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An Introduction to **Laser-driven X-ray Sources**

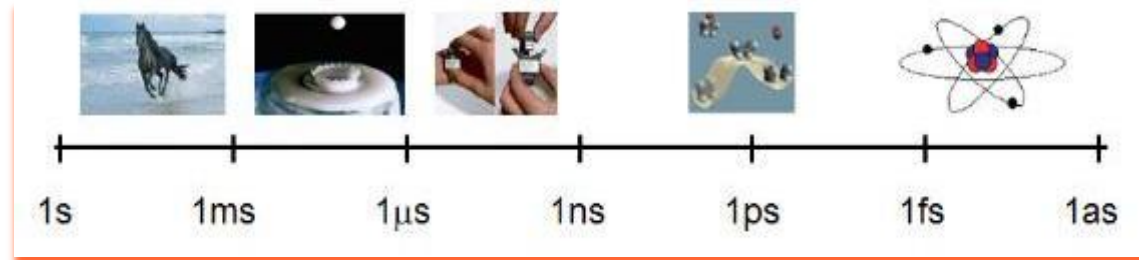
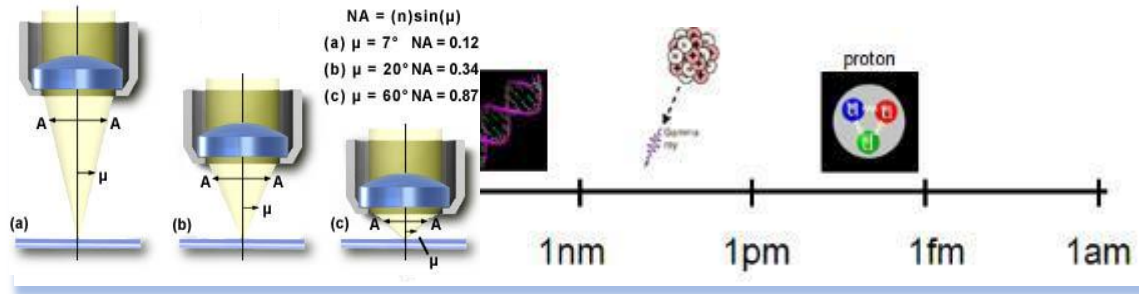
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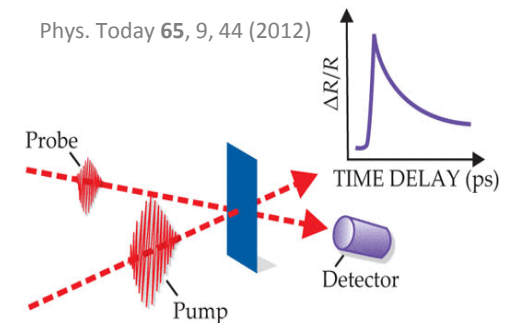
Motivation

Study nature in smaller spatial and shorter time scales

Spatial resolution (Rayleigh) $d = 0.61 \frac{\lambda}{NA}$, de Broglie: $\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$

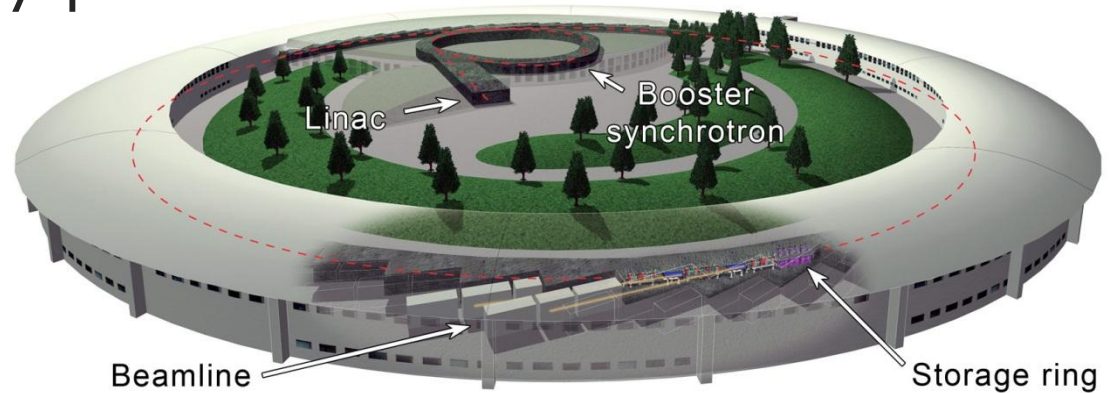


Temporal resolution \sim pulse duration in pump-probe experiments

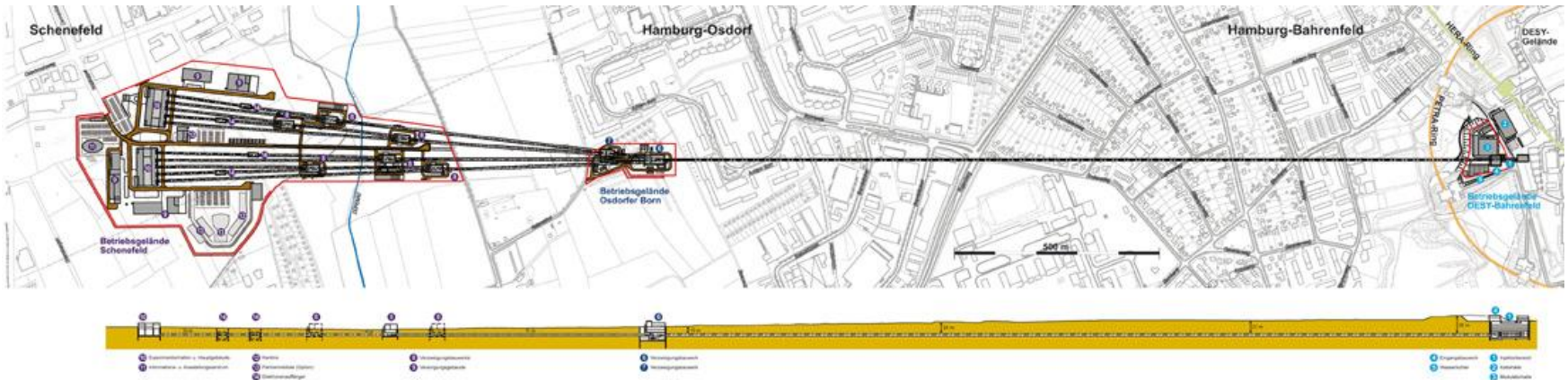


Need for short X-ray pulses

Synchrotrons:
100 ps (fs)



XFEL (X-ray Free Electron Lasers): > 10 fs



Superbright, **but** large \Rightarrow €€€€ \Rightarrow limited ac & difficult synchronization with pump pulses

\Rightarrow **laser driven X-ray sources**

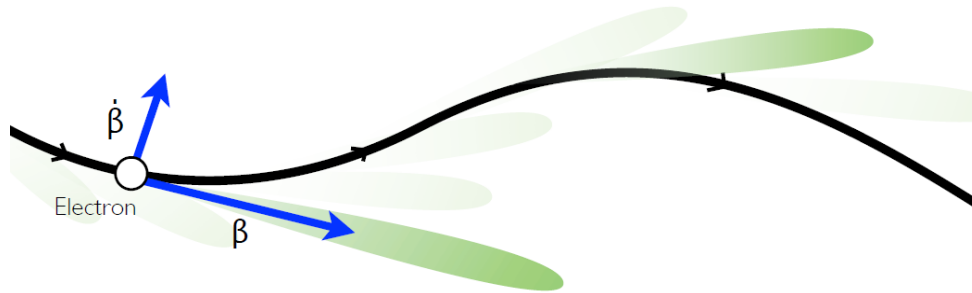


- Origin of Electromagnetic radiation
- Laser-driven sources of short-wavelength radiation
 - High-order harmonic generation from gas
 - Plasma-based X-ray lasers
 - Plasma X-ray sources
 - Sources based on laser driven electron beams
 - Plasma betatron
 - Inverse Compton source

Origin of EM radiation

Microscopically: accelerated motion of charge

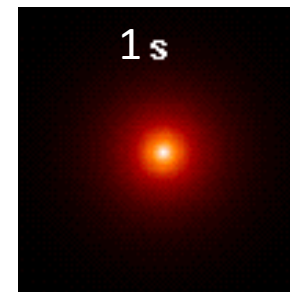
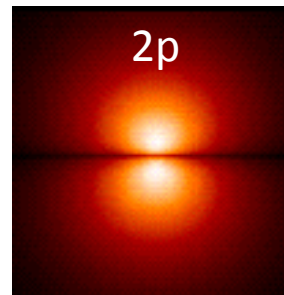
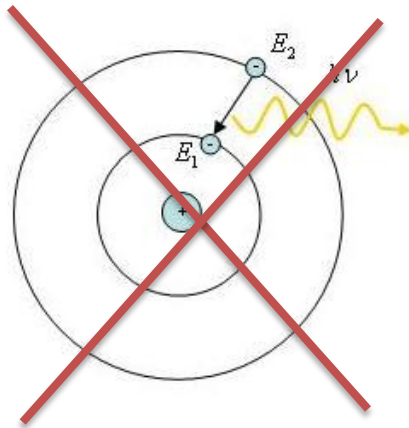
- Free:



$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i\omega[t - \vec{n} \cdot \vec{r}(t)/c]} \frac{\vec{n} \times [(\vec{n} - \vec{\beta}) \times \dot{\vec{\beta}}]}{(1 - \vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{n})^2} dt \right|^2$$

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- Bound: radiative (allowed/dipole) transitions



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$$\left[\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V \right] \Psi = i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi$$

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Time

Origin of EM radiation

Mostly electrons being employed in this spectral range (large e/m ratio) $dE/dz \propto E^4/(m^4 R^2)$

Types of radiative transitions (QM point of view):

1) Free-free (classical accelerated charge)

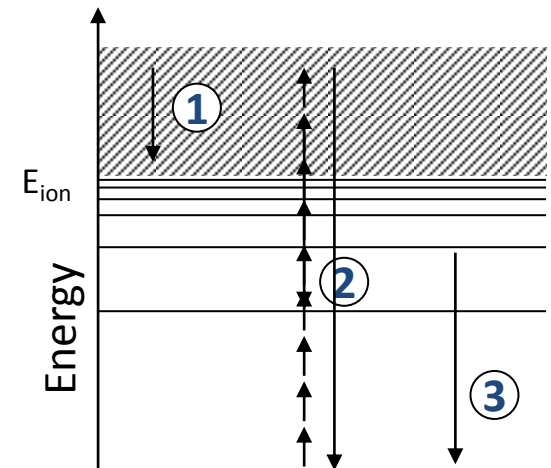
- Sources employing relativistic electron beams (undulator, betatron, Compton)
- Laser plasma source (bremsstrahlung)

2) Free-bound

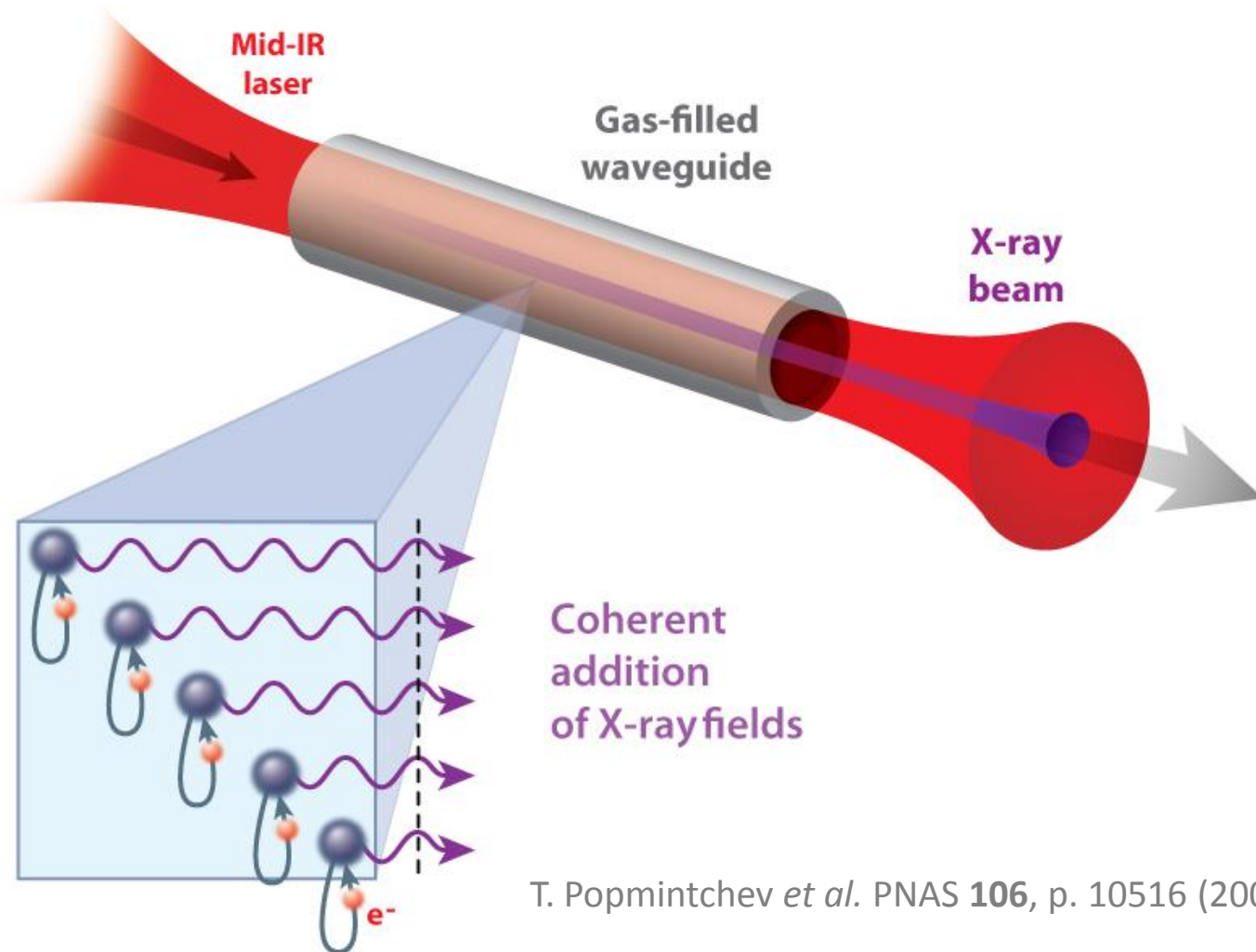
- High-order harmonic generation
- Laser plasma source (radiative recombination)

3) Bound-bound

- Soft X-ray lasers (stimulated emission)
- Laser plasma source (inner-shell transitions e.g. $K\alpha$)

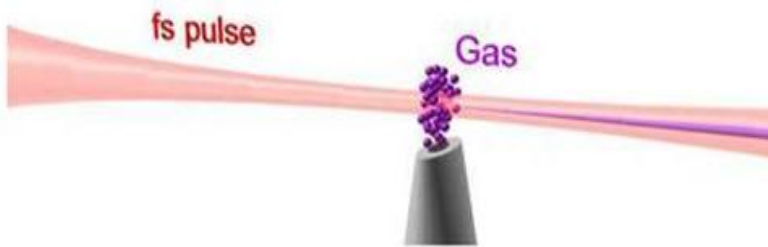


High-order harmonic generation (HHG)



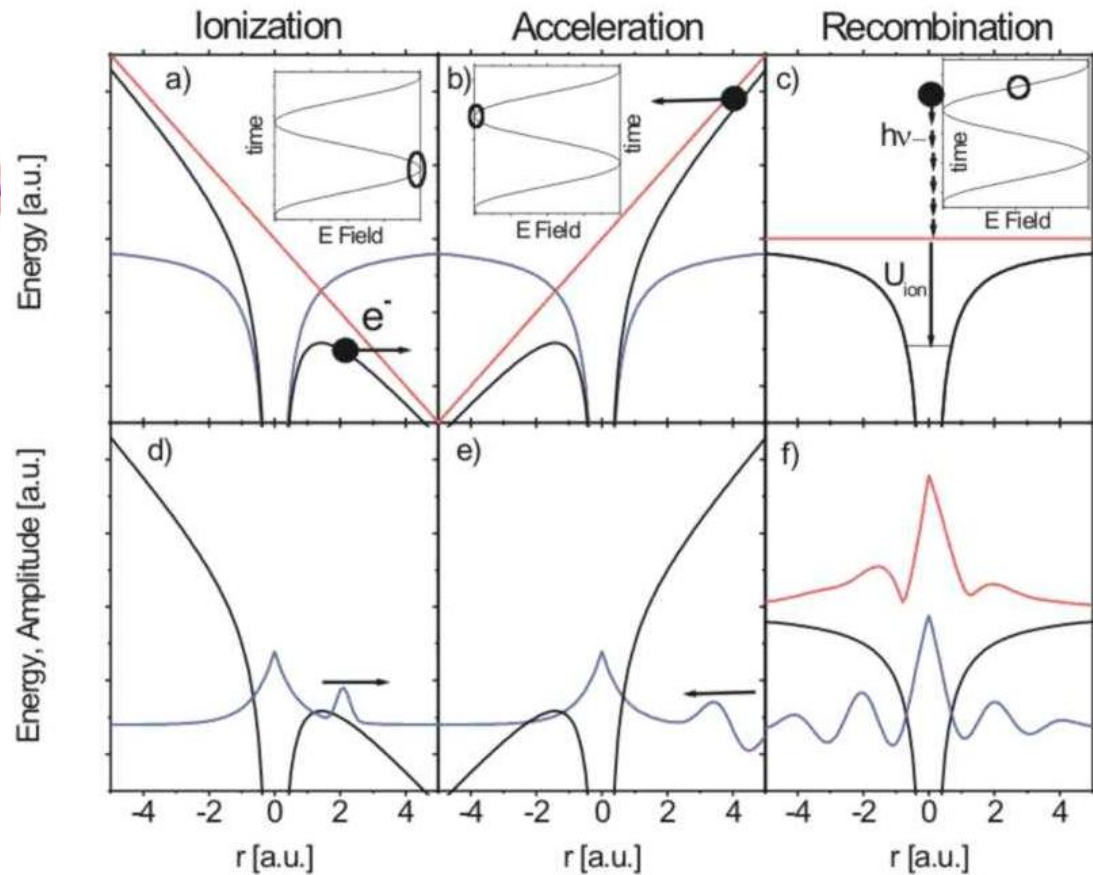
T. Popmintchev *et al.* PNAS **106**, p. 10516 (2008)

- Interaction of linearly polarized intense laser pulse with matter (valence electron)



- Three step model:
 - Ionization
 - Acceleration
 - Recombination

P. B. Corkum, Phys. Rev. Lett., **71**, 1994 (1993)

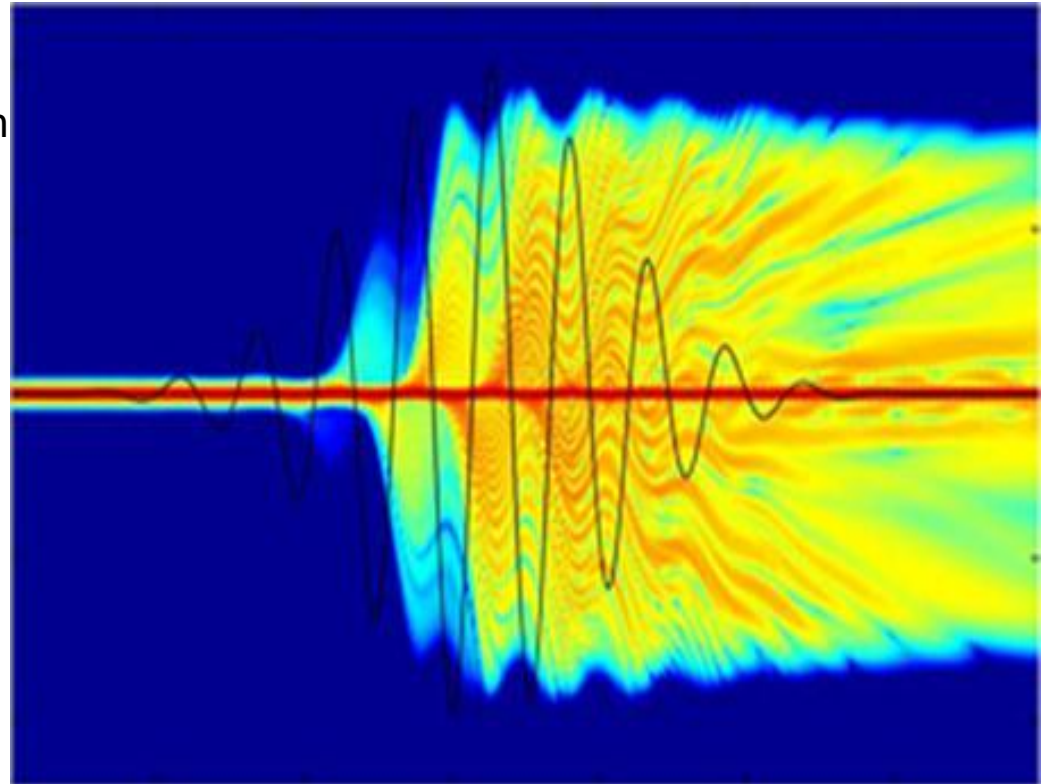


- Quasi-monochromatic radiation + centro-symmetrical medium → **odd harmonics only**

- Microscopic analysis
Dipole momentum of a single atom

$$E_{cutoff} \approx I_p + 3.17 U_p$$

- Macroscopic analysis
absorbtion, phase-matching,
diffraction



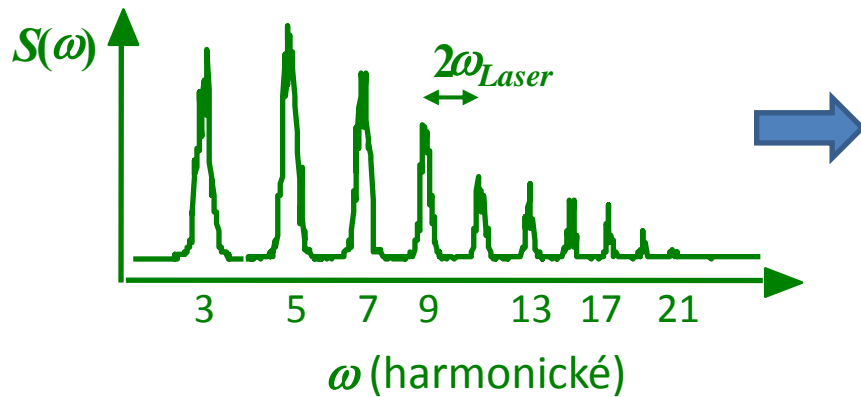
Electron density $|\psi(x,t)|^2$

HHG: time vs frequency

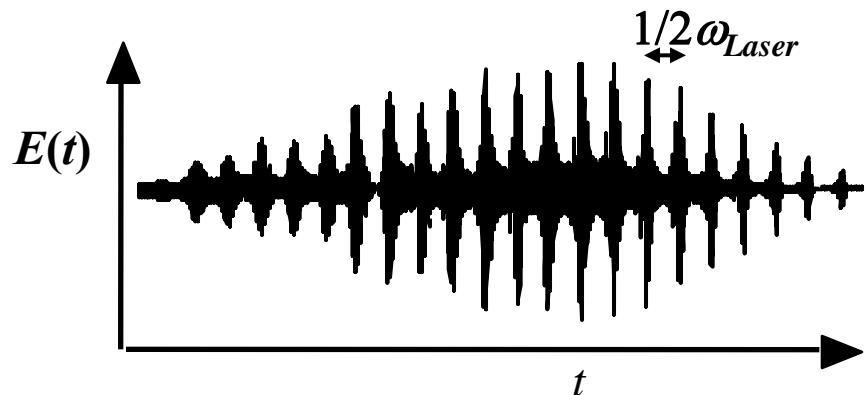
- $\lambda = 800 \text{ nm} \rightarrow T = 2.7 \text{ fs}$
 $\rightarrow h\nu = 1.55 \text{ eV}$

