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# Applications of Beam-Driven Plasma Wakefield Accelerators

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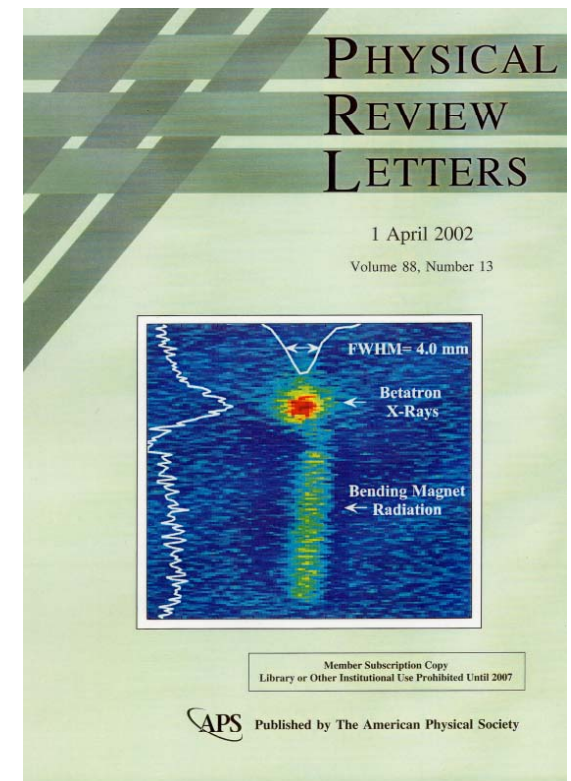
# Overview

• Beam-Driven Plasma Wakefield Accelerators have demonstrated in **meter-scale** plasmas:

- Accelerating gradients  $E_z \sim 50$  GV/m
- Focusing gradients  $dB_\theta/dr \sim 10^6$  T/m

## Potential Applications

- “Afterburner” to significantly raise x-ray energy of an existing XFEL without a large-scale linac upgrade
- Ion Channel Laser (Whittum, Sessler & Dawson, 1990)
  - **High-K regime**: Hyper-spectral sources: THz (CTR) to Gamma Rays (Betatron Radiation)
    - Early BD-PWFA experiments demonstrated x-ray production from betatron motion of mismatched beam in plasma
  - **Low-K regime**: plasma “undulator”, more monochromatic
    - FACET will study offset witness beam production of narrowband radiation as a variant of planned acceleration experiments



# Afterburner Case Study: FERMI@Elettra FEL

- FERMI@Elettra is a single-pass FEL user-facility located next to the third-generation synchrotron radiation facility ELETTRA in Trieste, Italy.
- Our Goal: Study using existing linac, undulators and civil footprint.
- Start from FEL-1 and find a self consistent set of parameters for beam and undulator that boost energy by two and get 20nm down to 5nm.

Parameter	FEL-1	Units
Wavelength	100-20	nm
Electron Beam Energy	1.2	GeV
Bunch Charge	0.8	nC
Peak Current	850	A
Bunch Length (FWHM)	400	fs
Norm. Emittance (slice)	0.8-1.2	mm-mrad
Energy Spread (slice)	150-250	keV
Repetition Rate	10-50	Hz

