

テラヘルツ光源の現状

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テラヘルツ電磁波とは？

テラヘルツ電磁波 = 遠赤外光 = サブミリ波



エレクトロニクスのフロンティア

周波数

1 PHz (10^{15} Hz)

1 THz (10^{12} Hz)

1 GHz (10^9 Hz)

波長

0.3 μ m

300 μ m

30 cm

周期

1 fs

1 ps

1 ns

エネルギー

4 eV

4 meV

4 μ eV

・ Electronic-excitation state

・ Phonon
・ Exciton
・ Cooper pair

・ Laser-cooled atom

応用物理のフロンティア

応用例; テラヘルツ電磁波による透視技術

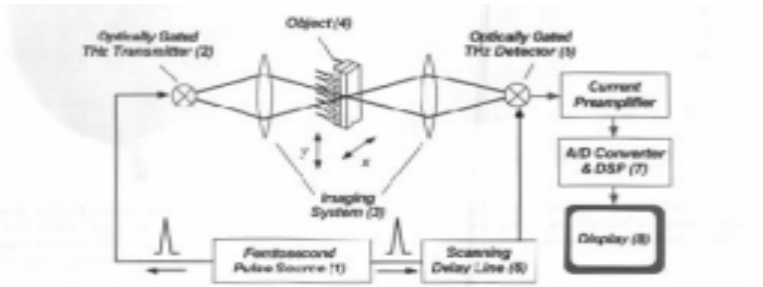
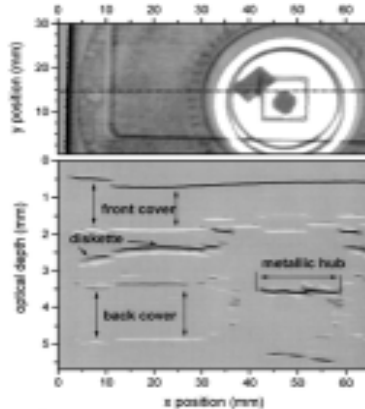


Fig. 1. Schematic of the THz imaging system. In our experiments the object is raster scanned by a two-axis motorized stage.

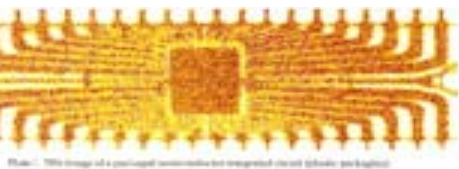
一般的な検出システム → 長時間スキャンが必要



水分量計測



フロッピーディスクの
3次元透過画像計測



本集積回路の透過画像計測

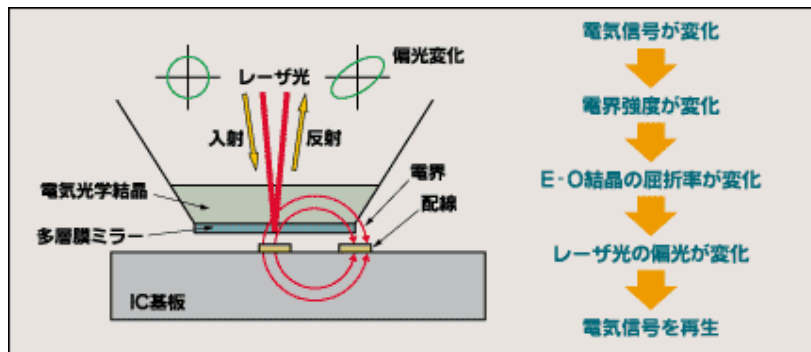
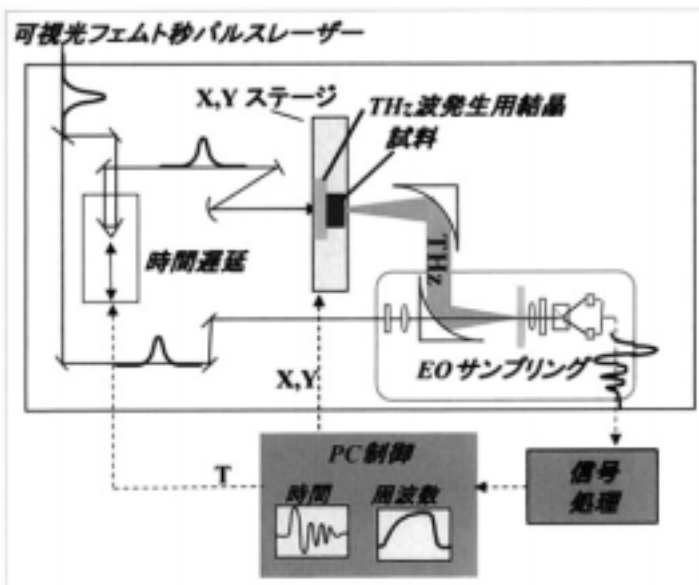
@優れた透過特性
エックス線とは異なった
安全な非破壊検査が可能

@遠赤外領域での超短パルス
(ピコ秒パルス)
高時間分解能の測定が可能

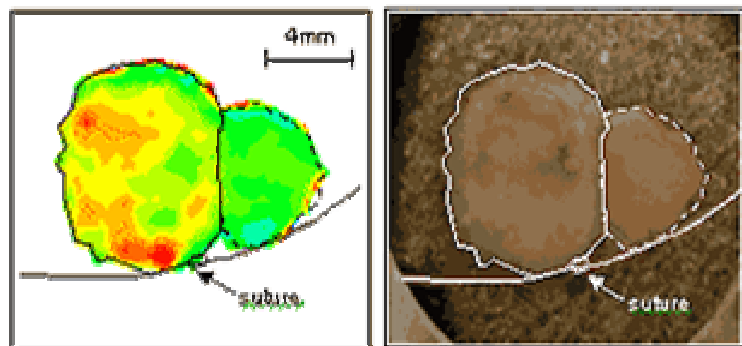
@水の吸収が強い領域
水分に関する高感度測定が可能

@新しいイメージングシステム
様々な分野への応用が可能

応用例; テラヘルツ電磁波の生体応用



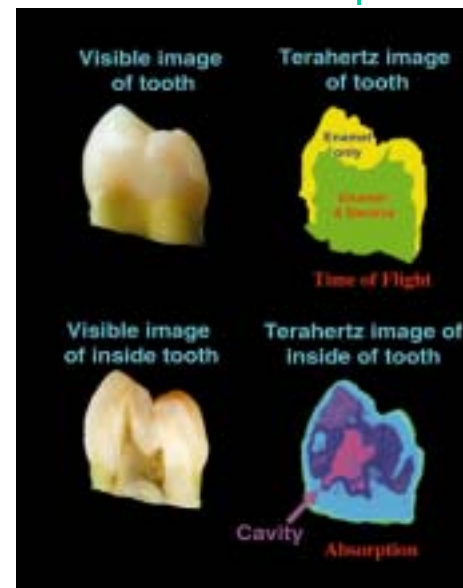
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THz image

