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Focused tips arrays for production of cold electron beams

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Field emitters...for accelerators?



- Nanometer tip
- Small electron energy spread
- High current density
- Coherent e-source for high resolution app.



Field emitters...for accelerators?





Emittance reduction







SPP-enhanced tip-laser coupling





- 10⁶ emitters, 1 µm-pitch, NIR (800 nm) excitation
- Copper double-gate struc. to support surface plasmon
- polariton => enhanced tip exitation
- Predicted electron yield ~ 10^{-5} ,
- Requiring NIR pulse energies of ~25 μ J for 200 pC.

(APL 2008/2009/2011-2, SciRep 2012, APEX 2013, JVST2015)



Field emitters...for accelerators?







- I. Challenges of double-gate FEAs
 - Quenching of emission current by "collimation"
 - => "engineered" gate structure
 - (APL 2011, JAP 2012/2013, JVST 2015-1/2015-2)
 - Non-uniformity of the tip-sharpness
 > Ne conditioning for selective blunting (APL 2011-1, JAP 2013)

II. Requirement for accelerator applications?

• High current & short pulse

=> Field emission of NIR exited (single) FEA,

w/surface-plasmon enhancement

(APL 2008/2009/2011-2, SciRep 2012, APEX 2013, JVST2015)

• High gradient compatibility

=> Tested (w/single-gate FEA) up to ~30 MV/m (JVST 2011, PoP 2011)

• Emittance => Is it small?





> 0

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Is FEA beam coherent?...test with diffraction





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$$E_{t} = \frac{m}{2} \left(v_{x,rms}^{2} + v_{y,rms}^{2} \right)$$

11.8 eV (k = 0)
0.13±0.06 eV (k = 1)

$$\epsilon/\sigma = 0.5 \,\mu\text{m/mm-rms}$$



Reduced emittance: Double-gate FEA?



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Ideal emittance of field emission beam?





Beam measurement

Low-energy electron diffraction





Electron distribution model (theory)



- Definite advantage of our double-gate FEA for applications that demands low phase space volume e-beam.
 Competitive emittances as the state-of-the-art
- photocathode excited by UV
- All metal nanotip array: importance of small voltage dispersion (no ballast resisters)



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