



# Advanced Concepts and Challenges in Compton Radiation Sources

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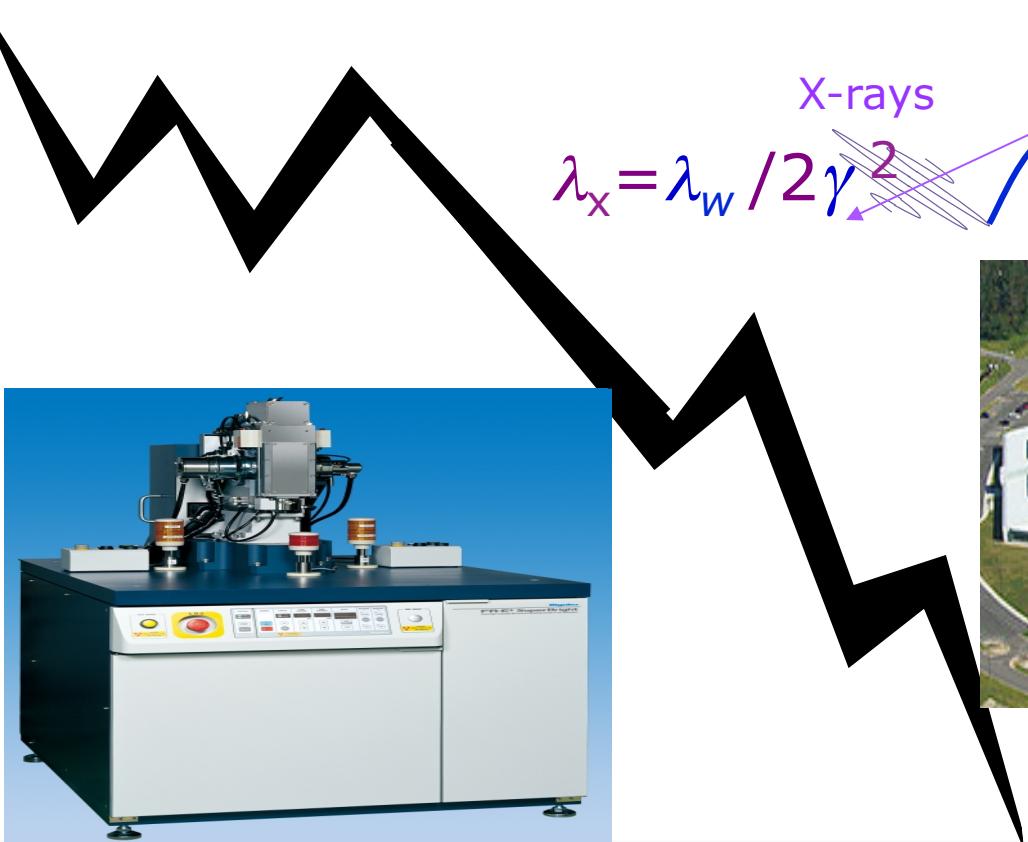
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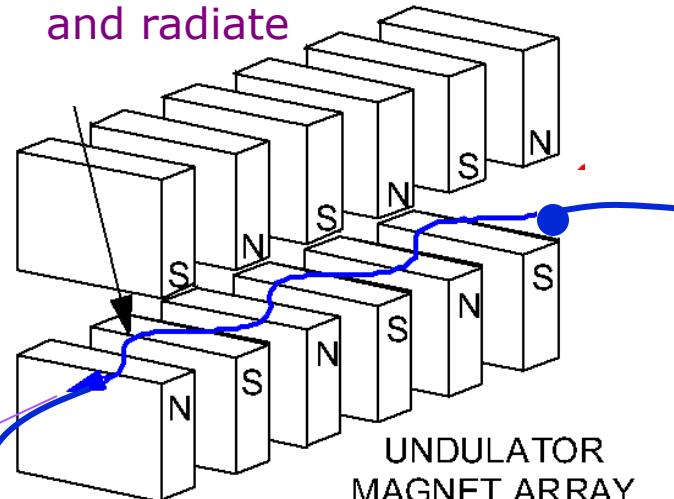
**CONCLUSIONS**

# Synchrotron light source

With  $\lambda_w \sim$  several centimeters, attaining XUV region requires electron energy in the GeV region delivered by a stadium-size accelerator.



Electrons wiggle  
and radiate

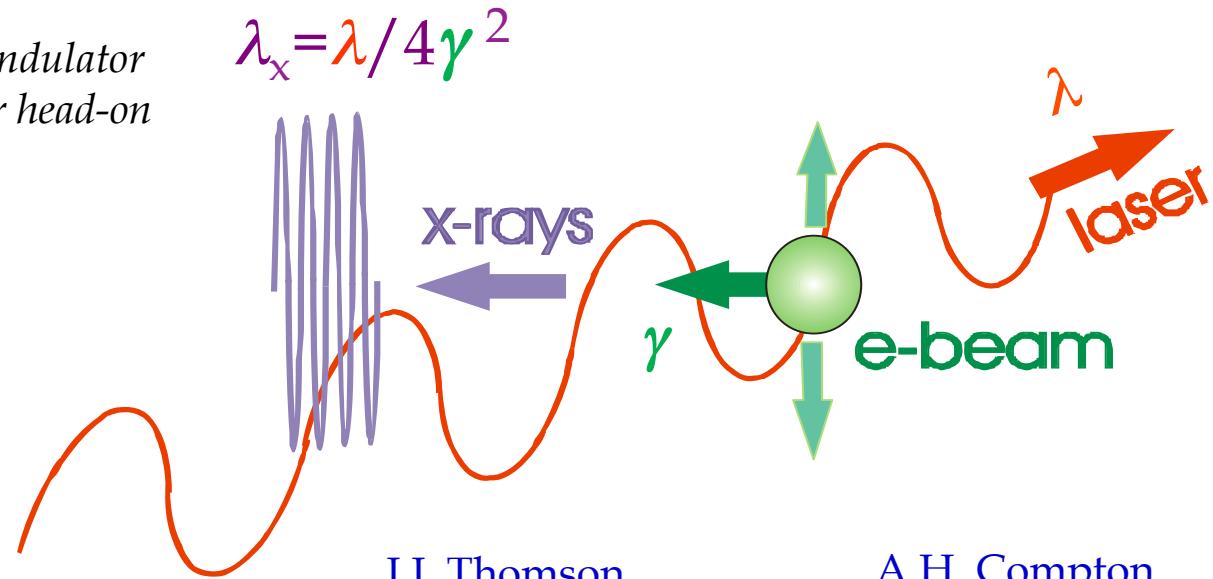


UNDULATOR  
MAGNET ARRAY



# Laser – a virtual wiggler

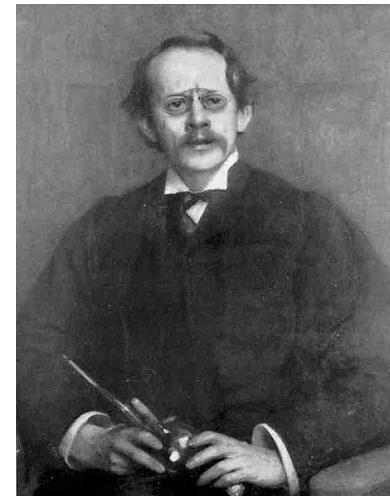
Scattered photon satisfies undulator equation with period  $\lambda/2$  for head-on collisions



Advantages of a  
Laser Synchrotron  
Source:

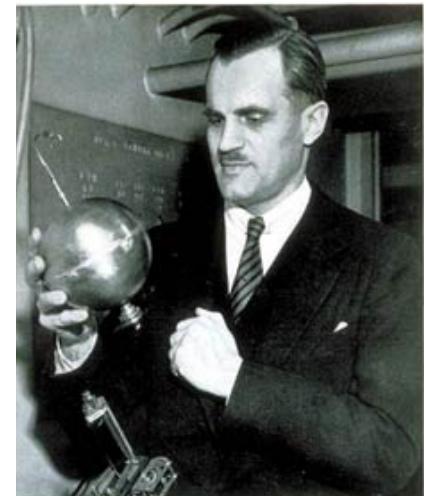
- access to hard-x-ray and gamma regions with a **compact linac**
- polarization control
- femto-second pulses
- ultra-high peak brightness

J.J. Thomson

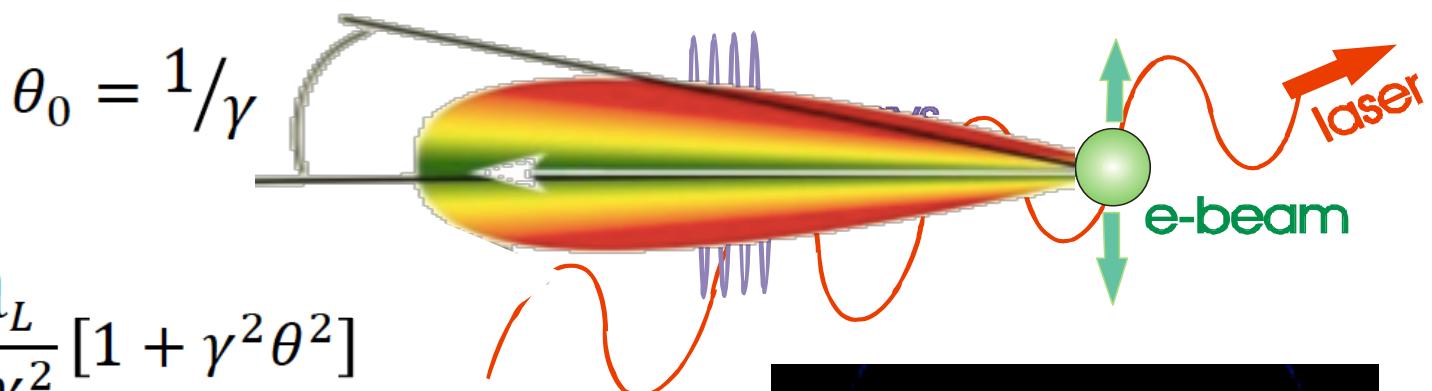


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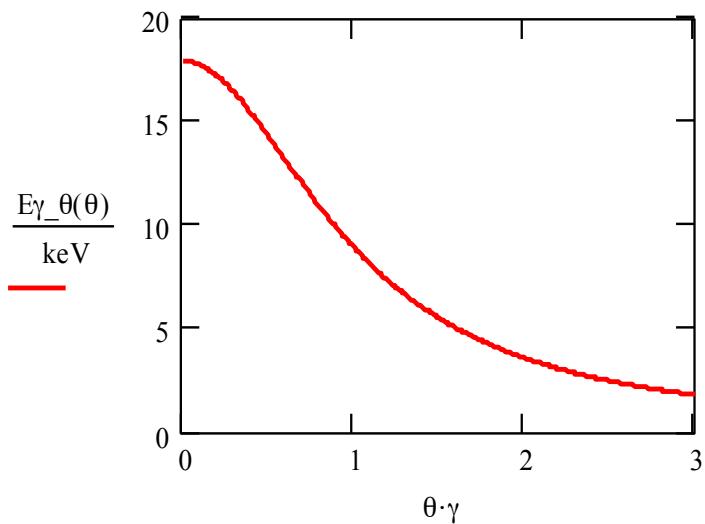
A.H. Compton



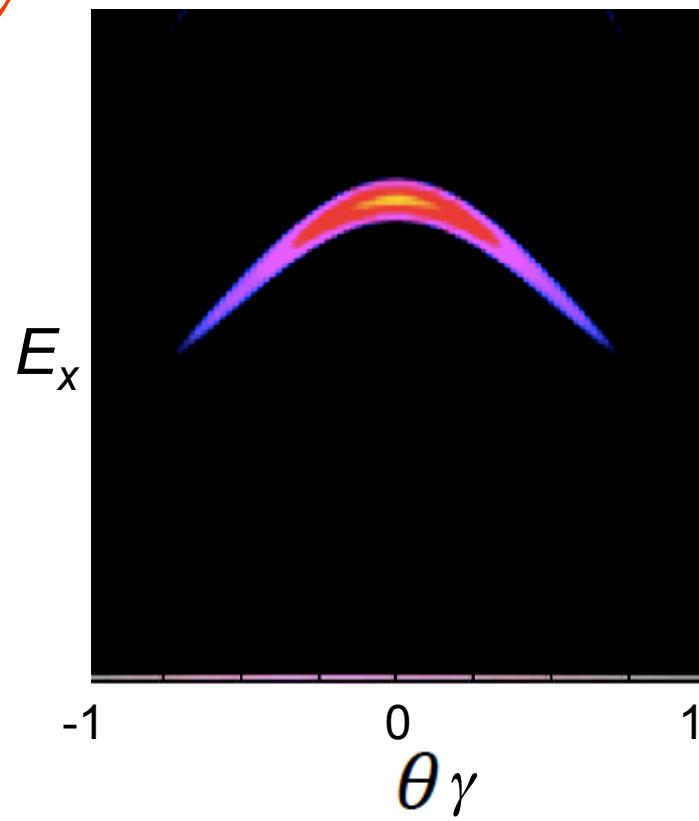
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$$\lambda_x \approx \frac{\lambda_L}{4\gamma^2} [1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2]$$

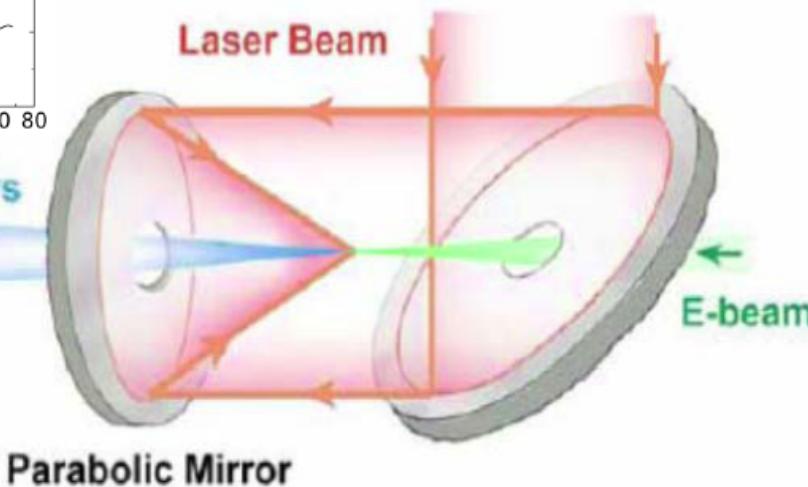
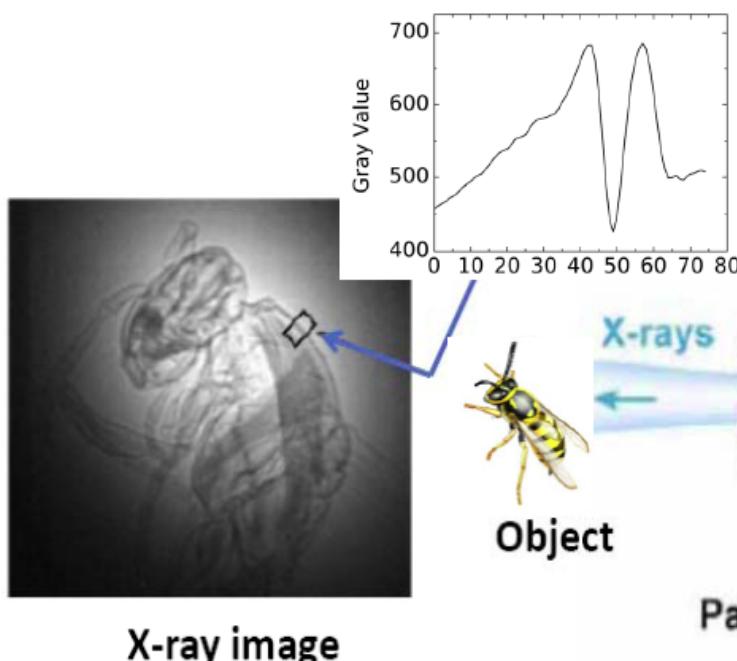
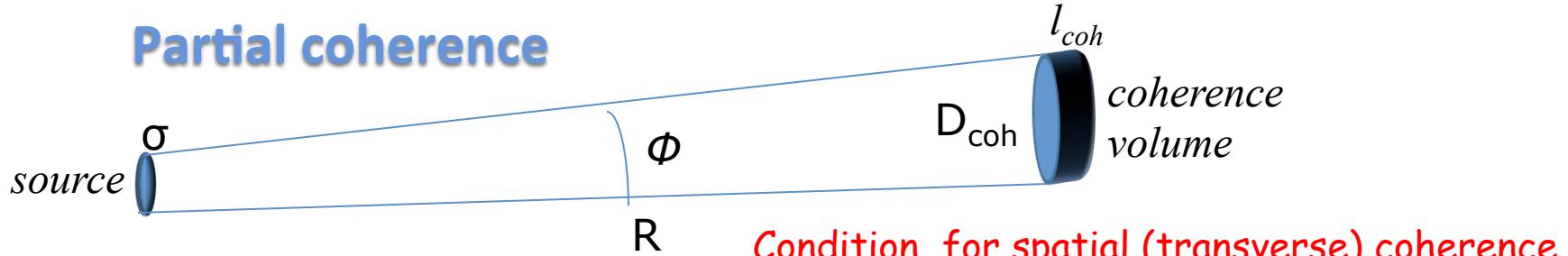


