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SwissFEL

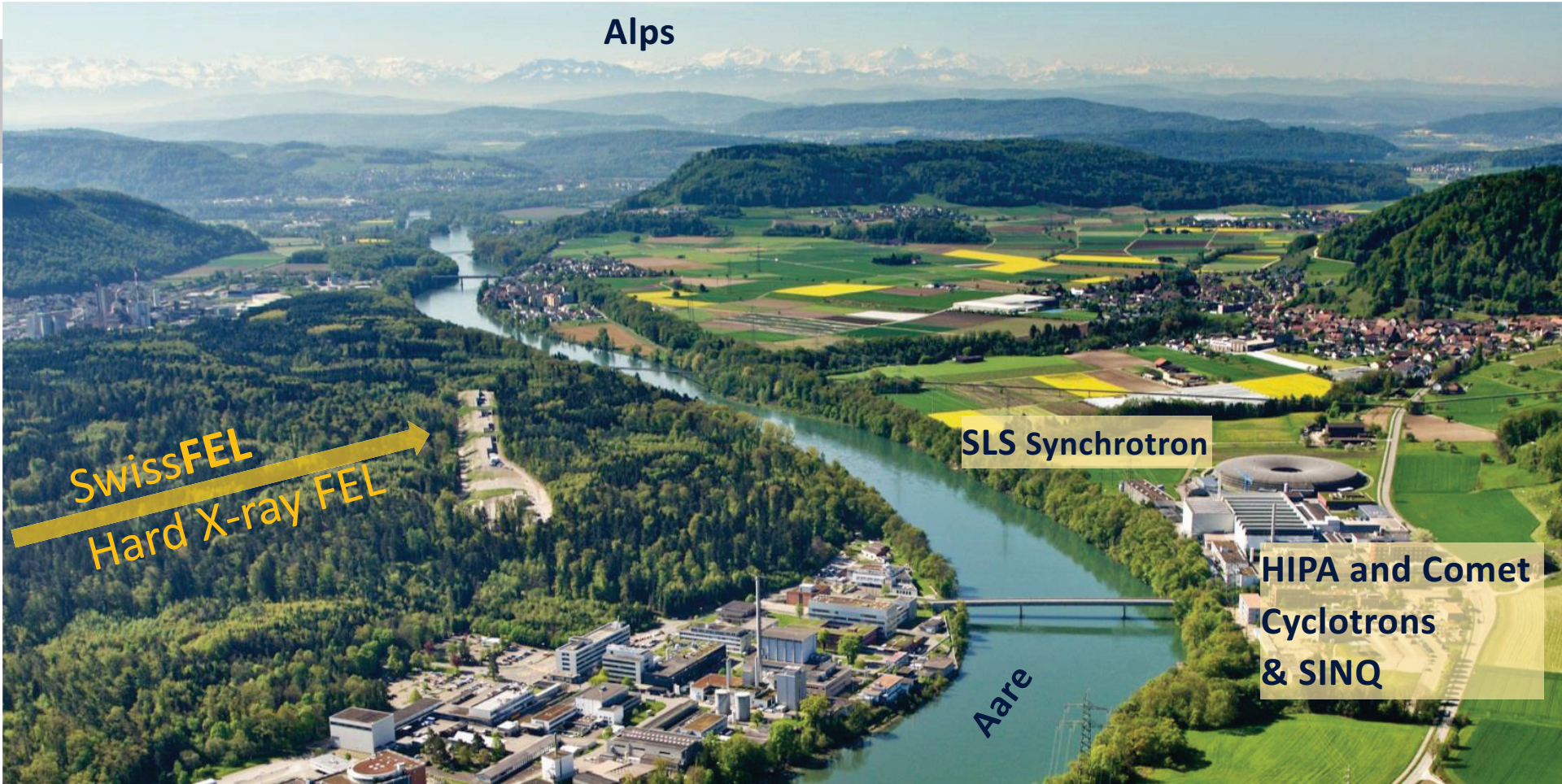


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## Commissioning of SwissFEL

8<sup>th</sup> International Particle Accelerator Conference, Copenhagen, 2017 May 14-19

# PSI with accelerators, Aare river and Alps



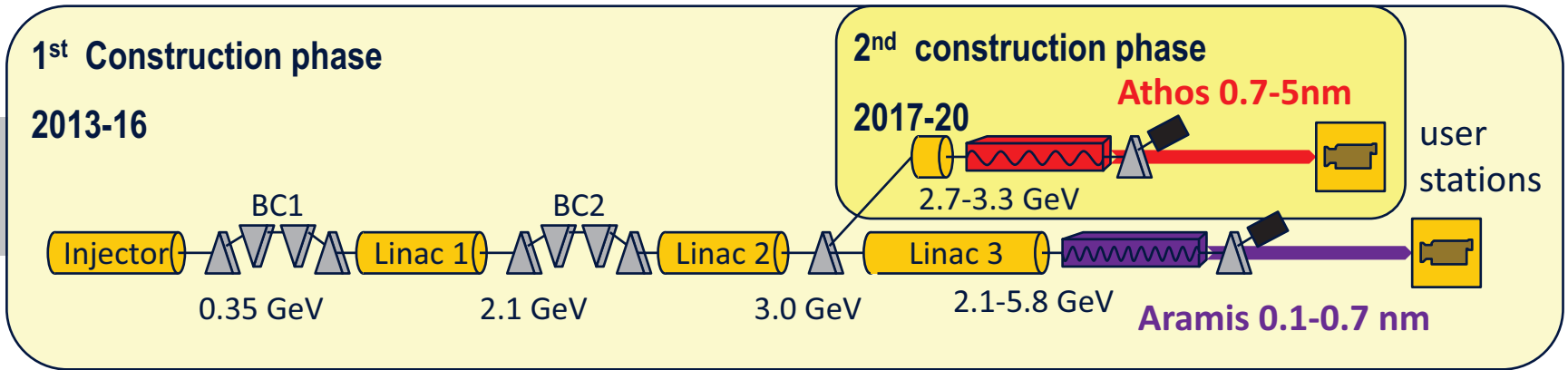
Alps

SwissFEL  
Hard X-ray FEL

SLS Synchrotron

HIPA and Comet  
Cyclotrons  
& SINQ

Aare



## Aramis

Hard X-ray FEL,  $\lambda=0.1-0.7$  nm

Linear polarization, variable gap, in-vacuum Undulators

First users 2018

## Athos

Soft X-ray FEL,  $\lambda=0.65-5.0$  nm

Variable polarization, Apple-X undulators

First users 2021

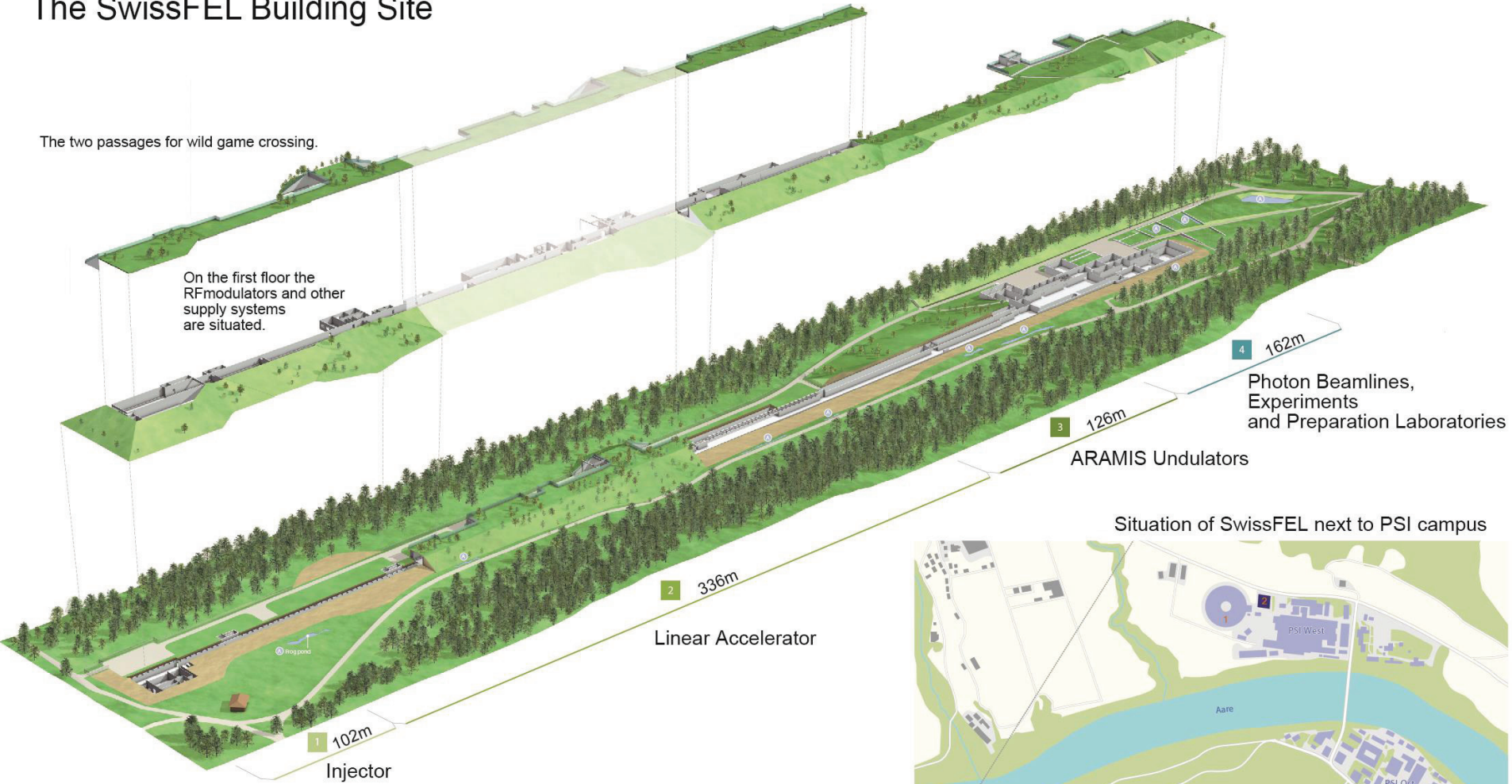
## Main parameters

Wavelength from	1 Å - 50 Å
Photon energy	0.2-12 keV
Pulse duration	1 fs - 20 fs
$e^-$ Energy	5.8 GeV
$e^-$ Bunch charge	10-200 pC
Repetition rate	100 Hz

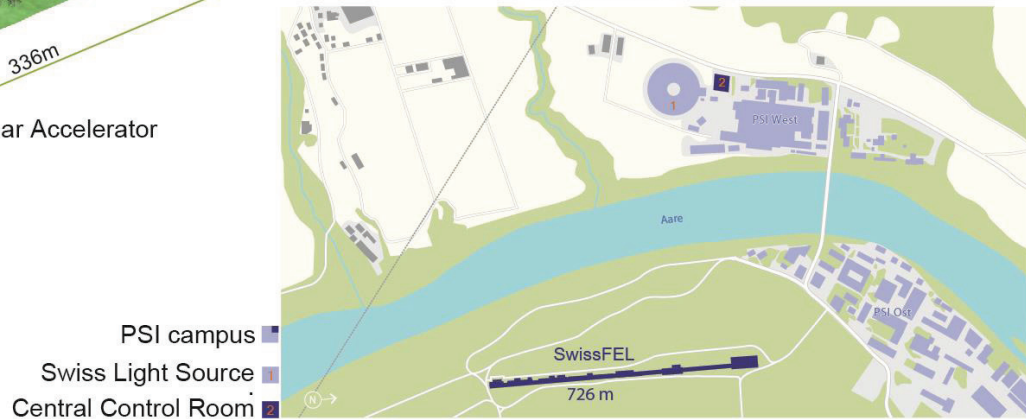
## The SwissFEL Building Site

The two passages for wild game crossing.

