



# Fs-Laser driven secondary sources of x-rays and particles within ELI-Beamlines and their applications

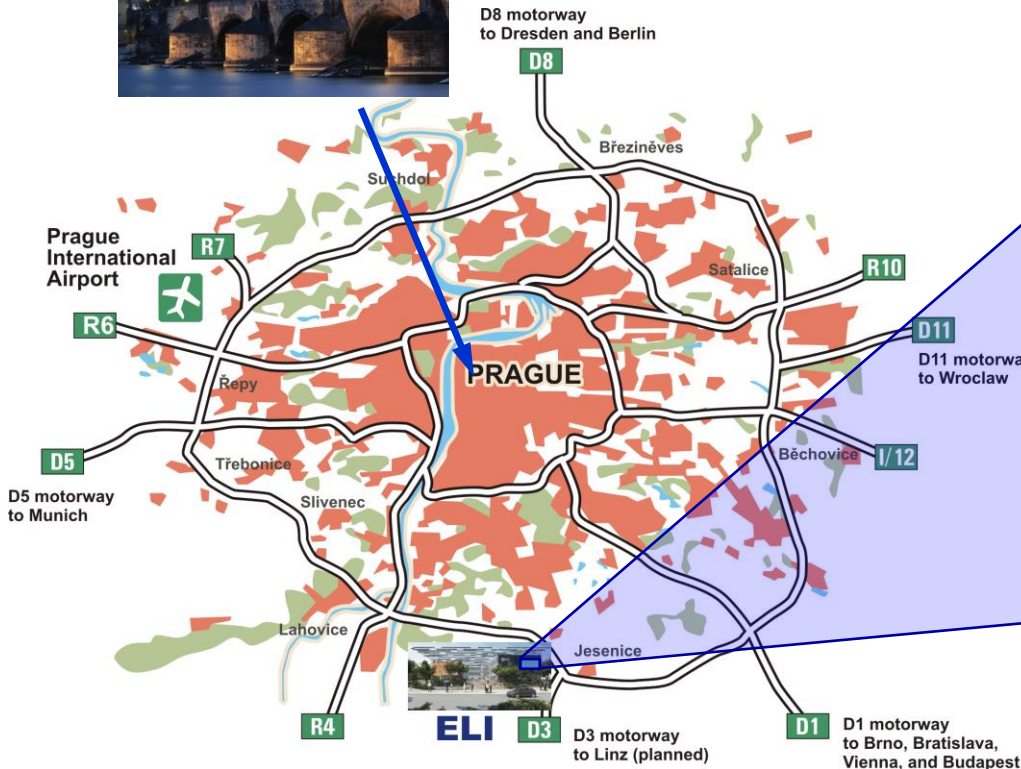
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## Outline

- ELI Beamlines  
short intro
- Facility
- Lasers
- Physical concepts of beamlines and their realization
- Experimental areas and stations
- Applications



- Proximity of international airport (15 min drive), enjoyable surroundings, behind the border of Prague (funding issues)
- Synergy with planned large biotechnology center BIOCEV (2 km distance)
- Direct connection to Prague outer ring and the European motorway network



# Facility aerial view



# Science Case at ELI-Beamlines

ELI-Beamlines bid: balance between fundamental science and applications

ELI-Beamlines will be international user facility, partnership experiments & projects over 100 researchers

## Research Program 1

Lasers generating rep-rate ultrashort pulses & multi-petawatt peak powers

## Research Program 2

X-ray sources driven by rep-rate ultrashort laser pulses, L1, 1 kHz and L3, 10 Hz lasers

## Research Program 3

Particle acceleration by lasers, stepwise going from 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz with L3

## Research Program 4

Applications in molecular, biomedical, and material sciences, strong cooperation BIOCEV

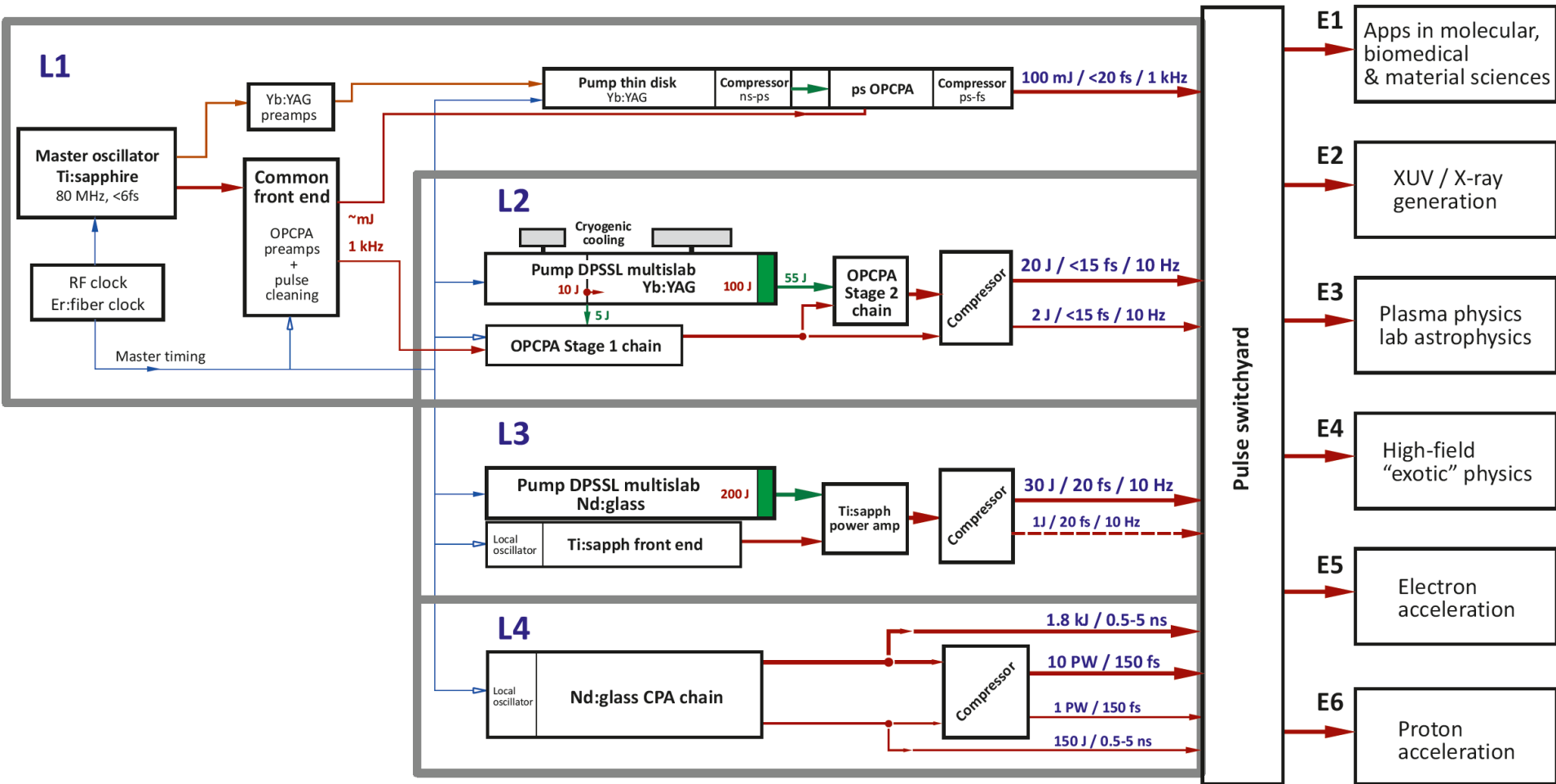
## Research Program 5

Laser plasma and high-energy-density physics, lab astrophysics, plasma optics for foc.

## Research Program 6

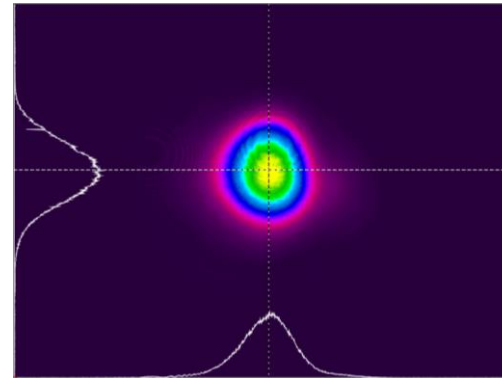
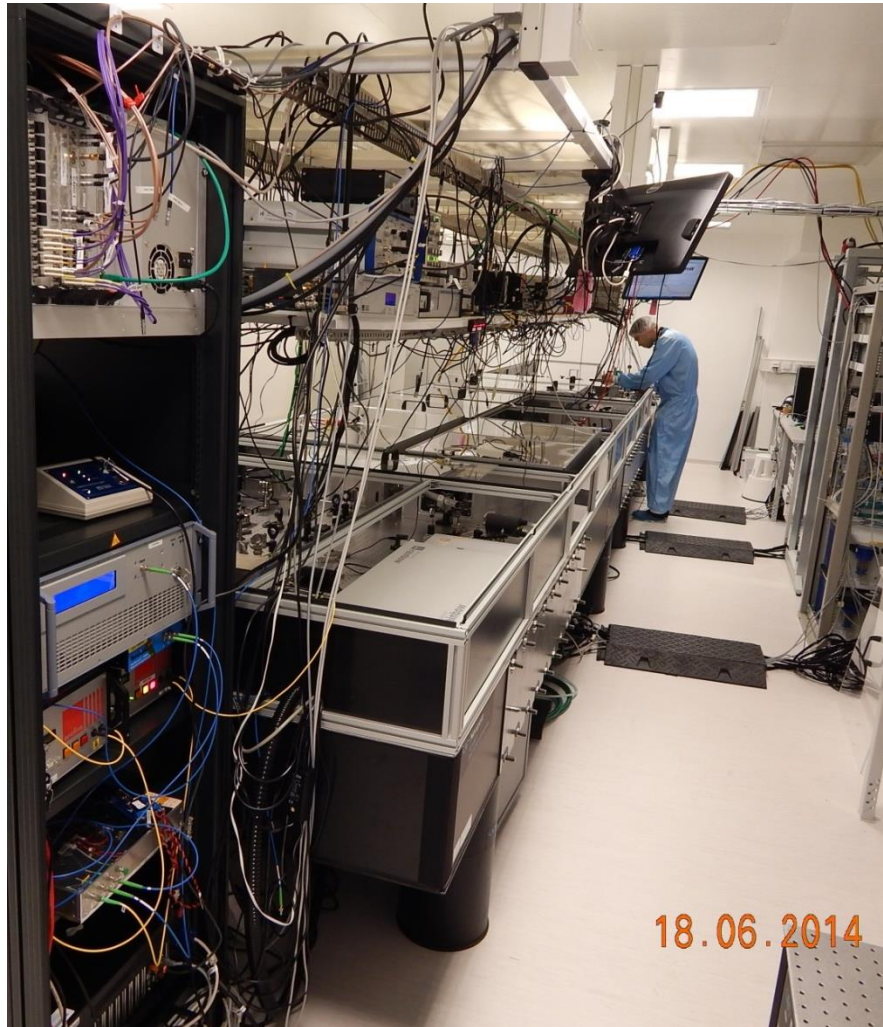
High-field physics and theory (steps to  $10^{23}\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ , radiation reaction plays role)

# ELI-Beamlines master scheme





# L1 development



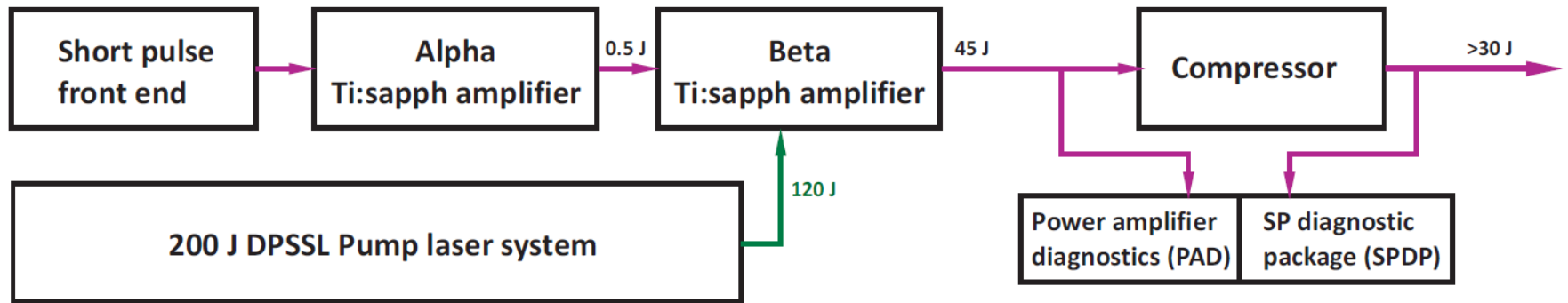
**OPACP 15mJ, 1 kHz  
demonstrated**

**Pulse compressed  
to 16.5 fs**

**Next year > 50 mJ,  
<20 fs**



# L3 schematics and performance



Parameter	Value
Peak power	$\geq 1 \text{PW}$
Repetition rate	10 Hz
Pulse energy after compression	$\geq 30 \text{ J}$
Pulse duration	$\leq 30 \text{ fs}$
Central wavelength	820 nm
Output pulse energy RMS stability	better than 0.6%
Temporal power contrast	$1:10^9$ initial, $1:10^{11}$ optimized
Electrical consumption	$< 150 \text{ kW}$



