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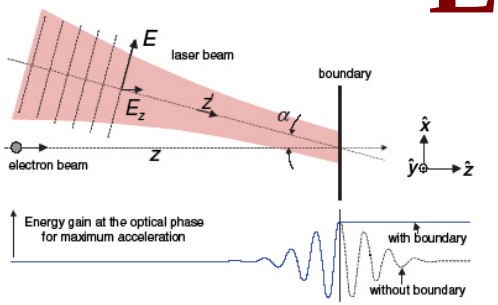
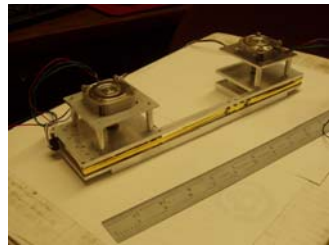
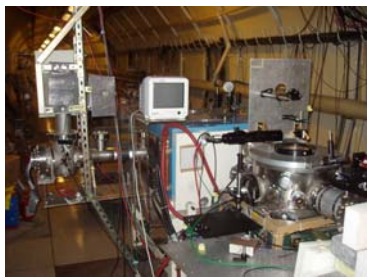
Laser driven particle acceleration







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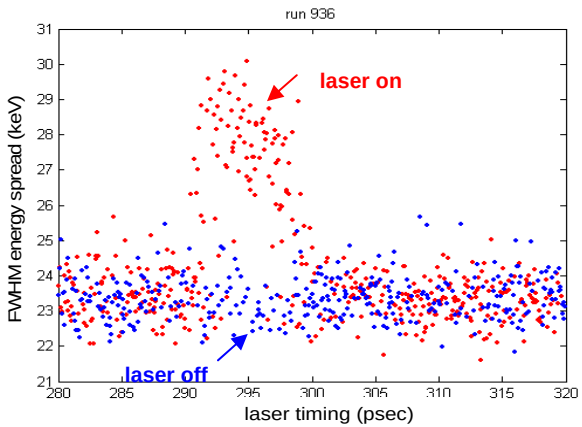

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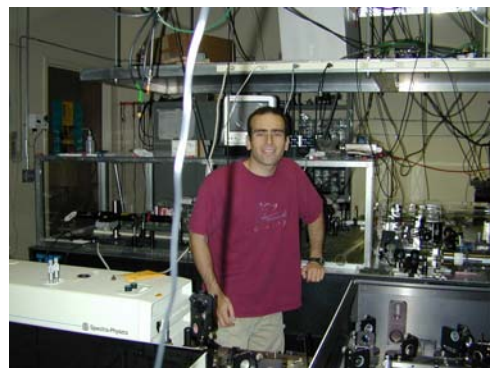

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Vacuum laser acceleration

1 Energy gain through longitudinal electric field

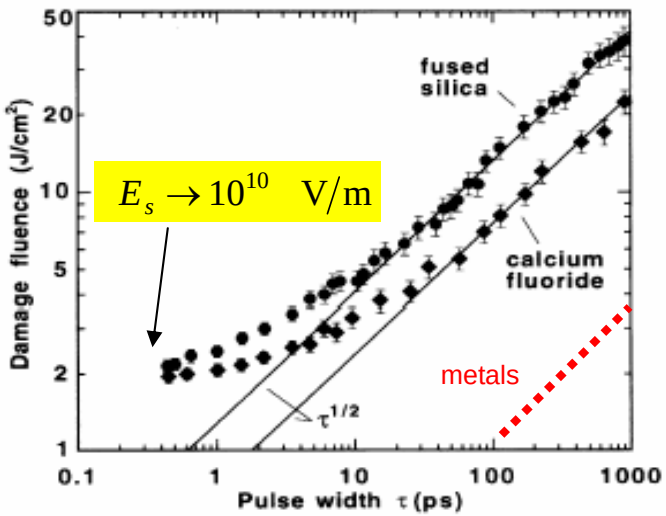
- gradient = longitudinal electric field
- linear e-beam trajectory
  - → no synchrotron radiation
  - → **energy scalable**

$$\Delta U = \int E_z \cdot dz$$

→ linear particle acceleration process

2 Dielectric based structure with vacuum channel

$$\text{Gradient} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{GeV/m}$$



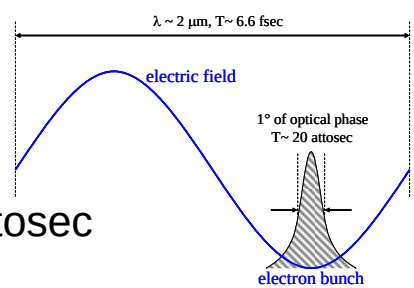
→ very high peak electric fields

→ vacuum channel

→ NIR solid-state lasers

3 Inherent attosec electron pulse

2 μm laser → 6 fsec period
→ 1 of phase = 20 attosec



→ Unique opportunity for light sources

Emergence of new technologies

Leveraging investment in telecom

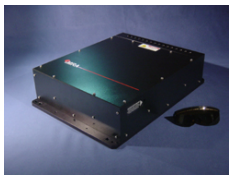
efficient pump diode lasers

nLIGHT

60 W/bar, 50% electr. efficiency

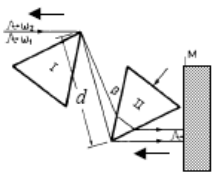
30 W/bundle, 40% electr. efficiency

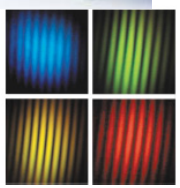
high power fiber lasers

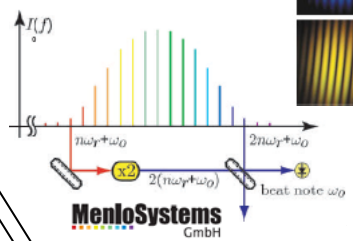


IMRA mJ 500 fsec laser

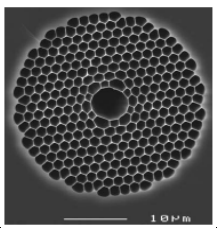
ultrafast laser technology

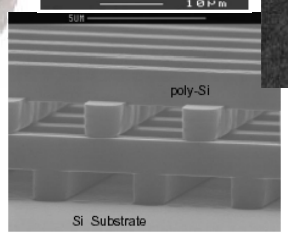






nanotechnology

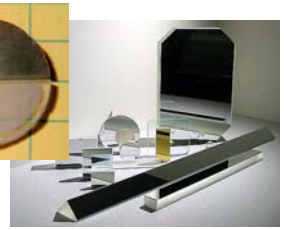




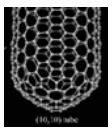
new materials

New ceramics

high strength magnets **Nd:Fe**



high purity optical materials and high strength coatings



nano-tubes

Particle accelerator research at Stanford

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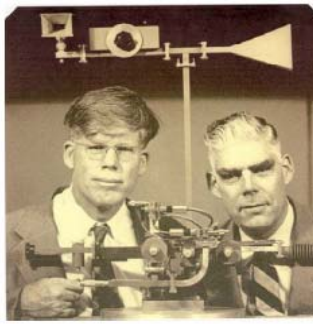
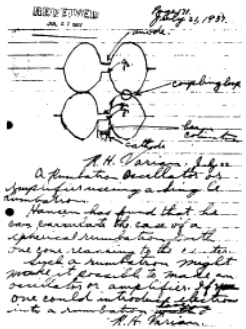


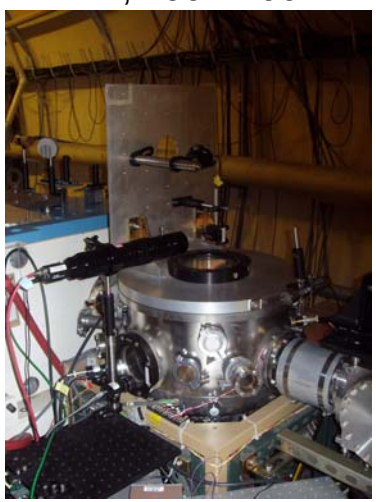


1st Linac 1946

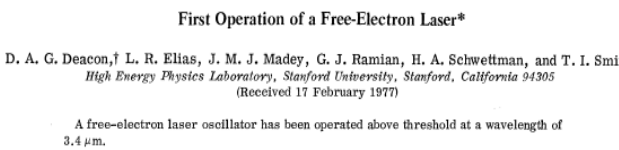
The superconducting linac
In HEPL, 1960

The 2-mile collider (SLAC)

LEAP, 1997-2004



Demonstration of the FEL, 1977



First Operation of a Free-Electron Laser*

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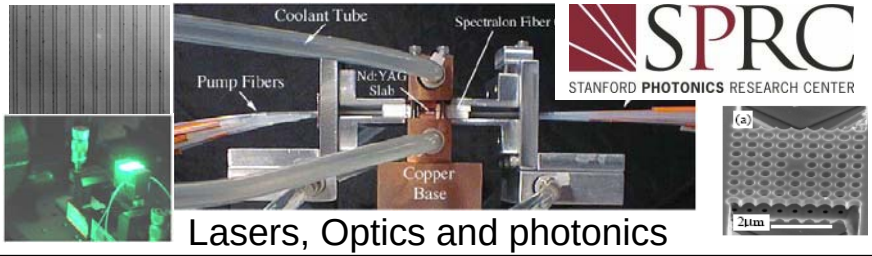
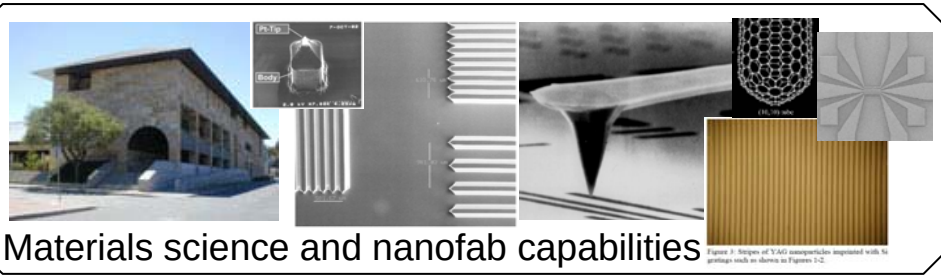
A free-electron laser oscillator has been operated above threshold at a wavelength of 3.4 μm.

