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Synchrotron Light Sources: how do they work? And what about Inverse Compton Scattering?

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Outline:

- I. **How were the storage ring-based light sources born?**
- II. **Characteristics of the 3rd Generation Light Sources**
- III. **Towards the 4th GLSs (or what are called Diffraction-Limited Storage Rings)**
- IV. **What are the “Ring-based Inverse Compton Scattering Light Sources”?**
- V. **Summary and Perspectives**

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Part I

How were the storage ring-based light sources (LS) born?

Subjects Treated:

- **Origin of storage ring-based synchrotron radiation sources**
- **Characteristics of synchrotron radiation (SR)**
- **Evolution of LS rings from 1st to 2nd and 3rd generations**

Origin of ring-based SR sources

◇ Why are electron storage rings such as SOLEIL serving today as light sources?

◇ History of accelerator development:

Initial non-circular straight accelerators



Cyclotrons



Synchrotrons



Synchrotron radiation (SR) as a major obstacle for high energy physics experiments

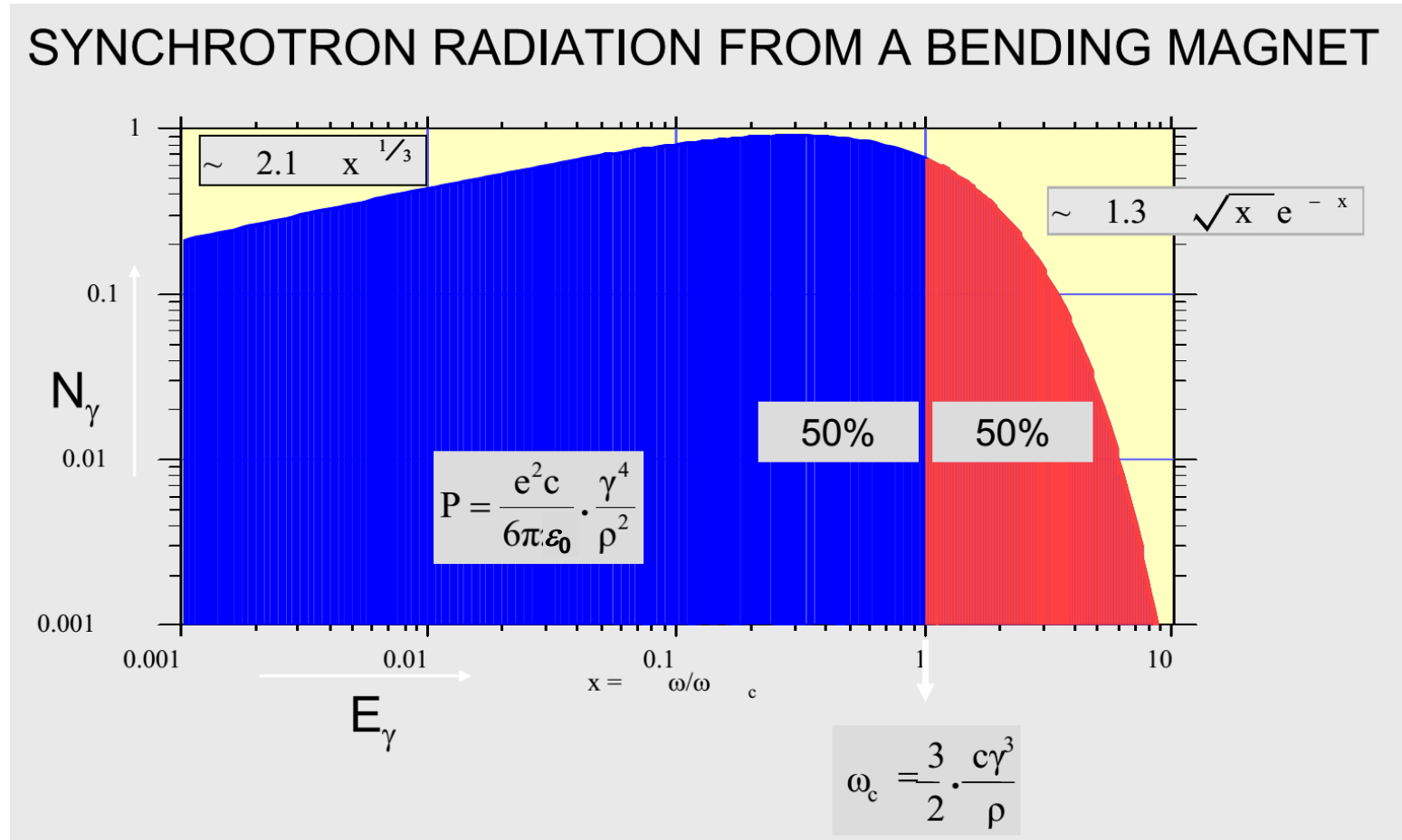


Discovery of the good properties of synchrotron radiation for material science and *parasitic* use of SR in high energy physics synchrotrons (1st generation) in 1960s



Characteristics of SR

(1/2)



(taken from a lecture given by Albin Wrulich (PSI) at CERN Accelerator School in 2004)

WHAT LIGHT CHARACTERISTIC IS REQUESTED FOR EXPERIMENTS

- HIGH BRILLIANCE
- COHERENCE
 - Transverse coherence
 - Longitudinal coherence
- POLARISATION
- SHORT PULSES

LOTS OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS

as stability, tunability, wide spectral range, higher photon energies (shorter wavelengths)

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Evolution from 1st, 2nd to 3rd GLSs (1/3)

- Light sources are usually classified for increasing brightness as:
 - 1st generation: “parasitic” synchrotron radiation sources from dipoles in colliders.
 - 2nd generation: dedicated storage rings with sources from dipoles.
 - 3rd generation: dedicated storage rings with insertion devices
 - 4th generation: free electron lasers, ...

(taken from a lecture given by Fernando Sannibale (LBL) at Univ. New Mexico in 2014)

Evolution from 1st, 2nd to 3rd GLSs (2/3)

L12: Ring-Based
Light Sources
F. Sannibale

Examples of Existing Ring Based Light Sources



SLS (2002) 2.4 GeV
 $\epsilon_x = 3.9 \text{ nm}$, $\epsilon_y = 72 \text{ pm}$, $I = 300 \text{ mA}$



ALS (1993) 1.9 GeV
 $\epsilon_x = 2.0/2.5 \text{ nm}$, $\epsilon_y = 30 \text{ pm}$, $I = 500 \text{ mA}$



LNLS (1997) 1.37 GeV
 $\epsilon_x = 100 \text{ nm}$, $\epsilon_y \sim 1 \text{ nm}$, $I = 250 \text{ mA}$



Soleil (2006) 2.75 GeV
 $\epsilon_x = 3.7/5.6 \text{ nm}$, $\epsilon_y = 37 \text{ pm}$,
 $I = 400(500) \text{ mA}$



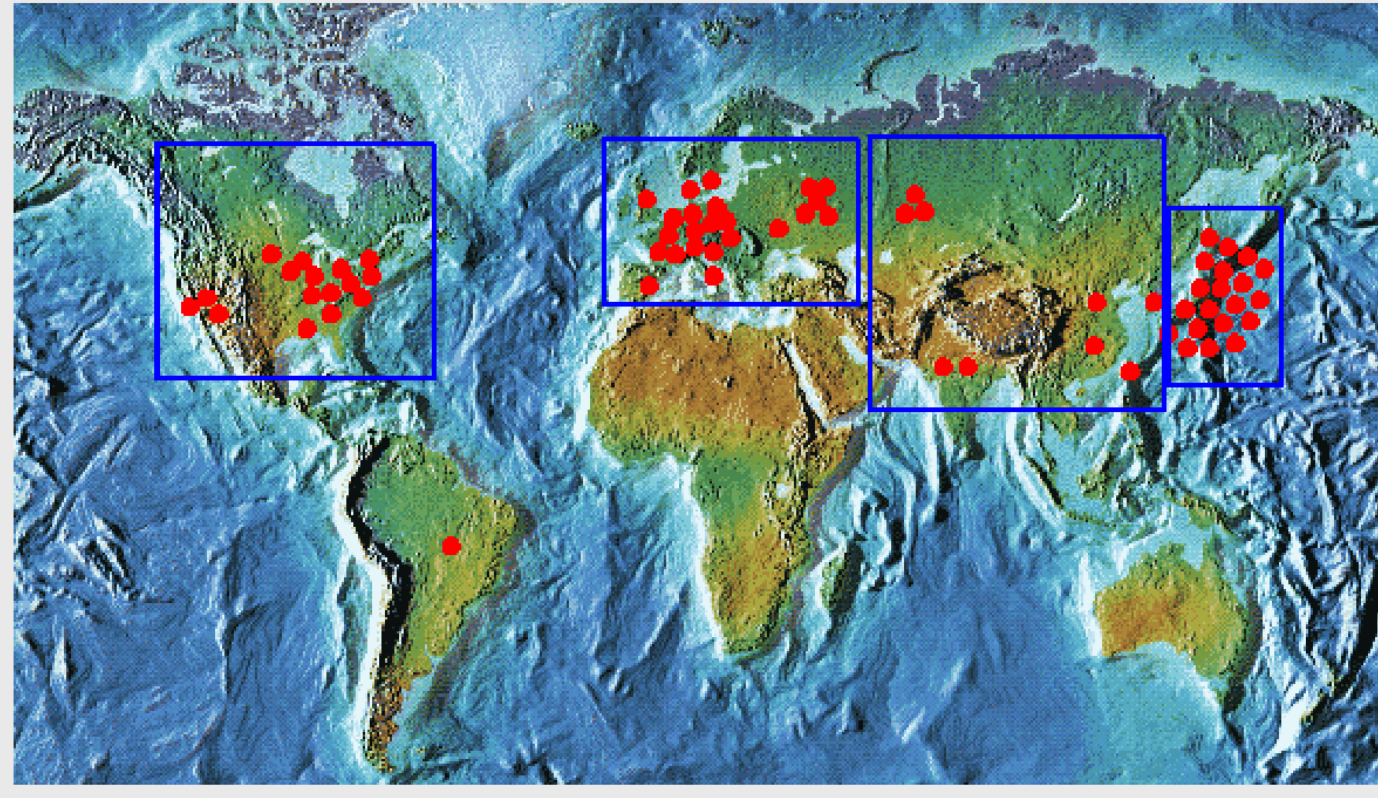
APS (1995) 7 GeV
 $\epsilon_x = 2.5/3 \text{ nm}$, $\epsilon_y = 30 \text{ pm}$, $I = 100 \text{ mA}$



Diamond (2007) 3 GeV
 $\epsilon_x = 3.0 \text{ nm}$, $\epsilon_y = 30 \text{ pm}$, $I = 300(500) \text{ mA}$

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Evolution from 1st, 2nd to 3rd GLSs (3/3)



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Part II

Characteristics of 3rd Generation Light Sources (GLSs)

Subjects Treated:

- Design goals
- Ring structure
- Beam dynamics issues
- Operational aspects

Design goals (1/2)

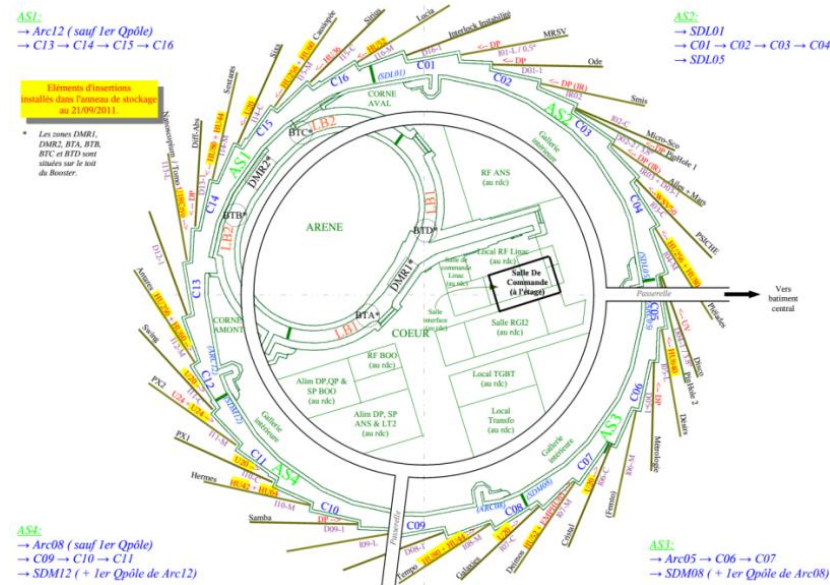
Goals and the target performance of 3rd Generation Ring-Based Light Sources (3GLSs):

Constant delivery of a high quality, intense and stable photon beam to a large number of beamlines

Currently running 3GLSs:

Many free straights for IDs (Insertion Devices). IDs and dipoles used for photon beamlines.

