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**Inverse Free-Electron-Laser based Inverse Compton  
Scattering: an All-Optical 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Light Source**

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# UCLA-RadiaBeam-BNL Collaboration

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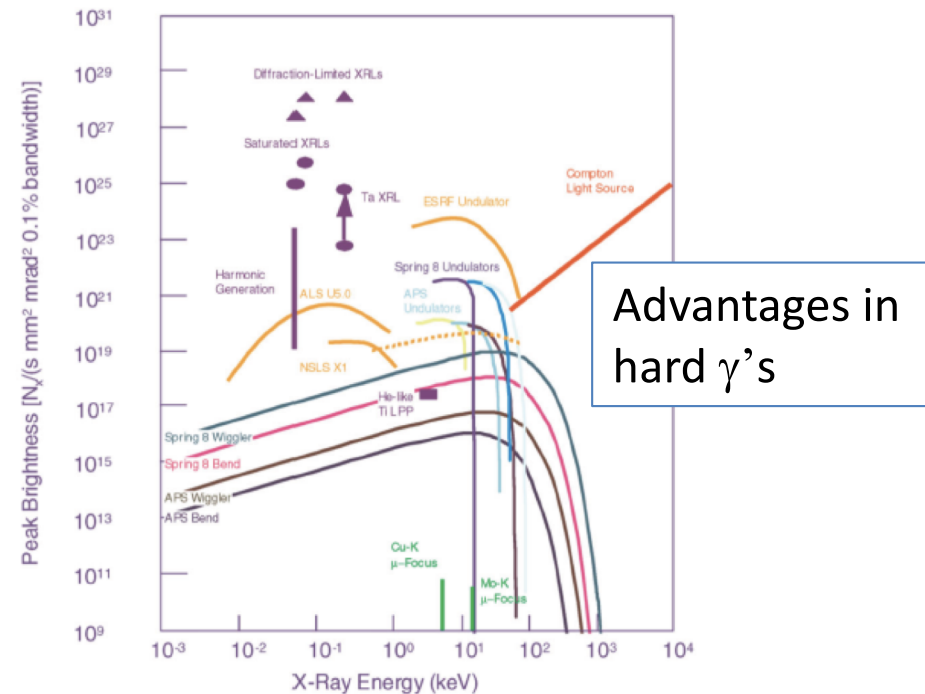
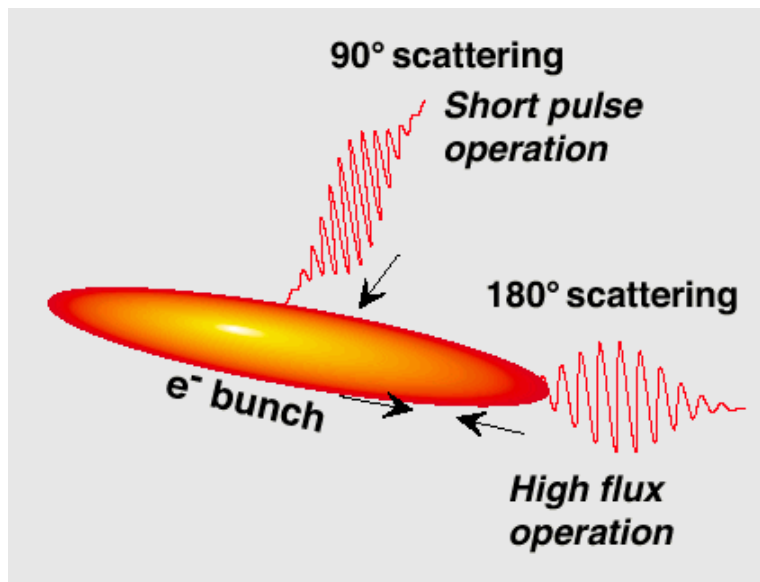
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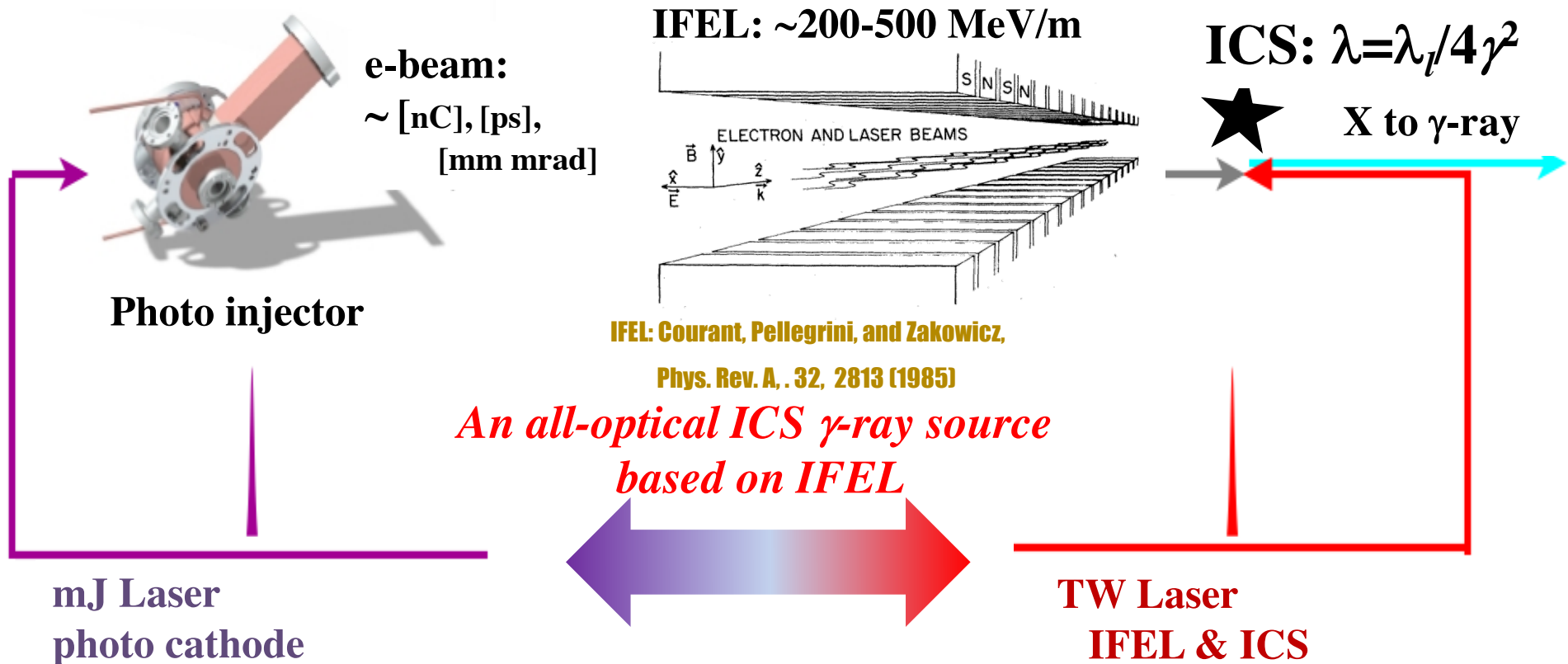
# keV-to-MeV Photon Production: Inverse Compton Scattering (ICS)

- Collision of *relativistic* electron beam bunch with intense laser pulse
- Source is directional, *ultra-fast* – to sub-100 fs
- Scattered light is *quasi-monochromatic*
- **Tunable wavelength** (relativistic Doppler, like FEL)
- Many new projects worldwide (*e.g.* ELI-NP)
  - Combined with novel e- accelerators: **5<sup>th</sup> generation light sources**

$$\lambda_{sc} \approx \lambda_L / 4\gamma^2$$



# UCLA-BNL ATF project *RUBICONICS*: Compact $\gamma$ -ray source enabled by lasers and electron beams

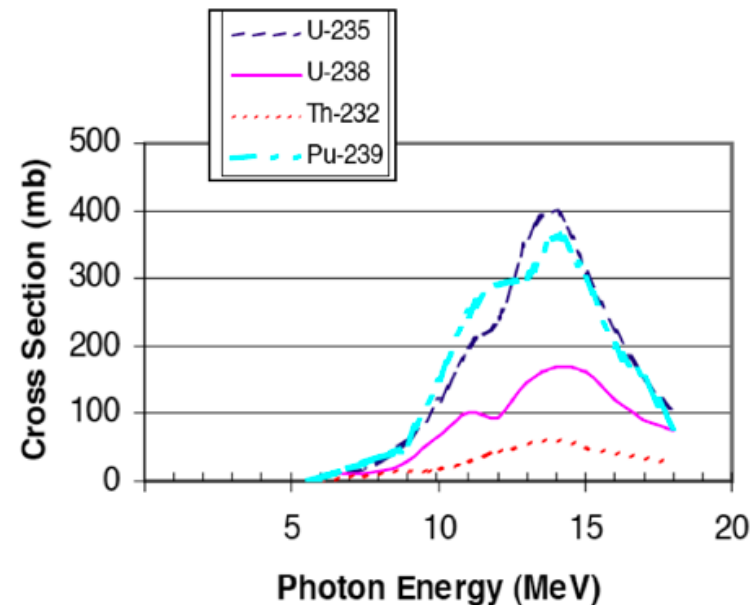
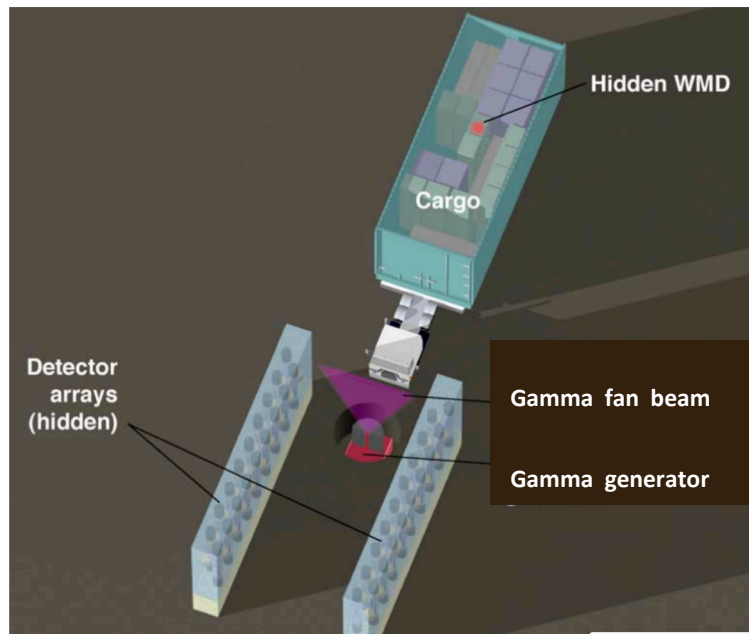


- ICS permits compact undulator, access to MeV photons**
- IFEL: high gradient laser-based, free-space acceleration scheme**
- \* Low collective e-beam effects
  - \* Laser can be recirculated (unlike, e.g, in plasma)

# Applications of narrow-spectrum MeV photons

## ★ Active detection of special nuclear materials

National security priority: Active detection of nuclear materials via **photo-fission** (also nuclear fluorescence)



★ Directed  $\gamma$ 's,  $U \sim 10-15$  MeV

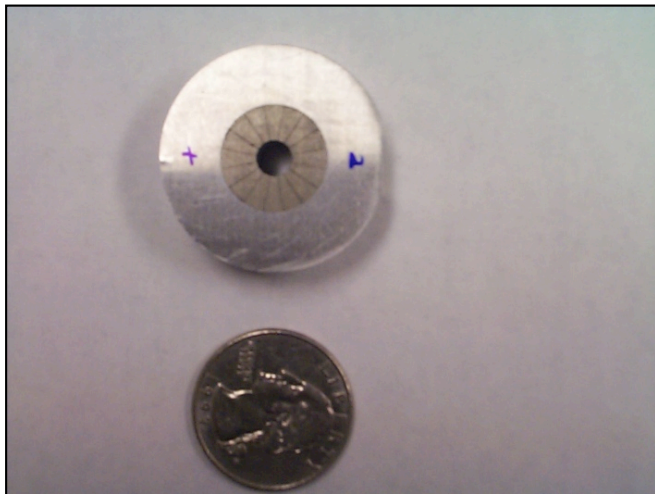
★ Required photon number  $> 10^{12}$  /sec