On the first floor the RFmodulators and other supply systems are situated.



Situation of SwissFEL next to PSI campus



# SwissFEL building evolution I

May 2013  
Construction site after  
forest clearance



# SwissFEL building evolution II

construction site, July 2014

Proton cyclotrons

Experiment hall

SLS synchrotron

Linac

Undulators

Injector

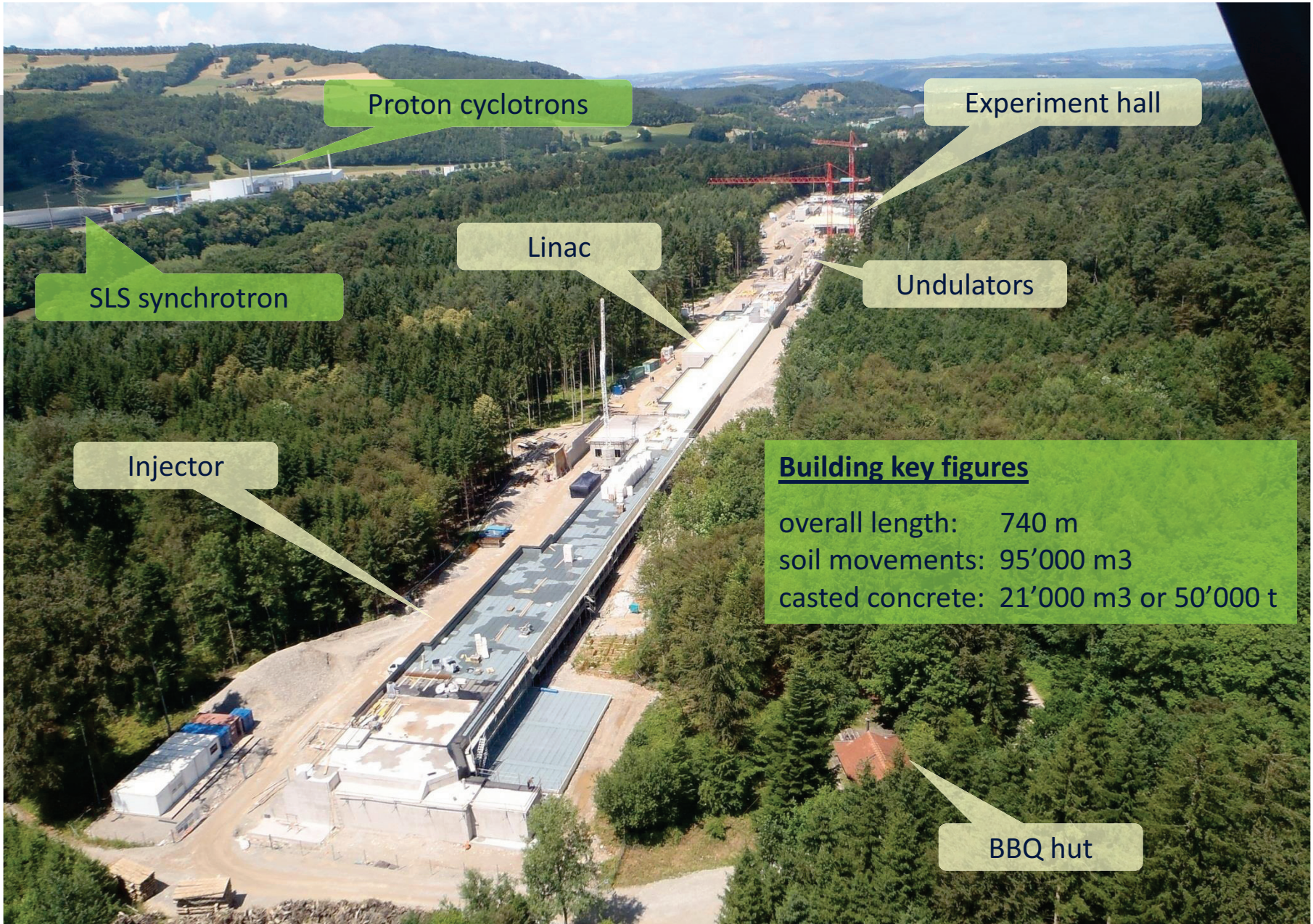
### Building key figures

overall length: 740 m

soil movements: 95'000 m<sup>3</sup>

casted concrete: 21'000 m<sup>3</sup> or 50'000 t

BBQ hut



# SwissFEL building evolution III

completed building, Jan'16



# Jan'16, wild game crossing commissioned with first users



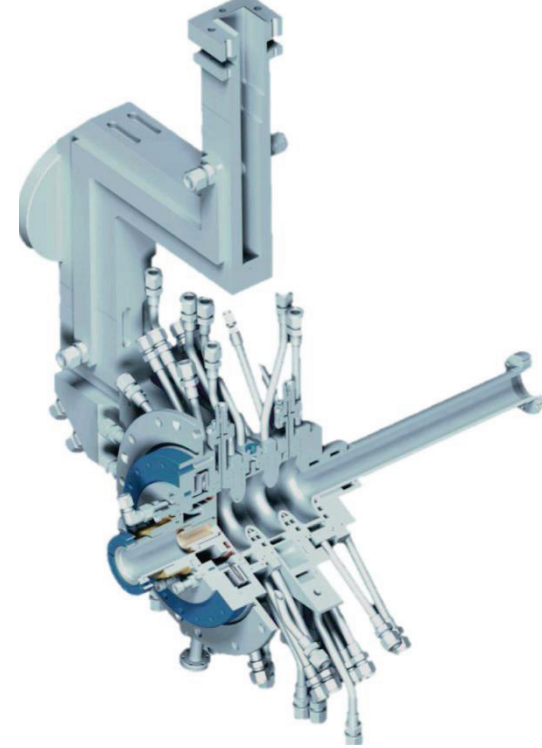
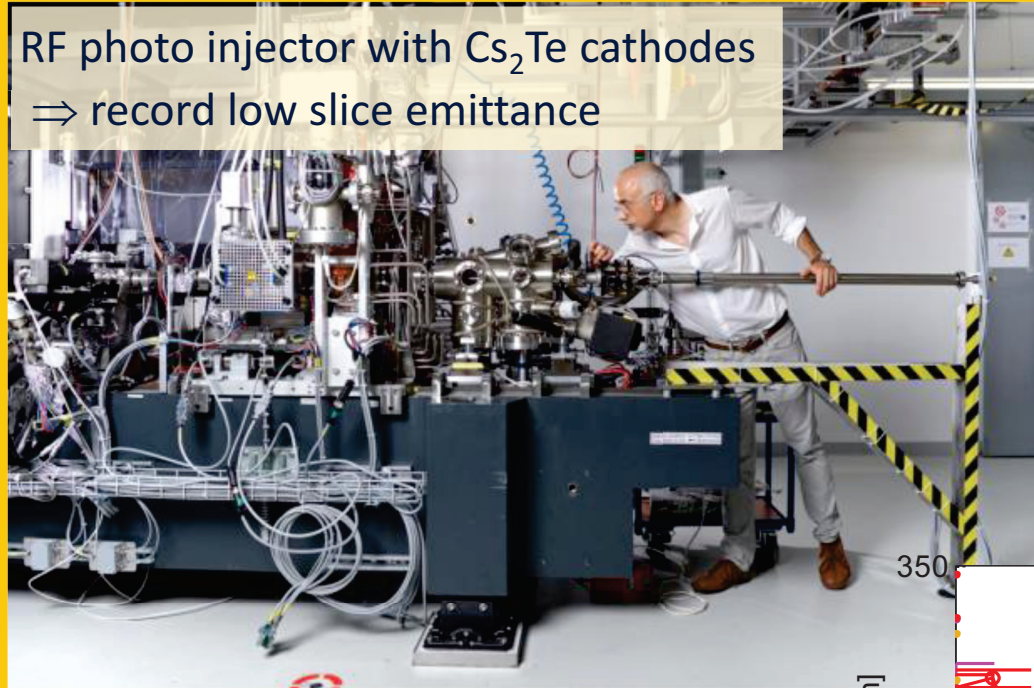
**May'16  
day & night  
operation  
established**





