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Physics and Application of the ELI betatron radiation source

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The realization of compact, broadband X-ray sources is one of the most promising applications of laser-plasma accelerators (LPAs). State-of-the-art LPA-based X-ray sources currently deliver photon fluxes exceeding 10¹¹ photons per shot [1]. In this contribution, we present a summary of compact X-ray sources offered to user applications at the ELI Beamlines facility. One of the key developments is the Gammatron beamline [2], which generates a collimated, bright, and partially coherent X-ray beam suitable for a wide range of multidisciplinary applications. Furthermore, we introduce a novel optical probing technique allowing precise characterization of low-density gas targets used in LPAs [3].

A second LPA-based X-ray source, the Betatron source, is currently under development at the ELI Plasma Physics Platform (P3) [4]. This source is specifically designed to serve as a back lighter for laser-matter interaction studies, High energy density (HED) physics & Inertial fusion energy (IFE) experiments and advanced investigations in plasma physics.

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