

# MODE LOCKED OPTICAL KLYSTRON CONFIGURATION IN AN FEL CAVITY RESONATOR

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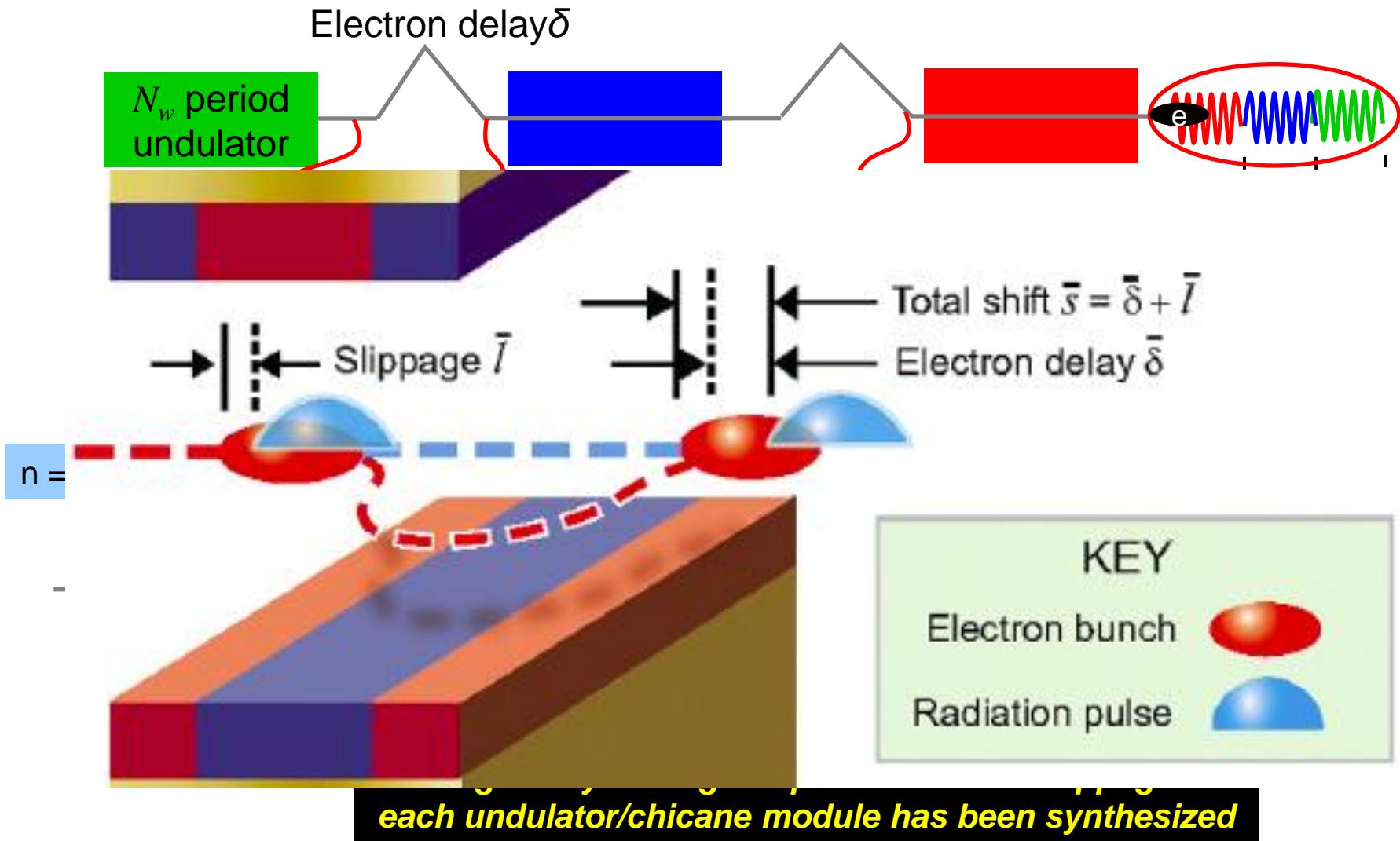
# Outline

- Mode Locked Optical Klystron - brief review
- Further development:  
MLOK in an cavity resonator
  - RAFEL *without* MLOK – interesting case of short electron pulse:  $l_b \sim l_c$
  - RAFEL with MLOK – short electron pulse
  - IR-FEL cavity resonator with MLOK
- Conclusions