Ring magnet lattice elaborated to provide a low emittance electron beam with a large ratio (free straight sections)/ circumference



29 beamlines (22 IDs + 7 dipoles) at SOLEIL

Design goals (2/2)

High quality and intense photon beams: Often characterized in terms of

$$\textit{Brilliance} = \frac{\textit{Photons}}{\textit{Second} \cdot \textit{mrad}^2 \cdot \textit{mm}^2 \cdot 0.1\% \textit{BW}} \propto \frac{\textit{I}}{\varepsilon_x \varepsilon_y}$$

I : Beam current, ε_u : Transverse emittance

⇒ Two major axes in increasing Brilliance:

- 1) Lowering the transverse emittances ε_x and ε_y
- 2) Increasing the beam intensity I

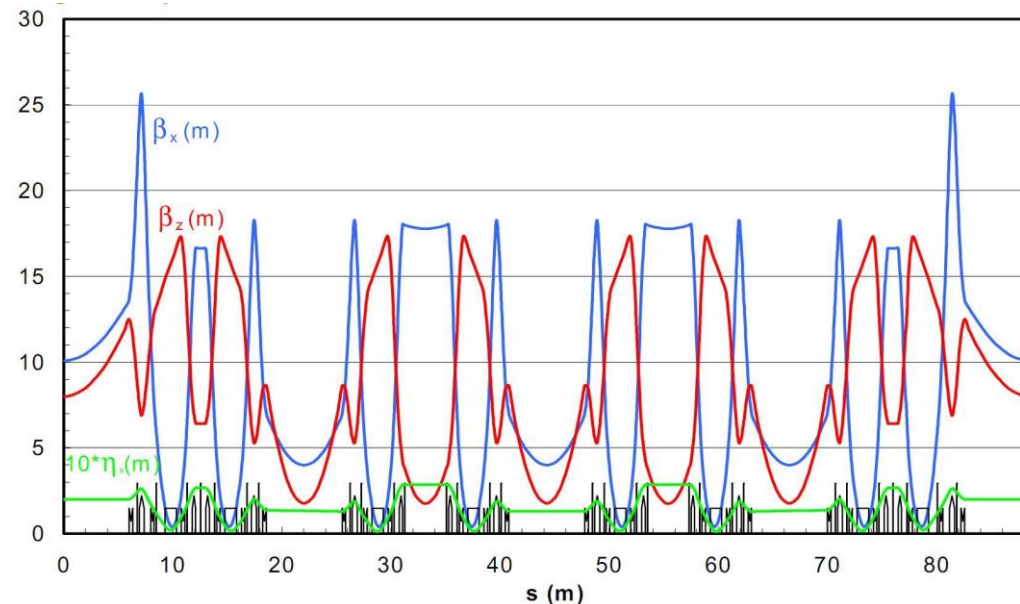
Ring structure

- ◇ There are two reasons to want to have the ring composed of many identical cells:
 - 1) To introduce many free straight sections for insertion devices (IDs)
 - 2) To avoid dangerous structural resonances occurring on particle motions
- ◇ In 3GLSs, a Double-Bend (DB) cell is popular since it allows designing a low-emittance optics in a compact structure, thus leaving longer distance for free straight sections

One quarter of the ring composed of 4 Double-Bend (DB) cells for SOLEIL.



*24 straights ($4 \times 12 \text{ m} + 12 \times 7 \text{ m} + 8 \times 3.6 \text{ m}$) over 354 m of circumference, i.e. **45%** availability at SOLEIL, in a DB lattice*



Beam dynamics issues

- ◇ In following the “two axes” mentioned earlier to improve the storage ring performance as a light source, serious beam dynamics issues emerge due to the effort of lowering the emittance:

Issues related to single particle dynamics:

- Strong focusing with quadrupoles to approach the theoretical minimal emittance condition
- Large chromaticities
- Strong sextupoles to correct the chromaticities
- Strong limitation of the stability of particle motions (i.e. small “dynamic apertures”)
- Injection and beam lifetime limitations and large sensitivity of the optics to imperfections

Issues related to collective beam dynamics:

- Strong focusing with quadrupoles to approach the theoretical minimal emittance condition
- Smaller magnet bore radii
- Narrower vacuum chamber (VC) apertures
- Higher coupling impedance (larger EM interactions with electrons and VCs)
- High intensity beam becoming more unstable collectively

Operational aspects (1/2)

- ◇ One another important performance of a ring-based LS is to store an electron beam in ***different filling modes*** to satisfy those users who are utilizing the time structure of SR in their experiments (so called ***time-resolved experiments***)
- ◇ In addition, if the ring is capable of storing a short electron bunch (normally in several picosecond order), it may satisfy users that request longitudinal coherence in SR

Mode of operation Bunch filling patterns	User Operation in 2016	Ultimate performance achieved
Multibunch	500 mA	500 mA
Hybrid/camshaft mode	425 mA + 5 mA	425 mA + 10 mA
	+ Slicing on high intensity bunch	Slice length < 200fs FWHM
8 bunches	100 mA	110 mA
1 bunch	16 mA	20 mA
Low- α : Hybrid mode	4.7 ps RMS for 65 μ A	< 3.2 ps RMS for 15 μ A

Five modes of operation provided by SOLEIL to its users

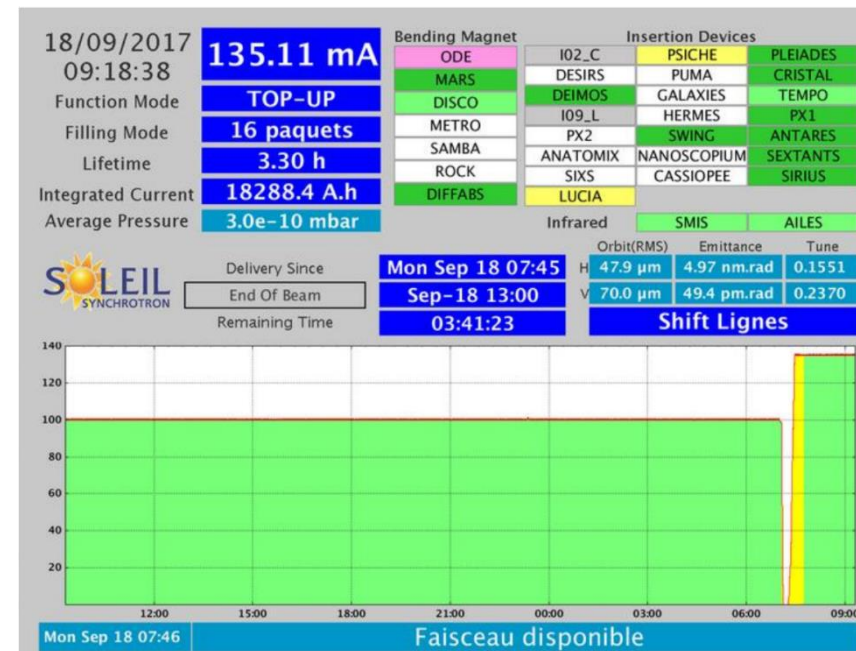
Operational aspects

(2/2)

- ◇ For the constant delivery of stable beam, the following efforts are made:
 - Construction of a ring on solid foundation and drill pillars into the ground to stabilize the floor
 - Development of a fast and accurate (μm level) orbit correction system
 - Topping-up to keep the beam intensity constant (see the graph below)
 - Permanent running of a number of feedback systems to keep the machine and the beam stable

- ◇ Many 3GLs are operated 24h/24 and over 5000 hours/year for users

- ◇ As the beam availability is crucial, great efforts are constantly made to keep the availability close to 100%, maximize the Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) and minimize the Mean Time To Recover (MTTR).



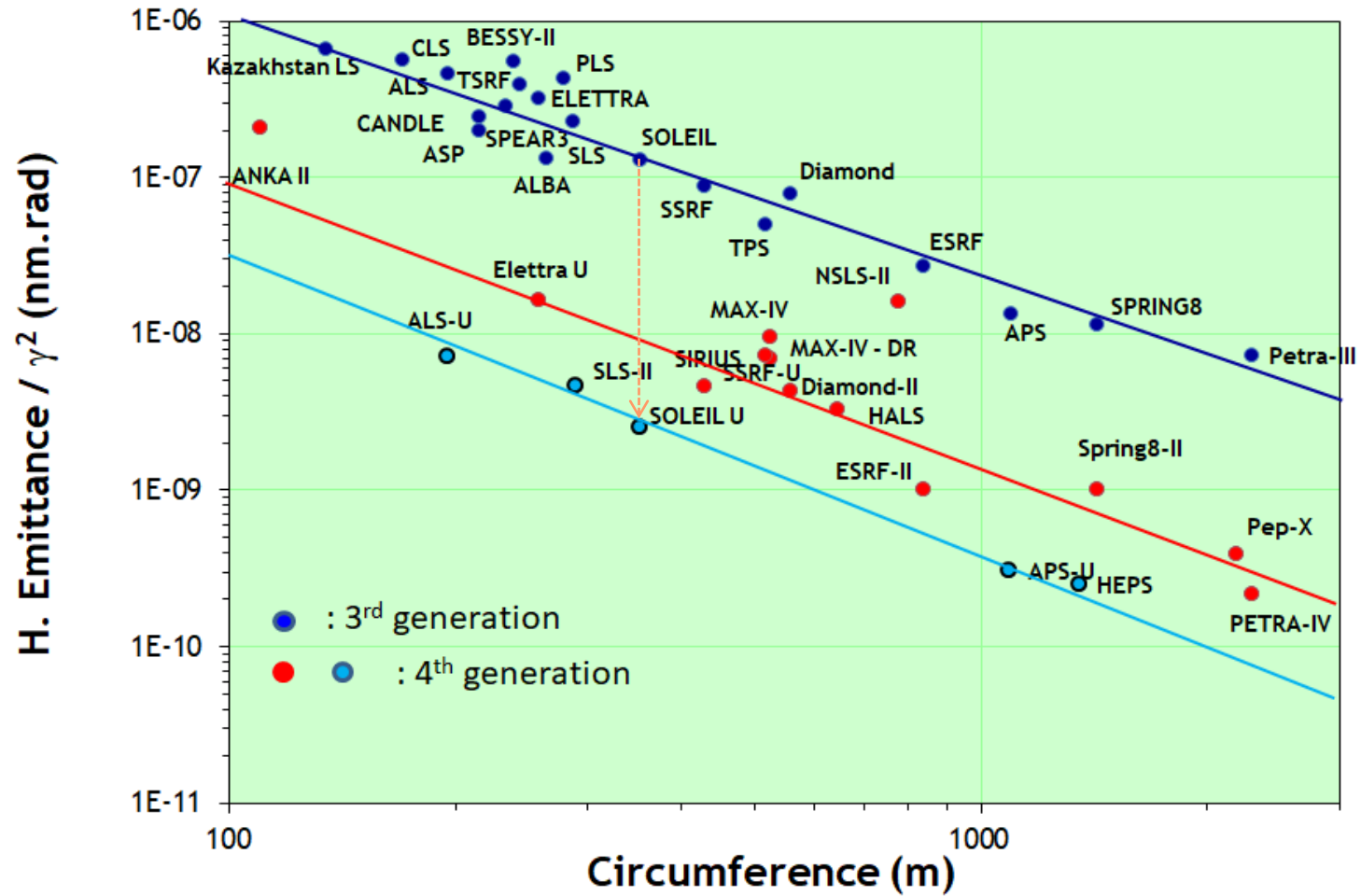
Part III

Evolution towards 4th GLSs (or what are called DLSRs)

