

# Laser driver for CTF3 photo-injectors

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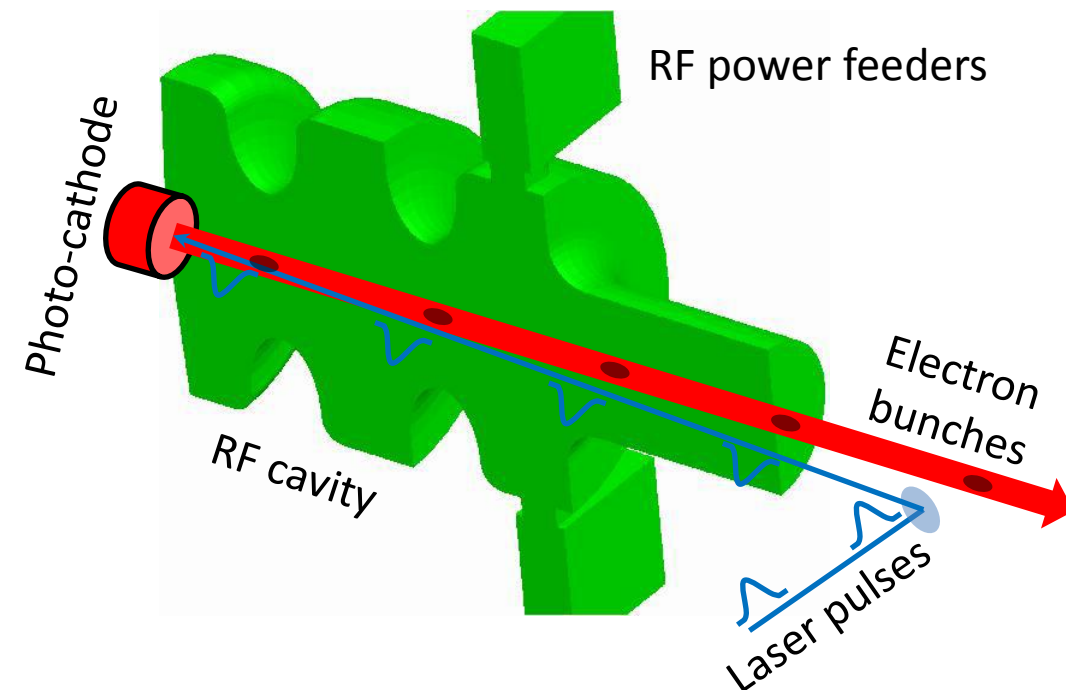
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# Photoemission and photo-injectors (photo-guns)

## Photoemission:

Energy of a photon  $>$  Work function

External electric field (DC or RF) helps electrons to become a bunch (beam) after they are extracted from the cathode surface

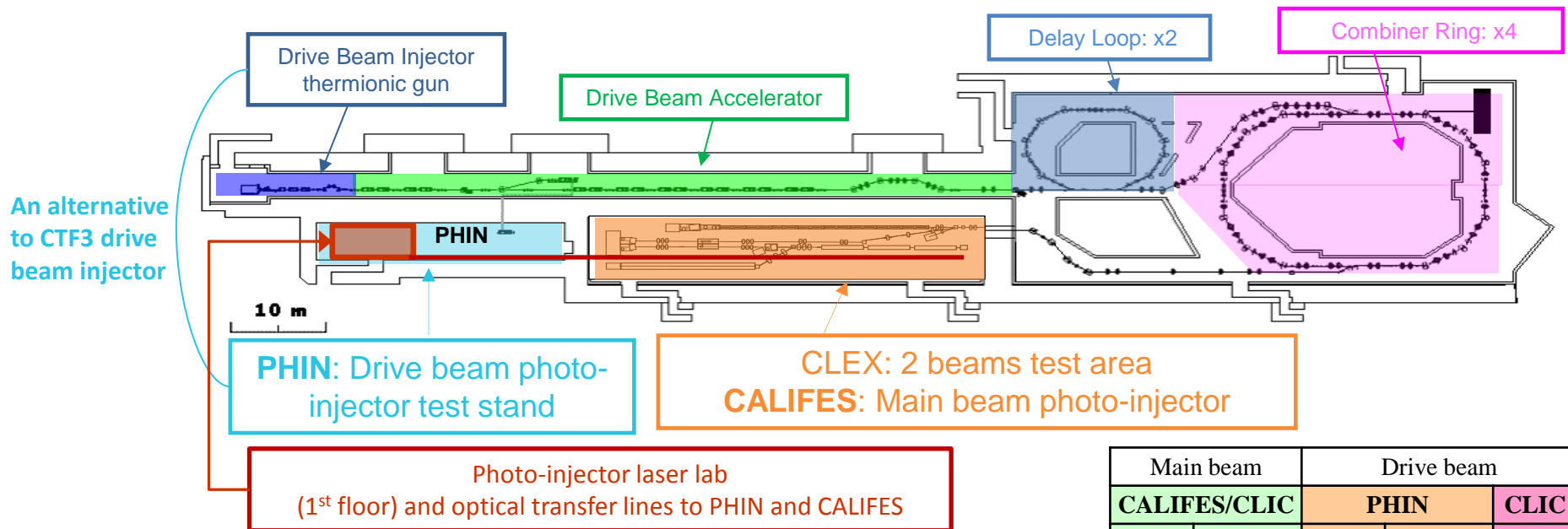


## RF photo-gun

What is not shown here:

- Magnetic coils around the cavity
- Vacuum pumping system
- Water cooling system
- Cathode load-lock system
- Diagnostics etc.

# Photo-injectors at CTF3: CALIFES and PHIN

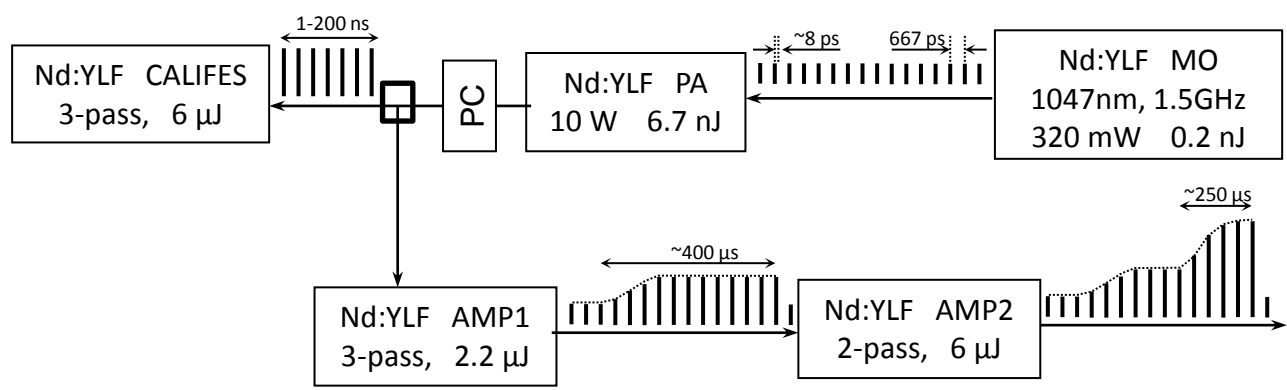
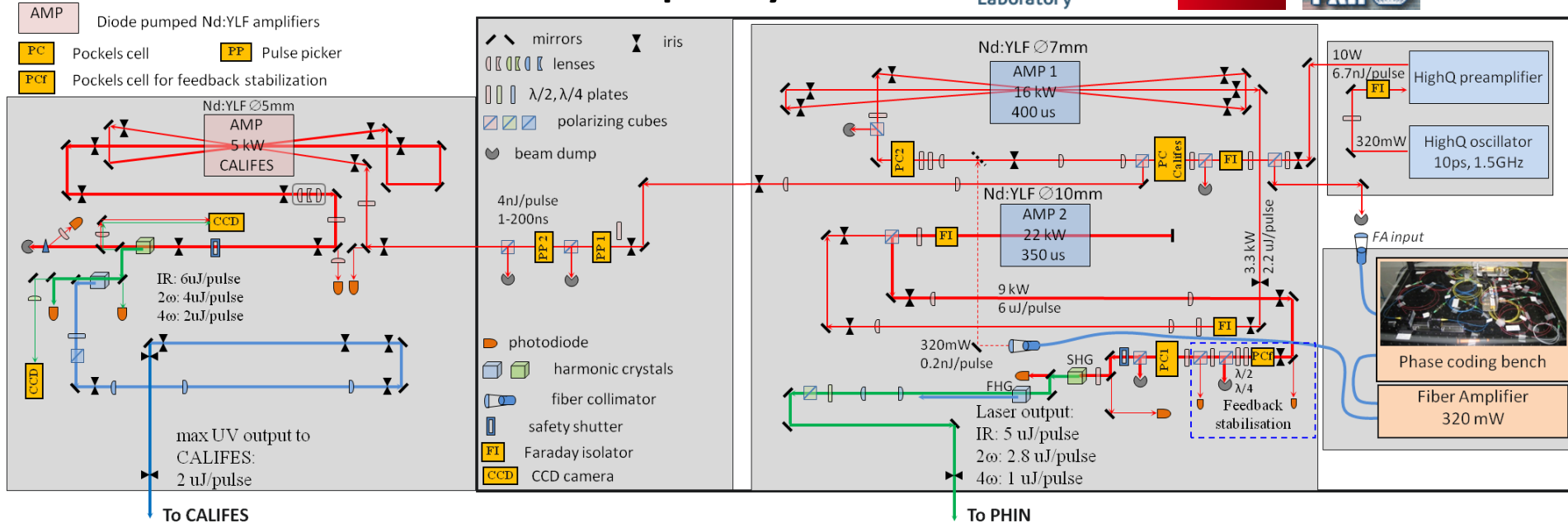


