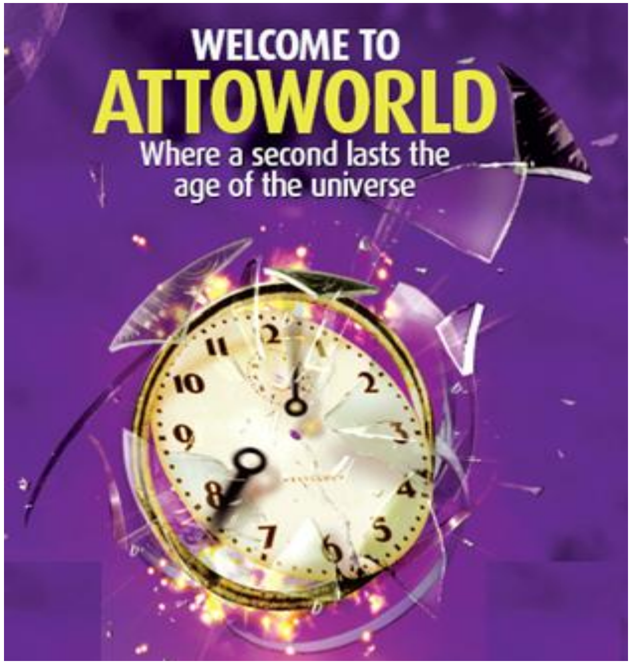


The Push Towards Short X-Ray Pulse Generation Using Free Electron Lasers

A. Zholents

FEL 2010, Malmö, Sweden, August 23 - 27, 2010

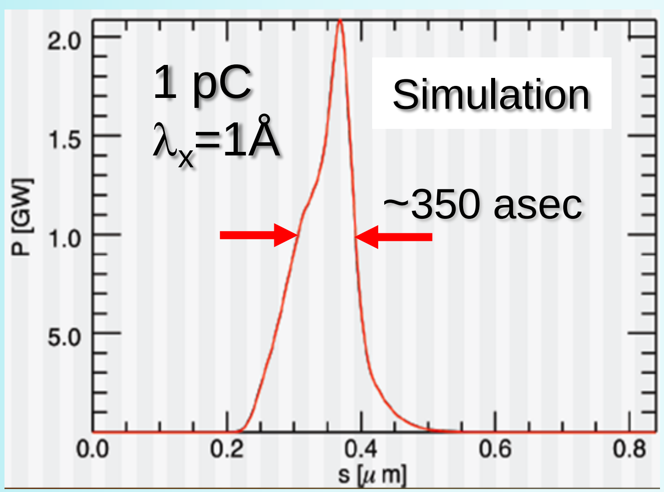
Outline

- Where we are?
  - State-of-the-art for a short x-ray pulse generation using FELs
- Where we are going?
  - Generation of attosecond x-ray pulses

- Short EUV/x-ray pulses are routinely produced at FLASH (10 – 70 fs), SCSS (~ 30 fs) , LCLS (<10 – 80 fs)
- All future x-ray FEL projects consider ultra-short x-ray pulse capabilities

Simple thoughts

- Short electron bunch radiates short x-ray pulse
- For a given peak current short bunch holds a low charge
- With low charge one may expect better 6D electron bunch brightness[1] $$B = \frac{2Q}{\gamma^3 \varepsilon_x \varepsilon_y \varepsilon_z}$$
- Nearly FTL pulses from SASE[1]



LCLS

$Q = 1$ nC $\gamma\varepsilon_{x,y} \approx 1\mu$m $\gamma\varepsilon_z \approx \sigma_z(3\text{ keV})/mc^2 = 6.5\ \mu$m	$B = 0.3$ nC/μm^3
$Q = 0.02$ nC $\gamma\varepsilon_{x,y} \approx 0.15\mu$m $\gamma\varepsilon_z \approx \sigma_z(1\text{ keV})/mc^2 = 0.4\ \mu$m	$B = 4.5$ nC/μm^3

P. Emma, LBNL workshop, 08/2010

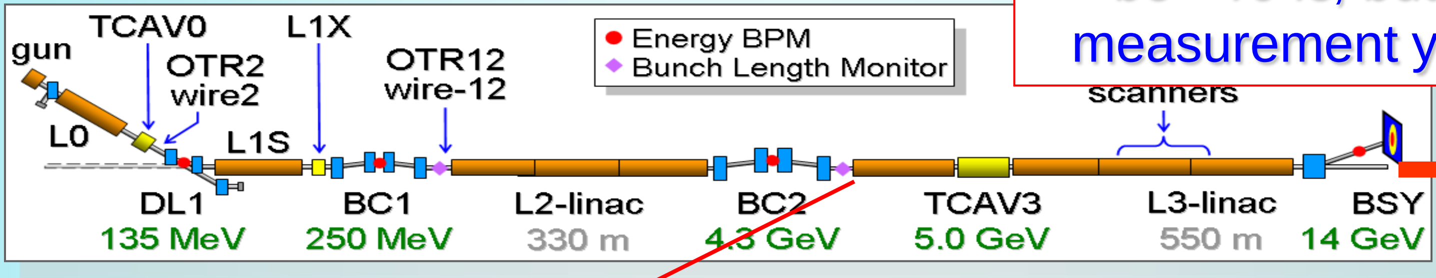
Brightness defines the gain length

$$1/L_G \sim B$$

1) S. Reiche, P. Musumeci, C. Pellegrini, J.B. Rosenzweig, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A 593 (2008) 45

20-pC bunch operation at LCLS[1]

X-ray pulse duration should be <10 fs, but no direct measurement yet possible



soft x-ray
hω=840 eV

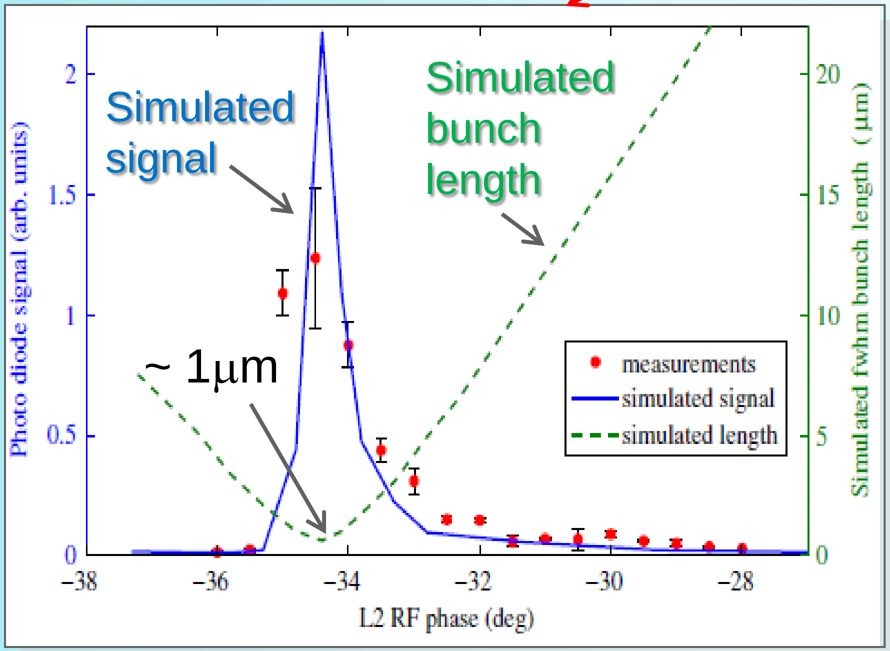
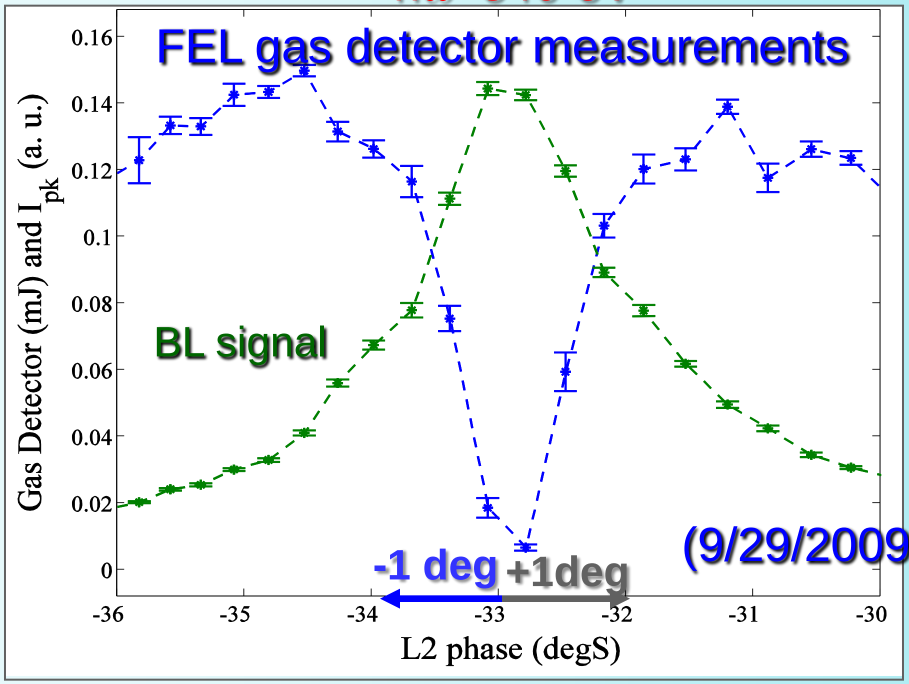


Photo-diode signal on OTR screen after BC2

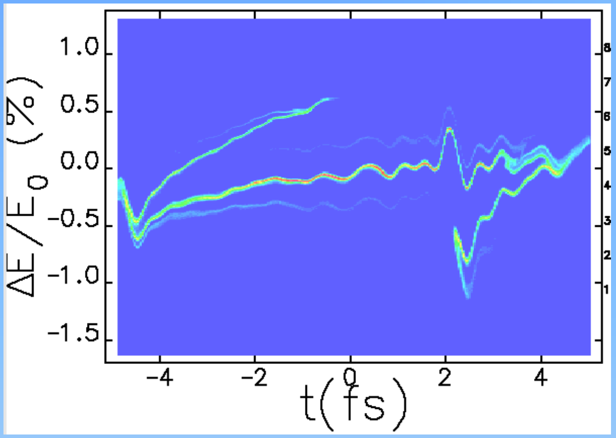


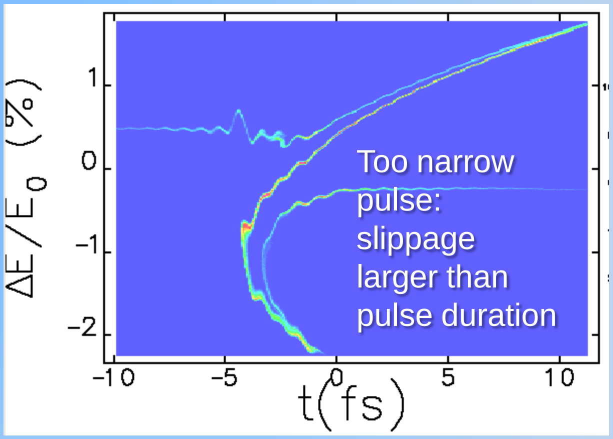
1) Y. Ding et. al, PRL 2009

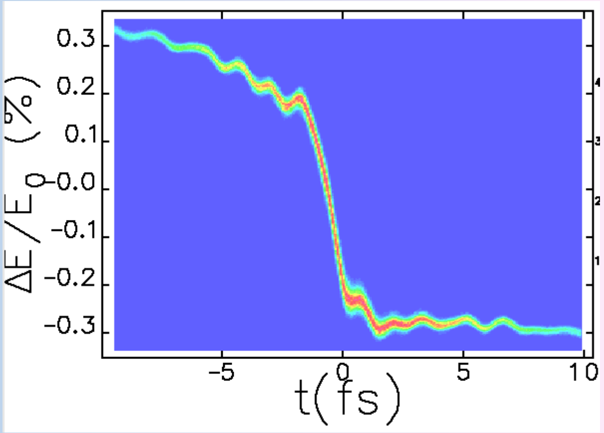
Soft x-rays at 1.5 nm (simulations for LCLS)[1]