★ Similar requirements for keV  $\gamma$ 's in medicine, semiconductors

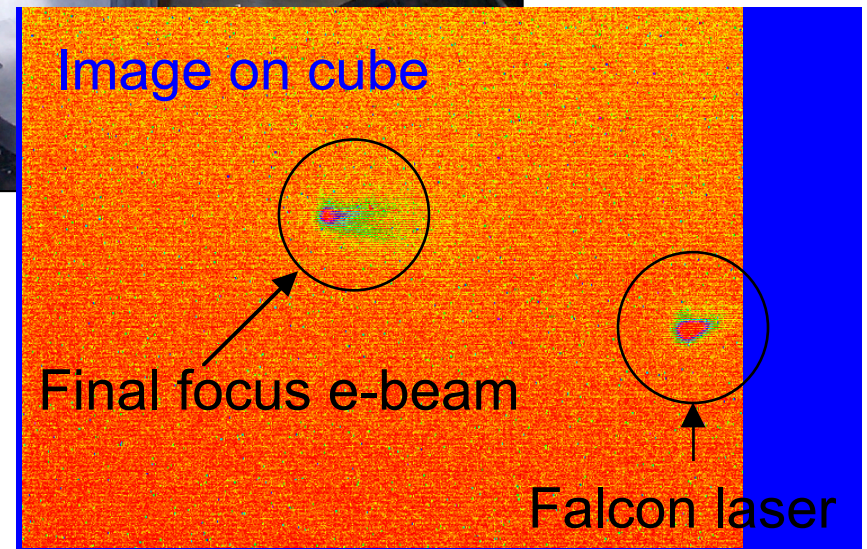
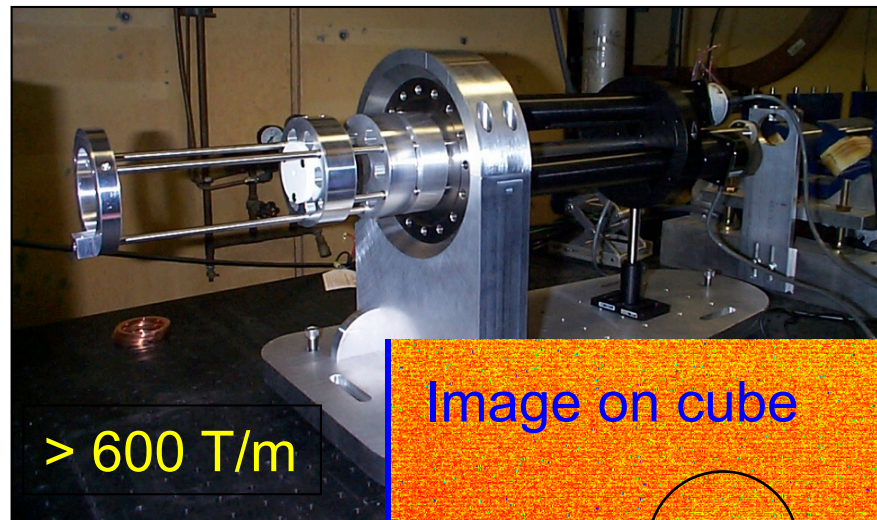
# ICS Demands High Collision “Luminosity”

- Like HEP collider: timing, pointing, *focusing*
- Ultra-strong e- focusing ( $<10 \mu\text{m}$  e- spots)
- Innovation: ultra-strong PMQs, “camera” triplet

J. K. Lim, et al., *Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams* **8**, 072401 (2005)



Designed and built  
at UCLA



But there is a *limit* on focusing...

# Intense, focused beams increase X-ray flux

High brilliance  
Luminosity/pulse

$$N_\gamma = \sigma_T L = \sigma_T N_e N_L / 4\pi \sigma_x^2 \approx 10^{10}$$

$$N_\gamma = 0.6\alpha(k_L \sigma_z) a_L^2 N_{e^-} \propto a_L^2 \quad a_L = \frac{eE_L \lambda_L}{2\pi m_e c^2}$$

J. B. Rosenzweig, O. Williams, *Inter. J. Mod. Phys. A* 23, 4333 (2007)

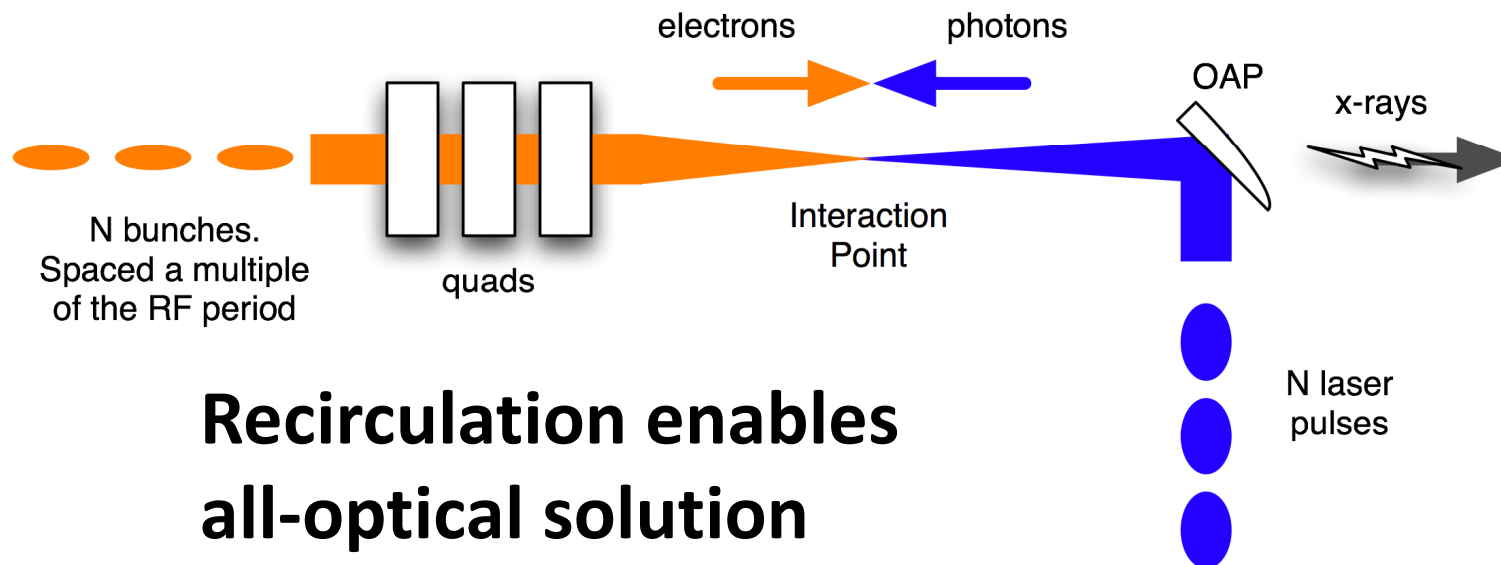
*Focused laser produces nonlinear electrodynamic effects – increased bandwidth and harmonic generation; lower brightness*

Must study fundamental *electrodynamics* in high intensity ( $E_L^2$ ), long  $\lambda_L$  (high  $a_L$ ) laser field



# Multi-bunch ICS Interaction

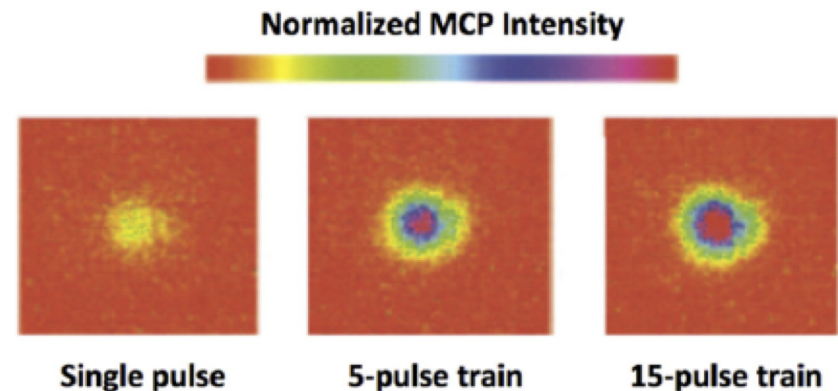
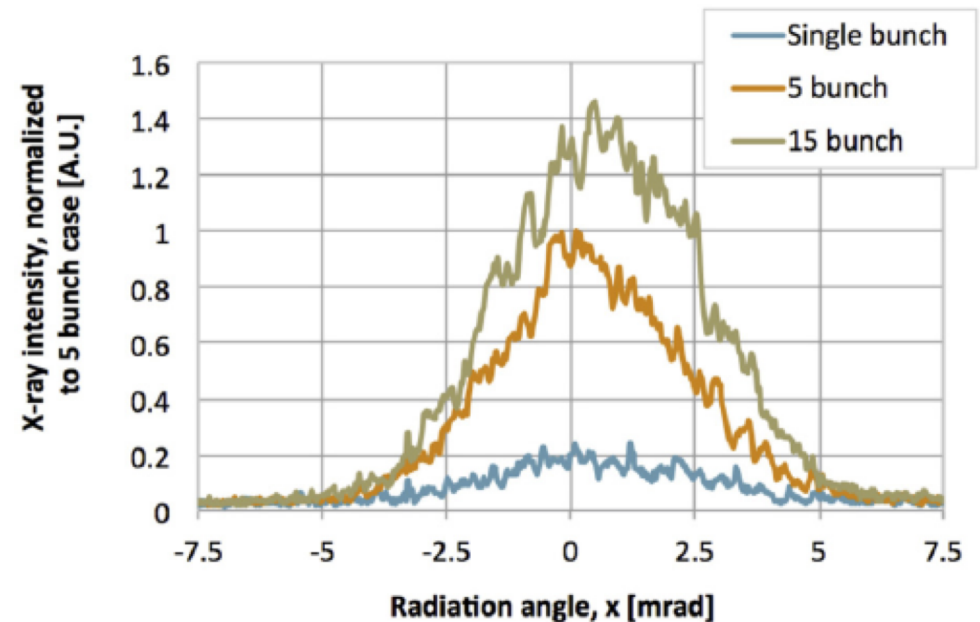
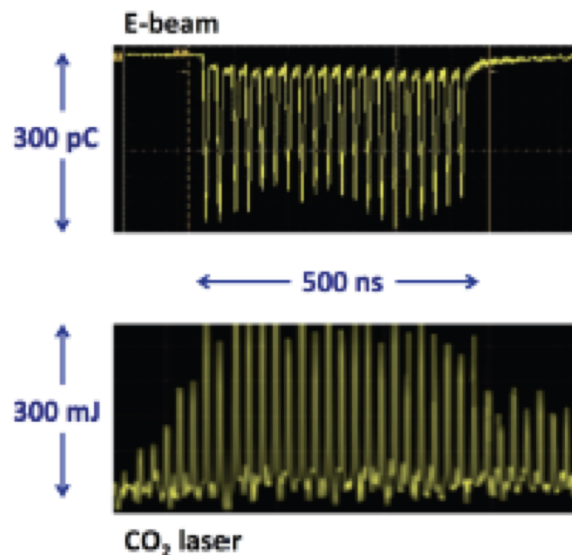
- Optimized ICS source produces  $\sim 10^8$  photons *per pulse*
- Cargo interrogation requires  $> 10^{12} - 10^{13}$  photons/s
- State of the art accelerator and laser systems  $\sim 500$  pps
- Few laser photons used up in ICS interaction
- Solution: re-use photons, interact  $N$  time per RF pulse
  - Produce  $N$  e- bunches per pulse and recirculate laser  $N$  times



**Recirculation enables  
all-optical solution**

# Recirculating ICS interaction demonstrated

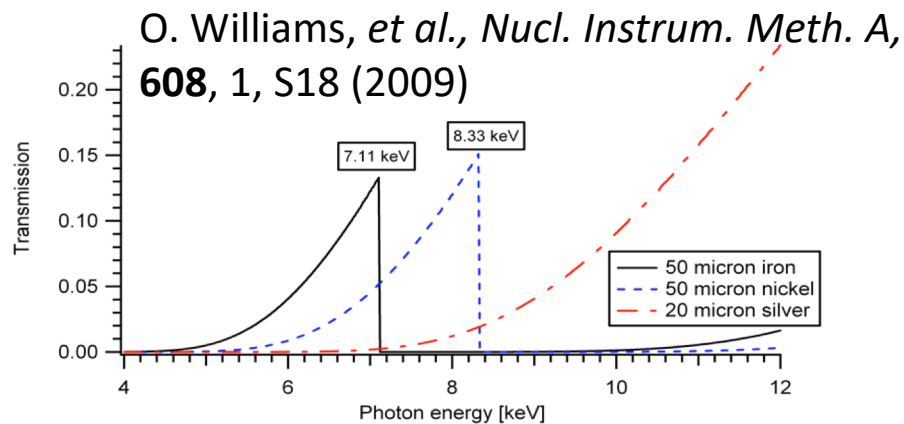
- 40 MHz pulse train, active cavity
- Demonstration of significant ICS output through pulse train



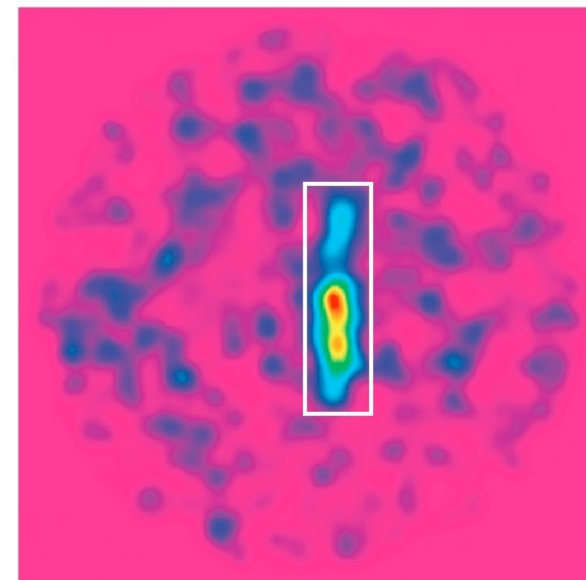
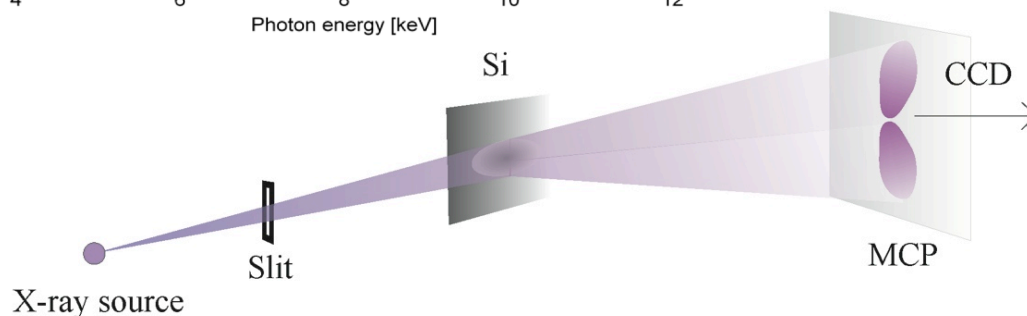
- Recirculation of IFEL...

