

# Advanced seeding techniques

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*FERMI data presented on behalf of the FERMI commissioning TEAM*



# Startup – Seeded FEL amplifier

FEL integral equation starting from a pre-modulated beam\*

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} a(\tau) = -2\pi g_0 b_1 e^{-i\nu_0 \tau} - i\pi g_0 b_2 e^{-2i\nu_0 \tau} \int_0^\tau d\xi \xi e^{i\nu_0 \xi} a^*(\tau - \xi) + i\pi g_0 \int_0^\tau d\xi \xi e^{-i\nu_0 \xi} a(\tau - \xi)$$

Shot noise, spontaneous emission  
(or emission from a pre bunched  
beam)

Negligible at startup  
(prop. to field a & b<sub>2</sub>)

High gain  
growing roots

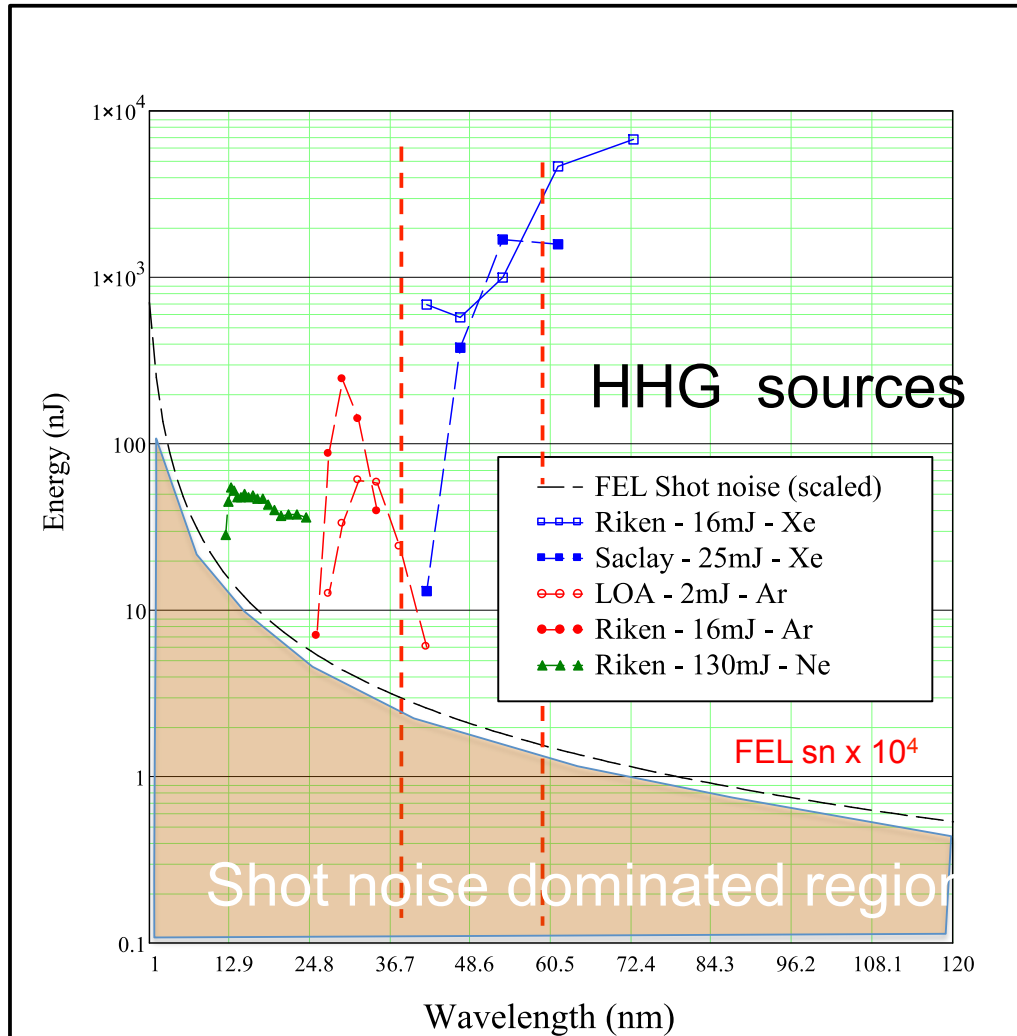
Comparing the first and third term we  
find an intensity level corresponding to e-  
shot noise

$$I_{sn} \approx 3 \omega \gamma m_0 c^2 \rho_{fel}^2$$

$\omega$  resonant frequency  
 $\gamma m_0 c^2$  e-beam energy  
 $\rho_{fel}$  FEL parameter

\*G. Dattoli et al. Phys. Rev. E 49 (1994) a,  $\xi$ ,  $\nu$  coordinates in Colson's notation,  $b_1, b_2$  1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> bunching coeffs

# Direct seeding an amplifier: the seed power required to overcome the shot noise scale with the inverse of the wavelength



- data from B. Carré, Colloque AEC - Slicing, Paris 2004
- Estimate includes transport and matching to e-beam – Seeded FELs Workshop, Frascati 10-12 (2008)

LETTERS

Injection of harmonics generated in gas in a free-electron laser providing intense and coherent extreme-ultraviolet light

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## FEL EXPERIMENTS AT SPARC: SEEDING WITH HARMONICS GENERATED IN GAS

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## Extreme ultraviolet free electron laser seeded with high-order harmonic of Ti:sapphire laser

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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## Generation of Coherent 19- and 38-nm Radiation at a Free-Electron Laser Directly Seeded at 38 nm

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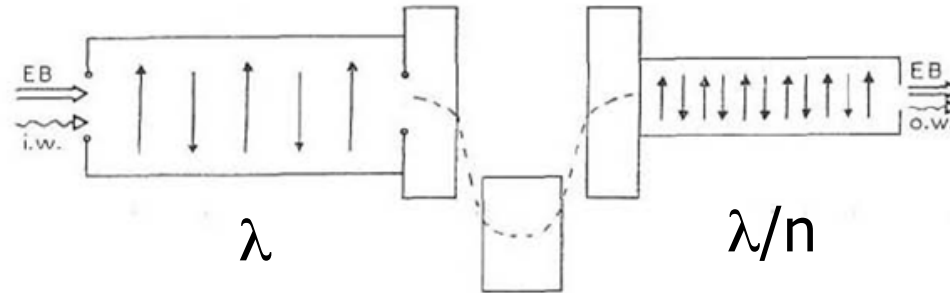
# The FEL as an “harmonic converter”

*I. Boscolo, V. Stagno, Il Nuovo Cimento 58, 271 (1980)*

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MODULATOR

RADIATOR



Single Pass FEL

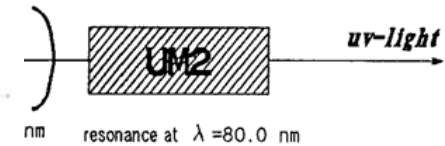
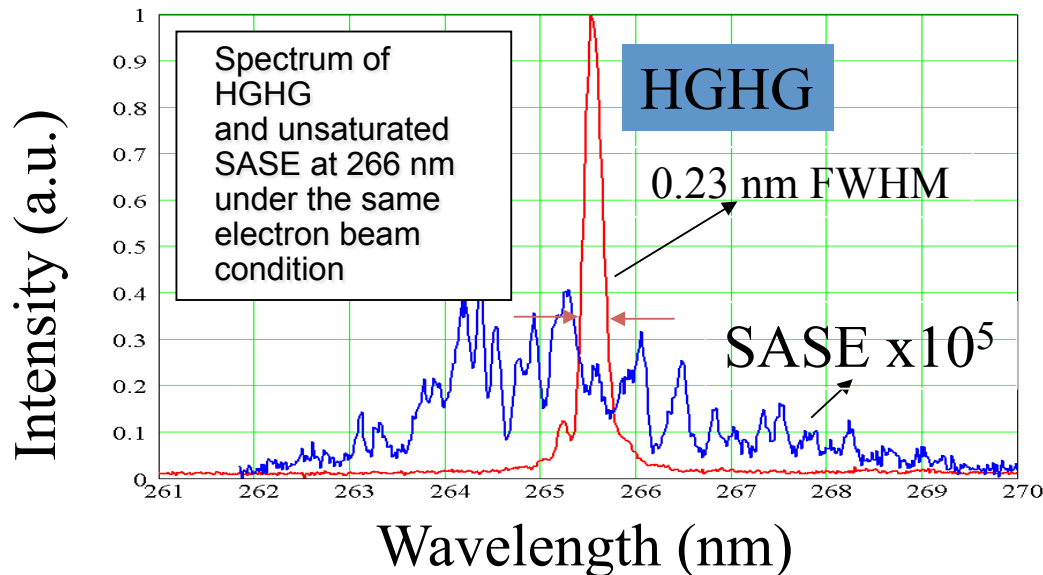


Fig. 1. -- Scheme of the converter: EB electron beam, i.w. input wave, o.w. output wave.

Conversion 800nm -> 266nm



## Milestones

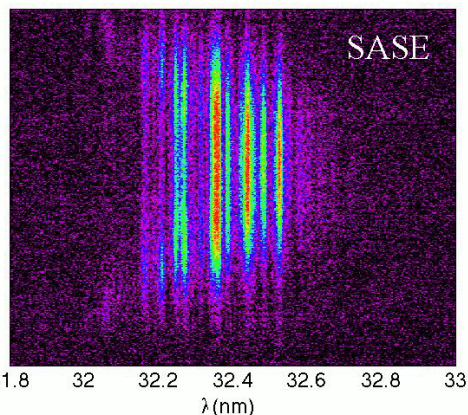
HGHG Experiment

*L. H. Yu et al. Science 289 (2000)*

UV HGHG Experiment

*L. H. Yu et al. PRL 91 (2003)*

# FERMI and Elettra



**ELETTRA Synchrotron Light Source:**  
up to 2.4 GeV, top-up mode,  
~800 proposals from 40 countries every year

## FERMI FEL-1 & FEL-2 :

100nm to 4 nm  
High Gain Harmonic Generation FELs  
≈190 proposals from first four calls  
for experiments in 2012-2016

