

# The road to the European XFEL



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# Milestones

## *Key scientific papers:*

- 1980** A.M. Kondratenko, E.L. Saldin  
*“Generation of Coherent Radiation by a Relativistic Electron Beam in an Undulator”*  
Part. Accelerators 10, 207 (1980)
- 1984** R. Bonifacio, C. Pellegrini, L.M. Narducci  
*“Collective Instabilities and High-Gain Regime in a Free-Electron Laser”*  
Opt. Communications 50, 373 (1984)
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- 2003** German Federal Ministry of Education and Science announces to pay half of the cost of the free-electron laser facility proposed by DESY which should be realized in a European collaboration
- 2008** Contracts for underground construction of the tunnels and the associated buildings of the European XFEL were awarded
- 2009** Establishment of European XFEL under international law by 10 European Countries

2009, November 30

## *Convention concerning the Construction and Operation of a European X-ray Free-Electron Laser Facility*



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*Congratulations*



*Massimo  
Altarelli*

*Karl  
Witte*

*Andreas  
Schwarz*

*Thomas  
Tschentscher*

*Serguei  
Molodtsov*

# *The road to European XFEL*

**15 years of “walking on thin ice” with a fascinating interplay between science, technical progress, politics, and outreach to administrations and the public**

- **driving forces** in the early stages of the project
- **DESY** and the international **TESLA** collaboration
- discussions on the **European level**, from ELFG (D, F, I, Sp, UK) to ESFRI
- **political decisions** made in Germany
- MoU for the preparatory phase of the **European XFEL** signed by 13 countries in January 2005
- **Committees**: ISC, STI, AFI
- **European XFEL Convention 2009**



# Driving forces in the early stage

## Scientific Workshops

**1986** *ICFA workshop on low emittance e<sup>-</sup> - e<sup>+</sup> beams (BNL)*

*J.B. Murphy and C. Pellegrini*

**1990** *Workshops on prospects for a 0.1 nm free-electron laser (BNL)*

*R. Palmer, W. Willis, J.G. Gallardo*

**1992** *Workshop on Forth Generation Light Sources (SLAC)*

*M. Cornacchio and H. Winnick*

Examples of FELs operating from 100 nm to 0.1 nm producing peak power from 0.65 MW to 5 GW using linacs of 0.325 GeV to 50 GeV were developed by the working group and are listed in their summary. These included the use of the SLAC linac equipped with low emittance guns to drive 4 nm to 0.1 nm FELs.

