Progress of Facilities

Supercomputer Center

The Supercomputer Center (SCC) is a part of the Materials Design and Characterization Laboratory (MDCL) of ISSP. Its mission is to serve the whole community of computational condensed-matter physics of Japan providing it with high performance computing environment. In particular, the SCC selectively promotes and supports large-scale computations. For this purpose, the SCC invites proposals for supercomputer-aided research projects and hosts the Steering Committee, as mentioned below, that evaluates the proposals.

The ISSP supercomputer system consists of two subsystems: System B, which is intended for more nodes with relatively loose connections. In July, 2015, the SCC replaced the two supercomputer subsystems (SGI Altix ICE 8400EX and NEC SX-9) to one new system (System B, SGI ICE XA/UV hybrid system). The system B consists of 1584 CPU nodes, 288 ACC nodes, and 19 FAT nodes. The CPU node has 2CPUs (Intel Xeon). The ACC node has 2CPUs (Intel Xeon) and 2GPUs (NVIDIA Tesla K40). The FAT node has 4CPUs (Intel Xeon) and large memory (1TB). The system B have totally 2.6 PFlops theoretical peak performance.

System C - FUJITSU PRIMEHPC FX10 was installed in April, 2013. It is highly compatible with K computer, the largest supercomputer in Japan. System C consists of 384 nodes, and each node has 1 SPARC64TM IXfx CPU (16 cores) and 32 GB of memory. The system C have totally 90.8 TFlops.

The hardware administration is not the only function of the SCC. The ISSP started hosting Computational Materials Science Initiative (CMSI), a new activity of promoting materials science study with next-generation parallel supercomputing. This activity is financially supported by the MEXT HPCI strategic program, and in CMSI, a number of major Japanese research institutes in various branches of materials science are involved. The SCC supports the activities of CMSI as its major mission.

All staff members of university faculties or public research institutes in Japan are invited to propose research projects (called User Program). The proposals are evaluated by the Steering Committee of SCC. Pre-reviewing is done by the Supercomputer Project Advisory Committee. In school year 2015 totally 239 projects were approved. The total points applied and approved are listed on Table. 1 below.

The research projects are roughly classified into the following three (the number of projects approved):

First-Principles Calculation of Materials Properties (123)
Strongly Correlated Quantum Systems (31)
Cooperative Phenomena in Complex, Macroscopic Systems (85)

All the three involve both methodology of computation and its applications. The results of the projects are reported in 'Activity Report 2015' of the SCC. Every year 3-4 projects are selected for “invited papers” and published at the beginning of the Activity Report. In the Activity Report 2015, the following three invited papers are included:

"Correlation Effects in Topological Insulators", Norio KAWAKAMI
"Capacitance of Nanosized Capacitors Investigated Using the Orbital-Separation Approach–Dead Layer Effect and Negative Capacitance", Shusuke KASAMATSU, Satoshi WATANABE, Seungwu HAN, and Cheol Seong HWANG
"Multiscale Simulation Performed on ISSP Super Computer: Analysis of Entangled Polymer Melt Flow”, Takahiro MURASHIMA

Class	Max Points		Application	Number of Projects	Total Points			
					Applied		Approved	
	System B	System C			System B	System C	System B	System C
A	100	100	any time	13	1.3k	1.3k	1.3k	1.3k
B	1k	500	twice a year	57	43.8k	8.6k	26.0k	7.8k
C	10k	2.5k	twice a year	162	1394.8k	181.3k	475.0k	147.8k
D	10k	2.5k	any time	2	18.0k	4.0k	14.0k	2.5k
E	30k	2.5k	twice a year	5	150.0k	7.5k	79.0k	6.2k
S			twice a year	0	0	0	0	0
CMSI				33	125.0k	139.0k	125.0k	139.0k
Total				272	1732.9k	341.7k	720.3k	304.6k

Table 1. Research projects approved in 2015
The maximum points allotted to the project of each class are the sum of the points for the two systems; Computation of one node for 24 hours corresponds to one points for the CPU nodes of System B and System C. The FAT and ACC nodes require two points for a 1-node 24-hours use.

Neutron Science Laboratory

The Neutron Science Laboratory (NSL) has been playing a central role in neutron scattering activities in Japan since 1961 by performing its own research programs as well as providing a strong General User Program for the university-owned various neutron scattering spectrometers installed at the JRR-3 (20MW) operated by Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA) in Tokai. In 2003, the Neutron Scattering Laboratory was reorganized as the Neutron Science Laboratory to further promote the neutron science with use of the instruments in JRR-3. Under the General User Program supported by NSL, 14 university-group-owned spectrometers in the JRR-3 reactor are available for a wide scope of researches on material science, and proposals close to 300 are submitted each year, and the number of visiting users under this program reaches over 6000 person-day/year. In 2009, NSL and Neutron Science Laboratory (KENS), High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK) built a chopper spectrometer, High Resolution Chopper Spectrometer, HRC, at the beam line BL12 of MLF/J-PARC (Materials and Life Science Experimental Facility, J-PARC). HRC covers a wide energy and Q-range ($10\mu\text{eV} < \hbar\omega < 2\text{eV}$ and $0.02\text{Å}^{-1} < Q < 50\text{Å}^{-1}$), and therefore becomes complementary to the existing inelastic spectrometers at JRR-3. HRC started to accept general users through the J-PARC proposal system in FY2011.

