

# Free Electron Lasers in the Soft X-ray Regime

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# Soft X-ray science: understand *function* of materials

Need to understand chemical bonding & interacting electrons

- Where are the **electrons**? What are they doing? Why? How?
- Can they be controlled and manipulated?

**Understanding Chemical Reactivity**

- charge transfer, catalysis, photosynthesis (natural and artificial)

**Understanding Correlated Materials** – what will follow the silicon age?

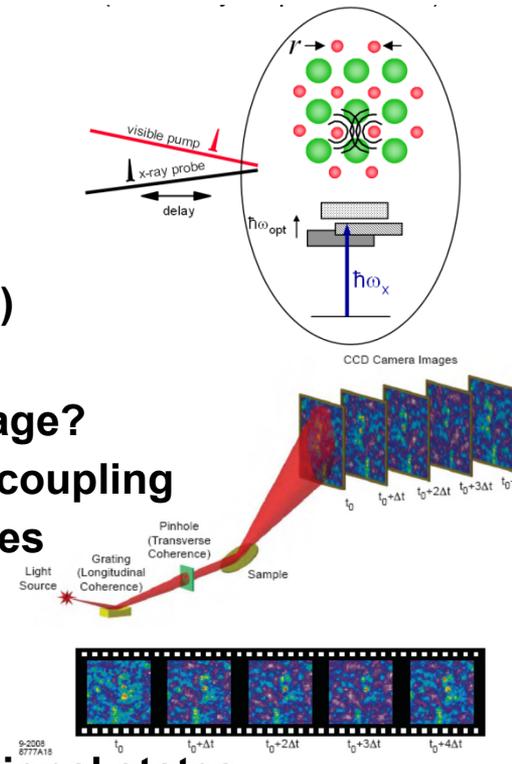
- charge correlation, nanoscale organization, charge/spin/lattice coupling
- superconductivity, colossal magnetoresistance, exotic properties

**Imaging structure  $\Rightarrow$  imaging “function” in biological systems**

- structure  $\diamond$  dynamics  $\diamond$  function
- identify conformational states -pathways connecting conformational states

**Soft X-ray probes and pumps for Imaging, structure determination, and spectroscopy**

- Accessing K- and L-edges of the earth-abundant elements
- Diffraction/scattering in the few to several keV photon energy range



# Key soft X-ray FEL performance parameters

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- **Spatial (transverse) coherence**
  - Requirements set by real-space imaging, diffractive imaging, and photon-correlation spectroscopy
- **Temporal (longitudinal) coherence**
  - Fourier-transform-limited pulses – **trade-off time and energy resolution**
    - ~100 fs pulses with ~10 meV bandwidths to sub-femtosecond pulses with ~10 eV bandwidths
- **Synchronization** and integration with conventional pulsed laser sources
- **Modest to high peak flux and brightness**
- **High repetition rate** with regularly spaced pulses
- **High average flux and brightness**
  - High repetition rates (100 kHz or greater)
- **Tunability throughout the transition-metal L-edges** and polarization control
- **Two-color** capability for non-linear spectroscopies and X-ray pump/X-ray probe
- High degree of amplitude, wavelength, and position **stability**
- **Multiple simultaneous users**

# The X-ray laser revolution!

Upgrades and expansion  
FLASH-II  
SACLA  
FERMI FEL2  
LCLS-II

Shorter wavelength

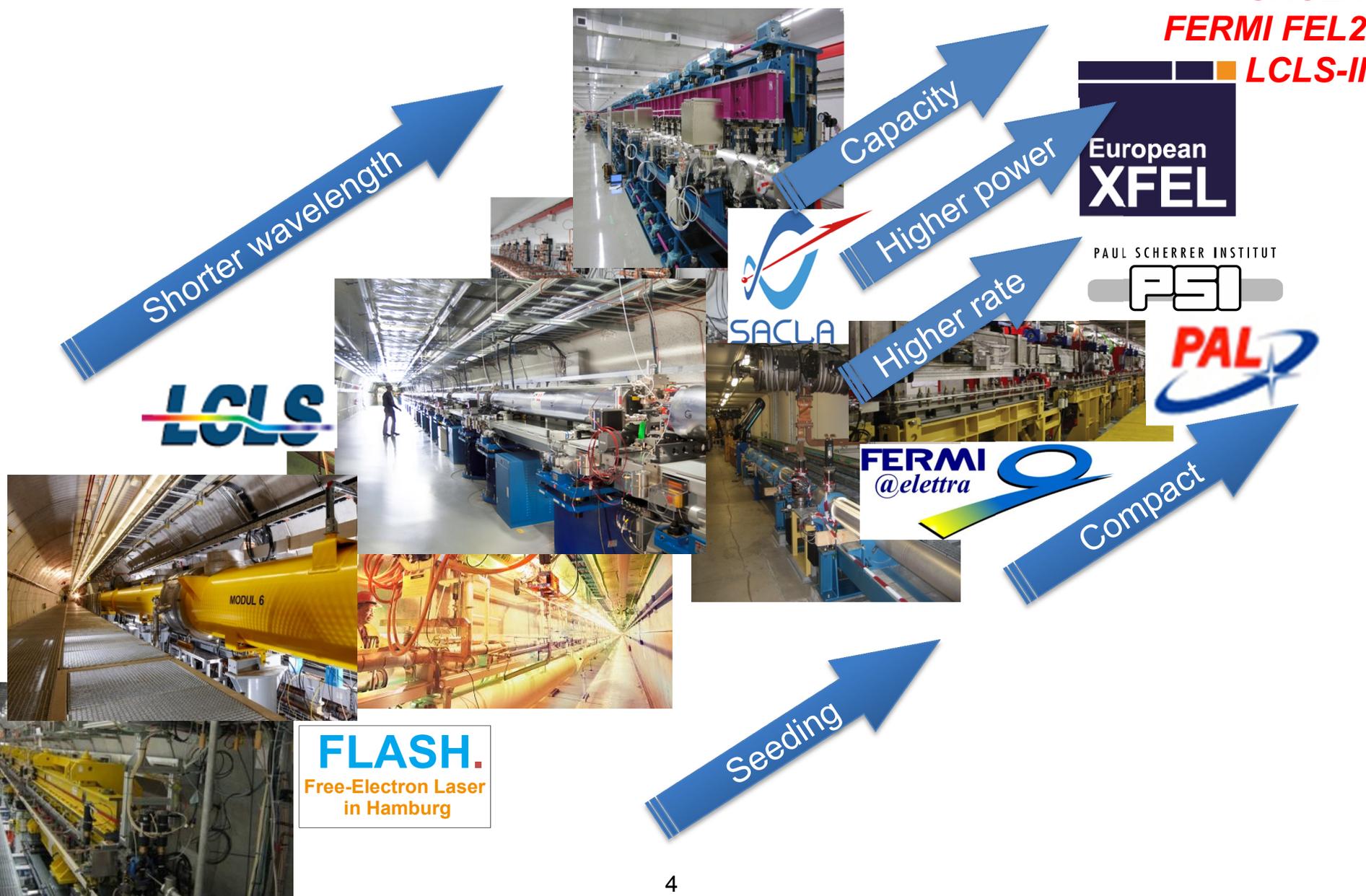
Capacity

Higher power

Higher rate

Compact

Seeding



LCLS

SACLA

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FLASH.  
Free-Electron Laser  
in Hamburg

# Worldwide soft X-ray FEL activities

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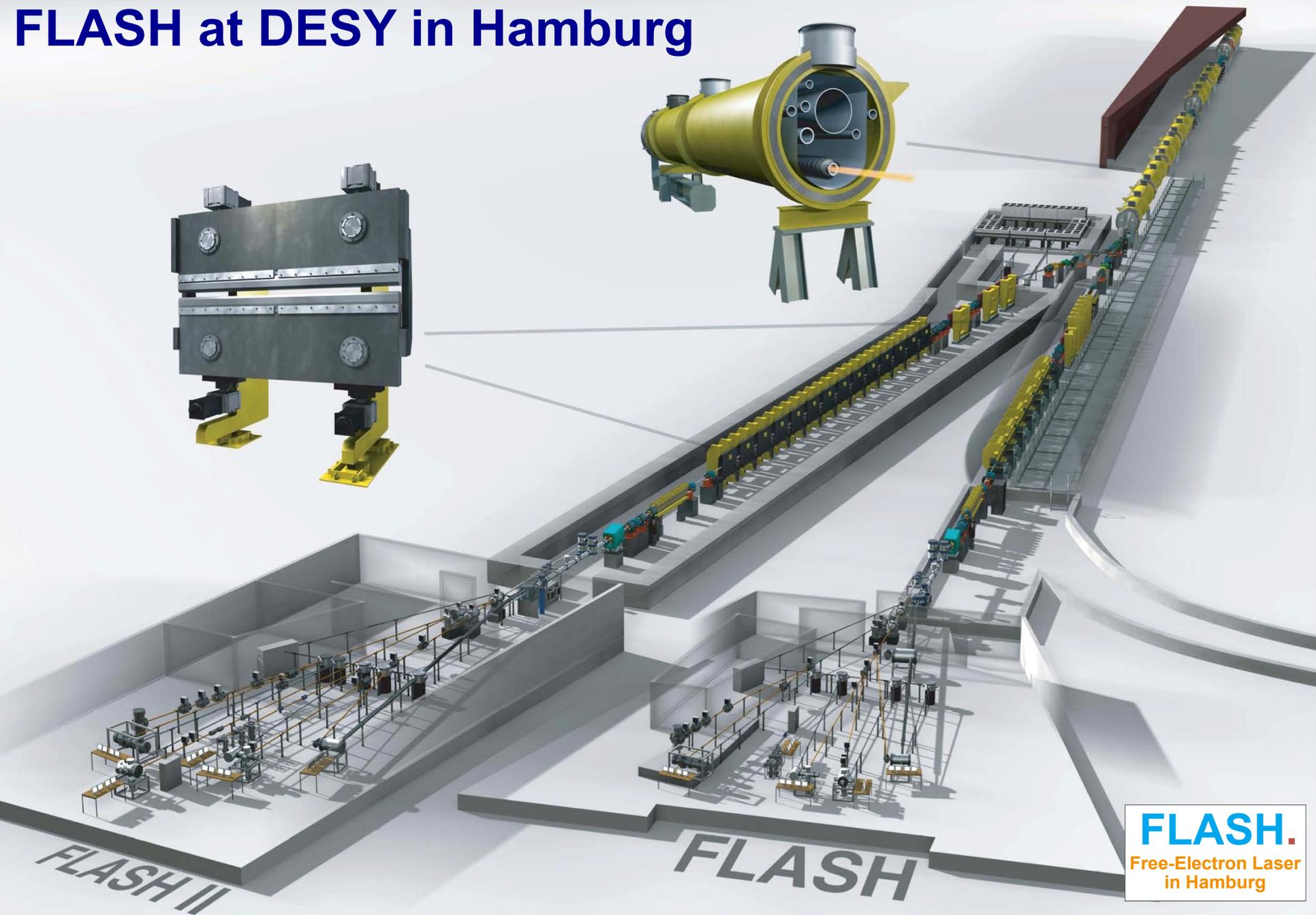
- Existing soft X-ray FEL user facilities and their upgrade/expansion projects
  - FLASH + FLASH-II
  - LCLS + LCLS-II
  - FERMI@elettra + FEL2
  - SACLA + upgrade projects
- Under construction and planned user facility projects
  - European XFEL
  - SwissFEL
  - PAL-XFEL
- Other facility proposals
  - NGLS, SXFEL, IRIDE, WiFEL ...
- Many FEL R&D projects and facilities
  - APEX, ATF, CLARA, JLAB, LUNEX-5, MAX-IV, NLCTA, SCSS, SDL, SDUV FEL, SPARC, WiFEL, .....

