

# Betatron radiation

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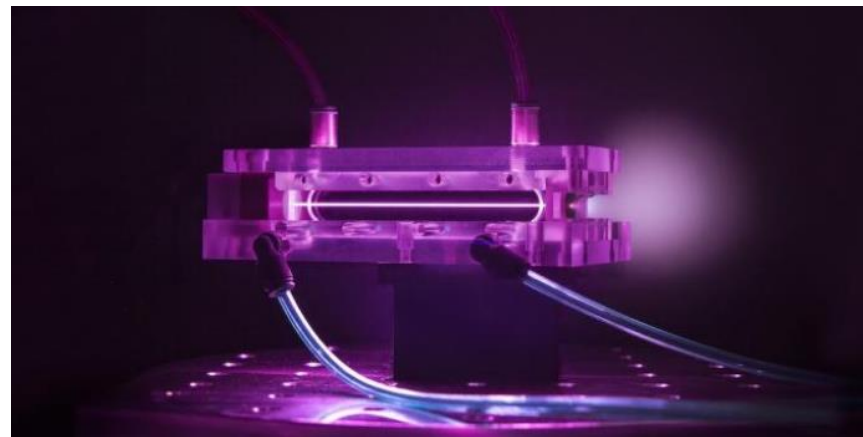
# Outline

- X ray sources
  - Plasma accelerator
  - Xrays from plasma (**Betatron Radiation**)
  - Electron motion (wiggler/undulator analogy)
  - Radiation properties
  - Single electron
  - Electron distribution
  - 3d theoretical model
  - Conference and summer school
  - Perspectives
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- Context:** A bracket groups the first two items: "X ray sources" and "Plasma accelerator".
  - Theory:** A bracket groups the next two items: "Xrays from plasma (**Betatron Radiation**)" and "Electron motion (wiggler/undulator analogy)".
  - My work:** A large bracket groups the remaining six items: "Radiation properties", "Single electron", "Electron distribution", "3d theoretical model", "Conference and summer school", and "Perspectives".

# X ray sources



Synchrotron

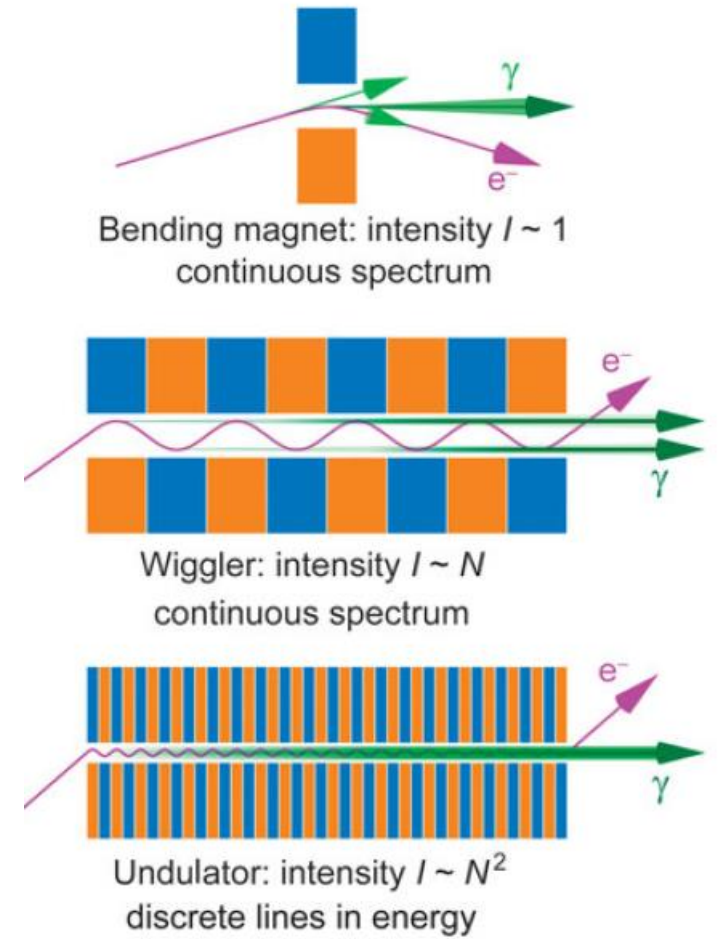


Plasma



Free Electron Laser

## Emission stimulation



# Plasma accelerators

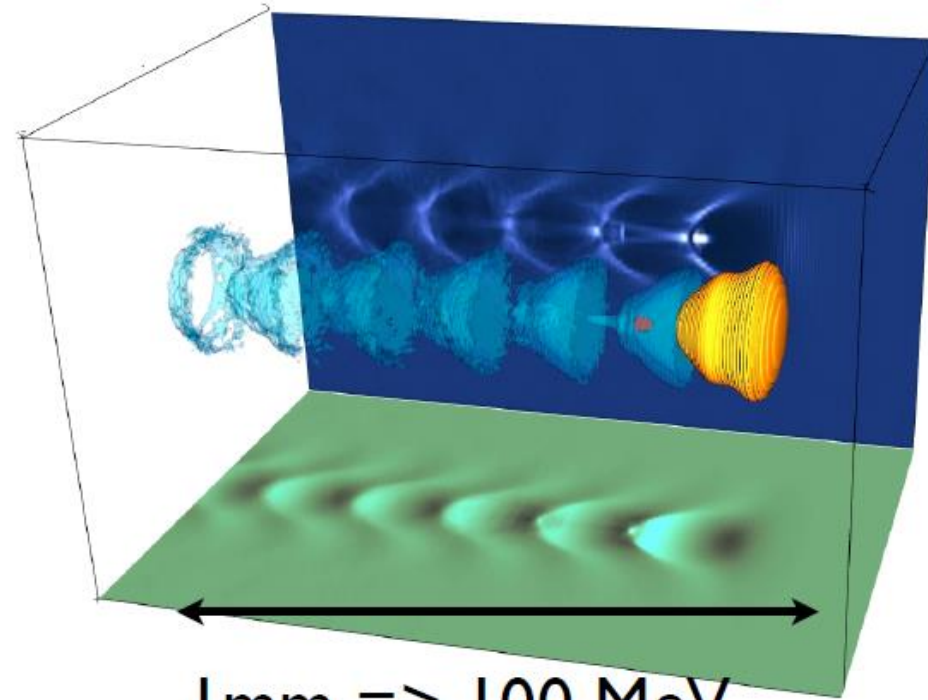
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1 m  $\Rightarrow$  100 MeV Gain

Electric field < 100 MV/m

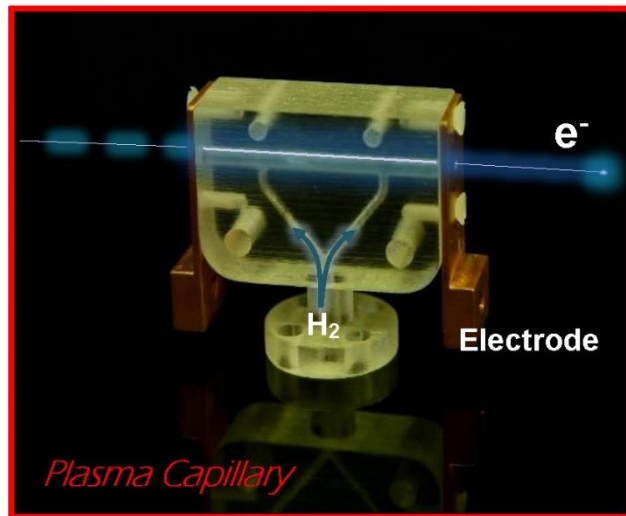
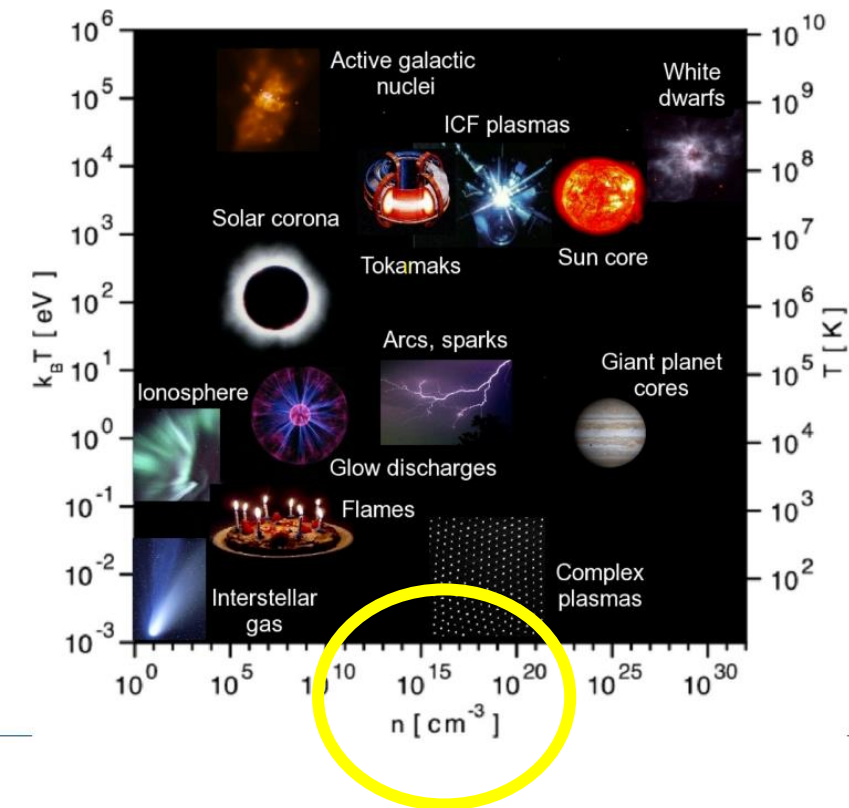
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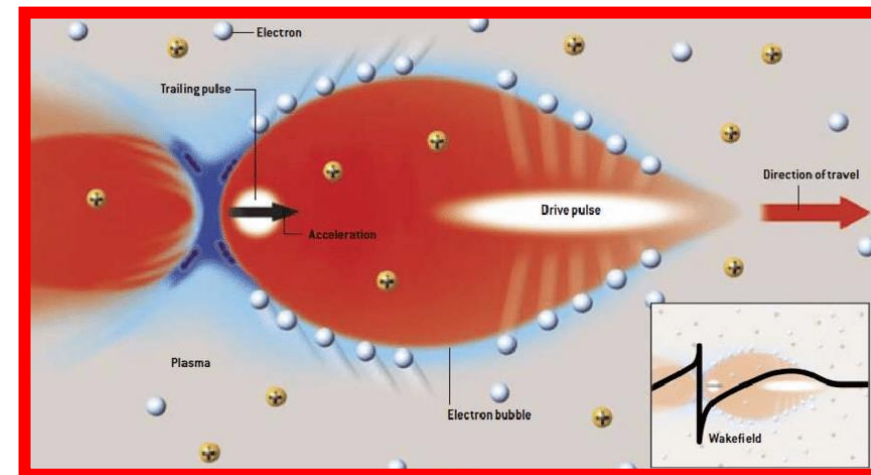
1 mm  $\Rightarrow$  100 MeV

