

PLASMONX: project status



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PLASMONX

LINEE GUIDA E MILESTONES

- *COMMISSIONING FLAME**
- *SITE**
- *T.S. & EXTERNAL INJECTION**
- *SUPPORTO SPERIM. & TEORICO**
- *FORMAZIONE**
- *INSERIMENTO INTERNAZIONALE**
- *WORKSHOP @ LNF, PRIMAVERA 2010**

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- An overview of the laser system;
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- RICHIESTE FINANZIARIE
- Conclusions

The FLAME laboratory



27th March 2007 –
beginning of construction

23rd June 2008 –

Building completed



The FLAME laboratory - update



12th March 2009 –
delivery of laser

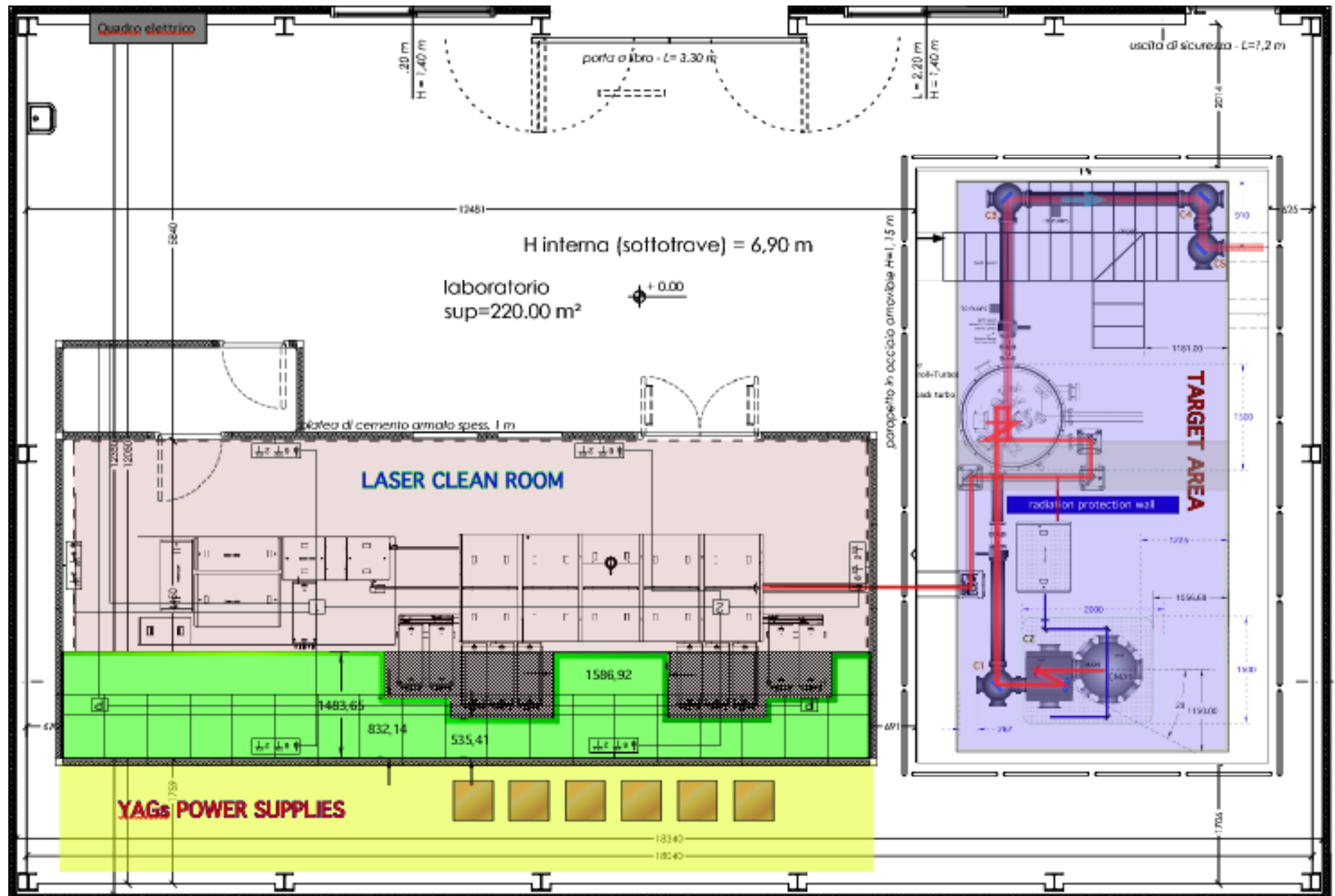
18th May 2009 –
start of Installation of clean room



10th June 2009 –
“Cold” laser installation



The FLAME laboratory – general layout



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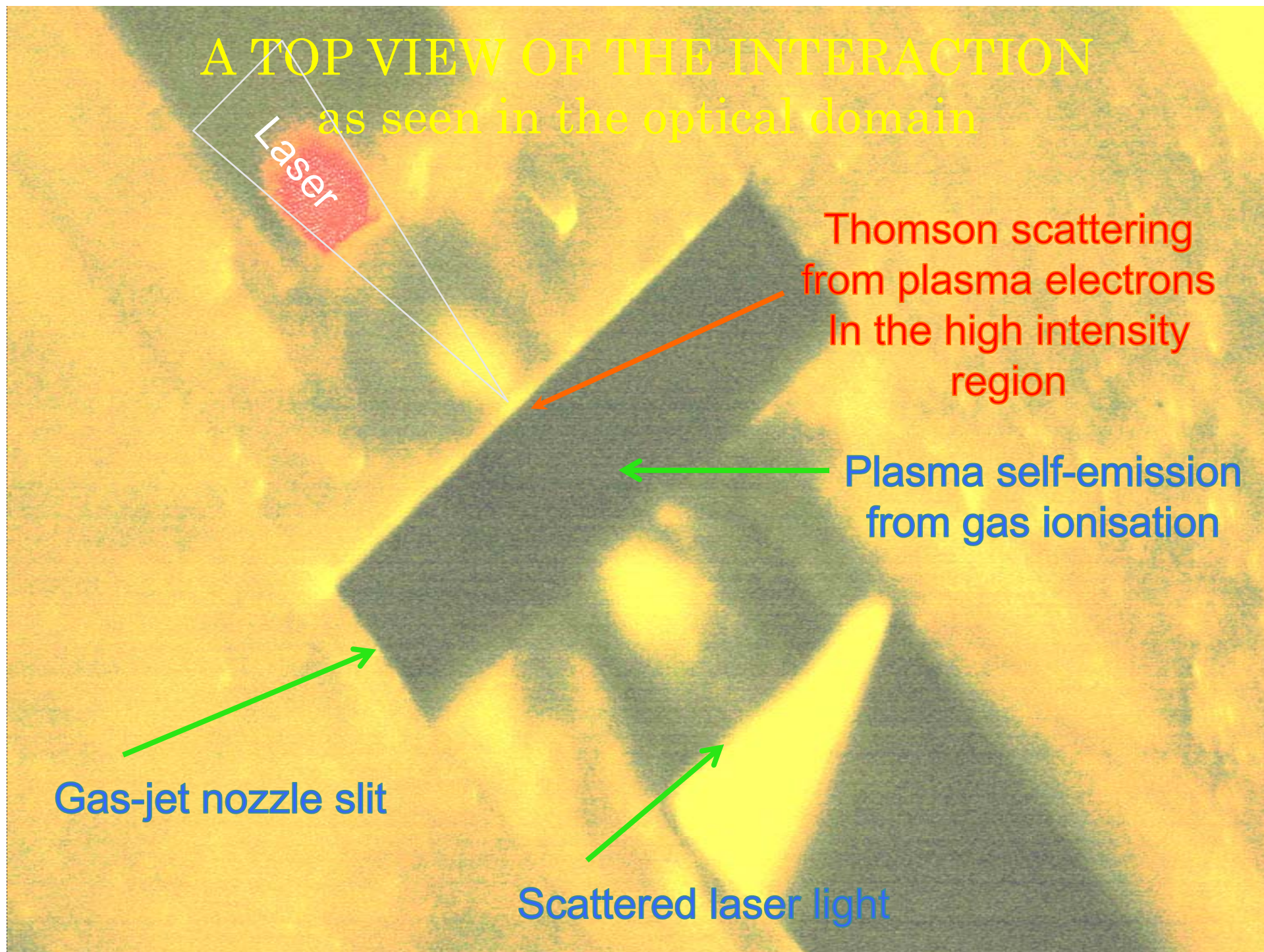
Laser

Thomson scattering
from plasma electrons
in the high intensity
region

Plasma self-emission
from gas ionisation

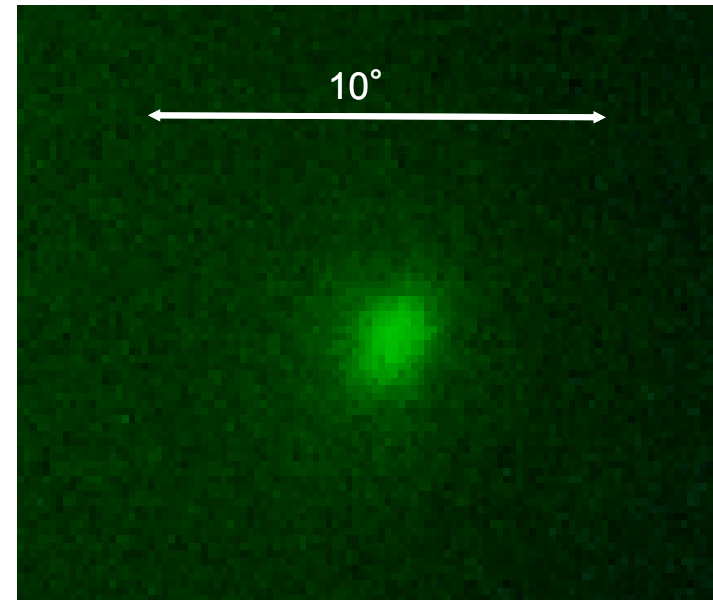
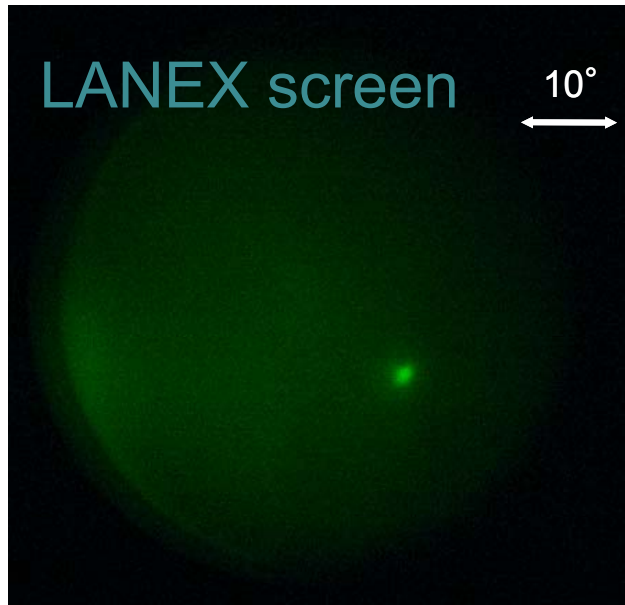
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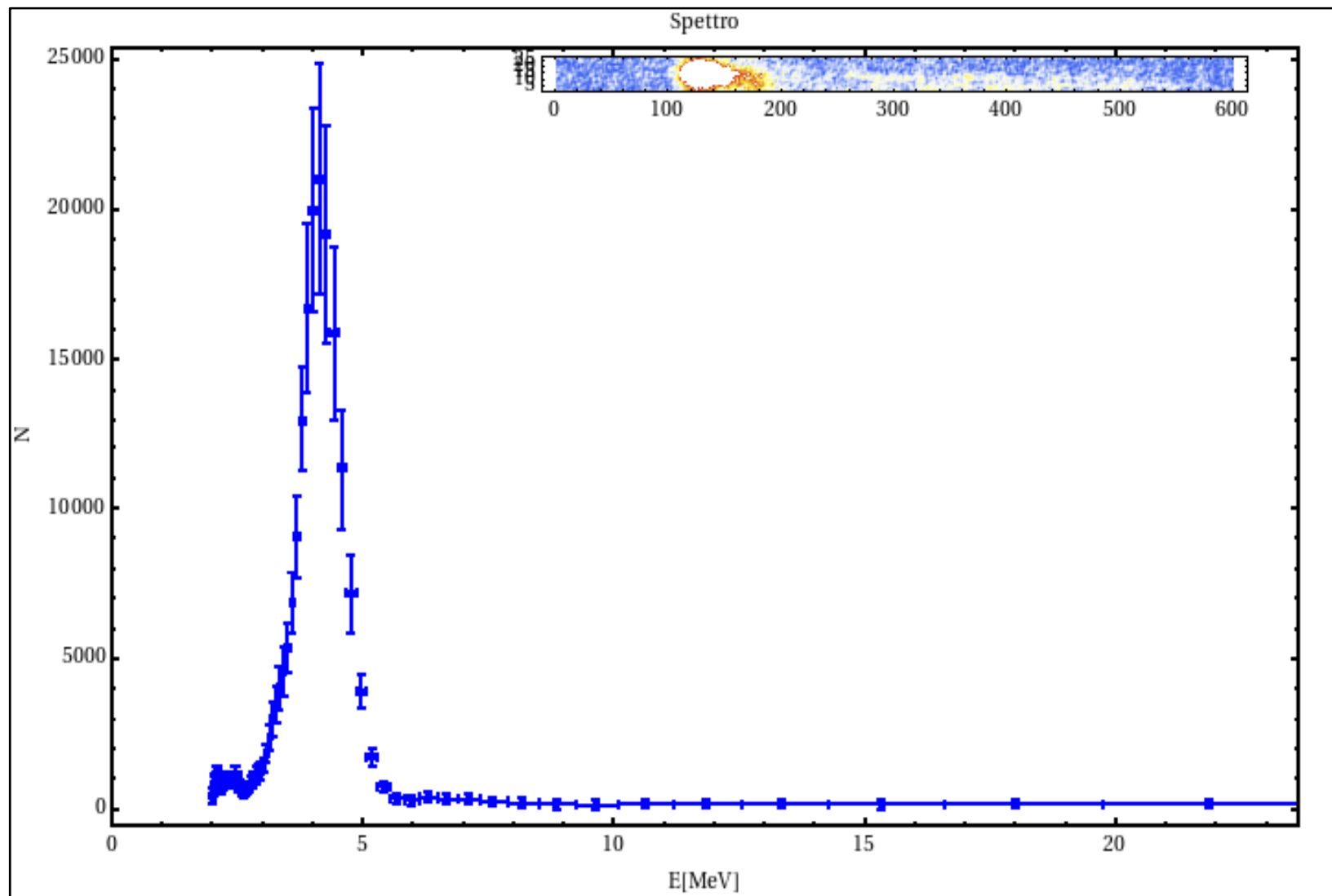
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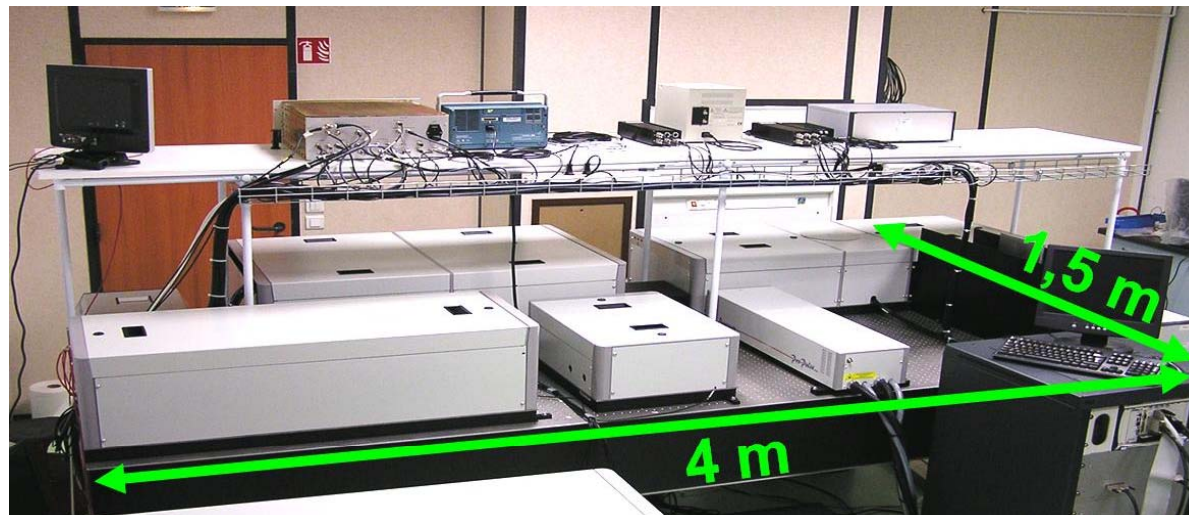
Electron spectrum



FLAME LASER

FLAME laser: specifications

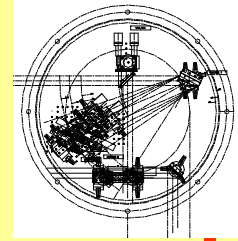
Repetition Rate	10 Hz
Energy (after compression)	up to 6 J (typ. exp. 5.6J)
Wavelength	800 nm
Pulse duration	down to 20 fs (typ. 23 fs)
Peak power	up to 300 TW
ASE contrast	$< 10^{10}$
Pre-pulse contrast	$< 10^{-8}$



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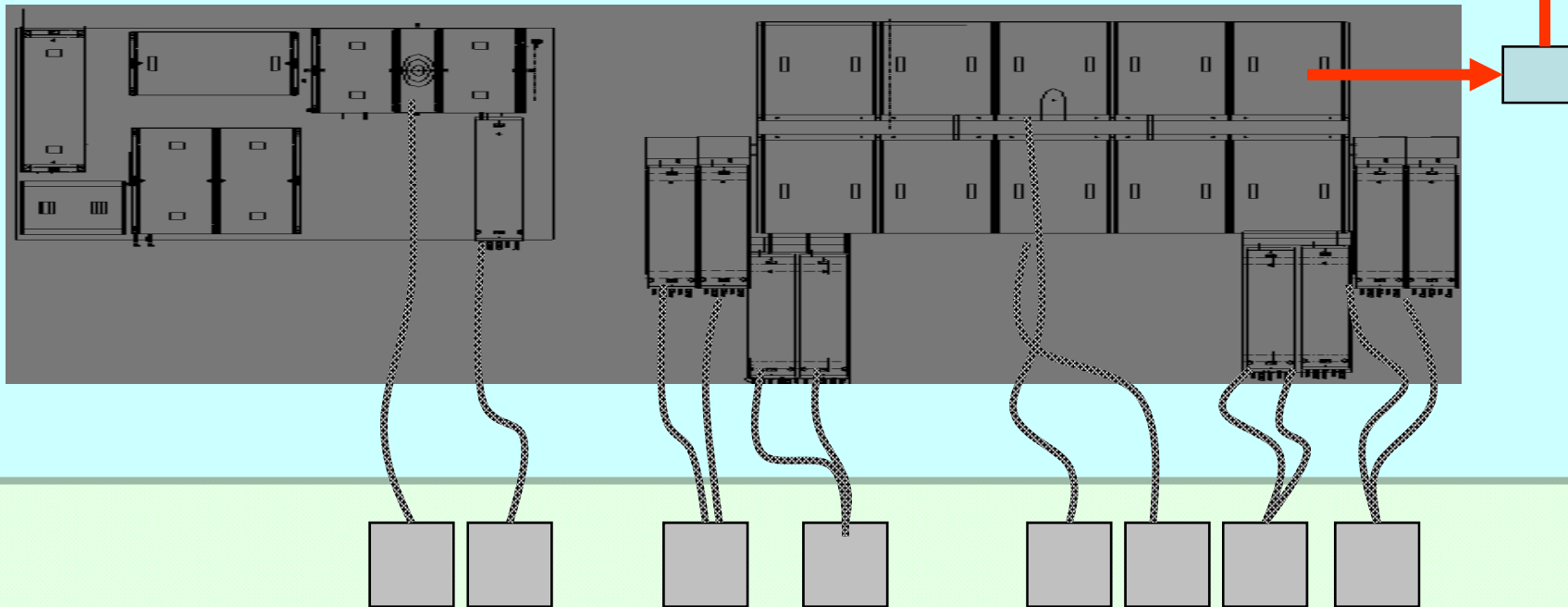
FLAME Laser Overview