# Inverse Compton Scattering: Experimental Context

- K-edge filtering diagnostics
- Single-shot phase contrast imaging
- Single-shot diffraction

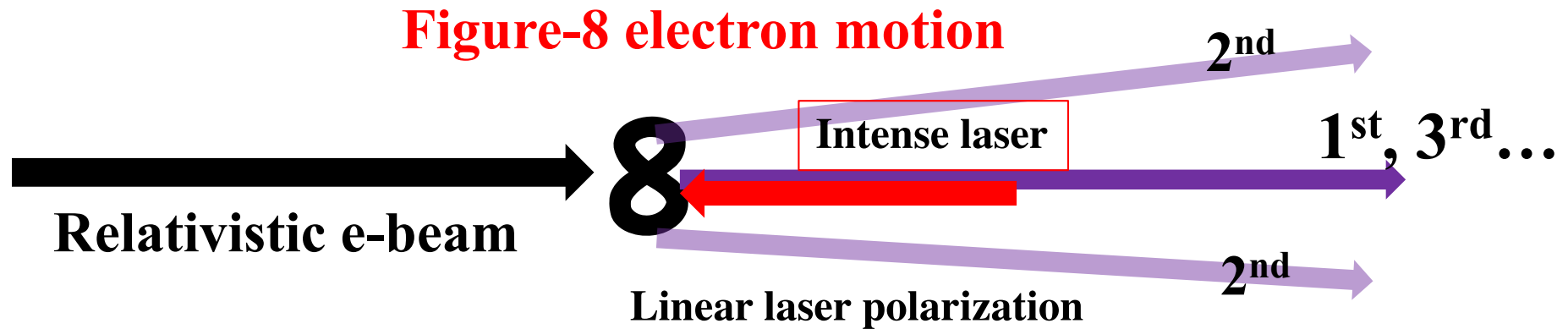


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F.H. O'Shea, et al., *Phys. Rev. ST-Accel Beams* 15, 020702 (2012)

# Experimental emphasis: nonlinear ICS physics



Nonlinear ICS:  $a_L \sim 1$ , transverse motion relativistic, nontrivial longitudinal oscillation

★ Red-shifting *and* BW increase:

$$h\nu_{\text{x-ray}} \Rightarrow h\nu_{\text{x-ray}} / (1 + a_L^2/2),$$

$a_L$  not constant during interaction

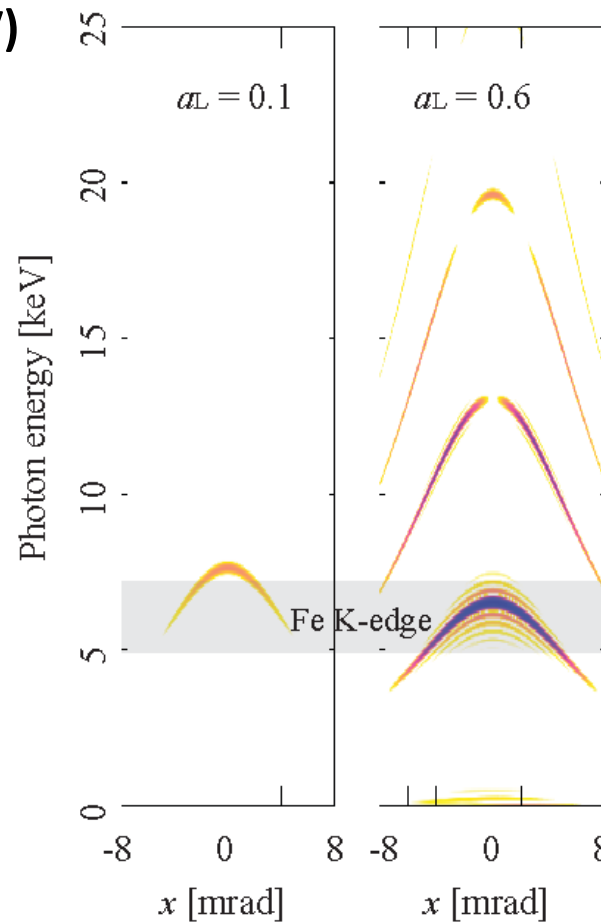
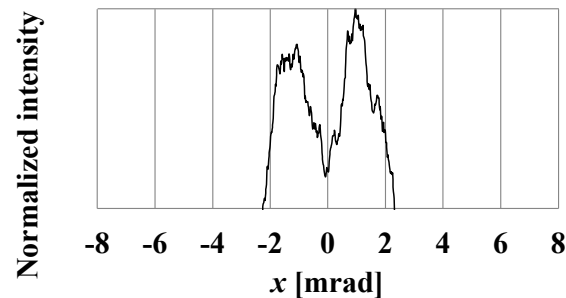
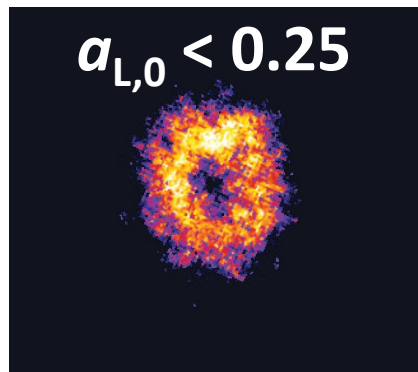
★ Harmonic generation/angular dependence:  
(Multi-photon process in dense photon field)

$$h\nu_{\text{x-ray}} = 4\gamma^2 h\nu_L n$$

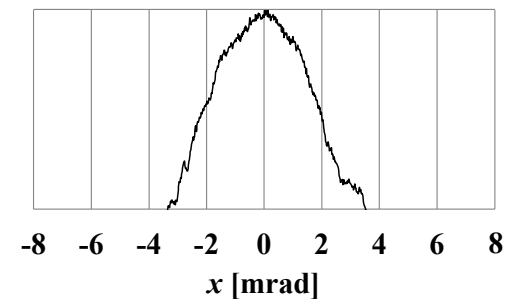
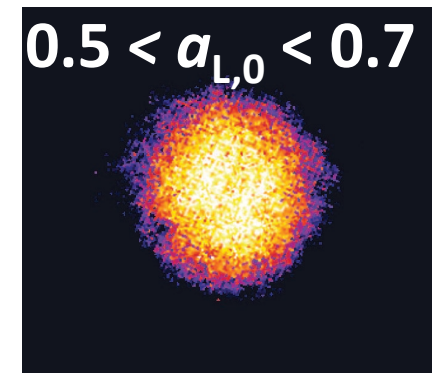
# Observation of nonlinear red-shift in fundamental

7.6 keV < Fe k-edge (at 5-7keV)

On-axis components is cut



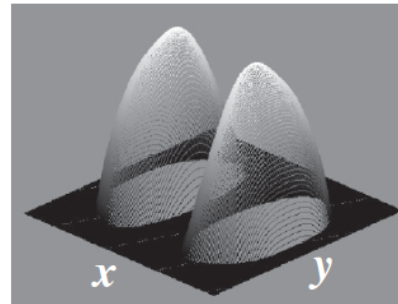
Red-shifting to 5-6 keV



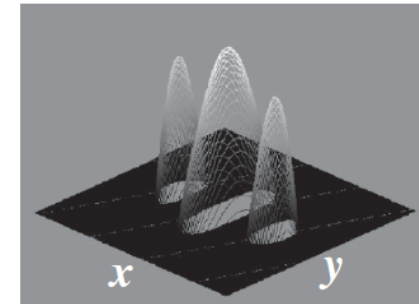
$$h\nu_{\text{ICS},1}^{\text{st}} = 4\gamma^2\nu_L / (1 + a_{L,0}^2/2) \rightarrow \therefore 0.5 < a_{L,0} < 0.7$$

# 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonics with *linear polarization*

2<sup>nd</sup>



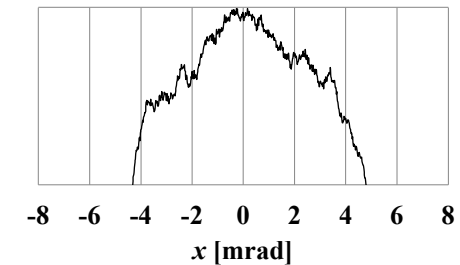
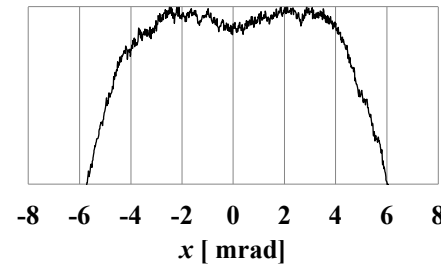
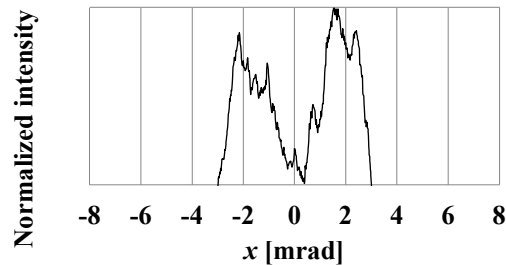
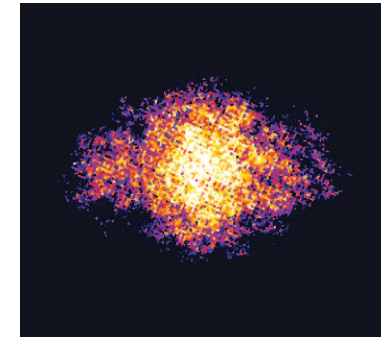
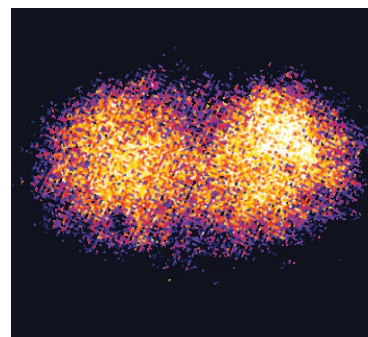
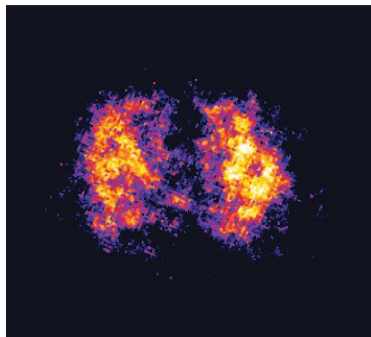
3<sup>rd</sup>



Au L-edge (12 keV)

Al 250  $\mu\text{m}$  > 10 keV

Al 1000  $\mu\text{m}$  > 15 keV



Narrow band 2<sup>nd</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup>

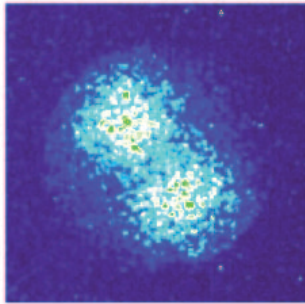
3<sup>rd</sup> (On-axis & lobes)

# Circularly polarized harmonic radiation

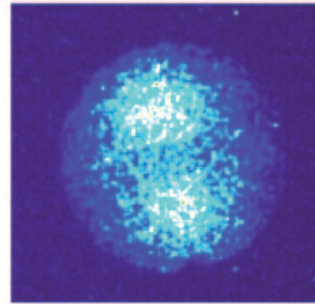
$\frac{1}{4}$  wave plate between regenerative and TW amplifier

