

# Exploring extreme matter: accelerators required

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photoinjector

accelerator

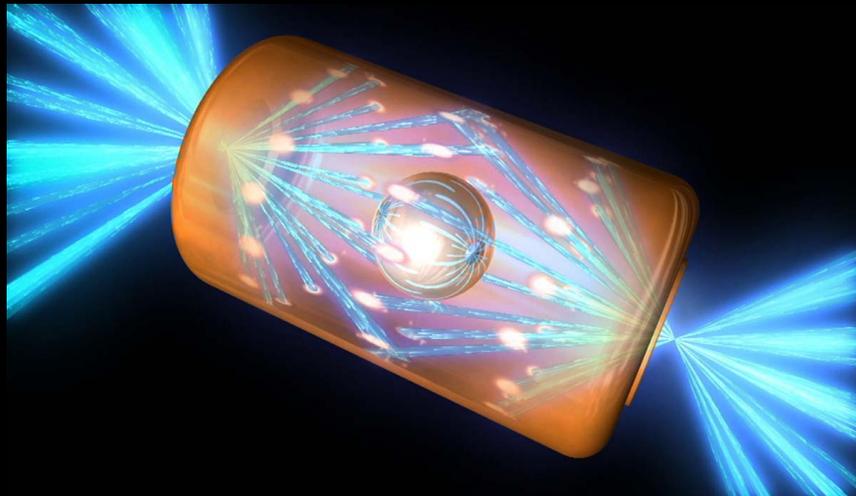
Laser scattering



Graves

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# High energy density (HED) science is at the nexus of some of the major science breakthroughs of our time



Controlling fusion



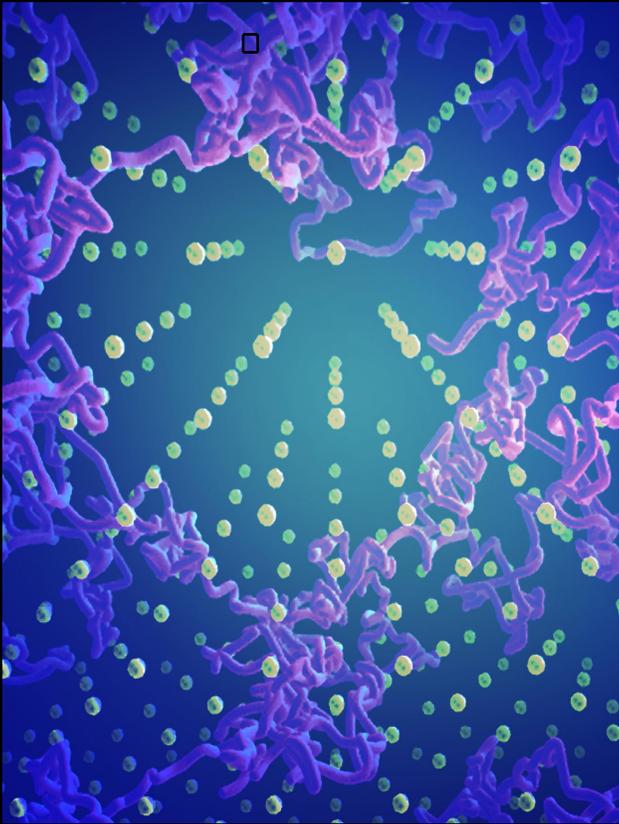
Revolutionary states of matter



Astrophysical implications



# NSF Center for Matter at Atomic Pressures: exploring extreme matter at the heart of compact astrophysical objects and revolutionary states of matter



Predicting new states



Realizing what is possible



Making the impossible -> possible

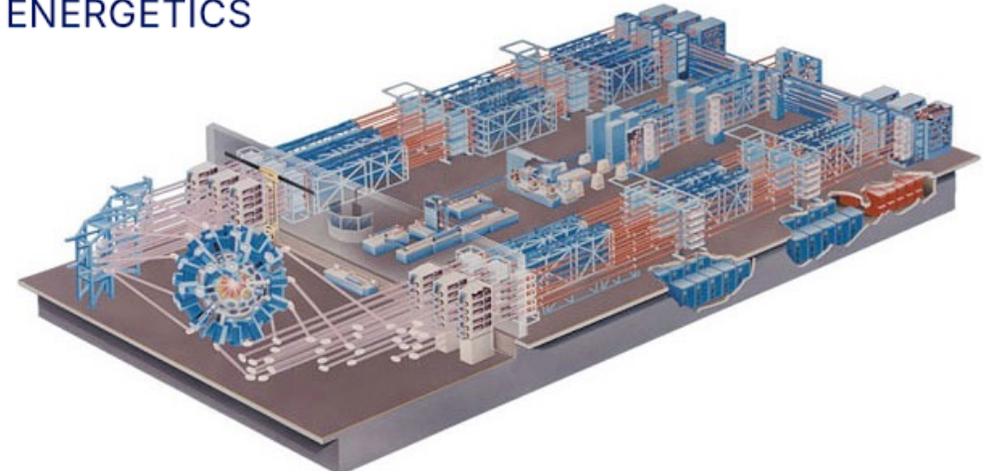
# To access these extreme conditions we use a variety of high energy density (HED) facilities

**NIF National Ignition Facility**

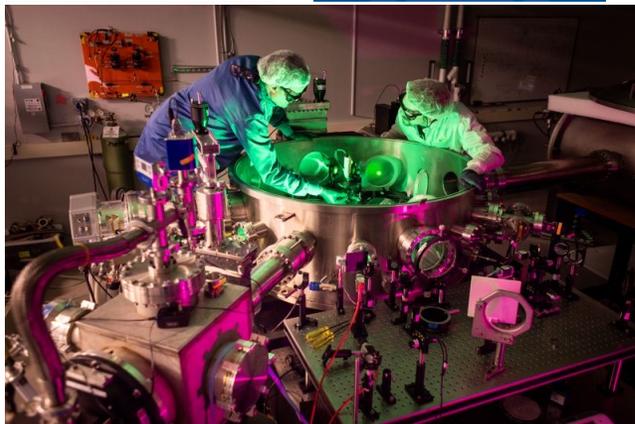


  
**LABORATORY FOR  
LASER ENERGETICS**

**Omega Laser**



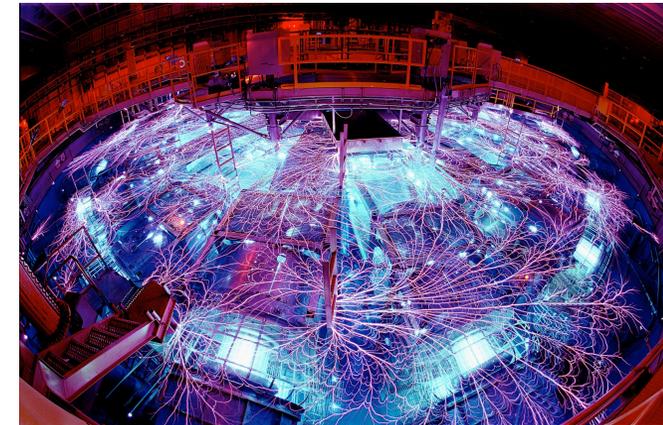
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**Mid-scale drivers at  
LCLS and APS**

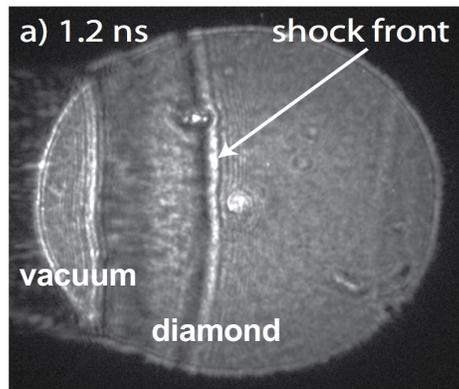


**Z pulsed power facility**

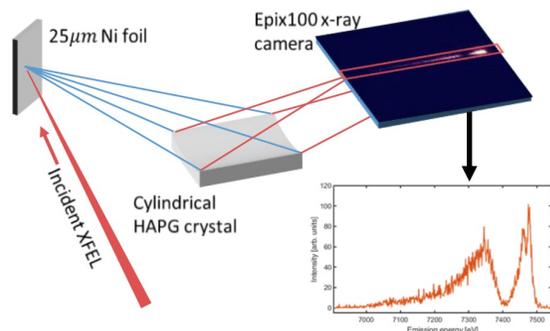


# New diagnostic techniques have been developed to test micro to mesoscale HED science and processes

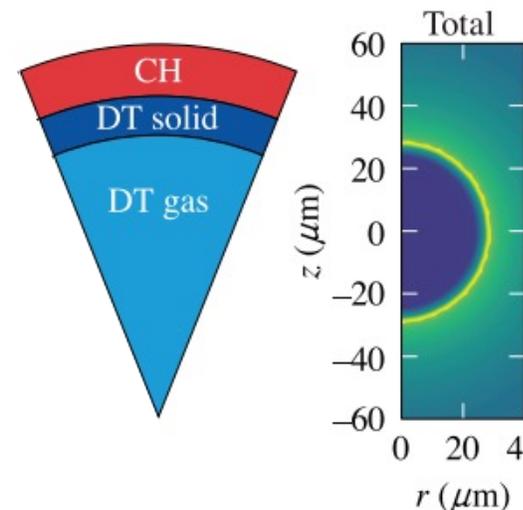
## Advanced radiography



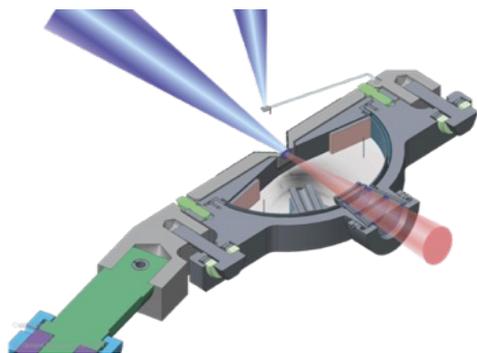
## X-ray Thompson scattering



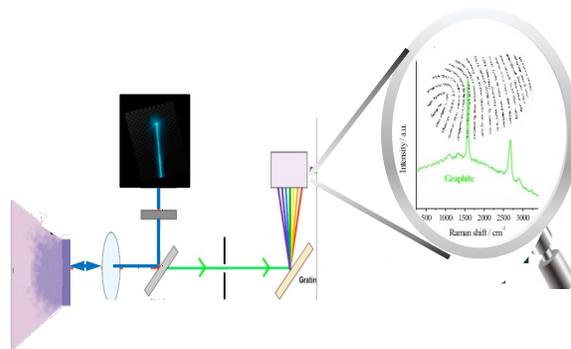
## Image or determine state of fuel in ICF



