

PSI Center for
Photon Science

SwissFEL -Photonics Technologies for Advanced Light Sources

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Outline

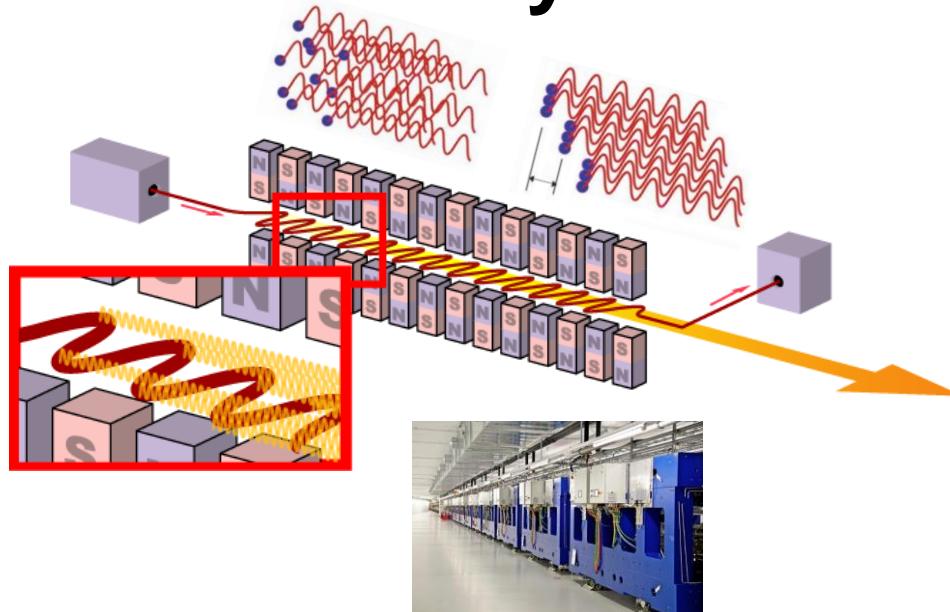
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Responsible for X-ray photon diagnostics at SwissFEL

- Very brief overview of SwissFEL and a small taster of photonic systems

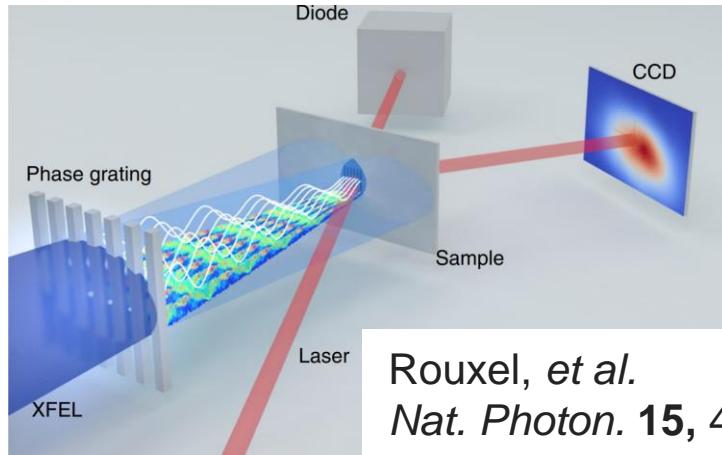


X-ray free electron lasers



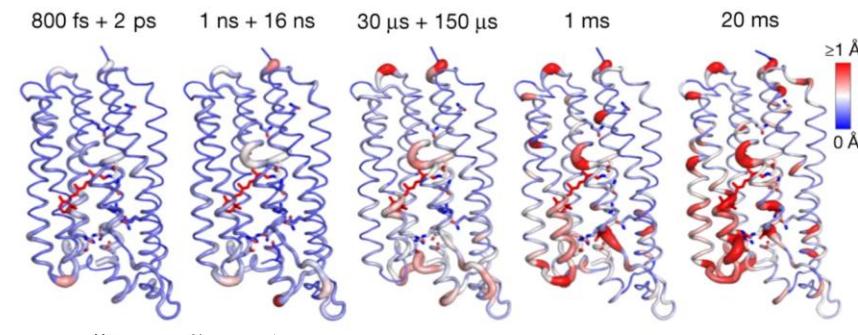
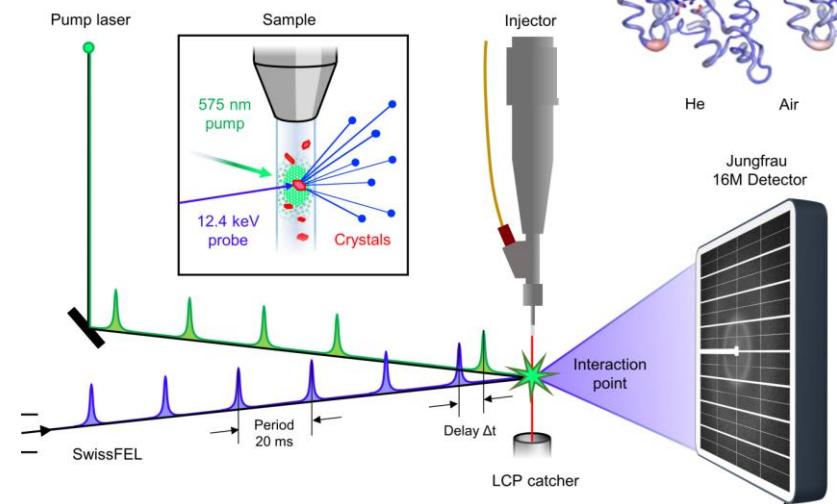
- Pulses unprecedented peak brilliance
- Full transverse coherence
- Ultra short pulse
- Ultra high peak intensity

Advanced spectroscopic methods



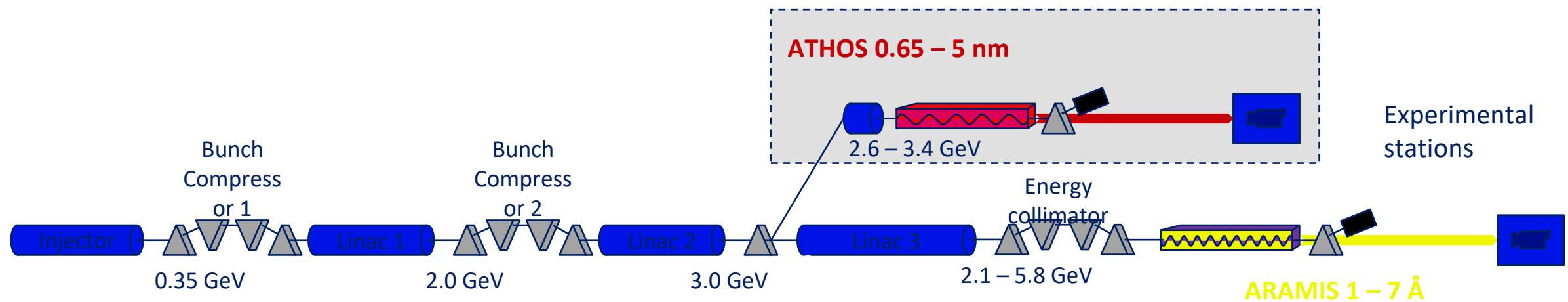
Rouxel, et al.
Nat. Photon. **15**, 499–503 (2021)

Structural and functional dynamics in biological systems



Skopintsev, P et al.
Nature **583**, 314–318 (2020)

SwissFEL machine



Main parameters

Wavelength: $1 \text{ \AA} - 5 \text{ nm}$

Photon energy: $0.24 - 12.4 \text{ keV}$

Pulse energy: 1 mJ

Pulse duration: $1 - 100 \text{ fs}$

e^- Energy 5.8 GeV

e^- Bunch charge $10 - 200 \text{ pC}$

Repetition rate 100 Hz

ARAMIS

- Hard x-ray FEL, $\lambda = 1 - 7 \text{ \AA}$ ($1.8 - 12.4 \text{ keV}$)
- Attosecond mode possible, 100 as FWHM (no pedestal), few ten uJ
- new two color tune (range -20 – 20 fs)
- Linear polarization, variable gap undulators
 - High k “hot” @ $4 - 8 \text{ keV}$

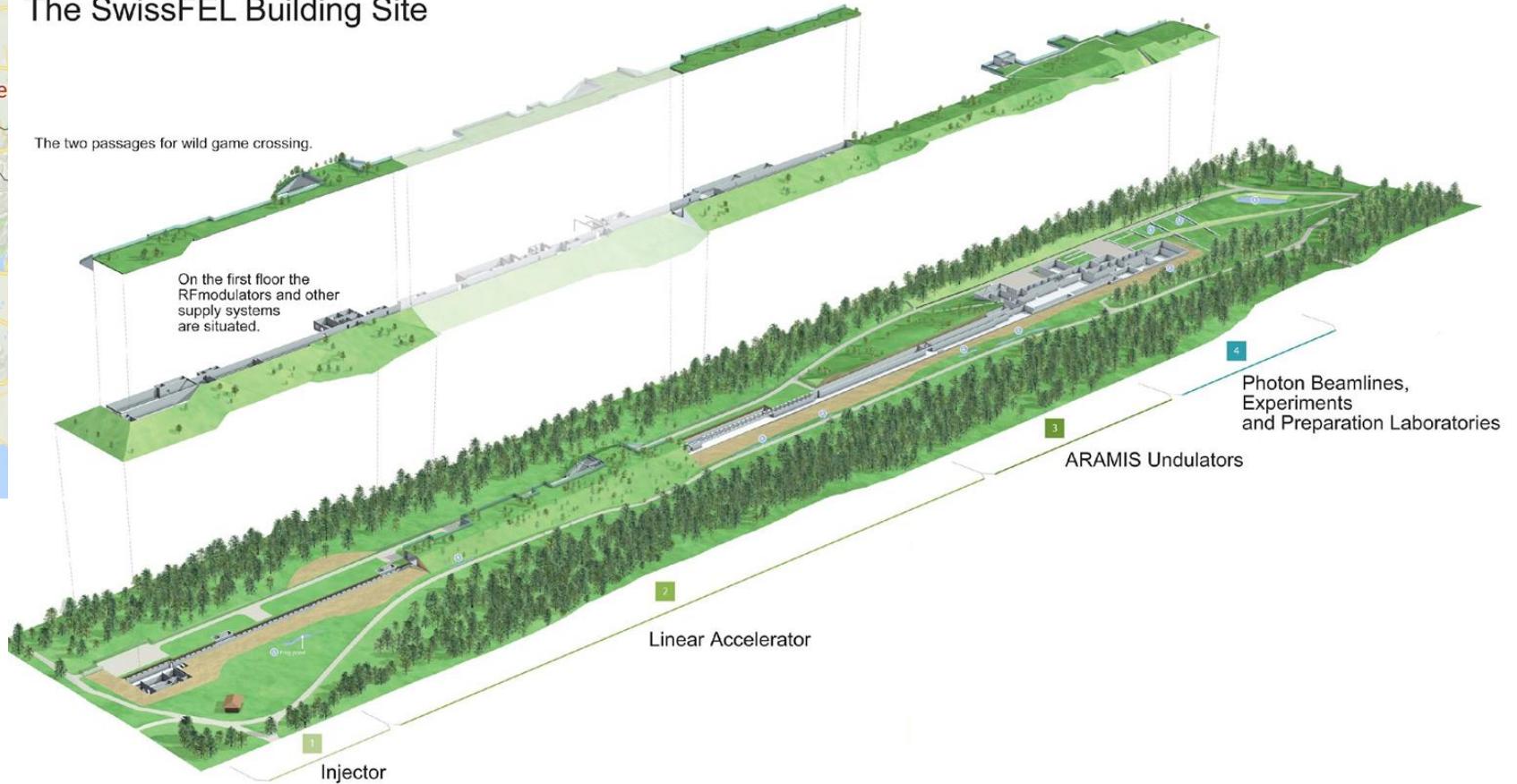
ATHOS

- Soft x-ray FEL, $\lambda = 0.65 - 5 \text{ nm}$ ($240 - 1'930 \text{ eV}$)
- Variable polarization Apple X undulators
- Operation modes: SASE (CHIC)
10x smaller BW
- Attosecond modes of operation

