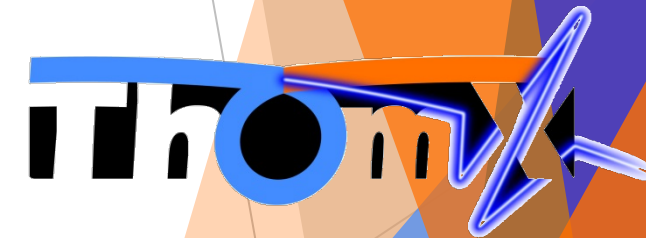


Commissioning of ThomX Compton Light Source

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Outline

- ▶ Compton light sources
- ▶ ThomX facility: compact Compton light source
- ▶ ThomX commissioning status
- ▶ Perspectives-Summary



**Sir Joseph
John
Thomson
(1856 -1940)**

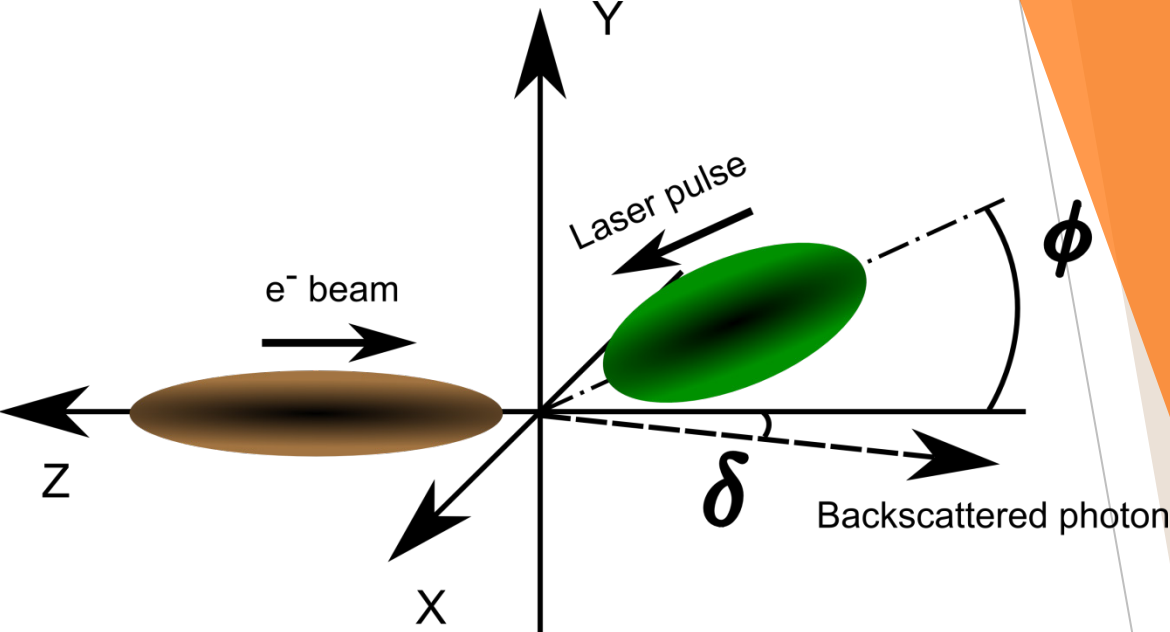
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X-rays

Compton light sources

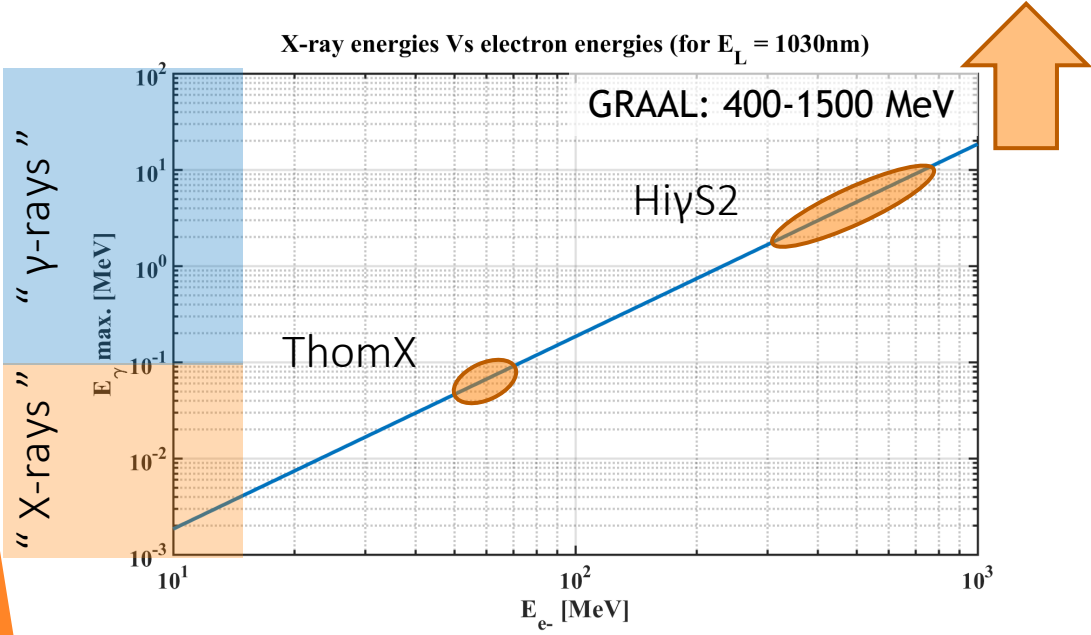
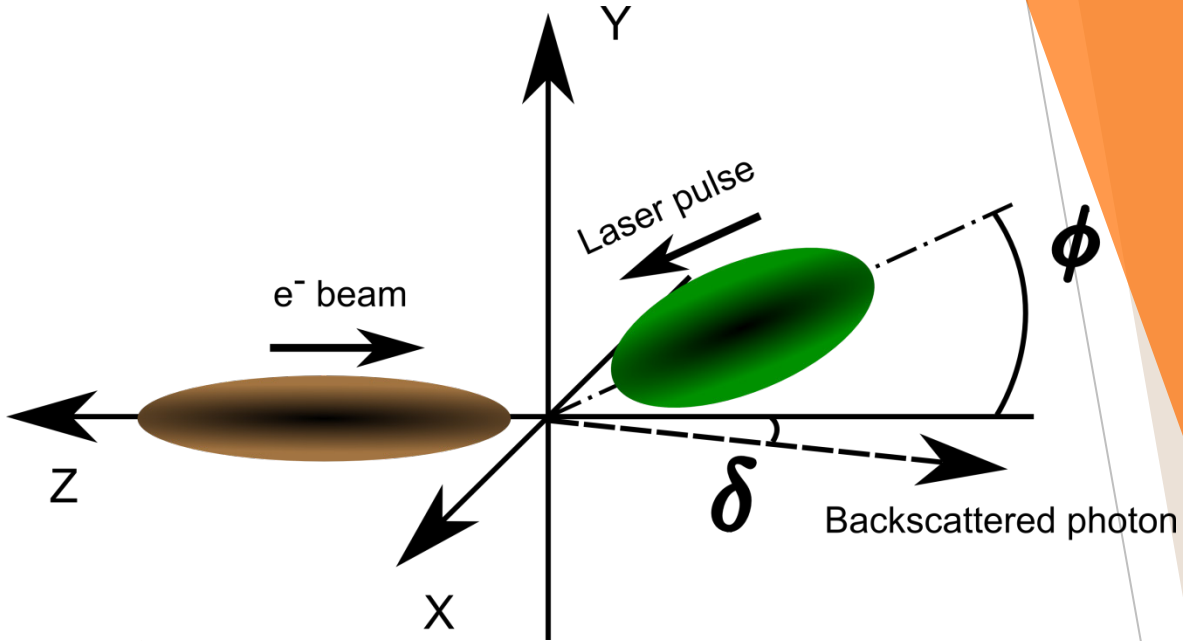
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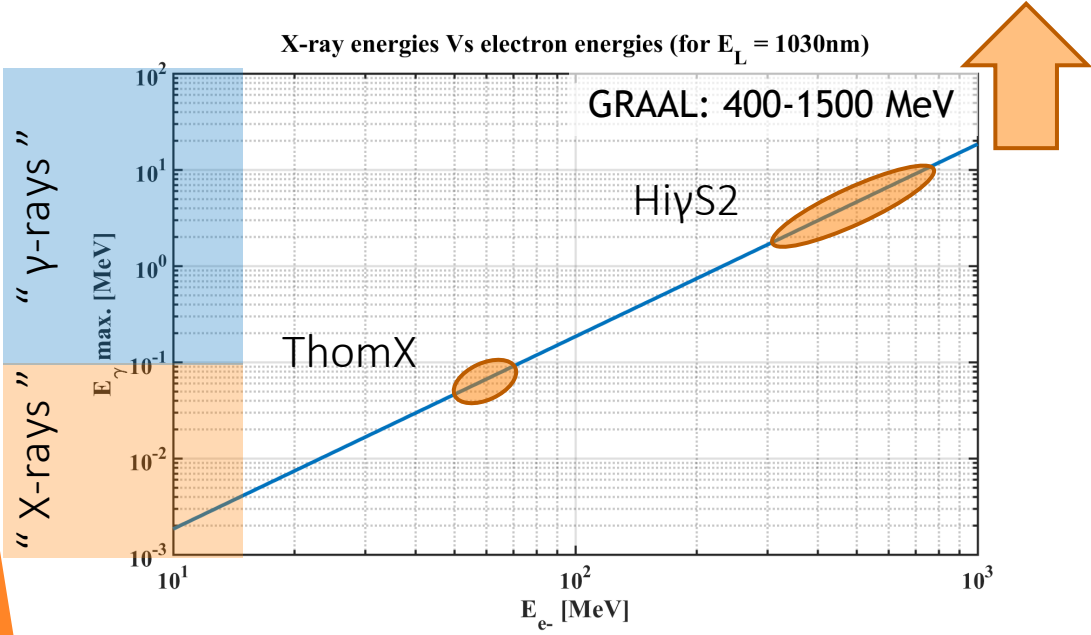
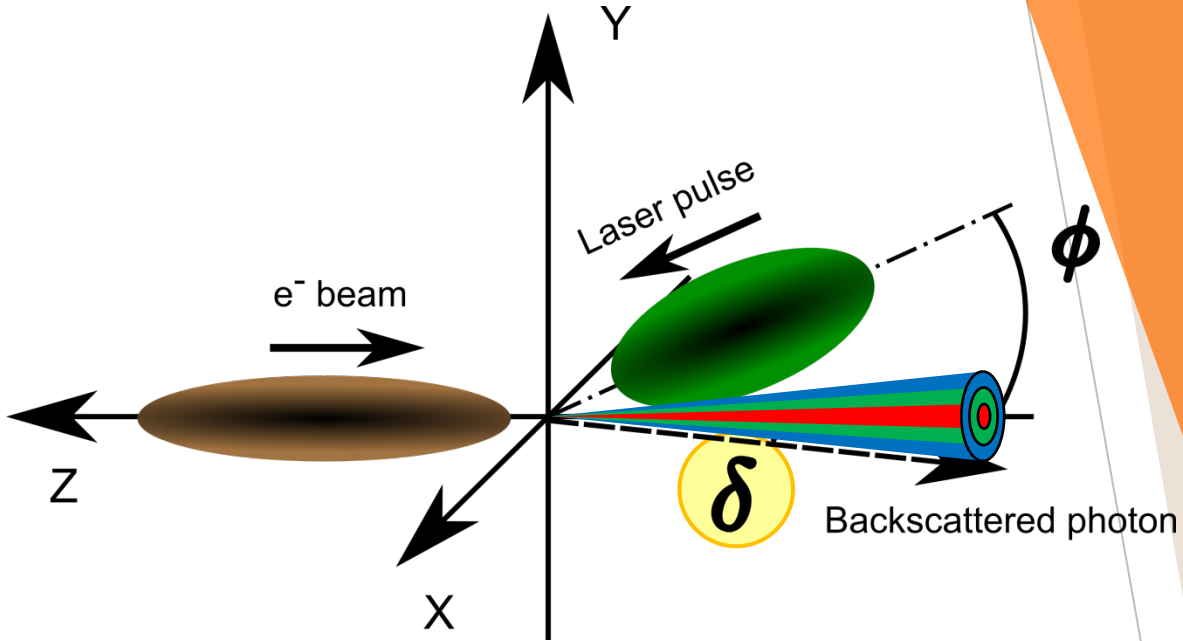
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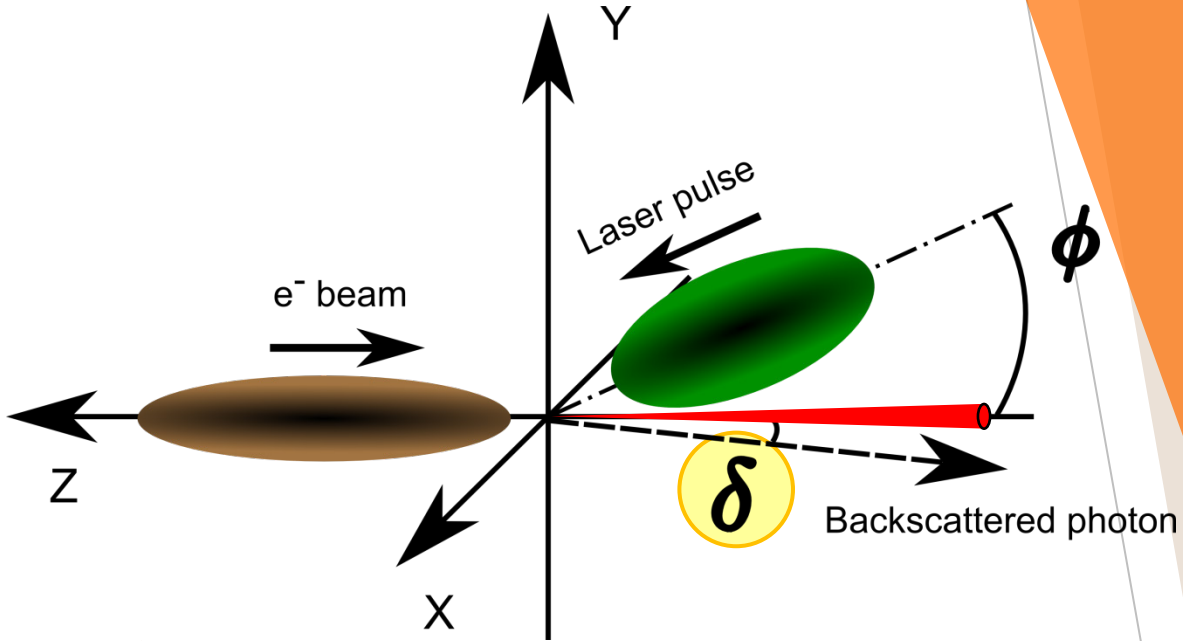
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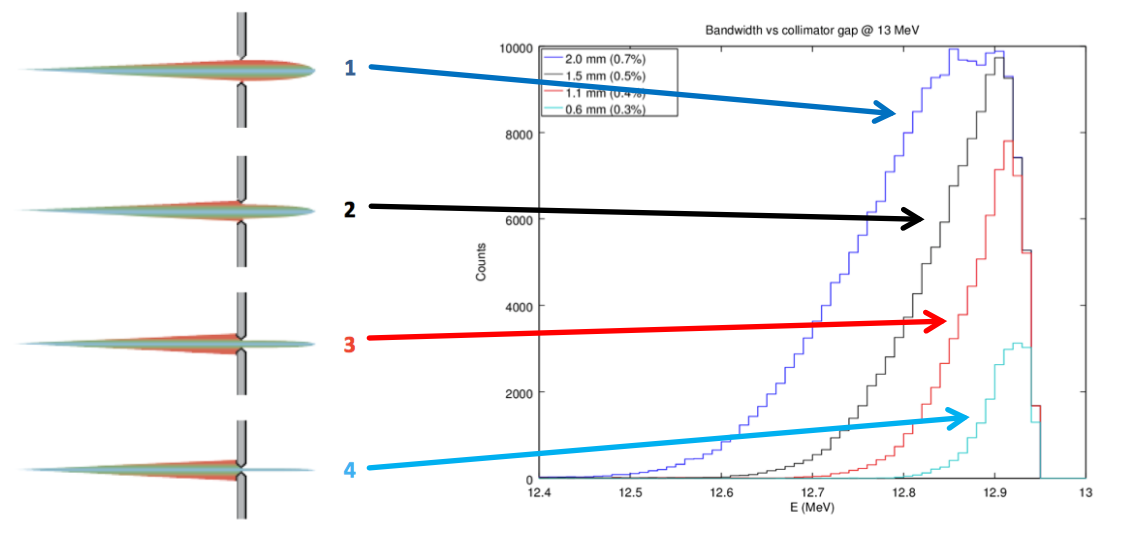
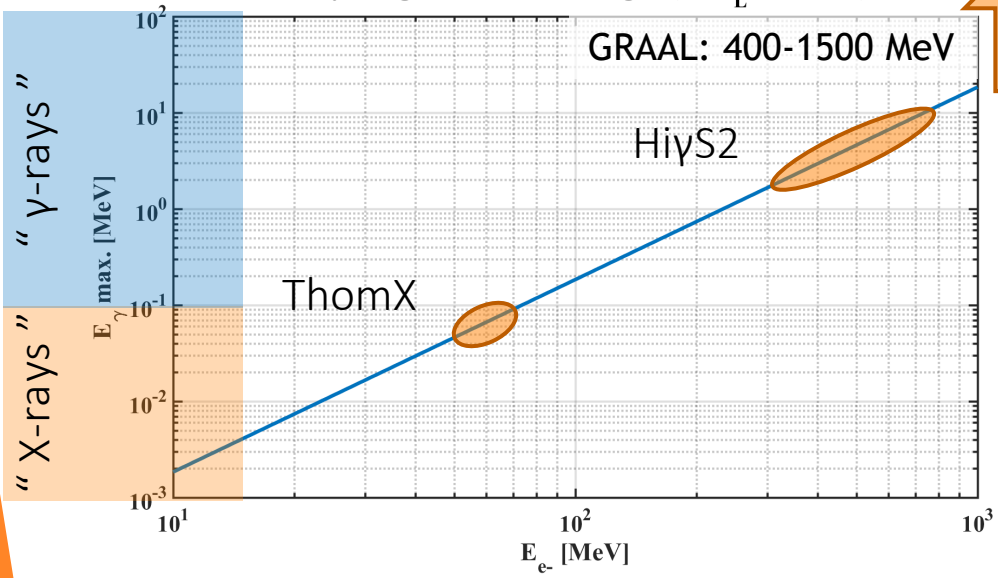


