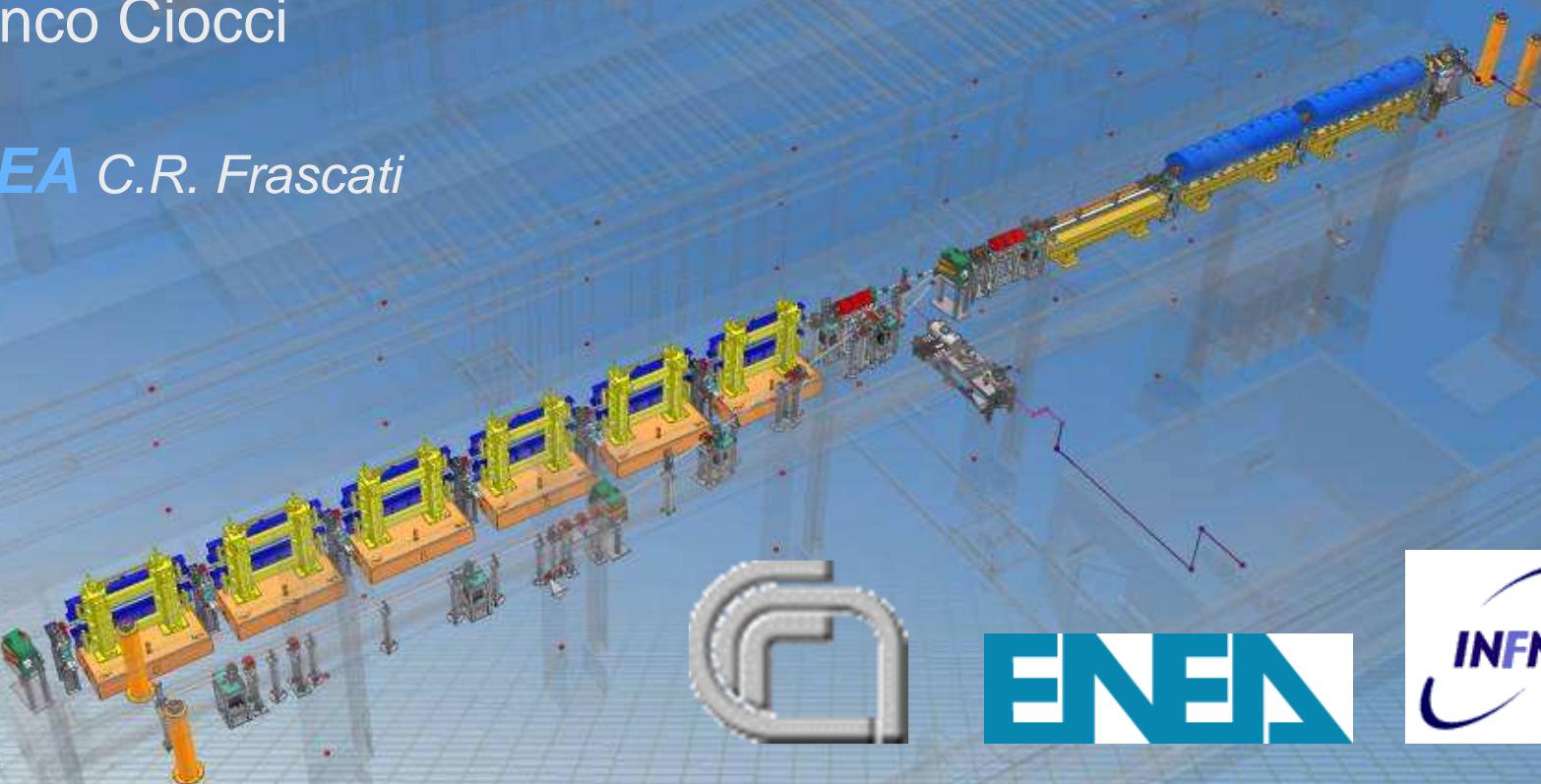




# FEL experiments at SPARC

Franco Ciocci

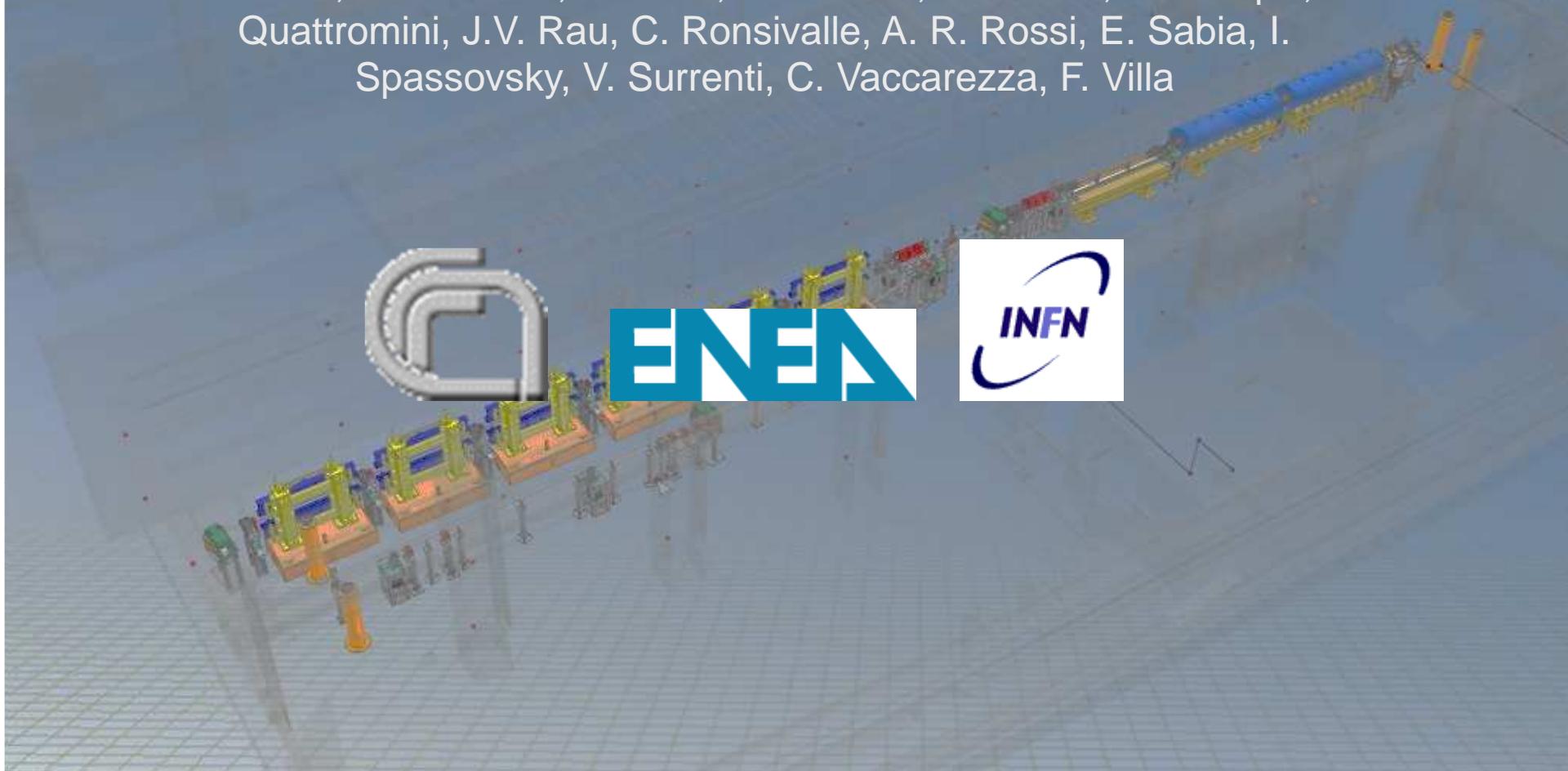
**ENEA** C.R. Frascati



*Seeding and Self Seeding at New FEL sources 10 December 2012*

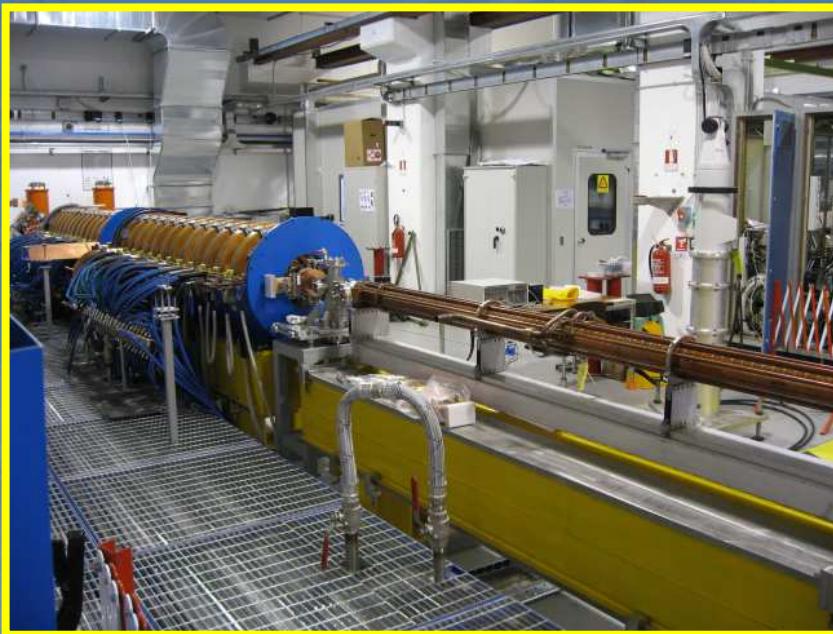
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# Outline

- SPARC FEL device
- Overview on the SPARC LAB projects
- SPARC FEL : past and present experimental activity
- Upgrade of the actual configuration
- A possible layout for self-seeding at SPARC
- Conclusions



*Linac modules & Solenoid*



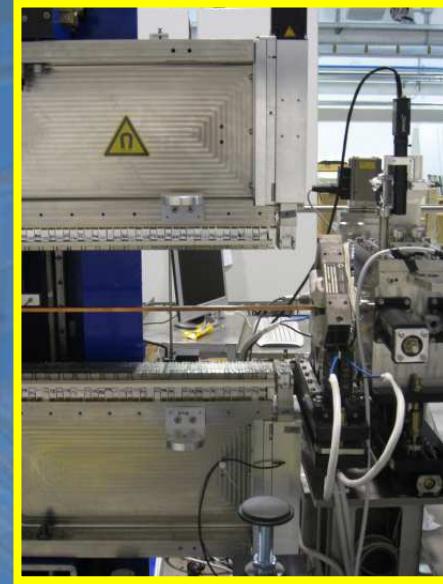
*RF Gun &  
Solenoid*  
Solenoid ~3 kG  
Input Power 14 MW  
Max Acc. Field  
@ cathode ~  
130 MV/m

Photoacceleration:  
0.5 TW Ti:Sa  
laser system

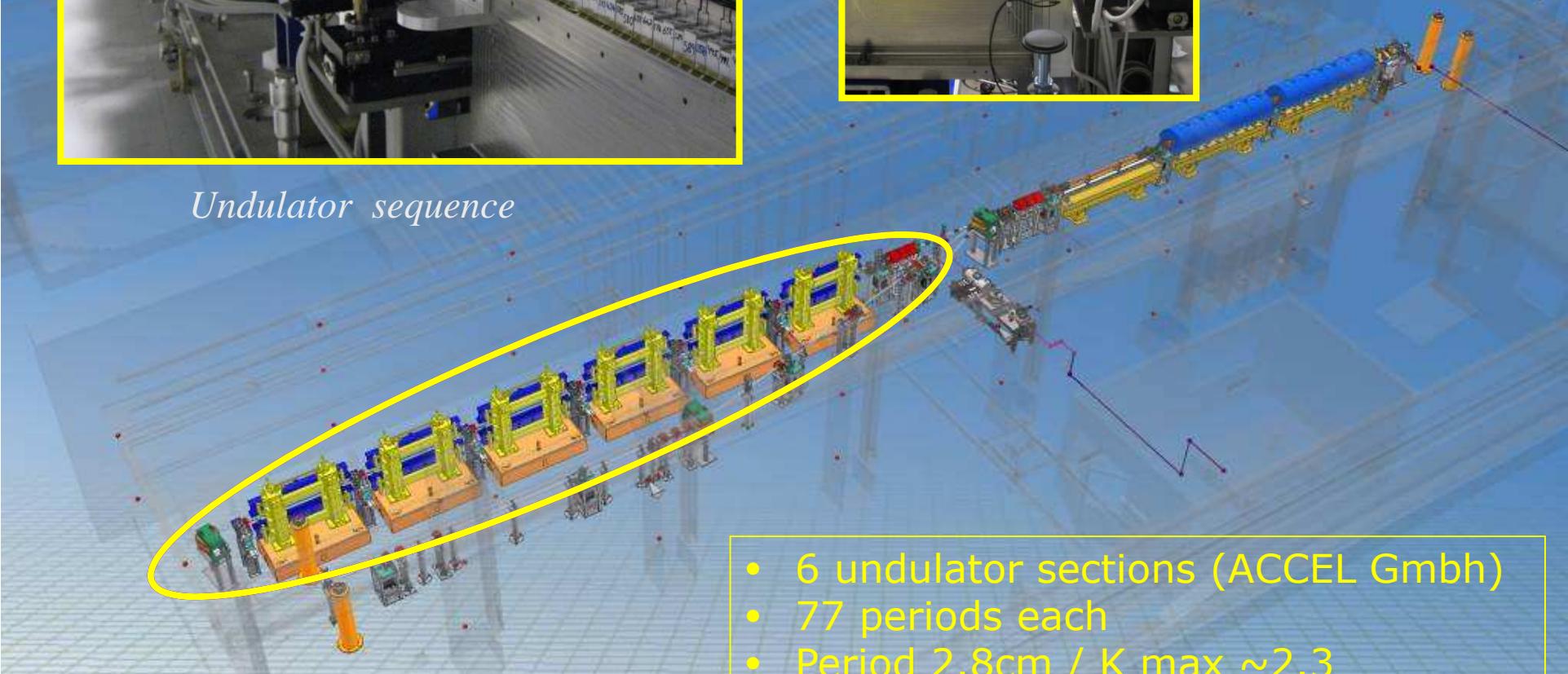
- UCLA/BNL/SLAC design 1.6 cells RF injector
- Three TW S-band modules
- Maximum energy 180 MeV
- Focusing solenoids on the first two modules  
(longitudinal compression via velocity bunching)



