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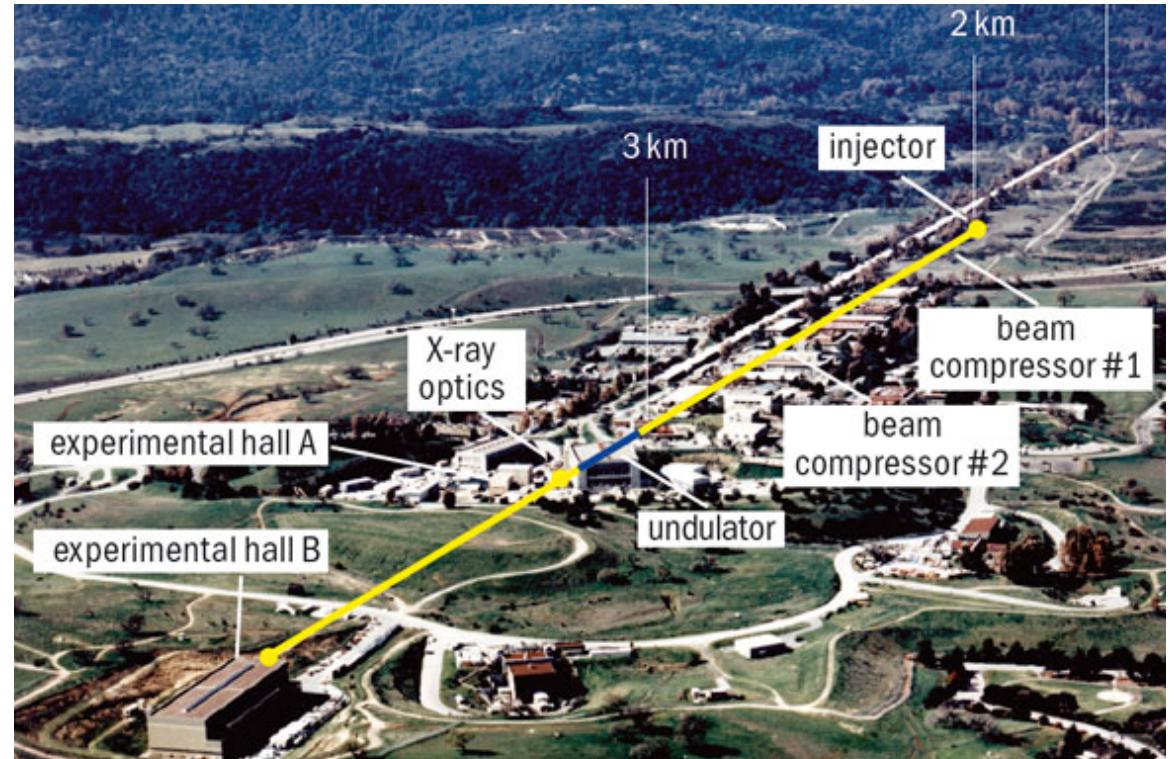
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- X-rays with wavelengths from 1.2 – 25 Å
- Up to 3 mJ/pulse ( $\sim 10^{12}$  photons/pulse)
- 120 Hz rep rate
- Variable pulse length from few – 100 fs
- $\Delta\omega/\omega \sim 10^{-3}$



Flagship applications include:  
Single shot x-ray imaging, Nonlinear physics, and Femtosecond dynamics



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### Femtosecond X-ray protein nanocrystallography

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X-ray crystallography provides the vast majority of macromolecular structures, but the success of the method relies on growing crystals of sufficient size. In conventional measurements, the necessary increase in X-ray dose to record data from crystals that are too small leads to extensive damage before a diffraction signal can be recorded<sup>1</sup>. It is particularly difficult to grow large, well-ordered single-crystalline nanocrystals of proteins, for which fewer than 100 unique reflections have been determined despite their importance in all living cells. Here we present a method for structure determination where single-crystal X-ray diffraction ‘snapshots’ are collected from a fully hydrated stream of nanocrystals using femtosecond pulses from a hard-X-ray free-electron laser (XFEL) at the Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS). We believe this concept with nanocrystals of photosystem I, one of the largest membrane protein complexes<sup>2</sup>. More than 3,000,000 diffraction patterns were collected in this study, and a three-dimensional data set was assembled from individual photosystem I nanocrystals (<200 nm to 2 μm in size). We investigate the problem of radiation damage by comparing the intensity distributions of the snapshots of most damage processes<sup>3</sup>. This offers a new approach to structure determination of macromolecules that do not yield crystals of sufficient size for studies using conventional radiation sources or are particularly sensitive to radiation damage.

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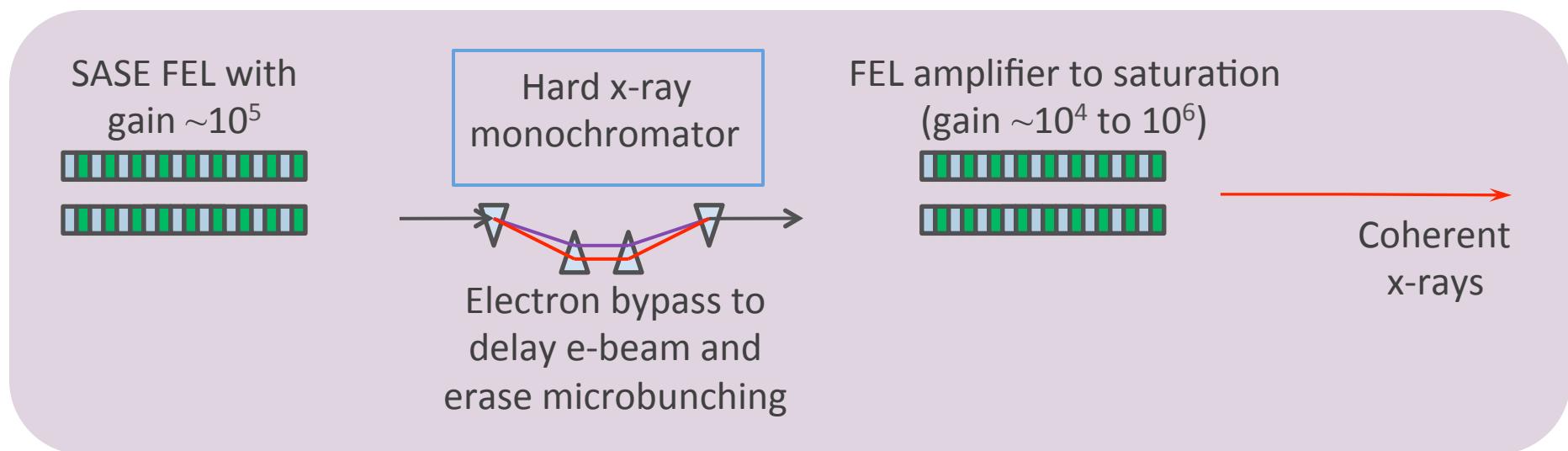
# The need to seed

- SASE is initiated by electron beam shot noise
  - many longitudinal modes & normalized bandwidth  $\Delta\omega/\omega \sim \rho$
- Longitudinal coherence/spectral brightness can be improved by seeding the FEL with a coherent signal at the wavelength of interest
- Motivation from experimental users may include
  1. Increase spectral brightness
    - Increase number of photons in a specified narrow bandwidth
    - Decrease noise signals due to nearby spectral components
  2. Produce temporally coherent x-rays
  3. Increase total number of photons by judicious tapering
    - Seeded field saturates more uniformly, and tapering the undulator strength can more efficiently extract additional energy from the e-beam



# Self-seeding

Self-seeding uses SASE + monochromator to generate coherent seed

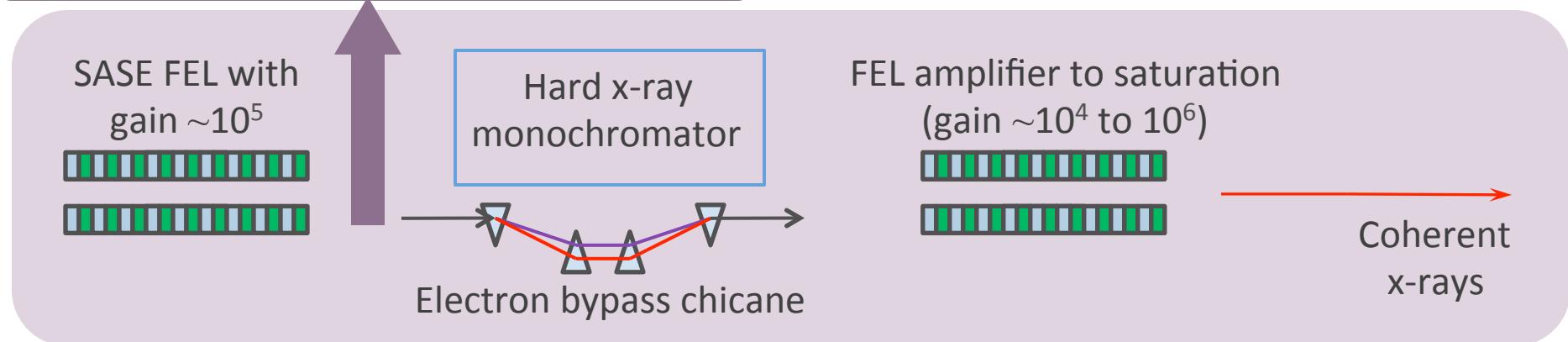
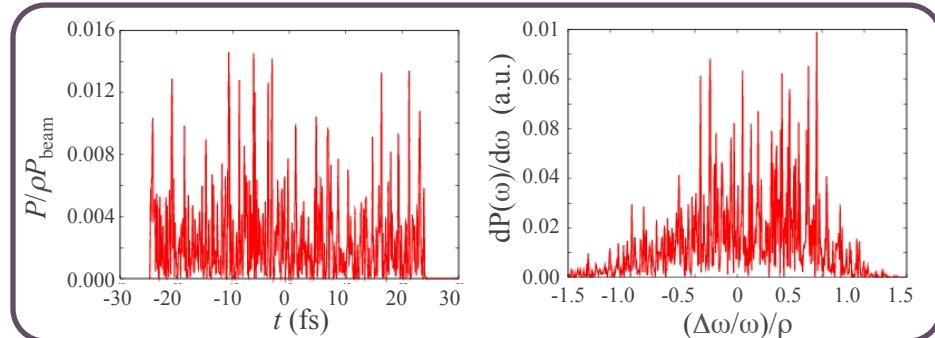


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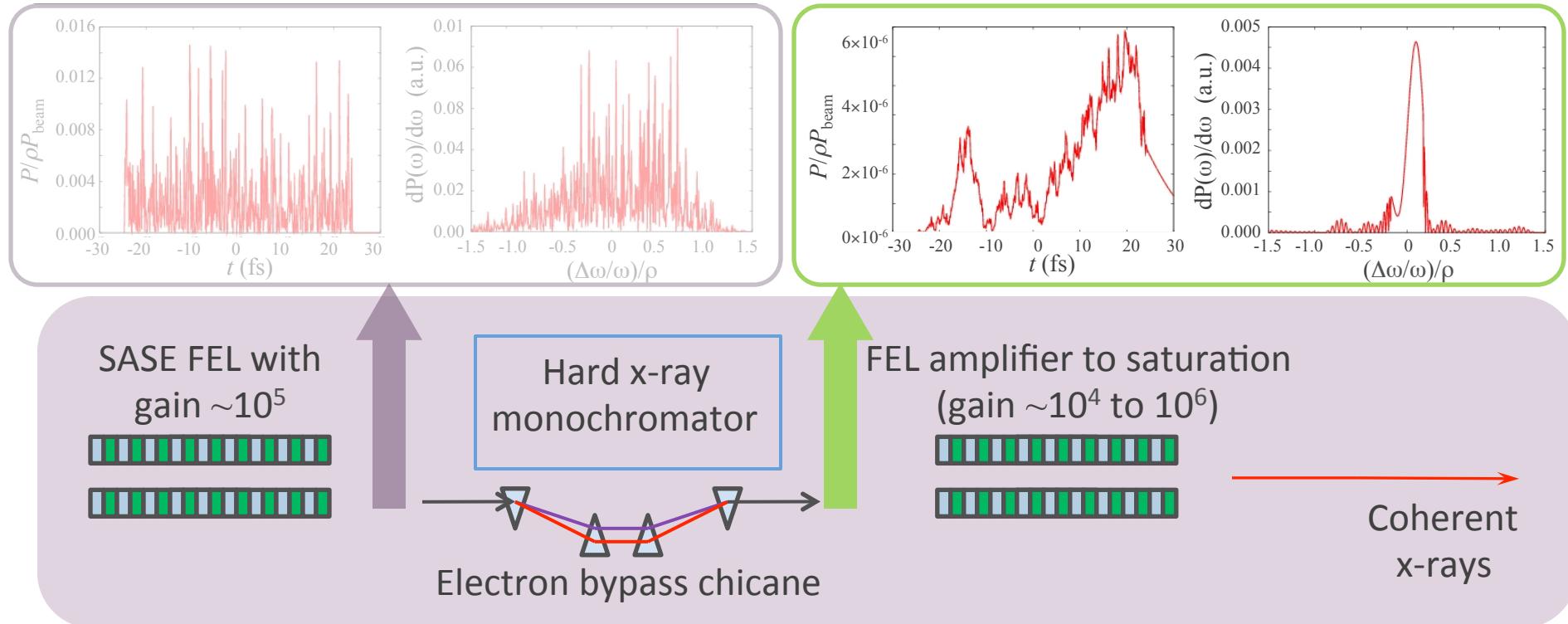


- Power large enough so that monochromatic signal dominates the seeding of SASE by electron beam shot noise
- FEL-induced energy spread on beam must remain small (well before nonlinear regime)

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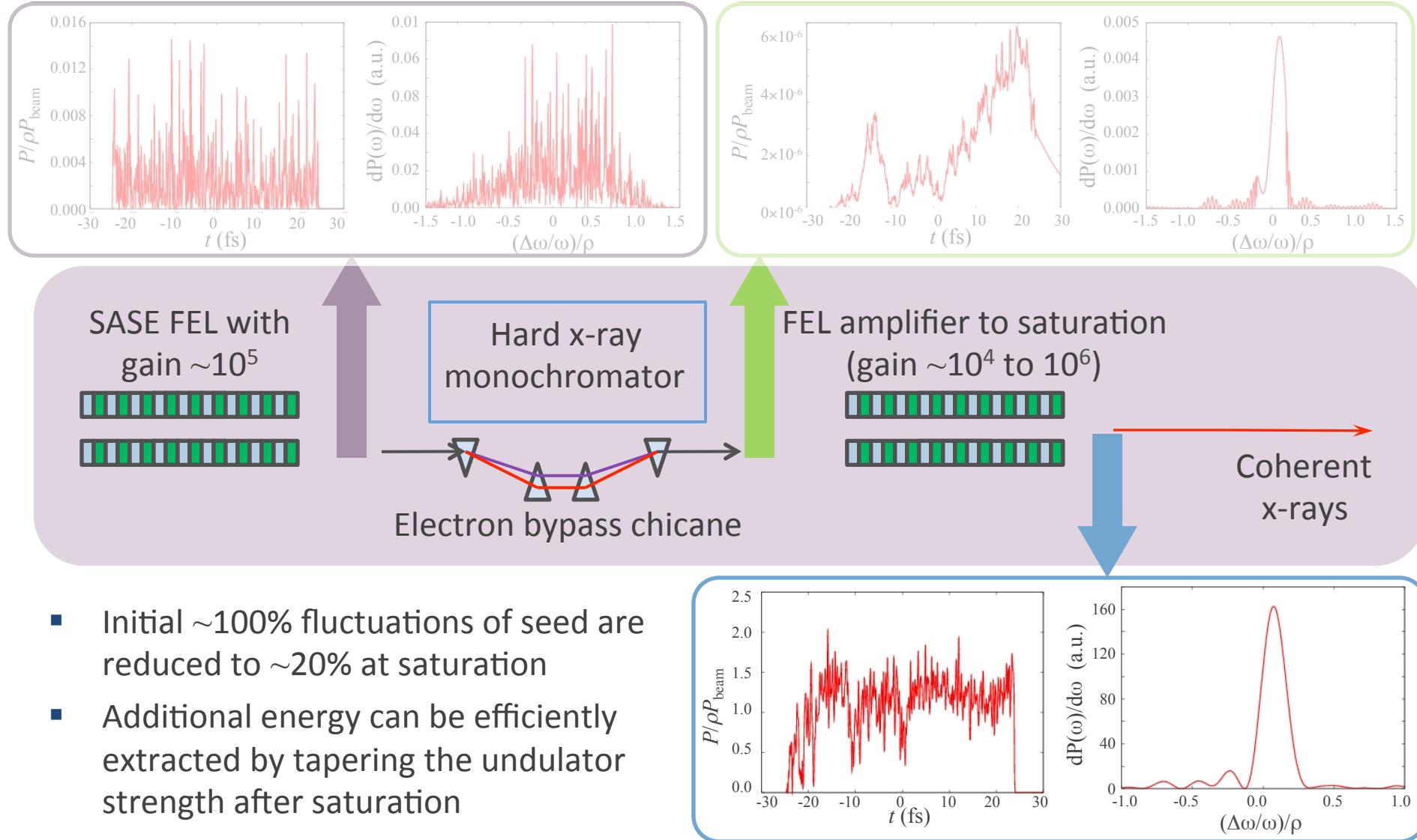
- Monochromator selects narrow bandwidth seed whose energy fluctuates by  $\sim 100\%$
- Electron beam is delayed to overlap and amplify radiation in downstream undulator
- Chicane erases microbunching of SASE

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- Initial  $\sim 100\%$  fluctuations of seed are reduced to  $\sim 20\%$  at saturation
- Additional energy can be efficiently extracted by tapering the undulator strength after saturation

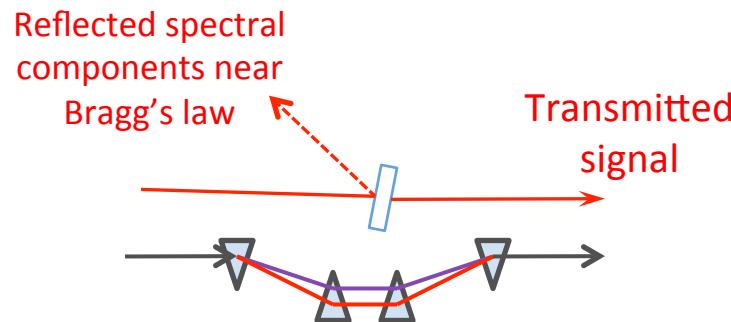


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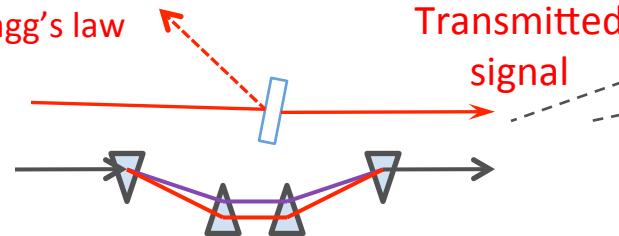
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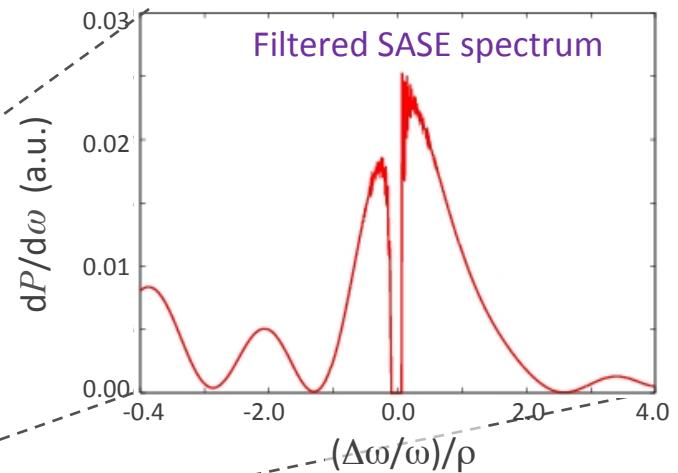
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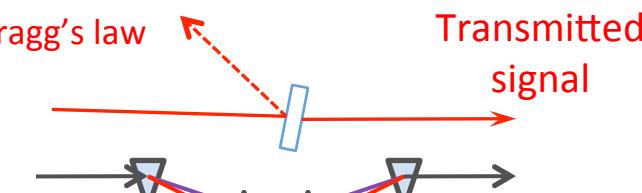