Subjects Treated:

- **Currently arising global trend to construct them**
- **Key towards 4GLSs: “MBA” lattice**
- **Major beam dynamics and technological challenges**

Global trend constructing 4GLs

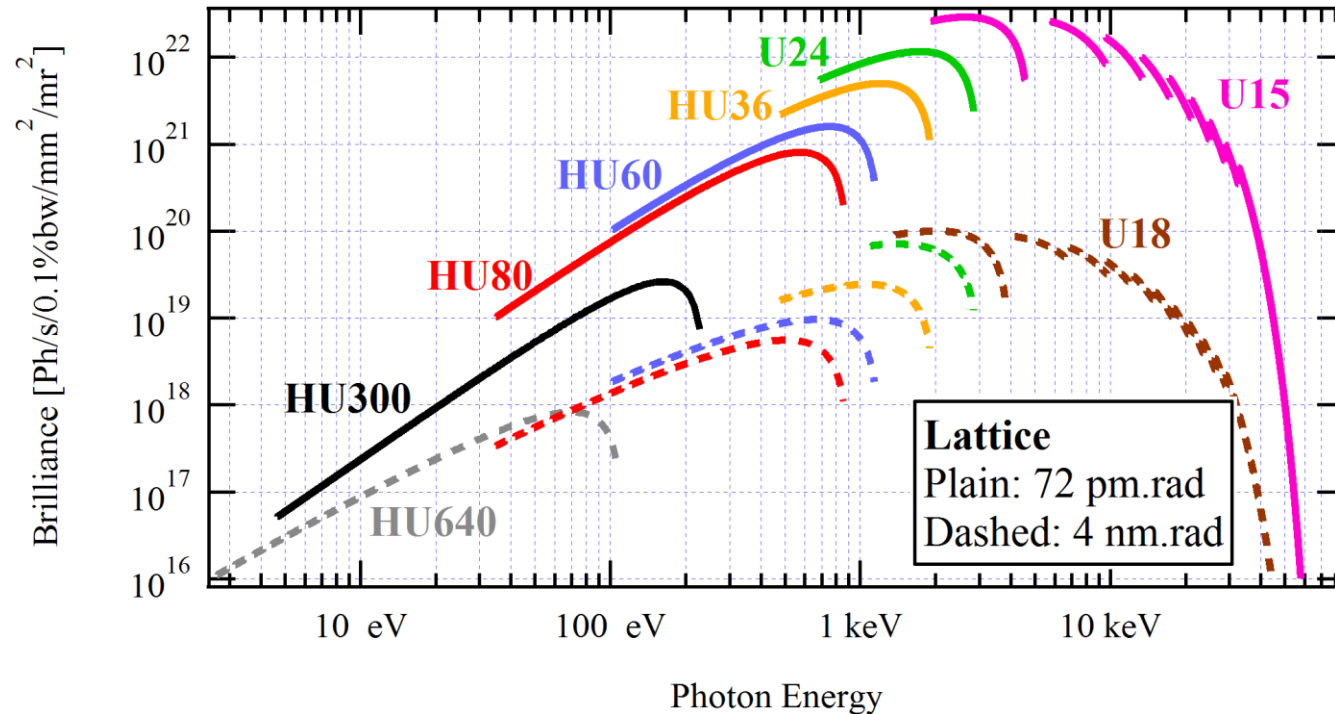


(Riccardo Bartolini's plot updated)

Why we think they are 4GLSs ...

Brilliance des photons

$$B_n(\lambda) = \frac{F_n(\lambda)}{4\pi^2(\varepsilon_x \otimes \varepsilon_R(\lambda))(\varepsilon_z \otimes \varepsilon_R(\lambda))}$$

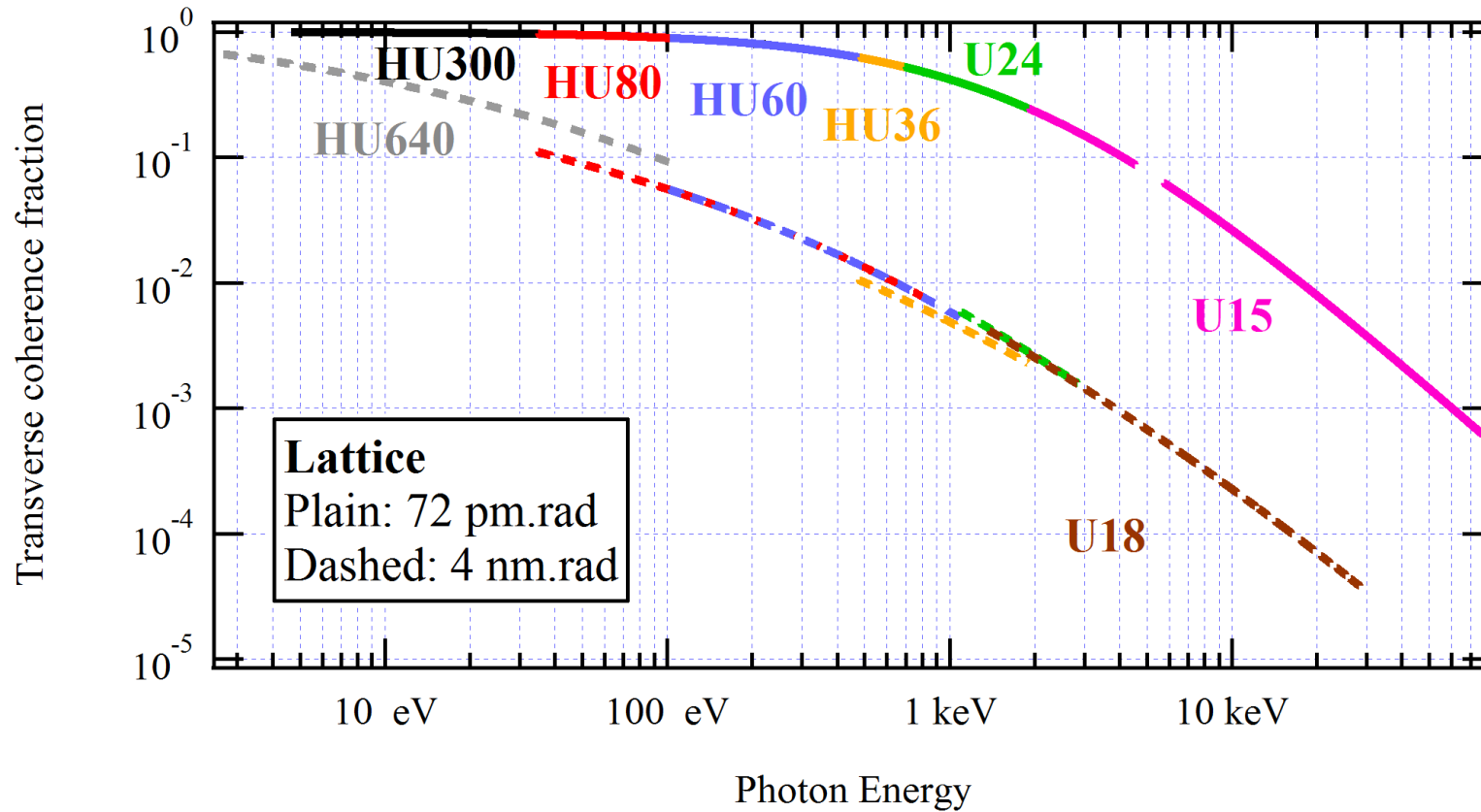


Increase of brilliance attains **two orders of magnitude** in the range of interest: Namely from 1 to 3 keV, exceeding the value of 10^{22} photons/s/mm²/mrad²/0.1%b.w. Brilliance reaches 10^{20} photons/s/mm²/mrad²/0.1%b.w. at 40 keV!

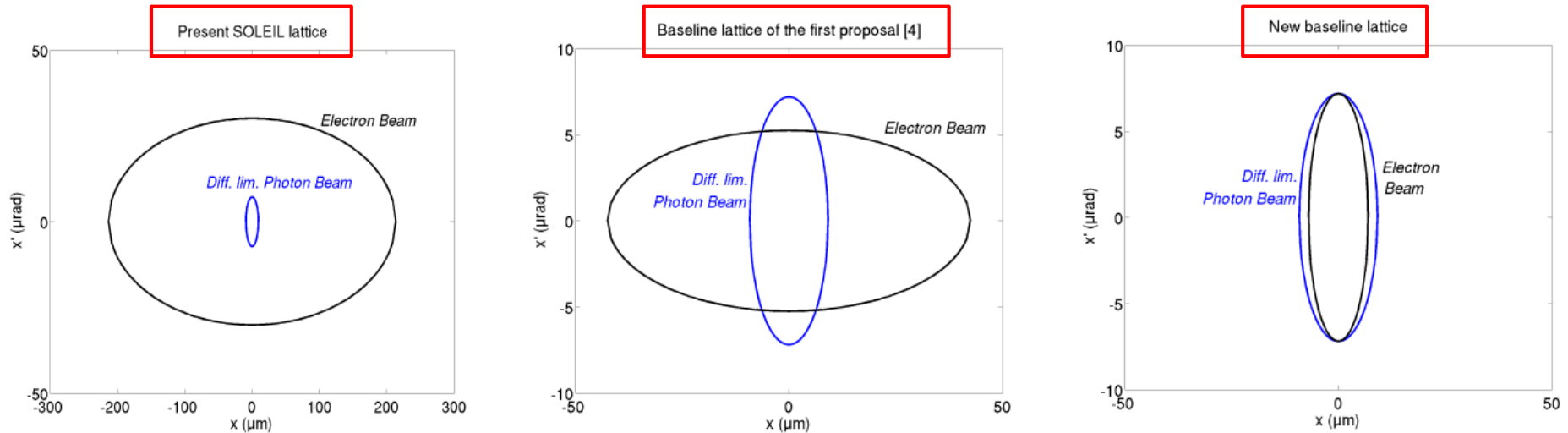
Why we think they are 4GLSs ...

Transverse coherence

$$f_c(\lambda) = \frac{\varepsilon_R(\lambda)}{\varepsilon_R(\lambda) \otimes \varepsilon_x(e^-)} \frac{\varepsilon_R(\lambda)}{\varepsilon_R(\lambda) \otimes \varepsilon_z(e^-)}$$



They are also called DLSRs



Electron and photon beam emittances are the importance of matching between the two

Key to 4GLS: MBA lattices

Analytical expression for the horizontal emittance

$$\varepsilon_x = C_q \frac{\gamma^2 \oint H(s) / \rho(s)^3 ds}{J_x \oint ds / \rho(s)^2} = C_q \frac{\gamma^2 I_5}{J_x I_2},$$