SwissFEL machine



The SwissFEL Building Site



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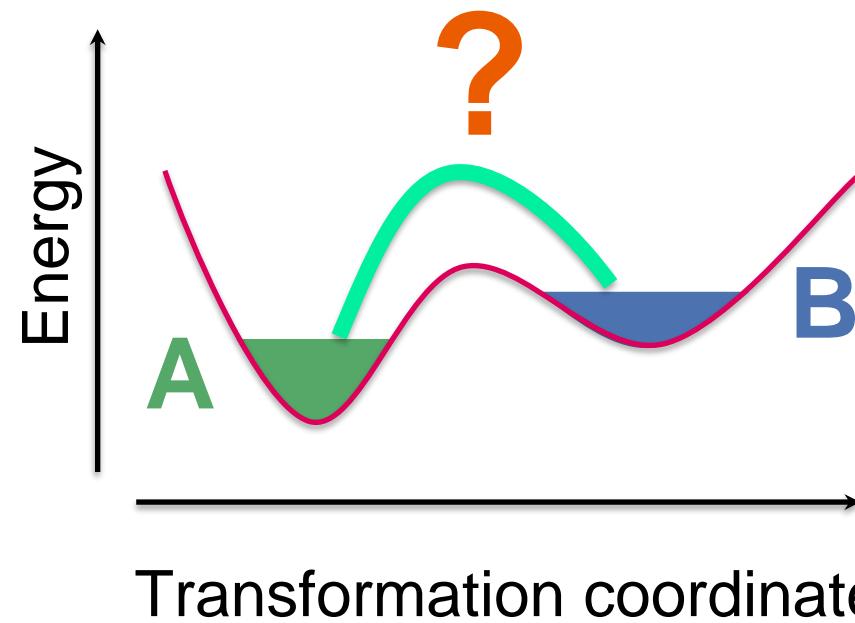
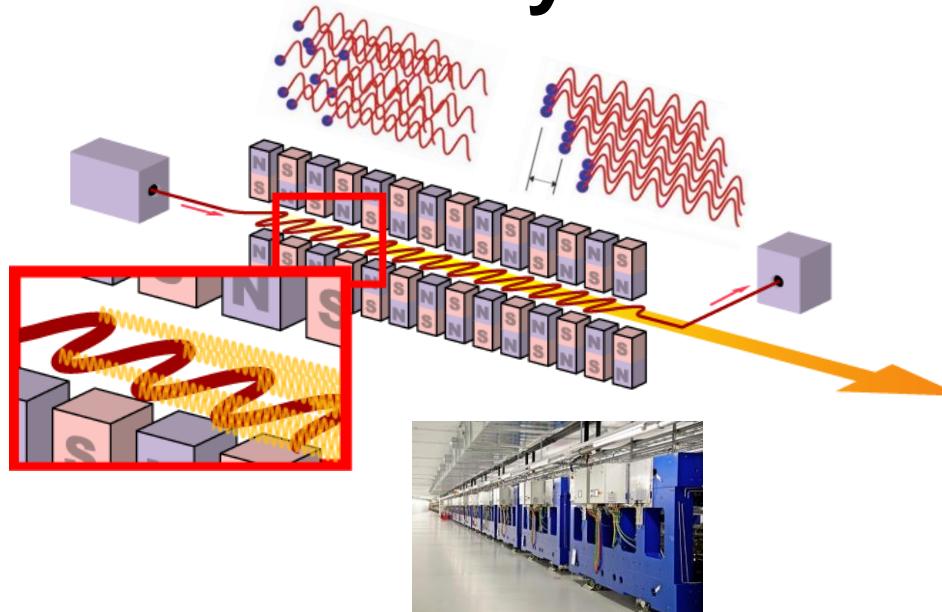
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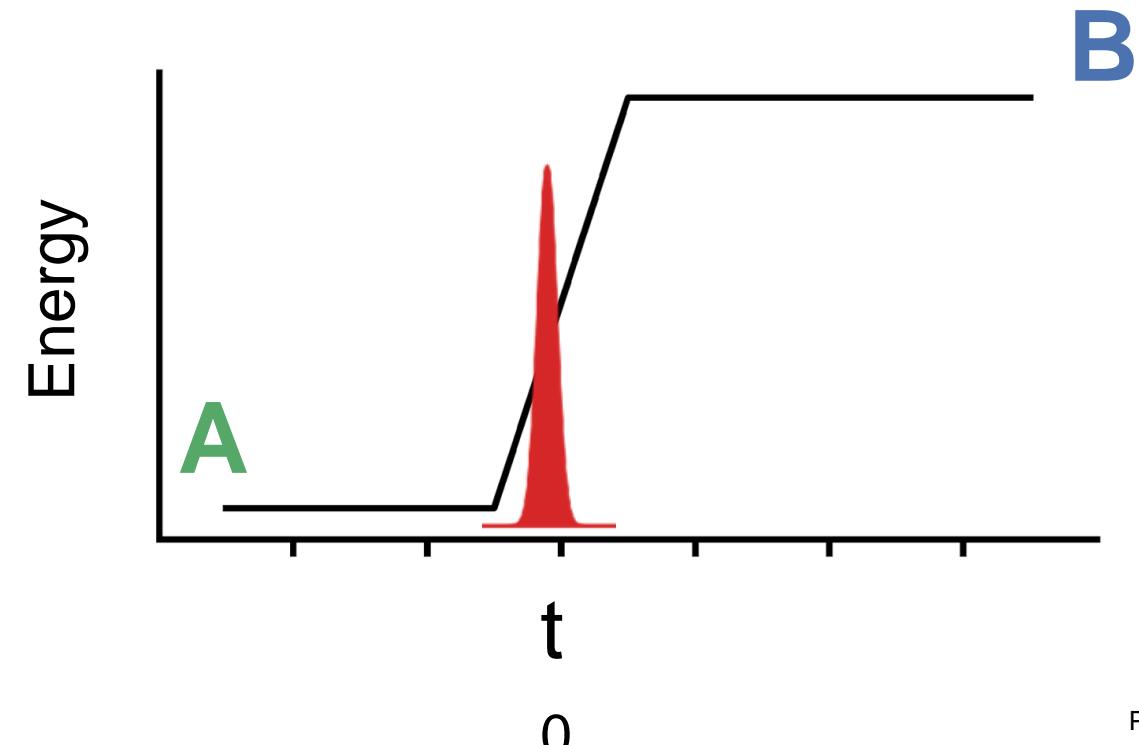
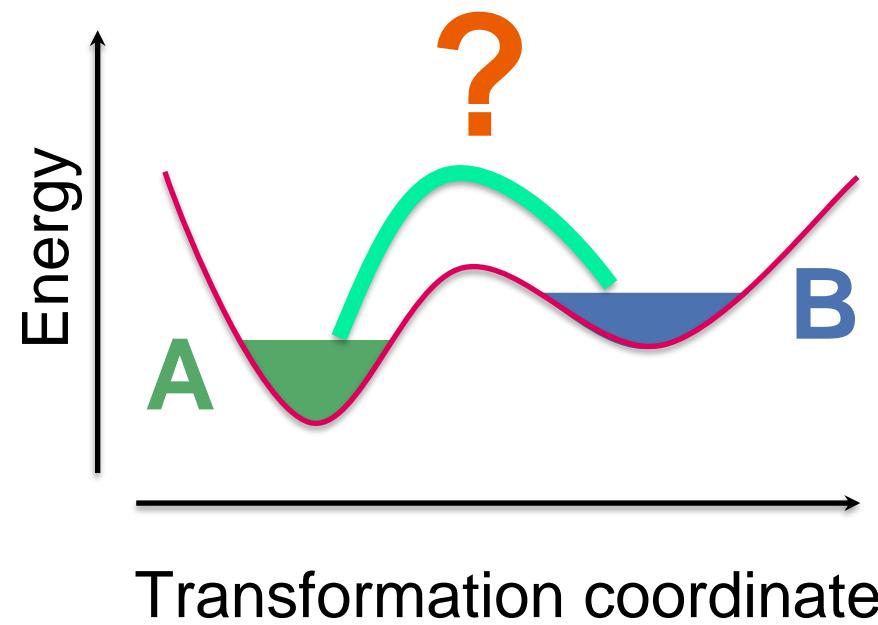
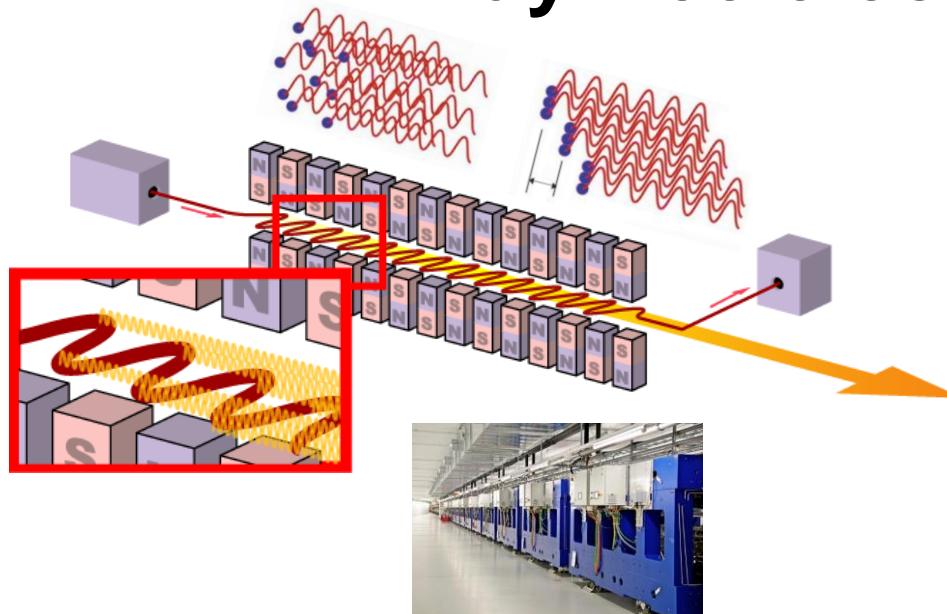