# Overview of this talk

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- Existing soft X-ray FEL user facilities and their upgrade/expansion projects
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# FLASH at DESY in Hamburg

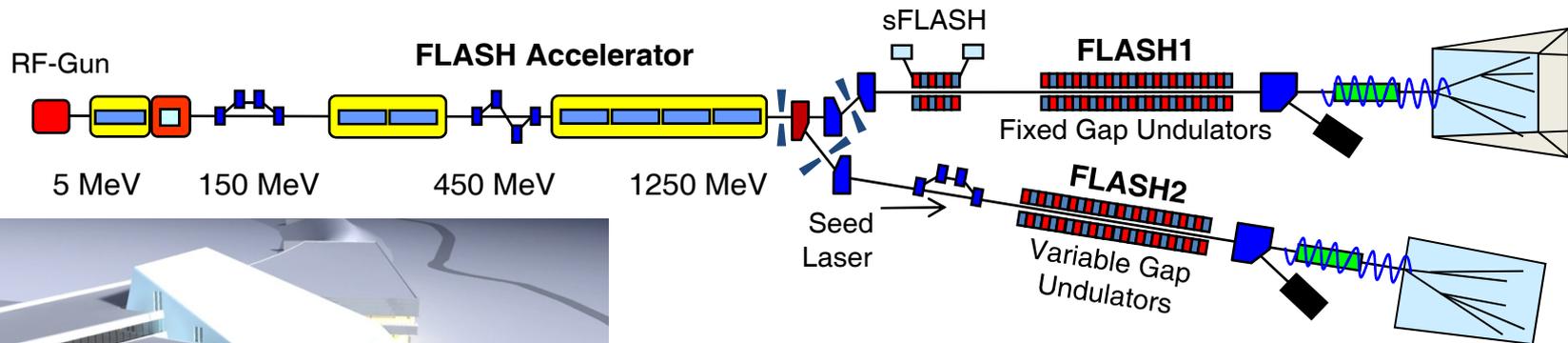


**FLASH.**  
Free-Electron Laser  
in Hamburg

Siegfried Schreiber

# FLASH II Project

- Second FEL undulator line with variable gap undulators in a separate tunnel
- Second photocathode laser
- Fast kicker to distribute beam within an RF pulse
- Second experimental hall for photon beamlines and experiments
- Implementation of seeding schemes for improved radiation properties
- Under construction; first beam expected early 2014



# FLASH-II construction, May 2013

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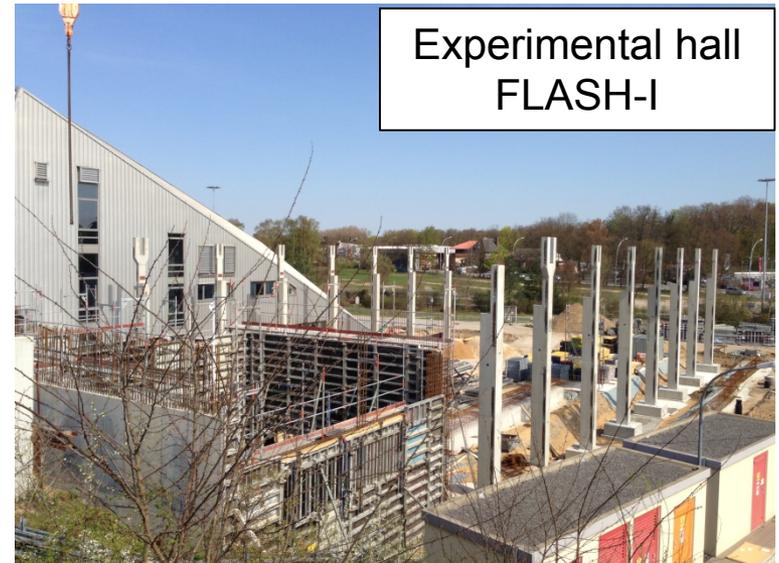


FLASH-II  
building



FLASH-II

FLASH-I



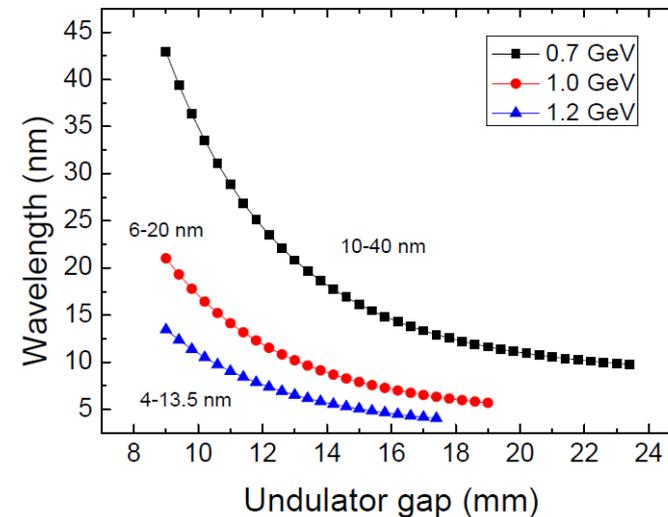
Experimental hall  
FLASH-I

# Parameters FLASH-II beamline

Electron beam	
Beam Energy	0.5 – 1.25 GeV
Emittance (norm.)	1 – 3 mm mrad
Energy Spread	0.5 MeV
Peak Current	2.5 kA
Bunch charge	0.02 – 1 nC
Bunch spacing	1 – 25 $\mu$ s
Repetition rate	10 Hz

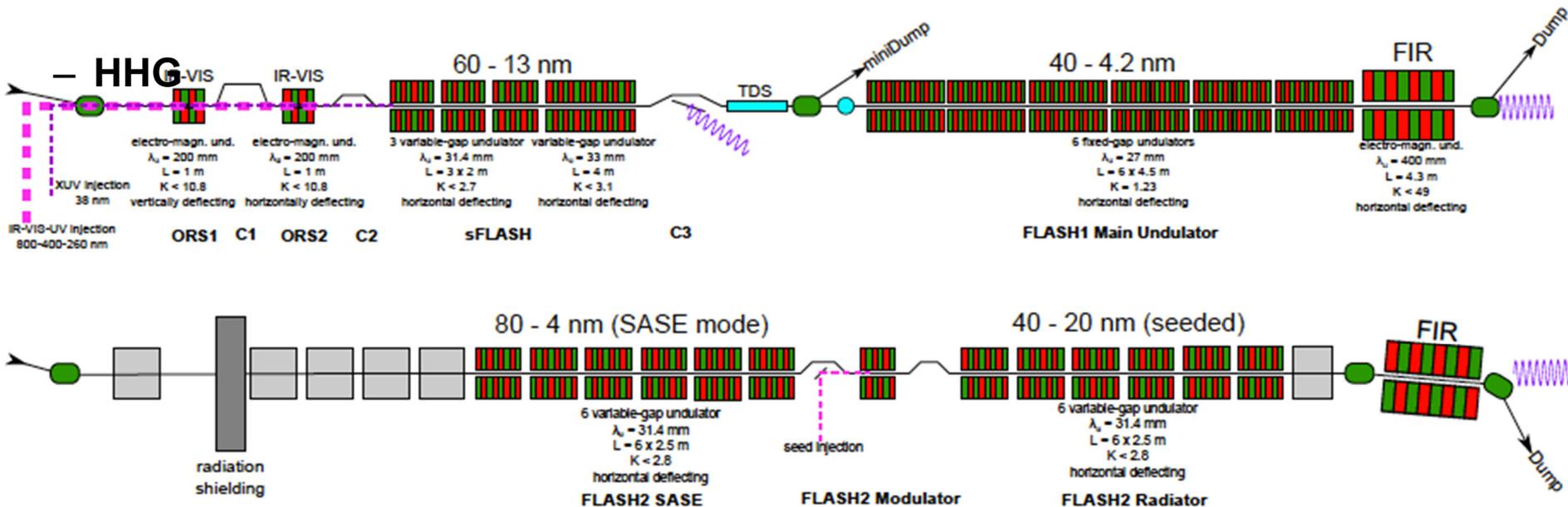
Undulator	
Period	31.4 mm
Segment Length	2.5 m
Segments	12
Gap	Variable
Focusing	FODO

Energy	Wavelength
0.7 GeV	10 – 40 nm
1.0 GeV	6 – 20 nm
1.25 GeV	4 – 13.5 nm



# Seeding plans

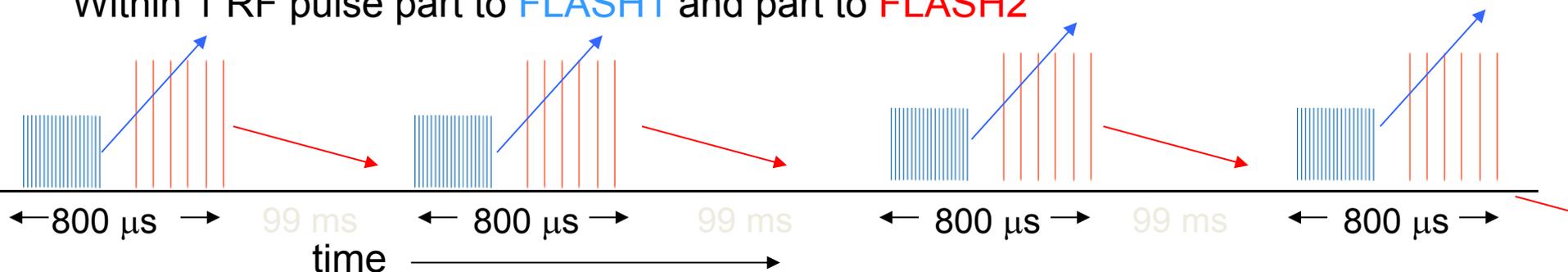
- FLASH-I
  - HGHG (single stage and cascaded seeding)
  - EEHG



- FLASH-II
  - UV seed
  - Initial 10Hz burst mode with an intra-burst repetition rate of 100 kHz
  - Upgrade to 1MHz
  - Hardware for FLASH2 seeding installed by the end of 2014

