

# Present and Future Compton Gamma-ray Sources



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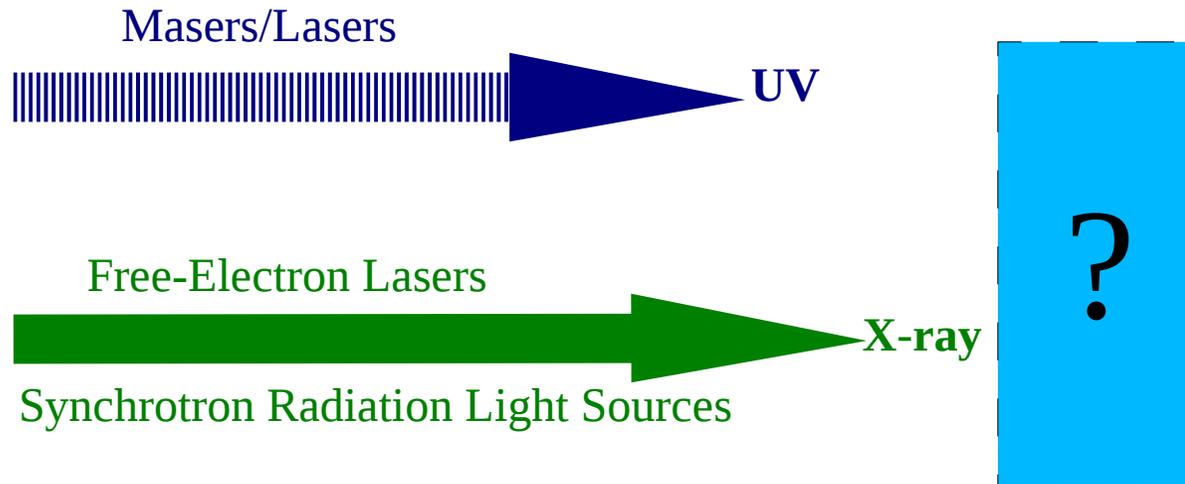
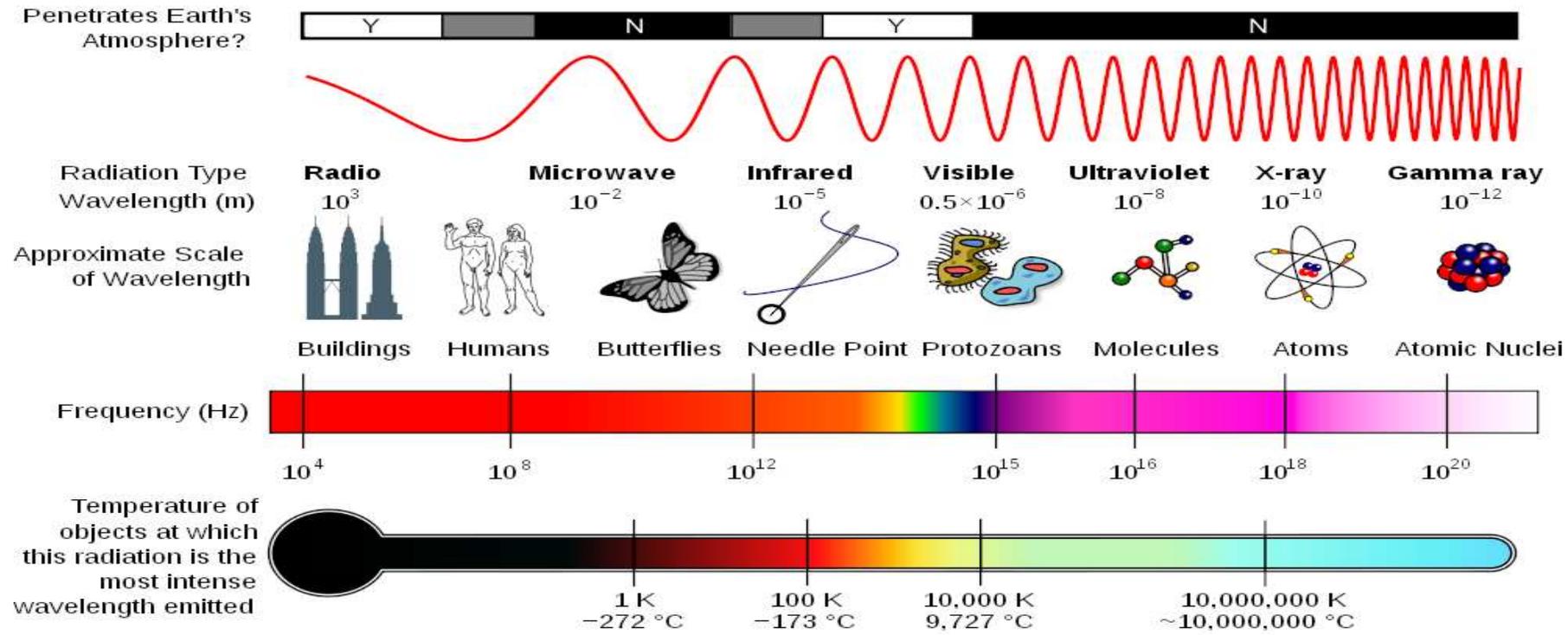
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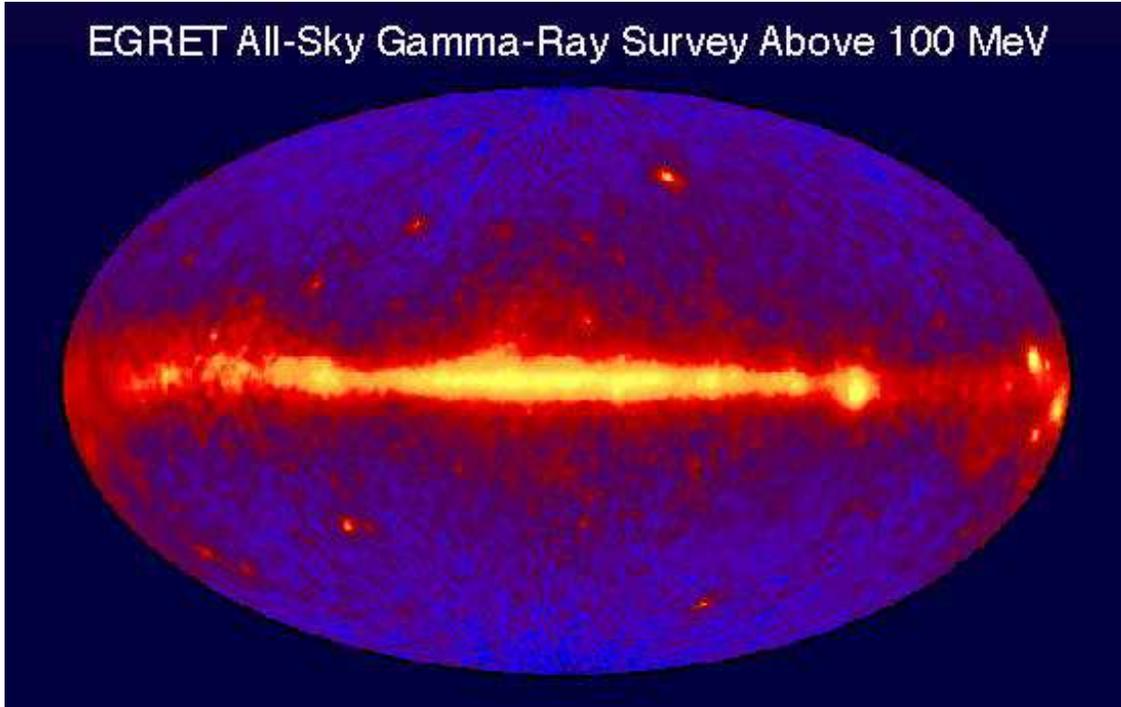
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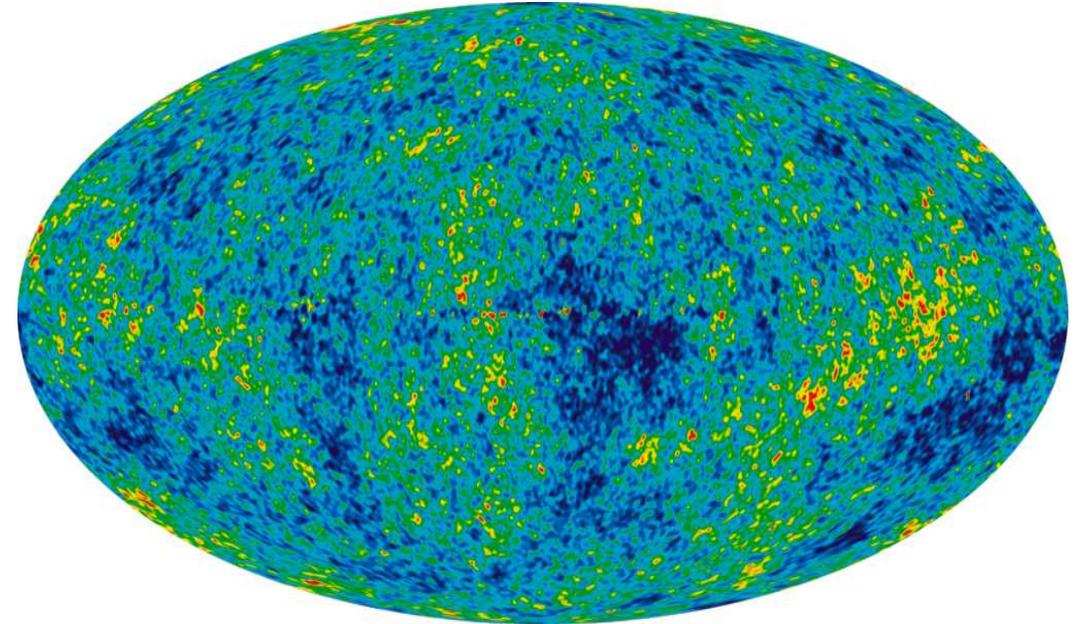
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# Spectrum of Electromagnetic Radiation





**ERGET**: Energetic Gamma Ray Experiment Telescope  
(NASA's *Compton Gamma Ray Observatory* satellite  
1991 – 2000)



**CMB**: Cosmic Microwave Background  
Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson  
Discovery: 1964; Nobel Prize: 1978

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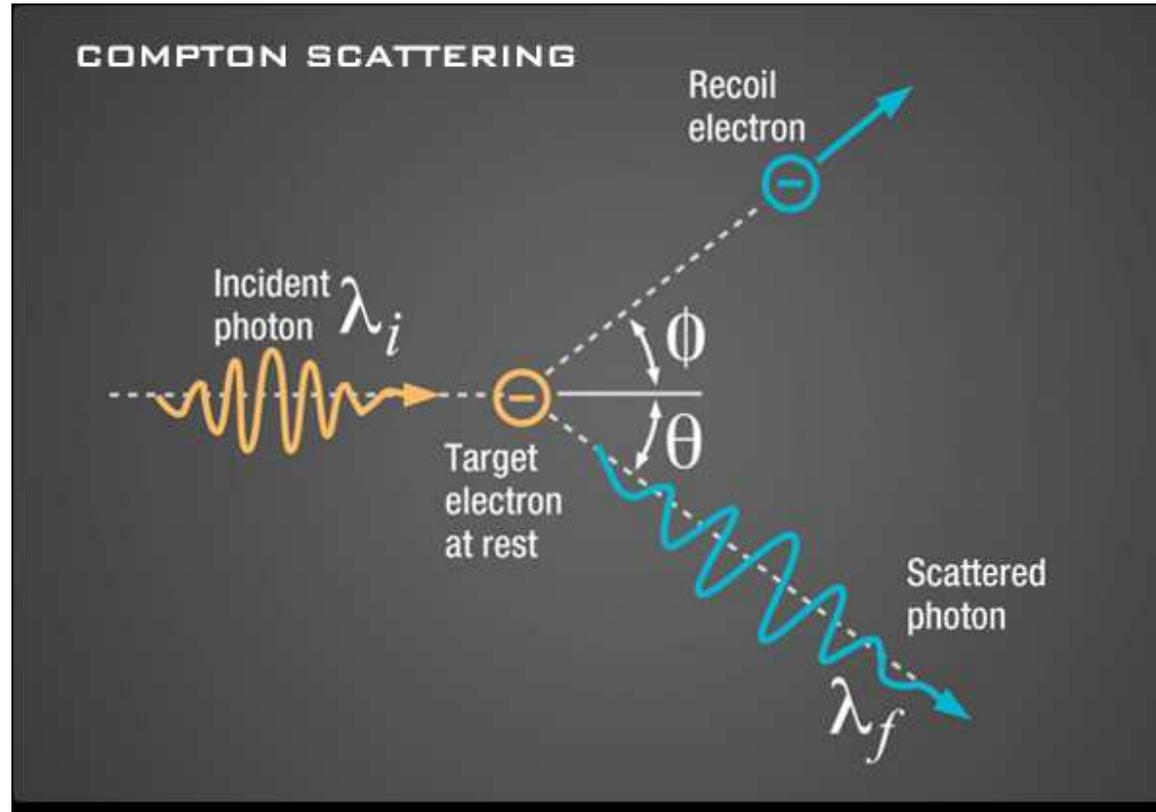


## Compton Scattering

Arthur H. Compton (1892 – 1962)

