Seeded FLASH spectrum, chirp and pulse duration at once

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- The seeded FEL project "sFLASH"
- Single XUV pulse THz streaking
- A-priori pulse phase shaping results
- Amplitude and phase reconstruction of sFLASH pulse



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sFLASH layout and operation



High Gain Harmonic Generation (HGHG) seeding



THz streaking diagnostic setup



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First streaking data of seeded FLASH (8th Harm., 37.2eV in Argon)



¹A. Azima et al, New J. Phys. **20** 013010 (2018)



Evaluation of chirp and pulse duration of seeded FLASH

$$\tau_{XUV} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{+,decon}^{2} \cdot s_{-} + \sigma_{-,decon}^{2} \cdot s_{+}}{(s_{+} + s_{-}) \cdot s_{+}s_{-}}}$$

$$c = \frac{\sigma_{+,decon}^2 \cdot s_-^2 - \sigma_{-,decon}^2 \cdot s_+^2}{4s_+s_- \cdot (s_+ + s_-) \cdot \tau_{XUV}^2}$$

with $\sigma_{\pm,decon} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\pm}^2 - \sigma_0^2}$, s_{\pm} widths of the deconvolved streaked spectra and for the streaking speeds (i.e. the slopes) each measured at the inflexion points O_{\pm} and unstreaked O_0 respectively as defined before

Using the averaged values for $\sigma_{\pm,0}$, we have deduced^1

$$\tau_{XUV,rms} = (58 \pm 7.5) fs$$
 $c = (-1.9 \pm 0.8) \frac{THz}{fs}$





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Another THz streaking with seeded pulses on 8th harmonic (37.2eV)



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Beam transport and experimental setup

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A-priori chirping of the seeded FEL



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Un-chirped seed pulse (266nm)



No glass plate

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CHIRPED seed pulse (266nm)



with 4.4mm UV fused silica inserters in the optical seed pulse adding 870fs² of GDD

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Evaluation of chirp with and without pre-chirping

$$\tau_{XUV} = \sqrt{\frac{s_{-}(\sigma_{+,decon}^{2}) + s_{+}(\sigma_{-,decon}^{2})}{(s_{-}s_{+})(s_{-}+s_{+})}}$$

$$s_{+} = 12.3 \frac{meV}{fs}, \qquad s_{-} = 17.7 \frac{meV}{fs},$$

no glass plate $\sigma_{+} = (1.056 \pm 0.10) eV$ $\sigma_{-} = (1.45 \pm 0.17) eV$ $\sigma_{0} = (0.51 \pm 0.11) eV$

 $\tau_{XUV,RMS} = (72 \pm 9) fs$

 $c_{XUV} = (-0.1 \pm 0.2) \frac{THz}{fs}$

with 4.4mm glass plate $\sigma_{+} = (1.08 \pm 0.14) eV$ $\sigma_{-} = (1.18 \pm 0.2) eV$ $\sigma_{0} = (0.39 \pm 0.07) eV$

 $\tau_{XUV,RMS} = (67 \pm 8) fs$

$$c_{XUV} = (+0.27 \pm 0.2) \frac{THz}{fs}$$

 $GDD = (300^{+650}_{-120}) fs^2$

$$c = \frac{(\sigma_{+,decon}^2)s_-^2 - (\sigma_{-,decon}^2)s_+^2}{4(s_-s_+)(s_-+s_+)\tau_{XUV}^2}$$



The normal chirp of the optical seed pulse is transferred to the seeded FEL.

And the seeded FEL pulse becomes slightly shorter with glass.



Recent results

Observed first indication for successful a-priori phase control of seeded FLASH FEL pulses and wanted to repeat it in a systematic way.

 \rightarrow No showing recent results.



Upgrade to three ToF's finished



Thus, measuring τ_{XUV} and chirp c online and shotwise



THz streaking with seeded pulses on 7th harmonic (32.5eV)

Simultaneously measured streaking traces with both sign.





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THz streaking with seeded pulses on 7th harmonic (32.5eV)

28.01.2019 - Streaking-seeded - scan.019.largesignal - avg - not attn. Streaked spectra at delay time 0.1 ps 10 28 20 σ_{-} 8 26 electron kinetic energy [eV] plitude [a.u.] 15 6 1:21.2 X: 21.03 X: 15.31 4 Y: 3.172 Y: 2.655 10 am 2 $400\pm50~\text{fs}$ 18 0 16 Y: 16 -2 -450 -300 -150 0 150 300 450 600 750 -2.5 -2 0.5 2 2.5 3 -1.5 -1 -0.5 0 1.5 1 delay time [ps] time [fs]

~400fs FWHM ⇔ 170fs RMS >> 70fs RMS



1st ToF (A)

THz streaking with seeded pulses on 7th harmonic (32.5eV)