Azimuthal distribution of spectral density



# Spatial coherence

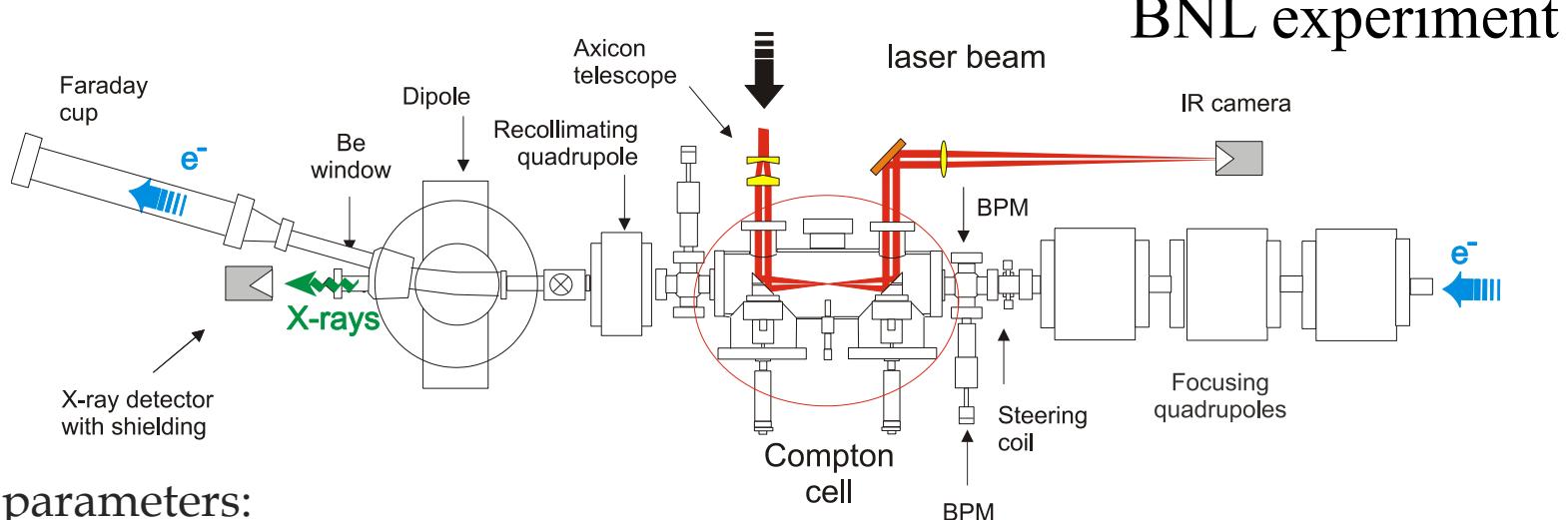
## Partial coherence



Single-shot phase-contrast X-ray image with 1-ps exposure

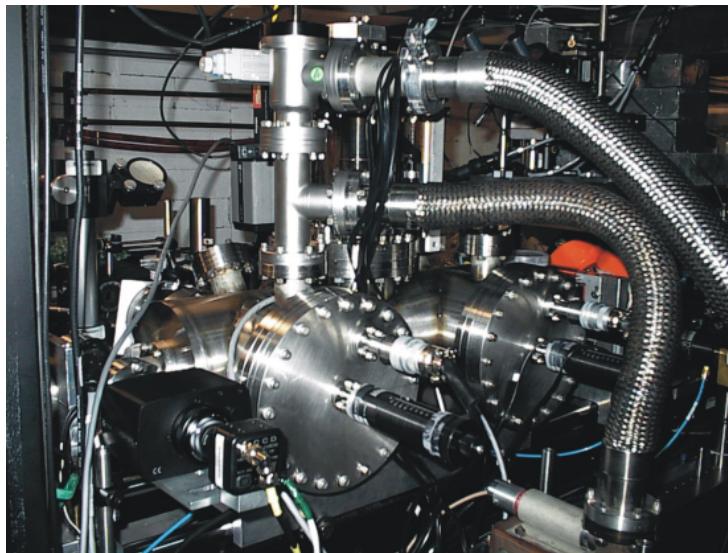
P. Oliva, et al, Appl. Phys. Lett. 97, 134104 (2010).

# Photon Yield and Brightness



Laser parameters:

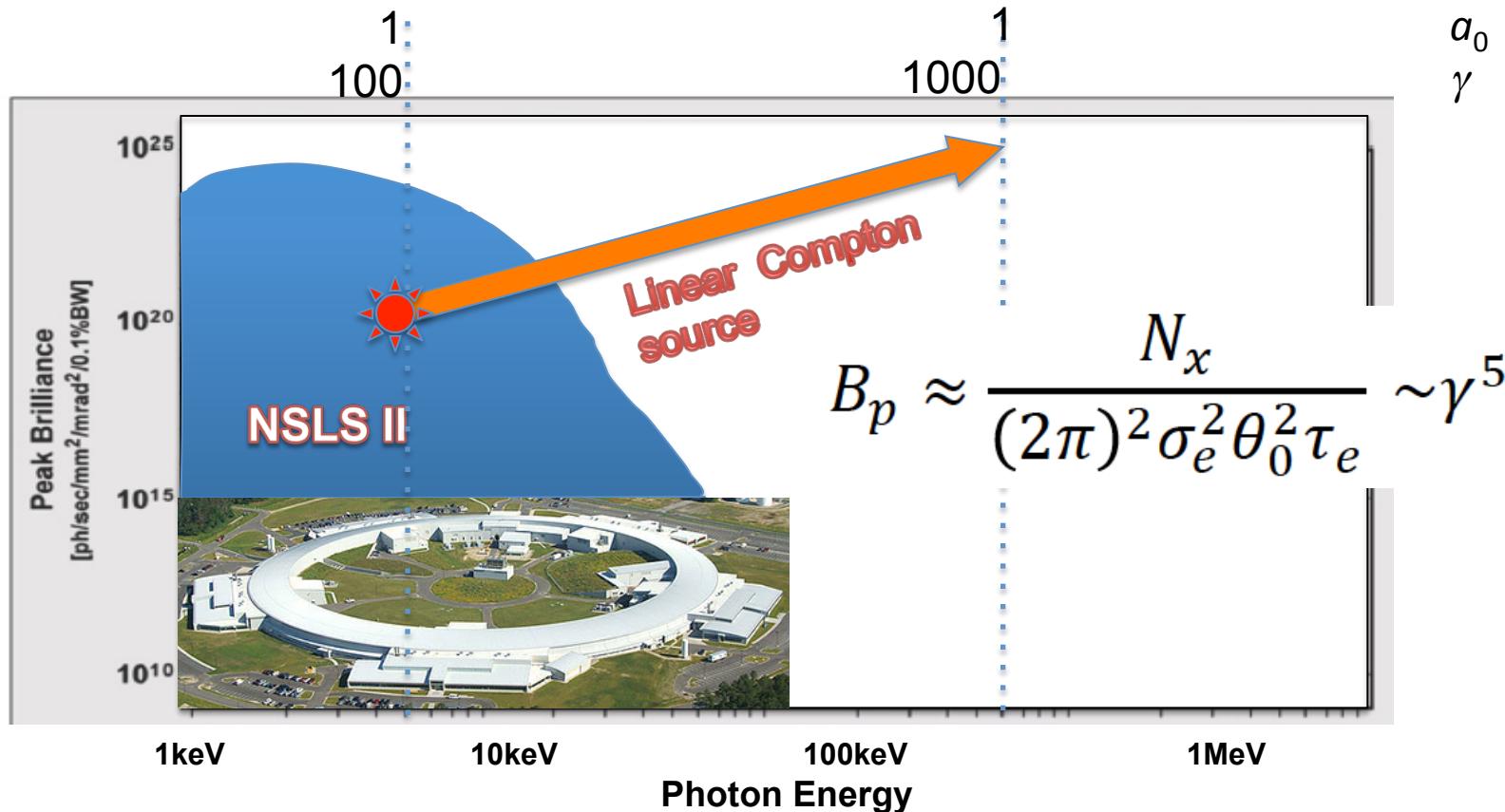
$\tau = 5 \text{ ps}$ ,  $E = 5 \text{ J}$ ,  $P = 1 \text{ TW}$ , focused to  $\sigma = 35 \mu\text{m}$ ,



$$N_x = \frac{N_e N_L \sigma_T}{2\pi \sigma_L^2} \quad \frac{N_x}{N_e} \sim 1$$

$$B_p \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-3} \frac{N_x \gamma^2}{(2\pi)^2 \sigma_e^2 \tau_e}$$

$$10^{20} \text{ ph/s-mm}^2\text{-mrad}^2\text{-0.1%BW}$$

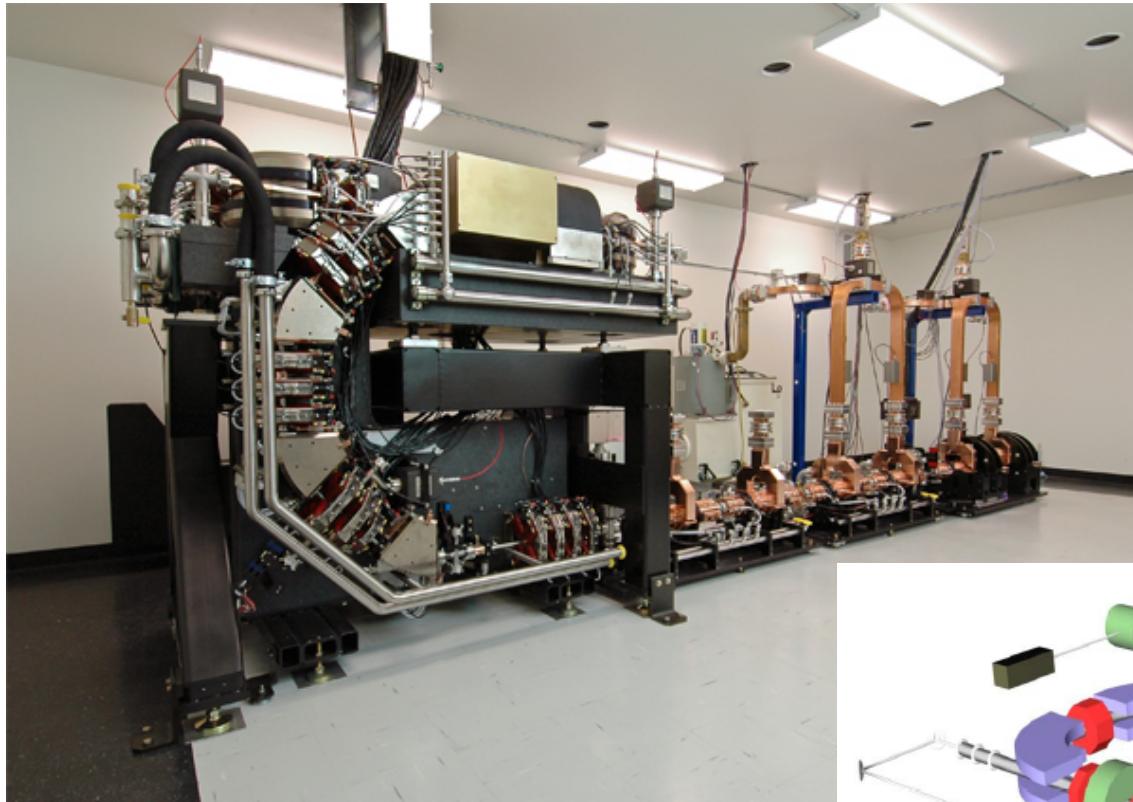


**+** Peak brightness comparable to 3<sup>rd</sup>-generation Synchrotron Light Sources (SLSs) in x-ray region, and become unsurpassed by other techniques in the *gamma* range.

**■** Average brightness of Compton sources is orders-of-magnitude below that of the SLSs. This limits their potential for application.

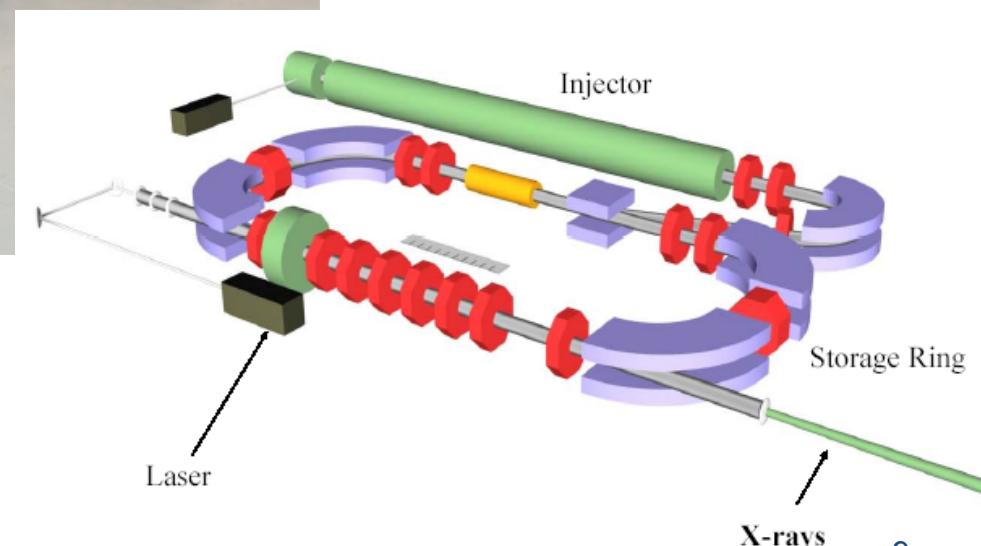
# Compact light source

by Lyncean Technologies, Inc.