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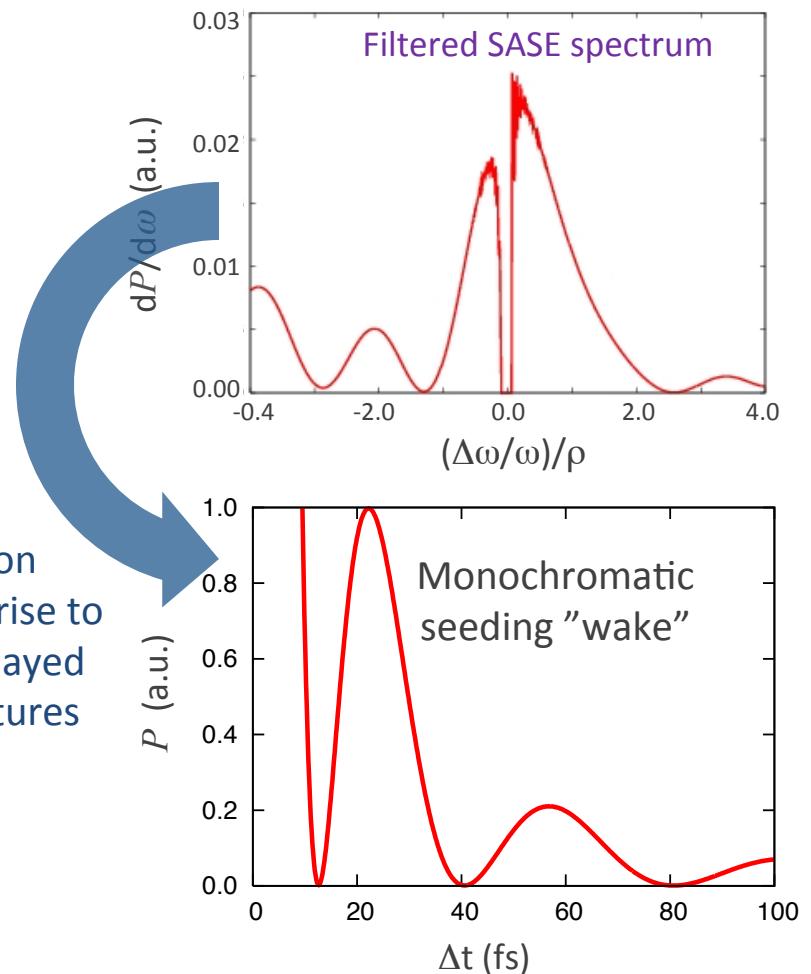
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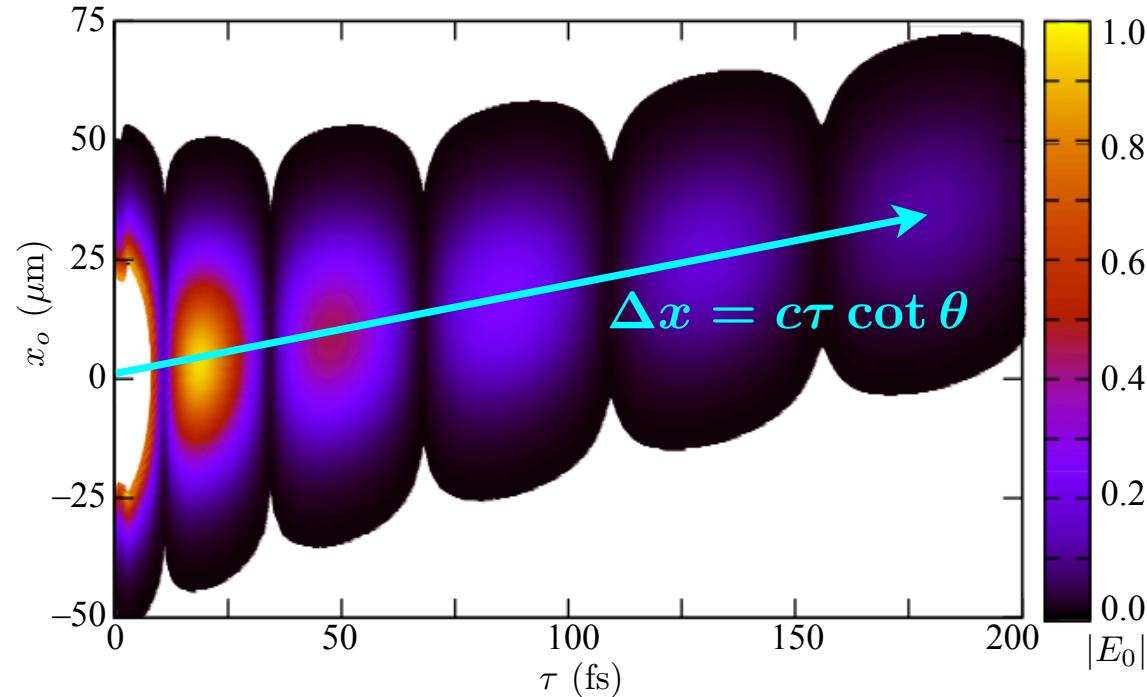


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# Transverse displacement of self-seeding “wake”



Delayed seeding field is also transversely displaced  
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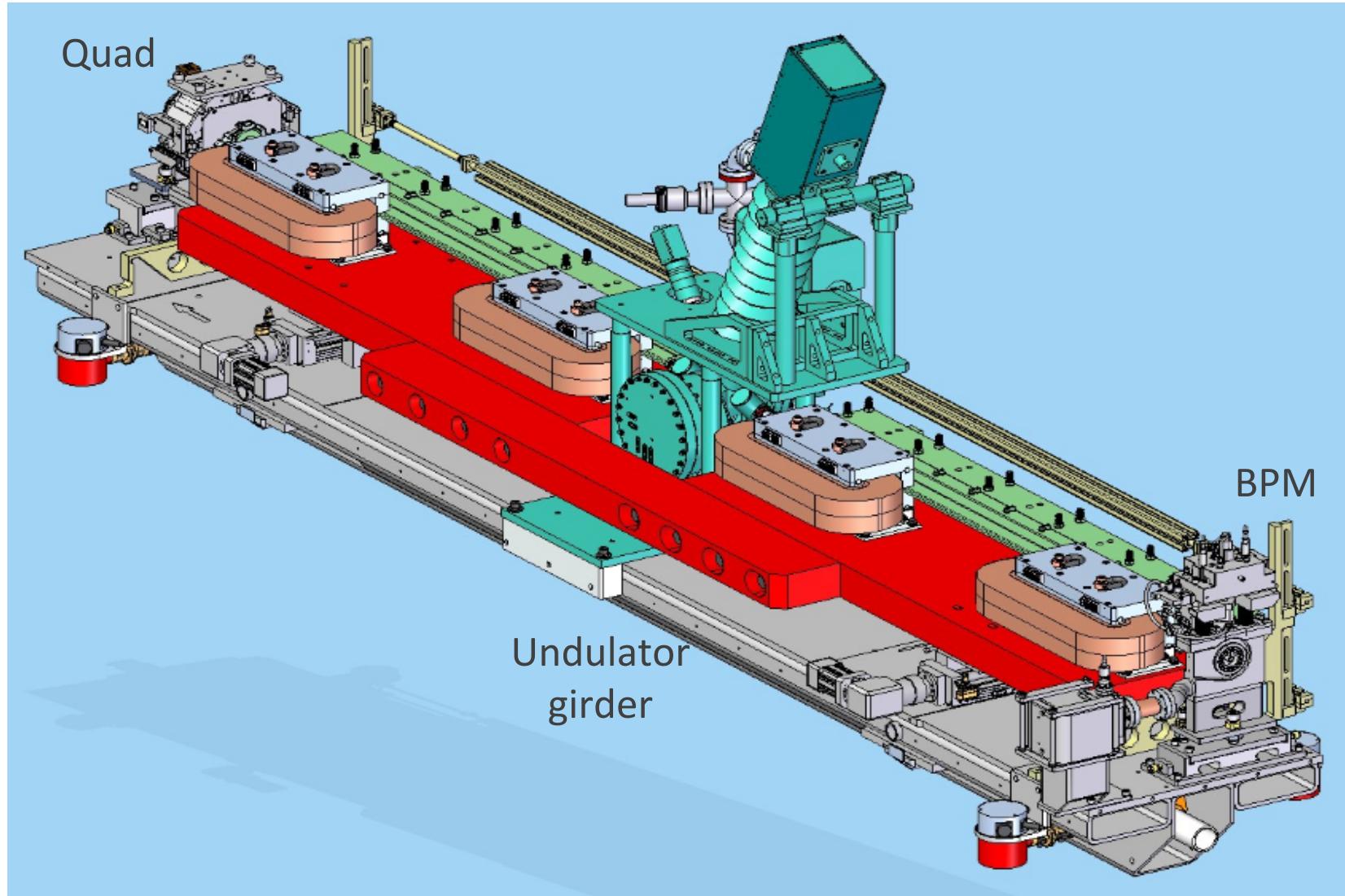
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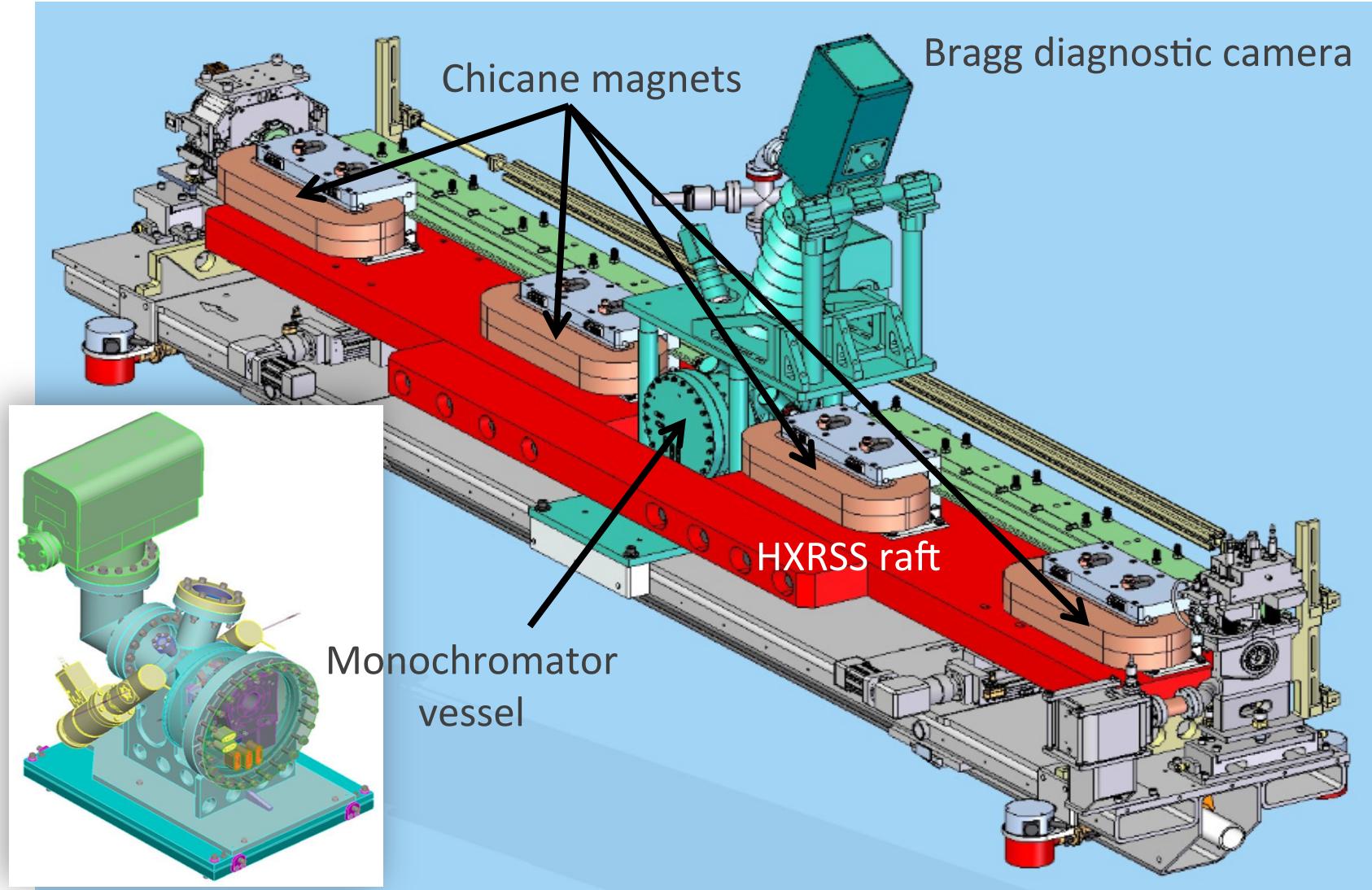


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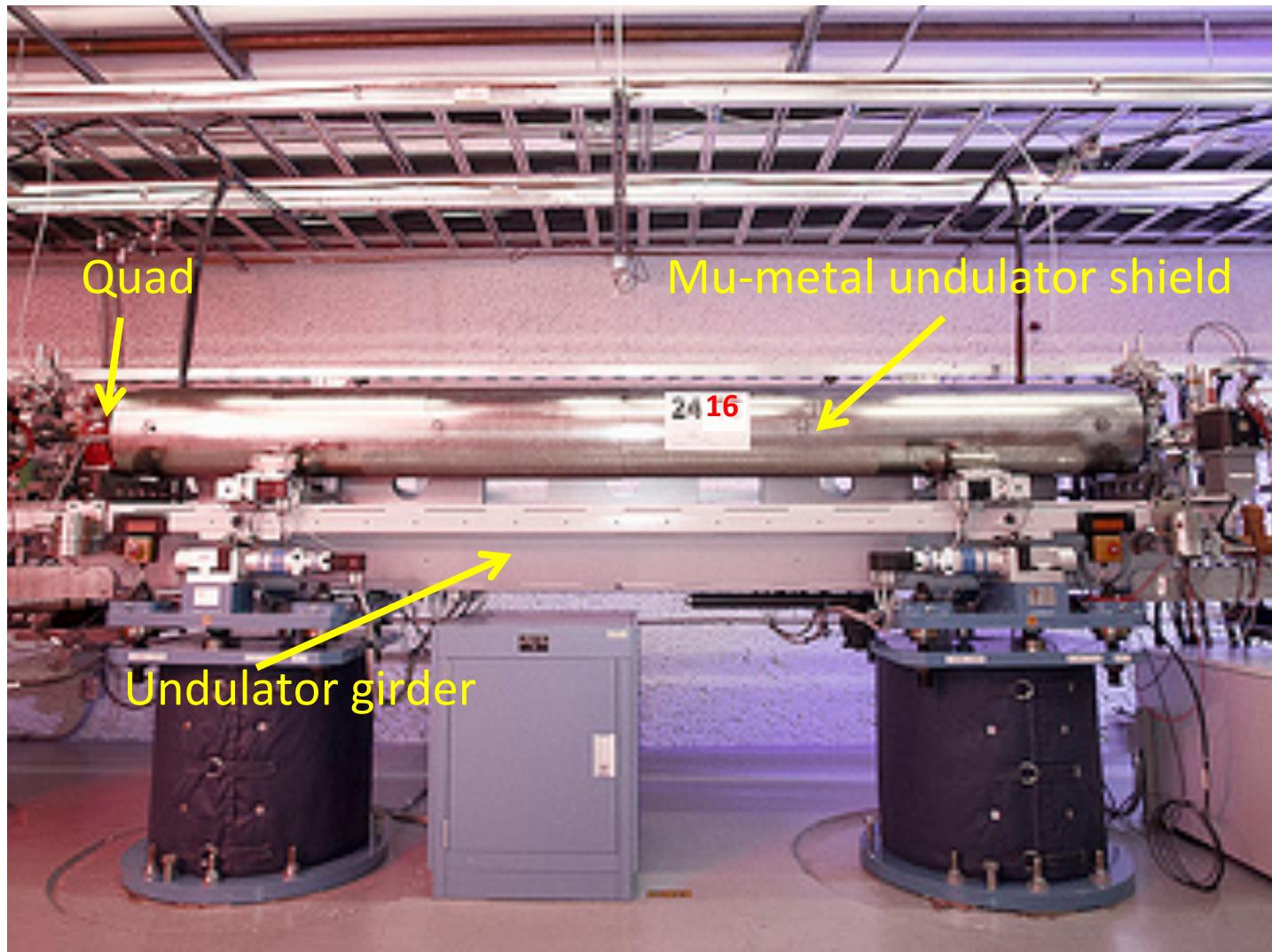


