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# High energy X-ray vortex generation using inverse Compton scattering

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#### Vortex beams carrying orbital angular momentum

#### High energy X-ray (gamma-ray) vortex generation



### **Optical vortex**



Forming a helical wave front.  $E \propto \exp(i\ell\phi)$ 

- Carrying orbital angular momentum (OAM)
  - lħ
- Total AM
  = OAM + spin AM

= *l*ħ+ħ

M. Padgett et al., Phys. Today 57 (2004) 35.

### Generation

#### **Special filters**

**Cylindrical lens** 



#### **Spiral phase plate**



Hologram

J. Courtial et al., Opt. Comm. 159 (1999) 13. M. W. Beijersbergen et al., Opt. Comm. 112 (1994) 321.

#### Without filters



# Electromagnetic radiation from an electron

#### Main topic of this talk

B. M. Kincaid et al., J Appl Phys 48 (1977) 2684.

### **Vortex beams**



Wikipedia.

### **Application of vortex beams**

#### **Experimental demonstration**

- OAM transfer to micro particle
- Quantum entanglement
- Creation of metal nano needle
- Terabit data transmission

#### **Theoretical proposal**

- X-ray dichroism
- Magnetic mapping using electron vortex
- Direct observation of rotating black hole



A. T. ONeil et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 88 (2002) 053601.

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### Purpose

#### Generation of gamma ray vortex (> MeV) and development its application.



### **Application possibility**

#### Insight into the proton structure

#### I. P. Ivanov, Phys. Rev. D 83 (2011) 093001.



If the OAM of gamma ray is transferred to the quark/gluon, it becomes novel probe of the proton spin.

#### **Nuclear physics**

Y. Taira et al., arXiv 1608 (2016) 04894.

Excited states can be populated by high order transition. Photon-induced reaction cross section will be changed.

#### Generation of positron vortex via pair production

As a new particle source for high energy physics.

### How to generate gamma ray vortex?

#### 1 Frequency upconversion of an optical vortex laser by inverse Compton scattering (ICS)

U. D. Jentchura et al., PRL 106 (2011) 013001.

# 2 Nonlinear inverse Compton scattering of intense circularly polarized laser (not vortex laser)

Y. Taira et al., arXiv 1608 (2016) 04894.

# Compton backward scattering of circularly polarized gamma ray

### ICS of optical vortex laser



# It was predicted that OAM of the laser is preserved at the very small angle $\theta < 1/\gamma^2$ .

#### **JLab Compton polarimeter**



Fabry-Perot cavity Stored power: 1000 W To exceed background, more than 100 W vortex laser is required.

T. Allison et al., NIMA 781 (2015) 105.

### **Measurement technique of vortex laser**



### **Interference** pattern



1

2

### 2 Nonlinear ICS of circularly polarized laser



Helical motion is induced by the circularly polarized laser ( $a_0 \approx 1$ ) and this motion emits n-th higher harmonic and vortex radiation.



### **Electric field and Stokes parameter**

#### **Electric field in the x-y plane**

$$E = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \left( C_{\theta} \cos \theta + C_{\phi} \right) \exp\left\{ i \psi_{0} + ikR + i(n-1)\phi \right\} e_{+}$$
$$+ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \left( C_{\theta} \cos \theta - C_{\phi} \right) \exp\left\{ i \psi_{0} + ikR + i(n+1)\phi \right\} e_{-}$$

$$e_{\pm} = \frac{e_x \pm ie_y}{\sqrt{2}}$$

#### Positive helicity carry (n-1)ħ OAM Negative helicity carry (n+1)ħ OAM.

#### **Degree of circular polarization**



### **Spatial distribution**





## Annular shape of higher harmonic is due to the helical wavefront.

### **Characteristics of nonlinear ICS gamma-ray**

Helicity	Positive	Negative
Fundamental (n = 1)		
Ν	60 x 10 <sup>10</sup> photons/sec	<b>2 x 10<sup>10</sup> photons/sec</b>
E	11-13 MeV	2.6-2.7 MeV
OAM	0	<b>2</b> ħ
2nd harmonics		
Ν	<b>20 x 10<sup>10</sup> photons/sec</b>	<b>2 x 10<sup>10</sup> photons/sec</b>
E	21-26 MeV	5.2-5.5 MeV
OAM	ħ	3ħ

 $a_0 = 1.0, \lambda_0 = 1.0 \mu m, \gamma_0 = 2000, N_e = 10^9 \text{ electrons/sec}$ 

### **Second harmonic X-rays at BNL (a<sub>0</sub>=0.6)**



### **Conclusion**

- Gamma ray vortex providing an additional degree of freedom will open new research opportunities!
- Gamma-ray vortex can be generated by several methods using the Compton scattering.
- Measurement of gamma ray vortex is a big issue.

Interferometry, Dichroism, and Pair production are candidates.

#### Thank you for your attention!