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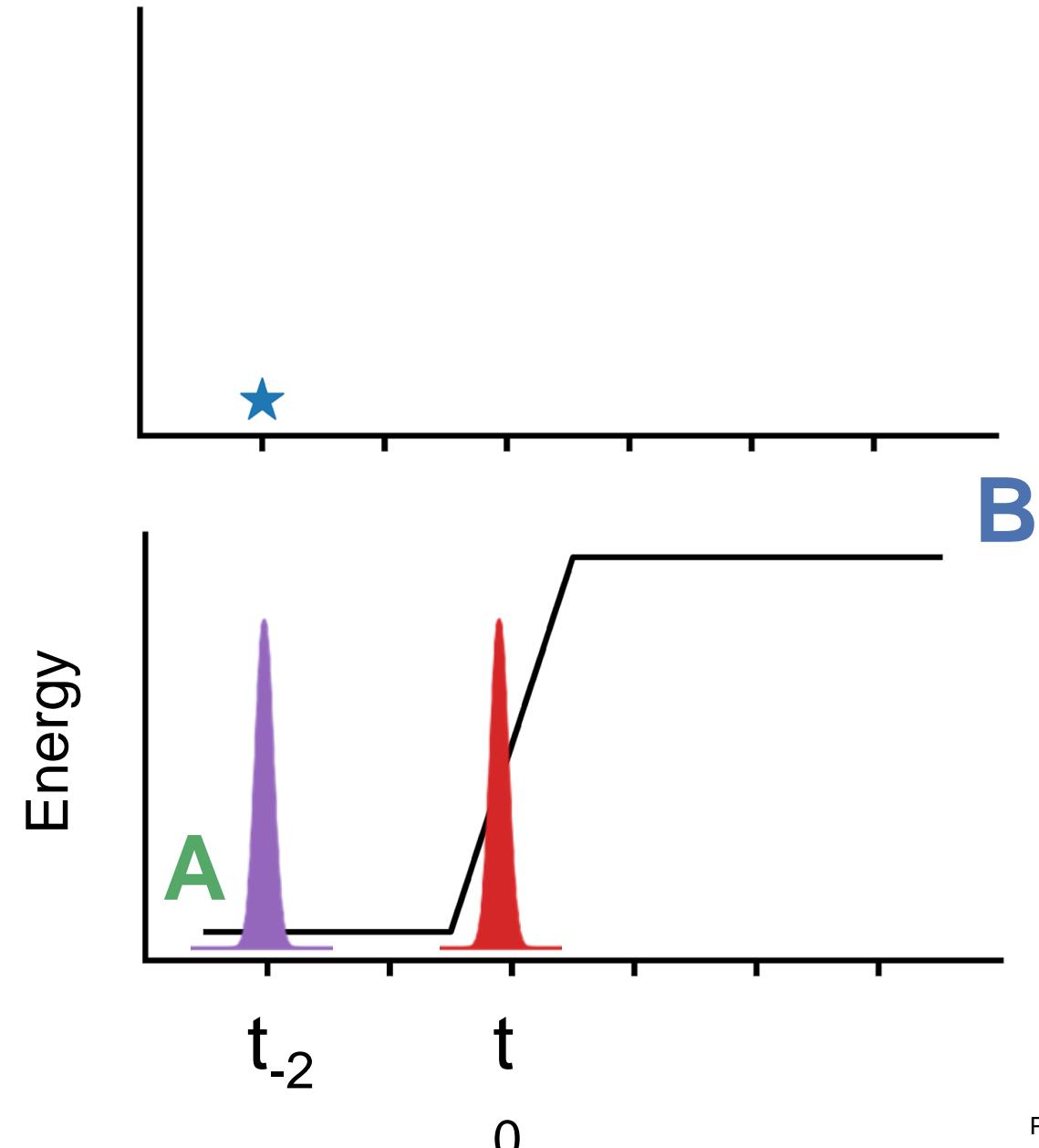
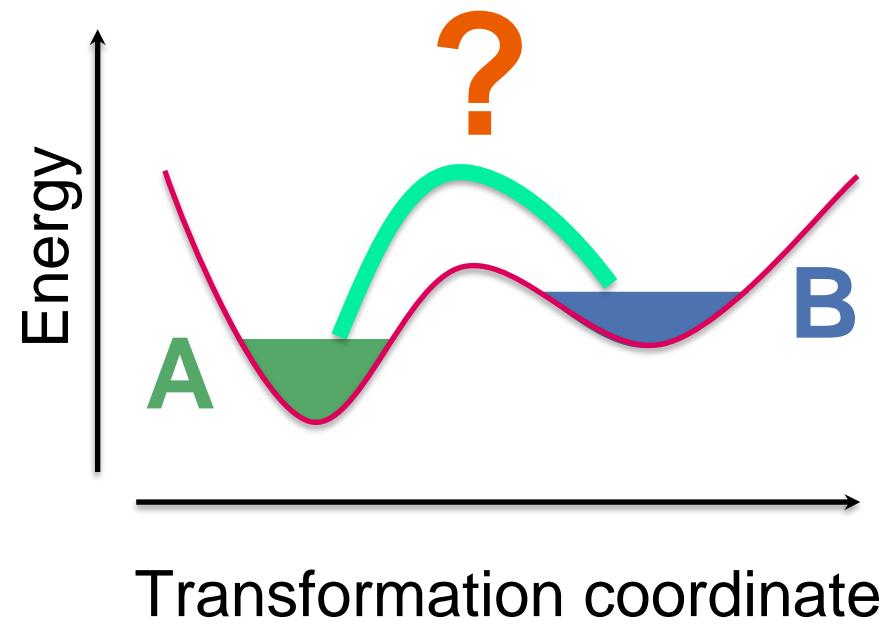
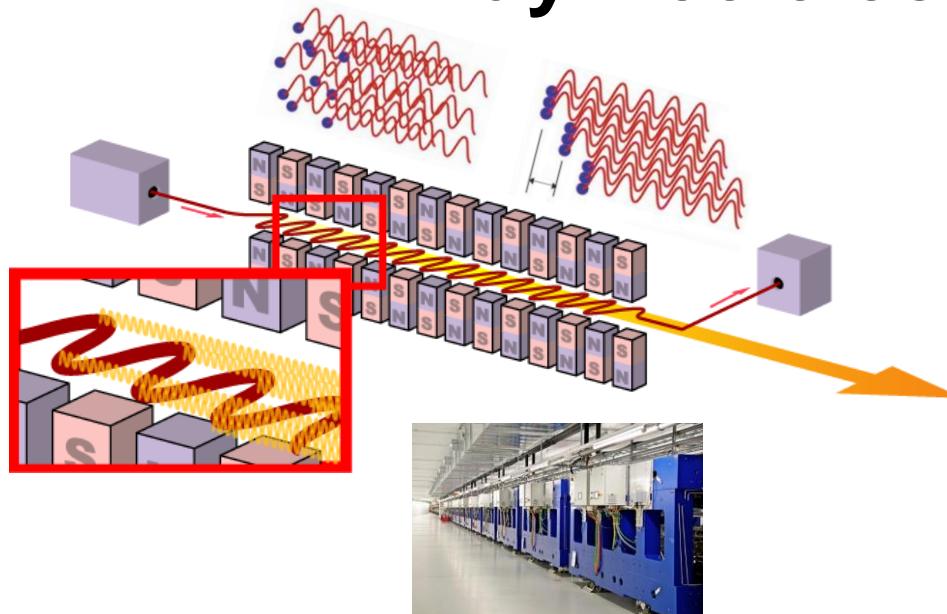
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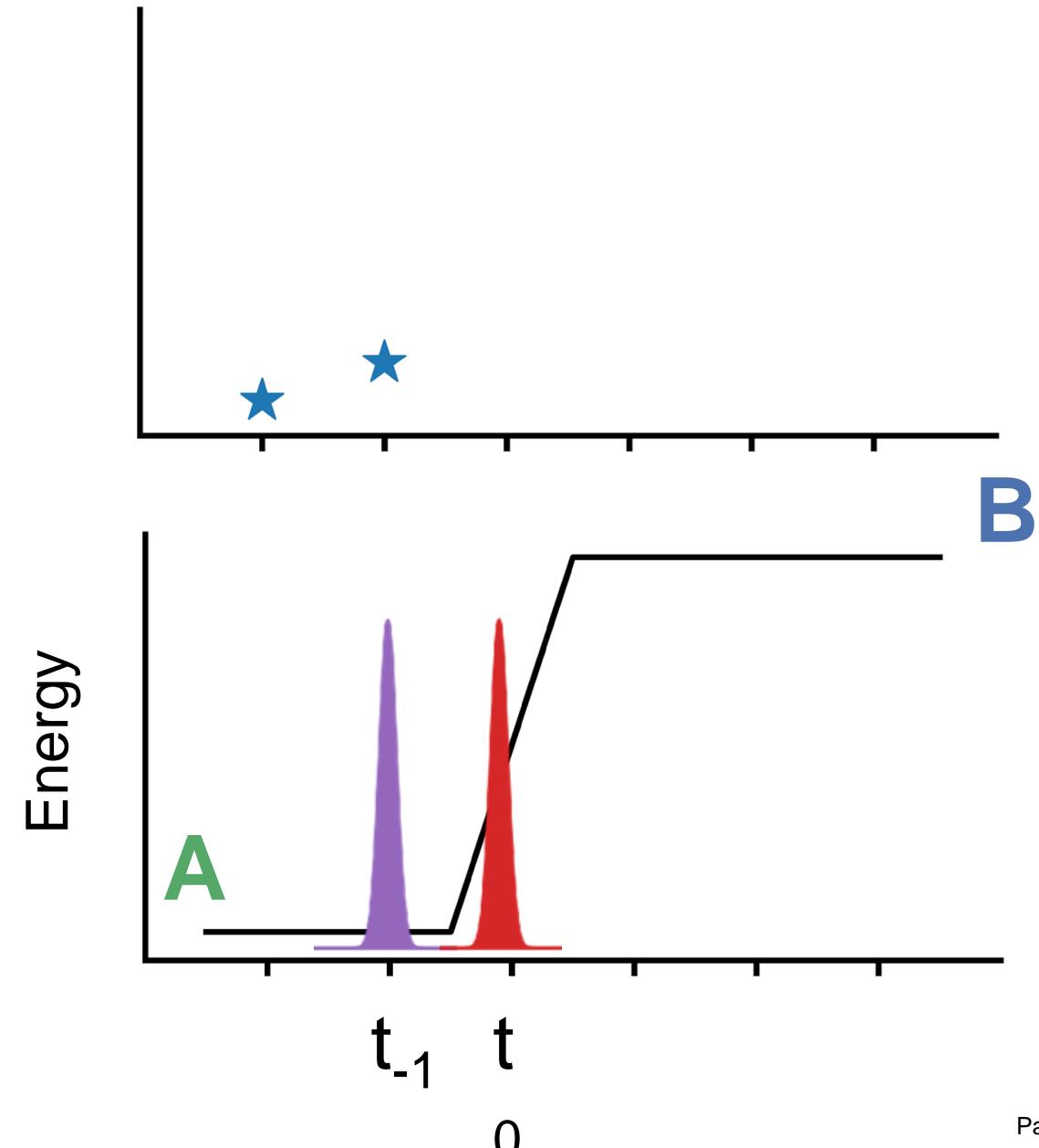
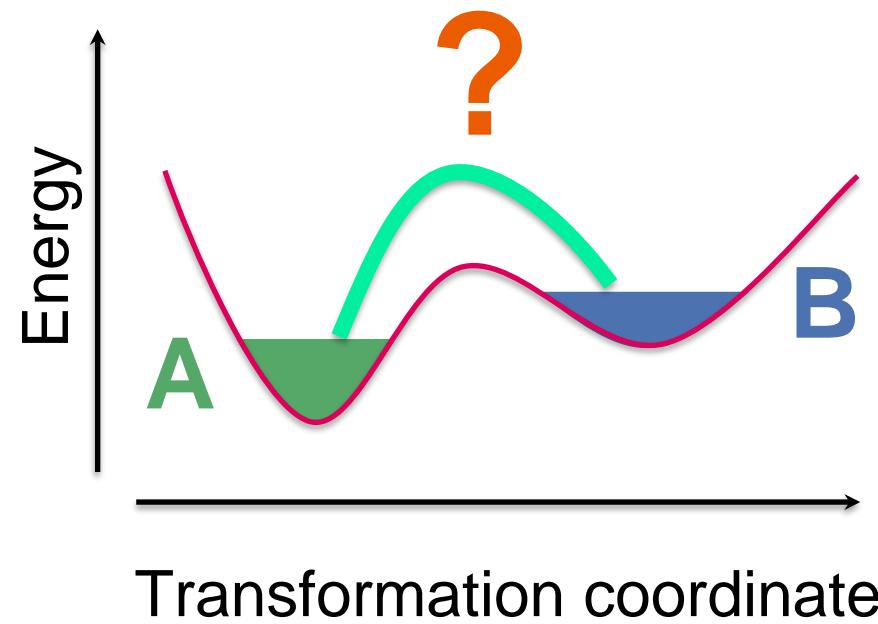
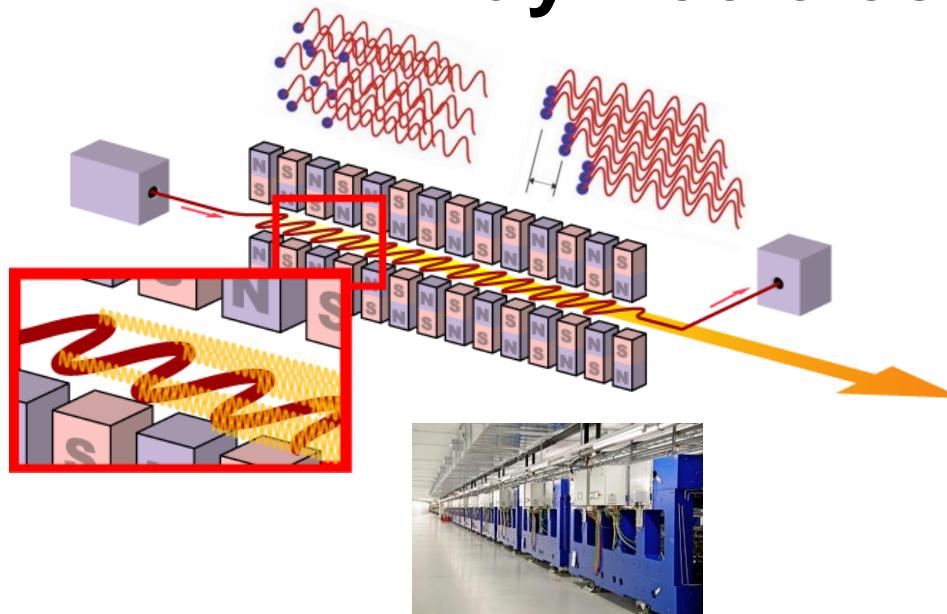
