

Short Bunch Diagnostics - Can We Measure Below the Femtosecond?

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Electron bunch temporal profile diagnostics with femtosecond resolution

**(selective discussion due to time constraints, with
apologies to those whose work has been omitted)**

The need for femtosecond longitudinal diagnostics

1. Advanced Light Sources: 4th & 5th generation

Free-Electron Lasers

kA peak currents required for collective gain

$\tau = 200\text{fs FWHM}, 200\text{pC}$ (<2008, standard) $\Rightarrow 10\text{fs FWHM}, 10\text{pC}$ (increasing interest)

Low-emittance storage rings $\tau = 10\text{-}200\text{ ps rms}, \varepsilon_H = 150\text{-}300\text{ pm.rad}$ (MAX-IV, ESRF II)

2. Particle Physics:

Linear Colliders (ILC, CLIC) e^+e^- and others
short bunches, high charge, high quality - *for high luminosity*

- $\sim 150\text{fs rms}, \sim 1\text{nC}$ *stable, known (smooth?) longitudinal profiles*

3. LPWA & variants:

Laser-plasma accelerators produce ultra-short electron bunches!

- $1\text{-}5\text{ fs FWHM}$ (and even shorter in principle), $\sim 20\text{pC}$ + *future FELs*

Significant influence on bunch profile from ...

wakefields, space charge, CSR, collective instabilities... machine stability & drift

\Rightarrow *must have a single-shot diagnostic*

Two distinct classes of diagnostics

Grouped by similar physics and capabilities / limitations

Direct Particle Techniques

$\rho(t) \rightarrow \rho(x)$
longitudinal \rightarrow transverse imaging

RF zero-phasing

$\rho(t) \rightarrow \rho(\gamma) \rightarrow \rho(x)$

Transverse Deflecting Cavities

$\rho(t) \rightarrow \rho(x') \rightarrow \rho(x)$

“Radiative” Techniques

$\rho(t) \rightarrow E(t)$
propagating & non-propagating

Spectral domain:

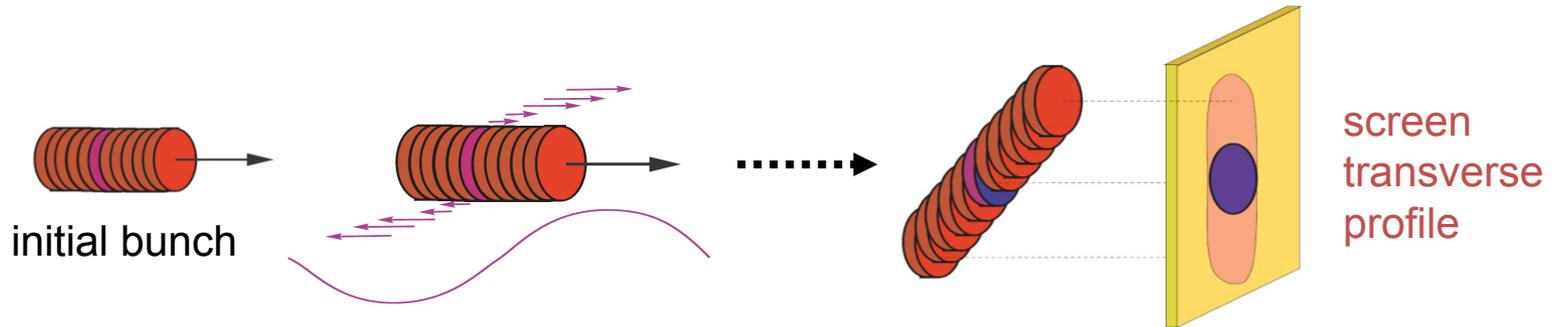
- CTR, CDR, CSR
(spectral characterisation)
- Smith-Purcell
- Electro-Optic

Time domain:

- CTR, CDR (autocorrelation)
- Optical Replica/Transposition
- Electro-Optic

Class 1. Direct Particle Techniques

RF zero-phasing



cavity:

z-dependent accel/deceleration

beam optics:

energy dispersion

- Introduce **energy chirp** to beam via “linear” near-zero crossover of RF
- Measure energy spread with downstream **spectrometer** \Rightarrow infer initial bunch profile

time resolution dependent on:

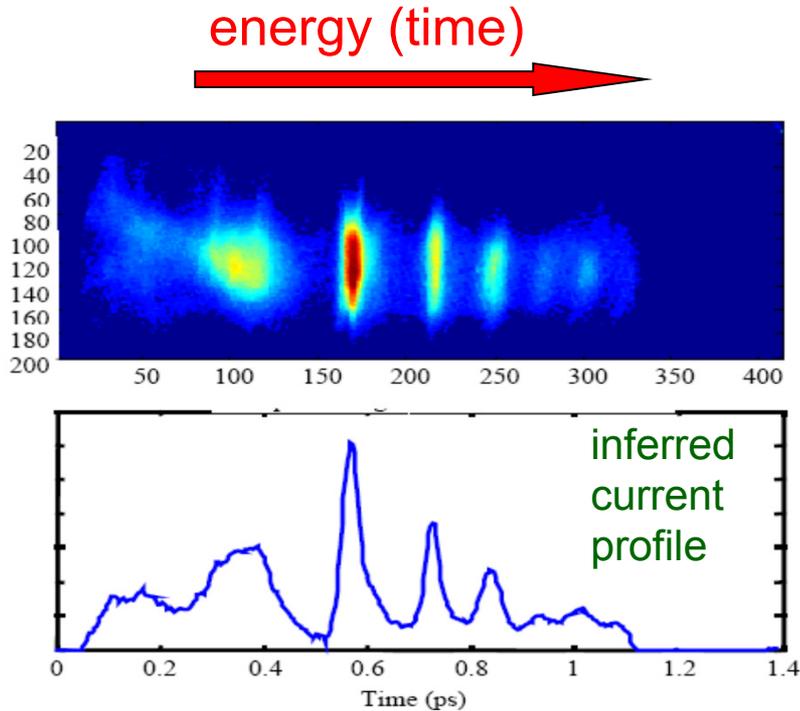
- gradient of energy gain
- dispersion of spectrometer (needs to be high!)
- initial energy spread (needs to be low!)

initial γ -z correlation ?

Disadvantage - destructive to electron beam

RF zero-phasing examples

DUV-FEL: at 75 MeV

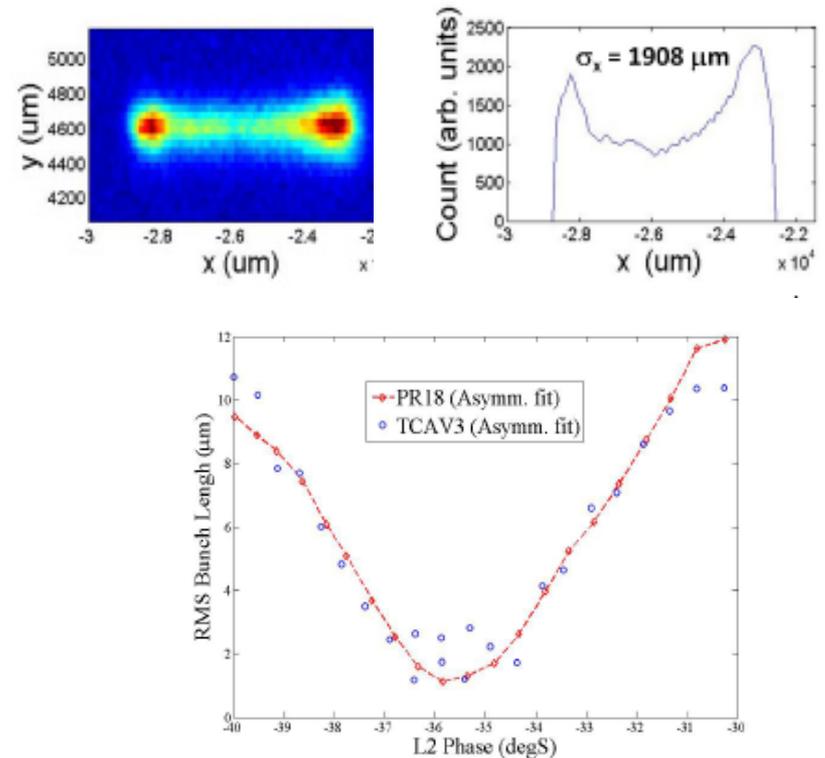


time resolution of ~ 50 fs

W. Graves et al., PAC 2001, Chicago, 2224

SLAC LCLS: at 4.7 GeV

- 550m of linac at RF zero crossing!
- 6m dispersion on A-line spectrometer

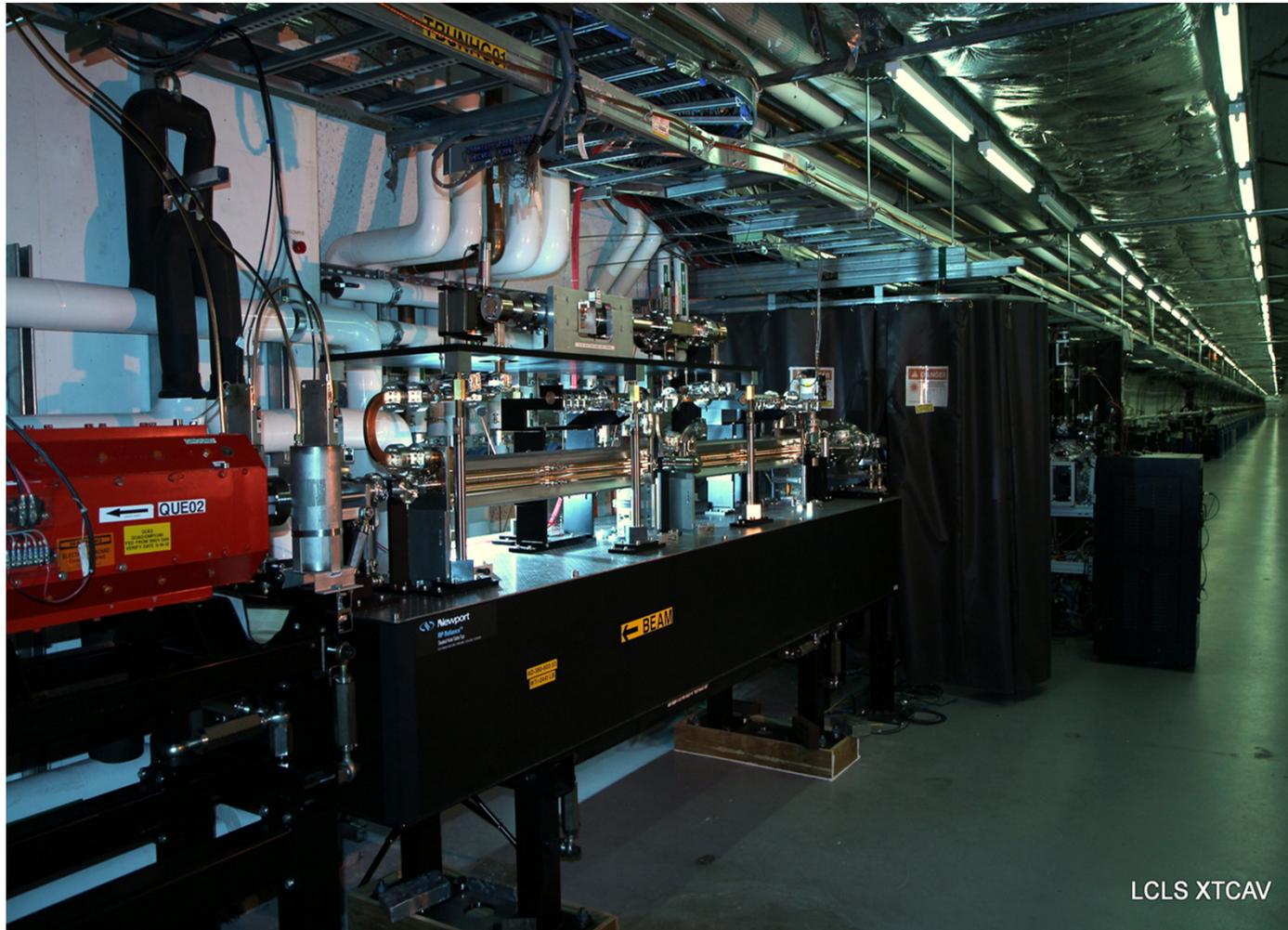


TCAV3

~ 1 fs rms bunch length at 4.7 GeV

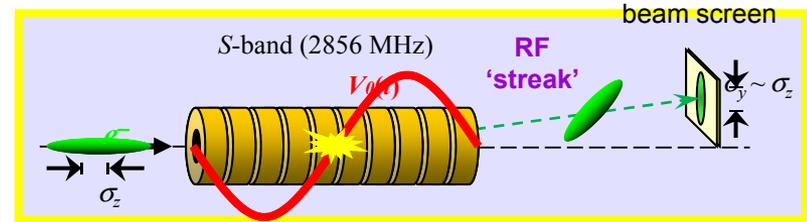
Z. Huang et al. PAC 2011, FEL2013

SLAC LCLS X-band Transverse Deflecting Cavity (XTCAV)



