Laser Compton scattering photon beams and other X-ray and gamma-ray sources

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Compton back scattering technique



E_{.,}, GeV

Compton back scattering history

1963 – F.Arutunyan, V.Tumanyan. JETF 44 (1963) 6, 2100. R.H.Milburn, Phys.Rev.Lett. 10 (1963) 3, 75

- 1964 Moscow (Lebedev FIAN) first experimental evidence
- 1976 Frascati (LADONE ADONE) photonuclear physics
- 1984 Novosibirsk Budker INP (ROKK 1,2 VEPP 3,4) meson photoproduction
- 1988 Brookhaven BNL (LEGS NSLS)
- 1995 Grenoble (GRAAL ESRF)
- 1998 Osaka (LEPS Spring-8)
- 2000 Duke (HIgS)

New history: FEMTOSECIND LASER DRIVEN GAMMA SOURCES

QED non-linear effects in photonuclear processes:

Delbruck scattering

Photon splitting

Coulomb dissociation



PHYSICS OF STRONG ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS:

Photo — and electrofisson of actinide nuclei with low energy and momentum transfer (Z $\alpha \sim 1$) EM dissociation of relativistic nuclei (maximal EM fields at laboratory conditions) Femtosecond laser induced photonuclear reactions (relativistic EM field)

Synchrotron radiation at storage rings Brightness and total intensity



Relativistic electromagnetic fields produced by femtosecond laser

Mourou G., Tajima T., Bulanov S.V. // Review of Modern Physics. 2006. V.78. P.309-371

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Time duration — to 10<sup>-15</sup> s (femtosecond)
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Wave packet length — to 10 \mum (10 wave lengths)
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Pulse energy - to 100 J, power - to 10<sup>15</sup> Wt (petawatt).
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Focus on radius of 10 \mum provides W = 10<sup>20</sup> Wt/cm<sup>2</sup>
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Electric field strength E = 10^{12} \text{ V/cm}
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(For comparison: in the hidrogen field $E = 10^9$ V/см., at mica breakdown - 10⁶ V/см Uranium field $E = 10^{11}$ V/сm, with relativistic compression – up to 10^{12} v/cm).

At E ~10¹¹ V/cm, respectively W ~10¹⁸ BT/cm² ($\lambda = 1 \mu m$) electron is accelerated to relativistic velosity being closed to the light one. Therefore such field is defined as the relativistic one .

Nevertheless, direct photonuclear reactions (nuclear excitations) are forbidden.

Quasi-monoenergetic and tunable X-rays from a laser-driven Compton light source N. D. Powers, I. Ghebregziabher, G. Golovin, C. Liu, S. Chen, S. Banerjee, J. Zhang and D. P. Nature photonics letters, PUBLISHED ONLINE: 24 NOVEMBER 2013 | DOI: 10.1038/NPHOTON.2013.314



X-ray phase contrast imaging of biological specimens with femtosecond pulses of betatron radiation from a compact laser plasma wakefield (кильватер) accelerator S. Kneip, C. McGuffey, F. Dollar, M. S. Bloom, V. Chvykov et al. Appl. Phys. Lett. 99, 093701 (2011)



•Hercules laser at the Center for Ultrafast Optical Science at the Uni.of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

•W = $2*10^{19}$ W/cm² (Limit of 10^{20} ; MSU – $2*10^{18}$), E = 2 J (MSU - 20mJ)

•fully ionized plasma densities of 3*10¹⁸ cm³.

•Electron beams of 100 pC charge and peak energy of 120 MeV ($\Delta E/E = 3\%$) - 10¹² е/имп

•X-ray beam divergence is measured to be 5–15 mrad,

•The x-rays intensity source size as determined with a penumbral imaging technique is found to be 1_3 lm,

•= 10⁶ photons/mrad² from x-ray calorimetry measurements with a ccd camera

•The x-rays spectrum is consistent with a broad synchrotron like spectrum with average photon energy (critical energy) of $E_{crit} = 10$ keV.

