

Present Status of the Smallest Storage Ring Development 1999

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Abstract

We are constructing the smallest electron storage ring for establishing hard/infrared/far-infrared beam facility. Physics subjects to be studied are the studies on a 2/3 resonance injection method, the sub-pico second short electron bunch formation, the coherent synchrotron radiation, the photon storage ring (PhSR) lasing mechanism, the light pulse compression in the PhSR; the Compton back-scattering under strong magnetic field, and characteristics of hard x-rays generated by a very thin wire target placed in the orbit.

1 HISTORY AND PRESENT STATUS

We are constructing the smallest electron storage ring for establishing hard x-ray as well as infrared/far-infrared beam facility [1-3]. This construction was initially motivated by an idea of the photon storage ring (PhSR)[4-7], which is a novel laser scheme originated by Yamada in 1989. The physics involved in the PhSR is similar to a free-electron laser, but an undulator is not used. Instead, one barrel shaped mirror provides the function of the undulator as well as an optical cavity in collaborating with a bunched electron beam circulating in an exact circular orbit. The hard x-ray generation scheme was later added to the project according to the Yamada's proposal in 1996 [8].

The storage ring was designed in 1993, funded by Ministry of Education in 1994, completed in 1997 (a 1 kW magnetron instead of klystron was used because of financial limit), and placed in the injector room of UVSOR Okazaki. We have performed 2/3 resonance injection by using a 15 MeV linac. We have observed circulating beams by a loss monitor. It was impossible to optimise injection and to store useful amount of current since the characteristic wavelength of synchrotron radiation is too long to monitor by fast response detector and another monitors was unavailable in the strong magnetic field of the ring.

A radiation safety room was built in 1996 at Ritsumeikan University, and the ring was moved from Okazaki in 1998. A cw klystron was funded in 1997. Science and Technology Corp. of Japan funded a 21.5 MeV microtron in 1998. The microtron was built in collaboration with a team from P.L.Kapitza institute for physical problems, and succeeded in the commissioning last fall.

In order to adapt the resonance injection at 21.5 MeV, we have modified magnetic field distribution by adjusting pole shape with thin circular metal plates. Parameters of the smallest ring system are shown in Table 1.

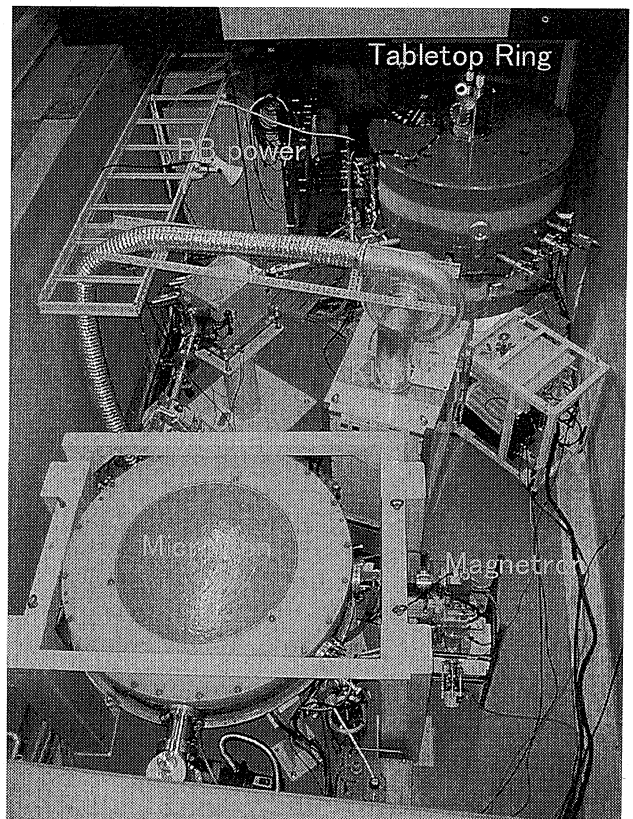


FIG. 1. An overview of the tabletop electron storage ring system under construction installed in the 2 m deep and 3x7 m² wide pit.