Delay scan - averaged traces







Evaluation of Non-Gaussian profile with Gaussian profile based model

$$\tau_{XUV} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{+,decon}^2 + \sigma_{-,decon}^2}{2s^2}}$$

$$c = \frac{(\sigma_{+,decon}^2) - (\sigma_{-,decon}^2)}{8s\tau_{XUV}^2}$$

$$s_+ = 13 \frac{meV}{fs}, \qquad s_- = 13 \frac{meV}{fs},$$

no glass plate

$$\sigma_{+} = (5.2 \pm 0.60) eV$$

 $\sigma_{-} = (5.9 \pm 0.6) eV$
 $\sigma_{0} = (0.8 \pm 0.1) eV$

 $\tau_{XUV,RMS} = (423 \pm 40) fs$

$$c_{XUV} = (-4.1 \pm 2) \frac{meV}{fs} = (-640 \pm 300) \frac{THz}{ps}$$



Non-Gaussian pulse profile in the seeded FEL pulse



UV enhanced glass plate "a-priori" chirping measurements





UV enhanced glass plate "a-priori" chirping measurements

First: 0mm, 1mm, 3mm and 5mm with a good quality signal measured at inflex. point





UV enhanced glass plate "a-priori" chirping measurements



Also a closer look reveals no significant systematic changes with inserted glass plates!



A systematic dependence of the pulse duration or shape from the applied chirp to the optical seed couldn't been observed.

Reasons are:

The XUV pulse duration was very high, up to 400fs FWHM and the applied chirp of only 8mm of UV-SQ glass didn't induce strong enough modulations on the optical seed as compared with the too large pulse duration.
 We had chosen only up to 8mm of glass, since in a previous experiment the power of the seeded EEL

We had chosen only up to 8mm of glass, since in a previous experiment the power of the seeded FEL dropped to zero for 12mm of glass.

 Calculations and measurements with LOLA traces have indicated, that 8mm of a-priori chirp should have been enough, if the FEL pulse duration were as short as had been measured in previous campaigns to only 130fs FWHM.

But why is the FEL pulse duration that large ?



Measuring the 266nm optical seed temporal pulse profile

Measurement of the optical seed pulse properties using the CAMP DFG single-shot cross-correlator scheme.





The optical seed pulse temporal profile



5 weeks delay between both measurements !



The optical seed pulse - 2019

~350fs width is much larger than that of the 40fs FWHM 800nm NIR pulse as input into the tripler. Reason for long 266nm pulses is yet unclear.

Possible explanations:

Optimization of tripler crystal tilt angles to achieve maximum output energy leads to long 266nm pulses, because in the last THG-BBO crystal strong different group velocities between 400nm and 800nm pulses exist.

→ must be further investigated (once the laser is repaired) and (2+1)D simulated





Treating Non-Gaussian XUV pulses

- The current theoretical model to determine pulse duration and chirp using two ToF's simultaneously bases on the assumption that the XUV pulse is mainly formed by a Gaussian temporal pulse profile only chirped with second order GVD.
- The recent measurements now demonstrate, that this assumptions is generally not justified.

How to deal with Non-Gaussian XUV pulses ?

... look into the attosecond-community.



The LSPGA code

(least square general projection algorithm)



Gagnon et. al., Appl. Phys. B, 92, 25-32 (2008)



Tried retrieval with LSPGA code ... trial #1



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... #2





... #3, but without real convergence.





Problem of limited ToF spectral resolution



Resolution of ToF spectrometer 0.45nm ⇔ (former) 0.5 eV FWHM

ToF resolution not high enough

 \rightarrow LSPGA code assumes too large bandwidth ⇔ too short pulses

 $\overline{\Delta \lambda_{FEL}} = (0.2 \pm 0.05) \, nm \Leftrightarrow \Delta t_{FEL,Fourier} = 8.3^{+3}_{-1.5} \, fs$ (FWHM)



Tried retrieval with LSPGA code "Attogram" (J. Gagnon)



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Numerical deconvolution of spectrometer function

In the year 1963, two Russian scientists have first time found a general solution for the "deconvolution" problem

 – called the "Tikhonov regularization for linear problems" - Tikhonov and Arsenin (1963 and 1977)

Method:

 $h(t) = f(t)^{\circ}g(t) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad H(\omega) = F(\omega) * G(\omega)$

→ $F(ω) = \frac{H(ω)}{G(ω)}$

→ problems with zeros of denominator $G(\omega)$ treated by a special approach of preparing the denominator (Hann window filtering, noise handling)



Numerical deconvolution of spectrometer function



Summary

> <u>Positive</u>

- > Observed first indication for successful a-priori phase control of seeded FLASH FEL pulses.
- > Upgraded THz setup with two more ToF's to measure pulse duration and chirp in a single shot.
- Observed a Non-Gaussian XUV pulse profile and tried to reconstruct amplitude and phase from THz streaking spectrograms.

