

The new APPLE-II undulators for FLASH

FLASH: The High Repetition Rate Soft X-ray FEL Operating Two Undulator Beamlines Simultaneously



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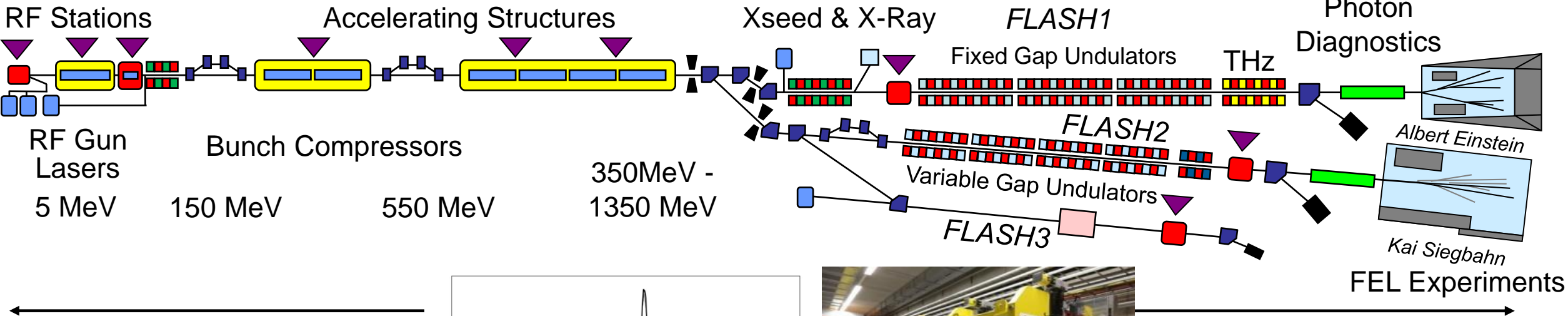
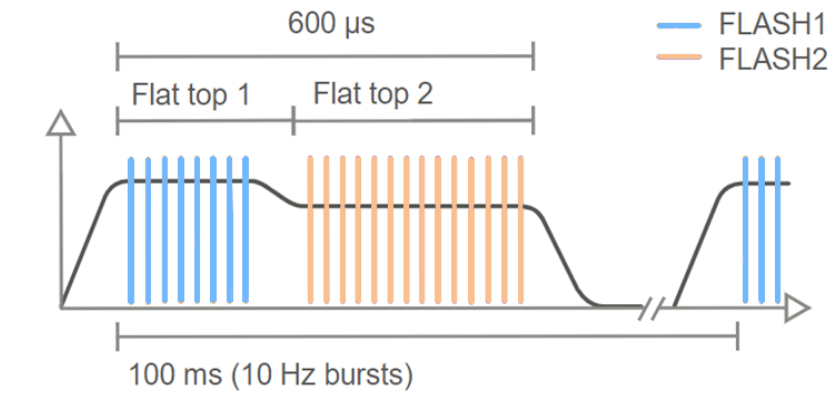
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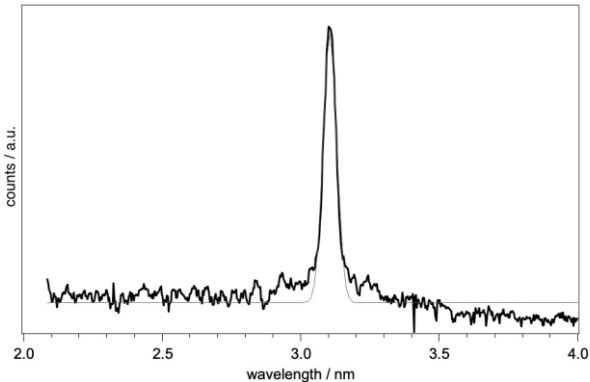
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FLASH until 2024



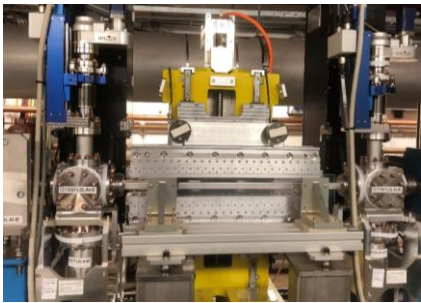
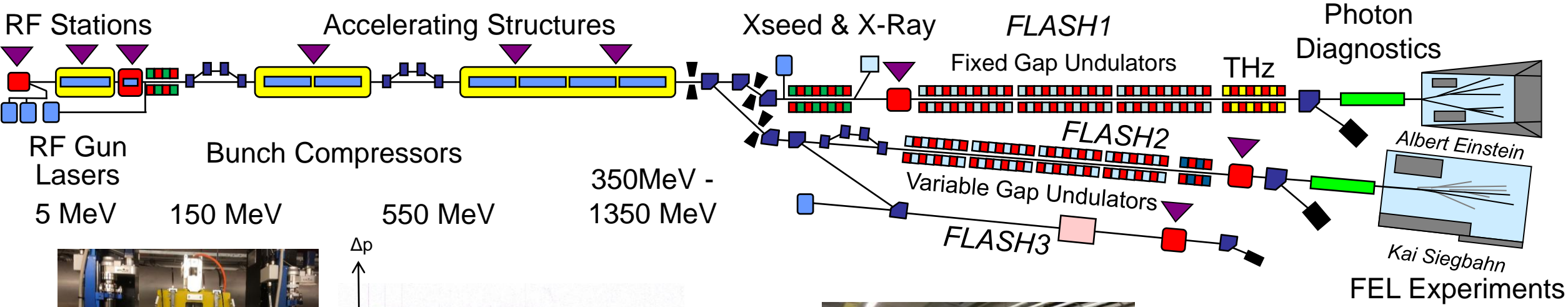
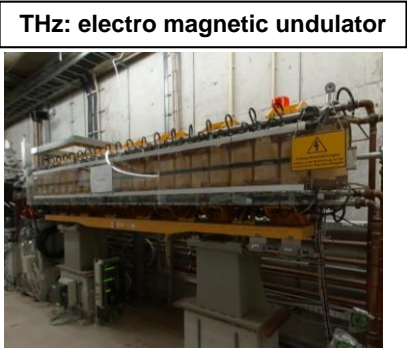
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Pulse duration: 1.3-200 fs
Min. spectral width: 0.5%



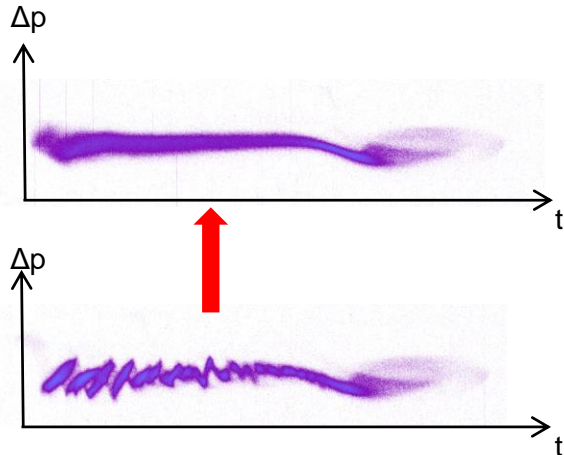
FLASH2: **planar, variable gap** undulators

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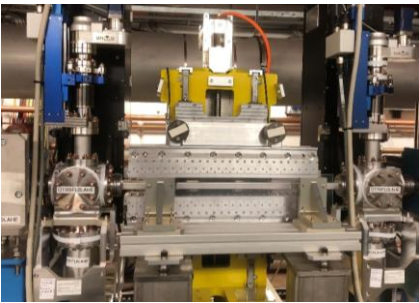
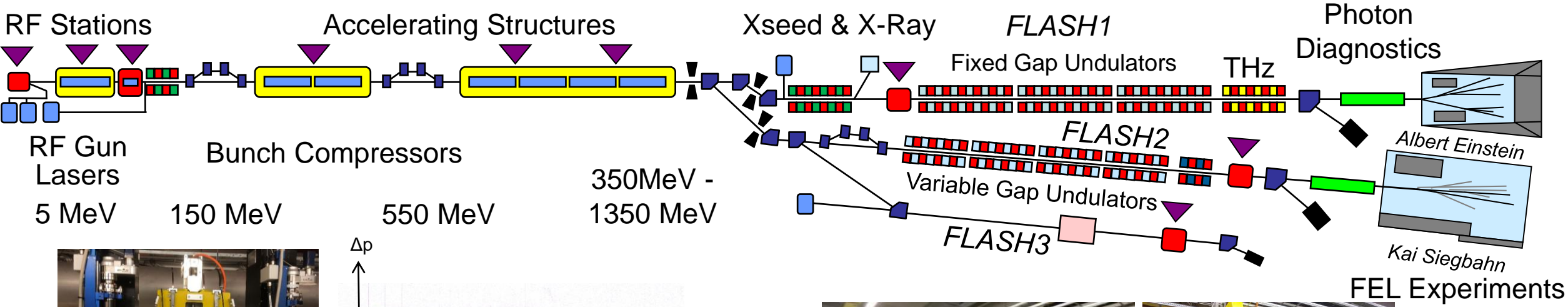
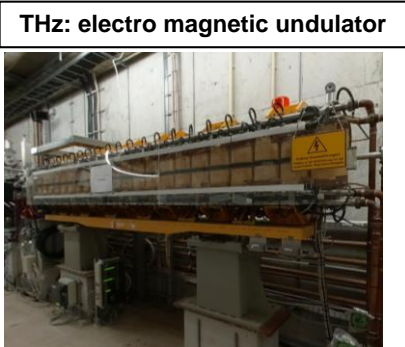
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planar, variable gap undulator



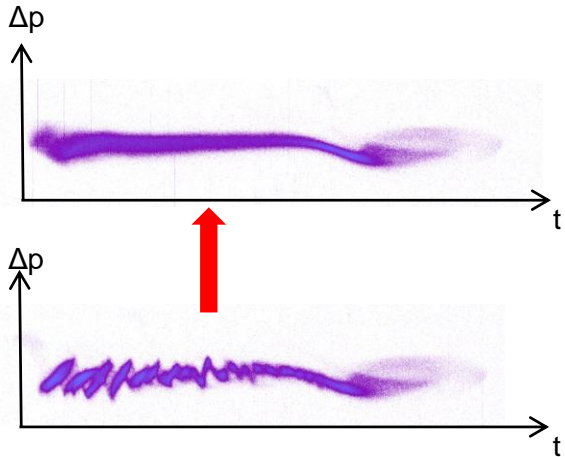
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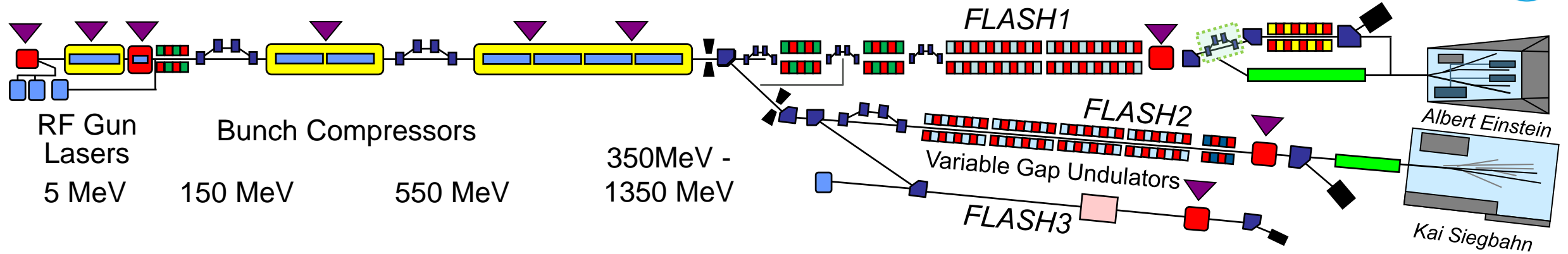
FLASH2: planar, variable gap undulators



FLASH2: afterburner; APPLE III undulator

Afterburner:
Polarisation:
variable
Photon
energy range:
890 - 80 eV

Afterburner at FLASH2



afterburner undulator

- installed in Sept. 2023
- 2.5 m long
- Downstream 30m planar main undulator
- third-harmonic optimized to provide wavelengths around the L-edges of Fe, Co, and Ni (upto 890eV)
- selectable polarization
- allows investigation of dynamic properties in nanomagnetism (e.g. ultrafast magnetization dynamics)

