

# The XLS-CompactLight Design Study

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- ✓ Introduction: (two) Free-Electron Laser (FEL) applications
- ✓ The XLS-CompactLight project
- Technology driver: short period undulators
- ✓ User driver: FEL performance
- ✓ Conclusions & outlook















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#### FEL: an accelerator to investigate matter





Two target X-ray FEL applications (out of many\*):

- 1. Chemical properties through magnetic polarization
- 2. Coherent diffraction imaging of biological samples

\*A. Mak, P. Salén, V. Goryashko and J.A. Clarke, *FEL Science Requirements and Facility Design*, https://www.compactlight.eu/uploads/Main/D2.1\_XLS\_Specification.pdf







# X-ray magnetic properties of materials Compac



G. van der Laan & A.I. Figueroa / Coordination Chemistry Reviews **277** (2014) 95 X-ray magnetic circular dichroism (XMCD) is the difference of X-ray absorption spectra (XAS) taken in a magnetic field:

left circularly polarized light – right circularly polarized light

- XMCD allows for element and site specific studies
- Great interest in ultrafast (< 1 ps) magnetic dynamics with switchable FEL polarization

Edge		3 <i>d</i> TM	4d TM	5 <i>d</i> TM
K	$1s \rightarrow p$	5-11 keV	17–27 keV	65-81 keV
$L_{2,3}$	$2p \rightarrow d$	450-950 eV	2-4 keV	9-14 keV
$M_{2,3}$	$3p \rightarrow d$	30-125 eV	150–650 eV	1.7–3 keV
N <sub>2,3</sub>	$4p \rightarrow d$	-	-	380-610 eV





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### Coherent imaging of biological samples





Coherent photons hit the sample, creating a diffraction pattern

The detector image is the Fourier Transform of the sample electron density

# **3D images** are obtained processing several diffraction patterns

The sample is destroyed by the FEL photons shot, so many identical samples are needed

Ideal technique to get 3D images of viruses in their native environment





#### X-ray FEL virus 3D reconstruction







- The XLS Collaboration gathers several International Institutions with the aim at promoting design and construction of the next generation FEL sources with innovative accelerator technologies
- The objective is the design of a 5.5 GeV beam energy X-band Linac, based on the CLIC technology, to drive an FEL facility with Soft and Hard X-ray options





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The main goal is to facilitate the widespread development of X-ray FEL facilities across Europe and beyond, by making them more affordable to construct and operate through the optimum combination of accelerator technologies

We plan to use of the most advanced concepts for:

- High brightness electron photoinjectors
- Very high gradient accelerating structures

 Novel short period undulators





The more compact FEL  $\rightarrow$  the more affordable and easy-to-implement facility  $\rightarrow$  fit any University campus





















Parameter	Unit	Soft x-ray FEL	Hard x-ray FEL	
Photon energy	keV	0.25 - 2.0	2.0 - 16.0	
Wavelength	nm	5.0 - 0.6	0.6 - 0.08	
Repetition rate	Hz	100 to 1000	100	
Pulse duration	fs	0.1 - 50		
Pulse energy	mJ	< 0.3		
Polarization		Variable - Selectable		
Two-pulse delay	fs	± 100		
Two-color separation	%	20	10	
Synchronization	fs	< 10		

FEL parameter wishlist (from users' requirements and science cases):

- Repetition rate up to 1 kHz
- > Two colors operation
- > Simultaneous SXR HXR operation

In addition: a peak brilliance of about 10<sup>31</sup> SXR - 10<sup>33</sup> HXR photons/s/mm<sup>2</sup>/mrad<sup>2</sup>/0.1%BW

Beam Parameters							
Parameter	Unit	Hard X-rays		Soft X-rays			
Beam Energy	GeV	5.5	3.9	2.75	1.95	1.37	0.97
Photon Energy Range	keV	16 - 8	8 - 4	4 - 2	2 - 1	1 - 0.5	0.5 - 0.25
Minimum Peak Current	kA	5.0	2.5	1.5	0.925	0.65	0.35
RMS Slice Energy Spread	%	0.01	0.014	0.02	0.028	0.04	0.056
Normalised Emittance	mm-mrad	0.2					
Bunch Charge	рС	75					

#### 3 discrete beam working points:







#### Linac baseline layout













 $K = \frac{eB\lambda_u}{2\pi m_e c} \simeq 0.94 \text{ B[T]} \lambda_u [cm] \rightarrow \text{resonant wavelength}$ 

Magnetic field also a function of  $\lambda_{u}$ , and gap

 $B \propto \exp \left| -a \left( \frac{g}{\lambda_u} \right) + b \left( \frac{g}{\lambda_u} \right)^2 \right|$ 

$$\lambda_R = \frac{\lambda_u}{2\gamma^2} \left( 1 + a_u^2 \right)$$

$$a_u = K/\sqrt{2} \, (a_u = K)$$

for planar (helical) undulators

oscillations are confined in a plane  $(\rightarrow$  linearly polarized light) or follow a helix  $(\rightarrow circularly polarized light)$ 

Several undulator configurations have been scrutinized and compared on the basis of technology readiness and FEL performance





PMU room temperature and cryogenic in-vacuum devices.