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X-ray energies Vs electron energies (for $E_L = 1030\text{nm}$)



M. Gambiccini, P. Cardarelli et al. technical design meeting collimation and characterisation system review



Compton source: schematic

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2 main schemes

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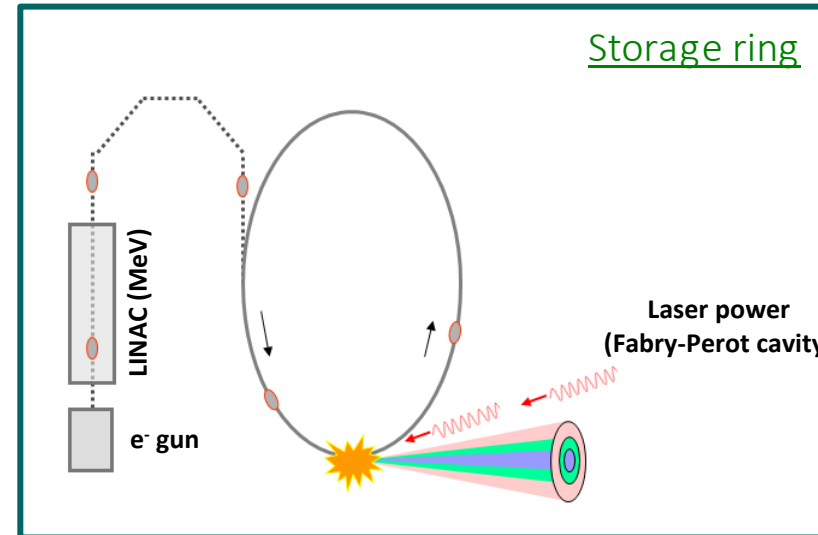
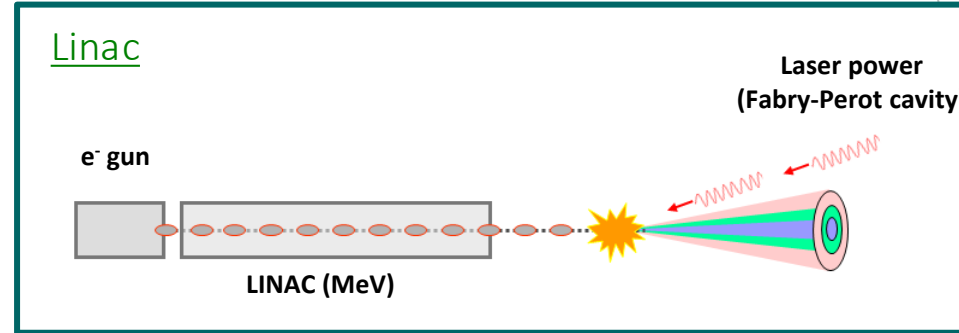
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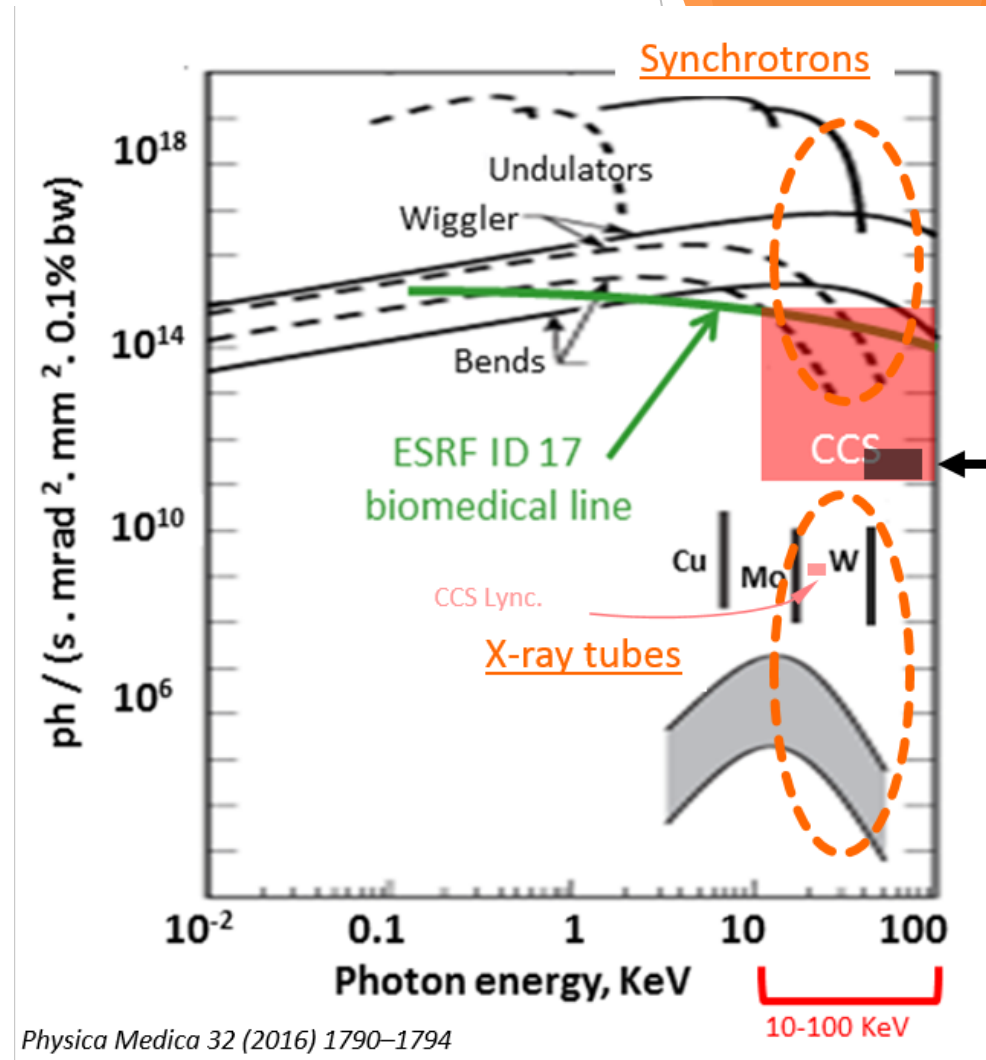
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To obtain high flux: ($10^{12} - 10^{13}$ ph/sec)

- f_{rep} ($\sim 10-100$ MHz)
- Laser power = 100kW – 1MW
- e⁻ charge = ~ 1 nC/bunch

X-ray sources - Brightness



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Synchrotrons :

Large-scale facilities, limited access time

High degree of : power, monochromaticity, coherence

Compact Compton sources :

High brightness beam on the laboratory-scale facilities
(hospitals, labs, museums...)

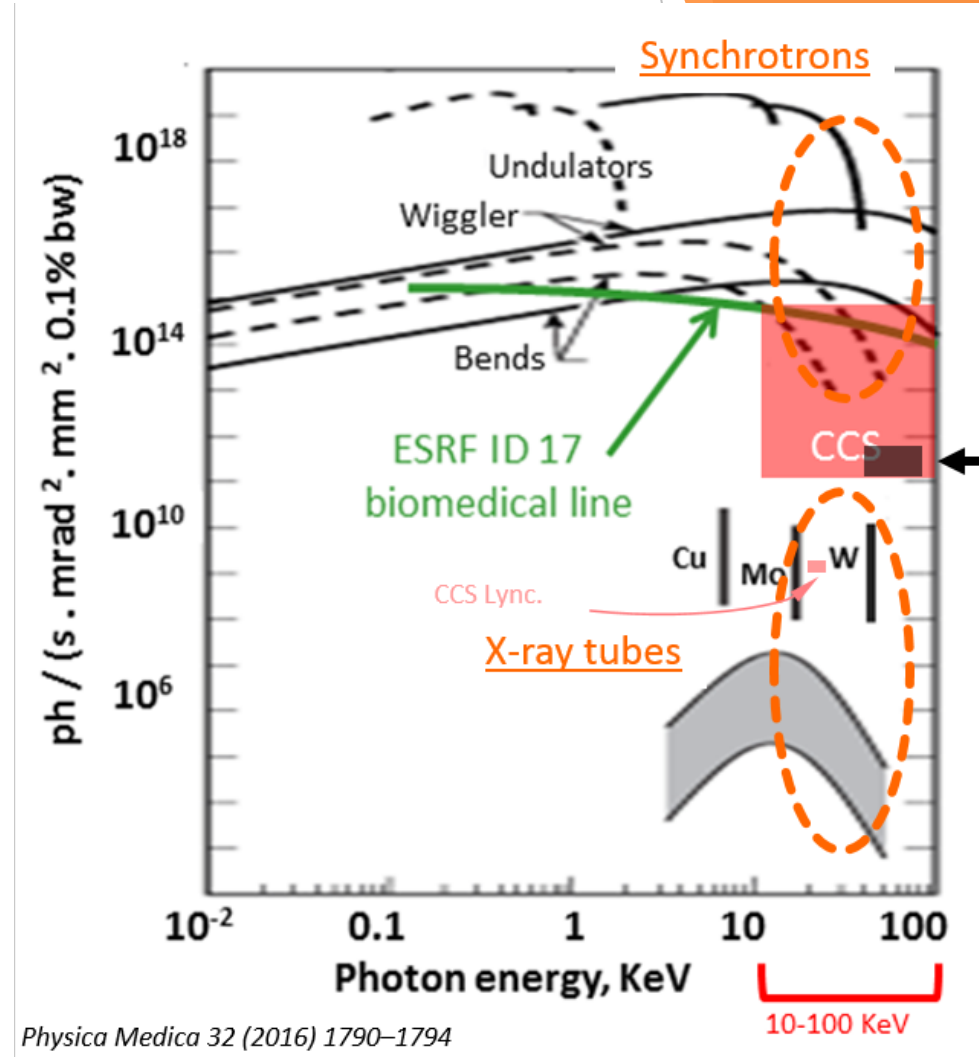
Beam is produced in a untypical way

- **Compactness** (footprint $\sim 100 \text{ m}^2$)
- **Tunable X-ray beam energy**
- **Large X-ray energy range (keV to MeV)**
- High brightness $10^{11} - 10^{13} \text{ ph}/(\text{s} \cdot \text{mm}^2 \cdot \text{mrad}^2)$ in 0.1% BW
- Flux $10^{12} - 10^{13} \text{ ph}/\text{s}$

X-ray tubes :

Laboratory-scale sources

Lack of: power, monochromaticity, coherence



ThomX facility

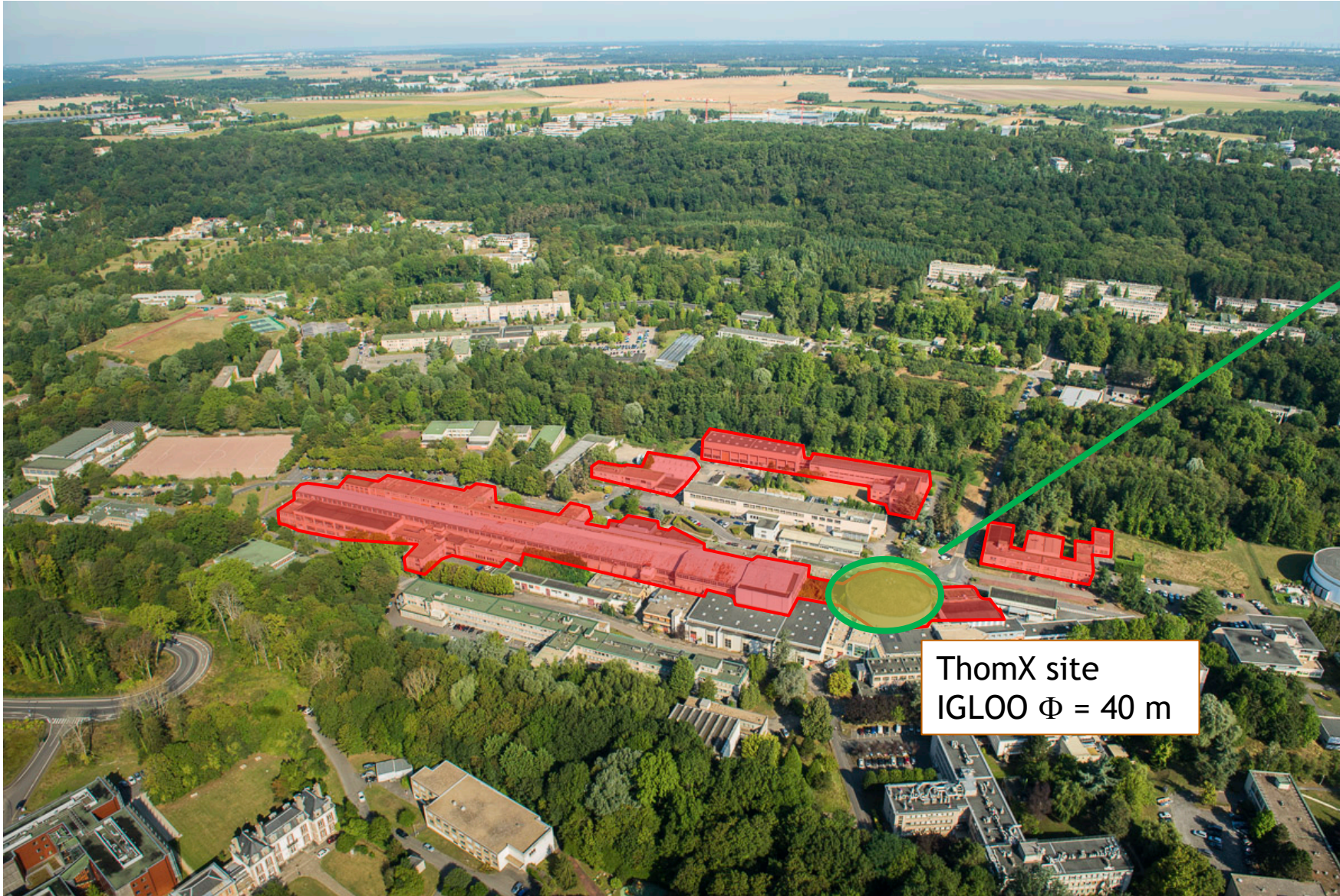
Compact Compton light source



ThomX : inside the Orsay campus



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ThomX site
IGLOO $\Phi = 40$ m



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ThomX facility

ThomX control system is based on TANGO



ThomX is a demonstrator
& research platform

2m



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Laser /Cavity system

- average power 100W
- **Stored power up to 1 MW** (30 mJ/pulse)

Accelerator

- 1 nc / bunch, f_{rep} 50 Hz
- **50-70 MeV**
- Ring, f_{rep} 16 MHz
- $\sigma_e \sim 70 \mu\text{m}$
- $\epsilon_N \sim 5\text{-}10 \text{ mm.mrad}$
- $\tau_e \sim 10\text{-}30 \text{ ps}$