**1992** *Workshop on Scientific Applications of Short Wavelength Coherent Light Sources (SLAC)*

*W. Spicer, J. Arthur, H. Winnick*

# Driving forces at DESY

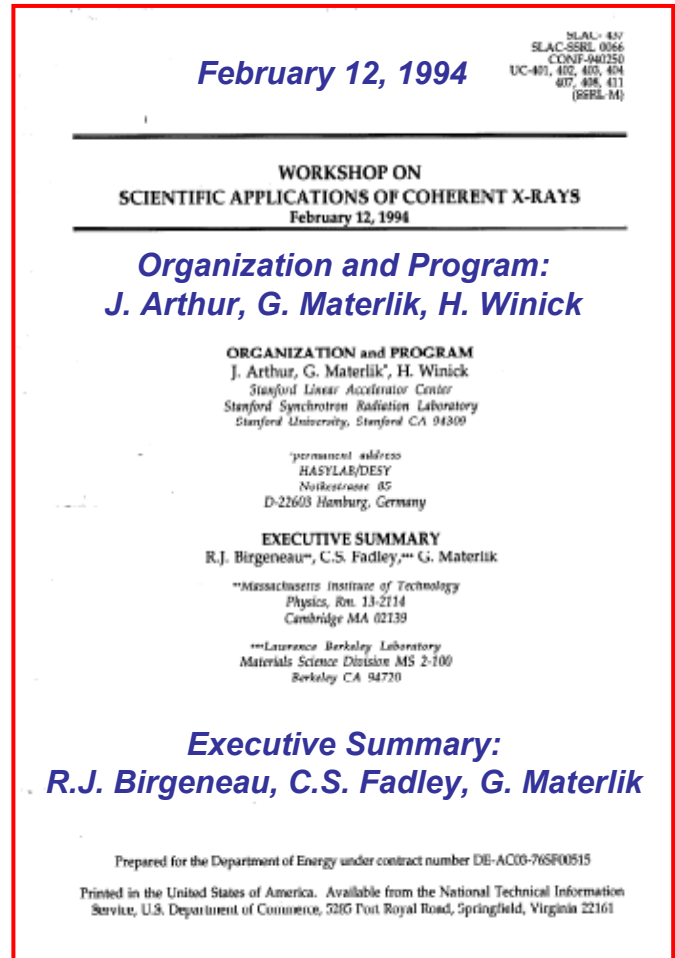


***Björn H. Wiik's vision for the future of DESY:***

**TESLA:**

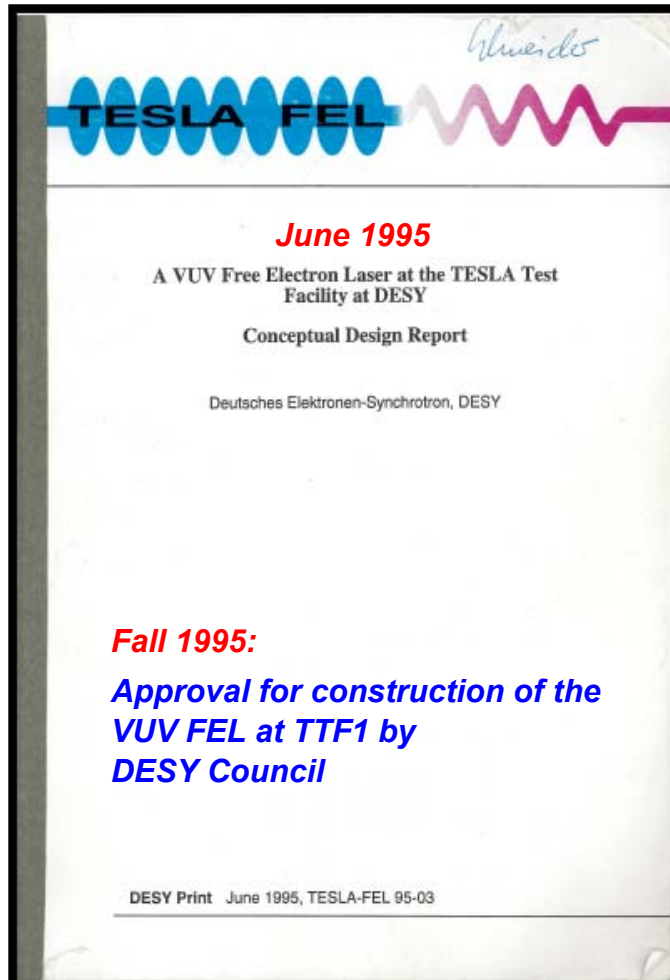
***A linear  $e^+e^-$  collider with integrated X-ray laser based on a super conducting linear accelerator***

***Build the TESLA Test Facility (TTF) at DESY***





# VUV FEL at TTF at DESY



**2001, Sep 10:** lasing at saturation at 98 nm  
**2001, Sep 11:** first cluster experiment at TTF1

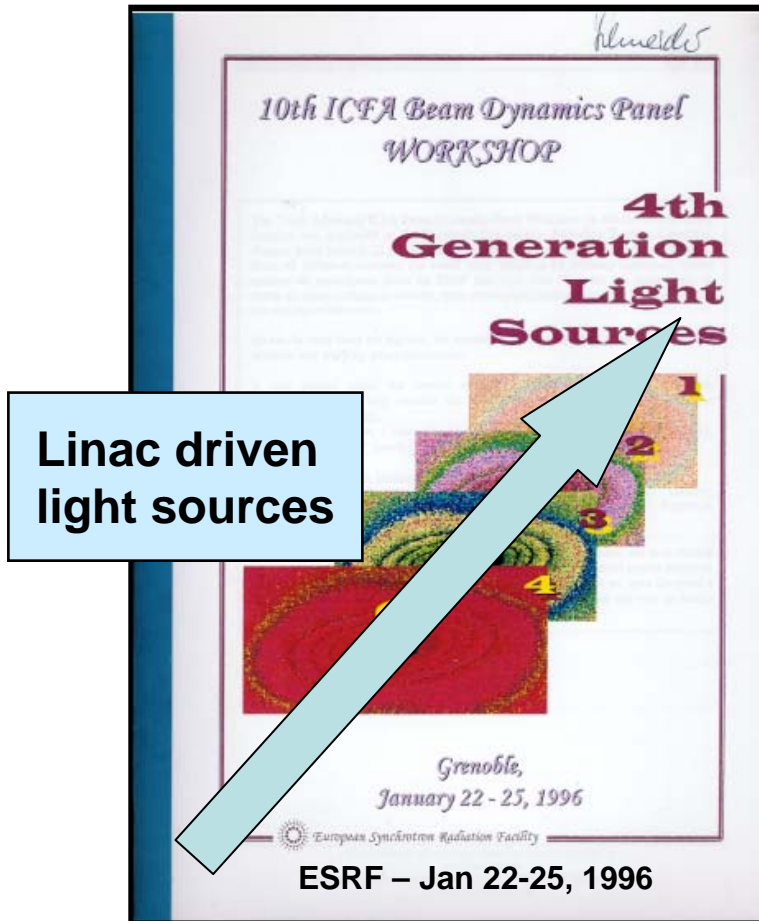


6 April 2006



# Driving forces in the early stage

## Scientific Workshops and Review Panels



US Department of Energy, BES

Panel on

**Novel Coherent Light Sources**

(Leone-Panel)

Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA

Jan 18-22, 1999

*The panel found that the most exciting potential advance in the area of innovative science is most likely in the hard X-ray region, in the range of **8 to 20 keV**, and even higher.*

*The panel unanimously recommends that the case for the science still must be improved.*

*The state-of-the-art light source facility of the future will include a complete marriage of **accelerator principles and laser art**, which has not previously been recognized widely.*

# Science and Science Politics

- 2000**      **German Science Council receives mandate from Federal Government to evaluate 8 large scale research facilities proposed by German Institutions**
- 2000 Jun-Oct**      **EXPO 2000 exhibition “Light for the next Millenium” attracts 106 000 visitors**
- 2001, Mar 23-24**      **TESLA Colloquium at DESY on Scientific Perspectives and Technical Realization of TESLA (~1000 participants)**
- 2001, Sep 10**      **VUV FEL at TTF1 reaches saturation at 98 nm**  
**2001, Sep 10/11**      **First successful cluster experiments by T. Möller et al.**
- 2001, Oct**      **DESY site visit of the German Science Council working for the evaluation of the TESLA XFEL**
- 2002, Jan-Feb**      **DESY exhibition Unter den Linden in Berlin (22 000 visitors)**
- 2002, Nov 18**      **German Science Council recommends realization of the FEL project suggested by DESY and TESLA Collaboration**
- 2002, Dec**      **Conclusion of first phase of TESLA Test Facility TTF1**

# Decisions for the European XFEL

**2003, Feb 5**

**Germany** will pay 50% of the project cost which should be realized in European collaboration in Hamburg



**Memorandum of Understanding for the  
Preparatory Phase of the European XFEL Facility**

# Committees in XFEL Preparation Phase

- **International Steering Committee** **ISC** (chair: H. Schunck BMBF)