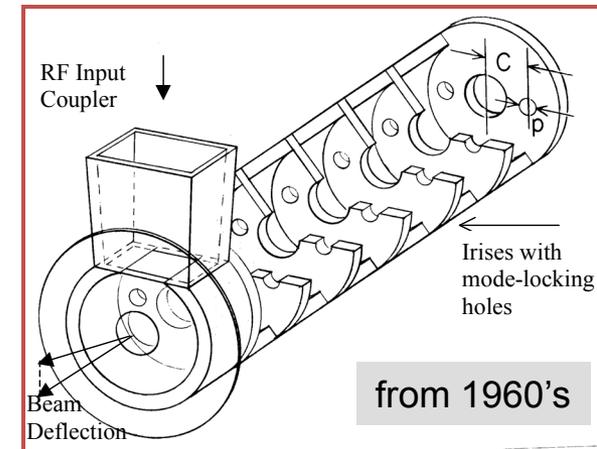
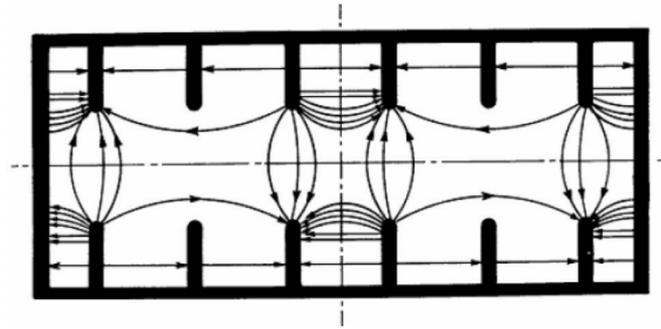
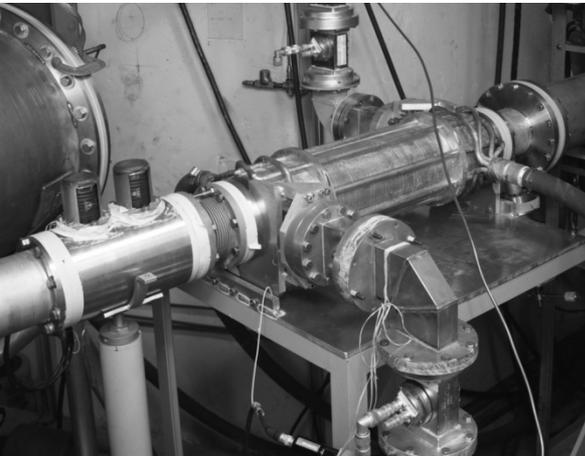
Transverse Deflecting Structures

- Well-established technique at SLAC to measure bunch length
- Uses a time-varying transverse electric field to “streak” the beam across a monitor screen
- 3 m-long S-band 2856 MHz (‘LOLA’) structures built in the 1960’s
- Installed in the LCLS linac, but are invasive to operation for photon users

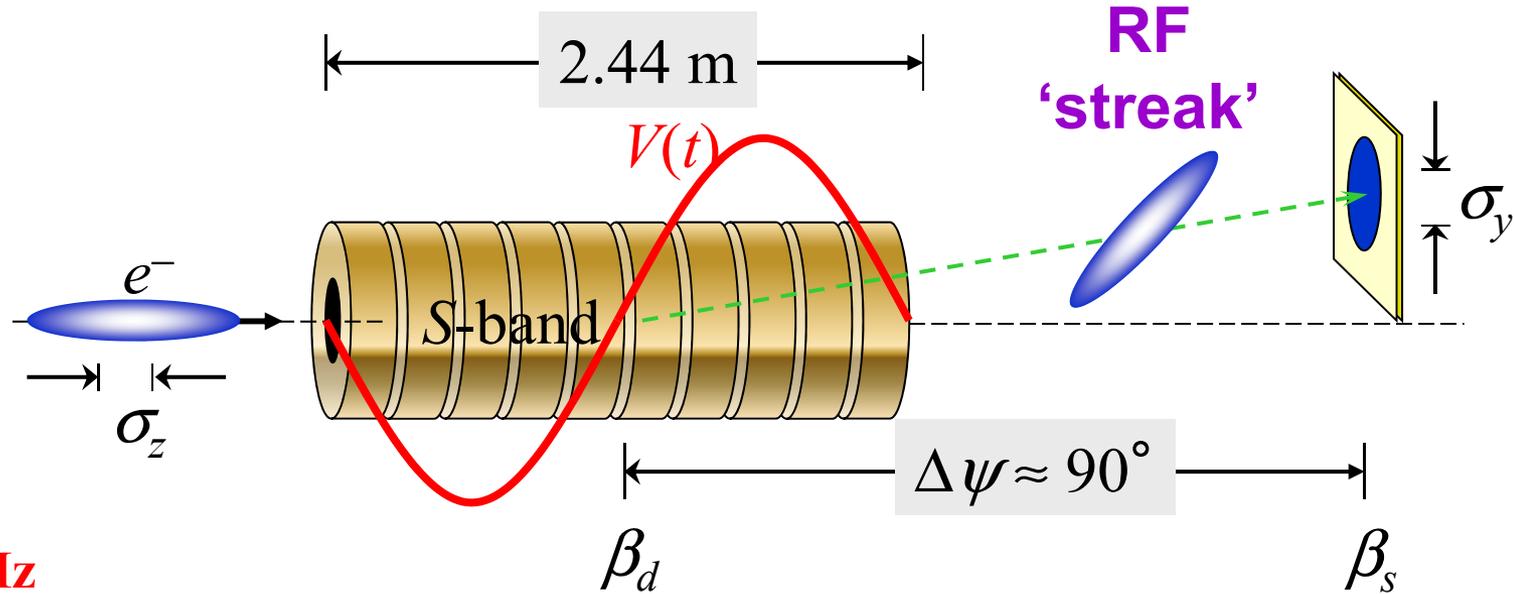
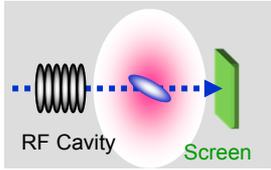


Diagnostic capabilities linked to beam optics

Disadvantage - destructive to electron beam



Transverse Deflector Cavity (TDC)



$V_0 > 20 \text{ MV}$
 $f_{\text{RF}} = 2856 \text{ MHz}$
 $E_s = 13.6 \text{ GeV}$

$$\sigma_y^2 = \sigma_{y0}^2 + \beta_d \beta_s \sigma_z^2 \left(\frac{k_{\text{RF}} e V_0}{E_s} \sin \Delta \psi \cos \phi \right)^2$$

- ❖ Map time axis on to transverse coordinate
- ❖ Simple **calibration** by scan of cavity **phase**

