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Re-Commissioning of the Far-Infrared Free Electron Laser for Stable and High Power Operation after the Renewal of the L-Band Linac at ISIR, Osaka University

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Progress of Far-Infrared FEL at ISIR, Osaka University

- FAR-IR FEL development started ('89)
- First lasing at 32-40 μm ('94)
- Gain, loss measured. ('95)
 - 58 %, 6 % @40 μm
- Modification started for longer wavelengths ('96)
 - target wavelength > 150 μm
- Lasing at 21-126 μm ('97)
- Lasing at 150 μm ('98)
- FEL power saturation not realized
- Important problems:
 - Stability of the linac not sufficient.
 - Macropulse duration short (~2 μs).
 - Due to a long filling time of the accelerating tube (~2 μs)
 - Number of amplifications limited to ~50



ISIR-FEL System



Linac : L-band (1.3 GHz)

$$E_{max}$$
=40 MeV, L_{bunch} =20-30 ps

Single bunch operation using the three stage sub-harmonic buncher system (SHB:2×108MHz+1×216MHz)

 \rightarrow max. 91nC/bunch



Ge:Ga photo conductive

L-band Linac



- Three-stage sub-harmonic buncher system
- Maximum charge per bunch 91 nC

30 nC (typical)

Renewal of the L-band linac

- Budget approved in 2002 to modify the linac.
- Objective
 - Highly stable and reproducible operation
 - Easy operation for users experiments
- Policy for remodeling
 - Basic components of the linac unchanged, such as accelerating tubes and bending magnets.
 - Introduction of a computer control system
 - Replacement of almost all the power supplies for the linac, including a klystron and its pulse modulator
- Klystron and its pulse modulator
 - Normal mode: 4 μ s duration and 30 MW
 - Long pulse mode for FEL: 8 μs and 25 MW
- FEL development suspended for renewal or modification on the linac.

Commissioning of the Linac

- Began in the autumn of 2003 and it took a year.
- Many problems
 - Discharge in components of the RF power transmission line.
 - Fine and random fluctuations of RF power.
 - Not only new components but also old ones.
- User experiments using two short pulse modes began in the autumn of 2004.
 - Transient mode for pulse radiolysis in the nanosecond region
 - Single bunch mode for pulse radiolysis in the subpicosecond region and for SASE in the far-infrared region.
- In parallel with user experiments, commissioning of the longpulse mode continued.
 - Steady mode (w/o SHB)
 - Multi-bunch mode for FEL (w SHB)

Multi-Bunch Mode for FEL

- Second 108 MHz and the 216 MHz cavities of the SHB system turned on.
- Klystron modulator operated in the long pulse mode.
- Long pulse electron beam with duration up to 8 μs injected from the thermionic electron gun.



Stability of Klystron Voltage



- For FEL experiments, stability of the pulse height and flatness of the Klystron voltage crucial.
- (a) Pulse wave form of the modulator output in the normal mode applied to the klystron.
- (b) Histogram of peak intensities measured for two hours.

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- Stability of Klystron voltage
 - σ = 0.027 %

Flatness of Klystron Voltage Flat Top



- Specifications for the klystron modulator
 - < 0.1 % peak-to-peak</p>
- (a) Pulse wave form of the modulator output and (b) its enlarged flat top in the normal mode applied to the klystron.
- Measured undulation of flat top
 - 0.21 % peak-to-peak
 - Due to ringing artifacts near the leading edge
 - < 0.1 % in the latter third

RF amplitude and phase should be constant over the macropluse ¹⁰

Measured RF Amplitude and RF Phase



- (a) Amplitude measured with a diode detector and (b) the phase with a phase detector in the long-pulse mode.
- Measured variations in the longpulse mode
 - ~15 % in amplitude
 - ~14 deg in phase

in the flat-top.

 Energy of electrons vary considerably in macropulse.

Feed Forward Control of Amplitude and Phase

- To compensate variations of amplitude and phase
- Feed forward control introduced. Because...
 - Stability of Klystron voltage very high.
 - Amplitude and phase variations reproduced precisely



Overdrive Control

Response time of

a variable attenuator (I-Q modulator) +AB class transistor amplifier 50 ns a phase shifter (analog phase shifter with PIN diodes) 780 ns are comparable to or larger than necessary time resolution.

 To compensate effects of response time and delay time, Control voltage derived by the equation

$$V_{in}(t - \Delta t) = V_c(t) + \tau \frac{dV_c(t)}{dt}$$

- $V_{in}(t-\Delta t)$: overdriving control voltage applied to the control device.
- V_c(t): correction voltage to cancel variations.
- τ: response time of the control device.
- Δt : delay time in the control loop.