Electric field > 100 GV/m

# Plasma accelerator parameters



## LWFA/PWFA



## Plasma frequency

$$E_{max} \left[ \frac{V}{m} \right] = \frac{m_e c \omega_p}{e}$$

## Plasma frequency

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{e^2 n_e / m_e \epsilon_0}$$

$$n_p = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$\omega_p = 2 \times 10^{13} \text{ Hz}$$

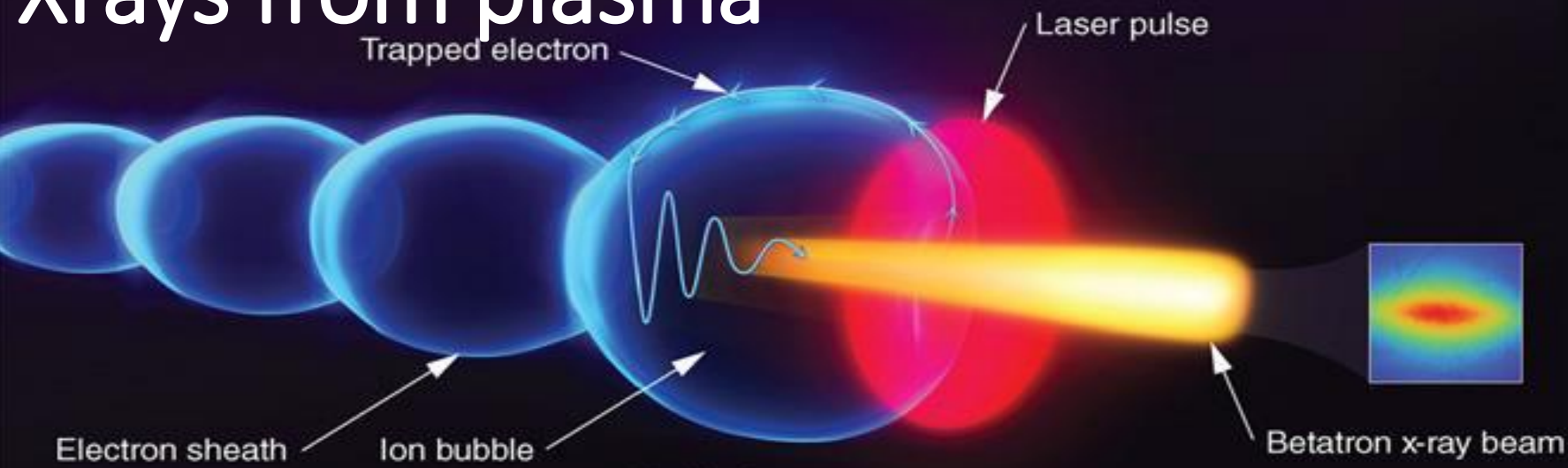
$$E_0 = 30 \frac{\text{GV}}{m}$$

$$\lambda_p = 100 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \text{ (300 fs)}$$

$$\sigma_{zD} \approx 25 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \text{ (75 fs)}$$

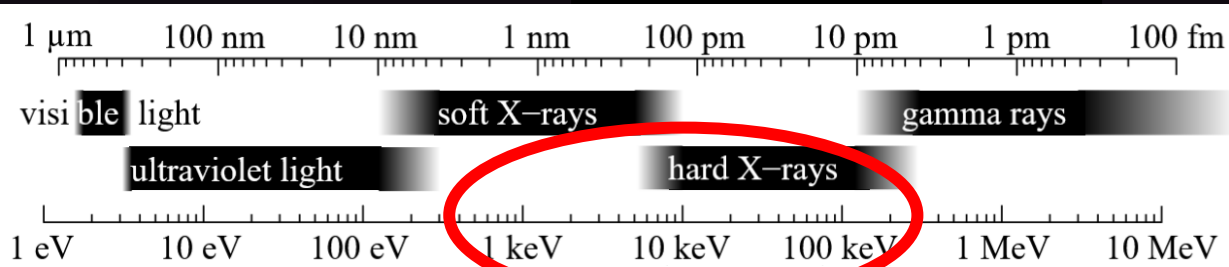
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# Xrays from plasma



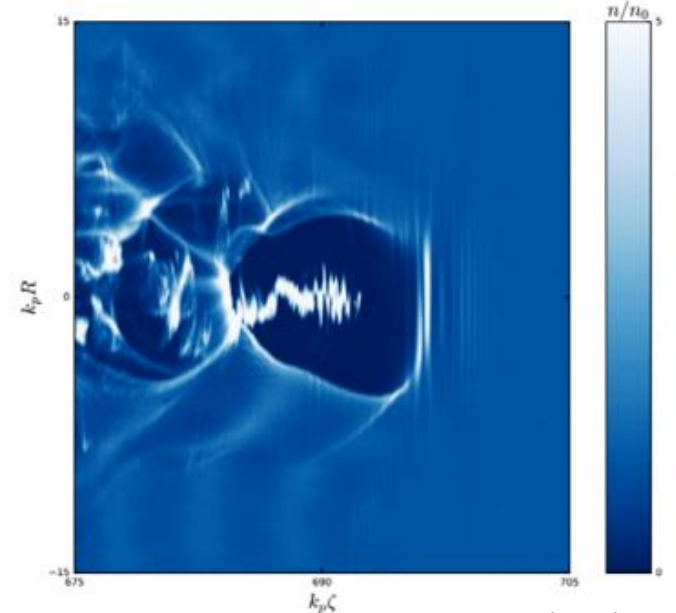
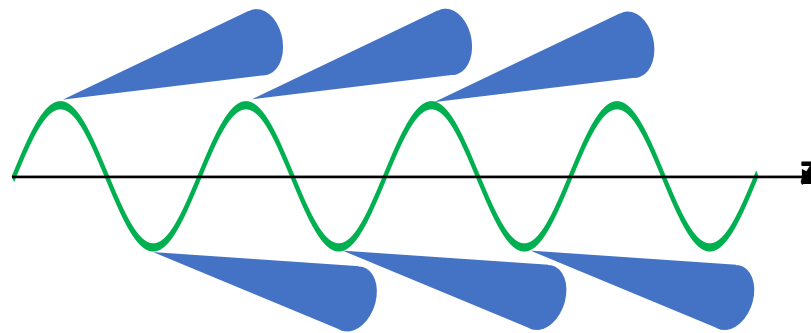
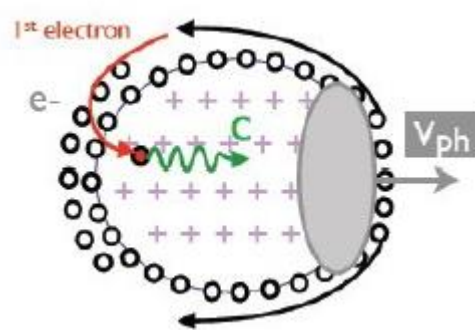
$$\omega_p = \sqrt{e^2 n_e / m_e \epsilon_0}$$

$$\omega_\beta = \frac{\omega_p}{\sqrt{2\gamma}}$$



Refs.

F. Albert et al. "Laser wakefield accelerator based light sources: Potential applications and Requirements", Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion



Refs.

(Left Fig.) Curcio, A., et al. "First measurements of betatron radiation at FLAME laser facility." *Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section B: Beam Interactions with Materials and Atoms* 402 (2017): 388-392.

