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**TeraNova**

**Novel Terahertz Sensing & Imaging Systems  
For Biotechnology, Healthcare, Security  
& Process Monitoring**

*Integrated Project*

*Information Society Technologies:  
Optical, Opto-electronic &  
Photonic Functional Components*

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REPORT**

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**APPENDICES**



**APPENDIX I**

**TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS - BY WORKPACKAGE AND THEME (A, B & C)**

**A1**

**INITIAL OBJECTIVES**

A near IR laser, suitable for use in a broadband THz system with the following characteristics: pump power < 2W; fibre delivery over 1.5m; 0.2m<sup>2</sup> footprint; €20K price; >100MHz repetition rate.

**PROGRESS**

**Period #1**

1. An ultra-compact Ti: Sapphire laser sources optimized for THz applications have been constructed. The footprint of opto-mechanical components including the pump laser and diagnostic devices could be reduced to 0.13 m<sup>2</sup>. At the same time improved quality for dispersive mirrors reduces the requirement for high expensive solid state pump lasers. No more than 1.5 W is necessary to achieve up to 200 mW average power from a 20 fs Ti: Sapphire laser which is more than sufficient for a powerful THz-TDS measurement. Hence the price of the commercial fs-laser could be cut in half compared to a oscillator pumped by a 5 W source five years ago.
2. A saturable Bragg mirror has been initially introduced into the cavity in order to initiate and stabilise mode locking. In the course of this work package it was replaced by an automated mechanical starter to have highest efficiency without compromising the stability of the laser.
3. Integrated diagnostics have been included which enable the system to be operated by a non-expert.

**Period #2**

4. Due to careful balancing of dispersion compensation as well as the laser parameters, it was possible to transmit femtosecond pulses over 1.5 m of single mode fibre.
5. With this arrangement, an average laser power of greater than 45 mW and less than 90 fs in duration yields a peak power of greater than 6.8 kW ex fibre.

**Period #3**

6. The life-time of an intra-cavity THz antenna mirror in a femtosecond laser is increased up to four times.
7. Compact small pump sources (2 to 2.5 W) can be used with laser.
8. Regardless of life-time, 2.5 W intra-cavity power with 30 fs pulses can be achieved on the antenna with a 5 W pump source. Although long-term stability issues are still preventing commercial usage this study gives much insight and shows the limits of the current technology.

**Work completed at M36.**

## A2

### INITIAL OBJECTIVES

Quantum cascade lasers with: 1THz operation (200K operation by M24 and Peltier cooling at M48); Routine power >10mW; and single mode operation.

### PROGRESS

#### Period #1

1. Quantum cascade laser (QCL) structures have been realized fully covering the region 2 – 2.5 THz, following optimization of the active region design and developments in waveguide technology.
2. The region 1.5 – 2 THz has also been tackled with the application of magnetic field; a procedure that has also been yielding important information on the electron dynamics and on the relevance of lateral confinement.
3. Distributed feedback technology has been successfully implemented and various approaches have been developed that could be applied independently of the emission wavelength. Single mode devices have then been fabricated in a variety of devices.
4. External cavity operation has also been studied and the possibility of selecting longitudinal modes has been proven.
5. Phonon-based structures (for possible high temperature operation) have been studied in detail leading to designs routinely exhibiting operation above 100 K.
6. Lasing has been demonstrated for the first time in the InP-based QCLs.
7. A new world record low emission frequency of 1.6 THz for THz QCLs without a magnetic field using the design proposed by UniNe ed system, which is potentially more promising for high temperature operation.

#### Period #2

8. A new world record low emission frequency of 1.35 THz achieved by UniNe with single well active regions and application of magnetic field.
9. The first external cavity THz QCL, implemented by SNS and showing tuning over 90 GHz (hop-free continuous over 15 GHz).
10. The successful combination of THz time domain measurement techniques with THz quantum cascade lasers. This allows the determination of waveguide loss and gain bandwidth in the frequency range between 0.5 and 4 THz.
11. The threshold gain that can be obtained with QCLs is as large as  $20 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the gain bandwidth is 300 GHz for the bound-to-continuum design of structure.
12. Temperature dependent measurements in QCLs unveil additional absorption processes activated at higher temperatures.
13. Successful combination of THz time domain measurement techniques with THz quantum cascade lasers. Allows the determination of waveguide loss and gain bandwidth in the frequency range between 0.5 and 4 THz.
14. The threshold gain is as large as  $20 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the gain bandwidth is 300 GHz for the bound-to-continuum design.

#### Period #3

15. THz Quantum Cascade Laser (QCL) operation has been extended to 1.2 THz without magnetic field.
16. QCL operation has been extended to 800 GHz with magnetic field.
17. Threshold current densities < 1A/cm<sup>2</sup> have been achieved in magnetic field
18. InP-based THz lasers have been demonstrated above liquid nitrogen temperature.