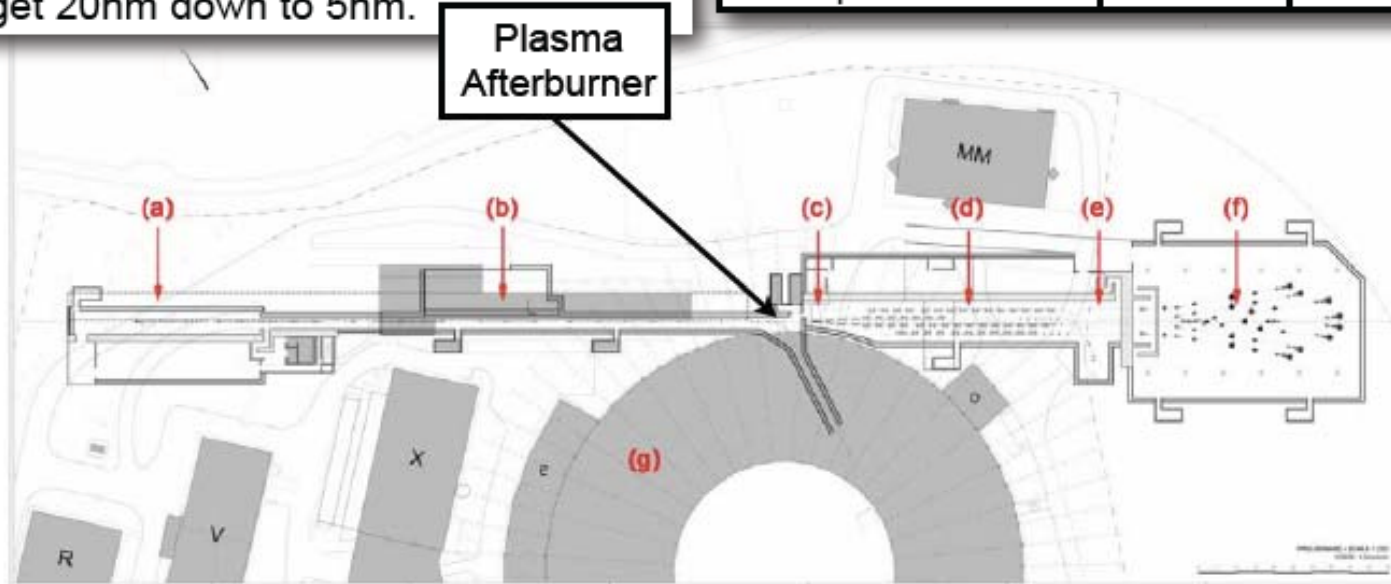


Figure 1: Schematic FERMI layout beside the ELETTRA storage ring building (g). See text for details.

# Afterburner Concept and Example

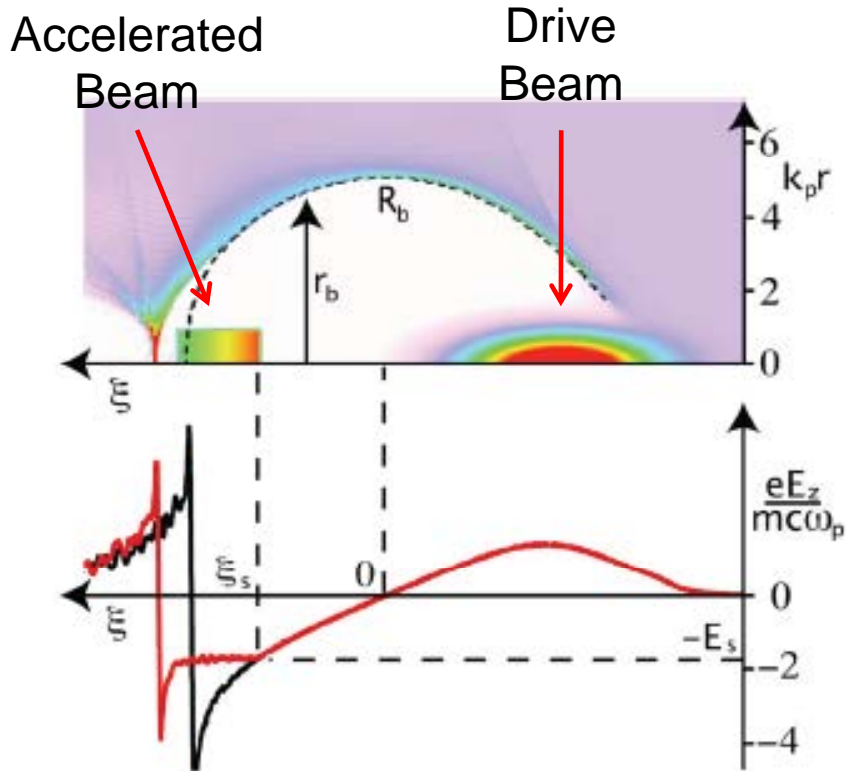
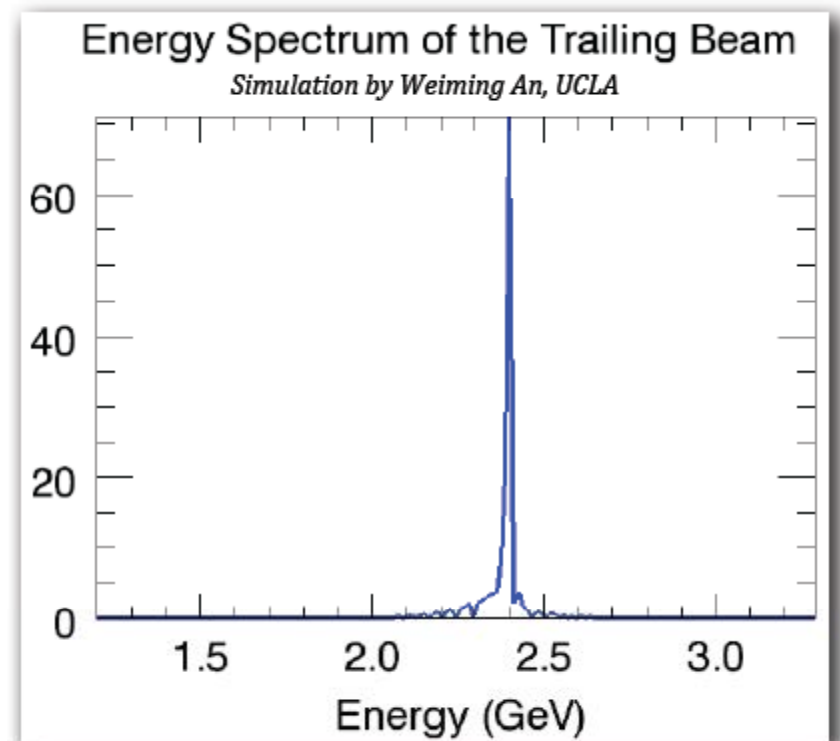