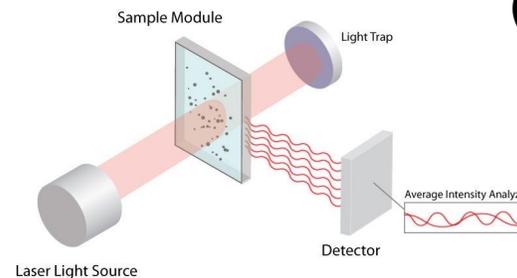
## Diffraction



## Raman Spectroscopy



## Viscosity

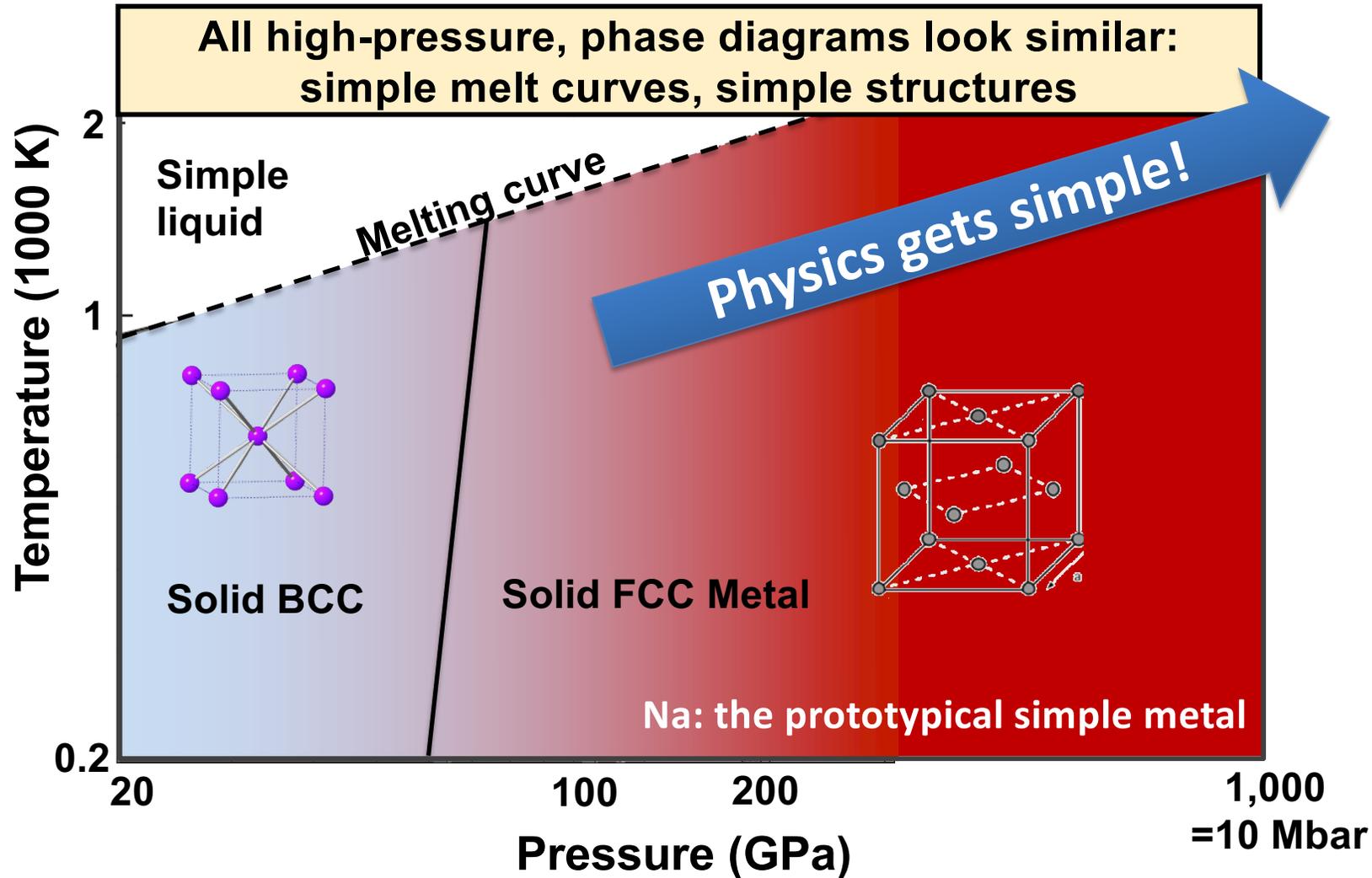


## High res. spectroscopy (atomic physics, EXAFS, etc)



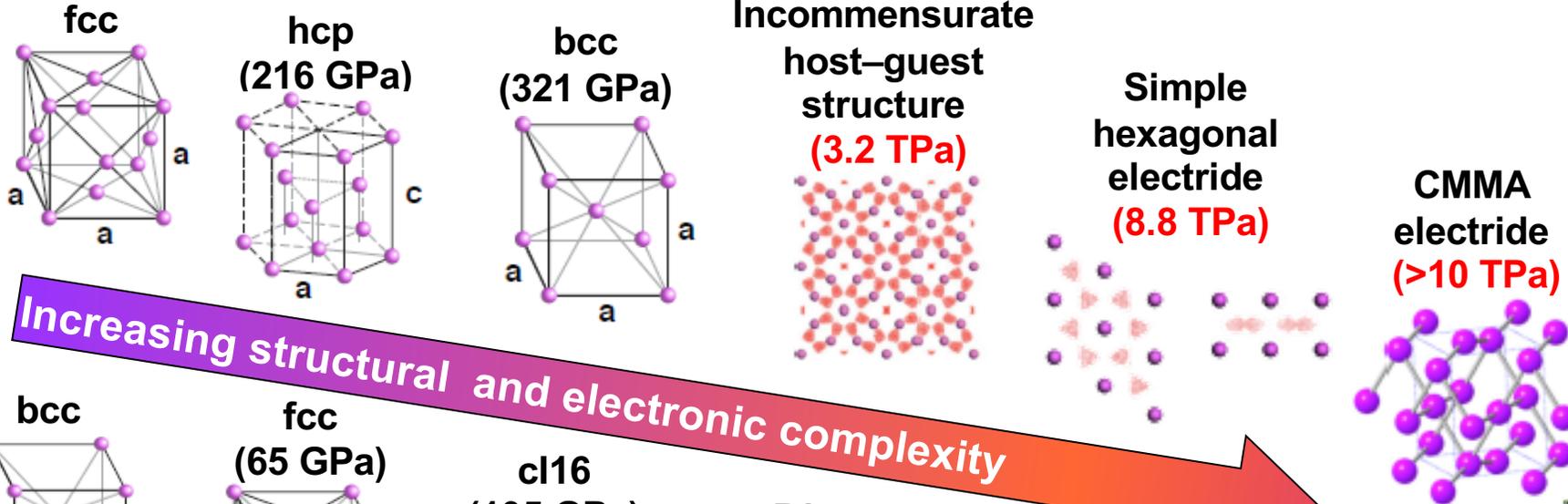
However, these techniques are all limited by available x-ray sources at the major HED facilities

# Just a few years ago, ultrahigh-pressure phase diagrams for materials were very simple

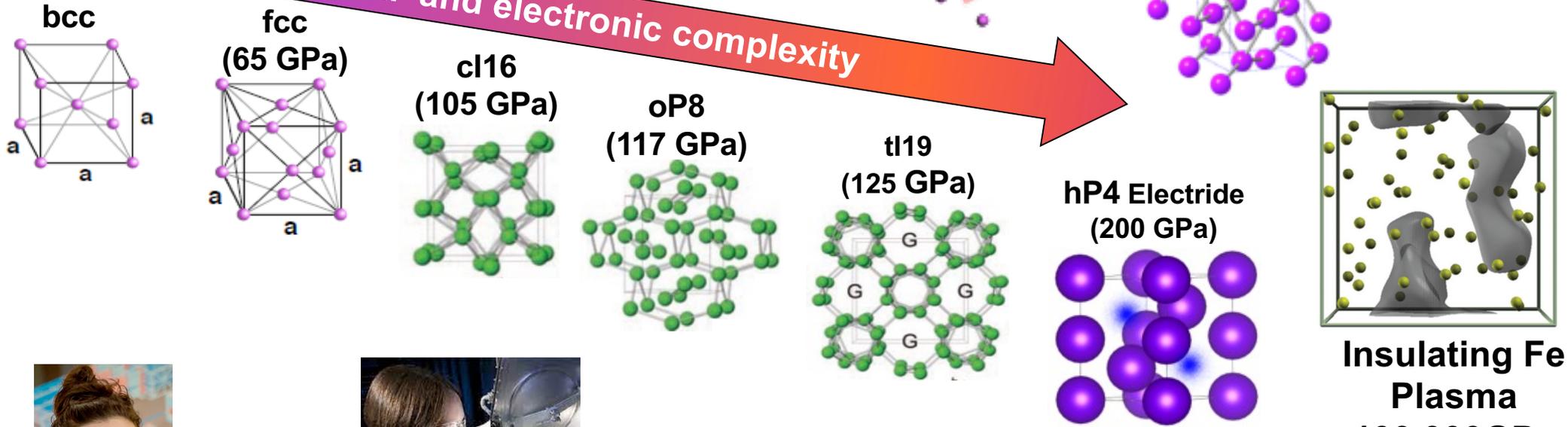


# However what we are finding is many materials evolve with pressure to complex matter (topological insulating electrides)

Aluminum



Sodium

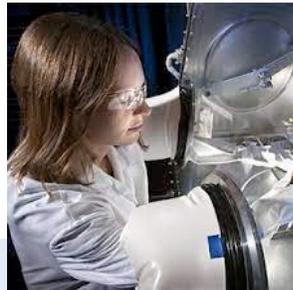


Increasing structural and electronic complexity

- Li
- K
- Mg
- C



Danae Polsin

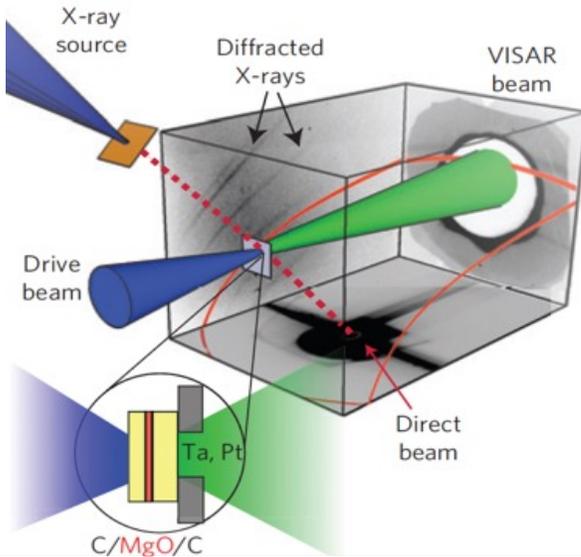


Amy Jenei

Insulating Fe Plasma  
100,000 GPa  
Dai PRL 14

# HED X-ray diffraction was developed at Omega and NIF over ten years, resolving several longstanding questions.....But

**Diffraction at Omega, 2008–2025**  
**>1000 shots, many tens of publications**



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### X-Ray Diffraction of Solid Tin to 1.2 TPa