1) Y. Ding ,LBNL workshop, 08/2010

At undulator entrance, 4.3 GeV, Laser heater off



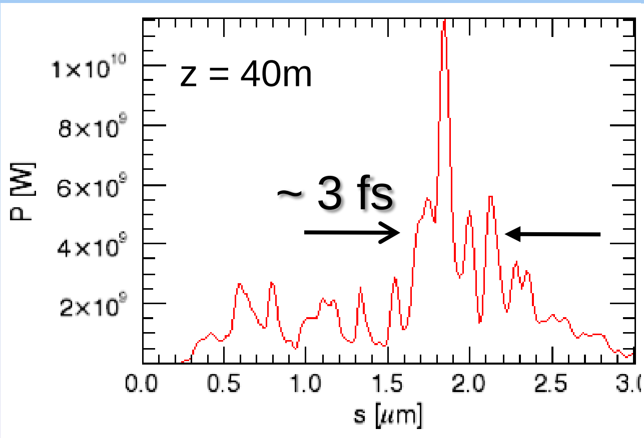


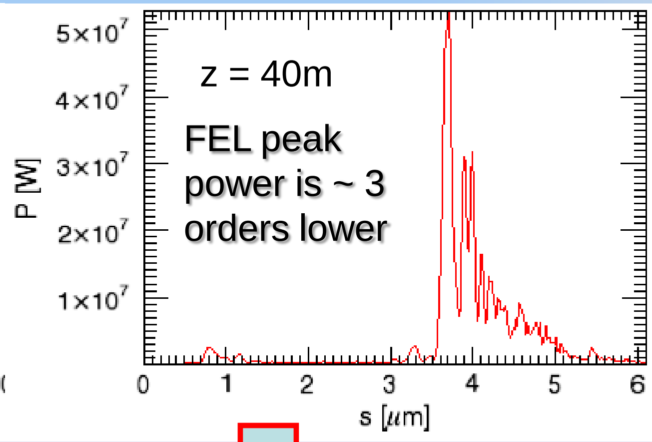


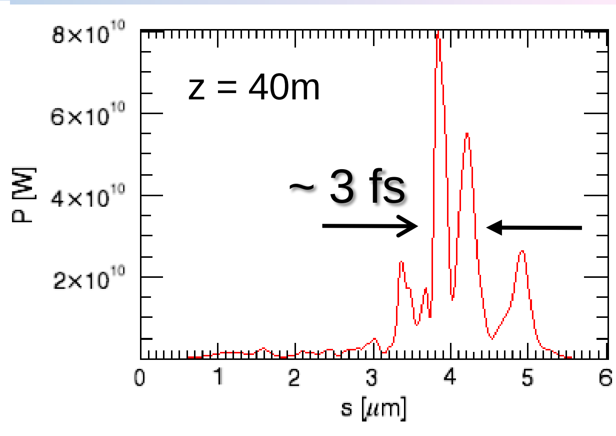
Under-compression: +1 deg off

Full-compression

Over-compression: -1 deg off



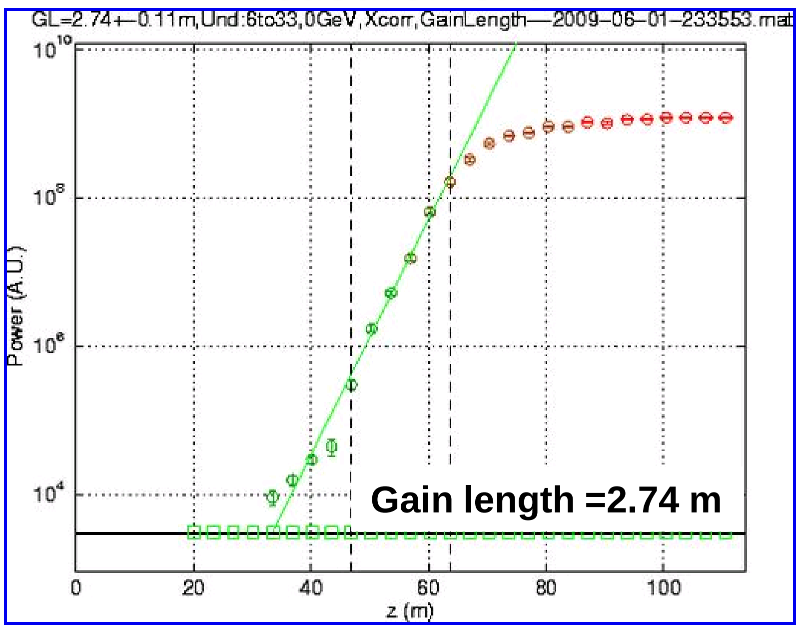


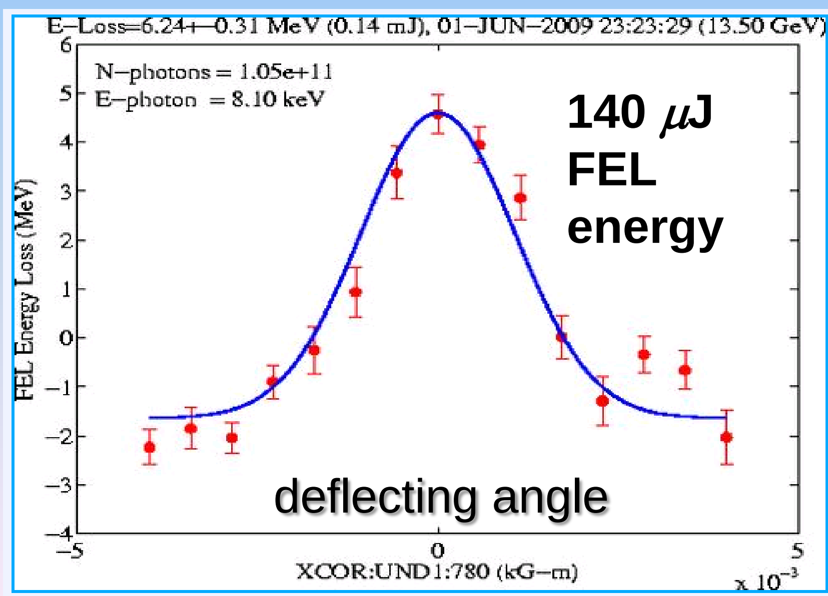


Actual measurements qualitatively confirm simulations.
Direct measurement of ultra-short x-ray pulse duration remains to be a difficult.

At 1.5 Å FEL performs well at full compression (slippage just right)