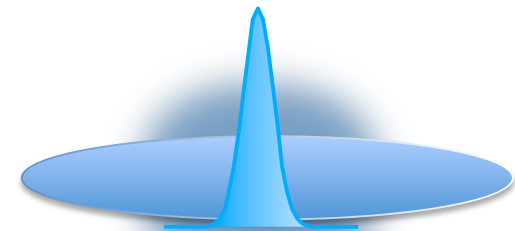
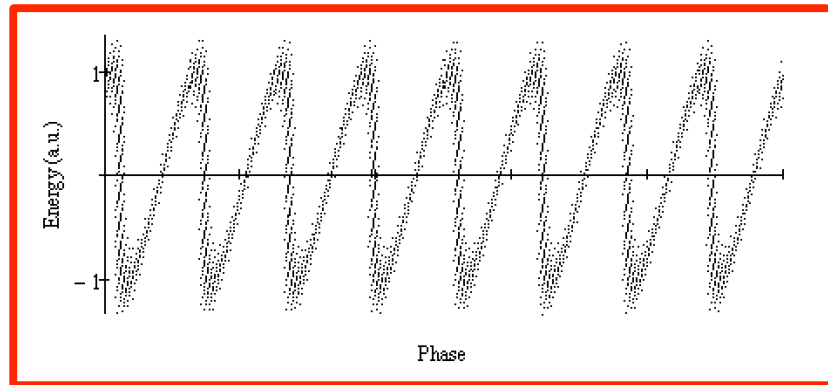
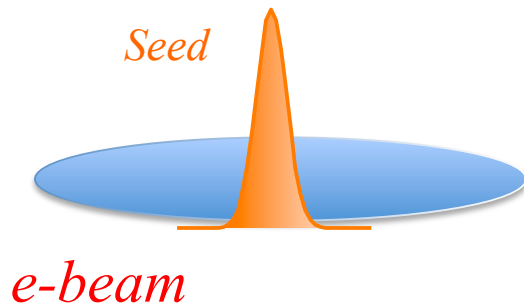
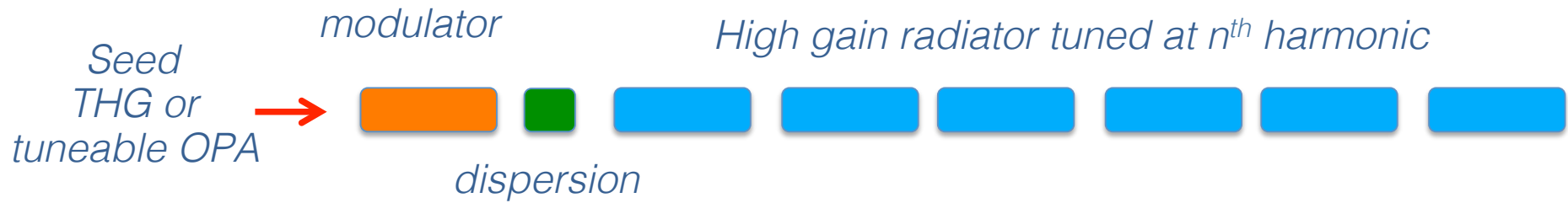
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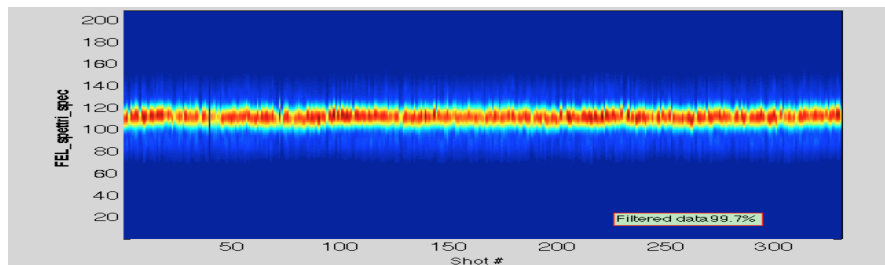
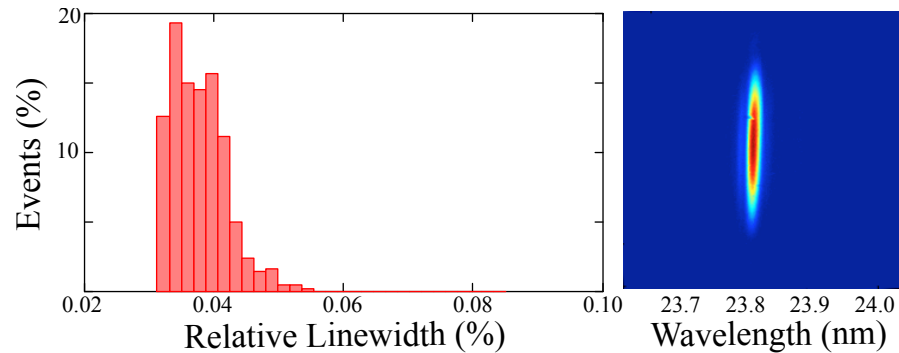
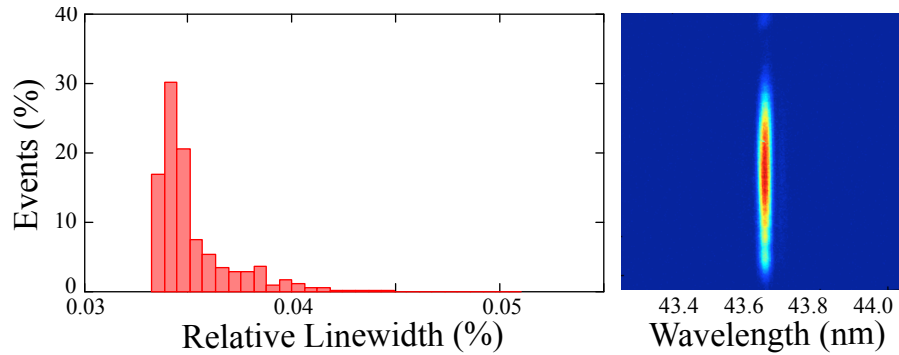
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# FEL-1 – HGHG FEL at work ...



**Modulated e-beam**

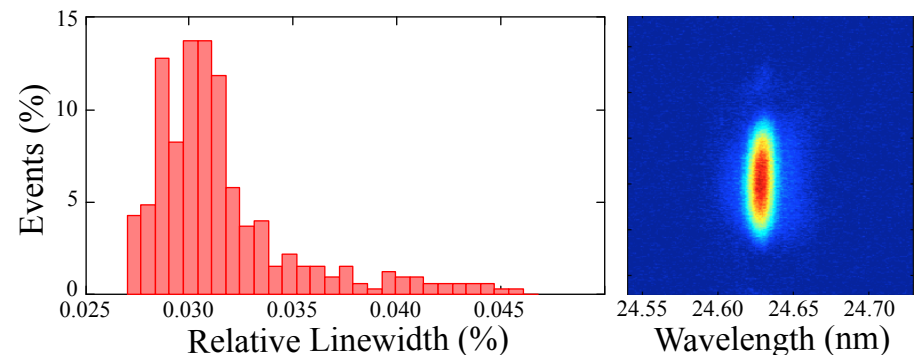
# FEL-1 Spectral properties



Seeded by the OPA laser at 245nm, the h14 delivers more than 10 uJ with good spectral properties.

The spectral properties can be preserved up to h13-h15 (h6 and h11 are shown in the pictures)

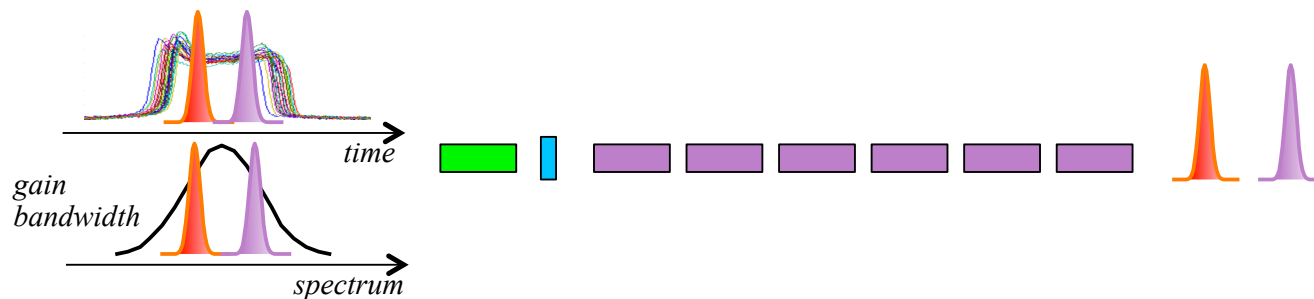
These sequences were acquired with the THG seed laser setup



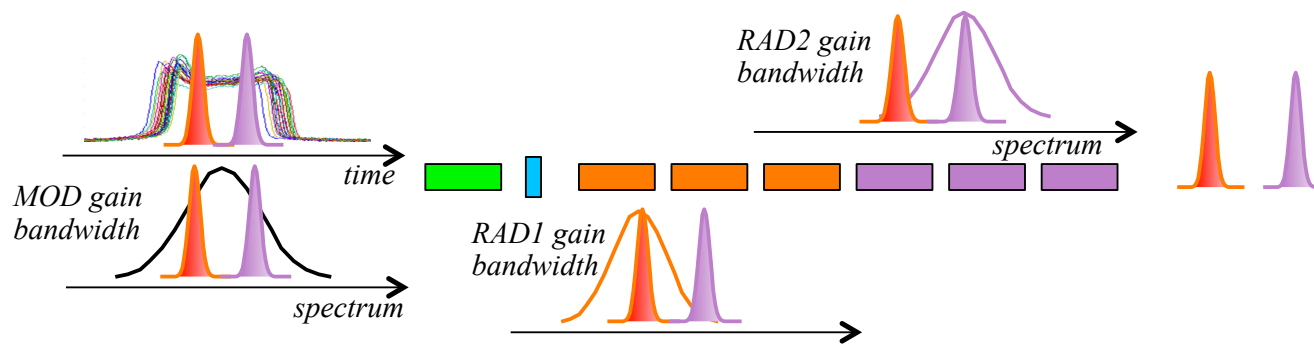
With the OPA laser system similar spectral quality can be obtained, with limitations mainly depending on the optical properties of the mirrors transporting the seed to the undulator

# FEL-1 – Multiple colour operation

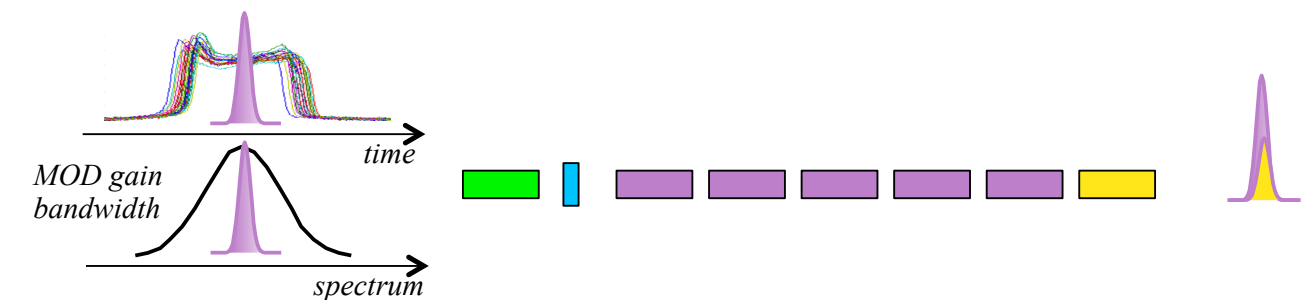
Multiple pulses can be generated by **double pulse seeding** in different ways, depending on the requirements on the output radiation. Temporal separation between **250-300 and 700-800 fs**. Shorter separations are accessible via FEL pulse splitting\*. Larger separations require the split & delay line.



