

# From SSRP to SSRL, 1972-1998

## SSRL 50th Anniversary Celebration

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# Before SSRP

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1962-72 SLAC linac and SPEAR constructed

Pief Panofsky, Burt Richter

1968 – The Idea – SPEAR as a SR source

Stig Hagstrom, Bill Spicer, Seb Doniach

1972 – SSRP Proposal submitted to NSF

1972 – Campus funds first SR experimental station on SPEAR

Ingolf Lindau, Piero Pianetta



SLAC – Late 1960s







# First SR station on SPEAR-1972

## Stanford Campus funding



Postdoc I. Lindau and Grad. Student P. Pianetta + SLAC help

1973 – NSF selects parasitic SSRP over dedicated CEA

- \$1.2M grant to Stanford

- Seb Doniach director

- Seb brings in Herman Winick as associate director

1974 – SSRP starts functioning

- Beam line with 5 experimental stations

- Building to house it

- Many people and organizations contributing

- Exciting new science from the beginning

11/74 – Psi particle discovered

- SPEAR operated at  $<2$  GeV much of the time

- X-ray drought

~1975 – Winick proposes wiggler beam line

- Risky - might interfere with HEP

1976 – Beam line 2 completed

1976 – Panofsky pledges 50% dedicated SPEAR time when PEP is operational



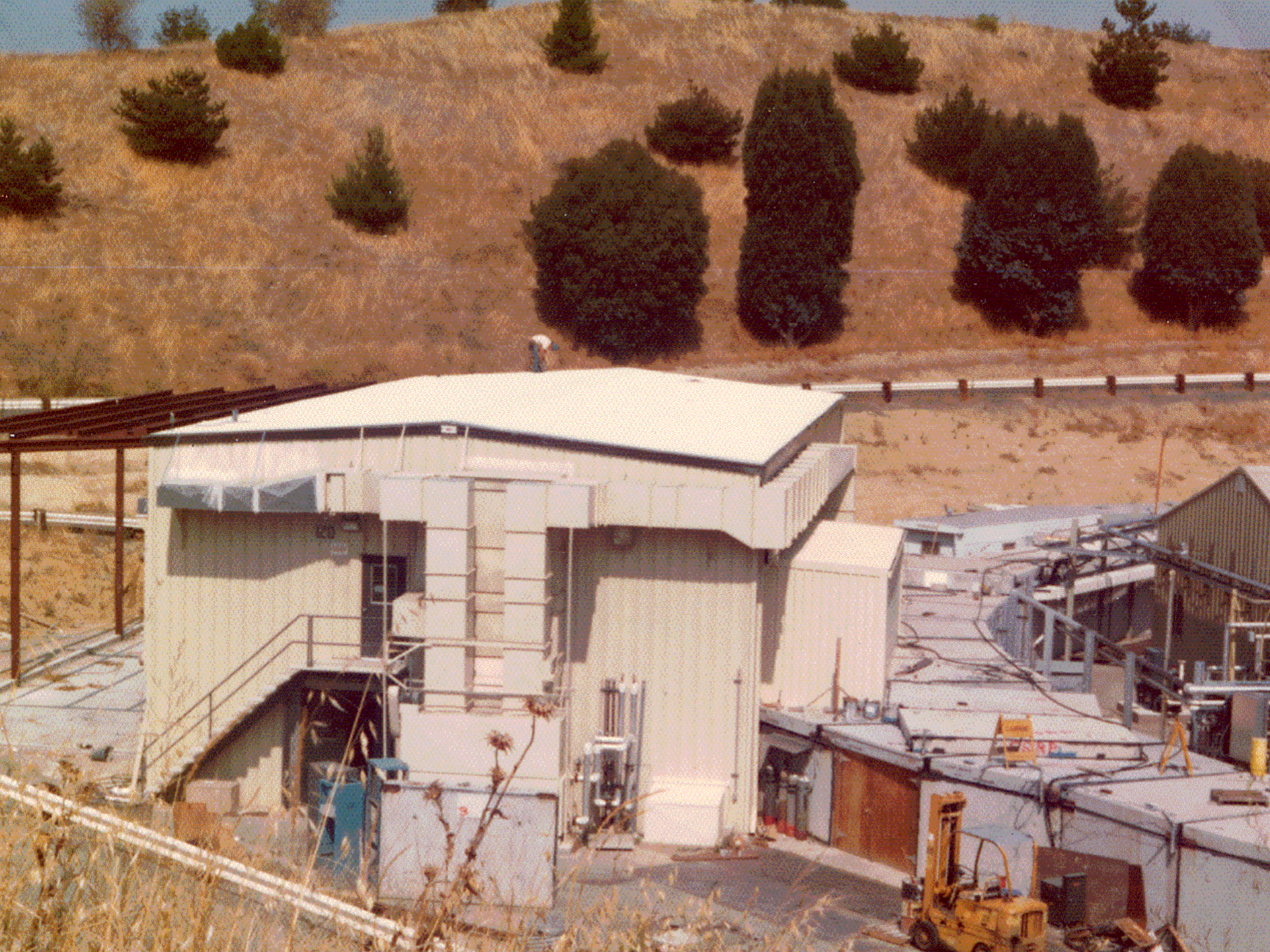
# Bill Spicer and Seb Doniach



# Herman Winick









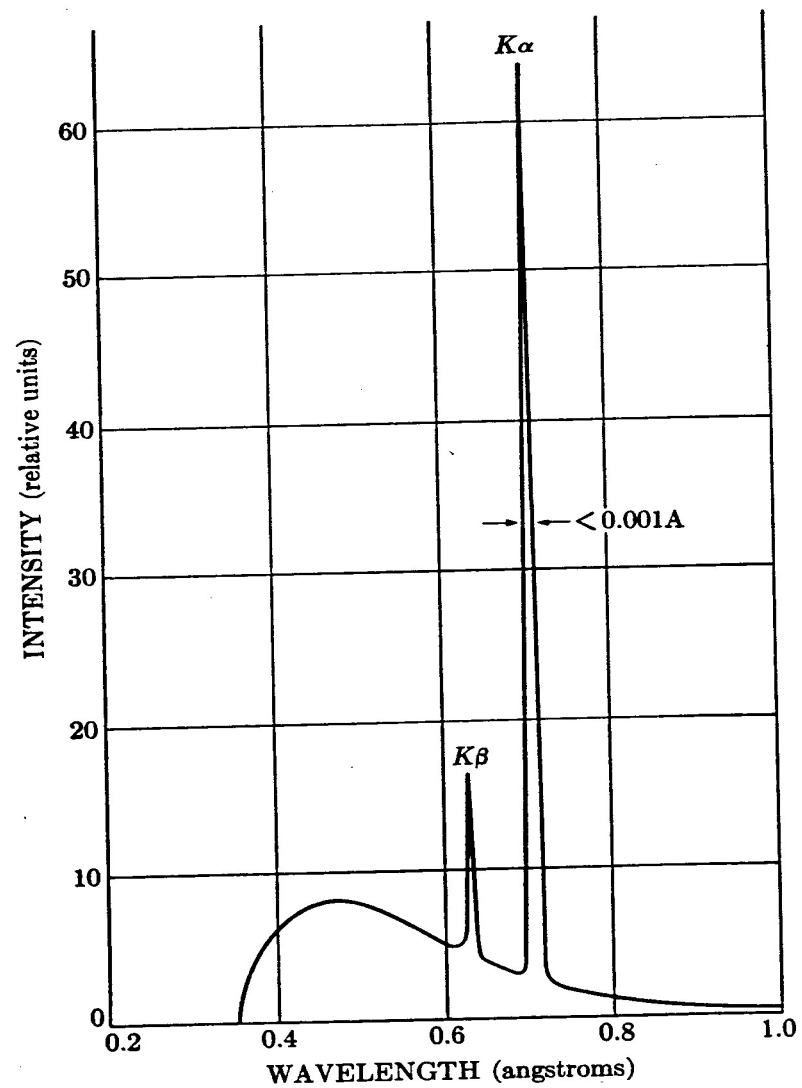
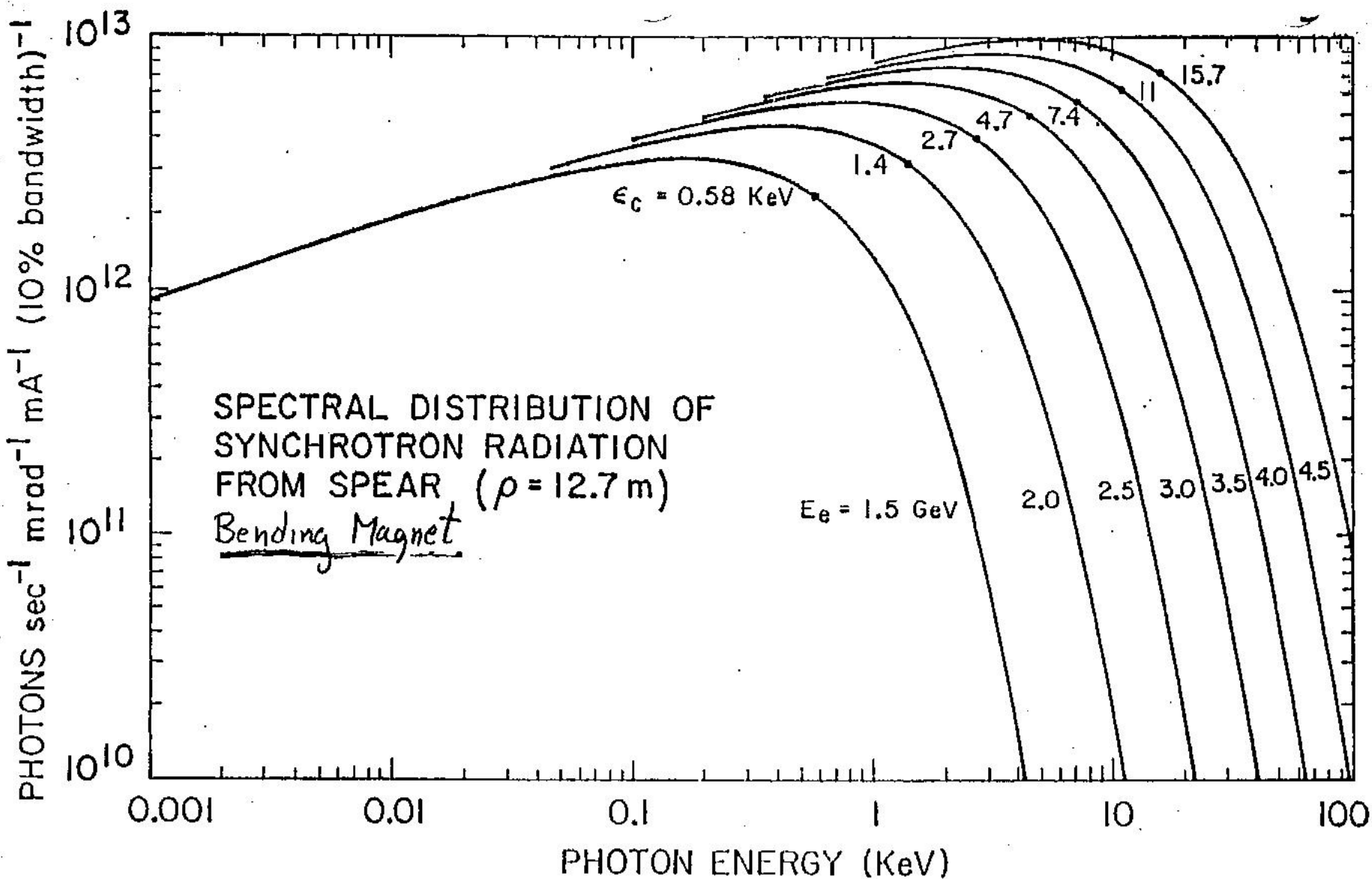


FIG. 1-5. Spectrum of Mo at 35 kv (schematic). Line widths not to scale.





