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An introduction to the UK XFEL conceptual design and options analysis

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In October 2022, the UK XFEL project entered a new phase to explore how best to deliver the advanced XFEL capabilities identified in the project's Science Case. This phase includes developing a conceptual design for a unique new machine to fulfil the required capabilities and more. It also examines the possibility of investment opportunities at existing XFELs to deliver the same aims, and a comparison of the various options will be made. The desired next-generation capabilities include transform limited operation across the entire X-ray range with pulse durations ranging from 100 as to 100 fs; evenly spaced high repetition rate pulses for enhanced data acquisition rates; optimised multi-colour FEL pulse delivery and a full array of synchronised sources (XUV-THz sources, electron beams and high power/high energy lasers). The project also incorporates sustainability as a key criteria. This contribution gives an overview of progress to date and future plans.

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