

# DEVELOPMENT OF LASER-DRIVEN PLASMA ACCELERATOR BASED UNDULATOR RADIATION SOURCE AT ELI-BEAMLINES

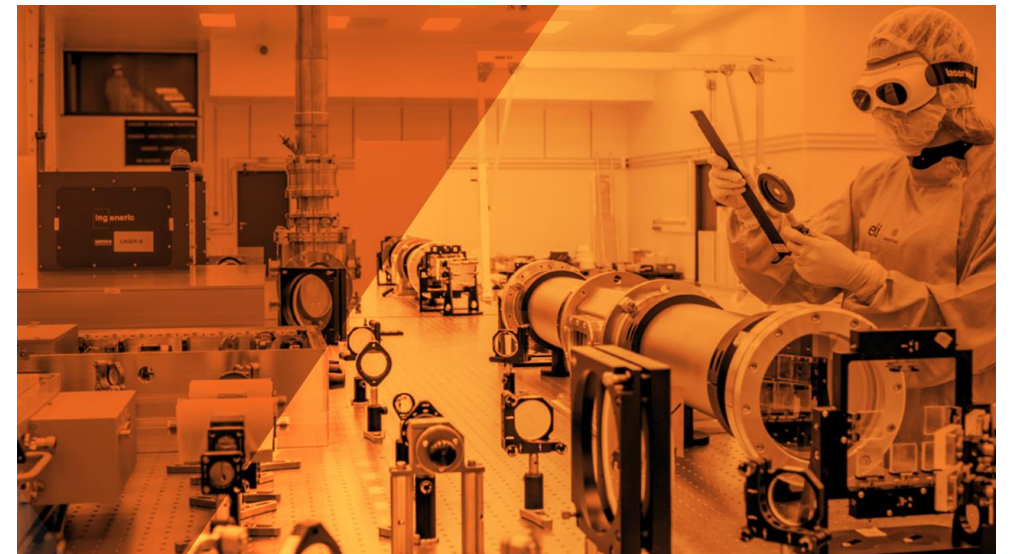
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○ **ELI-Beamlines (ELI-ERIC)** and LUIS Project: main objectives

## Multisite Infrastructure

ELI is on the European Roadmap since 2006!

Investment has driven leadership in laser and photonics

Projected total peak power for high power laser systems operational and under construction is by far world-leading

ELI Facilities are introducing 3 @10PW and 6 @PW-class lasers, Total investment ca 1 Billion EURO

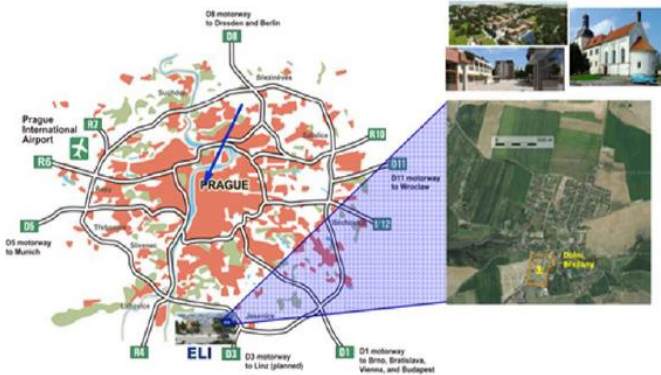
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ELI Beamlines explores the interaction of light with matter at intensities 10 times higher than previously achievable.

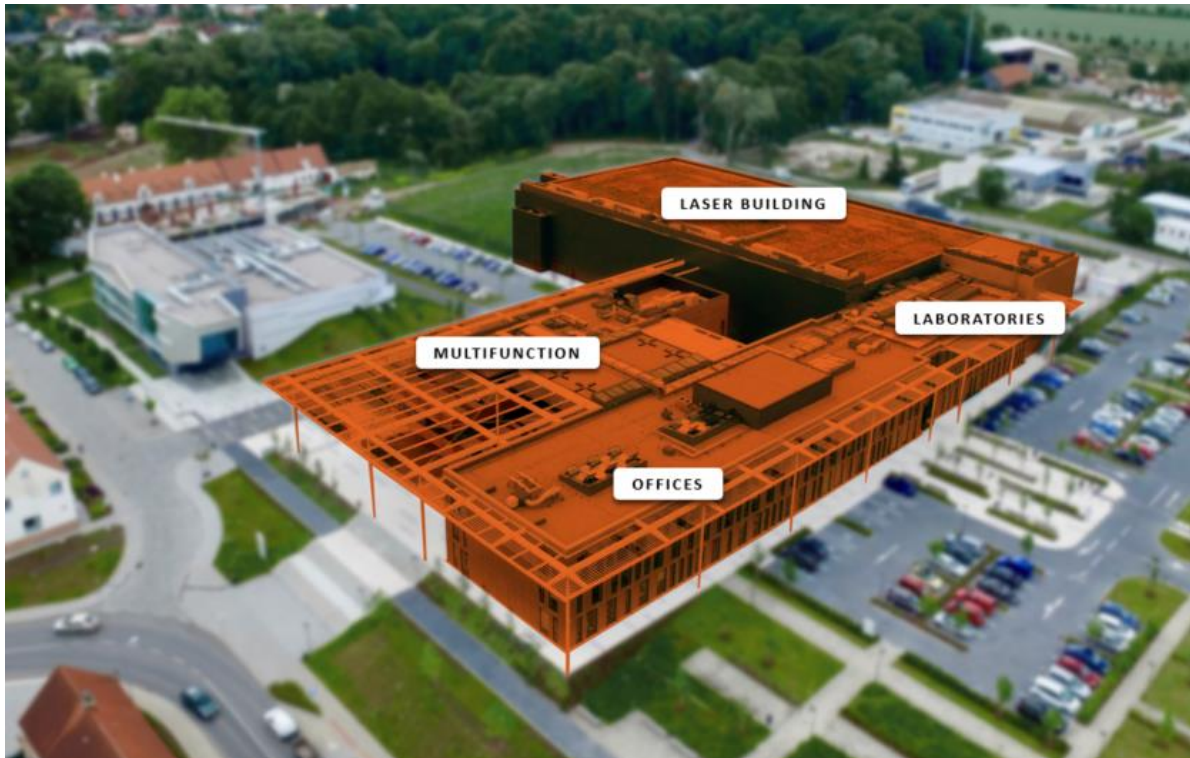
4 PW class laser systems, 4 support lasers  
7 Secondary sources – EUV - X-rays, Electron and Ion Accelerators  
10 User stations

- 350 international staff
- Area 31,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Structural Dynamics
- Particle Acceleration and Applications
- HED Physics and ICF
- High Field Physics

