The Ultra-Compact X-ray Freeelectron Laser: Connections to C³

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Vision of a university-scale UC-XFEL



UC-XFEL Recipe Ingredients

- Ultra-high field electron cryogenic RF photoinjector source
- High gradient cryogenic accelerator
- Frontier simulation of collective effects (CSR, IBS)
- Beam measurements at micron/fs scale
- Very high frequency RF devices
- Advanced magnetic systems micro-undulators and quads
- Machine-learning based control
- Compact X-ray optics
- Understanding of science case

First two points enable entire scenario, based on very high field cryogenic RF field research





Hybrid cryo-undulator: Pr-based, SmCo sheath; λ =9 mm up to 2.2 T

UC-XFEL as stepping stone for particle physics: pushing linear collider energy frontier

- Exponential growth over time in available energy U
 - Livingston plot: "Moore's Law" for accelerators
- Generational history
- Next generation will operate at much higher fields
 - US GARD Panel: regardless of technique GV/m for multi-TeV e+e-
 - Fields higher by >30. New methods needed.
 - Exotic techniques: **plasma**, direct laser, dielectric, **advanced RF**
 - There is a long road to GeV/m
 - Multi-TeV plasma collider >2035
 - How do we move strategically?



Livingston plot showing Moore's law for HEP discovery

Compact XFEL is intertwined with future colliders

- Major investments in "factory" scale XFEL (European XFEL, LCLS-II) counter-balanced by 5th generation-inspired initiatives
 - BELLA laser-plasma accelerator
 - EuPRAXIA plasma accelerator FEL, "stepping stone" to HEP
 - On ESFRI roadmap, 300MEuro project hitting the real axis
 - *CompactLight*, X-band RF spin-off from CERN
- Ultra-Compact XFEL (UC-XFEL) collaboration
 - Decade-long effort based on investments from DARPA, Keck, NSF, DOE
 - Extremely attractive new paradigm *for XFEL-as-university-lab-laser*



A joint road map: UC-XFEL, large scale XFEL and linear colliders

- The path to plasma linear collider is long (-2040).
- Technological *and physics* stepping stones are needed to maintain continuous interest
 - EuPRAXIA is existence proof for stepping stone concept viability
 - Plasma-based FEL is not a very high quality light source
 - Plasma-based FEL does not aid HEP horizon immediately
- UC-XFEL aids effort in cold copper collider
 - Full scale FEL frontiers as well



The Ultra-Compact FEL Design Realized UCLA

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FEL begins life with high brightness electron UCLA beam source: *the RF photoinjector*

- Laser gating to fs-to-ps level
- RF capture violent acceleration
 - Accelerating fields 10x DC sources
 - Strong RF focusing effects
- Preserve phase space structure
 - Control pulse expansion
 - Minimize emittance growth
 - Creation, manipulation of single component plasma (emittance compensation)
- Frontier RF engineering
- Photocathode physics
- Advanced laser techniques
- Apply lessons to linear collider source
- *Key technology is high field acceleration*



Traditional UCLA-designed RF photoinjector operated at ~100 MV/m

Rethink points in red when fields much enhanced.

High gradient acceleration at cryogenic temperature

- Recent X-band work by SLAC-UCLA collaboration on cryogenic RF cavity research gives breakthrough surface fields
 - ASE lowers heating, thermal expansion small, enhanced strength
- 200 MV/m surface fields -> 500 MV/m. ~300 MV/m limit (dark current)
- Transformative applications in photoinjector brightness
 - ...and system compactness



Practical concern: dark current emission UCLA



Mitigation schemes must be explored

at SLAC



A. D. Cahill, et al., Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams 21, 061301 (2018)

Must Meet Challenges of Dark Current

• Fowler-Nordheim emission

 $J_{\rm FN}(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{A(\boldsymbol{\beta}(\mathbf{s})E_0(\mathbf{s}))^2}{\phi_w t^2(y)} \exp\left(\frac{-B\boldsymbol{\nu}(y)\phi_w^{3/2}}{\boldsymbol{\beta}(\mathbf{s})E_0(\mathbf{s})}\right)$

- Field enhancement factor β (s) typically ~50
 - Surface contamination at atomic level
 - Large dark current
 - Threat to applications (esp. low charge)
 - Active measures (fast kickers)
- Add surface coating
 - Silicon oxynitride eliminates emitters; high work function
 - Graphene (transparent)
 - Experimental demonstration needed
 - Needle tests at AWA
- Bulk material solutions



UCLA C-band Cryogenic Photoinjector Project

• Cryogenic C-band photoinjector at extreme high brightness for FEL

Profit from very high fields (up to 250 MV/m) on photocathode; *higher spatial harmonics*



Enhanced 6D Brightness with high field

- High current (nearly 20 A) at 100 pC
- Very low energy spread required new approach to IBS calculation