TDC @ LCLS, FLASH & SPARC

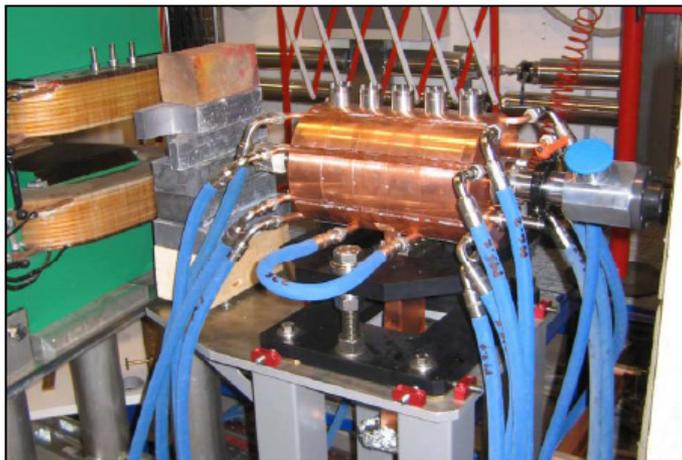
low-energy TW RF deflector @ LCLS



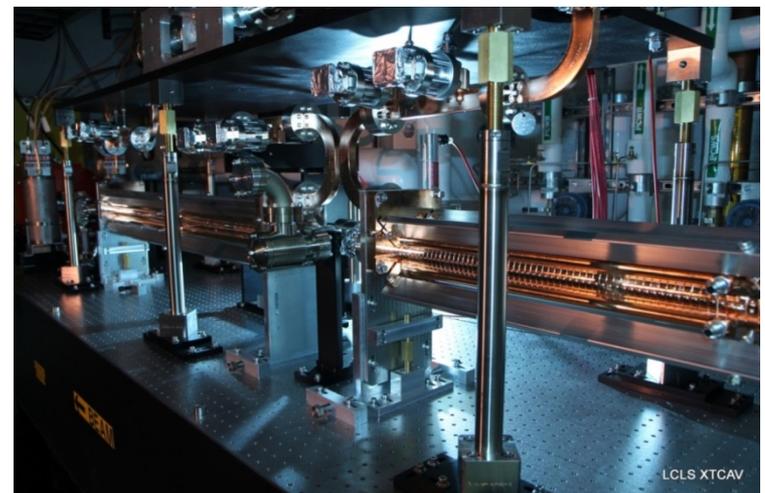
TW RF deflector @ FLASH



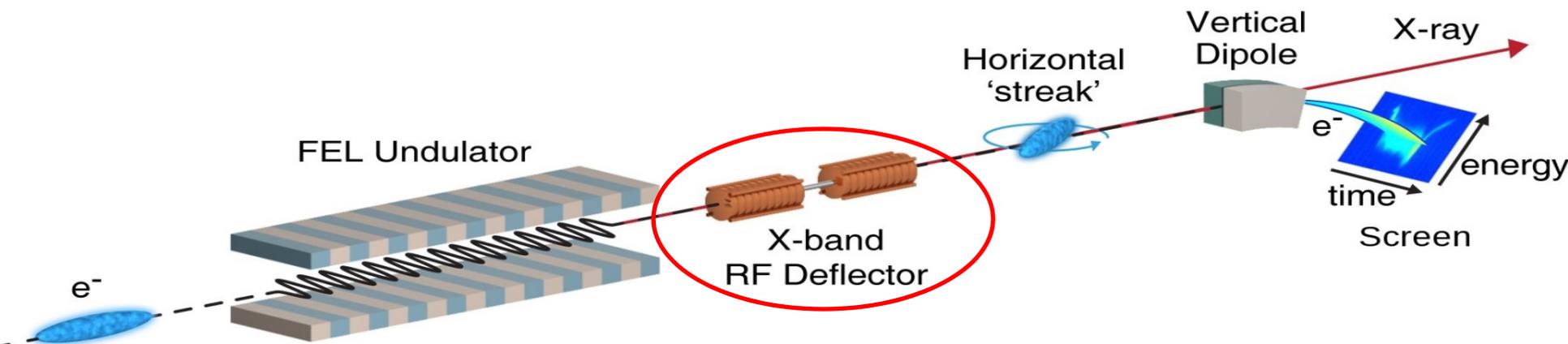
SW RF deflector @ SPARC



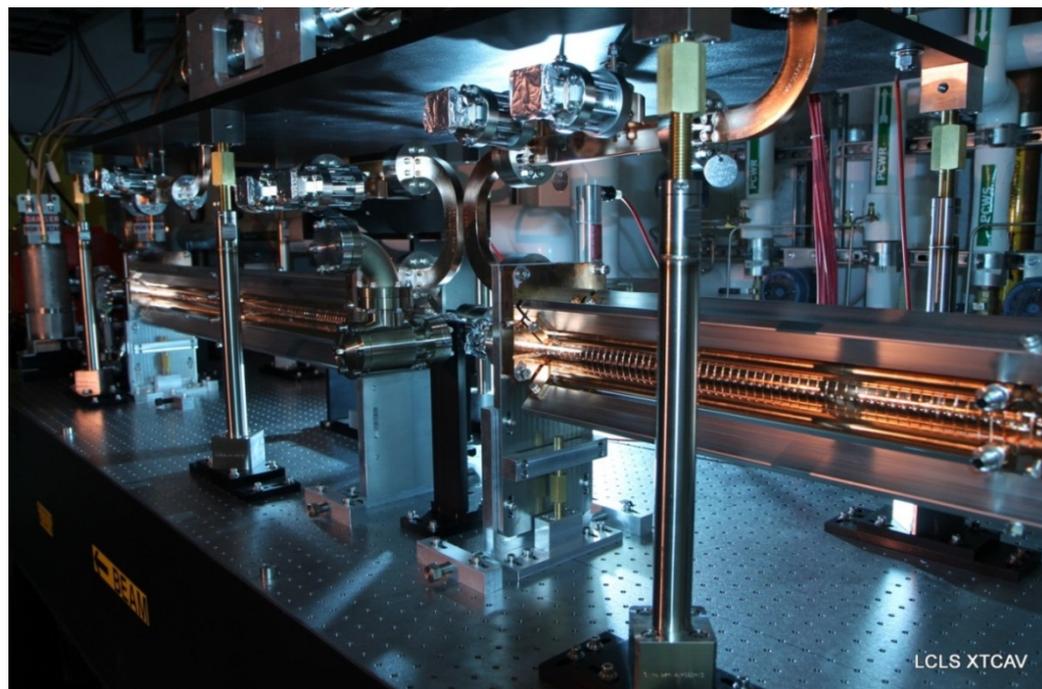
X-band TDC @ LCLS



LCLS: Horizontal XTCAV plus Vertical Spectrometer

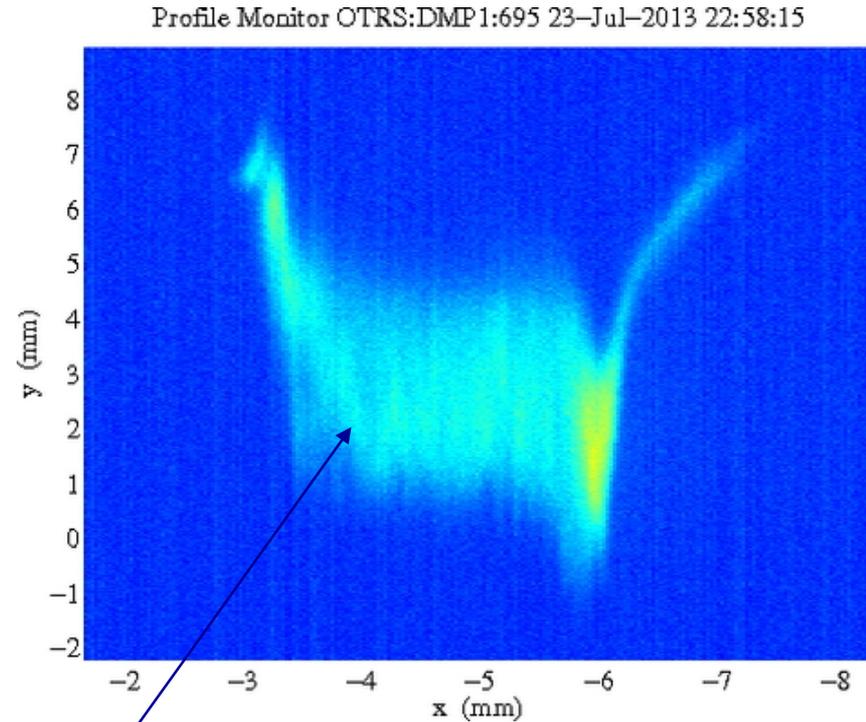
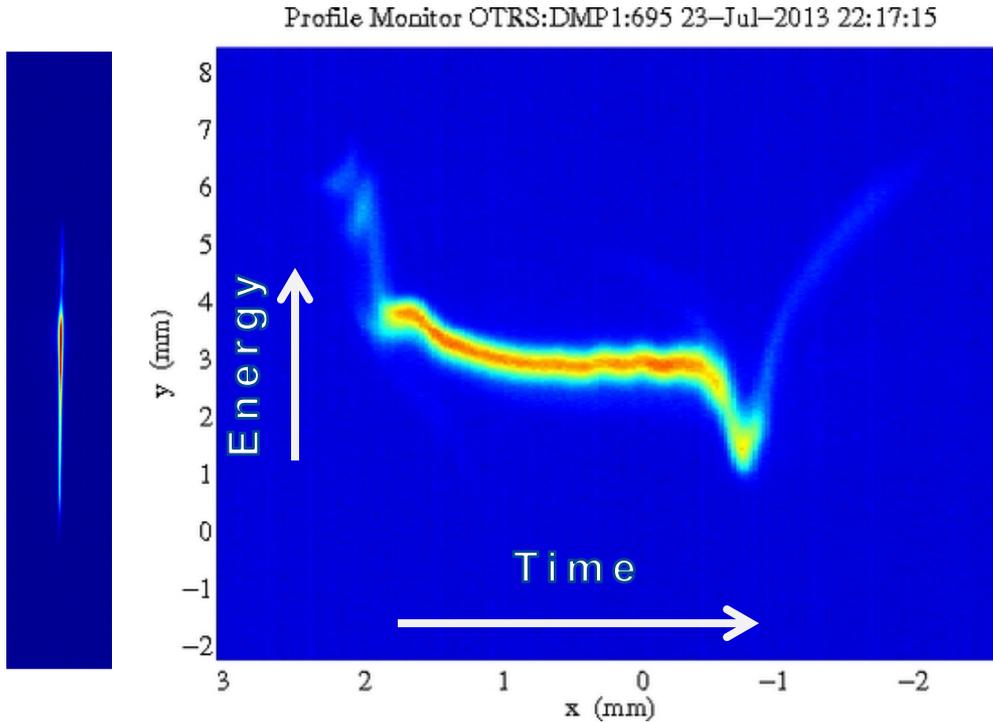


Imaging the temporal profile of the electron beam by **horizontally** streaking with an RF deflecting cavity and measuring the time-dependent energy via a **vertical** spectrometer.



FEL energy spectrum at 4.7GeV, 150pC

Three images at the electron dump spectrometer screen



XTCAV
Off

XTCAV On
FEL Suppressed
(baseline)

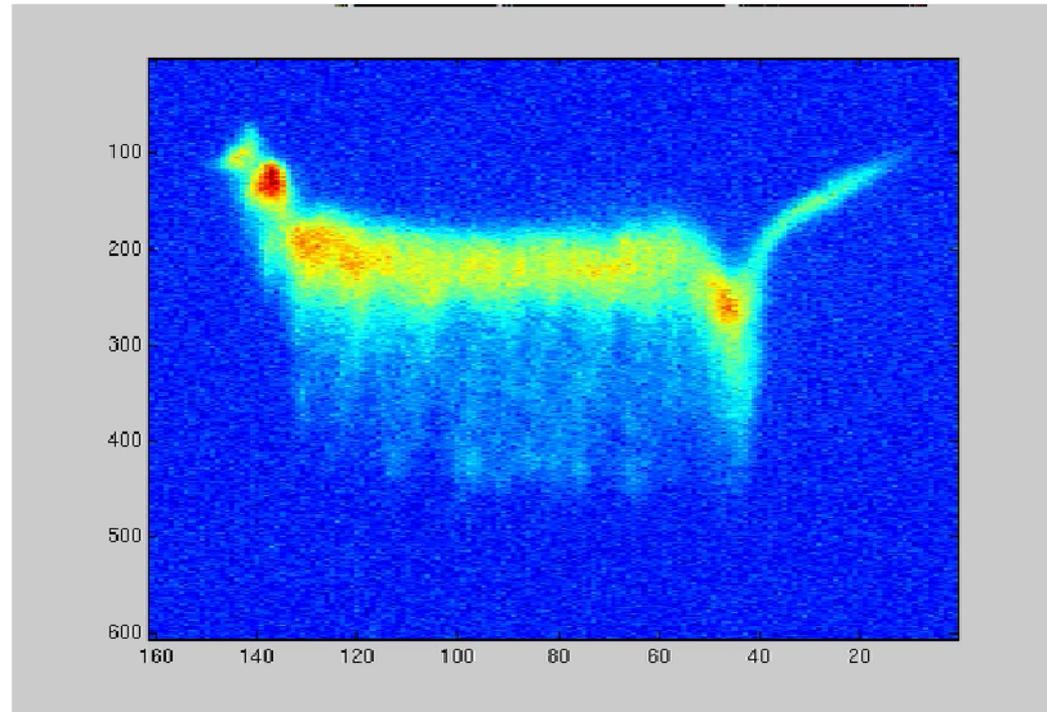
XTCAV On
FEL On
~1mJ FEL pulse energy

**Transfer of energy to photons causes
electron energy loss and spread**

3 new important features:

- Operates at 11.424 GHz
 - ⇒ 8 times better temporal resolution
 - 4 from shorter λ and 2 from V gradient
 - allows measurement of **slice emittance**
- Located downstream of the undulator
 - ⇒ cannot interfere with photon operation
 - Continuous **non-invasive** operation
 - Every shot analyzed at 120 Hz
- Reconstructs temporal profile of x-ray beam from e-loss profile of electrons

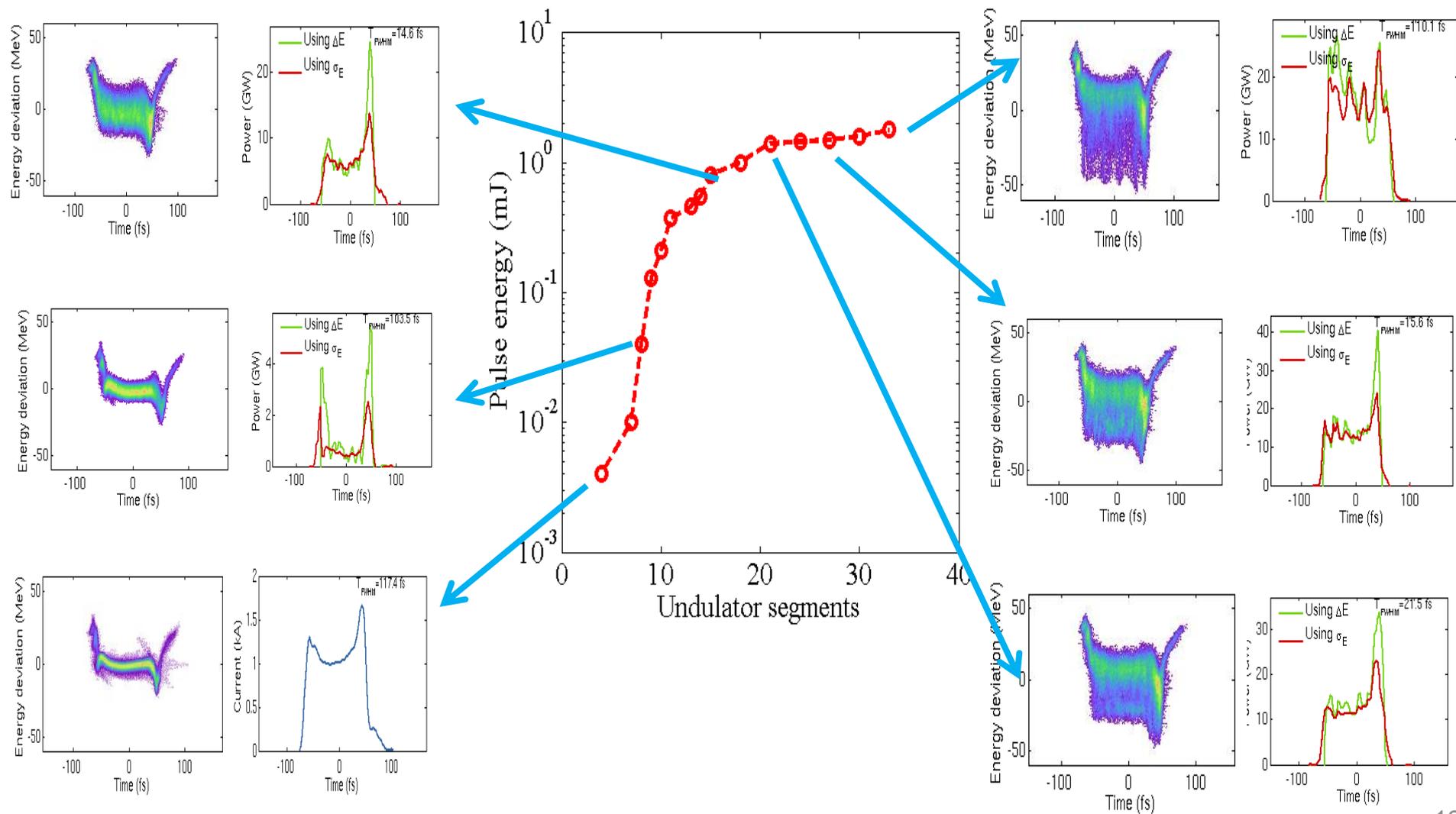
20 consecutive shots (1keV, 150pC)



