

INDUSTRIAL FEMTOSECOND LASERS FOR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING APPLICATIONS

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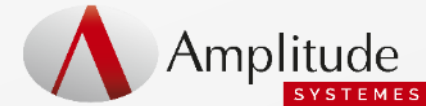


Conclusions



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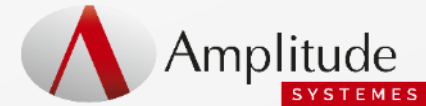
Who are we?



- The largest ultrafast laser company in the world
- More than 300 employees in ultrafast lasers
- Extensive R&D and engineering teams
- Products sold worldwide since 2001



Amplitude Laser Group



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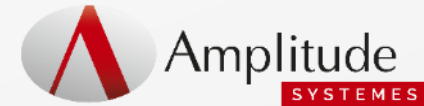


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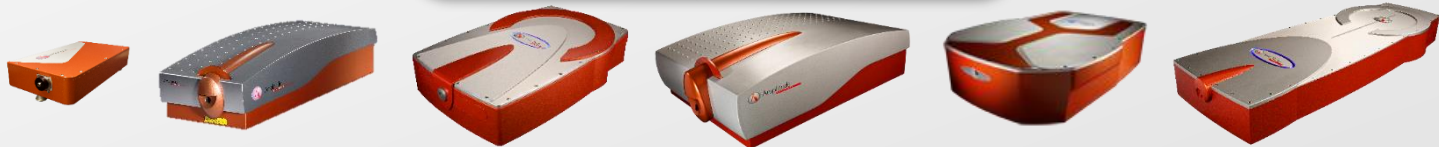
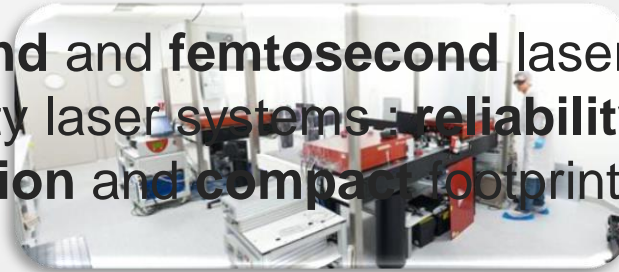
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Driving reliability and innovation

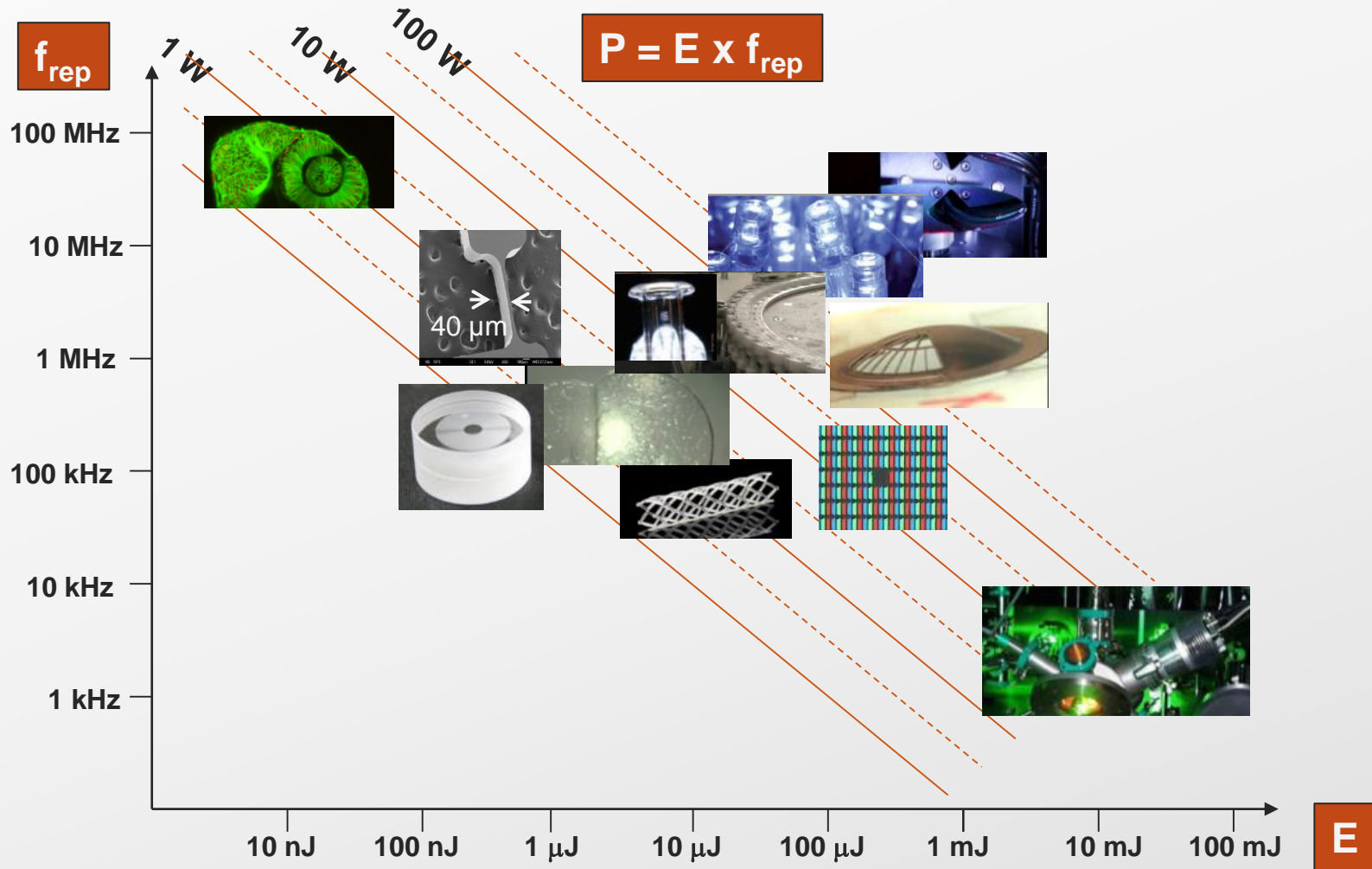


- **3000 m²** of clean room production, from mechanical assembly to quality control
- **ISO 9001** and **ISO 13485** certified

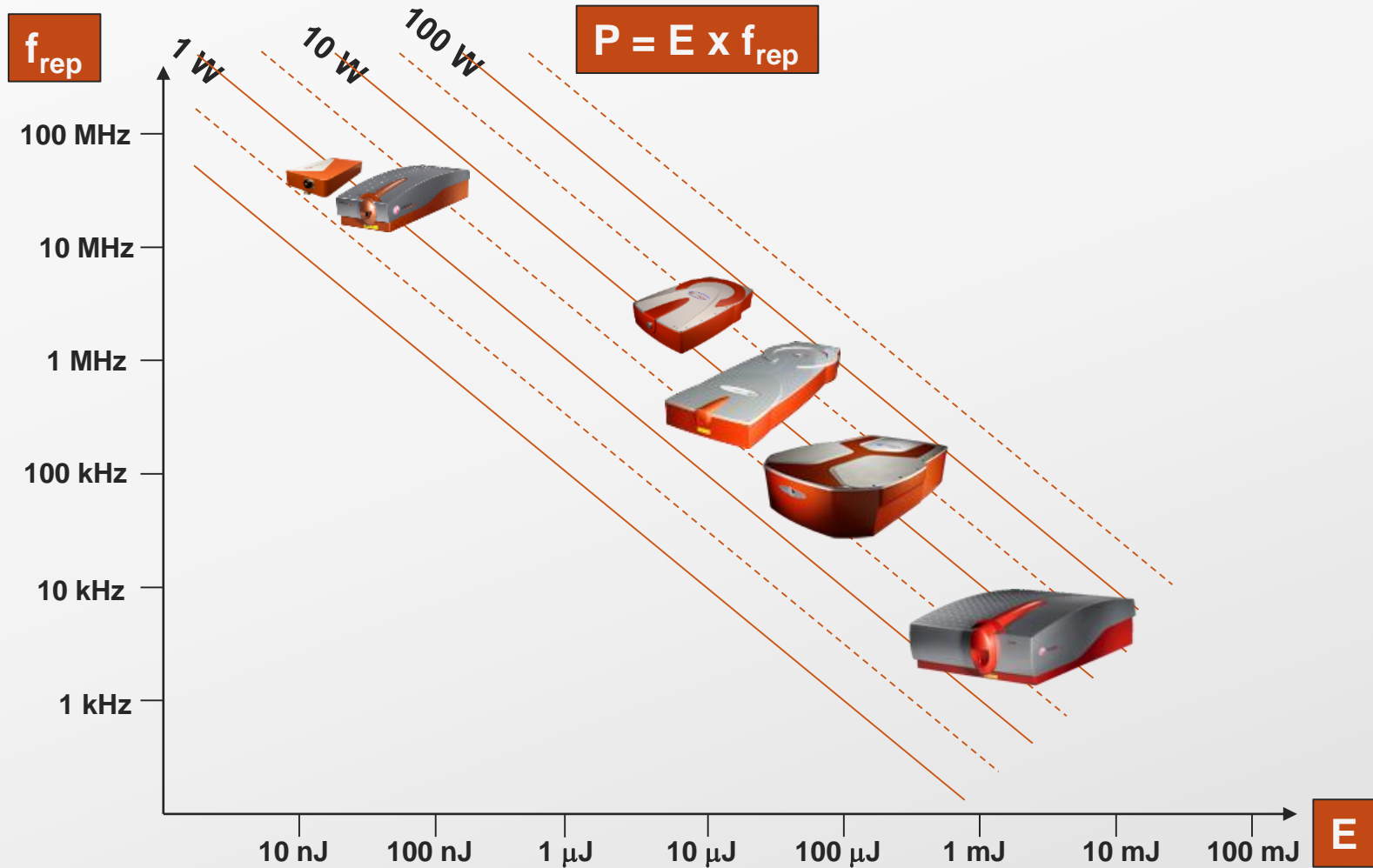
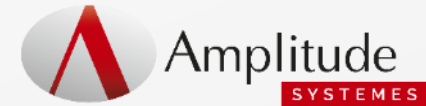
- **Picosecond and femtosecond lasers**
- High quality laser systems: **reliability, robustness, specification and compact footprint**



