



# Study and Characterization of Nano-structured Electron Sources for Accelerator Applications

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- (N)UNCD Photocathode
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#### Introduction







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#### Introduction



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# **Temporal Structure of Electron Beam**



- Continuous Electron Beam
- Steady State Microscopy Applications



Field Emission Tips (~nm scale emission area)

No Temporal Structure

# Pulse Goal: Increase Brightness of Pulsed Electron Beam

Stroboscopic UED/M  $\sim$  X-ray Sources, Colliders, Single Shot UED/M etc.  $\sim$  Sources, Colliders, Single Shot UED/M etc.  $\sim$  X-ray Sources, Source

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#### Electron Beam



What is an electron beam? Bunch of electrons travelling in similar direction

Momenta Satisfy Relation  $p_z >> p_x$ ,  $p_y$ 



Longitudinal Directions (z)

What is Bright electron beam?



Low Brightness



High Brightness

**Beam** Direction

Transverse Directions (x,y)



#### Beam Brightness



Beam Brightness = Charge density in Phase space

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{I}{\varepsilon_{nx}\varepsilon_{ny}}$$

According to Liouville's theorem, Brightness remains invariant for Hamiltonian systems

Photocathode determines the maximum possible brightness



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#### Photocathode Parameters



#### Quantum Efficiency

Dowell-Schmerge (DS) model

- Free Electron Gas Theory
- Spicer's Three Step Model



#### Response Time

Response time of a photocathode is given in terms of the extracted electron bunch length when compared to the incoming laser pulse.





MTE dependance:

- Photocathode Parameters
  - Material & Temperature
  - Surface Morphology
- Laser Parameter
  - Photon Energy ( $\hbar\omega$ )
  - o Fluence

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## Photocathode Brightness



• Pulsed Electron Beam

≻X-ray Sources, Colliders, Single Shot UED/M etc.



MTE

 $mc^2$ 

Pulsed Electron Beam

 $\text{MTE} = \frac{1}{2}m\langle v_x^2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2}m\langle v_y^2 \rangle$ 

Stroboscopic UED/M



Few  $\mu$ m limited by the diffraction limit of light

#### Measuring Photocathode Parameters





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#### **PEEM:** Characterize Photocathodes



Real Space: Measure  $\sigma_x$  and I



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#### **PEEM:** Characterize Photocathodes





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#### Research Work: Various Photocathodes





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# (N) UNCD Photocathode



- Mechanical
- Vacuum Stability

Improve performance at  $\lambda > 200 \text{ nm}$ 

Introduce Negative Electron Affinity by *n*-doping of diamond films and surface treatment in hydrogen environment



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#### (N) UNCD Photocathode





Raman spectrum of the (N)UNCD sample showing a characteristic disordered diamond (D) peak and graphite (G) peak.

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- $\lambda: 200 300 \text{ nm}$
- Laser spot size: approx.100 μm X 250 μm (AOI: 65°)
- Extraction Field: 5 kV/m 500 kV/m



# (N) UNCD Photocathode: QE Measurement





$$QE \propto (\hbar\omega - \Phi_{effective})^2$$

$$\Phi = 4.4 \pm 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

Comparable to Previously Reported Values

Comparable to Metal Photocathodes

Quintero et al. Applied Physics Letters 105.12 (2014) Chen, et al. Applied Physics Letters 114.9 (2019) Chen et al. Applied Physics Letters 117.17 (2020)



#### (N) UNCD Photocathode: MTE Measurement





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# (N) UNCD Photocathode: MTE Measurement





# Why is MTE limited to 70 meV at threshold?

Chemical Roughness

$$\text{MTE}_{wf} = \frac{\pi^2 h^2 e}{4\sqrt{2}aE_0}$$

 $\Phi$ graphite = ~4.4 eV  $\Phi$ diamond = ~5.4 eV

Phys. Rev Applied, 4, 024015 (2015).

$$MTE = MTE_{kT} + MTE_{field} + MTE_{wf}$$

 $MTE_{kT} \sim 25 \text{ meV}$  at 300 K

 $MTE_{field} \sim 25 \text{ meV}$ 

 $MTE_{wf} \sim 20 \text{ meV}$ 

Chen, et al. Applied Physics Letters 117.17 (2020)

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#### (N) UNCD Photocathode: Electron Energy Spectra





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#### (N)UNCD: Conclusion



Parameter	Measured
Φ	$4.4 \pm 0.1 \text{ eV}$
MTE	~70 meV
QE	~10 <sup>-6</sup>

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#### High QE Photocathodes







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#### Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb for High Brightness Applications









40 meV at 300K (Expected 25 meV) 22 meV at 90K (Expected 8 meV)

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# Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb: Efforts to Grow Smooth Films



#### Co-Deposition on Lattice Matched Substrate









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Thin STO: RMS surface roughness = 0.3 nm Average spacing b/w peaks = 60 nm.

