

Rossendorf SRF-Gun Operational Experiences

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Three operation modes

- high peak current operation for CW-IR-FELs with 13 MHz, 80 pC
- high bunch charge (1 nC), low rep-rate (<1 MHz) for pulsed secondary particle beam production (neutrons, positrons for ToF)
- low emittance, medium charge (100 pC) with short pulses for THzradiation and x-rays by inverse Compton backscattering

Design

- medium average current: 1 2 mA (< 10 mA)
- high rep-rate:
- low and high bunch charge: 80 pC 1 nC
- low transverse emittance: 1 3 mm mrad
- high energy:

9.4 MeV with 3¹/₂ cells (stand alone)

500 kHz, 13 MHz and higher

- highly compatible with ELBE cryomodule (LLRF, high power RF, RF couplers, He & N2 support, etc.)
- LN₂-cooled, el. isolated, exchangeable, semi-conductor photo cathode



Introduction – Cavity Design



A. Arnold, et al., NIM A 577, 440 (2007)

RF Operation – Cool down in 2007



- No problems during cool down
- Frequency shift same as expected from TESLA cells
- After 1^{st} cool down, frequency to high because change of $\Delta \varepsilon_r$ between N₂ filled cavity and vacuum was not considered
- Change in length: $\Delta l/l=-0.155\%$
- Coefficient of thermal expansion: α_{20} =+6.8·10⁻⁶ K⁻¹
- Field distribution determined by pass band freq. measurement [A. Arnold, proceedings of SRF07, pp. 689]: (-62% / 99.4% / -97.5% / 100%) @ 1.3 GHz
- Static helium heat load measured via boil off curve and comparison with calc.: $P_{static} = 6 7 W$



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RF Operation – Pressure Sensibility



Pressure sensibility evaluated via standard deviation of frequency and pressure

$$\frac{\sigma_f}{\sigma_p} = \frac{4Hz}{0.027mbar} = 150 \frac{Hz}{mbar}$$

- DESY ~10 *Hz/mbar*, ELBE ~32 *Hz/mbar*
- Because of high bandwidth (~ 160 Hz) and good helium pressure stability (~ 0.1 mbar) operation not critical, but needs to be improved
- Lorentz detuning (CW) using network analyzer with inverse freq. sweep

	SRF-Gun	TESLA 9 Zeller	
E_{peak}/E_{acc}	2.7	2	
k _{peak}	0.69 Hz/(MV/m) ²	0.25 Hz/(MV/m) ²	

reason in both cases: weak half-cell back plane \rightarrow additional stiffener considered at new cavities



RF Operation – Microphonics

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- Microphonics = detuning of the cavity frequency due to mech. vibrations
- LLRF-Controller (here analog) used to counteract amplitude and phase error
- By measuring the error signal of the closed phase loop one gets phase deviation (rms) seen by the beam

 $\sigma_{_{ph}} = \sqrt{VAR} = 0.0433^{\circ}$

• And with known loop gain *K_p* the disturbance variable of freq. detuning

$$\sigma_{f} = \frac{BW}{2} \tan\left(\sigma_{ph} \cdot \left(K_{p} + 1\right)\right) = 5.7 \, Hz$$

- Significant freq. parts identified by calculation of PSD and integration
- Microphonics is gradient independent
- Residual phase error sufficient for ELBE



RF Operation – Cavity Tuner





RF Operation – In Situ Q_0 vs. E_{pk} @ 2K



Q vs. E measurement is an important instrument to identify cavity contamination!



Summary:

	E _{acc}	E _{peak} on Axis	E _{kin}
CW	6.5 MV/m	17.5 MV/m	3.3 MeV
Pulsed RF	8 MV/m	22 MV/m	4.0 MeV

Formulas:

$$E_{acc} \approx \frac{1}{L} \sqrt{4P_i 2r_s Q_L} \quad \& \quad Q_0 = \frac{4P_i}{P_d} Q_L$$

- measured Q₀ is 10 times lower than in vertical test
- → cavity pollution during string assembly?
- Maximum achievable field 1/3 of the design value 50 MV/m)
- Cavity performance limited by FE & He consumption

Good News

- No Q degradation seen since 4 years of operation!
- Same performance of cavity with or w/o cathode!



