The THz-FEL FELBE at the Radiation Source ELBE

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Research Programs and Large Scale Facilities



FELBE = FEL @ ELBE

ELBE: Electron Linac with high Brilliance and low Emittance

(Elbe is, besides, the river flowing through Dresden and to Hamburg)

The electron beam is used to generate various kinds of secondary radiation

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Starting in summer 2005 user beam time is offered to external users in the frame of the EC funded "Integrating Activity on Synchrotron and Free Electron Laser Science" [www.fzd.de/felbe].

Twice a year users are invited to submit proposals for experiments at ELBE. For the period January - June 2011 the deadline will be November 15, 2010. Proposals are evaluated by the scientific advisory committee of ELBE.

Beam time: 24h/day & 7days/week

Beam time in the period February 2009 to June 2010: All together 8700 h beam time + 150 days shut down

The FEL proposals required the U27 with 49 %, the U100 with 34 % and both together with 17 % of their used beam time. More than 95 % of the FEL beam time was CW-operation!



Radiation source ELBE





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Precise knowledge of GSF needed for modeling of photonuclear reactions in codes based on statistical models



Bremsstrahlung facility at ELBE Sensitive detector setup in combination with intense electron beams of high energy

Courtesy of R. Schwengner

Example of GSF measurements at ELBE Phys. Rev. C 79, 024301 (2009) Data also in www-nds.iaea.org/exfor/



-Novel ELBE data challenge models for GSF used in nuclear reaction data bases (www-nds.iaea.org/RIPL-2/)
- Improvement of description of (n,γ) and (n,n'γ) cross sections.



Tests of timing detectors at ELBE







EPOS (ELBE Positron Source)

<u>MePS</u> Mono-energetic Positron Source

GiPS Gamma-induced Positron Spectroscopy





Monoenergetic slow positrons Information Depth: 0 \dots 5 μ m

Positron generation by Bremsstrahlung Information Depth: 0.1 mm ... 2 cm

Positron techniques: Lifetime, Coincidence Doppler Broadening (CDBS), Age-Momentum Correlation (AMOC) Investigations of radioactive, liquid and bulky samples are also possible (unique facility)

Courtesy of M. Butterling & W. Anwand



The nELBE photo neutron source:



Courtesy of A. Junghans

- Investigation of fast neutron induced reactions of relevance for nuclear transmutation and the development of Gen IV reactor systems
- 1. Inelastic neutron scattering (n,n' γ) ⁵⁶Fe, Mo, Pb, ²³Na and total neutron cross sections σ_{tot} (Ta, Au, Al, C, H)
- 2. Investigation of minor actinides (radioactive targets)

Collaboration with n-TOF at CERN Joint research project "Nuclear physics data of relevance for transmutation" (German Federal Ministry for Science and Technology funded , 02NUK13)



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Running 150 TW laser activities @ ELBE





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FEL1(U27)

FEL2(U100)

Jndulator period	27.3 mm	100 mm
Number of periods	2 * 34	38
Jndulator parameter	0.3 - 0.7	0.5 - 2.8
Jndulator type	hybrid NdFeB	hybrid SmCo
Resonator length	11.53 m	11.53 m
Rayleigh length	1 m	1.8 m
Outcoupling holes	1.5 / 2.0 / 3.0 / 4.0 mm	2.0 / 4.5 / 7.0 mm
Mirror R(curvature)	5940 mm (h+v)	6330 mm (h) 3610/ ∞ (v) mm
Nirror diameter	75 mm	160 mm (h) 200 mm (v);
Nirror material	Au / Cu	Au / Cu
Waveguide	no	partial (10 x 70/120/150 x 7922 mm)
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Wavelength Max. power (out) Pulse duration Peak power (out)	4 - 21 μm 20 W (9-11 μm) 0.8 - 4 ps 10 kW - 1 MW	18 - 250 μm 75 - 1.2 THz 65 W (42, 83 μm) 1 - 25 ps
Max. pulse energy	1.5 μJ	5 μJ
Bandwidth $\Delta\lambda/\lambda$	0.4 - 2 %	0.4 - 2 %
	2 70 /0 (L.S. Lee et al., Int	rarea privsics & Technology 31 (2006) 337