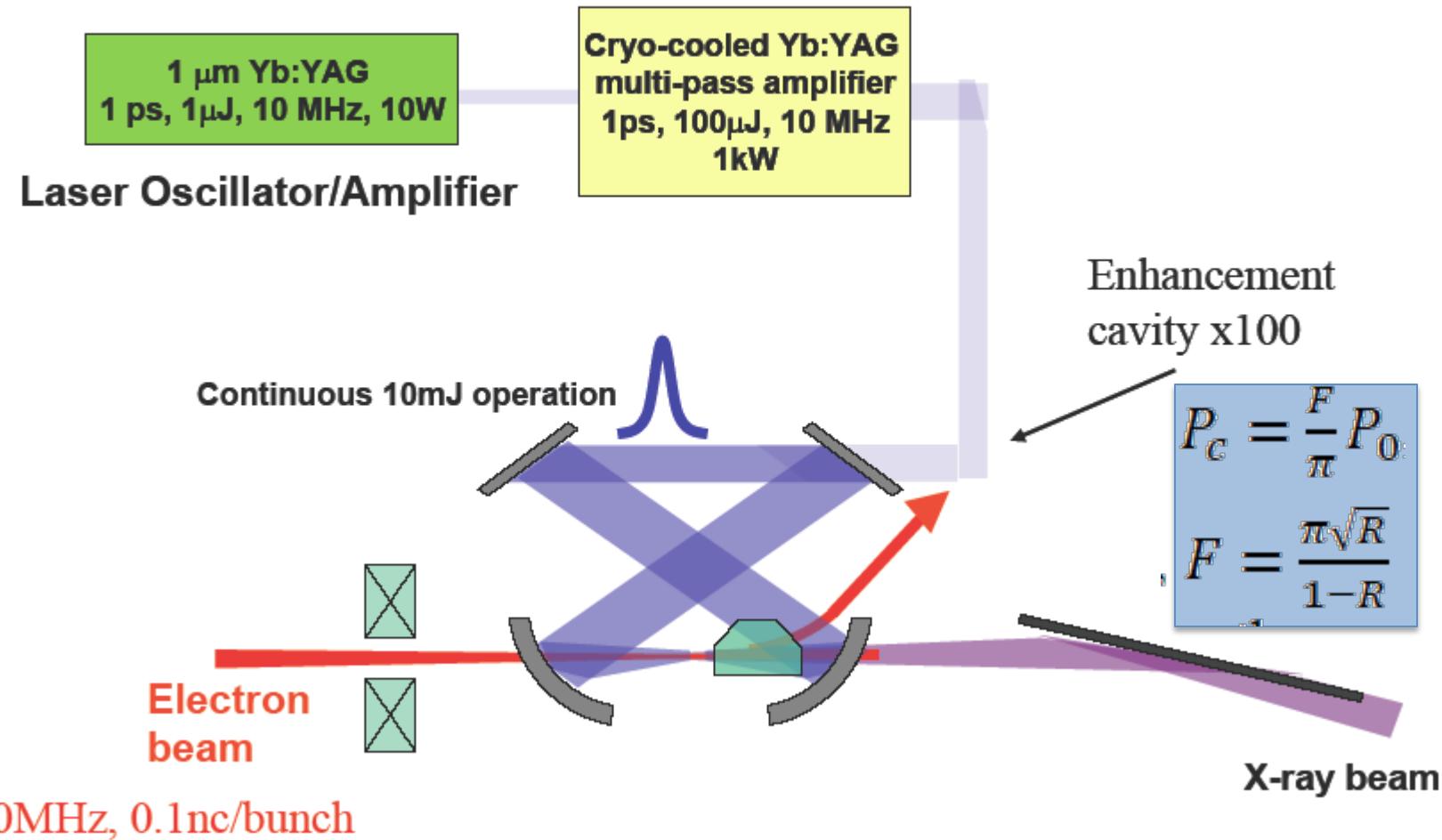
$$B_{avg} = B_p f \tau_e$$

$$B_{avg} = 10^{12} \text{ ph/s-mm}^2\text{-mrad}^2\text{-0.1%BW}$$

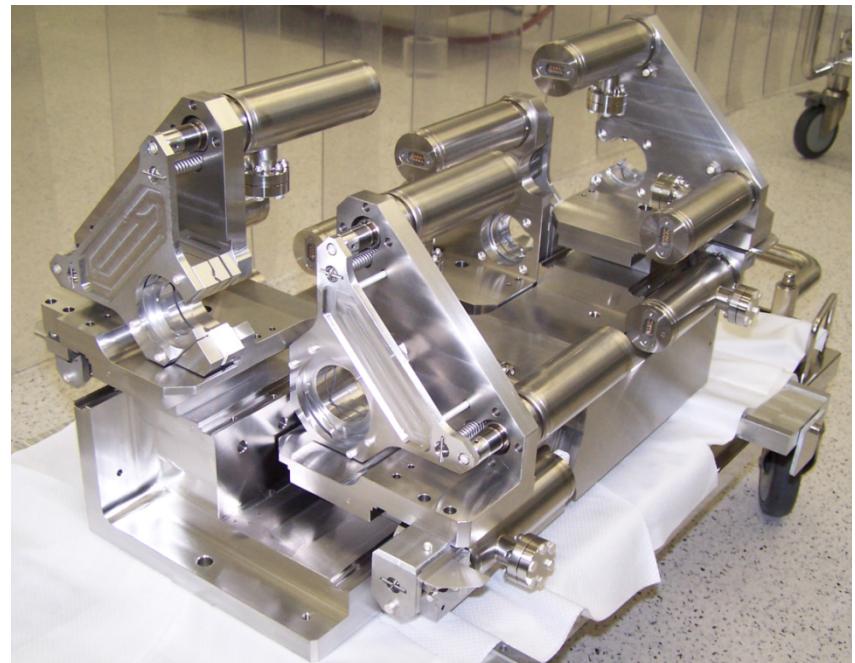
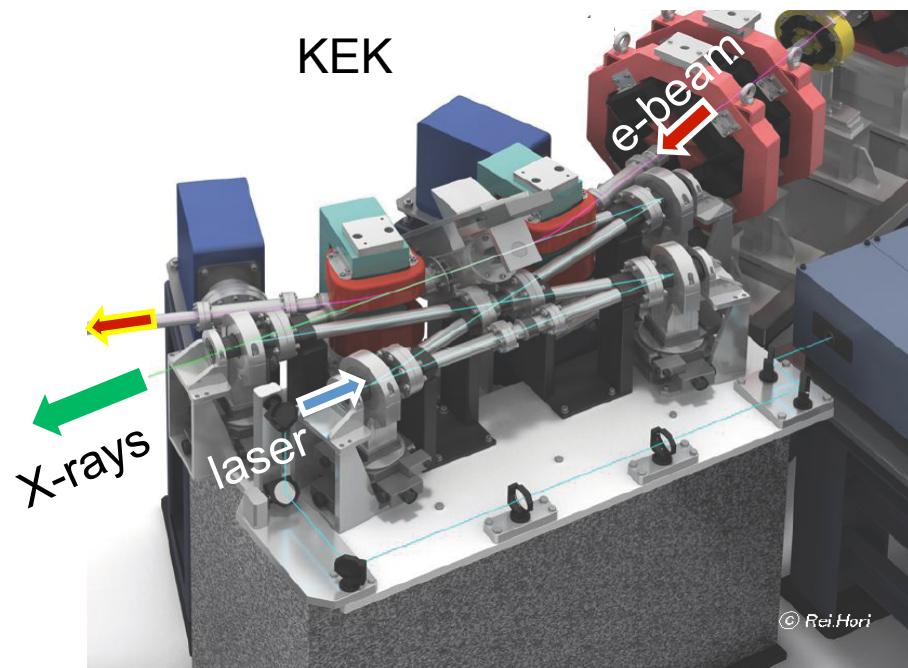


Used for crystallography and phase-contrast imaging

# Super-cavity Compton source (MIT)



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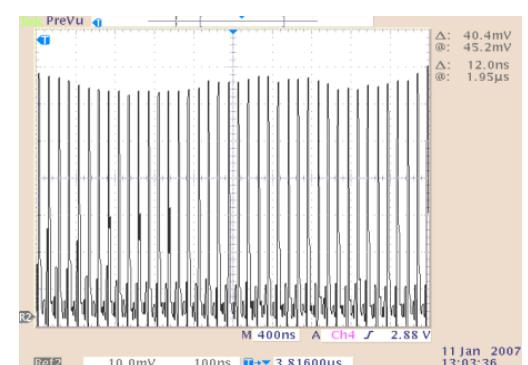
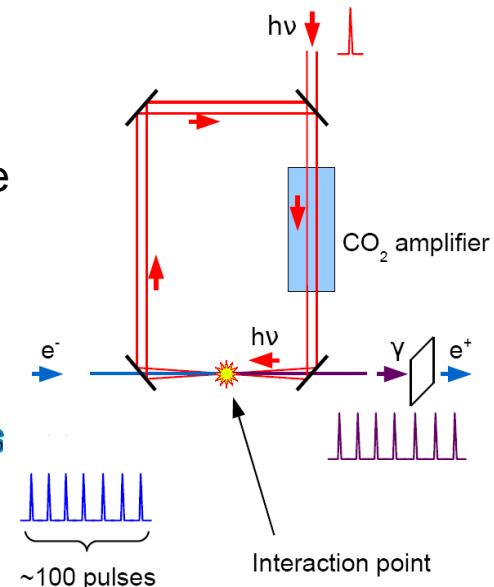
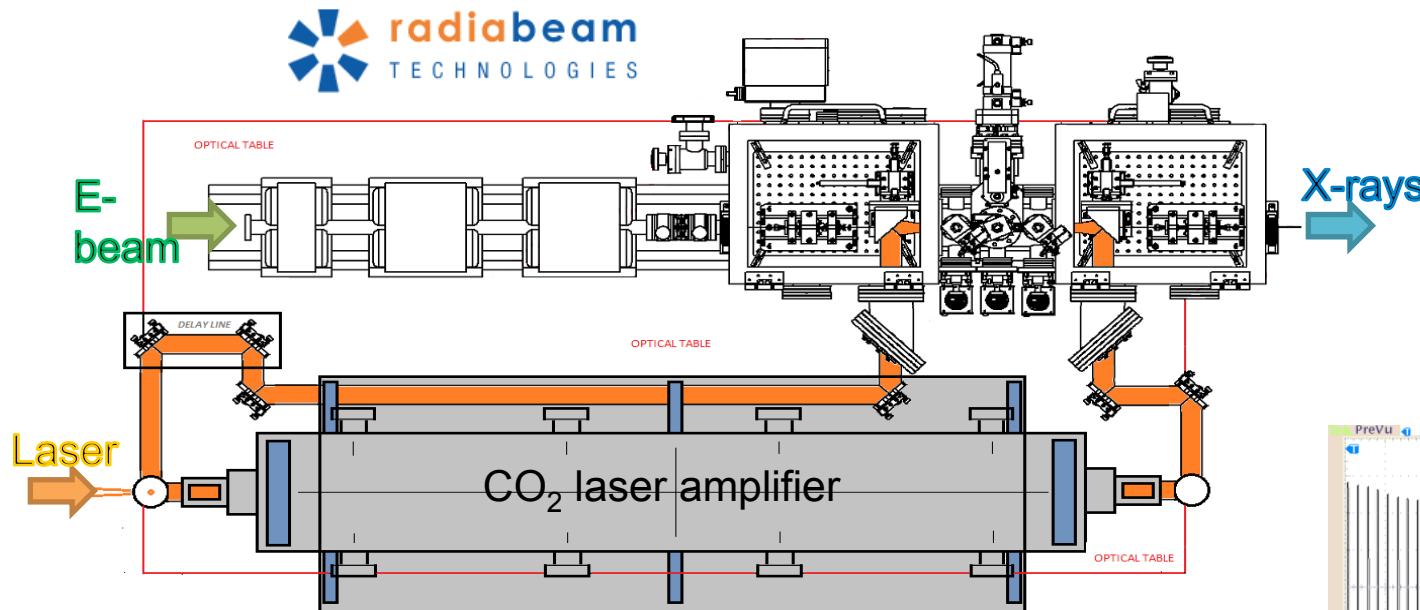


- Prospects for  $B_{ave} = 10^{13} - 10^{14}$  photons/s-mm<sup>2</sup>-mrad<sup>2</sup>-0.1%BW (comparable with 2<sup>nd</sup> generation SLSs) upon the cavity finesse increase to 10,000.
- However, the extreme tolerances to the components' stability and alignment, the optical-diffraction losses, and reduced efficiency of crossed-beam interaction (compared to counter-propagation) make this goal very challenging.

# Intra-cavity Compton source (BNL)

- 25 ns cavity round trip = spacing between electron bunches.
- 100 interactions per a laser shot

- E-beam - 0.5 nC/bunch
- E-beam – 60 MeV
- CO<sub>2</sub> Laser - 0.5 J/pulse
- X-ray– 6.4 keV



- Demonstrated total laser energy - 30 J
- Expected photons per train in 0.1%BW -  $4 \times 10^7$
- Peak brightness -  $3 \times 10^{18}$  (ph/s-mm<sup>2</sup>-mrad<sup>2</sup> -0.1%BW)

# High-repetition CO<sub>2</sub> laser



## CO<sub>2</sub> laser:

- Pressure 10 atm
- Repetition Rate 1 kHz
- Average Power 1 kW

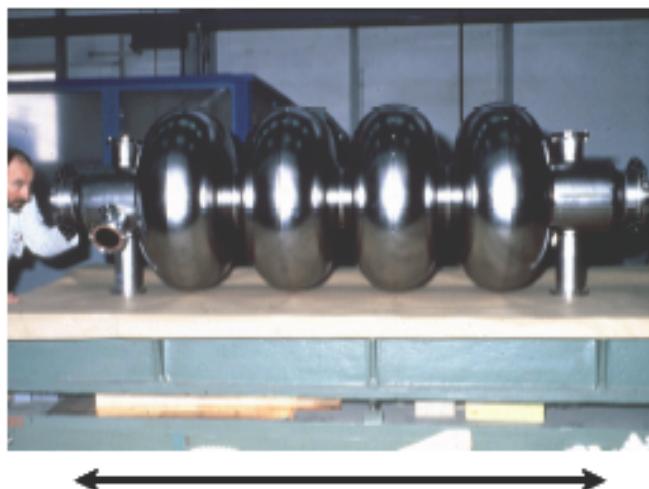
## X-ray ( $\gamma$ -rays):

- Prospective  $B_{ave} = 10^{13}$  @10keV to  $10^{19}$  @10MeV  
(ph/s-mm<sup>2</sup>-mrad<sup>2</sup> -0.1%BW)

*It is anticipated that compact light sources affordable to any university will make a similar impact as PCs complementing main-frame computers.*

# Plasma accelerators

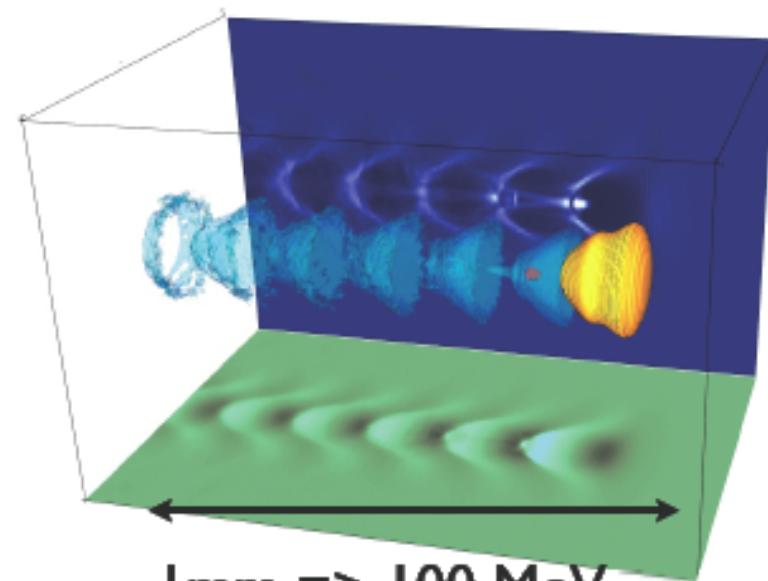
RF Cavity



1 m => 100 MeV Gain

Electric field < 100 MV/m

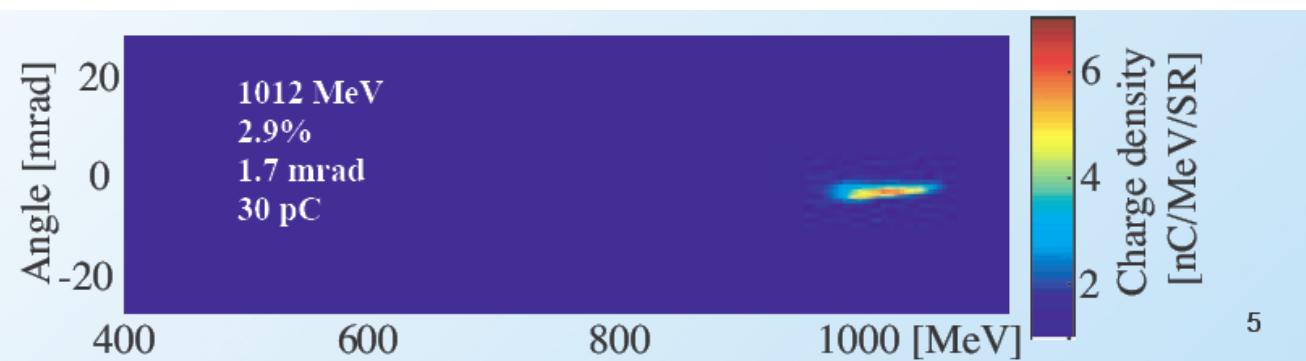
Plasma Cavity



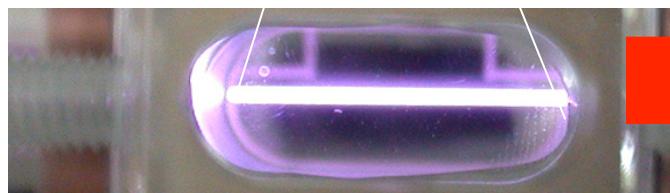
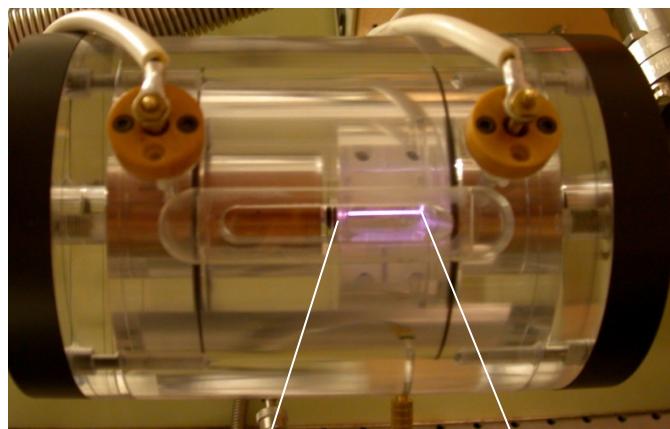
1 mm => 100 MeV

Electric field > 100 GV/m

# Laser wake field accelerator (LWFA)



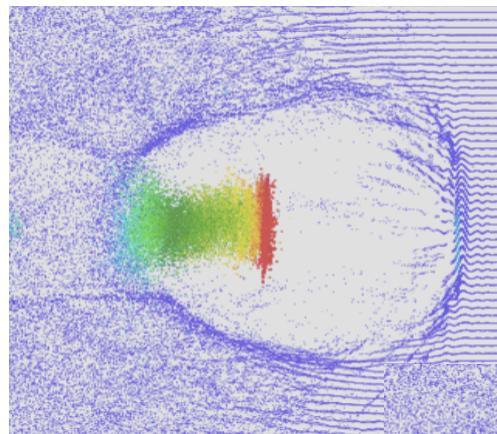
$\Delta E \sim 0.5\%$   
 $\varepsilon_n \sim 1 \text{ mrad}$