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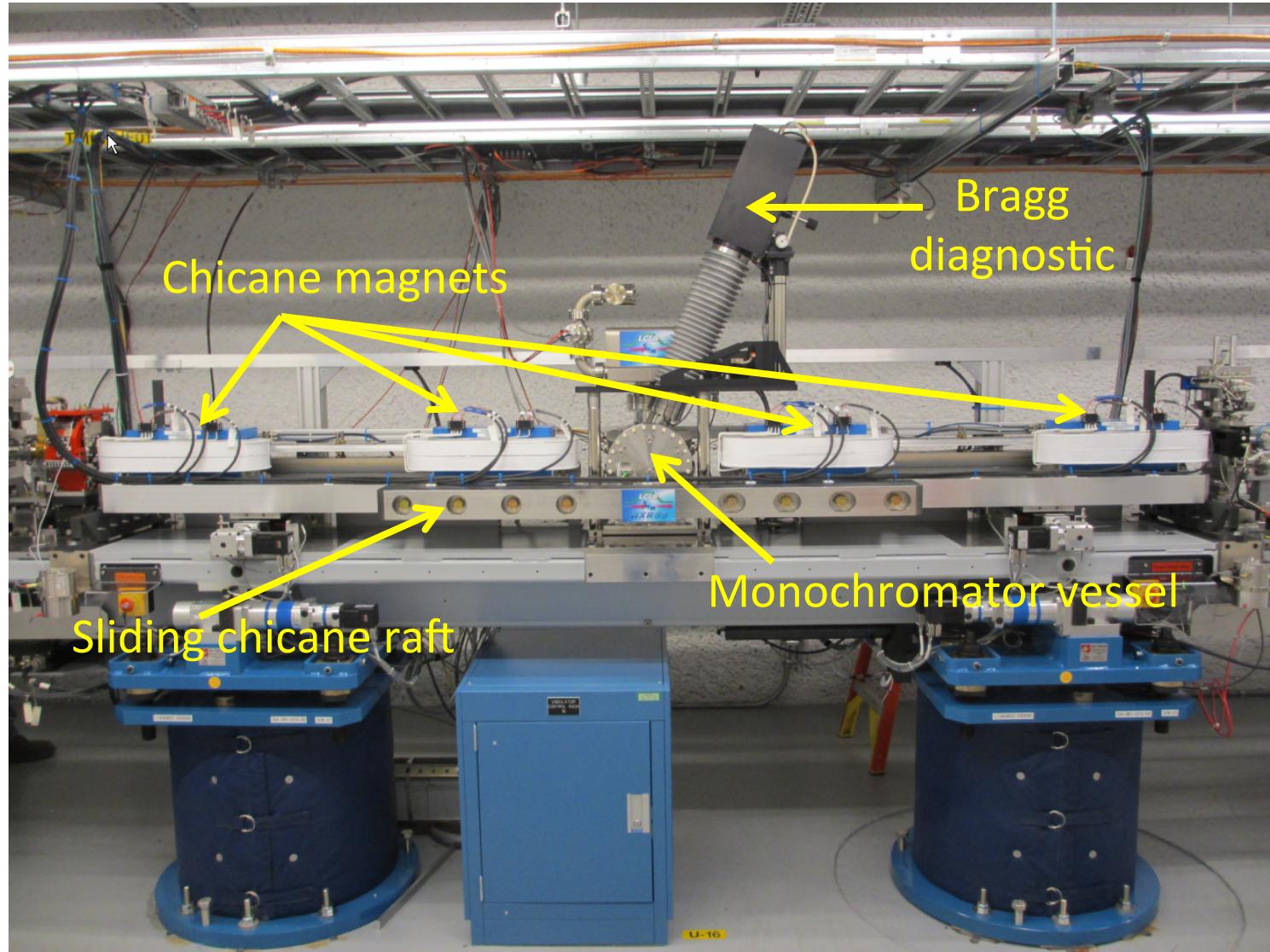
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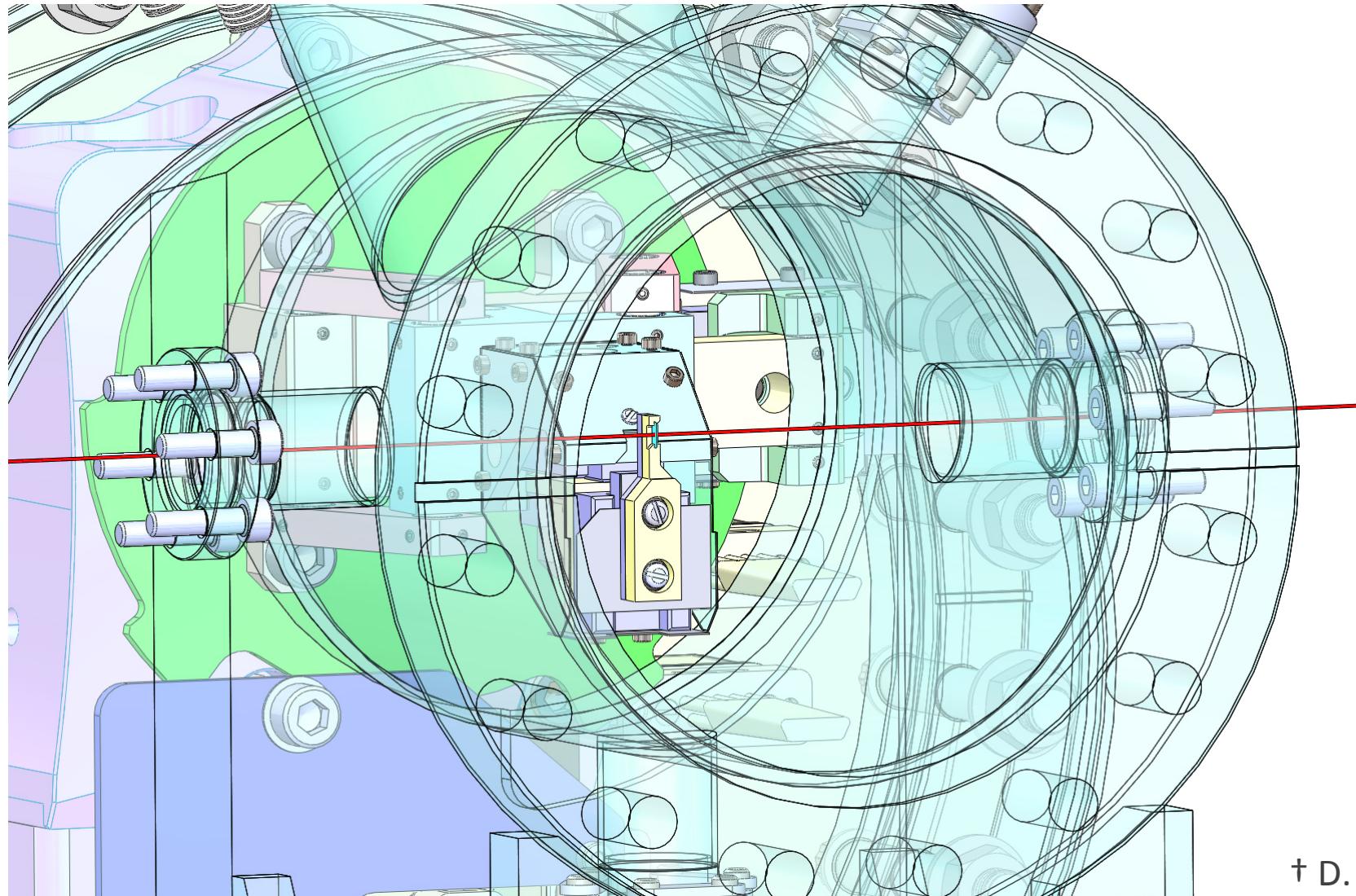
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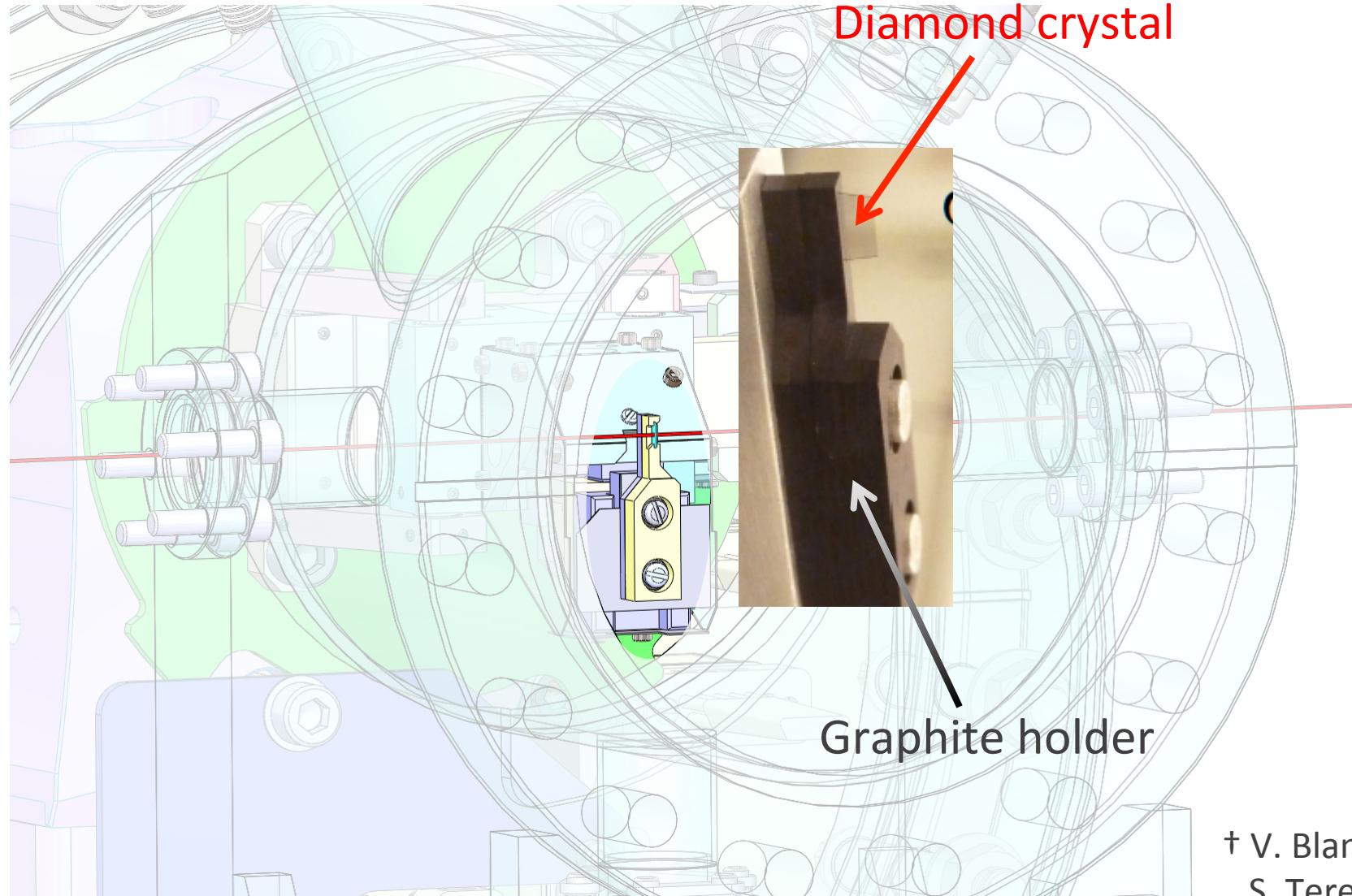
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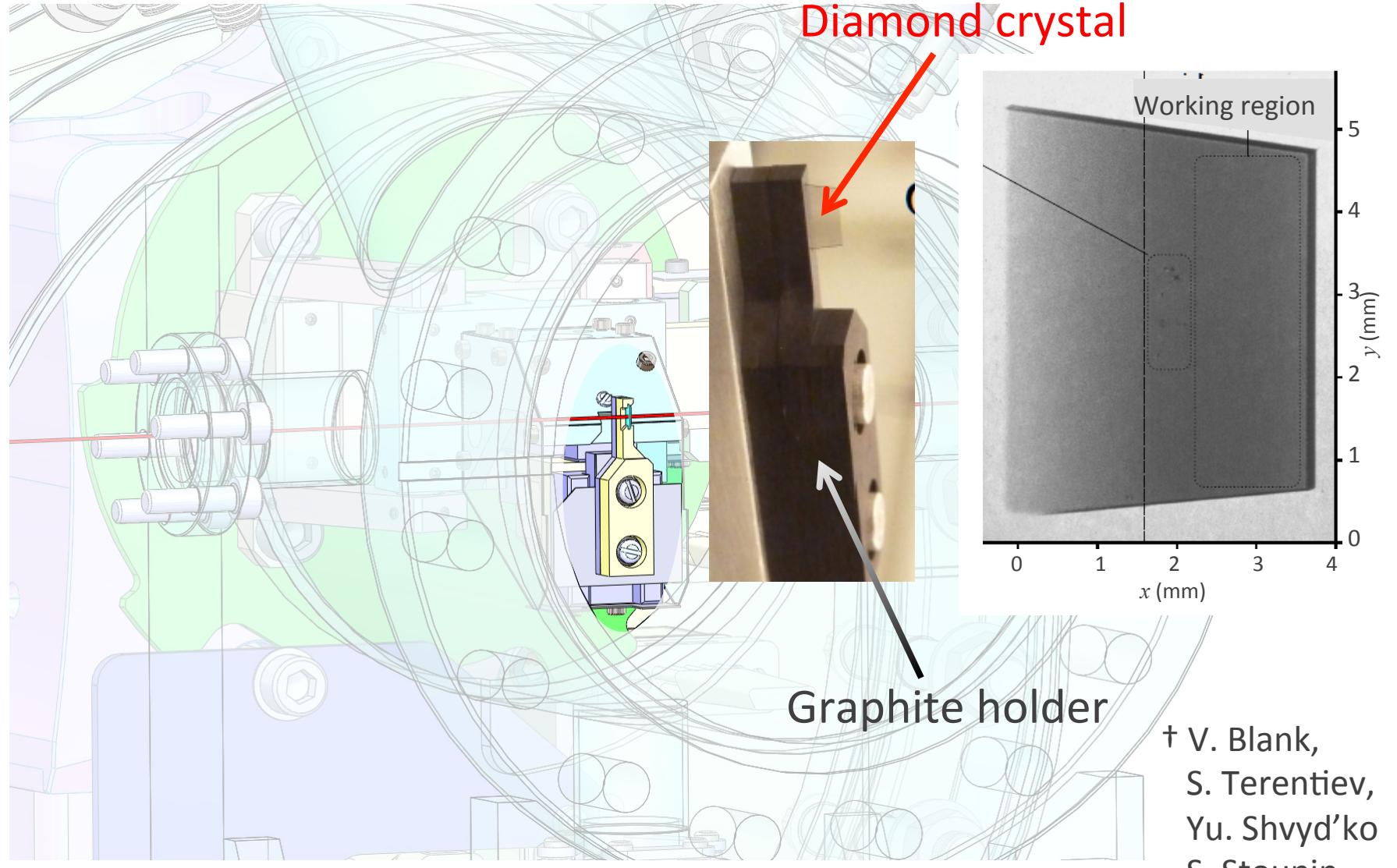


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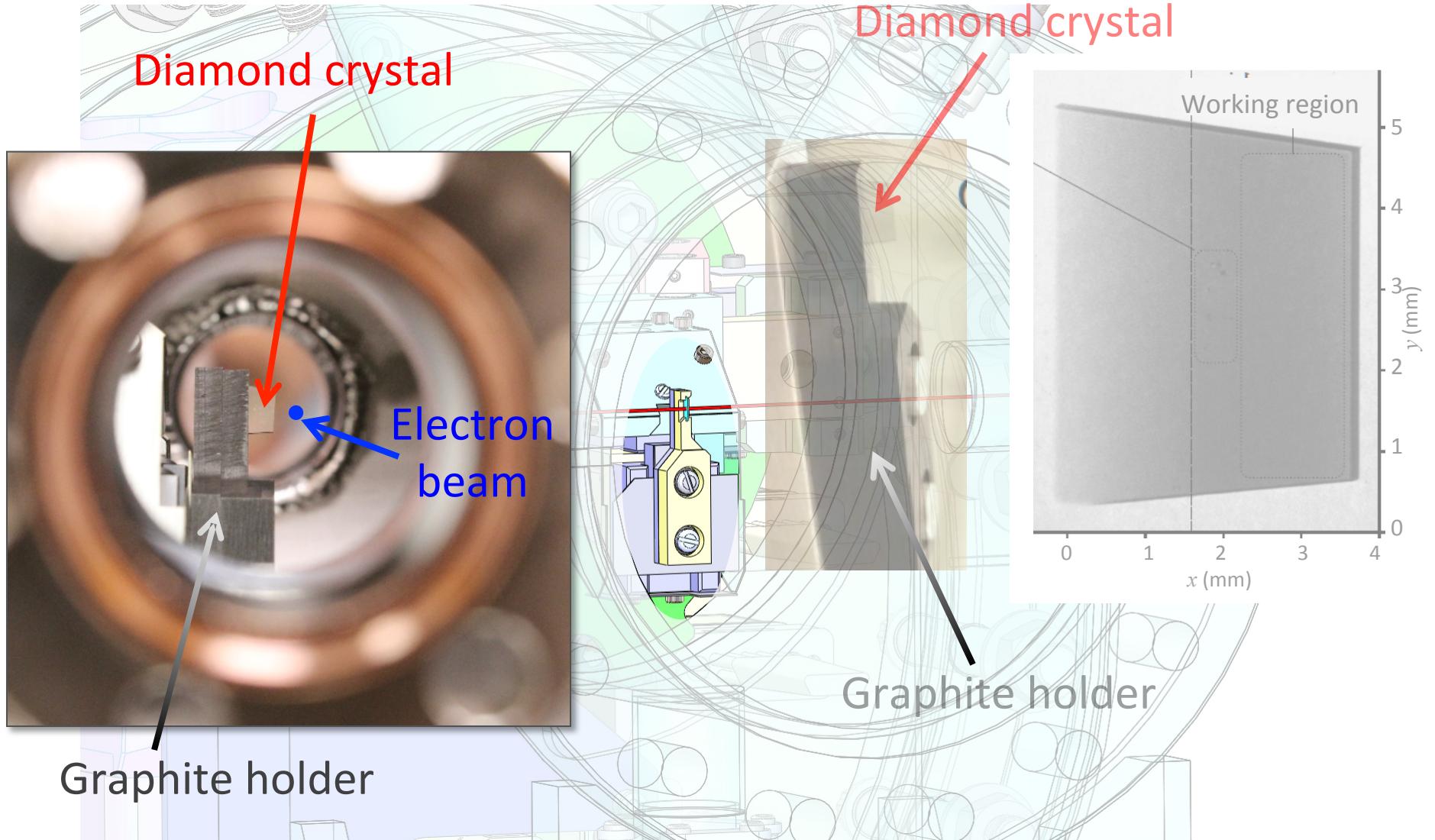
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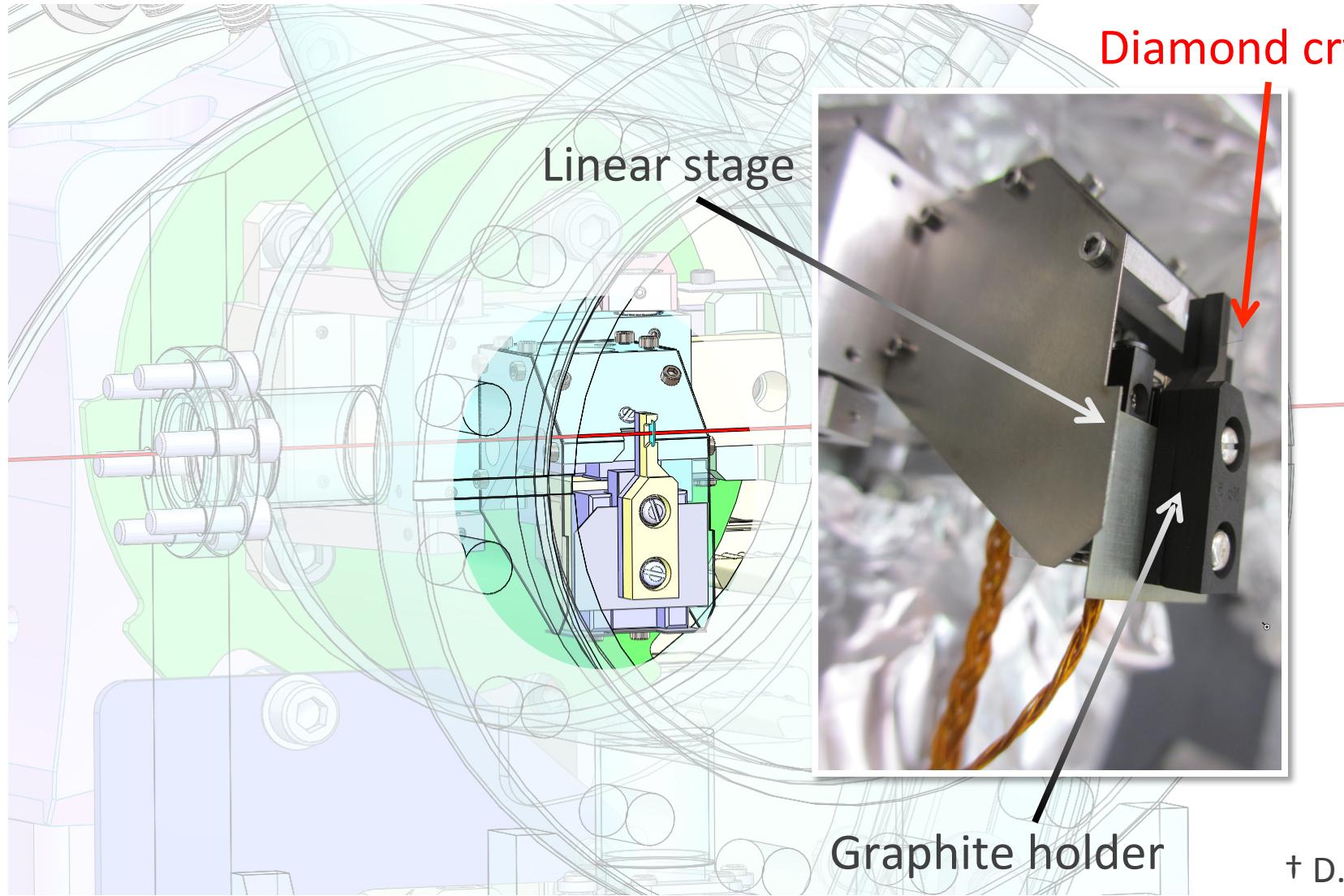