Applications & Performance

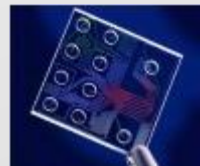


A wide range of specifications



Satsuma & Tangerine

High repetition rate ultrafast fiber laser

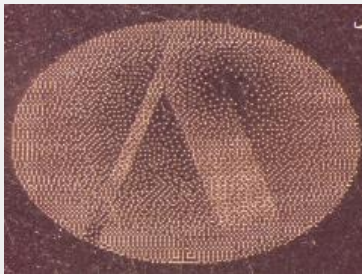
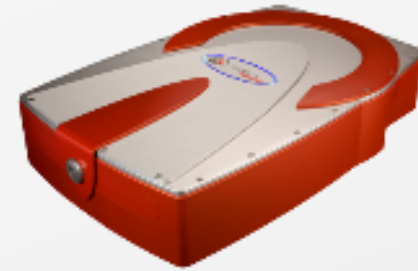


	Satsuma	Tangerine
Pulse duration	< 400 fs (user-variable from < 400 fs to 10 ps)	
Average power	> 50 W	> 35 W
Pulse energy	> 40 μ J	> 200 μ J
Repetition rate	Single shot to > 2 MHz, Burst mode, High speed sync.	
Wavelength	1030 nm	
Beam quality	$M^2 < 1.3$	
SHG/THG	Optional	



System technology: High speed with Polygone scanner

- User access to Pulse picker
- Synchronisation between Laser and Scanner for high speed processing

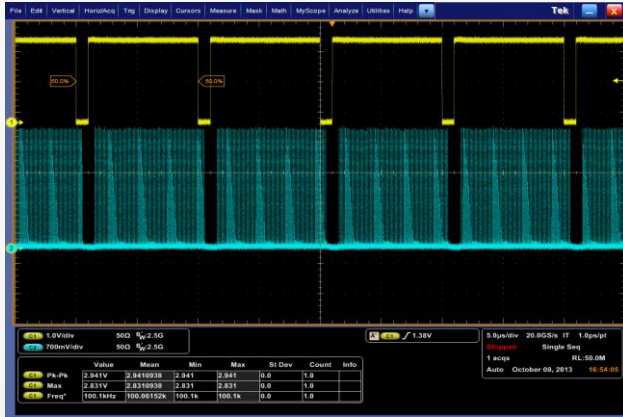


- **50 repetitive scans**
- High overlap between scans

B. Neuenschwander et al., Bern University of Applied Sciences,
Engineering and Information Technology

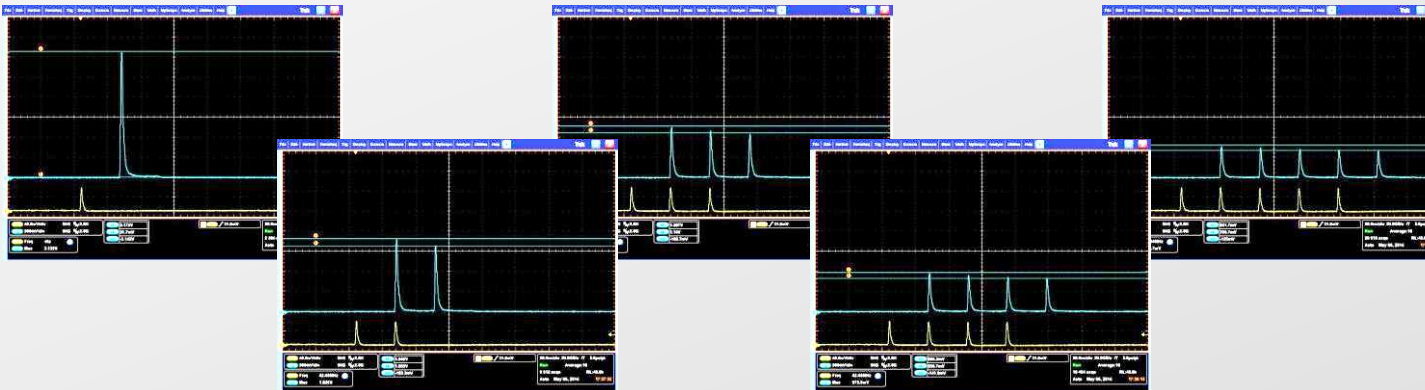
System technology: Fast Modulation and Burst Mode

- 10 MHz pulse train (duty cycle 90% shown, up to 99% realized):

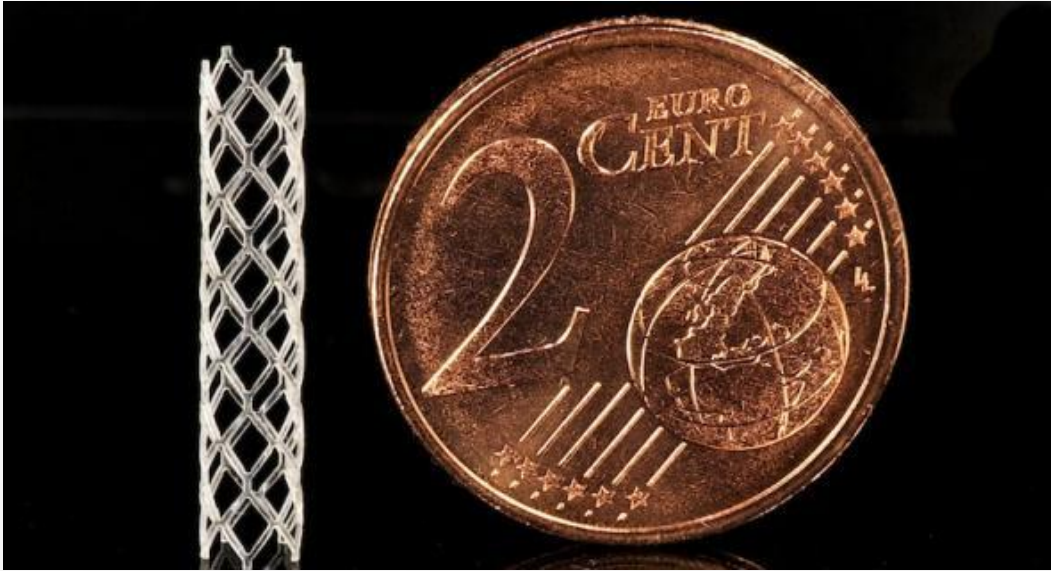


- High Speed
- Good Contrast

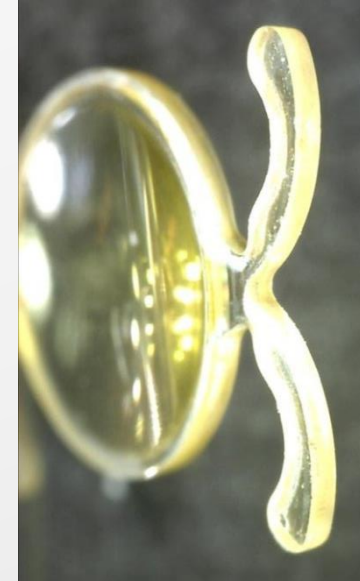
- Burst Mode:



Medical device manufacturing



Bioresorbable stent

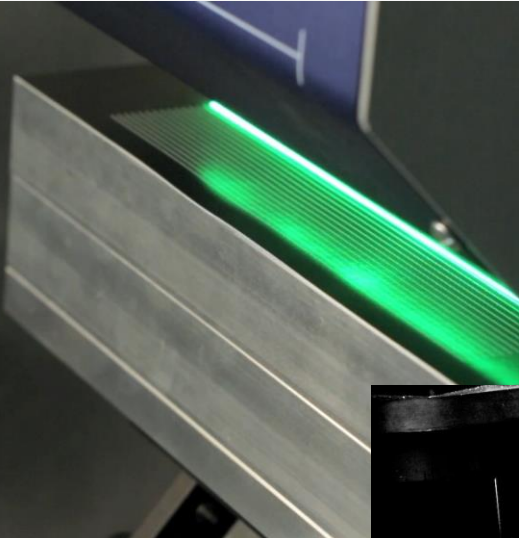


Intra-Ocular Lens

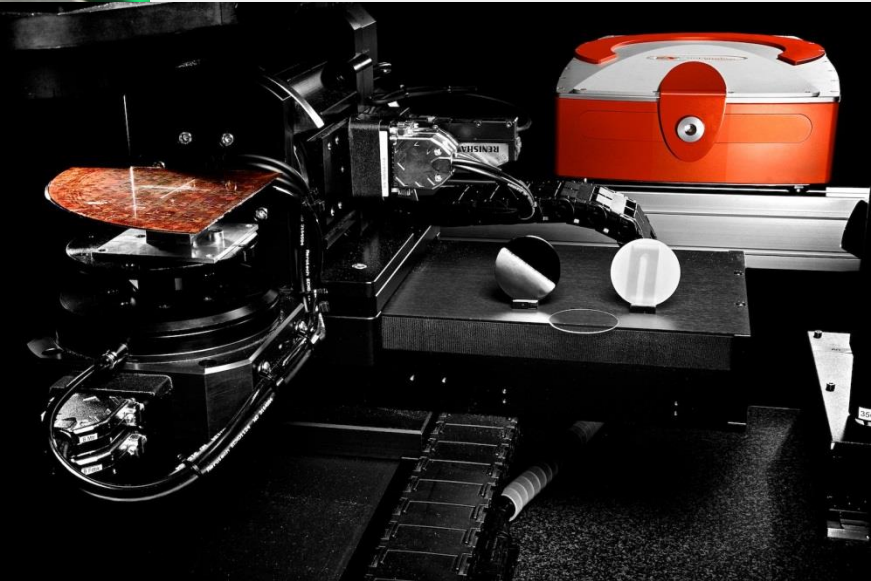
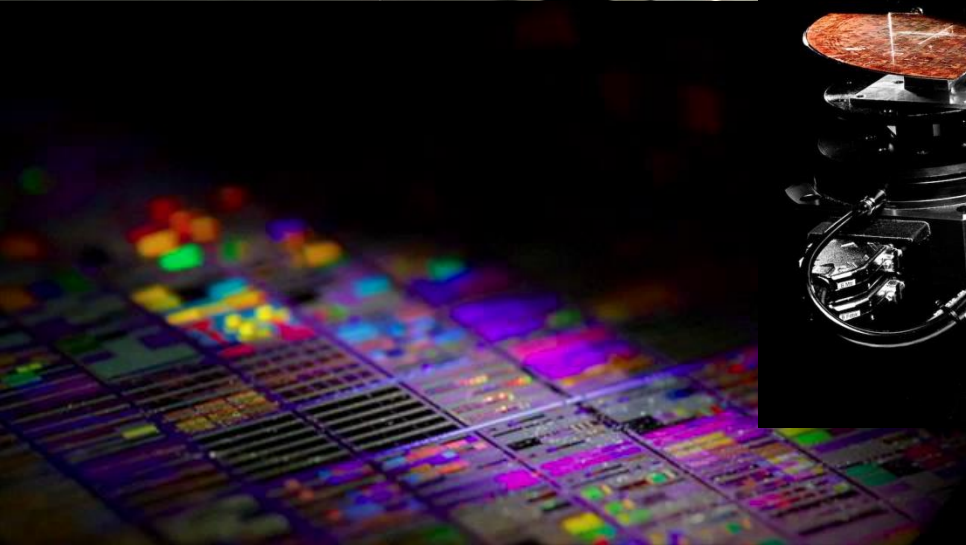
Semiconductor wafer scribing and dicing

Wafer 'dicing'

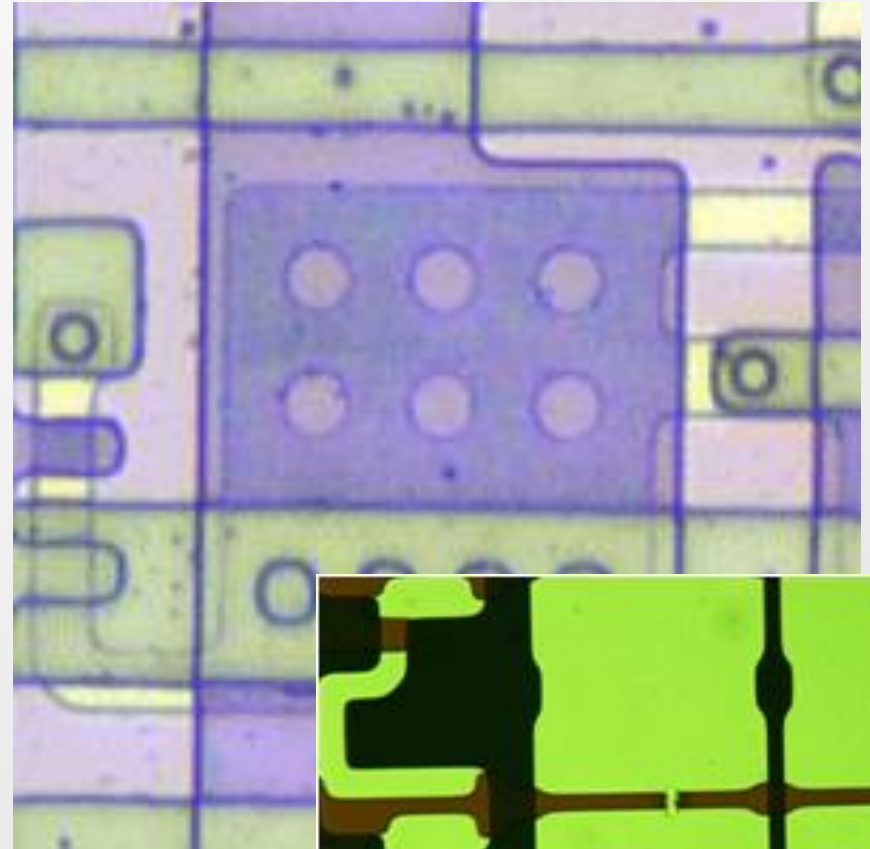
6 inch



Credits: NextScan



Display industry



12-1310 UPMOST Ultrafast laser Processing for MOBILE diSplay Technology



LABELLED

Start 03-Sep-2012

End 01-Sep-2015

Duration 36 months

Total cost € 2,57 Million

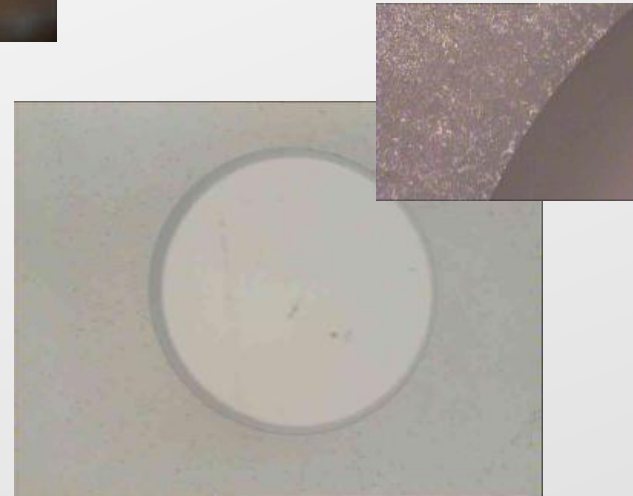
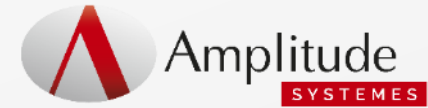
France: **43,5** %
 South Korea: **40,9** %
 Belgium: **15,6** %

The project is devoted to the development of ultrafast laser processing for advanced mobile displays. The objective is to develop a non-thermal, ultra precision machining process utilizing femtosecond lasers and novel optical systems for beam shaping and pulse shaping. It is to provide a fully customized fabrication means for high resolution mobile displays as submicron precision is required as the pixel size of such HD displays decreases. 2,57