Discovery: 1923

Nobel Price for Physics: 1927



$$\lambda_f - \lambda_i = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

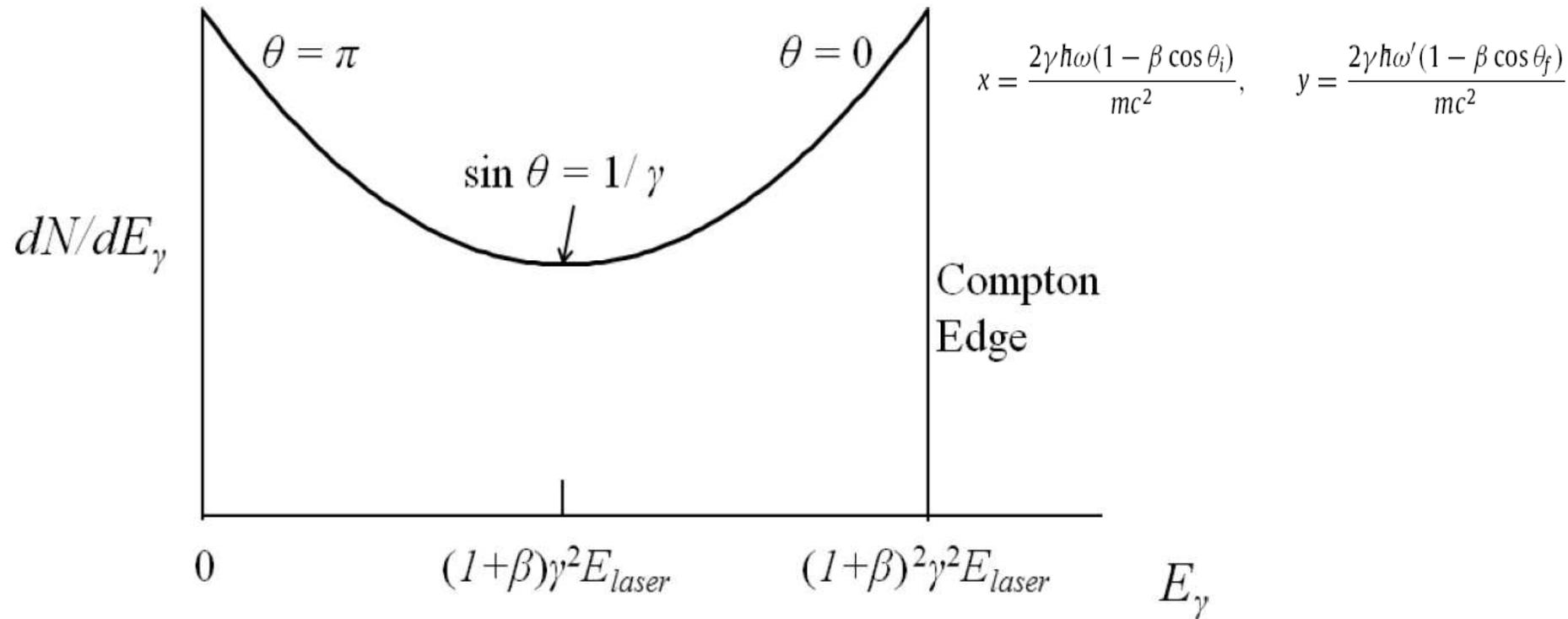
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# Compton Photon Sources = Electron-Photon Colliders

$$d\sigma = 8\pi r_e^2 \frac{dy}{x^2} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \right) \right]$$

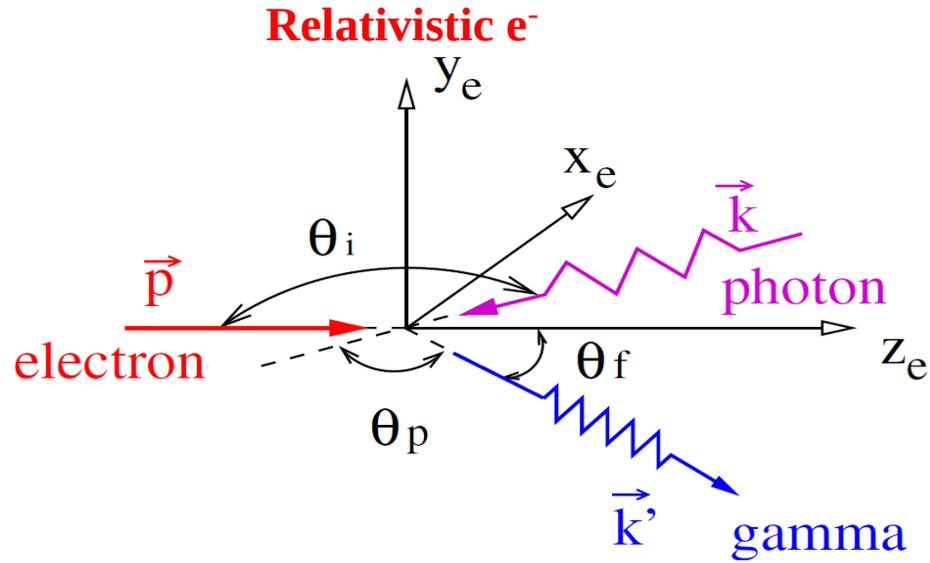


$$\frac{dN_\gamma}{dt} \sim \frac{\sigma}{A_{eff}} f N_e N_{laser}$$

Thomson cross-section:

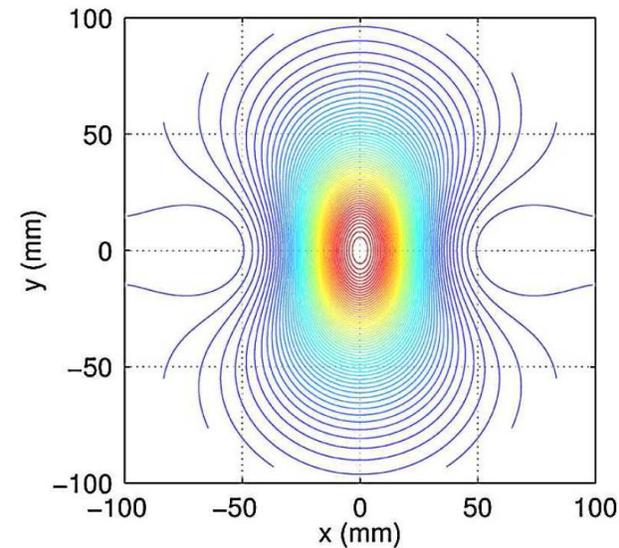
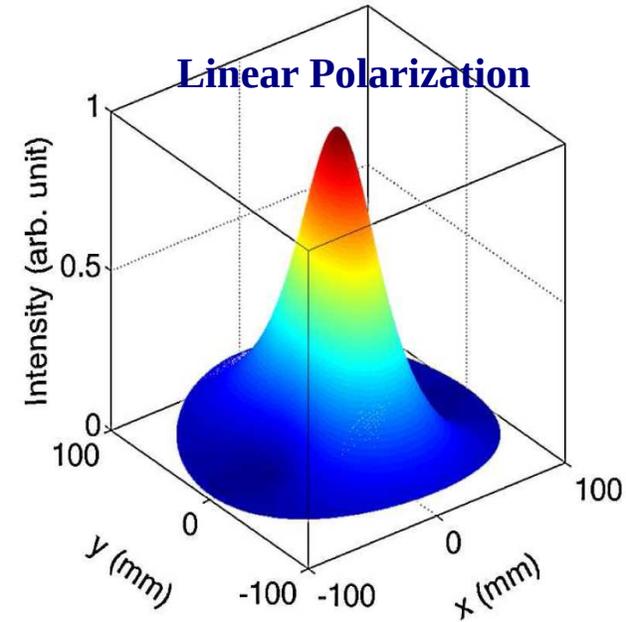
$$\sigma_0 = 6.6524 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^2$$

Figure: G. Kraff and G. Priebe, Rev. Acc. Sci. & Tech. V3, 147 (2010).

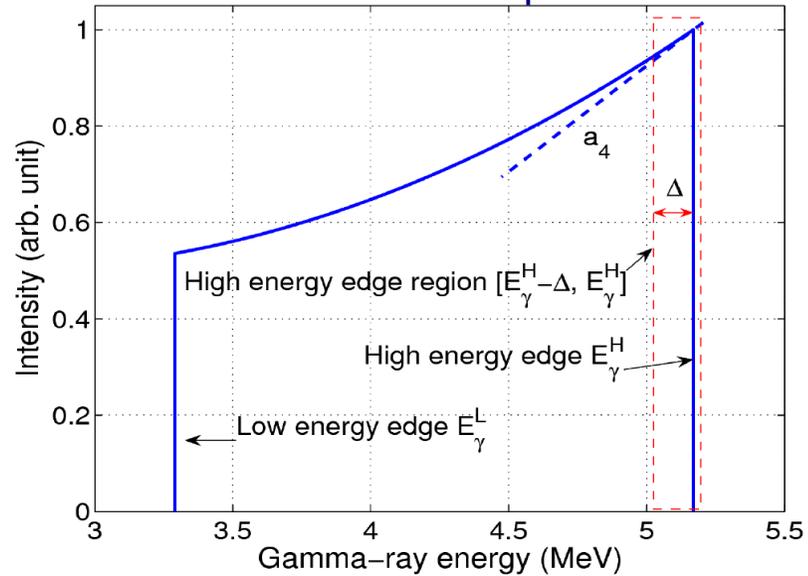


$$E_\gamma \equiv \hbar\omega' = \frac{\hbar\omega(1 - \beta \cos \theta_i)}{1 - \beta \cos \theta_f + \frac{\hbar\omega}{\mathcal{E}_e}(1 - \cos \theta_{ph})}$$

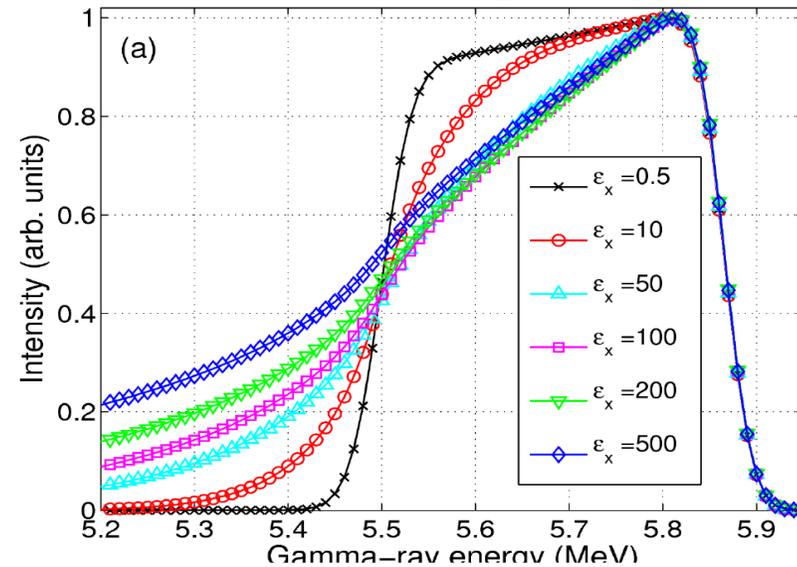
Head-on Collision:  $E_\gamma^{max} \approx (\gamma(1 + \beta))^2 \hbar\omega \approx 4\gamma^2 \hbar\omega$



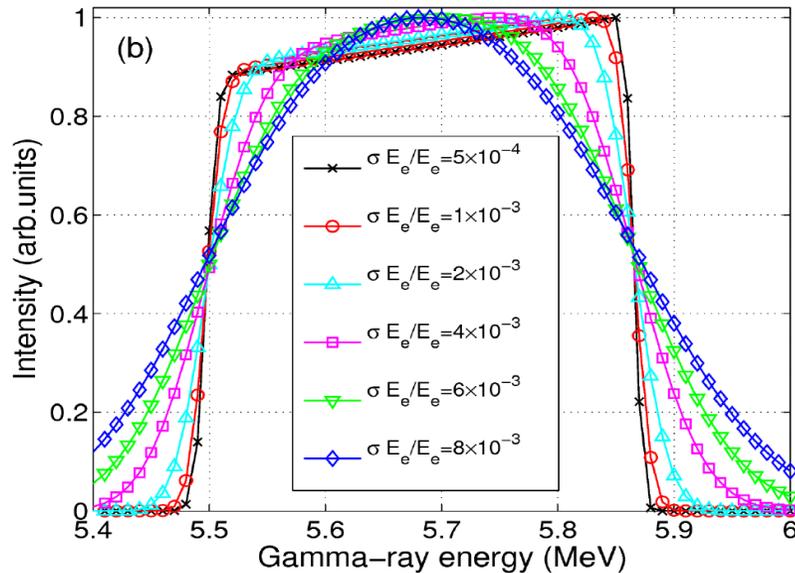
Monochromatic electron and photon beams



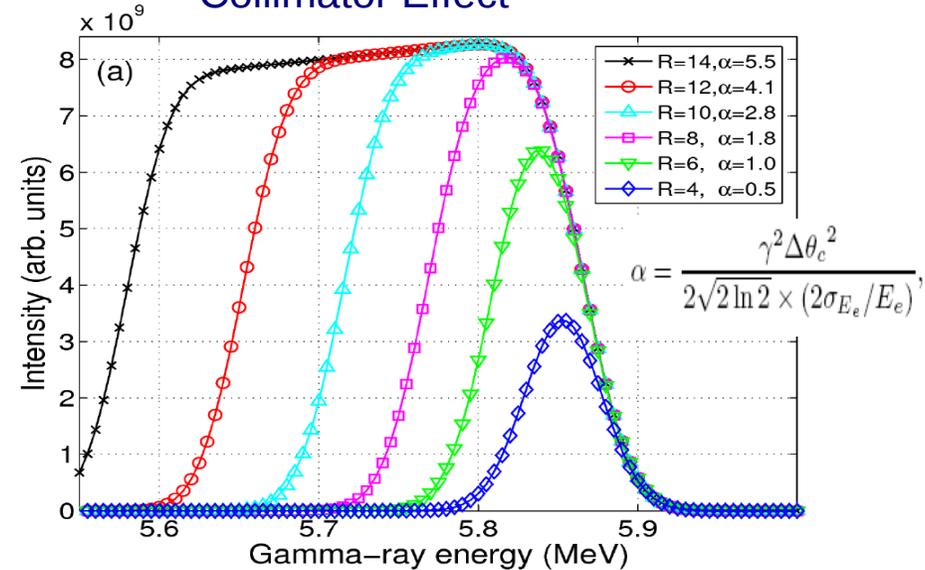
Emittance Effect (Scaled)