*First meeting 2004, Feb 2*

**22**

*2009, Sep 2009 last meeting*

- **Working Group on Scientific and Technical Issues** **STI**  
(chair: F. Sette, ESRF)

*First meeting 2004, Apr 1-2*

**11**

*2007, Oct 10 last meeting*

- **Working Group on Administrative and Funding Issues** **AFI**  
(chair: H-F Wagner, BMBF)

*First meeting 2004, Mar 19*

**30**

*2009, Aug 25 last meeting*

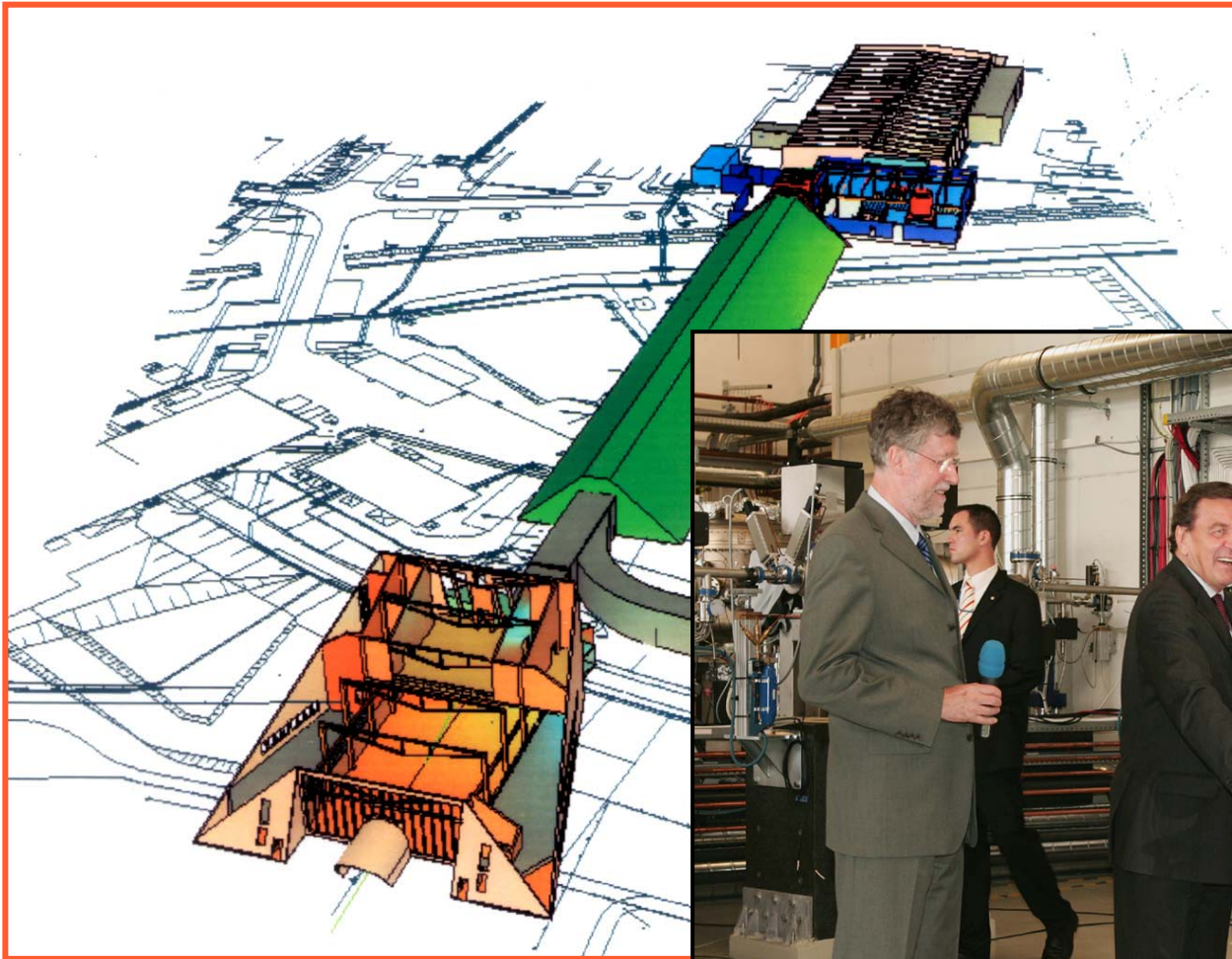
# Success of FLASH helps to keep momentum



TTF1	2000, Feb 22	TTF1 demonstrates SASE at 108 nm
	2000, Oct 15	LEUTL at APS Argonne Nat. Lab. reaches saturation at 530 nm
	2001, Sep 10	TTF1 reaches SASE in saturation at 98 nm
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TTF2	2005, Jan 14	TTF2 reaches SASE in saturation at 33 nm
	2005, Jun 28	First observation of 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> harmonic at TTF2 at 19.9 and 10.6 nm, respectively
	2005, Nov 21	First lasing at TTF2 at 25.5 nm
FLASH	2006, Apr 27	FLASH reaches saturation at 13.1 nm
	2007, Oct	FLASH reaches lasing at saturation at 6.5 nm