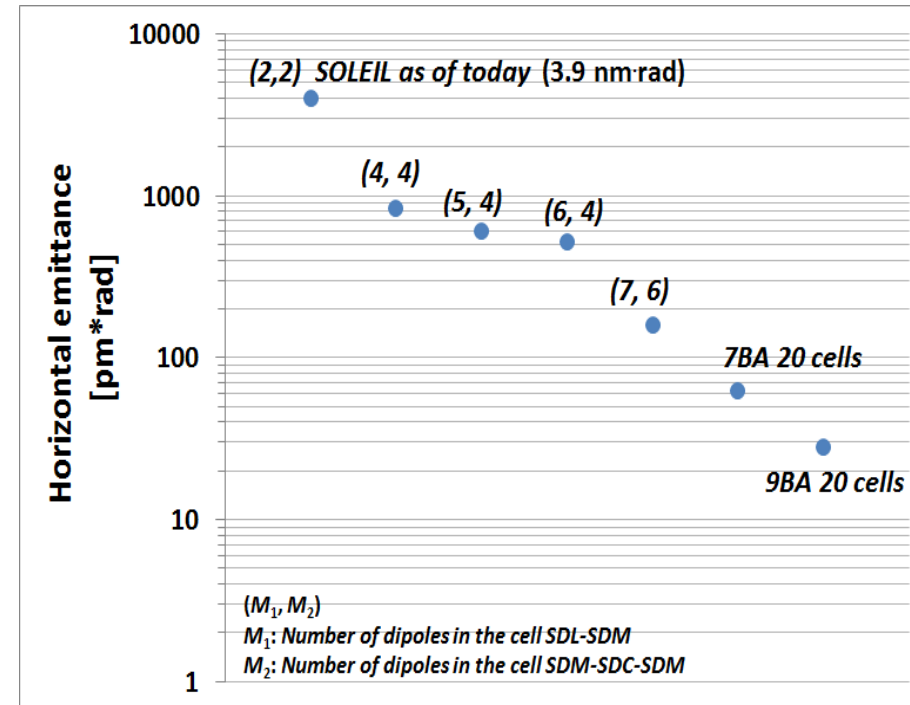


Dependence of Theoretical Minimal Emittance on

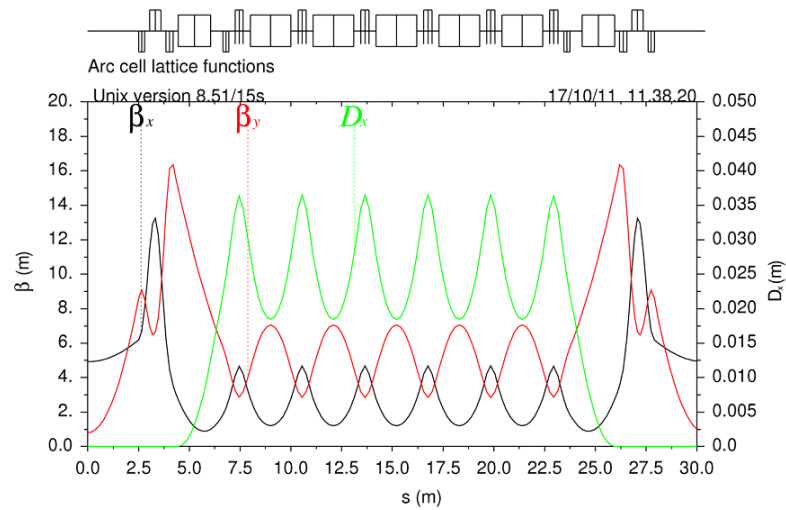
E : Energy of the machine

N : Number of dipoles

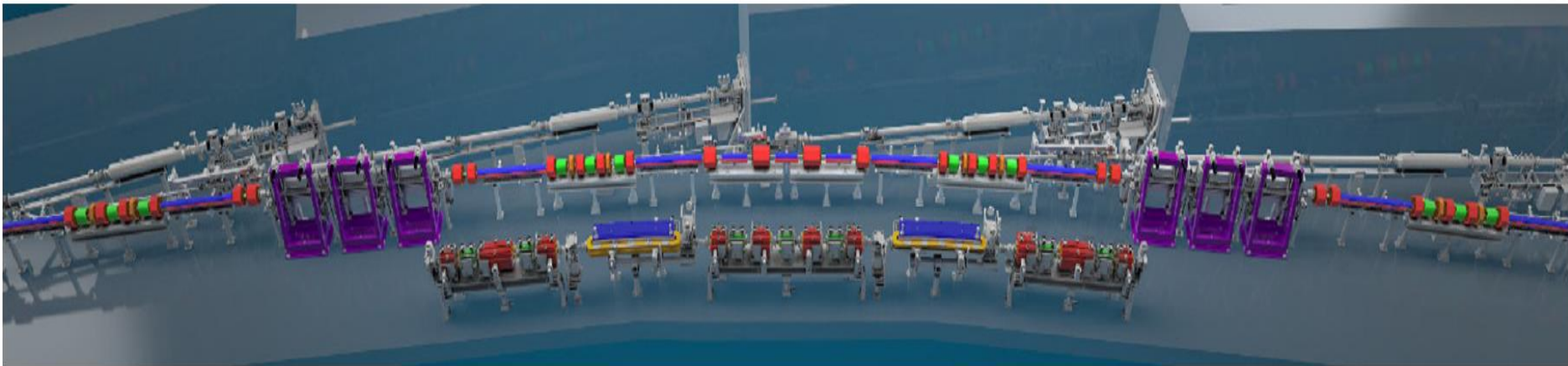
$$\varepsilon_x \approx F(\text{lattice}) \frac{E^2}{N^3}$$



Characteristics of MBAs



*7BA lattice optimized for PEP-X
(Y. Cai et al., SLAC)*



(taken from J.-L. Revol et al., "ESRF Upgrade Phase II", IPAC2013)

Characteristics of MBAs

Technical challenge: Magnets System

Mechanical design final drawing phase

- Soft iron, bulk yoke
- Large positioning pins for opening repeatability
- Tight tolerances on pole profiles
- Prototypes to be delivered in the period: September 2014-Spring 2015

High gradient quadrupoles

- Gradient: 90 T/m
- Bore radius: 12.5 mm
- Length: 390/490 mm
- Power: 1-2 kW

Quadrupole
Around 52 Tm^{-1}

Combined Dipole-Quadrupoles
 $0.54 \text{ T} / 34 \text{ Tm}^{-1}$ & $0.43 \text{ T} / 34 \text{ Tm}^{-1}$

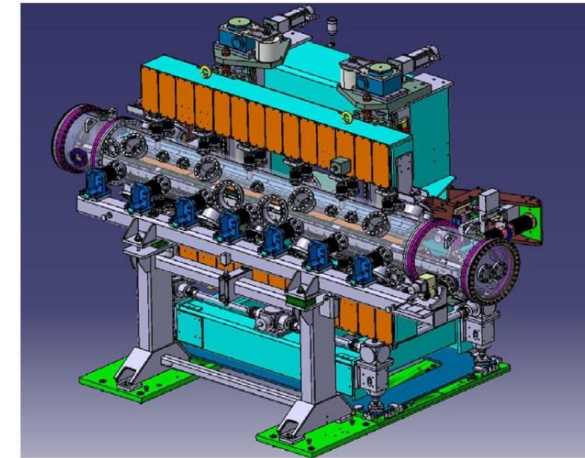
Sextupoles
Length 200mm
Gradient: 3500 Tm^{-2}

Permanent magnet ($\text{Sm}_2\text{Co}_{17}$) dipoles
longitudinal gradient 0.16 – 0.65 T, magnetic gap 25 mm
1.8 meters long, 5 modules

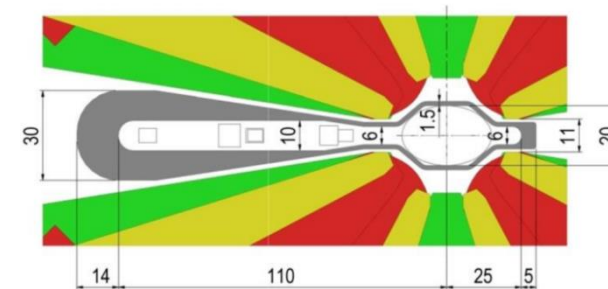
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(Special magnets developed for the ESRF upgrade: taken from P. Raimondi, LERD2015, April 2015)

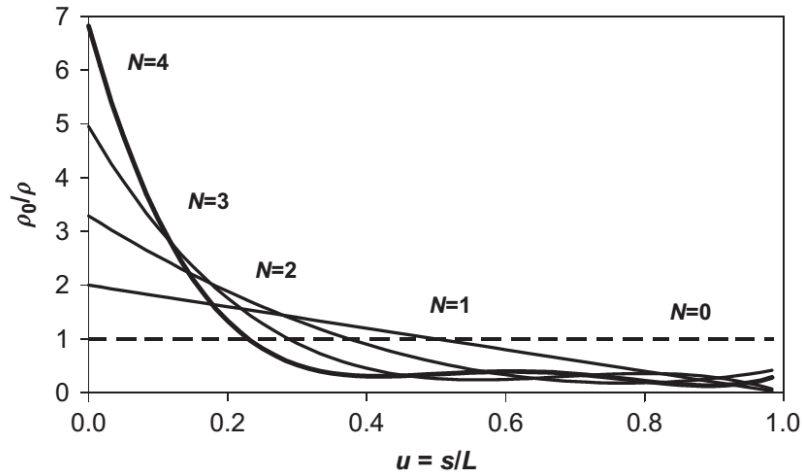


Cryogenic in-vacuum undulator developed at SOLEIL



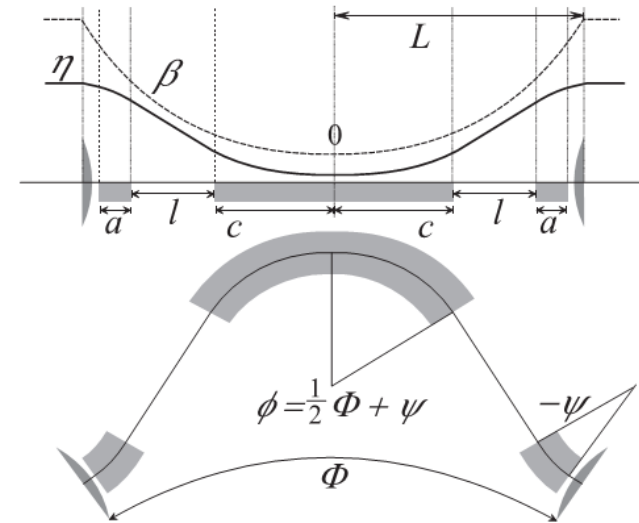
(New vacuum chamber design for the ESRF upgrade: taken from J.-L. Revol et al., "ESRF Upgrade Phase II", IPAC2013)

Associated recipes developed



Application of “Longitudinal gradient bends”

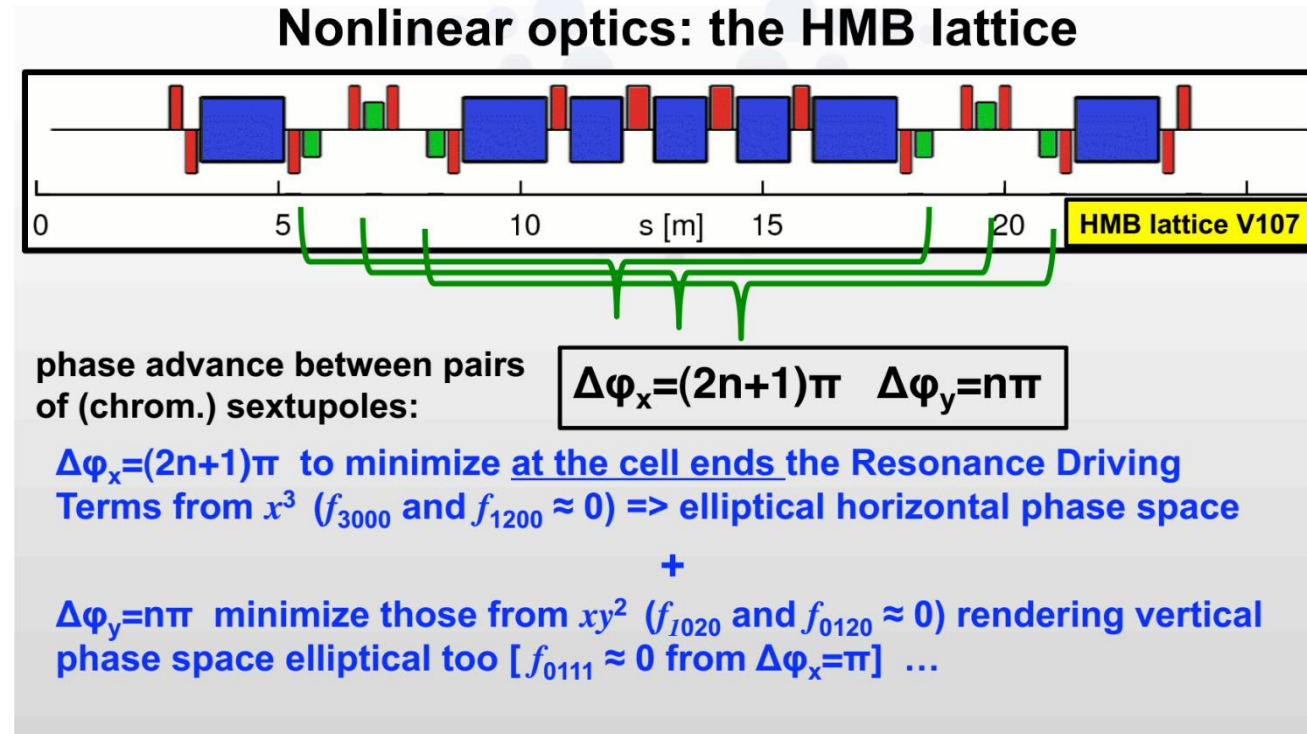
(taken from R. Nagaoka, A. Wrulich, NIM **A575** (2007) 292)