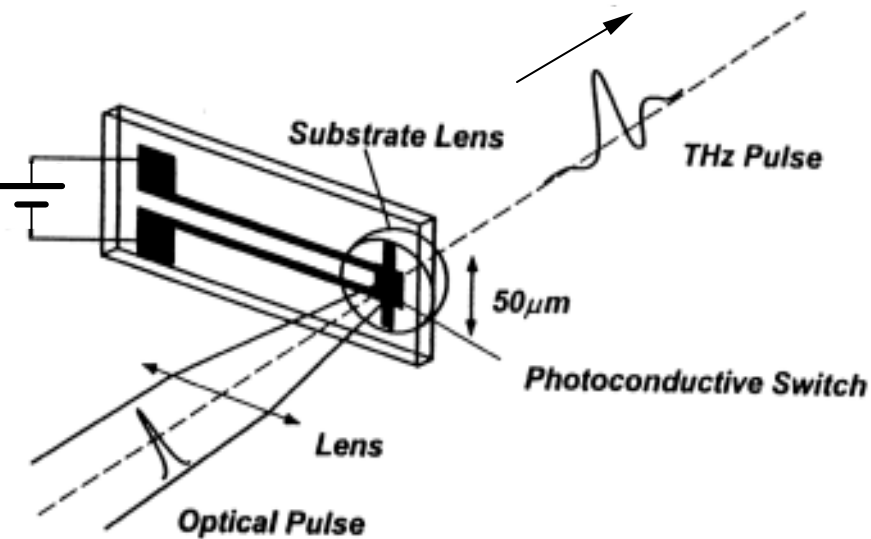
Visible image

皮膚がんの腫瘍
のイメージング



歯のイメージング

Photoconductive switch



@ D. H. Auston

APL vol. 43, 713 (1983)

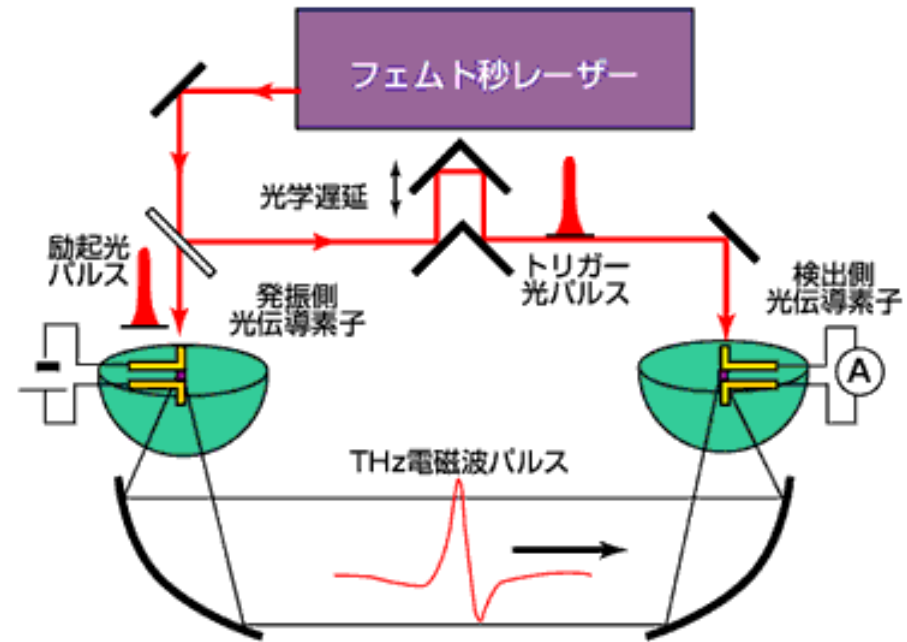
- + Time domain spectroscopy
- + high sensitivity for detection
- Low THz-radiation power
- Break down
- Serious arraignment

THz-radiation source & detector



Strong needs for high power
and simple THz-radiation source

光伝導スイッチによる時間分解分光法



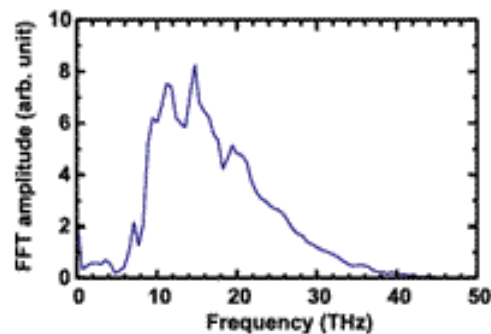
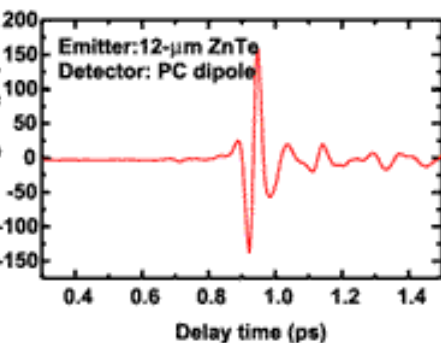
+ 時間分解分光

+ 高感度検出

- 低出力

- ブレークダウンが起こりやすい

- 調整が困難



様々なテラヘルツ電磁波発生法

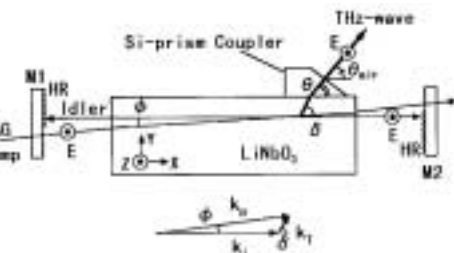
- **超短パルスレーザー励起による半導体素子からの発生法**
光伝導素子、半導体超格子、半導体表面など
D. H. Auston, Appl. Phys. Lett. 43, 713 (1983).
X. -C. Zhang, et al, Appl. Phys. Lett. 56, 1011 (1990).
- **超電導電流の変調による発生法**
M. Hangyo, et al, Appl. Phys. Lett. 69, 2122 (1996).
- **光伝導素子を用いた差周波による発生法**
K. A. McIntosh, et al, Appl. Phys. Lett. 67, 3844 (1995).
- **非線形素子を用いたパラメトリック発振器による発生法**
K. Kawase, et al, Appl. Phys. Lett. 68, 559 (1995).
- **電流注入による半導体素子からのテラヘルツ電磁波発生法**
R. Kohler, et al, Nature 417, 156 (2002).

