

STAR

(Southern Europe Thomson Back-Scattering Source for Applied Research) State of the Art

Project PON MaTeRiA

Materials and Technologies for Applied Research

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MaTeRiA is a joint project aimed at developing a new Research Infrastructure inside the University of Calabria campus area

Partners: **UniCal**, The University of Calabria & **CNISM**, Italian Consortium on Physical Sciences of Matter (1300 reasercher from 39 universities)

	8.4 M€ STAR source - CNISM
Funding €15.7 M€	6.6 M€ Laboratories and building – UniCal
	0.7 M€ Master program – UniCal

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The highly specialized laboratories that constitute MaTeRiA will be organized in three progressive levels

First level. **STAR** (Southern Europe Thomson Back-Scattering Source for Applied Research) equipped with the beam-line **µTomo**.

Second level laboratories:

- 1. Preparation and characterization
- 2. Characterization of mechanical and other physical properties
- 3. Modeling and simulation
- 4. Prototyping
- 5. Advanced spectroscopy

Third level. Network of existent departmental laboratories

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MaTeRiA

- i. STAR, Rende (Italy), a typical Thomson Source for X-ray generation in the 20 - 100 keV range, devoted to radiological imaging of pre-clinical studies and cultural heritage studies: electron recoil effects are absolutley negligible in this case, where X-ray flux and moderate bandwidth are the key factors (hence maximum luminosity);
- ELI-NP-GBS, Magurele-Bucharest (Romania), a typical Inverse Compton Source for nuclear photonics and photonuclear physics devoted to generate maximum spectral density photon beams in the 1 – 20 MeV energy range: here electron recoil is small but non negligible (actually larger than the requested narrow bandwidth);
- **iii. XFELO-***γ*, Menlo-Park-CA (USA), a FEL based Inverse Compton Source for hadronic physics experiments generating up to 7 GeV photons by back-scattering a 12 keV FEL beam by a 7 GeV electron beam circulating in a storage ring: here electron recoil is dominant and strongly affects the bandwidth and intensity of the photon beam. The comparison between analytical predictions and simulation results underline impressively the predicted effect of decreasing the sensitivity of bandwidth to the electron beam emittance by a factor scaling with the inverse of recoil, in such a way that a stronger focusing of the electron beam can be applied without spoiling the bandwidth. As well known this is not possible in low recoil regimes.

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STAR is located in the campus of the University of Calabria The source is placed inside a specifically designed hangar

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STAR (SOUTHERN EUROPE THOMSON BACK-SCATTERING SOURCE FOR APPLIED RESEARCH)



STAR project is aimed at the construction of an advanced Thomson source of monochromatic tunable, ps-long, polarized X-ray beams, ranging from 20 to 140 keV. The project is pursued in collaboration among: Univ. della Calabria, CNISM, INFN and Sincrotrone Trieste. The X-rays will be devoted to experiments of matter science, cultural heritage, advanced radiological imaging with micro-tomography capabilities.

> INFN Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati

The TBS source design is developed by

STAR









The Bunker (37x12x3.5h m) hosting STAR is located inside the Hangar (50x25x6.7h m) together with the clean room for the power laser and the experimental station μ Tomo.

Three satellite structures are connected to the Hangar: the control room and the electrical and air conditioning systems.

Shields have been designed for electron energies up to 350 MeV, while a series of seismic measurements have completely characterized ground vibrations under operating conditions.



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Thomson backscattering X ray source





THOMSON BACK-SCATTERING SOURCES



Thomson Scattering (TS) X-Ray sources are attracting strong attention, mainly by a strong flexibility, compactness and less expensive, respect to the synchrotron sources.

The TS is the electromagnetic process in which each electron absorbs one (linear Thomson scattering) or more (nonlinear Thomson scattering) photons from a laser pulse, emitting one photon. If the electrons are ultra-relativistic the scattered radiation is frequency upshifted and it is emitted forward with respect to the particles motion, with a small aperture cone, proportional to the inverse of the Lorentz relativistic factor.



STAR LAYOUT



One S-band RF Gun at 100 Hz will produce electron bunches boosted up to **60 MeV** by a 3m long S-band TW cavity. A **dogleg** will bring the beam on a parallel line, shielding the X-ray line from the background radiation due to Linac dark current. The peculiarity of the machine is the ability to produce high quality electron beams, with low emittance and high stability, allowing to reach **spot sizes around 15-20 microns**, with a pointing jitter of the order of a few microns. The collision laser will be based on a **Yb:YAG 100 Hz high quality laser system**, synchronized to an external photo-cathode laser and to the RF system to better than **1 ps time jitter**.