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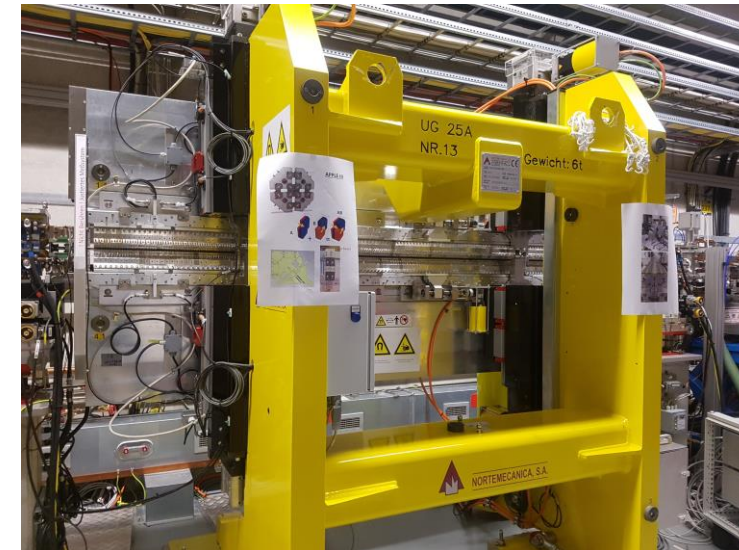
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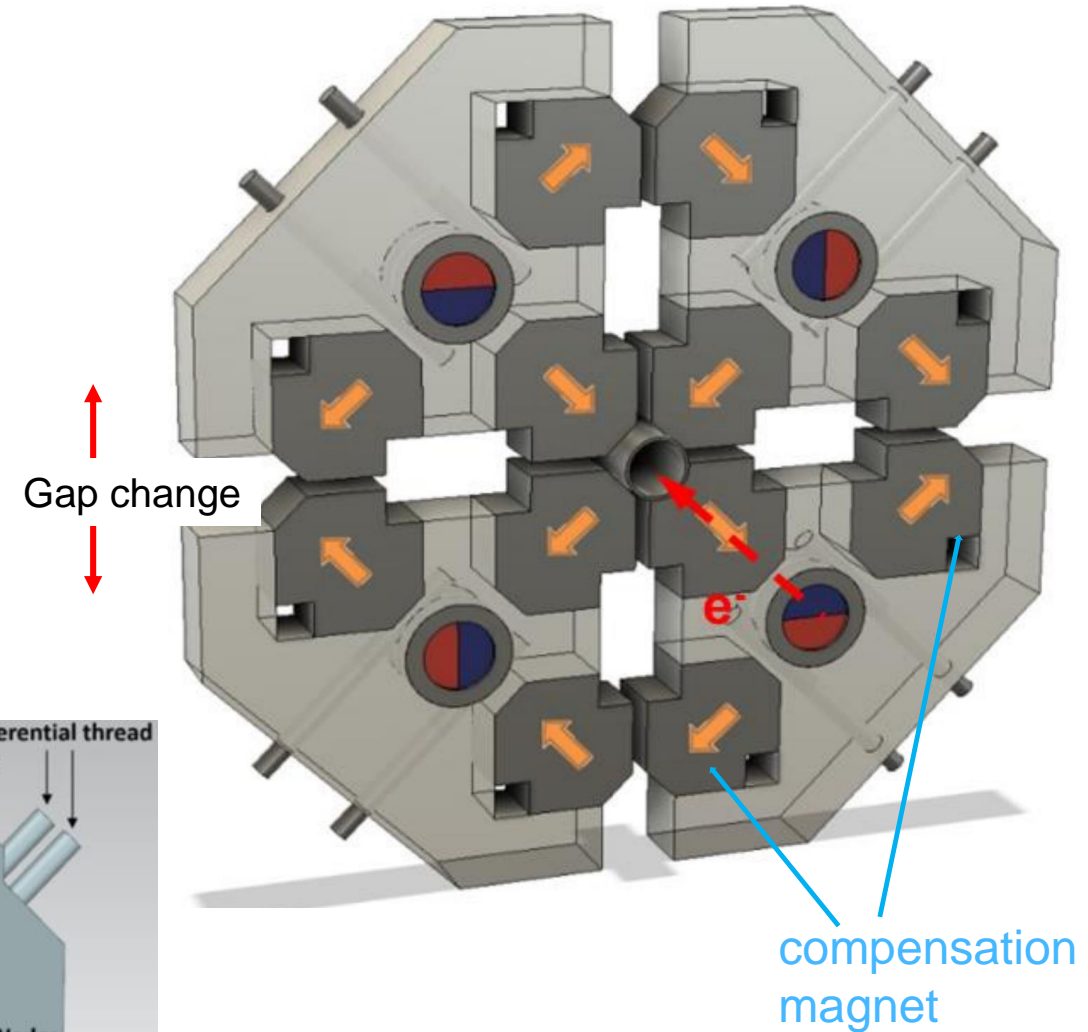
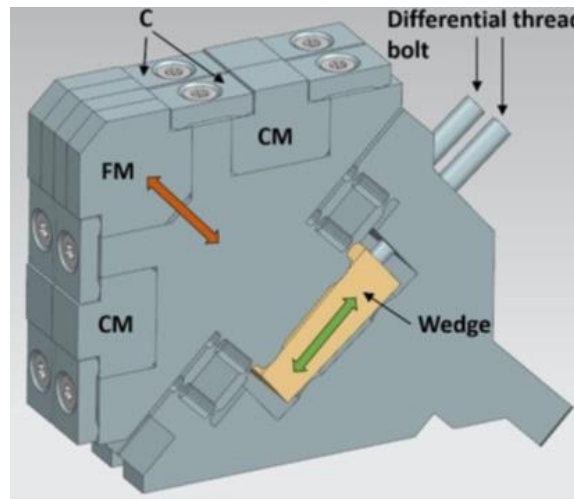
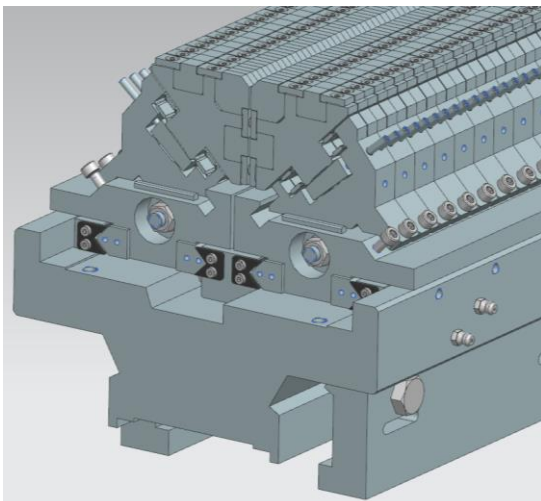
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APPLE III undulator

Advanced Planar Polarized Light Emitting undulator

- APPLE-III undulators allow selectable polarization
- consists of four permanent magnet arrays in Halbach configuration
- compact magnet systems with an implemented force compensation scheme
- the force compensation scheme reduces the magnetic forces by about a factor of 8
- wedges are moved by turning the differential thread bolts and will move the function magnets towards or away from the beam axis.

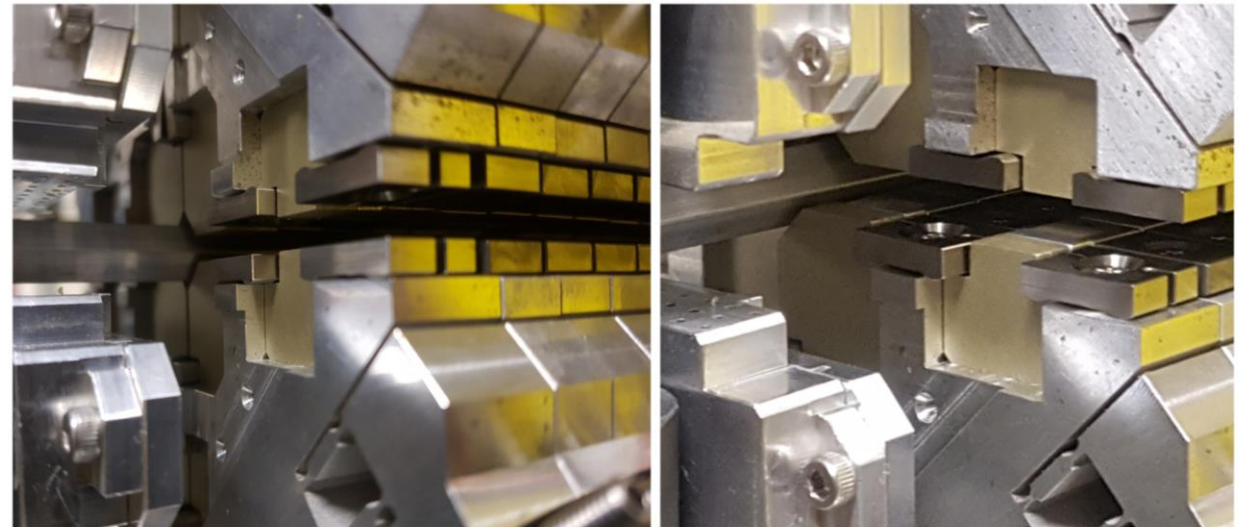
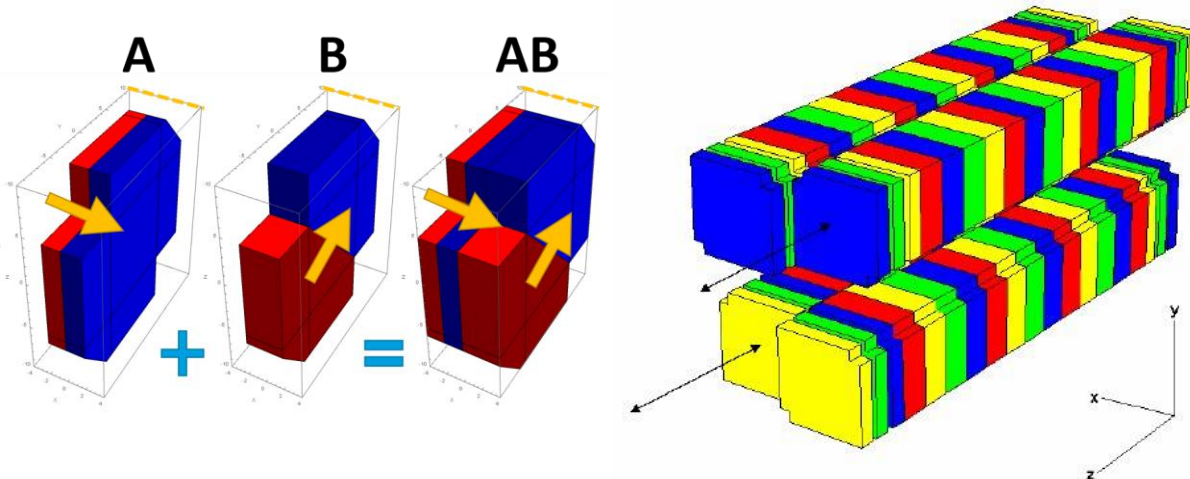
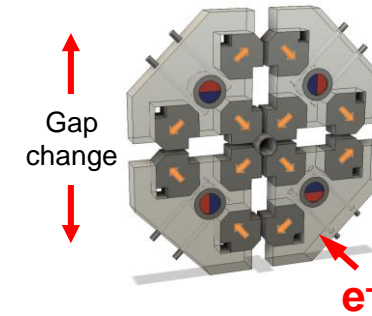


Development of an APPLE-III undulator for FLASH-2,
Journal of physics / Conference Series 2380(1),
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APPLE III undulator

Advanced Planar Polarized Light Emitting undulator

- Longitudinally (A) and transversally (B) magnetized blocks are glued to a pair as a smallest magnetic unit
- subgirders on which the magnets arrays are mounted can be moved
 - vertically away from the beam
 - > to adjust wavelength
 - along the beam axis with respect to each other
 - > to adjust polarization

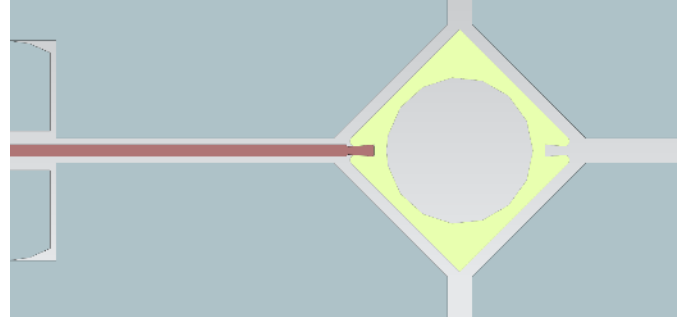


shift = 0
horizontal linear polarization

shift = 0.5
vertical linear polarization.

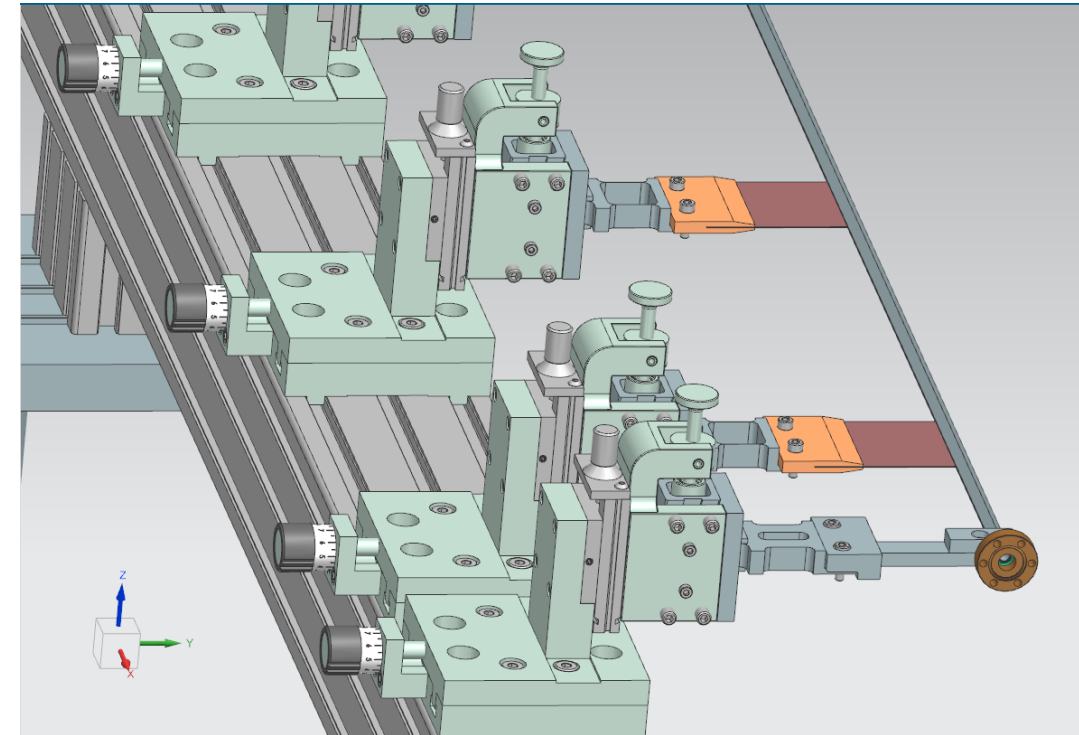
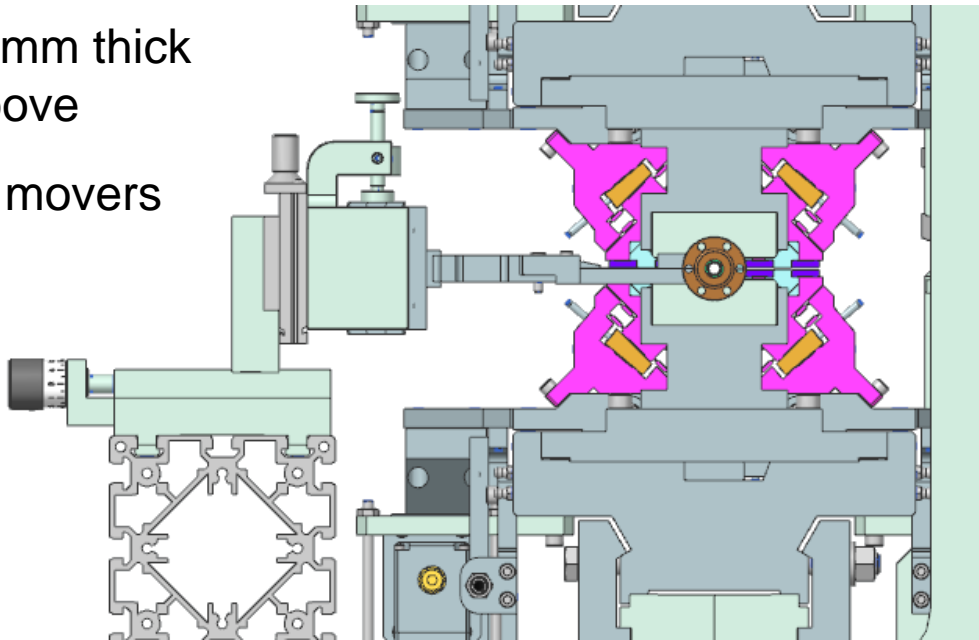
Vacuum Chamber and Support