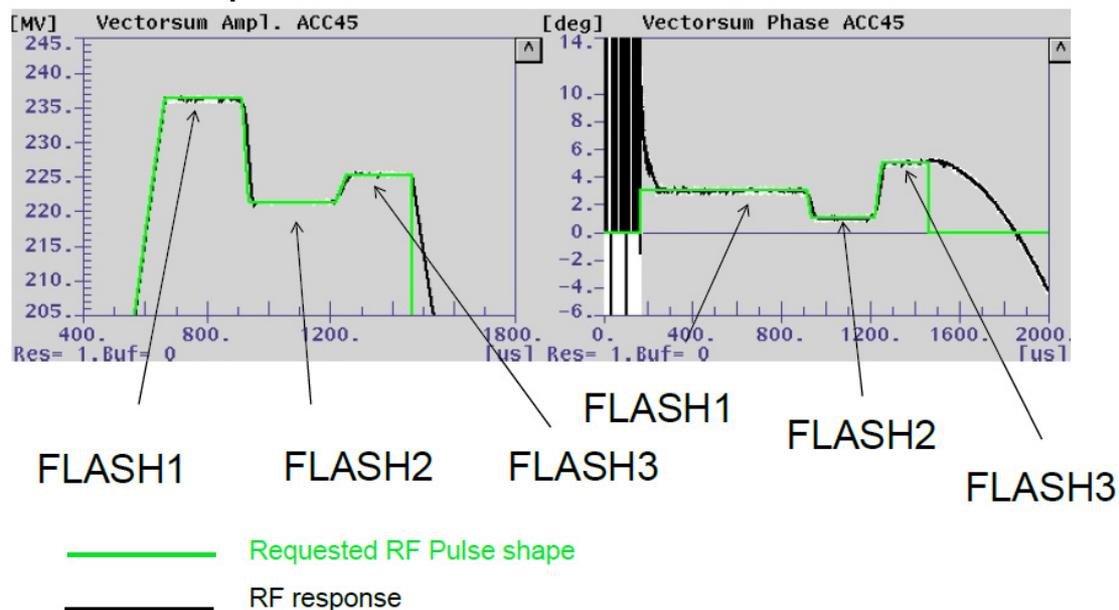
# Beamline switching (FLASH-I and FLASH-II)

Within 1 RF pulse part to FLASH1 and part to FLASH2



- Flexibility in
  - Intra-train repetition rate
  - Number of pulses per train
  - Longitudinal pulse shape
  - Single pulse energy
- For both(!) user experiments
- Basics tested successfully

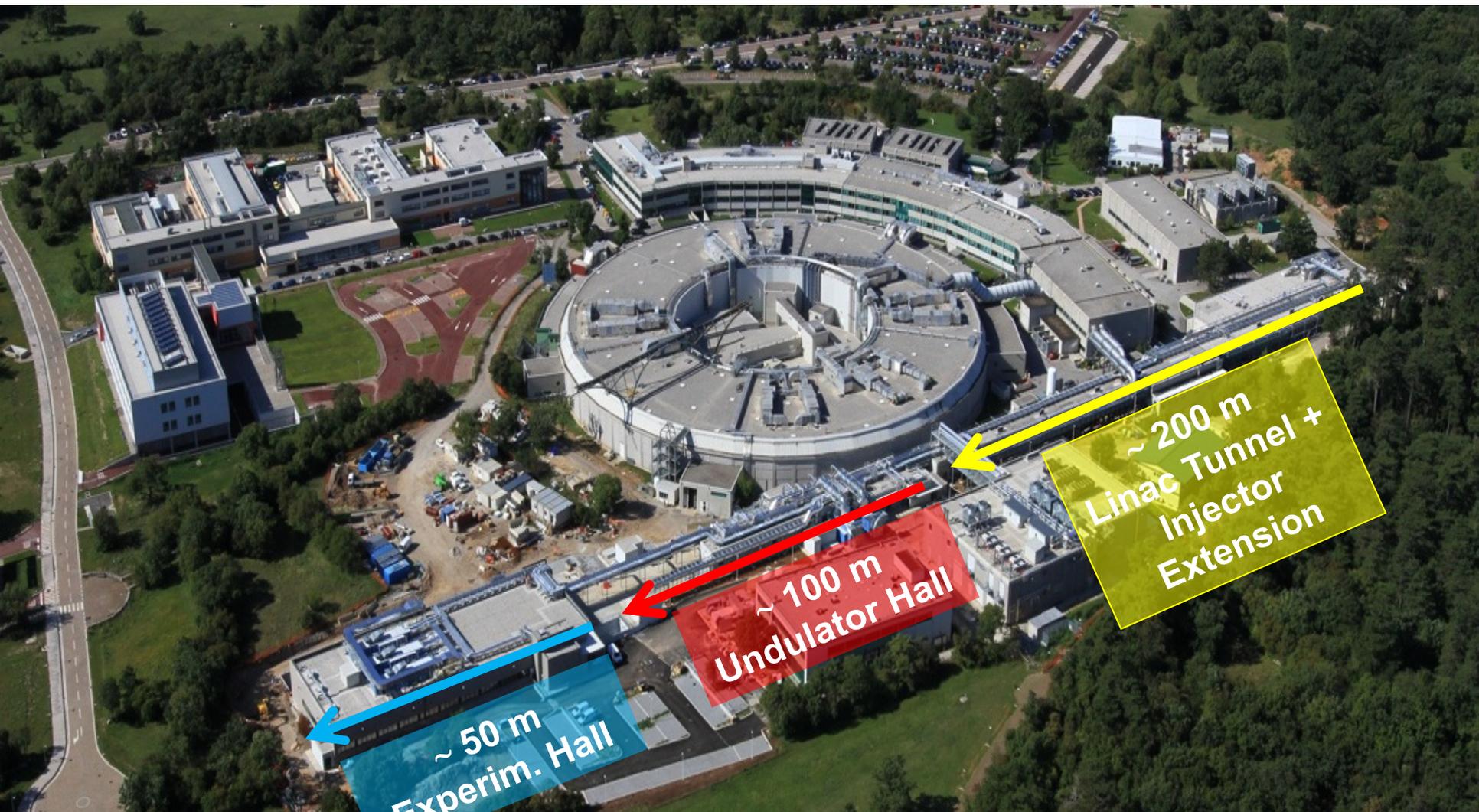
Amplitude and Phase of Acceleration





# FERMI at Sincrotrone Trieste

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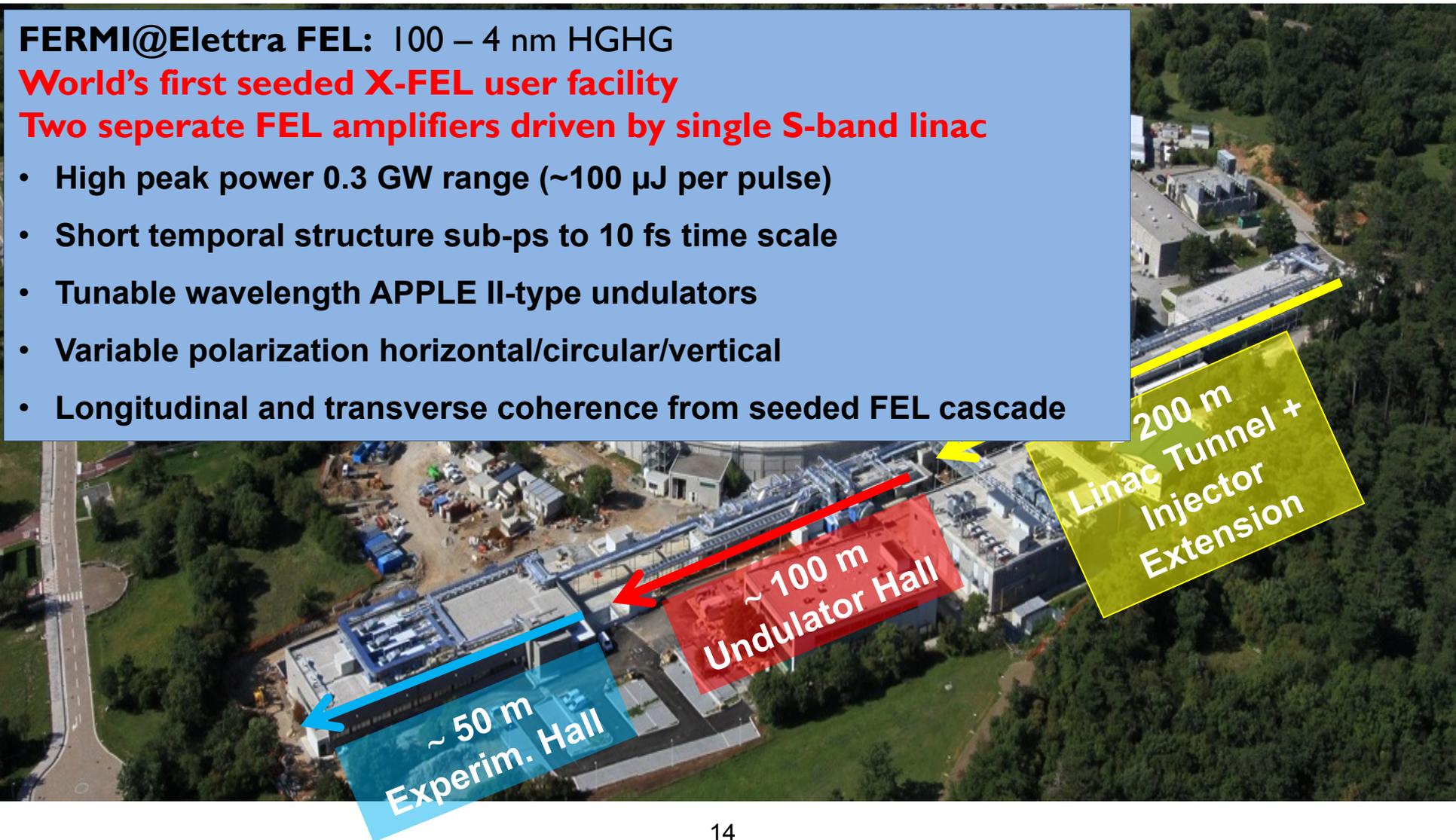
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**FERMI@Elettra FEL:** 100 – 4 nm HGHG

**World's first seeded X-FEL user facility**

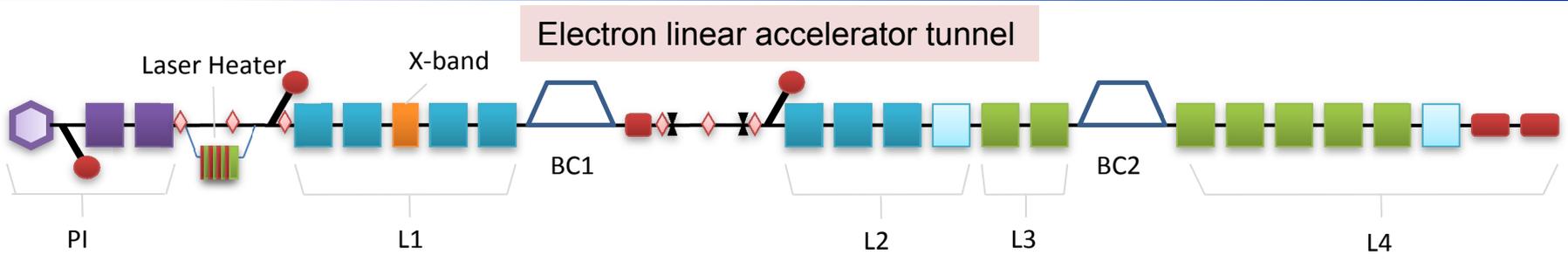
**Two separate FEL amplifiers driven by single S-band linac**