テラヘルツパラメトリック発振

Unidirectional radiation of widely tunable THz wave using a prism coupler under noncollinear phase matching condition

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A widely tunable THz wave has been parametrically generated and reported recently by utilizing a LiNbO₃ crystal with a monolithic grating coupler under a noncollinear phase matching condition. However, the output direction of the THz wave is strongly dependent on the generated frequency due to the nature of noncollinear phase matching, as well as the grating coupler. In this letter, a novel method for THz coupling is proposed using a low dispersion prism to eliminate almost completely the THz beam deflection for the entire tuning range. The unidirectional THz wave radiation was confirmed theoretically and experimentally for the range of 1–2 THz. © 1997 American Institute of Physics. [S0003-6951(97)02632-6]



Experimental cavity arrangement of unidirectional THz wave radiation using a Si-prism coupler. The change of the angle θ is $\approx 0.01^\circ$, though the deflection angle θ varies up to $\approx 1^\circ$ as the THz wavelengths are tuned from 150 to 290

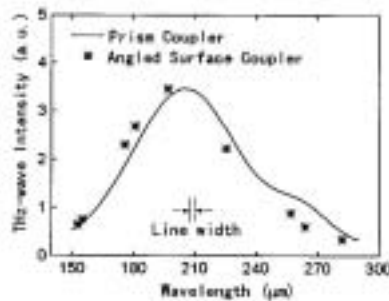


FIG. 3. Measured THz wave intensity dependence on the wavelength for prism coupler (solid line) and angled surface coupler (stars). In the case of the prism coupler, the bolometer position was fixed, meanwhile, in the case of angled surface coupler, the bolometer position had to be shifted point to point each time to measure, since the radiation angle varied as tuned.

K. Kawase et al, APL, 71, 753 (1997)

+ 波長可変 (1~2THz)

+ シリコンプリズムカップ
 ラーによる取り出し効率の
 高効率化

K. Kawase et al, APL, 80, 195 (2002)

+ 200mW以上の出力

+ 100MHz以下の狭帯域

Terahertz semiconductor-heterostructure laser

Terahertz semiconductor-heterostructure laser

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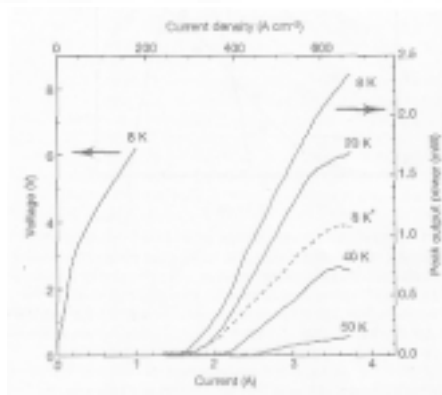
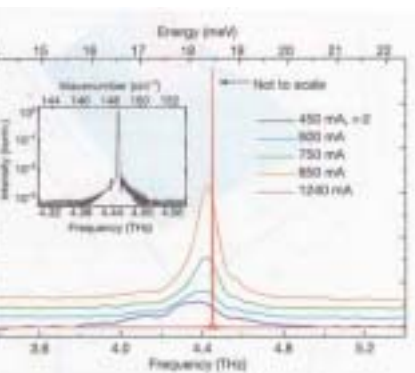
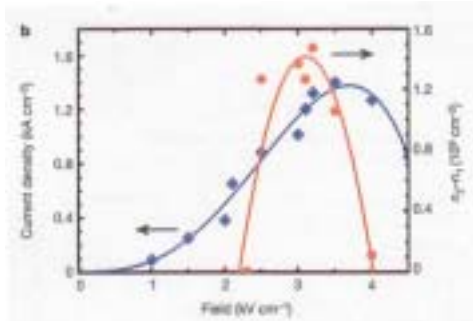
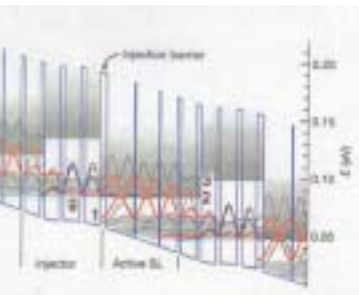
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Nature, 417, 156 (2002)

+ First semiconductor laser in THz region

+ More than 2-mW output power at 4.4 THz

- Under 50K



高温超電導体薄膜からのテラヘルツ電磁波発生

Terahertz radiation from superconducting $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-x}$ thin films excited by femtosecond optical pulses

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Ultrafast electromagnetic waves (600 fs width) from superconducting YBCO thin films have been observed by irradiating current-biased samples with femtosecond optical laser pulses (80 fs width). The Fourier component of the pulse extends up to ~ 2 THz. The characteristics of the radiation are studied and the radiation mechanism is ascribed to the ultrafast supercurrent modulation by the laser pulses, which induce the nonequilibrium superconductivity. © 1996 American Institute of Physics. [S0003-6951(96)04846-1]

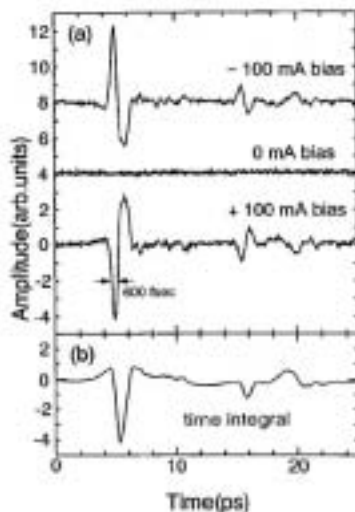
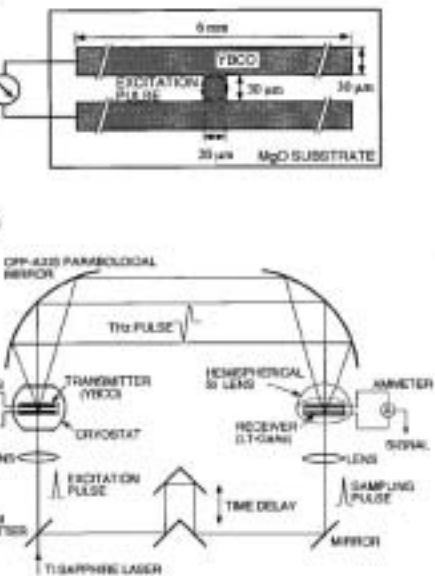


FIG. 2. (a) Measured electrical pulse of the freely propagating THz radiation for various bias currents. (b) Time integral of the electrical pulse for the bias current of +100 mA.