1 GeV e-beam

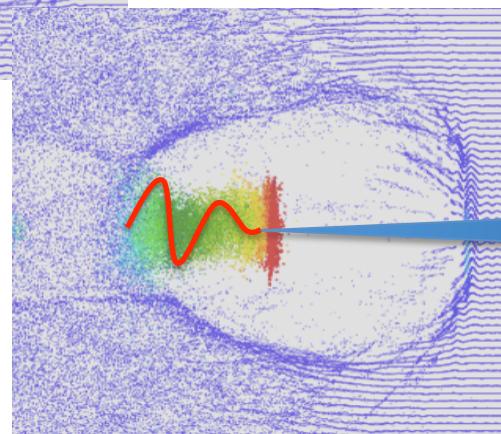


# LWFA synchrotron sources



$$\lambda_s = \frac{\lambda_u}{2\gamma^2}$$

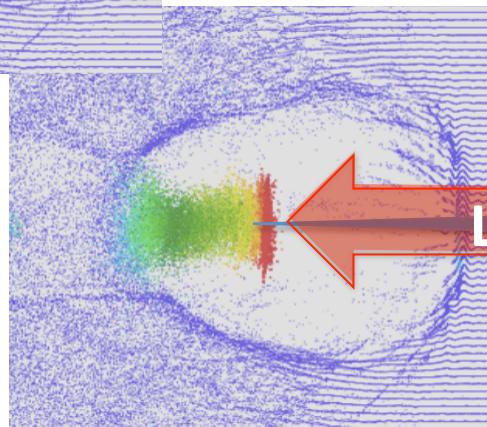
Stationary  
undulator



$$\lambda_\beta = \frac{\lambda_w}{\sqrt{2\gamma^3}}$$

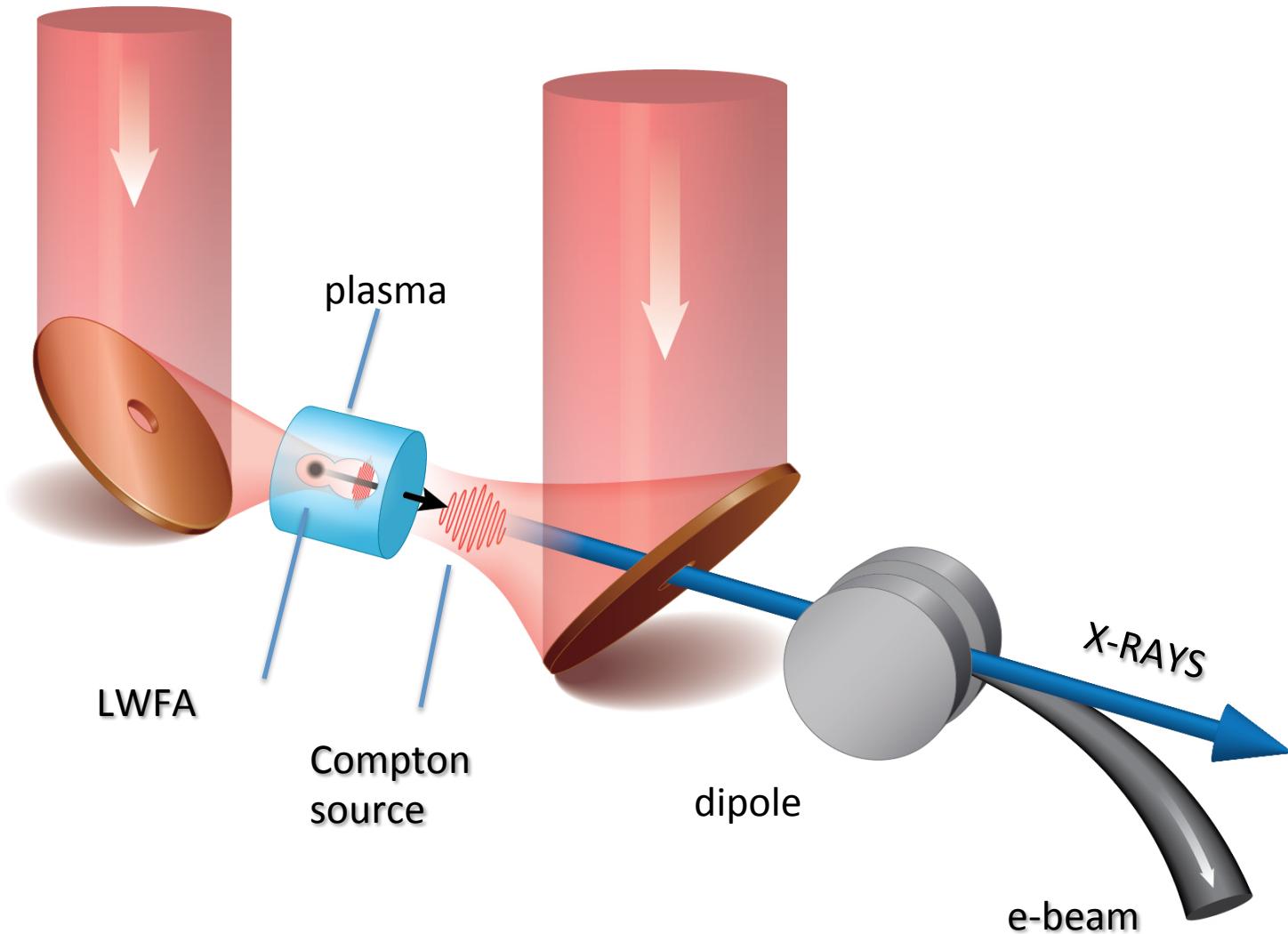
Betatron radiation

Inverse Compton  
scattering

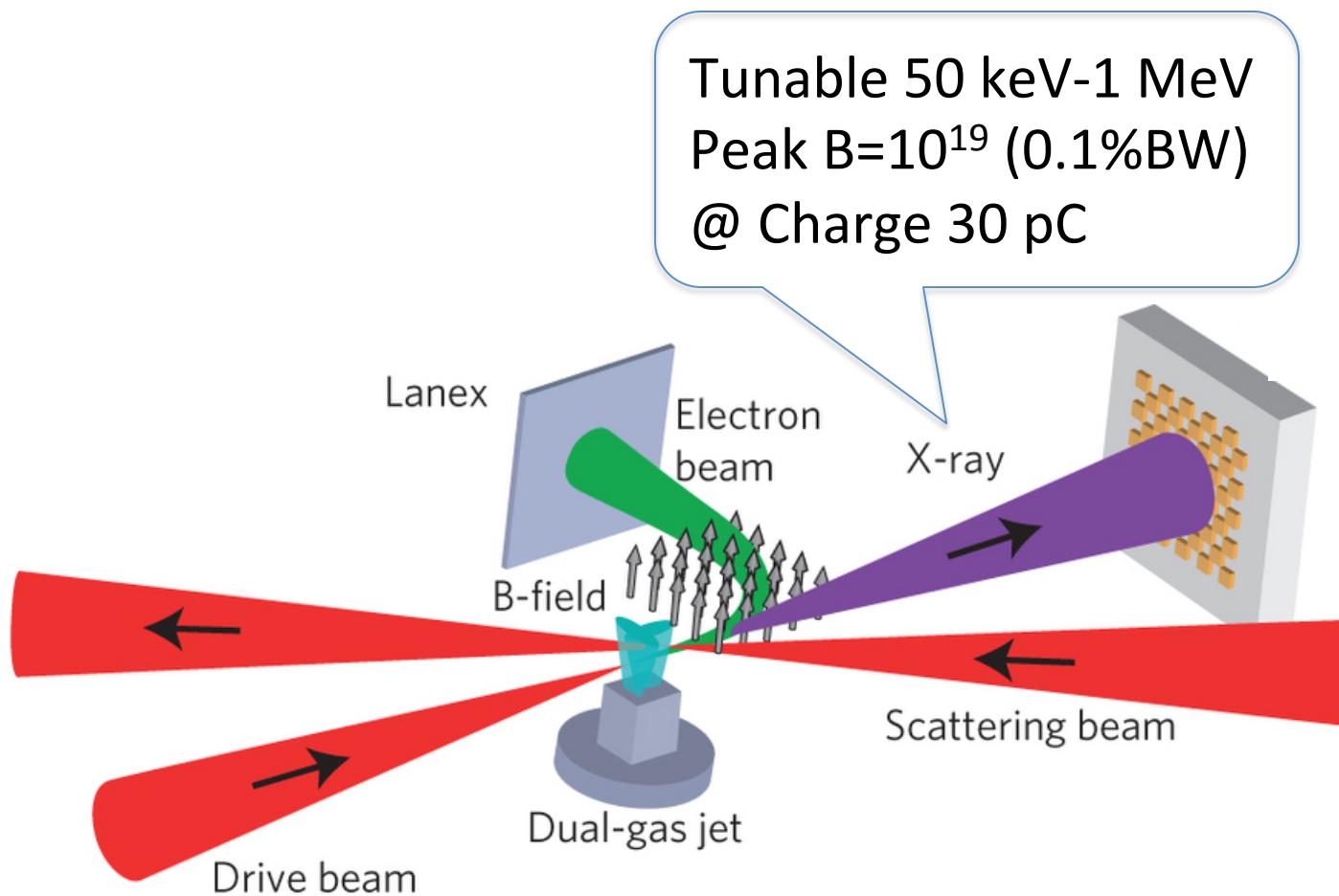


$$\lambda_{ICS} = \frac{\lambda_L}{4\gamma^2}$$

# All-optical Compton source

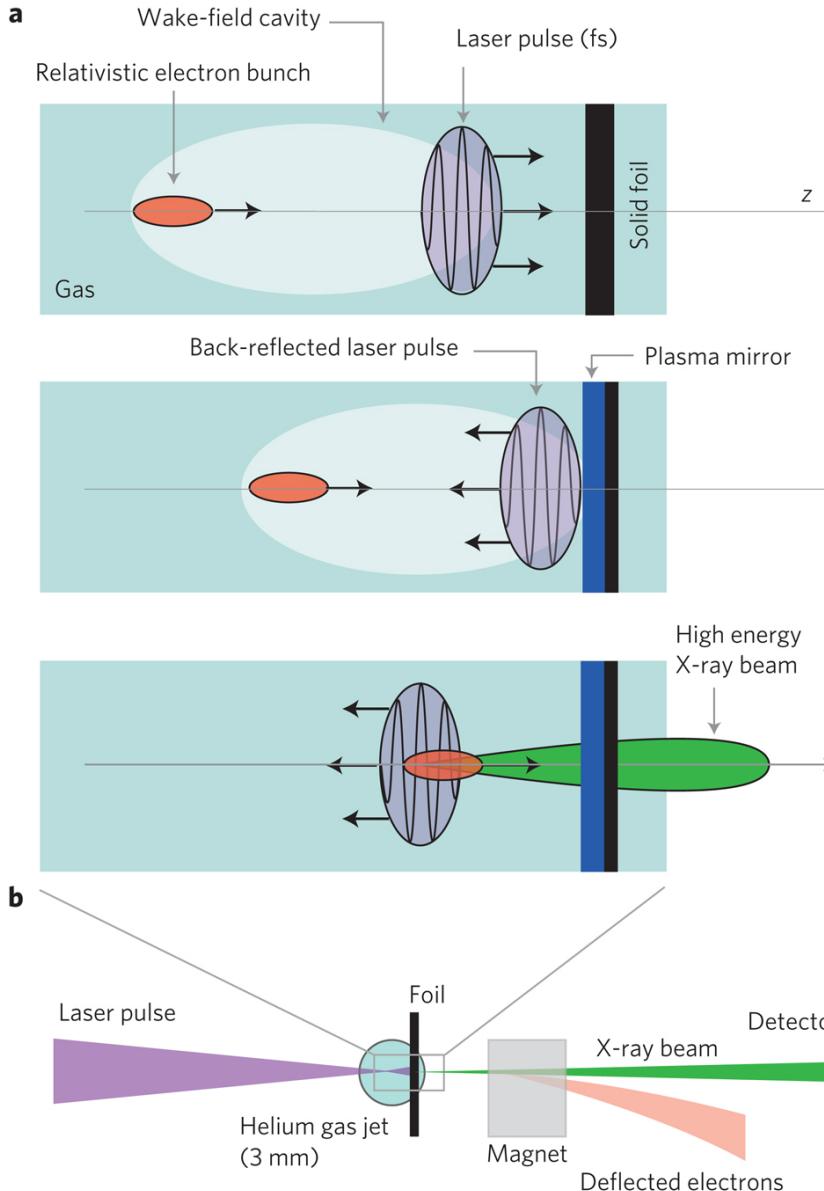


# All-optical Compton source



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# All-optical Compton source



- Interesting demonstration of the all-optical Compton source: The same laser that drives the LWFA e-beam was reflected by a foil at the side of the plasma jet to interact with the electron bunch producing Compton photons.
- Tuneable to 1 MeV at peak brightness,  $B_p=10^{21}$ .

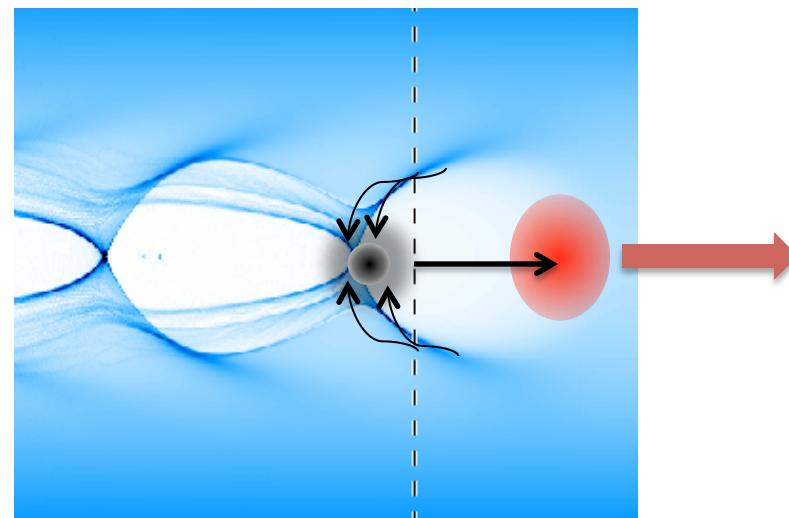
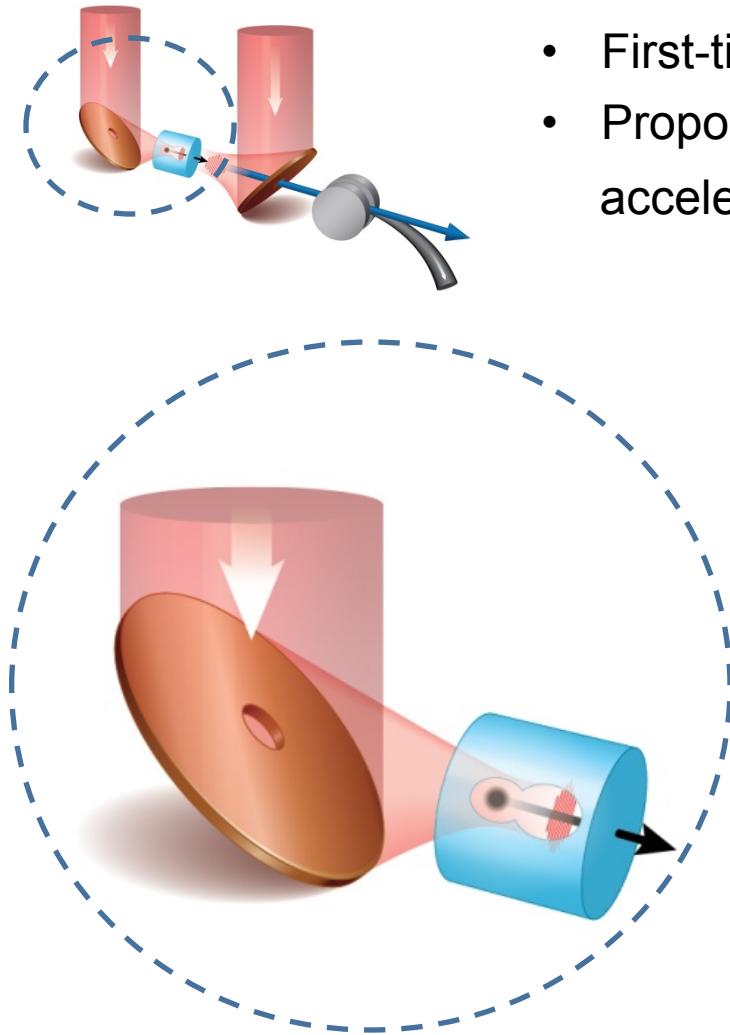
K. Ta Phuoc et al., *Nature Photon.* **6**, 308 (2012)

# High-current bubble LWFA

Benefits from using prospective 100 TW CO<sub>2</sub> laser:

- First-time opportunity for bubble LWFA @  $\lambda=10 \mu\text{m}$ .
- Proportional to  $\lambda$  increase of the bubble size allows higher accelerated charges