X-ray beam

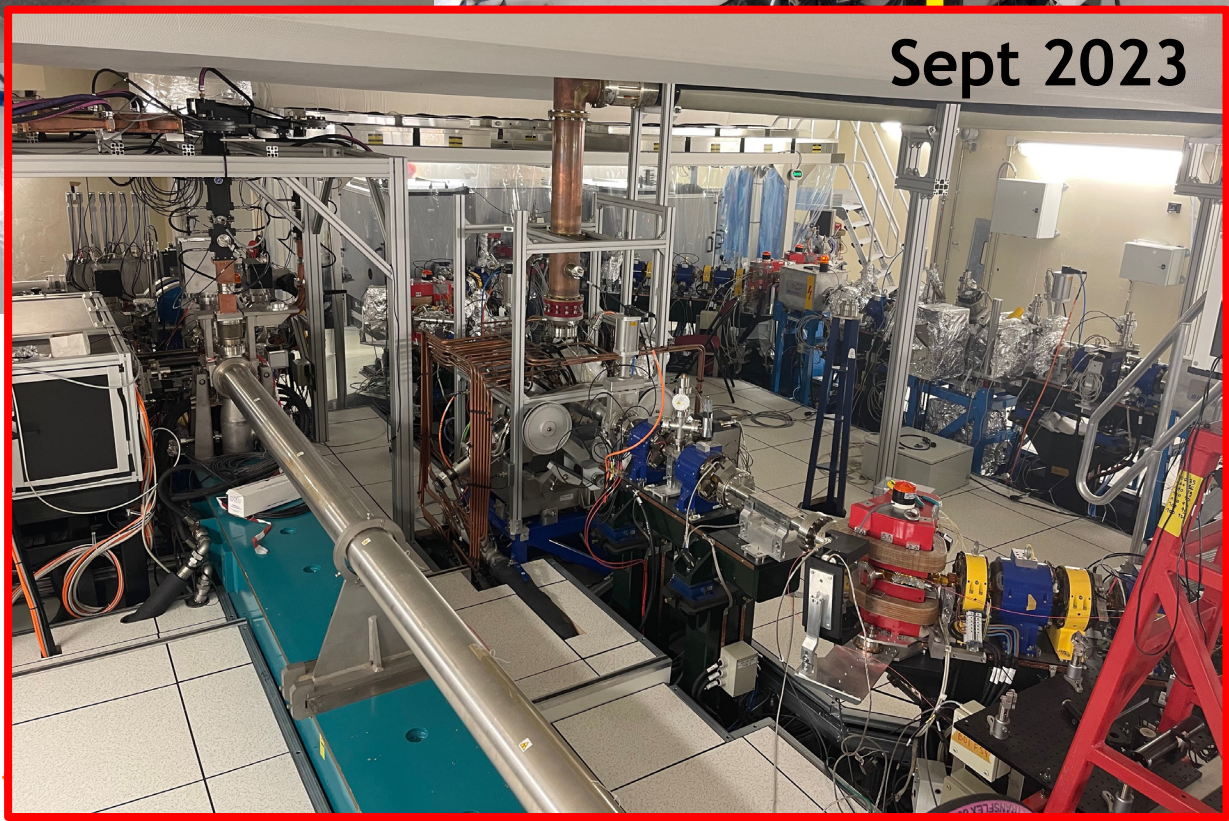
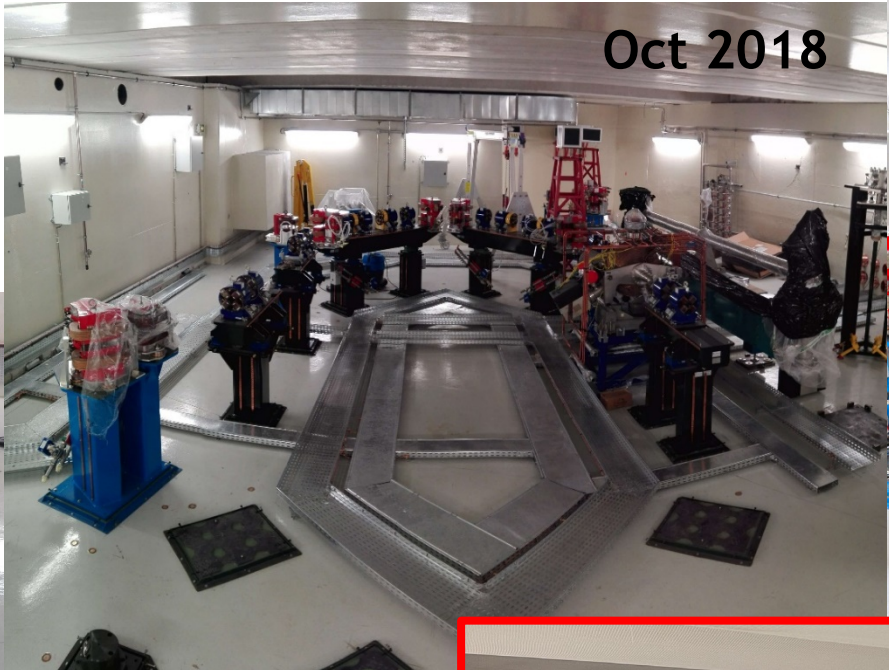
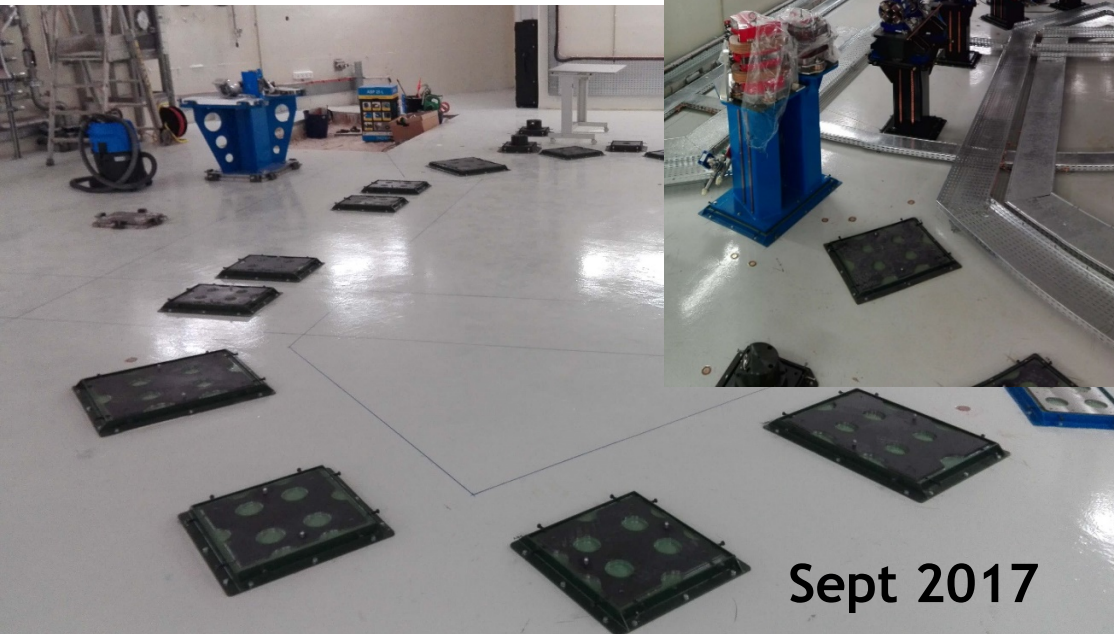
Flux ph/s	10^{13}
Brightness ph/s/ mm^2 / 0.1% BW / mrad ²	10^{11}
Transverse size of the source	70 μm
E_x on axis	40-90 keV

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ThomX integration

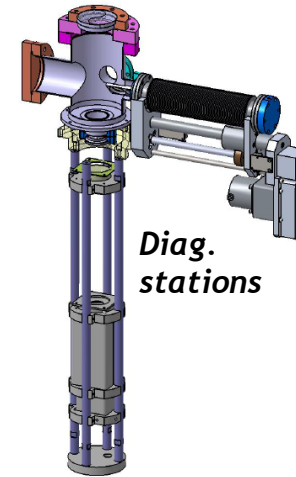


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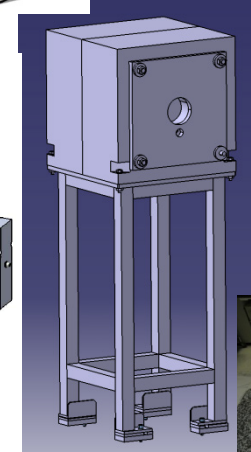


ThomX beam diagnostics

- ▶ **Charge** (3 ICT from Bergoz @ linac entrance, @ linac exit, @ TL + 2 Faraday cups @ beam dumps + 12 BPM in the SR)
- ▶ **Position** (linac/TL: 5 stripline BPM (150 mm), SR: 12 BPM button-type with 4, 6 and 8 electrodes)
- ▶ **Diagnostics stations** (5 stations on linac/TL/EL: calibration plate, YAG/Ce, OTR 100 μm thick screens + Sapphire plate + hole array)
 - transverse profile (imaging system)
 - emittance (quadrupole scan)
 - energy (hor. beam position and size after the dipole)
 - bunch length (Cherenkov radiation + streak camera)
- ▶ **Bunch transverse profile and bunch length in the SR** (Visible Synchrotron Radiation Monitor \rightarrow synchrotron radiation from a dipole + CCD/streak camera)
- ▶ **Beam Losses** (optical fibers, scintillators).



Diag. stations



Beam dump



Wavecatcher



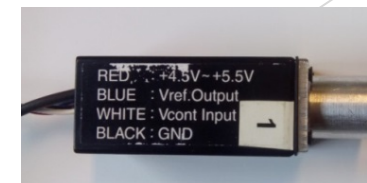
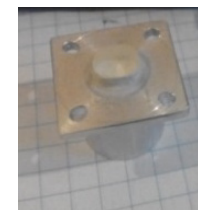
Libera Brilliance +



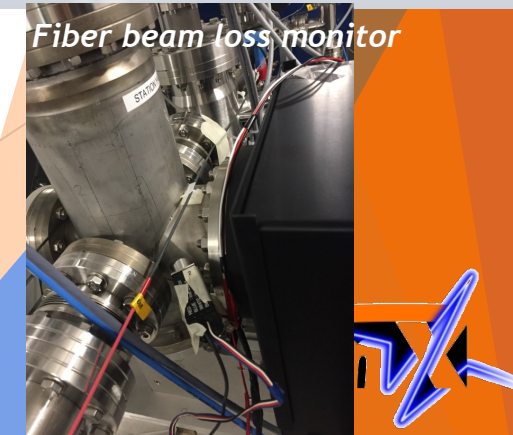
Screen translation stage
Hamamatsu streak camera



CsI(Tl) + PMT



Fiber beam loss monitor



ThomX facility: milestones

2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019 2021 2023 2024

- 2007 : First discussion at LAL (Now IJCLab)
 - Jun. 2009 : Conceptual Design Report
 - 2012 Funding : French Equipex (ANR-10-EQPX-51)
 - 2 Apr. 2014 : Technical Design Report
- 2016 : Building rehabilitation + facility assembly
- 19 May. 2021 : Phase I authorization from French Nuclear Safety Authority
- 29 Jul. 2022 : Phase II authorization from French Nuclear Safety Authority
- 23 Jun. 2023 : First detection of X-rays

Phase of operation (ASN)	Max. e- energy (MeV)	Bunch charge (nC)	Repetition frequency (Hz)	Description
I	50	0.1	10	LINAC
II	50	0.1	10	INJECTOR + ring
II(bis)	50	0.1(1)	10 (50)	INJECTOR + ring + X-rays
III	70	1	50	Nominal operation



ThomX commissioning

Linac, Transfer Line and Extraction Line



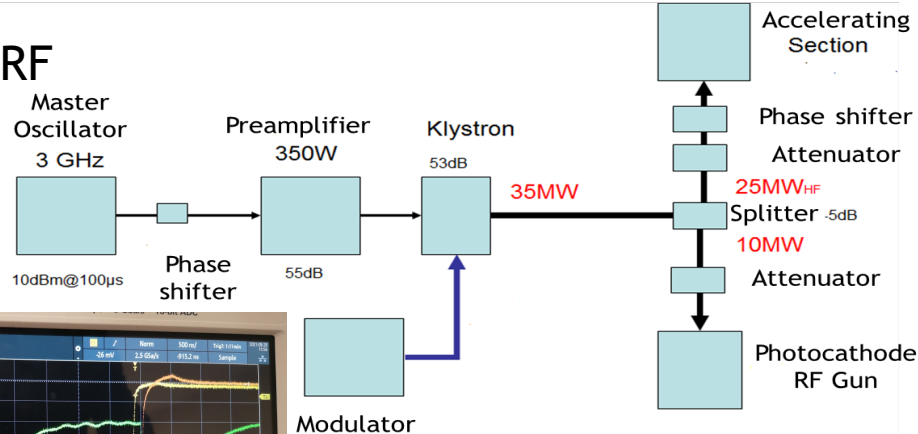
ThomX injector

Injector specification

Parameter	Nom. value	Measured	Units
Energy	50/70	50*	MeV
Charge, commissioning/nom.	0.1/1	0.1*	nC
Nb. of bunches per RF pulse	1	1	
Energy spread, rms	<1	0.02	%
Emittance (rms, normalized)	<5	<5	mm·mrad
Bunch length, rms	<5	-	ps
Average current	50	1	nA
Pulse repetition rate	50	10*	Hz

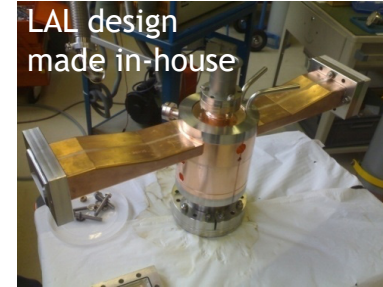
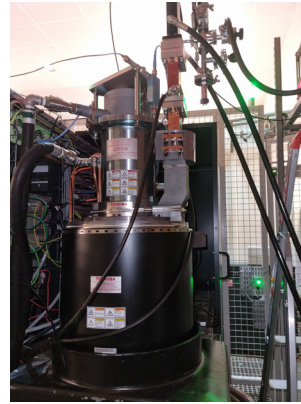
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Linac RF

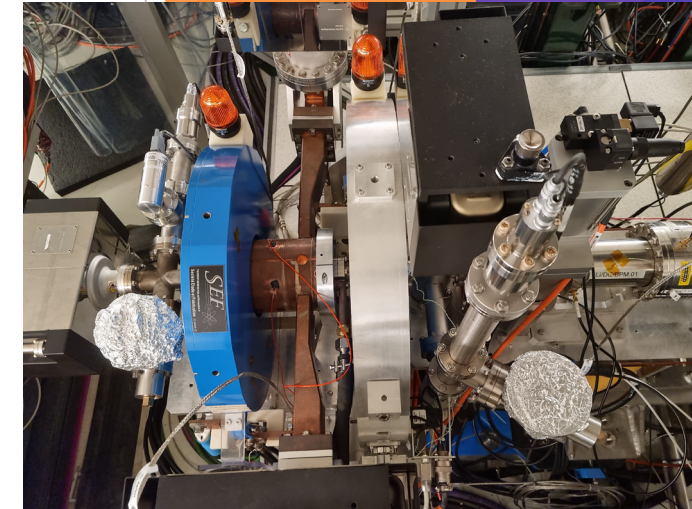


*New accelerating structure :
L = 3.2 m, 18.5 MV/m @ 18 MW
For the 70 MeV upgrade*

Photocathode RF gun



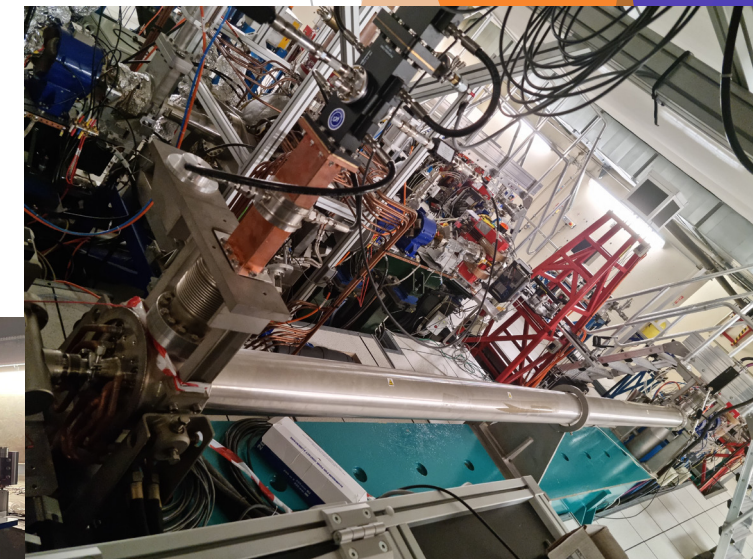
ScandiNova 3 GHz modulator
Toshiba klystron E37310



→ 2.5-cell RF gun : $E_z = 80 \text{ MV/m @ 6 MW}$
to reach $E = 5 \text{ MeV}$, Charge 0.1/1 nC

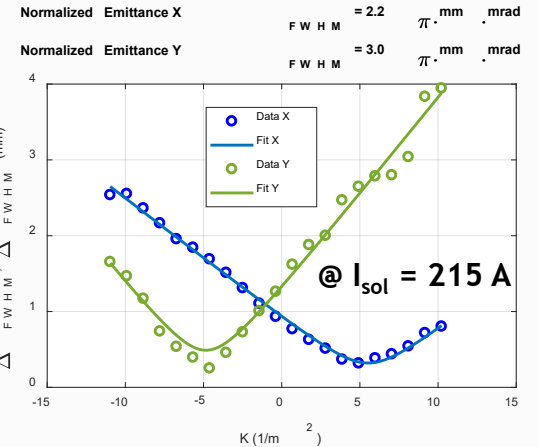
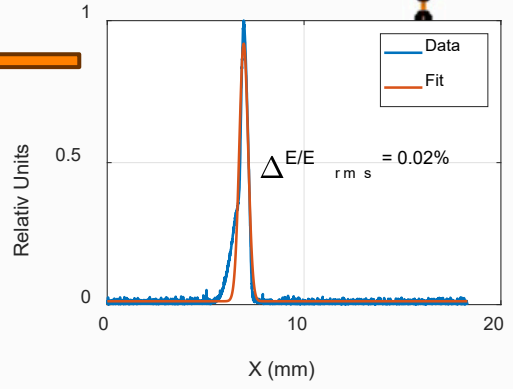
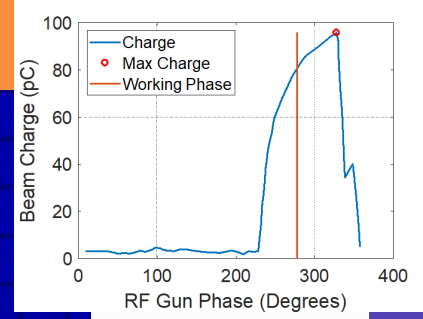
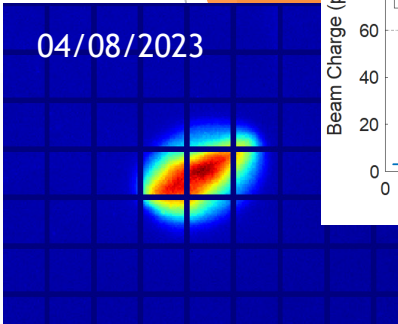
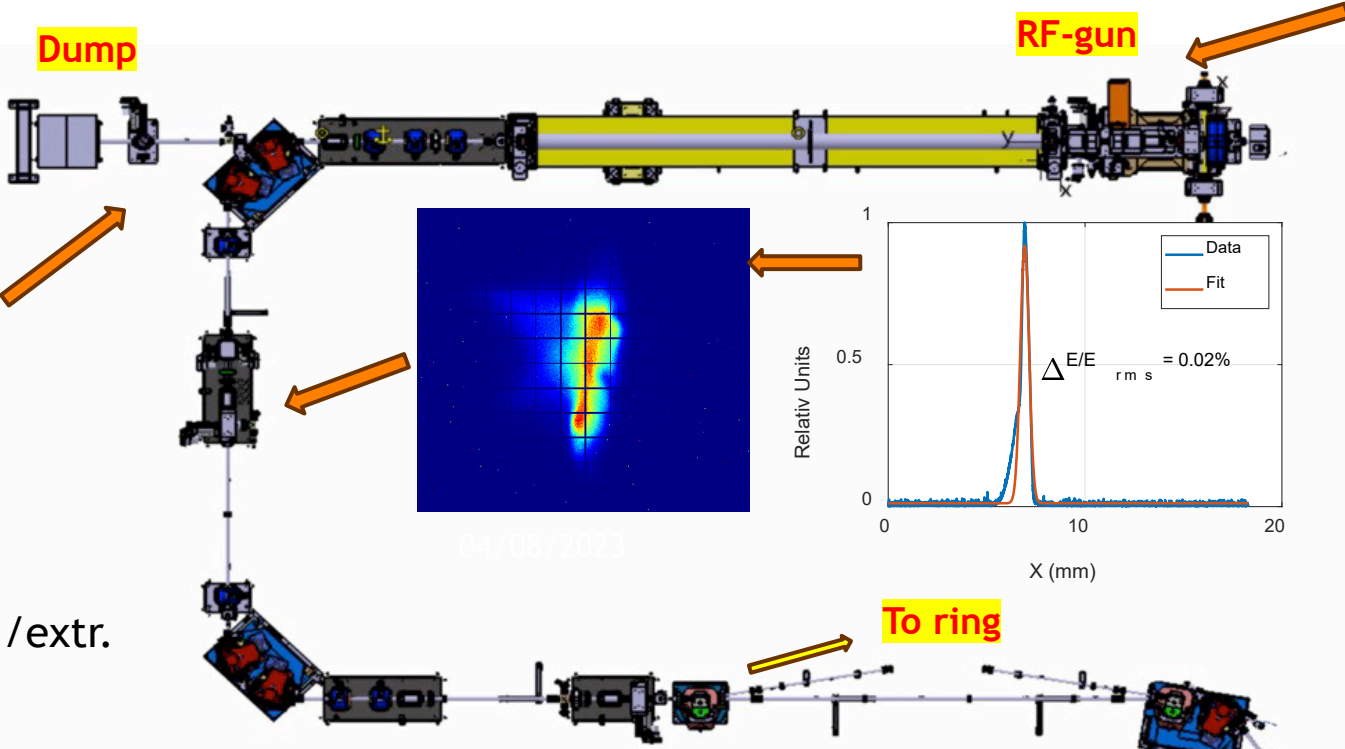
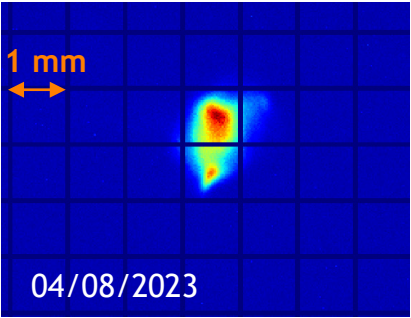
Accelerating structure