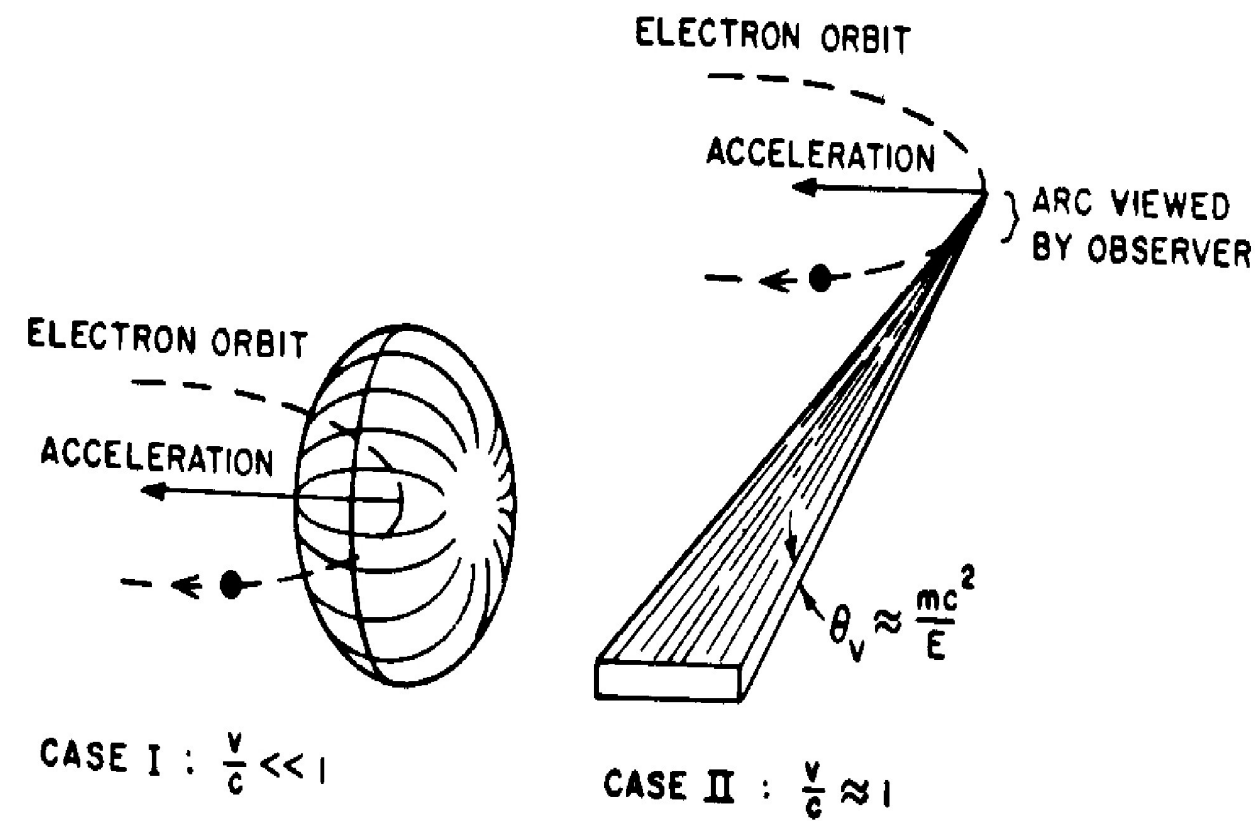
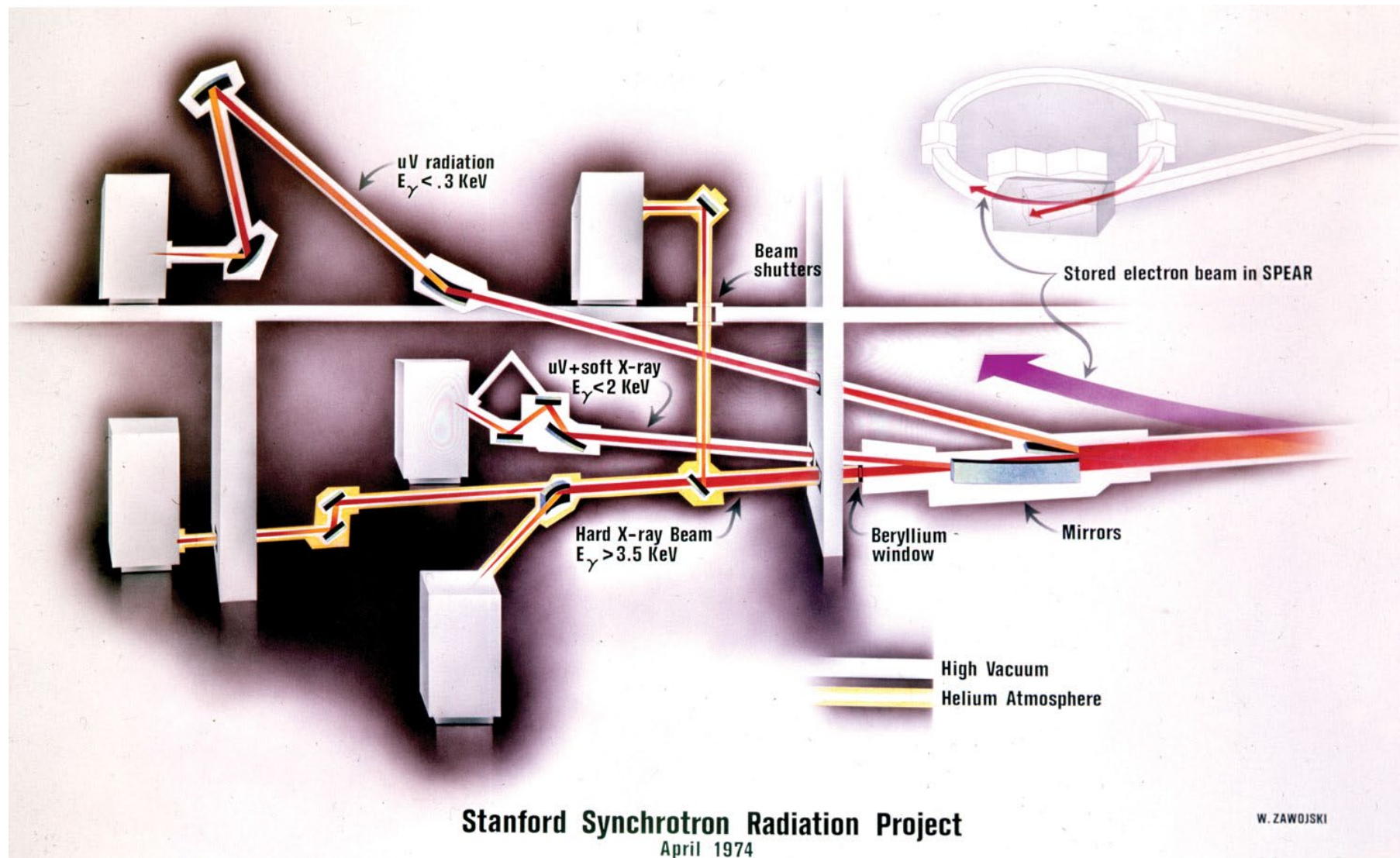


Figure 1. Radiation emission pattern of electrons in circular motion: Case I, nonrelativistic electrons. Case II, relativistic electrons.