## CTF3 Photo-injector laser specifics:

- Burst mode operation
- Burst rep.rate 1-50Hz
- Intra-burst rep.rate 1.5GHz  
(phase-locked to klystron sub-harmonic)
- Pulses in the burst should be equal (stability)

	Main beam		Drive beam		
	CALIFES/CLIC		PHIN		CLIC
	Design	Achieved	Design	Achieved	Design
Bunch rep.rate, GHz	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.5
Bunch duration, ps	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10
Burst duration max, us	0.14	0.2	1.27	1.27	<b>140</b>
Burst rep.rate, Hz	5	5	5	5	<b>50</b>
Charge/bunch, nC	0.6	0.6	2.3	9.2	8.4
Charge stability, % rms	<3	<3	<0.25	1-2	<0.1
Photocathode QE, %	0.3	0.3	3	3	1
Cathode lifetime, h			>50	>100	<b>&gt;150</b>
$E_{UV}$ , uJ/pulse	1	2	0.6	1	8
$W_{UV}$ , kW	1.5	3	0.9	1.5	4

# Laser setup layout



**High-Q front end**  
 Nd:YLF passively mode-locked oscillator and preamplifier  
 1047 nm, 10W  
 1.5 GHz, phase-locked to the external signal (3GHz klystron sub-harmonic)

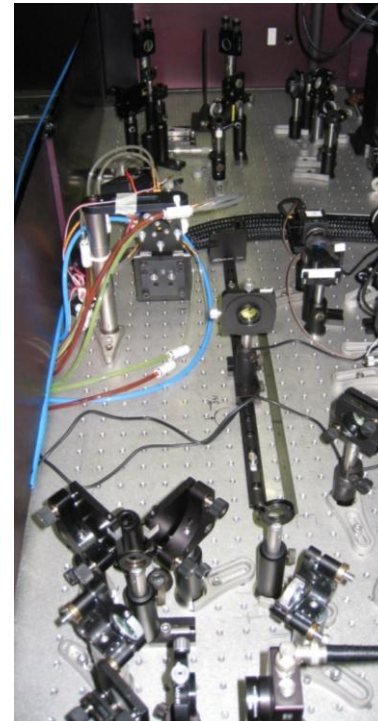
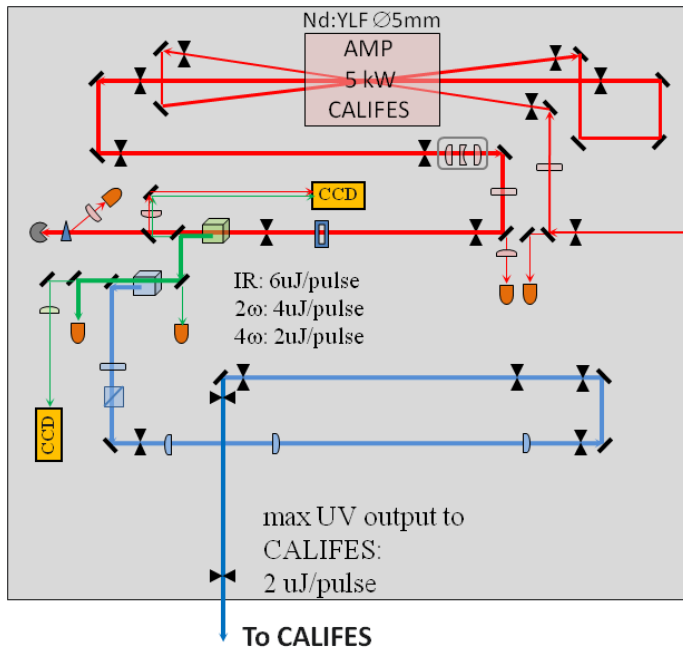
# CALIFES amplifier and harmonics

## Pulsed mode operation

Nd:YLF rod, 5mm diam, 70 mm long

SHG: KTP II-type (oe-e) 11mm

FHG: BBO I-type (oo-e) 4.2mm



5 pumping diodes (Dilas GmbH.)

Max 5.5 kW pumping power

Pump pulse duration 500us

1-pass gain 12 (3-pass 1700)