100fs laser pulse with short medium: attosecond pulse train

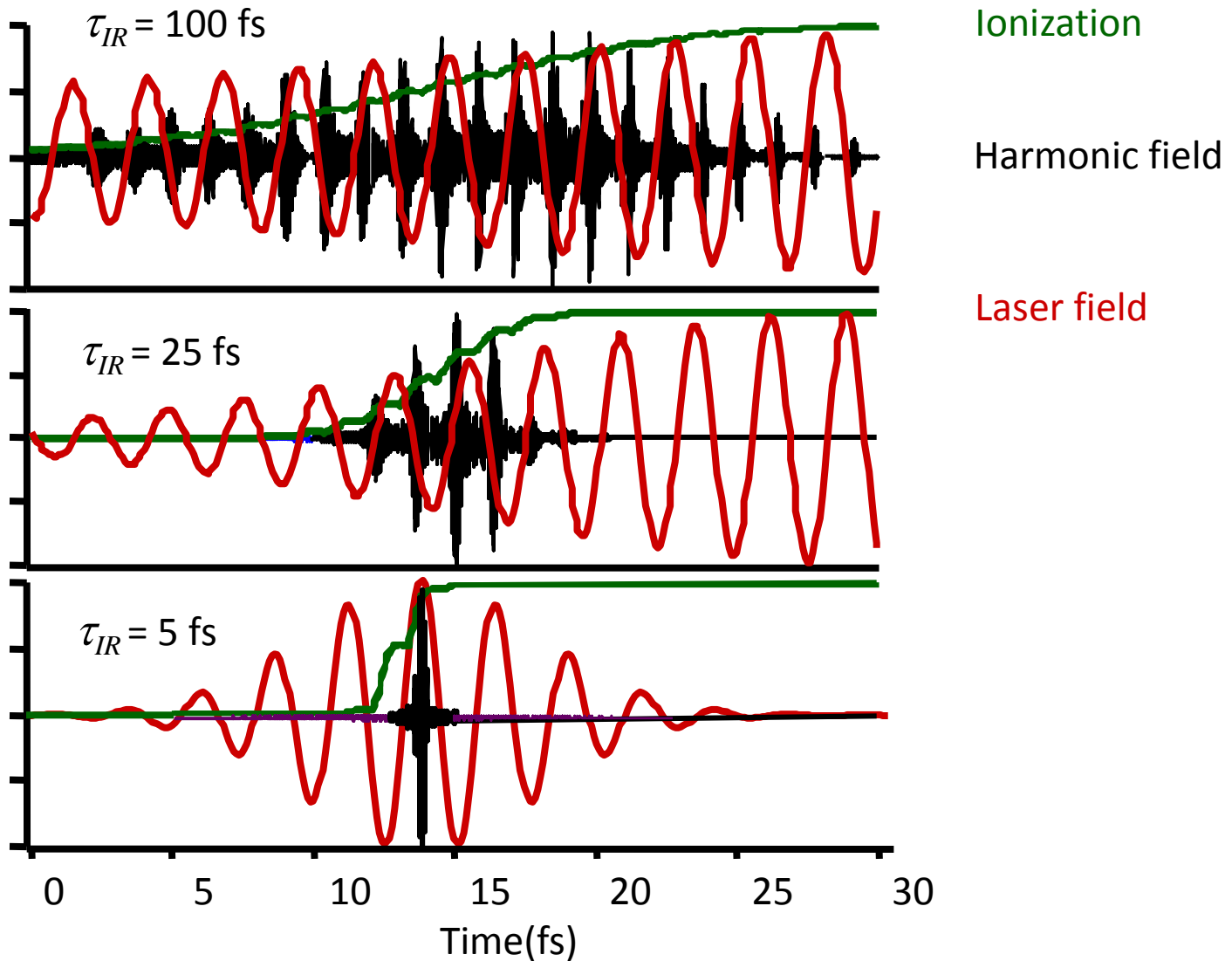
Measured spectrum



Estimated E-field evolution



HHG: time vs frequency





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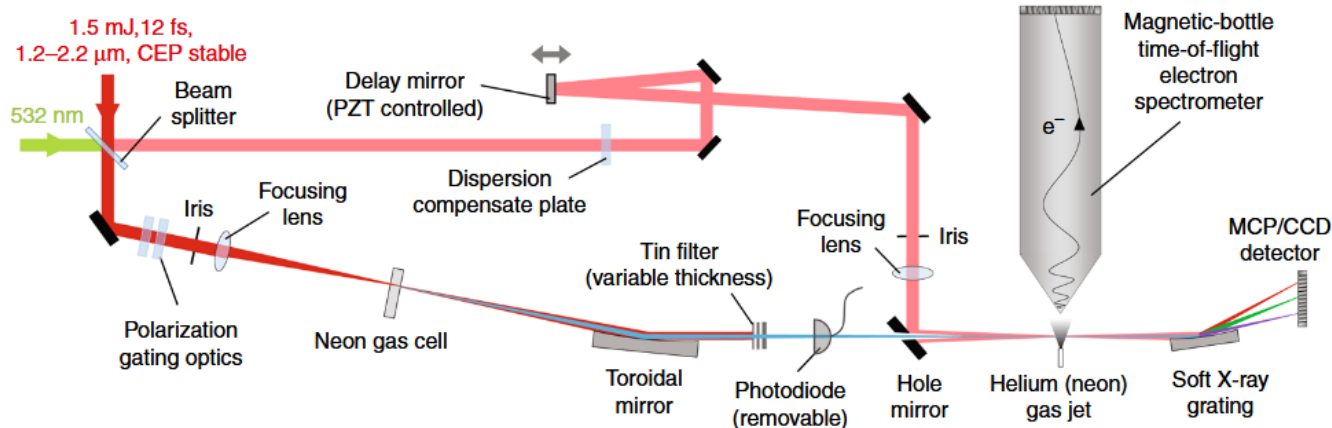
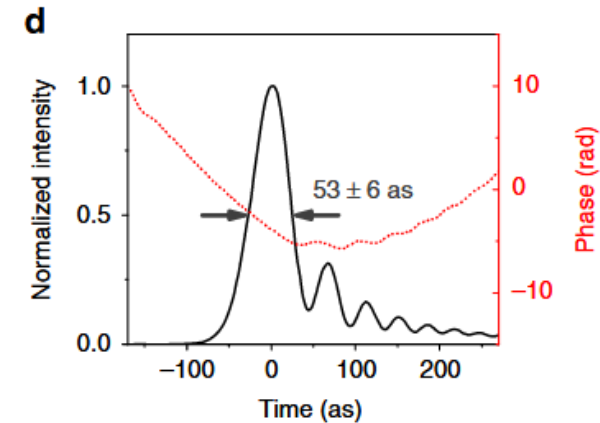
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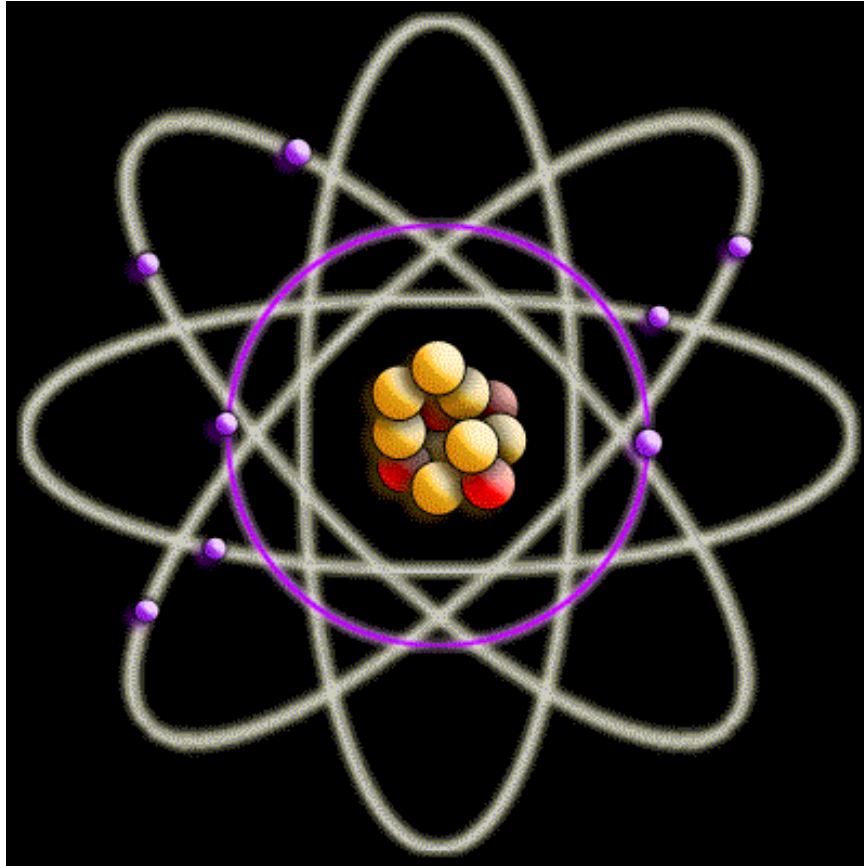
53-attosecond X-ray pulses reach the carbon K-edge

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The motion of electrons in the microcosm occurs on a time scale set by the atomic unit of time—24 attoseconds. Attosecond pulses at photon energies corresponding to the fundamental absorption edges of matter, which lie in the soft X-ray regime above 200 eV, permit the probing of electronic excitation, chemical state, and atomic structure. Here we demonstrate a soft X-ray pulse duration of 53 as and single pulse streaking reaching the carbon K-absorption edge (284 eV) by utilizing intense two-cycle driving pulses near 1.8- μm center wavelength. Such pulses permit studies of electron dynamics in live biological samples and next-generation electronic materials such as diamond.

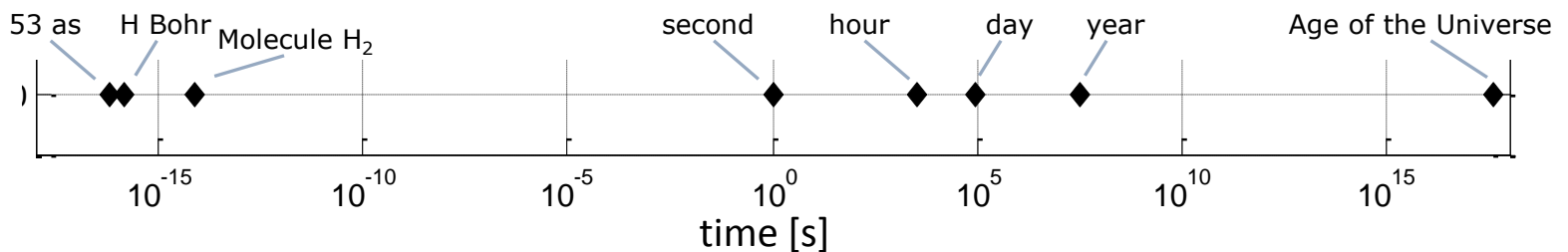


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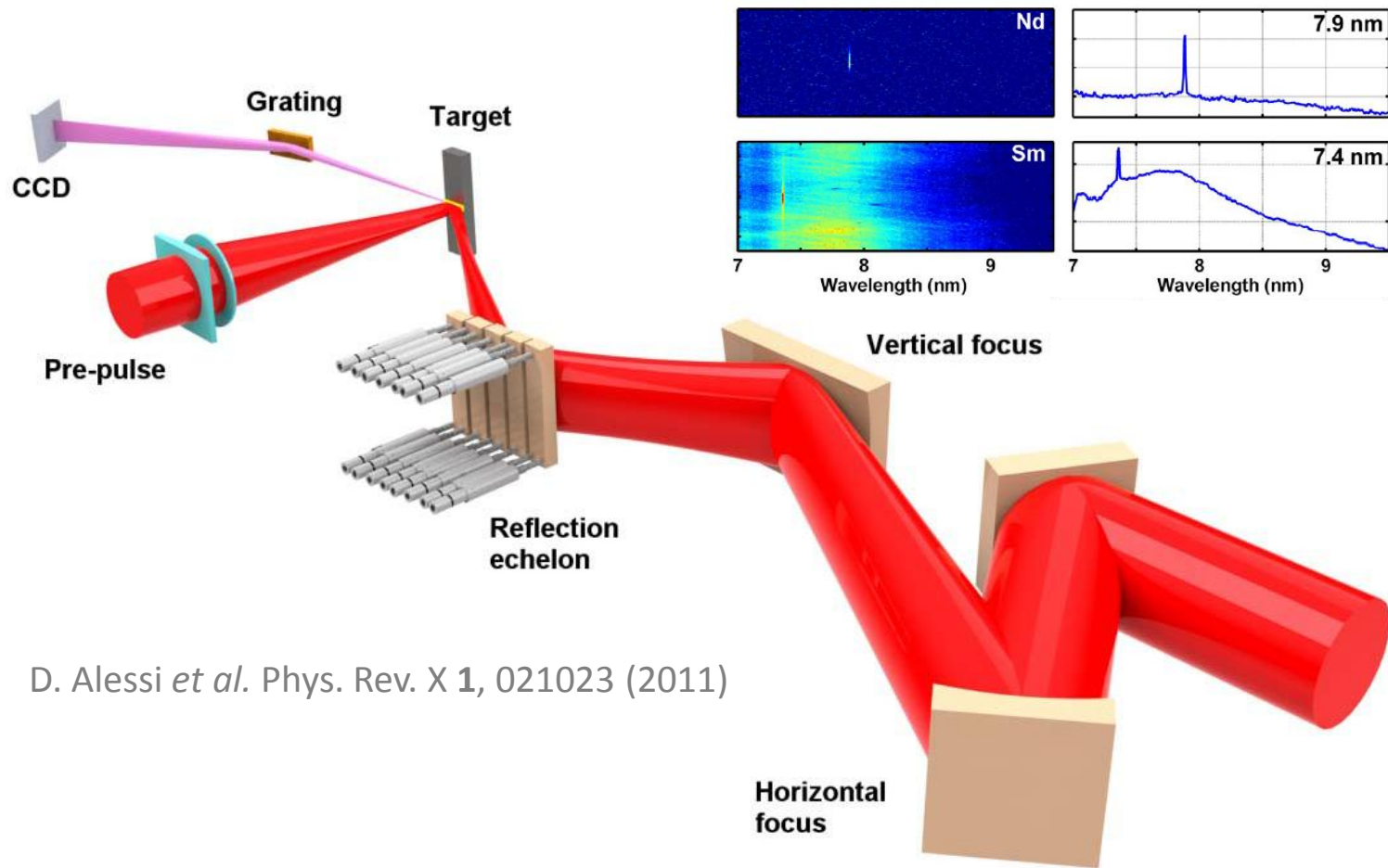


Period of an electron in Bohr's orbital of hydrogen:
 $T = 152 \text{ as}$

Period of vibration of H_2
 $T = 8 \text{ fs}$



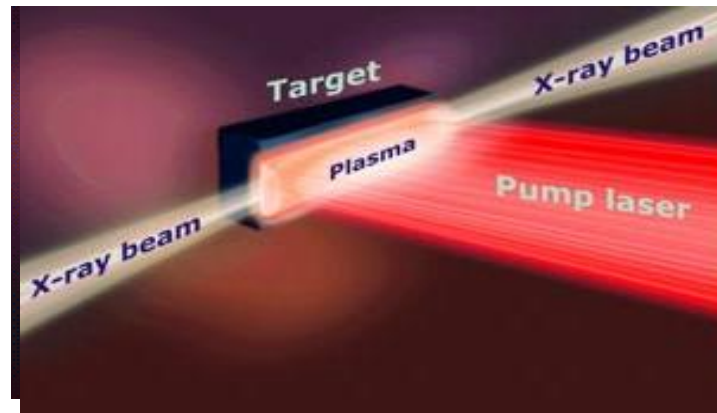
Plasma-based x-ray lasers



D. Alessi *et al.* Phys. Rev. X **1**, 021023 (2011)

Plasma-based x-ray lasers

- Employ radiative transitions of multiply ionized matter
 - Energy difference between levels increases with the charge
 - Gain medium is a narrow column of hot highly ionized plasma



Ex] hydrogen-like ion (H-like)

Z – proton number

n_i – principal quantum number

τ – lifetime of upper level

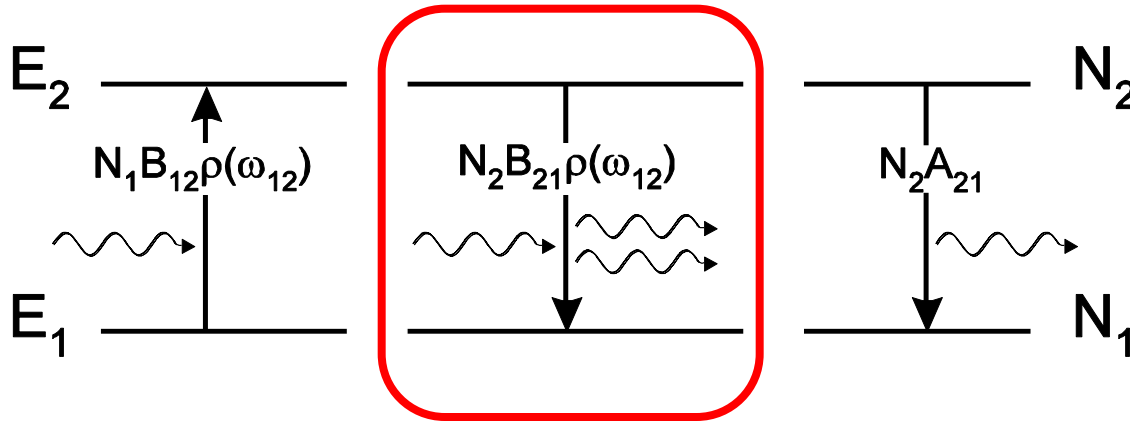
$$E_u - E_l = (13.6\text{eV}) Z^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_l^2} - \frac{1}{n_u^2} \right)$$

$$\hbar\omega \propto Z^2, \quad \tau \propto 1/Z^4$$

H-like C \equiv C⁺⁵ \equiv C VI (spectroscopical notation):

transition 2p – 1s: $\hbar\omega = 367\text{eV}$, $\lambda = 3.4\text{ nm}$, $\tau = 1.2\text{ ps}$

Einstein's coefficients



From the detailed balance:

$$\frac{A_{21}}{B_{21}} = \frac{\hbar \omega_{21}^3}{\pi^2 c^3} \propto \lambda^{-3} \quad (1)$$

A,B depends only on the quantum system \Rightarrow relation (1) is valid even outside equilibrium

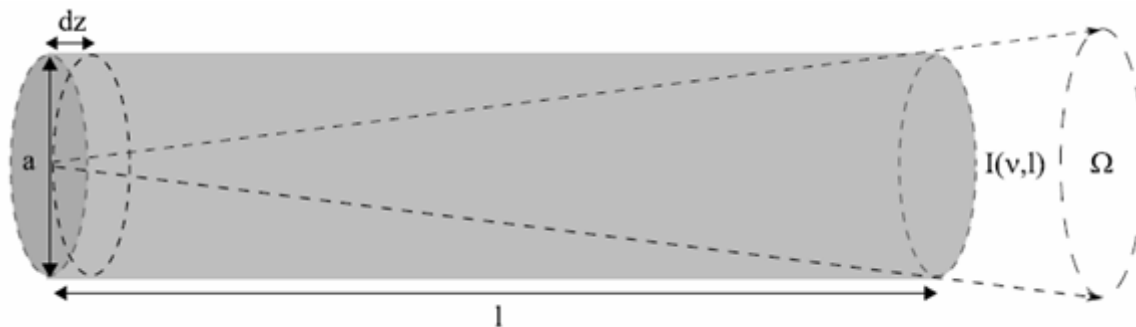
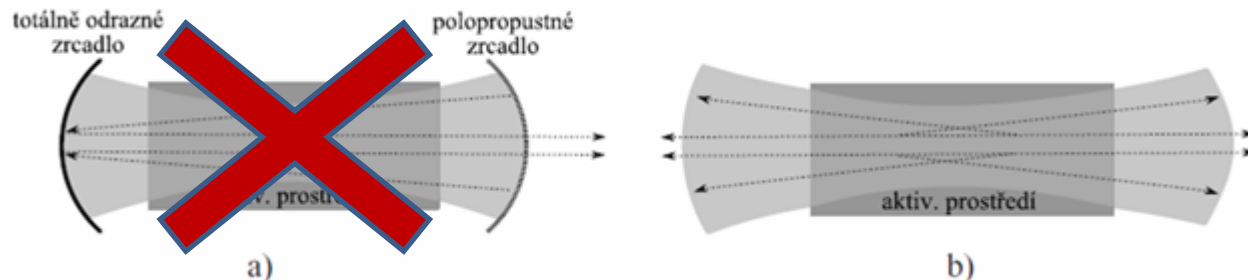
Pumping intensity is proportional to $1/\lambda^4 \Rightarrow$ high pump power for shorter wavelengths – possible only in hot dense plasma

Plasma-based x-ray lasers

Due to **short lifetimes** of the gain, nonexistence of **highly reflecting mirrors** in XUV/x-ray and **agressive plasma** (damages nearby optics)
Laser resonator (cavity) cannot be used

We rely on **Amplified Spontaneous Emission (ASE)**
 (amplified noise – effects on wavefront, coherence...)

