



(Ultra) short pulse technologies

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 \circ High intensity lasers (why short pulses)

Relevant laser parameters (energy, spectrum, duration, intensity)

 \circ Frequency combs

- \circ Amplification
 - Stimulated emission
 - Parametric processes
 - Chirped pulse amplification

 \circ Post-compression

 $\odot \mbox{\rm Architectures}$ with examples

- SS CPA
- OPCPA
- FCPA and Post-compression





Introduction





High order harmonic generation







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Laser ablation

4 ps

40 ps

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Strong field ionization

Wiehle et al., J. Modern Optics. 50, 451 (2003)



Ar @ I= 38 TW/cm² Ar @ I= 50 TW/cm² Ar @ I=70TW/cm²

Proton acceleration

70 ps



Focusing short pulses to get high intensity

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High intensity laser beam

Supersonic gas jet

Introduction

Electron sensitive image plate

gy spectrum

Energy

Collimator

Electromagnet

















 10^{-1} W/cm² : Sun intensity on ground

10¹² W/cm² : Ionization 10¹⁶ W/cm² : Ionization saturation 10¹⁸ W/cm² : Relativistic electrons 10²⁵ W/cm² : U⁹²⁺ 10²⁹ W/cm² : Pair creation







Laser parameters





- <u>Energy [J]:</u> W
 - 1 J increases the temperature of 1 litre of air by 1° C
 - 4.2 kJ increases the temperature of 1 litre of water by 1° C
 - 1 MJ is delivered by a 1000 W heater in 15 mn is used to boil 3 litres of water is delivered by MJ/NIF in 4 ns
 - 1 Joule is equivalent to:
 - \circ 1 W in 1 s
 - $\,\circ\,$ 1 kW in 1 ms
 - \odot 1 MW in 1 μs
 - $\odot~1\,GW$ in 1 ns

 $\mathcal{W} = Pt$

Powers of 10:																	
Puissance	10 ²⁴	10 ²¹	10 ¹⁸	1015	10 ¹²	10 ⁹	10 ⁶	10 ³	1	10 ⁻³	10 ⁻⁶	10 ⁻⁹	10 ⁻¹²	10 ⁻¹⁵	10 ⁻¹⁸	10 ⁻²¹	10 ⁻²⁴
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Symbole	Y	Z	E	Р	Т	G	М	k		m	μ	n	р	f	а	z	у







• Average power in continuous wave [W]:

 $P_{av} = \frac{\mathcal{W}}{t} \qquad \mathcal{W} = P_{av}t$

• Instantaneous power [W]:

$$P(t) = \frac{d\mathcal{W}}{dt} \quad \mathcal{W} = \int P(t)dt$$

• <u>Average power in pulsed regime [W]:</u>

$$P_m = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T P(t) dt \quad v = \frac{1}{T}$$
$$\mathcal{W}_p = \int_0^T P(t) dt \qquad P_{av} = \mathcal{W}_p v$$







- <u>Peak power[W]</u>:
 - Continus wave (CW)
 - $P(t) = P_p = P_m$
 - Pulsed (Gaussian)

$$P(t) = P_p \exp\left(-\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)^2\right)$$







• <u>Approximated peak power[W]:</u>

 $P_{peak} = C \frac{\mathcal{W}_p}{\tau_{FWHM}}$



- SquareGaussianSechLorentzian \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box C = 1C = 0.939C = 0.881C = 0.837
- <u>Relation to the electric field:</u>

$$P(t) = \varepsilon_0 cn \int_A dS \frac{1}{T} \int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} E^2(t') dt'$$

where A is the beam cross-section





Examples:

•Pulse energy of a 500 W laser at 100 kHz: $P_m = 500 \text{ W}, \quad v = 100 \text{ kHz}, \quad \text{E}_i = \frac{500}{10^5} = 5 \text{ mJ}$ •Peak power delivered by a 15 fs, 30 J pulse: $E_i = 30 \text{ J}, \quad \tau = 15 \text{ fs},$ $P_c = \frac{30}{15 \cdot 10^{-15}} = 2 \text{ PW}$