Triple axis spectrometers, HRC, and a high resolution powder diffractometer are utilized for a conventional solid state physics and a variety of research fields on hard-condensed matter, while in the field of soft-condensed matter science, researches are mostly carried out by using the small angle neutron scattering (SANS-U) and/or neutron spin echo (iNSE) instruments. The upgraded time-of-flight (TOF) inelastic scattering spectrometer, AGNES, is also available through the ISSP-NSL user program.

Scientific outputs from HRC in FY2015 covers wide range in magnetism and strongly correlated electrons. One of the highlights is the identification of magnetic model in multiferroic NdFe$_3$(BO$_3$)$_4$. Combination of position sensitive detectors in wide scattering angle and the rotation of sample goniometer in HRC enables the effective measurement of neutron structure factor $S(\mathbf{q}, \hbar\omega)$ as shown in Fig. 1. The well-defined excitations in high-energy resolution are observed. The characteristic features including anti-crossing of modes and anisotropy gap are consistently explained by spin-wave calculation on the basis of coupled Fe-Nd subsystems. Detailed analysis on the spectra revealed that the multiferroic structures in the compound is determined by the local anisotropy of Nd ion.

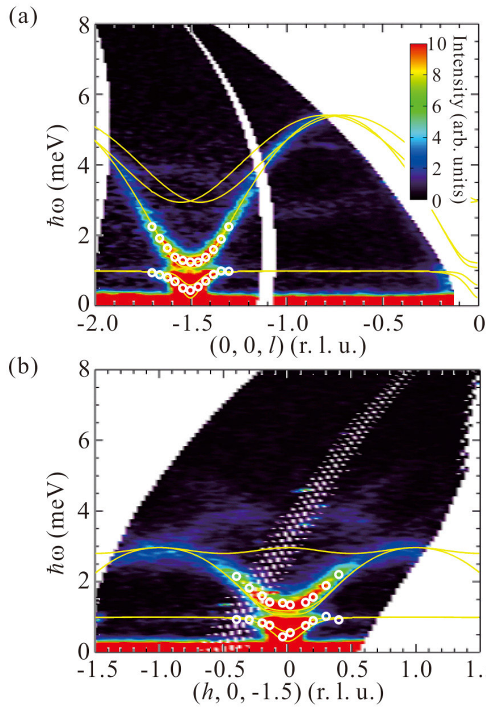

Fig. 1. Neutron structure factor of NdFe$_3$(BO$_3$)$_4$ sliced by the plane of $\hbar\omega$ - c^* in panel (a) and that of $\hbar\omega$ - a^* in panel (b). For more details, see Research Highlights of Masuda group at page 20.

Technical progress of HRC spectrometer was the development of the magnetic field environment. We examined a performance test of a superconducting magnet on the HRC goniometer. The magnetic field of 10 T was achieved with normal operation of the related components in the straying field. The magnitude of the field is the highest record in J-PARC/MLF at present. By using radial collimator for the reduction of background scattering from Aluminum supporting ring in the magnet, high-quality data was collected.

The NSL also operates the U.S.-Japan Cooperative Program on neutron scattering, providing further research opportunities to material scientists who utilize the neutron scattering technique for their research interests. In 2010, relocation of the U.S.-Japan triple-axis spectrometer, CTAX, was completed, and it is now open to users.
http://neutrons.ornl.gov/instruments/HFIR/CG4C/

The activity report on Neutron Scattering Research in JFY2012-2014 is given in NSL-ISSP Activity Report vol. 20 (2015).

International MegaGauss Science Laboratory

The objective of this laboratory (Fig. 1) is to study the physical properties of solid-state materials (such as semiconductors, magnetic materials, metals, insulators, superconducting materials) under ultra-high magnetic field conditions. Such a high magnetic field is also used for controlling the new material phase and functions. Our pulse magnets, at moment, can generate up to 87 Tesla (T) by non-destructive manner, and from 100 T up to 760 T (the world strongest as an in-door record) by destructive methods. The laboratory is opened for scientists both from Japan and from overseas,

Fig. 1. Building view of the International MegaGauss Science Laboratory (C-building) at ISSP.

Fig. 2. The building for the flywheel generator (left hand side) and a long pulse magnet station (right hand side). The flywheel giant DC generator is 350 ton in weight and 5 m high (bottom). The generator, capable of a 51 MW output power with the energy storage 210 MJ, is planned to energize the long pulse magnet generating 100 T without destruction.

especially from Asian countries, and many fruitful results are expected to come out not only from collaborative research but also from our in-house activities. One of our ultimate goals is to provide the scientific users as our joint research with magnets capable of a 100 T, milli-second long pulses in a non-destructive mode, and to offer versatile physical precision measurements. The available measuring techniques now involve magneto-optical measurements, cyclotron resonance, spin resonance, magnetization, and transport measurements. Recently, specific heat and calorimetric measurements are also possible to carry out with sufficiently high accuracy.