Available resources at Stanford/SLAC

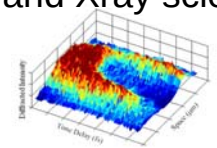


Lasers, Optics and photonics

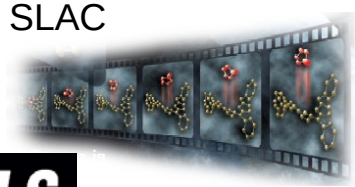


Materials science and nanofab capabilities

Ultrafast light and Xray science at SLAC



time evolution of 111 Bragg peak of InSb



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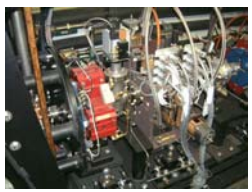
Accelerator and diagnostics expertise at SLAC



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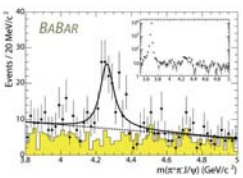


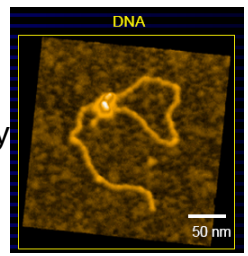
Fundamental science questions

The gravitational wave detector

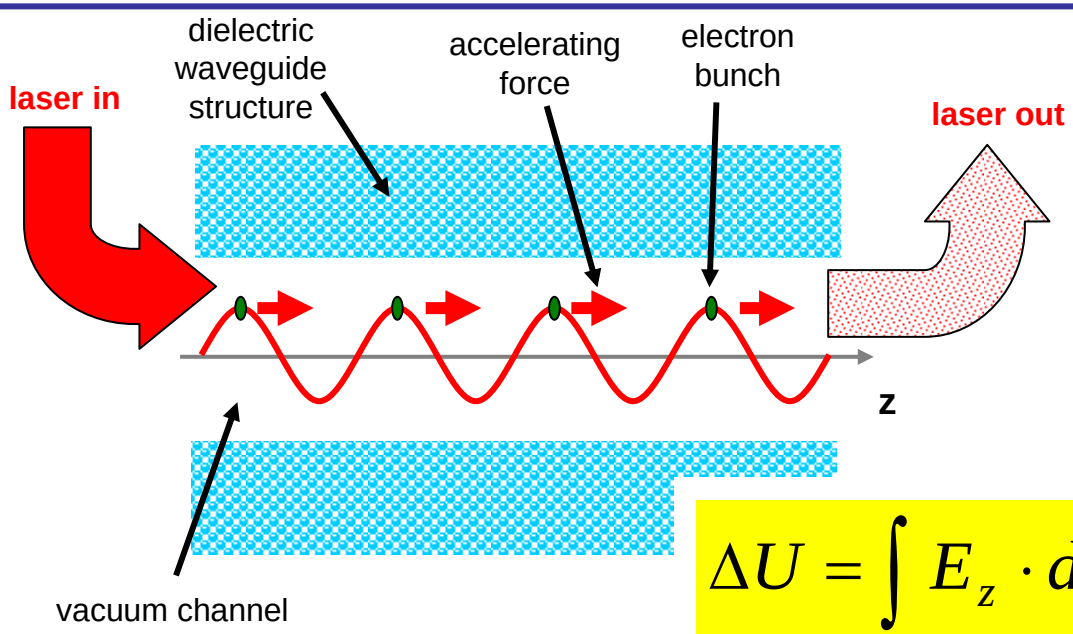
Strong interaction and partnership with

- industry
- national labs
- other universities worldwide

Medicine
Chemistry
Biology
…

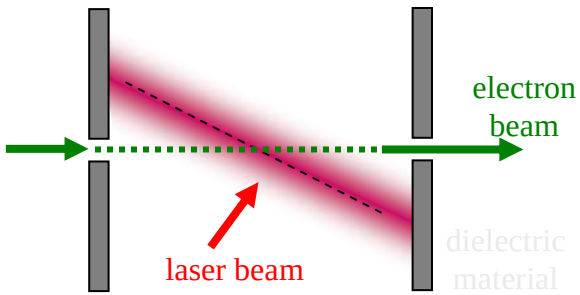


Laser acceleration concept

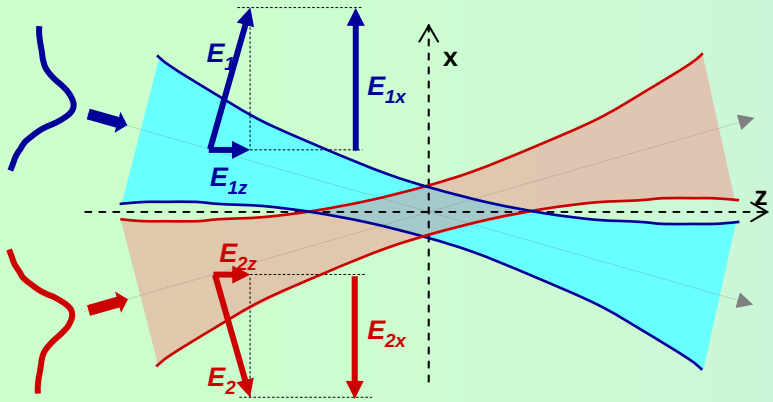


conceptual idea

Pantell, 1979



$$\Delta U = \int E_z \cdot dz \xrightarrow{\text{boundary}} \left| \int_0^d E_z(z')dz' \right| > 0$$



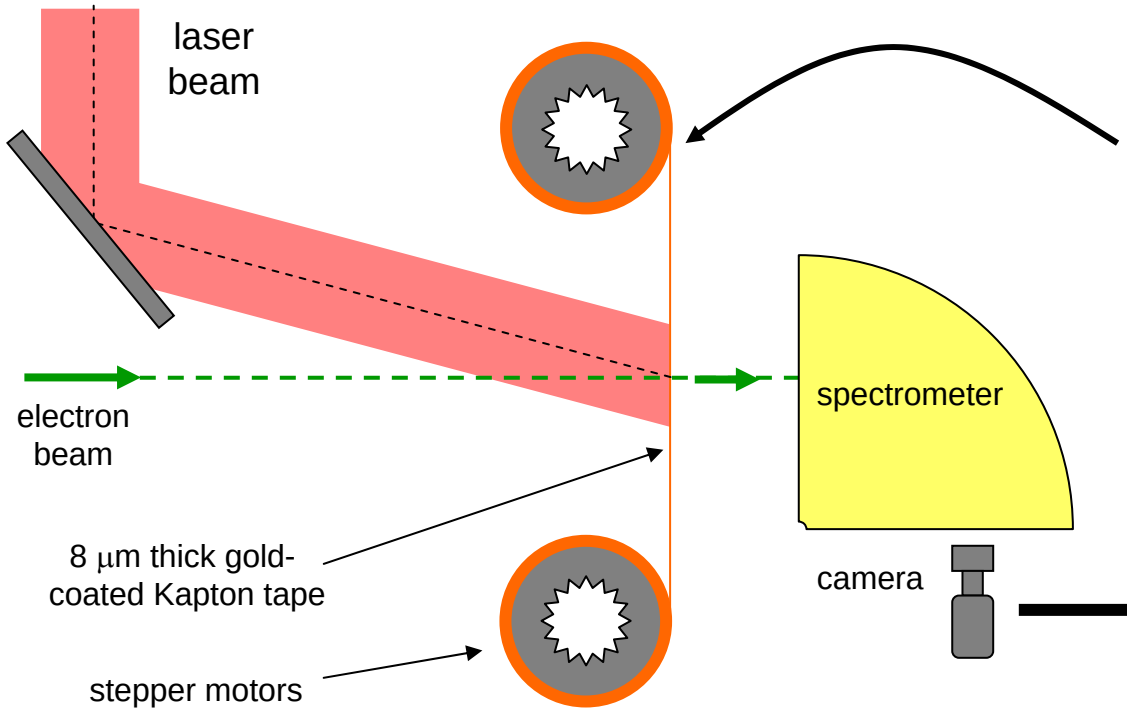
$$E_z = -\underbrace{\frac{2E_0 \sin\theta}{(1+\hat{z}^2\cos^2\theta)^{3/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\left(\hat{z}/\theta_d\right)^2 \sin^2\theta}{1+\hat{z}^2\cos^2\theta}\right]}_{\text{Magnitude}} \times \underbrace{\cos\psi_t}_{\text{Phase}}$$

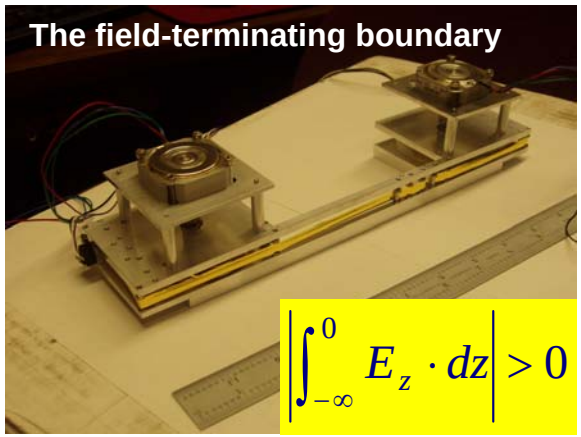
$$\psi_t = \underbrace{k\cdot z\cdot\cos\theta - \omega\cdot t}_{\text{Plane Wave Phase}} + \underbrace{\frac{\hat{z}^3\cos^3\theta\cdot\tan^2\theta}{\theta_d^{\,2}\left(1+\hat{z}^2\cos^2\theta\right)}}_{\text{Math}} \underbrace{-2\cdot\tan^{-1}(\hat{z}\cos\theta)}_{\text{Gouy Phase}} + \phi_0$$

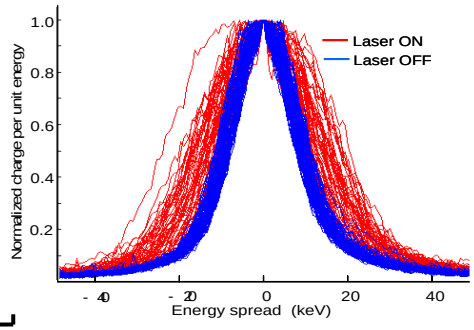
$$U(z) = \int_{z_0}^{z} E_z(z')dz'$$

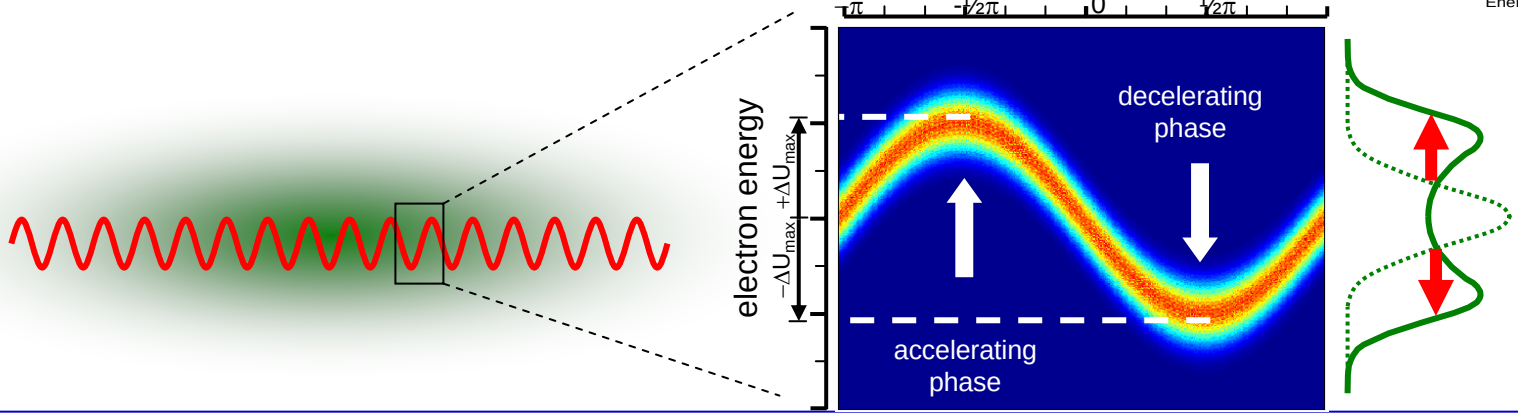
†P. Sprangle, E. Esarey, J. Krall, A. Ting, Laser Acceleration of Electrons in Vacuum, Optics Comm. 124 (1996) 69