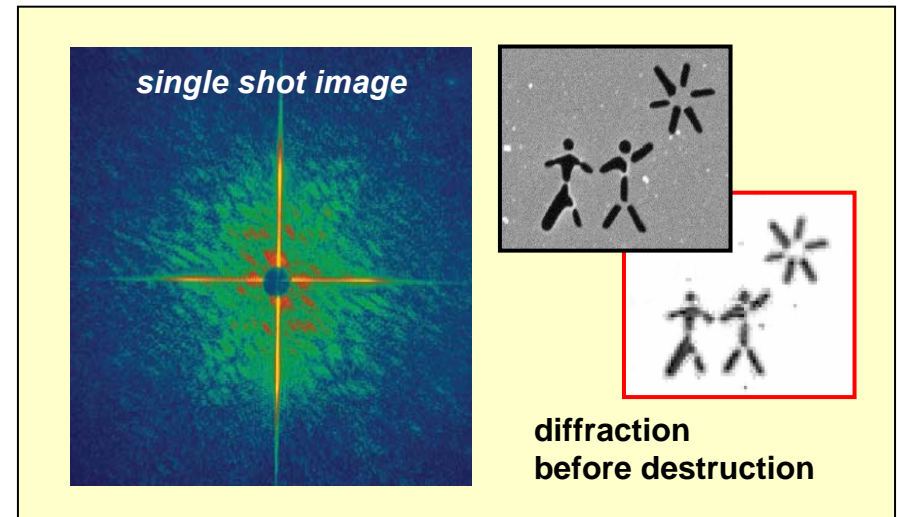
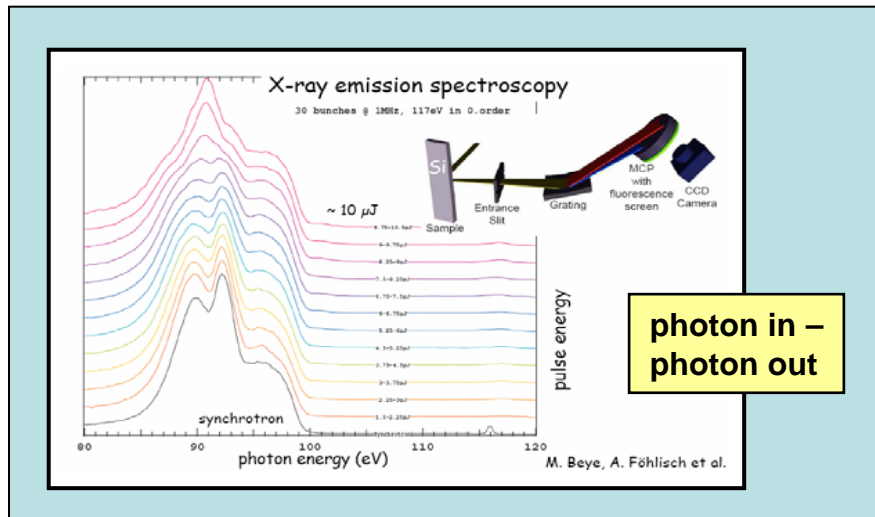
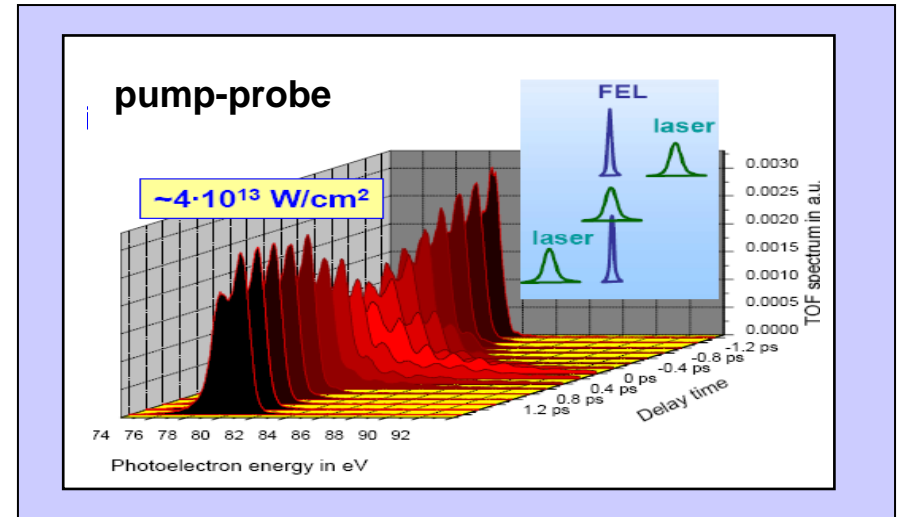
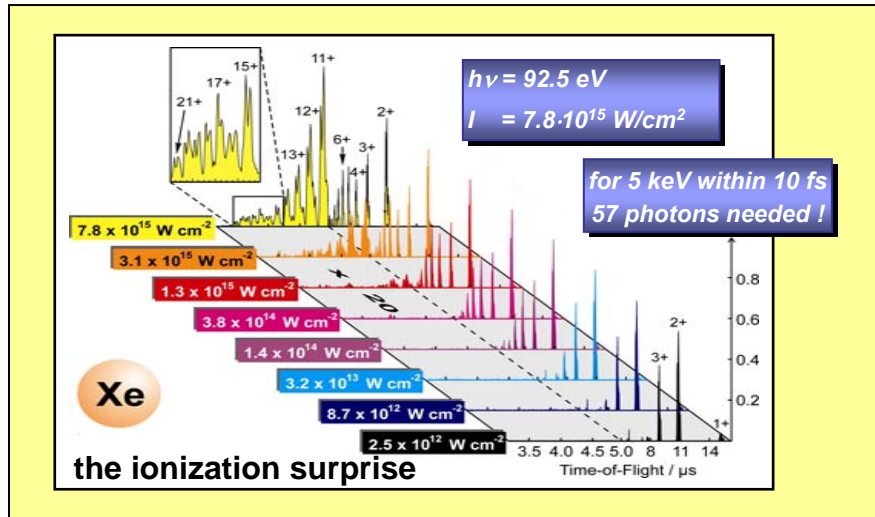
# The VUV-FEL user facility at DESY