Our standard non-destructive-type pulse magnets are energized by single capacitor bank and can generate fields up to 75 T for ordinary use. Their simple sinusoidal waveforms are advantageous for precise and reliable measurements of various physical properties. Several on-demand magnets having irregular shapes and sizes are developed for some particular experiments. We open six magnet cells for parallel experiments and accept more than 50 research projects per year in 2013.

A 210 MJ flywheel generator (Fig. 2), which is the world largest DC power supply (recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records) has been installed in the DC flywheel generator station at our laboratory, and used as an energy source of long pulse magnets. The magnet technologies are intensively devoted to the quasi-steady long pulse magnet (an order of 1-10 sec) energized by the giant DC power supply. The latest long-pulse magnet can generate fields up to 36 T with its pulse half-period of 1 sec.

Our interests cover the study on quantum phase transitions (QPTs) induced by high magnetic fields. Field-induced QPTs have been explored in various materials such as quantum spin systems, strongly correlated electron

	Alias	Type	B_{max}	Pulse width Bore	Power source	Applications	Others
Building C Room 101-113	Electro- Magnetic Flux Compression	destructive	730 T	μs 10 mm	5 MJ, 40kV	Magneto-Optical Magnetization	5 K – Room temperature
	Horizontal Single-Turn Coil	destructive	300 T 200 T	μs 5 mm 10 mm	0.2 MJ, 50 kV	Magneto-Optical measurements Magnetization	5 K – 400 K
	Vertical Single-Turn Coil	destructive	300 T 200 T	μs 5 mm 10 mm	0.2 MJ, 40 kV	Magneto-Optical Magnetization	2 K – Room temperature
Building C Room 114-120	Mid-Pulse Magnet	Non-destructive	60 T 70 T	40 ms 18 mm 40 ms 10 mm	0.9 MJ, 10 kV	Magneto-Optical measurements Magnetization Magneto-Transport Hall resistance Polarization Magneto-Striction Magneto-Imaging Torque Magneto- Calorimetry Heat Capacity	Independent Experiment in 5 site Lowest temperature 0.1 K
Building C Room 121	PPMS	Steady State	14 T			Resistance Heat Capacity	Down to 0.3 K
	MPMS	Steady State	7 T			Magnetization	
Building K	Short-Pulse magnet	Non-destructive	87 T (2-stage pulse) 85 T	5 ms 10 mm 5 ms 18 mm	0.5 MJ, 20 kV	Magnetization Magneto-Transport	2K – Room temperature
	Long-Pulse magnet	Non-destructive	36 T	1 s 30 mm	210 MJ, 2.7 kV	Resistance Magneto-Calorimetry	2K – Room temperature

Table 1. Available Pulse Magnets, Specifications

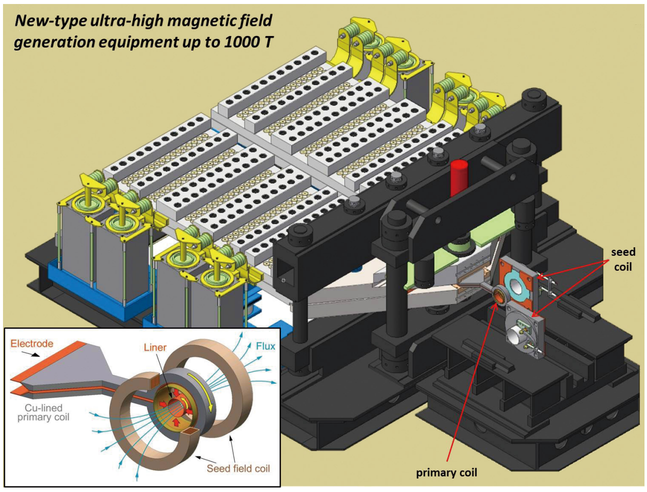

Fig. 3. (Build. C) The building for the electro-magnetic flux compression, generating over 700 T. 1000 T project started since 2010, and finally condenser banks of 9 MJ (5 MJ + 2 MJ +2 MJ) as a main system with the 2 MJ sub bank system for the seed field have been installed, and completed in the year of 2014.

systems and other magnetic materials. Direct thermodynamic evidences of QPTs are obtained through magnetization and recently developed caloric measurements. For some QPTs, changes in symmetry at the transitions are sensitively resolved through measurements of electric polarization or optical imaging using a polarizing microscope. High resolution of electrical measurements realized the observation of quantum oscillations in high quality crystals through measurements of electrical resistivity, contactless impedance, and torque magnetometry.