FIG. 1 (color online). The electron density from a PIC simulation with OSIRIS [19] for  $k_p R_b = 5$  is presented. The beams move to the right. The broken black line traces the blowout radius in the absence of the load. On the bottom, the red (black) line is the lineout of the wakefield  $E_z(\xi, r_b = 0)$  when the beam load is present (absent).

Preliminary simulation by Weiming An, UCLA

- Drive = 0.75 nC, witness = 0.25 nC
- Bunch lengths: 6  $\mu\text{m}$ , 2  $\mu\text{m}$
- Plasma density  $10^{18}/\text{cc}$
- Drive/witness separation 32 microns
- $dE/E|_{\text{rms}} \sim 0.34\%$



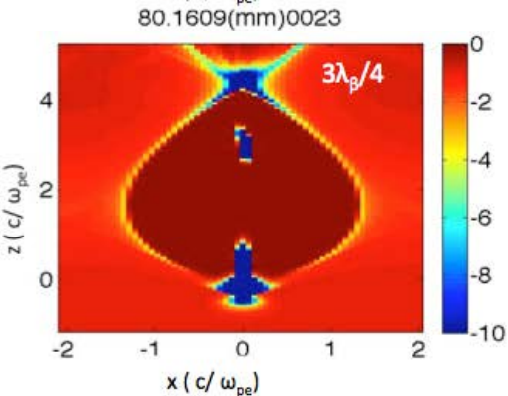
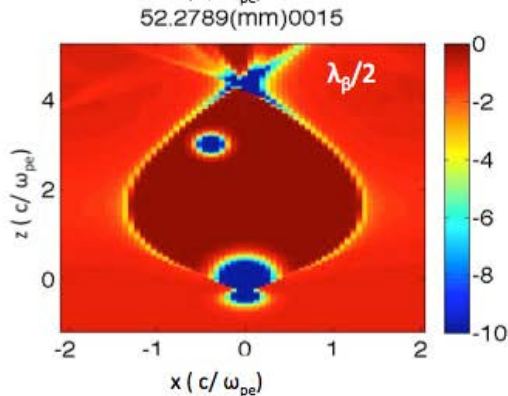
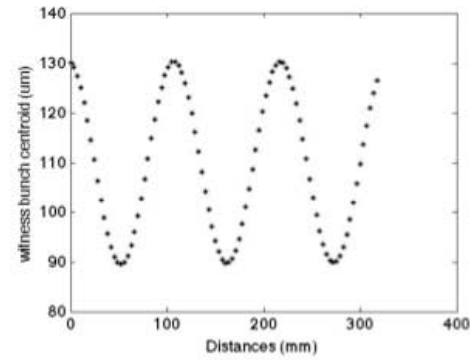
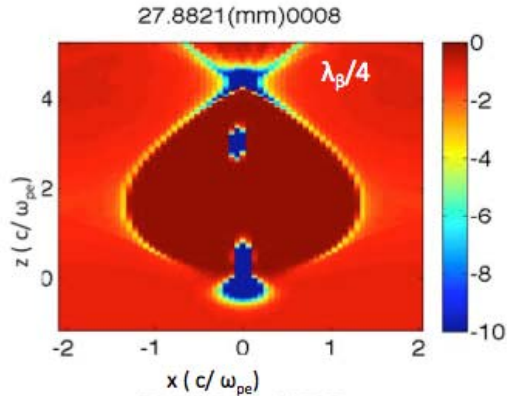
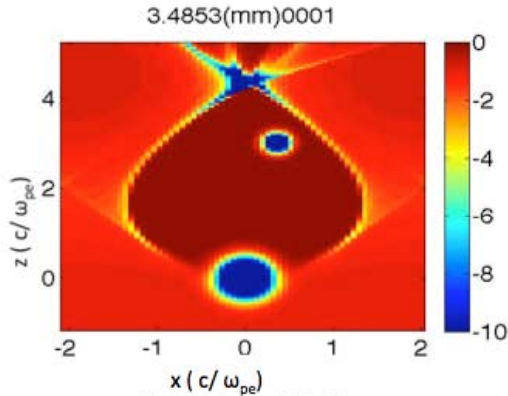
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# Parameters for an Afterburner for FERMI@Elletra