•ultrashort 30 fs burst of x-rays 10 keV, with a peak brightness of 10²² ph/s/mm2/mrad2/0.1% bandwidth, comparable to conventional 3rd generation synchrotrons, making possible high contrast imaging in a single shot

Wake field accelerator High intensity $I_m > 10^{19}$ Wt/cm²



Green area in the center – wake field : leading pulse bubble = positive charge field

Wake accelerating field strength

 $E_0 = cm\omega_p/e$

Where c – light velocity, e and m- electron charge and mass, ω_p – plasma frequency

Using $\omega_p = (4\pi ne^2/m)^{1/2}$, where n is a plasma density,

 $E_0[B/M] = 96 n^{1/2} [CM^{-3}]$

At n =
$$10^{18}$$
 cm⁻³, E₀ = 100 GeV/m

1) 10²² ph/s/mm^{2/}mrad²/0.1% bandwidth, 10 mrad, collimation of 4.5 mrad

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2) 3 × 10¹⁸ photons s⁻¹ mm⁻² mrad⁻² (per 0.1% bandwidth), 5–15 mrad. Quasi-monoenergetic and tunable X-rays from a laser-driven Compton light source N. D. Powers, I. Ghebregziabher, G. Golovin, C. Liu, S. Chen, S. Banerjee, J. Zhang and D. P. Umstadter* Nature photonics letters (Nov. 2013) p.1-4.



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- •X-ray absorption contrast image of
- •a an orange tetra fish
- •b- a damselfly
- •[x=2,79 m]
- •x-ray phase ontrast image of•c- a damselfly
- •d a yellow jacket.
- •[x = 0,44 m]

•Images are taken with betatron radiation from a laser wakefield accelerator. The spectrum is synchrotron like with E_{crit} , 10 keV.

•The phase contrast images are taken in a single shot 30 fs exposure.



Single shot 30 fs exposure x-ray phase contrast image of the head of a damselfly. Notice details of the compound eye (1), exoskeleton (2), and leg with hairs (3).

Each laser pulse delivers
30 fs burst of x-rays 10 keV,
with a peak brightness of 10²² ph/s/mm²/mrad² /0.1% bandwidth,
comparable to conventional 3rd generation synchrotrons, making possible high contrast imaging in a single shot.



contrast

lineout position [µm]



X-Ray imaging: Three color optics

Medical Applications of Synchrotron Radiation / Eds M. Ando, C. Uyama. Tokyo, 1998

Simultaneously:

Absorption (Ab) Refraction (An - "Dark field") Phase contrast (P1,P2),

S – splitter *MI*, *MII* – mirrors



Conventional refraction contrast X-Ray diagnostics

1. Medical Applications of Synchrotron Radiation / Eds M. Ando, C. Uyama. Tokyo, 1998. 2 S.Shilstein e.a. // Surface:X-ray, synchrotron and neutron researches , 1996, №3, 231-241.

Experimental scheme:

- synchrotron radiation beam,
 crystal monochromator,
- 3- crystal analyzer,
- 4- object,
- 5- detector.



Crystal analyser-based X-ray phase contrast imaging in the dark field: implementation and evaluation using excised tissue specimens M.Ando e.a. European Radiology (2013) ISSN 0938-7994

Objectives: the soft tissue discrimination capability of X-ray dark-field imaging (XDFI) using a variety of human tissue specimens.

Methods: The experimental setup for XDFI comprises an Xray source, an asymmetrically cut Bragg-type monochromator-collimator (MC), a Laue-case angle analyser (LAA) and a CCD camera. The specimen is placed between the MC and the LAA. For the light source, we used the beamline BL14C on a 2.5-GeV storage ring in the KEK Photon Factory, Tsukuba,Japan.

Results: In the eye specimen, phase contrast images from XDFI were able to discriminate soft-tissue structures, such as the iris, separated by aqueous humour on both sides, which have nearly equal absorption. Superiority of XDFI in imaging soft tissue was further demonstrated with a diseased iliac artery containing atherosclerotic plaque and breast samples with benign and malignant tumours. XDFI on breast tumours discriminated between the normal and diseased terminal dictlobular unit and between invasive and in-situ cancer.

