# Multicolor Experiment with FEL: FWM

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# Why Free Electron Lasers?

MILITARY

Boeing to develop Free Electron Laser for US Navy





"Boeing has won a U.S. Navy contract worth up to \$163 million to develop the Free Electron Laser (FEL), a weapon system that the company says "will transform naval warfare in the next decade by providing an ultra-precise, speed-of-light capability and unlimited magazine depth to defend ships against new, challenging threats, such as hyper-velocity cruise missiles." The envisioned level of precision would enable U.S. Navy ships to deliver nonlethal or lethal force to targets with power and minimal collateral damage......

FEL technology is considered by the US Navy as a promising technology for an **antimissile directed-energy weapon**. A directedenergy weapon (DEW) is a type of weapon that emits energy in an aimed direction without the means of a projectile- like an intense emission of laser light. FEL's are capable of achieving the megawatt power level the Navy requires for ship defense. "

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Leonard comes home...and promptly passes out on the couch. The reason wasn't a good night on the town, however. It was the fact that he's working nights using the **free-electron laser** to conduct his **X-ray diffraction experiment**.

# Why Free Electron Lasers ?





R. Neutze et al, Nature (2000)



# Why Free Electron Lasers ?





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# Exercise 1



Calculate average flux at the undulator exit

elettra typical undulator working at 50 eV:  $10^{15}$  photons/s/0.1% bandwidth  $\Delta\lambda/\lambda \sim n/N$ (n = harmonic number ~1, N = number of magnetic periods ~ 50)

FERMI@elettra parameters at 50 eV

 $2 \cdot 10^{14}$  photons per pulse (100 fs)

Rep rate ~ 50 Hz

### Why Free Electron Lasers ?





**Imaging** with high Spatial Resolution ( $\sim \lambda$ ): fixed target imaging, particle injection imaging,...

Dynamics: four wave mixing (nanoscale), warm dense matter, extreme condition, ....

**Resonant** Experiments: XANES (tunability), XMCD (polarization), chemical mapping, .....

### SASE vs Seeded









 $\Delta t < 100 \text{ fs}$ 

Time Shape

Polarization

# Highly coherent and stable pulses from the FERMI seeded free-electron laser in the extreme ultraviolet

E. Allaria et al., Nat. Phot. (2012)

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FERMI - Photons/Pulse





# The Experimental Hall



#### Commissioning



# The Experimental Hall











### **Ultrafast Magnetic Dynamics**

#### Synchrotron Radiation News

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#### Ultrafast Dynamics of Magnetic Domain Structures Probed by Coherent Free-Electron Laser Light

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Co/Pt ML

### Controlling ultrafast demagnetization using localized optical excitation



C. von Korff Schmising, S. Eisebitt et al, PRL (2014)



# LDM beamline



### Fundamental physics:

- Structure of nano clusters
- Ionization dynamics
- Superfluidity relaxation dynamics
- Non-linear optics
- Chirality

### Material science:

- Electronic properties of organic nanostructures
- Charge transfer dynamics in heterogeneous structures
- Magnetism of nanoparticles
- Catalysis in nanomaterials

### **Biochemistry:**

• Micro solvation of bio-molecules

### Aerosol / Atmospheric chemistry:

• Reactions at microscopic water interfaces





### LDM



#### **Coherent control** at the attosecond time scale

K. Prince et al., Nat. Phot. (2016)

Interference effect among quantum states using single and multiphoton ionization *C. Chen et al.*, *PRL* (1990)

Intensity =  $|M1 + M2(\phi)| = |M1|^2 + |M2(\phi)|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re}(M1 \ M2(\phi))$ 

Use of first (62.974 eV ) and second harmonic on  $2p^54s$  resonance of Ne

Change of the phases among the two harmonics 'invented' by Allaria et al.,



Signal detected as function of phase on the VMI detector

Control of the phase among the two pulses!

# Elastic and Inelastic Scattering (EIS)



#### The Sample Side

**Short** pulses with very high peak power

What happens to the **Sample?** 

 $\Delta t \sim 100 \text{ fs}$ ; Peak Power ~ 5 GW; E ~ 100 eV

Non-equilibrium distribution of electrons

Converge (electron-electron & electron-phonon collisions) to equilibrium (Fermi-like)

The intensity of the FEL pulses will determine the process to which the sample will undergo: simple heating, structural changes, ultrafast melting or ultrafast ablation



# Exercise 2



Calculate sample temperature assuming total absorption from surface

N = number of photons per pulse

E = photon energy (100 eV)

 $d = beam size (100 \ \mu m)$ 

 $\sigma_{abs}$  = absorption cross section per atom (Al ~ 7 · 10<sup>-18</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>)

 $k_B = Boltzmann constant 1.3 \cdot 10^{-23} J K^{-1}$ 

 $T_{\text{sample}} \sim N/3(k_B/E) (d^2/\sigma_{abs})$ 

EIS - TIMEX



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**TIMEX TIme-resolved studies of Matter under EXtreme and metastable conditions** 