*Undulator sequence*



*Undulator  
termination  
with phase shifter*

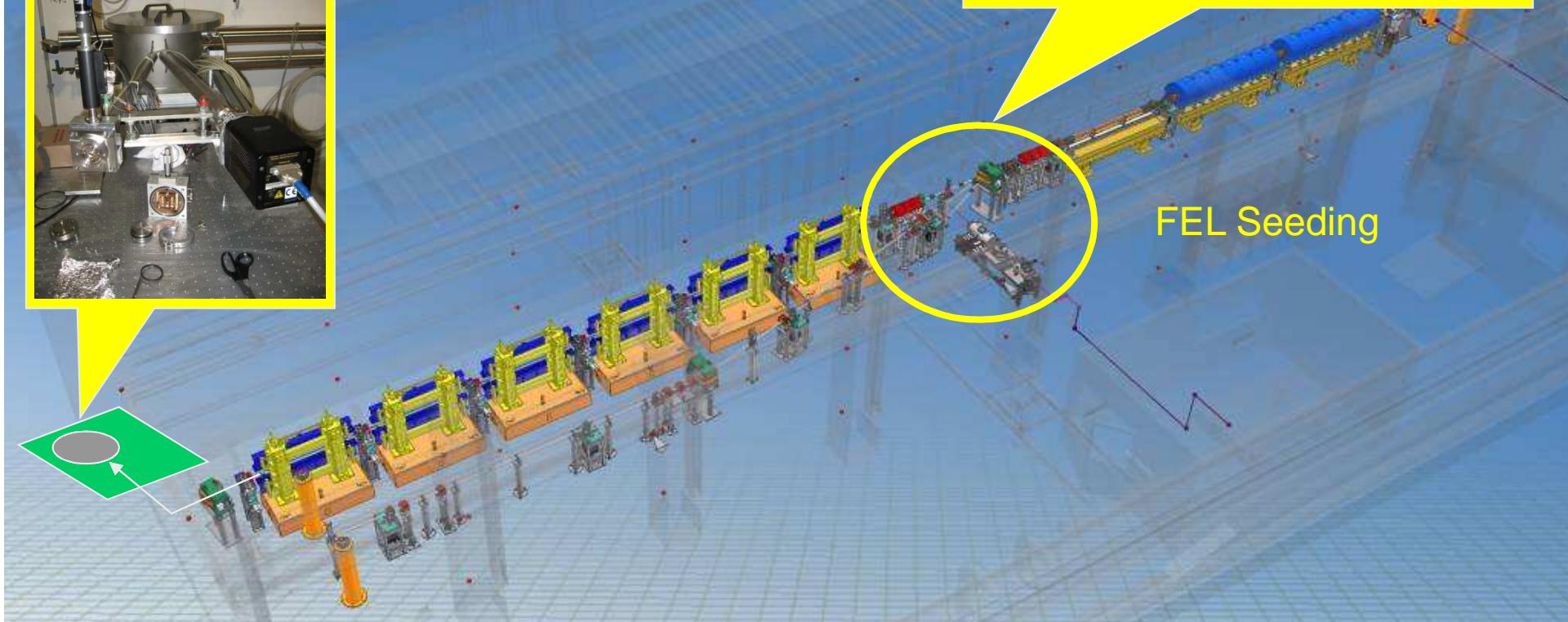


- 6 undulator sections (ACCEL GmbH)
- 77 periods each
- Period 2.8cm / K max  $\sim 2.3$
- Phase shifters between the modules

In vacuum  
spectrometer (Luxor)  
550-40nm



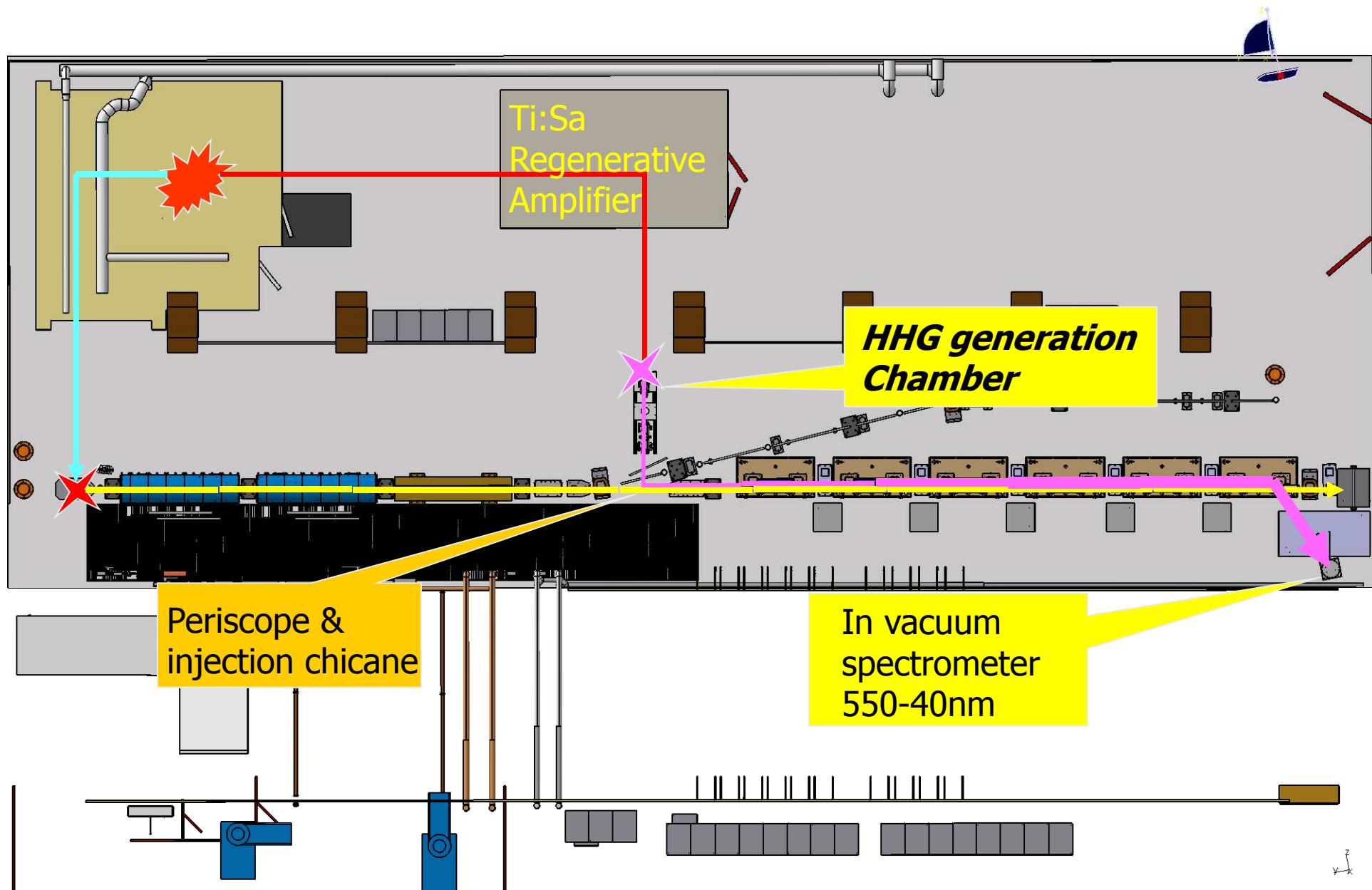
FEL Seeding



# Seeded SPARC Layout



+ MUR



# Overview on the main SPARC LAB projects



300 TW, < 25 fs  
Ti:Sa laser

**PWFA\_COMB**

**Thomson**

**LWFA\_Ext**

**FEL**

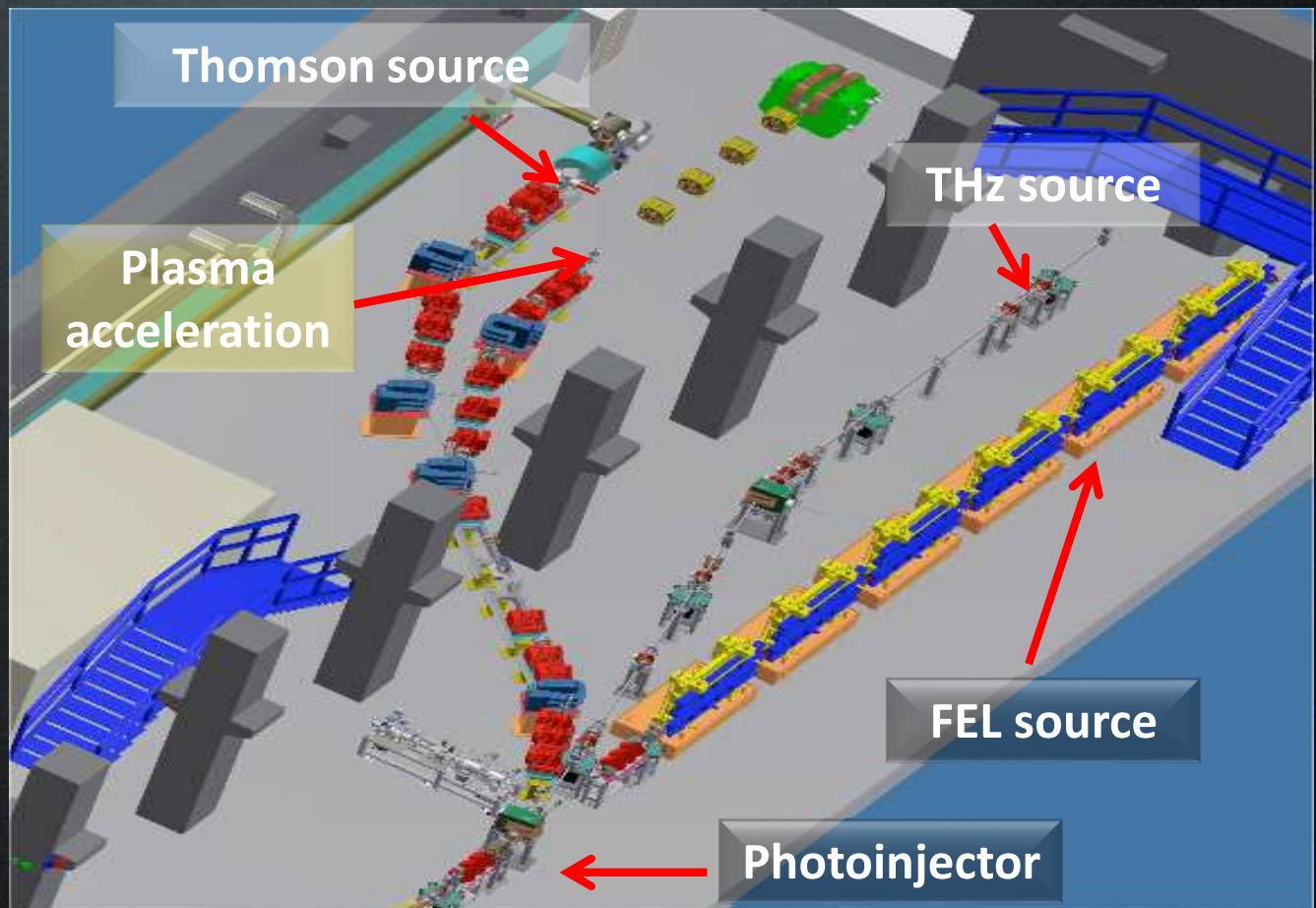
**THz Radiation**

Coherent Transition (CTR) on  
a silicon aluminated radiator  
100 GHz – 5 THz

Particle Wake Field Acceleration  
using a multi-bunch train

**Thomson**  
Backscattering 20-550 keV

Laser Wake Field Acceleration  
in plasma capillary



LNF- November 19, 2012

Courtesy of M. Ferrario

# SPARC FEL : past and present experimental activity



# Past FEL experiments

**SASE**

**SASE**

**Self Amplified Spontaneous Emission Spectra measurements Summer 2009**  
Orbit kicks to selectively inhibit SASE in the first undulators

**SINGLE SPIKE (e-beam chirp & taper)**  
Substantial increase of Pulse energy  
Energy 140  $\mu$ J (max 380  $\mu$ J) Rel Linewidth 0.8% rms

**TWINS\*\*\***  
(Two simultaneous spikes ~560 fs separation)

**Speckles & Evolution of coherence**

**HHG Seeding**

**3° harmonic direct seeding & FEL harmonic generation with HHG**

**5° harmonic direct seeding**

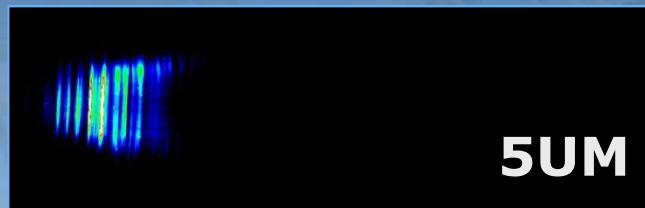
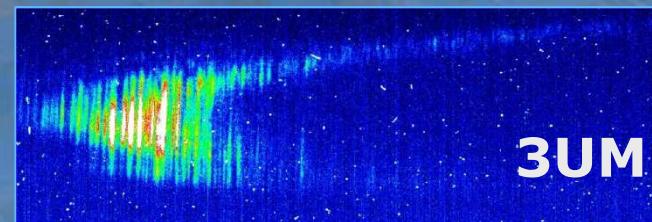
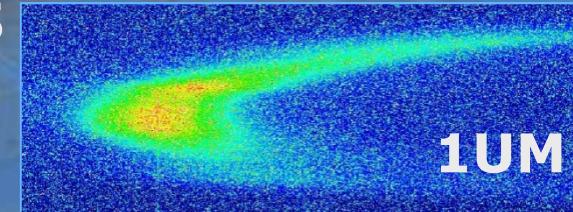
**HGHG with HHG**