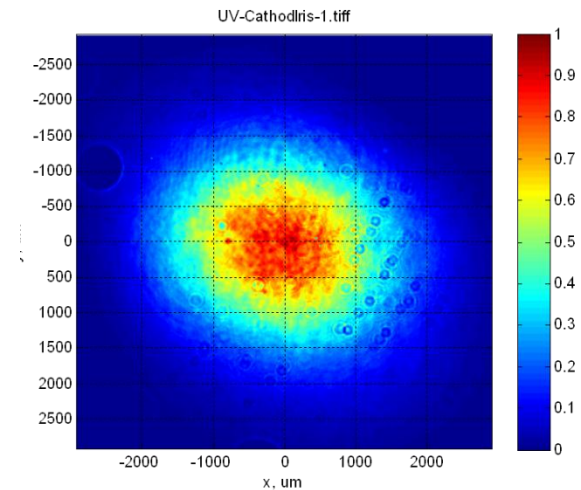
IR input: 4nJ/pulse

IR output: 6uJ/pulse

Peak intensity:  $\sim 100\text{MW}/\text{cm}^2$

SHG efficiency: 67%, 4uJ/pulse

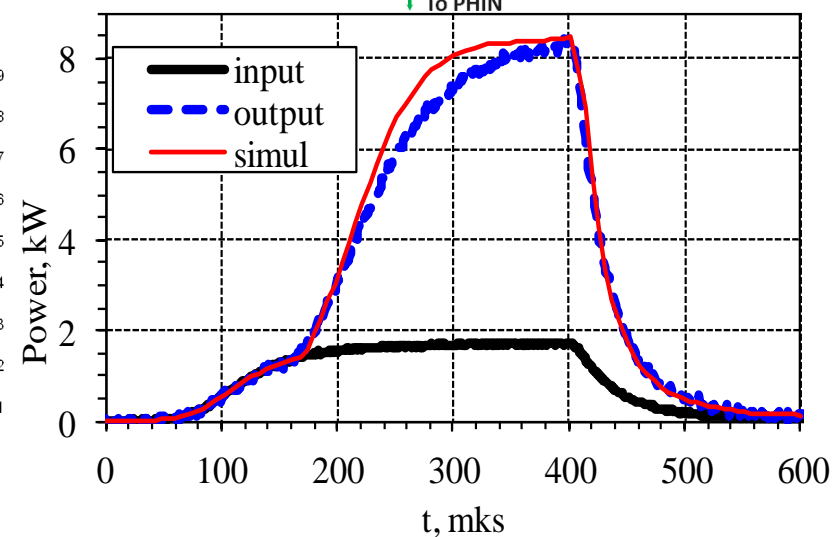
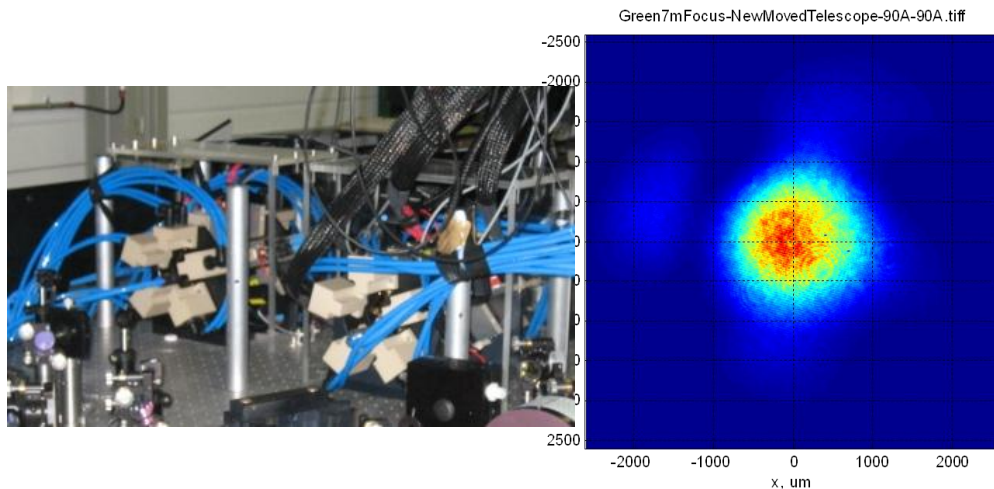
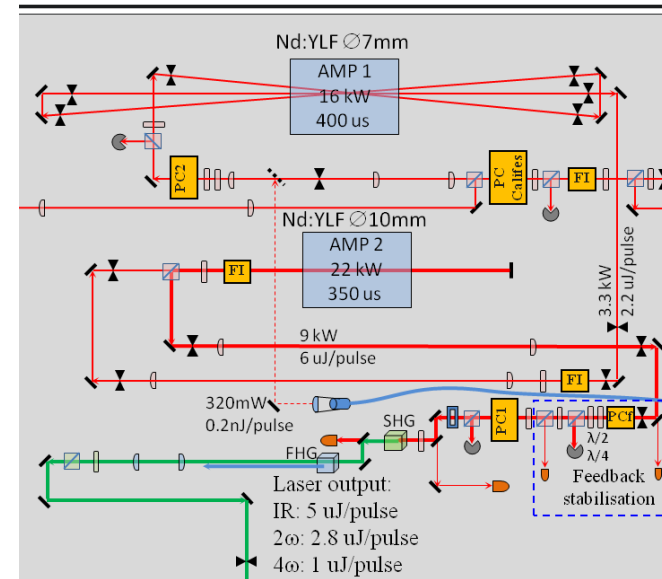
FHG efficiency: 53%, 2uJ/pulse