⇒ Long narrow column of gain medium

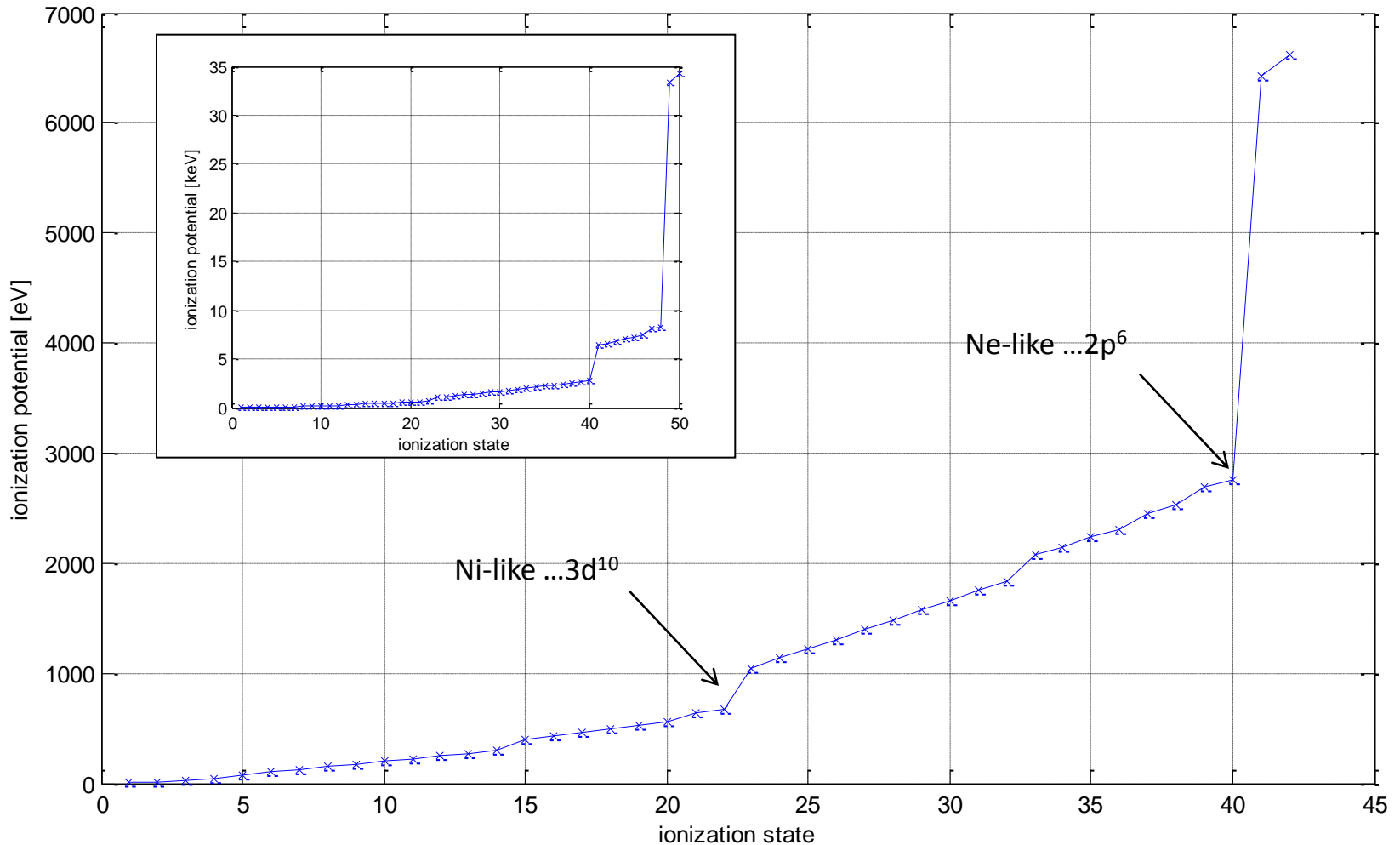


Plasma-based x-ray lasers

Some ions are more stable than others

Example: Sn: Z=50,

Ground state $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 3d^{10} 4s^2 4p^6 4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^2$



Plasma-based x-ray lasers

Solving Saha equation for (Sn) plasma: $Z=50$

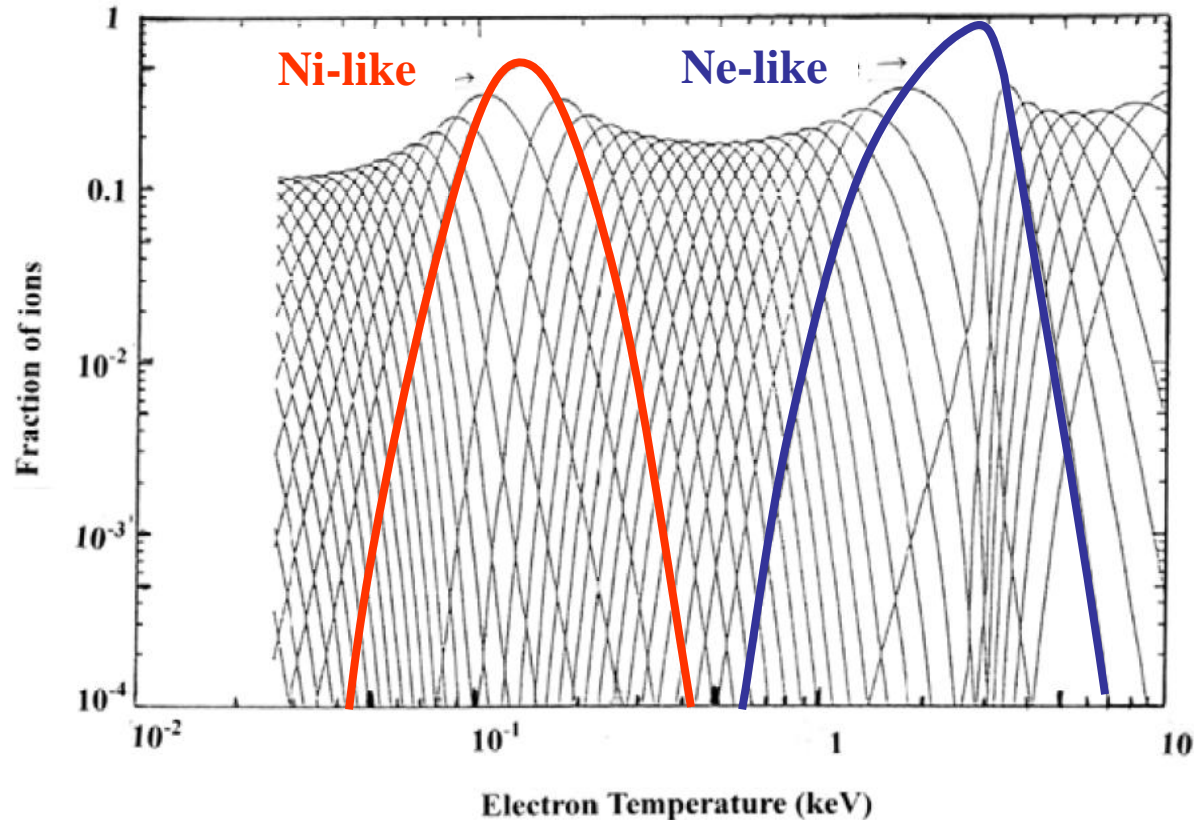


Figure 11. Ion abundance as a function of the electron temperature for tin plasma.

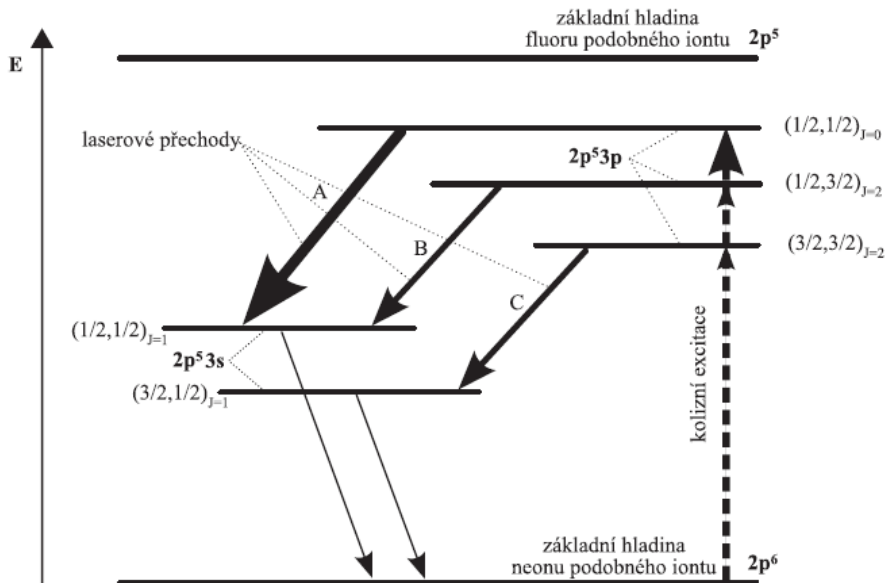
H. Daido, Rep. Prog. Phys. **65** (2002) 1513–1576.

Ne and Ni-like ions are present for wide temperature ranges.

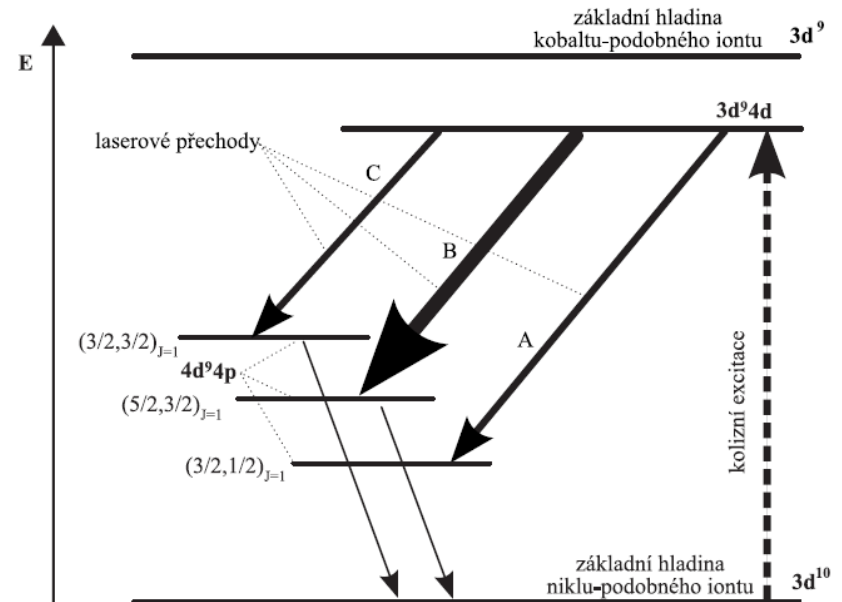
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Collisional excitation

Ne-like ions



Ni-like ions



Fast depletion of the lower lasing level

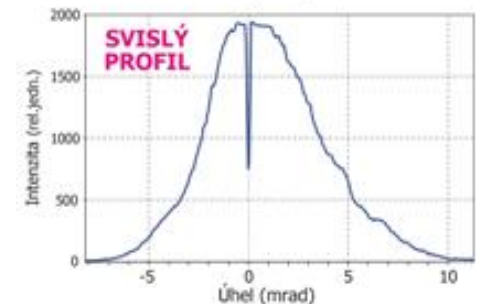
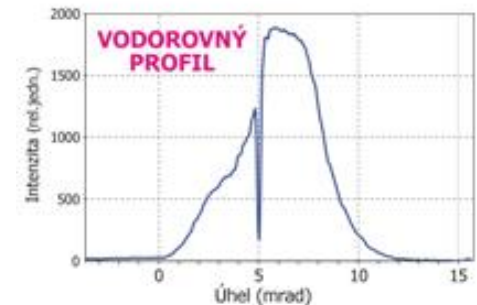
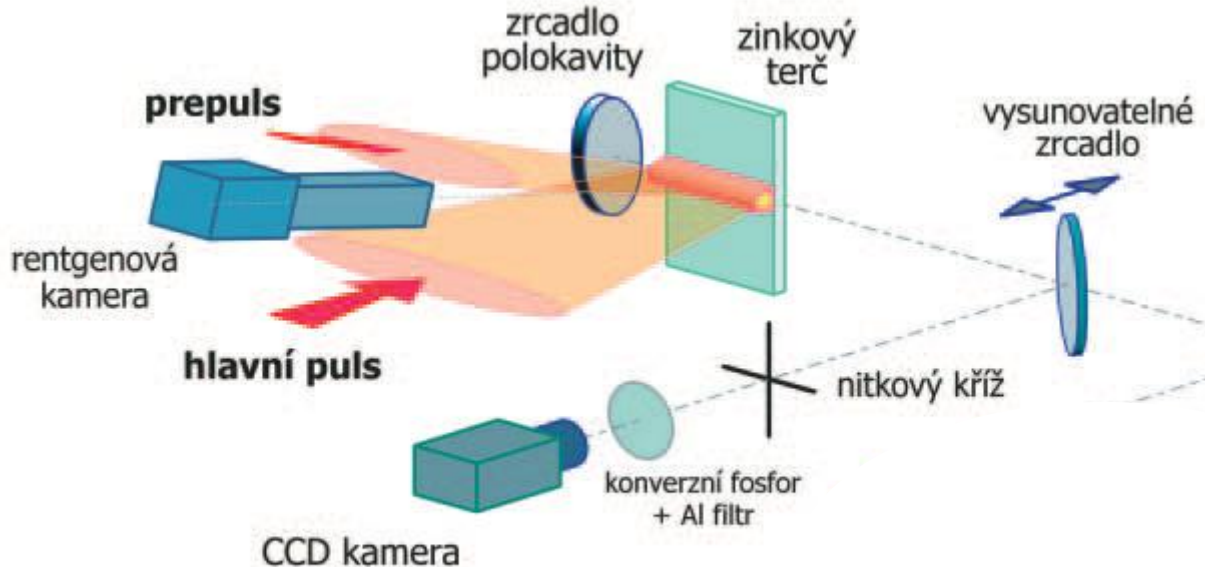
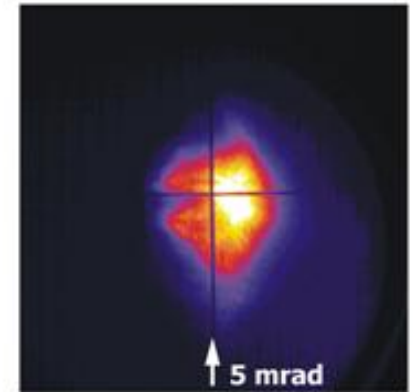
Low quantum efficiency

pumping: transition between shells (Ne-like: 2-3 Ni-like 3-4)

Lasing: in a shell (Ne-like: 3p-3s; Ni-like: 4d-4p)

Quasi-steady state (normal incidence pumping)
 Prepulse (2J) and main pulse (500J) of ASTERIX
 focused down to a line(150μm) on a 3cm-long Zn
 target

- Energy 4-10mJ @ 21.2nm ($\Delta\lambda/\lambda \approx 5 \times 10^{-5}$)
- Pulse length 150ps
- Beam divergence 3.5×5.5mrad



Plasma-based x-ray lasers

Ni-like ions:

Suitable for shorter λ (faster pumping)

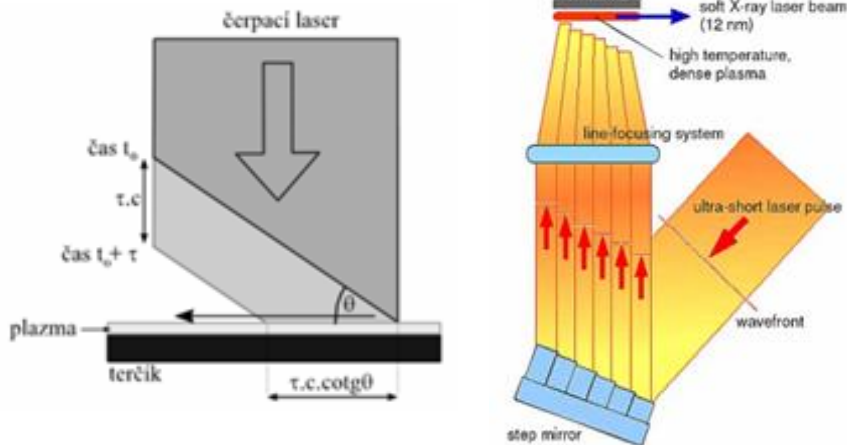
Usually short gain duration–

Faster (transient) pumping required

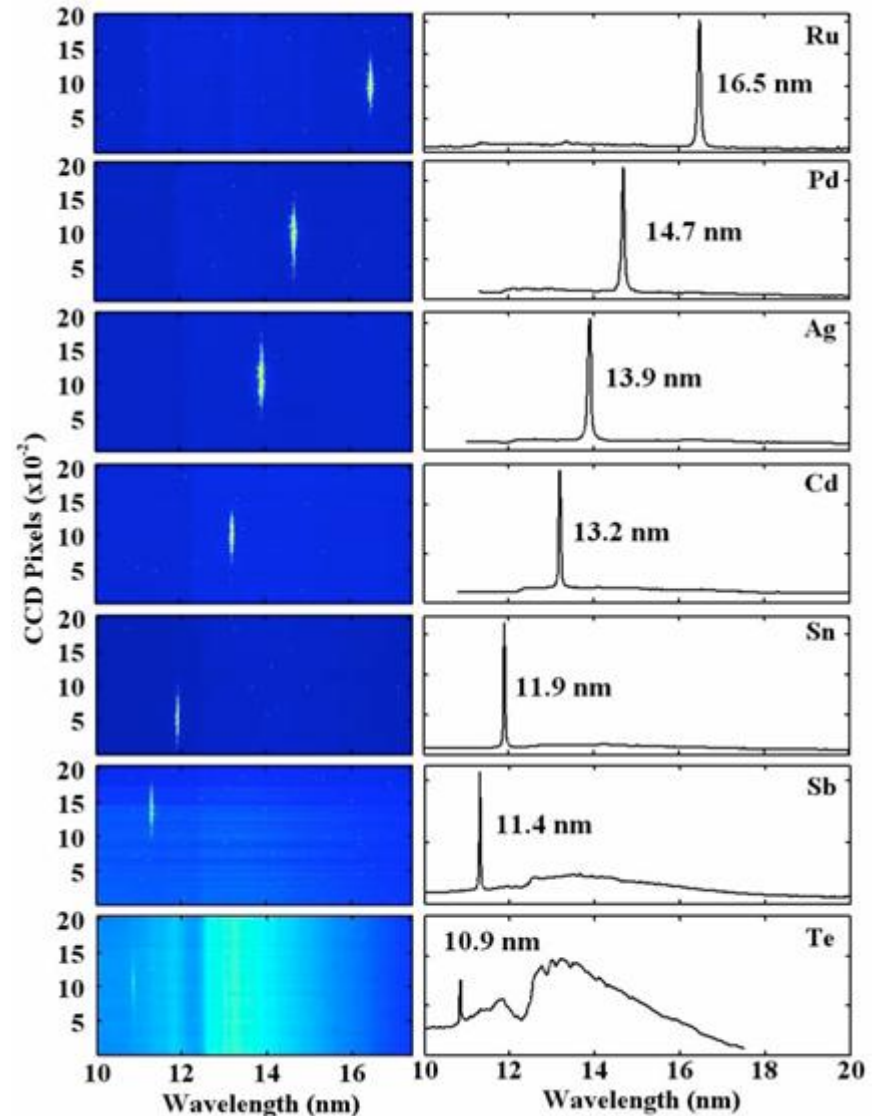
Space overlap of pumping with generated radiation

– **Travelling wave**

- Step mirror
- Tilt of the compressor grating

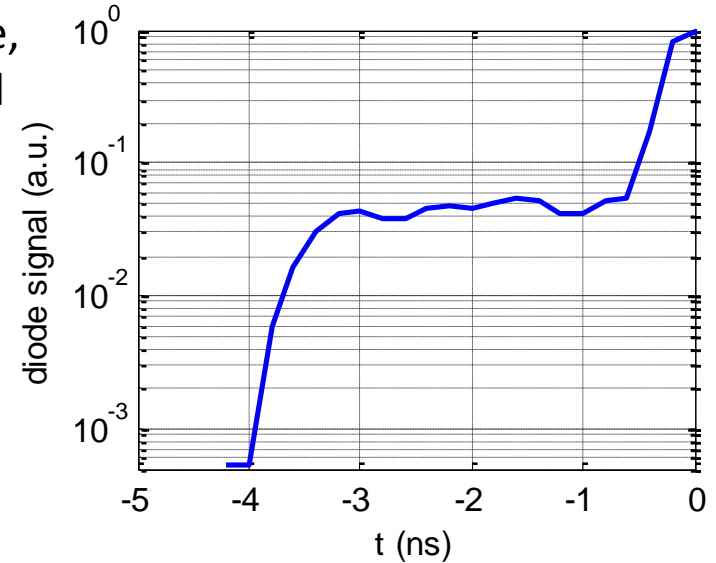
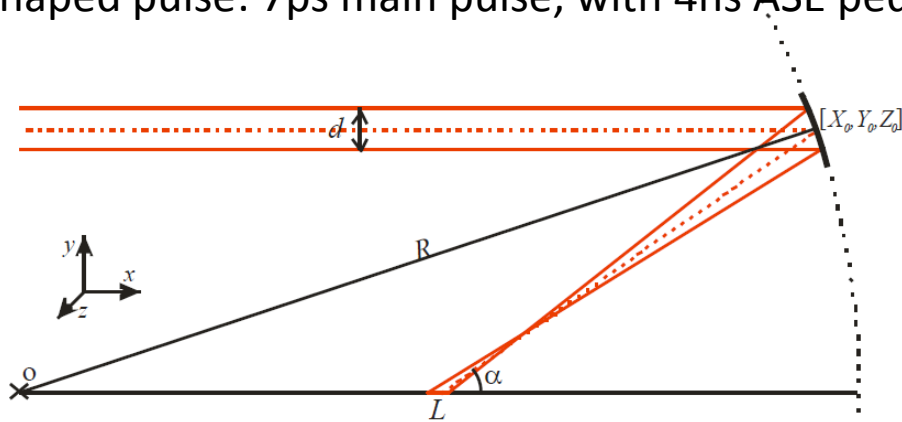


- Longitudinal pumping (gas target)
- GRazing Incidence Pumping

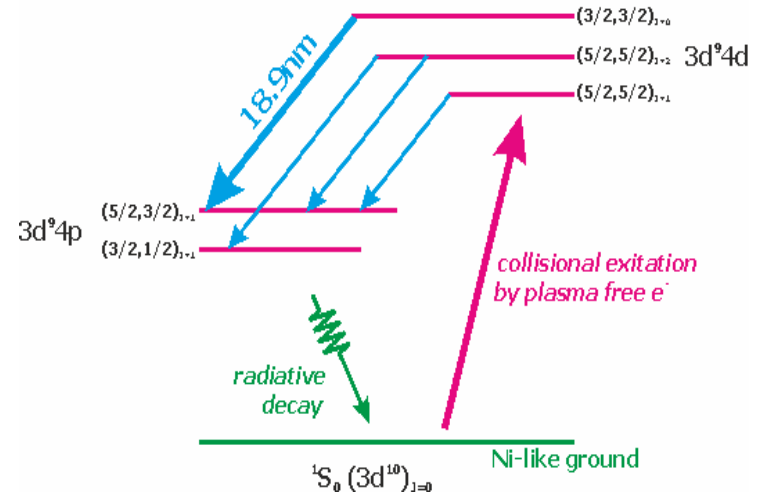
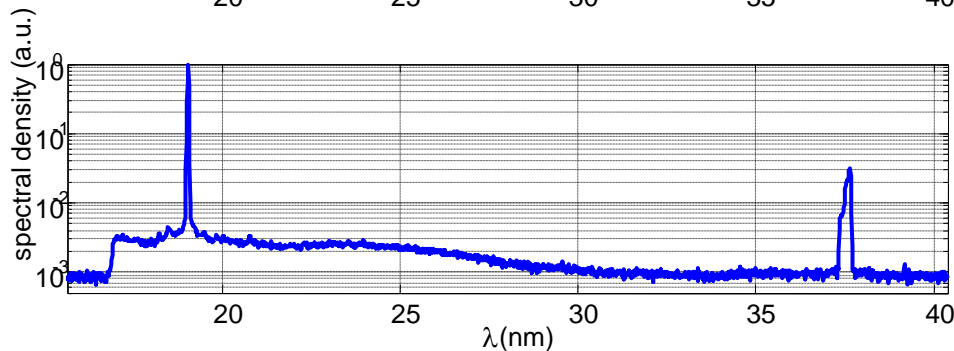
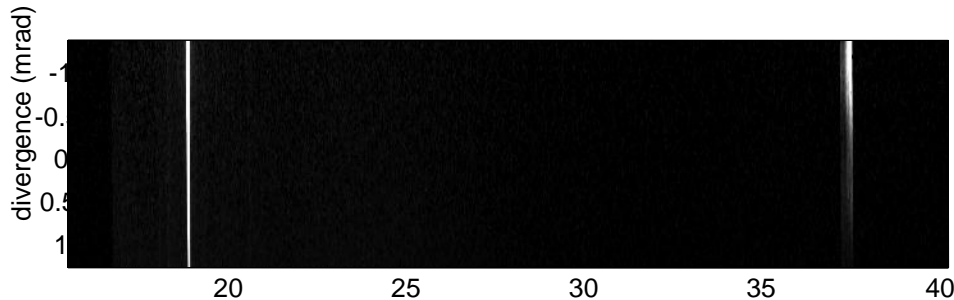


GRIP Ni-like Mo XRL@ 18.9nm (10Hz)

Pump: ~500mJ @ 810nm, 20 and 25deg grazing incidence,
 Shaped pulse: 7ps main pulse, with 4ns ASE pedestal