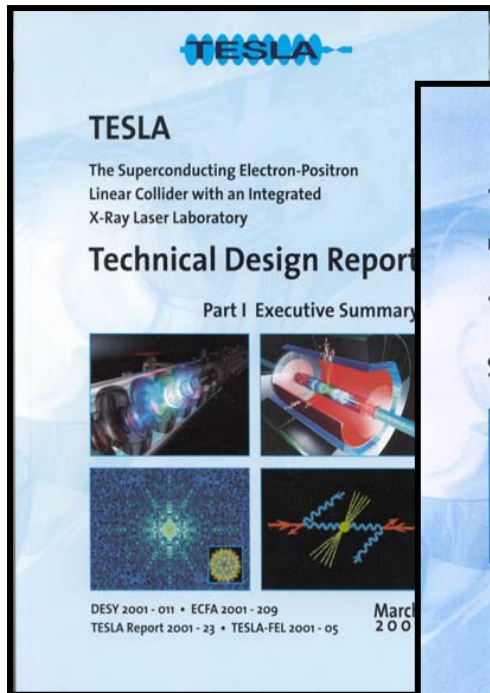
*Start of user operation  
3. August 2005*



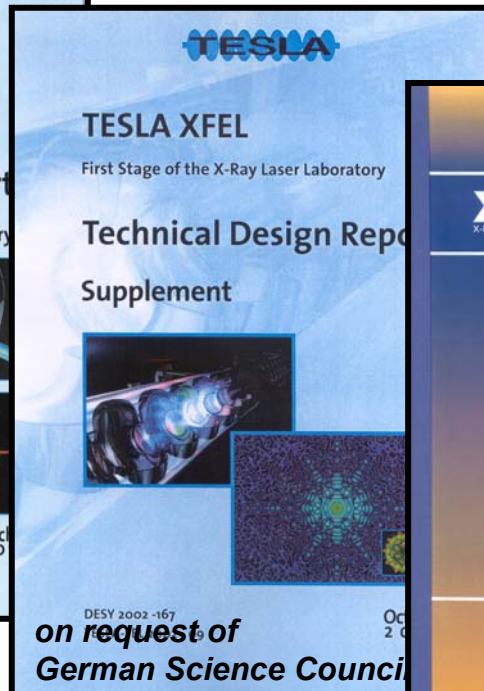
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# Technical Design Reports