Magnetic fields higher than 100 T can only be obtained with destructing a magnet coil, where ultra-high magnetic fields are obtained in a microsecond time scale. Our destructive techniques have undergone intensive developments. The project, financed by the ministry of education, culture, sports, science and technology, is now in progress, and goal is to generate 1000 T by the electromagnetic flux compression (EMFC) system (Fig. 3). The system which is unique to ISSP in the world scale is comprised of a power source of 5 MJ main condenser bank and 2 MJ condenser bank and has been accomplished its installation. Two magnet stations are constructed and both are energized from each power source. Both systems are fed with a 2 MJ condenser bank used for a seed-field coil, of which magnetic flux is to be compressed.

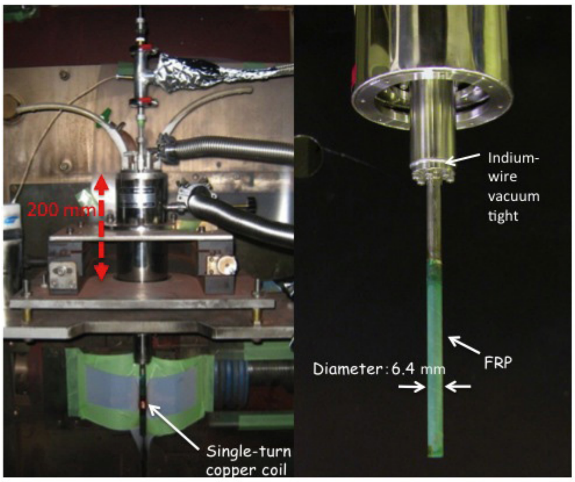

Fig. 4. A photo of the V-type single-turn coil equipped with 40 kV, (A:100+B:100=200 kJ) fast operating pulse power system. Measurements are carried out from room temperature down to 2 K by a specially designed cryostat.

As an easy access to the megagauss science and technology, we have the single-turn coil (STC) system capable of generating the fields of up to 300 T by a fast-capacitor of 200 kJ. We have two STC systems, one is a horizontal type (H-type) and the other is a vertical type (V-type, Fig. 4). Various kinds of laser spectroscopy experiments such as the cyclotron resonance and the Faraday rotation using the H-type STC are available. On the other hand, for very low-temperature experiments, a combination of the V-type STC with a liquid helium bath cryostat is very useful and the magnetization measurements at temperature as low as 2 K can be performed up to 120 T with high precision.

Center of Computational Materials Science

With the advancement of hardware and software technologies, large-scale numerical calculations have been making important contributions to materials science and will have even greater impact on the field in the near future. Center of Computational Materials Science (CCMS) is a specialized research center for promoting computer-aided materials science with massively parallel computers, such as K-computer. The center has also been functioning as the headquarters of Computational Materials Science Initiative (CMSI), which is an inter-institutional organization for computational science of a broad range of disciplines, including molecular science, quantum chemistry, biological materials, and solid state physics. ISSP made contracts with 9 universities and 2 national institutes for supporting the activities of CMSI in which nearly 100 research groups are involved. SY2015 was the final year of SPIRE, the MEXT project that had been the main financial source of CMSI, and CCMS has inherited some of the activities of CMSI. Apart from the SPIRE, CCMS is handling various projects: Project 7 and 5 of MEXT FLAGSHIP2020 Project (so-called "post-K computer project"), Element Strategy Initiative, Professional Development Consortium for Computational Materials Scientists (PCoMS). Through these activities, CCMS has become the center of the community of computational condensed matter physics, in which researchers from different backgrounds work together on grand challenge problems and develop computational infrastructures (new algorithms, coding styles, standard software packages, etc).

The branch office of CCMS in the RIKEN AICS building on the Port Island Kobe was closed on March 2016, after completing its mission of supporting CMSI researchers

Fig. 1. Members of Kobe branch office on the day of its closing

getting together at the K-computer site to exchange ideas of computational science, fine-tune various applications software for the K-computer, and develop better contact with staff members of RIKEN.

The following is the selected list of meetings organized by CCMS in SY2015:

- 05/11-13 The 3rd OpenMX/QMAS Workshop 2015, Hands-on workshop on electronic structure methods“
- 05/14 10sor network workshop -- Field 2 x 5 joint workshop on new algorithms for quantum manybody problems --
- 05/25 “CMSI Hands-On: FMO Tutorial”
- 06/01-06/19 New Perspectives in Spintronic and Mesoscopic Physics < NPSMP2015 >
- 06/12 “CMSI Hands-On: ERmod Tutorial”
- 07/30 “CMSI Hands-On: Rokko Tutorial”
- 08/10-8/12 CMSI camp for application development“TOKKUN!6”
- 9/02 “Symposium on Collaboration between major experimental facilities and supercomputers”
- 9/07 “CMSI Hands-On: Version control system tutorial”
- 9/08-10 The 12th CMSI Camp for Programming Skill Developments
- 11/09-11/11 The18th Asian Workshop on First-Principles Electronic Structure Calculations
- 12/07-12/08 The 6th CMSI Simposium
- 12/09 Post-K Simposium
- 01/21 The 12th CMSI Workshop for Industry-Academia Collaboration “The programming environment MateriApps LIVE!”
- 03/05 The 4th TUT-CMSI Symposium for visualization of computational materials science
- 03/08 Workshop on topological materials