RF Operation – Multipacting at the Cathode

- MP was expected in the gap between cathode and cavity at surface fields of 0.1-0.2 kV/m since the early design stage!
- So biasing of the cathode up to -7 kV was considered in the cathode design (el. isolated)





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- During increase of RF field, a hard MP barriers are observed, depending on the bias voltage level, the position and the used cathode
- MP characterized by high current (1 mA) measured at the high voltage power supply
- Electron flash at view screens
- Not possible to get above this level not even in pulsed mode and 10kW!

The onset level is different for every single cathode and its position!



RF Operation – Multipacting Suppression



Anti multipacting grooves to suppress resonant conditions



Coating with TiN to reduce secondary electron yield



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Cs₂Te Cathode - Preparation

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Inside the preparation chamber

- Cathodes mech. polished and cleaned with Ar⁺
- Heated to 120° C and evaporated with Cs and Te (successive- or simultaneously)
- Online thickness and QE measurement
- After prep. also QE distribution scan
- Vacuum requirement: ~10⁻⁹ mbar

Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 13, 043501 (2010)





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Cs₂Te Cathode - Operation



extracted charge 35 C



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Beam Measurements



Diagnostics Beamline

- Current & charge (faraday-cup & ICTs)
- Transverse emittance (slit mask, solenoid scan)

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- Energy and ΔE (C-bent)
- Bunch length (Cherenkov radiator and streak camera or electrooptical sampling)

Dogleg to ELBE

• Achromatic compensated connection

diagnostics beamline designed and built by HZB (BESSY) Berlin



Beam Measurements – Part1

- Schottky scan for different laser pulse energies (15 ps FWHM, \emptyset 3 mm flat top): \rightarrow space charge limit ~300 pC (for 2-3 MeV)
- Energy and energy spread via 180° bending magnet \rightarrow 3.0 MeV (CW) and 4.0 MeV (pulsed RF)



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screen DV04 (YAG) 4.4 m from cathode



screen DV05 same optical path

energy spread



Control panel of diagnostic beam line



energy and energy spread @ 5 pC





Schottky scan

350

300

250

200

Beam Measurements – Part2



ELBE - Injection

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ELBE - Longitudinal phase space Part2





Browne Buechner spectrometer pictures (from SRF gun)



- Same energy spread measured as in the 180° bending magnet of the diagnostic beamline
- Bunch compression in SRF-gun as expected from ASTRA simulation
- So far phase space measured at the exit of cavity 1 but projection to gun in progress
- Successful test of long. phase space measurement for future gun optimization

ELBE – Slice Emittance by HZB



- Fixed energy imprint for correlation betw. energy spread and long. bunch distribution
- Spectrometer → longitudinal distribution transferred to transverse distribution → longitudinal slices accessible
- Combination with quadrupole scan technique allows to reconstruct the vertical emittance for each slice
- Tool for future emittance compensation



ELBE – Thomson Backscattering (Laser Group)

Production of x-ray photons (some tens keV) in small-scale linear accelerators like ELBE Head-on collision of ≤150 TW laser pulse and ۲ 20 - 30 MeV electron bunch of ELBE linac Al beamdump Electrons are driven by the electric field of the laser pulse to an oscillatory motion (undulator) Pb shielding emit Doppler up-shifted radiation at an angular frequency of ω_{sc} =(10-20 keV)/*h* (for ELBE) dipole magnet ₢⊸ **Electron beam Quadrupole triplet** from ELBE Cam x-rays **Off-axis** parabola (F/#=30) Laser beam from DRACO laser vacuum chamber ∂⊒≇ A.D. Debus et al., Appl Phys B (2010) 100: 61–76

ELBE – Thomson Backscattering (Laser Group)