@ 超伝導電流の変調によるテラヘルツ電磁波発生

@ 超伝導電流のマッピングが可能

@ 600fsのパルス幅

@ 2THzに及ぶスペクトル

M. Hangyo et al,
 APL, 69, 2122 (1996)

光整流による広帯域テラヘルツ電磁波発生

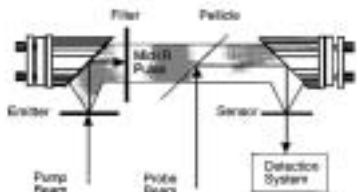
Coherent, broadband midinfrared terahertz beam sensors

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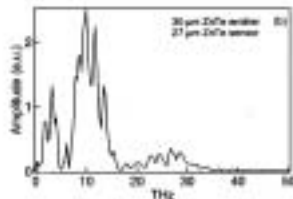
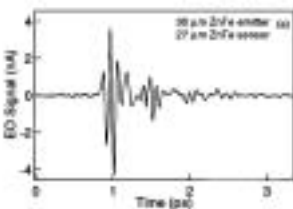
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With proper selection of the electro-optic terahertz (THz) wave emitter and sensor crystals, we demonstrate the coherent measurement of free-space broadband radiation spanning 100 GHz to over 30 THz. This effort supports the feasibility of midinfrared time-domain spectroscopy. © 1998 American Institute of Physics. [S0003-6951(98)03347-6]



1. Schematic illustration of the experimental setup for the generation and detection of a broadband THz beam.



2. (a) Temporal waveform of the THz pulse radiated from a 30 μm ZnTe emitter and measured by a 27 μm ZnTe sensor; (b) amplitude spectrum of the wave form. The absorption dip at 5.3 THz is due to the ZnTe optical phonon.

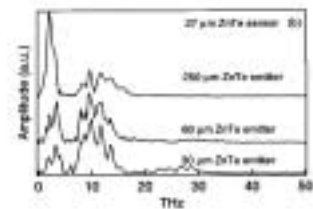
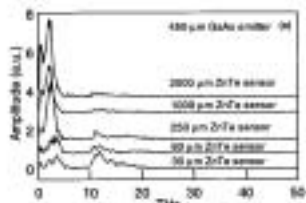
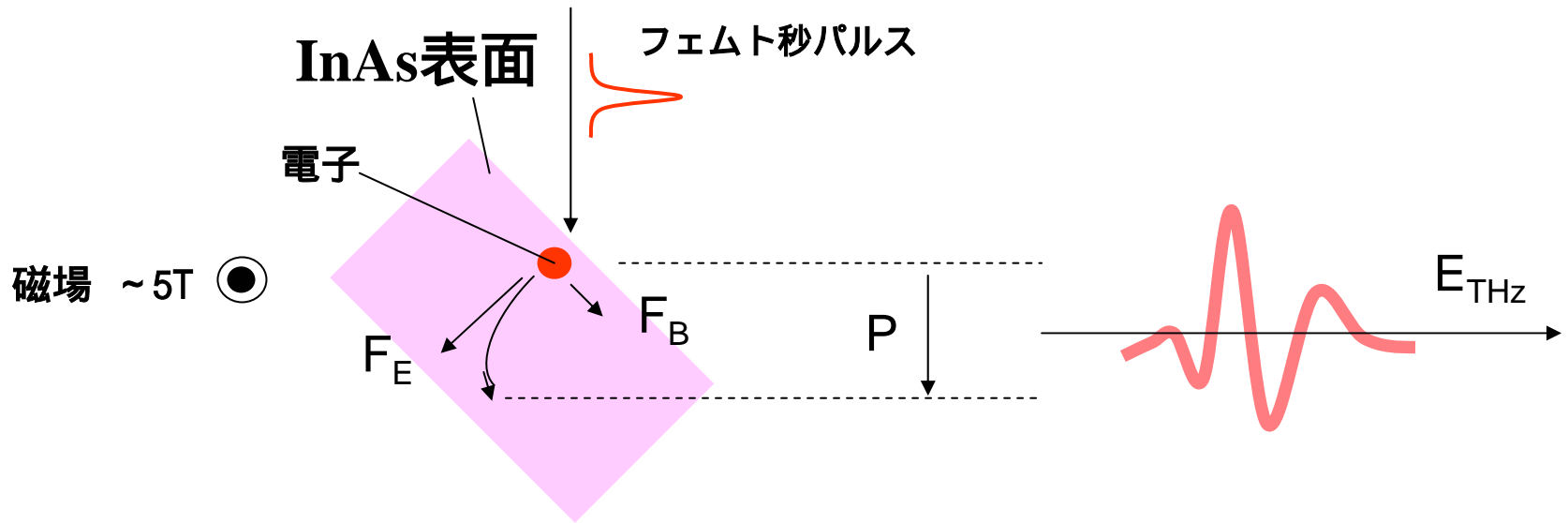


FIG. 3. (a) Spectral amplitude from three ZnTe emitters with different thicknesses, the emitter is a 480 μm GaAs; (b) spectral amplitude from three ZnTe emitters with different thicknesses, the sensor is a 27 μm ZnTe.

ZnTeやGaAsからの100GHz
から30THzに及ぶ広帯域THz
電磁波発生

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APL, 73, 3049 (1998)

テラヘルツ電磁波の発生原理



$$a(t) \propto \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \propto \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2} \propto -\frac{e}{m_e} (E_{suf} + v \times B)$$

$$E_{THz} = E_{THz}^2 \propto \left(\frac{\partial \vec{J}}{\partial t} \right)^2 = (nea(t))^2$$