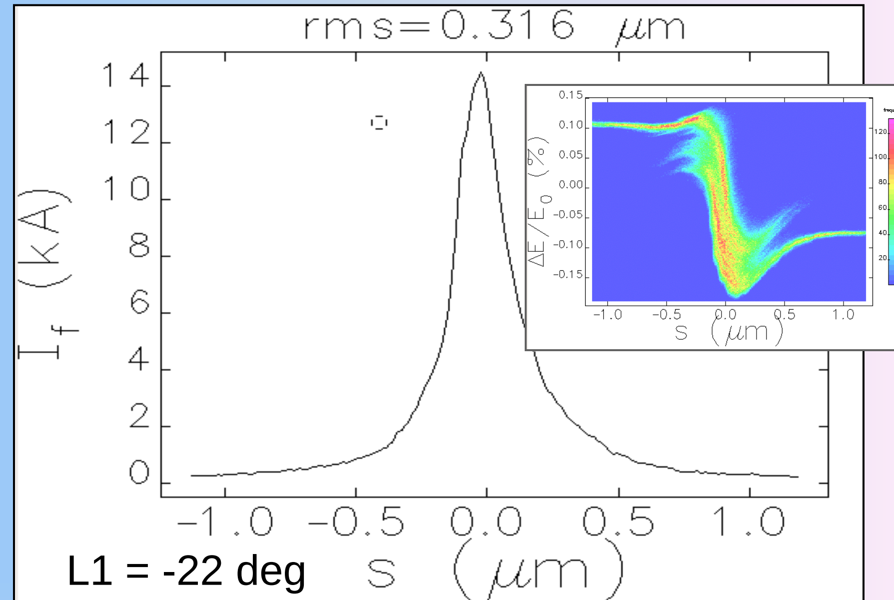
Measurement

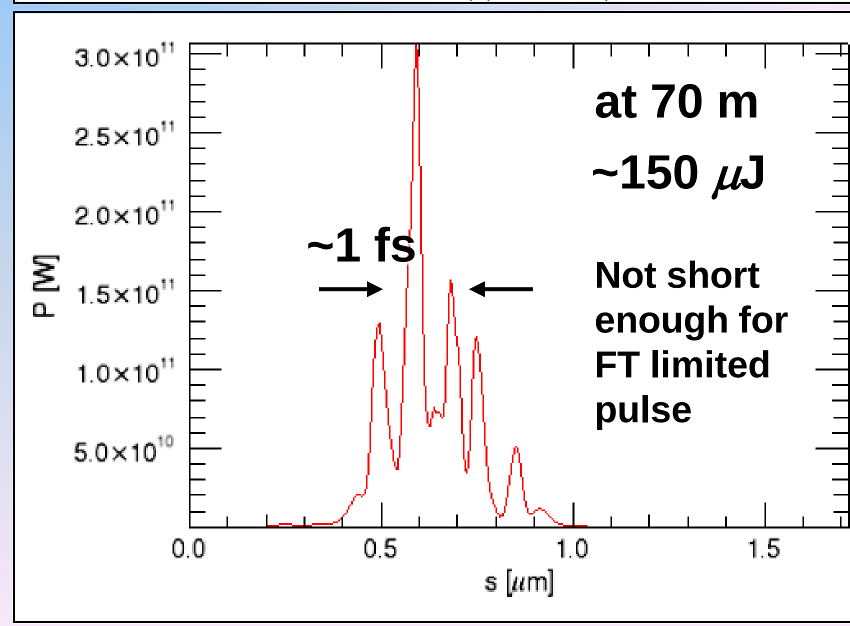




J. Frish et. al., talk at FEL'09

Simulation at 13.6 GeV

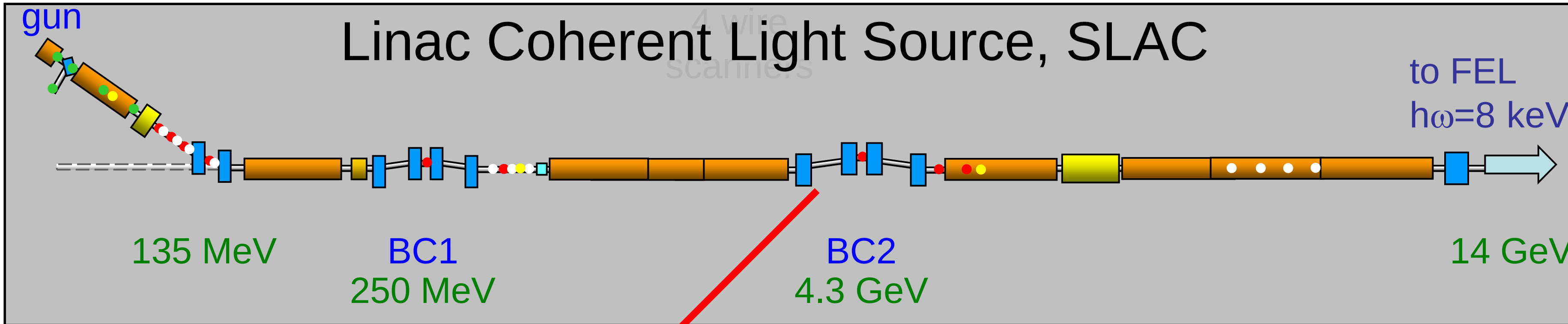


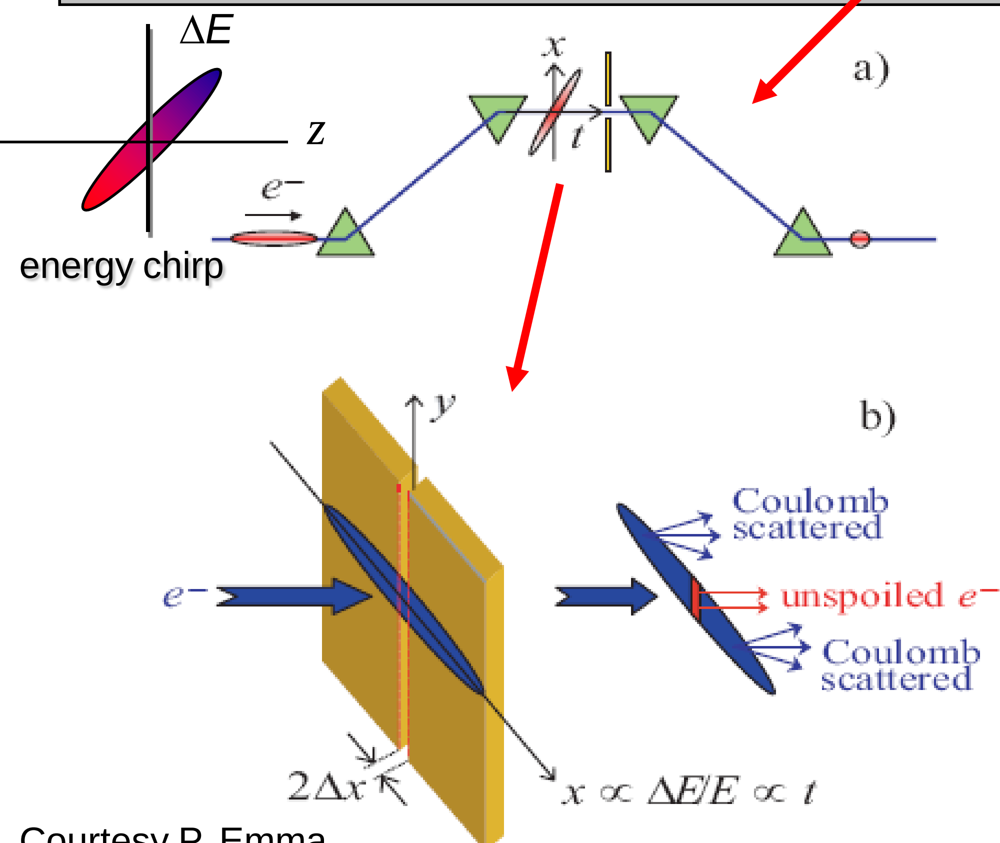


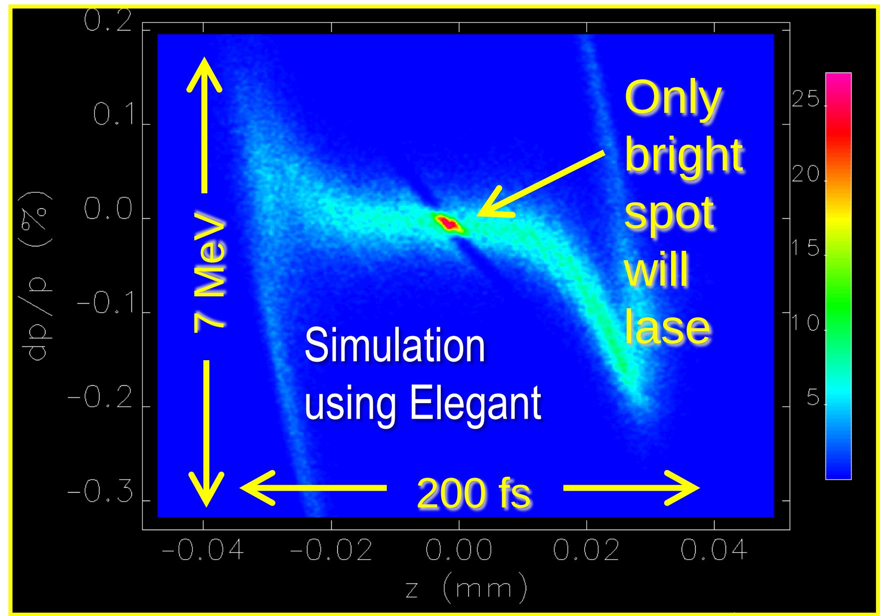
Y. Ding ,LBNL workshop, 08/2010

SUB-FEMTOSECOND X-RAY PULSES USING THE SLOTTED FOIL METHOD

P. Emma, M. Cornacchia, K. Bane, Z. Huang, H. Schlarb ,G. Stupakov, D. Walz , PRL, 2004



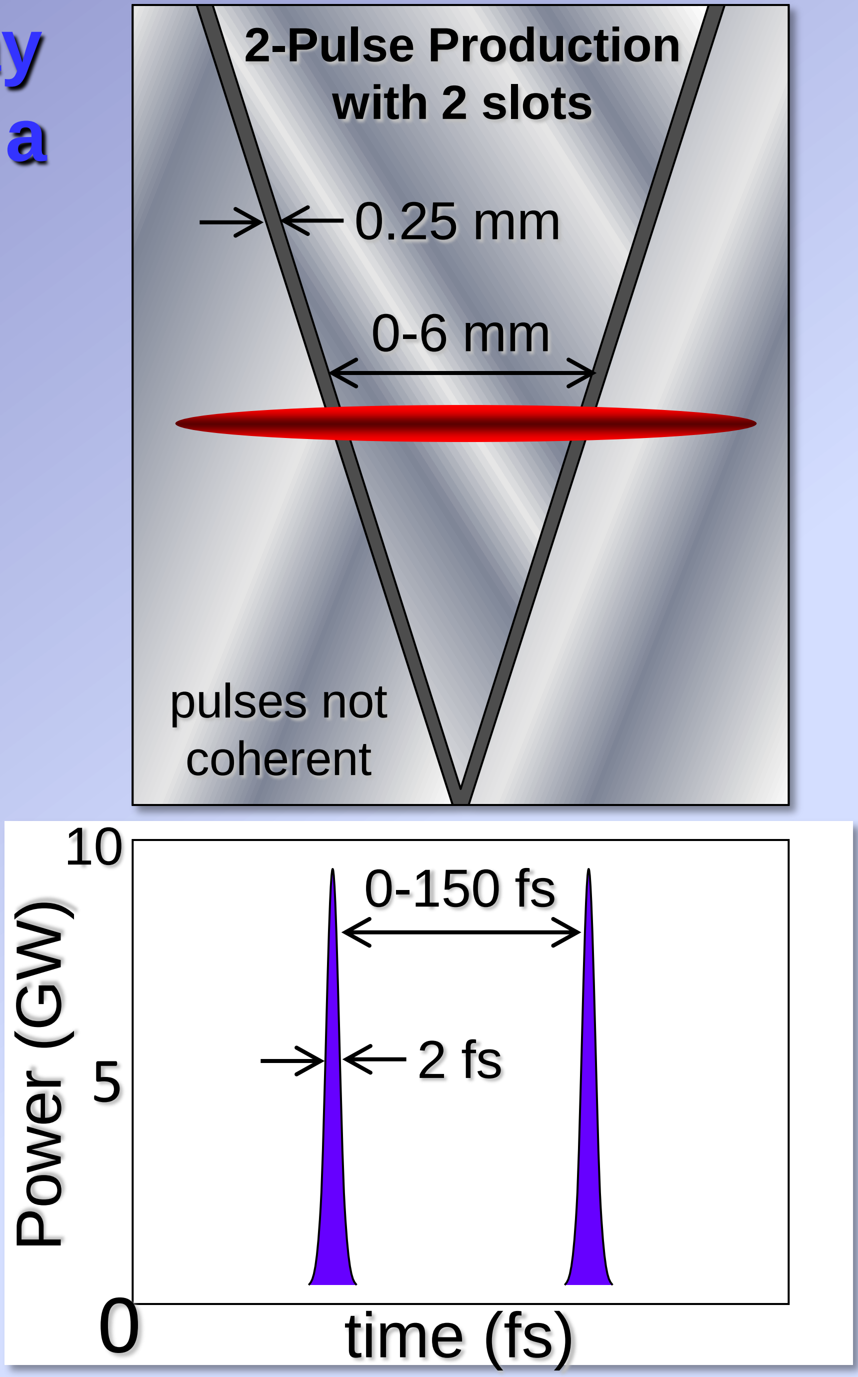




X-ray pulse width ~ 400 asec
Bunch arrival time jitter ~ 50 fs
~ 10^9 photons/pulse -> 7 GW

Courtesy P. Emma

Double X-Ray Pulses from a Double-Slotted Foil



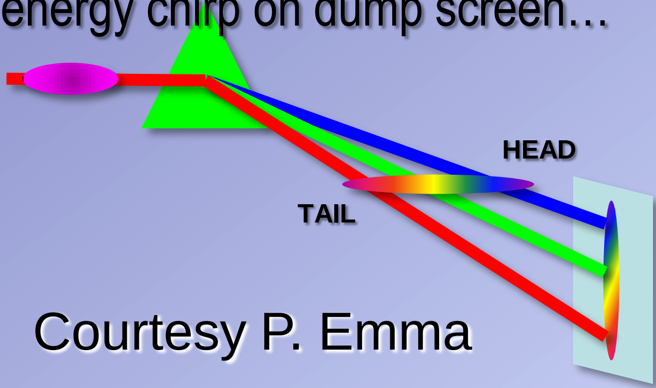
FEMTOSECOND X-RAY PULSES IN THE LCLS USING THE SLOTTED FOIL METHOD

Precise controlled time delay between x-ray pump and x-ray probe pulses

Courtesy P. Emma

Initial results (very preliminary), June 17, 2010

Over-compressed bunch introduces e^- energy chirp on dump screen…



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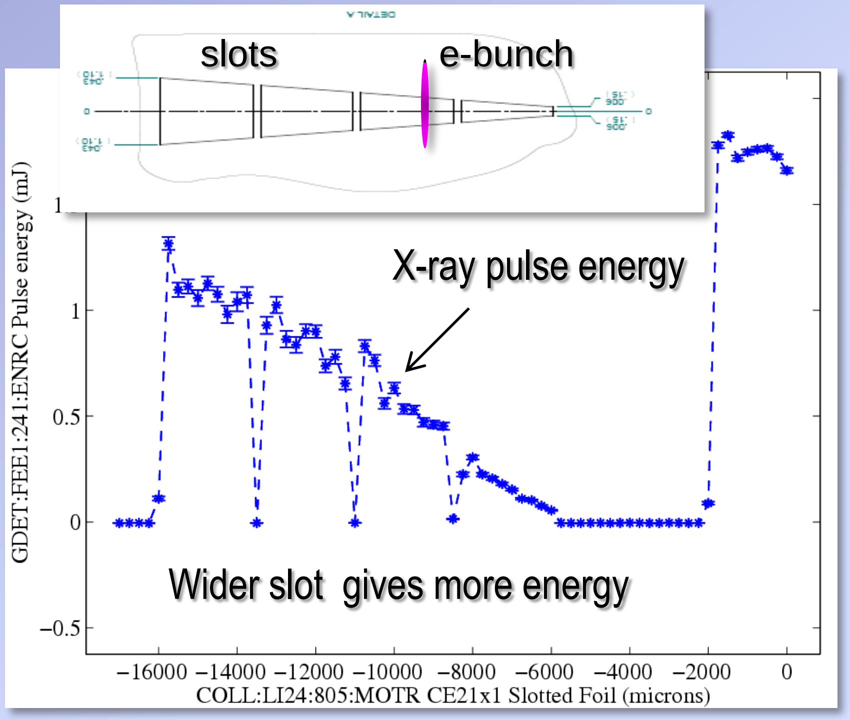
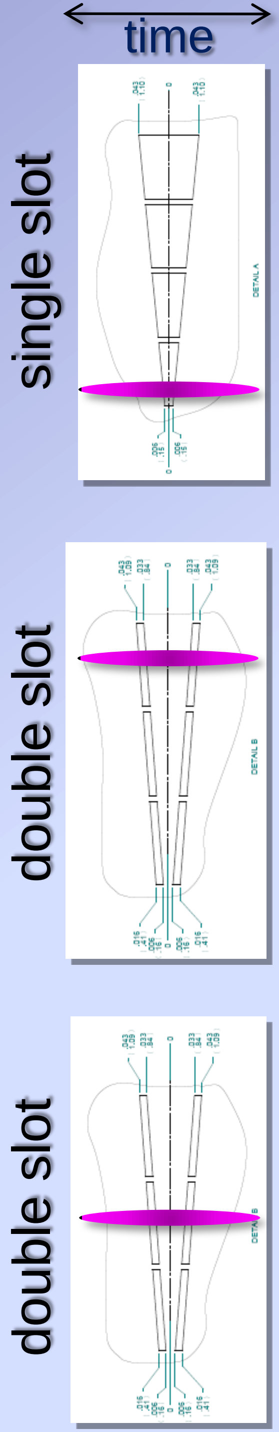
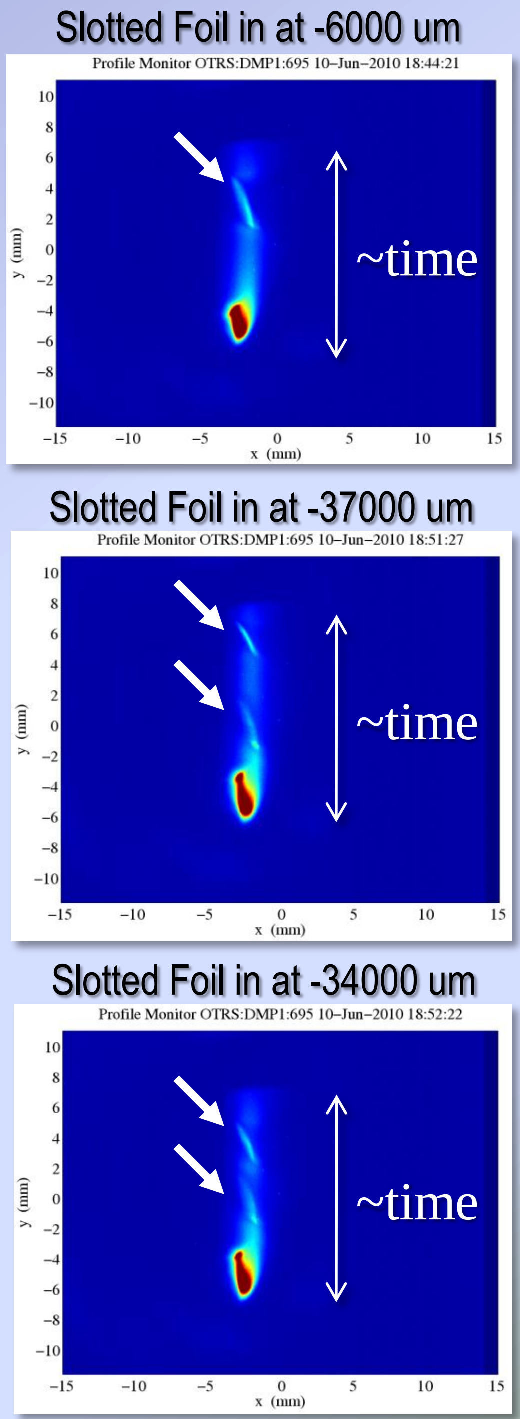
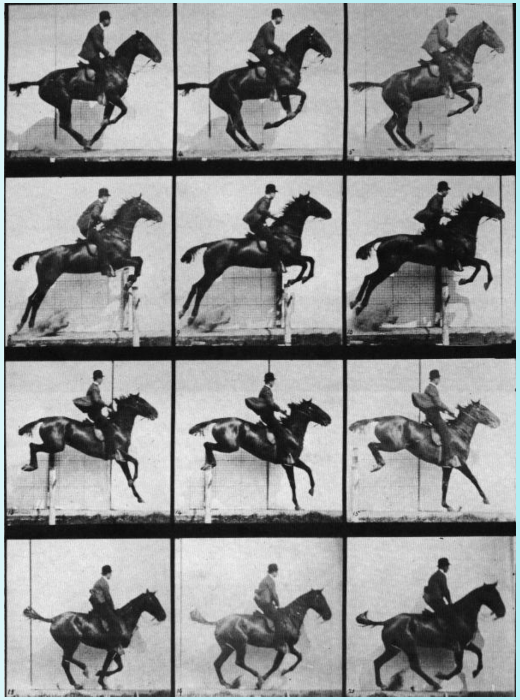




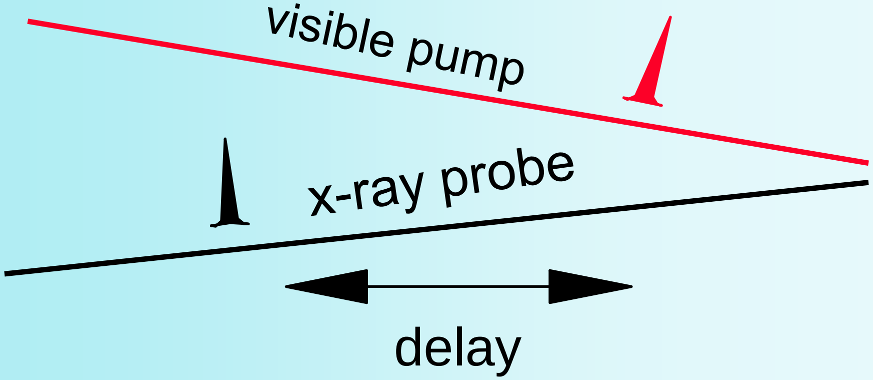


Pump – probe studies using ultra-fast x-ray pulses

Pellet hits a strawberry

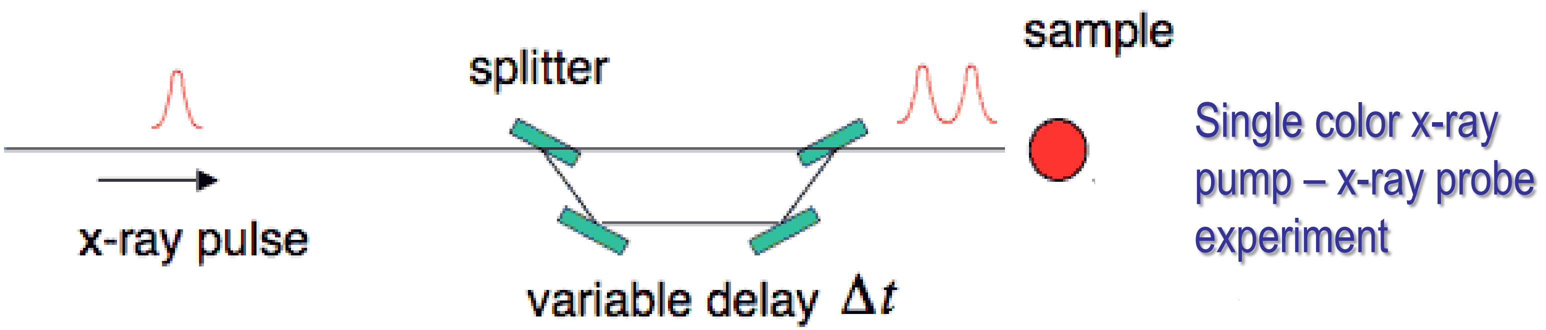


Stop-motion photography
E. Muybridge, 1878

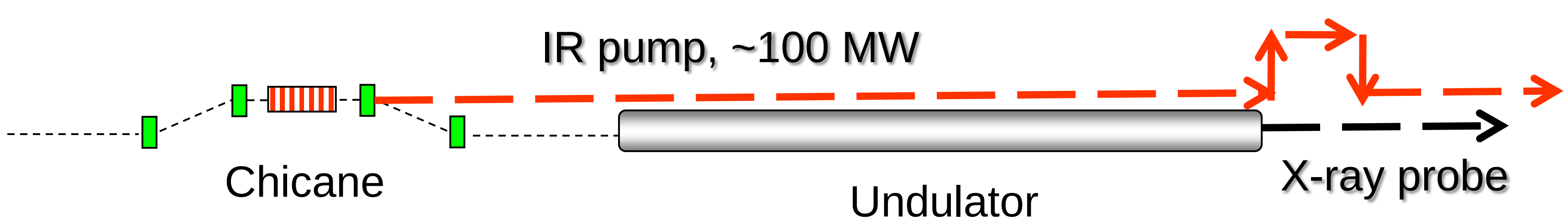


Options for experiment utilizing synchronized pump and probe signals when electron bunch arrival time has a “large” jitter