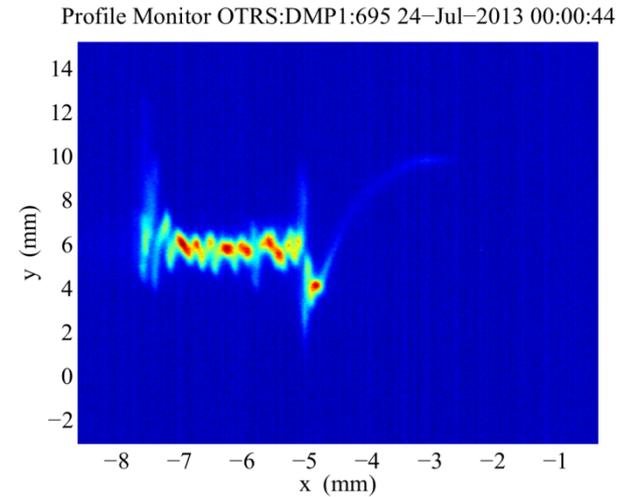
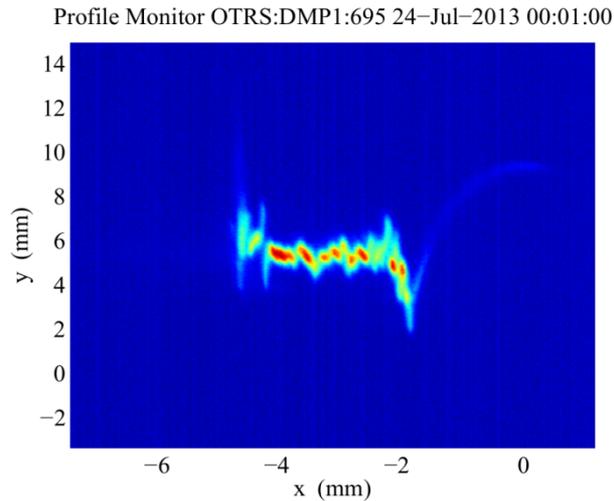
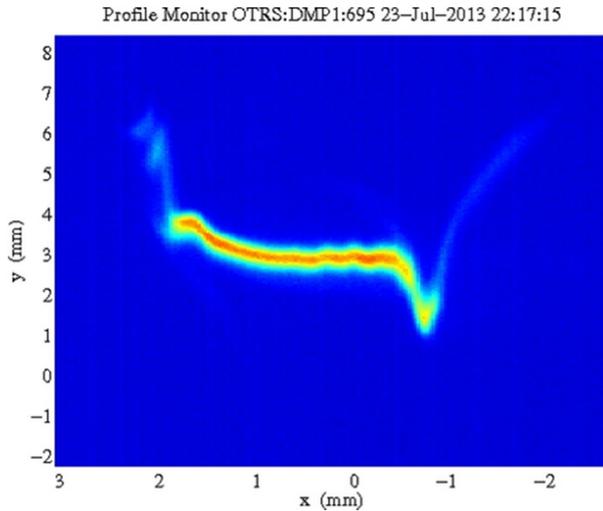
Demonstrated resolution of 0.8 ± 0.2 fs

Evolution of SASE along the FEL Power Gain Curve at 4.7GeV, 150pC (1keV)

FEL power gain curve



Direct Observation of Microbunching Instability with XTCAV



Decreasing gain on
the Laser Heater →

Class 2. “Radiative” Techniques

“Radiative” Techniques

General Methodology: Cause bunch to radiate coherently

$$\rho(t, x_0) \longrightarrow E_{\text{rad}}(t, x_0)$$

- emission response
- phase matching

‘Propagate’ to observation position $\longrightarrow E_{\text{rad}}(t, x)$

- Dispersion
- Attenuation
- Diffraction...

Measure spectrum, intensity time profile

$$|\tilde{E}_{\text{rad}}(\omega, x)|^2$$

$$E_{\text{env}}^2(t, x)$$

$$E_{\text{rad}}(t, x)$$

- detector response
- missing phase information *

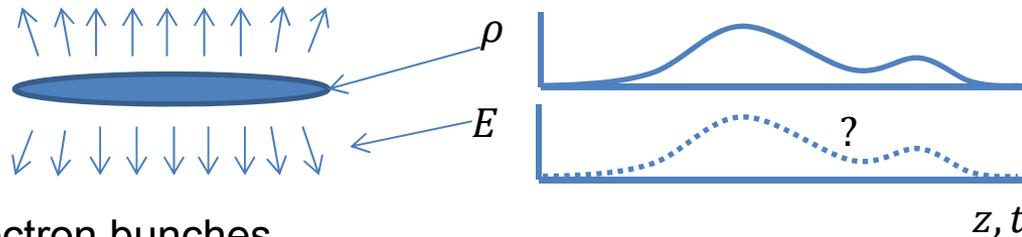
Infer charge density

Techniques & limitations:

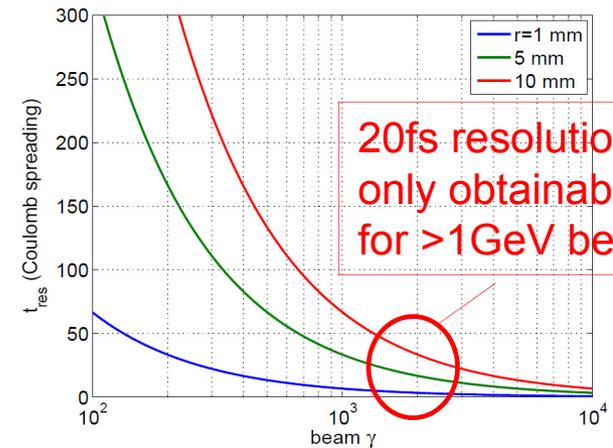
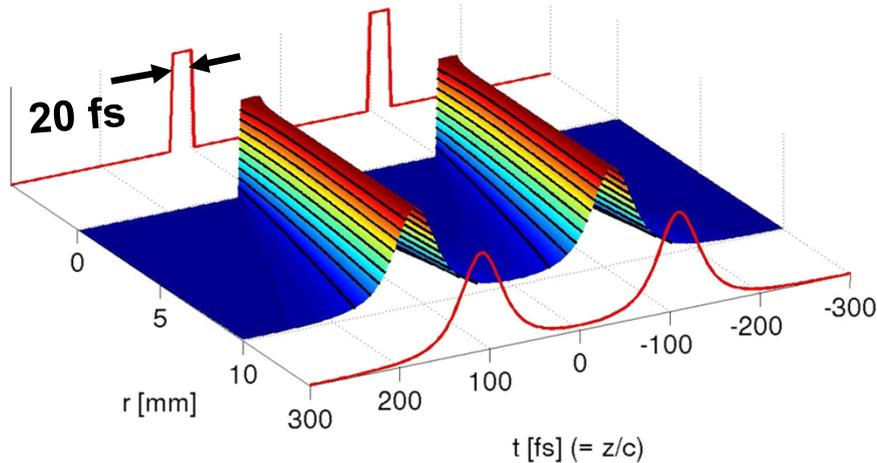
CSR/CTR :	propagation effects; detector response; missing phase
CDR :	as for CSR/CTR; plus emission response
Optical Replica:	emission response (? radiating undulator)
Electro-Optic:	detector response

Common Problem - Field at Source

Field radiated or probed is related to Coulomb field near the electron bunch



20fs electron bunches,
200fs separation, $\gamma=1000$



High γ is an advantage!

Time response & spectrum of field is dependent on spatial position, r :

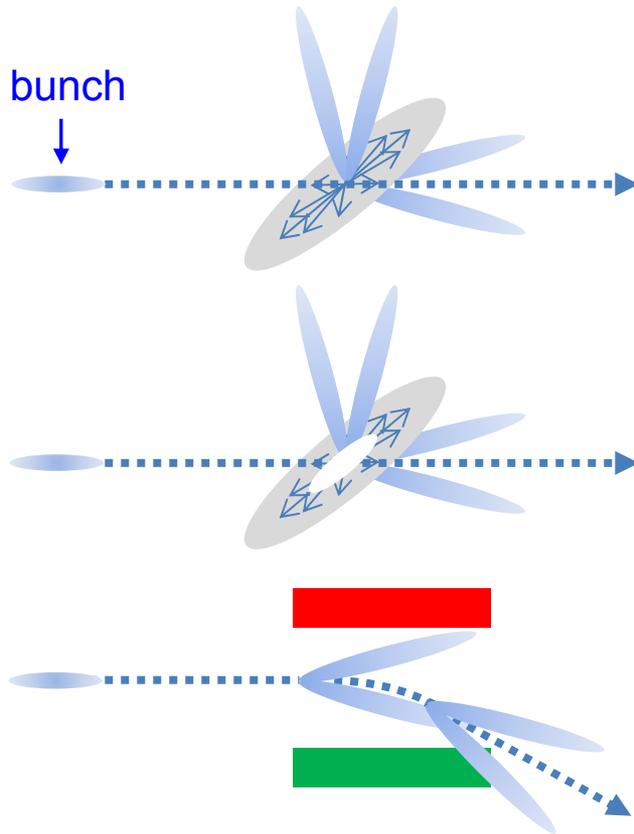
$$\delta t \sim 2r / c\gamma$$

⇒ ultrafast time resolution needs close proximity to bunch

(N.B. equally true of CTR, CDR, Smith-Purcell, Electro-Optic, etc.)

Spectral domain radiative techniques

Radiation emitted in forward/backward cones (not TEM₀₀ !)



Coherent Transition Radiation (CTR)

Bunch field sets up currents which re-radiate
Can think of as a reflection of the Coulomb field
“destructive”

Coherent Diffraction Radiation (CDR)

Similar to CTR but with a hole in angled screen
Can lose shorter wavelengths
Also Smith-Purcell radiation (SP) similar, but
extra complication due to interference

Coherent Synchrotron Radiation (CSR)

.. or “edge” version, CER
Need to divert the beam!

Bunch form factor $\Rightarrow F(\lambda) \equiv \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z) e^{-i \frac{2\pi z}{\lambda}} dz \right|^2 \Rightarrow$ mid-IR to far-IR spectrum (wide)

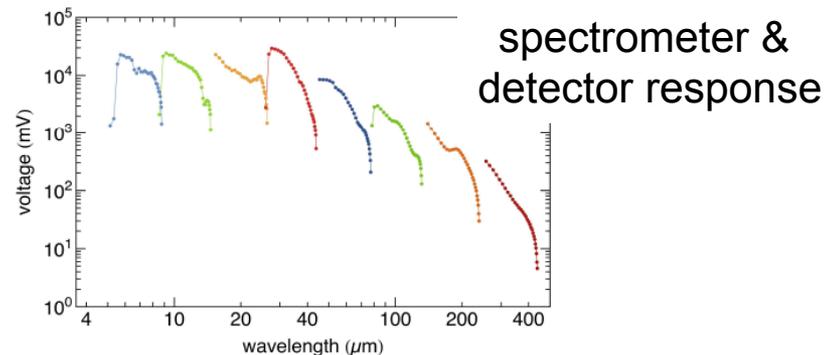
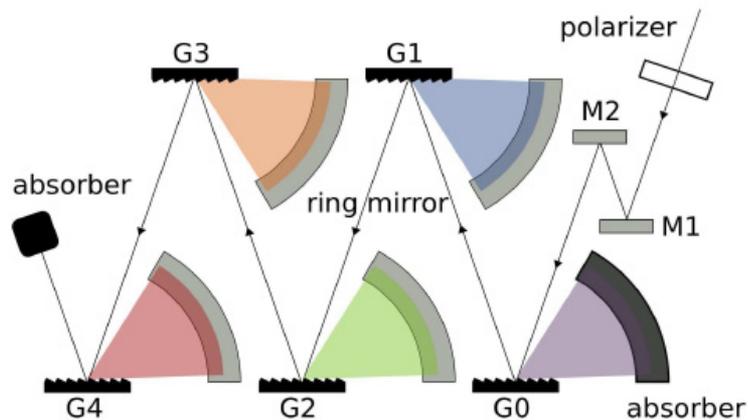
Usually only *spectrum* measured, but temporal measurements also possible (EO) ...

no direct detectors are fast enough!

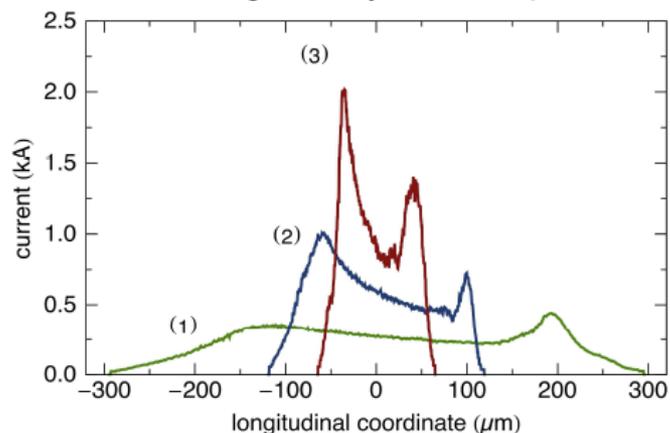
Good example: single-shot CTR spectrometer at DESY FLASH

cascaded dispersive grating elements, and pyroelectric detector arrays

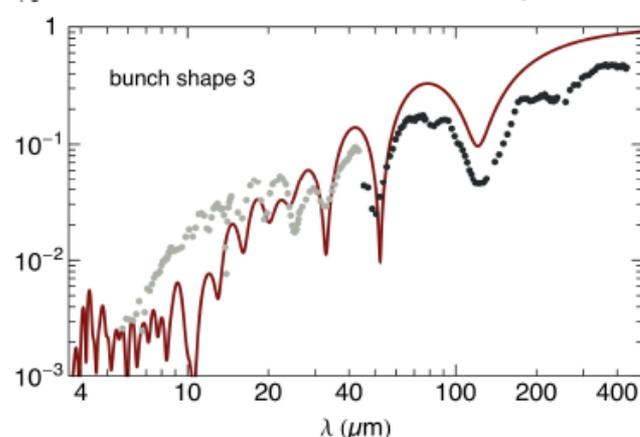
E. Hass et al., Proc. SPIE 8778, May 2013