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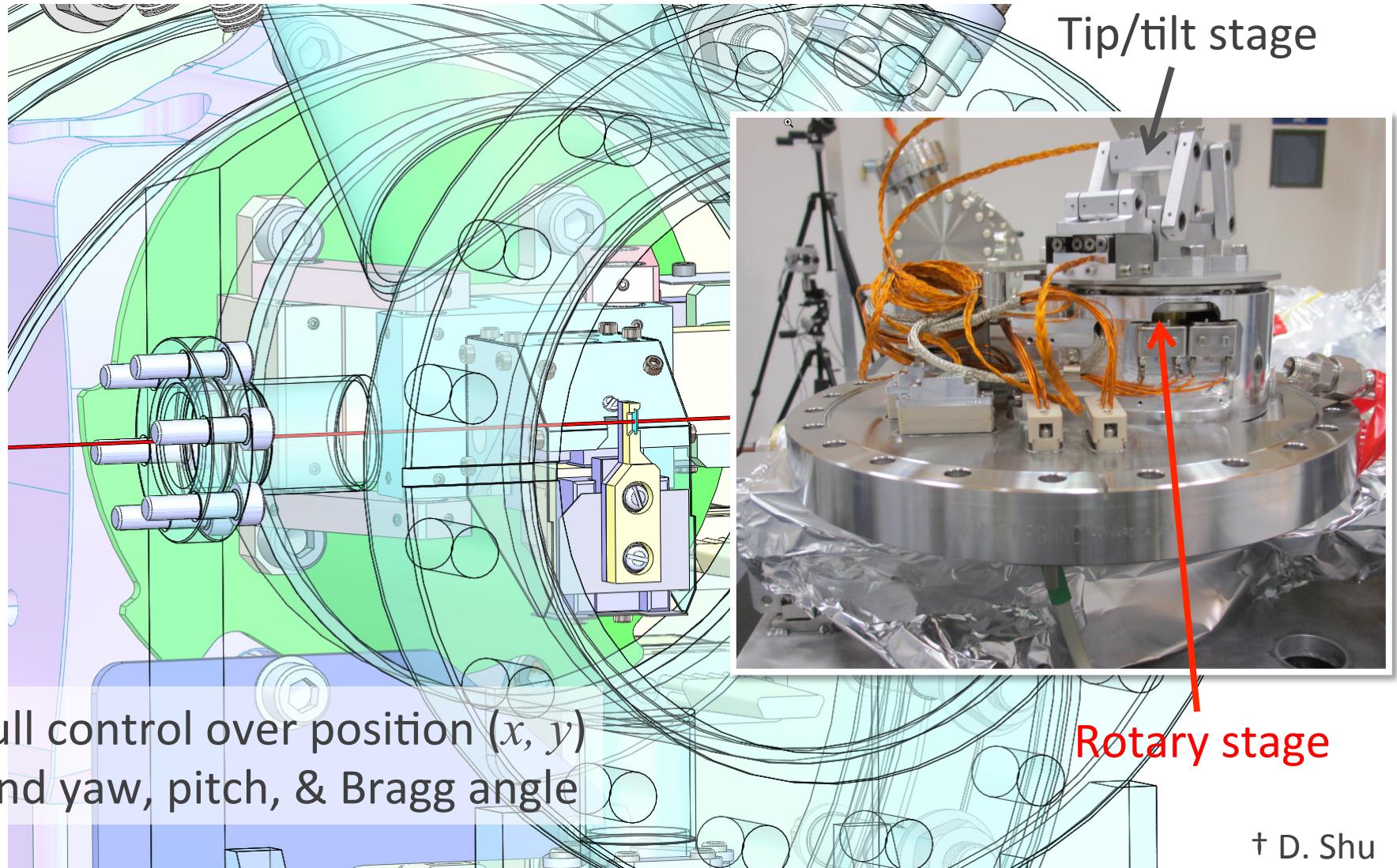
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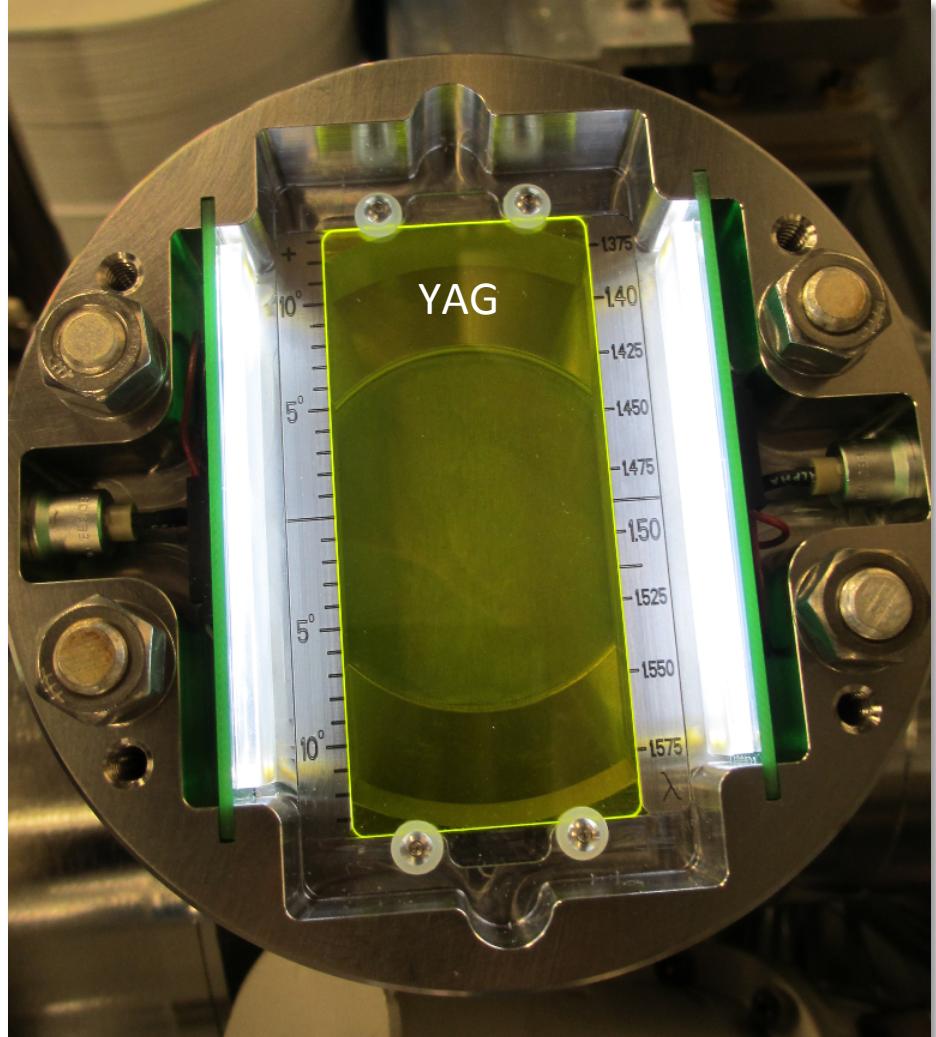
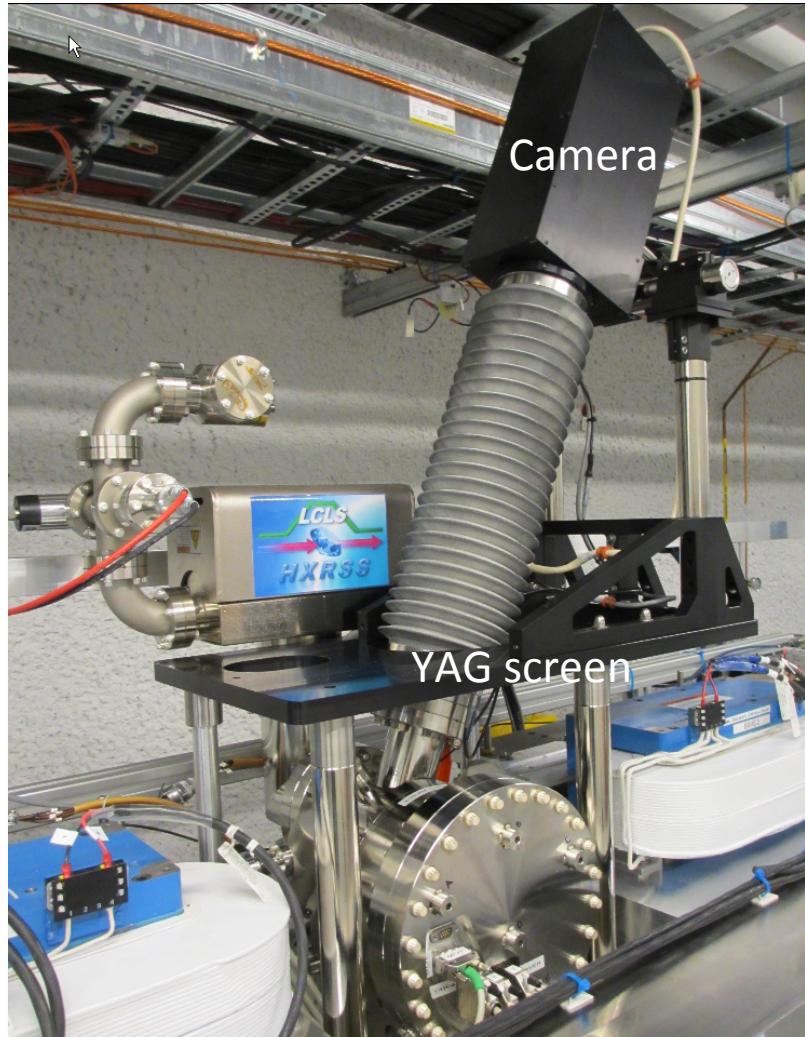


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# Bragg reflection diagnostic



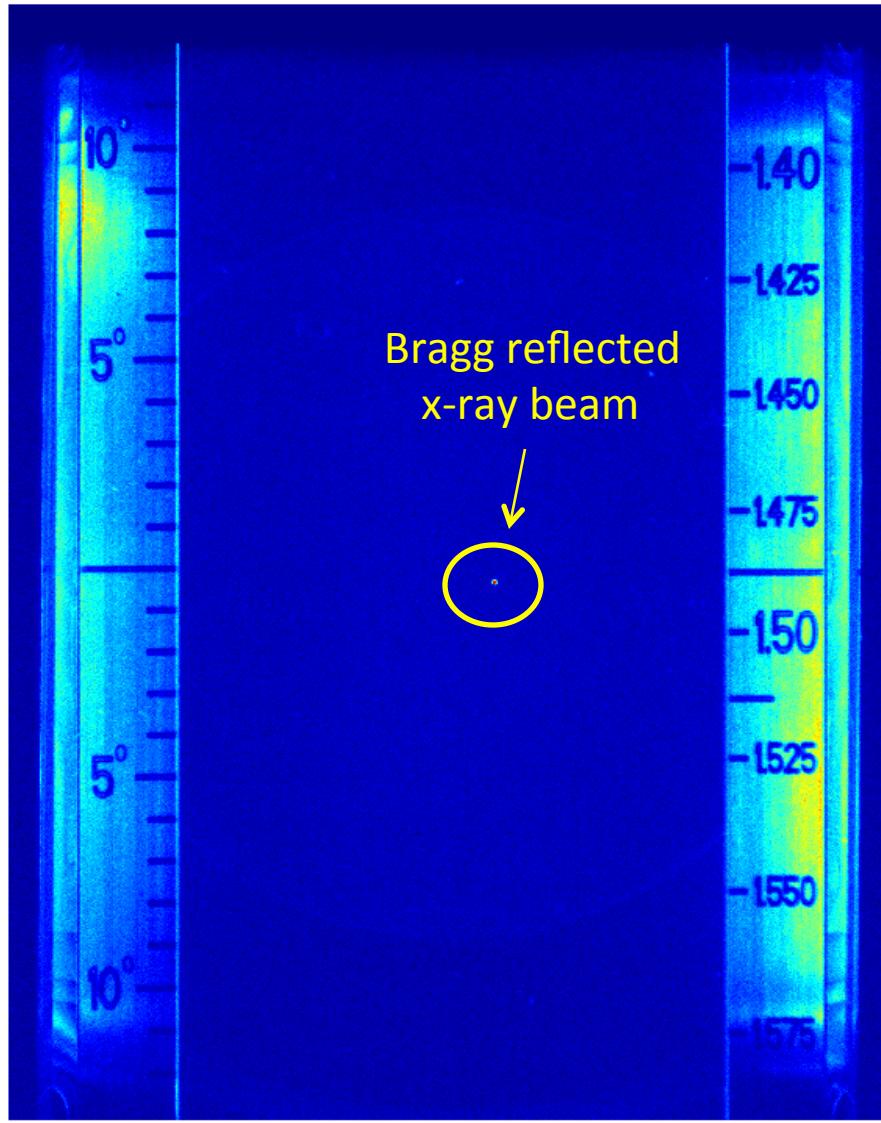
As suggested in G. Geloni, V. Kocharyan ,and E.L. Saldin, DESY 10-133, arXiv:1008.3036 (2010)

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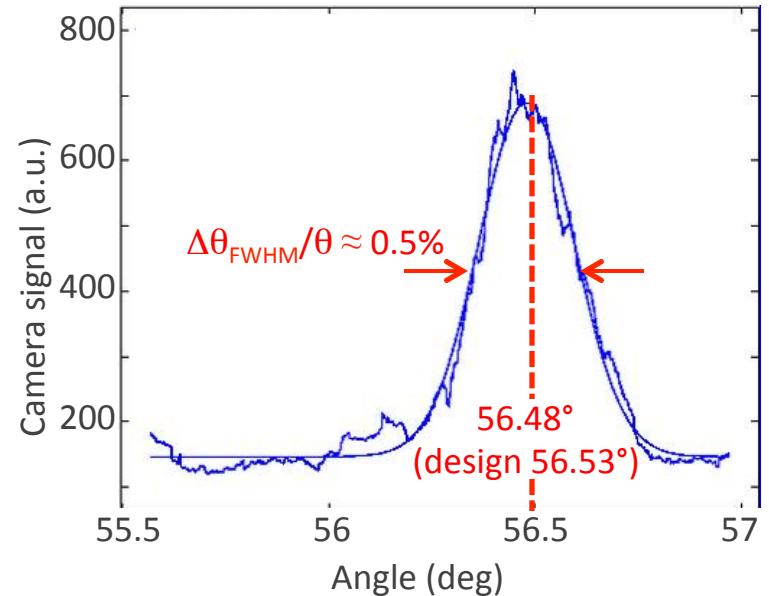
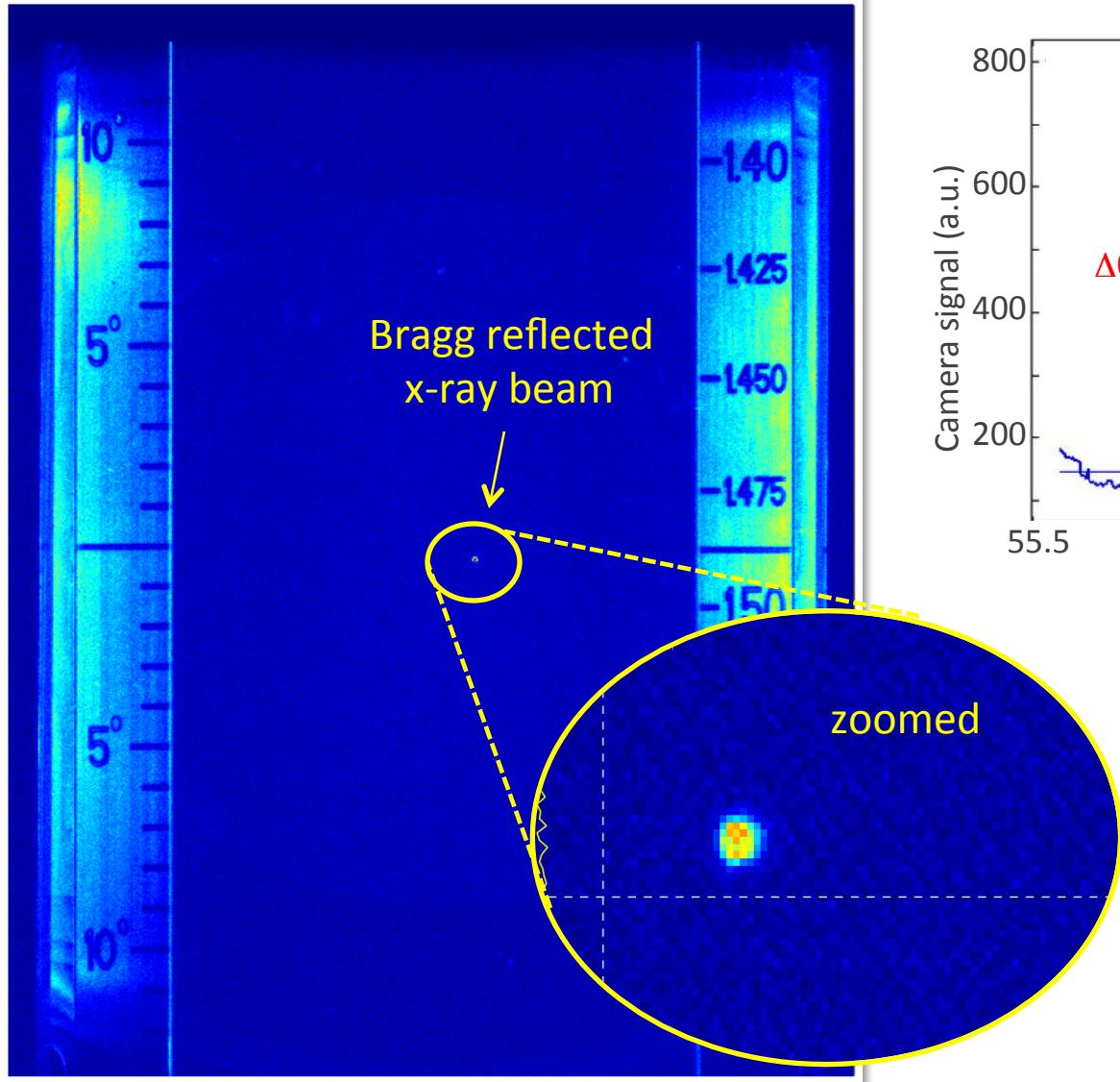
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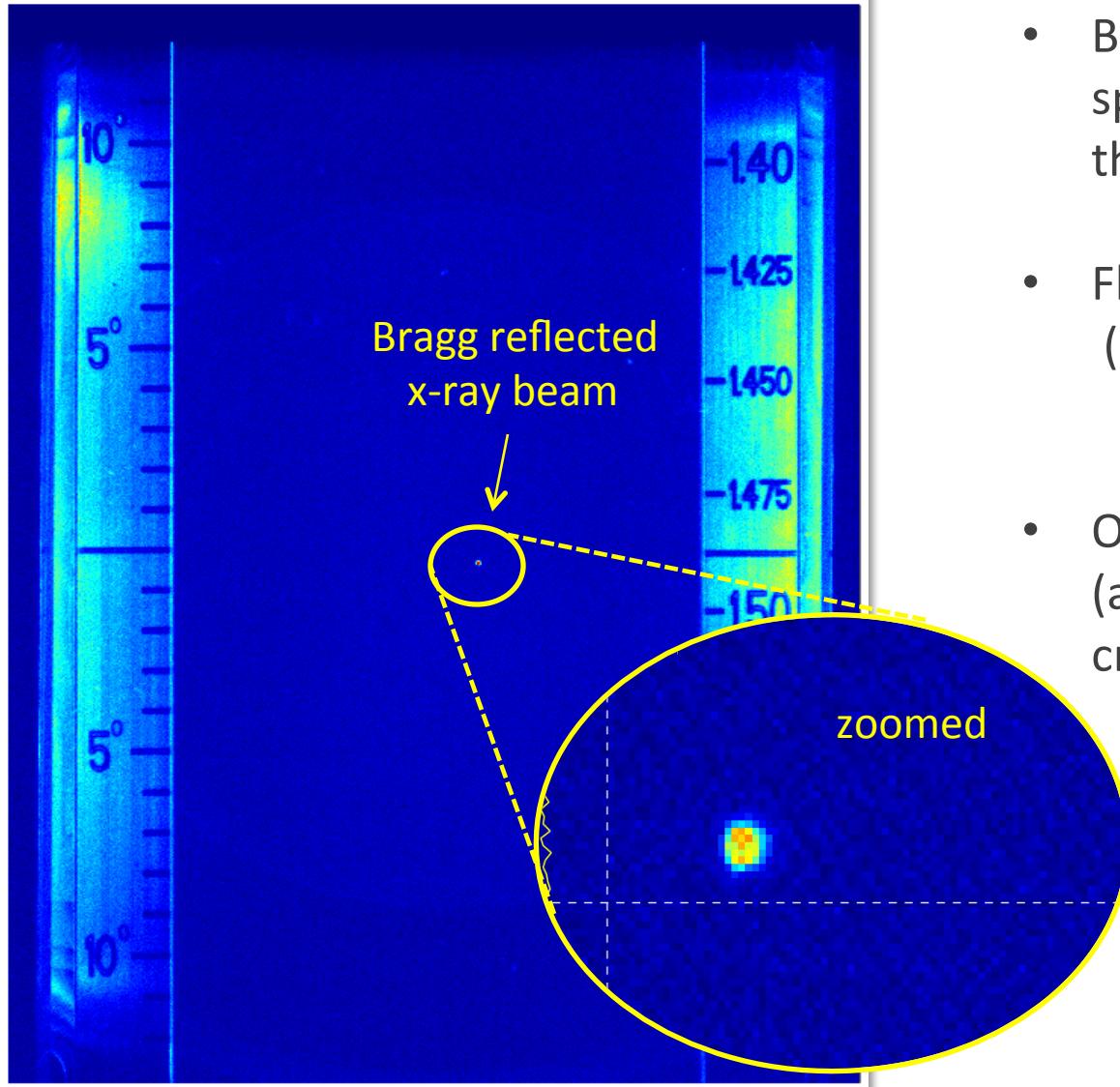
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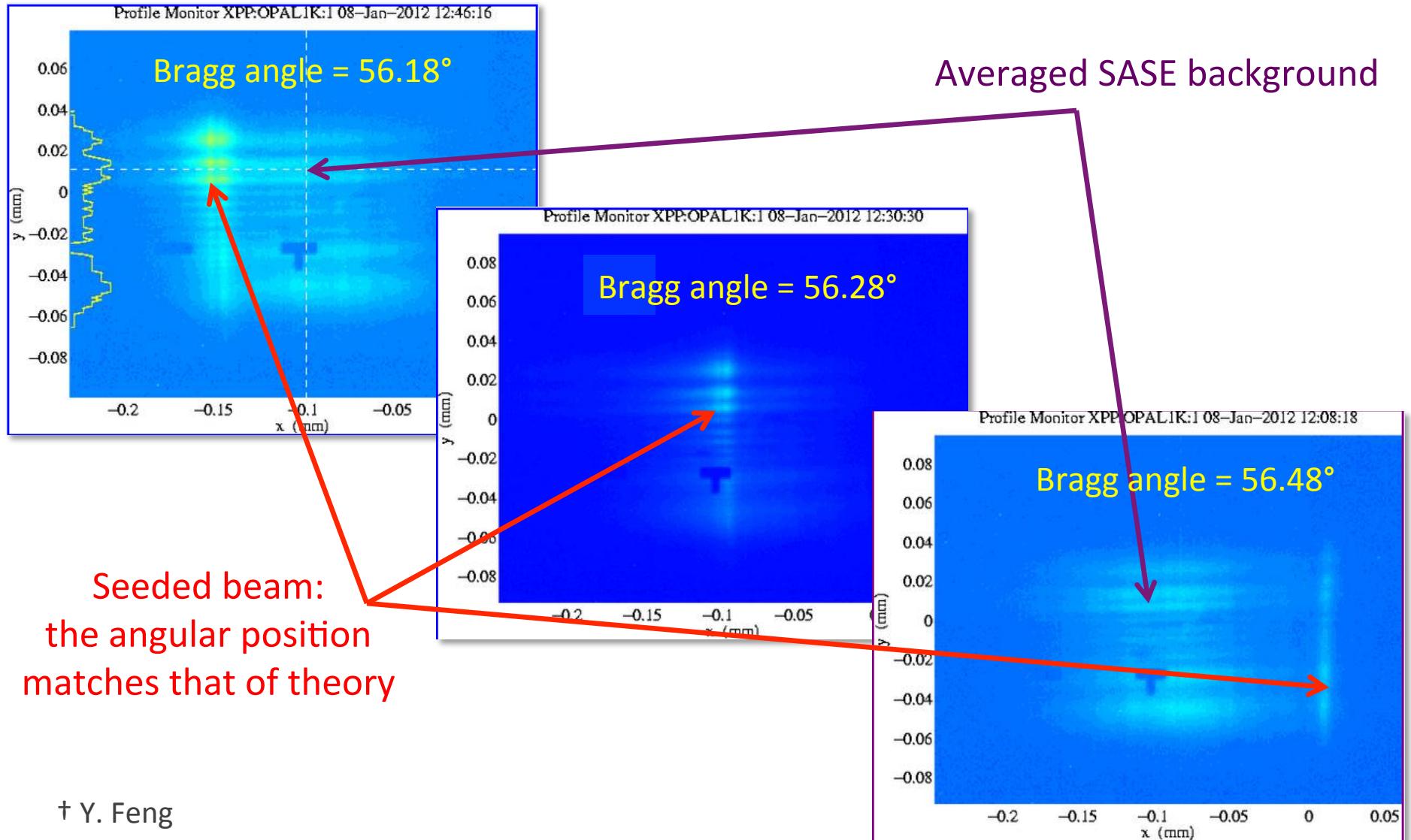
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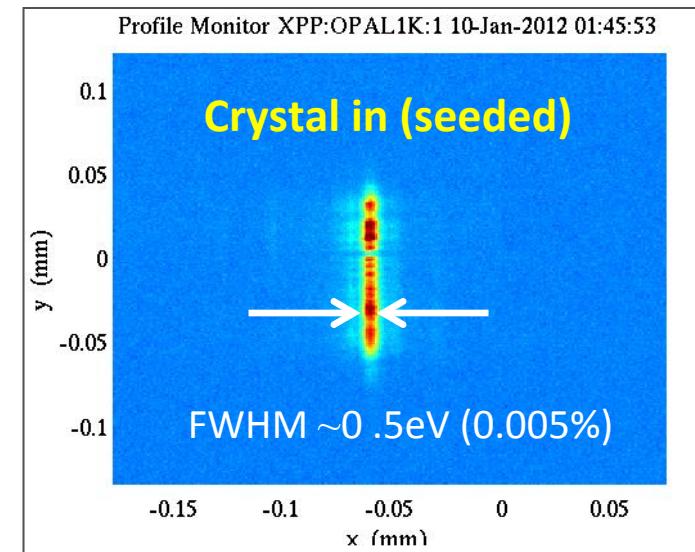
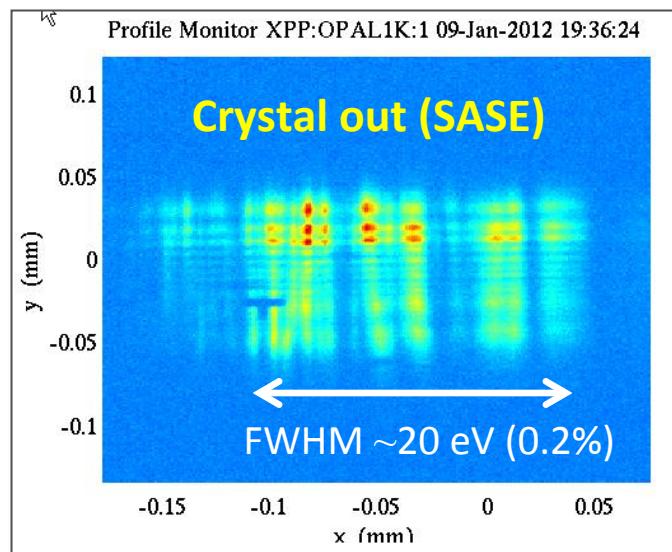
- Bragg reflected signal of spectral components in the transmission “notch”
- Fluctuations are 100% (single spectral mode before saturation)
- Of limited use for other (asymmetric or Laue) crystal reflections