- Use double slotted foil
- Split single x-ray pulse into two and adjust delay



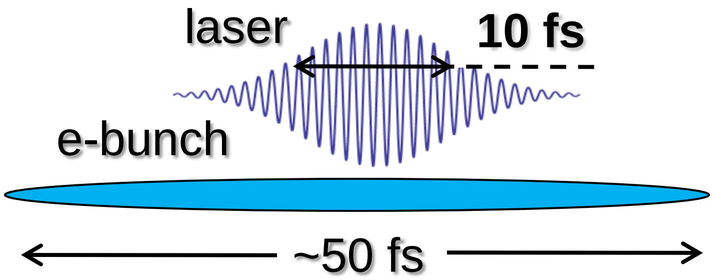
- Create pump signal using cohrent undulator radiation and adjust delay[1] (in case of an ultra-short e-bunch, ~ 1 fs)



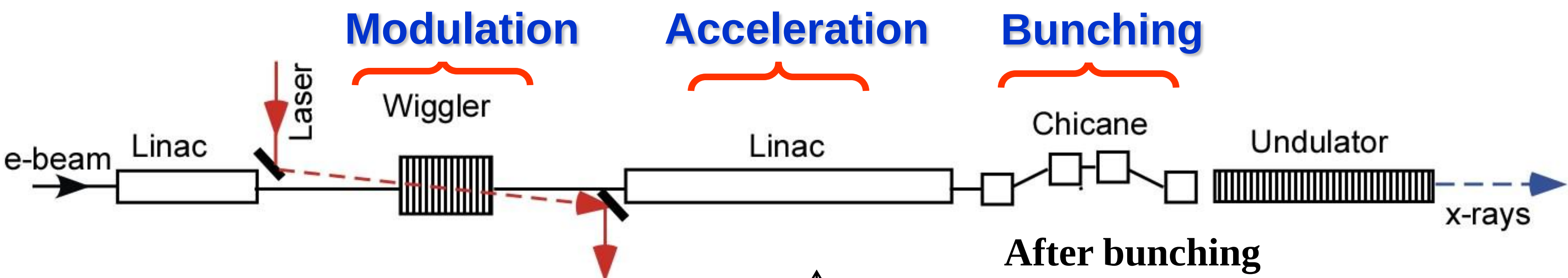
1) considered by UCLA group

Precision synchronization of pump and probe pulses

- Seeded FELs naturally posses precise synchronization
  - if electron bunch length > laser pulse + jitter

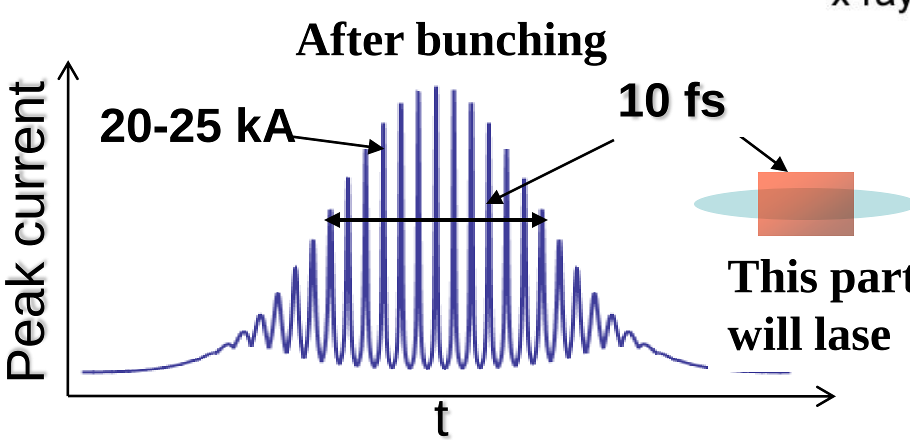


- Current-enhanced SASE FEL --> same conclusion

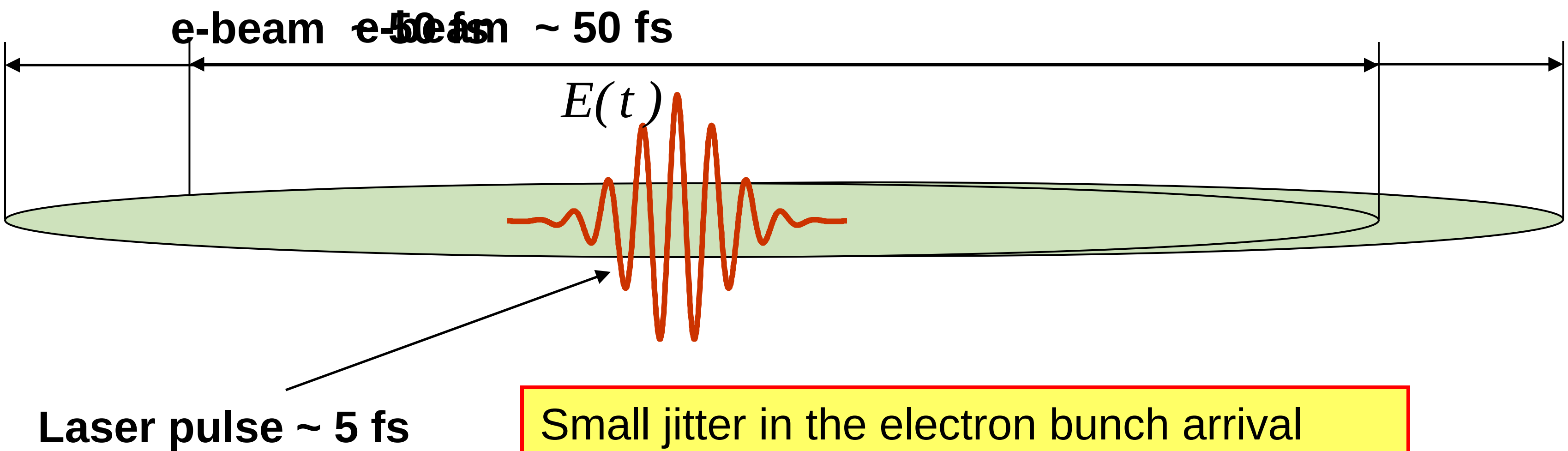


Require synchronization of the seed and pump lasers [1)]

1) talk by J. Byrd



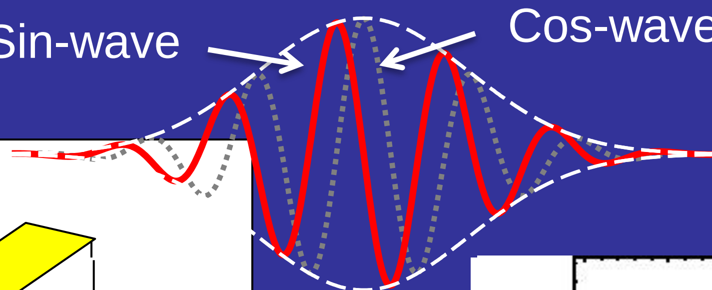
Attosecond pulse generation via electron interaction with a few cycle carrier-envelop phase stabilized laser pulse



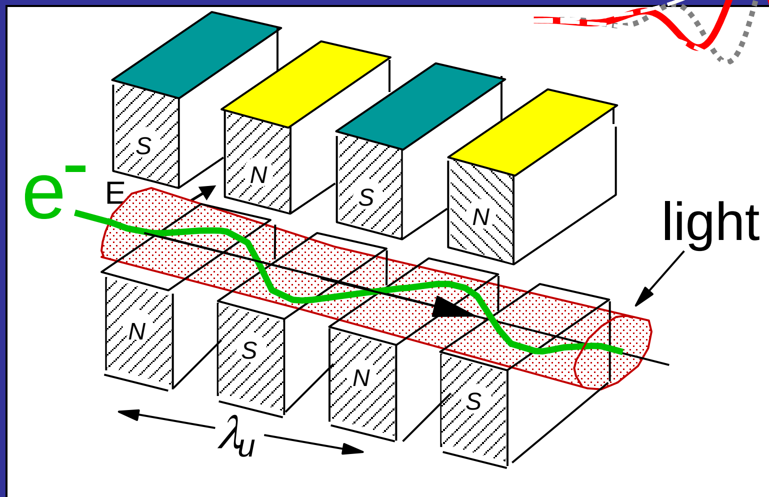
Small jitter in the electron bunch arrival time is not important – good for pump-probe experiments using variety of pump sources derived from initial laser signal

Basic idea:
Take an ultra-short slice of electrons from a longer electron bunch to produce a dominant x-ray radiation

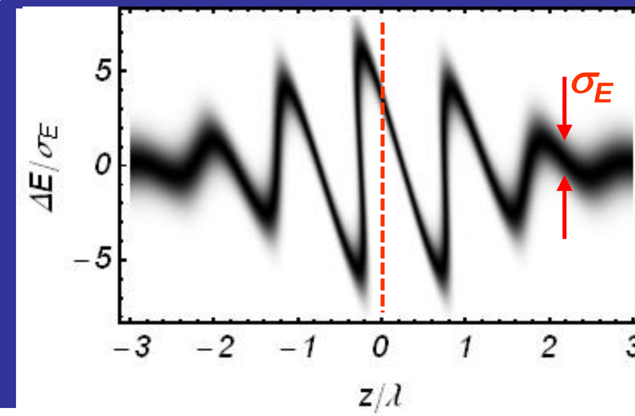
Light interaction with relativistic electron



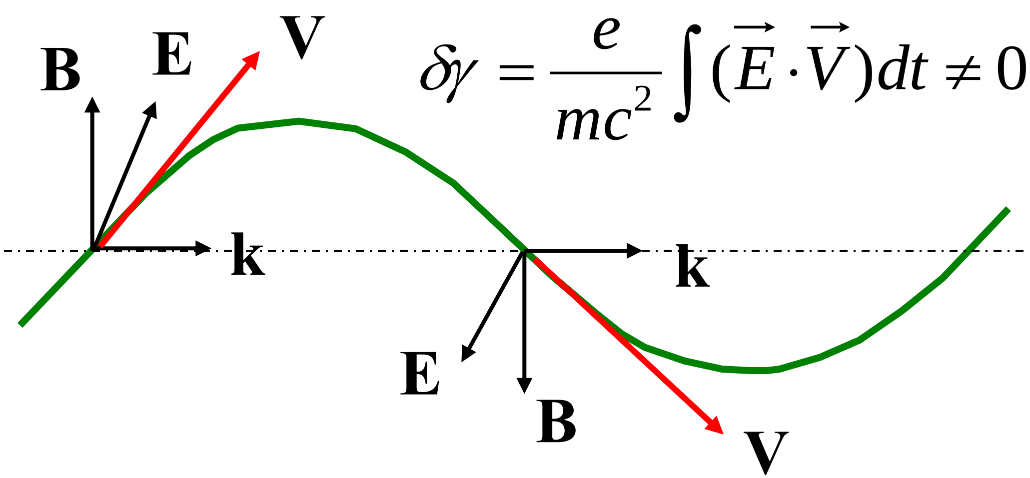
Laser pulse:
1 mJ, 5-fs
at 800 nm wave length
with CEP stabilization



Electron trajectory through undulator



Fragment of the electron bunch



$$\delta\gamma = \frac{e}{mc^2}\int(\vec{E}\cdot\vec{V})dt \neq 0$$

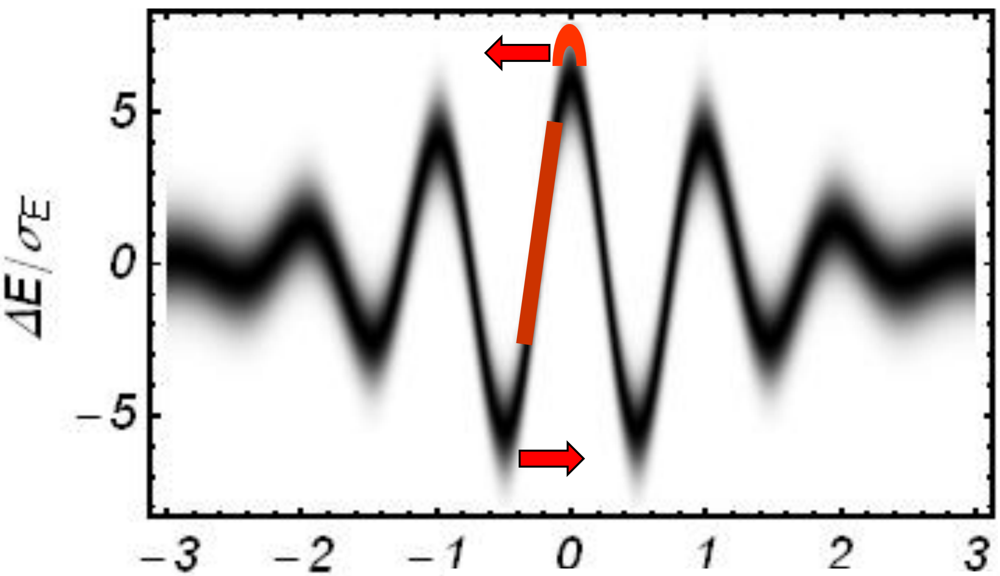
Laser wavelength

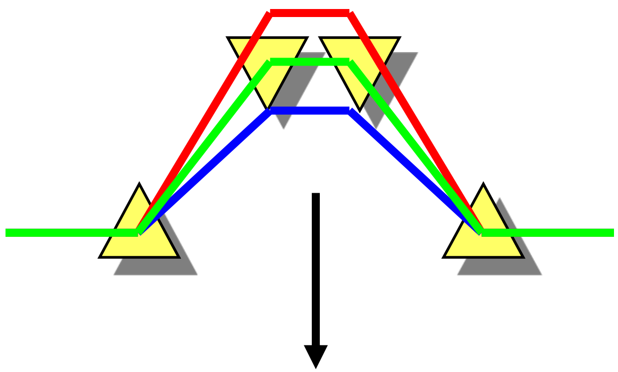
$$\lambda_L = \lambda_u(1+K^2/2)/2\gamma^2$$