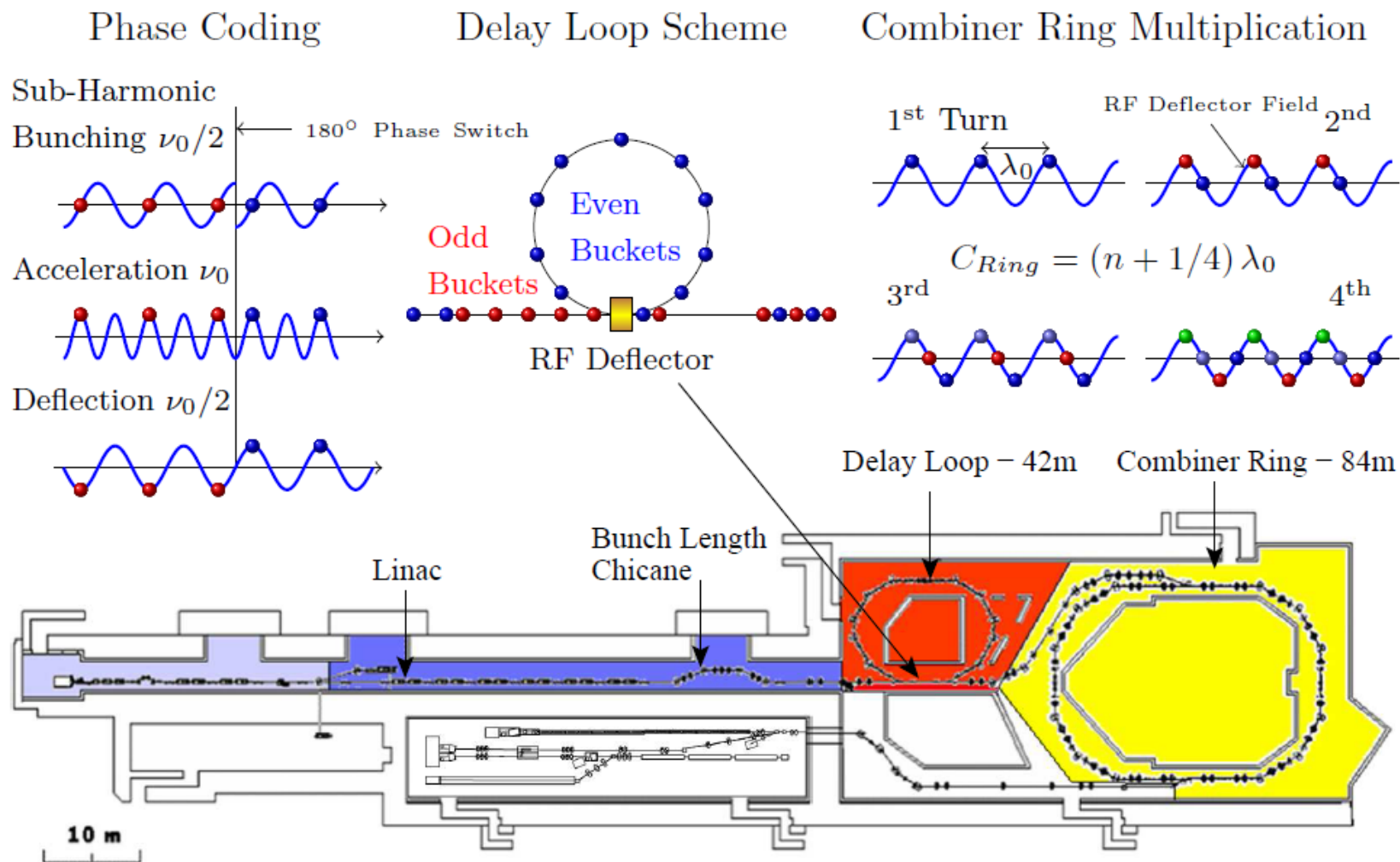
# PHIN amplifiers and harmonics

## Steady-state operation

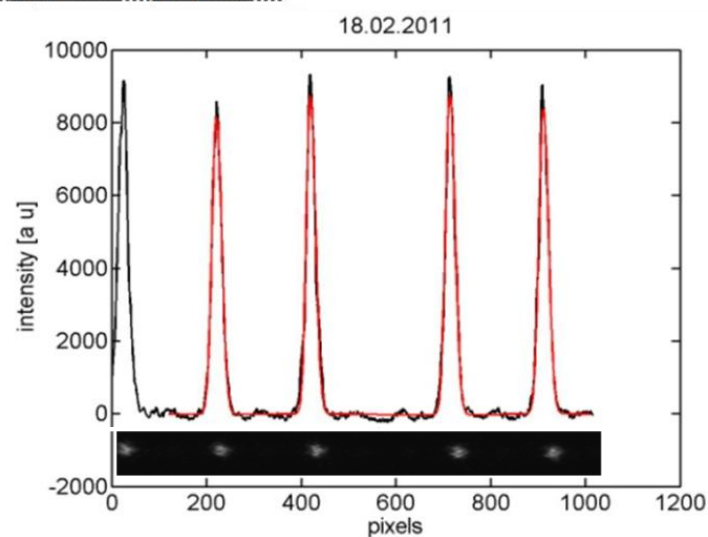
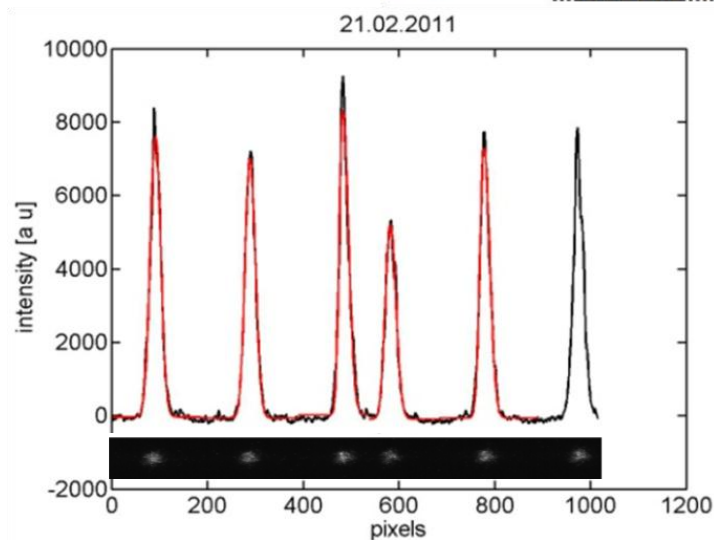
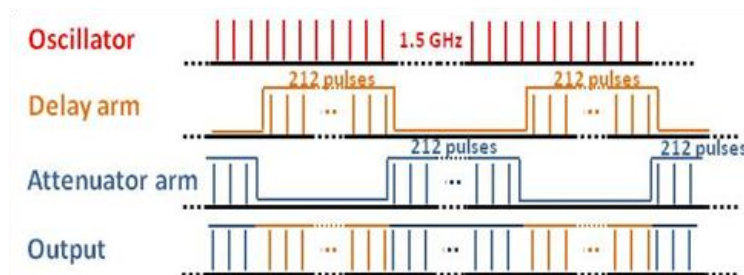
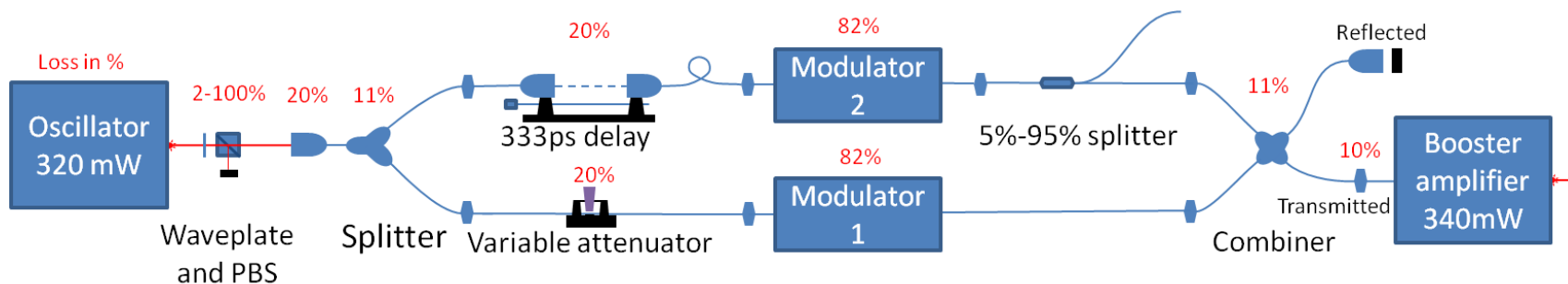
- AMP1 - Nd:YLF 7mm diam, 90mm long
- AMP2 – Nd:YLF 10mm diam, 120mm long
- Max diode pump power 16kW (AMP1) and 22kW (AMP2), 500us
- IR input: 7.6W, 5nJ/pulse
- IR output AMP1: 3.5kW, 2.3 uJ/pulse (gain 1/3-pass 7.7 / 460)
- IR output AMP2: 9kW, 6uJ/pulse (gain 1/2-pass 2.2 / 5)
- Peak intensity:  $\sim 100\text{MW}/\text{cm}^2$
- SHG: KTP II-type (oe-e), eff. 56%, 2.8uJ/pulse
- FHG: BBO I-type (oo-e), eff. 35%, 1uJ/pulse