Laser and Synchrotron Research Center (LASOR Center)

Laser and Synchrotron Research (LASOR) Center started from October, 2012. LASOR Center aims to promote material sciences using advanced photon technologies at ISSP by combining the “Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory” and “Advanced Spectroscopy Group”. These two groups have long histories since 1980’s and have kept strong leaderships in each photon science fields for a long time in the world. In the past several decades, the synchrotron-based and laser-based photon sciences have made remarkable progresses independently. However, recent progresses in both fields make it feasible to merge the synchrotron-based and laser based technologies to develop a new direction of photon and materials sciences. In the LASOR Center, extreme laser technologies such as ultrashort-pulse generation, ultraprecise control of optical pulses in the frequency domain, and high power laser sources for the generation of coherent VUV and SX light are intensively under development. The cutting edge soft X-ray beamline is also developed at the synchrotron facility SPring-8.

Fig. 1. Open ceremony of LASOR center on October 2012.

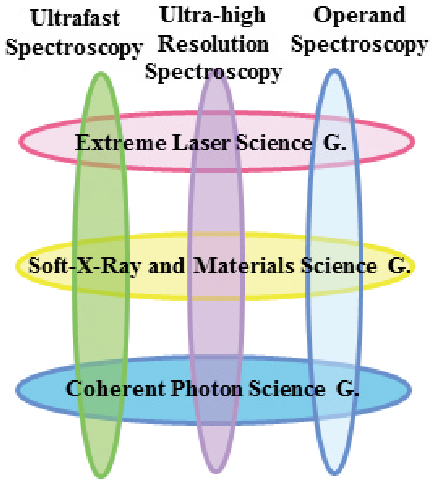

Fig. 2. Developments of advanced spectroscopy at LASOR center by three groups

LASOR center aims three major spectroscopic methods [ultrafast, ultra-high resolution, and operand spectroscopy] by three groups [extreme laser science group, soft-X-ray spectroscopy and materials science group, and coherent photon science group], as illustrated in Fig. 2. Under this framework, various advanced spectroscopy, such as ultra-high resolution photoemission, time-resolved, spin-resolved spectroscopy, diffraction, light scattering, imaging, microscopy and fluorescence spectroscopy are in progress by employing new coherent light sources based on laser and synchrotron technologies that cover a wide spectral range from X-ray to terahertz. In LASOR Center, a variety of materials sciences for semiconductors, strongly-correlated materials, molecular materials, surface and interfaces, and bio-materials are studied using advanced light sources and advanced spectroscopy. Another important aim of LASOR Center is the synergy of photon and materials sciences.

Most of the research activities on the extreme laser

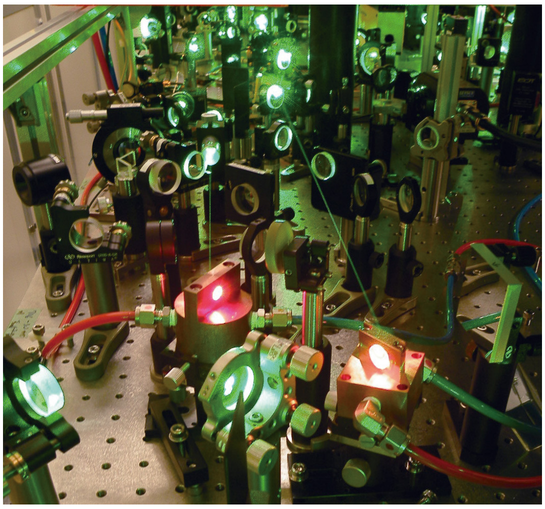

Fig. 3. Close look of a high-peak-power ultrashort-pulse laser

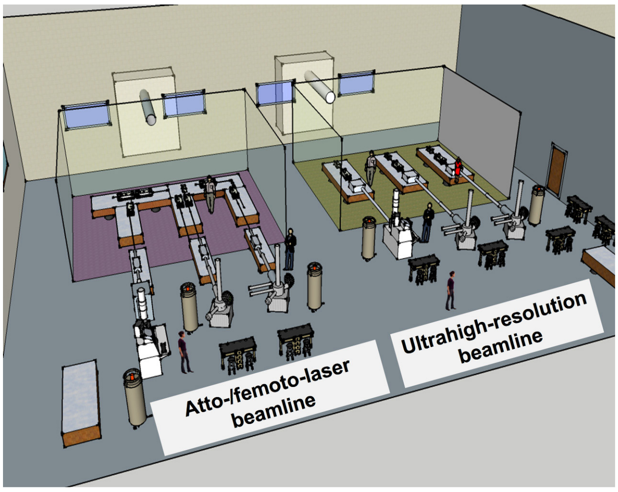

Fig. 4. Newly designed building E was constructed for new extreme VUV- and SX-lasers and new spectroscopy.