# L4

10 PW kJ CPA laser: mixed Nd:glass providing spectral bandwidth for direct pulse compression to  $\leq 150$  fs

Nanosecond pulses with programmable temporal shape for sophisticated laser-plasma experiments

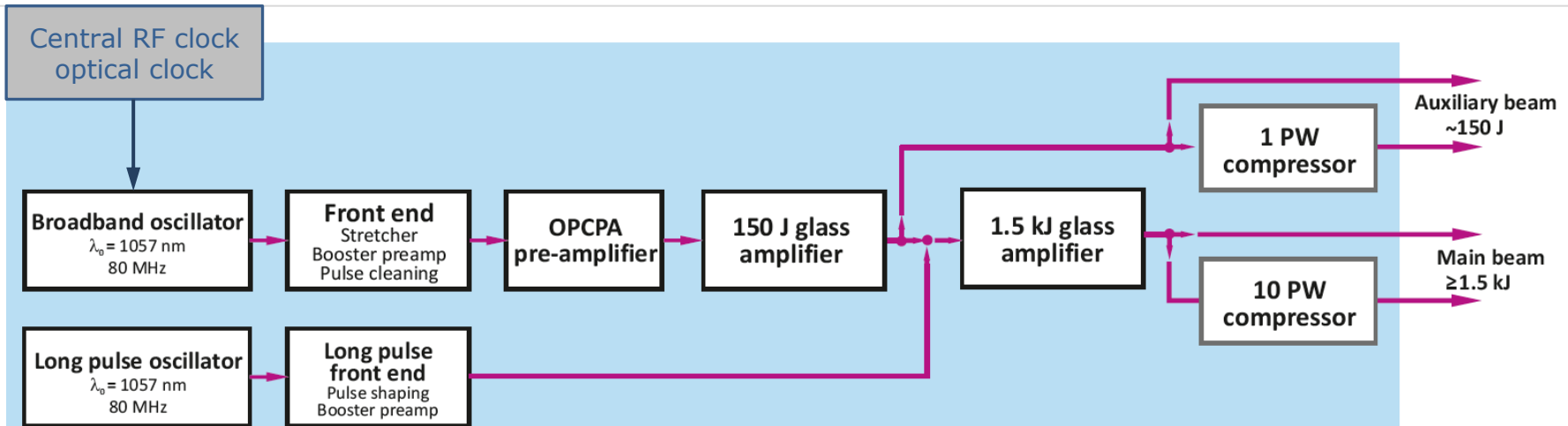
PW auxiliary beam for plasma probing

Possible future use as OPCPA driver for generation  $>10$  PW power

Supplier: NE-EKSPLA

ELI-Beamlines co-develops 10 PW compressor + diagnostics + timing system

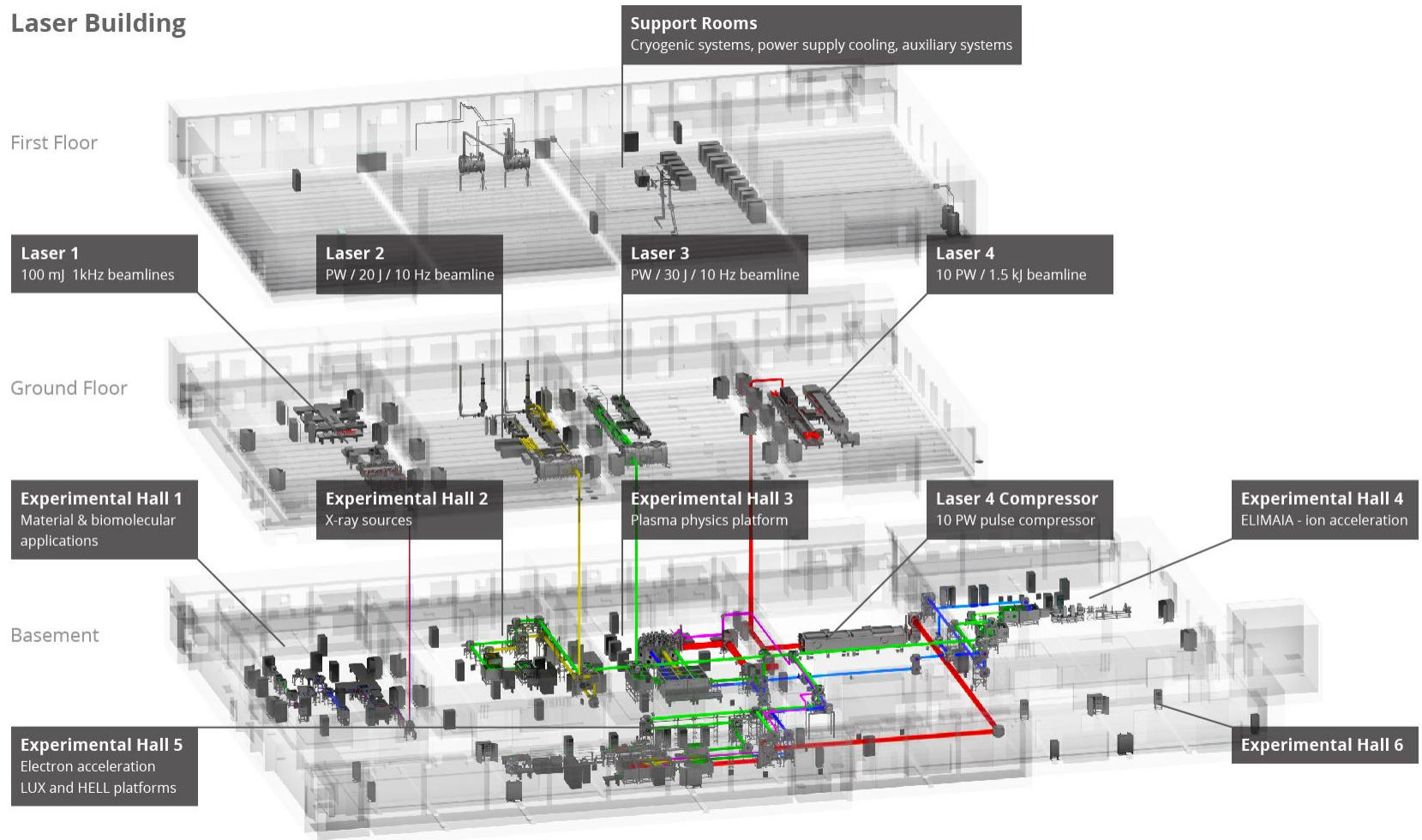
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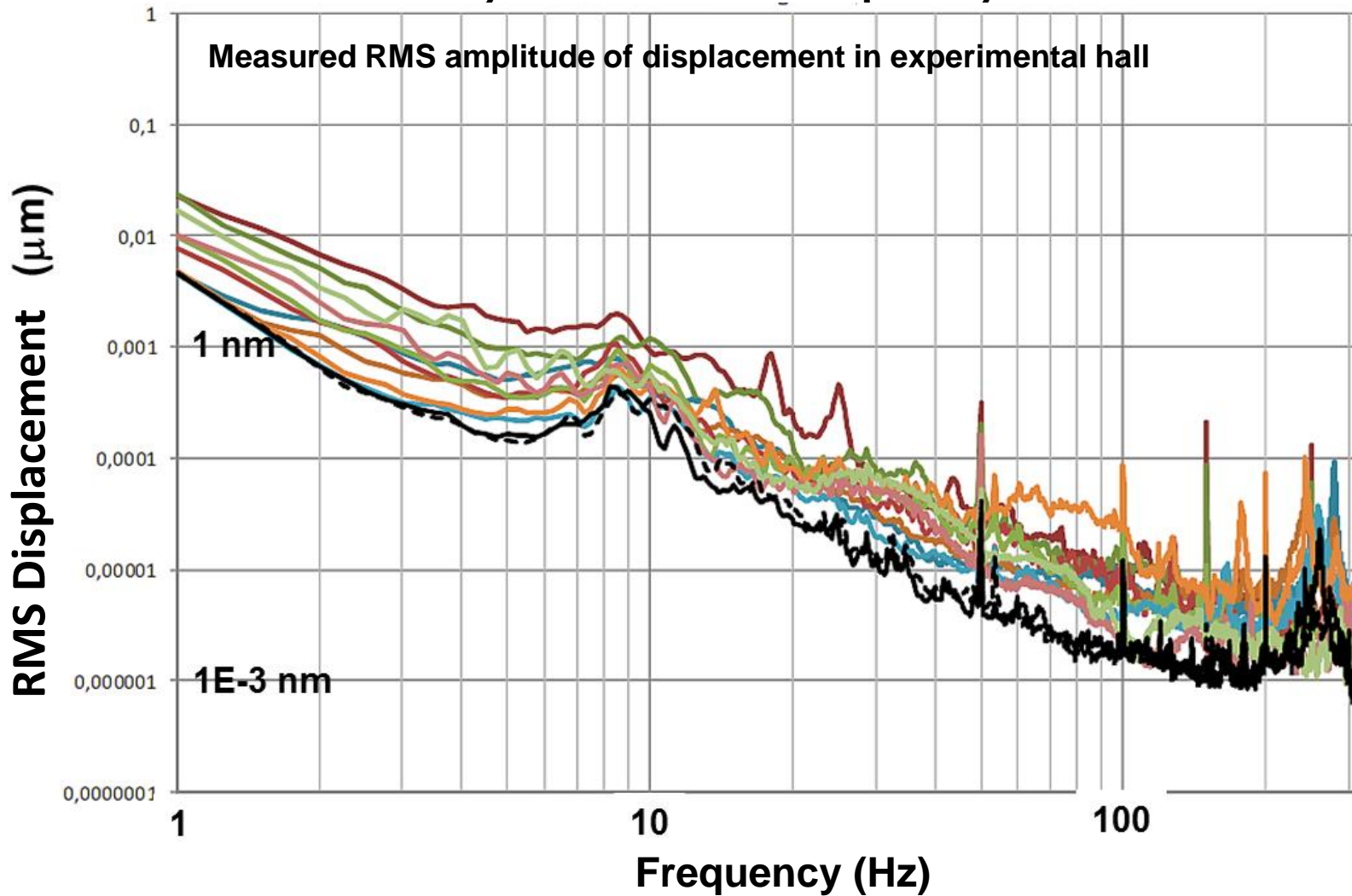
Parameter	Value
Main beam energy	1.5 kJ (compressed)
Main beam peak power	10 PW
Auxiliary beam energy	150 J (compressed)
Auxiliary beam peak power	1 PW
CPA pulse duration (FWHM)	$\leq 150$ fs
Long pulse duration	0.5 to 10 ns (adjustable in 100 ps steps)

# Facility, extremely stable monolithic structure of building

## Laser Building



We have measured an outstanding ambient vibration level in our laser and experimental halls, this enables us to build an extremely stable beam transport system