Compressor

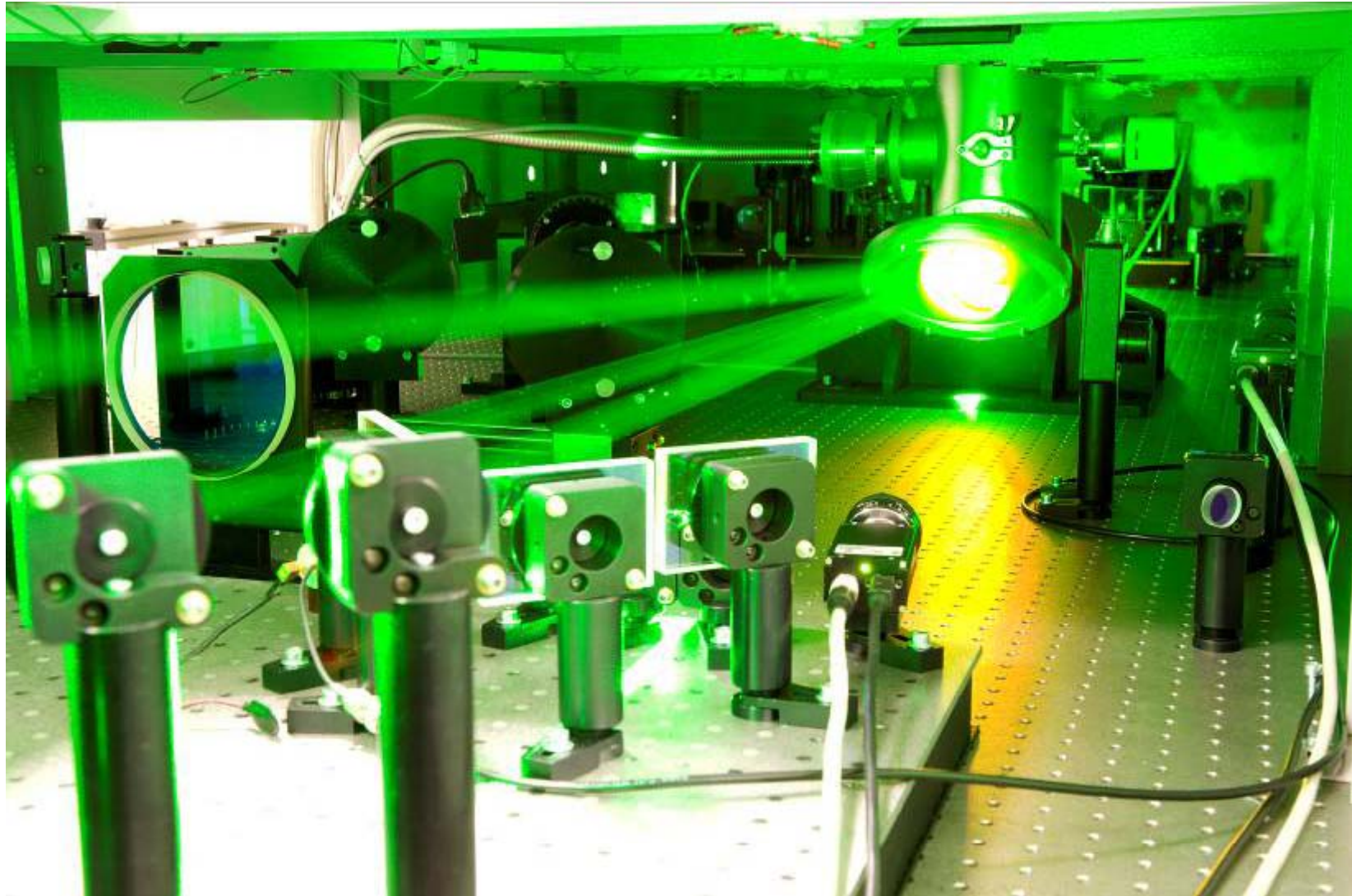


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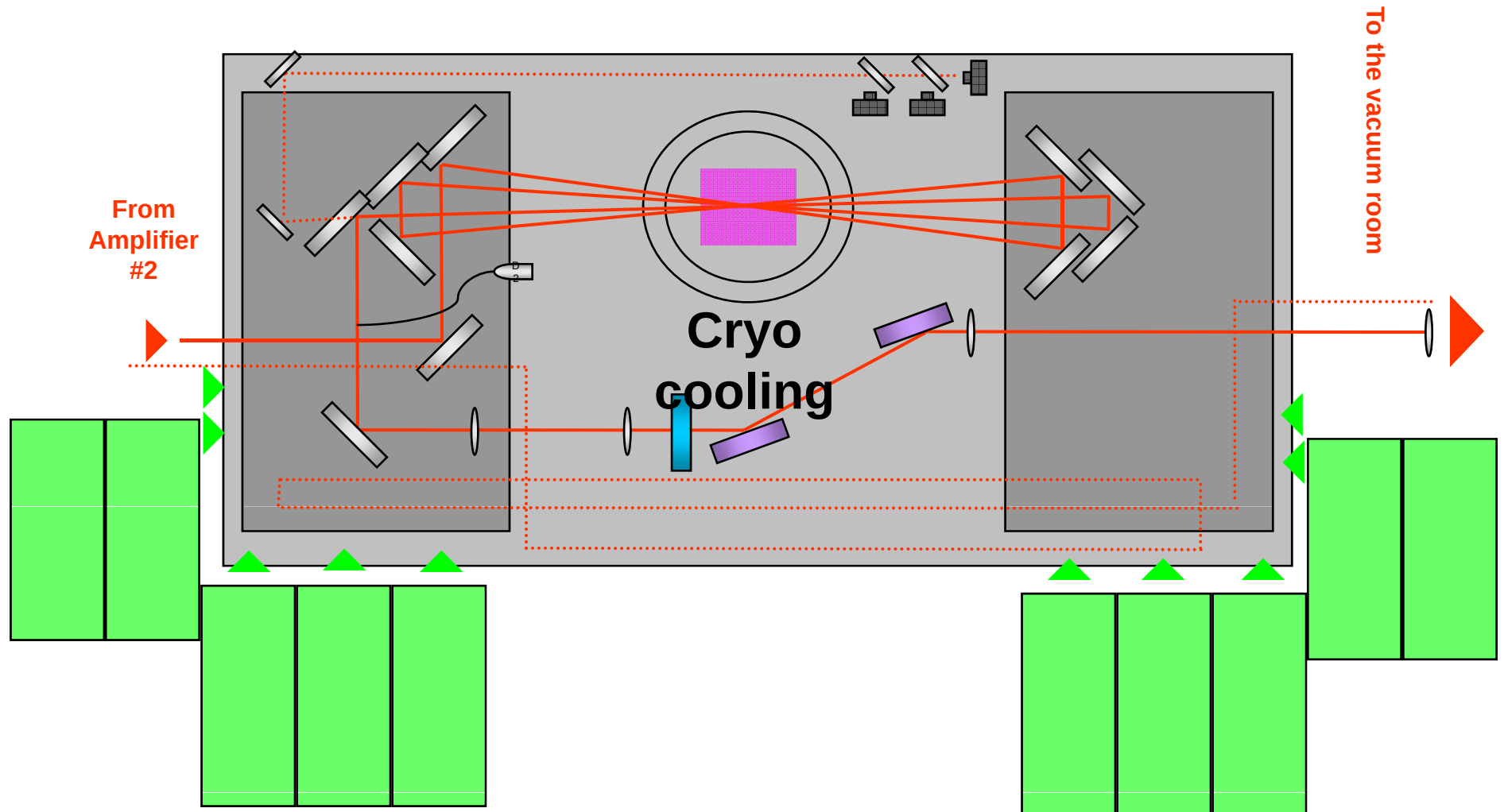
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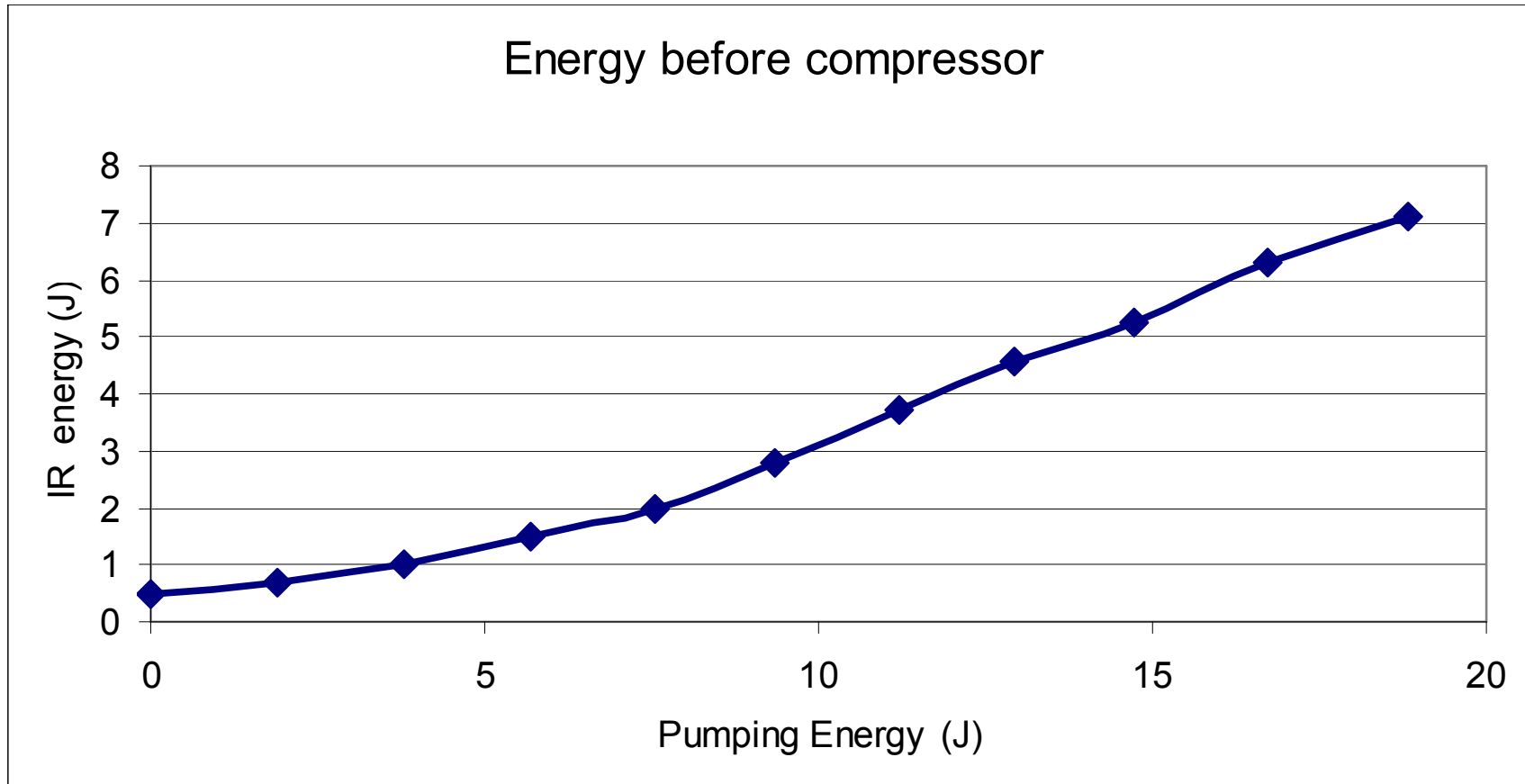
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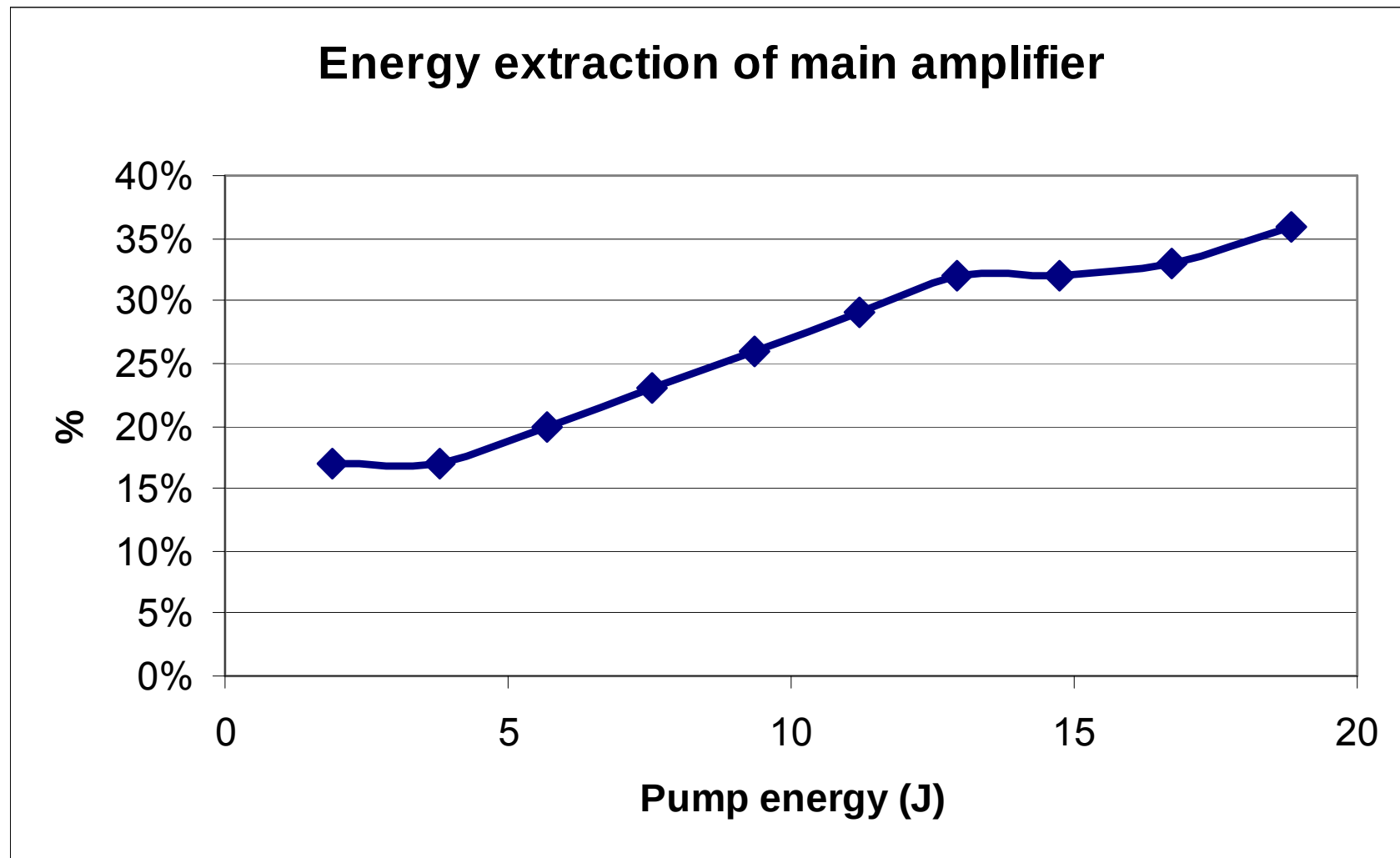
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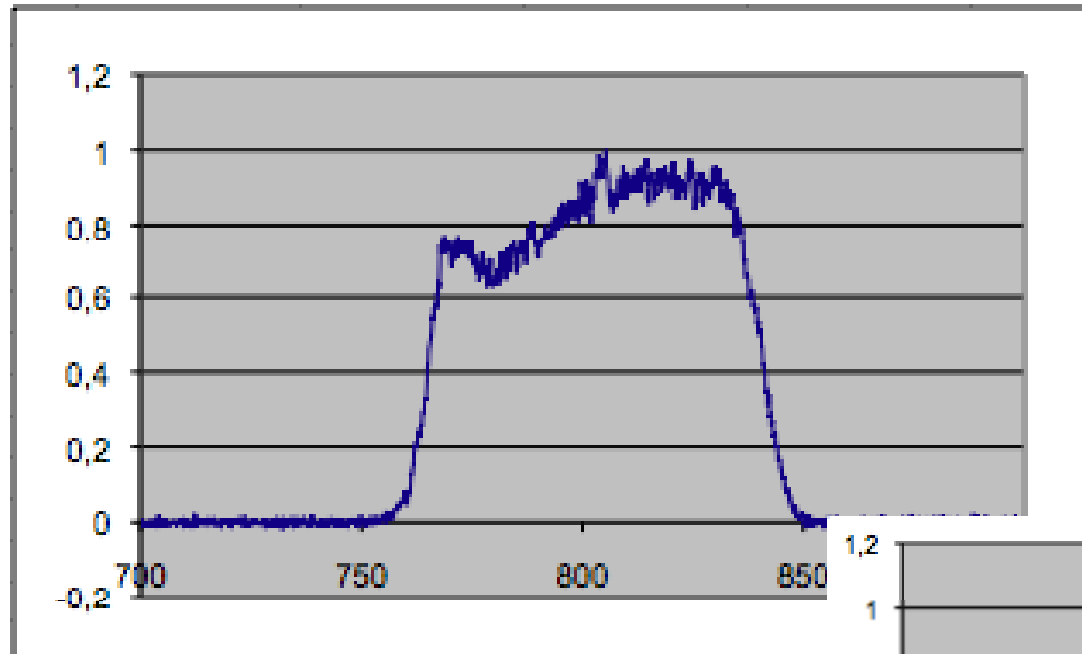


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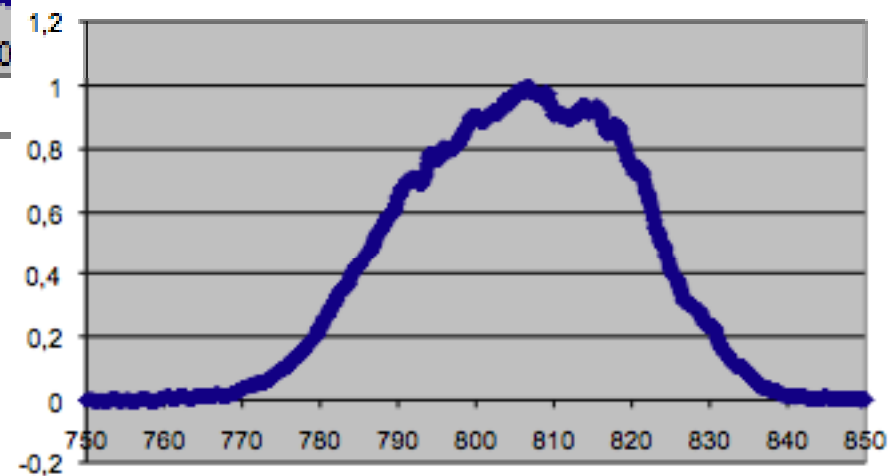