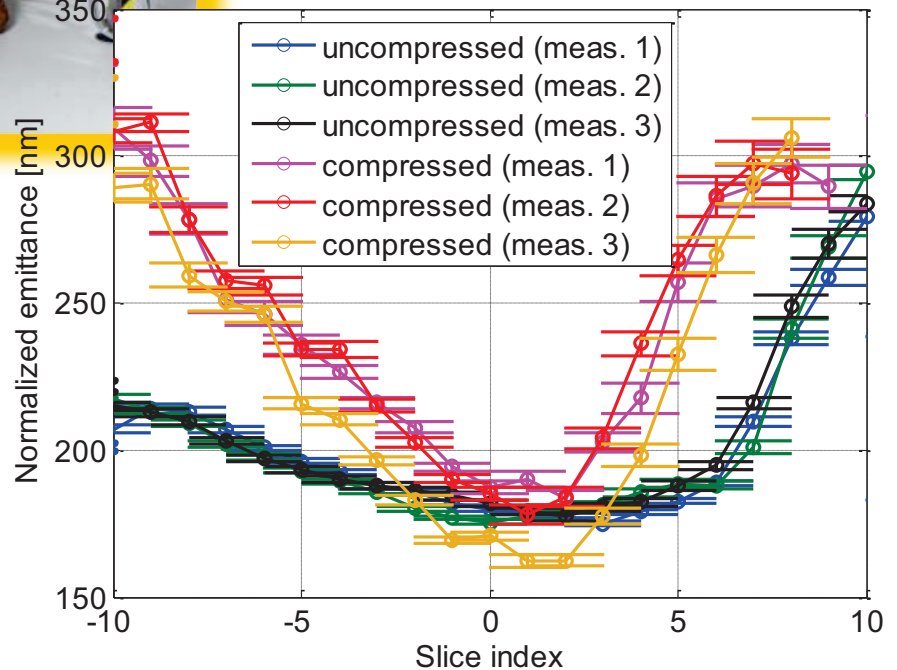
# SwissFEL technical highlights I

RF photo injector with Cs<sub>2</sub>Te cathodes  
 ⇒ record low slice emittance

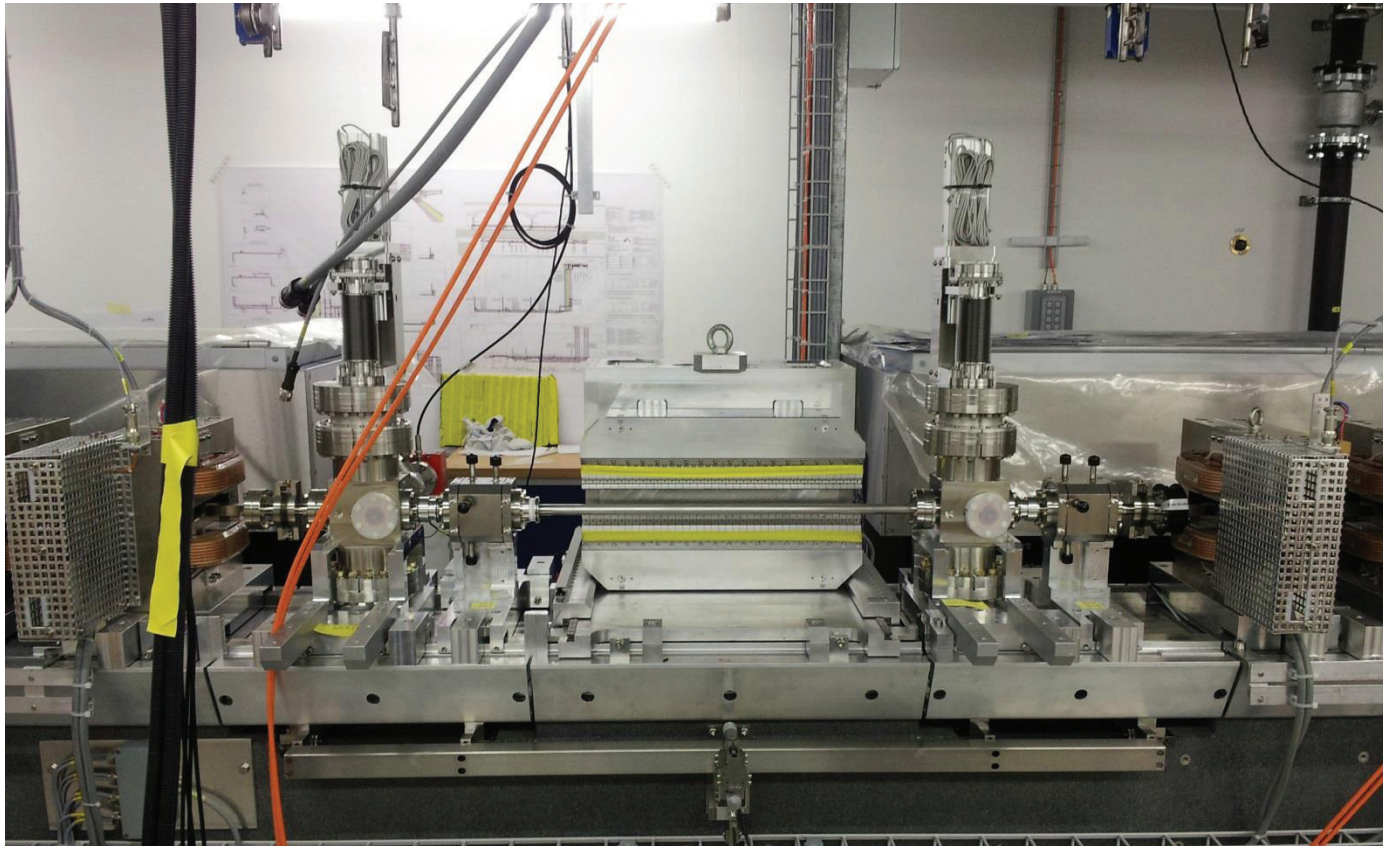


For  $Q_B = 200\text{pC}$  (SwissFEL nominal)

- Core slice emittance smaller than 200 nm (design value for SwissFEL is 430 nm)
- Slice emittance preserved in the core when compressing to 150 A

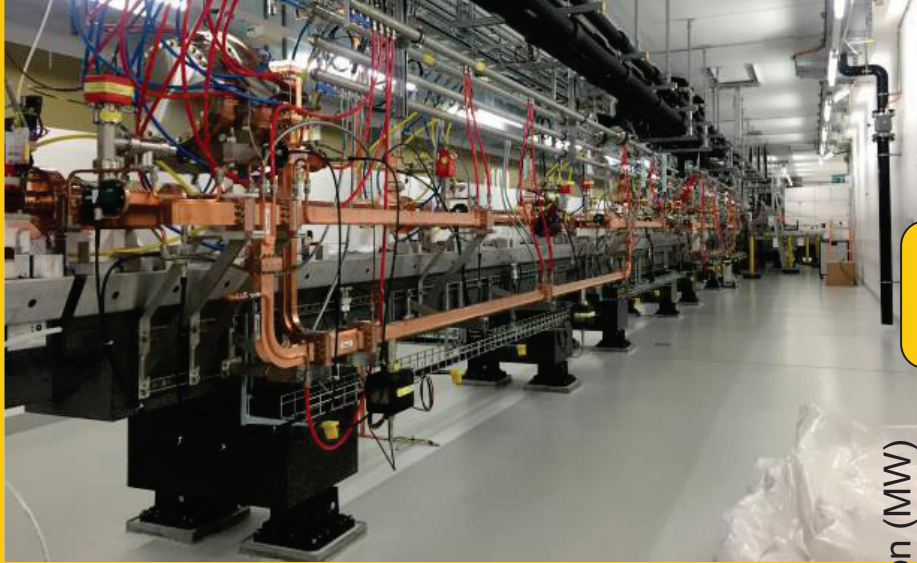


# Laserheater provided by ASTeC/Daresbury



# SwissFEL technical highlights II

C-band Linac with IGBT switched klystrons  
 ⇒ record low energy consumption per GeV

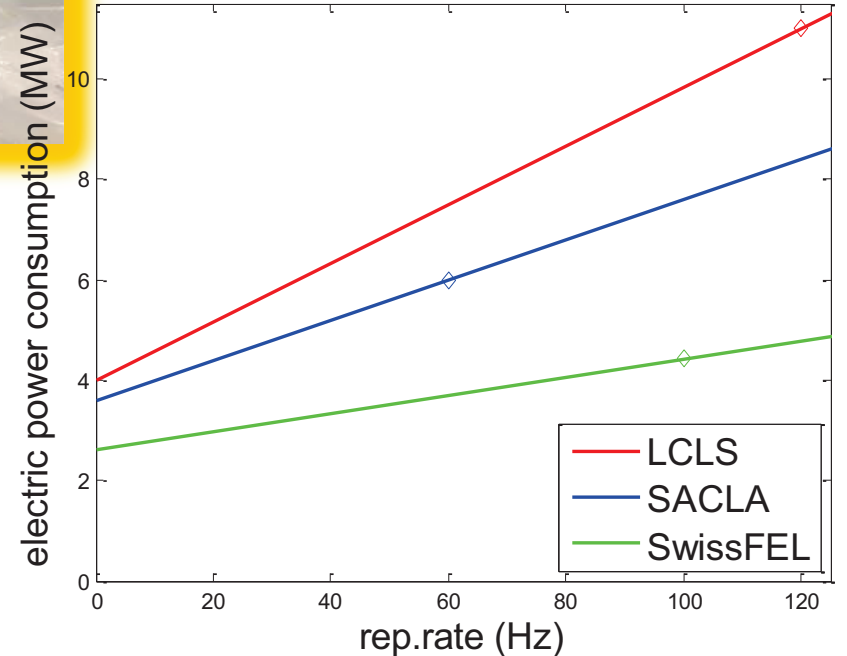


**Beam energy**  
5.8 GeV

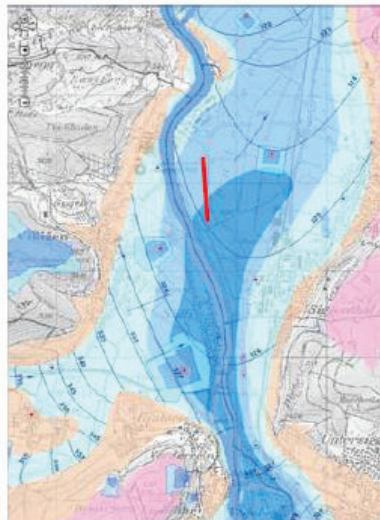
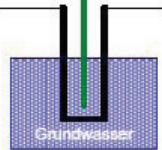
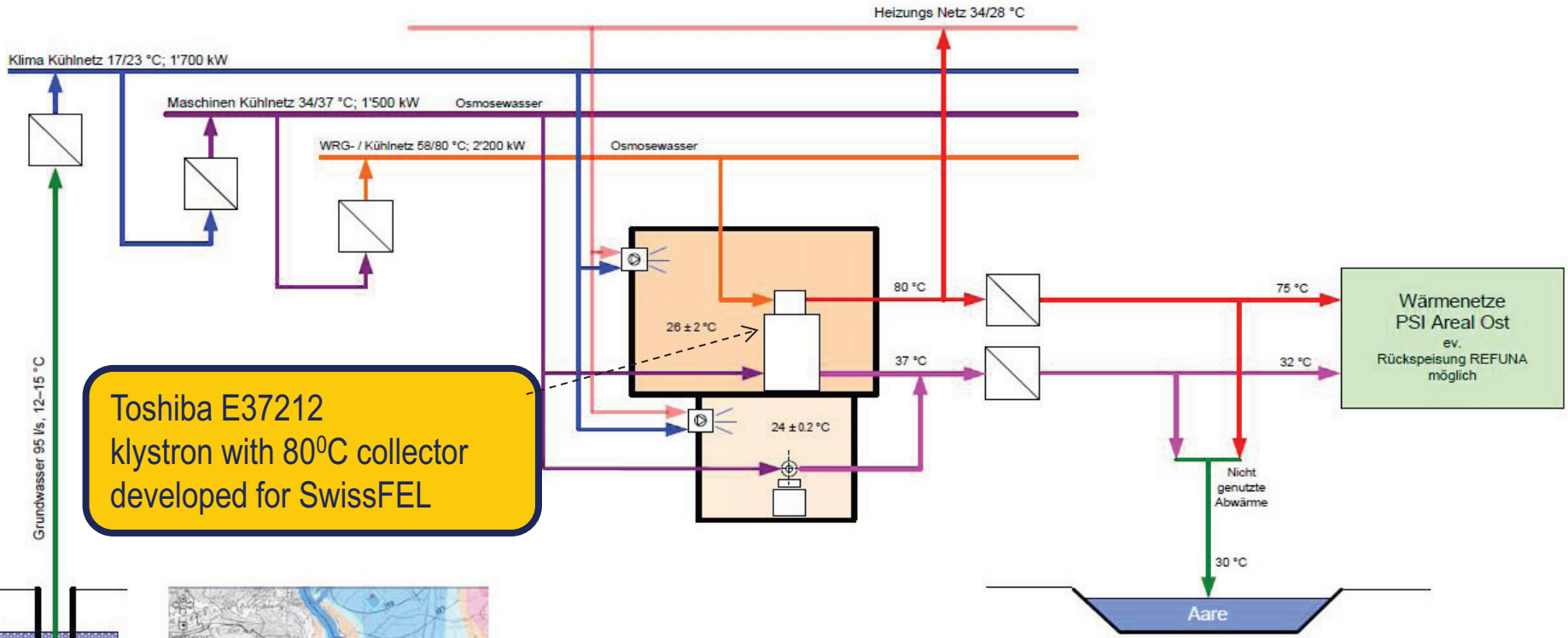
28 MV/m