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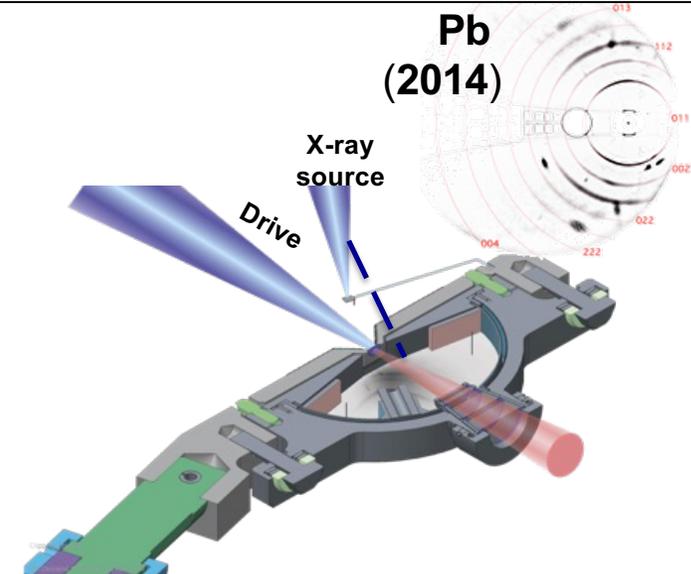
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<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-022-29813-4> OPEN

Structural complexity in ramp-compressed sodium to 480 GPa  
 Polsin, 2022

**Diffraction on the NIF, 2013–2025**  
**>200 classified and basic-science shots.**



### X-ray diffraction at the National Ignition Facility

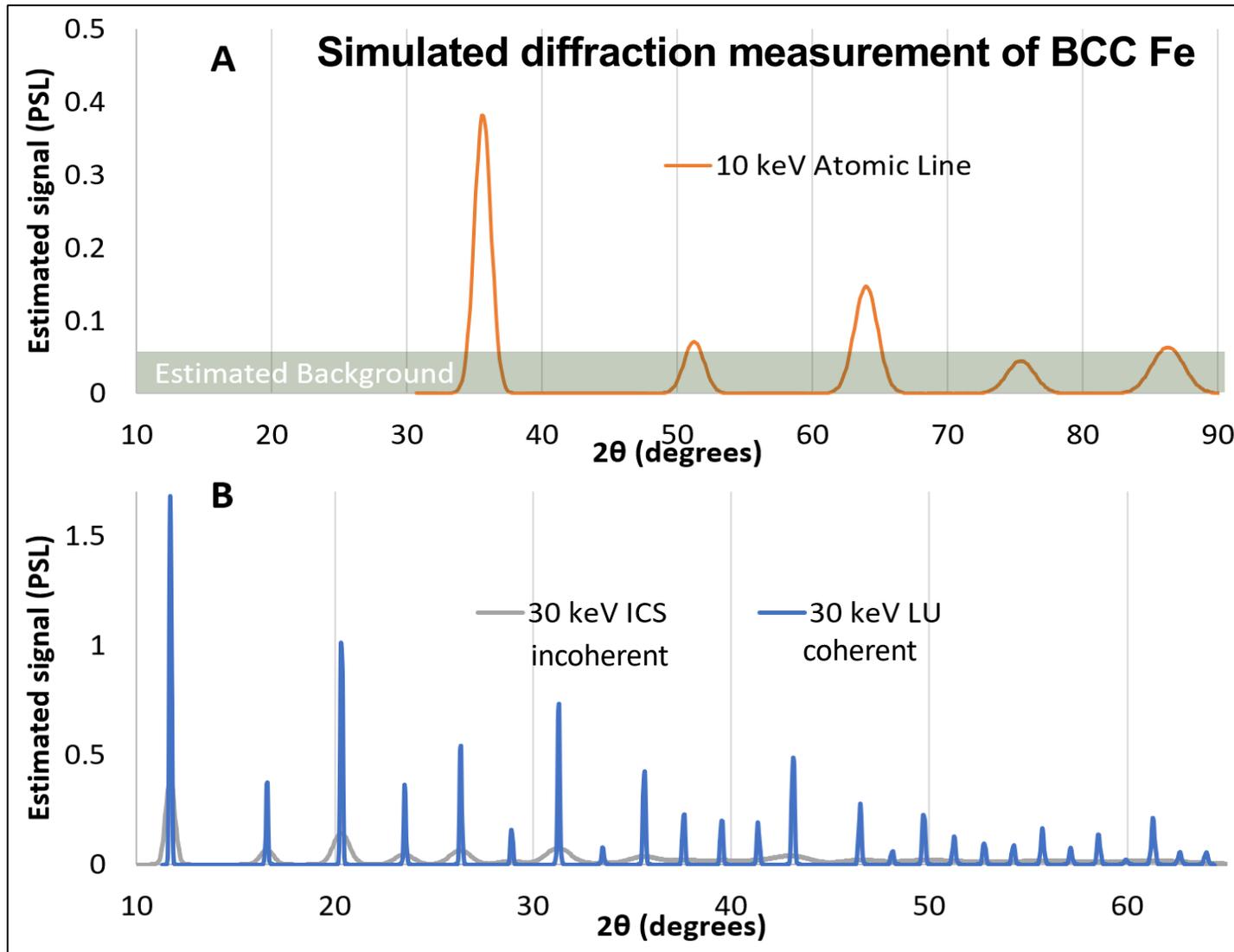
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PLANETARY SCIENCE

**Measuring the melting curve of iron at super-Earth core conditions**

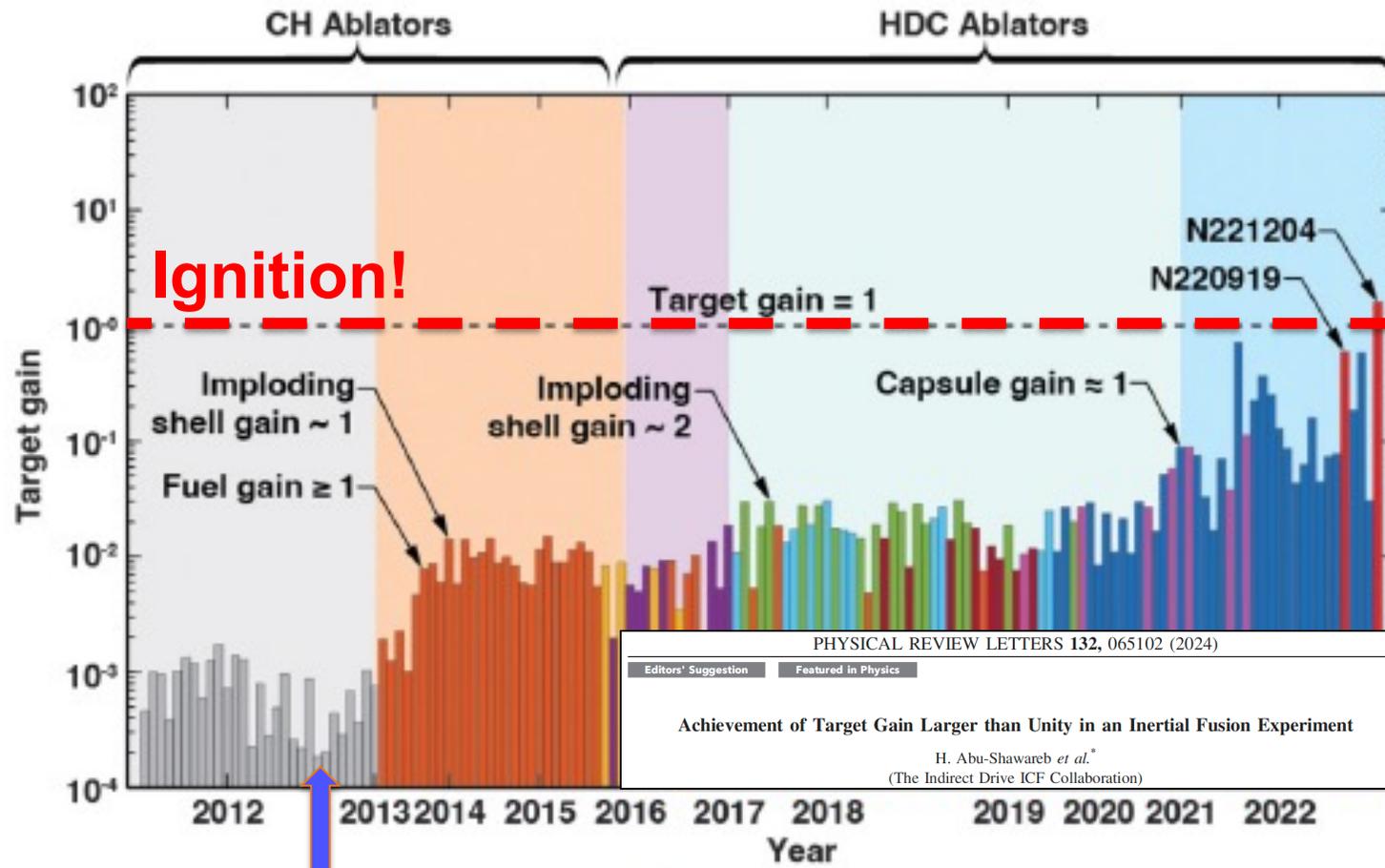


# However, current sources are unable to determine complex solid structure, liquid structure, defects, anisotropy...

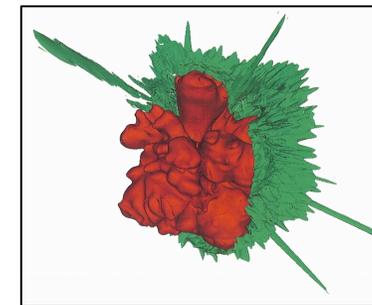
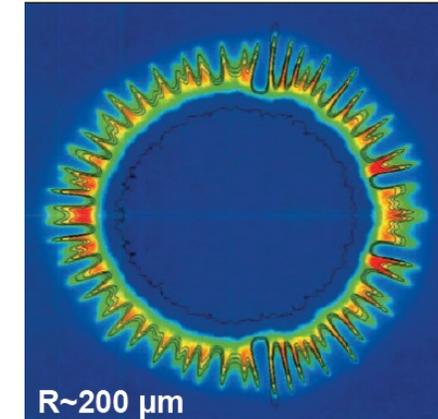