# Wiggler / Undulator

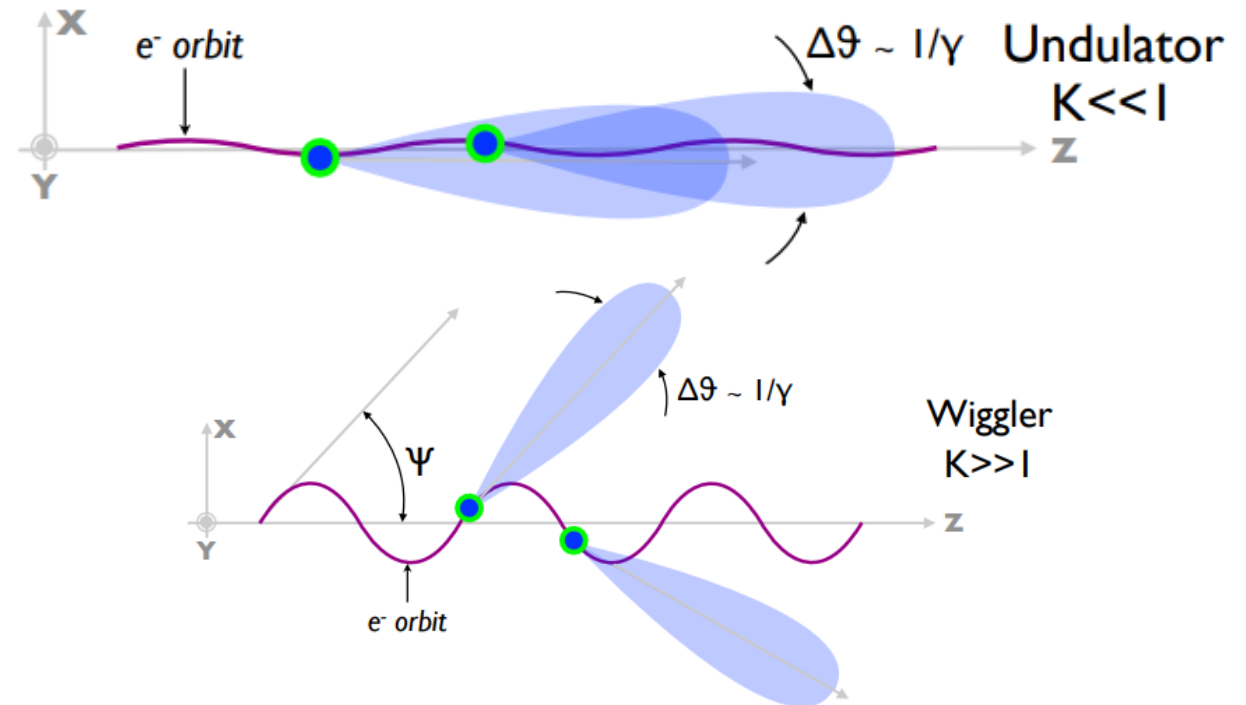
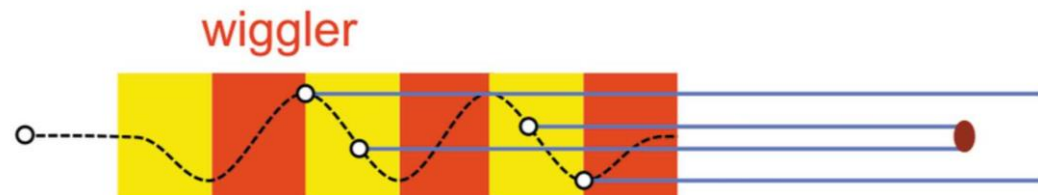
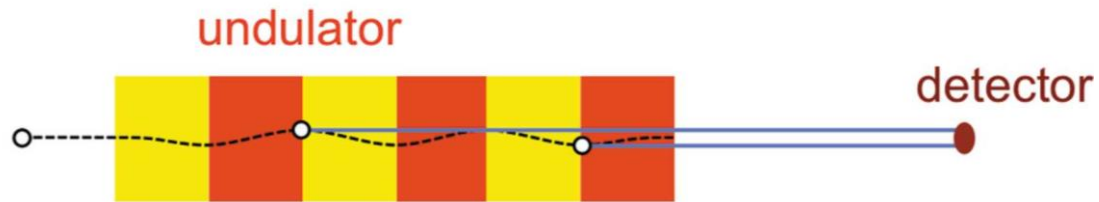
Equation of motion (1D)

$$x = r \sin(k_\beta ct)$$

$$z = z_0 + \beta_z \left( 1 - \frac{r^2 k_\beta^2}{4\beta_z^2} \right) ct - \frac{r^2 k_\beta^2}{8\beta_z^2} \cos(2k_\beta ct)$$

Strength parameter

$$K = \frac{eB\lambda_u}{2\pi mc}$$



Refs.

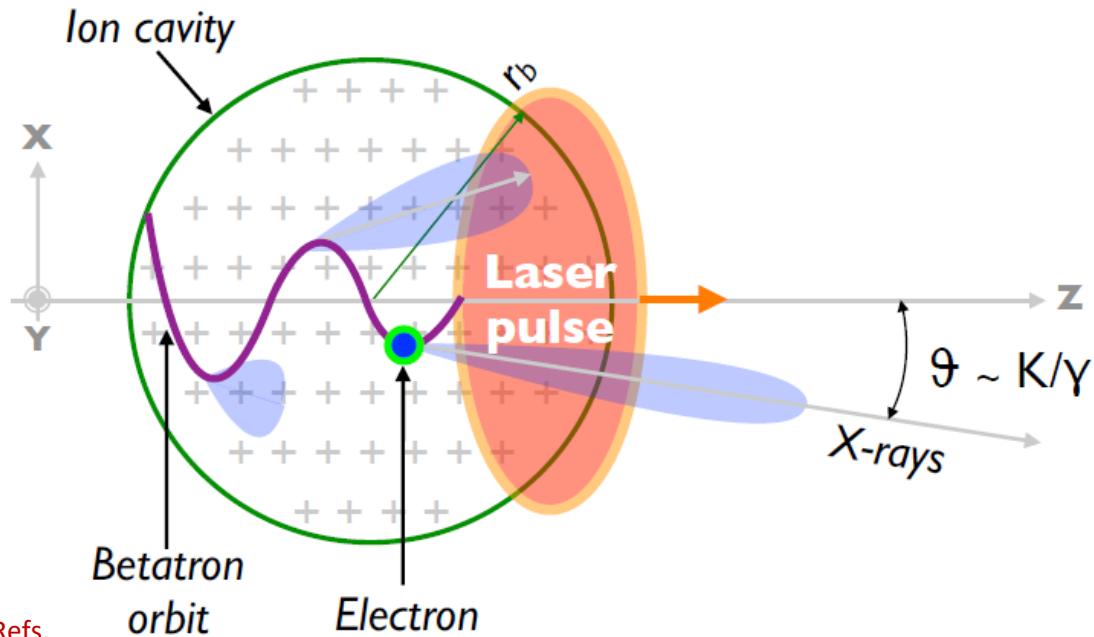
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# Betatron radiation

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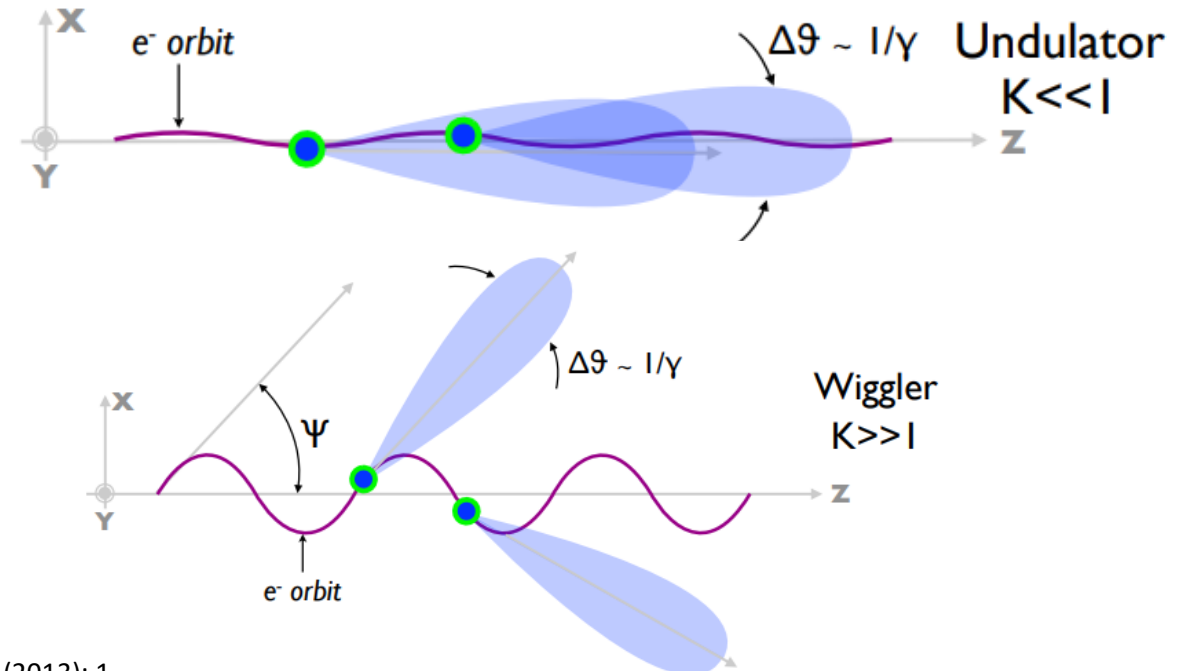
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Betatron strength parameter

$$K_\beta = \gamma r k_\beta$$

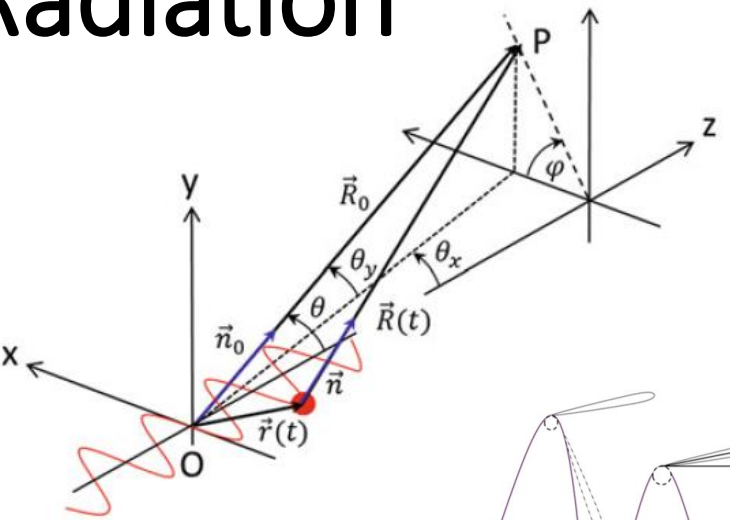


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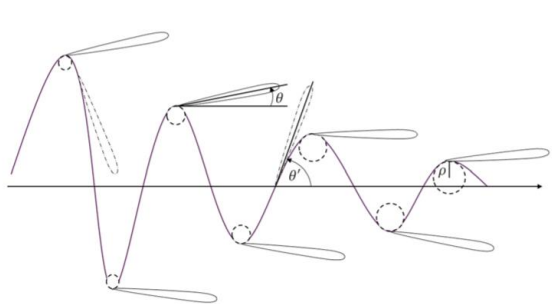


# Radiation



$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{e^2 \omega^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{n} \times \boldsymbol{\beta}) e^{i\omega(t - \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{c})} dt \right|^2$$

# Detector



$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega}(\theta = 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^2 \omega \gamma^2 N_{\beta}^2 F_n R_n}{\pi \epsilon_0 c \omega_n (1 + K_{\beta}^2/2)}$$

# Resonant function

$$R_n = \frac{\sin^2[n\pi N_{\beta} (\omega/\omega_n - 1)]}{[n\pi N_{\beta} (\omega/\omega_n - 1)]^2}$$