**Emission of harmonics in superradiance**

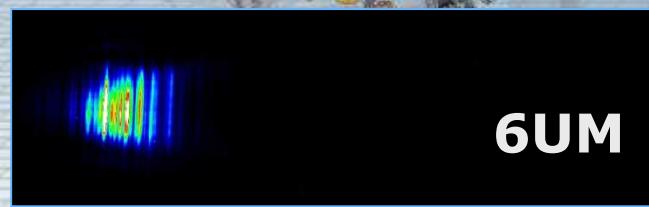
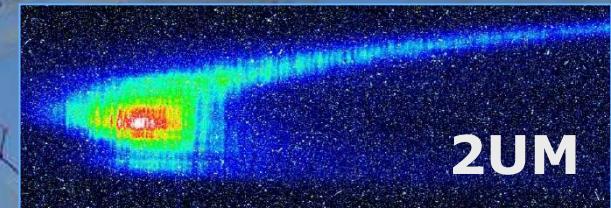
**Superradiant cascade**

**Seeding in superradiance**

# Self Amplified Spontaneous Emission Spectra measurements Summer 2009

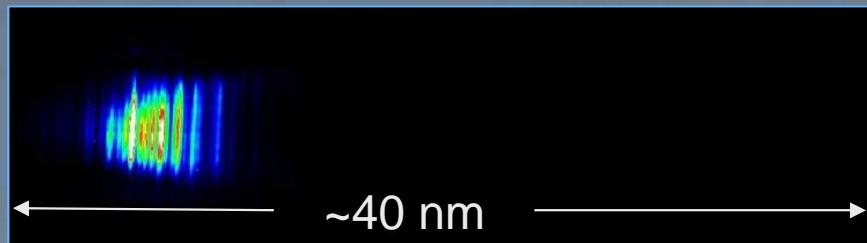


Spectrometer

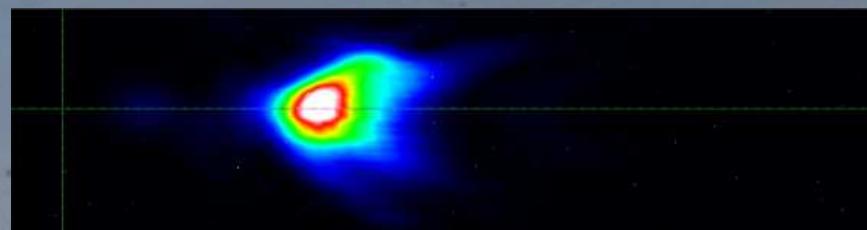


# SASE experiments in 2010 ...

SASE\*



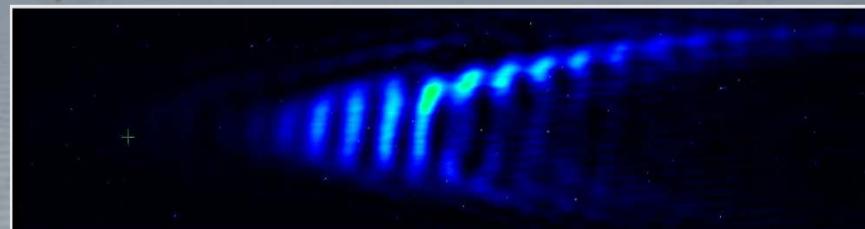
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Energy 140 uJ (max 380 uJ)  
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**(Two simultaneous spikes ~560 fs separation)**



\* L.Giannessi et al. Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 14, 060712 (2011)

\*\* L.G. et al. PRL 106 144801 (2011)  
G. Marcus et al. APL. 101, 134102 (2012);

\*\*\* work in progress

# SPARC Seeded Operation (2010)

- Seed modes:
  - Low pulse energy seeding: 266 nm & 160 nm generated in gas
  - High pulse energy seeding: 400 nm in BBO crystal

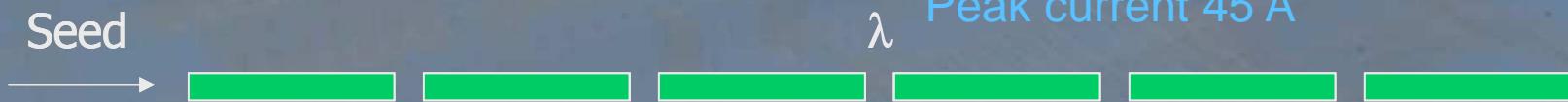


# Low intensity seeding

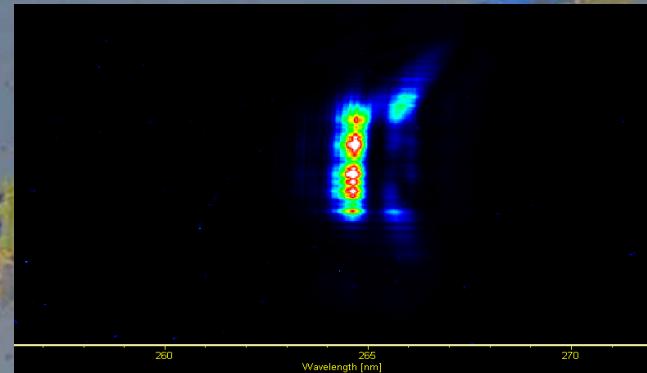
Beam parameters (3-4/6/2010)

Transverse emittances  $\sim 2 \text{ mm mrad}$

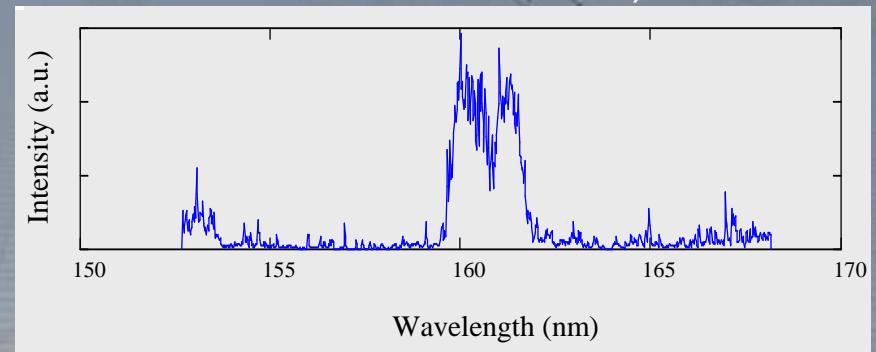
Peak current 45 A



Wavelength 266 nm (3° harmonic of Ti:Sa in Ar,  $E \sim 50 \text{ nJ} (\pm 20 \text{ nJ})$ )

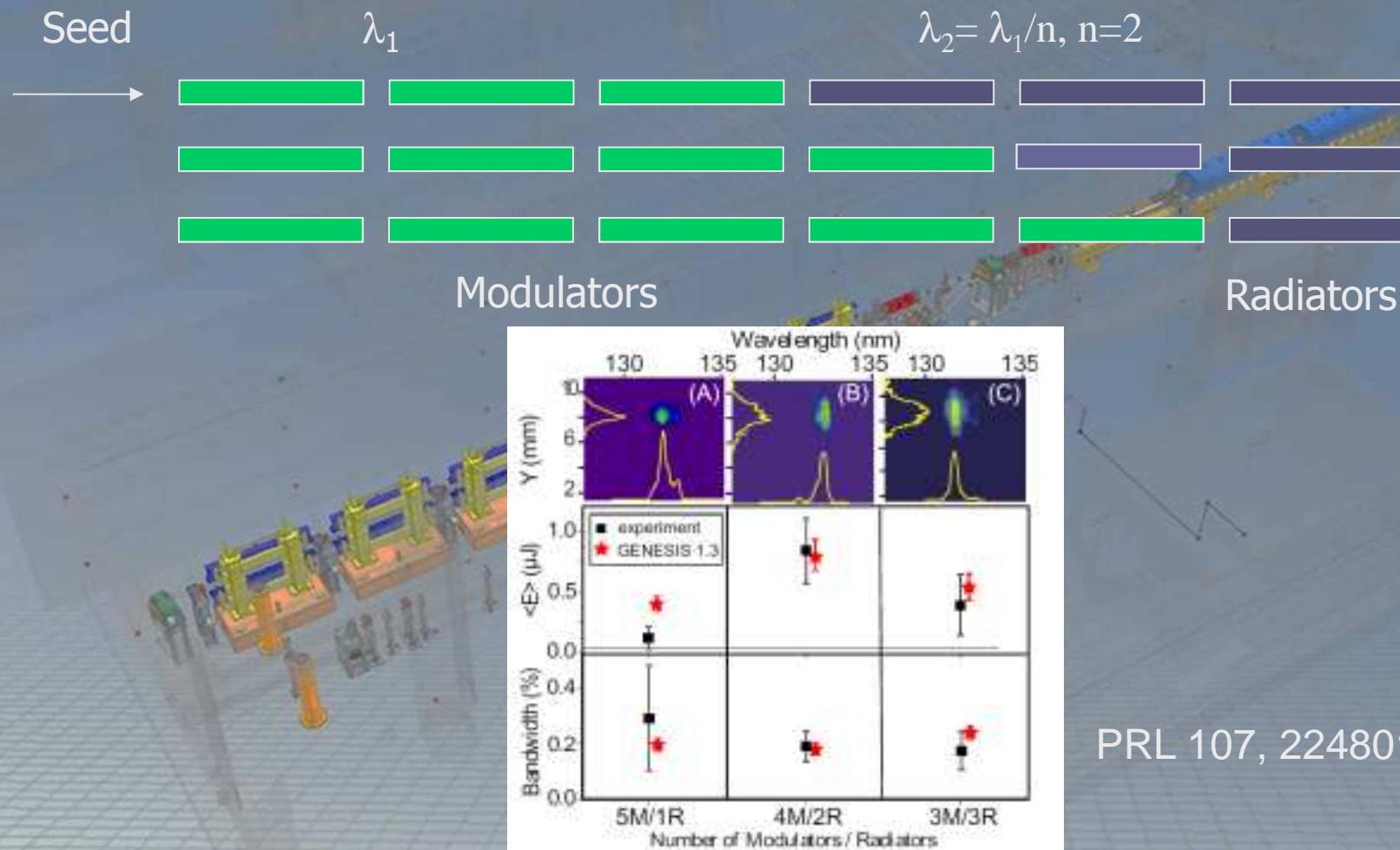


Wavelength 160nm (5° harmonic of Ti:Sa in Ar,,  $E \ll 1 \text{ nJ}$ )

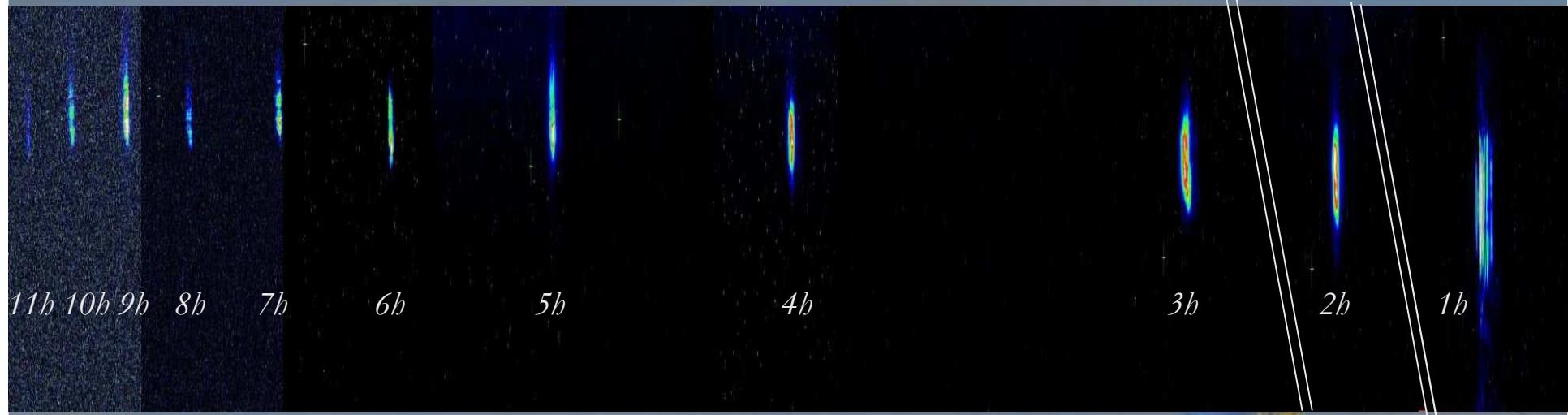


# Cascaded FEL seeded with harmonics generated in gas

- Seed @ 266 nm /  $\sim 50$  nJ
- 5-4-3 UM tuned @ 266 nm / 1-2-3 UM tuned @ 133 nm



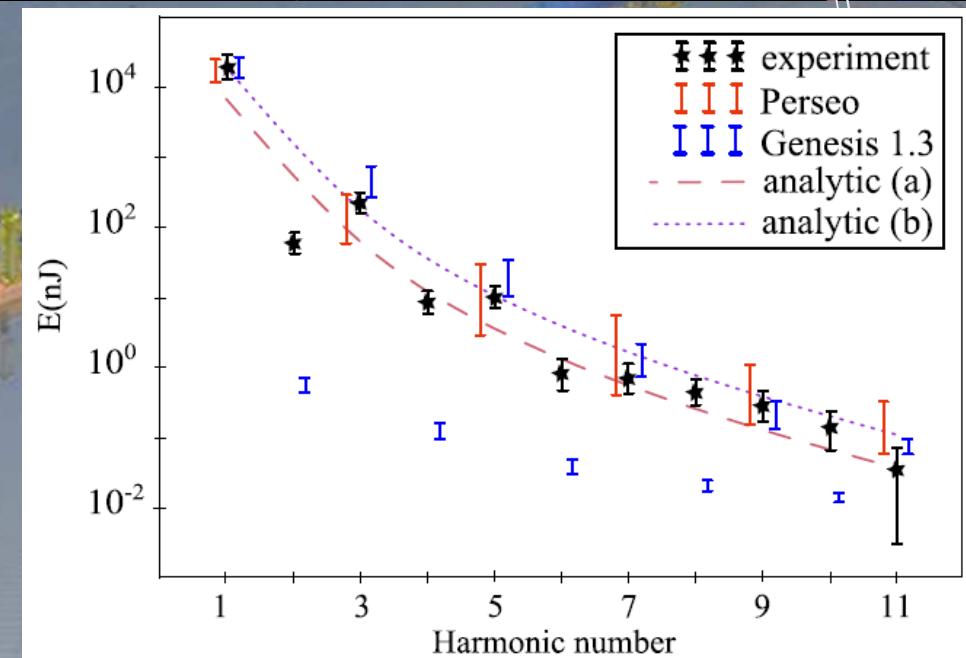
# Emission of harmonics in superradiance



