

## First operation of the Gun at XFEL ... and the next steps

F.Brinker for the XFEL collaboration







### Injector Tunnel (one year ago)









### First operation of an accelerator at XFEL started December 2013



To make this happen a huge amount of work had to be done

After finalizing the construction work the infrastructure had to be installed in the complete injector building:

- Light
- Electric power
- Cooling water

- Air conditioning
- IT network
- Fire safety
- ... things I forgot





### We did the gun test during 4 weeks in December and learned a lot about the different systems involved

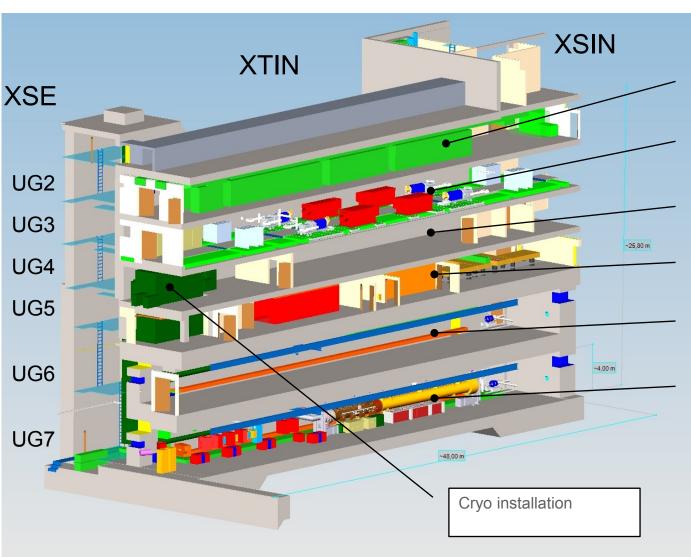


- the operation of the high power RF including modulator, transformer, klystron waveguides
- the gun with cathode, solenoids, vacuum system, input coupler and window
- the temperature regulation system
- the low level RF system
- the timing system the machine protection system
- the personal interlock system
- control system hard- and software









Magnet power supplies

Klystron, pulstransformer, wave guides

Diagnostics, IT, MPS

Timing, Laser

Second Injector

Gun, Gun cooling







#### FEL Personal Interlock



The 2 injectors and the main linac have to be independent

-> Separate regions are needed for the injectors, the main linac, the media

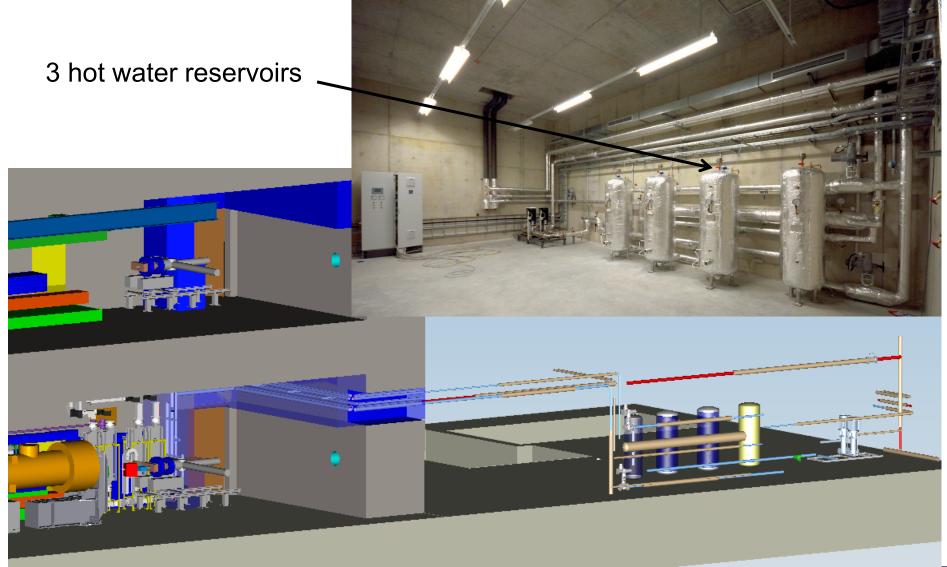
shafts and the labyrinths Concrete shielding door IL-regions needed for the gun test Lift LXTIN1 X14 Grundriss 7,UG -XTL/XSE XTIN1 MS XSIN X05 MS XSE