# n-frequency

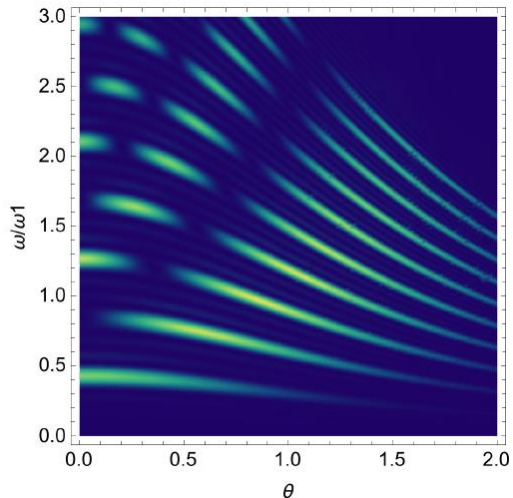
$$\omega_n = 2n\omega_{\beta} \frac{\gamma^2}{1 + K_{\beta}^2}$$

# harmonic amplitude function

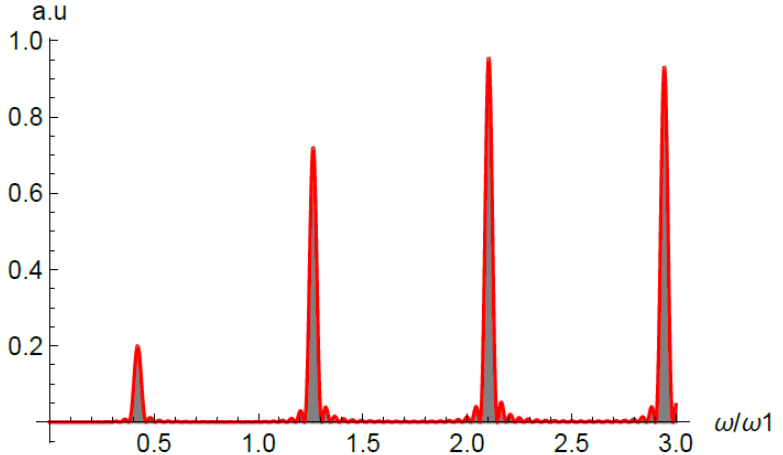
$$F_n = n\alpha_n [J_{(n-1)/2}(\alpha_n) - J_{(n+1)/2}(\alpha_n)]^2$$

$$\alpha_n = \frac{n \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_n}\right) K_{\beta}^2}{4 \left(1 + K_{\beta}^2/2\right)}$$

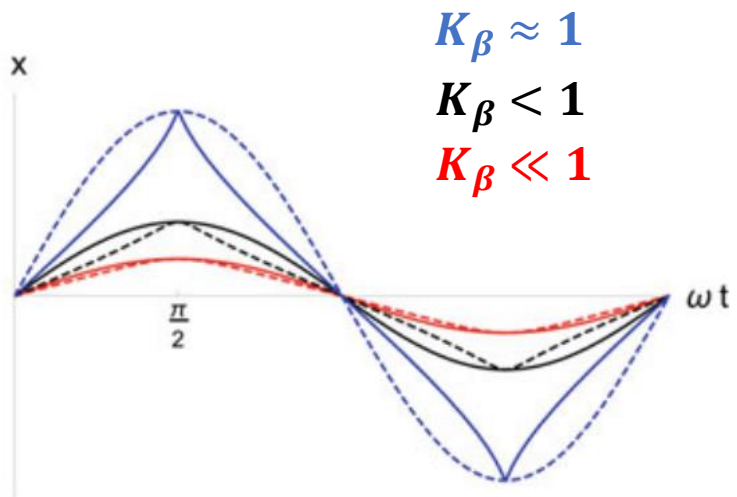
$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega}$



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# Electron motion



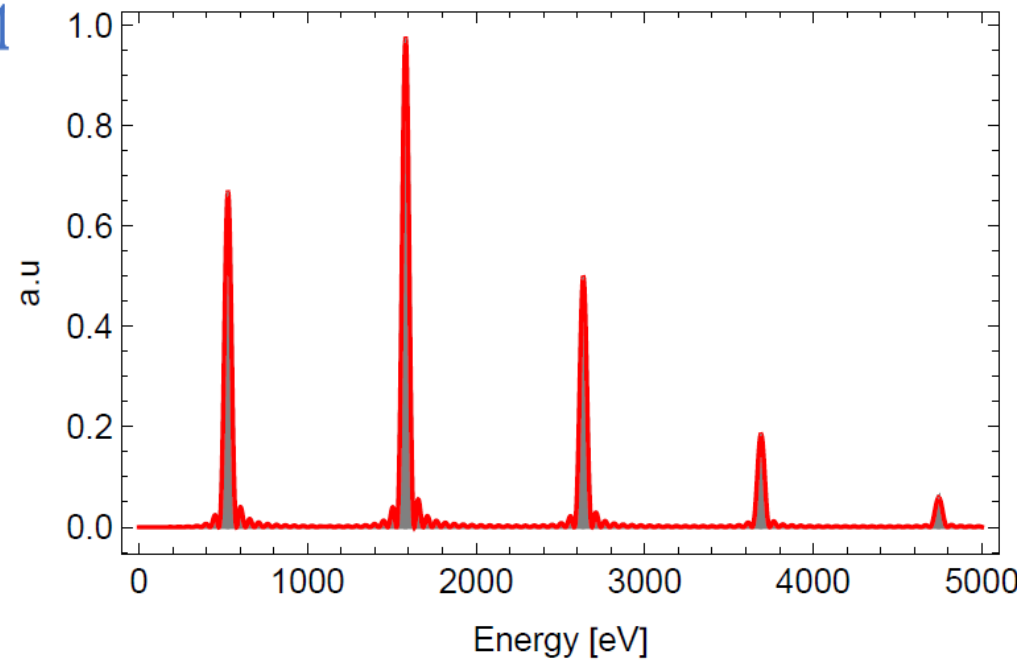
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 $K_\beta < 1$   
 $K_\beta \ll 1$

*Wiggler*  
 $K_\beta \approx 1$

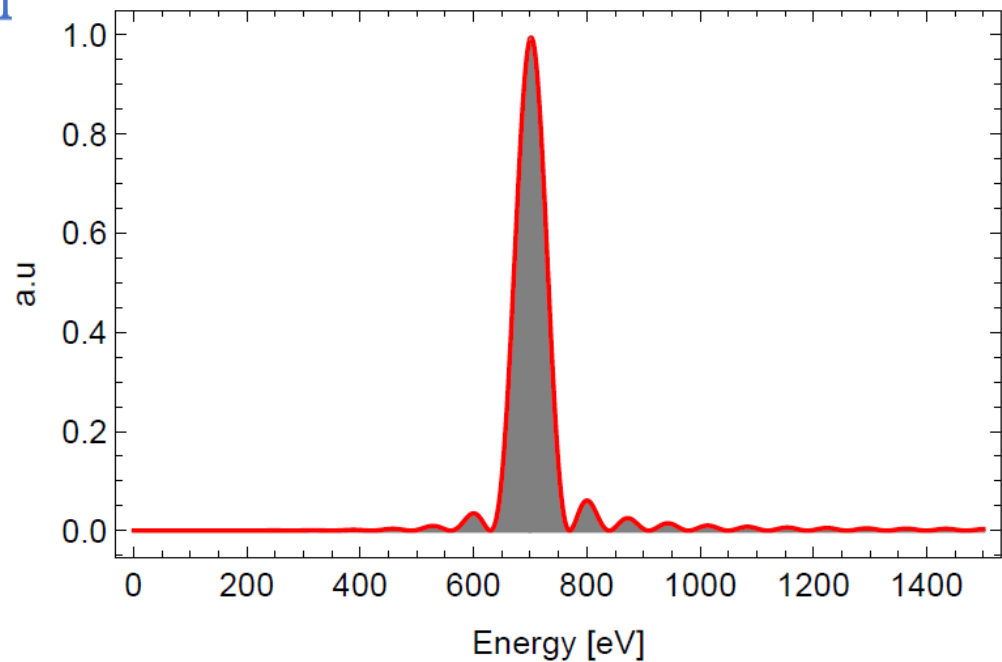
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*Undulator*

$K_\beta \approx 1$

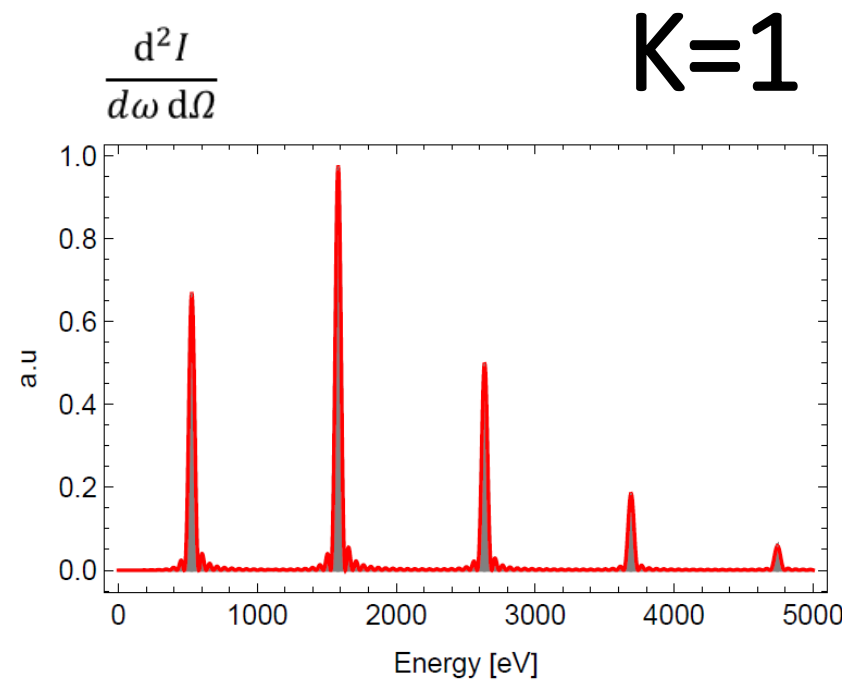
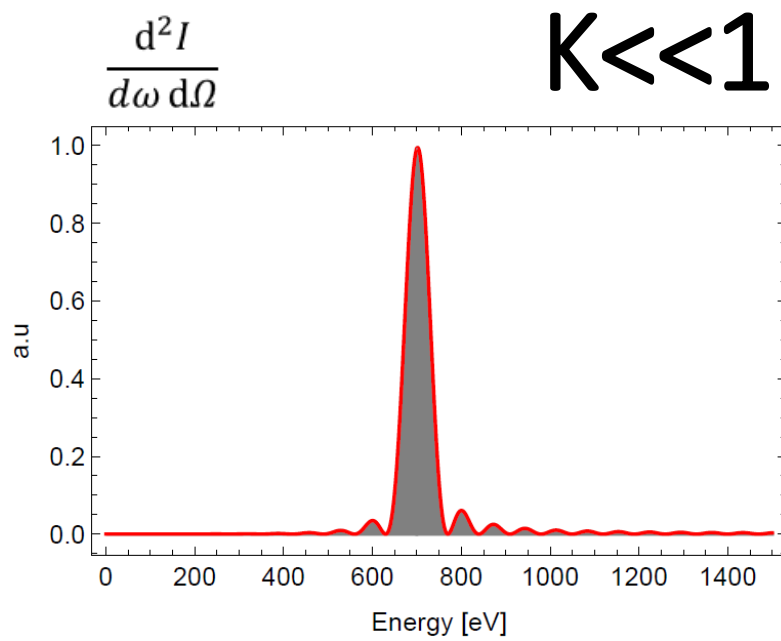