• Generation of warm dense matter (WDM) in simple metals (Al,Au, etc...): looking for EoS studying the FEL-induced **isochoric** heating followed by **isoentropic** expansion

• Generation of metastable liquids in a "no man's land" through ultrafast heating of amorphous states (Si, Ge...)





interior of **large planets** and stars





- <u>Pump</u>  $\rightarrow$  Table-top Laser, FEL
- <u>Probe1</u>  $\rightarrow$  Table-top Laser (single energy or Super-continuum (CaF<sub>2</sub> crystal))
- <u>Probe2</u>  $\rightarrow$  FEL (first or third harmonics (tunability))
- <u>Probe3</u>  $\rightarrow$  Electron Diffraction (100 fs, 200 keV)

FEL pulses allow **uniform** heating:

300 Å Al uniformly heated at 1 eV (10000 K)  $\Delta t = 100$  fs,  $\lambda = 60$  nm,  $d = 10 \ \mu m^2$ ,  $10^{12}$  ph/pulse

C. Masciovecchio et al., JSR (2015)











$$Z(F) = \frac{N_e(F)}{N_a} = \frac{m_e \epsilon_0}{e^2 N_a} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \omega_p^2(F, t') G(t') dt'$$

$$\overline{E}(F,t) = \frac{F}{L} \int_{-\infty}^{t} (1 - R(F,t')) G(t') dt'$$

$$I$$

$$T_e(F)$$

ICTP school, April 11, Trieste, Italy

SCIENTIFIC

REPORTS







Time-resolved **X-ray absorption does** probe the **short range order** 

low density liquid (LDL) phase with a **tetrahedral local structure** appears after 300 fs and survives for about 1 ps

E. Giangrisostomi et al., to be submitted

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K. Sokolowski-Tinten et al., J of Phys: Cond. Matt. (2004)

Time-resolved **X-ray diffraction** is sensitive to the **long-range order** and therefore to the melting

but **does not** probe the **short range order** that finally affects the **DOS** 



# EIS - TIMER



**TIMER** TIME-Resolved spectroscopy of mesoscopic dynamics in condensed matter

Challenge: Study Collective Excitations in **Disordered Systems** in the **Unexplored**  $\omega$ -Q region



# Why Disordered Systems ?



# UNSOLVED PROBLEMS IN PHYSICS

#### **Condensed matter physics**

Amorphous solids

What is the nature of the <u>transition</u> between a fluid or regular solid and a glassy <u>phase</u>? What are the physical processes giving rise to the general properties of glasses?

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#### High-temperature superconductors

What is the responsible mechanism that causes certain materials to exhibit <u>superconductivity</u> at temperatures much higher than around 50 <u>Kelvin</u>?

#### **Sonoluminescence**

What causes the emission of short bursts of light from imploding bubbles in a liquid when excited by sound?

#### <u>Turbulence</u>

Is it possible to make a theoretical model to describe the statistics of a turbulent flow (in particular, its internal structures)? Also, under what conditions do <u>smooth solution to the Navier-Stokes equations</u> exist?

Glass is a very general state of condensed matter  $\rightarrow$  a large variety of systems can be transformed from liquid to glass

The liquid-glass transition cannot be described in the framework of classical phase transitions since  $T_g$  depends on the **quenching rate**  $\rightarrow$  one cannot define an order parameter showing a critical behaviour at  $T_g$ 

### Why Disordered Systems ?



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Convection of liquid metals creates the Earth's magnetic field. It deflects the solar wind. Without this field, the solar wind would directly strike the Earth's atmosphere. This would strip the Earth's atmosphere away slowly. This is hypothesized to happened to the Martian atmosphere, have rendering the planet incapable of supporting life.



Why at the nanoscale ?





### Why at the nanoscale ?

Water exhibits very **unusual** properties:

- Negative volume of melting
- Density maximum in the normal liquid range
- Isothermal compressibility minimum in the liquid
- Increasing liquid fluidity with increasing pressure

"...water's puzzling properties are not understood and 63 anomalies that distinguish water from other liquids remain unsolved...." H. E. Stanley, *Physica A* (2007)



# Ultrafast X-ray probing of water structure below the homogeneous ice nucleation temperature

J. A. Sellberg et al., Nature (2014)

The hope now is that these observations and our detailed structural data will help identify those theories that best describe and explain the behaviour of water.



# Water Dynamical Structuring





Water Structural Relaxation



.....only by treating water as a viscoelastic system is it possible to understand the microscopic origin of water anomalies. The proposed scenario here has been developed using a dynamic approach.....