- High peak power 0.3 GW range ( $\sim 100 \mu\text{J}$  per pulse)
- Short temporal structure sub-ps to 10 fs time scale
- Tunable wavelength APPLE II-type undulators
- Variable polarization horizontal/circular/vertical
- Longitudinal and transverse coherence from seeded FEL cascade

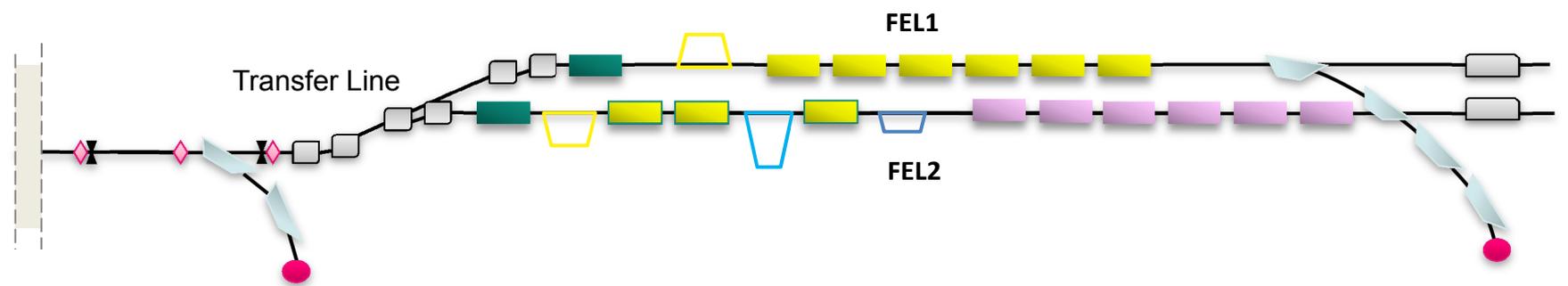


# FERMI layout

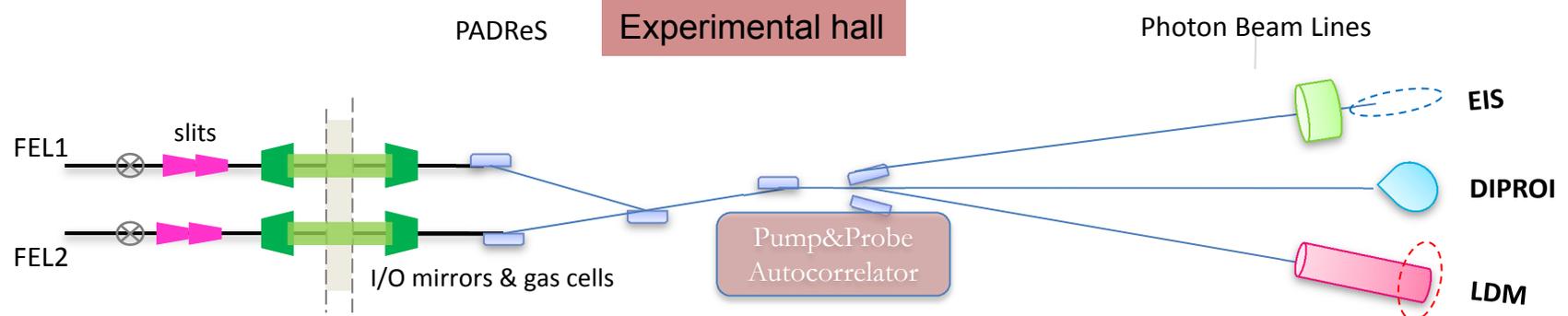
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## Undulator hall



## Experimental hall

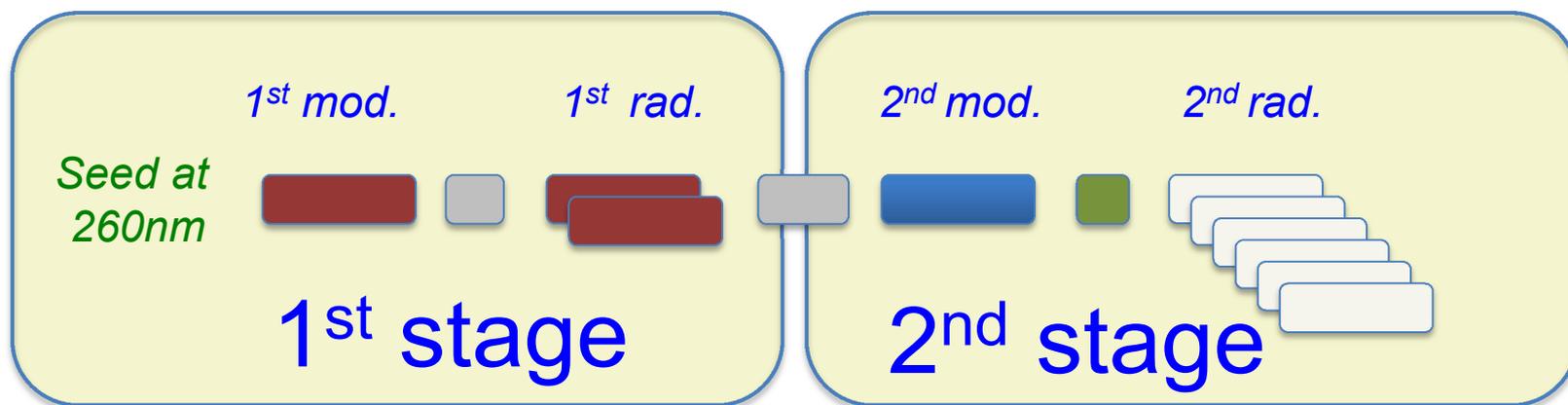


# FERMI FEL status

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- **FEL-1: Single stage cascaded FEL, full specifications achieved in 2012, now dedicated to user experiments**
  - Continuously tuneable wavelength 20-65 nm (up to 100nm possible with specific machine setup)
  - Bandwidth (best)  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  @ 32 nm
  - Energy per pulse 30-100 uJ (depending on wavelength setting – up to a factor 2-3 more relaxing the spectral purity requirements)
- **FEL-2: 2–stage, fresh bunch, cascade FEL, in commissioning**
  - October 2012 commissioning @ 1.0 GeV, ~50 uJ @10.8 nm
  - Extended wavelength range down to 8 nm in March 2013 (@1.23 GeV) commissioning
  - Down to 5 nm in June 2013 (@1.4 GeV)
  - Coherent emission at 3 nm September 2013

## *The Fresh Bunch Injection Technique*

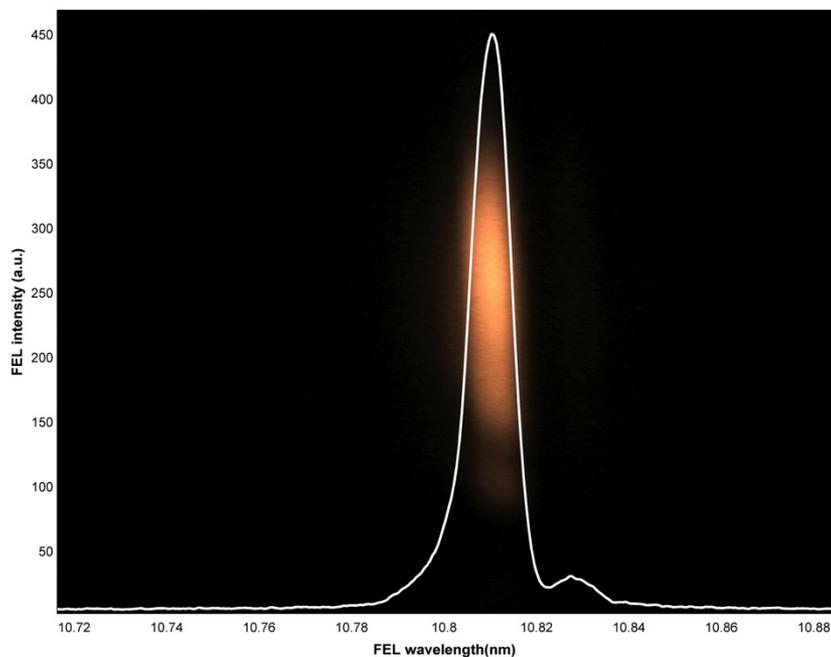


Two HGHG FEL stages (each equivalent to FEL-1)

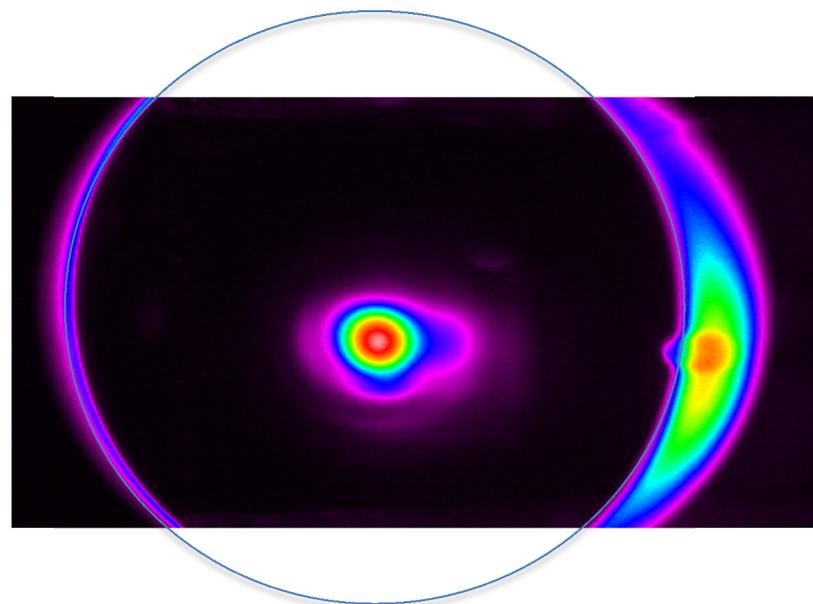
- The first stage is seeded in the UV by a Ti:Sa laser, 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic
  - Radiates at ~4–6 harmonic
- The second stage is seeded by the first stage FEL
  - Radiates at a further harmonic
- The two FELs operate with the same electron beam

# FEL-2 First commissioning at 10.8 nm\*

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Narrow linewidth, single mode spectrum

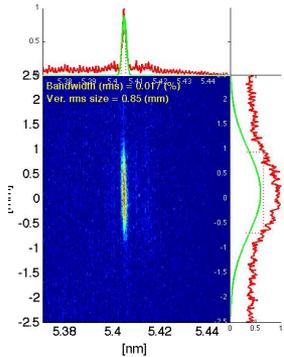


Gaussian like transverse mode

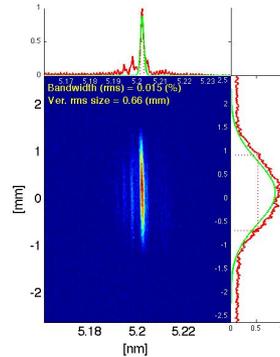
\* E. Allaria et al. "Two Stage, Seeded Soft X-Ray Free-Electron Laser", submitted to Nature Photonics