POWER AMPLIFIER - spectrum

7J spectrum



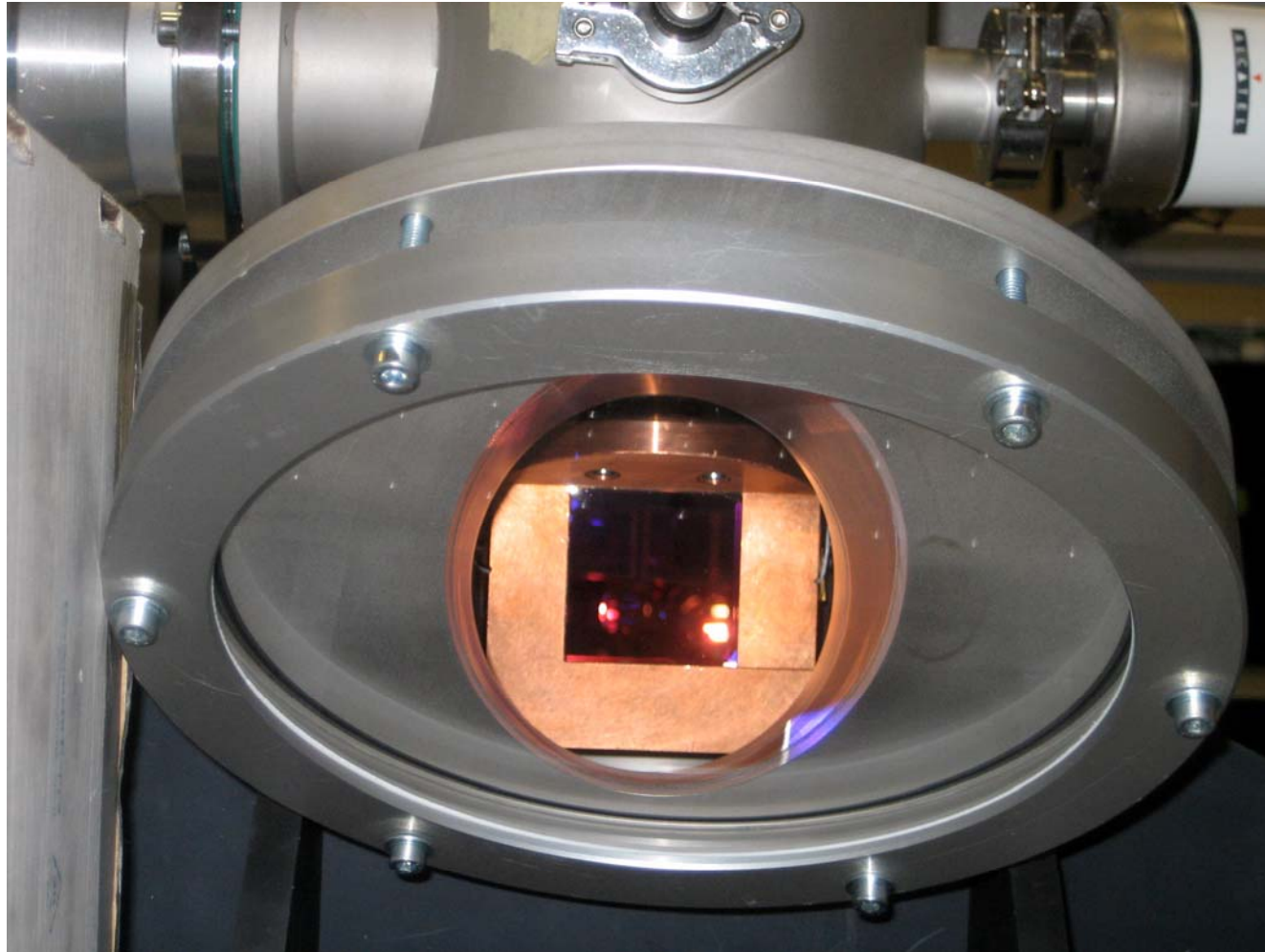
With mazzler



Without mazzler

POWER AMPLIFIER

Pictures of the Ti:Sa crystal inside the cryostat



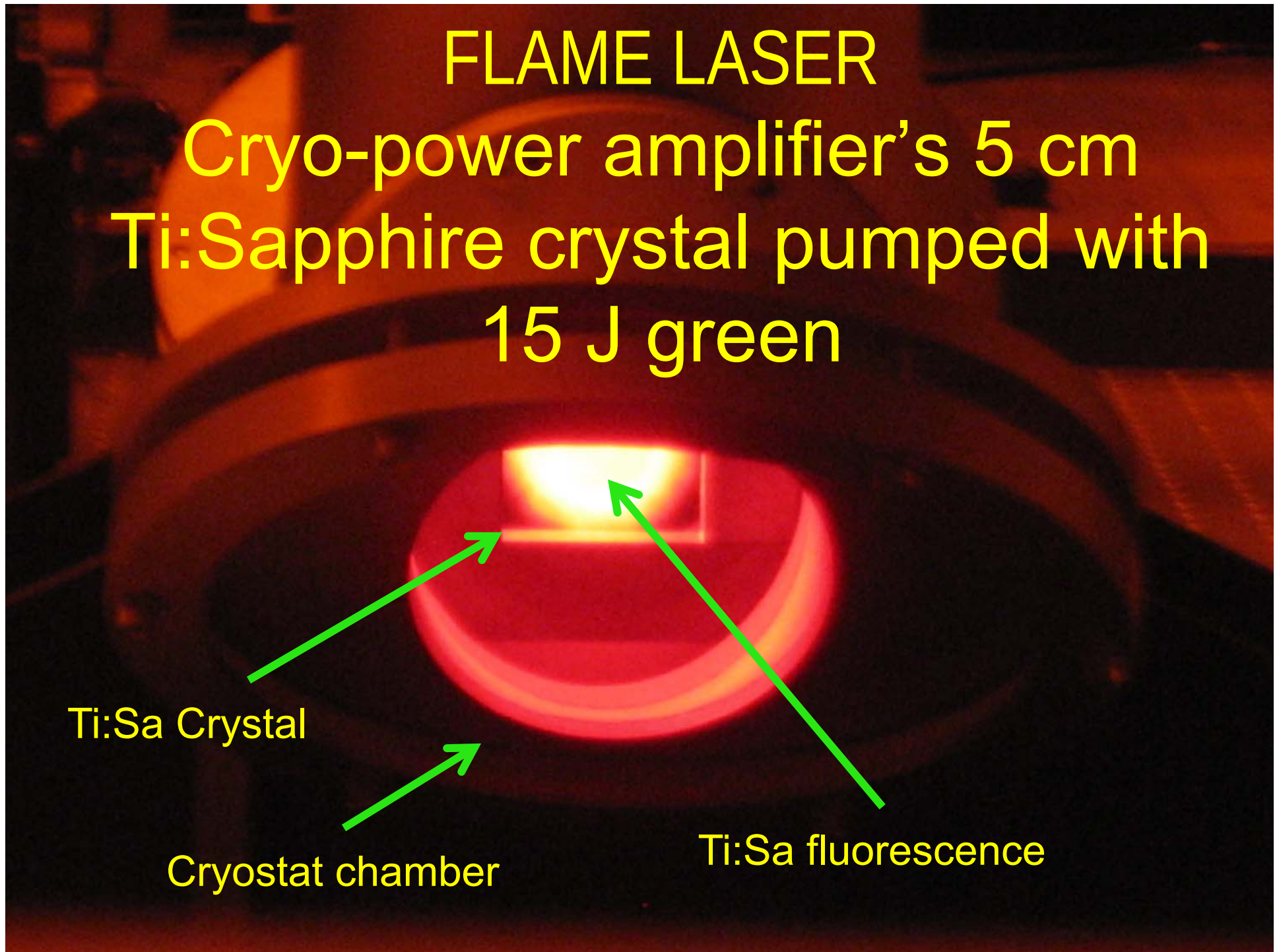
FLAME LASER

Cryo-power amplifier's 5 cm
Ti:Sapphire crystal pumped with
15 J green

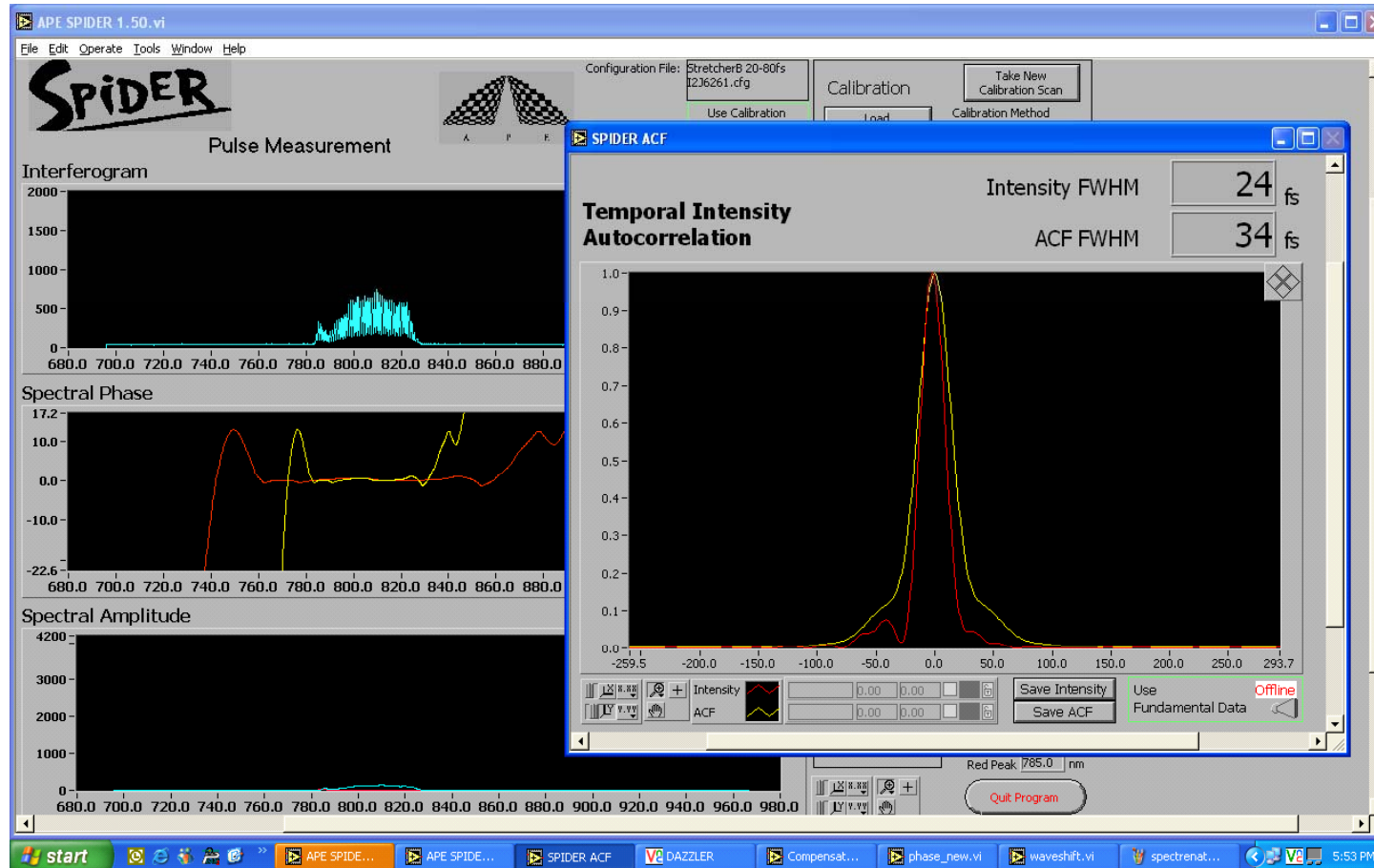
Ti:Sa Crystal

Cryostat chamber

Ti:Sa fluorescence



THE COMPRESSOR: spectral control



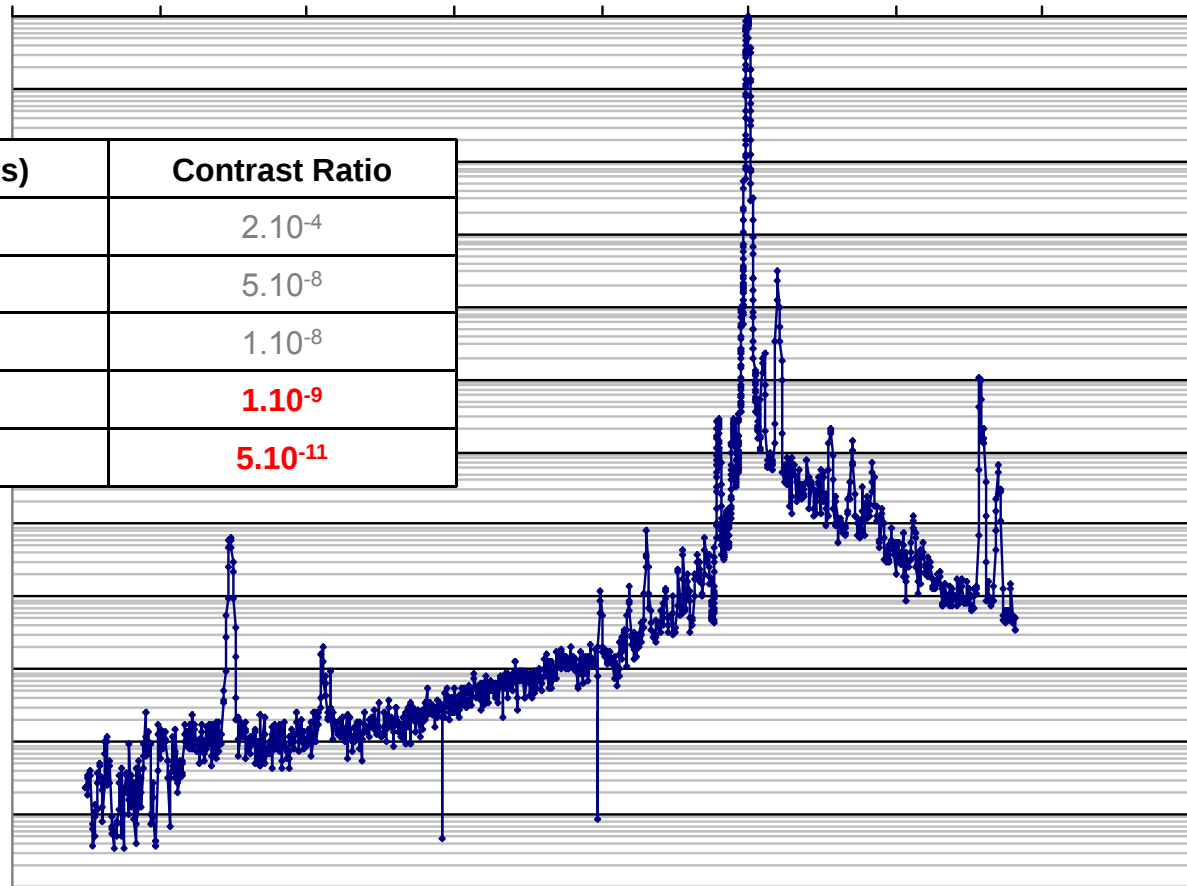
Pulse duration with the **test** compressor

Spider measurements

- natural duration < 55 fs
- corrected duration < 25 fs

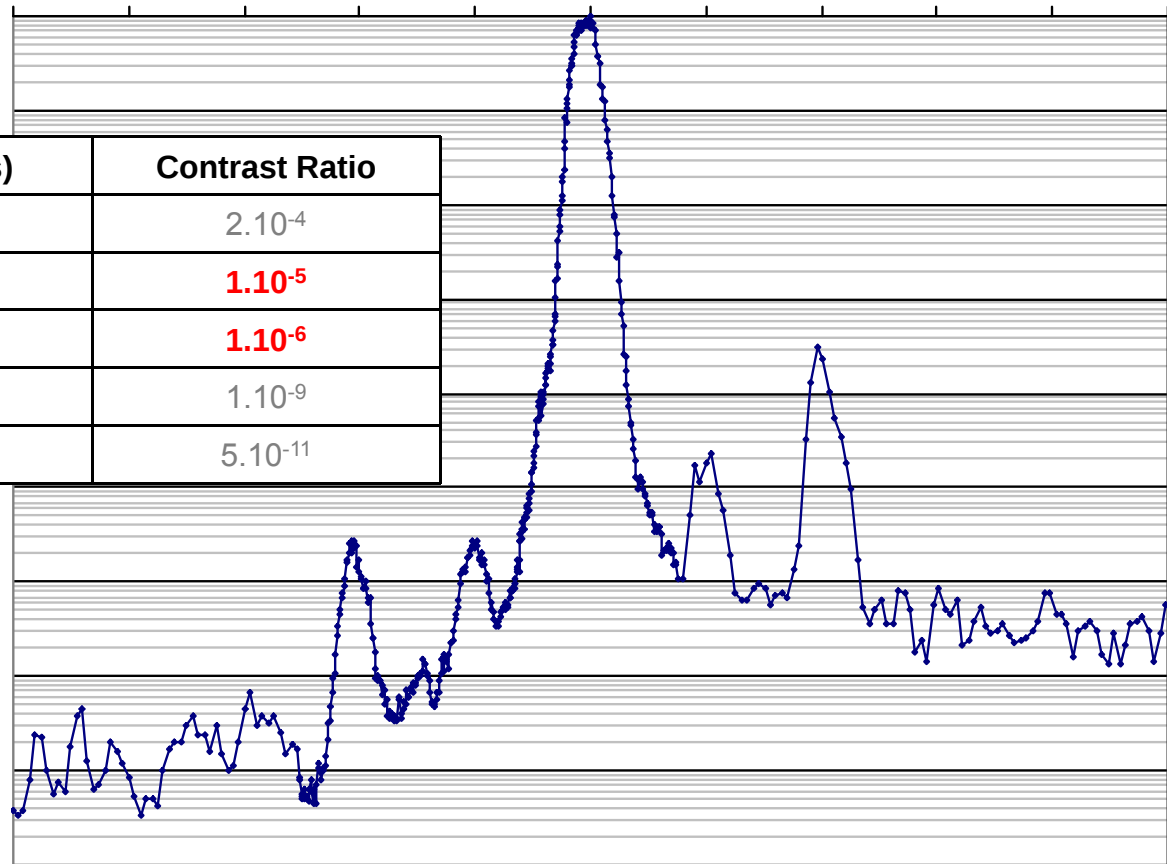
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SUMMARY OF FLAME LASER

Summary of performances before shipping

- Energy before compression @ 7 J
- Vacuum compressor transmission > 70%
- Pulse duration @ < 25 fs
- ASE Contrast ratio @ $5 \cdot 10^{-10}$
- RMS Pulse Stability @ 0.8 %

- Enhancement of pumping configuration/extraction efficiency;
- Full vacuum compression test to be performed at LNF;

ENHANCING LASER FLEXIBILITY

POLARIZATION CONTROL (S, P, CIRCULAR)

Established contact with manufacturer (limiting factor: diameter and thickness of required crystals);

FREQUENCY CONVERSION (400 nm operation)

Same as above plus recent involvement in « Happie », LASERLAB Joint Research Activity (IPCF-CNR Subcontractor of LULI);

CONTRAST ENHANCEMENT (plasma mirror, frequency doubling); collaboration with CEA-Saclay

ADAPTIVE OPTICS for focal spot quality control and tailoring, collaboration with CLPU-Salamanca

ULTRA-HIGH intensities ($\approx 10^{21}$ W/cm²) with ellipsoidal plasma mirror ...

And more

PRIMO ESPERIMENTO TUTTO ITALIANO DI LPA A PISA

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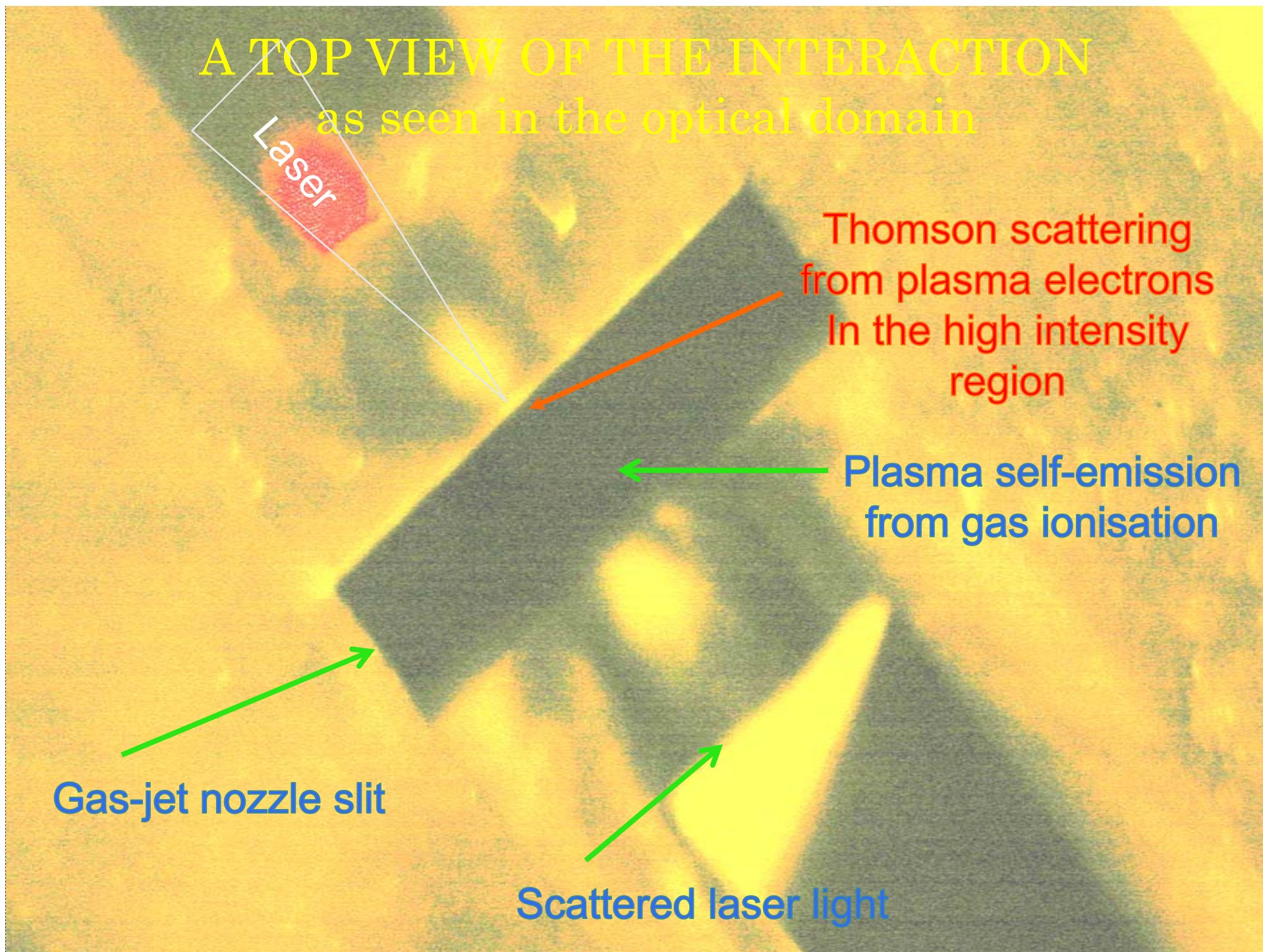
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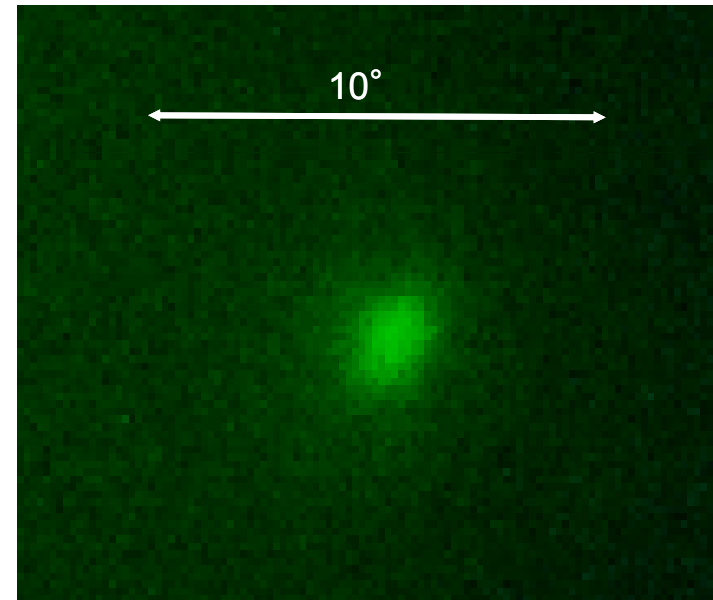
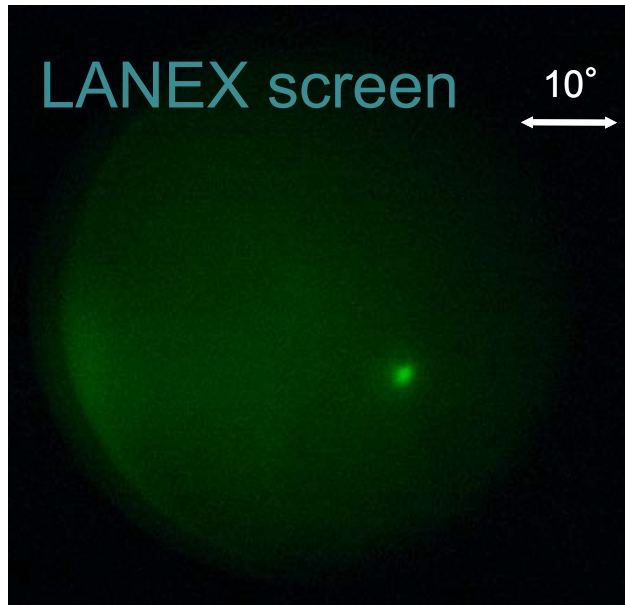
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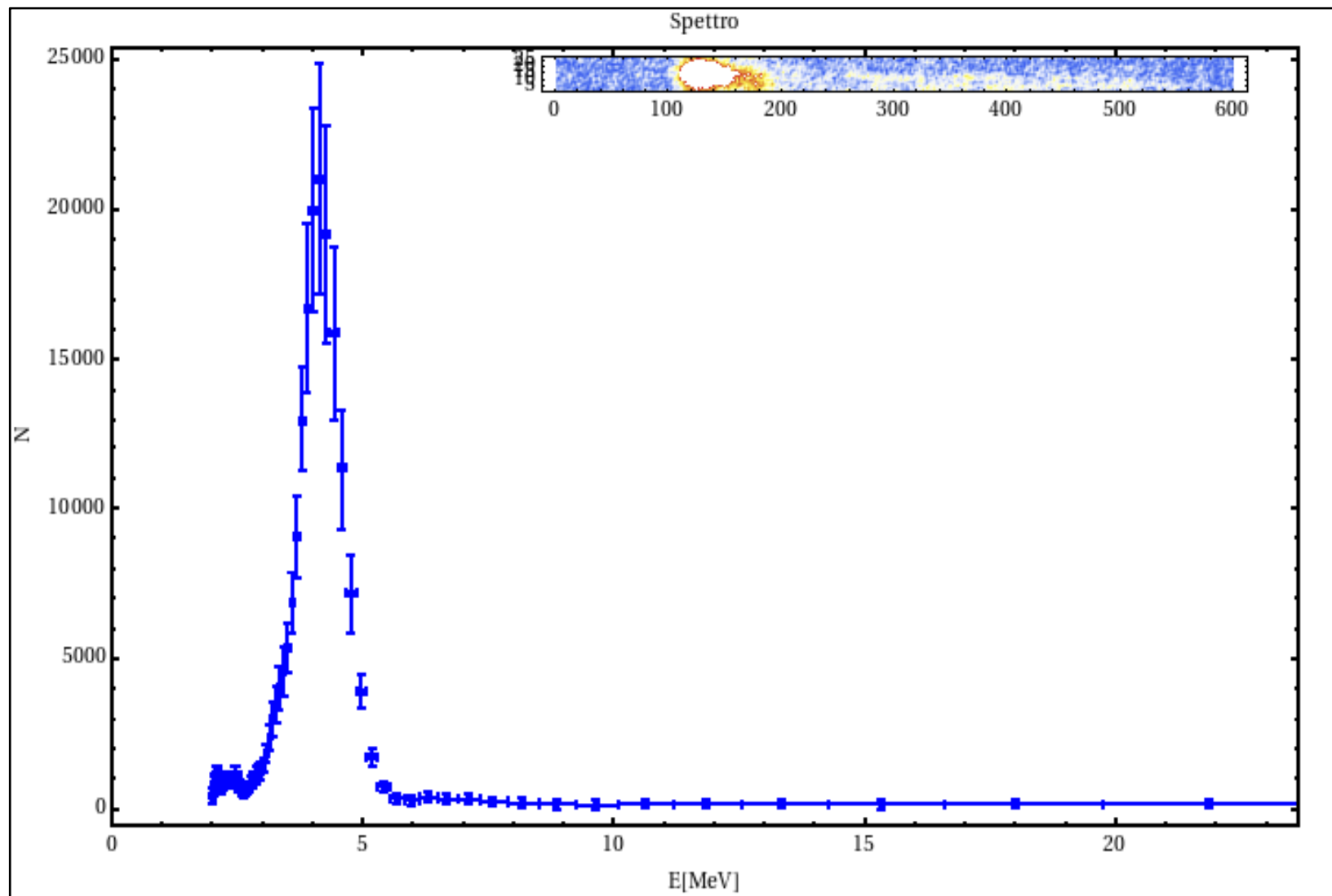
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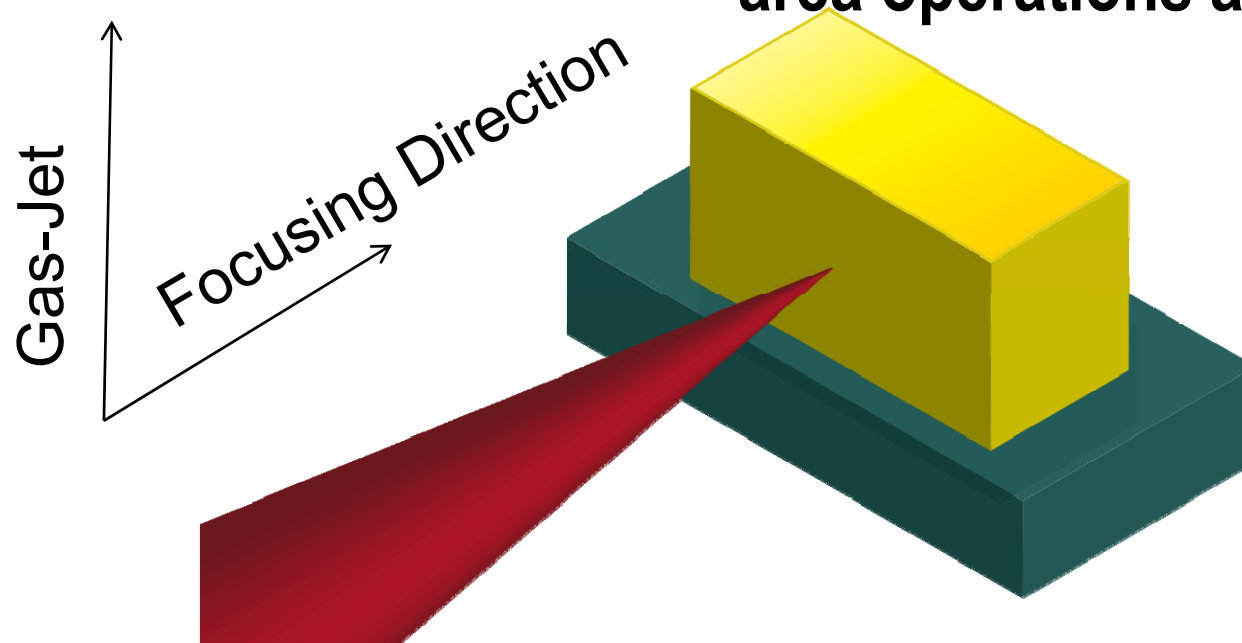
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Self-Injection test experiment (SITE)