Deflecting cavity bunch profiles



Measured & calculated spectra

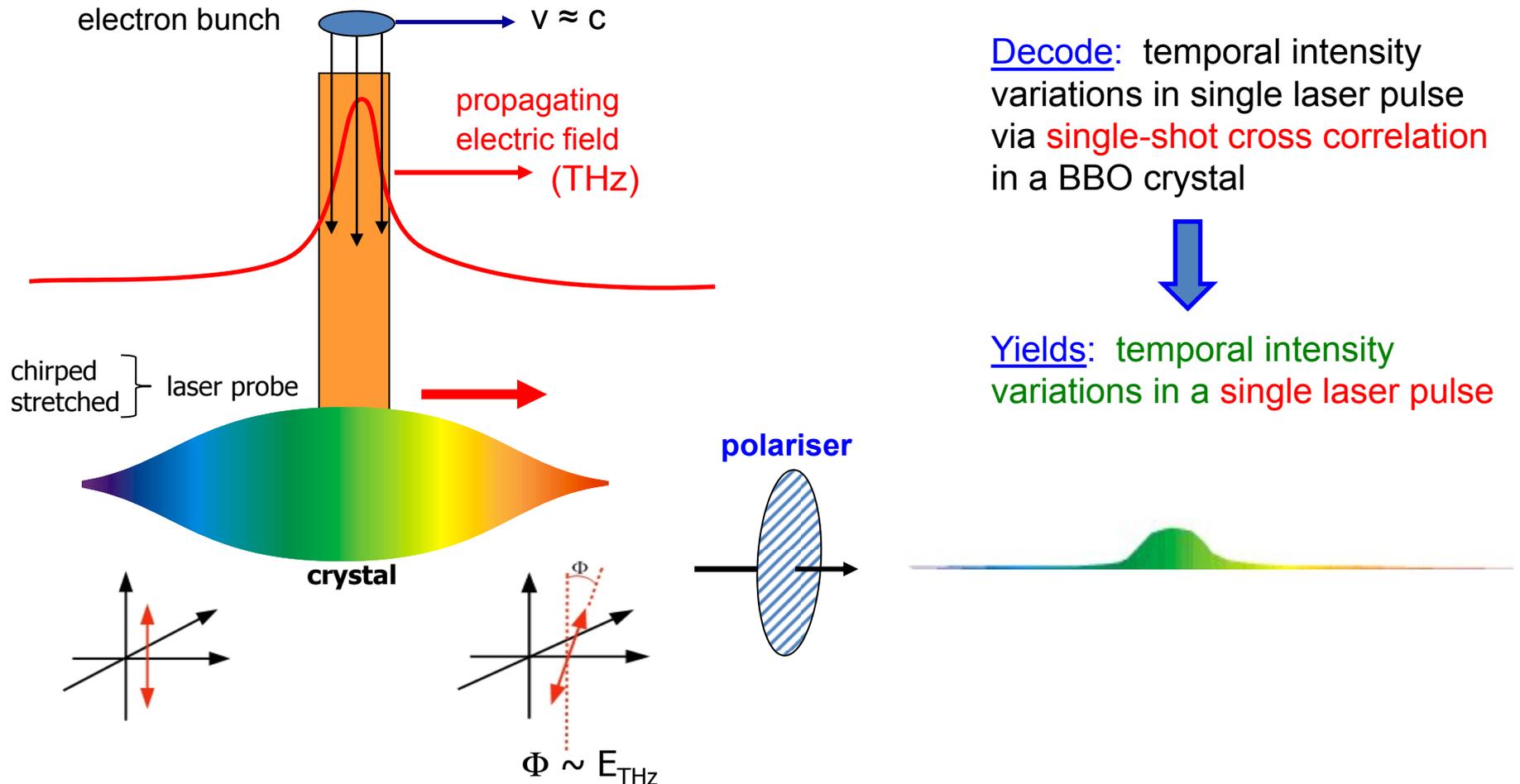


Similar concepts applied at HZDR ELBE facility (O. Zarini et al, LA³NET workshop, Dresden, April 2014) and at SLAC LCLS (T. J. Maxwell et al, PRL 111, 184801, 2013)

Concept of Electro-Optic profile diagnostic

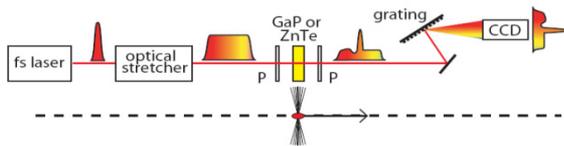
Principle: Convert Coulomb field of e-bunch into an optical intensity variation

Encode: Coulomb field on to an optical probe pulse - from Ti:Sa or fibre laser



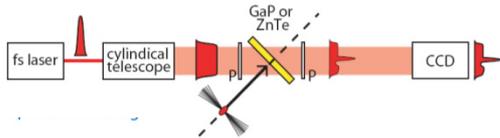
Range of Electro-Optic Techniques

Spectral Decoding



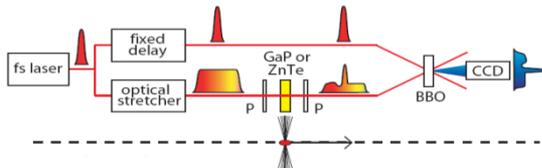
- Chirped optical input
- Spectral readout
- Use time-wavelength relationship

Spatial Encoding



- Ultrashort optical input
- Spatial readout (EO crystal)
- Use time-space relationship

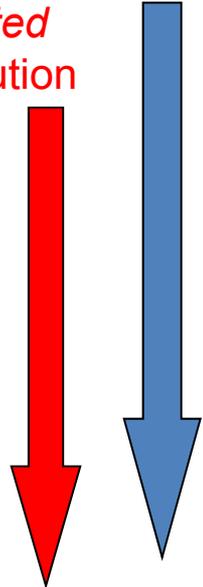
Temporal Decoding



- Long pulse + ultrashort pulse gate
- Spatial readout (cross-correlator crystal)
- Use time-space relationship

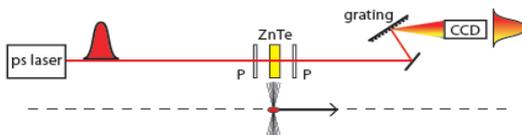
complexity / cost

demonstrated
time resolution



New Technique:

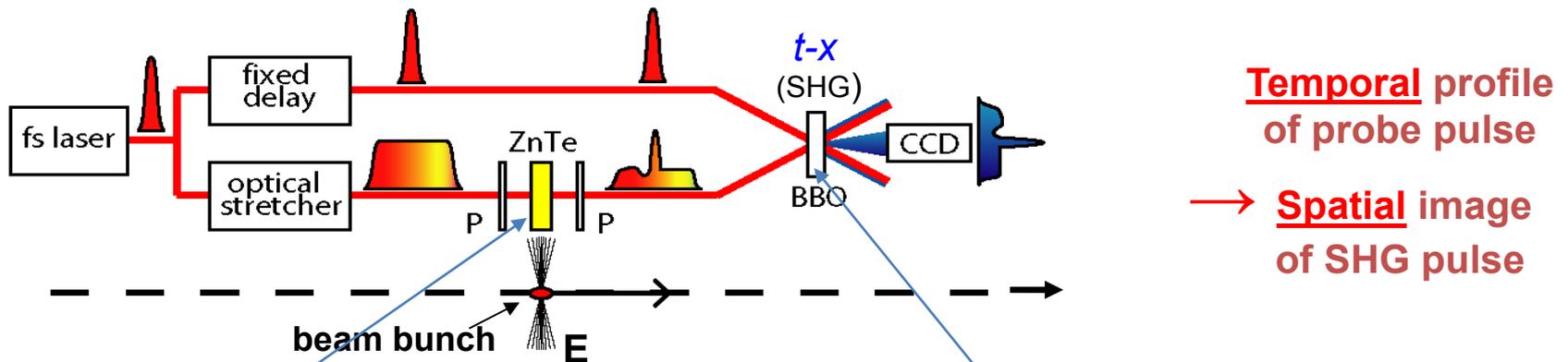
Spectral Upconversion / EO Transposition



- Simplified laser systems
- Quasi-monochromatic optical input (long pulse)
- Spectral readout
- Uses FROG-related techniques to recover bunch info

Single-shot Temporal Decoding (EOTD)

(currently gives best EO time resolution, circa 80 fs)



Thin EO crystal (ZnTe or GaP) produces a *optical temporal replica* of Coulomb field

Measure optical replica with $t-x$ mapping in 2nd Harmonic Generation (SHG)

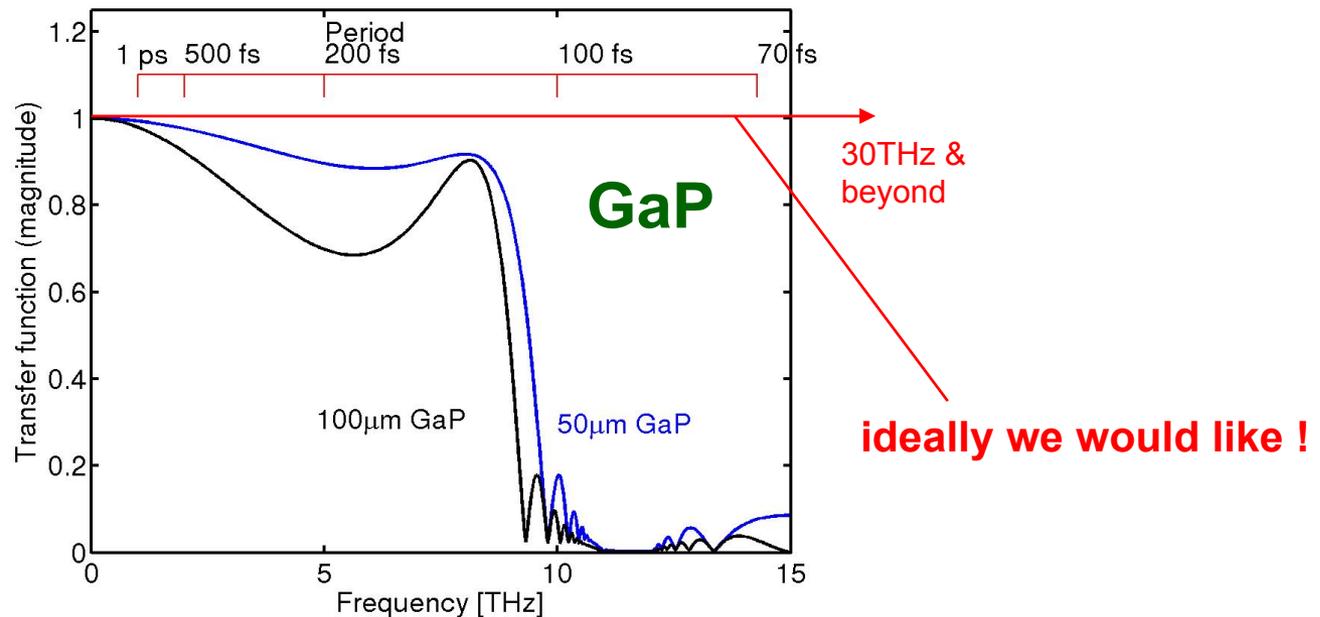
Stretched laser pulse leaving EO crystal measured using original short pulse via *single-shot cross correlation* in BBO crystal

Large (~1mJ) laser pulse energy required (via Ti:Sa amplifier, for example)

Fundamental Problem: Encoding Time Resolution

material frequency response, $R(\omega)$, of typical GaP crystal

1. velocity mismatch of Coulomb field and probe laser
2. frequency mixing efficiency, $\chi^{(2)}(\omega)$



May be soluble by:

1. Organic crystals (e.g. DAST, DSTMS, OH1) or poled polymeric materials
2. Artificially-created “**metamaterials**” under development at University of Dundee
- termed “**silver-glass nanocomposites**”