# Coherent emission at shorter wavelengths

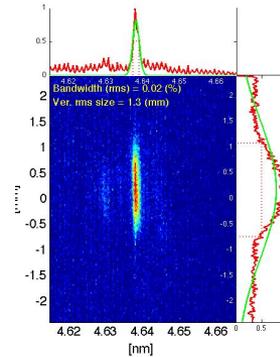
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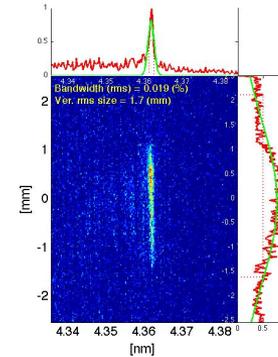
5.41 nm



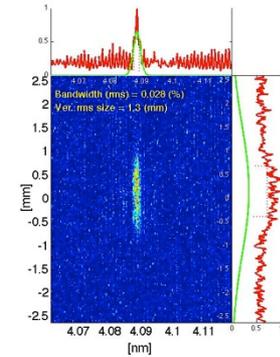
5.2 nm



4.64 nm

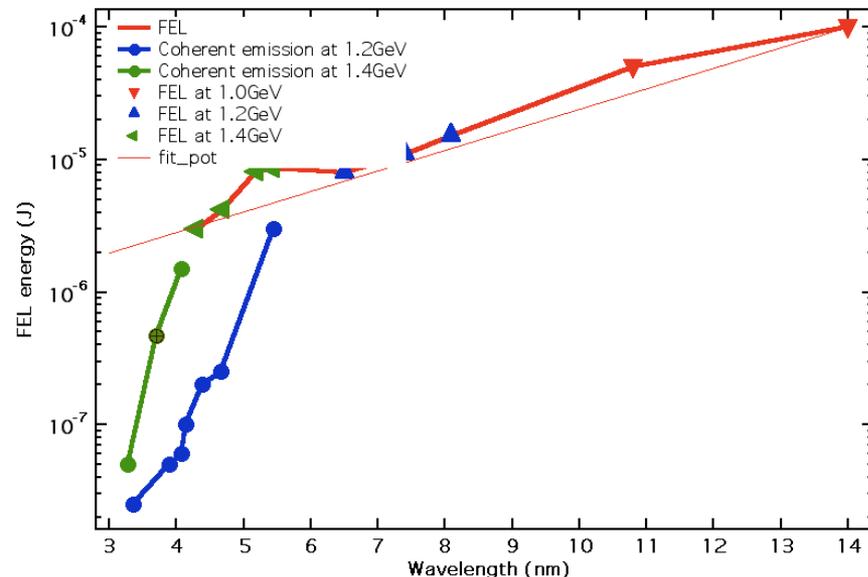


4.36 nm



4.09 nm

rms bandwidth  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-4}$

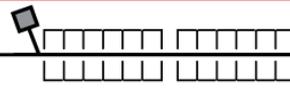
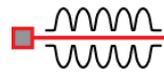


- Coherent emission with FEL-2 has been obtained down to about **3nm**
- Although very weak, single shot spectra have been measured up to 4 nm and the good ones show narrow line ( $10^{-4}$ )
- Real FEL gain is at the moment limited to about 4 nm due to the electron beam energy limit
- Larger energy per pulse would be accessible with brighter electron beam (higher peak current)



# LCLS-II outline

**4 GeV**  
**CW**  
**SC Linac**

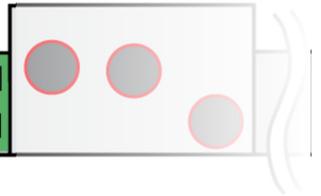


Cu Linac

0.2-1.2 keV (100kHz)

1.0 - 18 keV (120 Hz)

1.0 - 5 keV (100 kHz)



- Uses much existing SLAC infrastructure to house the FEL
- **NEW high brightness high rep-rate injector**
- Two sources: **NEW high rate SCRF linac** and 120 Hz NC LCLS-I linac
- **NEW undulators** *always* operate simultaneously in any mode

Undulator	SC Linac (up to 100kHz)	Cu Linac (up to 120Hz)
North	0.25-1.2 keV	[Hatched pattern]
South	1.0-5.0 keV	Up to 18 keV Higher peak power pulses

**Preliminary schedule completes project in 2020**

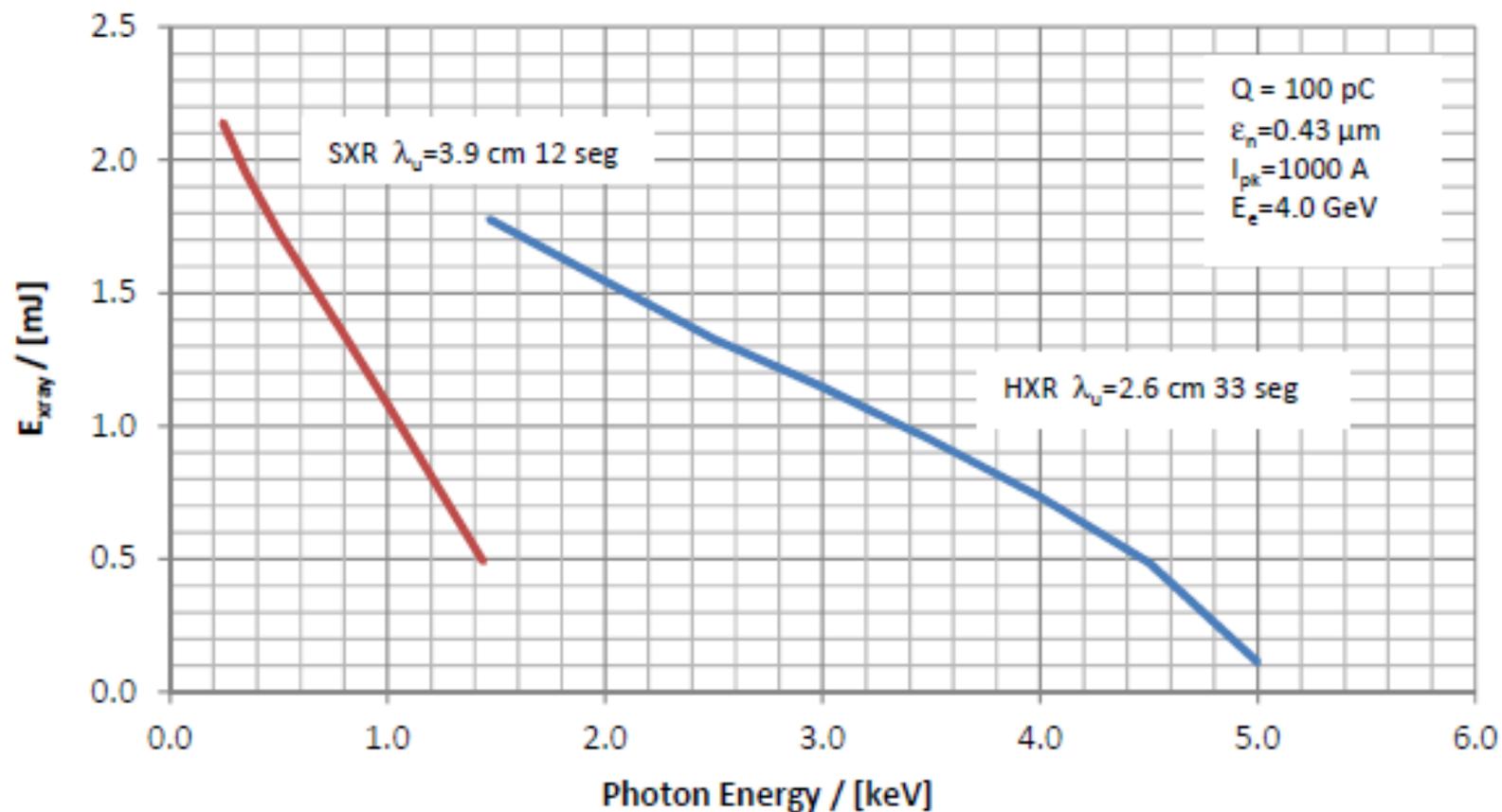
# LCLS-II preliminary operating parameters

Preliminary LCLS-II Summary Parameters		v0.7	8/30/13
	North Side Source	South Side Source	
<b>Running mode</b>	<b>SC Linac</b>	<b>SC Linac</b>	Cu Linac
<b>FEL mode</b>	<b>Self-seeded</b>	<b>Self-seeded</b>	Self-seeded
<b>Repetition rate</b>	<b>up to 1 MHz*</b>	<b>up to 1 MHz*</b>	120 Hz
<b>Electron Energy</b>	<b>4 GeV</b>	<b>4 GeV</b>	14 GeV
<b>Undulator period</b>	<b>~40 mm</b>	<b>~26 mm</b>	~26 mm
<b>Photon energy</b>	<b>0.25-1.2 keV</b>	<b>1-5 keV</b>	1-20 keV
<b>Max Photon pulse energy (mJ) (full charge, long pulse)</b>	<b>up to 2 mJ*</b>	<b>up to 2 mJ*</b>	up to 10 mJ
<b>Peak Spectral Brightness (10 fs pulse) (low charge, 10pC)</b>	<b><math>3.9 \times 10^{30}</math> **</b>	<b><math>12 \times 10^{30}</math> **</b>	$247 \times 10^{30}$ **
<b>Peak Spectral Brightness (100fs pulse) (full charge, 100pC)</b>	<b><math>3.0 \times 10^{30}</math> **</b>	<b><math>6.9 \times 10^{30}</math> **</b>	$121 \times 10^{30}$ **

\* Limited by beam power on optics

\*\* $N_{\text{photons}} / (s \cdot \text{mm}^2 \cdot \text{mrad}^2 \cdot 0.1\% \text{ bandwidth})$

# LCLS-II X-ray pulse energy at High Rate



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# LCLS-II initial assumed beam parameters

	NLS	NGLS	LCLS-II
Beam energy [GeV]	2.25	2.4	4
Bunch charge [pC]	200	300	100
Emittance [mm-mrad]	0.3	0.6	0.43
Energy spread [keV]	150	150 keV	300 keV
Peak current [kA]	0.97	0.5	1
Useful bunch fraction [%]	40	50	50

- **APEX high rep-rate high-brightness injector**
- **ILC-like 1.3 GHz linac, modifications to allow CW operation**
- **Initial 2 FELs**
- **Upgradeable (switchyard) to drive additional FELs**

# SACLA upgrade plans

- C-band (5.7 GHz) copper accelerator, 8 GeV
- Repetition rate 60 Hz
- Novel injector
  - Thermionic cathode
  - Combination of L-, S-, C-band RF systems



# Major upgrade projects

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## Goals of higher laser availability and performance

Converting the present SACLA system step-by-step into the system with:

- multi-electron beam drivers,
- various seeding schemes,
- pulse-by-pulse beam switcher,
- 5 UND BLs **including one SX BL**

**P1: Construction of new undulator beamline BL2**

**~Mar. 2015**

**P2: Pulse-by-pulse e-beam switching**

**~June 2015**

**P3: Construction of self-seeding system**

**~Dec. 2013**

**P4: Relocation and upgrade of SCSS test accelerator**

**~Dec. 2014**

**P5: Increase of e-beam energy up to 9- GeV**

**~Sep. 2014**

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# P4: Relocation of SCSS test accelerator