$$P_{HF} = \frac{V \cdot E}{R'}$$

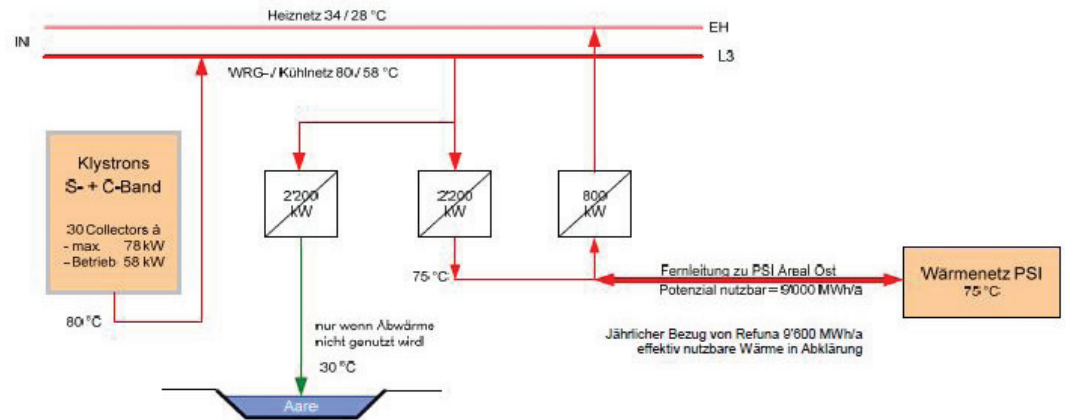
**Effective\* Impedance**  
SwissFEL 168 MΩ/m



# Energy recovery for SwissFEL



Grundwasserkarte



Wärmerückgewinnung

# Solid-state modulators

Two types were successfully qualified at PSI

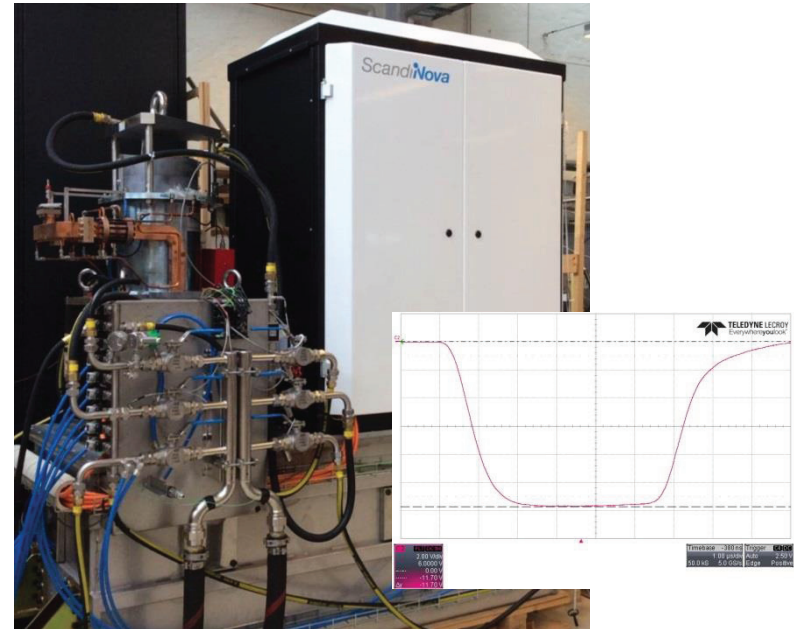
50 MW /  $3\mu\text{s}$  RF, 370kV / 344A / < 15 ppm voltage stability pulse to pulse @ 100 Hz

## AMPEGN



13 modulators (Linac 1, Linac 2)  
 3 in operation, 3 under commissioning  
 7 expected May - October