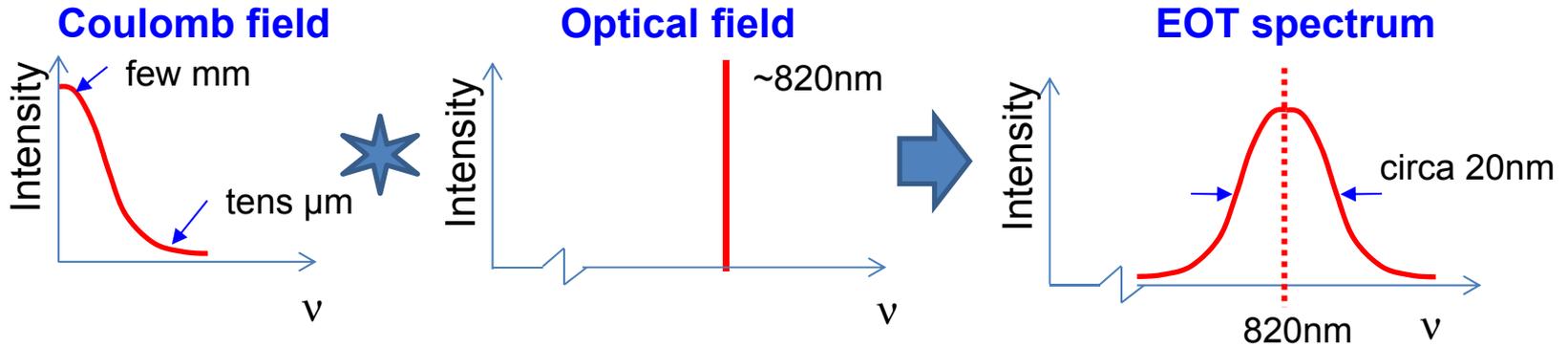
EO Transposition

A more rigorous description of the EO effect is nonlinear frequency mixing

⇒ sum & difference frequencies between laser & THz generated within crystal

Frequency Domain

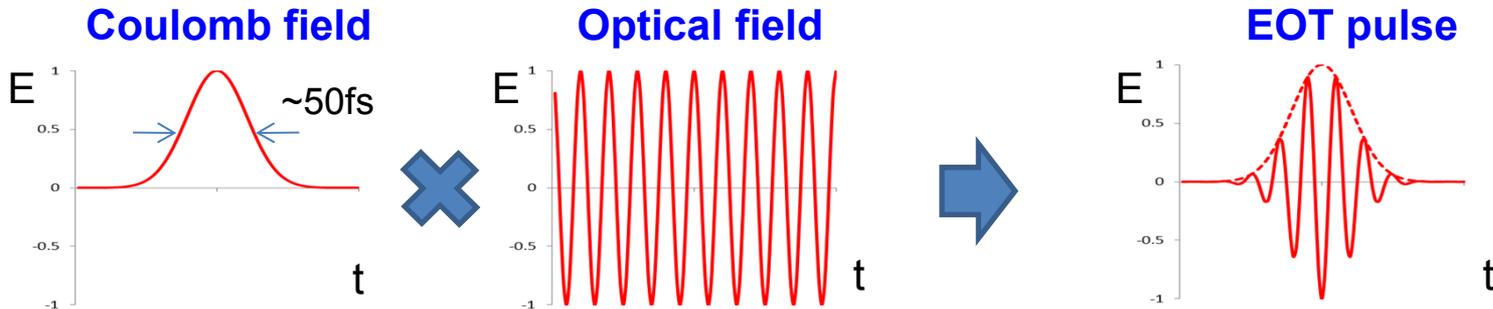
$$\tilde{E}_{\text{out}}^{\text{opt}}(\omega) = \tilde{E}_{\text{in}}^{\text{opt}}(\omega) + i\omega a \tilde{E}_{\text{in}}^{\text{opt}}(\omega) * \left[\tilde{E}^{\text{Coul}}(\omega) \tilde{R}(\omega) \right]$$



$$E_{\text{out}}^{\text{opt}}(t) = E_{\text{in}}^{\text{opt}}(t) + a \left[\underbrace{E^{\text{Coul}}(t) * R(t)}_{\text{envelope}} \right] \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} E_{\text{in}}^{\text{opt}}(t)}_{\text{optical field}}$$

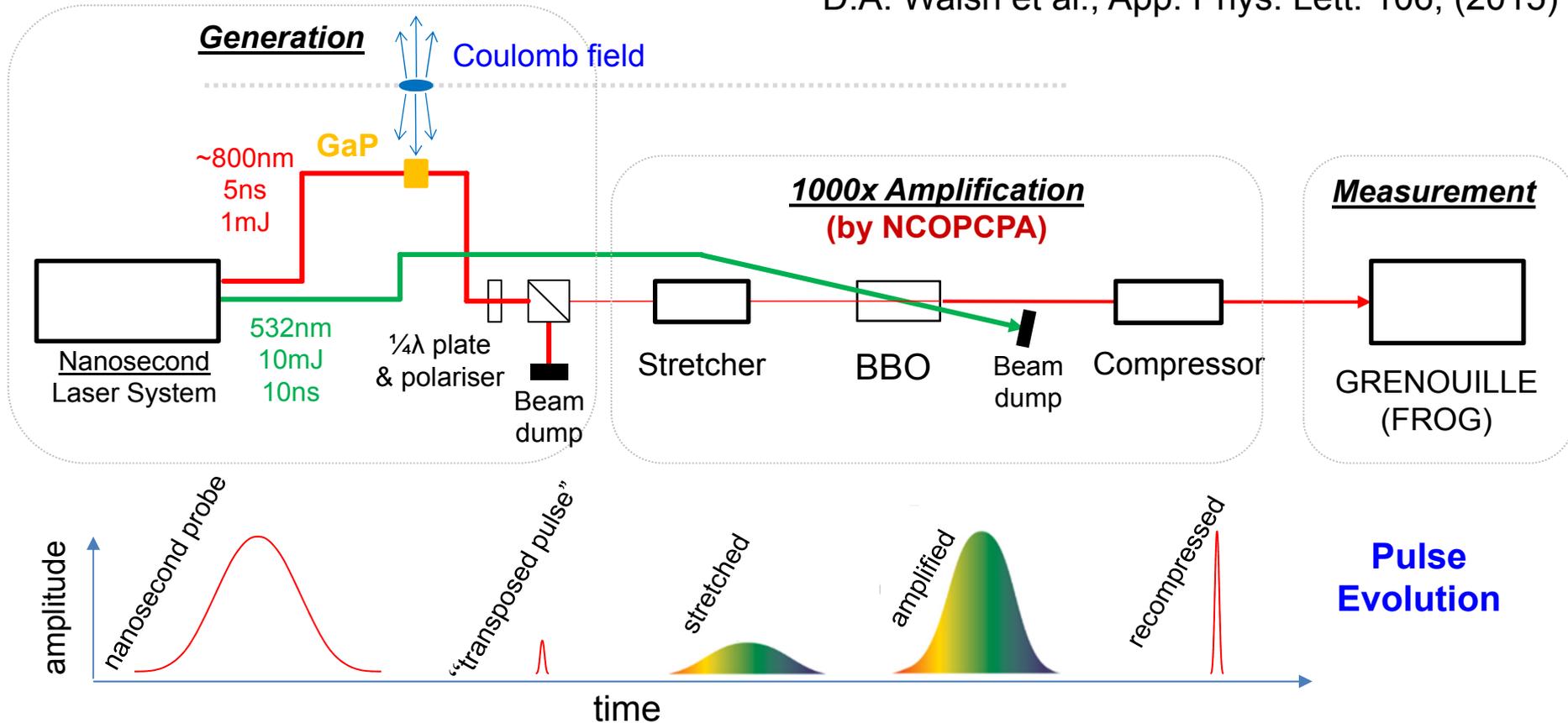
S. P. Jamison et al. Opt. Lett. **31** 1753 (2006)

Time Domain



EO Transposition System (2014-15)

D.A. Walsh et al., App. Phys. Lett. 106, (2015)



1. Nanosecond laser-derived single-frequency probe brings reliability
2. "Electro-Optic Transposition" of probe encodes temporal profile
3. *Non-collinear optical parametric chirped pulse amplification (NCOPCPA)* amplifies signal
4. Full spectral amplitude and phase measured via FROG technique
5. Coulomb field, and hence bunch profile, calculated via time-reversed propagation of pulse

Characterisation of Transposed Pulse

Considerations: Needs to be **single shot, unambiguous, and for low pulse energy**

Solution: **Grenouille** (frequency resolved optical gating), a **standard and robust** optical diagnostic

Retrieves spectral intensity and phase from spectrally resolved autocorrelation

What we want to know

$$E(t) = \text{Re} \left(\sqrt{I(t)} e^{i(\omega_0 t - \phi(t))} \right)$$

“Carrier” frequency

Can't measure

<-Fourier->

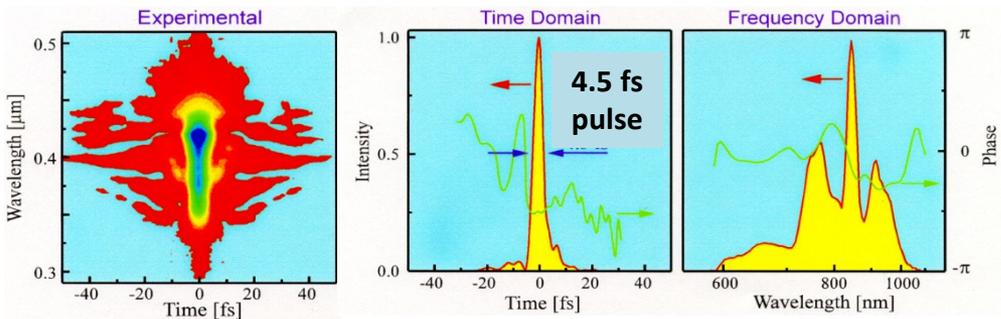
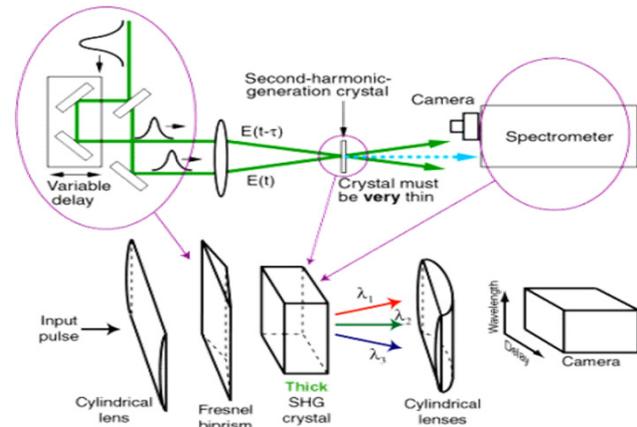
$$\tilde{E}(\omega) = \sqrt{S(\omega)} e^{-i\varphi(\omega)}$$

Spectrum

Spectral Phase

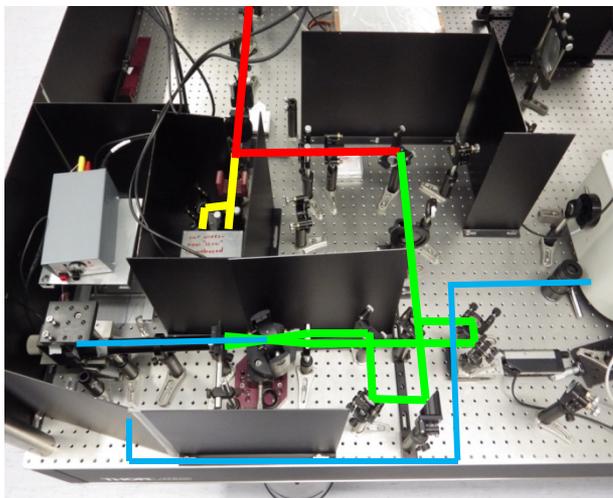
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$$I(\omega, t) \propto \left| \int E(t) E(t - \tau) e^{-i\omega t} dt \right|^2$$



- Most sensitive “auto gating” measurement
- Self-gating avoids timing issues (no need for a femtosecond laser)
- Requires minimum pulse energy of ~1 μJ

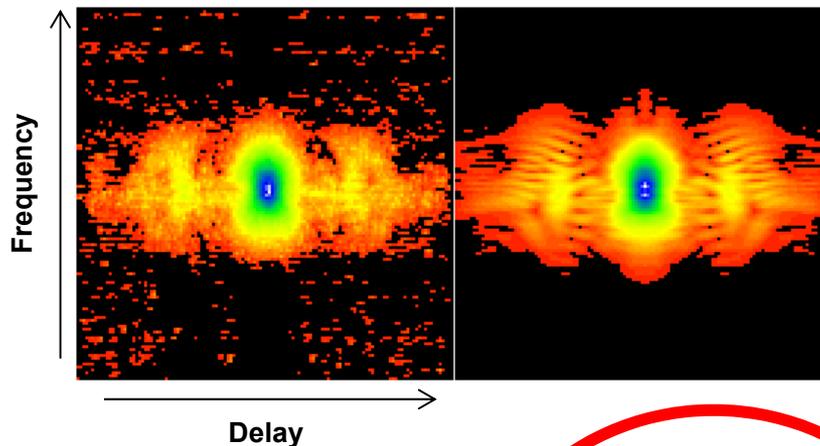
FROG Measurement



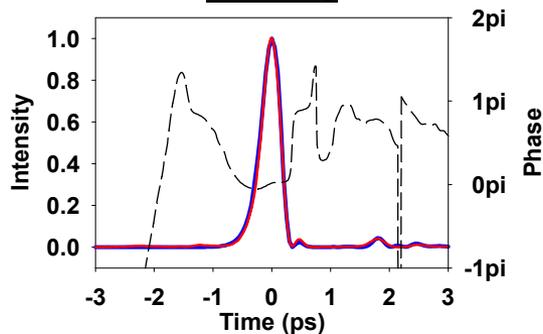
PCO dicam pro ICCD camera
 256x frame integration
 30x software averaging