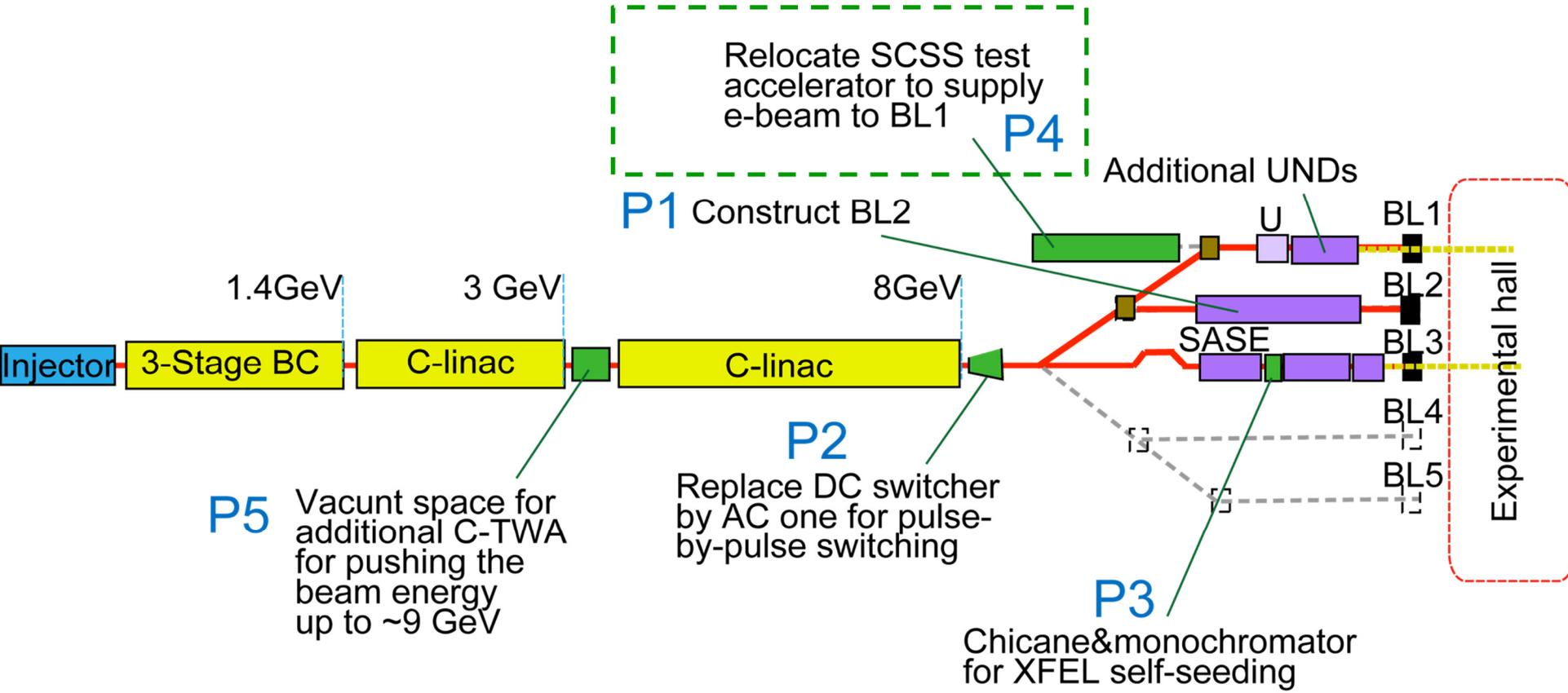
- **SCSS test accelerator (e-beam energy 250 MeV) was a prototype for SACLA**
  - Stable EUV FEL (200–50 nm)
  - HHG seed 61.5 nm
  - Shut down in May 2013



- **Relocation to the SACLA undulator hall is in progress**
- **SCSS becomes a dedicated electron beam driver for BL1**
- **Initial beam energy ~450 MeV**
- **Potentially up to ~1.4 GeV**
- **Capability for EUV to soft X-rays**

# Outline of upgrade projects

SXR undulator period 18 mm  
 Wavelength range 15 – 60 nm initially  
 Date of SX FEL operation: Autumn 2015

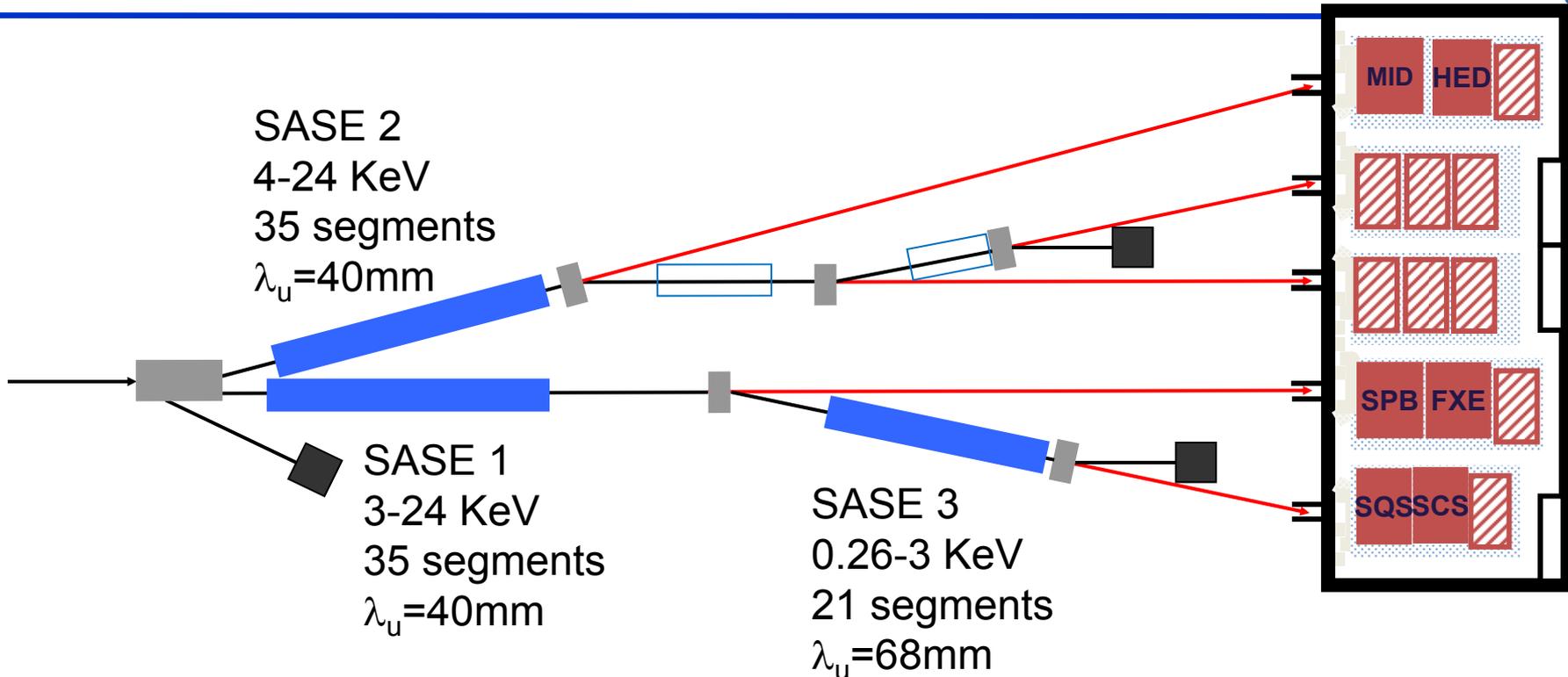


# European XFEL project



- Built by 12 European Nations at DESY, Hamburg
- Up to 17.5 GeV SC Linac, 27000 pulses per second
- Three moveable gap undulators for hard and soft X-rays
- Initially 6 equipped experiments

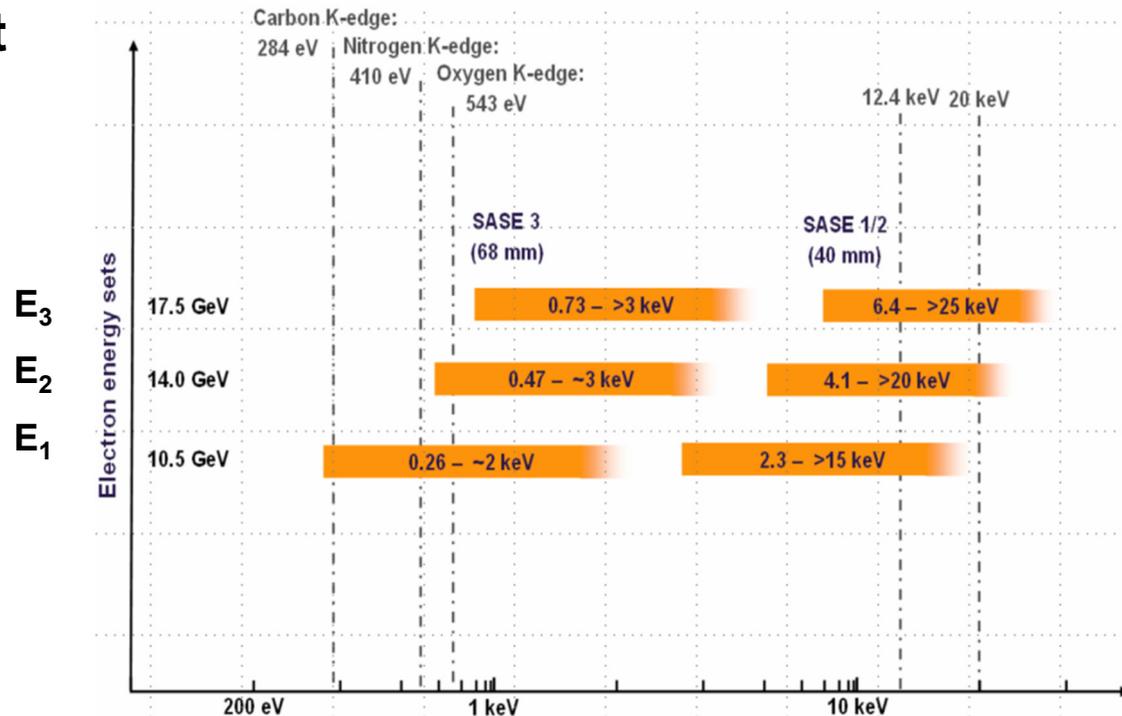
# XFEL Undulator Systems



- Flexible beam distribution with simultaneous operation of 3 experiments
- Up to 27000 bunches/second in 10 Hz bursts
- SASE3 (soft X-ray) operates either with ‘spent’ beam or ‘fresh bunch technique
- Fast variation of e-beam properties under investigation

# Soft X-ray capabilities

- Baseline layout pure SASE
- 68 mm period, tunable PM undulators
- Recent studies show potential to obtain 10 TW radiation at 3-5 keV with strong compressed bunches
- Self-seeding options and helical ‘after-burner’ under study (funding ...)
- Photon energy range covered by three energy working points and gap movement



## Civil Construction

- Underground construction finished
- Surface buildings construction on-going



## Technical Infrastructure

- Injector building and accelerator tunnel finished by 9/2013
- Remaining installation ongoing till 2015