19. InP-based THz QCLs have been operated in continuous wave.
20. Single-mode non-periodic DFB lasers have been demonstrated.
21. The first measurement of linewidth enhancement factor for a THz QCL has been made.

#### Period #4

20. InP-based THz lasers with double-metal waveguides: continuous wave operation up to 70 K, pulsed above 100 K, with low electrical consumption.
21. Vertical emission microdisk and micro ring lasers: ~ 5 degrees beam divergence and up to 10 mW output power.
22. First evidence of coupled cavity operation in lasers with Fibonacci diffraction gratings.



A3

### INITIAL OBJECTIVES

Laser mixed systems with the following characteristics: Tuneability over 1THz; operation with small, cheap (optical fibre) diodes; THz Power output to 1 microwatt using cheap photodiodes; and developments with QCLs, to include integrated sources with good stability and heat management.

### PROGRESS

#### Period #1

1. A NIR dual frequency laser operating at  $1.06\mu\text{m}$  has been built to test photomixers.
2. Nonlinear optical generation of tuneable, CW THz has been investigated in a semiconductor waveguide. The modal pattern in the guide has been simulated and the design optimized for maximum phase matching.
3. QCLs have been designed for emission at  $15\mu\text{m}$ . These will eventually be used in a dual frequency QCL-based scheme to generate CW THz radiation.

#### Period #2

4. A  $2\mu\text{m}$ -thick LT grown InGaAs photomixer has been realised and THz outputs have been observed with a power of a few nanowatts.
5. A THz QCL has been grown which is both the source of THz radiation and the nonlinear medium. When pumped with a NIR beam sidebands are observed. These results show the possibility of a strong interaction between the NIR and THz ranges and therefore a promising scheme for THz generation.

#### Period #3

6. THz side-band generation on a telecom optical carrier at  $1.55\mu\text{m}$  has been demonstrated.
7. Direct modulation at 13 GHz of a 3 THz QCL, followed by an up-conversion at telecom wavelength, has been demonstrated.
8. Non-linear ridge waveguides for nonlinear mixing at  $1.03\mu\text{m}$  have been realised.

#### Period #4

9. A dual frequency Er:Yb:glass laser has been realised with an output power compatible, if necessary, with further amplification in an EDFA.
10. This laser is now ready to perform non-linear mixing experiments in both the passive IR/THz waveguides and the THz QCLs (including a near IR waveguide).
11.  $15\mu\text{m}$  QCLs have been optimised in order to reach room temperature operation. THz side-band generation on a telecom optical carrier at  $1.55\mu\text{m}$  has been demonstrated.



A4

### INITIAL OBJECTIVES

This Workpackage addresses detection schemes designed to exploit the potential offered by QCL sources. The aim is to build sensitive, non-cryogenic, and phase-sensitive opto-electronic detection with unprecedented large dynamic range and bandwidth. Therefore, the objectives are: (i) A heterodyne detection system with a THz QCL as local oscillator; (ii) Detection system based on laser mixing in a non-linear crystal; (iii) Exploring the potential of THz QC structures for amplification of few-cycle THz pulses and building a modulator with a THz QC structure as an active medium.

### PROGRESS

#### Period #1

1. Time domain THz spectroscopy of the probe pulses experiencing the modulation in active/passive THz QCL was performed.
2. An optical system resembling a microscope objective at THz frequencies has been designed, built and satisfactorily tested. Such system enabled efficient coupling into the THz waveguides.
3. We have demonstrated a modulation of a THz QCL by means of near-infrared pulses from Ti:Sapphire laser. The output power of the THz QCL thus can be modulated -100% to +30% of the nominal output power.

#### Period #2

4. Successful combination of THz time domain measurement techniques with THz quantum cascade lasers. Allows the determination of waveguide loss and gain bandwidth in the frequency range between 0.5 and 4 THz. The threshold gain as large as  $20\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the gain bandwidth of 300 GHz was observed for the bound-to-continuum THz-QCL design.

#### Period #3

5. Development of a highly efficient method of coupling of free space propagating THz waves into waveguide of THz-QCL has been accomplished.
6. Amplification of a narrow band (FWHM~150 GHz) coherent THz pulse at 2.0 and 2.9 THz, by means of THz-QCL gain medium, has been achieved.
7. The first scientific demonstrator of a compact THz emitter/amplifier unit has taken place.
8. Based on the interaction of broadband THz waves with a quantum cascade structure has been previously investigated, we have evaluate the potential of different THz-QCL designs for building a THz amplifier. In particular, we have focused on gain-bandwidth, gain-saturation, and gain-recovery features for different schemes of optical transitions (i.e. with phonon depopulation or scattering depopulation).