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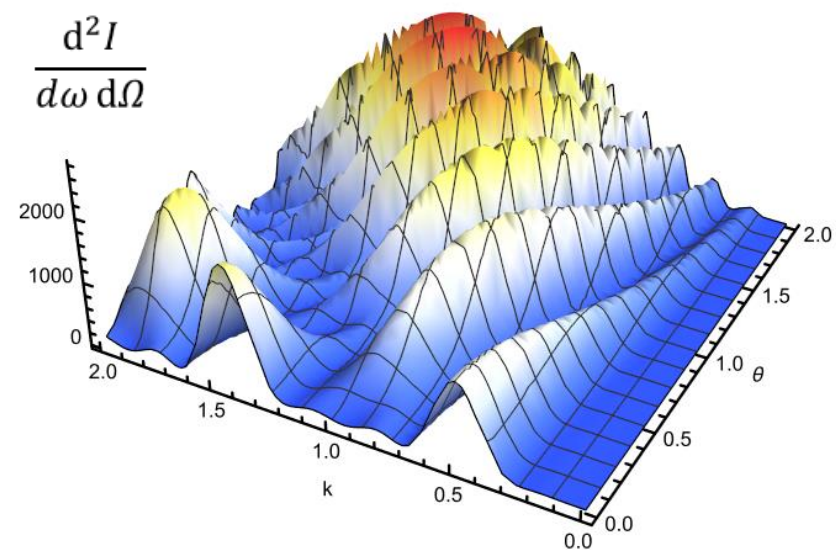
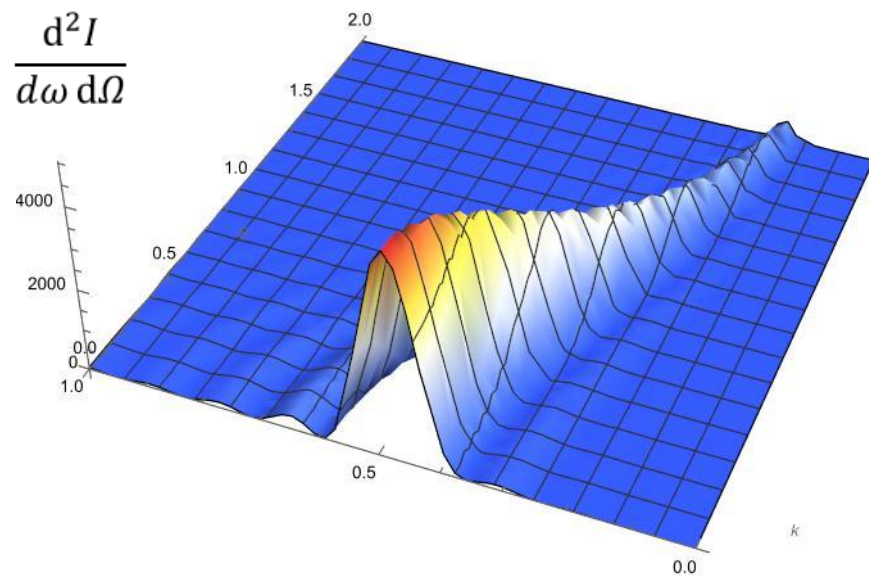


# Radiation

## On axis



## Off axis



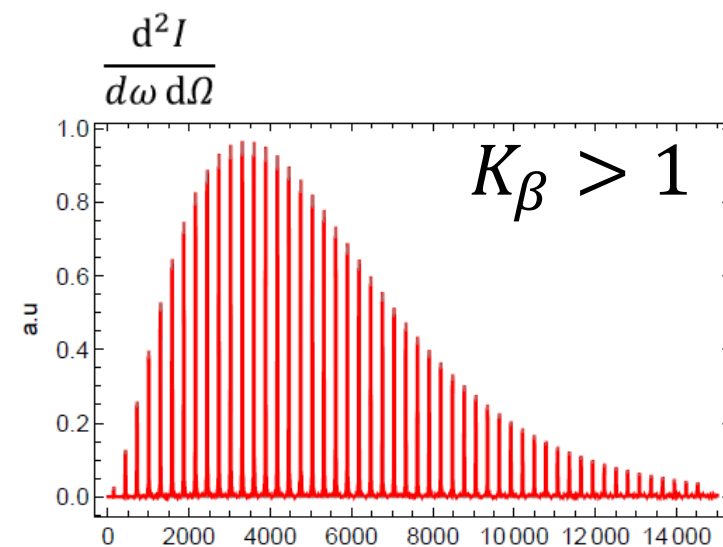
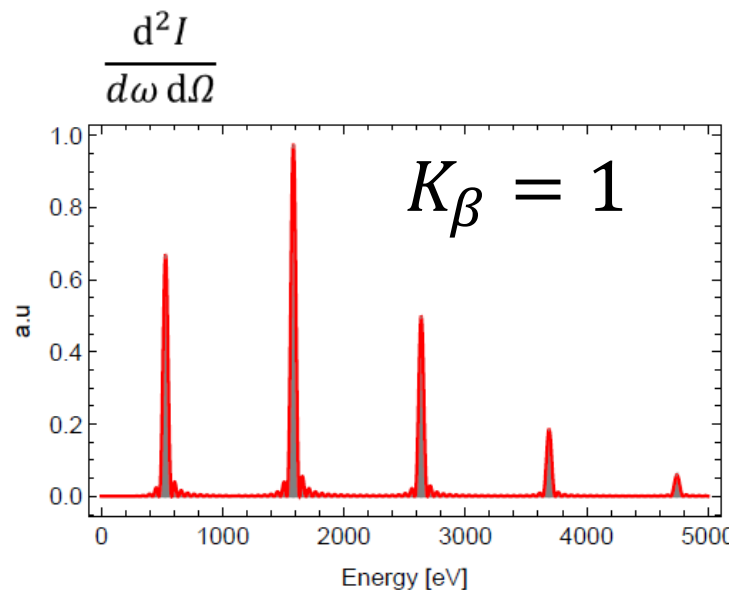
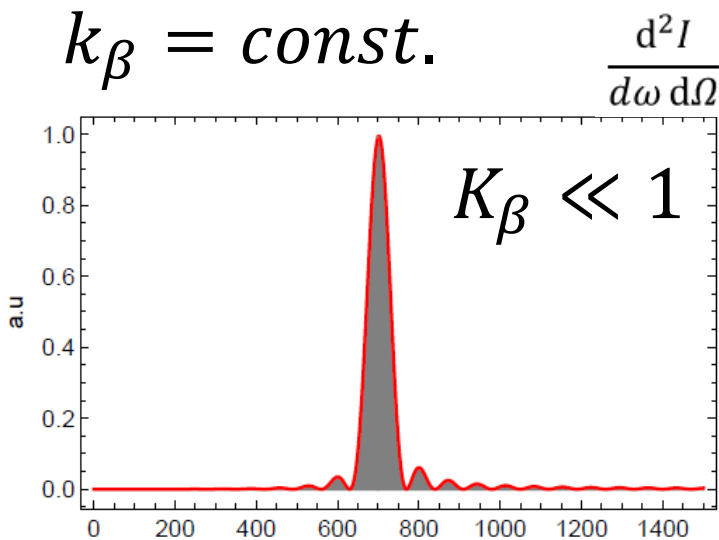
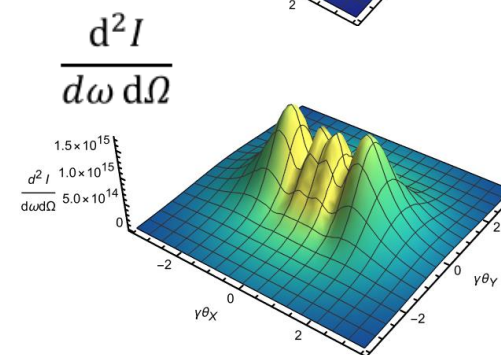
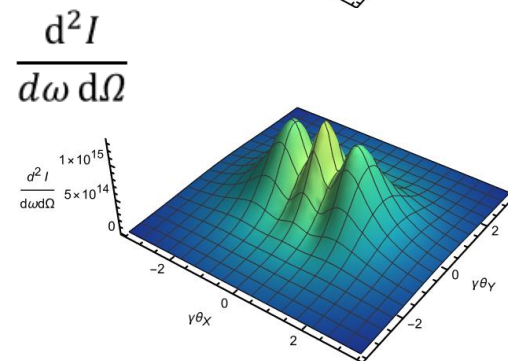
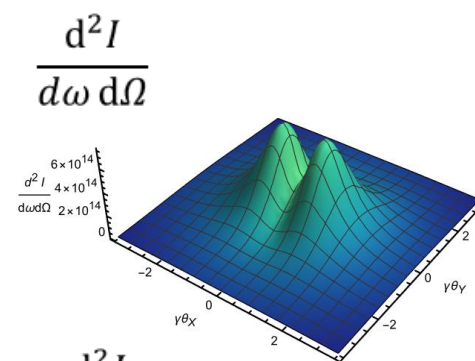
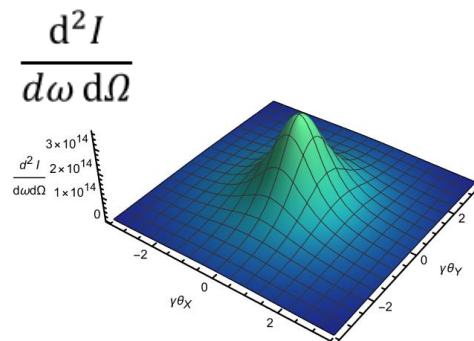
# Energy radiated