# First indications of seeding from averaged spectra



# Slow improvements in power of seeded signal

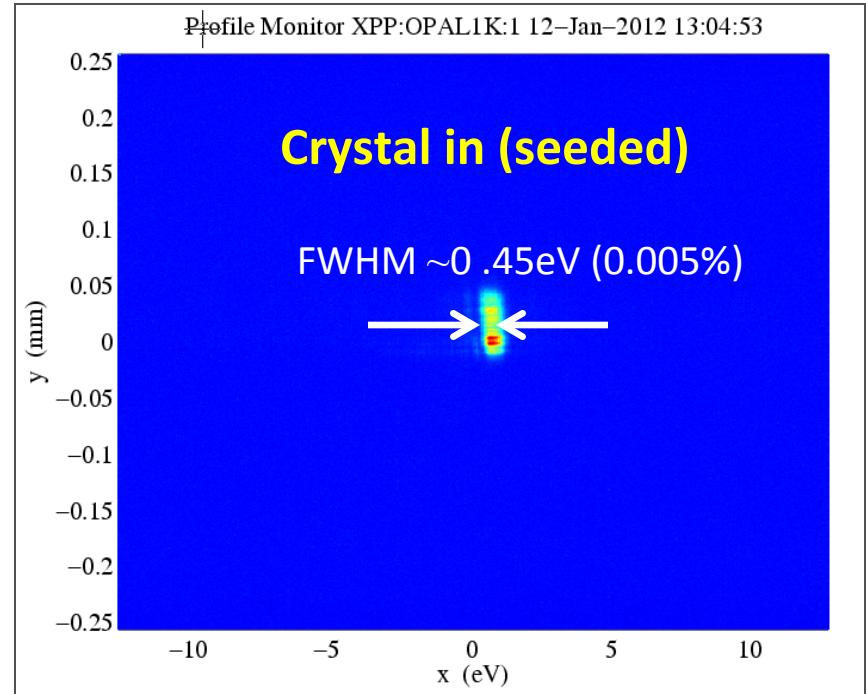
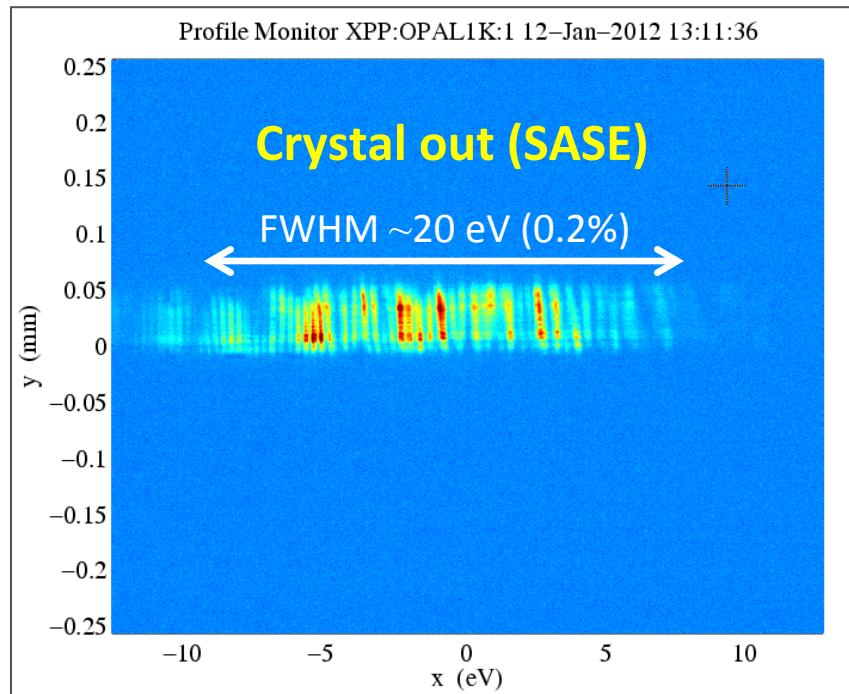


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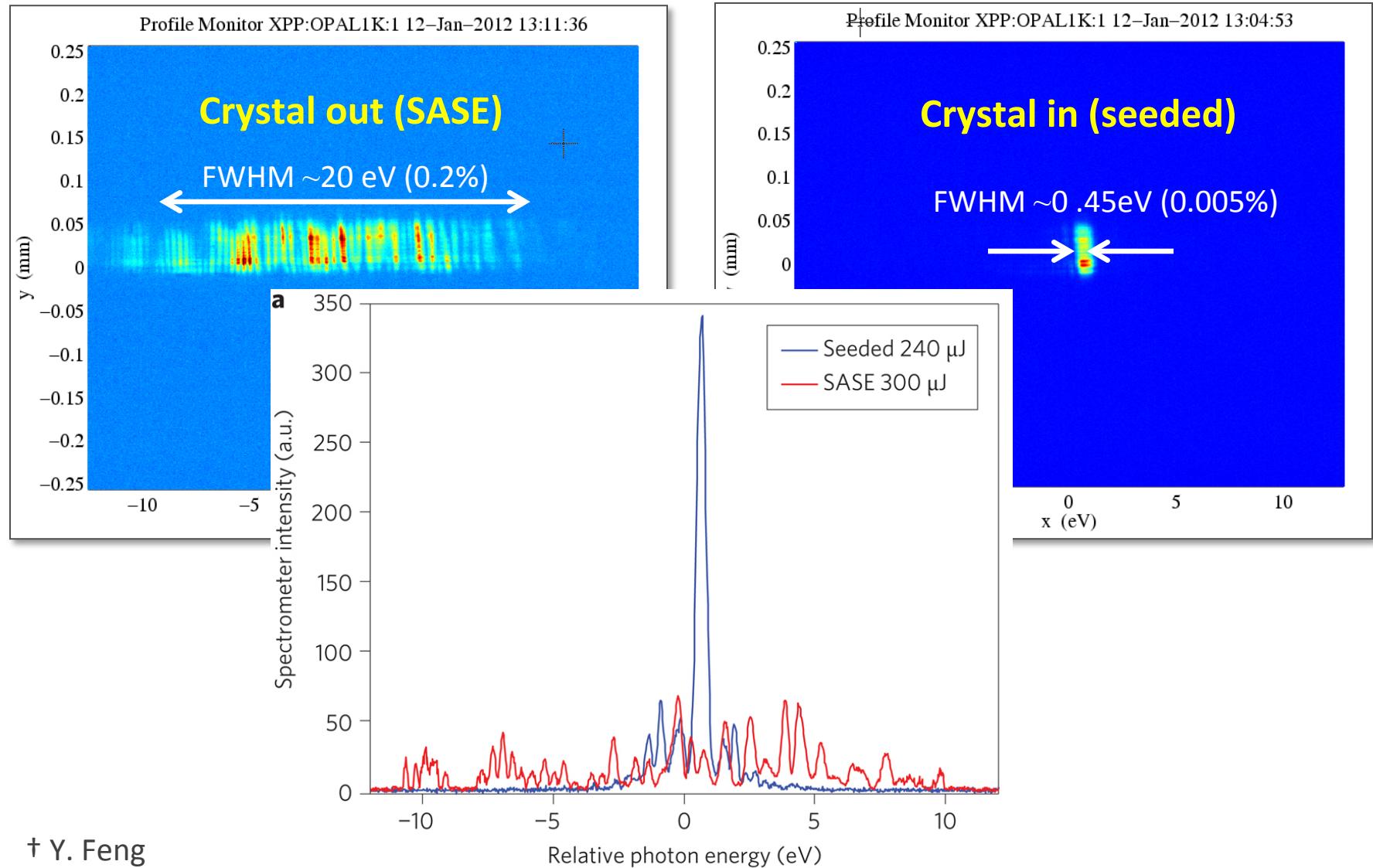


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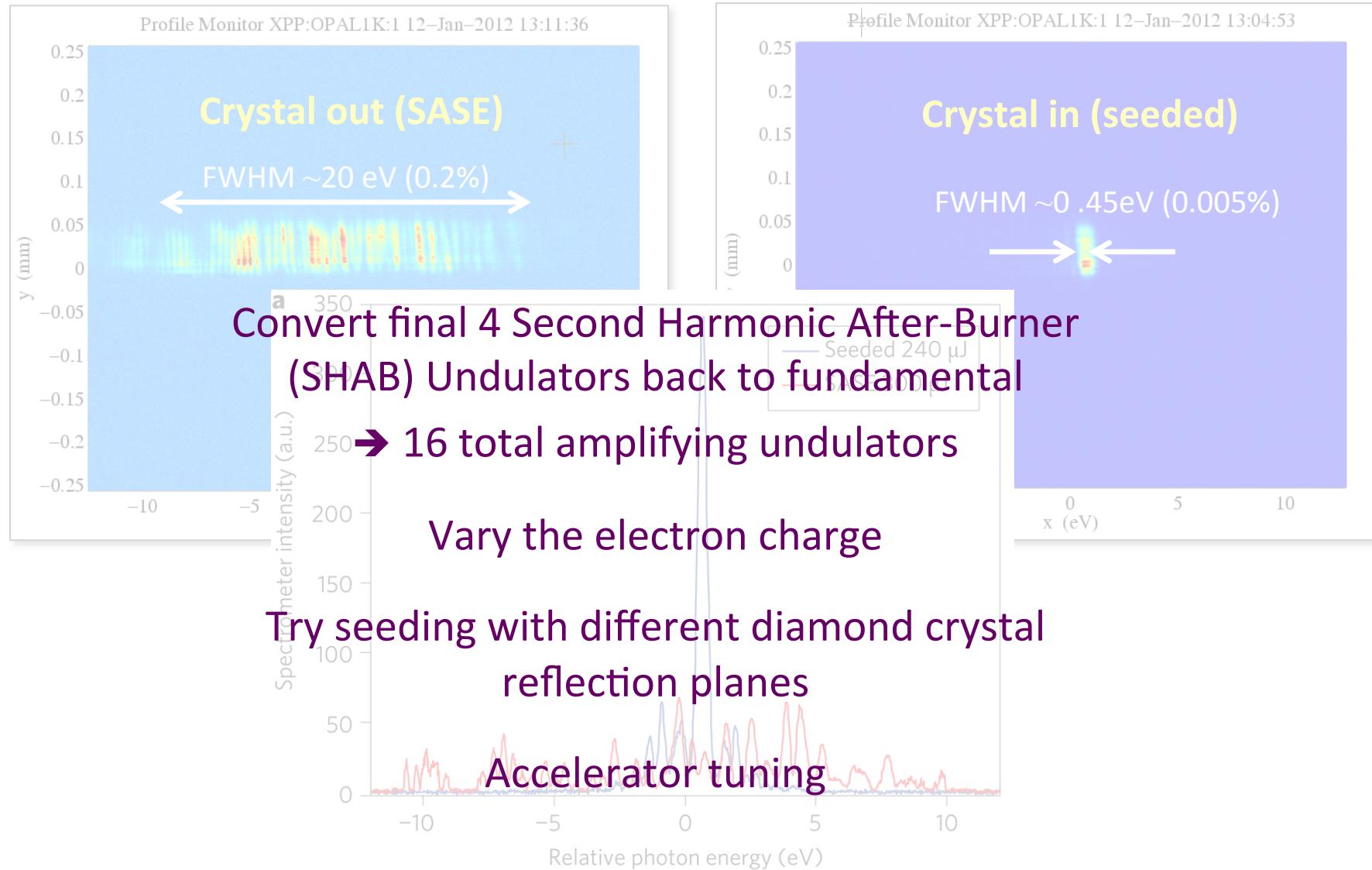


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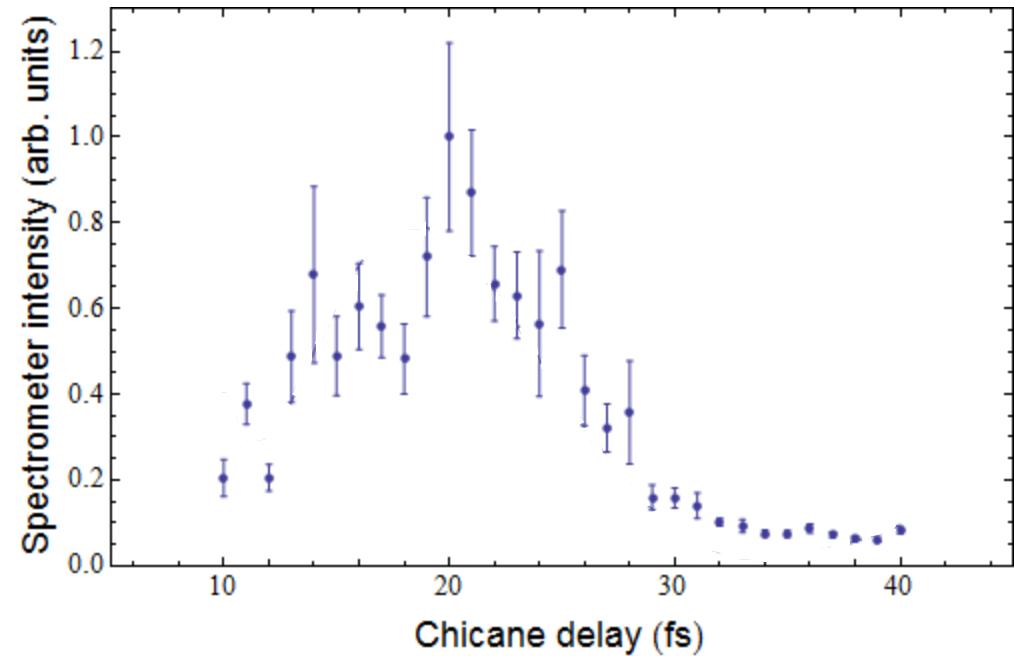
# Slow improvements in power and stability



