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CREMLIN: CONNECTING RUSSIAN AND EUROPEAN MEASURES FOR LARGE-SCALE RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES

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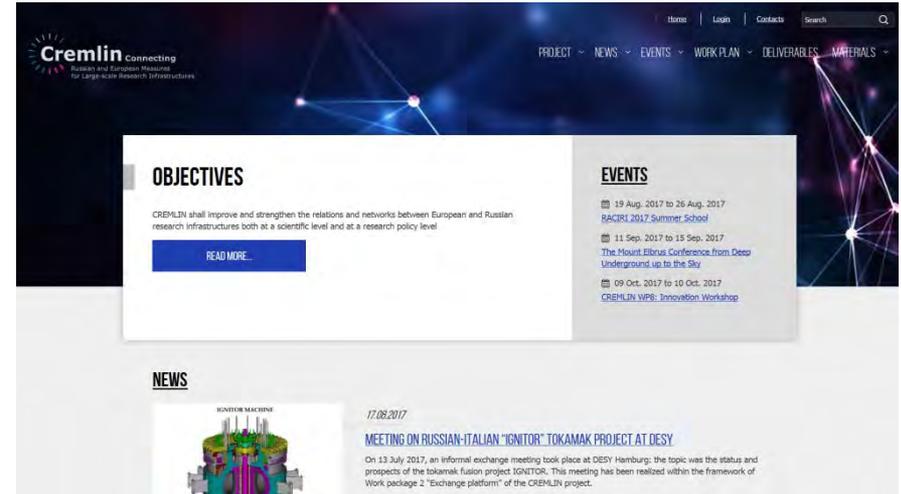
WP6 – Science cooperation with XCELS in the field of high power laser research

**Involvement of European Industry in the XCELS project
11-12 December 2017, Paris, Institut Hneri Poincaré**



CREMLIN Facts

- CREMLIN: www.cremlin.eu
 - Horizon 2020 project
 - European-Russian project on collaboration in megascience
 - *Connecting Russian and European Measures for Large-scale Research Infrastructures*
- Duration: 1 September 2015 – 31 August 2018
- Budget: ~€1.7M
- Coordinator: DESY
- Key Partner: NRC “Kurchatov Institute”
- Consortium: 19 European and Russian RIs



CREMLIN Consortium: 19 partners

13 European beneficiaries	6 Russian beneficiaries
DESY (Coordinator)	NRC KI
Jülich	PNPI
FAIR	JINR
HZG	IAP RAS
TUM	BINP
European XFEL	IC RAS
ILL	
ESS	
ESRF	
ELI-DC	
CEA LIDyL	
CERN	
MAX IV Lab	

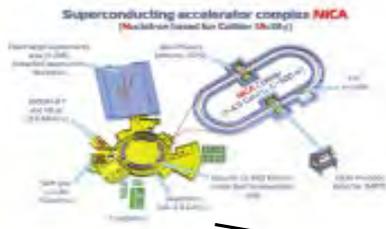
Focus: 6 Russian projects

- CREMLIN targets at **all 6 Russian megascience projects**:
 - Powerful Research Reactor **PIK**, PNPI Gatchina
 - Ion Collider Facility **NICA**, JINR Dubna
 - Fourth Generation SR Source **SSRS-4**, NRC KI Moscow
 - High power laser **XCELS**, IAP Nizhniy Novgorod
 - Lepton collider **STC**, BINP Novosibirsk
 - (Fusion project **IGNITOR**, NRC KI Moscow)

- Very different status of implementation
- PIK; NICA; IGNITOR: receiving national funding; called „international“ megascience projects;
- SSRS4 funding expected soon

Focus: 6 Russian projects

NICA: Dubna



PIK: Gatchina



SSRS-4: Moscow?



Fusion IGNITOR: Troitsk, Moscow

Hi-Power Laser XCELS: Nizhny Novgorod



STC: Novosibirsk

CREMLIN: Key objectives

- > CREMLIN is a truly pathfinding project
- > Aims at improving and strengthening the collaboration between Russian and European research infrastructures (RI), and at a better integration of both research areas

The three key objectives for CREMLIN are:

1. Enhance European-Russian science cooperation along the megascience facilities
2. Develop recommendations, strategies and perspectives for an enhanced European-Russian cooperation
3. Establish an exchange platform for mutual learning across the various science disciplines and communities

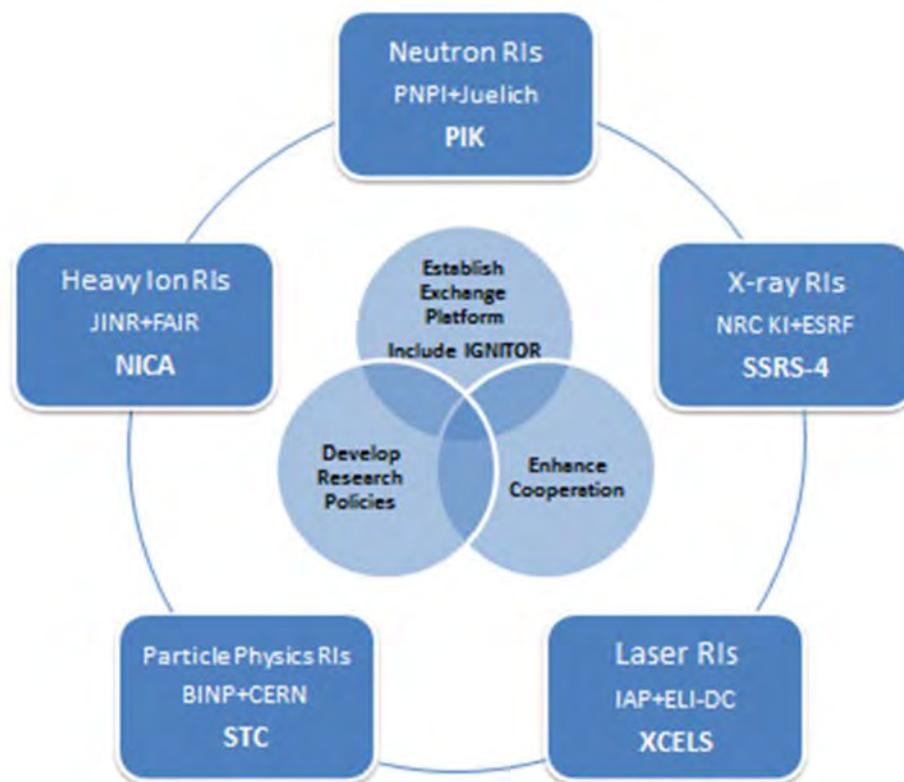


WP Structure

Two-way-approach:

5 Thematic WPs (Russian projects)

2 Horizontal WPs
(cross-topical issues)



5 Thematic WPs

WP#	Title	Beneficiaries
WP3	Science cooperation with the NICA collider facility in the field of ion beams and heavy ion physics	FAIR; JINR
WP4	Science Cooperation with the PIK research reactor in the field of neutron sources	Jülich; PNPI plus: HZG; TUM; ILL; ESS
WP5	Science cooperation with the SSRS-4 synchrotron radiation source in the field of photon science	ESRF; NRC KI plus DESY; EU.XFEL; IC RAS; Lund MAX IV
WP6	Science cooperation with XCELS in the field of high power laser research	CEA; IAP RAS plus ELI-DC
WP7	Science cooperation with the Super tau-charm factory STC in the field of lepton colliders	CERN; BINP

2 Horizontal WPs

WP#	Title	Beneficiaries
WP2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a mutual learning platform• Invite IGNITOR to benefit from findings• Support science-to-policy interface• Promote exchange on data access and big data management• Establish links to other EU-Russian STI cooperation frameworks	DESY; NRC KI
WP8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a project website• Journalists' trip to NICA and PIK facilities• Explore potentials for innovation, industrial use and technology transfer around the Russian projects• Organise thematic summer schools such as RACIRI!	NRC KI; DESY plus: ILL; ESS

Examples of activities WP6

- WP6: 100 PW High Power Laser Project XCELS at the Institute of Applied Physics RAS, Nizhniy Novgorod
- Partners: CEA (France), IAP-RAS, ELI-DC AISBL
- Recent events:
 - WS “Novel applications of Exawatt laser sources”: as satellite event to International Conference "Frontiers of Nonlinear Physics", held from 17 July 2016 to 23 July 2016 at Nizhny Novgorod-St. Petersburg (River cruise boat "Nizhny Novgorod“) <http://www.fnp.sci-nnov.ru/workshop.html>
 - Workshop on “Key technological issues in construction and exploitation of 100PW-class lasers I” organized 4-7 October 2016 by CEA, in Cassis / France, within the ISUIL Conference on Lasers
 - Workshop "Key technological issues in construction and exploitation of 100 PW class lasers II", July 22 through July 28, 2017, on board the river boat cruising from Moscow to St.-Petersburg, Russia
 - **Round Table on “Internationalization of XCELS”, organized by the CEA at ELI-NP, 7-8 December 2017, Bucharest, Romania**



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Monday, 11 December 2017, Institut Henri Poincaré, Salle 314	
14:00-14:55	<i>Participants Registration - Lobby</i>
	Session I
14:55-15:00	<i>Welcome (Philippe Martin & Catalin Miron, CEA Paris-Saclay)</i>
15:00-15:15	<i>CREMLIN: connecting Russian and European Measures for Large-Scale RIs</i> Catalin Miron – CEA Paris-Saclay – WPL – Cooperation with CREMLIN
15:15-15:45	<i>XCELS project: from inception to implementation</i> Alexander Sergeev – IAP – President of the Russian Academy of Sciences
15:45-16:15	<i>XCELS laser requirements</i> Andrey Shaykin – IAP
16:15-16:45	<i>Coffee break</i> Cafeteria
	Session II
16:45-17:15	<i>Experiments at XCELS: opportunities and challenges</i> Igor Kostyukov – IAP
17:15-18:00	<i>Discussion – Q&A session</i>
19:30-22:00	Workshop dinner downtown Paris <i>Location: Chez Lena & Mimile, 32, rue Tournefort, 75005 Paris</i>

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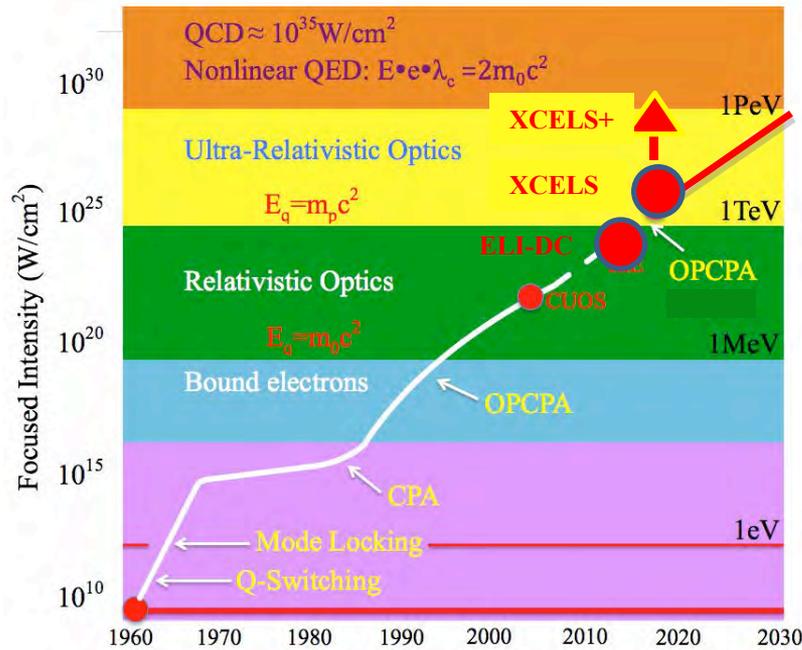
Tuesday, 12 December 2017, Institut Henri Poincaré, Salle 314	
Session III	
09:00-09:40	<i>Welcome coffee</i> Cafeteria
09:40-10:00	<i>PetaWatt Laser Systems : Current status and perspectives</i> Christophe SIMON-BOISSON – THALES Optronique
10:00-10:20	<i>SourceLAB : laser plasma supplier for physics and applications</i> François SYLLA – SourceLAB
10:20-10:40	<i>Advanced wavefront sensing solution for laser testing and optics metrology applications</i> Yu LU – PHASICS
10:40-11:00	<i>Title TBA</i> Andrejus MICHAILOVAS – EKSPLA
11:00-11:20	<i>Title TBA</i> Franck FALCOZ – Amplitude Technologies
11:20-11:50	Coffee Break and group picture
Session IV	
11:50-12:10	<i>Meter-Size Gratings for XCELS laser pulse compressors</i> Arnaud COTEL – HORIBA Jobin-Yvon
12:10-12:30	<i>Innovative deformable mirrors and beam transport systems for intense lasers</i> Laurent ROPERT – ISP SYSTEM
12:30-13:00	<i>General Discussion / Wrap-up</i> Philippe Martin – CEA Paris-Saclay
13:00	End of workshop

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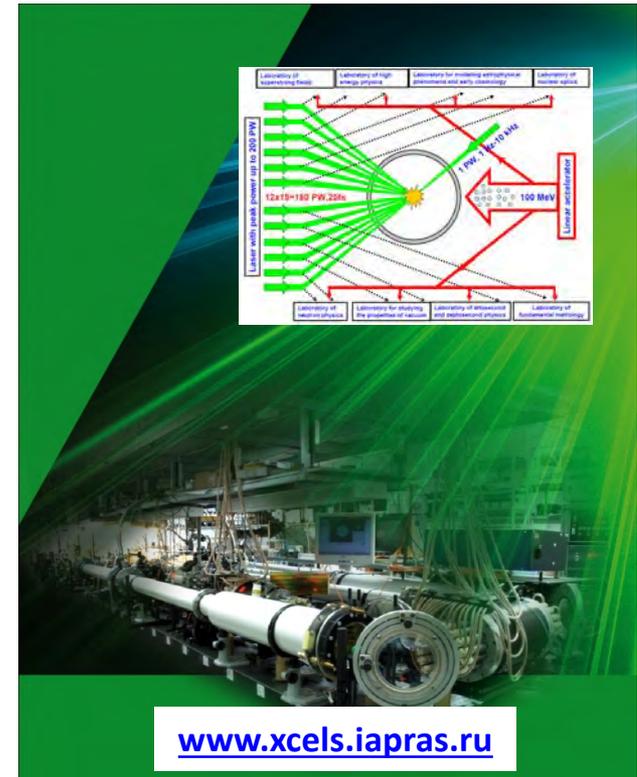
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Megaproject XCELS

XCELS - world most powerful laser infrastructure that will be built at **the Institute of Applied Physics in Nizhny Novgorod** to study the properties of matter and vacuum in the presence of extreme light



Ascent to the highest intensity of light, "the Extreme Light"

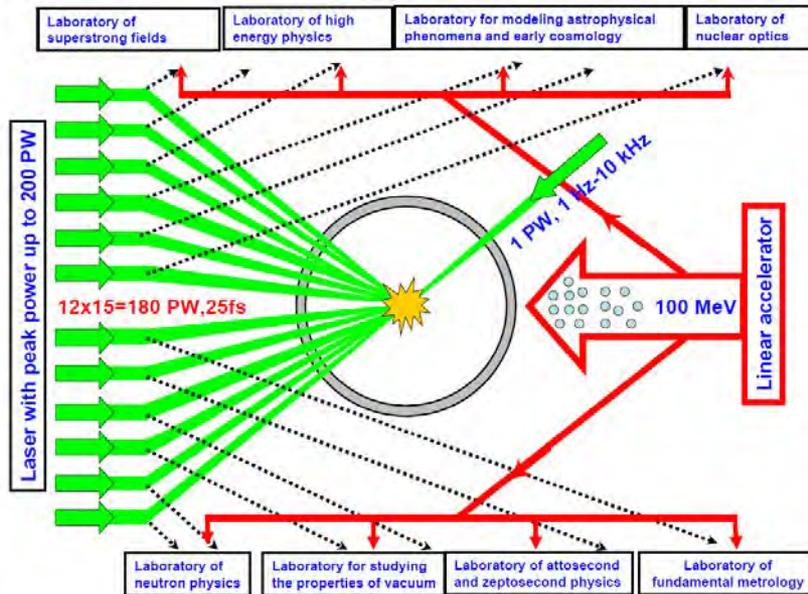


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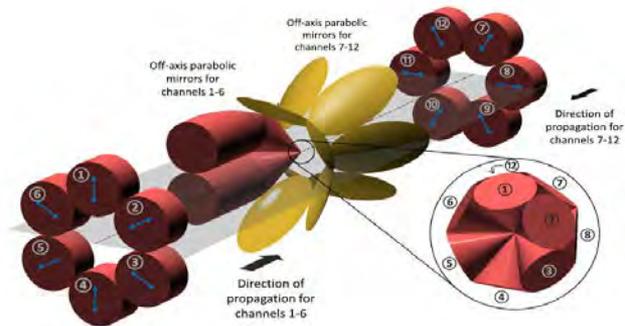
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Laser source for XCELS



XCELS is based on the 200 Petawatt (2×10^{17} Watt) laser facility that exceeds the current record power level by 100 times. It comprises 12 amplification channels, each producing a laser pulse with 400 J energy and 25 femtosecond pulse duration.

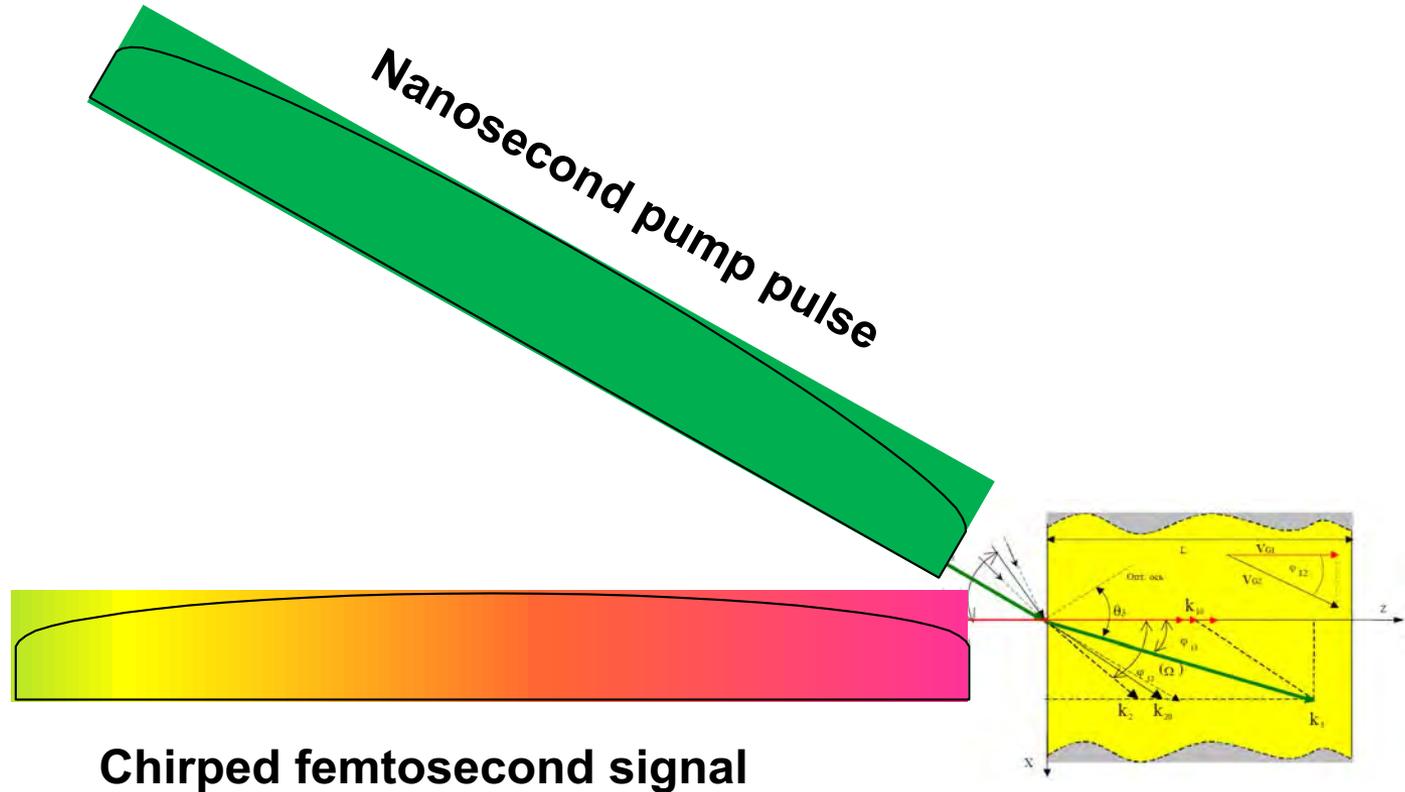
A specially designed focusing system provides the ascent to the highest intensity level of 10^{25} - 10^{26} W/cm² by combining 12 laser beams. The resulting energy density in the focal area attains 10^{16} J/cm³, several orders of magnitude higher than in the center of the Sun.



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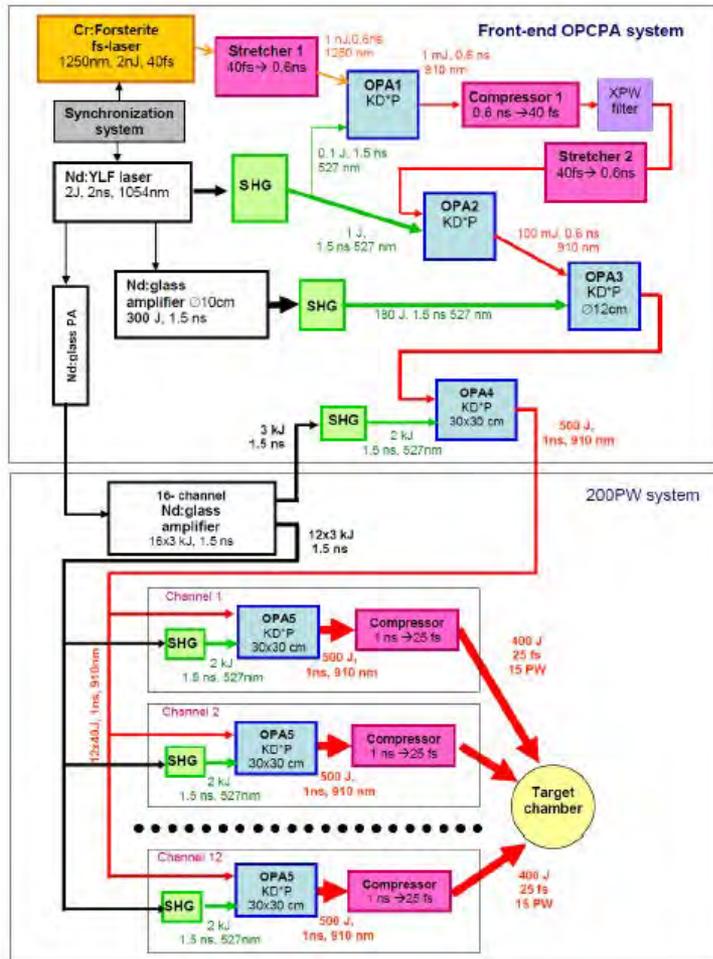
XCELS – OPCPA scheme



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XCELS – layout



Key technologies for XCELS facility:

1. OPCPA technique
2. 3 kJ, 1.5 ns Nd: glass pump lasers
3. 30x30 cm² KD*P crystals
4. 50x100 cm², broad band (25 fs), 0.2 J/cm² damage threshold gratings with 910 nm central wavelength
5. Tight focusing optical system

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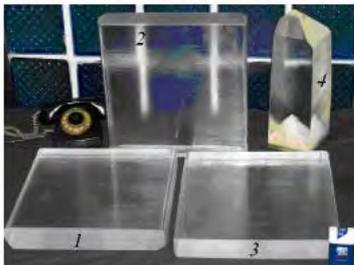
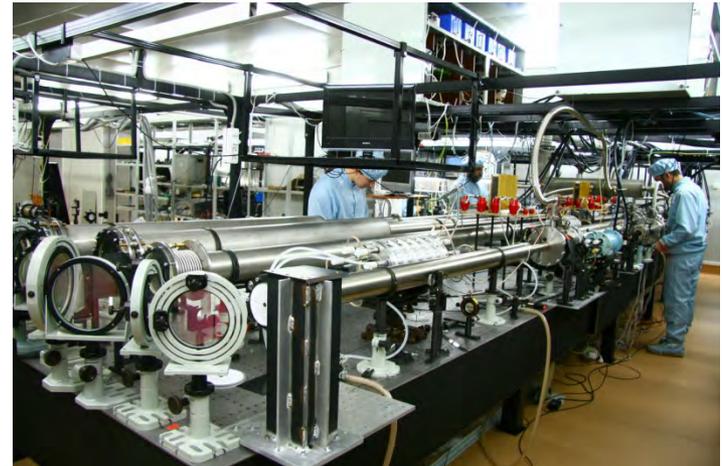
Key technologies behind XCELS laser facility

The XCELS laser facility is based on the technologies developed at the Institute of Applied Physics in Nizhny Novgorod and the Russian Federal Nuclear Center in Sarov and implemented in PEARL and FEMTA, the world's first petawatt parametric lasers

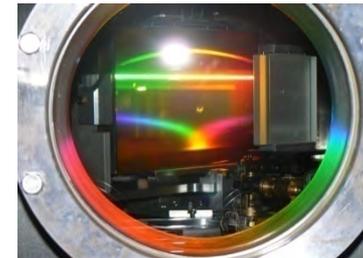
FEMTA



PEARL-10



Large aperture nonlinear crystals and optical gratings provide amplification and compression of laser pulses to multipetawatt level

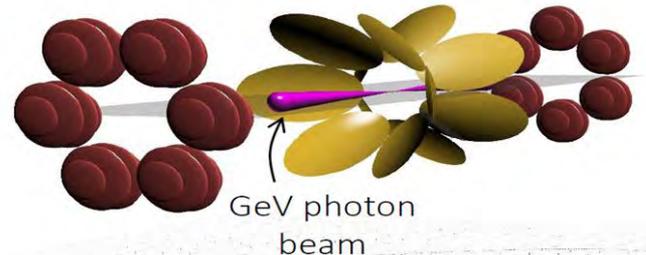
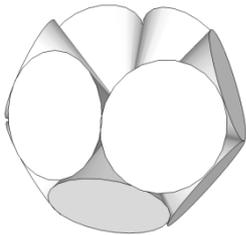


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XCELS – Coherent combining to mimic converging dipole wave

Geometry	Power per channel	Intensity, $\times 10^{25} \text{W/cm}^2$	I/I(f=1.2)	Equivalent power (f=1.2)
Single beam (f=1.2)	$P_0=10 \text{ PW}$	0.06	1	10 PW
Single beam (f=1.2)	$P_0=200 \text{ PW}$	1.2	1	200 PW
Dipole-Wave	$P_0=200 \text{ PW}$	16.7	13.9	2800 PW
Double-Belt-12 12× (f=0.96)	$P_0/12$	13.4	11.2	2200 PW

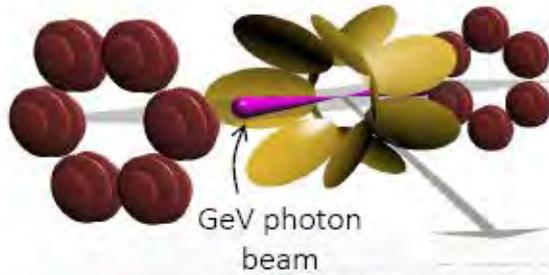


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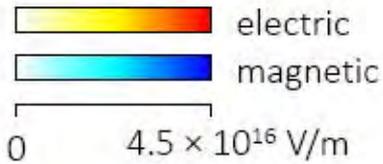
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XCELS – boiling vacuum

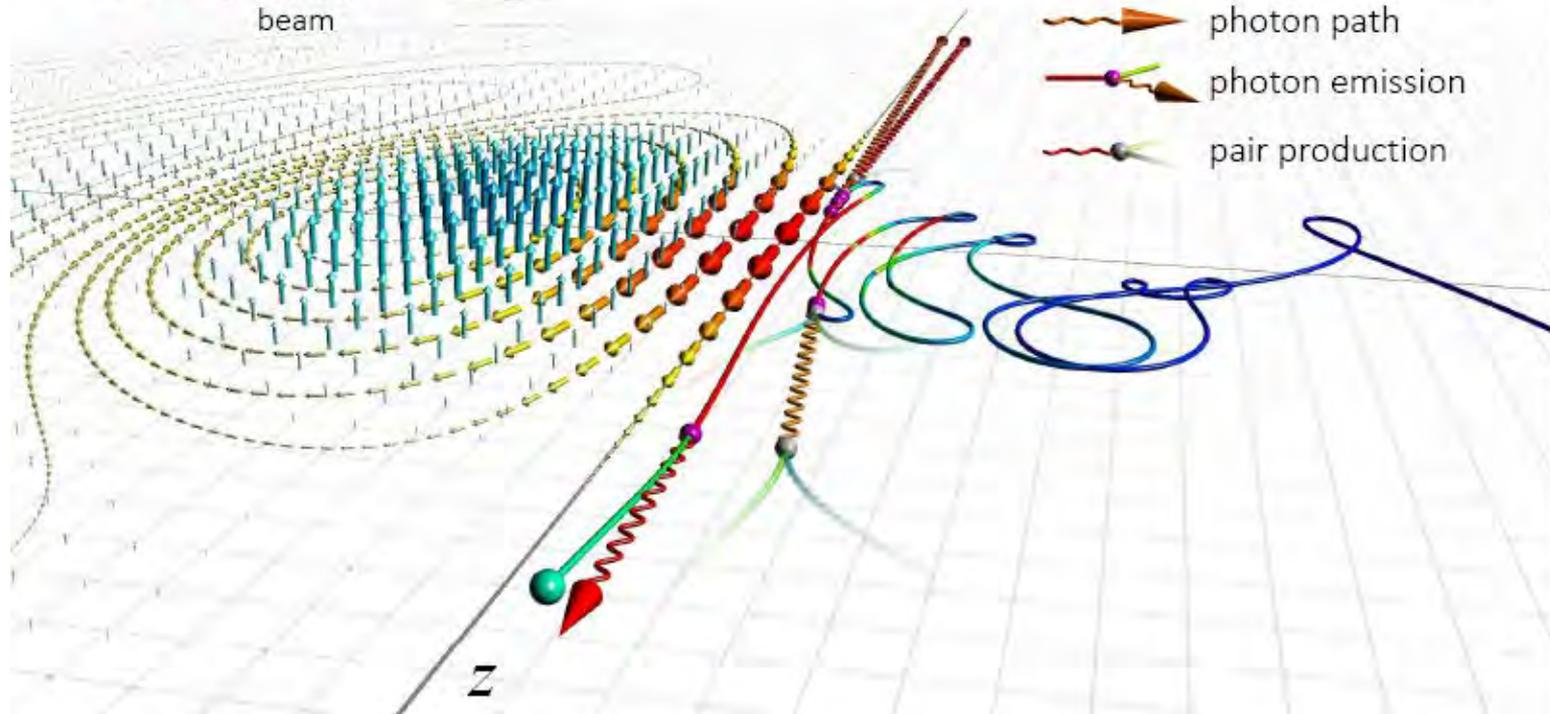
Forming an e-dipole wave



Field strength:



Particle/photon energy:



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New science with XCELS

With XCELS we will enter a new realm of physics

Exawatt-scale laser will bring particle dynamics in the radiation dominated regime

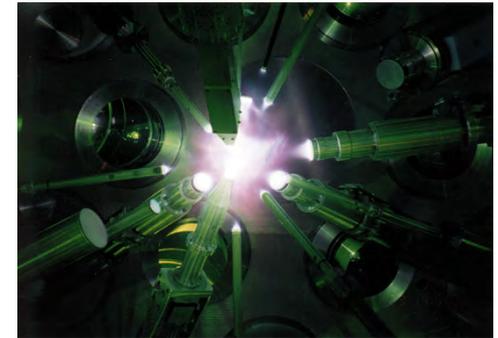
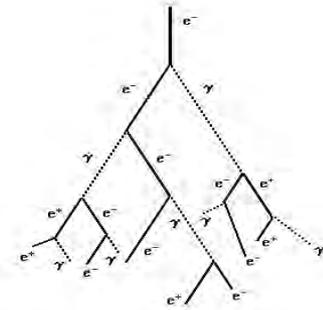
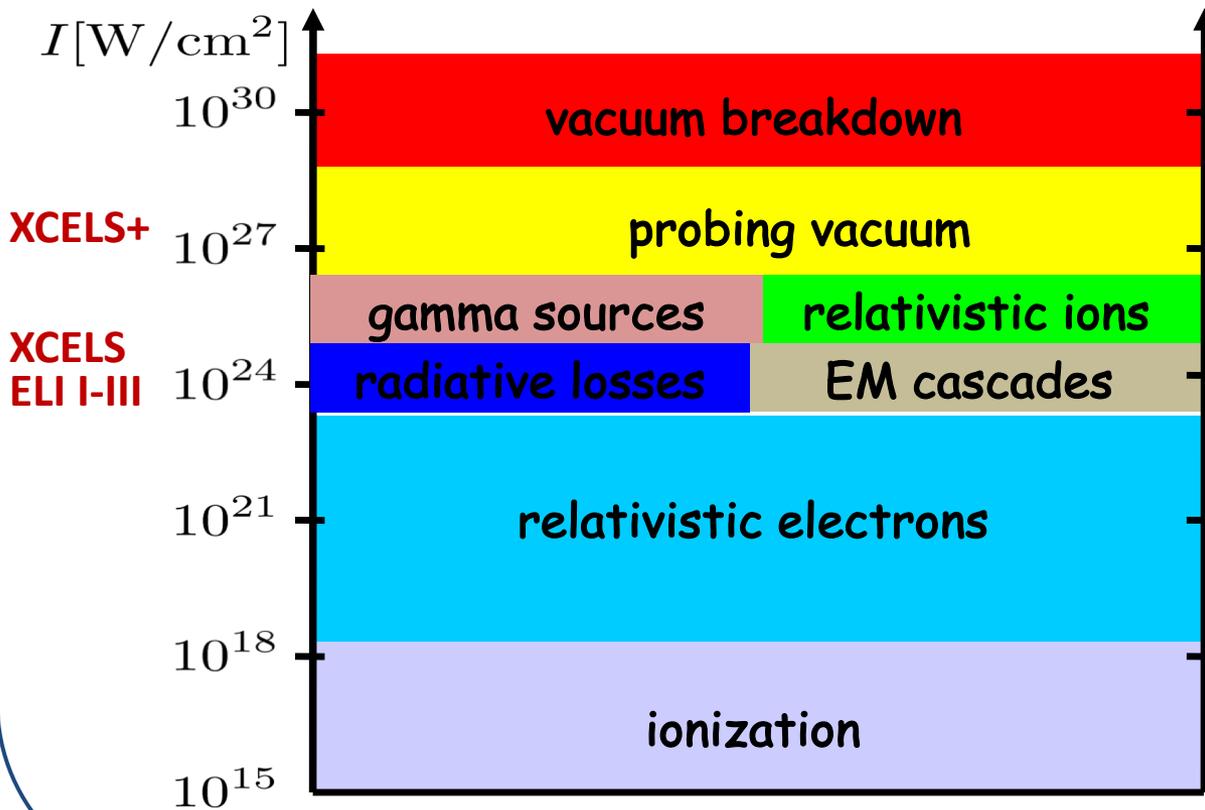
- **QED cascades and radiation trapping of particles produce ultrarelativistic, ultradense e-e+ plasma that efficiently convert optical energy to gamma rays**
- **Controllable directed gamma ray sources of GeV photons with extreme brilliance will be soon available as a new instrument to study nuclear matter and vacuum physics**
- **Laboratory astrophysics will be provided with Gigagauss and Teragauss magnetic fields on the Earth**
- **By energy conversion from femtosecond to attosecond pulses, the Schwinger field can be approached and time-space structure of vacuum can be studied**

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New science with XCELS

The main goal of XCELS is to study new science and applications at the emerging interface **between high-field physics and high-energy physics**



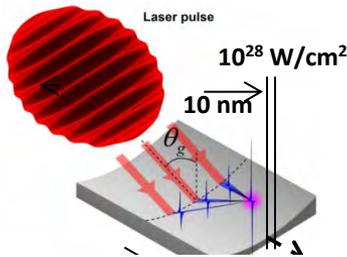
Electromagnetic cascades in vacuum can be produced by laser light

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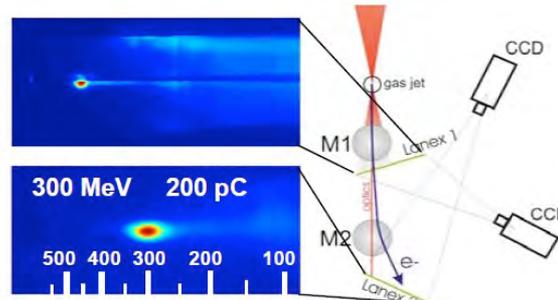
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Prospects for fundamental research and applications

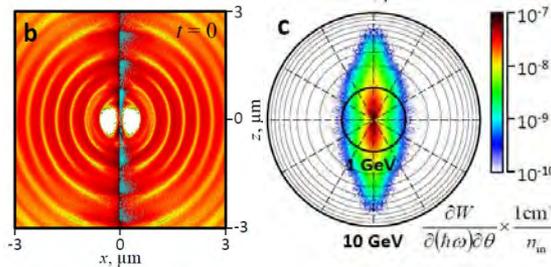
- Ultrarelativistic laser-matter interaction
- Exotic states of matter with ultrahigh energy density, laboratory astrophysics
- Phenomena of nonlinear quantum electrodynamics in the presence of ultraintense laser fields; ultradense electron-positron plasma
- Study of space-time structure of vacuum
- Nuclear optics



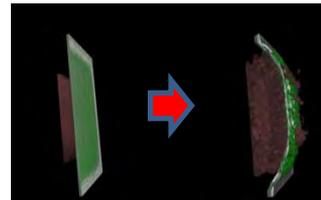
Generation of giant attosecond pulses for probing of quantum vacuum



Electron acceleration with rate 1 GeV/cm

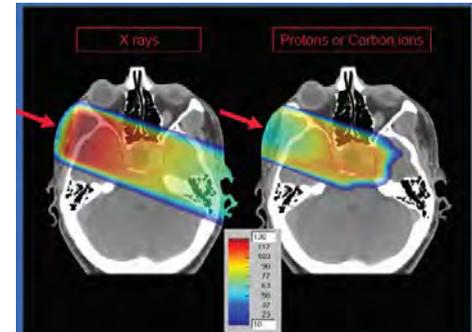


Directed Γ -ray source with 10 GeV quanta



300 MeV protons from thin foils for hadron therapy

- Ultracompact particle acceleration
- Directed brilliant gamma-ray sources
- Material diagnostics and metrology with picometer spatial and subfemtosecond temporal resolution
- Advanced particle and radiation sources for medicine, pharmacology, radiography, nuclear inspection and processing



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International Collaboration

The main contribution of foreign partners is supposed in the form of high-tech research equipment for the laser complex and research laboratories

Interest to collaborate from:

The Ministry of Education and Science of France

The Commissariat of Atomic Energy of France

Thales (France)

The Nuclear Energy Agency of Japan

High Energy Accelerator Research Organization KEK (Japan)

Center for Antiproton and Ion Research- FAIR (Germany)

Extreme Light Infrastructure - ELI (Europe)

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (USA)

Los Alamos National Laboratory (USA)

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (USA)

Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (UK)

The John Adams Institute for Accelerator Science (UK)

XCELS International Advisory Committee was founded in December 2011



T. Tajima, Chair of ICUIL



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Kazuoshi Koyama – KEK, Japan

Thomas Kuehl – GSI Helmholtzzentrum, Germany

Thierry Massard – Commissariat of Atomic Energy, France

Toshiki Tajima – International Committee for Ultraintense Lasers, ICUIL



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International Expertise

Report on XCELS by the International Advisory Committee

Gérard Mourou, Paul Bolton, Maria Douka, Dino Jaroszynski, Bjorn Manuel Hegelich, Thierry Massard, Wolfgang Sandner, Toshiki Tajima, Thomas Kuehl, Kazuooshi Koyama



Conclusion

Based on the description of the conceptual design, the scientific committee is convinced of the quality and timeliness of the XCELS project. XCELS is ambitious and designed to introduce a new paradigm in High Energy Physics where high-energy particles are replaced by an ultrahigh laser field. XCELS could be the premiere laser-based High Energy Physics platform in the world occupying a prominent scientific position. The committee is of the opinion that the XCELS conceptual design phase has been completed and recommends advancement to the prototyping phase. The appropriate funding should be allocated. During this phase, which would last two to three years, we recommend that the current team works in concert with the international community as early as possible. This, includes, in particular the ELI Consortium.

During this phase the design will be finalized. It should include specification of the laser, the beamline configuration and experimental halls. An early integration with the international community will facilitate and encourage other countries to join and help to fund the project.

Gérard Mourou
Chair of the International Advisory Committee



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION

REPORT OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON THE ASSESSMENT OF EU COOPERATION WITH SIX RUSSIAN FEDERATION MEGASCIENCE PROJECTS



**“The expert group encourages the Russian authorities to timely implement the first stages of the XCELS project, in order to demonstrate the feasibility of the project to the potential partners and to keep up with the dynamic international evolution of high-power lasers. “
Dec. 20, 2013**

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Collaboration - Recent MoUs

China (Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics (SIOM) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences): IAP RAS and SIOM signed a MoU on collaboration in the field of ultra-high intensity lasers in August 2017.

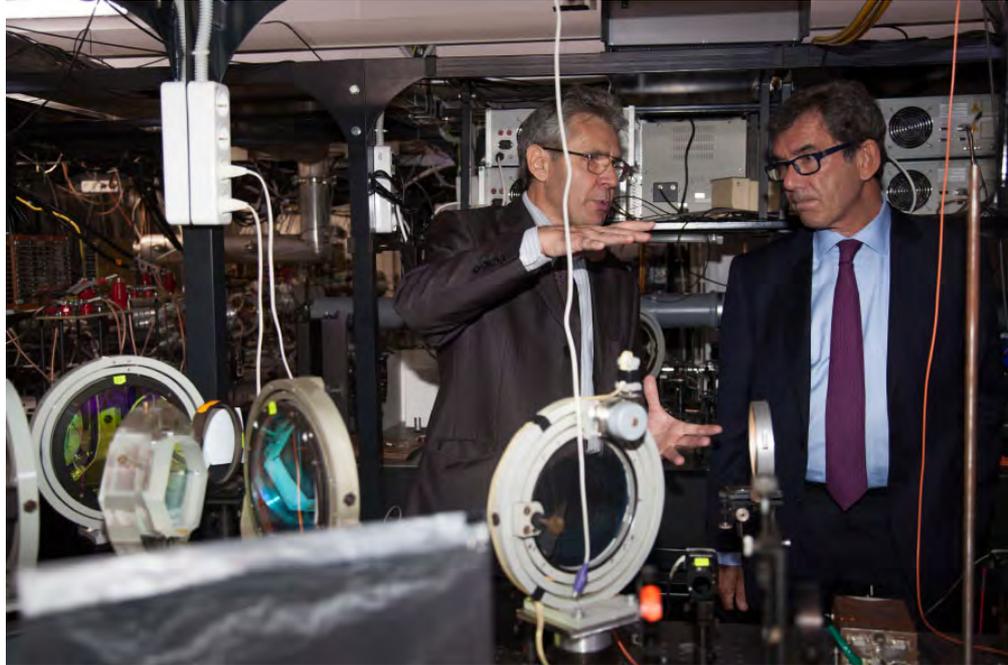
India (Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) of the Department of Atomic Energy): IAP RAS and TIFR signed a MoU on collaboration within the framework of XCELS.

Greece (Ministry of Science, Education and Religious Affairs (MSERA) of the Republic of Greece): IAP RAS and MSERA signed a MoU on collaboration in the field of development and exploitation of Petawatt and Exawatt power laser facilities in 2016.

France (Thales Optronique): IAP RAS and Thales Optronique signed a MoU on collaboration within the framework of XCELS.

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Visits to XCELS prototype at IAP



Jean-Maurice Ripert,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of France in the Russian Federation

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ELI

ELI will comprise 4 branches:

- **Attosecond Laser Science**, which will capitalize on new regimes of time resolution (*ELI-ALPS*, Szeged, HU)
- **High-Energy Beam Facility**, responsible for development and use of ultra-short pulses of high-energy particles and radiation stemming from the ultra-relativistic interaction (*ELI-Beamlines*, Prague, CZ)
- **Nuclear Physics Facility** with ultra-intense laser and brilliant gamma beams (up to 19 MeV) enabling also brilliant neutron beam generation with a largely controlled variety of energies (*ELI-NP*, Magurele, RO)
- **Ultra-High-Field Science** centred on direct physics of the unprecedented laser field strength (*ELI 4*, to be decided)



W. Sandner, ELI 2013-01

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Progress in China



Ruxin Li, Director of SIOM

Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics (SIOM)
Qiangguang 10 PW laser under construction.
In 2015, the world highest peak power 5 PW (150 J in
30 fs) performance was demonstrated

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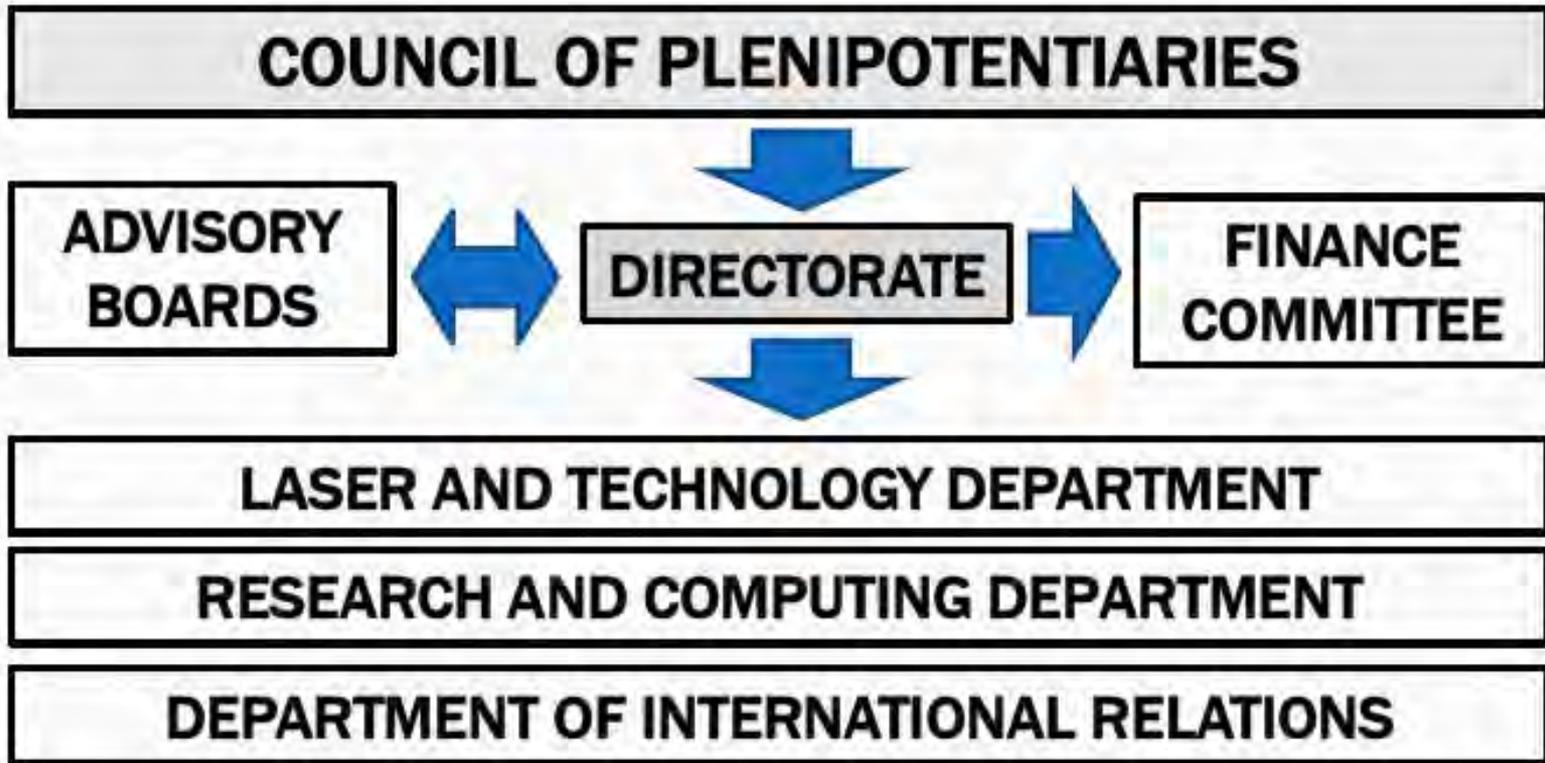
XCELS - roadmap

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Preparatory phase	█	█						
Two prototype 15 PW lasers		█	█	█	█	█		
Buildings and utilities			█	█	█	█		
200 PW laser system			█	█	█	█		
Main target chamber				█	█	█	█	
Radiation safety			█	█	█	█	█	█
Research laboratories				█	█	█	█	█
A computer and communication center					█	█	█	

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XCELS - Project management



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XCELS - Project management

The construction and operation of the XCELS shall be entrusted to a Limited Liability Company, which shall be subject to the Russian Federation law. The Supreme governing body of XCELS could be the Council of Plenipotentiaries of the governments of all Member States. The organs of the Company shall be the Council of Plenipotentiaries, and the Management Board. The Company exclusively and directly pursues nonprofit objectives in the field of science and research. The Management Board of the Company is composed of Managing Directors Scientific/Technical Directors. The division of responsibilities of the Directors shall be established by the Council. The Directors shall be appointed for a period not exceeding five years. Appointment, employment and termination of the appointment of the Directors as well as any amendment or enlargement of their contracts of employment shall be subject to the approval by the Council. The Council shall appoint the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee and Machine Advisory Committee by qualified majority.

