

Capabilities for Ultrafast Pump/Probe Experiments

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Two-Color FELs

X-ray Pump/X-ray Probe

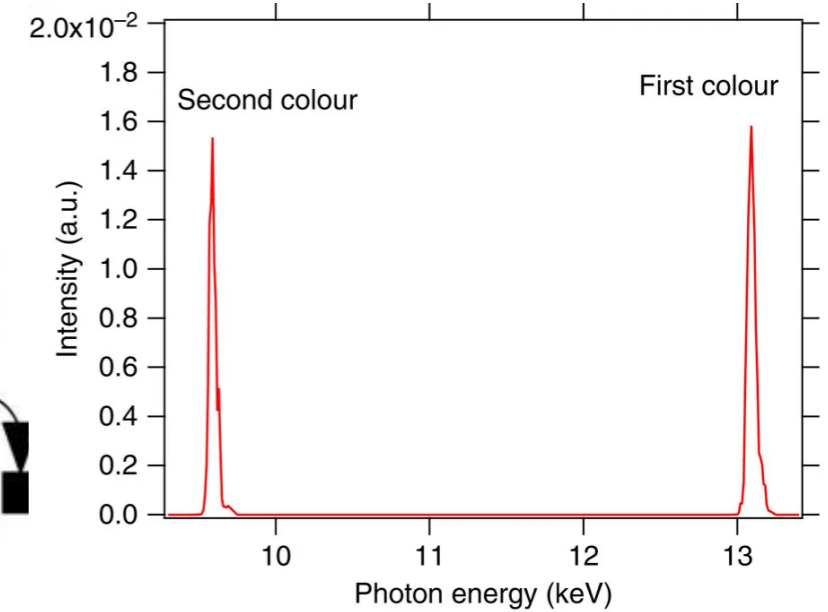
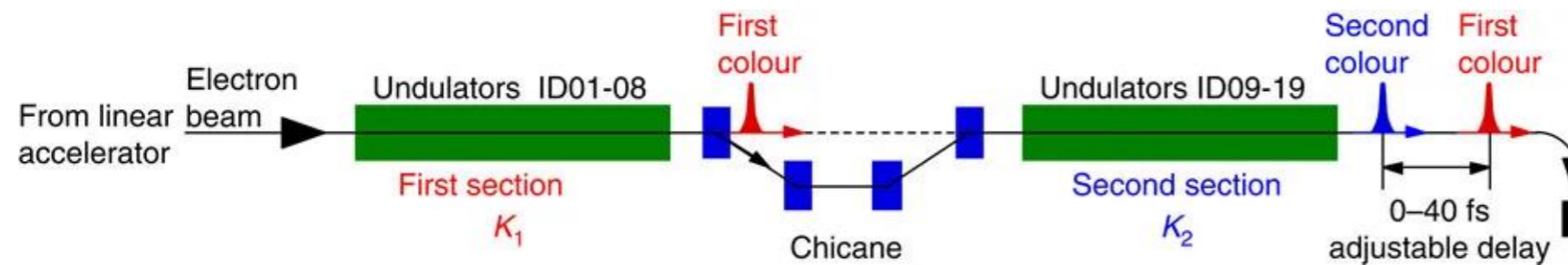
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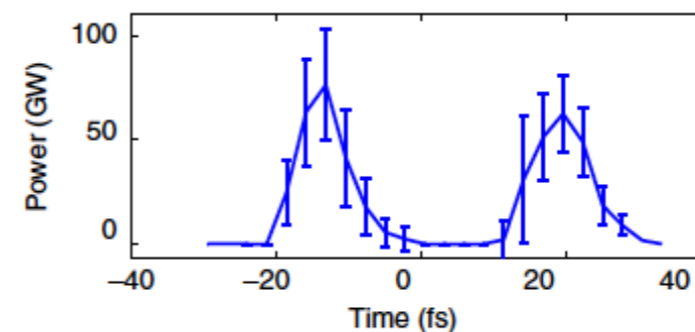
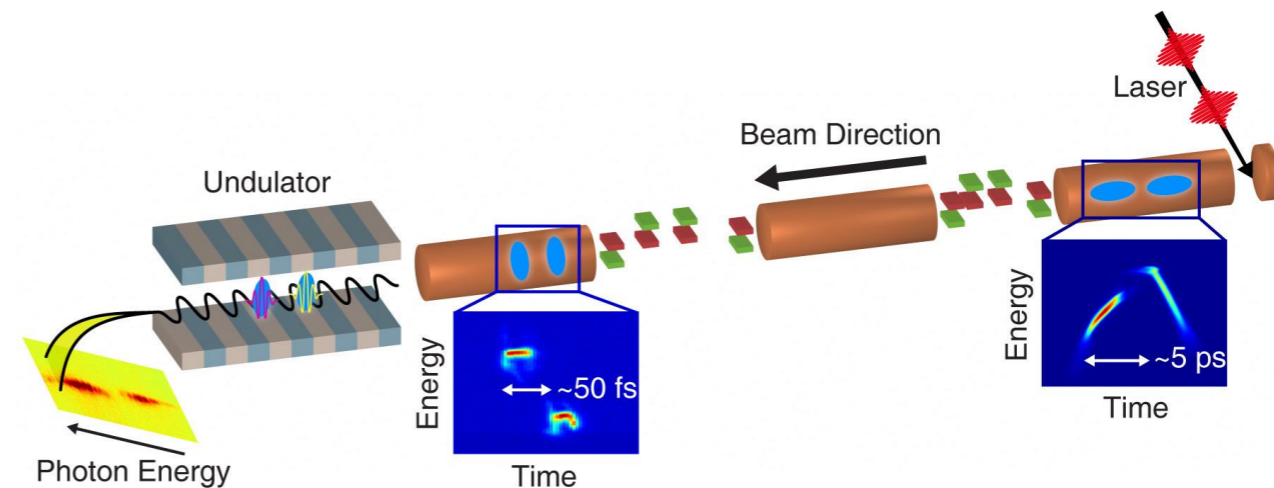
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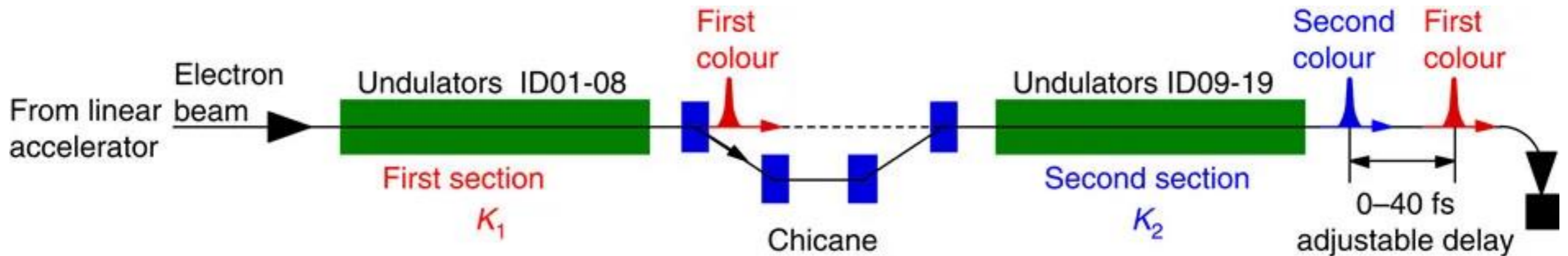
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Split Undulator/Fresh Slice

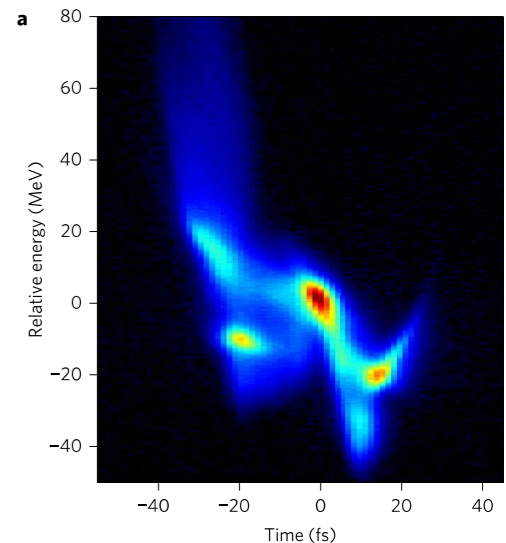
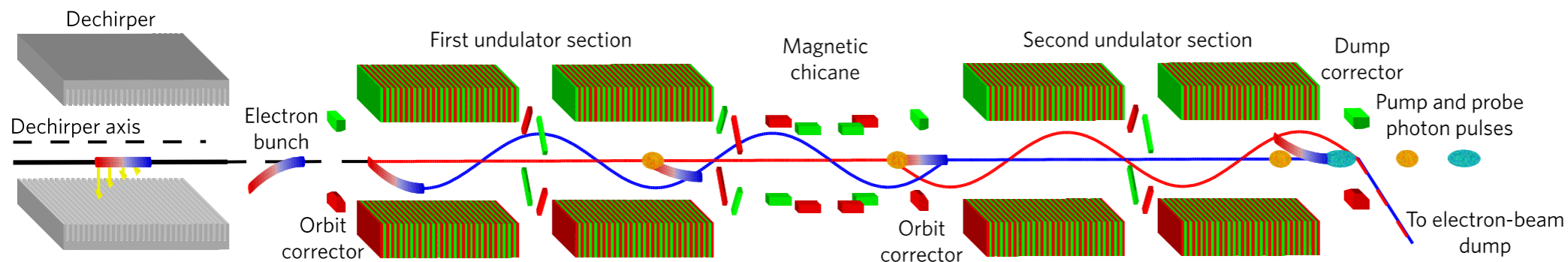


Use same electrons twice.