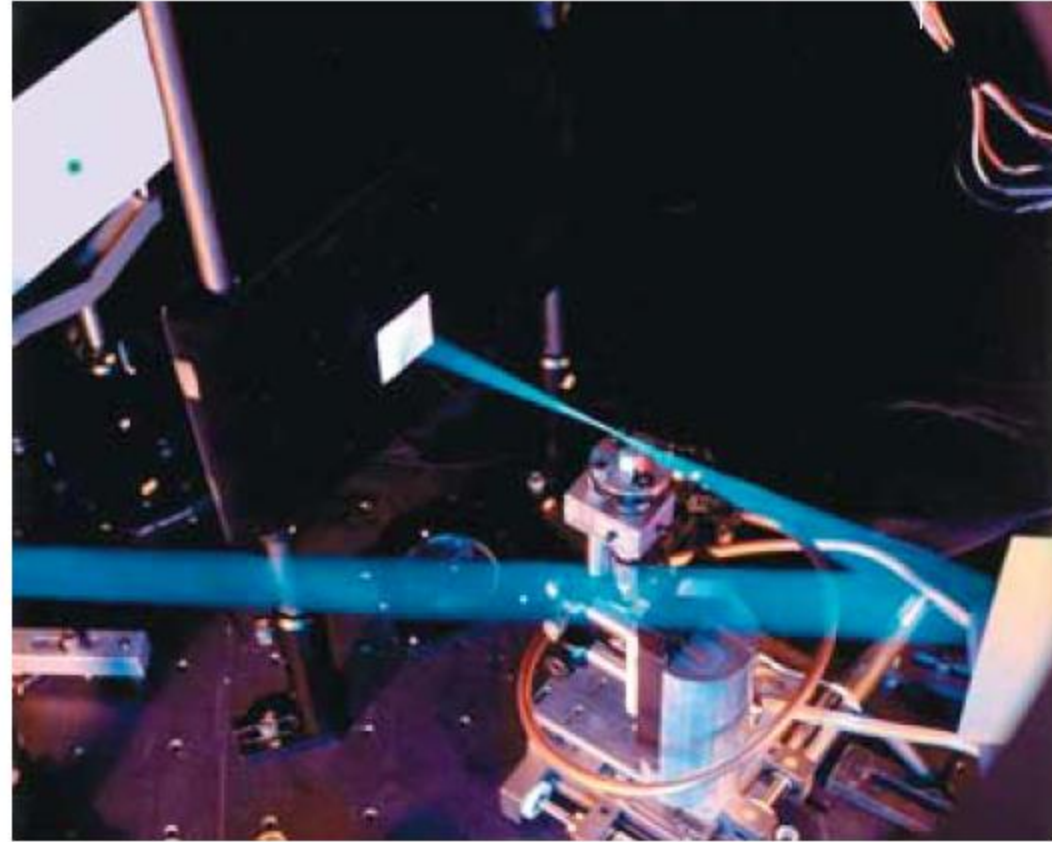
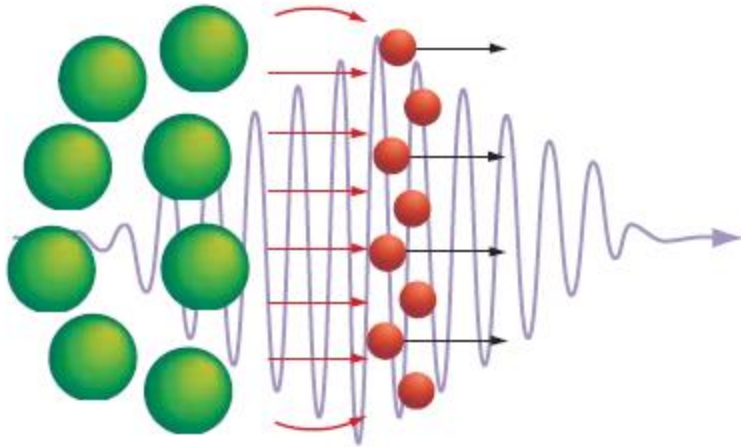




# electron acceleration, very compact few cm long Interaction with gas, 4.2 GeV in 9cm, Wim L. , talk

## WAKE-FIELD ACCELERATION

HIGH-INTENSITY LIGHT striking a plasma (*below*) pushes the electrons to very high speeds, leaving the heavier positive ions (*green*) behind and producing a powerful electric field (*red lines*) between these separated charges. This separation of charges and the associated electric field trails along in the wake of the light and can accelerate other charged particles to very high energy.

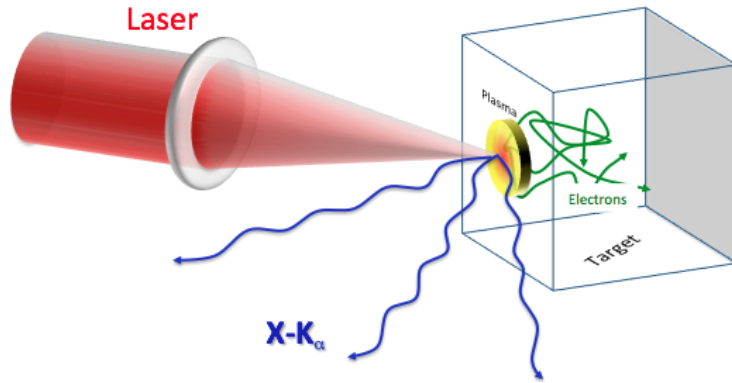


ULTRAHIGH-INTENSITY LASER PULSE (*added in blue*) focused on a jet of helium gas by a parabolic mirror accelerates electrons from the gas to 60 MeV in one millimeter. A fluorescent screen (*upper left*) detects the high-energy electron beam.

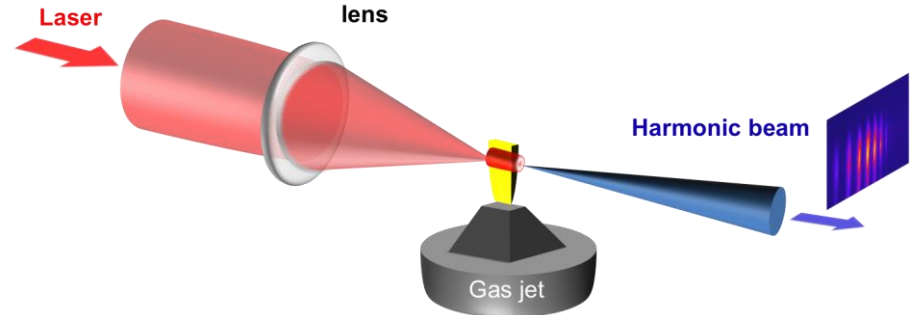
# RP2: Laser-driven X-ray sources

talk N. Nejdli about details

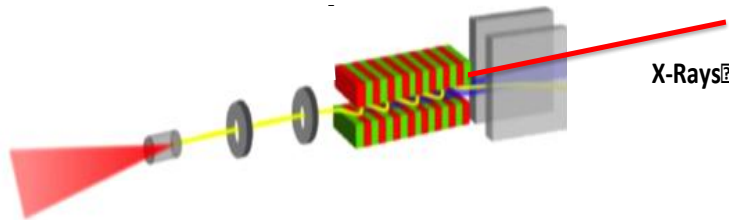
## Plasma sources



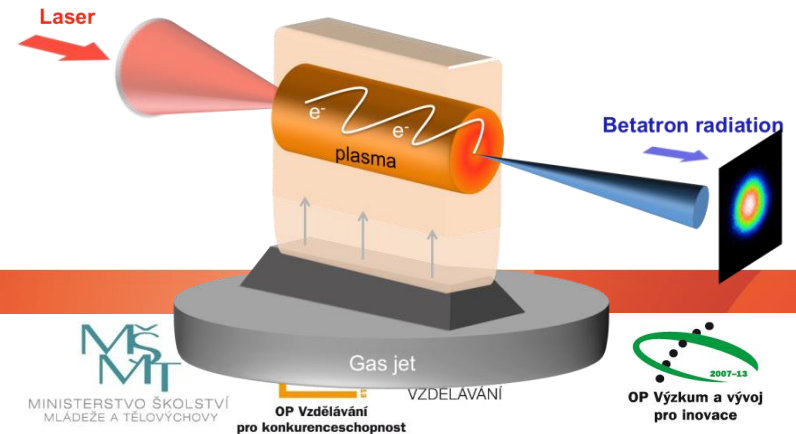
## Harmonics (gas), or solids



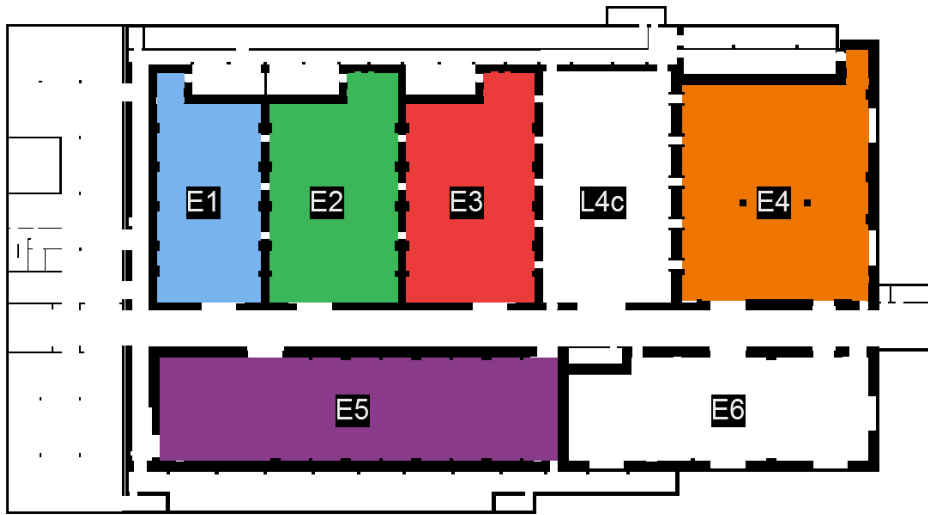
## LUX/XFEL



## X-rays from relativistic e-beams, Betatron and Compton



## What users get

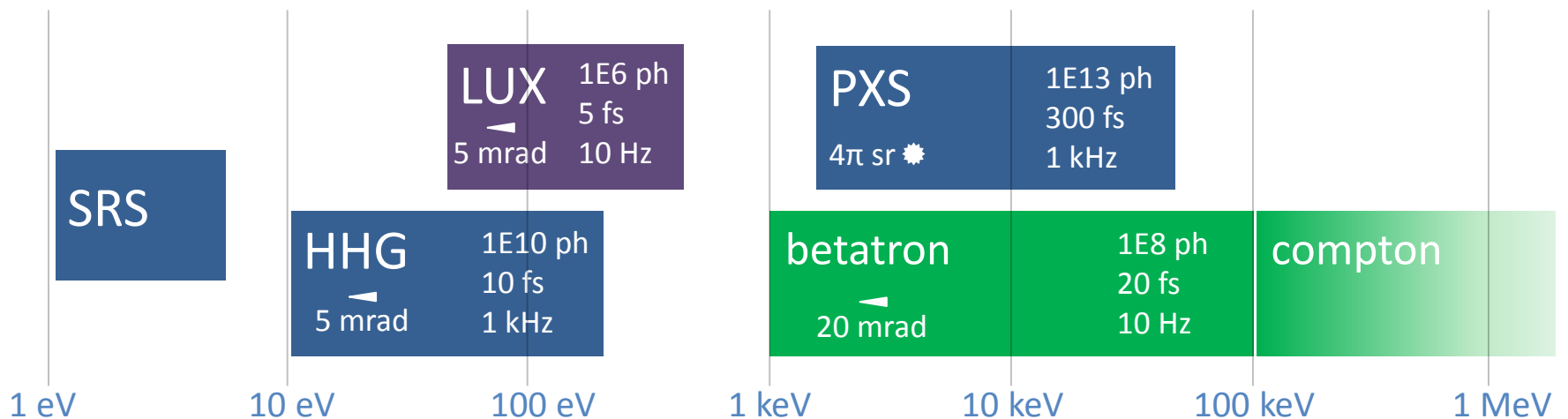


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 Atomic, Molecular and Optical Science  
 Soft X-ray Materials Science  
 X-ray phase contrast imaging  
 X-ray Diffraction and spectroscopy  
 Optical Spectroscopy and Molecular Dynamics

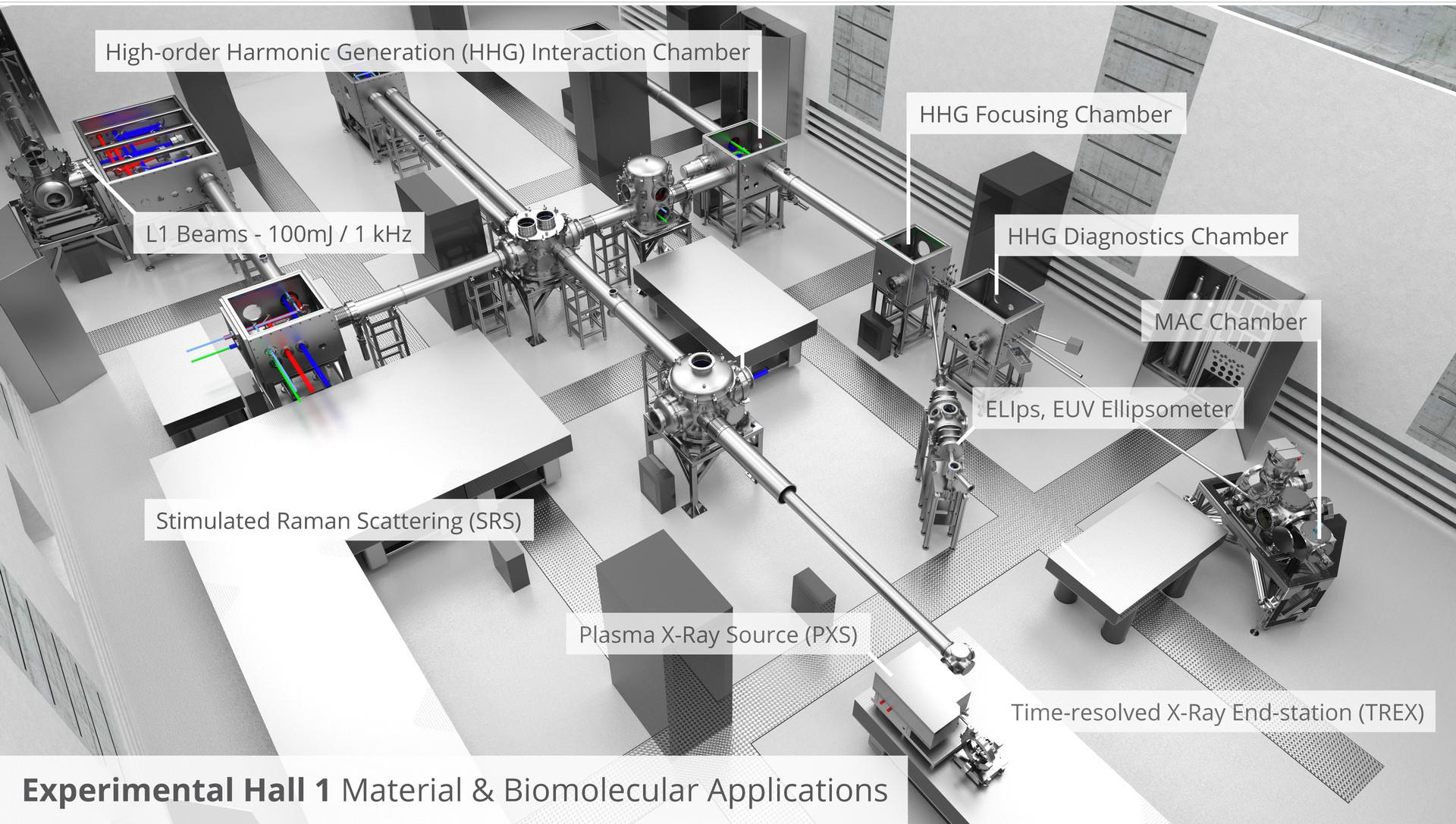
X-ray Phase contrast imaging  
 X-ray fluorescence/absorption spectroscopy