THE “TEST” SELF-INJECTION EXPERIMENT

MAIN TASK: establish performance of the FLAME laser system in real experimental conditions and test target area operations and procedures

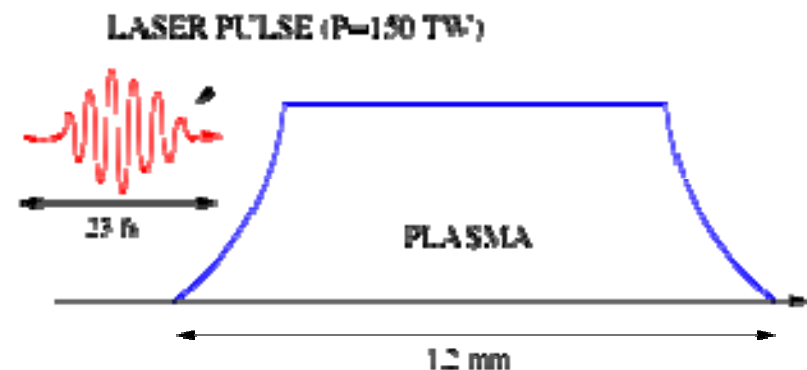
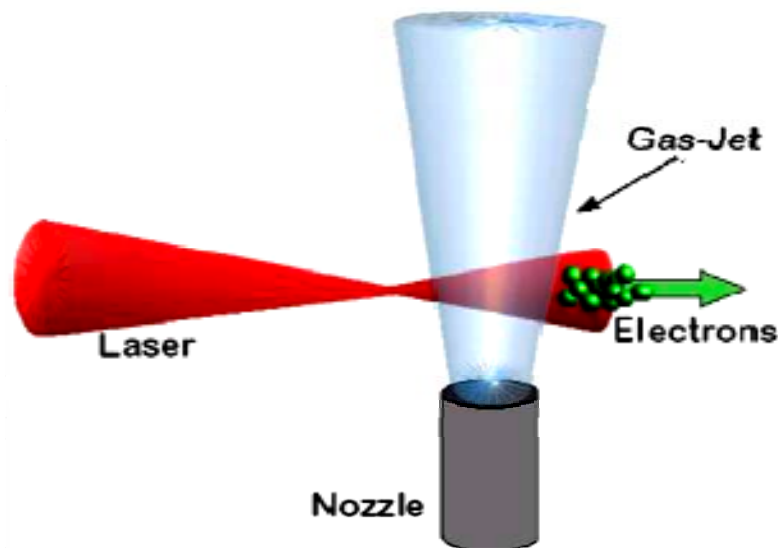


A supersonic gas-jet is used as a target. gas-jet targets have been successfully used and tested in the CEA-Saclay and “pilot| Pisa experiment and offer ideal conditions for both self-injection measurements and laser pulse characterisation via optical probing

Self-injection simulations (di C. BENEDETTI ET AL.,)

- (Half power) FLAME laser

- $P = 150 \text{ TW}$, $\tau_{fwhm} = 24 \text{ fs}$
- waist: $w_0 = 8 \div 40$ ($1/e^2$ radius of the laser intensity profile, $w_{fwhm} \simeq 1.2 w_0$)
- norm. vector potential $a_0 \equiv \frac{e \lambda_{laser}}{mc^2} = 8.5 \cdot 10^{-10} \sqrt{I[\text{W/cm}^2](\lambda[\mu\text{m}])^2} \geq 2$

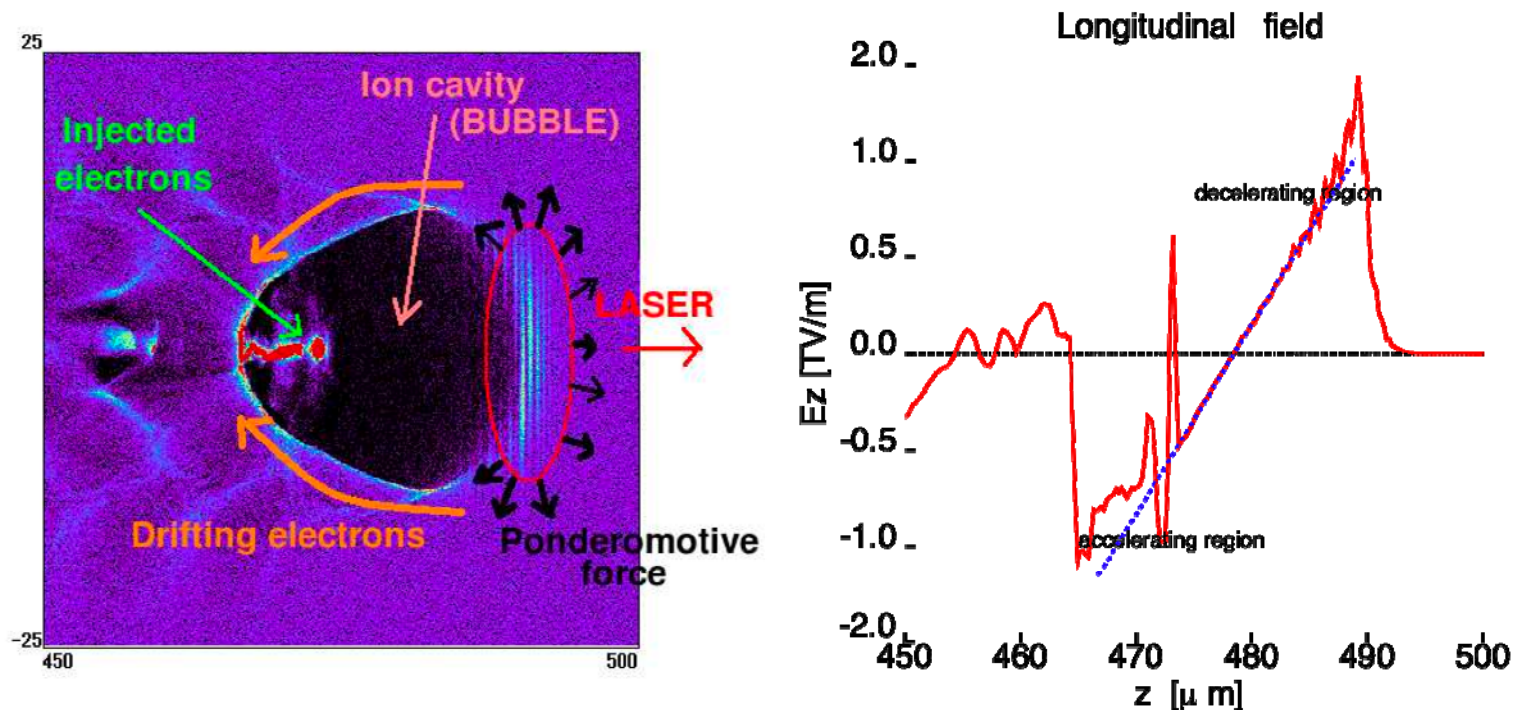


- Two regimes:

1. $w_0 < \lambda_p \Rightarrow$ **Nonlinear 3D regime (bubble)**
2. $w_0 > \lambda_p \Rightarrow$ **Nonlinear “1D-like” regime** (+ properly modulated gas-jet)

SIMULAZIONI self-injection (di C. BENEDETTI ET AL.,)

- Nonlinear 3D regime (bubble) ^a



- $R_{bub} \simeq O(\lambda_p) \quad E_z^{(max)} \simeq 100 \sqrt{n_0 [\text{cm}^{-3}] \times a_0} \quad [\text{V/m}]$
- $\begin{cases} v_{elect} \simeq c \\ v_{bub} \simeq c(1 - 3\omega_p^2 / (2\omega_0^2)) < v_{elect} \Rightarrow \text{acc. length is finite + monochromaticity} \end{cases}$

^a S. Gordienko and A. Pukhov, Phys. Plas. 12 (2005) / W. Lu *et al.* PRSTAB 10 (2007)

SIMULAZIONI ALADYN

(di C. BENEDETTI ET AL.,)

Studies for the SITE

- **Nonlinear 3D regime (bubble):** phenomenological theory [W. Lu & al., PRSTAB 10 (2006)]

- “stability” of the bubble: $k_p R_{bub} \simeq k_p w_0 \simeq 2\sqrt{a_0}$
- dephasing length: $L_d = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\omega_0^2}{\omega_p^2} R_{bub}$
- pump depletion: $L_{pd} = \frac{\omega_0^2}{\omega_p^2} c\tau_{fwhm}$, should be $L_{pd} > \min(L_{gasjet}, L_d)$
- e -energy (dephasing): $W[\text{GeV}] \simeq 1.7 \times \left(\frac{P[\text{TW}]}{100}\right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{10^{18}}{n_p[\text{cm}^{-3}]}\right)^{2/3} \left(\frac{0.8}{\lambda_0[\mu\text{m}]}\right)^{4/3}$
- charge injected: $Q[\text{pC}] \simeq 400 \times \left(\frac{0.8}{\lambda_0[\mu\text{m}]}\right) \left(\frac{P[\text{TW}]}{100}\right)^{1/2}$

- **Nonlinear 3D regime (bubble)** for a FLAME-like laser: $P = 200 \text{ TW}$, $\tau_{fwhm} = 30 \text{ fs}$

Taking the waist w_0 as a free parameter ($R_{bub} \simeq w_0$), we have

- $n_p [\text{cm}^{-3}] \simeq 8.7 \cdot 10^{21} / (w_0[\mu\text{m}])^3$
- $L_d[\mu\text{m}] \simeq 0.13 \times (w_0[\mu\text{m}])^4$
- $L_{pd}[\mu\text{m}] \simeq 1.8 \times (w_0[\mu\text{m}])^3$
- $W[\text{MeV}] \simeq 79 \times \frac{L_{gasjet}[\mu\text{m}]}{(w_0[\mu\text{m}])^2} \left(1 - \frac{3.75 \times (L_{gasjet}[\mu\text{m}])}{(w_0[\mu\text{m}])^4}\right)$ (for $L_d \geq L_{gasjet}/2$)
- $Q \simeq 0.5 \div 0.6 \text{ nC}$

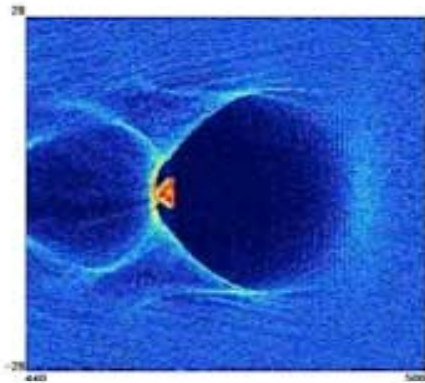
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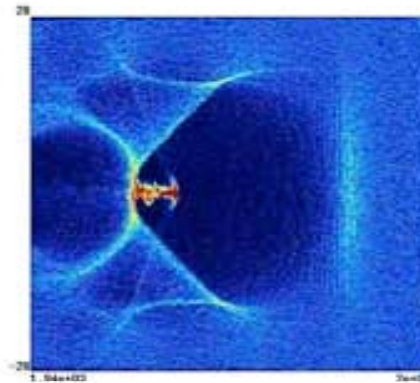
Studies for the SITE

- 3D sim. "GeV-class" ($L_{gasjet} = 4$ mm)

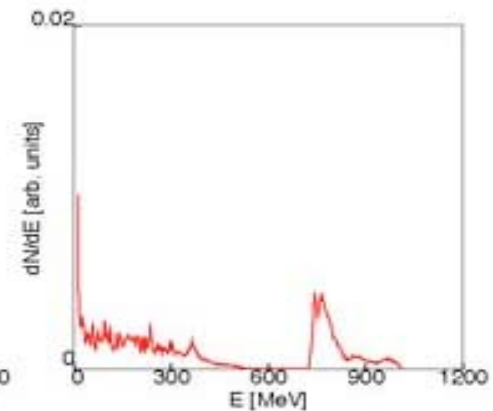
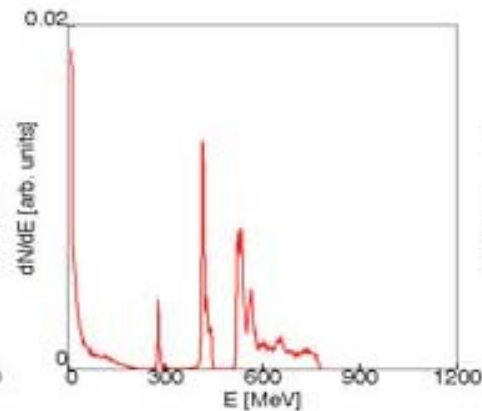
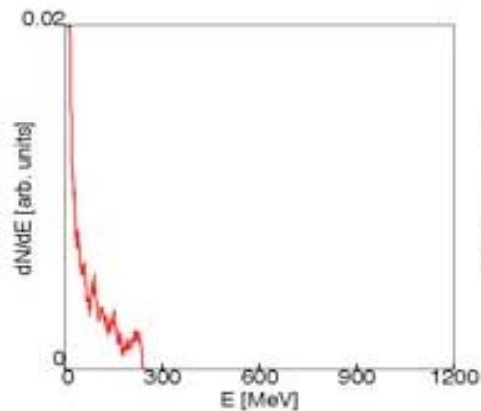
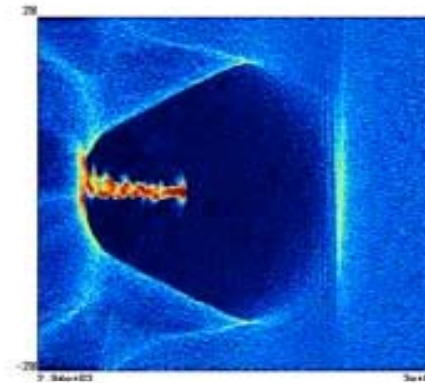
$ct = 500 \mu\text{m}$