Negative

- A systematic analysis and repetition of the a-priori chirp control hasn't worked yet, mainly because of too long XUV pulses due to too long 266nm optical seed pulses !
- The Non-Gaussian pulse reconstruction does not yet lead to stable and conclusive results, but the reasons for this non-convergence are identified !
- ➔ Next steps



Next steps - for a success of the "a-priori phase control" project

- Reduce the pulse duration of the 266nm optical seed pulse, as its too large pulse duration seems to be the reason for the too long seeded FEL pulses.
- Compare the THz streaked XUV pulse profiles with LOLA electron bunch modulation profiles to find differences or analogies ²
- Redo streaking with 8th harmonic and use more fused silica (up to 30mm) if XUV pulses stay that long.
- Retry the amplitude/phase reconstruction with "de-convoluted" spectra taken with ToF's spectral resolution at optimal design value of 0.2 eV FWHM with maximum retardation voltage ⇔ lower signal-to-noise ratio



² T. Plath et al, Scientific Reports 7, 2431 (2017)

Outlook

BMBF project evaluation (maybe) leads to the grant of one PhD student position to focus on

"Amplitude and phase retrieval of EEHG seeded FEL pulses using the THz streaking method"

In case of a positive decision, the student will further optimize and reprogram the LSPGA code to match it to the seeded HGHG FLASH situation (mainly implement a limited ToF spectral resolution and make it 64bit ready) and apply it to the future EEHG seeded FEL pulses at 10th or 11th harmonic order to fully reconstruct phase and amplitude of the coherent seeded FLASH pulses !!



END



>The LSPGA code in detail





Recursion equations for generating the retrieved pulse and gate

$$P_{j} = \frac{\sum_{m} S_{j,m} G_{j+L(m-1)}^{*}}{\sum_{m} |G_{j+L(m-1)}|^{2}},$$
$$G_{k} = \frac{\sum_{n} S_{k-L(n-1),n} P_{k-L(n-1)}^{*}}{\sum_{n} |P_{k-L(n-1)}|^{2}},$$

with

$$j = 1...N_{\varepsilon}, \ k = 1...N_{\varepsilon} + L(N_{\tau} - 1),$$

$$m = \operatorname{Max}\left(1, \left\lceil \frac{R - j + 1}{L} \right\rceil + 1\right)$$

$$...\operatorname{Min}\left(N_{\tau}, \left\lceil \frac{R - j}{L} \right\rceil + N_{\tau}\right), \ R = N_{\varepsilon}/2$$

$$n = \operatorname{Max}\left(1, \left\lceil \frac{k - N_{\varepsilon}}{L} \right\rceil + 1\right)...\operatorname{Min}\left(N_{\tau}, \left\lceil \frac{k}{L} \right\rceil\right)$$



Former DFG cross-correlation

measurement



The optical seed pulse - 2016

Pulse duration measurement of the 266nm seed pulse using a single-shot line DFG cross-correlator setup combined with a 800nm autocorrelator.



 $\sqrt{(205fs)^2 - (72fs)^2} \sim 200fs FWHM \pm 10\% > 136fs FWHM$ of XUV (from THz streak.)



>Guoy phase shift



Influence of the Guoy phase shift



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Electron bunch based measurement method



Transverse Deflecting Structure



ile:



Microbunch instability

> Very poor and instable HGHG operation (< 1µJ)







Comparison with TDS measurement on electron bunch

Last seminar we presented a method how to estimate the XUV light pulse duration from a TDS electron bunch energy streak trace.



 TDS:
 $\tau_{XUV,RMS} = 57fs \pm 22\%$

 THz:
 $\tau_{XUV,RMS} = 53fs \pm 13\%$

A direct comparison of the widths histograms shows comparability of both measurement methods.

(But a single shot correlation didn't succeed)



Transverse Deflecting Structure



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>Vector potential determination



... with electro optical sampling



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THz streaking with seeded pulses on 8th harmonic (33.5eV)



Gulliemakis, et. al., SCIENCE, vol 305, 08/2004

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Single shot results



Single shot analysis – overview







Streaking theory – semiclassical model

W is the energy modulation from the quiver field, which can be calculated analytically:

$$W = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} = \frac{\left(\vec{p}_0 + e \int_{t_i}^{\infty} \vec{E}_L\right)^2}{2m} \text{ with } E_L(t) = E_{THZ}(t) = E_{0,THZ}(t)\cos(\omega_{THZ}t + \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow W(t_i) = W_0 \pm \sqrt{8W_0 U_p(t_i) \sin(\varphi_i)}$$

Ponderomotive energy
$$\hbar \omega_{THz} \ll U_p(t) = \frac{e^2 E_{0,THz}^2(t)}{4m_e \omega_{THz}^2} \ll W_0$$
 (!)