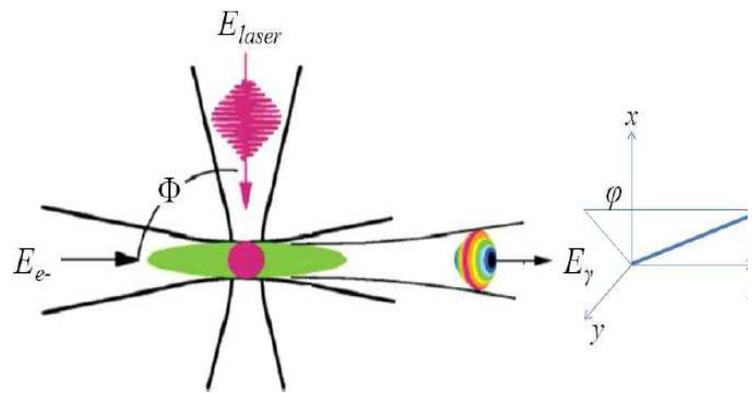
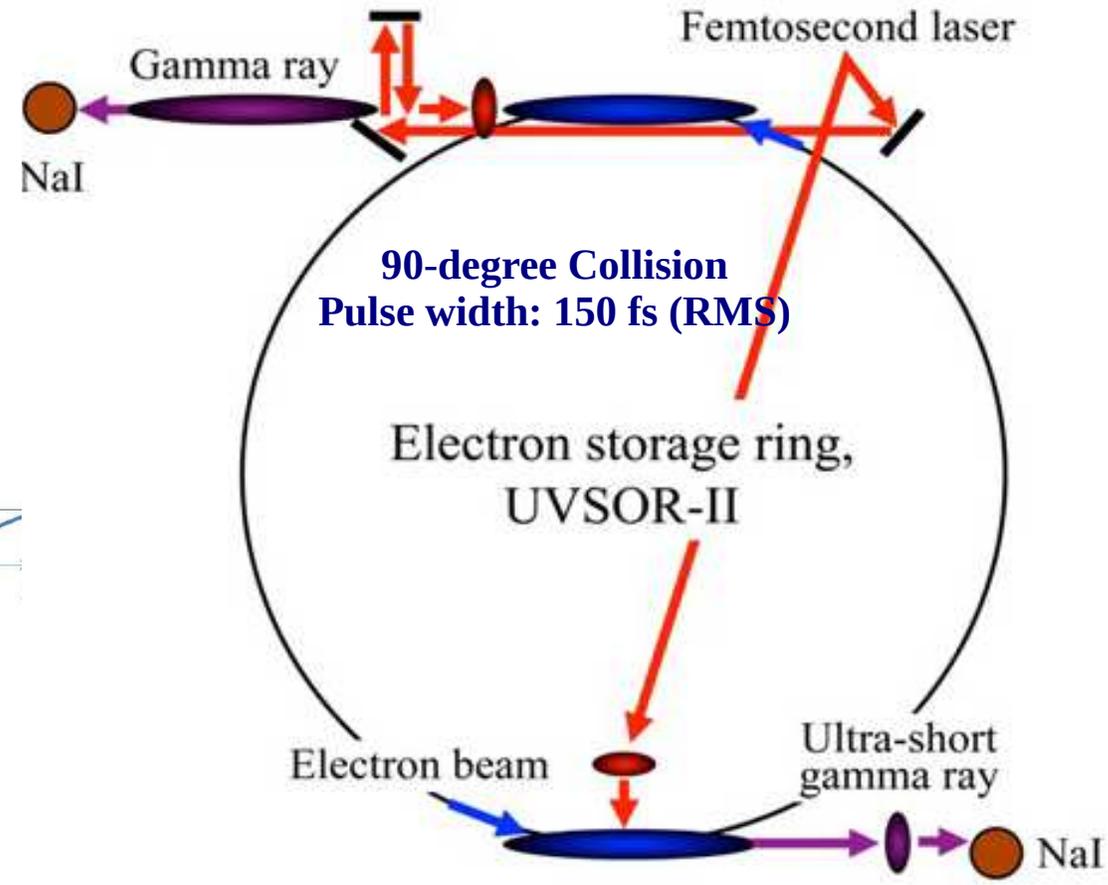
E-beam Energy Spread Effect (Scaled)



Collimator Effect

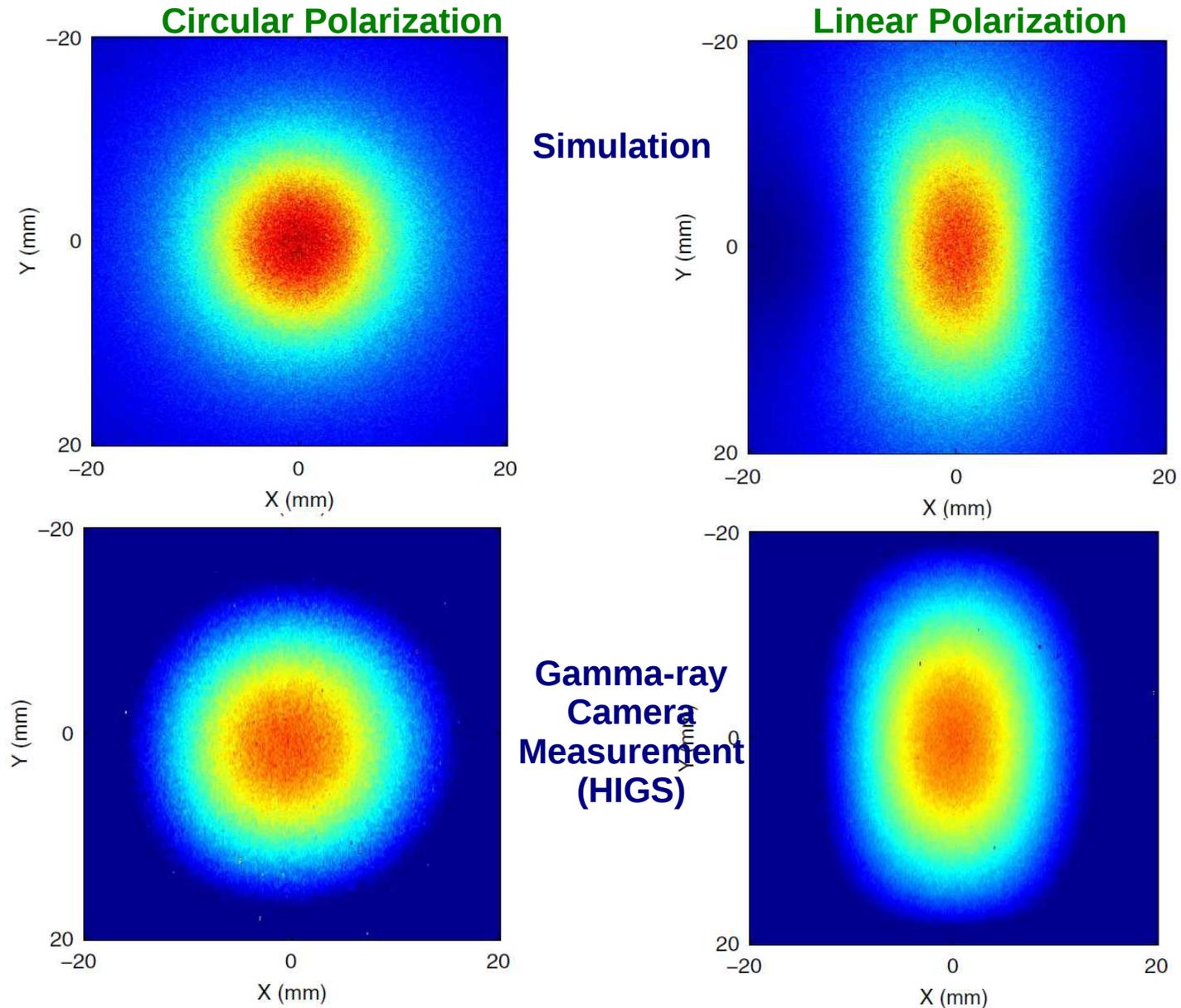


## Head-on collision experiment



## Horizontal 90° collision experiment

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E-beam Sources	X-ray	Gamma-ray	Comments
Storage Ring	Several	Common	High replate Gamma-ray: large charge in a bunch, good emittance, expensive
Linac	Common	Several	Low replate X-ray: need to improve charge & emittance
SC Linac	JLab (Early 2000s), and KAERI (2009)		High replate, short pulses, good emittance
ERL	Proposed	Proposed	Expensive; New tech

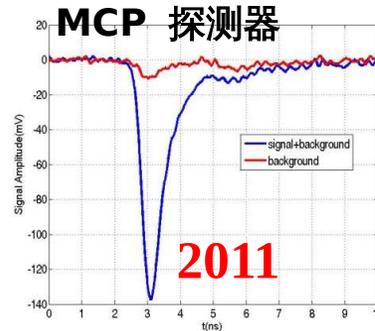
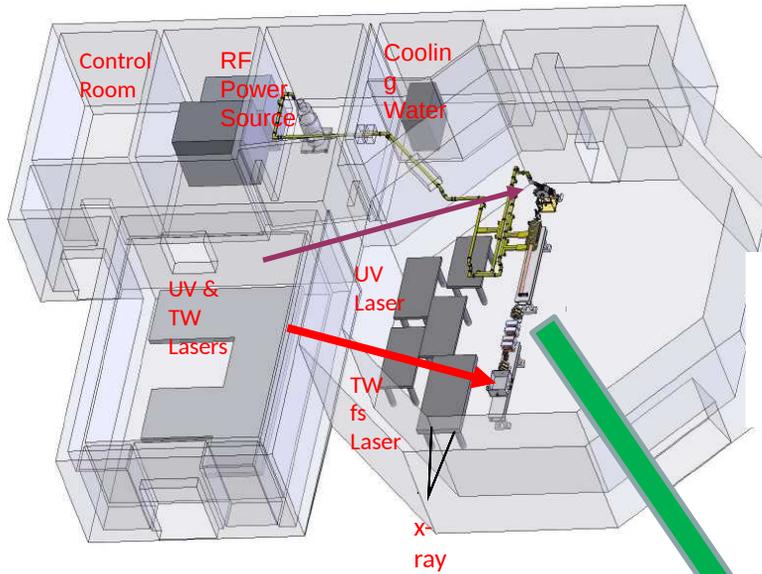
Photon Beam Sources	X-ray	Gamma-ray	Comment
Cavity: FEL	Several	Several	High replate; Medium to high avg power Large beam size
Cavity: Fabry-Perot	Several	Several	High replate; Medium to high avg power Small beam size possible
External Lasers	Common	Common	Low replate; Low avg power; Very high peak power possible Small beam size possible

# Compton Photon Sources around the World

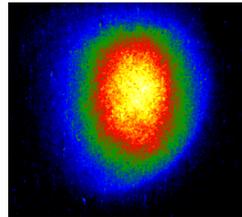
## Examples

### First Compton Gamma-ray Source for Nuclear Physics Research

- LADON Project on Adone storage ring at Frascati, Italy
- 5–80 MeV,  $5 \times 10^5$  ph/s (max, total flux) (1978–1993)



脉冲光子产额：  
~  $10^6$ ，能量  
~50keV



Facility/Project: Tsinghua Thomson Scattering X-ray Source (TTX)

Institution: Tsinghua University

Country: China

Energy (keV): 24 , 48 (90, 180 deg)

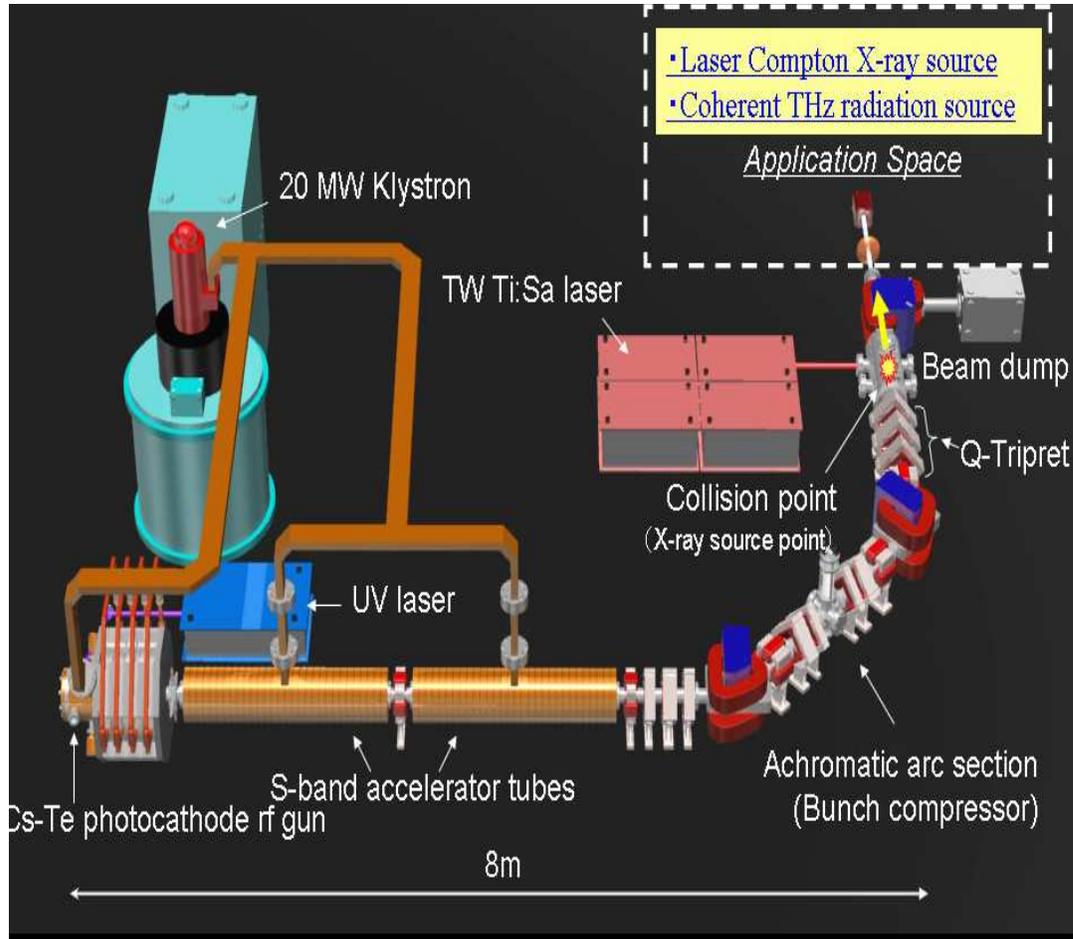
Accelerator: Linac, 45 MeV

Laser: Ti: Sapphire TW, 800 nm

Total flux (@300mA):  $8.4 \times 10^6 - 5.5 \times 10^7$  ph/s (design)

Status: **Operational** + Development





Facility/Project: (hard x-ray project)

Institution: AIST

Country: Japan

Energy (kev): 10 – 40

Accelerator: Linac, 40 MeV

Laser: Ti:Sapphire (800 nm)

