



## **AVVISO DI SEMINARIO**

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# "Non-linear experiments with free electron lasers"

### **Abstract:**

The advent of free electron laser (FEL) sources have permitted to develop advanced table-top methods, such as those based on non-linear optics, into the extreme ultraviolet (XUV) and x-ray domain. In this context we exploited the fully coherent XUV pulses delivered by the FERMI FEL facility to demonstrate a fourwave-mixing (FWM) response stimulated by XUV transient gratings (X-TG) [1]. More recently we used the unique two-colour seeded FEL emission available FERMI [2] to carry out an XUV coherent Raman scattering (X-CRS) experiment. Both X-TG and X-CRS represent relevant stepping stones towards the development of more sophisticated FWM methods, which, so far, have been only theoretically conceived [3]. In particular, the X-TG approach can be used for probing collective atomic dynamics in the "mesoscopic" (0.1-1 nm<sup>-1</sup>) wavevector range [4], which is of the highest relevance to understand the thermal and mechanical properties of disordered systems and nanostructures. On the other hand X-CRS can probe the ultrafast dynamics of high energy excitations, such as, e.g., valence band excitons, with the unique option of atomic-selectivity; the latter may turn into the capability to follow, in real-time, the dynamics of selected excitations among different and selectable atoms in a sample [3]. Such FWM applications will be further developed at FERMI in user-dedicated experimental infrastructures [5].

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