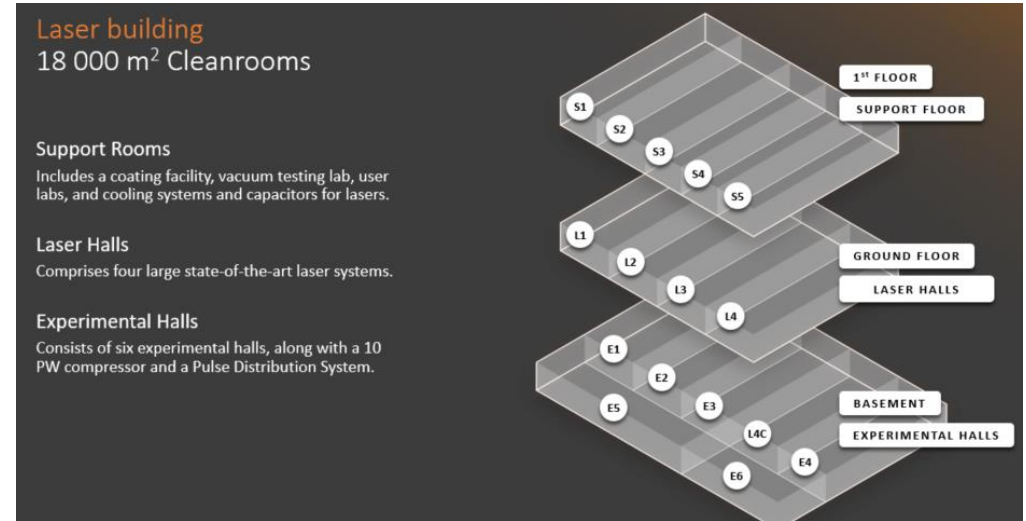




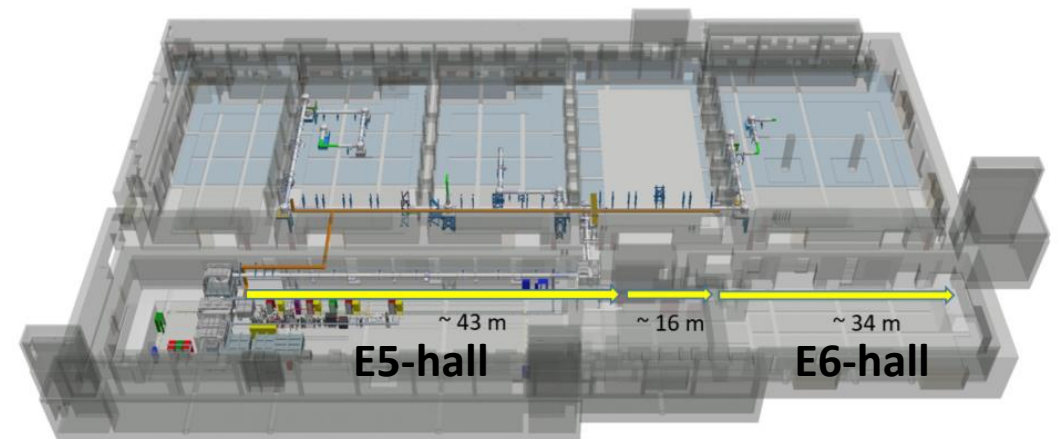
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**ELI-Beamlines facility (near Prague)**



## Experimental Halls





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- LUIS at ELI-Beamlines → LWFA-based undulator incoherent/coherent photon radiation source
- based on the LUX development at DESY (UHH/ELI-Beamlines)
- based on a novel high-repetition rate high-power laser system (L2-DUHA)

## LUX team: UHH-CFEL and ELI-Beamlines



## Achievement: incoherent photon radiation



- In operation with 200 TW laser
  - Experimental results
    - 2017 October - 24 hour run at 0.5 Hz (40 k shots)
      - 450 MeV electrons
    - 2017 December
      - Water Window photons, 3.6 nm,  $10^{11}$  photons, 20 % energy spread
      - IR Pump and IR (driver-laser) probe with < 10 fs jitter
  - Copies of some of the key components → core of LUIS (see next slide)
  - LUX in Hamburg stays in operation to enable further developments
    - New targets
    - New electron and plasma diagnostics
- First photons setup in Hamburg, June 2017.

### LUX in Hamburg



Group A. Mair, F. Gröner in collaboration with ELI Beamlines

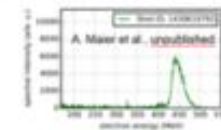


Figure 6.3 - Electron spectrum generated  $\lambda = 3.6$  nm.



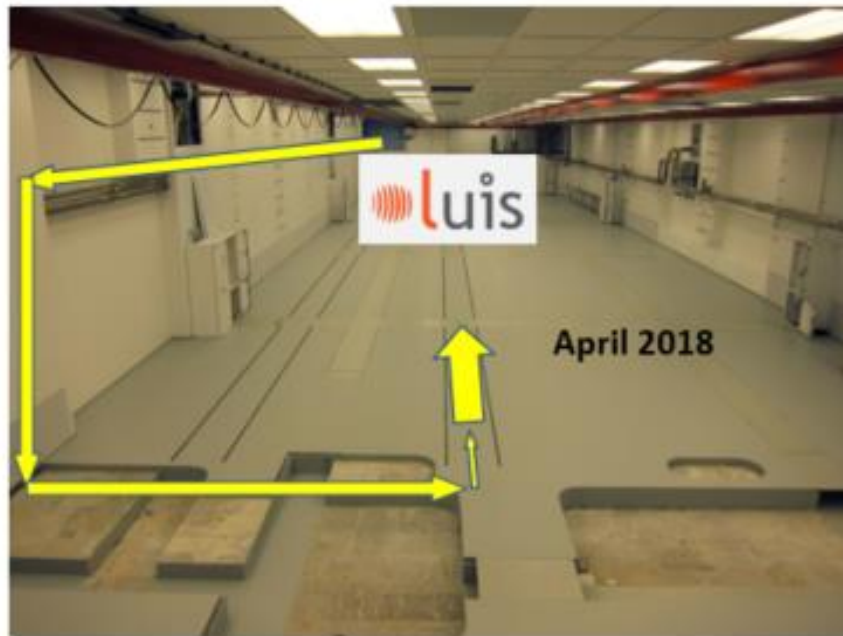
22 March 2018. lukas.pfiffel@elc-beamline.eu



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E5-Hall at ELI-Beamlines



**Achievements**

22 March 2018



# ○ Laser development at ELI-Beamlines

Parameters	Primary Acceptance Criteria	Design Requirement
Maximum pulse energy after compression, focused in the capillary	2 J	5 J
Minimum pulse energy after compression, focused in the capillary	0.5 J	0.5 J
Pulse energy variation	0.2 J	0.1 J
Pulse duration FWHM <sup>1</sup> (after compression)	30 ÷ 40 fs	30 ÷ 40 fs
Pulse duration adjustment	2 fs	1 fs
Maximum peak power (after compression), focused in the capillary	53 (30fs) TW 40 (40fs) TW	158 (30fs) TW 118 (40fs) TW
Minimum peak power after compression, focused in the capillary	13 (30fs) TW 10 (40fs) TW	15.8 (30fs) TW 11.8 (40fs) TW
Repetition rate	1 Hz	3.33 Hz (10-25-50 Hz)
Beam format <sup>2</sup>	Circular / 8 <sup>th</sup> order SG	Circular / 8 <sup>th</sup> order SG
Laser spot size (FWHM) on the off-axis parabola (focal length ~ 2 m)	80 mm	80 mm
Central wavelength	820 nm	820 nm
Beam quality (encircled energy in diffraction limited spot) <sup>3</sup>	0.80	0.95
Output relative pulse energy RMS stability	2.5 %	< 1%
Output beam RMS pointing stability	< 2 μrad	< 1 μrad