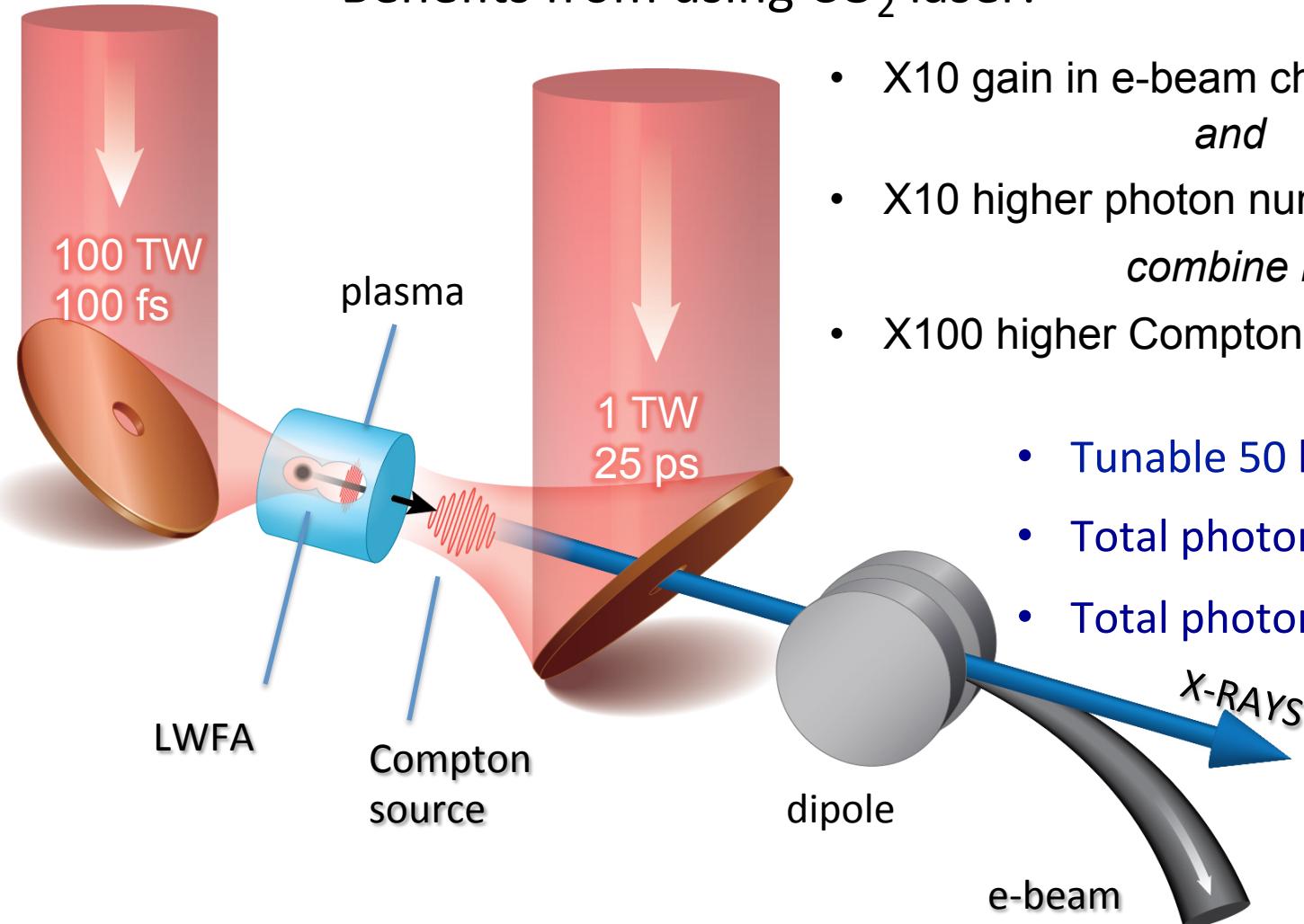
$$N_{mono} \approx \frac{1.8}{k_0 r_e} \left( \frac{P}{P_{rel}} \right)^{1/2} \approx 10^{11} = 6 \text{ nC !}$$



Courtesy of Wei Lu (Tsinghua Univ.)

# All-optical Compton source

Benefits from using CO<sub>2</sub> laser:

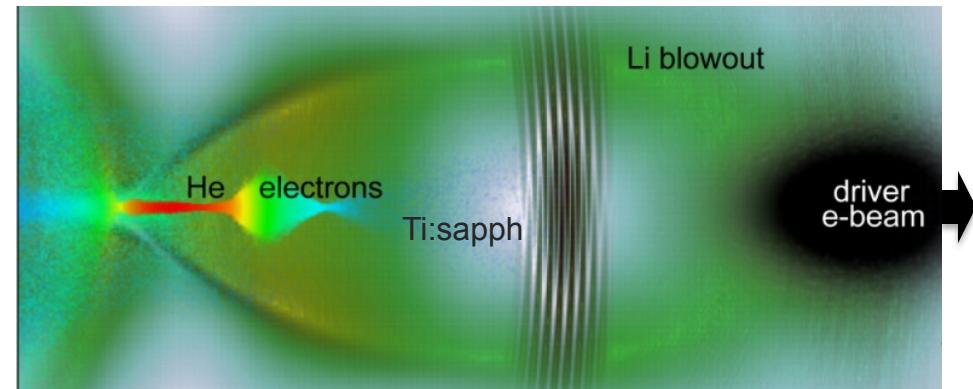
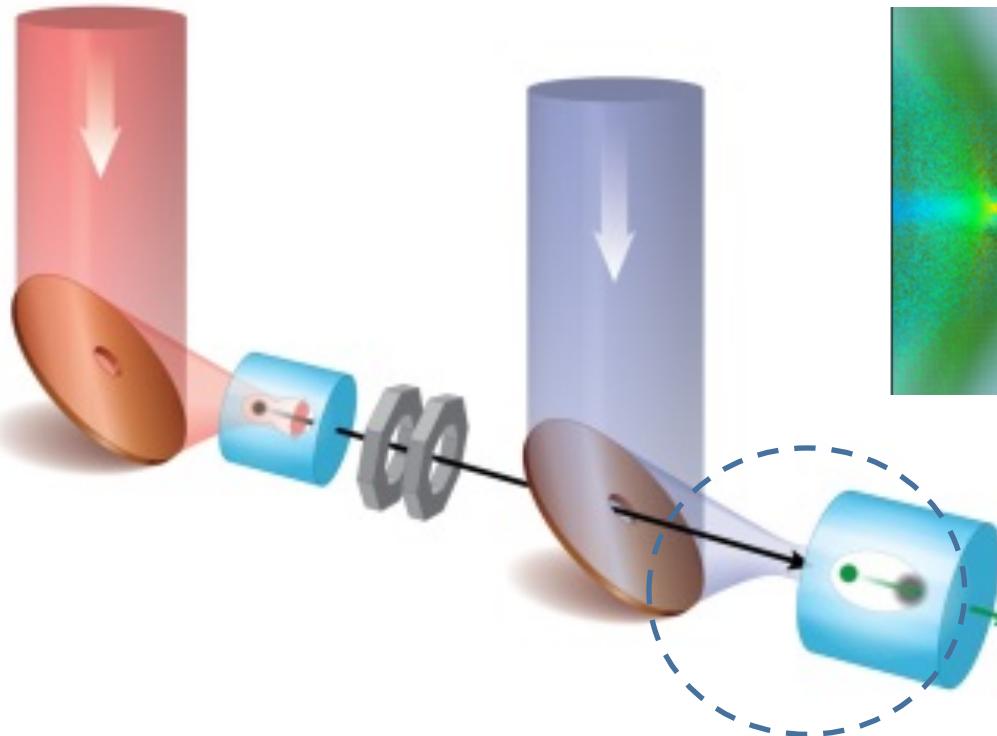


- X10 gain in e-beam charge  
and
  - X10 higher photon number per Joule  
*combine in*
  - X100 higher Compton yield
- 
- Tunable 50 keV - 50 MeV
  - Total photon yield  $10^{11}$
  - Total photon flux  $10^{24}/s$

# “Trojan Horse” PWFA

Path to low emittance:

- LWFA – *ponderomotive* action by a laser pulse results in electron heating to several MeV.
- + PWFA – electrons are expelled by the *Coulomb* force of the driver-bunch with negligible heating.

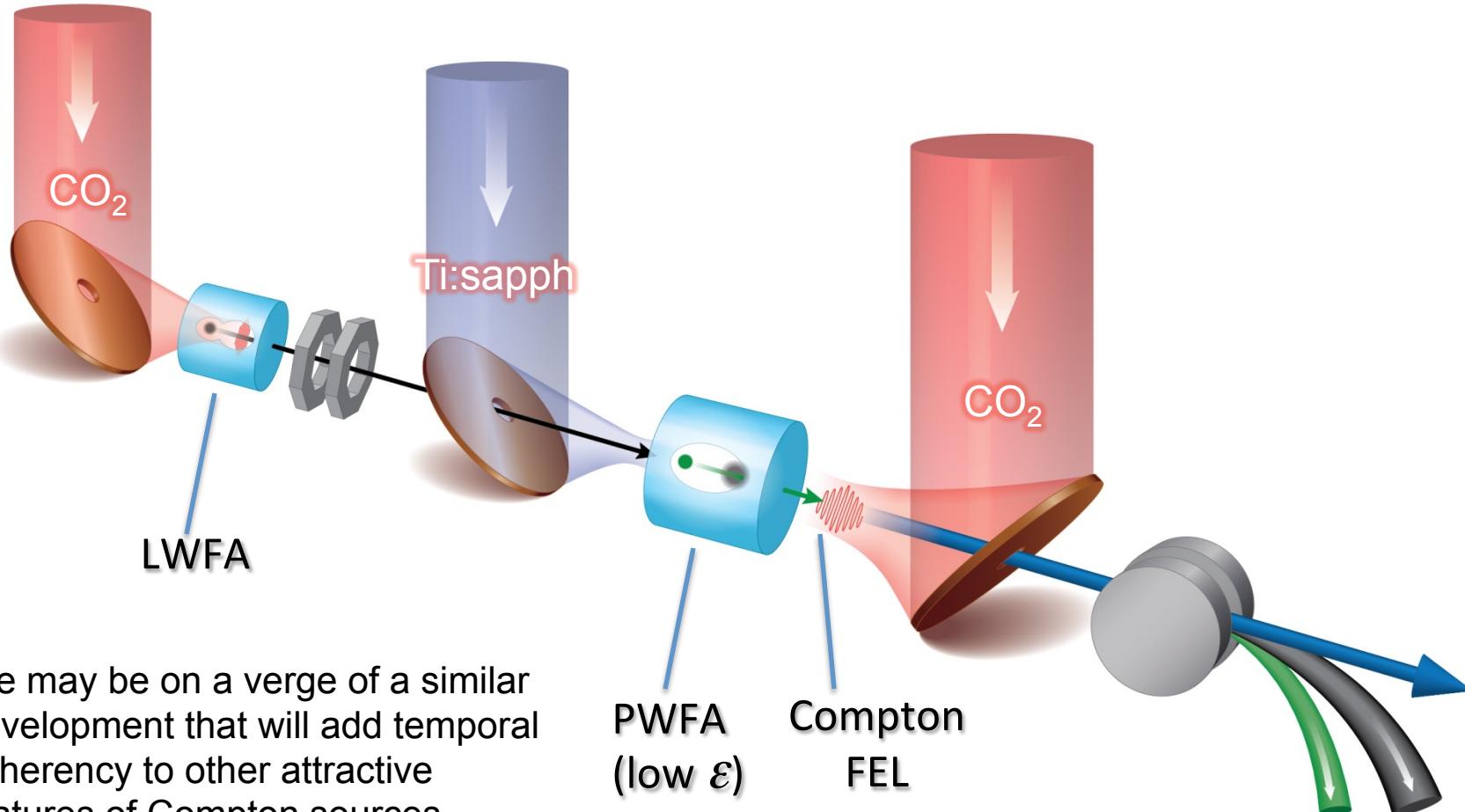


“Trojan Horse” – concept of brightness transformer predicts  $\varepsilon_n=30$  nm

PRL 108, 035001 (2012)

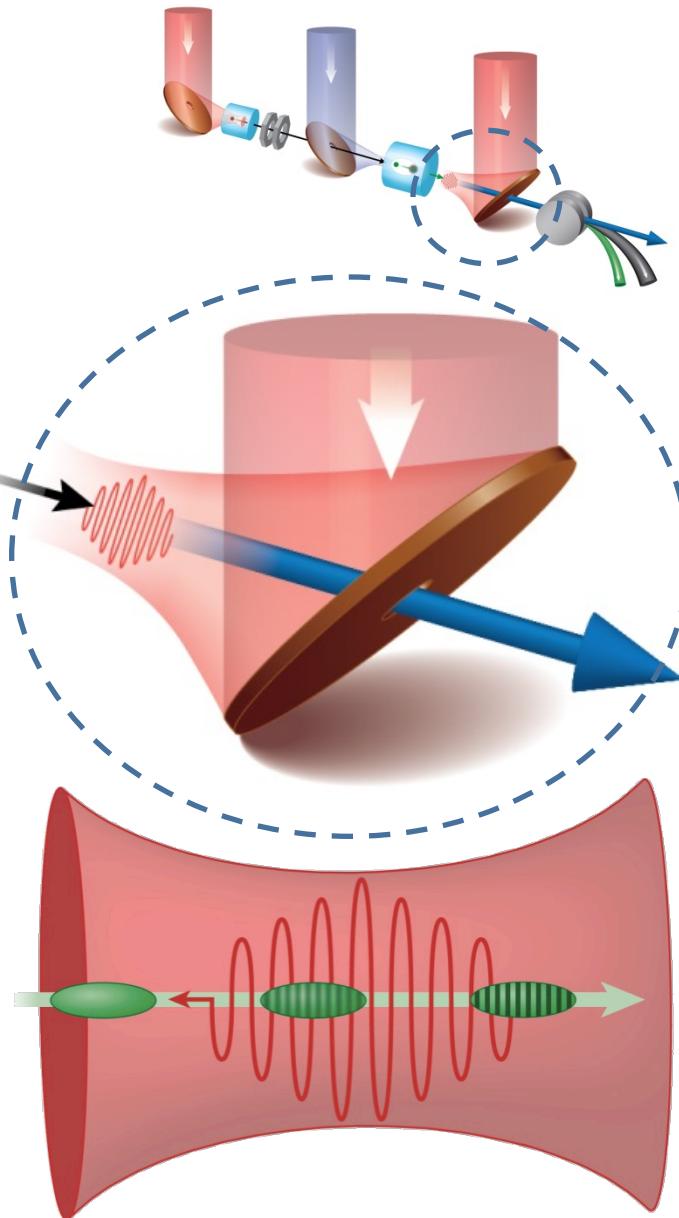
# Concept of all-optical FEL

- Using low-emittance linacs, instead of synchrotrons, resulted in inception of 4<sup>th</sup> generation coherent light-sources – FELs.



- We may be on a verge of a similar development that will add temporal coherency to other attractive features of Compton sources.

- Longer wavelength – higher gain



**1<sup>st</sup> example – RF linac;**

PRST-AB **9**, 060704 (2006)

**Electrons:** 30 MeV, 3 nC, 3ps,  $\Delta E/E=10^{-4}$ ,  $\varepsilon_n=0.6 \mu\text{m}$

**CO<sub>2</sub> laser:** 100 GW,  $a_0=0.3$ , 100 ps

**FEL:** 7.6 Å,  $L_s=3 \text{ cm}$ ,  $10^{10}$  photons (X100 over incoherent),  
2 MW,  $B_{pk}=10^{26}$

**2<sup>nd</sup> example – plasma linac**

**Electrons:** 30 MeV, 0.3 nC, 50fs,  $\Delta E/E=10^{-2}$ ,  $\varepsilon_n=0.03 \mu\text{m}$

**CO<sub>2</sub> laser:** 1TW,  $a_0=0.5$ , 10 ps

**FEL:** 7.6 Å,  $L_s=3 \text{ mm}$ ,  $10^9$  photons, 30 MW,  $B_{pk}=10^{27}$

# Ponderomotive potential

Energy of the electron quiver motion in laser field  $E$

$$\Phi = \frac{mv^2}{2}$$

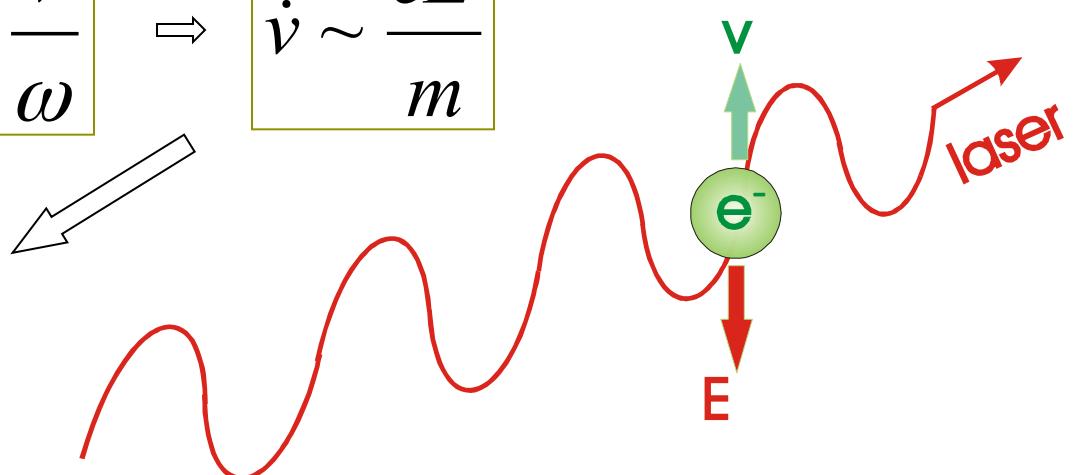
$$v \sim \frac{\dot{v}}{\omega}$$

$$\dot{v} \sim \frac{eE}{m}$$

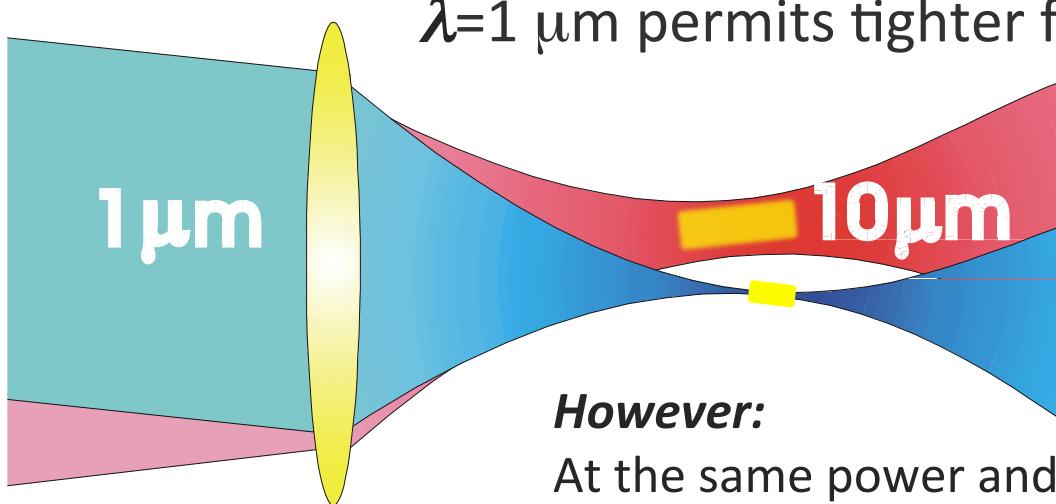
$$\Phi \sim \frac{e^2 E^2}{2m\omega^2}$$