→ LIL type 4.8-meter long
accelerating structure (2998.55 MHz)
to reach ~45 MeV @ 9 MW

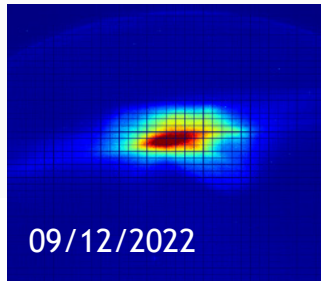
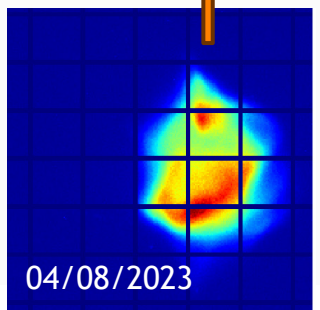
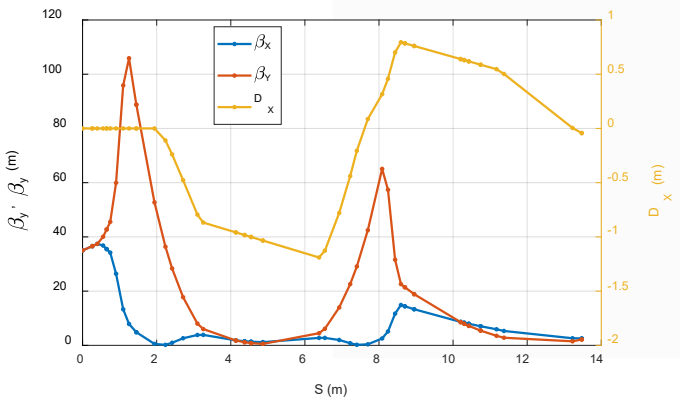


New structure produced by R1

Linac, Transfer Line and Extraction Line



- ▶ 6 Dipoles
- ▶ 14 Quadrupoles
- ▶ 2 Dipoles for inj./extr.
- ▶ 8 Correctors



- 7 BPM
- 5 Diagnostic stations
- 3 ICT
- 2 Faraday Cups

Dump

System of linear equations for the thick lens approximation is solved c.f. M.C. Ross et al. PAC87



ThomX commissioning

Storage Ring

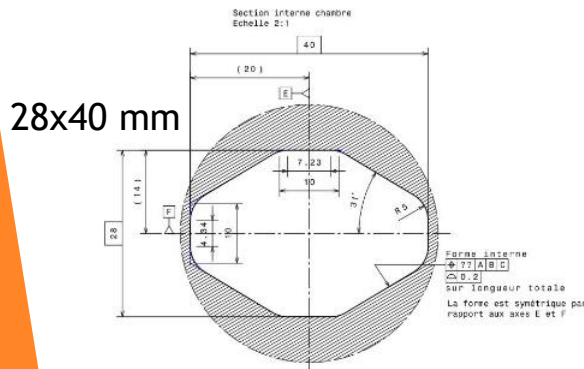


Ring lattice and parameters

- ▶ 8 Dipoles
- ▶ 24 Quadrupoles
- ▶ 12 Sextupoles
- ▶ 2 Kickers
- ▶ 1 Septum
- ▶ 1 RF cavity
- ▶ 12 BPM
- ▶ 12 Correctors

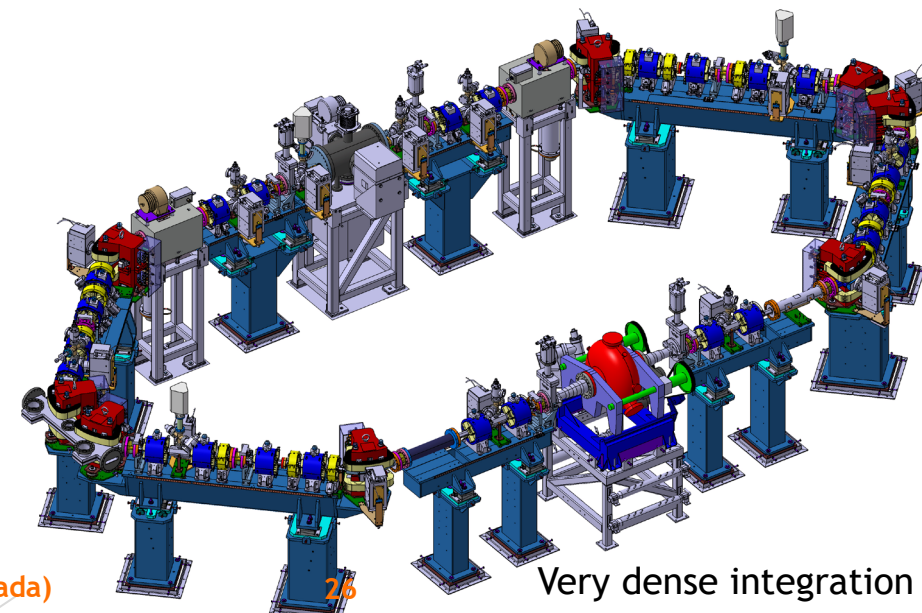
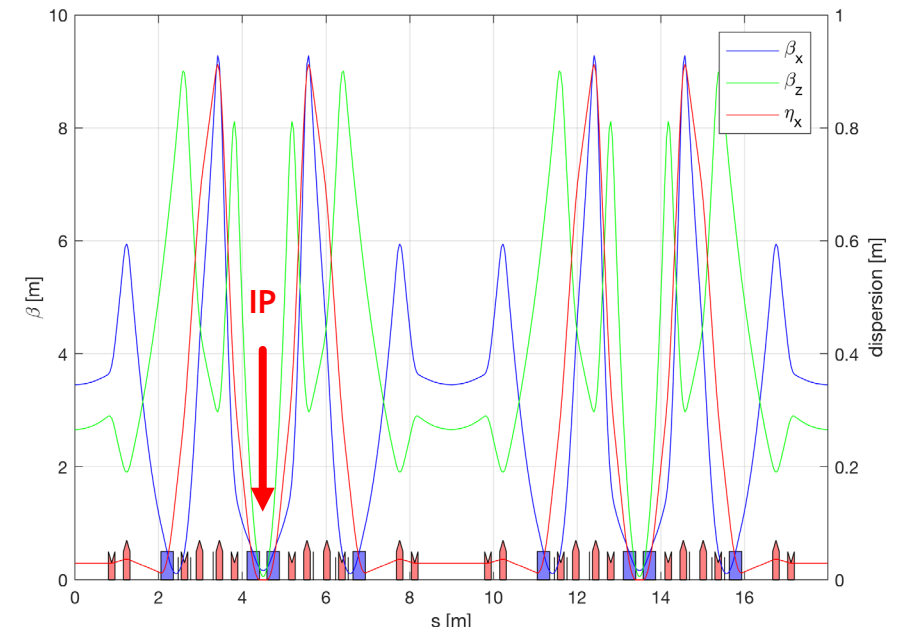
ThomX SR: L = 18 m, T = 60 ns, $f_{rep} = 16.7$ MHz

Parameter	Value/Units
Beam energy	50-70 MeV
Bunch Charge	1 nC
Bunch length (rms)	~30 ps
Circumference	18 m
Revolution frequency	16.7 MHz
Current	16.7 mA
RF frequency/Harmonics	500/30 MHz
Momentum compaction	0.0125 - 0.025
Betatron tunes	3.17/1.64
Natural chromaticity	-9/-13
Damping time trans./long.	1.2/0.6 s
Repetition frequency	50 Hz (20 ms)
Beam size at the IP	70 μ m
Nominal RF Voltage/cavity	300 kV (500 kV max)
Energy loss per turn	1.57 eV



$\nu_x = 3.170$ $\delta p/p = 0.000$
 $\nu_z = 1.640$ 1 period, C= 17.987

Working point 3.17/1.64



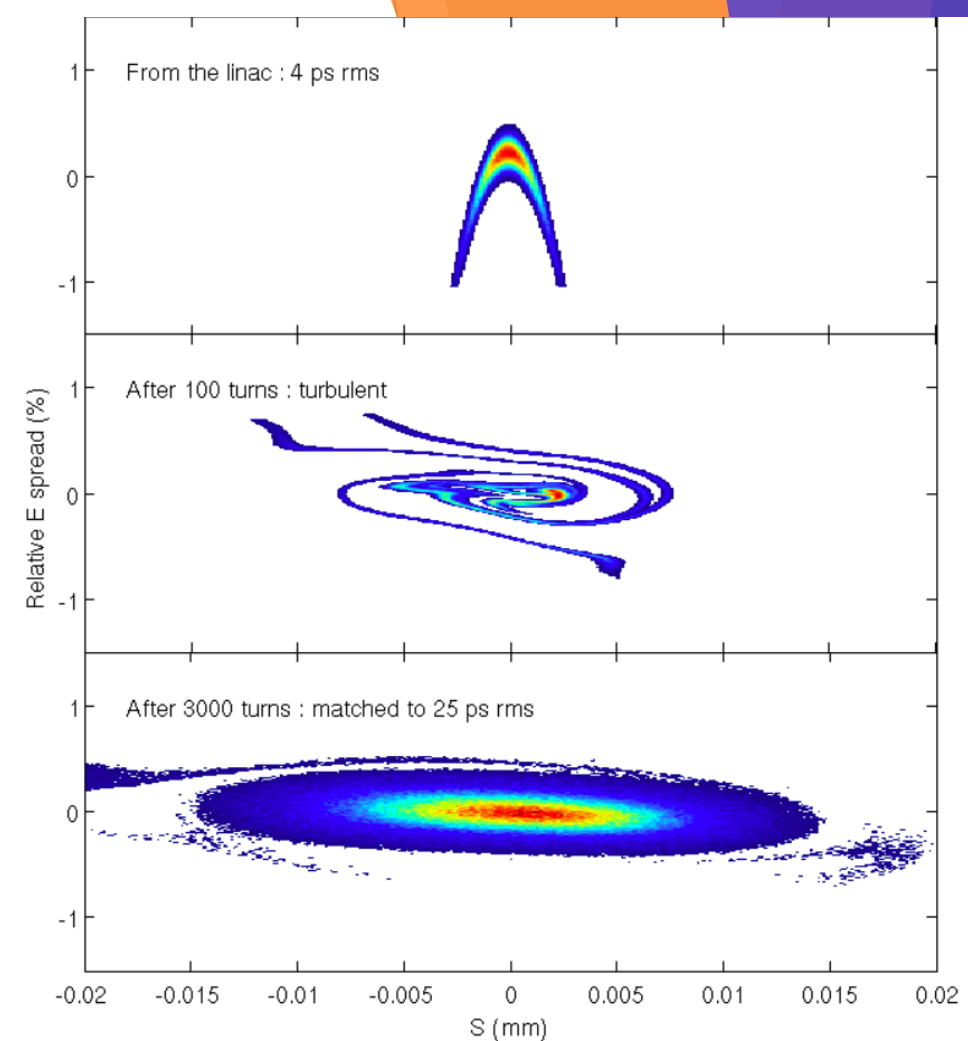
Ring beam dynamics

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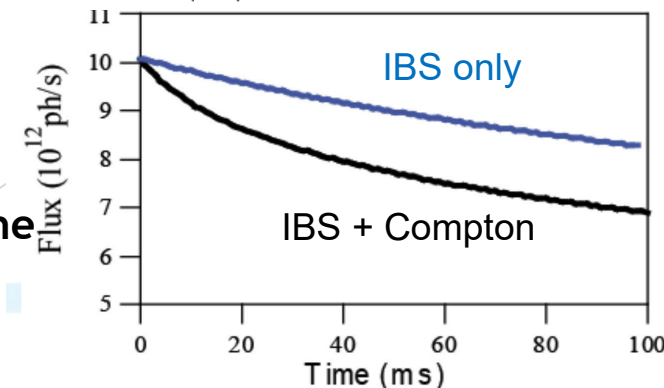
- ▶ high particle density (1 nC/bunch) and low energy operation (50-70 MeV)
- ▶ mismatched beam injection
- ▶ absence of the synchrotron damping (stored time \ll damping time)
- ▶ strong impact of collective effects (intrabeam and Compton scattering, coherent synchrotron radiation, ion instabilities, etc.)

Beam dynamics is very different from usual dynamics in synchrotrons

- ▶ longitudinal mismatch of the injected bunch and strong coherent synchrotron radiation => a transient microbunching regime ($\sim 10 \mu\text{s}$). Still controlled at lower charge $< 100 \text{ pC}$ but beam losses and increase in transv. emittance @higher charge ($\sim 1 \text{ nC}$).
- ▶ the intrabeam and Compton scattering, Touschek effect act on the beam dynamics in long term ($\sim \text{ms}$) compared to the transient regime => beam losses, increase in transv. emittance and energy spread



Degrade the beam quality and so reduction of the X-ray flux

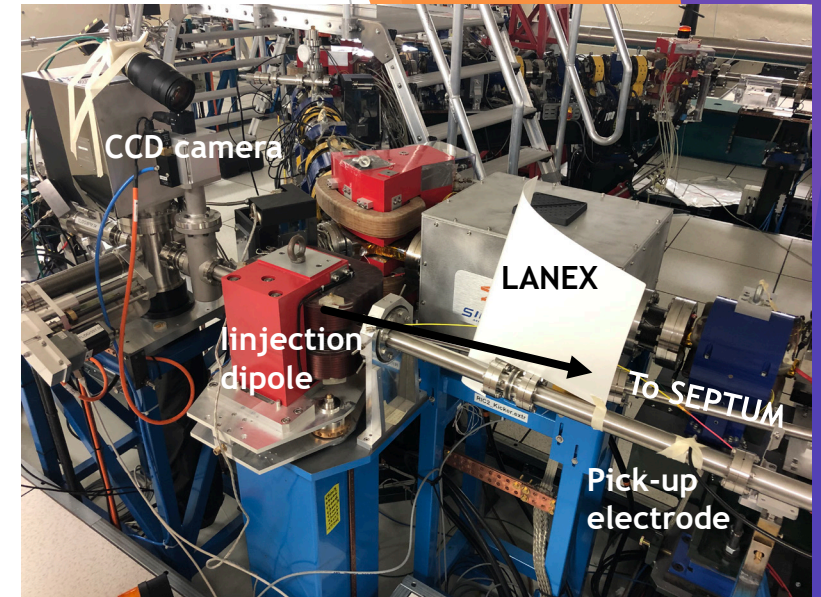


Commissioning steps and results

Injection. BPM single pass and turn-by-turn data, BLM signals.

Phase	Description
B.1	Injection and first turn : injection, threading, commissioning beam instrumentation
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B.3	Stored beam and extraction : precise measurements, BBA, feedback systems, beam diagnostics (SRM)
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The fast injection and extraction are ensured by a septum and two fast kickers implying single-turn on-axis injection



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- ▶ No signal 🤔😞
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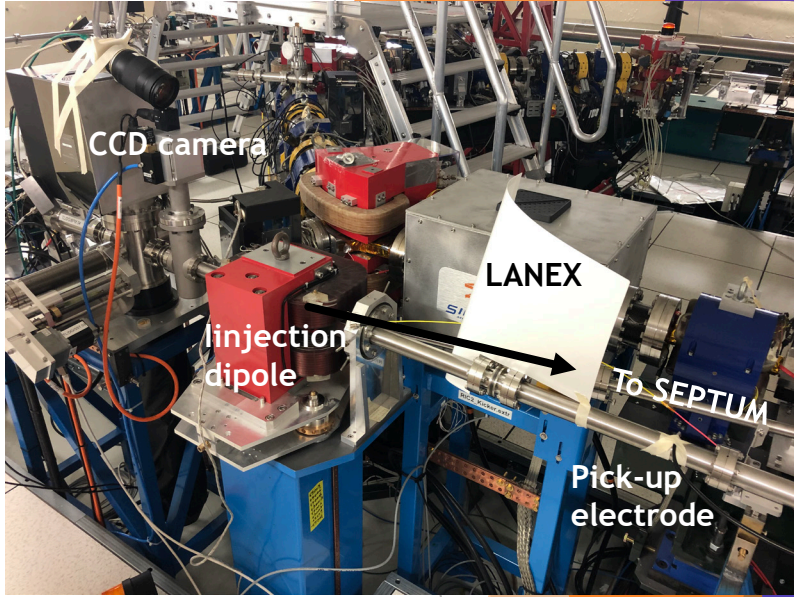
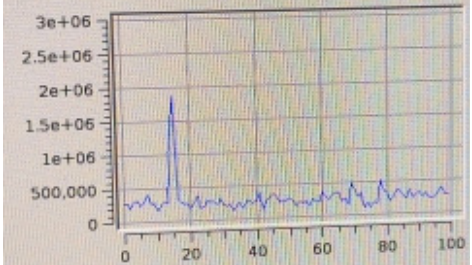
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9 Sept 2022 : 1st BPM signal