Coherent Diffractive Imaging (concept)

## Secondary photon sources for users , short pulse

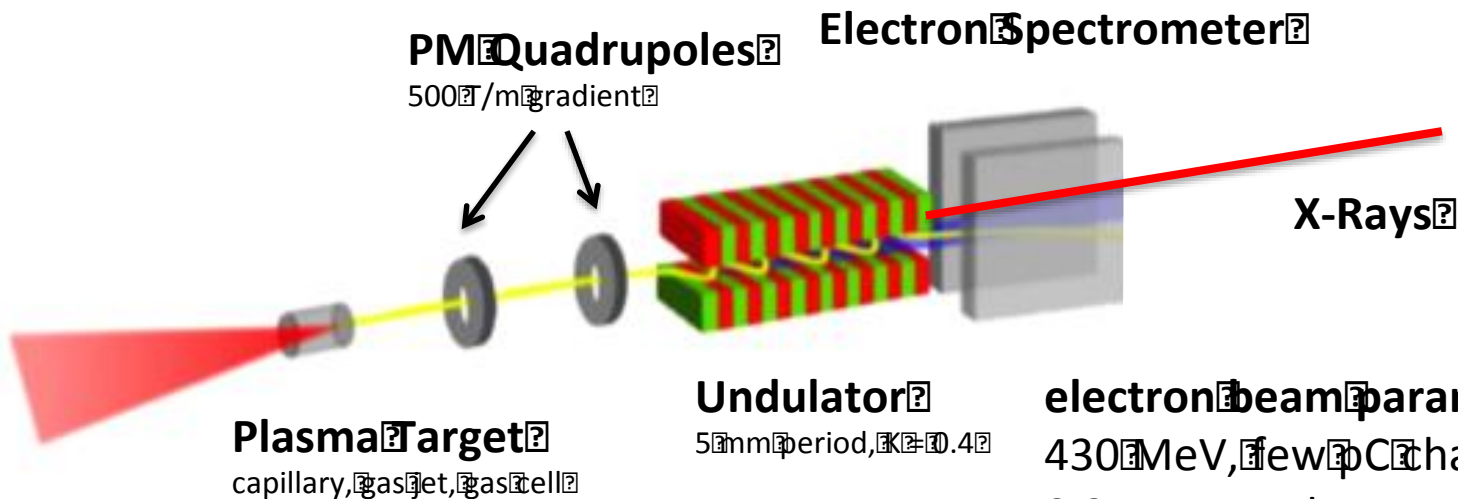






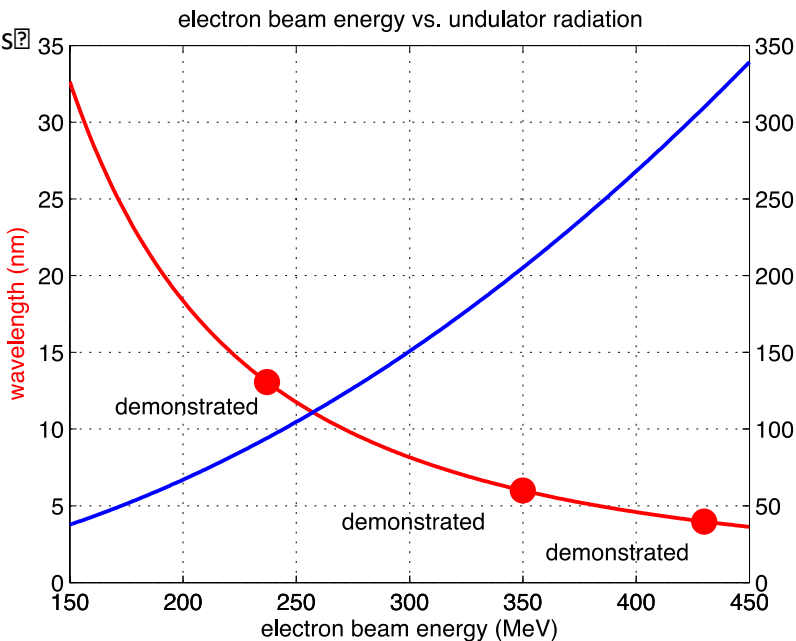


# LUX beamline, UH, DESY



**Laser**

~100 W class



**electron beam parameters:**

430 MeV, few pC charge

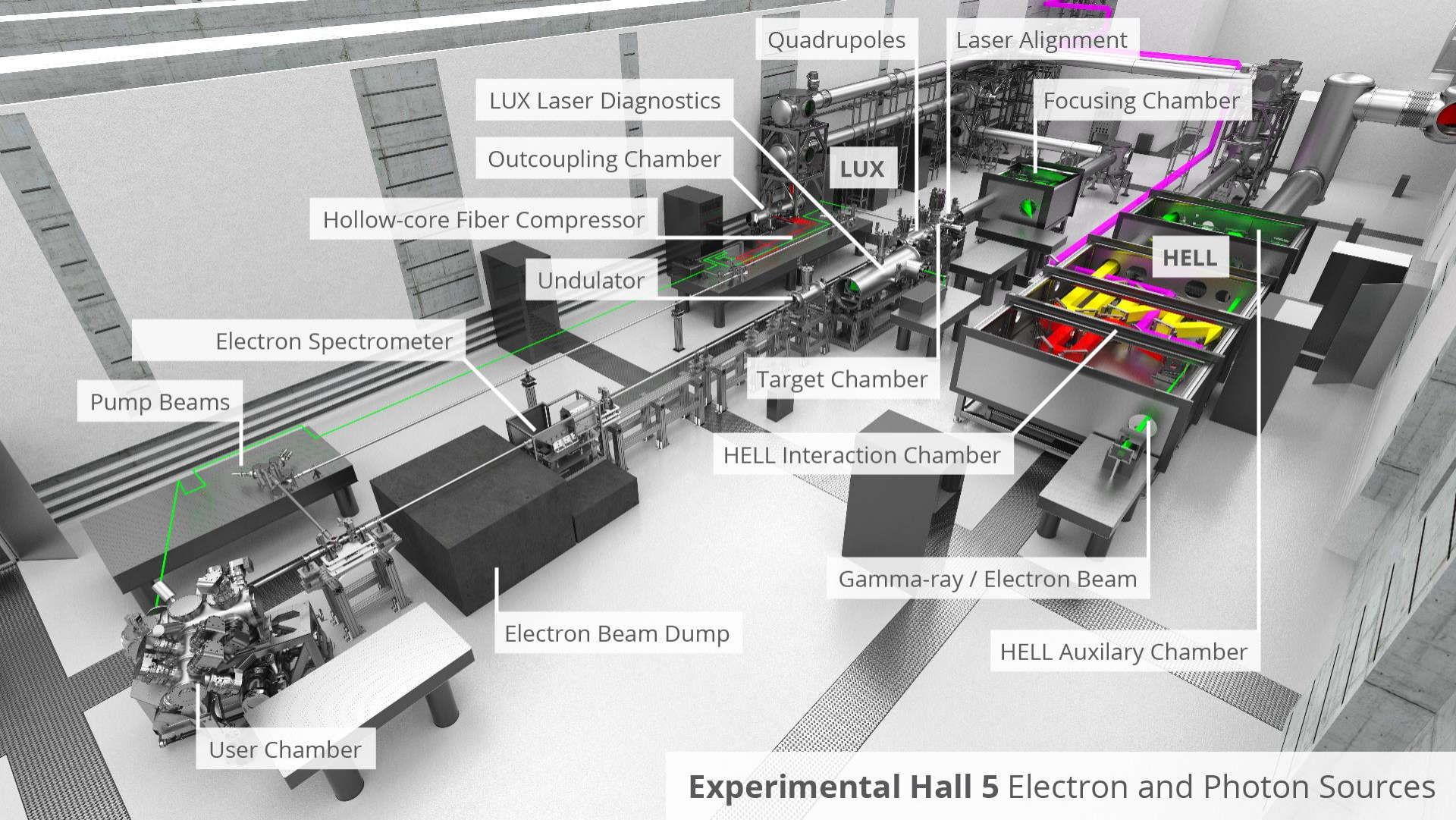
0.2 mm.mrad norm. emittance

**photons (2016)**

- bandwidth stabilized to 2%
- pointing stabilized
- $10^{5...6}$  photons per pulse
- down to 3 nm
- pump-probe experiments