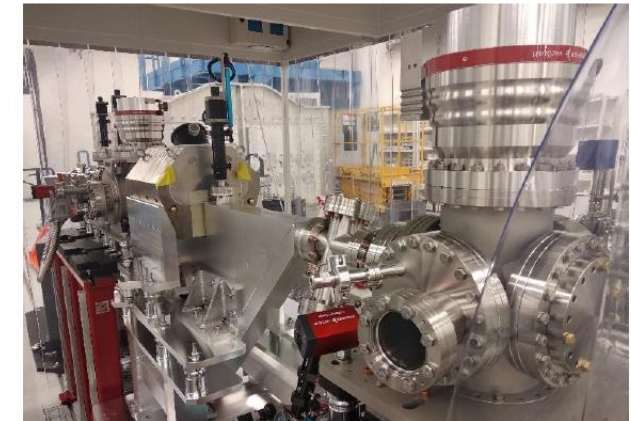
**Main laser parameters, required for the LUIS development**

## Main expected electron beam parameters

Electron beam parameters from the LPA-source	Units	Commissioning stage	User-operation stage
Energy	MeV	300 ÷ 600	300 ÷ 600
RMS energy spread	%	< 5	< 1 → 0.5
Energy fluctuation (shot-to-shot)	%	< 5	< 1
Bunch charge	pC	~ 100	~ 50
Bunch charge fluctuation (shot-to-shot)	%	< 20	< 5 → 1
RMS transverse beam divergence	mrad	< 5	< 1 → 0.5
RMS norm. transverse emittance	π mm.mrad	< 2	< 1 → 0.2
Bunch duration (FWHM)	fsec	< 5	< 2



## LUIS technologies installed in E5

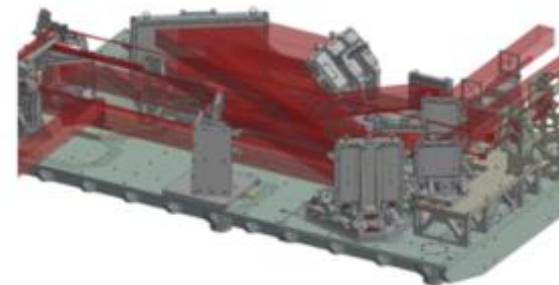




## L2-DUHA laser system (in collaboration with STFC/UK)



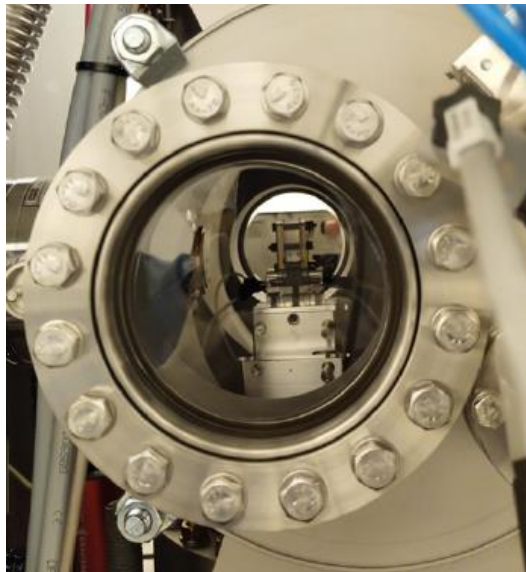
- Cryogenic helium-cooled pump laser using diode-pumped Yb:YAG slabs
- Designed for 50 Hz operation, currently at 20 Hz due to pump laser diodes
- Incorporates an OPCPA short-pulse chain
- Output pulses of 3 J with a duration of 25 fs
- Serves as the driver for a laser-driven XFEL testbed station
- Offers an auxiliary MID-IR (2.2  $\mu\text{m}$ ) beam
- Currently in the final phase of integration and testing
- Compressed pulses expected to be available in 2024



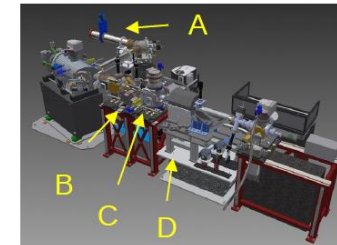
Credit: Bedrich Rus

# ○ Laser-Plasma electron Accelerator

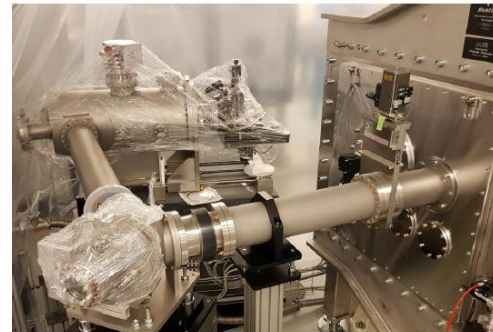
## LUIS target chamber



Key technologies of LUIS-PHASE0

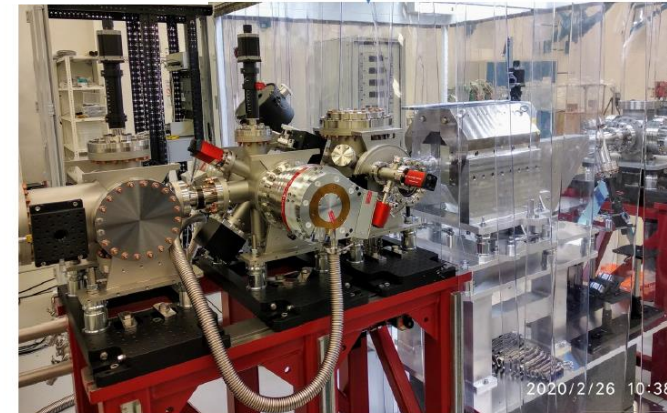


(A) LUIS laser local beam transport



(C) Target chamber

(D) Laser and e-beam diagnostics



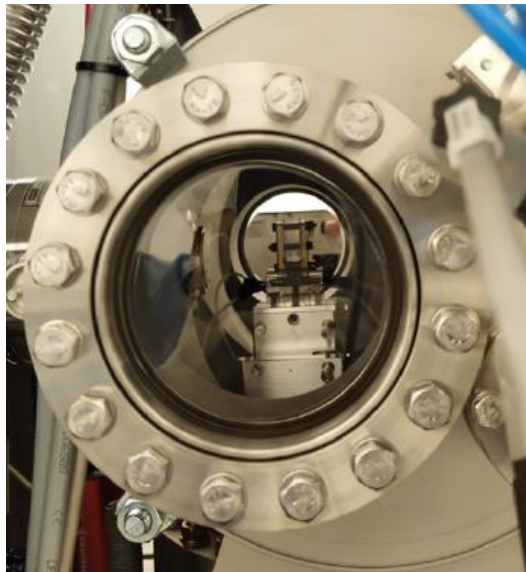
## Sapphire capillary

- Gas-cell (~ 2 cm)
- Option: Preformed plasma channel

All technologies are fully integrated and tested in the E5-hall including support/safety subsystems (vacuum/gas, MSS, PSI, central control system)