Unstreaked kinetic energy
$$W_0 = \frac{\overline{p_0}^2}{2m} = \hbar \omega_{XUV} - I_{pot} \gg 0$$
 (!!)

(Polarization of \vec{E}_L parallel to \vec{v} electrons)



ITATANI et. al., Physical Review Letters, vol 88, Nr. 17, 2002

Streaking theory – semiclassical model

Inserting
$$U_p(t) = \frac{e^2 E_{0,THz}^2(t)}{4m_e \omega_{THz}^2}$$
 into $W(t) = W_0 \pm \sqrt{8W_0 U_p(t)} \sin(\omega_{THz} t)$

leads to
$$W(t) \approx W_0 \pm e_{\sqrt{\frac{2W_0}{m_e}}} \frac{E_{0,THZ}(t)}{\omega_{THZ}}} \sin(\omega_{THZ}t) = W_0 \pm e_{\sqrt{\frac{2W_0}{m_e}}} A(t)^{*}$$

$$E_{THZ}(t) = \frac{1}{e} \sqrt{\frac{m_e}{2W_0}} s(t)$$
 , with streaking speed $s(t) = \frac{\partial W(t)}{\partial t}$



* Gulliemakis, et. al., SCIENCE , vol 305, 08/2004

Streaking theory – Gaussian pulse with linear chirp

> a quantum mechanical model assuming a linearly chirped XUV pulse

$$E_{XUV}(t) = E_{XUV}^0 e^{-a(t-t_0)^2} e^{i(\omega_0(t-t_0)+c(t-t_0)^2)}$$

with the two unknown parameters chirp parameter c and pulse duration $\tau_{XUV} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}}$ leads to the relation

$$\sigma_{\pm} = \sqrt{\sigma_0^2 + \tau_{XUV}^2 s_{eff}^2} \qquad \text{with effective streaking speed} \\ s_{eff} = \sqrt{s^2 \pm 4cs}$$

with the widths of the spectra σ_{\pm} at each inflexion point of the streaking trace W(t).



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Streaking theory – Gaussian pulse with linear chirp

From the two formula $\sigma_{\pm} = \sqrt{\sigma_0^2 + \tau_{XUV}^2 (s^2 \pm 4cs)}$ one obtains two equations to determine τ_{XUV} and chirp paramter c

$$\tau_{XUV} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{+,decon}^2 + \sigma_{-,decon}^2}{2s^2}}$$

$$c = \frac{(\sigma_{+,decon}^2) - (\sigma_{-,decon}^2)}{8s\tau_{XUV}^2}$$

with the de-convoluted widths

$$\sigma_{\pm,decon} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\pm}^2 - \sigma_0^2}$$

Frühling, J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys.44 (2011)



Streaking theory – Temporal resolution

For the simple case of equal spectral widths $\sigma_{+} = \sigma_{-}$ one obtains the intuitive formula

$$\tau_{XUV} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{+,decon}^2 + \sigma_{-,decon}^2}{2s^2}} = \frac{\sigma_{decon}}{s}$$

, from which one obtains for the **temporal resolution** τ_{res} of the THz transient field streak camera with the unstreaked width σ_0 (as for every streak camera)

$$\tau_{res} = \frac{\sigma_0}{s}$$



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Streaking theory – Gaussian pulse with linear chirp

In case of asymmetric streaking with two different streaking speeds $|s_{\pm}|$, the situation becomes more complex.

From the two formula
$$\sigma_{\pm} = \sqrt{\sigma_0^2 + \tau_{XUV}^2 (s_{\pm}^2 \pm 4c |s_{\pm}|)}$$
 follows

$$\tau_{XUV} = \sqrt{\frac{s_{-}(\sigma_{+,decon}^{2}) + s_{+}(\sigma_{-,decon}^{2})}{(s_{-}s_{+})(s_{-}+s_{+})}}$$

$$c = \frac{(\sigma_{+,decon}^2)s_- - (\sigma_{-,decon}^2)s_+}{4(s_-s_+)(s_- + s_+)\tau_{XUV}^2}$$

$$\tau_{XUV} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{+,decon}^2 + \sigma_{-,decon}^2}{2s^2}} \qquad c = \frac{(\sigma_{+,decon}^2) - (\sigma_{-,decon}^2)}{8s\tau_{XUV}^2}}$$



Streaking theory – Gaussian pulse with linear chirp

For the simple case of equal streaking speed $s_+ = s_$ one obtains from the denominator $(s_-s_+)(s_- + s_+) = 2s^3$ and thus again



$$c = \frac{(\sigma_{+,decon}^2) - (\sigma_{-,decon}^2)}{8s\tau_{XUV}^2}$$



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