- > Extruded aluminum chamber
- > $7 \times 7 \text{ mm}^2$ cross-section
- > Inner diameter: 6mm
- > Length $\sim 2.5 \text{ m}$



Courtesy A. de Zubiaurre Wagner, S. Lederer

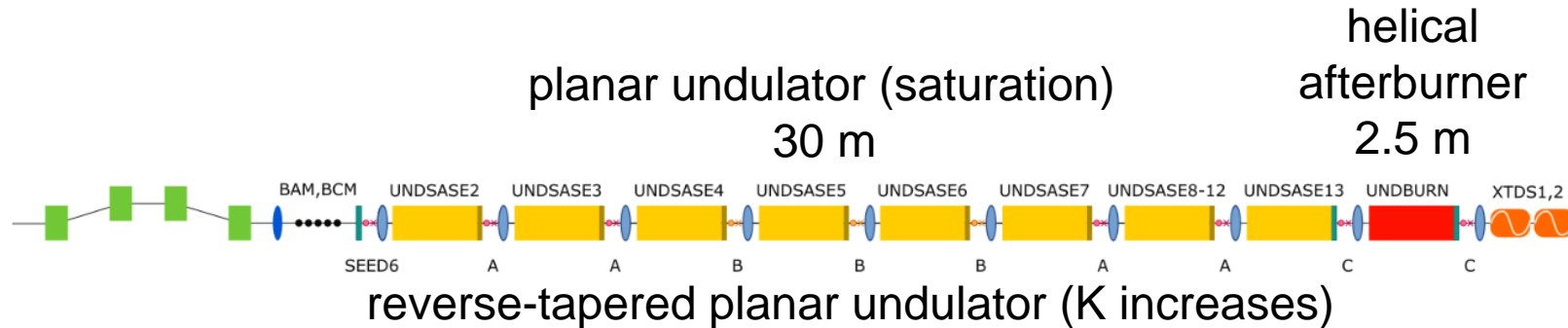
- > Support by 0.5mm thick blades in a groove
- > Adjustment by movers



Reverse Taper Experiments

Suppression of radiation of main undulators

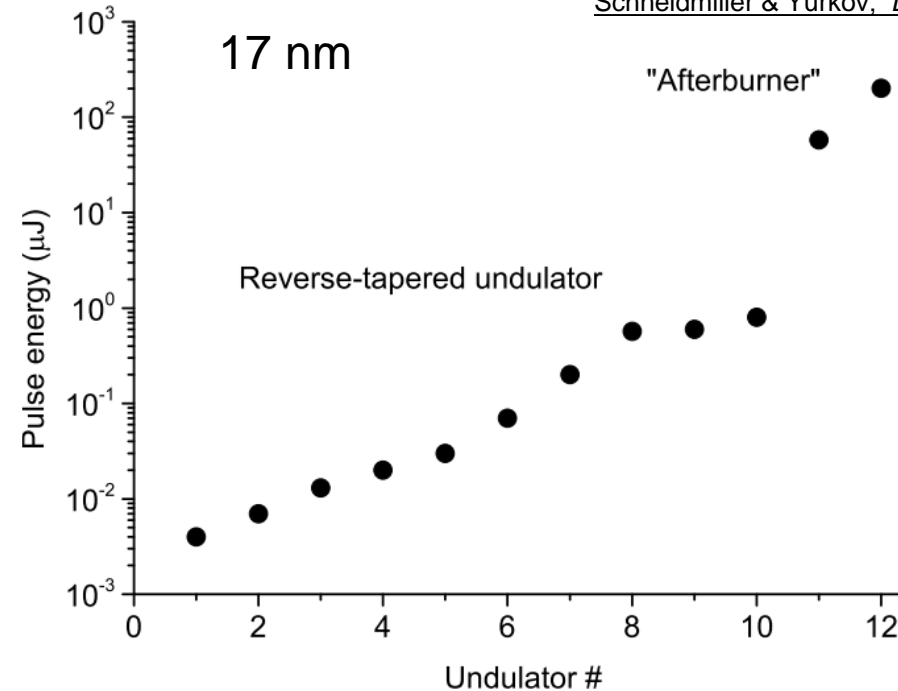
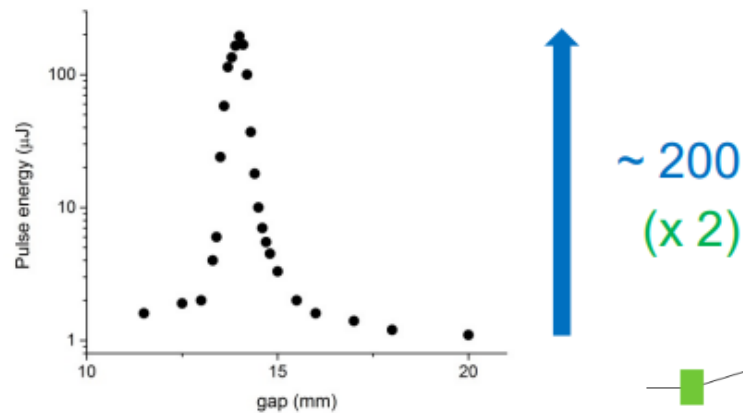
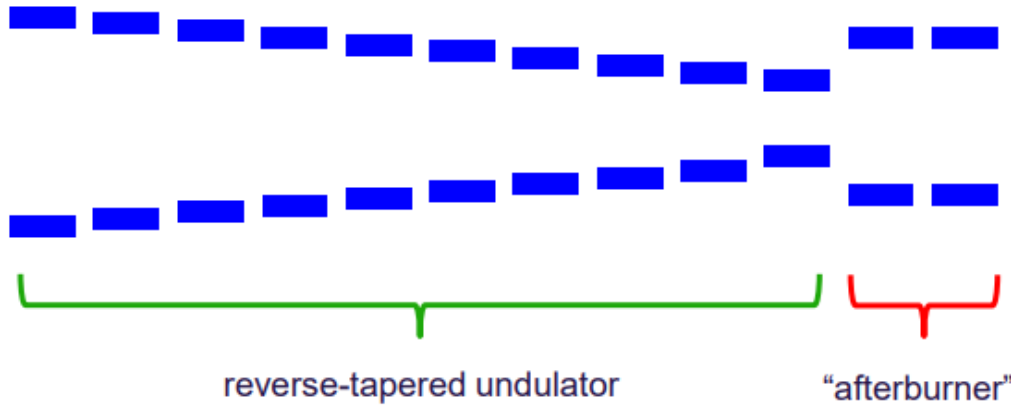
- Main SASE undulator is planar
- helical afterburner
- Need to get rid of powerful linearly polarized radiation from the main undulator



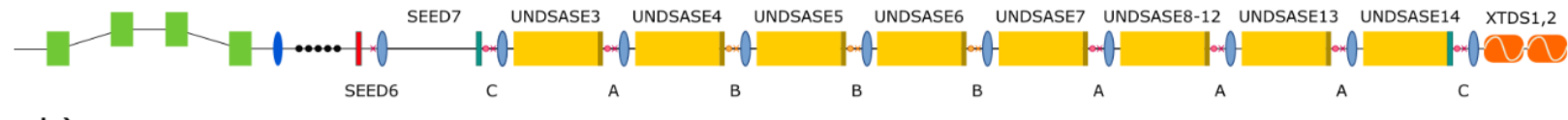
- Fully microbunched electron beam but strongly suppressed radiation power at the exit of reverse-tapered planar undulator
- The beam radiates at full power in the helical afterburner tuned to the resonance

Reverse Taper Experiments

Test with FLASH2 main undulators



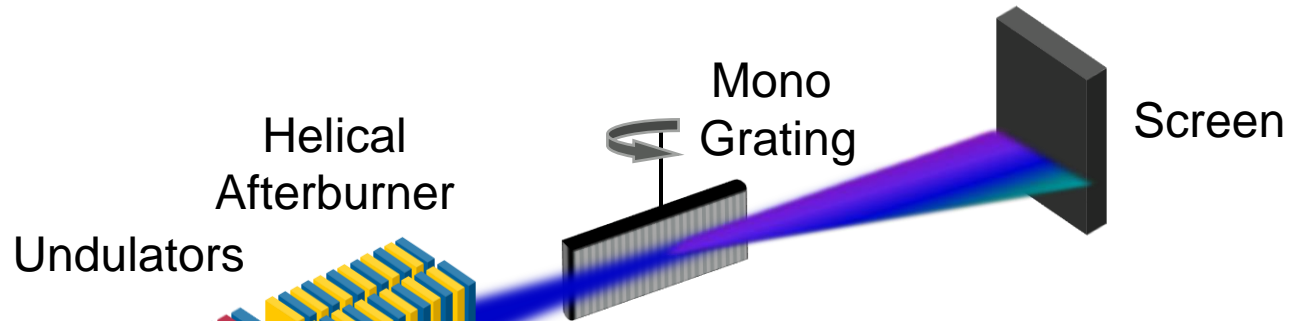
- bunching factor at saturation can be the same as in the case of a non-tapered undulator,
- the saturation length increases moderately while the saturation power is suppressed by orders of magnitude



Reverse Undulator Tapering for Polarization Control and Background-Free Harmonic Production in XFELs: Results from FLASH,-
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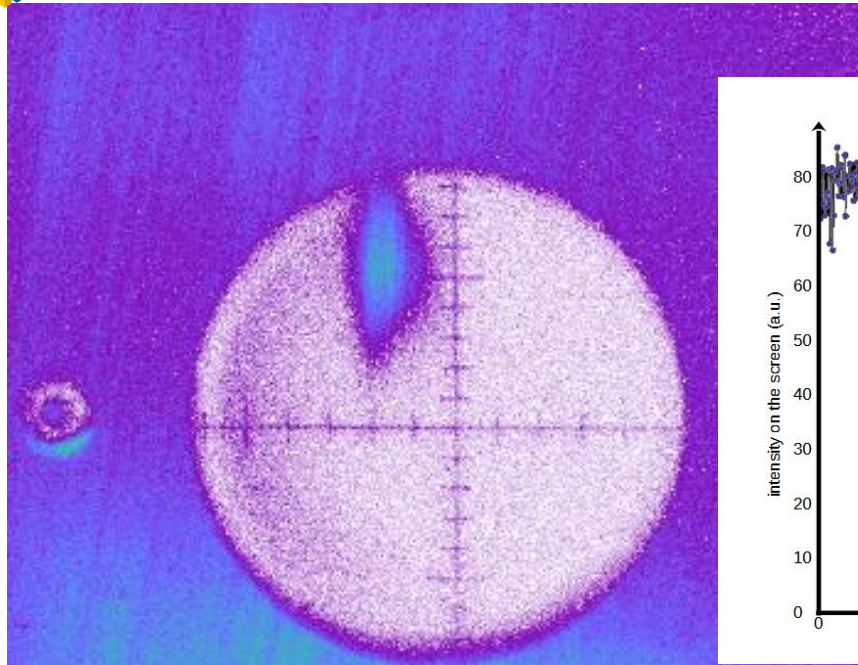
Successful Suppression of Linear Polarization

Suppression of main undulator radiation while obtaining polarized afterburner radiation

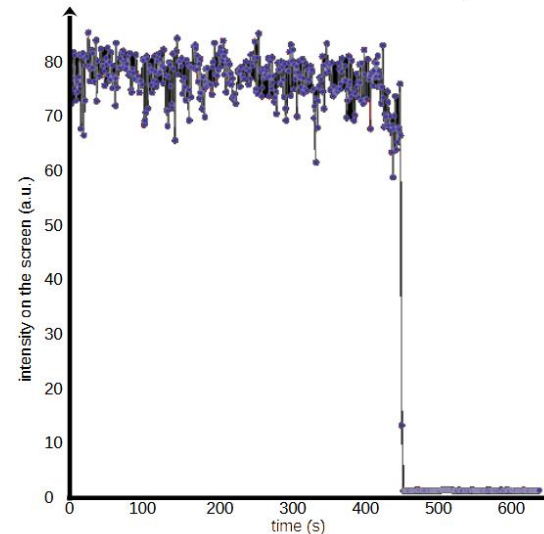
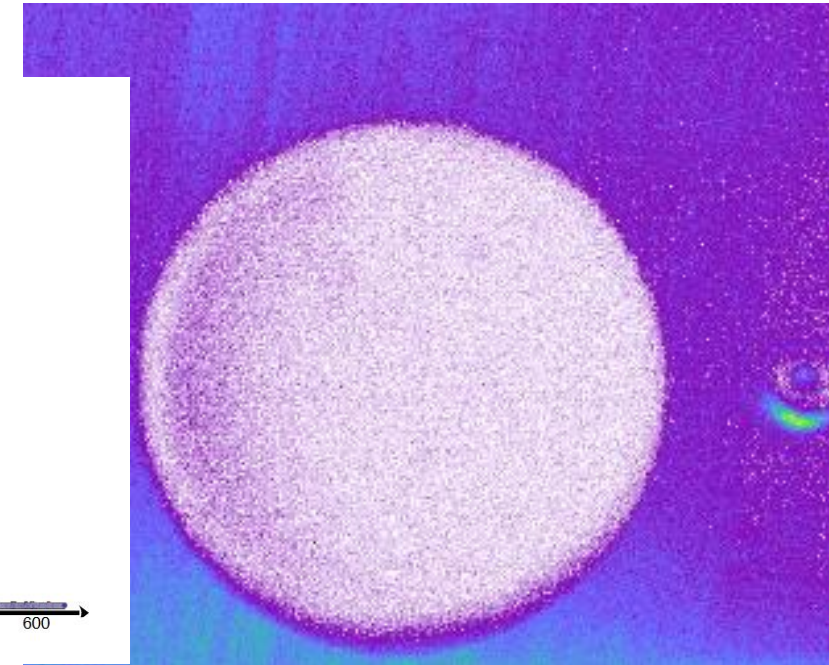


New double monochromator Beamline FL23 used setup to distinguish fundamental and 3rd harmonic

