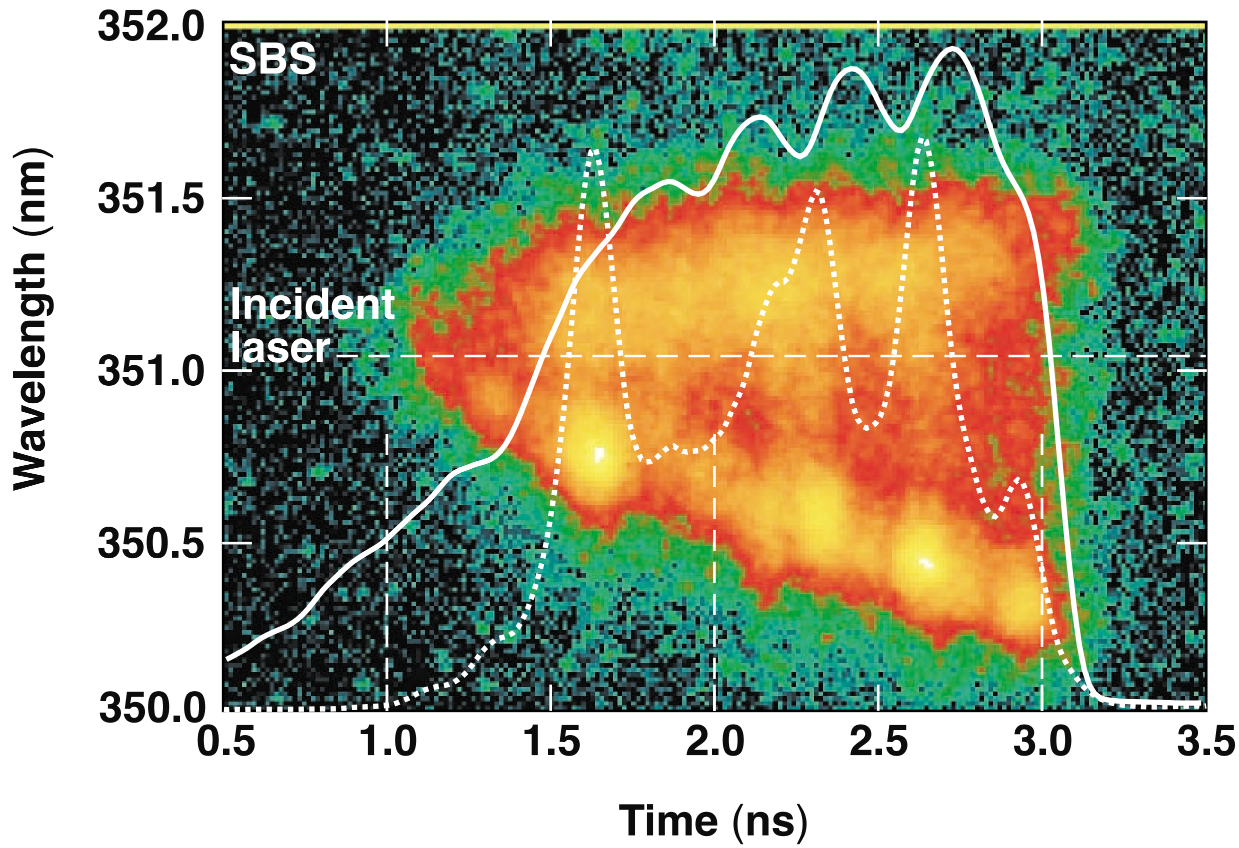
Theoretical Interpretation of SBS Observations in OMEGA Long-Scale-Length Plasma Experiments