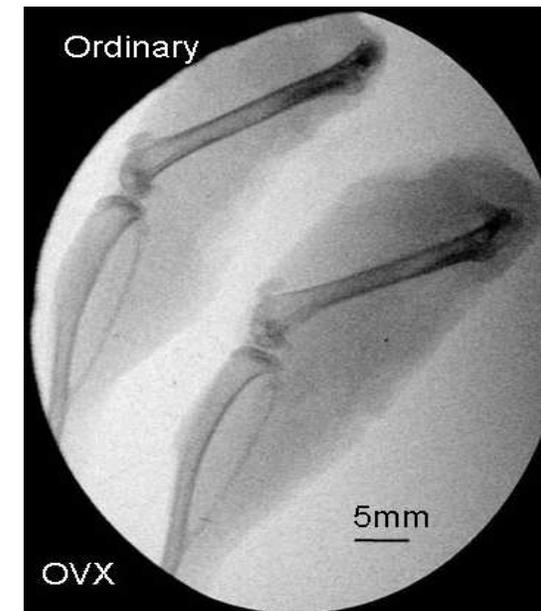
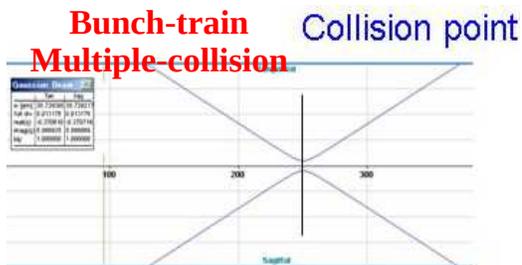
Flux:  $5 \times 10^6$  ph/pulse (10 Hz)

( $5 \times 10^9$  ph/s, est with multiple collisions)

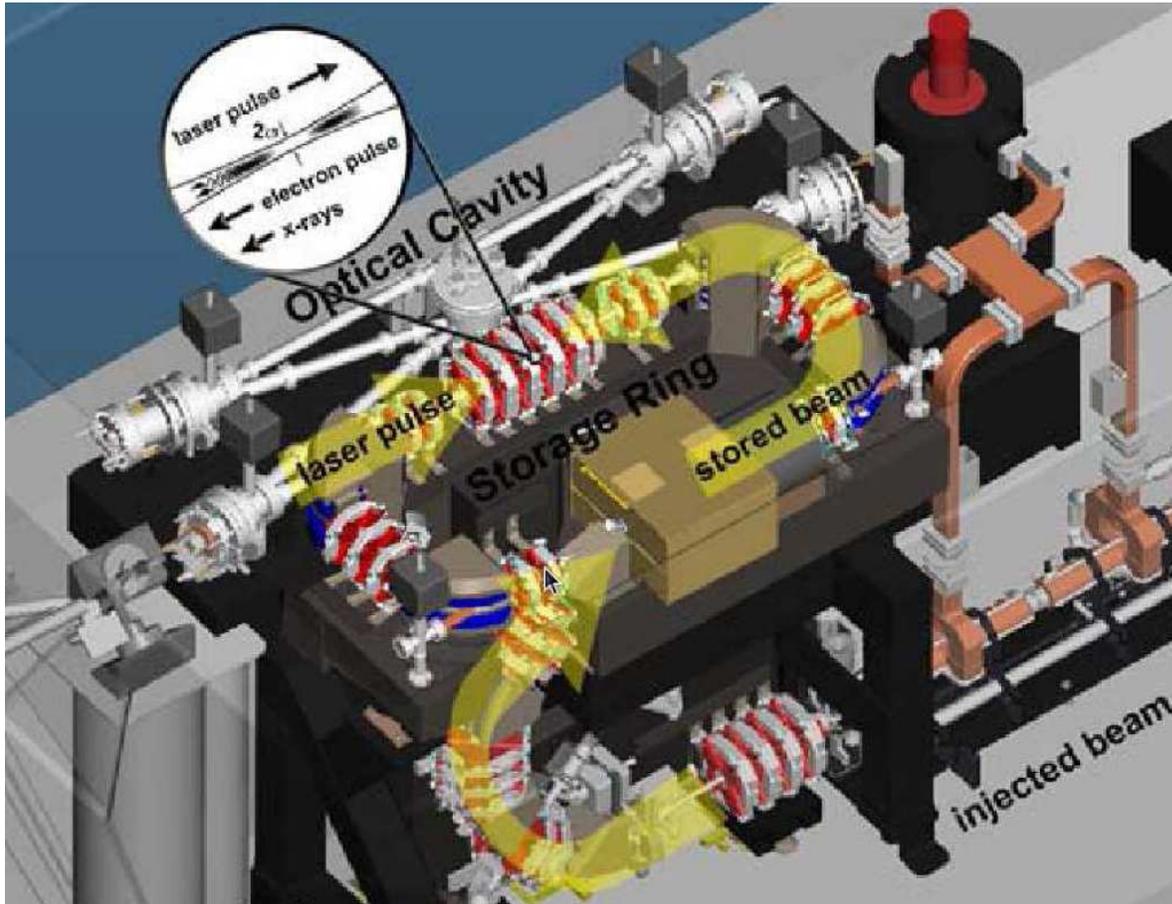
Status: **Operational** + Development

Applications: Medical and industrial imaging

Sources:  
R. Kuroda *et al.* THP038, PAC'11, New York, 2011



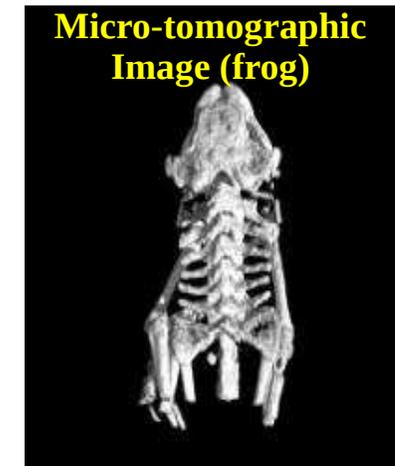
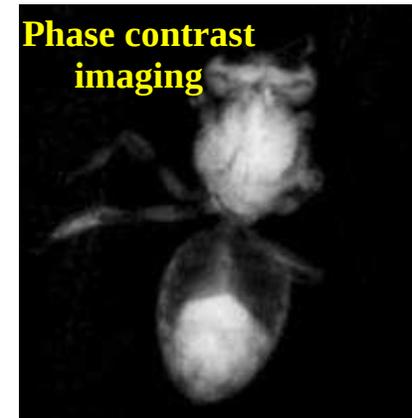
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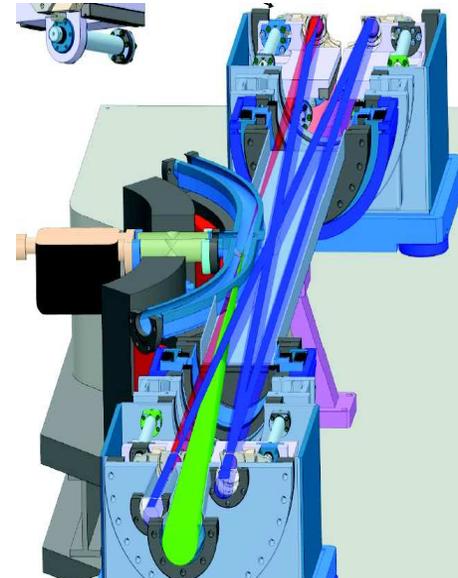
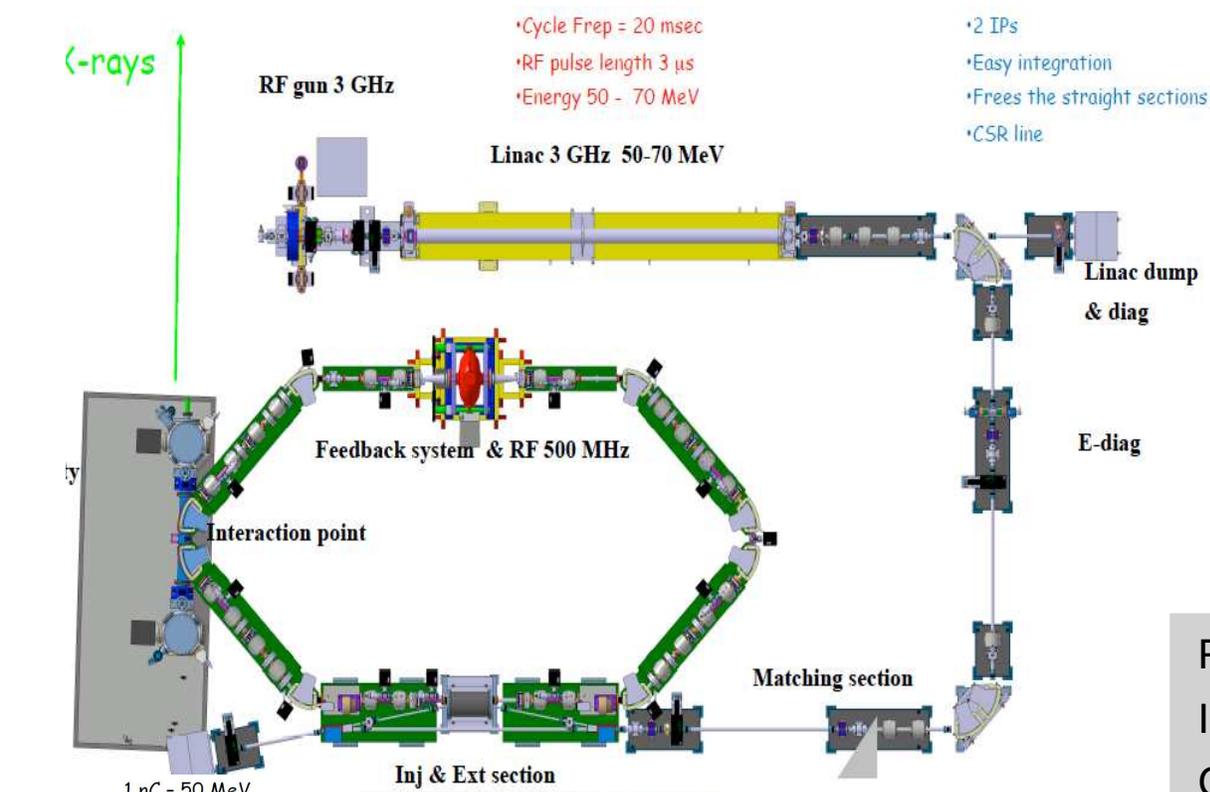


Facility/Project: Compact Light Source  
Company: Lyncean Technologies, Inc  
Country: USA  
Energy (keV): 7 to 35  
Accelerator: Storage Ring  
Laser: FP cavity  
Total flux: about  $10^{11}$  ph/s  
Status: Commercial product

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1. [www.lynceantech.com](http://www.lynceantech.com)
2. G. Kraff and G. Priebe, Rev. Acc. Sci. & Tech. V3, 147 (2010).
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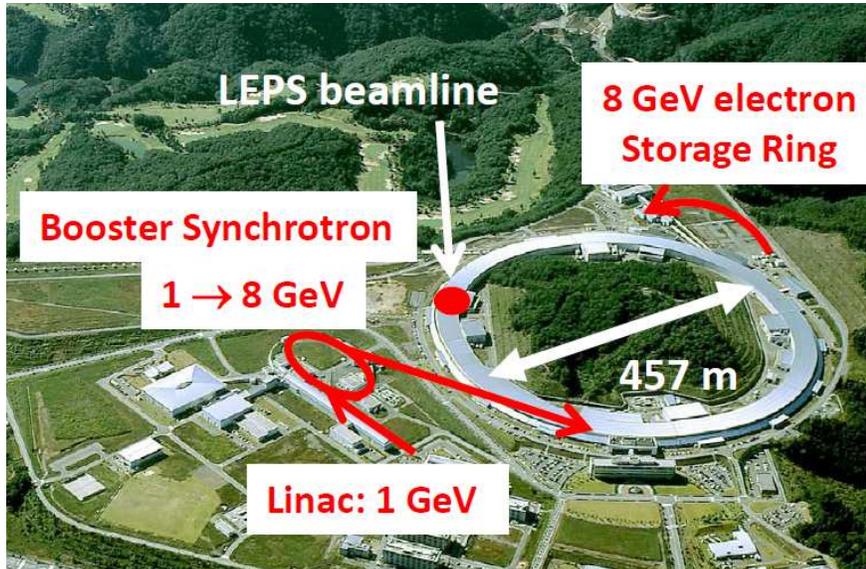


Facility/Project: ThomX  
 Institution: ThomX Collaboration  
 Country: France  
 Energy (keV): 40 – 90  
 Accelerator: Storage ring, 50 – 70 MeV, trans. and long. feedbacks for damping  
 Laser: FB-Cavity (1032 nm), F~30,000  
 Total flux:  $10^{11} - 10^{13}$  ph/s (design)  
 Status: Under construction  
 Applications: imaging, mammography, microtomography