Afterburner tuned to 3rd harmonic

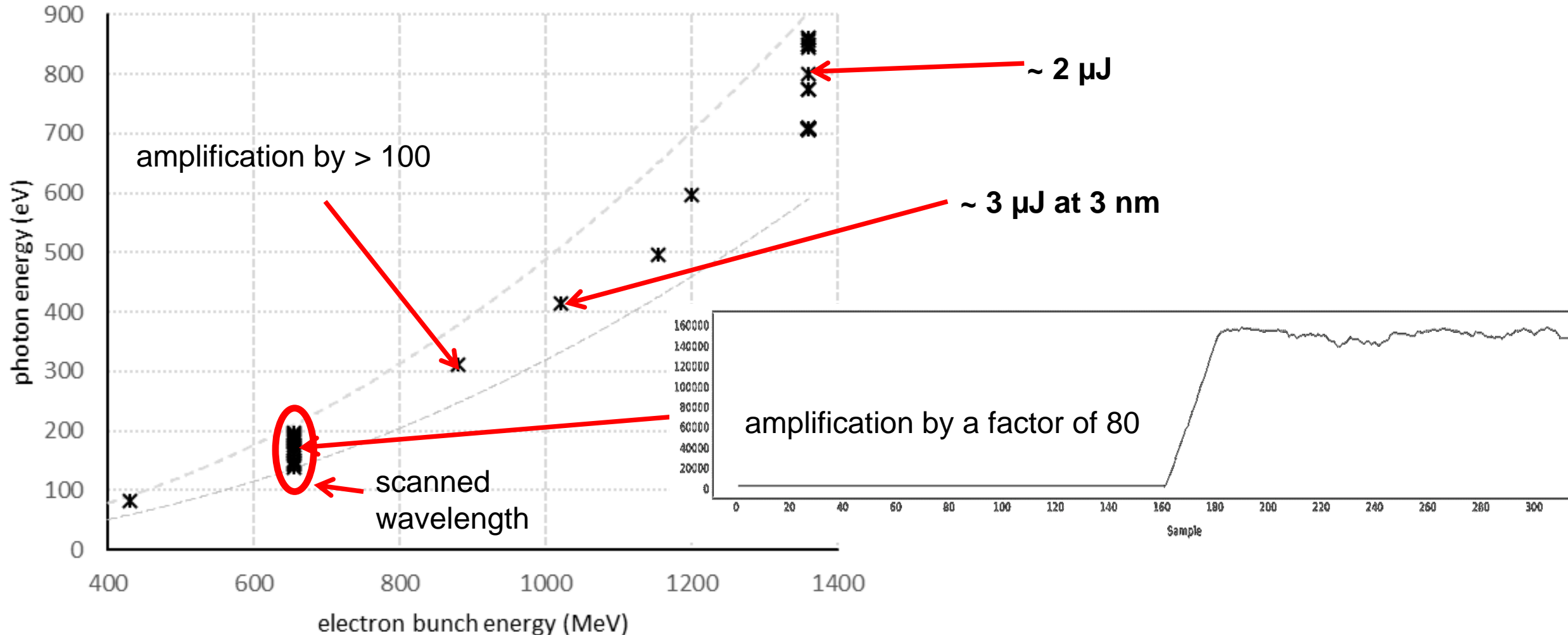


Afterburner detuned



Different working points

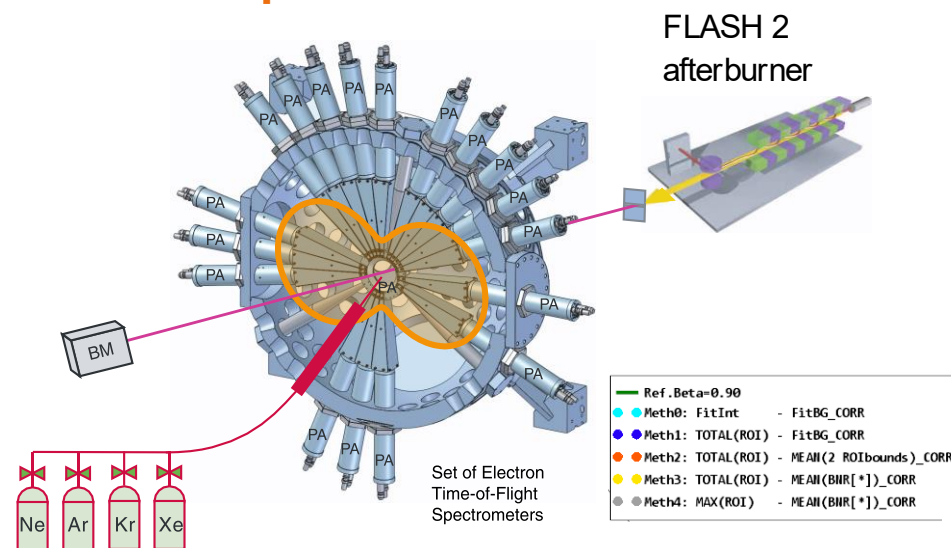
80 eV – 860 eV demonstrated



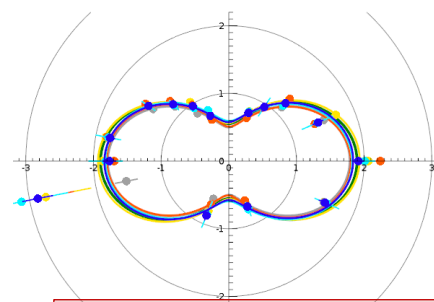
Afterburner

FLASH2 APPLE III afterburner in operation

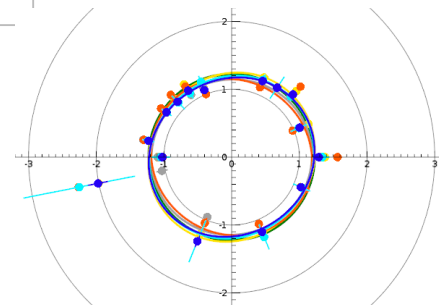
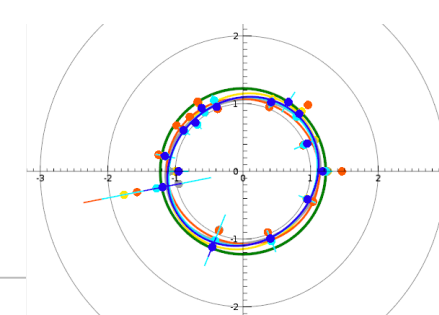
- Circularly polarized light down to 1.46 nm generated
- First successful user experiments



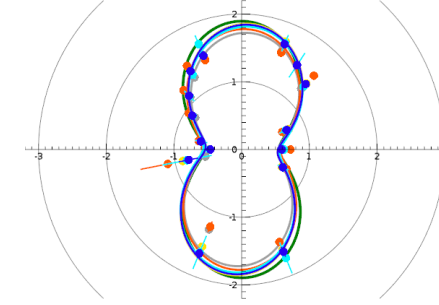
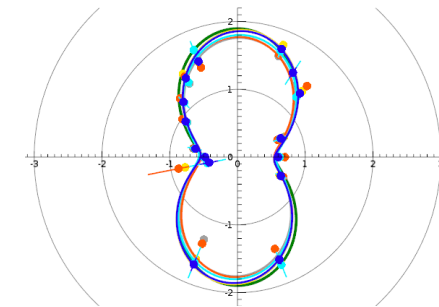
- Ball chamber instrument
- Measuring angular distribution of photoelectron emission of a certain photoelectron feature from 3rd harmonic



ABU shift = 0.0



ABU shift = +/- 0.25



ABU shift = +/- 0.5

Degree of circular polarization of the 3rd harmonic at 313.8 eV is:

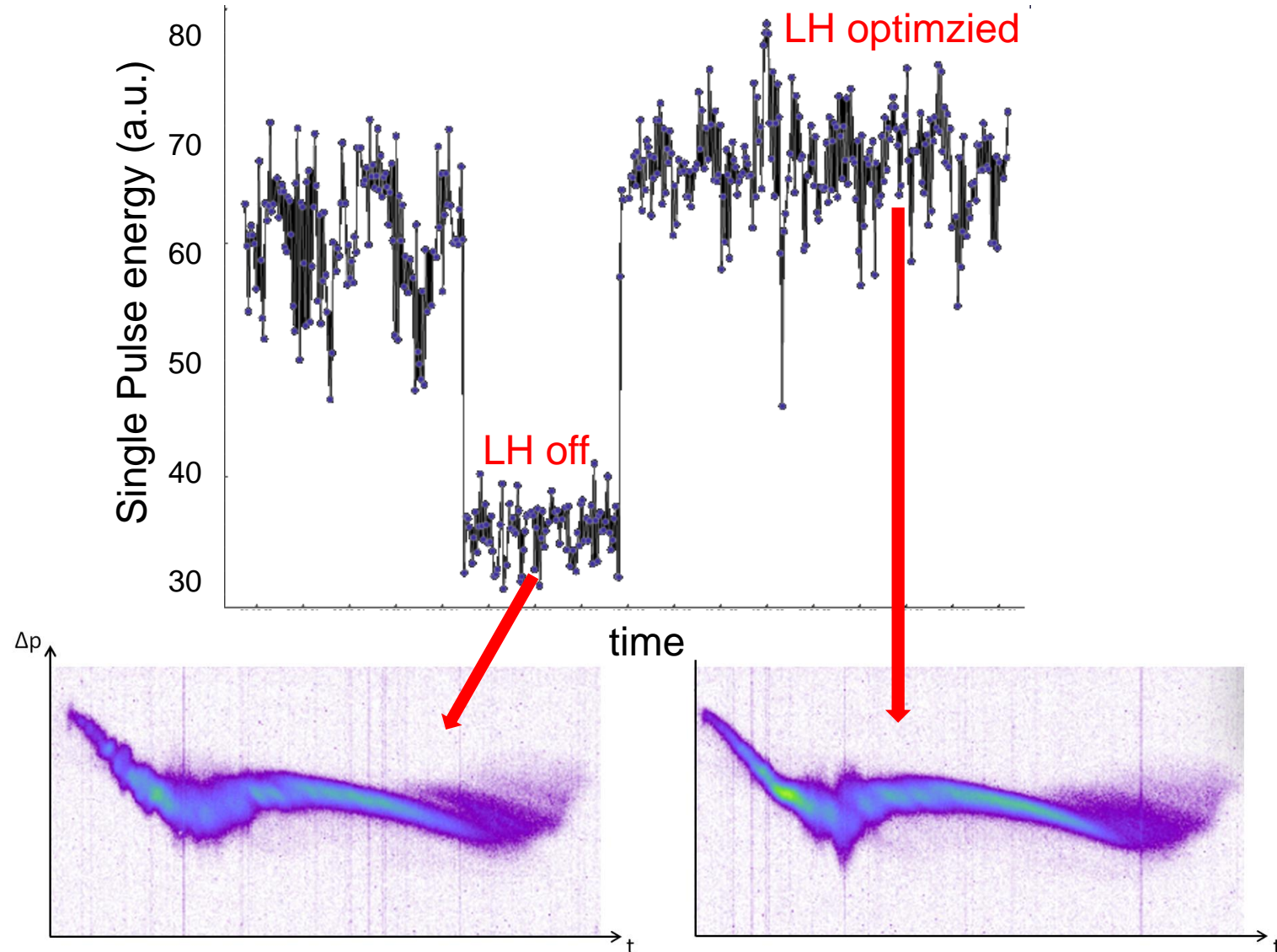
$$P_{Circ} = 99.7^{+0.3}_{-0.4}\%$$

Influence of electron beam quality

Laser heater (LH)

The output power of the afterburner could be doubled by optimizing the longitudinal phase space distribution using the laser heater

Focusing into the afterburner helps to increase the output power especially for short wavelength with long gain length.



FLASH2020+ upgrade 2024/25

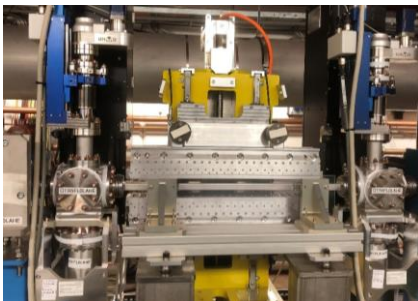
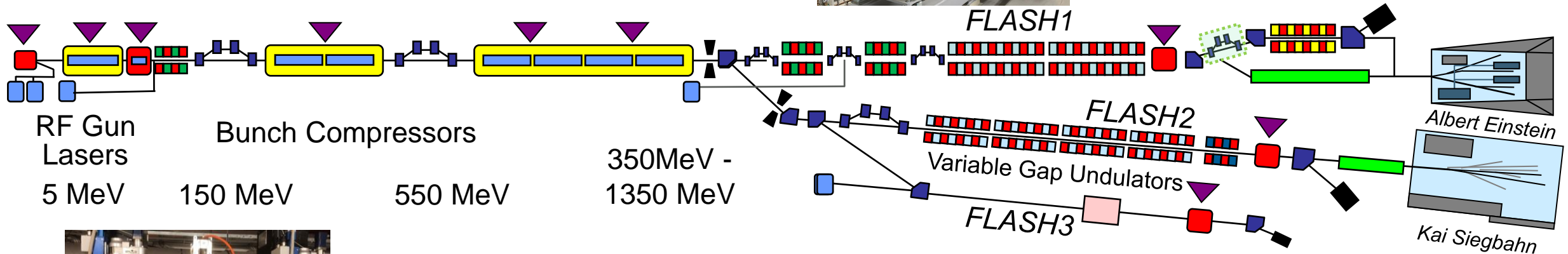
The afterburner served also as a full length prototype for six helical undulators for seeded FLASH1.