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Summary

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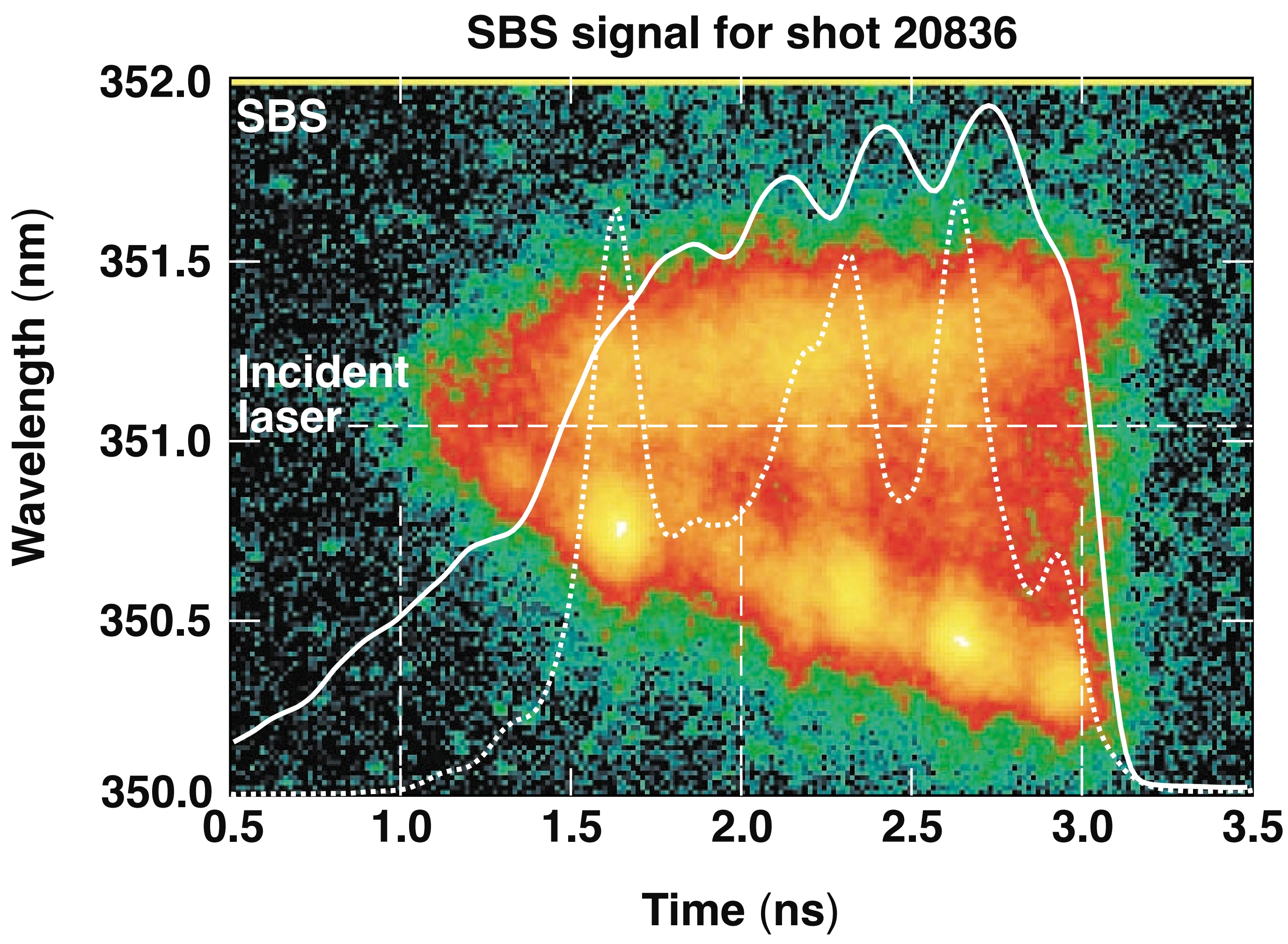
Outline

- Aspects of SBS spectra
- Ion-acoustic modes in multicomponent plasmas
- Strong-damping SBS model and calculation of growth factors in simulated profiles
- Summary and conclusions