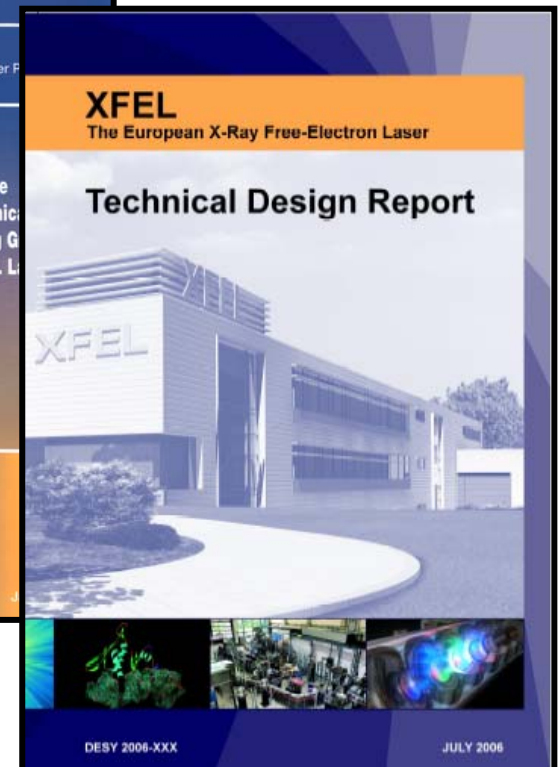
**March  
2001**



**Oct.  
2002**



**Jan.  
2005**



**July 2006**

# Technical Design Reports

**2006, July 25:** TDR for European XFEL handed over to STI





# *Launch of European XFEL Project*

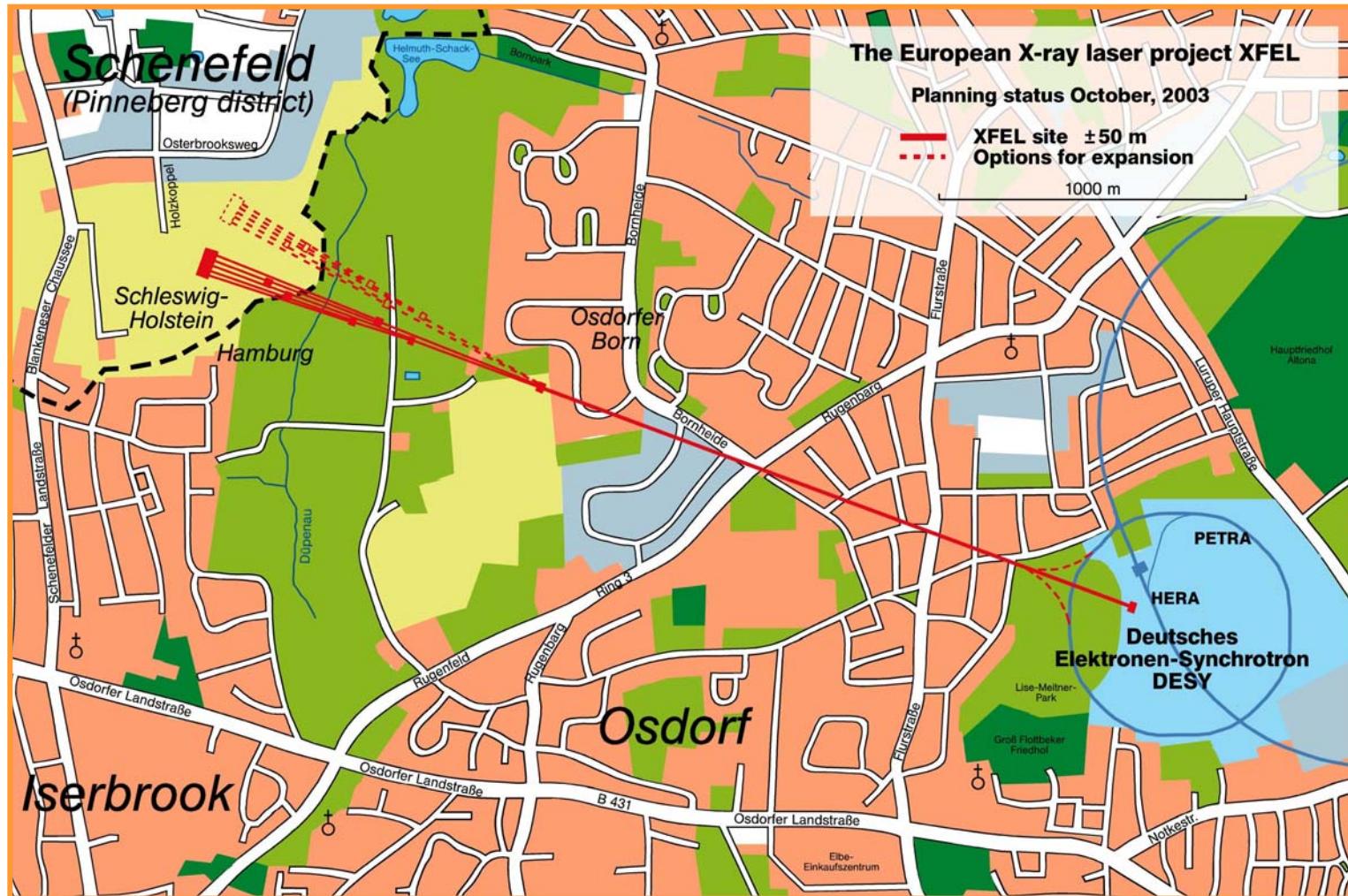


**2007, June 5**

## ***Realization as European Facility in 2 steps***

- 1. step: 3 radiators with 6 experimental stations (850 M€ in 2005 prices)***
- 2. step: Full facility (TDR) with 5 radiators and 10 experimental stations  
(construction cost 986 M€ in 2005 prices)***

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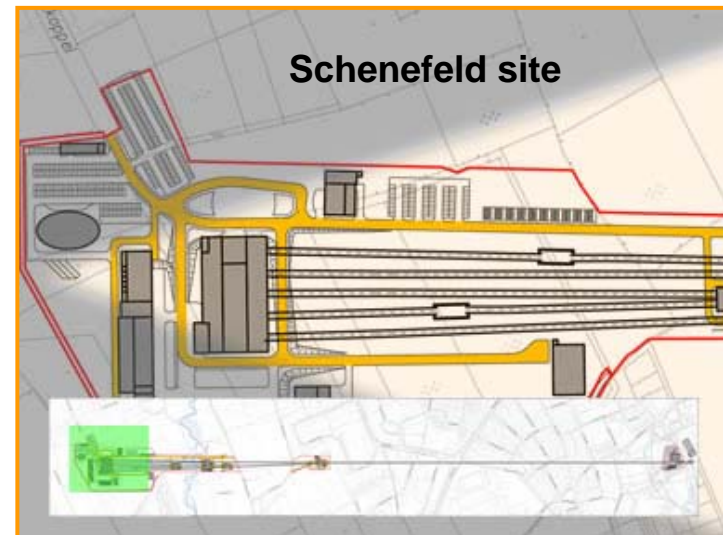
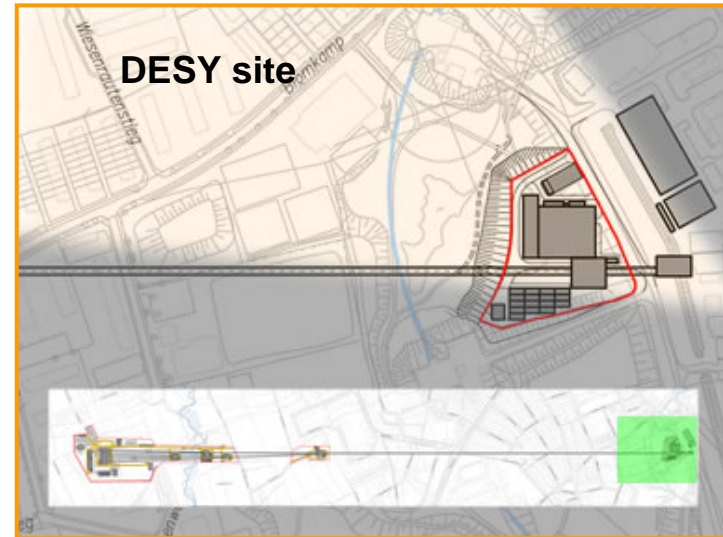
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| <b>2005, April</b>     | <b>Start</b> of plan approval procedure  |
| <b>2005, Oct 25-26</b> | <b>Public hearing</b> to discuss objections  |
| <b>2006, Jul 20</b>    | In conclusion of the plan approval procedure DESY receives the <b>formal approval</b> for its plan to construct and operate the European XFEL facility |



**8 Jan 2009 - Start of Civil Construction**



# ***XFEL Underground construction in full swing***



# *European XFEL Convention – 2009, November 30*





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*Signing of the agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Federal States of Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein in the Hamburg town hall (30 Nov 2009)*



*Intergovernmental agreement between the Russian Federation and the Federal Republic of Germany on "Collaboration in the Development and Application of Accelerator Based Photon Sources" (15 Oct 2007)*

# *UK withdraws participation in European XFEL*

**18 December 2009**



***“Science Board endorsed the recommendations of PALS (Physical and Life Science Committee) not to be involved in XFEL at the current time***