# CLIC Phase-coding



# CLIC Phase-coding tested at PHIN





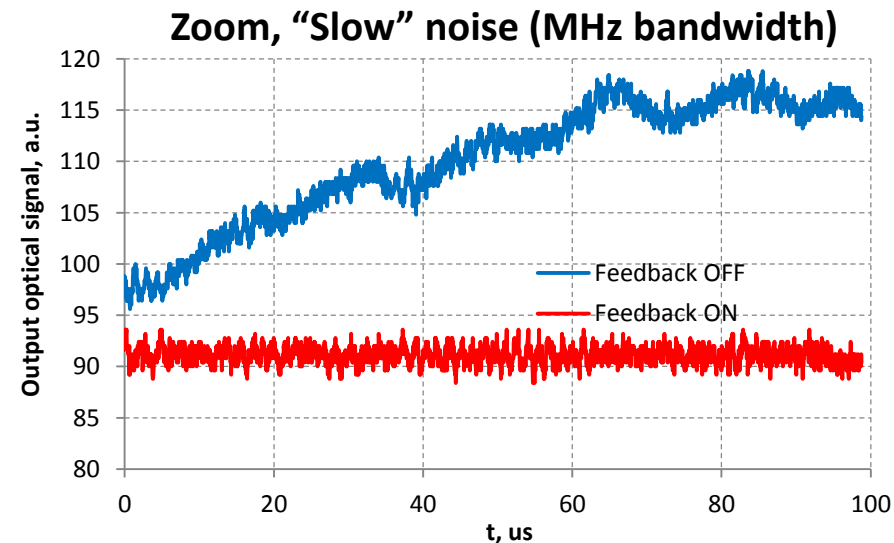
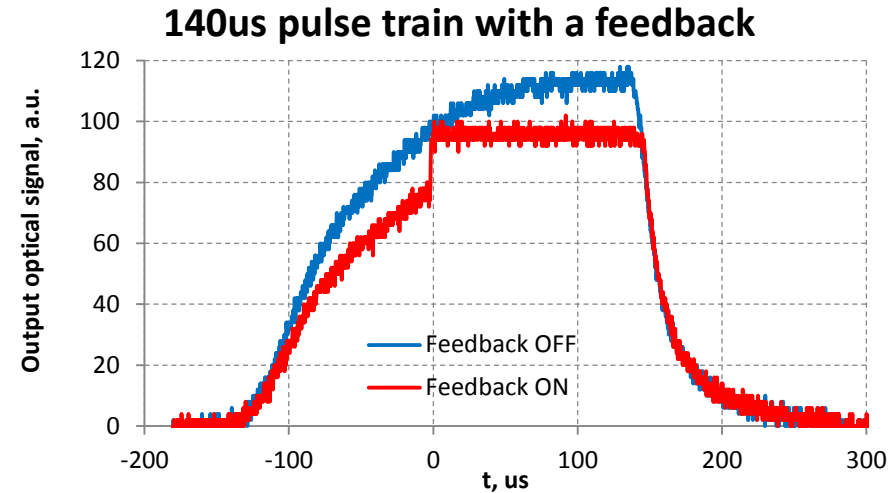
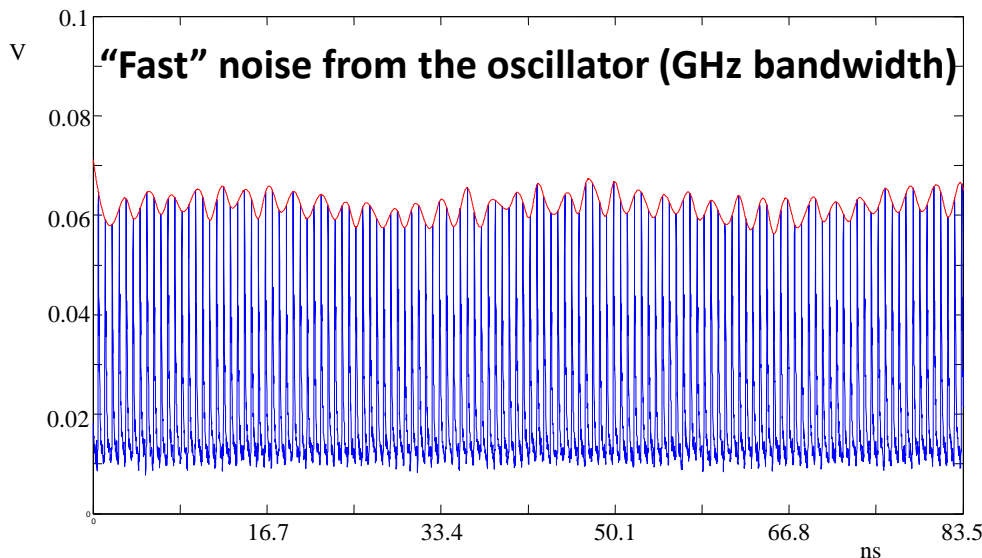
# Feed-back stabilization

## Optical noise:

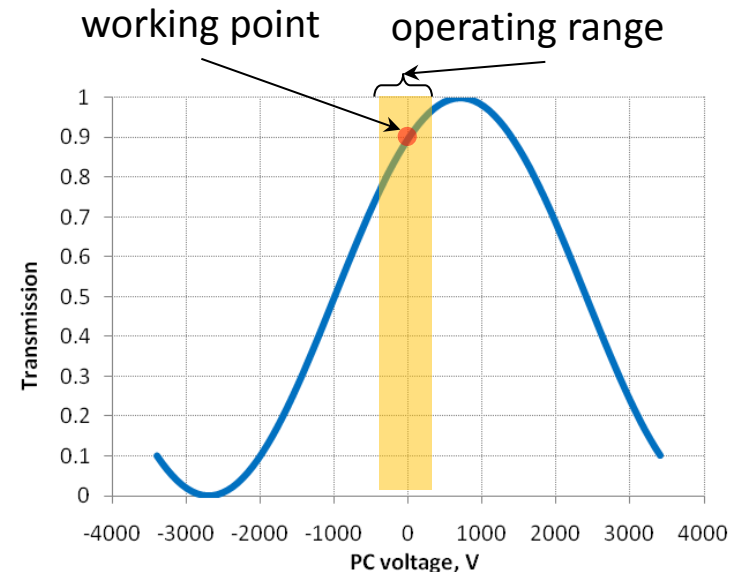
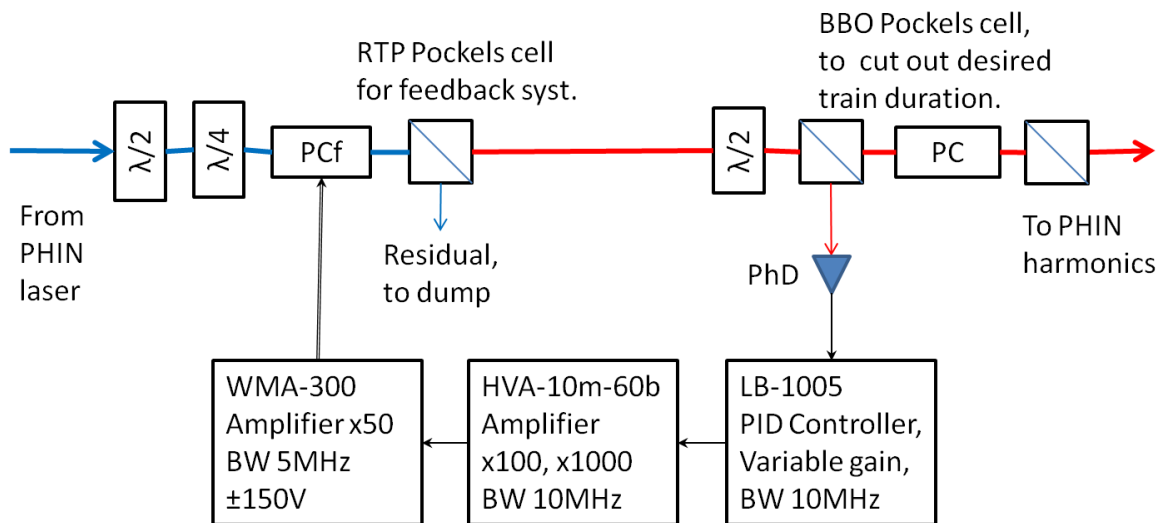
“Fast” – from the oscillator

“Slow” – from the oscillator and amplifiers

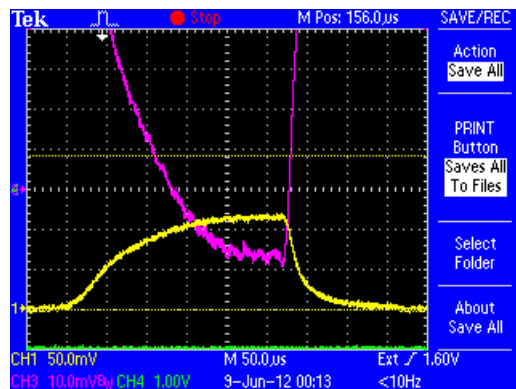
**Stabilization is needed to suppress the noise**