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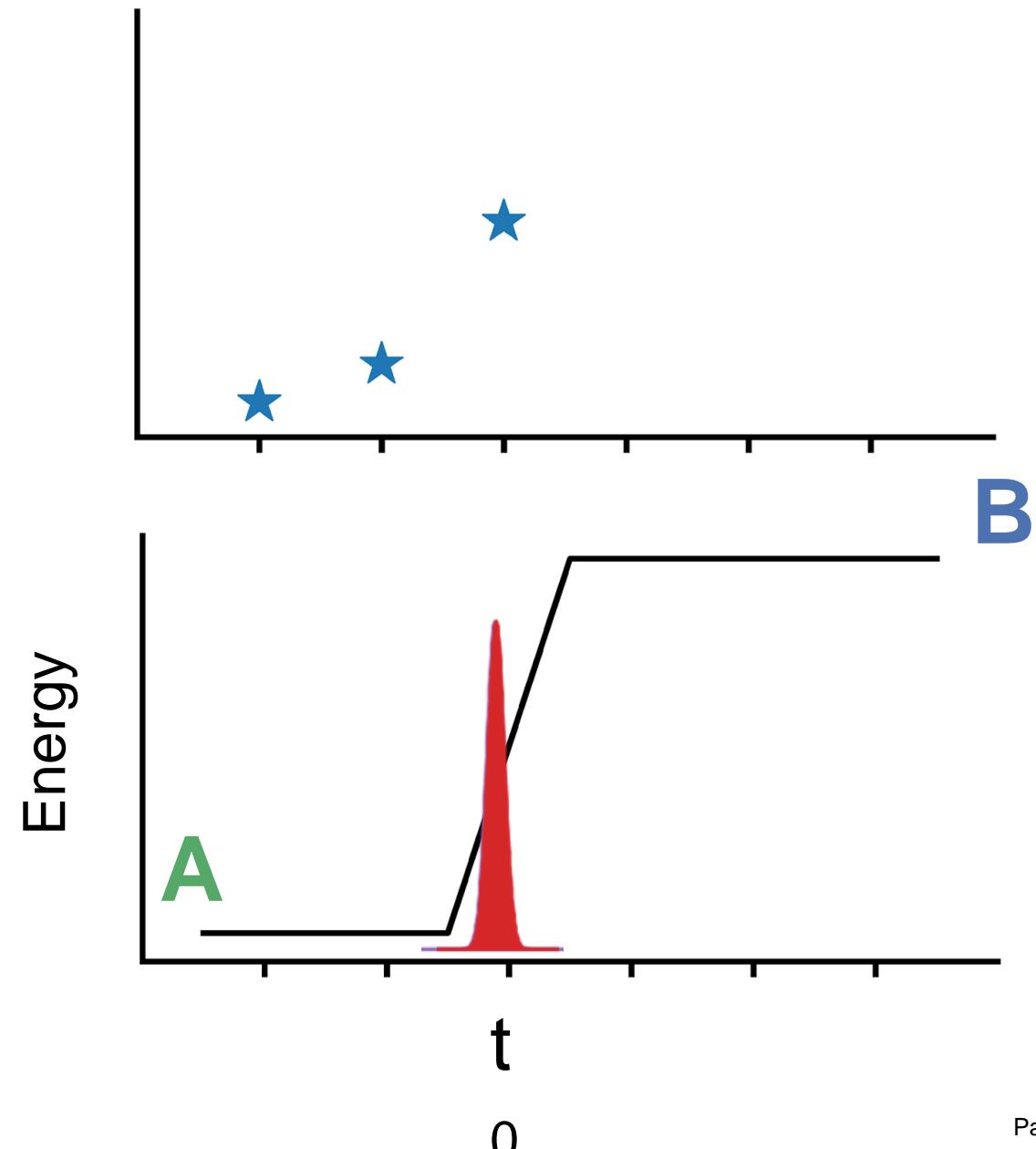
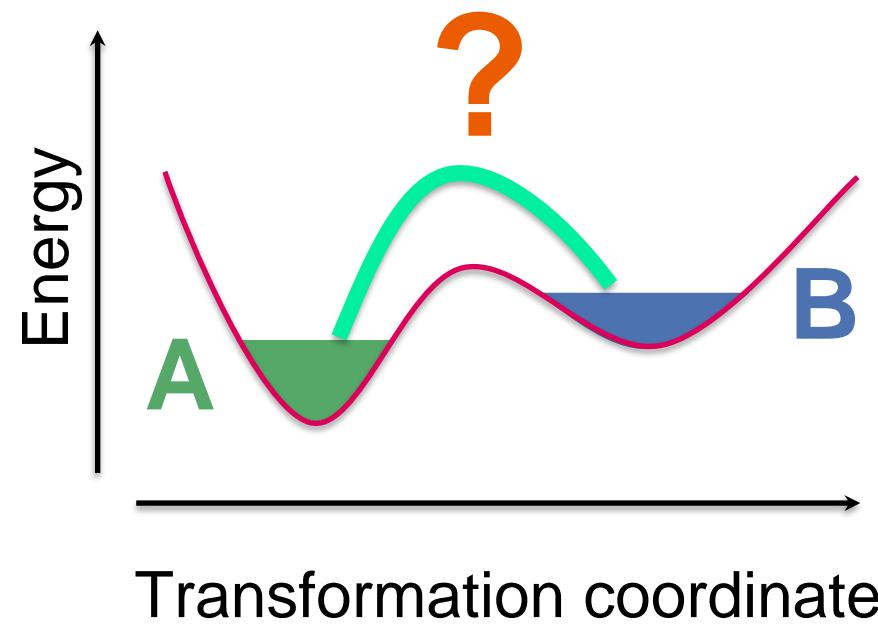
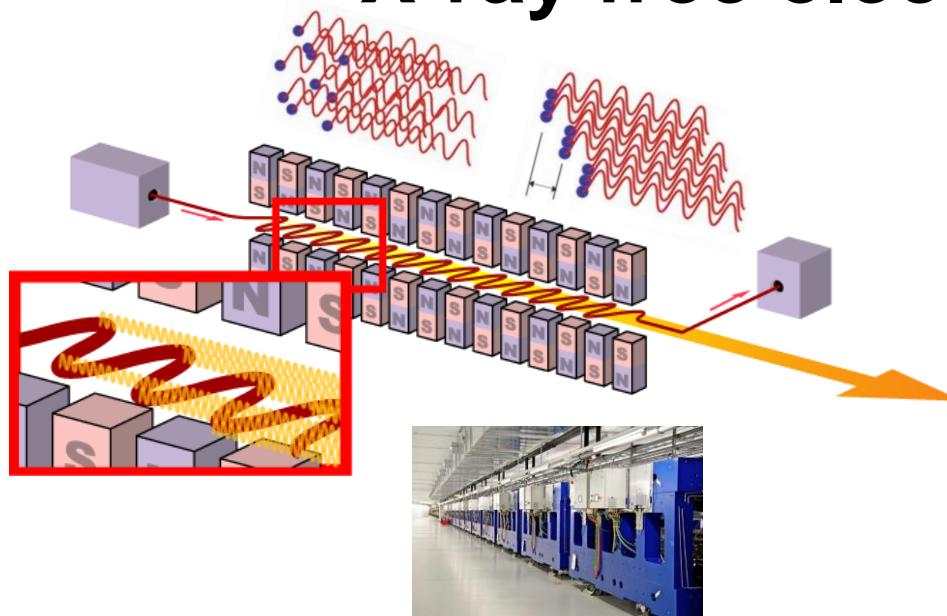
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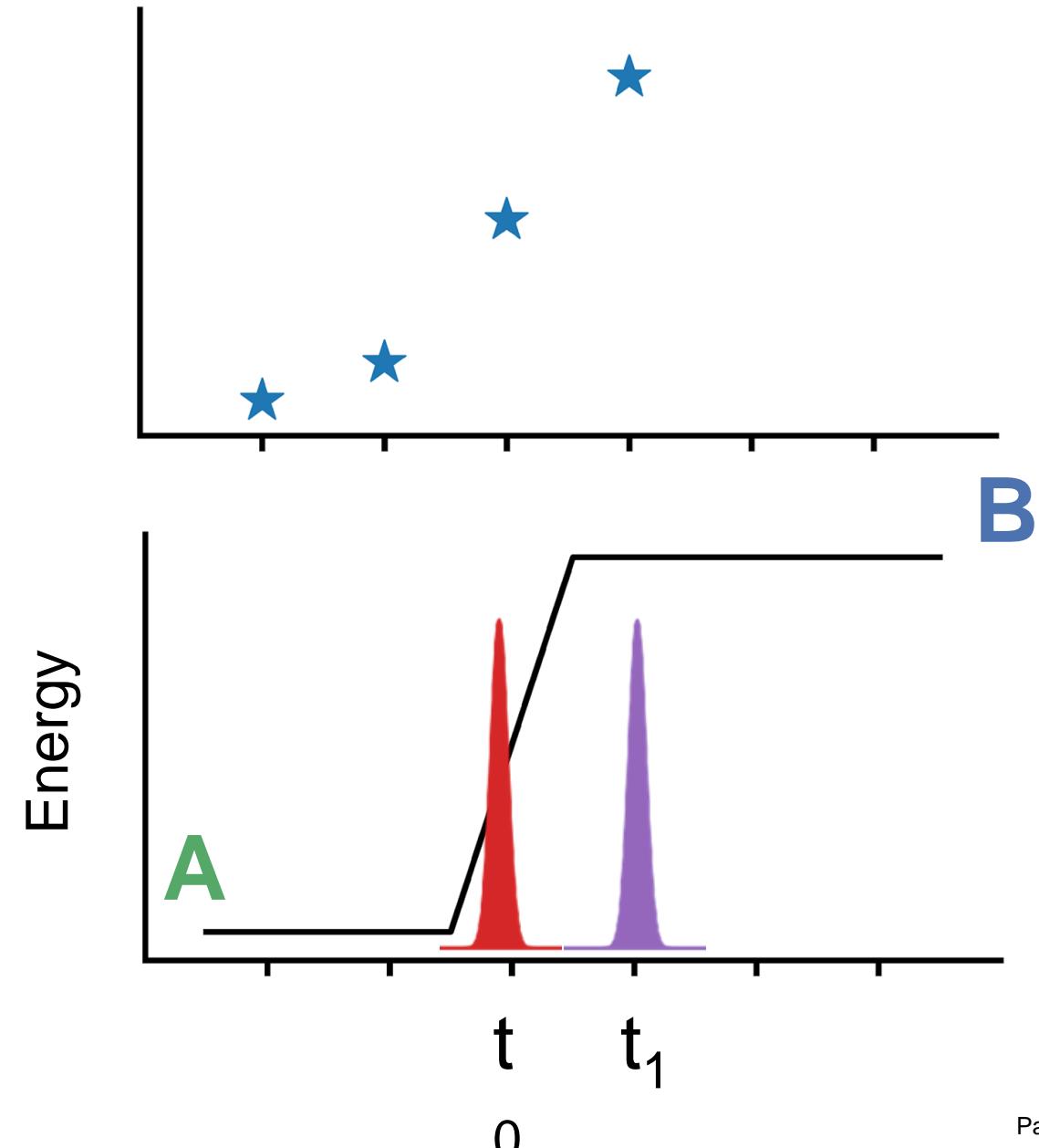
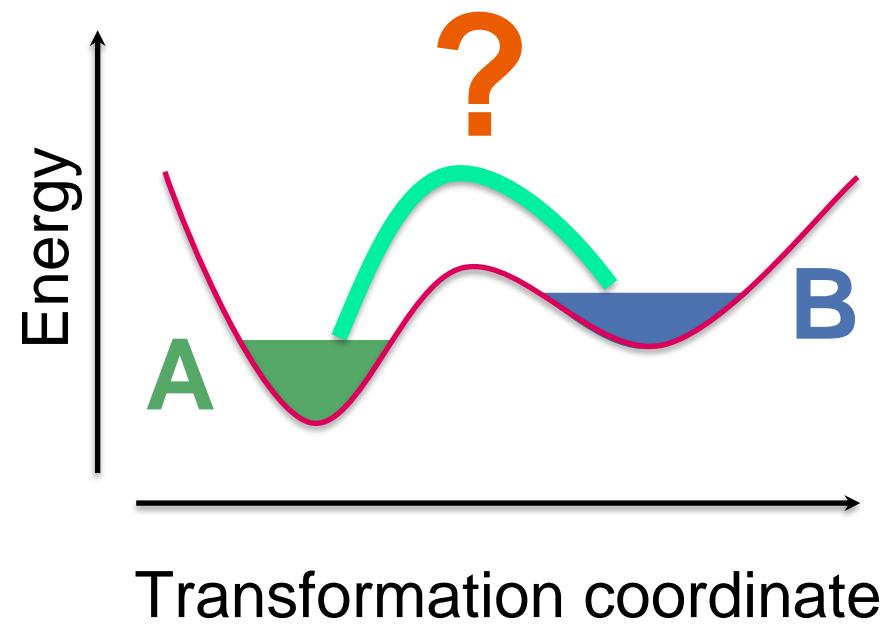
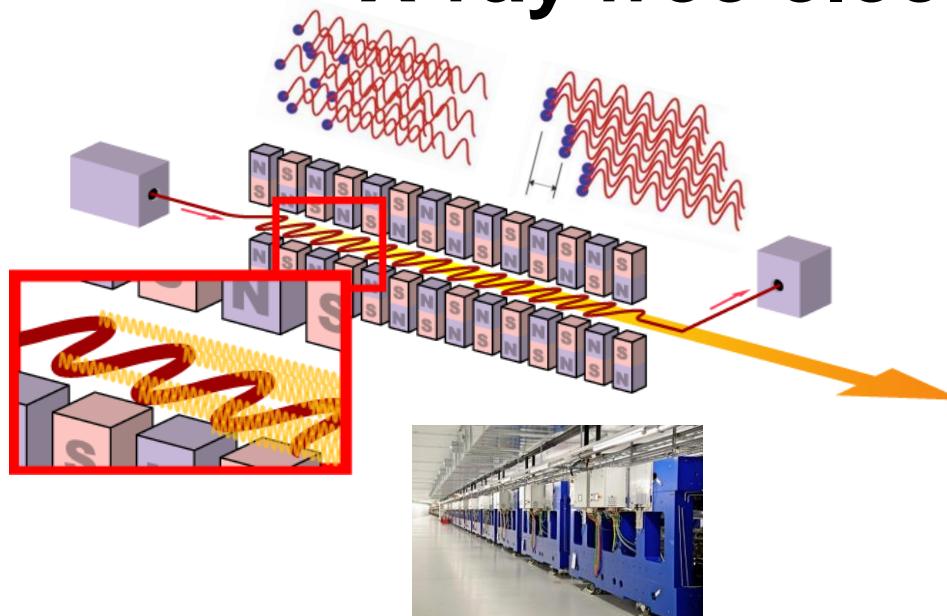
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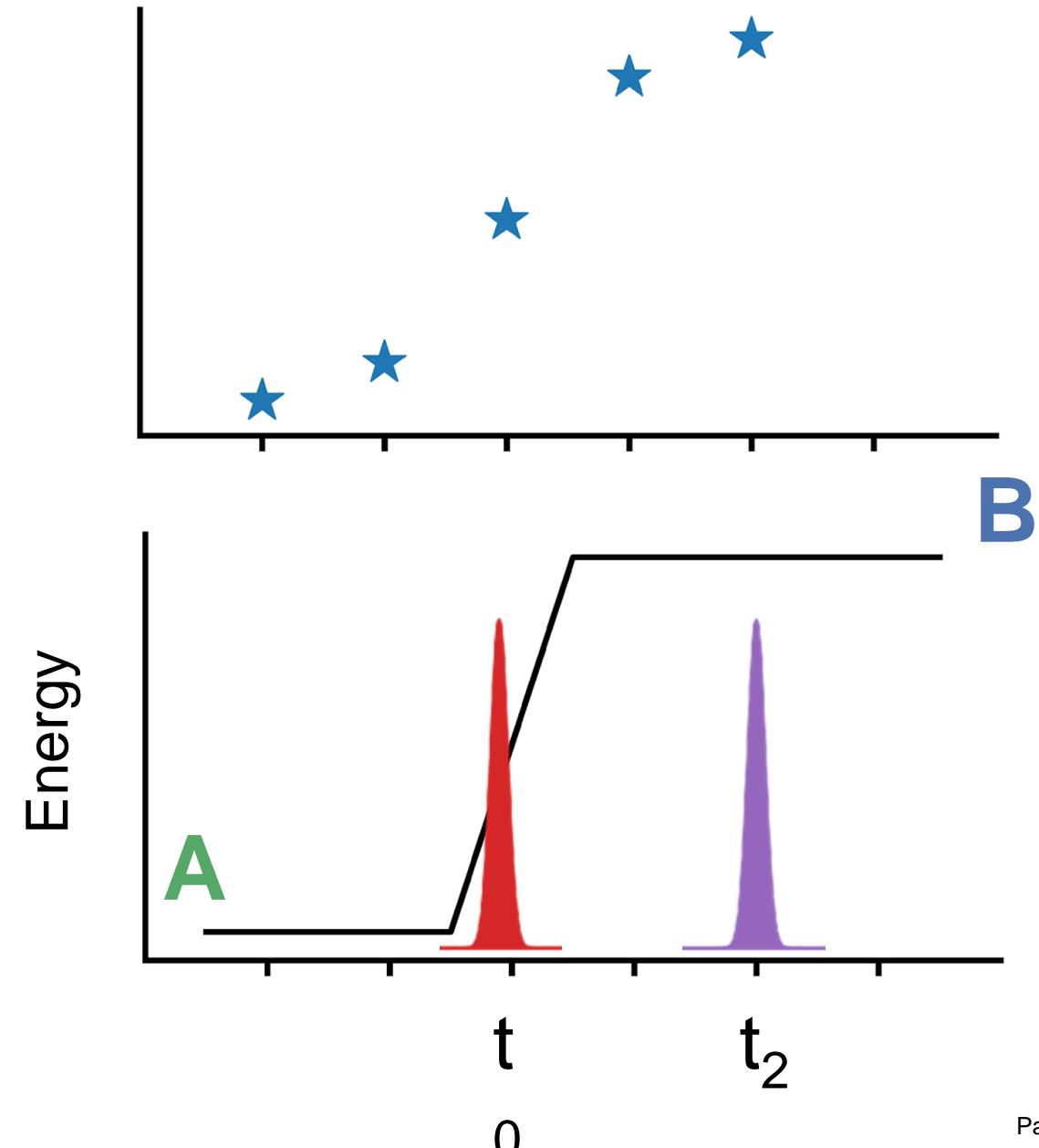