SBS spectrum consists of distinct "red" and "blue" features



$I_{peak} = 7.4 \times 10^{14}$ W/cm^2

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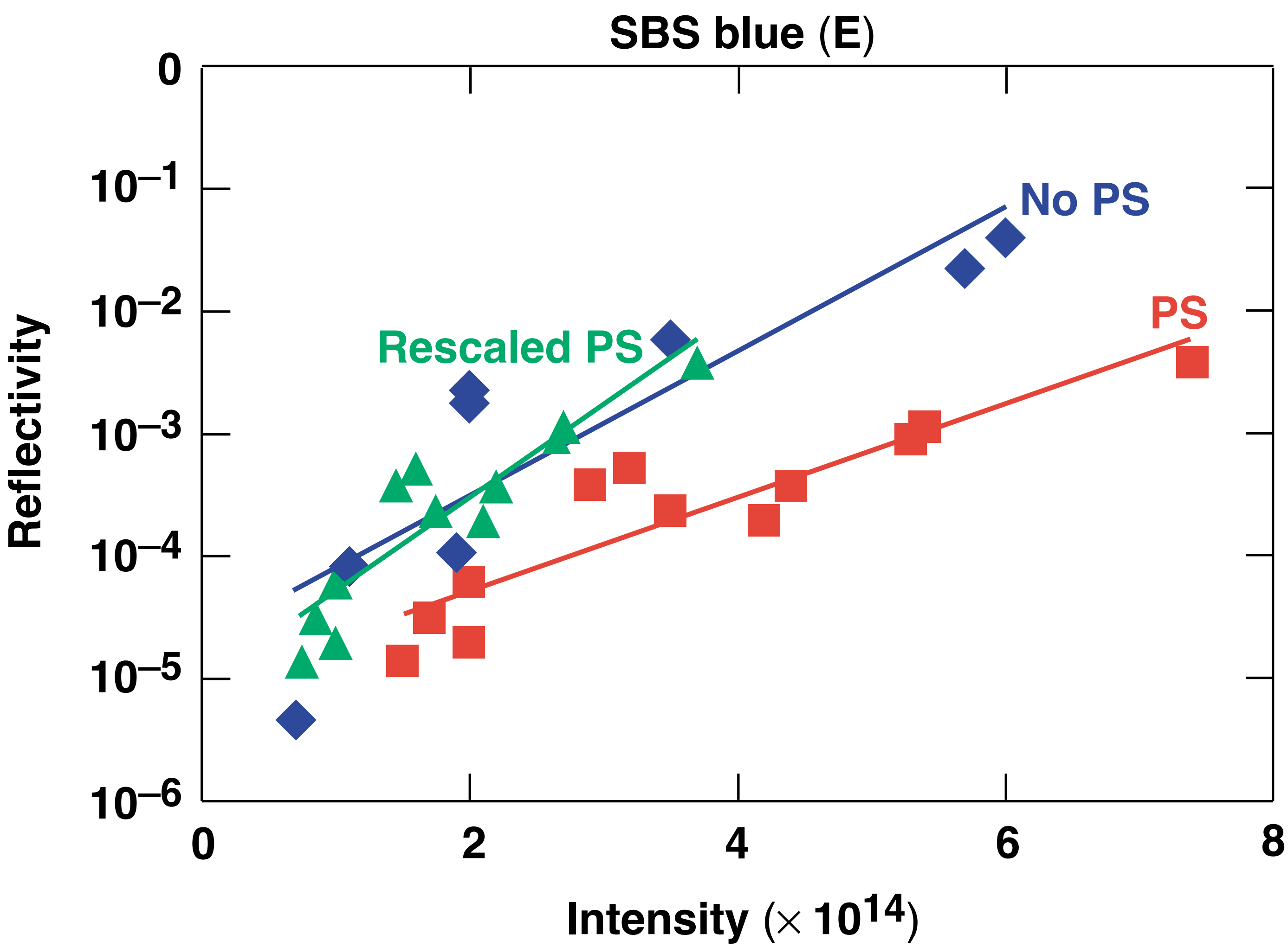
"Blue" feature depends exponentially on hot-spot intensity