Spectral separation 0.4-0.7%  
**Allaria et al., Nat. Comm., 2013**



Spectral separation 2-3%  
 or much larger if the two radiators are tuned at different harmonics  
**Ferrari et al., Nat. Comm, 2016**



Two (almost) temporally superimposed pulses at harmonic wavelengths of the seed. The two pulses are correlated in phase and the phase can be controlled with the phase shifter. **K. Prince et al. Nat. Phot., 2016**

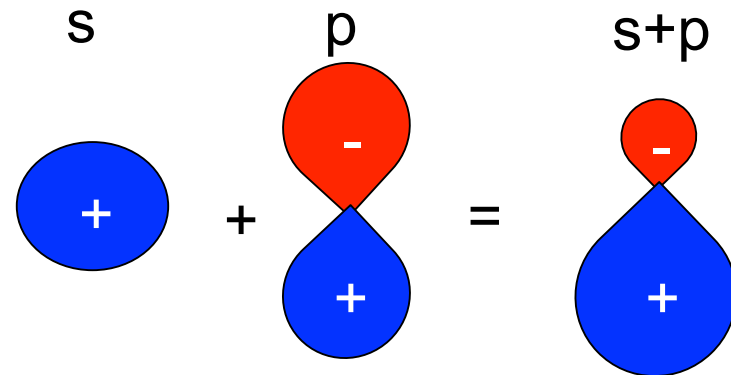
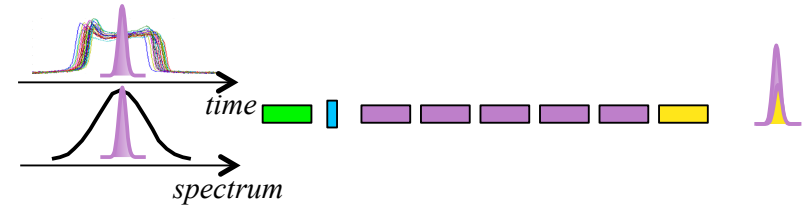
\* See e.g. Mahieu et al. *Optics Express* 21, 22728 (2013)



# FEL-1 - Multiple pulse configurations

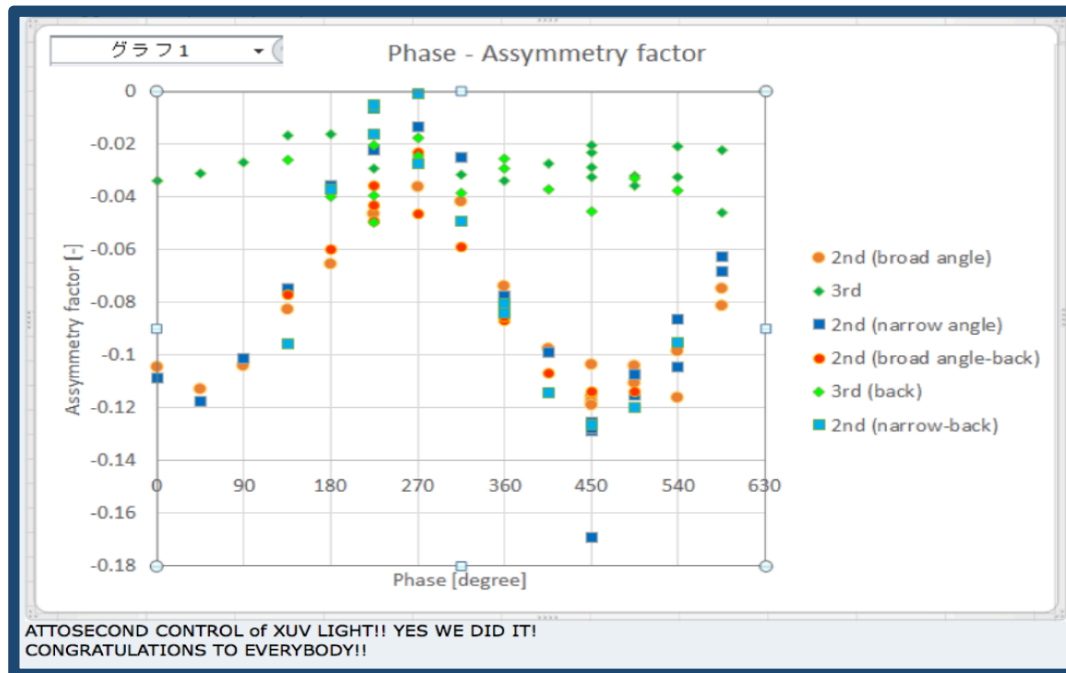
**K. Prince exp. Ne**, noble gas, has high first ionization potential. FERMI can be tuned below this threshold so the first harmonic does not ionize with a single photon. The second harmonic does. Ionization by two photons at FEL wavelength 63 nm (2p<sup>5</sup>4s resonance), and single photon at 31.5 nm. The two channels have different parity:

Velocity Map Imaging spectrometer installed on the Low Density Matter end-station



Interference = asymmetry

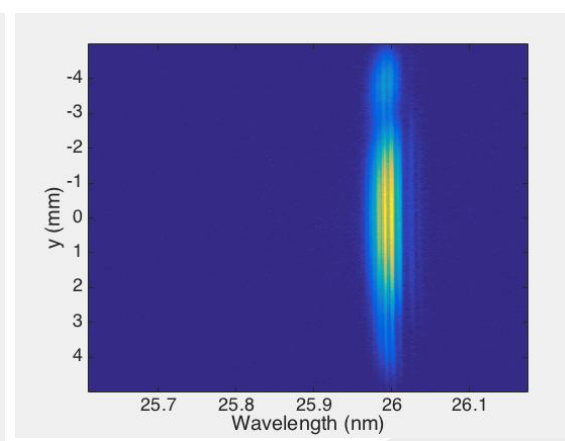
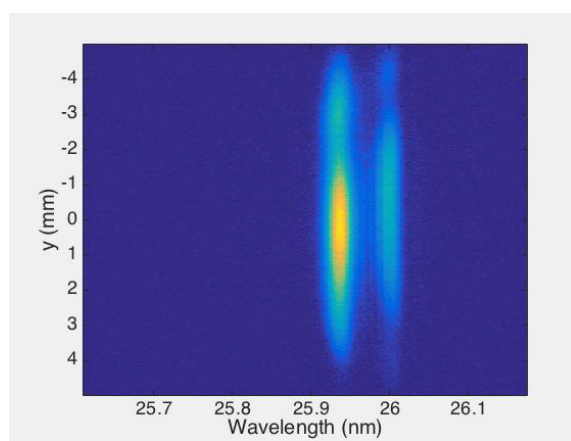
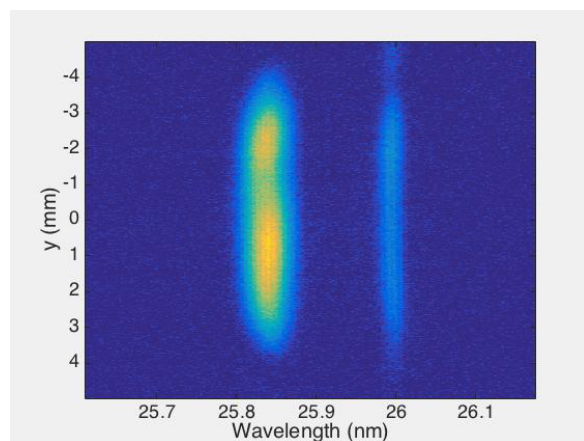
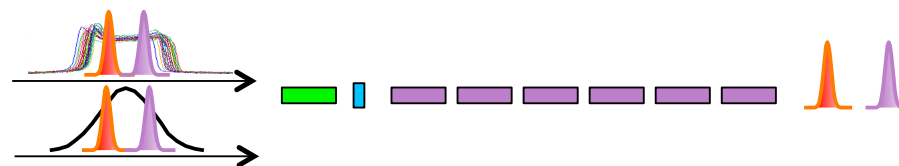
The asymmetry strongly depends on the relative phase between the two components of the fields.



(3.1 as rms resolution) Prince et al., Nat. Phot., submitted

# Double pulse operation

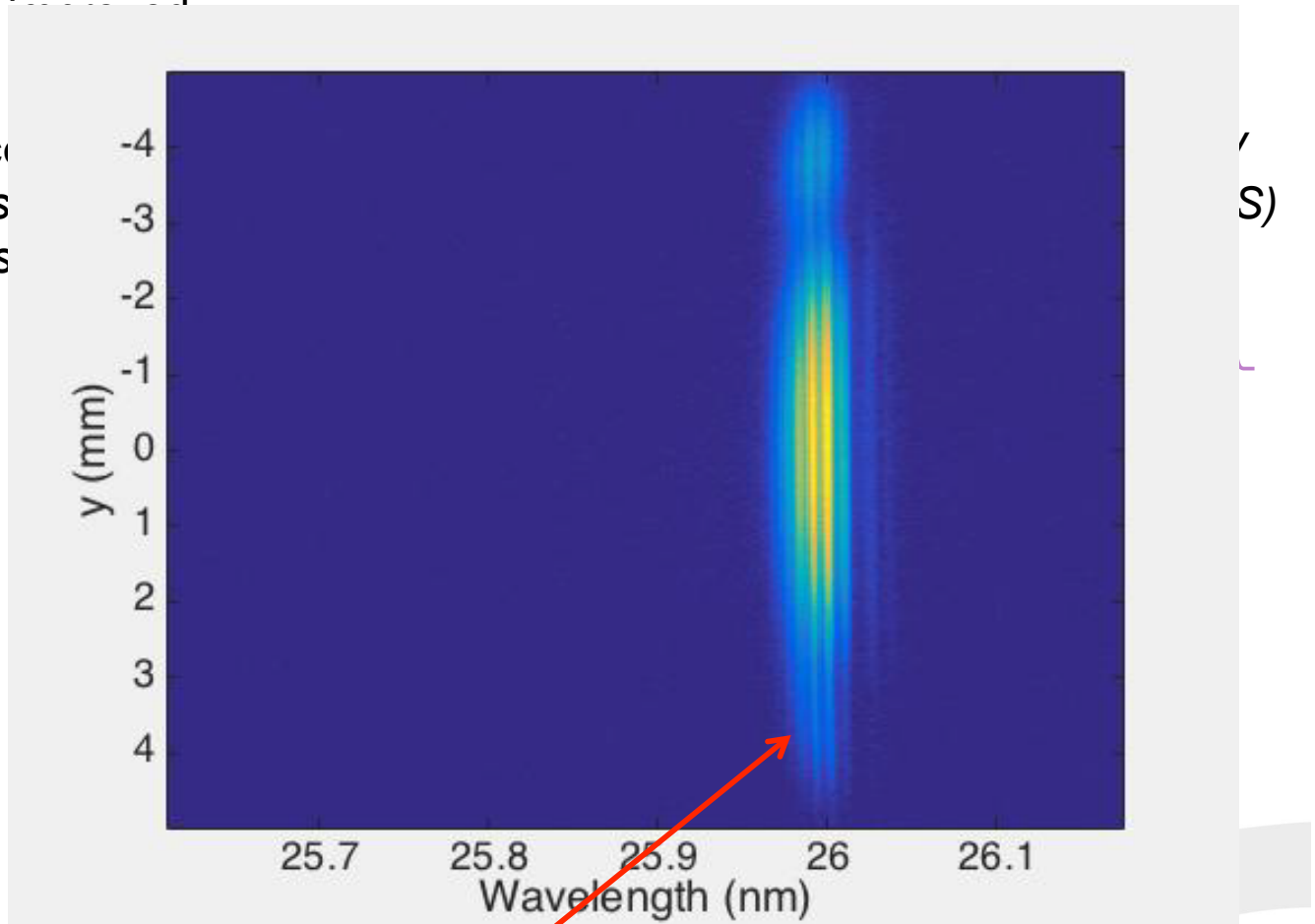
- ✓ Double pulse double color operation **toward a standard condition of FEL operation**. Laser system reliability and control improved.
- ✓ **FEL-based coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering spectroscopy - EUV**  
*transient gratings (TG) & First FEL-stimulated coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (CARS) experiment (BENCIVENGA)*