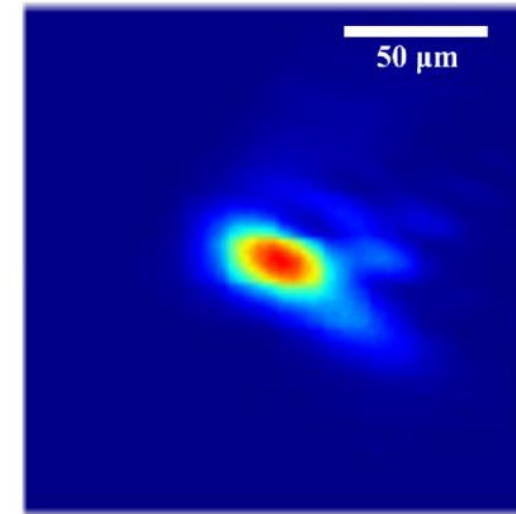
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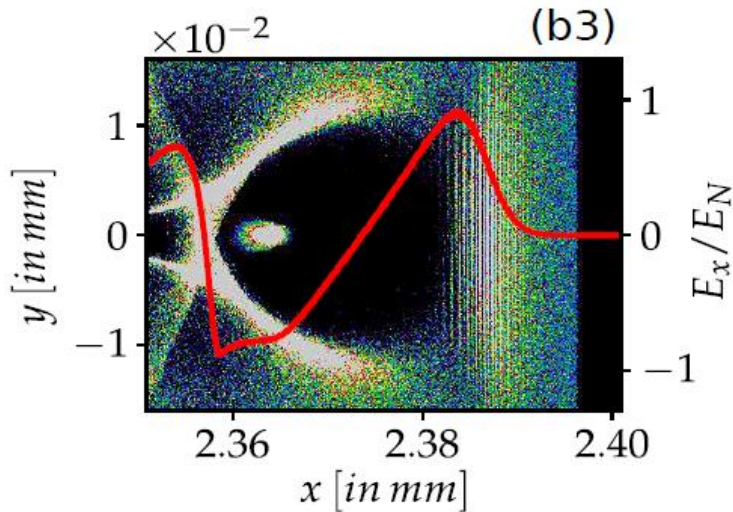
**Measurements:** L3-laser “TERESA”-size beam (“low-power” mode) in focus. The laser spot size in the focus is about 30 μm at FWHM for the LUIS setup after the 1<sup>st</sup> attempt to minimize coma and astigmatism.

## PIC modeling of the laser-plasma interaction and electron beam acceleration

Motivation: high-quality high-energy electron beam, suitable for LPA-based FEL

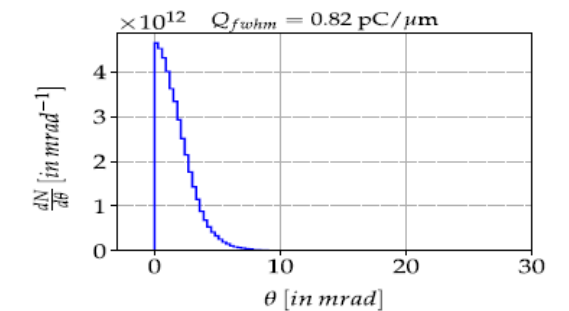
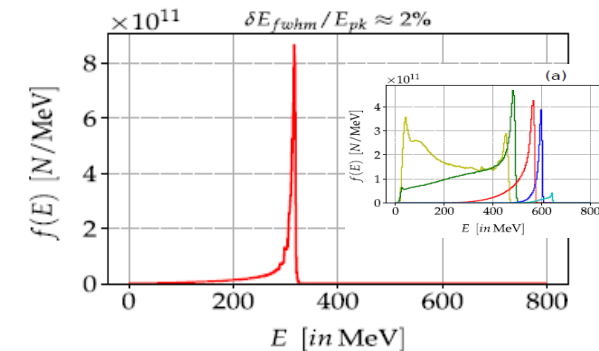
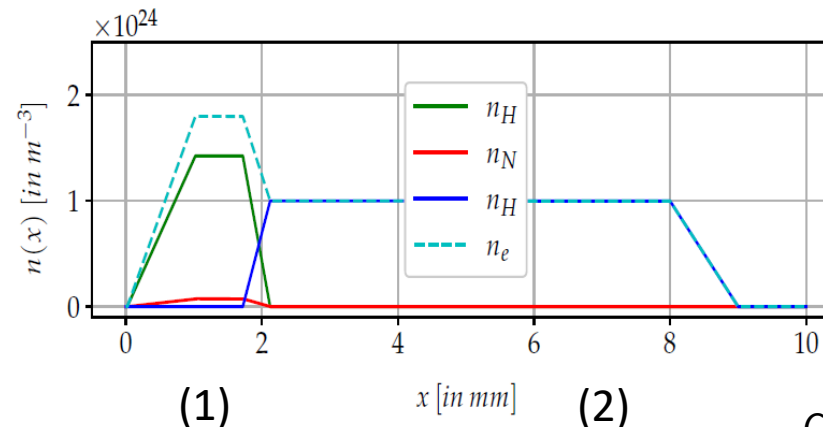
Table: Simulation Parameters ( $I_0 = 1.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ W/cm}^2$ ;  $P_L = 51 \text{ TW}$ )

Wavelength ( $\lambda_L$ )	Spot size ( $w_{fwhm}$ )	Pulse duration ( $\tau_{fwhm}$ )	$I_0$ (W/cm <sup>2</sup> )
0.8 $\mu\text{m}$	30 $\mu\text{m}$	30 fs	$1.0 \times 10^{19}$
Laser frequency ( $\omega_L$ )	Laser energy ( $E_L$ )	$a_0$	Power ( $P_L$ )
$2.35 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$	1.53 J	2.16	$51 \times 10^{12} \text{ W}$
Hydrogen density in platuria ( $n_p$ )	Net mixed density ( $n_m$ )	Percentage of mixer	$\omega_L/\omega_p$
$(1.0 - 1.5) \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$(1.5 - 2.0) \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	95% + 5% of $n_m$	33



### Staging approach in the gas-cell

- (1) Self-truncated injection
- (2) Acceleration

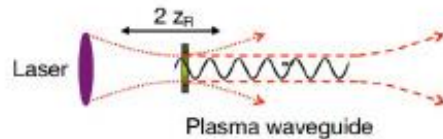


Energy  $\sim 300$  (up to 600) MeV  
 Spread (FWHM)  $\sim 2\%$   
 Divergence (FWHM)  $\sim 2$  mrad  
 Bunch charge  $\sim 15$  pC

Credit: S.Maity

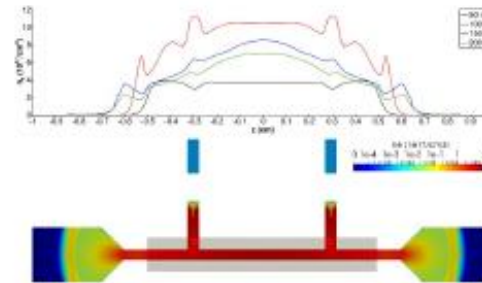
## Test setup in LUIS-Lab: discharge in the Sapphire capillary