#### Period #4

9. Amplification with factor ten has been accomplished for the compact THz emitter/amplifier unit.
10. The experimental method devised at TU Wien has been applied for the development of the THz - QC gain medium with bandwidth  $\sim 0.5$  THz. The Project Partners, University Paris VII and University Neuchatel, have provided the necessary theoretical input for THz-QCL gain region optimization with respect to the experimental data provided by TU Wien. Consequently, University Paris VII has designed a (so-called) mini-broadband THz-QCL that has been tested with respect to gain-bandwidth in the unique terahertz



experimental set-up at TU Wien. The gain region of device consists of three different regions, each exhibiting gain with spectral width of about 0.15. A combination of those regions provides gain with almost 0.5 THz bandwidth.



## B1

### INITIAL OBJECTIVES

Development of a high-throughput biochip genetic diagnostic system, which will also be compact and inexpensive. Final implementation with QCLs

### PROGRESS

#### Period #1

1. A biochip sensor has been designed. Planning of the project has been undertaken.

#### Period #2

2. The THz biosensor-chips that have been developed within the *TeraNova* project are the only devices in the world that use a modular chip-based concept of separable THz components. This is highly significant, as it implies very low-cost biochips can be realized.
3. In the resonant sensing approach used by the DNA sensor chips in the *TeraNova* project, the quality factor is an essentially important parameter to achieve high sensitivity detection. Resonators with a maximum Q-factor of  $Q = 400$  have been realized which is by a factor of approximately 40 times larger than metallic waveguide based resonators that have been demonstrated by other groups.

#### Period #3

4. A world-first concept for fluidic sensing at THz frequency based on a dielectric THz waveguide, including a micro-fluidic channel, was developed and tested. The sensor approach is able to handle and detect fluid sample volumes in the pI-range.
5. A numerical model for surface-functionalized DNA sensors was developed. The model enables a precise and resource-efficient calculation of the sensor response to DNA monolayer hybridization.
6. Sensor-chips developed in *TeraNova* remain the only devices in the entire world that use a modular chip-based concept of separable THz components, providing an enabling route to low-cost biochips.
7. Frequency Selective Surface (FSS) sensor chips were optimized and a full theoretical understanding of their operation mode was achieved.
8. An optimized QCL based biochip reader setup was established which allows high spatial resolution (200 $\mu$ m), high dynamic range (14 bit) measurements.

#### Period #4

9. Successful demonstration of a new flow-through capillary waveguide coupler configuration enabling the in-line probing of controlled fluid sample volumes for bio-sensing in fluidic environment has been accomplished.
10. The use of a modular polymer chip-based concept of separable THz components has been demonstrated.
11. Extensive investigation of the operation of the Frequency Selective Surface chips has been performed.
12. A QCL reader set-up which offers high spatial resolution and high dynamic range has been perfected.



## B2

### INITIAL OBJECTIVES

Development of a THz near-field microscope with the following characteristics: Range 300GHz – 3 THz; Spatial resolution 2–3  $\mu\text{m}$ ; 15 minute scan time for 50x50 pixel image of a small crystallite; and a price tag of €300K.

#### Period #1

1. A near-field THz microscope has been constructed.
2. An analysis of field-tip interactions has been undertaken; the role of the antenna as a filter has been clarified.
3. Increased resolution is noted when the tip is vibrated and the result is interpreted in terms of the origin of the near field at different parts of the tip.

#### Period #2

5. A model, based on a wire antenna, was developed to describe the properties of the near-field of a metal tip. This model is shown to be superior to existing models, which treat the tip as a metal sphere or a cone.
6. Measurements on biological samples, provided by Renishaw, were performed
7. Near-field microscopy of THz plasmons was performed with sub-wavelength spatial, and sub-oscillation-period temporal resolution. Measurements are suggestive of new method to increase field strength at metal tips.

#### Period #3

8. Measurements of the near-field of a single, sub-wavelength hole in a metal film have been performed and compared with an analytical model from Bouwkamp (1950). Using THz-TDS, tests of this model have been performed using broadband near-field THz microscopy.
9. These near-field measurements indicate that the most important predictions made by the model are correct. The model is an improvement over a standard published model, which was known to contain errors even though both models correctly predict the far-field of such a hole.
10. The results show the usefulness of the newly developed method to increase the spatial resolution in THz imaging and allow us to perform measurements which were, up to now, practically impossible to do. They also show the feasibility of another route to perform microscopy: by using small apertures to increase the spatial resolution and by measuring the electric field in the near-field of the hole where the signals are strong.
11. In collaboration with Andrea Markelz from Buffalo, NY, the near-field of some small organic crystals has been measured. The results were mixed: in that some samples seemed to show a resonance, whereas other showed no resonance. Clearly, more work is needed to confirm that these resonances are associated with molecular vibrations of the organic molecular crystals.