Experimental Spectrogram

Recovered Spectrogram

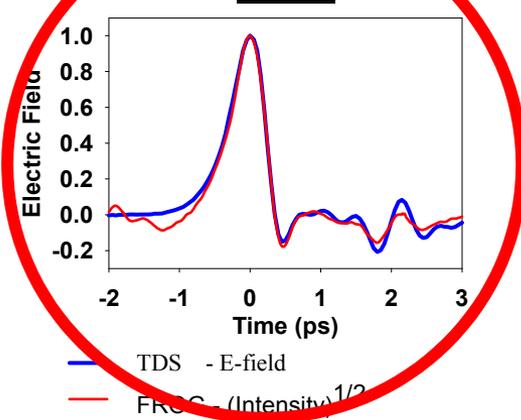


Intensity



— TDS - $|E\text{-field}|^2$
 — FROG - Intensity envelope
 - - FROG - Phase

E-field



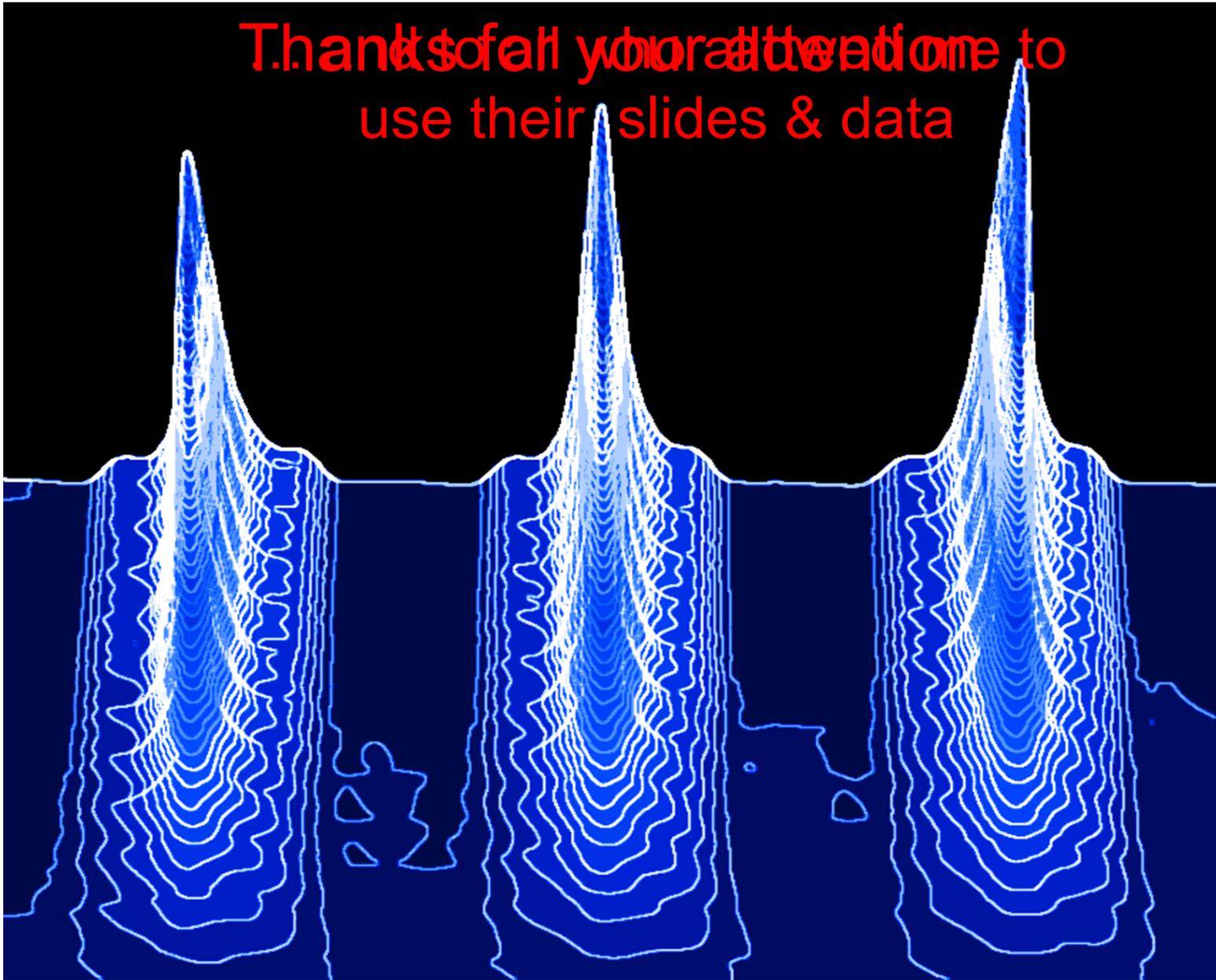
— TDS - E-field
 — FROG - $(\text{Intensity})^{1/2}$

0.55 ps pulse measured with a 10 ps transform limited probe!

Summary of ultra-short bunch techniques

- **Transverse deflection cavity / zero crossing**
 - <5 fs resolution capability, in principle
 - large infrastructure for high energies
 - destructive techniques, in general
- **Radiative spectral techniques**
 - demonstrated with extreme broadband & single-shot capability
 - empirical tune-up, stabilisation problems
- **Electro-optic upconversion / transposition**
 - converts extreme broadband signal into manageable optical signal
 - partially limited by materials and optical characterisation
 - solution in alternative materials (?) and in FROG-like techniques
 - non-destructive and compact techniques (can be retro-fitted)
 - can approach 1-10 fs capability in principle

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1. Publications from our group

[Role of misalignment-induced angular chirp in the electro-optic detection of THz waves](#)

D. A. Walsh, M. J. Cliffe, R. Pan, E. W. Snedden, D. M. Graham, W. A. Gillespie and S. P. Jamison
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Kramers-Kronig Phase Reconstruction

$$|\tilde{E}_{\text{det}}(\omega)|^2 \propto |\tilde{E}_{\text{source}}(\omega)|^2 T(\omega, \gamma, \dots)$$

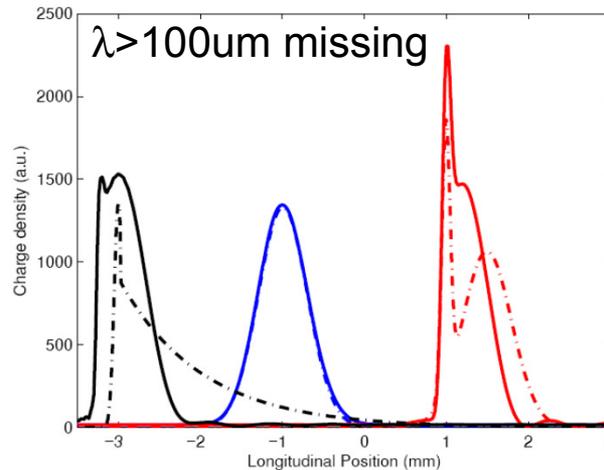
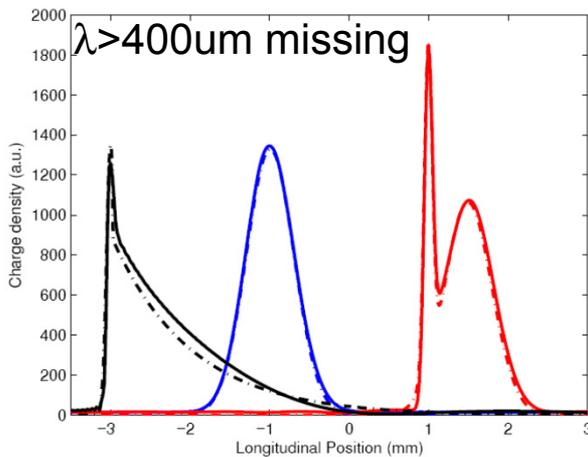
Transfer function must be known (from calculation or experiment)

phase to be inferred (via K-K relations)

$$\tilde{E}_{\text{source}}(\omega, \underline{x}) \propto \int \rho(t, \underline{x}) e^{i\omega t} dt$$

Missing data & incorrect calibration
can influence results

Always have very long wavelengths missing! (diffraction)



--- original
— reconstructed

O. Grimm, P. Schmuser
Tesla-FEL 2006-04

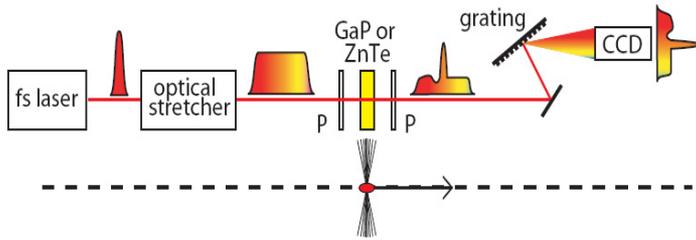
**Solution for phase
not unique:**

Retrieves the “minimum”
phase only
e.g. could not retrieve a
chirped pulse

Without other information
(accel phys simulation?)
leaves uncertainty
in reliability of profile

Spectral Decoding (EOSD)

Attractive simplicity for low time resolution measurements e.g. injector diagnostics



Rely on t - λ relationship of input pulse for interpreting output optical spectrum.

Resolution limits come from the fact that the EO-generated optical field doesn't have the same t - λ relationship

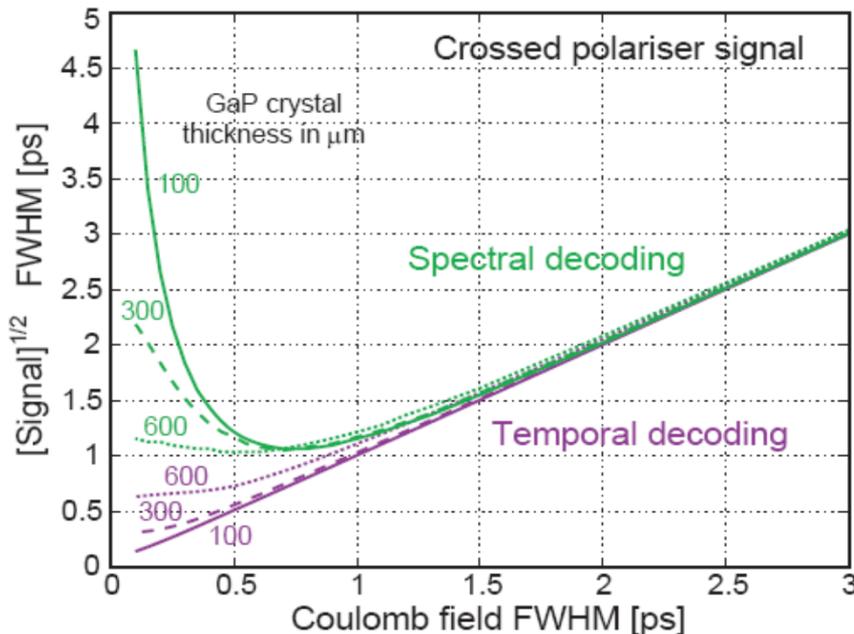
temporal resolution limits:

EOSD limited by chirp

Can relate to FWHM durations...

$$\tau_{\text{lim}} = \sqrt{12\pi\beta}$$

$$\tau_{\text{lim}} = 2.61\sqrt{T_0 T_c} \quad ; \text{ for a Gaussian pulse}$$



Conclusion:
Unlikely to get better than 1.0 ps (FWHM) with Spectral Decoding

General status of electro-optic systems

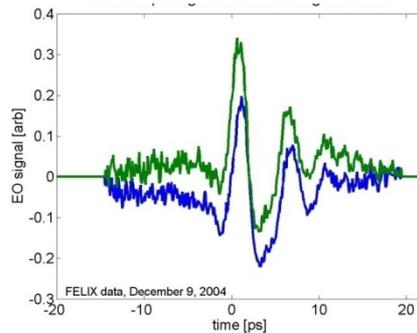
Many demonstrations...

- Accelerator Bunch profile - FLASH, FELIX, SLAC, SLS, ALICE, FERMI
- Laser Wakefield experiments - CLF, MPQ, Jena, Berkley, ...
- Emitted EM (CSR, CTR, FEL) - FLASH, FELIX, SLS, ...