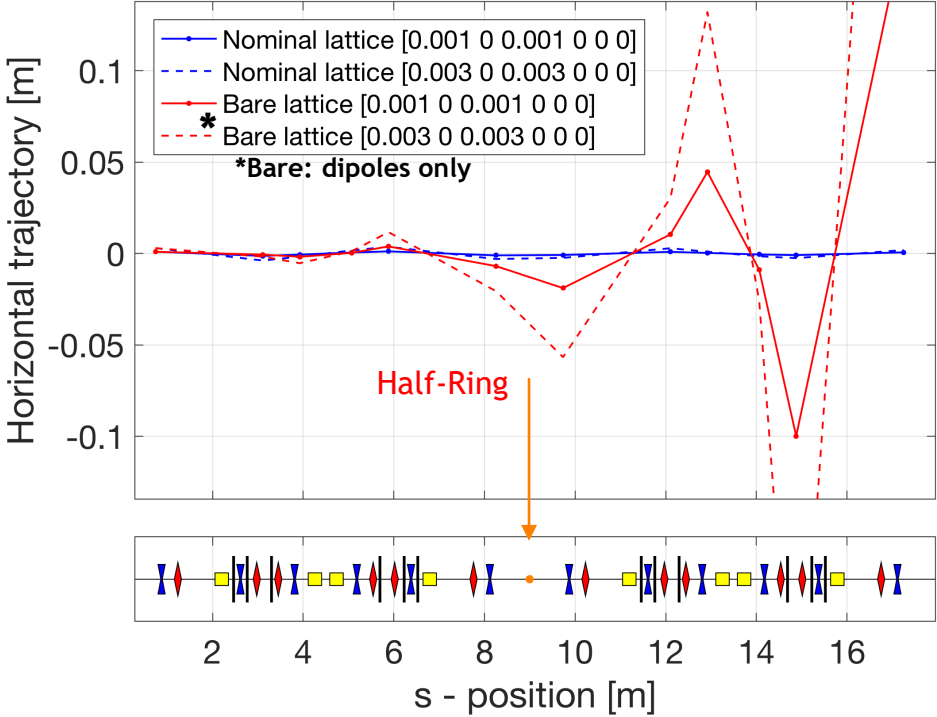


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Simulations



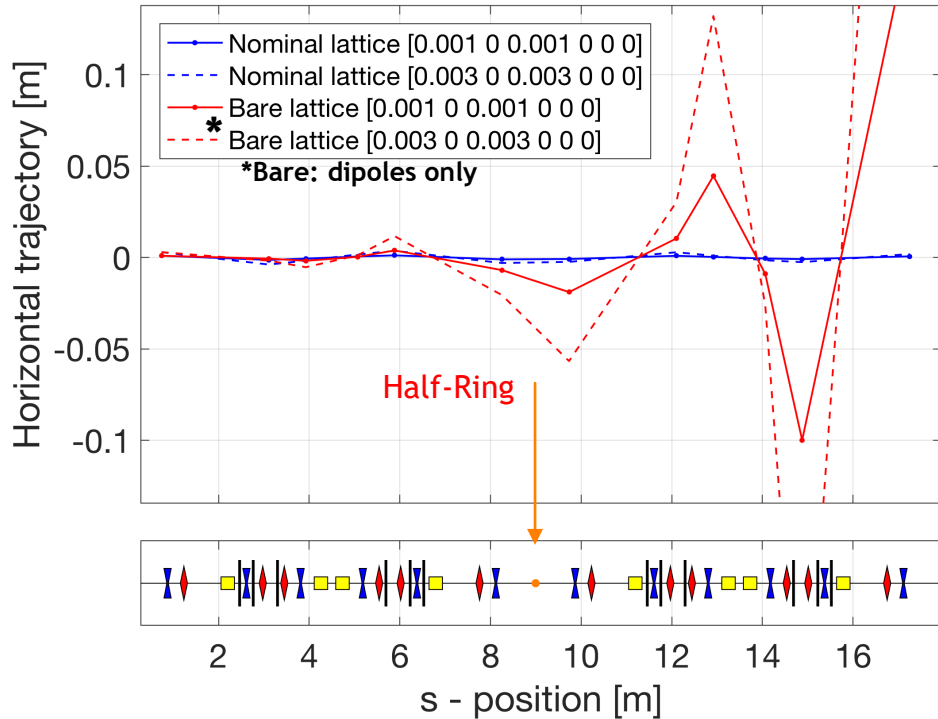
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- ▶ Quads switched ON to nominal values : First turn?
- ▶ Manual trajectory correction. No closed orbit, ring is “open”



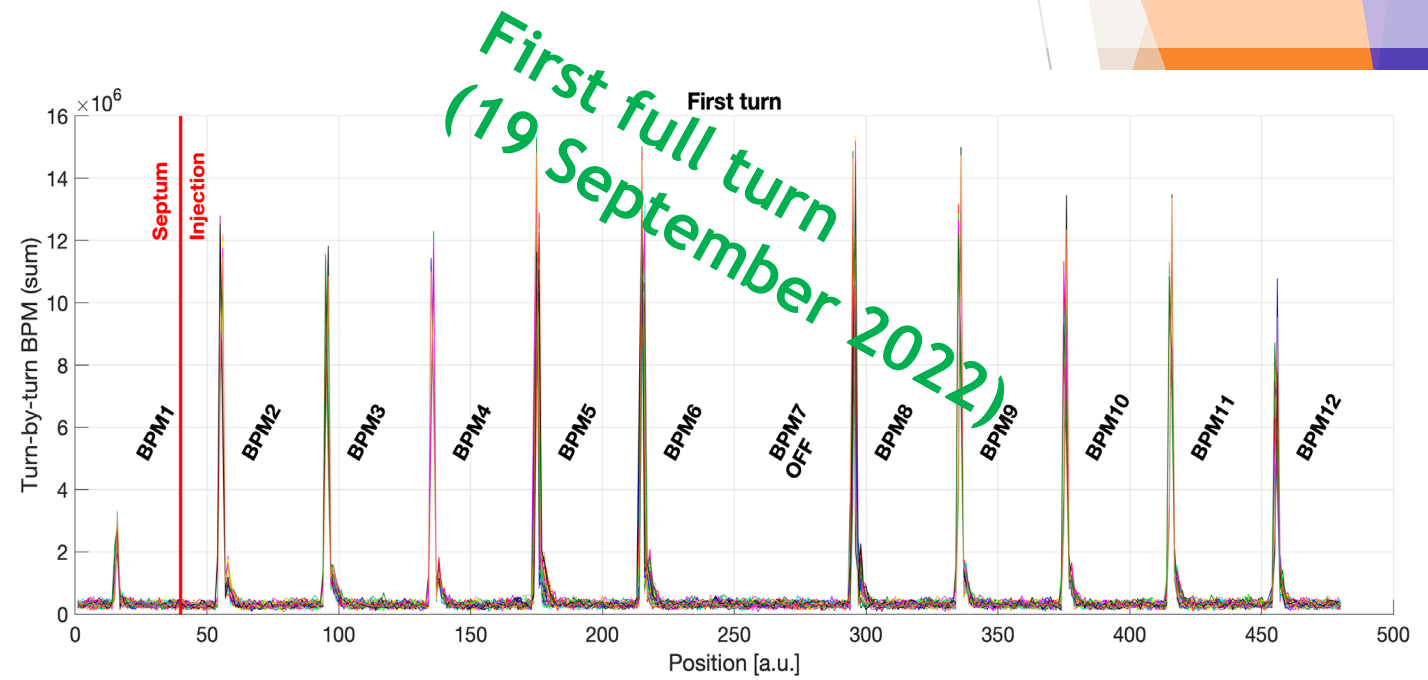
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- ▶ Important milestone. First turn! 👍



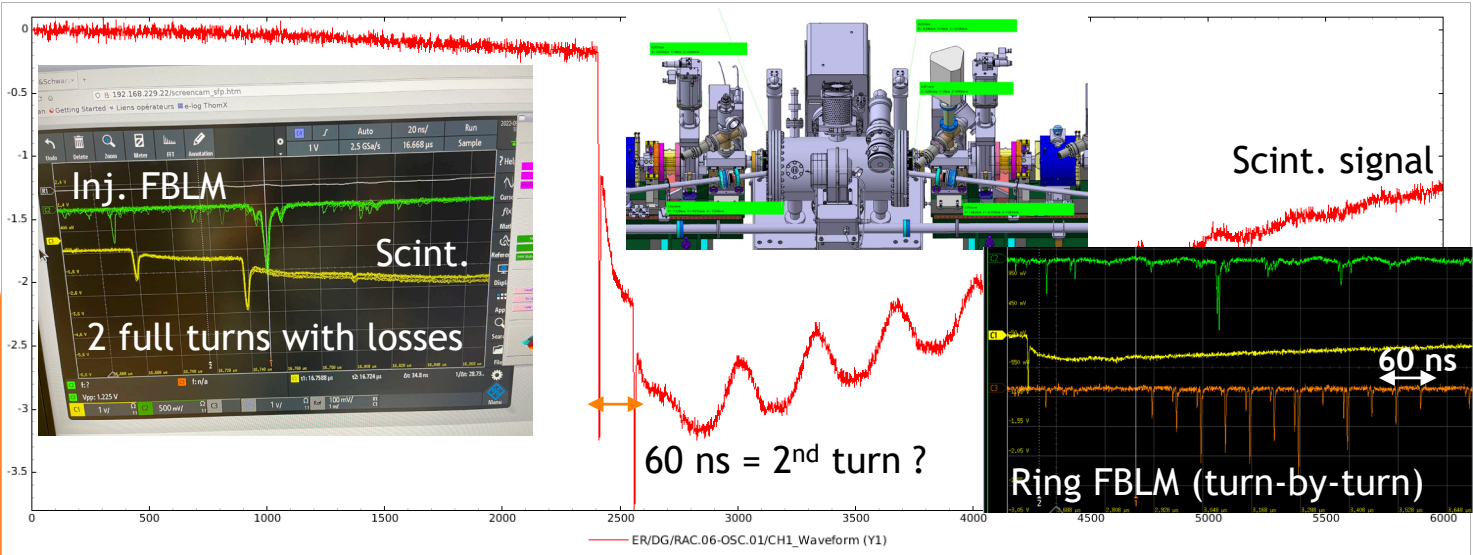
Automatic algorithm RCDS (Robust Conjugate Direction Search) to tune the injection (7 parameters)

Commissioning steps and results

Storage. BPM turn-by-turn data and BLM signals

RF cavity OFF

- ▶ Injection optimization and further trajectory correction
- ▶ SVD for trajectory correction with response matrix from the open line model
 - Improved, but no more turns. Where is the problem?
 - Obstacle? Quadrupoles?
 - Try to switch OFF the quads on the last ring sector. Sign of the presence of the 2nd and 3rd turns on BLM (scintillator and FBLM) signals
 - Quads polarity check, found one of the opposite polarity



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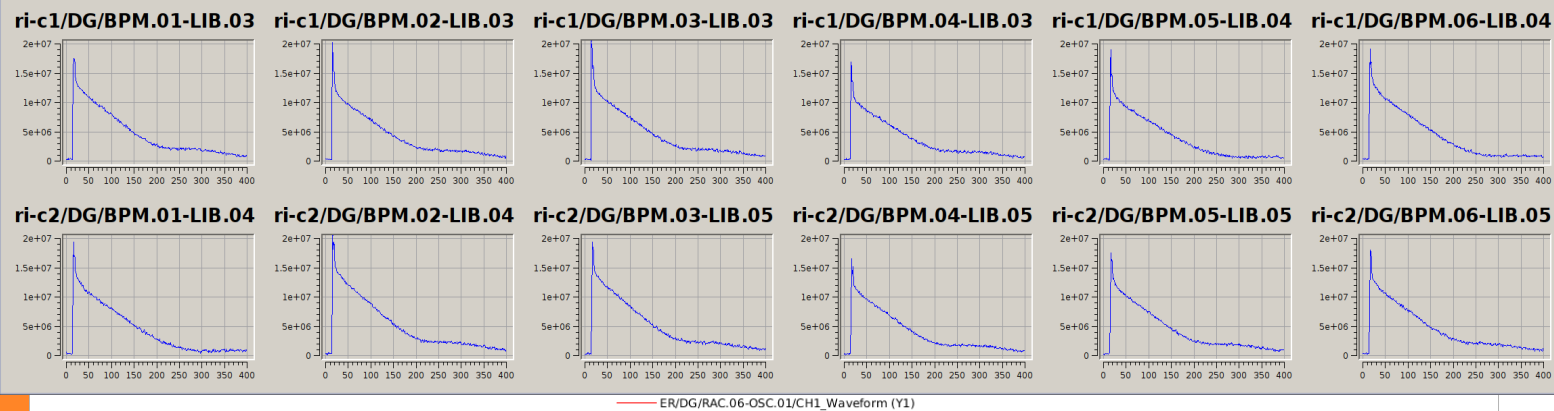
Once QUAD polarity issue is corrected Beam is stored ~400 turns !!!
(observed with BPM)

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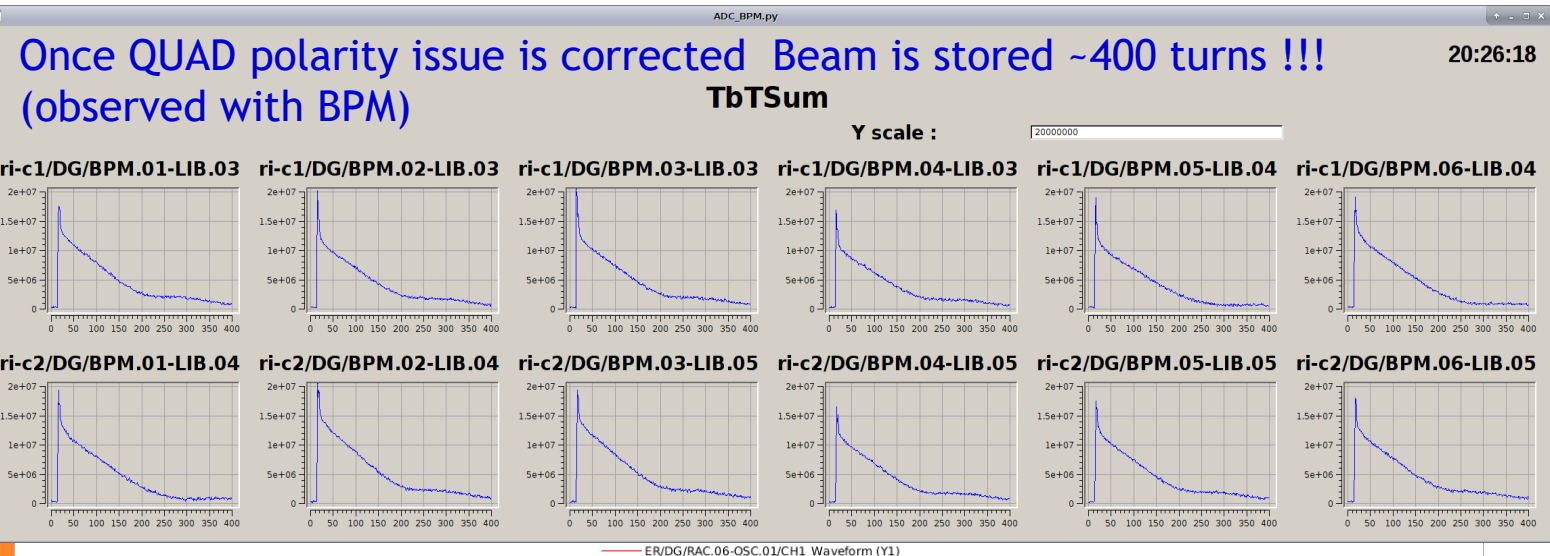
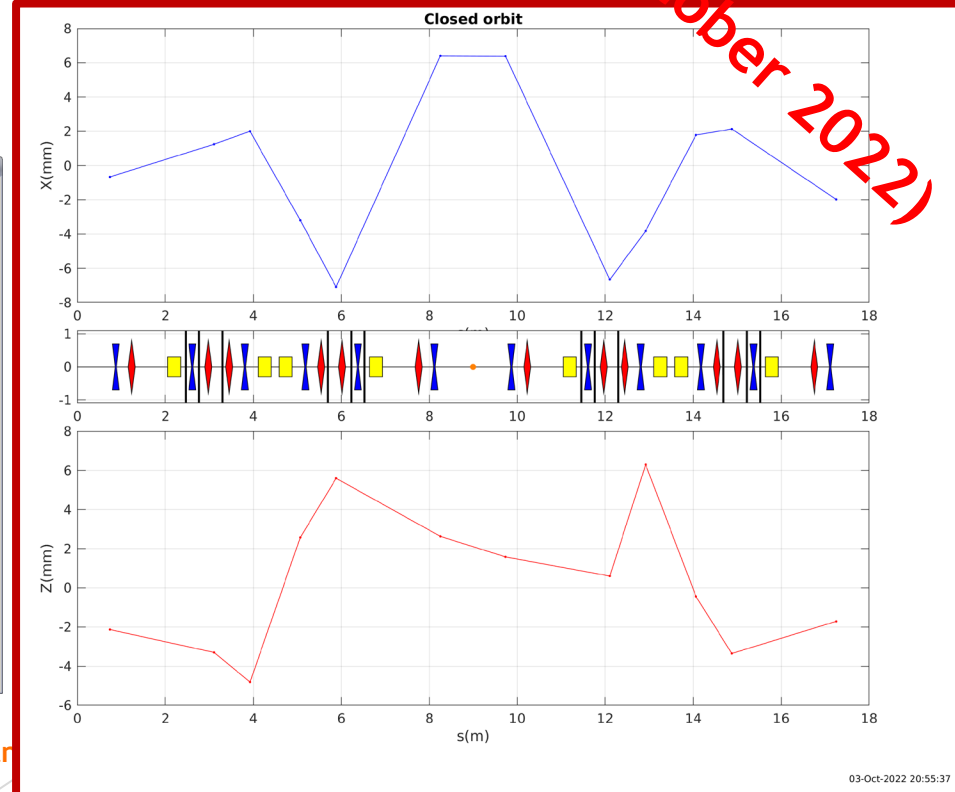
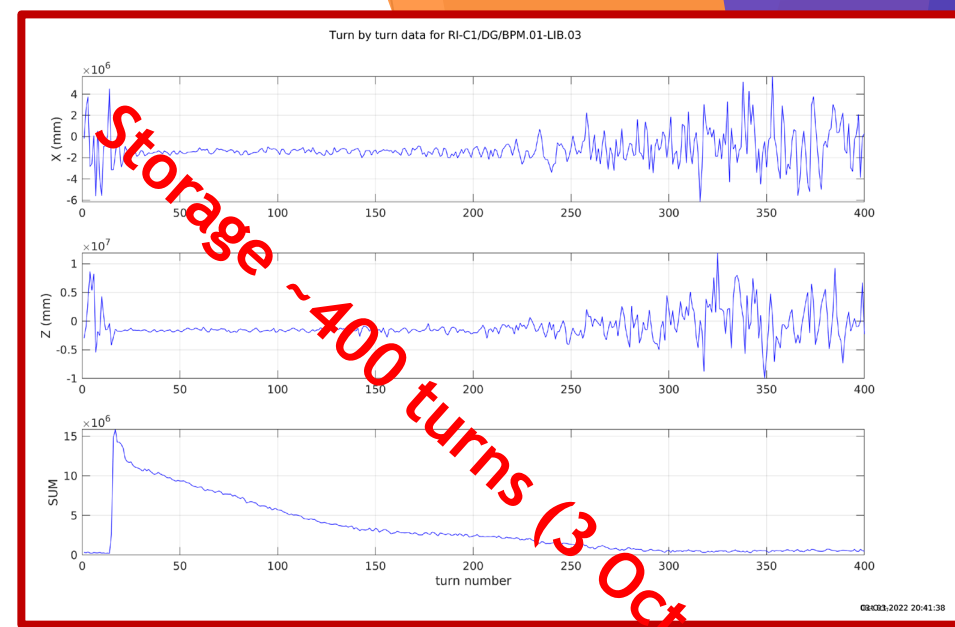