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XCELS – building design



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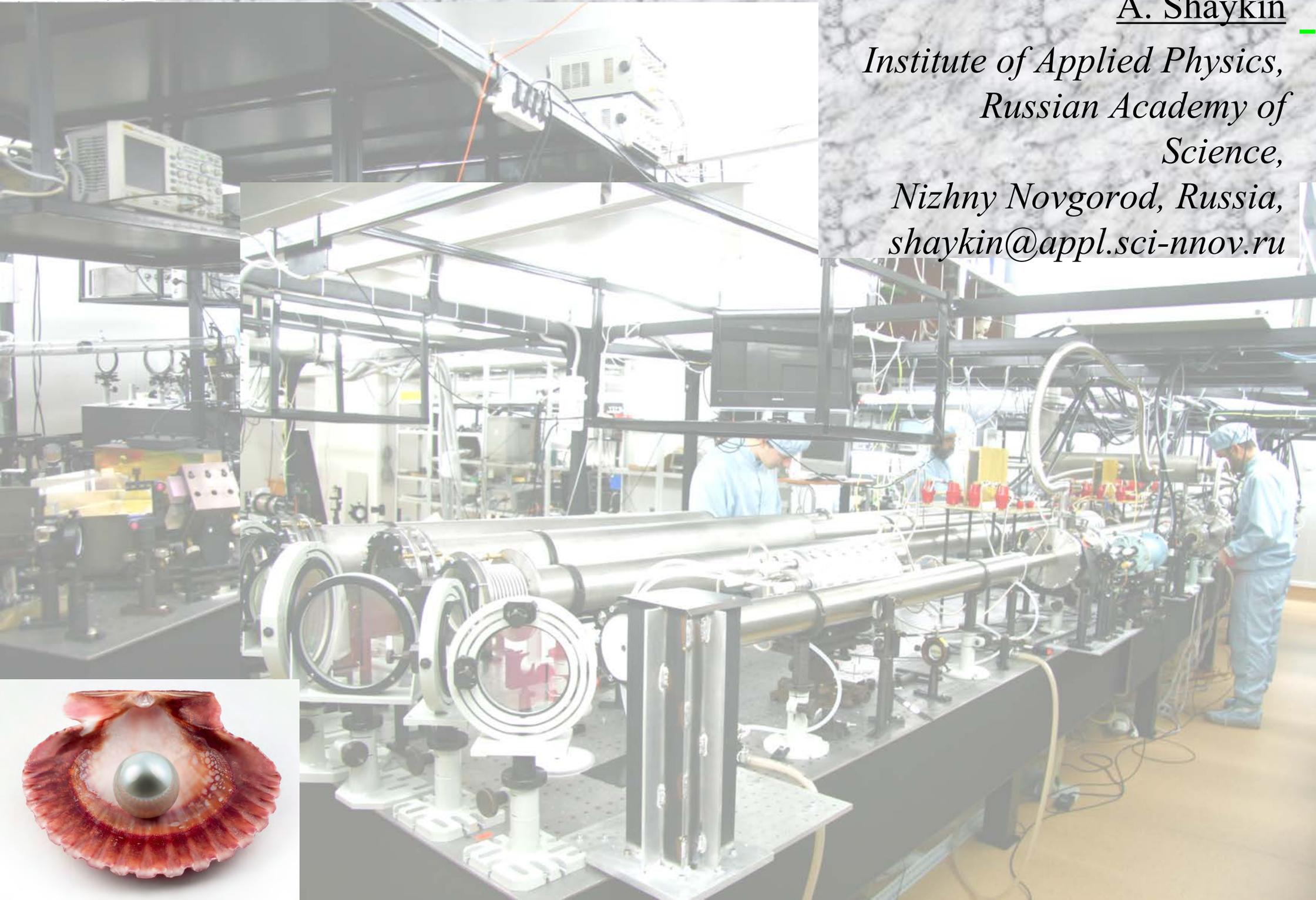




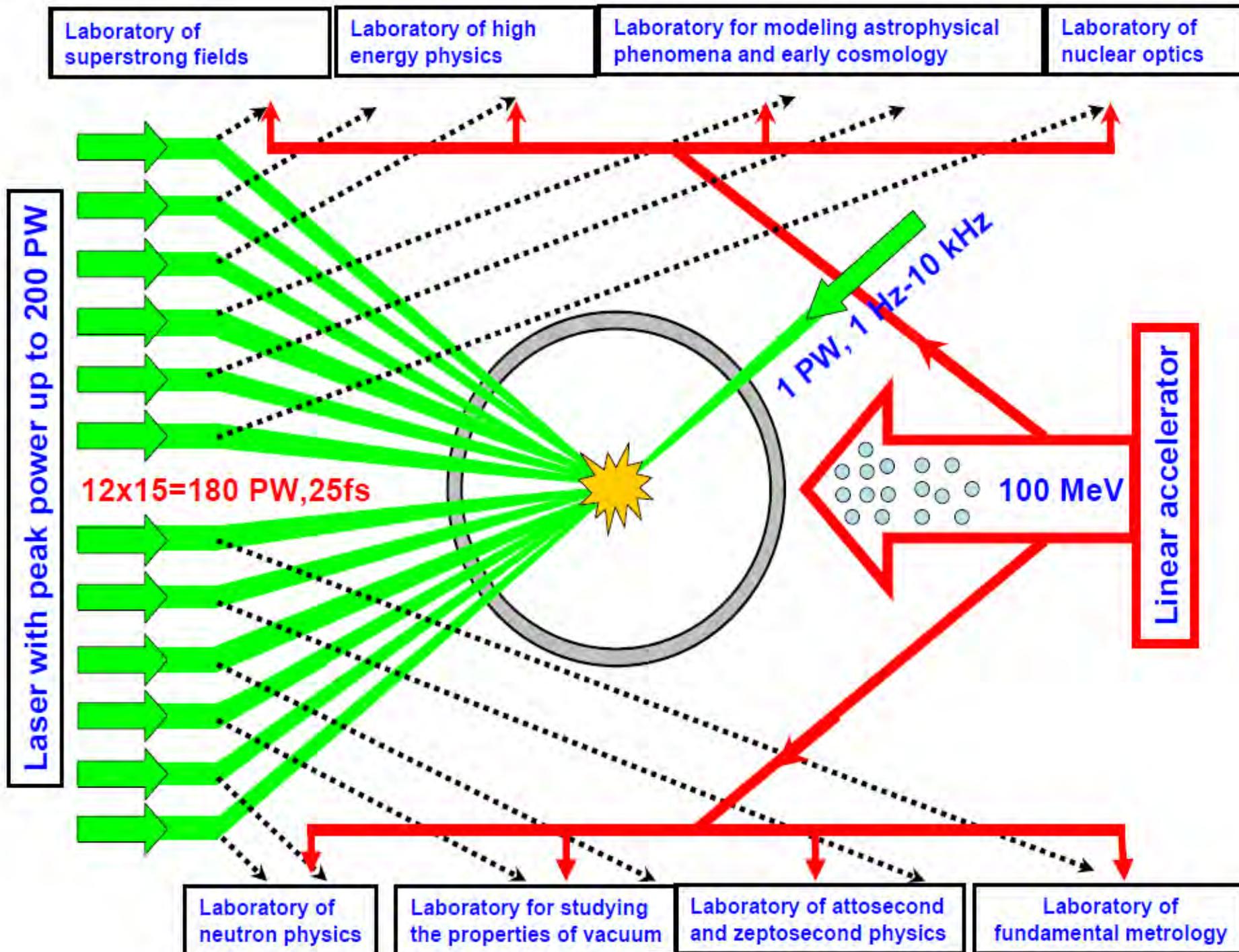
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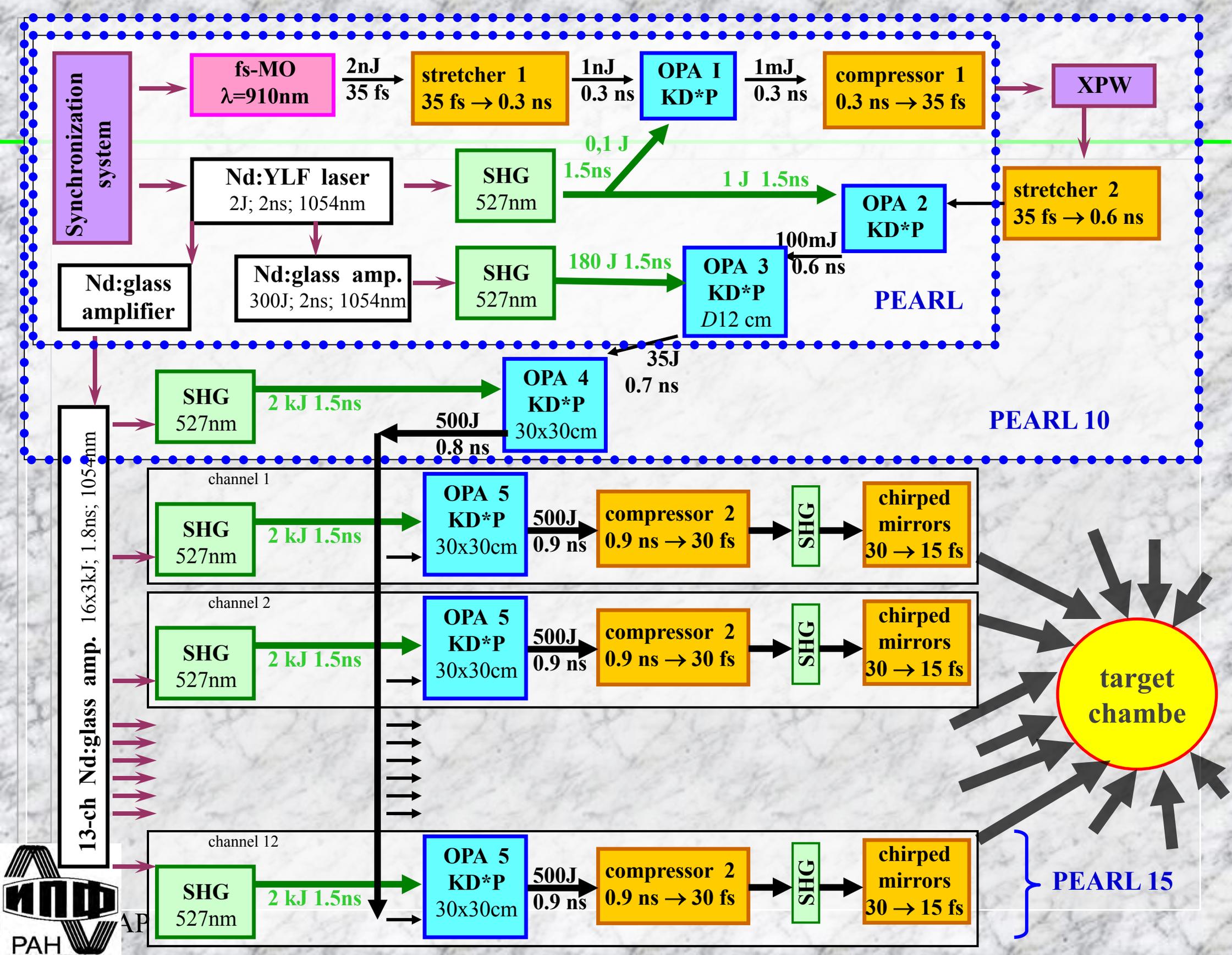
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XCELS laser requirements





200 PW laser for XCELS.

DKDP crystal growing



Installations for growing large-aperture nonlinear optical crystals in IAP RAS (left) and element for frequency conversion of superintense optical radiation

XCELS laser requirements.

PUMP lasers.

16 chanals aperture 30 x 30 cm;
3 kJ @ 1054 nm (2 kJ @ 527 nm) 1.5ns



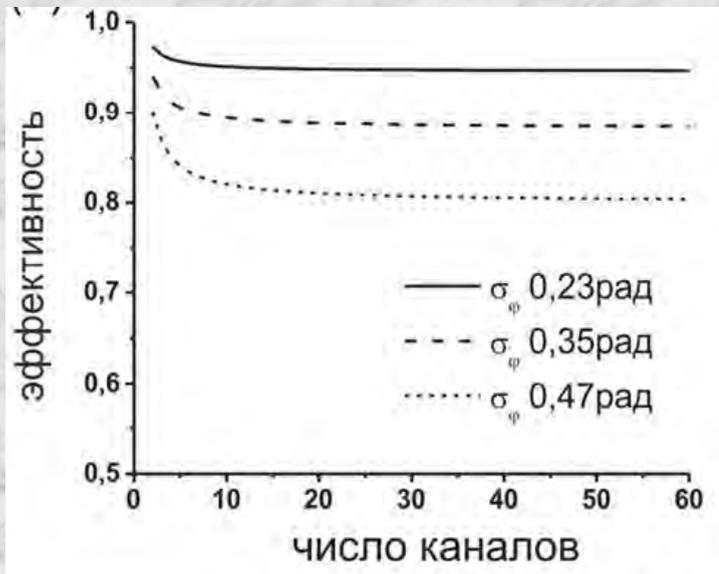
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Grating



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coherent combining



Combining by parabolic mirror.

$W \sim 1$ mJ; $t \sim 28$ fs.

Doublestage synchronization
(up to 170 as).

Combining efficiency $\sim 83\%$

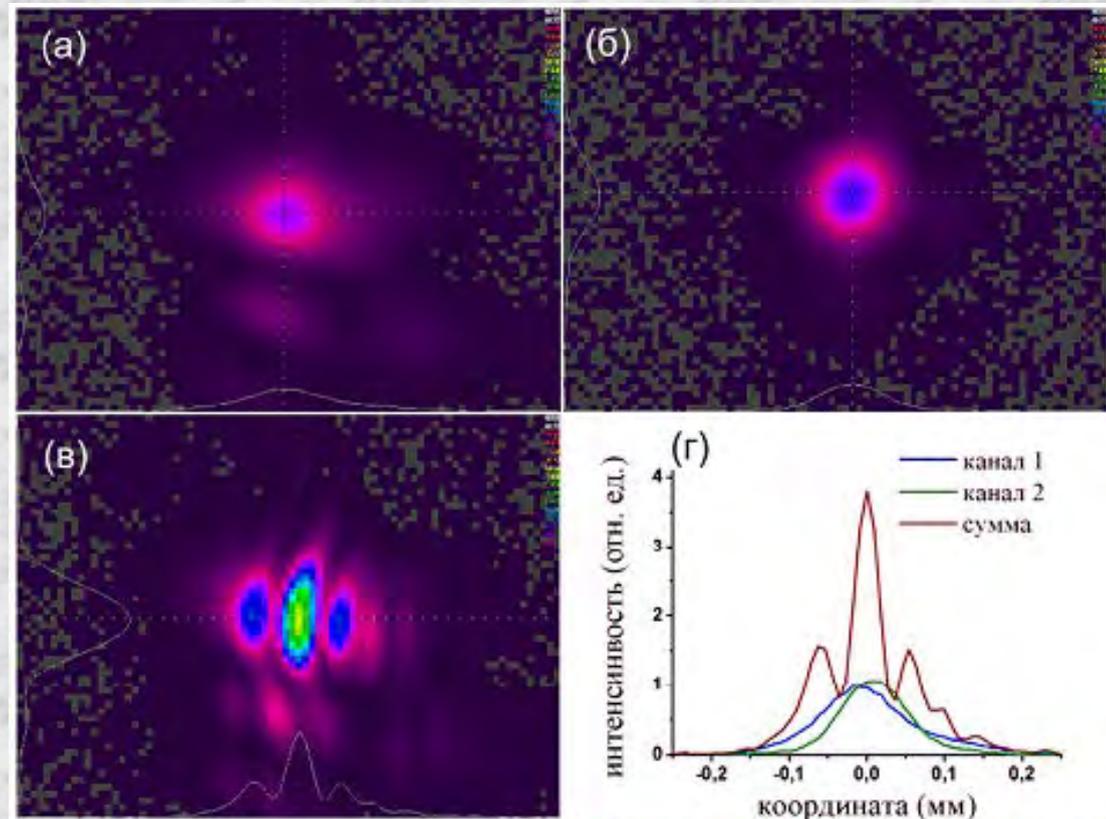


Рис. 7. Когерентное сложение мультитераваттных усиленных сжатых импульсов: профили в первом канале (а), втором канале (б), суммарного пучка (в) и горизонтальная проекция данных (г).

[High-intensity femtosecond laser systems based on coherent combining of optical fields](#) Bagayev S.N., Trunov V.I., Pestryakov E.V., Leschenko V.E., Frolov S.A., Vasiliev V.A. [Optics and Spectroscopy](#). 2013. T. 115. № 3. С. 311-319.

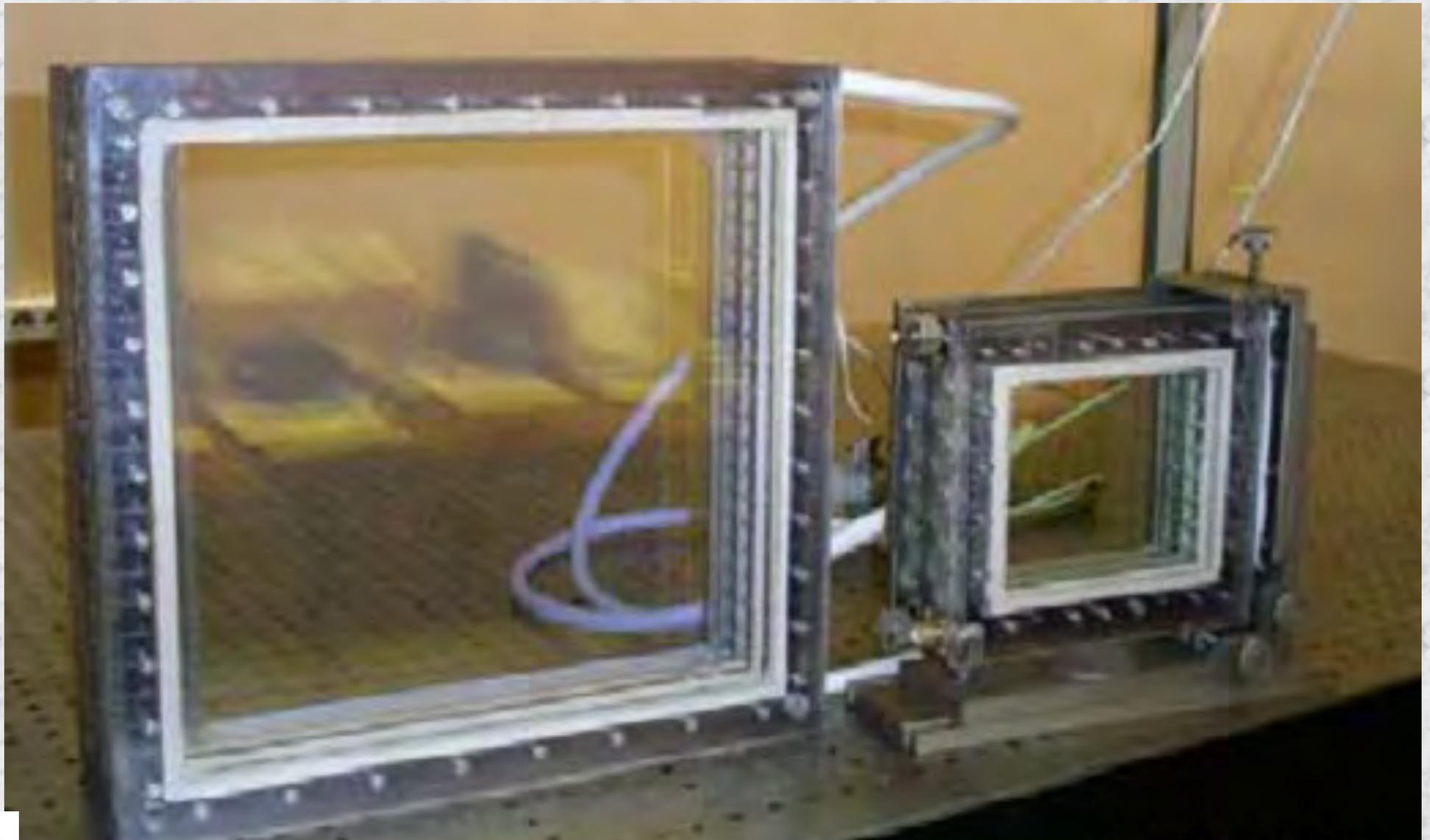
Goodno G. D., Shih C., and Rothenberg J. E. Perturbative analysis of coherent combining efficiency with mismatched lasers // [Opt. Express](#). 2010. V. 18, № 24. P. 25403–25414.

Klenke A., Seise Y., Limpert J., and Tünnermann A. Basic considerations on coherent combining of ultra-short laser pulses // [Opt. Express](#). 2011. V. 19, № 25. P. 25379–25387.

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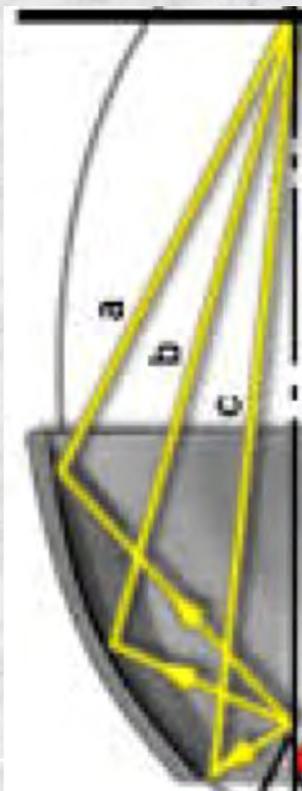
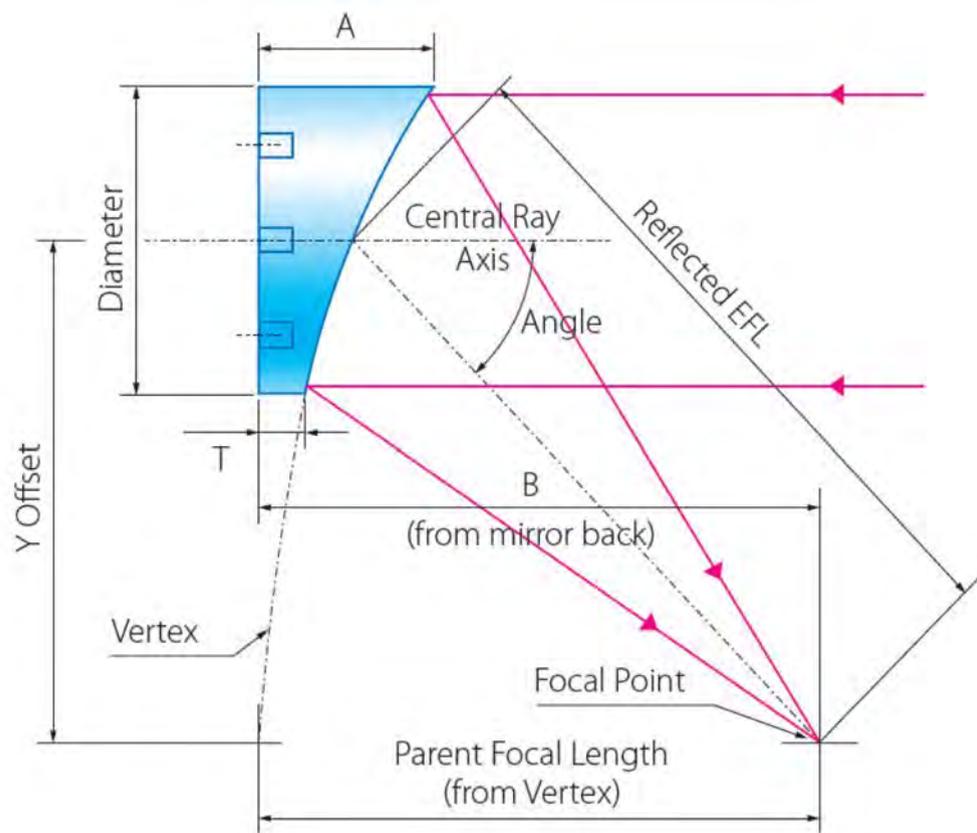
200 PW laser for XCELS.

Pokkels Cell



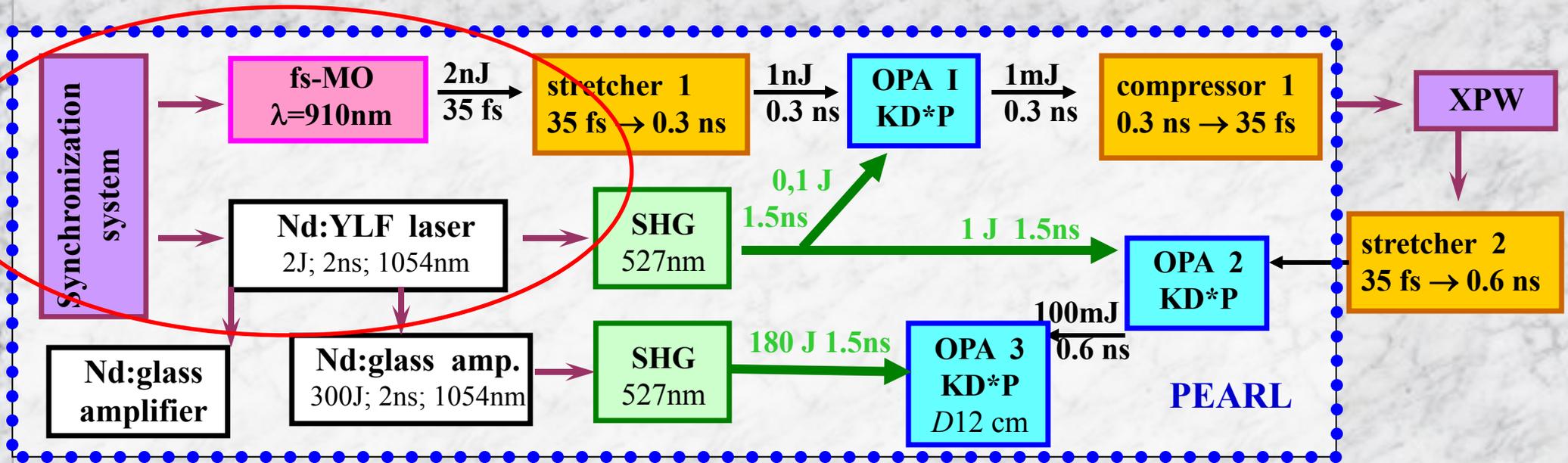
XCELS laser requirements

parabolic, plasma mirror, and adaptive optics



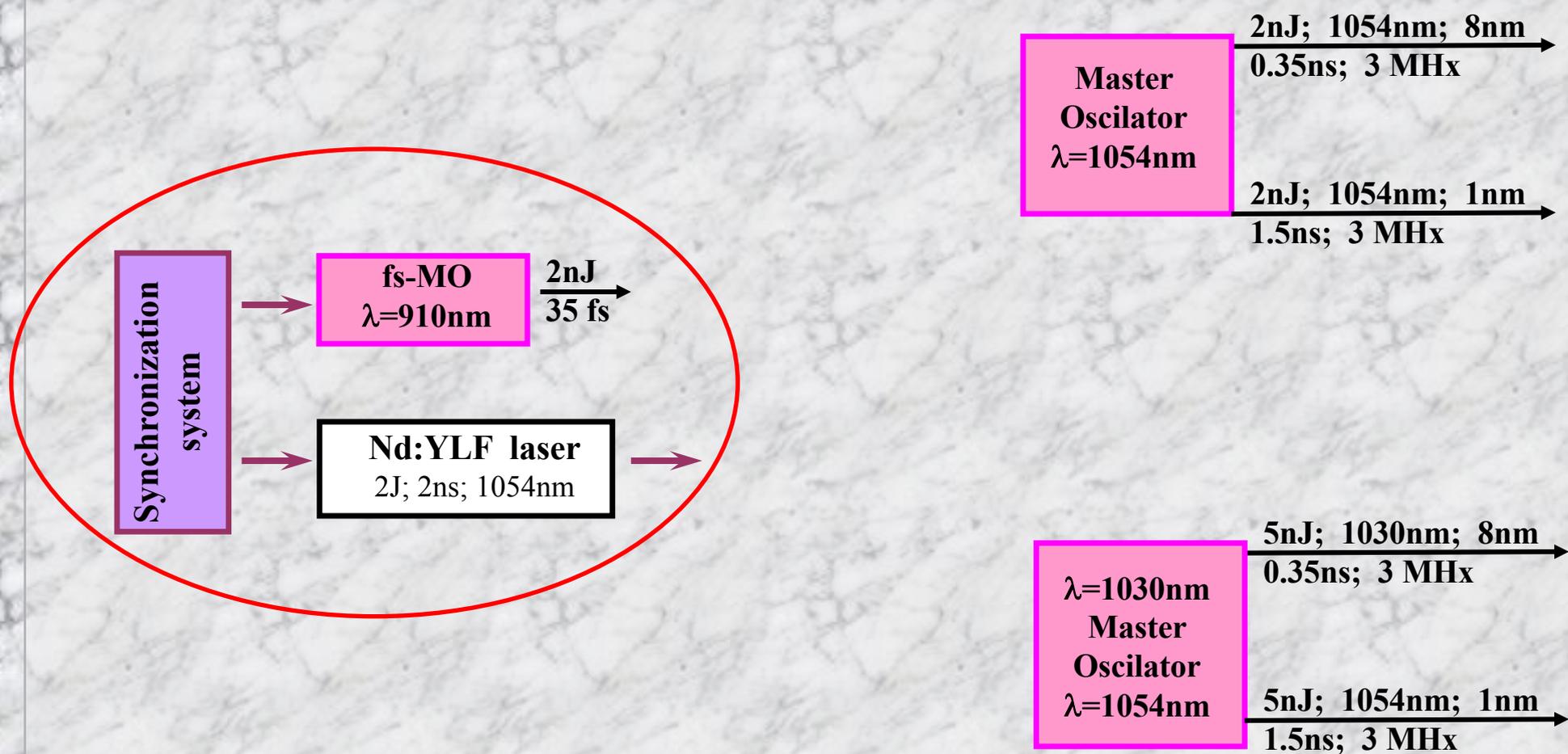
XCELS laser requirements.

Seed. Optical synchronization.



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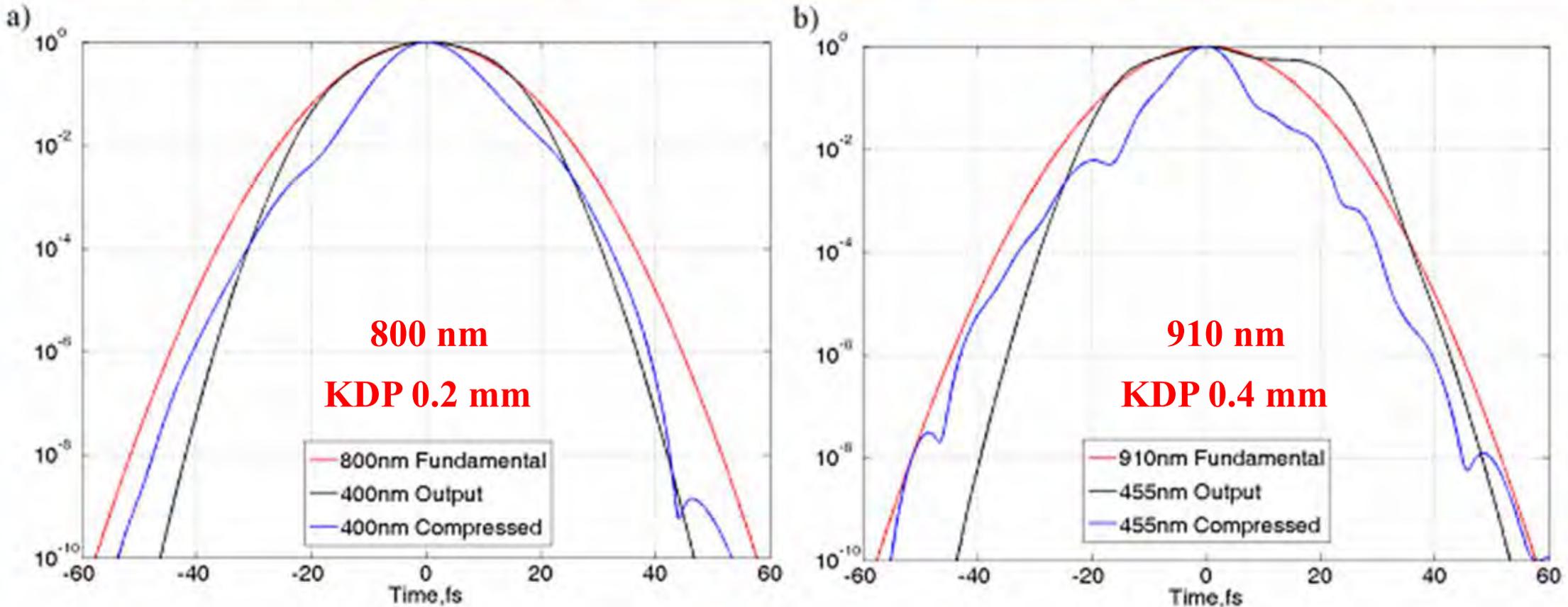
XCELS laser requirements. Summary.

	Russia	Europe
Pump laser: 3kJ; 2ns @ 1054nm	V	?
DKDP crystals 30 x 30 cm	V	?
Gratings 500 x 1000 mm	-	V
Pokkels Cell	V	
Parabolic mirror	V	V
Plasma mirror		V
Deformable mirror	V	V
“double channel seed”	V	?
Chirped mirror	-	V
Thin film SHG	?	V
Diode pumping amplifiers for Nd:YAG (D5; D6; D15mm)	V	V

XCELS laser requirements

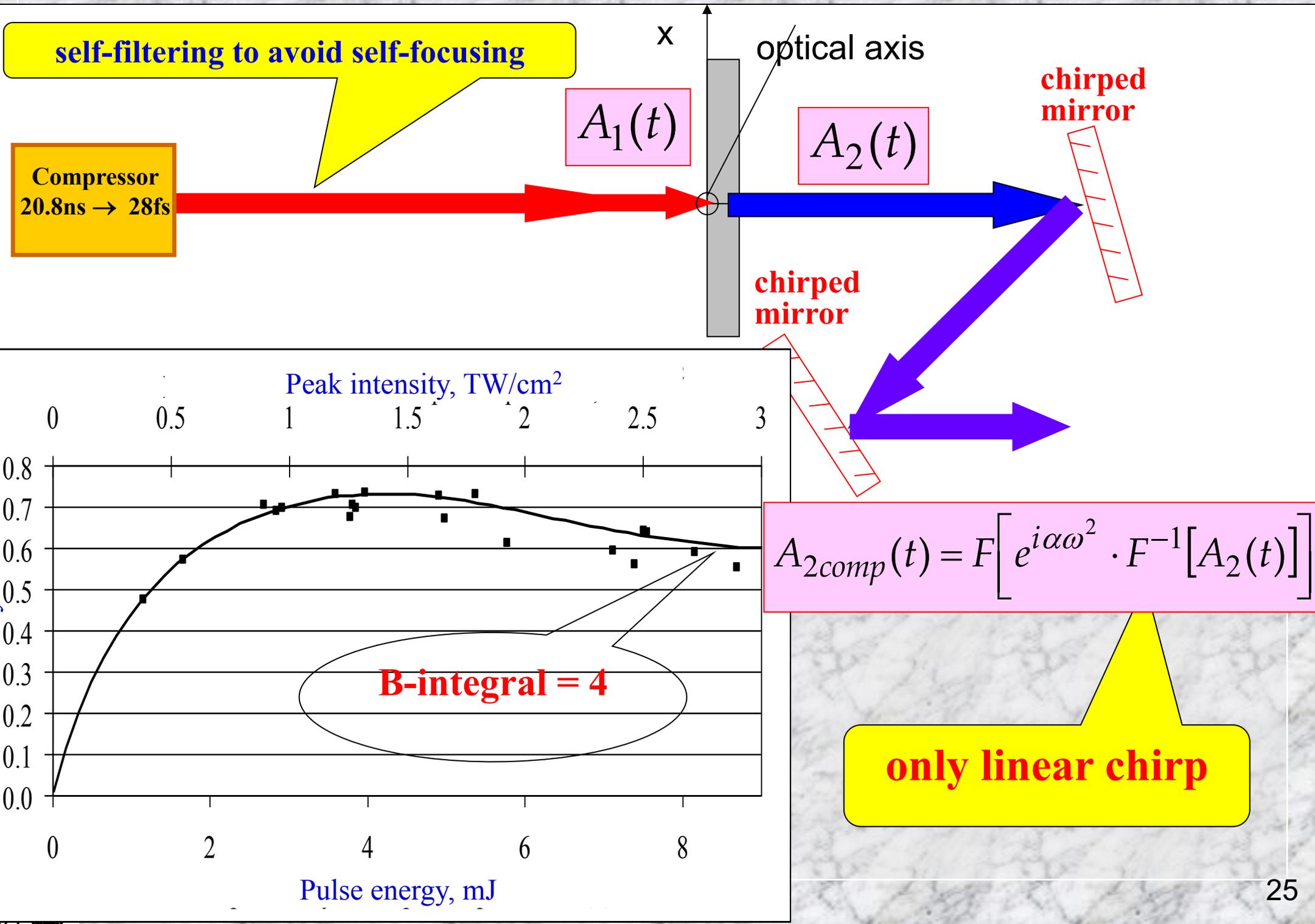
200 PW laser for XCELS.

Pulse shortening and contrast enhancement.



Only linear chirp reduces pulse duration by factor of 3

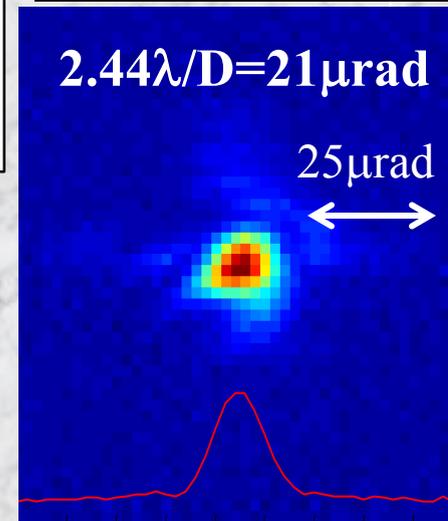
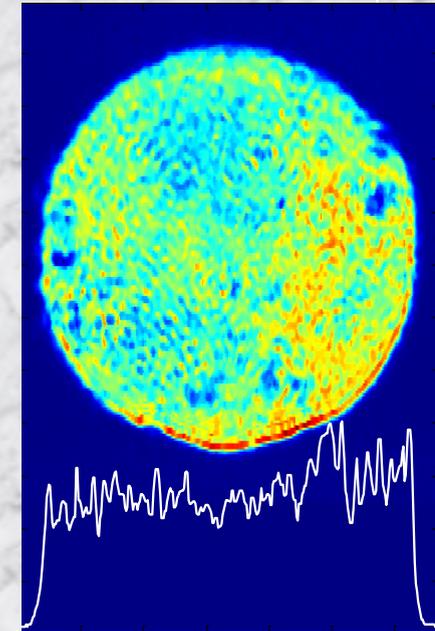
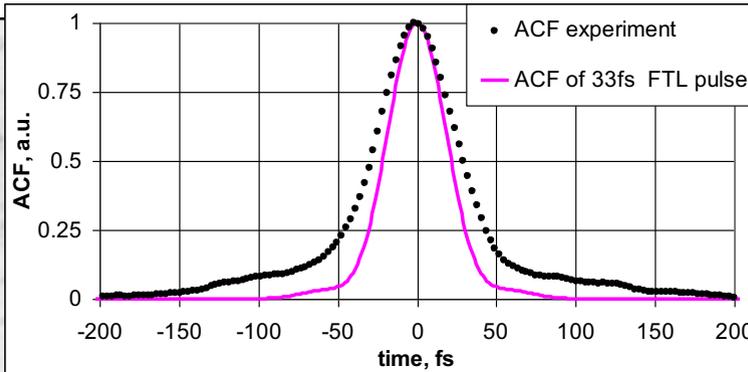
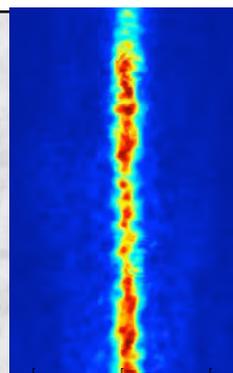
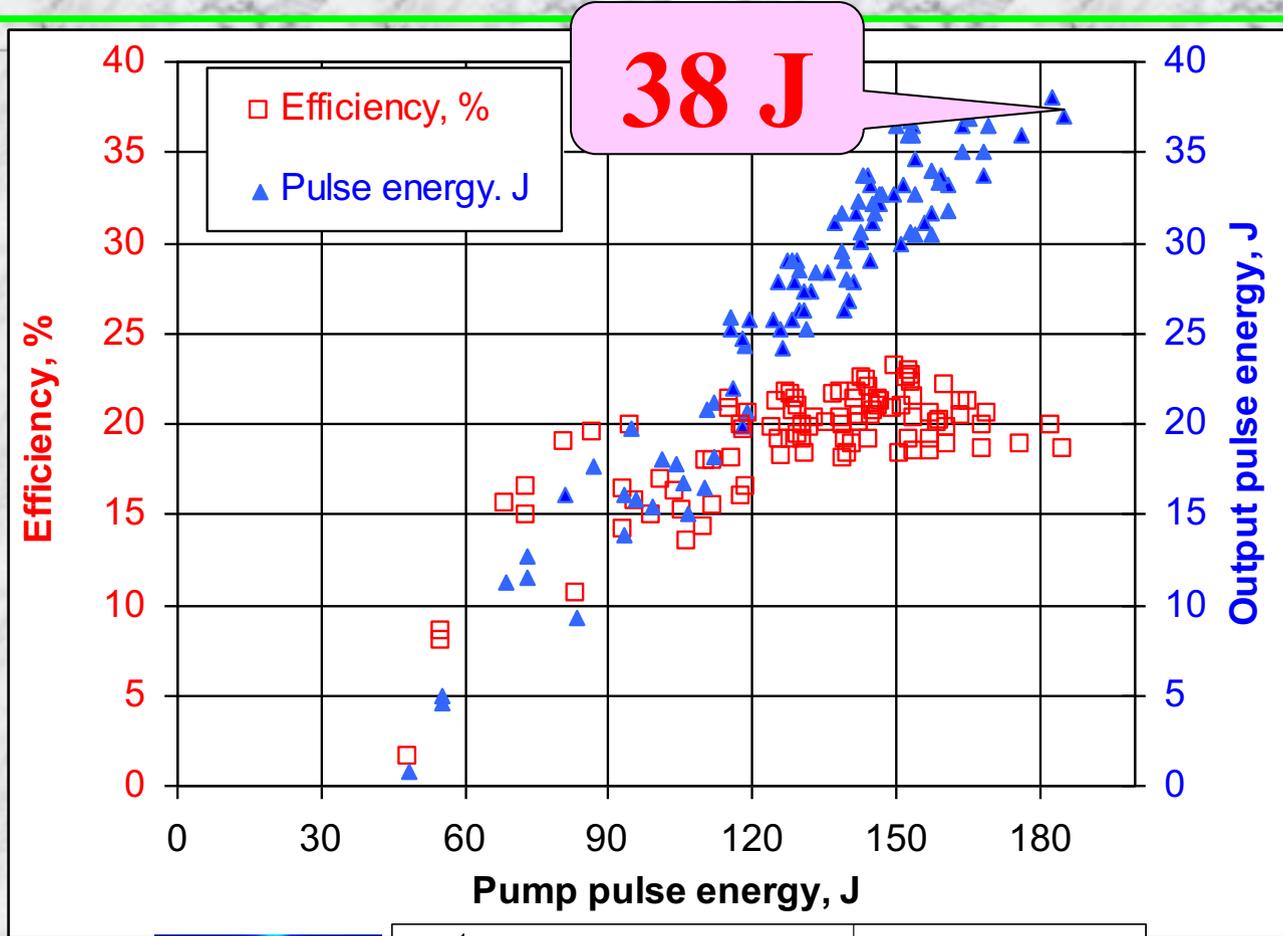
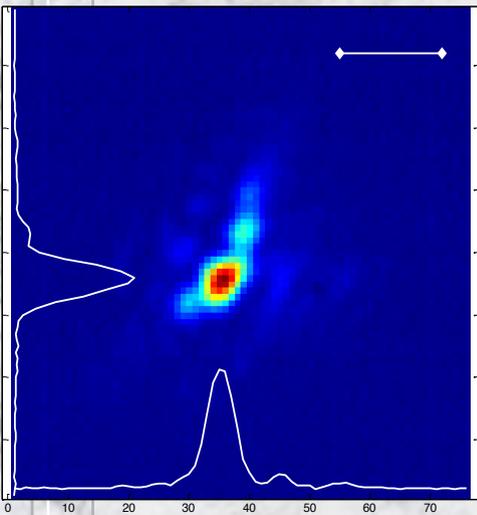
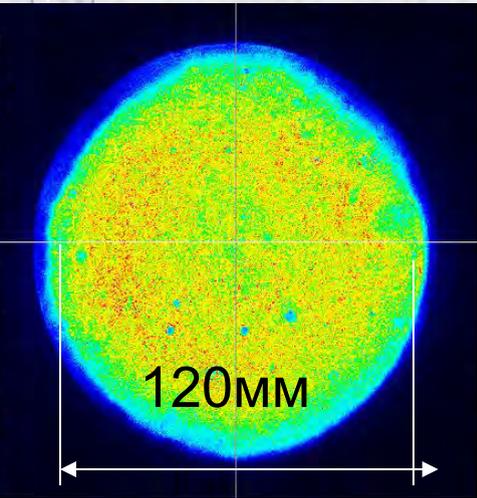
Pulse shortening and contrast enhancement.



PEtawatt pARametric Laser (PEARL)



300J, 1ns

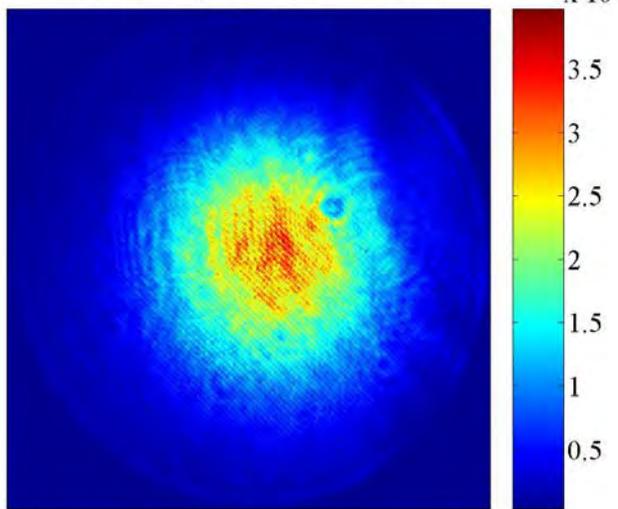


24 J / 43 fs = 0.56 PW

**Contrast: 10⁸ (0.5ns window)
10⁴ (1ps window)**

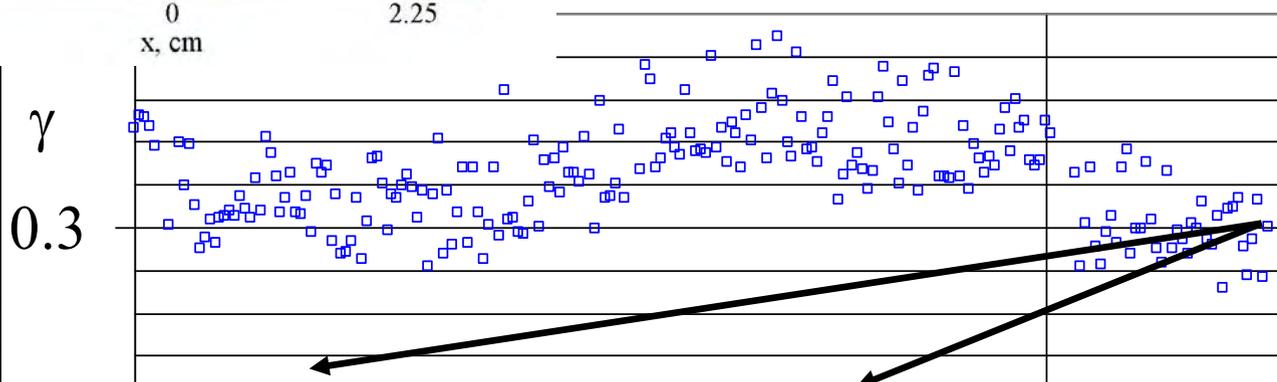
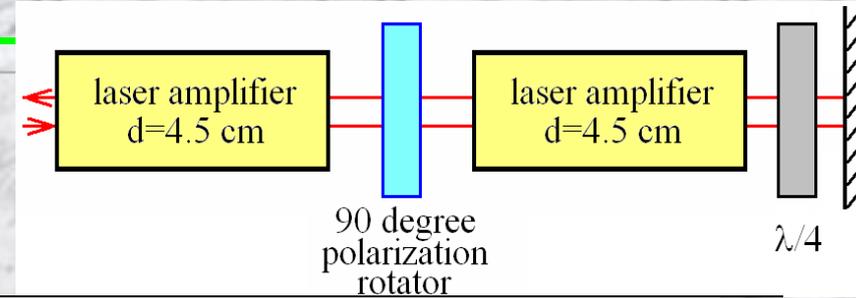


input x-polarized beam

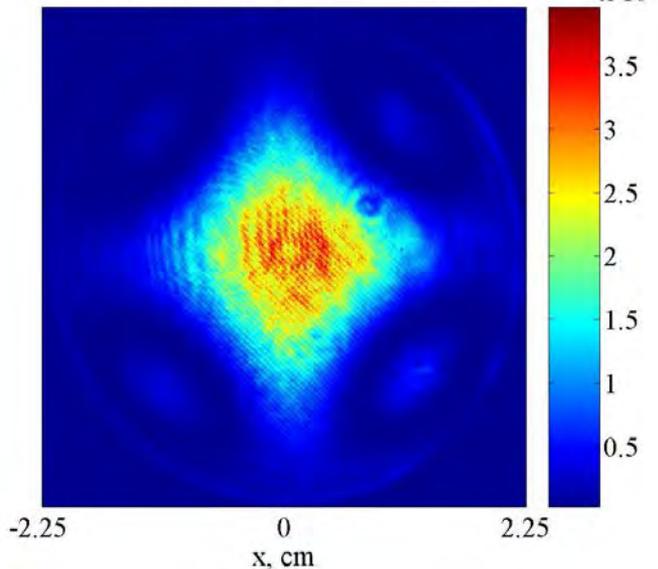


PEARL to multi-petawatt power.

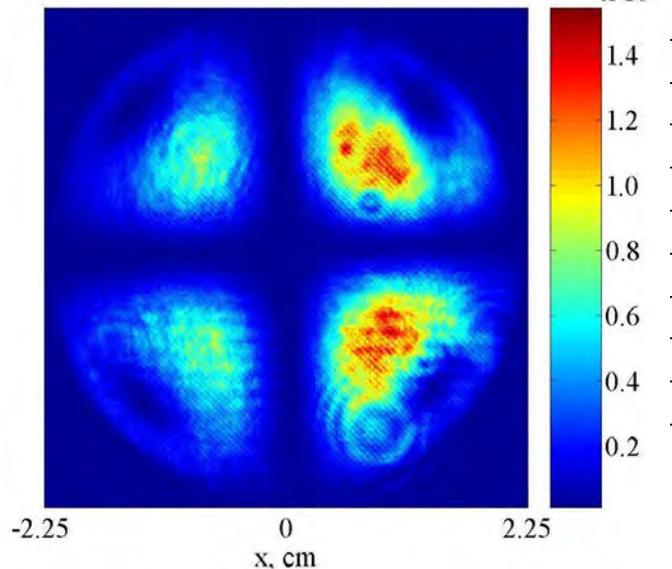
depolarization compensation



output x-polarized beam



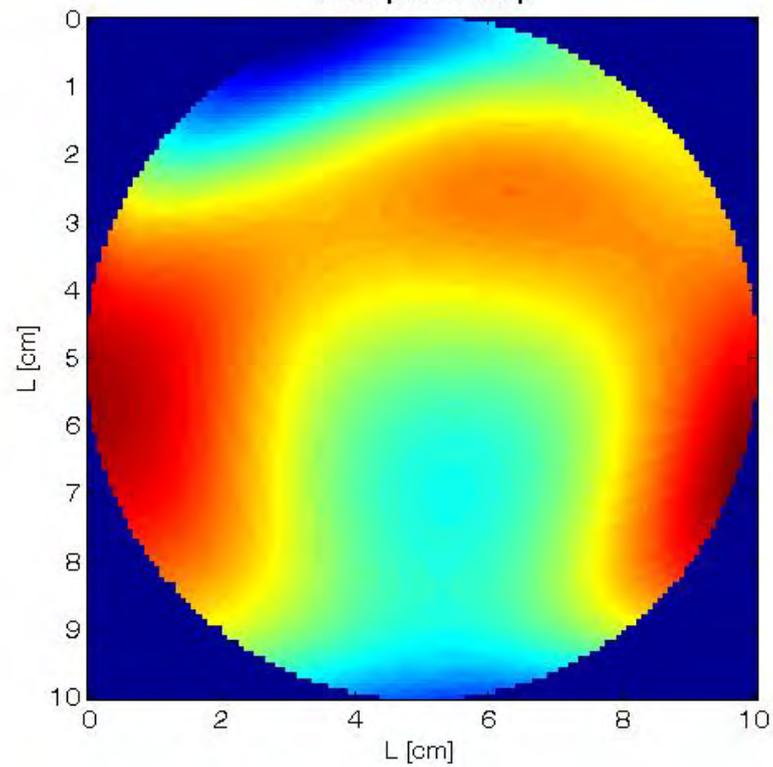
output y-polarized beam



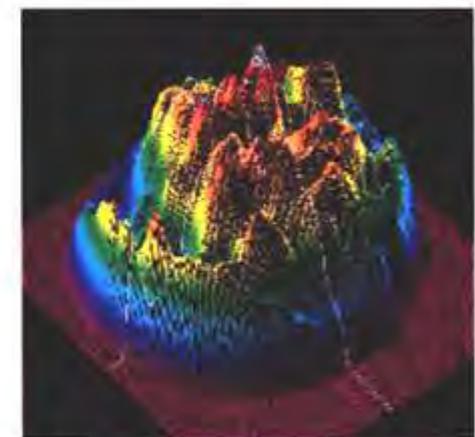
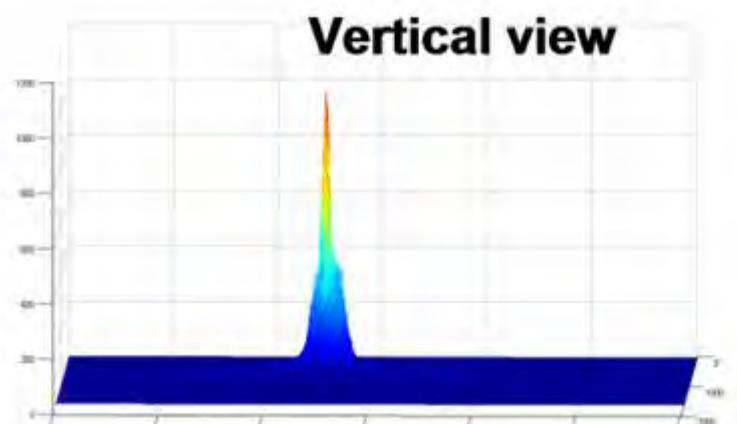
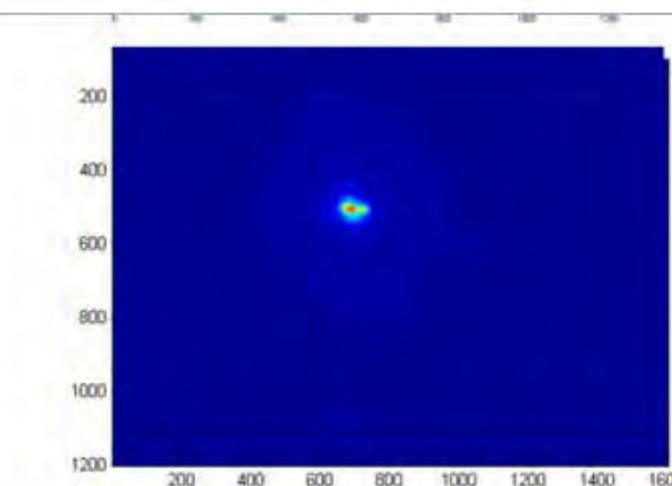
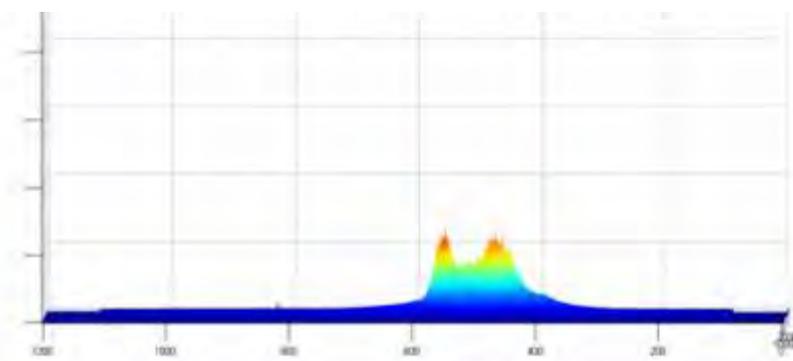
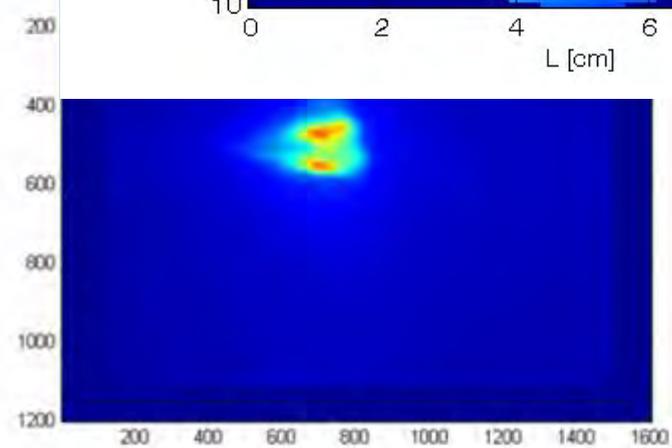
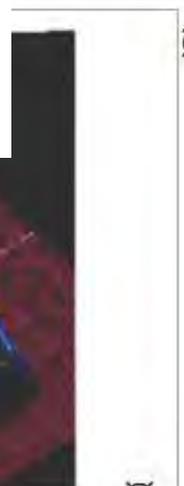
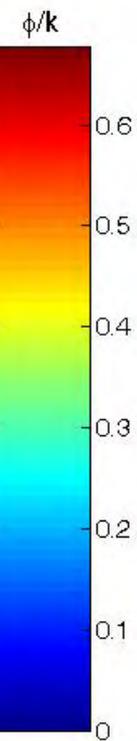
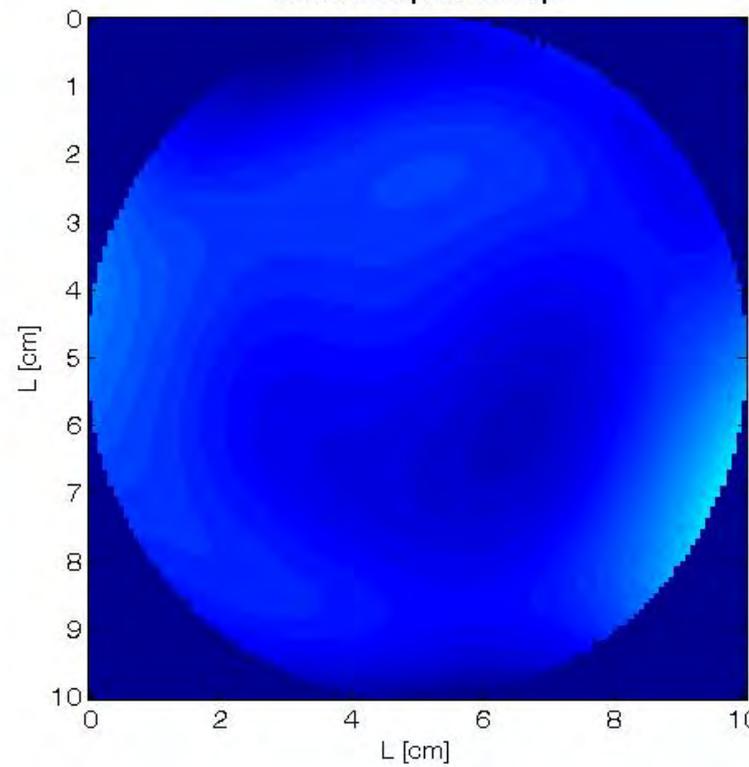
t, min

$$W_{\text{pump}} = 14.6 \text{ kJ} + 14.6 \text{ kJ} = 29.2 \text{ kJ}, \Delta t = 3 \text{ min.}$$

Initial phase map

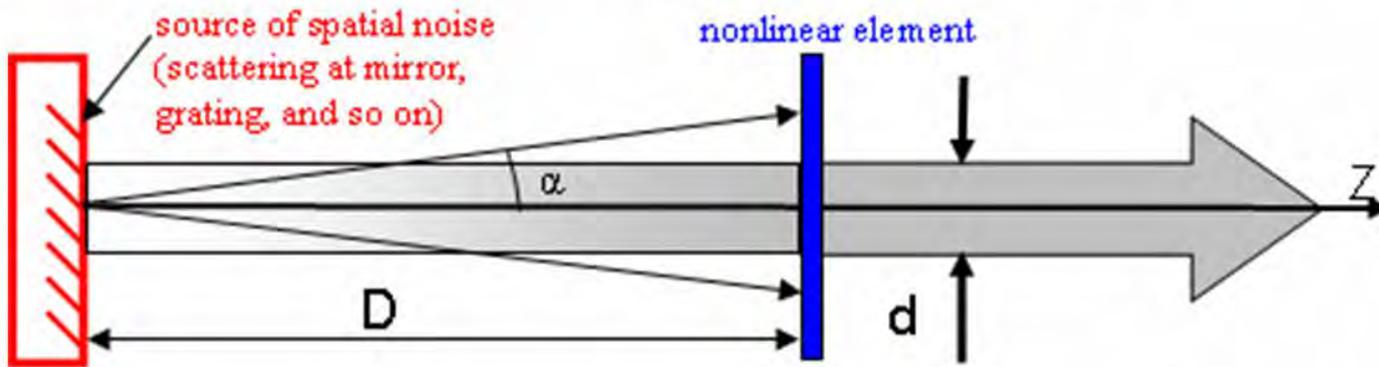


Corrected phase map



Small-scale self-focusing.