Combination of “Longitudinal gradient bends” with “reverse-bends”

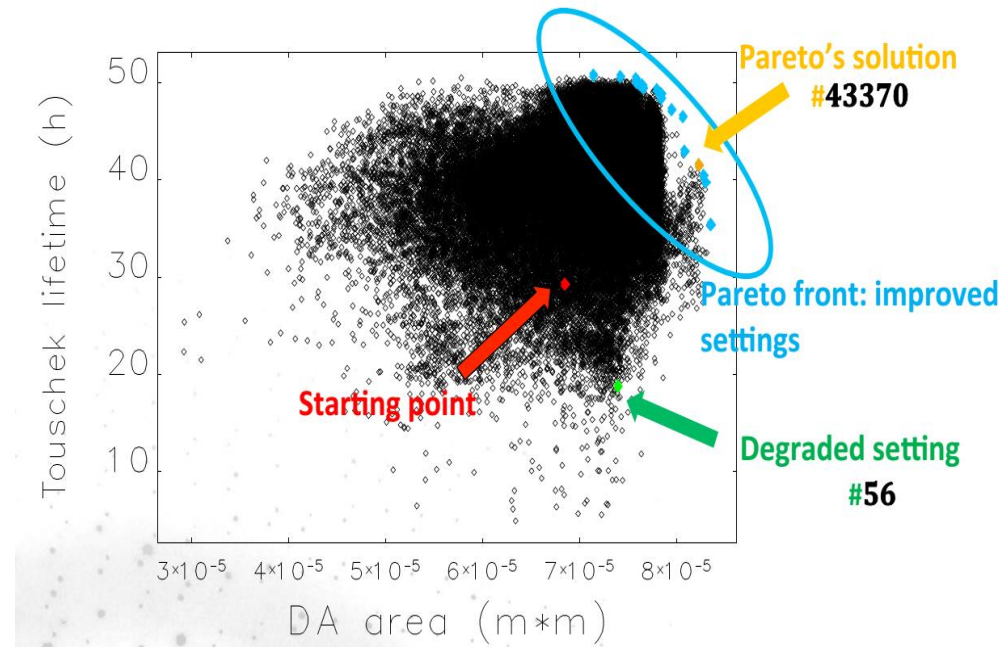
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Associated recipes developed



Principle of (-) sextupole compensation scheme illustrated for the ESRF-EBS lattice (A. Franchi, workshop USR, Beijing 2012)

Associated recipes developed



DA area and Touschek lifetime for the MOGA optimized solutions. Present (starting point), improved and degraded lattices are blue, red, and green marks respectively (L. Nadolski et al., LERD2016, Lund)

Associated recipes developed

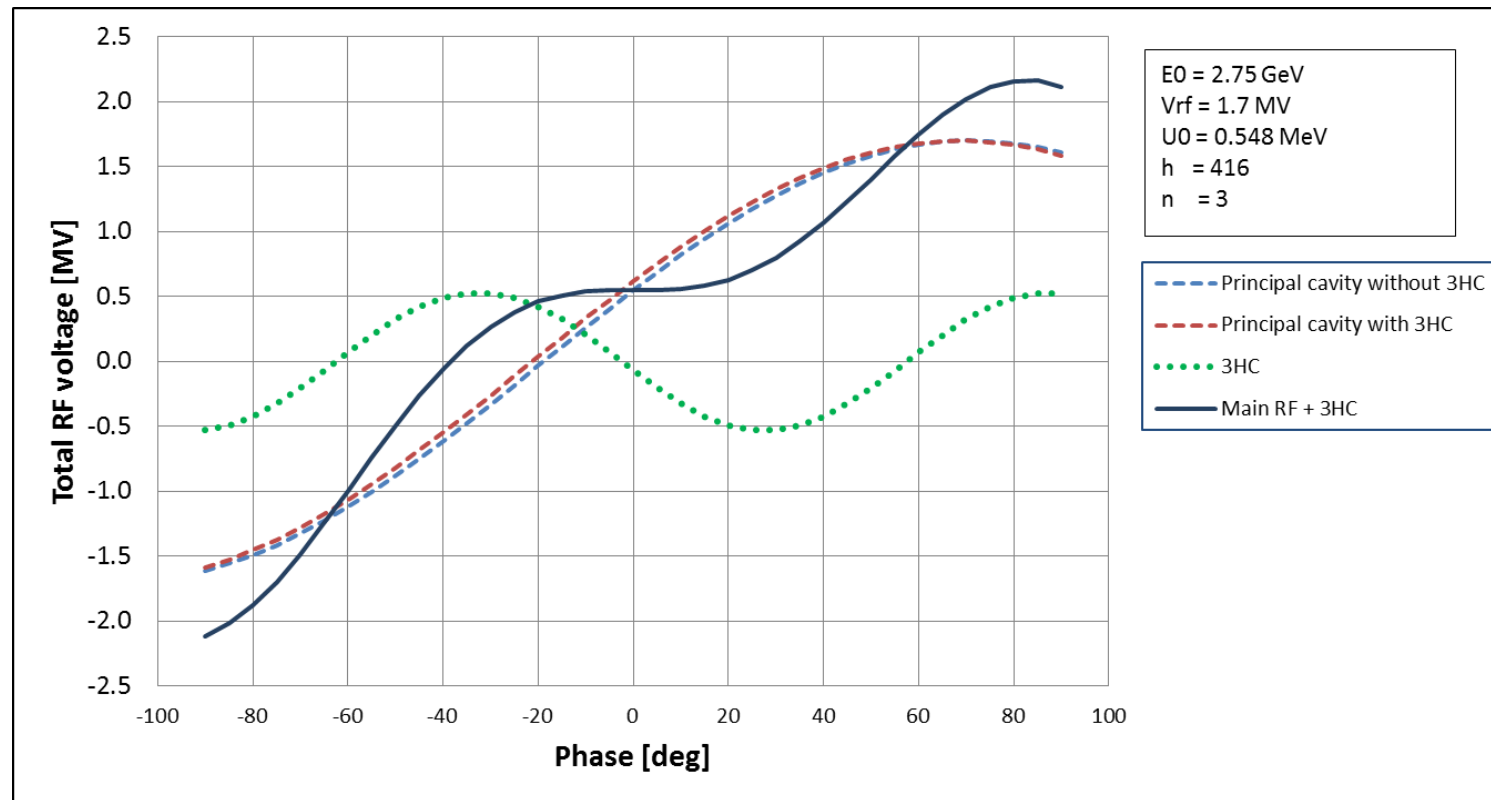
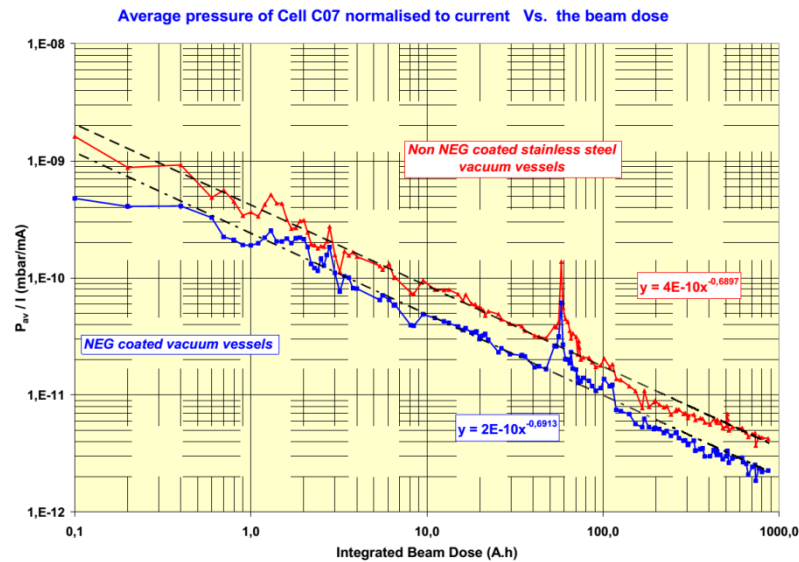
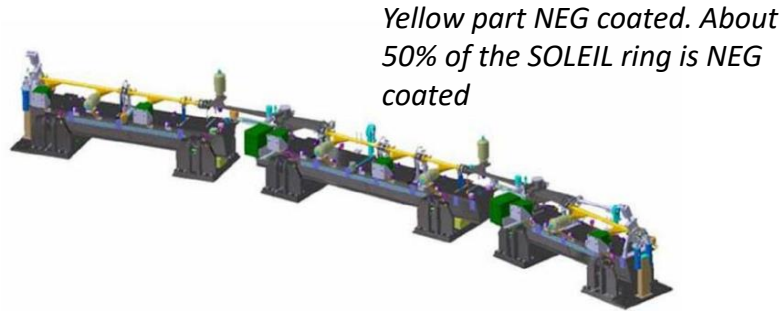
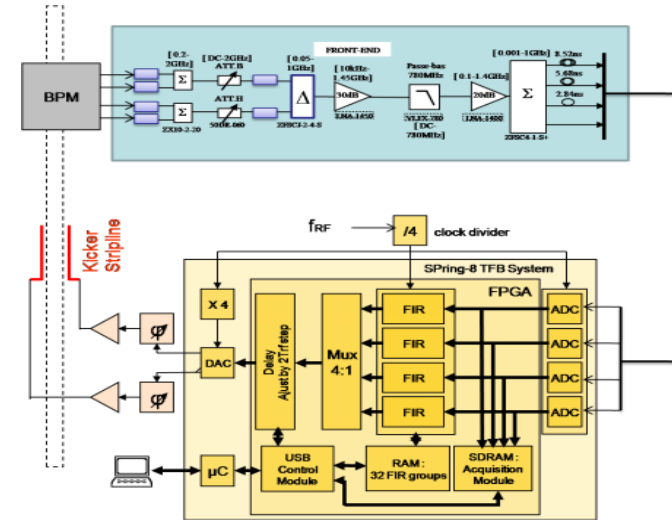


Illustration of a flat RF potential achieved by adding a component from a third harmonic cavity on top of the original RF voltage

Associated recipes developed



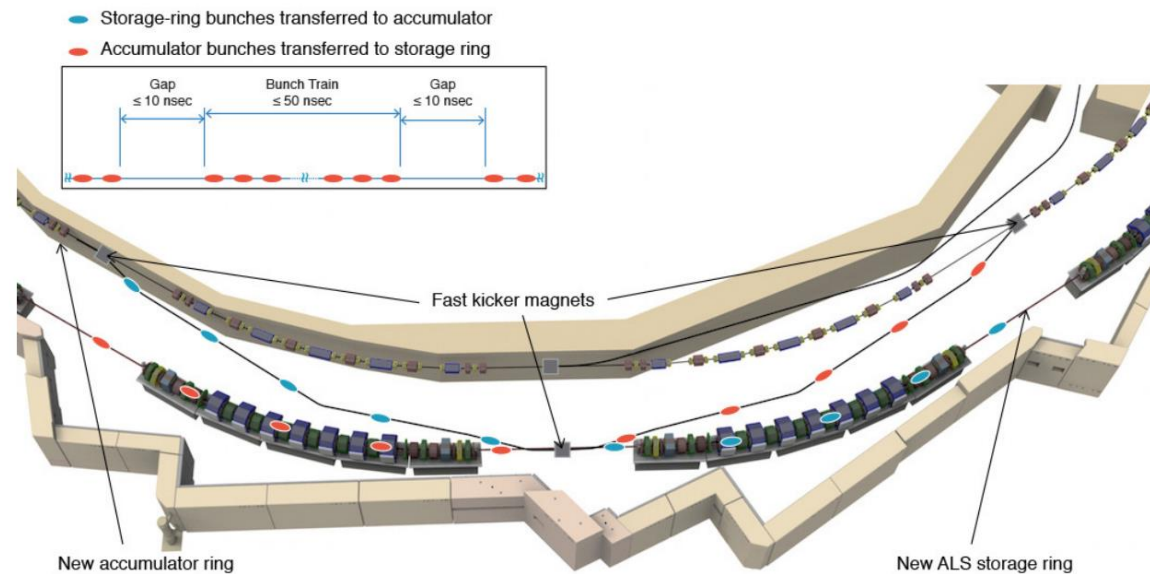
(taken from C. Herbeaux et al., "Vacuum conditioning ...", EPAC08)