### XFEL The gun cooling



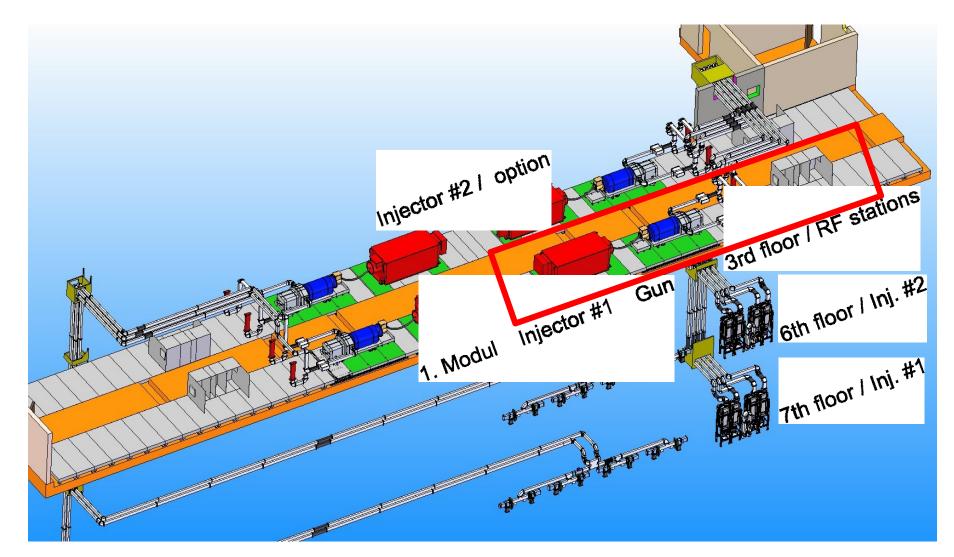






#### RF Stations XTIN – UG3











#### Arrival of the pulse transformers













and klystrons









### Waveguides – the power is distributed over 4 waveguides and recombined before the gun



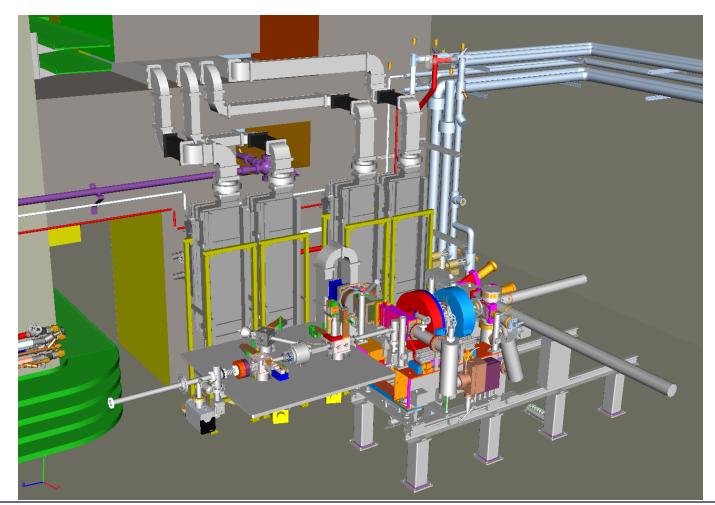




### XFEL Already getting tight ...



#### From model ...







... to reality







### Operational experiences – Thanks a lot for the good preparation!



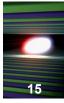
- Magnet power supplies : used for solenoids , OK
- Cooling water : OK, minor water temperature issues during the first days at pulse transformer ( power too low )
- Modulator : OK beside a single server failure
- Pulse transformer, Klystron : OK
- Waveguides, circulators directional couplers ... : OK
- Personal interlock : OK, no failures operation without temporary access
- Timing : OK some reboots necessary (unstable power?)
- LLRF: ( no feedbacks used ) no failures but some measurements need further checks
- Machine protection : OK, no failures observed
- Gun cooling : OK works very stable under steady state or ramping conditions. Further improvements needed (and foreseen) for fast power changes like trips.
- Control system : OK operation completely from BKR ( control room bldg. 30 ), no high level applications yet



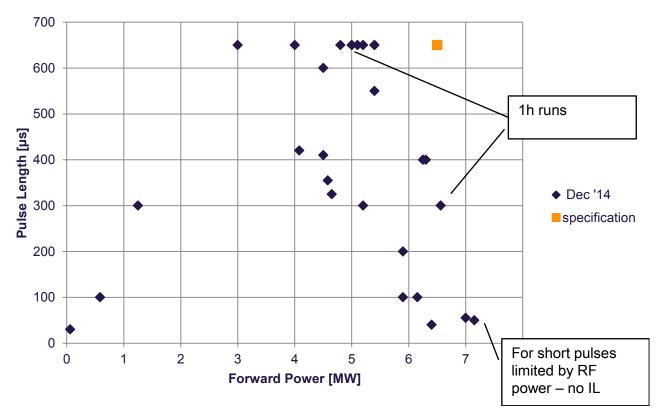




#### FEL Achieved RF Parameters in December Run



 Gun has been conditioned at Zeuthen to 6MW – no "Gun" interlocks observed ( no vacuum break out or reflected power ILs )



RF Run from 9<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of Dec.