**Sources:**

1. A. Variola et al. "The ThomX Project," FLS2012, Jlab, Mar. 2012.

**Last update: 2012**



Facility/Project: **LEPS**

Institution: **SPring-8**

Country: **Japan**

Energy (MeV): **2,380 (2960, LEPS2)**

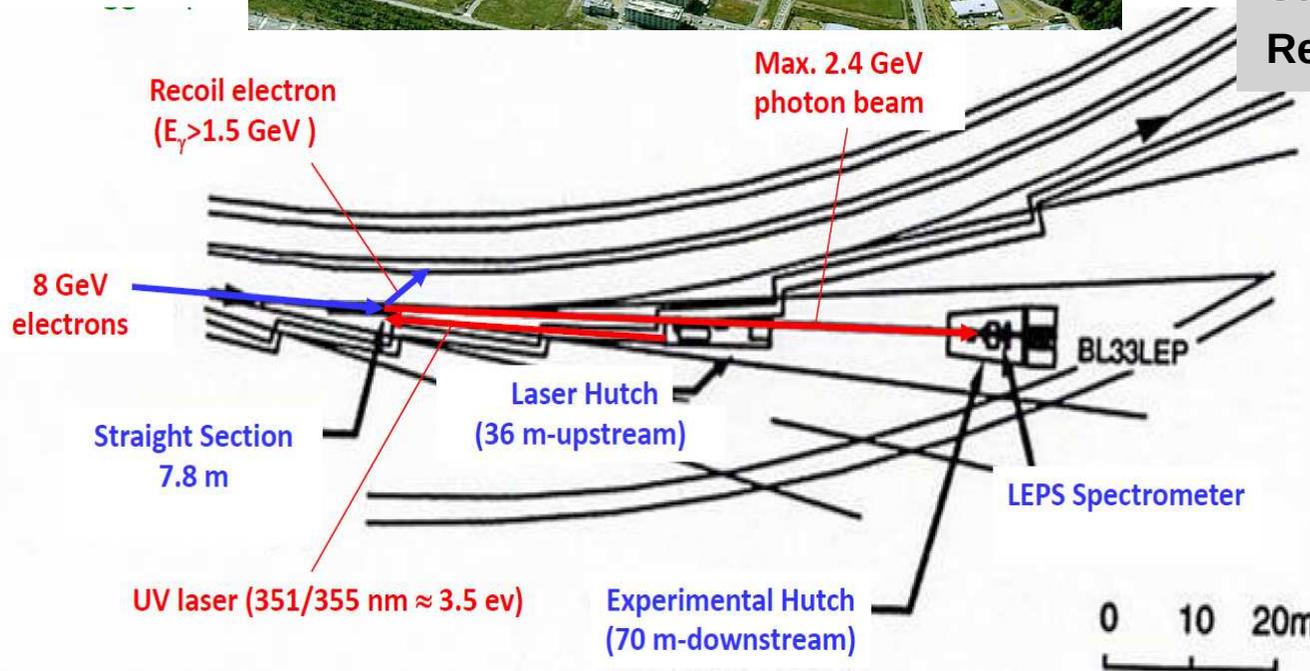
Accelerator: **Storage Ring, 8 GeV**

Laser: **351 – 355 nm (3.5 eV); (LEPS2, 257 nm ,4.83 eV)**

Total flux: **few  $10^6$  g/s ( $10^6$  tagged)**

Status: **Operational/User Program**

Research: **hadron structure and interactions**



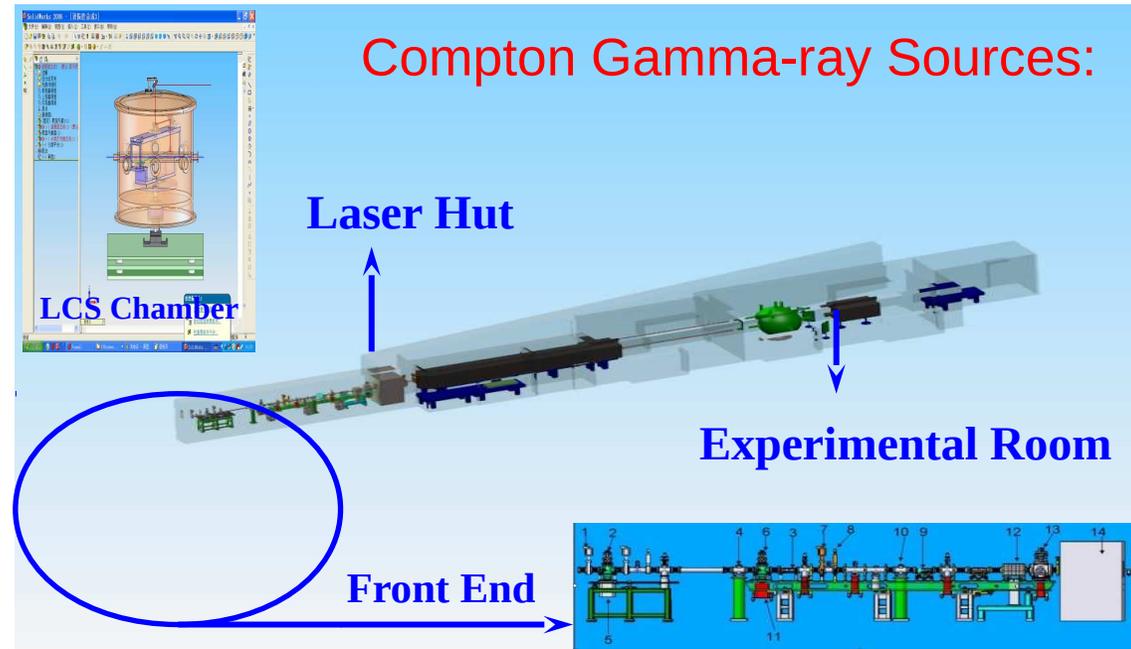
1. N. Muramatsu, "The LEPS Facility," MAX-lab User Meeting, Nov. 2009.

## Access to various basic and applied studies

- **Basic physics** (nuclear structure, nuclear astrophysics, etc.)
- **National strategic demands** (nuclear power, aerospace, etc.)
- **Industry or Medicine** (NMR-CT, SPE-CT, etc.)

Facility/Project: SLEGS  
Institution: Shanghai Syn. Rad. Fac. (SSRF)  
Country: China  
Energy (MeV): 2 – 20, 300 – 550  
Accelerator: Storage Ring, 3.5 GeV  
Laser: CO<sub>2</sub>, or YAG  
Total flux (@300mA): 10<sup>5</sup> – 10<sup>7</sup> g/s (low eng)  
6X10<sup>6</sup> g/s (high eng)  
Status: Under Development

**SSRF** Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility



# HIGS/TUNL: Accelerator Facility

Facility/Project: HIGS

Institution: TUNL

Country: US

Energy (MeV): 1–100

Accelerator: Storage Ring, 0.24–1.2 GeV

Laser: FEL, 1060 – 190 nm (1.17–6.53 eV)

Total flux:  $10^7$ – $3 \times 10^{10}$  g/s (max  $\sim 10$  MeV)

Status: **User Program**

Research: Nuclear physics, Astrophysics, National Security

## Accelerator Facility

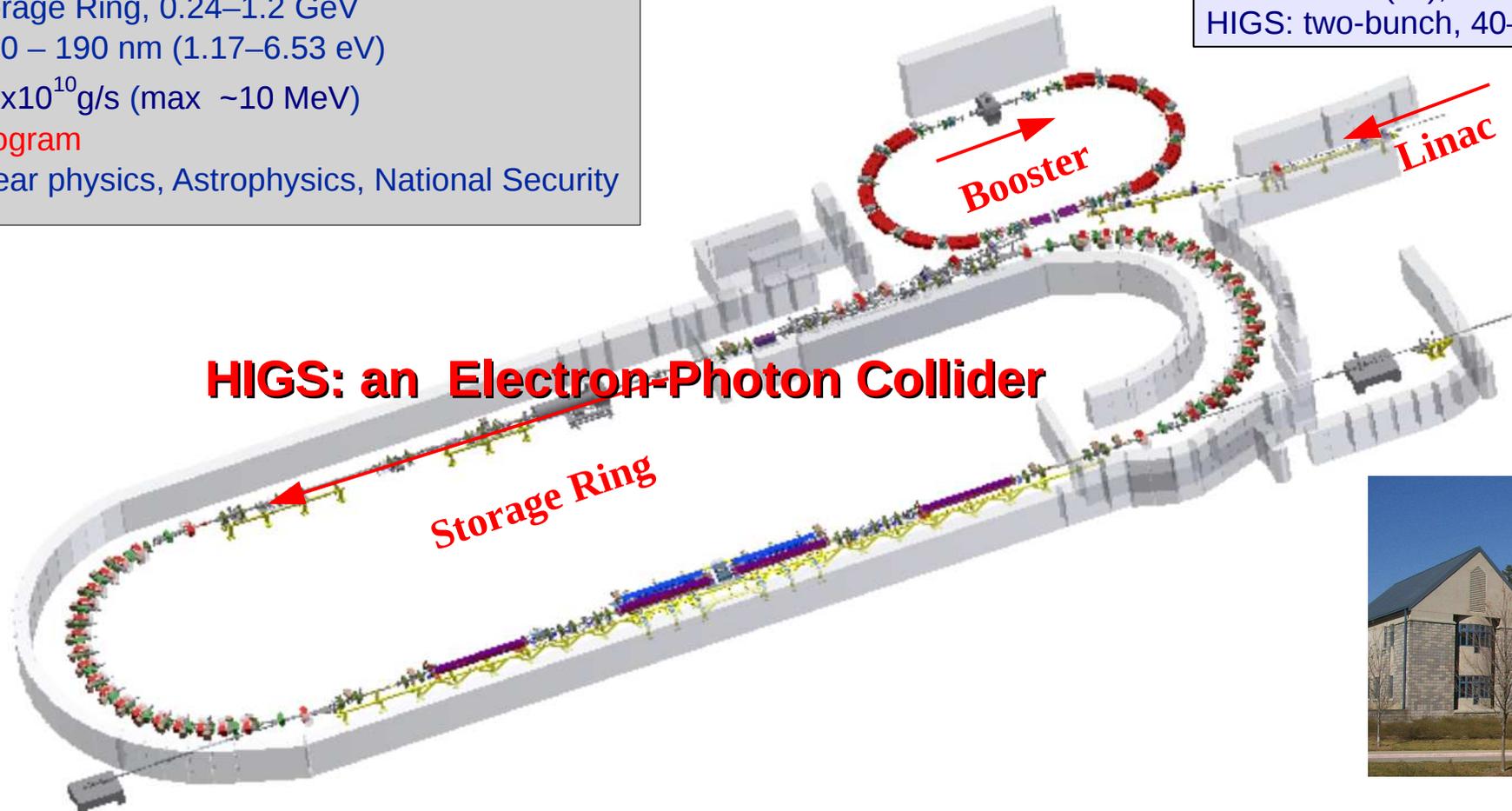
160 MeV Linac pre-injector

160 MeV–1.2 GeV Booster injector

240 MeV–1.2 GeV Storage ring

FELs: OK-4 (lin), OK-5 (cir)

HIGS: two-bunch, 40–120 mA (typ)

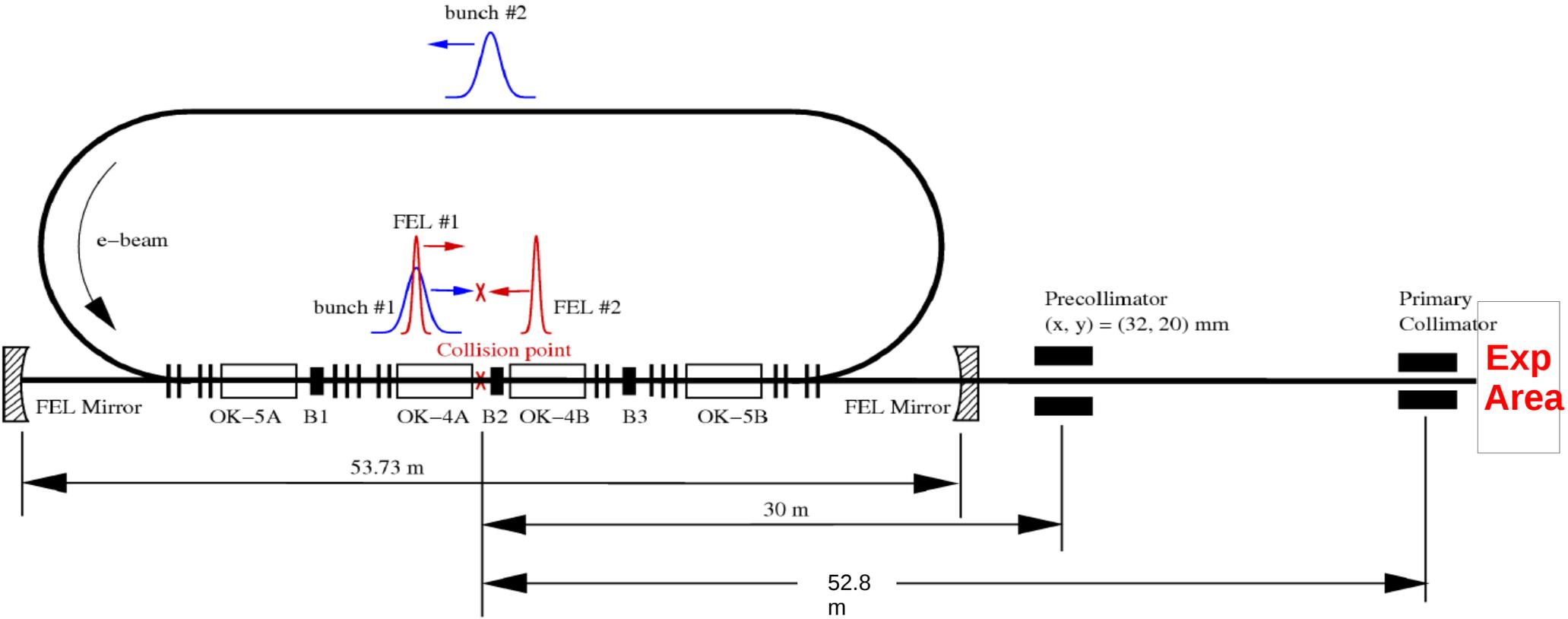


## HIGS: an Electron-Photon Collider

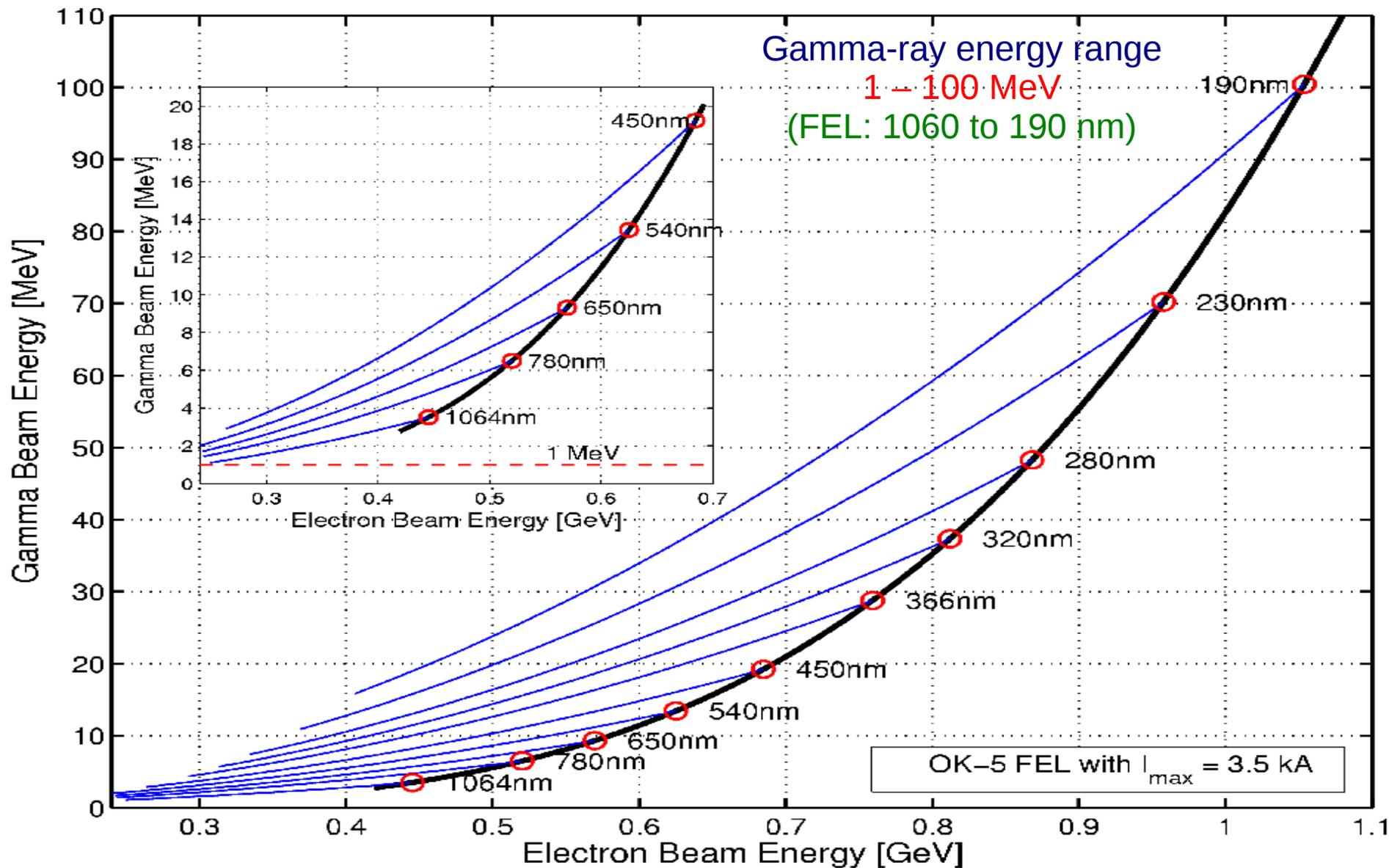


HIGS R&D Team (2008–2020): M. Busch, M. Emamian, J. Faircloth, B. Jia, H. Hao, S. Hartman, C. Howell, S. Huang, B. Li, J. Li, W. Li, P. Liu, S. Mikhailov, M. Pentico, V. Popov, C. Sun, G. Swift, B. Thomas, P. Wang, P. Wallace, W. Wu, Y.K. Wu, W. Xu, J. Yan