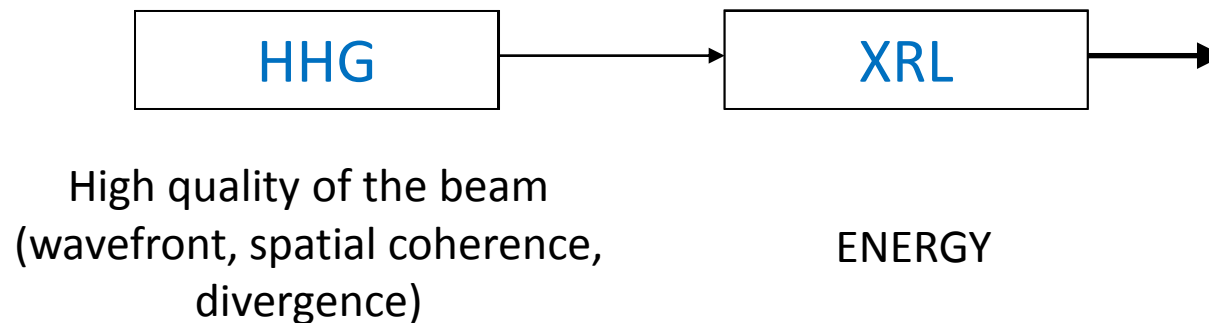
Ni-like Mo (Z=42)



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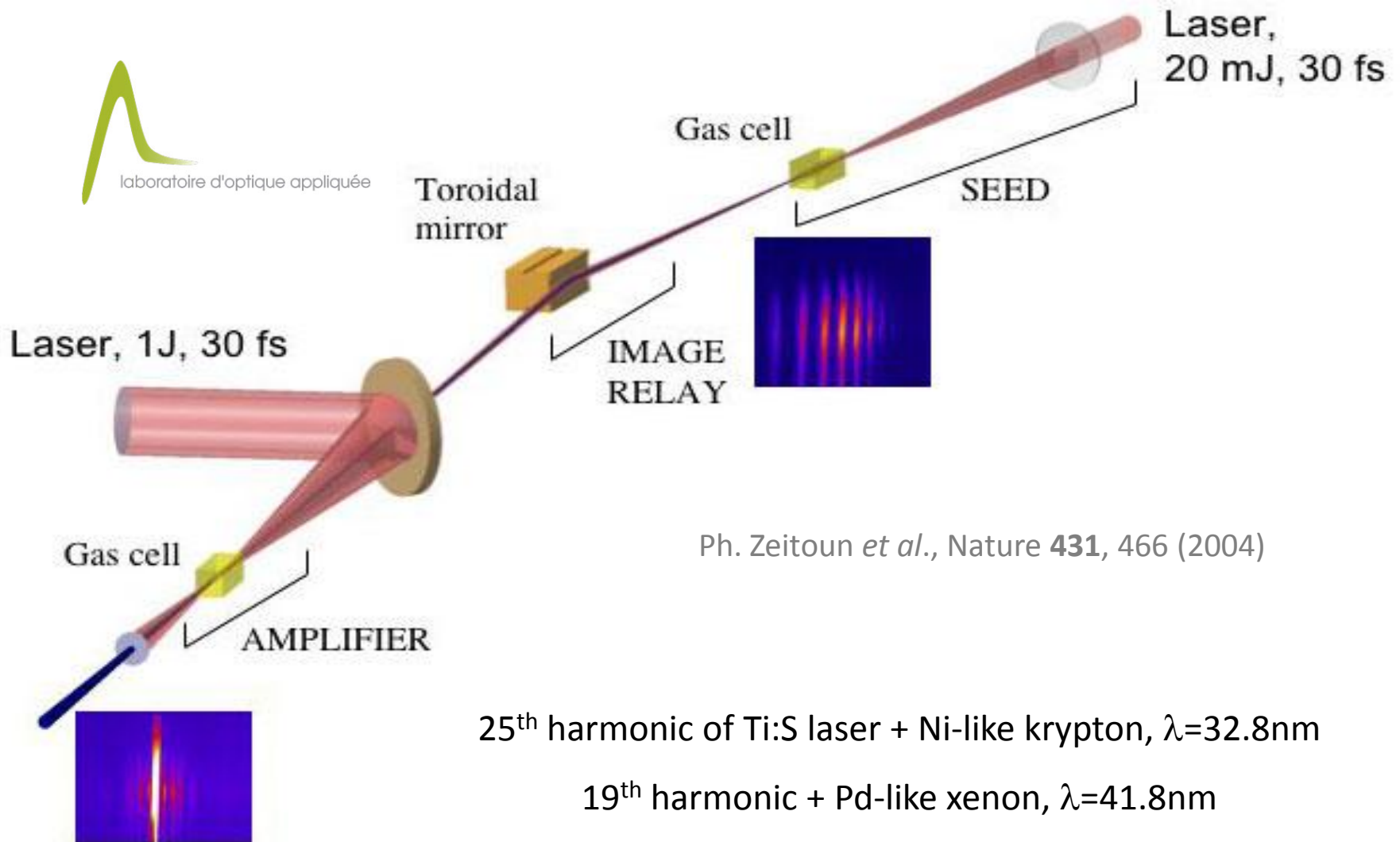
HHG seed amplified in plasma amplifier (XRL)

Laser chain (Master Oscillator Power Amplifier) in XUV

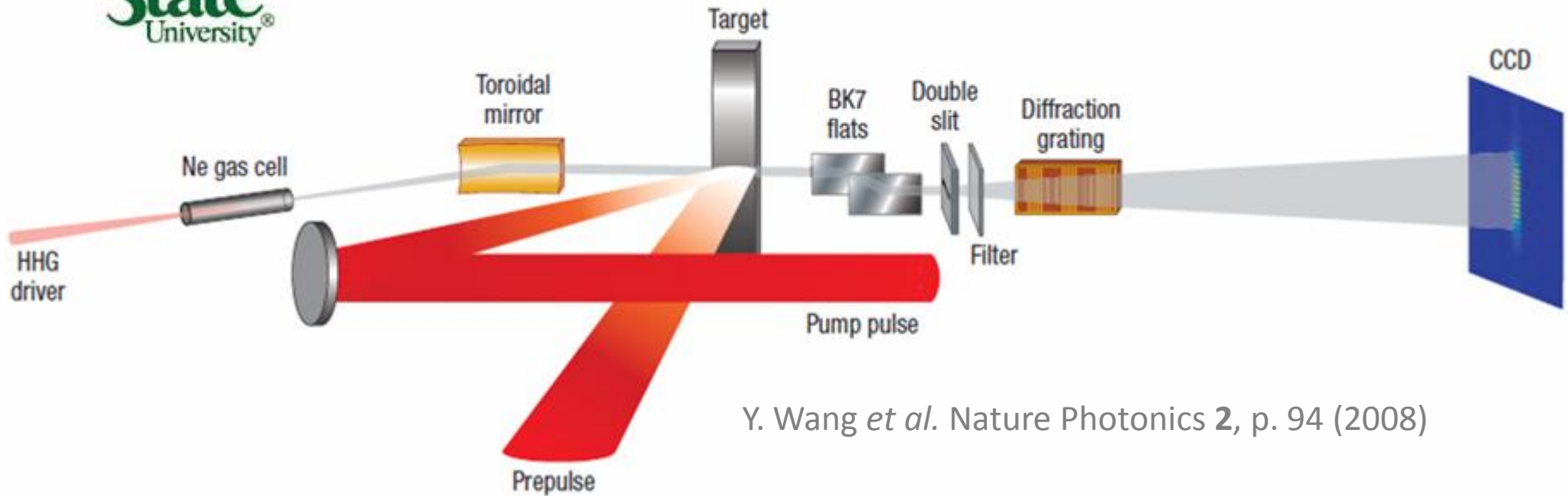


Strong source of fully coherent radiation in XUV/soft x-ray

Plasma-based x-ray lasers



Plasma-based x-ray lasers



Y. Wang *et al.* Nature Photonics 2, p. 94 (2008)

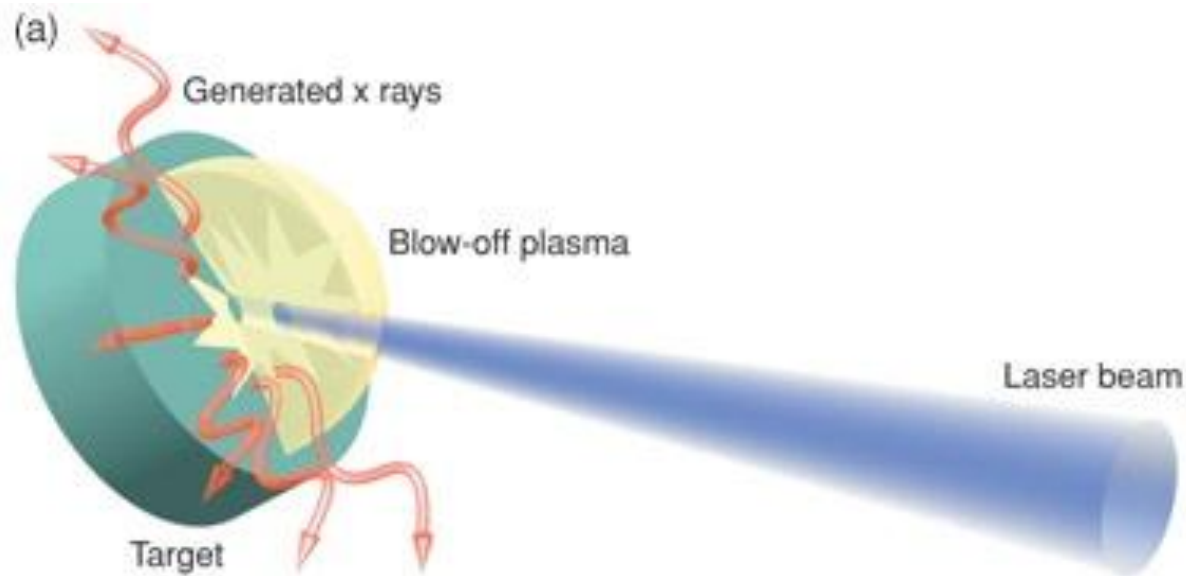
25th harmonic of Ti:S laser + Ne-like titan, $\lambda=32.6\text{nm}$

43th harmonic + Ni-like molybden, $\lambda=18.9\text{nm}$

59th harmonic + Ni-like silver, $\lambda=13.9\text{nm}$

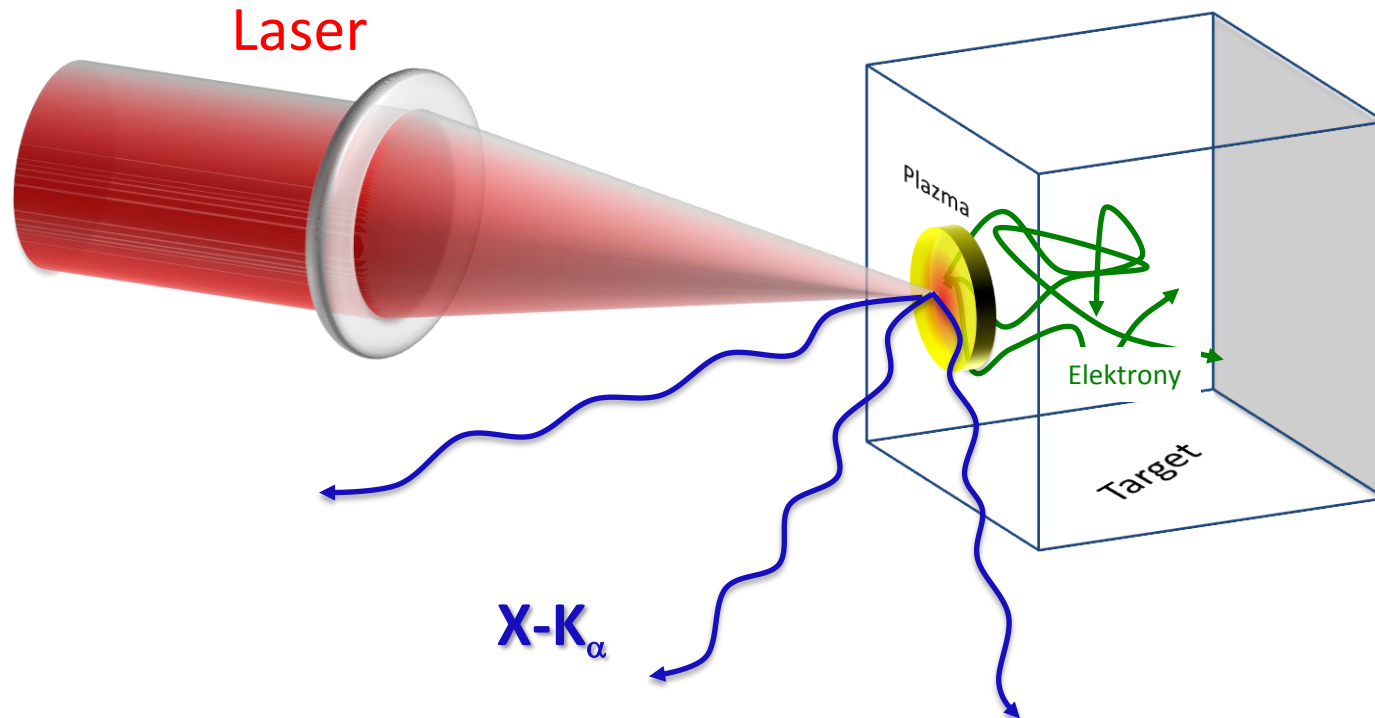
59th harmonic + Ni-like cadmium, $\lambda=13.2\text{nm}$

Plasma X-ray source ($K\alpha$ source)



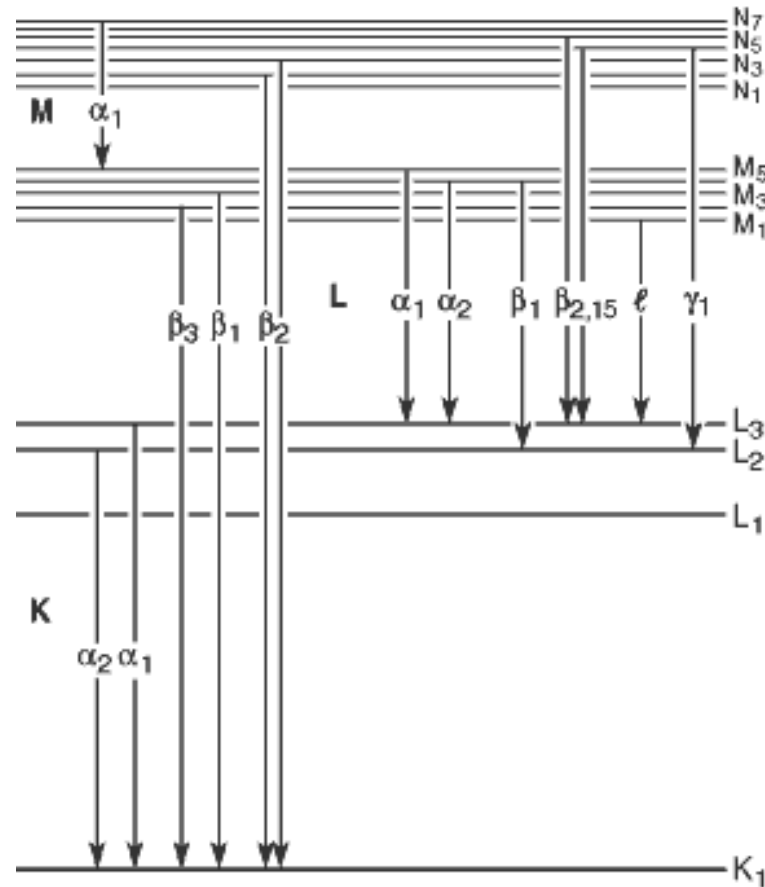
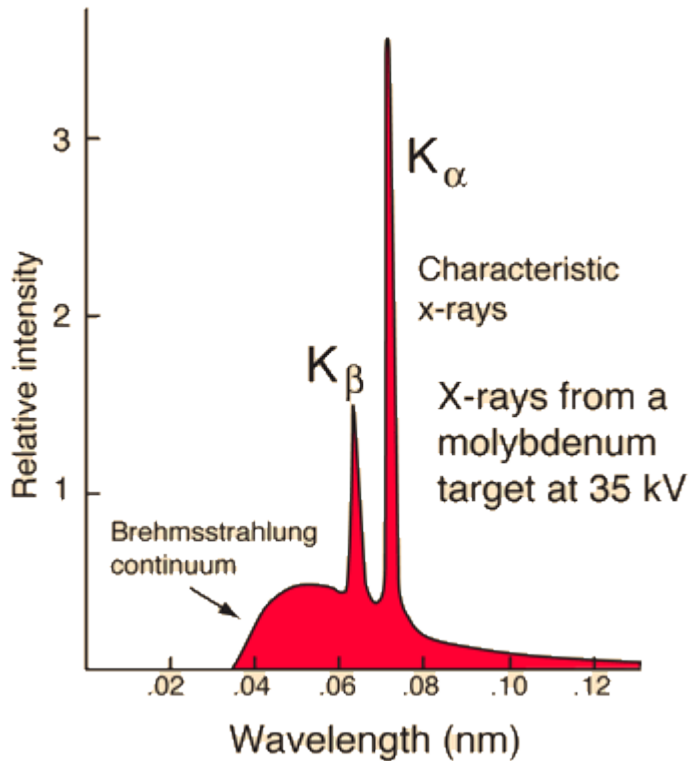
Plasma X-ray source

- Creation of “hot” electrons by interaction of intense laser pulse with matter ($I > 10^{16} \text{ Wcm}^{-2}$) $T_h \propto I\lambda^2$
- Energetic electrons are decelerated in the target
 - generation of bremsstrahlung and characteristic radiation



Plasma X-ray source

- Characteristic lines



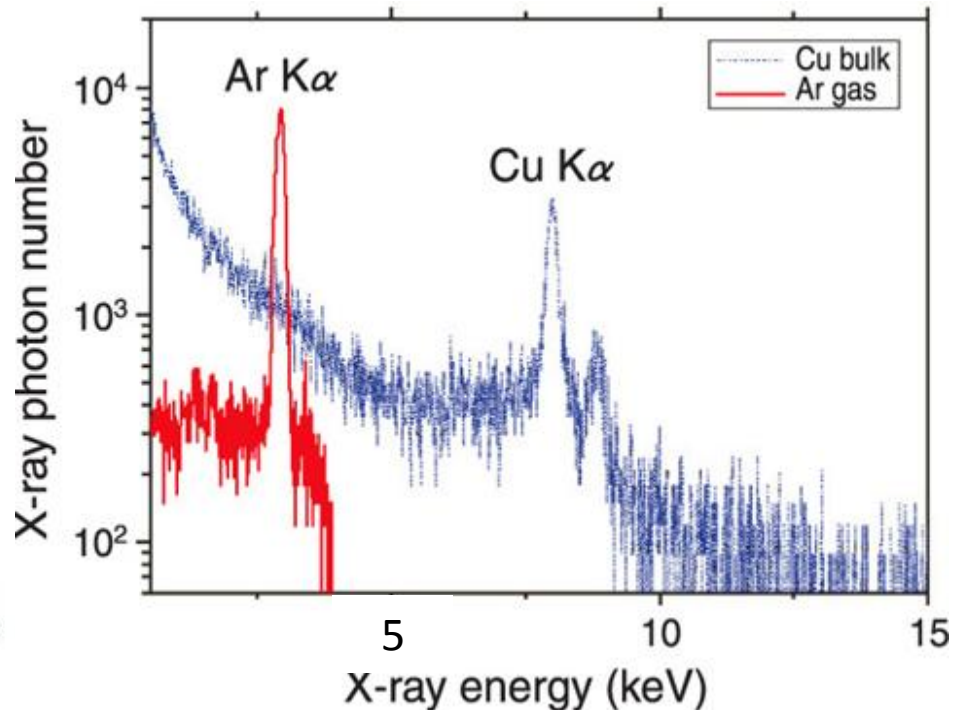
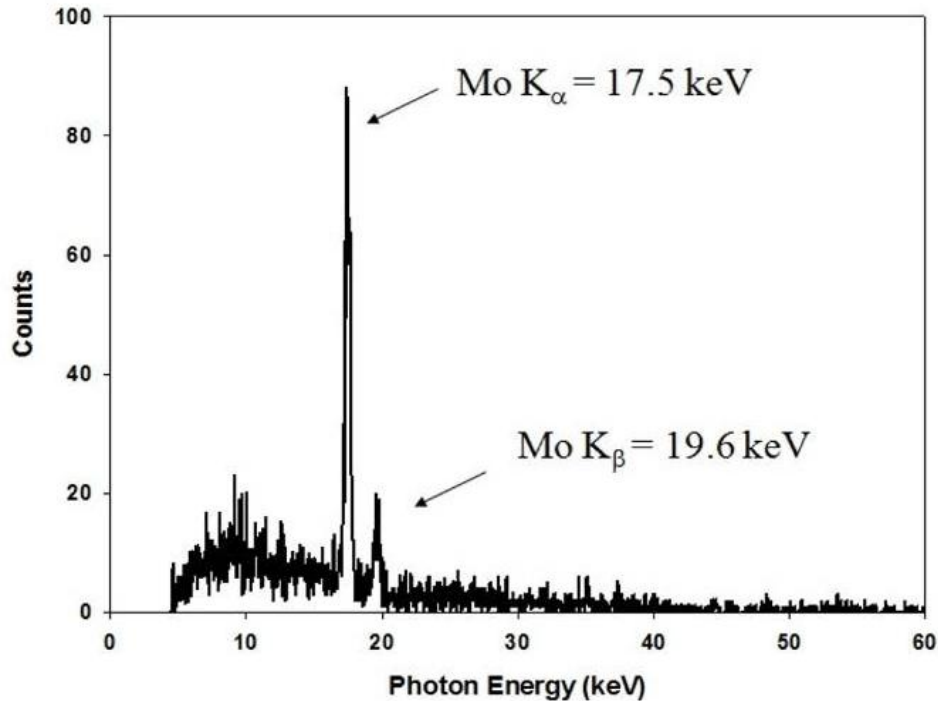
- Moseley's law: a good approximation of line energy

$$E_{K\alpha} \approx 10.2\text{eV} \times (Z - 1)^2$$

$$E_{L\alpha} \propto (Z - 7.4)^2$$

Plasma X-ray source

- Tuning parameters of interaction (I , $prepulse$) \Rightarrow strong $K\text{-}\alpha$ line