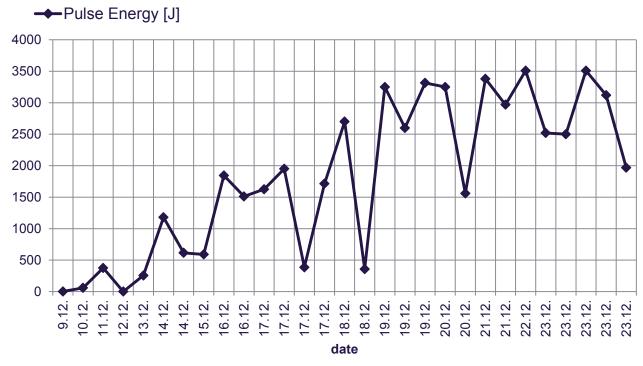


#### XFEL Development of pulse energy over time



Goal:

 $6.5MW \cdot 650\mu s = 4.2 \text{ kJ}$ 

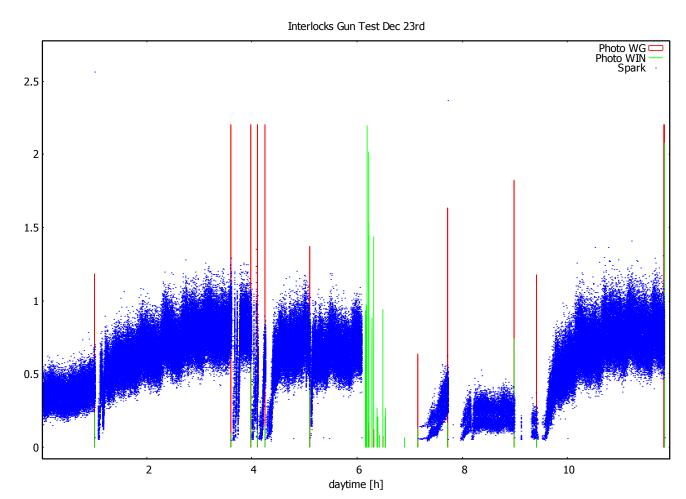






### So, what limited the power / pulse length ? → Interlocks only from light sensors at RF window



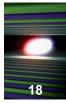


- Signal from photodiode on air side (Spark) increases slowly with pulse energy
- Photomultipliers on vacuum side detect only high spikes together with spark det.
- One exception only after 6:10, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> for about 1h with light on vacuum side





#### Hint to problems with RF spring:



- Strong vacuum activity behind the cathode no activity seen within the gun
- Same behavior when changing the magnetic field. Ramping up the solenoids with RF-power without any problems – beside pressure increase in the cathode chamber
- No interlocks!
- After the test the gun was opened to examine the cathode holder
- The holder is a new design after damages have been observed at the gun backplane at FLASH



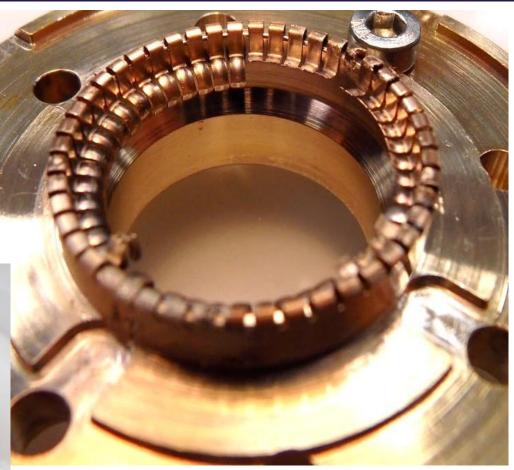


### Massive damages of Cathode spring after operation





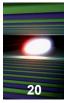








#### XFEL Improvement seen at the next gun at Zeuthen



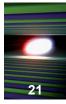


- The gun 4.4 has been opened after operation at Zeuthen last week
- Cathode spring in much better condition
- No melting
- Nevertheless 3 broken fingers

