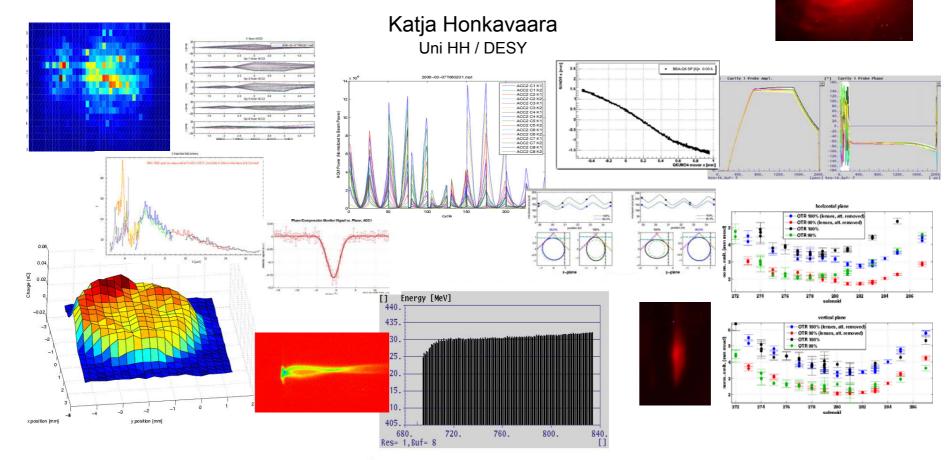








Summary of accelerator studies at VUV-FEL (FLASH) 27.2-9.4.2006







Accelerator studies in weeks 9-14



- Accelerator study weeks are open: they are mainly intended for general accelerator studies related to VUV-FEL and to the future projects (mostly XFEL and ILC)
 - in contrast to the FEL study weeks which concentrate on the requirements for the next FEL user period
- Requests are collected well in advance, beam-time has been allocated according to available beam time and possibilities, supervised by the Beam-time Allocation Committee (chair H. Weise)
- Requests for many different experiments: ~140 shifts (available 126 shifts, 1shift = 8 hours)
- Machine/beam time was required also
 - for maintenance (~ 1 shift / week)
 - to start-up after maintenance, to set-up of different machine conditions
 - down time (not included in schedule)
- Collaborators from different laboratories participated in studies
 - SLAC, FNAL, INFN-LNF/Roma2, INFN-Milano/LASA, CEA-Saclay, institutes from Poland, ...



Study subjects



Study	VUV-FEL	XFEL	ILC
Long electron bunch trains	X	X	
High beam energy (~ 630 MeV)	X		
Transverse emittance	X		
LLRF developments	X	X	X
Electron beam diagnostics	X	X	X
High order mode (HOM)	X	X	X
Laser / RF-gun	X	X	
Miscellaneous	X		





Long electron bunch trains

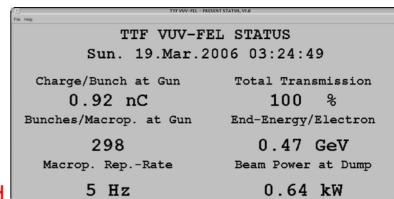


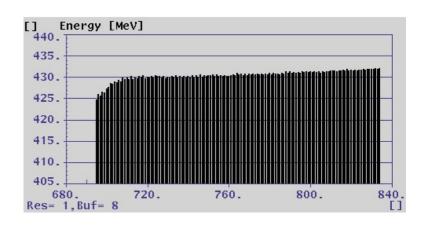
- Transport of beam up to dump without losses
- Machine protection
 - Protection system based on toroid signals
 - Fast switch-off of the machine when loss detected by beam loss monitor system
- LLRF adjustments
 - Stable long pulse operation of RF-gun and acceleration modules
 - Beam load compensation and exception handling

Up to 300 bunches with 1 MHz bunch spacing transported via by-pass line to the dump

Next steps

- Transport of long bunch trains through undulator
- Increase of number of bunches in the train (up to 800)
- Lasing with > 30 bunches









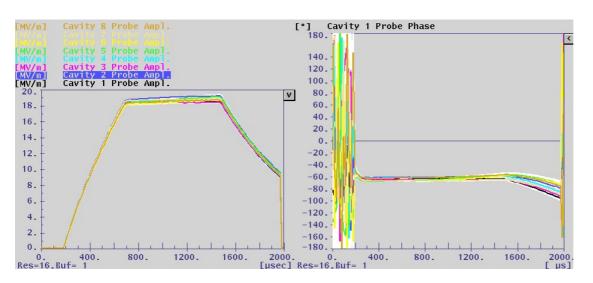
High beam energy

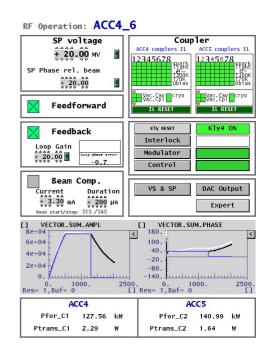


- Goal: maximum possible stable electron beam energy with present hardware
 - Output power of klystron running accelerator modules ACC4/5 was limited to ~ 2 MW
- Gradient of modules ACC4/5 increased to ~ 18 MV/m

Electron beam with energy of ~ 630 MeV transported both via by-pass line and through the undulator to the dump

After maintenance in week 15, another klystron available for ACC4/5: beam energy increased up to ~ 700 MeV (lasing with 13.1 nm wavelength)