The LEAP experiment (Laser Electron Accelerator Project)





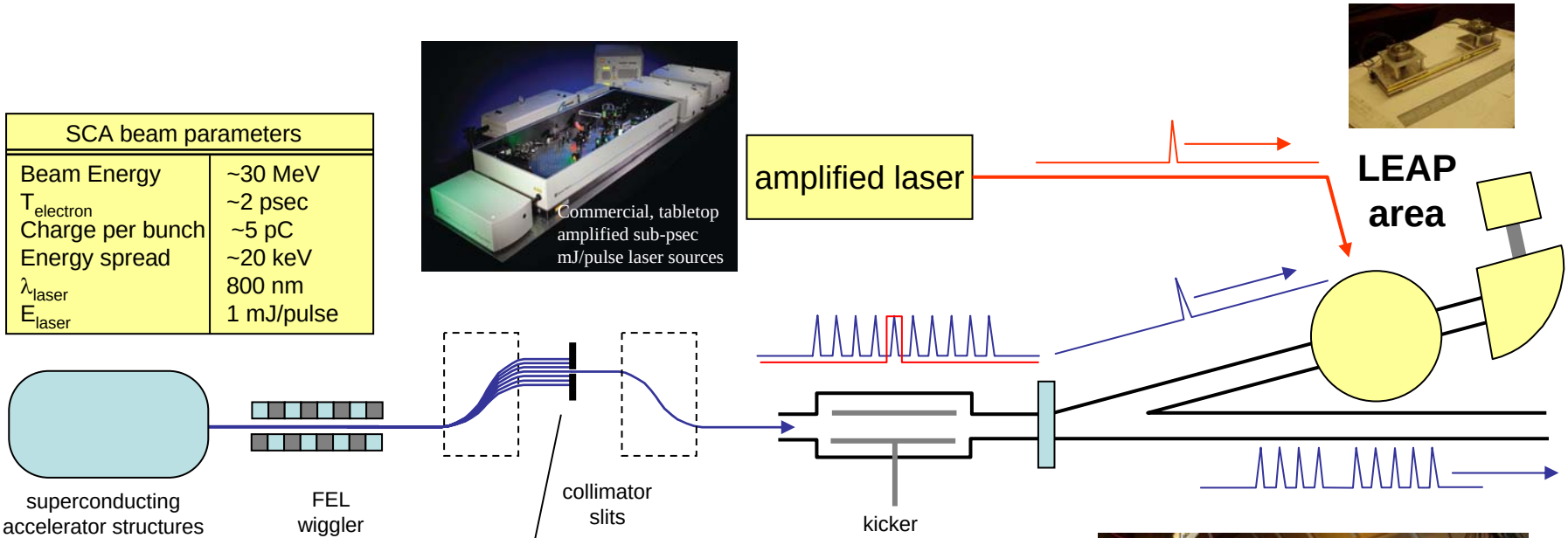


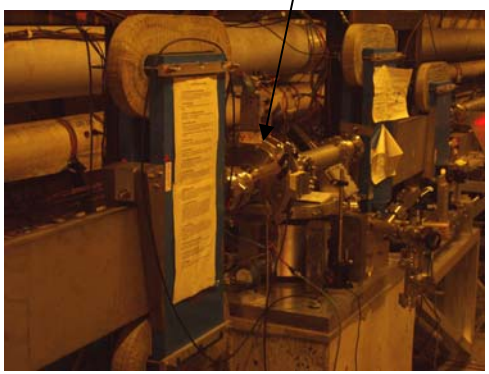


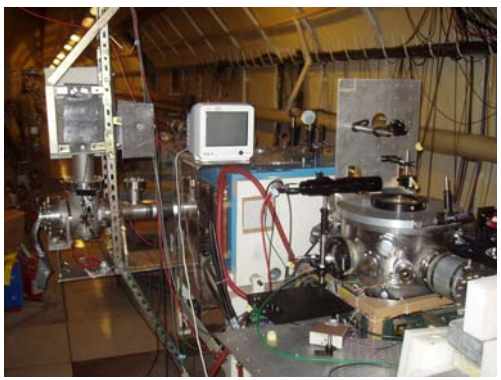
broadening of the initial energy spread of the electron beam

The SCA-FEL facility

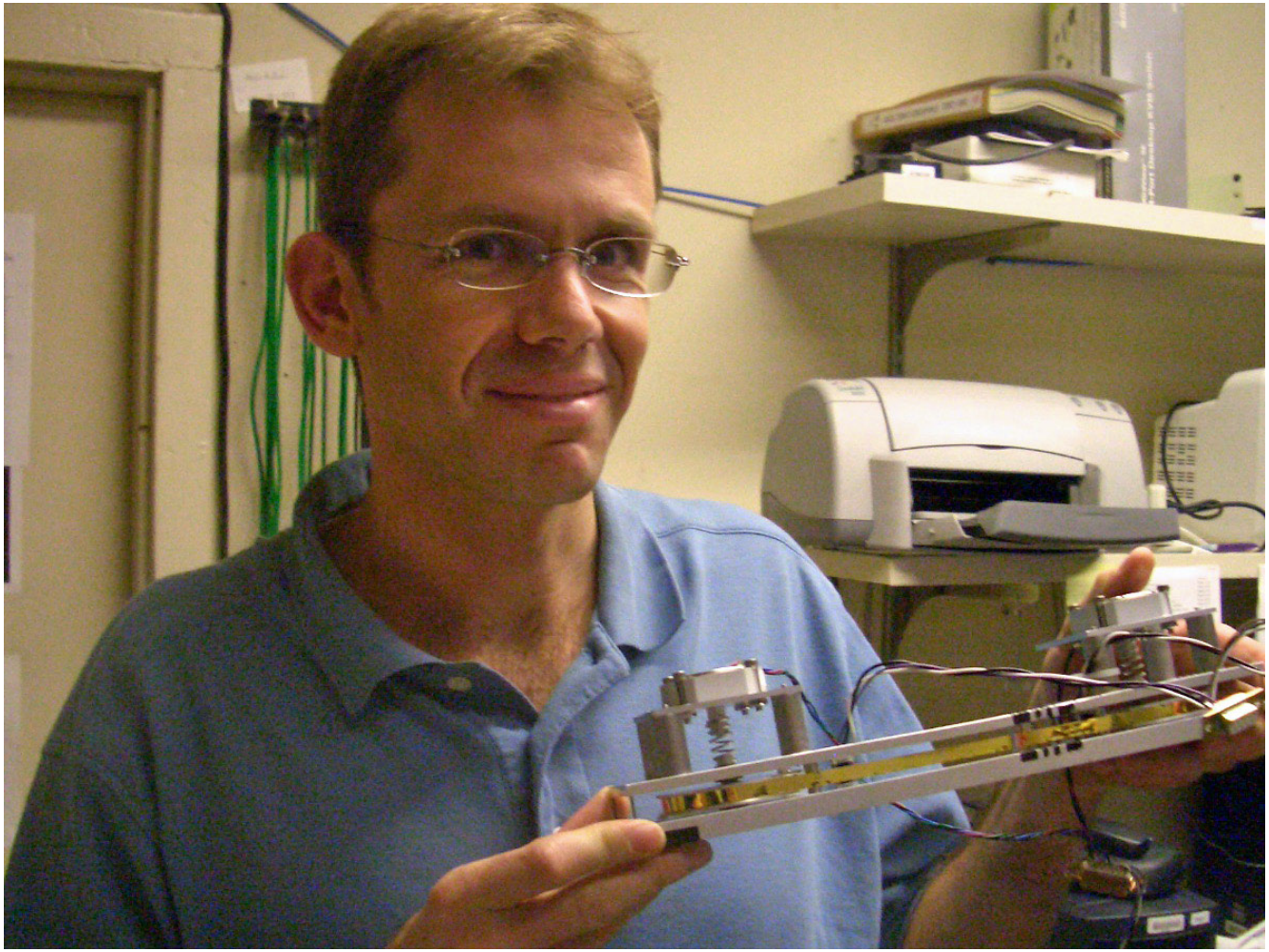
SCA beam parameters	
Beam Energy	~30 MeV
$T_{electron}$	~2 psec
Charge per bunch	~5 pC
Energy spread	~20 keV
λ_{laser}	800 nm
E_{laser}	1 mJ/pulse







Tomas Plettner and LEAP Accelerator Cell



The key was to operate the cell above damage threshold to generate Energy modulation in excess of the noise level.

We accelerated electrons with visible light

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Visible-Laser Acceleration of Relativistic Electrons in a Semi-Infinite Vacuum

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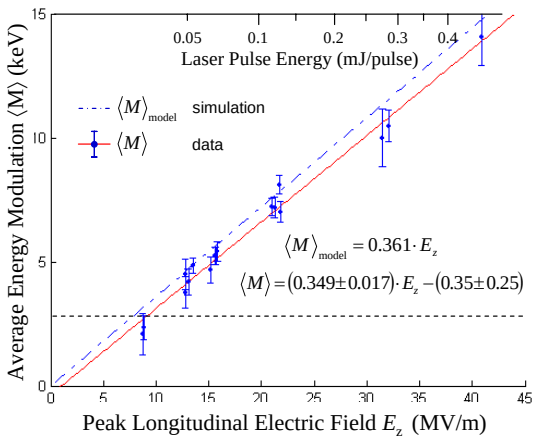

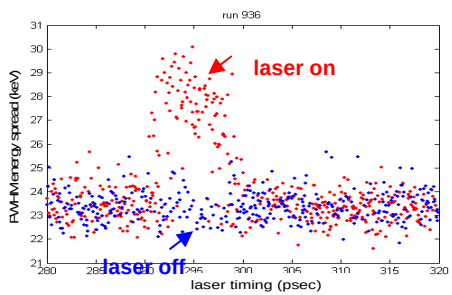

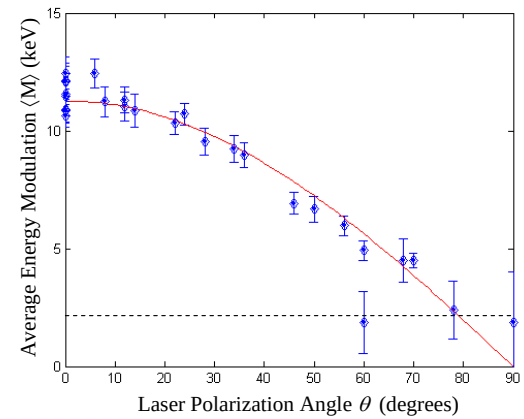

- confirmation of the Lawson-Woodward Theorem $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} E_z dz = 0$
- observation of the linear dependence of energy gain with laser electric field $\Delta U \propto |E_{laser}|$
- observation of the expected polarization dependence $|E_z| \propto |E_{laser}| \cos\rho$

laser-driven linear acceleration in vacuum

Visible light driven IFEL

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High-Harmonic Inverse-Free-Electron-Laser Interaction at 800 nm

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Cross-correlation in time

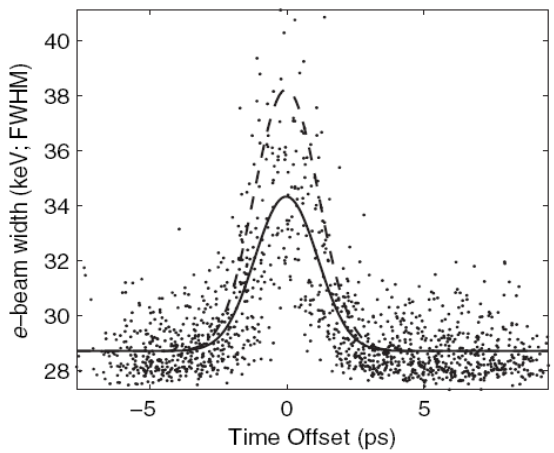

FIG. 2. Example data run with 1500 laser on events. The solid curve is the least squares fit to all data points and gives the mean interaction of 18 keV. The dashed curve is the maximum estimate and gives the peak interaction of 25 keV. The width of cross correlation is 2.2 ps rms.