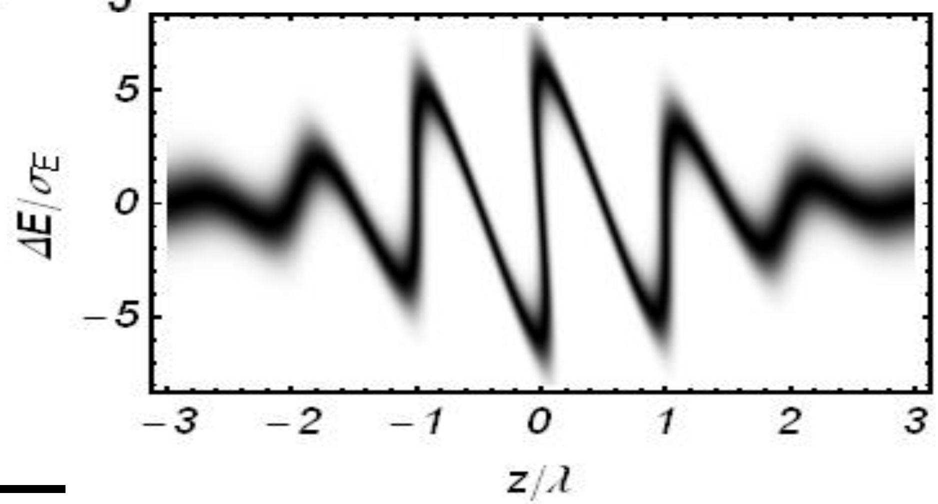
Undulator period

While propagating one undulator period, the electron is delayed with respect to the light on one optical wavelength

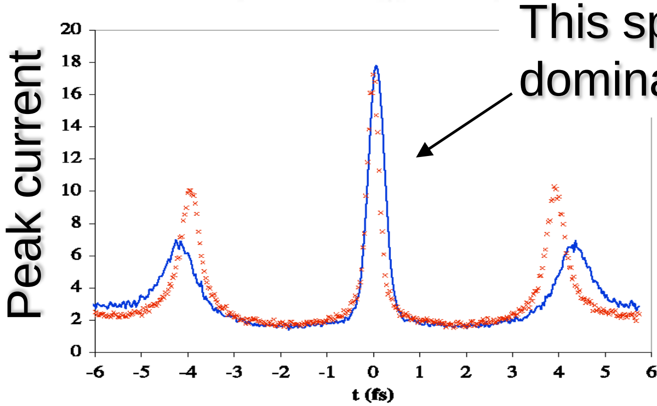
Energy modulation induced in the electron bunch during interaction with a ~1 mJ, 5 fs, 800 nm wave length laser pulse in a two period wiggler magnet with *K* value and period length matched to FEL resonance at 800 nm





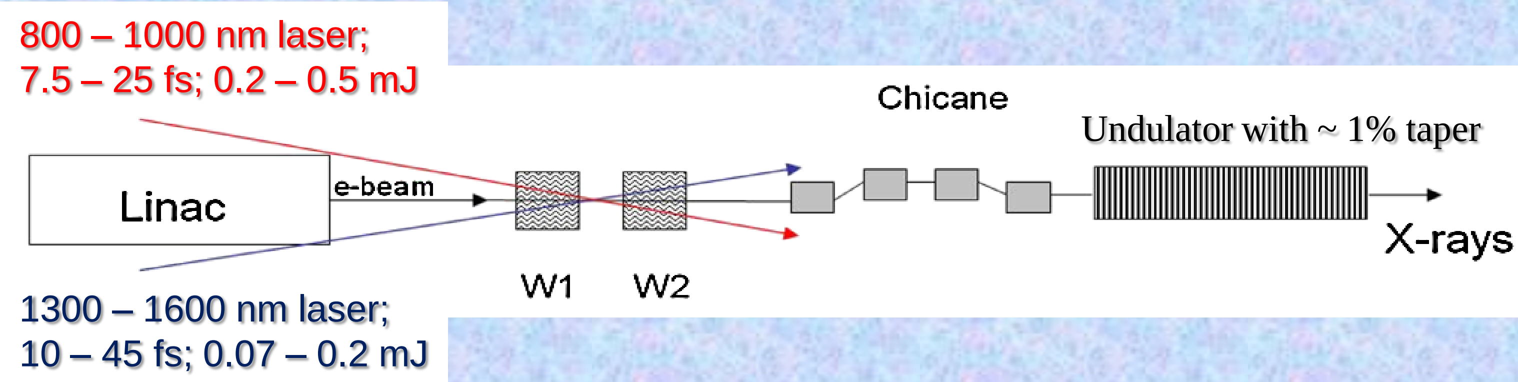


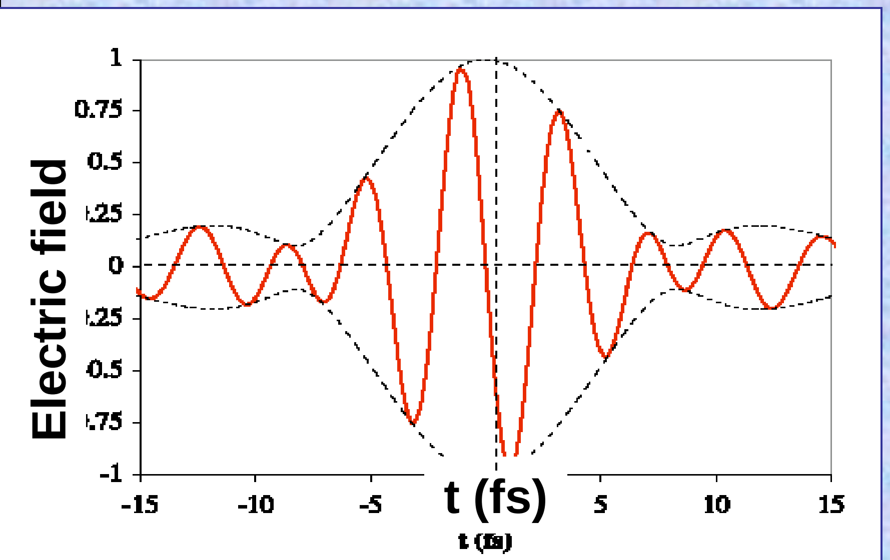
This spike gives a dominant signal



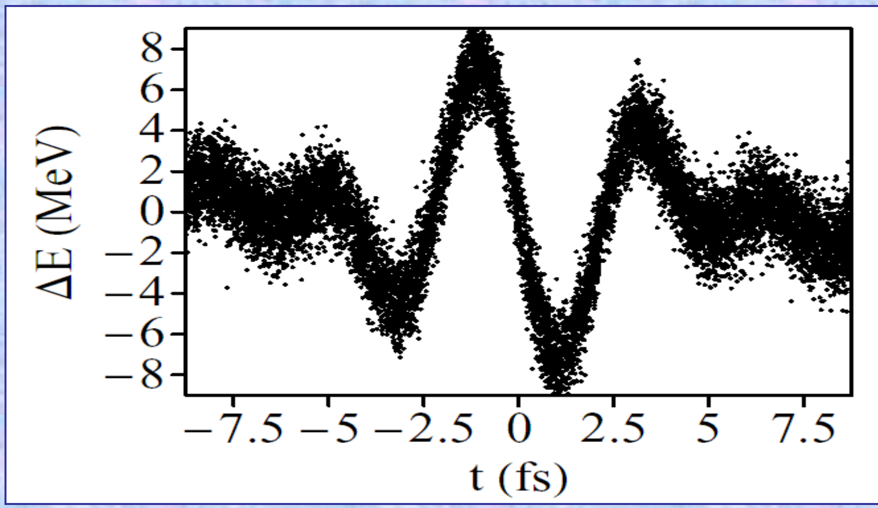
Current enhancement

Current enhancement method *)





Combined field of two lasers: increases one laser bandwidth



Energy modulation of electrons produced in interaction with two lasers

*) Zholents, Penn, PRST-AB, 8, (2005);
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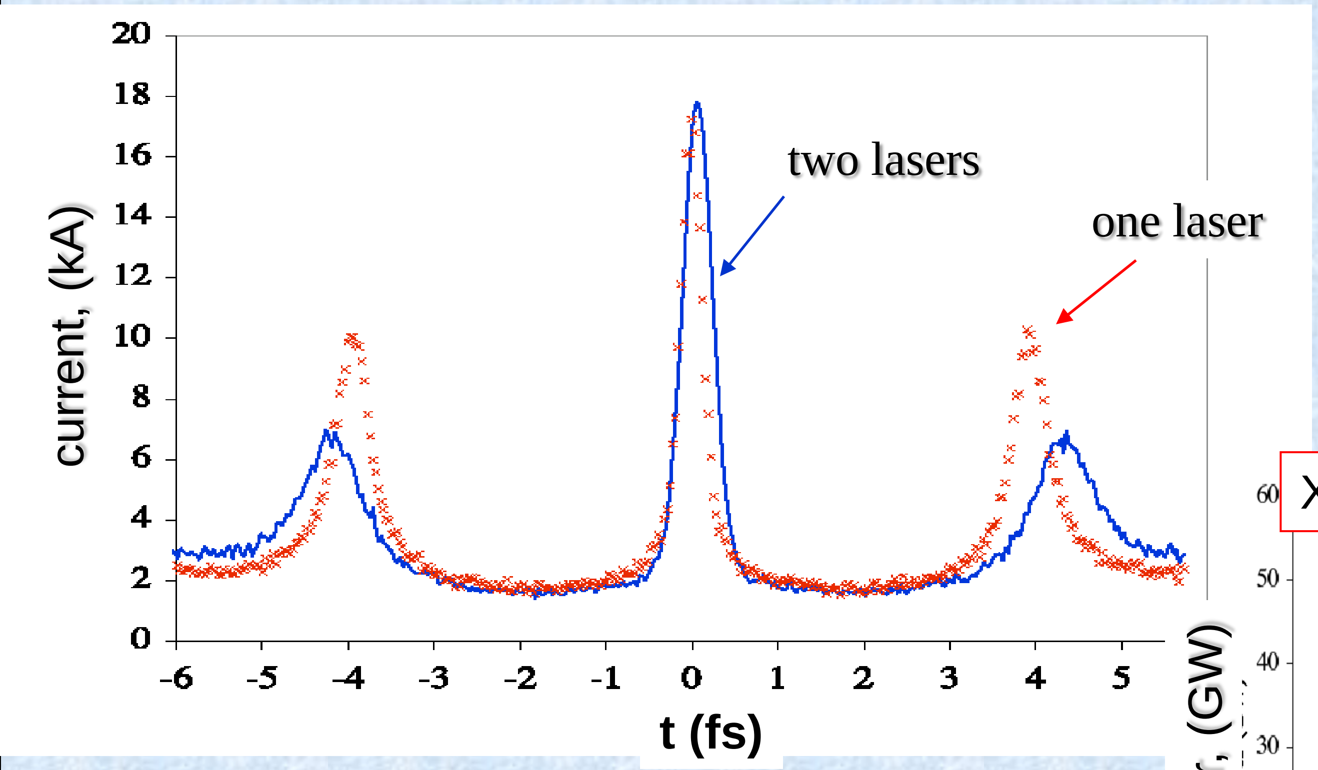
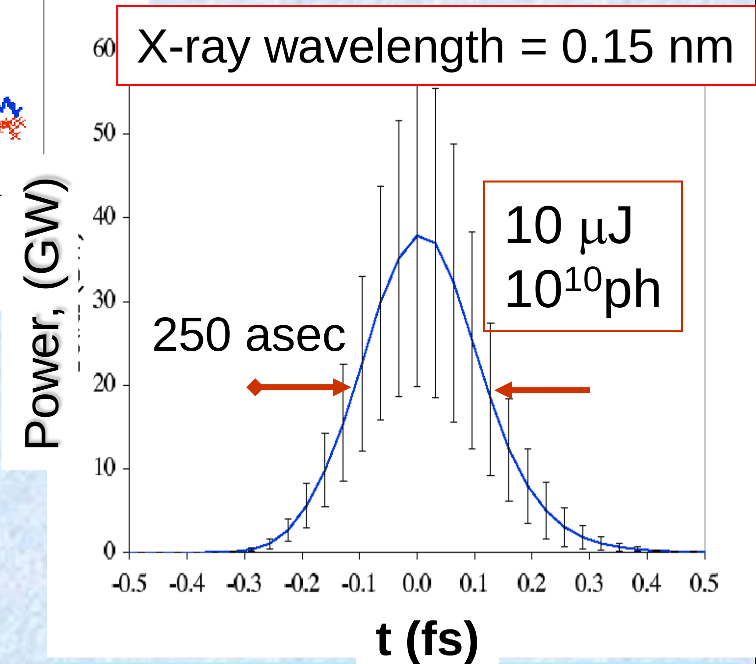
Current enhancement method (2)





Selection of attosecond x-ray pulse: regions with higher peak current reach saturation earlier

Contrast ≈ 1 (assuming 100 fs long bunch)

Nearly Fourier transform limited pulse

Publications exploring generation of attosecond x-ray pulses using a few-cycle laser pulse with a carrier envelop phase stabilization:

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[5] E.L. Saldin, E.A. Schneidmiller, M.V. Yurkov, Phys. Rev. ST-AB 9, 050702 (2006).
[6] A. A. Zholents and M.S. Zolotorev, New J. Phys. 10, 025005 (2008).
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[8] Y. Ding, Z. Huang, D. Rather, P. Bucksbaum, H. Maerdji, Phys. Rev. ST-AB 12, 060703 (2009).
[9] D. Xiang, Z. Huang, G. Stupakov, Phys. Rev. ST-AB 12, 060701 (2009).
[10] A. A. Zholents and G. Penn, Nucl. Inst. and Meth. A 612, 254(2010).