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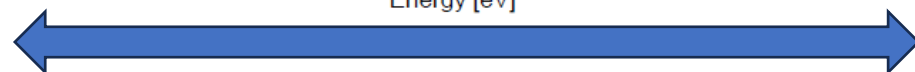
$$K_\beta = \gamma r k_\beta$$

$r = \text{const.}$

$k_\beta = \text{const.}$



Undulator-like



Wiggler like

# Gaussian distribution of radius

$$K_\beta(t) = \gamma(t) \mathbf{r}(t) k_\beta(t)$$

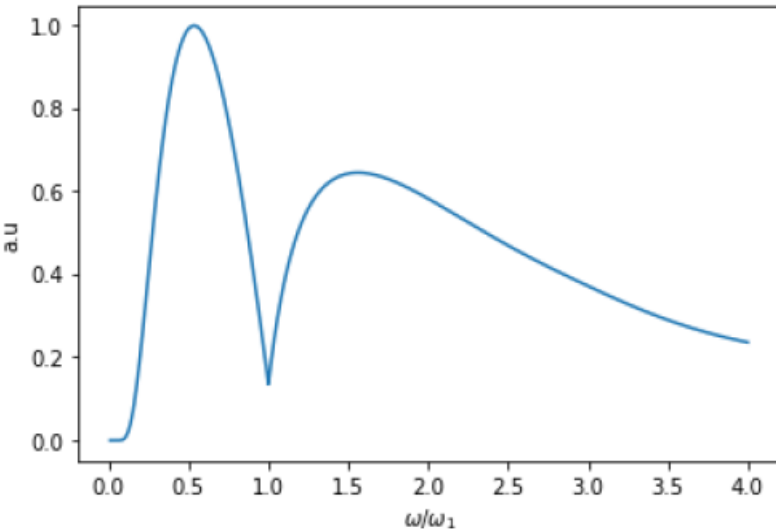
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Single particles  
#harmonics=5

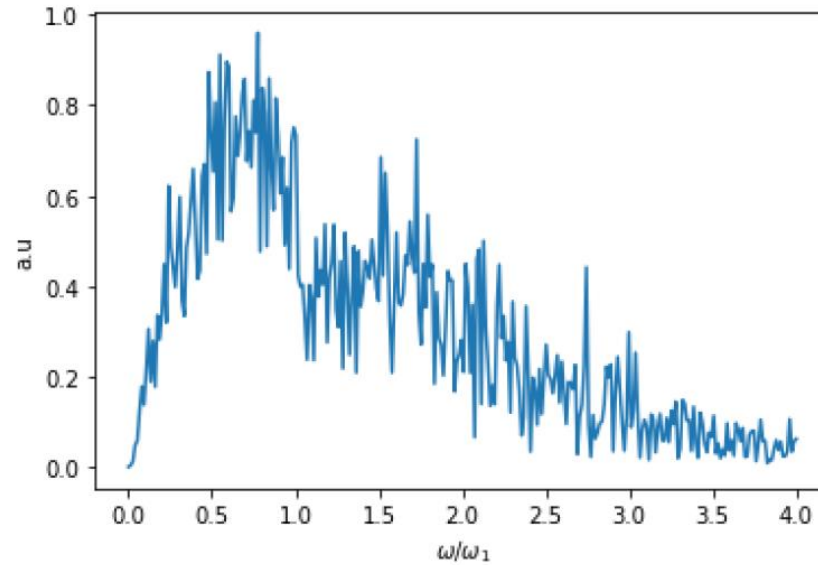
200 particles  
#harmonics =5

200 particles  
#harmonics =60

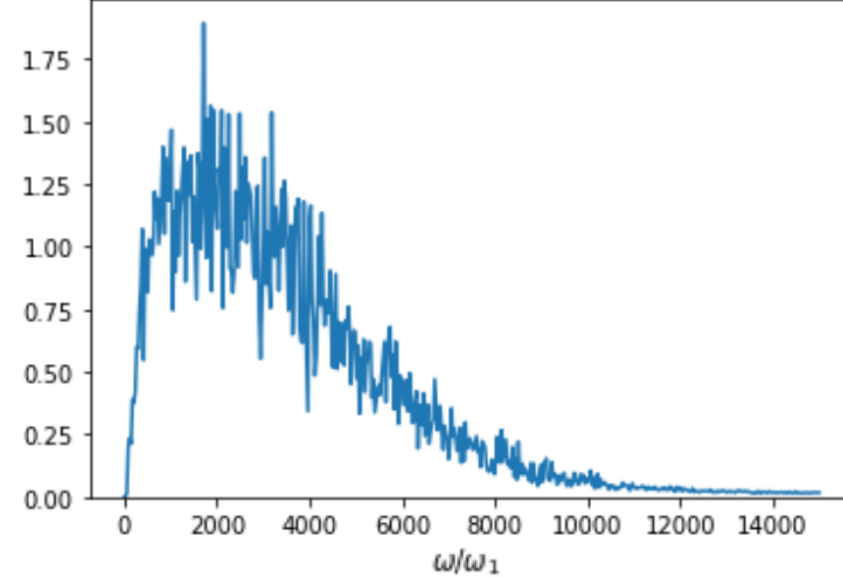
$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega}$$



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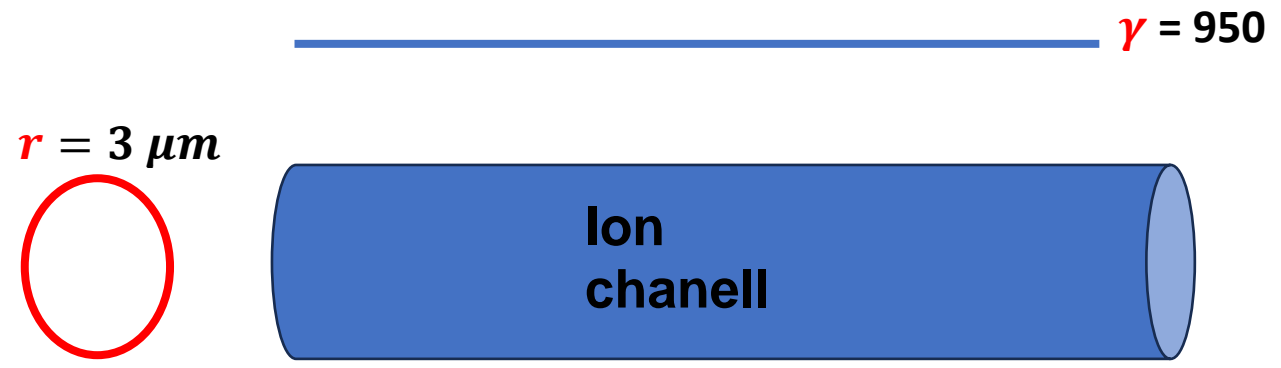


$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega}$$



$$\frac{d^2 I_B(\omega, \theta)}{d\omega d\Omega} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty da_\beta a_\beta f_e(a_\beta) \frac{d^2 I(\omega, a_\beta, \theta, \phi)}{d\omega d\Omega}$$