Observation of harmonic interaction

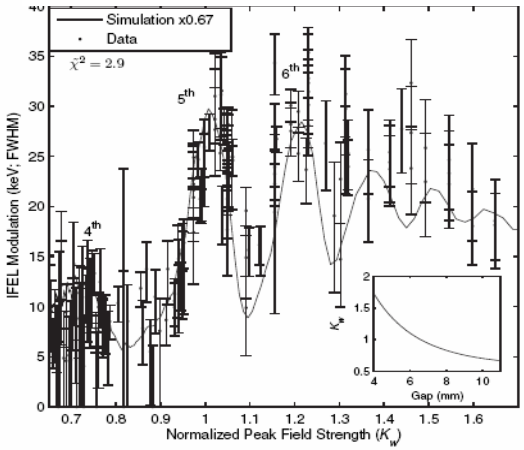

FIG. 4. IFEL gap scan data, with 164 runs total. Comparison to simulation (solid line) shows very good agreement to the shape and spacing of resonance peaks. The harmonic numbers are given next to each peak. Simulation has been rescaled vertically by 0.67 to better visualize overlap.

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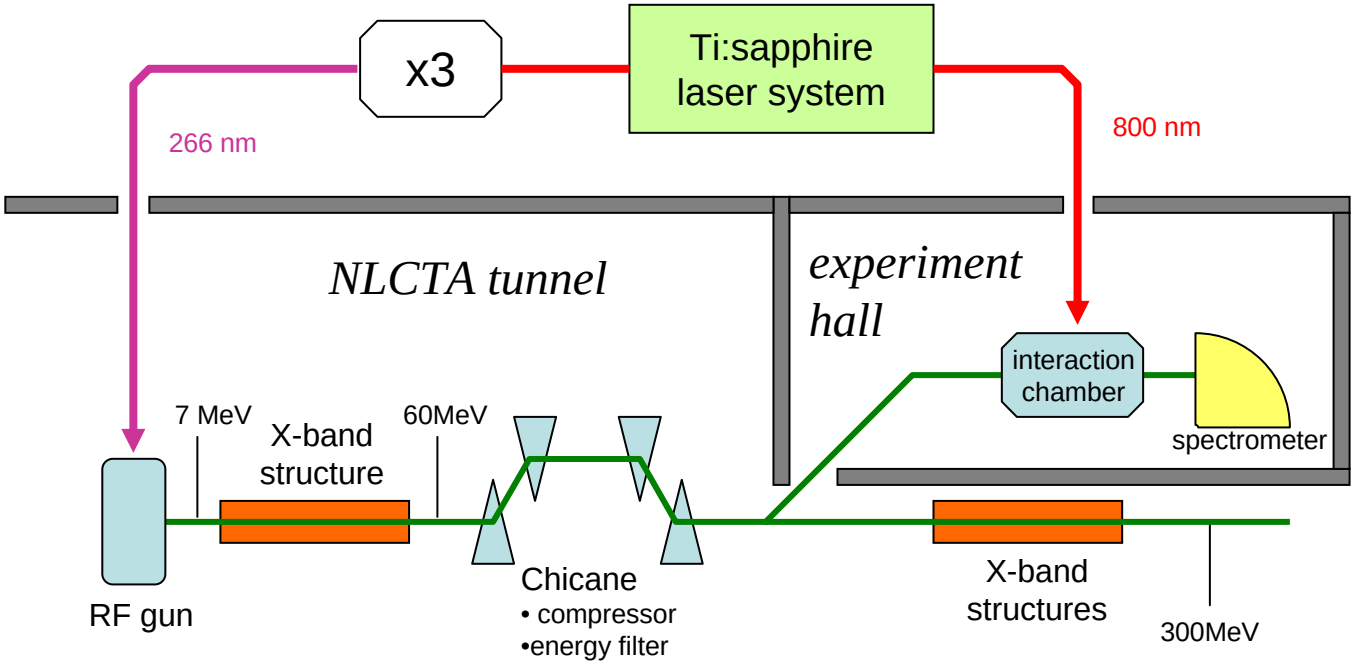
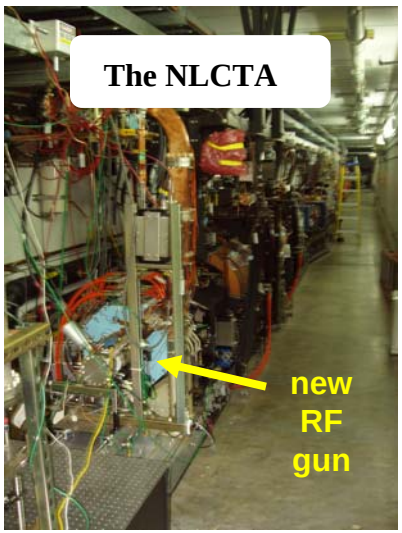
The E163 experiment at SLAC



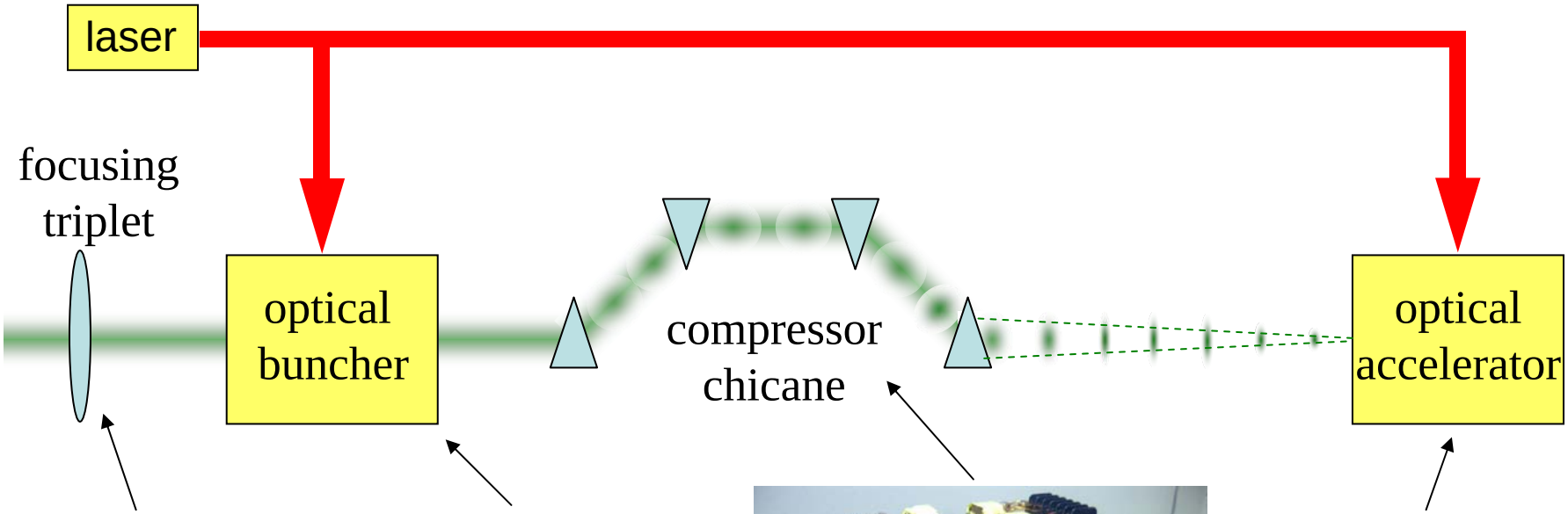


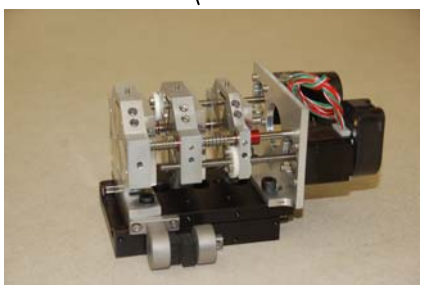
Accomplished mile stones so far

- construction of the experiment hall
- installation of the E163 control room
- commissioning of the laser system
- installation and commissioning of the RF gun

Expected 1st experiment in spring 2006

The next step: staged accelerators at E163





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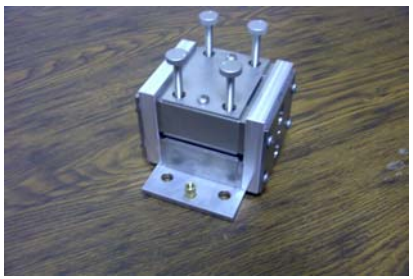

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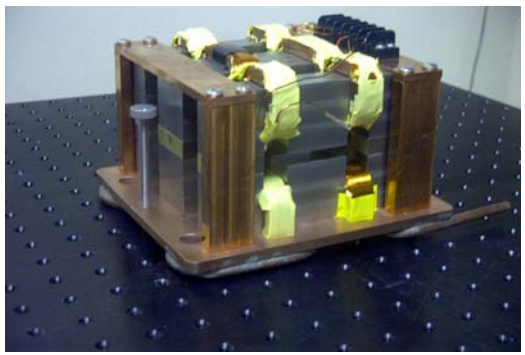

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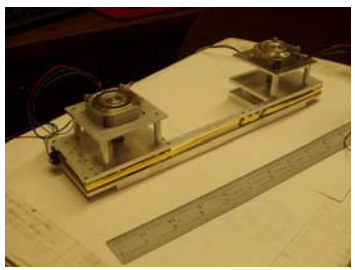

Accelerator structure

Accelerator structure research

Photonic bandgap fiber structures

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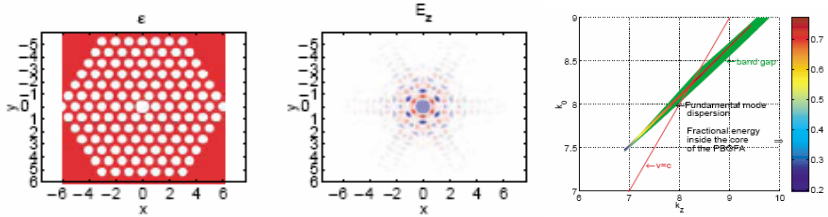
Photonic band gap fiber accelerator