Commissioning steps and results

Storage. BPM turn-by-turn data and BLM signals

RF cavity OFF

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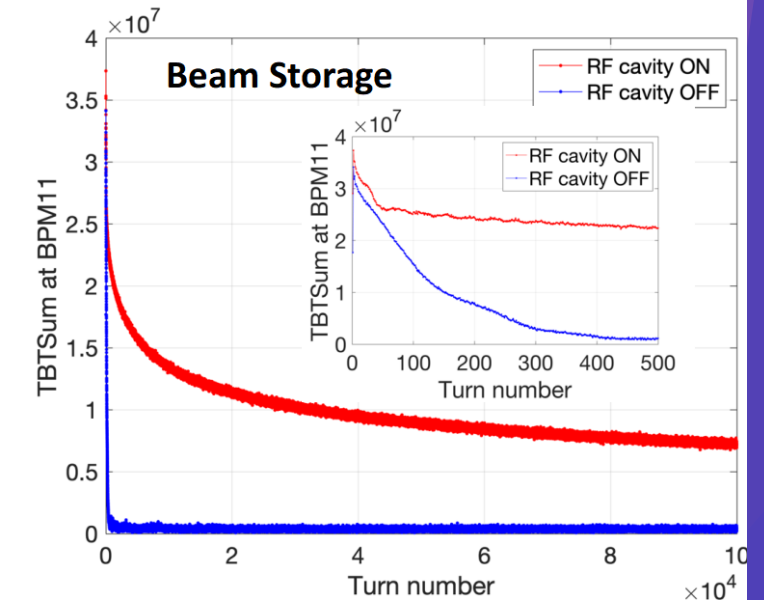


Commissioning steps and results

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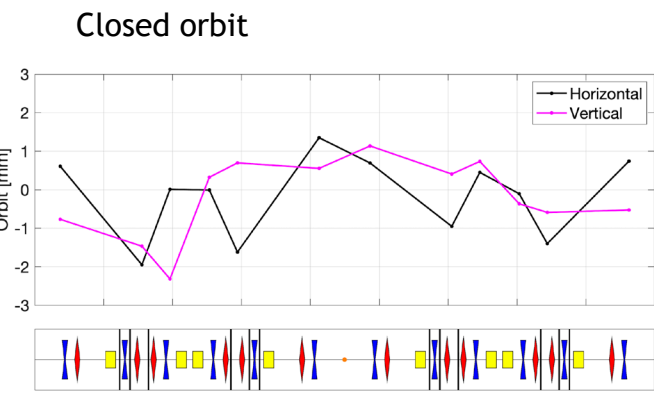
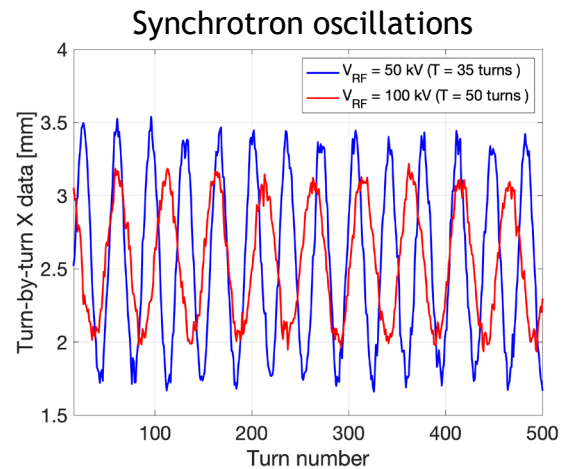
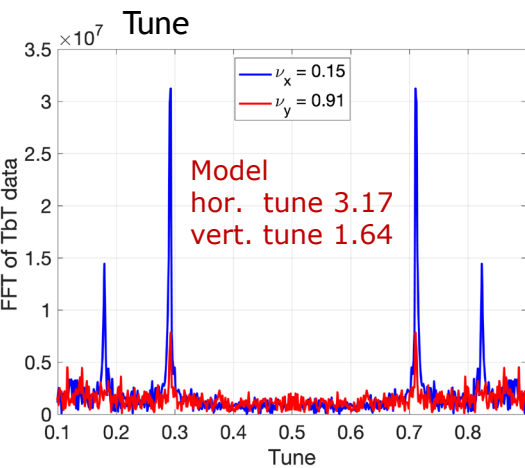
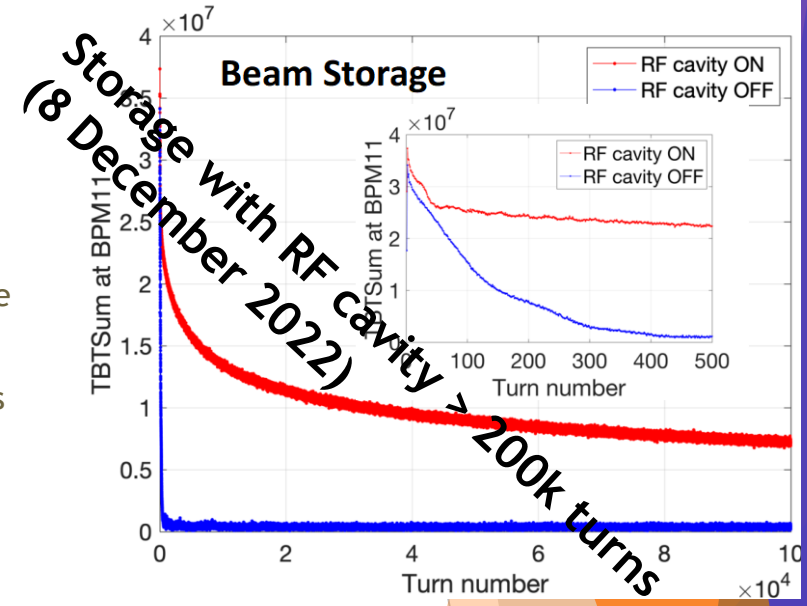


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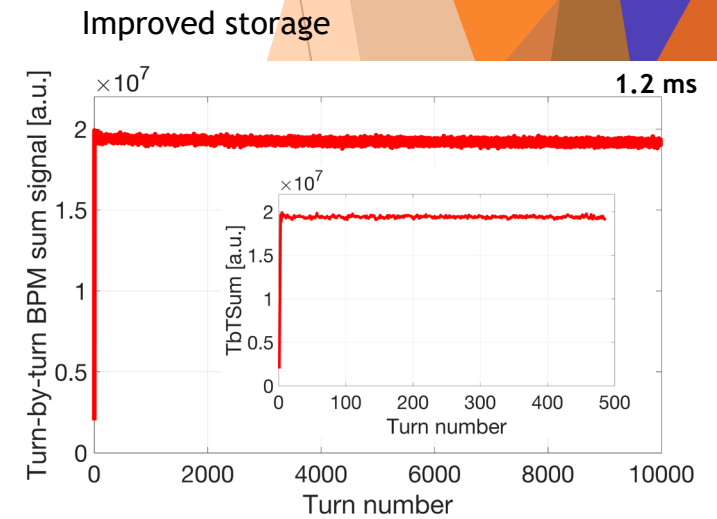
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Next: BBA, precise optics studies, LOCO...

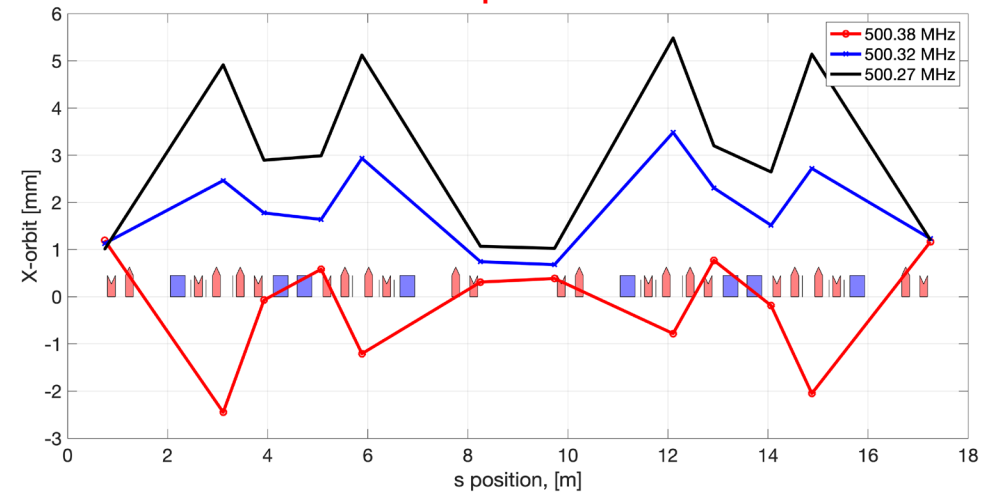


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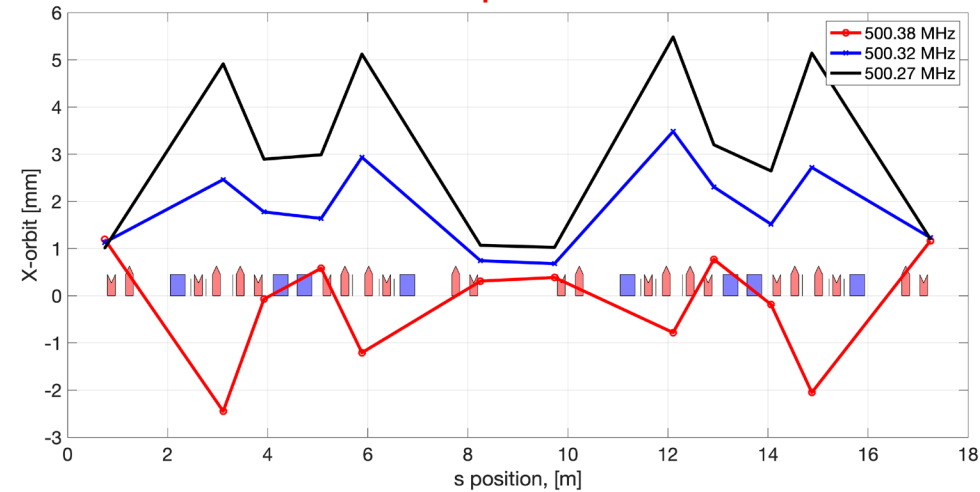


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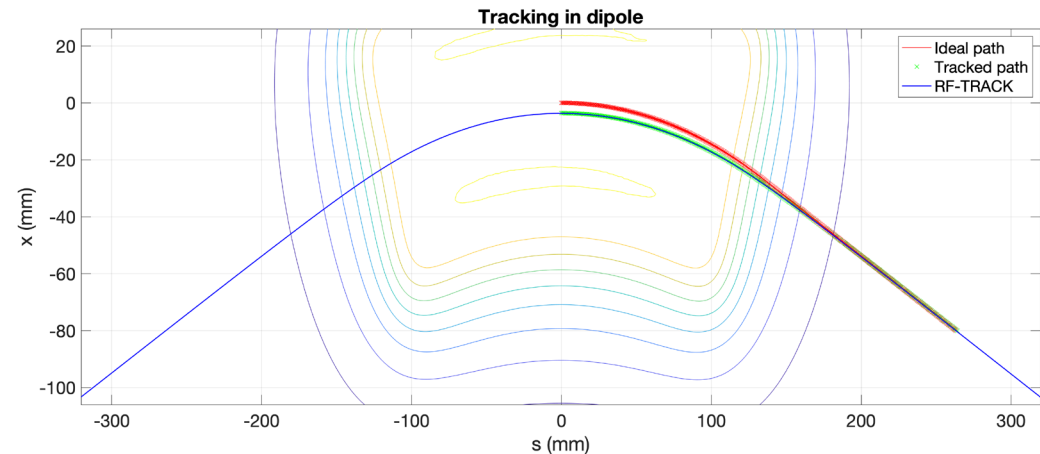
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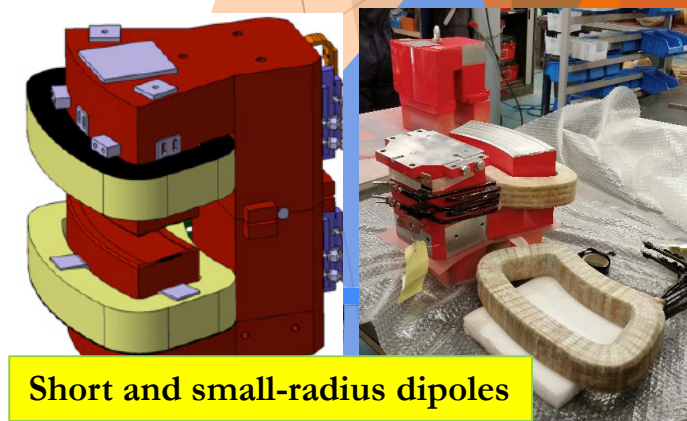
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Features of dipoles

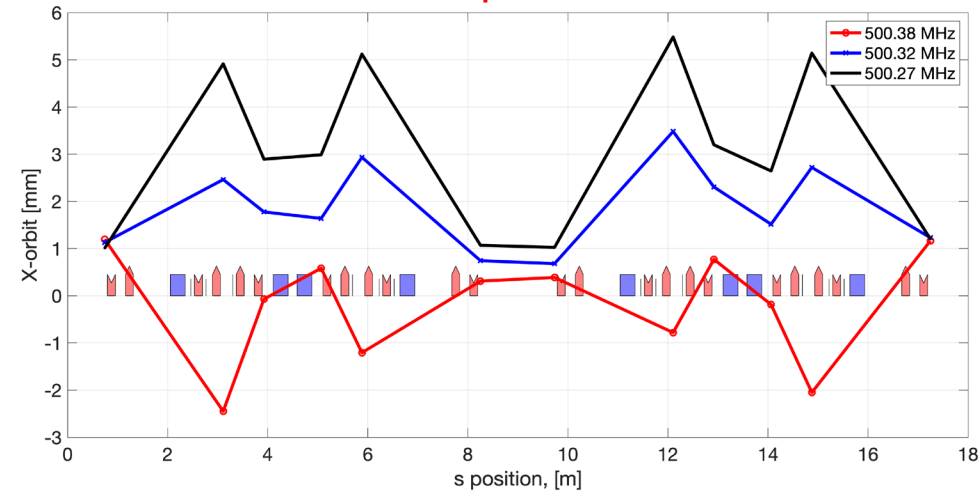
Quantity	14 + 1 (pre-series)
Radius of curvature	352 mm
Main field B_0	0.7 Tesla
Gap	42 mm
Good field region	+/- 20mm
Integral of field	184.59 mT.m
Current max.	275 Amp
Beam energy	from 50 to 70 MeV



Short and small-radius dipoles

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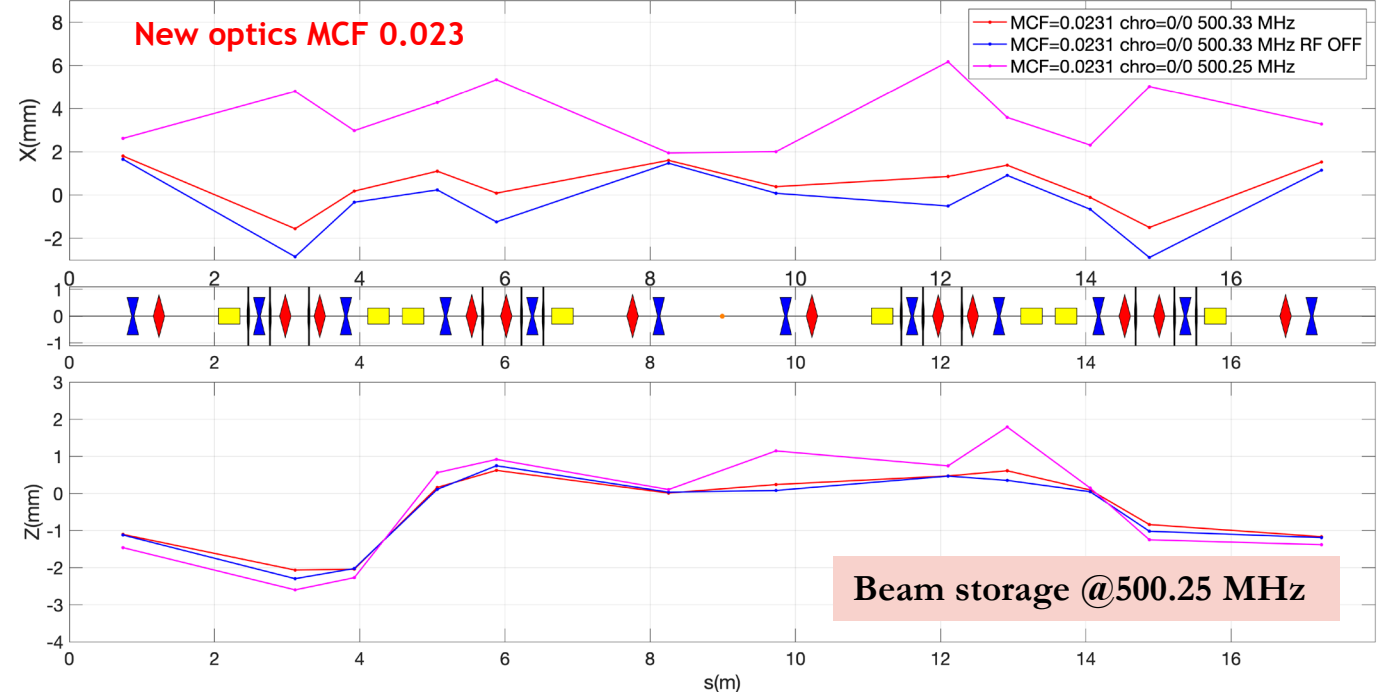


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- ▶ To guarantee the high-intensity X-ray production
 - Temporal solution: new optics with higher value of the MCF (already deployed)
 - Reliable long-term solution: limit the dipole FF with the metallic plates (OPERA simulations ongoing) or mechanically increase the circumference by ~14 mm (studies ongoing, can imply the machine symmetry break up)

Closed orbit (mean over several injections)