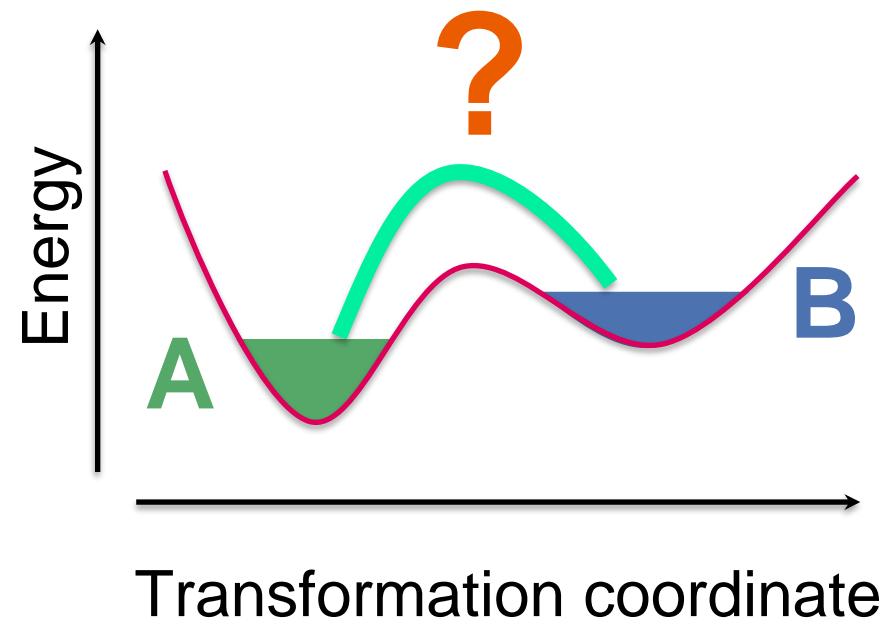
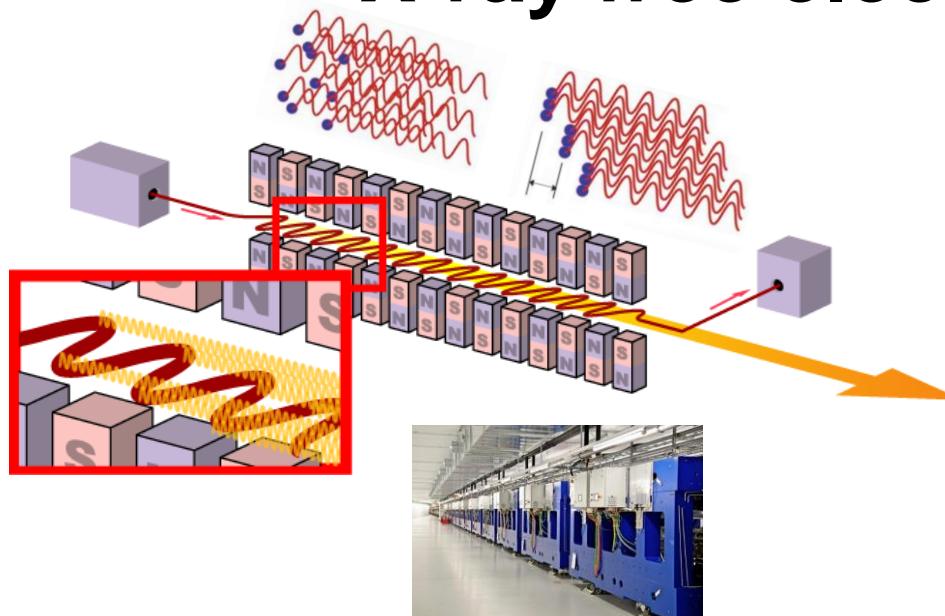
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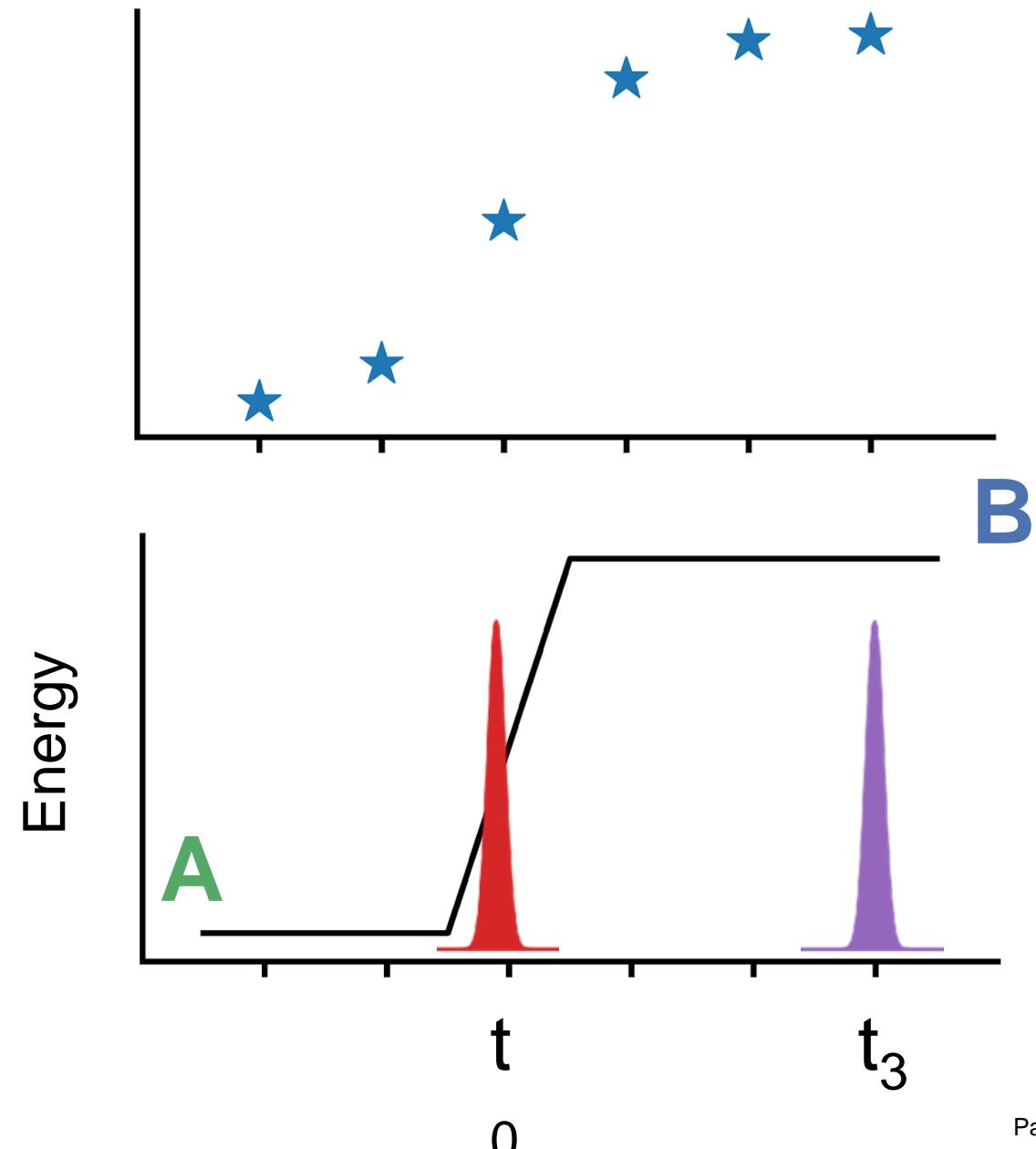
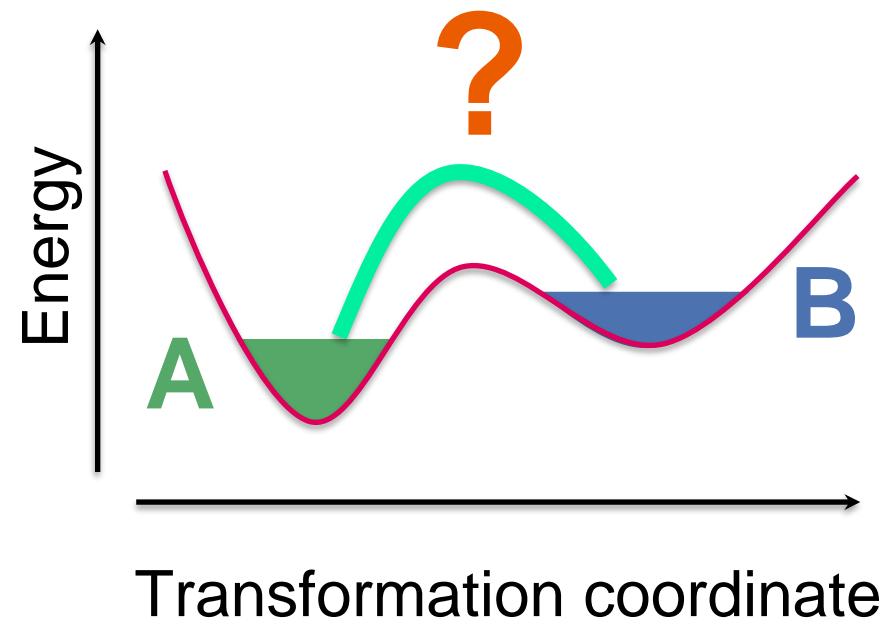
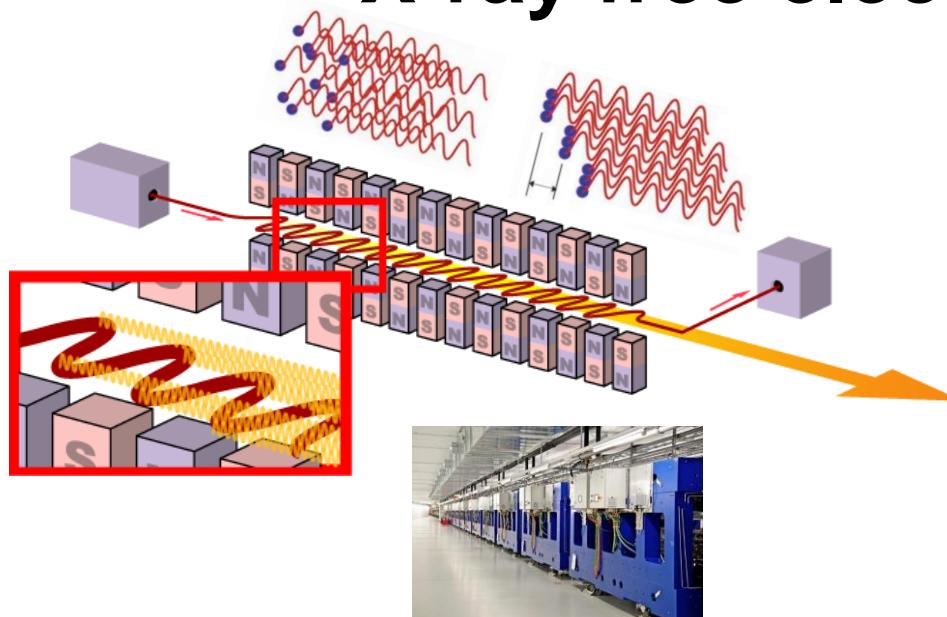
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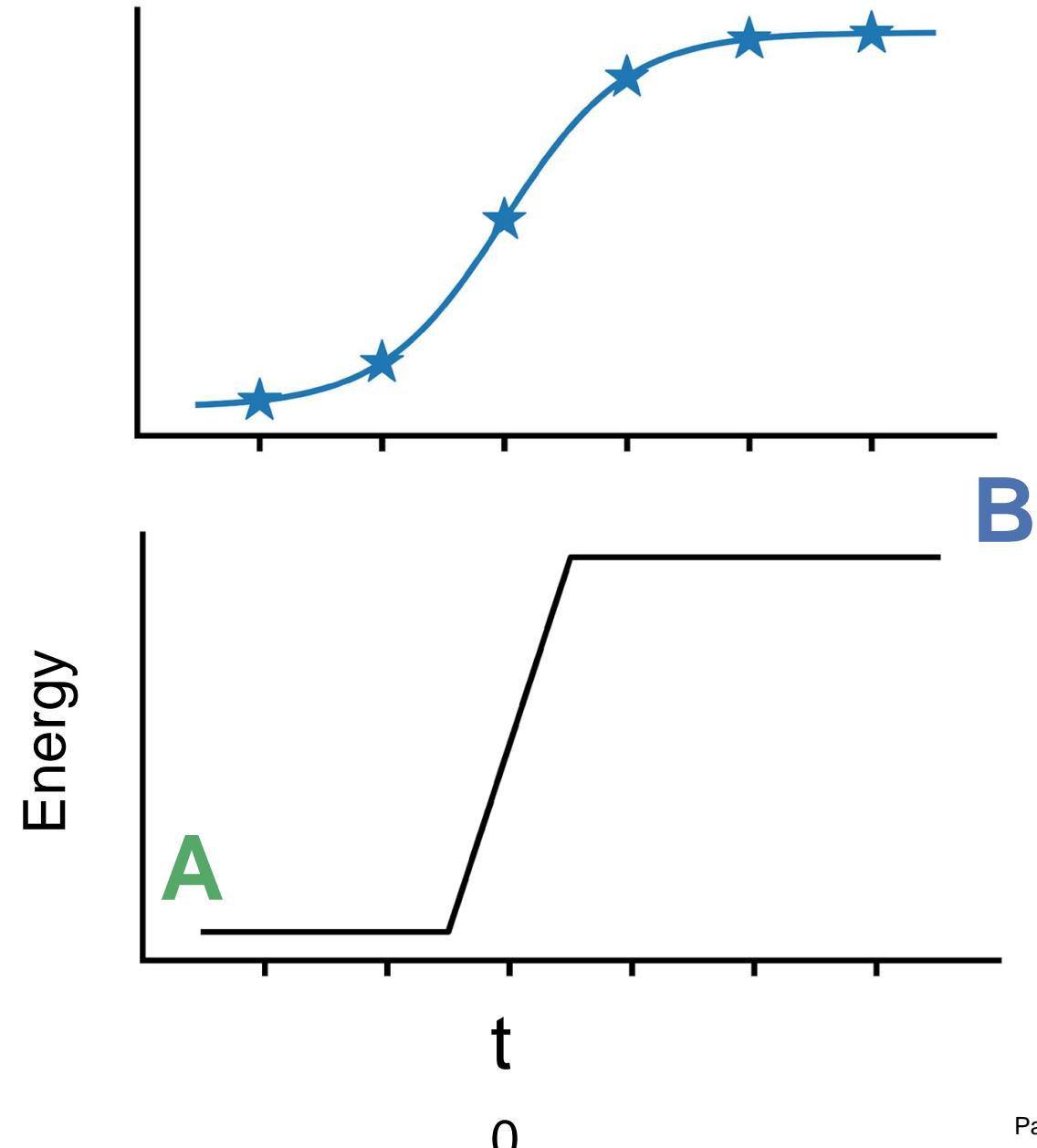