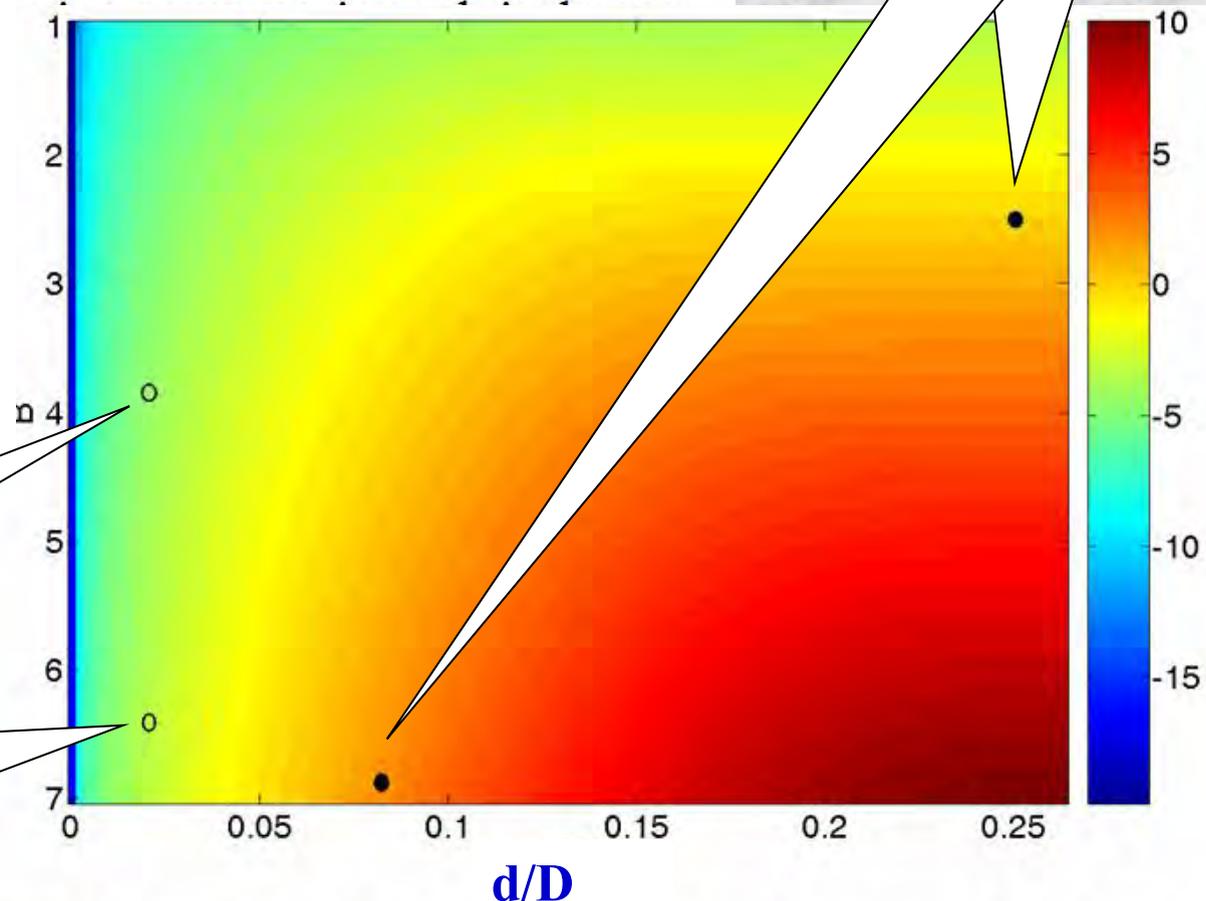
Angular distribution of instability gain.



**self-focusing
breakdown**

The idea of small-scale diameter, D is free-space propagation of noise wave

B-integral



**no self-focusing
breakdown !!!**

Logarithm of normalized power of noise $\ln(F)$ versus B-integral and angle of view d/D at intensity 5 TW/cm^2 .

scalability PEARL to multi-petawatt power.

Contrast enhancement.

Second harmonic generation of multi-PW pulse

Motivations

Drastic increase of pulse contrast

Decrease of focus beam diameter by factor of 2

Possibility to shorten pulse duration due to spectral broadening

Challenges

Very thin AND high-aperture crystal

Parasitic third-order nonlinearity

(both in space and time!)

Intensity

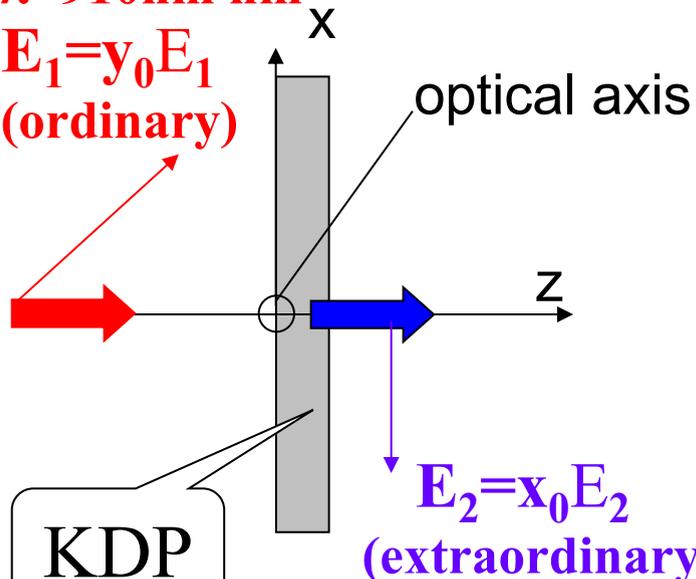
5-20TW/cm²

(up to 10PW at 20cm aperture)

KDP crystal

$\lambda=910\text{nm}$

$E_1=y_0E_1$
(ordinary)





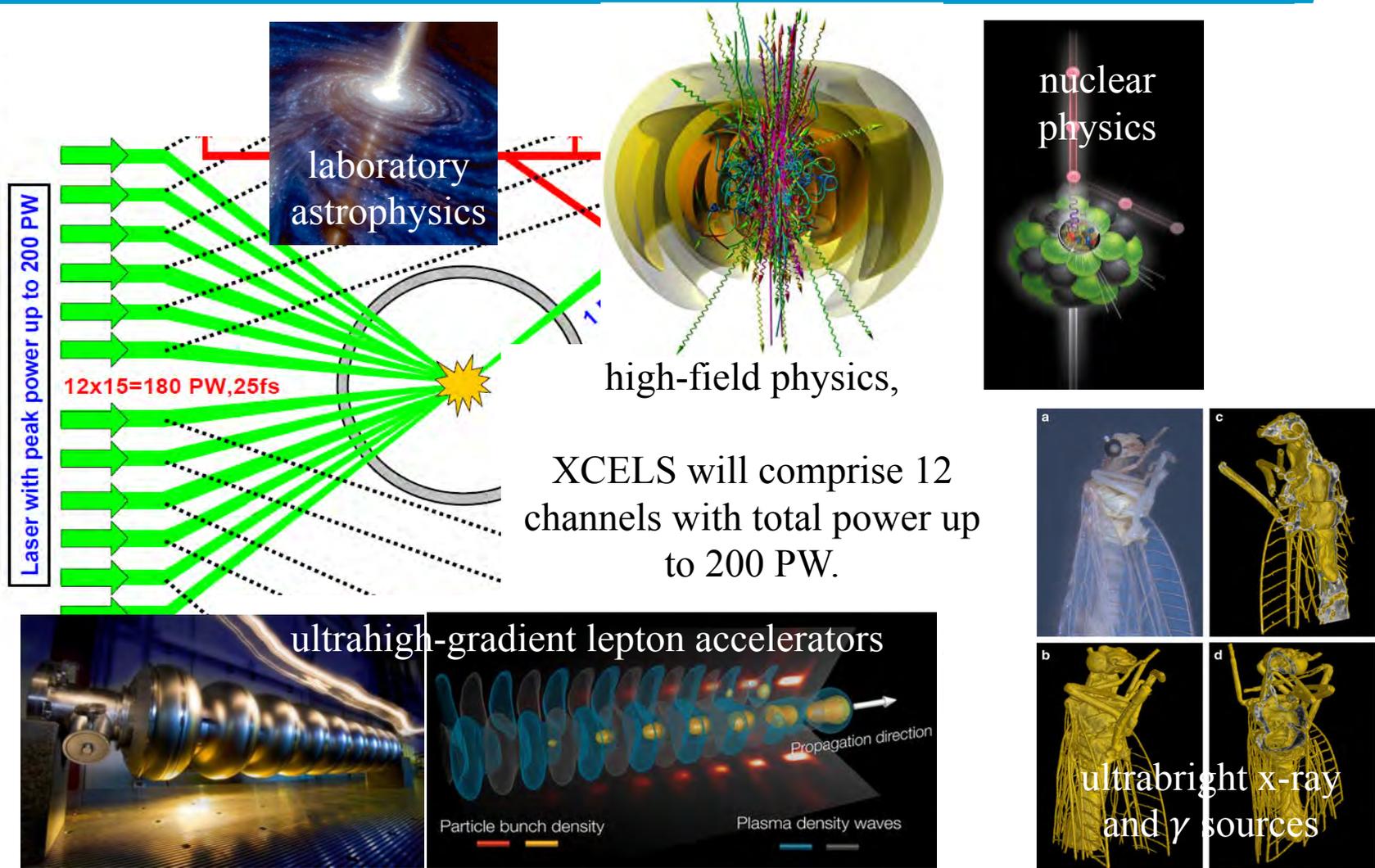
EXPERIMENTS AT XCELS: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

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Outline

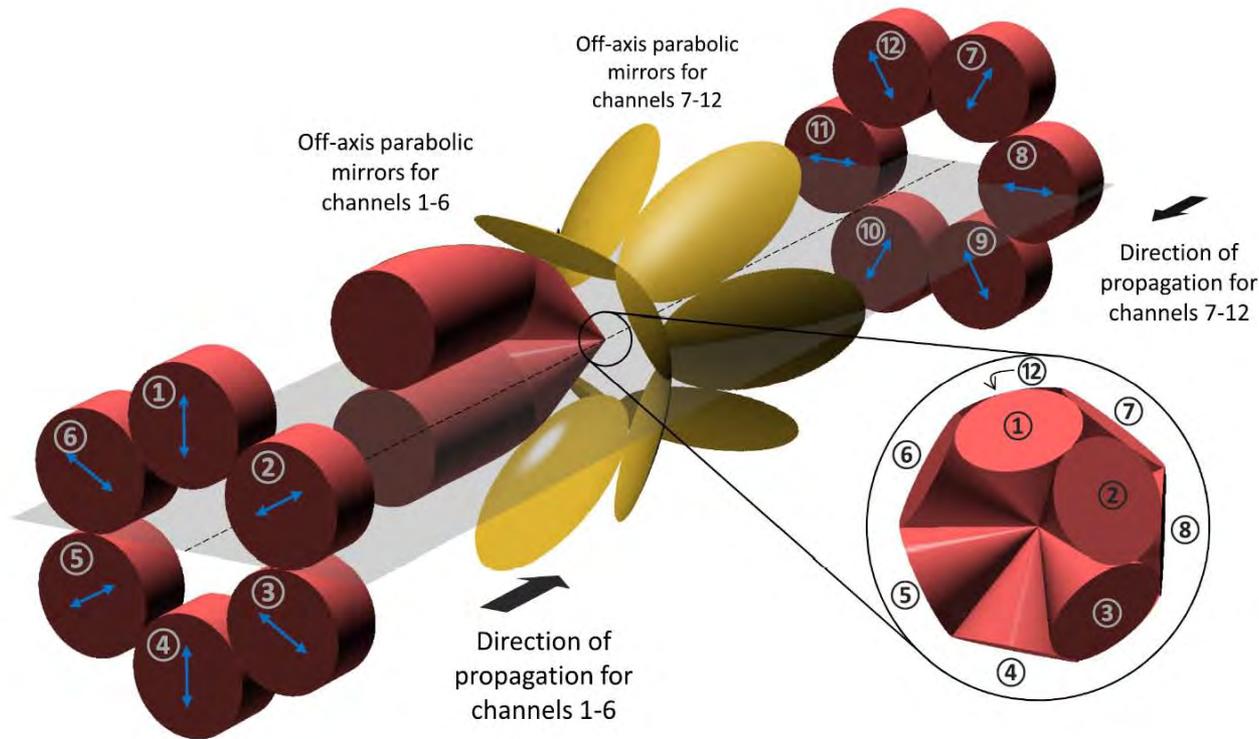
- Introduction. XCELS project
- Opportunities for science and technology
 - QED cascades. Non-perturbative QED far beyond Schwinger limit
 - Probing vacuum structure
 - Nuclear photonics
 - Laboratory astrophysics
 - High-gradient particle accelerators
 - Radiation sources
 - Neutron and isotope sources
- Challenges of laboratory high-field science
 - Laser-matter interaction at extremely high intensity
 - Diagnostic issues
 - Issues according to ELI technical design report
 - Laser targets
 - Gas cell
- Conclusions

New Science and Technology with XCELS



The principal research task of XCELS is a study of fundamental processes in laser-matter interaction at extremely high intensities. Besides the basic research XCELS is also focused on developing novel technologies, related to particle and radiation sources, nuclear physics, medicine and others.

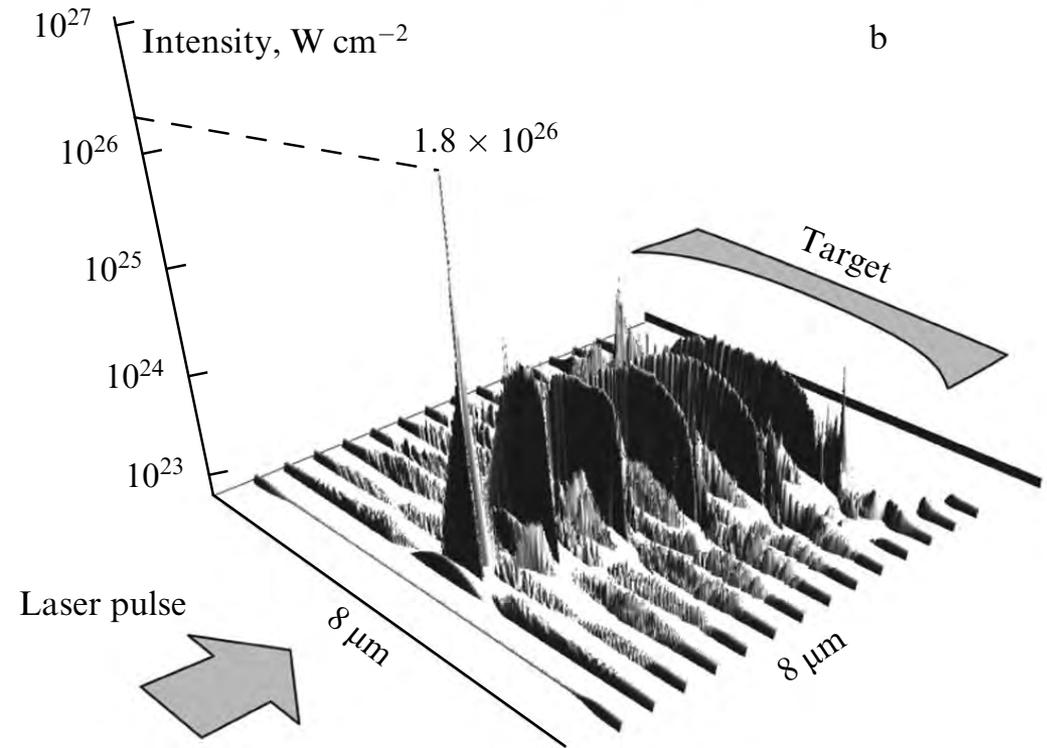
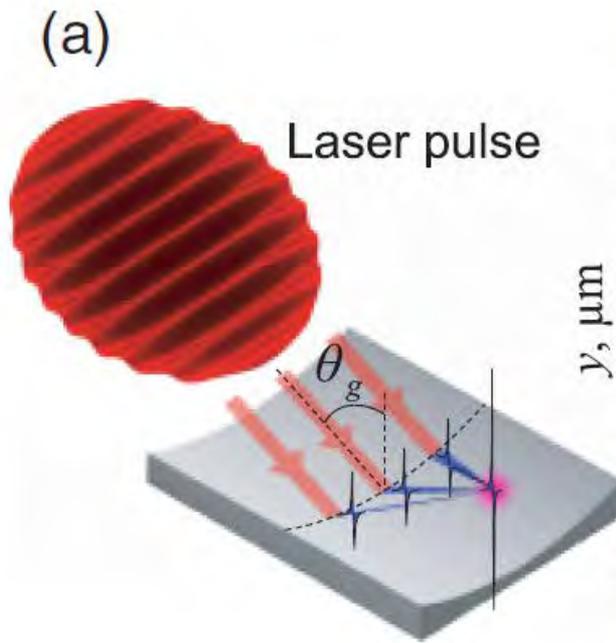
Secondary Sources of Extreme Light with XCELS



It is proposed in the project that the 12 beams will be combined in smart way in order to maximize the electric field at focusing point. To do this, the beams should reproduce the radiation of the point dipole at infinity. Such dipole wave configuration made of 12 beams provides much higher field at focal spot than that at focal spot of the single laser beam of the same total power.

A.V. Korzhimanov, A.A. Gonoskov, E.A. Khazanov, A.M. Sergeev, Horizons of petawatt laser technology, *Physics-Uspekhi* 54, 9 (2011); A. Gonoskov et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 113, 014801 (2014).

Secondary Sources of Extreme Light with XCELS



Even higher intensity can be achieved by the secondary radiation source based on XCELS radiation.

A.V. Korzhimanov, A.A. Gonoskov, E.A. Khazanov, A.M. Sergeev, Horizons of petawatt laser technology, *Physics-Uspekhi* 54, 9 (2011).

OPPORTUNITIES WITH XCELS IN SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS

Physics with XCELS

APPLICATIONS

- high energy density physics
- laboratory astrophysics
- particle acceleration
- radiation sources

I [W/cm²]

10³⁰

vacuum breakdown

10²⁷

vacuum polarization

nonperturbative QED

10²⁴

relativistic ions

QED cascades

radiative losses

10²¹

relativistic electrons

10¹⁸

ionization, harmonic generation etc.

10¹⁵

XCELS
PHYSICS

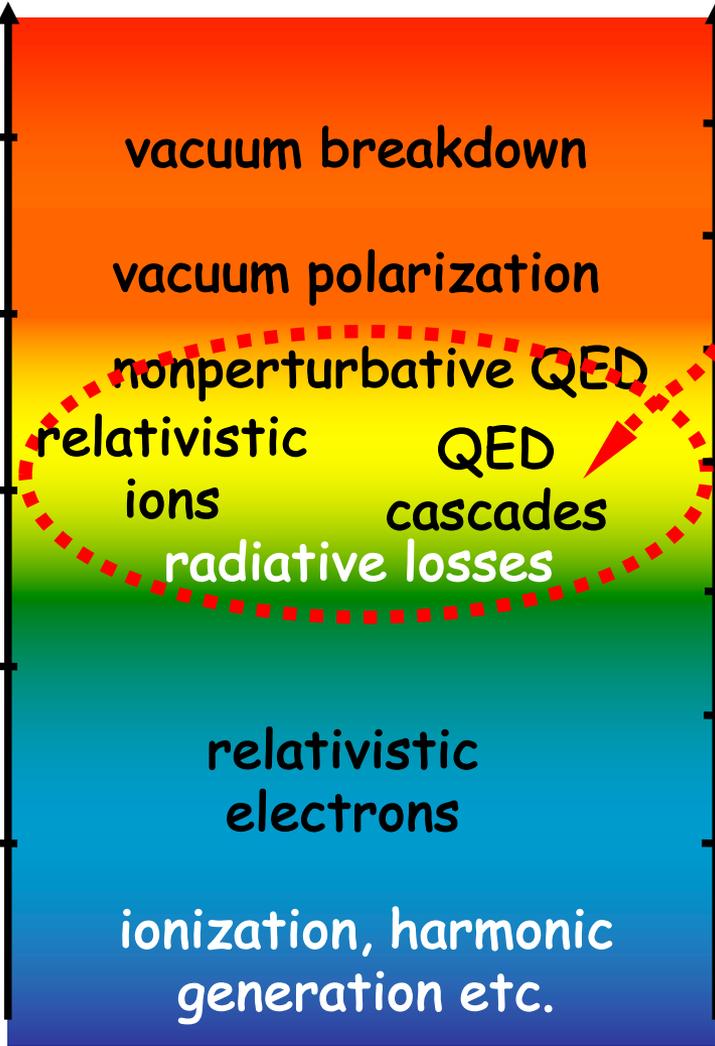
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• XCELS
• ELI

$a_0 = 10^2$

$a_0 = 10$

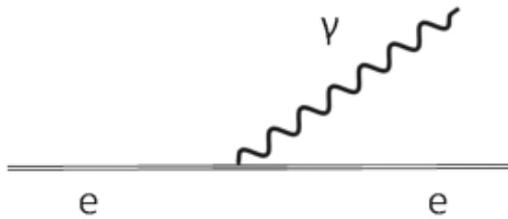
$a_0 = 1$



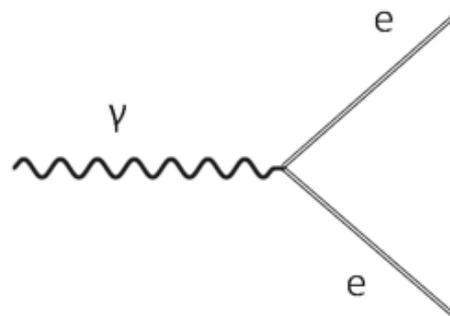
Physics with XCELS

field strength $a = \frac{eE}{mc\omega}$

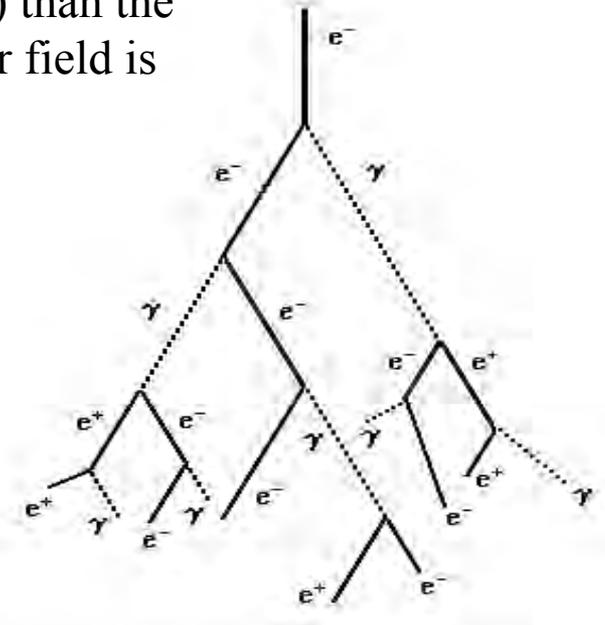
If $a > 1$ ($I > 10^{18}$ W/cm²) then the particle motion in laser field is relativistic.



photon emission
(Compton scattering)



pair photoproduction
(Breit-Wheeler processes)



quantum-electrodynamic
(QED) cascade

quantum dynamic parameter

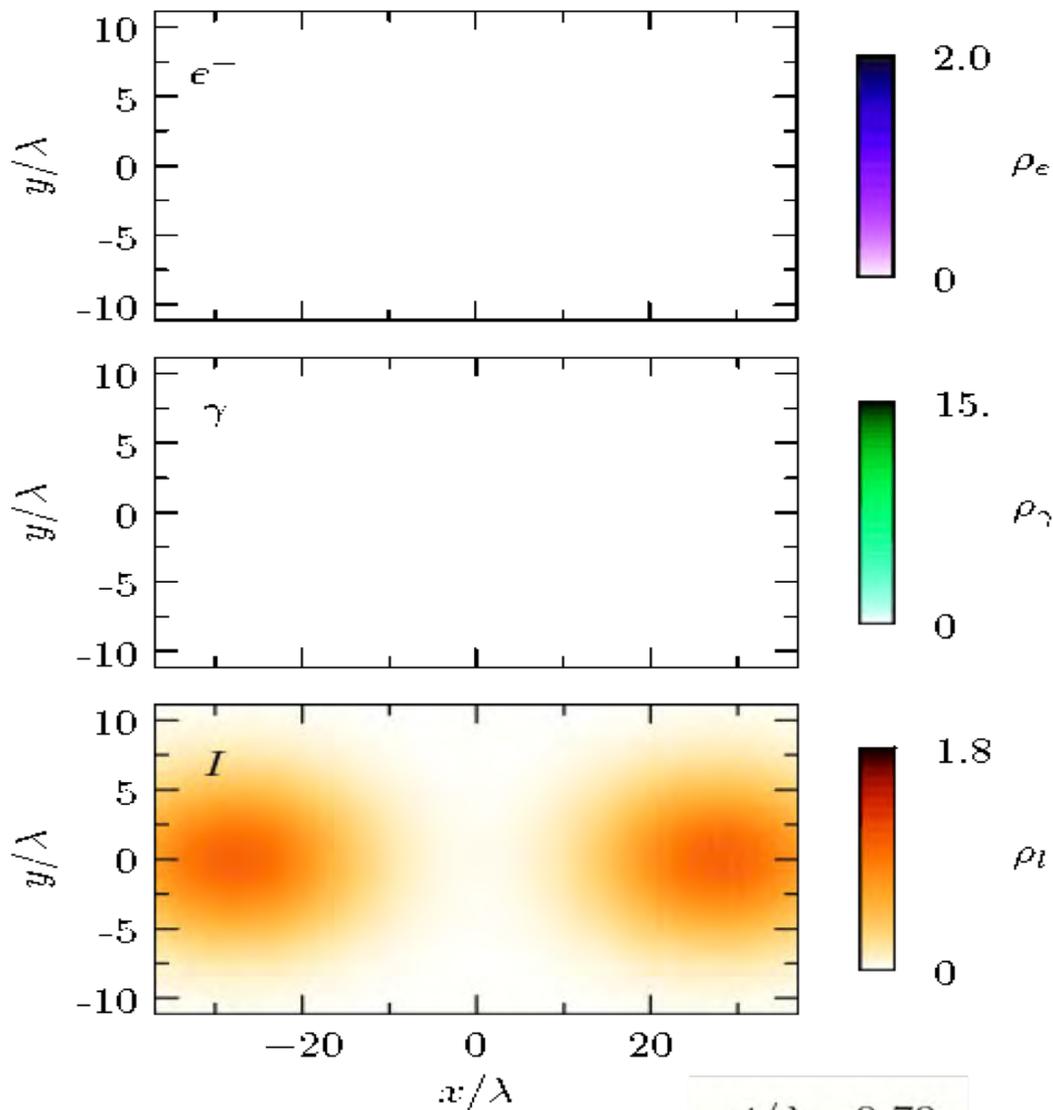
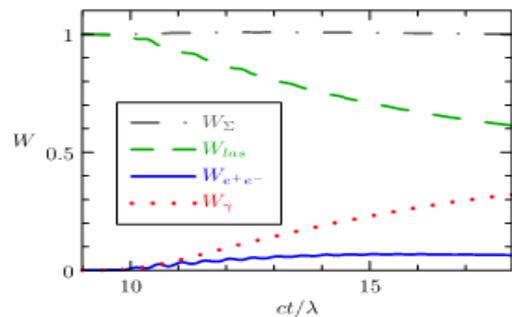
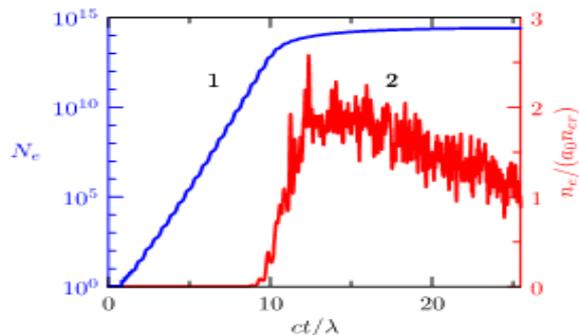
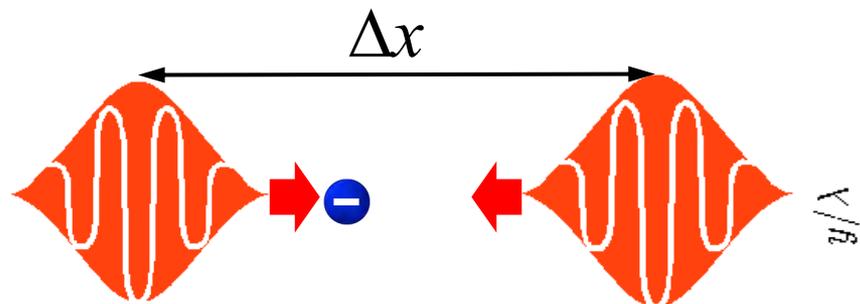
$$\chi_{e,ph} = \frac{1}{a_S} \sqrt{(\varepsilon_{e,ph} \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{p}_{e,ph} \times \mathbf{B})^2 - (\mathbf{p}_{e,ph} \cdot \mathbf{E})^2} \sim \frac{\gamma E_{\perp}^*}{E_{cr}} \quad E_{cr} = \frac{mc^2}{e\lambda_C} = \frac{m^2 c^3}{e\hbar} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{16} \text{ V/cm}$$

$\omega_{pe} \lesssim \omega_L$

$$\omega_{pe}^2 = \frac{4\pi e^2 n}{ma_0} \text{ - relativistic plasma frequency}$$

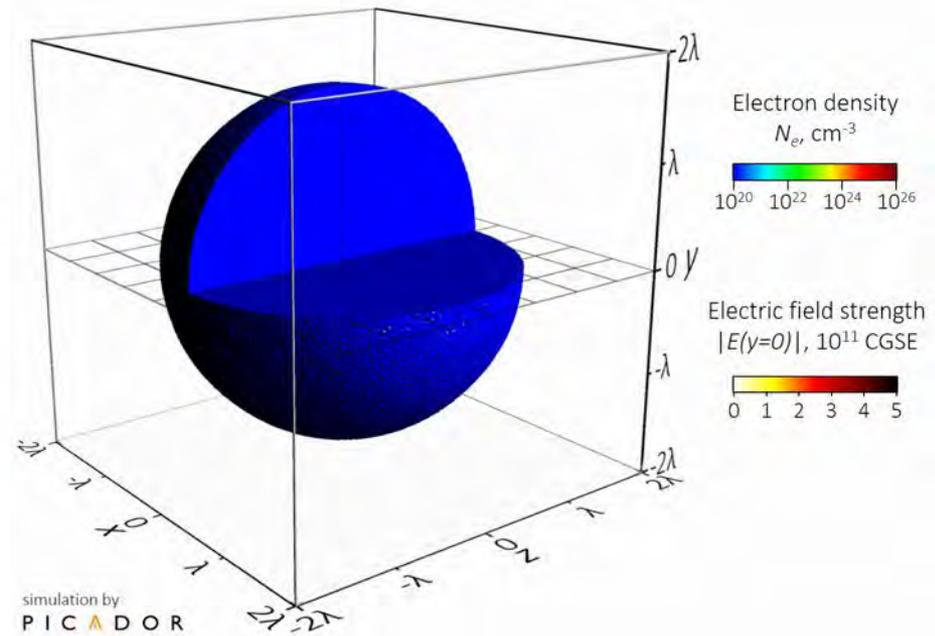
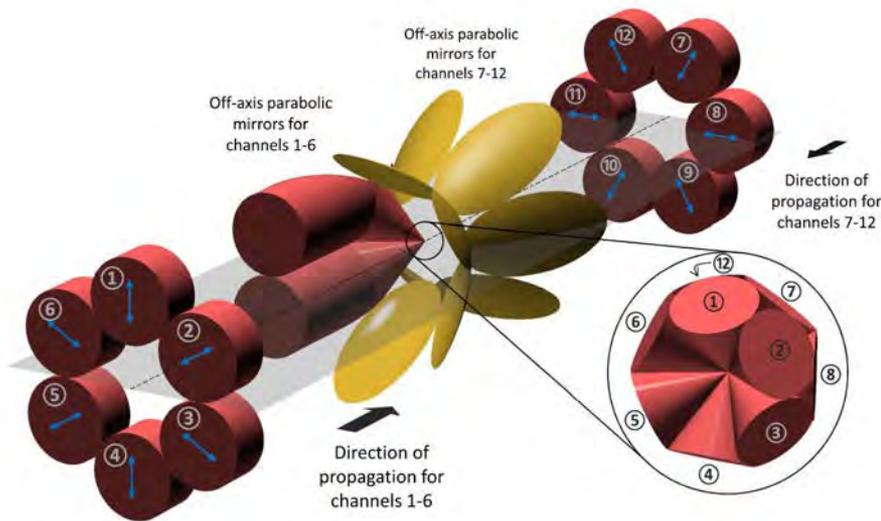
QED cascades

$$I = 3 \times 10^{24} \text{ W/cm}^2 \quad (a = 1.2 \times 10^3) \quad \lambda = 0.8 \mu\text{m} \quad \sigma_x = 19\lambda_L \quad \sigma_y = 8\lambda_L \quad \Delta x = 2\sigma_x$$



E.N. Nerush *et al.*, PRL (2011).

QED cascades



QED cascade in the dipole wave field.

Number of secondary particles can be greater than the number of the target particles.

Non-perturbative QED far beyond Schwinger Limit

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{M}{m} = & \underbrace{\text{[Diagram 1]}}_{\simeq \alpha \chi^{2/3} \text{ (Ritus, 1970 [11])}} + \underbrace{\text{[Diagram 2]}}_{\simeq \alpha^2 \chi \log \chi \text{ (Ritus, 1972 [18])}} + \underbrace{\text{[Diagram 3]}}_{\simeq \alpha^2 \chi^{2/3} \log \chi \text{ (Morozov \& Ritus, 1975 [19])}} \\
 & + \underbrace{\text{[Diagram 4]}}_{\simeq \alpha^2 \chi^{2/3} \log \chi \text{ (?)}} + \underbrace{\text{[Diagram 5]}}_{\simeq \alpha^3 \chi^{2/3} \log^2 \chi \text{ (Narozhny, 1979 [8])}} + \underbrace{\text{[Diagram 6]}}_{\simeq \alpha^3 \chi^{4/3} \text{ (Narozhny, 1979 [8])}} \\
 & + \underbrace{\text{[Diagram 7]}}_{\simeq \alpha^3 \chi \log^2 \chi \text{ (Narozhny, 1980 [9])}} + \underbrace{\text{[Diagram 8]}}_{\simeq \alpha^3 \chi^{5/3} \text{ (Narozhny, 1980 [9])}} + \underbrace{\text{[Diagram 9]}}_{\simeq \alpha^3 \chi^{2/3} \log^2 \chi \text{ (?)}} \\
 & + \underbrace{\text{[Diagram 10]}}_{\simeq \alpha^3 \chi^{2/3} \log^2 \chi \text{ (?)}} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$\alpha \chi^{2/3}$ - small parameter of expansion,

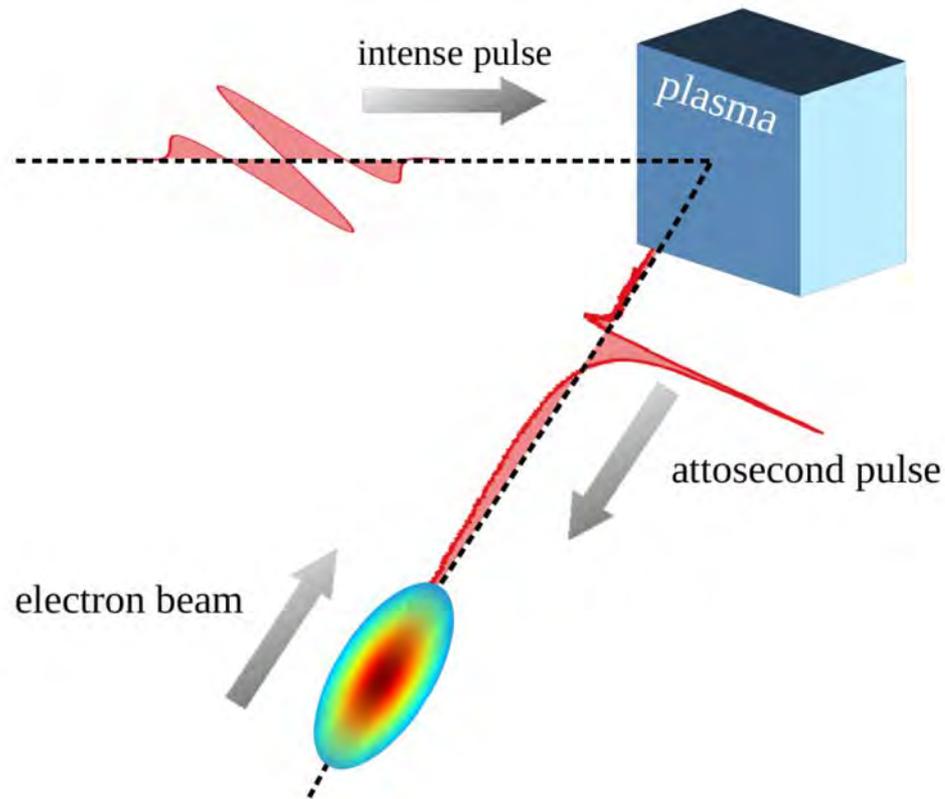
$\alpha = e^2 / \hbar c = 1/137$ is the fine structure constant

$$E_{cr} = \frac{mc^2}{e\lambda_c} = \frac{m^2 c^3}{e\hbar} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{16} \text{ V/cm}$$

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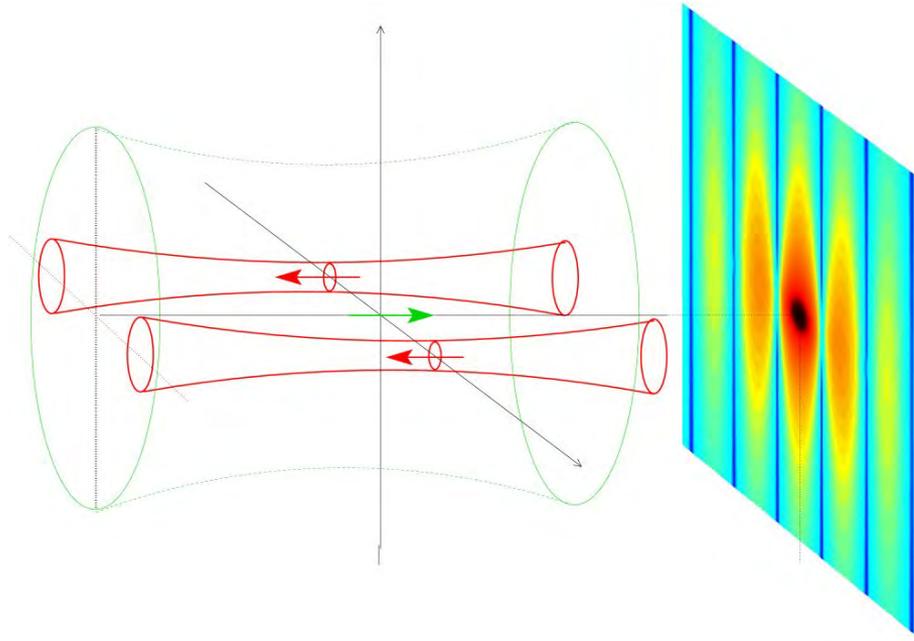
In electromagnetic fields so strong that the strength in a proper reference frame of an ultrarelativistic particle exceeds the critical (Schwinger) value by factor of about 1600 ($\chi > 1600$), the radiative corrections become dominant, resulting in the IFQED perturbation theory breakdown. Therefore, the relevant experiments would be a significant advance and would solve one of the fundamental problems relevant to completeness of perturbative quantum field theory.

Non-perturbative IFQED far beyond Schwinger Limit



Non-perturbative IFQED effects can be explored at interaction of high-energy electron bunches with attosecond electromagnetic pulses obtained as a result of reflection of laser pulses from dense plasma targets in the relativistic oscillating mirror regime.

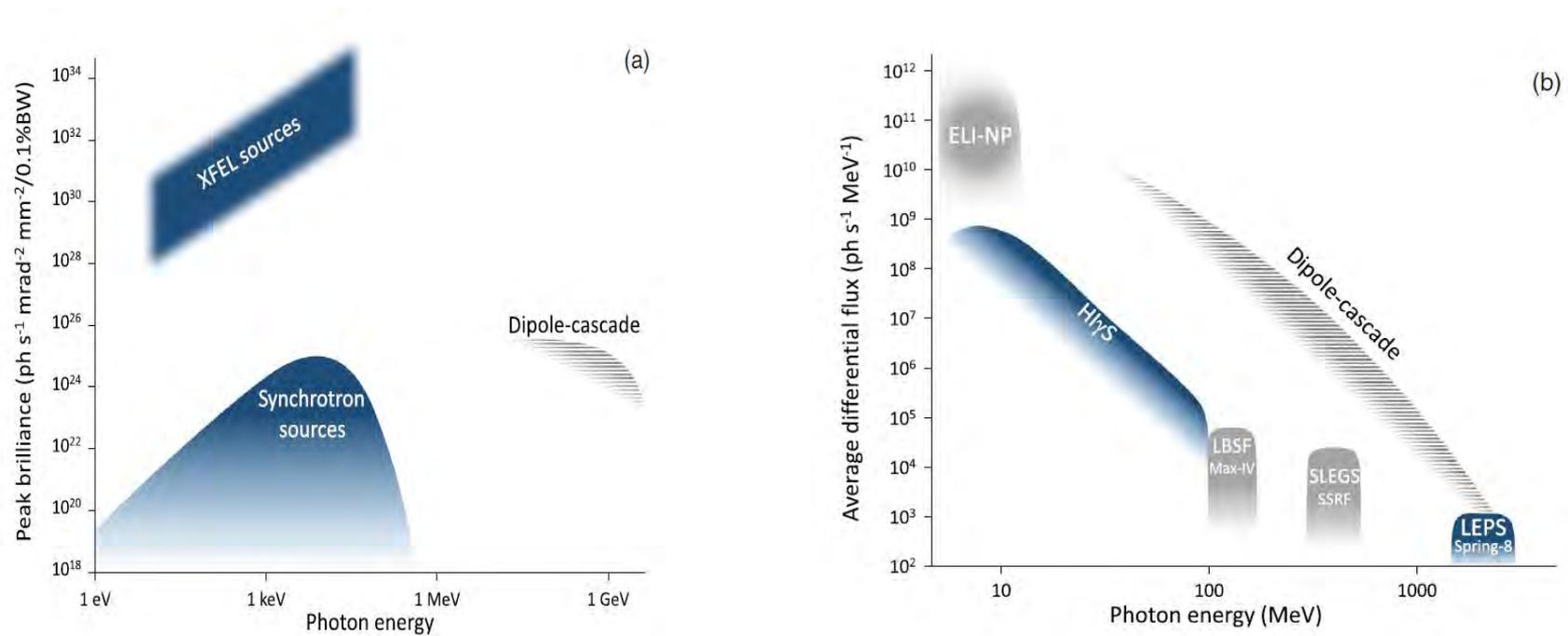
Probing vacuum structure. Light-light interaction



A possible matterless double-slit experiment: a wider probe laser beam counter-propagates antiparallel to two, tightly-focused, separated, ultra-intense laser beams, generating a specific diffraction pattern due to vacuum polarization.

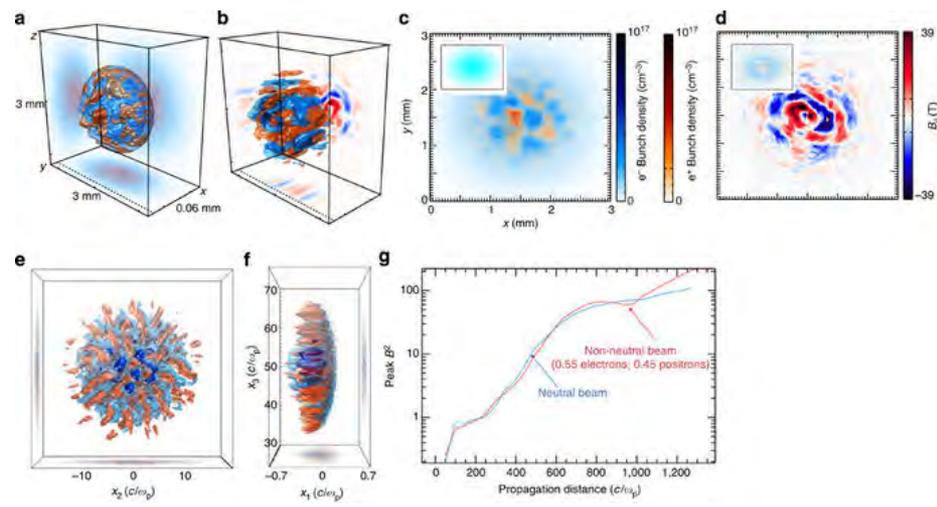
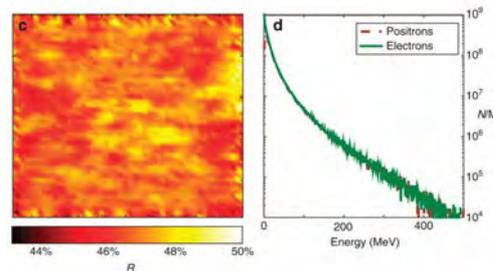
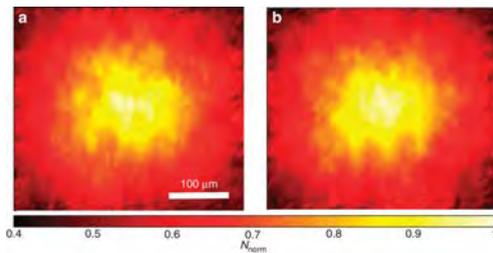
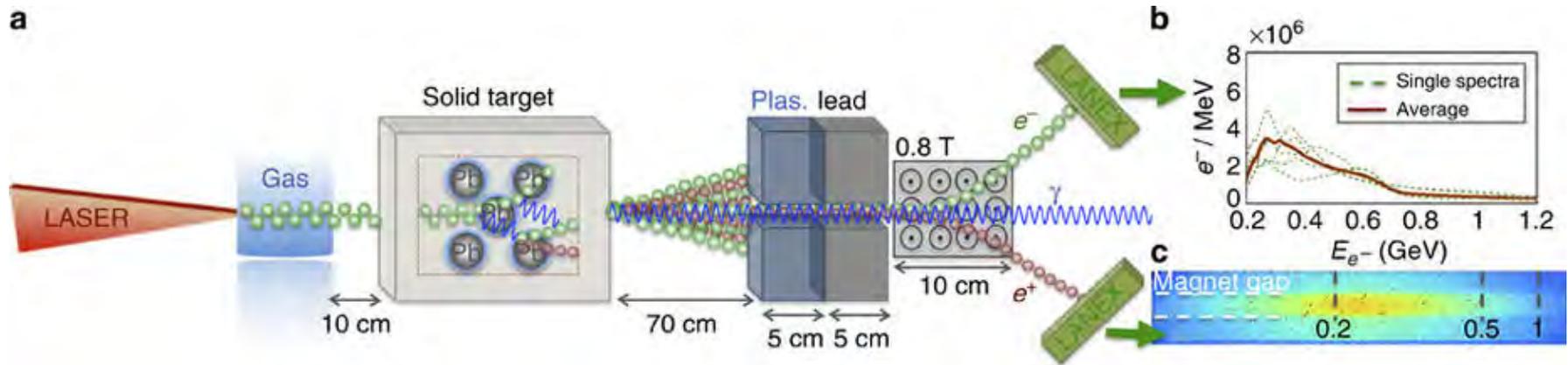
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Nuclear Photonics



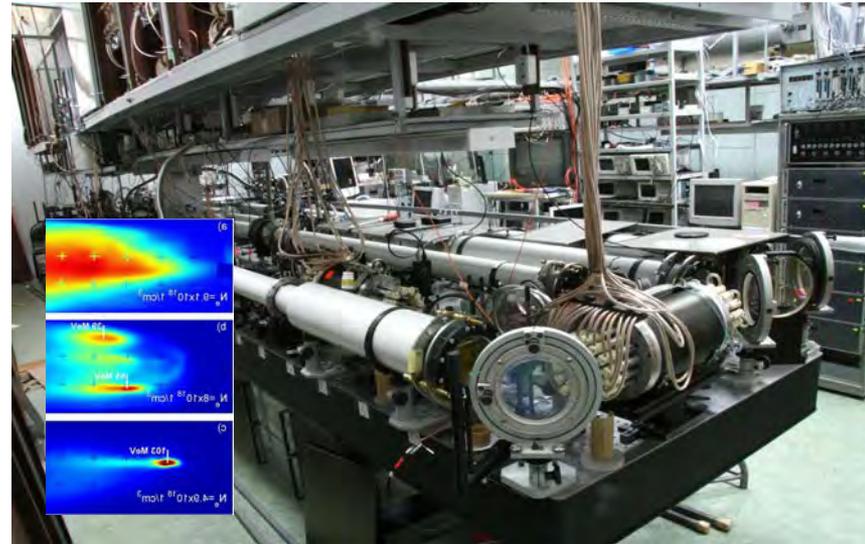
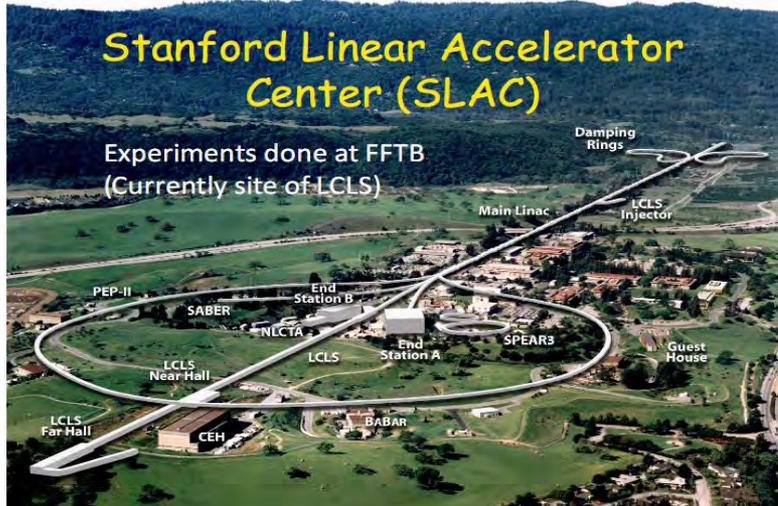
Such a source, with extraordinary high flux of GeV photons with a broad spectrum will open qualitatively new possibilities for studying photonuclear processes. This is also the main task of ELI-NP project at lower laser intensity.