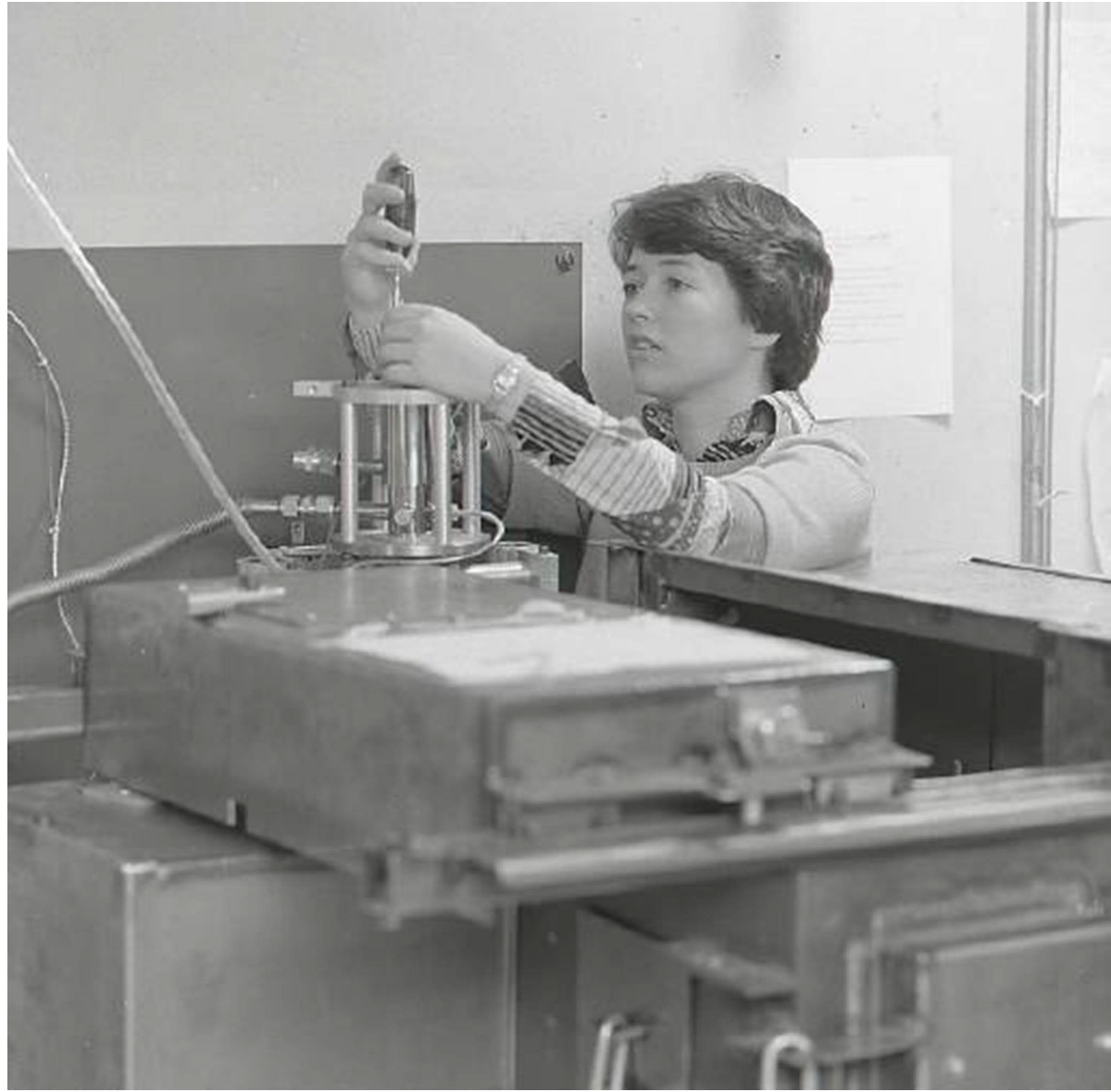




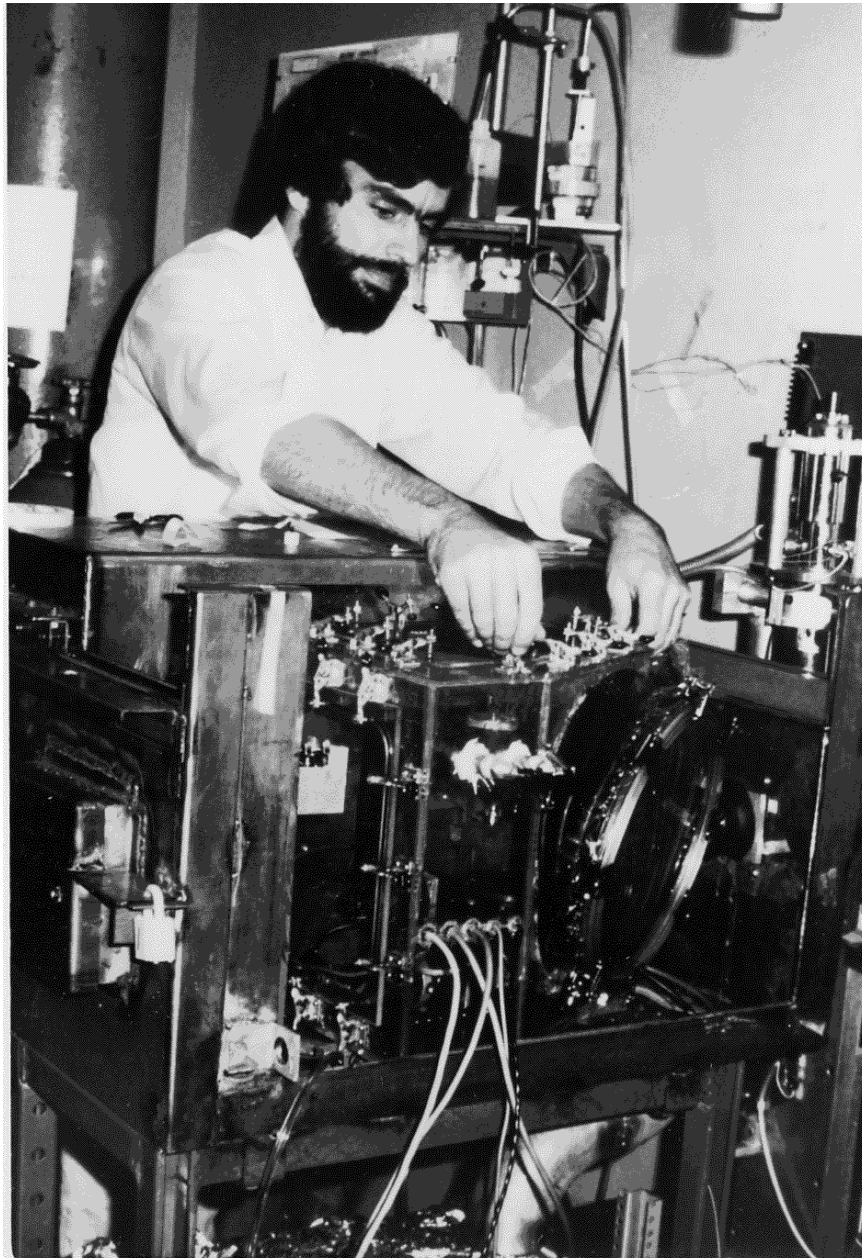
# Beam Line 1 Contributors

- Hard X-ray Lines
  - Peter Eisenberger and George Brown (Bell Labs.)
  - Dale Sayers and Ed Stern (University of Washington)
  - Boeing (Farrel Lytle)
  - Nick Webb (Cal. Tech.)
  - Sally Hunter and Brian Kincaid Stanford University (Graduate students)
- VUV lines
  - Vic Rehn and and Jim Stanford (China Lake Naval Weapons Laboratory)
  - Bob Bachrach and Fred Brown (Xerox PARC)
  - Post-doc Ingolf Lindau and Graduate student Piero Pianetta (Stanford University)

# Sally Hunter – First EXAFS Station



# George Brown on first EXAFS station







# Doniach/Winick Leadership

- Bringing in Herman Winick as Associate Director
  - Accelerator technology
  - Large project management
  - Vision
- Getting outside organizations to help fund and develop experimental stations
  - Origin of PRT/CAT system – but with SSRL operating, maintaining & scheduling
- Solutions to many technical problems unique to SR
  - Dealing with extreme beam heating of optics and windows
  - Monochromators getting beam to sample as photon energy is varied
- Developing safety systems
- Open solicitation for proposals
- Proposal ratings by Proposal Review Panel
  - Members not associated with Stanford
- Establishment of Science Policy Board
- Encouragement of Users' Organization