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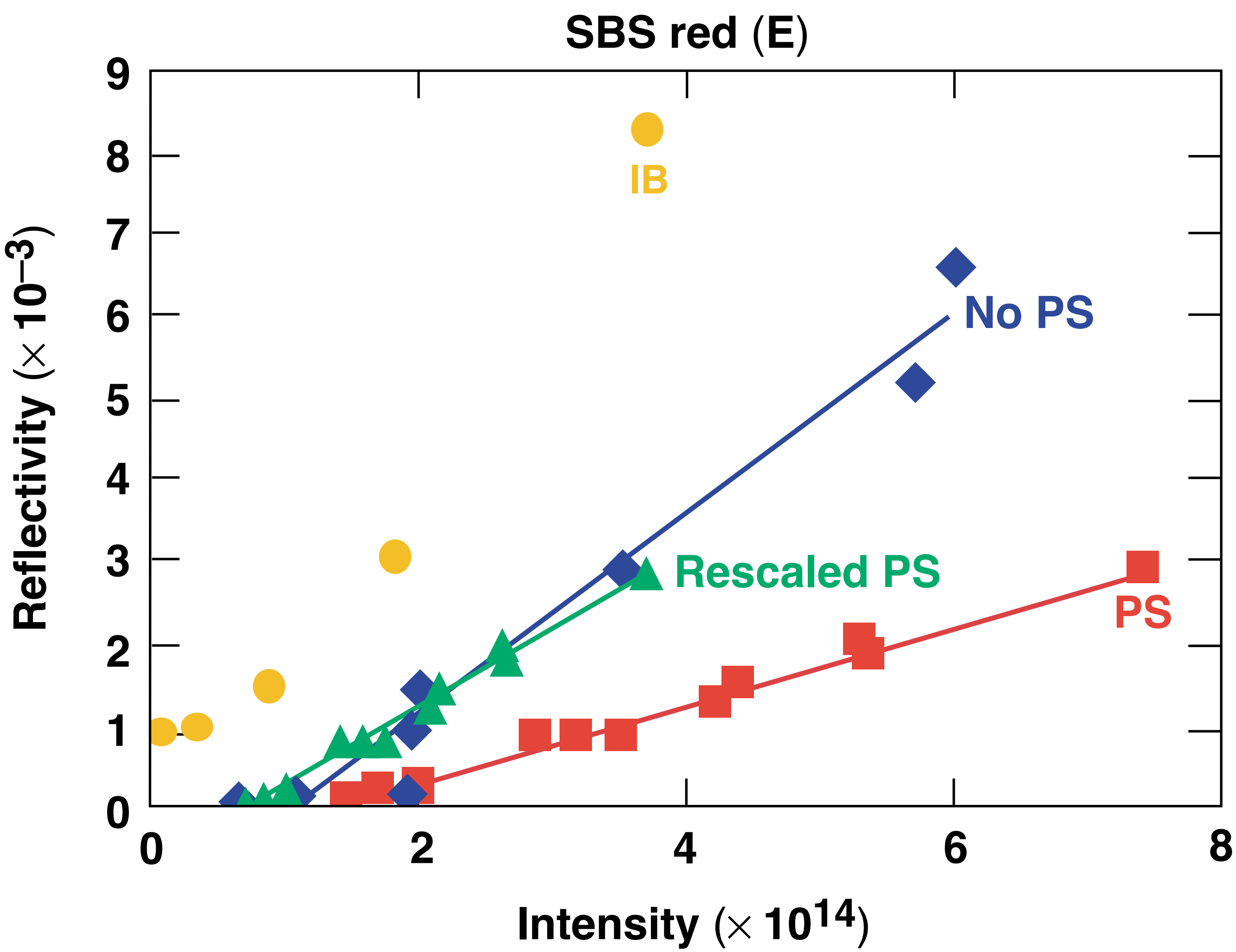
“Red” feature depends linearly on hot-spot intensity



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Damping is fairly high, even for the least-damped ion-acoustic mode