#### Period #4

12. Experiments on the THz transmission of various metal structures have been performed, such as metal holes, spheres, antennas, and metamaterials.
13. A dramatically enhanced understanding of the properties of the near-field of these structures has been obtained.
14. Two- dimensional THz electric fields have been measured and values compared with theory.



## B3

### INITIAL OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this Workpackage is to obtain knowledge on the use of THz radiation (frequency range between 0.1 and 5 THz) to monitor, in a contact-less fashion, semiconductor surface, epitaxial layers, and bulk parameters important for European semiconductor manufacturers. We will collect expertise on usage of the semiconductor wafer scanning experimental system built within the project. We will produce a user requirement specification which will be fed to the industrial partners and exploitation Workpackage. Except of standard reflectometry employed in the system, we will explore the potential of THz Ellipsometry and Interferometry for measurement method with higher sensitivity to highly doped layers.

#### Period #1

1. An initial experimental version of the scanner system has been built and used to verify simple models of the optical parameters of semiconductors used typically for analysis.

#### Period #2

2. A terahertz spectroscopy technique to access semiconductor parameters was implemented and compared with the techniques standard in this field.
3. Evaluation of the relevant THz emitter/detector combinations was performed with the focus on the sensitivity, reliability and robustness.
4. A scientifically relevant wafer scanner was built and extensively tested.

#### Period #3

5. A THz emitter with electronically-controlled polarisation of generated THz waves has been developed and tested in a THz scientific semiconductor scanner.
6. Ellipsometry instrumentation for the THz frequency range has been realised and implemented in the scientific semiconductor scanner. This instrumentation consists of the generation, manipulation and detection of the polarisation status of THz waves.

#### Period #4

7. The potential of the interferometry measurement method for further improvement of the semiconductor scanner system sensitivity was evaluated. The interferometry technique enables the fast and precise characterisation of a semiconductor wafer using a reference sample method. The completed system allows the fast mapping of non-homogeneity in doping, etc., of semiconductor wafers.



## B4

### INITIAL OBJECTIVES

Investigations of THz sensing, imaging and spectroscopy with the following objectives: Establish complete database of THz signatures of dangerous drugs and explosives; Ability to recognize spectra rapidly; Gain a more complete understanding of THz-frequency vibrational motion; prediction of vibrational frequencies of important molecular crystals; Recognize and characterize minute amounts of sample material; Compare ability of THz to perform this task with other methods; Gain a complete understanding of effects of material inhomogeneities on THz propagation; and establish database of spectroscopic signatures for use in other future work e.g. tomography.

(In view of the complexity of this Workpackage, results are presented according to task and not by period.)

#### **Task B4.1 Investigation of materials of security relevance. Partners: Leeds, Durham, DTU.**

1. Detailed comparisons have been achieved between terahertz and Raman spectroscopy of drugs-of-abuse and explosives, using pure materials mixed in polyethylene and PTFE matrices.
2. Operation of broadband (>8 THz) terahertz spectroscopy system optimised for spectroscopy.
3. Detailed variable-temperature measurements of exemplar drugs-of-abuse and explosives over the temperature range 4 – 300 K, providing a key data set for theoretical simulations of terahertz spectra.
4. Detailed measurements of 'street' drugs-of-abuse samples, demonstrating an ability to distinguish the key drug component in a range of 'seized' drug compounds.
5. Establishment of key collaborations with governmental agencies in the UK (HM Revenue and Customs, HM Government Communications Centre; Defence Science and Technology Laboratory; and the Home Office Science Development Branch), including those responsible for customs and security, to evaluate the potential of terahertz spectroscopy for security applications, and the effects of THz scattering on remote sensing of illegal materials.
6. Significant extension has been made to the range of THz spectral fingerprints acquired for both drugs-of-abuse and common cutting agents, and the re-analysis of previous data to ensure that all results provide both absorption and refractive index data.
7. Measurement of terahertz transmission through a range of common packaging materials employed in freight transport, using FedEx envelopes as exemplars, and demonstration that spectral signatures can still be acquired when drug samples (for example, cocaine) are concealed by packaging materials.
8. Demonstrations that theoretical simulations can be used to give realistic fits to the observed spectral signatures in a number of exemplar explosive and drug samples.
9. Demonstration that diffuse reflection spectroscopy, using a single frequency quantum cascade laser source, can be used to probe scattering in powder samples.
10. Continued on-going interactions with key governmental agencies in the UK (HM Revenue and Customs, HM Government Communications Centre; Defence Science and Technology Laboratory; and the Home Office Science Development Branch), including those responsible for customs and security, to evaluate the potential of terahertz spectroscopy for security applications, and the effects of terahertz scattering on remote sensing of illegal materials, giving a longer-term prospect for uptake of the technology.