Al 250  $\mu\text{m}$

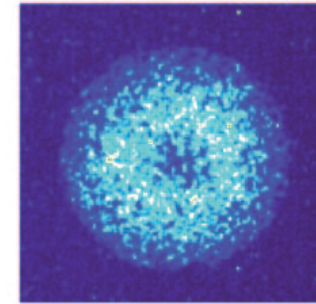
Linear, 2<sup>nd</sup>



Elliptical, 2<sup>nd</sup>

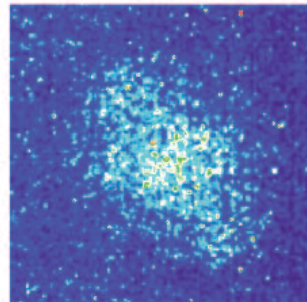


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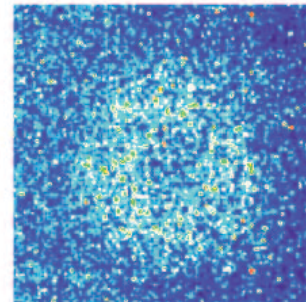


Al 1000  $\mu\text{m}$

Linear, 3<sup>rd</sup>



Circular, 3<sup>rd</sup>



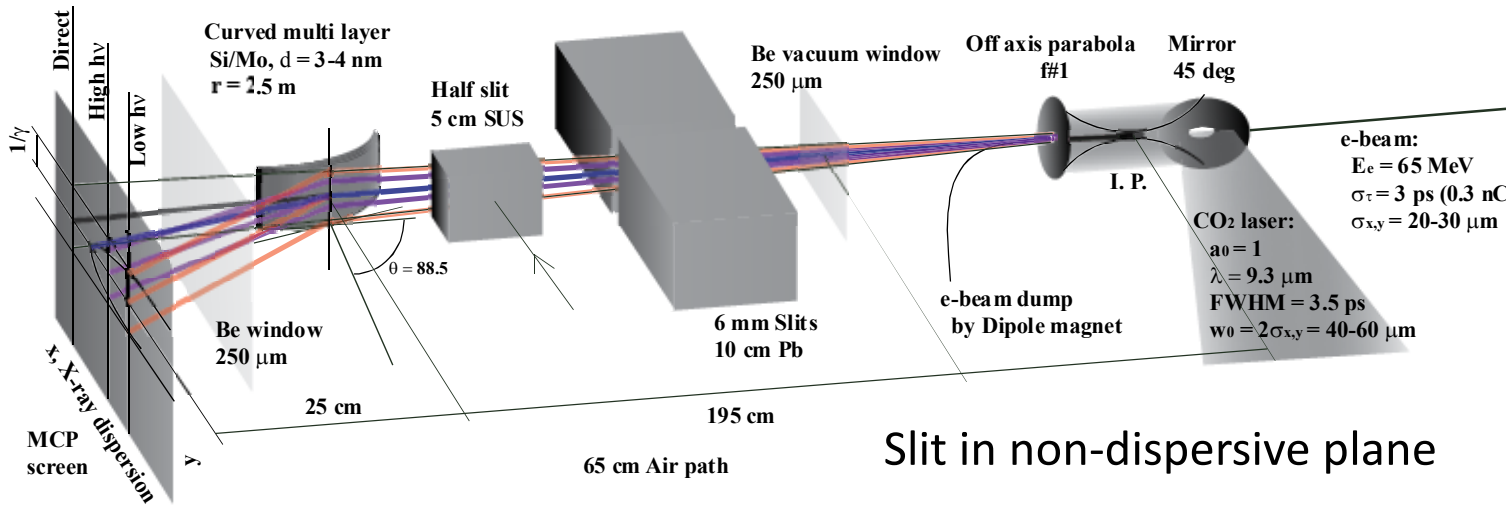
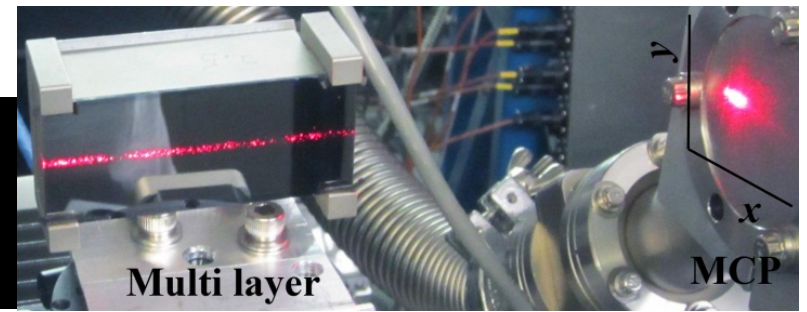
**Much attention to this result-**

**Demonstration of orbital angular momentum?**

V. Petrillo, G. Dattoli, I. Drebot, and F. Nguyen, PRL 117, 123903 (2016)

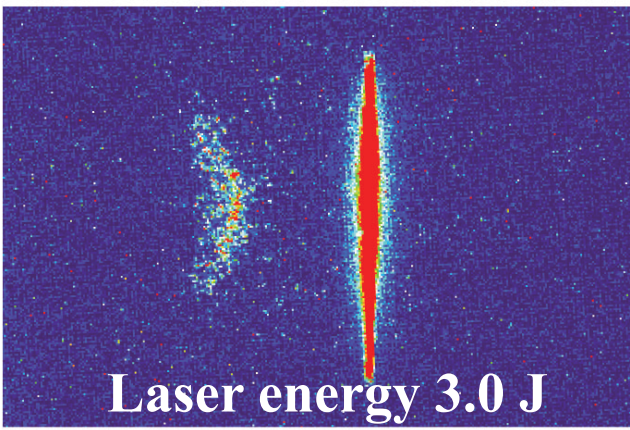
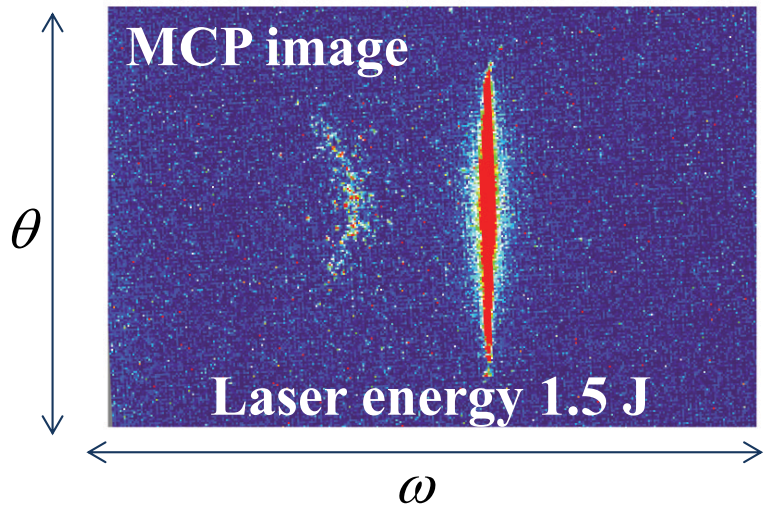
Seeing the *details* of the ICS X-ray spectrum...

# Single-shot bent multi-layer crystal X-ray spectrometer



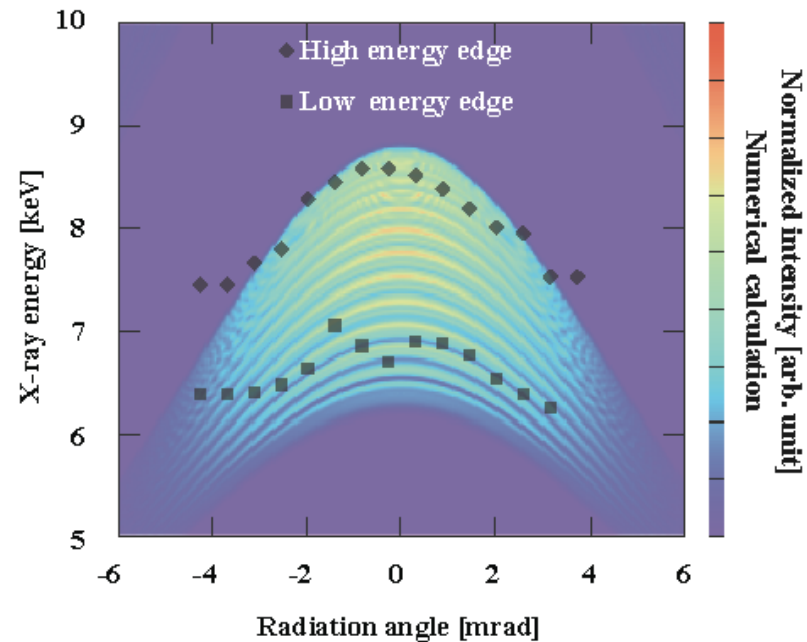
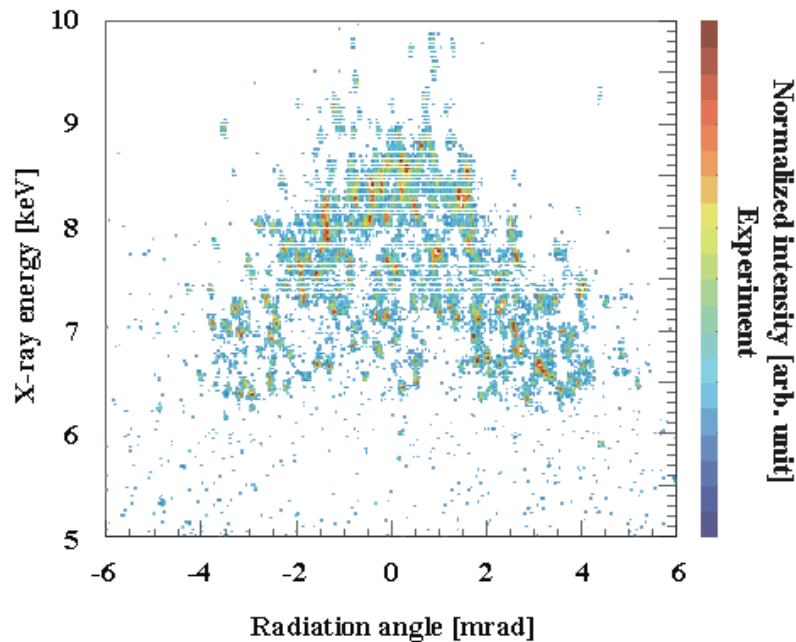
- ✧ Mo-Si multi-layer thickness:  $d \approx 3.3$  nm
- ✧ Bragg angle:  $\sim 25$  mrad
- ✧ Angle acceptance:  $\sim 50$  mrad
- ✧ Reflectivity  $\sim 15\%$  @ NSLS X15A

Slit in non-dispersive plane



# Single shot, double differential spectrum

$a_0 = 1$  case



What are these fringes?

Width/shape of spectrum yields information  
on laser-electron beam overlap



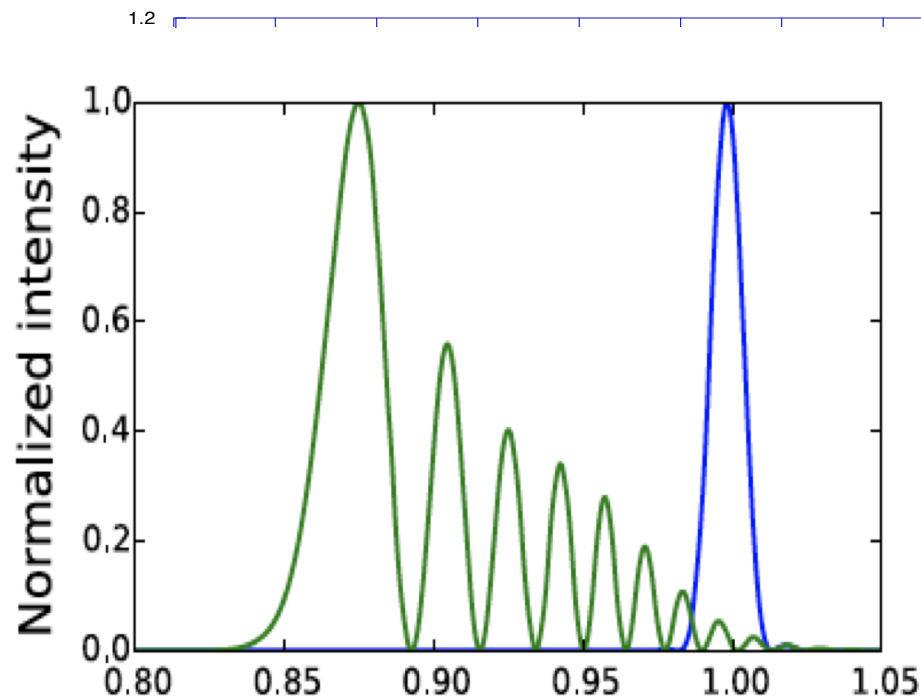
# Analysis: near-axis spectral broadening in nonlinear ICS