Limited to ~10-20% of saturation power (few GW)

Minimum delay ~ slippage in 2nd undulator (~5 fs)

Energy separation limited by undulator tuning (250 eV to 1.2 keV at LCLS-II!)



Use two different parts of e-beam.

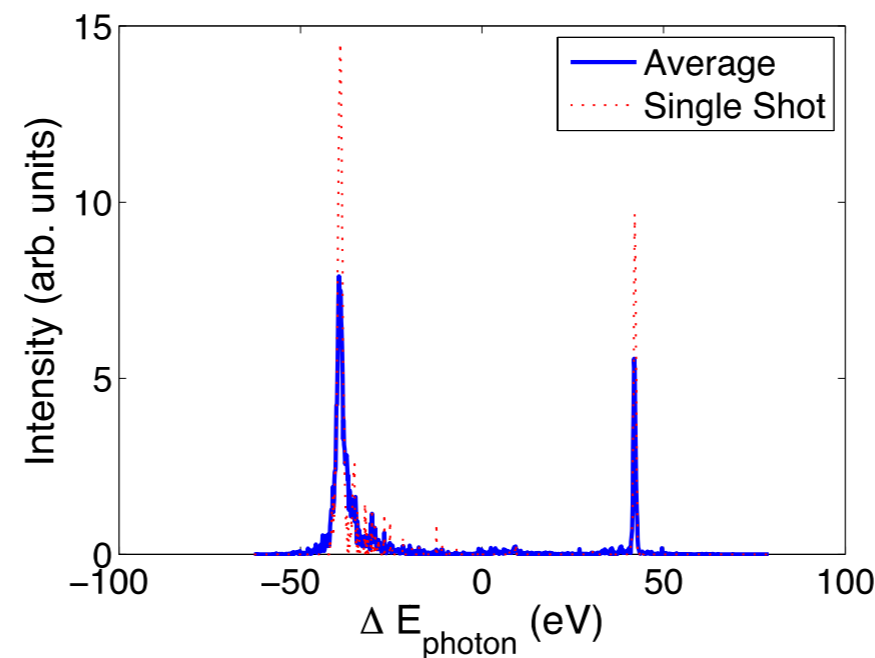
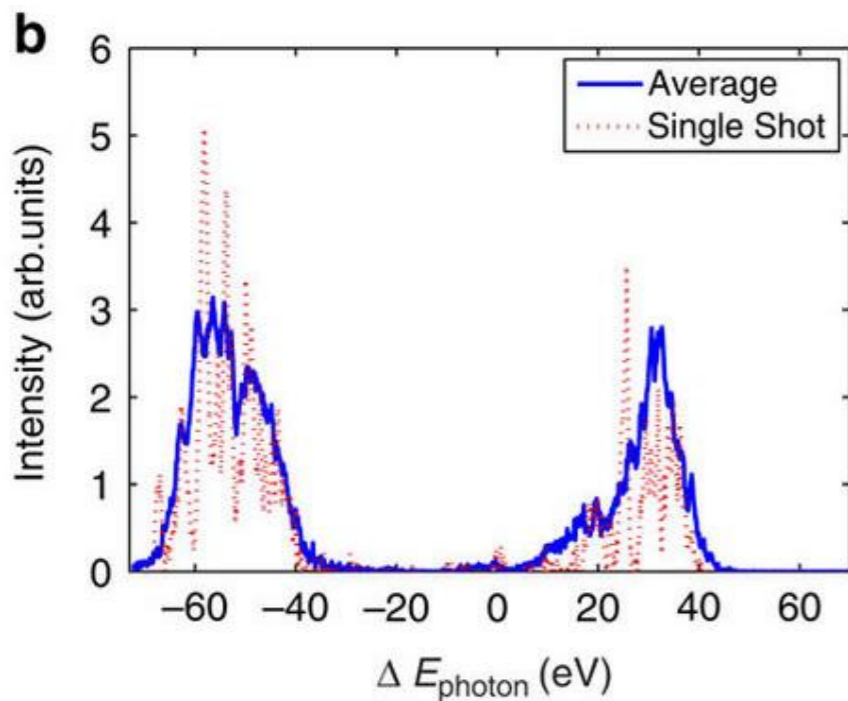
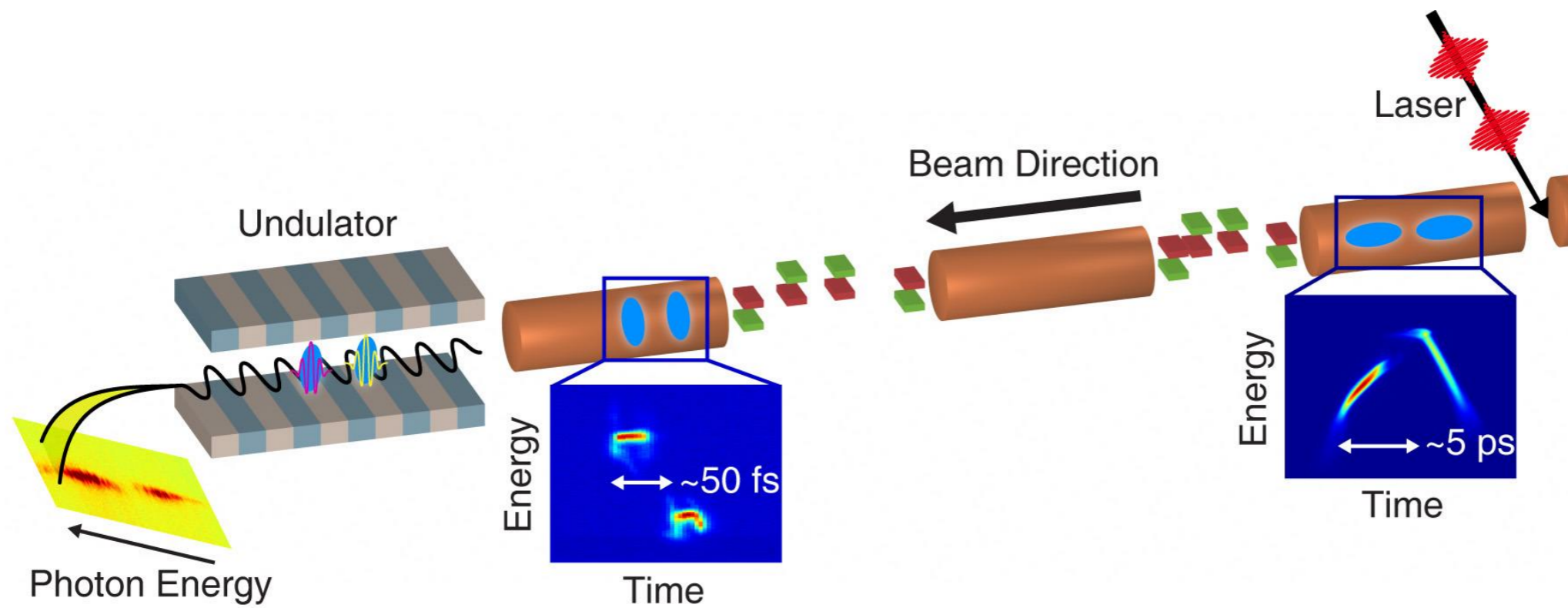
Full saturation power (tens of GW)

Delay fully tunable through 0

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Best observed time resolution ~3 fs RMS