Laboratory Astrophysics



G. Sarri et al., Generation of neutral and high-density electron–positron pair plasmas in the laboratory, Nature Communications 6, 6747 (2015).

Laser-Plasma Electron Accelerators

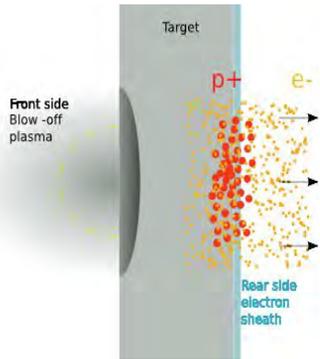


A.A. Soloviev et al., NIMA 653, 35 (2011).

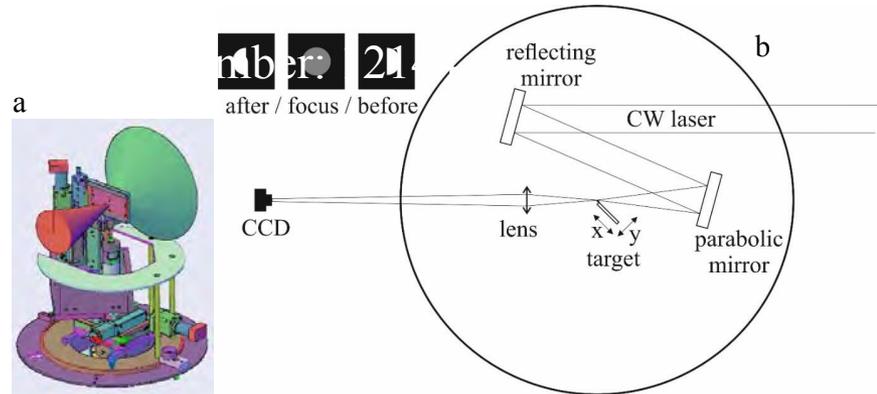
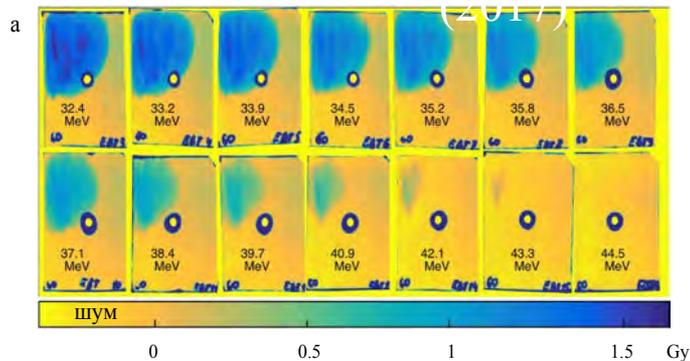
High-energy electron accelerators are very large and costly machines. This limits their wide use in various areas of human activity. At the same time, the laser fields and the plasma fields, generated by laser pulses, are several orders of magnitude stronger than the accelerating fields in conventional accelerators. The plasma accelerating structure can be several orders of magnitude shorter than the conventional metallic accelerating structure. Now the quasi-monoenergetic bunches of electrons accelerated in laser plasma can be routinely produced in laboratory. Laser-plasma acceleration of electrons has been studied in our institute. In LBNL experiments, the energy of electrons has reached 8 GeV

Laser-Accelerated Protons

The laser-matter interaction can be also used for efficient generation of high-energy protons and ions in very small volume.



Hegelich B. M. et al.. 160 MeV laser-accelerated protons from CH₂ nano-targets for proton cancer therapy. arXiv 1310.8650 (2013).



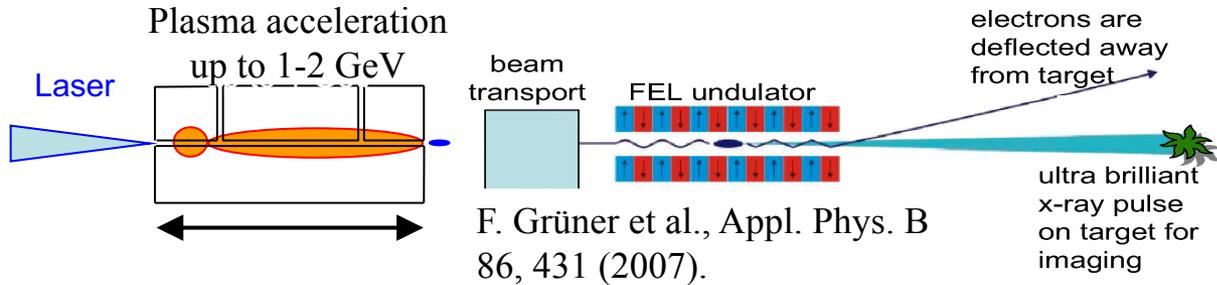
Experimental stand for study of the impact of 25 MeV laser-accelerated protons on biological objects. It is demonstrated the doses up to 10 Gy to the object can be transferred in a single shot. The technique of irradiating the cell culture HeLa Kyoto and measuring the fraction of survived cells is developed.

A. Soloviev et al., Scientific Reports 7, 12144 (2017)

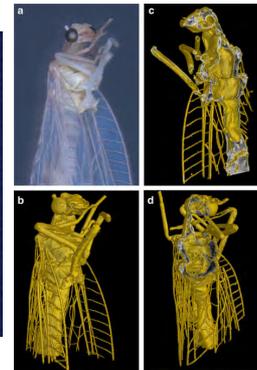
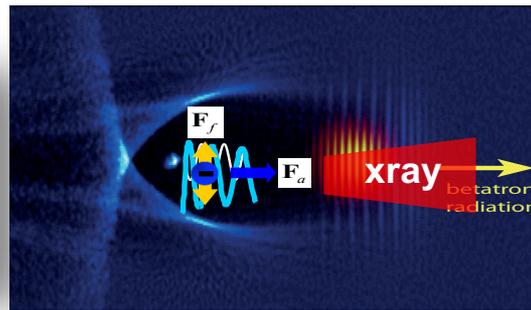
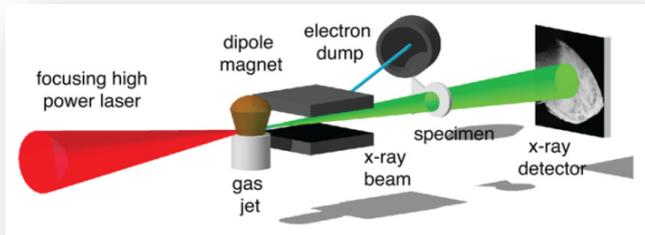
Radiation Sources (x-ray, γ -ray)

As a relativistic laser-plasma interaction is accompanied by the intense flows of high-energy particles and radiation and can be used to reduce the size of radiation sources.

Magnetic scheme: laser-plasma XFEL



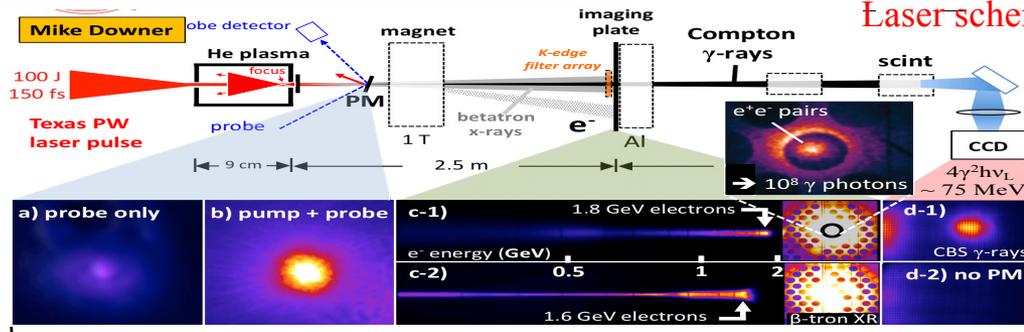
Plasma scheme: betatron radiation source



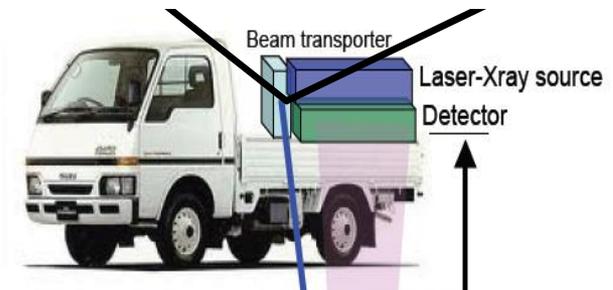
Ultra-compact XFEL

S. Corde et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 85, 1 (2013).

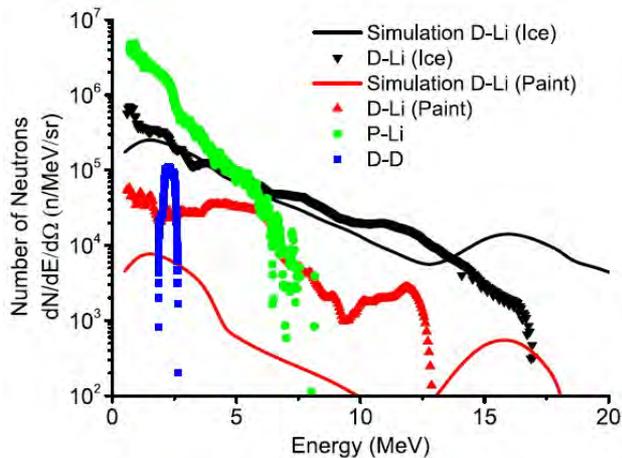
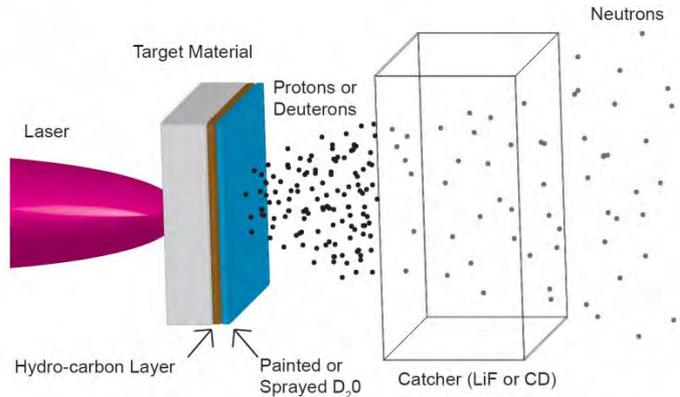
Laser scheme: Compton source



Hai-En Tsai et al., Phys. Plasmas 22, 023106 (2015).

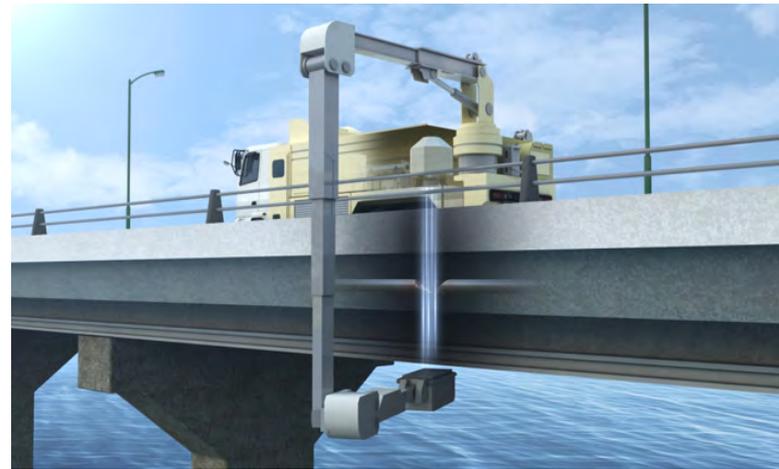


Neutron Sources



B. Hou et al., Phys. Plasmas 4, 040702 (2011).

A number of infrastructures had been built in 1960s-70s. These structures will soon exceed their life-time of about sixty years. There is a strong need for non-destructive inspection of infrastructures which are mainly formed of concrete. High energy neutrons penetrate thick concrete and can be used to detect, for example, water in concrete nondestructively.



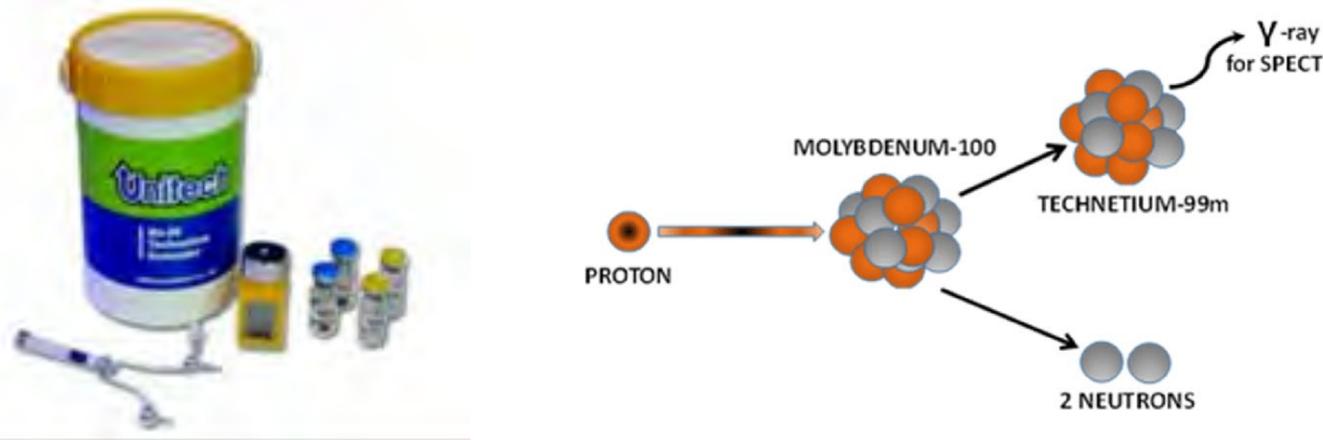
Laser-based neutron sources can produce higher neutron flux than the radio isotope sources and, thus, can provide more accurate analysis for very large concrete objects.

The world-highest neutron number in single shot, $\sim 4 \times 10^{11}$ (ILE, Osaka).

M. Kando, ANAR2017 (CERN, 2017).

Laser-Based Nuclear Pharmacology

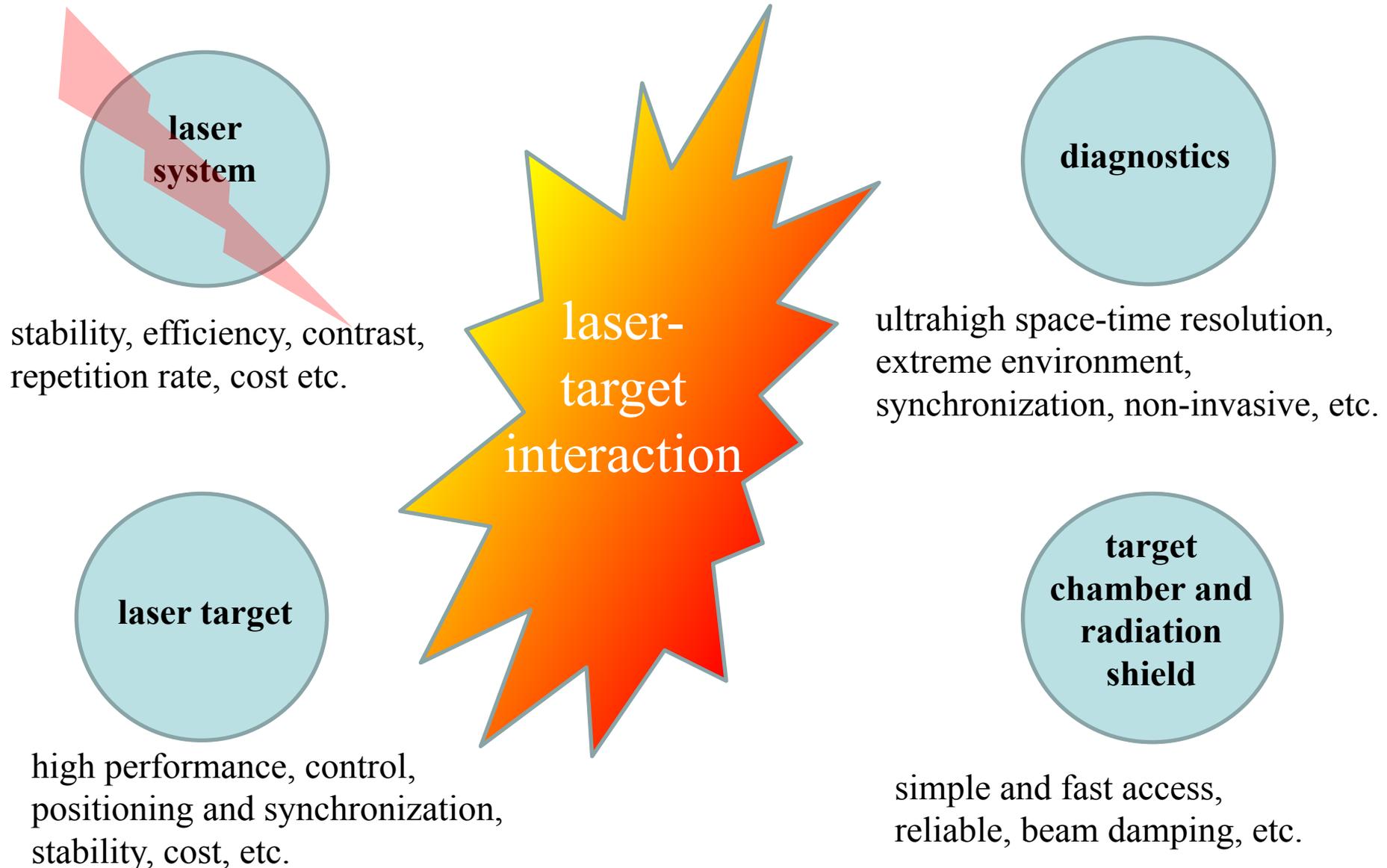
Laser-based proton sources can also facilitate isotope production. Isotope plays now an indispensable role in medicine, for example, for single-photon emission computer tomography (Tc-99m), for positron-emission tomography (for example, the carbon isotope C-11). It should be noted that the leading world suppliers of technetium-99m, the most widely used isotope in nuclear medicine (up to 80% of all diagnostic procedures) are two reactors in Canada and the Netherlands, which are planned for closing in the coming years. To initiate nuclear reactions, it is necessary to obtain the maximum number of protons/deuterons with the energy exceeding the threshold (for example, above 8 MeV for the Mo-100(p,2n) and Tc-99m reaction).



V.Yu. Bychenkov et al., Phys.-Uspekhi 58, 71 (2015).

CHALLENGES OF EXPERIMENTAL HIGH- FIELD PHYSICS

Laboratory Study of Extremely High Intensity Laser-Matter Interaction

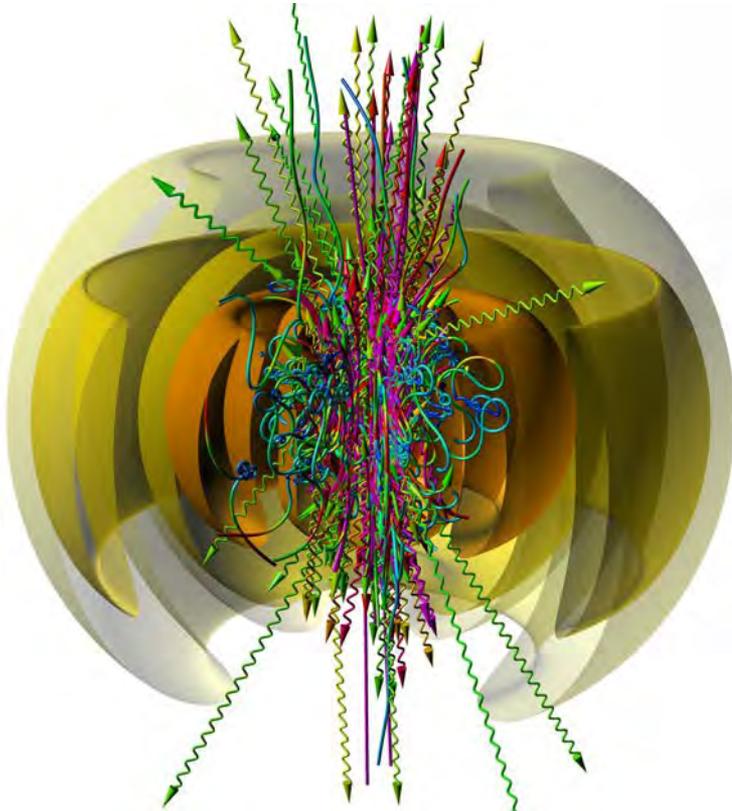


Laser-Matter Interaction with XCELS

“Every advantage has its disadvantage”.

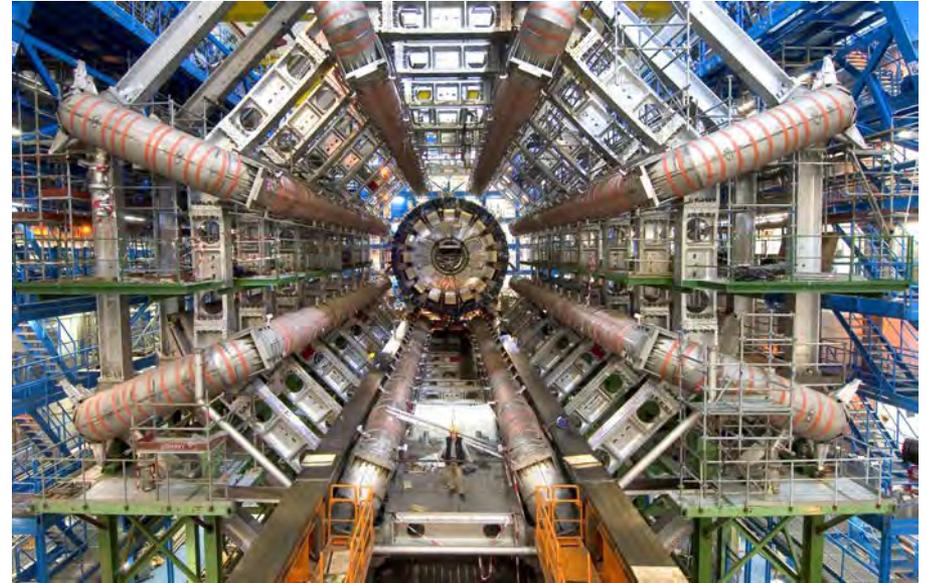
The interaction of ultra-intense laser pulses with the targets will generate:

- very strong electromagnetic fields across the entire electromagnetic spectrum, from the radiofrequency and THz (with the wavelength of the order of the laser pulse length) to gamma-rays (with the wavelength of radiation emitted by GeV electrons)
- multi GV electrons and ions
- other energetic particles (positrons, neutrons, muons etc.)
- QED cascades when the number of secondary particles can exceed the number of the target particles.



Diagnostics for High-Field Laboratory Physics

- Interaction is very short and localized in very small volume.
- It is difficult to control interaction process (the reason of uncertainties can be fluctuations in laser system, target performance, probabilistic nature of quantum processes etc).
- Detectors must be able to work with high efficiency in extremely severe environmental conditions in the laser-matter interaction area and with good discrimination between different sorts of the particles. Strong filtering and shielding are needed.
- Detectors should not be very large.
- Single shot methods are preferable.



ATLAS is one of the seven particle detector experiments constructed at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN.

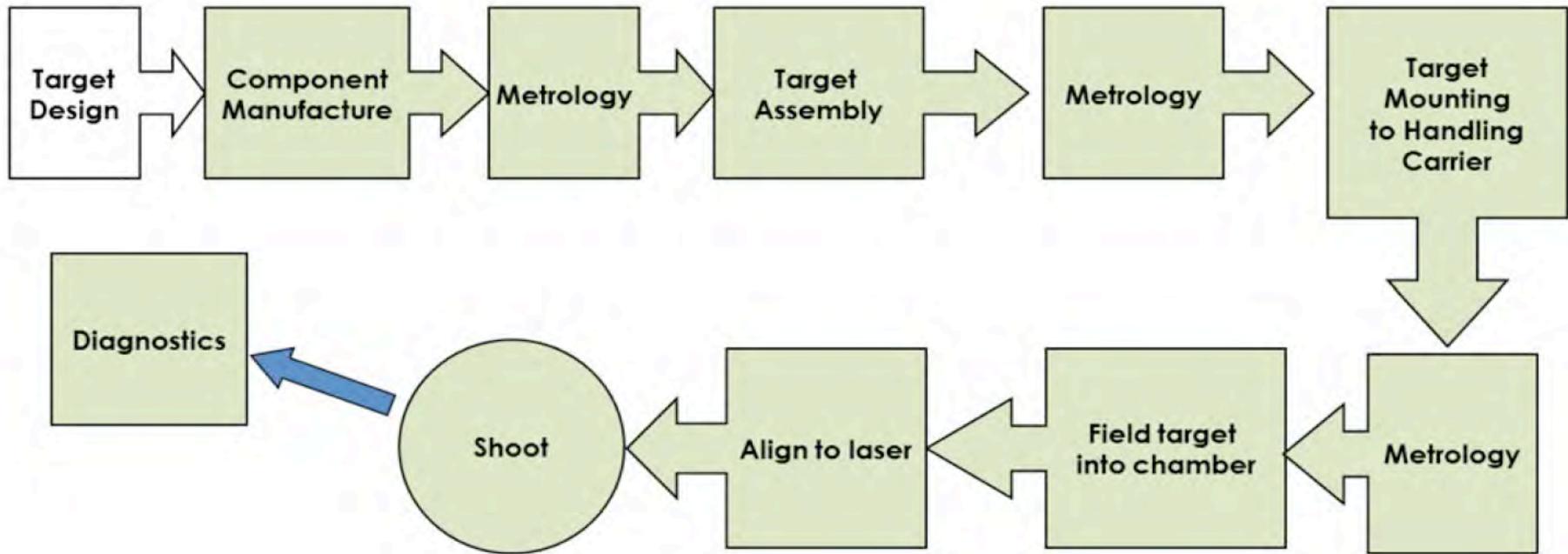
ELI-NP Technical Design Report

- Up to now there are no simple and reliable methods to measure the laser intensity beyond 10^{22} W/cm².
- The broad spectrum and large divergence of the particles requires several specific and complementary methods for diagnostics.
- Detectors should be protected from target debris, strong electromagnetic fields, and undesirable fluxes of particles and radiation but should efficiently register and measure needed fluxes.
- Detectors should provide access to the time (fs) and the spatial (μm) scale of the laser plasma interaction and provide real-time information on the relevant mechanisms responsible for the generation of the ion/electron beams.
- Up 30% (50% for XCELS) of the laser radiation can be converted into gamma-rays. The challenge for detectors is the discriminating against the gamma - ray background.
- For some experiments the detectors contaminating with fission fragments and maybe even with long lifetime actinides is possible. It may require very long cooling time (days) before being accessible.
- High resolution microscope optics are required in-situ within the chamber for accurate positioning of targets in the laser focus. A target insertion and extraction device may be required, possibly involving robotics. This may be important for the handling of activated (post shot) target holders.
- Dump mass for Gev protons should be up to 2000 tons.

ELI-NP Technical Design Report, Rom. Rep. Phys., Vol. 68, Supplement I,II (2016).

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Laser Targets



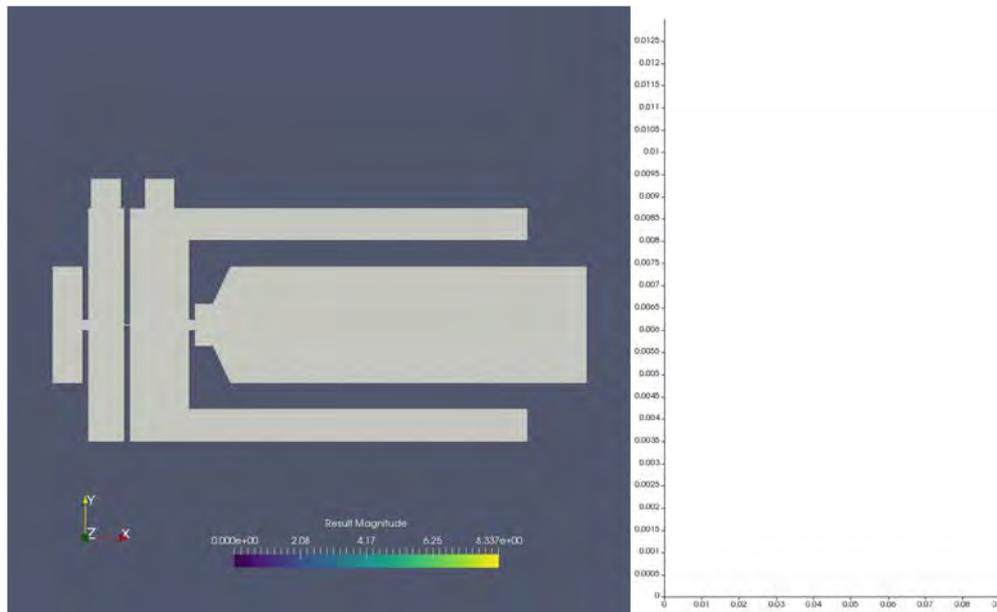
Some target challenges

- Protection from debris and neighboring target damage
- Target positioning and alignment
- Strong electromagnetic pulses
- Back-reflection of laser light in the laser chain

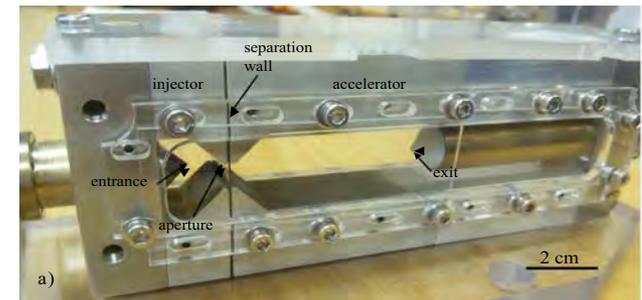
I. Prencipe et al., Targets for high repetition rate laser facilities: needs, challenges and perspectives, High Power Laser Science and Engineering, 5, e17 , (2017).

Laser Targets: Gas cell

The gas targets with controllable gas density profile are needed for laser-plasma acceleration. It is still a challenge to produce a stable gas target with arbitrary density profile.



IAP RAS gas cell



O. Kononenko et al., NIMA 829, 125 (2016).

Summary

- XCELS will open up opportunities for exploring new phenomena at the interface of the high-energy physics and high-field physics as well as for developing new technologies (like sources of radiation and particles with unprecedented parameters for scientific, industrial and medical applications).
- The project implementation will face many challenges. Some of possible problems are already evident at the design stage. However many issues may not be predicted before implementation since theoretical description of laser-matter interaction in XCELS regime is essentially incomplete.
- However the challenges are strong motivation for developing new approaches and methods that may lead to breakthrough in science and technology.

**Thank for
attention!**



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PetaWatt Laser Systems: current status & perspectives

Christophe SIMON-BOISSON

XCELS Workshop – Paris – 12th December 2017

THALES

- ◆ **Introduction**
- ◆ **BELLA PetaWatt**
- ◆ **ELI-NP**
 - **Front End**
 - **High Energy Pump Lasers**
 - **First results & Integration**
- ◆ **Conclusion**



1 PW 1 Hz (BELLA 2012)



200 TW 5 Hz (DESY 2013)



1 PW 0.1 Hz (CETAL 2013)



2x500 TW 1 Hz (Riken 2015)



350 TW 5Hz (Strathclyde University 2017)



200 TW 5 Hz (Peking University 2016)

► Under progress

- 2x10 PW 1 shot/min (ELI-NP, Romania) 2018-2019
- 90 J amplifier for 3 PW (LMU, Germany) 2017
- 200 TW 1Hz (SW Jiao Tong University, China) 2018
- 2x100 TW 1Hz (Weizmann Institute, Israel) 2018
- 1 PW 0,1Hz (RRCAT, India), 2018

SCAPA laser at STRATHCLYDE Univ.

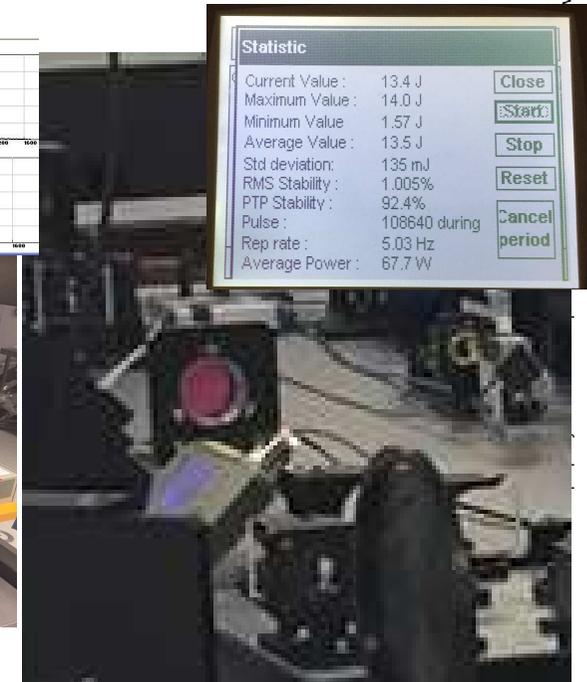
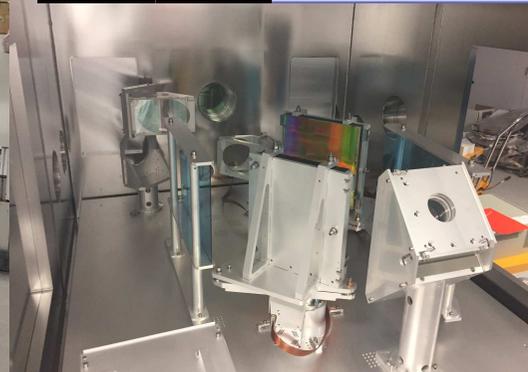
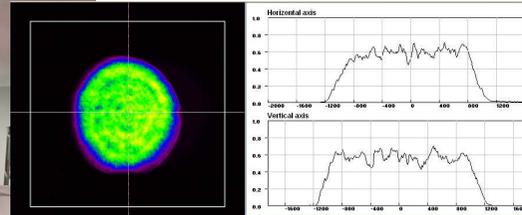
◆ 350TW at 5Hz => 8.75J/25fs/5Hz

=> $\approx 44\text{W}$ average output power

=> $> 60\text{W}$ average power on first grating

Highest average power demonstrated at 5Hz using **water cooling** and with **compressor under vacuum**

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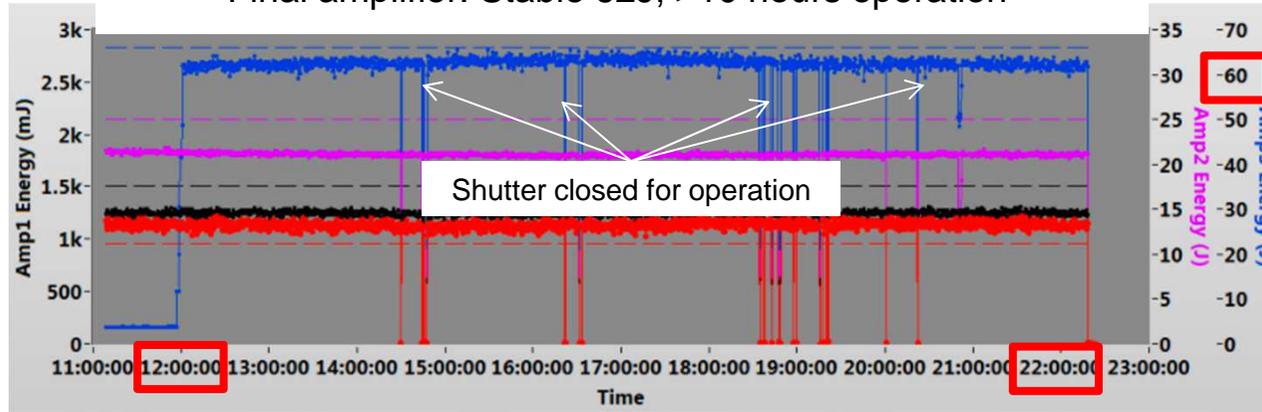




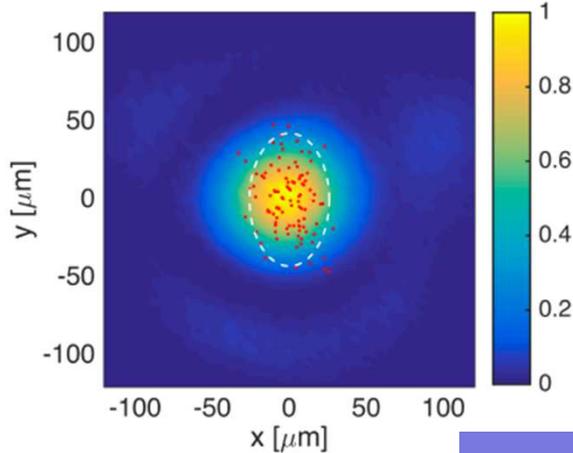
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BELLA Petawatt Laser: 1 Hz, 1.3 PW to Realize 10 GeV Class LPA

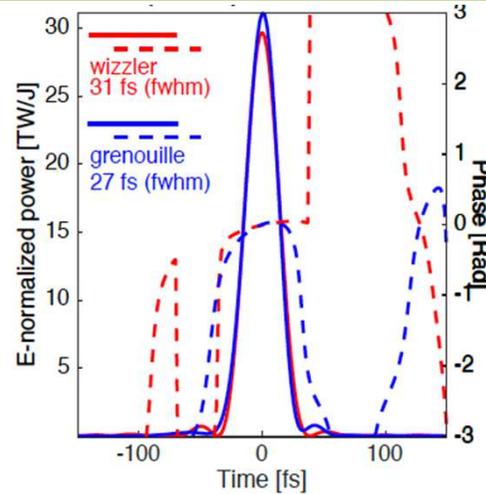
Final amplifier: Stable 62J, >10 hours operation



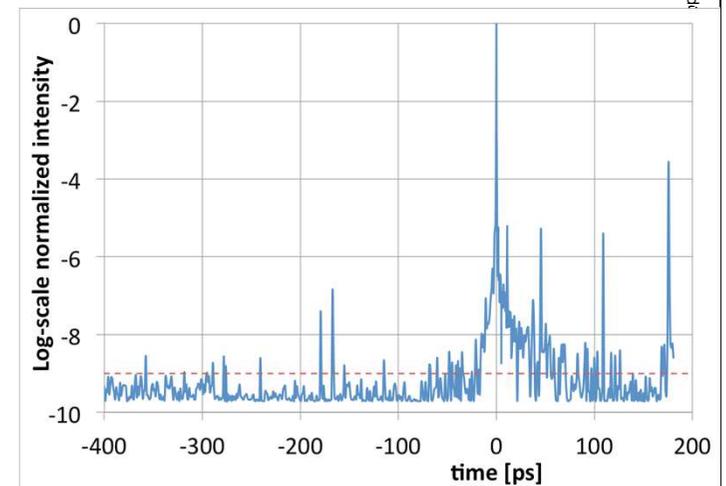
High quality spatial profile
Low pointing jitter



High quality temporal profile

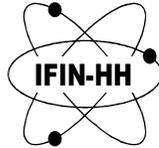


High temporal contrast



$$49 \text{ [J on target]} \times 25 \text{ [TW/J]} = 1.2 \text{ PW}$$

* K. Nakamura et al., IEEE QE **53** (2017).



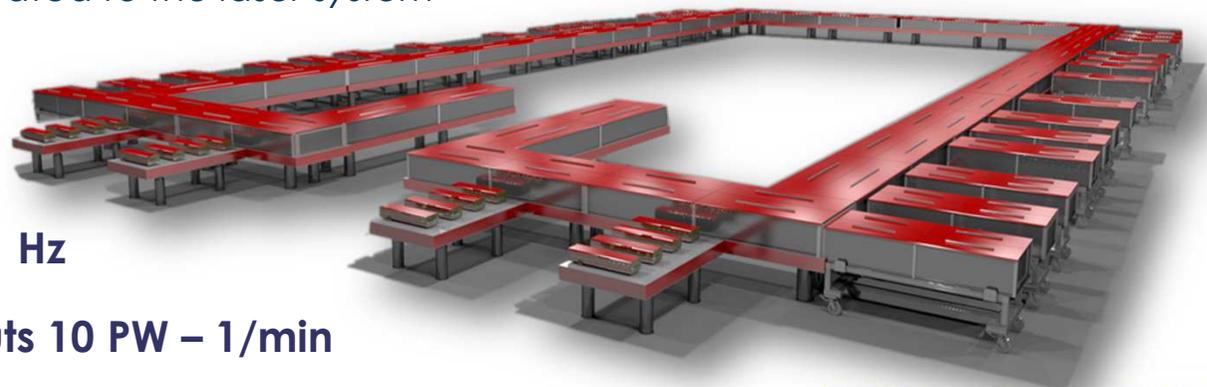
ELI-NP building with 1500m² allocated to the laser system



Contract awarded the 11th of July 2013

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- ◆ 2 outputs 100 TW - 10 Hz
 - ◆ 2 outputs 1 PW - 1 Hz
 - ◆ 2 outputs 10 PW – 1/min



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Based on a hybrid double CPA configuration

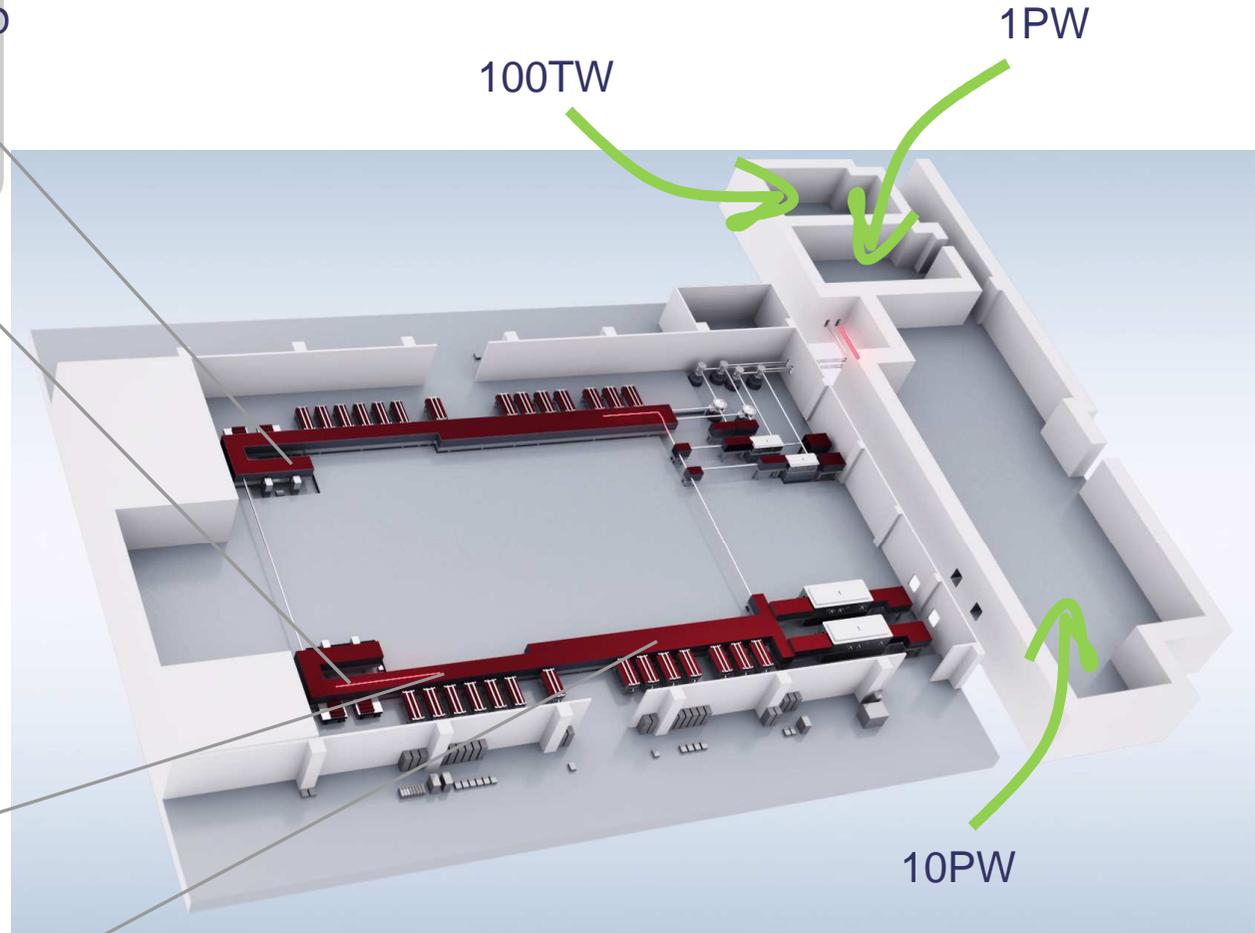
HIGH CONTRAST FRONTEND

CPA 1 - TiSa regen amplifier
XPW for contrast and spectrum enhancement
OPCPA for contrast enhancement

CPA 2 for energy and energy stability - TiSa multipass amplifiers
100 TW @10Hz

CPA 2 for energy and energy stability - TiSa multipass amplifiers
1PW @1Hz

CPA 2 for energy and energy stability - TiSa multipass amplifiers
10 PW @ 1 shot/min



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Standard set-up of multi-TW systems

The double CPA configuration

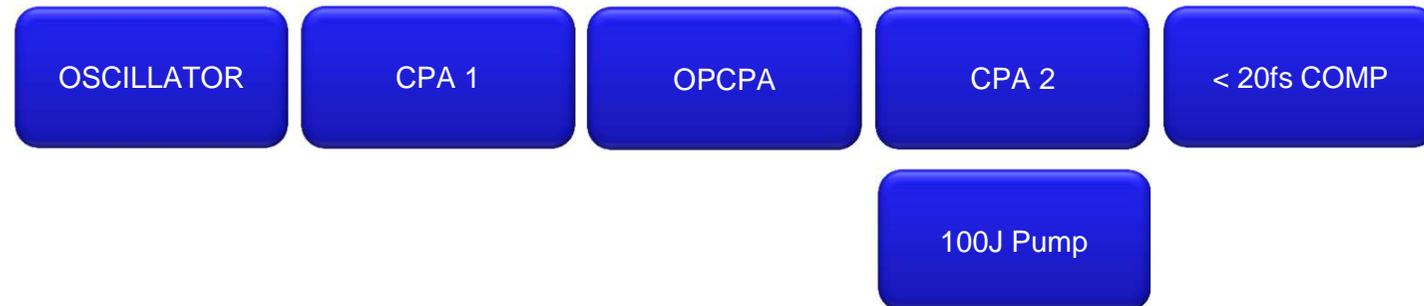
- ◆ CPA 1 for beam stability
- ◆ XPW for contrast and spectrum enhancement
- ◆ CPA 2 for energy and energy stability



The High Power Laser Architecture

Hybrid double CPA configuration

- ◆ CPA 1 for beam stability
- ◆ XPW for contrast and spectrum enhancement
- ◆ OPCPA for contrast enhancement
- ◆ New high energy pump laser
- ◆ CPA 2 for energy and energy stability



The High Power Laser Architecture

Based on a hybrid double CPA configuration

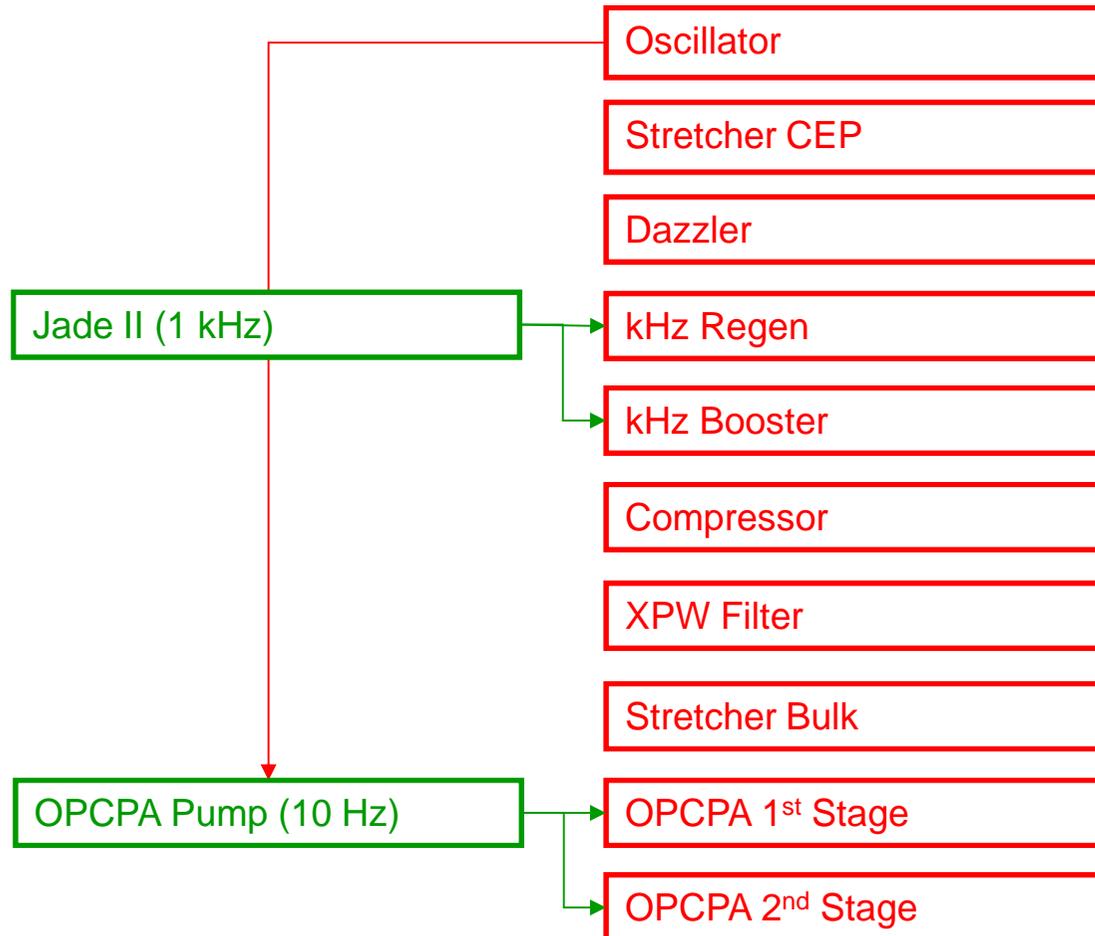
- ◆ **CPA 1 for beam stability** – *Ti:Sa regenerative amplifier*
- ◆ **XPW for contrast and spectrum enhancement**
- ◆ **OPCPA for contrast enhancement**
- ◆ **CPA 2 for energy and energy stability** – *Ti:Sa multipass amplifiers*
 - 100 TW @10Hz pump lasers energy > 12 J
 - 1 PW @1Hz pump lasers energy > 90 J
 - 10 PW @1shot/min pump lasers energy > 800 J

The High Power Laser Architecture

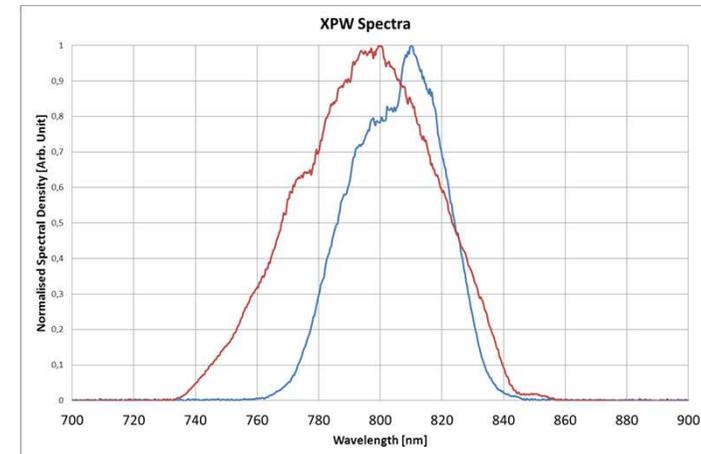
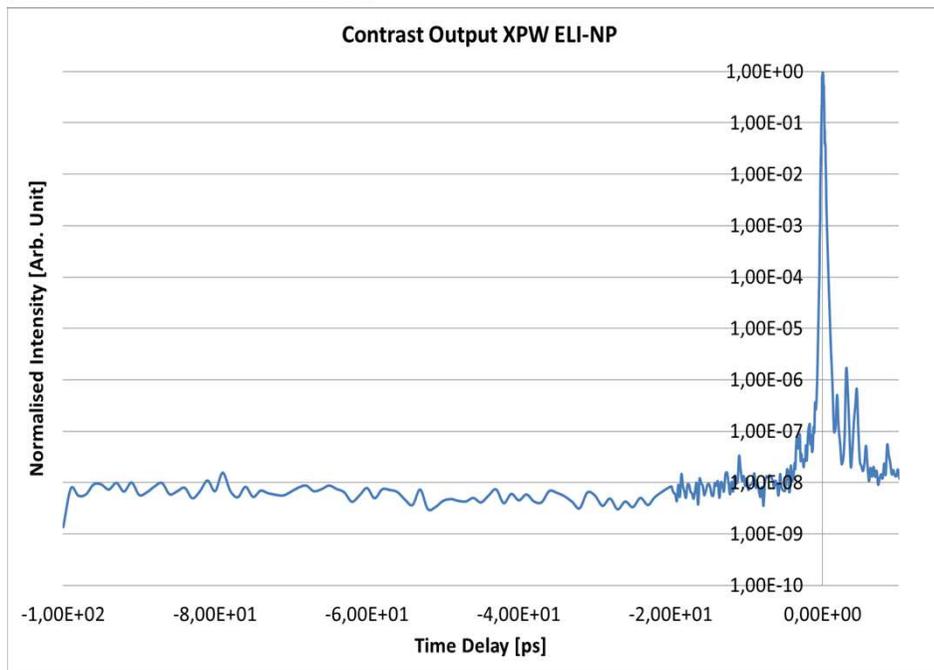
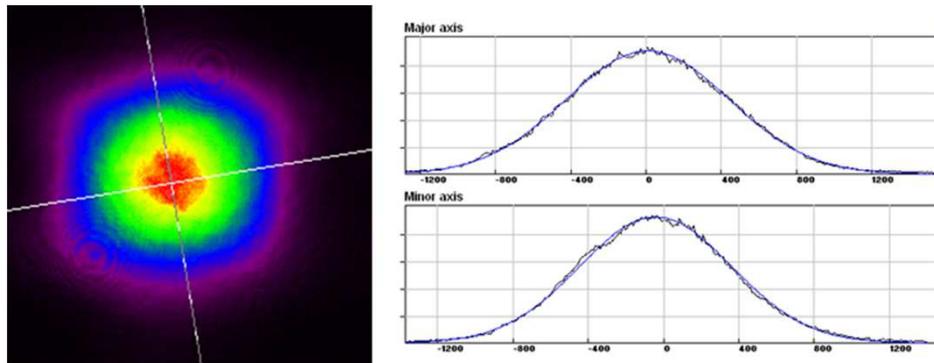
Based on a hybrid double CPA configuration

- ◆ **CPA 1 for beam stability** – *Ti:Sa regenerative amplifier*
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Frontend ELI-NP



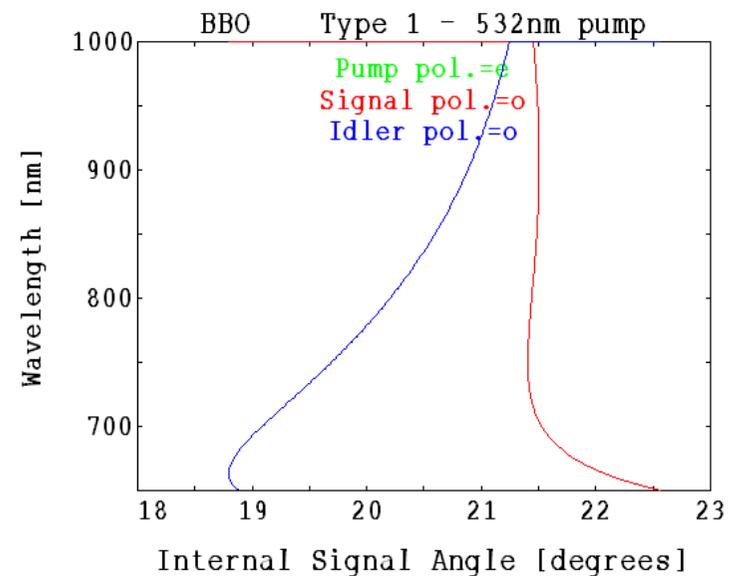
XPW Output results



Contrast enhancement $> 10^4$
 Output energy $> 30 \mu\text{J}$
 Bandwidth $> 70 \text{ nm (FWHM)}$

OPCPA

- ◆ Energy >10mJ
- ◆ Pulse duration ~20ps
- ◆ Bandwidth FWHM >63nm
- ◆ Repetition rate: 10 Hz
- ◆ Pulse contrast (100ps): > $10^{12}:1$
- ◆ Short term stability < 3% rms over 500 shots



Simulation and Results

◆ Simulation Input Parameter:

- 10 μ J
- gaussian spectrum 65nm FWHM
- 2 stage OPCPA pumped with 30mJ and 50mJ

◆ Experimental Input Parameter

- 10 μ J
- Slightly super gaussian 63nm FWHM
- 2 stage OPCPA pumped with 25mJ and 30mJ

Simulation done with full 3D of the coupled wave equation including walkoff, parasitic SHG and dispersion.