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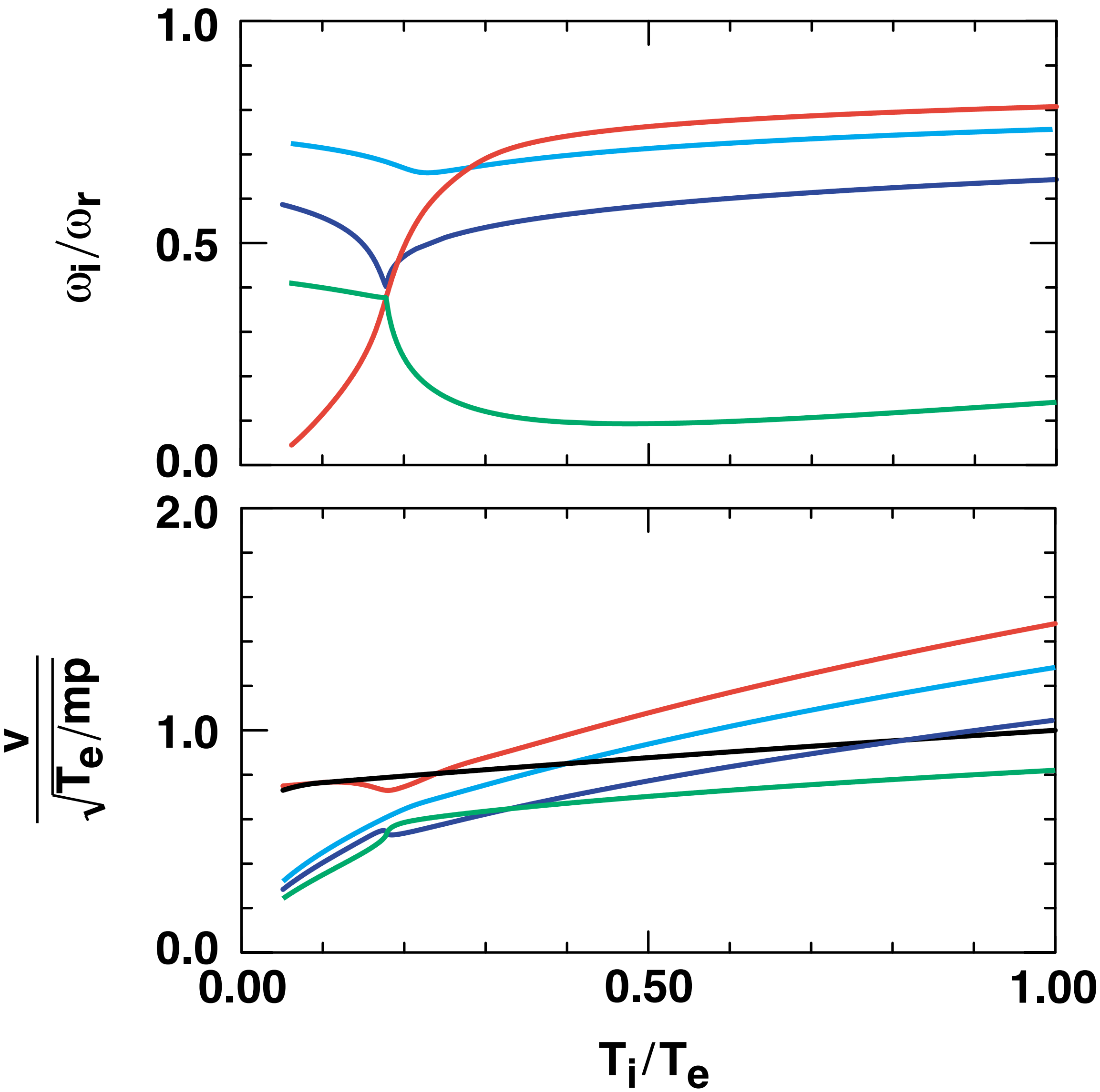

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In strongly damped plasmas the SBS gain may computed by integrating a local gain factor

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- **The equation for SBS intensity is**[1] $\dfrac{\partial I_{SBS}}{\partial x} + \dfrac{I_{SBS}}{L_{abs}} = \dfrac{I_{pump} I_{SBS}}{L_{gain}}.$

  Here, L_{abs} is the aborption length and L_{gain} is the local gain length:

$$L_{gain}^{-1} = \frac{k_0}{4} \frac{n_e / n_c}{\sqrt{1 - n_e / n_c}} \frac{m_e \nu_{osc}^2}{T_e} \left[\left(1 + \frac{3T_i}{ZT_e} \right) \left(\frac{v_i}{\omega_s} \right) \right]^{-1} p(\eta),$$

where $p(\eta) = \dfrac{\left(\dfrac{\nu_i}{\omega_s}\right)^2 \eta}{\left(\eta^2 - 1\right)^2 + \left(\dfrac{\nu_i}{\omega_s}\right)^2 \eta^2}$ **and** $\eta = \dfrac{v_0}{c_s} + \dfrac{\omega_i}{\omega_s}.$

- **The simulation code SAGE is used to provide the profiles of the plasma parameters over which the above equations are integrated.**

[1] C. J. Randall, J. A. Albritton, and J. J. Thomson, Phys. Fluids 24, 1474 (1981).