## Industrial production and treatment of SC cavities (as of 05.08.2013)

- ~100/800 cavities delivered, > 60 cavities tested in vertical test stand
- ‘useable’ gradient 29 MV/m (23.5 MV/m required)

## Assembly of 103 cryo-modules

- 2 of 3 pre-series modules assembled
- Series assembly to start late summer 2013

## High Power RF components (modulator, pulse transformer, connection module klystron) delivered to about 50%

## Undulator series production in full swing, about 40 of 91 units delivered, tuning on-going

## About 50 % of 800 warm magnets produced

## Warm vacuum beam line (about 3.3 km) series production started



- High power rf-gun test – **10/2013**
- First beam through injector – **09/2014**
  - Challenging because of cryo components availability
- All infrastructure ready – **04/2015**
- Start beam commissioning (T0) – **07/2015**
  - Challenging because of module assembly, test and installation schedule
- First lasing possible @ SASE 1 (T0 + 6 month) – **12/2015**
  - Challenging because of short commissioning time

# Korean 4-th generation Light Source: PAL-XFEL

## 0.1-nm Hard X-ray 10-GeV XFEL

- S-band linac, 1.1 km

### ◆ Wavelength

- Soft x-ray: 10 nm ~ 1 nm
- Hard X-ray: 1.0 ~ 0.1 nm
  - Extendable to 0.06 nm

### ◆ Undulator Beamline

- 3 Hard X-ray / 2 Soft X-ray lines



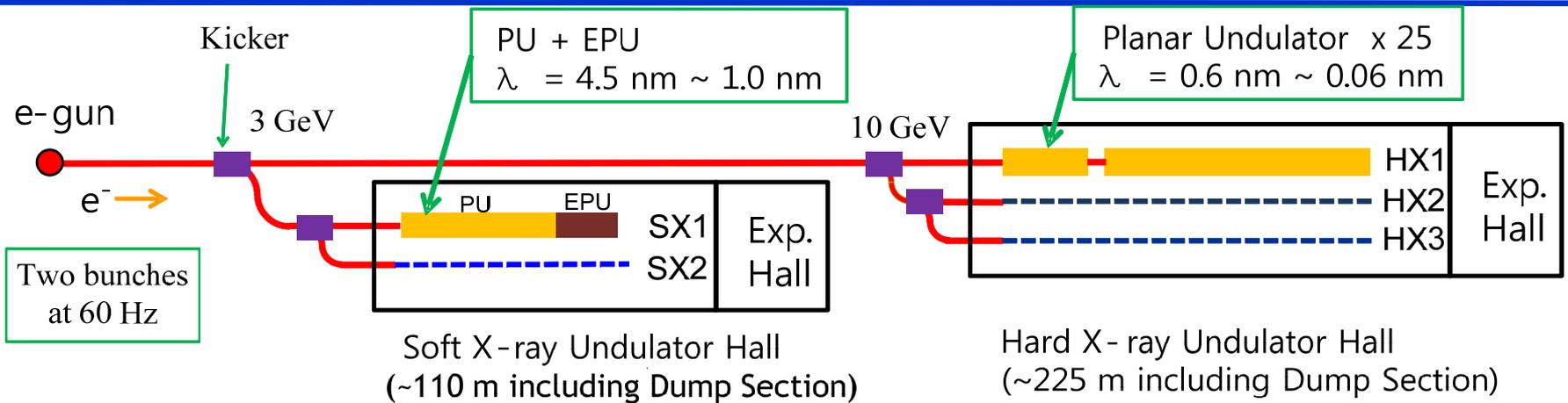
# PAL-XFEL site May 2, 2013

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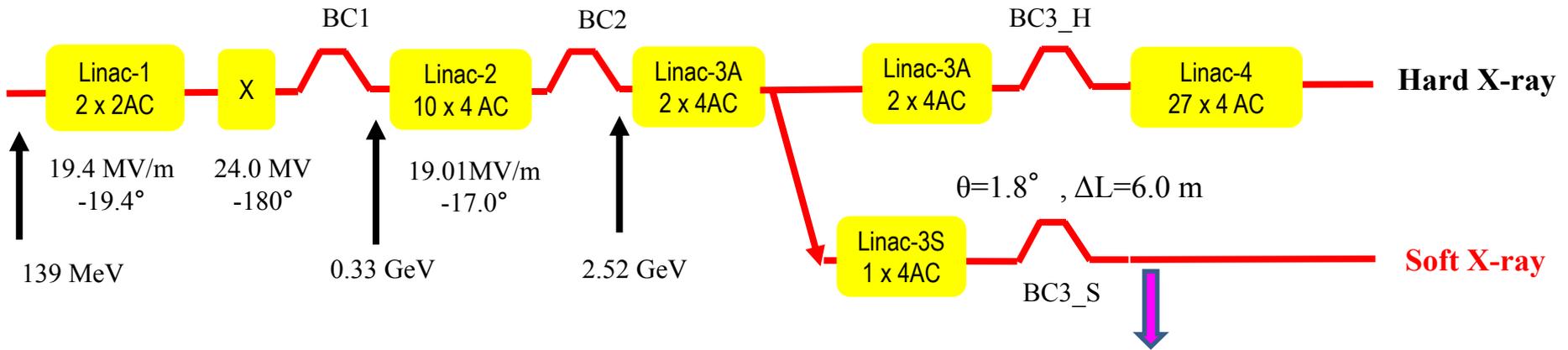
**FEL commissioning and first experiments planned for 2016**

# Two undulator lines for Phase 1

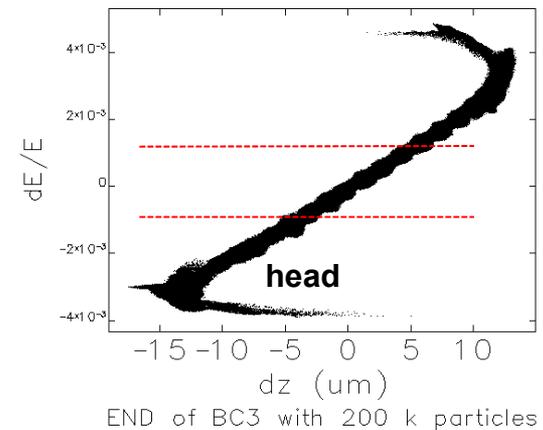


Undulator Line	SX1
Wavelength [nm]	1 ~ 4.5
Beam Energy [GeV]	3.15 (2.55)
Wavelength Tuning [nm]	3 ~ 1 (Undulator gap) 4.5 ~ 3 (Beam Energy)
Undulator Type	Planar + APPLE II
Undulator Period [cm]	3.4
Undulator Gap [mm]	8.3

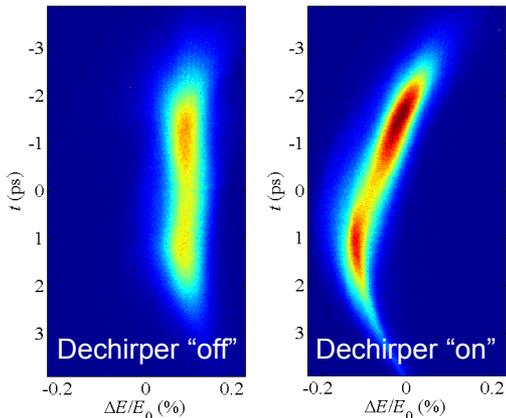
# Need “dechirper” for longitudinal phase space control in soft X-ray beamline



- Energy chirp is larger than FEL parameter
- Need strong longitudinal wake
- “Dechirper”
  - Experiments at PAL-XFEL injector test facility confirm performance

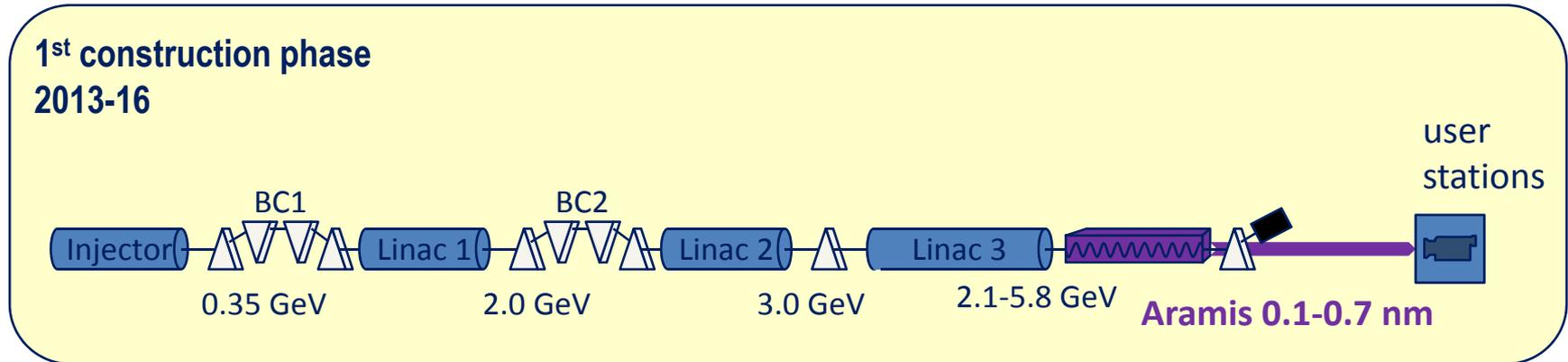


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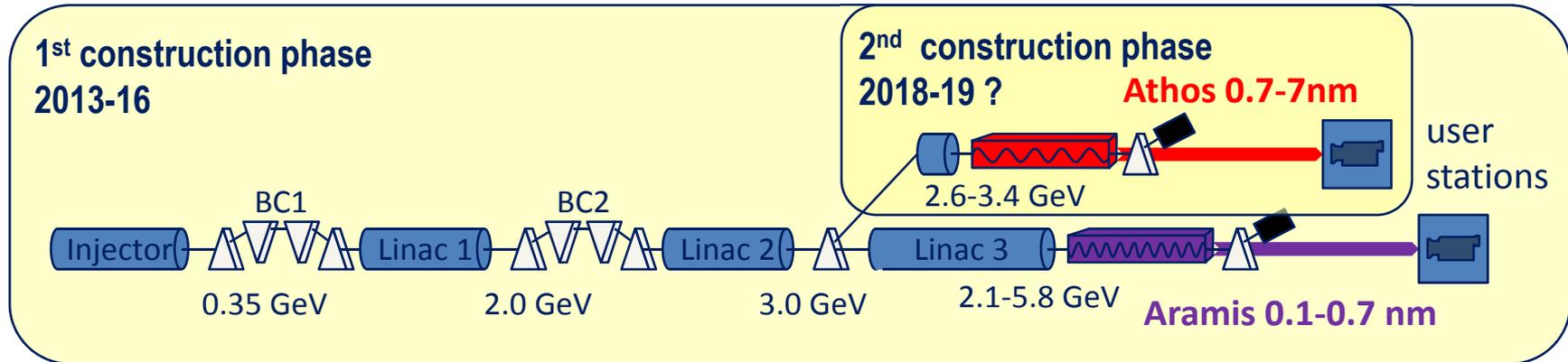
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# SwissFEL layout