## ScandiNova



6 K2 type in operation (injector)  
 13 K2-3 type (Linac 3) expected June – November

***⇒ delivery schedule drives commissioning schedule***

# SwissFEL technical highlights III

In vacuum, variable gap undulators  
⇒ smallest period undulators for X-FELs



U15 undulator

nominal working point

$$\lambda_U = 15 \text{ mm}$$

$$K = 1.2$$

$$g = 4.5 \text{ mm}$$

ARAMIS FEL consists of 13 x U15

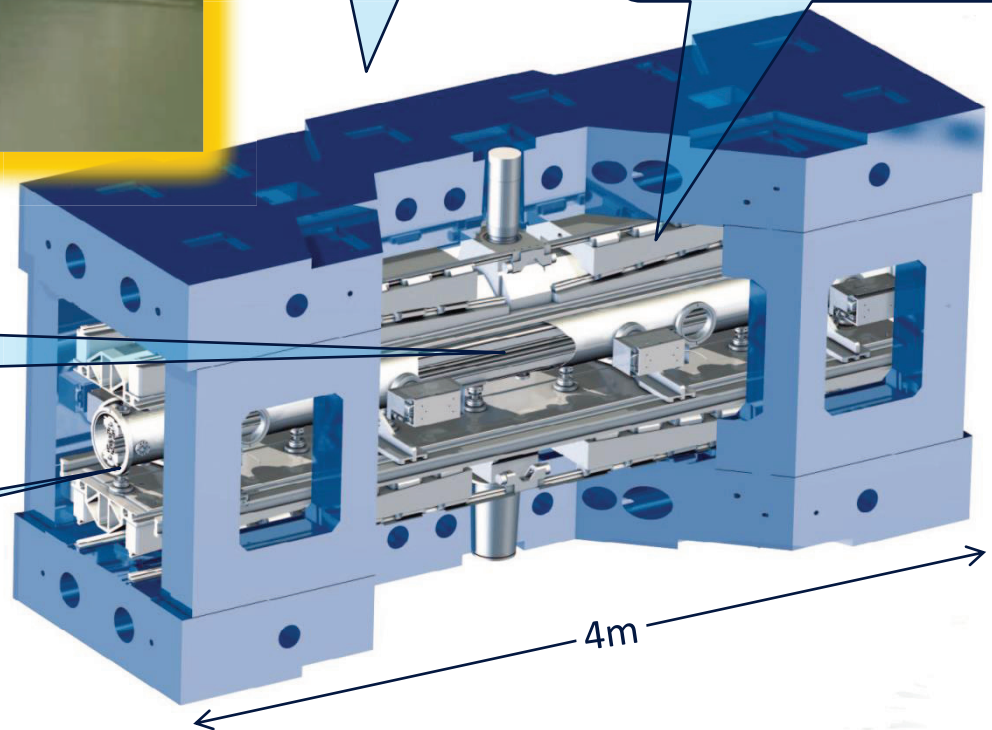
Mineral cast support frame

positioning mechanic

- $\mu\text{m}$  precision
- tons of magnetic force

Array of 1060 permanent magnets

Vacuum tank

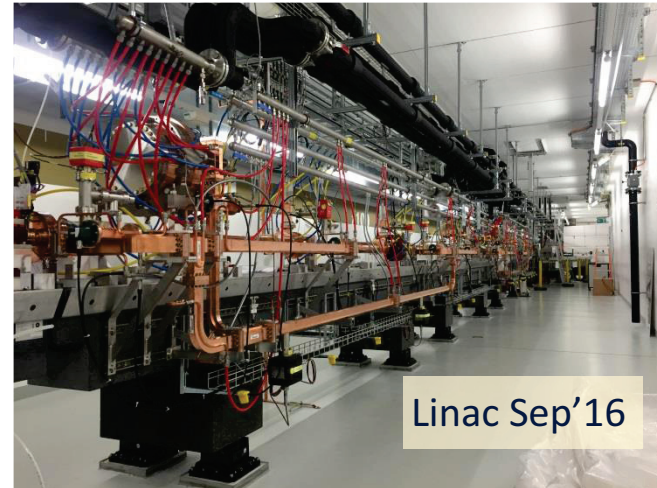


4m

# SwissFEL installation progress



Linac Feb'15



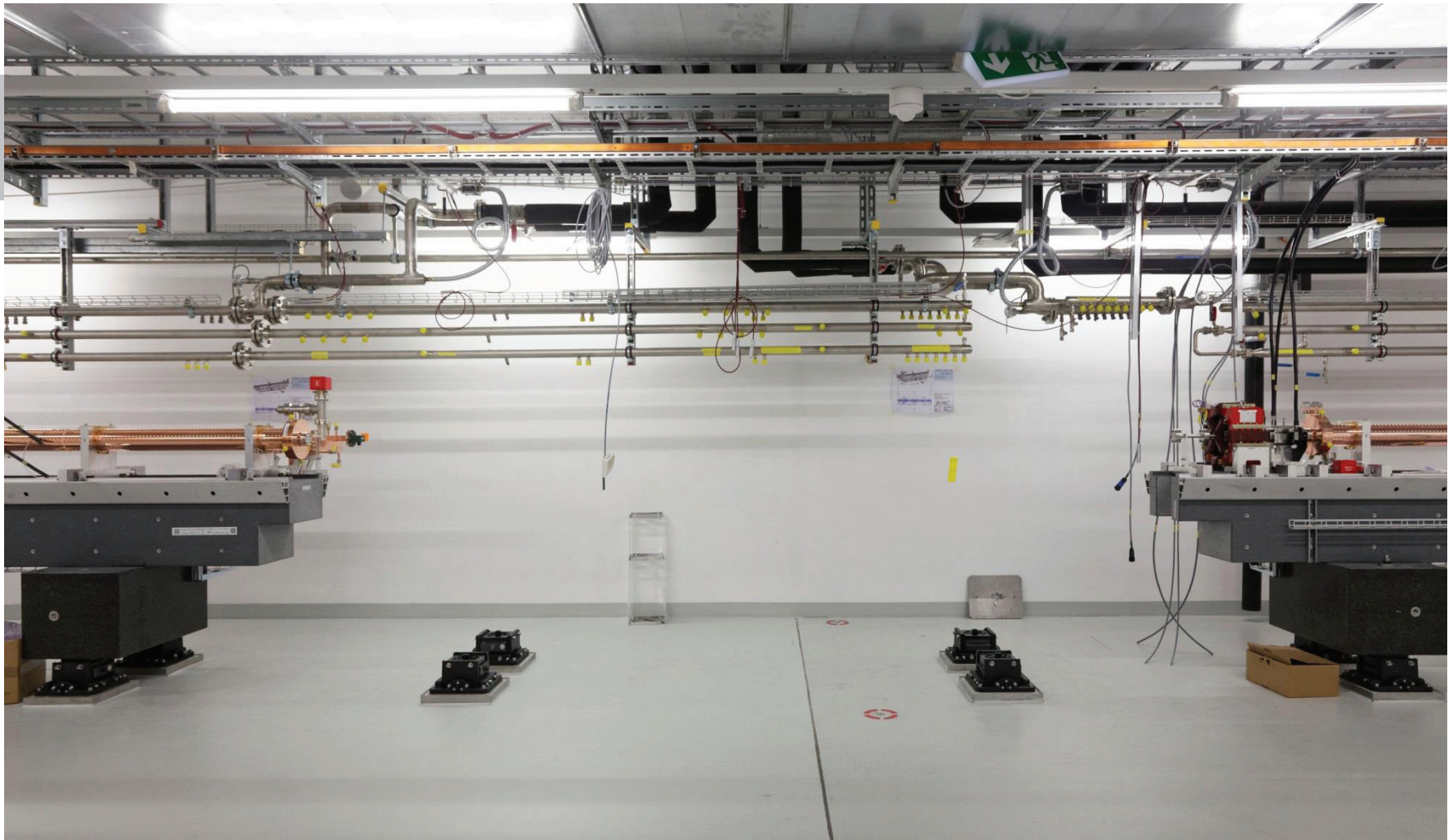
Linac Sep'16



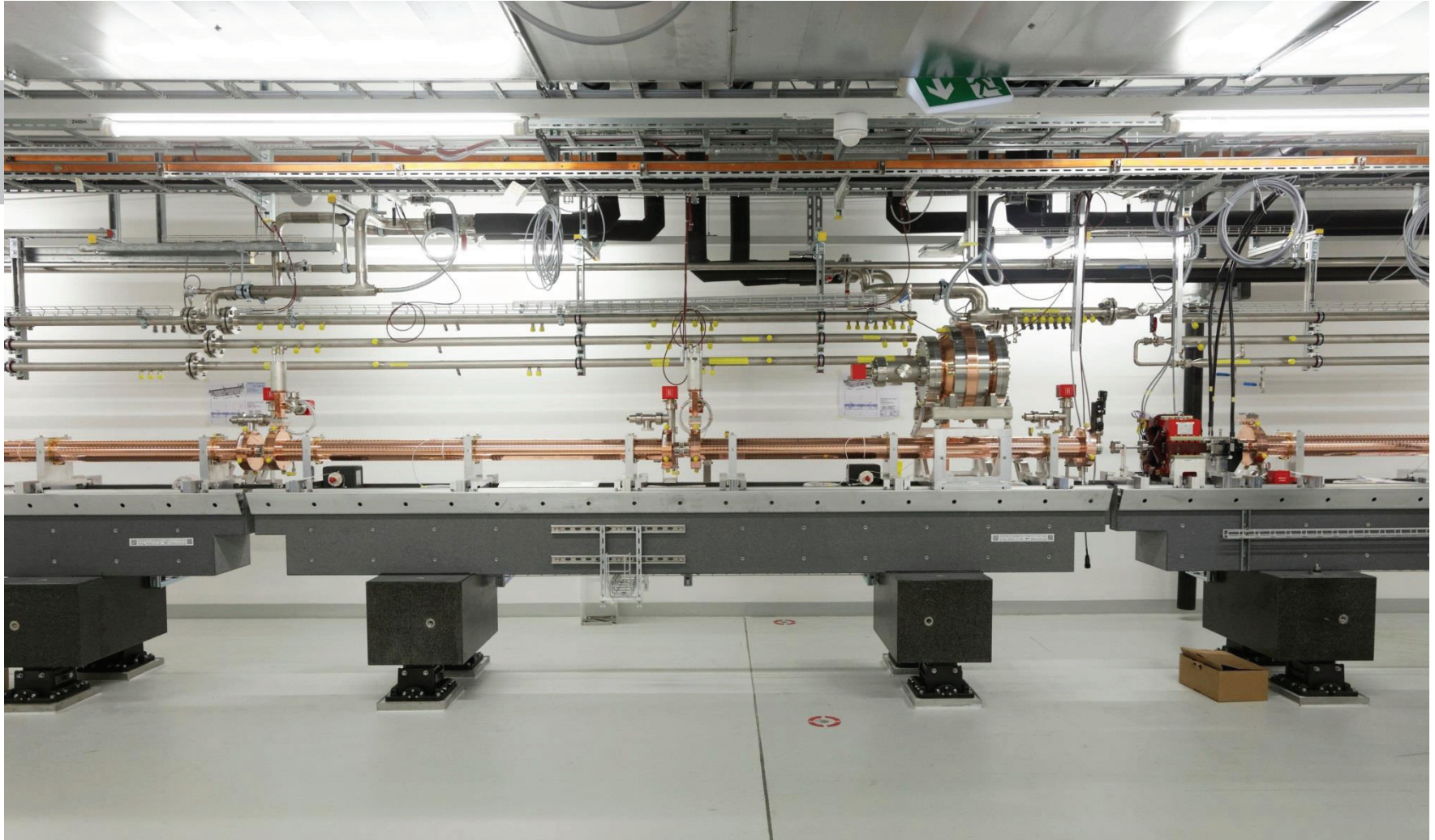
Undulator line Feb'15



Undulator line Oct'16







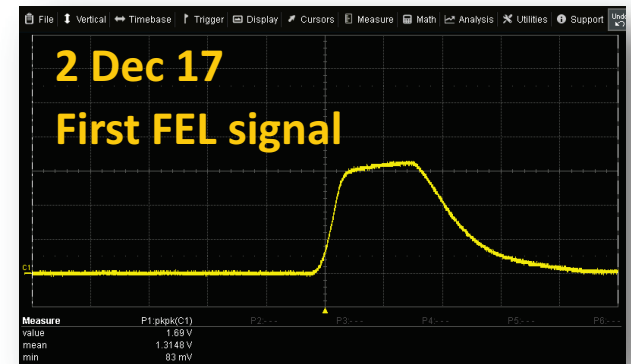
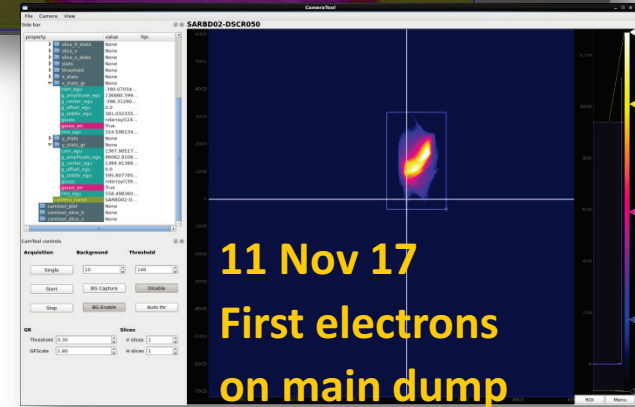
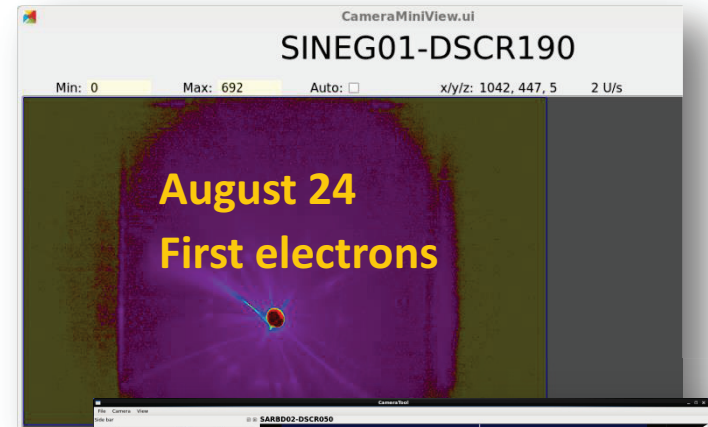
2016, October 7

Beamline complete from Photo-injector to beam dump

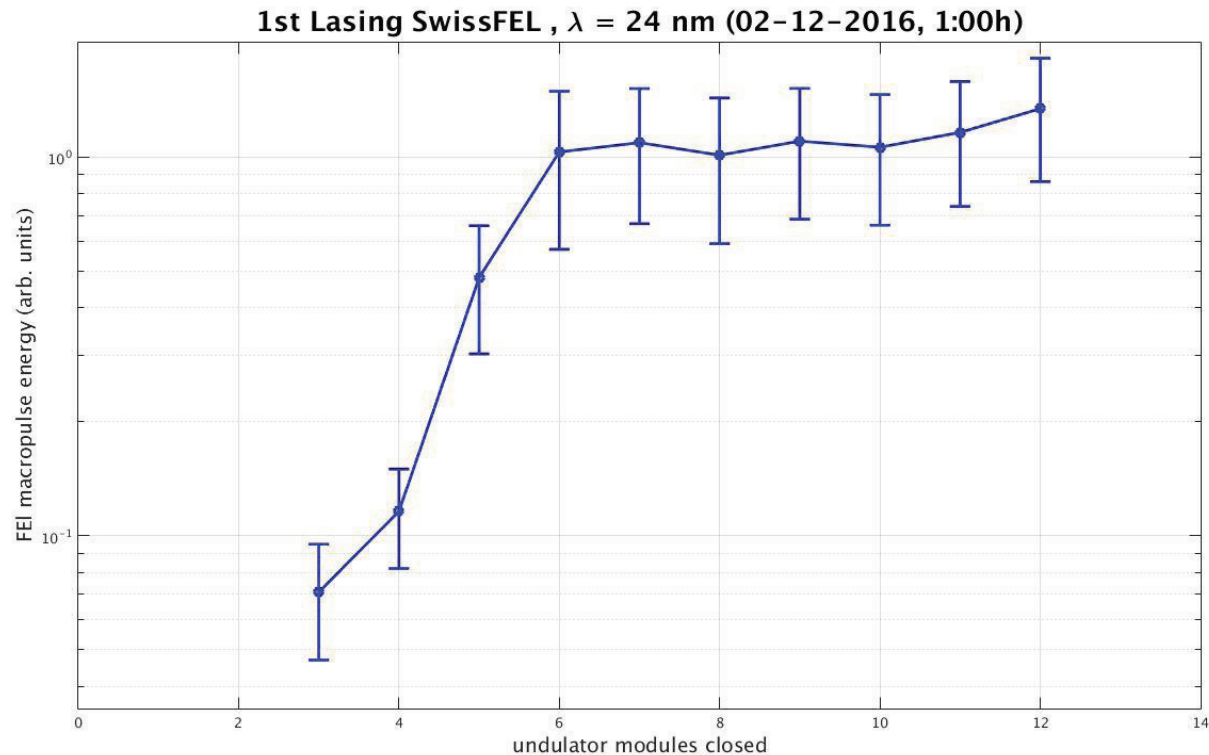


# Commissioning Progress in 2016

Date	achievement
August 24	First free electrons from gun with 7.9MeV
September 7	First electrons to injector beam dump
September 8	First acceleration with one C-band module
October 7	Beam line injector to main dump completed and under vacuum
November 11	First beam transport through undulators to main dump
December 2	First lasing at 345 MeV, 24 nm
December 5	Inauguration ceremony & party



# First lasing at moderate wavelength on 2.12.2016



Obtained with only 345 MeV beam energy, signal measured with Si-Diode  
(half the injector RF + 1 main linac C-band RF station)

Mainly a systems test!