11. The improvements in relevant THz functional components (Theme A) that have been made in the course of the programme, together with the advances in basic understanding of the underlying spectroscopic and propagation science that have also been achieved in *TeraNova* (Theme B), have informed a paper study of the possibility of developing practical THz security systems. It is concluded that: (a) short range (30 cms or less) are now totally feasible for imaging and spectroscopic identification of hidden contraband; (b) medium range (around one metre), for example in Portal Detection, now appear to be essentially feasible for operation at THz frequencies; (c) long range (ten metres) are feasible for single-point spectroscopy in a system where THz identification was combined with a millimetre wave scanner (e.g. that operating at 270GH made by Thruvision.); and (d), very long range are not yet achievable without the development of new, high power devices. These are unlikely to be realised using the QCL approach taken in *TeraNova*, but might be based on vacuum tube devices. The new Framework VII Project, OPTHER is therefore well placed to take this work forward.

#### **Task B4.2 Investigation of Pharma Products Leeds, Durham, Teraview**

- ❖ Wound up after 12 months.

#### **Task B4.3 Spectroscopy of materials of biological relevance**

1. Detailed investigations of the terahertz properties of biomolecules: poly-adenylic and poly-cytidylic acids, with the observation of differences in terahertz transmission between the molecules.
2. Density functional perturbation theory (DFPT) simulations of thymine using the CASTEP software package, showing good agreement to experimental features.
3. Development of a microspectrometer.
4. Determination of glucose and alcohol concentrations in aqueous solutions.
5. Completion of theoretical work on the assignment of low-frequency vibrational modes in molecular crystals.
6. Demonstration of excellent agreement between terahertz spectra and simulations for specific molecules of biological relevance, e.g. sucrose, thymine, benzoic acid.
7. Successful application for funding, based on results obtained within the *TeraNova* network, for access to computer resources at the Danish Centre for Scientific Computing. These facilities will allow study of the anomalous blue shifts observed in terahertz spectra with changing temperature, and the identification of specific vibrational modes, *inter alia*, and allow many of the experimental results obtained within the *TeraNova* programme to be explained more fully.
8. Demonstration of a reflection spectrometer for assessing minute quantities of liquids ( $\approx$  mL), using water-alcohol and water-sugar mixtures as exemplars. This allowed determination of the alcohol content in beverages.
9. Demonstration of the ability to distinguish between inflammable and water-based liquids, through plastic and glass bottles, with clear security screening implications. This was reported extensively by the Danish media.
10. Demonstration of quantitative spectroscopy inside a parallel-plate waveguide, potentially reducing the required amount of sample to the  $\mu$ L range.
11. Demonstration of THz pulse propagation in a new class of polymer-based photonic crystal fibres designed for the THz frequency range.
12. Near-field characterization in collaboration with TU Delft of the modal structure inside a photonic crystal fibre, including a direct visualization of single-mode propagation over a broad frequency range.



#### **Task B4.4 The effects of scattering on THz spectroscopy, sensing and imaging**

1. Phantom structures designed for experimental measurements and comparison with theory.
2. Scattering has been modelled using a phase distribution model, and good agreement obtained between theory and experiment for garments.
3. Development and validation of the Phase Distribution Model and Propagator Model for terahertz radiation passing through phantoms and commonly-encountered materials.
4. Development of post-detection processing techniques to improve the resolution of small objects secreted within inhomogeneous media and reveal additional information from time domain data.
5. Patenting and publication of the post-processing software (validated by experiment), which is also applicable to X-ray imaging, radar signals, and to the development of a terahertz endoscope for possible medical application.
6. Realisation of a measurement system for angle scattering studies: this has been used to validate the theory of terahertz radiation propagation in a concentrated scattering medium and for initial tomographic measurements. The system uses a fibre-fed terahertz receiver.
7. Broadband THz frequency tomography systems have been realized which have the capability to detect hidden objects as small as one millimetre within packaging or other material. QCL measurements have also been undertaken that demonstrate the potential of multi-wavelength frequency-domain THz imaging for the detection and identification of materials in reflection geometry.

#### **Task#B4.5 Emerging Materials: TeraView**

1. New 'emerging materials' identified, and hyperspectral image processing used to enhance contrast in images.
2. Construction of a multiple detector system to investigate, for the first time, how a combination of scattered and specular reflection signals can be used to help characterise and distinguish different materials.

#### **Task#B4.6 Feasibility study of bio/chemical security sensor system: TeraView**

- ❖ Evaluation of the feasibility of constructing a terahertz biochemical security sensor.
- ❖ Task wound up after M24.