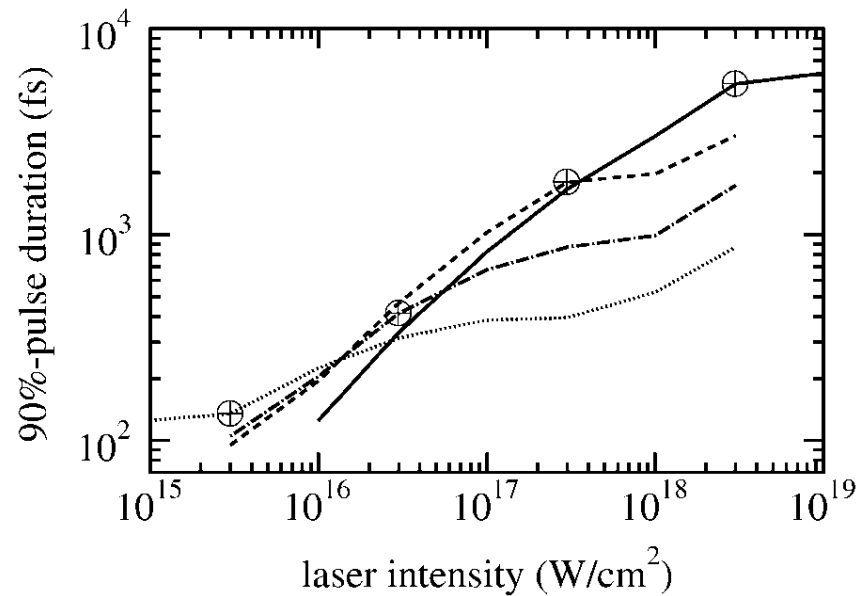
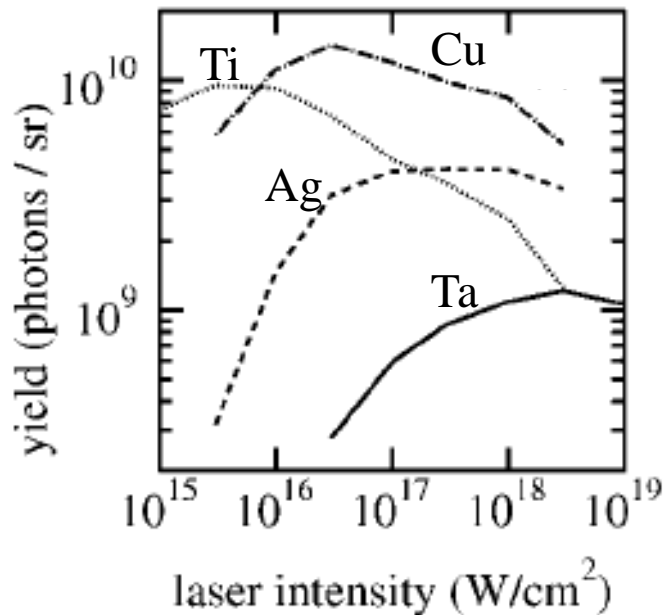


- Incoherent, polychromatic
- Isotropic emission (4π)
- Short pulse duration (~ 100 fs)

Plasma X-ray source

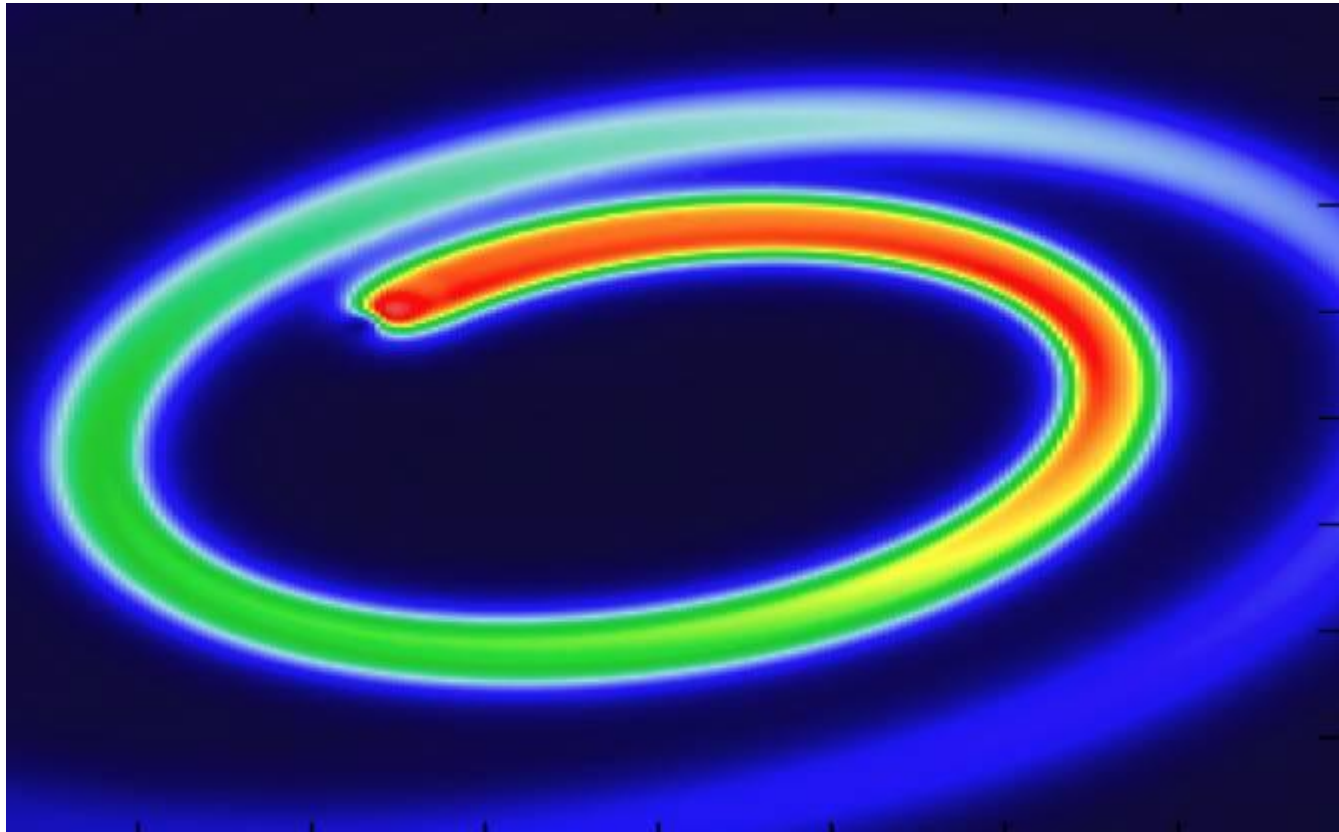
- There is an optimum driving intensity for given element

$$I_{opt} [\text{Wcm}^{-2}] \approx 7 \times 10^9 Z^{4.4}$$



Reich et al. PRL **84** 4846 (2000)

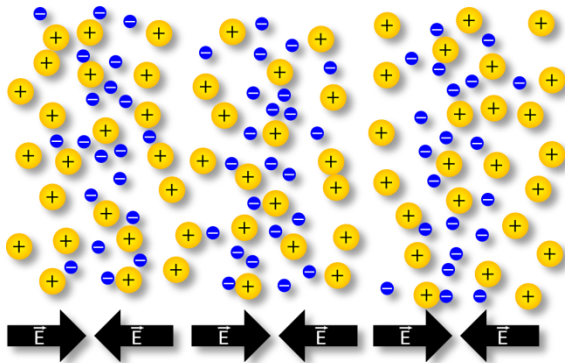
Radiation of laser-driven relativistic electron beams



<http://loa.ensta-paristech.fr/>

Radiation of relativistic e⁻ beams

- Electron acceleration in laser plasma
 - Plasma wave behind the laser pulse
 - Huge E-field > 100 GV/m possible (conventional RF accelerators < 0.1 GV/m)

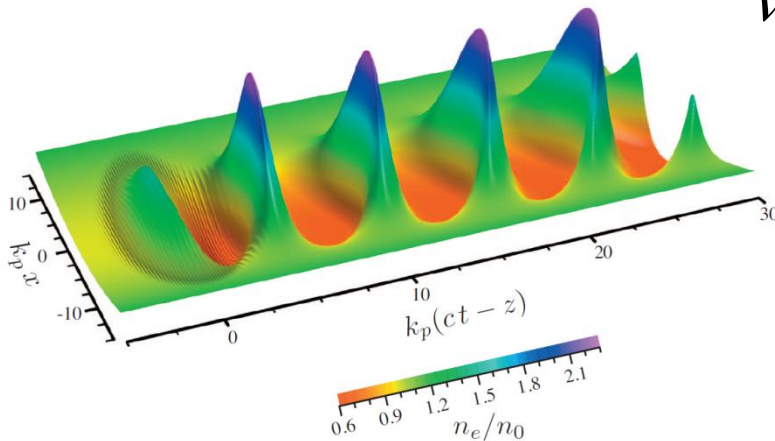


plasma frequency:

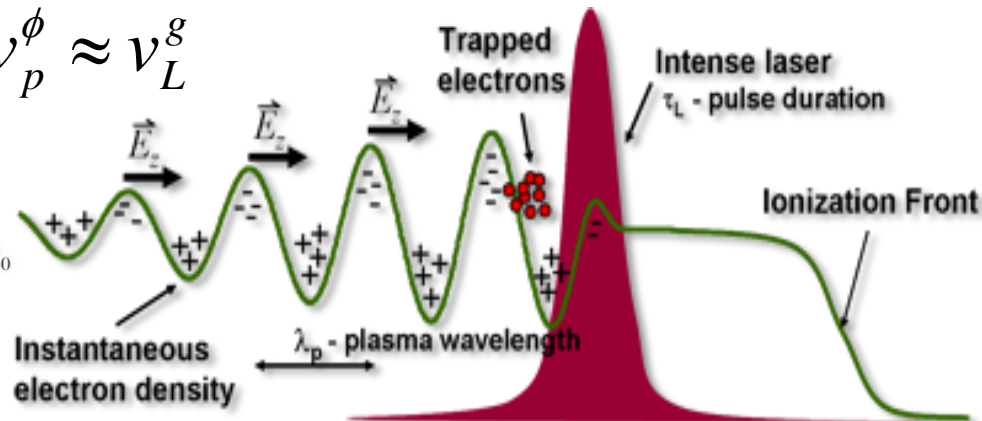
$$\omega_p^2 = \frac{n_e e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e}$$

ponderomotive force:

$$F_p = -\frac{e^2}{2\epsilon_0 c m_e \omega^2} \nabla I$$



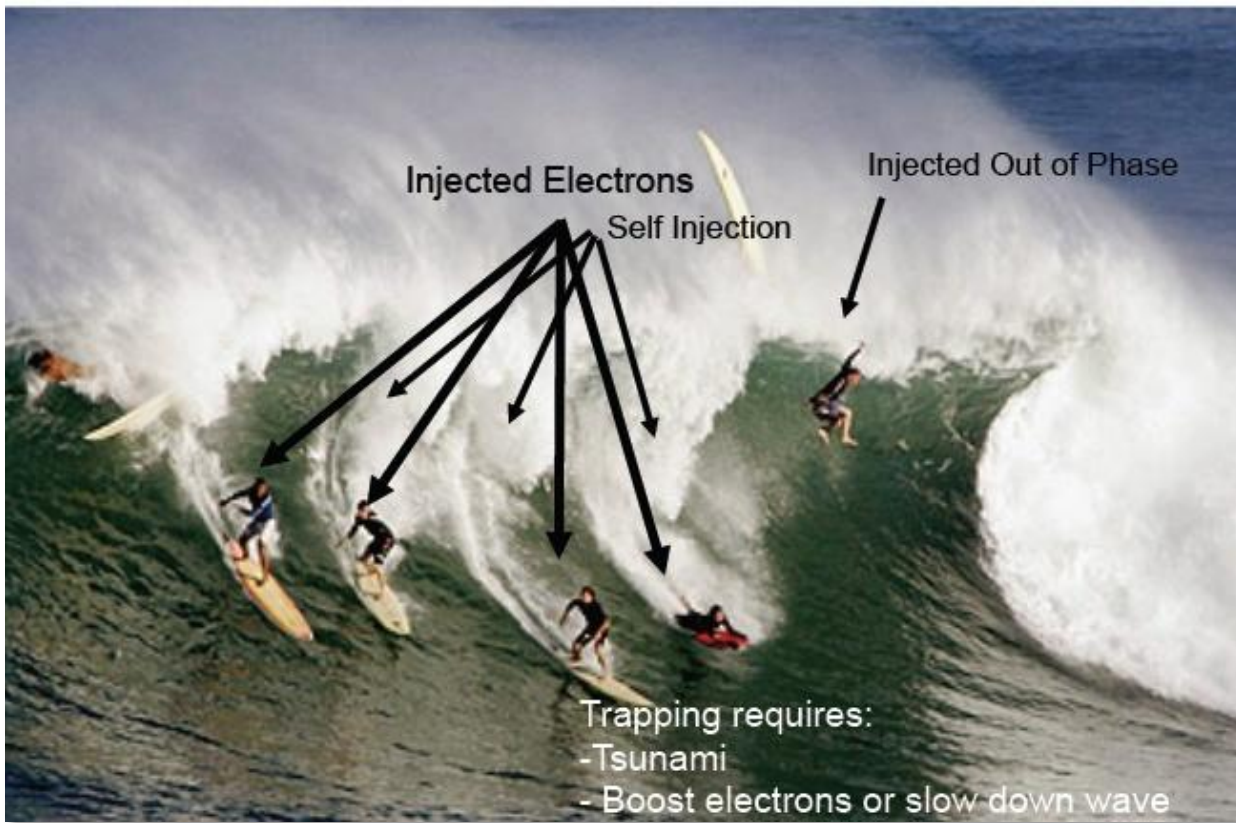
$$v_p^\phi \approx v_L^g$$



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Radiation of relativistic e^- beams

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Radiation of relativistic e⁻ beams

- Electron acceleration in laser plasma

$$a_0 = \frac{eA_0}{m_e c} \approx 0.855 \sqrt{I_{[10^{18} \text{ W/cm}^2]} \times \lambda_{[1 \mu\text{m}]}}^2$$

- If the parameters are set right: **bubble regime**

- Focus size and intensity vs. plasma density

- Laser pulse duration vs. plasma density

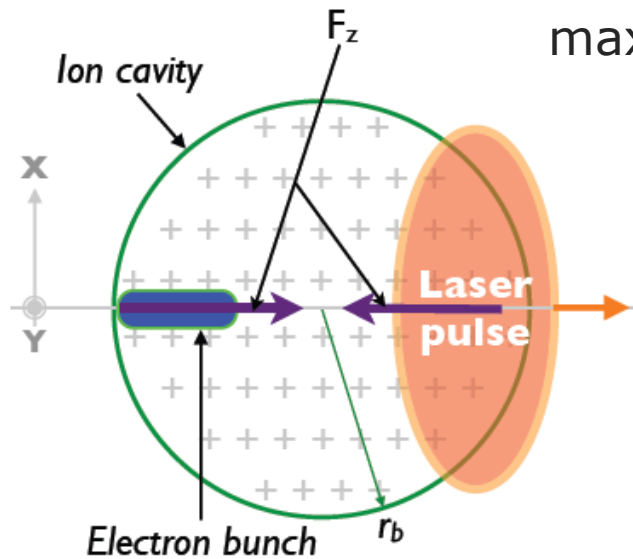
$$\frac{2\sqrt{a_0}}{w_0} \approx \frac{\omega_p}{c}$$

$$\tau \approx \frac{\pi}{\omega_p}$$

$a_0 > 2 \Rightarrow$ ion cavity (no electrons) behind the laser pulse

wavebreaking or other injection mechanism – acceleration of e⁻

maximum field: $E_m = \frac{m_e c}{e} \omega_p \sqrt{a_0}$

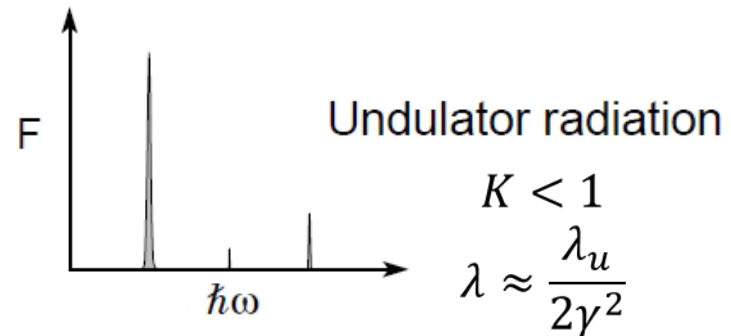
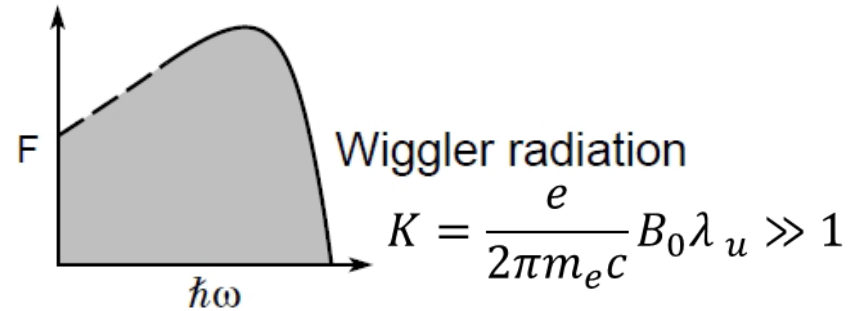
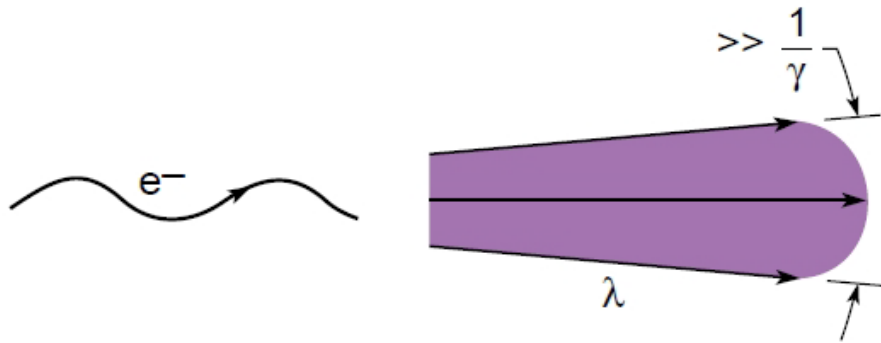
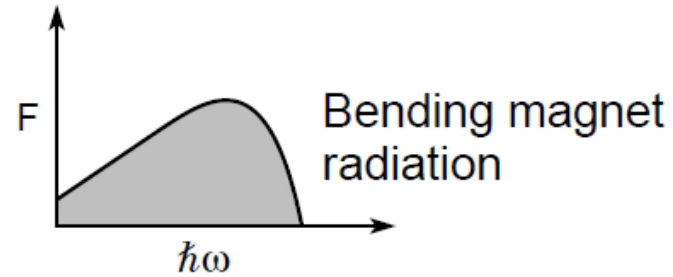
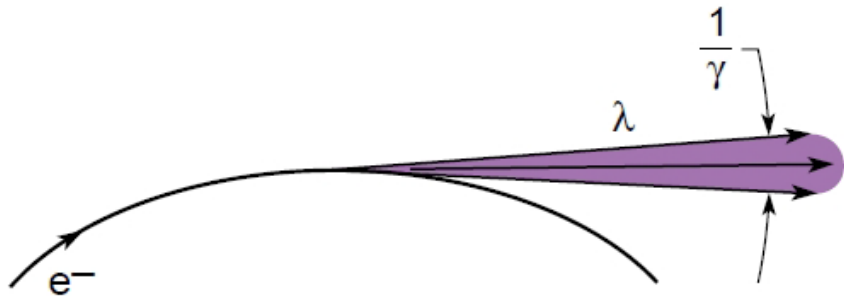


$$a_0 \approx 4, \tau \approx 30 \text{ fs} \Rightarrow n_e = 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$E_m \approx 600 \text{ GV/m}$$

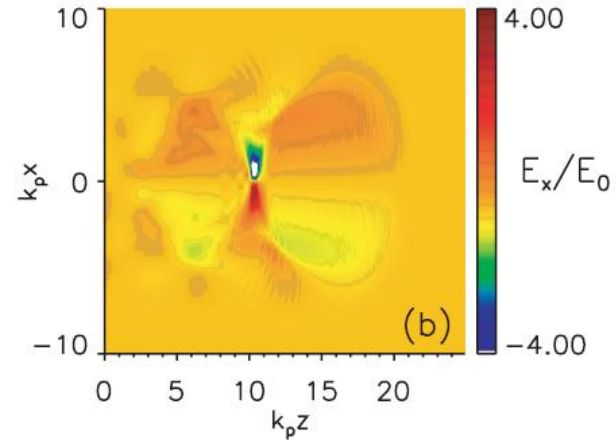
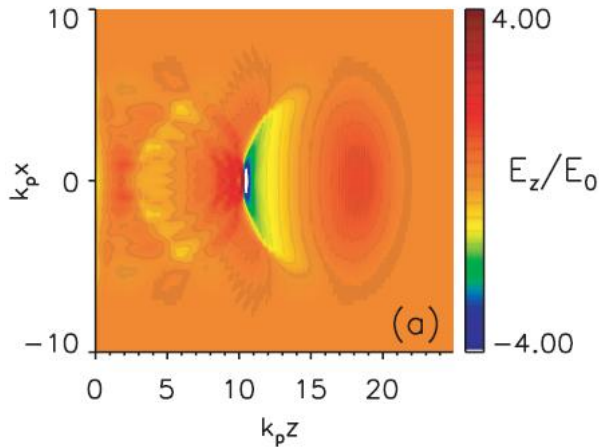
Radiation of relativistic e⁻ beams

Rel. e⁻ (with Lorentz factor γ) in (periodic) magnetic field B_0



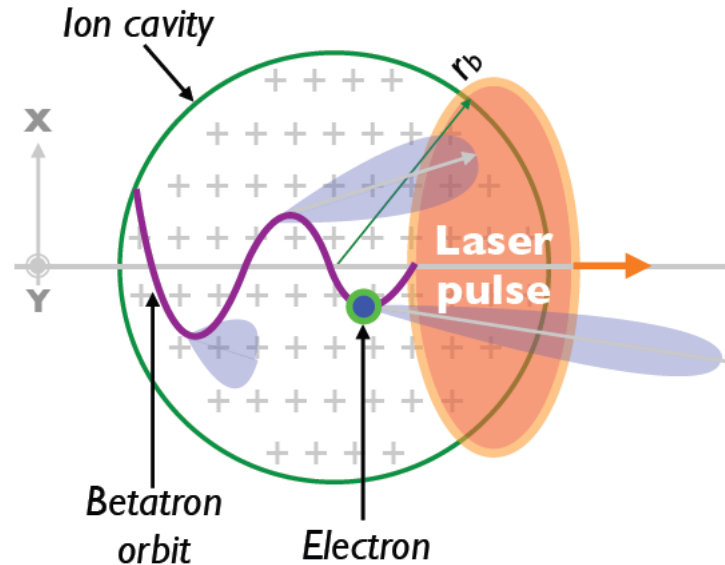
Radiation of relativistic e^- beams

- Besides the longitudinal there is also transverse field



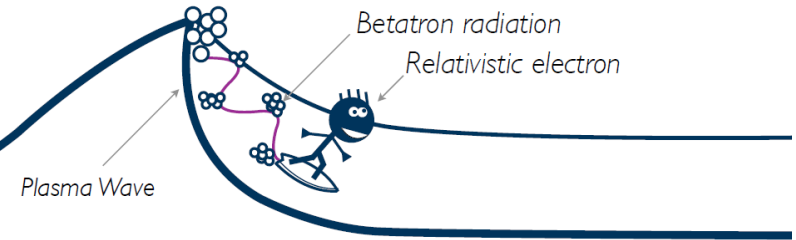
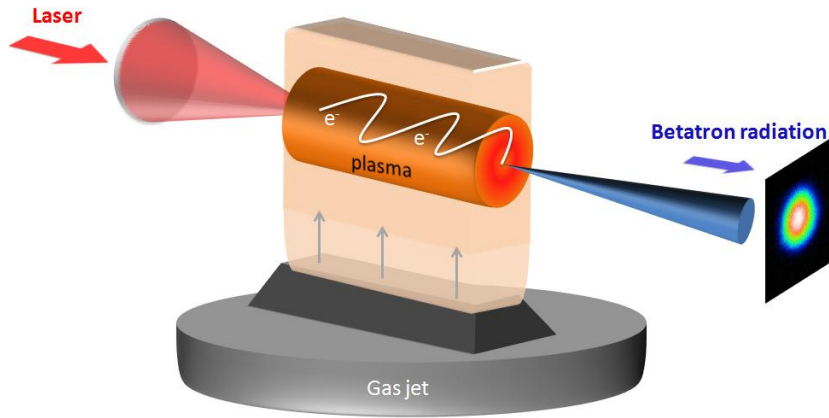
⇒ Oscillations of electron beam ⇒ RADIATION

so called **plasma betatron**



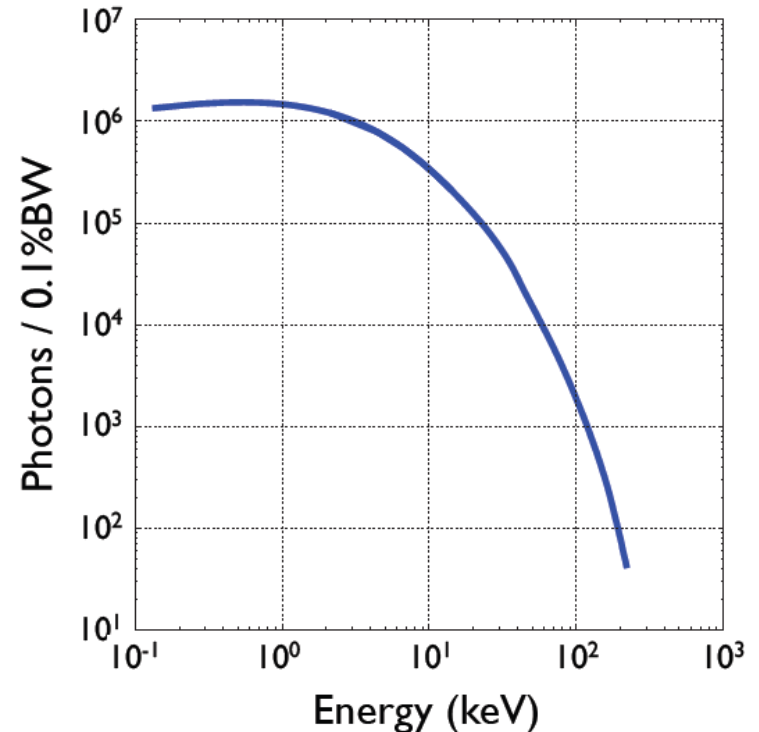
Radiation of relativistic e^- beams

• Plasma betatron



Typical spectrum:

- High energy radiation
- Polychromatic
- Ultra-short pulses (<50 fs)
- Small source size (<5 μm)
- Narrow beam (<20 mrad)



Radiation of relativistic e⁻ beams

• Betatron source parameters

Electron period:

$$\lambda_u = \sqrt{2\gamma(t)}\lambda_p$$

Strength parameter:

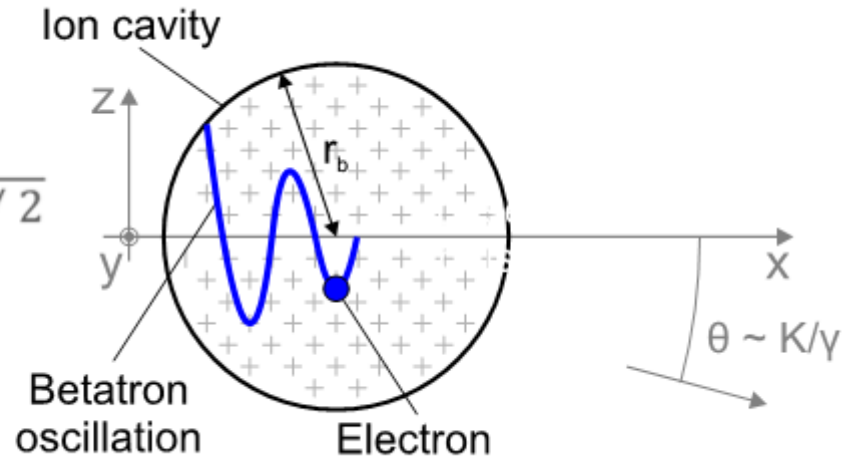
$$K(t) = r_\beta(t)k_p\sqrt{\gamma(t)/2}$$

Critical energy:

$$E_c = \frac{3}{2}K\gamma^2\hbar\omega_\beta$$

Betatron frequency:

$$\omega_\beta = \omega_p/\sqrt{2\gamma}$$



Acceleration length:

$$L_{acc} = 3T = 12r_\beta$$

Normalized vector potential:

$$a_0 = 0.855\sqrt{I[10^{18} \text{ W/cm}^2] \times \lambda_L^2[\mu\text{m}]}$$

Undulator strength parameter:

$$K = 1.33 \times 10^{-10} \sqrt{\gamma n_e[\text{cm}^{-3}]} r_\beta[\mu\text{m}]$$

Betatron critical energy:

$$E_c[\text{eV}] = 5.25 \times 10^{-21} \gamma^2 n_e[\text{cm}^{-3}] r_\beta[\mu\text{m}]$$

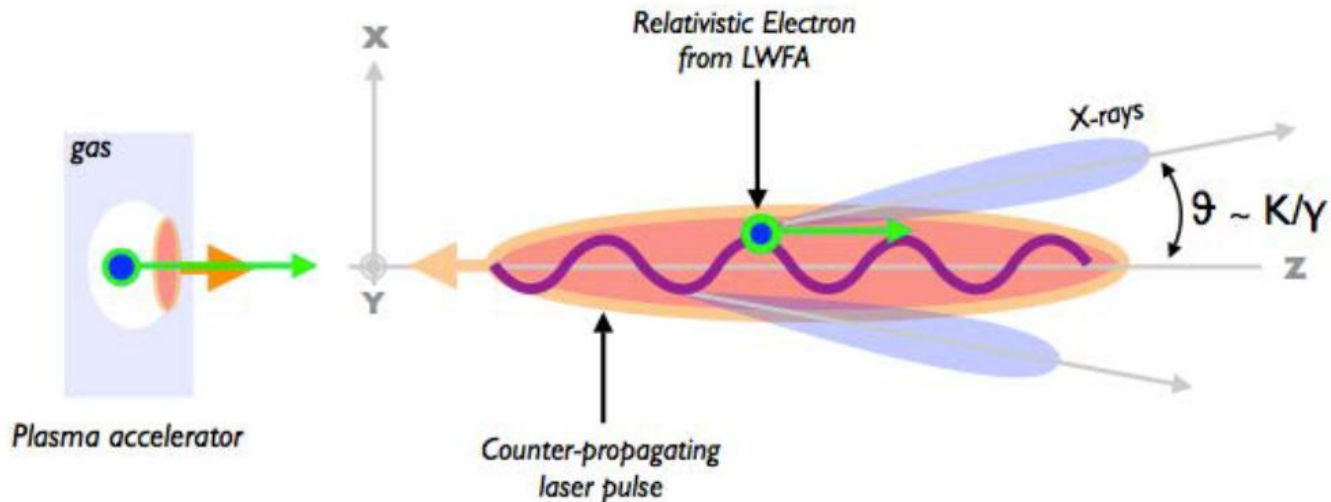
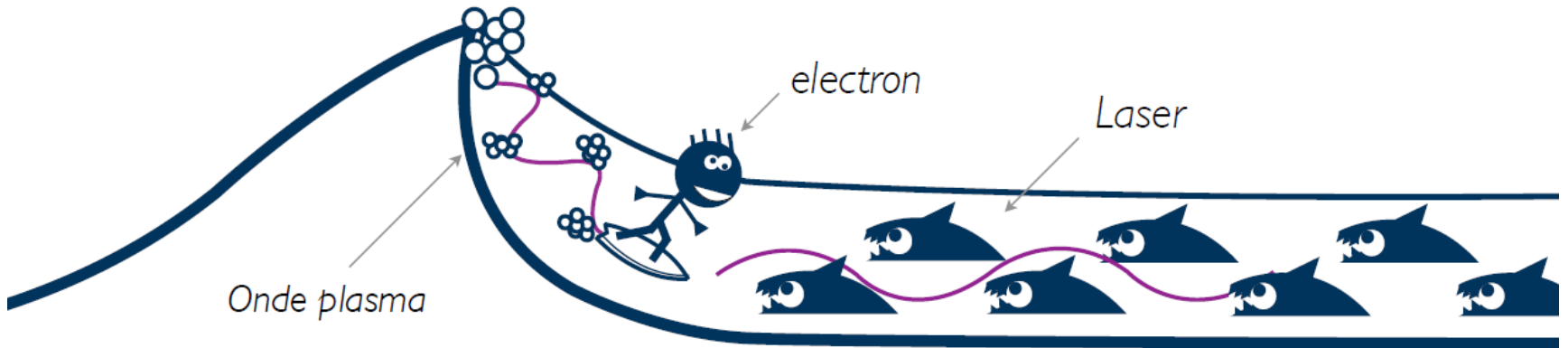
Number of photons:

$$N_\gamma = 3.31 \times 10^{-2} K N_e L_{acc} / T$$

Radiation of relativistic e⁻ beams

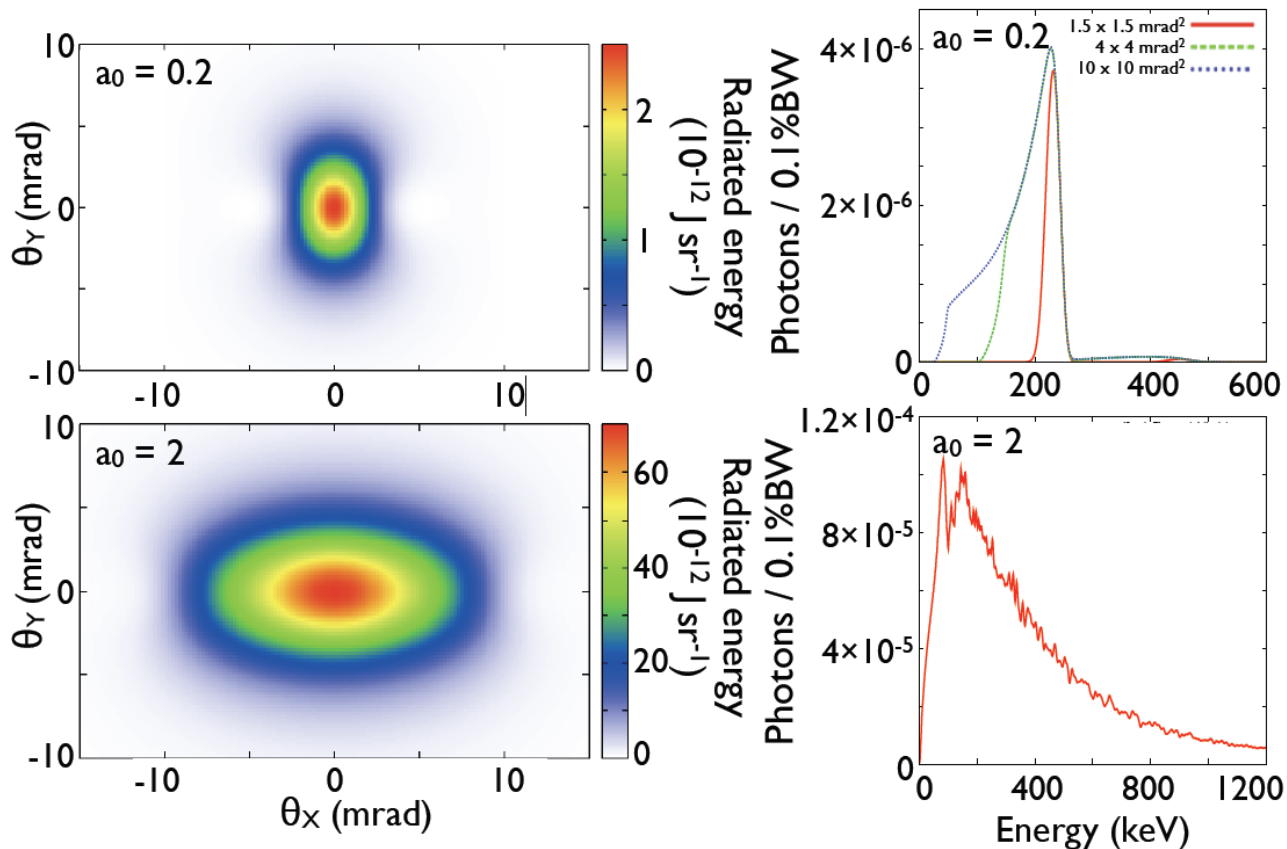
- **Thomson back-scattering** (inverse Compton scattering)

Interaction of e⁻ with an intense laser pulse



Radiation of relativistic e⁻ beams

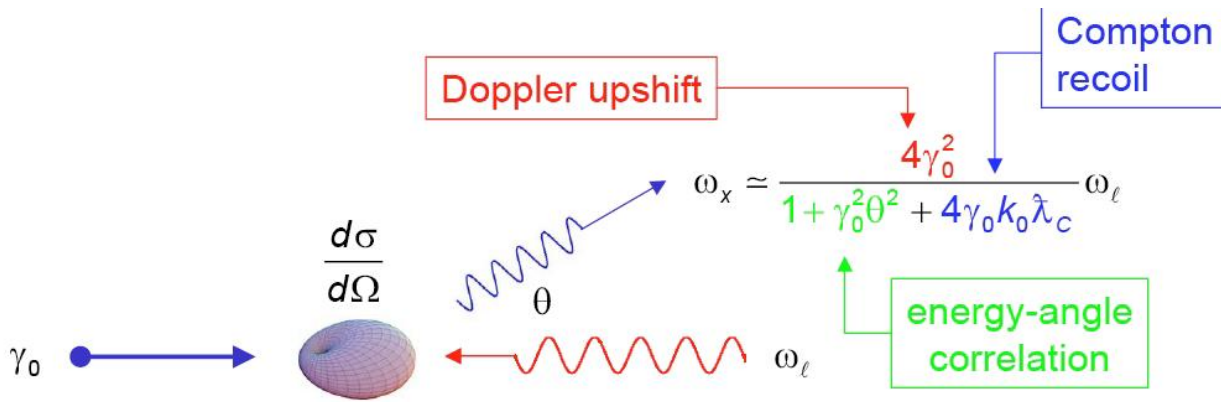
- Thomson back-scattering (inverse Compton source)
- very hard radiation (up to MeV) $\omega_X \leq 4\gamma^2 \omega_L$



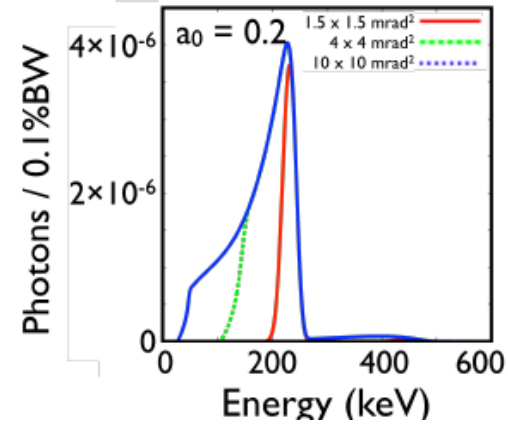
Radiation of relativistic e⁻ beams

- Thomson back-scattering (inverse Compton source)

- low intensity limit ($a_0 < 1$) $N_\gamma \simeq 1.53 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot a_0^2$



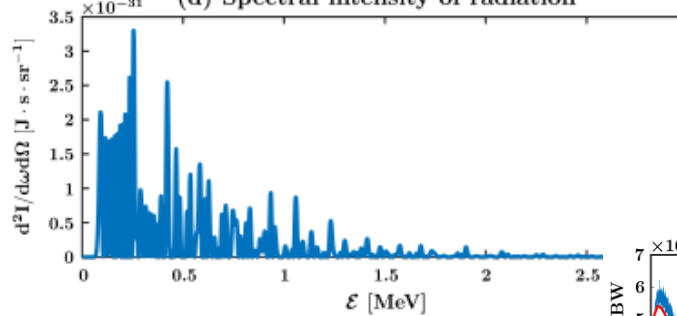
(b) Corde 2013 et. al.



- $a_0 \approx 1$: harmonics

$$\omega_x = \frac{4\gamma^2}{1 + \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \gamma^2 \theta^2 + 4\gamma k_0 \lambda_c} \omega_l$$

(d) Spectral intensity of radiation

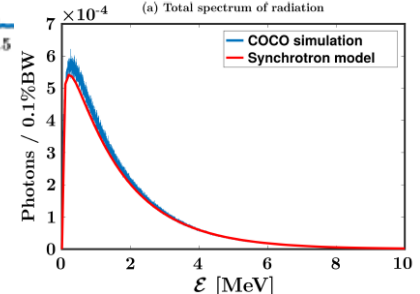


- $a_0 \gg 1$: Wiggler (synchrotron-like) spectrum

$$\hbar\omega_c [\text{eV}] \approx 3\gamma^2 \sqrt{I_{18}}$$

$$N_\gamma \simeq 3.31 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot a_0$$

(a) Total spectrum of radiation



Typical parameters of the sources

Source	Driver	Energy	Coherence	Output
HHG (gas)	0.1-100 mJ 10s fs	10-200 eV	Full	pJ-uJ fs (as)
XRL	0.1-1000 J ps-ns	10-200 eV	Partial	nJ-mJ ps
PXS	0.1-100mJ 10s fs – ps	0-100 keV	Low	1e12 phot./shot 100s fs- ps
Betatron	0.1- few J 10s fs	1-100 keV	Part. Spatial	1e8 phot./shot 1-10s fs
Compton	0.1- few J 10s fs	0.01-10 MeV	Part. spatial	1e8 phot./shot 1-10s fs



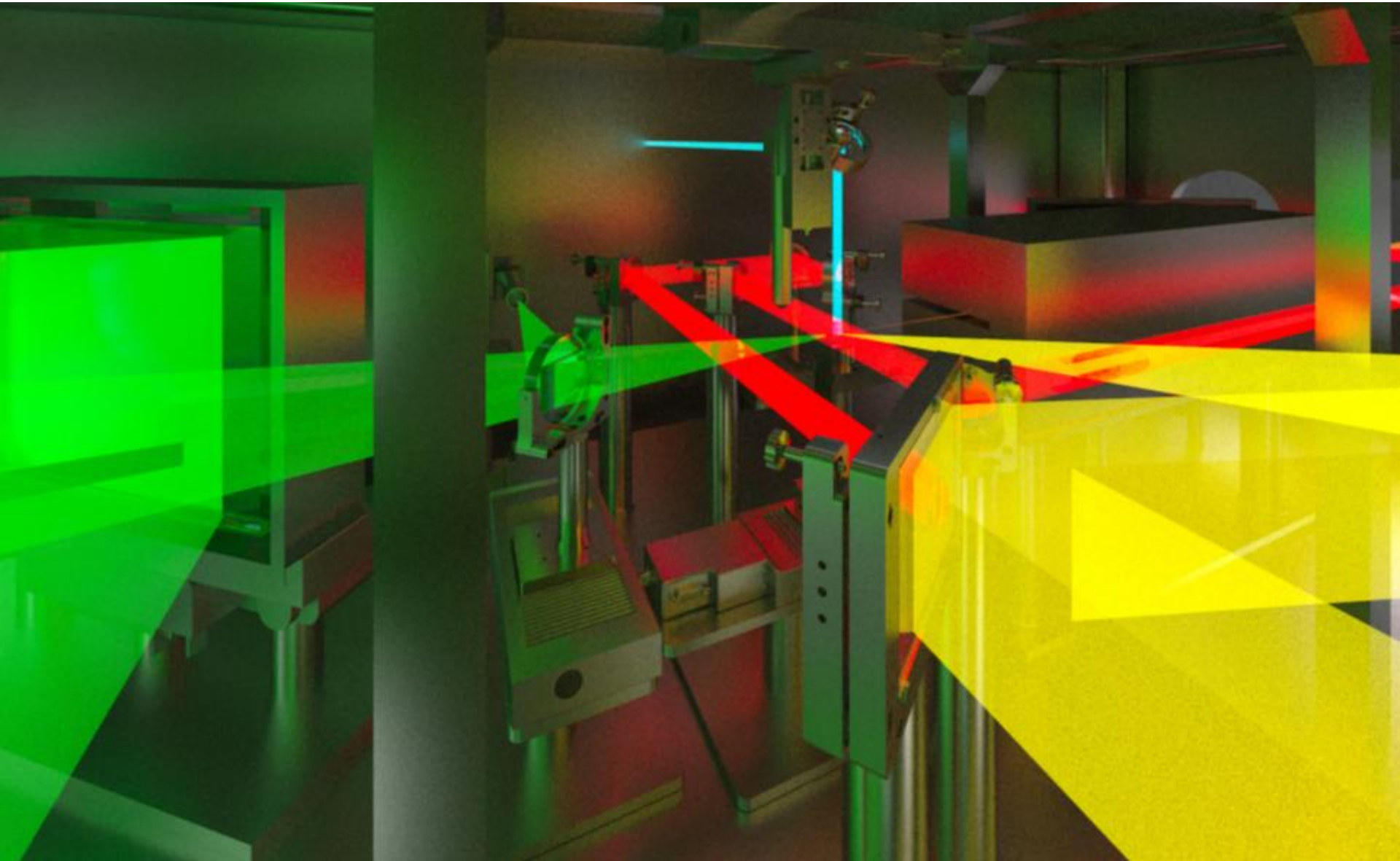
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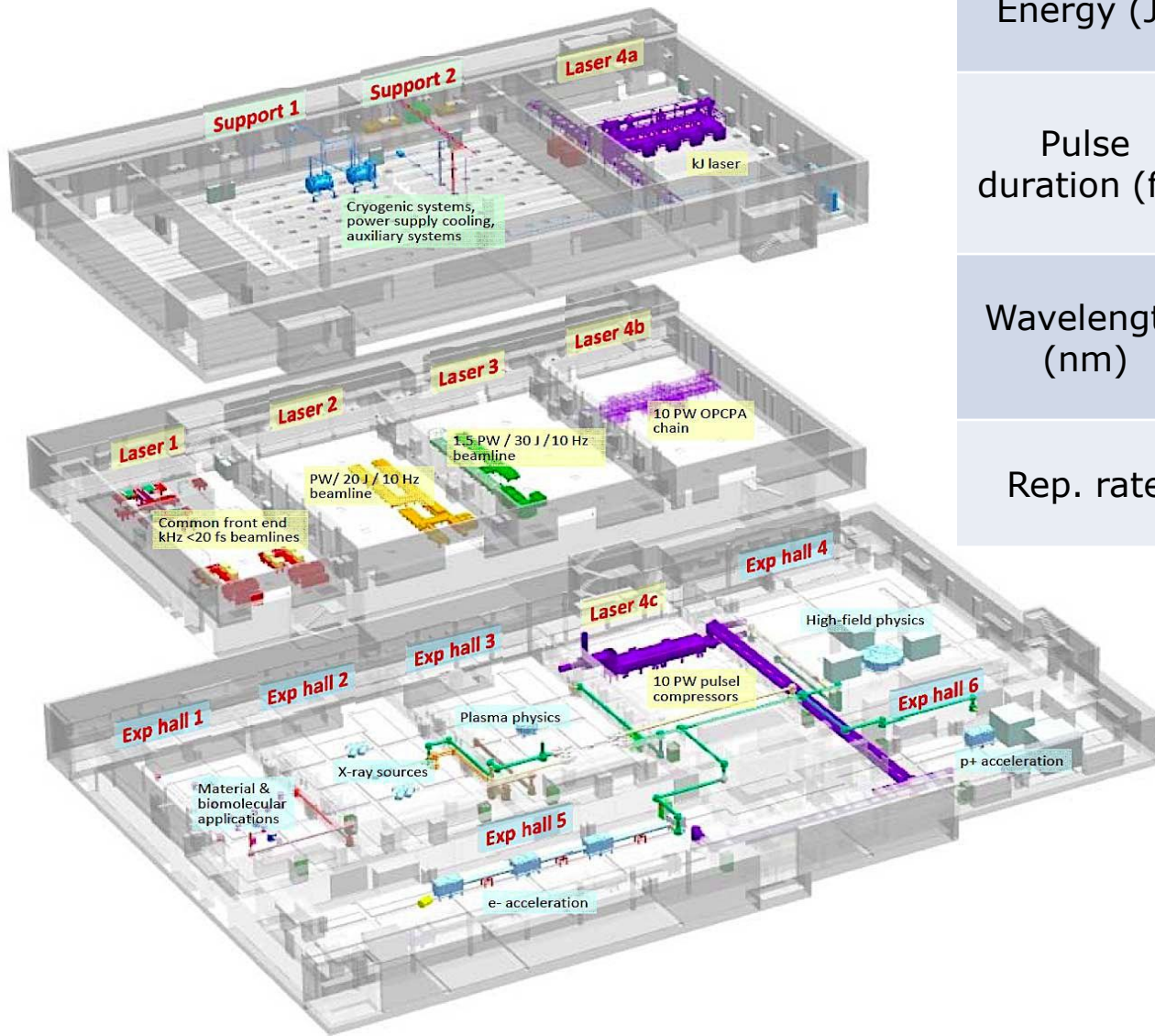
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X-ray sources at ELI Beamlines