- Fluence [J/cm²]:
 - Top hat beam

$$F = \frac{E_i}{S} \qquad \qquad E_i = F \cdot S$$

- Gaussian beam $F = \frac{dE}{dS} \qquad E = \int F(s) ds$
- Intensity [W/cm²]:

$$I = \frac{P_c}{S} = \frac{E_i}{S \cdot \tau}$$



Examples:

•Fluence from a 20 mJ pulse focused on 500 µm diameter: $E_i = 20 \text{ mJ}, \quad S = \pi (250 \cdot 10^{-6})^2 = 196 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2, \quad F = 10.2 \text{ J/cm}^2$

•Intensity from a 500 mJ, 30 fs pulses focused on 20 μm diameter :

$$E_i = 500 \text{ mJ}, \quad S = \pi (10 \cdot 10^{-6})^2 = 3.1 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2, \quad \tau = 30 \text{ fs}$$

 $Pc = 16.6 \text{ TW}, \quad I = 5.3 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ W/cm}^2$





Modelocked oscillators















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Ti:Sapphire Absorption/Emission Spectra



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T-Pulse: 200 fs @ 1030 nm, 2.5 W



C-fiber: 90 fs @ 1550 nm, 100 mW



Rainbow 2: 6 fs @ 800 nm, 200 mW













Solid state amplifiers







Regenerative amplifier



Multipass amplifier











Parametric amplifiers







• 2 waves ...

 $E(z,t) = E_1(z,t) + E_2(z,t) = A_1(z) \exp(i\omega_1 t - k_1 z) + A_2(z) \exp(i\omega_2 t - k_2 z) + cc$ $P^{(2)}(z,t) \propto \chi^{(2)} E(z,t) E(z,t)$

• ... generate more waves

$$E(z,t)^{2} = A_{1}^{2} \exp[i(2\omega_{1}t - 2k_{1}z)] + cc$$

$$+A_{2}^{2} \exp[i(2\omega_{2}t - 2k_{2}z)] + cc$$

$$+2A_{1}A_{2} \exp[i(\omega_{1}t + \omega_{2}t - k_{1}z - k_{2}z)] + cc$$

$$+2A_{1}A_{2}^{*} \exp[i(\omega_{1}t - \omega_{2}t - k_{1}z + k_{2}z)] + cc$$

$$+2|A_{1}|^{2} + 2|A_{2}|^{2}$$

Frequency content $2\omega_1$ $2\omega_2$ $\omega_1 + \omega_2$ $\omega_1 - \omega_2$ 0





• Energy conservation:

 $\hbar\omega_p = \hbar\omega_s + \hbar\omega_i$



Instantaneous process + Energy storage free

• Momentum conservation:



Phase matching conditions

• Manley-Rowe relations

$$\frac{d}{dz}\left(\frac{I_s}{\omega_s}\right) = \frac{d}{dz}\left(\frac{I_i}{\omega_i}\right) = -\frac{d}{dz}\left(\frac{I_p}{\omega_p}\right)$$

Photon rate conservation

















Chirped pulse amplification





























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Post-compression



\odot Kerr effect in the temporal domain

$$n = n_0 + n_2 I(t) \qquad \phi = \beta L = \frac{n\omega}{c} L = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} n_0 L + \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} n_2 I L = \phi_L + \phi_{NL}$$

$$\phi_{NL} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} n_2 I L = \frac{\omega}{c} n_2 I L$$

$$\omega_{inst}(t) = \omega_0 - \frac{\partial \phi(t)}{\partial t}$$

$$\Delta \omega(t) = \omega \frac{n_2 L}{c} \frac{\partial I(t)}{\partial t}$$









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Balciunas, T., et al.. Nat Commun 6, 6117 (2015).