- Graduate student education

## SSRP->SSRL

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1977 – NSF funds Phase 2

SSRP becomes SSRL

Additional building

3 bending magnet beam lines

6 pole electromagnetic wiggler beam line

1978 - Bienenstock becomes director



# SSRL Groundbreaking - 1977



*Ground Breaking for the 1977 SSRL Expansion Program*

*(L to R) S. Doniach, R. Gould, W. Spicer, S. Hagström, W. Oosterhuis, A. Bienenstock, A. Sessler, W. Miller, H. Winick, W.K.H. Panofsky, S. Stamp and G. Pimentel*

# SSRL Early Challenges

- Ensuring user success under uncertain SPEAR operating conditions
  - Ensure instrumentation is functioning properly
  - Longer experimental runs
  - Technical support
- Ensuring fairness faced with extreme overdemand



# Katherine Cantwell



# Insertion Device Fever



1978 – NSLS begins construction

- VUV (1982) and X-ray rings (1984)

- Bending magnet beam lines

1979 – Wiggler beam operational

- Provides hard X-rays at low SPEAR energies

- Improves HEP collision rate

- Trade 2 Phase 2 bending magnet lines for one additional wiggler line

  - 54 pole permanent magnet line – Klaus Halbach

  - LBNL-SSRL collaboration

1979 – SPEAR dedicated to SR 50% time

1980 – First undulator beam line – VUV

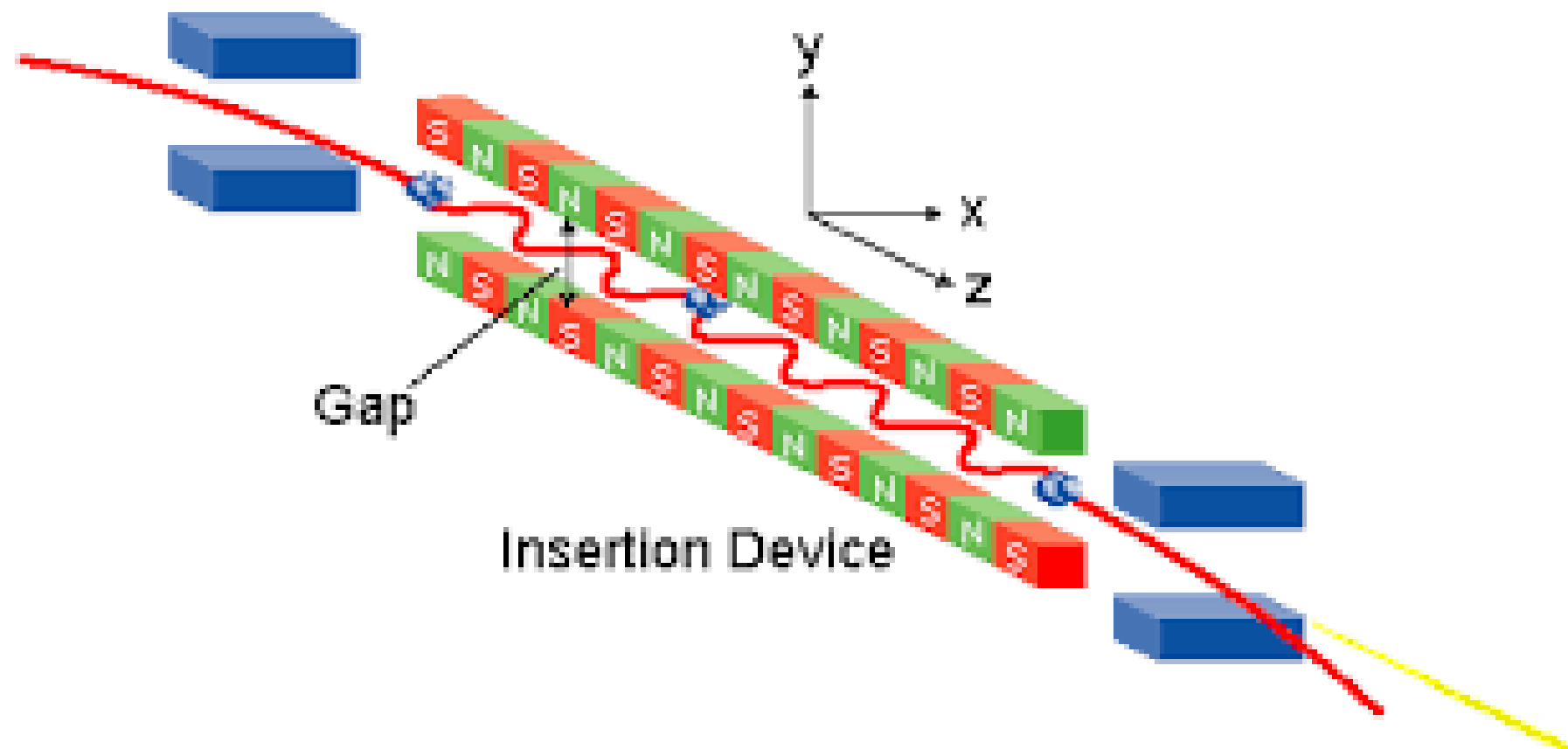
- Big brightness increase over wiggler in fundamental

