Table-Top EUV/Soft X-ray Source



A laser-based plasma source for generation of EUV/soft x-ray radiation was developed at the Laser-Laboratorium Göttingen. The plasma is produced by an Nd:YAG laser (1064nm, 800mJ, 7ns) that is focused into a pulsed gas jet. Different target gases can be used for the generation of either intense broad-band (XUV: Krypton, Argon, EUV: Xenon) or less intense narrow-band radiation (XUV: Nitrogen, EUV: Oxygen), respectively.

Specifications

Wavelength

1...20 nm

Pulse duration

7 ns

Pulse energy (Xe)

3.5 mJ

 $(4\pi \text{ sr}, 2\% \text{ BW})$

Conversion eff. (Xe)

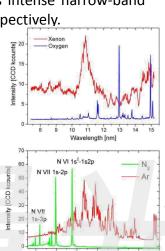
0.45 %

Plasma shape

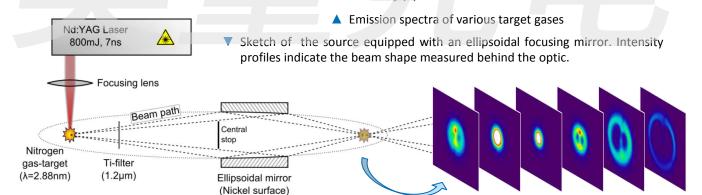
Ø ~ 300 μm

Repetition rate

up to 10 Hz







Advantages

- Low debris
- High EUV energy (3.5 mJ)
- Minimum gas consumption (duration of gas pulse: < 1 ms)
- Simple target gas exchange
- Table-top system

Applications

- Metrology: Reflectometry, absorption spectroscopy (NEXAFS)
- Optics/sensor testing
- **EUV** damage investigations
- Fundamental studies on material interaction
- Water window microscopy ($\lambda = 2 ... 4 nm$)

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