### Plasma sources as waveguides

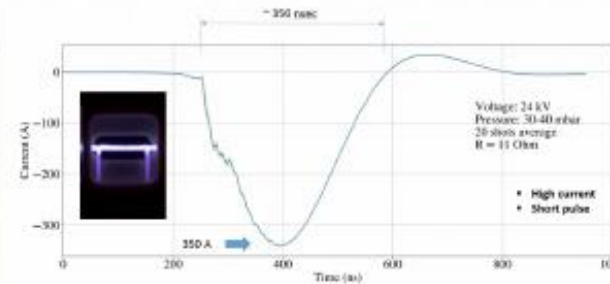


### Advantages:

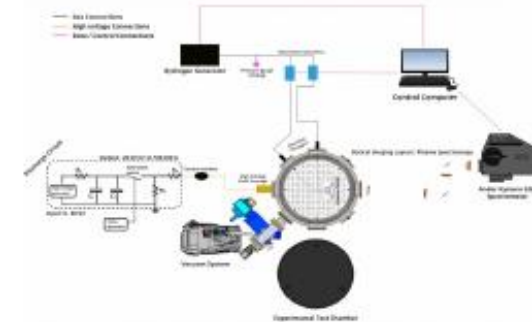
- overcome the diffraction limit
- increasing the LWFA acceleration length
- **reduce required laser pulse energy**
- **use high repetition rate of the laser**
- improve stability of LWFA using capillary
- active plasma lens with the magnetic field gradient  $\sim 400$  T/m



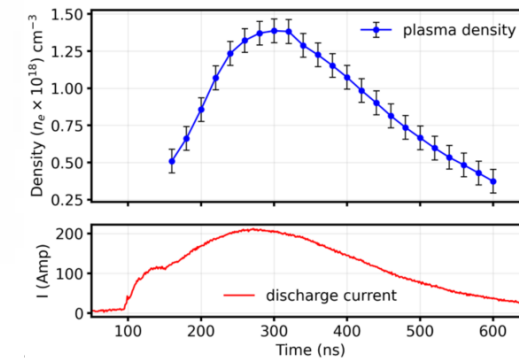
Modelling of the discharge plasma formation in the capillary (ELI-BL/KIAM collaboration)



Plasma channel in the Sapphire capillary, created at ELI-Beamlines

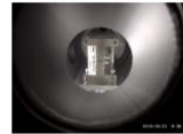
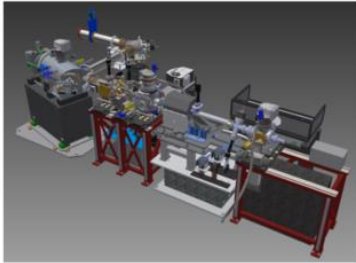


Plasma diagnostics setup in the LUIS-Lab, using the emission spectroscopy



# ○ LPA-based Incoherent Undulator Radiation Source

PHASE-0  
Q4-2023



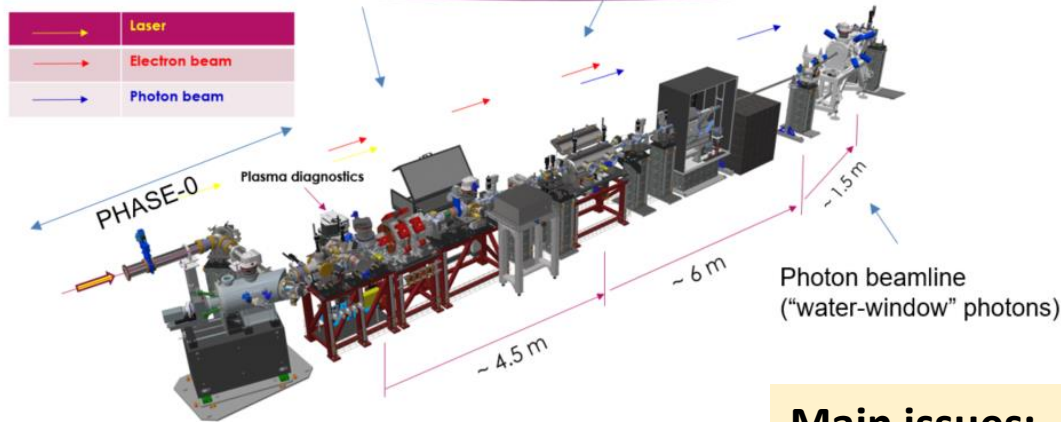
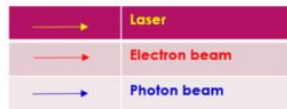
Electron beam spectrometer  
and dump

Compact Undulator

Electron beamline



PHASE-1  
2024



## Undulator parameters

Undulator period	mm	5
Number of period		100
Total length	mm	500
On-axis magnetic field	T	0.6
K-value		0.28

➔ LUX – collaboration

## Photon beam parameters (PHASE#1) / Estimation

		$W_e = 300 \text{ MeV} / Q_b = 30 \text{ pC}$	$W_e = 600 \text{ MeV} / Q_b = 30 \text{ pC}$
Photon energy (1 <sup>st</sup> harmonic)	eV	165	658
Photon wavelength (1 <sup>st</sup> harmonic)	nm	7.5	1.8
Number of photons (0.1%bw)		$1.7 \times 10^5$	$7.1 \times 10^6$
Peak Brilliance (at peak current of electron bunch)	*	$4.8 \times 10^{20}$	$1.9 \times 10^{21}$
Effective beam size and divergence of the photon beam (1 <sup>st</sup> harmonic)			
$\Sigma_{x,y}$	$\mu\text{m}$	114	114
$\Sigma_{x',y'}$	mrad	0.087	0.043

\* photon/sec/mrad<sup>2</sup>/mm<sup>2</sup>/0.1%bw

## Main issues:

- High repetition rate ( from 25 Hz up to 50 Hz), utilizing the L2-DUHA laser
- Stable and repeatable operation
- Improvement of the LPA-based electron beam quality
- Electron @ Photon beam diagnostics

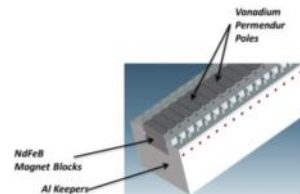
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 → SwissFEL type ("Aramis" line)



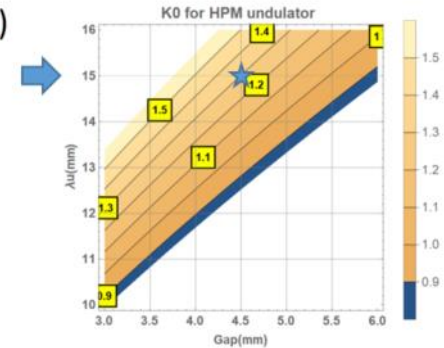
$\lambda_u = 15$  mm  
 Gap = 3÷6 mm  
 $B_{peak} \sim 0.95$  T \*  
 $K_0 = 1.30$  \*  
 \* gap=4.5mm



Well-established technology  
 (DANFYSIK, HITACHI Metal Ltd., ...)