- ★ Probability model (no wave effects)
- ★ Temporal variation: high red-shift emphasized
  - ★ Wave *self-interference* effects from  $a_L$  occurring twice
- ★ Transverse effect emphasizes *low red-shift*

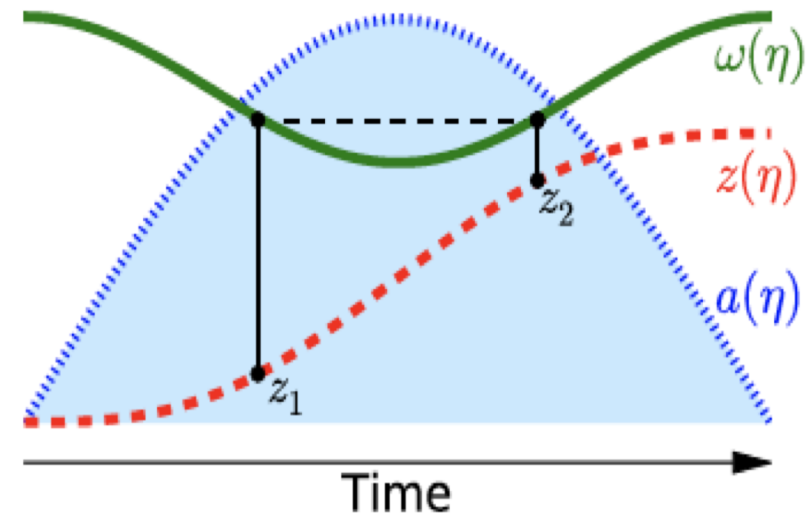
$$P_1(\Delta\lambda) = \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{\ln(\Delta\lambda_{\max} / \Delta\lambda)}}$$

$$P_2(\Delta\lambda) = C_2 \left( \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\Delta\lambda_{\max}} \right)^{\kappa-1}$$

$$\kappa = \sigma_l / \sigma_e$$



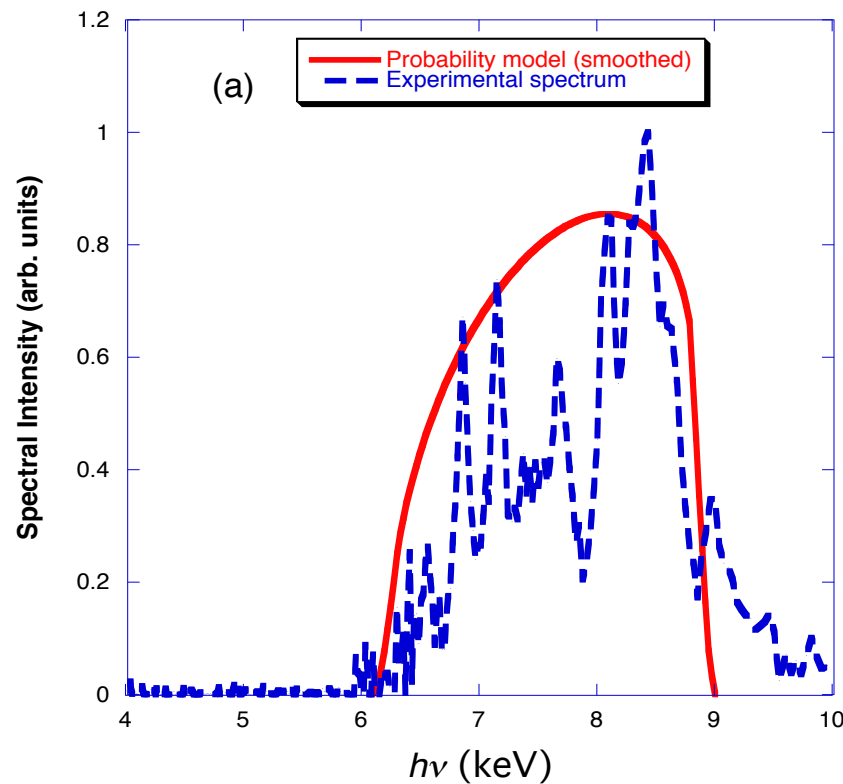
L-W numerical model shows interference



All effects,  $\kappa$  dependence

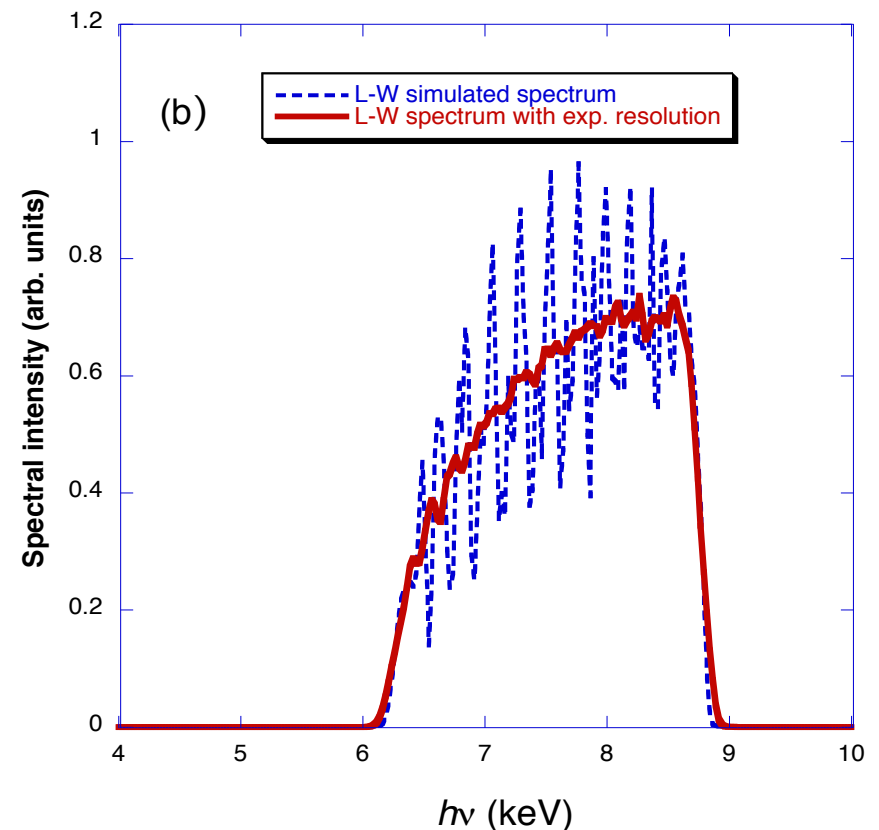
# Evaluation of Experimental Results

- Shape similar to model but more peaked
- Fine structure present (but inconclusive)
- Peak position is non-destructive method for determining laser-electron beam overlap



Is structure due to self-interference?

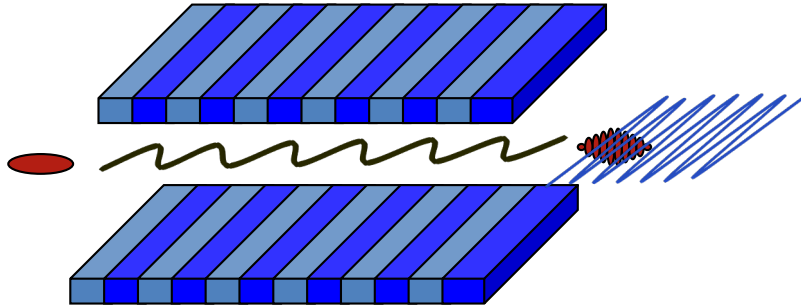
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Simulated spectrum (blue)  
With resolution effects (red)

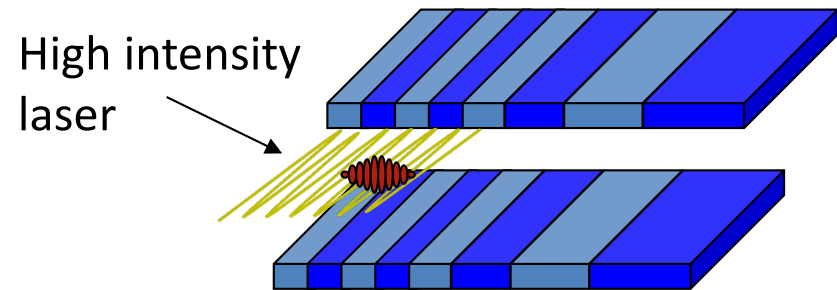
# Compact *optical* accelerator: IFEL

In an FEL, energy is transferred from an electron-beam to a radiation field



$$\lambda_{r,n} = \frac{\lambda_u}{2\gamma^2 n} \left( 1 + \frac{K^2}{2} \right)$$

In an IFEL the electron beam absorbs energy from a radiation field.



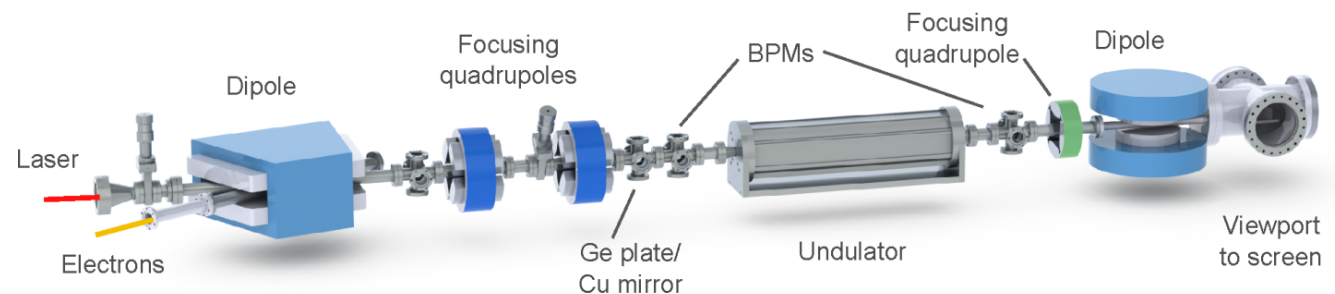
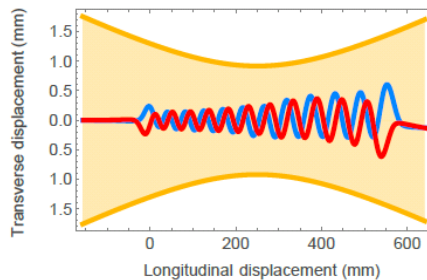
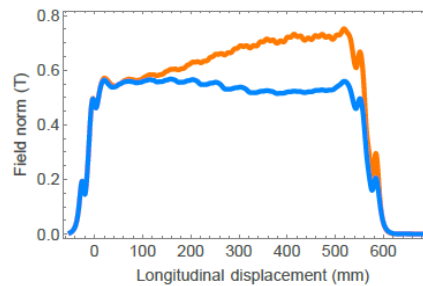
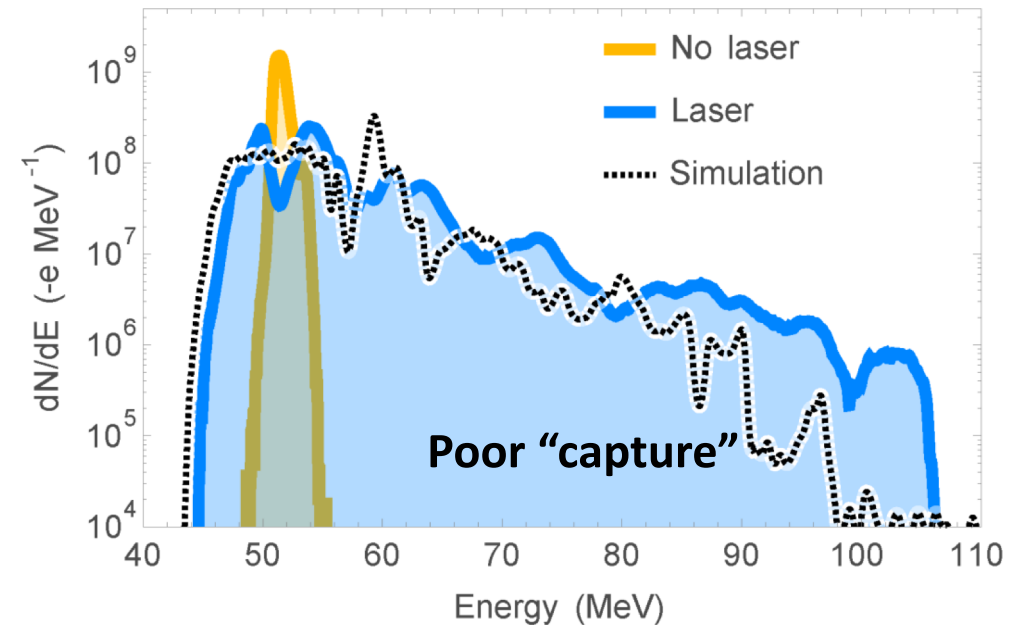
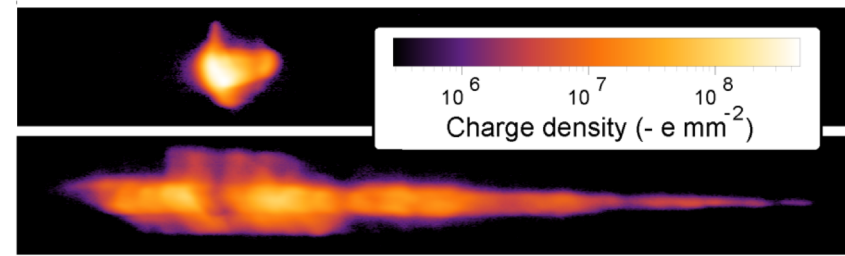
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- IFEL well suited for 50 MeV – **up to few GeV** (due to SR limits)
- **Plane wave or far field** accelerator: minimal 3D effects
- **Vacuum** accelerator - not dependent on boundaries
  - **High rep rate, low losses**
  - **Preserves e-beam quality/emittance**
  - **Stable energy output**: static undulator field sets resonant energy
- Requires ~10 TW laser for GeV/m; same laser is optimal for ICS