Katja Honkavaara, FLASH seminar, 9.5.2006

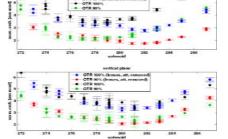




Emittance studies



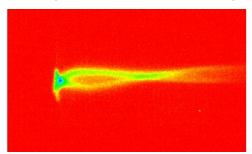
- Projected emittance at the injector (downstream of first bunch compressor)
 - Effects of solenoid current, steering, and laser (attenuator, lenses) studied
 - 90% rms emittance: ~ 2 mm mrad; 100% rms emittance: ~ 3 mm mrad
- Studies of projected emittance to be continued:
 - Optimization of emittance
 - Emittance with a longitudinally flat laser pulse
 - Emittance transport through the linac

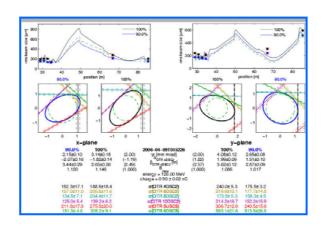


- Development of tools for beam optics matching along the linac
- Slice emittance and slice energy spread measurements using transverse

deflecting cavity

Analysis not finished yet







LLRF developments



Study	VUV- FEL	XFEL	ILC
LLRF control of RF-gun and accelerating modules using FPGA (SIMCON) board: improved stability	X	X	
LLRF control with adaptive feed forward	X		
Finite State Machines (RF and klystron): automation of operation	X		
Characterization of klystron non-linearities	X	X	
Transient measurements	X	X	
Piezo tuner		X	X
Alternating acceleration gradient (along the RF pulse and pulse to pulse)			X





Electron beam diagnostics



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Optical diffraction radiation experiment: development of non-destructive transverse beam size monitor		X	X
Detection of THz radiation and electro optical measurements: information of longitudinal bunch shape		X	
Beam position monitors		X	X
Energy server (electron beam energy measurements)			
Feedbacks (charge, orbit)			
Dark current kicker			
Miscellaneous diagnostics	X		

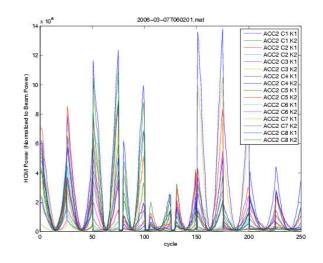


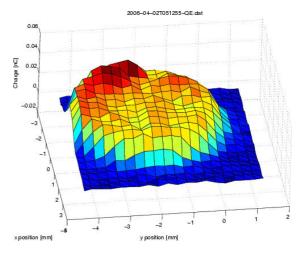


Miscellaneous studies



- High order mode (HOM) measurements
 - Study of dipole mode signals from accelerating cavities
 - Calibration of HOM dipole response to use eventually the HOM signal as a BPM
- Laser / RF-gun studies
 - Dark current measurements
 - Quantum efficiency measurements
 - Mapping of the charge emitted from the cathode
- Double-pulse generation
 - Preparation for pump/probe experiments with IR undulator
 - A second laser pulse delayed by some ns
 - Double electron bunches transported to the dump via by-pass line









Distribution of beam time



Beam time used to	Done	Planned
Electron beam diagnostics	20%	21%
LLRF developments	18%	18%
DOWN	17%	-
Long bunch trains	12%	14%
Transverse emittance	10%	14%
Maintenance	5%	4%
HOM measurements	4%	5%
Laser / RF-gun studies	3%	3%
Double pulse	2%	1%
Tuning of 630 MeV beam	2%	7%
SASE	2%	1%
Tuning	2%	7%
Miscellaneous	2%	-
Energy measurements	1%	1%
Quench protection	-	2%
Cryo measurements	-	2%





Beam time distribution for diagnostics



20% of the total beam time was used for electron beam diagnostics developments and experiments. This beam time was distributed among the different experiments as:

Beam time used for	Done	Planned
Optical diff. radiation (ODR)	31%	35%
THz + EOS	22%	24%
Dark current kicker	10%	4%
BPM development	9%	10%
BPM calibration (operator)	8%	-
Energy server + feedbacks	8%	14%
BPM offsets	4%	8%
SR monitor	3%	4%
Camera alignment	3%	1%
Phase monitor	2%	-





Down time statistics



KW 9-14 (17%): down due to	
Cryo	52%
Klystron / Modulator	32%
Magnets	5%
LLRF	5%
Other	6%

Week	Down	Main reason
9	54%	Cryo (99%)
10	16%	Klystron 2 (85%)
11	6%	-
12	1%	-
13	19%	Power cut (70%)
14	7%	-

Week 11 (6%): down due to	
LLRF	46%
Klystron / modulator	18%
Magnets	10%
Operator	10%
Water	5%
Other	11%

Week 14 (7%): down due to	
Klystron / Modulator	28%
Diagnostics	20%
Water	12%
LLRF	9%
Photon beamline	9%
Laser	9%
Visit	9%
Operator	4%





Summary



- FLASH benefits from most of the studies done during the accelerator study weeks
- Important goals achieved:
 - Long bunch trains (300 bunches @ 1 MHz) transported through the bypass line
 - Electron beam energy increased up to ~ 630 MeV
 - Preliminary results of experiments promising; off-line analysis needed to finally judge their success
- Results of experiments are presented in the FLASH seminars
- Next accelerator study block (3 weeks) in summer 2006 (KW 30-32)
 - Dead-line for beam time requests: May 4th
 - Requests for > 120 shifts (available 3 x 21 shifts = 63 shifts)
 - Some of FLASH (FEL) related studies may be shifted to FEL study blocks
 - Number of requested shifts may be reduced and some studies shifted to next accelerator study block (December 2006)
 - Summary of requests to BAC (meeting in June, 1st) → Decision of priorities
 - Draft schedule in begin of June; Final chedule before end of June