- **Significant background present at 10 keV from driver and back-lighter foil**
- **Both incoherent Compton and coherent laser-undulator sources will provide a dramatic improvement in the quality of x-ray diffraction**

# Tremendous progress towards controlling fusion, but significant effort needed (micro and macrophysics) to understand and exploit such implosions

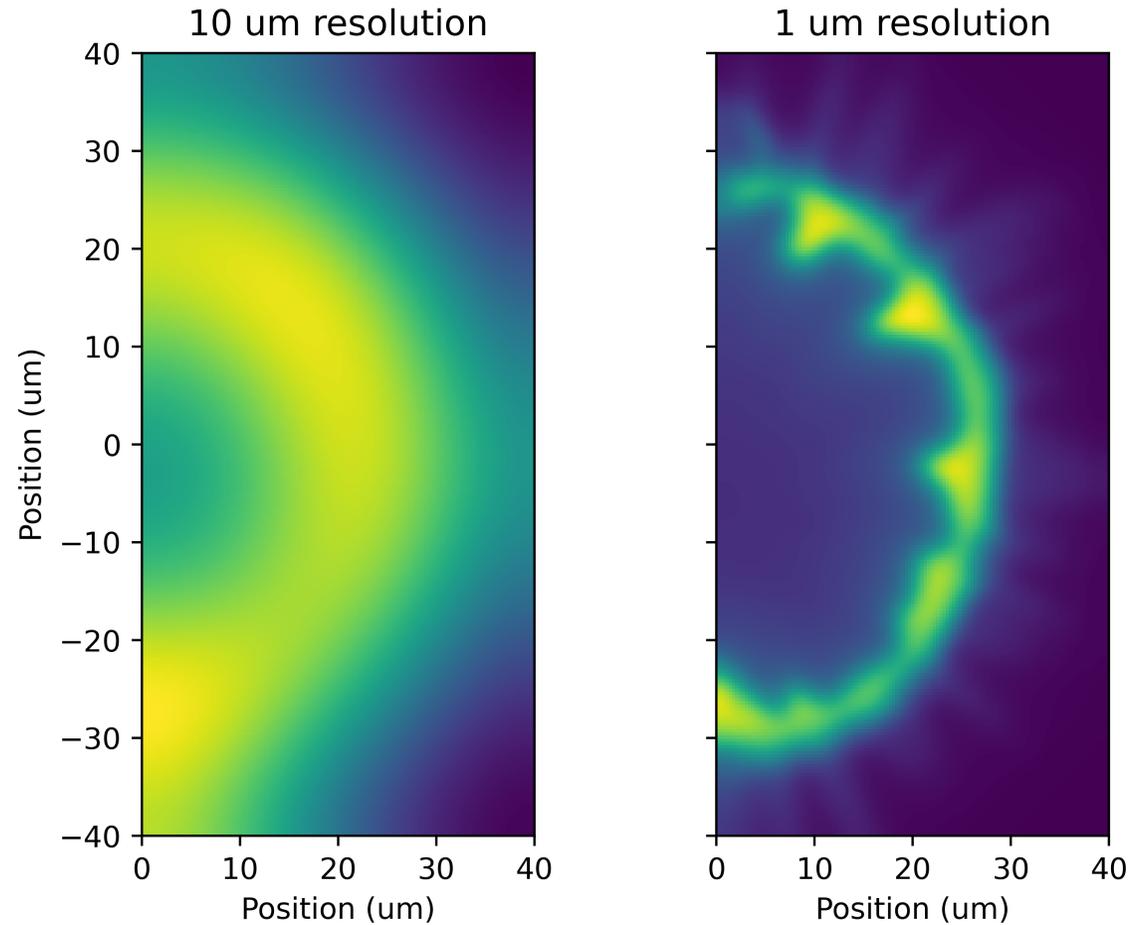


Each implosion experiment



Imaging the core at stagnation would dramatically improve our understanding of these implosions

# <1 $\mu\text{m}$ and ps resolution or better is required to resolve perturbations in ICF fuel layers



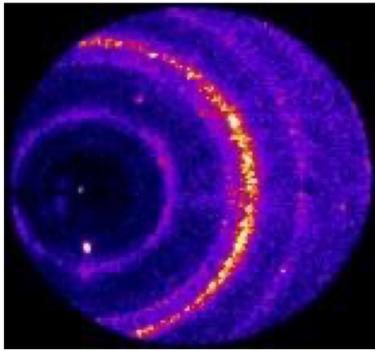
Need > 30 KeV photons  
Sub ps time resolution  
 $10^{10}$  photons

**2D mass density profile of a Draco simulation at stagnation on OMEGA-60**

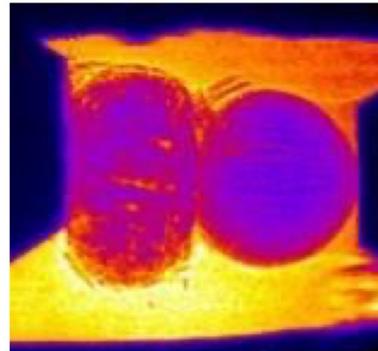
# There has been growing effort to bring pressure drivers to light-sources over the last decade

- Advanced Photon Source

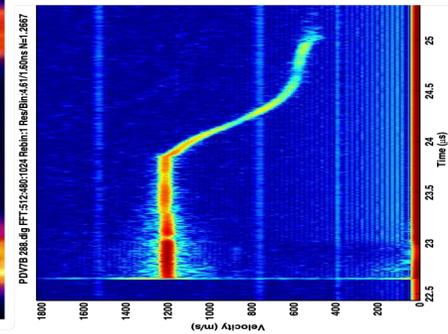
X-ray Diffraction



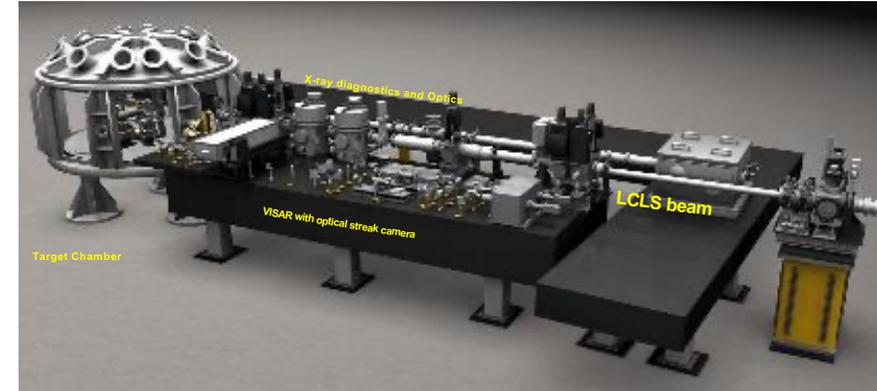
Phase Contrast



Continuum Measurements



- Current MEC at LCLS and Dipole at EXFEL



- HED endstation at Eu-XFEL

But, driver energy is low and it is a challenge to get a compact megajoule laser driver



Control room during 1<sup>st</sup> experiments at Eu-XFEL

# Such light sources are pioneering new materials directions

## But again, the accessible pressure range is limited

Recent liquid diffraction providing both the coordination in the dense fluid/plasma phase and melt boundaries.

**nature**  
International weekly journal of science

**The structure of liquid carbon elucidated by in situ X-ray diffraction** Kraus et al.

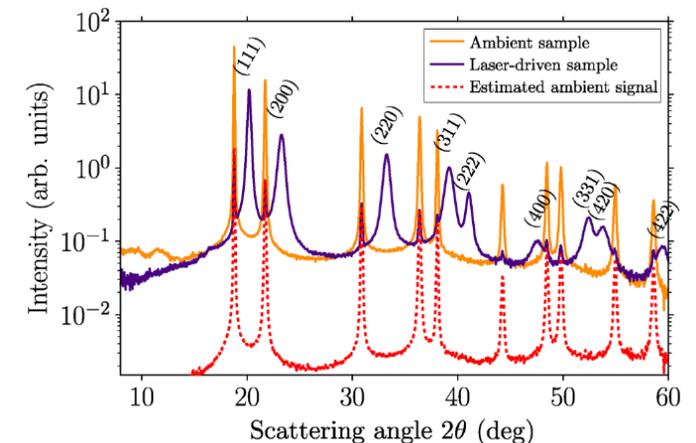
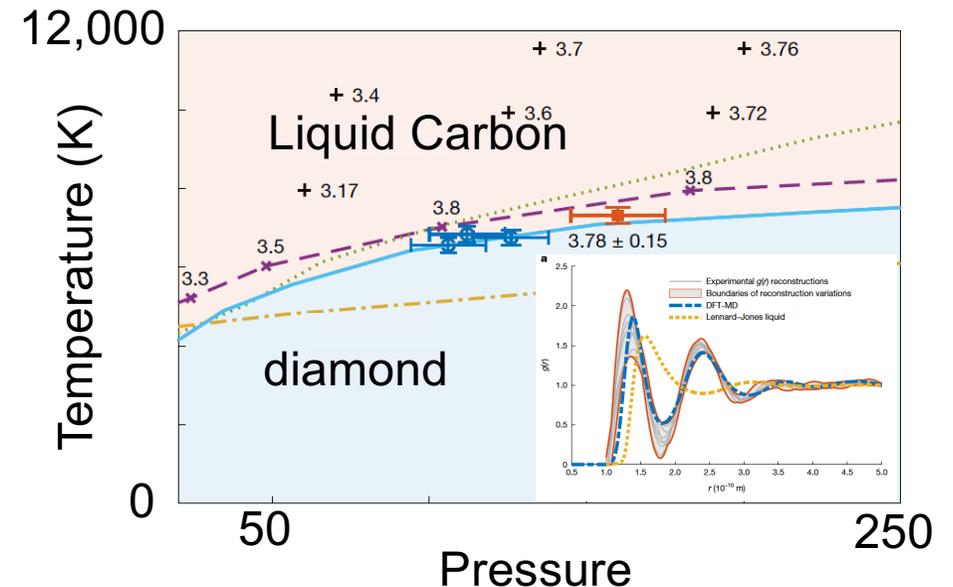
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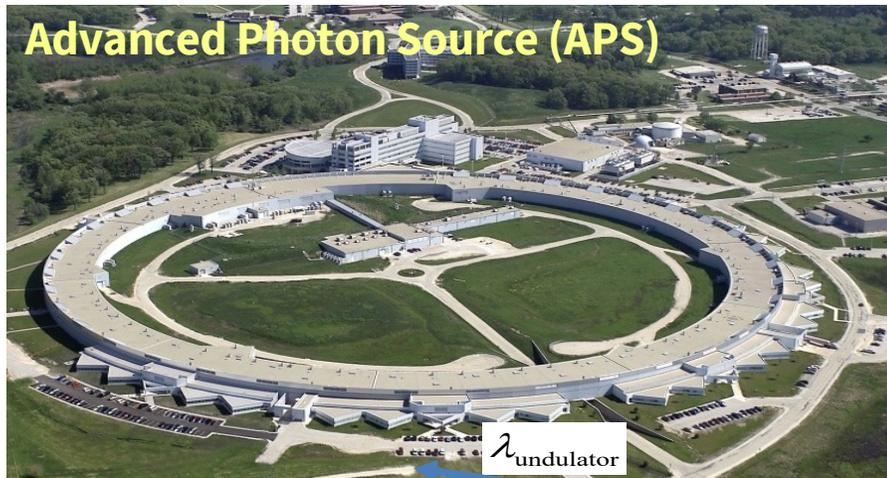
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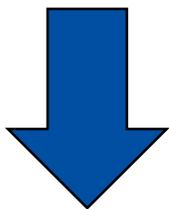
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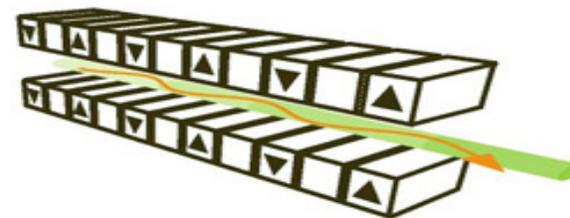
# But as discussed here, we can make a compact light source