- World sees effectiveness of undulators as SR source

- SPEAR energy too low for hard X-rays

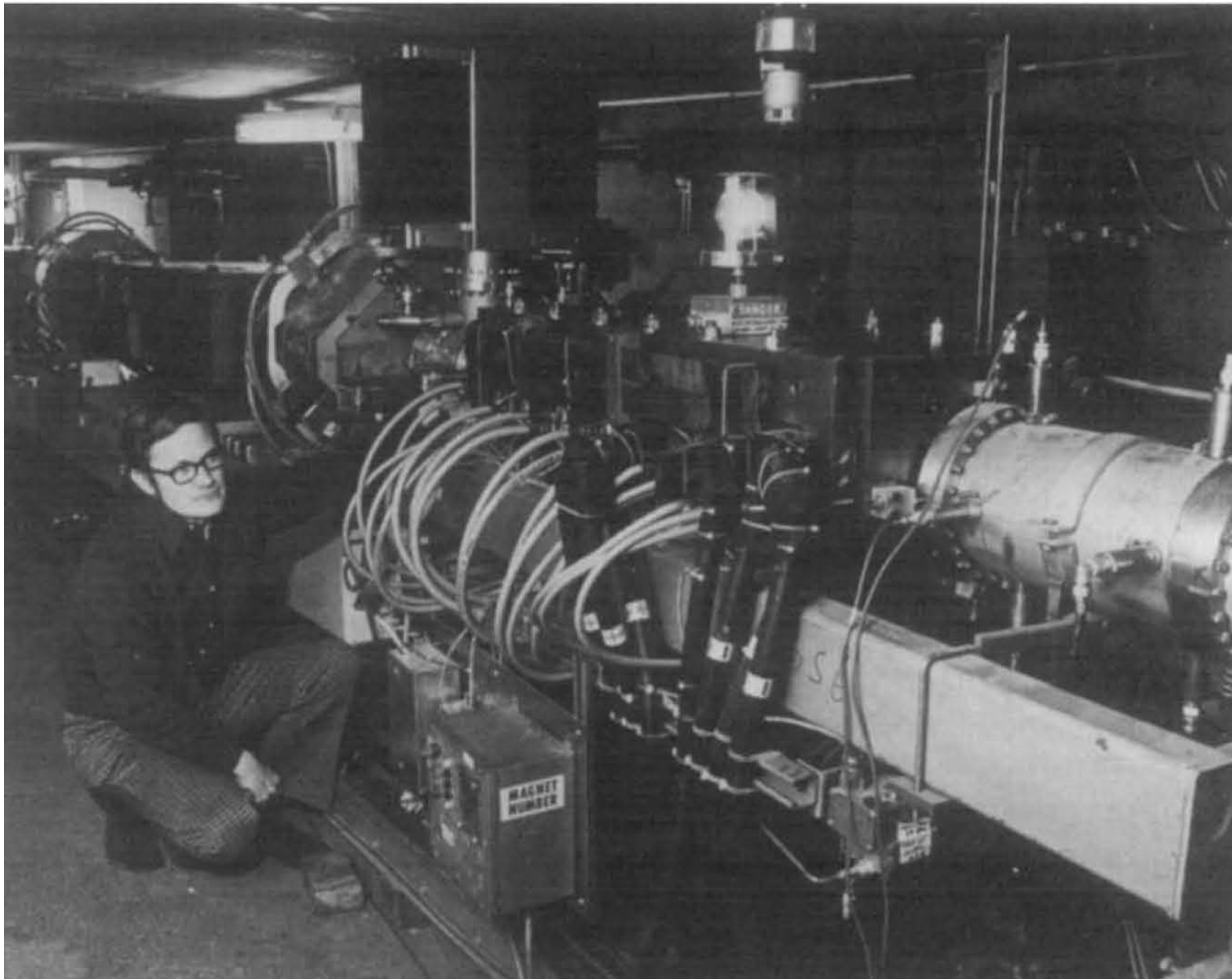
Other insertion device lines constructed subsequently.

Bending Magnet



# SSRL's First Wiggler

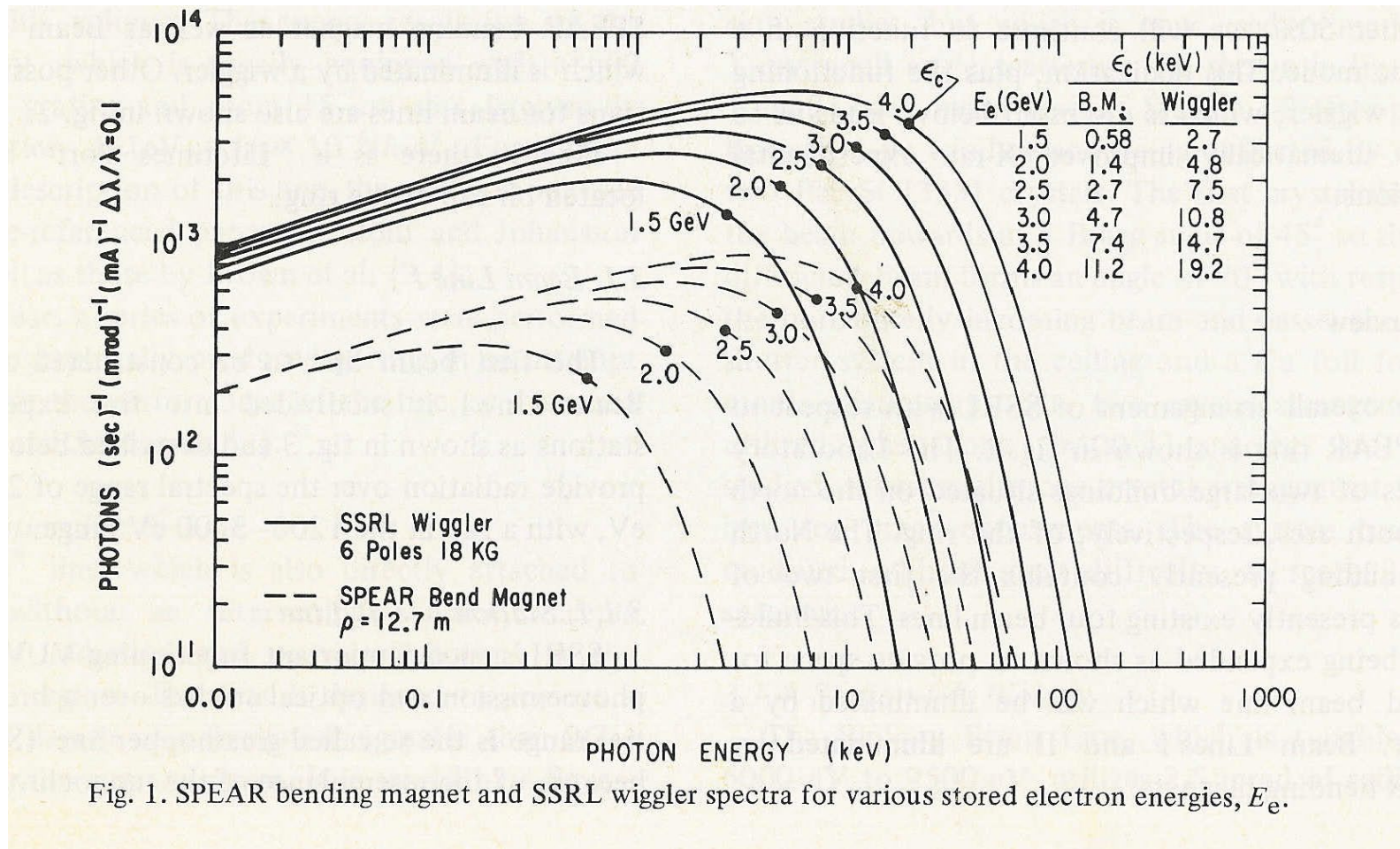
*H. Winick and J.E. Spencer / Wiggler magnets at SSRL*