Fig. 6. 10-MHz high harmonic generation in an enhancement cavity.

development and their applications to materials science are performed in the ISSP buildings D and E at Kashiwa Campus where large clean rooms and the vibration-isolated floor are installed. On the other hand, the experiments utilizing the advanced synchrotron source are performed at a beamline BL07LSU in SPring-8 (Hyogo).

- Extreme Laser Science Group

The advancement of ultrashort-pulse laser technologies in the past decade has transformed the laser development at ISSP into three major directions, (i) towards ultrashort in the time domain, (ii) ultra high resolution in the spectral domain, and (iii) the extension of the spectral range, with extreme controllability of the laser sources. For ultrafast spectroscopy, we have developed carrier-envelope phase stable intense infrared light source that can produce sub-two cycle optical pulses for high harmonic and attosecond pulse generation. So far we observed coherent soft-X-ray radiation extending to a photon energy of ~330 eV. The simulation predicts the soft-X-ray field consists of single isolated attosecond pulses. For ultra-high resolution spectroscopy, fiber-laser-based light sources are intensively developed for producing EUV pulses for high resolution and time-resolved photoemission spectroscopy as well as extending the frequency comb to ultraviolet or infrared for various applications. The spectral range of intense optical pulses are being extended from visible to IR, MIR and THz ranges. Various types of high-repetition-rate ultrastable light sources are developed for laser-based ultrahigh resolution photoemission spectroscopy, high-average-power EUV generation in an enhancement cavity, and frequency comb spectroscopy for atomic physics, astronomical application, and frequency standards.

- Soft-X-ray and Materials Science Group

Recently, VUV and SX lasers have progressed very rapidly. They become very powerful for the materials science using the cutting-edge VUV and SX spectroscopy. Especially, angle resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) is very powerful to know the solid state properties. Laser has excellent properties, such as coherence, monochromaticity, polarization, ultra-short pulse, high intensity, and so on. By using monochromatic laser light, the resolution of ARPES becomes about 70-μeV. The materials science with sub-meV resolution-ARPES is improved drastically by using high resolution laser. For examples, superconducting gap anisotropy of the superconductors and Fermiology of the strongly correlated materials are studied very well. On the other hand, using pulsed laser light, the time-resolved photoemission in fs region becomes powerful to know the relaxation process of photo-excited states of the materials. Furthermore, by using CW laser with circular polarization in VUV region, the photoelectron microscopy (PEEM) is developed. The spatial resolution of nm resolution is very powerful for the study of nanomagnetic materials.

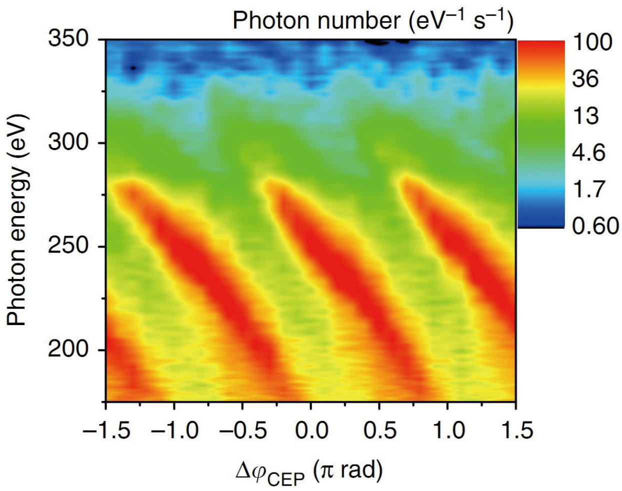

Fig. 5. Phase-dependence of high harmonic spectra in soft X rays.