Conclusions: X-ray phase, as detected by XDFI, has superior contrast over absorption for soft tissue processes such as atherosclerotic plaque and breast cance



Refraction contrast

Scattering angle on the air – object boundary at geometry optics approximation :

 $\delta \alpha = (1 - n) \cdot \operatorname{ctg} \alpha$

Refraction factor for boundary of organic tissue and air :

$$(1 - n) = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-6} \lambda^2$$
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Where α — angle between the proton beam and refraction surface, *n* — *refraction index*, λ — wave length (angstroms).

Image contrast depends on the density gradient, therefore the image has clearly marked sharp boundaries

Refraction imaging of the mammography fantom at KSRS X-Ray Energy is variable from 10 to 40 keV, Flux is 10¹¹ cm⁻² s⁻¹ in the energy bin of 0.1 %. Beam height is variable from 1 to 150 mm, width 150 mm. Angular resolution 0.1 s. *S.Shilstein e.a. Surface, X-ray, synchrotron,, neutron researches.* 1996, №3, 231-241.



- 1 X-ray beam,
- 2- monochromator,
- 3 analyzer

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- 4 sample[,]
- 5 detector,
- 6 image

| размер мм | № по Рис.3 | без корпуса | в корпусе | | |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|--|--|
| 0.16 | | | | | |
| 0.24 | 11 | | | | |
| 0.32 | 12 | | | | |
| 0.54 | 6 | | | | |

Табл.2 Рефракционные изображения фрагментов фантома с частицами Al₇O₅ (модель микрокальцинатов).

Phantom fragment images (1x1 cm²), simulating mammography implements (from MEDIANA medical station at KSRS S.Shilstein e.a. Surface, X-ray, synchrotron,, neutron researches. 1996, №3, 231-241.





Medical densitometer DENIS

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Computer

CCD detector (under the table)

Table

X-Ray tube

Image of bone with the protez Medical densitometer DENIS



Bone (thigh)

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Implantant (osteo-protez)

Calibrator

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AGE FACTOR: bone density dynamics for women of different ages vs time after operation (months)



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SMOKING FACTOR: bone density dynamics for smoking and non smoking women vs time after operation (months)



Refraction contrast – bone bioptat

Cortical structure of the bone: SIgnature of the Osteoporosis

Refraction (upper image) and absorption





Image contrast and absorbed dose for refraction and absorption diagnostics

| Энергия (кэВ) | 15 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 |
|--|------|------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Длина волны (А) | 0.83 | 0.62 | 0.41 | 0.18 | 0.14 |
| Число фотонов/мм ² .сек (х 10 ¹¹) | 7.8 | 3.5 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.07 |
| Контраст, % (рефракция) | 18 | 15 | 11 | 8 | 7 |
| Контраст, % (поглощение) | 1,3 | 0,5 | 0,1 | 0,06 | 0,04 |
| Доза, рад (рефракция) | 19 | 1.10^{2} | 4.10-4 | 2.10-4 | 2.10-4 |
| Доза, рад (поглощение) | 93 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 |

Объект - маммографическиф фантом:

капроновая леска диаметром 1 мм внутри цилиндра воды диаметром 10 см.

FS laser Facilities (2011)

| Firm, contry | t,fs | P, 10 ¹² Wt | I, 10 ¹⁸ Wt/sm ² |
|--------------------------------|------|------------------------|--|
| 1 Lawrence Nat. Lab. (USA) | 500 | 1000 | 100 |
| 2 California Univ. (USA) | 30 | 50 | 50 |
| 3 Michigan Univ. (USA) | 30 | 40 | 20 |
| 4 Texas Univ. (USA) | 35 | 20 | 0.2 |
| 5 Rutherford Lab. (GB) | 500 | 1000 | 100 |
| 6 Astra (GB) | 40 | 40 | 3 |
| 7 ILE (Japan) | 500 | 1000 | 100 |
| 8 AEA (Japan) | 30 | 500 | 100 |
| 9 MBI (Germany) | 30 | 100 | 10 |
| 10 ATLAS (Germany) | 100 | 30 | 1 |
| 11 LULI (France) | 30 | 100 | 10 |
| 12 LOA (France) | 30 | 100 | 10 |
| 13 LUND (Sweden) | 30 | 30 | 10 |
| 14 CIO (China) | 500 | 1000 | 100 |
| 15 NIKI (Russia,Sosnovi Bor) | 1000 | 40 | 10 |
| 16 IPF (Russia, N.Novgorod) | 40 | 560 | 100 |
| 17 MLC MSU (Russia, Moscow) | 50 | 10 | 2,5 |
| 18 TSNIImash (Russia, Korolev) | 1500 | 10 | 2 |
| 19 GOI (Russia, S.Petersburg) | 1500 | 5 | 1 |
| 20 VNIITF (Russia, Chelabinsk) | 1500 | 5 | 1 |
| 21 IOFAN (Russia, Moscow) | 40 | 0.5 | 1 |