**The two pulses  $285 \pm 5$  fs constant temporal separation**

# Double pulse operation

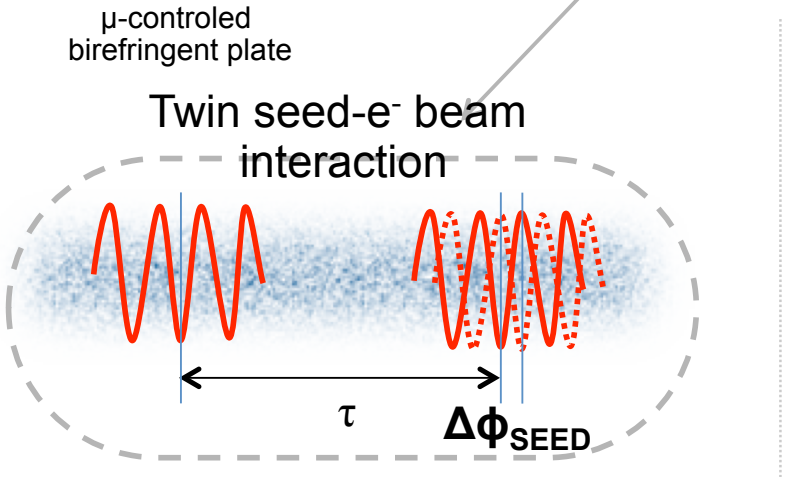
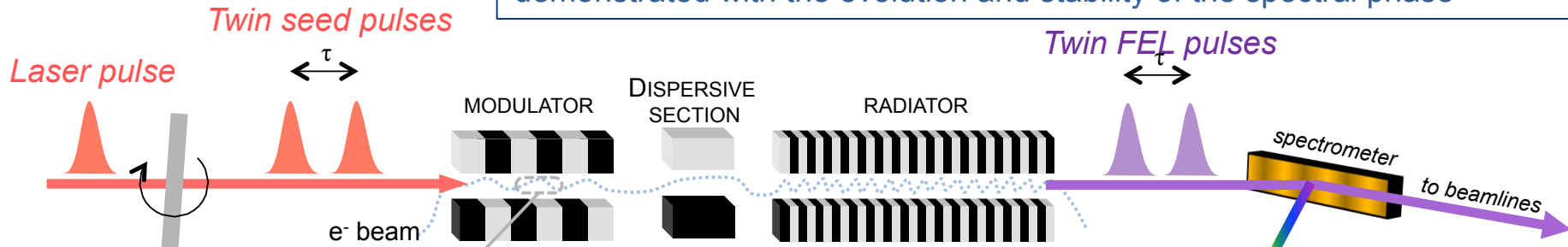
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- ✓ BENCIVENGA FEL-based *coherent transient gratings (TG) & First experiment (details in C. Mas...*



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No phase locking (OPA+THG seed).

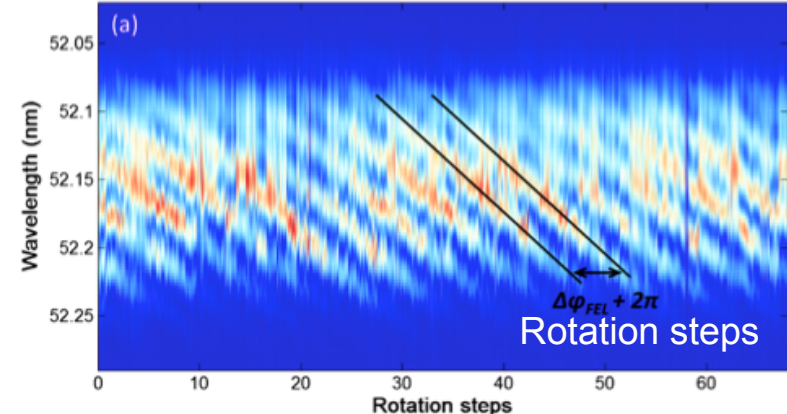
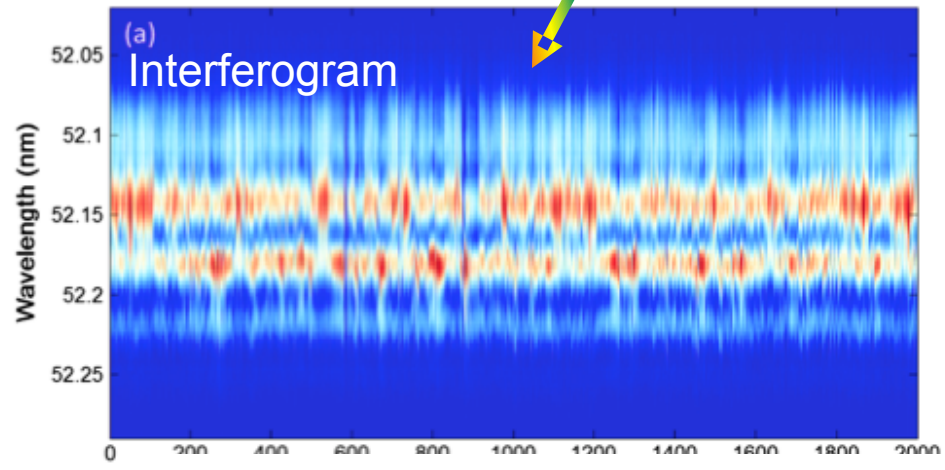
Two phase-locked seed pulses create two FEL pulses locked in phase. The relative phase control and stability between the two FEL pulses is demonstrated with the evolution and stability of the spectral phase



$\tau = 290\text{fs}$  and duration of the individual FEL pulse is about 70-80fs.

Rotation step:  $\Delta\phi_{\text{SEED}} = \lambda_{\text{SEED}}/28.33 \Rightarrow \Delta\phi_{\text{FEL}} = \lambda_{\text{FEL}}/5.67$  (harmonic 5) - Full range of 68 steps  $\Rightarrow$  12 time  $\lambda_{\text{FEL}}$   
 Each step correspond to 20 consecutive single-shot spectra.

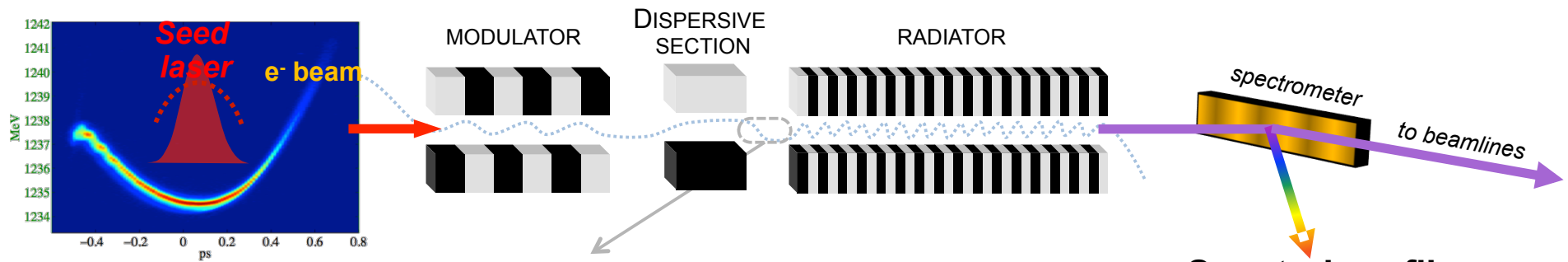
**Analysis of fringes gives rms phase stability of  $\lambda_{\text{FEL}}/10$**



# FEL pulse characterization & control

## Spectro-temporal shaping

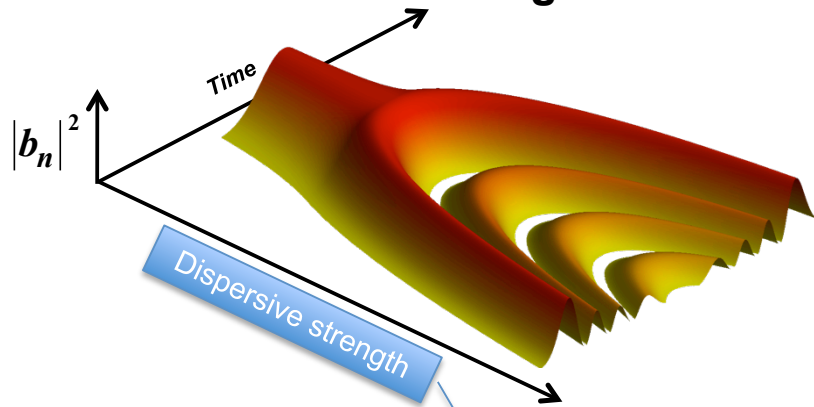
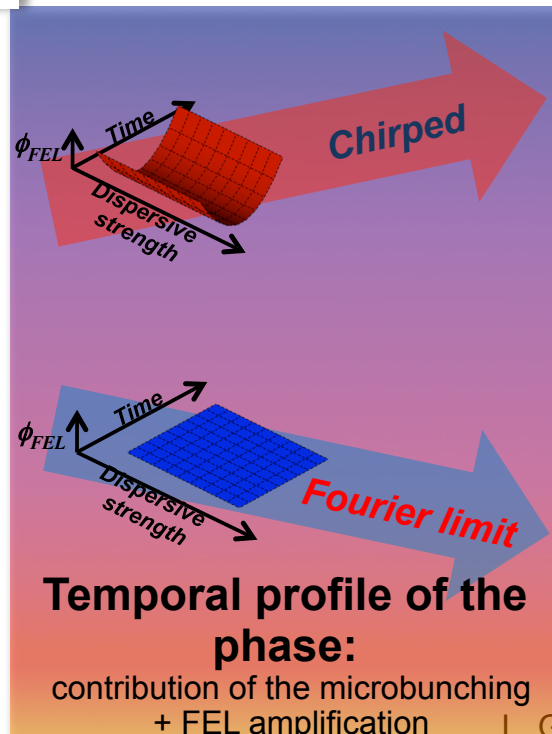
These beautiful pictures are prepared by  
D. Gauthier



$$b_n(t) = e^{-n^2 B^2 / 2} J_n[-nBA(t)] e^{in[\phi_s(t) + \phi_e(t)]}$$

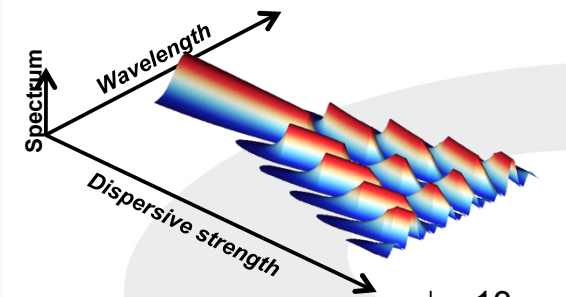
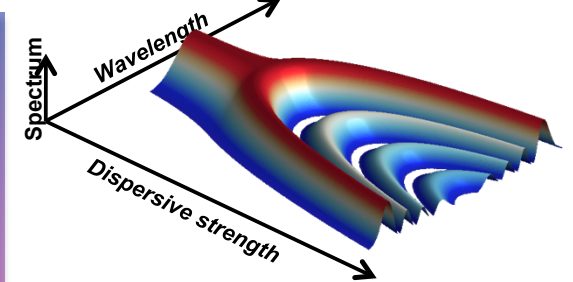
- seed envelope
- seed slowly varying phase
- e-beam phase from time-dependent energy profile

**Temporal profile of the microbunching**

The central diagram illustrates the **Temporal profile of the phase** in a 3D space defined by **Time**, **Dispersive strength**, and  **$\phi_{FEL}$** . It shows two profiles: a red one labeled **Chirped** and a blue one labeled **Fourier limit**. Below this, it states: **Temporal profile of the phase: contribution of the microbunching + FEL amplification**.