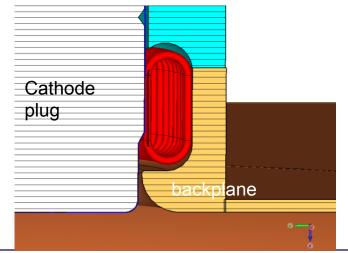




#### Plan for improvements:



- Improvement of surfaces (test in Zeuthen starts now ):
  - Cathode holder have been gold plated
  - Spring has been rhodium and gold coated
  - Cathode plugs have been electro polished
- In parallel : modification of the geometry
  - A different spring geometry ("watchband design" used at FLASH) is in preparation for this autumn





#### Attacking the window problem



- The light emission seen at the window is a hint for RF-induced discharges
- These can be reduced by ultra high vacuum in the waveguides, fillings of SF6 or increasing the air pressure
  - SF6 is practically excluded due to safety reasons
  - For UHV operation waveguide components like in-vacuum Tcombiner and directional couplers are needed – these are presently under tests at Zeuthen
  - At XFEL the waveguides will be prepared for higher air pressure of up to 3 bar for the next run





#### Further installations until mid '14



- Add dispersive arm and diagnostics to the gun
- Major part of the warm beamline
- Injector dump
- Cryo installations for injector
- Laser system





#### Installation of Cryo transfer lines









#### Installation of Cryo-Module supports



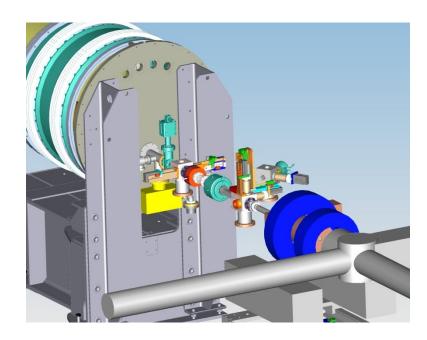






#### next : Gun Section







- Charge
  - Toroid
  - Dark current monitor
  - Faraday Cup
  - Integrated Faraday Cup
- Position
  - BPM
- Beam shape
  - Screens
- Energy
  - Spectrometer magnet
  - Screen





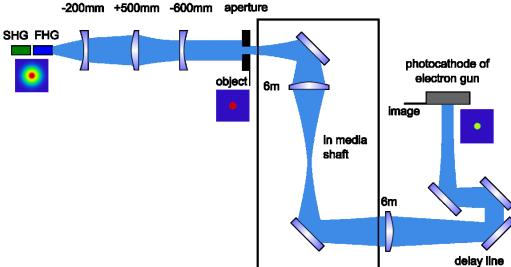


### UV-Laser (MBI) installation in UG5 started, beamline design ready





XFEL UV laser beamline concept (FS-LA)



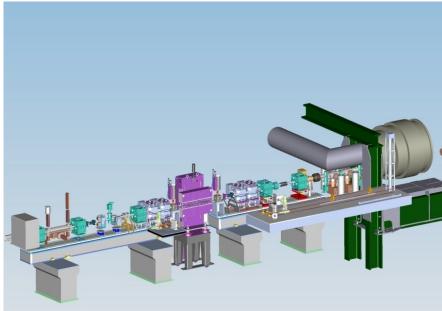






### XFEL Diagnostics : Part 1













- Toroid:
- DCM:
- Position
  - BPMC/R:
  - BPMA:
  - **BPMF**:
- Beam Shape
  - OTRL:
    - → Mover + Screen:
    - Chamber: to be delivered by Uni Upsala
  - Loss monitors:
    - → BLM:

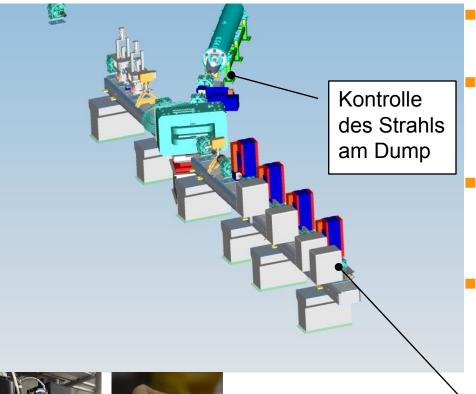
TDS will come later in 2014



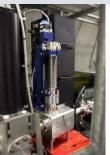


#### XFEL Diagnostics Part 2





- Charge
  - Toroid:
- Position
  - BPMA:
  - BPMD:
- Beamshape
  - OTRC:
  - OTRD:
- Losses
  - Loss monitors