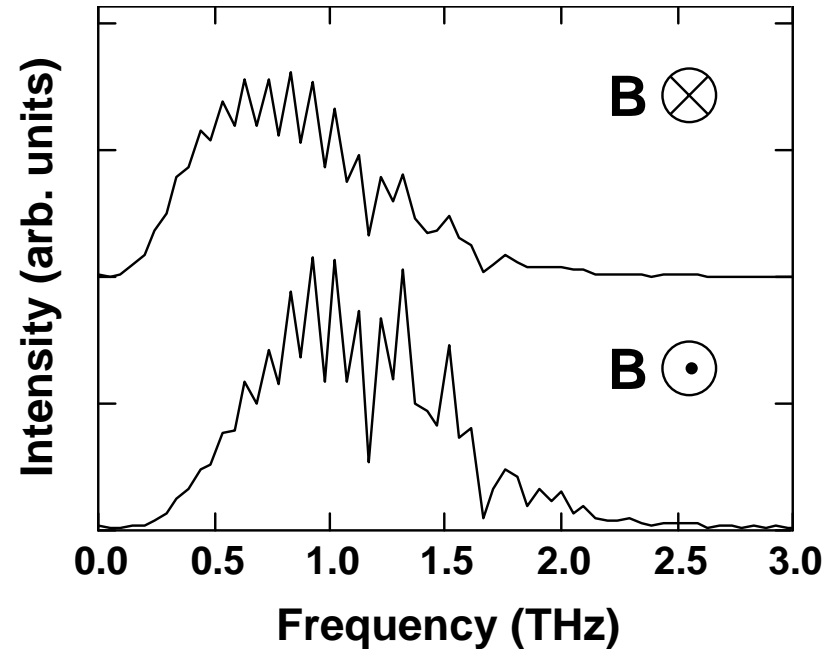
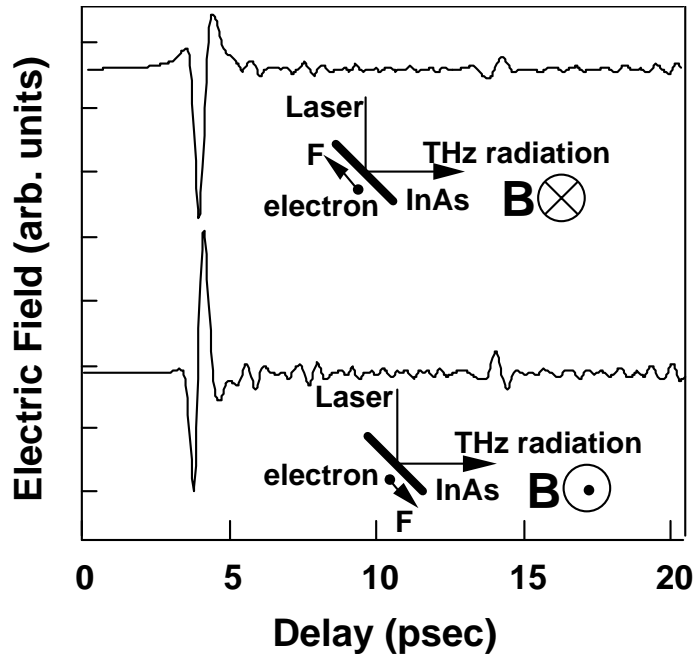
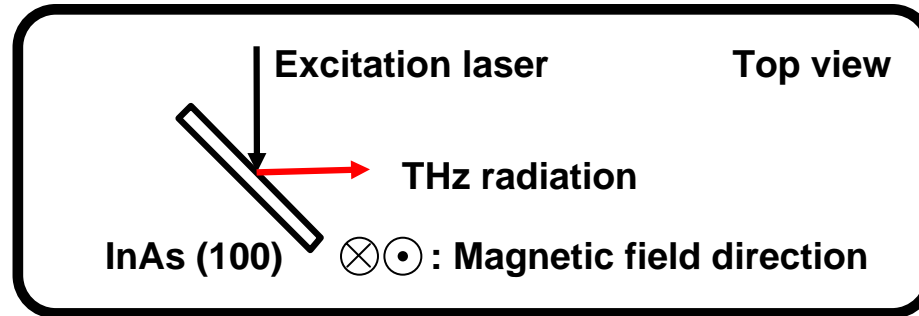
電子の有効質量

GaAs InAs

$0.063m_0 > 0.024m_0$

$m_0 = 9.10 \times 10^{-31} \text{ (kg)}$

Time-Domain Measurement



Basic magnetic field enhancement scheme of THz radiation

Magnetic switching of THz beams

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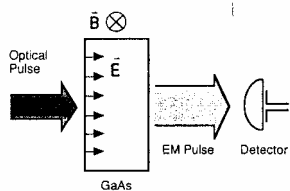
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We demonstrate the use of a magnetic field to switch and to control the direction and polarization of a THz beam radiated from a semiconductor emitter.



The top view of the experimental configuration for the magnetic switching of a THz beam.

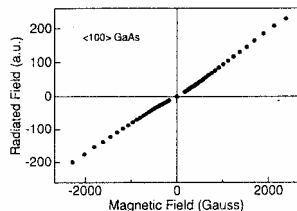


FIG. 3. The peak value of terahertz radiation vs the strength of the external magnetic field.

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -\frac{e}{m_e^*} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

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+ Quadratic magnetic field dependence of THz radiation

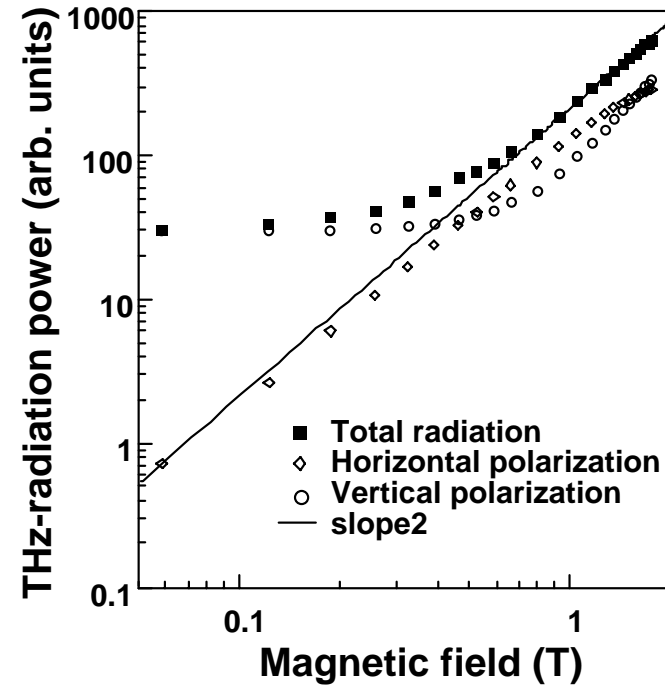
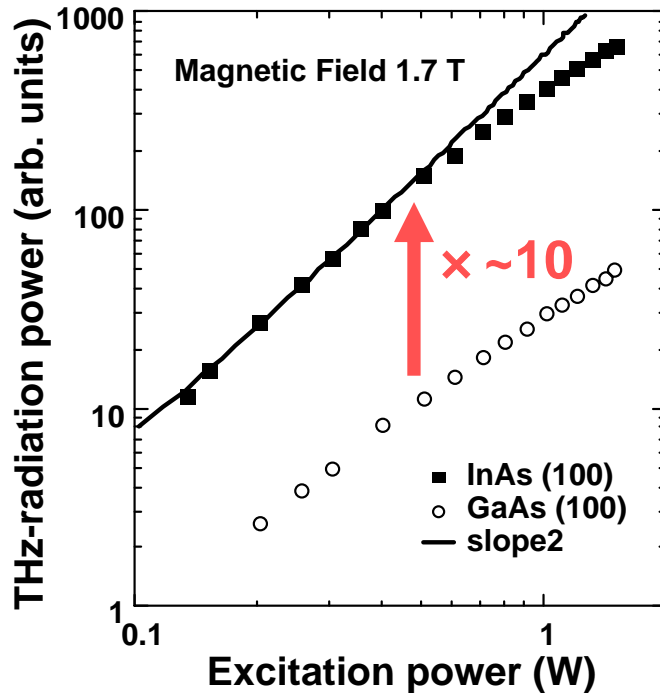
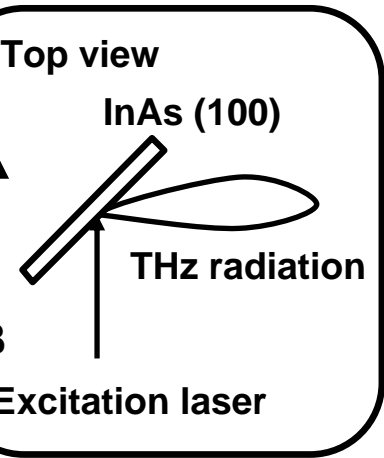
– GaAs with large electron mass