$$\Phi \sim \frac{I}{\omega^2}$$

note the  $\omega^2$  dependence



# Access to nonlinear regime



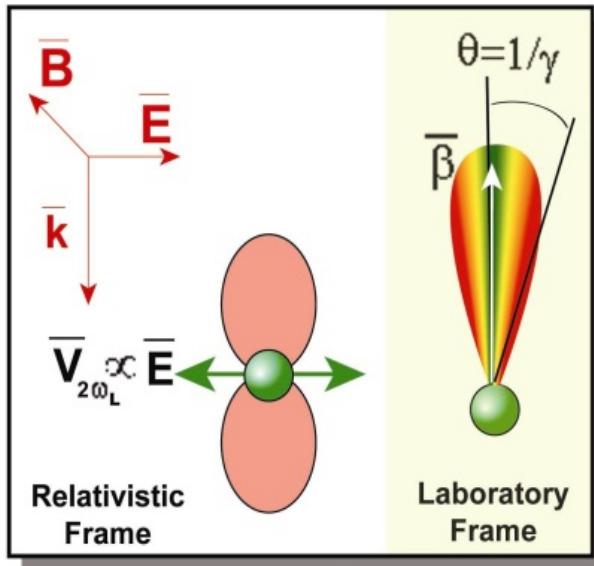
**However:**

At the same power and energy, CO<sub>2</sub> laser provides the same ponderomotive action within  $\sim\lambda^2$  (100 times) bigger area or  $\sim\lambda^3$  (1000 times) bigger volume.

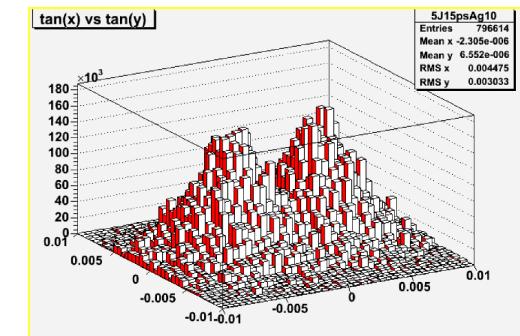
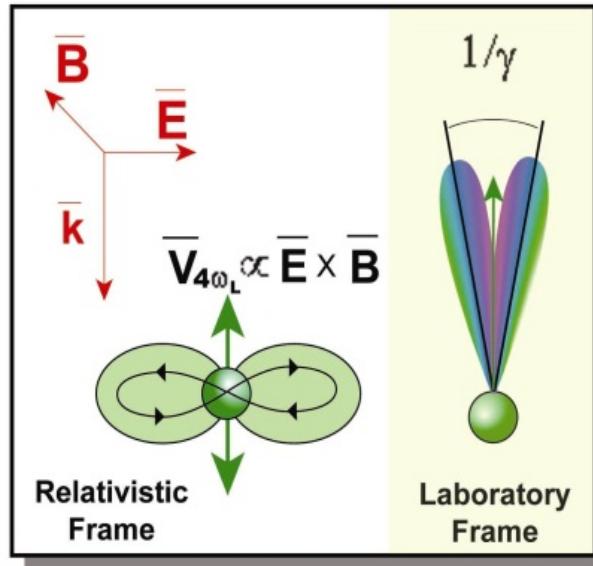
Interacting with e-beam you do not want to focus laser tighter than e-beam (decreases acceleration quality or x-ray yield).  
CO<sub>2</sub> laser focusing is sufficient to interact with low-emittance e-beams.

**1 TW CO<sub>2</sub> laser could be equivalent to 1 PW solid state laser!**

### First Order Fundamental Radiation

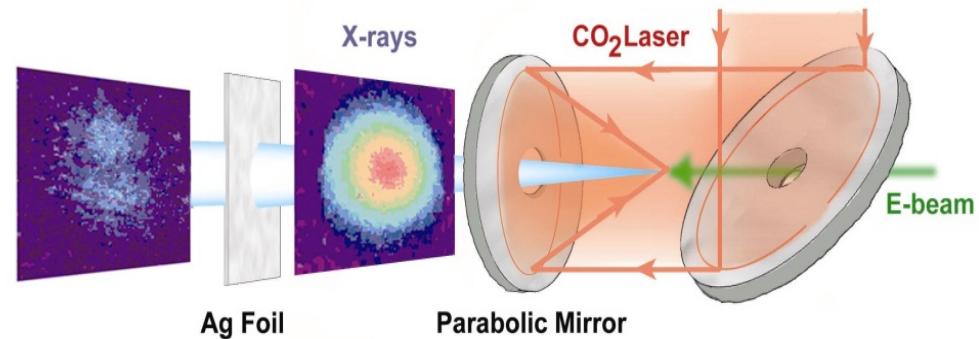


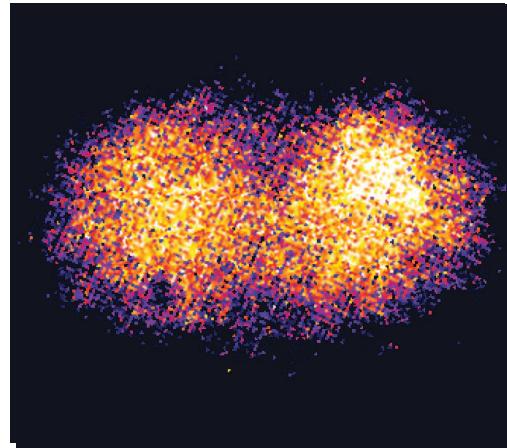
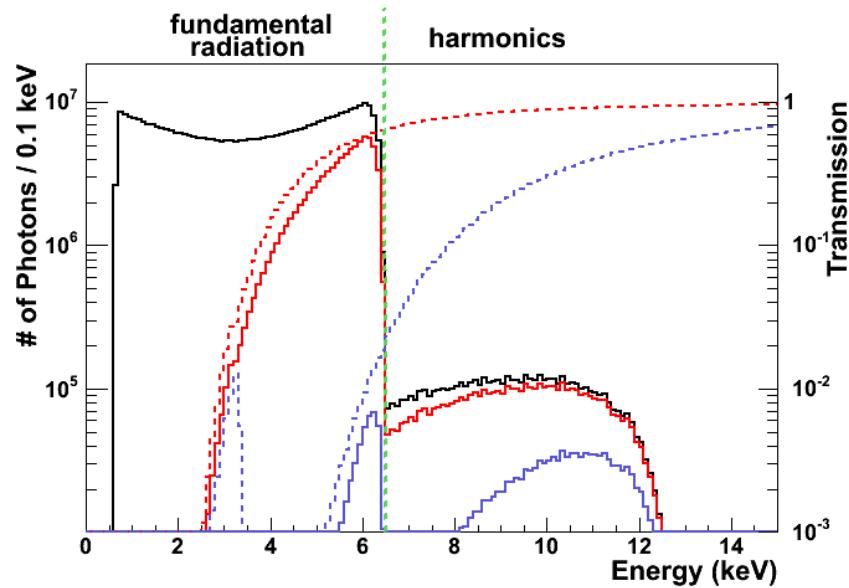
### Second Order Harmonic Radiation



- The first direct observation of a nonlinear component in relativistic Thomson x-ray scattering

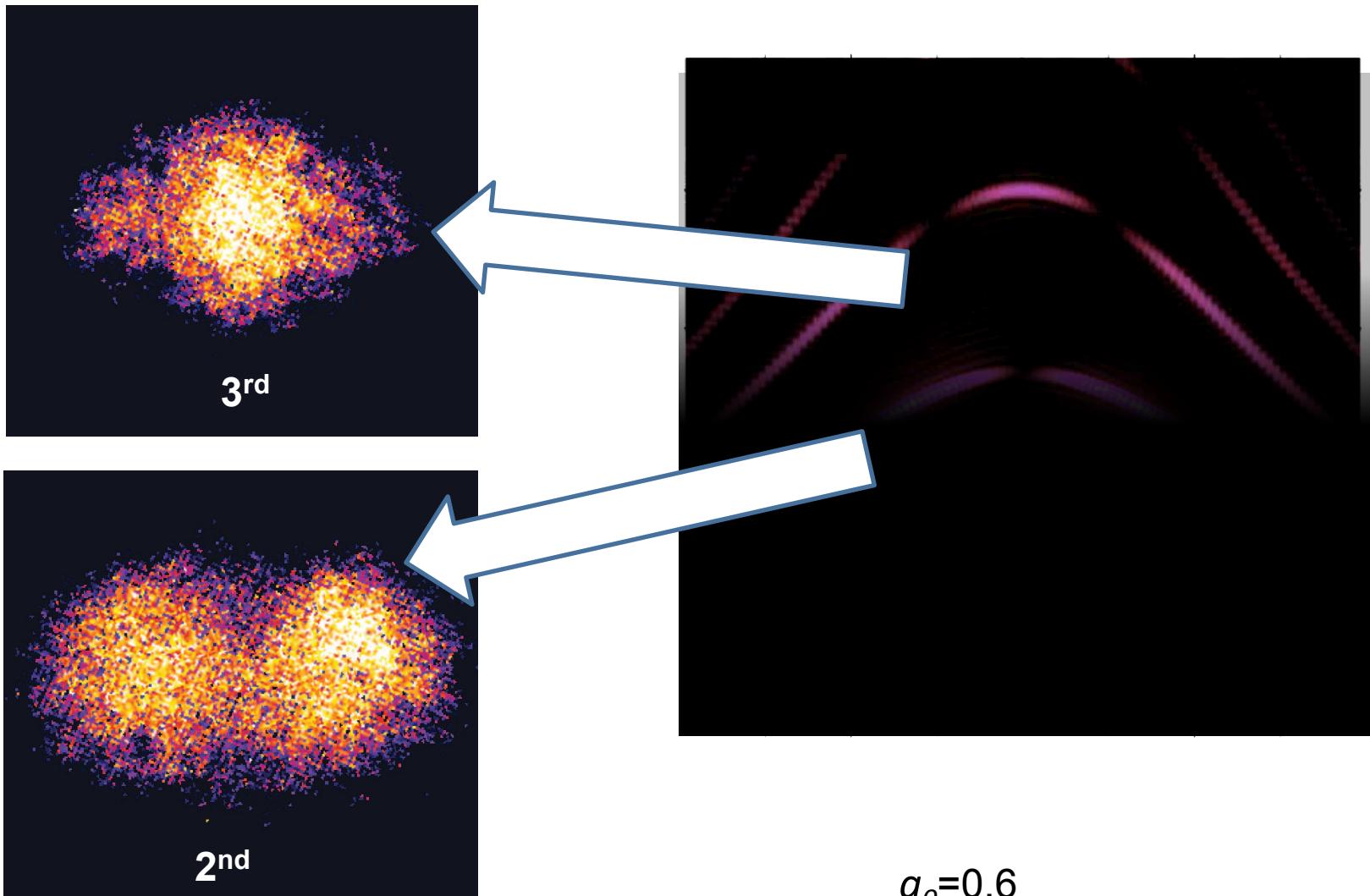
Phys. Rev. Lett. **96**, 054802 (2006)





$$a_0=0.6$$

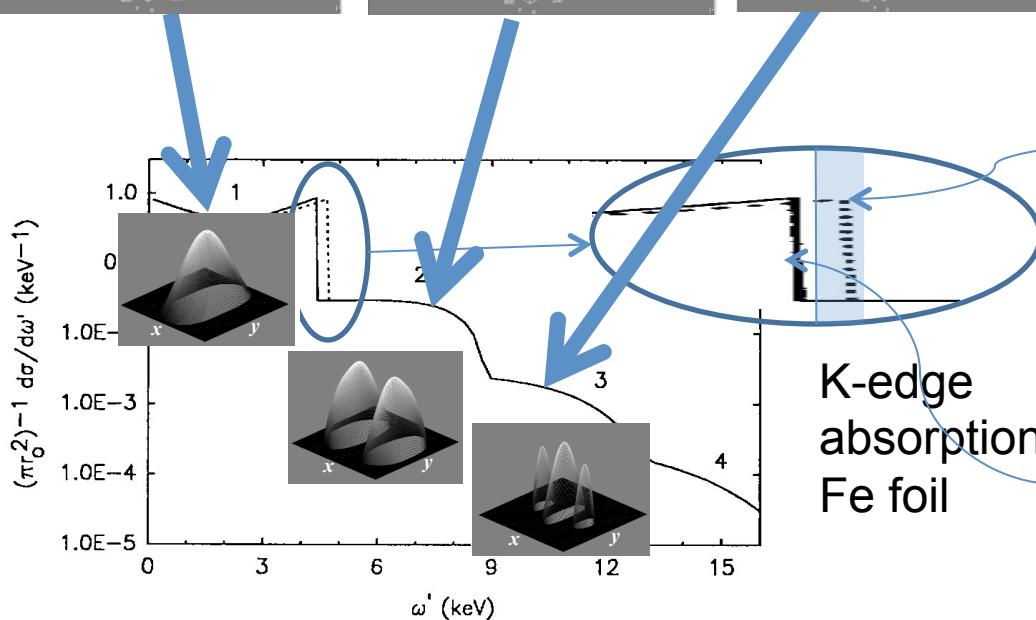
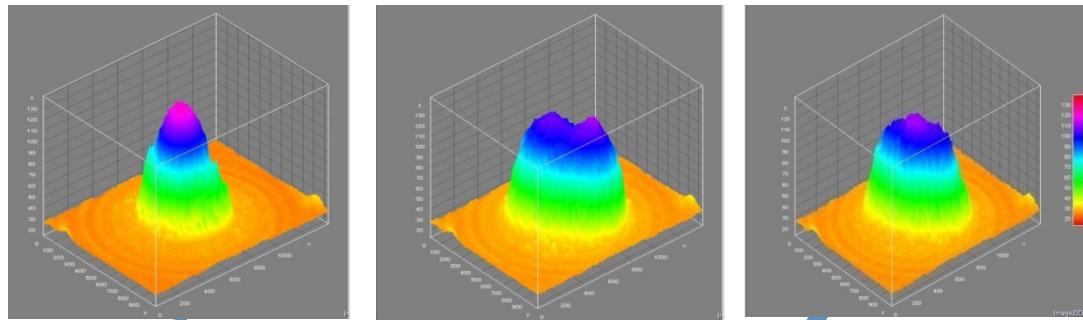
# Higher harmonics