'Swiss-FEL' type of undulator (HPM undulator)

$K_0 = 1.3$  ( $\lambda_u=15$  mm, Gap=4.5mm)  
 $L_{undulator} = 4$  m



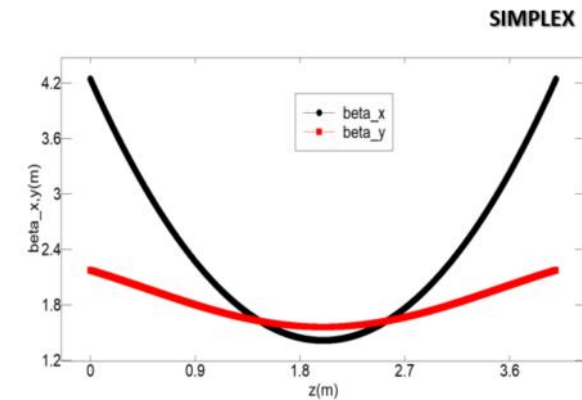
Natural focusing of the planar undulator

$W_e = 350$  MeV

Estimation:  $\langle \beta \rangle \sim \frac{\sqrt{2}\gamma \lambda_u}{2\pi K_0} \Rightarrow \langle \beta \rangle \sim 1.8$  m

$\langle \beta_x \rangle \sim 2.3$  m  
 $\langle \beta_y \rangle \sim 1.7$  m

Matched Twiss parameters



SIMPLEX: T.Tanaka, doi: [10.1107/S1600577515012850](https://doi.org/10.1107/S1600577515012850)

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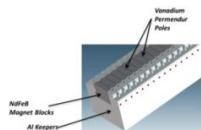
→ Reach the saturation in the 4-m undulator

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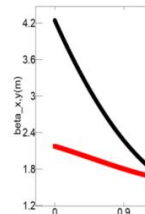
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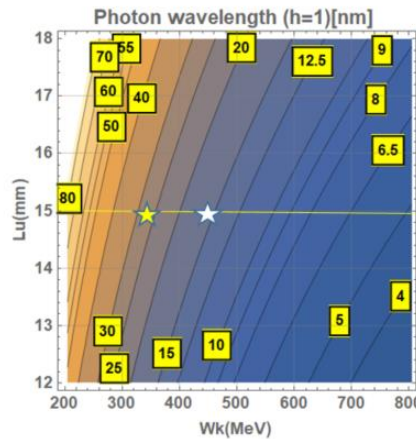
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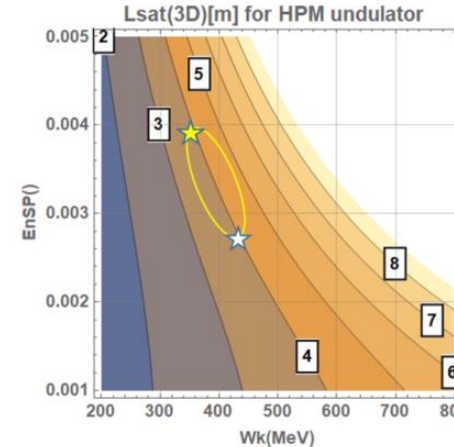
SWISS-FEL "Aramis" type (HPM undulator)

Gap = 4÷6 mm,  $B_r = 1.3$  T



$\sigma_t = 5$  fsec ( $\sigma_z \sim 1.5$   $\mu$ m) - Gaussian  
 $Q_b = 40$  pC ( $I_{peak} \sim 3.2$  kA)  
 $\sigma_{x,y} = 30$   $\mu$ m ( $\epsilon_n = 0.25 \pi$  mm.mrad)

**Control:** "slice" energy spread and normalized emittance as well as the peak current (bunch length, bunch charge)

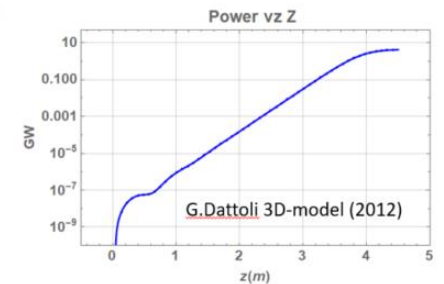


$\lambda_u = 15$  mm  
Gap = 4.5 mm  
 $K_u = 1.2$

$L_{sat}(3D) \sim 4$  m

If  $\sigma_{\delta\gamma} \sim 0.4$  %  
 $W_e \sim 350$  MeV  
 $\lambda_{ph,1} \sim 27.8$  nm  
 $E_{ph,1} \sim 44.5$  eV  
→  $P_{pulse} \sim 3.5$  GW  
 $\rho_{1D} \sim 0.007$   
 $\epsilon_{n,coh} \sim 1.5 \pi \mu$ m

If  $\sigma_{\delta\gamma} \sim 0.25$  %  
 $W_e \sim 430$  MeV  
 $\lambda_{ph,1} \sim 18.2$  nm  
 $E_{ph,1} \sim 68.1$  eV  
→  $P_{pulse} \sim 4.7$  GW  
 $\rho_{1D} \sim 0.006$   
 $\epsilon_{n,coh} \sim 1.2 \pi \mu$ m



## Required electron beam 'slice' parameters:

$W_e \sim 350 \div 400$  MeV;  $\epsilon_n \sim 0.25 \pi$  mm.mrad;  $I_{peak} \sim 3$  kA;  $\sigma_{\delta} < 0.4$  %



Similar parameters are demonstrated experimentally (SIOM-team / China)

doi: [10.1038/s41586-021-03678-x](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-021-03678-x)





## ○ LPA-based Coherent Undulator Radiation Source

**Dedicated electron beam transport is required in order to:**

- Capture electrons from LPA → issue: preservation of the transverse normalized emittance \*
- Clean the 'halo' of the electron beam, caused by the chromatic aberration effect
- Control the slice energy spread → 'decompression' chicane as a basic option \*\*

In addition:

- 'capture' block of focusing elements has to be placed as close as possible to LPA
- high-power laser beam can be separated from the electron beam only after the 'capture' block.

\* M.Migliorati et. al., "Intrinsic normalized emittance growth in laser-driven electron accelerators", Phys.Rev. ST Accel. Beams 2013, 16, 011302.  
doi:10.1103/PhysRevSTAB.16.011302.

\*\* A.Maier *et al.*, Phys.Rev. X 2, 031019 (2012)



# ○ LPA-based Coherent Undulator Radiation Source

Capture block

Triplet: 3 EQMs

INITIAL beam:

LPA-source

$W_e = 350 \text{ MeV}$

$Q_b = 70 \text{ pC}$

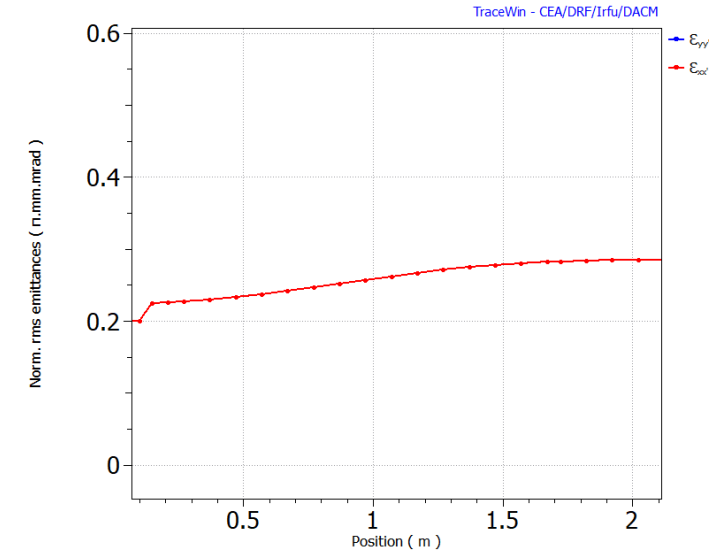
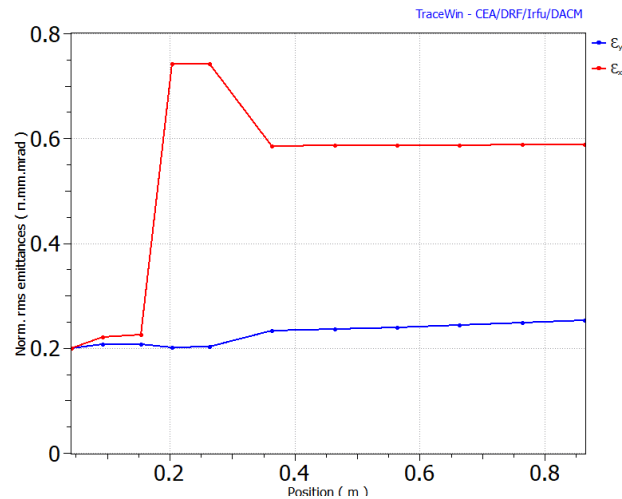
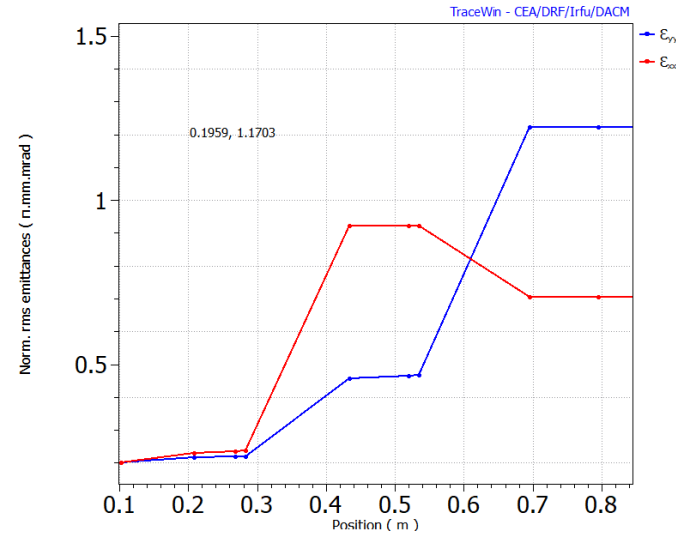
'Projected' values

$\varepsilon_{n\ x,y} = 0.2 \pi \text{ m.mrad}$

$\sigma_{x',y'} = 0.5 \text{ mrad}$

$\sigma_\delta = 0.5 \%$

Triplet: 2 PQM + EQM

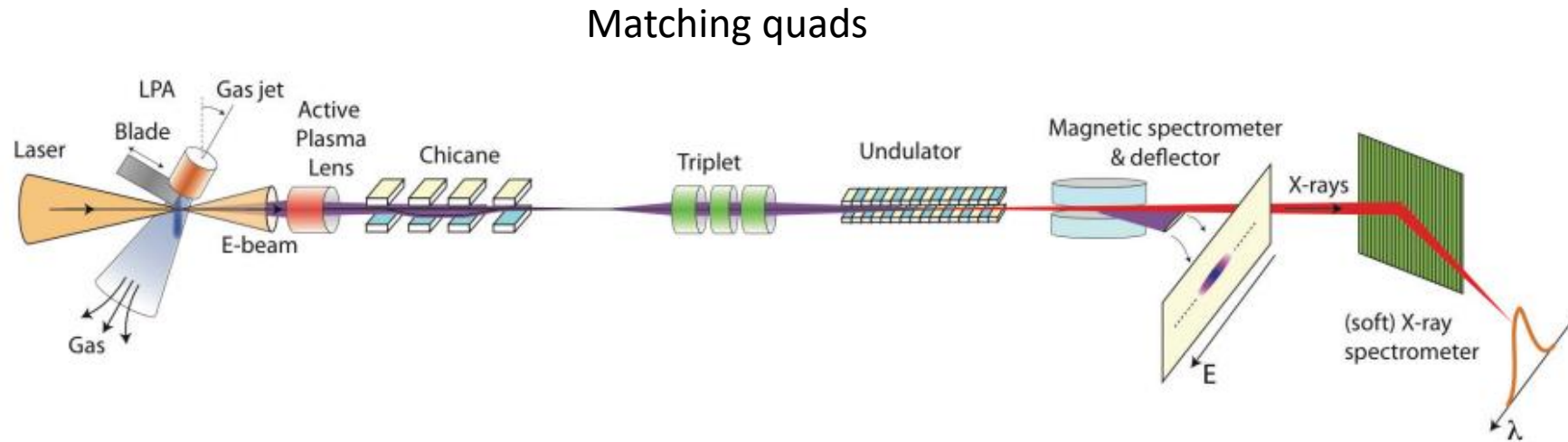


Active Plasma Lens  
(concept)

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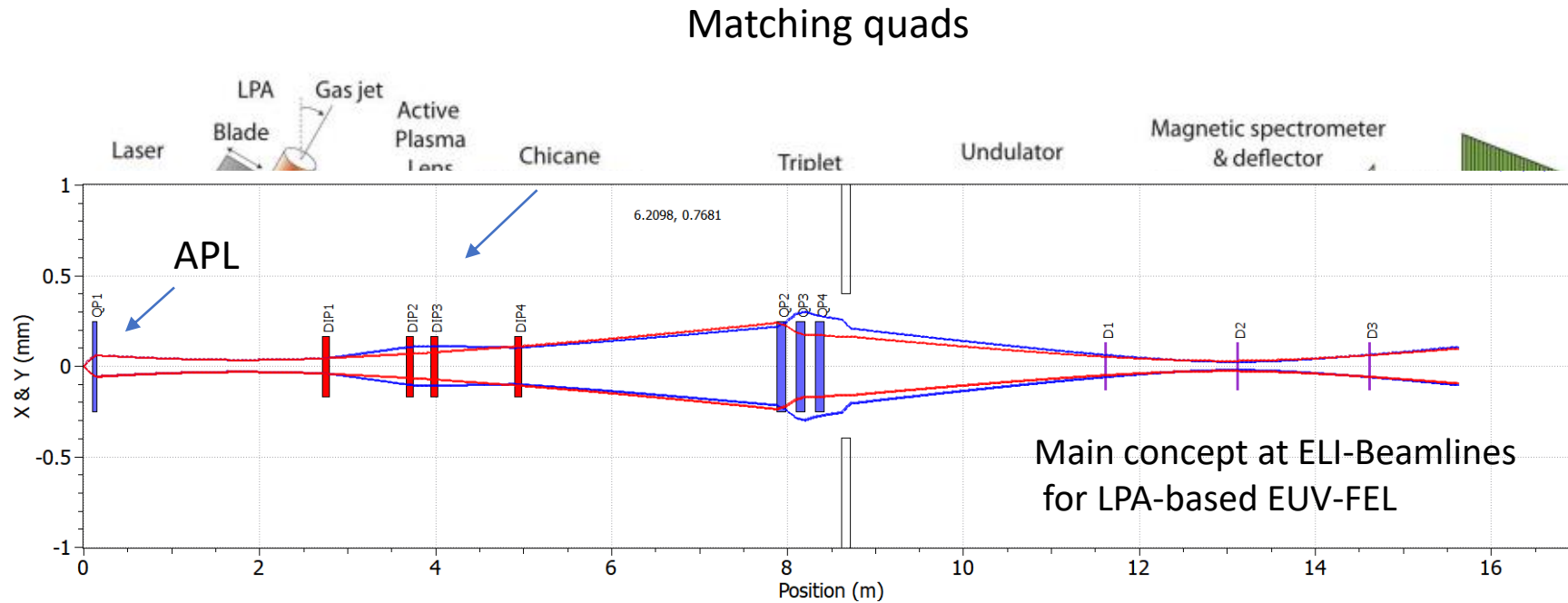


