

FEL oscillation with a high extraction efficiency at JAEA ERL FEL

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- 1. Configuration and recent upgrade
- 2. FEL efficiency measurement in the return arc
- 3. Magnetic bunch compression in the first arc



Original JAEA FEL without energy recovery

- Superconducting linear accelerator (SCA)
- Electron beam energy 17 MeV, Bunch charge 0.5nC
- FEL wavelength 22µm
- Pulsed operation of 1ms macropulse x 10Hz



Two five-cell 500 MHz SCAs



Two single-cell 500 MHz SCAs

83 MHz sub harmonic buncher (SHB)

230kV DC gun equipped with a thermionic cathode driven by a grid pulser FEL2006, Berlin, 29 Aug. 2006



High efficiency FEL without ERL in 2001

FEL efficiency detuning curve

Autocorrelation signal



- 1. achieved high FEL efficiency of 6 % .
- 2. observed FEL oscillation at zero detuning length of an optical cavity.
- 3. generated an intense few-cycle FEL pulse.



A high-power ERL FEL at JAEA



The same injector as the original JAEA FEL

17 MeV loop consists of a merger chicane, two five-cell 500 MHz SCAs, a triplebend achromat arc, half-chicane, undulator, return-arc, and beam dump.

First lasing in August, 2002.

R. Hajima et al., NIM A 507, 115 (2003).



JAEA ERL upgrade

- 1. Doubled bunch repetition rate of the gun grid pulser to 20.8 MHz
- 2. Increase of power supplies for injector SCAs from 8 kW to 50kW Improvement of low-level RF controller
- 3. Doubled energy acceptance of the return arc from 7% to 15%





Merits of a high-efficiency FEL

 $P_{FEL} = P_{beam} \eta_{fel}$

- 1. Saves the total beam current needed for high-power lasing.
- 2. Generates broadband ultrashort optical pulses.

Quantum control of chemical reaciton H. Iijima

H. Iijima et al., TUPPH002.





FEL efficiency experiment in the return arc





The wire scanner

Based on a linear movement of a Cu wire in 0.6 mm diameter at a speed of 0.39 mm/s by 100 mm-stroke.

linear potentiometer

Al fork with a gap of 26 mm.

Cu wire

The secondary electron emission current is measured with a current meter (TR8641 electronic picoammeter, ADVANTEST).



Beam envelopes in the return arc





FEL power detuning curve



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Beam profiles measured with WIRE #1





FEL efficiency detuning curve





Integrated secondary emission electron current





Beam dump current



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Beam macropulse after the return arc











Beam profiles measured with WIRE #2





Magnetic bunch compression in the first arc



CSR power from the last bending magnet is much higher than the remaining two, indicating another bunch compression in the first arc.

Measured horizontal beam profiles with a wire scanner at a dispersive point in the first arc as a function of the RF phase of the last SCA.



Wire scanner in the first arc





Beam profiles measured with WIRE #3



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Energy spread, energy of beam centroid, and total secondary electron current





Temporal profiles at the undulator center





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Fig. 2: Typical signal of the current monitor at the entrance of the main linac



Figure 2: The schematic view of the SHG-FROG setup.

 $f_{\text{true}(m)}^{\text{true}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^{0} \int_{-2}^$

FEL2006, Berlin, 29 Aug. 2006

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``Beam current doubling of JAEA ERL-FEL''

[TUPPH006] R. Nagai et al.,

``Performance of a conventional analog φ-A type lowlevel RF controller''

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``JAEA photocathode DC-gun for an ERL injector''



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We have doubled the electron bunch repetition rate by upgrading the gun grid pulser and RF power supply for injector SCA modules.

The energy acceptance of the triple bend achromatic return arc has been increased from 7% to 15% by replacing quadrupole magnets and beam ducts.

We have achieved 0.7 kW FEL oscillation during 230 μs macropulse at 22 μm wavelength using 8 mA electron beam.

The FEL extraction efficiency has been measured with a wire scanner and the peak efficiency reaches 2.8%.

We have found that a magnetic bunch compression in the first arc with off crest acceleration in main SCA modules is indispensable to realize the high-efficiency FEL.

We will continue our experimental study on the beam dynamics in the triple bend achromatic arcs under high-efficiency FEL oscillation.



1st arc dispersion function





One-dimensional time-dependent FEL simulation





JAEA ERL FEL parameters

Beam energy at undulator	17 MeV
Average current at undulator	8 mA
Bunch charge at undulator	0.4nC
Bunch length at undulator (FWHM)	12 ps
Peak current	35 A
Energy spread before undulator (FWHM)	1.5%
after undulator (full width)	>15%
Normalized emittance (rms)	40 mm mrad
Bunch repetition	20.8 MHz
Macropulse	1ms X 10Hz
Undulator period	3.3 cm
Number of undulator periods	52
Undulator parameter (rms)	0.7
Optical cavity length	7.2 m
Rayleigh range	1.00 m
Cavity mirror radii	6 cm
FEL wavelength	22 μm
FEL extraction efficiency	>2.5%



17MeV ERL loop