PRL 108, 164801 (2012)



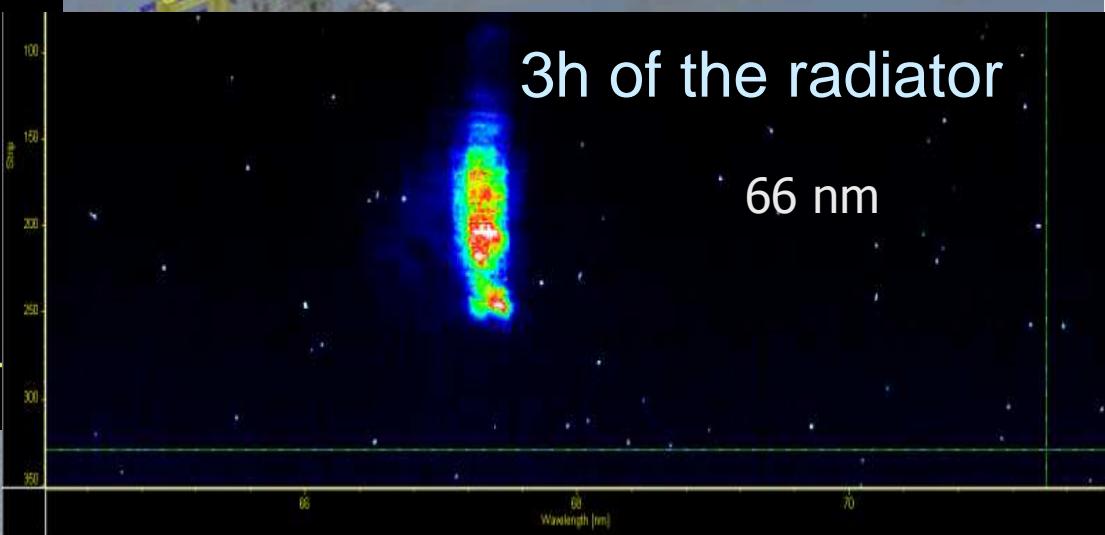
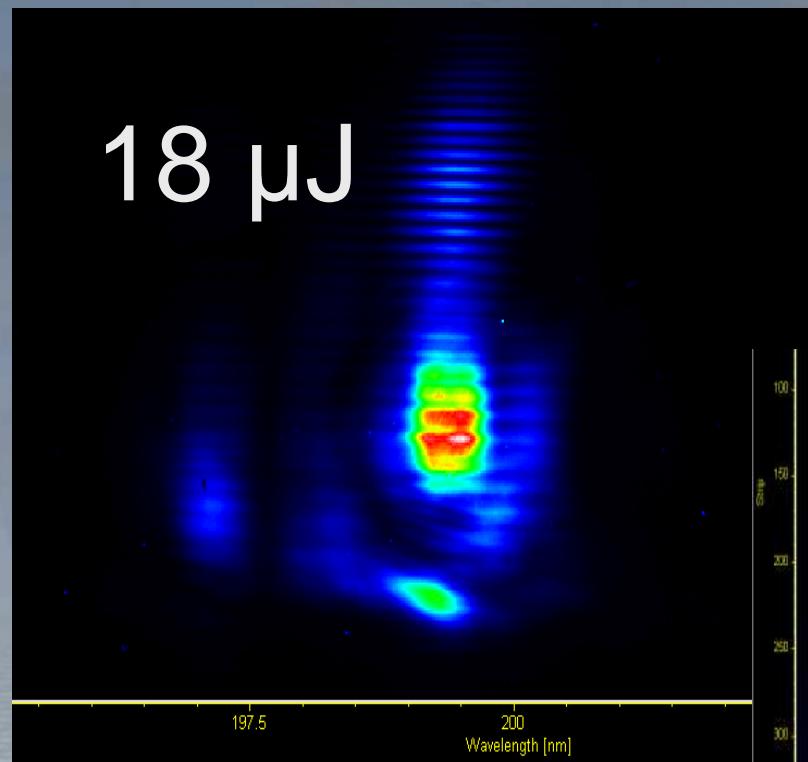
Observation of 11° harmonic at 37nm



Analytical model: G. Dattoli and P. L. Ottaviani, J. Appl. Phys. 86, (1999)

(4/6/2010) Seed @ 400 nm

2 uJ - 1 UM tuned at 400 nm – 5 UM tuned @ 200nm



# Seeded SPARC spectral range

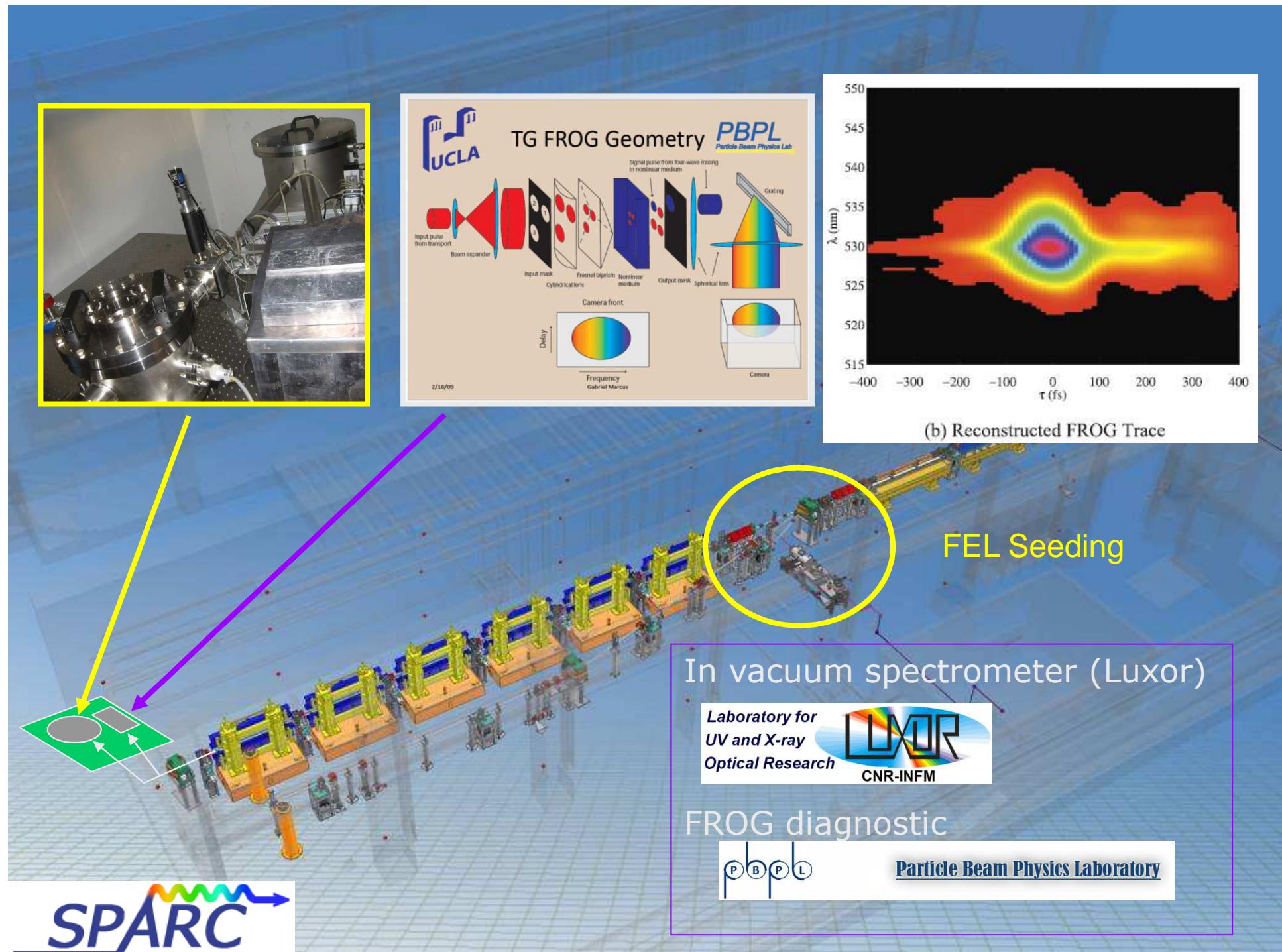


Pulse energy vs. wavelength ( ~ 50-60A / 178MeV )

Mode of operation	SASE	Seeded		
	Wavelength	200nm	133 nm	66nm*
Energy/pulse (~ 100 fs)	$\sim 100 \mu\text{J}$	$\sim 10 \mu\text{J}$	$\sim 1 \mu\text{J}$	$\sim 100 \text{nJ}$
# photons	$2.5 \times 10^{14}$	$1 \times 10^{13}$	$6 \times 10^{11}$	$3 \times 10^{10}$

SPARC MAX ENERGY 178 MeV



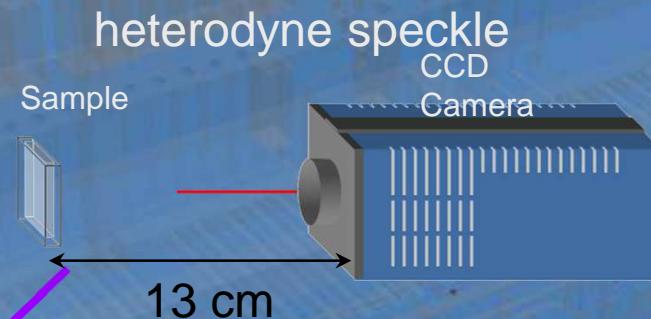




## Coherence measurement: heterodyne speckle approach

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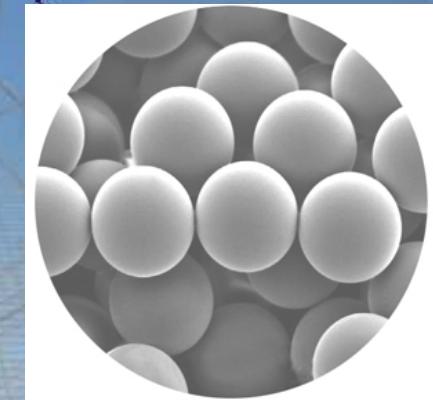
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Testing coherence with  
small spheres

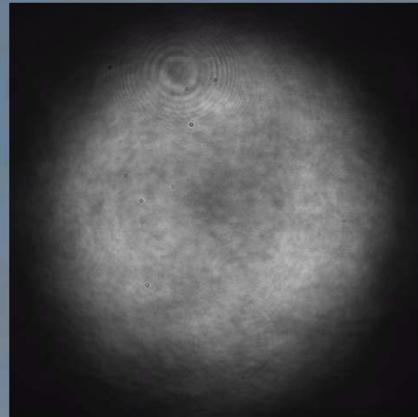
#### Sample:

- Colloidal particles in water suspension
- Polystyrene ( $n=1,59$ )
- $d=2,1\mu\text{m}$

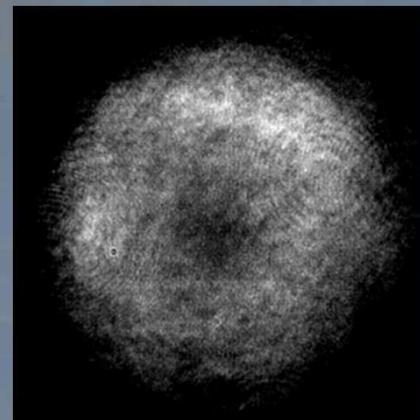


# Coherence measurement at SPARC SASE ( $\lambda=400\text{nm}$ )

Beam + weak scattered field



Heterodyne speckles



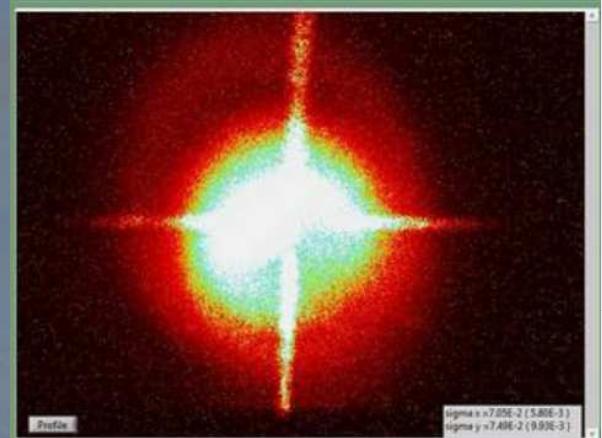
Background subtraction



6 mm

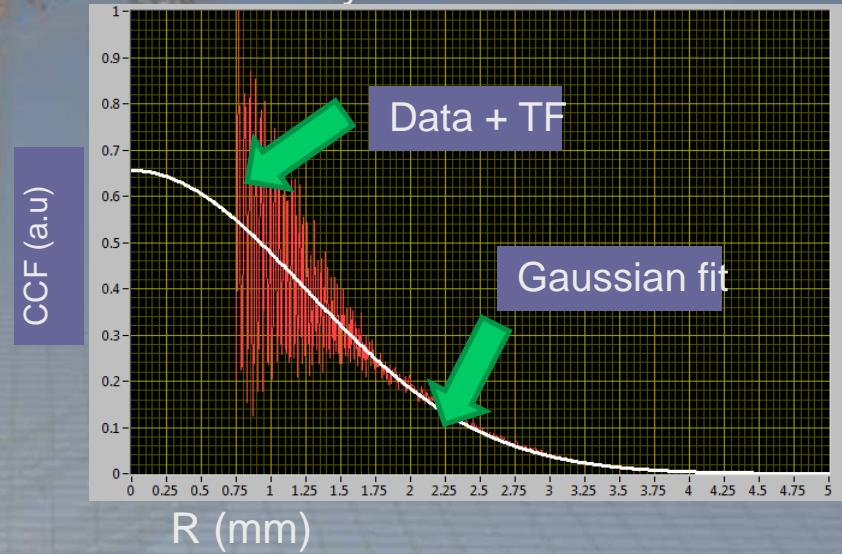
Coherence length:  
FWHM = 4 mm

	4 UM	5 UM	6 UM
Energy exp.	$5.4 \pm 2.8 \text{ nJ}$	-	$2.4 \pm 1.9 \mu\text{J}$
Energy sim.	11 nJ	156 nJ	2.2 $\mu\text{J}$
TC exp.	0.7	0.8	0.82
TC sim.	0.61-0.73	0.68	0.8-0.92-0.8
TC spectrometer	0.88	0.96	0.96