Experimental setup: ILC MSU¹, INR RAS², FIAN ³

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1 – laser radiation, 2 – vacuum chamber, 3 – off-axis parabola, 4 –target on a motorized 3D translation stage, 5 – lead blocks and collimator, 6 – X-ray detector in single quantum regime, 7 – X-ray yield monitor

Laser parameters: 50 fs, 10mJ, 800 nm, 10Hz, peak intensity 2.10¹⁸ W/cm² contrast on the nanosecond time scale - 2.10⁻⁶

Laser facility at ILC MSU Reaction chamber

Wave length 800 nm, Impulse length 50 fc, Frequency 10 Hz, Pulse energy 50 mJ, Focusing diameter 4 µm.

Beam intensity on the target 10^{19} W/cm², being equivalent to the electron quasi-temperature of ~1 M₂B.



Runs /03/2013

•FIXED parameters Laser Ti-Saphire 805 нм, 10 Hz Target Fe Contrast - 10⁻⁸ * Polarization Pre-pulse 12.5 ps, 12,5 ns (см.figure)

•VARIABLE parameters : Energy $5*10^{17}$ - $2*10^{18}$ Duration 45 - 170 fs Filters Cu 0.5 - 3.6 MM Cu2 MM , Pb 6 mm, Shield Pb 50 mm

Correlation function (2012 – black, 2013 – red).



A. Turinge, A. Rusakov, A. Savel'ev, A. Brantov, V. Bychenkov. Simulation of bremsstrahlung from interaction of a femtosecond terawatt laser pulses with matter Proc.EMIN-2012,167- 171



First preliminary experimental results: ΔE -E spectra for electrons and gammas with energy up to 2.5 MeV









Photon spectra at different conditions

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run 3 : Target – Fe, E = 19.5 mJ, t = 45 fs. run 4 : Target – Cu



Dependence of photon spectrum on the laser pulse length filter Cu 3.6 мм Single photon regime

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Study of electromagnetic radiation from the iron target, irradiated by femtosecond laser pulses, NUCLEUS -2013, Friday, Section V, Mephi, Moscow



Dependence of photon spectrum on pulse energy , filter Cu 3.6 mm A.V.Rusakov

Study of electromagnetic radiation from the iron target, irradiated by femtosecond laser pulses , Friday, Section V



Experiment and simulations Single photon regime

Squares – photon energy spectrum (experimental results);

Below: Backgrounds from lead blocks, chamber walls etc.)

Straight lines – approximation (slope of two exponents)



Mechanisms of femtosecond laser electron acceleration at low intensity

- A.V.Andreev, V.M.Gordienko, A.B.Savel'ev. "Nuclear processes in the high temperature plasma induced by the super short laser pulse" Quantum electronics 31,11 (2001) 941-956.
- "At energy concentration of 10¹¹ J/cm³ the energy transfer to separated atom can exceed 10 MeV while the binding energy for nucleon is near 8 MeV".

High temperature electron production mechanisms (atomic processes) at relatively low intensity $I_m < 10^{17}$ Wt/cm² :

- Resonance absorption, $\lambda/L > 1$
- Vacuum heat, $\lambda L < 1$
- Anomalous skin-effect λL << 1

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 $L = (dlnN_e/dz)^{-1}$

Future close tasks for ILC MSU team

New experimental results and systematization: photon spectra at different parameters.