~300 meters



Need ~10 m

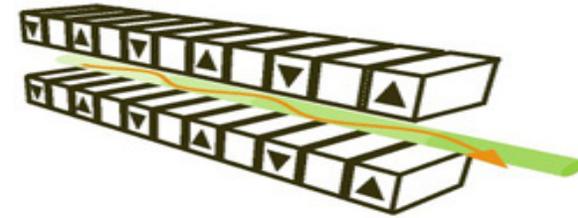
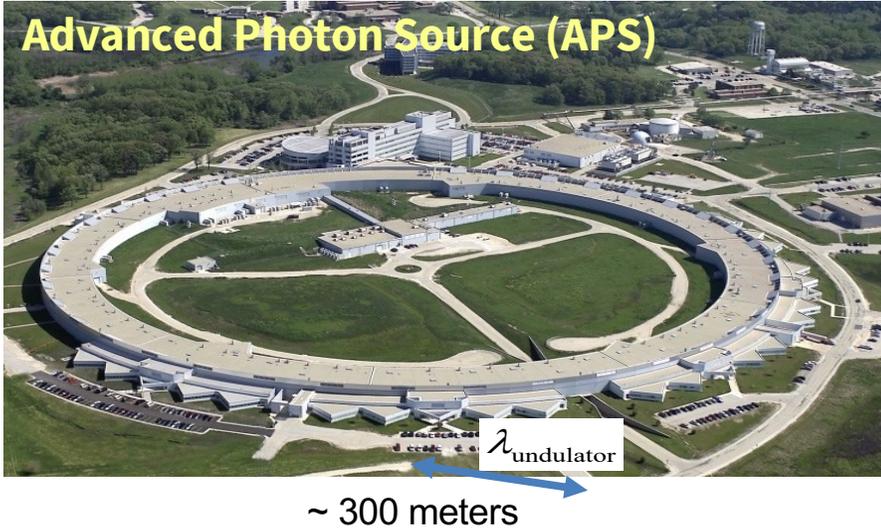


$$\lambda_{x\text{-ray}} = \frac{\lambda_{\text{undulator}}}{2\gamma^2} \left( 1 + \frac{K^2}{2} \right) \sim \frac{\lambda_{\text{undulator}}}{E^2}$$

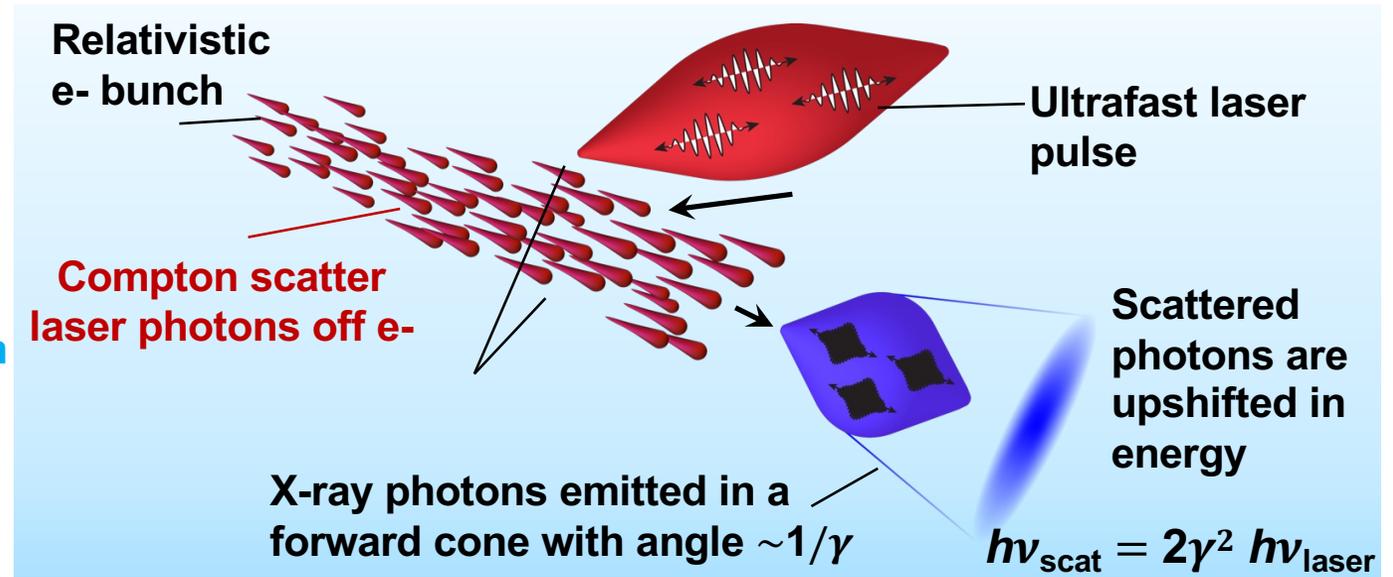
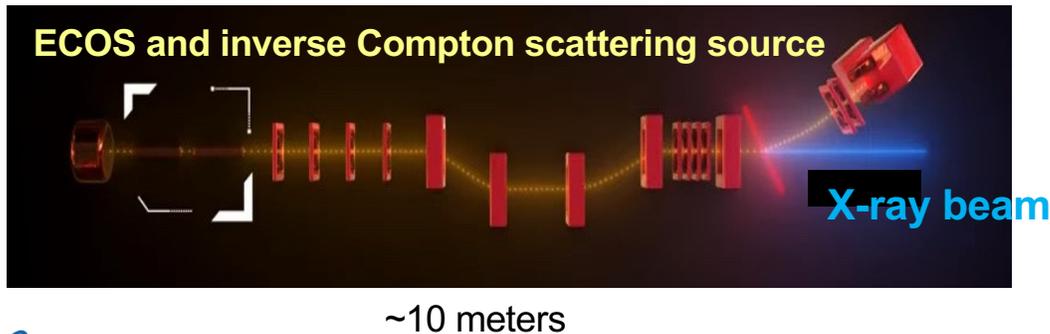
$K \sim$  magnetic field strength,  
 $E =$  electron kinetic energy

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v_e}{c}\right)^2}}$$

# Photon-electron interaction based x-ray sources use a laser instead of large magnets and lower electron beam energy



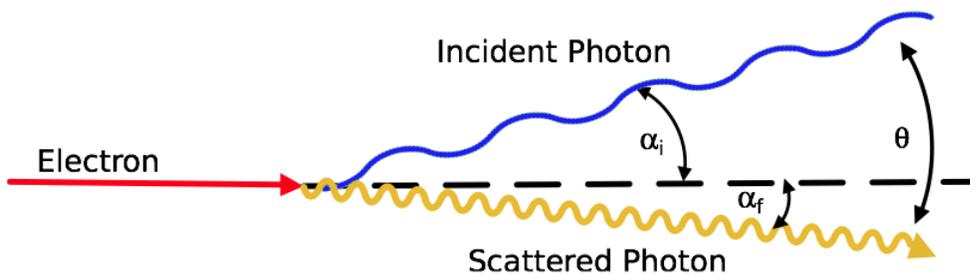
$$\lambda_{x\text{-ray}} \sim \frac{\lambda_{\text{undulator}}}{E^2}$$



# Laser-electron beam interactions provide 2 methods of generating improved and compact x-ray sources as compared to typical HED sources

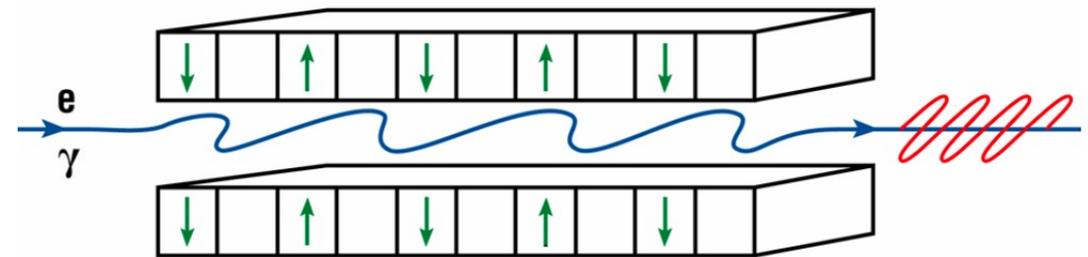
## Incoherent Compton Scattering\*\*

- e- up-scatters(in energy) photons
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- Tunable
- Most photons in <10 mRad cone



## Coherent “Laser-Undulators”\*

- Laser fields are used as undulator on electron beam
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\* Bonifacio, R., et al, Experimental requirements for x-ray compact free electron lasers with a laser wiggler, Nuc Instr and Meth A, 577, 745-750, 2007

\*\*Rinderknecht, H.G, et al, An electron-beam based Compton scattering x-ray source for probing high-energy density physics, PRAB, 27, 034701, (2024)

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<b>Emission angle (collimated)</b>	~4 mRad

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## Electron-beam-based Compton scattering x-ray source for probing high-energy-density physics