Radiation at the end of the undulator

Fourier analysis

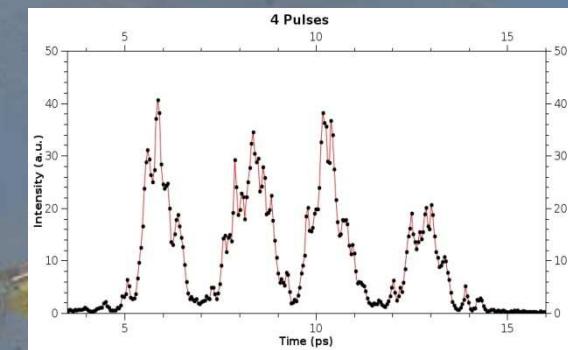
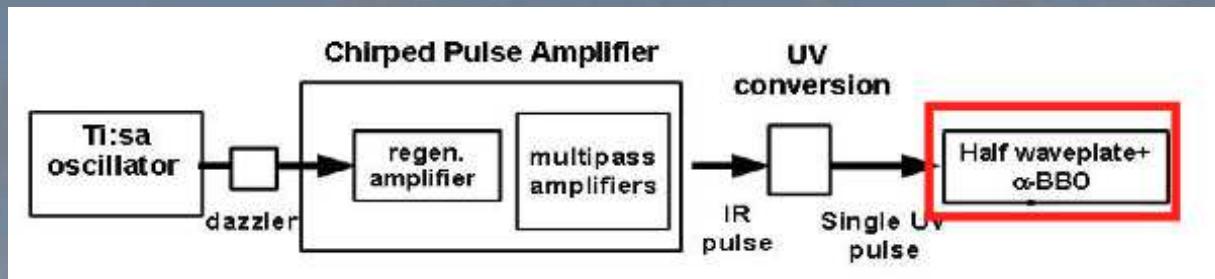


# Comb FEL



## Laser COMB technique

A train of laser pulses at the cathode by birefringent crystal



The technique used for this purpose relies on a **birefringent crystal**, where the input pulse is **decomposed** in two orthogonally polarized pulses (ordinary, extraordinary) with a time separation proportional to the crystal length.

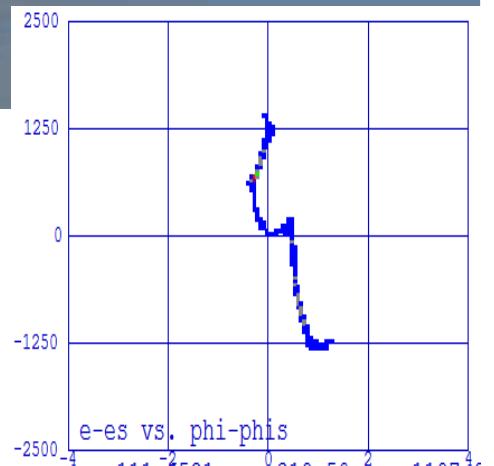
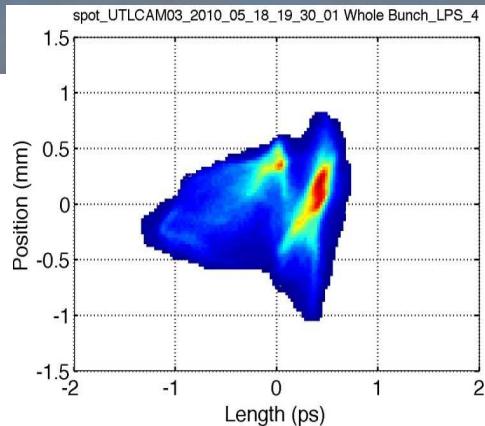
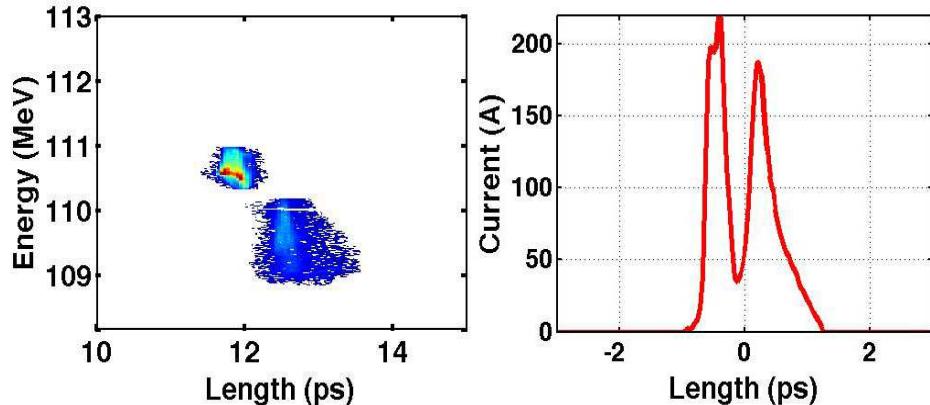
Different crystal thickness are available (10.353 mm in this case).

Putting more crystals, one can generate **bunch trains** (e.g. 4 bunches).

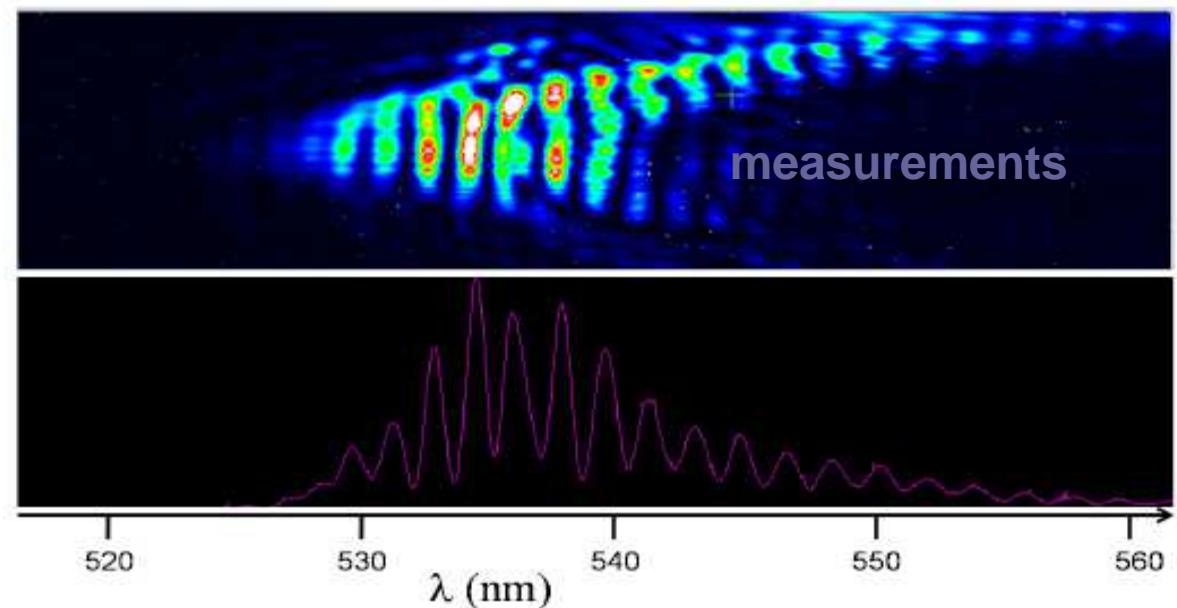
The intensity along the pulse train can be modulated

$$\Delta\tau = (1/v_{go} - 1/v_{ge})L_1$$

# Comb FEL



Simulation Tstep  
by C.Ronsivalle



$\sigma t I = 140 \text{ fs}$ ,  $\sigma t II = 270 \text{ fs}$   
 $T_{\text{separation}} \approx 0.8 \text{ ps}$   
 $\epsilon_{x,y}(100\%) = 6.2, 4.4 \text{ mm-rad}$  simulations  
 $\epsilon_{x,y} (90\%) = 5.8, 4.0 \text{ mm-rad}$   
 $E_{\text{spread}} 0.16\% \text{ and } 0.4\%$   
Energy separation  $\approx 1.2 \text{ MeV}$

# Comb FEL now

*Interesting operation points:*

**1- MAX COMPRESSION REGION:** *two pulses spatially superimposed, separated in energy*

Charge: 160-180 pC (i.e. 80-90 pC/bunch)

Energy distance: 1.2-1.5 MeV (well separated, that means low energy spread in the single bunches)

Energy: 85 MeV

Almost equal current

**2- OVER COMPRESSION REGION:** *two pulses with the same energy separated in space*

Charge: 160-180 pC (i.e. 80-90 pC/bunch)

Same Energy

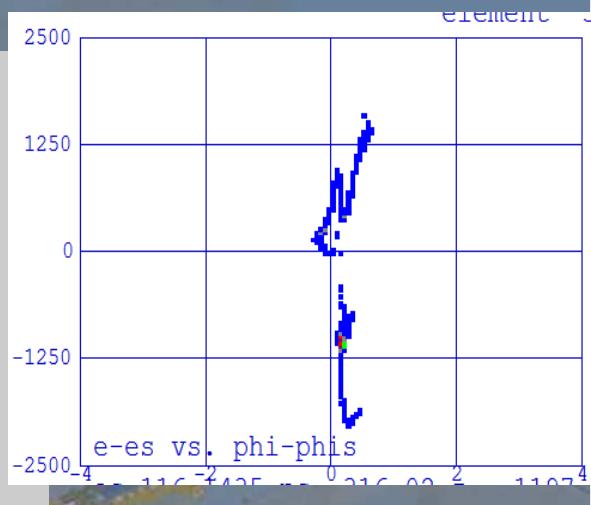
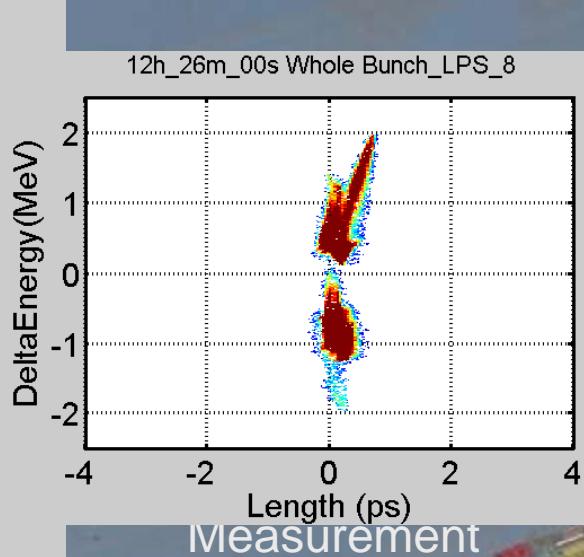
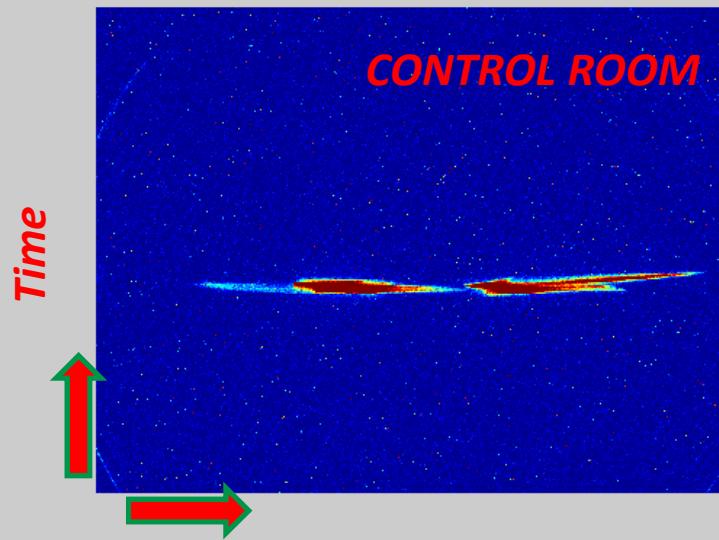
Temporal separation: to be explore