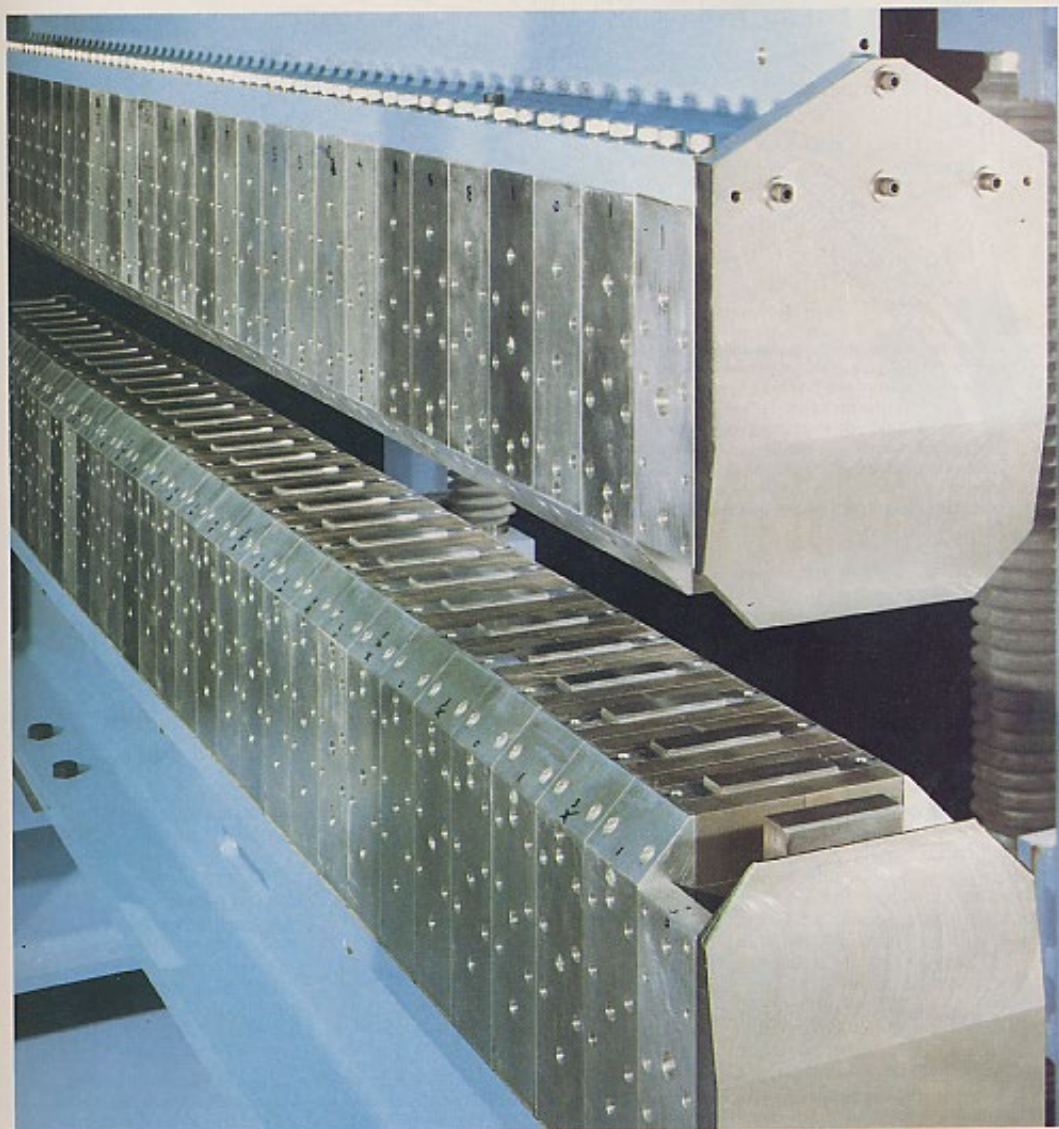


H. Winick and J. Spencer, Nucl. Inst. Methods **172**, 45 (1980)



# SPEAR Spectrum with Wigglers





WIGGLER induces electrons traveling through the evacuated tube it straddles to emit intense ultraviolet light and X rays. The device, which was designed and built at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, consists of two rows of 30 permanent-magnet poles.

It was developed for a group composed of many institutions, including national laboratories (led by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory), various branches of the University of California system and the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory.

# SSRL->DOE

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1982 – SSRL shifted from NSF to DOE

1983 – Seitz-Eastman Committee

6 GeV facility – APS 1995

1-2 GeV facility – ALS 1993

NSLS and SSRL to get construction funds for  
insertion device lines and buildings

Spallation Neutron Source also

1983-4 Short supply of accelerator physicists.