# Ideal spectrum

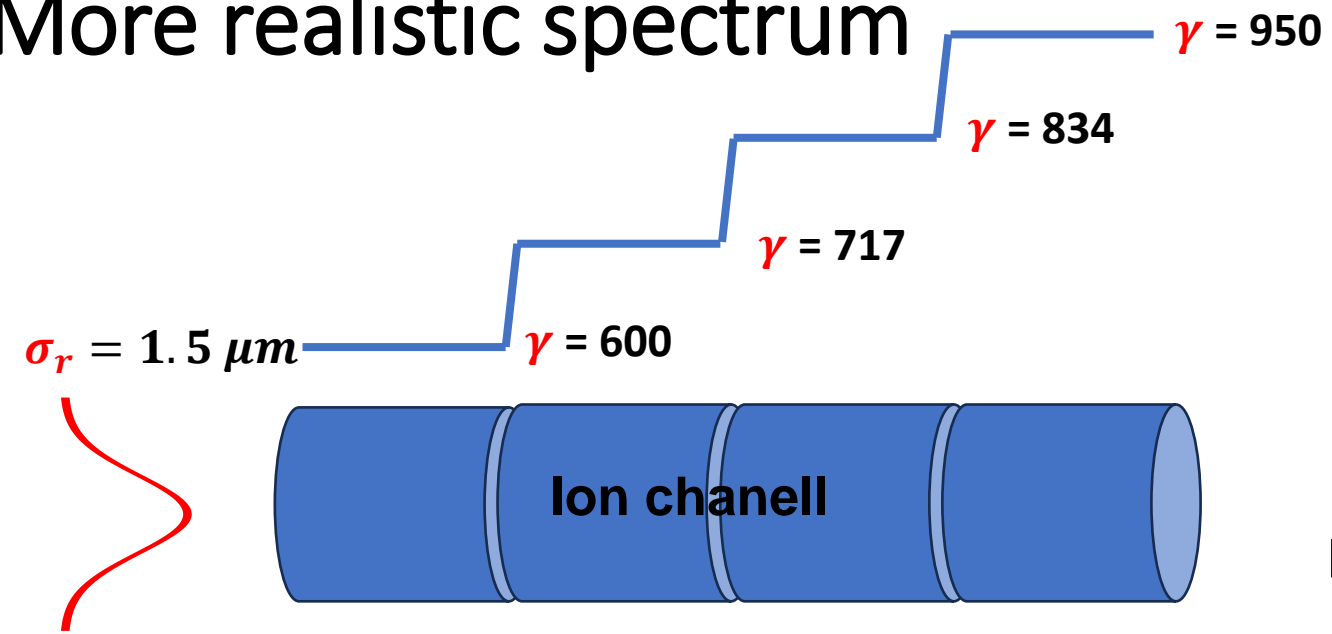


Constant  
↓

$$K_{\beta}(t) = \gamma(t)r(t)k_{\beta}(t)$$

Constant      ↑  
Constant

# More realistic spectrum



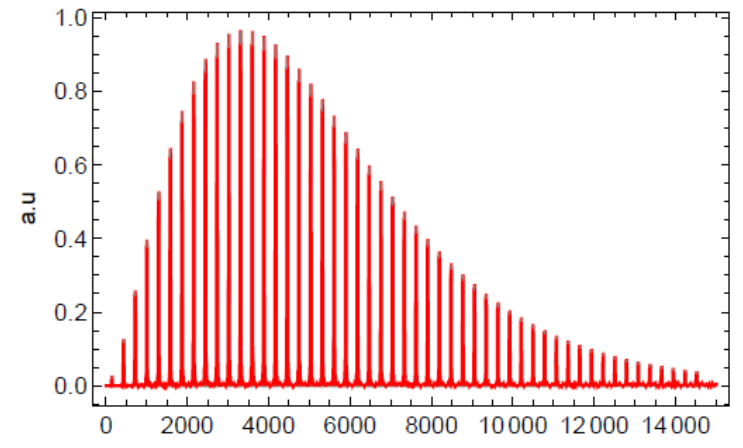
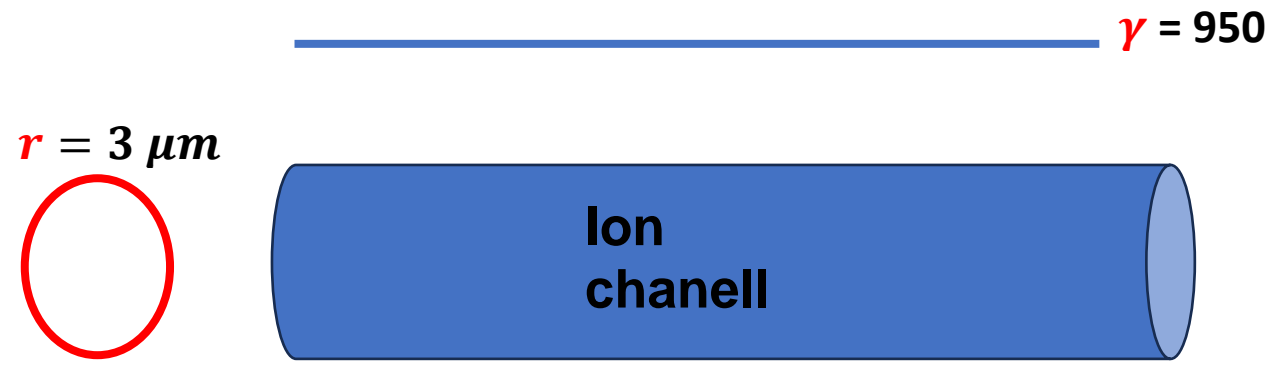
Each particle has a different oscillation amplitude  
↓

$$K_{\beta}(t) = \gamma(t)r(t)k_{\beta}(t)$$

Particle are accelerated      ↑

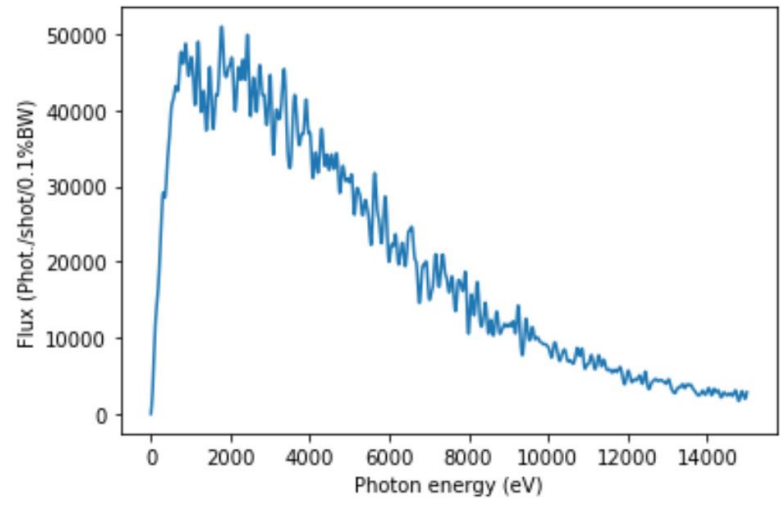
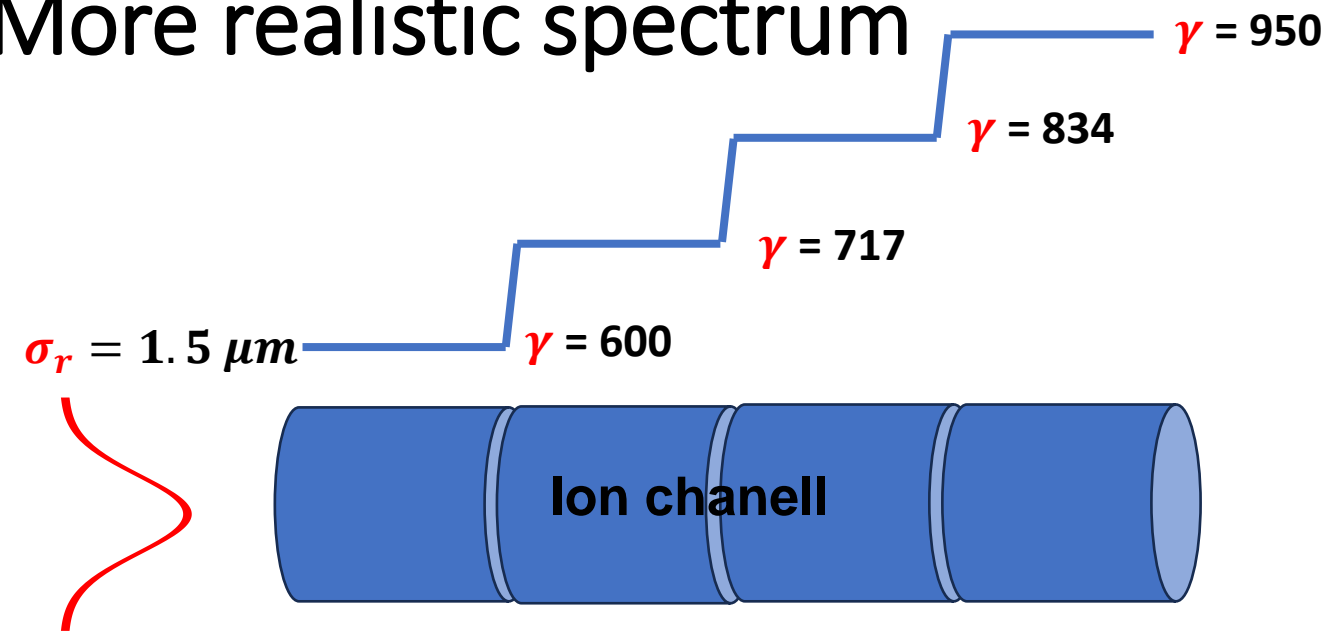
$$k_{\beta}(t) = k_p / \sqrt{2 \gamma(t)}$$