Energy: 85 MeV

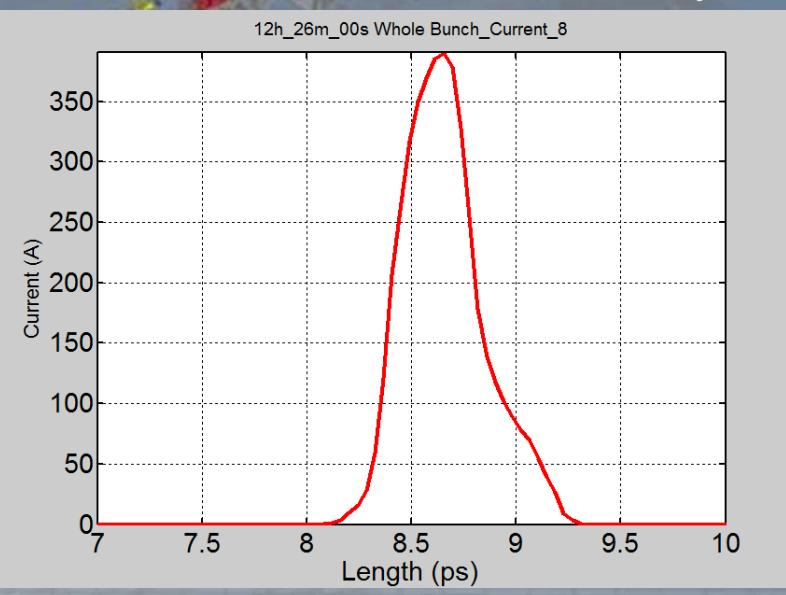
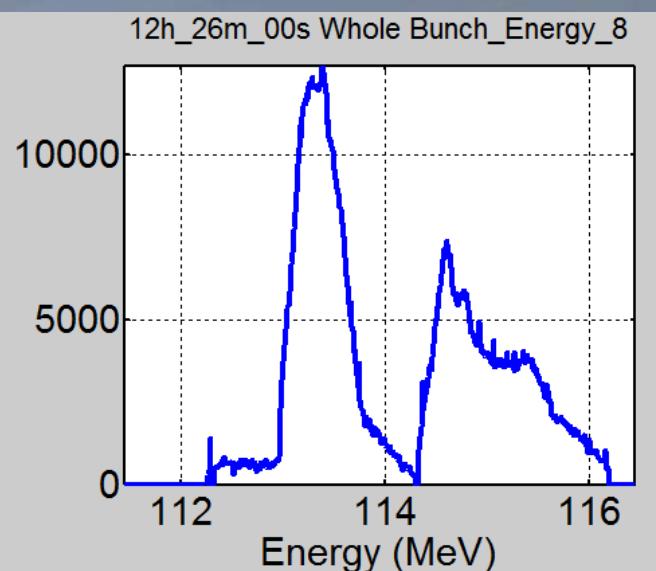
Almost equal current

# 18 MAY: MAX. COMPRESSION-Q=180pC.Measurements

12h\_26m\_00s Whole Bunch\_CR\_8



Measurement  
Simulation Tstep  
by C.Ronsivalle



## *1- Two pulses spatially superimposed, separated in energy*

**Problems:**

*What we expect from this experiment? Is the dynamics that of two independent lasers if the energies are sufficiently well separated?*

*Is the field evolution characterized by interference effects or beating waves during the growth inside the undulator?*

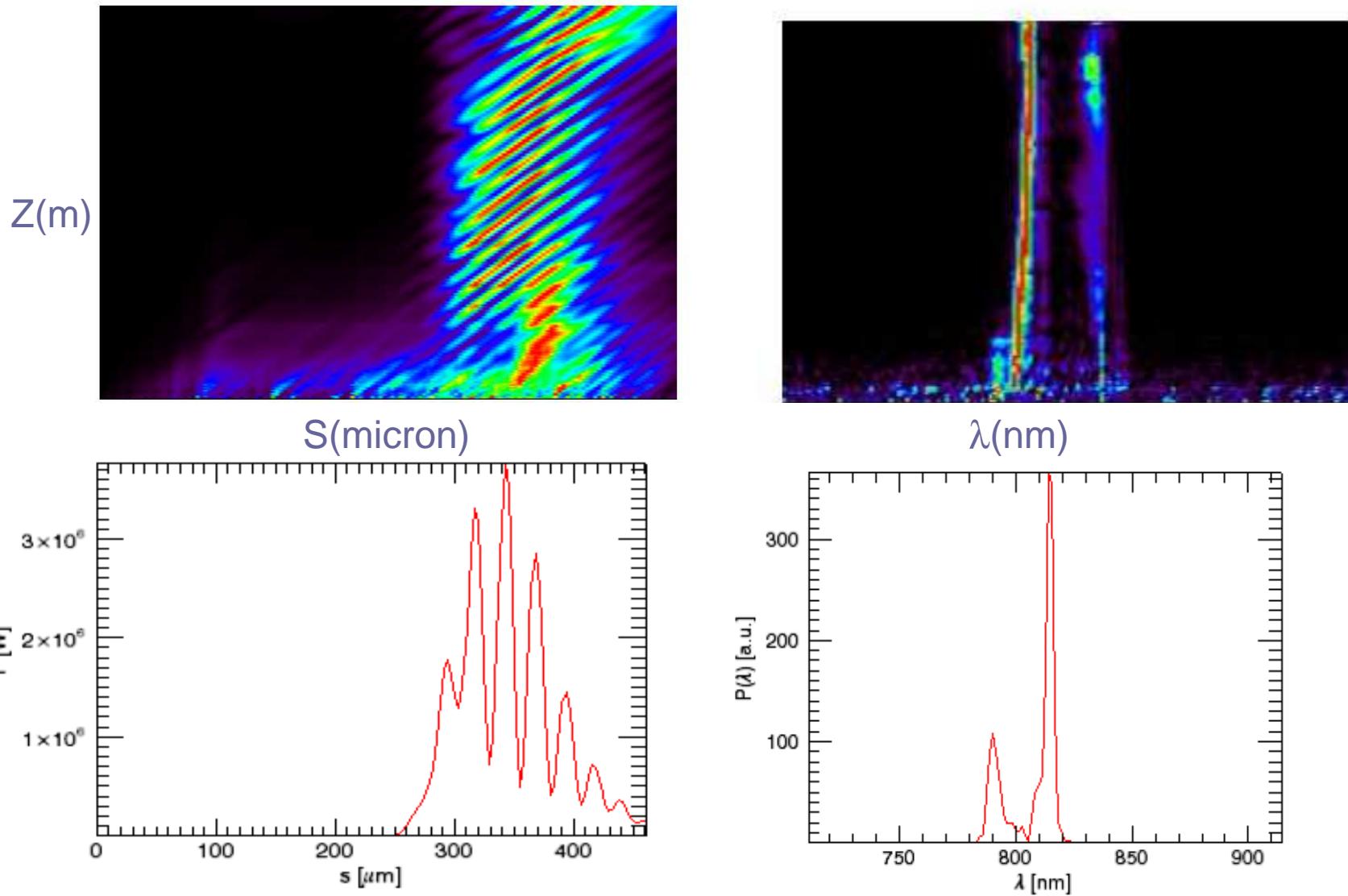
*Is the SVEA approximation adequate?*

*A rich phenomenology can be observed as e.g. stimulated beating waves*

# Electron beam

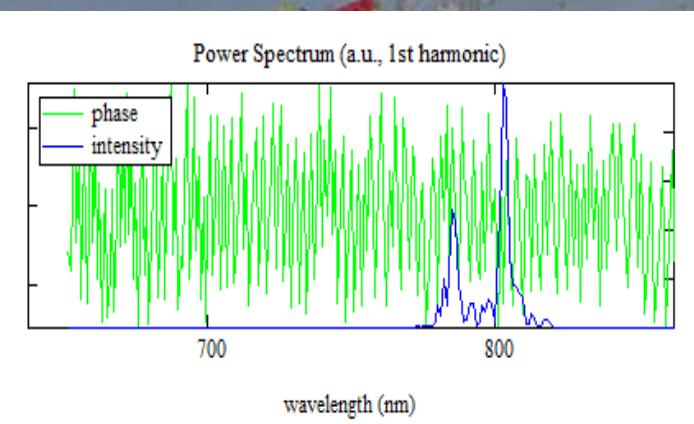
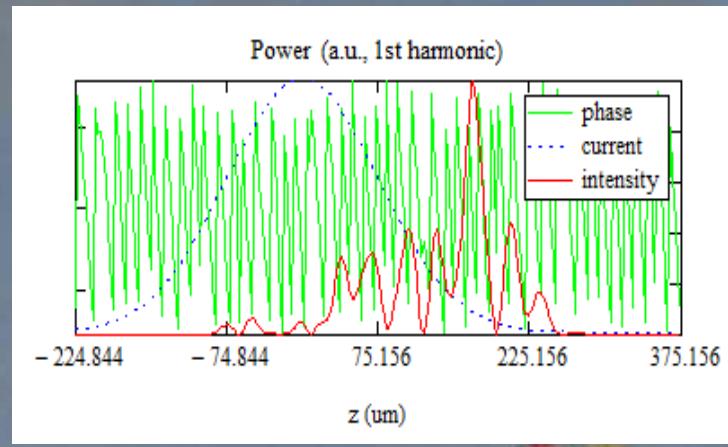
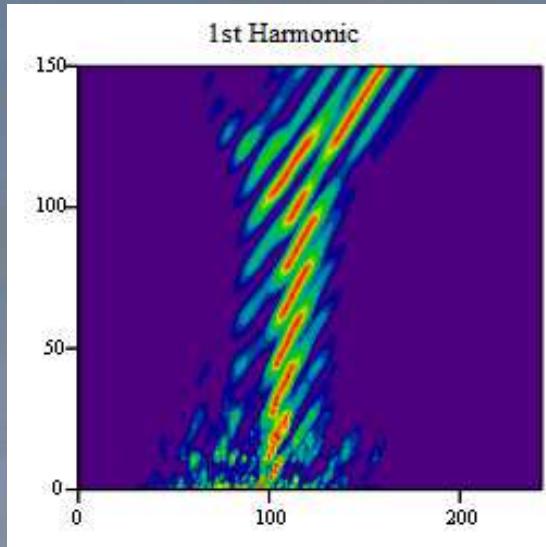
Parameter	Last Experimental beam (7/12/2012)	Simulated beam
Charge	160 pC	160 pC
Beam energy (total)	MeV	86.1 MeV
Beam 1 energy		85.1 MeV
Beam 2 energy		86.9 MeV
Emittance_x	mm mrad	1.5 mm mrad
Emittance_y	mm mrad	1.5 mm mrad
Energy spread beam1		6.5e-4
beam2		4.3e-4
Length separation	ps	0
Total length	ps (?)	0.5 ps
Energy separation		1.4

# Simulations with Genesis



Courtesy of Vittoria Petrillo

# Simulations with Perseo



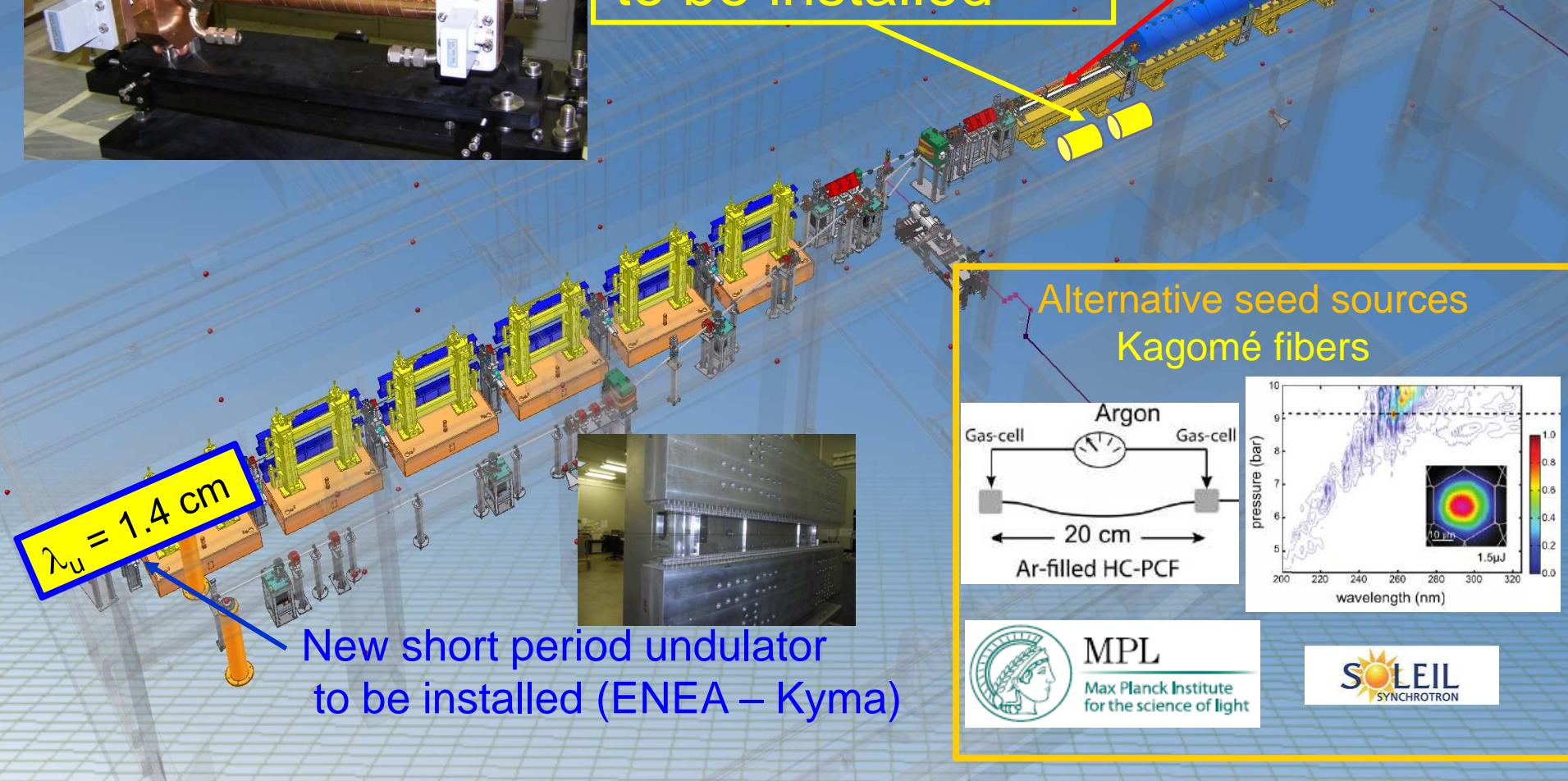
Perseo

# Upgrade of the actual configuration



2 x 1.4 m C-band  
to be installed

1 S-band  
to be removed



New short period undulator  
to be installed (ENEA – Kyma)



# SPARC-FEL: future developments

- DELTA like undulator  
(Under measurement at ENEA)

$\lambda_u = 14.0\text{mm}$ , gap  $g = 5\text{mm}$ ,  $B_r = 1.22\text{T}$ .

