# Aspects and Applications of THz FELs

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## Outline

#### Aspects of THz - FELs:

- Radiation bandwidth
- Resonator issues
- Slippage effects

#### **Applications:**

- nonlinear optics
- nano-spectroscopy
- 'action spectroscopy'

## The FELIX laboratory





#### **Generic layout**





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## Radiation bandwidth: linac pulse structure







## Radiation bandwidth: Fourier transform



#### 'transform limited' : no frequency / phase fluctuations of the carrier





## Radiation bandwidth: Fourier transform



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# Radiation bandwidth: phase locking



M = 1000 - 2000





M = 25 - 50







## Phase locking & single mode selection





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## Phase locking & single mode selection







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#### **Resonator issues**

#### out-coupling schemes:

- 'semi-transparent' mirrors
- beam splitter
- hole coupling
- edge coupling





## Resonator issues: on-axis hole coupling







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## Resonator issues: edge-coupling







## Hole vs edge coupling: $\lambda$ - dependence







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## Hole coupling: tuning curves







#### Hole coupling: measured losses







## Partial-waveguide resonator



Eigenmodes are a combination of TE and Hermit-Gaussian modes:

$$\Psi_{m,n}(x, y, z) \sim H_m\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}y}{w(z)}\right) \sin(\frac{nx\pi}{g}) \exp(\frac{-y^2}{w^2(z)} + i(\frac{k_n^z y^2}{2R(z)} - \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \tan^{-1}\frac{z}{z_r}))$$

with 
$$w(z) = w_0 \cdot \sqrt{1 + \frac{z^2}{z_r^2}}$$
,  $k_n^z = \sqrt{k^2 - n^2 k_\perp^2}$ ,  $R(z) = z + \frac{z_r^2}{z}$ 

 $k_{\perp} = \frac{\pi}{g}$ , where k is the wave vector in vacuum,  $z_r$  the Rayleigh range and  $w_0$  the waist





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#### Typical tuning curve FELIX waveguide FEL







#### Mode conversion in free-space part





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#### Measured roundtrip gain and loss





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#### Measured roundtrip gain and loss cont.



slit width = 15 mm



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## 'FLARE' in Nijmegen



e-beam: 10-15 MeV, 3 GHz, 10  $\mu$ s, 10 Hz wavelength range: 100 – 1500  $\mu$ m narrow-band mode



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# FLARE tuning gaps





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# Slippage effects

- Lethargy
- Efficiency enhancement
- Limit-cycles
- Bandwidth tuning





# Slippage effects

#### FELIX macropulse shape at $\lambda = 40 \ \mu m$





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## Slippage effects: gain and saturation







## Slippage effects: gain and saturation



#### Slippage correction:





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## Slippage effects: gain and saturation







# Slippage effects: efficiency enhancement

#### short pulse propagation





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# Slippage effects





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## Slippage effects: limit cycles





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## Slippage effects: bandwidth tunability



- bandwidth 0.4 6% [FWHM]
- near transform limited





# Slippage effects: pulse length tunability



Exponential leading edge has a time constant: where  $\alpha$  are the cavity losses and  $\Delta L$  is the cavity detuning from synchronism







#### Nonlinear optics: lifetime of quantum-dot intersubband levels



InGaAs self-assembled quantum dots




#### Nonlinear optics: lifetime of quantum-dot intersubband levels





Lifetime strongly depends on energetically available decay channel

FELBE: E.Zibik et al., Nature Materials 8 (2009) 803





### A hydrogen-like atom in a silicon chip





• Binding energy:

$$E_R = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{e^2}{2h}\right)^2 \frac{m_e}{\varepsilon^2}$$

- Bohr radius  $a_0 = \frac{h^2}{\pi \cdot e^2} \frac{\varepsilon}{m_e}$
- Characteristic field  $B_0 = \frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{e}{h}\right)^3 \frac{m_e^2}{\varepsilon^2}$

	Н	Si:P	
$\mathcal{E}_r$	1	11.4	
m <sub>e</sub>	1	0.19	
$E_R$	13.6 eV	0.020 eV	
$a_0$	0.056 nm	3.2 nm	
$B_0$	117,000 T	32 T	



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## QIP proposal: THz control of entanglement



A. M. Stoneham et al, J. Phys. C, 15, L447, 2003.





#### Coherent control of orbital states: Hahn echo in Si:P







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Greenland et al, Nature 465 (2010) 1057