Seeded FLASH1:
Photon energy range:
310 – 20.6 eV
Pulse duration: 11- 40 fs
Min. spectral width: 0.05%

FLASH1: 2 planar, variable gap modulators, 3 planar, variable gap undulators, 6 APPLE III undulator



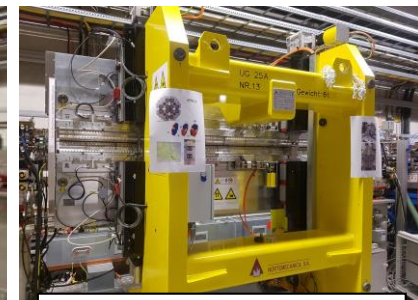
THz: electro magnetic undulator



Laser heater undulator;
planar, variable gap undulator



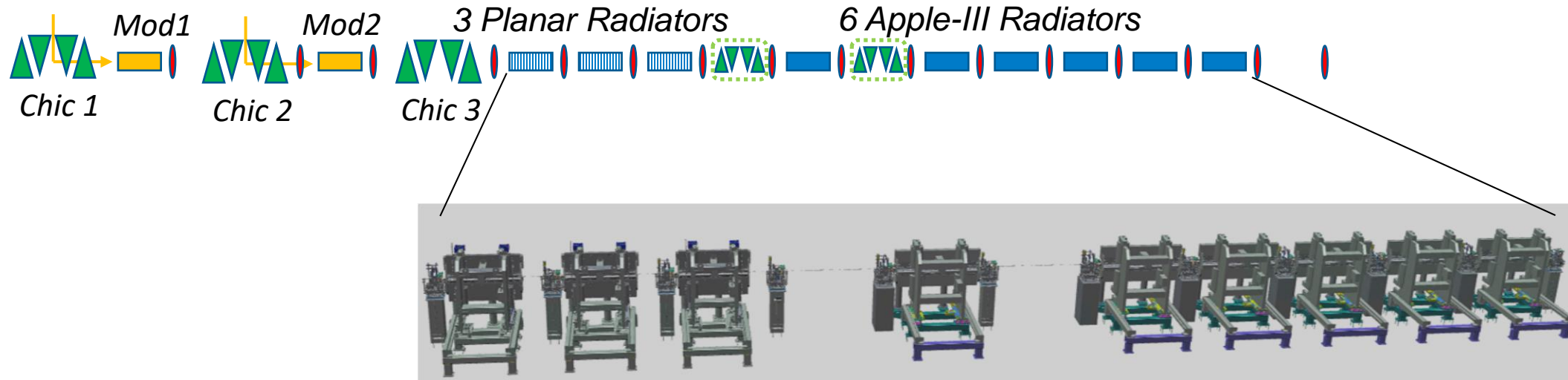
FLASH2: planar, variable gap undulators



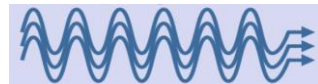
FLASH2: afterburner;
APPLE III undulator

The new FLASH1

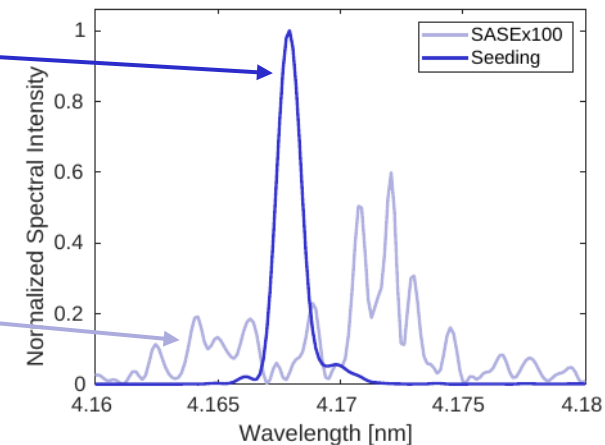
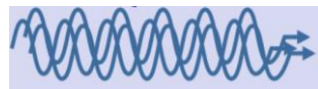
Undulator configuration in the new FLASH1 beamline



Seeded



Unseeded



Seeded FLASH1:

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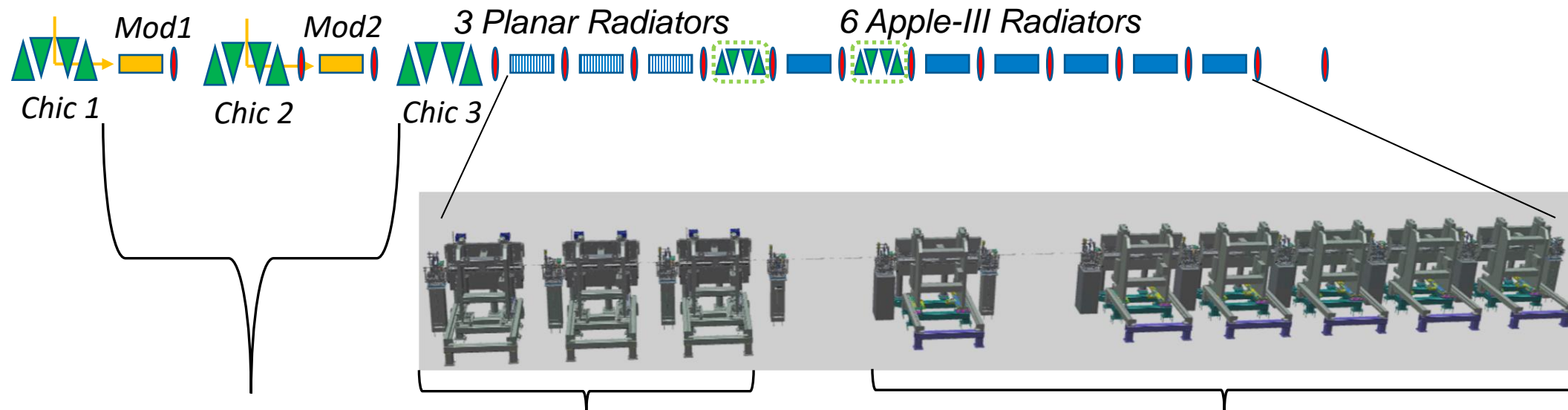
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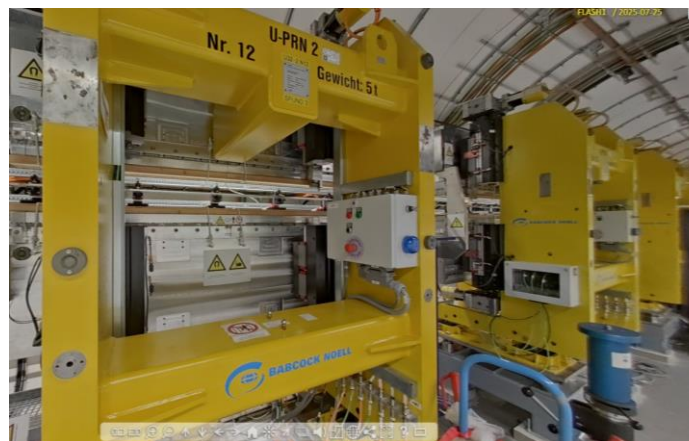
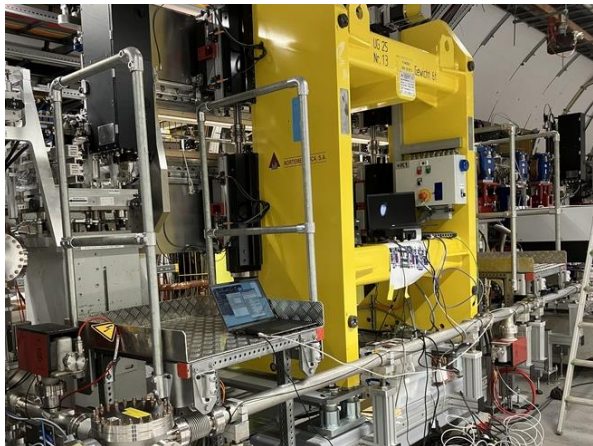
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Modulators: U84 undulators

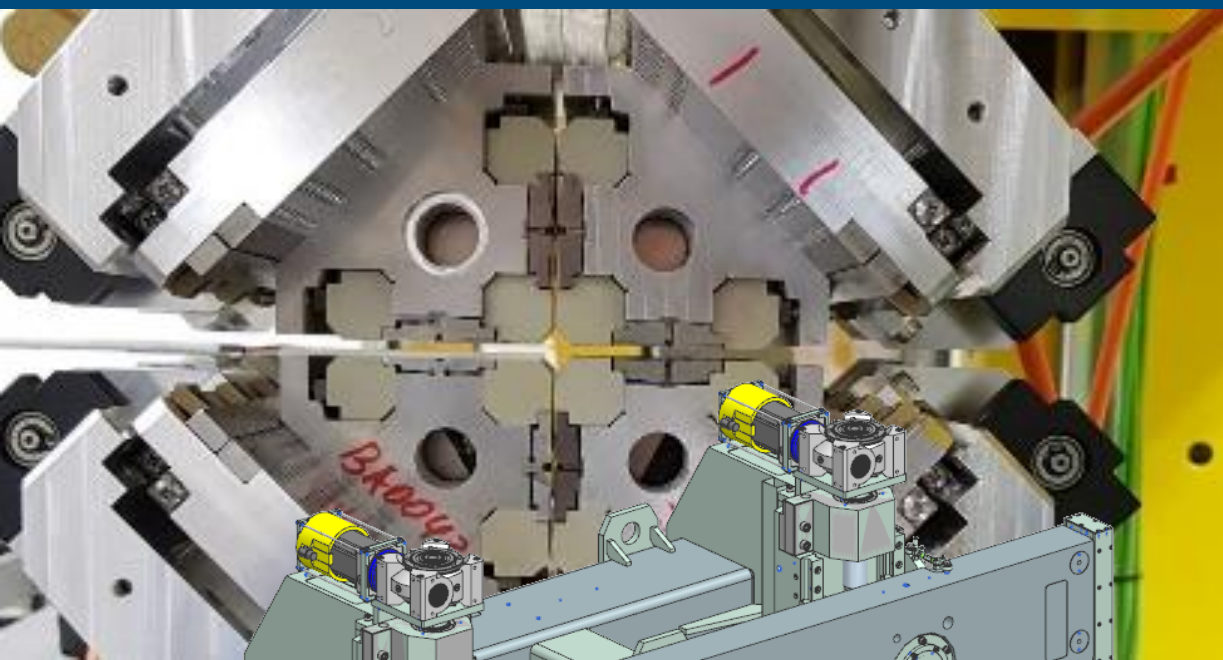
U32 undulators from Xseed

Radiator undulators (APPLE III)



Parameters

	FLASH1: Modulators	FLASH1: planar Radiators U32	FLASH1: APPLE-III Radiators U32	FLASH2: planar Radiators U32	FLASH1: APPLE-III Afterburner
minimum magnetic gap (mm)	9,00	9,00	8,00	9,00	8,00
period length λ_U (mm)	84,00	31,40	35,00	31,40	17,50
device length L (m)	2,50	2,00	2,50	2,50	2,50
number of full periods	27	61	70	77	
deflection parameter K_{\max}	10,60	2,70	3,90	2,81	0,95
number of devices	2	3	6	12	1
peak field B_{\max} (T)	1,40	1,00	1,20	0,98	0,56



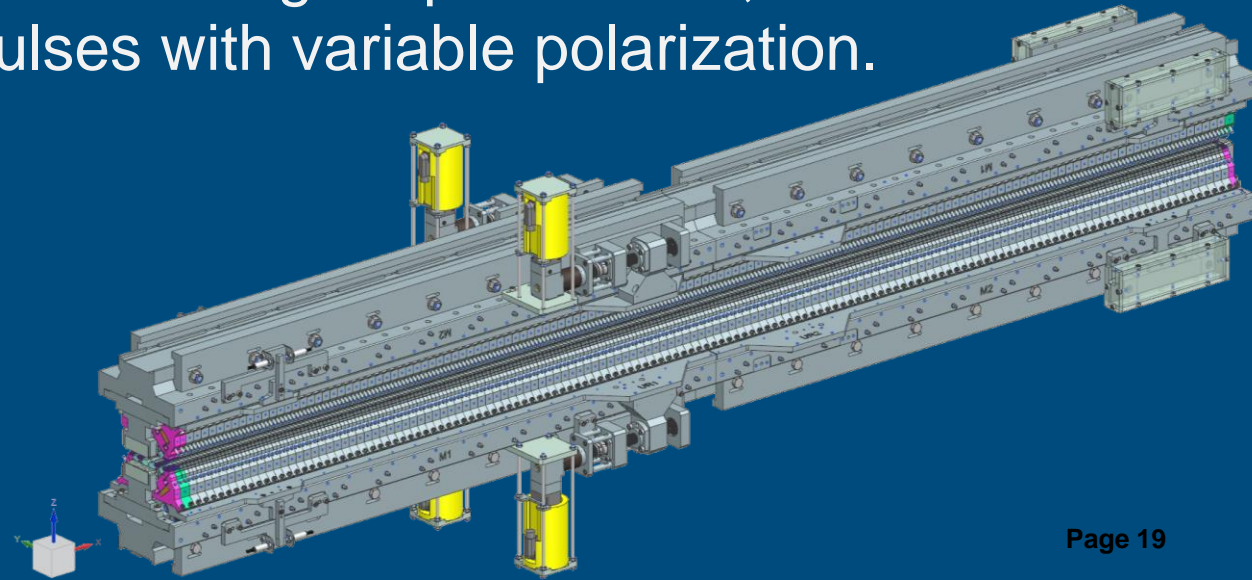
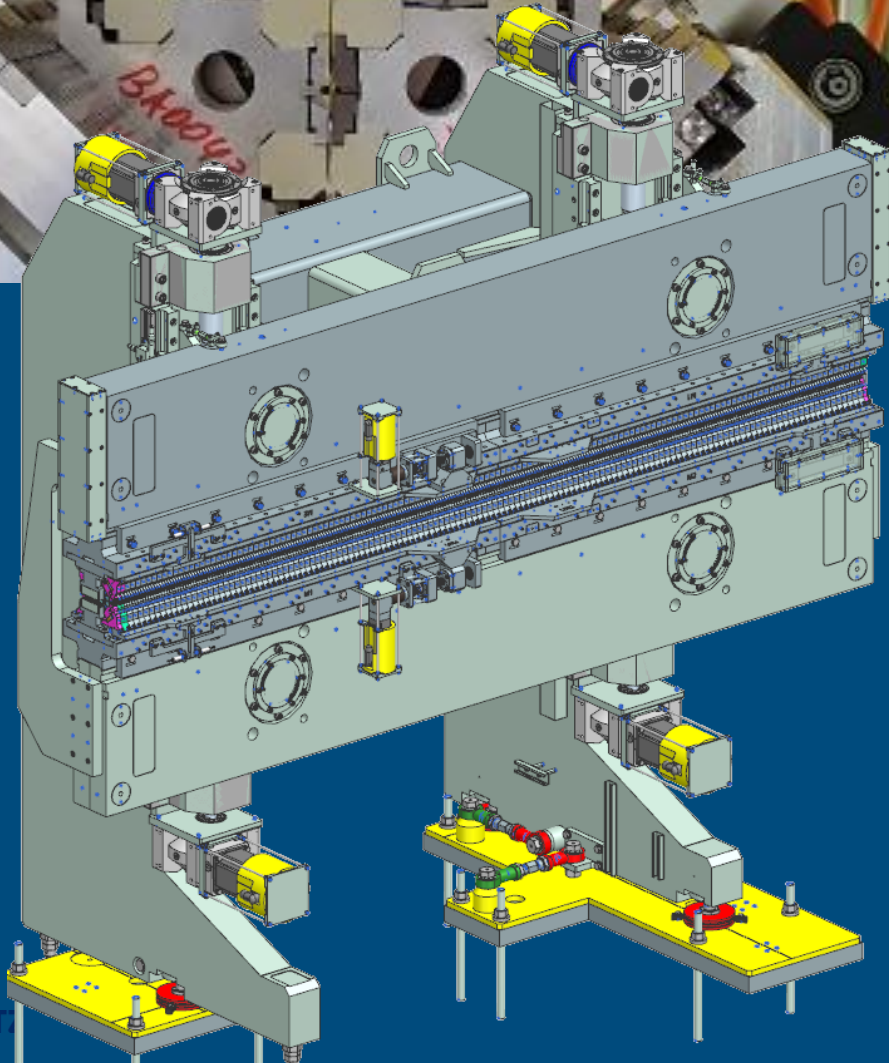
Summary

FLASH



FLASH2: APPLE-III afterburner allowed to extend the spectral range of the facility down to 1.4 nm and provided circularly polarized radiation.