2 CONFIGURATION OF THE SYSTEM

The smallest ring system is made of a 1.2 m out diameter and 1.5 m high normal conducting magnet and the circular microtron as seen in Fig. 1. The ring is an exact circular type using one piece of weak focusing magnet. The magnet weigh is 8 ton in total to store electrons up to 50 MeV. The system is placed in a 7x 3 m² wide and 2 m deep pit as seen in Fig. 2 and is covered with 0.5 m thick concrete blocks. A small exposure room is attached. The x-ray as

well as infrared/far-infrared beams can be extracted through a channel in the wall and through a double crystal monochromator system

(the crystal can be replaced to spherical mirrors for IR and FIR) placed inside the accelerator room to stop energetic γ rays.

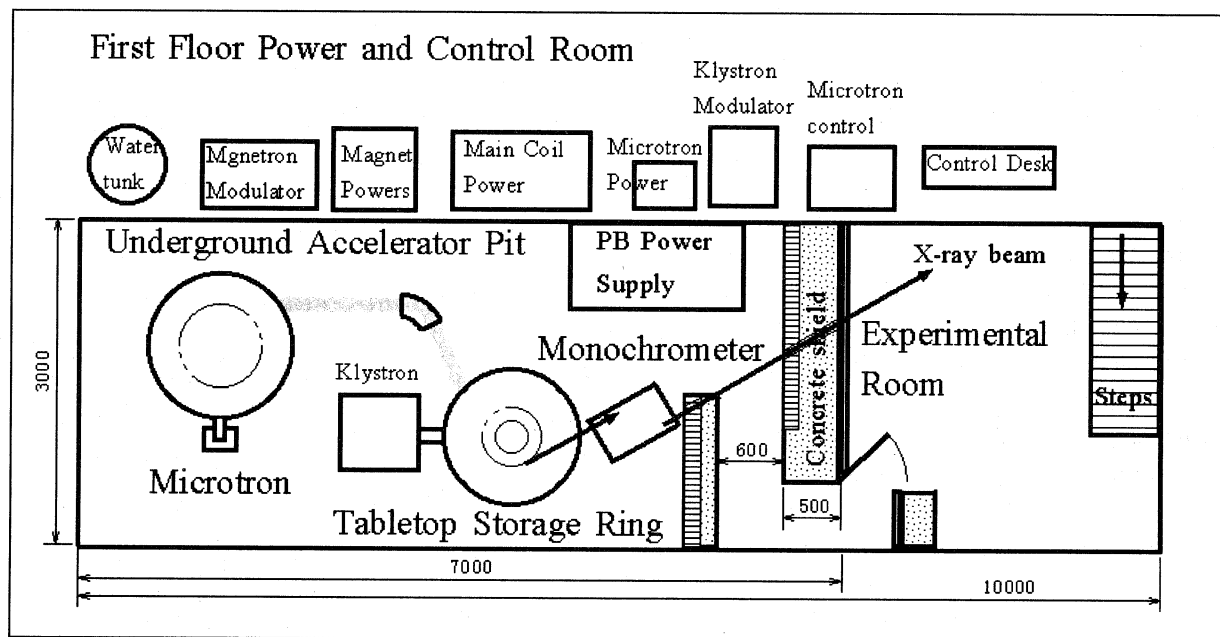


FIG. 2. A schematic plane view of the facility is shown. A small experimental room is seen which can be utilised for x-ray beam applications. A double crystal monochromator is placed inside the accelerator room

3 APPLICATIONS AND PHYSICS PROBLEMS

Beam injection is scheduled from April 29. We are ready to study the following physics related to the smallest ring, and several beam application programs for initial demonstration.

Physics subject involved in the smallest electron storage ring are the following:

1. Experimental study on 2/3 resonance injection method.[2]
2. Beam instability problems appears in the lowest energy ring.[2]
3. Study on a forced cooling technique by laser and residual ions [9].
4. Sub-pico second short electron bunch formation [10].
5. Coherent synchrotron radiation measurement.
6. Photon storage ring lasing mechanism [7]. Effect of the coherent radiation on the laser gain [6].
7. Light pulse compression in the photon storage ring and femt-second pulse formation [11].
8. Compton back-scattering under strong magnetic field [12].
9. Characteristics of hard x-ray beam generated by the very thin target placed in the orbit [8].