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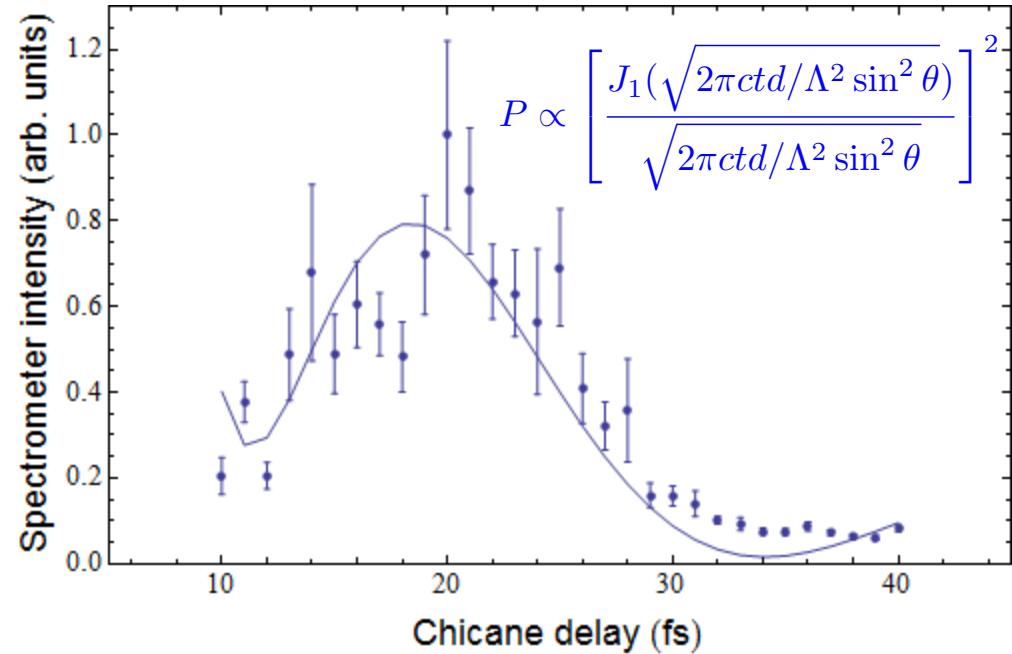
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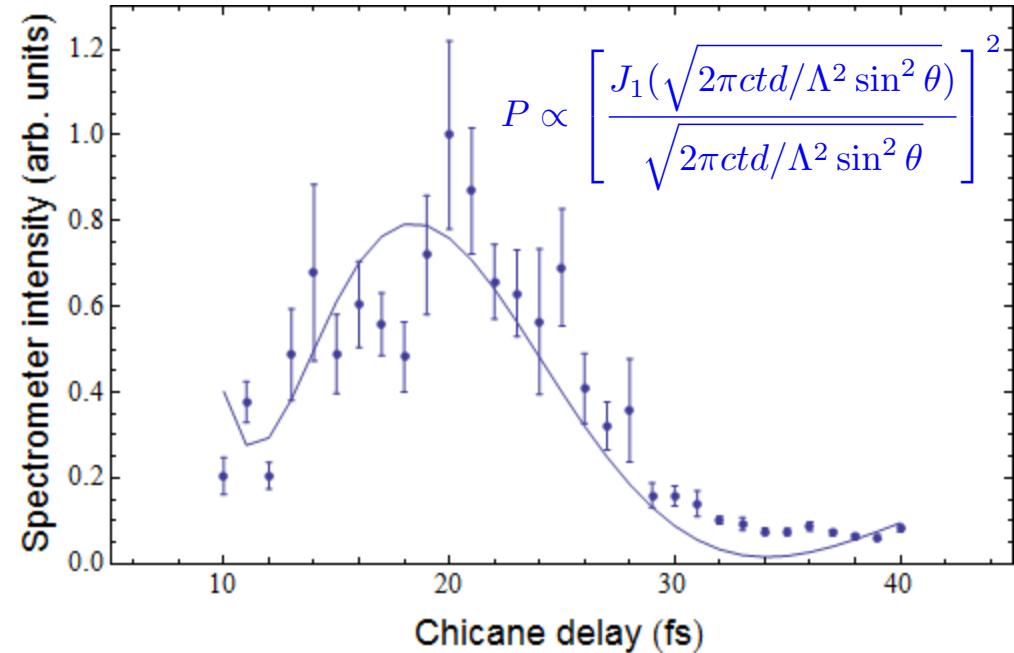
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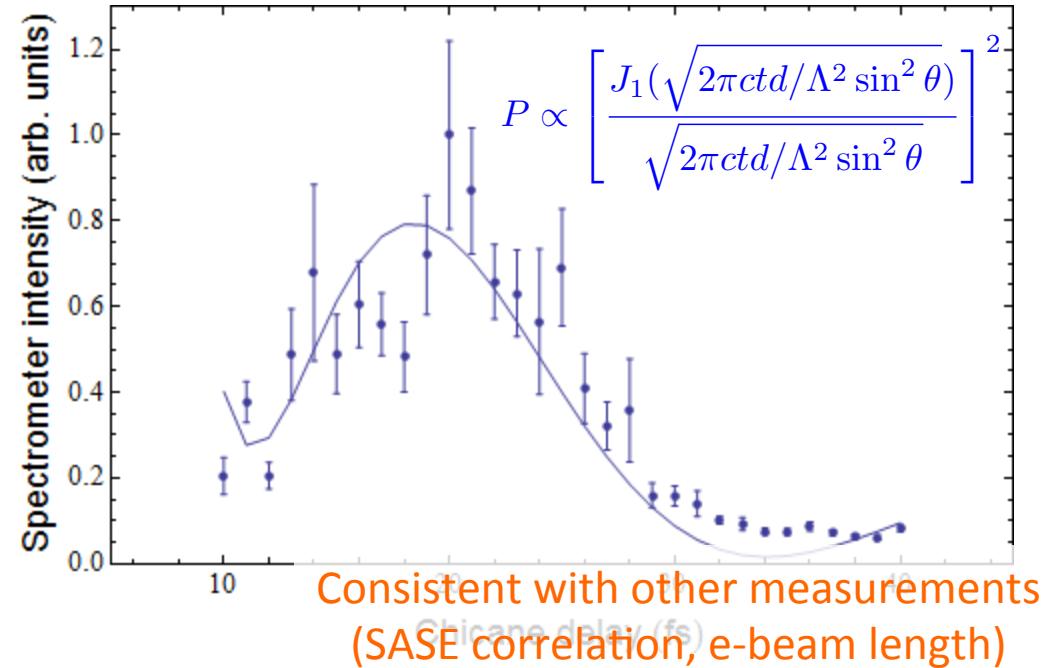
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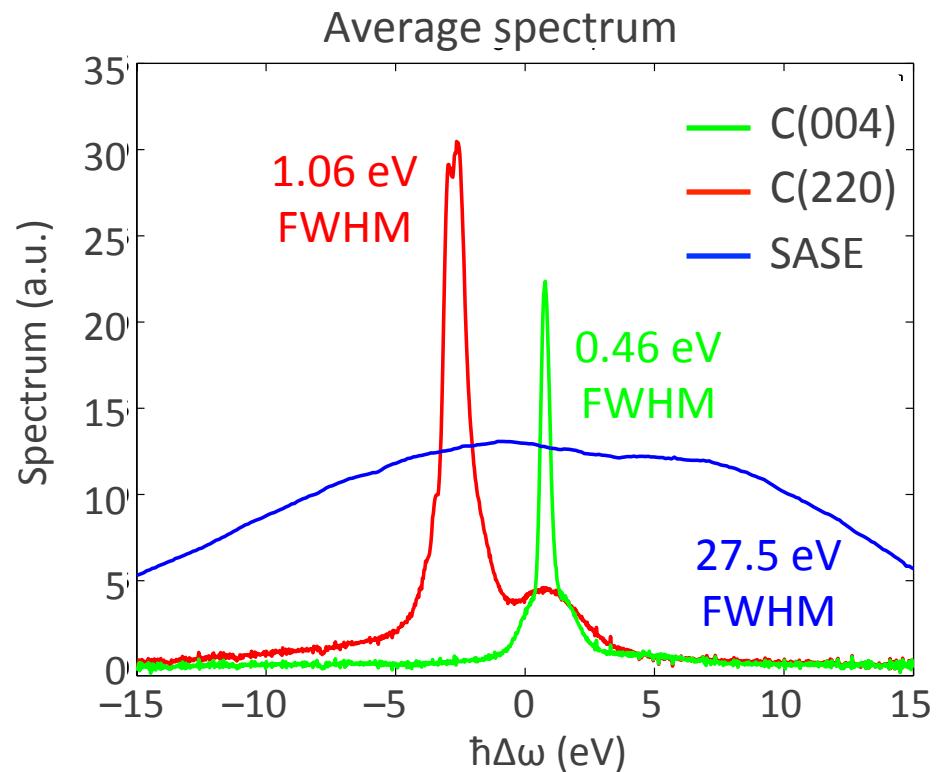
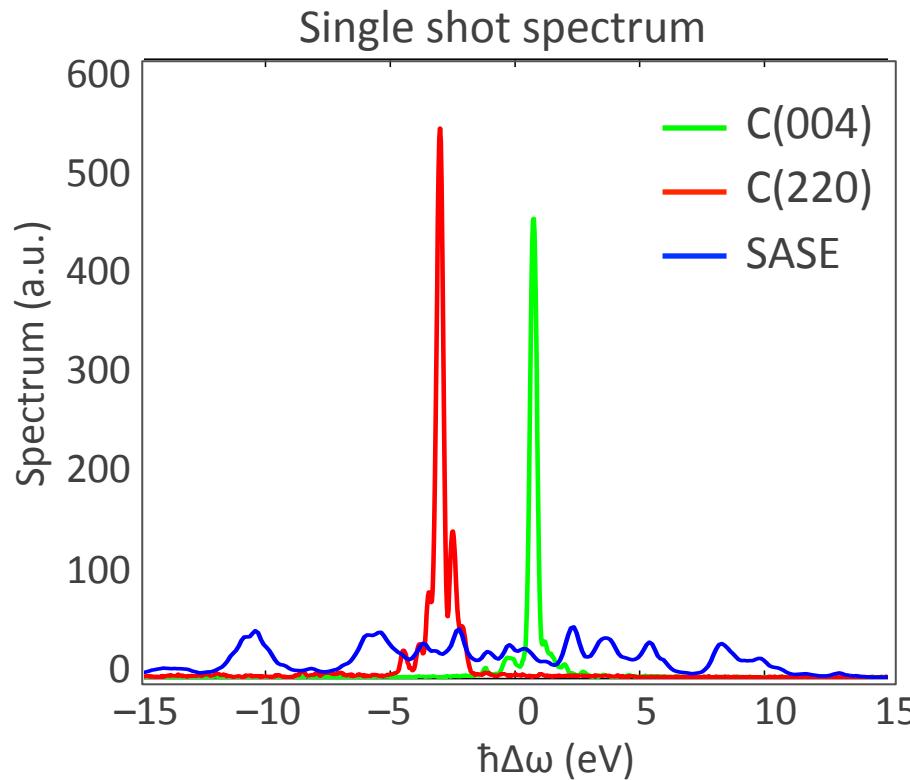
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Agrees with measurements made at TISCNM

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# FEL spectra at 40 pC



Single shot bandwidth reduction by a factor  $\sim 50$

Averaged bandwidth reduction  $\sim 25$  to 50 depending on crystal reflection  
(different acceptances leads to different tolerances to fluctuations)

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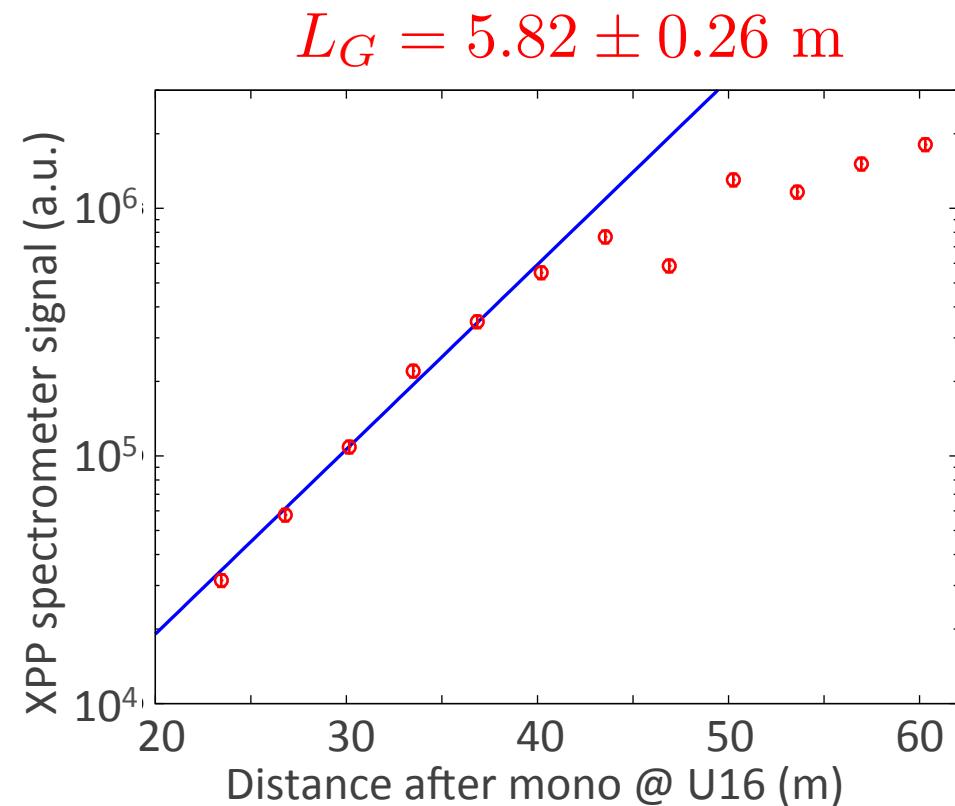


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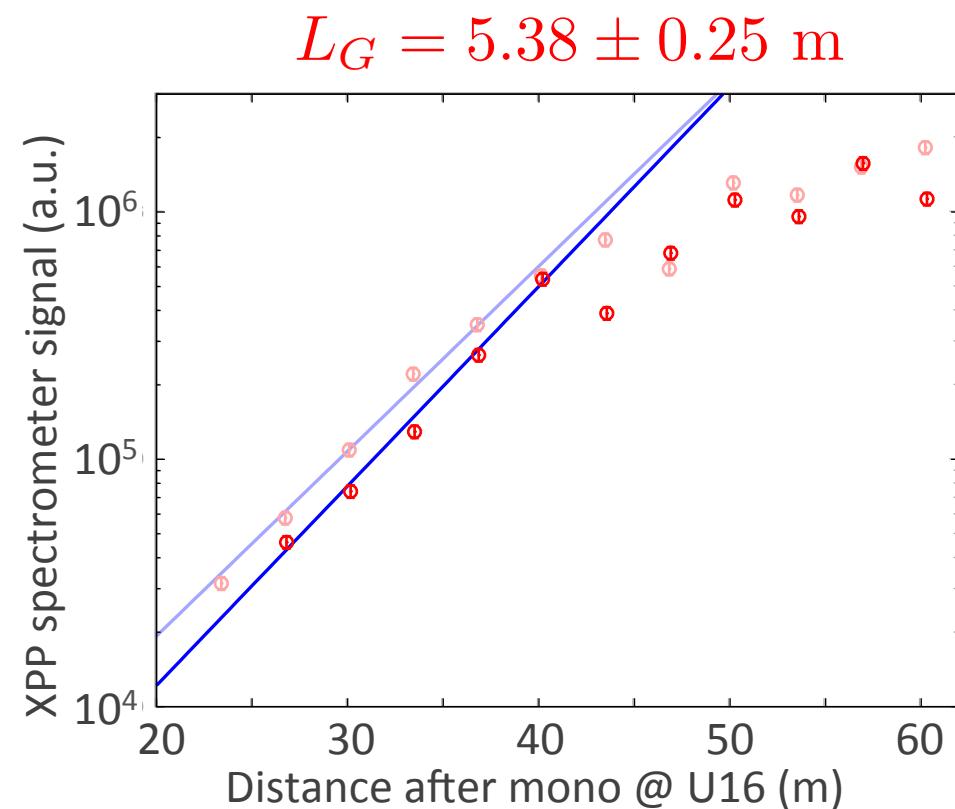
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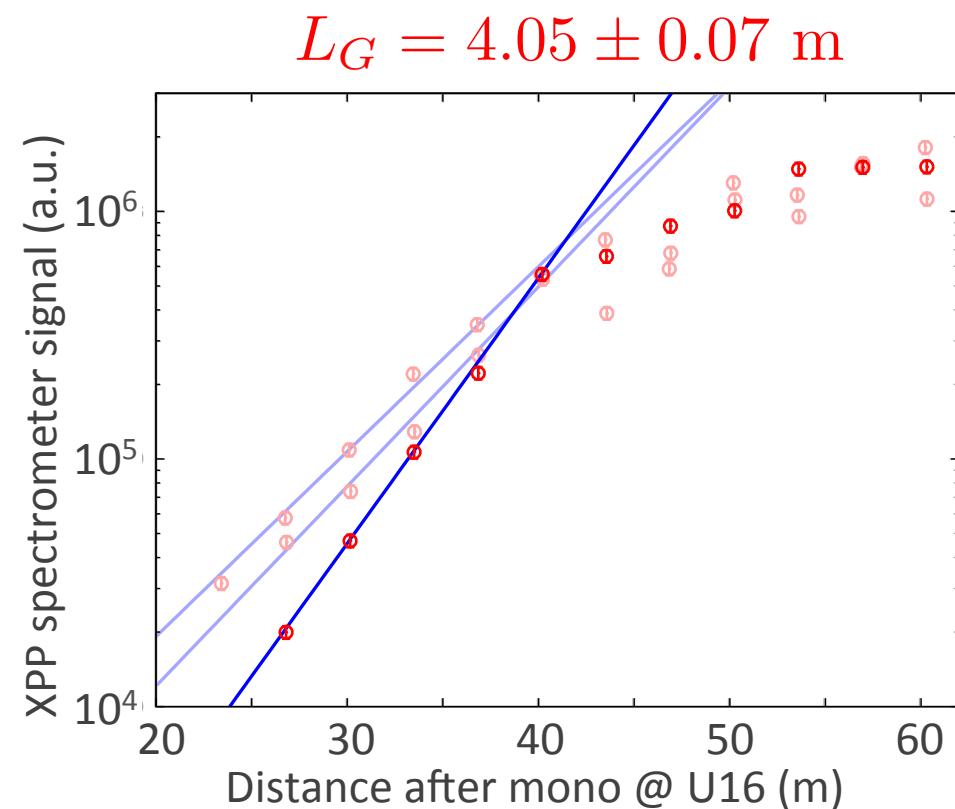
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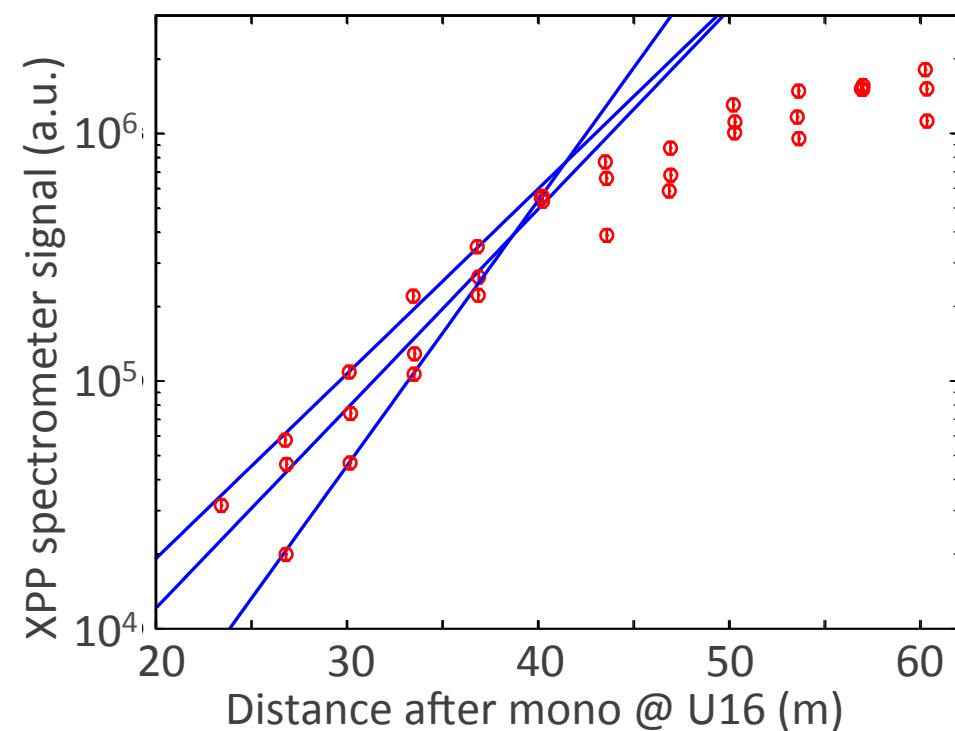