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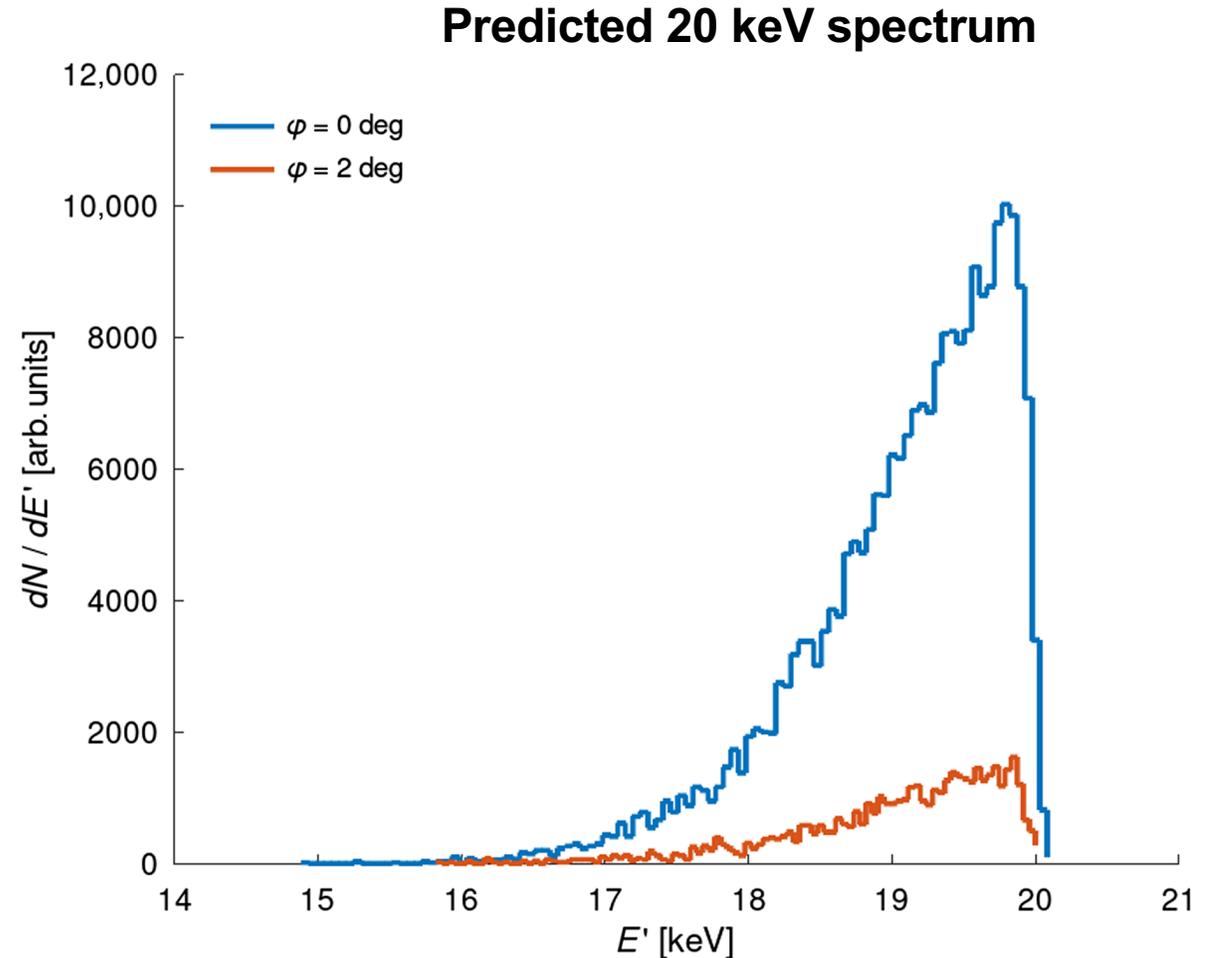
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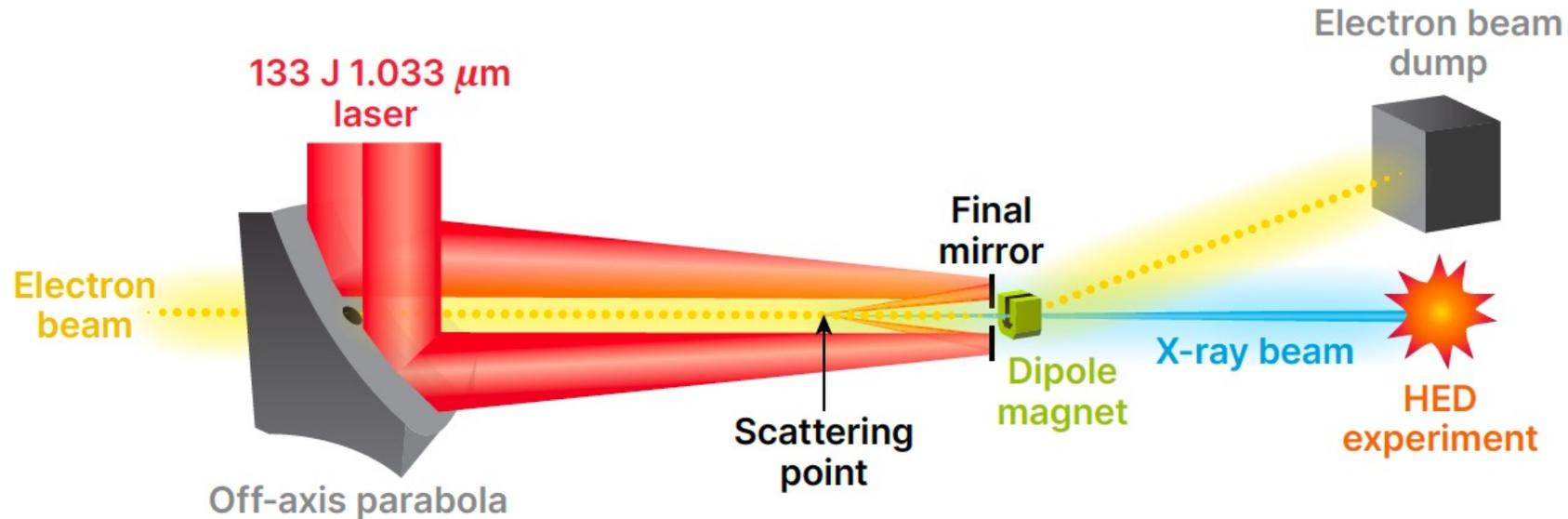
<b>X-rays to target</b>	$>10^{10}$
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<b>Energy</b>	Variable, 1-50 keV

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# This source is buildable with ~standard “off the shelf” rf linear accelerators and mature glass laser technologies



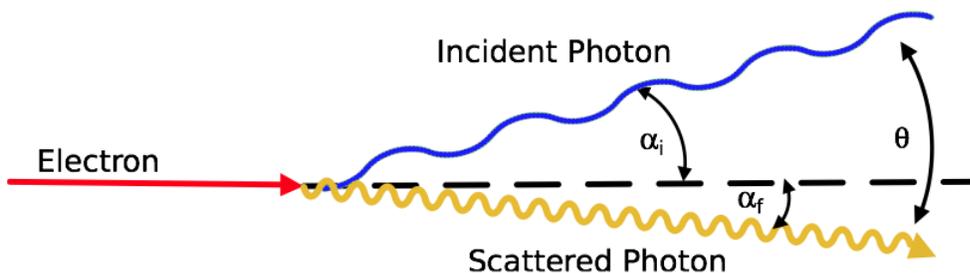
- 1.3 GHz copper accelerator (~4 meters)
- Copper photo-cathode, although other materials would provide more charge
- OPCA front-end laser with Nd-doped glass amplifier
- Still, this needs to be tested



# Laser-electron beam interactions provide two methods of generating better x-ray sources in much smaller packages than traditional accelerator sources