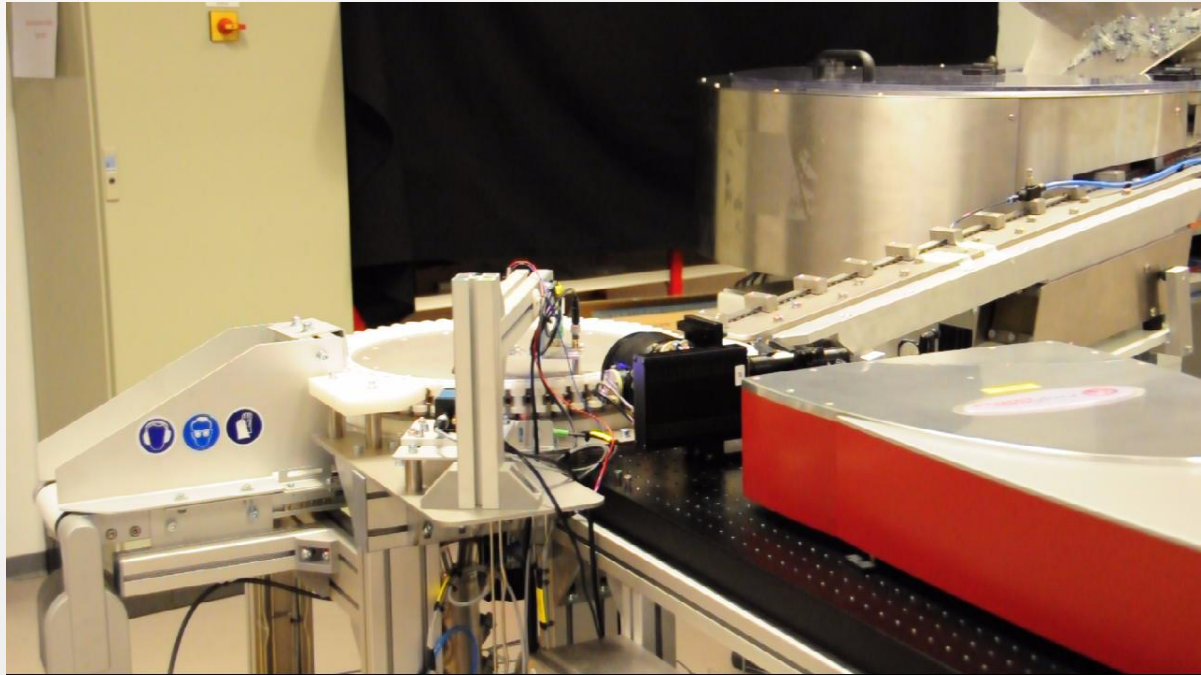
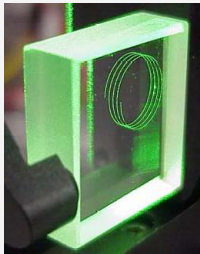
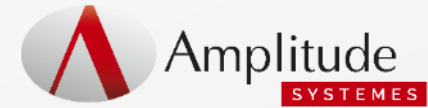
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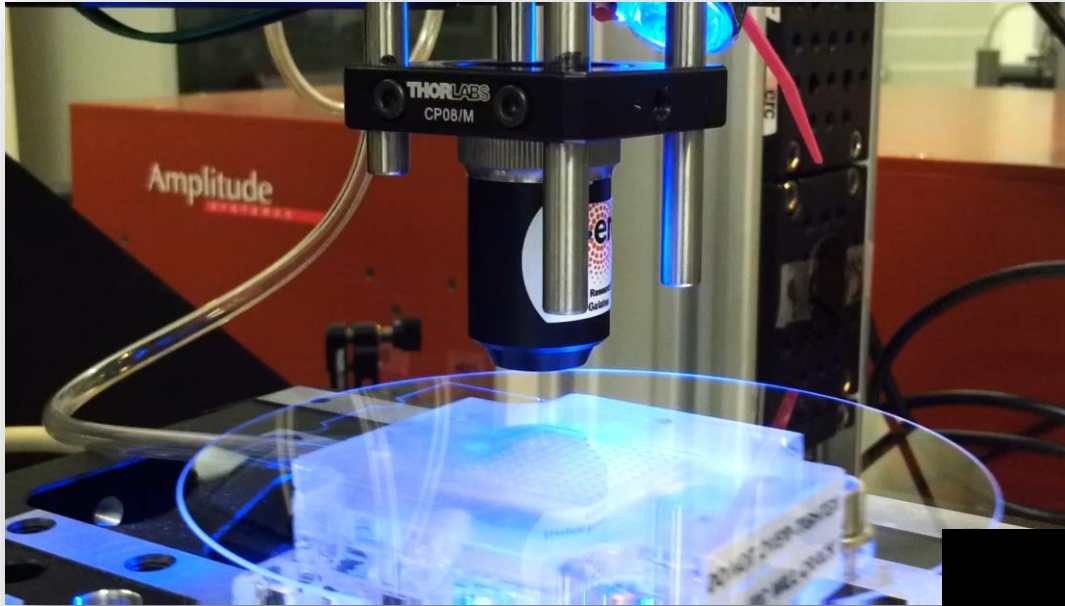
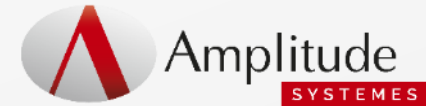
Transparent material cutting or marking



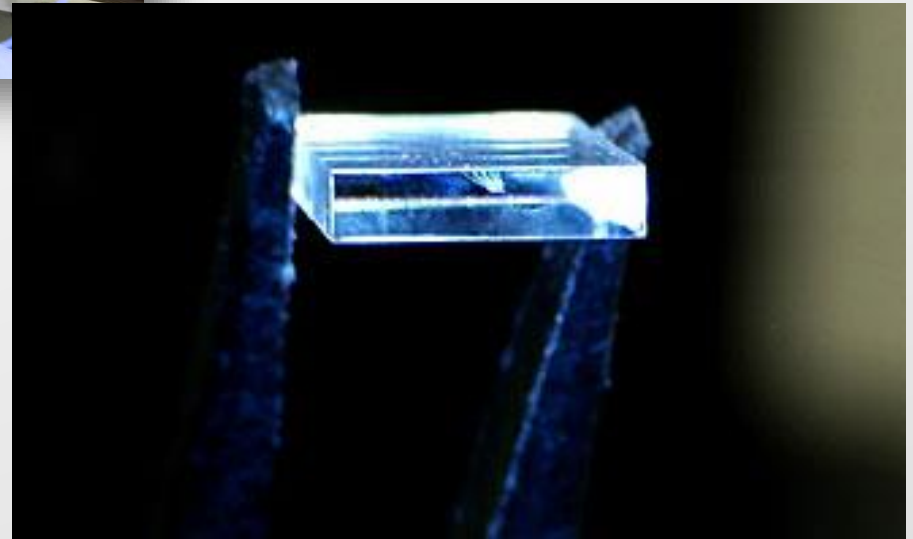
Internal marking



Lab-on-chip and waveguide



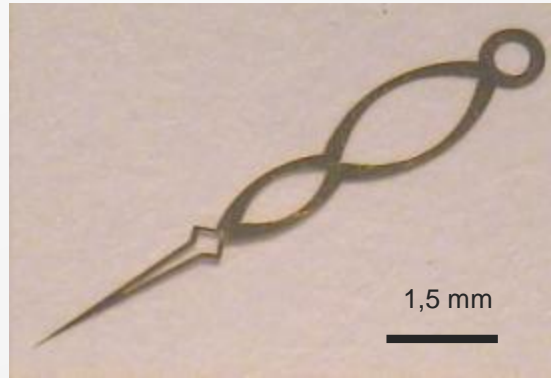
Femtoprint SA
micro- and nano-devices out of glass



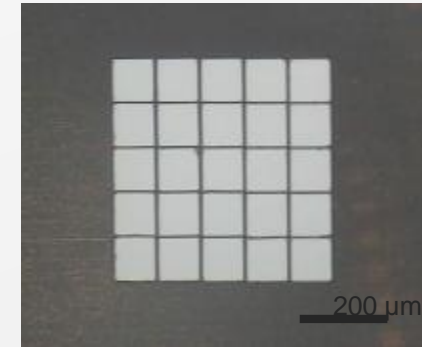
Metal engraving and cutting



**Pioneer in watch industry
ultrafast process**



**Gold -
thickness.25 μ m**



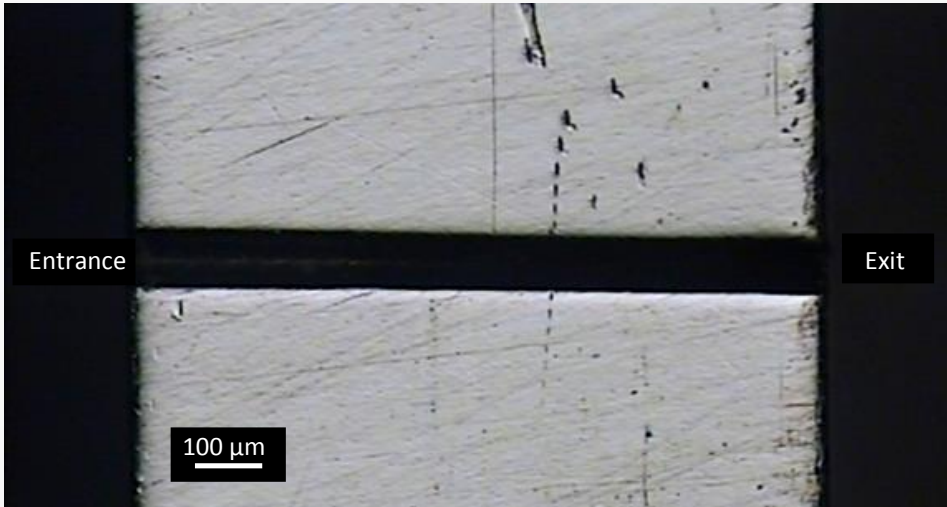
**Platinum -
thickness.10 μ m
Bars width 10 μ m**