Diagnostics of products in the separated laser shot : electron spectrometer inside the vacuum chamber

Electron magnetic spectrometer project



Radiation point 10 x 10 μc diameter Electron energy of 10 keV till 50 MeV. Electron pulse flux to 10⁶ ./s , frequency 10 Hz

Energy ranges for 1% resolution : 100 — 1000 keV, 1 — 10 MeV, 10 — 50 MeV.

Other gamma ray sources : Ground-based observations of thunderstorm-correlated fluxes of high-energy electrons, gamma rays, and neutrons A. Chilingarian e.a. PHYSICAL REVIEW D 82, 043009 (2010)



FIG. 7. Unfolded electron and gamma ray spectra fitted by exponential and power functions.

Первые лабораторные наблюдения нейтронных вспышек в разрядах (с кристаллическими дейтерированными мишенями)

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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Observation of Neutron Bursts Produced by Laboratory High-Voltage Atmospheric Discharge

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For the first time the emission of neutron bursts in the process of high-voltage discharge in air was observed. Experiments were carried out at an average electric field strength of $\sim 1 \text{ MV} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$ and discharge current of $\sim 10 \text{ kA}$. Two independent methods (CR-39 track detectors and plastic scintillation detectors) registered neutrons within the range from thermal energies up to energies above 10 MeV and with an average flux density of $\geq 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2}$ per shot inside the discharge zone. Neutron generation occurs at the initial phase of the discharge and correlates with x-ray generation. The data obtained allow us to assume that during the discharge fast neutrons are mainly produced.

J.Sentoku, V.Y.Bychenkov e.a. High energy ion generation in interaction of short laser pulse with high density plasma Appl.Phys.B 74 (2002) 207-216.

Gamma and neutron sources Isotope production Nuclear physics and photonuclear reactions Relativistic Ion beams Astrophysics simulations Hadron therapy

Non equilibrium plasma temperature ?

Solar temperature is less than 10 keV;

Respectively - 13,5 * 10⁶ degree



FIGURE 6 Hot-electron temperature at the solid plasma surface versus the laser intensity at 80 fs

Nuclear processes in high temperature plasma, induced by super short laser pulse

A.Andreev, V.Gordienko, A.Saveljev. Quantum electronics 31,11. 2001, 941-956 Electron beams energy exceeds 1 GeV, proton and ion beams energy - 50 MeV per nucleon.



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Photonuclear view: linear QED

Compton photon scattering amplitude, dispersion relations

Total photoabsorption cross section

 $f = e'*e f_1(w) + i w\sigma e'* x e f_2(w)$

e – EM field calibration invariant operator,

 σ – nucleon spin operator.

At **w** = **0** (low energy theorem):

$$f1(0) = -(a / Z^2 / M), f2(0) = (a k^2 / 2M^2)$$

M - mass, $a = e^2 / 4\pi = 1/137$

eZ – electric charge,

k - nucleon anomalous magnetic moment

 $f_1(0) = -(\alpha / Z^2 / M) + \omega^2 / 2\pi^2 \sigma_{tot}(w') / f(\omega') d\omega'$ $f_2(0) = (\alpha k^2 / 2M^2) + \omega^2 / 2\pi^2 \Delta \sigma_{tot}(\omega') / \phi(\omega') d\omega' / \omega'$



 $E_{\gamma} = hc/\lambda$



Summary

- Fields of application for different type X-ray and gamma sources are different and they will be developed separately.
- At present we do not know the FS laser secondary beams applications completely. How to use the principal feature of secondary FS pulse radiation for biology or medicine purposes i?
- Micro beam radiation therapy ?
- In any case and first of all we have to solve fundamental problems:
- What is a wave packet of 10¹⁵ photons in the three dimension scale? Transversal dimension of the photon?

- FS photonuclear facilities future is more optimistic direction than plasma thermonuclear reactor?
- 20 years plus

So, for the FS laser driven X-ray and gamma source project we have still more questions than answers

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