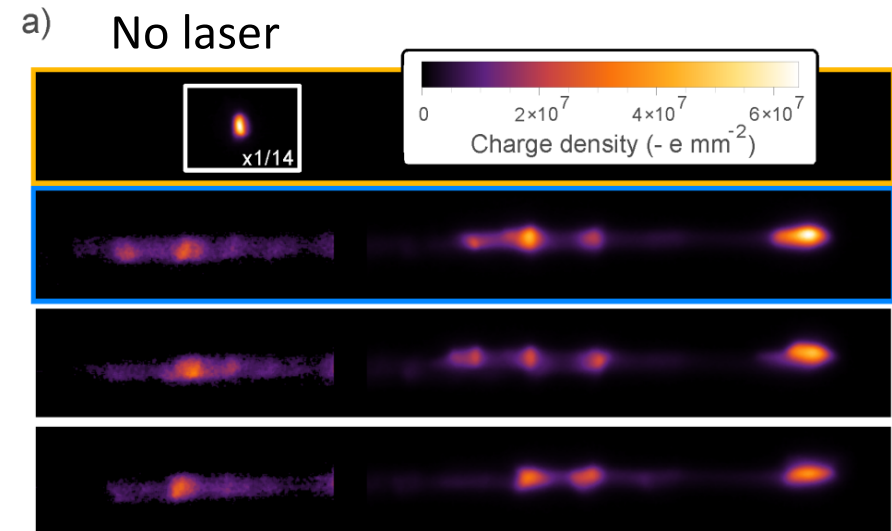
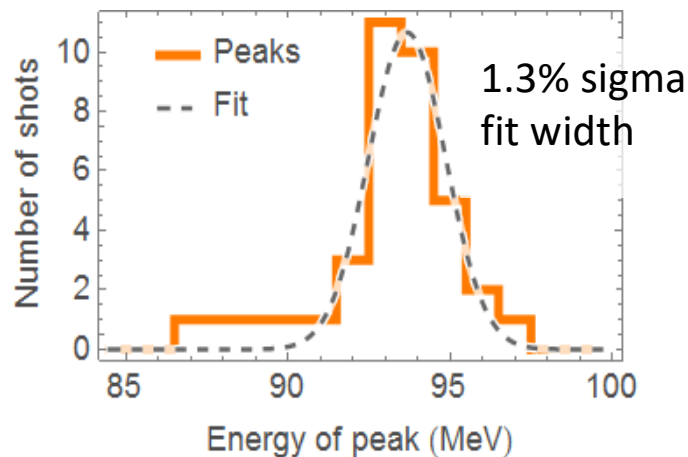
# Rubicon IFEL experiment

- Helical geometry, high gradient IFEL
- Strongly tapered helical Halbach undulator
- High gradient (>100 MeV/m demonstrated)

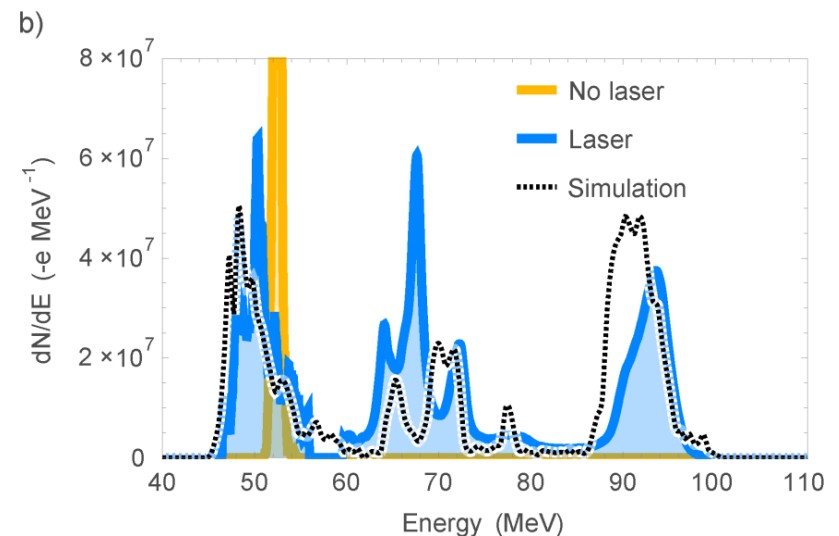


# High quality IFEL accelerated beams

- 93 MeV – 1.8 % energy spread
- **Reproducible spectra** ( $\sigma_E < 1.5\%$ ) with 30% rms laser fluctuations



Laser on shots



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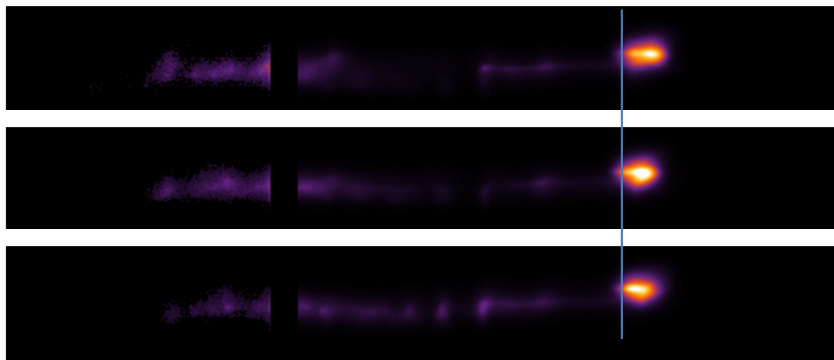
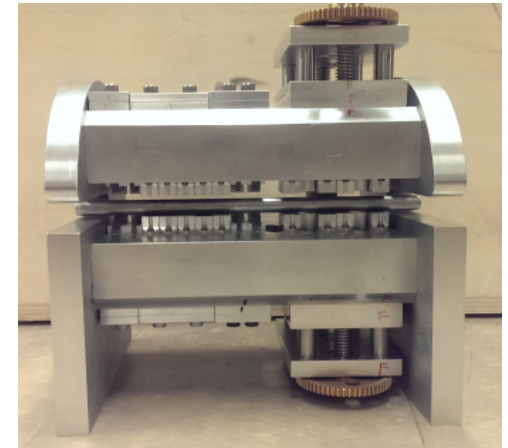
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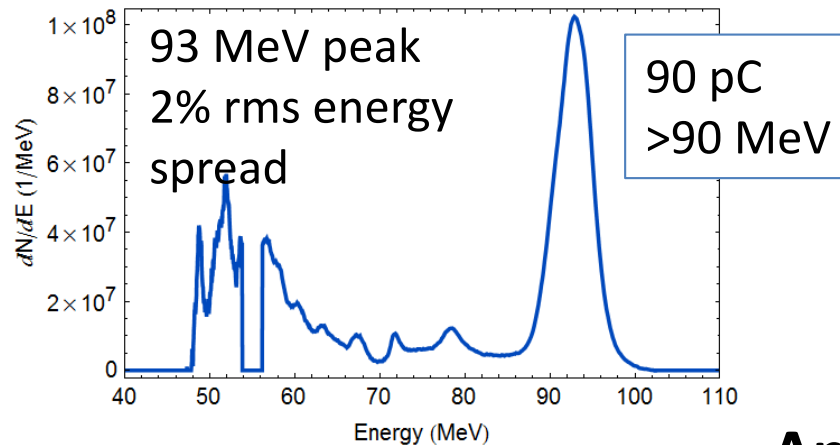
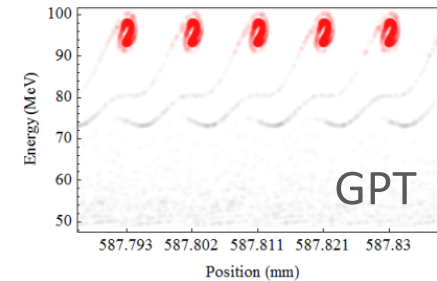
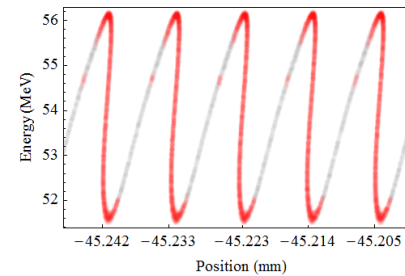
# IFEL with prebuncher

- UCLA permanent magnet based pre-buncher
- Permanent magnet chicane with adjustable  $R_{56}$
- Achieved **> 50% capture**

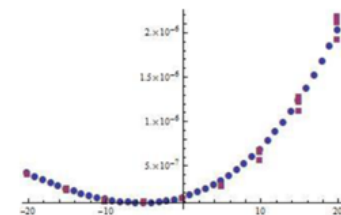
~30 cm



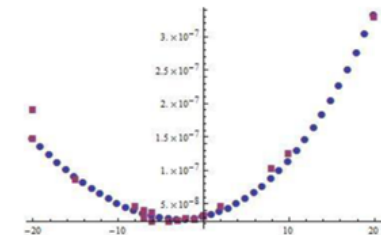
First experiment using a CPA CO2 laser



Unaccelerated  
emittance 2.3  $\mu\text{m}$



Accelerated  
emittance 2.4  $\mu\text{m}$

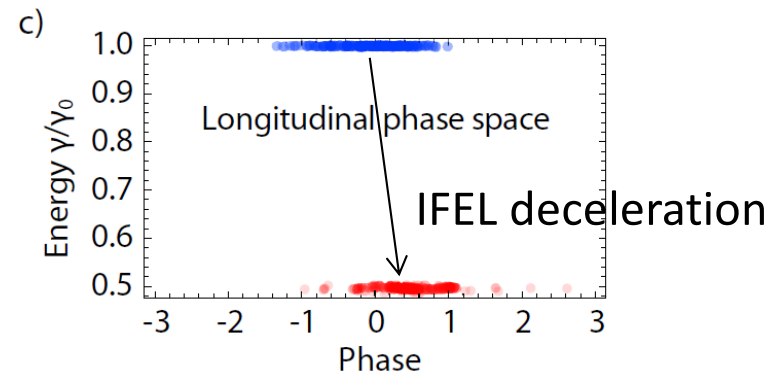
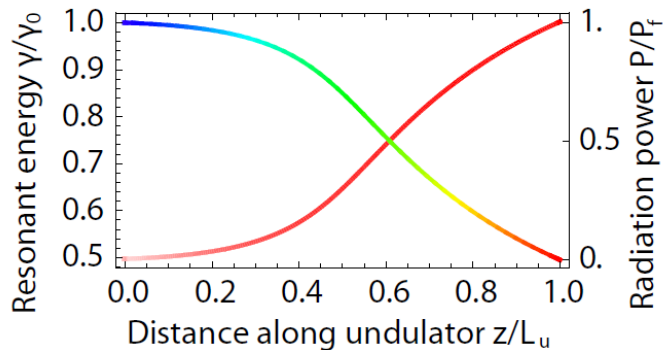
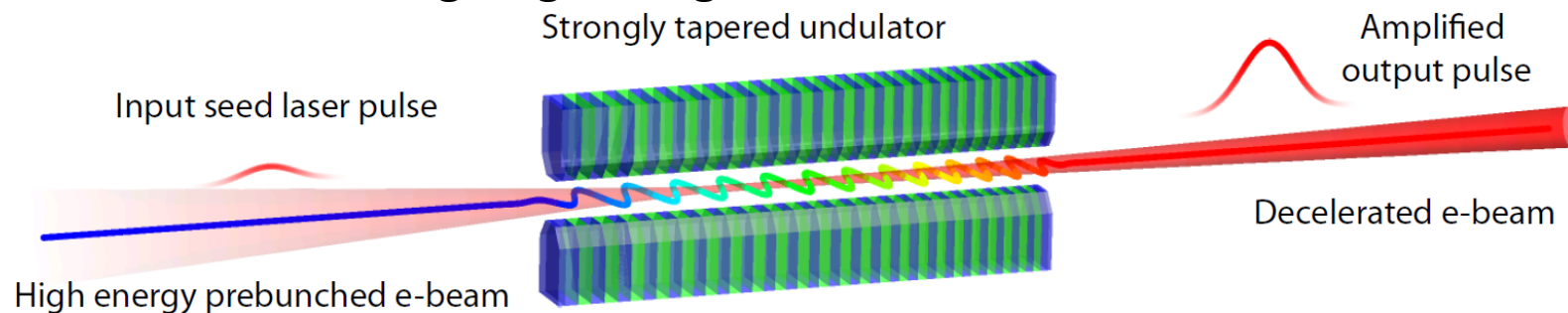