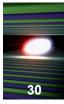


Fast Kicker allow the selection of bunches for diagnostics





#### Laser Heater system with undulator and infrared Laser



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OS1

Diagnostics after undulator

Online Monitoring

- Power
- Position Sensitive Det. (PSD)
- photon beam size (camera)
- Timing (photo diodes)

• OS0

- Telescope
- photon waist size and position
- 4D laser stabilisation system
- 2 Attenuation systems

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### Magnets are in house and RFI Girder pre-installation started







### XFEL Dump vehicles ready and tested

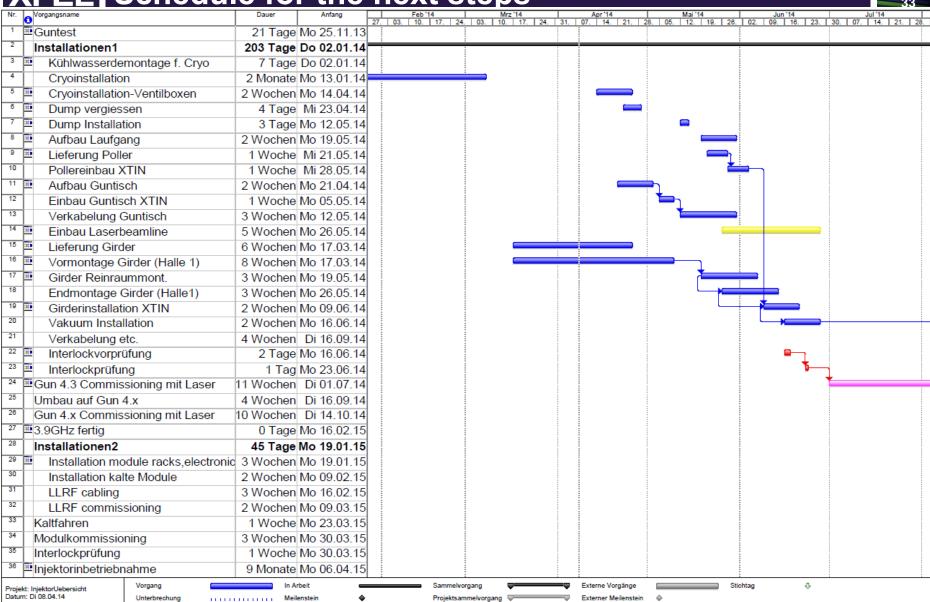






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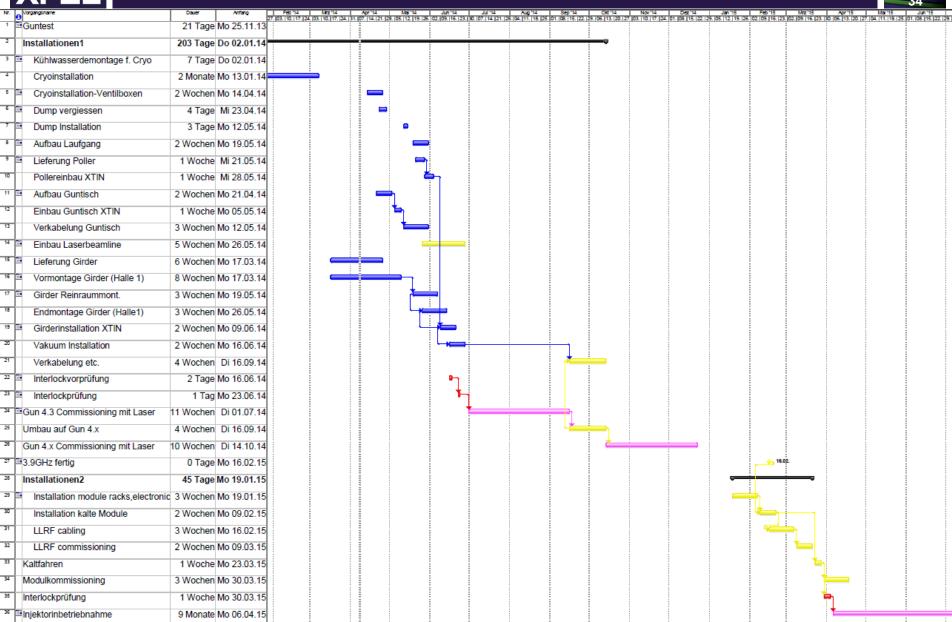
#### Schedule for the next steps



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#### Longer perspective until mid of 2015



# Thank You!