Xintian Eddie Lin*



2 and 3-D photonic bandgap structures

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Two-dimensional photonic crystal accelerator structures

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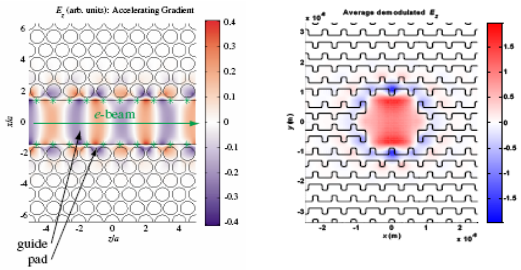
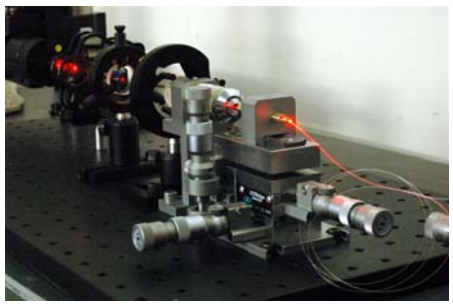
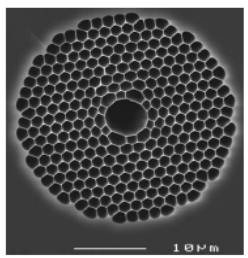
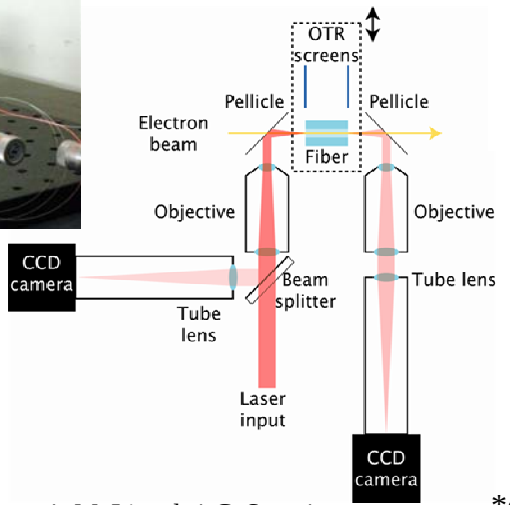


Current experimental fiber accelerator structure research







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Planar waveguide structures

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Distributed grating-assisted coupler for optical all-dielectric electron accelerator

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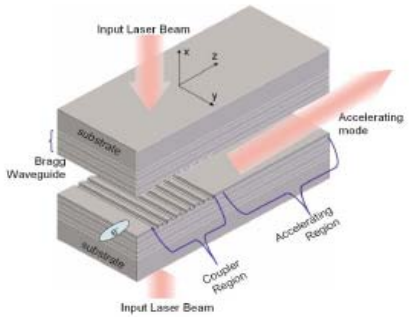

FIG. 1. (Color) Schematic diagram of a planar accelerator structure with distributed grating-assisted coupler (DGAC).

Progress in laser accelerator physics

Energy efficiency of laser accelerators, single and multiple bunch operation

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Energy efficiency of laser driven, structure based accelerators

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Energy efficiency of an intracavity coupled, laser-driven linear accelerator pumped by an external laser

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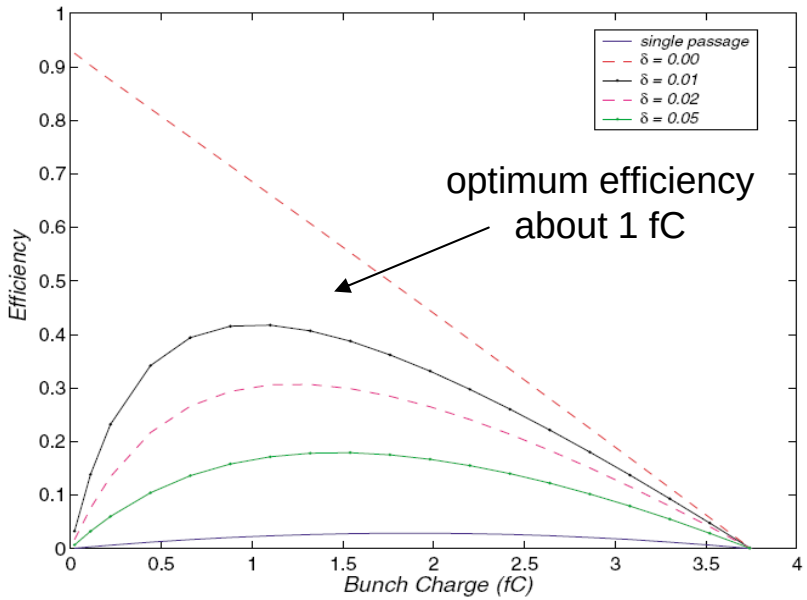
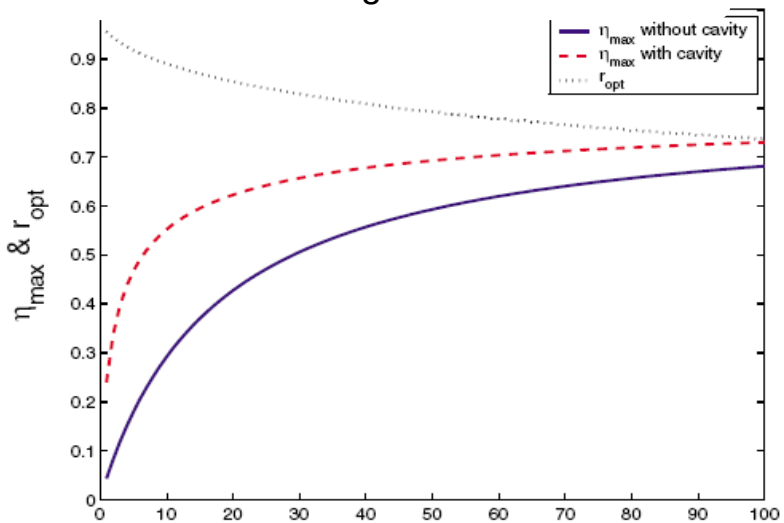
Coupling Efficiency vs bunch charge



Beam loading calculations vs N

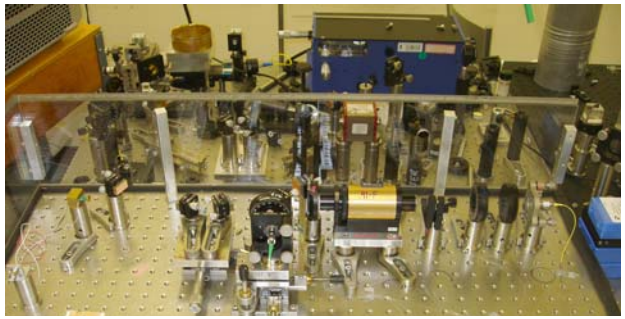


N (Number of bunches)

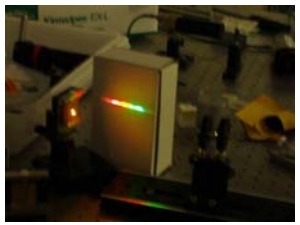
Application of modern technologies

Lasers and photonics

200 fsec Yb:fiber laser; S. Sinha*



comb offset detection with Ti:Sapph lasers; T. Plettner



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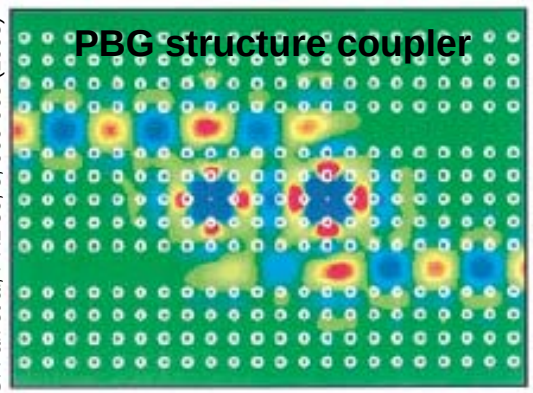

Materials science

LASER AND PARTICLE GUIDING MICRO-ELEMENTS FOR PARTICLE ACCELERATORS*

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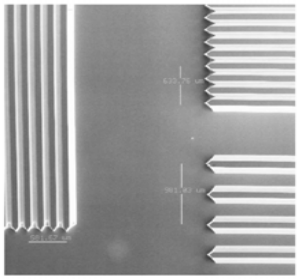

Figure 1: Different period structures printed on Si and cut for use as preforms for ceramic structures.

Figure 2: View of a 500 μm grating etched on (100) Si.

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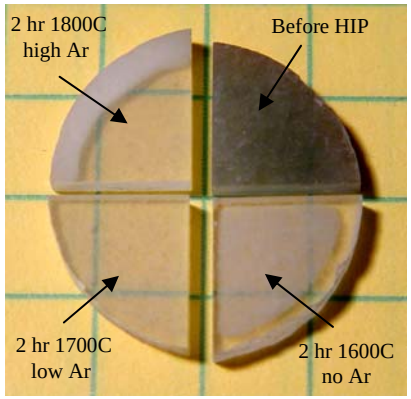
YAG ceramic



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Gamma Radiation Studies on Optical Materials

Eric Colby, *Member*, Gary Lum, *Member*, Tomas Plettner and James Spencer, *Member, IEEE*

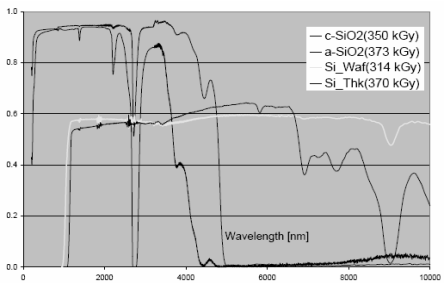

Fig. 6. Comparison of spectra from 0.20-10 μm for different forms of Si in Si equivalent dose. Spectra were matched at 3.2 μm.

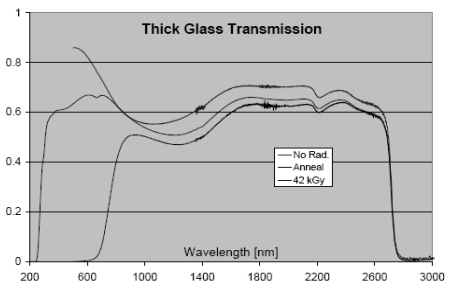

Fig. 1. Transmissivity spectra through 1.1 cm thick plate glass after Co^{60} γ-irradiation. Spectra are stacked according to their order in the insert.