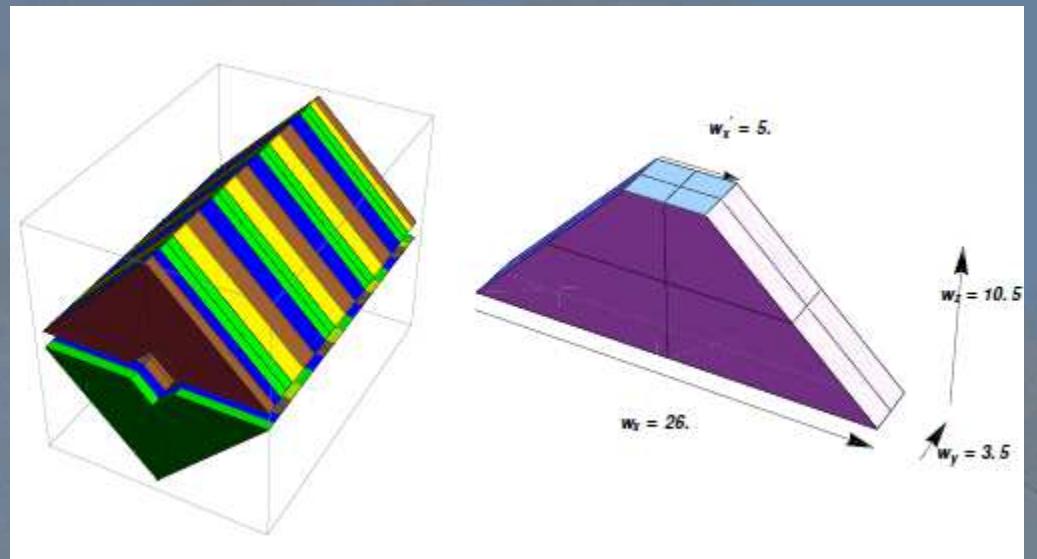
Undulator test in two possible configuration with the actual accelerator:

1)Two stage SASE-FEL cascade:  
450nm to 150 nm

2)Three stage seeded FEL cascade:  
400nm – 200nm – 100nm

New UM

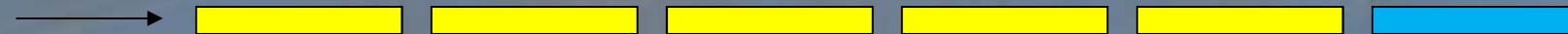
KYMA undulator



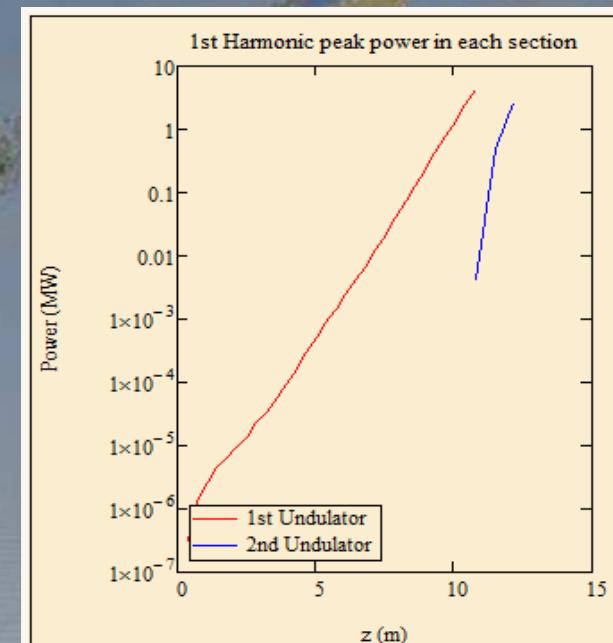
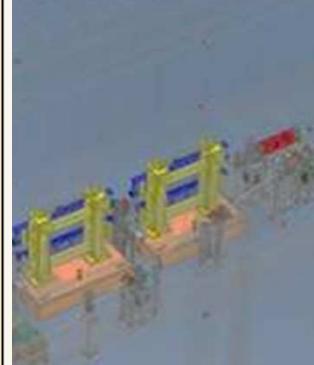
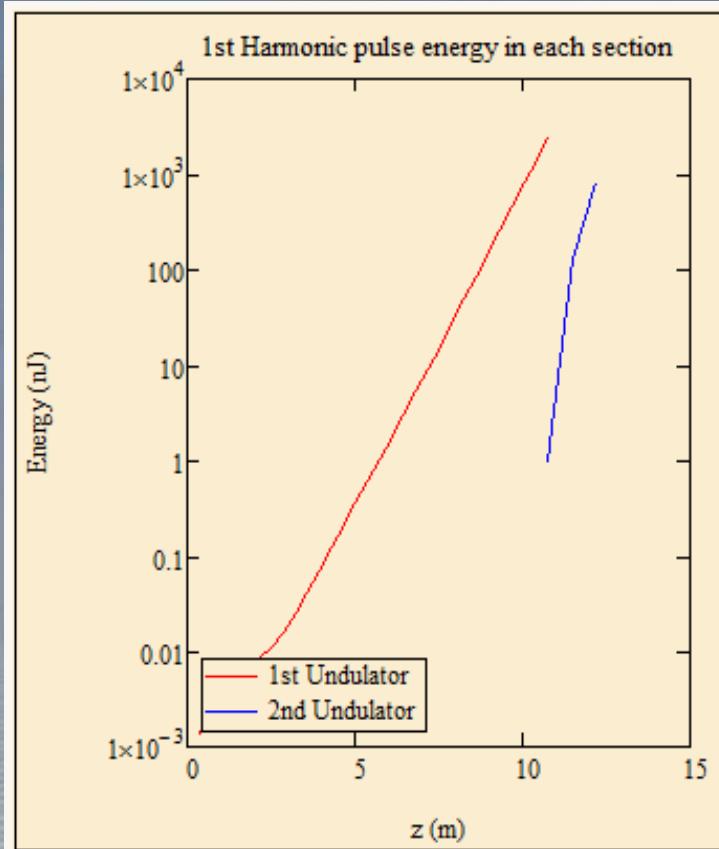
# Two stages SASE-FEL cascade: 450nm - 150nm

$\lambda=450\text{nm}$

$\lambda=150\text{nm}$

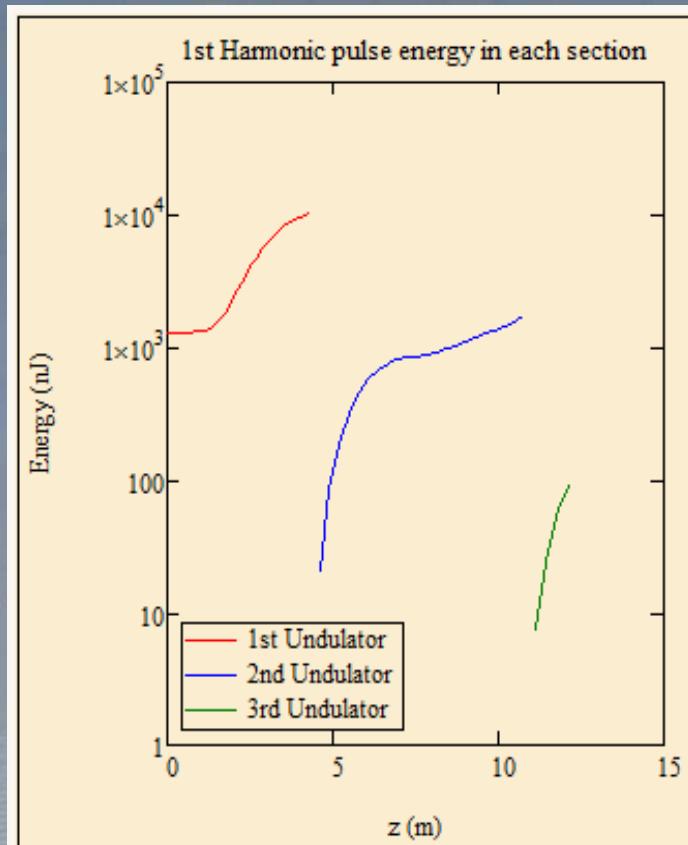


Beam energy	140 MeV
Current	60 A
N. emitt.	2 mm mrad
En. Spread (s)	$2 \times 10^{-4}$

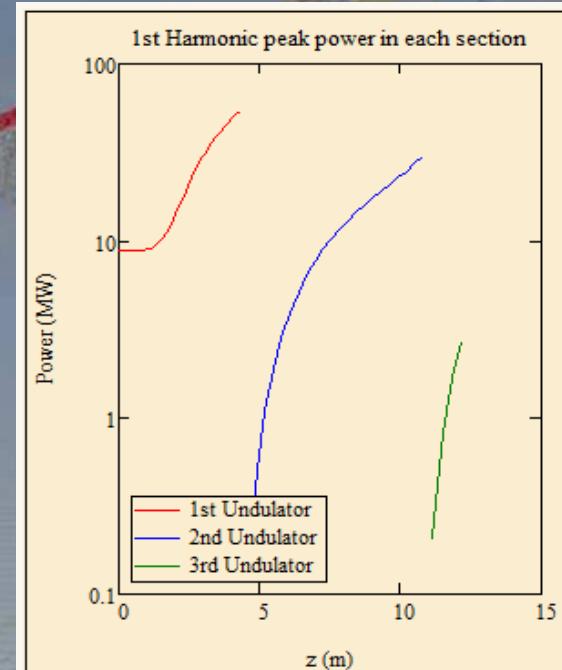


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# Three stages cascade – seed at 400nm – final $\lambda=100\text{nm}$



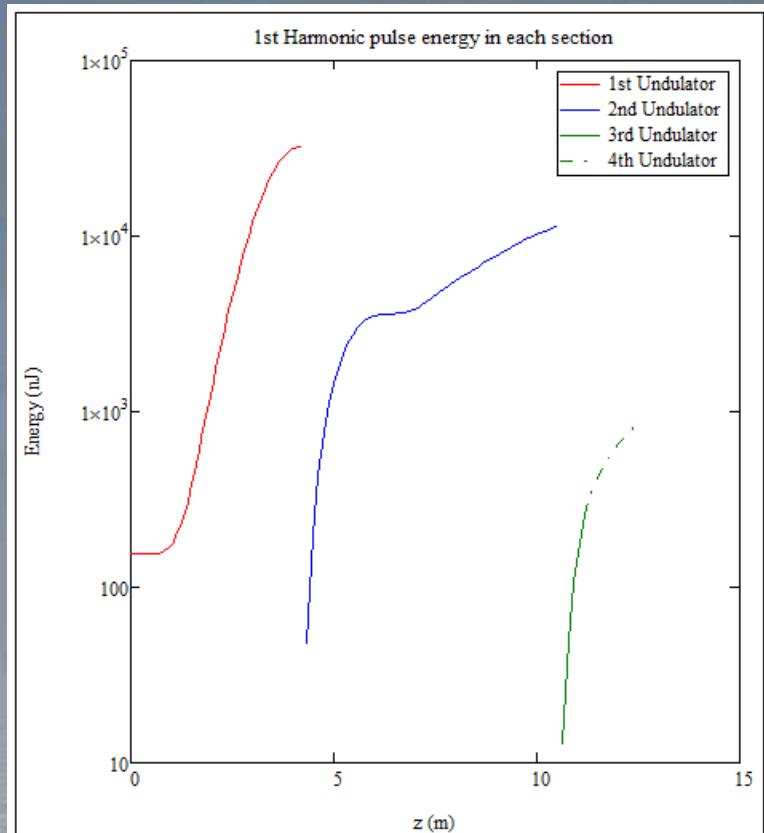
Beam energy	165 MeV
Current	60 A
N. emitt.	2 mm mrad
En. Spread	$4 \times 10^{-4}$



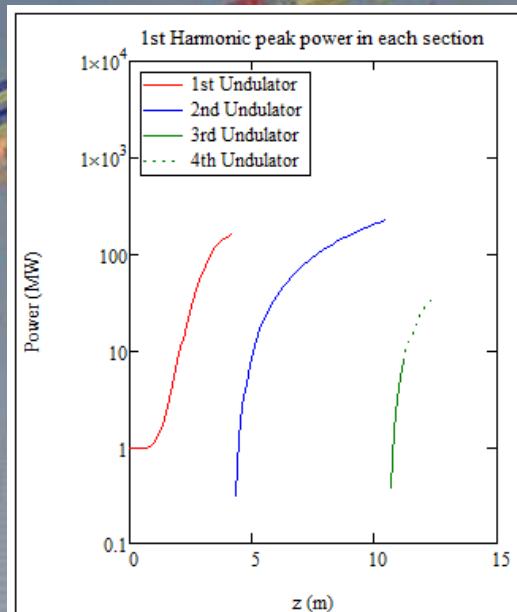
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# Operation with C-band accelerating section

## Three stages cascade: seed at 266nm – final $\lambda=66\text{nm}$



Beam energy	200 MeV
Current	150 A
N. emitt.	1.5 mm mrad
En. Spread	$4 \times 10^{-4}$



Perseo

Simulation by L.Giannessi

# NEW TUNABLE DUV LIGHT SOURCE FOR SEEDING FREE-ELECTRON LASERS

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M. Labat<sup>3</sup>, M-E. Couplie<sup>3</sup> and P. St.J. Russell<sup>1,2</sup>

Photonic crystal fibre (HC-PCF) filled with argon is able to generate an diffraction-limited DUV pulse of 50 nJ and fs duration, continuously tunable from 150 to 320 nm. This source is considered to be very attractive to seed SPARC-FEL.