– Low magnetic field

– Low excitation power

Magnetic field enhancement scheme was found by X.-C. Zhang

Magnetic field and excitation power dependence of THz-radiation power



+ The THz-radiation power from InAs is one order larger than that from GaAs. ($1/3 m_{e\text{GaAs}} \sim m_{e\text{InAs}}$)

+ THz-radiation power shows quadratic magnetic field and excitation power dependence.

JAP 84, 654 (1998)

High magnetic field experiment in different geometry

Saturation of THz-radiation power from femtosecond-laser-irradiated InAs in a high magnetic field

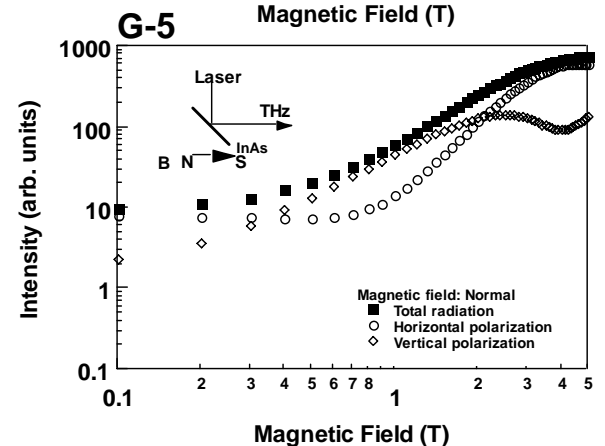
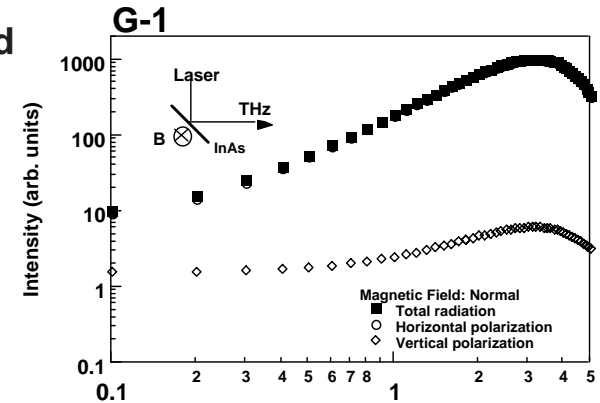
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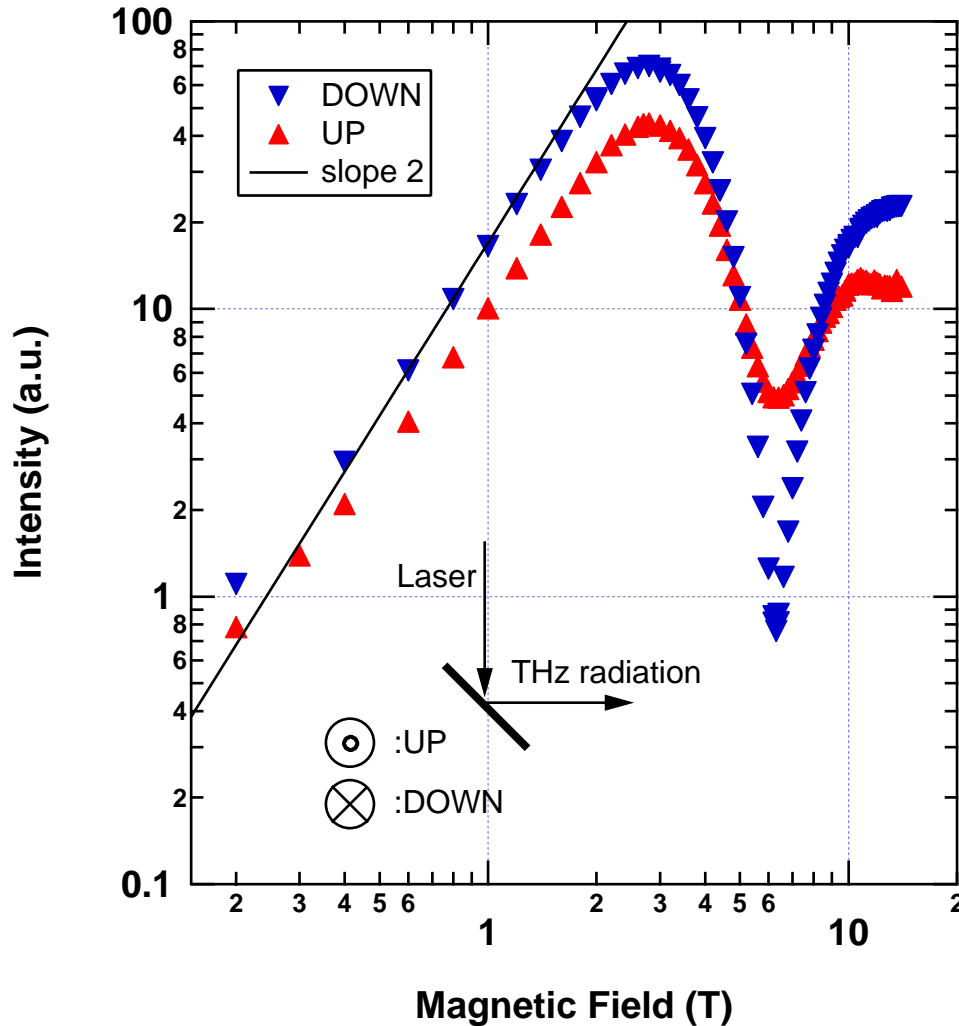
THz-radiation power from femtosecond-pulse-irradiated InAs is found to be saturated at the magnetic field around 3 T. Additionally, we find that this saturation magnetic field strongly depends on geometrical layout. Interesting magnetic-field dependence of the center frequency for THz radiation is also observed. © 2000 American Institute of Physics. [S0003-6951(00)03311-8]