FLASH1: six APPLE-III radiators will generate high repetition rate, seed FEL pulses with variable polarization.



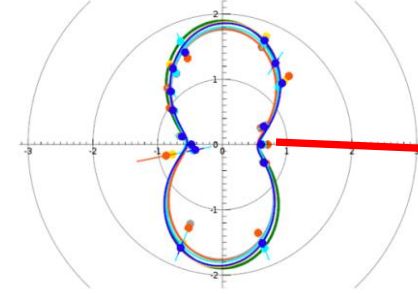
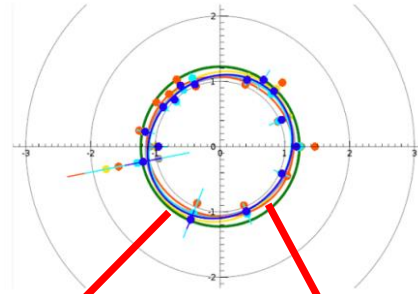
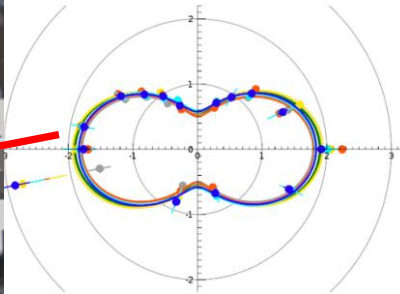
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Variable Polarization

Linear horizontal polarization

Circular polarization

Linear vertical polarization

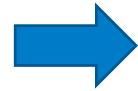


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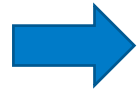
6 APPLE III devices with 35mm period length

Once we received magnets assembled in keepers:

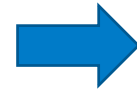
Stretched-wire
measurements of
all individual
keepers



Sorting based
on these data

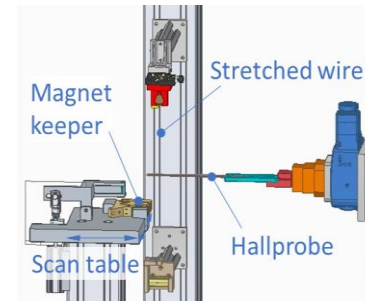


Assembly onto
girders/support
structures

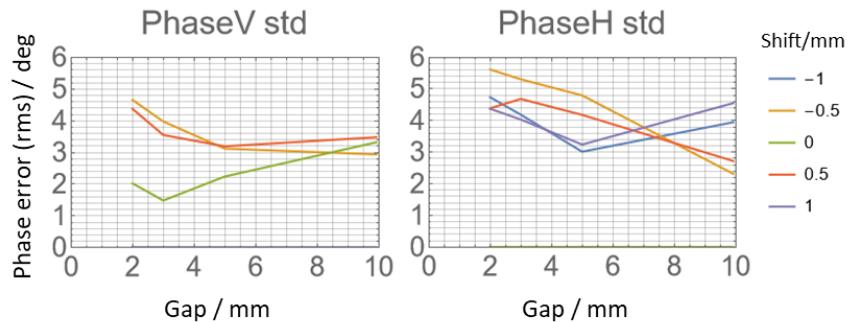


Measure and tune
complete device with
Hall probe and
stretched-wire
set-up

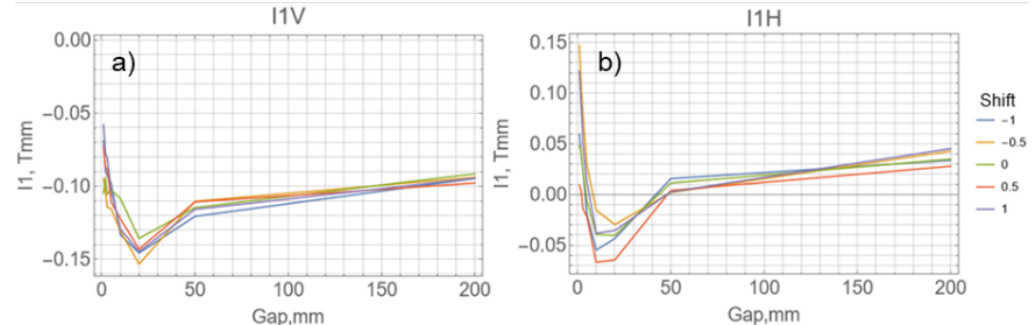
- Each step in a different lab – continuous work flow
- Experience from afterburner
- 2 labs for the final step of measuring and tuning



Final parameters afterburner



Phase error <6deg, little variation with
shift mode

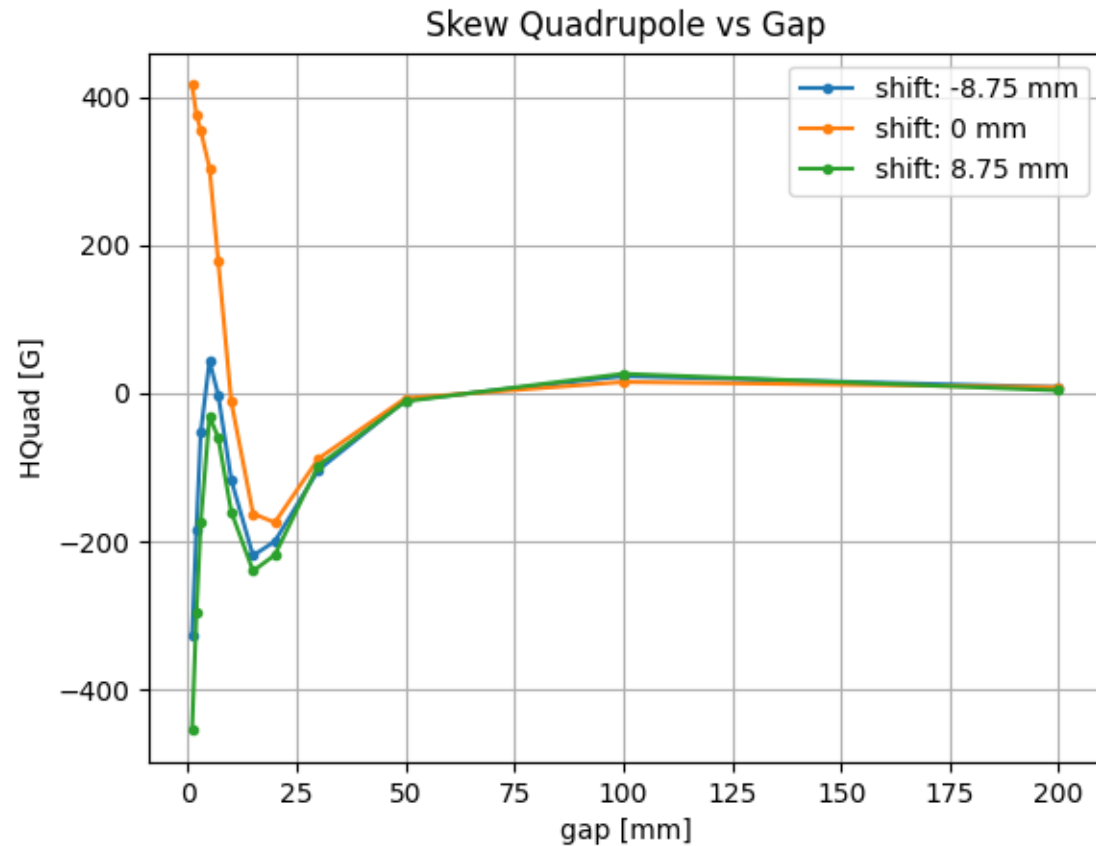


Remaining kick errors: ± 50 Gcm +shift-dependent
kick error of similar size. Corrected in a feed-
forward by small air coils.

FLASH1 Radiators

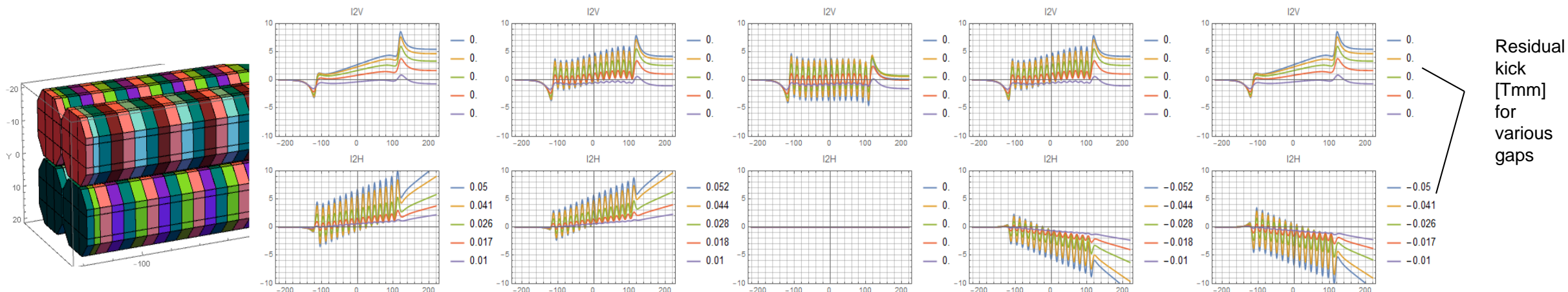
APPLE III

Final gap dependency of the skew quadrupole at horizontal and circular polarization for RAD02 for FLASH1.

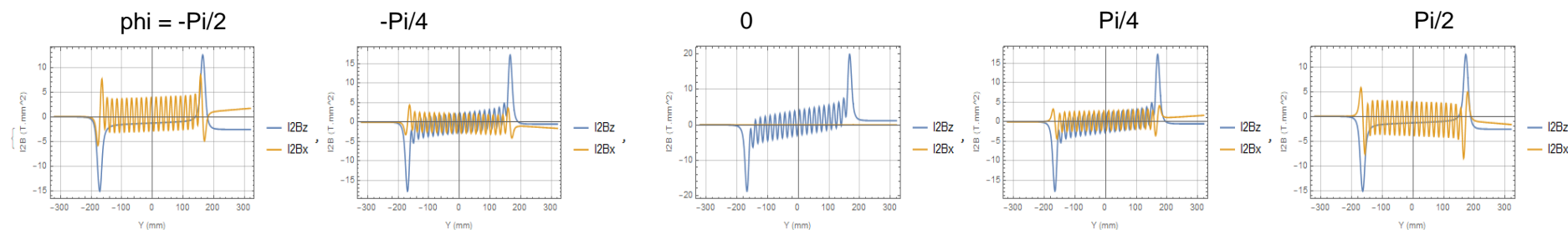
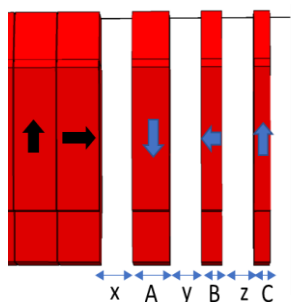


APPLE-III Endstructure

Simple (mechanically) endstructure with just reduced width magnets $\sim 25\text{Gs}\cdot\text{cm}$ residual kicks each side

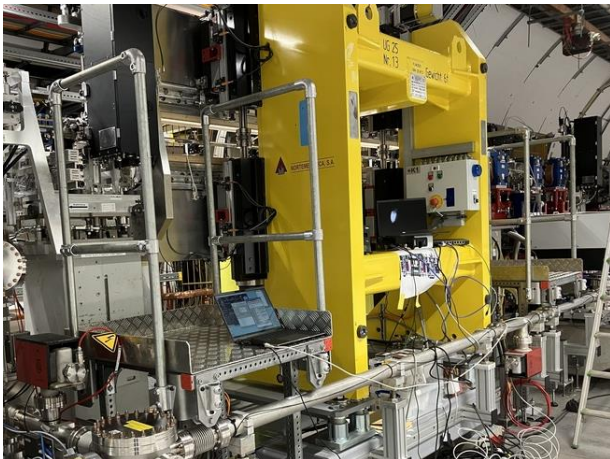
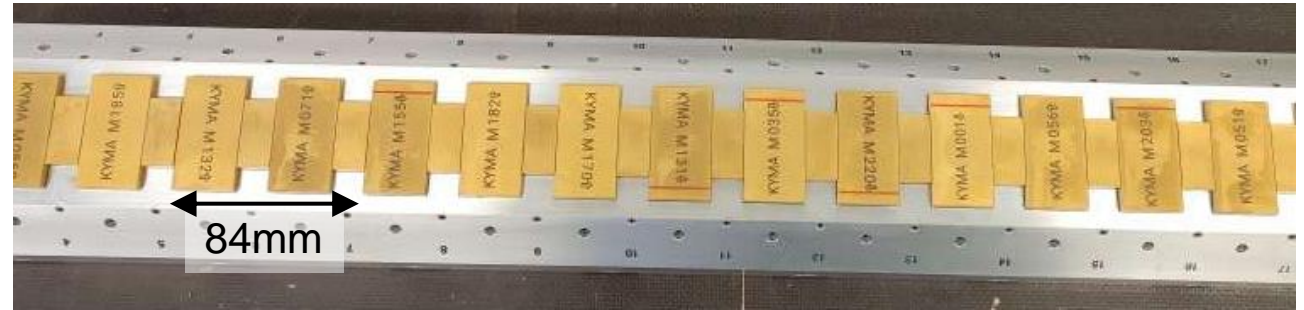
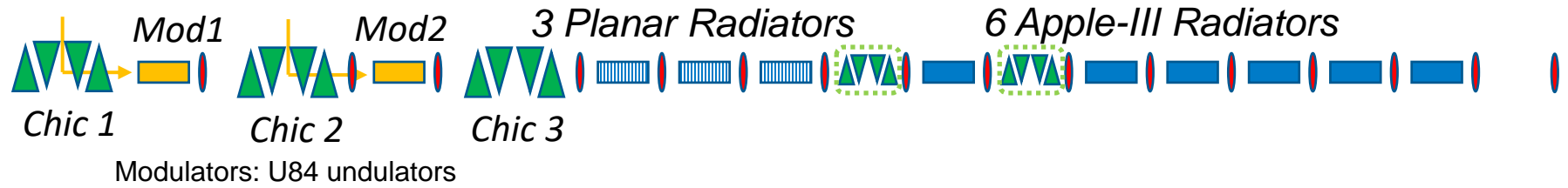