	Parameter	Units	Short Wavelength FEL I	Afterburner Upgrade
<b>Upgrade</b>	Energy Multiplication			2
	Witness Bunch Charge	nC		0.25
	Drive Bunch Charge	nC		0.75
	Witness Bunch Length	μm		1.7
	Drive Bunch Length	μm		7.5
	Bunch Separation	μm		32
<b>Beam</b>	Bunch Charge	nC	0.8	0.25
	Bunch Energy	GeV	1.2	2.4
	Projected Energy Spread	%	0.06	0.34
	Normalized Emittance	mm-mrad	0.8	1.47
	Peak Current	kA	0.85	17.65
<b>Undulator (Planar NdFeB)</b>	Period	cm	6.5	6.5
	Undulator K		2.4	2.4
	FODO Period	m	7.6	7.6
	Max Beta	m	9	5
	Undulator Length	m	22.8	22.8
<b>Radiation Parameters</b>	Wavelength	nm	20	5
	Calculated Using	Saturation Length	m	23.15
PSI PARMS Spreadsheet	Gain Length	m	1.1	0.84
Incorporates Ming Xie	Photons per bunch		2.00E+14	5.00E+13
3D FEL Formalism	Output Power	GW	2.3	130
	Bandwidth	%	1.25	2.8

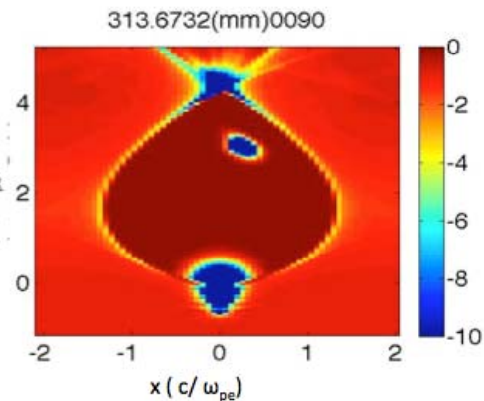
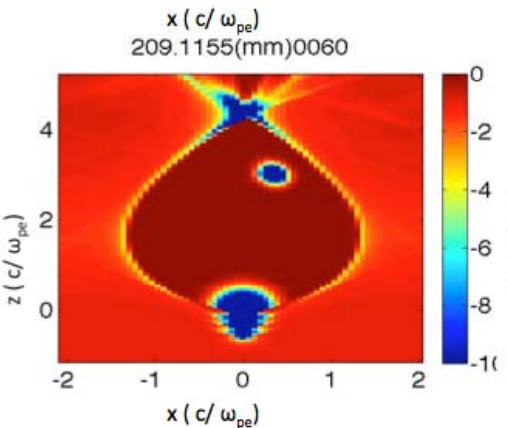
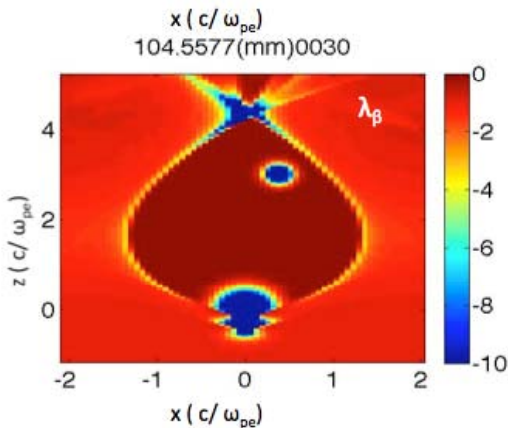
# Radiation Generation from Offset Witness Beam