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**LPA-source**  
 $W_e = 350 \text{ MeV}$   
 $Q_b = 50\text{-}70 \text{ pC}$   
**'Projected' values**  
 $\epsilon_{n,x,y} = 0.2 \pi \text{ m.mrad}$   
 $\sigma_{x',y'} = 0.5 \text{ mrad}$   
 $\sigma_\delta = 0.5 \%$

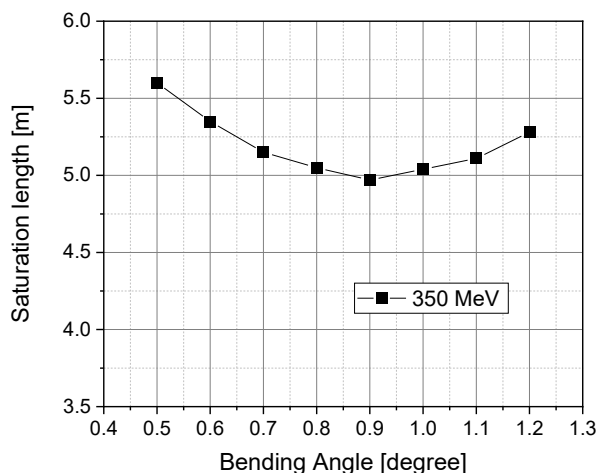


**'Slice' parameters**  
 $\langle \epsilon_{n,x} \rangle = 0.35 \pi \text{ m.mrad}$   
 $\langle \epsilon_{n,y} \rangle = 0.37 \pi \text{ m.mrad}$   
 $\langle \sigma_\delta \rangle = 0.23 \%$   
 $I_{\text{peak}} \sim 3 \text{ kA}$   
**Collimator:**  
 Propagation  $\sim 75 \%$   
 DC angle = 0.9 degrees

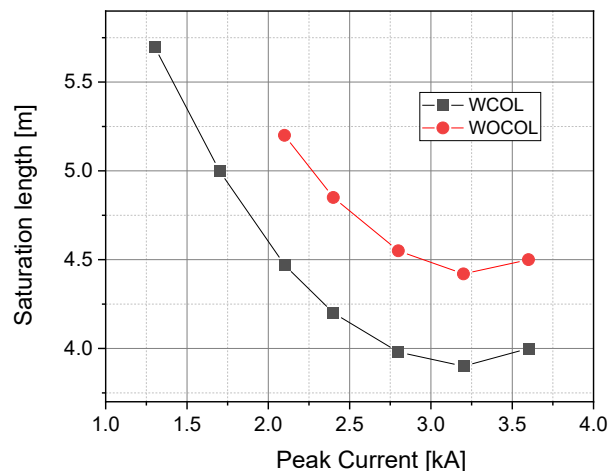
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## Sources of the transverse emittance degradation in the LPA-based electron beam line

- Chromatic aberration → Intrinsic effect for the LPA-based electron beam
- Collective effects (space charge)
- Coherent synchrotron radiation
- Imperfections (injection errors, misalignment of main components ...)

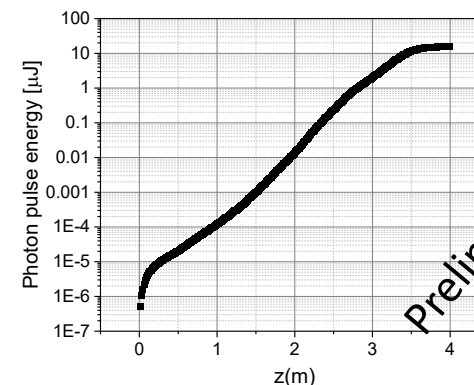


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Undulator unit

## Photon beam parameters at saturation for the optimized case with Collimator

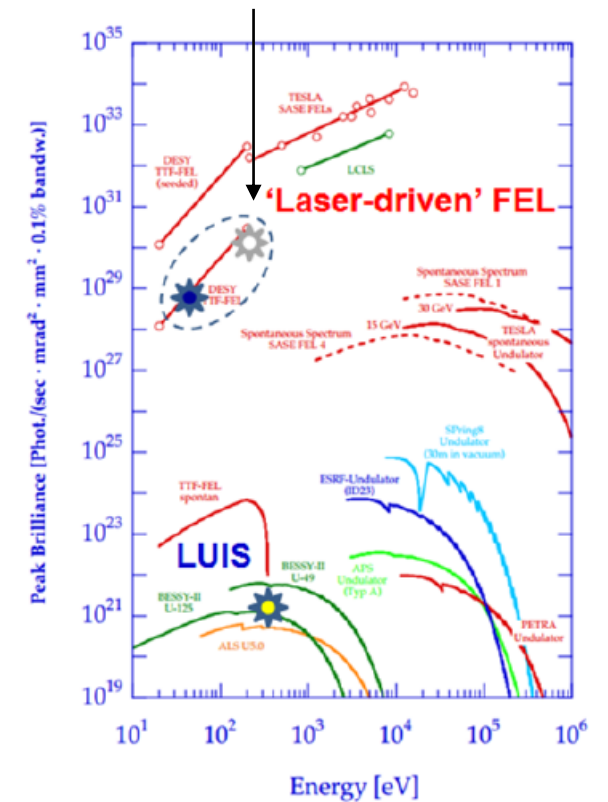


LPA-based EUV SASE-FEL ( $h=1, K_u=1.2$ )		
Energy	MeV	350
Rep-Rate	Hz	25 → 50
Wavelength ( $h=1$ )	nm	~ 27.8
Photon energy	eV	~ 44.5
Peak power	GW	~ 2.1
Undulator length	m	~ 4
Total photon flux		~ $1.6 \times 10^{13}$
Brilliance	0.1%bw	~ $4 \times 10^{29}$

**Comprehensive “Star-to-End” simulations are needed**



- ❖ High-power High-repetition rate novel Laser System (L2-DUHA) is under preparation at ELI-Beamlines → 1<sup>st</sup> operation (plan): Q1-2024
- ❖ High-quality High-energy compact Laser-Plasma Accelerator is under preparation (E5-LUIS experimental setup) → 1<sup>st</sup> commissioning run (plan Q4-2023), utilizing the ‘cropped’ L3-HAPLS laser system
- ❖ Incoherent undulator radiation source at ELI-Beamlines → commissioning during 2024
- ❖ Coherent undulator radiation source (LPA-based FEL) → next step ... of the development





Thank you for your attention