Thick STO: RMS surface roughness = 0.6 nm Average spacing b/w peaks = 100 nm.

On Si: RMS surface roughness = 1.4 nm Average spacing b/w peaks = 100 nm. Observe Knee at  $\hbar\omega = 2.1 \text{ eV} (\lambda = 620 \text{ nm})$ 

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Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb: Photoemission Electron Energy Spectra





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#### Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb: Mean Transverse Energy





- 1) Physical Review Special Topics-Accelerators and Beams 18.11 (2015): 113401.
- 2) Applied Physics Letters 99.15 (2011).

- At  $\hbar \omega = 1.5 \text{ eV}$ , MTE = 30 meV (~25 meV at 300 K)
- At  $\hbar \omega = 1.8$  eV, MTE = 40 meV and at  $\hbar \omega = 2.3$  eV, MTE = 150 meV (comparable to previously reported values)
- The dotted line is the plot for (excess energy)/3 considering Φ = 1.5 eV (green) and Φ = 1.9 eV (brown)
- MTE doesn't scale as 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of excess energy (Scattering before emission)



#### Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb: Quantum Efficiency





- QE at  $\hbar \omega = 1.5$  eV is 7 orders of magnitude lower when compared with that at  $\hbar \omega = 2.3$  eV
- A knee-like feature is also observed in the QE spectral response at  $\hbar \omega = 2.1$  eV
- Unstable D0<sub>3</sub> cubic structure

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Nangoi, J. K., et al. arXiv preprint arXiv:2205.14322 (2022)



#### Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb: Conclusion



#### These photocathodes to be used in SLAC-LCLS-II-HE

Ρ	arameter	Threshold	Operational
	ħω	$1.5 \pm 0.1 \text{ eV}$	<b>1.8 eV</b>
	MTE	~30 meV	~40 meV
Q	<b>E</b> (at Φ)	10-7	10-4
		<b>Comparable to</b>	<b>Better than</b>
		Metal	Metal

Photocathodes

**Photocathodes** 

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# Need for Small Emission Area Photocathodes





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# Need for Small Emission Area Photocathodes





### UED Beamlines with Collimating Apertures



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# Small Emission Area Photocathodes: Reducing $\sigma_x$



#### Conventional way of focusing light



#### Surface Plasmon Polariton





Achieve nanoscale electron emission area from Plasmonic Gold **Spiral** 



Source: Circularly Polarized Gaussian;  $\hbar \omega = 1.55 \text{ eV} (\lambda = 800 \text{ nm})$ ; Pulse Length = 150 fs;  $\lambda_{spp} = 783 \text{ nm}$ 

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# Plasmonic Spiral Photocathode: Experimental





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# Spiral Photocathode: Order of Emission







# Spiral Photocathode: Spot Size





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# Spiral Photocathode: MTE







# Spiral Photocathode: Emittance







# Spiral Photocathode: Emittance Extrapolated





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# Spiral Photocathode: 4D-Brightness





Maximum 4-D Brightness achieved: ~85 electrons/nm<sup>2</sup> ( $\langle xp_x \rangle = 0$ )

Brightness decreases •  $e^- - e^-$  interaction

Maximum 4-D Brightness achieved: ~600 electrons/nm<sup>2</sup> ( $\varepsilon_{nx} = 40$  pm-rad)

The gray area shows the region in which the brightness from spiral could lie depending on the nature of the correlations developed in x and  $p_x$  due to the Coulomb interactions



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# Conclusion



#### (N)UNCD Photocathode

- Vacuum Robustness
- Good for application which have poor vacuum conditions



#### <u>Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb</u> <u>Photocathode</u>

- Stringent vacuum requirements
- Can be used for applications that required high current



#### Plasmonic Spiral Photocathode

- Vacuum Robustness
- Limited Charge
- Stroboscopic UED/UEM
- Shaped Electron Beams