This conference:

TUPB17, by J. Qiang and J. Wu
WEPA01, by I.P.S. Martin and R. Bartolini
WEPA03, by H.X. Deng, Z.M. Dai and J. Yan

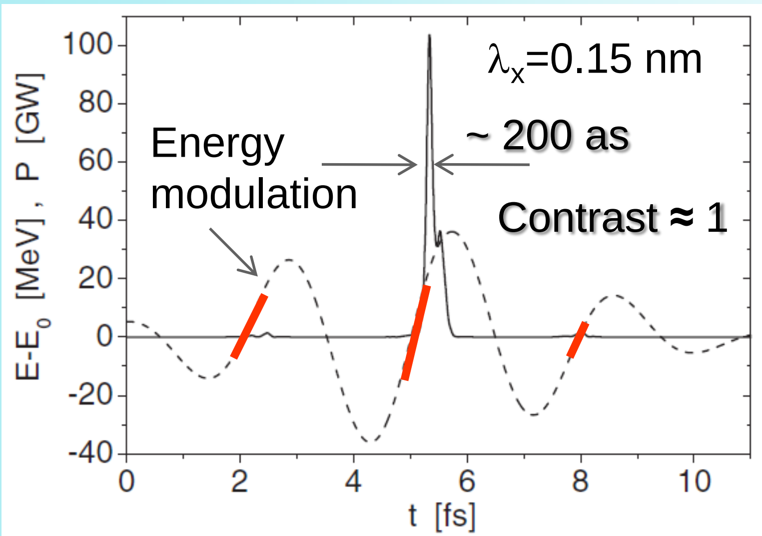
Few examples

Tapered undulator method[1]

also talk by L. Giannessi on Monday

Hard x-rays

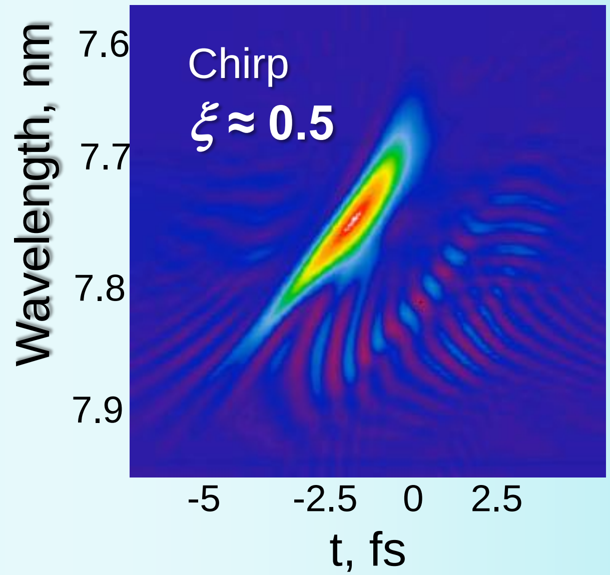
Energy chirp is compensated by the undulator taper in the central slice



$$\frac{d\ln K}{dz} = -\frac{\lambda_x}{\lambda_u}\frac{1+K^2/2}{K^2/2}\frac{d\ln\gamma}{cdt}$$

Soft x-rays

Wigner transform of the on-axis far field



Frequency chirp definition $\varphi = \xi(t/\sigma_t)^2$

Fourier transform limited pulse ~ 1.5 fs (FWHM)

W.M. Fawley, Nucl. Inst. and Meth. A 593, 111(2008).

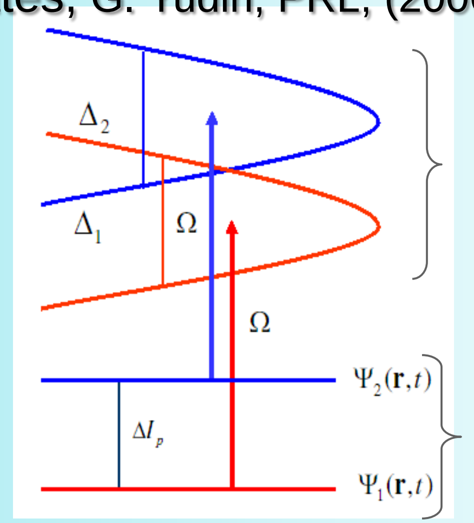
With two laser one can manipulate the energy chirp and, thus, the frequency chirp

1) E.L. Saldin, E.A. Schneidmiller, M.V. Yurkov, Phys. Rev. ST-AB 9, 050702 (2006).

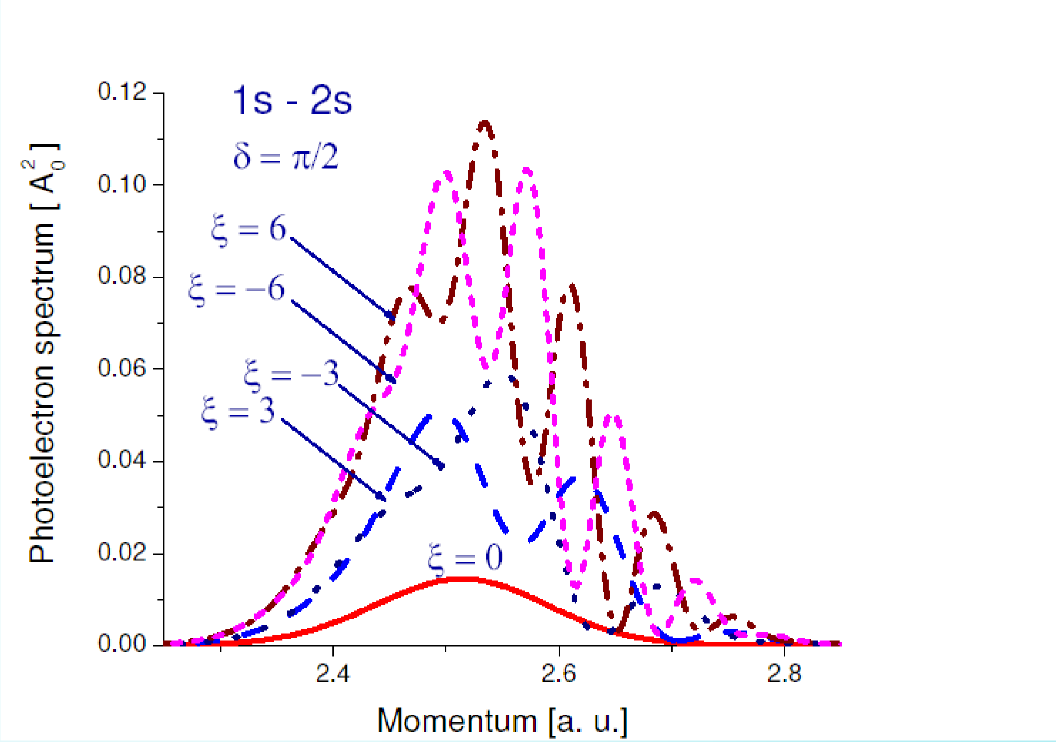
The figure-of-merit is broad bandwidth of attosecond pulses

"Sudden" photoionization creates a coherent superposition of electronic states, G. Yudin, PRL, (2006)

Photoelectron momenta

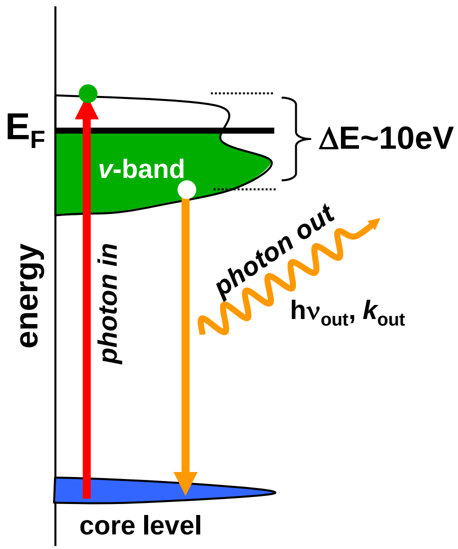


Photoelectron probability

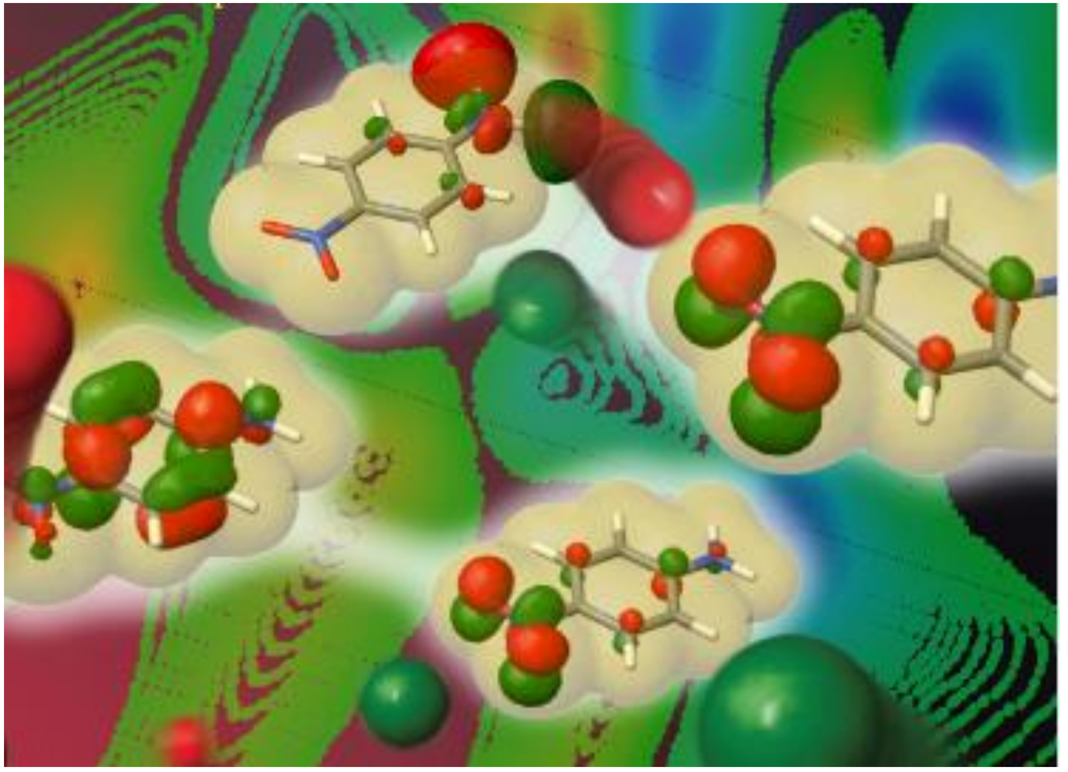


Intense attosecond x-ray pulses from FELs provide the opportunity to probe the matter on atomic scale in space and time

Stimulated X-ray Raman spectroscopy *)
X-ray pump, X-ray probe;
element specific



300 asec -> 6 eV, i.e. "sudden" excitation reveals multi-electron dynamics

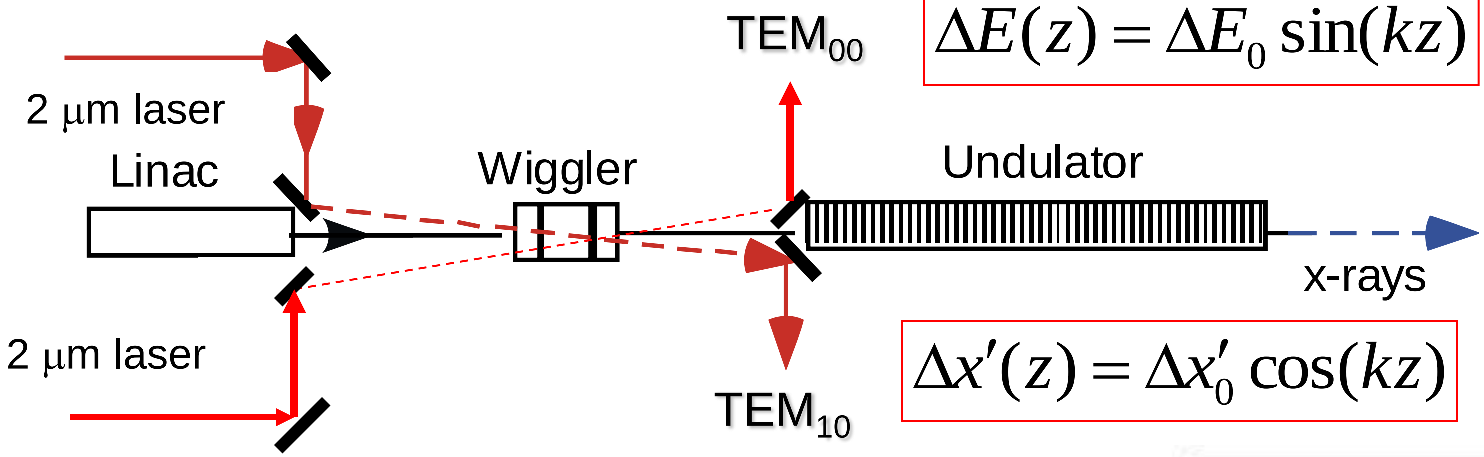


Artist's (Denis Han) view of excited electron wavepackets in molecule created by core excitation with attosecond x-ray pulses (courtesy S. Mukamel)

In molecules all electrons move in a combined potential of ion core and other electrons

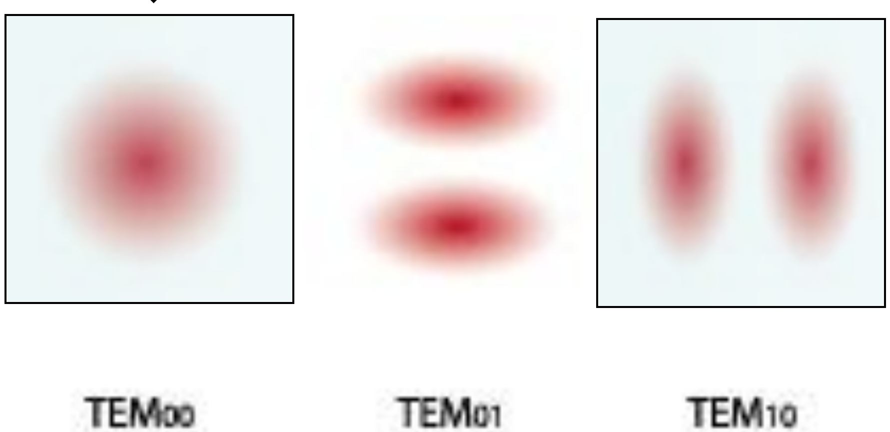
*) Schweigert, Mukamel, Phys. Rev. A 76, 012504 (2007)