M. Fuchs et al., *Nature Physics* **5**, 826 (2009)

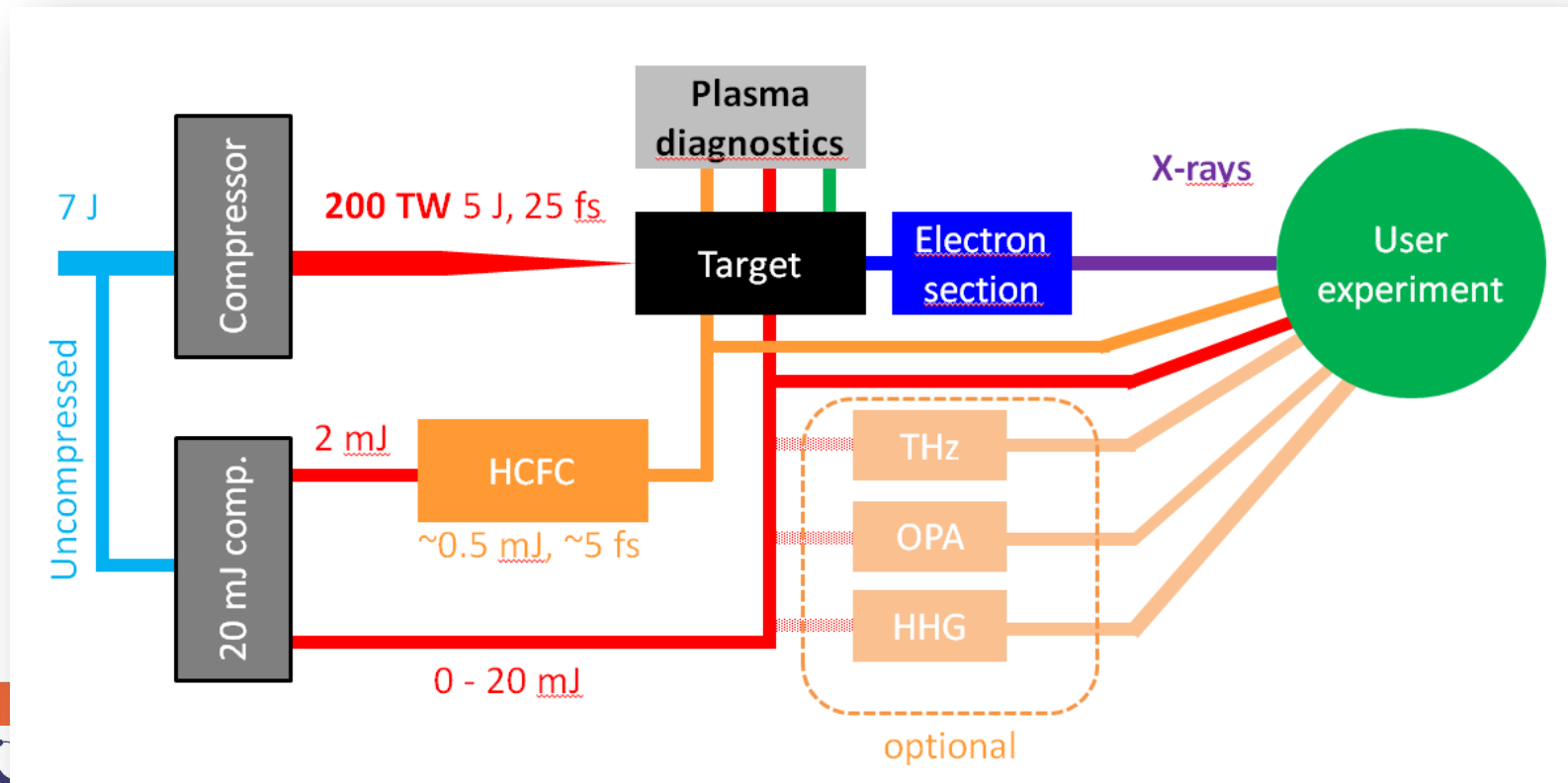
# LUX Beamline and HELL



Experimental Hall 5 Electron and Photon Sources

# Energy range and auxiliary beams

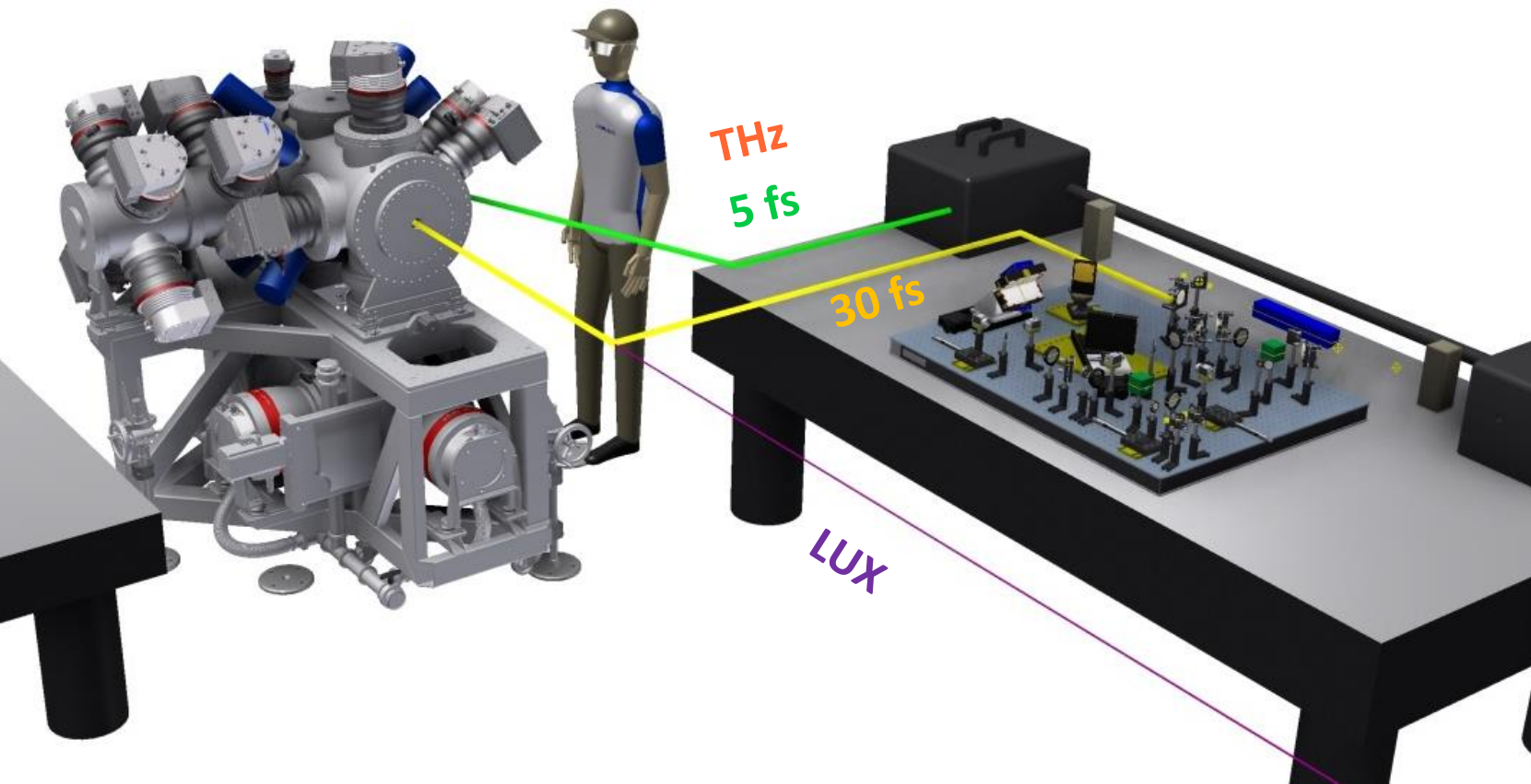
- The main beam photon energy will be **tunable** in two ranges:
  - Water window** (290 – 700 eV)
  - K edges** (700 – 2500 eV) – Na, Si, P and S





# User experiments

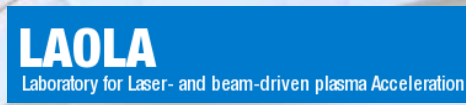
- At ELI Beamlines users may use either the MAC chamber (**M**ulti purpose chamber for **A**tomic Molecular and Optical sciences and **C**oherent Diffractive Imaging, see below) or install their own.
- Auxiliary beams may be adjusted according to the experiment needs.
- Biological and chemical laboratories will be available in ELI





# LUX Collaboration

## Review Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Hamburg

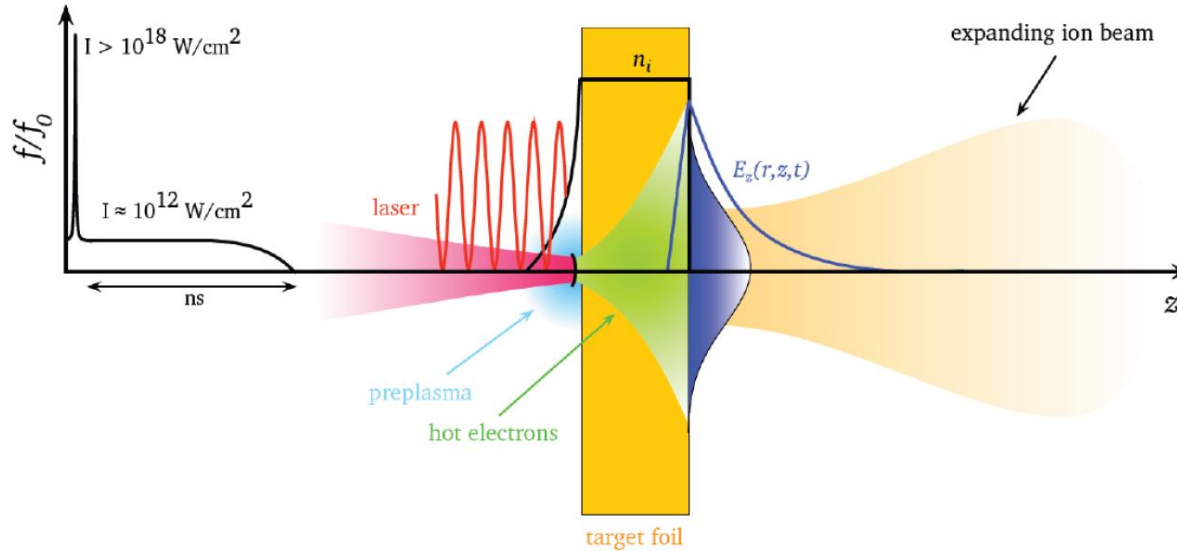


Group F. Gruener, A. Maier (Hamburg)  
Group G. Korn, L. Pribyl (ELI Beamlines)

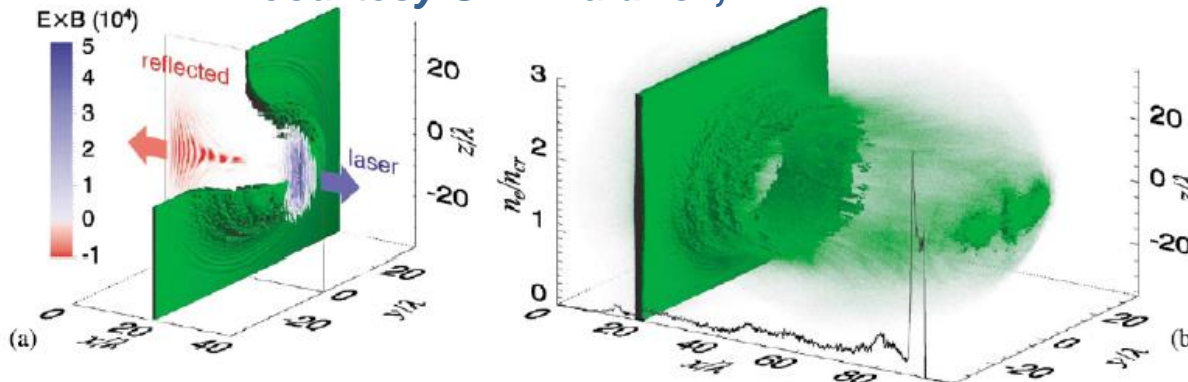
Majority of design (and parts production) efforts done.  
Experimental phase with laser started.

# Ion Acceleration:

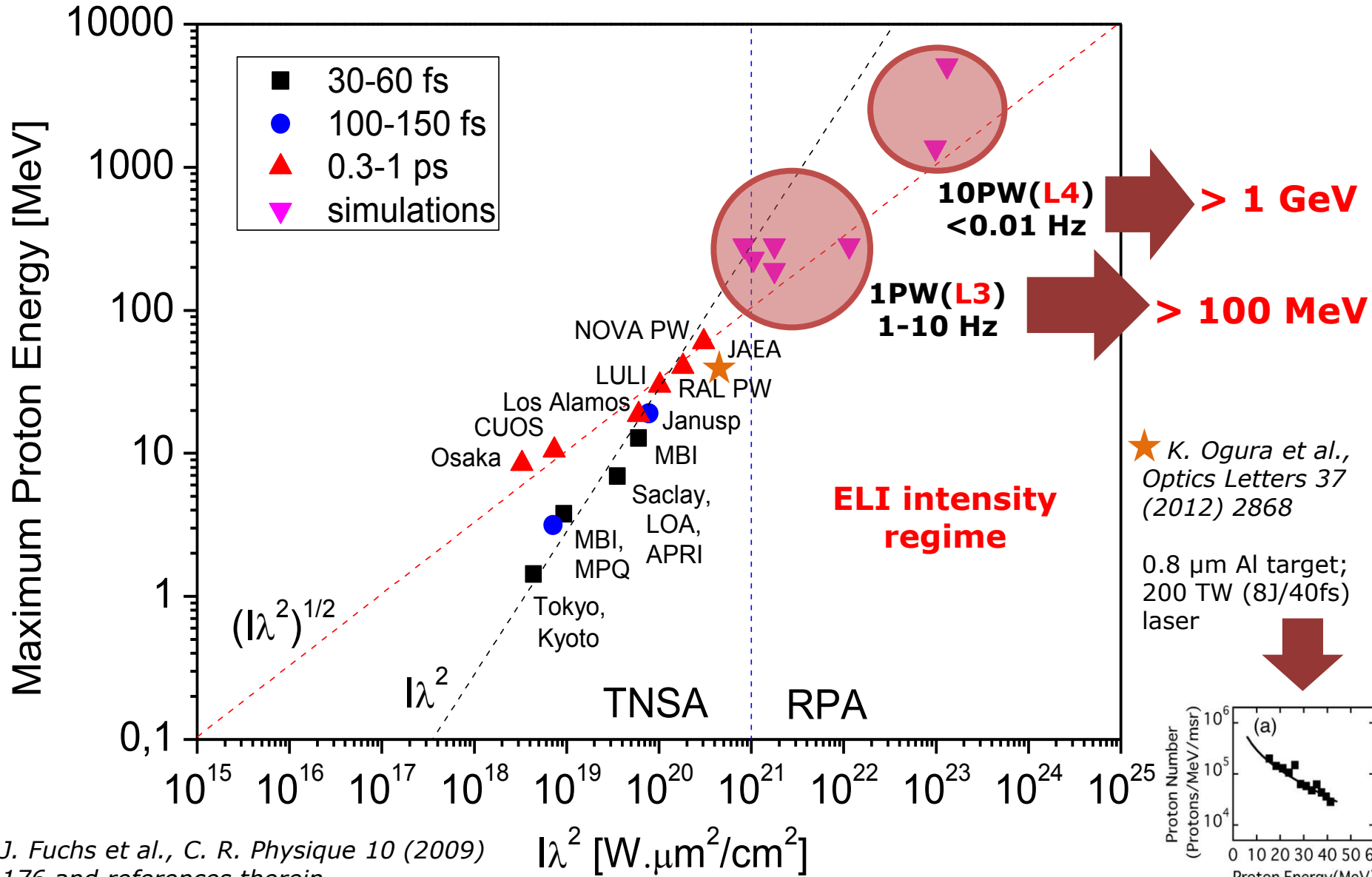
## Target Normal Sheath Acceleration



## Radiation Pressure Acceleration, High intensity required courtesy S. V. Bulanov,



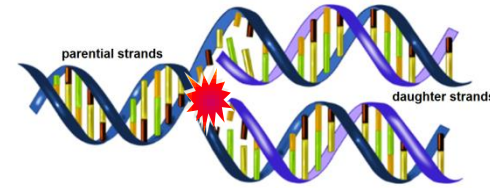
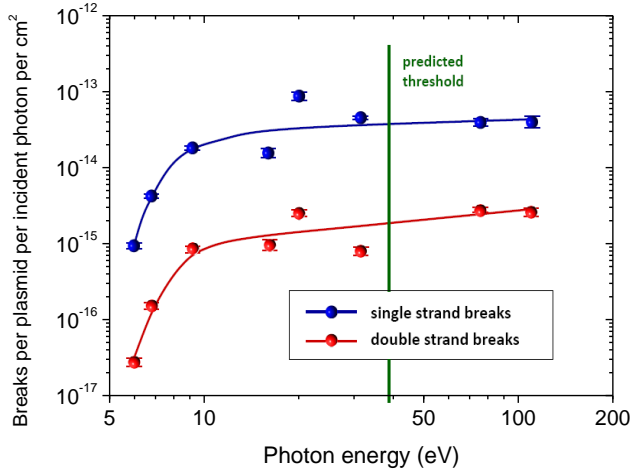
# Proton Acceleration: Scaling Laws