Twin-Bunch FEL



1.3 mJ two-color pulses
Up to 1% separation
Allows two-color seeding

Preferred method for HXR

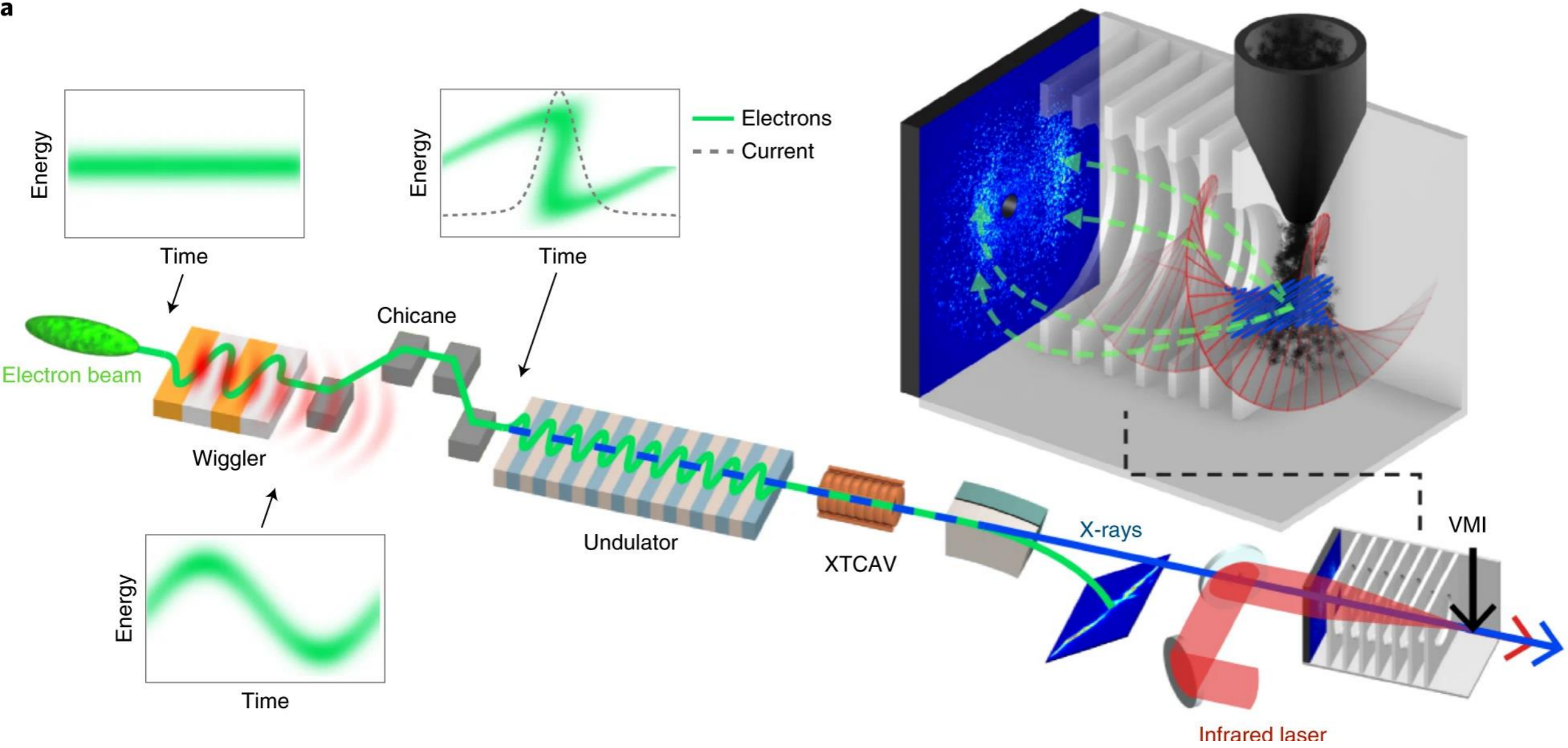
XLEAP: Attosecond Pulses at LCLS

XLEAP: X-ray Laser-Enhanced Attosecond Pulse Generation

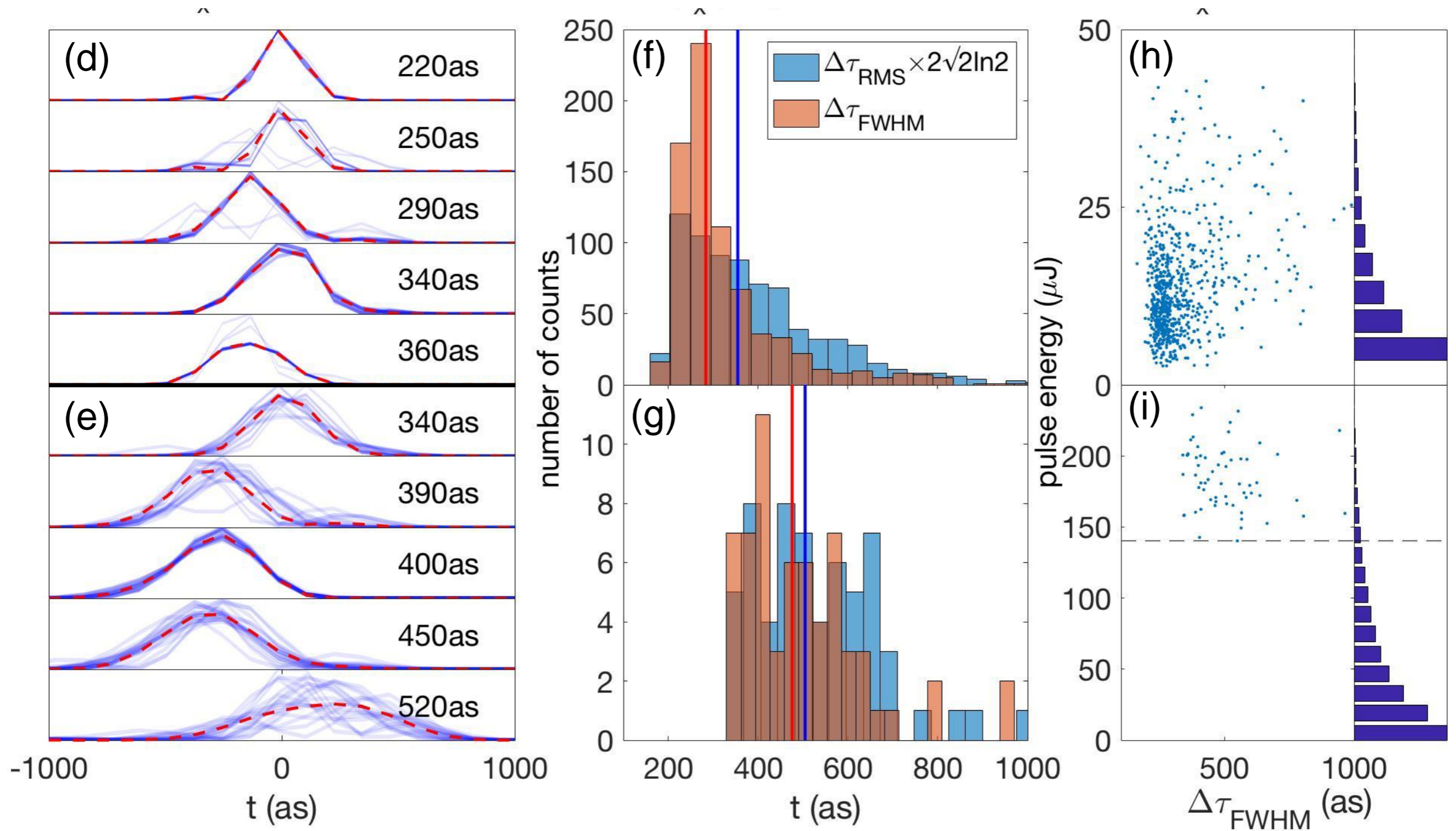
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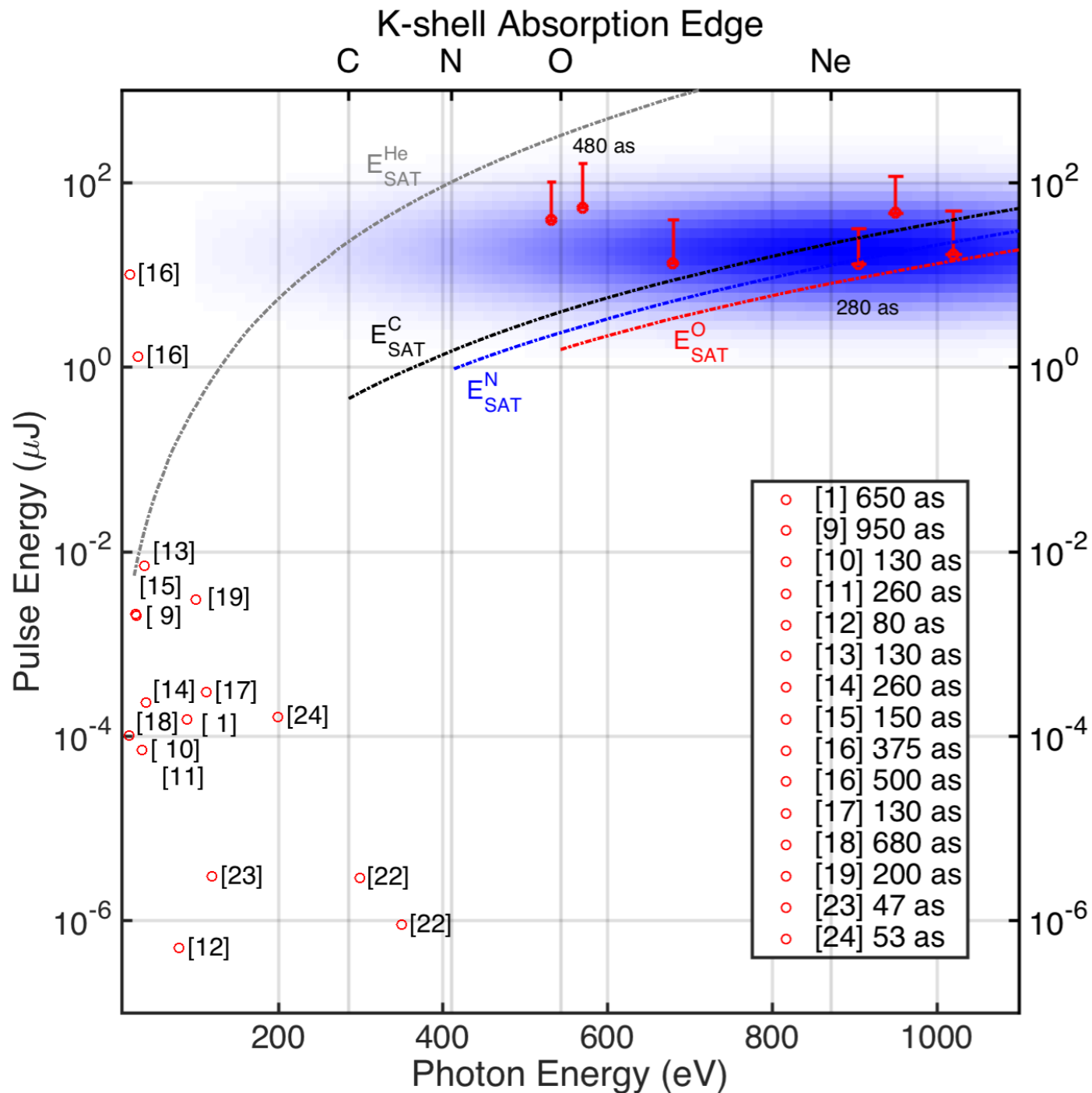
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Results





> 10^6 increase in pulse energy at SXR compared to other attosecond sources!