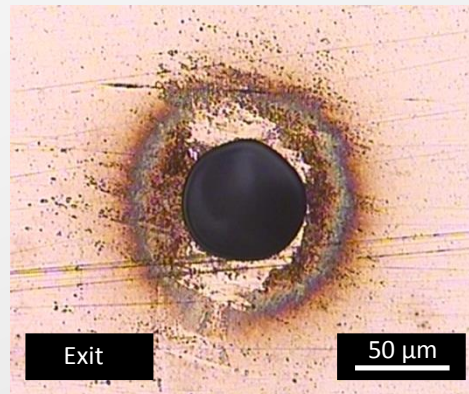
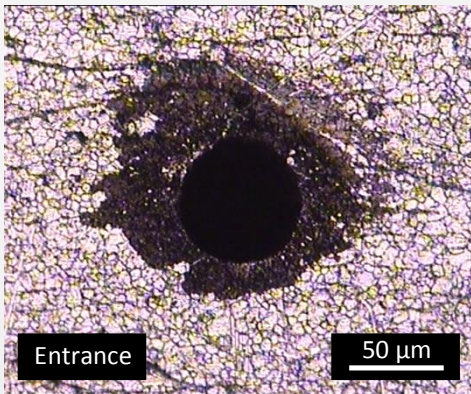
**Metal - thickness.50 μ m
Bars width 90 μ m**

Metal and via drilling

← Stainless steel 900 μ m-thick →



- Entrance diameter 65 \pm 3 μ m
- Exit diameter 65 \pm 1 μ m
- Circularity defect \pm 2 μ m
- **Conicity 0.0° \pm 0.1°**
- Aspect ratio 14:1



Op. parameters : 1030nm 350fs 64 μ J 100kHz no defocus



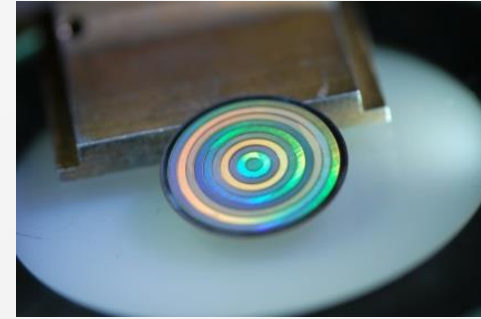
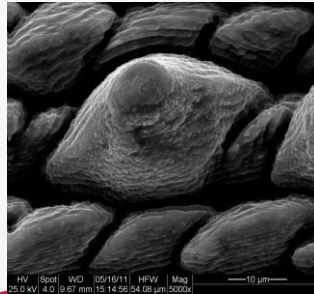
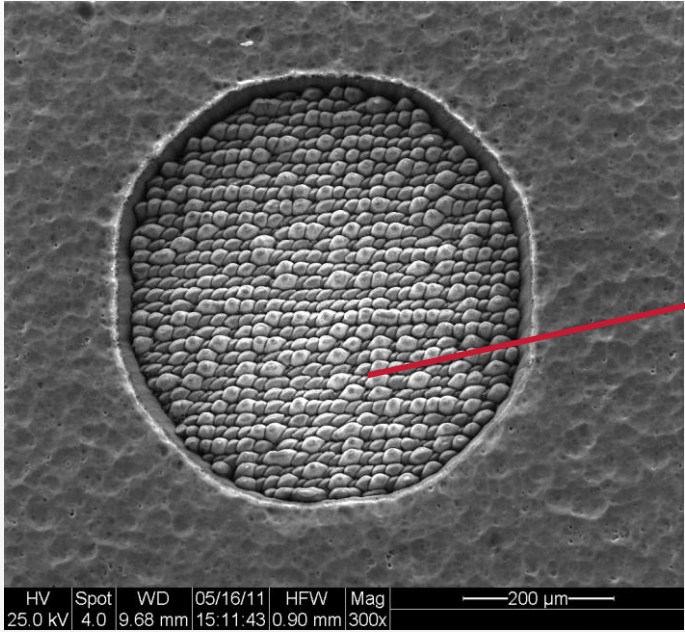
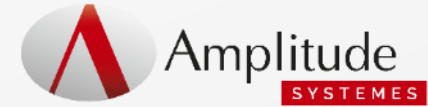
Automotive Industry

Credits: Alphanov - Celia

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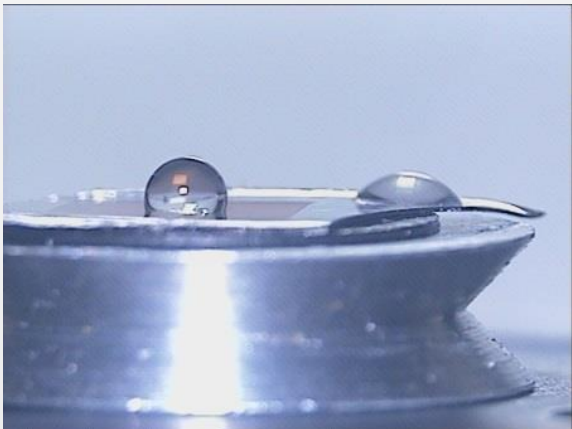
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Texturing



Credits: Alphanov

Credits: Lumyn Technologies



Black metal

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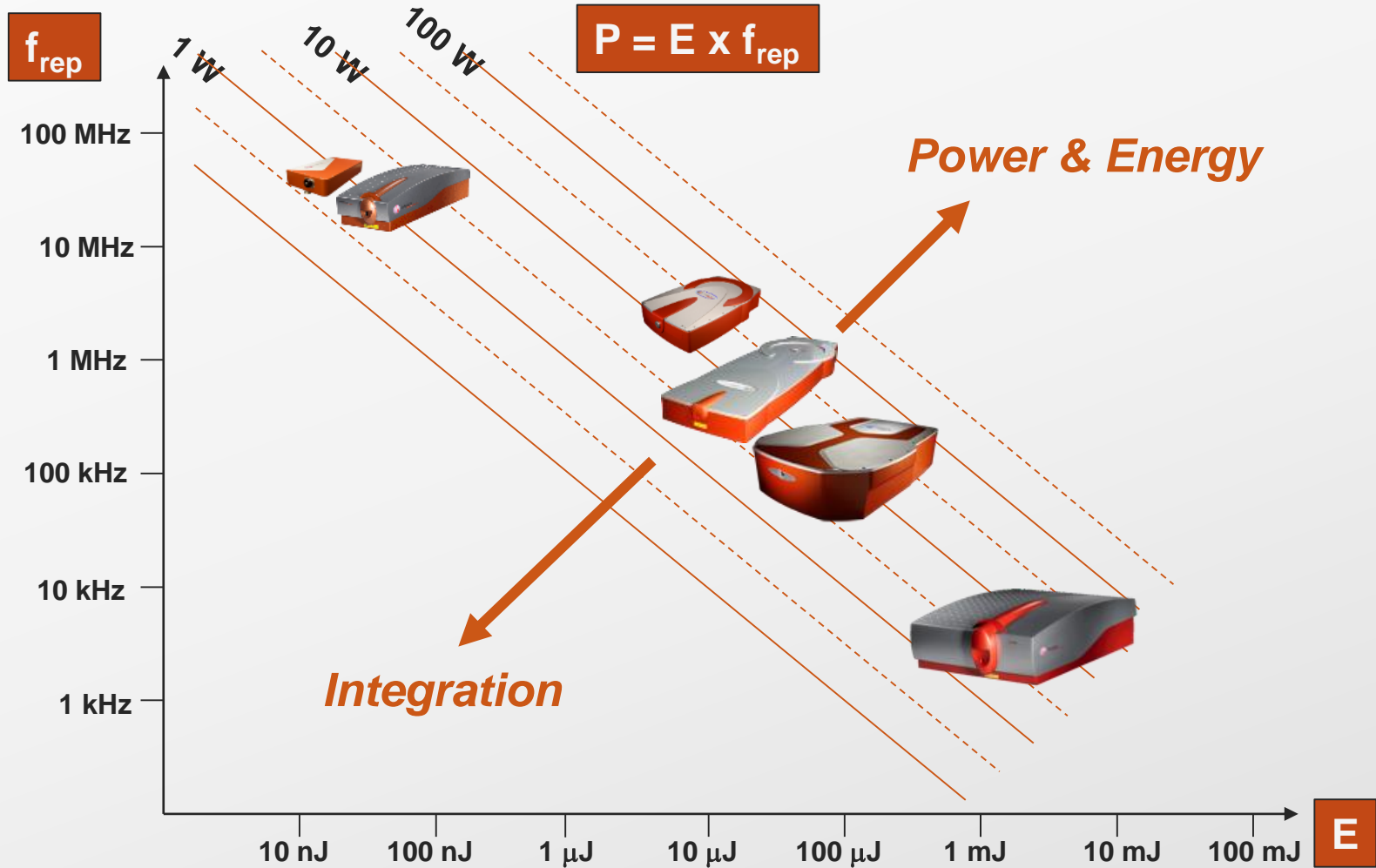