Wiedemann starts teaching and mentoring graduate students

1984 – NSLS X-ray ring commissioned

1985 – World first X-ray undulator beam line on PEP

12 GeV => Hard X-rays

1986 – PEP run in dedicated mode

Inelastic X-ray scattering

Structure of very thin amorphous films

1988 – Second undulator beam line on PEP

Using funds originally planned for SPEAR beam line

1990 - PEP shut down







# The Booster Injector and SPEAR Dedicated

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- ~1986 – Wiedemann proposes booster synchrotron injector to gain independence from SLAC linac
- 1989 – SLC becomes operational
  - SPEAR operation unreliable again as injection interferes with SLC
  - Another X-ray drought
- 1990 – Booster synchrotron injector operates
  - SPEAR becomes independent of SLAC linac
  - Helmut Wiedemann and his graduate students
- 1990 – SPEAR fully dedicated to SR
  - High reliability, long lifetimes
  - Funding limits it to operation half the year







# Helmut Wiedemann and the SPEAR Injector

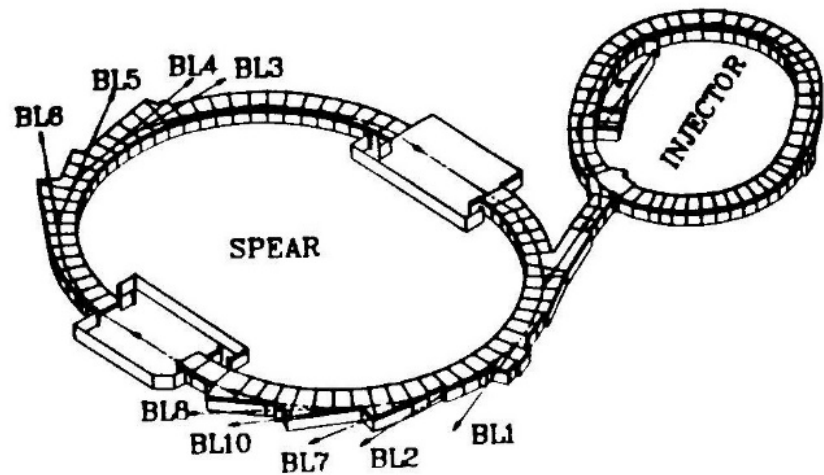


Figure 1  
3 GeV SPEAR injector

Source, H. Wiedemann et al. Particle  
Accelerator Conference, 1991.  
Accelerator Science and  
Technology., Conference Record of  
the 1991 IEEE



# LCLS, SPEAR3 and Full-Time SPEAR Operation

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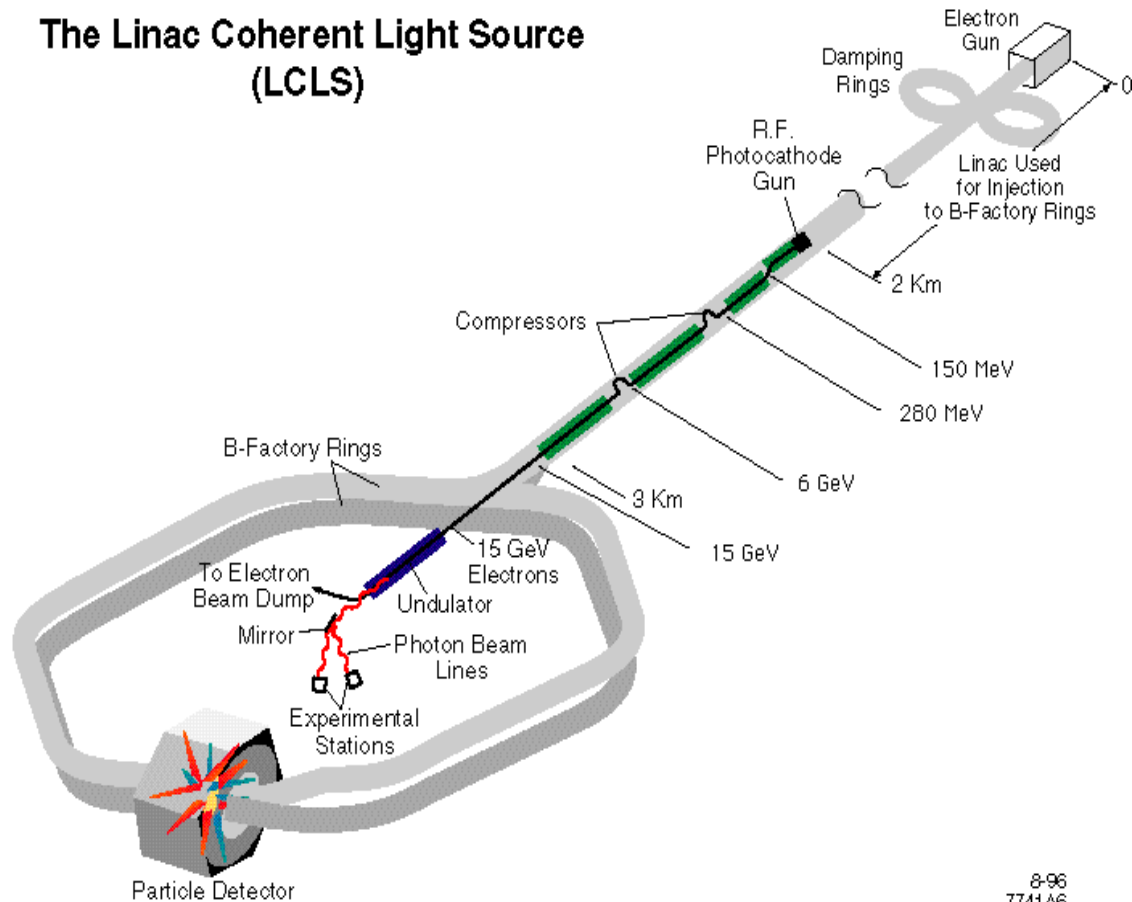


- 1992 – SSRL becomes division of SLAC
  - SSRL director becomes SLAC associate director
- 1992 – Fourth Generation SR Workshop
  - Cornacchia and Winick organize
  - Pellegrini presents XFEL concept
- 1992 – LCLS study group formed
  - Cornacchia and Winick lead
- 1994 – ESRF becomes operational
  - First dedicated X-ray undulator facility
- 1994 – Facilities Initiative
  - SSRL gets funds for full-time operation
- 1995 – APS becomes operational
- 1996 – Grenoble Fourth Generation SR Workshop
  - Recognition of LCLS importance
- 1996 – SPEAR3 proposed
  - Wiedemann, Bill Davies-White, graduate students
- 1996 – SSRL decides to seek funding for LCLS and SPEAR3

# Max Cornacchia



# LCLS Layout - 1996



The End