**Apply this beam in ICS experiment...**

# Can IFEL run in reverse?

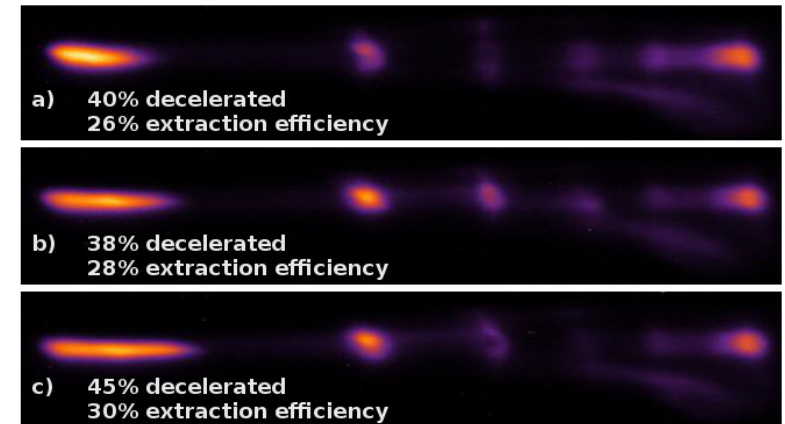
## Tapering Enhanced Stimulated Super-radiant Amplification (TESSA)

- Reverse laser-acceleration process, extract large fraction of energy from an electron beam, given:
  - A high current, micro-bunched e-beam
  - **Intense input seed**
  - Gradient matching to growing radiation field



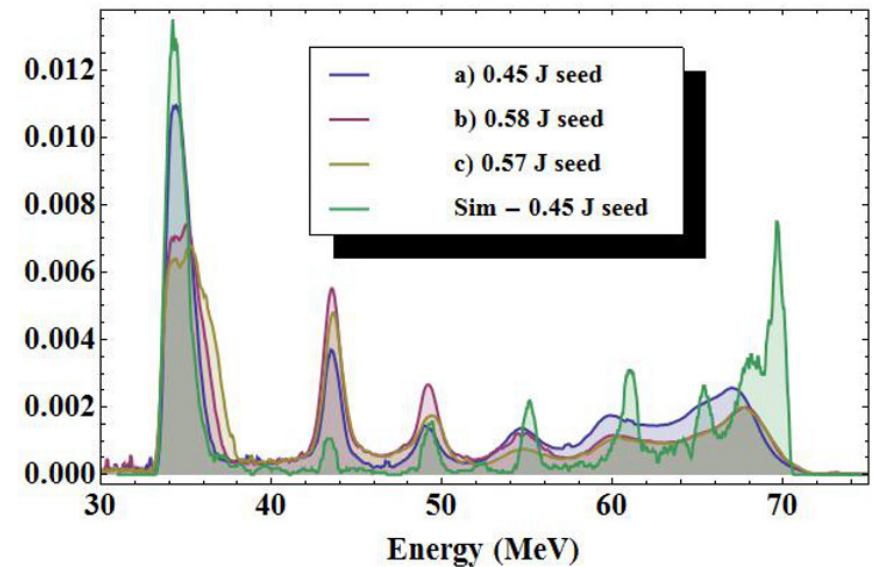
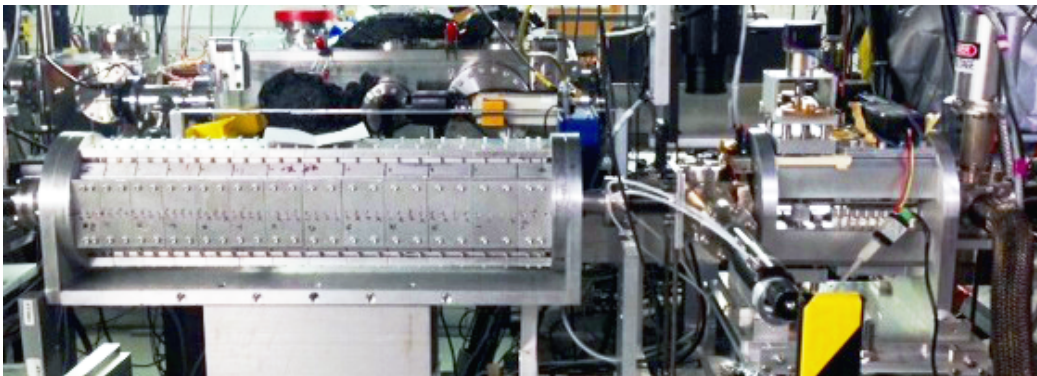
# NOCIBUR IFEL deceleration experiment

- Maximized capture tuning
- 45% of the 100 pC beam captured and decelerated
- 30% extraction efficiency (2 mJ)
- Spectra agree with simulation



Undulator

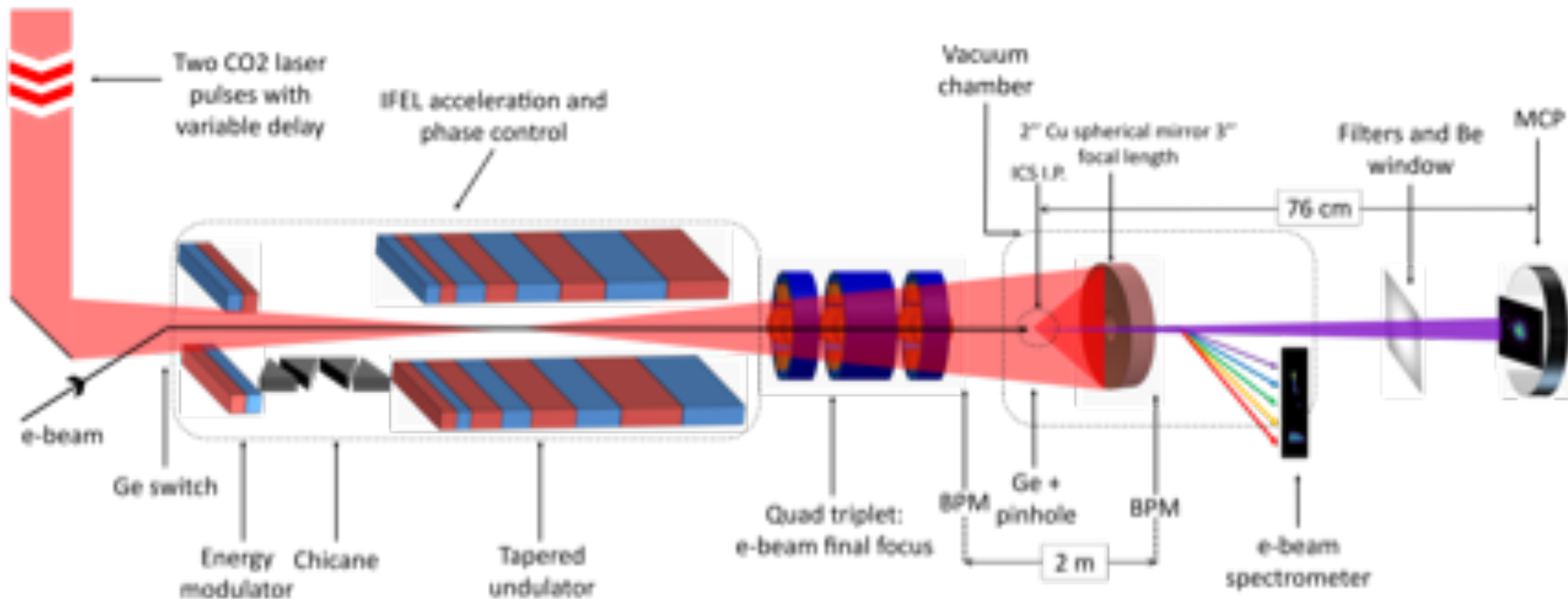
Prebuncher



# Merging IFEL and ICS

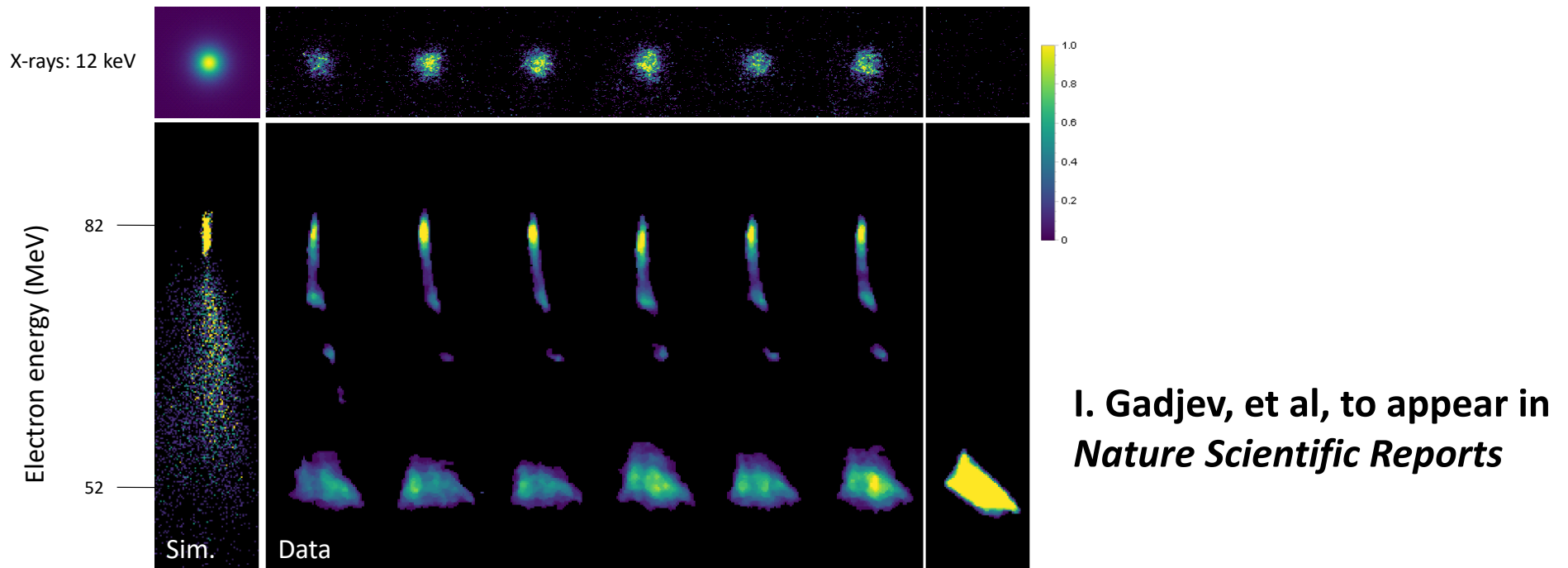
- Success of IFEL, combined with ICS physics and experimental methods...