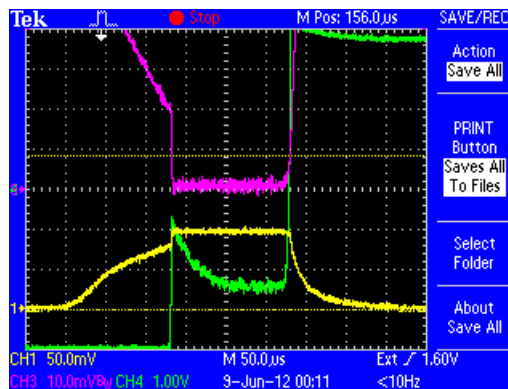
# Feed-back stabilization (MHz bandwidth)



feed-back off



feed-back on



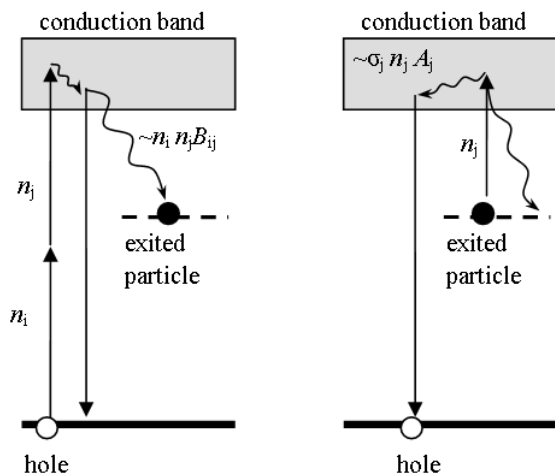
**Yellow** – optical pulse  
**Red** – error signal  
**Green** – driving voltage