***and noted***

***that the UK had access to a Free Electron Laser through peer-reviewed access to LCLS in the US”.***

***<http://www.stfc.ac.uk/resources/pdf/SBNews161209.pdf>***

# ***XFEL – an exciting story of solving problems***

***When talking about gains of 10 orders of magnitude you meet strong **skepticism** everywhere***

***ESFRI workshop on  
Scientific challenges with XUV FELs  
Daresbury – 2003, February 17-18***

***ESFRI-DESY workshop on  
Challenges of the proposed European XFEL Laboratory  
Hamburg – 2003, October 30-31***

***It all works for hard and soft X-rays !***

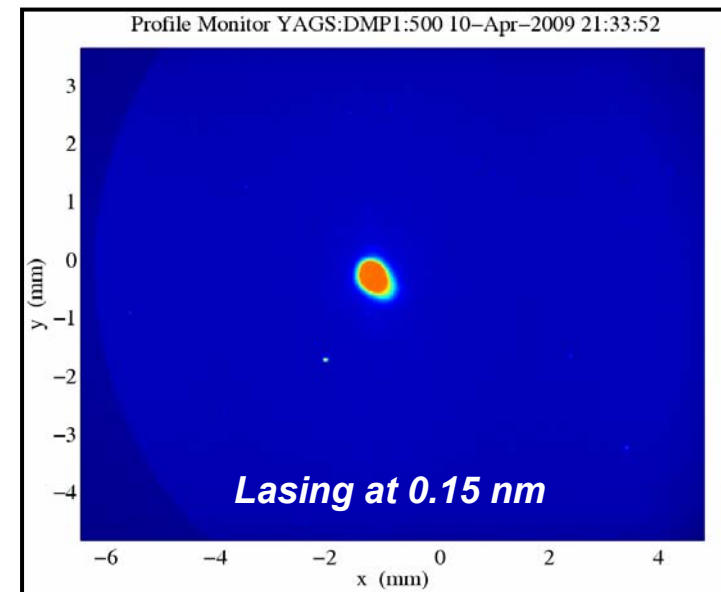
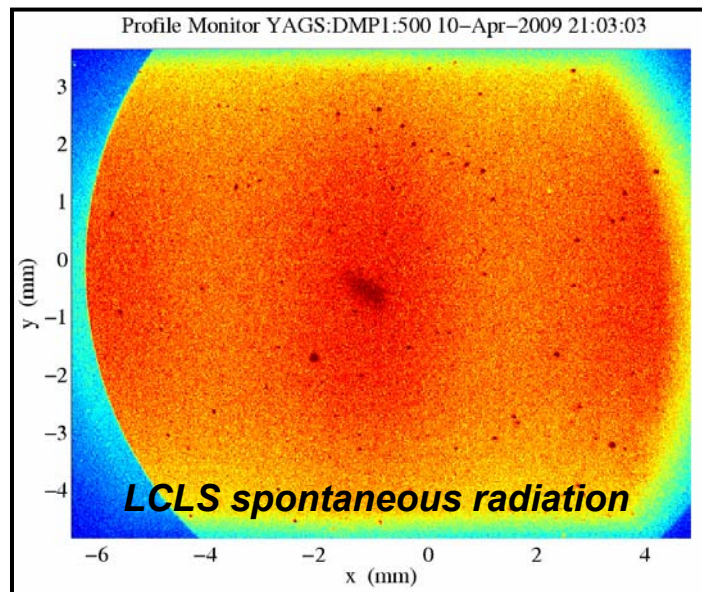
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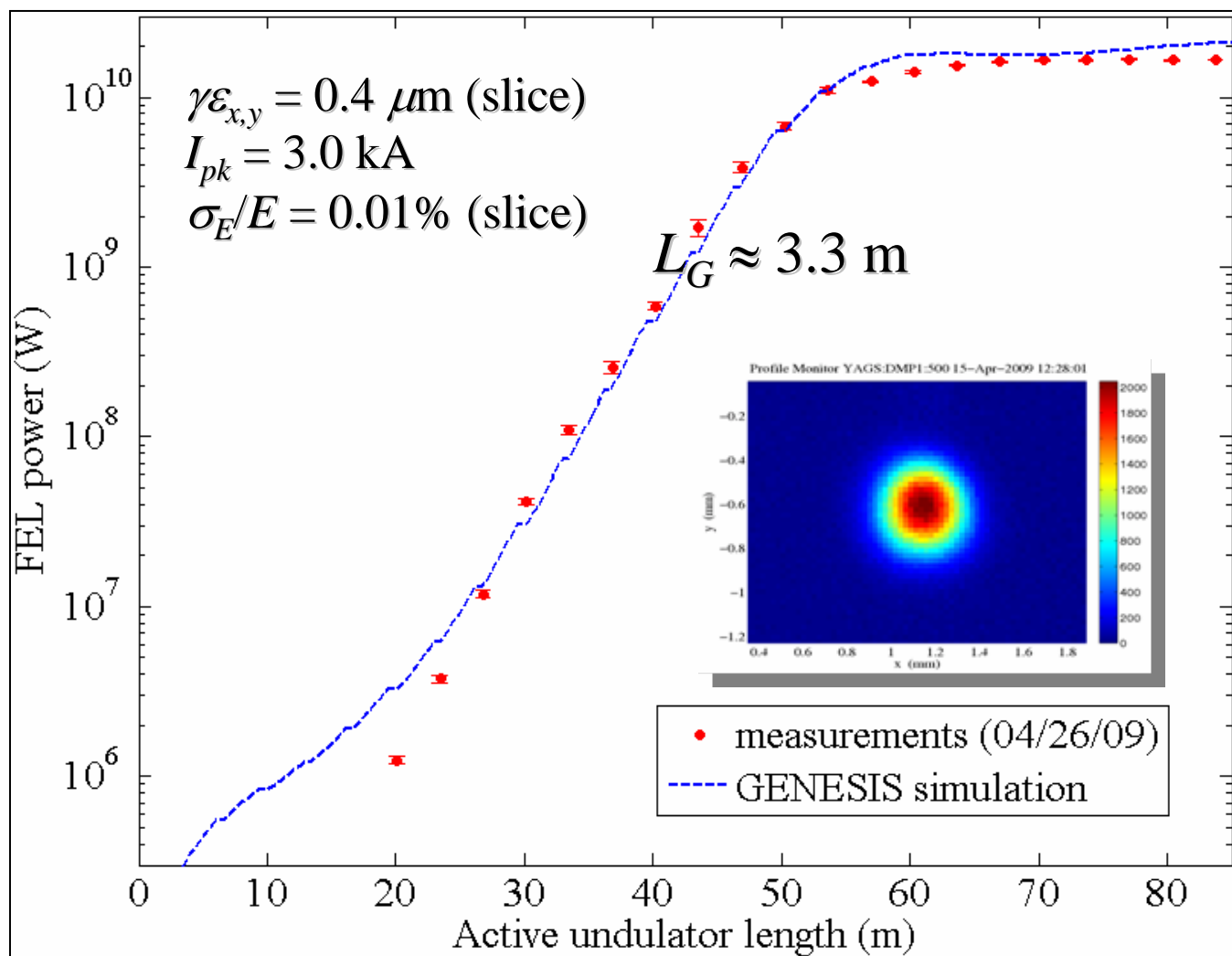