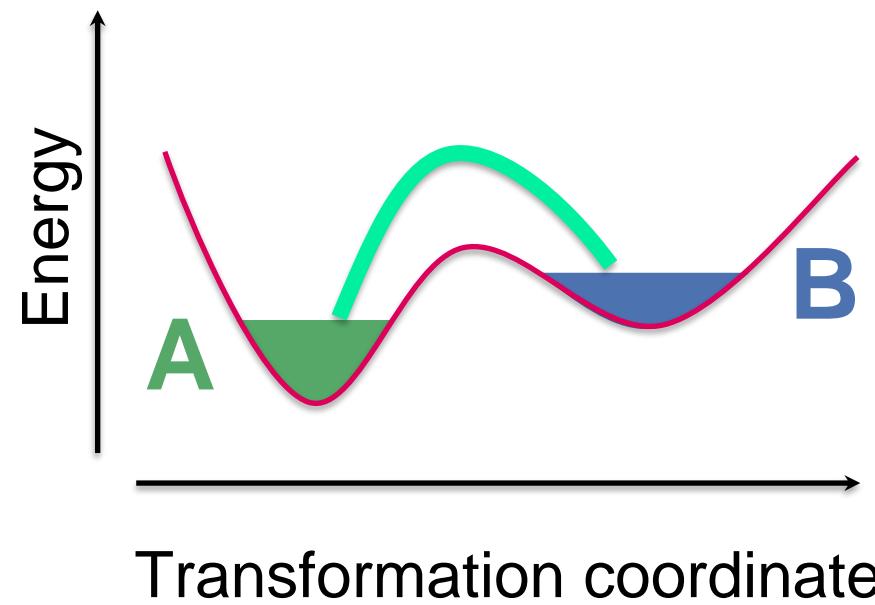
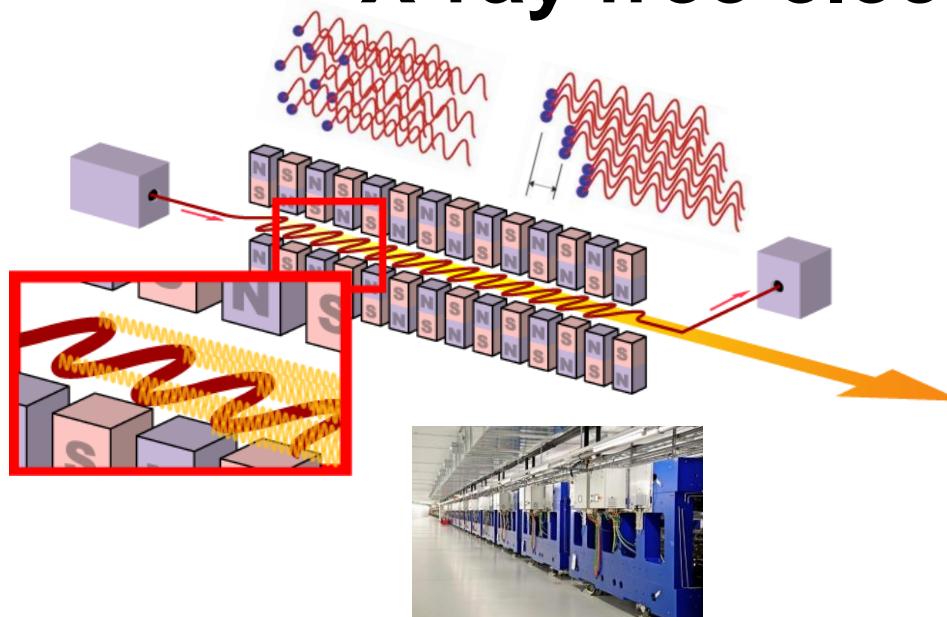
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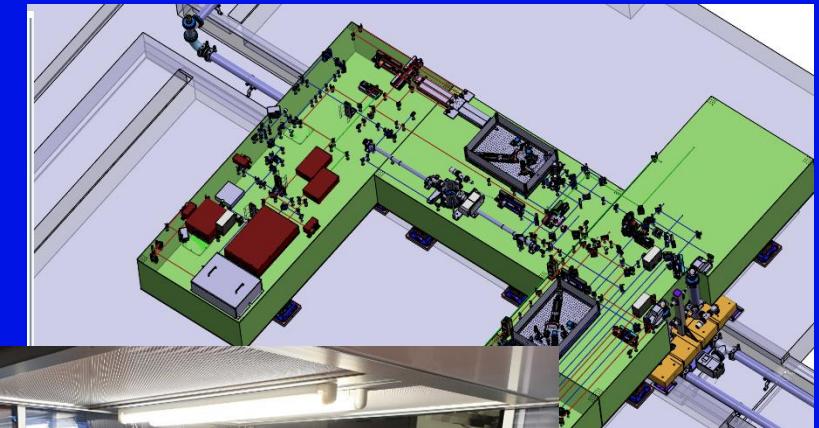
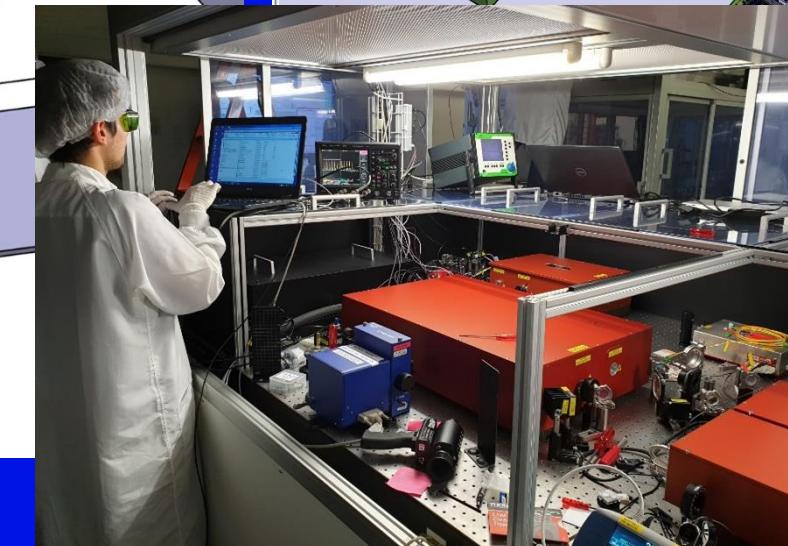
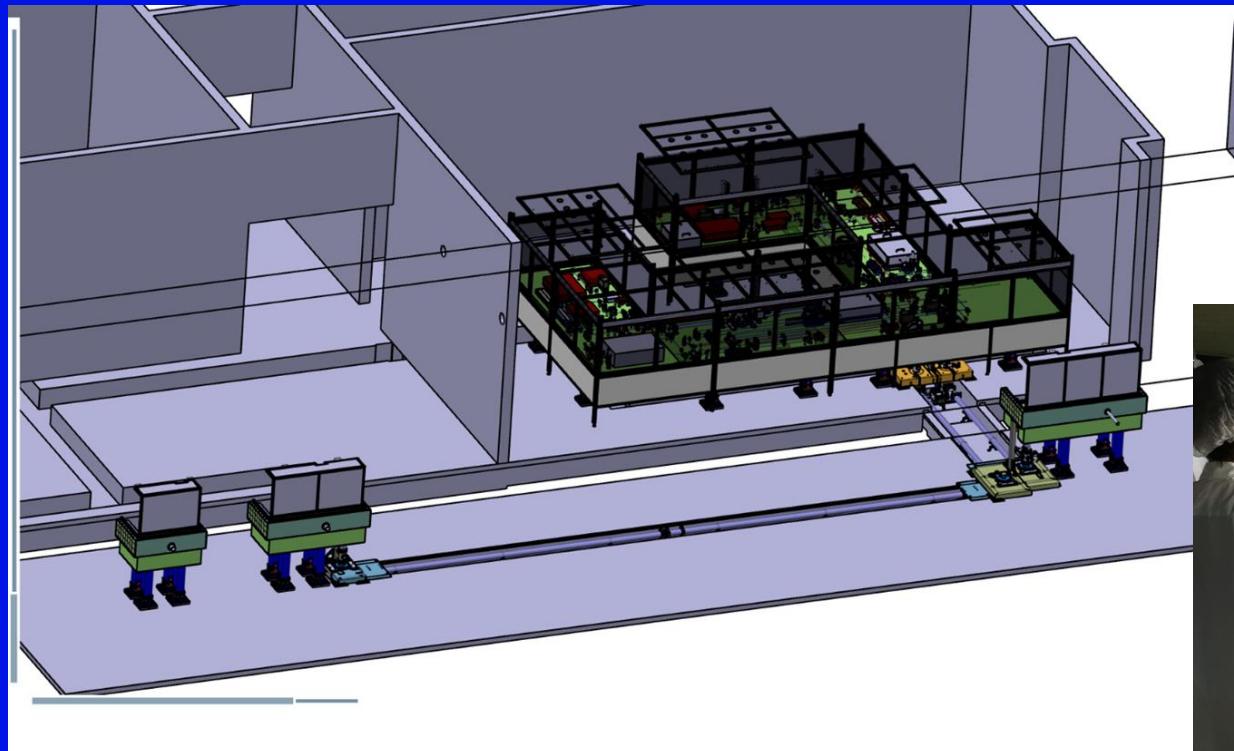
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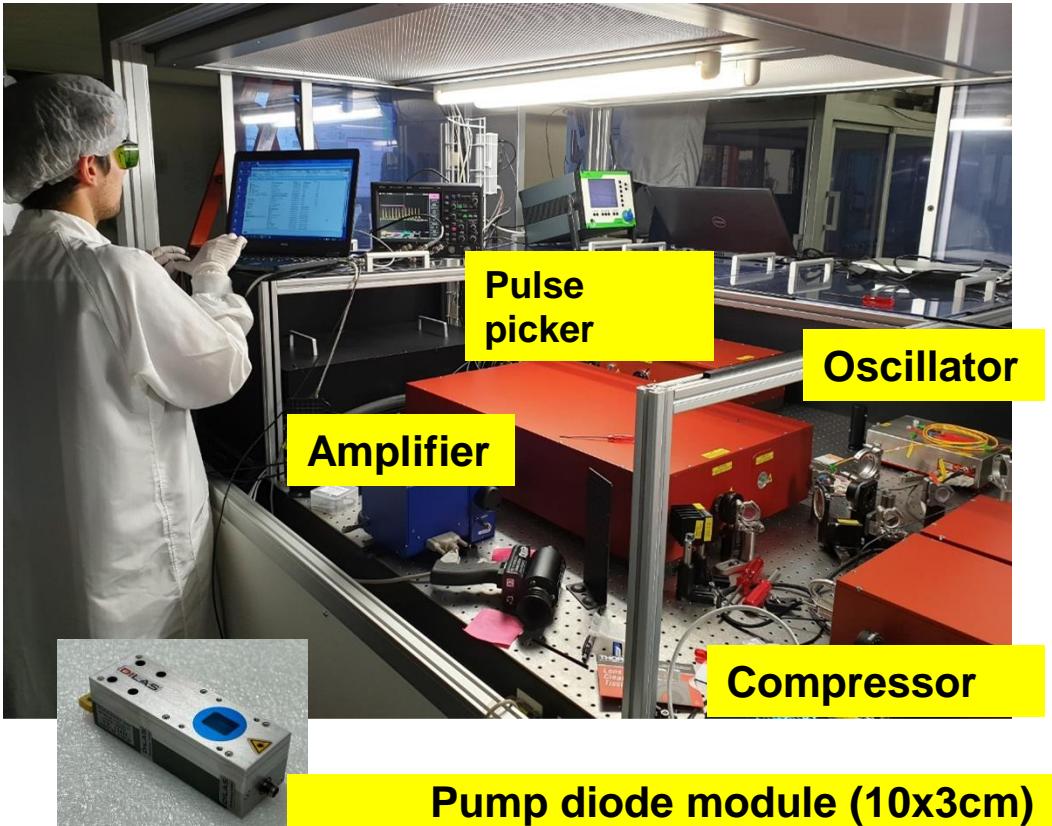