Interface of the remote controlled part of the diagnostic station





U27

U100



c: Δ L= -24 μ m, FWHM= 5.8 ps, $\Delta\lambda/\lambda$ = 0.6 %

The calculated time-bandwidth product is about 0.4 wich indicates Fourier-transform limited operation

Typical power values of the U100 in user operation (2009)



Bottleneck for power:

demage power of the attenuator in the diagnostic > 40 W

U27: free propagation mode

Remote controlled wavelength scan with U27 available



Calibration of wavelength 13.1 - 16.7 µm; 05.05.2006

U100: vacuum chamber as an optical partial waveguide

Measurements of FEL power at certain wavelength exhibit a phenomenon of spectral gaps (strong reduced power)

Effect is present independently of electron beam tuning or of cavity configurations

Also at FELIX and CLIO

R. Prazeres et al., Phys. Rev. ST. Accel. Beams, 12 010701 (2009)

Number of gaps propotional to waveguid length and width

24

Requirements: Low losses, stable, transparent for 632 nm & 4-250 $\mu\text{m},$ polarization should be conserved

Two operating regimes : Evacuated or purged with dry N_2

Windows under Brewster's angle: ZnSe, KRS-5, Crystalline Quartz z-cut, CVD Diamond, TPX-foil (only for $N_{\rm 2})$

A HeNe laser beam which is well aligned with the FELBE output (cavity alignment) is available at the user tables



- Synchronization of other pulsed lasers to the FEL
- Available lasers:
 - Ti:sapphire laser (70 fs & 3 ps, 10 nJ/pulse, 78 MHz, 730 nm 870 nm)
 - Ti:sapphire laser (12 fs, 5 nJ/pulse, 78 MHz, 800 nm) & Ti:sapphire amplifier (25 fs, 1 mJ, 1 kHz, 800 nm) & (40 fs, 5 μJ, 250 kHz) OPG/OPA (<100 fs, 100 μJ/pulse, 1 kHz, 1150 nm - 2600 nm) & Difference frequency mixer (< 100 fs, 0.3 μJ/pulse - 3 μJ/pulse, 1 kHz, crystal 1: 2.4 μm - 11 μm, crystal 2: 5 μm - 18 μm)
 - Nd: Vanadate oscillator (~ 7 ps, >2 W, 78 MHz, 1064 nm) &
 Nd: YAG amplifier (~16 ps, 1 Watt, 1 mJ@1kHz, 1064 nm)
 - Erbium fiber laser (100 fs, 3 nJ, 78 MHz, 1550 nm & SHG (100 fs, 1 nJ, 78 MHz, 775 nm)
- Generation of broad-band THz-radiation with system 1 & 2

Diff. detectors, spectrometers, digital storage oscilloscopes, diff. cryostats, pumpprobe set-up, CO₂ laser, vacuum-tight box for control of experimental environment, Fourier-transform spectrometer, Mirrors & holders etc.

- Decreasing the average power as required for certain experiments, high pulse energies but moderate or low average power
- First request of a 1 kHz FEL-user beam for "Vibration control of quantum phases in complex oxides" by A. Cavalleri et al., MPSD-CFEL Hamburg/University Oxford
- Parameter: λ = 17, 29, 50 µm; rep. Rate 0.5 1 kHz; energy/pulse >1 µJ



• Ratio signal/dark pulses > 400





Dependence of reflectivity on the pump-laser power(FEL ~0.5 mm², YAG ~3 mm²

Poster: W. Seidel TUPA02

E.H. Haselhoff et al., Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A358 (1995)ABS28 P. Haar, Ph.D. Thesis, Stanford University (1996) F.A. Hegmann and M.S. Sherwin, SPIE Vol. 2842 (1996) 90-105 G.M.H. Knippels et al., Nucl. Instr. and Meth. B144 (1998) 32-39

• Future: FEL with macropulses 1–100 kHz, duration 20–50 μs

- Measurements between water absorption lines or wavelength gaps of the U100 require wavelength stability of < 0.5%
- Measurements with small bandwidth require constant wavelength and narrow spectrum
- In-pulse experiments at the High Magnetic Field Laboratory need intensity stability up to the kHz range