Geometry					
Magnetic field direction	\otimes \odot	\rightarrow \leftarrow	No radiation was observed.		\uparrow \downarrow
Saturation field (T)	+3.2 -3.0	+3.2 -3.1	No radiation was observed.		+4.8 -4.7
Relative intensity	1 (max) 0.77	0.11 0.10	No radiation was observed.		0.67 0.67
					+5.0 > -5.0 >
					0.70 0.68



Clear saturation is observed at around 3-T magnetic field in the case of the G-1 geometrical layout. **APL 76, 1398 (2000)**

Magnetic field dependence of THz-radiation



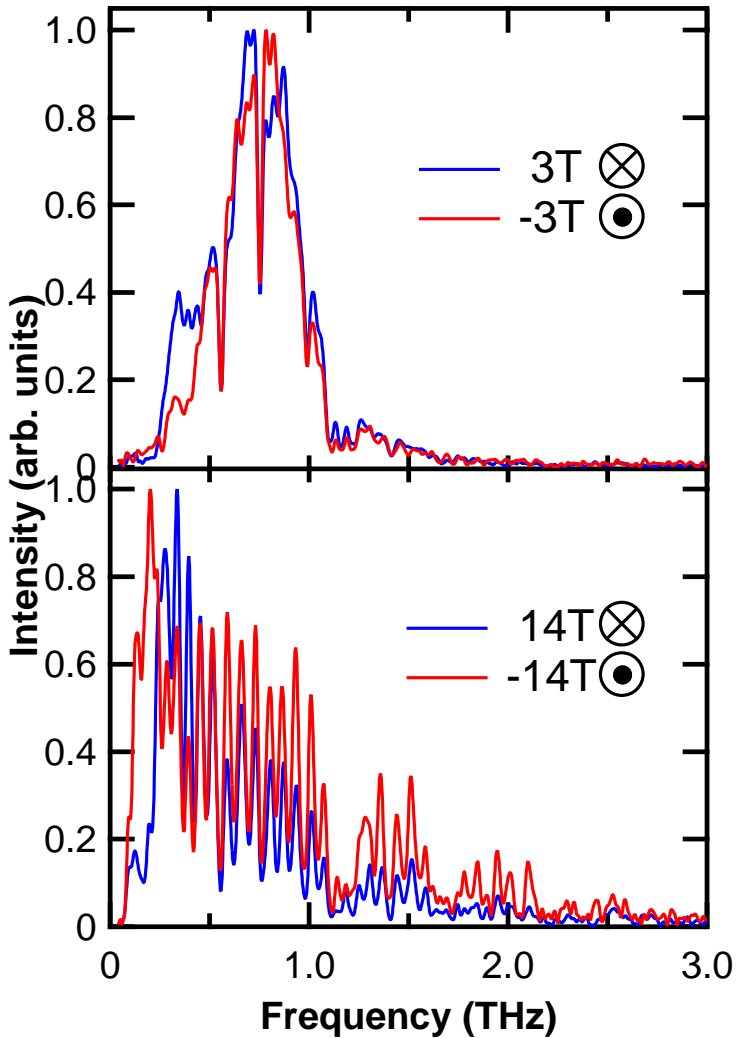
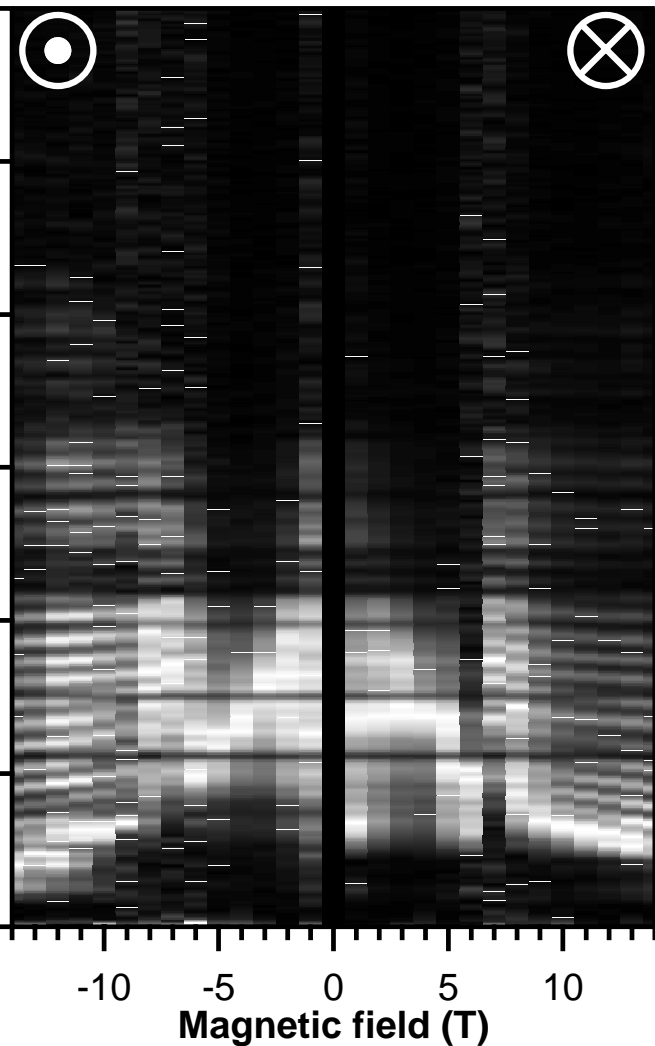
Max THz: 3 T

Min THz: 6.3 T

Constant ? : Over 10 T

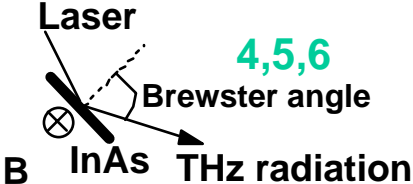
Anomalous magnetic-field-direction dependent saturation is observed.

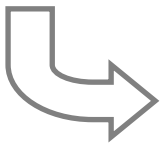
The radiation spectrum up to 14-T



Clear periodic structure is observed over 10-T.