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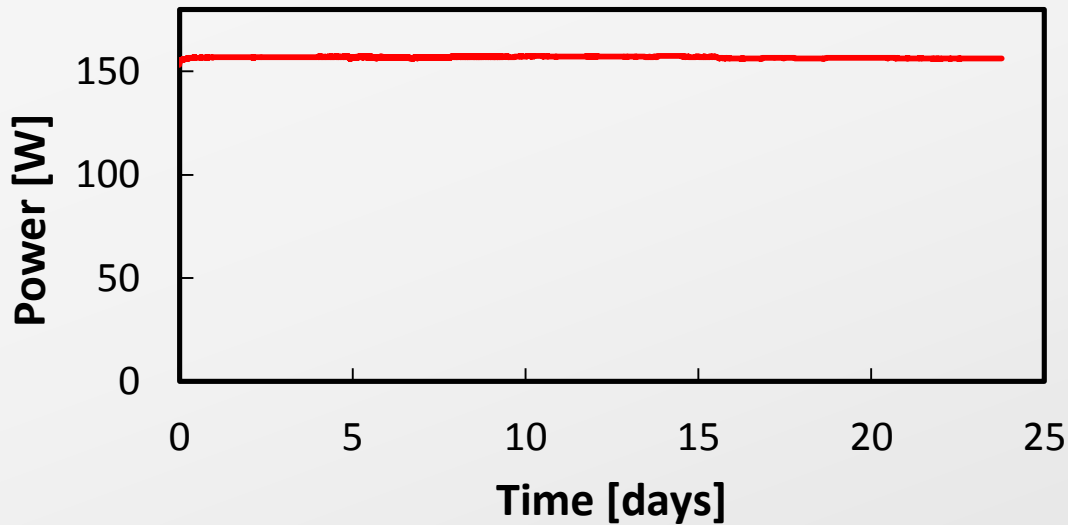
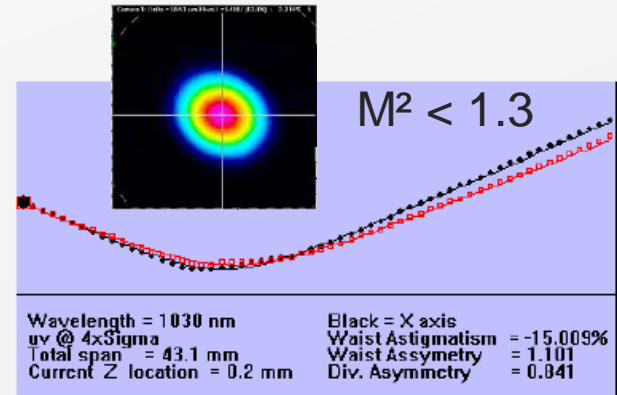


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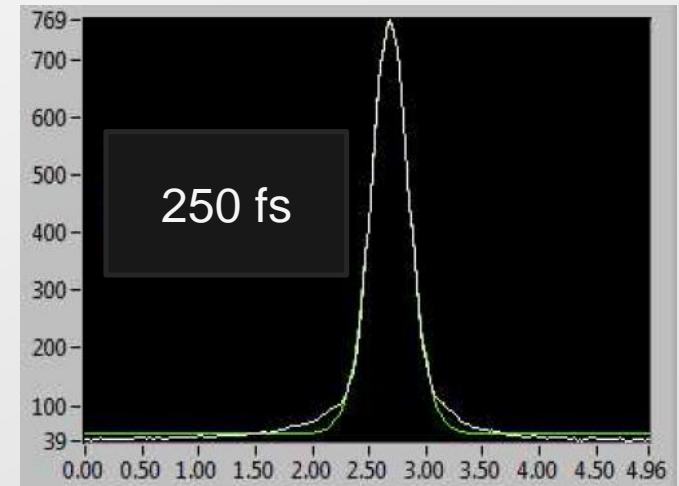
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Power scaling of Satsuma platform

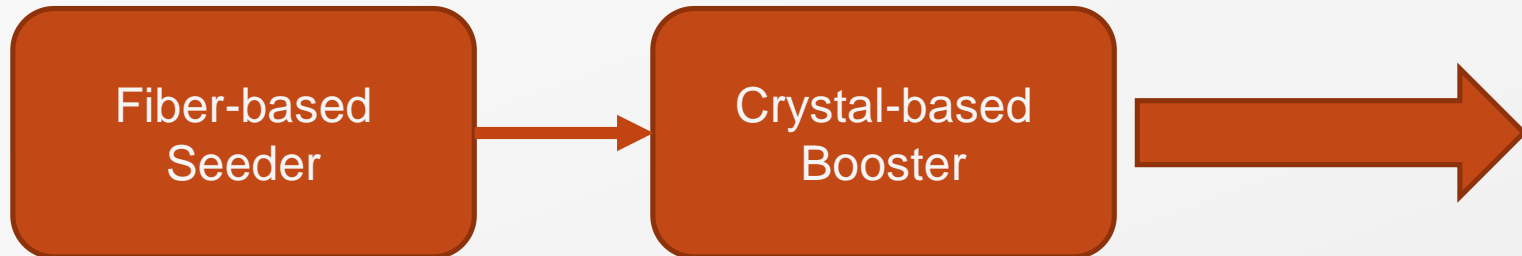


120 W after compression:



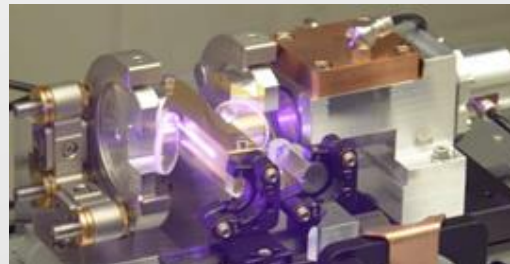
- Energy limit because of mode confinement