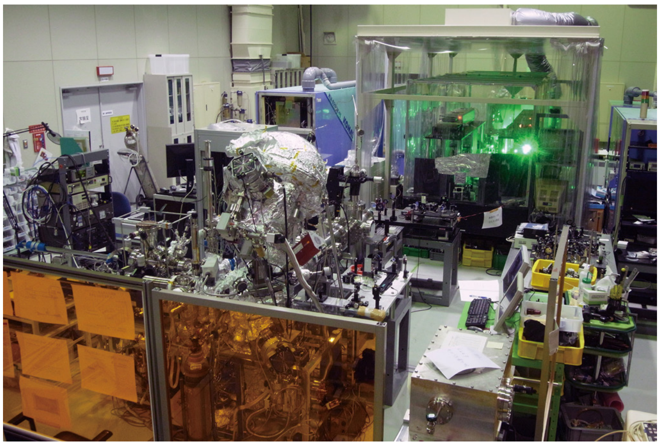

Fig. 7. Pump-probed photoemission system using 60-eV laser

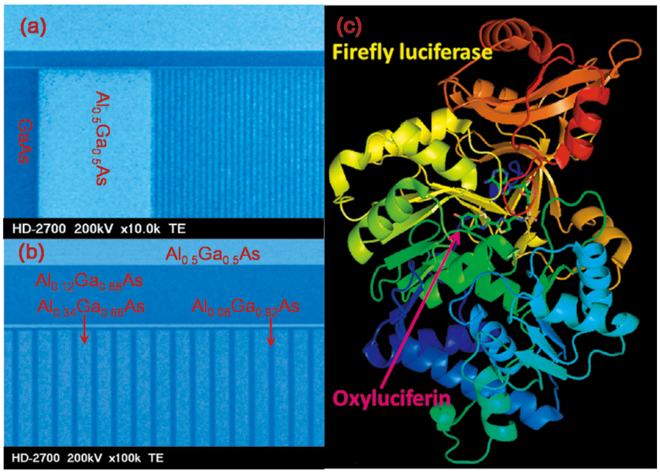

Fig. 8. Photonics devices under study: (left panel) semiconductor quantum wires and (right panel) firefly-bioluminescence system consisting of light emitter (oxyluciferin) and enzyme (luciferase)

- Coherent Photon Science Group

The coherent-photon science group has main interests in exploring a variety of coherent phenomena and non-equilibrium properties of excited states in condensed matters, in collaborations with research groups in charge of photoemission, operand-spectroscopy and extreme laser science. This group covers a wide range of materials, from semiconductors, ferromagnets, complexes and superconductors to biomaterials. Various ultrafast optics technologies such as femtosecond luminescence and pump-and-probe transmission/reflection spectroscopy are applied to studies on wavepacket dynamics, photo-induced phase transitions and carrier dynamics. Coherent control and observation of spin dynamics in magnetic materials and metamaterial structures by using high power terahertz radiation source is extensively studied. Advanced photonics devices are intensively studied, such as quantum nano-structure lasers with novel low-dimensional gain physics, low-power light-standard LEDs, very efficient multi-junction tandem solar cells for satellite use, and wonderful bio-/chemi-luminescent systems for wide bio-technology applications.

Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory

The Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory (SRL) was established in 1975 as a research division dedicated to solid state physics using synchrotron radiation (SR). Currently, SRL is composed of two research sites, the Harima branch and the E-building of the Institute for Solid State Physics.

- Brilliant soft X-ray beamline at Harima branch

In 2006, the SRL staffs have joined the Materials Research Division of the Synchrotron Radiation Research Organization (SRRO) of the University of Tokyo and they have played an essential role in constructing a new high brilliant soft X-ray beamline, BL07LSU, in SPring-8. The light source is the polarization-controlled 25-m long soft X-ray undulator with electromagnetic phase shifters that allow fast switching of the circularly (left, right) and linearly (vertical, horizontal) polarized photons.

The monochromator is equipped with a varied line-spacing plain grating, which covers the photon energy range from 250 eV to 2 keV. At the downstream of the beamline, a lot of experimental stations have been developed for frontier spectroscopy researches: five endstations, i.e. time-resolved soft X-ray spectroscopy (TR-SX) equipped with a two-dimensional angle-resolved time-of-flight (ARTOF) analyzer (Fig. 1), three-dimensional (3D) nano-ESCA station equipped with the Scienta R-3000 analyzer (Fig. 2), high resolution soft X-ray emission spectroscopy (XES) stations (Fig. 3) are regularly maintained by the SRL staffs and open for public use, and at free-port station many novel spectroscopic tools have been developed and installed such as soft X-ray resonant magneto-optical Kerr effect (MOKE) (Fig.4) and soft X-ray diffraction (Fig. 5), ambient pressure photoemission, two dimensional photoelectron diffraction and so on. The beamline construction was completed in 2009 and SRL established the Harima branch laboratory in SPring-8. At SPring-8 BL07LSU, each end-station has achieved high performance: the TR-SX station have established the laser-pump and SR-probe