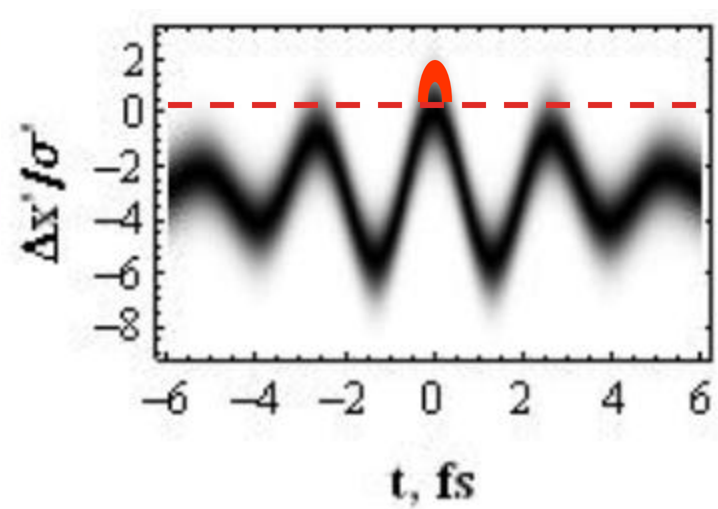
Selection of attosecond x-ray pulses via angular modulation of electrons*)



$$\boxed{\Delta E(z) = \Delta E_0 \sin(kz)}$$

$$\boxed{\Delta x'(z) = \Delta x_0' \cos(kz)}$$





Hermite-Gaussian laser modes

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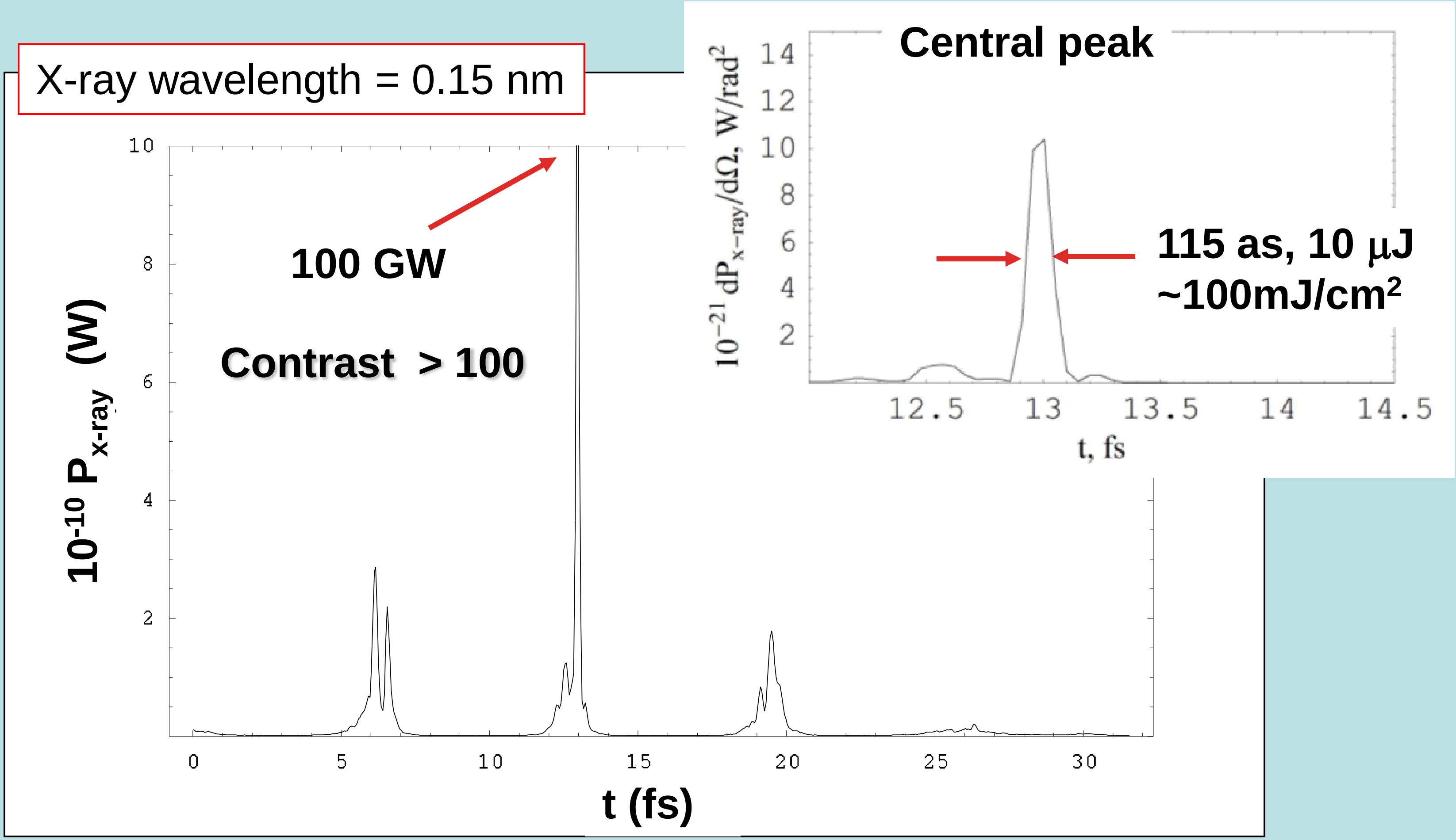
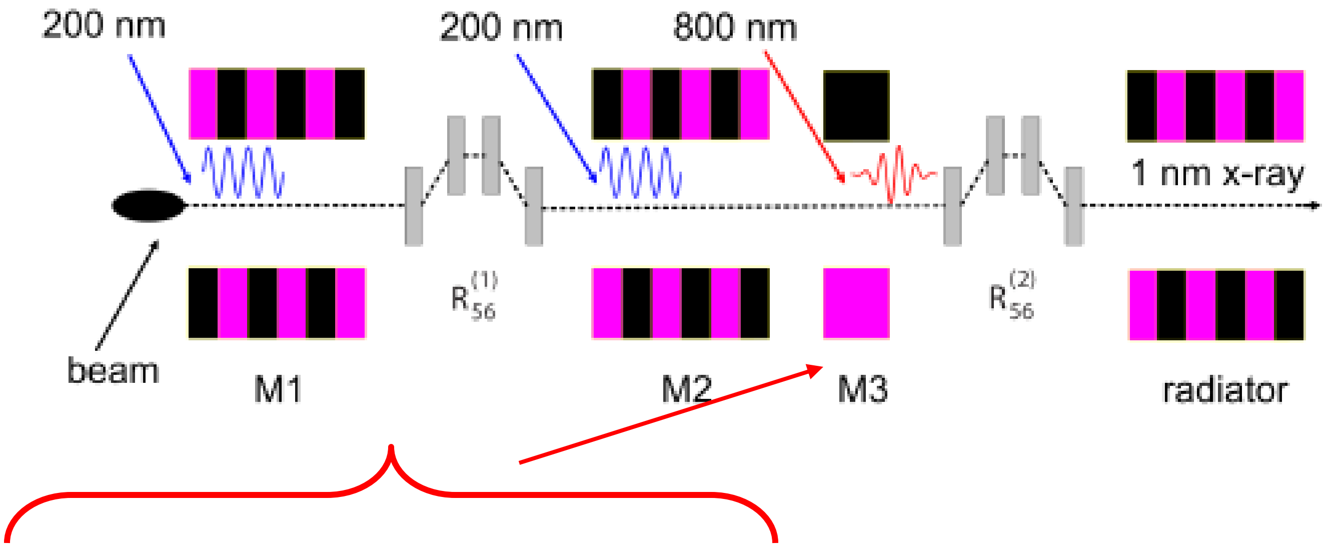
Combining angular and energy modulations for improved contrast of attosecond x-ray pulses



X-ray peak power as a function of time

Obtaining attosecond pulses at 1 nm using echo effect*)



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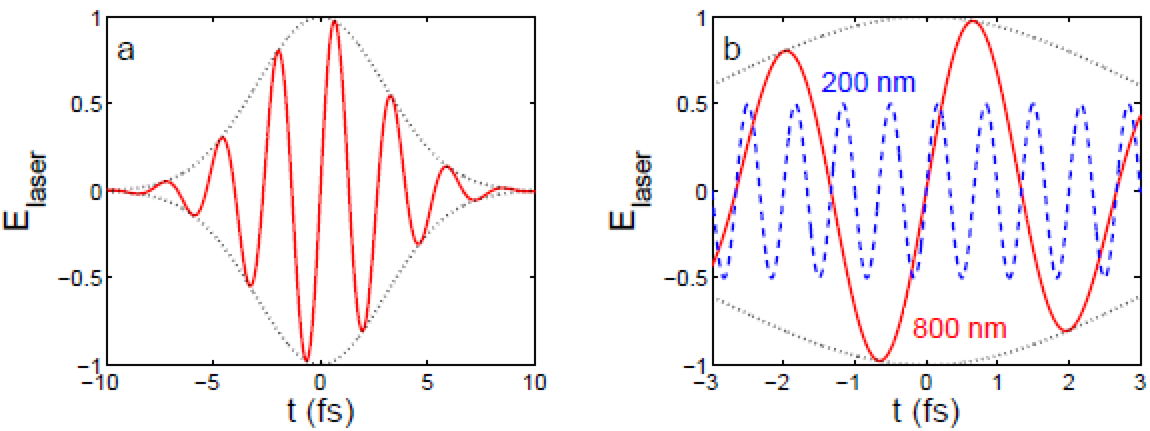
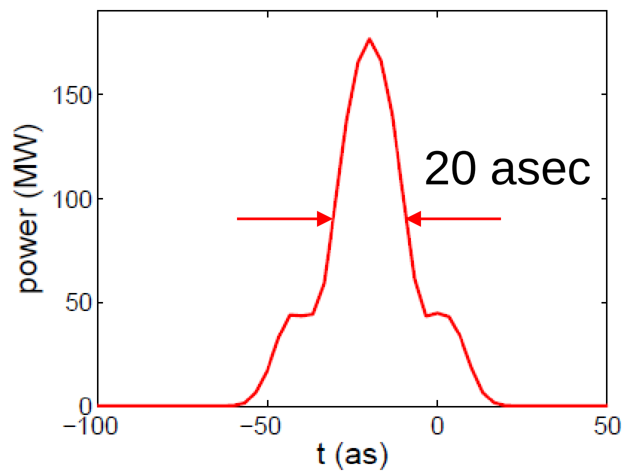


Adding energy chirp via interaction with ultra short laser pulse



x-ray pulse

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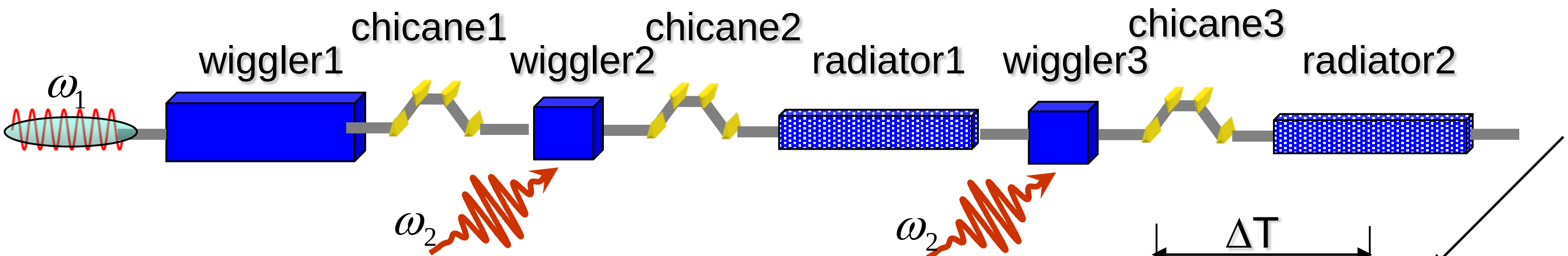
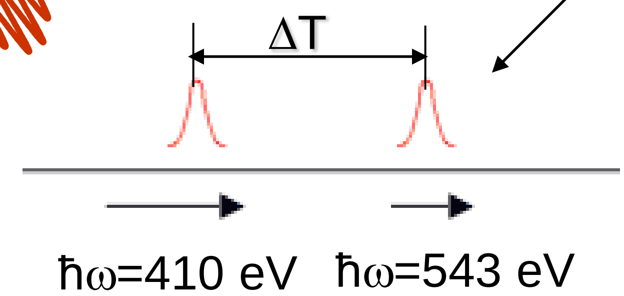
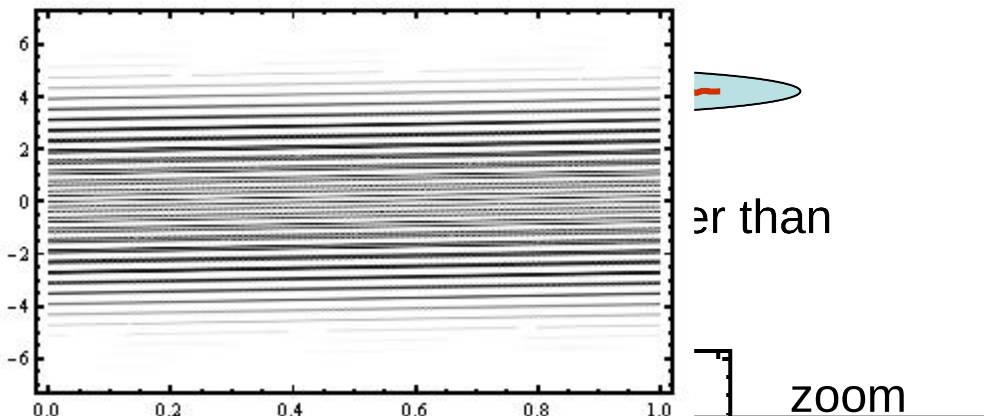
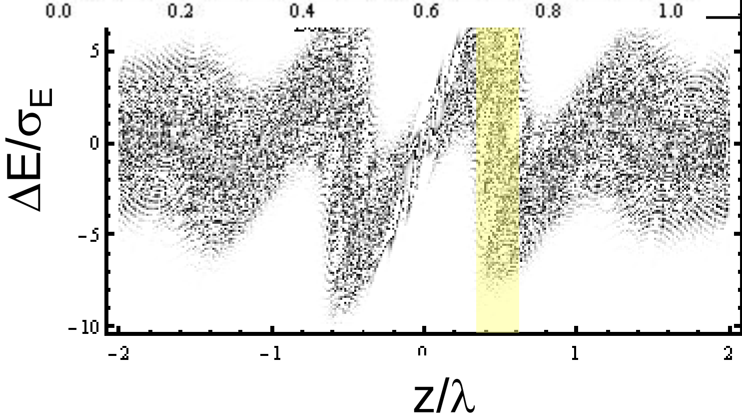
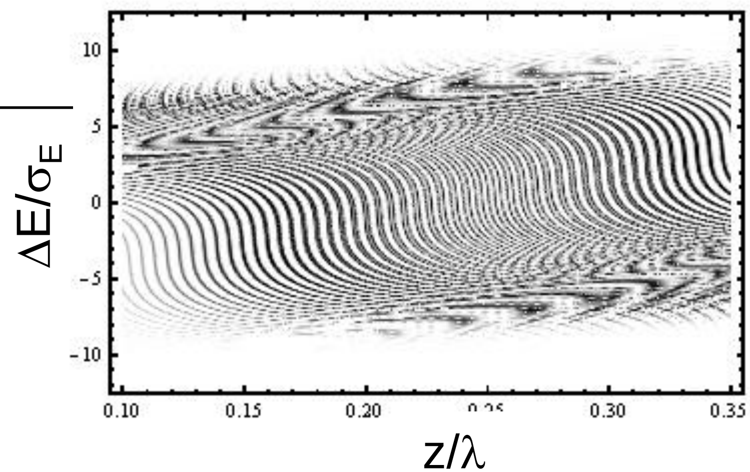
Two color attosecond pump and attosecond probe x-ray pulses*)











