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.7 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.3 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.4 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Groove profile	Laminar	Laminar	Laminar
Groove height (nm)	12	4	9
Groove ratio (w/d)	0.6	0.6	0.65
Coating	Carbon	Gold	Nickel

HE

2.1-9.6

1.30 ×10<sup>-3</sup>

Laminar

3750

2.6

4.8

0.64 Gold

LE

600

10

0.7

13.5-60.5

4.2 × 10<sup>-1</sup>

2.10 ×10<sup>-4</sup>

Laminar

Carbon







The target was to	cover the entire	FERMI range in	n first order	of diffractior
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λ (nm) – m=1

D<sub>0</sub> (I mm<sup>-1</sup>)

 $D_1$  (I mm<sup>-2</sup>)

D<sub>2</sub> (I mm<sup>-3</sup>)

Coating

Groove profile

Groove height (nm)

Groove ratio (w/d)

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# PRESTO/TARDI spectrometers

**Resolving Powers** 



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# ENERGY SPECTROMETERS Typical spectra

#### Single shot **spectra** measured down to **4 nm** (3.1nm with PRESTO and 2.1nm with TARDI)







#### Gaussian with both wavelength and bandwidth stability.





3.12

3.11

Wavelength (nm)

3.10



## FERMI: EEHG TESTS Two color mode



Courtesy E. Allaria – P. Rebernik



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# FEL UNDULATOR LINE ALIGNMENT Spontaneous emission on PRESTO CCD

- Electron trajectory should be straight;
- Resonance condition to the FEL wavelength should be met in each undulator
- Undulator need to be aligned to the electron beam axis

In case of seeded FEL such as FERMI it is also required that:

• the seed laser is aligned to the same electron beam axis.



Figure 2: GUI used to monitor the evolution of the spontaneous emission mode while changing the trajectory in the resonant undulator.

The spontaneous emission appears in a typical C-shape (as show in Fig. 2) corresponding to a vertical cut of the undulator emission cone integrated over the beam defining aperture (BDA). This shape reflects the quadratic relationship between wavelength and angle of deviation from the axis contained in the resonant condition equation for the emission from an undulator. The minimum of the parabola identifies the emission axis. In order to improve the accuracy, we set the BDA to a very small horizontal opening.



Courtesy E. Allaria – C. Spezzani







#### TRANVERSE COHERENCE Focused beam

Measurements of the transverse coherence using a mask with pairs of pinholes or slits on it (sample prepared by M. Barthelmess) – beamline DiProl











# SPOT SIZE DETERMINATION

#### Different techniques

#### Scintillator-based (e.g. Ce:YAG)

- Invasive
- May suffer from saturation effects
- Scintillator gets damaged in focus
- No single-shot information (generally)
- Quick and cheap

#### **PMMA and Si indentation**

- Invasive
- Single shot information
- Deadly time-consuming (not fit for beamtimes)

#### Wavefront sensor

- Almost non invasive (intensity issues)
- Single shot information
- Online
- Quantitative information about focusing

#### **Other techniques**

- Pixelated P array (ref. A. Matruglio et al., J. Synchrotron Rad. (2016). 23, 29-34)
- VLS grating based spot reconstruction (ref. M.Schneider, et al., Nat. Comm. 9 (2018) 214)











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SPOT SIZE DETERMINATION YAG vs. PMMA indentation



Focal spot of the **ellipsoidal mirror** (10x10µm<sup>2</sup> FWHM)



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#### SPOT SIZE DETERMINATION

#### Wavefront Sensor



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### SPOT SIZE DETERMINATION WFS-based optimization





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**FERMI** experience:

The **focusing optimization** and consequent **spot size characterization** is fundamental for experiments and must be pursued by means of non-invasive and online diagnostics  $\rightarrow$  the wavefront sensor is the best, so far. 1-94

In order to fulfill user diverse and often exotic requests, the active optics systems (like KAOS, for instance) seem to represent the best solution.



RMS (Lambda) 0,051 00 PV (Lambda) 0,246 00

Flat

defocus (mm)

10

-5

-10

Intensity Ref.

Measured

Strehl Ratio

0,903 🔎 🏷

Flat

0,5

0.33

0.17 58.74



#### KAOS – KIRKPATRICK-BAEZ ACTIVE OPTICS SYSTEM WFS vs. PMMA indentations



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Tomography of a seeded free-electron laser focal spot: qualitative and quantitative comparison of two reconstruction methods for spot size characterization

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# KAOS – KIRKPATRICK-BAEZ ACTIVE OPTICS SYSTEM

Versatility



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# POLARIZATION

# A universal diagnostic?



A **single shot polarimeter** based on angle resolving electron spectrometer (J.Viefhaus' group at DESY and then R.Coffee at LCLS)

Theory predicts specific electron distributions over the 16 detectors depending on the used gas and FEL polarization.

#### Diagnostics

- Versatile online beam diagnostics unit
- Used at PETRA III, FERMI, LCLS, ...
- Feasible as a (X)FEL diagnostic
- Polarization characterization on a shot-to-shot

#### **Detection scheme**

- Single-shot spectra  $\rightarrow$  High detection efficiency ~4% of  $4\pi$
- Energy resolution  $\rightarrow$  Resolution up to 10<sup>-3</sup>
- Angular resolution  $\rightarrow$  16 spectrometers 22.5°
- Energy range → 0.02-25 keV (for European XFEL)

#### E. Allaria et al. Phys. Rev. X 4, 041040 (2014)







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#### PULSE LENGTH Cross correlation techniques

#### Two cross-correlation methods have been implemented and used for measuring the FEL pulse length.

In both cases FEL pulse length has been studied as a function of seed laser parameters and FEL wavelength.





\* In collaboration with F. Tavella team

\*\* In collaboration with C. Callegari and LDM team

$\lambda_{seed}~(\mathrm{nm})$	$\lambda_{FEL}~({ m nm})$	$ au_{seed}(\mathrm{fs})$	$ au_{FEL}  ({ m fs})$
257.8	25.78	140	$61.5\pm3$
261.1	23.74	140	$63\pm4$
261.1	20.08	140	$74\pm3$
261.7	37.38	112.5	$52\pm 8$
261.7	26.17	112.5	$53\pm3$
261.7	26.17	157.5	$72\pm 6$
261.7	18.69	112.5	$42\pm 6$

P. Finetti et al. Phys. Rev. X 7, 021043 (2017)

#### Expected FEL pulse shortening at higher harmonics (shorter wavelength) has been confirmed by measurements.



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