# High-power 4<sup>th</sup> harmonics for CLIC

FHG, BBO 4.2 mm

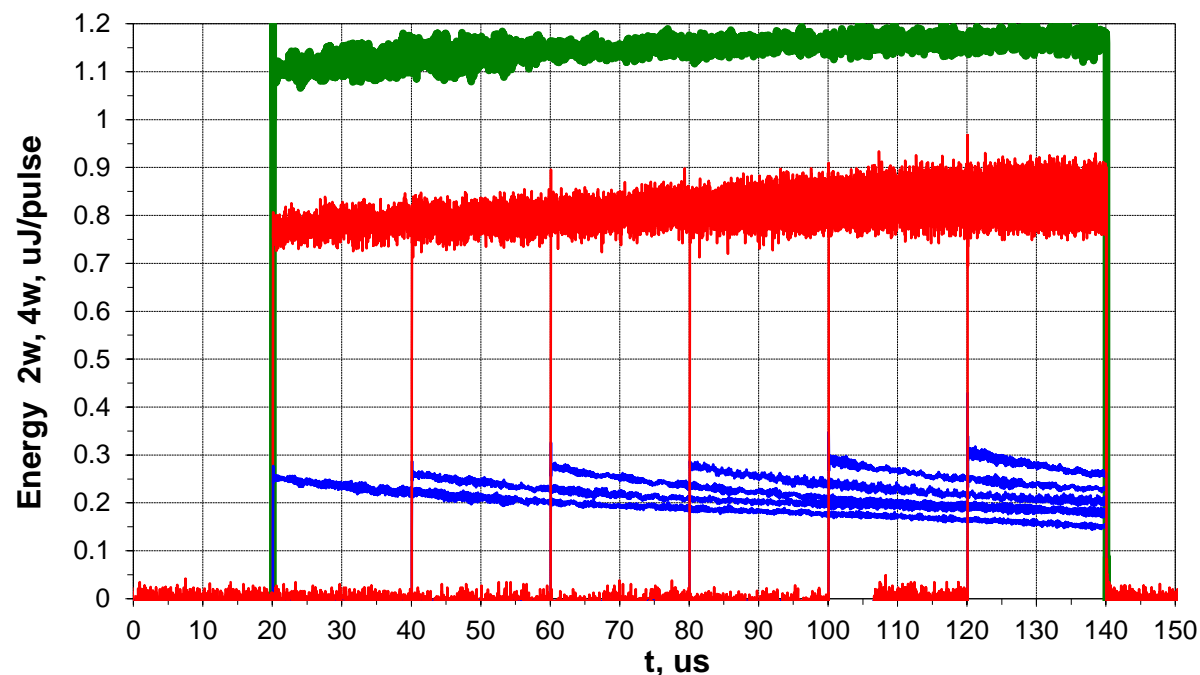
UV and Green bursts oscillograms

Model of induced linear absorption, caused by weak 2-photon absorption



a. Electronic excitation

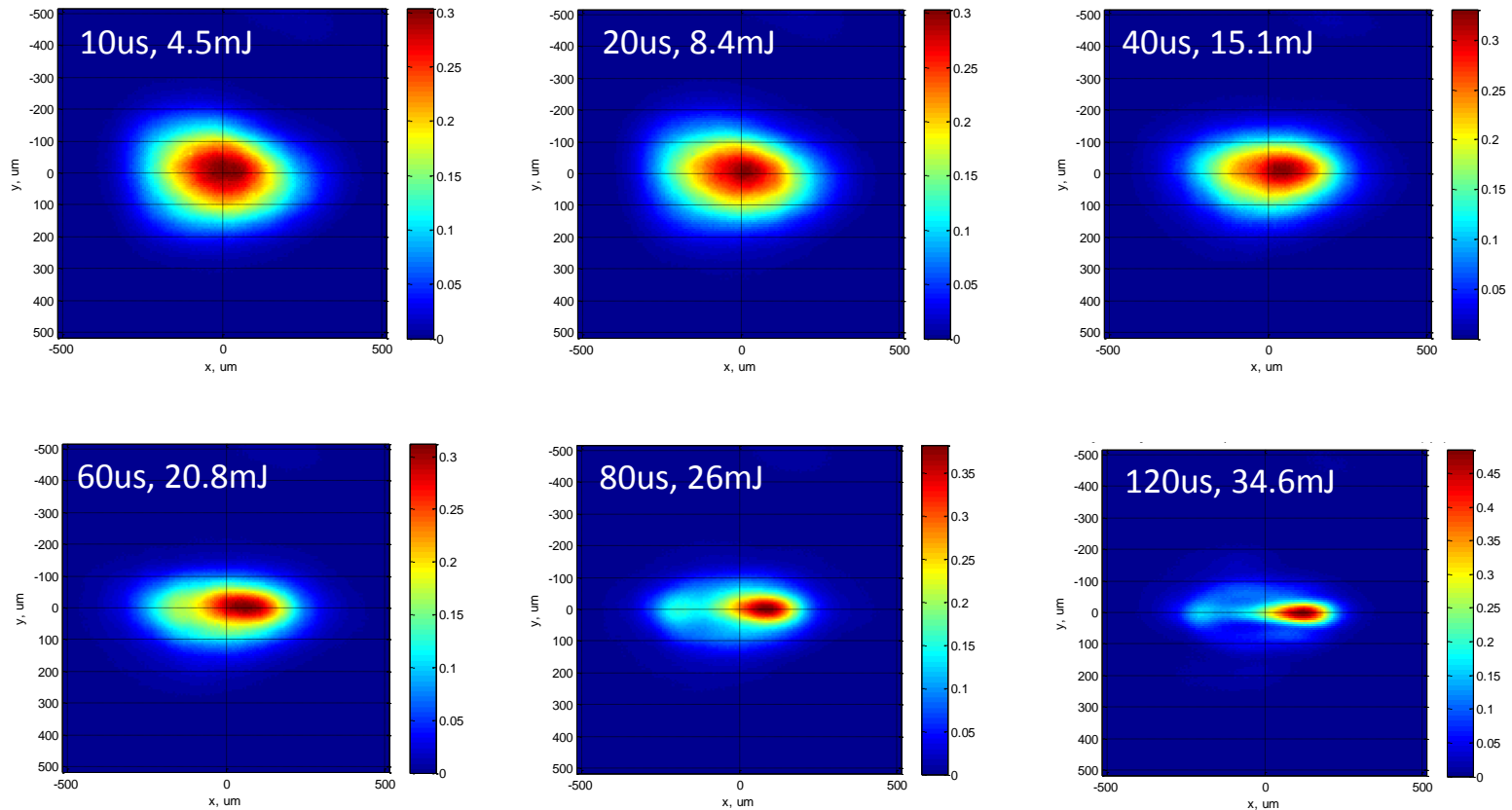
b. Optical bleaching



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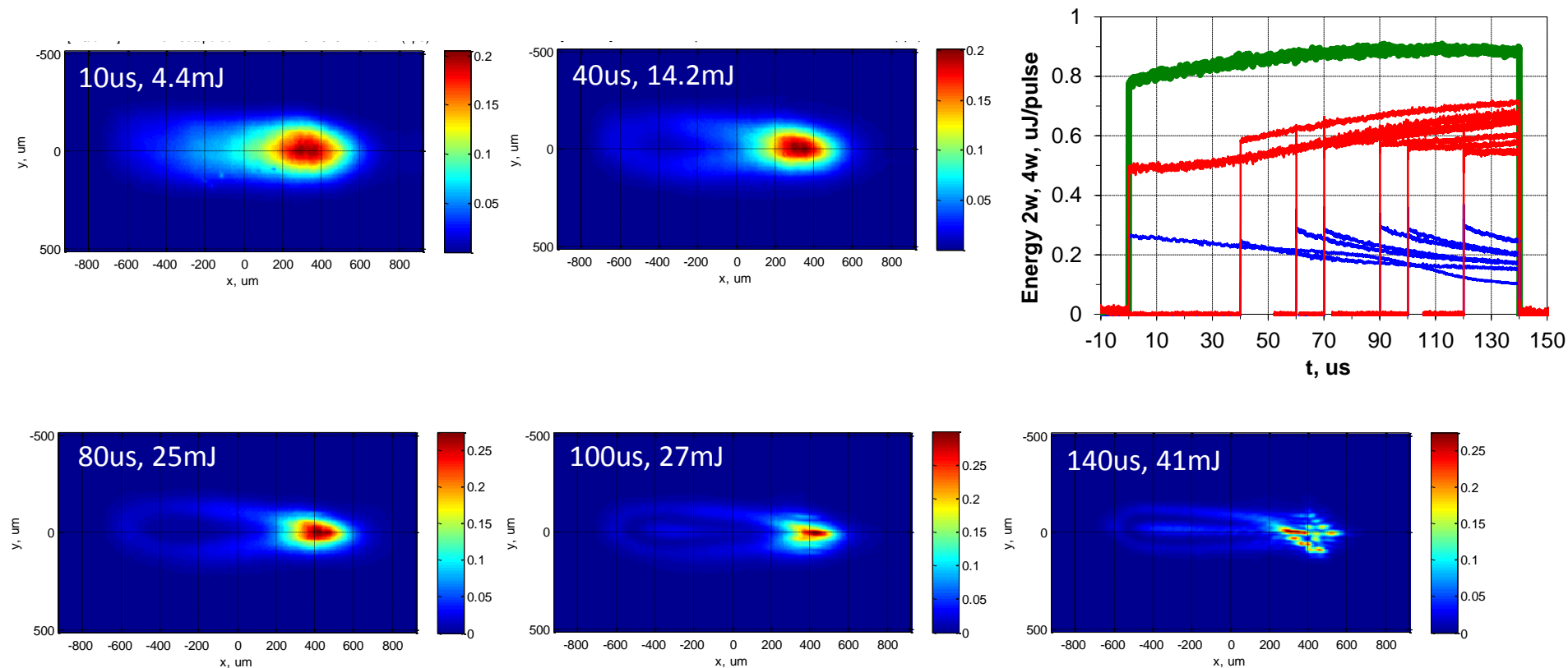
FHG, BBO 4.2 mm

UV beam shape for different burst duration



# High-power 4<sup>th</sup> harmonics for CLIC

FHG, BBO 12 mm  
Just for curiosity or fun



## Future plans

- More of feedback (fast feed-forward, GHz bandwidth)
- Powerful UV generation (towards CLIC)
- 50Hz PHIN amplifiers operation (towards CLIC)
- Test Green cathodes  $\text{Cs}_3\text{Sb}$  (avoid powerful UV light generation)