F. Mallamace et al., PNAS (2013)

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Typical Infrared/Visible Set-Up





**Challenge**: Extend and modify the set-up for UV Transient Grating Experiments



R. Cucini et al et al., NIMA (2011)

### Expected TG formation



# TG @ EIS laser lab





Layout tests @ laser lab





# FEL Transient Grating Experiments on V-SiO<sub>2</sub>



### FEL Transient Grating Experiments on V-SiO<sub>2</sub>



# LETTER



# Four-wave mixing experiments with extreme ultraviolet transient gratings F. Bencivenga et al., Nature 2015

 $M_0$ θ M₁  $\mathbf{k}_{\text{FEL},1}$ 2θ  $\lambda_{\text{FEL}} = 27.6 \text{ nm}$ 20 θ<sub>B</sub>  $M_2$ k<sub>FEL,2</sub> Permanent Grating after 1k-shots K four Optical path difference  $< \lambda_{FEL}$ Λ<sub>opt</sub> 400, CCD 10<sup>-7</sup> 10 TG signal 10<sup>-8</sup> 10<sup>-8</sup> 10 -0.5 0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 // 10 130 40 70 100 ∆t (ps) ∆t (ps)

# Transient Grating Experiments on V-SiO<sub>2</sub>





# Heterodyning with FEL



Heterodyning is a signal processing technique invented in 1901 by R. Fessenden

$$I = |E_{\rm ref}|^2 + |E_{\rm s}(t)|^2 + 2|E_{\rm ref} E_{\rm s}(t)|\cos(\phi_{\rm ref} - \phi_{\rm s})$$

$$\mathbf{k}$$
Time independent local field



### Nonlinear Optics





#### N. Bloembergen 1981





is the lowest nonlinear order for centrosymmetric materials  $\rightarrow$  **all materials** have a third-order nonlinear response.

### FOUR-WAVE MIXING SPECTROSCOPY

The nonlinearity  $\chi^{(3)}$  describes a coupling between four light waves, and some

N. Bloembergen Nobel Lecture 1981

### Four Wave Mixing at FEL's



Transient grating is one of the possible application of **Four Wave Mixing** techniques:



**Four Wave Mixing** techniques are: Stimulated Raman Gain Spectroscopy, Inverse Raman Effect Spectroscopy, Photon Echo and Raman Induced Kerr Effect Spectroscopy, Femtosecond Stimulated Raman Scattering and Coherent Antistokes Raman Scattering (**CARS**)

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#### **Coherent X-Ray Raman Spectroscopy:** A Nonlinear Local Probe for Electronic Excitations

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Nonlinear x-ray four-wave mixing experiments are becoming feasible due to rapid advances in high harmonic generation and synchrotron radiation coherent x-ray sources. By tuning the difference of two x-ray frequencies across the valence excitations, it is possible to probe the entire manifold of molecular electronic excitations. We show that the wave vector and frequency profiles of this x-ray analogue of coherent Raman spectroscopy provide an excellent real-space probe that carries most valuable structural and dynamical information, not available from spontaneous Raman techniques.

### VUV - CARS





Energy diagram

 $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{pump}$ 

 $v_1$ 

 $\mathbf{v}_0$ 

From **Vibrational** → **Core Hole** excitations

The **VUV-CARS** signal is a measure of the coherence between the two different sites  $\rightarrow$  tuning energies and time delay makes possible to chose where a given excitation is created, as well as where and when it is probed

delocalization of electronic states and charge/energy transfer processes.

VUV/soft-X-ray wavelength is comparable to the molecular size  $\rightarrow$  the **dipole approximation** which imposes strict selection rules in optical spectroscopy **does not apply**, allowing the direct probing of the entire manifold of electronic transitions.

By tuning the VUV/soft-X-ray frequencies across the core excitation of various atoms, it becomes possible to **investigate** precisely the **nonlocal nature** of the **valence electronic excitation**.

VUV/soft-X-ray based CARS experiments allow the **direct observation** of excitation **energy transfer between atoms within a molecule**. This is an advantage over spontaneous X-ray Raman scattering which takes place at the same atomic site and cannot probe spatial coherence over different atoms.





### ARTICLE

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Two-colour pump-probe experiments with a twinpulse-seed extreme ultraviolet free-electron laser



# Element selective magnetization dynamics





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*E. Ferrari et al., (2016)* 

Widely tunable two-colour seeded free-electron laser source for resonant-pump resonant-probe magnetic scattering







Optical TG in FM thin films



Optical TG used for probing magneto-elastic waves in Ni J.Janusonis et al., APL (2015)



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Faraday and TG exhibits the **same** dispersion

#### one-to-one correspondence

between acoustic and magnetic response





Study of

- 1) Magneto Acoustic **coupling**
- 2) Q dependence of Magnetic Waves
- 3) Excite with FEL short  $\lambda$  and probe with Faraday detector to *see* the acoustic waves

### Conclusions





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- Charge transfer dynamics in **metal complexes**
- Charge injection and transport in **metal oxides nanoparticles**
- Vibrational modes in Glasses
- Charge **Density Wave**
- Quasiparticle diffusion (**Polarons**)
- Sound velocity in **Graphene**





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