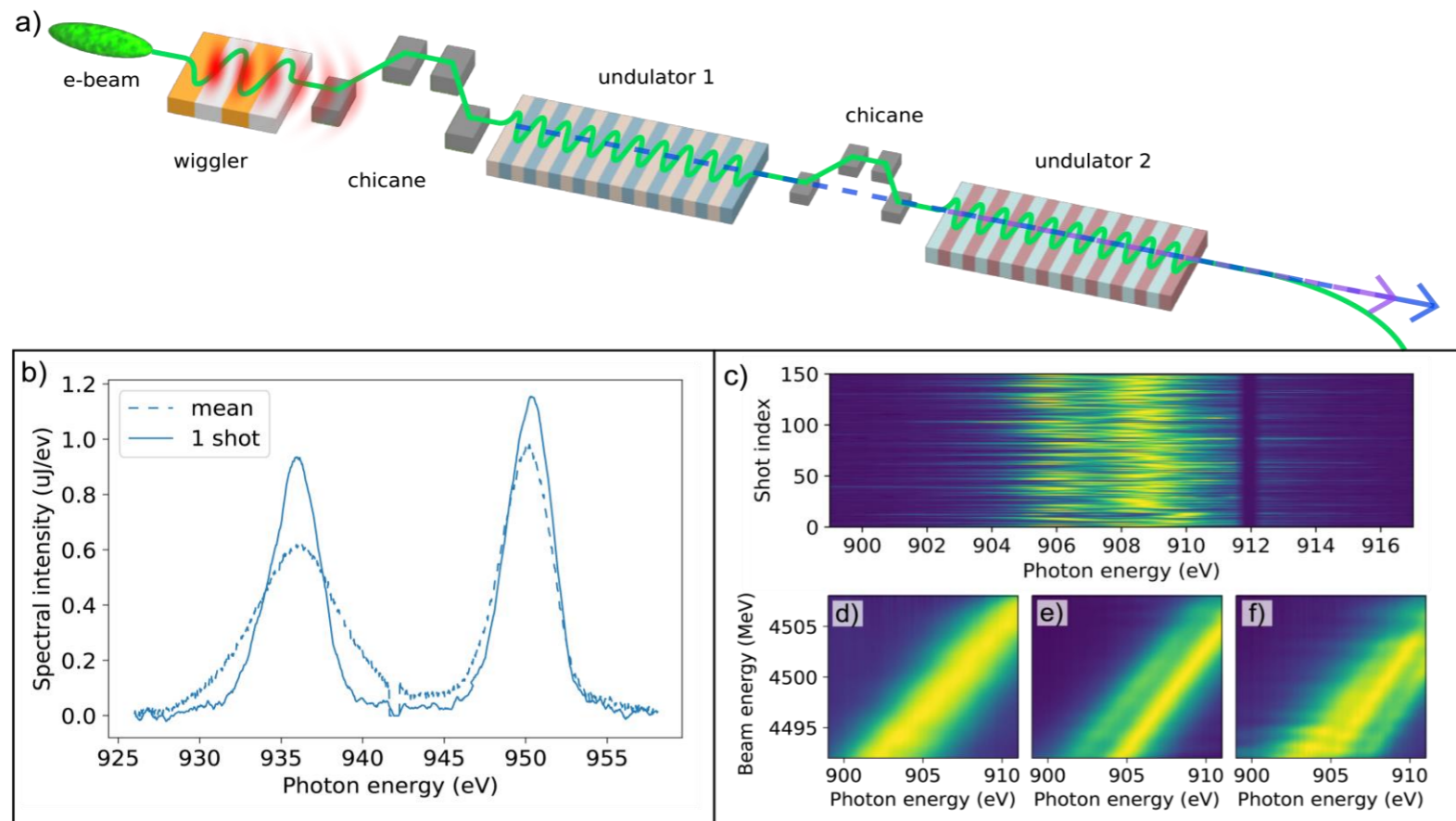
Where do we win?

-Non-linear interactions (pump-probe, impulsive Raman etc..)

-Single-shot X-ray imaging

-Wide tunability

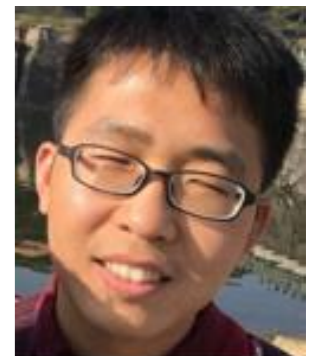
Two-Color Attosecond Pulses: Split Undulators



6 uJ per color
Delay up to ~ 50 fs
Temporal jitter < duration

Re-use microbunching:
Phase stable pulse-pair!

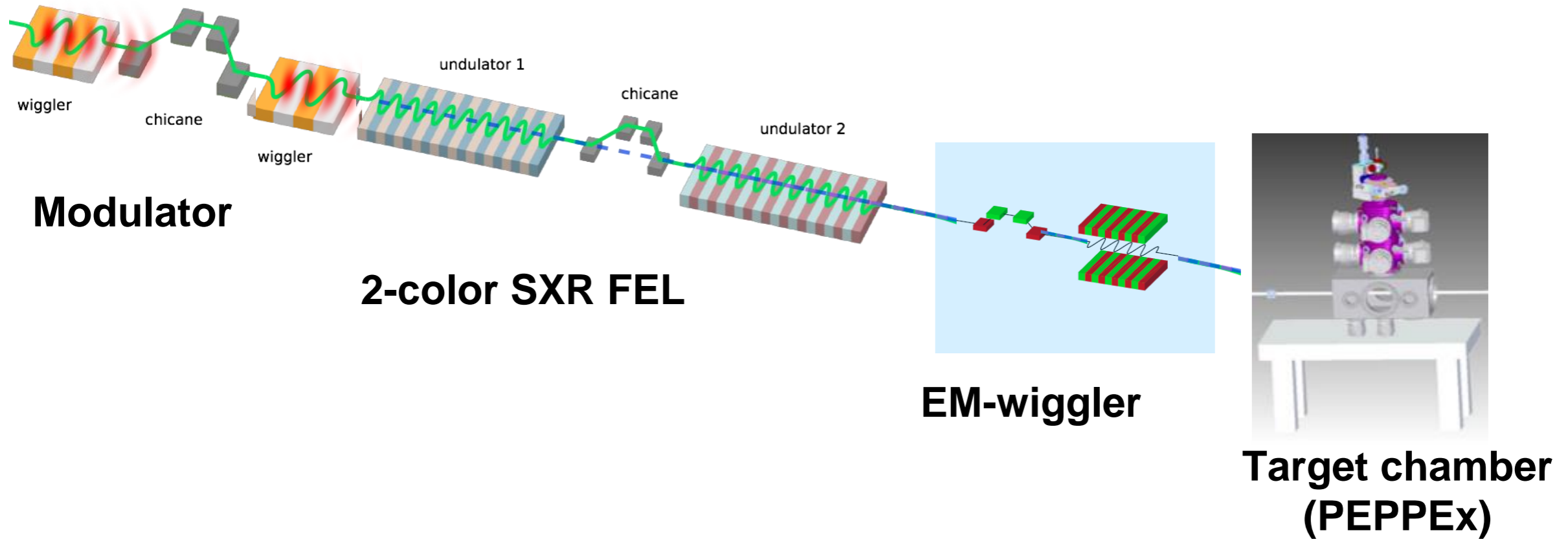
Tuning delay down to ~100 as minimum delay using harmonic radiation (pump ω - probe 2ω)
(Z. Guo)



Z. Guo
Physics

The Future: High Repetition Rate Attosecond XFEL

Where do We Want to Be?