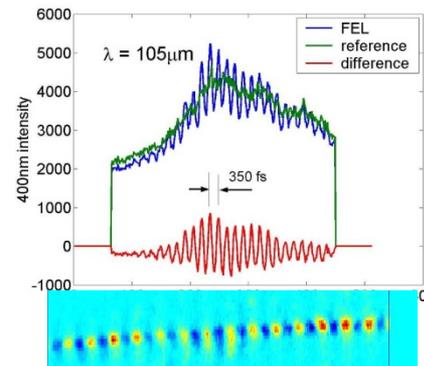
Temporal Decoding @FLASH



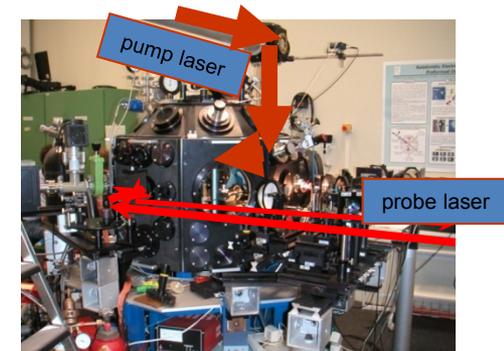
CSR @FELIX



Mid-IRFEL lasing @FELIX



Laser Wakefield @ M-P Garching



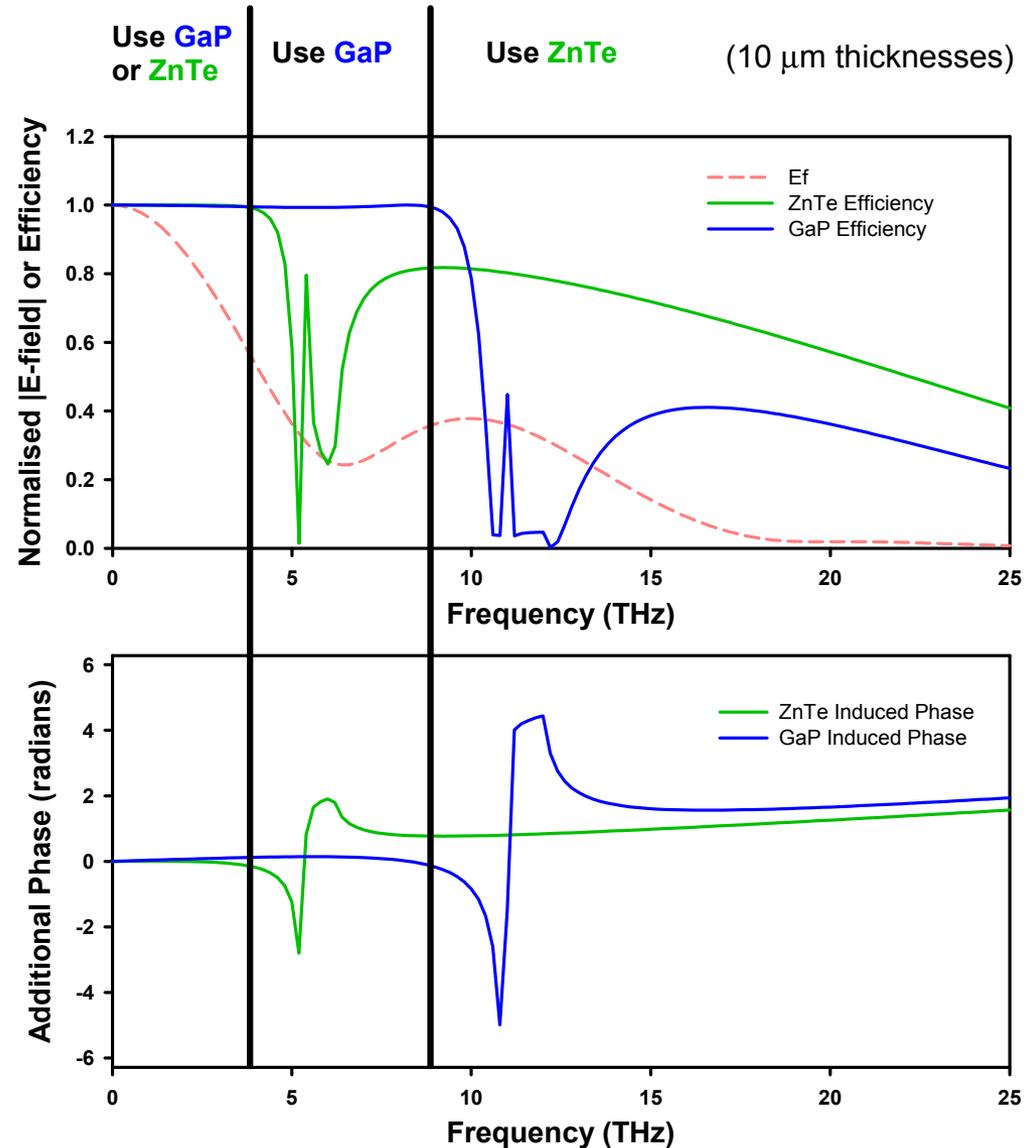
Few facility implementations: remaining as experimental / demonstration systems

- Complex & temperamental laser systems
- Time resolution “stalled” at ~100fs

Spectral Compositing of Multiple Crystals

- Phasematching not the whole story
 - Dips caused by absorption near phonons
 - Phase distortions near absorptions become very large
 - Distortions in $\chi^{(2)}$ near absorptions
- Discard data around the absorption lines
- Fill in the blanks with different crystals

In theory seems sound.
Not yet demonstrated.



EO Temporal Resolution Limitations

EO transposition scheme is now **limited by materials**

- Phase matching and absorption bands in ZnTe & GaP
- Other materials are of interest, such as **DAST or poled polymers**, but there are questions over their **lifetime** in accelerator environments

Collaborative effort with MAPS group at the University of Dundee on development of **novel EO materials**

- Potential to produce a significant enhancement of nonlinear processes through embedded **metallic nanoparticles**
- THz field induced second harmonic **TFISH** enhancement being investigated.
- **Surface nonlinear effects ...**

A key property of the EO Transposition scheme may be exploited

- FROG (Grenouille) retrieves the **spectral amplitude and phase**
- At frequencies away from absorptions etc. the spectrum should still be faithfully retrieved
- Potential to **run two, “tried and tested”, crystals** with complementary response functions side by side to **record FULL spectral information!**

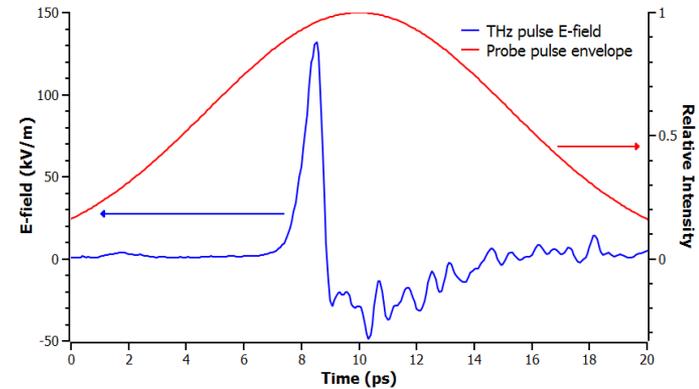
Transposed Pulse Measurements

Input pulses

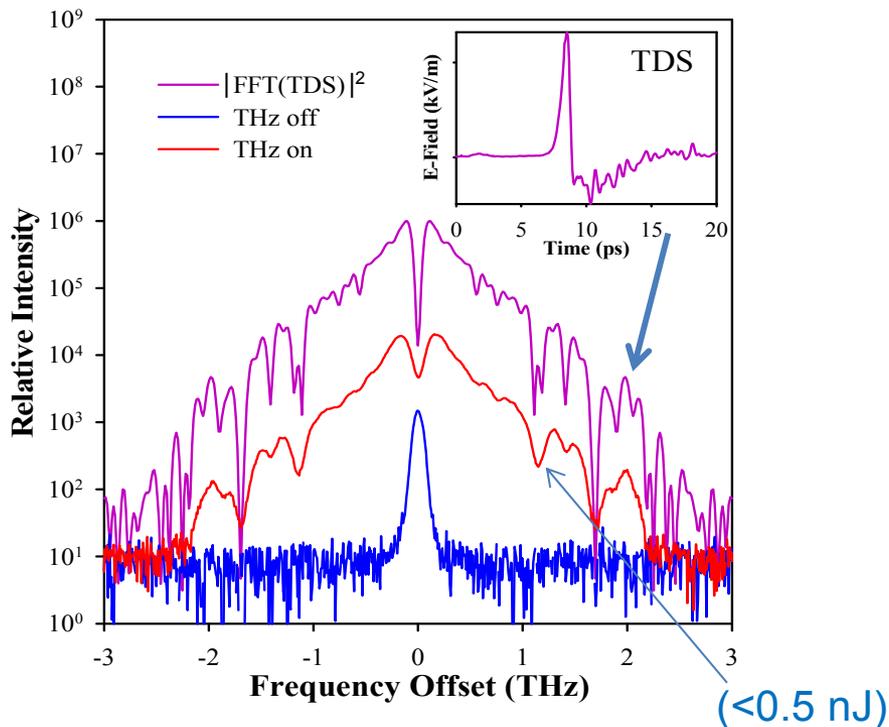
Optical probe length $\Delta t \sim 10$ ps

Optical probe energy $S \sim 28$ nJ

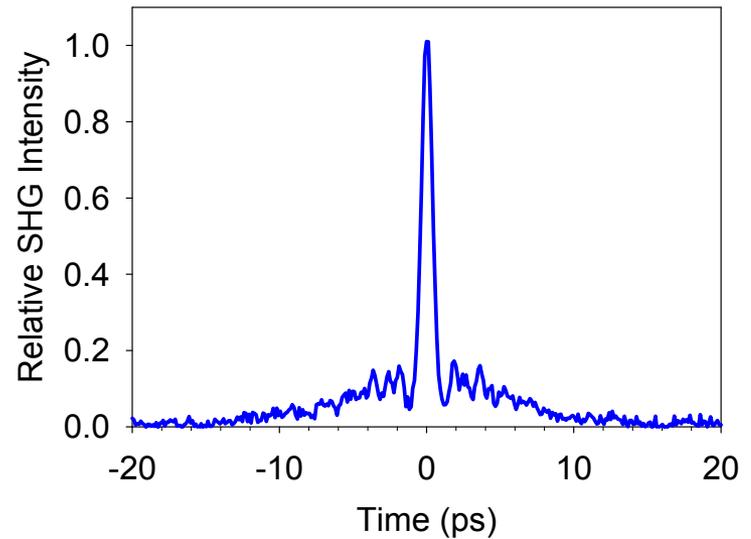
THz field strength $E \sim 132$ kV/m



Spectral Measurement

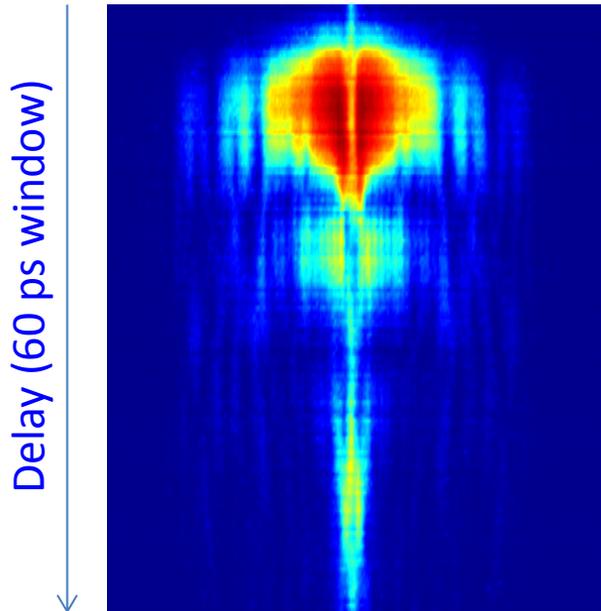
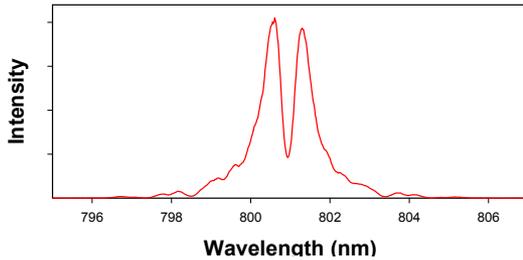


Autocorrelation

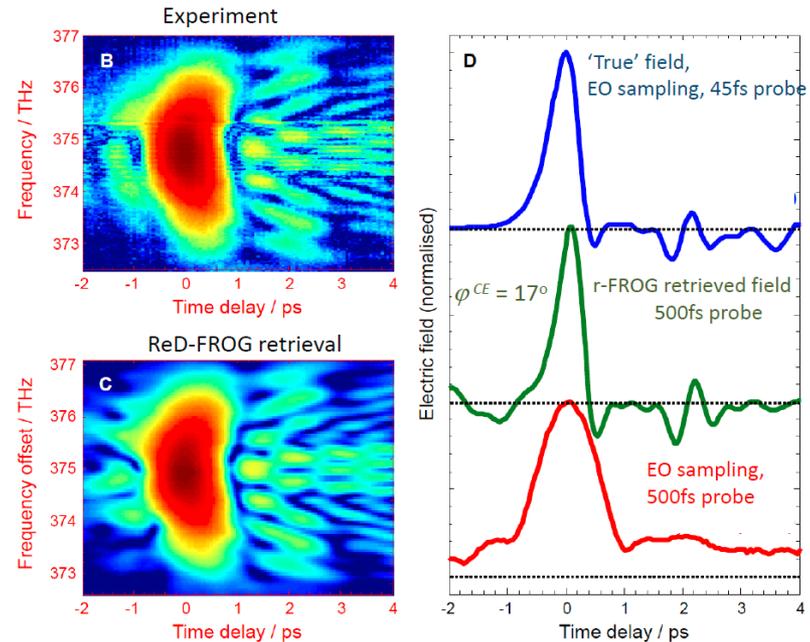


New THz Measurement Scheme (an absolute phase FROG!)

- This is a FROG where both SFG and DFG mechanisms are present and spectrally overlap.
- A FROG algorithm was modified to account for this.
- Essentially, the interference pattern between SFG and DFG in the trace reveals the absolute phase.



This looks like a spectrogram!



Theory extended to optical pulses and is being published ([arXiv:1501.04864](https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.04864) [physics.optics])