## Two electron bunches + two FEL pulses



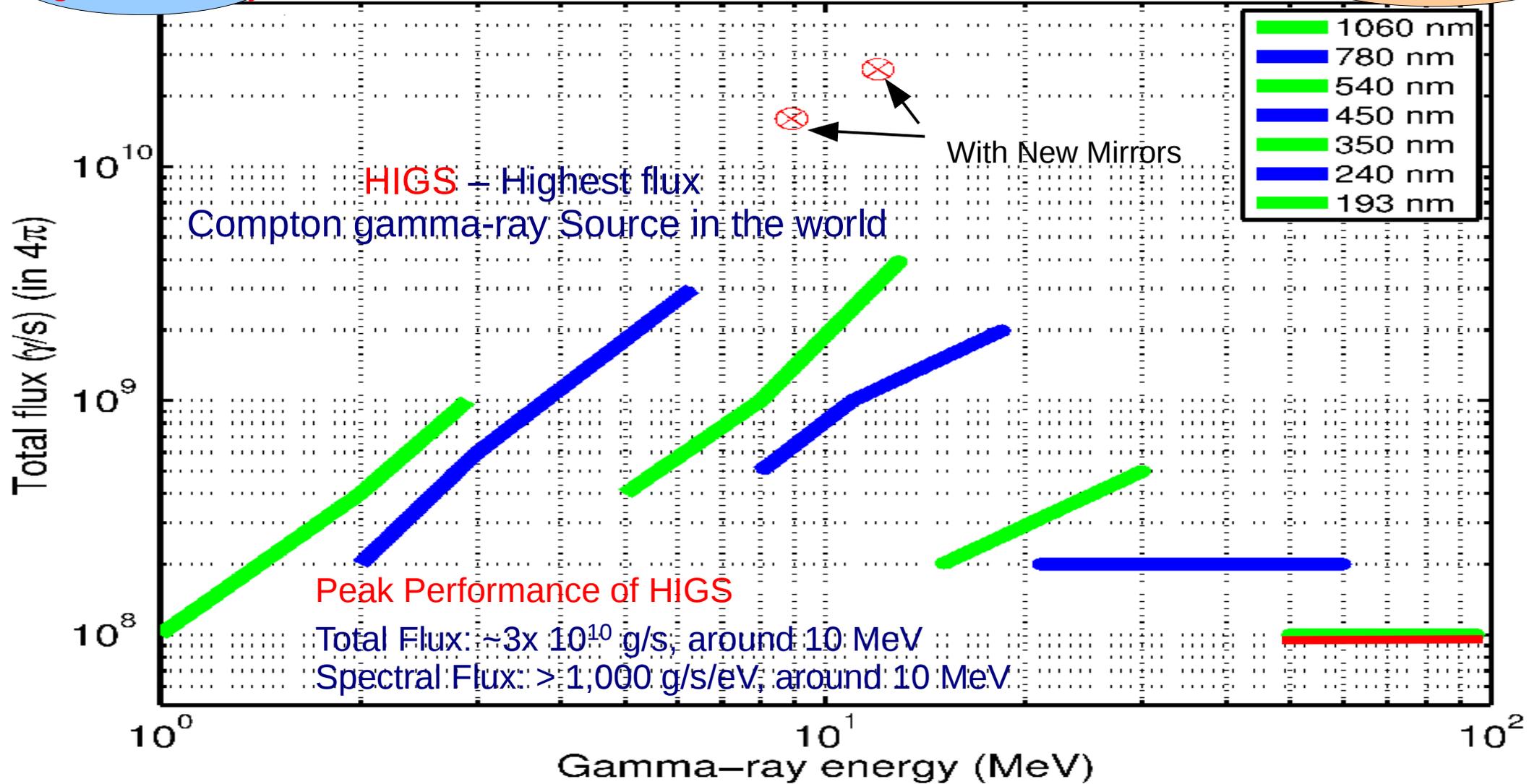
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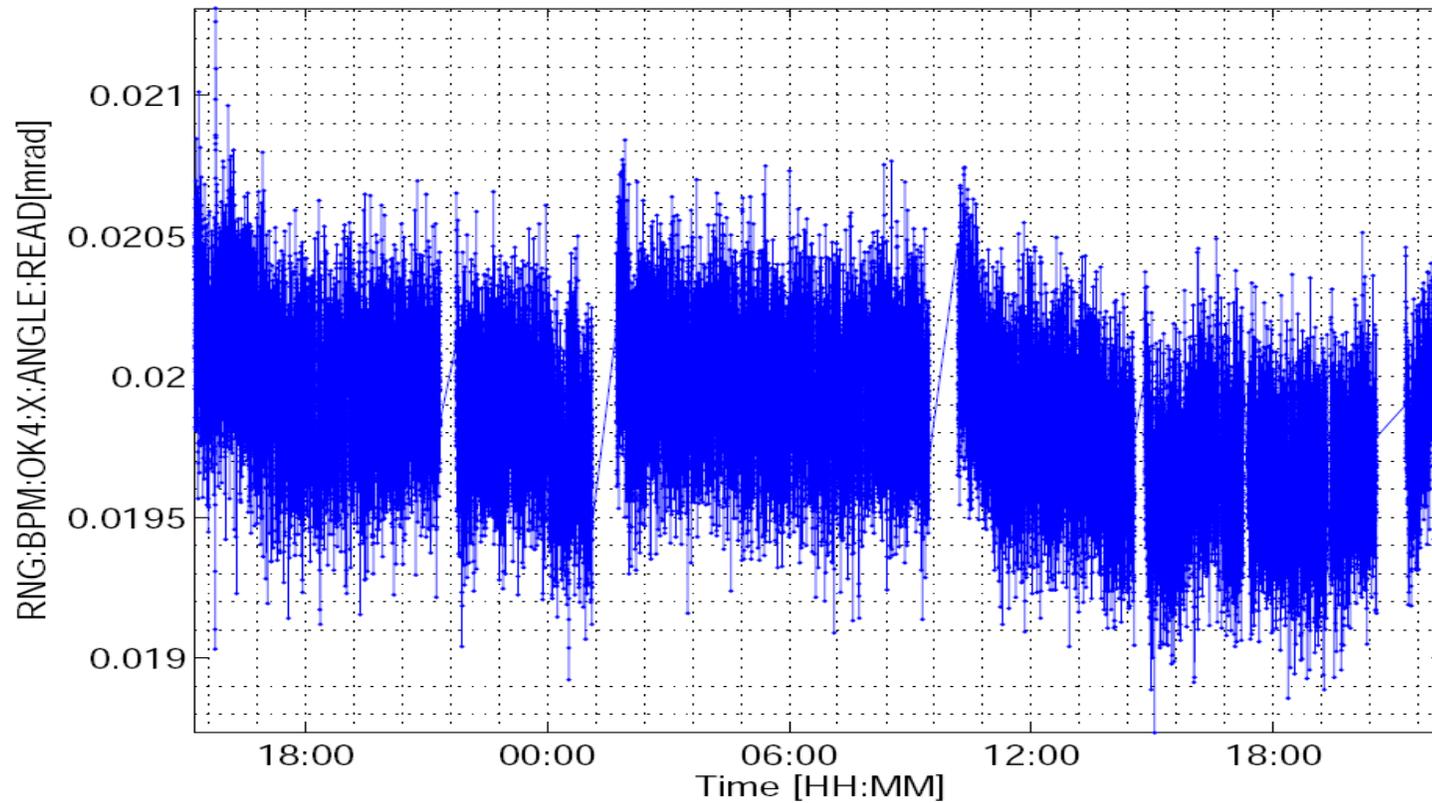


Development:  
Higher Intensity

## HIGS User Flux Capabilities with OK-5 FEL

Development:  
Higher Energy

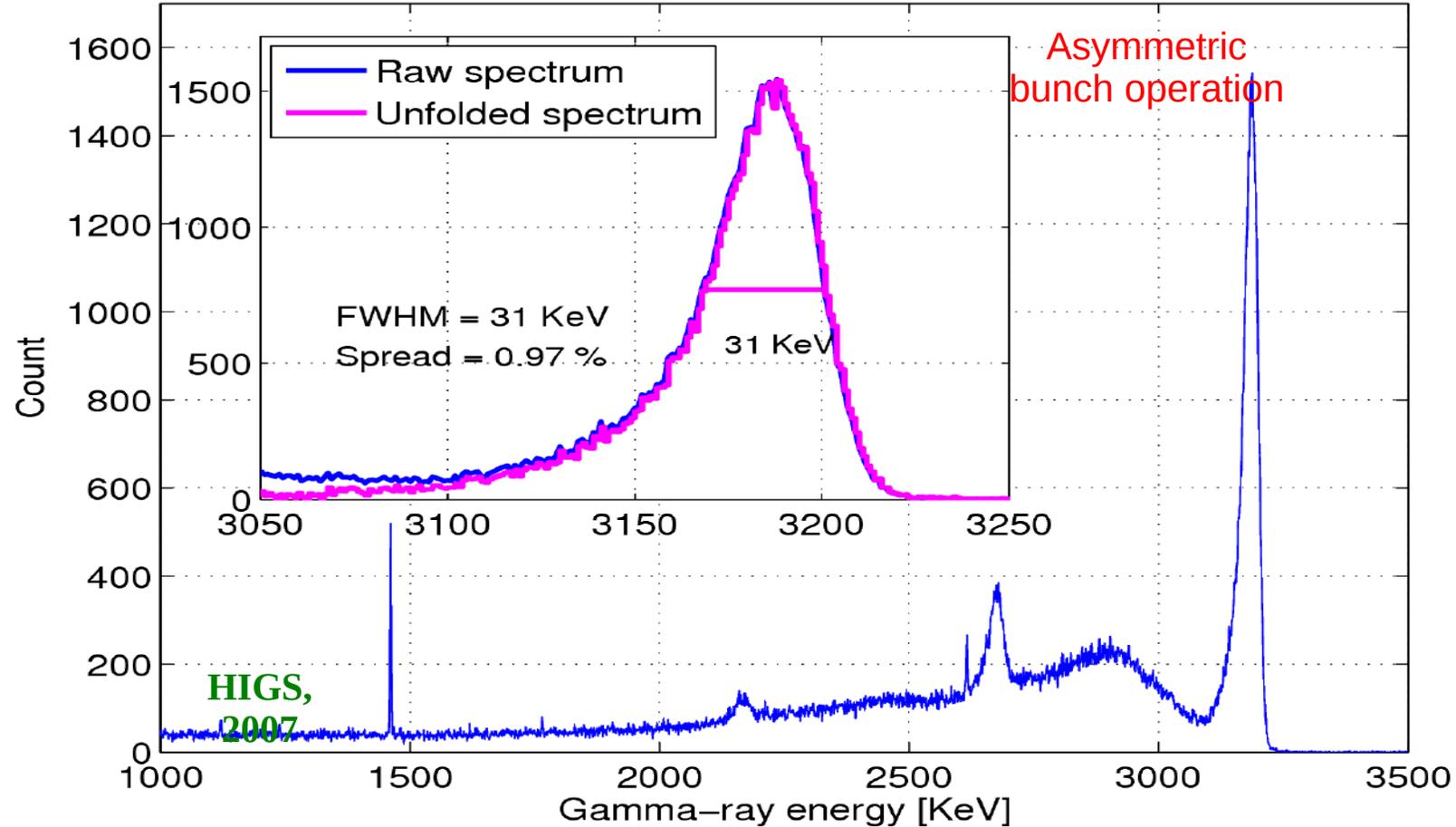




Aiming at a golf ball at the end of 150 football fields

Figure 15: Horizontal beam angle at OK4 for about 36 hours operation from Aug. 20 to Aug. 21, 2009. The angle varied  $2.5\mu\text{rad}$  (peak to peak) during this operation, this value corresponds to  $150\mu\text{m}$  variation of gamma ray beam position at the gamma vault which is located 60 m downstream of the collision point. Typically, the collimator radius of the  $\gamma$  ray beam is 6 mm to 15 mm, therefore the misalignment caused by the beam orbit is about 2.5% to 1.0% of radius of the beam.