Application field	Energy range	Bibliography
Time-resolved <u>Proton Radiography</u> of dense materials	>3 MeV	<i>Borghesi et al., PPCF (2001)</i>
Pump-probe investigations ( <u>WDM</u> ,...)	>1 MeV	<i>Patel et al., PRL (2003)</i>
ICF <u>fast ignition</u> with proton beam	10-30 MeV	<i>Roth et al., PRL (2001)</i>
Pitcher-catcher nuclear reactions ( <u>neutrons</u> , alphas,...)	≥1 MeV	<i>McKenna PRL (2005)</i>
Innovative approaches to <u>hadrontherapy</u>	60-300 MeV	<i>Bulanov, Khoroshkov, PPR (2002); Bulanov et al, UFN (2014)</i>
<u>Radiobiology</u> with short ion bunches (0.1-10 ns)	3-300 MeV	<i>Yogo et al, APL (2009) Kraft, et al. NJP (2010)</i>
Radiation chemistry – <u>pulsed radiolysis</u> of water (radiobiology, nuclear power plant industry)	10-20 MeV	<i>Baldacchino, RPC (2008)</i>
Radio-isotopes for positron emission tomography ( <u>PET</u> )	~30 MeV	<i>Spencer et al., NIMB (2001)</i>
Space Radiation for testing <u>space-grade electronics</u> (protons, electrons, X-rays)	>1 MeV	<i>Hidding et al., NIMA (2011)</i>
<u>PIXE</u> analysis for cultural heritage	>3 MeV	<i>Pappalardo et al., NIMB (2008)</i>
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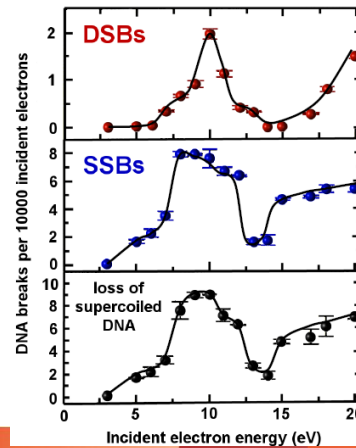
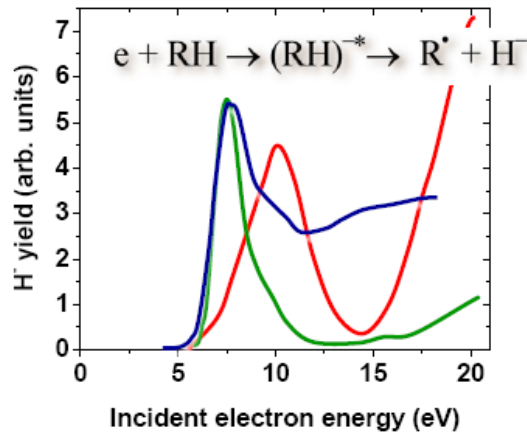
**Radiotherapy:** The goal is to hit to nucleus.



Double-strand-cut due to chemical, resonant, ionization and direct impacts.

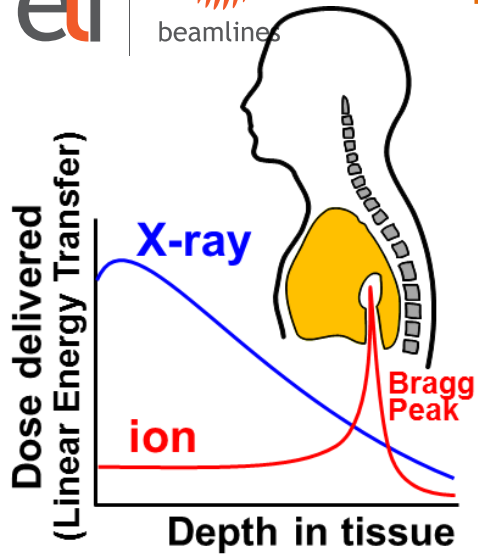
Most of the energy deposited in cells by ionizing radiation is channeled into the production of abundant free secondary electrons with ballistic energies 1~20 eV.

M. Folkard, et al., *J. Phys. B* 32, 2753 (1999)



Even electrons with energies well below ionization thresholds induce substantial yields of single- and double-strand breaks in DNA

# Laser-based hadrontherapy???

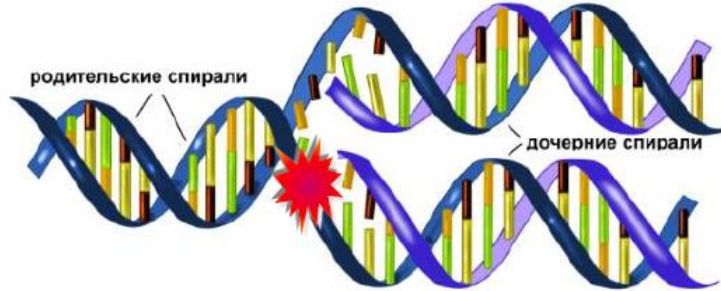


## Conventional hadrontherapy

- High complexity of beam transport & delivery
- High cost



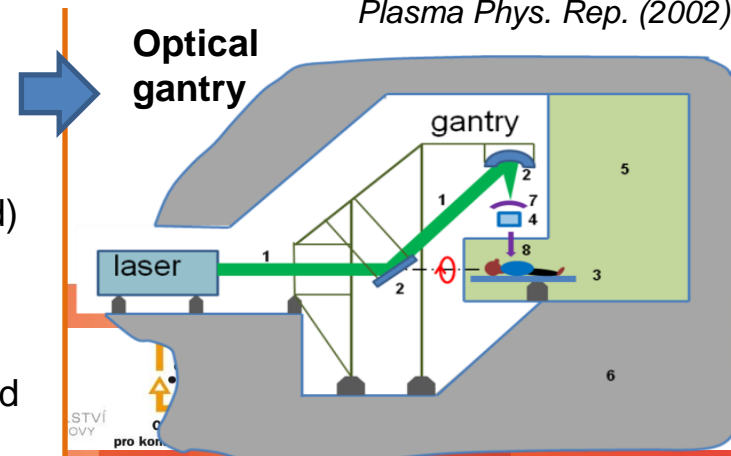
DNA double-strand-break (hadrons)



## Laser-based hadrontherapy

- **Compactness** (hospital-room size)
- **Cost-reduction** (optical gantry)
- **Advantages:**
  - ◆ Variable energies in the accelerator (no degraders needed)
  - ◆ Hybrid treatment (p, ions, e<sup>-</sup>, γ, n)
  - ◆ In-situ diagnostics (PET, X-rays)
  - ◆ Low emittance: normal-tissue sparing
  - ◆ High fluence rate (ultrashort pulses): higher LET, enhanced Bragg peak, higher RBE???

Bulanov & Khoroshkov, Plasma Phys. Rep. (2002)



**ELIMAIA Goal:** use laser-driven ion beams for user applications

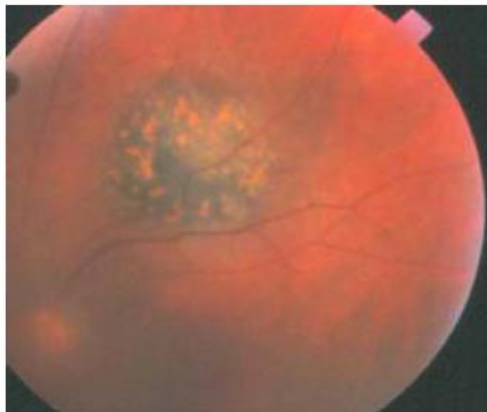


Good candidate as **demonstration-case** since medical applications are the most demanding in terms of:

- beam delivery system
- absolute and relative dosimetry

*Courtesy of P. Cirrone*

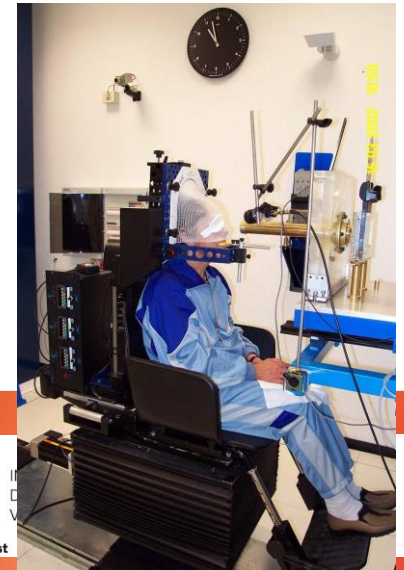
**Eye tumor treatment (62 MeV protons @ CATANA)**



*Melanoma (90%)*



*Hemangioma (10%)*



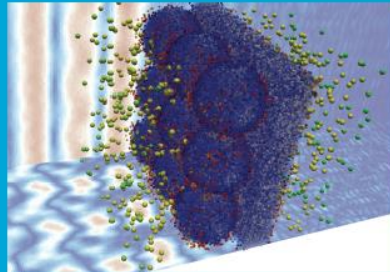
# ELIMED idea and network...



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## 2nd ELIMED Workshop and Panel



Catania, Italy  
18-19 October 2012

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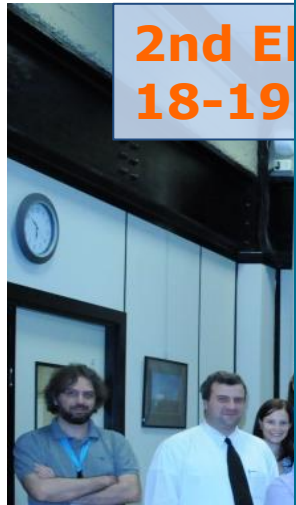
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**ELIMED** aims at building an international network with a **long-term goal**: demonstrate future applicability (proof-of-principle) of laser accelerated ion beams in **hadrontherapy**



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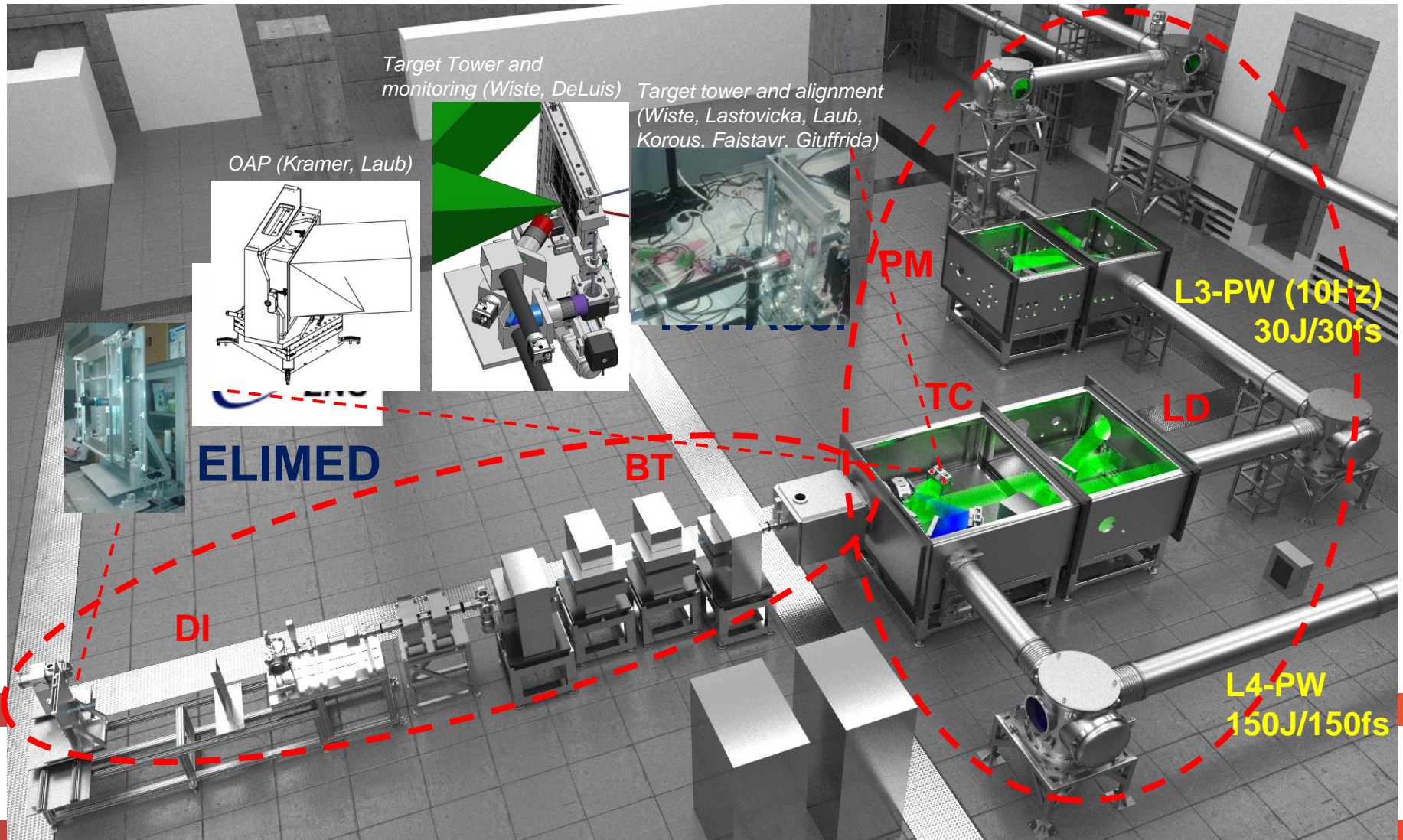