**Beamline capable of PUMP/PROBE experiments with sub-fs resolution
OVER WIDE RANGE OF PHOTON ENERGIES AND HIGH REPETITION RATE**

- X-ray pump/X-ray probe experiments
- Visible/UV pump/X-ray probe and strong-field

100-200 as resolution

High intensity (tens of uJ)

High repetition rate (100 kHz or more)

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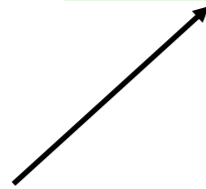
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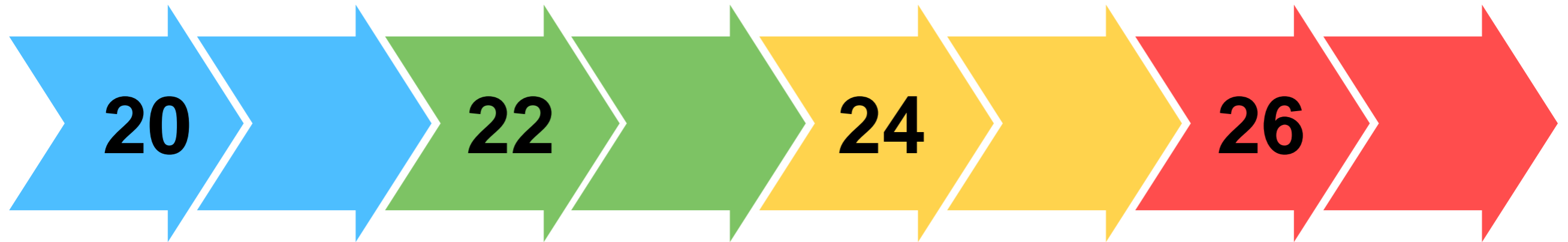
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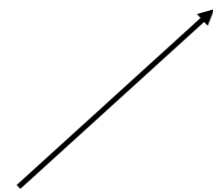
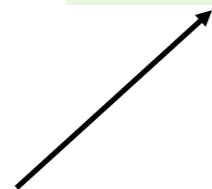
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FUTURE R&D

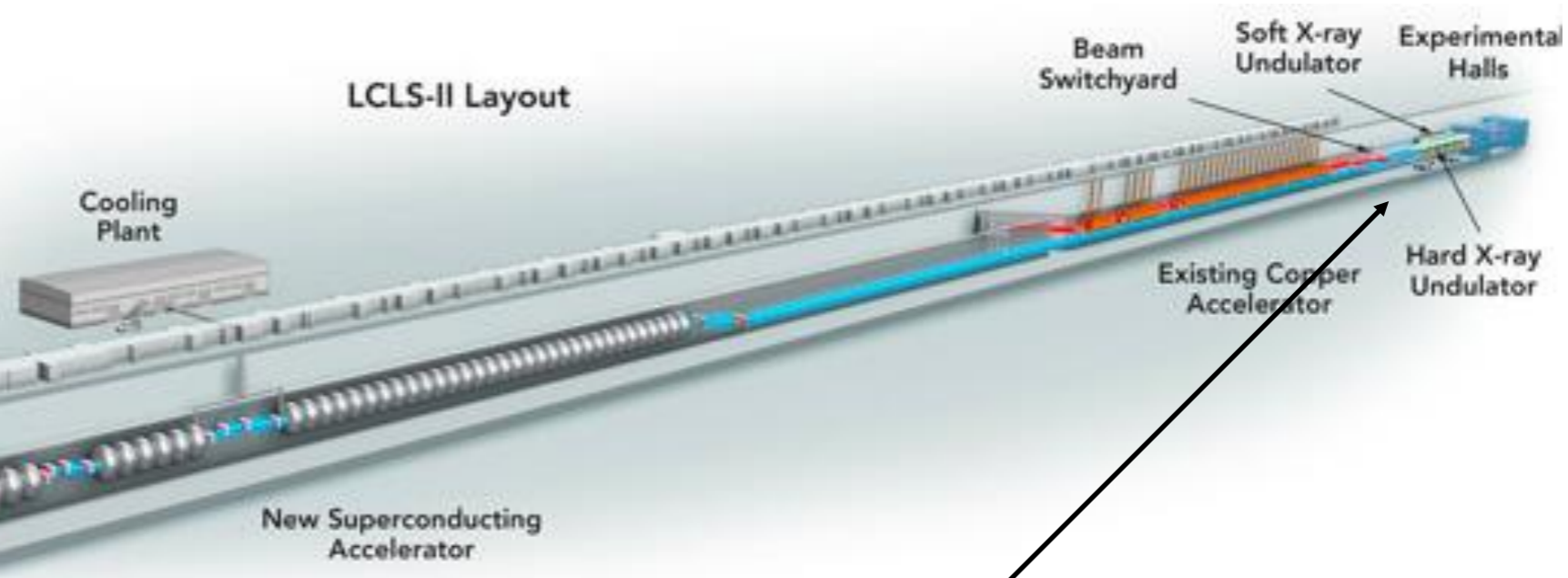
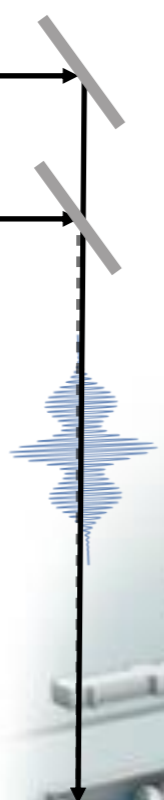
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Beam Shaping for Attosecond Pulses at LCLS-II

Shaping laser
Cathode laser

Shaped Laser

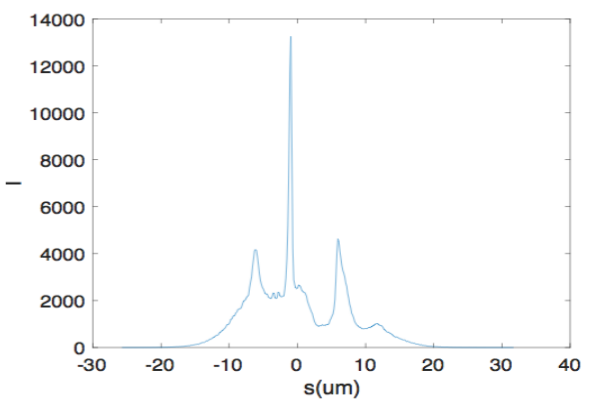
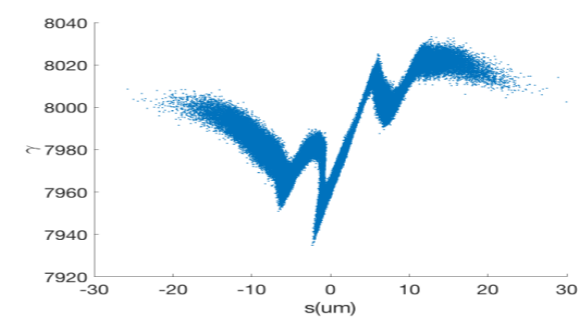
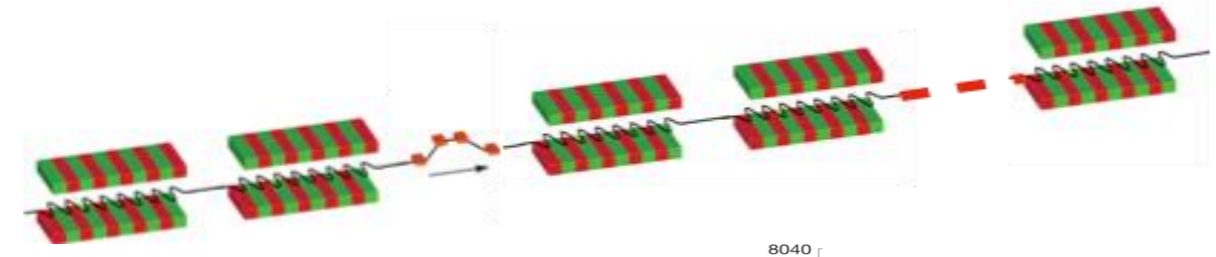
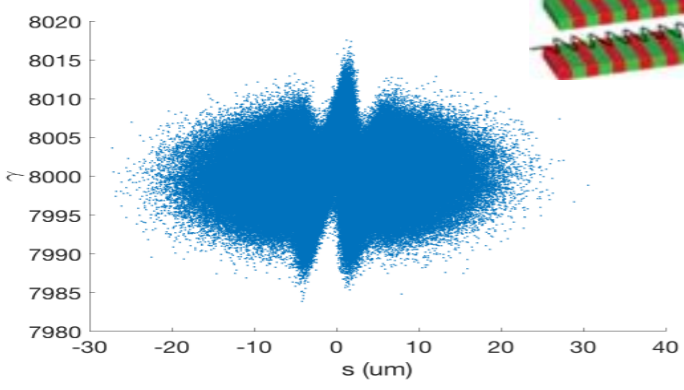