G. Arisholm J. Opt. Soc. Am. B 16, 117–127 (1999)

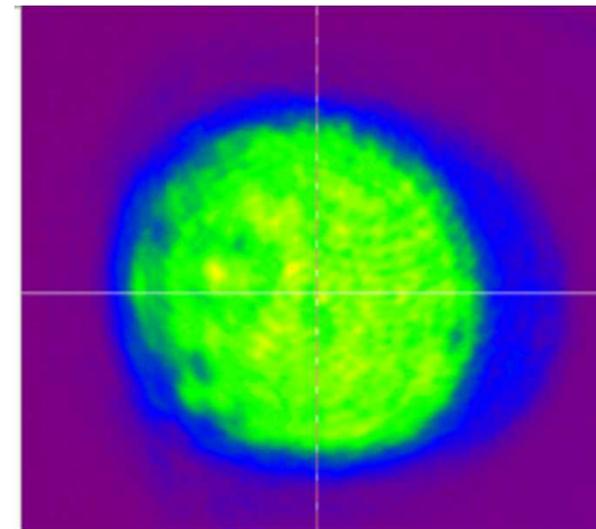
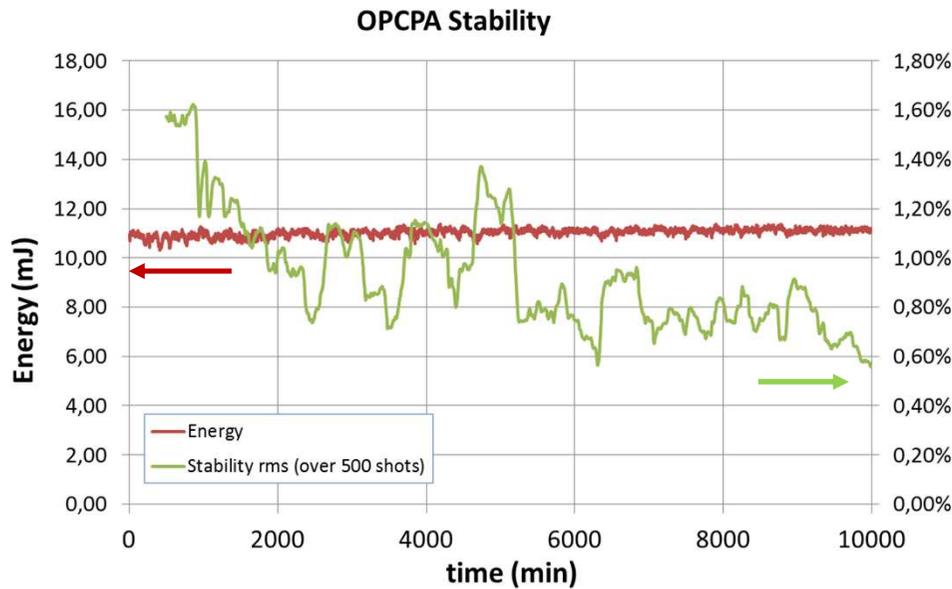
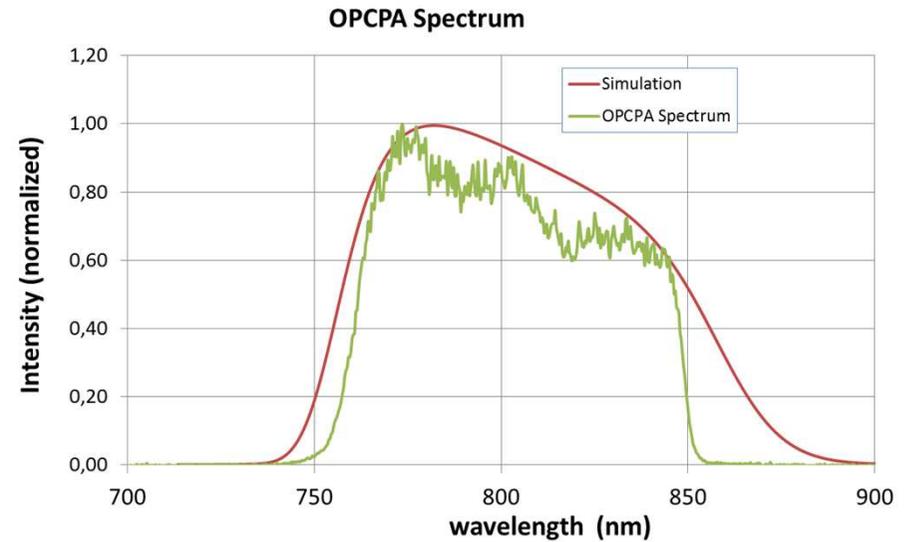
Simulation and Results

◆ Simulation result:

- 16mJ
- 77nm FWHM

◆ Experimental result:

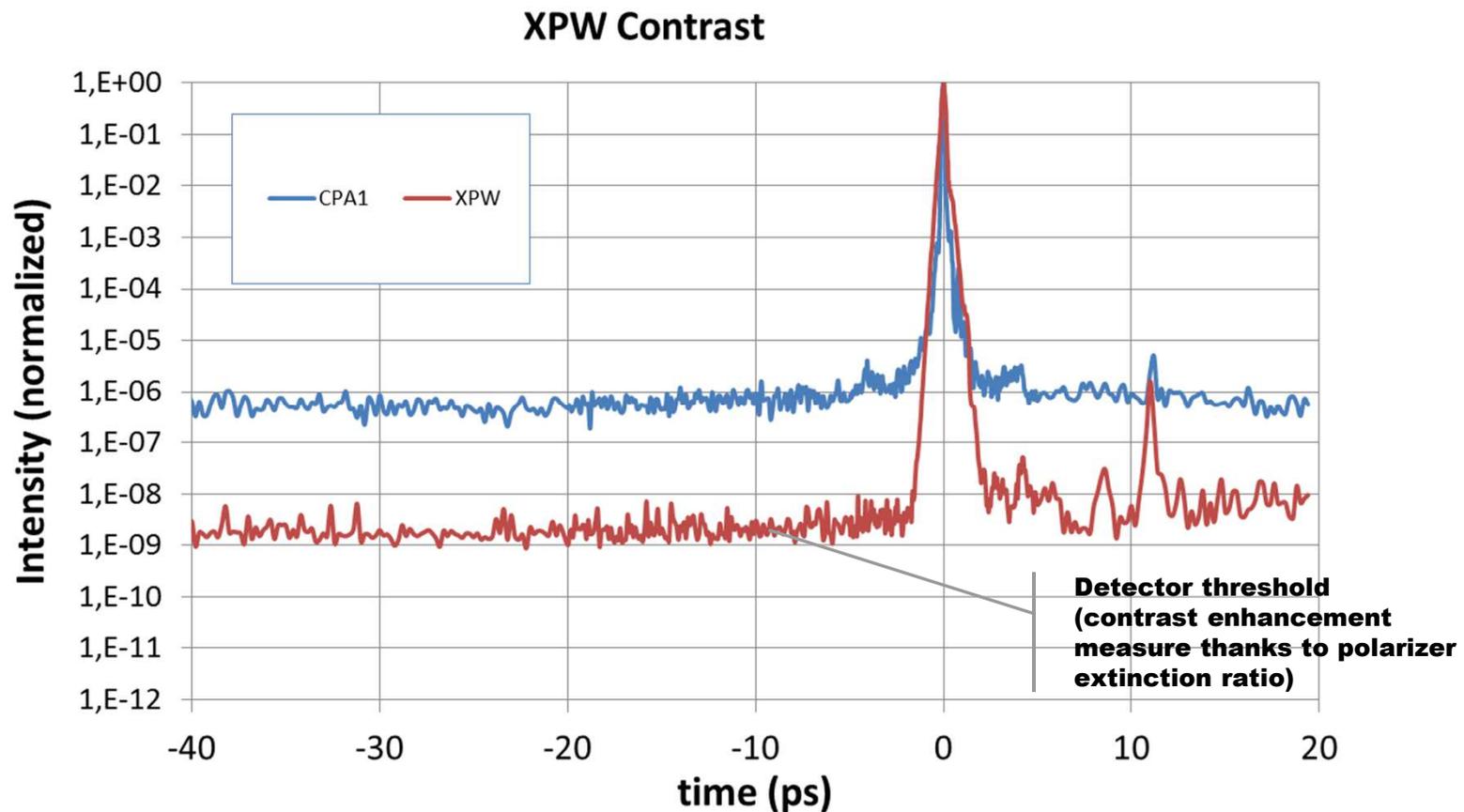
- 11,6mJ (< 1,6% rms over 500 shots)



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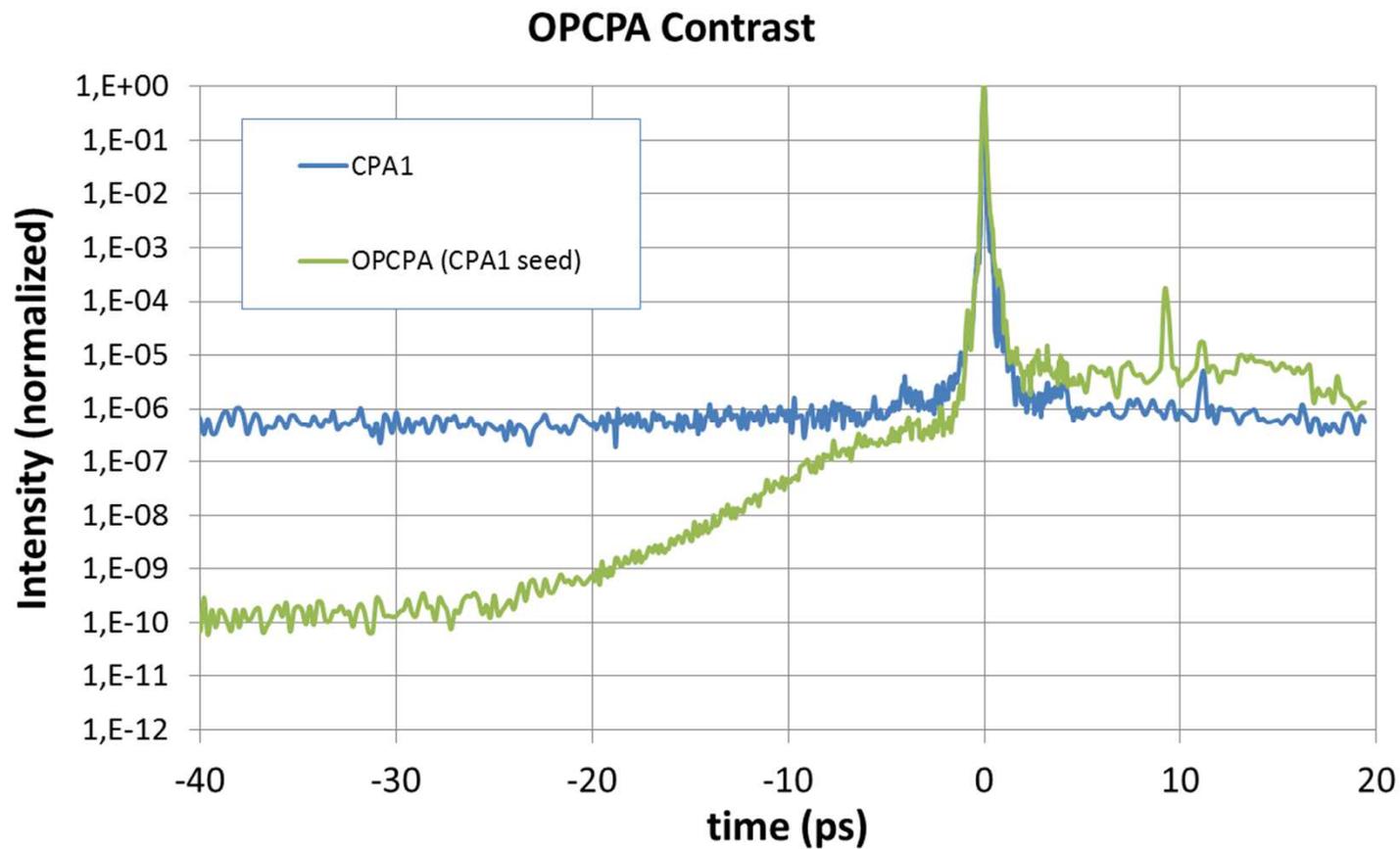
Contrast consideration

- ◆ Typical Contrast on pure Ti:Sapphire system equipped with XPW filter leads to a contrast improvement of 10^4 (10^3 measured)



Contrast consideration

- ◆ Gain of 4 orders of magnitude measured on OPCPA on time scale of 25ps



Performances demonstration in November 2014

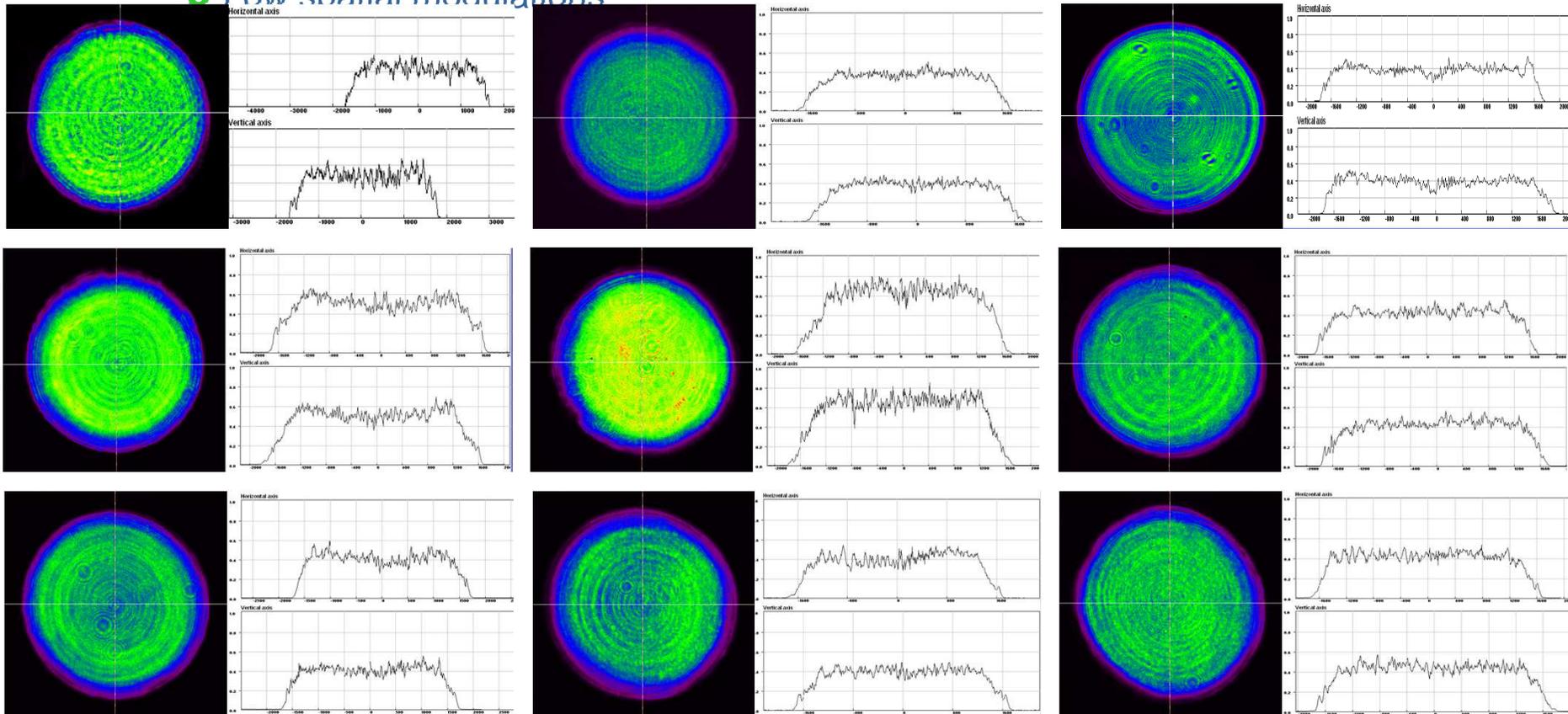


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Fourteen units already manufactured (out of 16)

◆ Beam profile of the first nine units

- Round and supergaussian beam profile
- Low spatial modulations



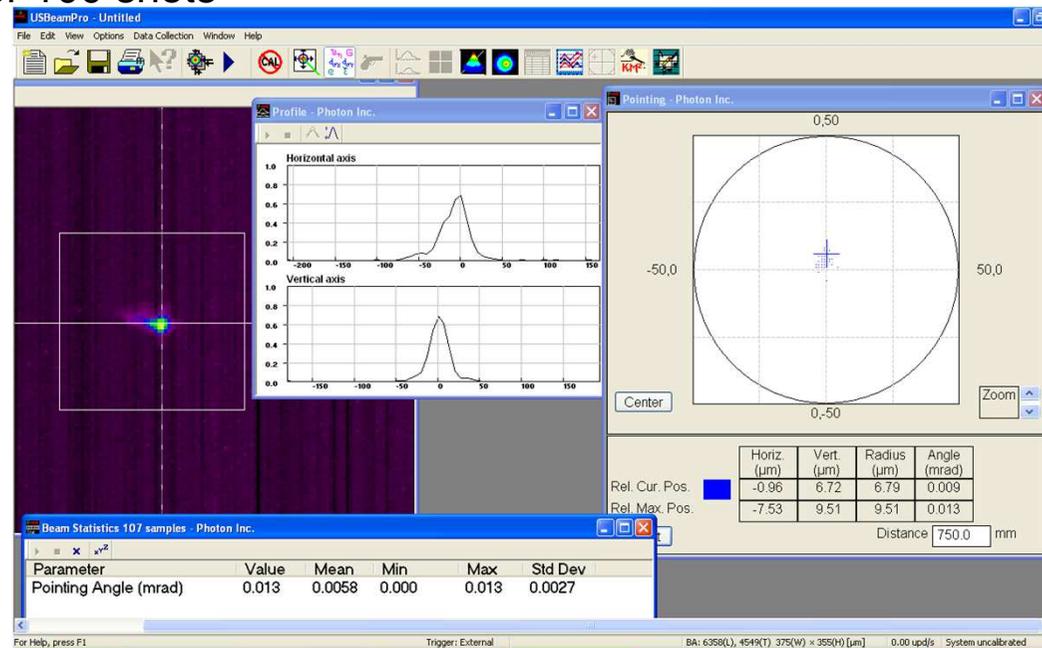
Stability measurements

◆ Energy stability

- 0.6% RMS recorded over 100 pulses

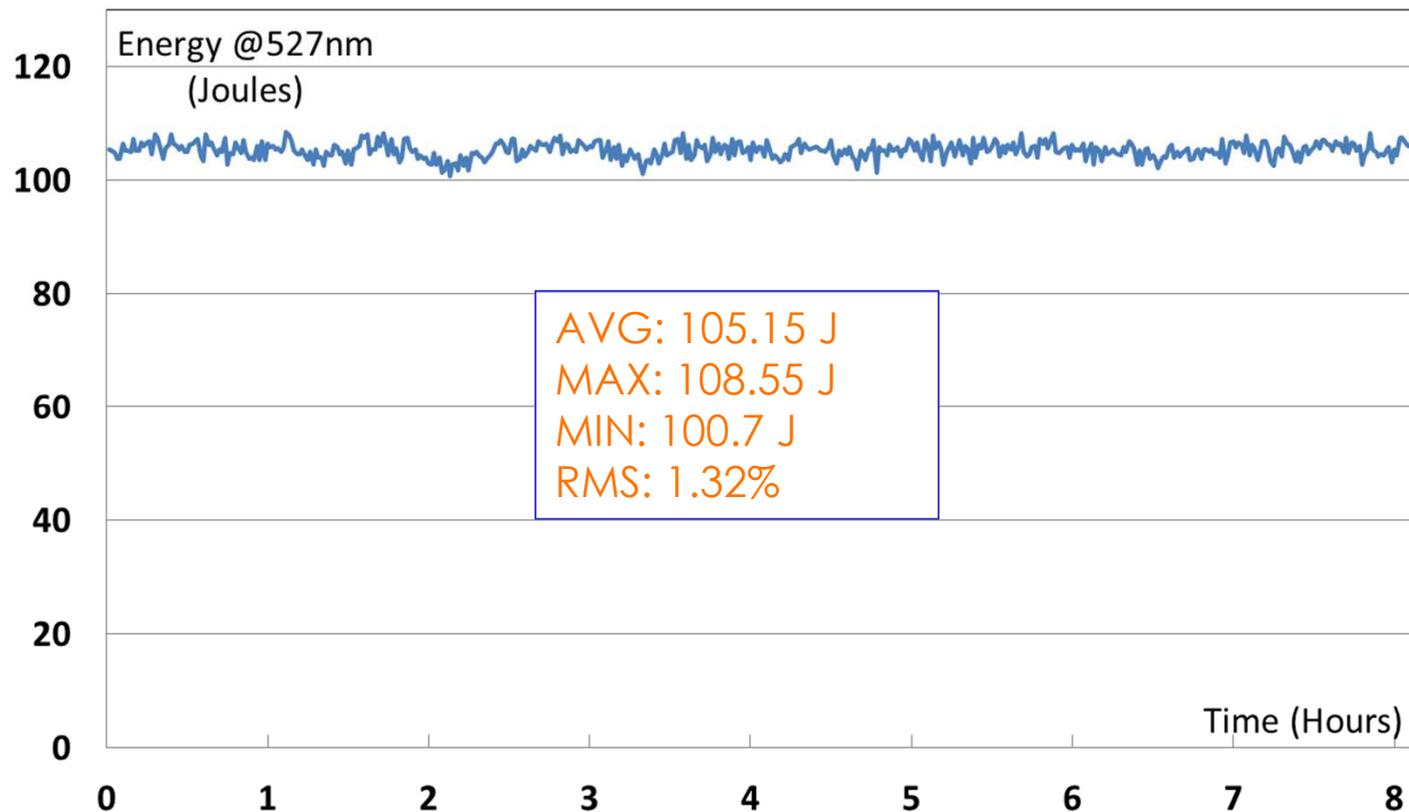
◆ Pointing stability

- < 20 μ rad peak-to-valley over 100 shots



Long term stability measurements

- ◆ No drift
- ◆ No Warm-Up time



Size and integration (Picture from ELI-NP systems at TOSA)



Integration up to 1PW amplifier within Thales premises

- ◆ 1PW amplifier including spectral filter (> 39 J with 75 nm FWHM bandwidth demonstrated)
- ◆ 100TW compressor



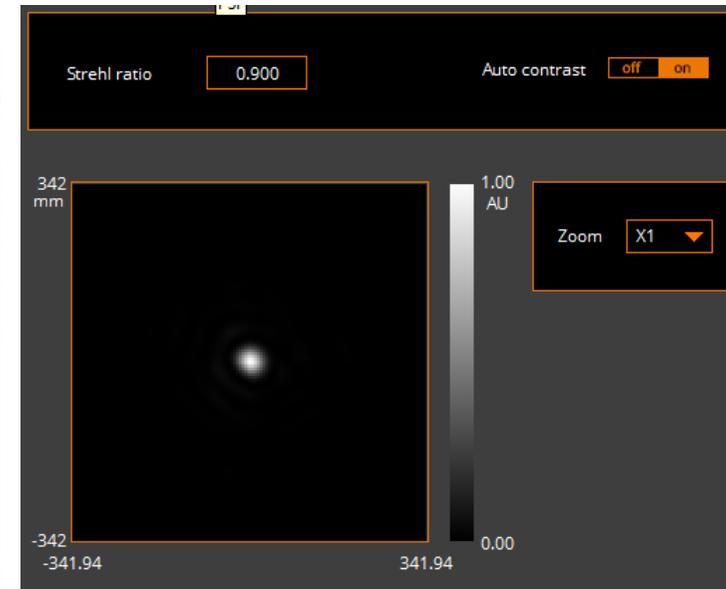
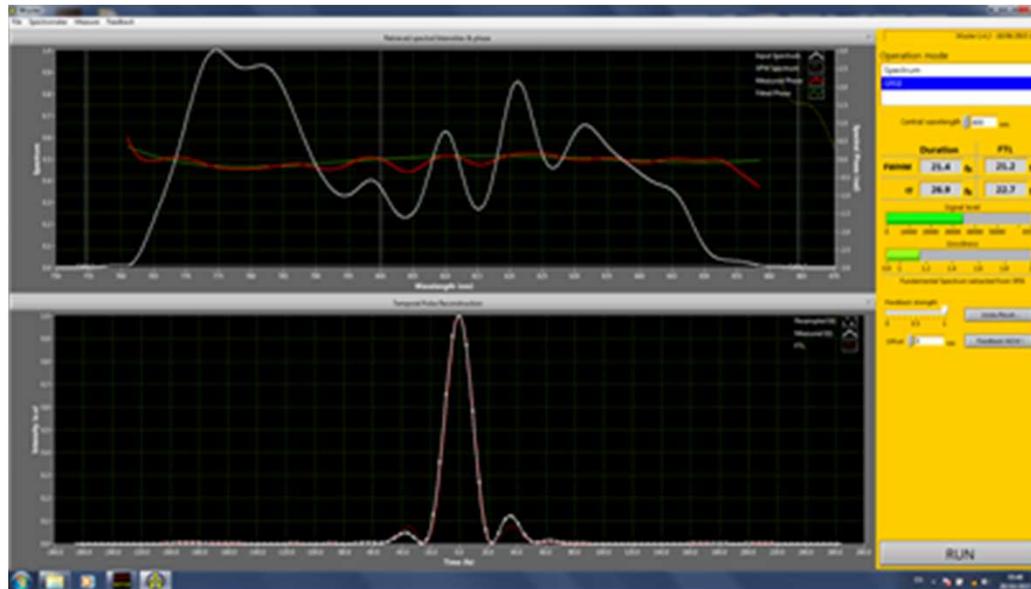
*AMP2 Ti:Sa amplifier with 6 high energy
GAÏA HP pump laser*



100TW compressor

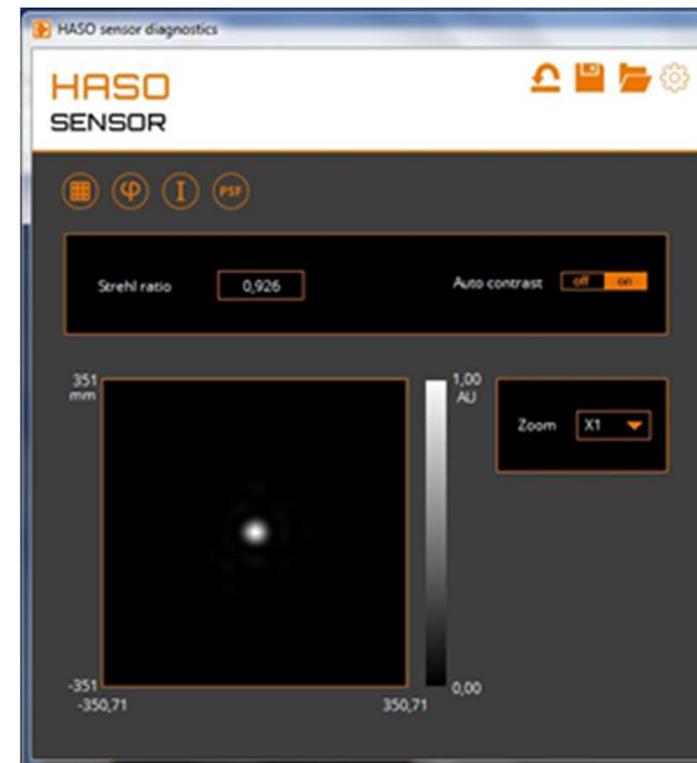
Compression at 100TW level

- ◆ Injected energy > 4J
- ◆ Compressor efficiency ~70%
- ◆ Pulse duration 21fs
- ◆ Strehl ratio 0.9



Compression at 1PW level

- ◆ Injected energy ~ 40J (attenuated before compressor)
- ◆ Compressor efficiency ~70%
- ◆ Pulse duration 21fs
- ◆ Strehl ratio 0.9



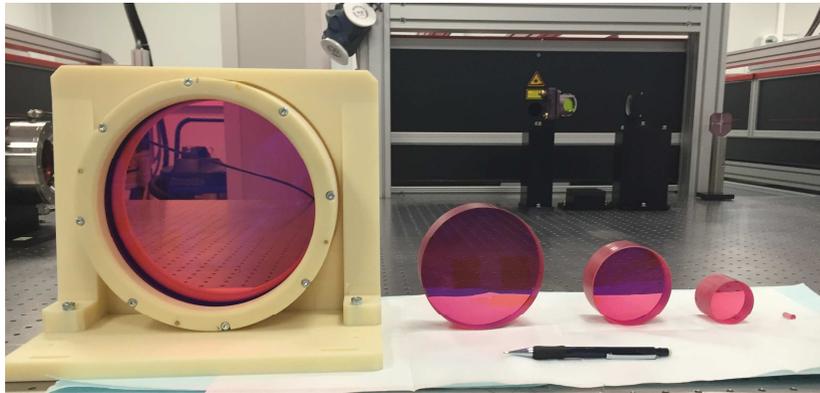
28 ELI-NP installation has now started in ELI-NP building @ Magurele



2 Front Ends now operational

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- ◆ Integration in Romania of the full system including critical component as the largest with high quality Ti:Sa crystal ever achieved ... and already available !

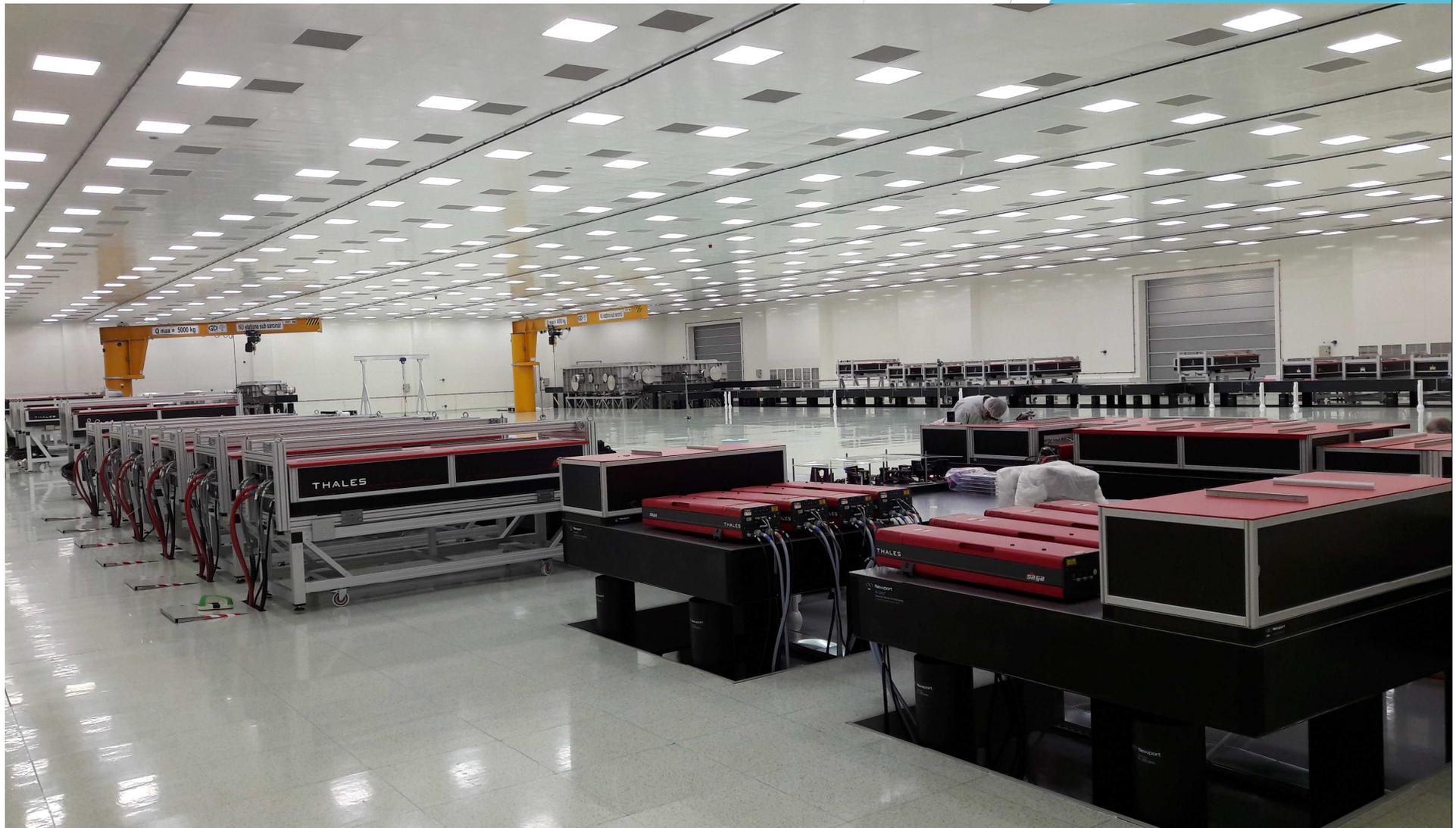


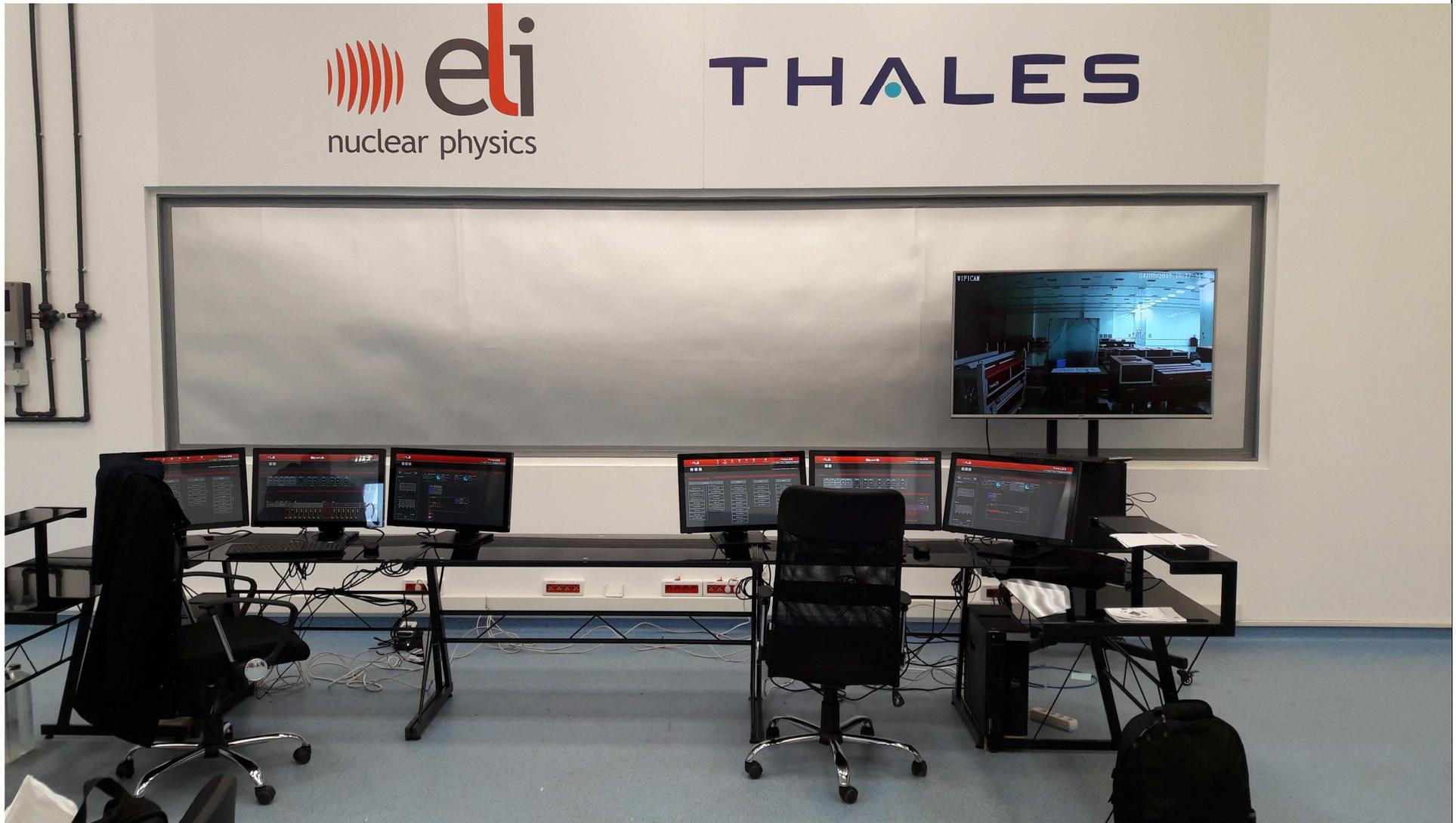
Ti:Sa crystal family for ELI-NP from 6 to 200mm in diameter



First 1m scale optical grating manufactured by HJY team at Palaiseau facility (France)







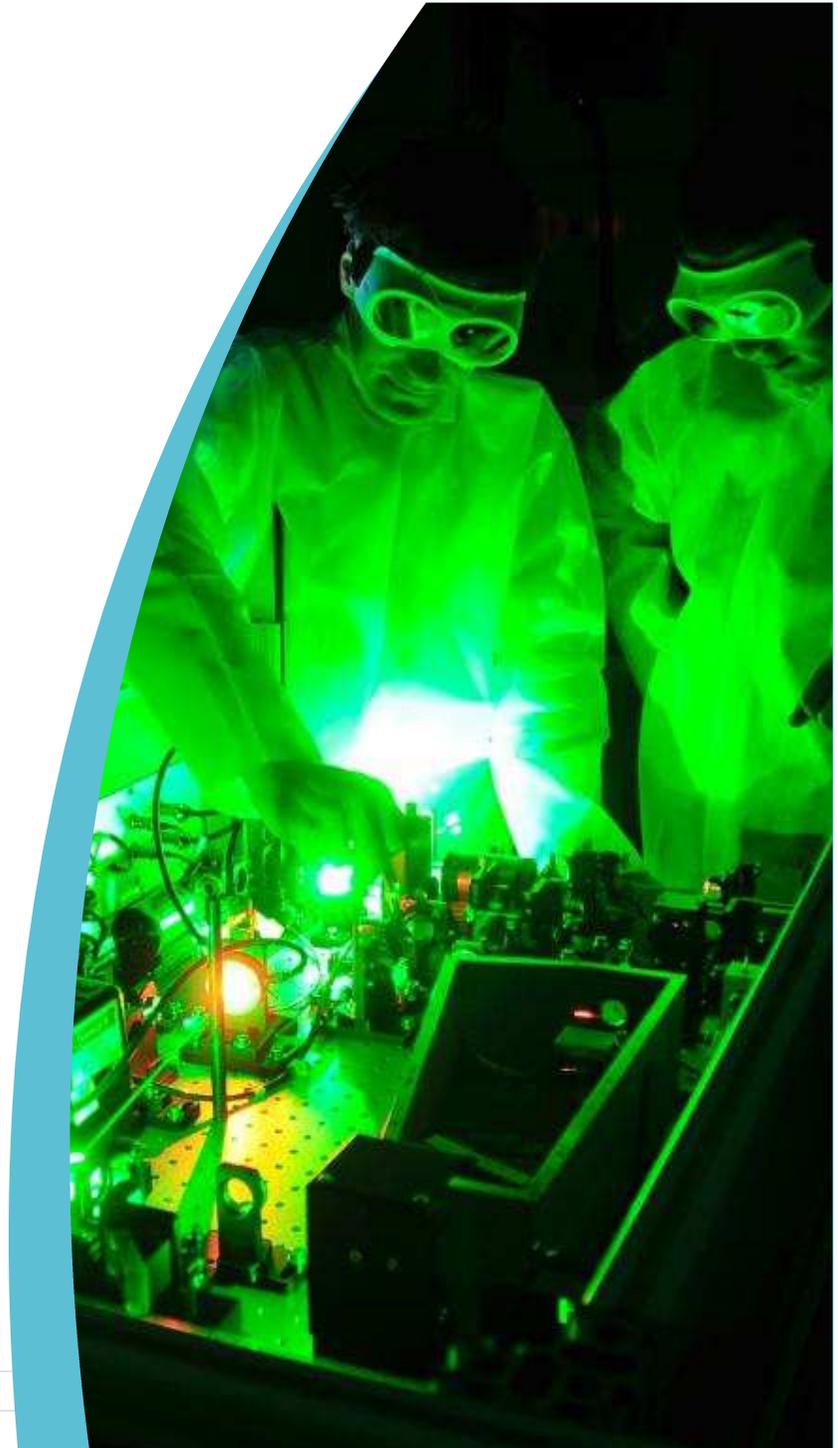
- ◆ **TiSa based PetaWatt lasers have been now introduced in few labs and start to produce science (BELLA, GIST)**
- ◆ **4 systems of 10 PW (of which 3 TiSa-based) are in construction and expected for delivery in 2018-2020 period (APOLLON, ELI-NP, ELI-BL, SULF@SIOM)**
- ◆ **Enabling technologies for TiSa-based 10 PW have been validated and are now available (large TiSa crystals, meter size gratings, industrial grade pump lasers, ultra high contrast)**
- ◆ **Next generation at 100 PW & more must follow a multi-beam approach (at least at compression stage) and investigate new technologies (beam combination, few cycle pulses for TiSa)**

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Source **LAB**

Laser Plasma Technologies

**Laser Plasma Technologies
for and beyond laboratories**

*December 12, 2017, CREMLIN WP6
Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris*

| François Sylla, PhD

SourceLAB was created in 2013 as a spin-off of the Laboratoire d'Optique Appliquée

Before SourceLAB



- 2 PhD thesis at the Laboratoire d'Optique Appliquée
- Different systems for laser-plasma interaction developed during thesis:
 - Novel results
 - Innovative targetry for laser plasma science
 - Pre-industrialized prototypes
- Joined by a business developer

SourceLAB

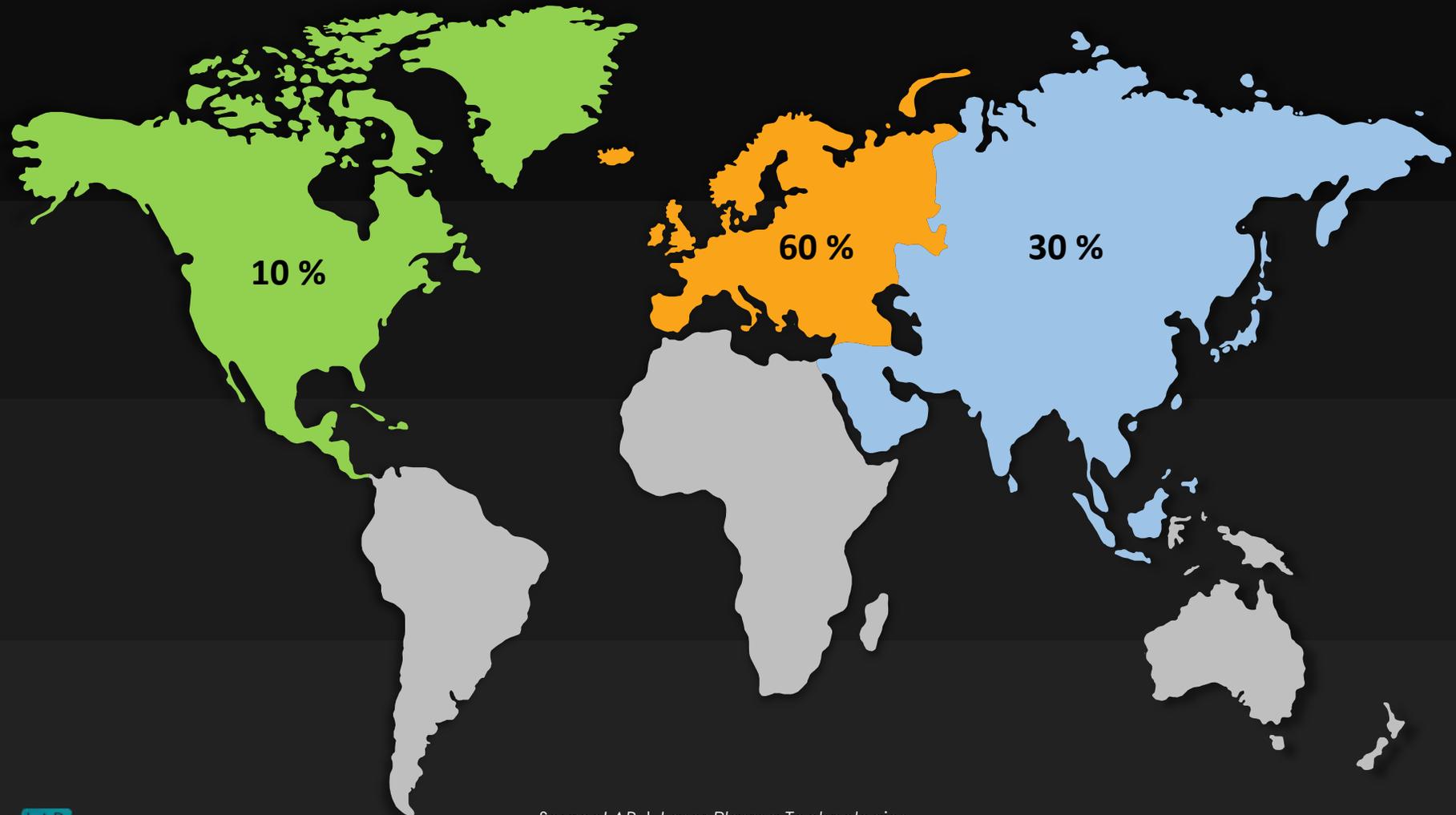


- SourceLAB founded in July 2013 via ERC-PoC initiative (Malka)
- Located in the premises of the Laboratoire d'Optique Appliquée
- Strong support of CNRS, ENSTA, Ecole Polytechnique and BPIFrance
- Initial mission: to commercialize the results of the thesis works of the founders
- Final objectives: to commercialize Laser Plasma Accelerators for industrial and medical markets



During the first years of activity, we commercialized our systems, mainly in Europe and Asia

From July 2013 to December 2017 (> 2 MEUR Revenue, >20 % CAGR)



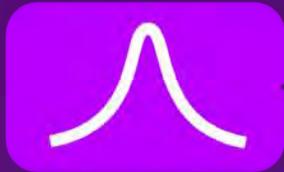
Some references



Our fields of expertise

Intense Laser

short pulse
high peak power
single shot to kHz



Laser Transport Conversion Target

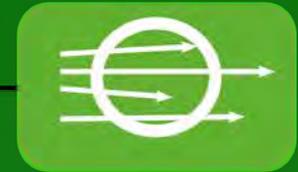
Plane mirrors from laser
Focusing optics
Non-linear crystals

gas
liquid
solid



Beam

Electrons
Radiations
Neutrons
X-rays



Contrast cleaning

Plasma mirror
XPW

Beam engineering

Design
Shaping
Stabilization

Precision targetry

Gas cell
Gas jet
Solid target positioner

Characterization

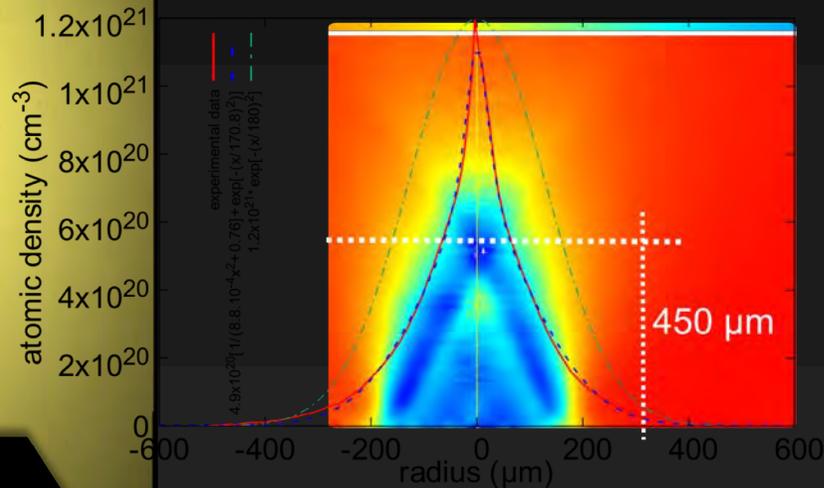
Ion analysis
X-ray radiography



Ultrathin high density gas jet for near-critical plasma



Over-critical gas jet
Fully characterized
Tunable output gas flow
Sub-100 μm thickness



Peak density (He, Ar, Ne) $> 1.2 \times 10^{21}$ atoms/cm³

Thickness (FWHM) < 100 μm

Open/close time < 10 ms

Repetition rate 0.1 Hz

Nozzle materials SS, Brass Al, Ceramic

Options

- Phasics SID4 Density
- Nozzles design

References

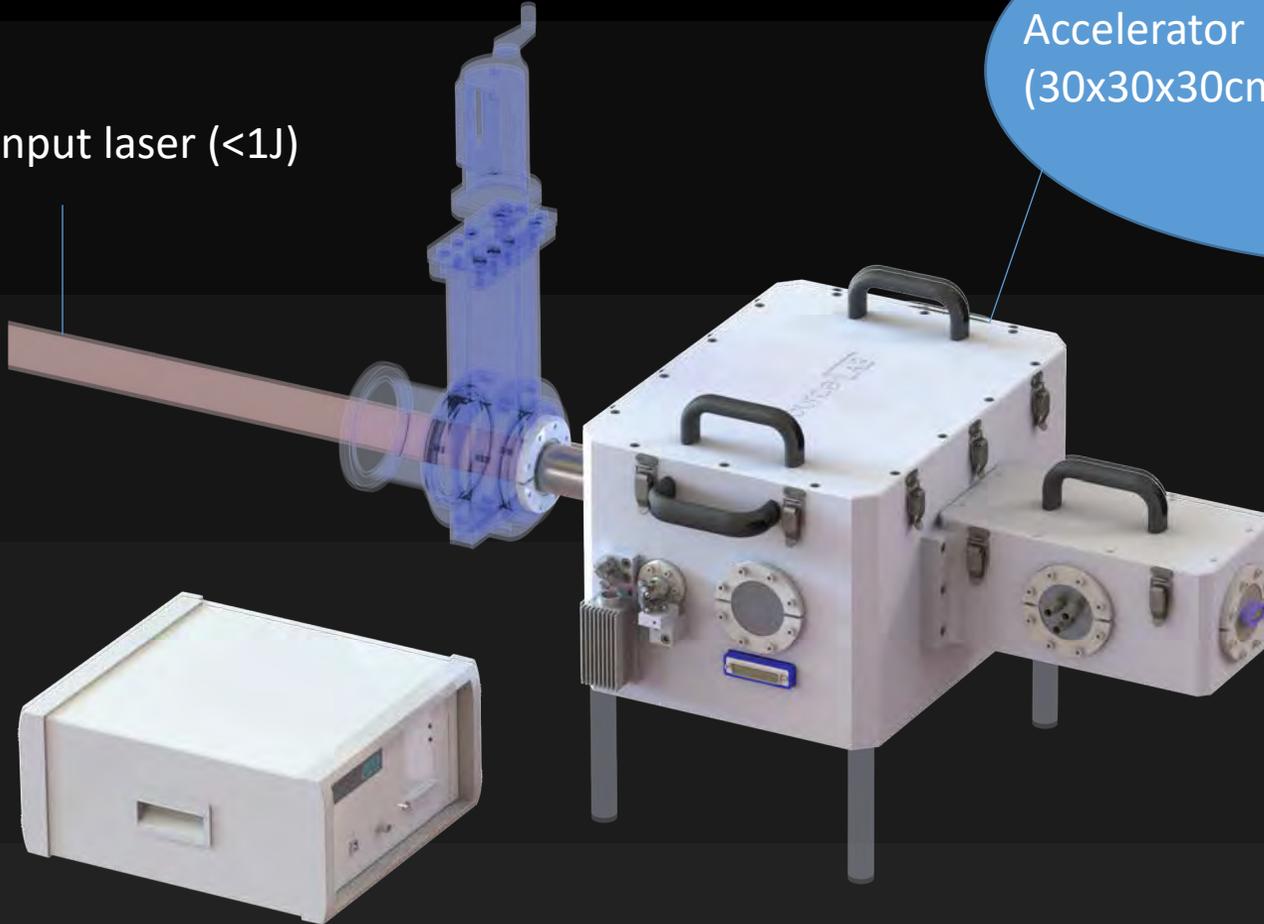
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All-in-One compact source