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Outline

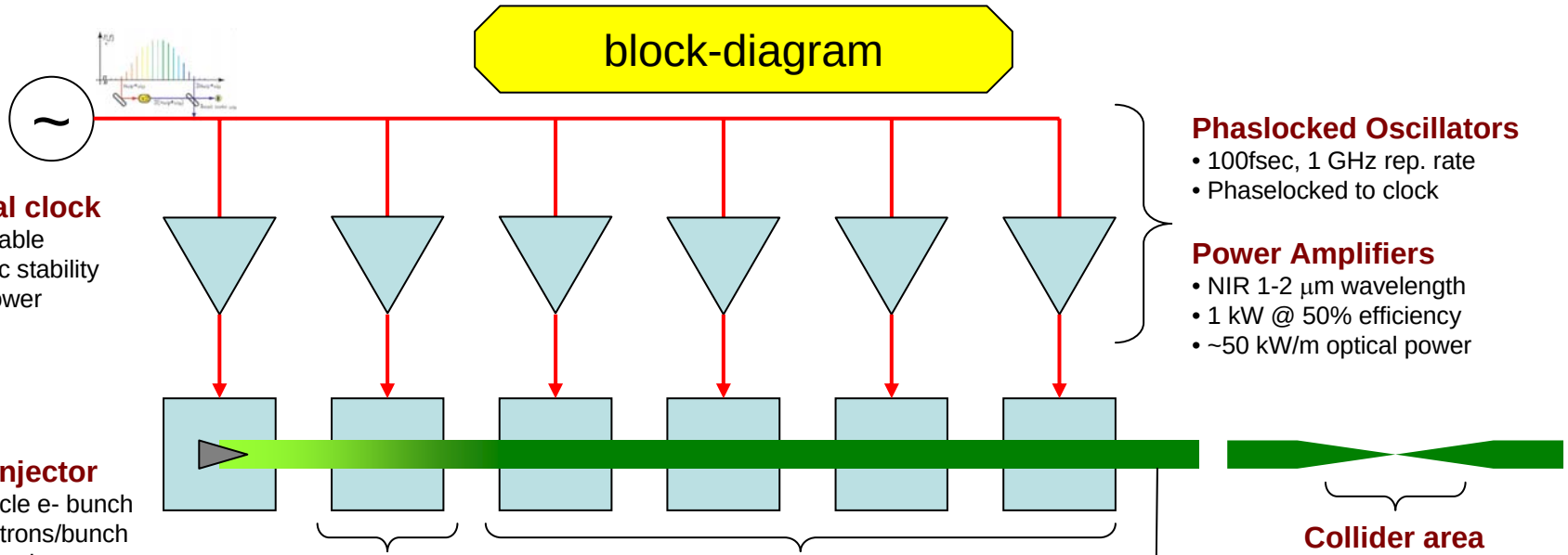
- **Introduction**
  - Properties unique to laser acceleration
  - Available resources and expertise
  - Emergence of new technologies

- **The physics concept and experiment**
  - The physics concept
  - The physics demonstration experiment

- **Current and future research**
  - The E163 experiment
  - Accelerator structure investigations
  - Multi-staged laser accelerator

- **Future scientific impact**
  - Candidate technology for a TeV scale collider
  - soft X-ray attosecond physics

Envisioned laser-driven TeV-scale accelerator



Optical clock
- ultrastable
- attosec stability
- low power

Phaslocked Oscillators
- 100fsec, 1 GHz rep. rate
- Phaselocked to clock

Power Amplifiers
- NIR 1-2 μm wavelength
- 1 kW @ 50% efficiency
- ~50 kW/m optical power

Optical Injector
- optical cycle e- bunch
- ~10^4 electrons/bunch
- ultra low emittance
- laser-driven field emitters

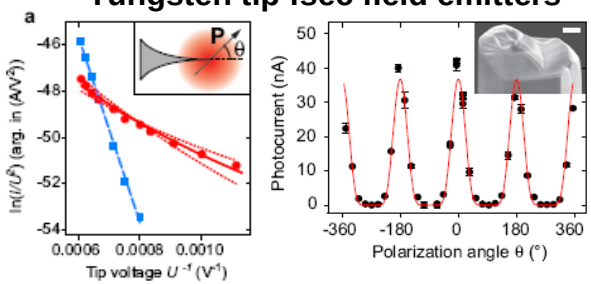
Pre-accelerator
- nonrelativistic
- compress bunch

Accelerator structures
- preserve emittance
- periodic focusing
- alignment and stabilization
- coupling efficiency

Electron beam
- 1 fC/bunch
- sub μm spot size
- ~10^{10} bunches/sec

Collider area
- sub-Ångstrom spot size
- multi-GHz rep-rate

Tungsten tip fsec field emitters



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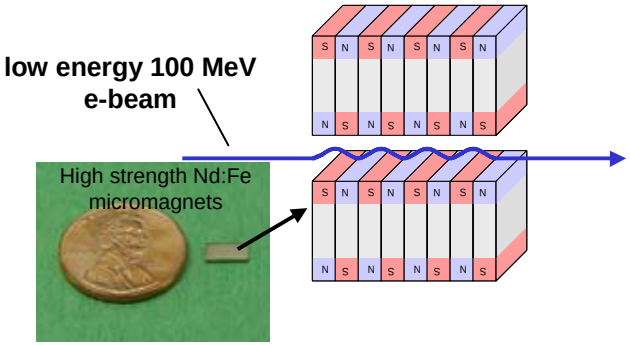
Initial focus of our research
- success of proof-of-principle exp.
- research on dielectric structures

Order-of-magnitude power estimate
- 1 fC x 10^{10} x 1 TeV → 10^7 W e-beam
- 20% coupling → 5×10^7 W optical power
- 50% wallplug laser → 10^8 W electricity

100 MW electricity

Soft X-ray attosecond physics

attosec light sources

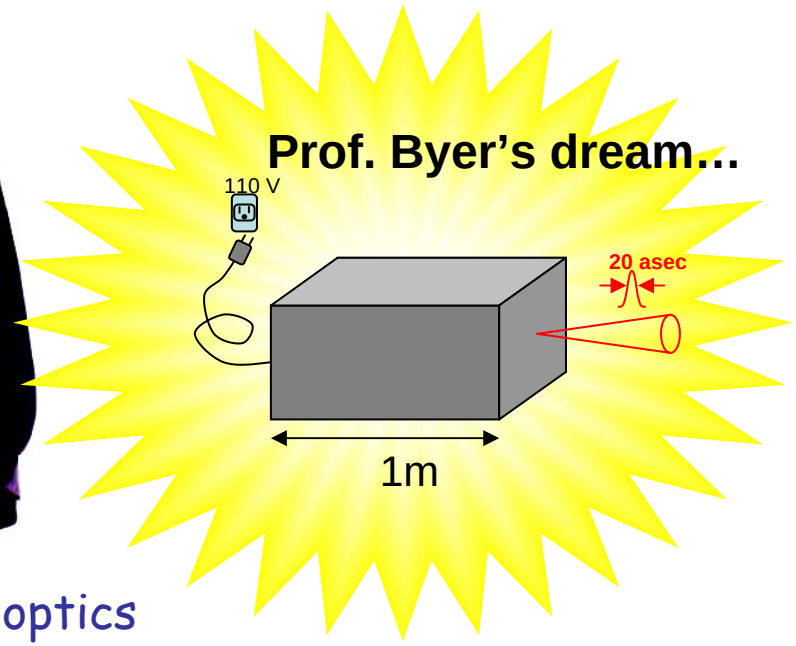


Take advantage of ultra-low emittance laser-accelerator e-beam and new magnetic materials

compact attosec soft x-ray source with medical and chemistry applications

1° of optical phase at 2 μm → 20 attosec

The wizard of optics



Preliminary model studies

- **1st initial feasibility study with the 1D FEL model**
- **Attosec bunching of 1fC helps enhance the gain**
- **"low" 1 MHz rep. rate → low avg. power**
- **Further more refined studies under way**
- **It deserves a closer look**

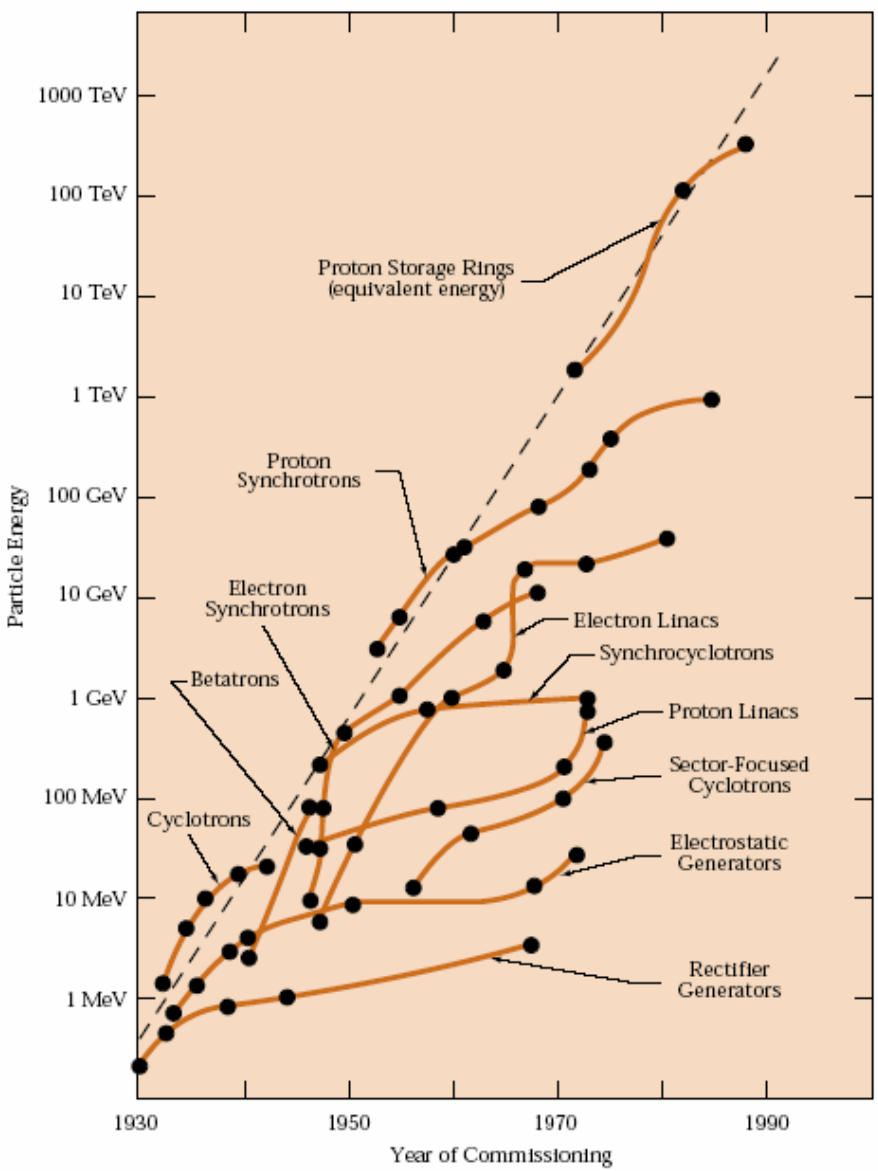
Summary

1st proof-of-principle Vacuum based laser acceleration demonstration

Conducting R&D on dielectric based accelerator structures

Envision an approach to a TeV scale laser driven particle accelerator

The Livingston plot – 1954
Innovation leads to exponential progress



In 1954 Livingston noted that progress in high energy accelerators was exponential with time.

Progress was marked by saturation of the current technology followed by the adoption of **innovative new approaches** to particle acceleration.

Over the past two decades progress in Advanced Solid State Lasers has been driven by innovation. Laser sources coupled with related technologies enable new approaches to Advanced Electron Accelerators.