**Spectral profile of the FEL pulse**

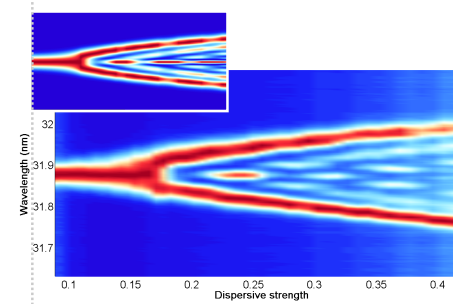
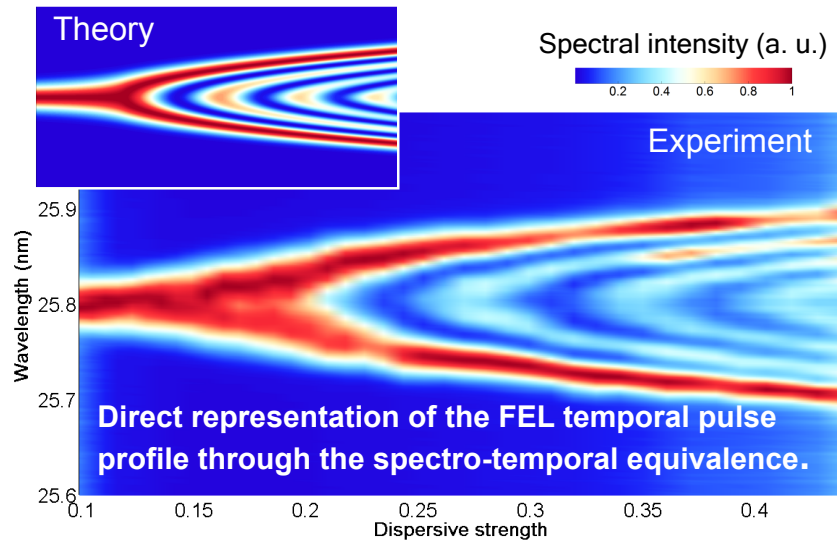


## Spectrotemporal Shaping of Seeded Free-Electron Laser Pulses

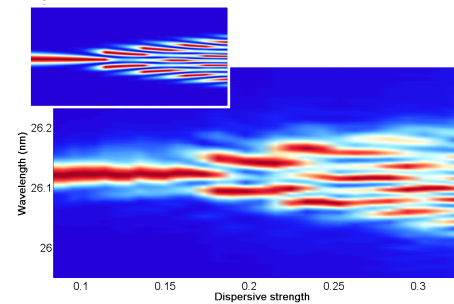
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Case 1: seed with strong linear frequency chirp  
=> **strong chirp on the FEL pulse**



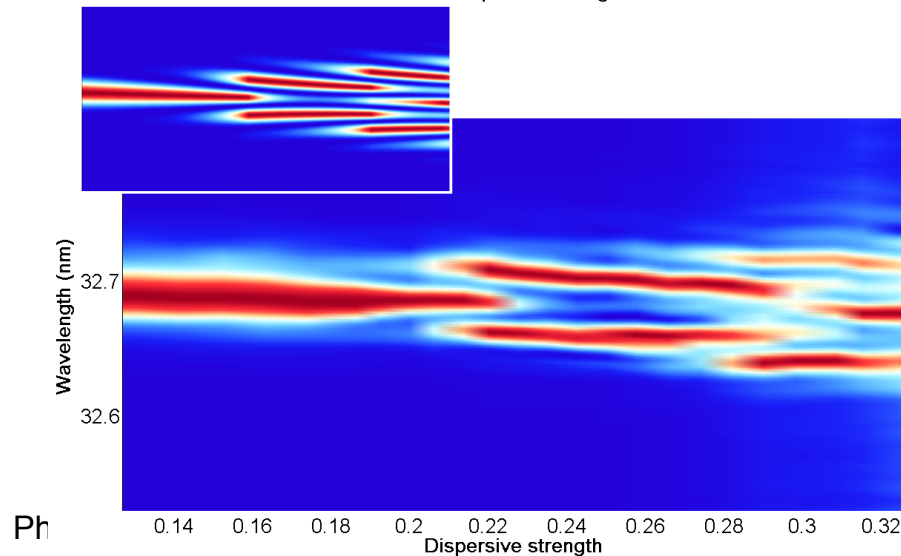
Case 2: intermediate positive chirp on the seed



Case 3: intermediate negative chirp on the seed

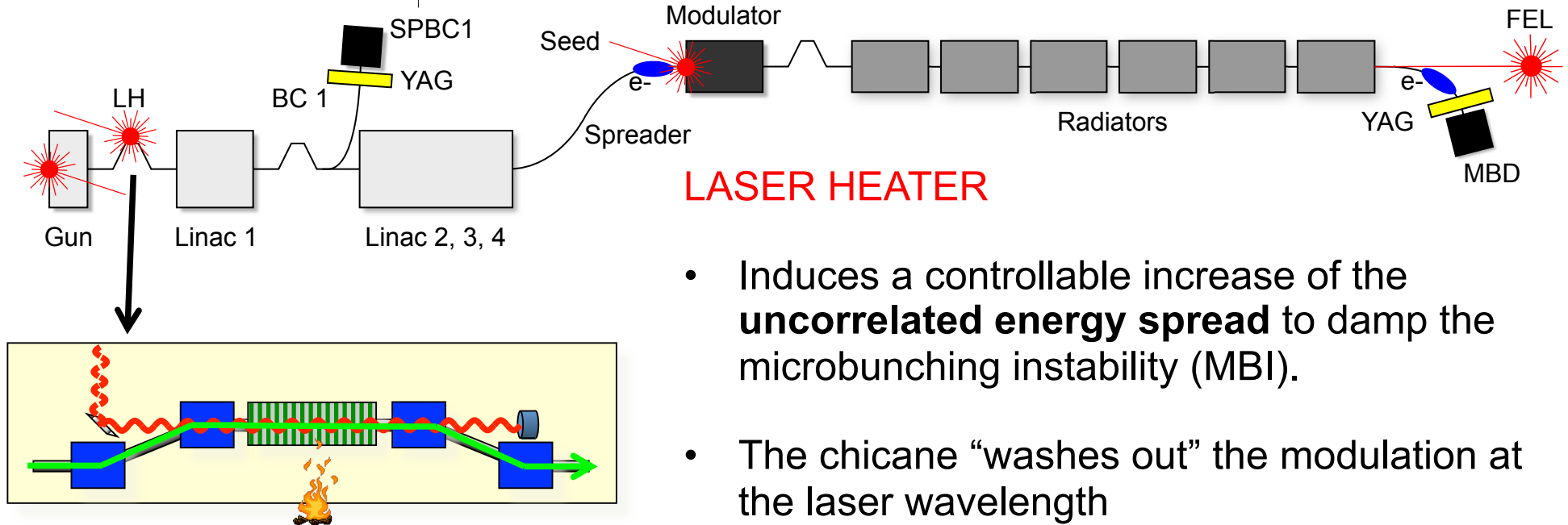
Case 4: moderate negative chirp on the seed  
**<=> chirp compensation**

**Possibility to compensate chirps from e-beam distribution and seed laser to generate Fourier transform limited pulses.**



# Seeded FEL → Seeded “LINAC”

## seeding the $\mu B$ instability

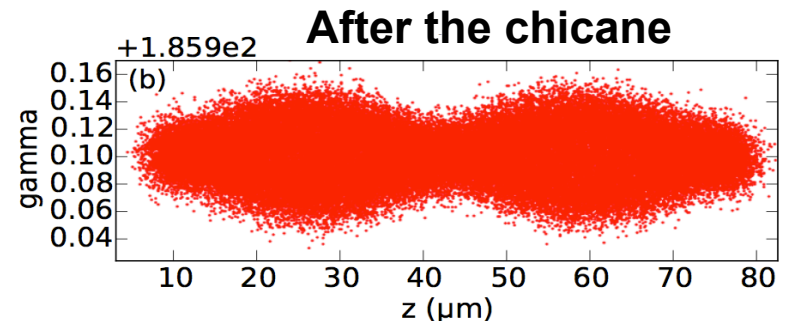
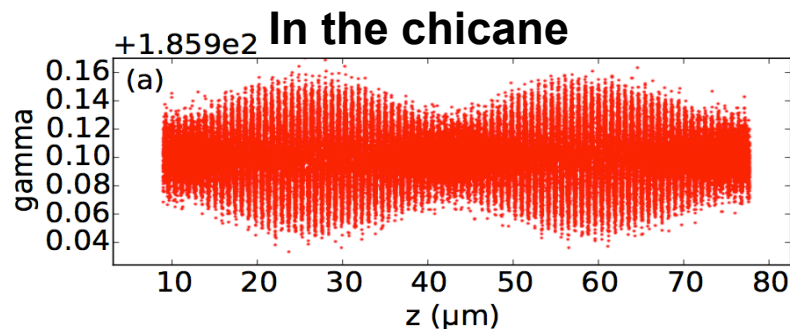


### LASER HEATER

- Induces a controllable increase of the **uncorrelated energy spread** to damp the microbunching instability (MBI).
- The chicane “washes out” the modulation at the laser wavelength