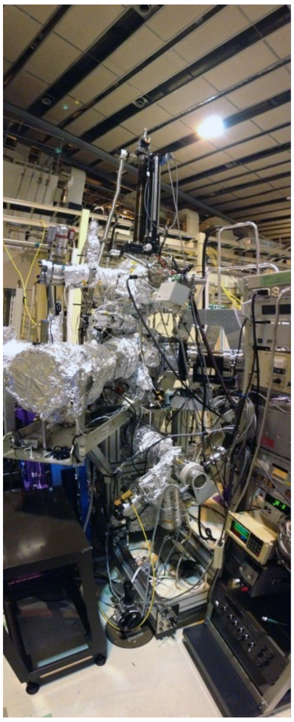

Fig. 1. TR-SX station

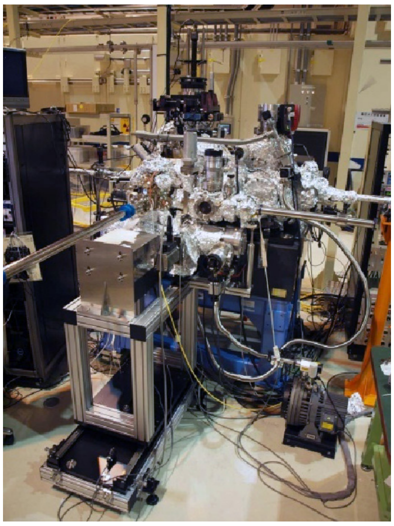

Fig. 2. 3D-nano ESCA station

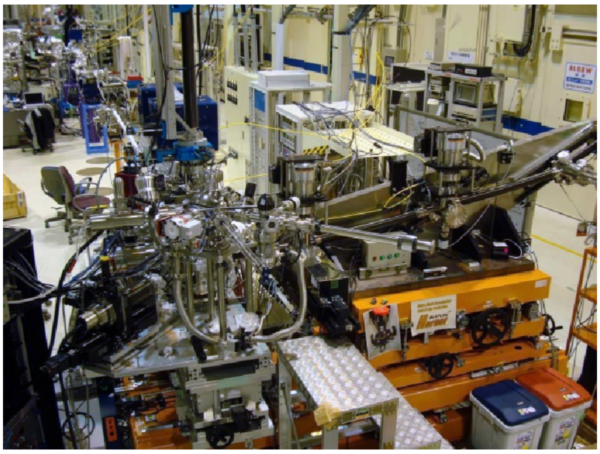

Fig. 3. Soft X-ray emission station


Fig. 4. Soft X-ray MOKE station

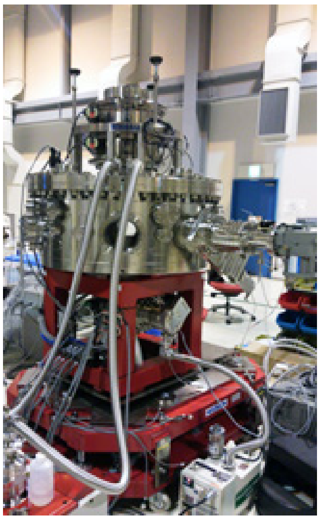
Fig. 5. Soft X-ray diffraction station

method with the time-resolution of 50 ps which corresponds to the SR pulse-width; the 3D nano-ESCA station reaches the spatial resolution of 70 nm; the XES station provides spectra with the energy resolution around 70 meV at 400 eV and will enable real ambient pressure experiments in the near future. Soft X-ray resonant MOKE station has been developed to make novel magneto-optical experiment using fast-switching of the polarization-controlled 25-m long soft X-ray undulator. The soft X-ray diffraction station has been fully constructed and the time-resolved measurement is available by using lasers at the TR-SX station. Each end-station has now been opened fully to outside users. In 2015, 176 researchers made their experiments during the SPring-8 operation time of 4805 hours.

- High-resolution Laser SARPES at E-building

Spin- and angle-resolved photoelectron spectroscopy (SARPES) is a powerful technique to investigate the spin-dependent electronic states in solids. In FY 2014, Laser and Synchrotron Research Center (LASOR) SRL constructed a new SARPES apparatus (Fig. 6), which was designed to provide high-energy and -angular resolutions and high efficiency of spin detection using a laser light instead of the synchrotron radiation in Institute for Solid State Physics. The achieved energy resolution of 1.7 meV in SARPES spectra is the highest in the world at present. From FY 2015, the new SARPES system has been opened to outside users.

The Laser-SARPES system consists of an analysis chamber, a carousel chamber connected to a load-lock chamber, and a molecular beam epitaxy chamber, which are kept ultra-high vacuum (UHV) environment and are connected each other via UHV gate valves. The electrons are excited with 6.994-eV photons, yielded by 6th harmonic of a Nd:YVO_4 quasi-continuous wave laser with repetition rate of 120 MHz. The hemispherical electron analyzer is a custom-made ScientaOmicron DA30-L, modified for installing the spin detectors. The spectrometer is equipped with two high-efficient spin detectors associating very low energy electron diffraction are orthogonally placed each other, which allows us to analyze the three-dimensional spin polarization of electrons. At the exit of the hemispherical analyzer, a multi-channel plate and a CCD camera are also installed, which enables us to perform simultaneously the angle-resolved photoelectron spectroscopy with two-dimensional (energy-momentum) detection. So far, spin-dependent band structures of more than 10 materials have been studied by 4 outside groups.

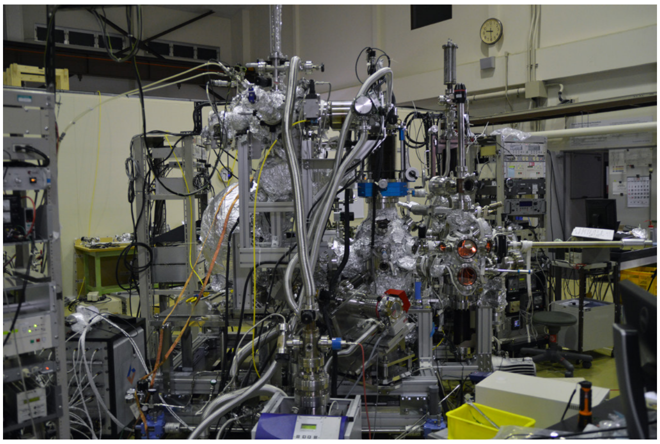
Fig. 6. Laser-SARPES system at E-building