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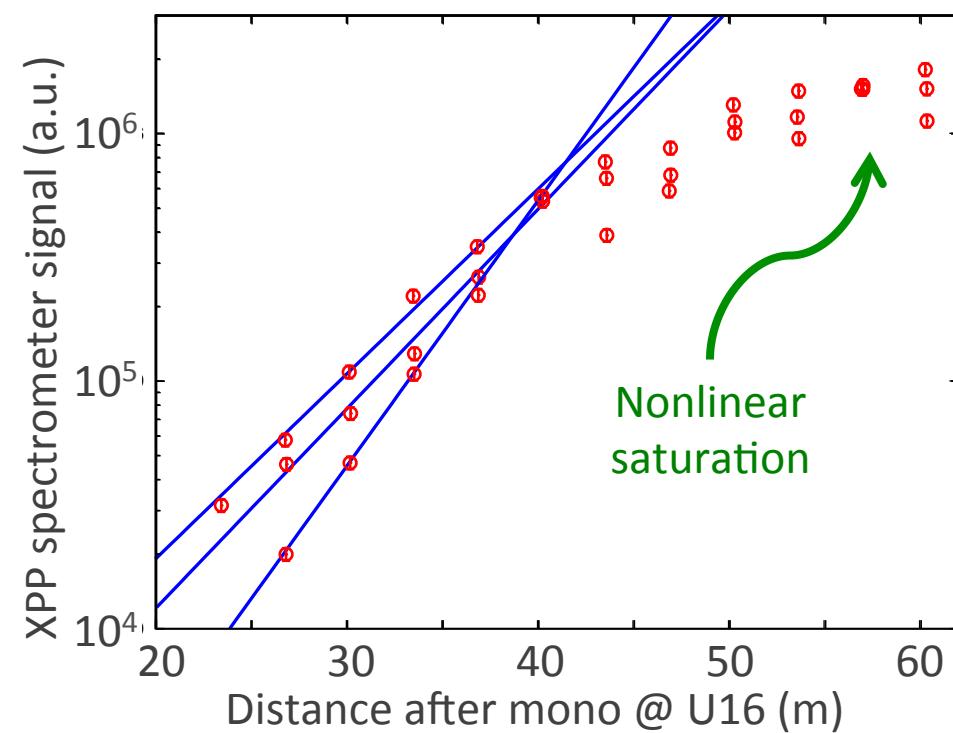
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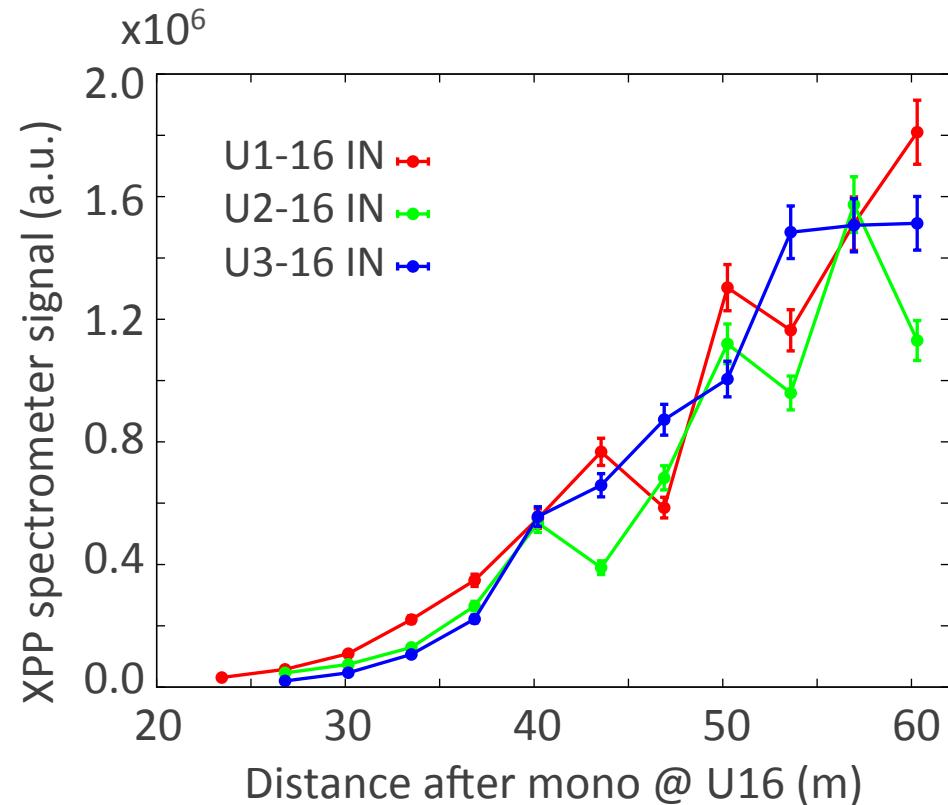
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# “Soft” saturation with some evidence for oscillations in the power

- Synchrotron oscillations?
- Non-uniform amplification across the bunch?  
(i.e., the “current horns”)?
- Other variations/fluctuations?
- What does this mean for post saturation taper?



# Energy in the seeded output

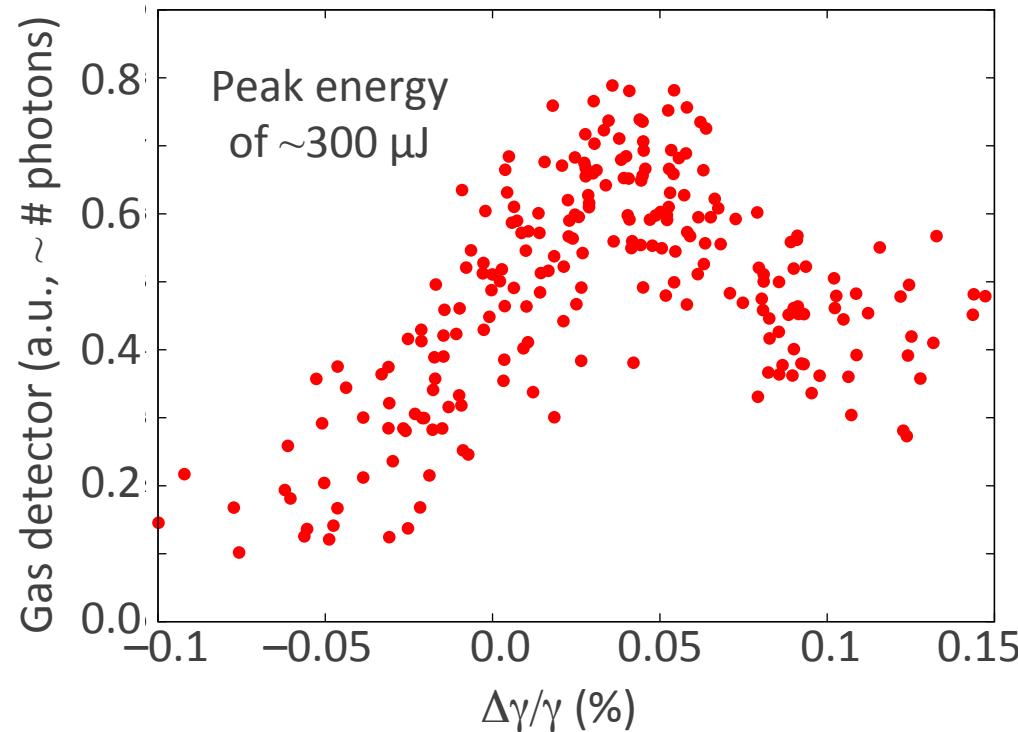
In addition to the usual requirements for SASE  
(small emittance & energy spread, large peak current)  
stable seeding requires precise control over  
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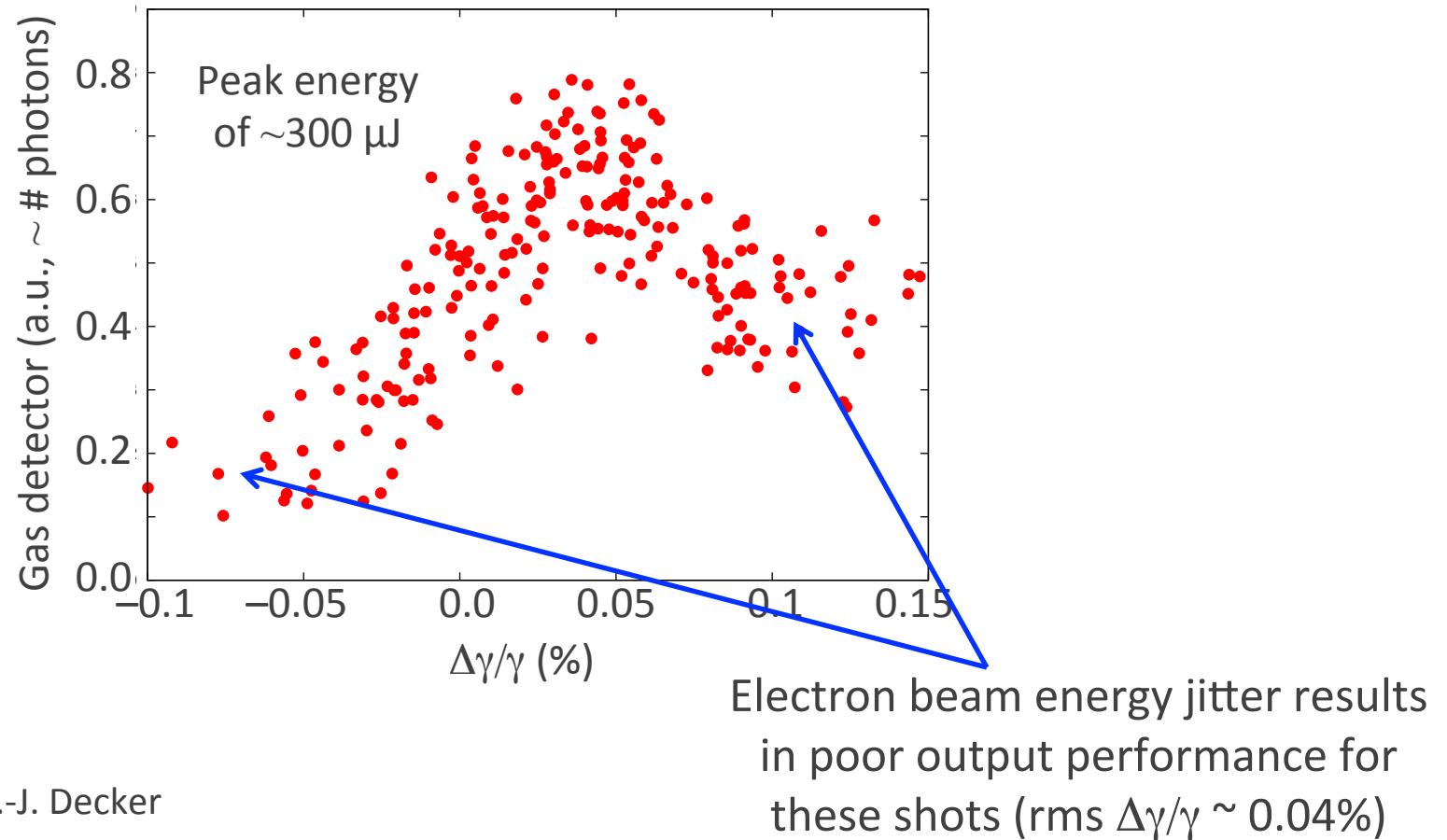
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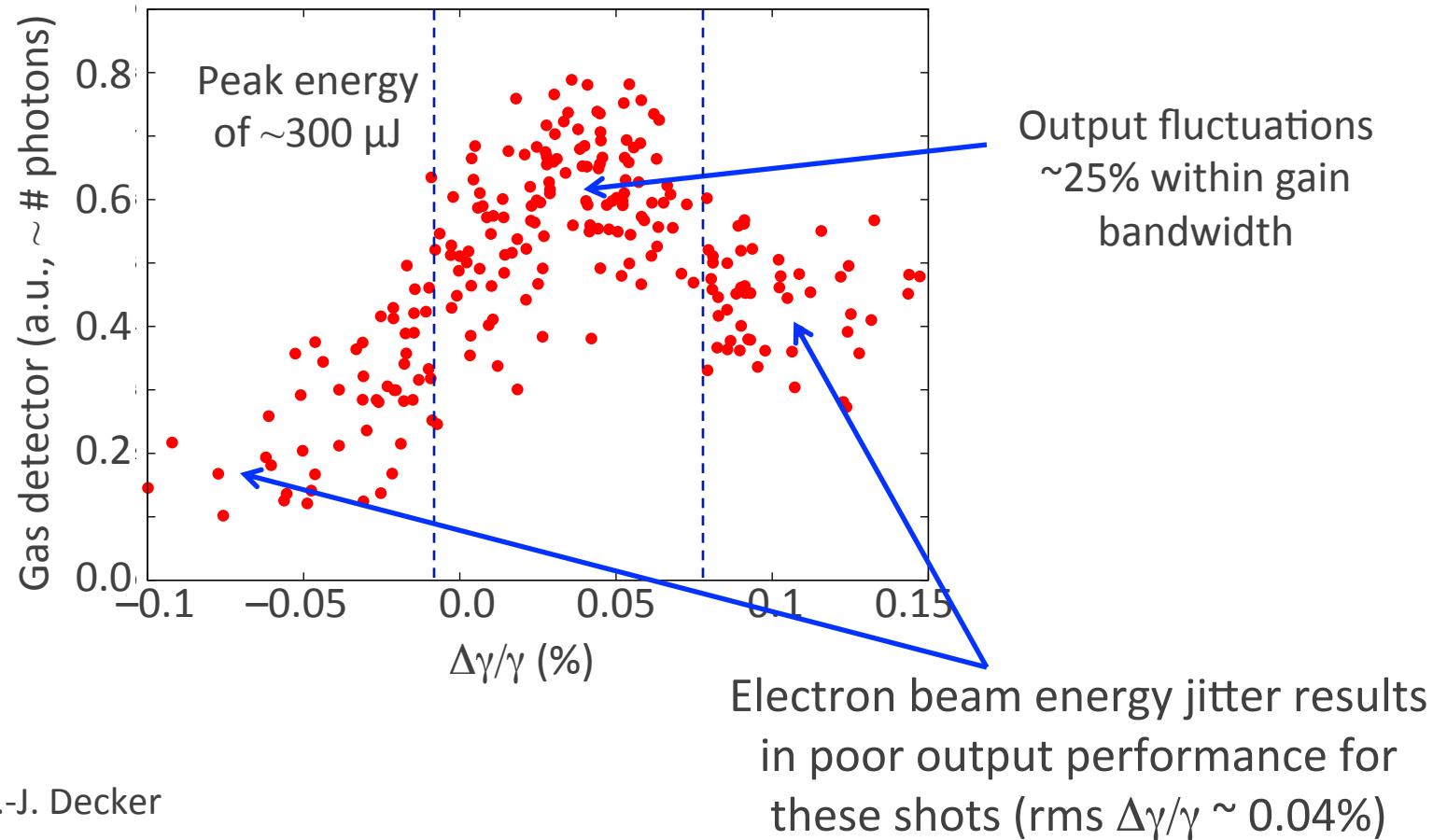
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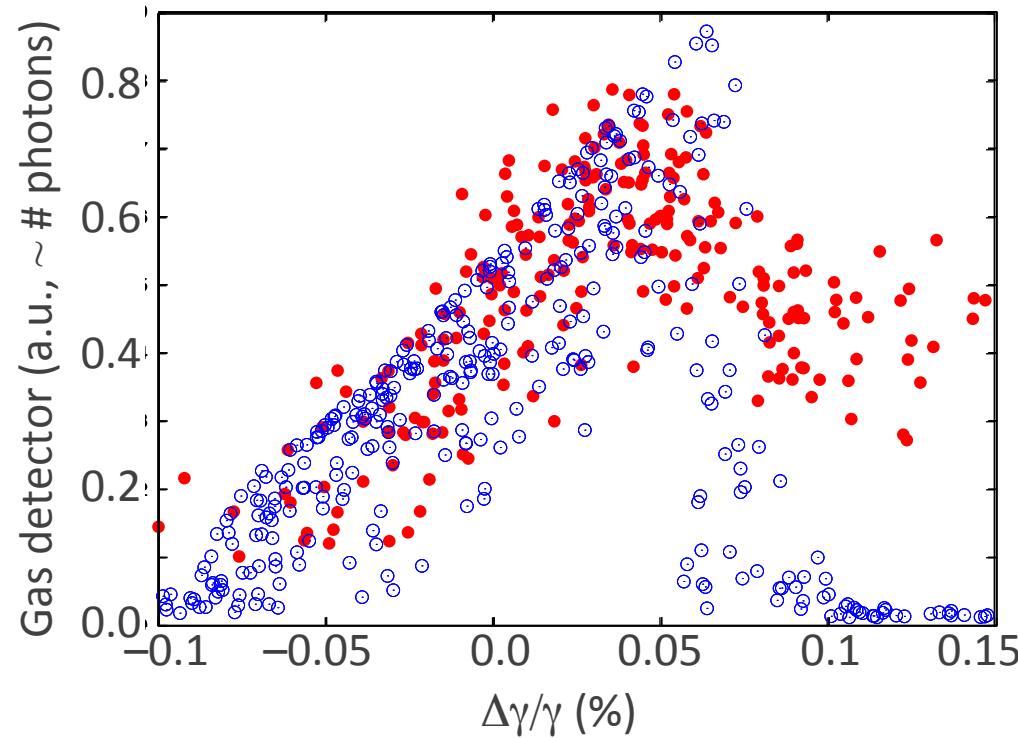
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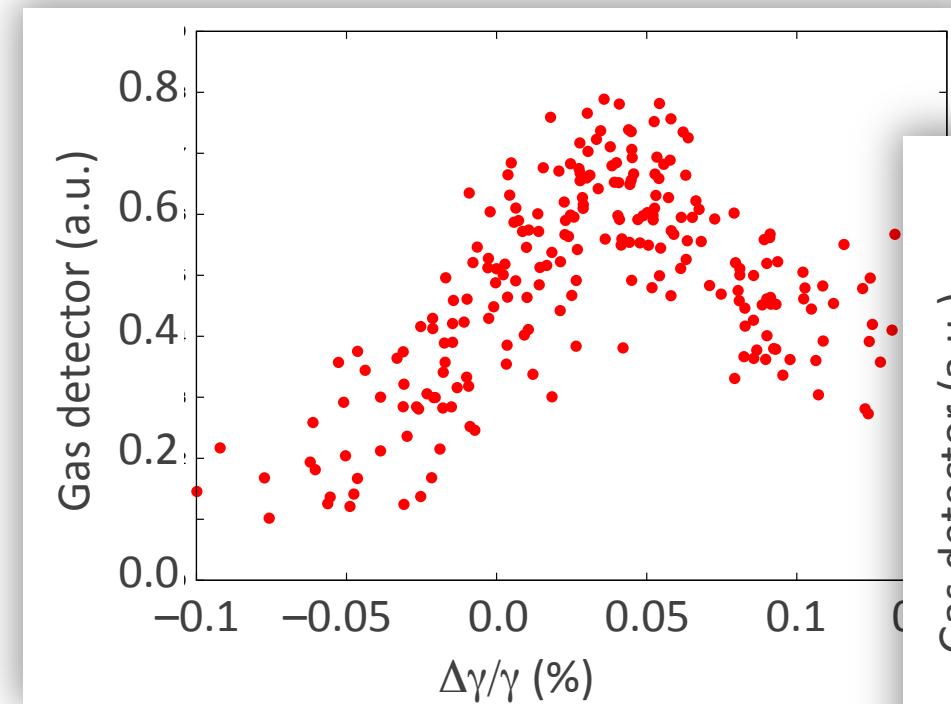
Compares reasonably well with simulations that reach saturation using  $\rho \sim 6 \times 10^{-4}$  and an rms energy jitter  $\Delta\gamma/\gamma = 4 \times 10^{-4}$