Table 1: parameters used for Genesis simulation in the case of seeding of SPARC-FEL

<b>E-beam</b>	
Energy	170 MeV
Current	50 A
Emittance	1.5 π.mm.rad
Energy spread	$2 \times 10^{-4}$
<b>Undulator</b>	
Period	28 mm
Nb. periods/section	77
Nb. of sections	6
Deflexion parameter	K = 0 to 3.4
<b>Seeding pulse</b>	
Wavelength	150 nm      300 nm
Energy/pulse	<10 nJ      <80 nJ
Pulse duration	10 fs      15 fs
Peak Power	1 MW      5 MW

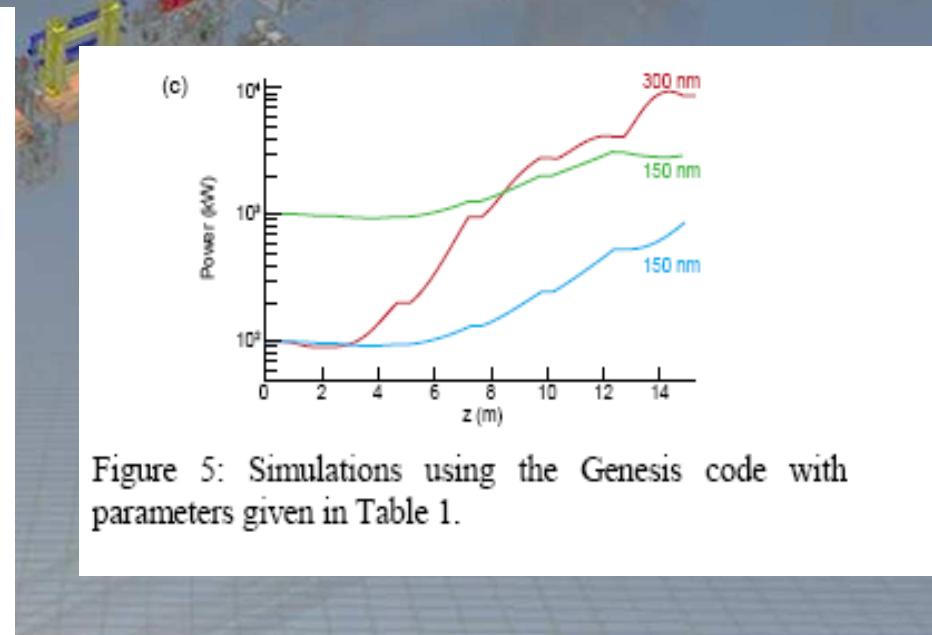
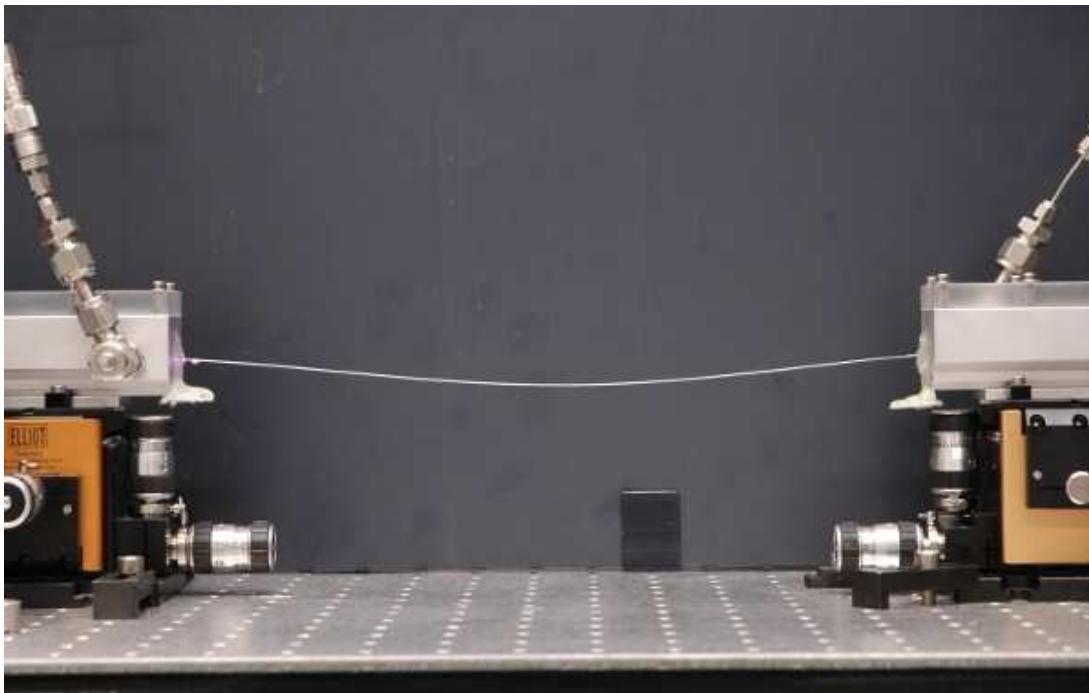
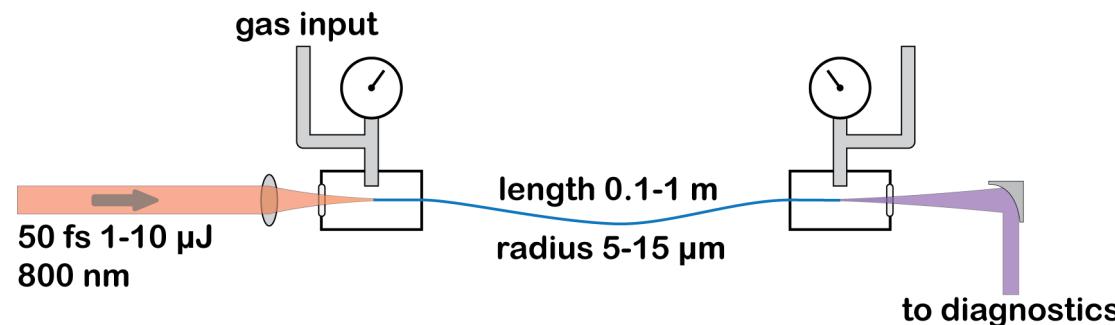


Figure 5: Simulations using the Genesis code with parameters given in Table 1.

# Hollow Core Photonic Crystal (Kagome') Fiber



- Propagation of self compressed Solitons
- Emission of resonant dispersive wave at phase matched wavelength in the UV
- Tunable emission with Ar pressure 150-320 nm



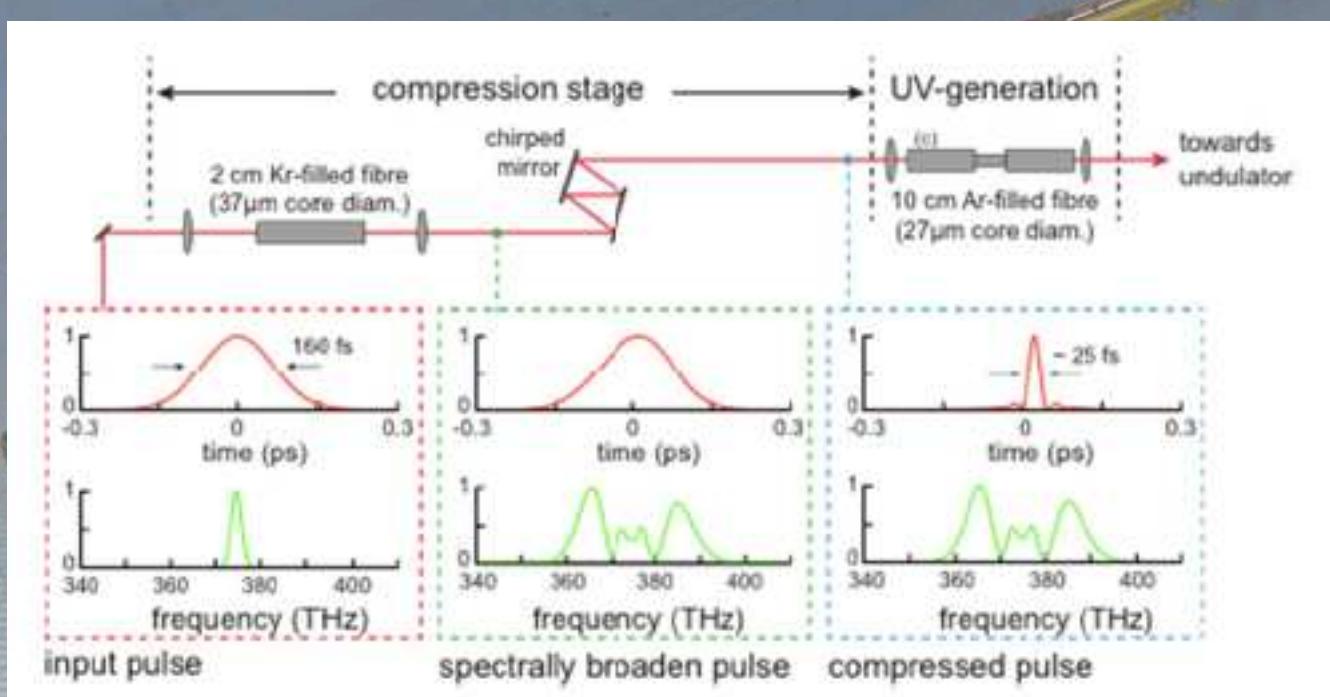
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## SEEDING OF SPARC-FEL WITH A TUNABLE FIBRE-BASED SOURCE

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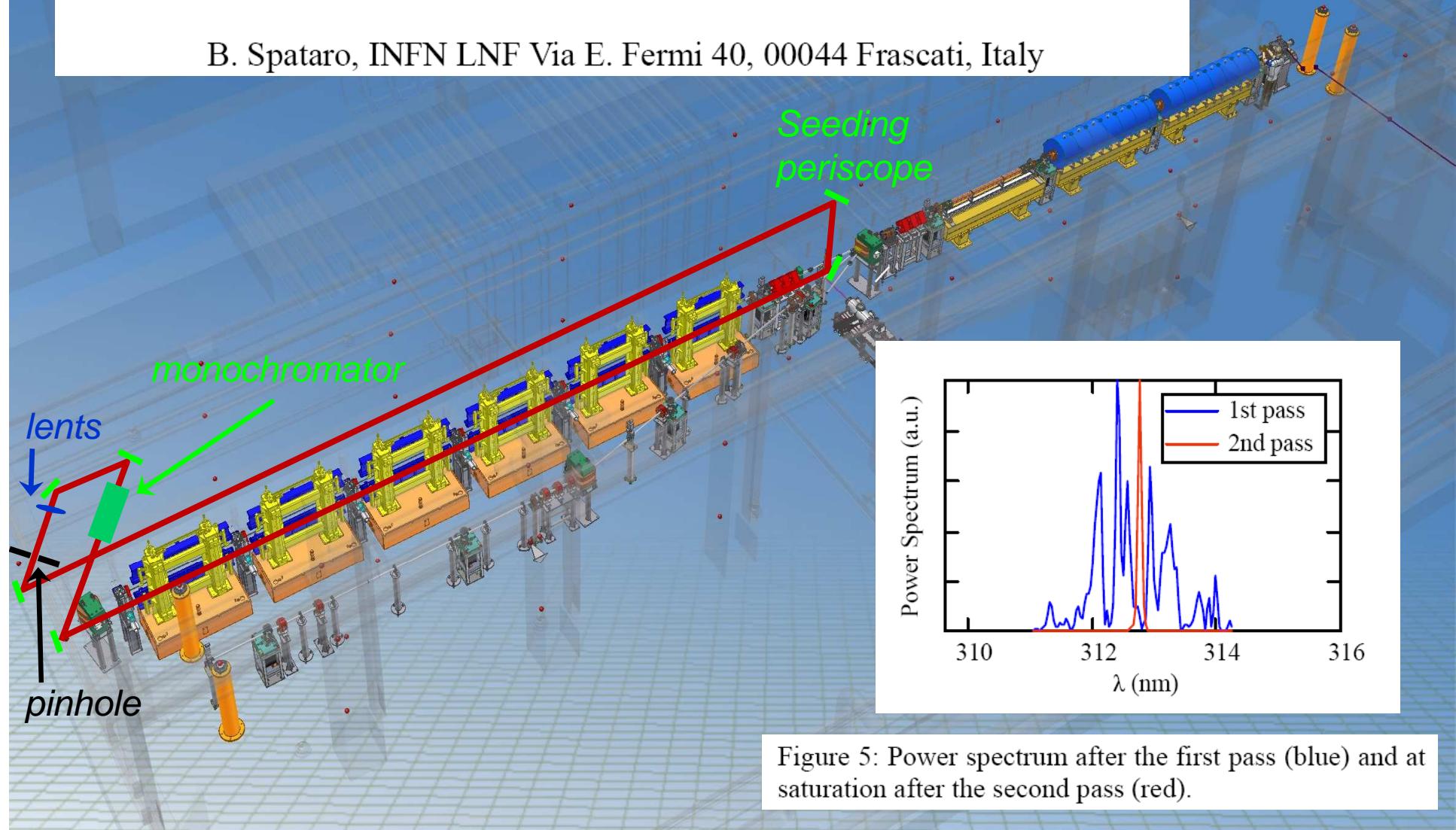


Figure 5: Power spectrum after the first pass (blue) and at saturation after the second pass (red).

# Conclusions

- Future developments: ENERGY Upgrade to 220 – 245 MeV
  - Compressed beam operation with a reduced energy chirp
  - Seeding at higher frequencies
  - Harmonic cascade and spectral range extended to the EUV
- + FEL physics experiments:
  - Wavefront characterization of the FEL beam (Seeded/SASE)
  - Developments on short undulators
  - Seeding with «alternative» sources in the UV/VUV range
  - FEL dynamics – pulse length characterization – gain & index of refraction
- SPARC is a FEL-FACILITY within a different framework, it is indeed operating as a tool for the development of FEL physics and possible new schemes ,open to scientific collaboration to enhance the performance and the perspectives of the present FEL devices as well as to test diagnostics and physical effects on e-beam and FEL source.