# 5.12.2016 SwissFEL, the Inauguration



On December 5th 2016, PSI held an inauguration ceremony for its new large-scale research facility SwissFEL, with Johann N. Schneider-Ammann, President of the Swiss Confederation, in attendance.

# Program 2017 & 2018

## 2017

Winter: Shutdown for installations

Spring: Ramp up beam energy to 3 GeV

Summer: Lasing at 3 keV

Autumn: First pilot experiments at 3 keV

## 2018

Winter: Ramp-up beam energy to 5.8 GeV

Spring: Lasing & pilot experiments at 8 keV

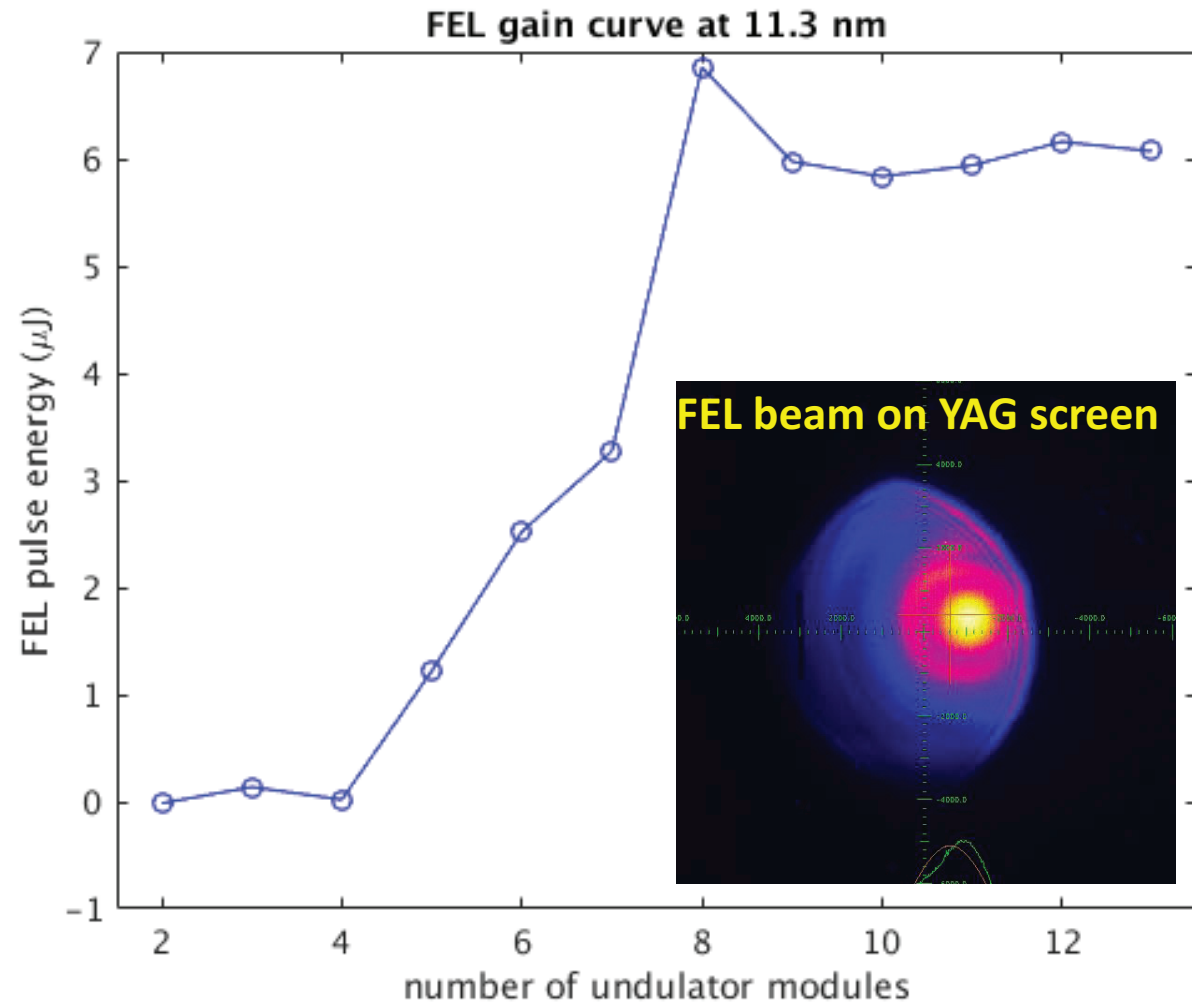
Summer: Lasing at 12 keV

Autumn: Start of regular user operation



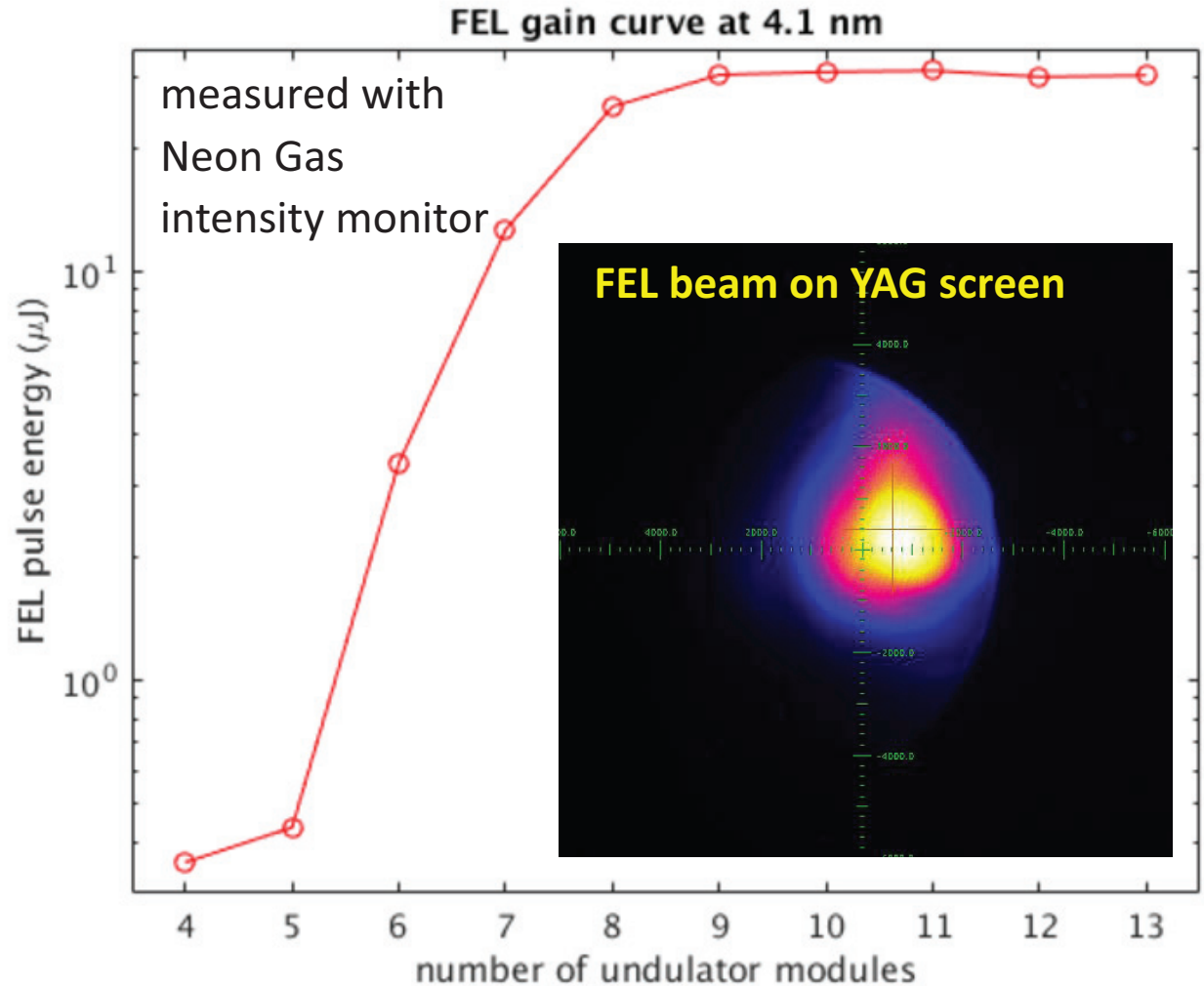
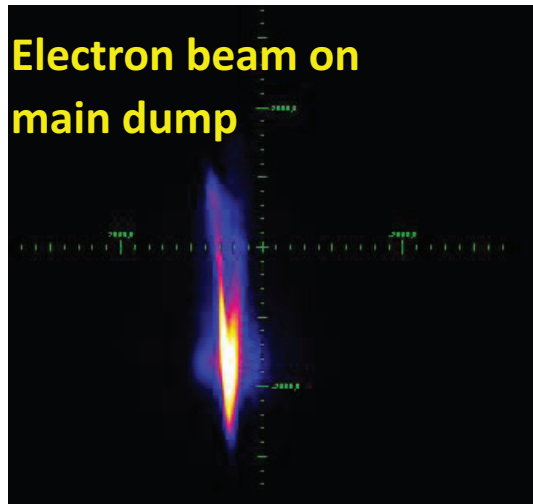
Gain curve measured with Neon Gas intensity monitor

$E_{e^-}$	0.545	GeV
$q_B$	145	pC
b.l. (rms)	$\approx 0.4$	ps
$K$	1.2	
$\lambda_{FEL}$	11.3	nm
$W_{FEL}$ (g.m.)	$\approx 7$	$\mu\text{J}$



First Lasing in nominal SwissFEL wavelength range (0.1-5.0 nm)!