Photonics as the source - The Photo Cathode Laser Facility



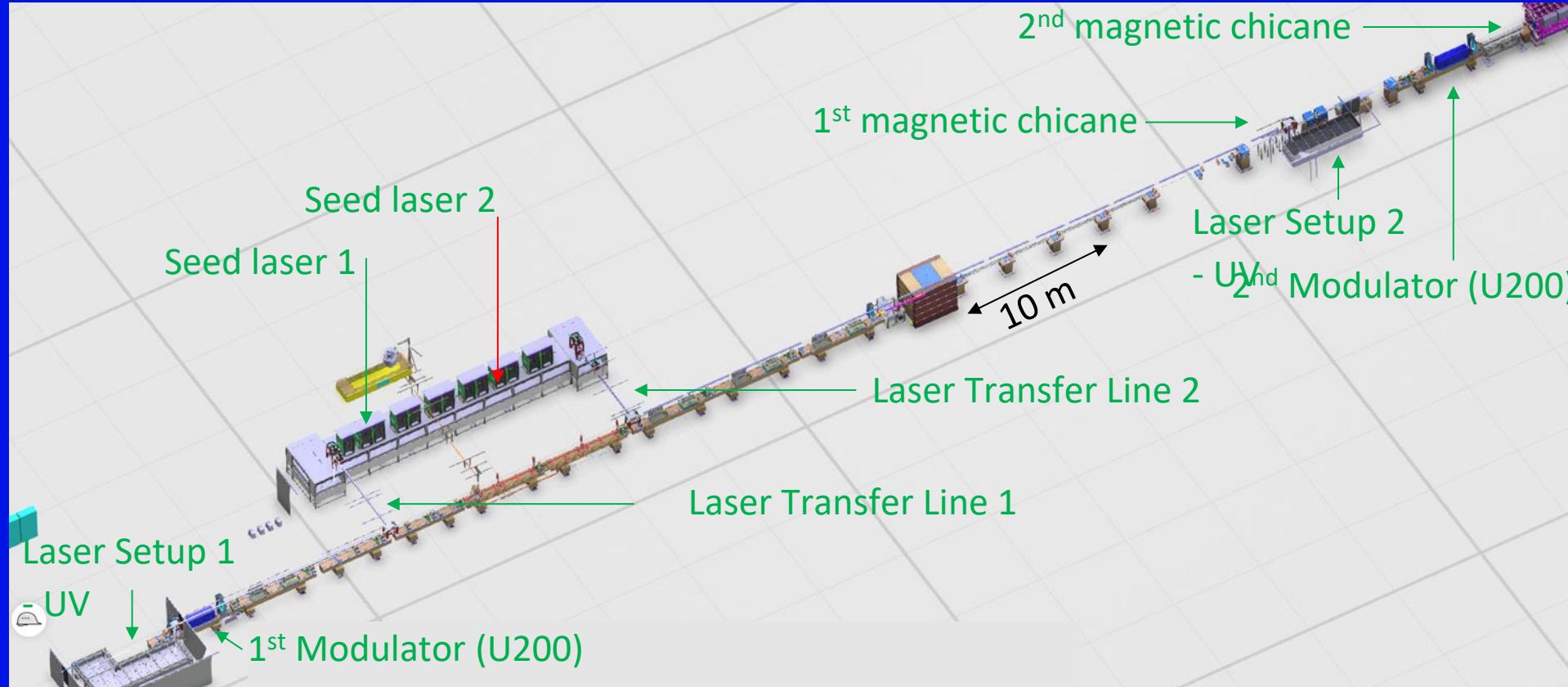
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Ytterbium Calcium Fluoride (Yb:CaF₂): 450 fs / 3 mJ /
1040 nm / 100 Hz



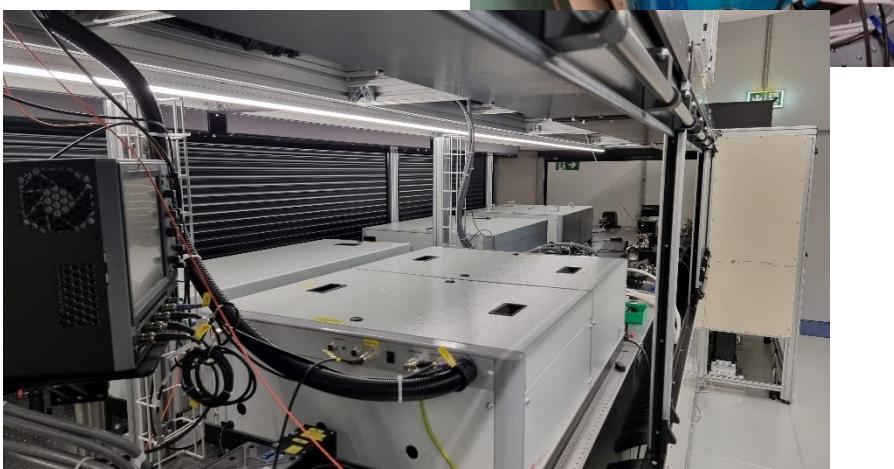
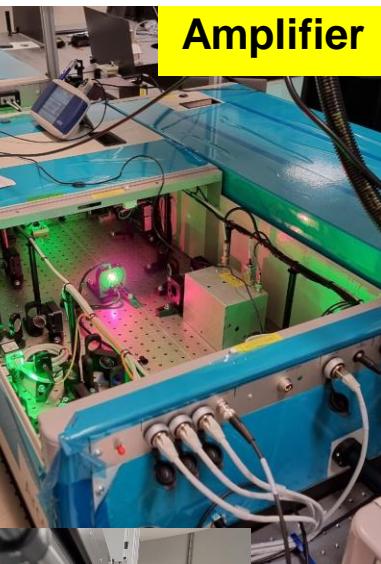
- Innovative and performant technology
- Multi-mJ pulse energy
- Uneven energy stability ~0.005% rms
- Compact = more passive stability
- Directly diode pumped
- Low maintenance cost (years of diode life time)
- Pulse duration >450 fs and RR<500 Hz

Photonics as the modulator -The Seed Laser Facility



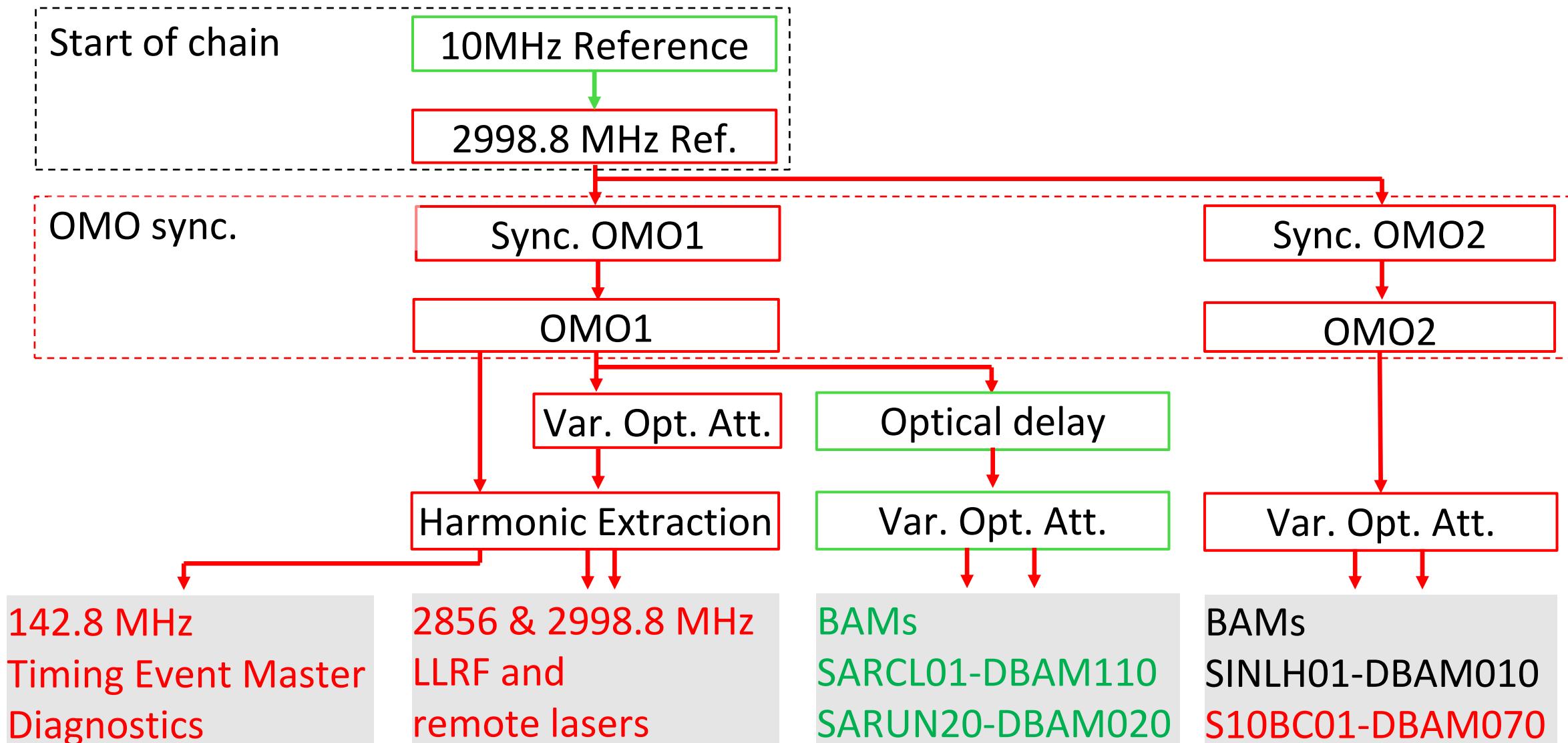
Photonics as the modulator -The Seed Laser Facility

Titanium Sapphire (Ti:Sa): 40 fs / 15 mJ / 800 nm / 100Hz



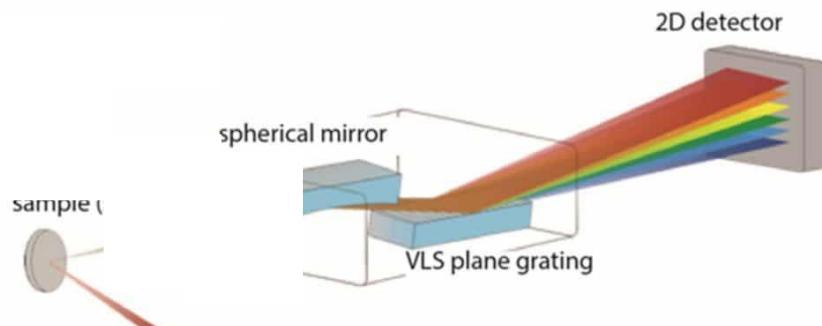
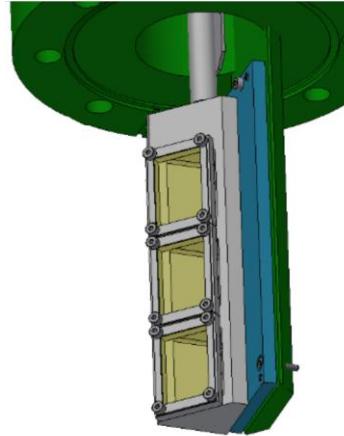
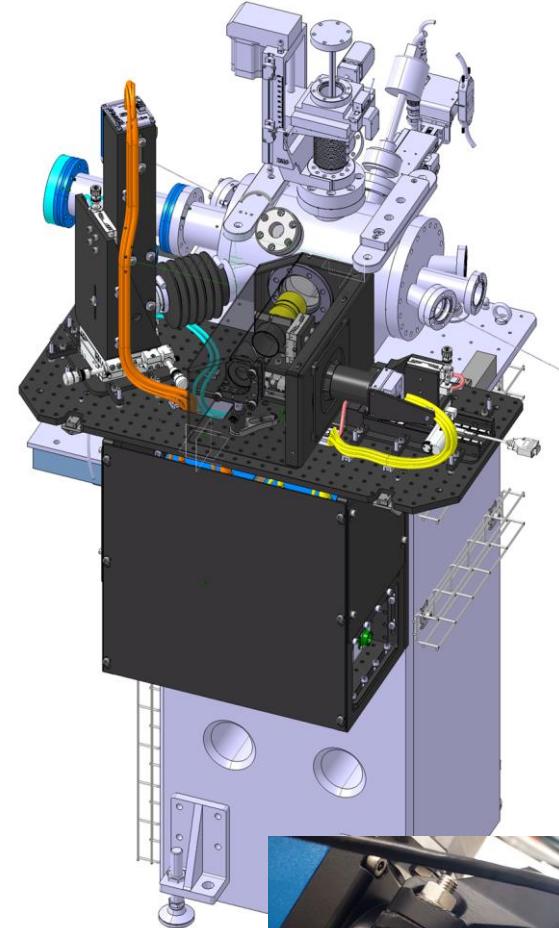
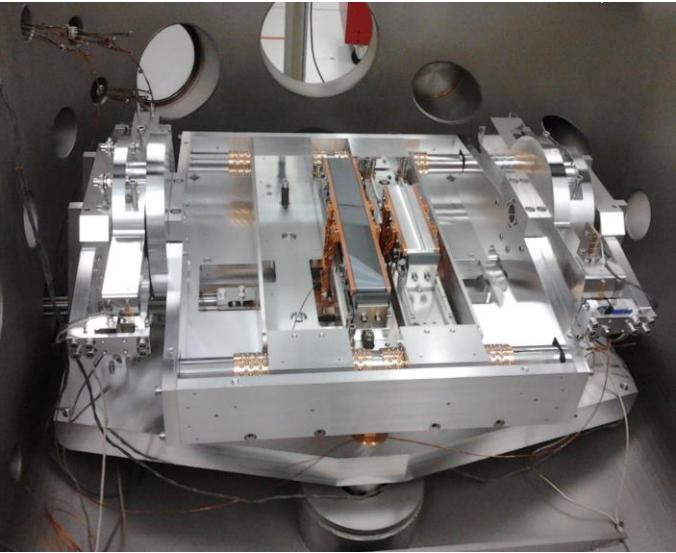
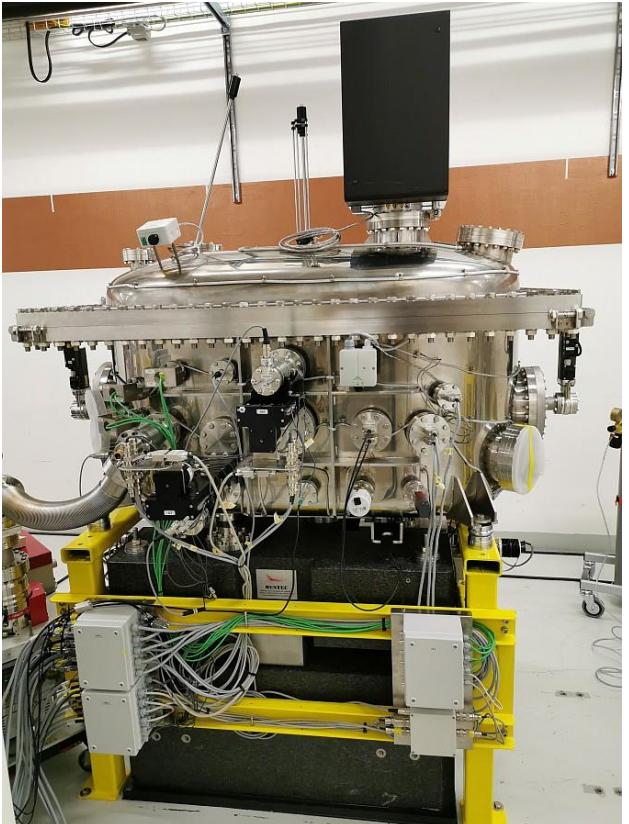
- Mature and performant technology
- Used in many accelerator facilities
- Can generate <50 fs FWHM laser pulse duration
- Multi-mJ pulse energy and >1kHz RR
- Not compact = less passive stability
- Limited energy stability (~0.8% rms)
- Complex and expensive system
- Prohibitive Pump lasers (DPSS) costs

