

Recent results on Fabry-Perot cavities R&D in Japan and in France

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Gamma ray production by Compton scattering



- Compton (Thomson) scattering is the exchange of energy that occurs when a photon collides with an electron.
- It can be used to boost low energy (IR) photons to X-rays energy by colliding them with high energy electrons.
- The source of photons is typically a laser (IR => eV).
- The cross-section for this process is very low.

Fabry-Perot cavities: Laser pulses stacking

- Small Compton cross-section

 => important to recycle laser and electrons
 => Use of a Fabry-Perot cavity to accumulate and recycle the laser power.
- Allows significant enhancement factors on the laser power (1000-10000).
- This is very difficult

 Frequency combs
 demonstrated in an accelerator with a CW laser by LAL at HERA
 current prototype with pulsed laser tested by LAL at KEK in Japan.



Pulsed_laser/cavity feedback technique



T. Udem et al. Nature 416 (2002) 233

State of the art (Garching MPI): **~70kW**, 2ps pulses @78MHz, stored in a cavity (O.L.35(2010)2052) **~20kW**, 200fs pulses @78MHz

France-Japan collaboration on Fabry-Perot cavities

- Cavities installed at KEK on the ATF.
- Use different cavities to explore slightly different designs.
- Gamma detector is shared.
- Both groups have demonstrated high gamma flux.



Recent result of 2013 (KEK)

- Our goal is to achieve laser-beam collision with the laser of
- small beam size (15μm x 15μm (RMS))
- high average power (100kW (=10W x 10,000))
- In the beam experiment time of 2012, there turned out to be two problems.
- laser profile does not agree with what we designed (mode puzzle)
- laser profile deforms as stored power increases (heat issue)
- This year, we focused on these beam profile problems



Recent result of 2013 (KEK)

- Go back to the test bench
- Detail measurement with a prototype cavity
- By inserting a thin mirror in the cavity, we could reproduce a virtual focus at outside of the cavity.
- Direct profile measurement by knife edge scanning proved that our model was not correct. (need to make a new model...)



calculation (method 1)



measurement

LAL results for 2013

- Setup significantly improved wrt 2011 (new laser, new mirrors, improved feedback, new DAQ...).
- Mirrors finesse: 40k
- Best stored power (locked): 81kW (test bench) / 40 kW (ATF)
 => limited by thermal effects
- Data taking run in December 2013 at the ATF.

Collisions achieved very easily!

Very strong & clear signal (after adjusting the movers)



Long run with high power



Long beam storage

- We did use long storage period to study flux stability and impact on the beam lifetime.
- In storage mode we observed an expected « peak » in Compton flux after ~7s at full laser power.



Beam lifetime decrease



Effect of intrabeam scattering

K. Kubo et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 88, 194801 (2002).



Measured Compton signal intensity ~number of scattered gamma rays ~ (electron bunch size at the IP)⁻¹ as function of time after injection.

Measured energy spread as function of time after injection, for three different currents.



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Limitations

- Several effects limited the power stored in the cavity:
 - Thermal effects at the beam compressor (CVBG)
 & wavefront changes => bad coupling
 - Mirrors thermal deformation => mode changes
 - 80Hz oscillations in the signal (due to a nearby pump?)
- The laser amplifier was able to deliver much more power than what was used because we could not inject more power in the cavity.

Plan of 2014 (KEK)

- Higher enhancement factor (target: mirror loss 10ppm/mirror)
- A clean booth has been prepared for handling mirrors in a clean environment.
- Testing mirror cleaning (first contact).
- Hope these will reduce mirror heating, improve deformation.
- Digital feedback system development
- Started with a new FPGA board.
- For even higher enhancement system, a new scheme "self-start" system.
- Basic tests are planned for pulsed oscillation at low power.





Plan of 2014 (KEK)

- Laser-Compton user line construction is on going at cERL
- Schedule: cavity system installation Nov.2014, beam test Feb.2014.
- New optical cavity has been designed in the last year
- planer 4-mirror cavities
- 2 cavities stacked in a flame with a common collision point



R&D 2014+ at LAL

- Understand thermal effects in the cavity!
 => Test new mirrors (ULE substrate)
 cost: > 20k€
- Investigate on test bench (at LAL) how these mirrors perform.
 => need to install at LAL a cavity like that at KEK.
- A graduate student (Pierre Favier) will start on this topic in October.

Outlook and Future plans

- Both groups have had good results in the past year.
- Significant R&D, especially on thermal effect, is needed for further progress.
- FP cavities are part of key project both at LAL and KEK. This R&D is necessary to achieve our goal in these projects.
- Regular meetings of the two groups are necessary to discuss each other's findings.