356 MeV e-beam, Asymmetric bunch pattern #0 = 5 mA and #32 = 57 mA  
738 nm OK4 lasing, 0.5" collimator, Run #55, 11-01-2007



**FWHM: 0.97%**

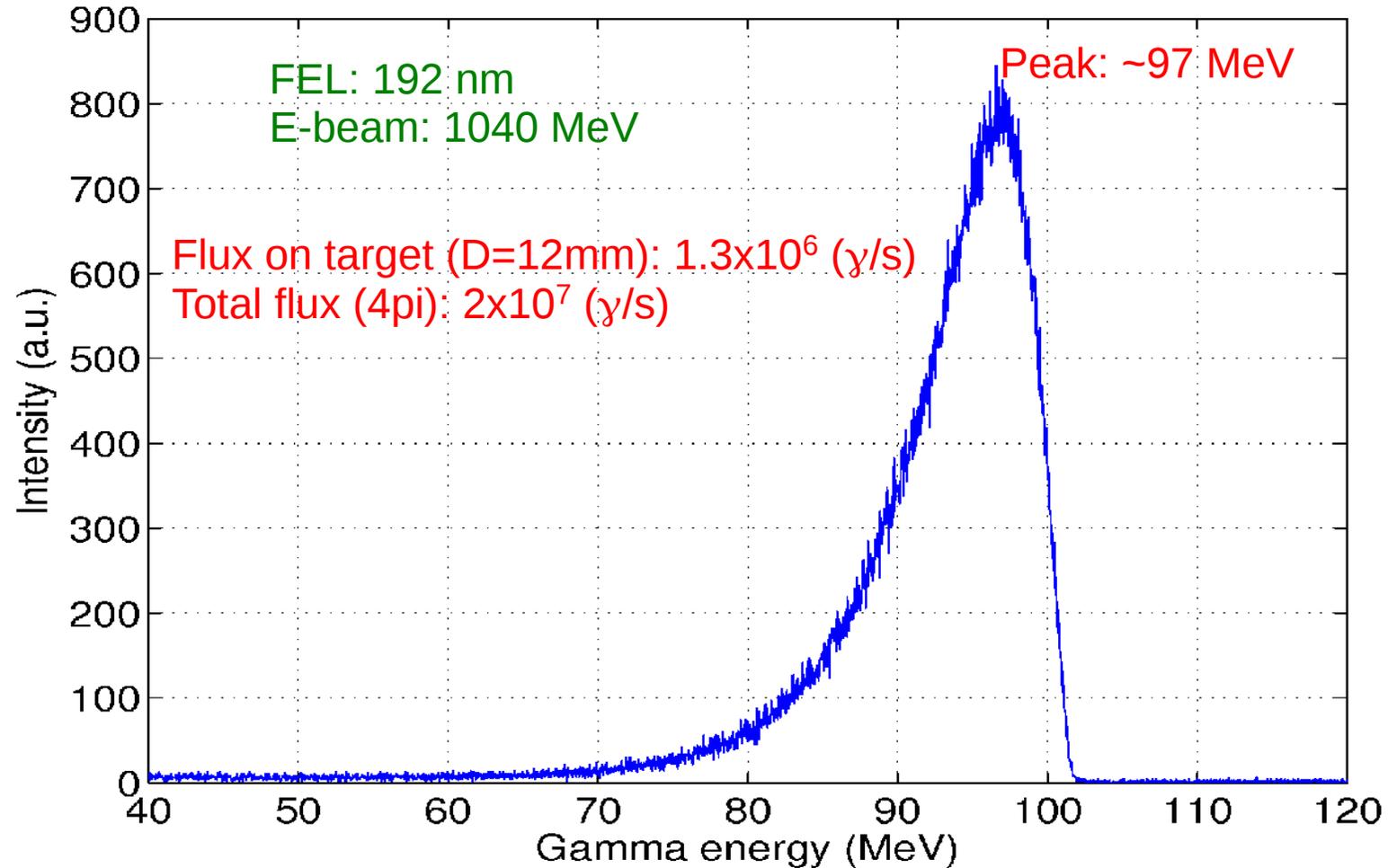


**RMS: 0.41%**

Gamma beam energy resolution in high-flux operation:

Typically 3 – 5% (FWHM), or larger, selected by collimation

HIGS Circularly Polarized Gamma-ray Beam on 2010-09-29  
 $\lambda$  (OK-5 FEL) = 192 nm; SR Energy = 1040 MeV; Collimation D = 12 mm



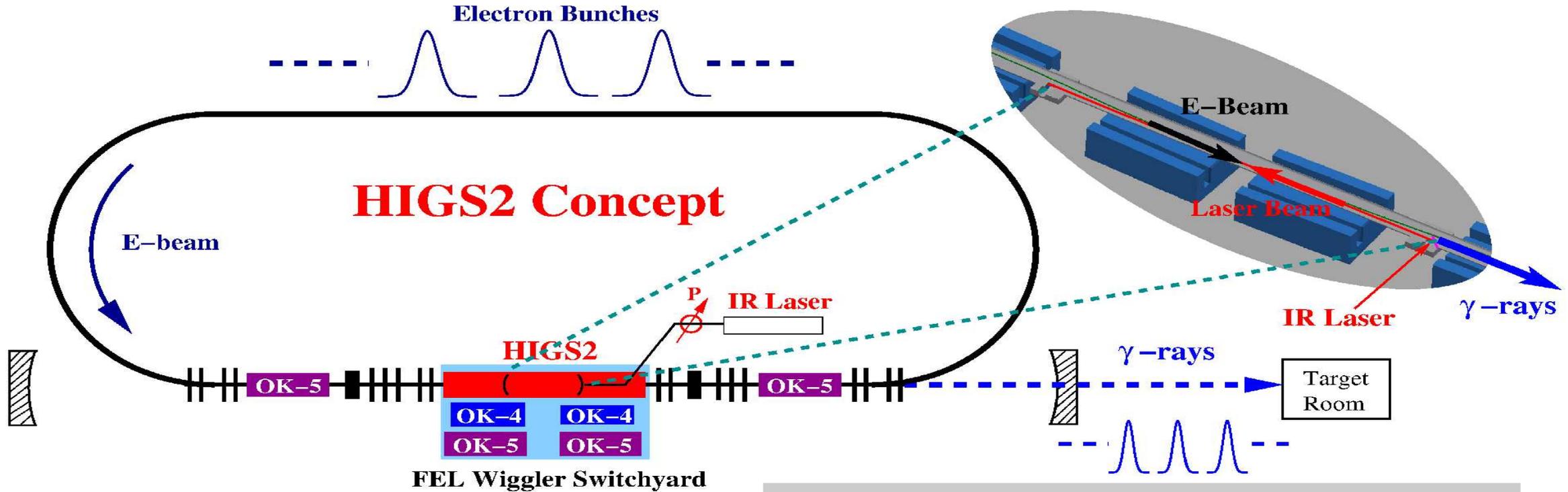
**New research frontiers: nucleons structure**

- Electric and magnetic polarizabilities
- Spin polarizabilities

Table 1: A list of major laser Compton gamma-ray sources around the world which are being operated for nuclear physics research.

Project Name Parameters	HIGS	LEPS/LEPS2	NewSUBARU	UVSOR-III
Location	Durham, U.S.	Hyogo, Japan	Hyogo, Japan	Okazaki, Japan
Accelerator technology	Storage Ring	Storage ring	Storage ring	Storage ring
Laser technology	FEL	Solid state laser	Solid state or gas laser	Fiber laser or gas laser
Collision technology	Intra-cavity, head-on	External laser, head-on	External laser, head-on	External laser, head-on
Electron energy [MeV]	240–1, 200	8, 000	500–1, 500	750
Laser wavelength [nm]	1, 060–190	266 and 355	532–10, 600	1, 940&10, 600
Charge and pulse CW: Avg. current [mA] $Q$ [nC] @ replate [MHz]	10–120 1.8–22 @5.58	100 0.2–2 @50–500	300 0.6 @ 500	300 3 @ 90
$\gamma$ -beam energy [MeV]	1–100	1, 300–2, 900	1–40	1–5.4
Polarization	Lin, Cir	Lin, Cir	Lin, Cir	Lin, Cir
$\gamma$ -beam energy resolution (FWHM)	0.8% –10% collimation	< 15% tagging	10% ( $\phi = 3$ mm) collimation	2.9% ( $\phi = 2$ mm) collimation
$\gamma$ -beam pulse structure a. CW operation [MHz] b. Pulsed operation	5.58 (typical) 0.5–1.5 ms (FW) 2–100 Hz Gain modulated	50–500	500 8 ns pulse, 10–100 kHz, Q-switched	90
On-target flux [avg, $\gamma$ /s]	$10^3$ – $3 \times 10^9$	$10^6$ – $10^7$	$10^5$ – $3 \times 10^6$ ( $\phi = 3$ mm)	$4 \times 10^5$ ( $\phi = 2$ mm)
Total flux [avg, $\gamma$ /s]	$10^6$ – $3 \times 10^{10}$	$10^6$ – $10^7$	$10^7$ – $4 \times 10^7$	$10^7$
Operation date	Since 1996	Since 1999	Since 2005	Since 2015

## HIGS2: Next-Generation Gamma-ray Source



### Research Programs

- Nuclear Structure
- Nuclear Astrophysics
- Hadronic Parity Violation

Status: **Seeking funding**

### Projected Performance

- 2–3 orders of higher flux than HIGS (2–8 MeV)
- 1064 nm FP cavity: 2 – 12 MeV
- Total Flux:  $10^{10}$  –  $2 \times 10^{12}$  g/s
- Pol: Linear, or Circular (rapid switch)
- High-res capability: 0.6% (FWHM)



**Facility/Project:** Variable Energy Gamma-Ray (VEGA) System

**Institution:** Extreme Light Infrastructure, Nuclear Physics

**Country:** Romania

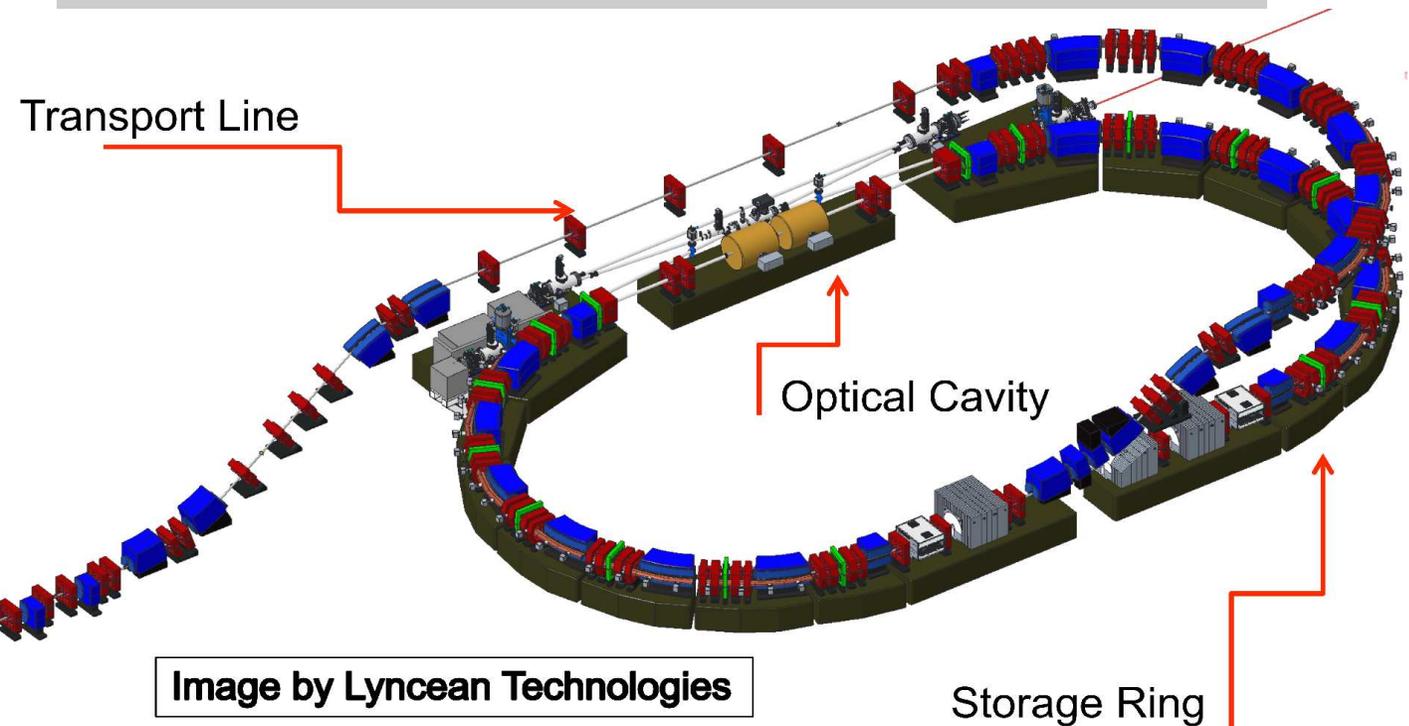
**Energy (MeV):** 1 – 10 (1030 nm); 2 – 19.5 (515 nm)