Record 6D brightness predicted, factor of >40 above original LCLS

Intra-beam scattering and slice energy spread

 At high beam density, the slice energy spread may be dominated by intra-beam scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma}^2}{dz} = \frac{2r_e^2 N_b}{\sigma_x \sigma_z \epsilon_{nx}} \qquad \text{Implicit scaling on } E_0$$

 Challenging simulations of state-of-art problem (GPT with Barnes-Hut algorithm)



IBS theory due to Z. Huang (SLAC-PUB)

See Robles et al. PRAB,

-Implications for beam compressibility in UC-XFEL and C³ ⁻ Experiments at UCLA Extending brightness frontier: lower emission temperature



- MTE of photo-electrons can be notably lower at cryo-temperatures
- Eliminate Fermi-Dirac tail. Cold beams



Issue: two-photon and heating effects due to high laser power

Half-cell cryogenic photo-emission test stand UCLA

- Up to 120 MV/m field in 0.5 cell geometry, in cryostat
- Precision solenoid, very low emittance diagnostics (10 meV MTE)
 - Load-lock photocathode assembly. Look to add polarized e- capabilities?



0.5 cell gun with copper cathode (no load lock) Under construction (support from NSF CBB)



Cryo-emission eliminates Fermi-Dirac tail, cold beams

Asymmetric emittance beams for linear colliders

- Eliminate electron damping ring
- Round-to-flat beam transformation
- Very small 4D transverse emittance needed
 - Consistent with magnetized photocathode \downarrow



Performance of round-to-flat beam transformation



- Emittance 90 nm-rad before splitting (increase of 75% over XFEL case)
- Splitting nearly ideal in simulation, including space-charge effects
- Scaling to nC level implies S-band operation



Bunch compression to 4 kA in two phases

- **The good:** with high gradients, compact system, LSC-CSR microbunching instabilities do not have time to assert themselves
- The bad: we must preserve a much smaller emittance at the same peak current as LCLS
- The familiar: compress first at 400 MeV using two small opposing chicanes to 400 A peak current. Must linearize LPS using 6th harmonic cavity (34.3 GHz, from XLS project). Emittance growth very small. *Technology relevant to C³compressors*
- Apply IFEL compression for second phase important for FELs overall (e.g. XLEAOO at SLAC)





Slice energy spread (top), emittance (middle) and current profile for microbunches (bottom)

Cryo-RF for applications at UCLA

- 50 year old C-band klystron brought back to life
- Developing generation of cryostats for testing at UCLA
 - Low power C-band cryogenic properties, anomaly <20 deg K
 - Cool-down dynamics, alignment
 - Cryogenic photo-emission test stand
- Implications for C³ gun and test cavities











Common issues for linear accelerator sections

- Advantage: strong RF focusing.
 - Example in Radiabeam GRIT project, same linac structure, 40% of gradient
 - Inherent aspect of emittance control



• Testing new model for emittance dilution from wakefields, space-charge



- New code to simulate short-range BBU
- Extension to long range wakes in C³

Micro- (meso-) Undulator

- Advanced manufacturing methods (MEMS)
- Cryo-undulator (Pr, Dy based) already a mature technology (RadiaBeam)
 - 6-9 mm period
 - Up to 2 T fields, narrow gap
- Application to positron sourcery in LCs
- Useful at LCLS?

Proposed manufacturing of few mm-period Halbach array MEMS 0.4 mm period microundulator

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Pr-based 7 mm period cryo-undulator





Avoiding resistive wall wakefields in undulator

- Sub-mm gap can provoke large resistive wakes in undulator
- Periodic microbunching alleviates this problem
- Also under study for MaRIE >40 keV XFEL; key advantage in both cases
- Applicable to LCLS-X, positron source for LC



Leveraging the present to the future

UCLA

- UC-XFEL should be realized
 - High impact photon science
 - C3 demonstrator
- UCLA SAMURAI Lab
 - \$5M construction, \$7M legacy eqpt.
- Investments from agencies
 - DOE HEP (injector); DARPA (C-band); NSF CBB (dynamics, cryo-emission test stand); DOE NNSA (MaRIE FEL)
- Utilize collaborative expertise
 - UCLA, SLAC, UCB, LANL, Cornell Rome, UNM, ASU, INFN, FAMU, PSI, RadiaBeam, Pulsar
 - Concentrate on key techniques
- Major funding:
 - DOE BES EFRC
 - NSF STC



NSF STC: HELCAT

- High Energy Lightsources from Compact Accelerator Techniques (HELCAT)
- UCLA, Stanford/SLAC, Cornell, Berkelely, NIU, NMU, FSU
- Theme: intersection of advanced accelerators and new light sources
 - Formal mechanism for creating umbrella for UC-XFEL/C³
 - Extend 5th gen light source collaboration beyond cryo-RF approach
 - Theme areas: high gradient structures; plasma acceleration; FEL/applications
- ~\$3M/year funding
 - Structure like CBB, major emphasis on student/post-doc funding, networking
 - Total of ~30 funded participants
- Preproposal due on February 1