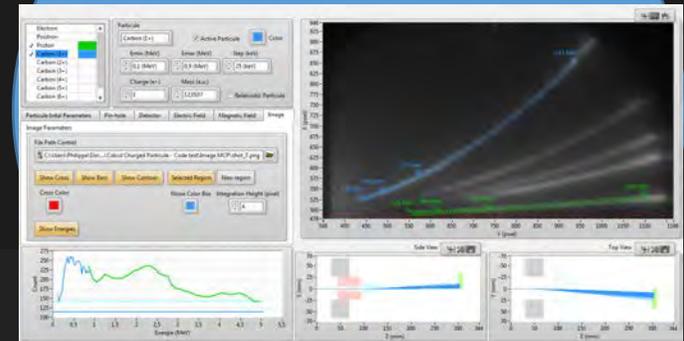
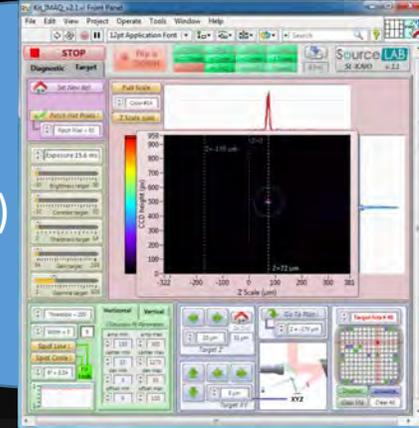
Smart Ion Accelerator KAIO

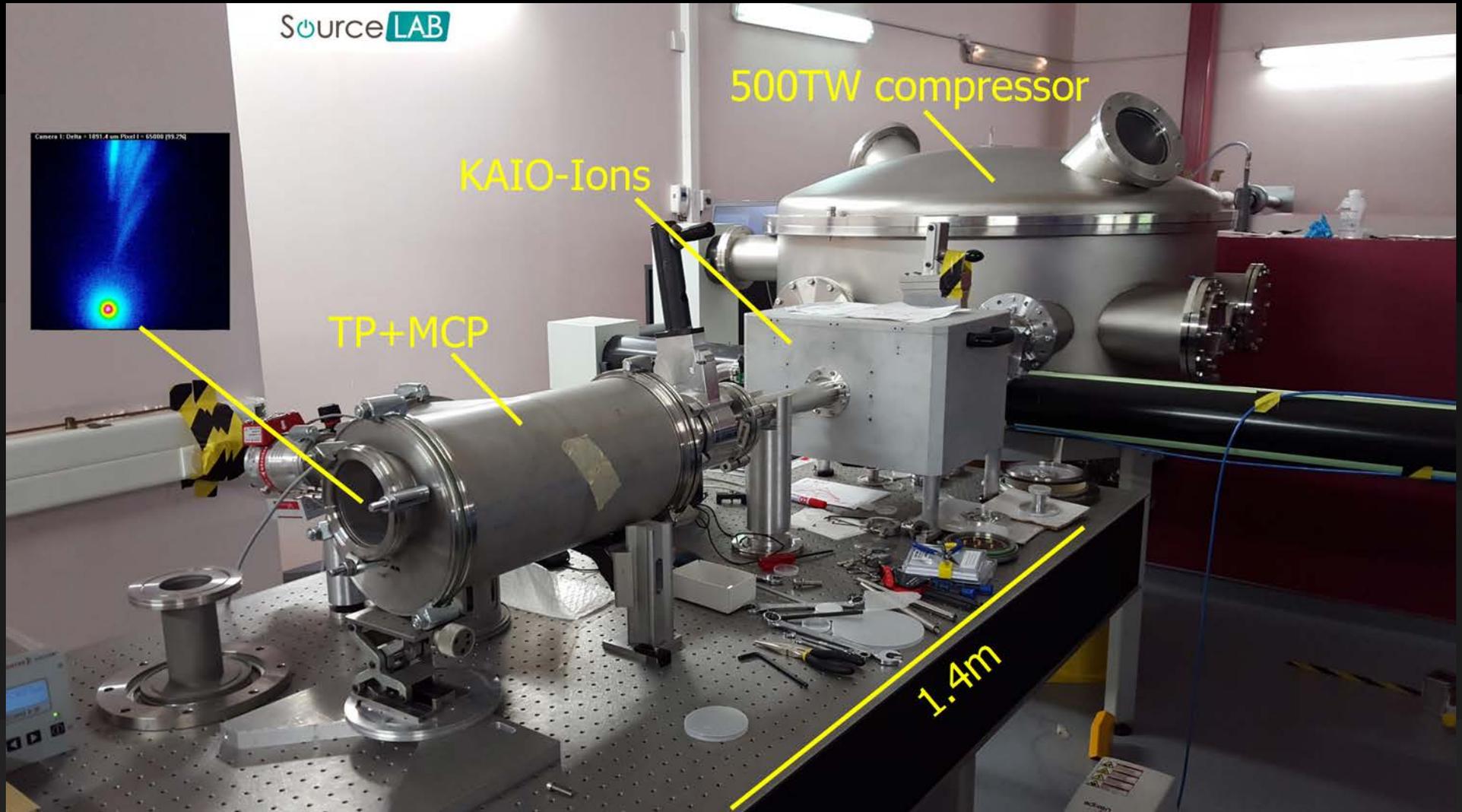
Input laser (<1J)



Accelerator
(30x30x30cm³)

Detector
(TP + Scintillator)





ELI-ALPS SHHG PW Beamline construction

In collaboration with LIDyL (CEA-Saclay)



MTA

HTA

Source LAB

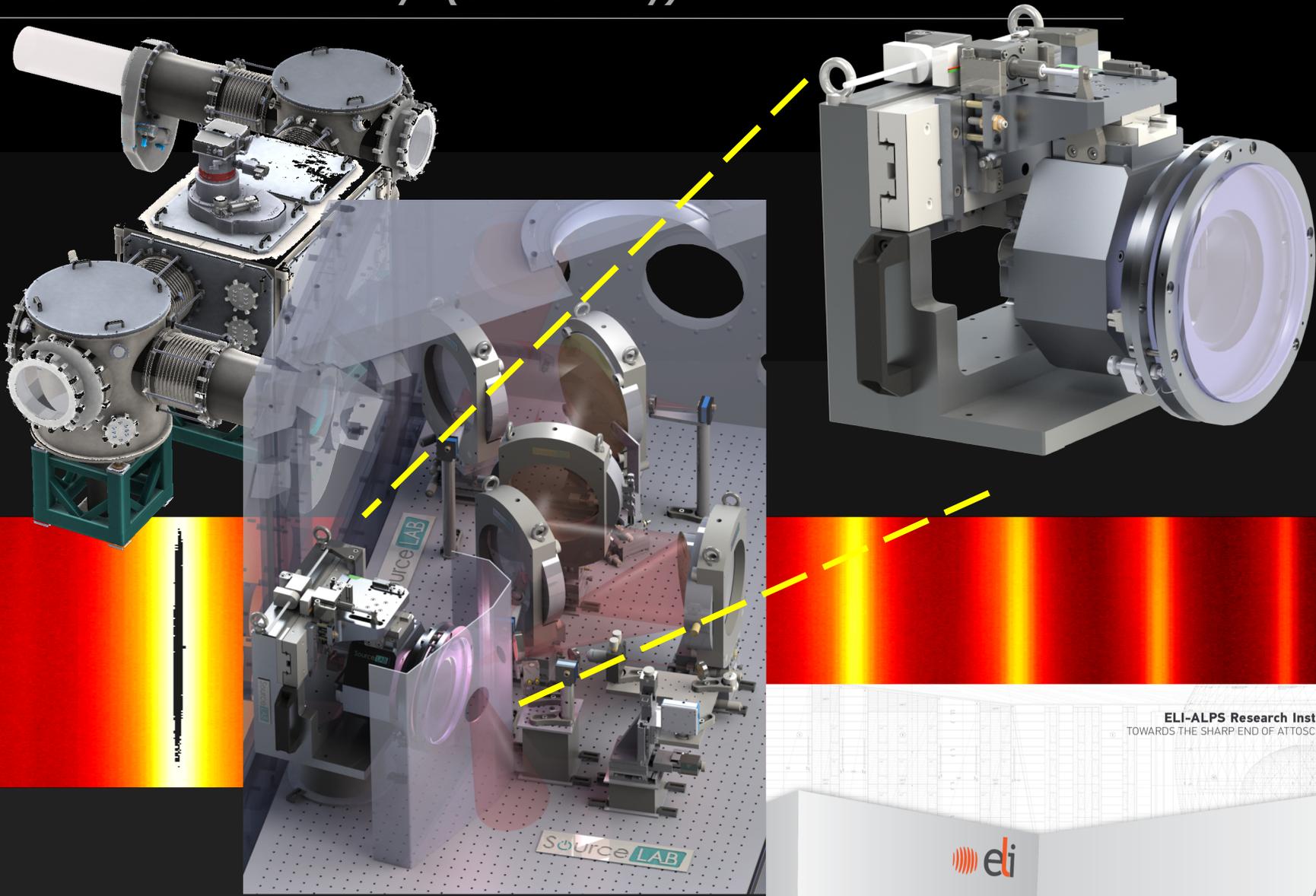
LTA



ELI-ALPS SHHG PW Beamline construction

In collaboration with LIDyL (CEA-Saclay)

Beam



ELI-ALPS Research Institute
TOWARDS THE SHARP END OF ATTOSCIENCE



Industrial NDT by X-ray radiography

The market



1500 installed sources

~100 new each year

~100 M€ market for sources

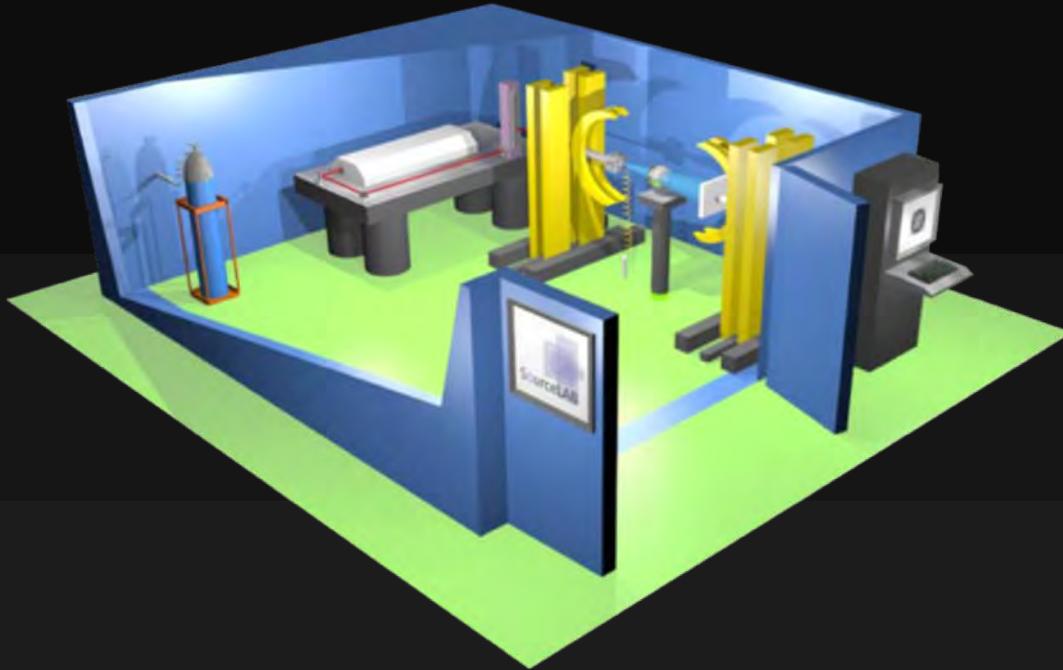
covered by 3 technologies





Our response to the market needs

A breakthrough source for industrial NDT by X-Ray tomography



- R&D program launched in 2015
- Prototype : 2018
- Commercialization : 2020
- SourceLAB as source manufacturer
- Tier one to final integrator

SourceLAB

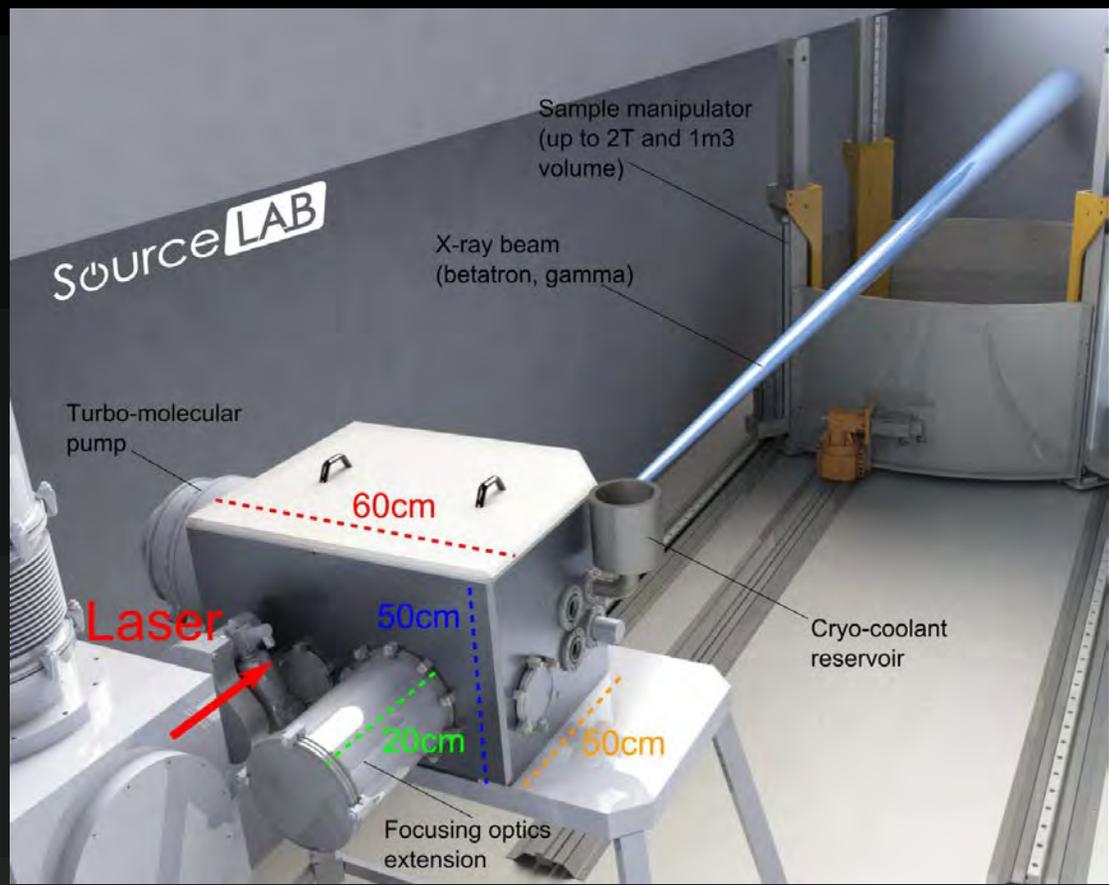
PEI
Pinette Emidecau Industries





Our response to the market needs

A breakthrough source for industrial NDT by X-Ray tomography



Why SourceLAB as a partner for a laser plasma beamline ?

- **SL assets** : already a key player in the laser plasma world...

- ✓ Deep understanding of laser plasma interaction : from very underdense to very overdense regime
- ✓ Solid expertise in R&D, integration in laser plasma technologies
- ✓ Effective partnerships with major labs and companies in the field : LOA, CEA, CoReLS, Phasics, Thales
- ✓ Founding member of Targetry Supplier Network : <http://www.targetsuppliers.com/>

- **SL trends** : ...leading game-changing projects

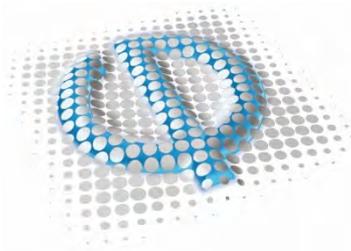
- ✓ Development of the first laser-based accelerator for X-ray NDT market (French DOD contract)
- ✓ Development of the first Hub of laser-based particle and radiation dedicated to industry
- ✓ Development of the first SHHG-PW beamline with CEA-LiDyl for ELI-ALPS.



Source **LAB**

Laser Plasma Technologies

Advanced wavefront sensing solution for laser testing and optics metrology applications



PHASICS
The phase control company

YU LU
12/12/2017

- About PHASICS
- Product range
- Technology principle and advantages
- Applications for laser testing and optics metrology

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- **2003:** creation - Spin-off from LULI laboratory (Ecole Polytechnique - CNRS)
- Patent technology developed by ONERA (French National Aerospace lab)
- HQ in France - Saint Aubin (Paris area): 200m² clean room for production and calibration
- Office in the USA – San Francisco – CA
- **Strong R&D** to introduce new features
- ISO 9001 Certification

More than **600 systems** sold



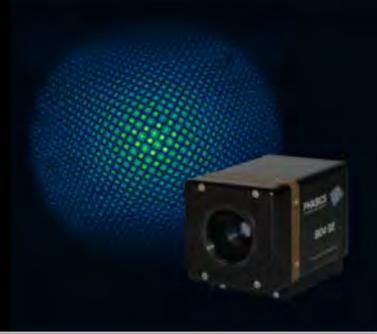
OUR CORE COMPETENCY

WAVEFRONT

ACQUISITION & ANALYSIS

Innovative patented
wavefront sensing technology

« 4-Wave Lateral Shearing
Interferometry »



Wavefront measures how the light deforms when propagating through the specimen of interest. It enables characterizing:

LASER



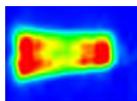
Laser Beam testing

Phase, beam profile,
 M^2 , Waist, Reileigh
length Zernike...



Adaptive Optics

Focal spot correction,
Beam shaping



Plasma density measurement

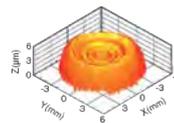
Gas & plasma density

OPTICS



Lens Quality Control

MTF & aberrations
Off axis & broadband



Surface testing

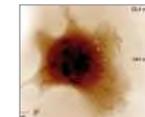
3D surface quality,
Radius of curvature



Intraocular lens ISO standard control

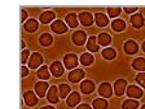
Toric, aspheric, bifocal

BIOLOGY

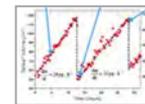


Quantitative Phase Microscope

Label-free imaging &
cell parameter
measurement



Population assays



Time lapse assays & cell monitoring

All products are **based on our patented technology**

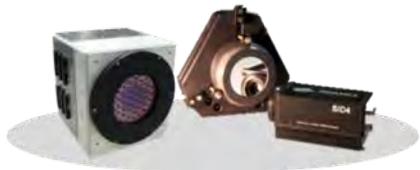
► High resolution wavefront sensors

SID4
From **UV**
to **far IR**



Customized hardware and software for each application:

LASER



OASys

Wavefront sensor +
deformable mirror

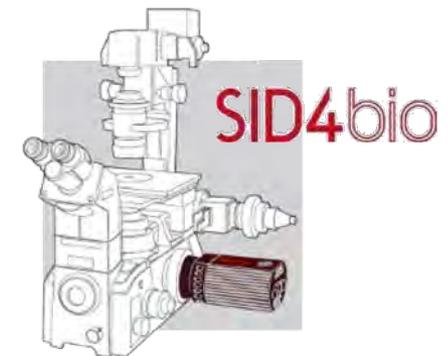
OPTICS METROLOGY



Kaleo

OEM solution & integrated bench

BIOLOGY



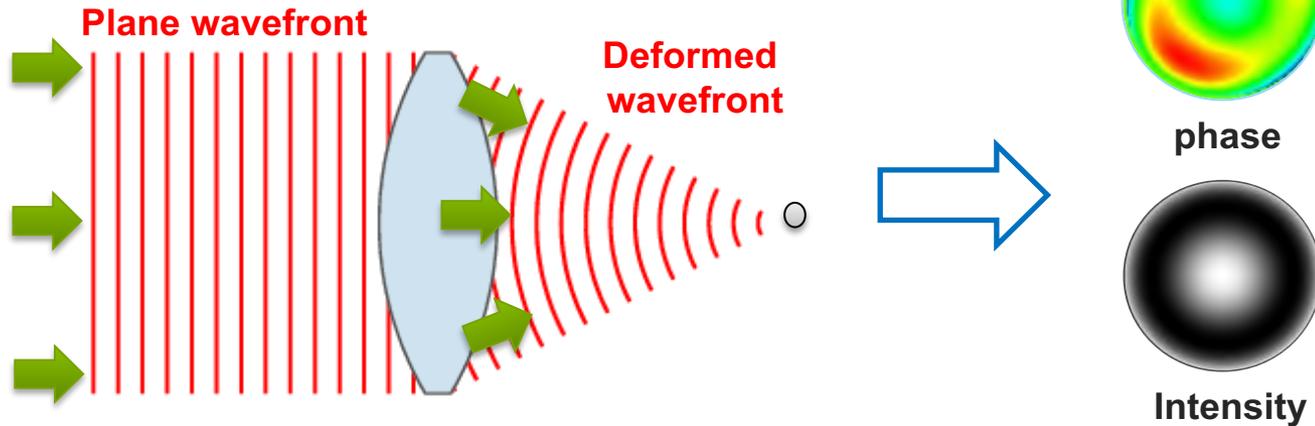
SID4bio

Plug & play camera

Wavefront Sensor Technology

Wavefront represents how the light propagates:

WAVEFRONT DEFORMATION → INFORMATION



PHASICS patented technology: 4-Wave Lateral Shearing Interferometry

► Developed to overcome Shack-Hartmann sensor limitations

1900
Hartmann Mask



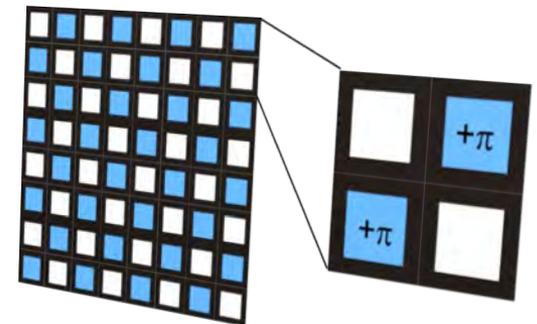
Holes

1970
Shack Hartmann Mask



Micro lenses array

2000
Modified Hartmann Mask



Diffractive grating

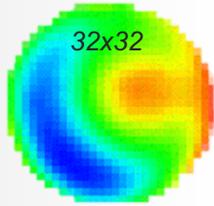
PHASICS

► Improves it and opens the path to new applications

✓ HIGH RESOLUTION

Robust calculation

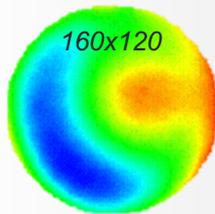
Shack Hartmann:



32x32



Phasics:



160x120

Improved sampling:

Up to 300x400 phase pixels

✓ FLEXIBILITY

Easy & fast set-up



Direct

measurement

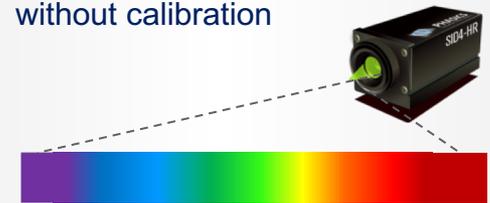
for non-collimated beam

✓ ACHROMATIC

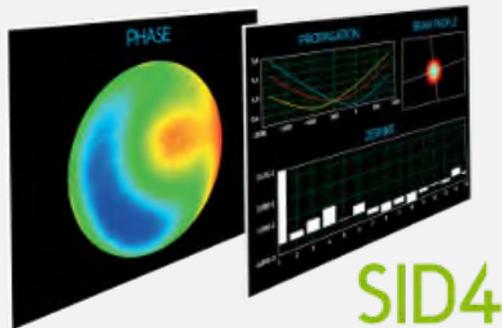
Versatile use

1 sensor for 400-1100 nm

without calibration



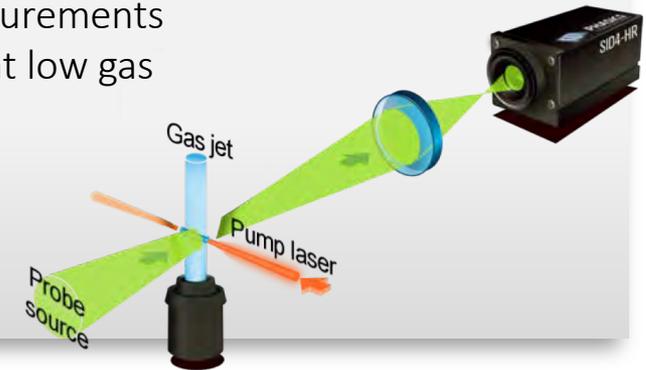
BEAM TESTING



- ✓ M^2 , Strehl ratio, Zernike, PSF
- ✓ Waist position and size
- ✓ Beam profiler

GAS & PLASMA DENSITY

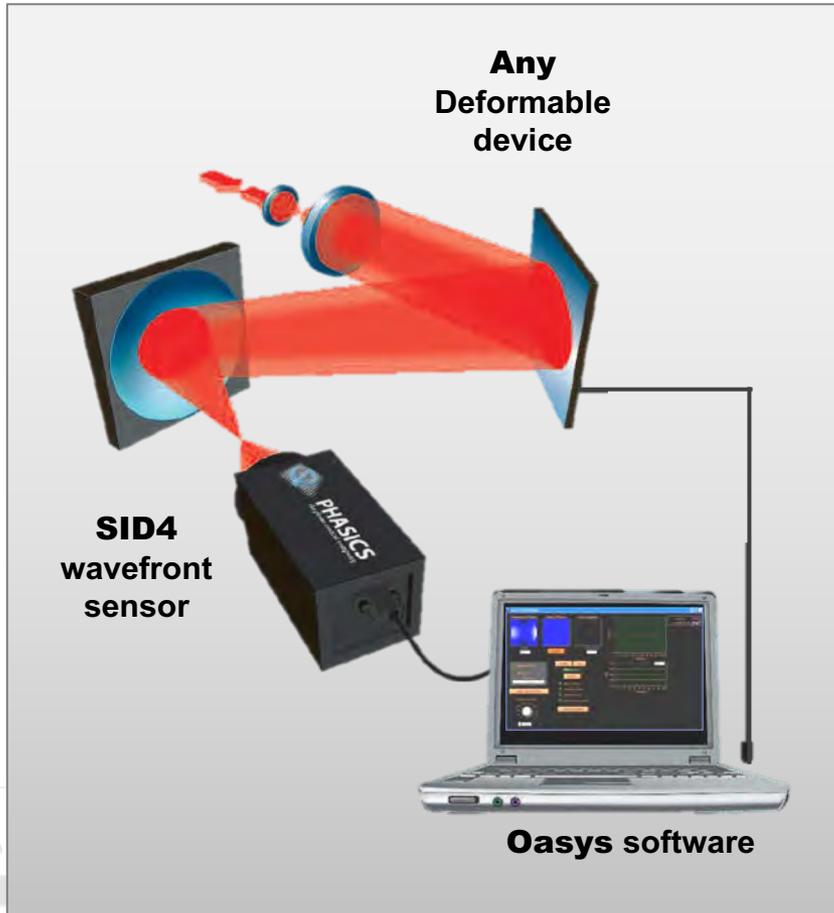
- ▶ High sensitivity
- ▶ Repeatability shot-to-shot measurements
- ▶ Accurate at low gas pressure
- ▶ No reference arm
- ▶ Any probe source



ADAPTIVE OPTICS

- ▶ With any deformable mirror
- ▶ Direct control through software
- ▶ Correction after the last parabola without an additional device





✓ Up to Petawatts

Some references:

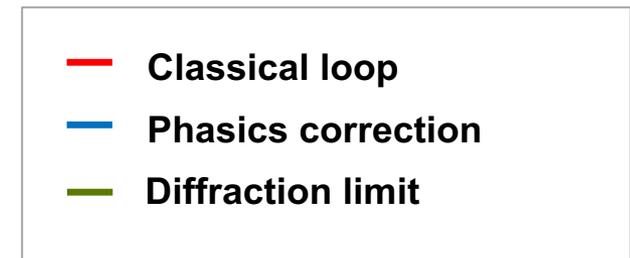
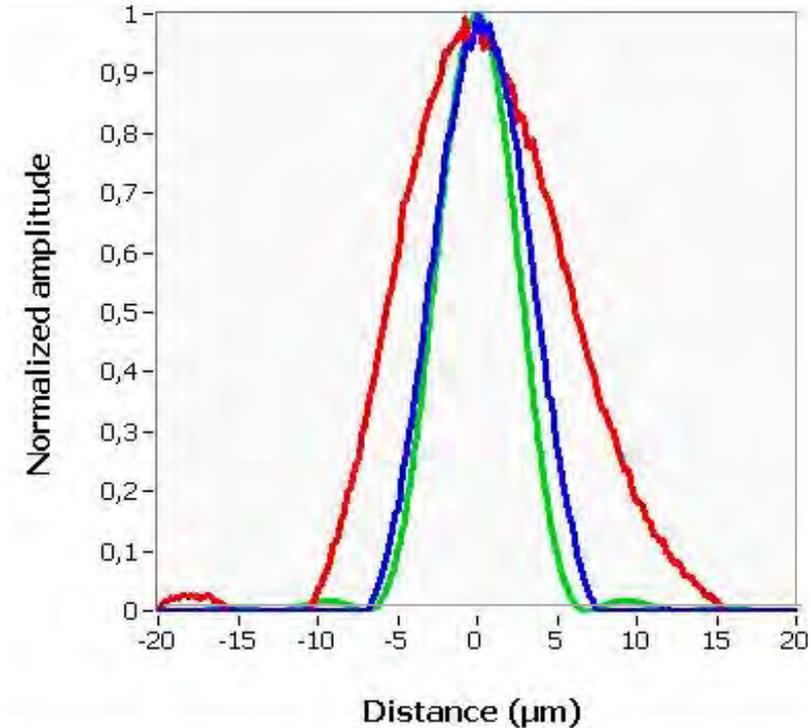
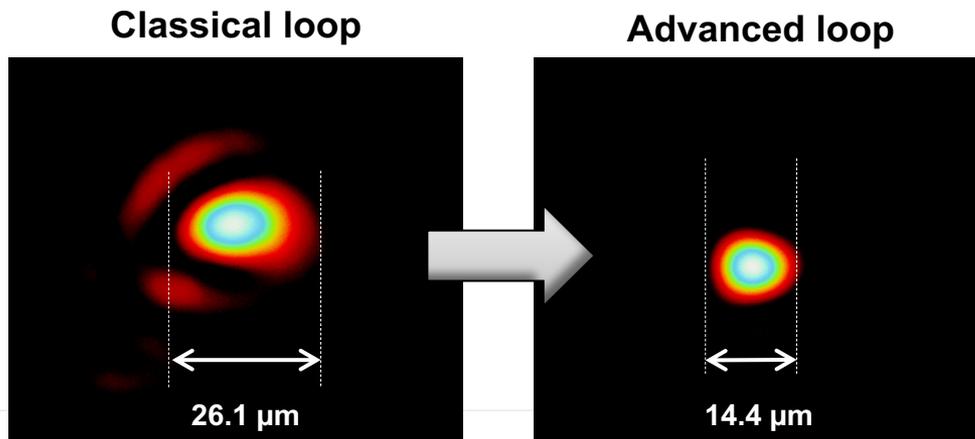


Advanced correction after focus

Advanced correction loop

After-focus correction loop for laser chain, thanks to the capacity of measuring directly non-collimated beams :

Example with a f/5 beam



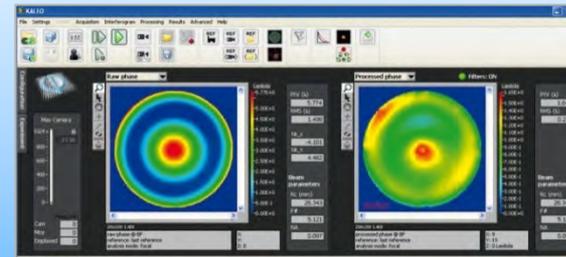
CHARACTERIZATION & ALIGNMENT OF LENS, MIRROR, SUBASSEMBLY AND ASSEMBLY

► Combination of our **unique technology** and **dedicated software**



WAVEFRONT SENSOR

*From UV
to far IR*



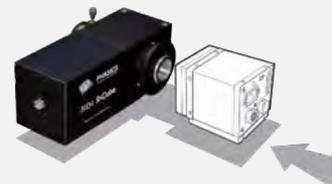
KALEO SOFTWARE

*Advanced
measurement
interpretation*

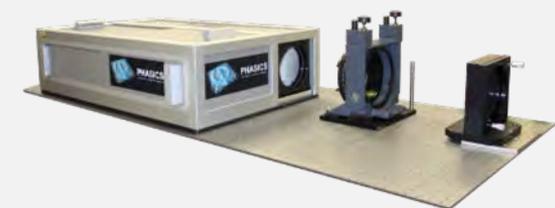
► Strong **expertise** in bench design

- OEM or Integrated bench
- Single or double pass set-up
- Multiple wavelengths on the same bench
- Customized set-up and software

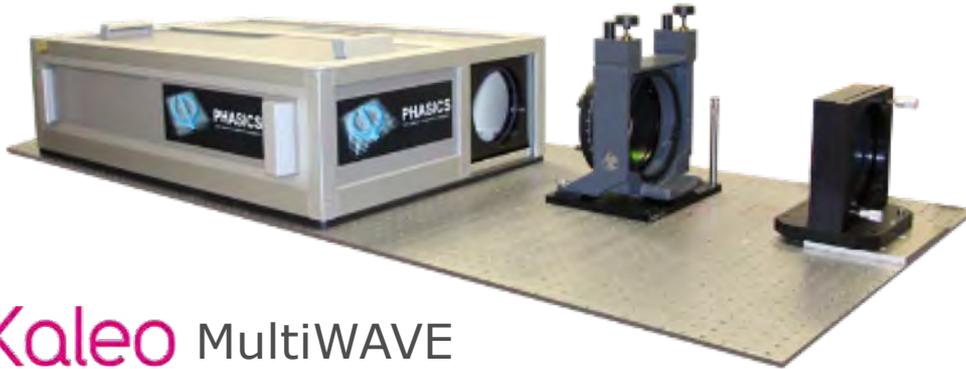
Large diameter lens/ mirror characterization



Illumination unit for
double-pass test

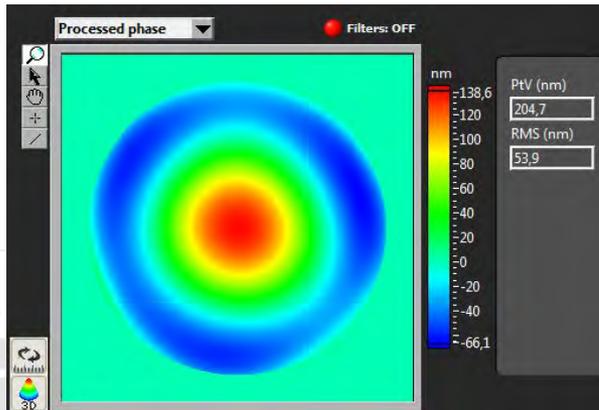


Kaleo MultiWAVE bench

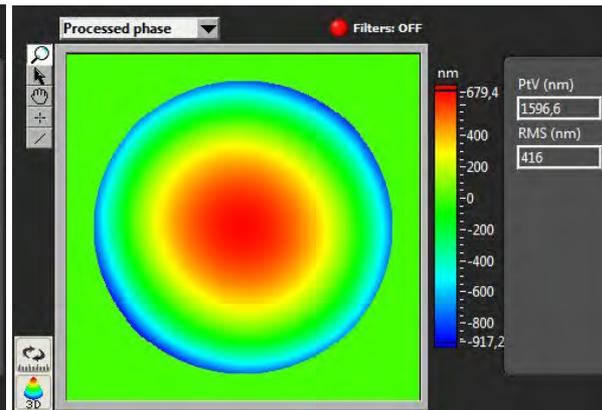


- ✓ Coated Optics and filters testing at operating wavelengths
- ✓ High dynamics surface testing

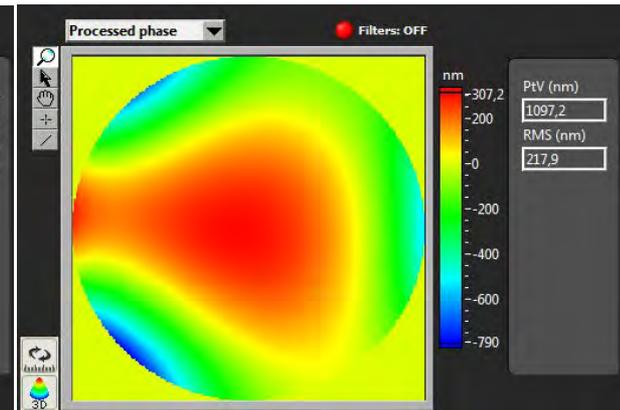
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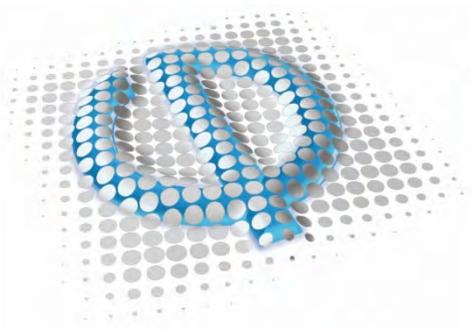
**6" WBF-633 FILTER TESTING
IN TRANSMISSION AT 633 NM**



**6" NBP-780 FILTER TESTING
IN REFLECTION AT 780 NM**



4" PLANE MIRROR TESTING



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CREMLIN WP6 Workshop

**Involvement of European Industry in the XCELS project
“Technologies for high intensity laser systems”**

Dr Andrejus Michailovas

12 December 2017



Ekspla – Who we are

Ekspla is...

- Private company producing lasers, laser systems and laser related components
- Established in 1992.11.11
- Laser department of EKSMA - established in 1983



Products



Lasers & laser systems for basic and applied research
(For "Science")



Systems for spectroscopy



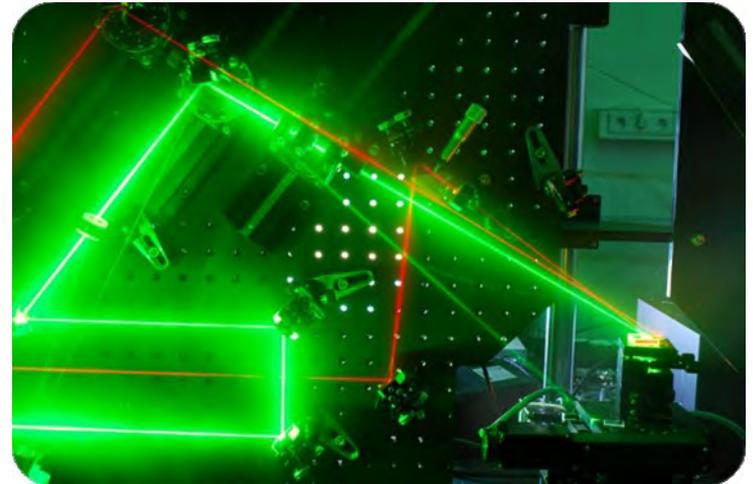
Lasers for OEM customers
(For "Industry")



Laser &
Optoelectronics
components

Core competencies

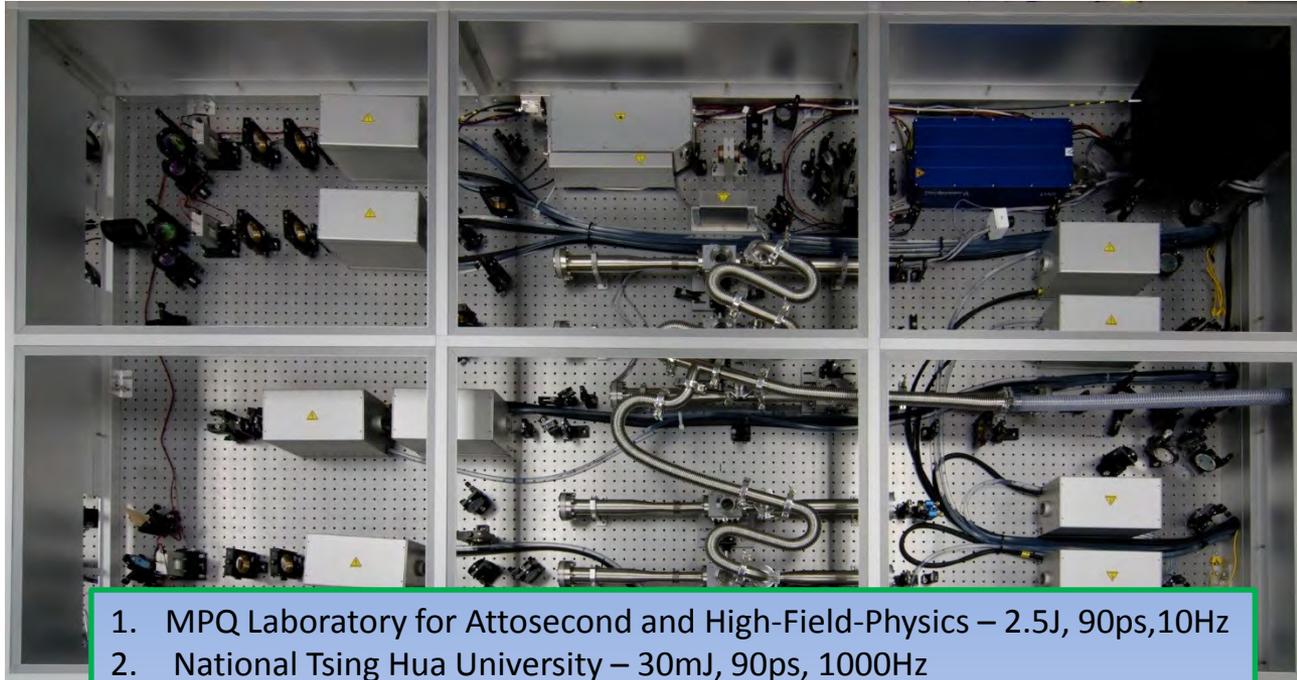
- **High peak power laser systems**
- **Short pulse generation and amplification**
- Tunable nonlinear devices (OPO, OPA, etc.)
- Nonlinear spectroscopy
- Fast high voltage electronics
- High power electronics





Technologies for high peak power lasers

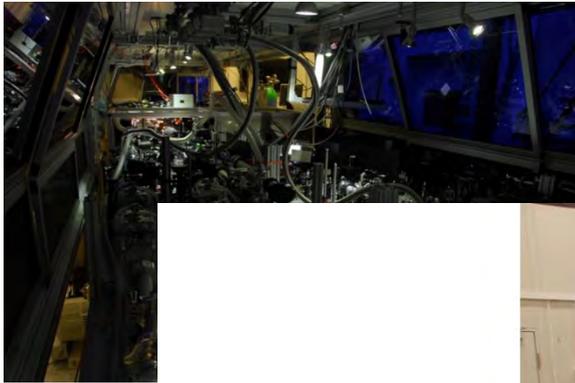
Ekspla experience in making pump laser For OPCPA



1. MPQ Laboratory for Attosecond and High-Field-Physics – 2.5J, 90ps,10Hz
2. National Tsing Hua University – 30mJ, 90ps, 1000Hz
3. AmLight KG, Austria – 1J, 100ps, 20Hz
4. Novosibirsk University – 2.5J, 90ps,10Hz
5. Vilnius University – 0.6J, 80ps, 10Hz
6. WAT - 10 J @1064nm, 2-10 ns, 10Hz
7. Warsaw University - 4 J @ 532 nm, 4 ns, 10Hz
8. National Energetics - 4 J @ 532 nm, 3 ns, 10Hz
9. Vilnius University – 90mJ, 80ps, 1000Hz
10. Lasers for ELI projects
11. And other lasers from 160J pulse energy up to 50W mean power (NDA)

Picosecond high energy system example

10 Hz repetition rate;
80ps pulse duration.

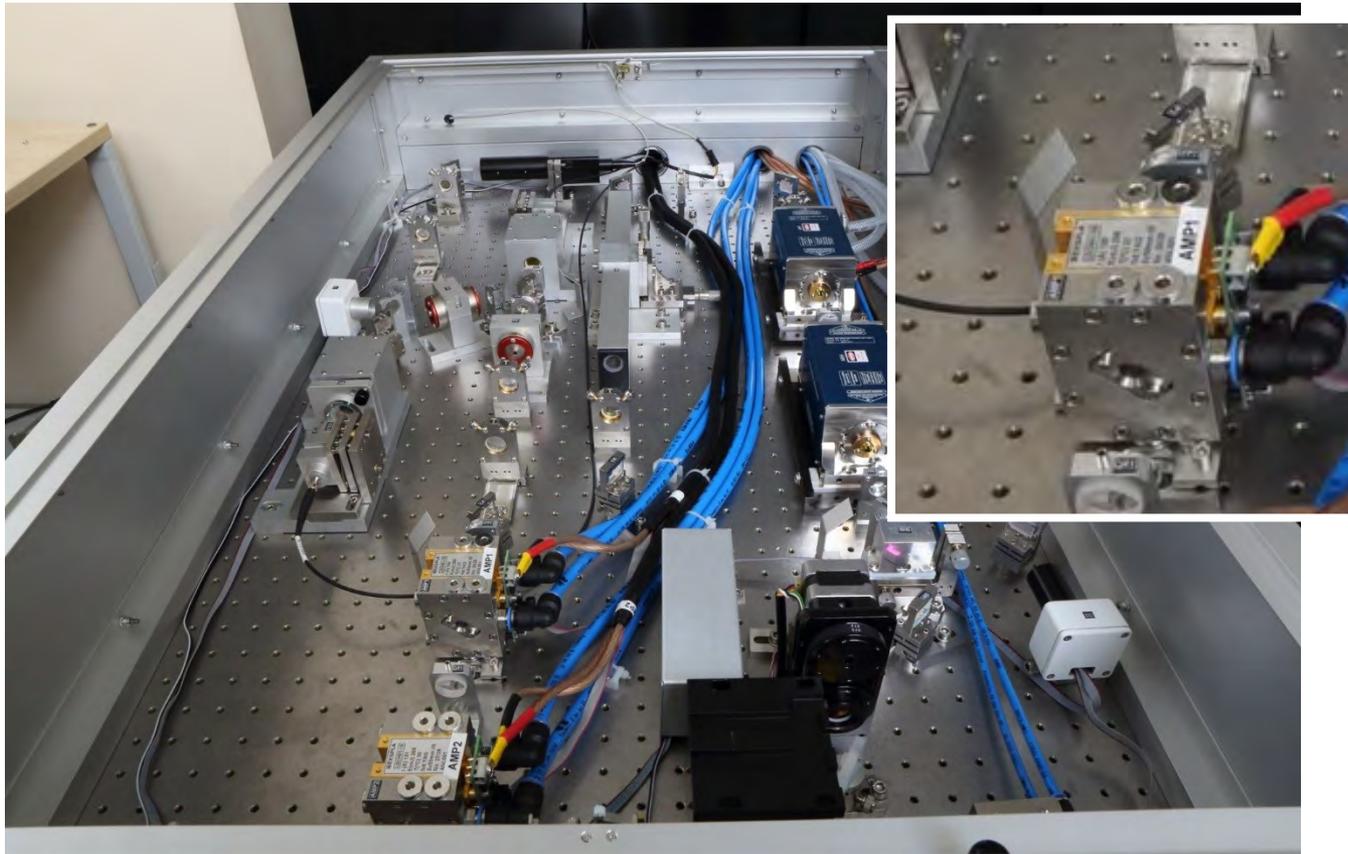


1.25 J amplifier



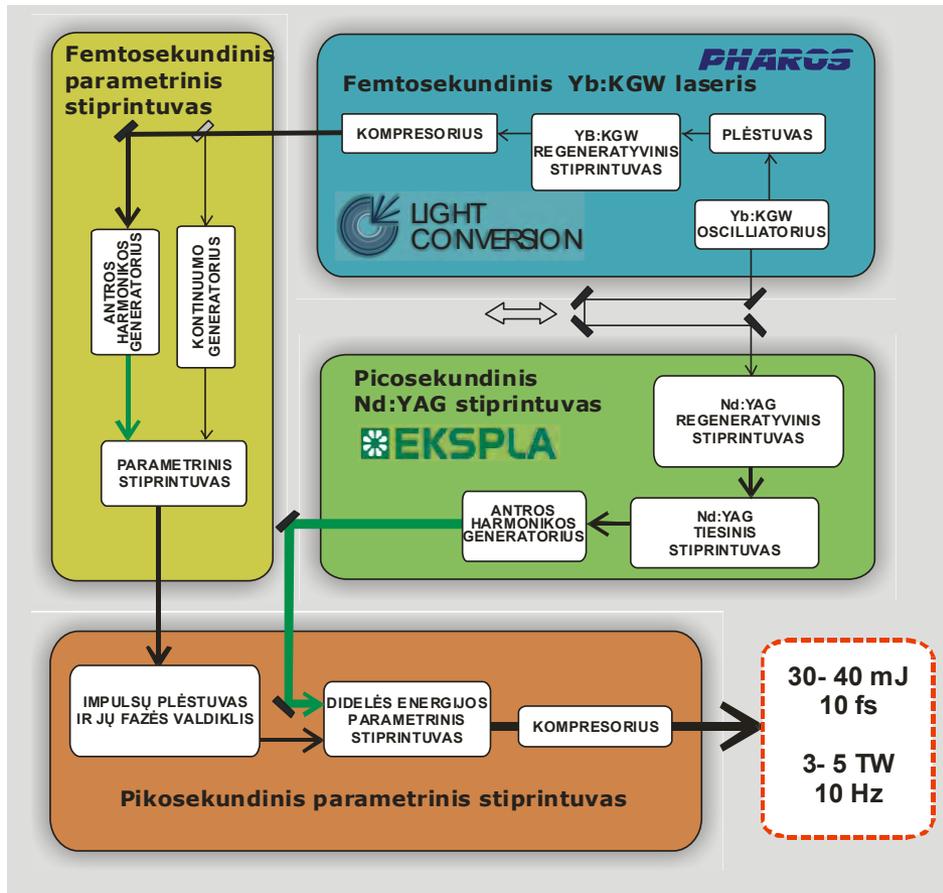
2.5J @532 nm amplifier

Up to 100Hz we are using modules of own design



High energy and >100Hz repetition rate
modules from Northrop-Grummann

“Vilnius” OPCPA Architecture



The first Lithuanian OPCPA layout

We have initiated and supported Lithuanian OPCPA projects

1. Femtosecond Yb:KGW and picosecond Nd:YAG pump lasers

- *Optical synchronization*
- *Diode pumping*

2. Multistage fs&ps Parametrical amplifiers

- *Broad spectra*
- *High pulse contrast*

ELI SYLOS-1 laser system

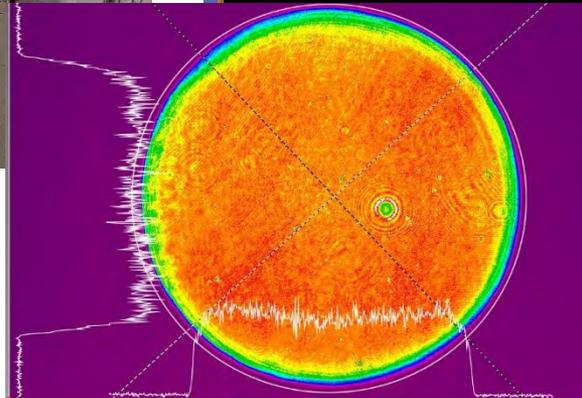
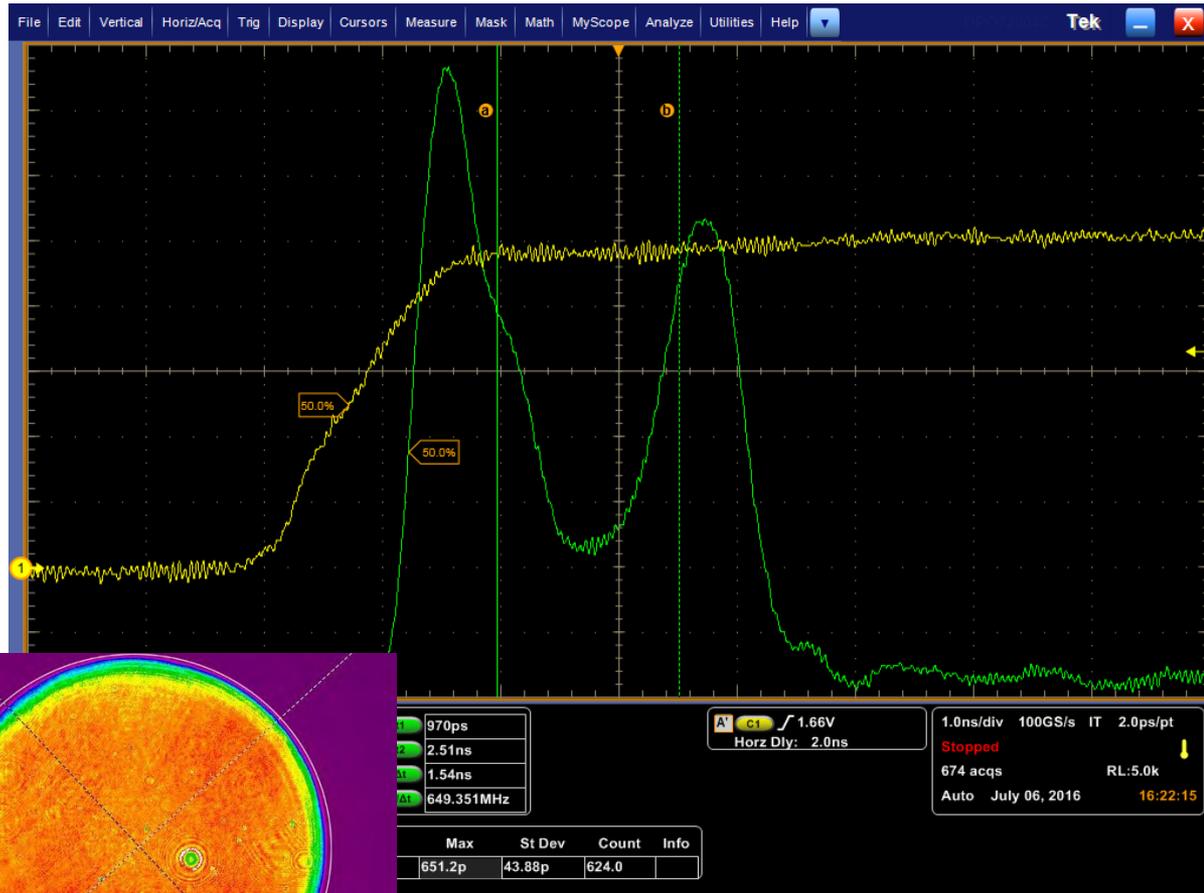