Facility layout and laser drivers for X-ray sources

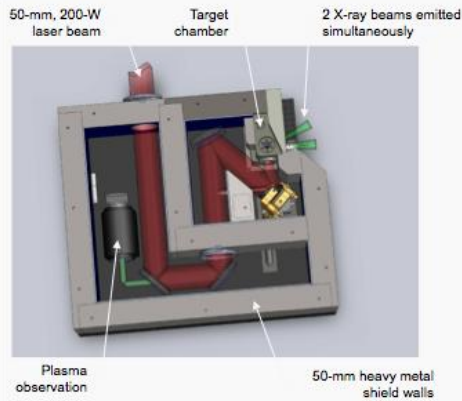


Laser	L1	L2	L3	L4
Energy (J)	0.1	> 20	30	> 1200
Pulse duration (fs)	< 20	20 - 30	30	120
Wavelength (nm)	850	850	820	1060
Rep. rate	1 kHz	> 10 Hz	10 Hz	1/min

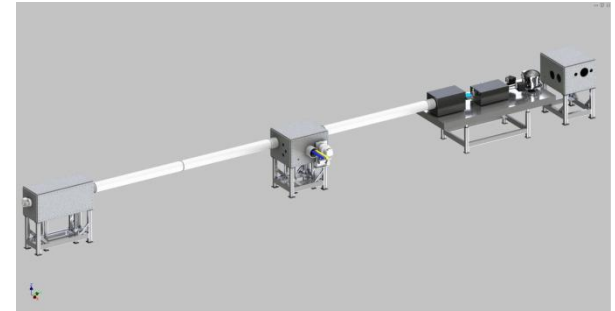
Laser-driven x-ray sources : several approaches

Plasma X-ray source (kHz)

L1
1 kHz
100 mJ

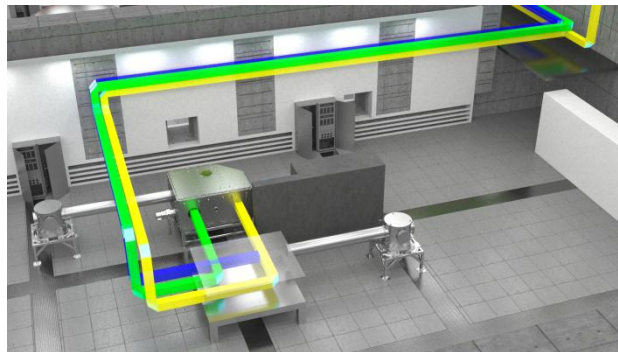


High-order Harmonics (kHz)

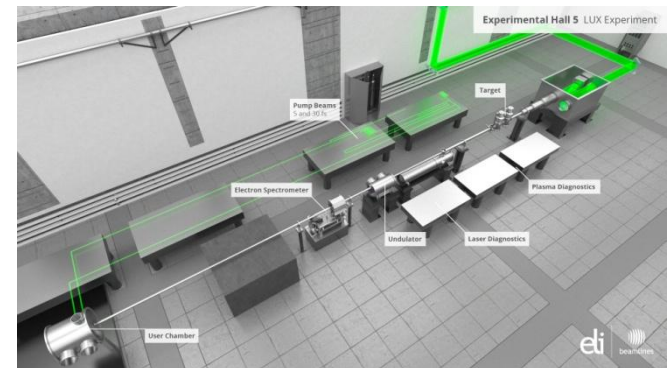


Betatron/Compton

L3
10 Hz
30 J



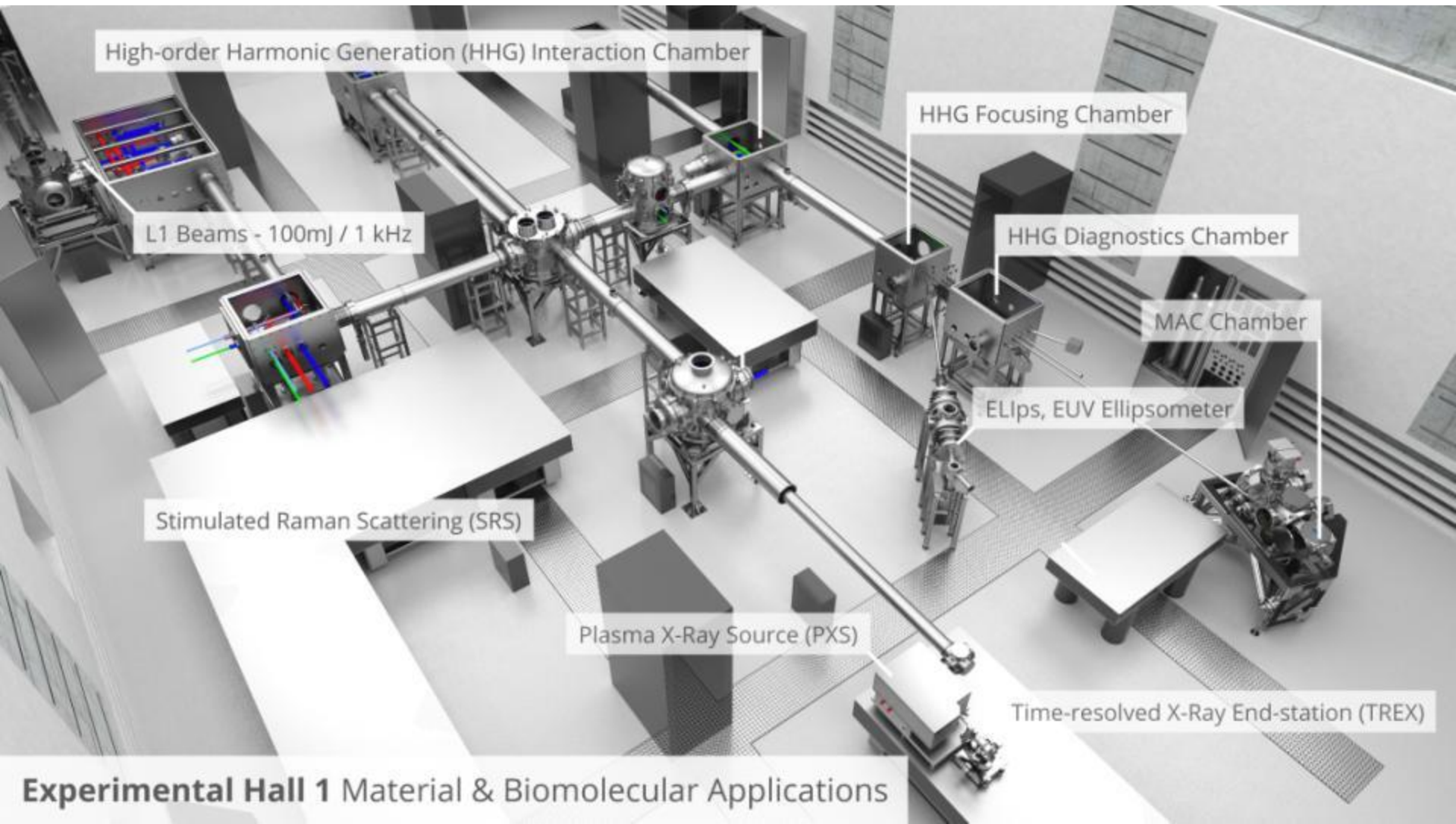
Laser driven undulator X-ray source



Coherent Diffractive Imaging (CDI), Atomic, Molecular and Optical (AMO) Science, Soft X-ray Materials Science, X-ray phase contrast imaging, X-ray Diffraction and spectroscopy, WDM

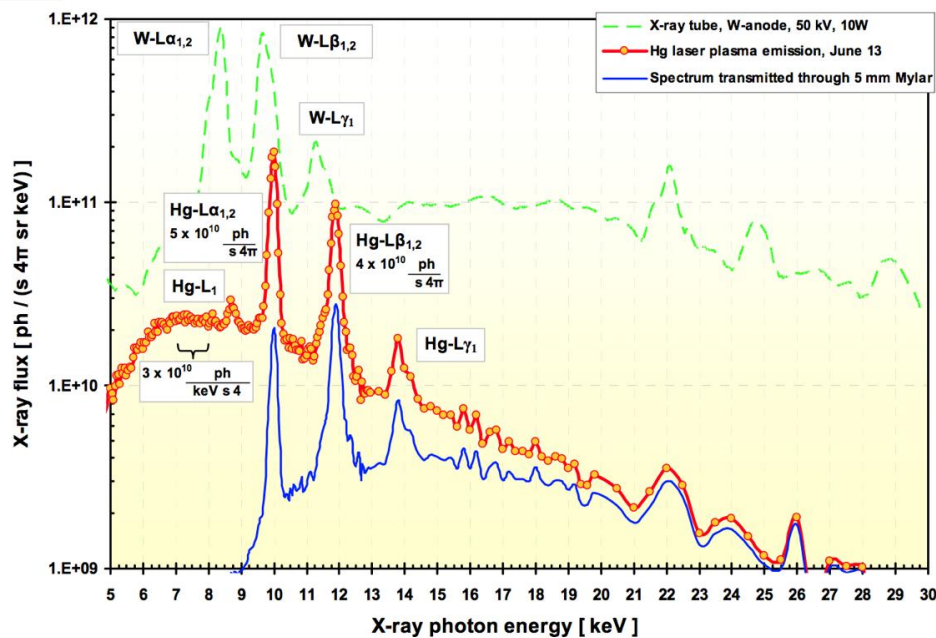
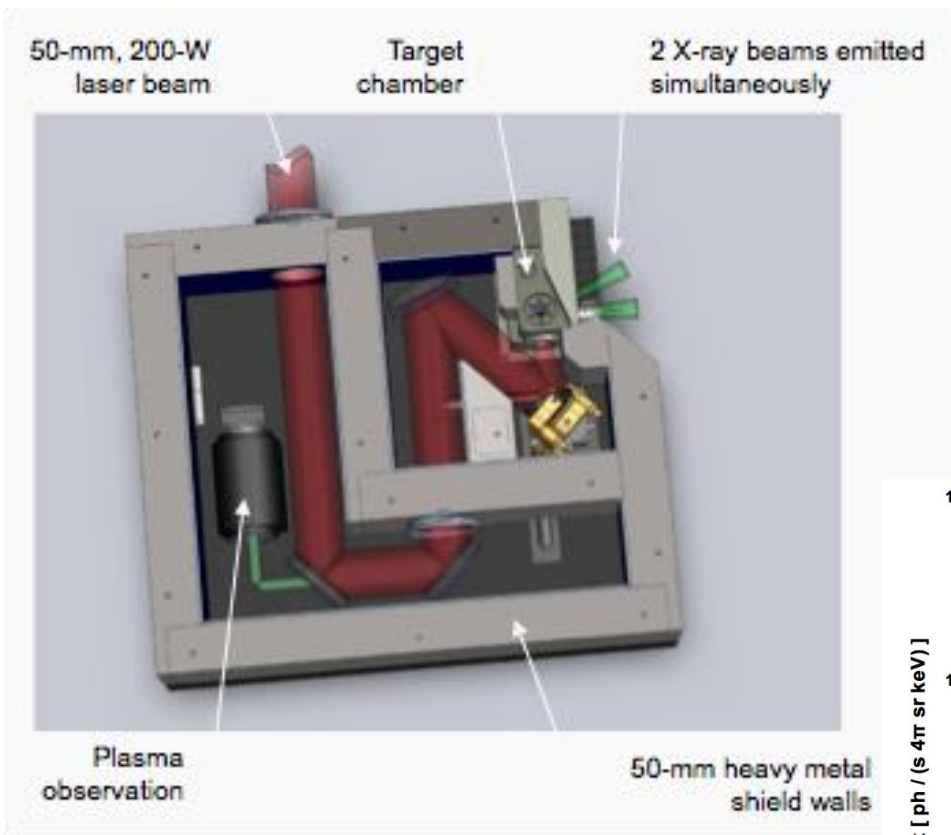
See the J. Andreasson talk on WED

E1 experimental hall

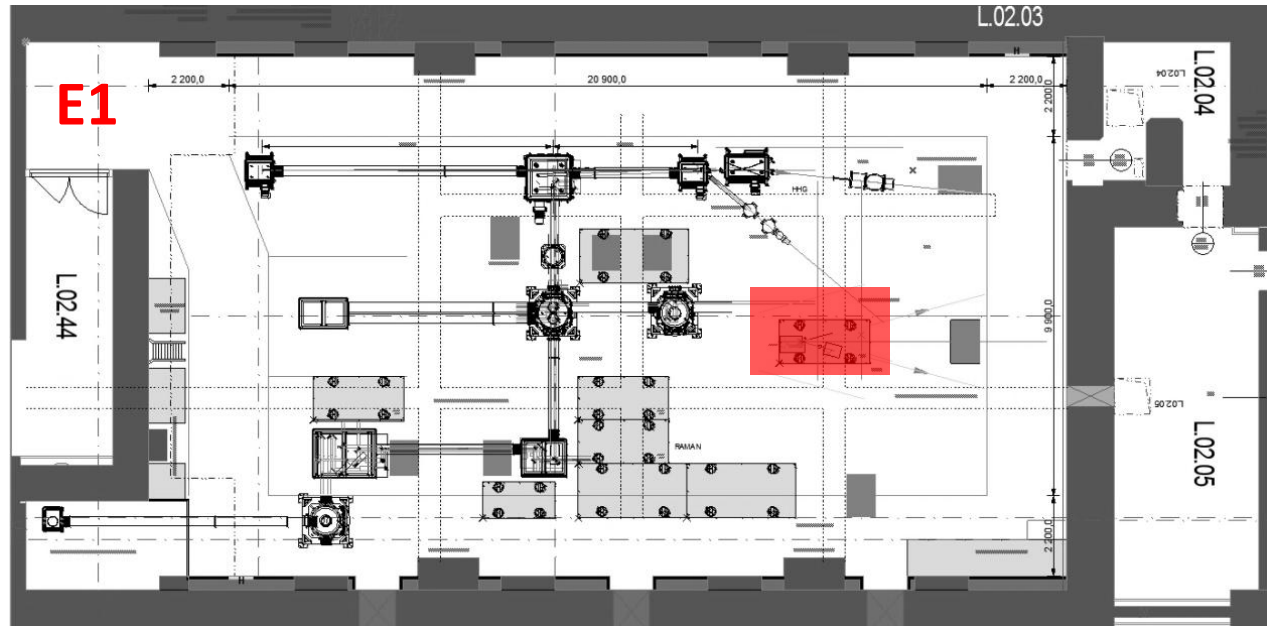
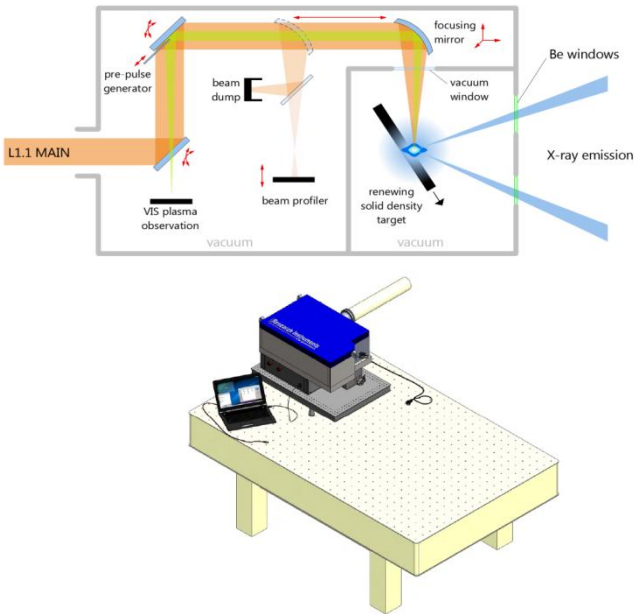


Experimental Hall 1 Material & Biomolecular Applications

Plasma X-ray Source (PXS): femtosecond X-ray tube



Plasma X-ray Source



Characteristics

- 4π sr emission, 3 – 30 keV line + continuous spectra
- 100s femtosecond pulses
- 10s μm spot size

Applications

- Time-resolved X-ray diffraction
- X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy
- Small- angle X-ray scattering
- X-ray Imaging
- Pulsed radiolysis

Table 1: X-ray source parameters	Phase I (M0) (M1) 5 mJ laser pulse energy	Phase II (M2) 100 mJ laser pulse energy	User operation milestone (UOM)
Minimum hard x-ray photon energy	3 keV	3 keV	3 keV
Photons per shot (photons/(4 π sr line) or photons/(4 π sr 1keV) @10keV)	$> 10^7$	$> 10^9$	$> 10^9$
Source size	Less than 100 μm	Less than 100 μm	Less than 100 μm
Hard X-ray pulse duration (FWHM)	Less than 300 fs	Less than 300 fs	Less than 300 fs

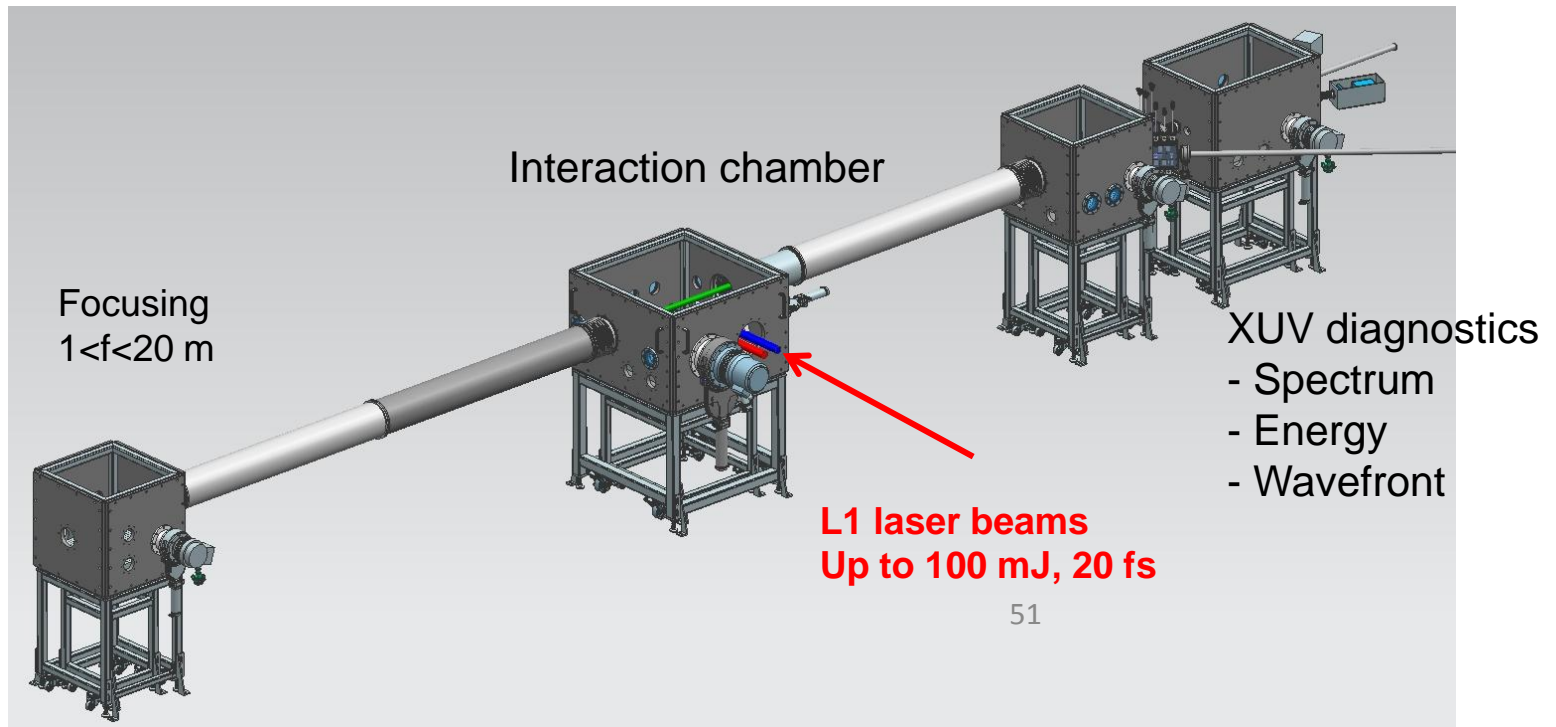
High-order harmonic Beamline

GOAL: high flux ultra-short pulses of tunable coherent XUV radiation

- High energy kHz laser driver (L1: up to 100mJ in 20fs)

⇒ **long focusing** ⇔ big generating volume

and/or **two color driver** (50mJ IR, ~30mJ blue)

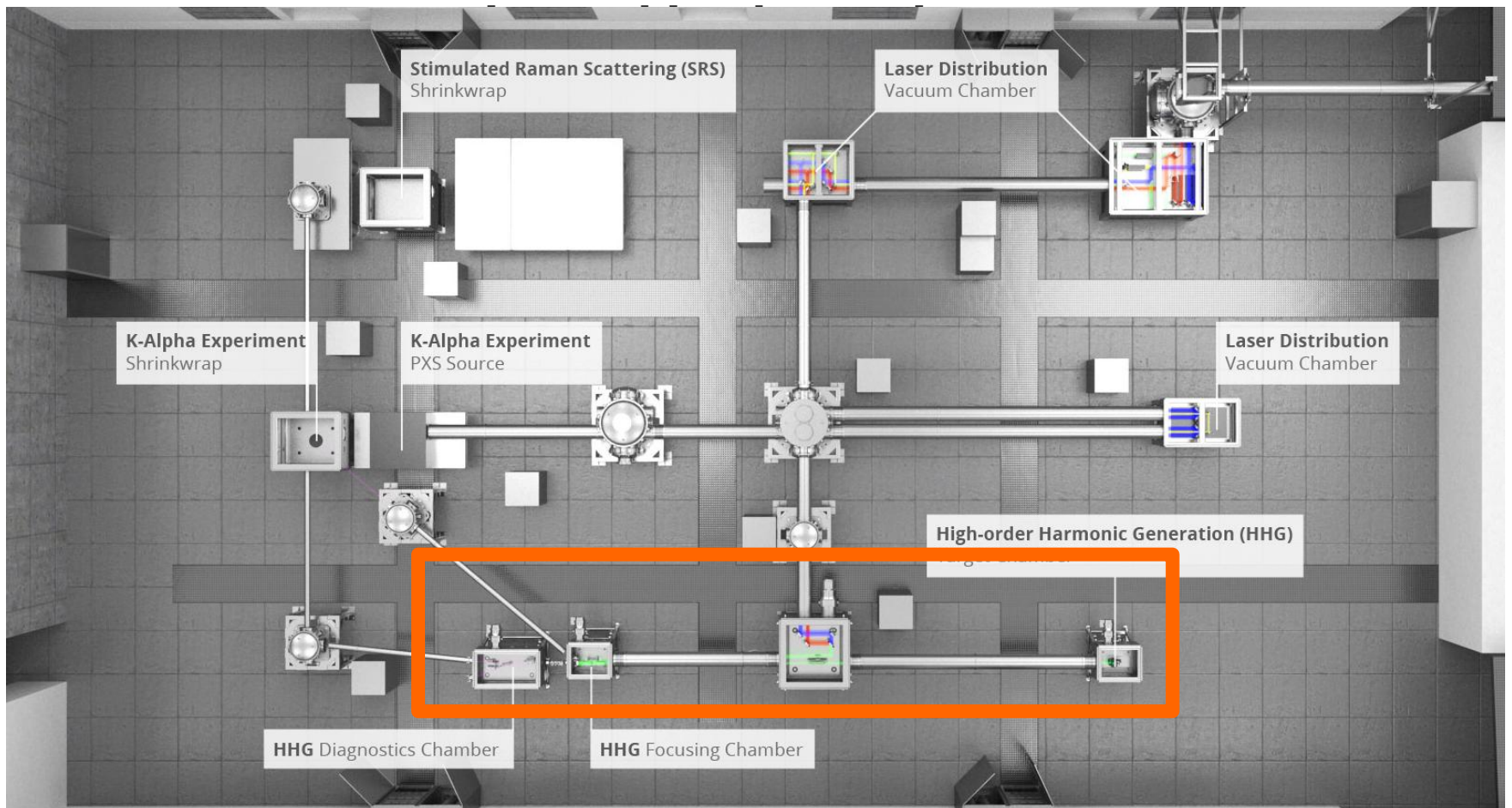


HHG Beamline

Two output arms:

- **Straight arm:** high flux output: CDI, AMO...
- **Side arm:** monochromatized output: Material sciences (Elipsometry...)

fs synchronization with PXS → **coherent XUV and incoherent X-rays**



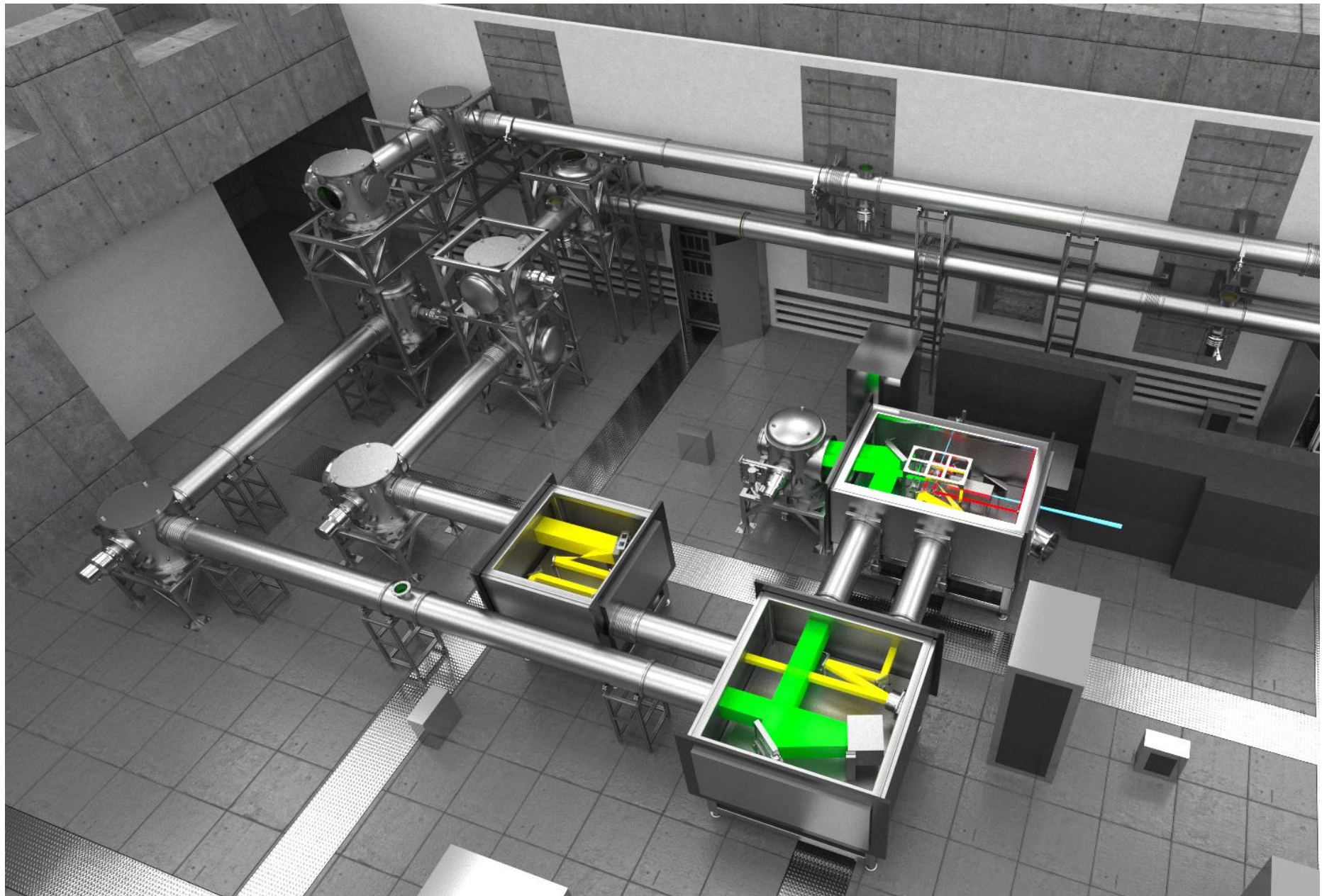
HHG Expected output parameters

Versatility / tunability

- Several focusing geometries & driving schemes: maximize eff. at given wavelength range
- Wavelength fine-tuning by changing chirp of the driver
- Polarization state of XUV by changing polarization of $\omega/2\omega$ drivers

Driver	kHz, 5 mJ, 35 fs	kHz, 100 mJ 20fs
Wavelength	10 -120 nm	5 -120 nm
Photons/shot	10^7 to 10^9	few 10^9 - 10^{12}
$\Delta\lambda/\lambda$	10^{-2}	10^{-2}
Divergence	<2 mrad	<1 mrad
Spatial profile	Gaussian-like	Gaussian-like
Wavefront	$\lambda/10$	$\lambda/10$
Duration	< 20fs	< 20fs
Polarization	Linear	Lin./Circ./Elliptical

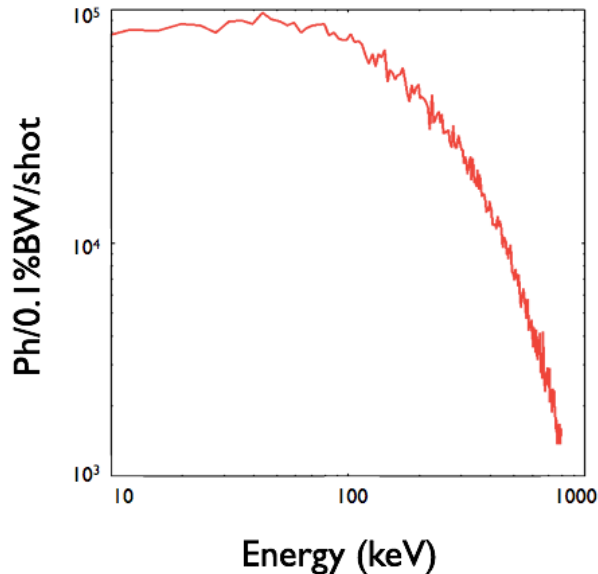
Betatron/Compton beamline in E2



10 Hz Betatron/Compton sources in E2

Radiation from laser-driven relativistic electron beam
(1 GeV, 100 pC)

Betatron radiation



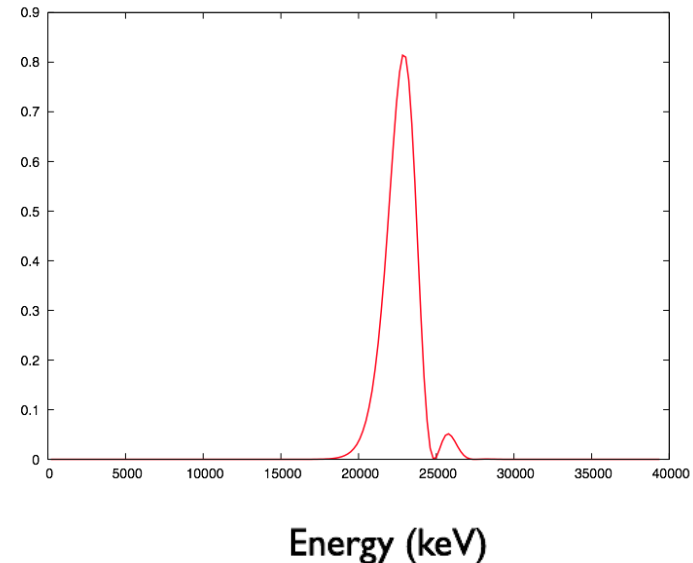
100 keV range

10^8 photons per shot

Source size : 2-5 μm

Divergence : <10 mrad

Compton back-scattering



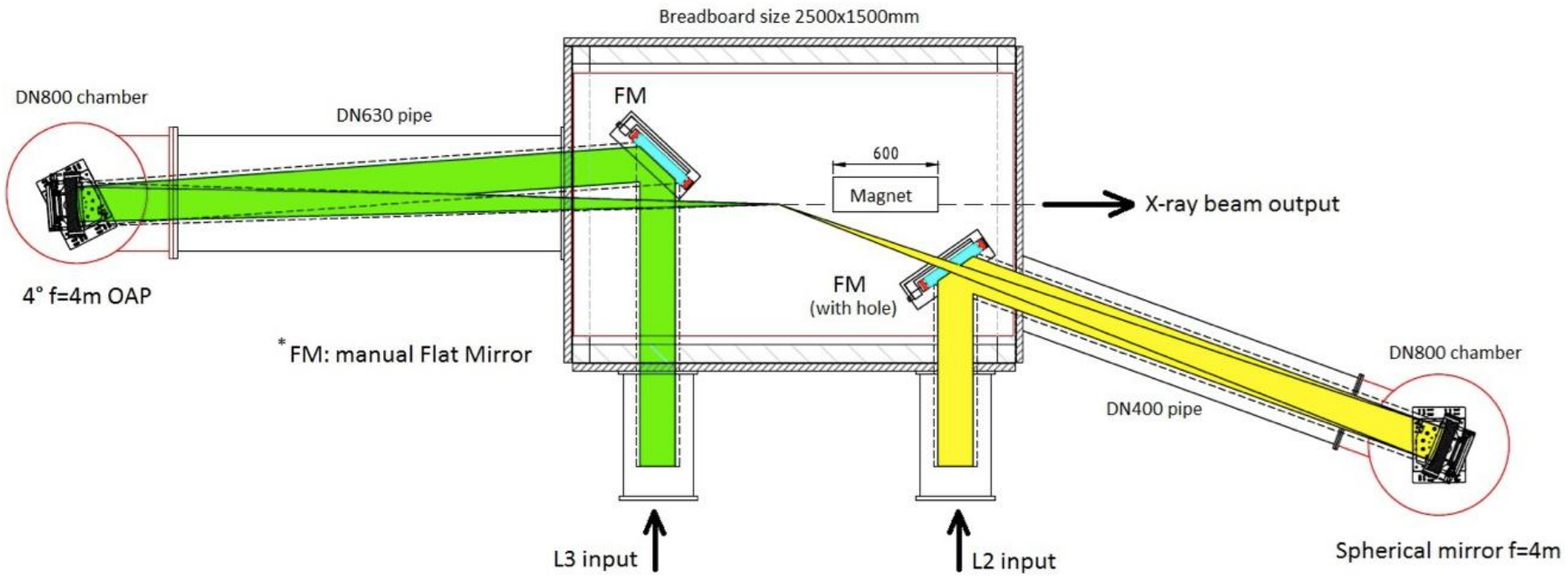
1-5 MeV range

10^8 photons per shot

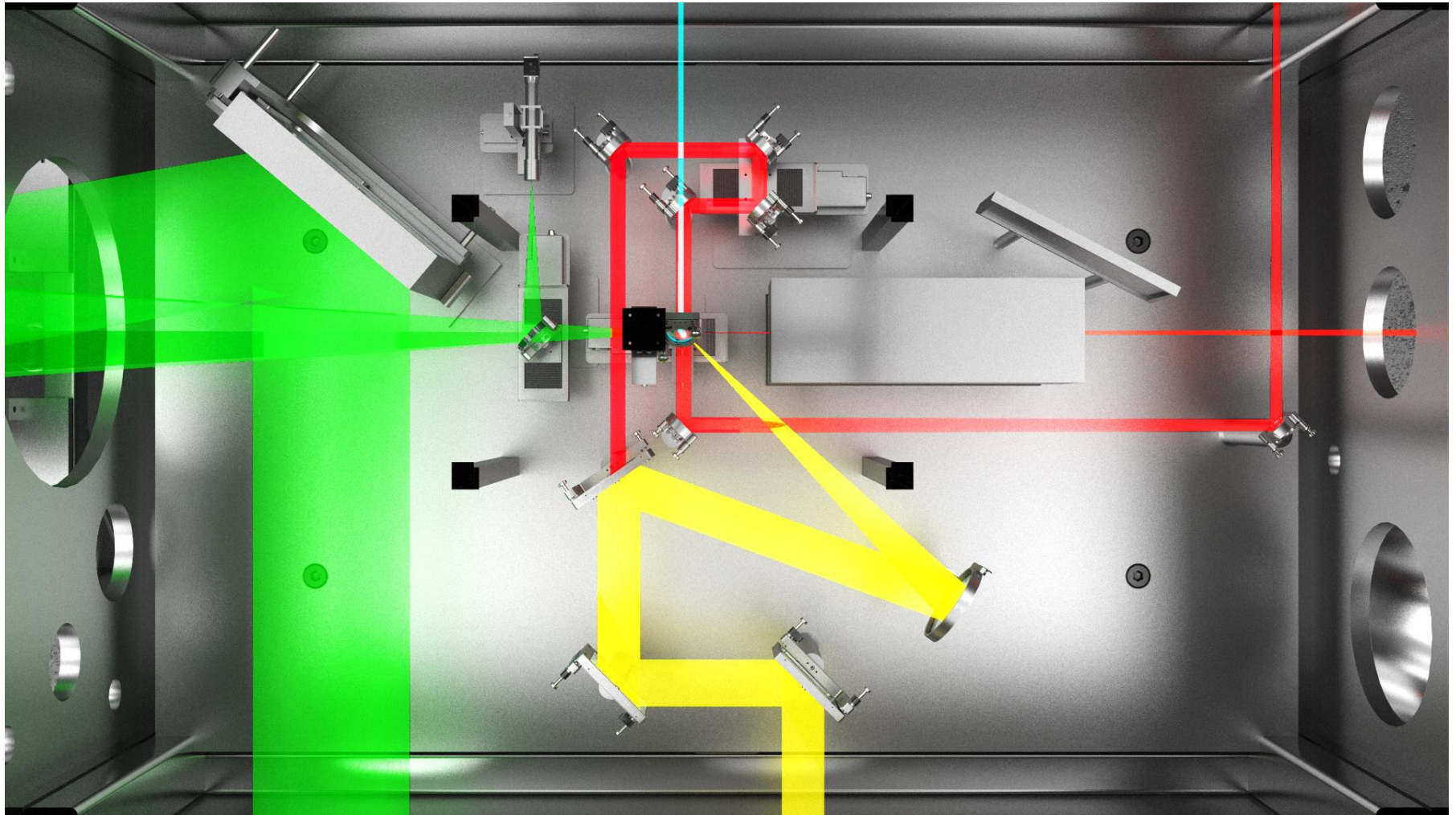
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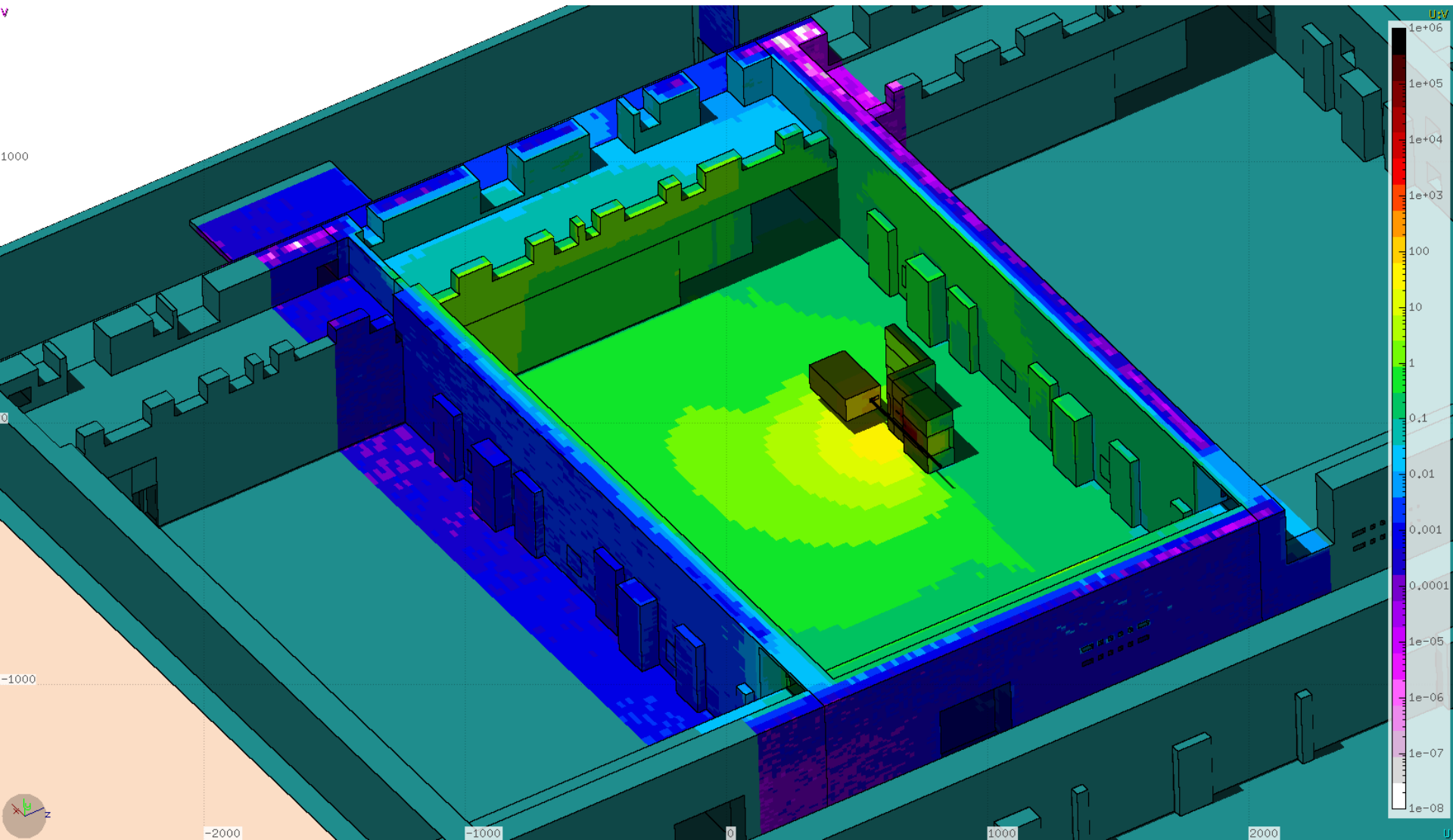
Betatron/Compton beamline in E2



10 Hz Betatron/Compton target chamber



Radiation shielding in E2



4 hours operation at 10 Hz (e-beam 200 pC, 1 GeV)

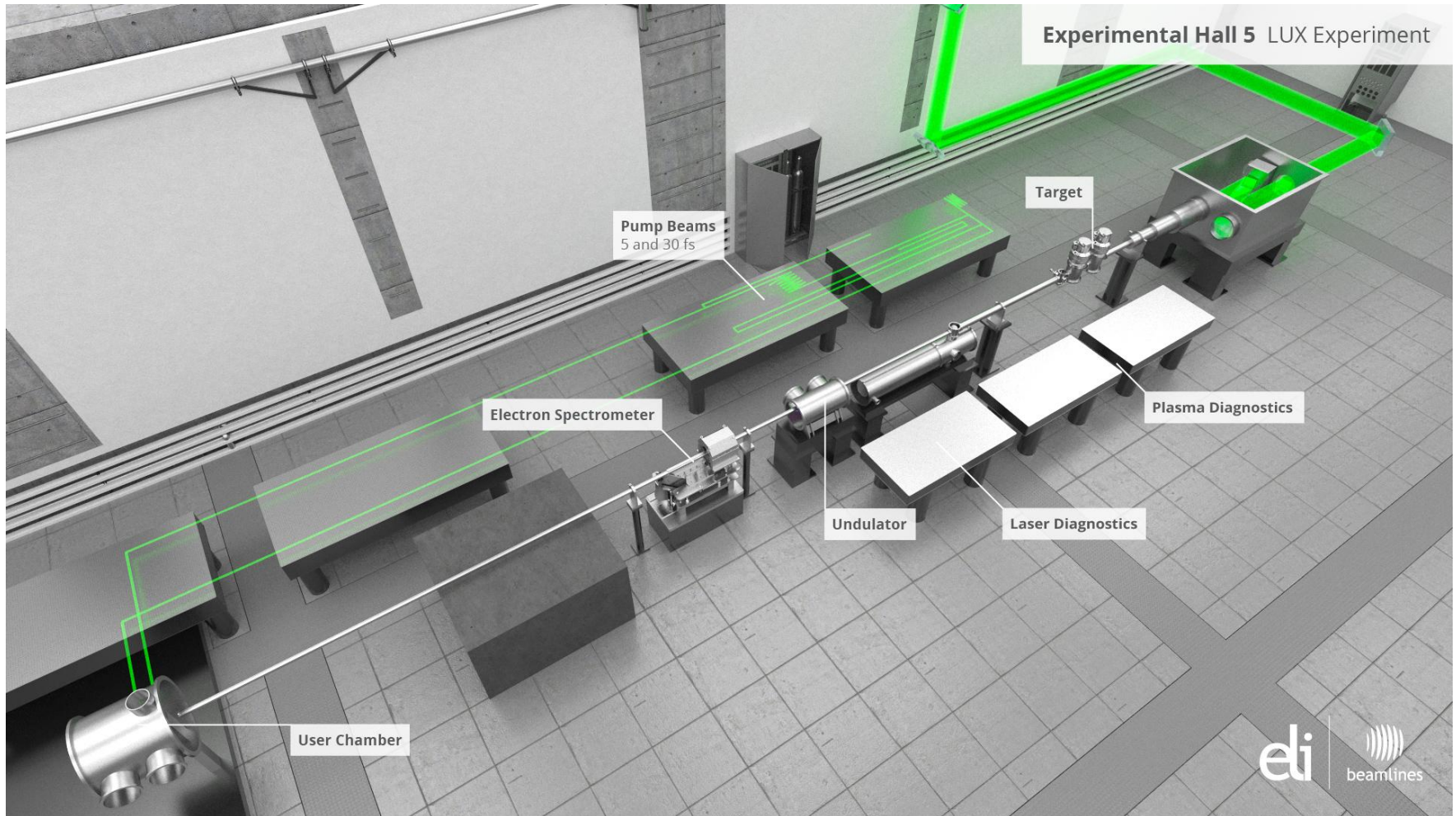


0.1 to 1 μSv per day outside E2

Towards laser-driven XFEL in the E5 hall

Laser-driven Undulator X-ray source (LUX)

See L. Přibyl's talk tomorrow





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