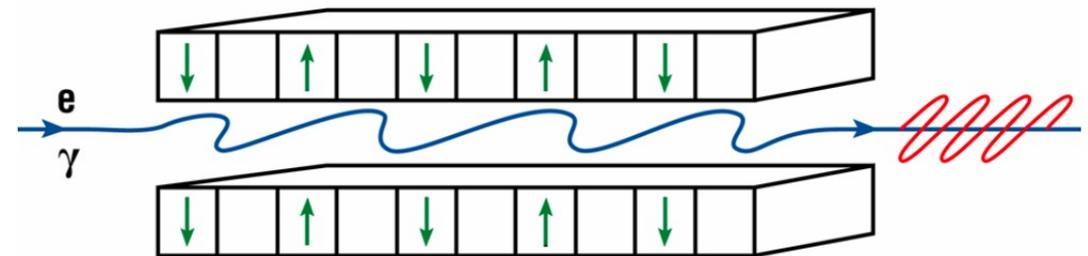
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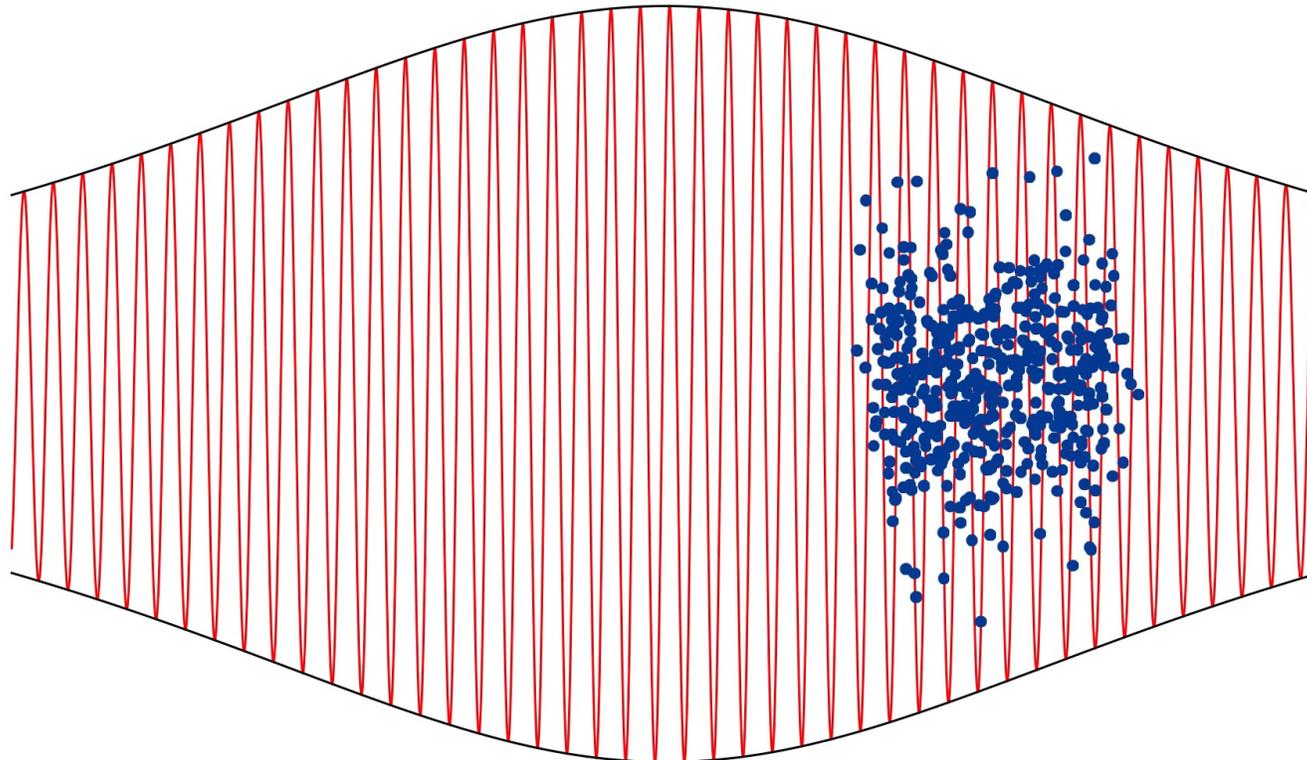
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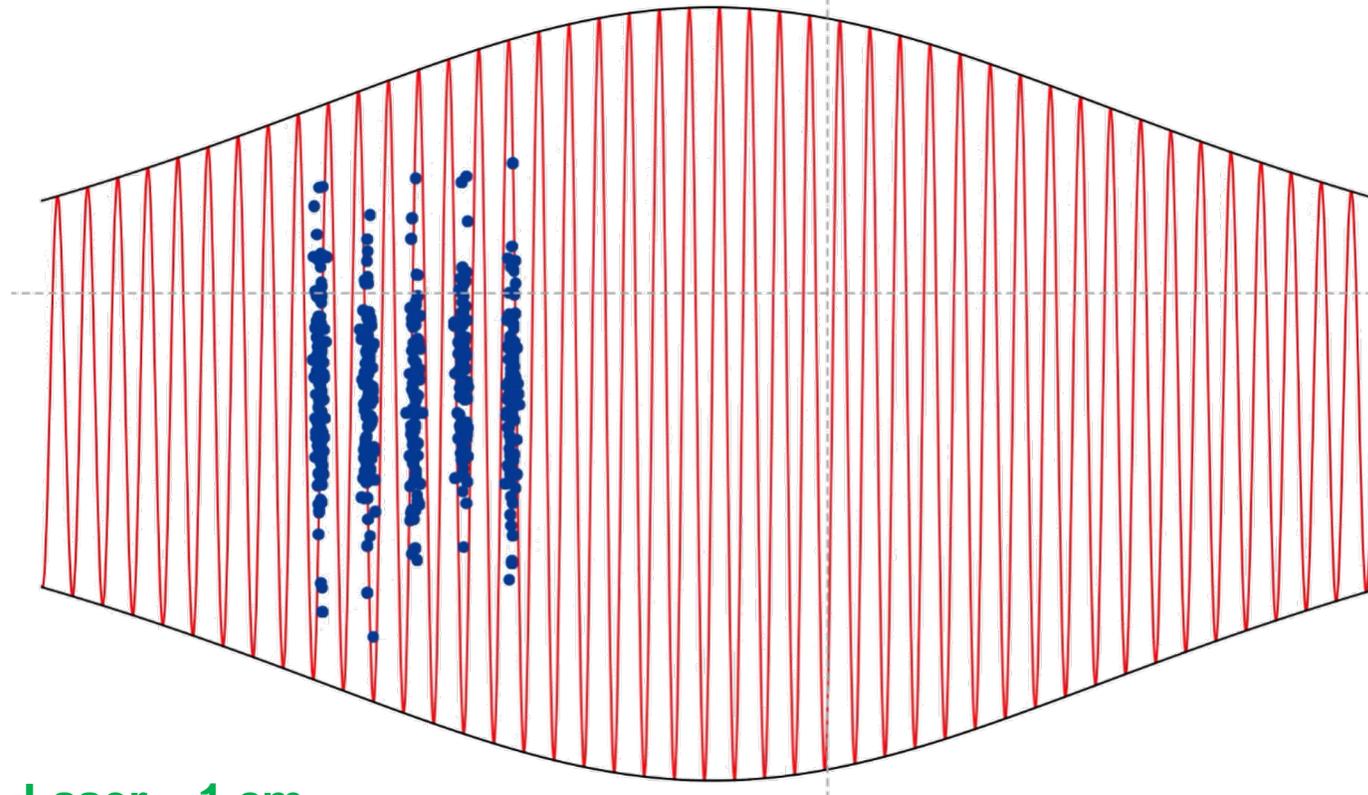
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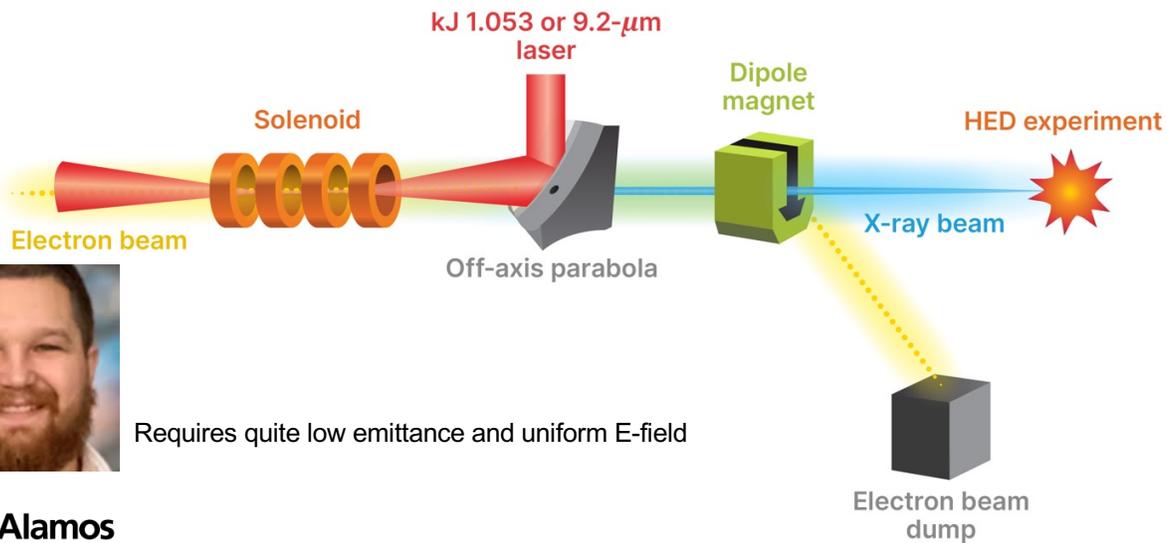
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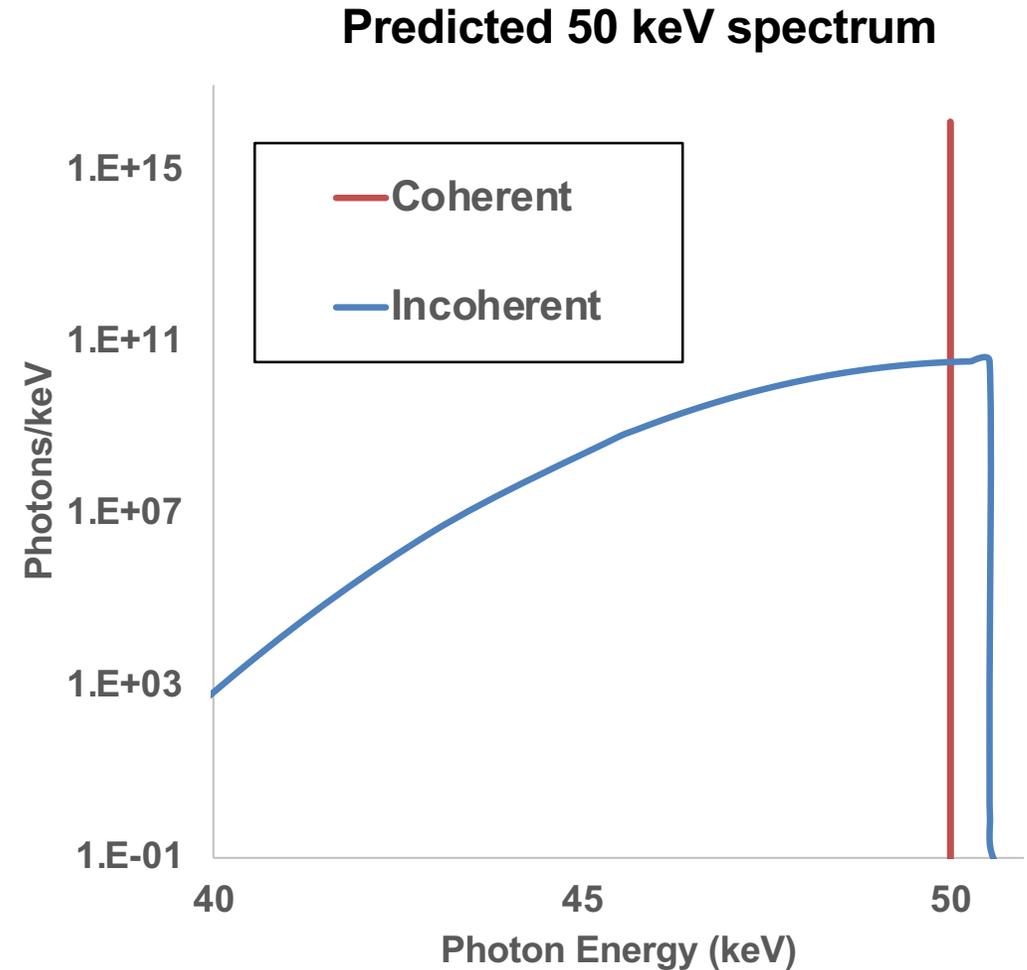
**Self Amplified Stimulated Emission (SASE)**

# Using a brute force laser undulator as in Bonifacio et al, suggest a bright, tunable, monochromatic and *coherent* x-ray source is possible

- ~20-70 MeV electrons, kJ scale laser  
kA peak currents, >nc bunch charge  
1 um emittance, <10 μm beam radius
- Tunable from 10-50 keV
- >10<sup>10</sup> coherent photons,  $\Delta E/E < 10^{-4}$