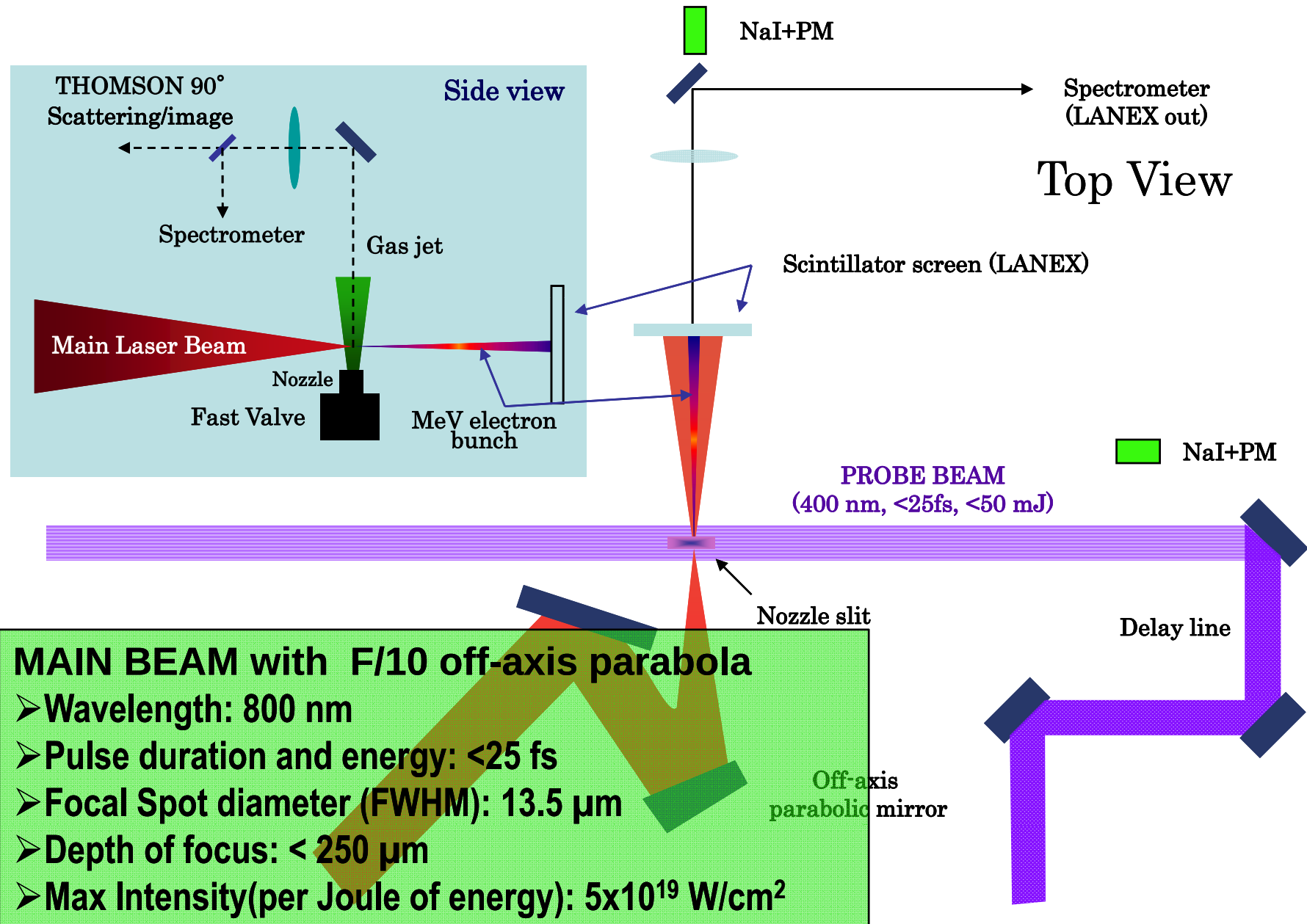
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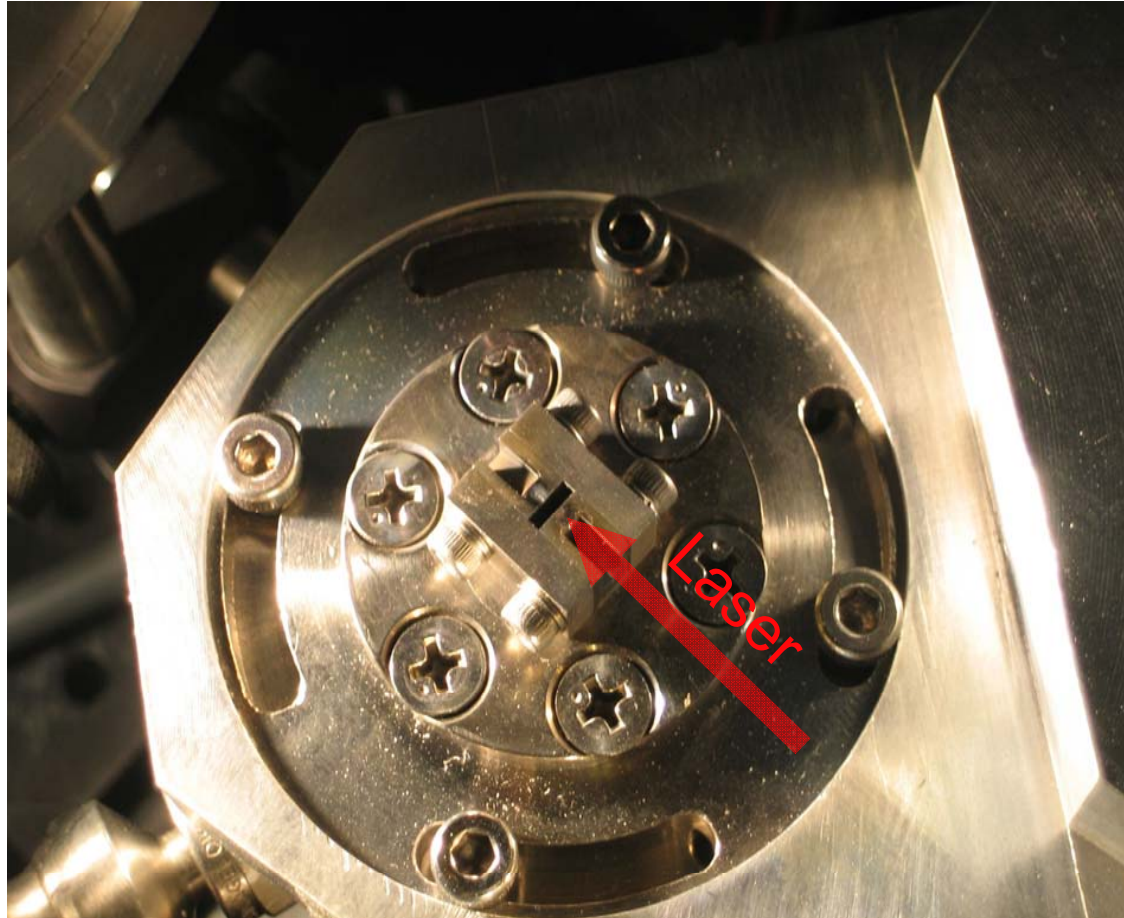
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Planned experimental set up



Pulsed gas-Jet nozzle



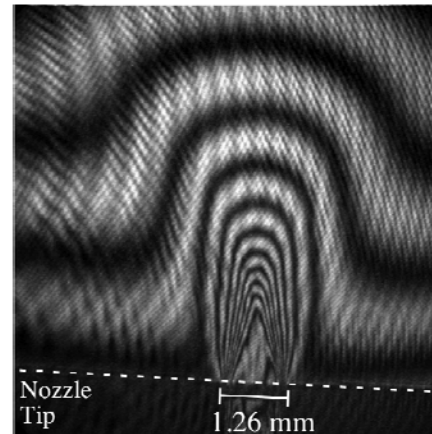
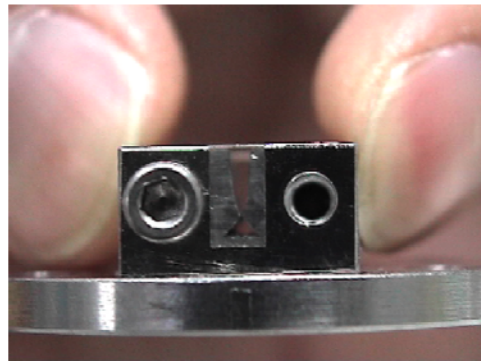
Nozzle size: 4mm x 1.2mm or 10 mm x 4 mm

Possible application of a continuous gas-jet under consideration
(v. talk L. Gialanella, Ven 20. H.11.10)

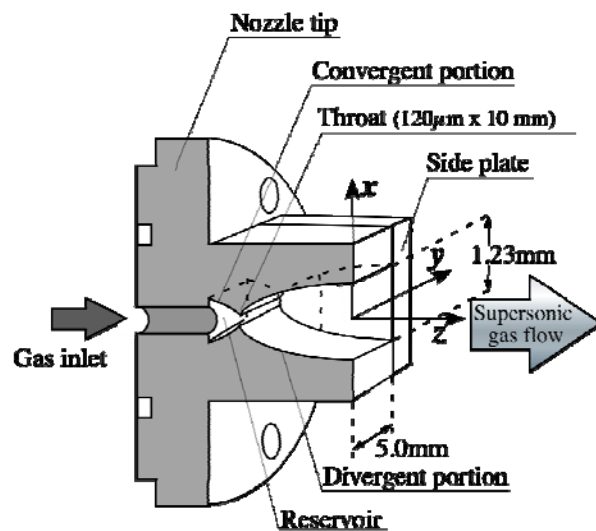
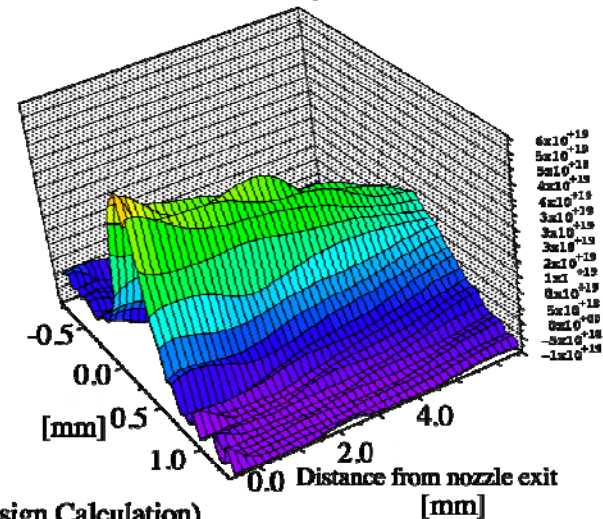
High-density well-defined gas jet (1)

Shockwave free supersonic nozzle

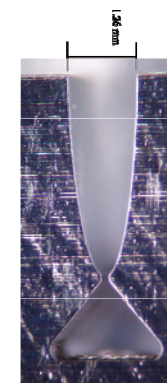
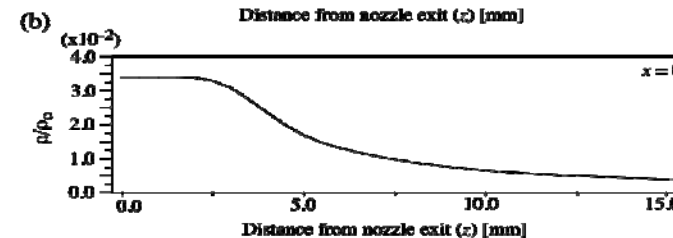
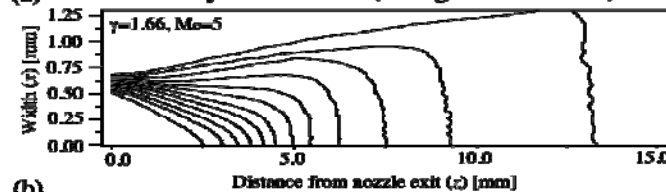
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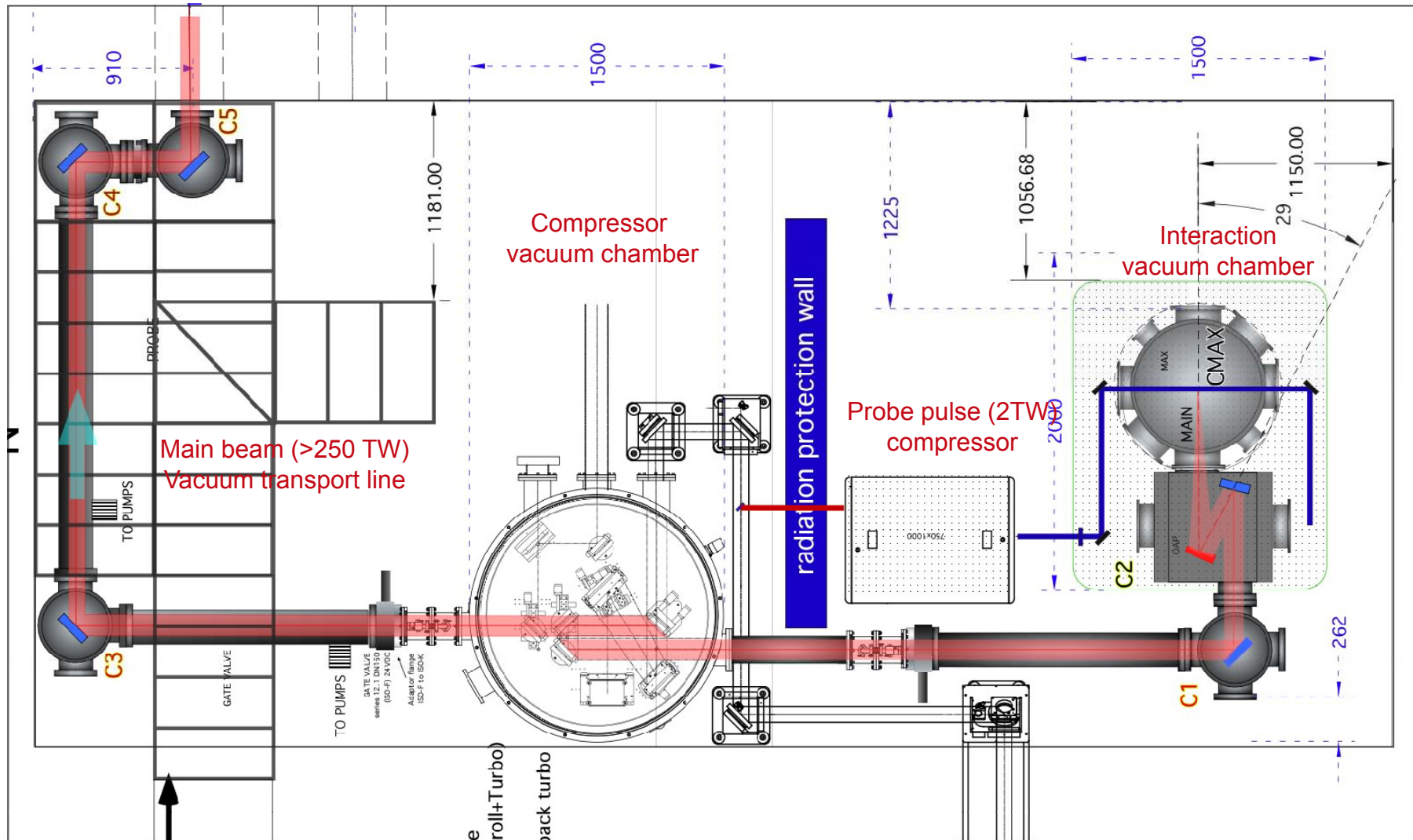
Measured Density Distribution



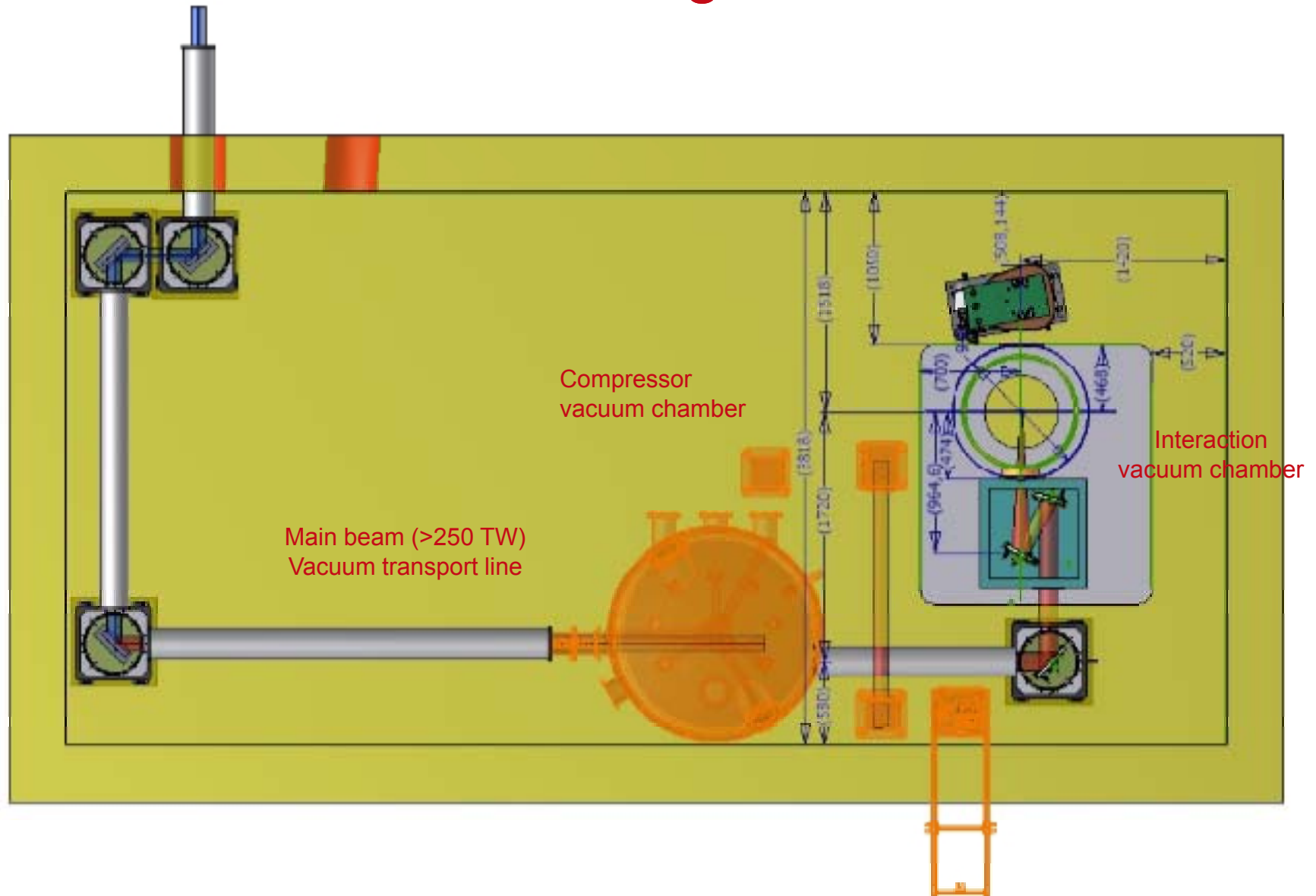
(a) Density Distribution (Design Calculation)



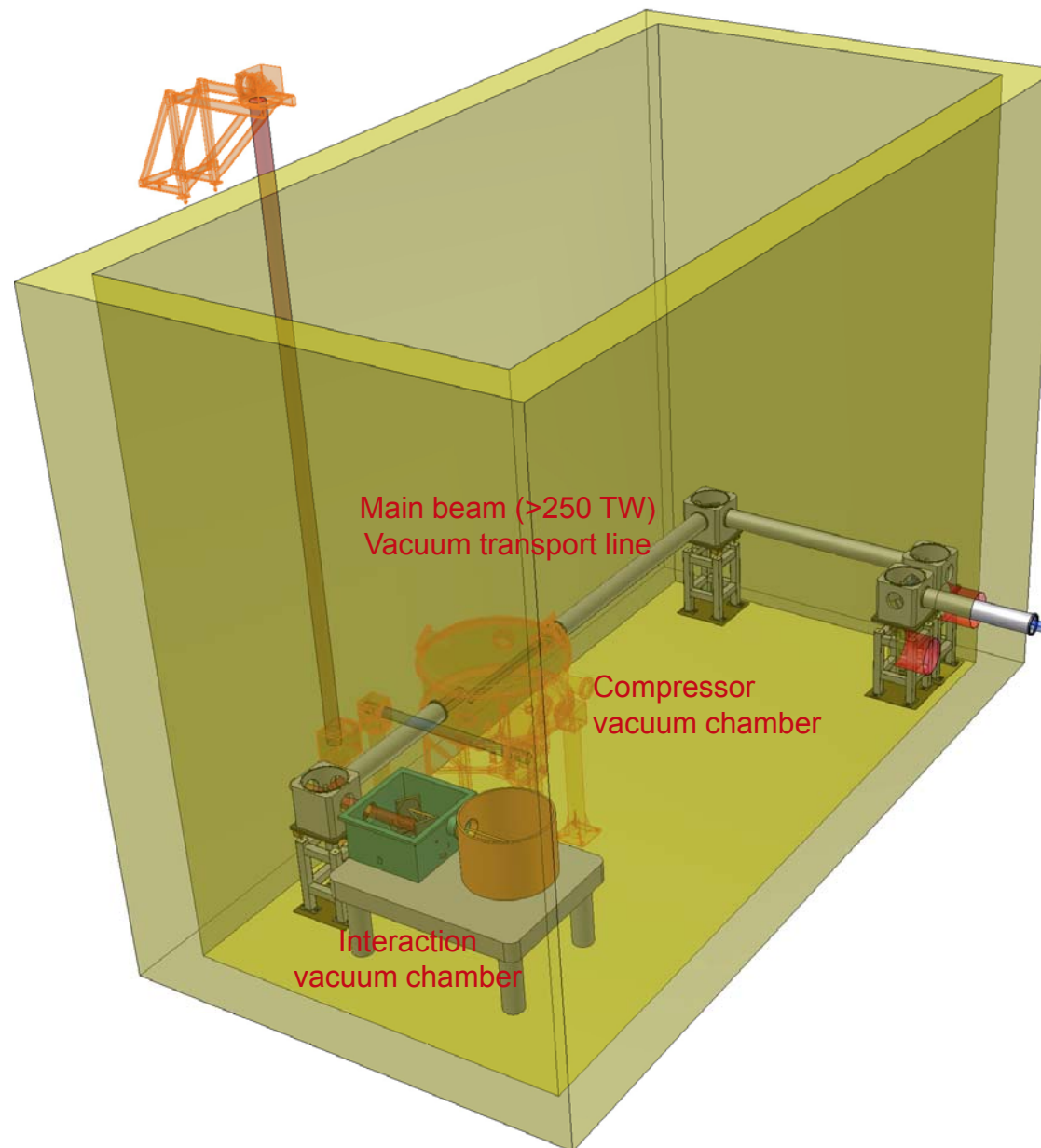
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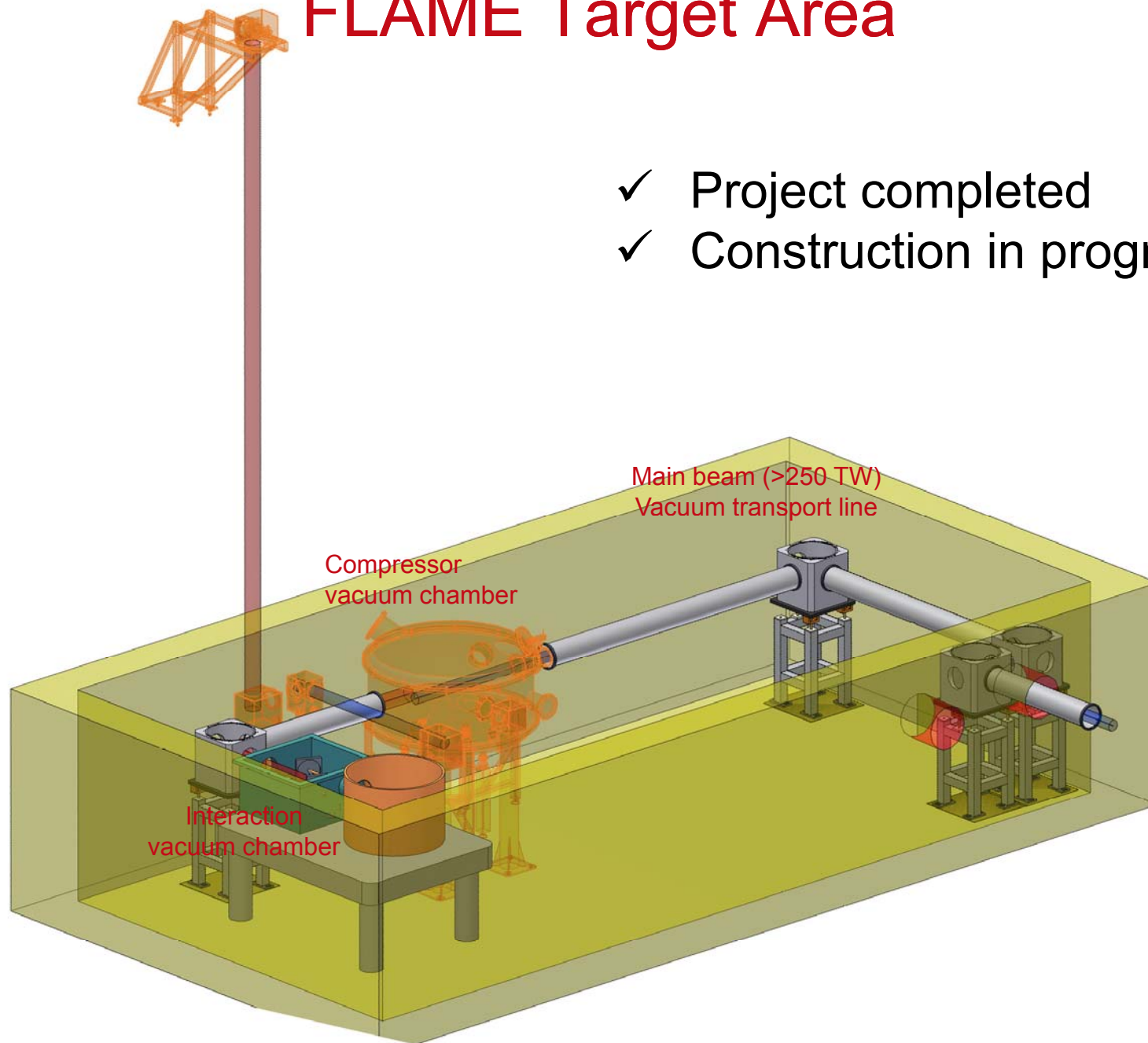