Fragment of the longitudinal phase space

Zoom into the main peak shows microbunching at 2.28 nm

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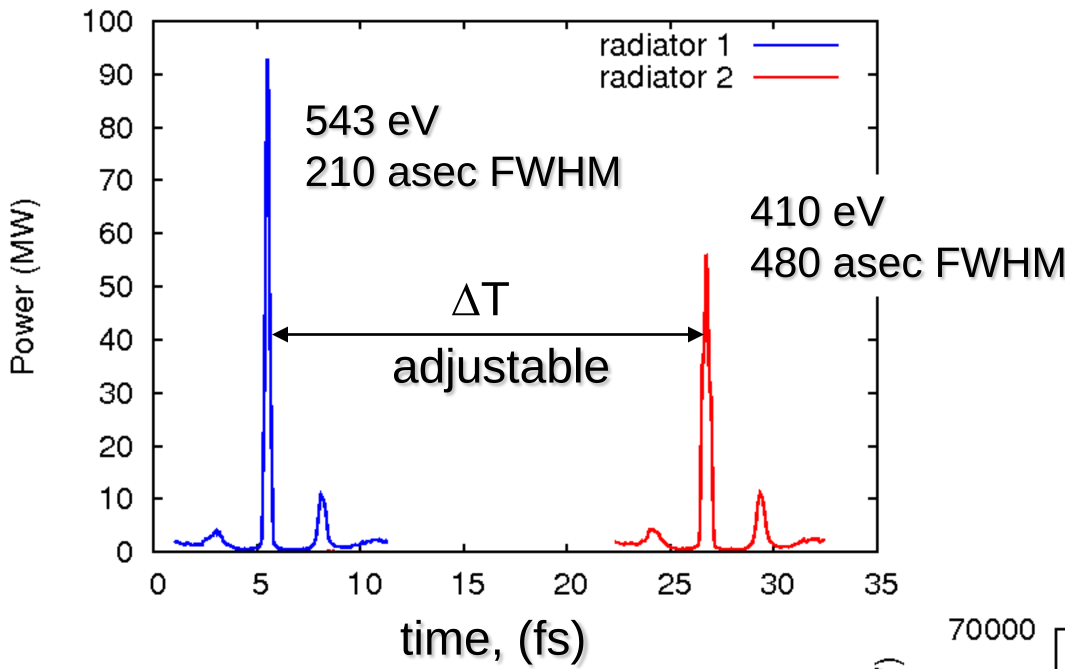
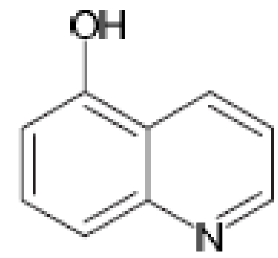
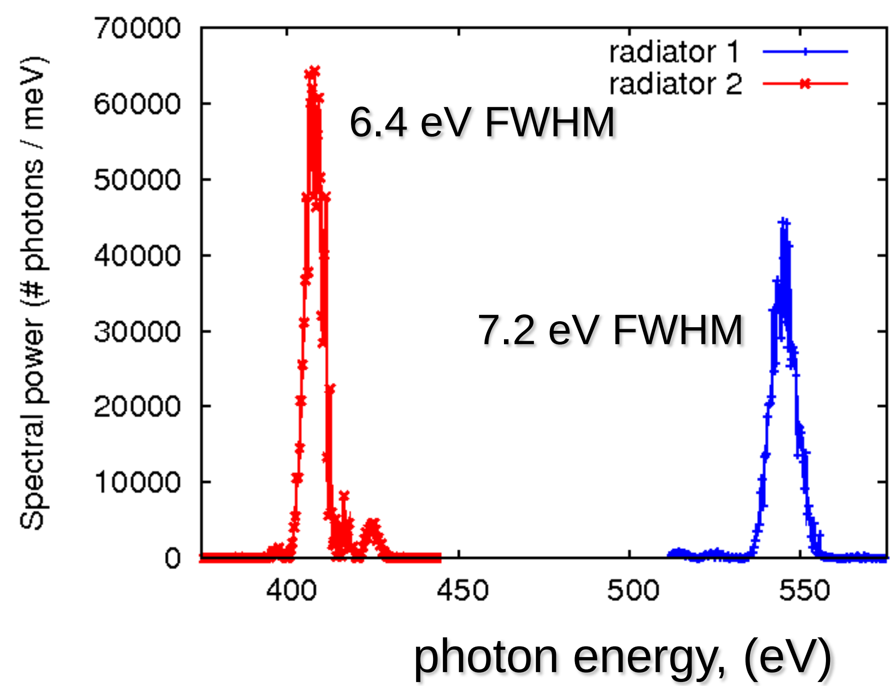
Simulation results using 1D code and GENESIS for two color scheme





Molecule structure of 5-quinolinol



X-ray SASE FEL amplifier with mode-locking produces a train of attosecond pulses[1]

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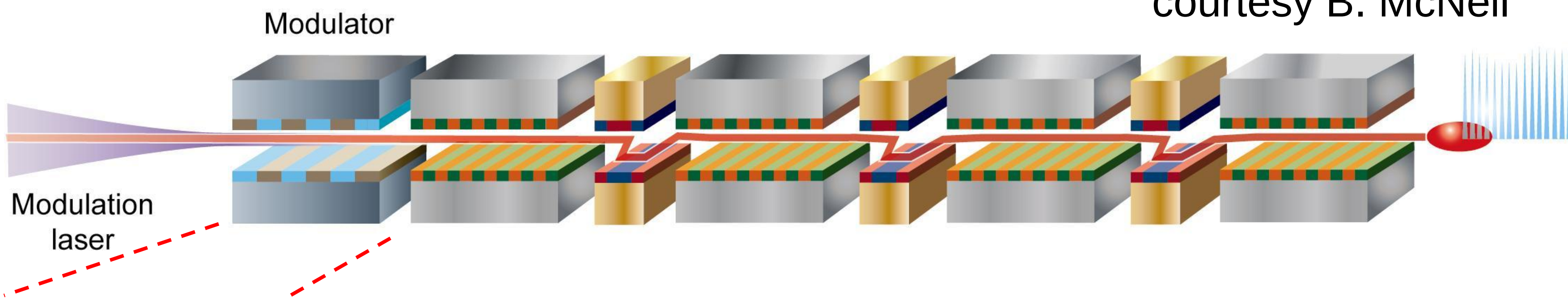

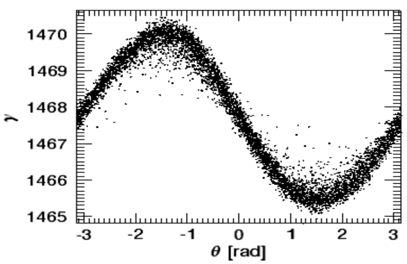

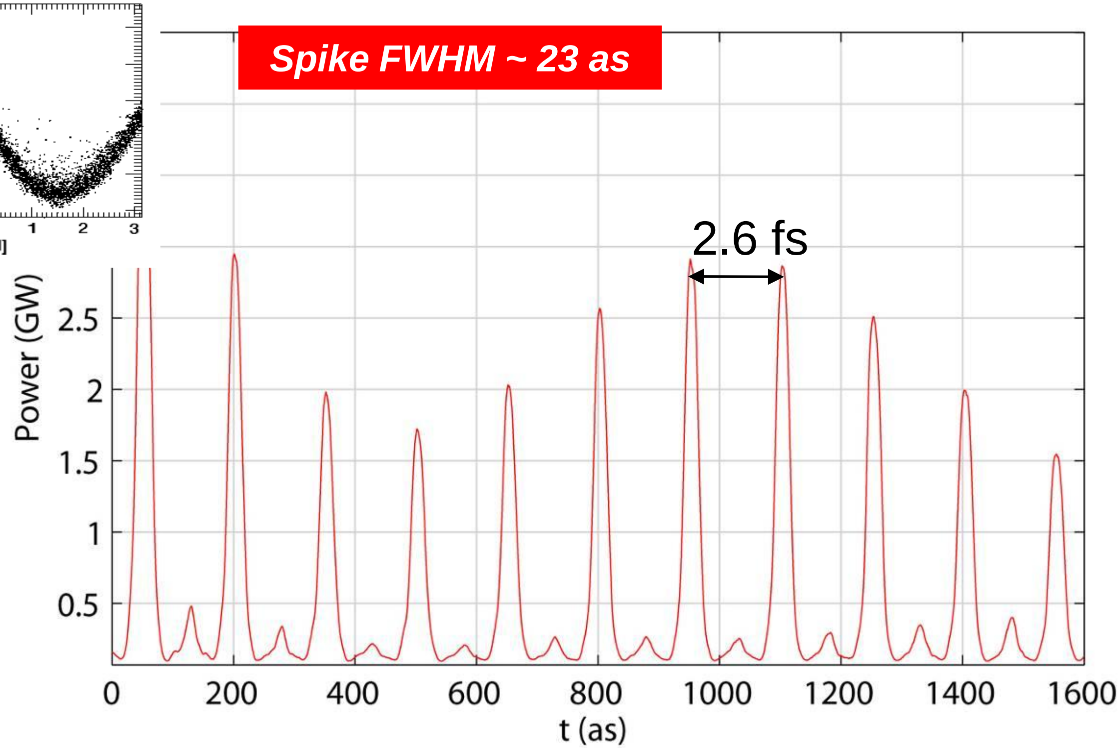

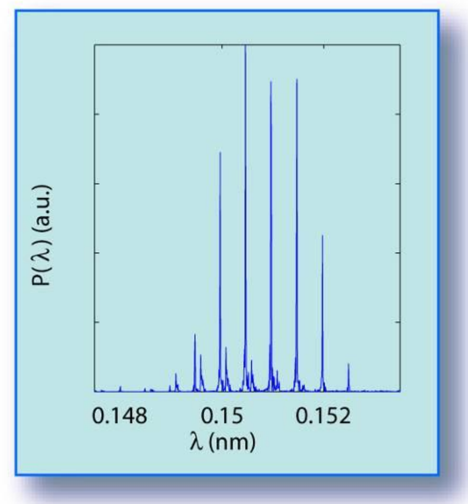

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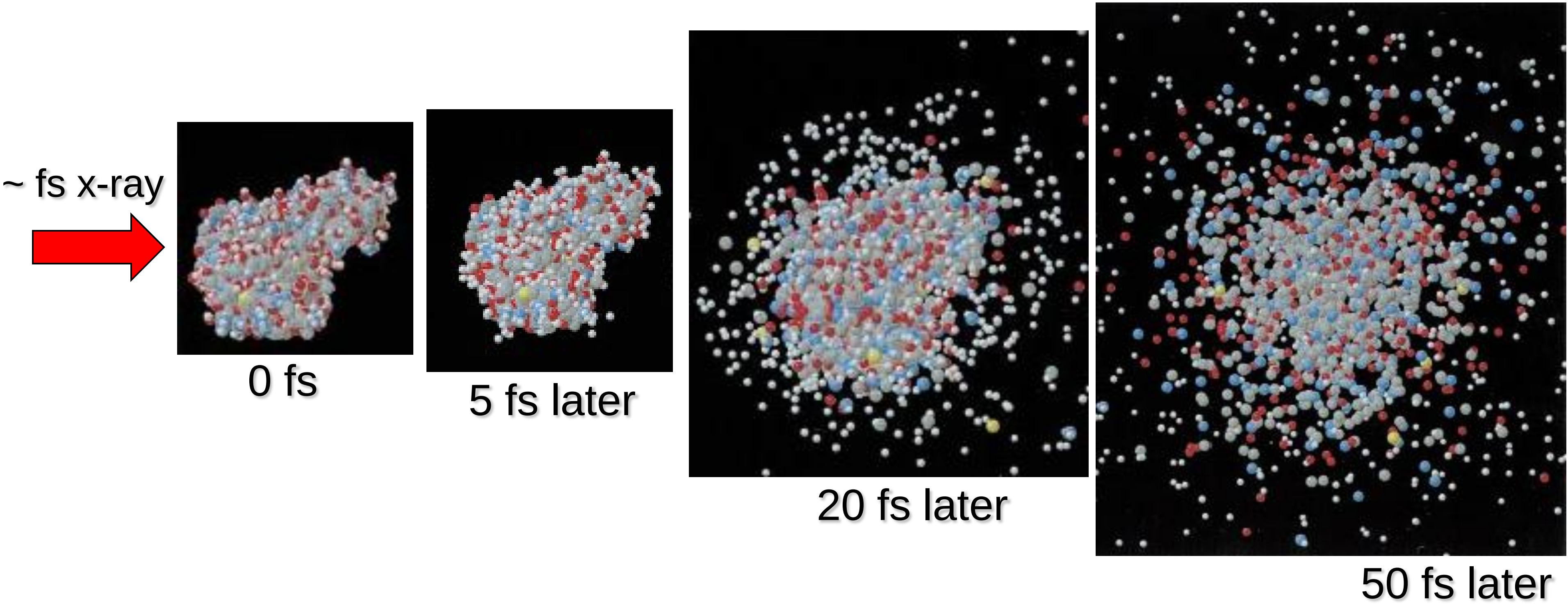

- **We are at the threshold of a new era of science, where for the first time, the new instruments, the x-ray FELs, are capable to study the matter with a single atom time and space resolution.**
- **FLASH, SCSS and LCLS routinely work with ultra-short XUV/x-ray pulses.**
- **Remarkably, adding attosecond capabilities to existing FELs require rather modest modifications.**

Thank you for your attention