Specs:

Pulse duration	<10fs;
Pulse energy	>50mJ±0,75%
Repetition rate	1kHz;
Strehl factor	>0.8;
Contrast	>10 ⁻¹¹ ;
CEP	sub 220 mrad



OPCPA ns pump for ELI Beamlines



$E > 5\text{J}$
 $\lambda = 532\text{nm}$
 5Hz (10Hz)

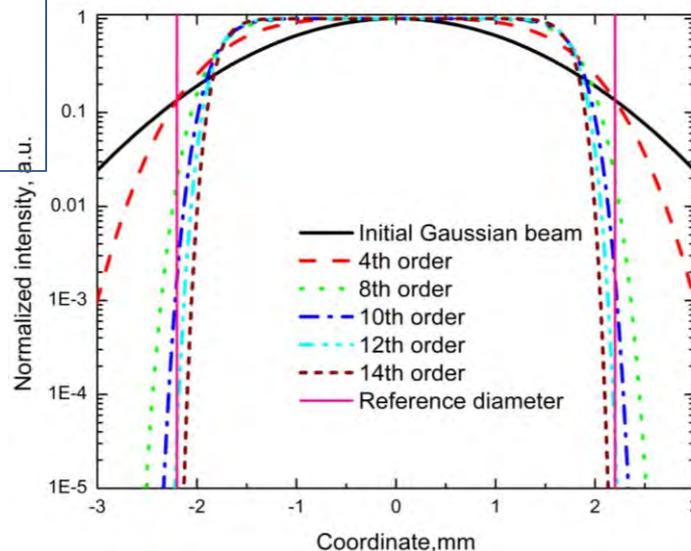


**We can propose....
There are many technologies beyond these projects.**

Example: Flexible Beam Shaping

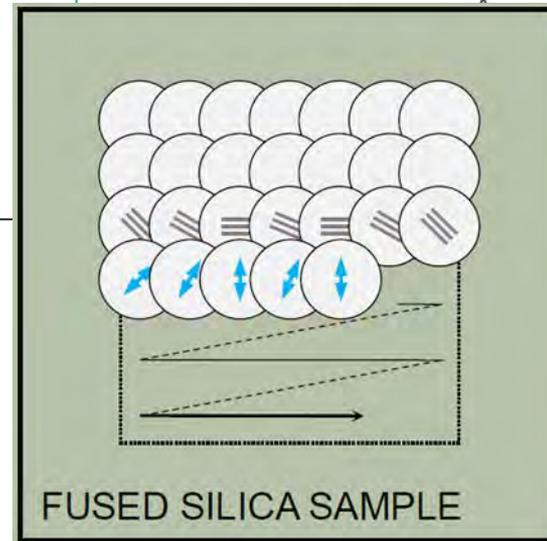
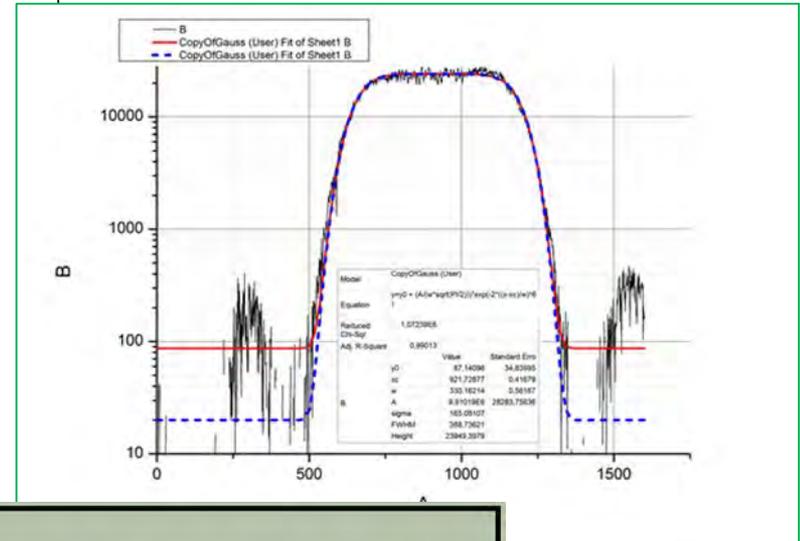
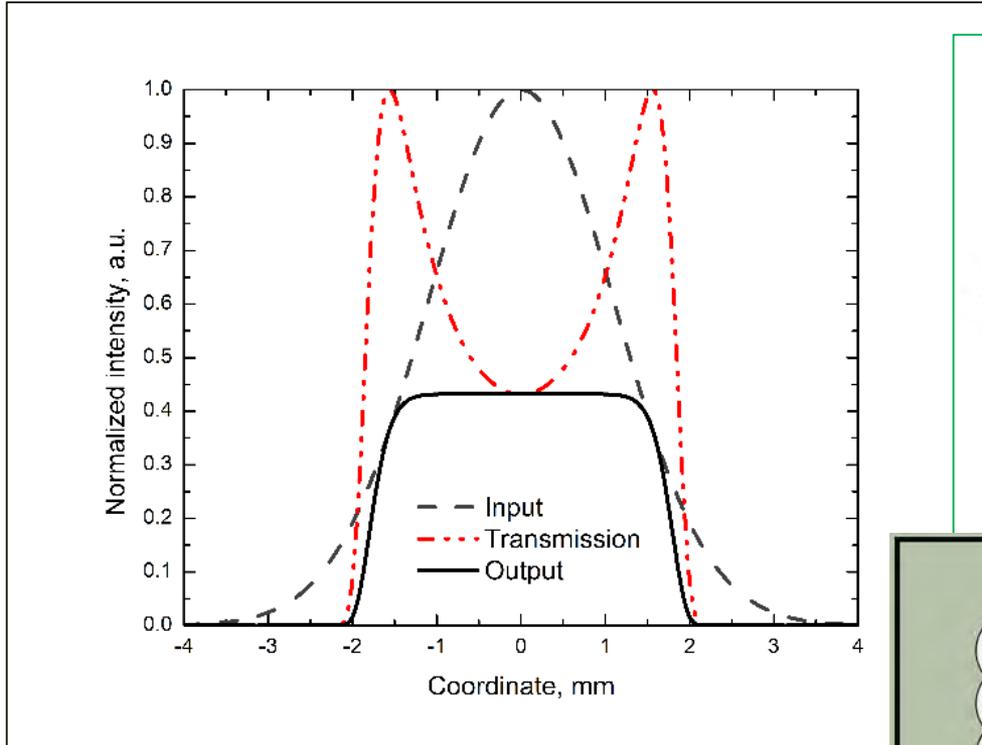
High amplifier fill factor = high system efficiency!
When dealing with high intensity – modulation is enemy.

- Example Initial Gaussian beam of fixed diameter – 4.4 mm ($1/e^2$ level)
- Diameter ratio of the beam shaper (input/output) chosen for maximum efficiency for all the orders of the super Gaussian function
- Reference diameter is 4.4 mm ($1/e^2$ level):
 - **1st stage amplifier with active medium of 5 mm in diameter**
 - **0.2 mm chamfer**
 - **0.4 mm for alignment precision**
- Order of super Gaussian chosen to **pass** through the reference diameter at 10^{-3} level to minimize modulation



How to shape beam so precisely?

Beam shaping principle

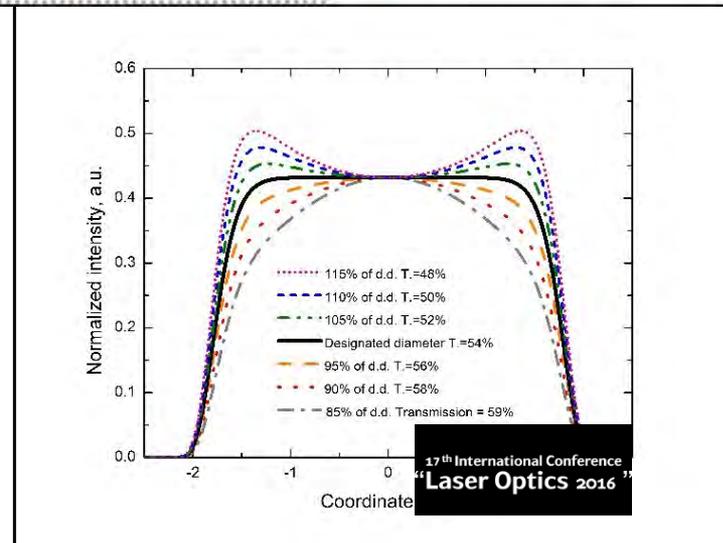
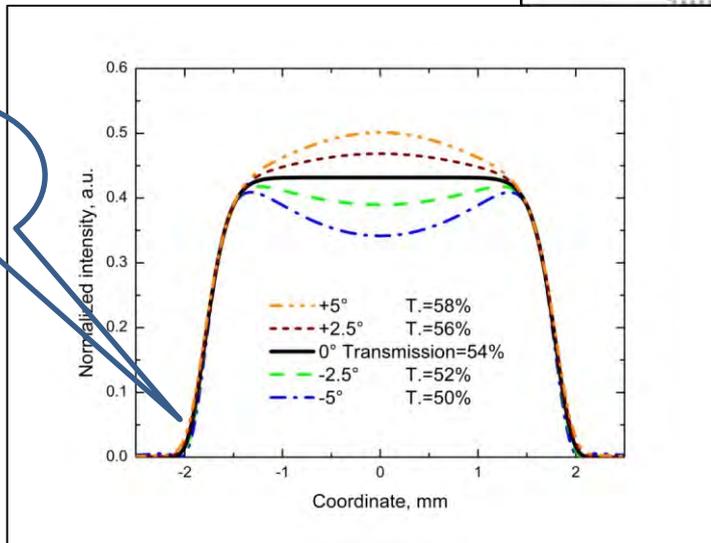
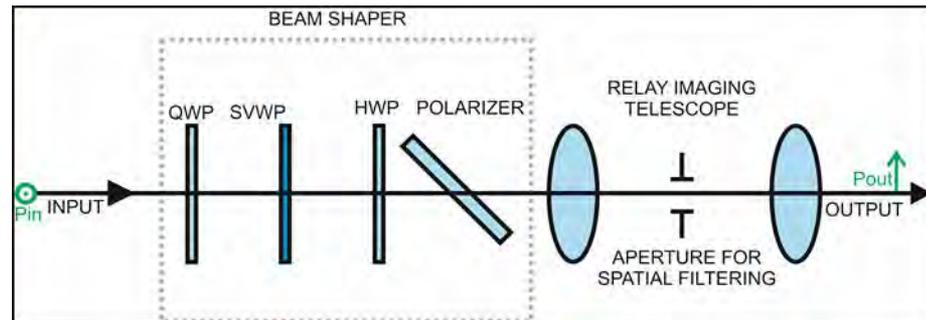


How realized flexibility?

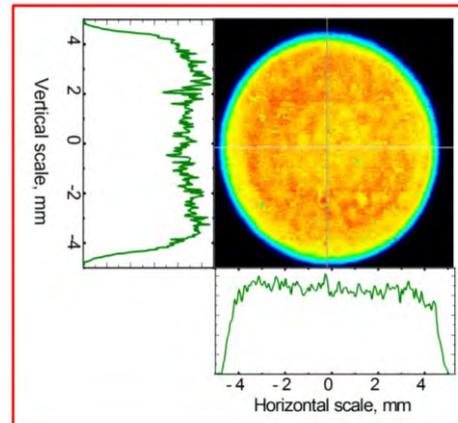
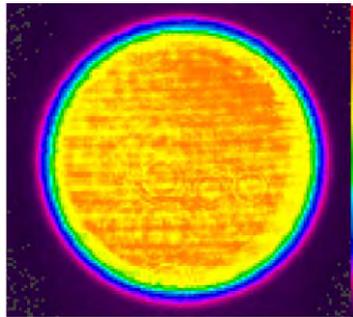
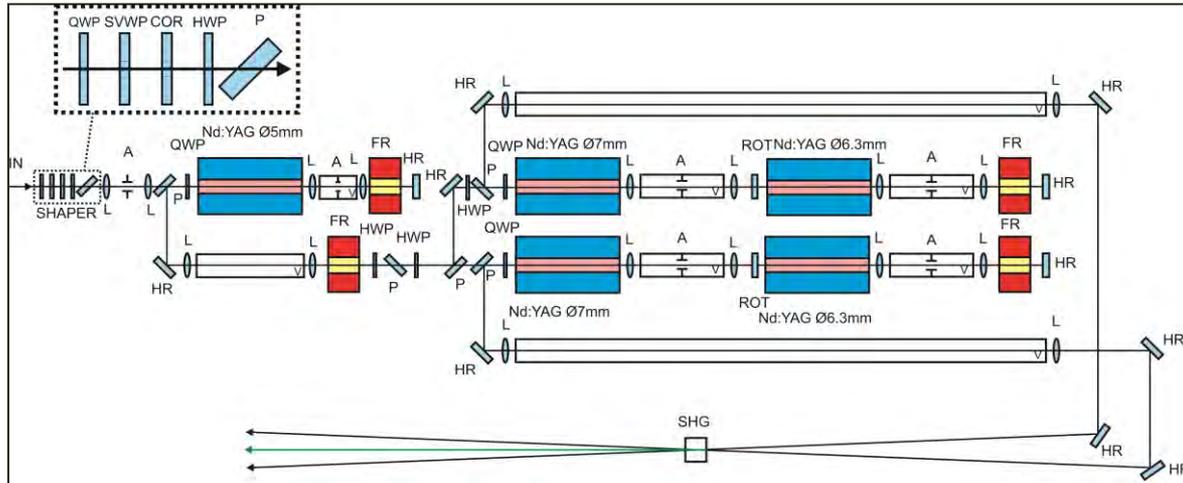
- Based on what we call Spatially Variable Wave Plate (SVWP)
- Consists of the following necessary components: a quarter-wave plate, the spatially variable wave plate with an inscribed retardance of a quarter of wave (QW-SVWP) and a polarizer
- A supplementary half-wave plate inserted between the SVWP and the polarizer makes the beam shaper easy to align and allows for additional adjustments of the output beam profile.

Advantages of SVWP based beam shaping

- Relatively high efficiency ($\sim 50\%$ for 14th order)
- Easy alignment
- Adjustable output profile



Example: Amplifier system for ps pulses



Implementation of a SVWP-based laser beam shaping technique for generation of 100-mJ-level picosecond pulses

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Portfolio: Laser components & Lasers

- Beam shaping;
- Flash-lamp power supplies and cooling units;
- LD power supplies;
- HV drivers;
- LD and flash – pumped amplifier modules;
- Broadband seed sources for frontends;
- OPCPA high contrast frontend;
- Multi-Joule ns pump lasers;
- Hundreds of mJ picosecond lasers;

Combined Yb/Nd driver for optical parametric chirped pulse amplifiers

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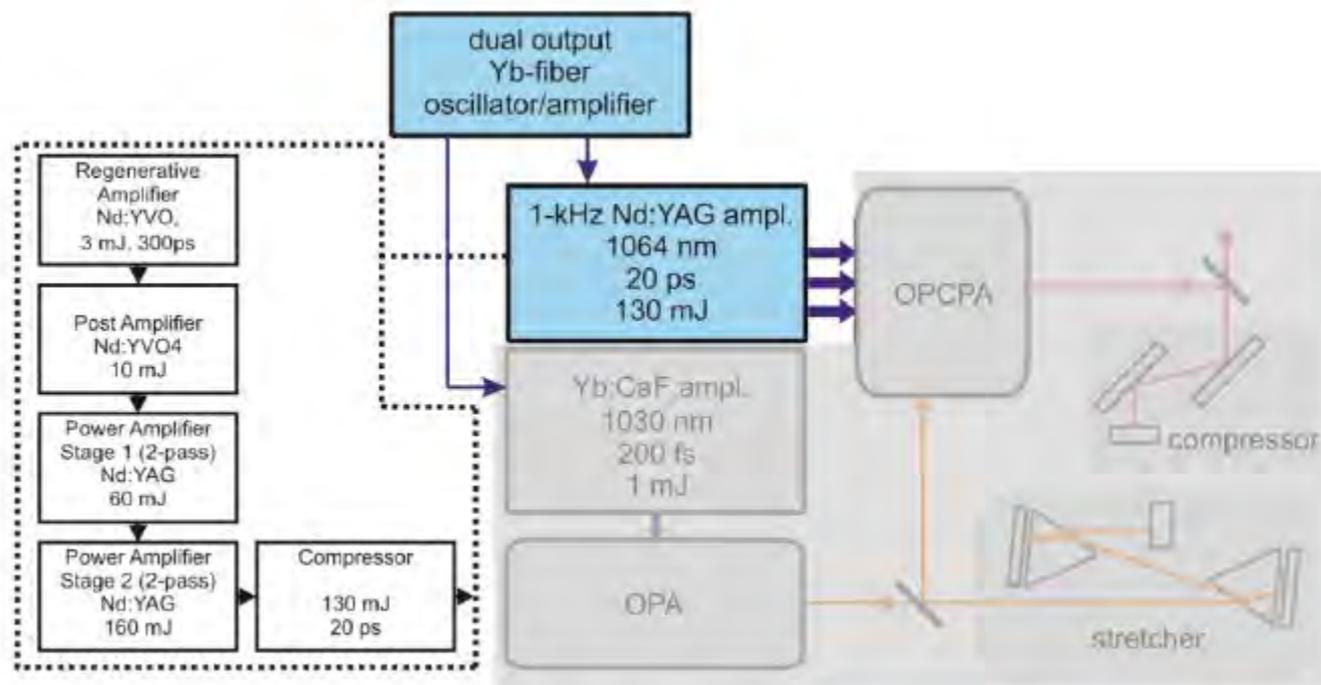


Fig. 1. Conceptual layout of an OPCPA system relevant to the one published in [17]. Related

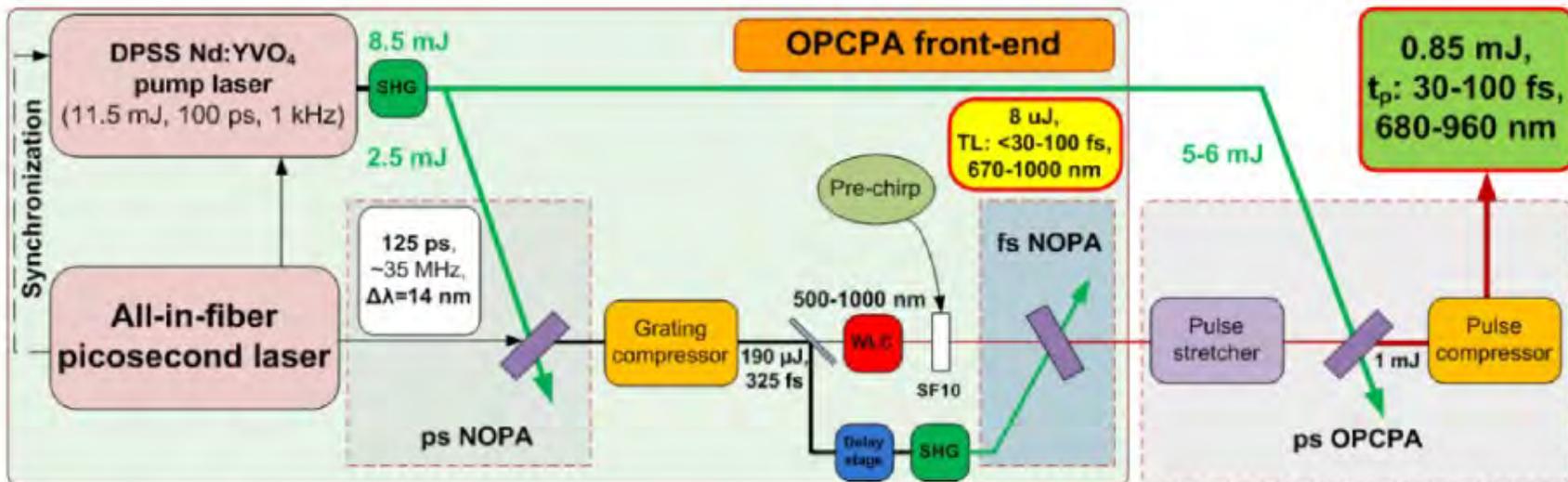
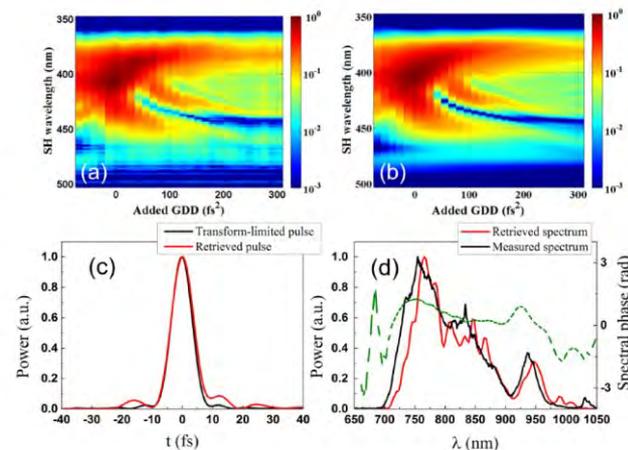
Duo fiber in 10fs OPCPA

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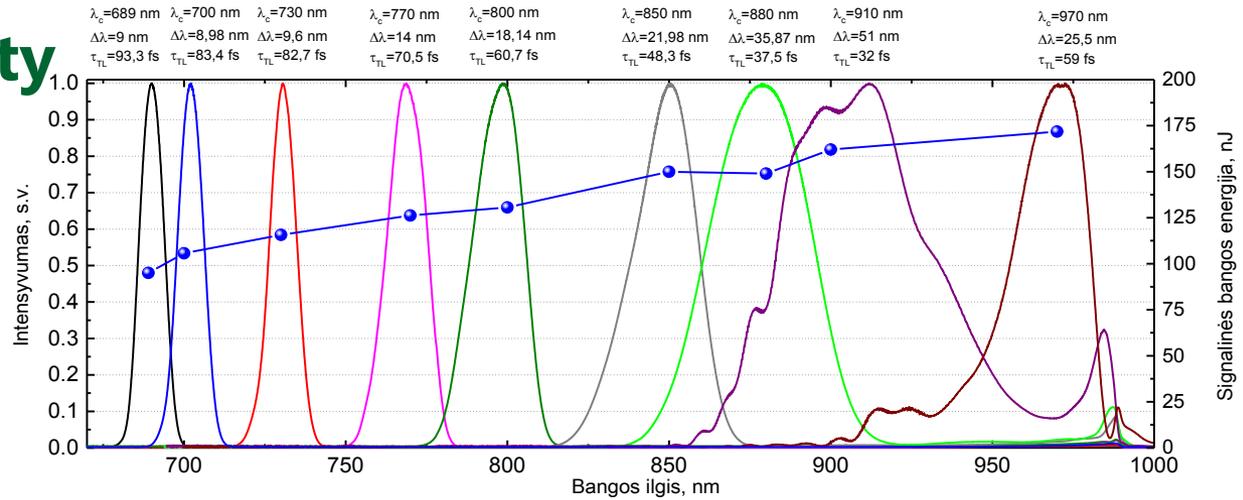
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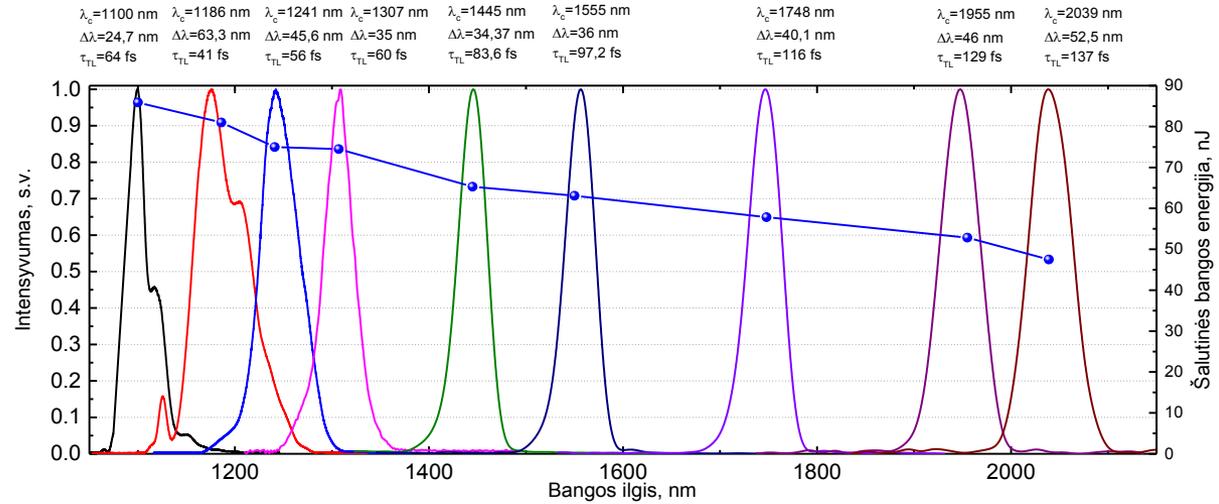
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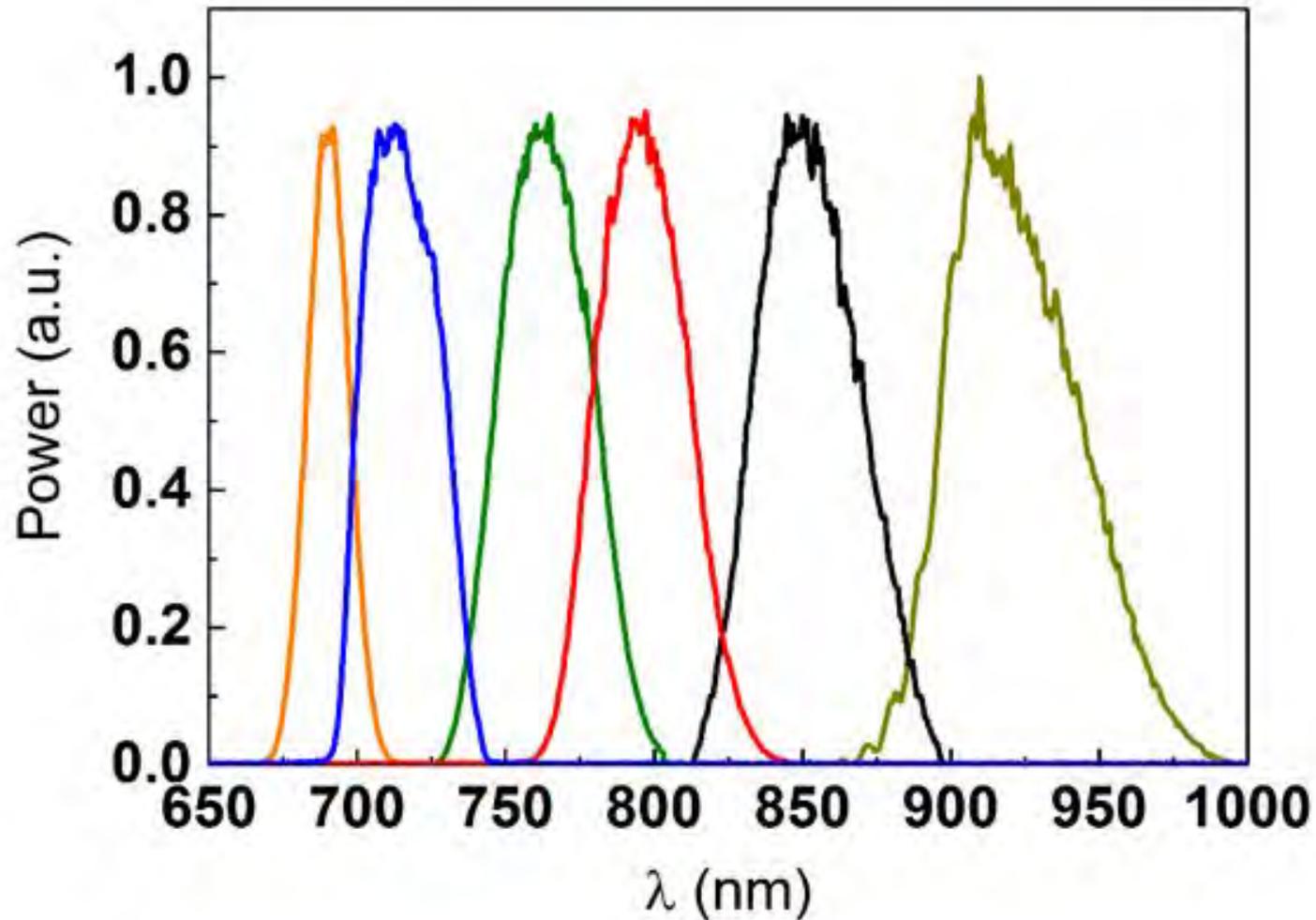


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Pav.x.15b Impulsų spektrai femtosekundinės sistemos išėjime derinant bangos ilgį.

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As conclusion:

We are company which supports our customers and partners in overcoming challenges.
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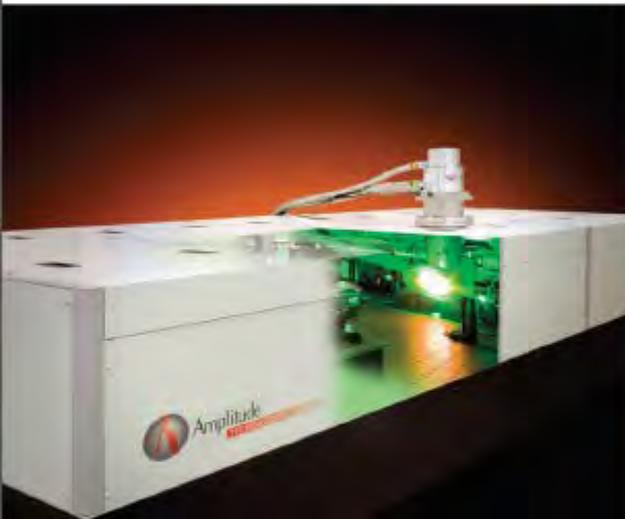
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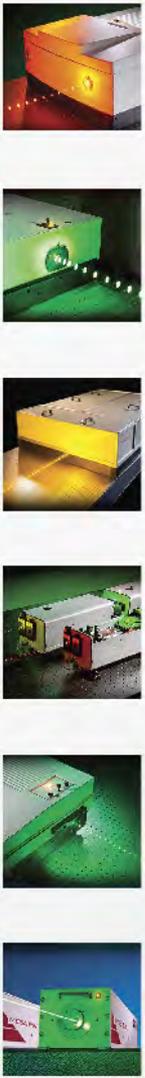
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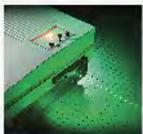
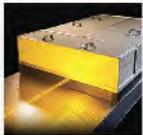
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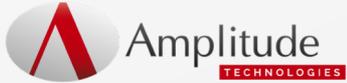
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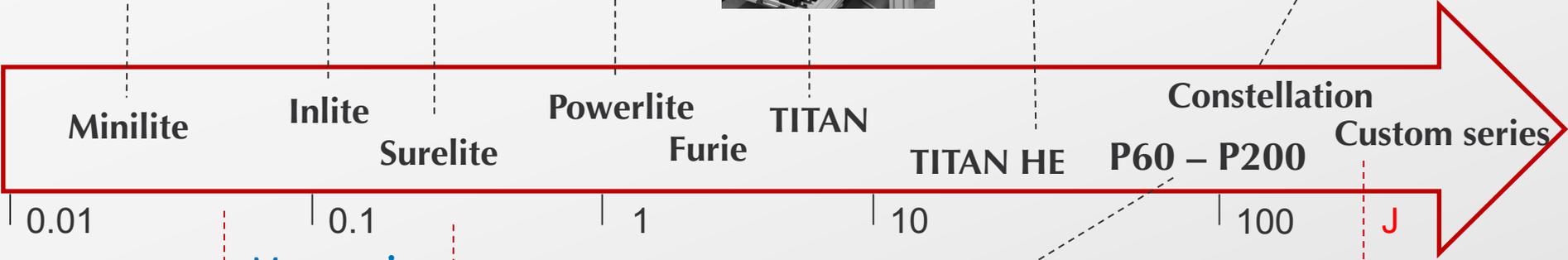
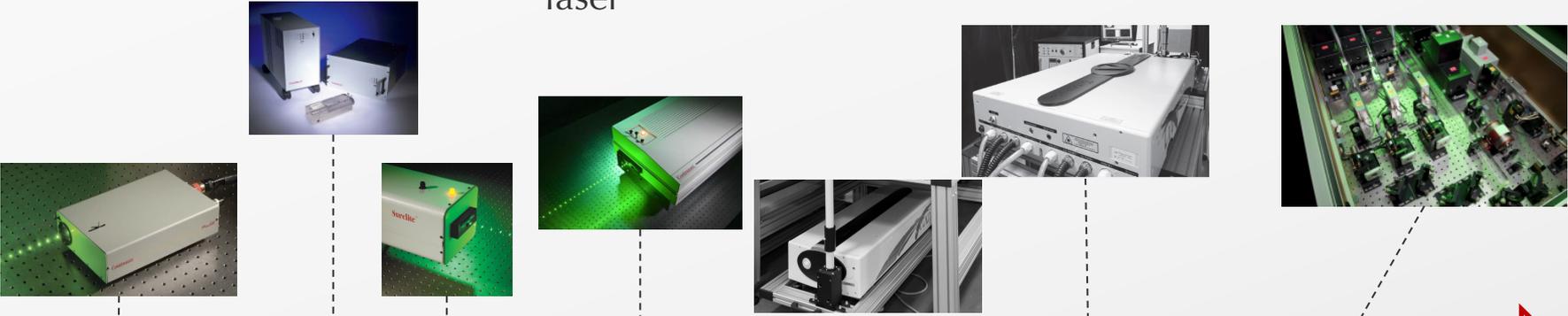


Nanosecond Pump laser portfolio



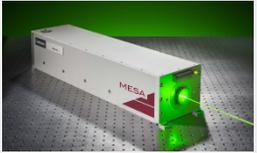
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High energy nanosecond flashlamp laser



Mesa series

Terra series



High power nanosecond DPSS laser

P:YAG and P:Glass

High pulse energy
And High average power

OPCPA pump

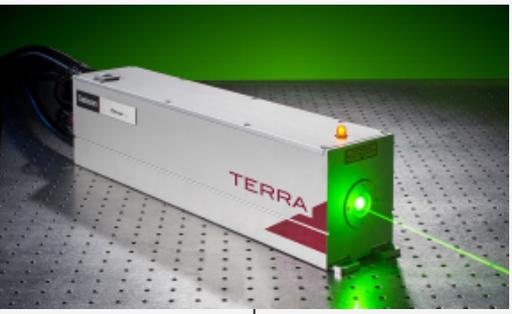


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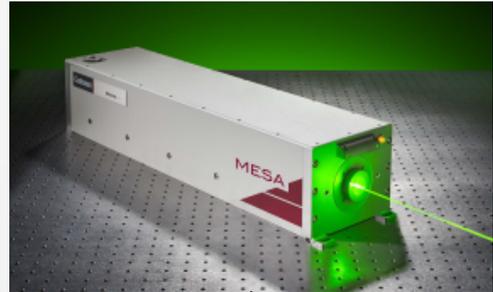
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kHz Ti:Sa femtosecond portfolio

800 nm | KHz



Terra Pump



Mesa Pump



Integra-C

1 or 3,5 mJ | 130 fs | 1-3 kHz

100 fs

Fiber oscillator – All in one box



TRIDENT kHz

3- 5 mJ | 40 fs | 1-3 kHz

40 fs

Ti-Sa oscillator- 2 boxes

AURORA

Up to 20 W | 20 fs | 10 kHz

20 fs

Ti-Sa oscillator
CEP

TableTop femtosecond laser portfolio

40 or 100 fs | 10 Hz



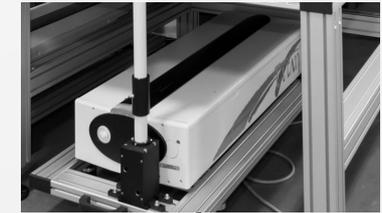
Inlite pump



Surelite pump



Powerlite pump
or



TITAN pump

TRIDENT

15 mJ | 10 Hz

LEIDA

100 mJ | 10 Hz

CENTAURUS

> 250 mJ | 10 Hz

1 J | 5 Hz

10

100 GW

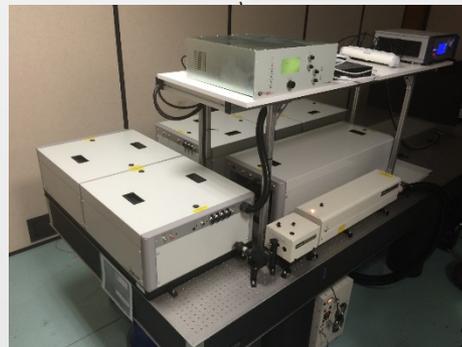
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1 TW

250

10 TW

1 000



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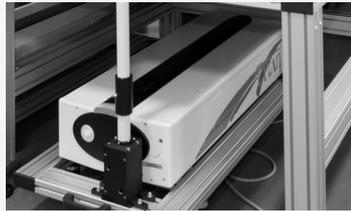
25 fs | 10 Hz



Inlite pump



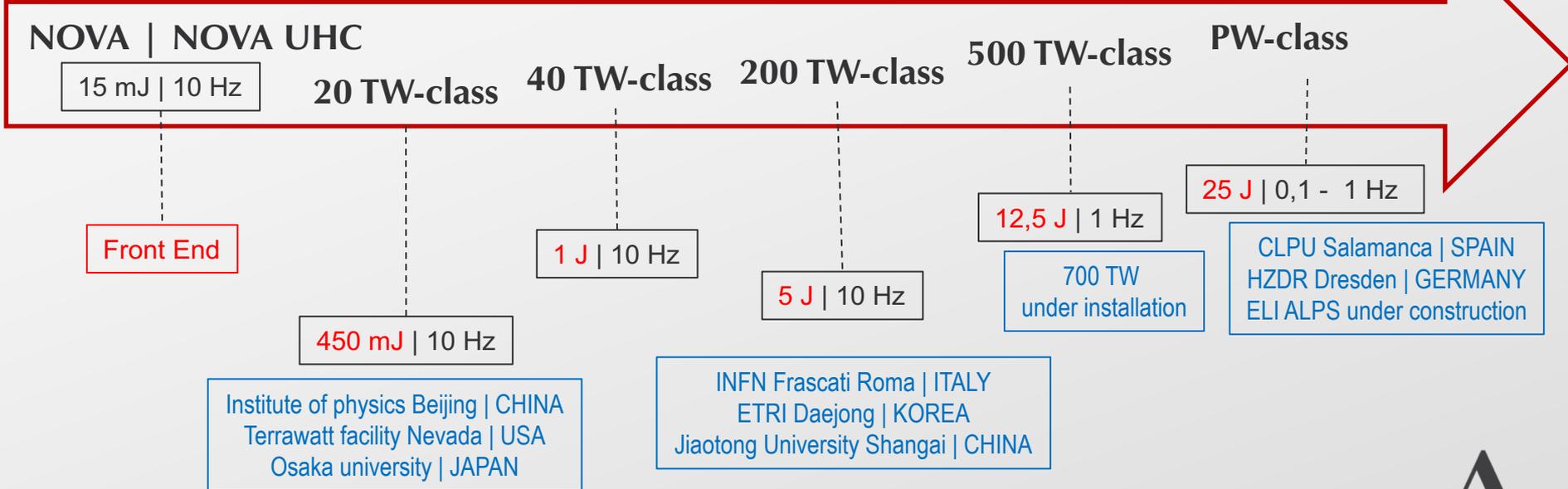
Powerlite pump



TITAN pump or TITAN HE pump



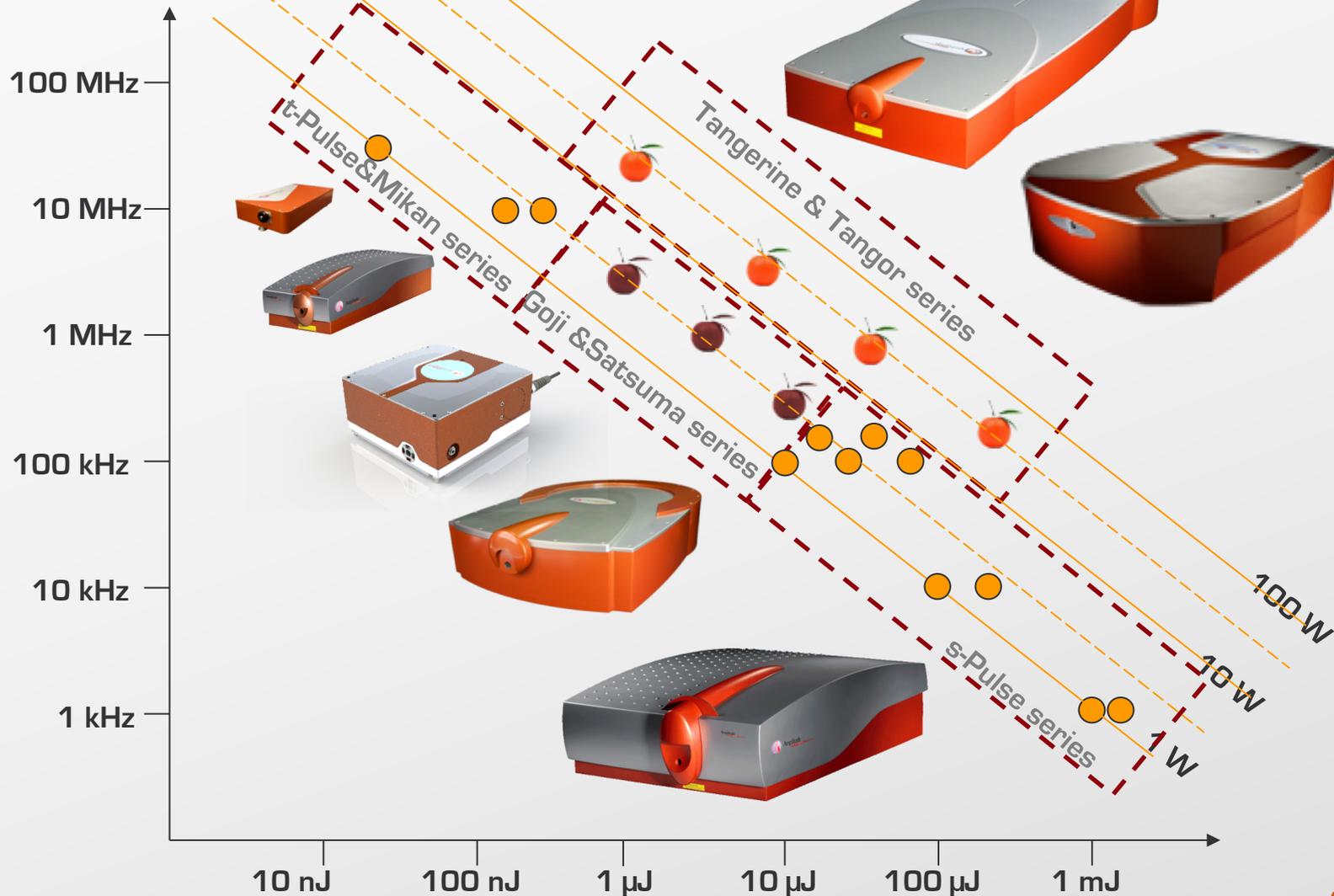
Minilite pump



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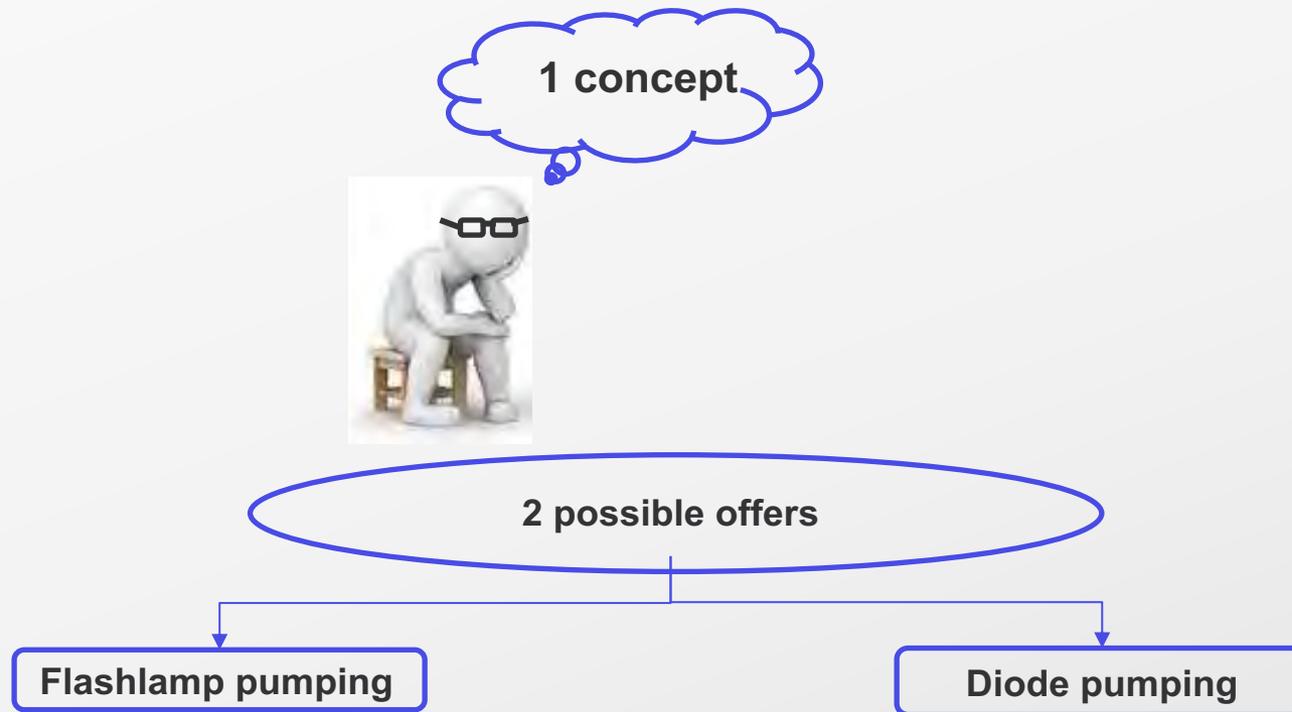
Presentation of the P60 – High Energy, High repetition rate pump.



Concept of the P60

- ^ Seeder can be adapted on demand: diode pumped, pulse shaped ...
- ^ Followed by 1 to 6 identical Nd:YAG amplifiers: high versatility for upgrade from P20 to P60.
- ^ The philosophy is :
 - Enhanced and simple thermal management (no cryo) → Longitudinal liquid cooling in gain/heat load distributed disks.
 - Same class of average power:
 - as HAPLS (diode pumped Nd:Glass – cryo gas cooled by LLNL)
 - and Dipole (diode pumped Yb:YAG - cryo gas cooled by SFTC)
 - Compatible with diode pumping
 - “Compact” Laser: footprint 1.5 x 4.8 m²
 - Applications: OPCPA pumping, Ti:Sa pumping, Laser shot peening ...

P-serie: 1 concept but 2 offers



- 'Low cost' of acquisition (~1/4 of competitors) per Joule
- Larger market can be addressed
- Similar rep-rate and specs as diode-pumped competitors thanks to efficient heat management

- High cost of acquisition but similar to competitors (same per Joule as competitors)
- Small market can be addressed
- More than ~5 times higher rep-rate as competitors with same heat load as managed today → **> 3.5kW average power: 75J, 50Hz @ 1064nm**

'Serie P': Nd:YAG – 10Hz flash version

	P30	P40	P50	P60
Amount of DAH	3	4	5	6
Pulse duration, ns	Compatible 4ns and more*			
Rep-rate, Hz	Up to 10 Hz			
Energy @ 1.06 μm , J	40	52	64	75
Beam profile @ 1.06 μm	Round, Top Hat, diam. 55mm			
Energy @ 532nm, J	30	40	50	60
Beam profile @ 532nm	Round, Top Hat, diam. 45mm		Round, Top Hat, diam. 55mm	

'Serie P': Nd:YAG – up to 100Hz diode version

	P30	P40	P50	P60
Amount of DAH	3	4	5	6
Pulse duration, ns**	Compatible 4ns and more*			
Rep-rate, Hz	Up to 100 Hz			
Energy @ 1.06 μm , J	36	48	60	70
Beam profile @ 1.06 μm	Round, Top Hat, diam. 55mm			
Energy @ 532nm, J	25	30	40	50
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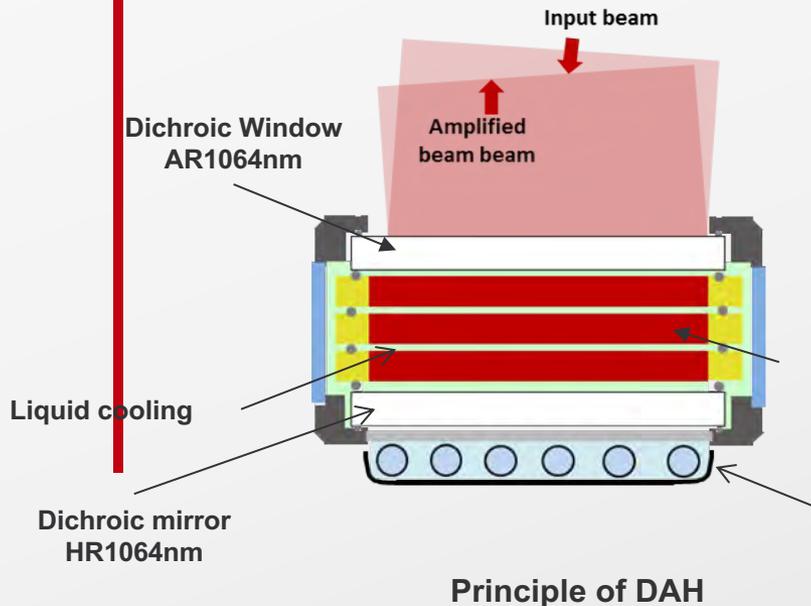
*Shorter duration available with derated energy.