Optimized for minimum kick



Modulators

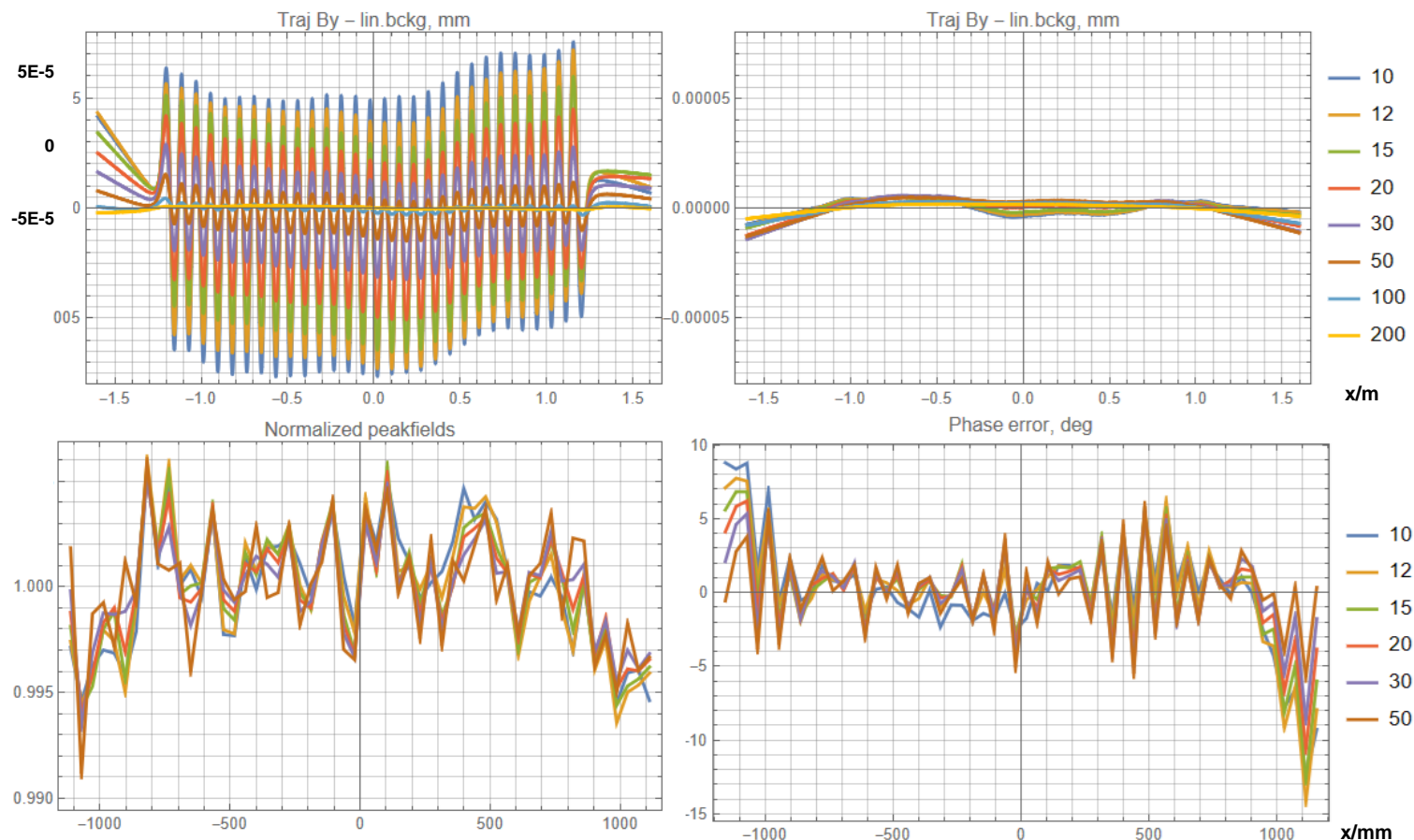
Two U84 planar undulators with hybrid structure (magnet and poles)



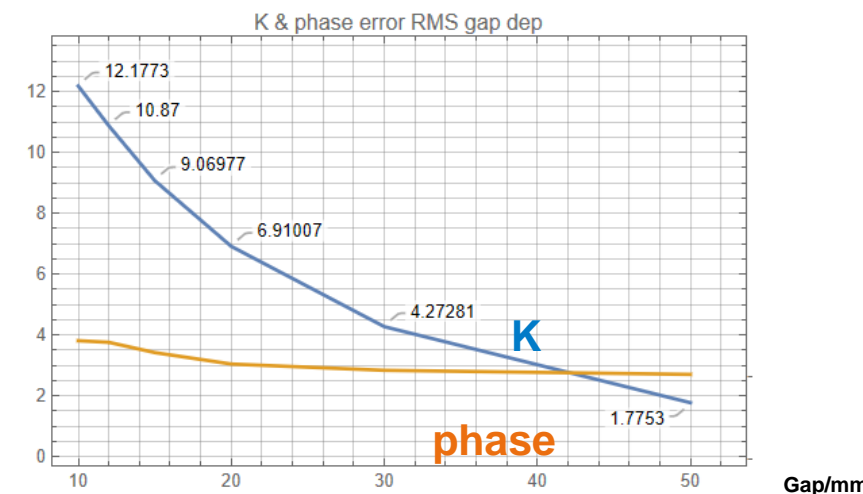
- Length = 2.5m
- Period = 84mm
- Min. gap = 9mm
- $B_{\max} = 1.8\text{T}$
- Specs: $K=11$,
achieved: $K = 12.9$

Modulators

Two U84 planar undulators with hybrid structure (magnet and poles)



- Sorting of magnets based on novel Hall mapper reduces amount of pole tuning
 - Parameters were within specs without any pole tuning (straight trajectory, phase error $< 4^\circ$).
- Additional girder curvature spoiled phase error
- Strong fields
 - Strong forces
 - Reaching limits of sensor calibration

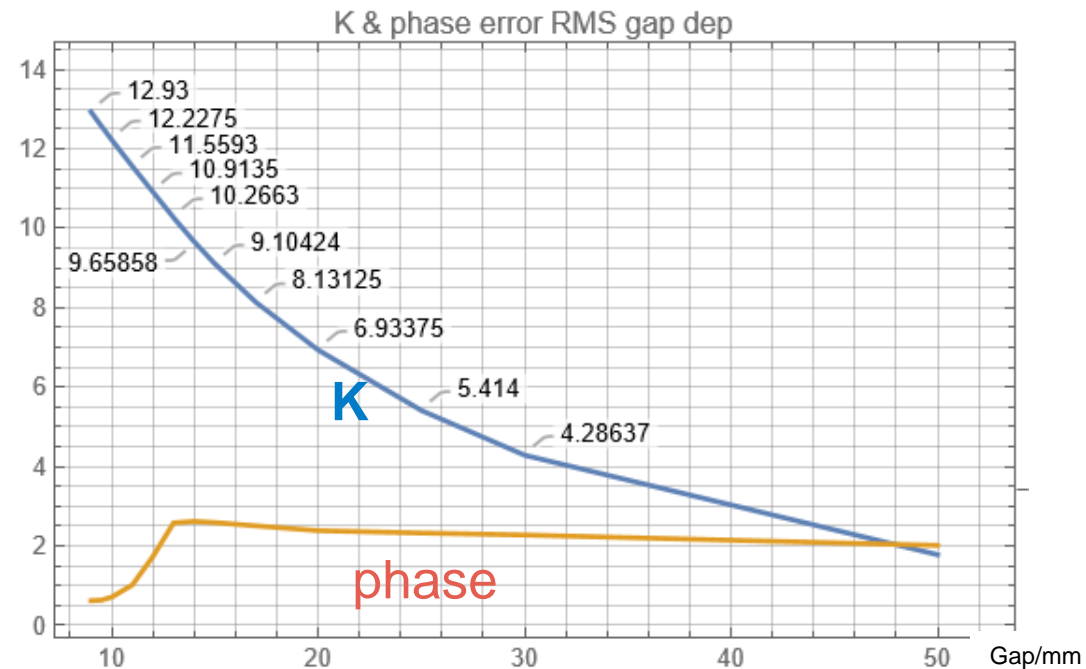
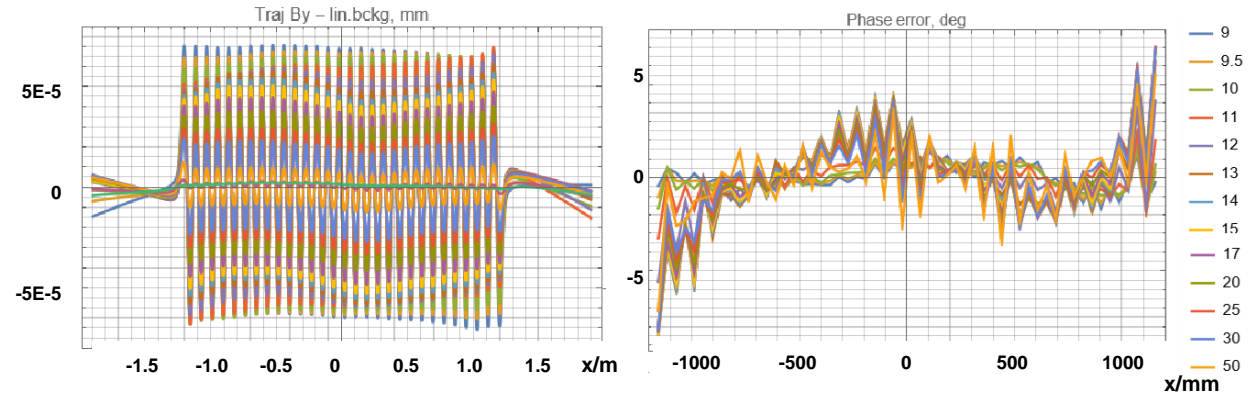


Measurements and data analysis: P. Vagin

Two U84 planar undulators with hybrid structure (magnet and poles)

After tuning

- Trajectories further straightened
- 0.5deg RMS phase error at minimum gap
- Girdler shape strikes back at intermediate gaps due to different gap dep.
- $K = 12.9$
- „Target“ value was $K_{\text{target}}=11$ at 9.5mm gap, to reach 343nm at 1.4GeV
- Now at 1.35GeV: 343nm reached at $K=10.6$, or operating gap $\sim 12.5\text{mm}$
- Both Modulators tuned and close to ready.

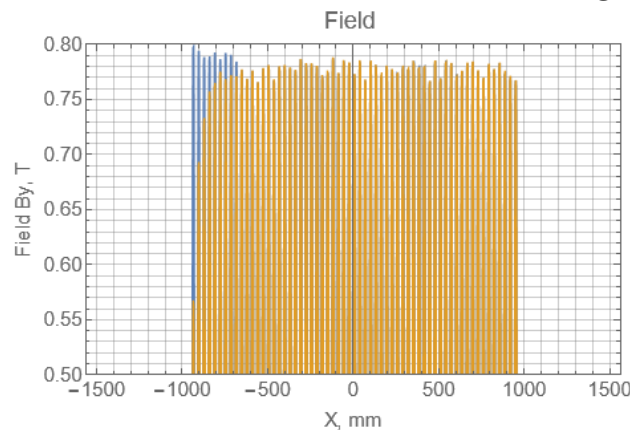


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Refurbished U32s from XSeed

Three planar devices to increase pulse energy at short wavelengths.

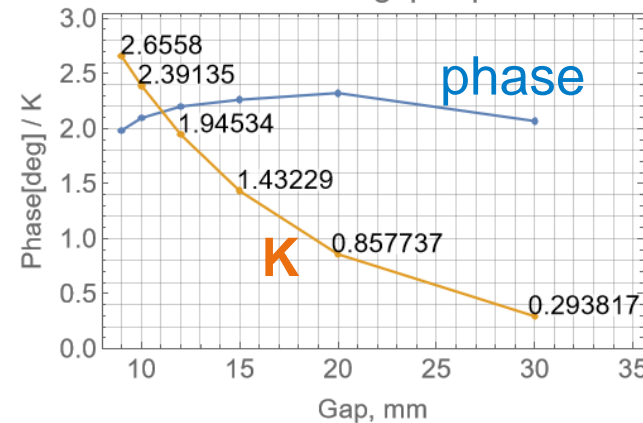
- sfund01, sfund02 and sfund03 retuned.
 - sfund01: Severe radiation damage (>10%) – flipped 18 magnet pairs and replaced end magnets upstream.
 - K between 2.65 and 2.70 at min gap of 9mm
 - Phase errors <3°
 - Remaining kick errors: ± 50 Gcm. Corrected in a feed-forward by small air coils.
- All three devices tuned and ready.



-- Field before
-- Field after flipping 18 magnets US

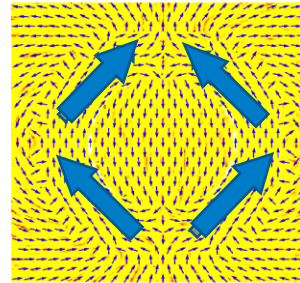
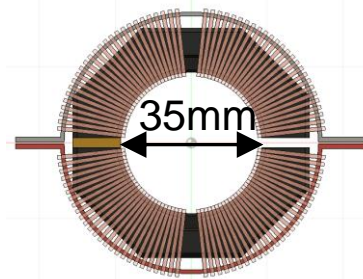
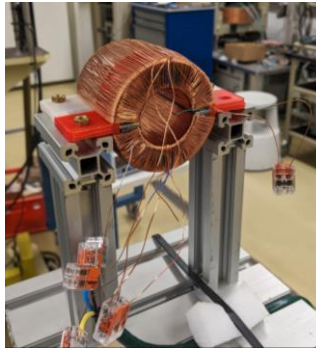
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Phase RMS & K gap dependence

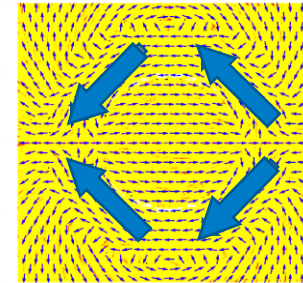


Corrector coils with variable field direction for FLASH1

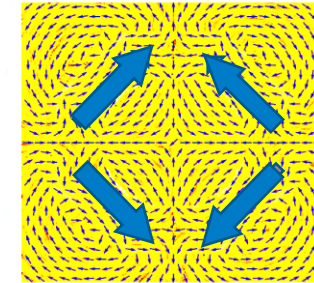
Ferrite enforced resistive coils (air-cooled)



vertical



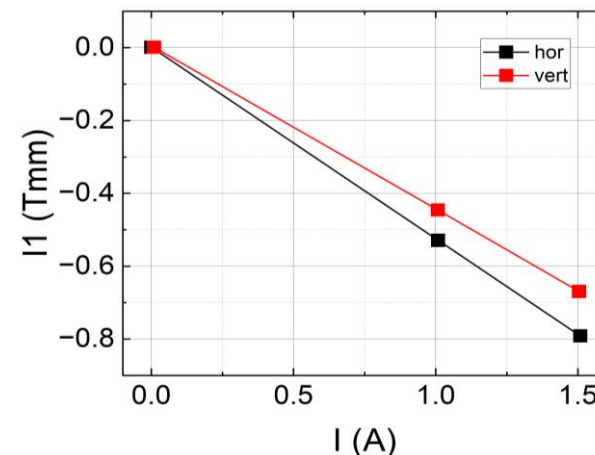
horizontal



quadrupole

Correct (gap dependent) kick up and down stream of undulators

- In-house design for stronger coils with slow feedback option
- Resistive, air-cooled coils
- Compact and cost-efficient design
- Ferrite-based – 0.55Tmm at 1A
- Four sub-coils per unit – variable field direction
- AC capability



On-axis first field-integral as a function of current (hor/vert field).