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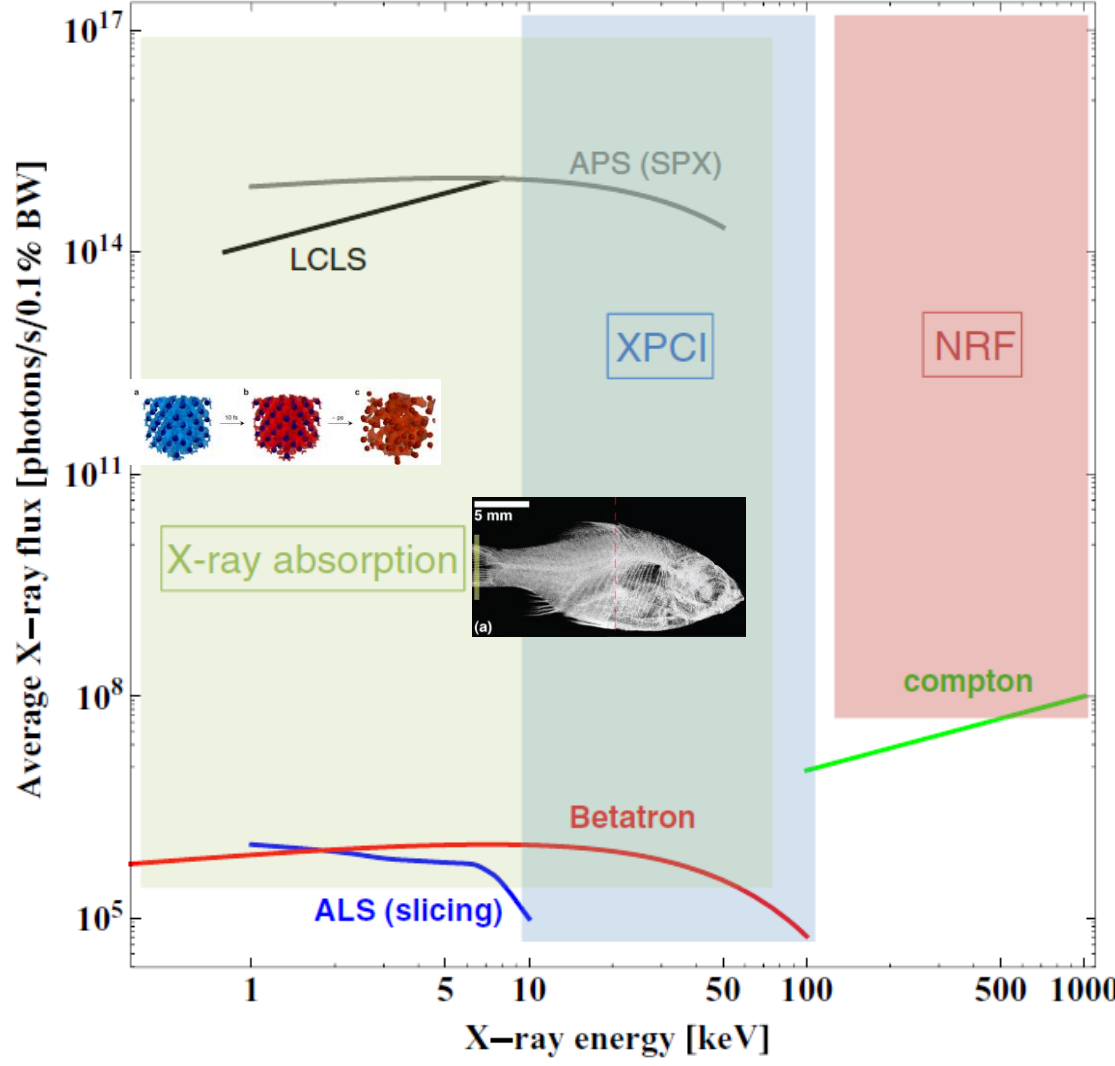
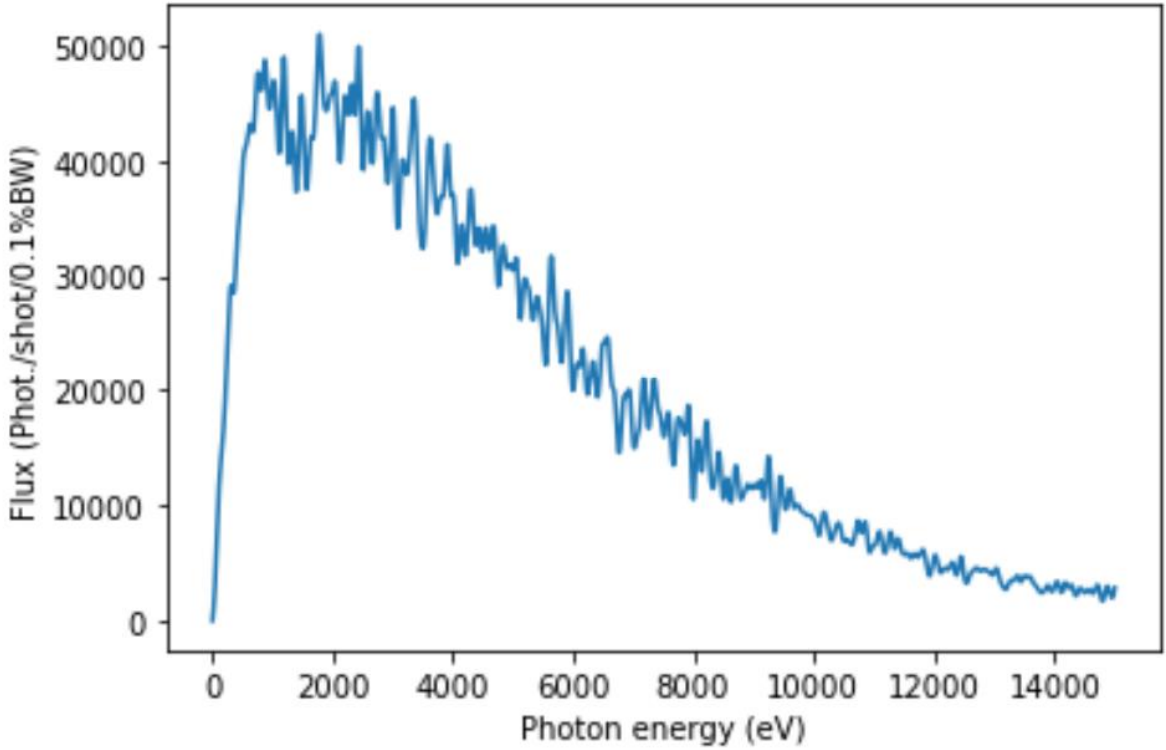
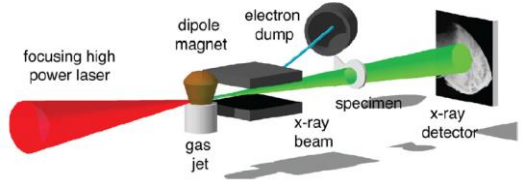


$$K_{\beta}(t) = \gamma(t)r(t)k_{\beta}(t)$$

# Calculation of the Flux

## EuPRAXIA@SPARC LAB

Parameter [Units]	Value
Beam energy [MeV]	600-950
Plasma density [ $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ]	$3.0 \times 10^{16}$
RMS transverse beam size [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	3.0
Charge [pC]	45
Capillary (plasma) length [m]	0.6
Pulse duration [fs]	10



Ref. Antoine Rousse, Production of a keV X-Ray Beam from Synchrotron Radiation in Relativistic Laser-Plasma Interaction, Nature communication

Ref. S. Kneip et al. "X-ray phase contrast imaging of biological specimens with femtosecond pulses of betatron radiation from a compact laser plasma wakefield accelerator", APPLIED PHYSICS LETTERS

Refs. F. Stellato et al. "Plasma-Generated X-ray Pulses: Betatron Radiation Opportunities at EuPRAXIA@SPARC LAB" Condensed matter



# Theoretical development of 3D model of electron motion

## More accurate trajectory

$$x_e(t) = x_\beta(t) \cos\left(\int_0^t \Omega_\beta(t') dt' + \phi_x\right)$$

$$y_e(t) = y_\beta(t) \cos\left(\int_0^t \Omega_\beta(t') dt' + \phi_y\right)$$

$$z_e(t) = \int_0^t v_z(t') dt' + z_0$$

$$x_\beta(t) = x_\beta(0) \left(\frac{1}{\gamma(t)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$y_\beta(t) = y_\beta(0) \left(\frac{1}{\gamma(t)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Omega_\beta(t) = \frac{\omega_\beta(0)}{\sqrt{2\gamma(t)}}$$

$$\gamma(t)$$

Different initial phase

Amplitude damping

Frequency shift

Acceleration

# Conference and school



- September 2022- **European Network for Novel Accelerators (EuroNNAc) conference Elba island** (poster session)
- September 2023 - **European Advanced Accelerator Concepts Workshop** (poster session)
- May 2023 -14 **International Particle Accelerator Conference (IPAC)** (poster session)
- February 2023 – **Winter school at Bad Honnef Physics Schools** (Germany) on Plasma Acceleration
- July 2023 – **Summer school at Erice (Italy): International School of Particle Accelerators**



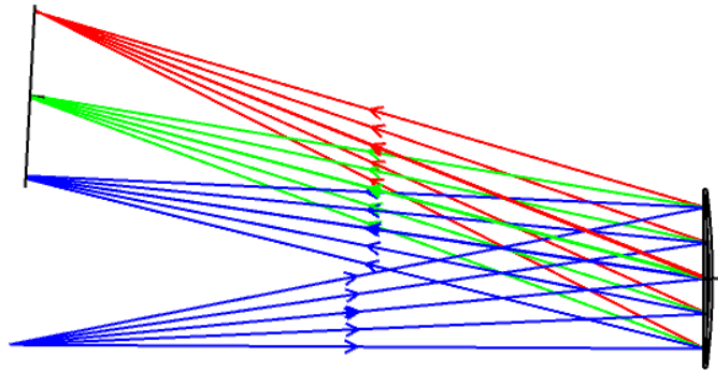
# Conclusion

- I have studied the theory behind betatron radiation, starting from the relativistic motion of a single electron within what is called an ion channel
- I have explored the connection between the motion of a single electron and its radiation.
- I tried to develop a more realistic computational model that takes into account the distribution of electrons and the fact that electrons are accelerated discretizing the ion channel
- I started a theoretical model of more accurate trajectory.

# Perspectives

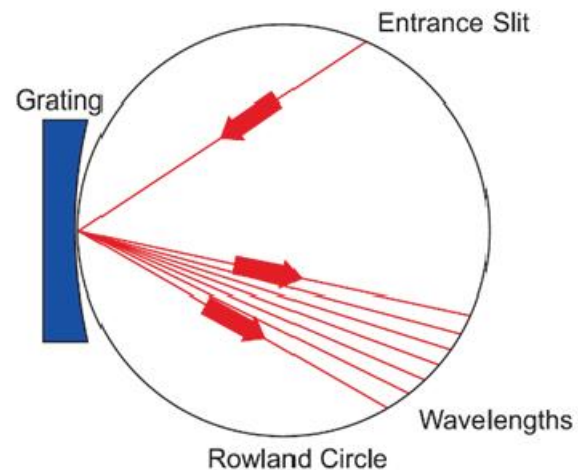


Measurement of the bunch length starting from the analysis of the incoherent radiation fluctuations



Spectrometer simulation

Spectrometer measurement



Data analysis

Thanks for the attention

Parameter	APS	ALS	LCLS	Betatron	Compton
Pulse duration	20–100 ps	<1 ps	10–80 fs	30–60 fs	30–60 fs
Repetition rate	6.5 MHz	kHz	120 Hz	1 Hz	1 Hz
Energy range	0.2–40 keV	0.25–9 keV	0.5–24 keV	1–80 keV	0.1–2 MeV
Bandwidth	2–100%	100%	0.1%	100%	50%
Tunability	Variable undulator gap	Limited	e-beam energy	e-beam energy	e-beam energy
Photons/pulse	$10^8$	$10^7$	$10^{13}$	$10^8$	$10^7$
Reproducibility	Excellent	Excellent	Limited (SASE)	Poor	Poor

Parameter	Betatron	Compton
Repetition rate	>30 Hz	>30 Hz
Energy range	1–150 keV	1–10 MeV
Bandwidth	100%	<1%
Photons/second	$10^8$	$10^{13}$
Jitter	1% rms	1% rms