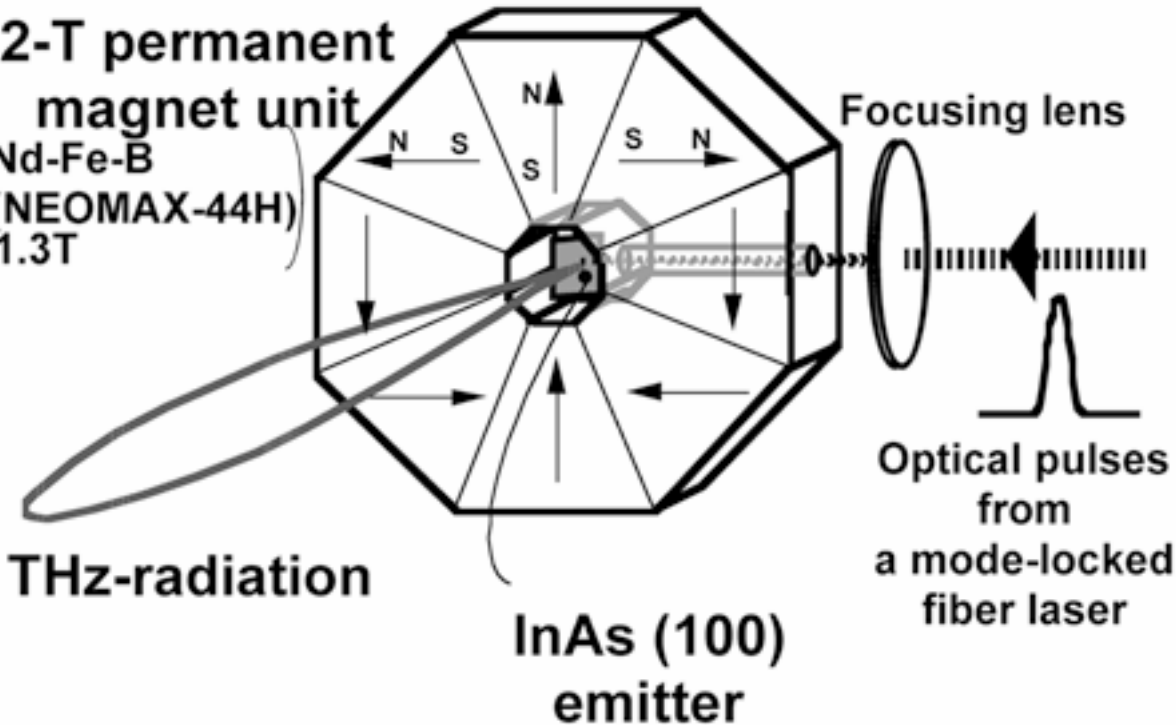
Parameters to design the practical THz-radiation source

@ Semiconductor	→	InAs ¹	1. JAP 84, 654 (1998)
Excitation source			2. APL 75, 451 (1999)
@ Pulse duration	→	100 fs ²	3. JJAP 38, 1186 (1999)
@ Power	→	Higher is better ¹	4. APL 76, 1398 (2000)
@ Surface Treatment	→	As polished ³	5. RSI 71, 554 (2000)
@ Temperature	→	Room temperature ³	6. AO 40, 1369 (2001)
@ Geometry	→		
@ Magnetic Field	→	~3T	



A few mW THz-radiation power will be obtained.

2-T Magnetic circuit consisting of 1.3-T permanent magnets



@ 8 Nd-Fe-B pieces
(1.3-T magnetic field)

@ 5-kg weight

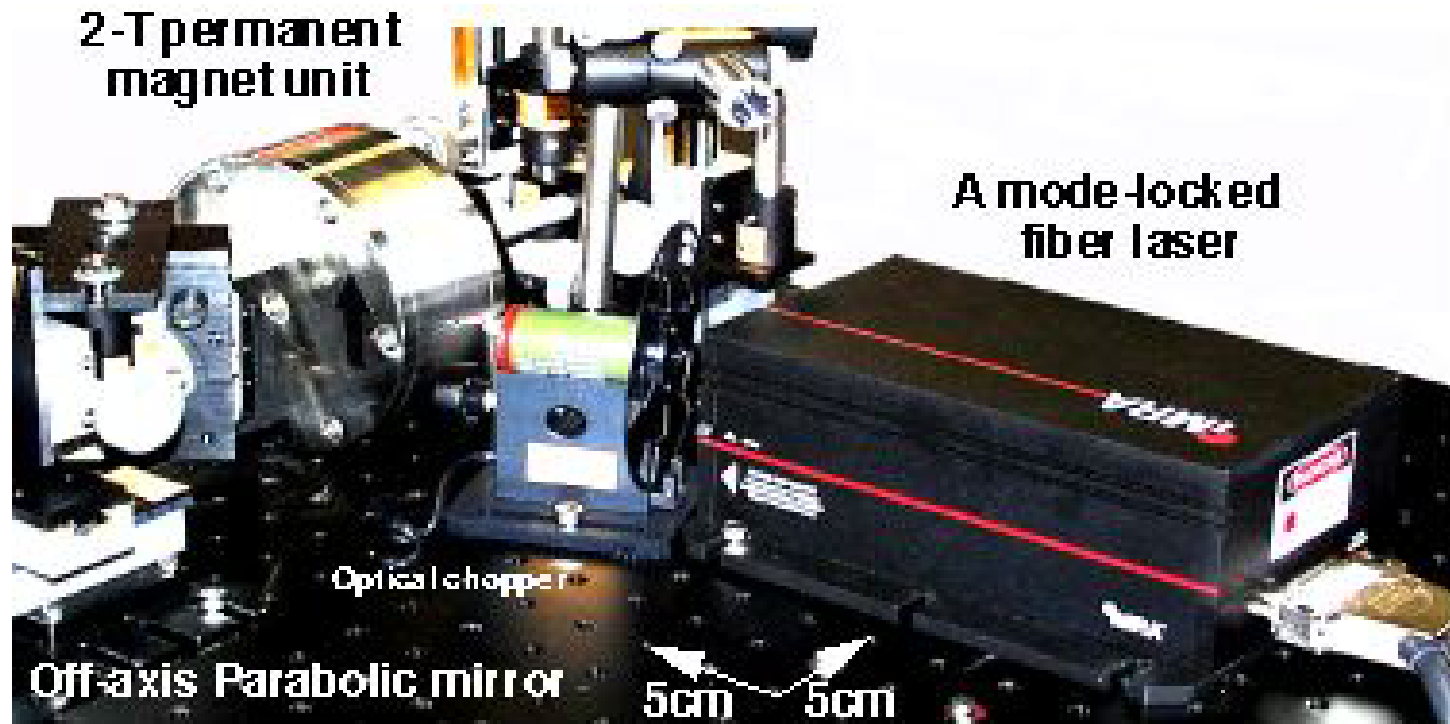
@ 56-mm thickness

@ 128-mm diameter

@ 10-mm diameter center hole

The magnetic field in the center hole is 2T.

Compact THz-radiation source



RSI 71, 554 (2000)