Layout of bunch-by-bunch transverse feedback system developed at SOLEIL

Non-standard injection schemes (1/2)

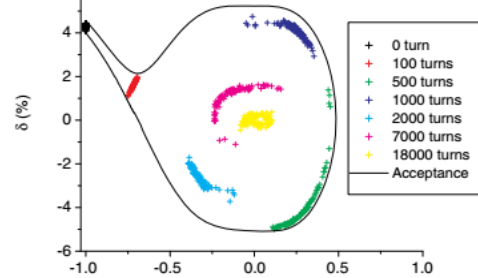
Swap injection scheme is being developed for APS-U and ALS-U in the US



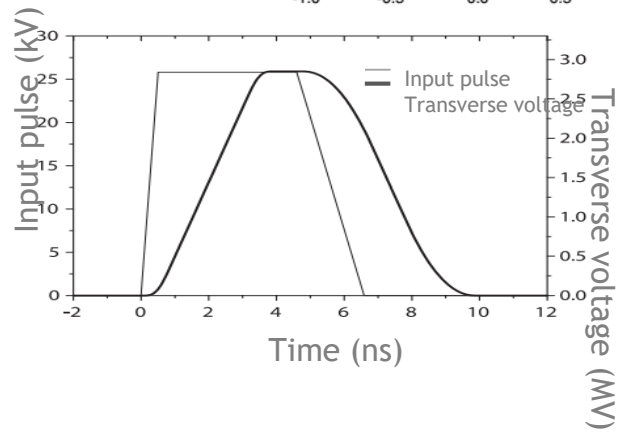
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Non-standard injection schemes (2/2)

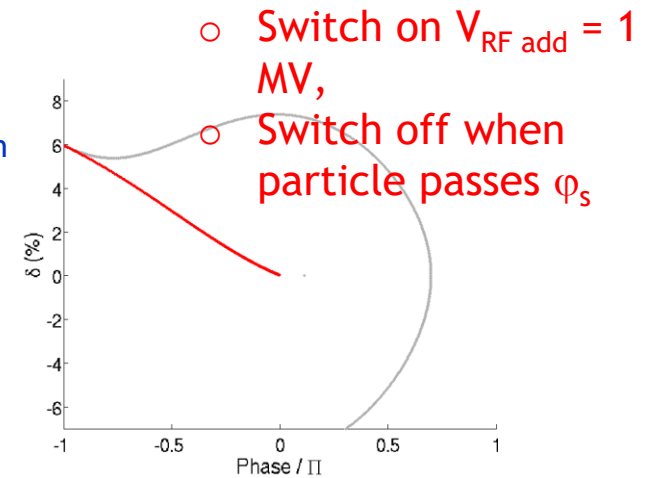
M. Aiba et al., PRST AB 18, 020701 (2015)
DOI:10.1103/PhysRevSTAB.18.020701



Two longitudinal on-axis injection schemes developed for DLSRs



Particle with zero betatron amplitude

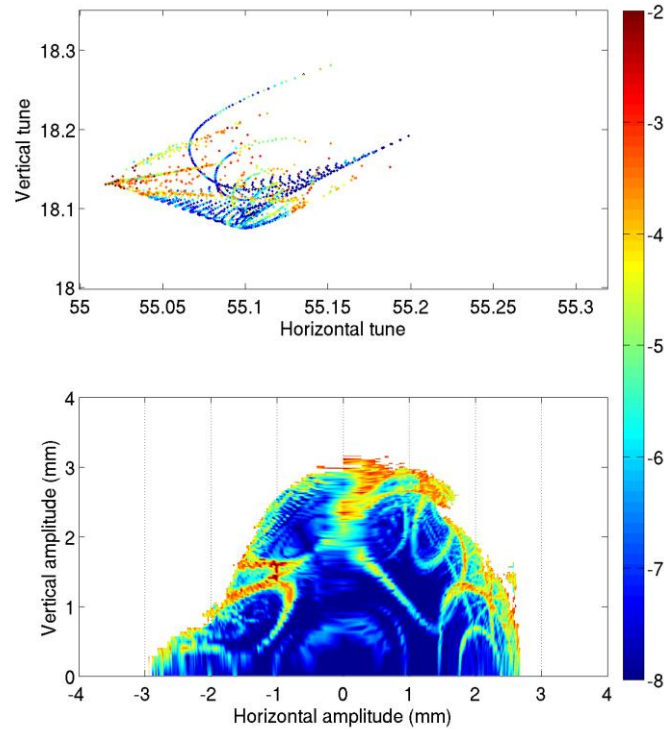


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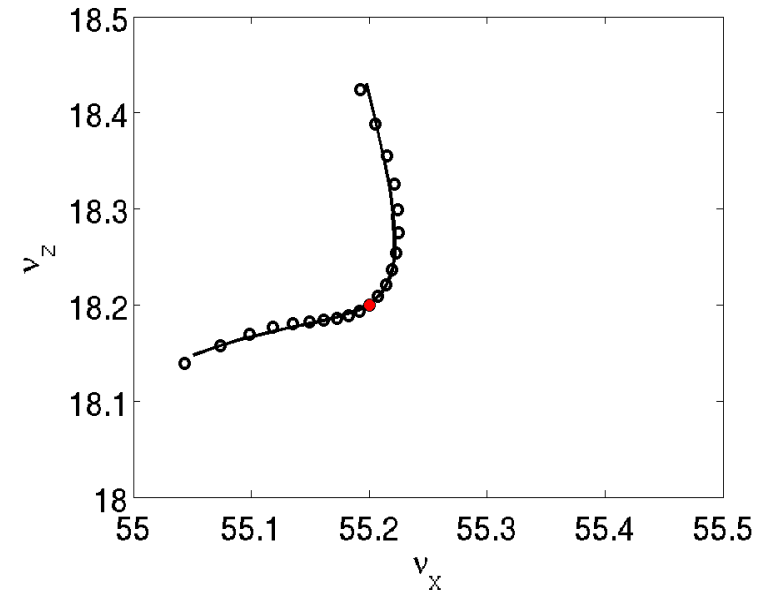
Beam dynamics issues

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- ◇ Studies of transverse single particle motions which are severely limited in DLSR are of utmost importance



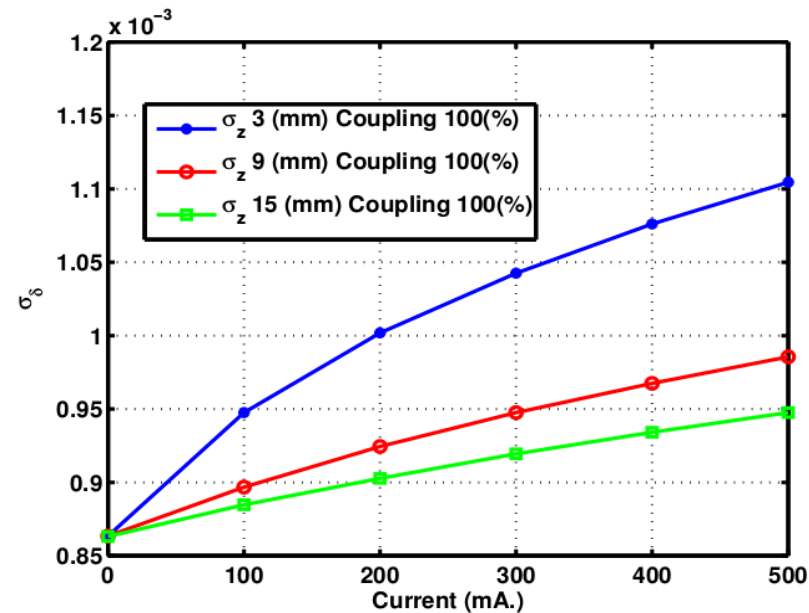
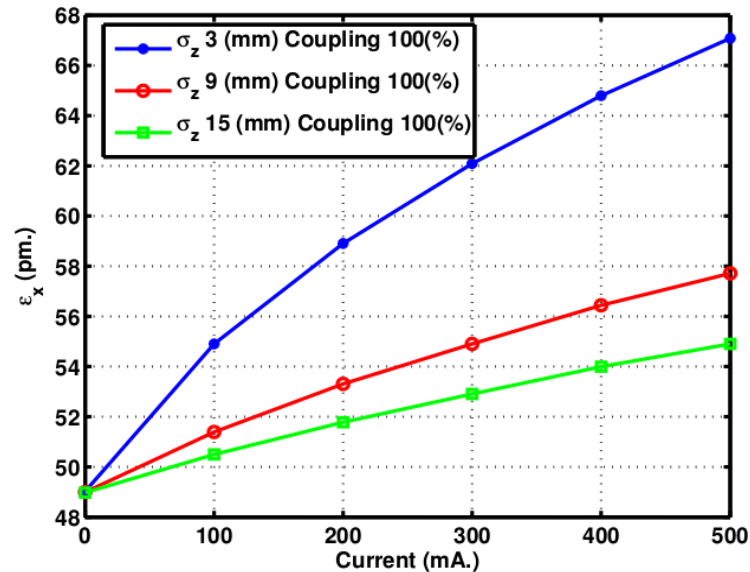
On-momentum transverse stability



Tune shift with energy deviation

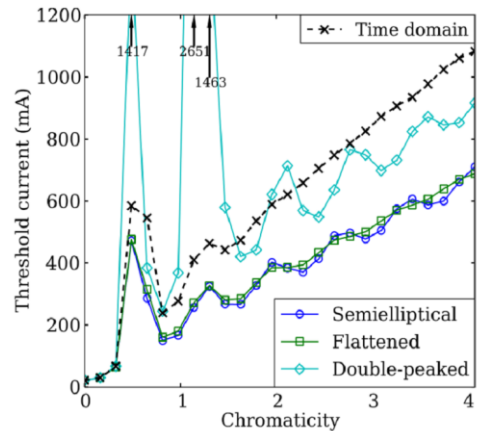
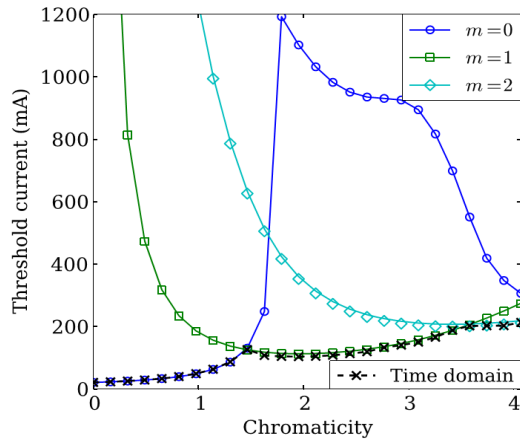
Beam dynamics issues

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Due to extremely small beam sizes, scattering of electrons (Intra Beam Scattering and Touschek scattering) within a bunch due to their Coulomb fields becomes a serious threat in achieving the ultra-low emittance

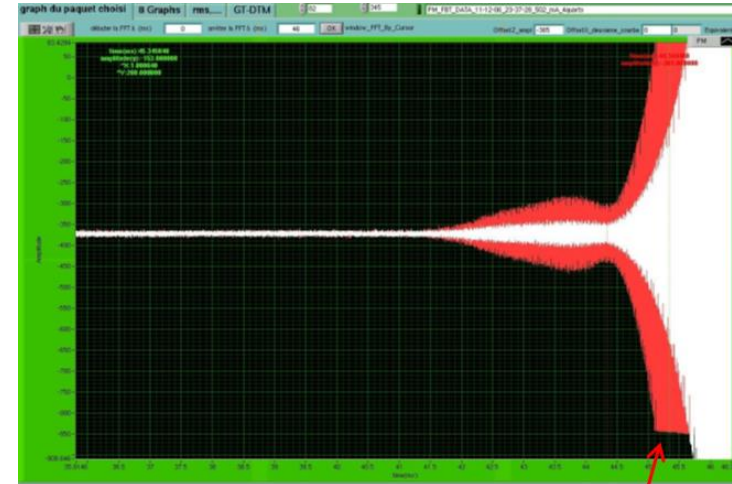
Beam dynamics issues (1/2)