Test with chopper frequency of 2.4 kHz brought an improvement of only ~ 6dB @ 50 Hz due to limitation of the chopper phase stability and the DTGS rise time

Infrared beam stabilization



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Intraminiband relaxation in doped GaAs & AlGaAs superlattices studied by two-color infrared pump-probe experiment

Intersubband relaxation processes are directly incorporated into the design of quantum cascade lasers and quantum well infrared photondetectors





D. Stehr et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 92, 051104 (2008)

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Application

Scanning near-field microscopy (SNOM)

In all types of near-field microscopy one looks at signals related to evanescent fields, i.e., one throws away 99.99...% of the available power.

\Rightarrow a source with large average power is needed (> 100 mW).

If one wants to study resonant phenomena in materials:

 \Rightarrow a tunable source is needed \Rightarrow FEL !

- in the past: F. Keilmann's group using CO2 lasers broad band THz: R. Kersting (Munich), P. Planken (Delft) some work also by J.-M. Ortega at CLIO and Stanford

Here: look at ferroelectrics domains in Bariumtitanate using the FEL (Group L.M. Eng, TU Dresden) (used in electro-optical and elektromechanical devices)

- \Rightarrow Characteristic spectroscopic respose
- \Rightarrow Anisotropy contrast
- \Rightarrow Contrast reversal
- \Rightarrow Resolution better than $\lambda/150$

S. Schneider et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 90, 143101 (2007) & S.C. Kehr et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 256403 (2008)

λ sample (Ε)



•Resonant excitation: λ = 3.....24 μ m



The High Magnetic Field Laboratory Dresden (HLD) focuses on modern material research in high magnetic fields. In particular, electronic properties of metallic, semiconducting, superconducting, and magnetic materials are investigated. Self-designed magnets for fields up to 70 T (100 T in future) for 100ms are available.

Record 87 T

Unique in the world, FELBE can be used in combination with pulsed high-field magnets up to 60 T for magneto-optical experiments at low temperatures.

Wavelength: $4 \mu m - 250 \mu m$

Transmission over 70 m: 20 % - 50 % (14 Mirrors)





J. Wosnitza et al., J. Physics Conf. Ser. 51 (2006) 619

Pulsed-field ESR with FELBE

Electron Spin Resonance (ESR) is known for ist remarkable resolution and the accessibility of large zero-field spinlevel splitting in magnetic materials





No synchronization of the FEL with the magnetic pulses is needed, since the FEL runs continuously at 13 MHz > 10° FEL pulses during one magnetic-field pulse of 100 ms length provide excellent measurement conditions

S. Zvyagin et al., Review of Scientific Instruments 80 (2009), 073102

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Center for High-Intensity Radiation Sources
 to explore extreme conditions of matter
 (laser in petawatt regime + broadband THz source
 + coupling of lasers with Radiation Source ELBE)
 2010-2014 | ~ 55 Mio. Euro

 Extension of the Dresden High-Magnetic Field Laboratory to an international user center
 2011-2013 | ~ 20 Mio. Euro

DRESDYN – European platform for dynamo experiments and thermohydraulic studies with liquid sodium
 2013-2015 | ~ 20 Mio. Euro





Basis: achieve very short electron bunches (down to 200 fs) through superconducting RF photo-gun & chicane.

Poster: U. Lehnert THPC05

1. Coherent, broad-band THz radiation



3. FEL-Oscillator (working)

Extension of ELBE & new THz laboratory



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Center for High-Intensity Radiation Sources





Summary & Outlook



- ELBE works very succesfully as user facility with high reliability (>95%)
- Combination of FELBE & HLD unique in the world
- ELBE is overbooked \Rightarrow 7day/week operation from October 2008!
- Combination of ELBE & high power Laser lab offers new physics
- Low frequency fluctuations (< 50 Hz) could be compensated by a feed back systems
- To control higher frequencies fluctuations (> 50 Hz) new system is under constuction
- Planned new THz sources at FZD: Coherent broad- and narrow-band radiation

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