Beam storage @500.25 MHz

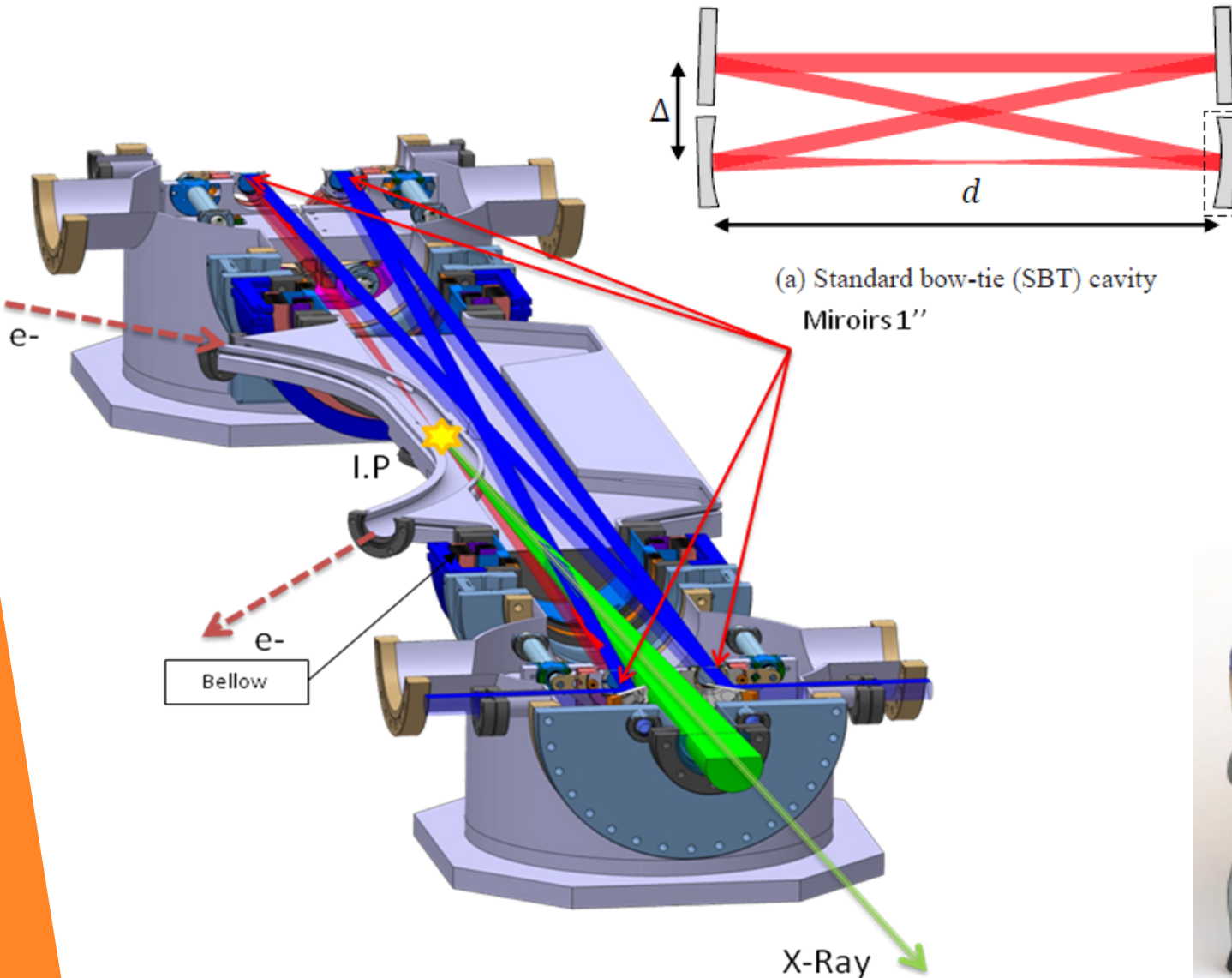


ThomX commissioning

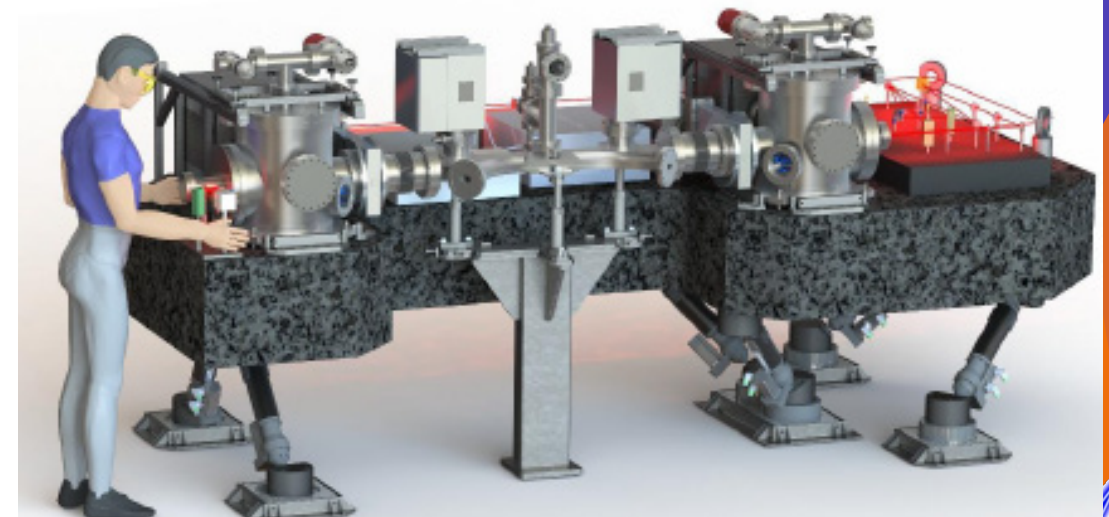
Fabry-Perot cavity and X-line



Fabry-Perot cavity @ThomX

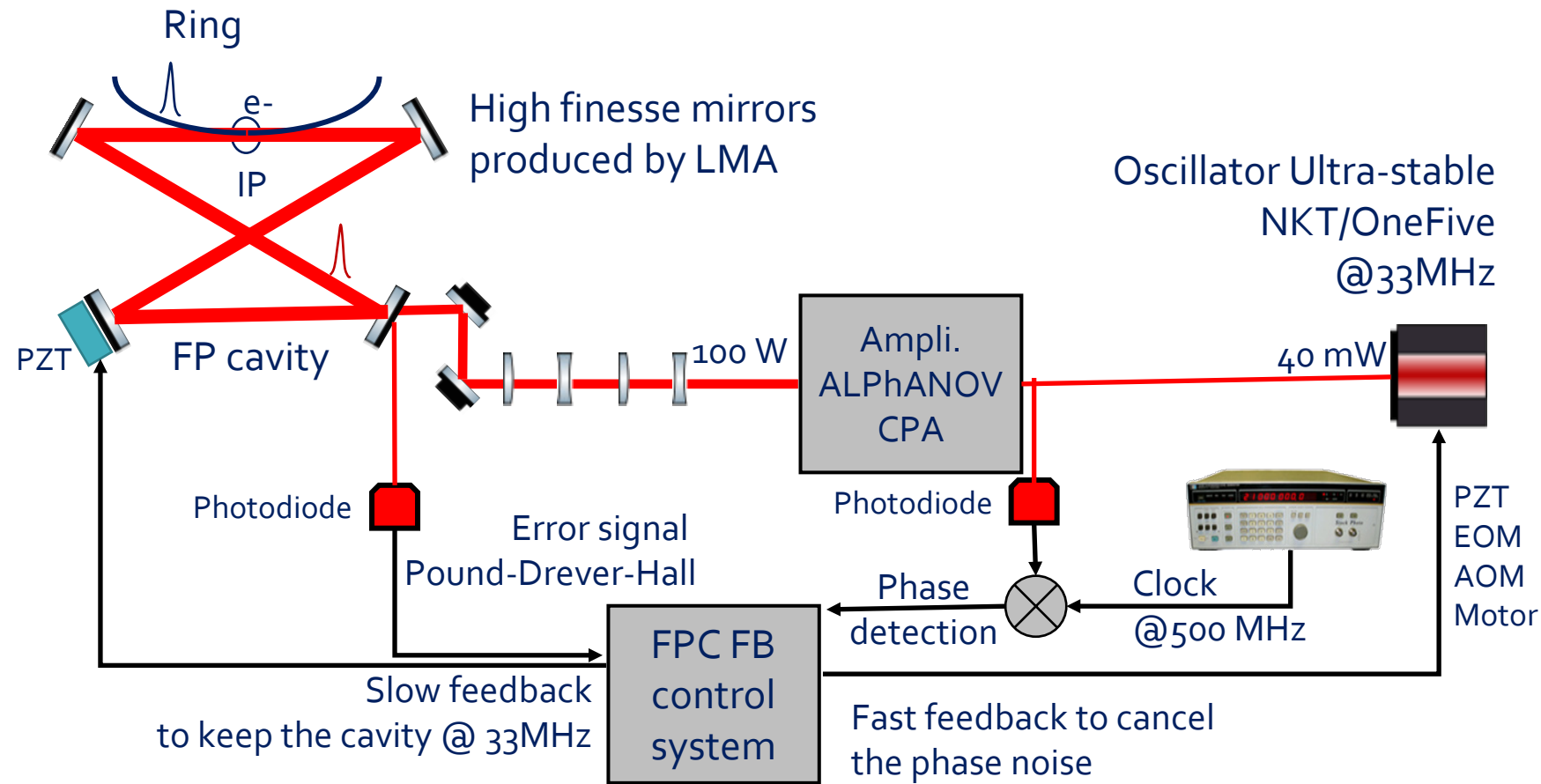
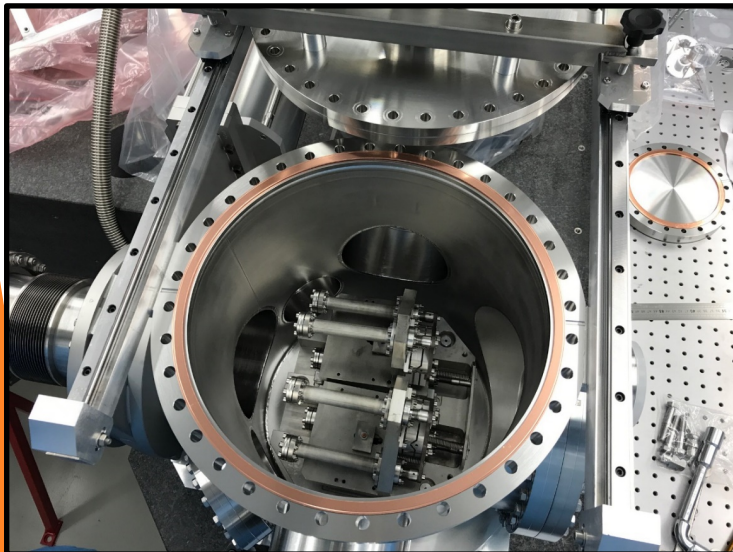


Parameters	Nom. values
Laser repetition frequency	33.3 MHz
Laser wavelength	1031 nm
Optical cavity length	8.994 m
Cavity finesse	40 000
Waist size in the IP	70 μm
Injected power (average)	100 W
Stored power (average)	500 kW (1 MW)



Optical table is installed on the hexapode (μm precision)

Optical system of the Fabry-Perot cavity



vacuum : 10^{-9} mbar
Cleanliness specification : ISO5

Commissioning : Fabry-Perot cavity

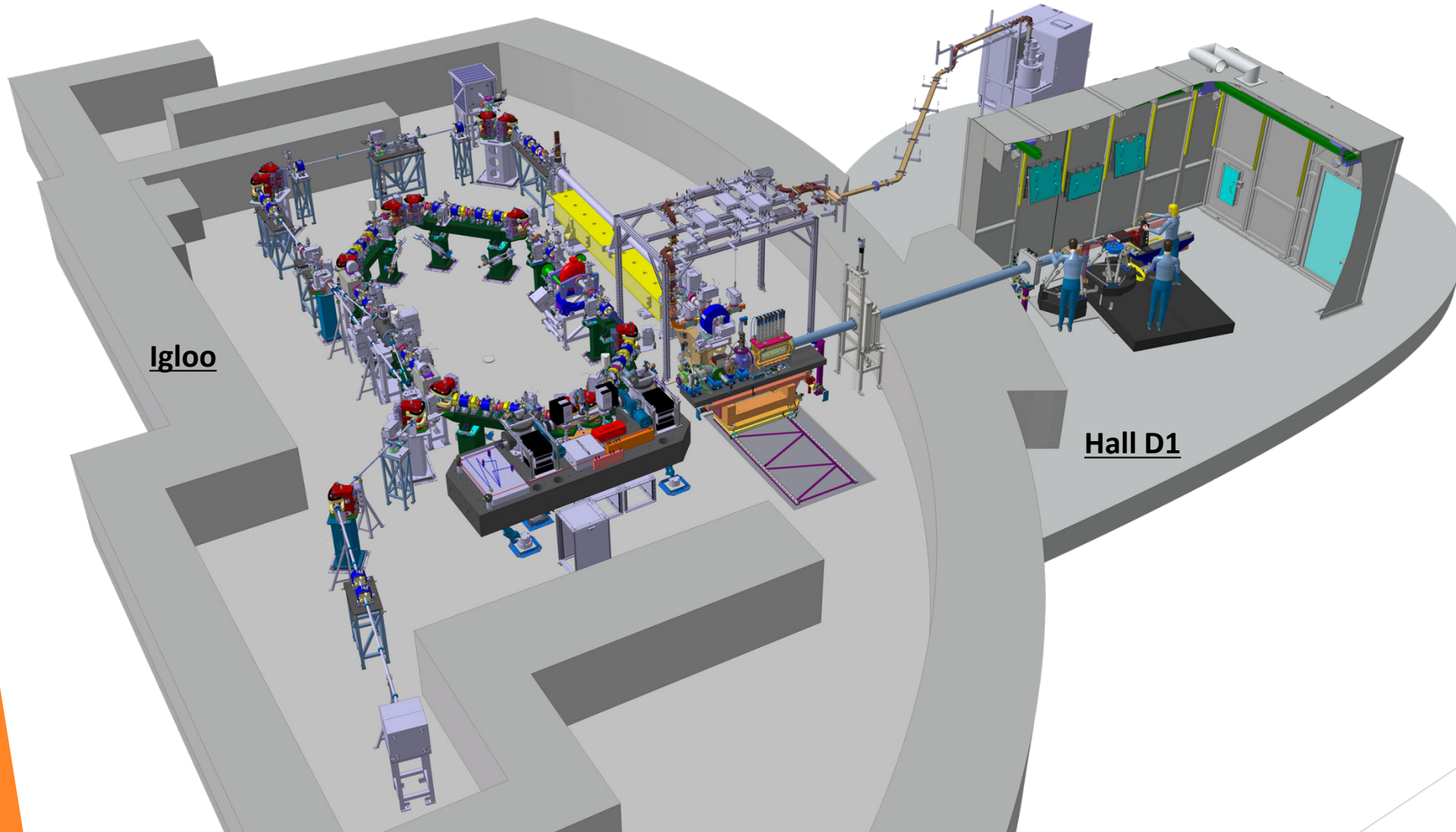
Already obtained

- ▶ On site: fully assembled. Measured FP-cavity gain : 9500. Stored power : 30 kW
- ▶ 80kW measured with ThomX cavity
 - With 133 MHz laser
 - On the test site, not in the accelerator tunnel
- ▶ 400kW measured with the ThomX cavity prototype (not stable)
- ▶ 200kW measured with the ThomX cavity prototype (long term)

To do

- ▶ Mitigation of the high-power issues
 - Huge average power should be stored inside the optical cavity.
 - Mirror thermoelastic deformations (cavity geometry)
- ▶ Increase the stored laser power in the cavity → 500 kW
 - 70W (max amp power) x ~70% (max coupling) x 10k (max FP-cavity gain)
- ▶ Synchronisation: Fabry-Perot Cavity/Ring with the ~ps jitter
 - A factor of 1000-2000 for the X-ray production