The 7-th subject is added according to the recent theoretical

study on the PhSR. The PhSR theory was earlier constructed on an assumption that a single mode electromagnetic(EM) field (whispering gallery mode) appears in the circular optical cavity [7]. As a consequence the laser gain is calculated to the interaction between uniformly filed EM field and electron bunches. Recently we have improved the model and mathematical formalism [11]. We represent the mode in superposition of the multiple radial modes, and obtain the complex wave numbers and each amplitude coefficient by solving eigen functions, which are determined by boundary conditions at optical cavity mirror surface and the envelop of circulating electron beam. If the bunched electron is not taken into account, the uniform EM field appears. We found that when the ratio between the mirror radius and the electron orbit radius satisfies the Yamada's resonance condition, the EM field becomes pulse mode. It will happen that the optical pulse width is narrower than the electron bunch width when the peak current is high and the mirror/orbit ratio is close to the resonance value as seen in FIG. 3.

In the next we discuss the primary beam applications, which are;

1. X-ray imaging using the phase-contrast method.
2. Medical treatment of arterioscleroses, cancer, lighiasis etc. by FIR beam [1].

3. A bio-molecular dynamics excited by FIR-rays [1].
4. Analysis of the water network structure effected by bio-molecules.

In our system the x-ray emission mechanism is not the synchrotron radiation but the bremsstrahlung from a thin wire target placed in the electron orbit [8].

Regardless of magnetic or electric forces, the emission occurs due to acceleration of electrons. Characteristics of the photon emission are simply determined by the energy and momentum conservation laws. The bremsstrahlung should be emitted in the strongly forward direction in a $1/\gamma$ (the γ is the Lorentz factor) cone as same as the synchrotron radiation when the electron energy is relativistic. The high-energy x-ray can be generated more easily by the bremsstrahlung than by the synchrotron radiation, since the atomic Coulomb force is much stronger at the vicinity of nucleus than the magnetic field of bending magnet.

The characteristics of this x-ray source are quite different from that of synchrotron light sources in many regards. First of all, the beam lifetime is only minutes therefor we keep beam injection continuously. But because of the resonance injection, the beam in the central orbit will never be disturbed by the injection. Thus we will be able to keep the constant beam intensity. In the second, the x-ray spectral brightness is rather flat and is extended to the high energy up to the electron energy. The monochrometer is an essential need. We can select any x-ray energy band according to an aim of exposure. In the third we can obtain source size as small as that of Spring-8, since that is determined by the target size as $10\mu\text{m}$ in our case. Beam position must be very stable since the source point is fixed. This is often the problem in the case of large synchrotrons due to sunshine and moon. The x-ray beam covers wide angle such as $1/\gamma = 0.01$ rad, since the electron energy is low. At 1 m distant from the source point the $10 \times 10 \text{ mm}^2$ area can be exposed at a time. These all features are advantageous for the phase contrast x-ray imaging.

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Table 1 Main specifications of the system

Magnet	Weak focusing, normal conducting, Cylindrical
Pole gap	100 mm
Orbit radius	0.156 m
n-value	0.52
RF Cavity	Two set, re-entrant type
frequency	2.44 GHz
Harmonics	8
RF-voltage	50 kV
RF Source	Magnetron
Perturbator	Pair of one turn coils
pulse source	0.4 μs width, 6500 A peak current
Repetition rate	Max 100 Hz
Injector	21.5 MeV microtron
Critical wavelength	8.1 μm
Damping time	1.0 s

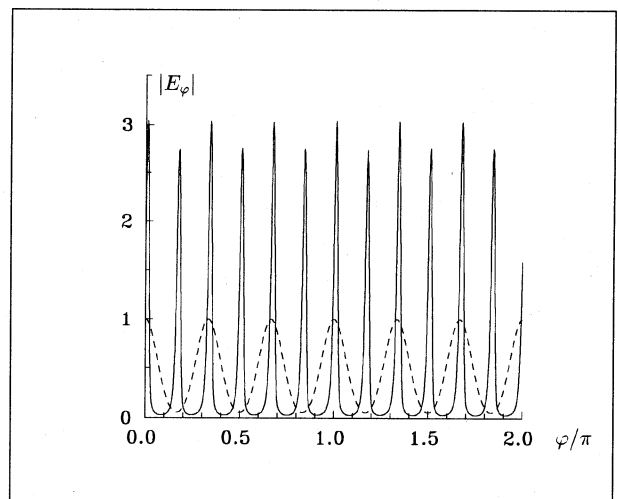


FIG. 3. Light pulse is compressed in the circular optical cavity, when the bunched beam exists. The dashed line represent the electron bunches, and the sold the optical pulse.