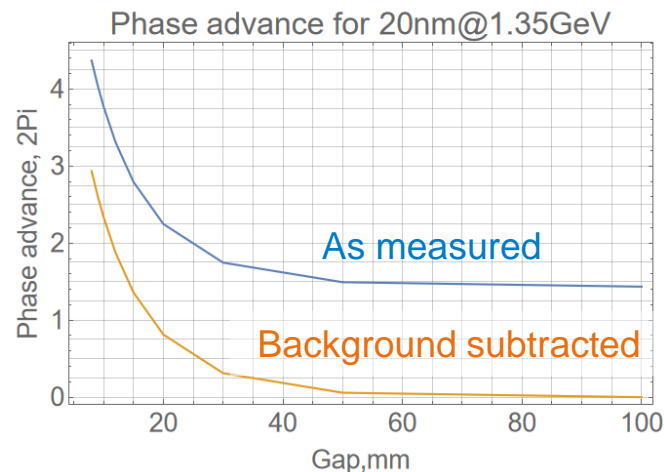
Stored coils

➤ Series of 40 coils manufactured

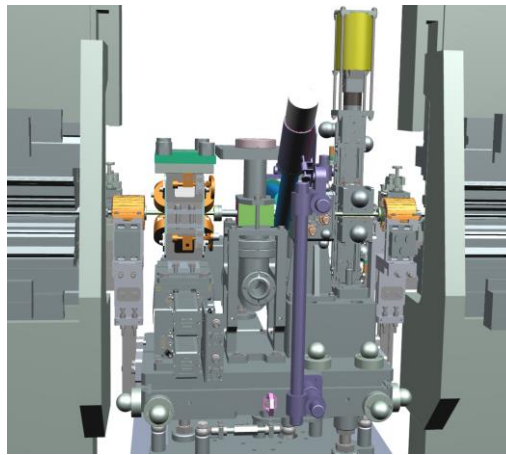
Phase shifters for FLASH1

Compact, permanent magnet-based phase shifters on intersections

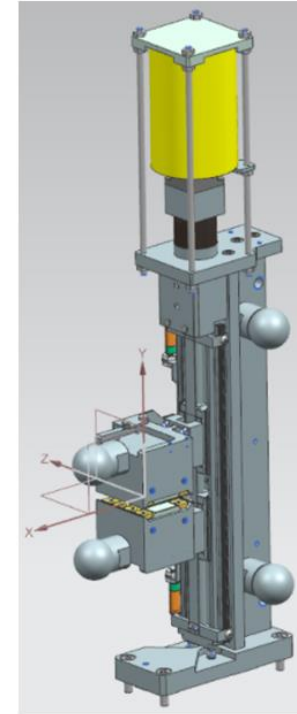
- Compact, permanent magnet-based design
- Pre-sorting allows for using lower quality, low price magnets
- Series of 10 phase shifters built and tuned
- $<0.02\text{Tmm}$ ($6\mu\text{rad}$) on-axis kick remaining
- high uniformity within series



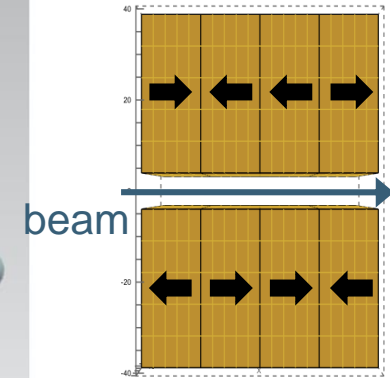
- Phase advance as a function of gap.
All 10 phase shifters achieve at least $2.8 \cdot 2\pi$ for 20nm@1.35GeV.



Intersection



Phase shifter



Magnetic set-up

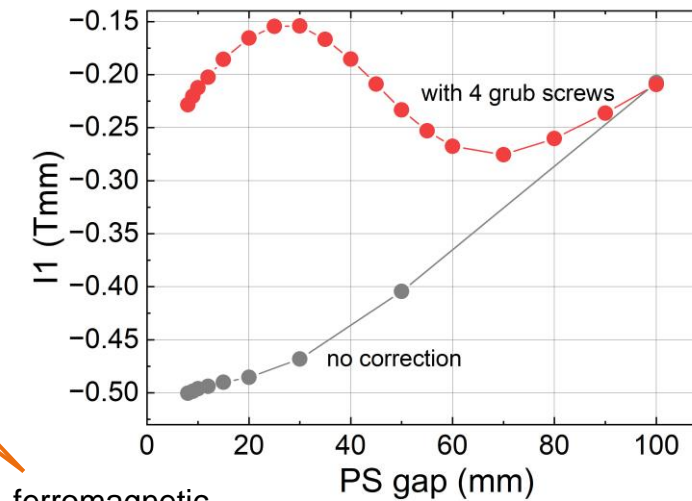
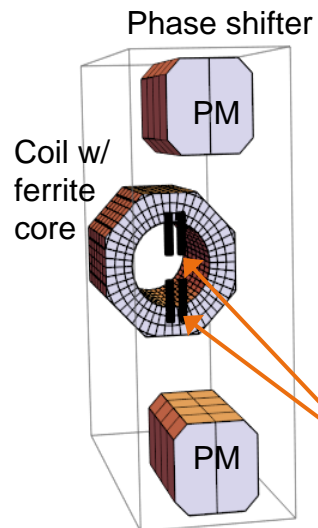
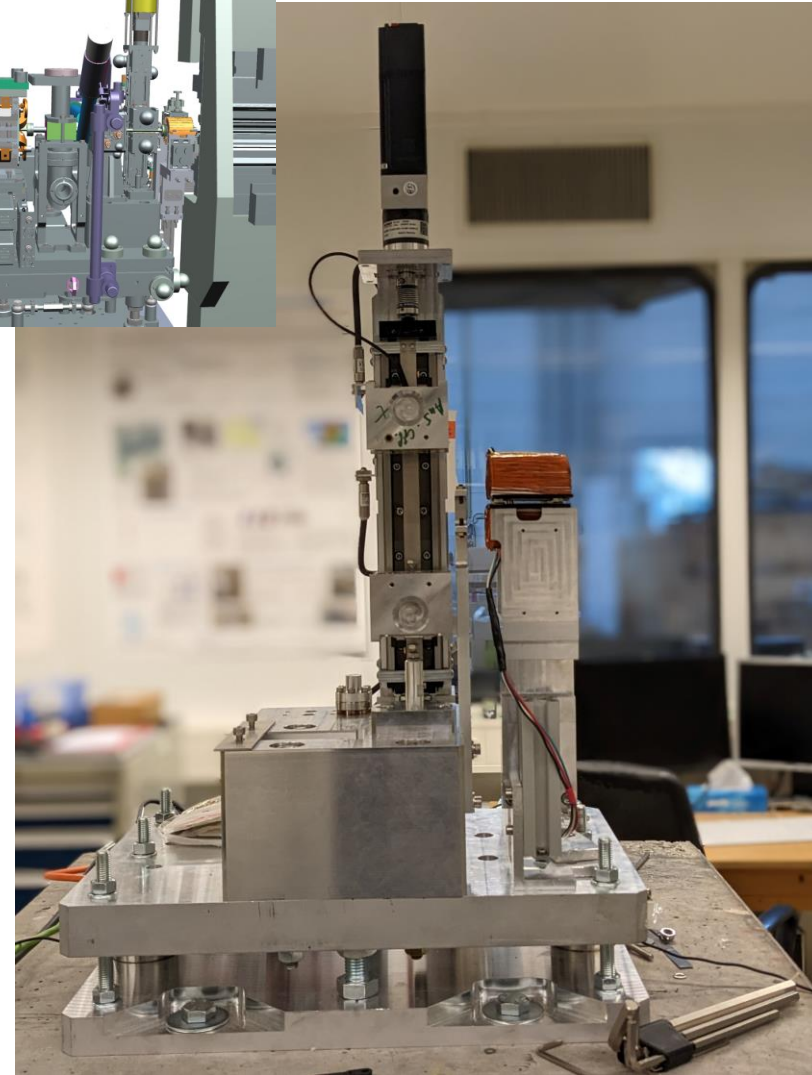
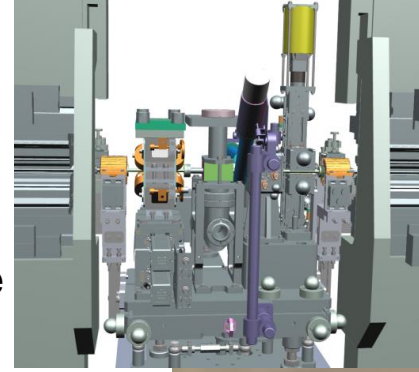


Magnet blocks.
Size: $35 \times 35 \times 15 \text{ mm}^3$

Phase shifters and corrector coils

Managing cross-talk

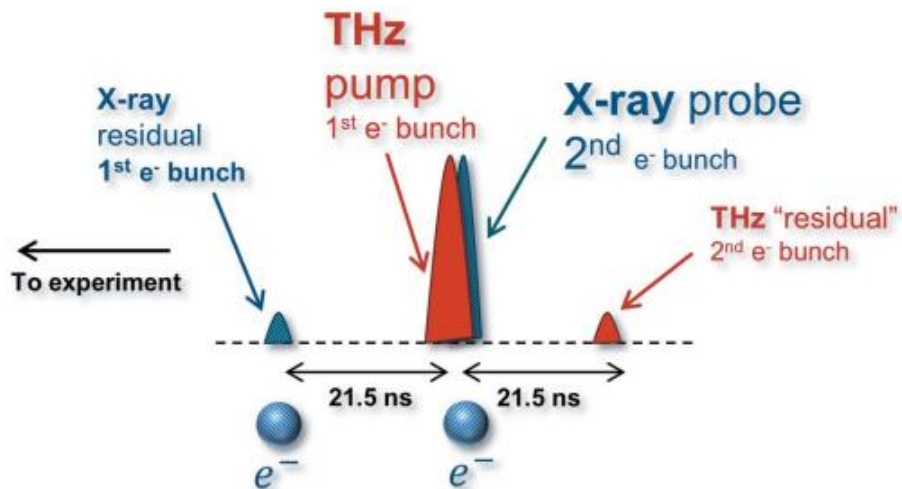
- Originally only 22mm distance between permanent magnets of phase shifter and ferrite enforced coils
- Strong, unwanted dampening of PS fringe fields due to cross-talk
- Increased the distance to 30 mm (max)
- Passive compensation by installing two sets of ferromagnetic screws above and below the beam pipe.



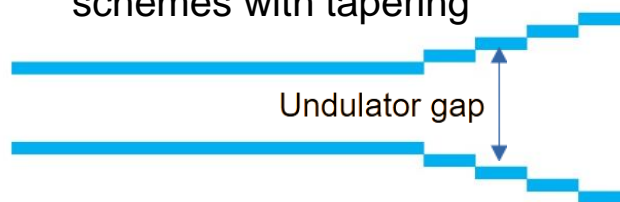
Advanced Lasing tested at FLASH

- Various double pulse schemes
- Improved FEL-performance by optimized undulator tapering
- Two color operation
 - Amplification of higher harmonics
 - Optimization of focus points
- Improving longitudinal coherence by single spike SASE

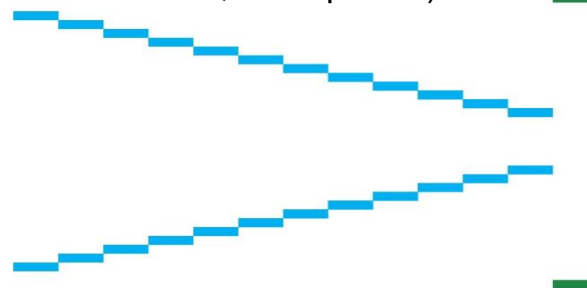
Example double pulses: X-ray and THz pulse arrival times for the double electron bunch scheme.



Examples for undulator schemes with tapering

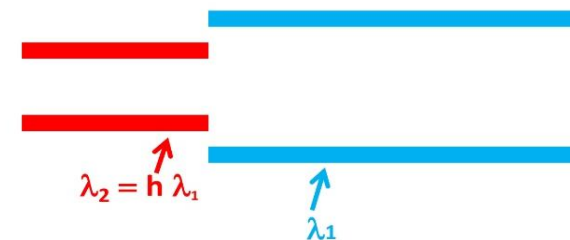


Reverse tapering (for afterburner, short pulses)

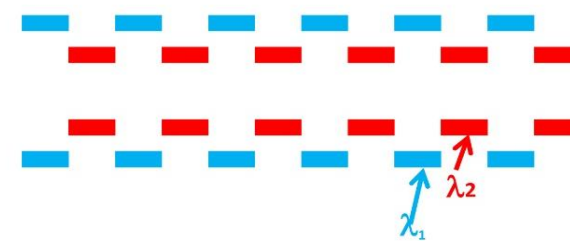


Examples for two color undulator schemes

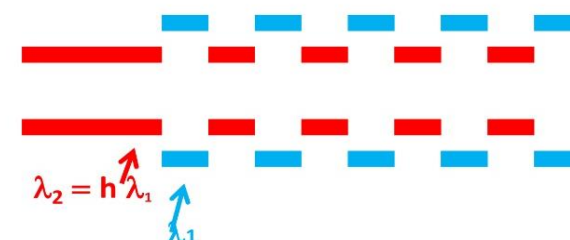
harmonic lasing self-seeded FEL - HLSS (h=3)
Frequency doubler (h=2)



two-colour lasing



HLSS & two color lasing - mixed scheme



THz pulse doubler at FLASH: double pulses for pump-probe experiments at X-ray FELs
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