# Issues and Challenges for Short Pulse Radiation Production



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# **How Short?**

...defined by New York Traffic Commissioner T.T. Wiley in 1950 as:

"...the time between the light turning green and the guy behind you honking."

-W. Safire, NY Times, March 7, 2004

Several FEL proposals go beyond even this:

- sub-femtosecond pulses
- 📕 1-Å radiation
- GW power levels
- unprecedented brightness

why so short...



E. Muybridge

# E. Muybridge at L. Stanford in 1878

disagree whether all feet leave the ground during gallop...



#### used spark photography to freeze this 'ultra-fast' process

E. Muybridge, Animals in Motion, ed. L. S. Brown (Dover Pub. Co., New York 1957).

#### Coulomb Explosion of Lysozyme (50 fs) Single Molecule Imaging with Intense X-rays

Atomic and molecular dynamics occur at the *fsec*-scale

J. Hajdu, Uppsala U.



- 1 <u>femto-second (fs) =  $10^{-15}$  sec  $\Rightarrow 0.3 \mu$ m</u>
- 1 <u>atto</u>-second (as) =  $10^{-18}$  sec  $\Rightarrow 0.3$  nm

In Neils Bohr's 1913 model of the Hydrogen atom it takes about **150 as** for an electron to orbit the proton.

- Nature, 2004





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Photon pulse limitations

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# Electron bunch length is limited by...

Coherent synch. rad. (CSR) in compressors
Longitudinal wakefields in linac & undulator
Space-charge forces in accelerator
System jitter (RF, charge, etc)

Try to compress  $\sigma_z$  in LCLS to 1  $\mu$ m...

- **CSR**:  $\varepsilon/\varepsilon_0 = 1$
- **CSR**: *ε*/*ε*<sub>0</sub> ≈ 14 −

brightness destroyed





## **Resistive-Wall Wakefields in Undulator**



### **Micro-Bunching Instabilities**

FEL 'instability' needs very "cold" e<sup>-</sup> beam (small E<sub>x,y</sub> & E-spread)
Cold beam is subject to "undesirable" instabilities in accelerator (CSR, Longitudinal Space-Charge, wakefields)





3 keV, accelerated to 14 GeV, & compressed  $\times 36 \Rightarrow 1 \times 10^{-5}$ 

Too small to be useful in FEL (no effect on FEL gain when <10-4)



Laser-e<sup>-</sup> interaction ⇒ 800-nm *E*-modulation (40 keV rms)
Heater in weak chicane for time-coordinate smearing
Energy spread in next compressors smears µ-bunching

Huang: WEPLT156, Limborg: TUPLT162, Carr: MOPKF083

# In LCLS tracking, final energy spread blows up without 'Laser-Heater'



Final longitudinal phase space at 14 GeV for initial 15- $\mu$ m, 1% modulation at 135 MeV

Z. Huang et al., SLAC-PUB-10334, 2004 ...accepted in *PR ST AB*, June 2004



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## FEL pulse duration limited by intrinsic bandwidth

$$\sigma_t \sigma_\omega \geq 1/2$$

For X-ray FEL:  $\lambda_r \approx 1 \text{ Å},$   $\sigma_{\omega} / \omega_0 \approx 0.04\%,$  $\sigma_t \geq 100 \text{ as}$ 

#### **For shorter pulses:**

- **shorter wavelength**,  $\lambda_r$
- $\blacksquare \text{ larger } \rho \text{ (smaller } \varepsilon_{x,y})$
- **Iow-gain (large**  $\Delta \omega$ )
- seeded start-up

FEL-type:	N <sub>u</sub>	<b>L</b> <sub>u</sub>	Δωω
Saturated SASE	~1/p	~20 <i>L</i> g	~~
Seeded High-Gain	<1/p	<20 <i>L</i> g	>p
Seeded Low-Gain	~1/(4 <i>πp</i> )	~2 <i>L</i> g	$\sim 4\pi\rho$





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# Statistical Single-Spike Selection Un-seeded single-bunch HGHG (8 $\rightarrow$ 4 $\rightarrow$ 2 $\rightarrow$ 1 Å )









No design changes to FEL – only foil added in chicane











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Case Sub-Picosecond Pulse Source	Source comparisons					
	Peak brightness**	Pulse length (fsec)	Average flux (photon/sec)	Photons per pulse per 0.1% BW	Rep. Rate (Hz)	
Table top laser plasma	1×10 <sup>9</sup>	500	1×10 <sup>6</sup>	100	1×10 <sup>4</sup>	
ALS* (streak camera)	5×10 <sup>17</sup>	4×10 <sup>4</sup>	2×10 <sup>8</sup>	2×10 <sup>4</sup>	1×10 <sup>4</sup>	
ALS slicing (undulator)	1×10 <sup>17</sup> (6×10 <sup>19</sup> )	100	1×10 <sup>5</sup> (3×10 <sup>4</sup> )	10 (300)	1×10 <sup>4</sup>	
ESRF	1×10 <sup>24</sup>	8×10 <sup>4</sup>	3×10 <sup>10</sup>	3×10 <sup>7</sup>	900	
SPPS	1×10 <sup>25</sup>	80	2×10 <sup>7</sup>	2×10 <sup>6</sup>	10	

J. Hastings, SLAC

\* streak camera resolution 1 psec,  $\Delta Q_e 0.01$ \*\* photons/sec/mm<sup>2</sup>/mrad<sup>2</sup>/0.1%-BW

Unclulator, View upstream Dave Fritz, Soo Lee, David Reis

Sub-Picosecond Pulse Source

Undulator parameters:  $L_{\mu} \approx 2.5 \text{ m}, \lambda_{\mu} = 8.5 \text{ cm}, K \approx 4.3, B \approx 0.55 \text{ T}, N_{p} \approx 30$ 

# **R&D at SPPS Towards X-Ray FELs**

- Measure wakefields of micro-bunch
- Develop bunch length diagnostics
- Study RF phase stability of linac
- Measure emittance growth in chicane (CSR)
- X-ray optics and transport





#### Michelson Interferometer for CTR Bunch Length Measurement







#### **Bend-Plane Emittance: Chicane ON and OFF**



Bend-plane emittance is consistent with calculations and sets upper limit on CSR effect

P. Emma et al., PAC'03

# **Concluding Remarks**

- Very <u>short</u> x-ray pulses are key to exploring ultrafast science at future light sources
- Linac-based FEL's offer high power, very high brightness, and possibly <u>sub-femtosecond</u> pulses at ~1-Å wavelengths

Advances in ultra-short, high-power table-top lasers will greatly influence future LS designs, as will  $e^-$  gun development ( $\gamma \epsilon_{x,y} < 1 \mu m$ )

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