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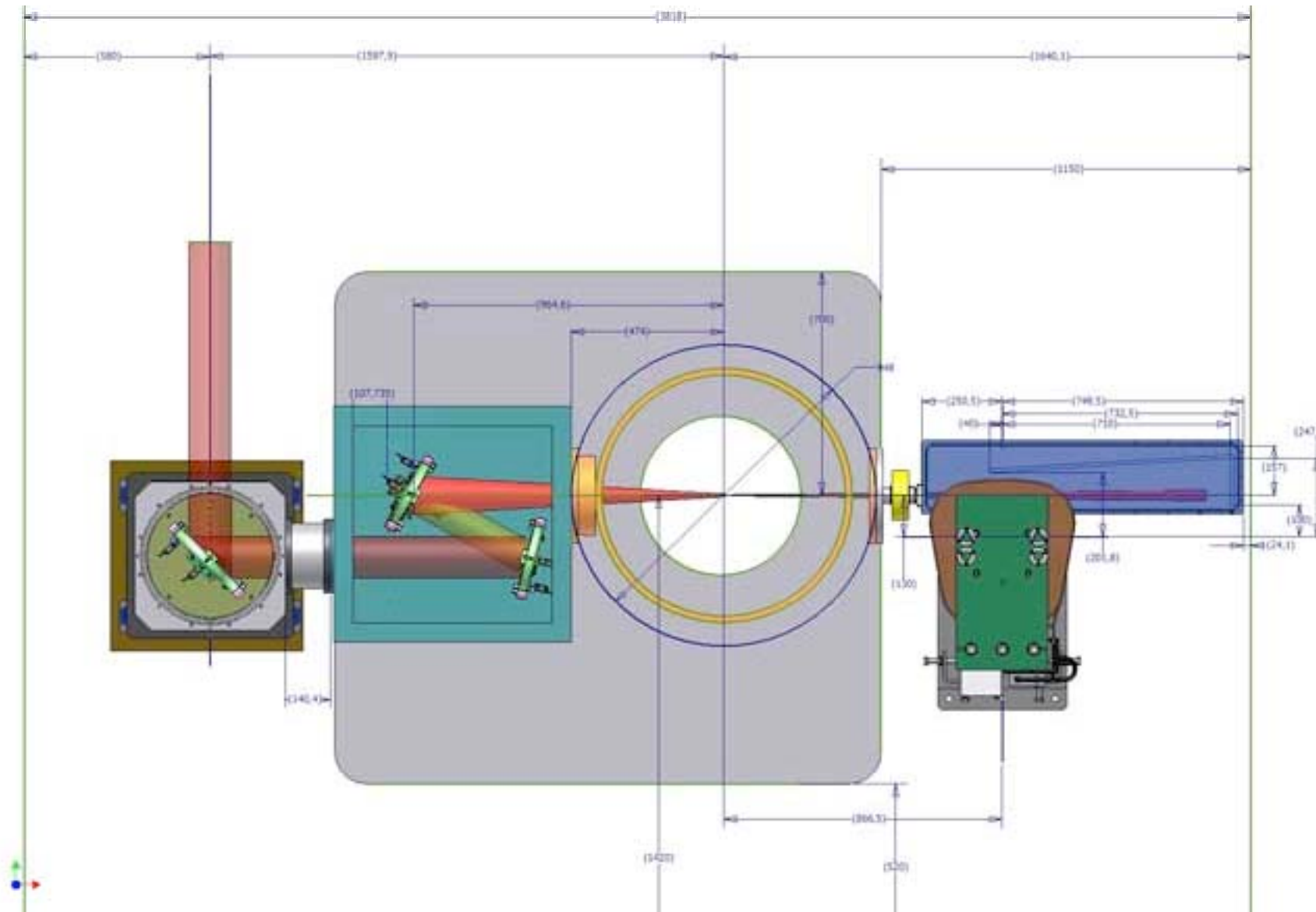


FLAME Target Area

- ✓ Project completed
- ✓ Construction in progress



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Spettrometro per elettroni

Finalita': misura spettro energetico elettroni accelerati

Energia massima:

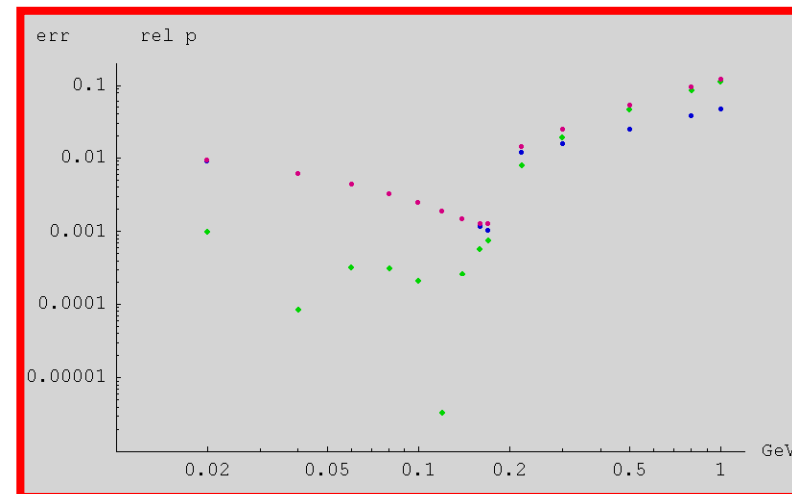
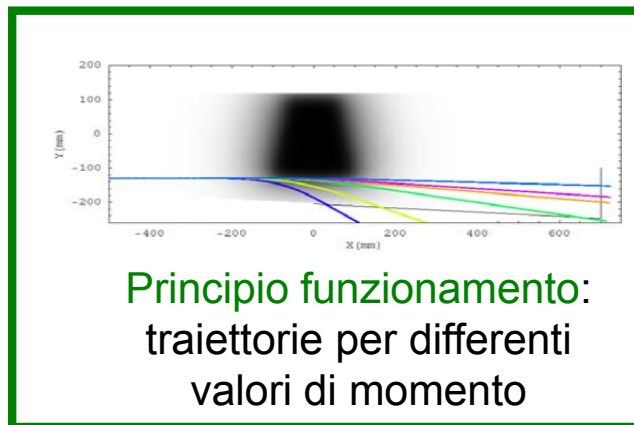
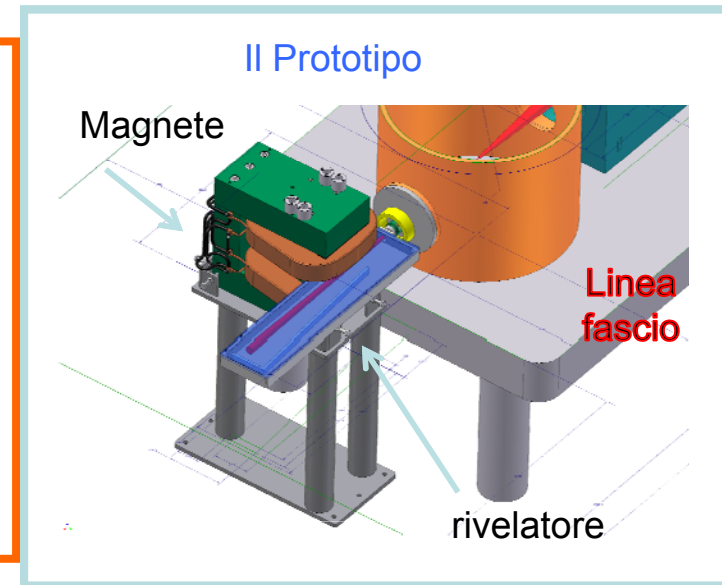
- Primi test di prova con $p \approx 10$ MeV, esperimenti a piena potenza possono raggiungere l'energia di 10 GeV
- L'accelerazione di ioni prevede la produzione di protoni con $T \approx 10$ MeV

Risoluzione:

$\approx 1\%$ su largo range

Forma del fascio iniziale:

- Sorgente puntiforme con 1 mrad dispersione angolare iniziale



Contact: R. Faccini et al. ,,

Prestazioni previste del prototipo

Errore relativo vs momento

“TEST” EXPERIMENT DIAGNOSTICS

OPTICAL DIAGNOSTICS FOR LASER PROPAGATION STUDIES

Thomson scattering

Femtosecond optical probing

Transmitted and scattered beam spectroscopy

ELECTRON DIAGNOSTICS FOR ELECTRON ACCELERATION MEAS.

Establish self-injection acceleration conditions

Provide benchmarking for modelling

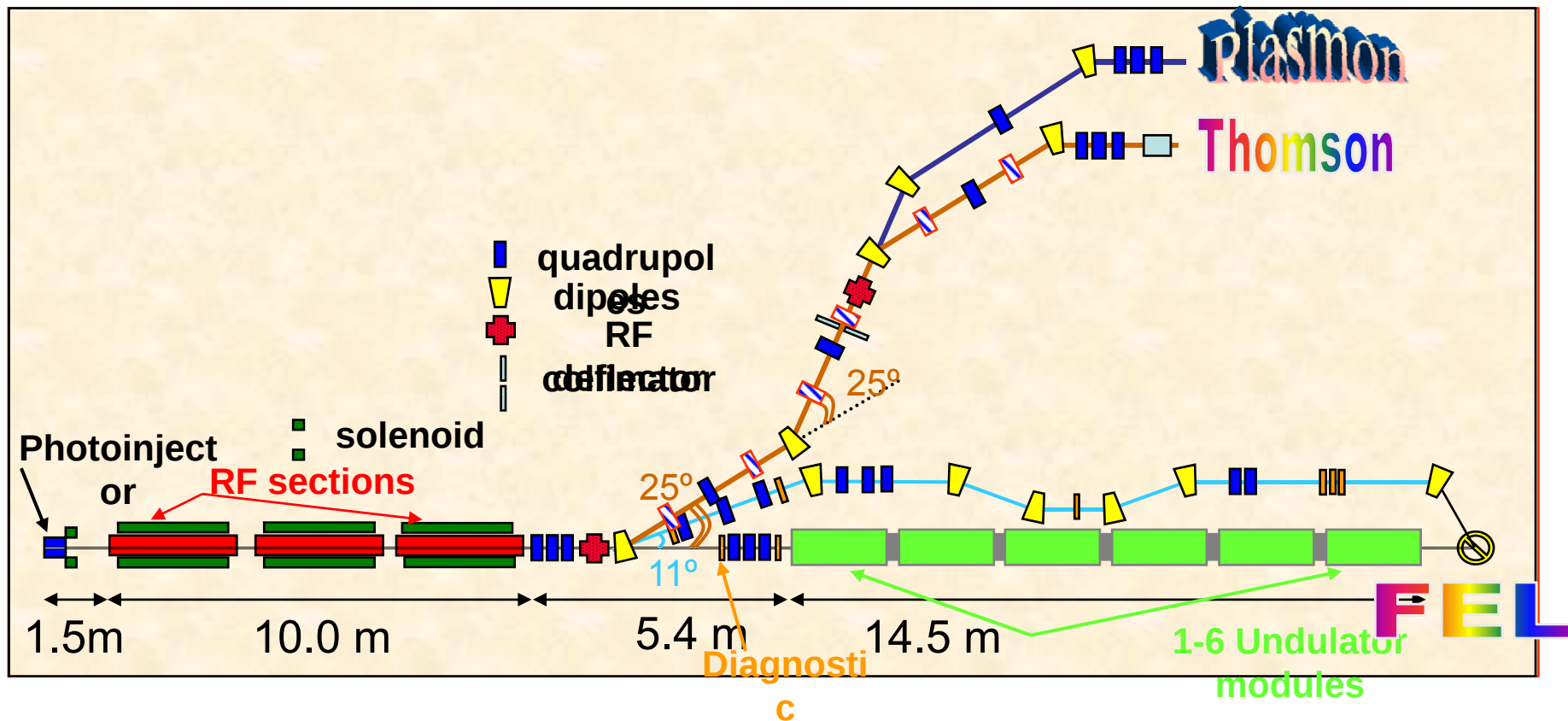
Agenda for next 6-8 months

- Completion and commissioning of subsystems:
 - *Clean room, Cooling network, Ethernet (before end of July '09)
- Full laser installation (Sept. 15th – December 2009, in phases;)
- Assembling of transport line from optical compressor to experimental target chamber (July – September '09)
- Assembling of self injection test experiment diagnostics (September – December '09)
- Laser on (gas-jet) target at >50 TW level Feb-March 2010.

Conclusions

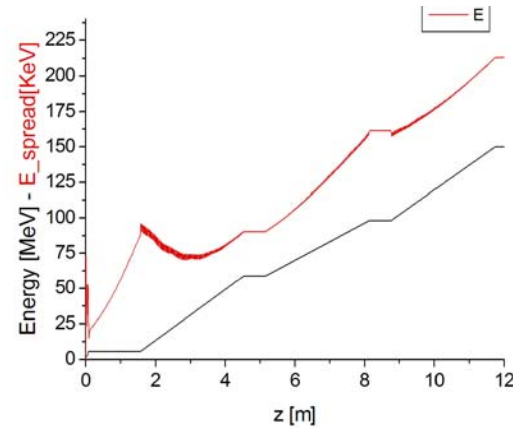
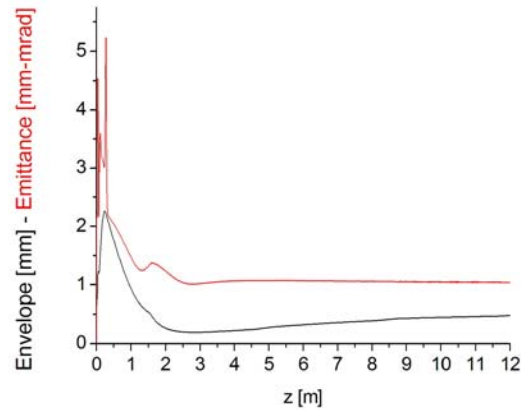
- Installation of main subsystems in progress
Clean room, Laser, Cooling, Conditioning;
- Components of beam transport line in production;
- Design of test experiment completed;
- Construction of electron spectrometer in progress;
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Schematic layout of electron beam lines for FEL, Plasma Acceleration and Thomson Source experiments

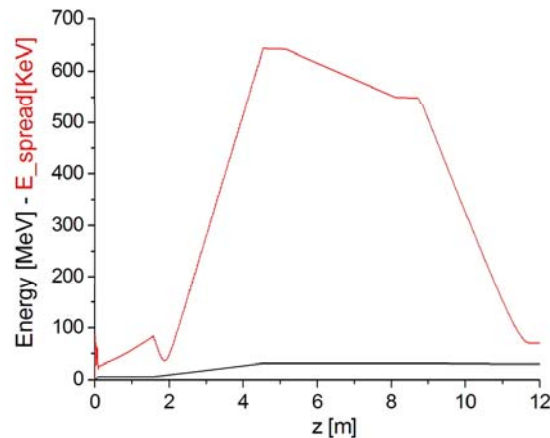
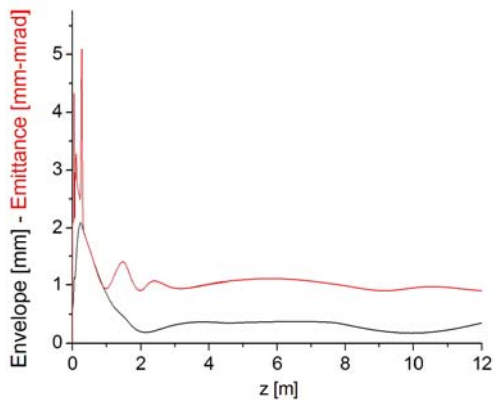


Last-beam line 30-150MeV

Runs with the GA to **minimize** the $\Delta E/E$, the **emittance** and to reach the **needed energy**



$\Delta\gamma/\gamma$ [%] = **0.1416E+00**
 $\langle E \rangle$ [eV] = **0.1505E+09**
 σ_x [mm] = **0.4825E+00**
 ϵ [mm*mrad] = **0.1041E+01**
 $\langle I \rangle$ [A] = **0.9848E+02**

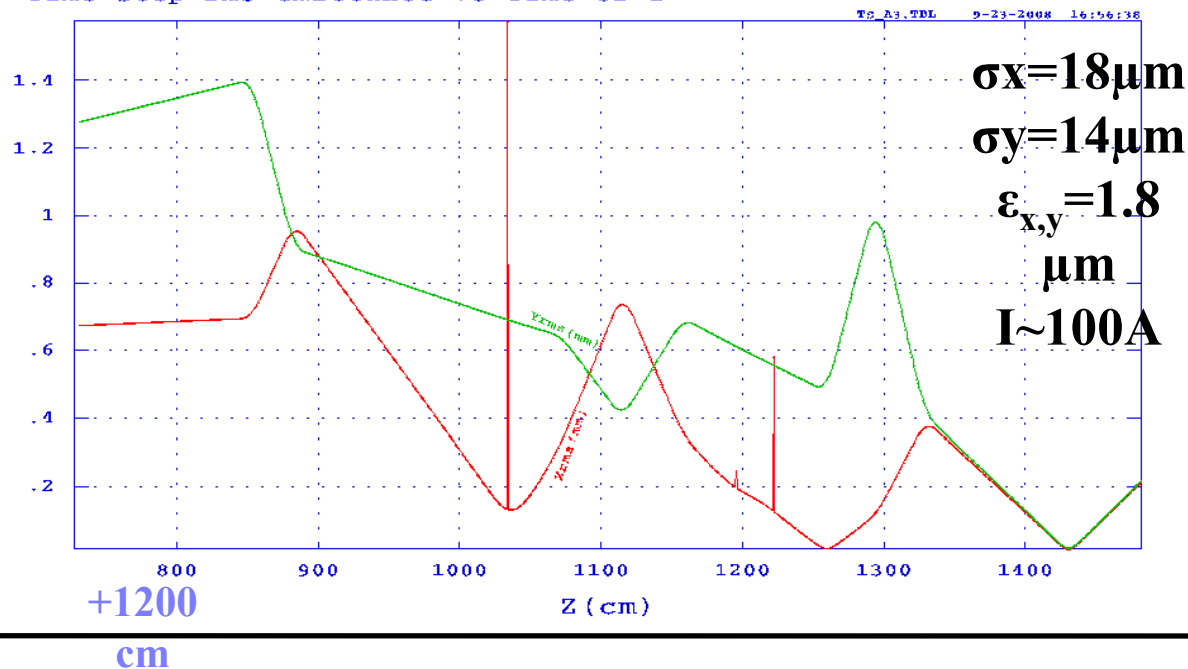


$\Delta\gamma/\gamma$ [%] = **0.2324E+00**
 $\langle E \rangle$ [eV] = **0.3051E+08**
 σ_x [mm] = **0.3501E+00**
 ϵ [mm*mrad] = **0.9015E+00**
 $\langle I \rangle$ [A] = **0.8973E+02**

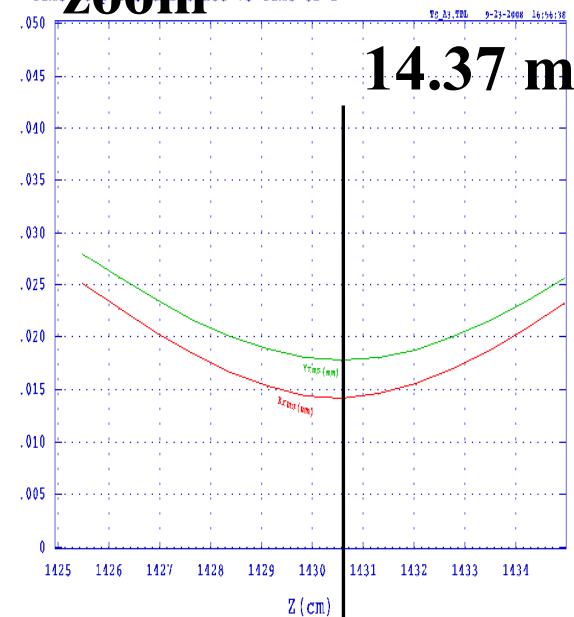
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150MeV