Simultaneous Compensation of Amplitude and Phase Variations



- (a) Amplitude and (b) phase variations of the RF power in the long pulse mode.
- Feed forward control with overdrive
 - Iterating some times
- Variations after iterative compensation
 - Amplitude: 14.8 % => 0.5 %
 - Phase: 13.5 deg => 0.3 deg

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Energy Spectra of the Long Pulse Beam



- Linac operated in the steady mode, which is the long pulse mode without the SHB system.
- Energy spectra of the electron beam measured by varying the macropulse duration.
 - Energy spectra for the first two durations (< 2 μs) broad
 - Lower energy peaks grow up for longer durations (> 2 μs)

- Transient time, in which the beam energy reaches stable energy, is
 - 2 μs
 - consistent with the filling time of the accelerating tube.
- Multi-bunch mode with the SHB system also commissioned.
- Now ready for FEL experiment.



First Lasing after Renewal





Gain: 20-30 % Loss: 6 %

- Conducted FEL experiments in August 20-22, 2007 (last week).
- Lasing around 70 μm obtained on the second day.
- Laser power considerably increased on the last day.
 - No amplifier
 - Optical attenuator :
 - 3 cm Teflon block
- Beam conditioning not sufficient.
 - I_{inj}=220mA (<600mA typ.)
- FEL signal lost after saving Osc. Image...

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• Ge:Ga detector broke.

Summary and Conclusions

- L-band linac at ISIR, Osaka University largely remodeled for higher stability and reproducibility of operation as well as for FEL.
- Multi-bunch mode for FEL successfully commissioned with the feed-forward control of the amplitude and phase of the RF power.
- FEL in the far-infrared region has begun operation at 70~90 µm again after a long break.
- Power saturation realized?
- Linac and the FEL system will be tuned to increase the power and to expand the wavelength region.
- Hope to serve as an FEL users facility.

Energy of Electrons in a Micropulse



- Electron energy change measured in the transient mode with the duration
 ~5 ns as a function time in a macropulse.
- Before correction
 - 6.9 % in 5 μs
- After feed forward control
 - 0.45 % in 5 μs
- Amplitude an phase measurements as well as their compensation confirmed with the electron beam.

Wiggler and Optical resonator

Wiggler		Optical Resonator	
permanent magnet	Ne-Fe-B	resonator length	5.531 m
total length	1.92 m	radii of mirrors	3358 mm (M1)
magnetic period	60 mm		2877 mm (M2)
no. of periods	32	diameter of mirrors	80 mm
magnet gap	120-30 mm	Rayleigh range	1 m
peak field	0.37 T	waist radius	3.5 mm (at 40 µm)
K-value	0.013-1.472		5.6 mm (at 100 µm)
			6.8 mm (at 150 μm)
		output coupling	ϕ 3 mm hole of M1
limit switch	per manent li mit	nægnet ssvitch stopper trol box	bowł screw ui de rai l eal beam

Evacuated far-infrared spectrometer

A cross Czerny-Turner type monochromator

- effective aperture ratio : f/4.0
- focal length : 500 mm
- size : 120 × 120 mm²
- A plane reflective grating (Milton Roy)
 - 7.9 grooves / mm
 - braze wavelength : 112.5 μm
 - size : 64 × 64 mm²
- usable wavelength : from 60 to 190 μm
- wavelength resolution :
 - better than 0.8 μm (Slit 3mm)
 - 1.5 µm (Slit 6mm)

FEL gain

<50µm Ge:Be detector

Y-646B (0.5cm²; 60-100 π mm.mrad) Δ E/E<1.5-3%

>50µm Ge:Ga detector

YU-156 (3cm²; 150-200 π mm.mrad) Δ E/E=3-5%

Max. FEL gain

fundamental ~120%, 3rd harmonic > 160%

Reason why FEL gain is not so high in the longer wavelength region...

•Emittance(Y-646B \rightarrow YU156)

•Relative energy spread Good agreement with E=18MeV 12.5MeV Simulation code TDA3D. 11MeV 14MeV 2 (TDA3D with measured emittance and time-sliced energy spread) 10^{0} experimental gain gaın (50 A, 150πmmrad) ┥_╹ ┪ や ┢ 10² 5 gain (%) fundamental 2 (40 A, 200πmmrad) 3rd 10^{-1} 80 90 120 130 100 110 140 150 50 100 150 0 wavelength (μm)²² wavelength [µm]

Optical Resonator Loss