# Thank you for your attention !

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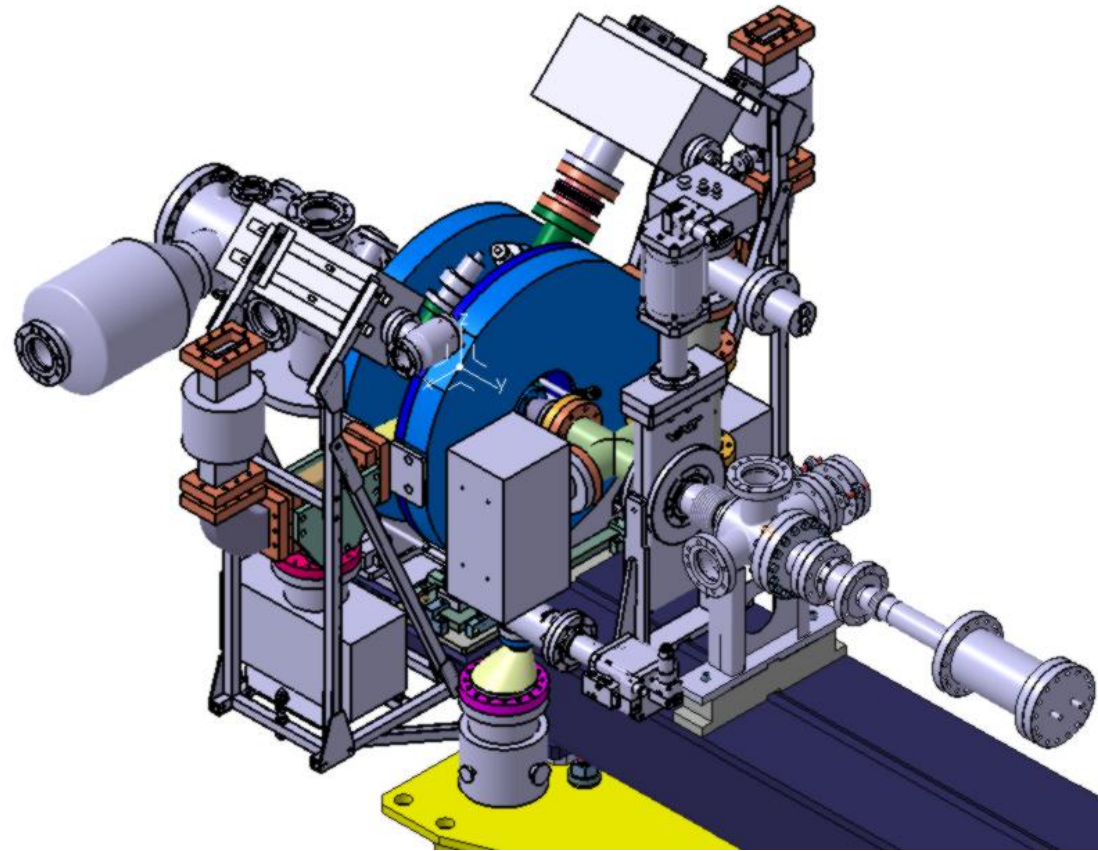
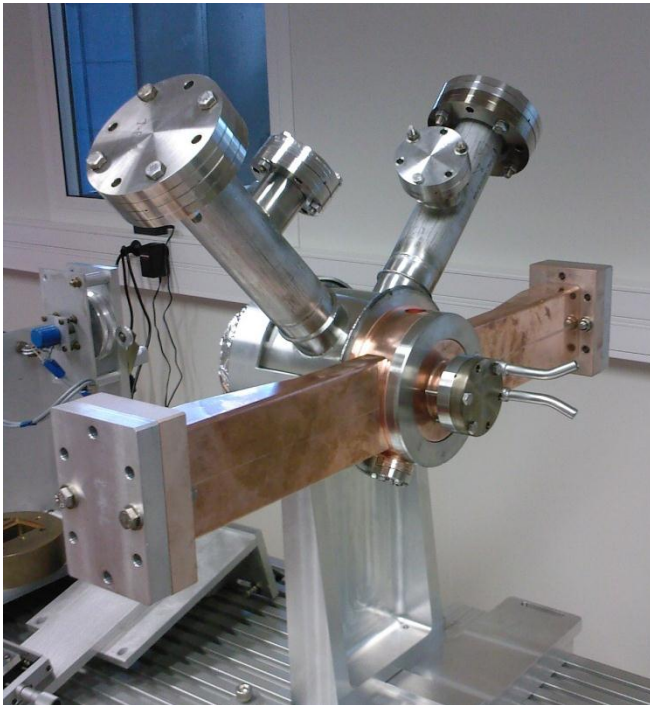
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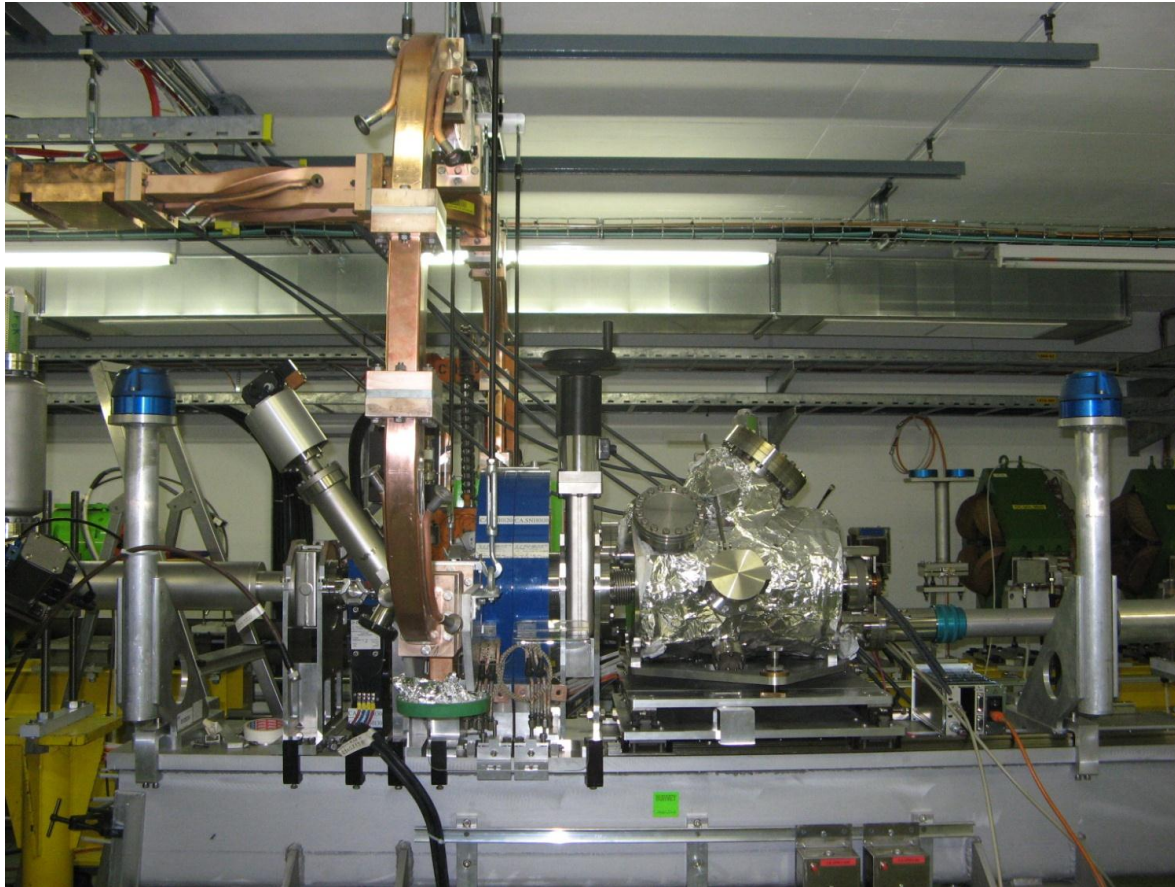
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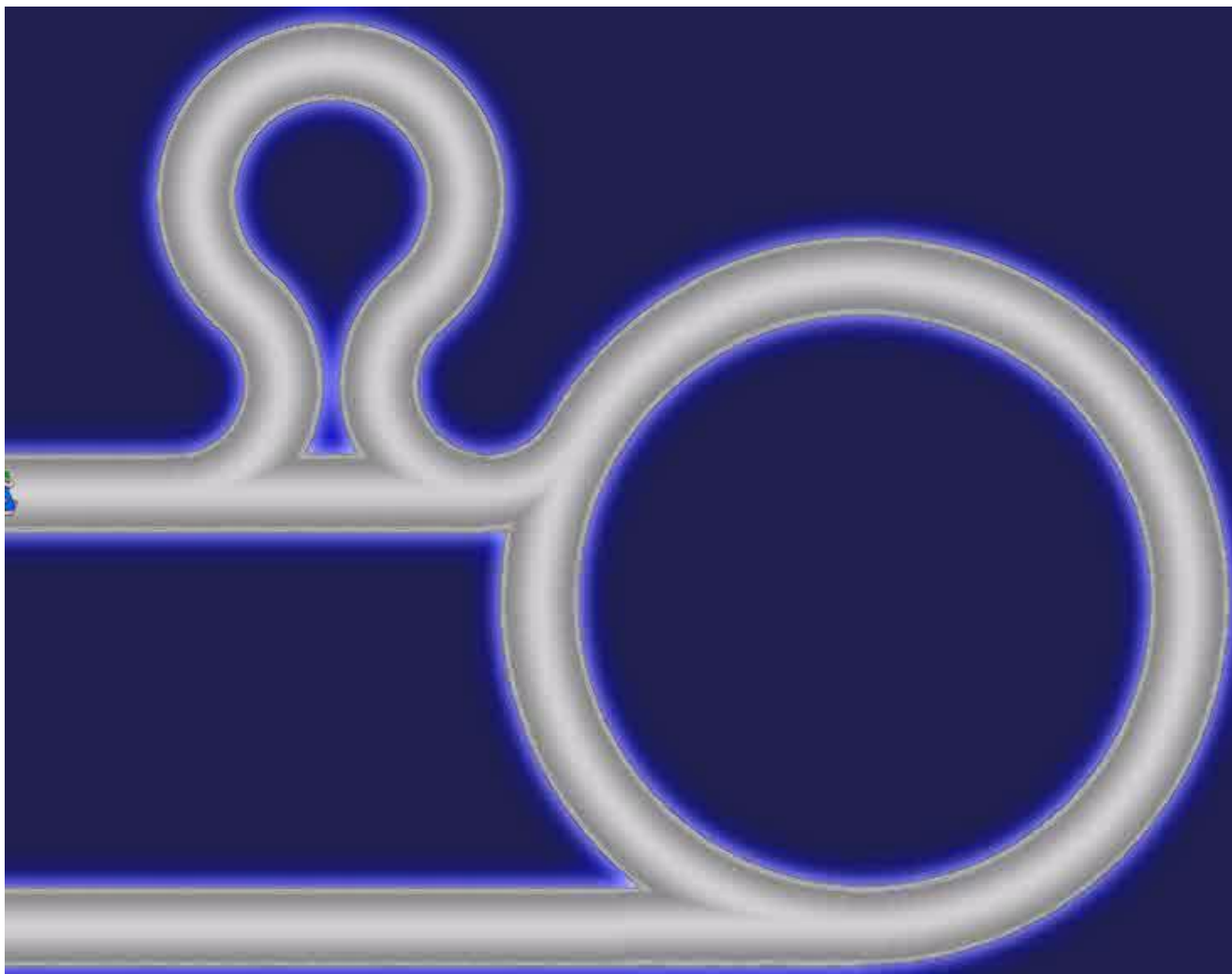


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