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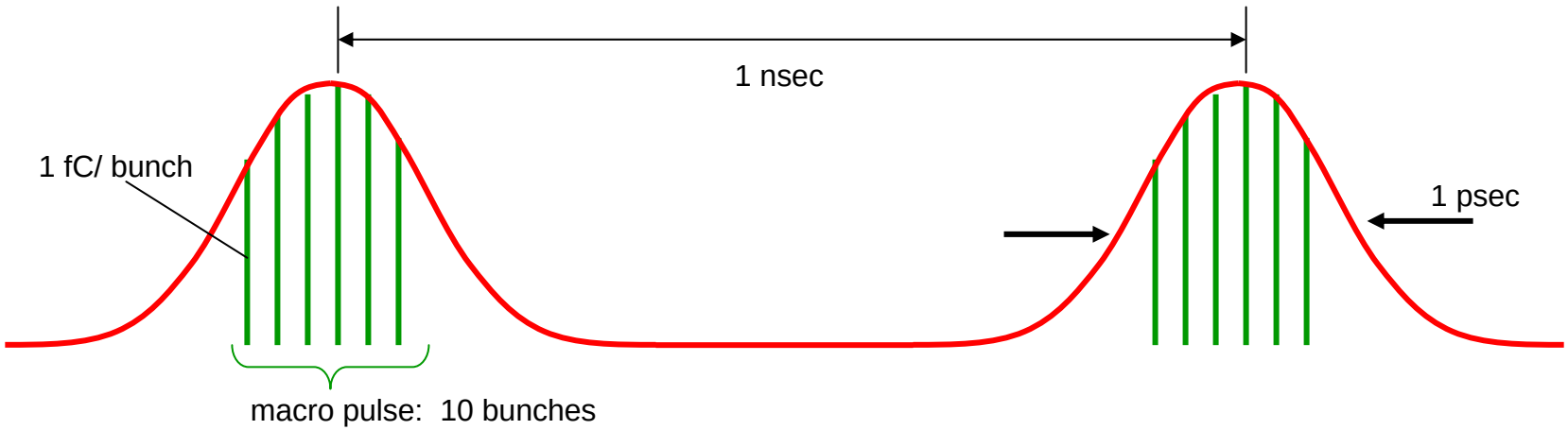
Backup slides

TeV scale laser accelerator parameters

accelerator field wavelength	λ	2 μm	
laser pulse repetition rate	f	1 GHz	10^{10}/sec
bunches per laser pulse "macro-pulse"	n	10	
electrons / bunch	N	~6000 (1 fC)	
accelerator beam diameter	σ	0.1 μm	
beam diameter at IP focus	σ	0.1 Å	
transverse geometric emittance	ε	10^{-11} m-rad	
β at IP	β_0	10 μm	
approximate luminosity at IP	$L \approx \frac{nfN^2}{4\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y}$	~10^{34}/cm^2-sec	

TeV scale laser accelerator pulse structure

target gradient	G	1 GeV/m
laser pulse duration	T_{laser}	1 psec
electron bunch duration	T_e	20 attosec

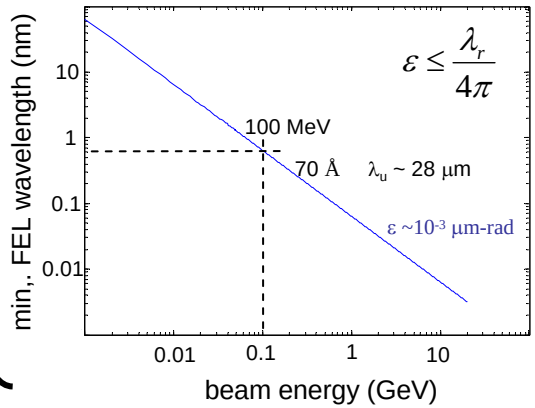


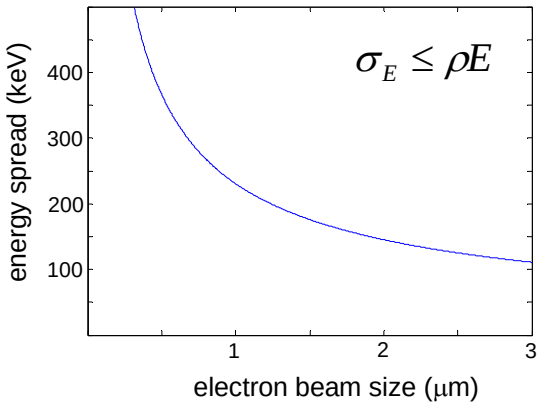
total beam current	I_b	10 μA
total beam power at 1 TeV	P_b	10 MW

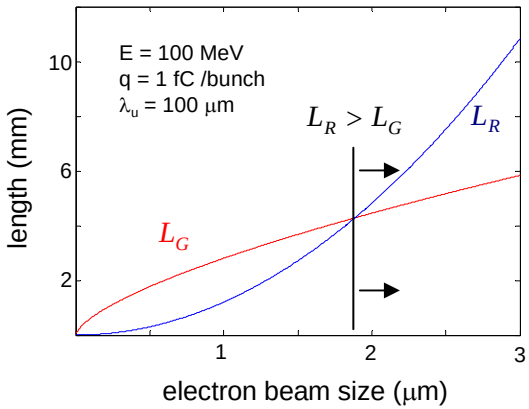
Soft X-ray attosecond physics - detail

Starting point

1-D FEL model
Design parameters must satisfy these conditions







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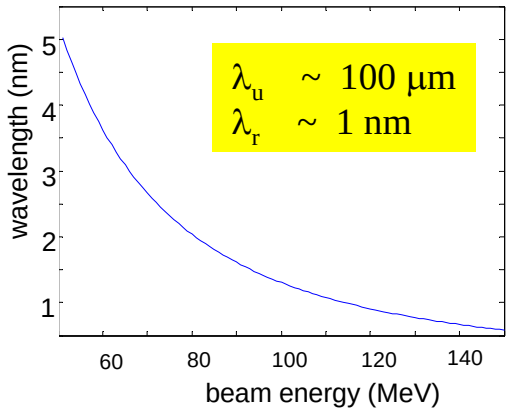
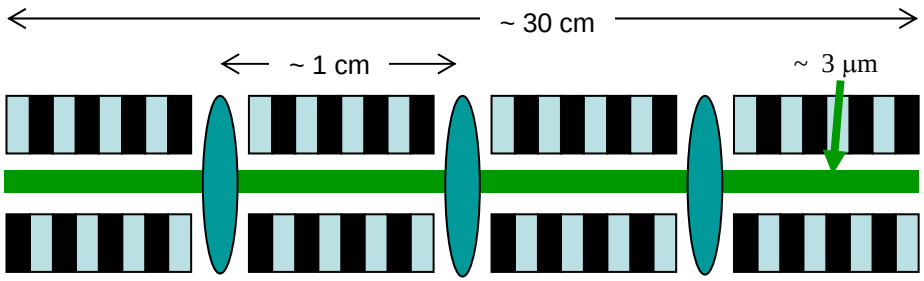


L_{FODO} ~ 1 cm L_G ~ 1 cm ε ~ 10^{-9} m-rad λ_b ~ 18 attosec
o_{xy} ~ 3 μm L_{sat} ~ 30 cm q_b ~ 1 fC U_b ~ 10^{-7} J



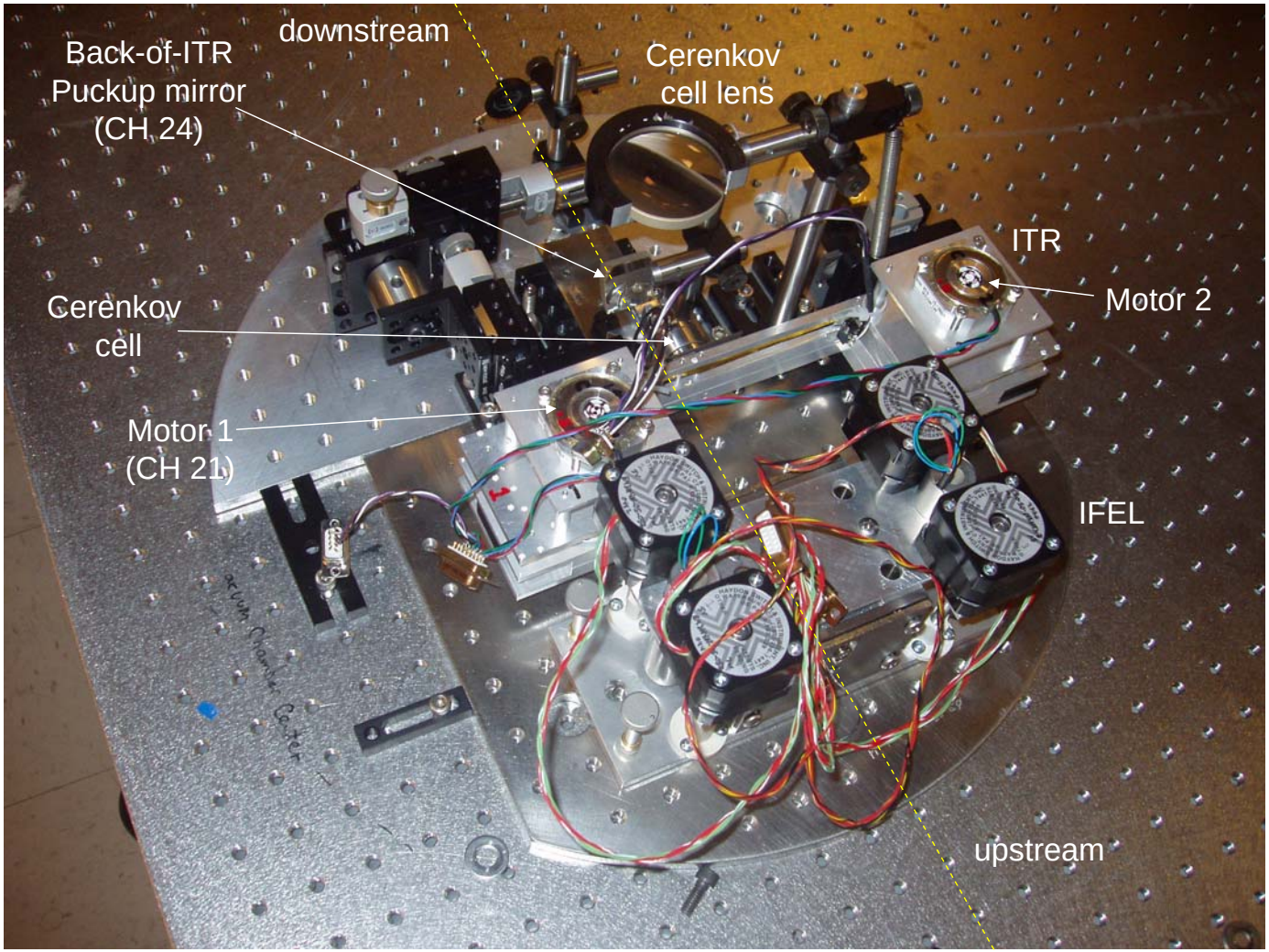
Laser power required

f_{rep} ~ 1 MHz
η_{acc} ~ 1%
P_{acc} ~ 10 W optical power
η_{laser} ~ 10 % wallplug efficiency
P_e ~ 100 W optical power