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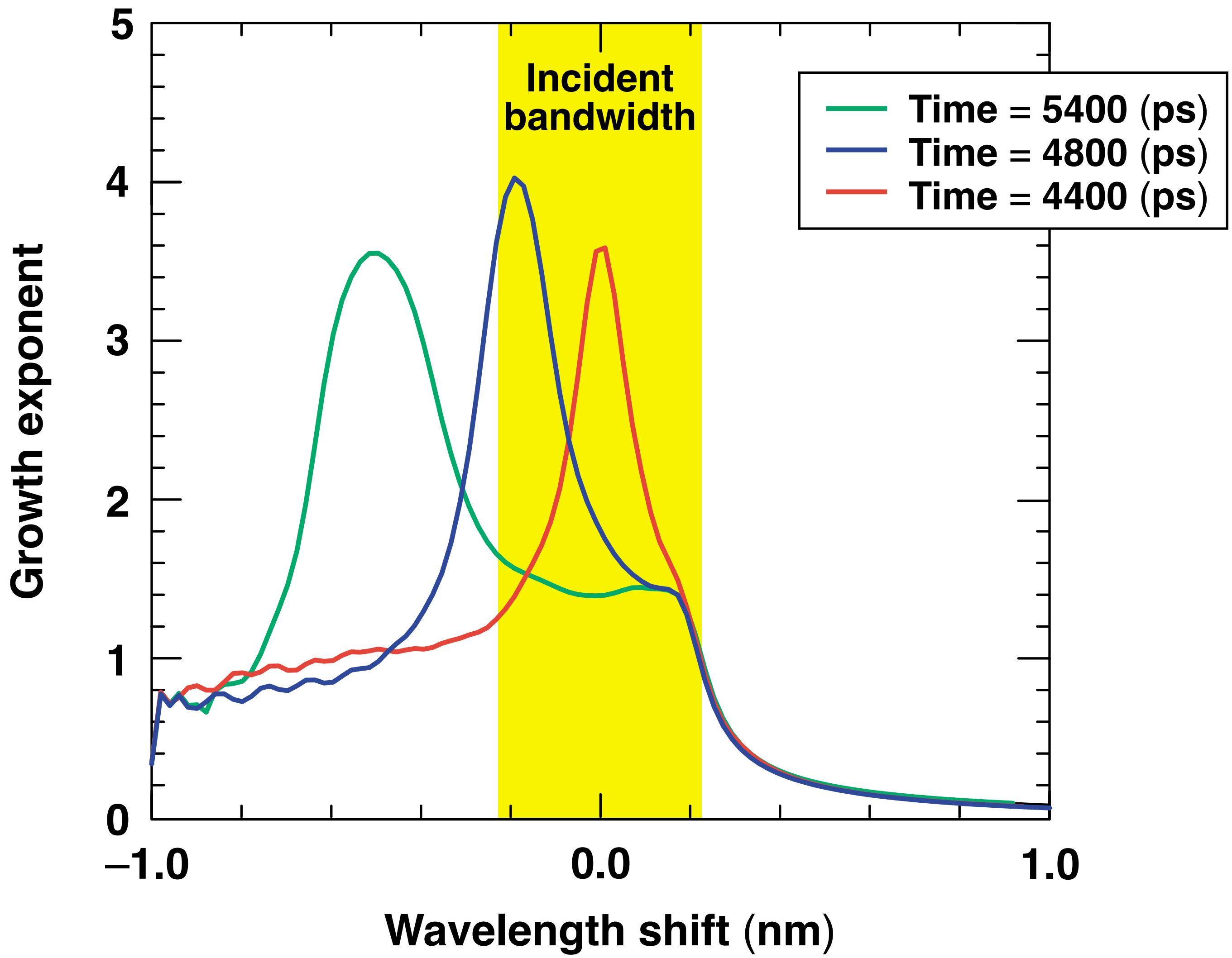
The peak computed gain as a function of wavelength agrees well with "blue" feature