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XLEAP-II Modulators

Output

Input



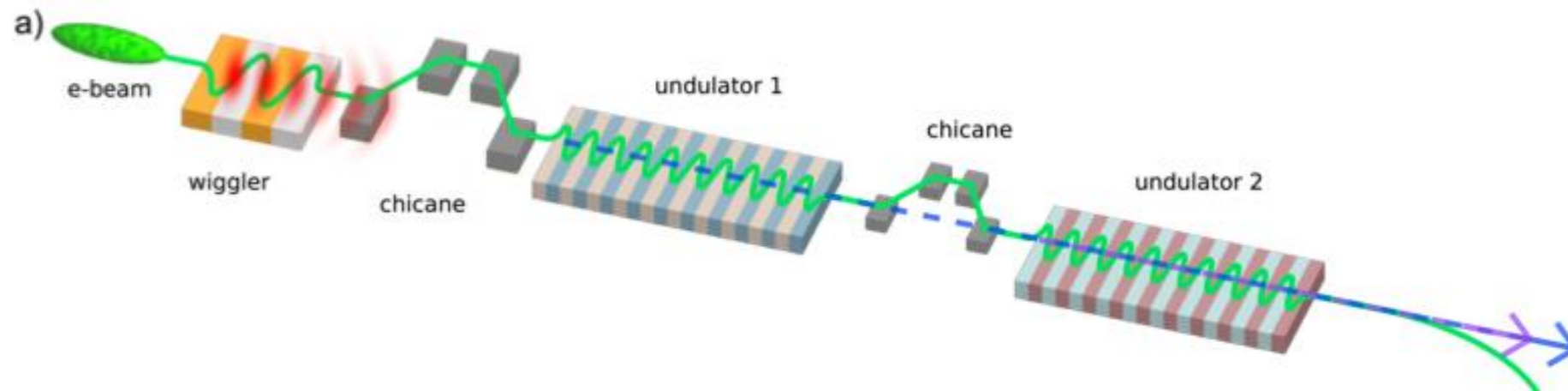
Early Attosecond Capabilities with Superconducting Linac

Isolated attosecond pulses from ESASE (2022)

- Heater/cathode laser shaping, work our way up to 100 kHz
- Can we reach ~ 1 MHz at low charge?
- Simultaneous operation of two beam lines

Early two-color experiments (2022)

- Two-pulse generation using split undulator

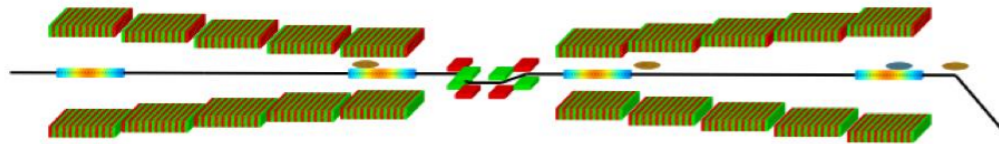


**We expect similar single-shot performance as LCLS-I
~10s of μJ , 200-500 as duration (depending on energy)**

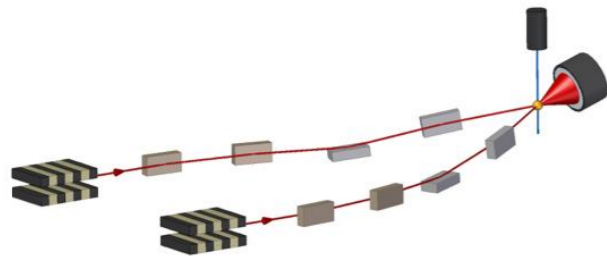
What's Next?

Attosecond pump/probe capabilities AT HIGH REPETITION RATE

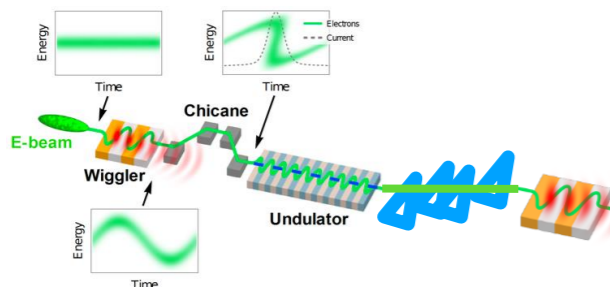
Two-color SXR pump/probe



Soft-Hard X-ray pump/probe

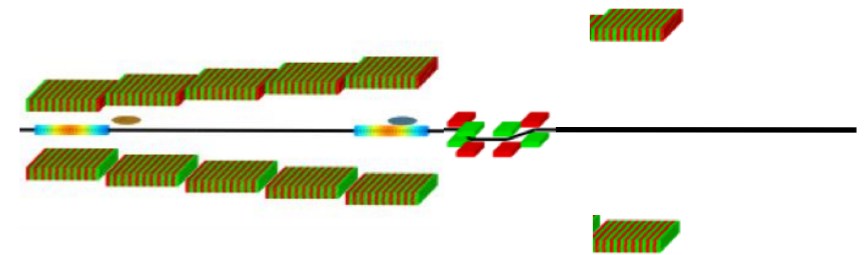


X-ray - UV/Optical pump/probe

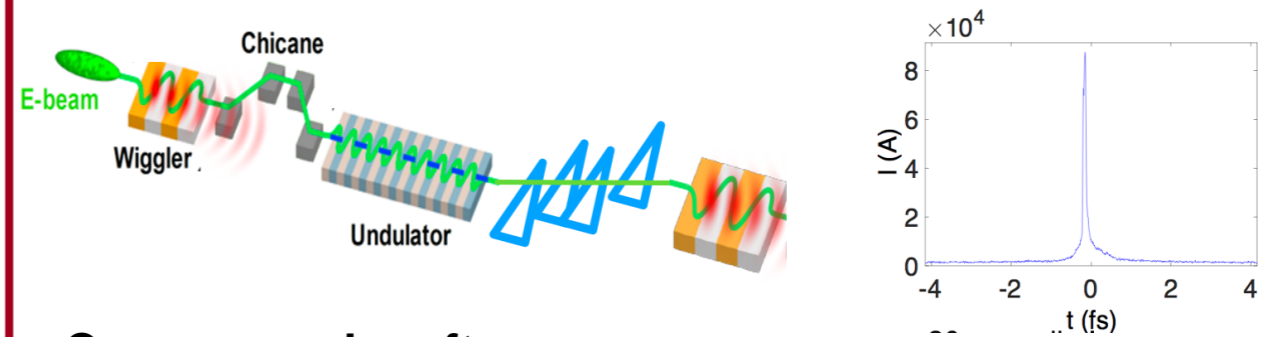
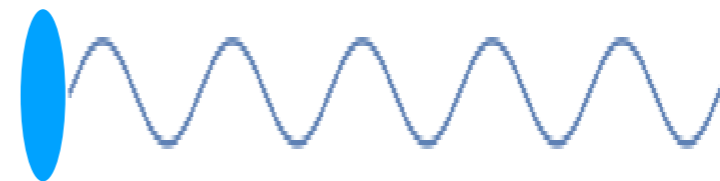