X-line design



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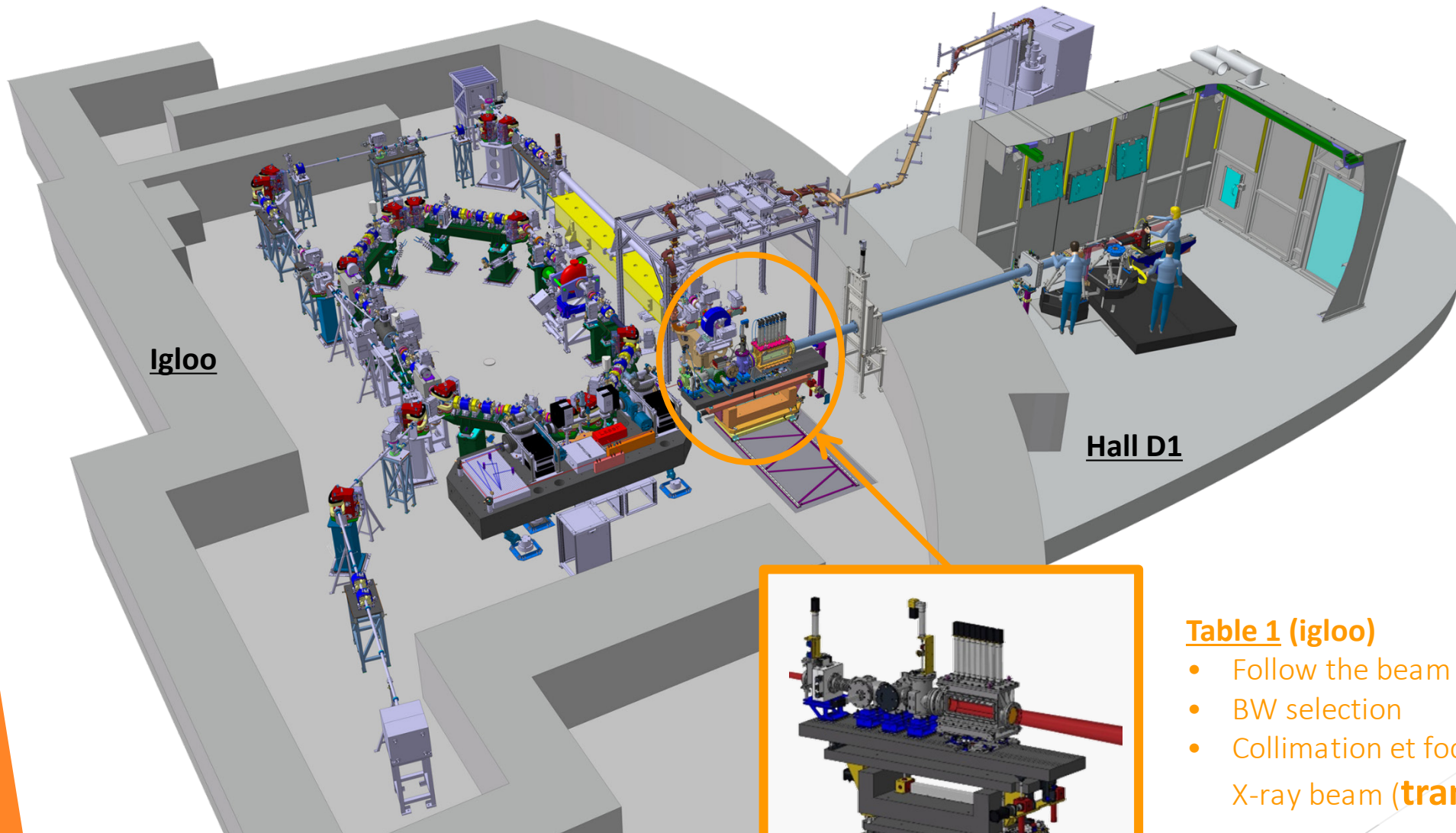
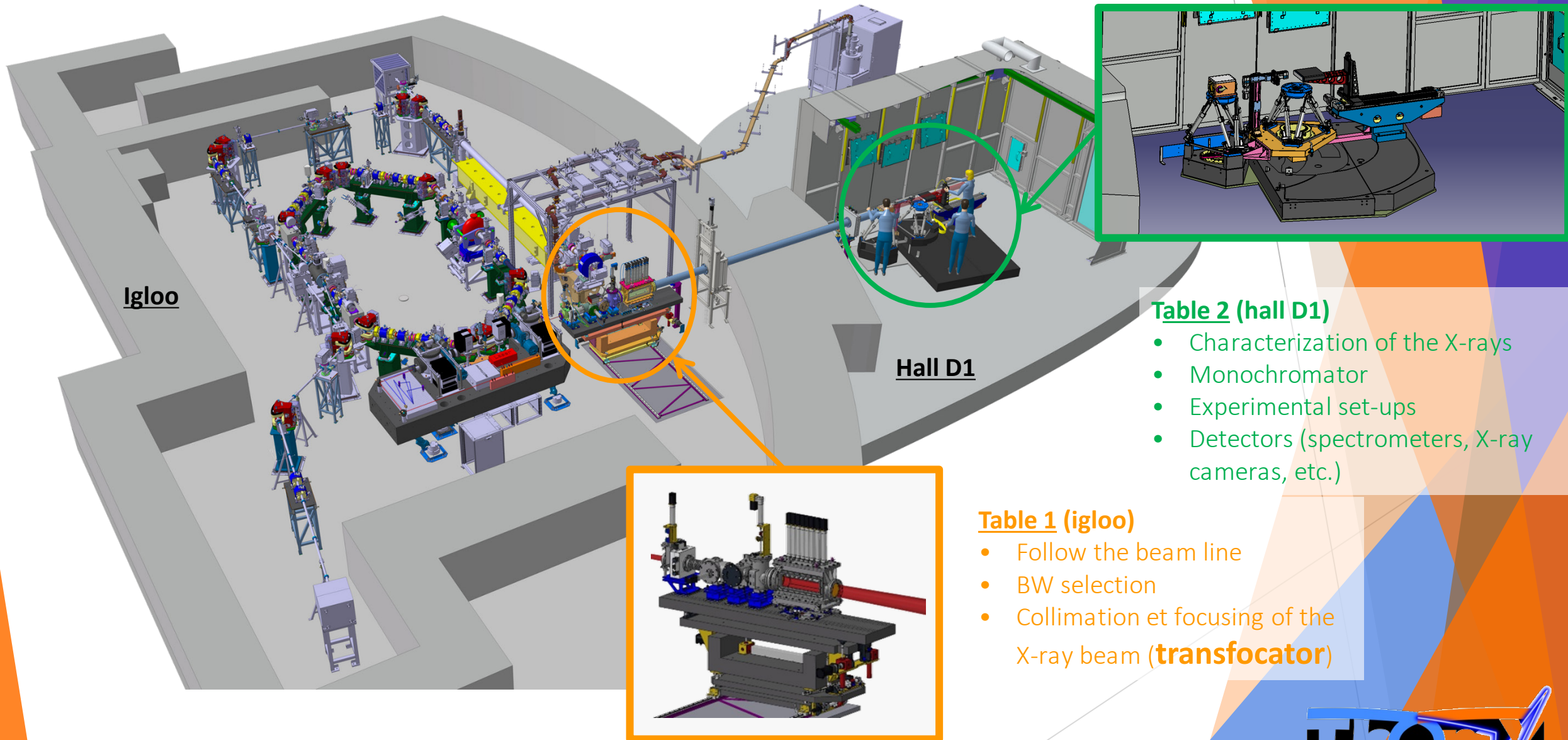


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Igloo

Hall D1

Table 2 (hall D1)

- Characterization of the X-rays
- Monochromator
- Experimental set-ups
- Detectors (spectrometers, X-ray cameras, etc.)

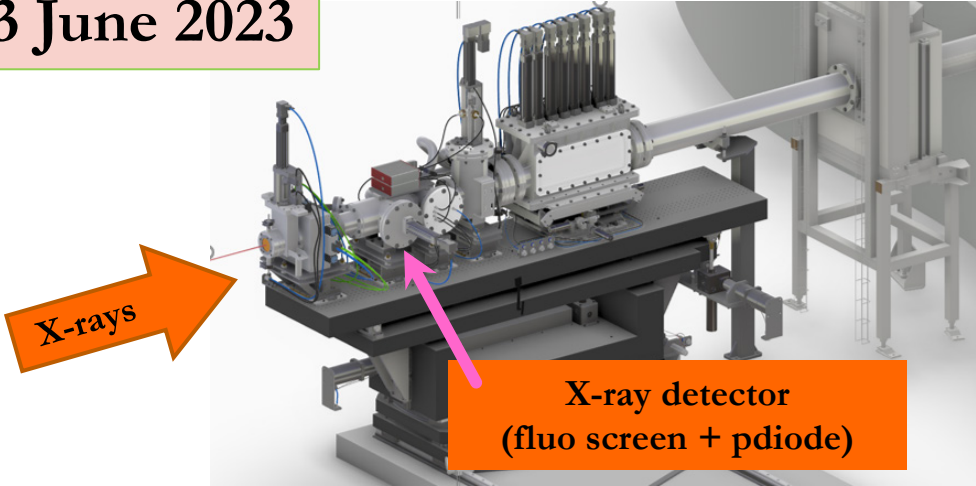
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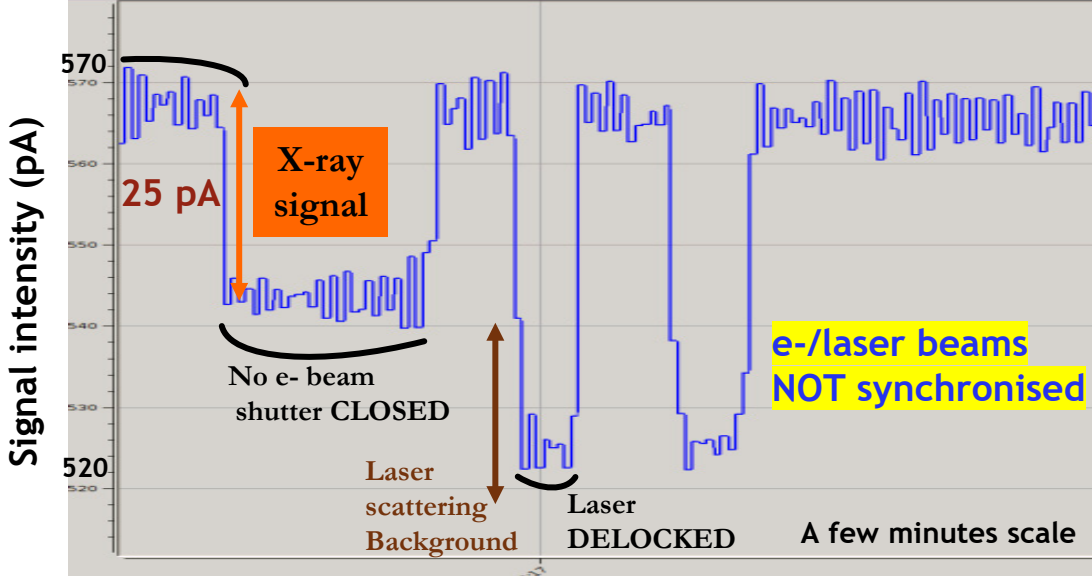
The first X-rays

First X-ray signal

23 June 2023



Laser LOCKED (~25-30 kW stored) Measured photodiode signal

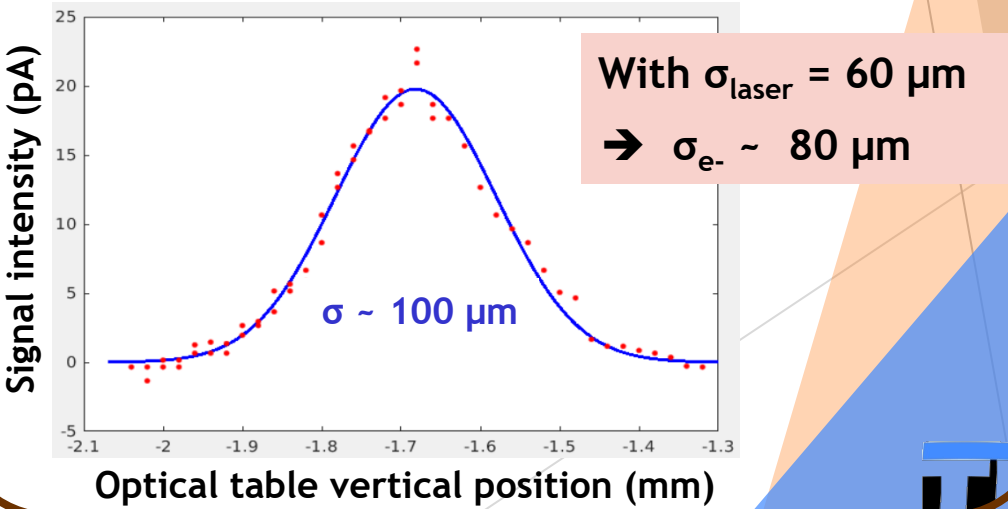


X-ray flux measurement

Measured Flux = $\sim 6 \cdot 10^6$ ph/s
 Expected $\sim (4 - 10) \cdot 10^6$ ph/s
 (uncertainty on stored e^- bunch charge)

Near future: 100 kW of stored laser power +
 synchronisation of the e^- /laser beams
 → Expected Flux $\sim 10^{10} - 10^{11}$ ph/s

Measurement of e^- beam size σ_{e^-} at IP



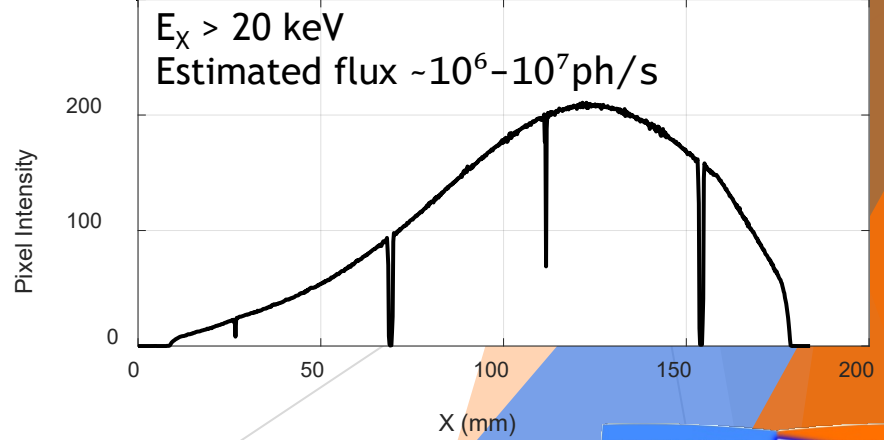
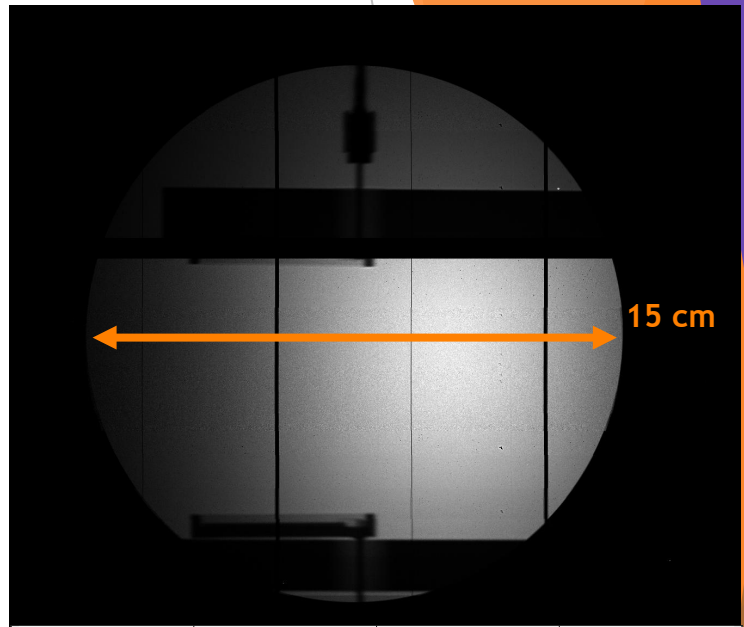
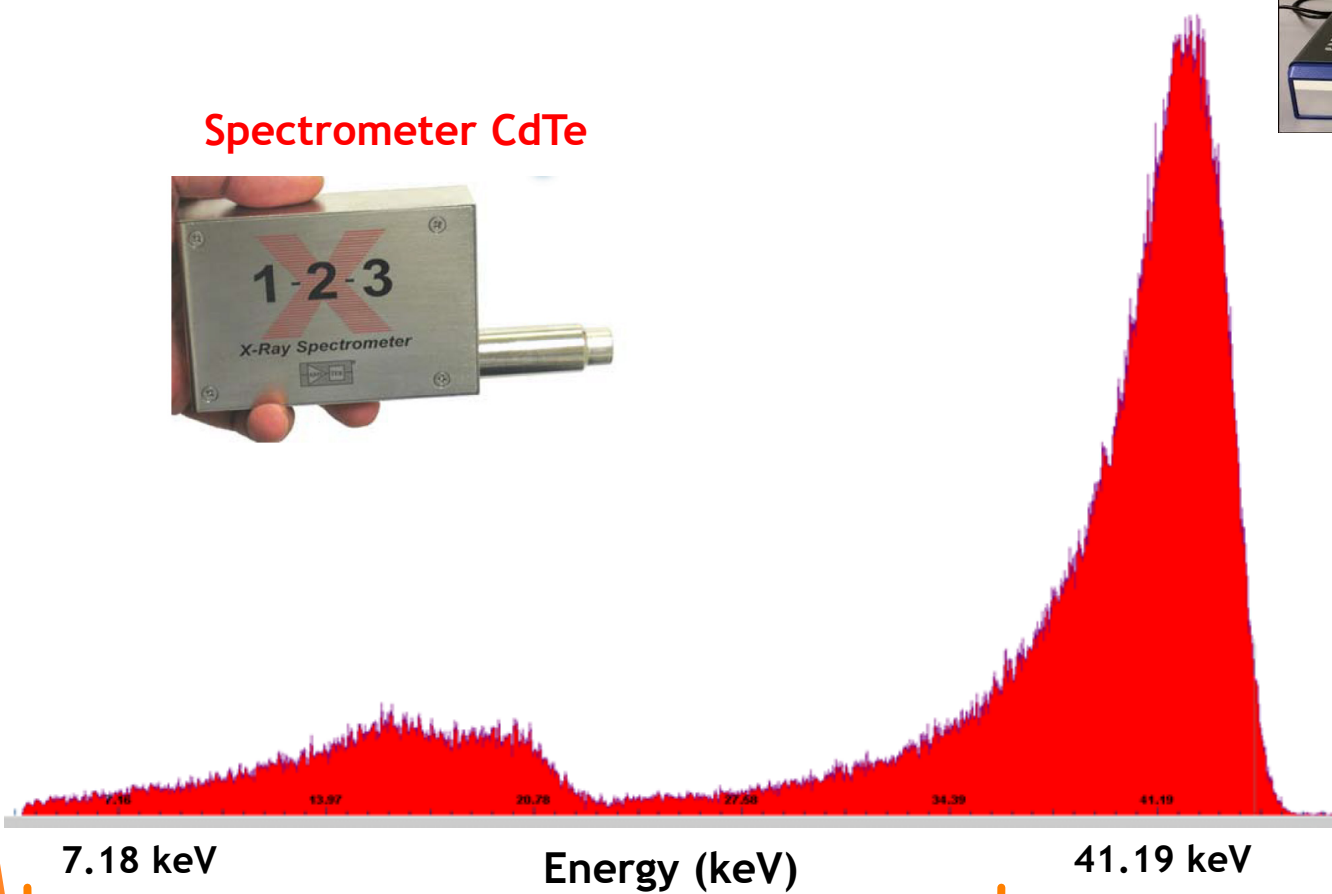
First spectrum and beam image in X-hutch

26 July 2023

Spectrometer CdTe



Pixel Camera CdTe



Scattering of the X-ray inside the beampipe



Summary-Perspectives

- ▶ **ThomX is a research platform ! Different from commissioning/operation of the user facility.**
- ▶ The ThomX commissioning is still ongoing. **Next step : the 1st X-ray experiment** *and e^- / laser synchronization, injector / ring optimization, beam physics, start the ring feedbacks, increase laser power, e^- charge and energy.*
- ▶ At this stage, overall accelerator operation is within the TDR expectations 😊
Great SOLEIL partnership!
- ▶ Learned lessons :
 - Thorough subsystem commissioning. Delivered performance of sub-accelerators before starting the next commissioning phase. No rush. Commissioning interleaved with solving the technical issues introduces delays.
 - Available and well-understood/easy to install diagnostics during commissioning.
 - Hardware/control system checks before beam commissioning. Control system and machine status applications ready and tested.
 - Available manpower (technical support + physicists). Expertise doesn't scale with the accelerator size. In-house experience in commissioning.
 - Good and realistic planning is crucial (anticipate potential problems/failures).