## Recent unpublished results in nonlinear Compton scattering



## harmonics

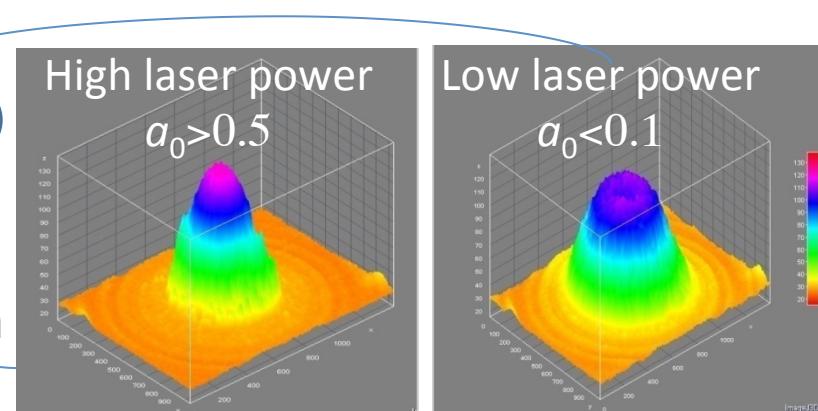


## mass shift

$$\bar{m} = m \sqrt{1 + a_0^2}$$

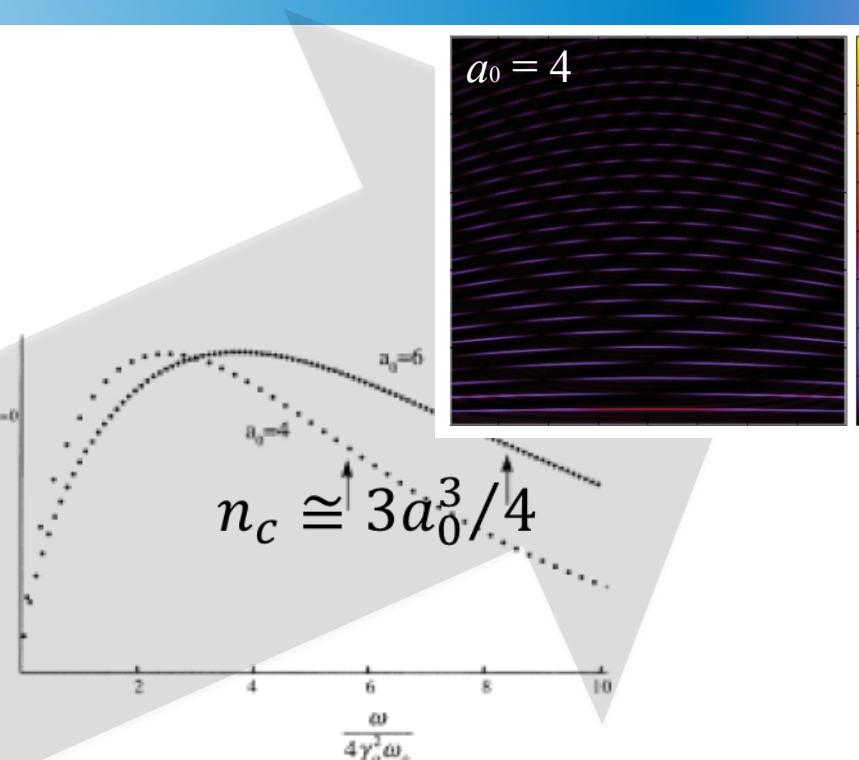
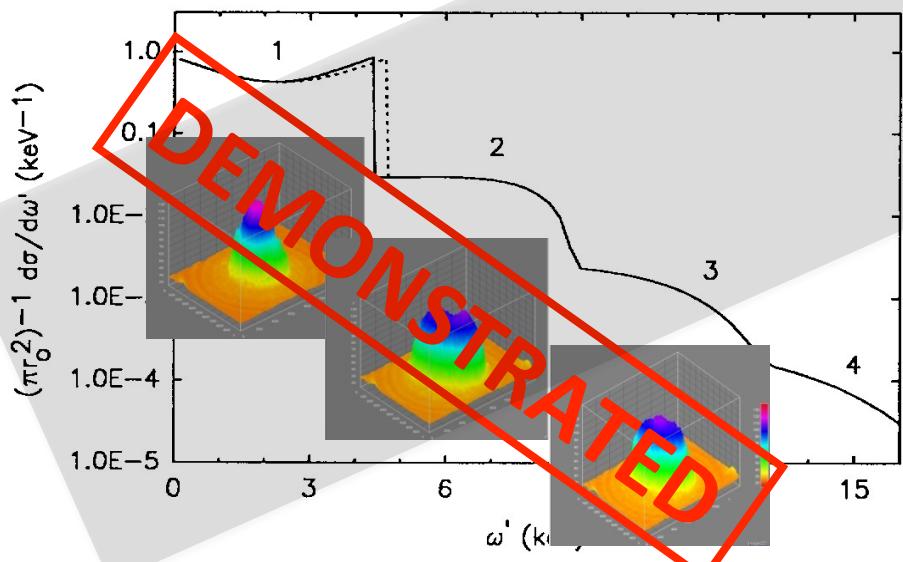
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$$\lambda_x \approx \frac{\lambda_L}{4\gamma^2} [1 + a_0^2]$$

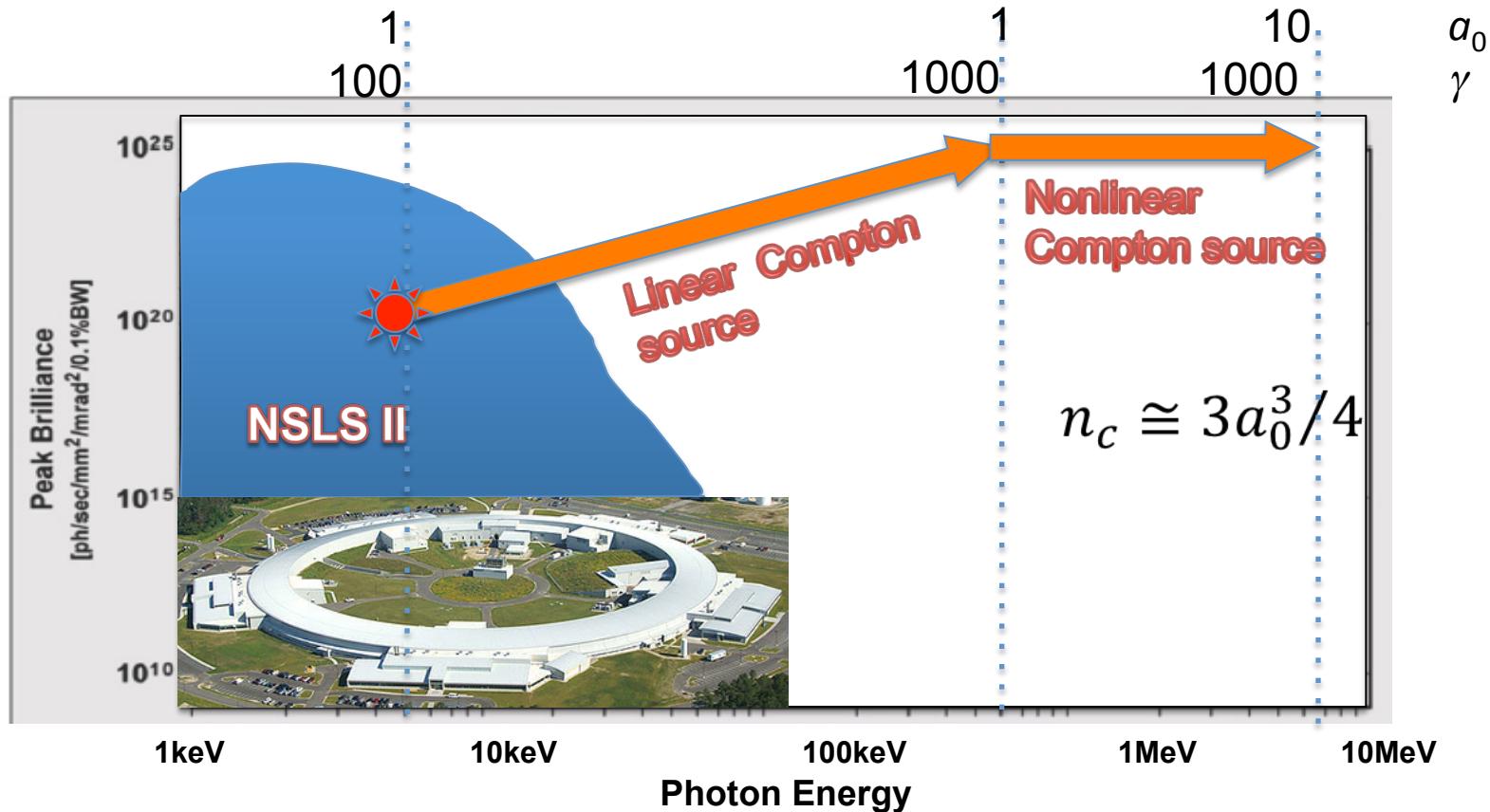


# Very high Compton harmonics

- New avenue to shorter wavelengths based on harmonic frequency up-shift.
- For  $a_0 \gg 1$ , numerous harmonics are generated, yielding a continuum.
- Harmonics increasing in intensity to some critical harmonic number  $n_c$

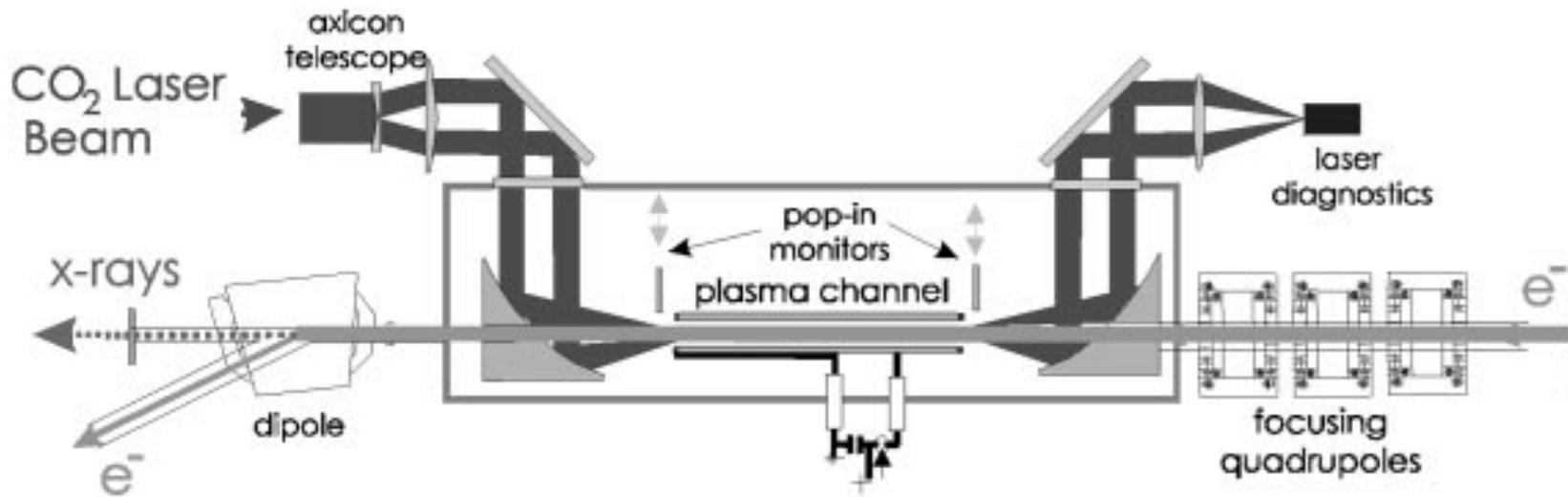


- $n_c$  is close to 1000 for  $a_0 = 10$ .
- 3 MeV gamma-rays with 500 MeV electrons.

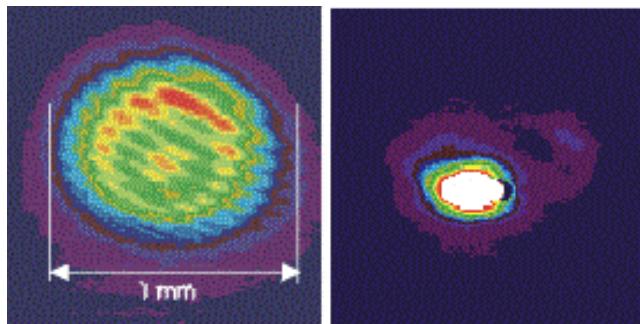


*Further spectrum extension through harmonics continuum*

# Plasma guided beams



CO<sub>2</sub> laser channeling  
in plasma capillary



without  
discharge

with  
discharge

Capillary  
discharge  
plasma source



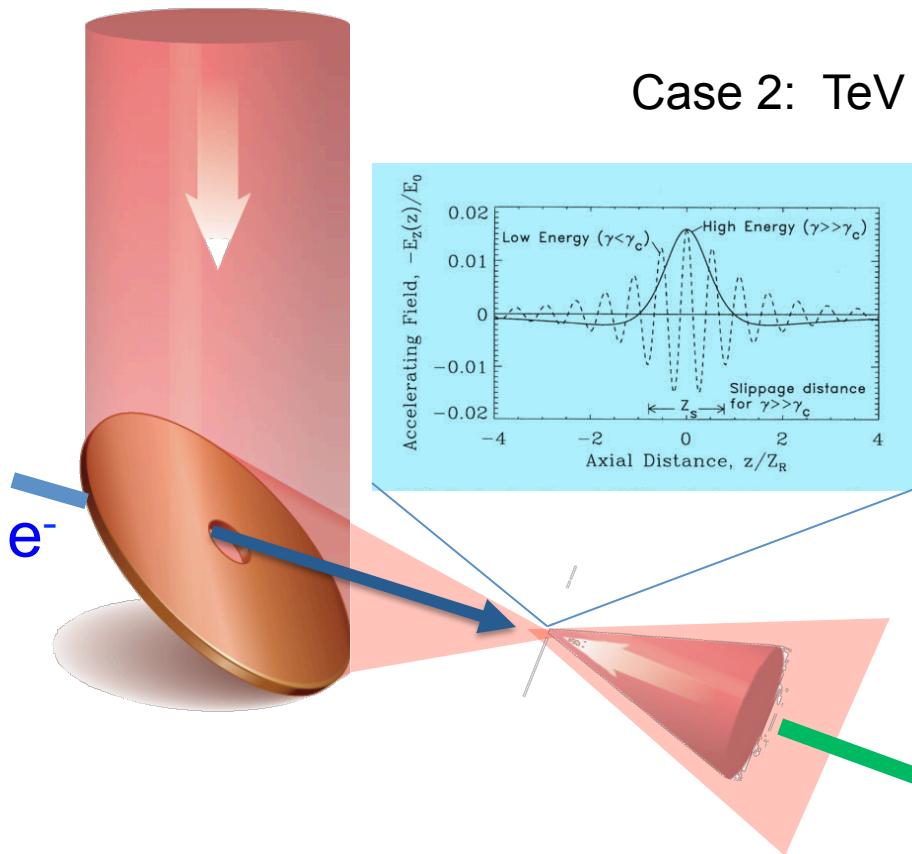
Expect ×10  
in x-ray flux/ shot

NIM A 455, 176 (2000)

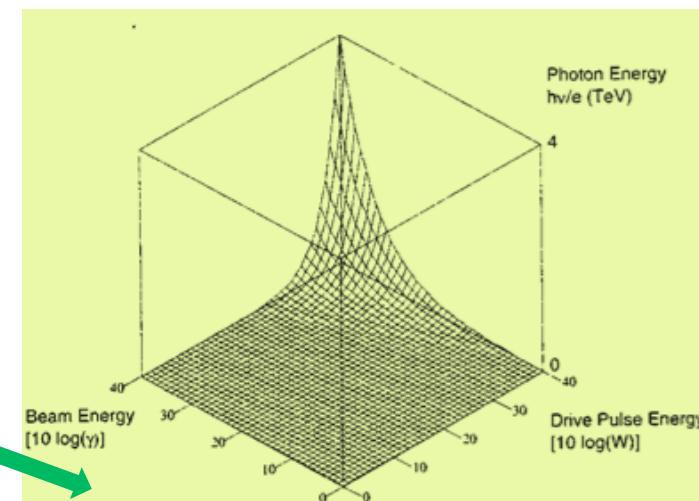
# Transient Compton

Lawson-Woodward theorem prohibits net acceleration in vacuum; however, transient energy gain over slippage distance  $\pi Z_r$  could be significant:

Case 1:  $\Delta E = 100$  MeV over  $100 \mu\text{m}$  with  $20$  TW  
Phys. Rev. E **52**, 5443 (1995)

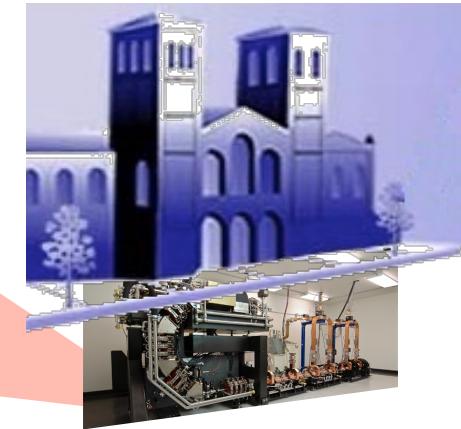


Case 2: TeV gammas with  $500$  MeV e-beam and  
 $a_0=20$   
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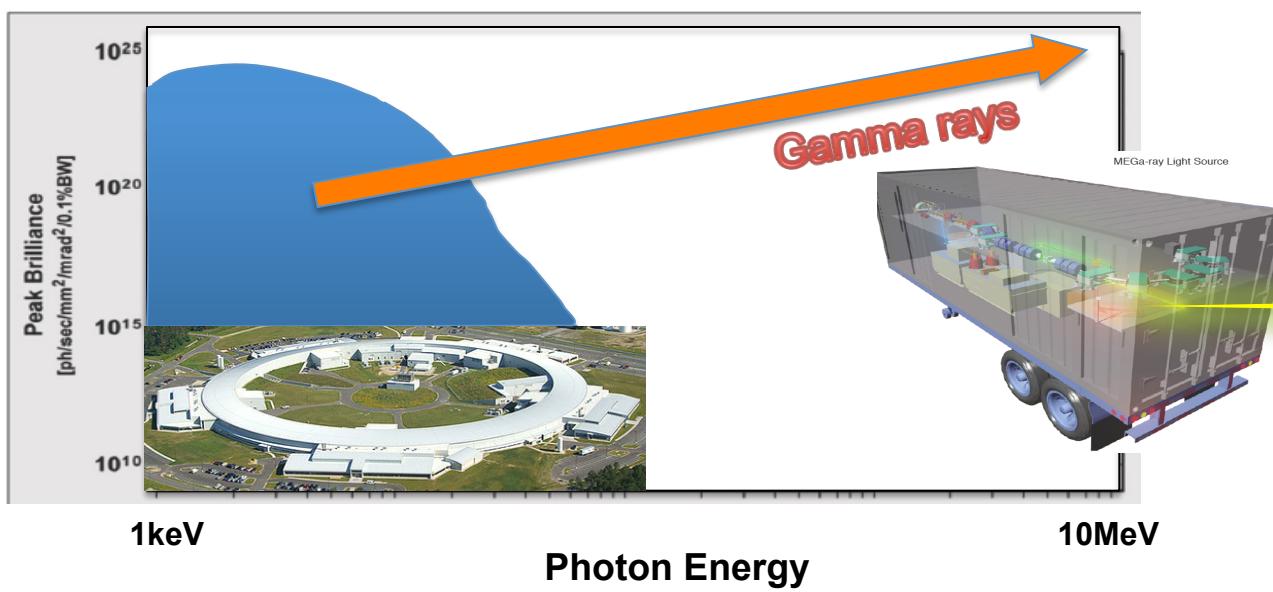