SCU low temperature NbTi and Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn structures.

SCU high temperature wound tapes and bulk structures.





### Undulator technology selection criteria Compac







- ✓ In general, SCUs provide larger magnetic field at the same gap, period → the same short wavelength (or high photon energy)
  will be covered with higher K strength and magnet field values
- ✓ This translates into a higher FEL interaction → higher photon pulse energy & shorter length by which the optimum (saturation)
  FEL power is reached at the end of the exponential growth: saturation length L<sub>sat</sub>

This expectation is confirmed by the FEL full 3D simulation with the XLS electron beam parameters









- ✓ Both Hard and Soft X-ray FEL lines should have the same undulator devices
- In both cases, a factor 2 wavelength tuning  $\checkmark$ (varying the magnet gap or the SC coil current) is requested
- The maximum peak brilliance and the shortest saturation length (would like a bright & compact source) are desired: maximum B/L<sub>sat</sub> ratio
- Each line curve is an undulator configuration or technology that is weighted by its B/L<sub>sat</sub> ratio: the most performant ones are high temperature superconducting devices, but they are not considered mature enough to be deployed in a FEL user facility
- ✓ The choice is a NbTi helical superconducting undulator





#### **Helical SCU design**







Period length	13	mm
Length (including matching periods)	1.755	mm
Magnetic gap	4.2	mm
Bmax on axis	1.09	Т

Winding trials ongoing at RAL on a 30 cm model, 13 mm period

Full former wound with copper wire, starting ← with SC wire

#### **Courtesy of B. Shepherd**











#### Important to have variable and selectable polarization, to operate XMCD experiments as an example

- I. Variable polarization undulator for the full undulator line
  - Straight-forward
  - Not achievable for some technologies (e.g. CPMU and SCU).
- II. Crossed undulator technique
  - Any undulator can be used.
  - Relatively low degree of polarisation.
- III. Undulator plus after-burner(AB)
  - Any undulator can be used.
  - The afterburner then sets the shortest wavelength achievable.

#### The choice is: scheme III

- ✓ Less expensive than scheme I
- ✓ More efficient than scheme II





- Helical SCU with fixed circular polarization
- Permanent magnet afterburner with variable polarization





#### Variable polarization FEL performance



- ✓ XLS (SCU+AB) has a growth shorter (~ 40%) than AB only and slightly longer (~ 13%) than SCU only, that has <u>no variable polarization</u>
- $\checkmark\,$  At the price of delivering about 2.5 times lower pulse energy, but still in the ballpark of ~ 200  $\mu$ J, and having polarization switch control as a unique bonus



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- ✓ Wish to prove that the upper FEL photon energy limit 16 keV is feasible with the full chain of the beam transport from the cathode through the last undulator exit
- ✓ Most of the beam quality deteriorating sources due to collective effects *i.e.* coherent synchrotron radiation (CSR), bunch space charge and wakefields are accounted for in the full transfer line



At undulator entrance, the beam exhibits a transverse deformation along bunch length due to CSR → causing FEL gain degradation along the undulator line

Still the peak brilliance stays in the ballpark of about 5 x 10<sup>32</sup> photons/s/mm<sup>2</sup>/mrad<sup>2</sup>/0.1%BW











- XLS will offer challenging FEL schemes with a broad range of operating modes, by means of affordable and compact X-band technology (see also CLIC studies), *e.g.* simultaneous operation of HXR and SXR at 100 Hz, and SXR up to 1 kHz
- A thorough and comprehensive FEL analysis selected NbTi superconducting undulators as the magnets technology (addressed alternatives: cryogenic PM, low temperature NbSn, high temperature structures)
- FEL 3D simulation with selectable polarization in the SXR proven to meet the requirements
- Full start-2-end simulation embedded with effects degrading the beam quality proved that the peak brilliance requested for probing biological samples is within reach

Please, stay FEL-tuned!







# XLS technology implementation: EuPRAXIA Compact





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# Thank you!



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Months

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Work Package

WP1

WP2

WP3

Project management and

**Technical Coordination** 

**FEL Science Requirements and** 

Facility Design

Gun and Injector



Technology options surveyed and down-selected on the basis of Physics performance & feasibility, risks and costs: in a way very similar to High Energy Physics experiments when deciding their sensors or detectors technology