### Nano spectroscopy: single quantum dot



FELBE: R. Jacob et al., Nano lett. 12 (2012) 4336





### Nano spectroscopy: PHB inside bacteria







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#### CLIO: C. Mayet et al., Analyst 135 (2010) 2540



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## Nano spectroscopy: spin-off





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### Infrared Action Spectroscopy







#### Mechanism, Infrared Spectrum, Molecular Structure













#### Large organic compounds in space







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#### Gas-phase infrared spectra of ionic PAHs



ApJ 542 404 (2000) ApJL 560 L90 (2001) JPC-A 105 8302 (2001) JPC-A 107 782 (2003) ApJ 591 968 (2003) ApJ L66 706 (2009) JCP 131 184307 (2009) ANIE 50 7004 (2011) ApJ 83 746 (2012) ApJ 170 787 (2014)

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- Investigate various and larger systems in various states – cation, anion, protonated, deprotonated etc.





#### Understanding Mechanisms of Peptide sequencing







#### *b/y* fragmentation pathway





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#### Do all *b*<sup>2</sup> ions have oxazolone structures?



International Journal of Mass Spectrometry 210/211 (2001) 71-87

Mass Spectrometry

www.elsevier.com/locate/ijms

#### Do all b<sub>2</sub> ions have oxazolone structures? Multistage mass spectrometry and ab initio studies on protonated *N*-acyl amino acid methyl ester model systems<sup>†</sup>

Jason M. Farrugia, Richard A. J. O'Hair\*, Gavin E. Reid<sup>1</sup>

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#### Alternative *b/y* pathway: N-terminus as nucleophile





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#### Oxazolone fragment structure identified by spectroscopy





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#### **b**<sub>2</sub> from AAA

Oomens, Young, Molesworth, van Stipdonk, *JASMS* **2009**, *20*, 334

#### **b**<sub>2</sub> from AGG

Yoon, Chamot-Rooke, Perkins, Hilderbrand, Poutsma, Wysocki *JACS, 2009, 20,* 334

#### **b**<sub>2</sub> from GGG

Chen, Steill, Oomens, Polfer, JACS, 2009, 191, 18272







#### N-terminus as nucleophile: Arg







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Zou, Oomens, Polfer, *IJMS* 2012, *316-318*, 1 Radboud University Nijmegen



#### Spectroscopy in the THz range







#### **Production of clusters**

- Smalley-type cluster source
- Laser vaporization of metal rod in presence of He
- Clusters cooled to ~ 100K
- Optional: reaction gas added in reaction channel (prior to expansion)
- Interaction with laser(s)
- Mass spectrometric detection







#### Catalysis: Structure determination of metal clusters



Gruene, Science 321, 674 (2008).



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#### Catalysis: Molecular vs dissociative adsorption





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#### The FELICE beam line





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## FELIX vs FELICE





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# The FELIX Laboratory

three independent beamlines to serve user experiments simultaneously

- FLARE
- FELIX FEL1 or FEL2
- FELICE

FELIX-1 : 30 - 150 μm FELIX-2 : 3 - 45 μm

FELICE : 5 - 100 µm



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FLARE : 100 - 1500 µm



### FELIX facility @ Nijmegen: User Laboratories

#### User laboratory 1 – FLARE & FELIX

He-droplet machine Havenith (Bochum) Dilution Refrigerator EPSRC, Aeppli, Murdin Ultrafast laser system Kimel & Rasing (RU)

FLARE Diagnostic Station



Cold 22-pole ion trap Schlemmer (Cologne) Molecular beam apparatus

Paul type Ion trap





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### FELIX facility @ Nijmegen: User Laboratories

Ultrafast laser systems

Versatile FTICR mass spectrometer

### User laboratory 2 -FELIX & FELICE



Non-linear optics laboratory

FELICE FTICR mass spectrometer







# Our neighbour: HFML



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Site	Magnet	Planned	Bore	
1 32T (Optics above)			50mm	
2	38T		32mm	
3	33T (FIR above)	38T (2015)	32mm	
4 30T (hybrid, 10MW)			50mm	
5	33T	38T (2015)	32mm	
6		45T (2017)	32mm	
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#### Combination of THz radiation and Magnetic Field





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### Magneto-plasma oscillations: n-type InSb

#### Te-doped n-InSb

 $\omega_p = 6.33 \text{ THz}$   $m_{eff} = 0.021 \text{ m}_0$  $n = 1.66 \text{ x } 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ 



 $\frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \sqrt{\omega_c^2 + 4\omega_p^2 \pm \omega_c} \right)$ 







### Magneto-plasma oscillations: n-type InSb







# Thank you for your attention