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**10 April 2009**



# Gain length measurement at 0.15 nm



# Single-pulse diffraction has been measured on pnCCDs from Photosystem I nanocrystals at LCLS



*Photosystem I nanocrystals  
flowing in water jet.*

*Pulse duration: 80 fs*

*Patterns collected at 30 Hz*

*5 Tbyte data in one night!*

600 nm crystal

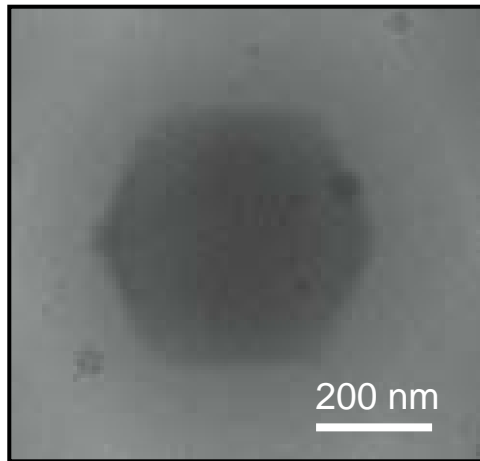
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Max Planck Advanced Study Group at CFEL,  
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# Single Particle Imaging

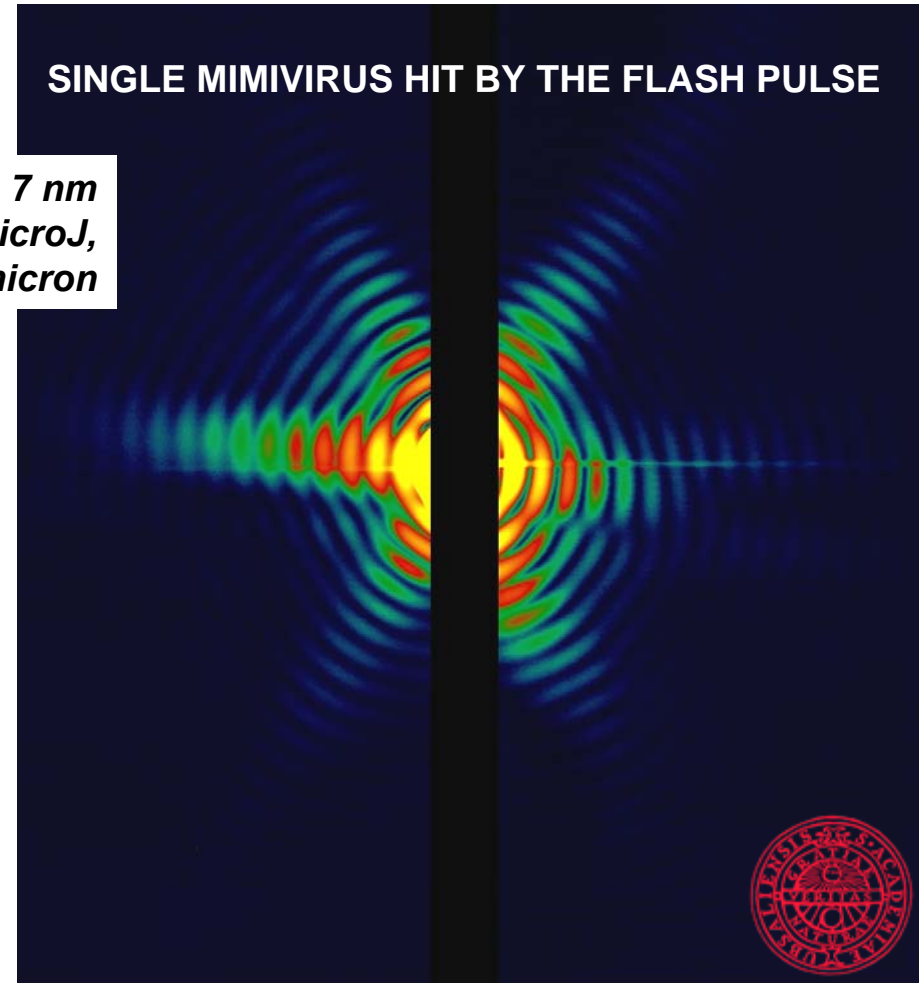


## Mimivirus



Wavelength: 7 nm  
flux: ~ 20 microJ,  
focused to ~ 20 micron

## SINGLE MIMIVIRUS HIT BY THE FLASH PULSE



## Work in progress!

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**SASE Free-Electron Lasers are *discovery machines***  
*with great potential for performance improvements*

***The European XFEL will be unique in combining the  
extreme *peak brilliance* characteristic for FELs  
with a very high *average brilliance****

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