Shorter pulses

Harmonic generation/ Superradiance



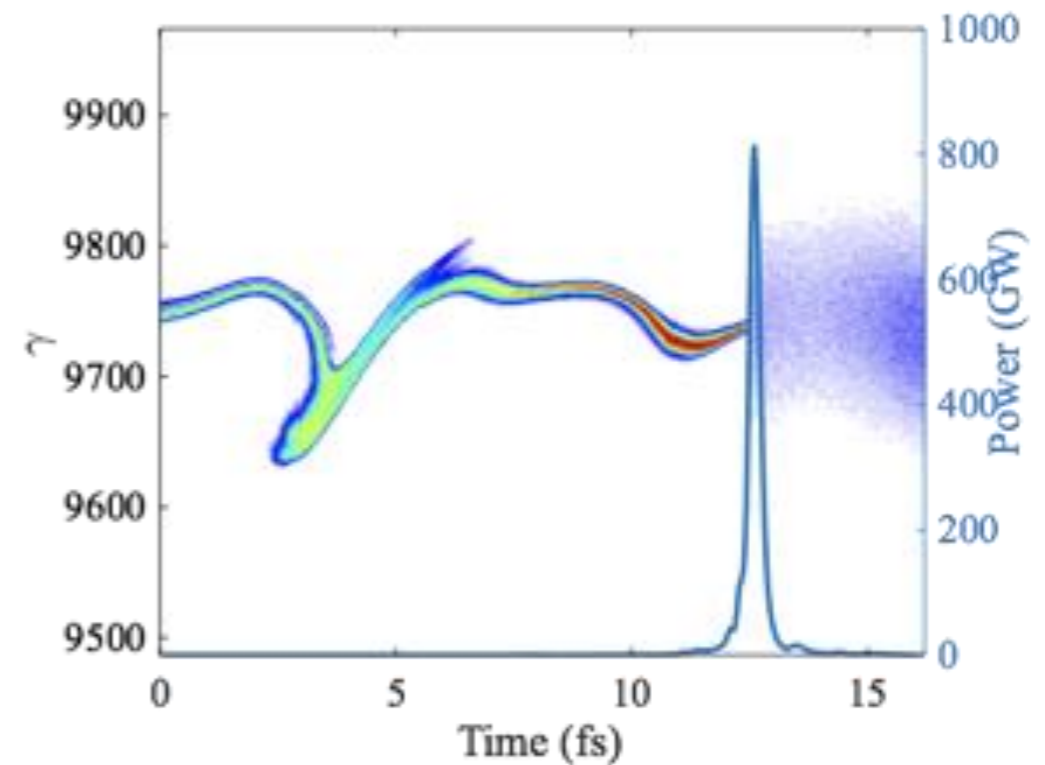
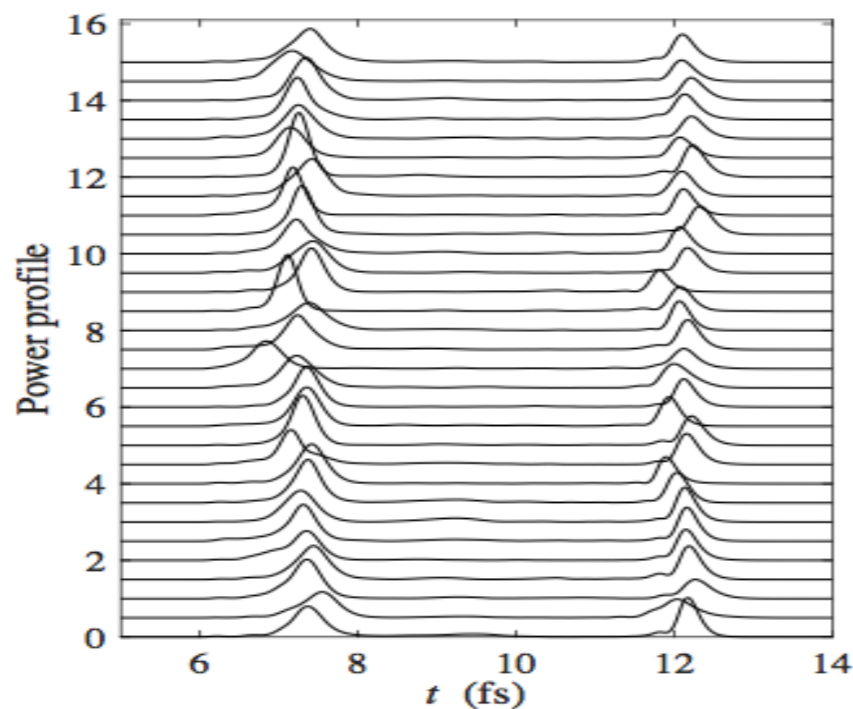
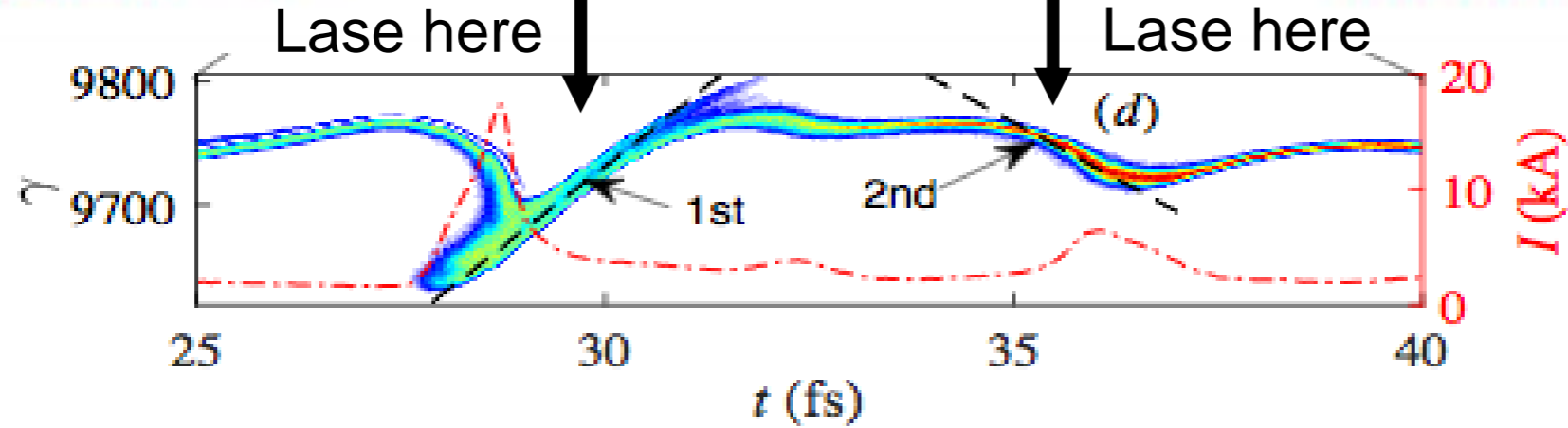
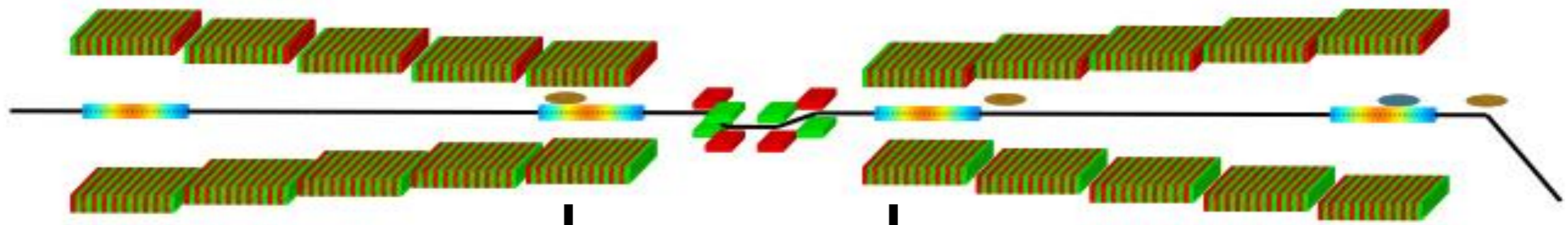
Single-microbunch FEL (CONCEPTUAL STUDIES)



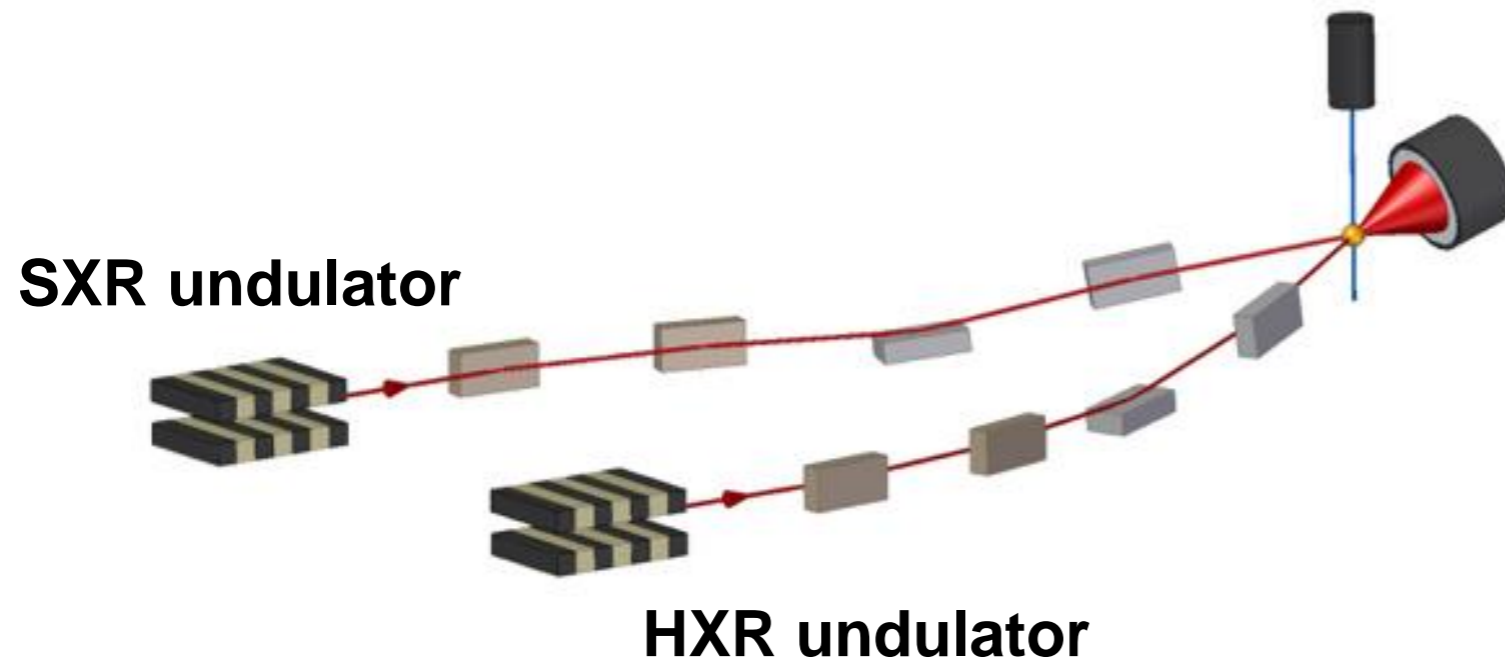
Can we reach soft
X-ray regime?