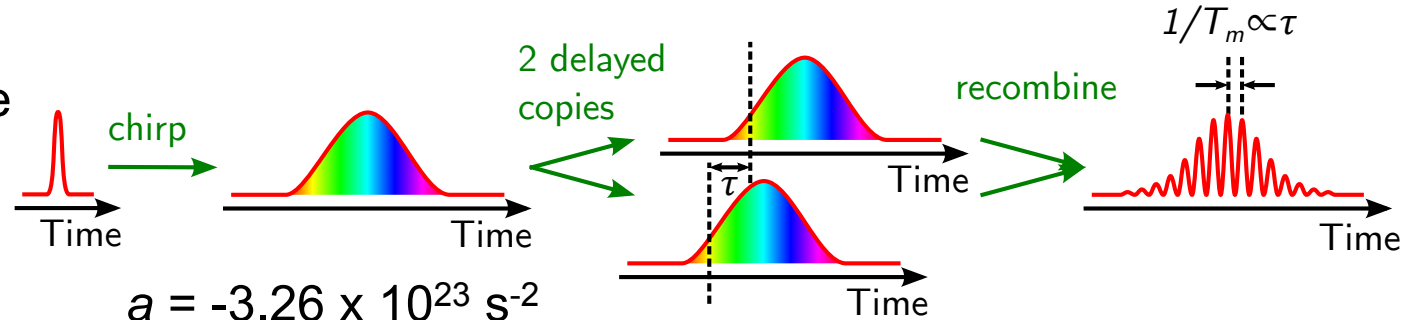
Smearing condition for LH chicane:  $2\pi |R_{52} \sigma_{x'}| \gg \lambda_{rad}$

For FERMI LH parameters  $2\pi |R_{52} \sigma_{x'}| = 4 \mu m$



# Frequency beating at LH

Double chirped pulse at the laser heater:



Laser linear chirp

$$a = -3.26 \times 10^{23} \text{ s}^{-2}$$

Measured time separation

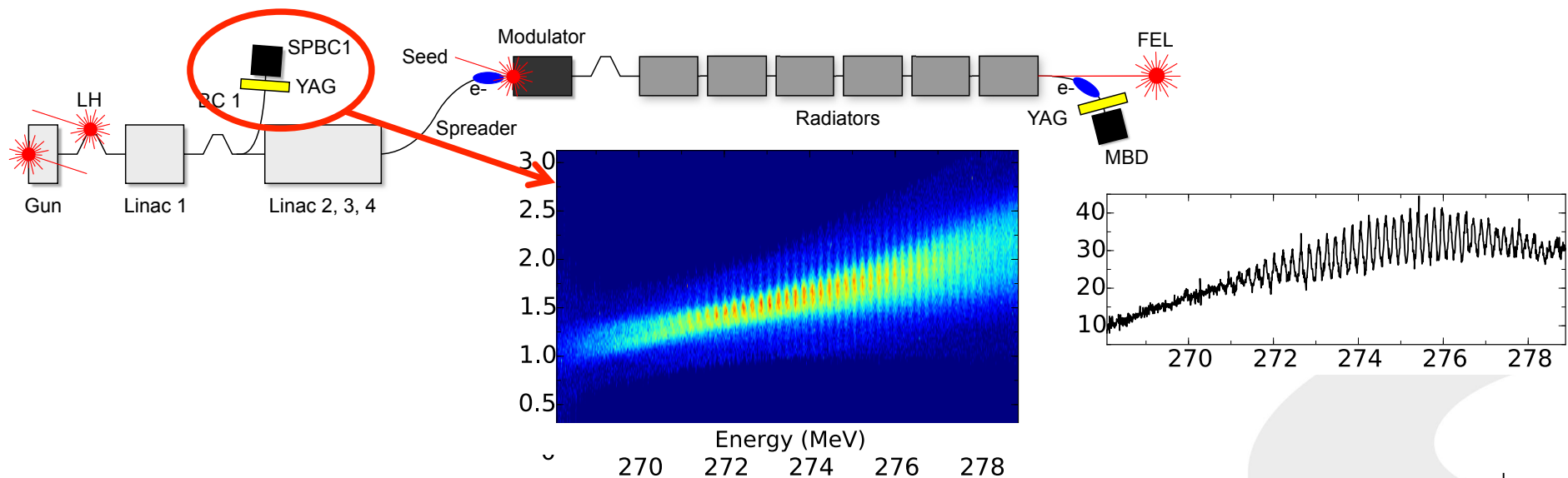
$$\tau = 28.2 \text{ ps}$$

Beating frequency: 9.2 THz

Beating wavelength  $\lambda_B = 32.6 \mu\text{m}$

$$\lambda_B \gg \lambda_{\text{cut-off}}$$

The beating can propagate downstream of the LH chicane

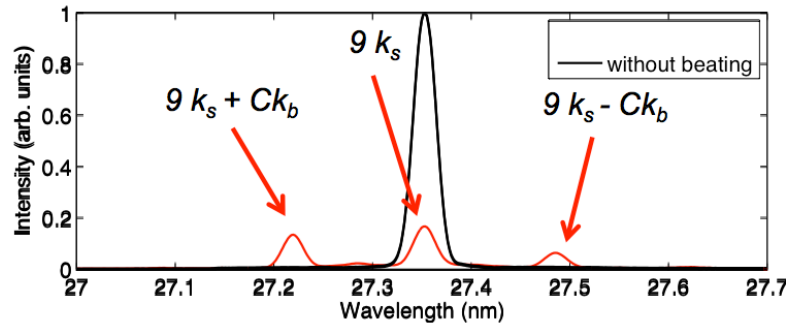




# Seeded FEL with pre-modulated beam

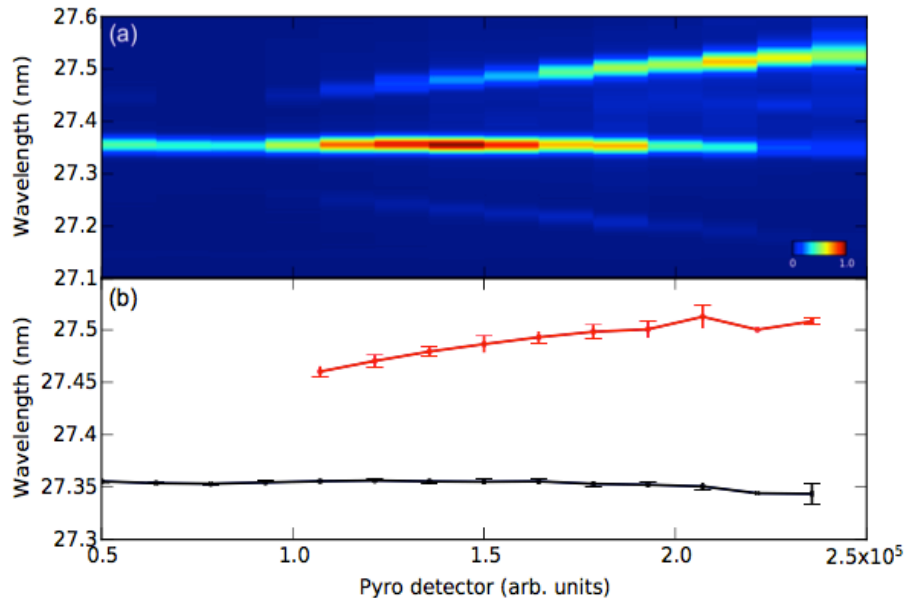
*E. Ferrari et al. PRL 2015*

After modulation the beam will have bunching content at  $k = nCk_B + mk_S$



$n, m$  integers  
 $C$  compression factor  
 $k_B$  beating wavenumber  
 $k_S$  seed wavenumber

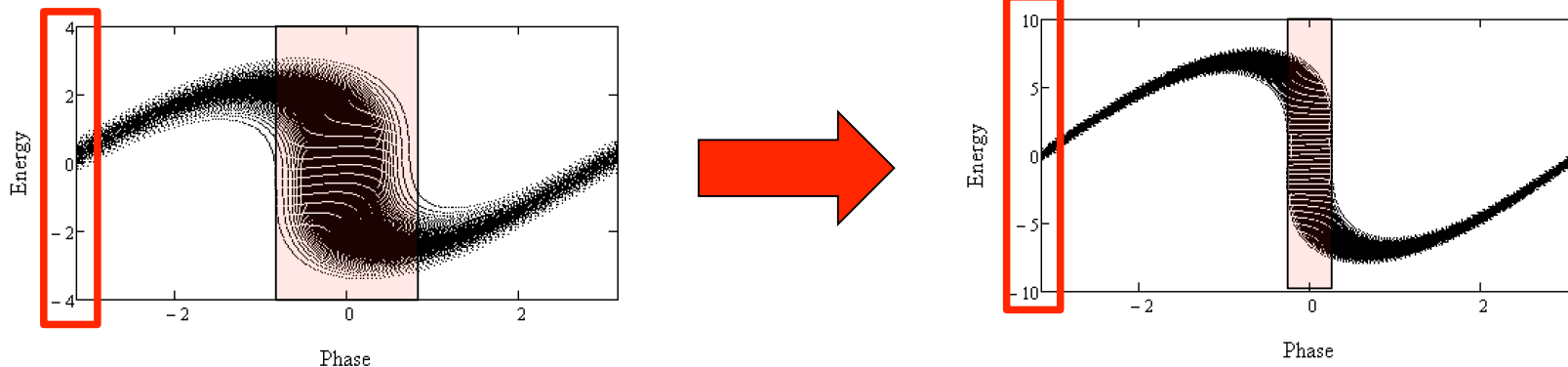
Measured spectrum: presence of **sidebands**



- ✓ Two color FEL pulses
- ✓ Wavelength tuning via compression factor or laser heater beating frequency
- ✓ Wavelength which are not integer harmonics of the seed can be generated

# High harmonic conversion and the energy spread budget

Virtually any harmonic order can be obtained by increasing the seed power ... at a cost of an increased energy spread



Required energy spread in order to bunch at the  $n^{\text{th}}$  harmonic (Liouville's theorem)