1% conversion efficiency

1% of $U_b = 10^{-7}$ J
U ~ 10^7 Photons
~ 1 nJ/pulse

The laser accelerator and IFEL



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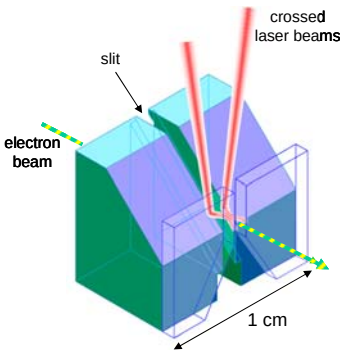
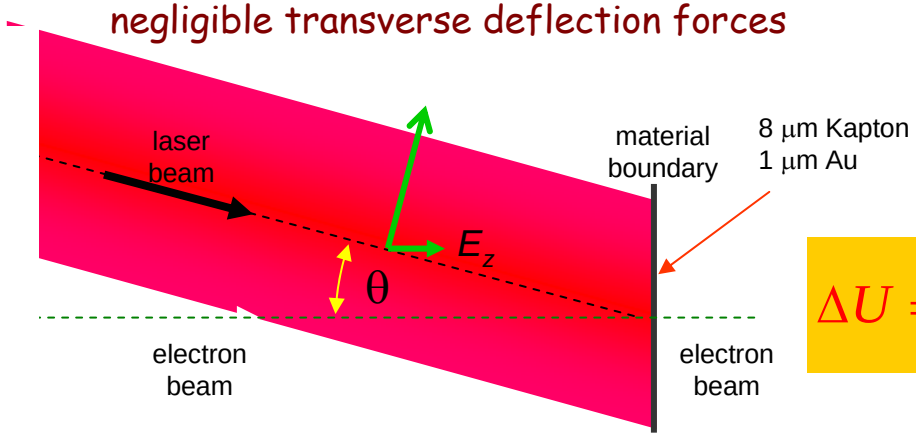


Improve on

- Operation tolerances
- Poor reliability
- Ease of operation

1. **Damage threshold**
   - ignore it!
   - devise a "disposable" unit
   - materials retain their optical properties for a few picoseconds after a destructive laser pulse
2. **Cell geometry**
   - simplify to one semi-infinite boundary
   - make boundary thin enough to run e-beam through it
   - make boundary movable to present a new surface for each laser shot
3. **Crossed laser beams**
   - two laser beams too difficult? → eliminate one of them
   - no more optical phase uncertainty problems negligible transverse deflection forces

Conceptual drawing of the improved setup



$$\Delta U = \int_{-\infty}^{0} E_z dz$$

The tape boundary

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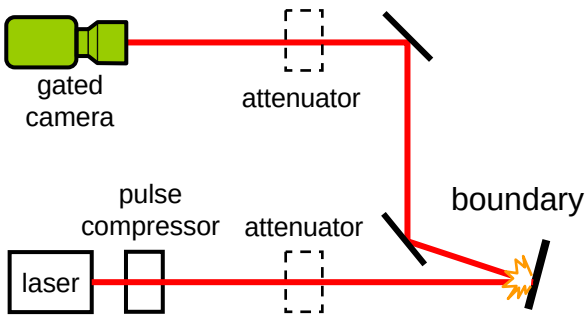
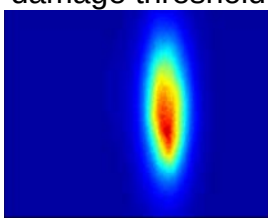
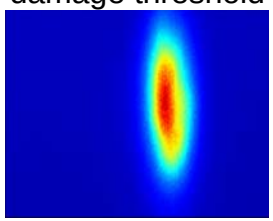


reflected spot camera images

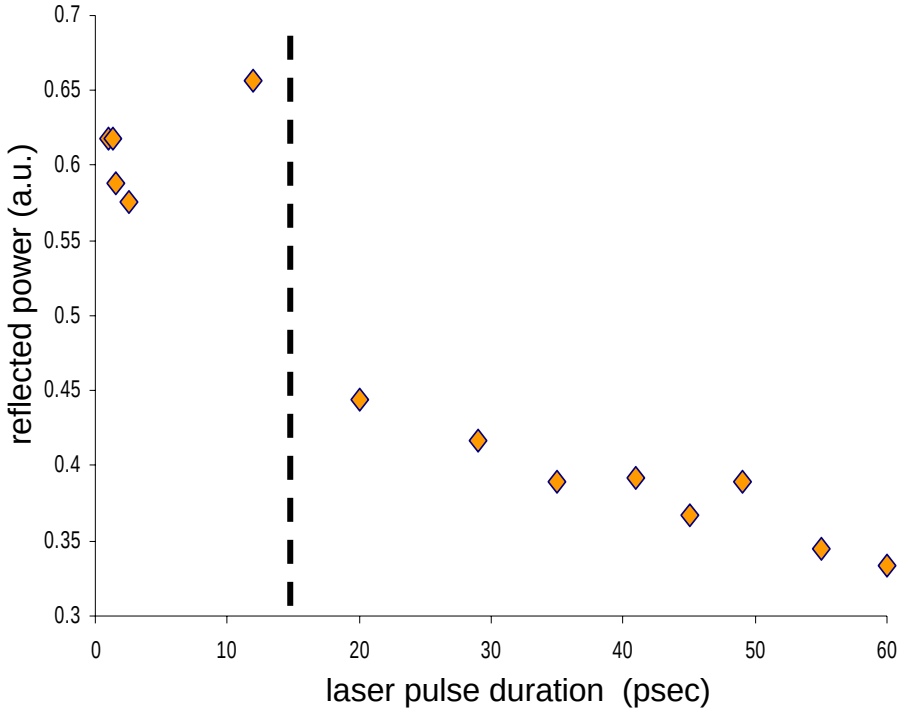
i) low power, below damage threshold



ii) 1st shot, above damage threshold

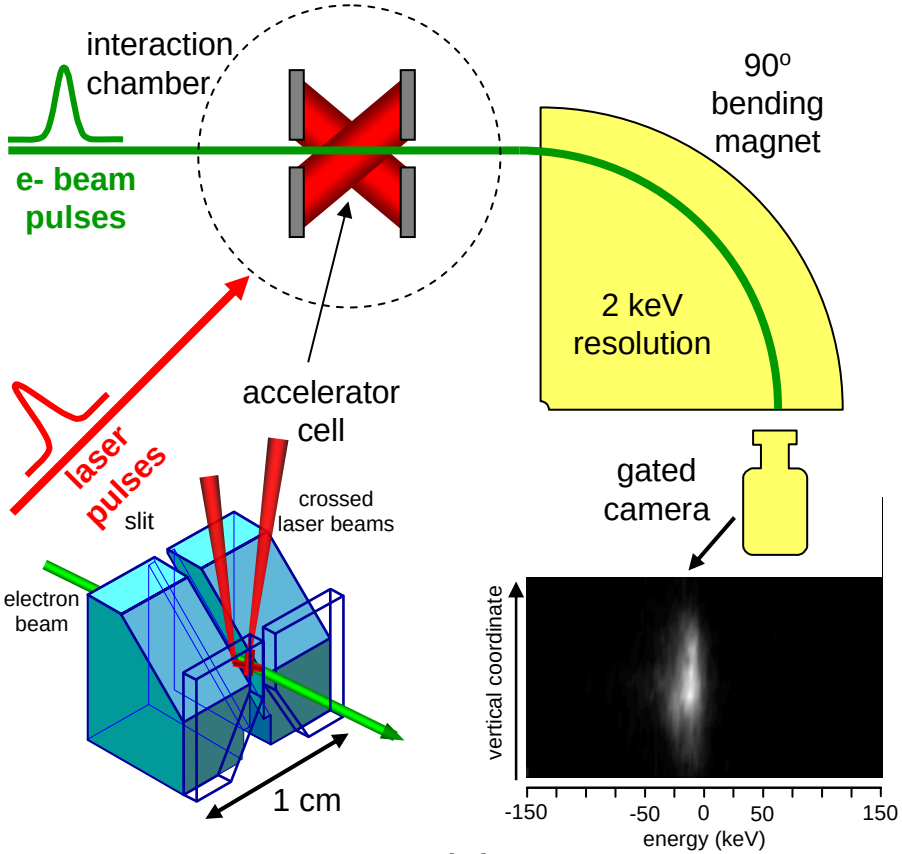


b) Reflected pulse intensity versus laser pulse duration



Laser Electron Accelerator Program

Located in the Hansen Lab on Stanford Campus



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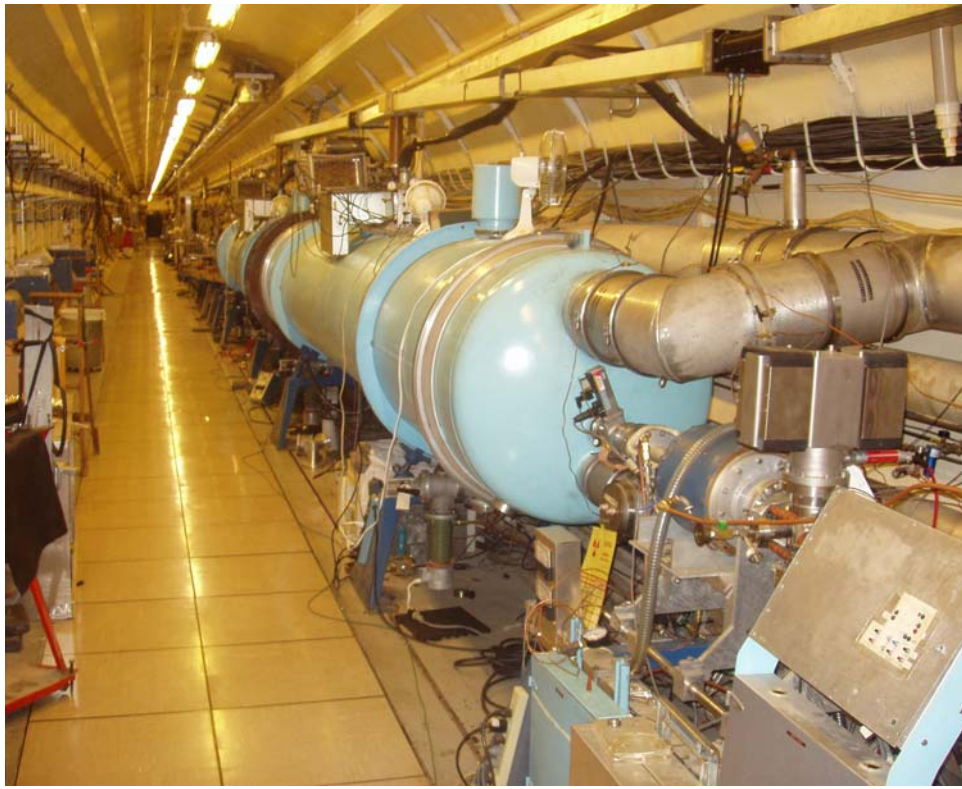

(b)

The crossed-beam laser accelerator Cell and magnet for electron beam energy measurements.

The view of the 30 MeV super-conducting linear accelerator in the underground tunnel on campus in the HEPL lab.