Architectures with examples





Laser material



Ti:Sapphire amplifiers

 $\begin{array}{l} \lambda = 800 \text{ nm} \\ \text{E} = 1 \text{ mJ} - 300 \text{ J} \\ \Delta \tau = 15\text{--}30 \text{ fs} \\ \nu &= 1 \text{ Hz} - 10 \text{ kHz} \\ \text{P}_{\text{av}} < 300 \text{ W} \end{array}$

χ^2 non-linear material



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Yb-doped DPSSL

$$\begin{split} \lambda &= 1030 \text{ nm} \\ E &= 10 \ \mu J - 1 \ J \\ \Delta \tau &= 1 - 100 \ \text{ps} \\ \nu &= 0.1 - 100 \ \text{kHz} \\ P_{av} &= 700 \ \text{W} \end{split}$$

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- Yb:YAG thin-disk and Nd:YAG rods commercial pump system
- Fiber CPA system + postcompression (ELI-ALPS)
- 900 nm DPSSL pumped OPCPA (ALPS and Beamline)
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8-channel main amplifier (Yb-doped rod-type LPF) coherent combining

- 3.3 mJ 870 W at 263 MHz
- Sub 300 fs

HR 1:1 mJ, < 7 fs (Commissioning in 2017) HR 2: 5 mJ, < 5 fs (2019)

Budriunas et al. Optics Express 25, 5797 (2017)

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Development of an ultrahigh GHz to THz repetition rates fs laser source for spintronic applications

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Context

Spectroscopic techniques based on laser-matter interactions allow to probe the vibrational and magnetic degrees of freedom in solids by detecting the associated quantized quasi-particles namely phonons and magnons respectively. These methods rely on the inelastic interaction of light with the object of interest spectrally characterized by Stockes and anti-Stockes sidebands surrounding the light central wavelength. Current techniques are based on laser illumination with either continuous waves or femtosecond pulses. The most advanced commercially available femtosecond lasers deliver pulses at fixed repetition rates around 100 MHz and up to 1 GHz. On the other hand, the characteristic frequencies of phonons and magnons span from tens of GHz up to the THz level. Frequencies being so far apart, spectroscopy in this context remains limited to time-domain Brillouin scattering also referred to as coherent Brillouin scattering hence in a systematic out-ofresonance regime. In the framework of the GigaSpin project (funded by the ANR) we aim at building an instrument implementing a novel spectroscopy approach that relies on tunable optical resonant excitation where the laser repetitionrate can be continuously varied to match any magnonic or phononic eigen-frequencies of the material under investigation. In this context, we are currently developing a femtosecond laser system whose repetition rate is continuously tunable in the range of GHz up to the THz level.

Job description

The researcher will work within the GigaSpin team (5 people) at LP2N in close collaboration with a PhD student on the development of the ultrafast laser source. The topics covered include, but not limited to, fiber lasers and in particular Ybdoped fiber technologies, frequency combs and ultrashort pulses, non-linear propagation in fibers and waveguides, spectral and temporal optical shaping, advanced laser metrology and non-linear optics. She/he will also be involved in the experimental campaigns conducted in collaboration with our partners (IPR Rennes, Lab-Sticc Brest and UMPhy Palaiseau) aiming at characterizing the acoustic and magnetic properties of complex samples on the experimental resonant Brillouin spectroscopy platform driven by the GHz laser source at LP2N. Additionally, the researcher will actively participate to communication activities through peer-reviewed publications, topical meeting and conference presentations where she/he will promote her/his research.

Skills

The candidate must have a Ph.D in photonics, applied physics, optics or a related discipline. Advanced knowledge in fiber laser, non-linear optics, electro-optic modulation, optoelectronics or femtosecond technologies as well as proficiencies for numerical simulations are recommended. A fluent knowledge of English and/or French is a pre-requisite. The successful candidate will be highly motivated, creative, with demonstrated abilities to work in a collaborative environment.

Contacts and application

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