$E_{e^-}$	0.91	GeV
$q_B$	145	pC
b.l. (rms)	$\approx 0.4$	ps
$K$	1.2	
$\lambda_{FEL}$	4.1	nm
$W_{FEL}$	$\approx 30$	$\mu$ J

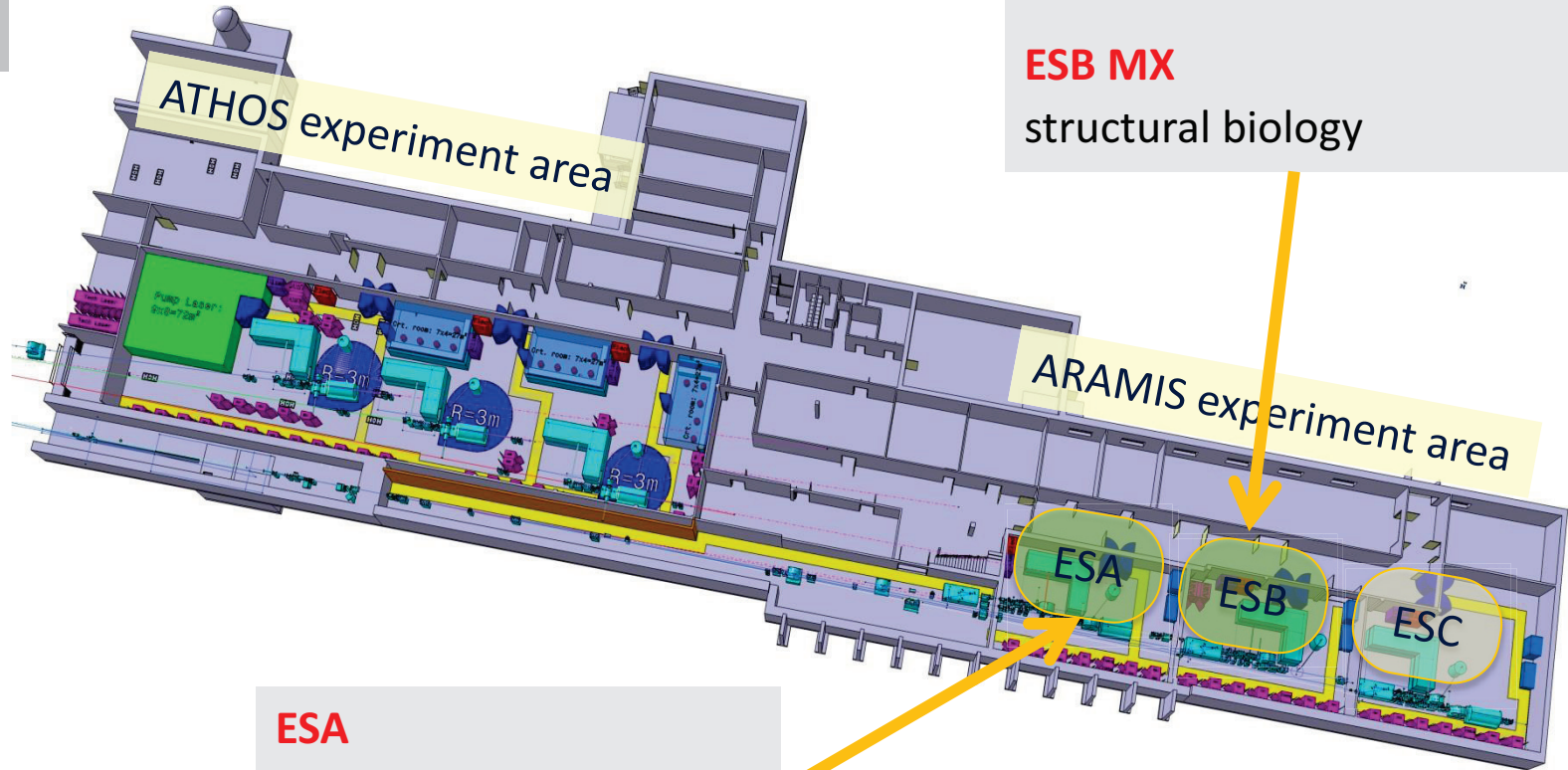




# Establishing SASE at 4.1nm

- careful set-up of gun and cathode laser
  - careful transverse optics measurement and matching in injector region
  - computed optics in linac and undulators
  - set-up of bunch compression in BC1 with deflecting cavity
  - steering according to BPM centers
  - so far no special alignment procedures were required in undulator region
  - measured pulse energy is consistent with theoretical expectations
- ⇒ We are positive that with the addition of more RF stations we can proceed to shorter wavelength

# Photon Beamlines and Experiments



**ESB**

Ultrafast dynamics in solid matter,  
strongly correlated electron systems

**ESB MX**

structural biology

**ESA**

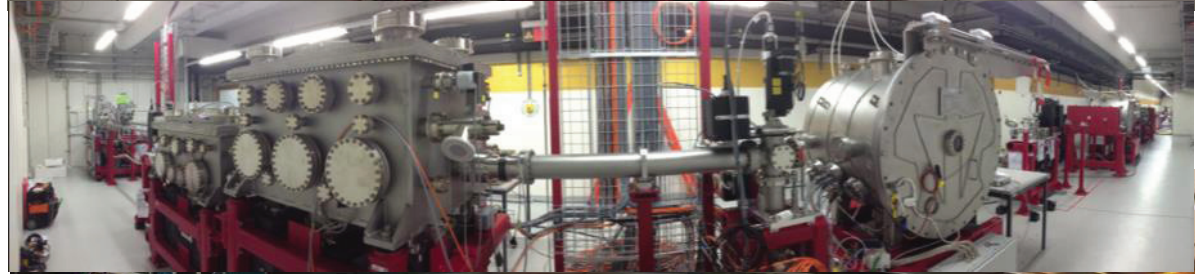
Ultrafast photochemistry  
and photobiology