## **C2**

### **INITIAL OBJECTIVES**

The main objective of this work package is the development of a demonstrator of the semiconductor scanner based on terahertz waves. The typical frequency range that is employed spans from 0.5 THz up to 3 THz. The scanner uses a femtosecond Ti: Sapphire laser to generate terahertz electromagnetic waves as well as to detect them after they interacted with the semiconductor under test. The scanner is intended to be a table-top system with associated user interface.

### **PROGRESS**

#### **Period #3**

1. Setup of the semiconductor THz-scanner has been completed, including laser integration and optical alignment.
2. The decision for an appropriate THz detection scheme for the scanner has been made in favour of a photoconductive (antenna based) THz detector.
3. A re-designed and improved femtosecond laser (optimised for fibre delivery and THz generation/detection) has been developed and integrated.
4. A novel dispersion management system with chirped mirrors is being developed; this promises more simple and compact fibre delivery.
5. First results of a hybrid integrated, two-colour unit (THz-quantum cascade lasers) have been obtained. The lasers operate at 85 K using the hybrid approach with a single plasmon waveguide and a double metal chips.

#### **Period #4**

6. The semiconductor scanner Demonstrator was essentially complete. The report period has been largely spent in system optimisation, including software optimisation. The integration of a re-designed and improved femtosecond laser (optimised for fibre delivery and THz generation/detection) into the final scanner has been completed. Appropriate THz emission/detection for units have been built.
7. A novel dispersion management system, with chirped mirrors, is being developed with potential for a more simple and compact fibre delivery.
8. A two colour laser source at 3.1 THz and 3.9 THz has been realized and given to TU-Wien for evaluation of the potential of two colour THz laser technology in the scientific semiconductor scanner.
9. Performance of the Demonstrator has been verified on samples of relevance to the semiconductor device industry (pseudomorphic HEMT structures).
10. An early stage prototype with limited functionality has been realised. This combines a fibre-fed THz Time Domain Reflectometer with a high frequency probe arrangement. It is intended to be used to probe failure mechanisms in ICs (through encapsulation). The current spatial resolution of the system is 10 micrometres. A well known End User has agreed to trial the system in their production facility.

### C3

#### INITIAL OBJECTIVES

The Workpackage targets the development of a THz microsensor that could be integrated into a microfluidic environment to perform specific sensing operations on individual living cells. The activity will be focused on spermatozoa, with the objective of distinguishing between X and Y cells. To reach this goal, several tasks will be performed, ranging from spectroscopy on small volumes of pre-sorted cells to determine the configuration, frequency range, etc. with the best S/N ratio, to the development of the necessary components for the micro-integrated sensor, to the final demonstration of the sensor operation on individual living cells. For the purpose both time-domain spectroscopy and dual-frequency differential measurements with quantum cascade lasers sources will be utilized as they provide complimentary characteristics. The most promising system will be implemented in to the final demonstrator.

#### PROGRESS

##### Period #3

1. Nine different preparation processes have been developed at the Spallanzani Institute and spermatozoa samples passed on to partners SNS and Siegen.
2. Siegen University has performed a preliminary investigation of the spermatozoa samples using both wide bandwidth and QCL THz sources; clear spectroscopic structures are found that relate to the spermatozoa materials.
3. Siegen University has realised a QCL microfocal transmission analysis setup.
4. SNS has been assembling the optical system for performing spectroscopy at the single cell level. First test data have now been obtained.
5. Femtolasers has been producing the fibre-delivery source that will be used in the time-domain analysis system.

##### Period #4

6. SNS has realized a THz system for single cell imaging based on QCL sources and on the use of apertures to select the area from which the signal is collected. The system is now fully operational and its resolution as an imaging apparatus has been tested using metal shapes. At the moment  $\sim \lambda/15$  has been achieved with a  $\sim 3$  THz QC laser. Requests for the use of such a system by external parties have already been received.
7. Aperture and system design of the imaging demonstrator have been optimized by SNS in terms of materials choice, source polarization, optics f/number. The set-up is now enclosed in a controlled atmosphere and proper software is available for operation.
8. Extensive testing of the SNS demonstrator has been performed on sperm cells supplied by Spallanzani. The best density conditions and substrate materials have been analysed. A signal to noise ratio of 30 dB is available now with wavelength-size aperture. Though very good, this is not yet sufficient to distinguish single spermatozoa from the background. In the near future the pyroelectric detector will be substituted with a bolometer to improve the sensitivity by several orders of magnitude. Funding for this equipment has recently been secured at the national level.
9. The first THz images of other cells have been obtained at Pisa. A single epithelial tumour cell has been imaged: although the latest pictures need considerable improvement, there is now clear evidence that this approach will be successful. Istituto Spallanzani has completed the investigation of protocols for asserting the biological quality of the semen samples after their preparation for THz analysis.
10. In parallel, Siegen has been developing a system for on-line THz analysis in a microfluidic environment. The system is under test with both a pulsed system based on Femtolasers fibre-delivery source and QC lasers.