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## For the witness bunch:

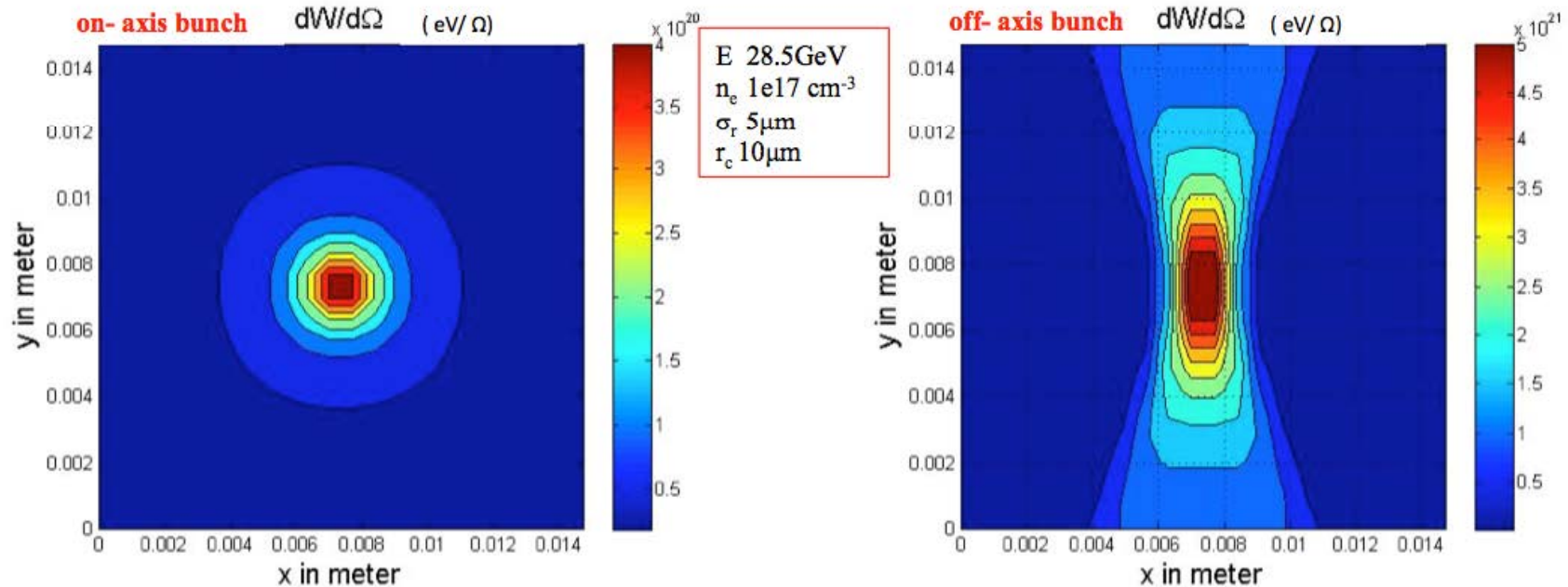
- oscillate like a “Macro” electron
- oscillate with betatron period,  $\lambda_\beta$  10.4 cm
- focused along betatron trajectory
- different numbers of betatron oscillations along the bunch  $\omega_\beta = \frac{\omega_{pe}}{\sqrt{2\gamma}}$



# Saddle Point Calculation of Intensity

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## Radiation pattern ( integrated in frequency )



- Saddle-point method,  $\frac{d^2W}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{e^2 \omega^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \vec{n} \times (\vec{n} \times \vec{\beta}(t)) e^{i\omega(t - \vec{n} \cdot \vec{r}(t))} dt \right|^2$  is simplified as