Amplifiers core technology: the Disk Amplifier Head

Design of Disk Amplifier Head (DAH)

- ^ Improved 'Active mirror' configuration
- ^ Nd-doped materials

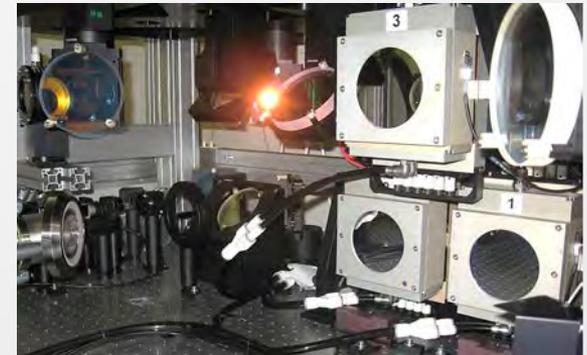
- ^ Low cost → Flashlamps pumping
- ^ High capacity of heat load extraction
- ^ Limiting thermal effects: longitud. cooling



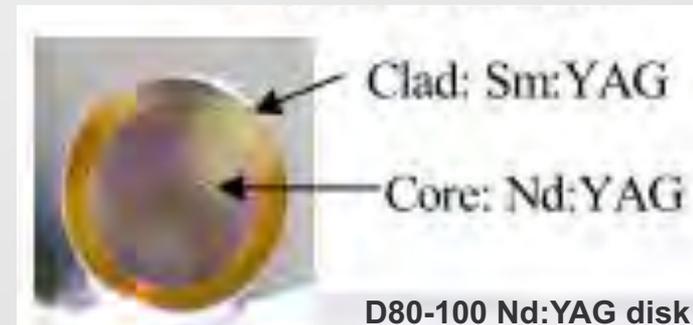
Principle of DAH

Nd:YAG Disks:
10mm,

Liquid cooled
Flashlamps



Triplets of DAH



Advantages of our concept

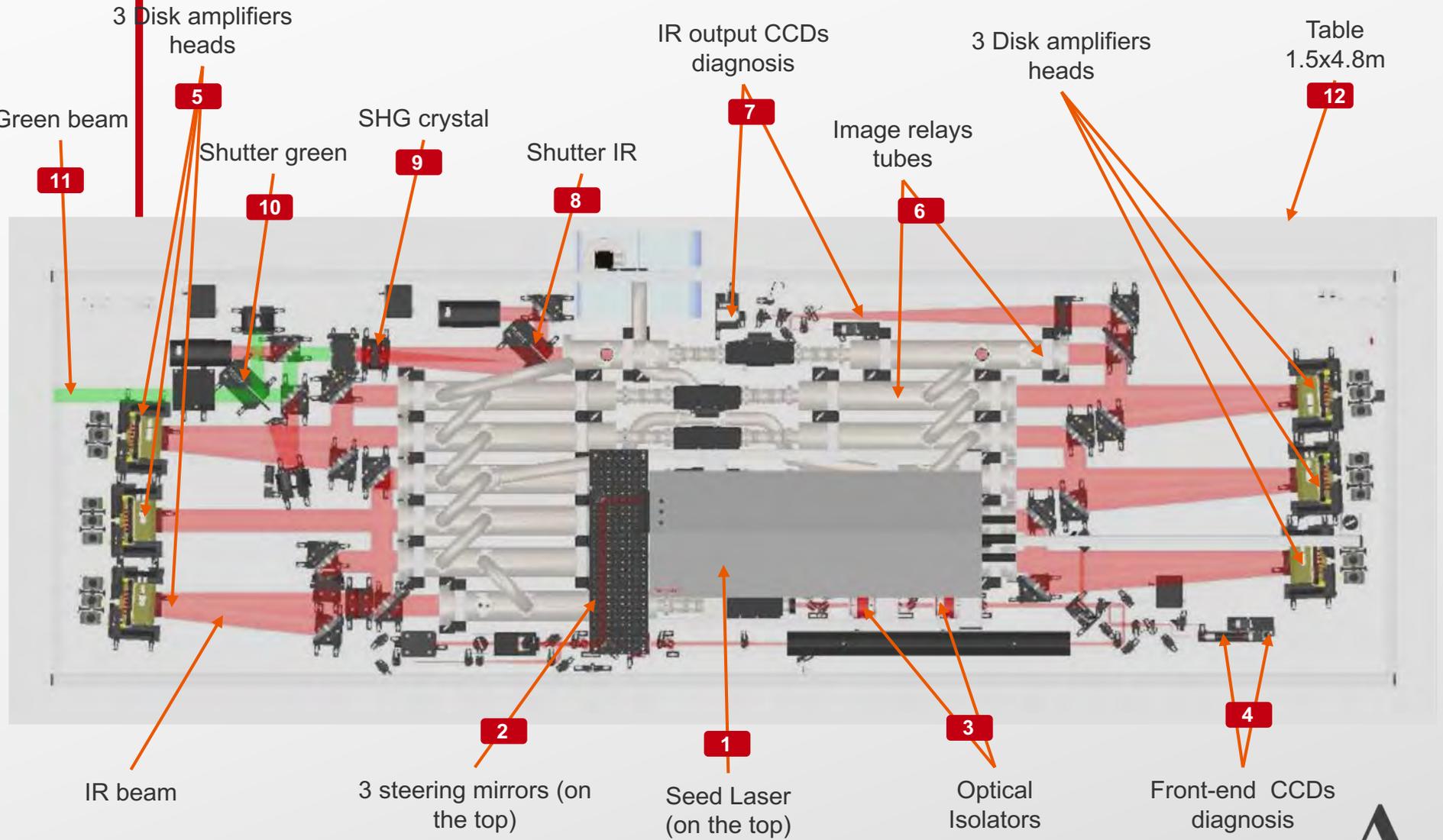
- High efficiency: optical % electrical stored energy is 2% with flashlamps pumping. And ~11% electrical-optical efficiency with diodes pumping.
- High gain per pass
- Almost 0° incidence → loss insensitive to polarization
- Almost perfect overlap of incident & reflected beam → high filling factor for efficient energy extraction
- Amplification possible in vertical & horizontal polarization or circular polarization → birefringence compensation with quartz rotator is possible
- Double pass configuration with $\lambda/4$ or Faraday rotator possible
- No angular multiplexing → compact and versatile configuration, low fluence on every optics ($1.7\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$)
- Diode pumping possible
- 100Hz diode pumping with Nd = 2% cycle ratio
= max cycle ratio in QCW
~ same stored energy as Yb
- Damage threshold validated up to $9\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$ incident @ 15ns
- Low residual birefringence (few % depolarization only at full thermal load)
- Low thermal focal length (-1000 meters)
- Low cost for flashlamps pumped version



**Diode package for HAPLS:
800kW peak power @ 888nm
@ 10Hz – 10kW/cm² peak power**

6-7kW/cm² required for Nd:YAG

P60 flashlamps pumped version



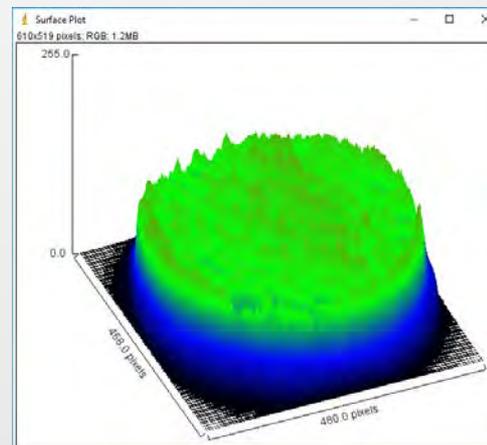
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Demonstrated performances of the Laser P60

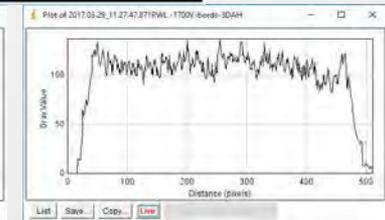
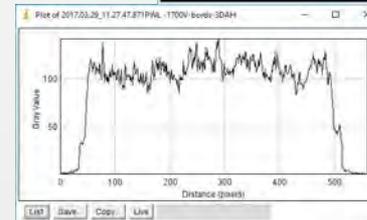
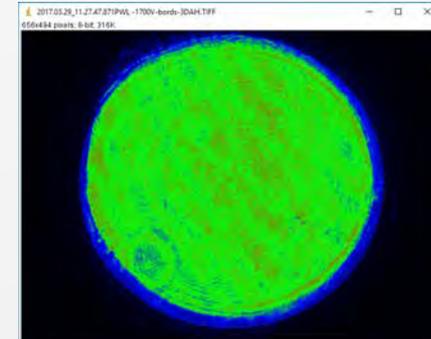
Demonstrated beam profile at 1064nm (no DOE) @ 5HZ



Burn paper at 78J level at 1064nm:
beam diameter is 80mm



3D view

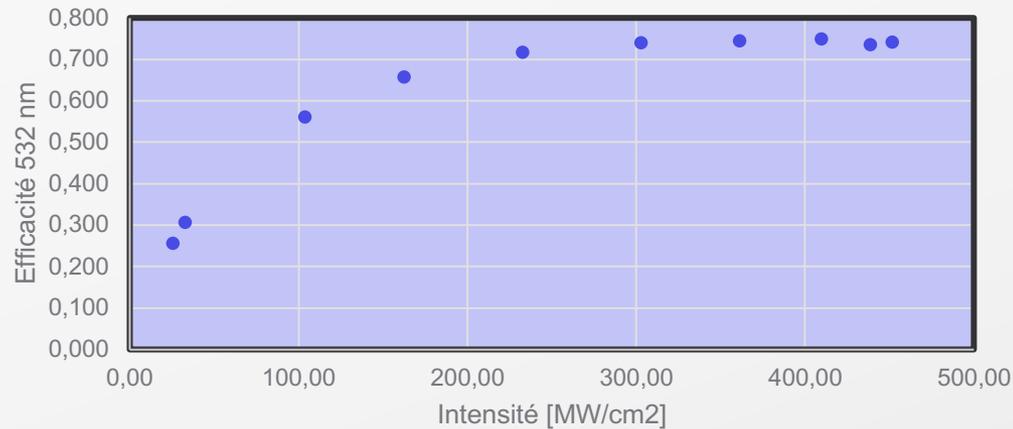


Horizontal beam profile Vertical beam profile

Demonstrated performances at 532nm (no DOE) @5Hz

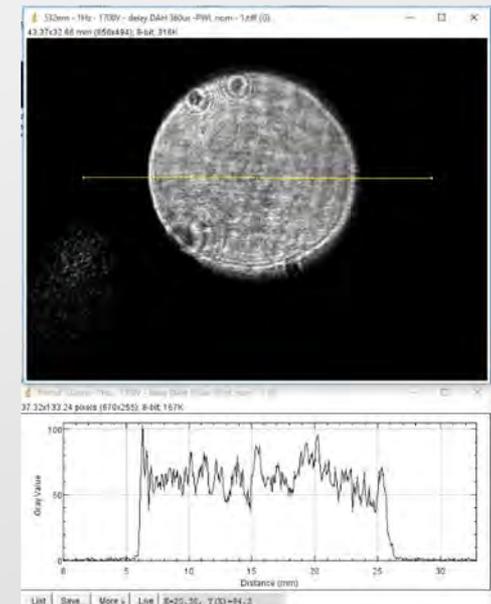
Demonstration of 58J at 532nm at in LBO type I, diam. 65 thick. 18

Cristal Laser LBO 2,8J/cm²

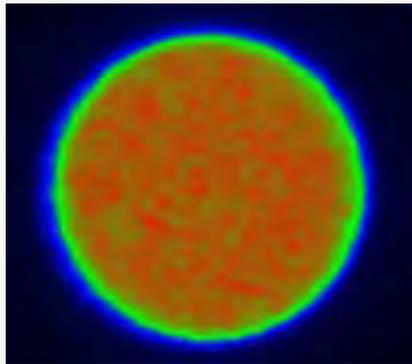


75% SHG efficiency demonstrated with 5-6ns gaussian temporal pulse @ 2.8J/cm² incident fluence

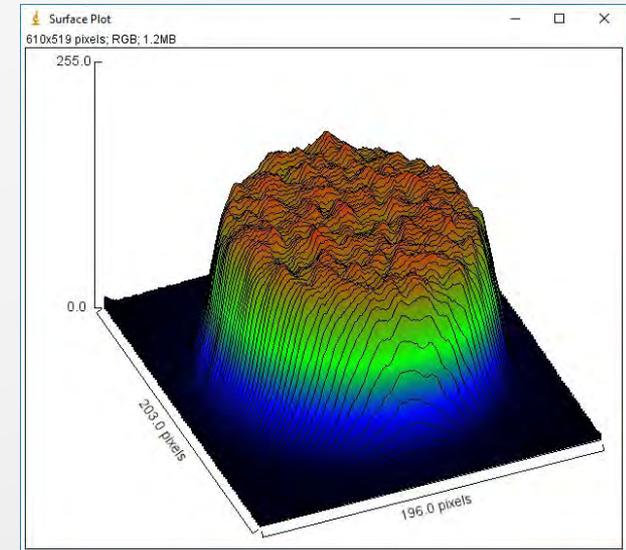
Beam profile in the green @ 75% SHG efficiency



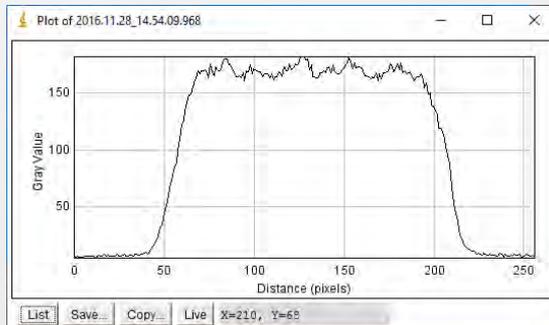
Demonstrated beam profile at 532nm Once homogenized with DOE



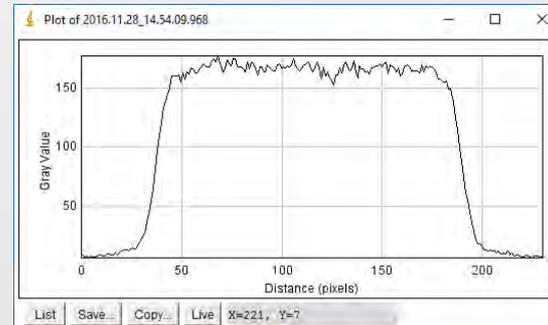
2D beam profile @ 532nm
with 8mrad full angle DOE



3D beam profile @ 532nm



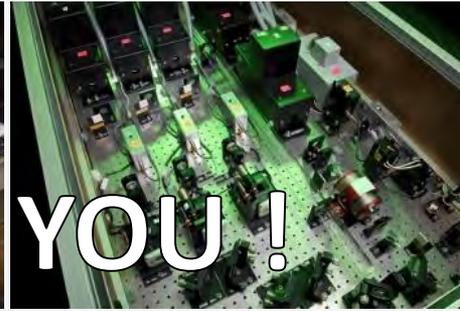
Horizontal



Vertical

The P60 in the lab.





THANK YOU !



Meter-Size Gratings for XCELS

Laser Pulse Compressors

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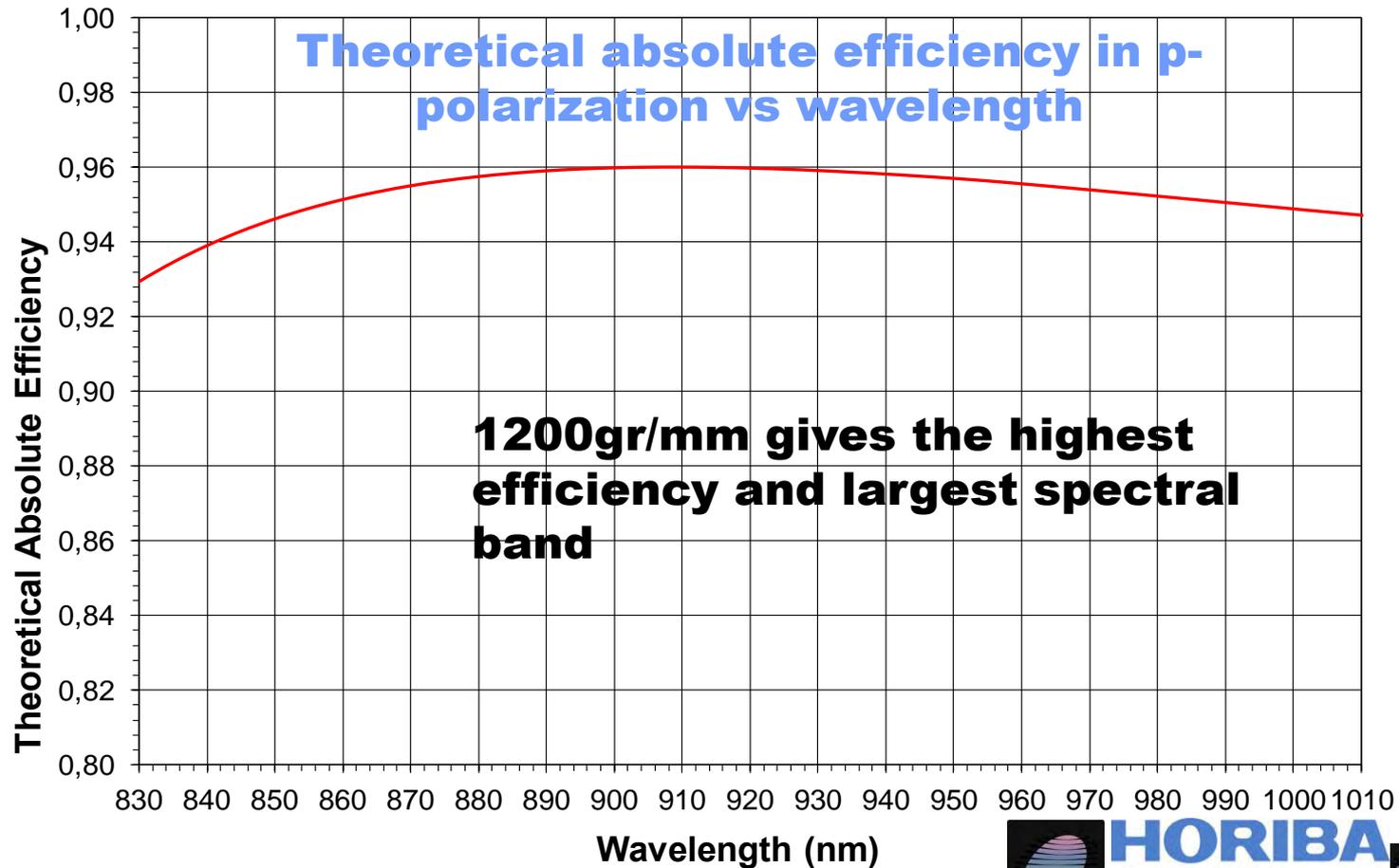
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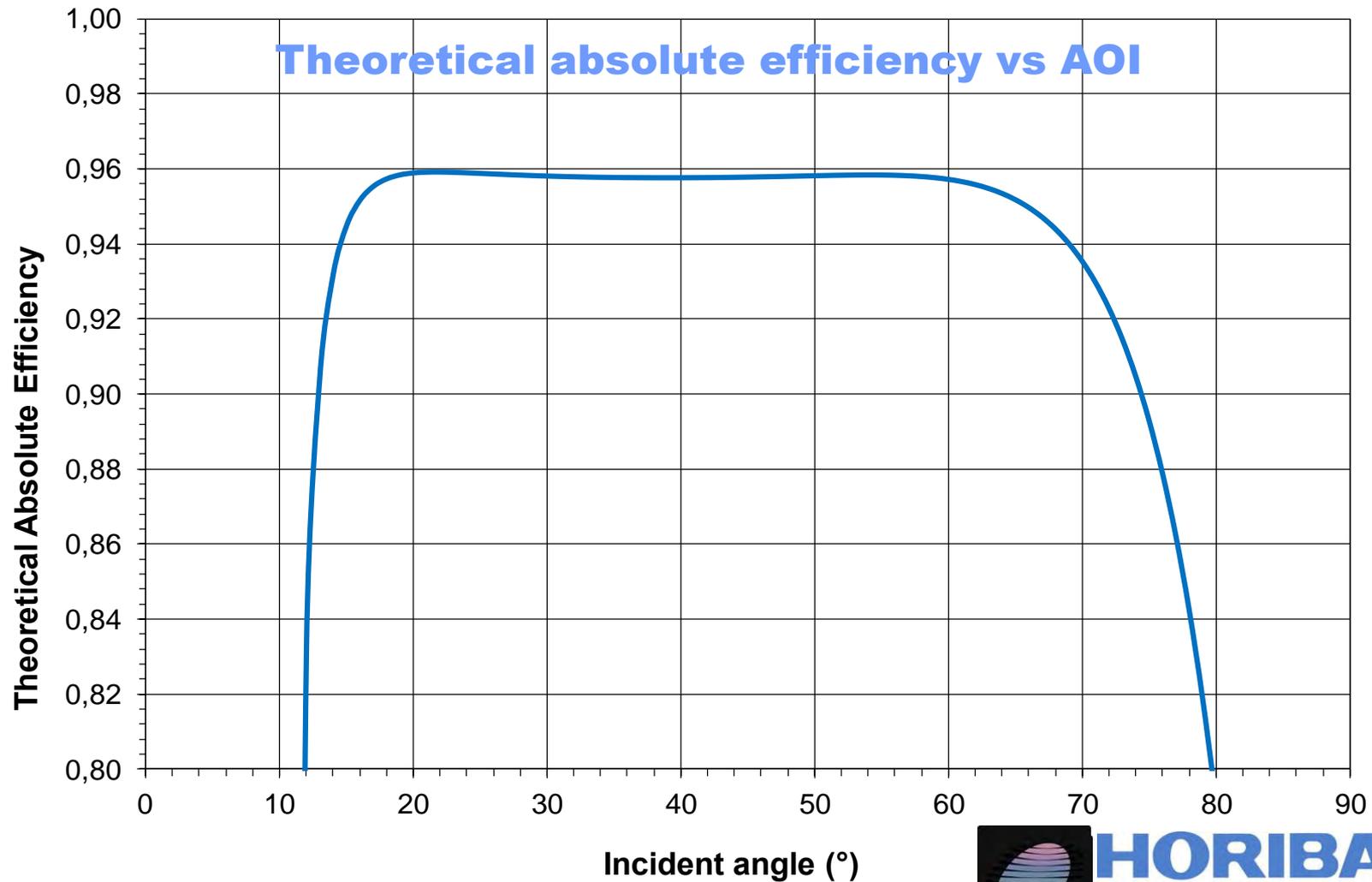
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Gold-coated Gratings design for XCELS OPCPA at 910nm : 1200gr/mm

- Existing Gold-coated grating design at 800nm and 1µm with 1200 / 1480 / 1740gr/mm => at 910nm ?



Gold-coated Gratings design for XCELS OPCPA at 910nm : 1200gr/mm

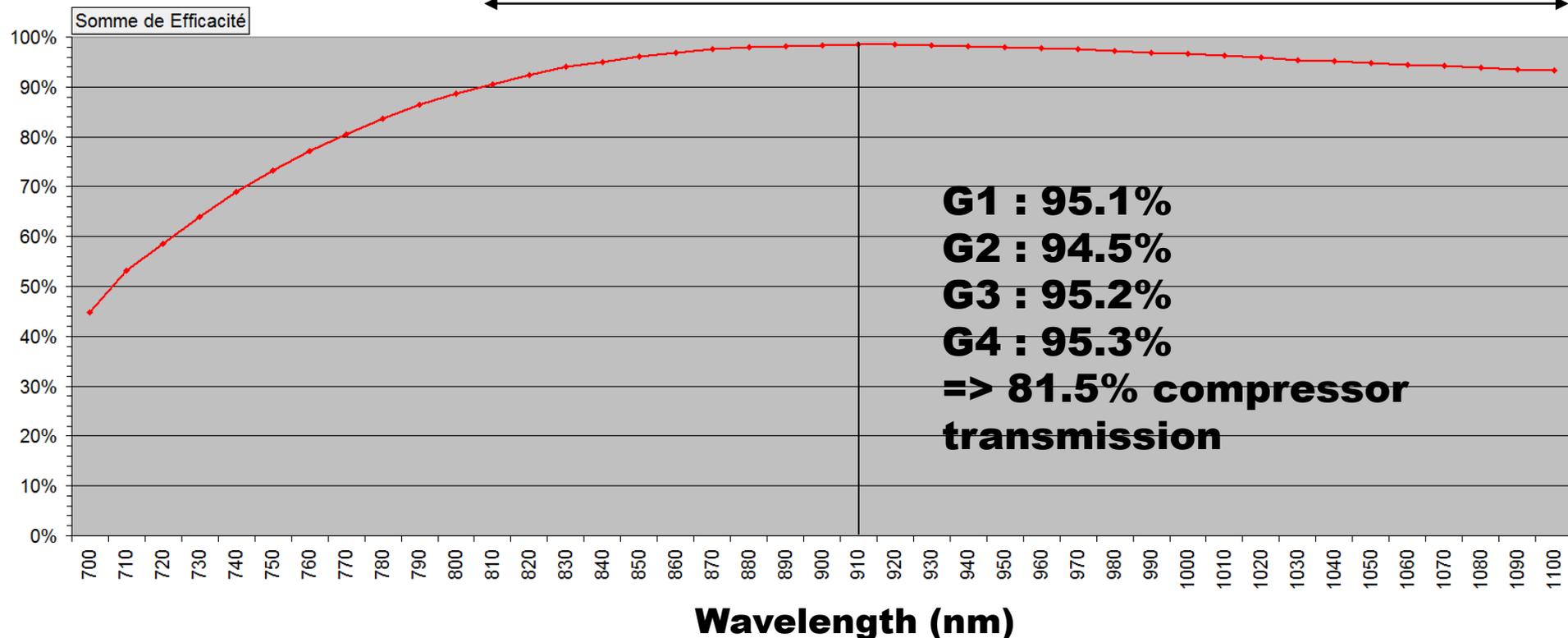


Gold-coated 1200gr @910nm Gratings results

- 4 gratings (1200gr @ 910nm) in size 210x420mm have been manufactured and characterized.

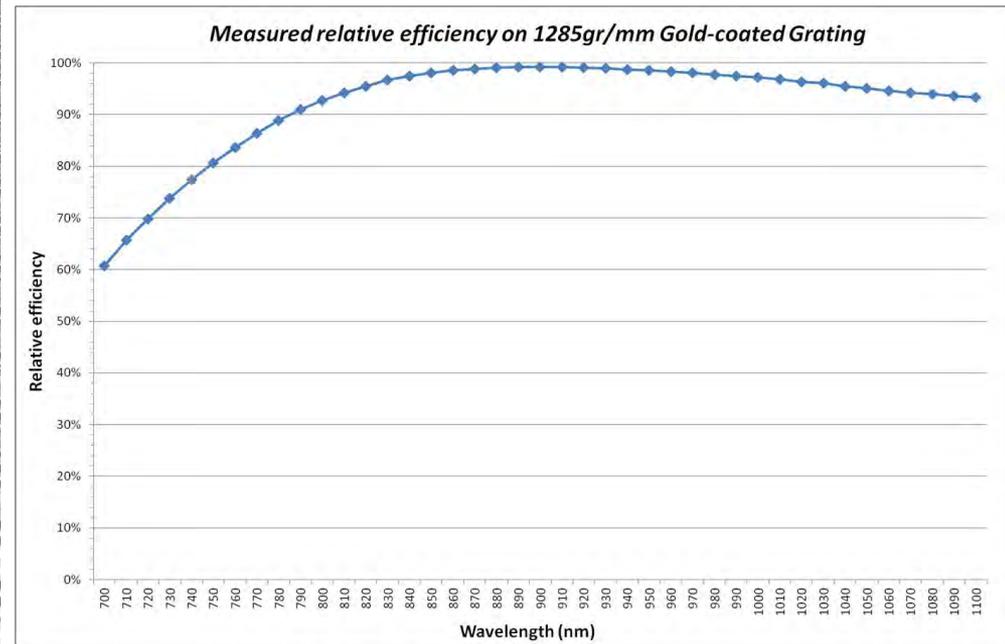
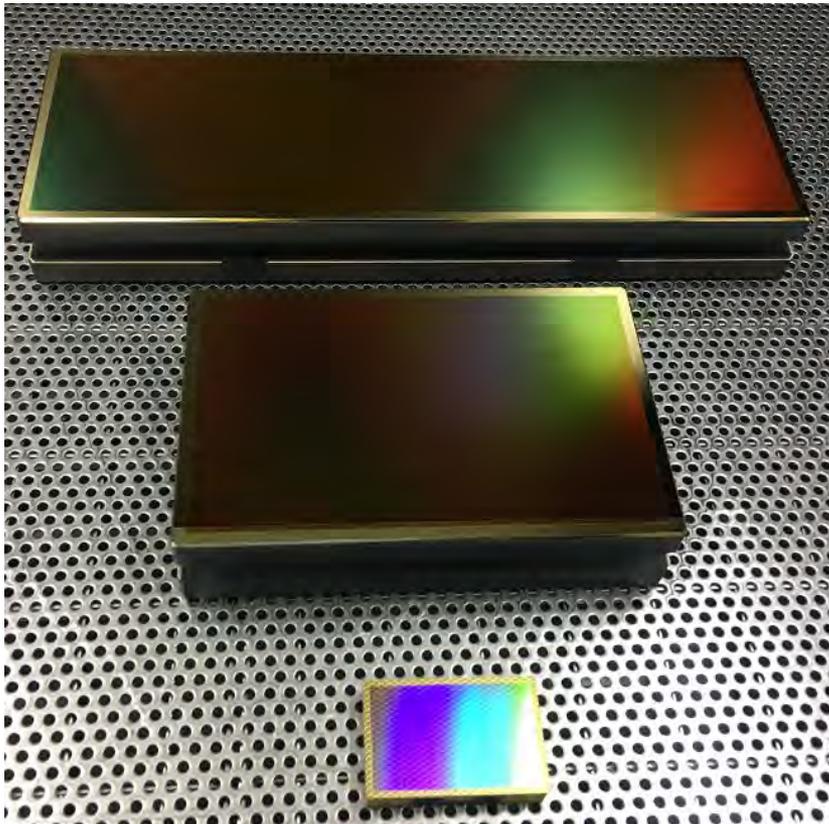
Relative Efficiency

> 300nm spectral bandpass



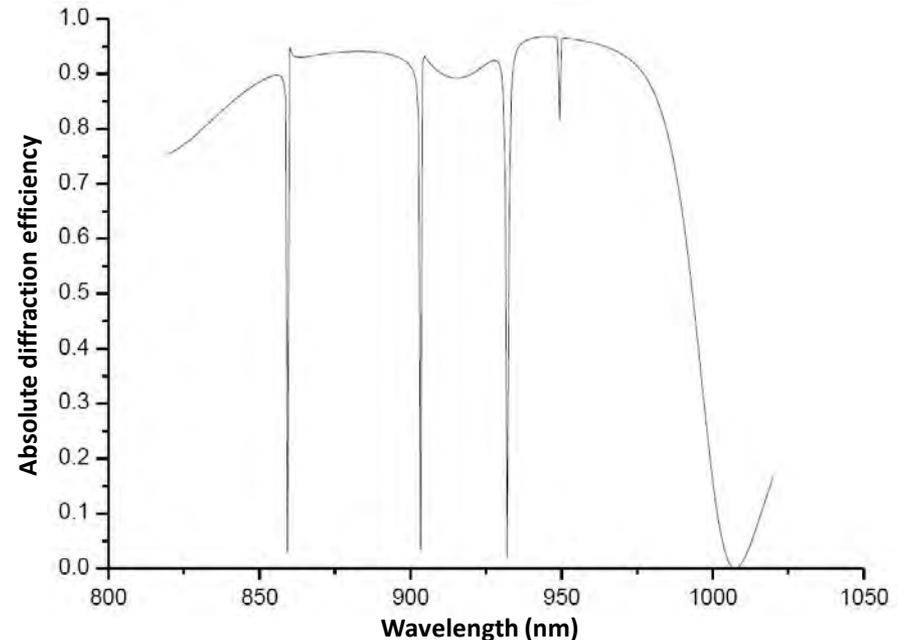
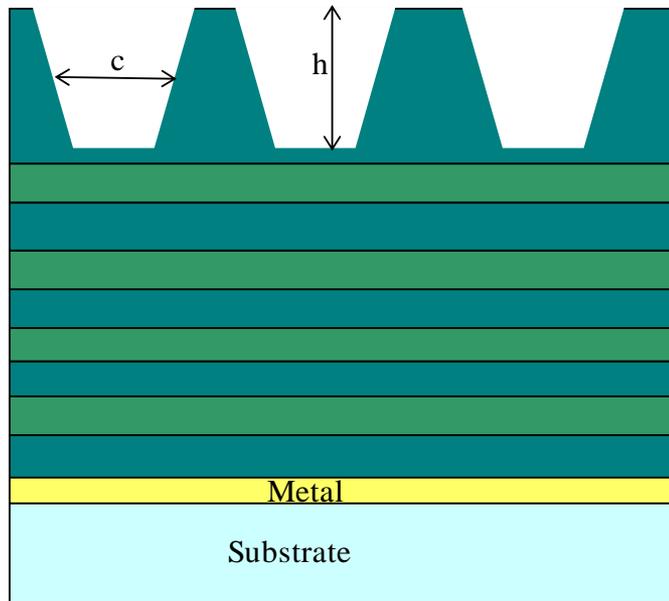
Gold-coated Gratings design for OPCPA at 910nm : 1285gr/mm

- Other groove density close to 1200gr/mm are also possible 1285gr/mm at 910nm.



Hybrid Metal-Dielectric Gratings design for OPCPA at 910nm ??

■ Metal Multi-Layer Dielectric (MMLD) Grating type :

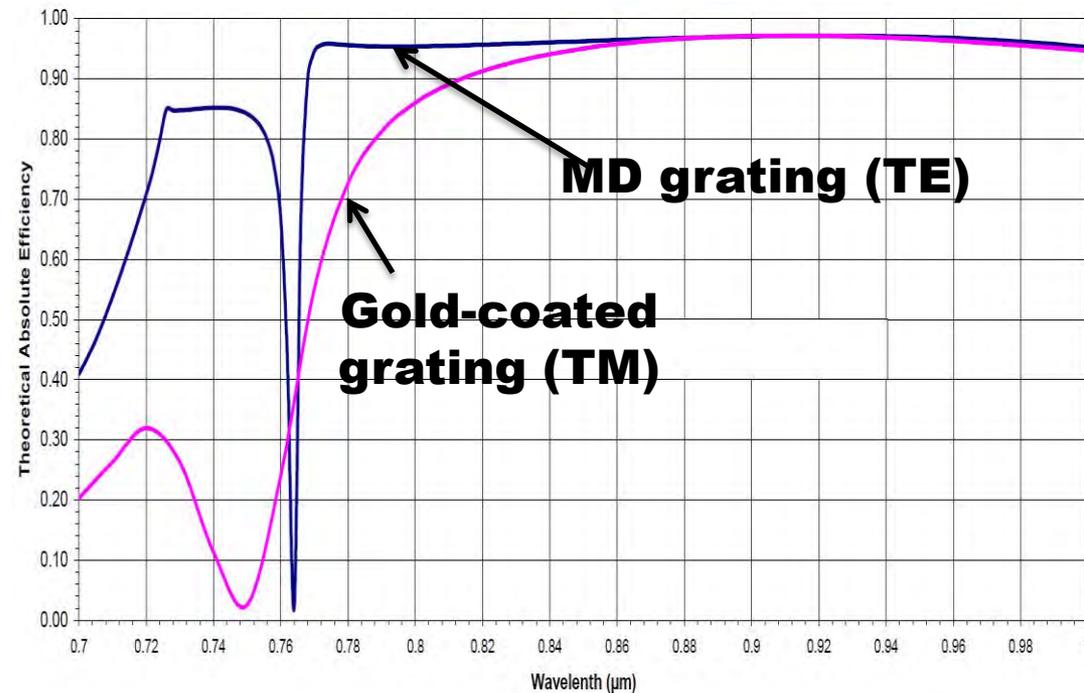
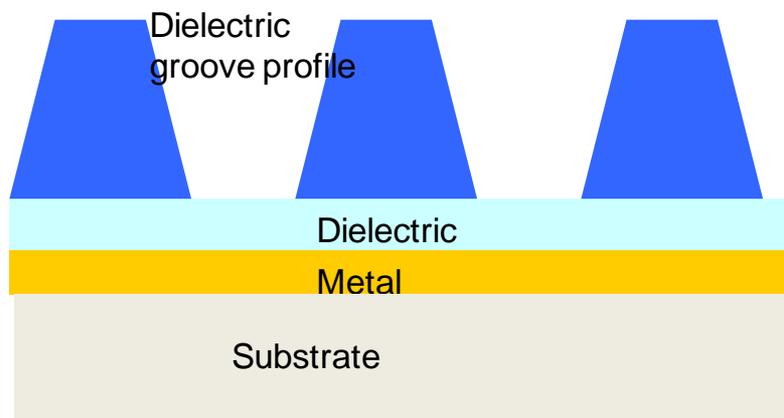


⇒ **Average calculated efficiency is ~89.6% in s-polarization with 3 absorption peaks in the spectrum.**

⇒ **Despite a working design of MMLD grating for 1480gr @ 800nm, there is NO design found for 1200gr @ 910nm.**

Hybrid Metal-Dielectric Gratings design for OPCPA at 910nm ??

■ Metal Dielectric (MD) Grating type :



⇒ **Average calculated efficiency >95% with broaden spectral bandwidth (absorption peak at ~764nm).**

⇒ **NO working design of MMLD grating for 1480gr @ 800nm, BUT a design found for 1200gr @ 910nm.**

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NANO-structures Large Area Master (NANOLAM) New Facility

**Holography* : ~1000m²
ISO5 clean room**

KEY FEATURES :

- **New automated grating production line** (Paris Saclay - FRANCE).
- **Largest size : up to 1500mm grating.**
- Compatible with Multi-PW laser projects and other markets.
- Flexible in grating size, groove density, ...



*** Jobin Yvon Patent : « Optical diffraction grating scanning device », Flamand J, Labeyrie A, Pieuchard G, 1970, US 3721487 A.**

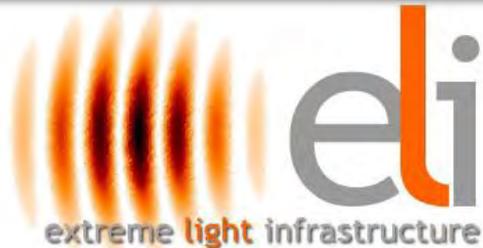
HJY involved in ELI-NP project

Meter-Size Gratings for 2 x 10PW pulse compressors

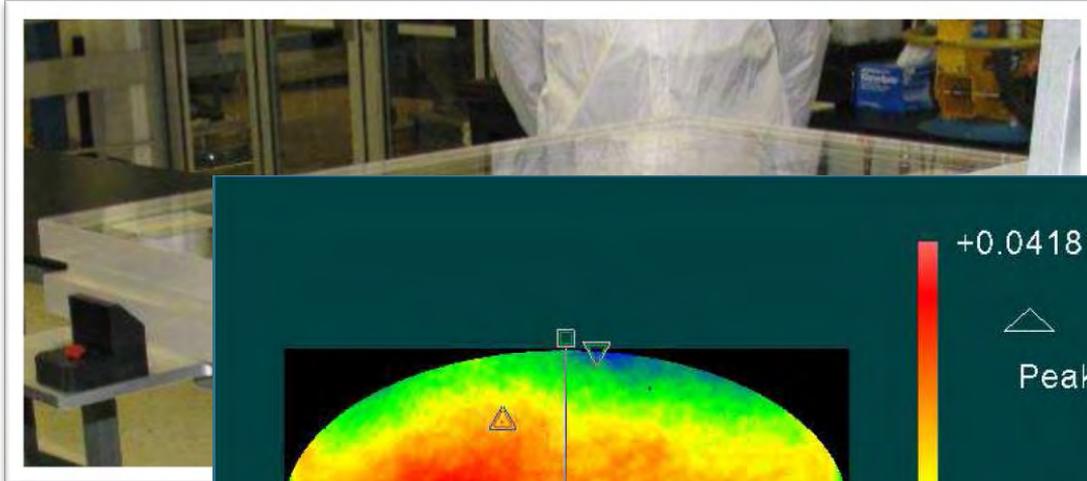


■ **EU-funded ELI-NP project (Romania) :**

HORIBA Jobin Yvon has been awarded in 2013 to produce ~30pcs pulse compression gratings (2x 100TW-1PW-10PW).

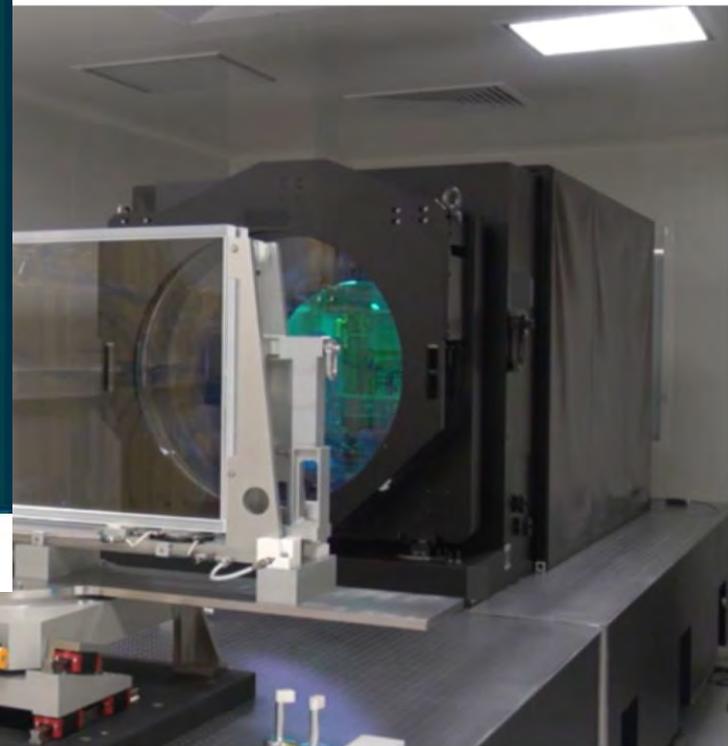
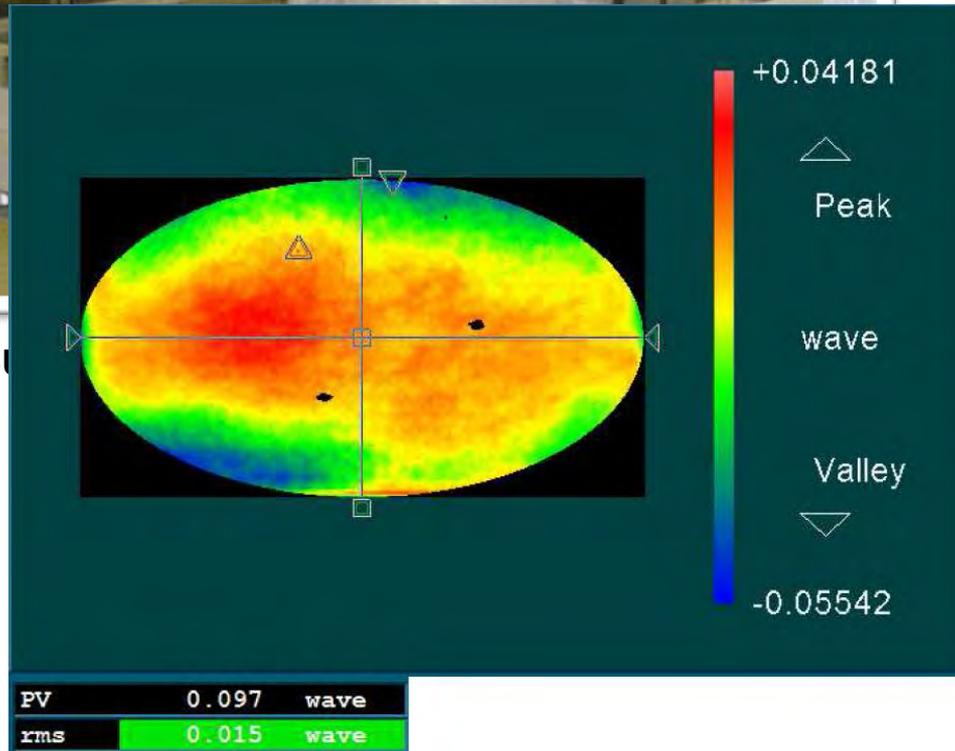


Meter-Size Gratings : Substrates



HJY heritage on large optics design and support of key Astronomy polishers.

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Meter-Size Gratings : Handling

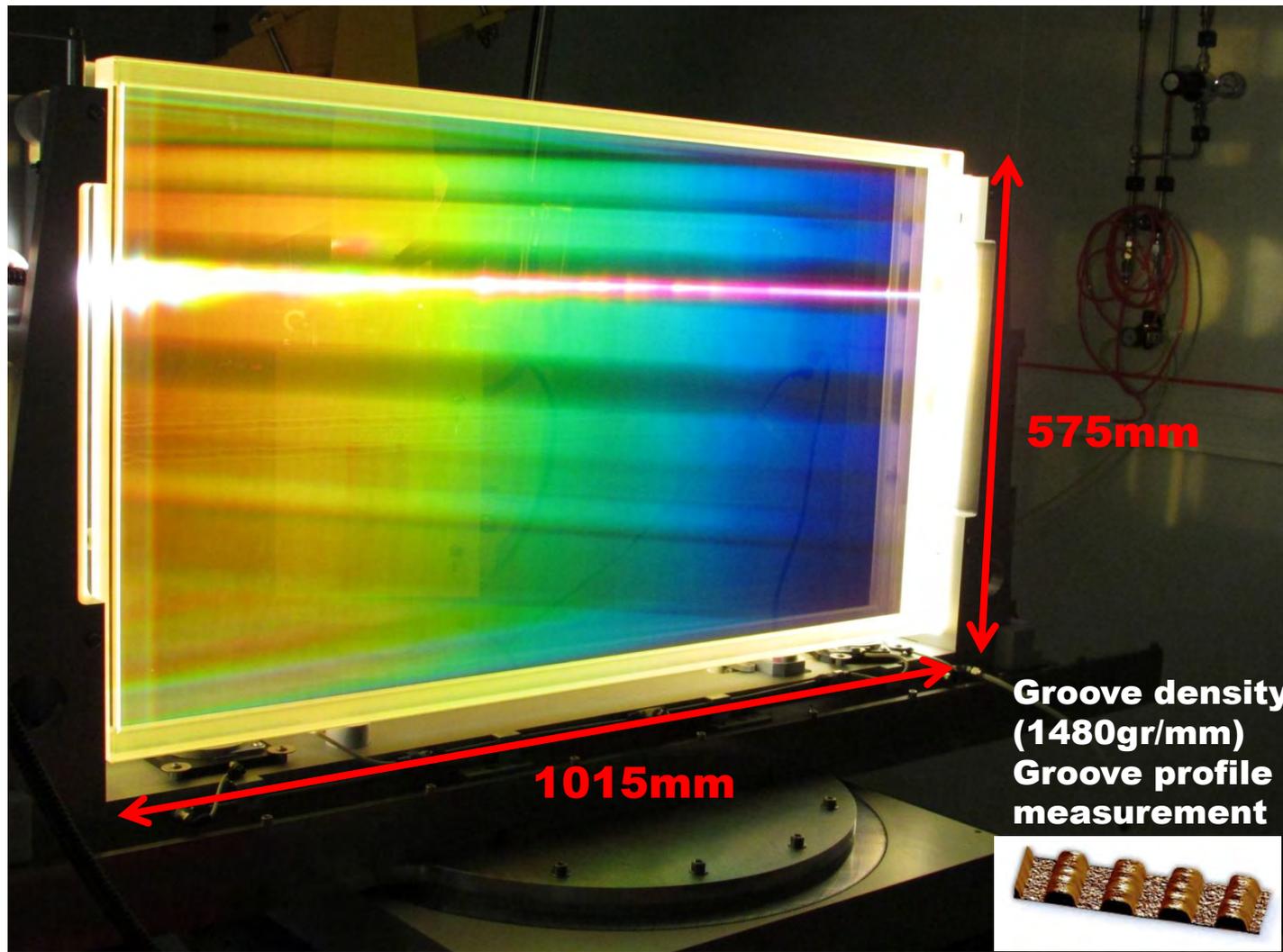
Complex handling systems were developed to manage >150kg component.



WORLD RECORD – Meter-Size Grating



holographically recorded



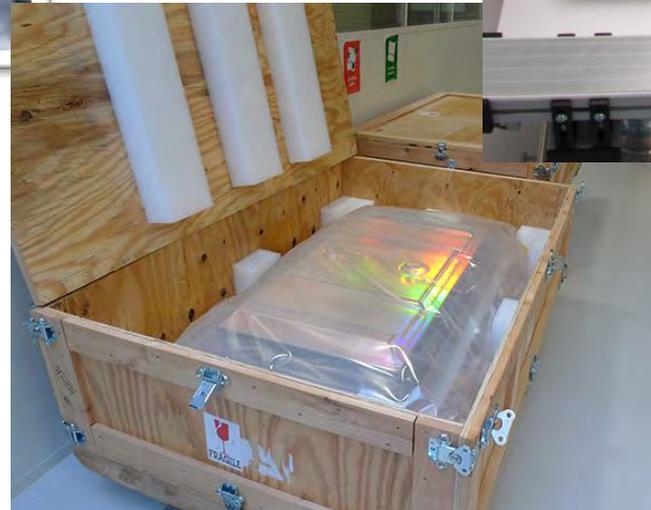
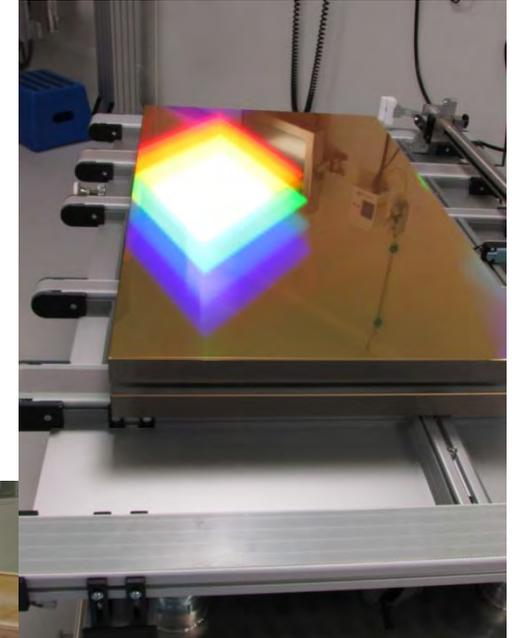
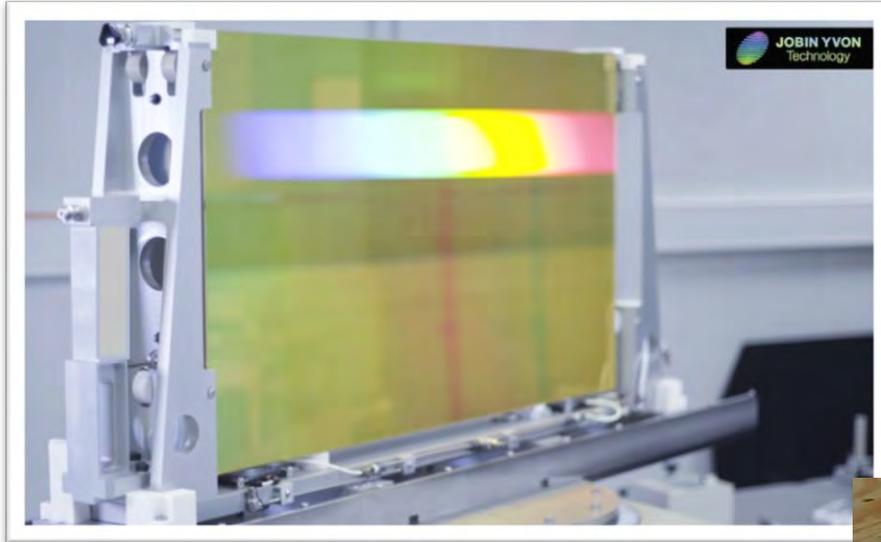
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**Groove density
(1480gr/mm)
Groove profile
measurement**



10PW laser pulse compressor gratings manufactured for ELI-NP



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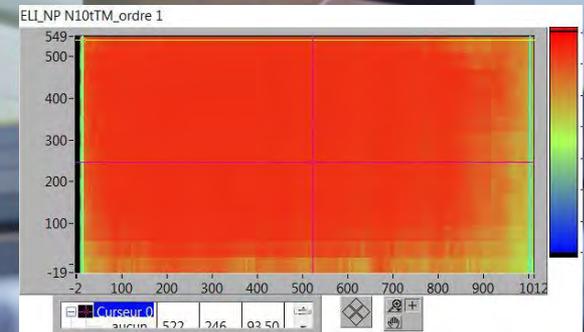
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High-efficiency Meter-Size Grating

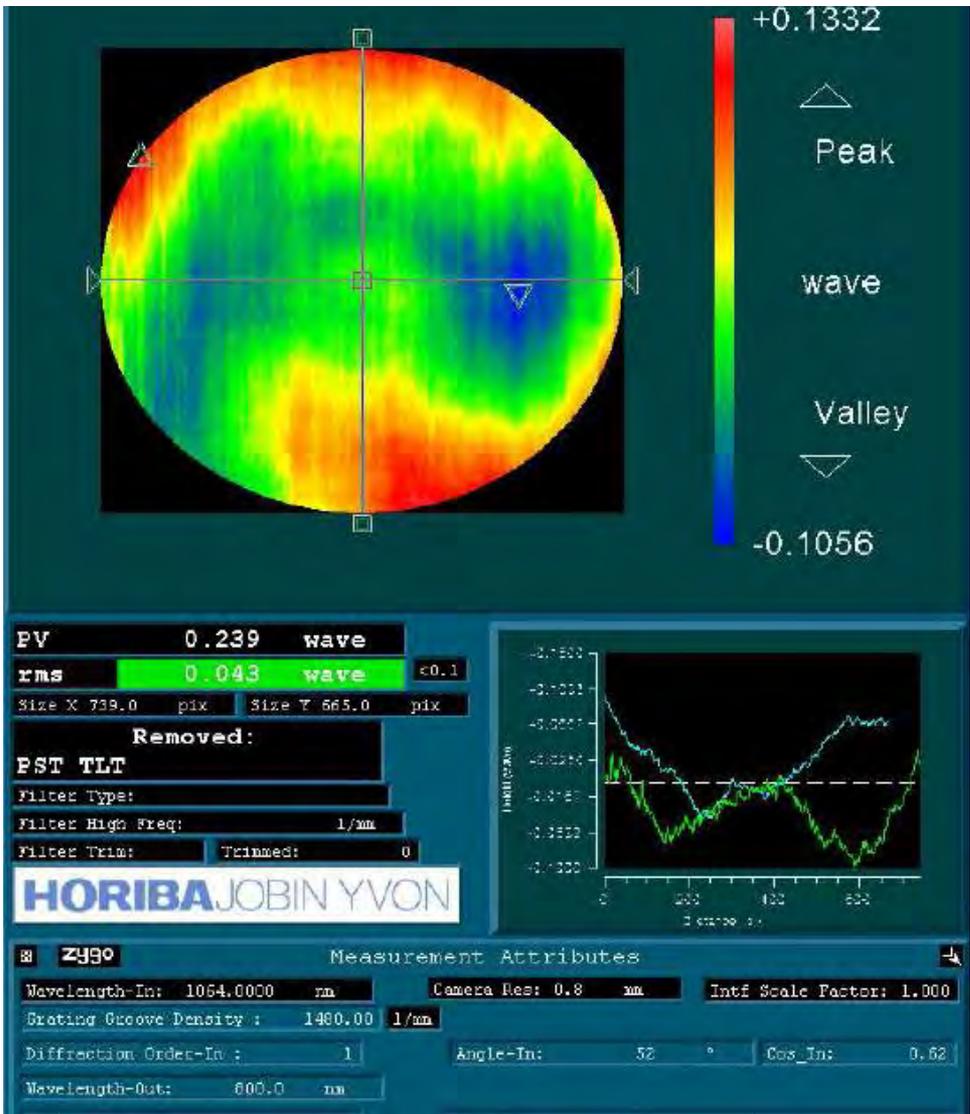


**Average absolute efficiency :
> 92.7% at 56° AOI**

**Efficiency measurement
by Reflectometry**



Diffraction Wavefront optimization



- **Meter-size grating Wavefront has been strongly improved with optimized holographic recording.**
- **< lambda/23 RMS at 800nm in the 1st order.**

Conclusion

- **New automated Meter-size Gratings production facility is fully operational (> 10 gratings already produced).**
- **Grating Designs (Gold and MD) developed for XCELS compressors (1200gr @ 910nm)**
- **Up to 1500mm gratings are now commercially available at HJY.**

Thanks for your attention

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