# Future Work



- Photoemission from NEA (N)UNCD
- Photoemission studies of epitaxial Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb/CsSb and other alkali antimonide photocathodes such as K<sub>2</sub>CsSb and Na<sub>2</sub>KSb
- Study the performance of (N)UNCD, Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb and other alkali antimonide photocathodes at cryogenic temperatures
- Integrate Spirals (small spot size) with alkali antimonides (small MTE)
- Photoemission from plasmonic bowtie structure or hybrid plasmonic structure ( $\varepsilon_{nx} \sim 10 \text{ pm-rad}, B_{4D} \sim 10,000 \text{ electrons/(nm}^2\text{Sr)}$
- Work function engineered electron sources
- Test in Accelerator Environment



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# Photonics Integrated Cathodes





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# Photonics Integrated Cathodes: Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb





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# Photonics Integrated Cathodes: Cs<sub>3</sub>Sb





- $Si_3N_4$  waveguide with the cross section of the order of wavelength and high aspect ratios support fundamental as well as higher order modes at a single wavelength.
- Transverse patterns are formed due to interference between these copropagating modes.

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# Photonics Integrated Cathodes: Oxide Pattern





Optical Microscope Image:  $SiO_2$  blocks on top of  $Si_3N_4$  waveguide



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PEEM Image: SiO<sub>2</sub> blocks on top of Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> waveguide;  $\lambda = 522$  nm; Film thickness ~ 5 nm; QE ~ 0.5 %

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PEEM Image: Multiple Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> waveguide;  $\lambda = 522$  nm; Film thickness ~ 5 nm; QE ~ 0.5 %

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# MTE



• 
$$TE = \frac{1}{2} \left( m v_x^2 + m v_y^2 \right) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( k_x^2 + k_y^2 \right)$$

• 
$$MTE_{\chi} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\int k_{\chi}^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k_{\chi}}{\sigma_{\chi}}\right)^2} dk_{\chi}}{\int e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k_{\chi}}{\sigma_{\chi}}\right)^2} dk_{\chi}}$$
,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-ax^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a^3}}$ ,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ax^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}}$ 

• 
$$MTE_x = \frac{\hbar^2 \sigma_x^2}{2m}$$
,  $MTE_y = \frac{\hbar^2 \sigma_y^2}{2m}$   
•  $MTE = MTE_x + MTE_y = \frac{\hbar^2 (\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2)}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 \sigma^2}{2m}$ 

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# **Brief Description of PEEM**





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# Maximum Extracted Charge





Electric Field due to Uniformly Charged Disk:

$$E_{disc} = \frac{\sigma}{2\varepsilon_0} \left( 1 - \frac{z}{\sqrt{z^2 + R^2}} \right)$$
  
For  $R >> z$ .

$$E_{disc} = \frac{\sigma}{2\varepsilon_0}$$

Now the emission ceases once the applied electric field is equal to the electric field due to the emitted electron bunch and hence, we have,

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0}$$
$$E = \frac{Q_{max}}{A\varepsilon_0}$$
$$Q_{max} = \varepsilon_0 A E$$

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(N)UNCD Pyramid Tip Cathode: Energy Spectra





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# (N)UNCD Pyramid Tip Cathode: SEM After





(a) Structural change in the tip at the apex of(N)UNCD PTC after irradiation with femtosecond laser with the pulse length of 150 fs and central wavelength of 800 nm

(b) (N)UNCD PTC showing laser-induced periodic surface structures (LIPSS) on the pyramid face exposed to the incident laser. The LIPSS were oriented perpendicular to the direction of the electric field of the incident laser with a spatial period of the order of 800 nm.


# **Spiral Compensation**





$$\frac{\Delta p}{c} = \frac{\Delta r}{v_{sp}}$$
$$\Delta r = \frac{(\Delta p)(v_{sp})}{c}$$
$$\Delta r = \frac{(\Delta p)(\lambda_{sp})}{\lambda} = \frac{(\Delta x \sin(\theta))(\lambda_{sp})}{\lambda}$$
$$x' = r\cos(\phi) + r\cos(\phi)\sin(\theta)\left(\frac{\lambda_{sp}}{\lambda}\right)\cos(\phi)$$
$$y' = r\sin(\phi) + r\cos(\phi)\sin(\theta)\left(\frac{\lambda_{sp}}{\lambda}\right)\sin(\phi)$$

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# Plasmonic Spiral: Tilt Compensation







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## New Fabrication Technique







#### Density of States: Gold





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### Spiral Photocathode: MTE











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## **Epitaxial Transfer of GaAs**





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