- S-band RF photo-electron gun, injector, 100 Hz
- C-band linac up to 6 GeV
  - Fewer RF stations, less real estate and electrical power than S-band
- Branch line for future Athos (**SXR FEL**)
  - 40 mm period APPLE-II type variable gap undulators with polarization control
  - Self-seeded
    - PSI, SLAC, LBNL on soft X-ray seeding experiment in LCLS scheduled for end 2013
- 2 bunch operation (28 ns) with distribution to Aramis and Athos at 100 Hz

# SwissFEL layout



- S-band RF photo-electron gun, injector, 100 Hz
- C-band linac up to 6 GeV
  - Fewer RF stations, less real estate and electrical power than S-band
- Branch line for future Athos (**SXR FEL**)
  - 40 mm period APPLE-II type variable gap undulators with polarization control
  - Self-seeded
    - PSI, SLAC, LBNL on soft X-ray seeding experiment in LCLS scheduled for end 2013
- 2 bunch operation (28 ns) with distribution to Aramis and Athos at 100 Hz

# SwissFEL construction site 27 June 2013



PSI West

PSI East

Athos  
Exp. area

Athos FEL

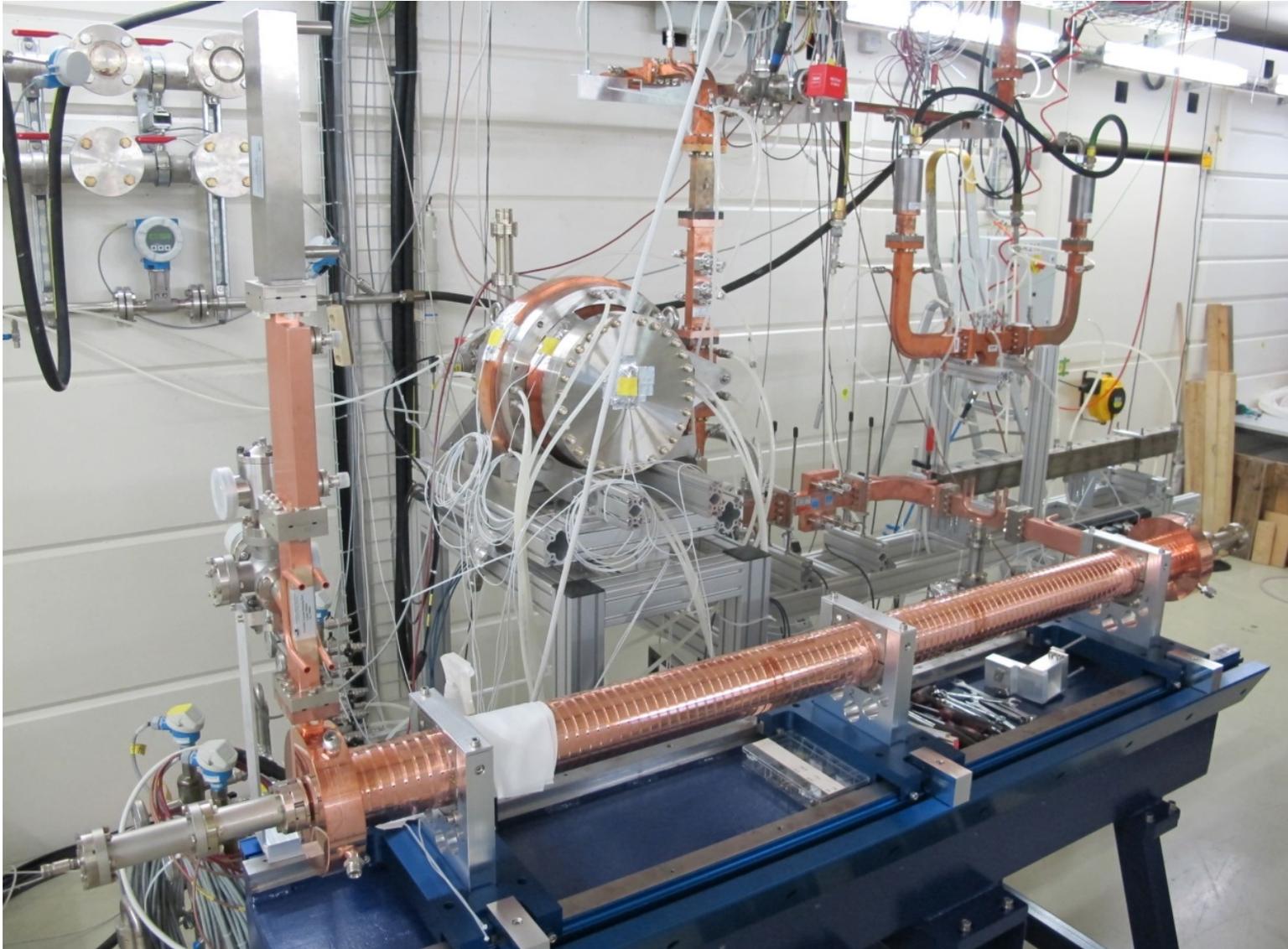
Aramis  
Exp. area

Aramis FEL

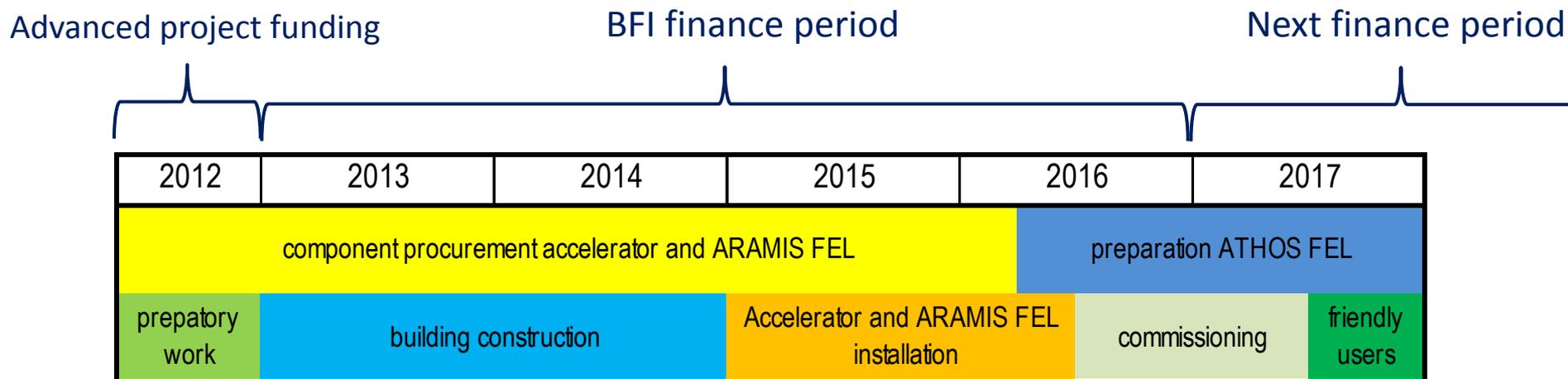
linac

injector

# C-band structure under test



# SwissFEL schedule



- For seamless continuation of SwissFEL efforts towards ATHOS additional funds need to be secured for 2017-20 period
- May be difficult before presentation of first ARAMIS results

# Summary:

## many exciting developments in soft X-ray FELs

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- **Several operational: upgrades to enhance performance and capacity**
  - FLASH: FLASH2 adds capacity, tunability, and seeding (2014)
  - FERMI@elettra: FEL-2 longitudinal HGHG at 4 nm; higher rep-rate (2014)
  - SACLA: Upgrades to improve stability, add soft X-ray capability with SCSS (2015)
  - LCLS: LCLS-II adds CW SCRF, high rep-rate, high average power, and capacity (2020)
- **Several new projects are at various stages of development**
  - XFEL: 17.5 GeV SRF linac, SXR and HXR capability; high-power beams (SASE, 2015)
  - PALFEL: compact 10 GeV HXR, 3.15 GeV branch line SXR (SASE, 2016)
  - SwissFEL: compact 6 GeV (2017), SXR future (3 GeV branch line, self-seeded, 2019?)
- **Several facility proposals**
  - IRIDE, NGLS, SXFEL, WiFEL ...
- **Many FEL R&D projects and facilities**
  - APEX, ATF, CLARA, JLAB, LUNEX-5, MAX-IV, NLCTA, SCSS, SDL, SDUV FEL, SPARC, WiFEL, .....

# Summary: many exciting soft X-ray FEL projects

Facility / Project	Maximum electron beam energy	Main linac type	X-ray pulse time structure	FEL type and tuning range	Radiator undulator period, type
FLASH	1.2 GeV	Superconducting L-band	Burst, flexible, up to ~500 bunches separated by $\geq 0.33 \mu\text{s}$ per pulse, 10 Hz burst rate	SASE: 4.2–40 nm	27.3 mm, fixed gap PM
FLASH-II	1.2 GeV	Superconducting L-band	Burst, flexible, bunches separated by $\geq 1 \mu\text{s}$ per pulse, 10 Hz burst rate	SASE: 4–40 nm HGHG: UV seed, 20–40 nm	31.4 mm, variable gap PM
sFLASH	1.2 GeV	Superconducting L-band	Burst, flexible, bunches separated by $\geq 0.33 \mu\text{s}$ per pulse, 10 Hz burst rate	HGHG: UV seed, $\leq 60$ nm (cascade for shorter wavelength) HHG 38.2 nm seed EEHG, LSCA options under study	31.4 mm + 33 mm, variable gap PM
LCLS	15 GeV	Normal conducting S-band	120 Hz CW	SASE: 0.12–4.5 nm Self-seeded HXR: 0.16–0.18 nm	30 mm, fixed gap PM
LCLS-II	4 GeV	Superconducting L-band	100 kHz CW	Self-seeded: 1–5 nm Self-seeded: 0.25–1.2 nm	~40mm, variable gap PM ~26mm, variable gap PM
FERMI@elettra	1.2 GeV	Normal conducting S-band	10 Hz, upgrading to 50 Hz, CW	HGHG; UV seed 20–65 nm (FEL1) HGHG 2-stage cascade; UV seed, 4–20 nm (FEL2)	55.2 mm, variable gap APPLE-II PM 55.2 mm + 34.8 mm variable gap APPLE-II PM
SACLA	8.5 GeV (SCSS: 0.45 – 1.4 GeV)	Normal conducting C-band	10 Hz, capable of up to 60 Hz, CW	SASE: 0.6 Å Self-seeded SXR planned: 15–60 nm	18 mm in-vacuum variable gap PM
EuXFEL	17.5 GeV	Superconducting L-band	Burst, flexible, up to ~2700 bunches separated by $\geq 0.22 \mu\text{s}$ per pulse, 10 Hz burst rate	SASE: 0.5–4 Å SASE: 0.4–4.5 nm	40 mm, variable gap PM 68 mm, variable gap PM
SwissFEL	5.8 GeV	Normal conducting C-band	100 Hz, CW	SASE: 1–7 Å Self-seeded SXR planned: 0.7–7 nm	15 mm in-vacuum variable gap PM 40 mm variable gap APPLE-II PM
PAL-XFEL	10 GeV	Normal conducting S-band	60 Hz, CW	SASE: 0.6–6 Å Self-seeded SXR planned: 1–4.5 nm	24.4 mm variable gap PM 34 mm variable gap APPLE-II PM

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