## Typical user requirements

- Wide **energy** and **fluence** range
- Small energy spread (**quasi-monoenergetic** beams)
- **Homogeneous** transverse beam distribution
- Shot-to-shot **stability** (energy and fluence)
- Variable beam spot size
- Full beam **control** (fluence and dose) with < 5% error
- Possibility of **in-air irradiation** (e.g. bio-samples)
- Use of **different ion species** (H, He, Li, C)

Ion Beam Features (PW)	Enabling Experiments	Flagship Experiments
Energy range	3-60 MeV/u	3-300 MeV/u
Ion No./laser shot	$>10^9$ (0.1 nC) in 10% BW	$>10^{10}$ (1 nC) in 10% BW
Bunch duration	1-10 ns	0.1-10 ns
Energy spread	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 2.5\%$
Divergence	$\pm 0.5^\circ$	$\pm 0.2^\circ$
Ion Spot Size	0.1-10 mm	0.1-10 mm
Repetition rate	0.01-1 Hz	0.01-10 Hz

## ELI Multidisciplinary Applications of laser-Ion Acceleration



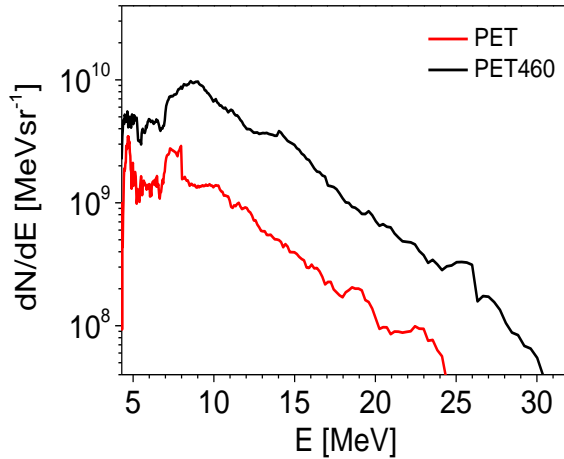
# What the users get

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Energy spread	±5%	±2.5%
Collimation Degree	±0.5°	± 0.2°
Ion Spot Size	0.1-10 mm	0.1-10 mm
Repetition rate	0.01-1 Hz	0.01-10 Hz
User Applications	Radiobiology, Neutron/Alpha source, PET, space-radiation, <u>radiation chemistry</u> , cultural heritage	<u>Hadrontherapy</u>

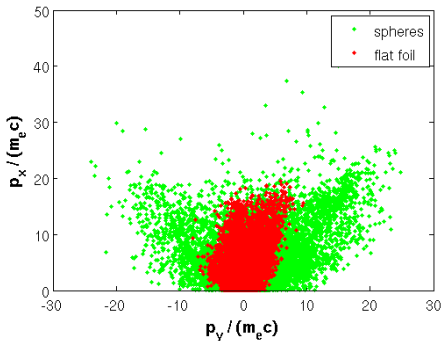
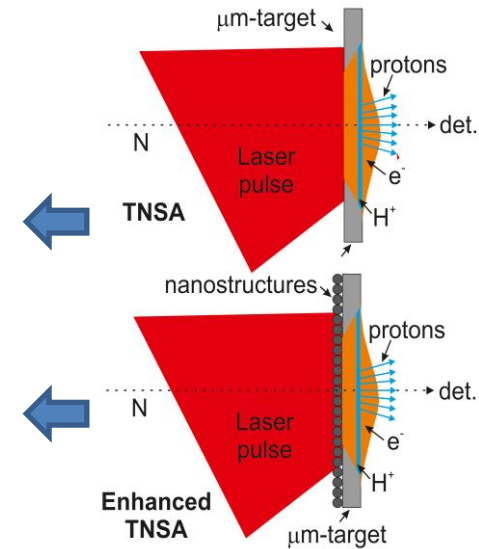
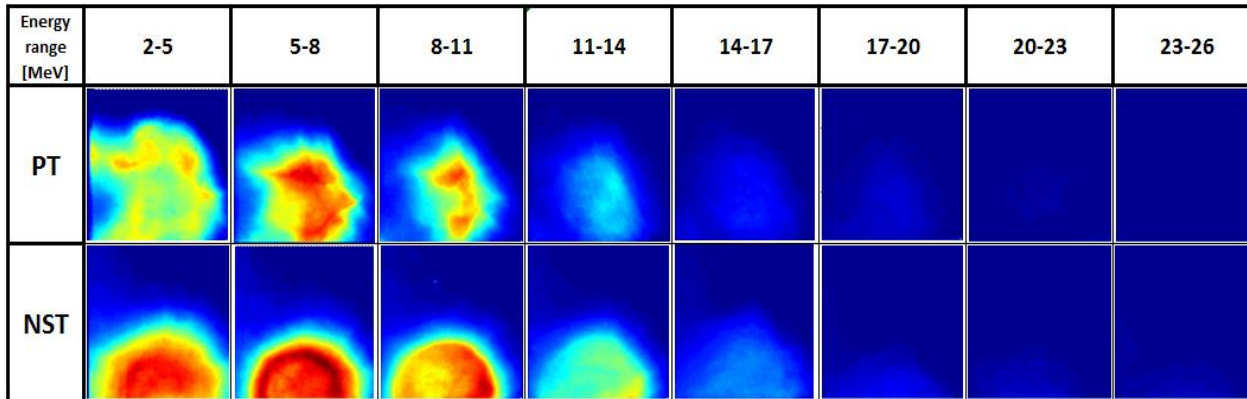




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## Laser-driven high-energy proton beam with homogeneous spatial profile from a nanosphere target

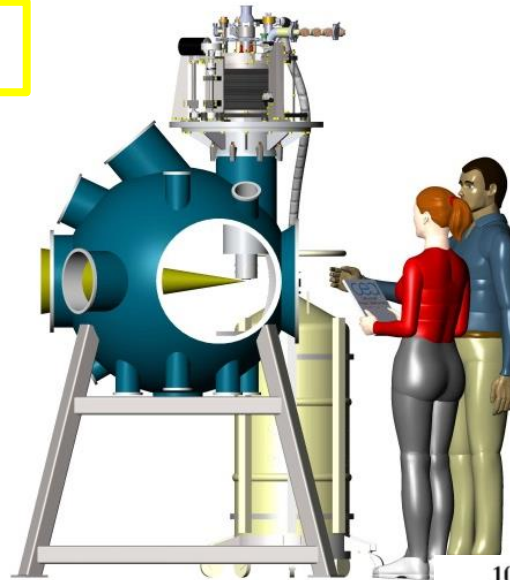
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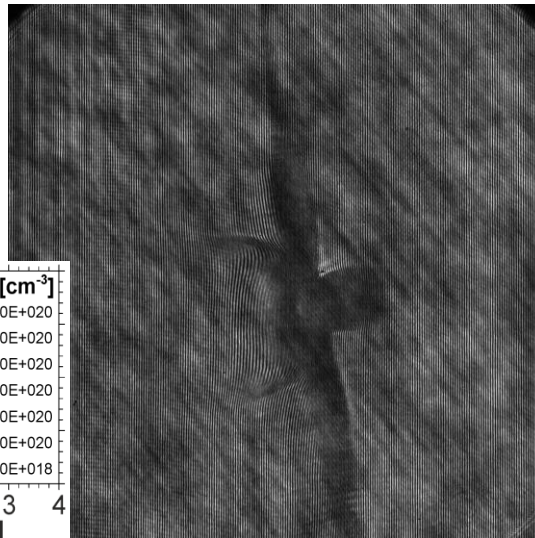


# ELISE: p acc. from solid H ribbon

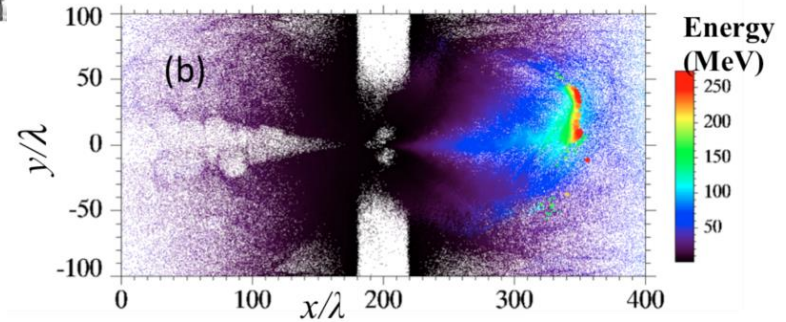
**ELISE test-3 @ PALS (August 2015)**  
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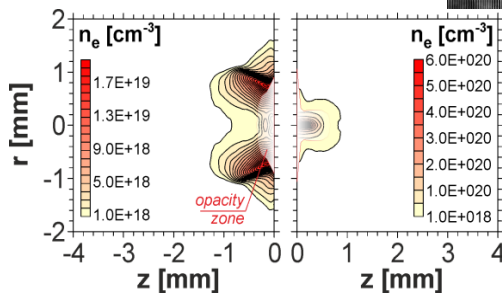
Interferogram taken 3ns after the main pulse peak



VULCAN: PW (600 fs), solid-H target (20 μm)



Courtesy of T. Esirkepov



**ELISE exp.-4 @ PALS (Dec. 2015)**

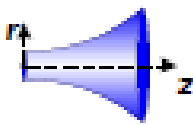
**ELISE exp.-5 @ LFEX/RAL (2016)**  
 Margarone, Borghesi, Esirkepov et al.  
 (proposal for VULCAN)

# Subexawatt few-cycle lightwave generation via multipetawatt pulse compression

## Numerical model

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} A = \frac{i}{2k(\omega)} \Delta_{\perp} A + i \left[ k(\omega) - k(\omega_0) - \frac{\partial k}{\partial \omega} \Big|_{\omega=\omega_0} (\omega - \omega_0) \right] A + \frac{i\omega^2 n_0 n_2}{c^2 k(\omega)} \hat{F}^{-1} \left[ (1 - f_R) I + f_R \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R(t-t') I(z, r, t') dt' \right]$$

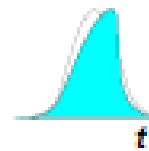
Diffraction



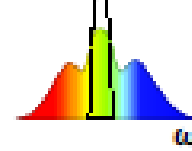
Dispersion and linear loss



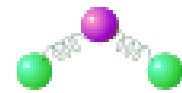
Self-steepening



Self-phase modulation



Raman scattering

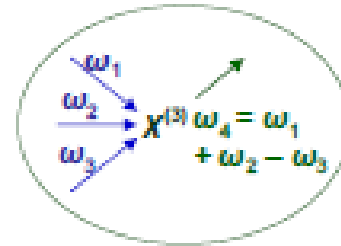


$$\frac{\mu_0 \omega J(z, r, \omega)}{2k(\omega)} - \hat{F}^{-1} \left[ \frac{(U_i + U_{pond}) W(I)}{2I} A \right]$$

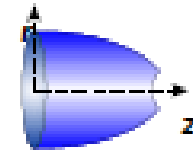
Plasma-current modulation

Photoionization loss

Four wave mixing



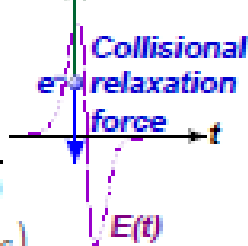
Self-focusing



$$\frac{\partial J(z, r, t)}{\partial t} + v_e J(z, r, t) = \frac{e^2}{m_e} \rho(z, r, t) E(z, r, t)$$