Condition to ensure high gain growth in final radiator

$$\sigma_{induced} \approx 2n\sigma_{initial}$$

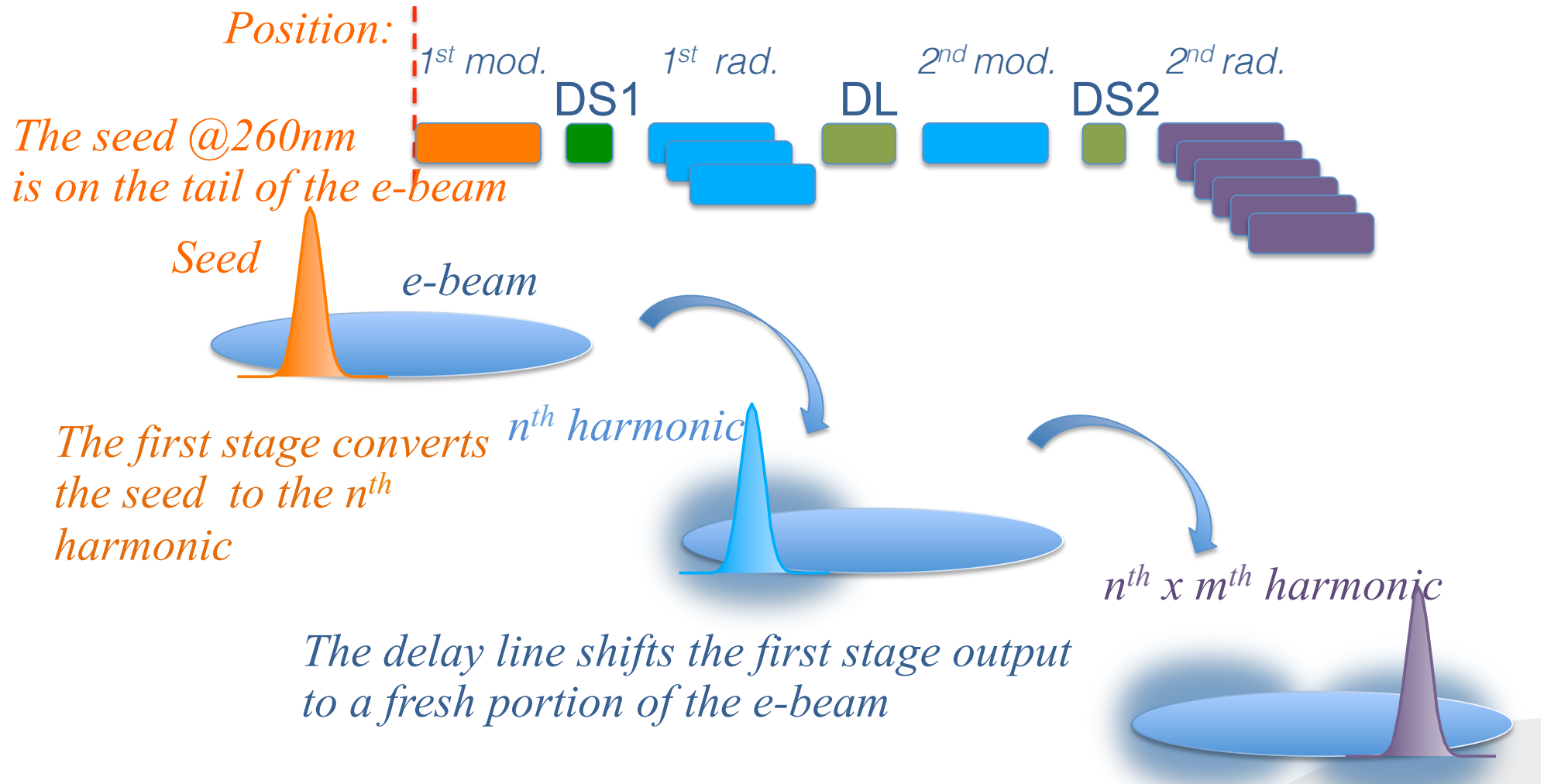
$$n < \frac{rho}{\sigma}$$

Ideas:

- Fresh bunch injection technique, *L. H. Yu, I. Ben-Zvi, NIM 1993*
- Echo Enabled harmonic generation, *G. Stupakov, PRL, 2009*
- Non Gaussian energy spread distrib., *E. Ferrari et al., PRL, 2014*
- Energy spread removal by space charge, *E. Hemsing et al., PRL 2014*
- Phase merging in TGU undulator, *H. Deng and C. Feng PRL (2013)*
- ...

# FEL-2 in Fresh Bunch Inj. Technique

double stage cascade *E. Allaria et al. Nat. Phot. 2013*

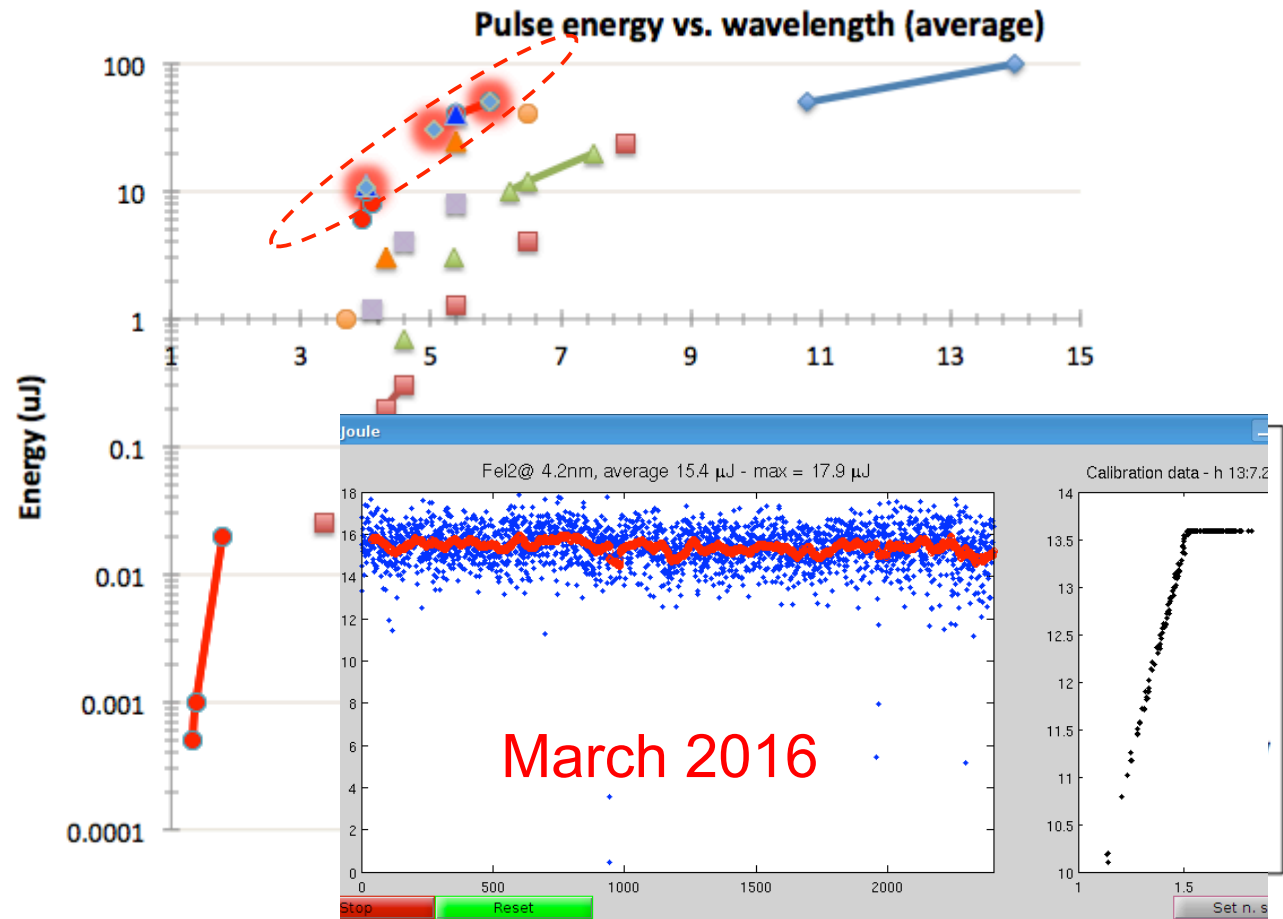
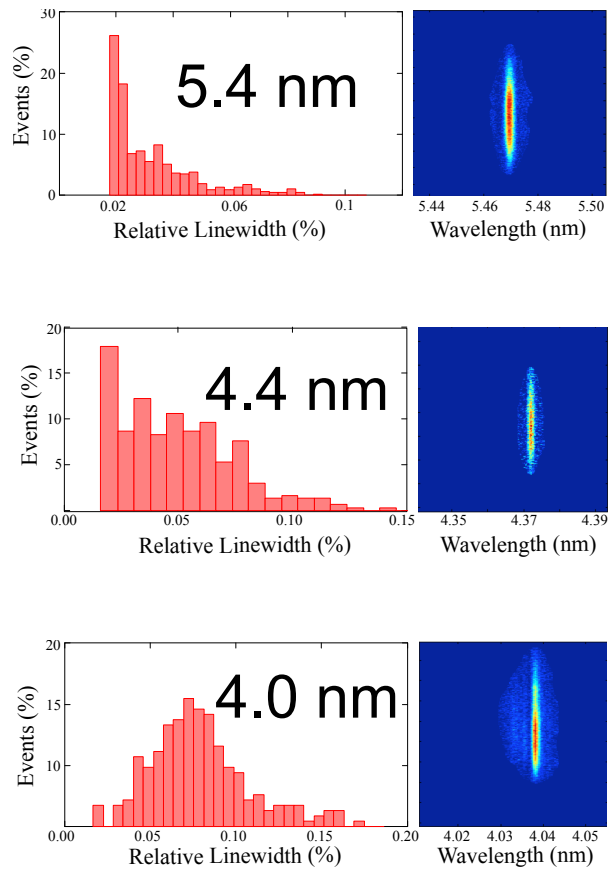


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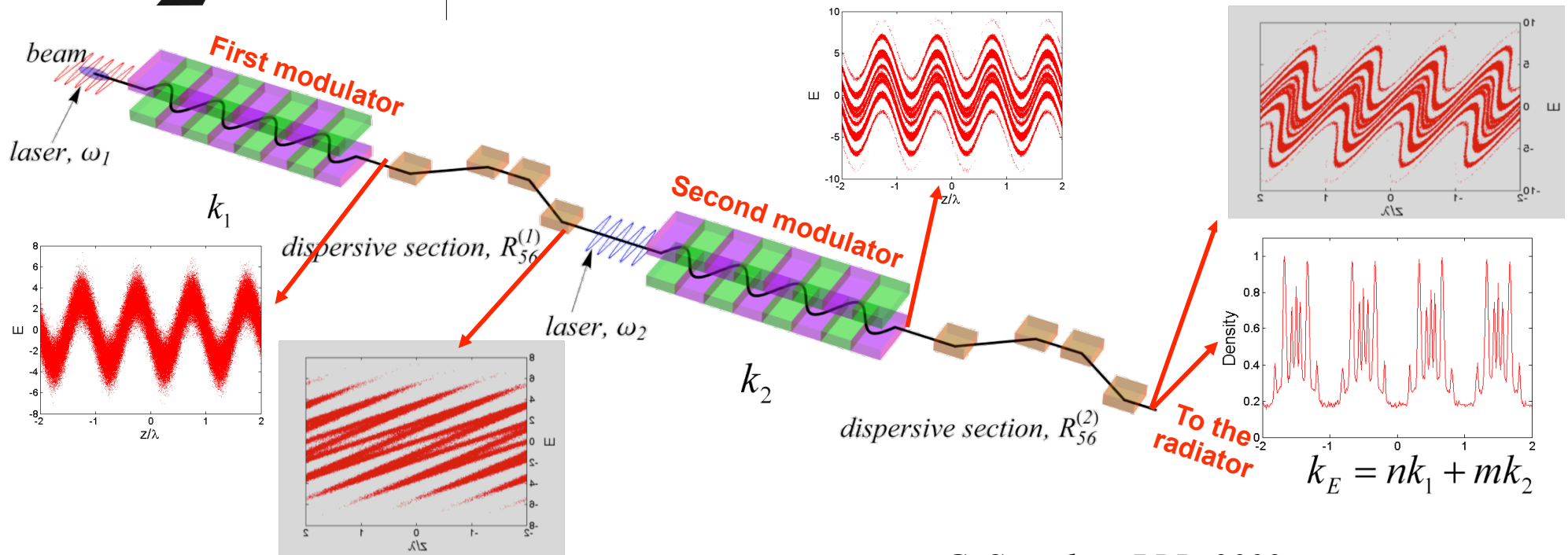
# FEL-2 - spectra vs wavelength

*E. Allaria et al. J. of Synch. Rad. 22, p.485 (2015)*

Single shot **spectra** measured down to **4 nm** and show **narrow linewidth** with an **energy per pulse** at shorter wavelengths larger than **10  $\mu\text{J}$**   
**(pictures from run 21 – Energy figures confirmed in 3/2015, run 23)**



# Echo Enabled Harmonic Generation



*G. Stupakov, PRL, 2009*

*D. Xiang, G. Stupakov, PRST-AB, 2009*

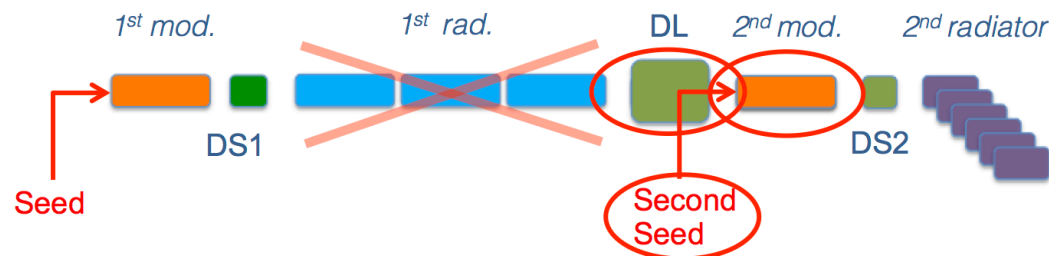
- A first laser generates energy modulation in electron beam.
- A strong chicane creates “energy” structures in the longitudinal phase space.
- A second laser imprints energy modulation.
- The second chicane converts energy modulation into harmonic density modulation.

