

Our OPCPA system amplifies the seed pulse to **15 mJ** with an amplification gain of over  $10^8$  and is shown to be well suited for broad band amplification

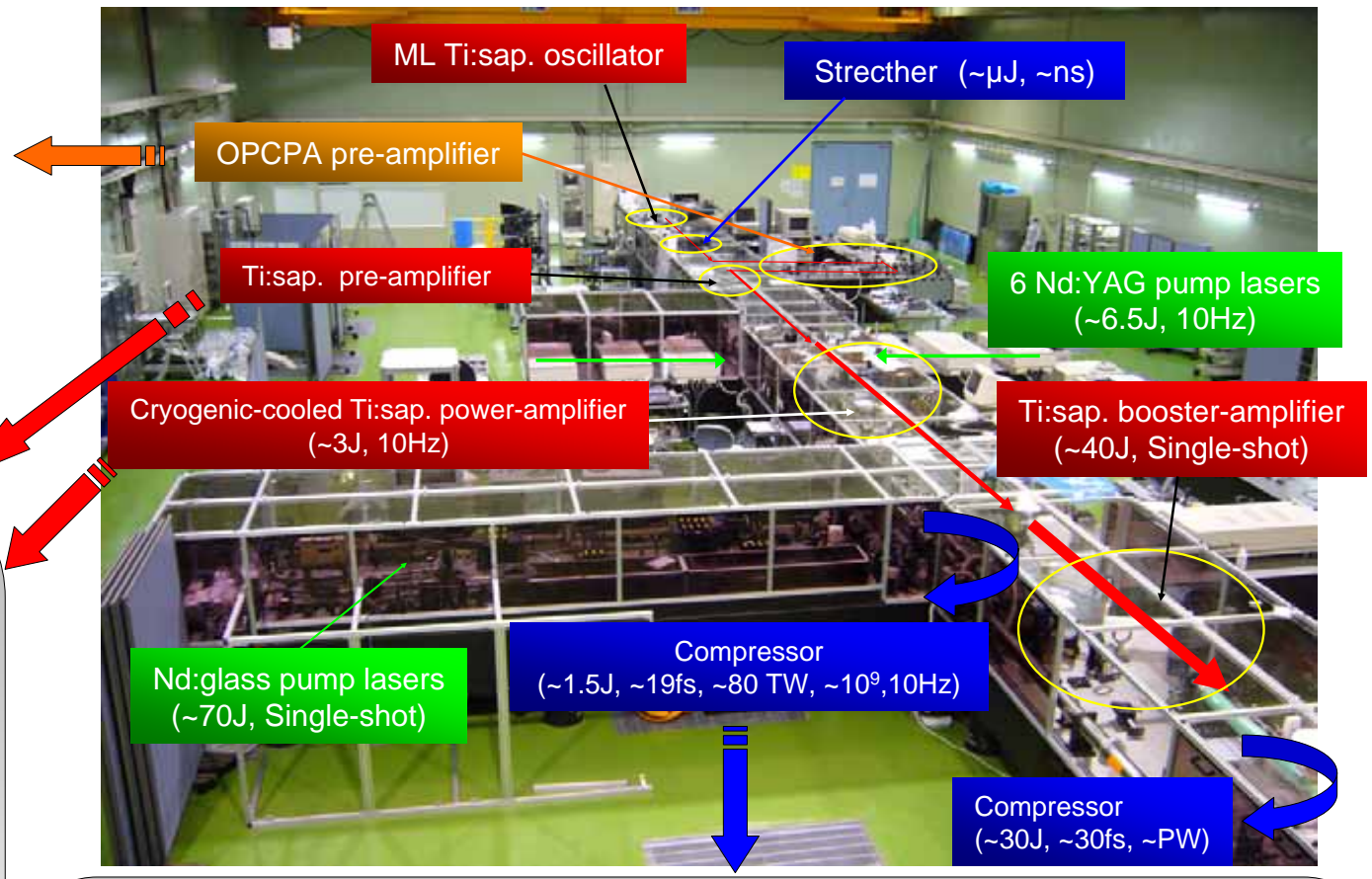
- ✓ Amplification gain  $1.4 \times 10^8$
- ✓ Amplified spectra for different phase matching conditions  $\sim 100$  nm

Signal pulse from OPCPA system is amplified to **280 mJ** in 4-pass Ti:sapphire pre-amplifier

- ✓ Extraction energy **280 mJ**
- ✓ Cryogenic-cooled Ti:sapphire power amplifier

We cool the Ti:sapphire crystal in power amplifier down to below **100 K**, in order to increase its thermal conductivity while reducing the dn/dt, for negligible thermal focusing

- ✓ Output energy **2.9J**
- ✓ Output stability  $\pm 2\%$



Broad bandwidth pulse is amplified and measured pulse duration is **19 fs** with the energy of **1.5 J** after compression, corresponding to the peak power of 80 TW

- ✓ Amplified spectrum  $\sim 90$  nm
- ✓ Autocorrelation trace **19 fs (FWHM)**

Temporal contrast is estimated to be better than  $\sim 10^{-9}$  at a few ps before the main pulse with excellent beam quality

- ✓ Third order cross correlation  $7.0 \times 10^{-9}$  at a few ps !!
- ✓ Beam profile

The actual contrast is found to be  $\sim 10^{-9}$  level!