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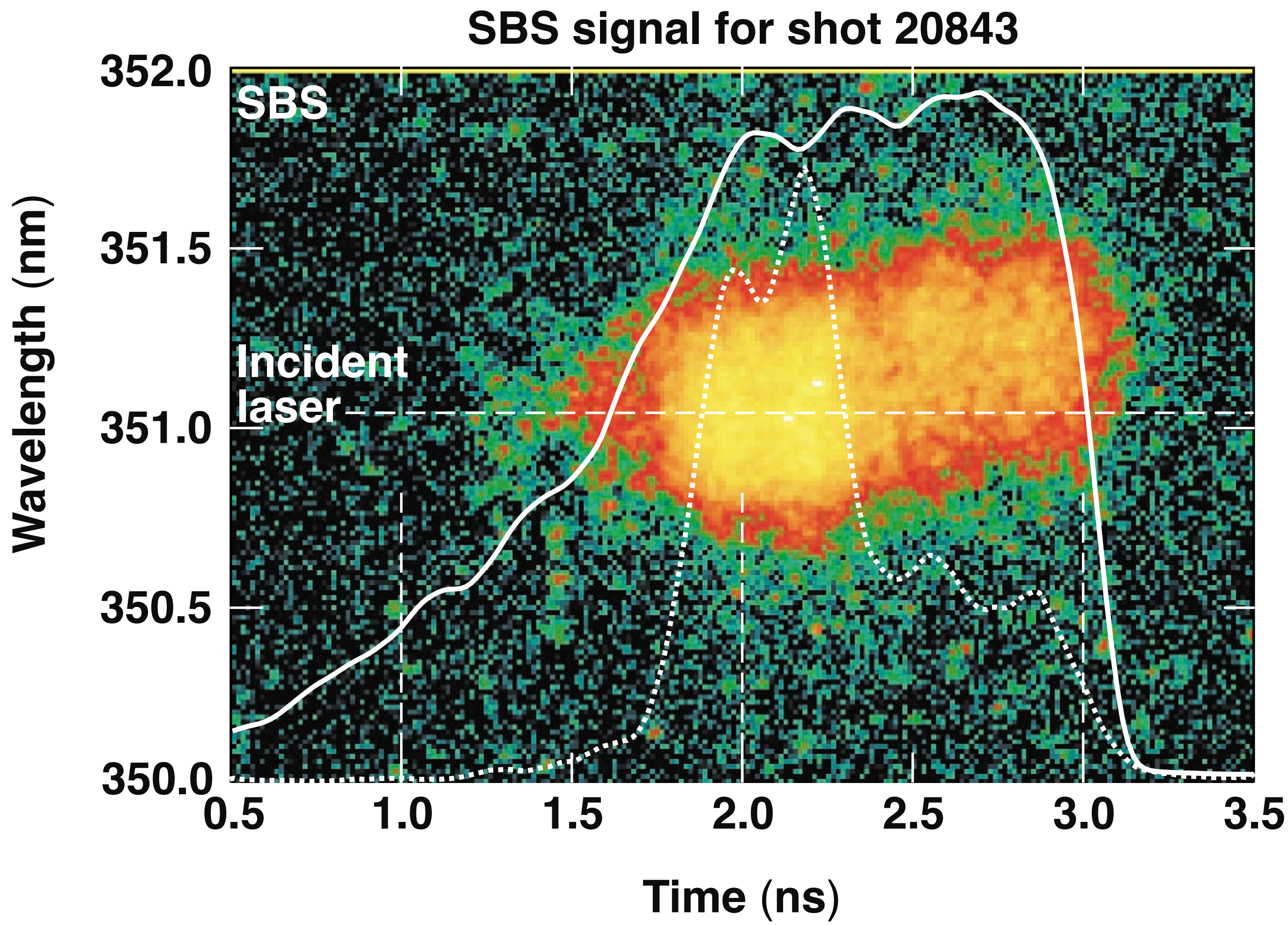
The present model does not account for some observed features of the SBS emission

- Levels of the “red” feature lie below those expected from simple inverse bremsstrahlung absorption.
- The increasing red shift at later times is not accounted for by the SBS gain factor or the bulk hydro motion.
- These phenomena may result from hot-spot behavior near critical, e.g., enhanced localized absorption and Doppler shift.

Even at lower intensities the time history of the red feature suggests SBS rather than simple reflection



$I_{peak} = 1.7 \times 10^{14}$ W/cm^2

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