11. The microcapillary integrated THz resonator has been fabricated and the demonstrator assembled in Siegen. Its operation has been tested both with the TDS source developed by Femtolasers and QC lasers. Contrast ratios of up to 10% have been demonstrated in Siegen between water and air in the microcapillary, probing with the THz beam a volume of just fractions of a nanolitre.
12. Tests of the Siegen demonstrator are underway with a fast detector to assess the capability of tracing the response with a high-speed fluid containing the individual cells.



## APPENDIX II

### PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS, BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS & PATENTS

#### Period One

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## APPENDIX IV

### A. EXTERNAL TRAINING AND DISSEMINATION EVENTS ORGANISED BY TERANOVA

- ❖ *International School of Solid State Physics: Physics and Technology of THz Photonics*, Erice, Italy, July 2005.
- ❖ *Japanese European Seminar on Terahertz Technology*. British Embassy, Tokyo, Japan, 21st November 2005.
- ❖ *Physics of Intersubband Semiconductor Emitter" (POISE) Summer School*, Palazzone di Cortona, Italy, June 2006.
- ❖ *Advanced Research Workshop on Identification of Materials: Terahertz Frequency Detection and Identification of Materials and Objects*, Spiez, Switzerland, July 2006.
- ❖ *Topical Meeting on Optical Terahertz Science and Technology (OTST 2007)* Orlando, Florida, June 2007).
- ❖ *The Ninth International Conference on Intersubband Transitions in Quantum Wells*, ITQW 2007, Ambleside, UK; September 9-14, 2007.
- ❖ *Terahertz Photonics 2007*, Weetwood Hall, Leeds, UK, 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October 2007.
- ❖ *Mind the Gap – Millimetre Wave and THz Conference* organised by Electronics Knowledge Transfer Networks (UK Technology Strategy Board), London, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008.
- ❖ First topical meeting of the *European Focus Group on THz Science and Technology*, under the auspices of the European Optical Society, Paris, 29<sup>th</sup> September 29 to 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2008.
- ❖ *Terahertz and Industry*, Royal Society, London, UK, February 2009.

In addition to these events, internal training workshops have been held at Partner Assemblies. Details of these have been provided to the Commission annually.

### B. EXHIBITIONS AND TRADE FAIRS

TeraNova was represented at the following:

- ❖ *Laser 2005*, Messe Muenchen, June 2005 (Femtolasers)
- ❖ *Photonics Korea 05*, Korea, 5th-9th September 2005 (Femtolasers)
- ❖ *OSA, Tucson*, USA, 16th-20th October 2005 (Femtolasers)
- ❖ *TeraTech 05*, Osaka, Japan, 16th-18th November 2005 (Femtolasers)
- ❖ *BIOS/Photonics West*, San Jose, USA, 19th-28th January 2006 (Femtolasers)
- ❖ *Laser 2006*, Shanghai, China, 21st-23rd March 2006 (Femtolasers)
- ❖ *CLEO 2006*, Long Beach, CA, USA, 22nd-25th May 2006 (Femtolasers)
- ❖ *SURA Terahertz Application Symposium*, Washington DC, USA, 31st May – 6th June 2006 (Femtolasers)
- ❖ *Laser 2007 - World of Photonics*, Messe Muenchen, 15-18 June 2007 (Femtolasers)
- ❖ *Iberian Nanotechnology Institute* in Braga, Portugal (21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2007)
- ❖ *ICT Exhibition*, held in Lyon, France (25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008)



There was also an exhibition at the Terahertz Systems and Industrial Applications meeting, Royal Society, London, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at which partners *Femtolasers*, *Alpes Lasers* and *TeraView* all exhibited equipment.

### C. PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

#### Book Chapters, Published Articles & Press Interviews

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<http://cordis.europa.eu/ictresults/index.cfm/section/news/tpl/article/BrowsingType/Features/ID/90252/highlights/teranova>

##### **Giles Davies, Leeds University**

Publication in *The House Magazine*, Special Science Issue.  
[This publication is circulated in the European Parliament]

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##### **Peter Uhd Jepsen, Danish Technical University**

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##### **Paul Planken, TU Delft**

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##### **Alessandro Tredicucci, SNS Pisa**

Newspaper articles:  
❖ *Il sole* 24ore, 7/9/2006  
❖ *Il Secolo XIX*, 19/7/2007  
❖ *La Stampa*, 18/7/2007

#### Broadcasts (Radio, Television and Internet)

##### **Paul Planken, TU Delft**

Interview with Noorderlicht (Web-site of the science programme from VPRO radio/tv) at <http://noorderlicht.vpro.nl/artikelen/20009058/>.