# ARAMIS beamline

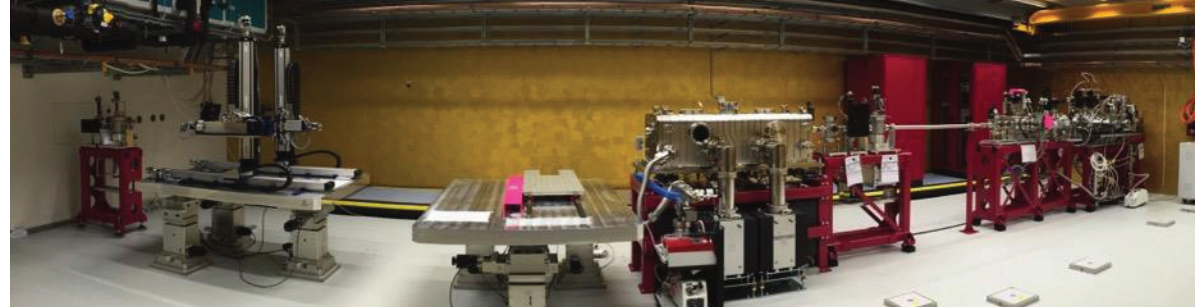
Front-End



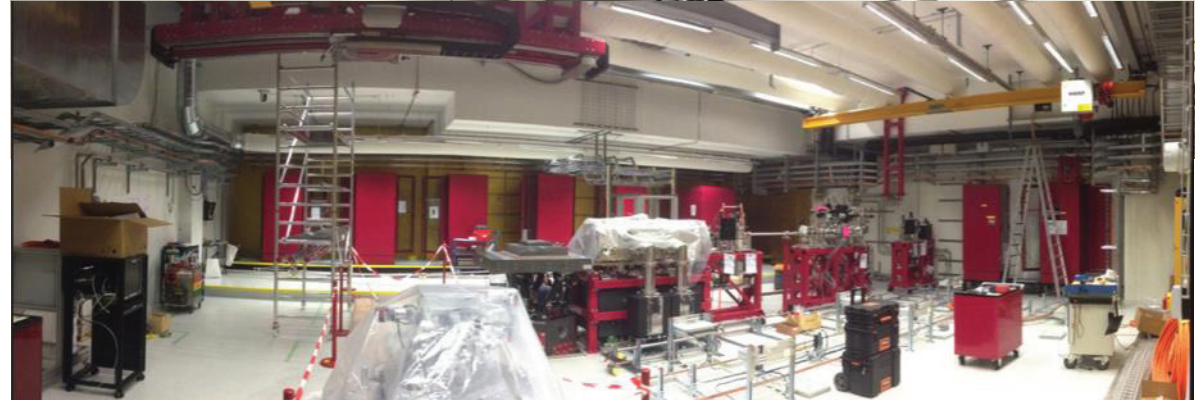
Optical hutch



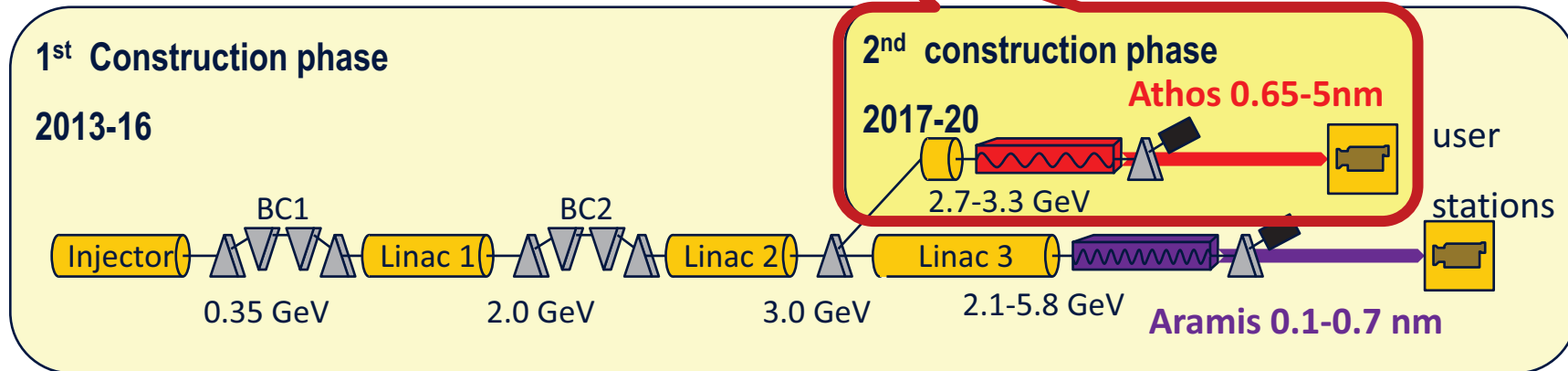
ESA hutch



ESB hutch



# Preparation for ATHOS



## ATHOS

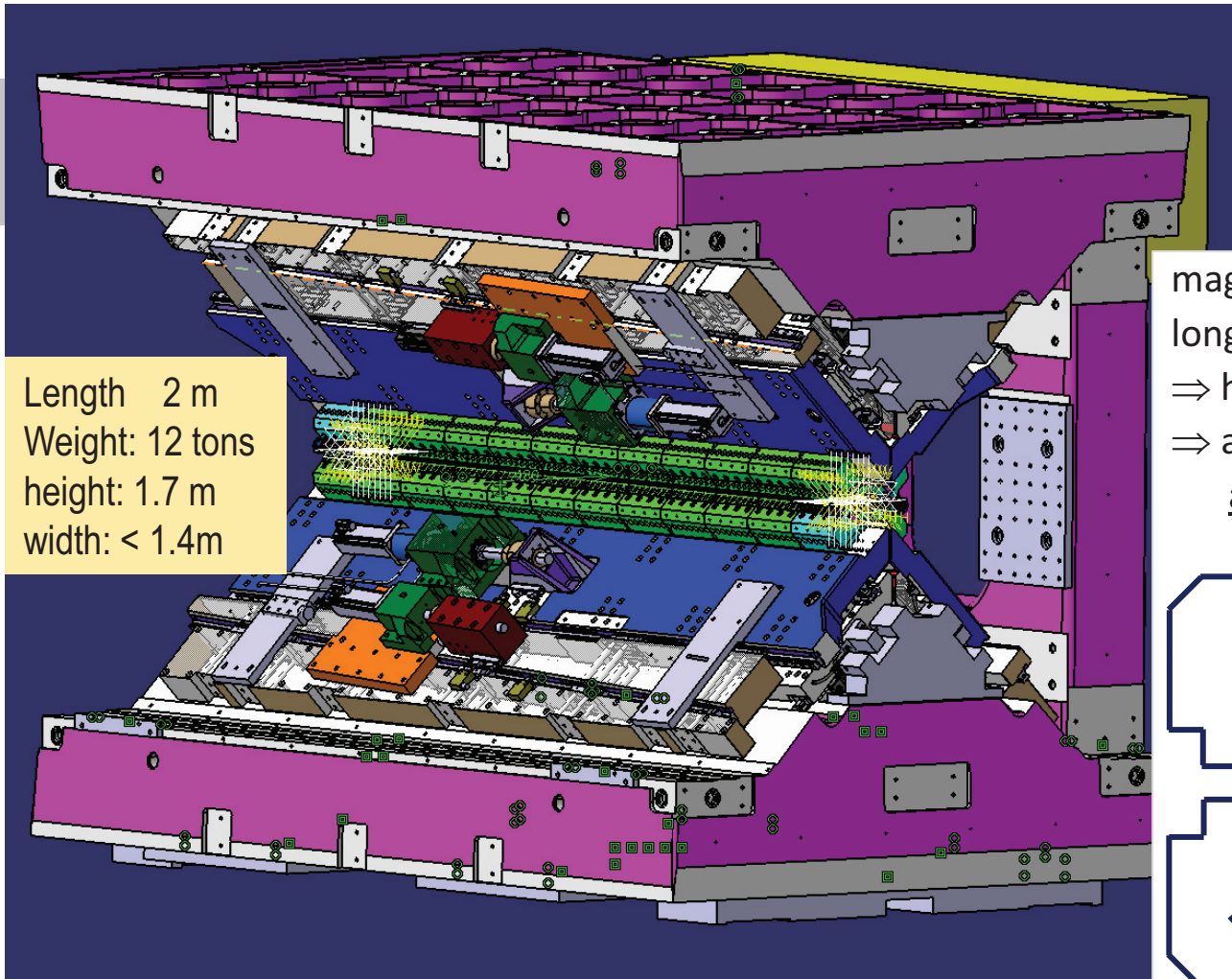
Soft X-ray FEL,  $\lambda=0.65-5.0$  nm

full polarization control with U38 Apple-X Undulators

Switch Yard: already installed in phase 1

Extraction done at constant energy of 3 GeV

# UE38 Apple X undulator for ATHOS, prototype construction has started

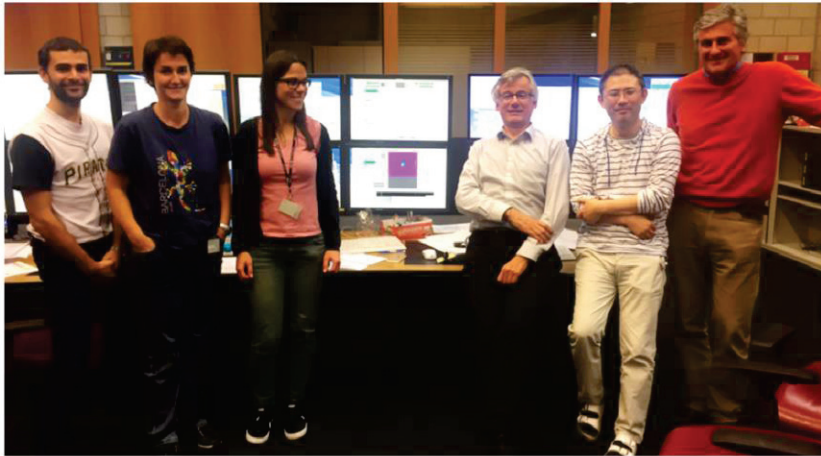
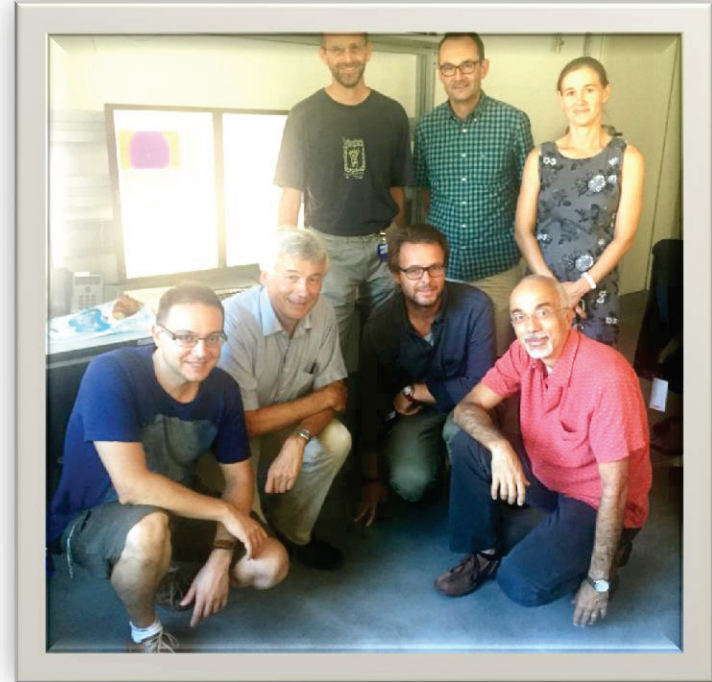


Length 2 m  
 Weight: 12 tons  
 height: 1.7 m  
 width: < 1.4m

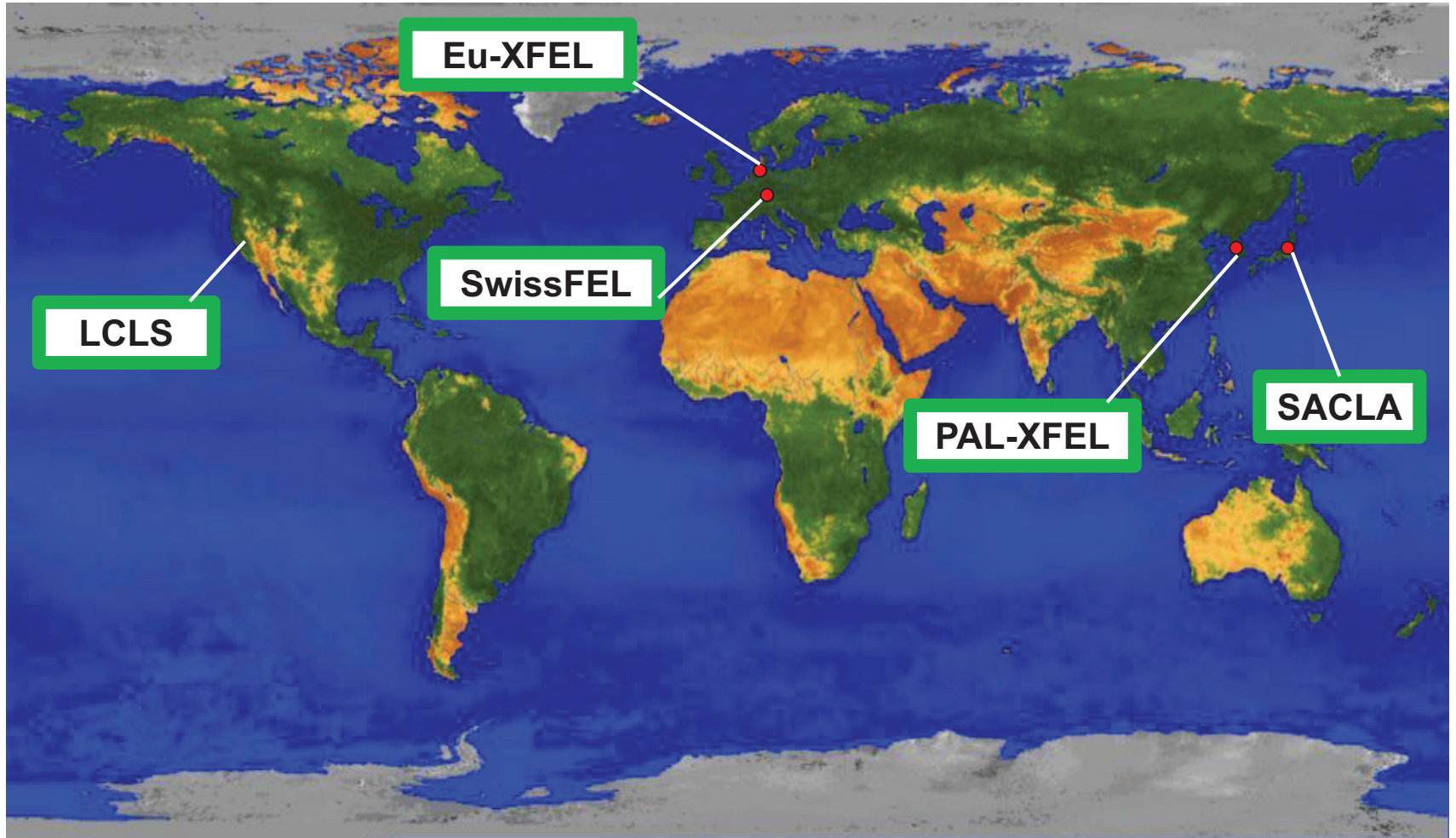
magnet arrays with longitudinal and radial shift  
 ⇒ highest flexibility  
 ⇒ adjustable polarization and gradient

The diagram illustrates the flexibility of the magnet arrays. It shows four magnet cross-sections arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each magnet has a blue arrow pointing diagonally upwards and to the right. A vertical dashed line is positioned between the left and right columns of magnets. Four small upward-pointing arrows are located between the two columns, indicating the radial shift of the magnets. This configuration allows for adjustable polarization and gradient.

# SwissFEL control room photo gallery (selection)



# Hard X-ray FELs around the world community with excellent collaboration and exchange + annual 5 way meeting



**Hard X-ray FELs around the world  
community with excellent collaboration  
+ annual 5 way meeting  
+ spontaneous collective actions**



**advanced acceleration experiment performed by  
SwissFEL, PAL-XFEL, Eu-XFEL and LCLS**