- 1st setup ELBE linac with therm. injector than switch to SRF-Gun (E_{acc}=6 MV/m, exit energy 2.85 MeV)
- Switch to 10 Hz single bunch mode (10 pC, 24 MeV) and optimized temporal overlap with laser
- CdTe detector found same X-ray spectrum but lower photon yield than with therm. gun
- → 1st Demonstration of the Reliability of the SRF-Gun during an user experiment with critical needs in terms of bunch phase stability and laser-bunch synchronization





Summary and Outlook

- Long lifetime of NC photo cathodes in SRF-Guns (>1 yr, total charge 35 C @ QE = 1%)
- No Q degradation since 4 years (RF operation ≈ 2500 h, beam time ≈ 1400 h)
- Strong MP was defeated by DC Bias and Grooves
- First successful measurements using the ELBE accelerator
 - Slice emittance measurements (J. Rudolph and HZB)
 - Longitudinal phase space
 - Inverse Compton backscattering (Laser Group at HZDR)
- But gun performance limited by low RF-field ($E_{pk} \le 18$ MV/m and $Q_0 \le 3x10^9$) (so far a problem for all SRF-Guns!)

Outlook 2012

- Installation of upgrade cavity built by Peter Kneisel and the JLab guys to twice E_{pk}>35MV/m and Energy to 6-7 MeV
- 13 MHz laser upgrade and start high average current operation (1mA)



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ELBE Crew in front of museum of clocks in Glashütte, Germany



Introduction - Cryostat Assembly

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From in-house clean room cavity string assembly to SRF Gun module completion



SRF-Gun in the Acc. hall



Screen 1 Screen 2 & Cherenkov slit masks radiator Faraday cup 180° magnet



RF Operation – Dark Current



An important issue in this context is the dark current

- Operation at high fields especially in pulsed RF regime up to 22 MV/m can increase beam energy to 4 MeV and reduce emittance, but
- Dark current increases to µA level with mostly the same energy as the photo current.
- Most of the current comes from the cavity surface and not from cathode
- Dark current kicker needed because too much for some experiments e.g. inverse Compton backscattering



Further investigations within German Gun-Cluster collaboration



ELBE – Slice Emittance by HZB



Cs₂Te Cathode - Summary



Issue	Demonstration for low average current & low energy (3 MeV)	Remarks	
stable QE > 1 %	1% for >1000 h beam time OK	test of cathodes with > 5 % reducing early QE drop	
life time in gun	>1 year OK		
pollution of SC cavity	no Q_0 degradation or increased field emission up to now OK	needs demonstration for high current & gradient ?	
extracted charge	≈ 35 C	36 C = 1 mA * 10 h 360 C / cathode is minimum ?	
dark current	≈ 120 nA (for 3 MeV or 30 W dissipated power)	needs demonstration for high current & gradient ?	
multipacting	shaping of the cathode stem OK	TiN coating planed ?	
cathode cooling	< 300 mW laser & low gradient OK	up to 1 mA not critical	
easy and quick exchange	cathode exchange needs < 30 min in cold gun OK	Vacuum improvements needed for GaAs and Cs ₂ KSb ?	



SRF Gun Parameter

parameter	present cavity			new "high gradient cavity"	
	measured	ELBE	high charge	ELBE	high charge
final electron energy	2.1 MeV	3 MeV		≤9.5 MeV	
peak field	13.5 MV/m	18 MV/m		50 MV/m	
laser rep. rate	1 – 125 kHz	13 MHz	2 – 250 kHz	13 MHz	≤500 kHz
laser pulse length (FWHM)	15 ps	4 ps	15 ps	4 ps	15 ps
laser spot size	2.7 mm	5.2 mm	5.2 mm	2 mm	5 mm
bunch charge	≤ 200 pC	77 pC	400 pC	77 pC	1 nC
max. aver. Current	1 μΑ	1 mA	100 µA	1 mA	0.5 mA
peak current	13 A	20 A	26 A	20 A	67 A
transverse. norm. emittance (rms)	3±1 mm mrad @ 80 pC	2 mm mrad	7.5 mm mrad	1 mm mrad	2.5 mm mrad