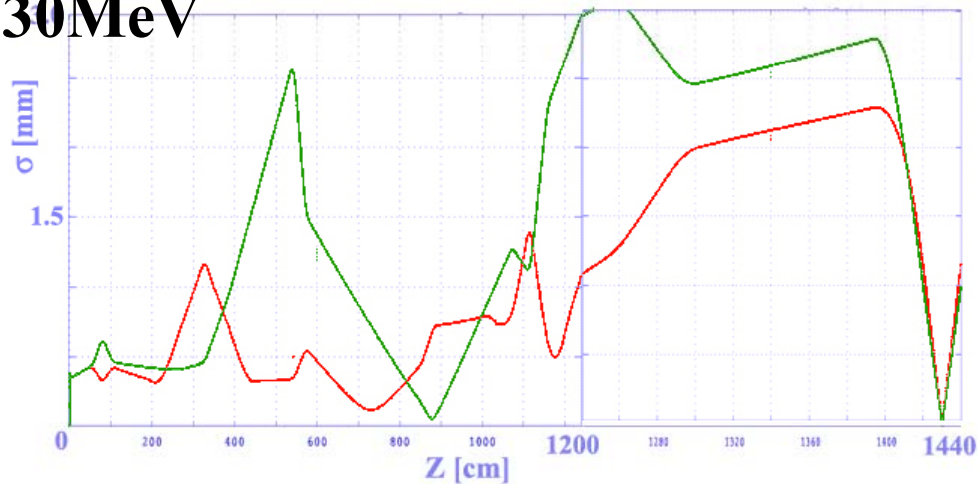
Time step rms emittance vs Time or Z



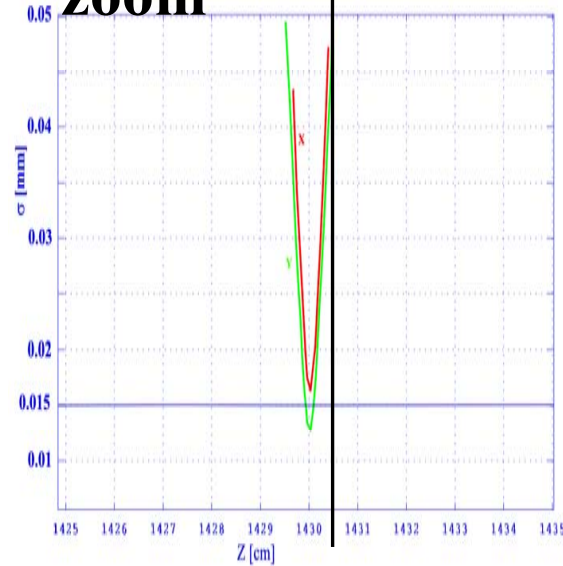
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30MeV

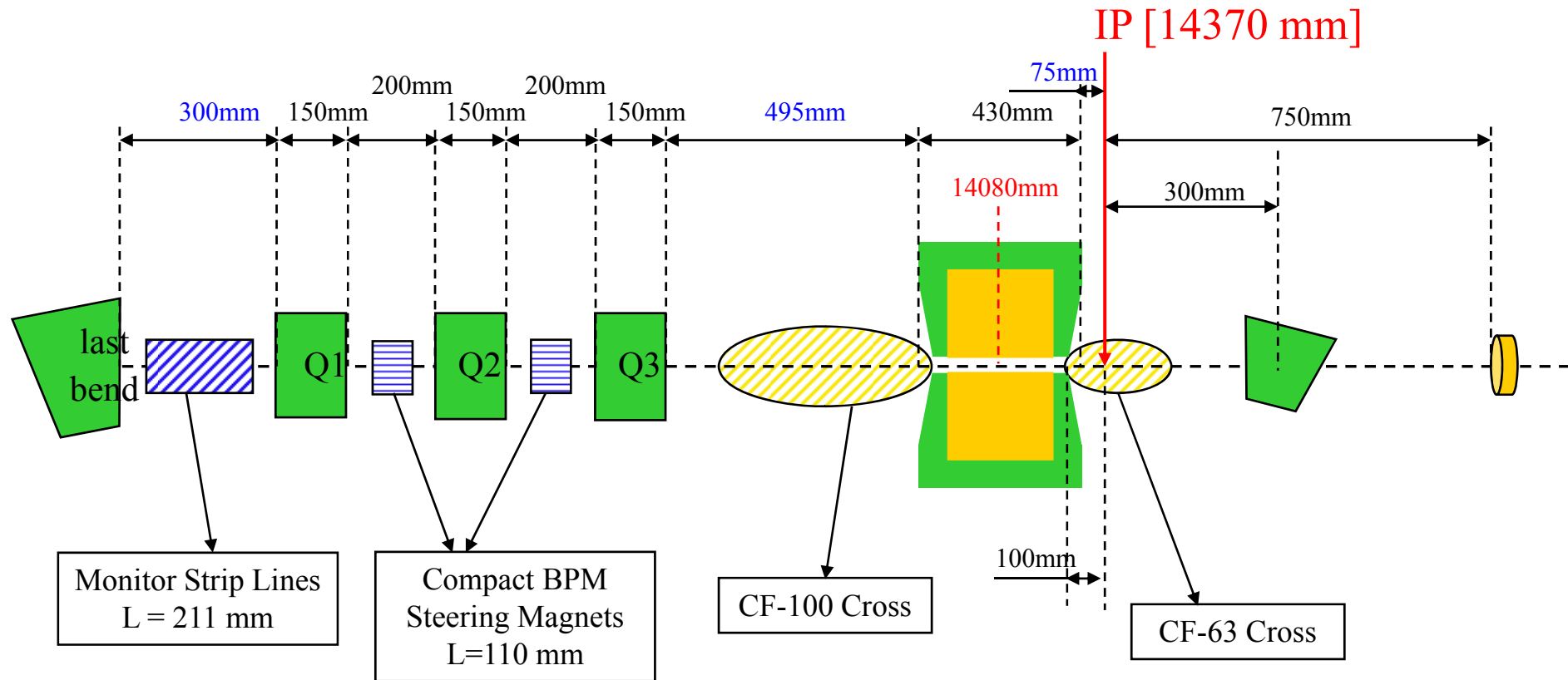


zoom



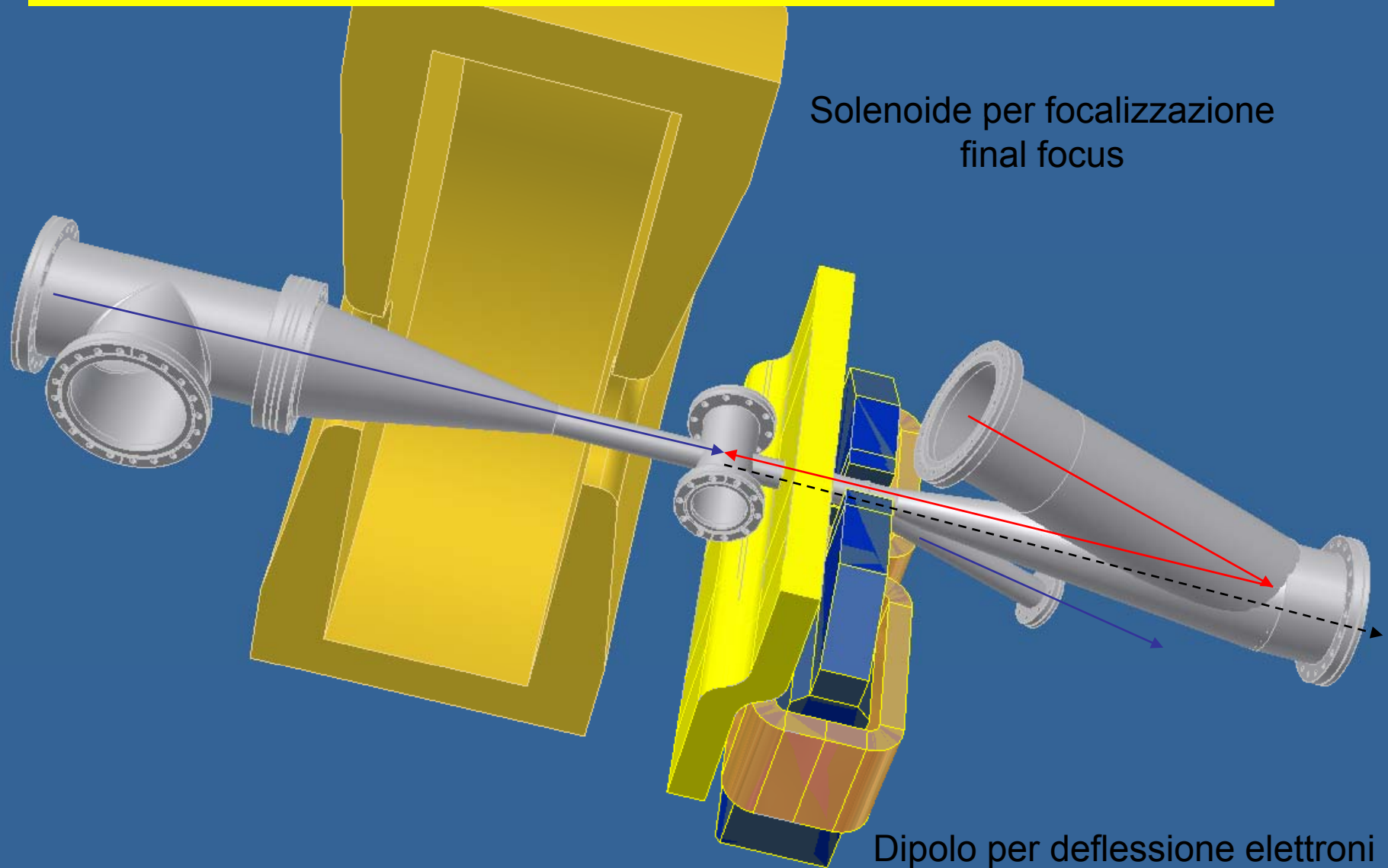
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Block diagram with dimensions; scattering area with final focusing magnetic elements, diagnostic devices



every magnetic element has been designed and specified to the engineering level;
the acquisition procedure of the magnetic elements has started

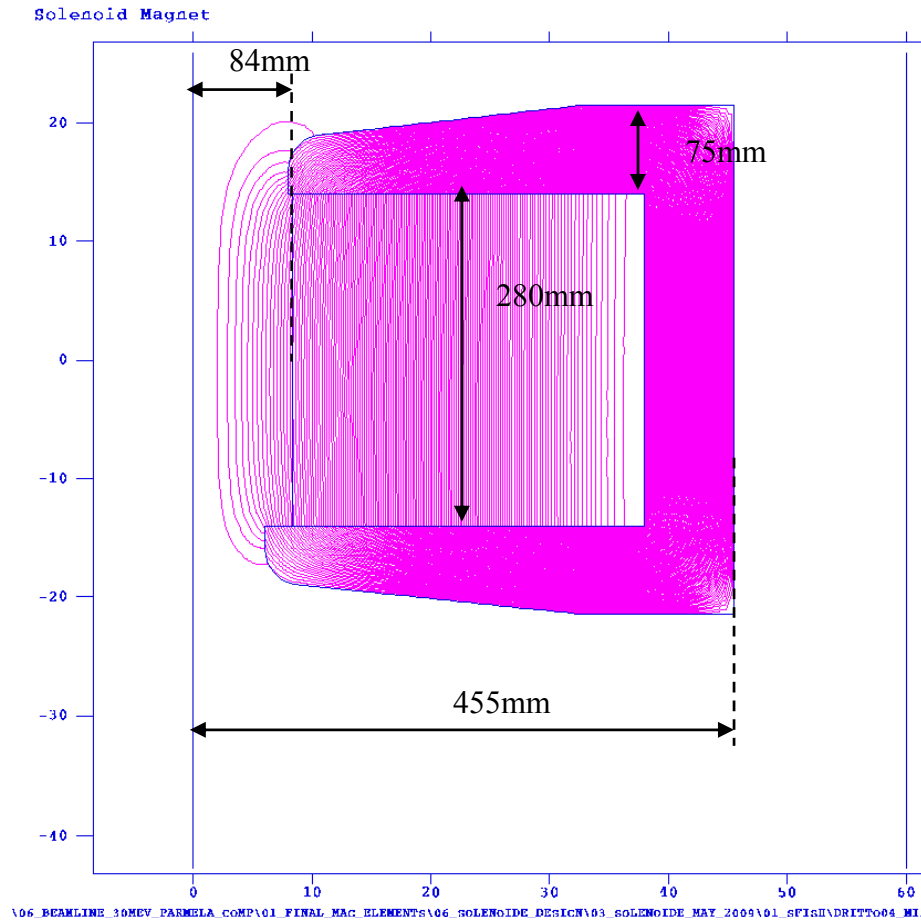
Schema camera interazione Sorgente Thomson: in blu il fascio di elettroni, in rosso il fascio laser, in nero i raggi X



Focusing solenoid

Maximum field = 1.0 [T]

$$(J = 3\text{A}\cdot\text{mm}^2)$$

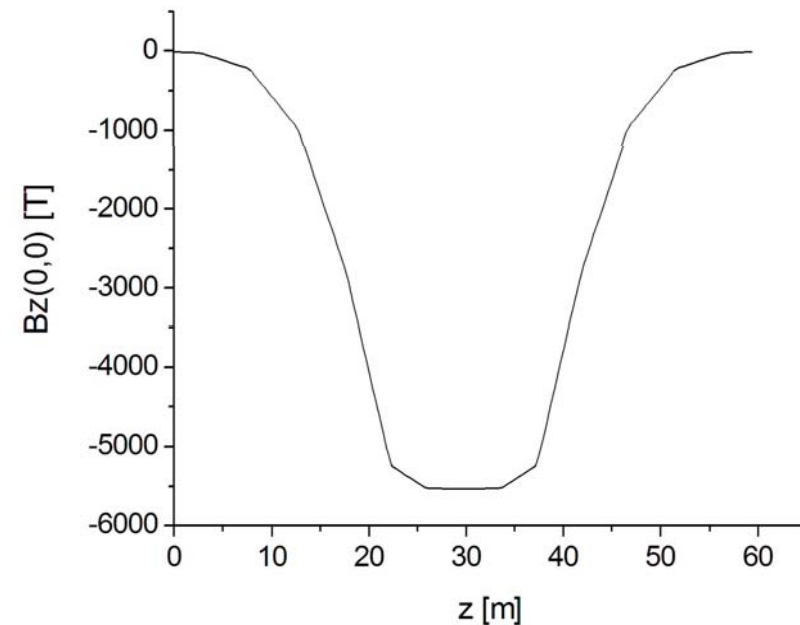


Dumping dipole

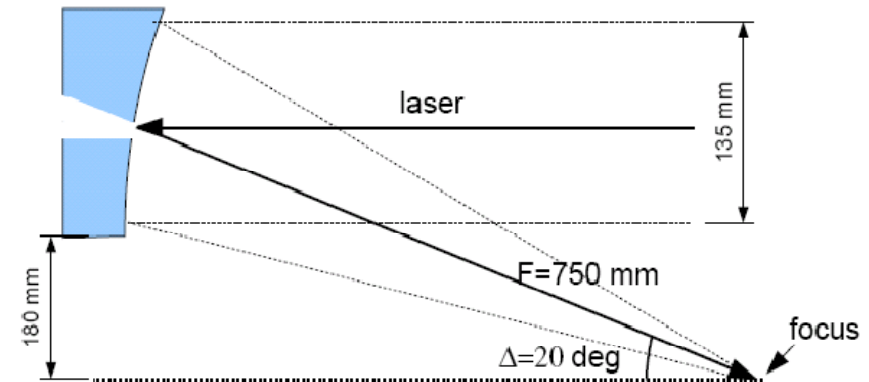
200 mm length, center at 300

mm from (IP), $J=2.5\text{A}\cdot\text{mm}^2$

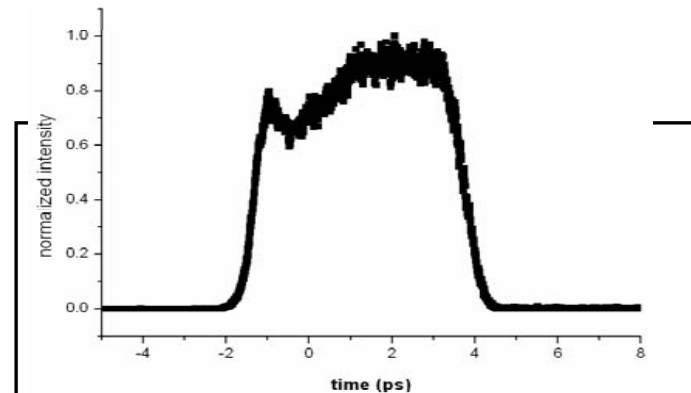
no shield since the fringing field results in a beam **deviation** at the IP of the order of **50 μm**



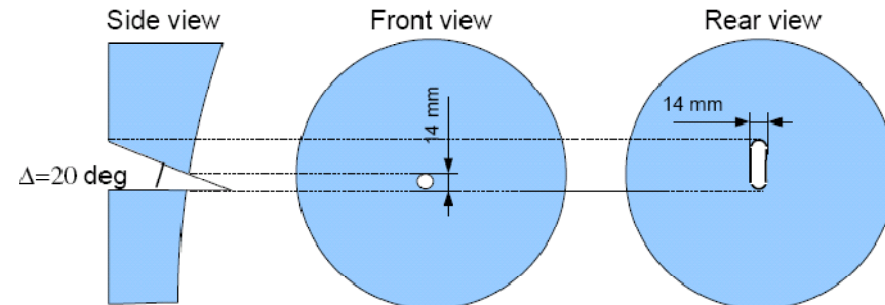
Plane mirror supports



Simulation - Laser temporal profile at IP

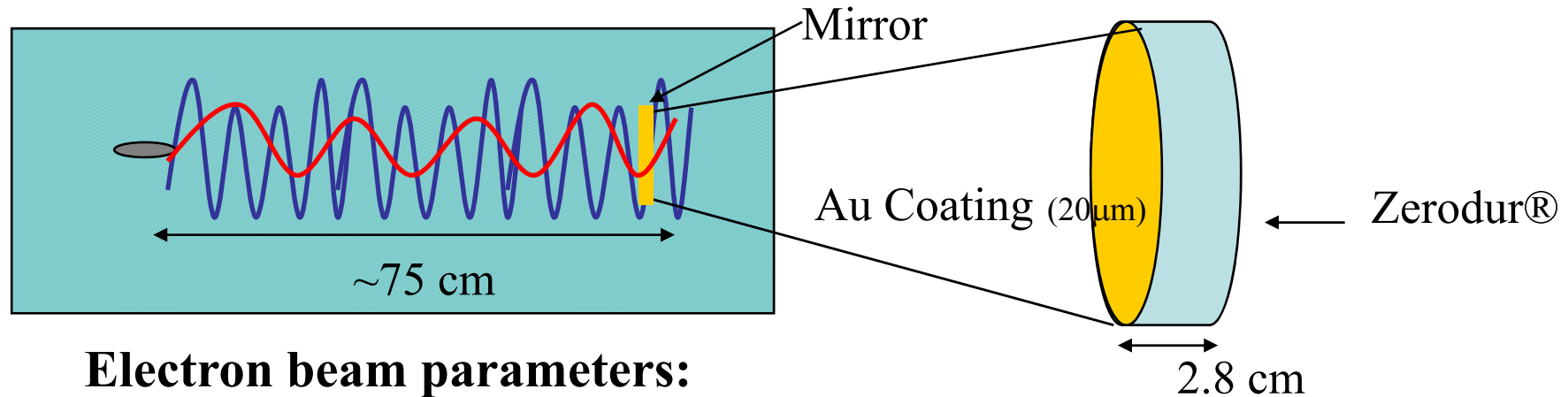


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**Delivery from the company
within the end of July 2009**

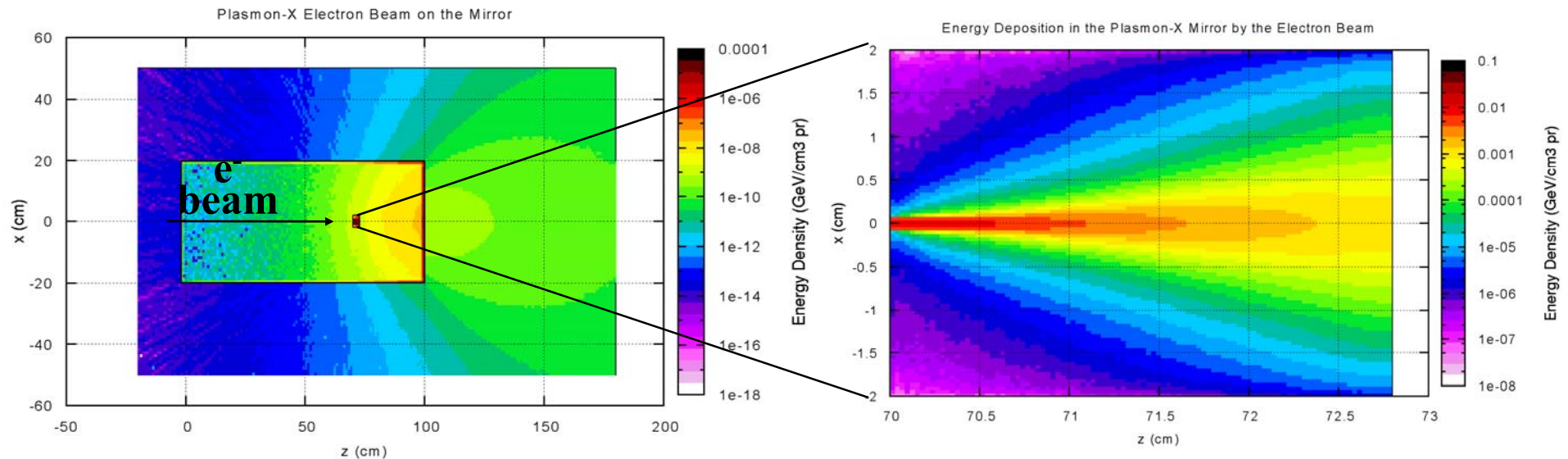
Electron beam on the Mirror (accidental no beam deflection)



Electron beam parameters:

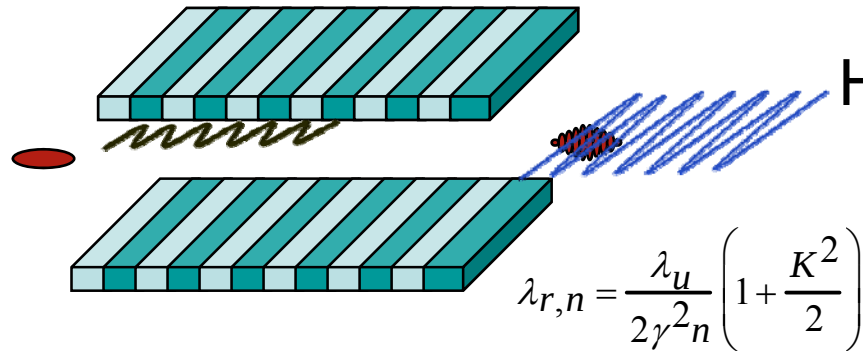
1.0nC; 30 MeV; $\Delta E/E=0$; $\epsilon_{x,n}=2$ mm-mrad;
 $r_{\text{beam}}=5$ mm at IP, $x'=2.2$ mrad

10 different FLUKA runs
with 10^6 particle each



IFEL Interaction

In an FEL energy in the e-beam is transferred to a radiation field

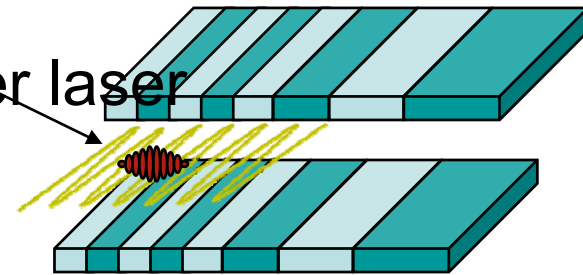


Undulator magnetic field to couple high power radiation with relativistic electrons

$$\gamma^2 \cong \frac{\lambda_w}{2 \cdot \lambda} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{K^2}{2} \right)$$

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

High power laser



Somewhat arbitrary separation line. Include in IFEL all optical manipulation schemes: bunchers, modulators, laser heater, etc.