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Radio Interview: AGR Circuit, July 16, 2007.

##### **Karl Unterrainer, TU Wien**

Austrian Public Radio: ORF OE1 Dimensionen "Terahertz-Strahlung".

##### **Peter Haring Bolivar, Siegen**

TV spot (5 Min) by Univ. Siegen on WDR3 (German TV) to inform the general public, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2006 (Peter Haring, Siegen).

Radio programme WDR5 by Univ. Siegen, Frankfurt and Braunschweig to inform the general public on THz technology, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

#### Popular Lectures & Presentations

##### **Martyn Chamberlain, Durham University**

'*Between Radio and the Light Bulb: Physics and Applications of Terahertz Frequency Waves*', British Physics Olympiad (lecture to High School Students), Royal Society, London, April 2006.

##### **Edmund Linfield, Leeds University**

'*The Development and Applications of Terahertz Imaging and Spectroscopy Systems*', Student Open Day of the Institute of Physics CMMP Conference, Exeter, April 2006.

##### **Karen Steenson, Leeds University**

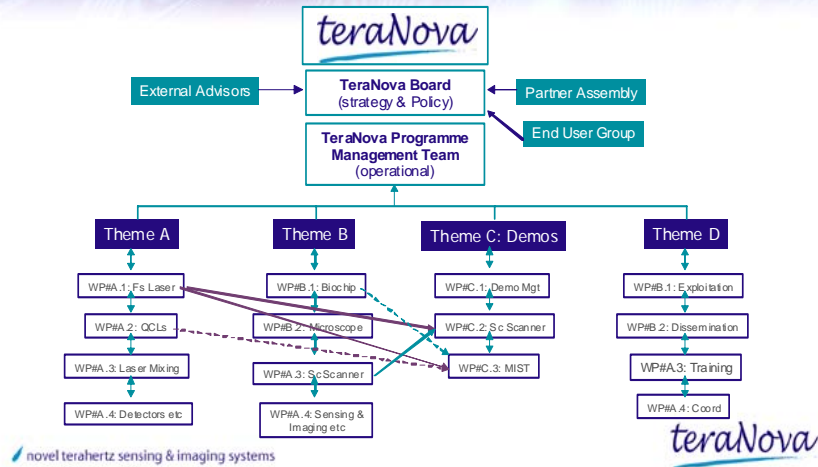
*The Importance of Dissemination in Framework Projects – TeraNova*, EC Project Manager's Association (ECPMA), St James' Hospital, Leeds, UK, 9<sup>th</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

##### **Peter Swift, Durham University**

Presentation at the House of Commons, London, November 2007, for MPs on the work of Young UK Scientists.

## APPENDIX V

# Management/Project Structure



The *TeraNova* programme has been organised thematically (A, B, C, D), with further subdivision into Workpackages. Strategy and Policy was determined by the *TeraNova Board*, initially chaired by the distinguished UK industrialist, Christopher Snowden (CEO, Filtronic PLC) and subsequently by Tom Brazil, Professor of Electrical Engineering at University College, Dublin. The Board membership also included: the *TeraNova* Scientific Coordinator (Martyn Chamberlain, Durham University); the four Theme Leaders; a representative of large-scale industry (Daniel Dolfi, Thales); and a representative of small-medium enterprise (Andreas Stingl, Femtolasers). Panels of End Users and other Advisers were drawn from across Europe and beyond to advise the Board, for example in the matter of determining which Demonstrator bids should be selected for full development within Theme C. Additional advisers were retained for ethical and gender issues.

The Partner Assembly was made up of one representative of every member organisation of the Consortium. It met twice per annum to present the work of the partners and to discuss matters of common interest. It advised the Board of any matters of concern on the progress of the Programme, and had appropriate voting rights on the Board.

The Scientific and Technical aspects of the Programme were coordinated by Professor Martyn Chamberlain (*University of Durham*). The administrative, management and financial activities were coordinated by Dr Karen Steenson (*University of Leeds*). The Scientific Coordinator and Administrative Coordinator constituted the *Programme Management Team* and were responsible for day-to-day coordination of the project. The Exploitation Management of the

Programme was in the hands of Durham University, but contracted to a dedicated Professional (Dr Debra Barnes, Merops Ltd.)

During the course of the Project, the Management Team were responsible for: setting budgets; writing reports (technical, financial and management); organising and maintaining a website; arranging for *TeraNova* representation at events; ensuring that legal and IP issues were addressed; liaising with Brussels; responding to partners' changing needs; managing Deliverables; dealing with external agencies and enquiries; and ensuring that strategic decisions were taken by the Board on time and in accordance with best practice.

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