Power AND Energy scaling with Hybrid Fiber and Solid-State Architectures

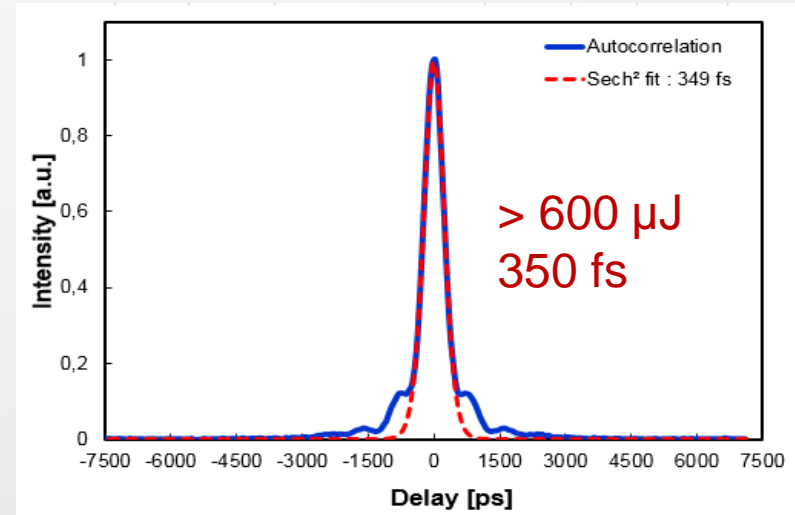
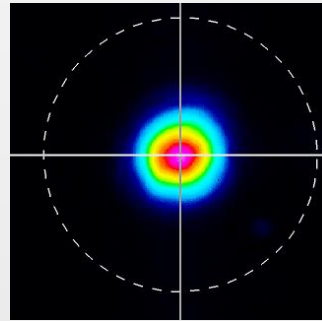
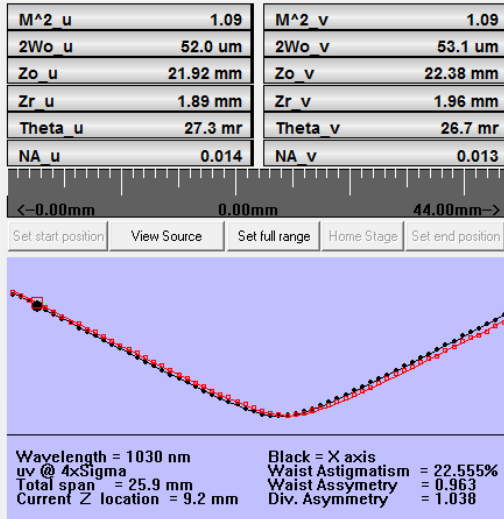
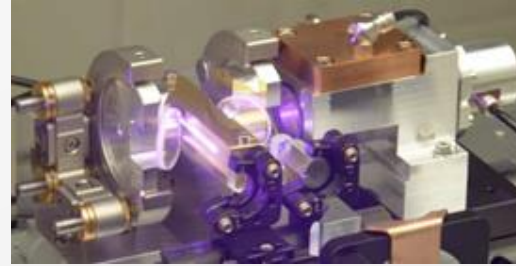
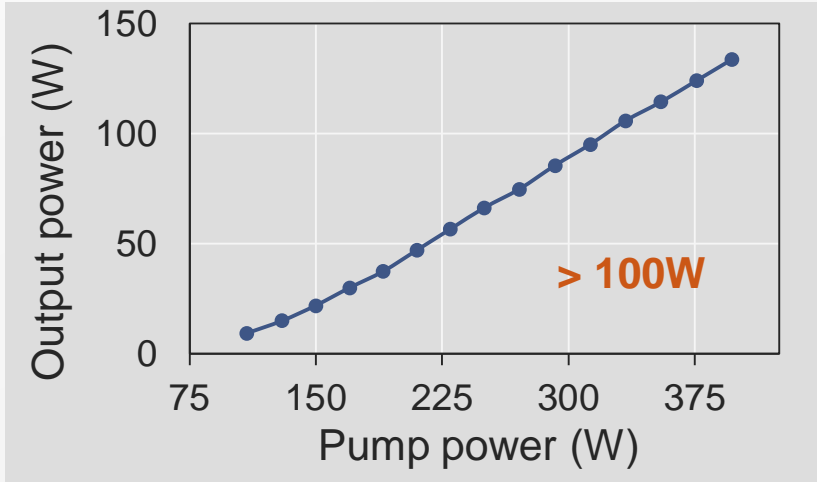


- Compact and stable
- Short femtosecond pulses
- Flexibility
 - High/Low Reprates
 - Burst mode
 - Synchronisation

- Higher gain / length
- Reduced non-linearities
- high energy capability
 - Peak powers > 10 MW without CPA
 - **4.4 GW with CPA (2.3 mJ, 520 fs)**
- High Speed (>>MHz) and burst mode

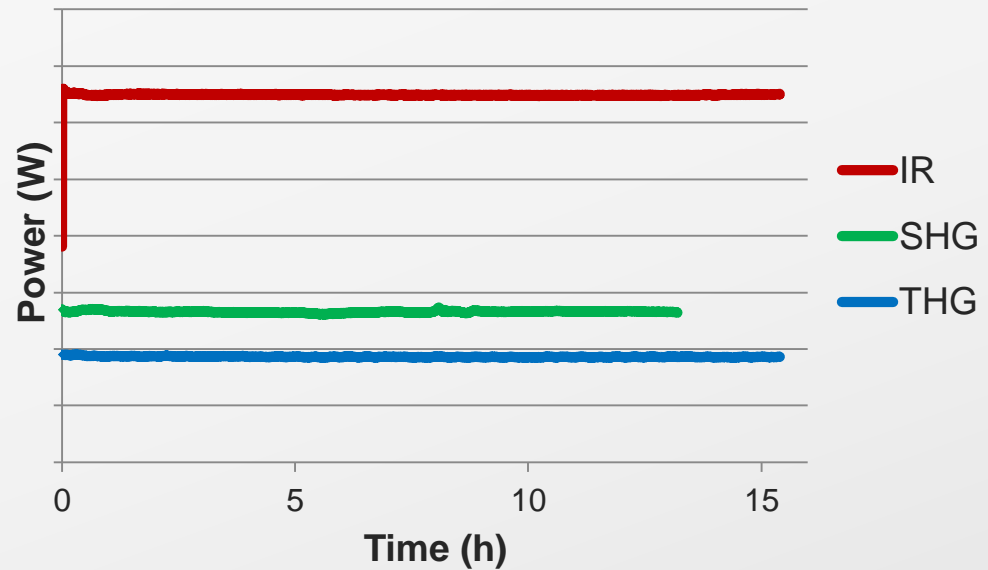
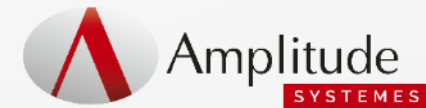


High power femtosecond laser with Hybrid Fiber and Solid-State Architecture



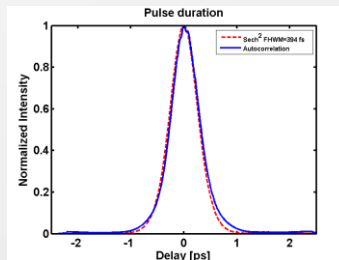
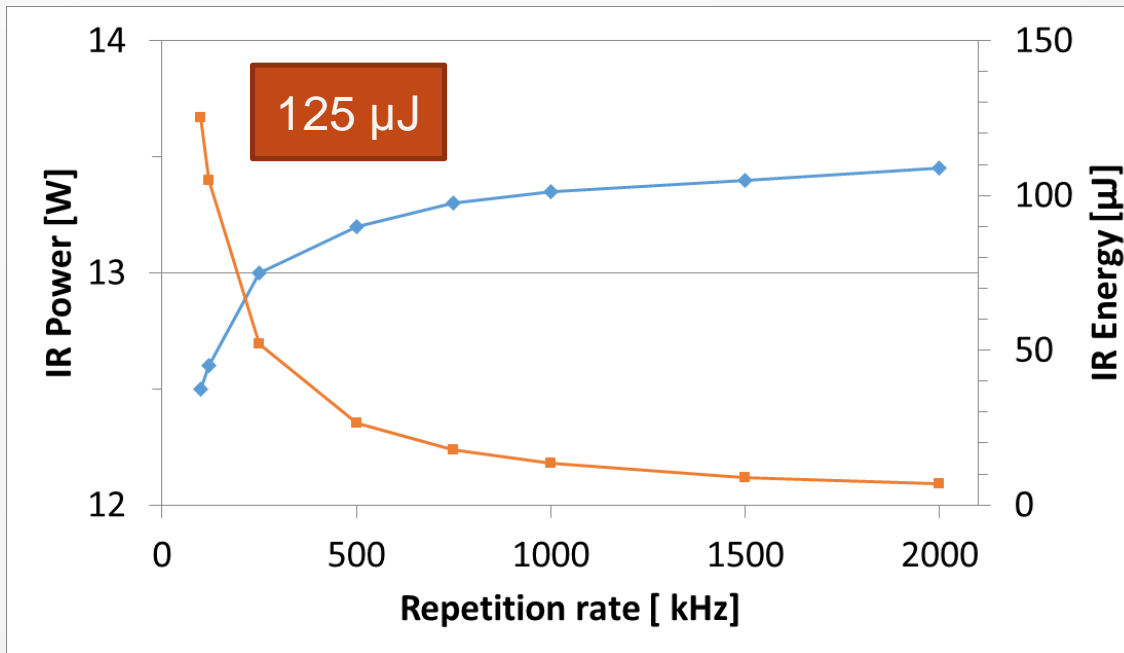
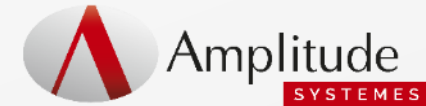
- High frequency conversion efficiencies
- > 50% in SHG, up to 30% in UV