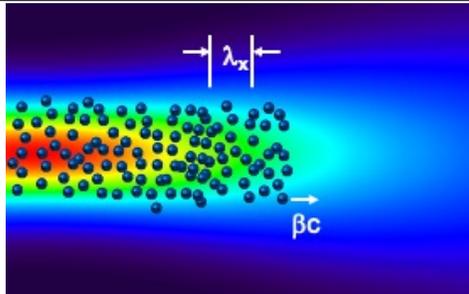


Requires quite low emittance and uniform E-field

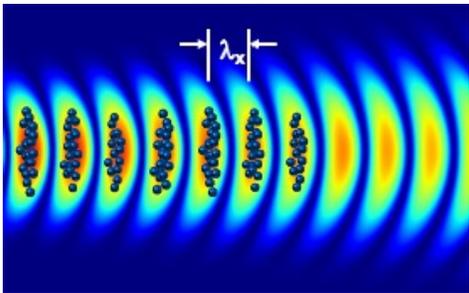


# Recent laser and electron beam advances, opens the door to still more potential advances in laser XFELs

## Prebunching



Incoherent: Random electron positioning for Undulator radiation

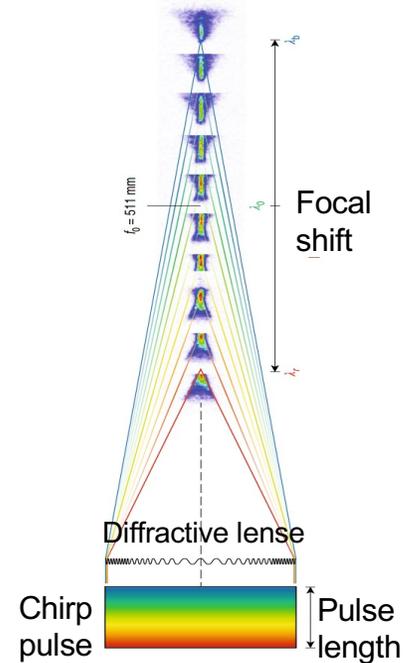


Coherently bunched electrons for XFEL radiation

New X-ray free-electron laser architecture for generating high fluxes of longitudinally coherent 50 keV photons

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## Flying focus

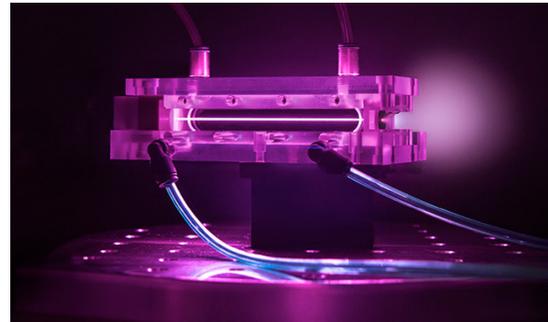


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## Plasma Channel



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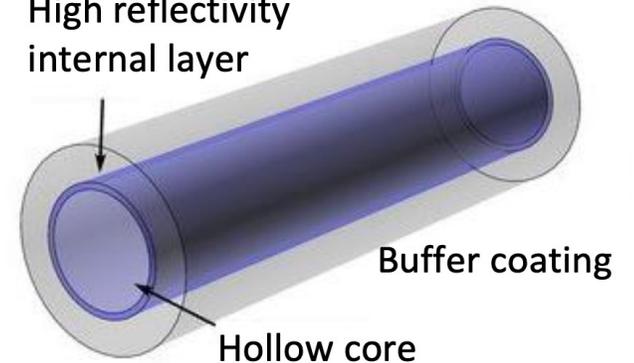
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## Optical waveguide

High reflectivity internal layer



Hollow core

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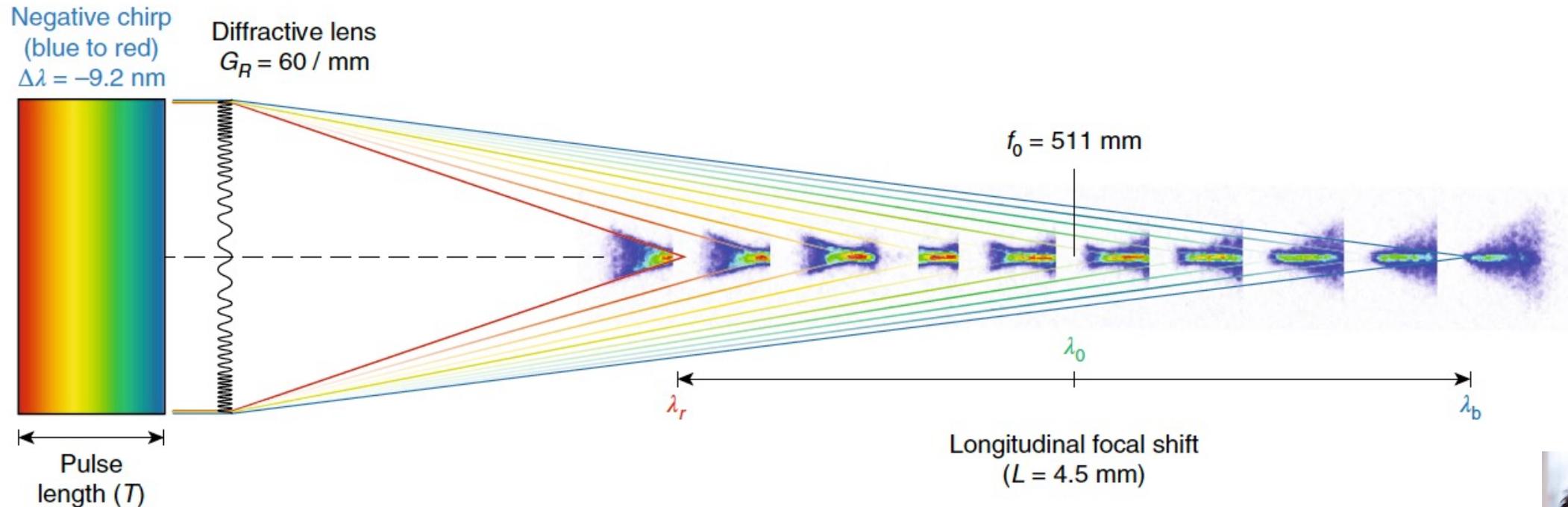
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# "Flying Focus" laser pulse shaping reduces the laser and accelerator requirements, experiments underway to test concept

- Laser bandwidth is used to create a moving laser focus that increases the effective Rayleigh length



\*D. Ramsey et al. (2025), X-Ray Free-Electron Lasing in a Flying Focus, Nat. Comm.



# We are also expecting to test hollow waveguides to confine the laser

- ~1 mm hollow-core optical fibers can potentially confine the laser for many Rayleigh lengths
- Optical waveguides typically have <1 dB/km of loss
- Limited by the damage limits
  - 1-10 GV/m typically

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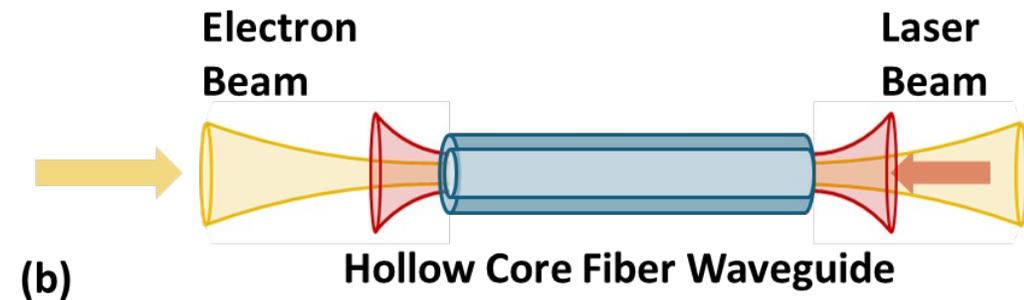
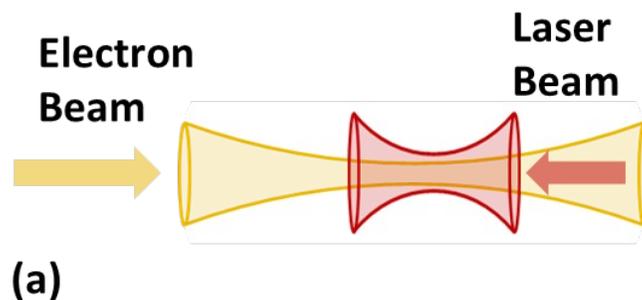
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# A very rough estimate of how these different strategies might scale, but we are hoping to test these different concepts

Concept	Classic	Flying Focus	Plasma Channel	Optical Waveguide
Wavelength (um)	1	1	1	1
Laser Energy (J)	10541	9166	100	50
$a_0/K$	0.5	1.4	0.0508	0.0031
Bunch Charge (nC)	3	1.7	1.7	1.7
Bunch Length (ps)	1	1.7	1.7	1.7
Quantum FEL?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3D Saturation Length (mm)	29.63	28.4	40.78	1100
# of 20 keV Photons	2.72E10	1.11E10	1.11E10	1.1E10

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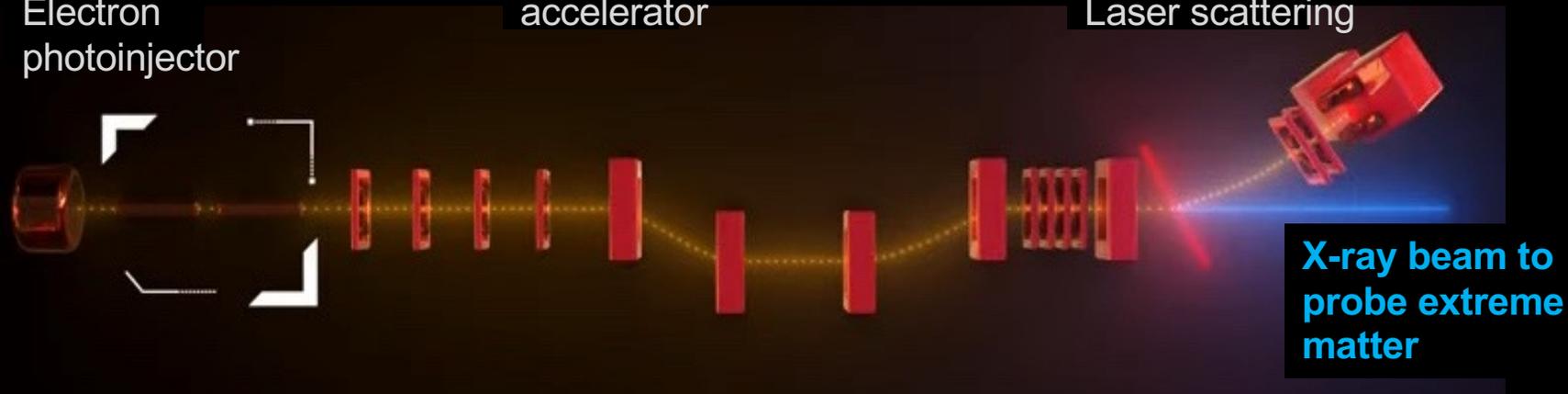
# Exploring extreme matter: accelerators required

2026-2035

Electron  
photoinjector

accelerator

Laser scattering



Incoherent "Compton"

Coherent "Laser Undulator"

2035-?

Can we move to an all optical system?