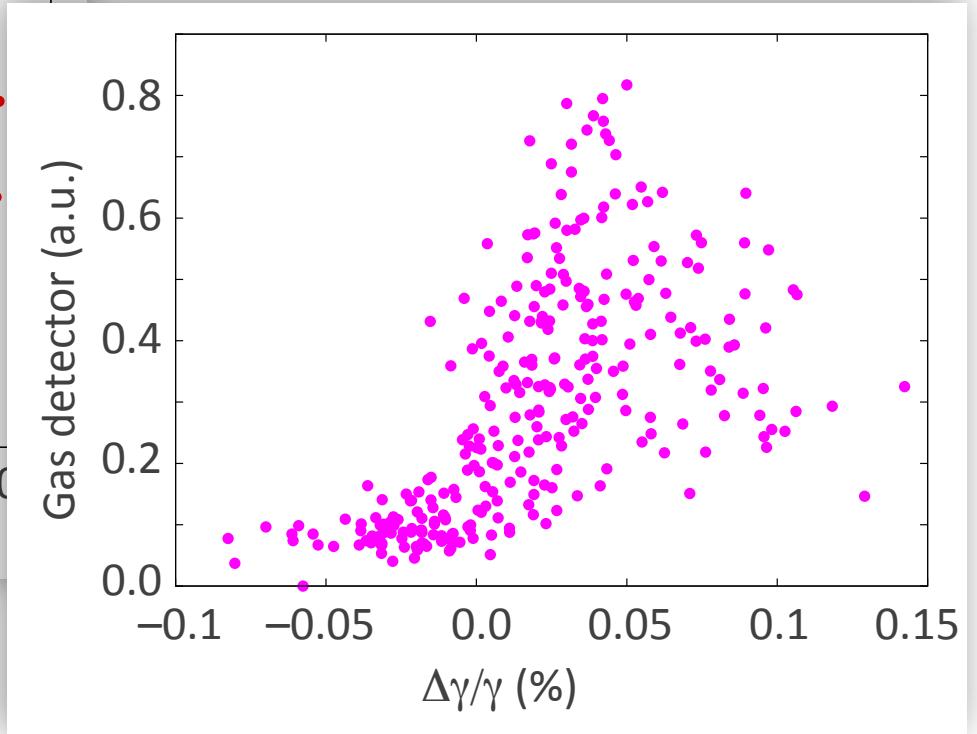
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Depends strongly on machine parameters/tuning

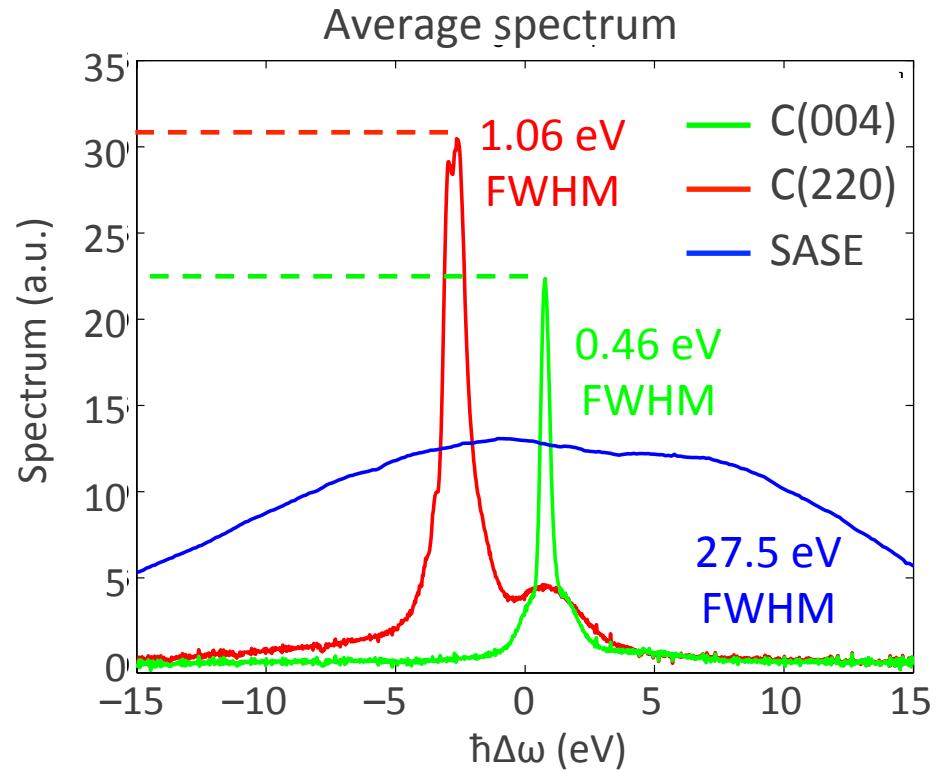
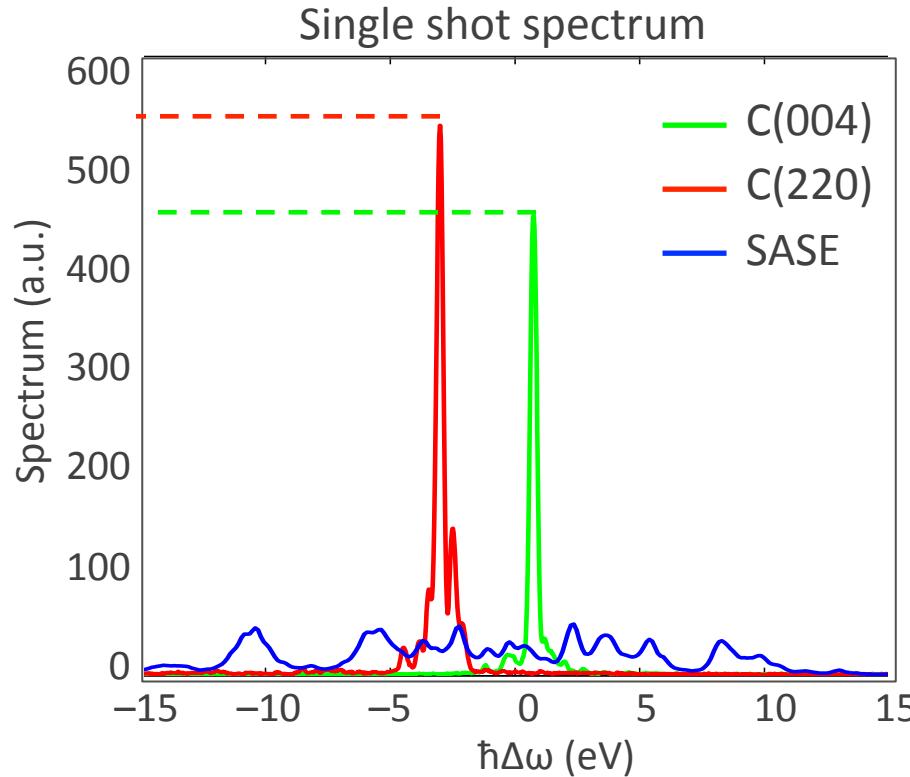
Output fluctuations ~25% within  
gain bandwidth



Output fluctuations ~50% within  
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# Fluctuations and spectral brightness for two diamond crystal reflections



Fluctuations reduce ensemble averaged seeded spectral brightness by a factor  $\geq 18$  from its peak value

BUT, seeded spectral brightness still larger than SASE

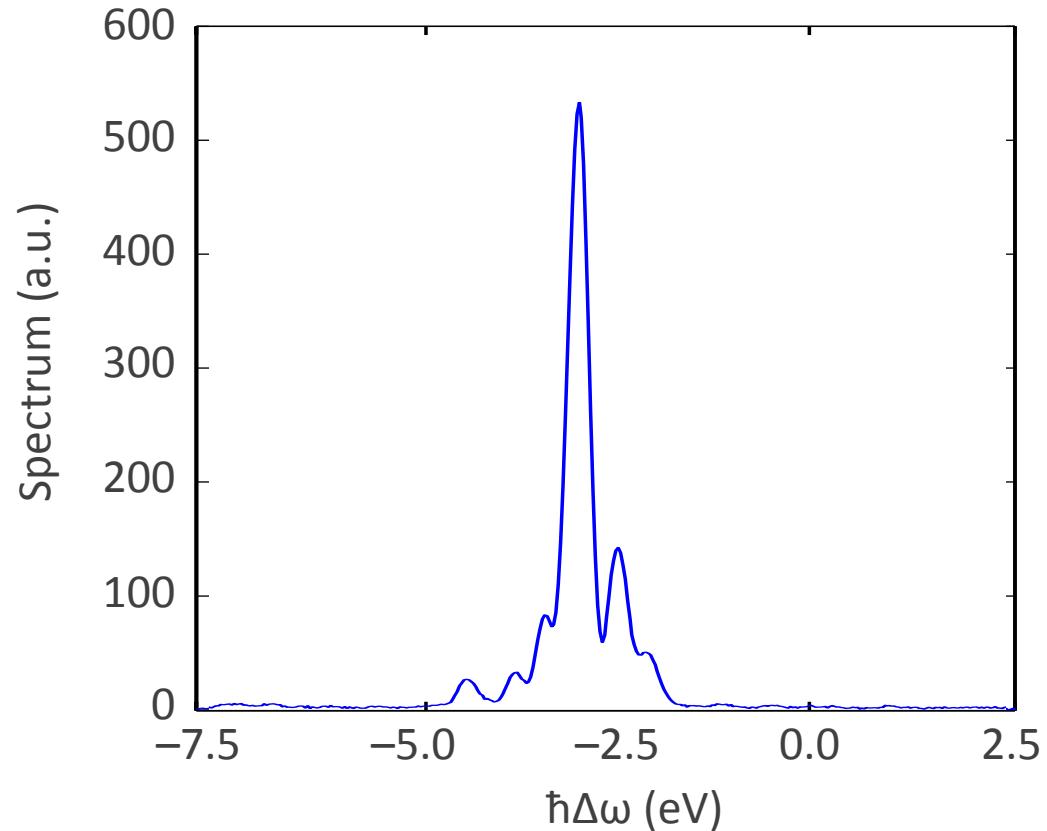
Depends on accelerator conditions, tuning

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# Other variations can be mapped onto spectrum

Variations in current?  
("current horns")  
Energy modulations?  
Crystal vibrations?  
???



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# Conclusions

- The wake monochromator concept can be experimentally realized
- Hard x-ray self-seeding has been implemented at the LCLS with a measured output bandwidth  $\Delta\omega/\omega \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$  at 1.5 Å
- Clear signs of seeded saturation have been observed
- Fluctuations in output still somewhat high
  - Most are attributable to the “large” e-beam energy jitter ( $\Delta\gamma/\gamma \sim 4 \times 10^{-4}$ ), but are there other sources?
- Nevertheless, seeding improves (ensemble averaged) spectral brightness within narrow seeded bandwidth
- Seeded mode available for user operations (J. Welch’s talk today)
- First step towards a terawatt FEL
  - Next step requires experimentally optimizing the predicted benefits of a post-saturation tapering of the undulator strength



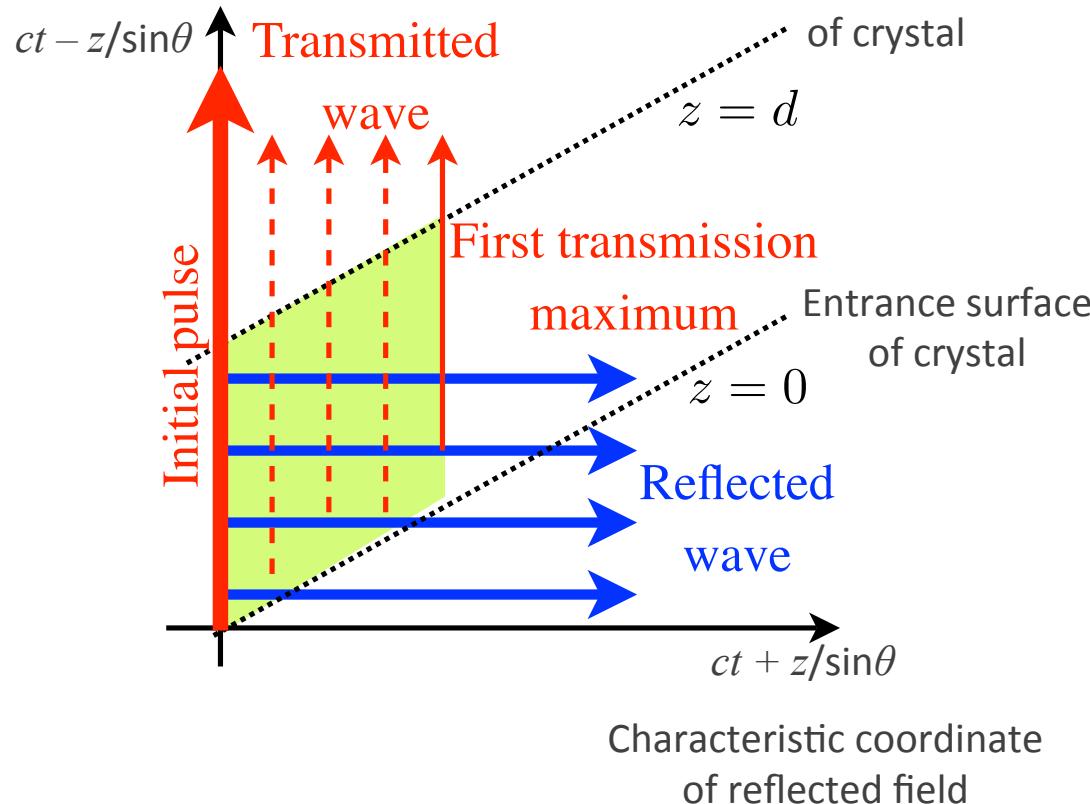
# Extra Slides



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# Time domain picture of self-seeding “wake”

Characteristic coordinate  
of transmitted field



Position of first peak  
proportional to  
**Interaction area:**

$$\Delta t d/\sin\theta = \text{constant}$$

→ time delay scales inversely  
with crystal thickness

Seed amplitude scales with  
**Interaction length**

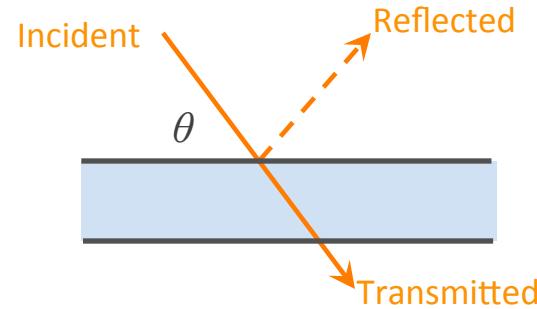
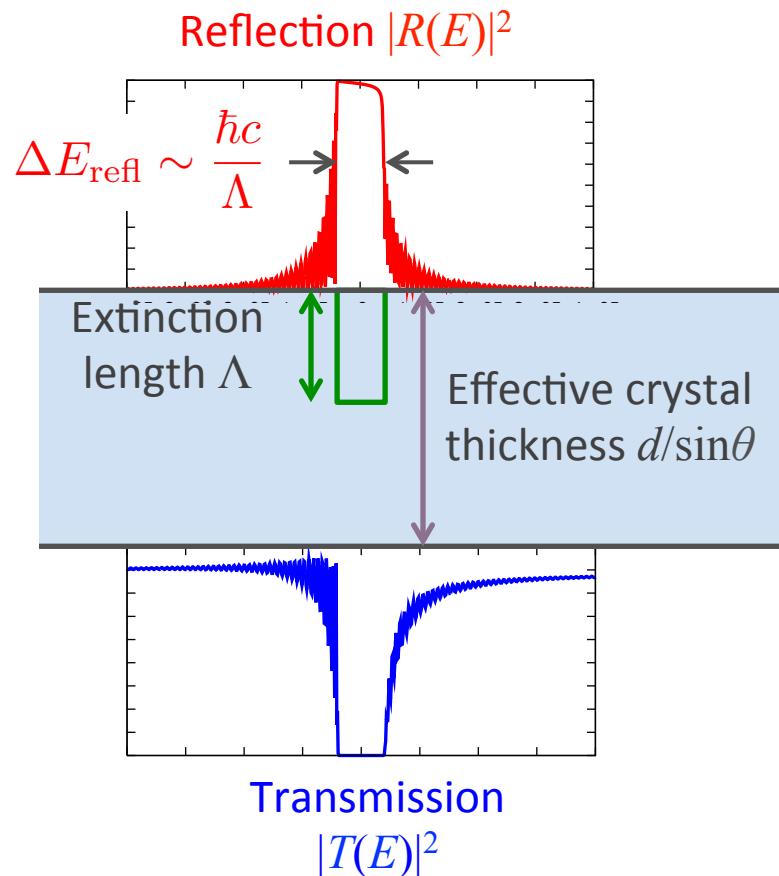
→ Peak power scales  
quadratically with  
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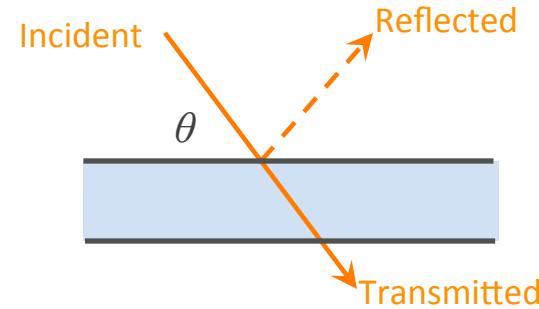
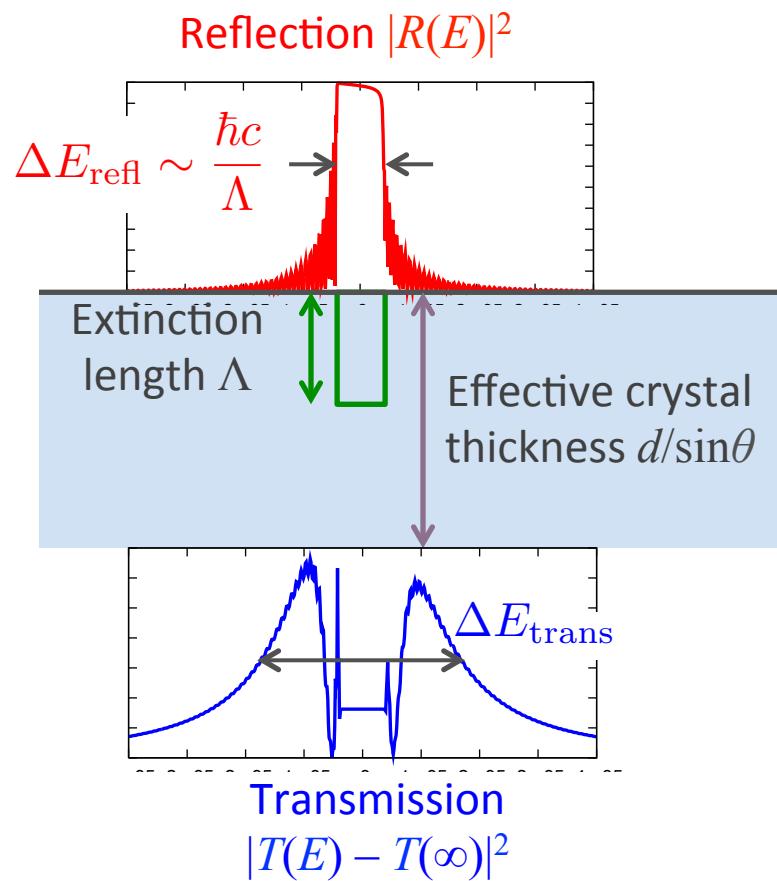
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- Relevant spectral components interact over entire crystal thickness

$$\Delta E_{\text{trans}} \sim \frac{d}{\Lambda \sin \theta} \Delta E_{\text{refl}}$$

$$\Delta t_{\text{trans}} \sim \frac{\Lambda^2 \sin \theta}{cd}$$

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