Photonics as the clock -Timing and synchronization

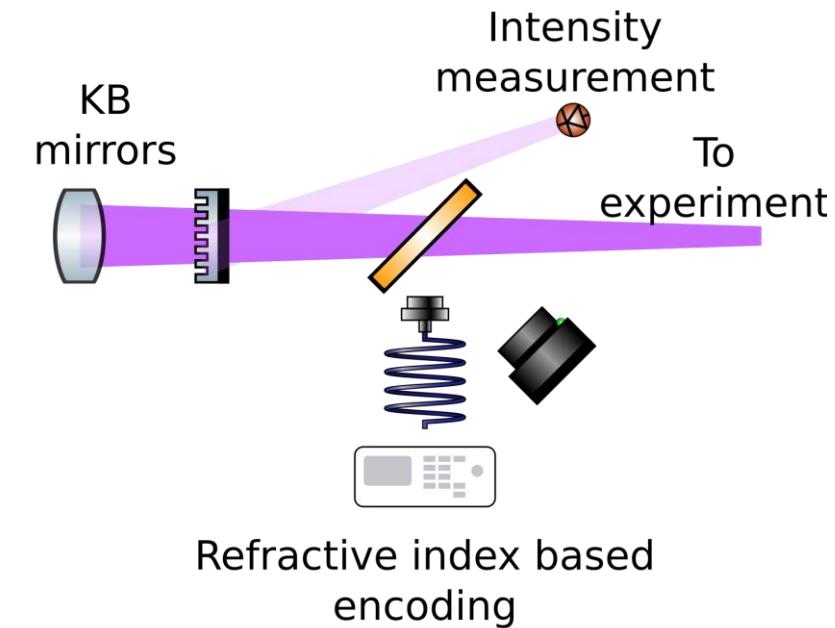
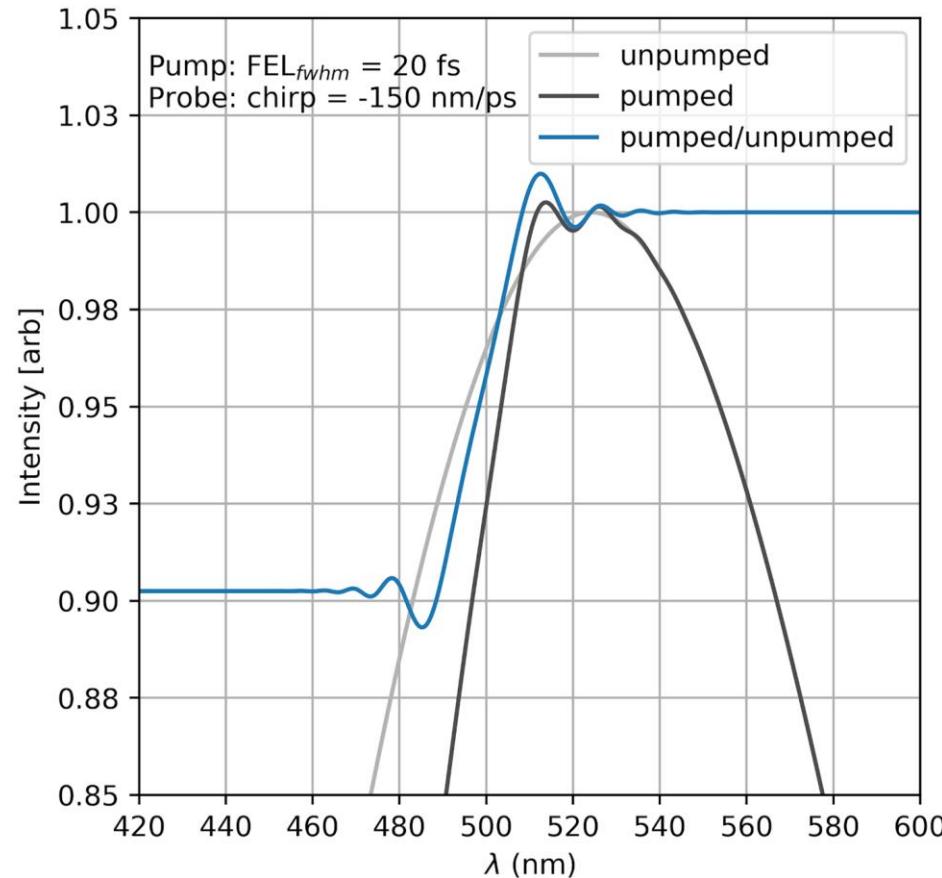


Photonics for diagnostics

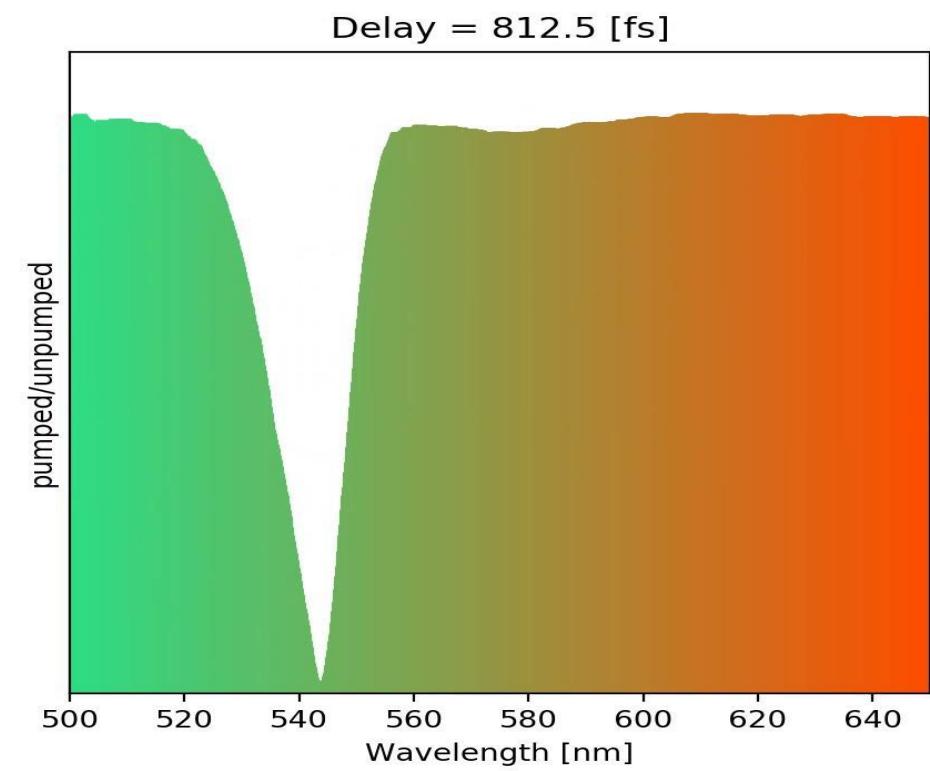
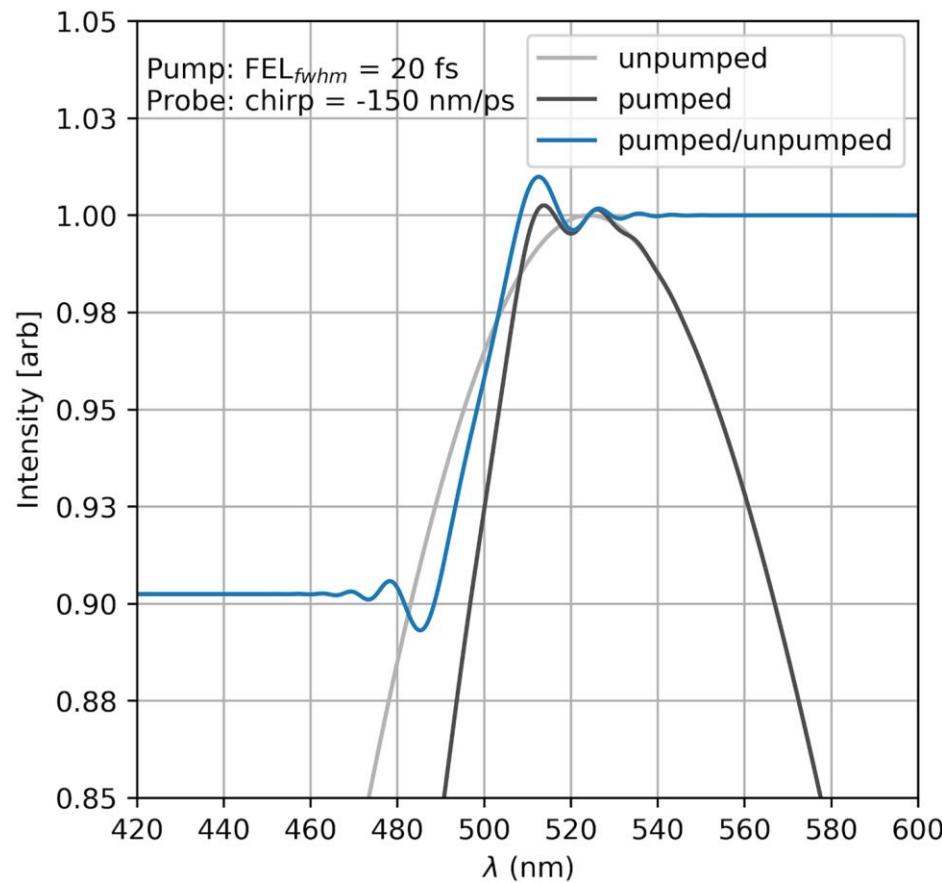
Soft X-ray spectrometer



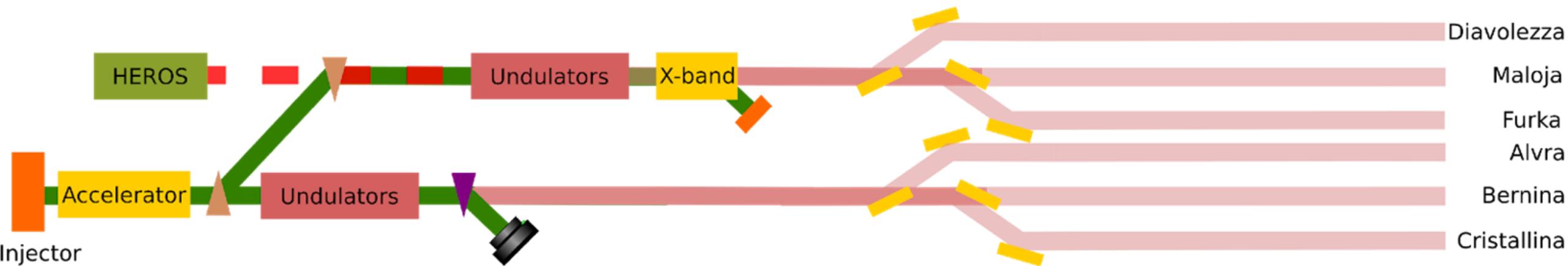
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Horizon 2030+



Horizon 2030+

- The energy range of Porthos will bring new challenges:
 - Statistical and physical limit for high resolution online diagnostics
- 3 electron bunches more cross talk between beamlines
 - Standardized online diagnostic analysis critical
 - Large data flows need to be managed to avoid operator overload