Equation of motion for an electron

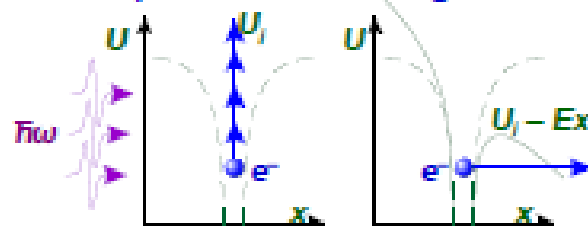
Lorentz force



$$E(z, r, t) = \sqrt{\mu_0 c / (2n_0)} \times (A(z, r, t) e^{i(\omega t - k z)} + c.c.)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho(z, r, t)}{\partial t} = W(I) + \frac{\sigma(\omega_0)}{(U_i + U_{pond})} \rho(z, r, t) I(z, r, t)$$

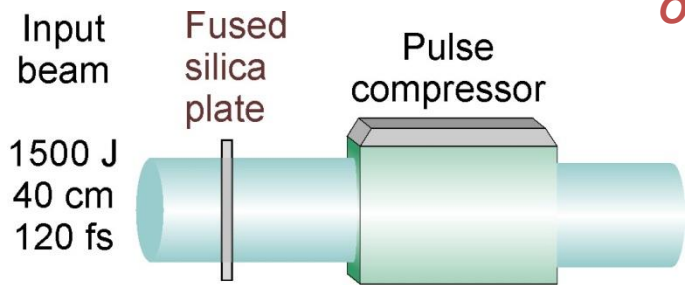
Multiphoton and tunneling ionization



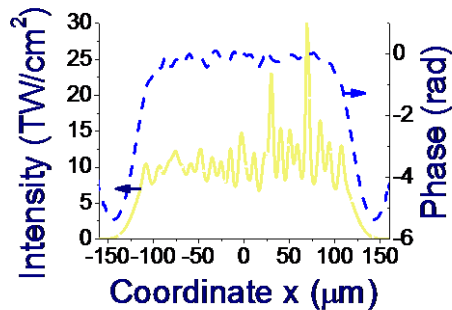
avalanche ionization



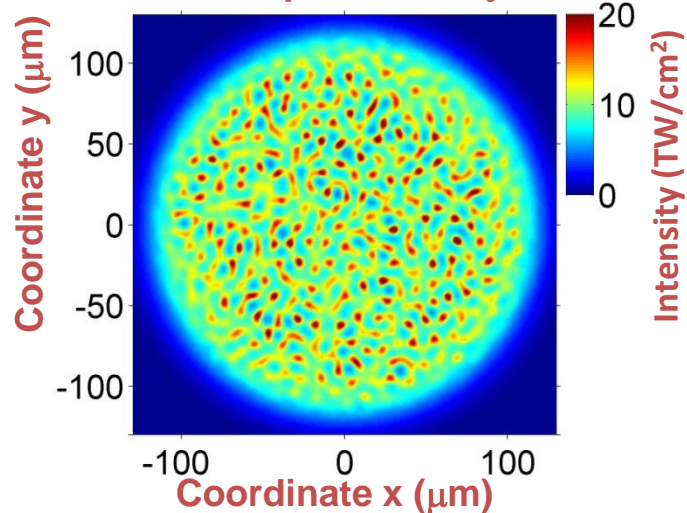
$$I(z, r, t) = |A(z, r, t)|^2$$



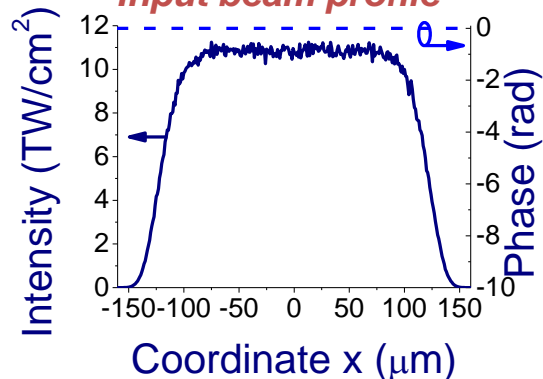
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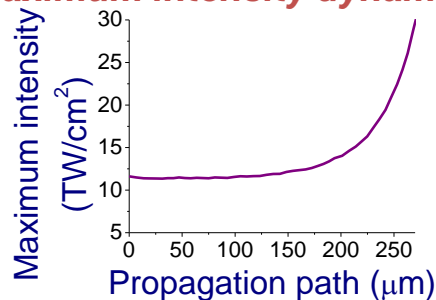
**Output intensity**



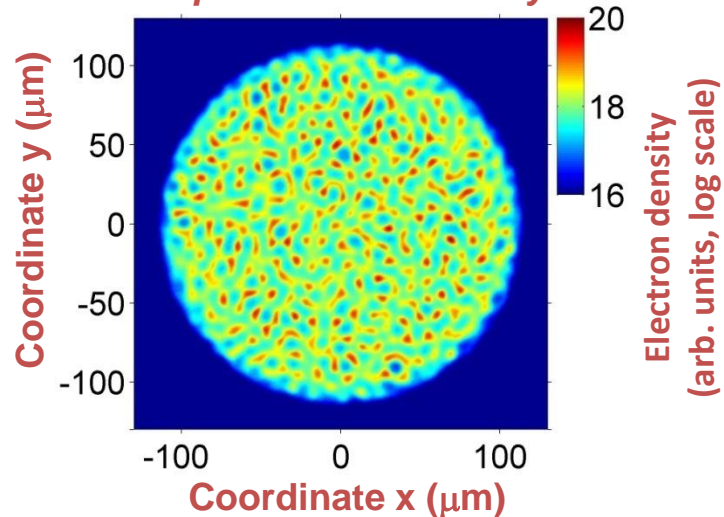
**Input beam profile**



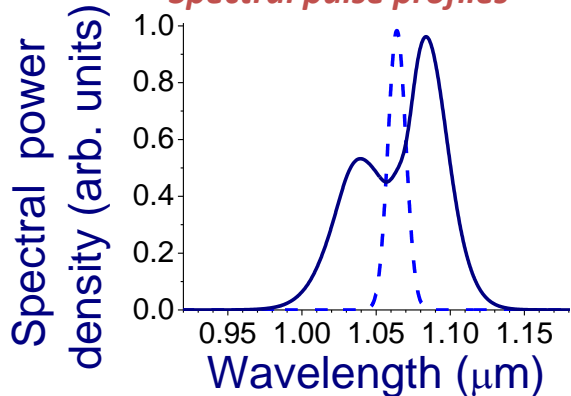
**Maximum intensity dynamics**



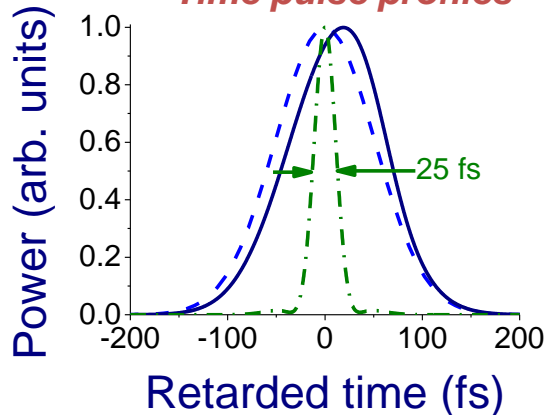
**Output electron density**



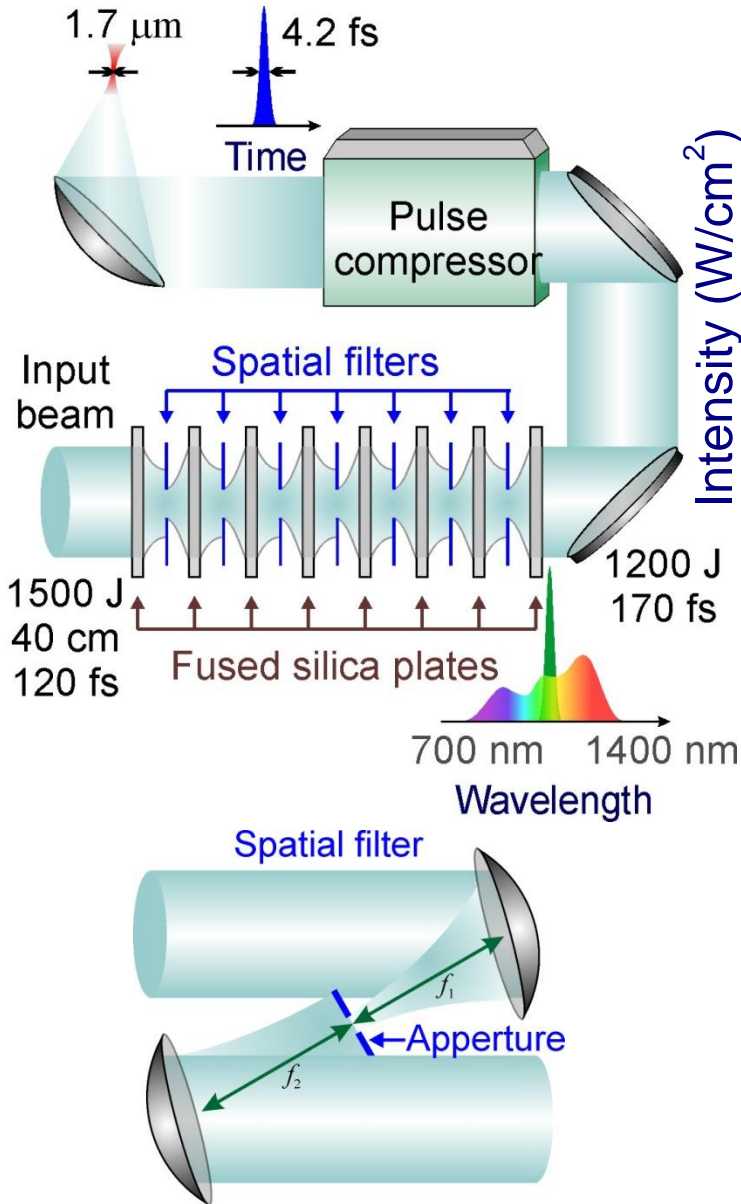
**Spectral pulse profiles**



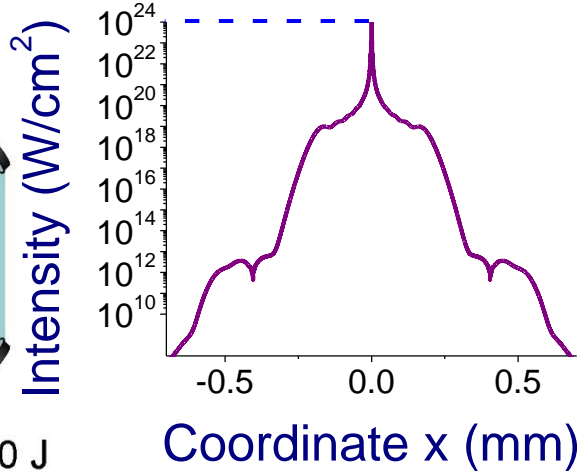
**Time pulse profiles**



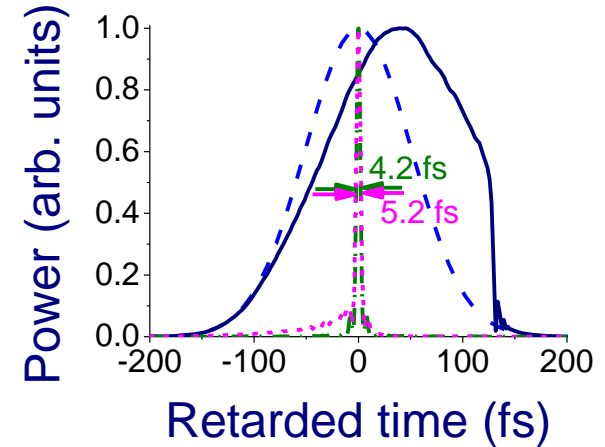
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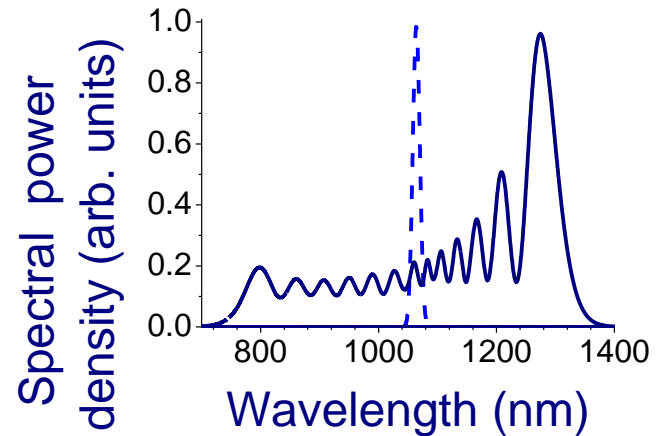
*Output focused beam profile*



*Output time pulse profiles*



*Output spectral pulse profiles*



Scaling shows  
4GeV protons