A. Bacci, et al.: The STAR project. 5th International Particle Accelerator Conference (IPAC), Dresden, Germany; 06/2014



STAR main specifications

RF and Laser repetition rate: 100 Hz

Phase 1 (present budget 7 M€) : non recirculation, single bunch mode Phase 2 : multi-bunch, laser recirculation (>50 turns), X-band corrector, 2nd accelerating section

Table 1: X-ray beam characteristics

Const.	Phase-1	Phase 2		
Photon energy (KeV)	7-120	7-240		
Photons/sec (@ 100 Hz)	5*10 ⁹	1012		
Bandwidth (rms)	< 5%	<2%		
Rms Pulse length (psec)	< 5	<5		
Linear Polarization	>95%	>98%		

STATUS OF THE STAR PROJECT

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Abstract

This paper reports on the final design and the work in progress on the STAR project (IPAC2014:WEPRO115), which is under construction at the Univ. of Calabria (Italy). The project is devoted to the construction of an advanced Thomson source of monochromatic tunable, pslong, polarized X-ray beams, ranging from 40 up to 140 KeV. At present the buildings and main plants have been completed as the acquisition of main components: the RF photo-injector, the accelerating section, laser systems for collision and photo-cathode, RF Power Source and magnets are ready to start installation and site acceptance tests. The design of laser lines is complete and simulated by ZEMAX, aiming to minimize energy losses, optical distortions and providing a tunable experimental setup as well. The RF power network is close to be tested, it's based on a 55MW (2.5us pulse) S-band Klystron driven by a 500kV Pulse Forming Network based modulator and a Low Level RF system, running at 100 Hz. The Control System is been designed using EPICS and allows to manage easily and fastly each machine parameter. We expect to start commissioning the machine by the end of 2016 and obtain the first collisions within the first part of 2017.

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PHOTOINJECTOR EMITTANCE MEASUREMENT AT STAR

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Abstract

STAR is an advanced Thomson source of monochromatic and tunable, ps-long, polarised X-ray beams in the 40-140 keV range. The commissioning has started at the U. of Calabria (Italy). The light source is driven by a high-brightness, low-emittance electron beam produced in a LINAC allowing for the source tunability and spectral density. This note reports on an emittance measurement schema based on the insertion of a slit mask in the vacuum chamber dedicated to the photocathode laser entrance. Results of the simulation of the measurement technique are reported, and the use of the data for the optimisation of the accelerator performance are detailed. The experimental setup and the application developed in EPICS for image recording and analysis are also described.

µTomo beamline

X-ray microtomography setup Innovative aspects:

µTomo fully exploits the diffraction limited, monochromatic and tunable STAR X-rays:

- Phase contrast images are obtained by using the X-ray beam
- Chemically resolved radiography for an efficient quantitative analysis by means of ٠ the X-ray tunability
- Hard X-ray are used for high Z elements mapping ٠

Experimental techniques:

- PHase Contrast (PHC) radiography
- Chemically resolved radiographic images ٠
- Micro-tomography and holotomography .
- 1 Front end
- 2 3 X-ray transfer line
- Slits
- **4** 5 Sample-holder (2 translations + 3 rotations)
- Detectors pair for high/low energy X-rays
- 6 **Detector stage (3 translations + 2 rotations)**
- (7) Data acquisition system











Phase Contrast CT

Dose : 2.0 ± 0.1 mGy

Conventional CT

Dose : 49±1 mGy

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Application: High resolution radiography



Comparison between amplitude and phase contrast in a rat hearth taken at the ESRF synchrotron. The phase contrast is obtained using a two grating interferometer which provides quantitative measurement of the phase (courtesy of C. David, PSI Viligen Switzerland)

Application: Time resolved phase-contrast micro-radiography

20B2 beamline at Spring8 - 2<u>5 keV</u>



Images of the flow of air into the lungs of a neonatal rabbit using X-ray phase-contract imaging. The phase contrast permits the visualization of the air entering the animal's lungs during its first breaths. (S.B. Hooper et al., Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology and Physiology, 36, pp. 117-125 [91])

Star: Tomography of ancient finds





Star: Tomography of a mosfet after a burnout event







Sample #8



Segmented ROI µCT @ µTomo



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Targets

- EU and National funding for STAR facility evolution (higher flux, higher X-ray energies, ...) and new beamlines (Small angle X-ray scattering, X-ray Diffraction, ...)
- Connection to the European Research Infrastructure network
- User-community driven implementation of techniques
- Establish a user-community looking to Europe and other Mediterranean countries



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The Management Committee of STAR

5 members Unical + 5 members CNISM

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