## RUBICONICS: pre-bunched IFEL for ICS



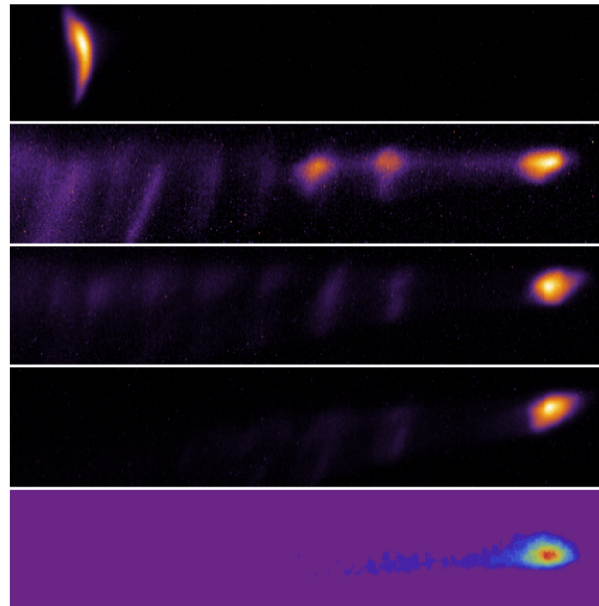
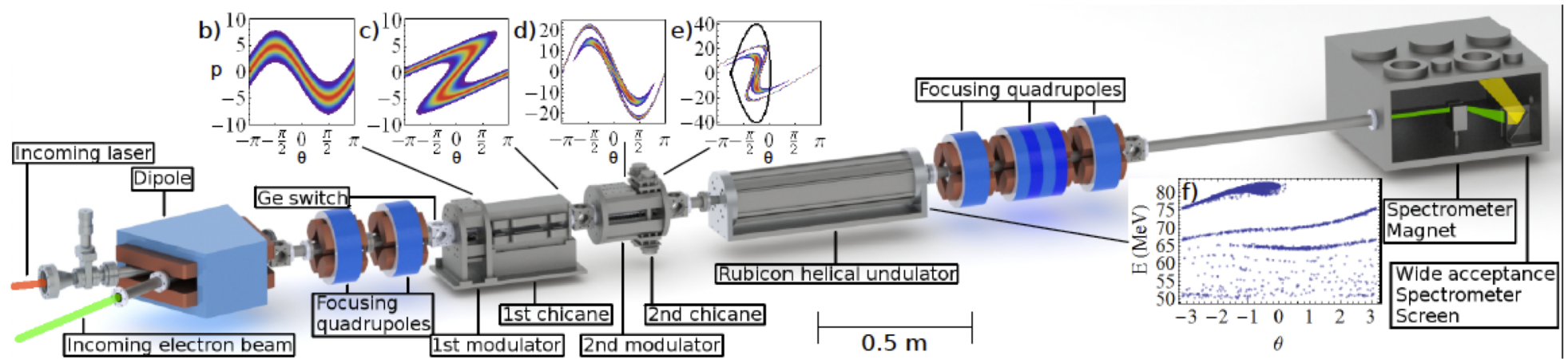
Two-pulse CO<sub>2</sub> laser, separated by 2x focal length of retro-reflector (0.5 ns)

# RUBICONICS scattered photons

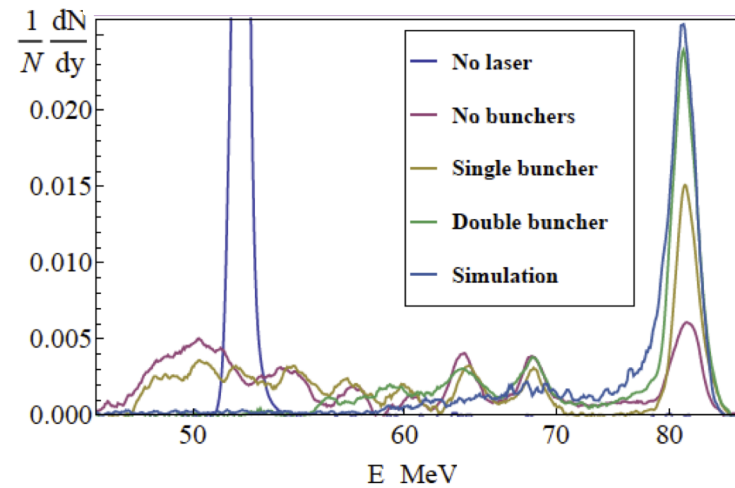


- Six sequential shots with highly stable beam
- Al filter attenuates ICS from 52 MeV beam
- 12 keV X-rays obtained
  - 34 fs pulse train, unique format

# Improving the source: double buncher



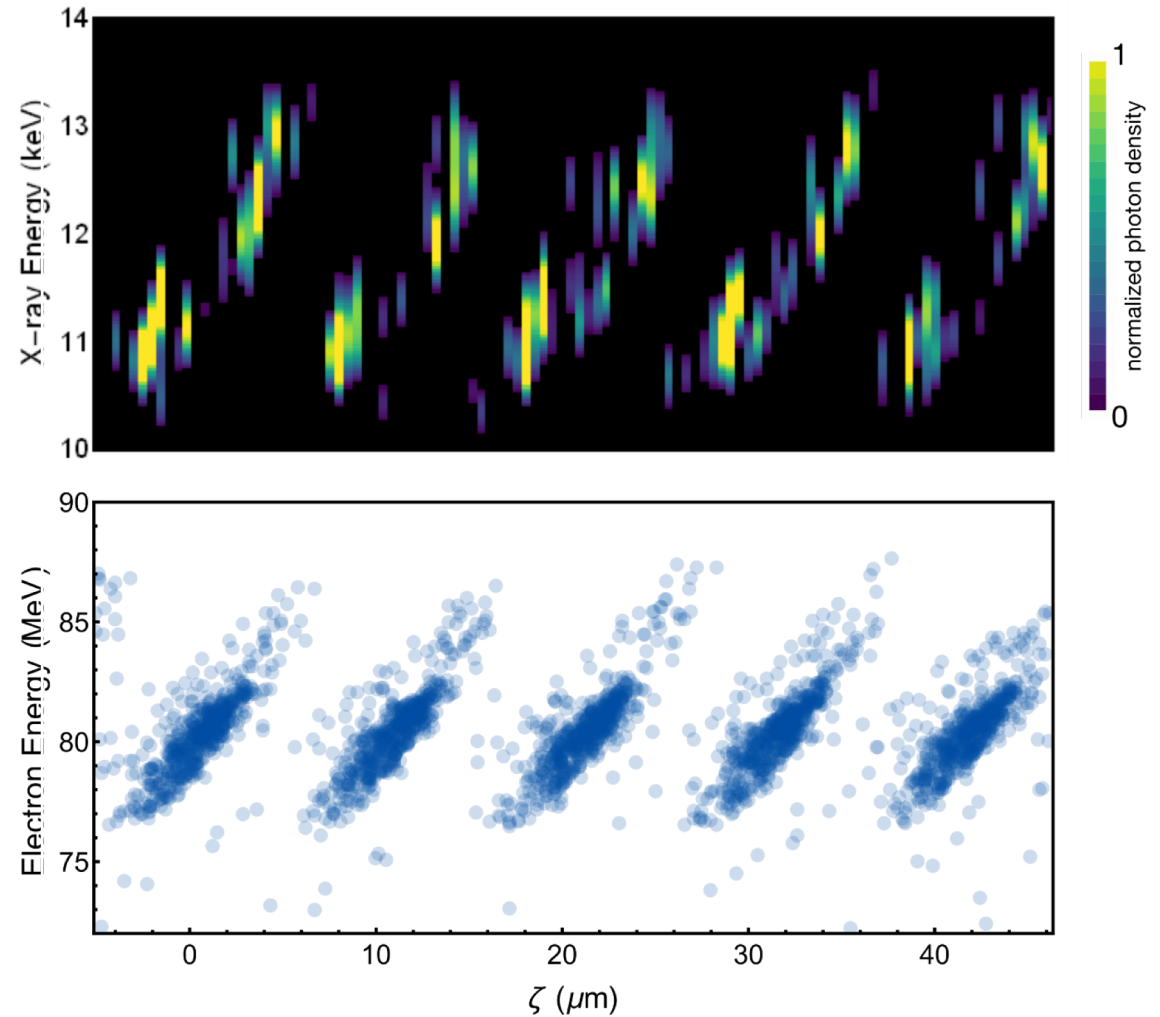
No laser  
 No bunchers  
 Single buncher  
 Double buncher  
 Simulation



- 96% captured  
 - 78% accelerated to final energy

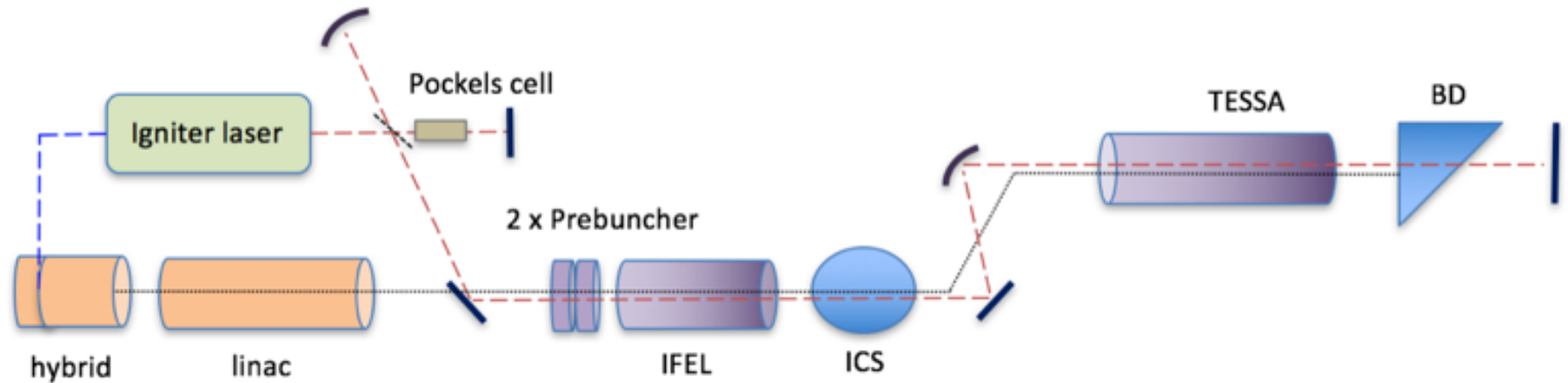
# Current and Future Directions

- Femtosecond bursts of X-rays
- Micro-bunched e-beam
  - Bunching at laser wavelength  $\lambda_L = 10.3 \mu\text{m}$
  - Translates to  $\Delta T = 34.4 \text{ fs}$  pulse-to-pulse separation
- Application to pump probe
  - CO<sub>2</sub> pumped system, synchronized X-rays
- Measure e-s with RF deflector
- Currently working on *IFEL* recirculation
- On to main application...  
**CONTROL**



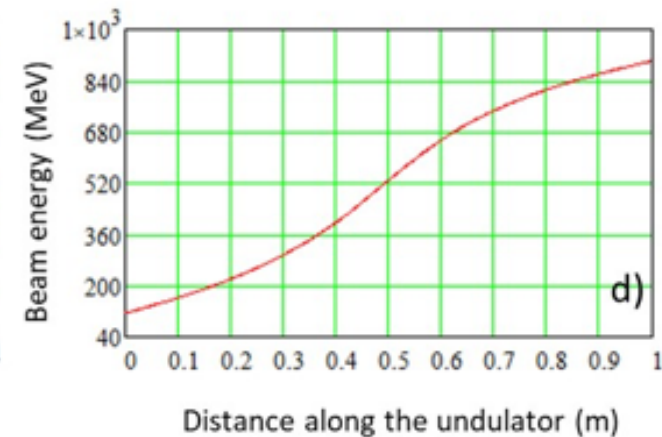
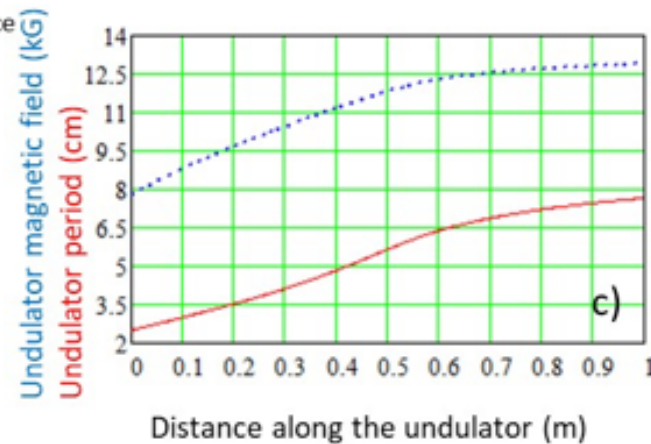
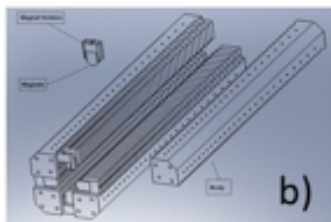
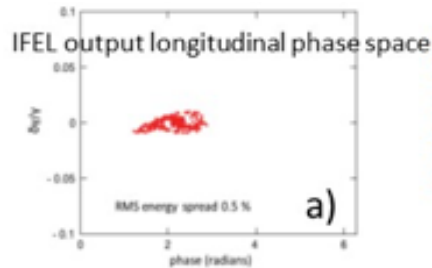
Electron pulse structure at ICS IP

# CONTROL: COMpton-based Nuclear probe using Tapered, Recirculating Optical



- High repetition rate gun
- Optimized IFEL bunching
- Energy recovery using TESSA

UCLA-RadiaBeam proposal  
(DARPA)



# Summary

- ★ UCLA developing all-optical IFEL/ICS system for high average flux MeV  $\gamma$ 's
- ★ Fundamental ICS physics investigated: nonlinear redshift, harmonics, orbital angular momentum
- ★ IFEL compact accelerator optimum for <GeV energy
  - ★ Excellent performance, high quality microbunched beam
  - ★ Spin-off to FEL - TESSA; also use for e- energy recovery
- ★ *Recirculation* for high average flux
  - ★ Advantage over other advanced acceleration schemes
  - ★ ICS demonstrated; IFEL underway
- ★ 5<sup>th</sup> generation light source with unique characteristics