Time domain results give ~50% higher thresholds

(F. Cullinan et al., PRAB 19,124401 (2016))

Fast beam-ion instability encountered and studied at SOLEIL

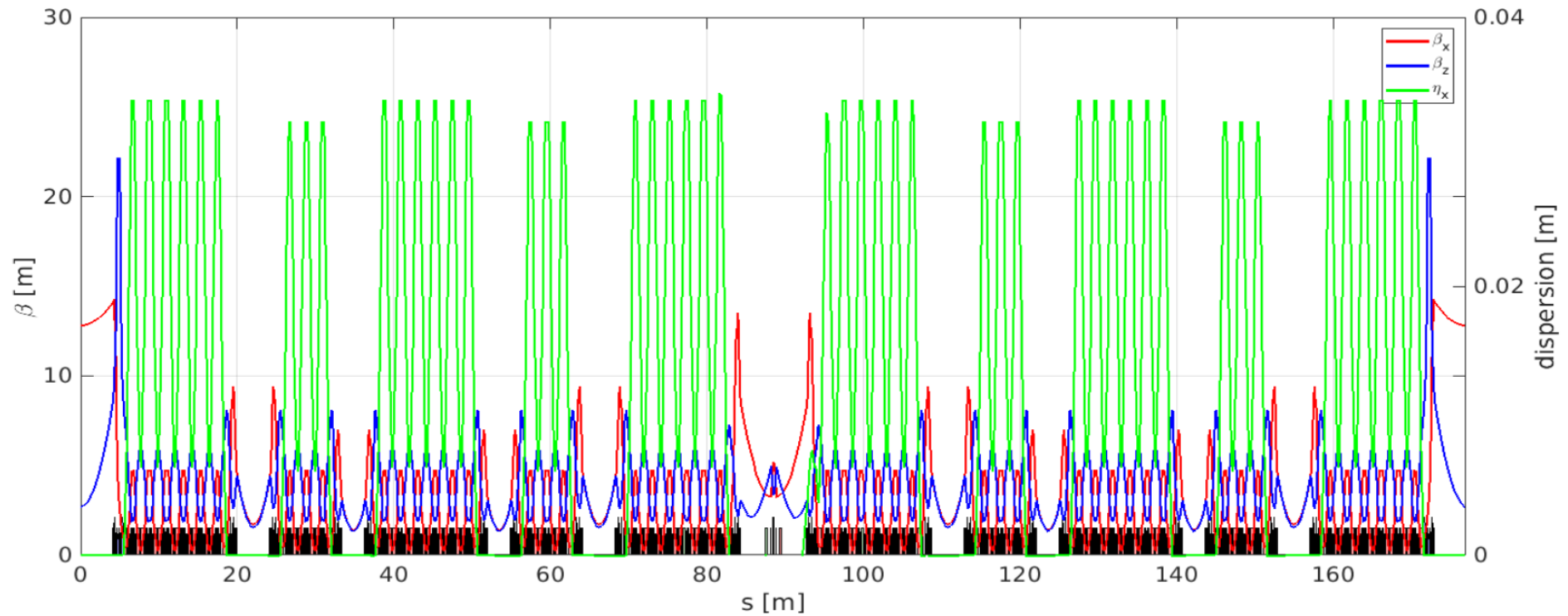


Measured beam loss at 500 mA
White: Beam, Red: TFB kick

feedback saturation

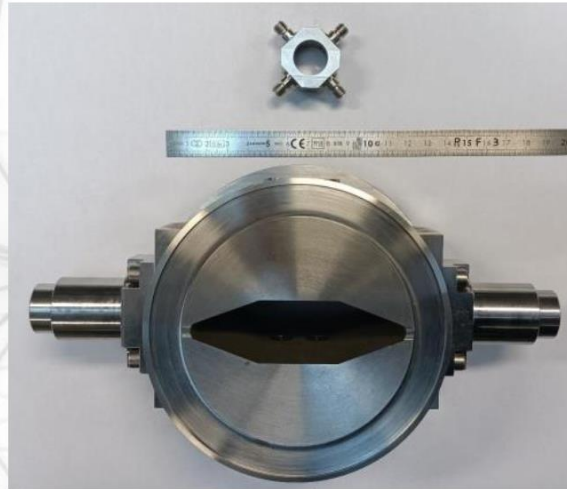
Transverse collective beam instability is anticipated to be serious for future DLSRs due to reduced vacuum chamber aperture. Many theoretical/numerical studies are being made around the world

Solutions developed at SOLEIL (1/2)



Super cell optical functions of the 7BA-4BA SOLEIL upgrade lattice producing an emittance of 84 pm.mrad.

Solutions developed at SOLEIL (2/2)



BPM prototypes for SOLEIL (bottom) and SOLEIL Upgrade (top)

Miniaturization



Upgrade Permanent magnet quadrupole prototype (top)
Present Electromagnet quadrupole (bottom)

Part IV

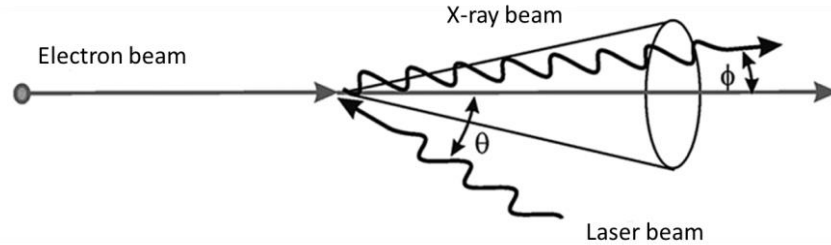
What are the “Ring-based Inverse Compton Scattering Light Sources”?

Subjects Treated:

- **Characteristics of Inverse Compton Scattering**
- **Goals of its application to storage rings**
- **Compact rings constructed for this purpose**

Characteristics of Inverse Compton Scattering (1/3)

◇ Mechanism of Inverse Compton Scattering



taken from: R. Kuroda et al., "Development of Laser Inverse Compton Scattering X-ray Source and Its Application", *Optics Vol.43 No.9 (2014)*;
K. Dupraz, "Projet Thomx: nouvelle source de rayon-X", presentation given at Synchrotron SOLEIL, March 2023

- A low energy photon (typically emitted by a laser) collides with a relativistic high energy electron and scatters elastically backwards as a high energy photon (in an X-ray beam).
- Due to the relativistic electron, the scattered photons shall be confined in a cone with its opening angle f of the order of $1/\gamma$
- The energy $h\nu$ of an inversely scattered photon is given by

$$h\nu = \frac{(1 + \beta \cos \theta) \cdot h\nu_0}{1 - \beta \cos \phi + [1 + \cos(\theta + \phi)] \cdot \frac{h\nu_0}{\gamma m_0 c^2}} \quad \rightarrow \quad (h\nu)_{\max} \approx 2\gamma^2(1 + \beta \cos \theta) \cdot h\nu_0 \approx 4\gamma^2 h\nu_0 \quad \theta = 0$$

(if $\gamma m_0 c^2 \gg h\nu_0$ and $\phi = 0$)

- β, γ : Relativistic factors
- m_0 : Electron rest mass
- c : Velocity of light
- $\gamma m_0 c^2$: Electron energy
- θ_0 : Collision angle between the laser beam and the electron
- ϕ : Scattering angle

Characteristics of Inverse Compton Scattering (2/3)

- Namely, the energy of the inversely scattered photon can be increased with the proportionality of γ^2
- The ϕ -dependence of the photon energy indicates that photons in the range $\frac{1}{2}(h\nu)_{\max} < h\nu < (h\nu)_{\max}$ are emitted within the cone of the opening $1/\gamma$

Characteristics of the inverse scattered photons:

- By varying the parameters involved above in the inverse scattering, the (peak) energy of the photons can be varied continuously
- The generated beam of photons is well oriented in a cone-like distribution
- If the beam is collimated with a small aperture, the transmitted photons could be confined in energy with a spread in the range of a few percent
- The transverse beam size of the scattered photons follows those of the electron and laser beams and could be made small, typically in the range of a few tens of microns
- The scattered photons inherit the polarization properties of the laser beam and thus could be well polarized
- The time structure of the scattered beam follows those of the electron and laser beams and thus could be made to be very short, in the range of femto seconds

Goals of its application to storage rings (1/2)

- Today there is a widespread use of X-ray imaging in many different areas of science, including physics, chemistry, biology and medicines
- Many of them use the X-ray tube technology as sources, which however are limited in their performance in terms of flux intensity and monochromaticity.
- Undulator spectra in light source rings are excellent sources for this purpose in producing intense monochromatic X-rays in the tens of keV range. However, this requires an electron beam in the GeV range with a big synchrotron ring.
- As regards the scale of a light source, the Inverse Compton Scattering technique allows reducing by **two orders of magnitude in the electron beam energy** as compared to ring-based X-ray sources using the undulator spectra
 - ➔ A dramatic reduction of the accelerator dimension is possible
- Average photon production rate $\langle dN/dt \rangle$ is a product of Thomson scattering cross section σ_T and the luminosity L defined by the electron-laser beam system:

$$\langle dN/dt \rangle = \sigma_T * L \approx \sigma_T * f_{rep} \cdot N_e \cdot N_L / [2\pi * (\sigma_e^2 + \sigma_L^2)]$$

σ_T : Thomson scattering cross section $\approx 6.6 \times 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2$

f_{rep} : Compton scattering repetition rate

N_e : Number of electrons in an electron bunch

N_L : Number of photons in a laser bunch

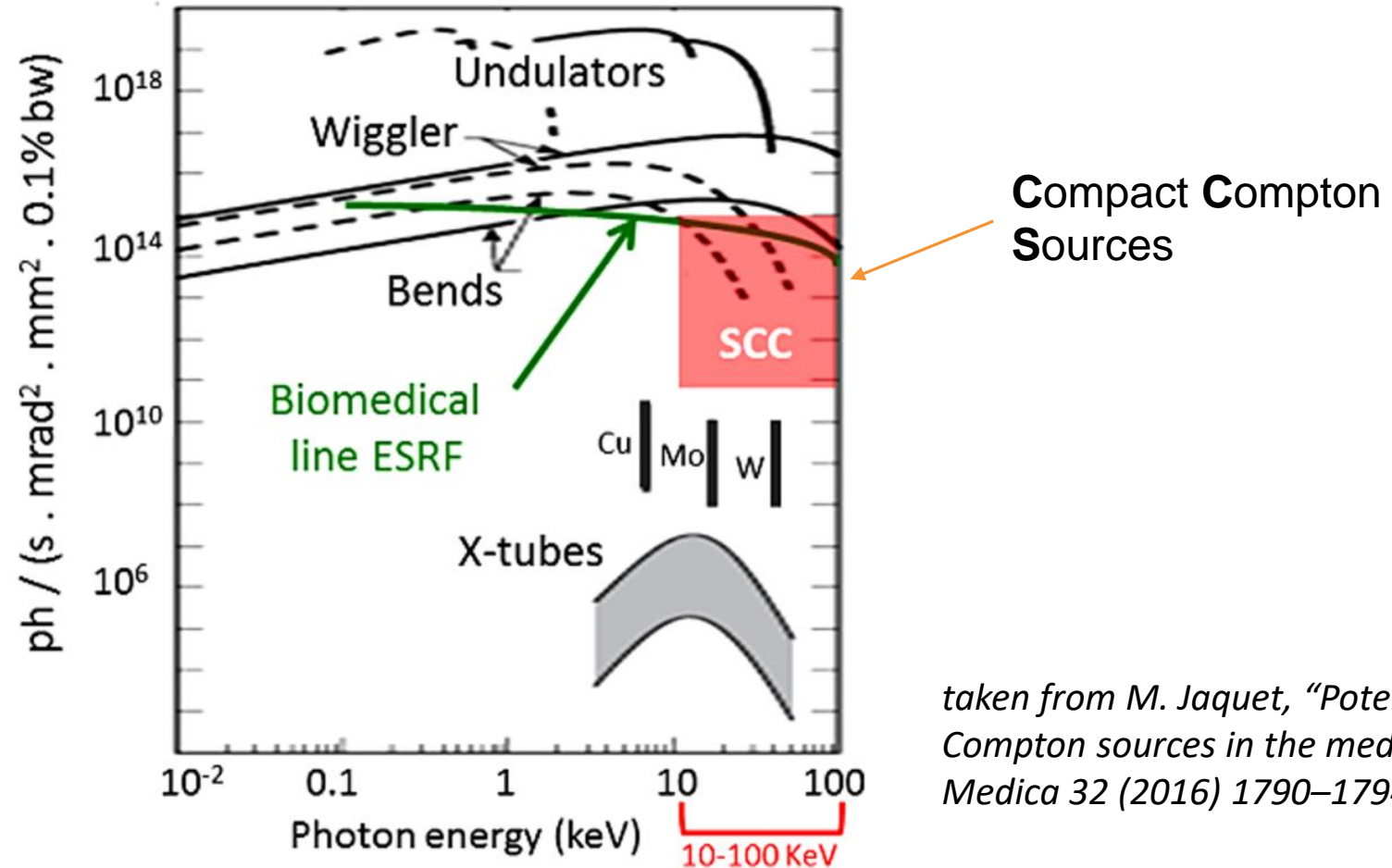
σ_e : Transverse electron bunch size

σ_L : Transverse laser beam size



Goals of its application to storage rings (2/2)