Significant energy exchange between the particles and the wave happens when the resonance condition is satisfied.

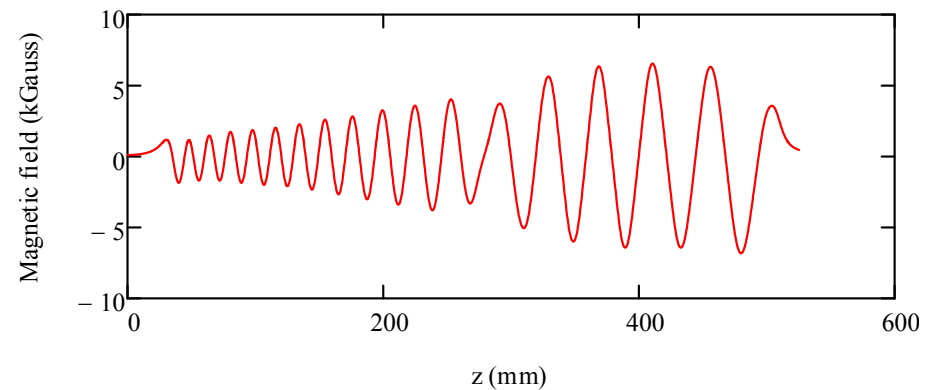
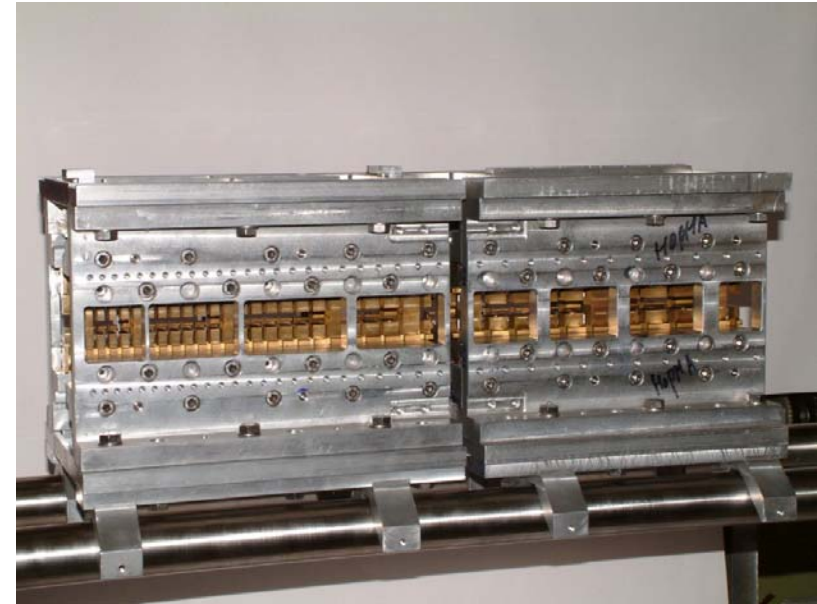
For large acceleration -> need for undulator tapering

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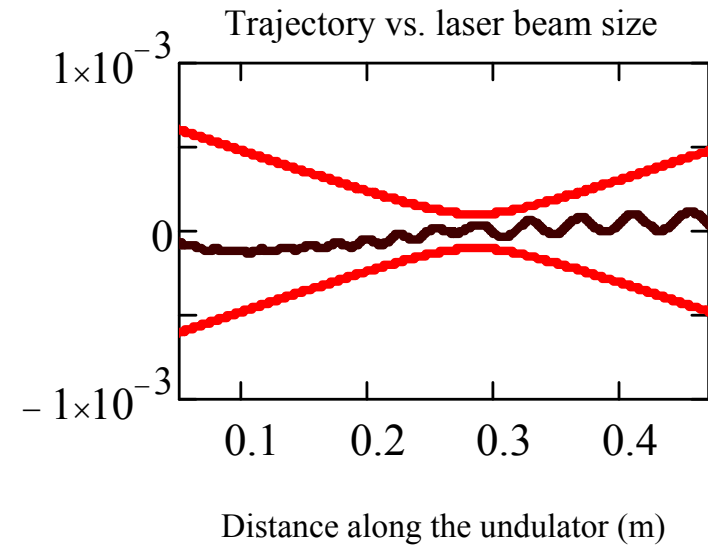
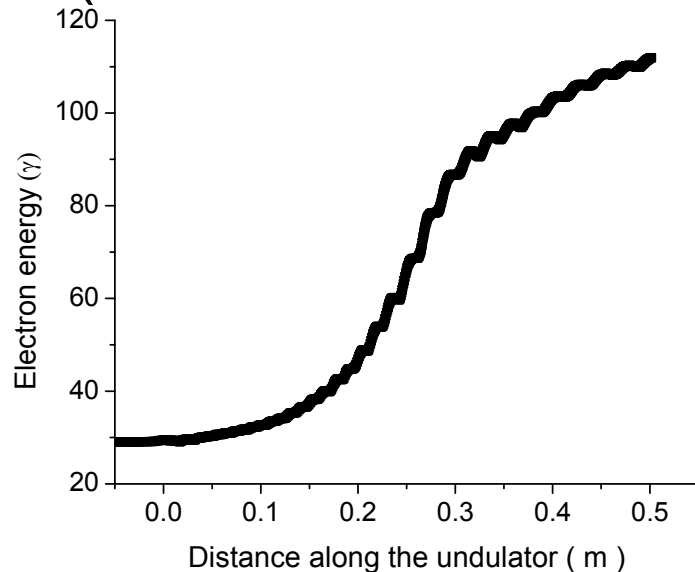
IFEL@LNF experiment

Because of wavelength difference,
simply scaling the Neptune IFEL
experiment is already extremely
interesting.

4.5 MeV $\rightarrow$ 50 MeV) $\times (10.6/0.8)^{1/2}$

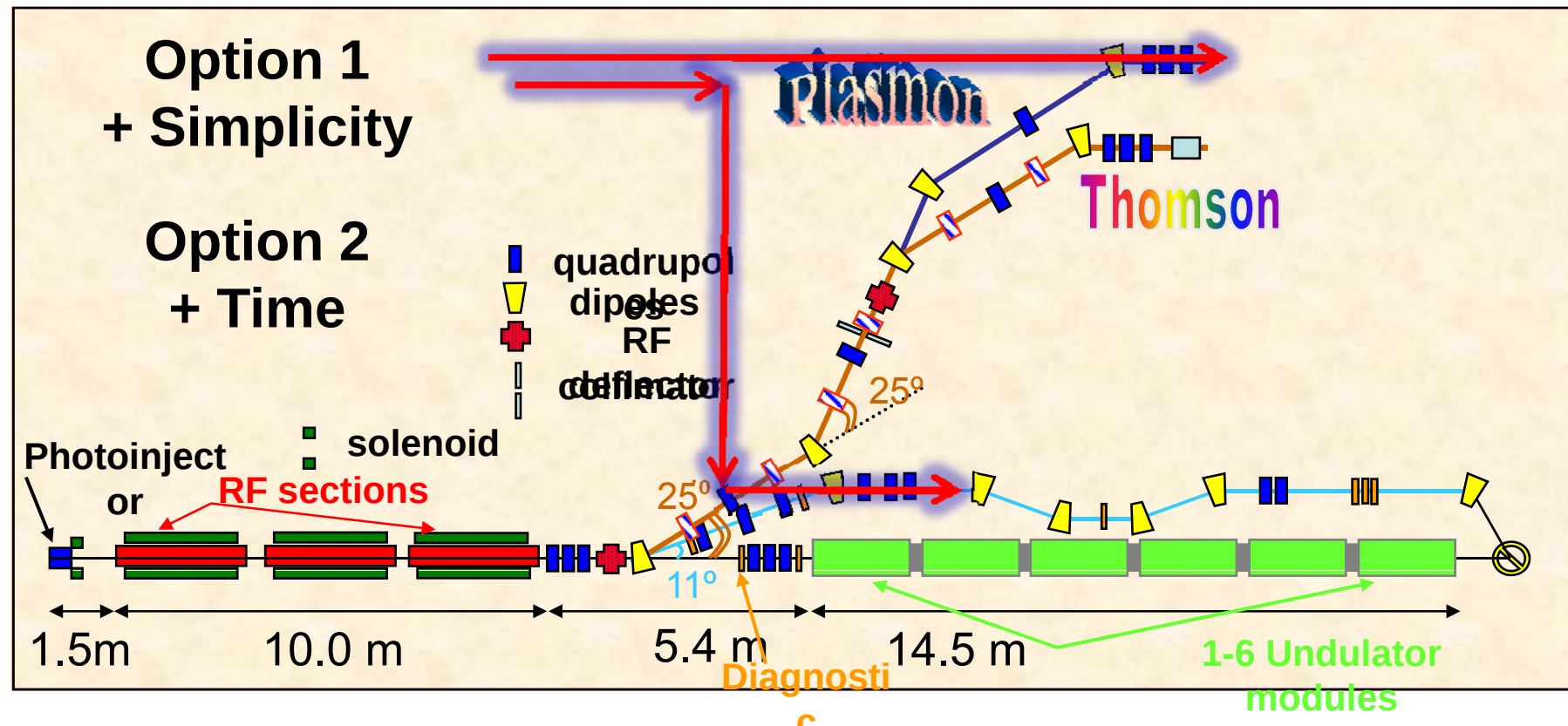
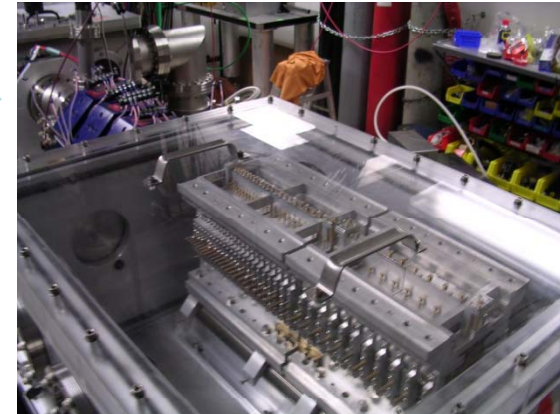
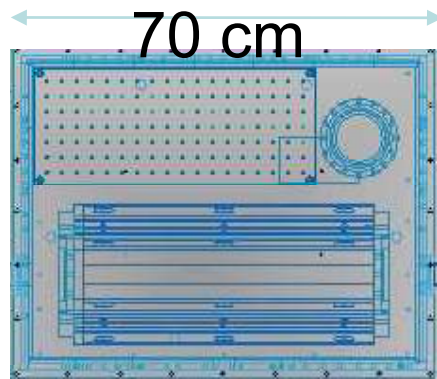


(52 MeV $\rightarrow$ 180 MeV)



Initial energy	52 MeV
Final energy	180 MeV
Avg gradient	260 MV/m
Final energy spread	1 %
Laser wavelength	800 nm
Laser power	5 TW
Laser spot size (w_0)	0.2 mm

Layout

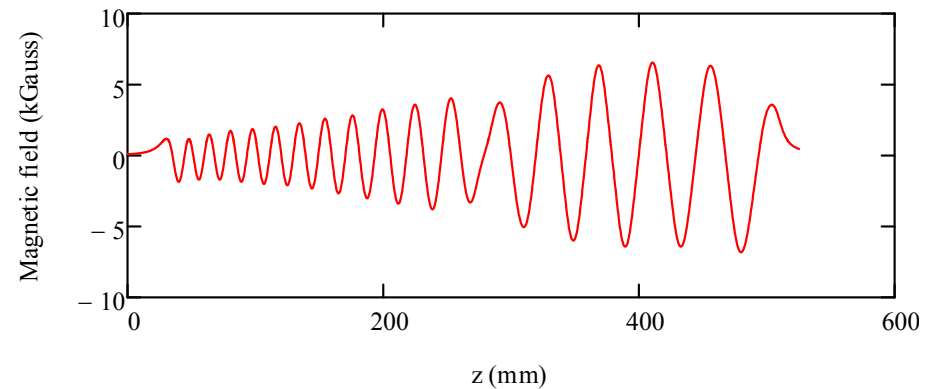
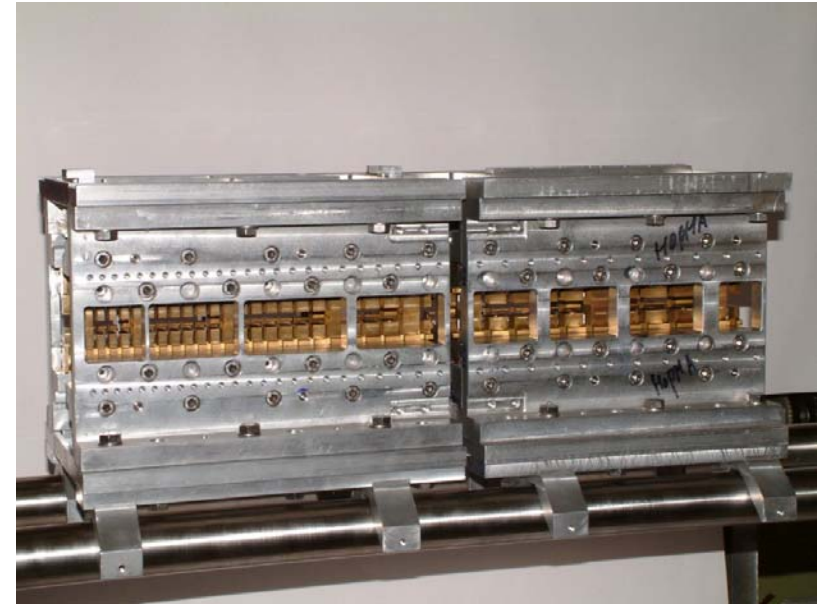


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A new helical undulator for a phase-2 IFEL acceleration experiment at SPARC

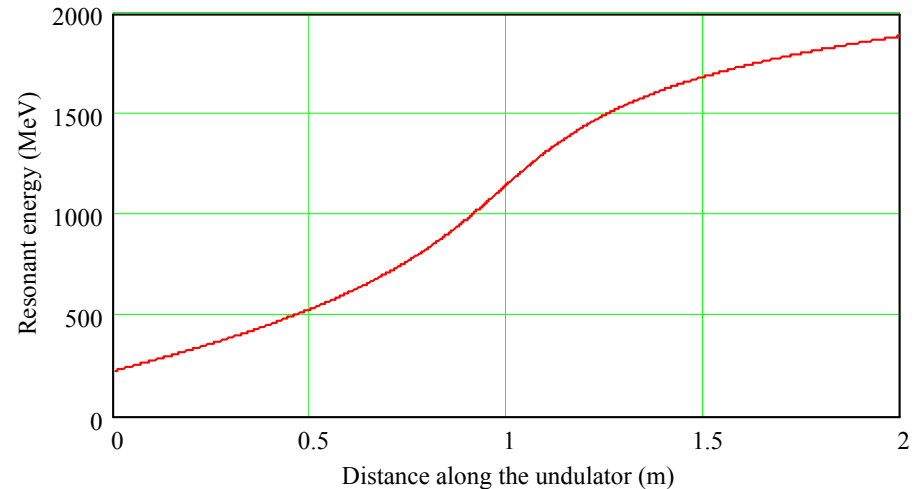
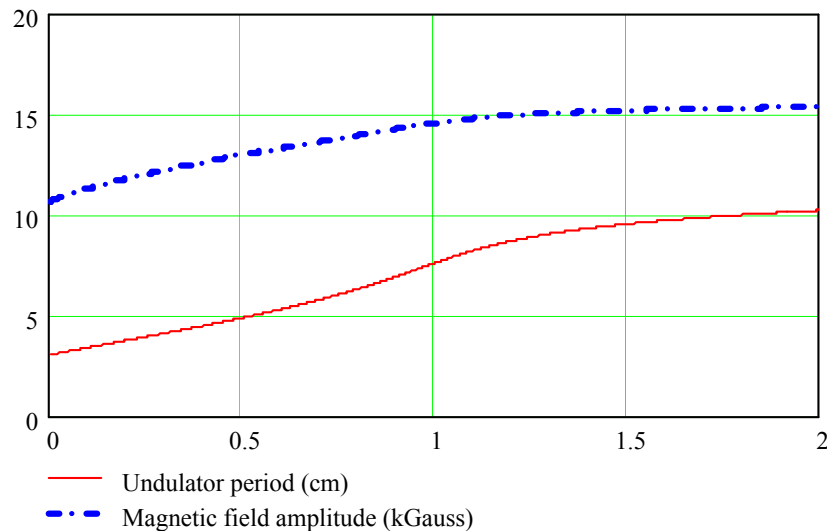
Assume typical
parameters for
SPARC / FLAME

***Aim at maximum
final energy with 2
m long undulator***

Parameter	Fixed Value
Initial e-beam energy (γ value)	180 MeV
Initial e-beam intrinsic energy spread	0.1% (1σ)
Initial e-beam current	1 kA
Laser wavelength	800 nm
Laser peak power	20 TW
Nominal length of wiggler, L_w	200 cm
Rayleigh range	20 cm
Location of laser waist inside wiggler	100 cm
Resonant phase angle ψ for wiggler	<i>var</i>

Tapering optimization

- Helical undulator to maximize energy exchange (interaction always ON).
- Keep magnetic field amplitude well under the Halbach limit for a gap = 6 mm to ensure technical feasibility.
- Starting from initial energy 180 MeV
- Final energy spread <0.6 %, to be decreased with appropriate choice of resonant phase exit.



**SITUAZIONE DELLE PROPOSTE DEL PROGETTO STRATEGICO "NUOVE TECNICHE DI ACCELERAZIONE"
PER IL BILANCIO 2009**

- per Sigla -

NOTE	SIGLA	Sez.	INTERNO		ESTERO		CONSUMO		SEM	TRASPORTI		PUB	CALCOLO		MAN.		INVENTARIO		APPARATI		TOT. PARZIALI		GENERALE
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	NTA-PLASMONX	MIB	7		3		3														13		13
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	NTA-PLASMONX	PI	20		7		40								10			90			167		167
	Totale Sigla		62		37		62								10			186			357		357

PREVENTIVO GLOBALE DI SPESA PER L'ANNO 2010

In K€

Struttura	A carico dell'I.N.F.N.													A carico di altri enti
	interno	estero	consumo	trasporti	manutenzione	inventario	apparati	licenze-SW	TOTALI					
BO	5.00	5.00	11.00									21.00		
LNF	10.00	20.00	9.00				34.00	59.50				132.50		
LNS	10.00	5.00	3.00	2.00								20.00		
MI	20.00	15.00	5.00					65.00				105.00		
MIB	8.00	2.00	3.00				5.00					18.00		
NA	12.00	20.00	15.00	2.00	4.00		41.00		4.00			98.00		
PI	35.00	15.00	33.00	2.00	15.00		102.00	15.00	8.00			225.00		
RM1	5.00	5.00	30.00				56.00					96.00		
Totali	105.00	87.00	109.00	6.00	19.00		238.00	139.50	12.00			715.50		

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