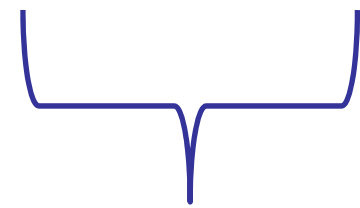
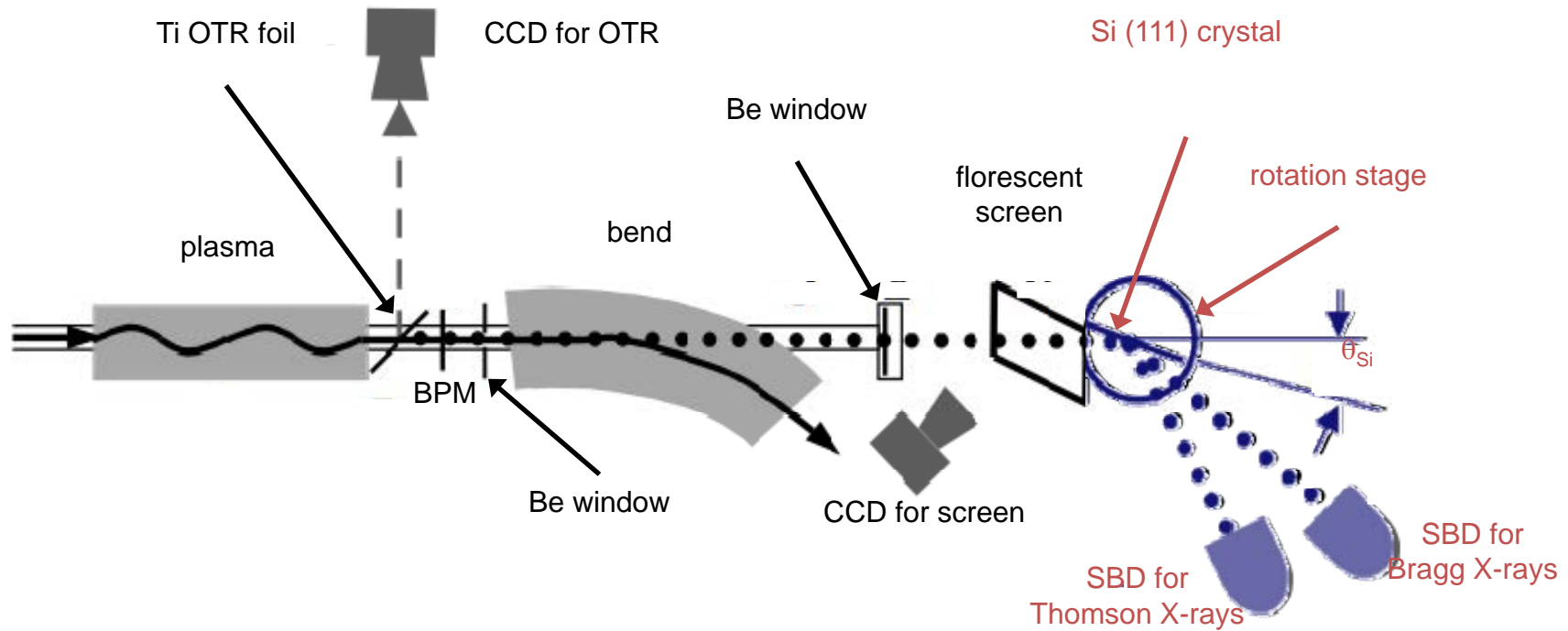
$$\frac{d^2W}{d\omega d\Omega} = 2N_0 \frac{e^2 \eta^2 \rho^2 \chi^2}{3\pi^2 c} \left[ \frac{\sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi}{\chi} K_{\frac{1}{3}}^2(q) + K_{\frac{2}{3}}^2(q) \right]^{**}, N_0 \text{ betatron oscillation number, } \rho = \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma_z}{p_x^2/\gamma_z^2 - \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi}}$$

$$\chi = \gamma_z^{-2} + \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi, \quad q = \frac{1}{3} \eta \rho \chi^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

- Off-set pattern radiates more
- In future experiments, total power will be a combined radiation of on-axis drive bunch + off-axis witness bunch

\* J. D. Jackson, *Classical Electrodynamics* 197 \*\*I.Kostyukov, *Phys. Of Plasmas* 2003