Inverse Compton Scattering sources occupy today an important area in the “Photon intensity versus photon energy diagram” ...



taken from M. Jaquet, “Potential of compact Compton sources in the medical field”, Physica Medica 32 (2016) 1790–1794

Figure 4. Typical brightnesses of synchrotrons, of conventional lab sources and of CCS projects (pink square). (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

Goals of its application to storage rings (1/3)

List of Inverse Compton Scattering Sources either existing or under development in the world:

- A : Storage ring
- L : Linear accelerator
- FP : Fabry-Perot cavity
- FEL : Free electron laser
- CP : Contra-Propagating laser
- CO : Circular Optics

taken from Pierre Favier, "Etude et conception d'une cavité Fabry-Perot de haute finesse pour la source compacte de rayons X ThomX, Université Paris-Saclay, 2017

Nom	Type	Flux (ph/s)	Energie (keV)	Divergence (mrad)	$\Delta E_{X,\gamma}/E_{X,\gamma}$ (%)	Statut
AIST [62]	L-CP	10^7	12-40	2.5	4	Opération
MEGa-ray [37]	L-CP	1.6×10^6	478	60	12	Opération/Développement
TTX [63]	L-CP	10^8	52	4.8-6.7	4	Opération
STAR [64]	L-CP	10^8	40-140	10	1-10	Financé / Développement
CXLS [38]	L-CP	5×10^{11}	12.4	4.3	5	Non financé / Développement
SXFEL [39]	L-CP	4.5×10^7	$3.7-39 \times 10^3$	0.8	<0.5	Non financé / Développement
ELI-NP-GBS [25]	L-CO	8×10^8	$0.2-19.5 \times 10^3$	0.025-0.2	<0.5	Financé / Développement
ELSA [40]	L-CO	2.9×10^4	11	10	/	Opération
Smart Light [65]	L-CO	$> 10^5$	60	1	1	Financé / Développement
cERL [66]	L-FP	3×10^7	7	0.14	0.4	Opération
LUCX [67, 68]	L-FP	3×10^6	10	/	5	Opération
BRIXS [69]	L-FP	10^{11}	20-90	/	/	Non financé / Développement
FERMILAB [70]	L-FP	8×10^9	1.1×10^3	/	0.25	Non financé / Développement
NewSUBARU [71, 18]	A-CP	5×10^6	$1.7-4 \times 10^3$	/	/	Opération
LEPS2 [72]	A-CP	7×10^6	$0.2-4 \times 10^6$	/	/	Opération
GRAAL [73]	A-CP	3×10^6	$0.4-1.5 \times 10^6$	/	1.1	Opération
SLEGS [74]	A-CP	10^9-11	22×10^3	/	/	Non financé / Développement
HIGS [75]	A-FEL	$3 \times 10^7-9$	$1-100 \times 10^3$	/	/	Opération
UVSOR [76]	A-FEL	1.6×10^8	$15-25 \times 10^3$	/	3	Opération
MuCLS/CLS [46, 47]	A-FP	3×10^{10}	15-35	4	3	Opération / Commercialisé
MightyLaser [48]	A-FP	4×10^8	24×10^3	/	/	Démonté (2014)
ThomX [26]	A-FP	10^{11-13}	45-90	10	1-10	Financé / Développement

Table 1.5: Machines Compton existantes ou en développement. Les grandeurs flux, énergie,... sont données pour le faisceau de rayons X/ γ produit. A : Anneau de stockage; L : accélérateur Linéaire; FP : cavité Fabry-Perot; FEL : Laser à Electrons Libres; CP : faisceau laser Contre-Propagatif; CO : Circulateur Optique. La divergence est donnée avant le collimateur.

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Main nominal parameters of the ThomX machine [20].

Parameter	Unit	Value
Electron machine		
Injection frequency	Hz	10–50
Bunch charge @50 hz	nC	0.05–1
Cathode material		Cu, Mg, CsTe
Electron energy	MeV	50–70
Rms transverse size @IP	μm	45–100
Normalized beam emittance @IP	mm.mrad	2–9
Bunch length	ps	10–20
Ring revolution frequency	MHz	16.6
Optical cavity		
Laser wavelength	nm	1030
Incident average power	W	100
Stored average power	MW	1 (20–30 mJ/pulse)
Rms transverse size @IP	μm	40
Repetition frequency	MHz	33.3
X-ray beam		
Total flux	ph/s	10^{12} – 10^{13}
Brightness (in 0.1% bw)	ph/(s.mm ² .mrad ²)	10^{10} – 10^{11}
Rms transverse source size	μm	40
X-ray max. Energy	keV	45–90

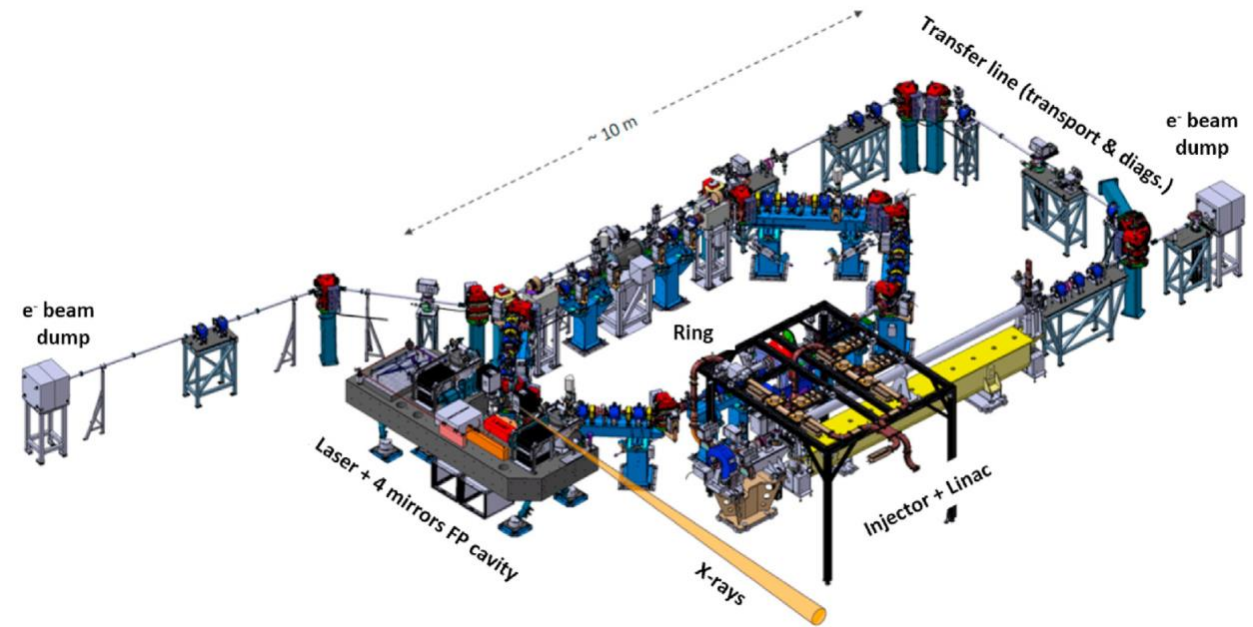


Fig. 1. ThomX layout.

An Inverse Compton Scattering Source ThomX

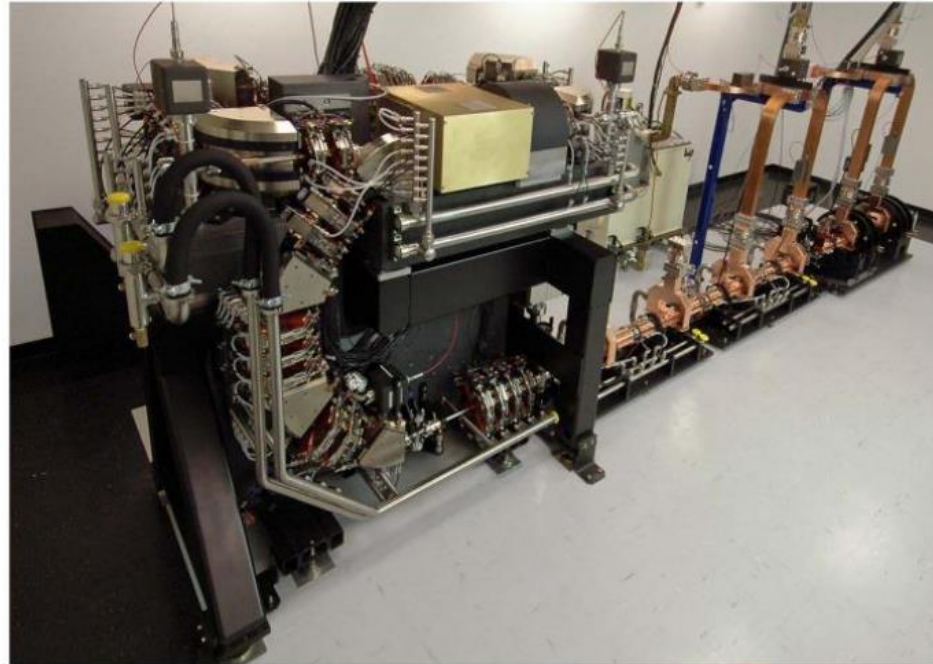
taken from K. Dupraz et al., "The ThomX ICS source", *Physics Open* 5 (2020) 100051

Goals of its application to storage rings (3/3)



ICS sources: Lyncean
first commercial ICS source

*There are also commercial
Inverse Compton Scattering
sources available today ...*



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**Hard X-ray phase-contrast imaging with
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V. Summary and Perspectives

- ◇ Since the 1960s when Synchrotron Radiation started to be utilized parasitically in synchrotrons constructed for high energy physics experiments, the ring-based light sources emerged explosively and gave significant contributions to the material science. They evolved to what are called the 3GLSs and SOLEIL can be considered to be the state-of-the-art 3rd Generation Light Source.
- ◇ The ideas for the so-called DLSRs started to emerge since the early 2010s on the basis of MBA lattices along with noteworthy progress in key technologies, creating today, an outburst of a global wave of upgrading existing LSs and/or newly constructing DLSRs. Several orders of magnitude of performance upgrade expected for DLSRs as compared to 3GLSs may justify calling them 4GLSs.
- ◇ There are, nonetheless, a number of challenging accelerator physics and technology issues yet to overcome. The community is working intensively to tackle them including recent efforts to make the future light source accelerators more “Green”.
- ◇ In view of the rapid evolution up till this point, the future of the ring-based, or more generally the accelerator-based Light Sources (LSs) appears to be very bright.