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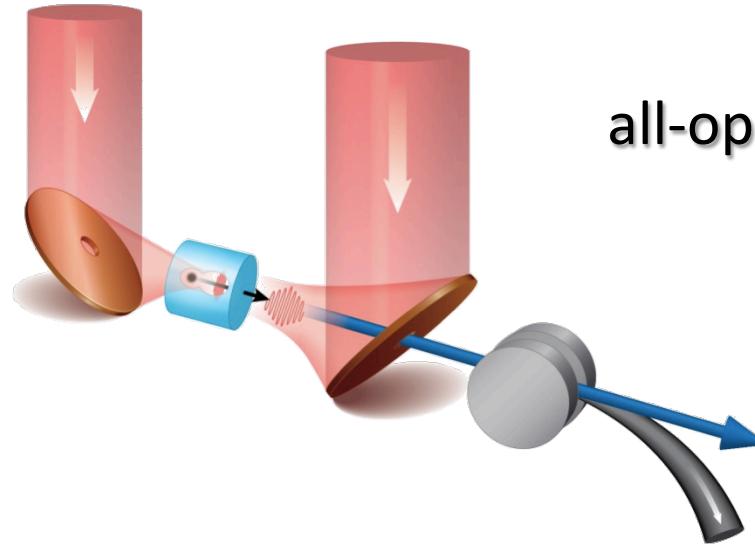


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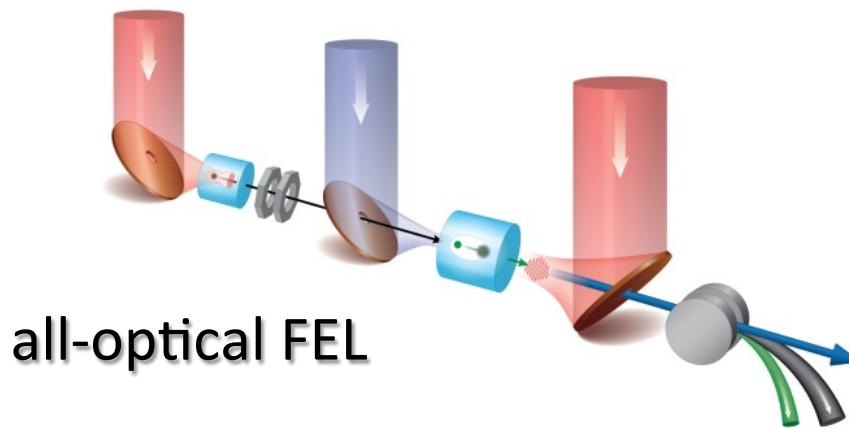
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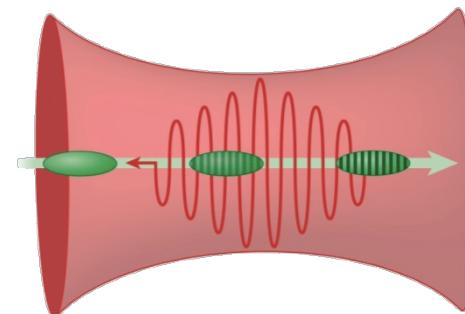


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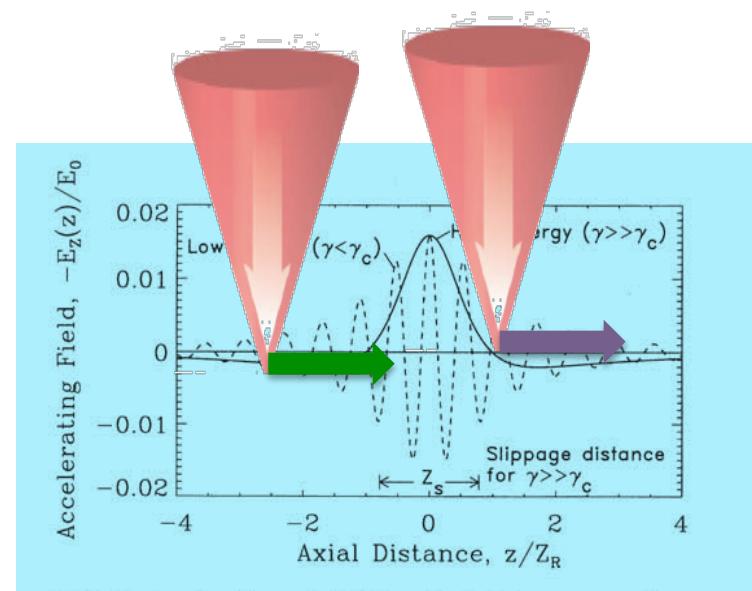
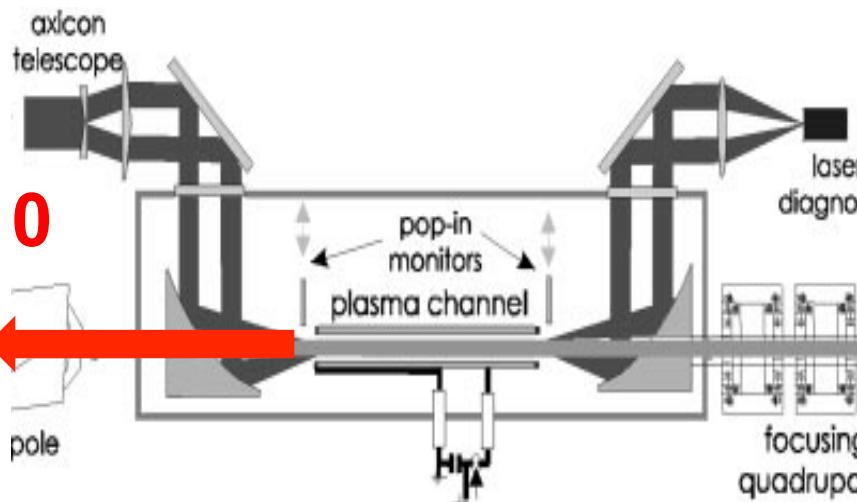
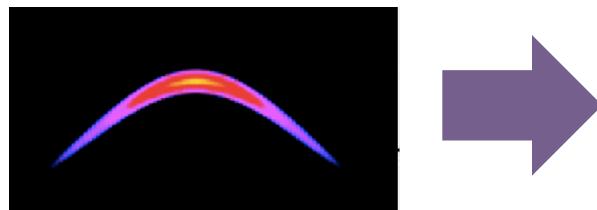
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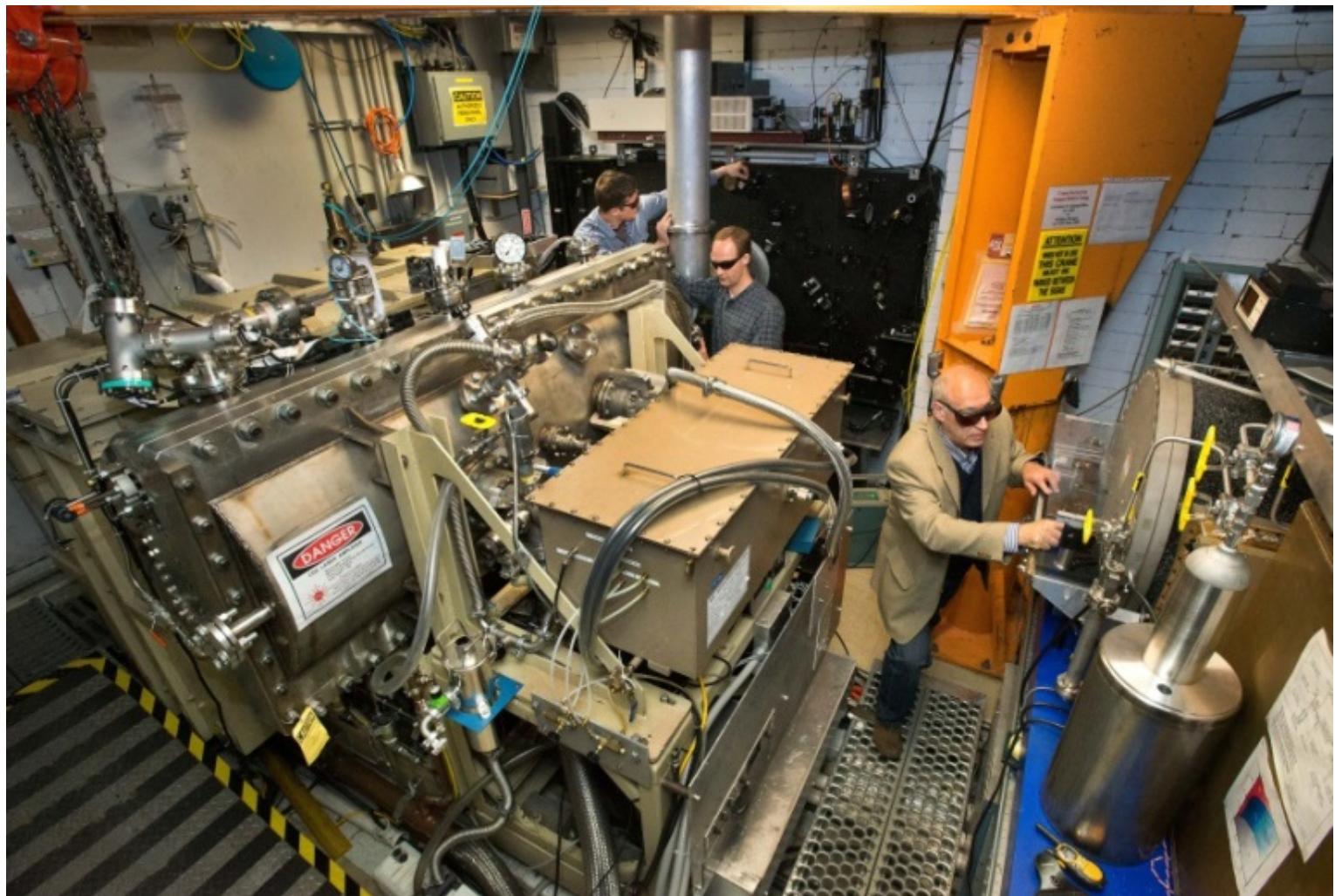
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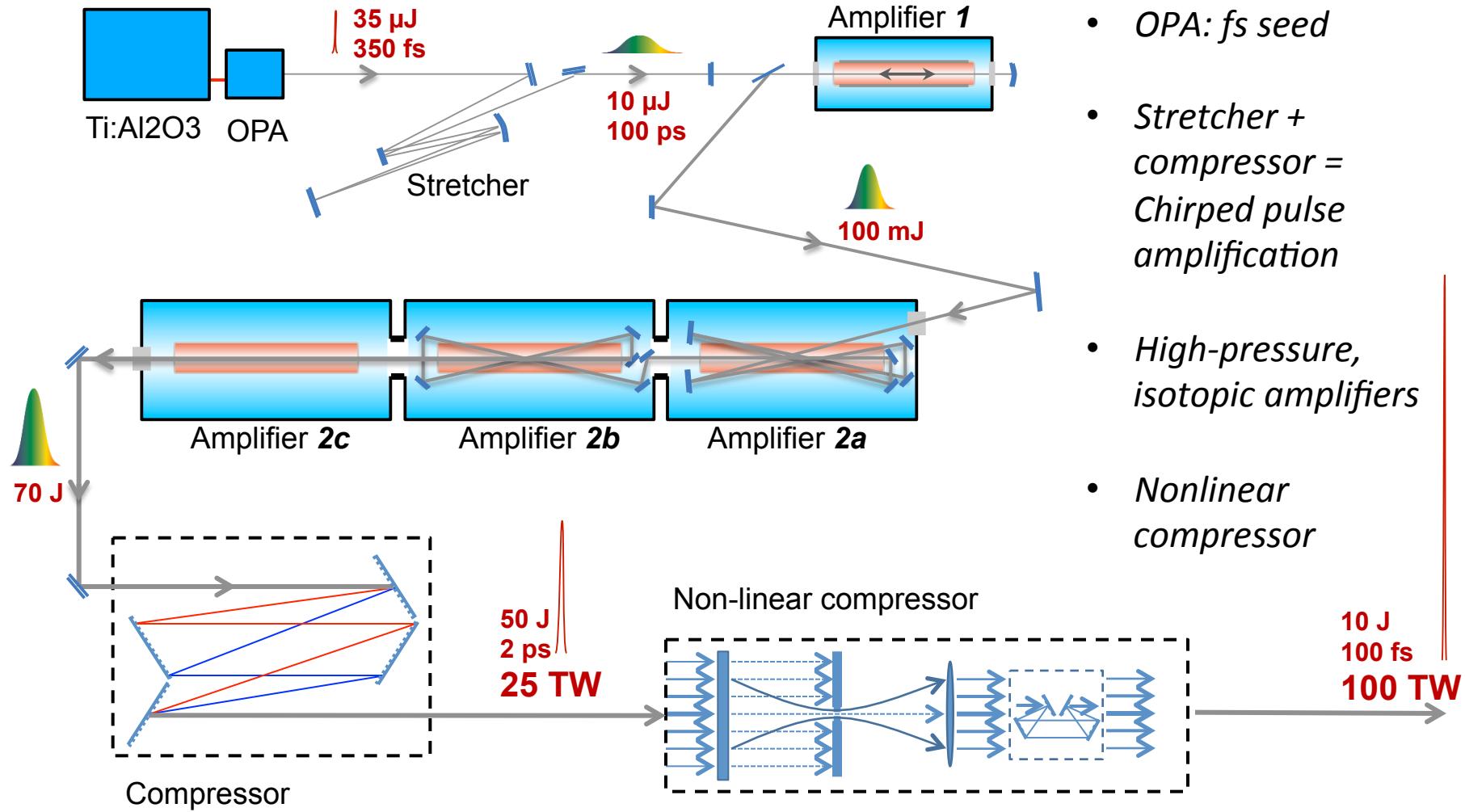


# Developing 100 TW CO<sub>2</sub> laser



# 100TW CO<sub>2</sub> concept laser

*Collection of innovations:*





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# Comparative parameters of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation Synchrotron Light Sources and prospective Compton sources

Parameter	Source					Measure
	3 <sup>rd</sup> SLS (NSLS II)	4 <sup>th</sup> SLS (LCLS)	Incoherent CS (with RF linac)	All-Optical CS (with LWFA)	All-Optical FEL	
Wavelength	1-10	1.3-44	$10^{-3}$ -1.8	$10^{-3}$ -1.8	7.6	Å
Electron Energy	3	14	0.06-2.4	0.06-2.4	0.03	GeV
Peak Brightness	$2 \times 10^{23}$	$2 \times 10^{33}$	$3 \times 10^{18}$ - $2 \times 10^{24}$	$3 \times 10^{18}$ - $2 \times 10^{24}$	$2 \times 10^{27}$	*
Average Brightness	$3 \times 10^{21}$	$3 \times 10^{22}$	$3 \times 10^{10}$ - $2 \times 10^{15}$	$3 \times 10^8$ - $2 \times 10^{13}$	$10^{17}$	*
Pulse Duration	200,000	50-400	10-100	10-100	50	fs
Repetition Rate	$5 \times 10^6$	120	$10^5$	$10^3$	$10^3$	Hz

\* ph/s-mm<sup>2</sup>-mrad<sup>2</sup>-0.1%BW

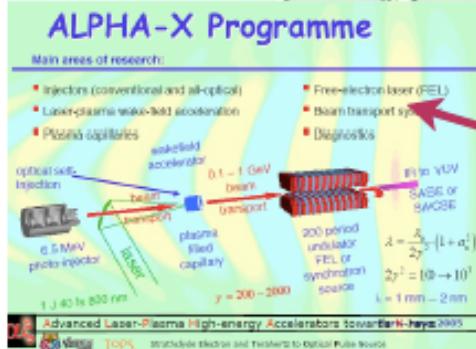


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