~20 nm spike

Double Chirp-Taper Scheme

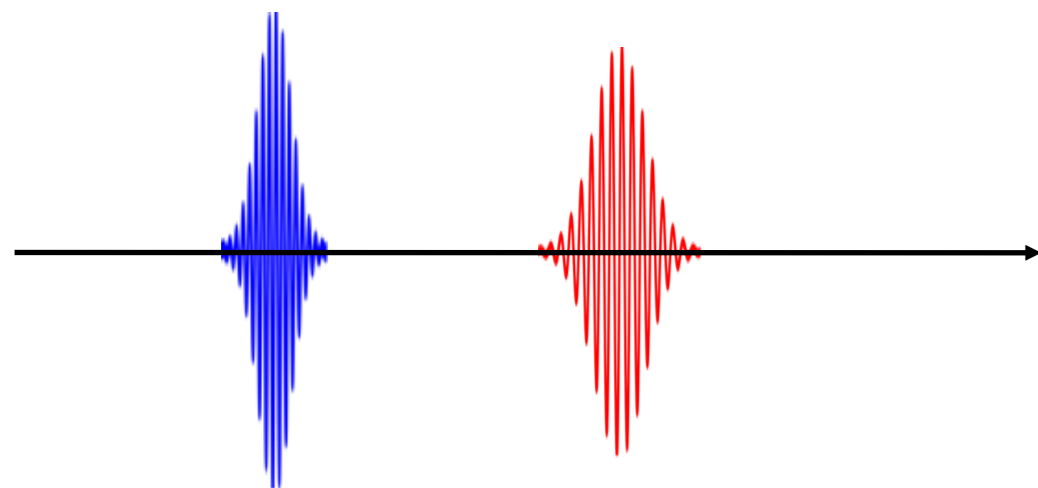


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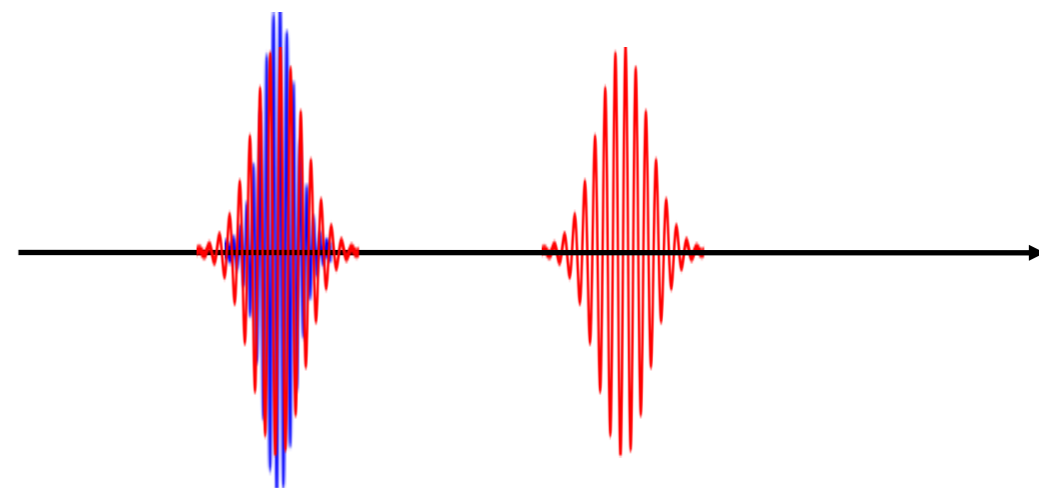


Kicker and X-ray delay line currently being developed for simultaneous soft/hard X-ray operation in TXI.
(A. Aquila, T. Beuker)

Future direction:
-HXR/SXR simultaneous attosecond Operation (or attosecond/few fs)
(A. Aquila, A. Marinelli)

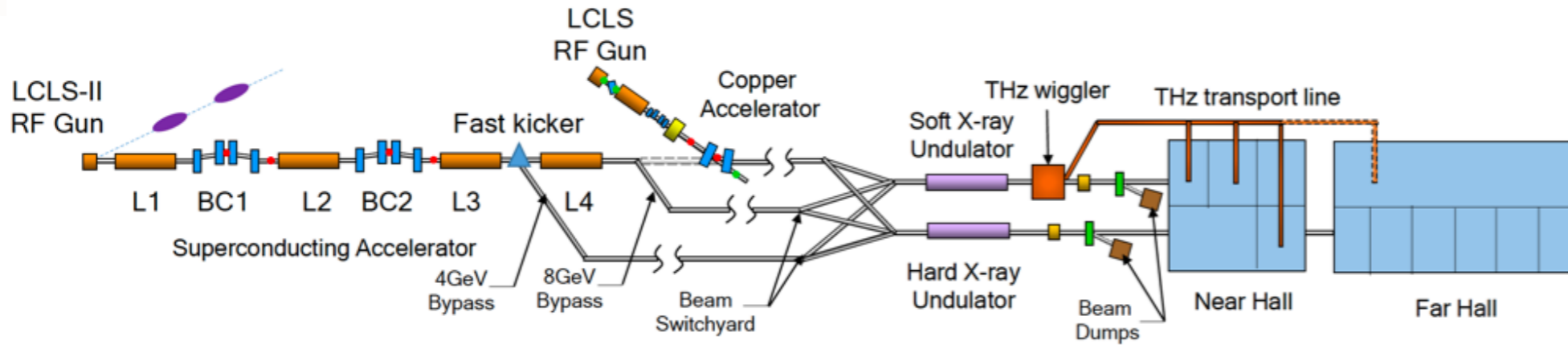


SXR pump/HXR probe



SXR pump/HXR+SXR probe

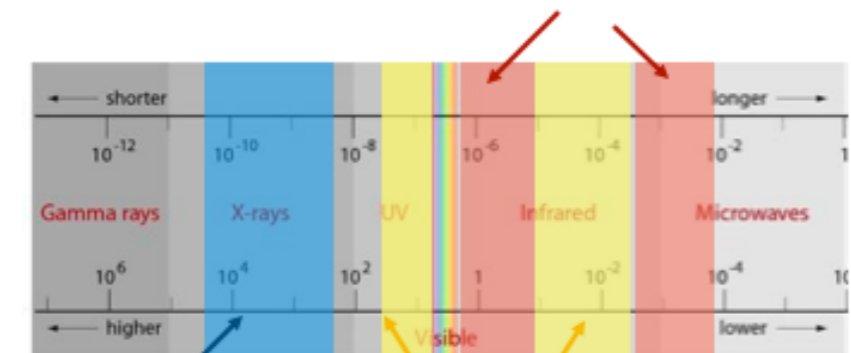
NEW RESEARCH DIRECTION: Optical-UV/X-ray Attosecond Pump/Probe



Z. Zhang et al. A High-Power, High-Repetition Rate THz Source for Pump-Probe Experiments at Linac Coherent Light Source II

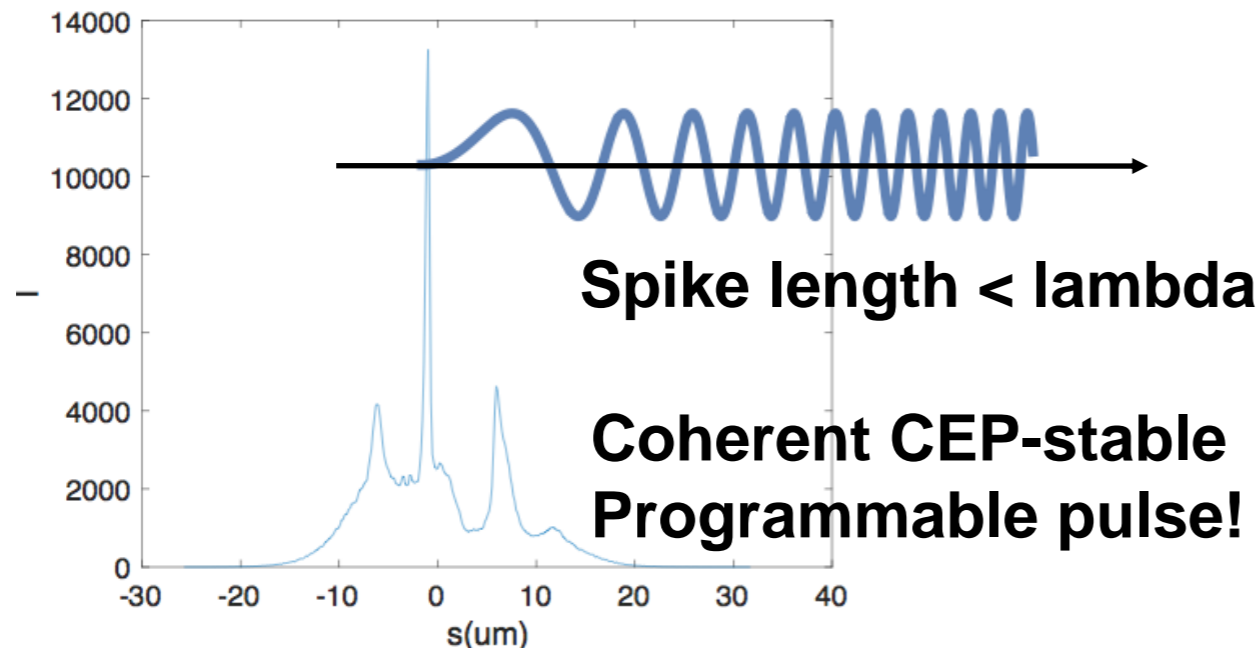
THz wiggler + XLEAP can be used for CEP stable programmable pulses down to 100 nm (shorter wavelength with upgraded optics...)

LCLS-II Pump Laser



FEL Undulators

Afterburner



**Proof of principle experiments²³
Could be performed with XLEAP
Variable gap wiggler...**

Summary

- Two-color FELs well established method for pump/probe experiment with ~ 10 fs resolution.
- Attosecond science is very active area of research at LCLS and in the FEL community.
- Working on high repetition rate attosecond pump/probe capabilities:
 - SXR two-color
 - HXR-SXR two-color
 - UV/X-ray