# Extending the FFTB Experiments to the Witness Bunch Case at FACET

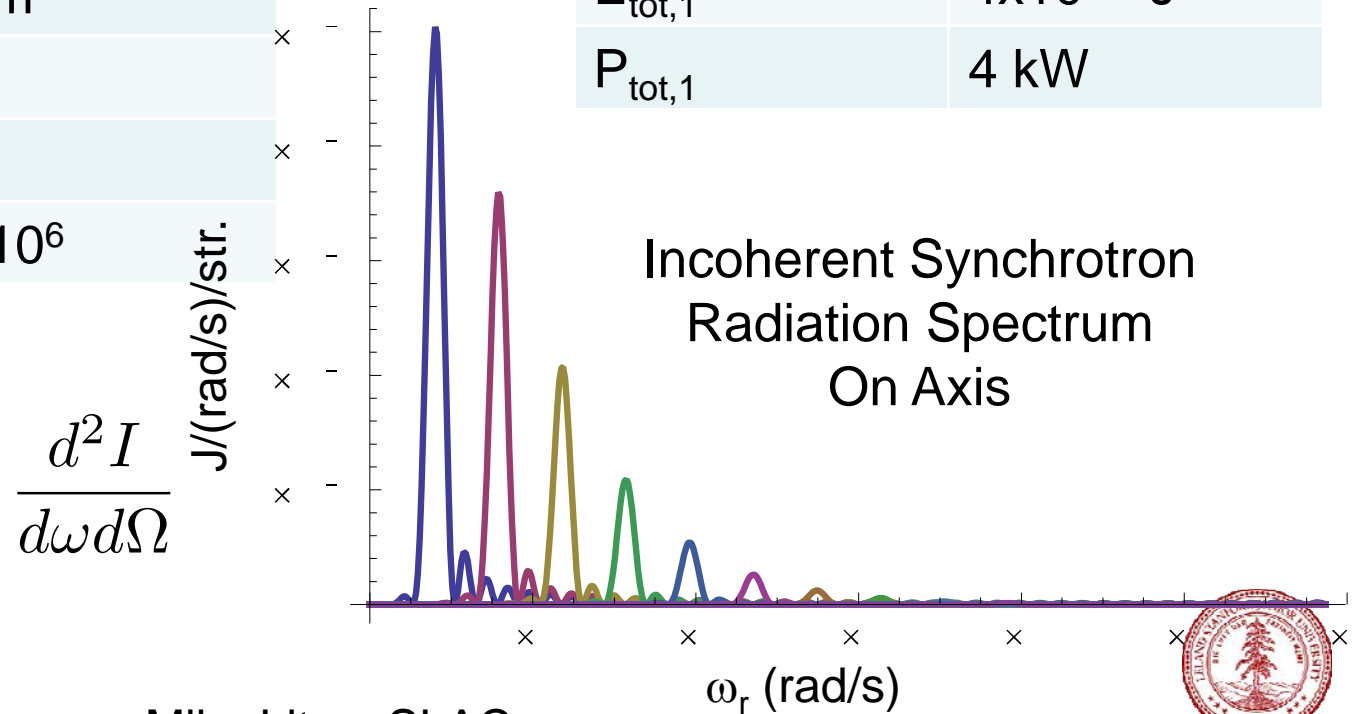


What's needed for FACET



## Operation as an Undulator Requires a Different set of Operating Parameters

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
$n_p$	$2 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$\lambda_1$	240 nm
$\sigma_r$	5 $\mu\text{m}$	$\Delta\lambda_1$	80 nm
$N_e$	$10^9$	$N_{\gamma,1}$	$5 \times 10^8$ photons
$\gamma$	1000	$E_{\text{tot},1}$	$4 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J}$
$r_0$	50 $\mu\text{m}$	$P_{\text{tot},1}$	4 kW
$L_p$	1 m		
$K$	0.94		
$M_0$	$1.4 \times 10^6$		





## Summary

- The performance requirements for High Energy Physics and Photon Science applications of Beam-Driven PWFA are compatible:
  - High peak current, small  $dE/E$ , low emittance, excellent stability, cost effectiveness...
- The demonstrated ability to sustain GV/m and MT/m gradients on the meter scale will enable novel x-ray and THz sources to be developed
- A BD-PWFA based afterburner offers a very compact upgrade path for linac XFELs to extend energy reach