**Accelerator:** Storage ring

**Laser:** IR laser: 1030 nm; Green laser: 515 nm

**Total flux:**  $> 1.1 \times 10^{11}$  ph/s,  $> 5.0 \times 10^3$  ph/s/eV

**Status:** Under development



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Storage Ring

# Next Generation

## Compton Gamma-ray Sources

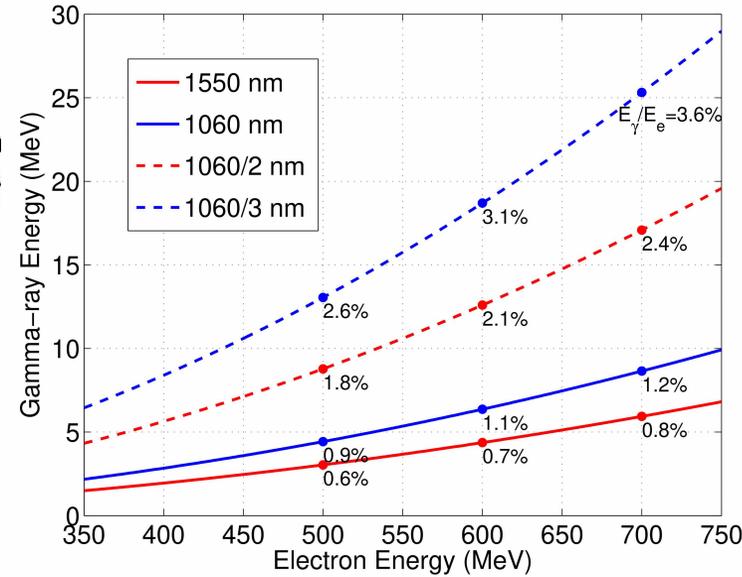
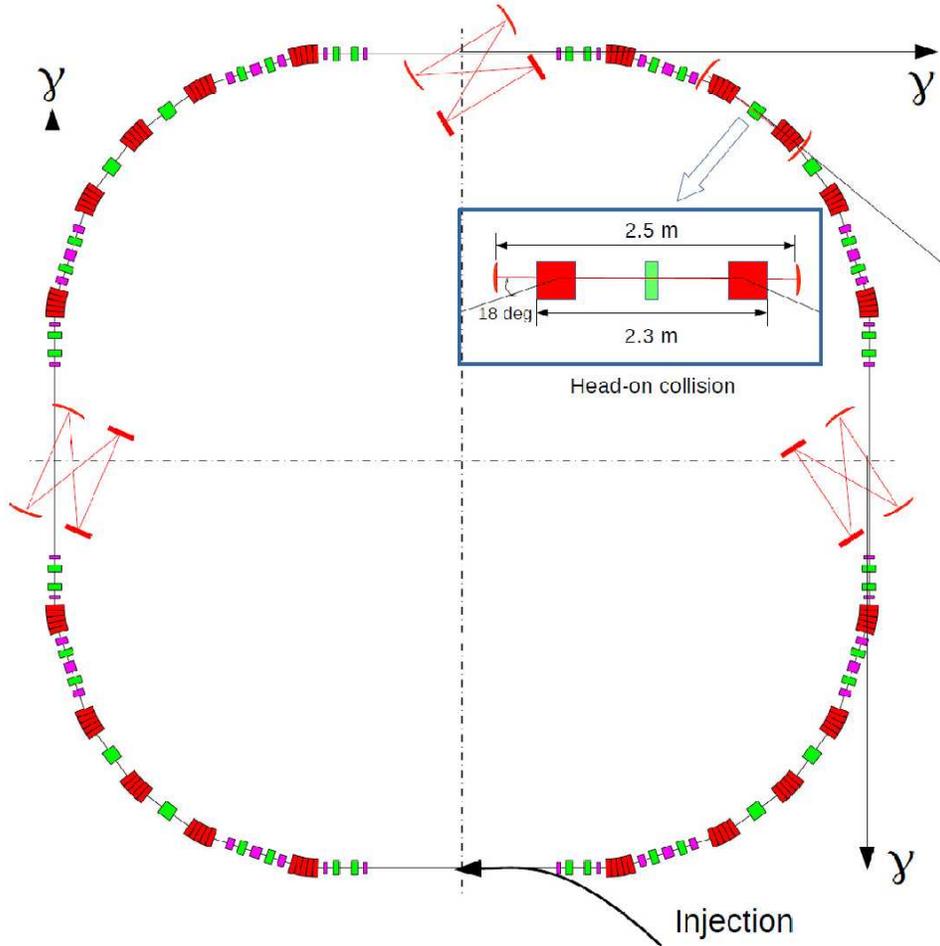
### Unconventional Approaches

- Laser-plasma Accelerator Based Compton Sources

- Gamma Factory at Large Hadron Collider (LHC), CERN

Atomic-beam-driven light source using resonant photon absorption to reach several orders of magnitude higher flux than conventional Compton gamma-ray sources

## Low-Energy CGS: Storage Ring



E-beam (MeV)	$E_\gamma$ (MeV)	$\lambda_1$ (nm)	$\lambda_1/3$	$\lambda_2$ (nm)	$\lambda_2/3$
350	$E_{\gamma,\min}$	2.2	6.4	1.5	4.4
750	$E_{\gamma,\max}$	9.9	29	6.8	20

### Electron beam

Beam energy	500 MeV
Stored currents	1000 mA
Bunch filled	24
Hori./Vert. emittance	7.5/0.75 nm-rad
Hori./Vert. size (rms)	212/39 $\mu\text{m}$
Bunch length (rms)	150 ps

### Laser beam

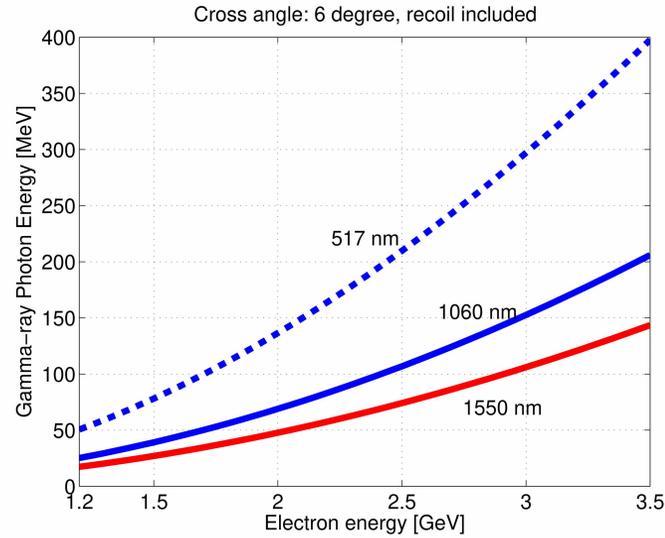
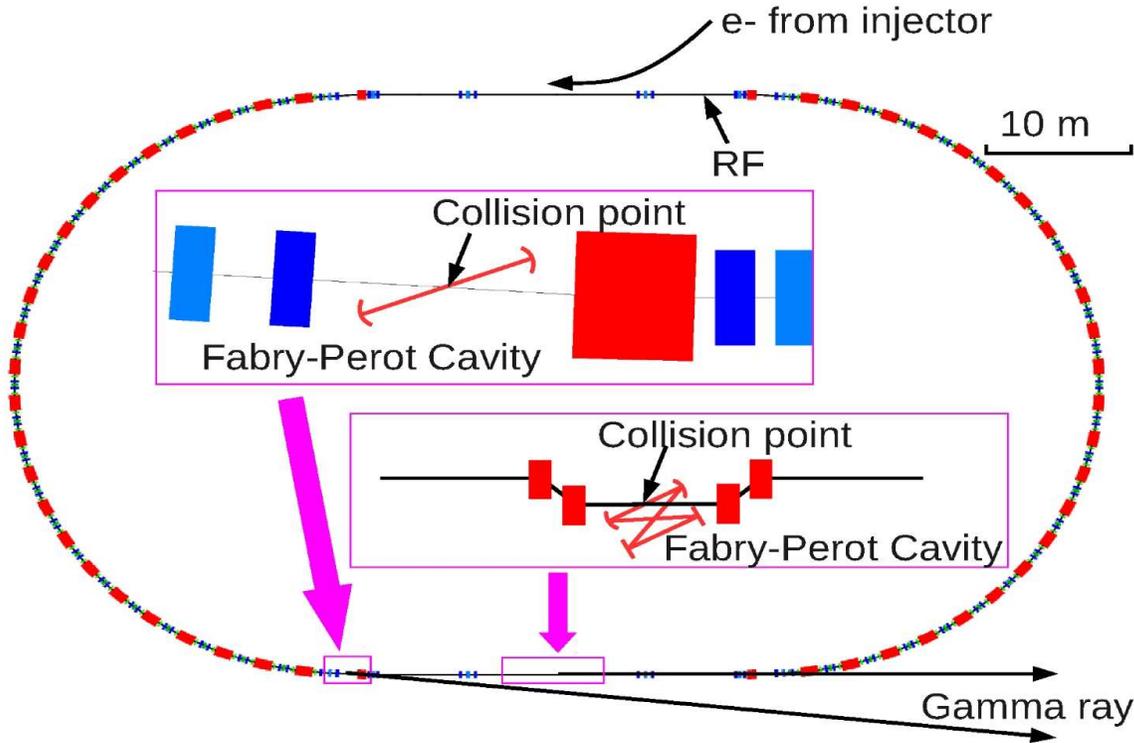
Wavelength	1064 nm
Intracavity power	100 kW
Pulse length (rms)	20 ps
Hori./Vert. size (rms)	40/40 $\mu\text{m}$

### Gamma-ray beam

Max. energy	4.43 MeV
Collision rate	121.66 MHz
Collision angle	6°
Luminosity	$3.3 \times 10^{36} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
Total flux (in $4\pi$ solid angle)	$2.2 \times 10^{12} \gamma/\text{s}$

E-beam:	FP cavity: 100 kW	
$E = 500 \text{ MeV}, I = 1 \text{ A}$	Beam size: 40/40 $\mu\text{m}$	
Laser wavelength (nm)	$\lambda_1 = 1064$	$\lambda_2 = 1550$
Tot. flux ( $\gamma/\text{s}$ ): $\theta=6^\circ$	$2.2 \times 10^{12}$	$2.8 \times 10^{12}$
Tot. flux ( $\gamma/\text{s}$ ): head-on	$2.4 \times 10^{13}$	$3.1 \times 10^{13}$

## High-Energy CGS: Storage Ring



E-beam (GeV)	$E_\gamma$ (MeV)	$\lambda_1$ (nm)	$\lambda_2$ (nm)	$\lambda_2/3$
1.2	$E_{\gamma,\min}$	25	17	51
3.5	$E_{\gamma,\max}$	205	144	398

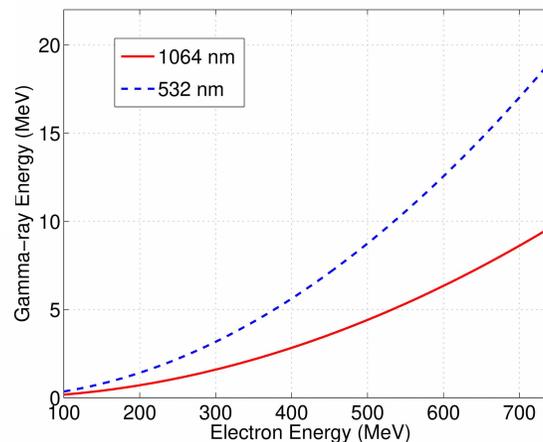
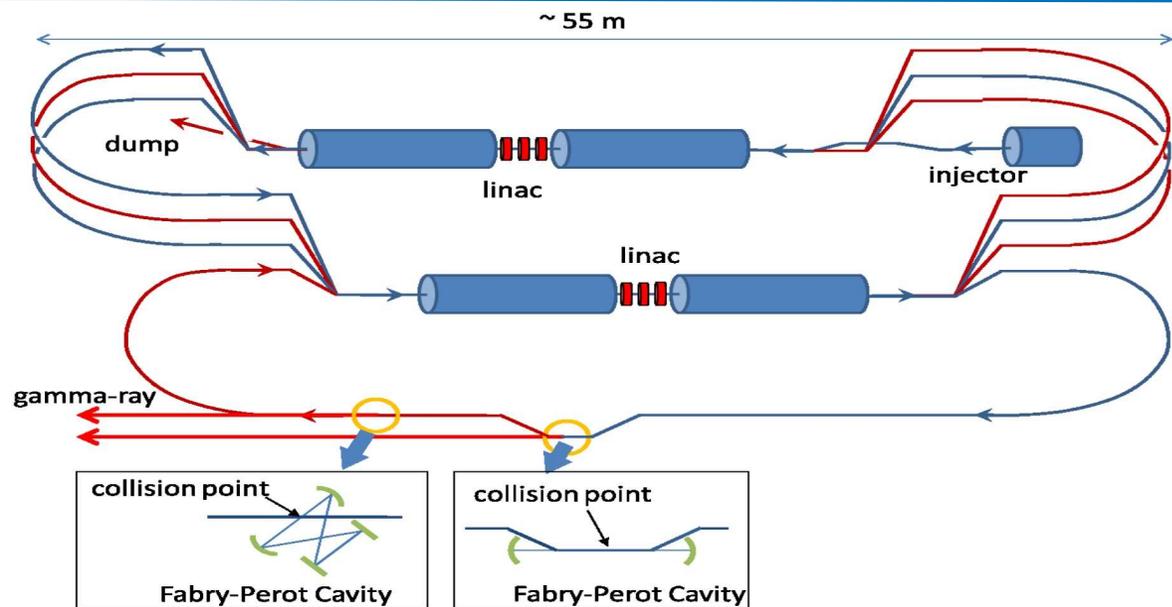
Electron beam	
Beam energy	3.27 GeV
Stored currents	500 mA
Bunch filled	64
Hori./Vert. emittance	1.94/0.16 nm-rad
Hori./Vert. size (rms)	100/26 $\mu\text{m}$
Bunch length (rms)	60 ps

Laser beam	
Wavelength	517 nm
Intracavity power	20 kW
Pulse length (rms)	20 ps
Hori./Vert. size (rms)	40/40 $\mu\text{m}$

Gamma-ray beam	
Max. energy	350 MeV
Collision rate	95.42 MHz
Collision angle	6°
Luminosity	$5.7 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
Total flux (in 4 $\pi$ solid angle)	$3.4 \times 10^{11} \gamma/\text{s}$

E-beam: $E = 3.27 \text{ GeV}, I = 0.5 \text{ A}$	Laser beam: $\lambda = 517 \text{ nm}$ Beam size: 40/40 $\mu\text{m}$
FP cavity power (kW)	20 (kW)   100 (kW)
Tot. flux ( $\gamma/\text{s}$ ): $\theta=6^\circ$	$3.4 \times 10^{11}$   $1.7 \times 10^{12}$

## Low-Energy CGS: Energy-Recovery Linac



E-beam (MeV)	$E_\gamma$ (MeV)	$\lambda_1$ (nm)	$\lambda_1/2$
100	$E_{\gamma,\min}$	0.18	0.36
750	$E_{\gamma,\max}$	9.9	19.5

Electron beam	
Beam energy	500 MeV
Average current	20 mA
Hori./Vert. emittance (norm.)	1mm-mrad
Hori./Vert. size (rms)	15 $\mu\text{m}$
Bunch length (rms)	3 ps
Laser beam	
Wavelength	1064 nm
Intracavity power	70 kW
Pulse length (rms)	10 ps
Hori./Vert. size (rms)	15/15 $\mu\text{m}$
Gamma-ray beam	
Max. energy	4.41 MeV
Collision rate	81.25 MHz
Collision angle	6°
Luminosity	$2.6 \times 10^{36} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Total flux (in 4 $\pi$ solid angle)	$1.7 \times 10^{12} \text{ } \gamma/\text{s}$

E-beam current (mA)	20	20	40
FP cavity power ( kW)	70	70	70
Laser beam size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	30/30	15/15	15/15
Tot. flux ( $\gamma/\text{s}$ ): $\theta=6^\circ$	$1.1 \times 10^{12}$	$1.7 \times 10^{12}$	$3.4 \times 10^{12}$
Tot. flux ( $\gamma/\text{s}$ ): head-on	$5.4 \times 10^{12}$	$1.3 \times 10^{13}$	$2.7 \times 10^{13}$

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