Hybrid: compact & integrated

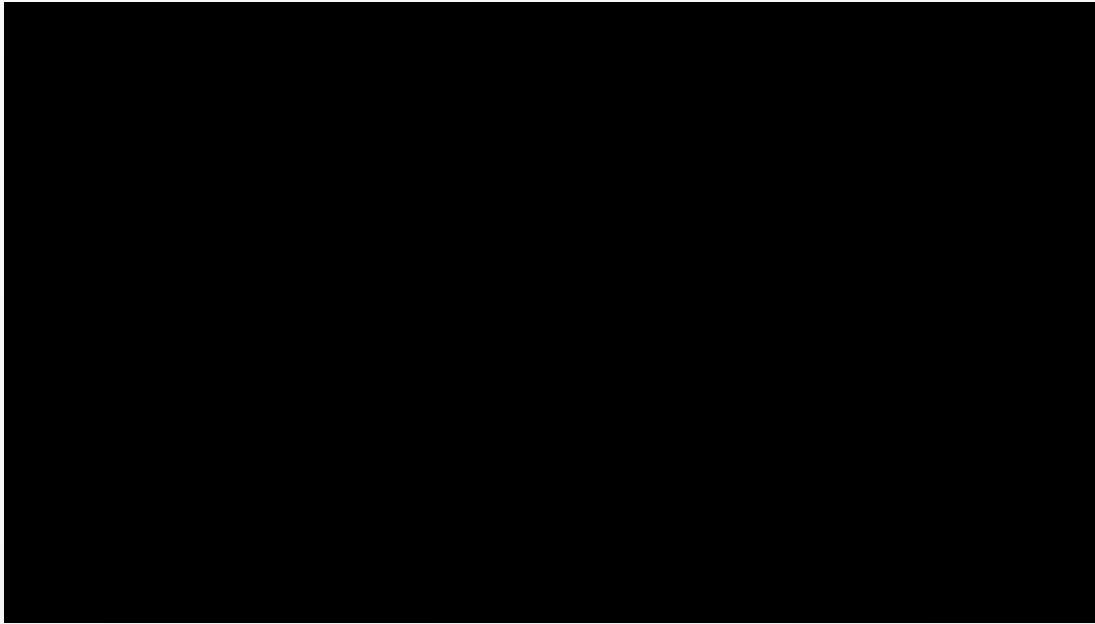


- Compact: 35 x 23 x 17 cm³
- Modular for
 - high stability
 - flexibility (e.g. frequency conversion options)

Compact & performing



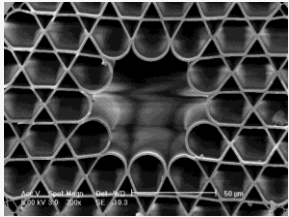
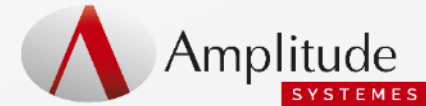
- 450+/-25 fs over the full parameter range



Feed rates 100mm/s demonstrated

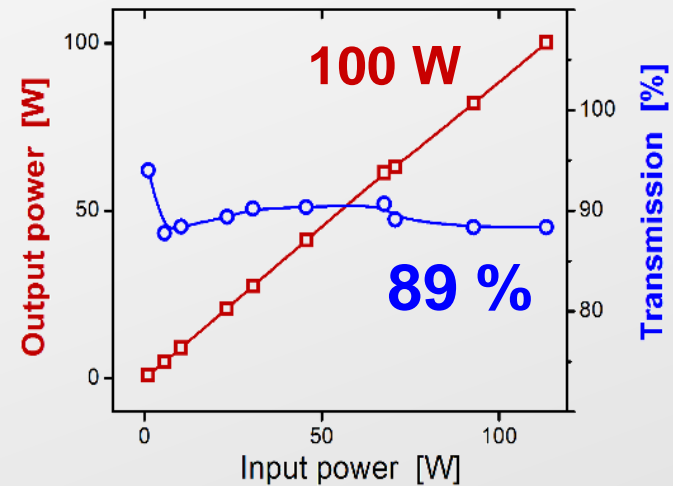
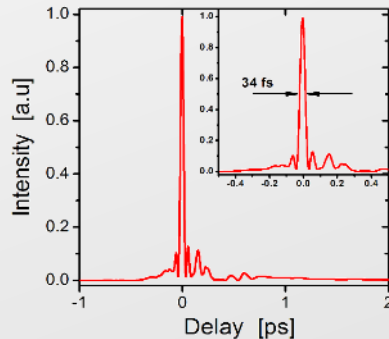


Fiber transport – femto power & compression

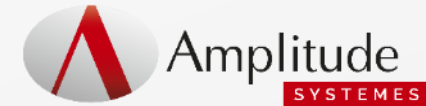


- Pulse energy: up to 1mJ
- Excellent power transmission

- Pulse compression (factor ~10)
350 fs => 34 fs

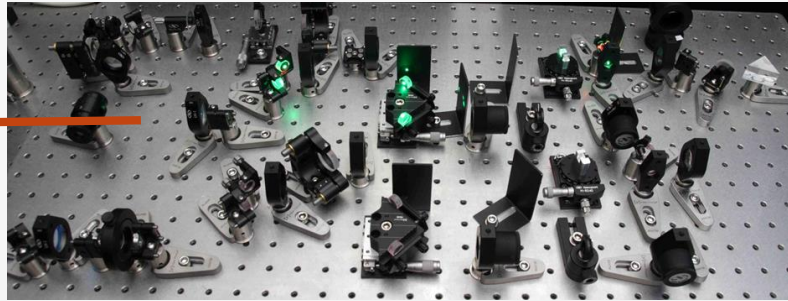


Wavelength tunability & Short Pulses

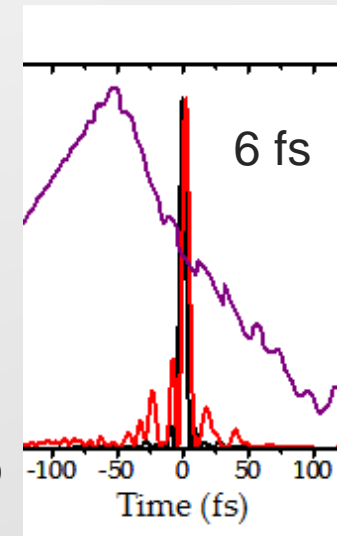
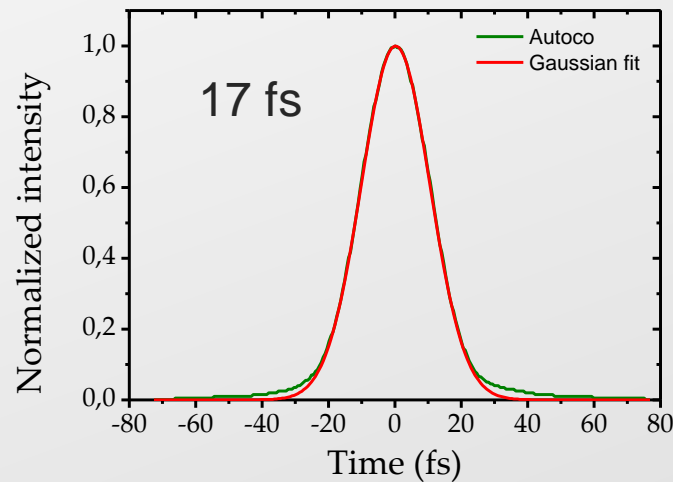
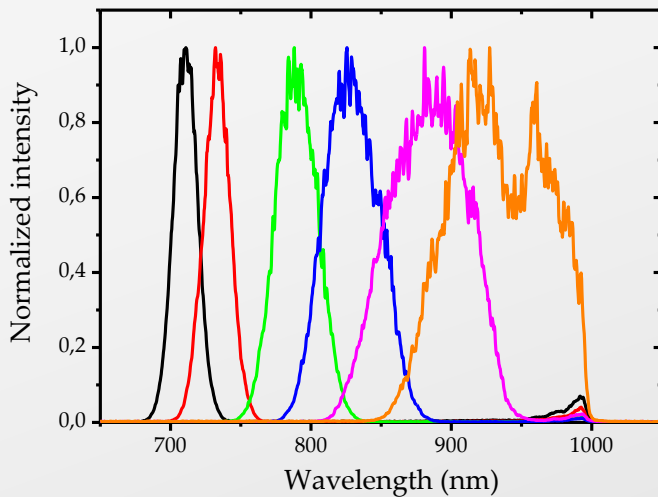


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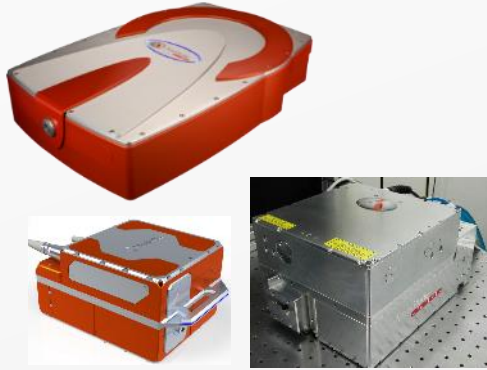
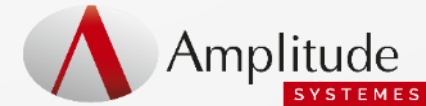
100 μ J, 400 fs



- 600 to 1000 nm
- > 10 μ J @ ~800 nm
- << 100 fs



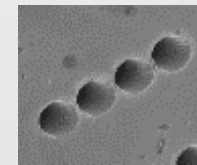
Conclusion & Outlook



Femtosecond lasers are

- High energy, > mJ
- High power, > 100W
- compact & integrated
- flexible
 - Burst mode
 - High speed sync

- Fiber transport
- 100-fs and shorter pulses
- New wavelengths (OPA)





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Thank you for your attention