## Enrico Allaria is coordinating an effort to implement an EEHG configuration at FERMI FEL-2

Preliminary studies on EEHG possibilities at FERMI were done during the design of FERMI in 2009, showing GW power levels at 4 nm.

*E. Allaria, G. De Ninno and D. Xiang, "Feasibility studies for single stage Echo-Enabled Harmonic in FERMI FEL-2", Proceedings of FEL09 MOPC02 (2009)*

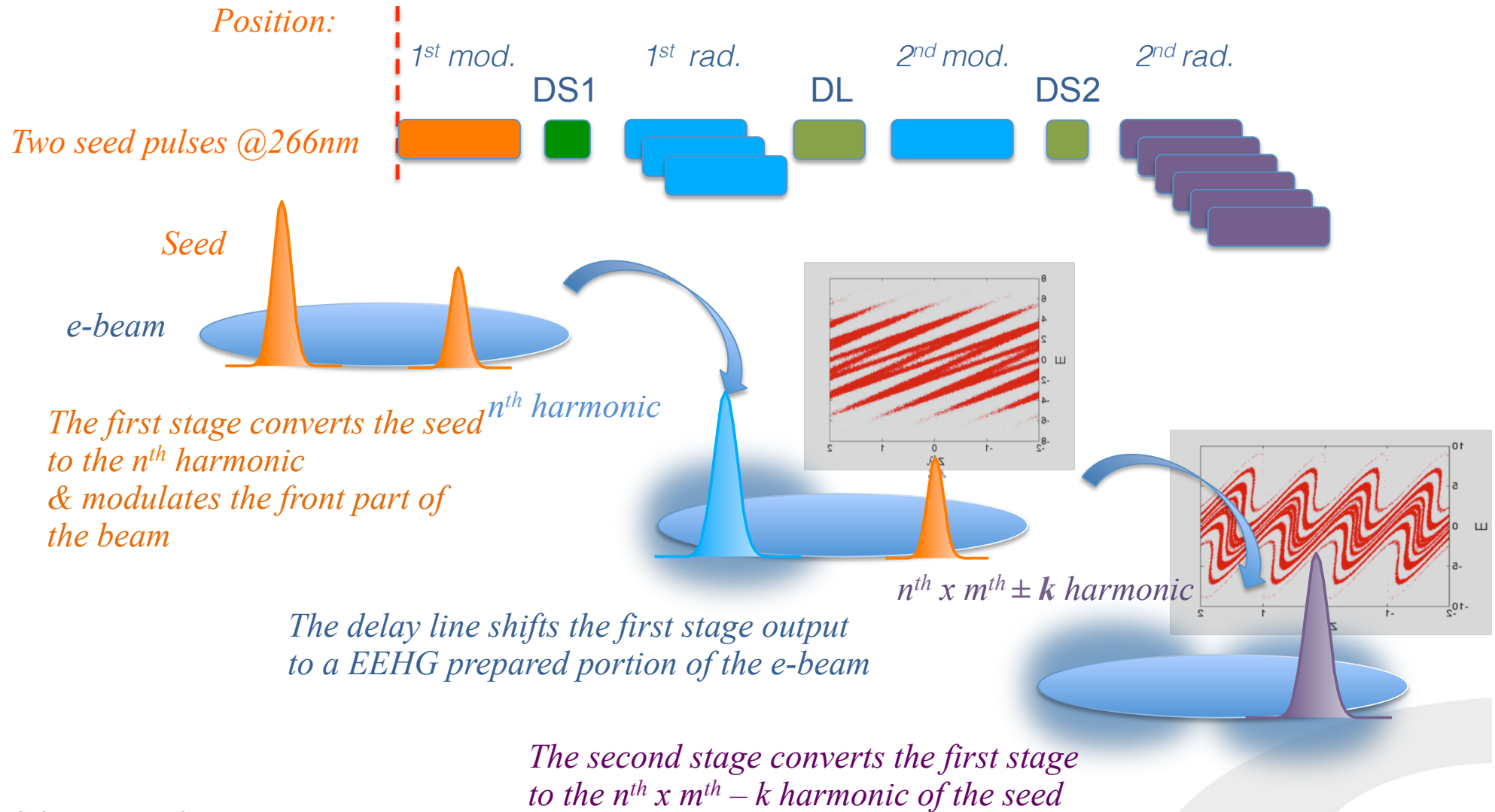
## Small changes in the layout of FEL-2 allow to implement an EEHG configuration.



### Advantages:

1. **EEHG single stage more stable than Double stage** configuration
2. **Less Sensitivity to energy spread and beam quality** in the second stage
3. **Less constraints on the maximum current** available
4. **Easier control** of the **pulse duration**
5. **Two color configurations as on FEL-1 possible**

# FEL-2 in ECHO-Fresh double stage cascade\*



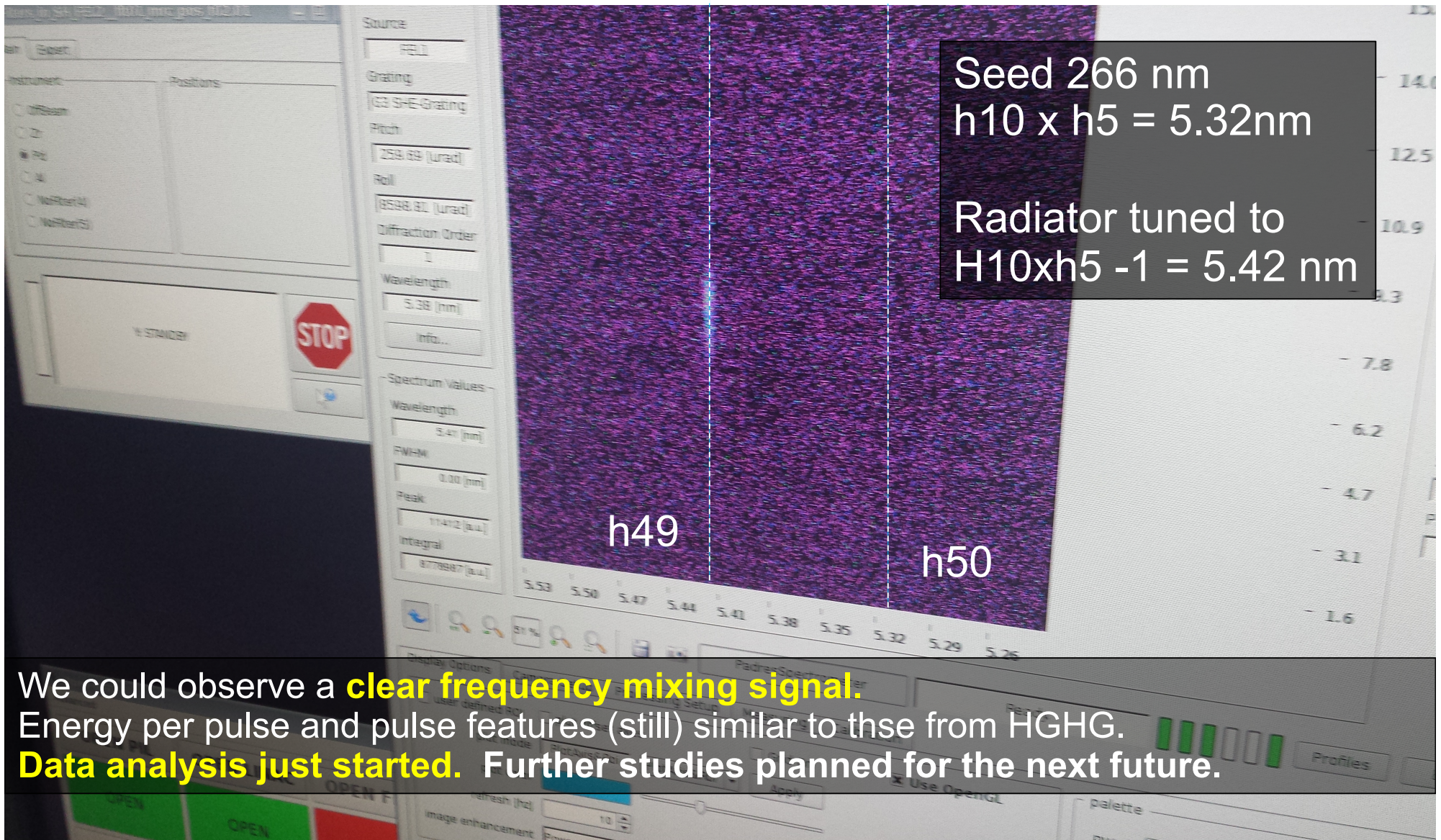
\* by B. Fawley

# First test last week





## ECHO-FRESH – first test last week



We could observe a **clear frequency mixing signal**.  
Energy per pulse and pulse features (still) similar to those from HGHG.  
**Data analysis just started.** Further studies planned for the next future.

## Conclusions

- ✓ “Seeding” was first introduced to shorten the gain length and improve longitudinal coherence of FEL amplifiers.
- ✓ A “seeded” FEL realizes a marriage between the accelerator and laser scientific communities, with methods typical of investigation of high intensity ultrashort pulses lasers applied to characterize and control the coherent FEL light
- ✓ The simple request of a “clean” spectrum is only the first step of the process. Now the possibility to control pulse shape/ phase/amplitude, generate multiple pulses with multiple colors is pushing to a higher level the expectations for a seeded FEL.
- ✓ The fertilization due to the close interaction with a strong user community is the key for the introduction of these new concepts.
- ✓ **This is what is happening at FERMI.**



Thank You