# Mode Locked Optical Klystron – brief review

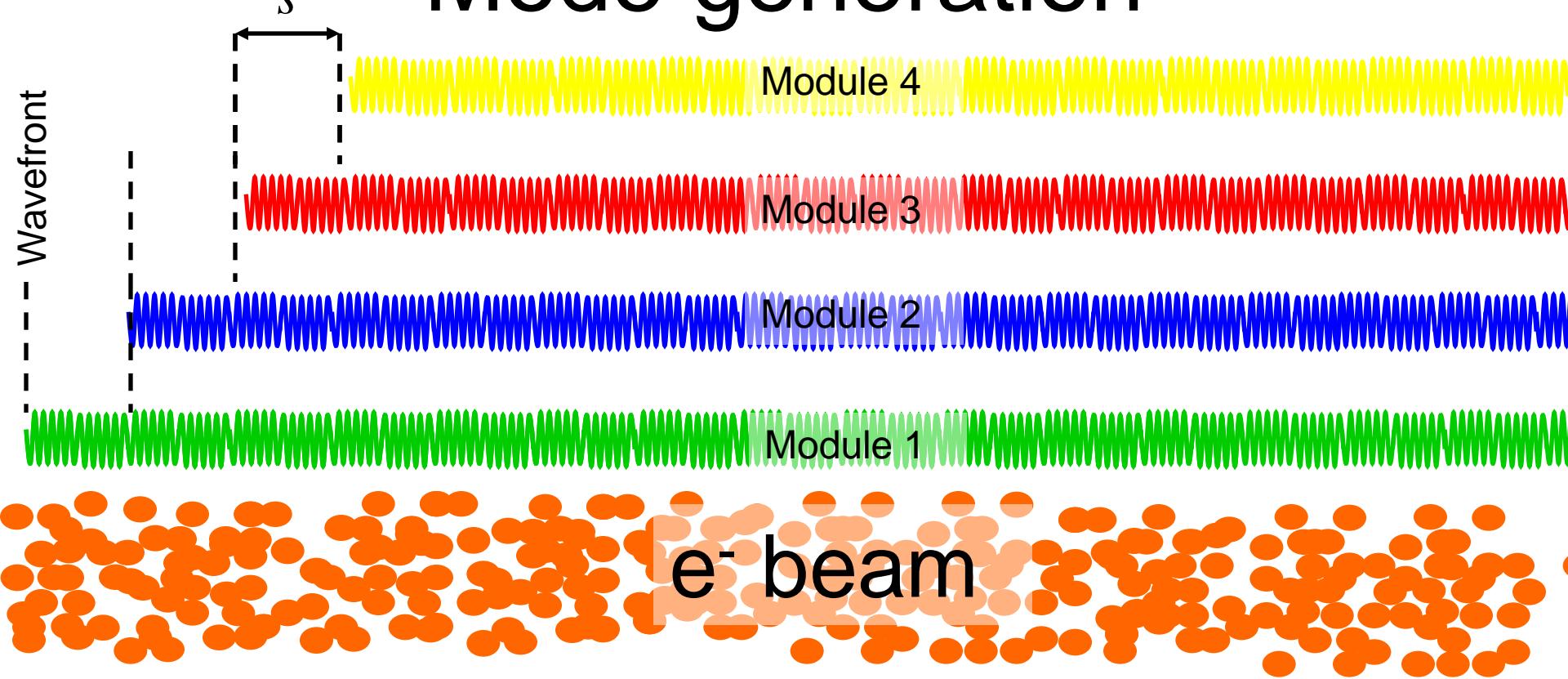
# Axial Modes from an *amplifier* FEL

- *Synthesise axial mode spectrum without cavity*



# Mode generation

Wavefront

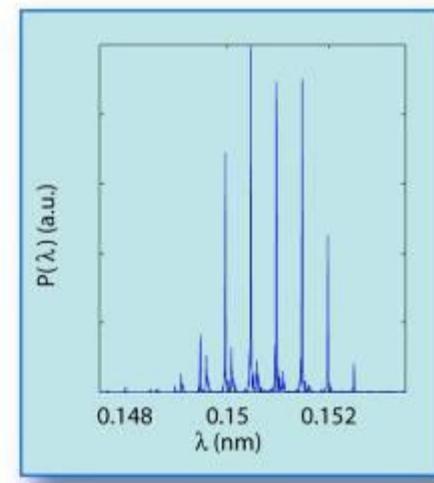
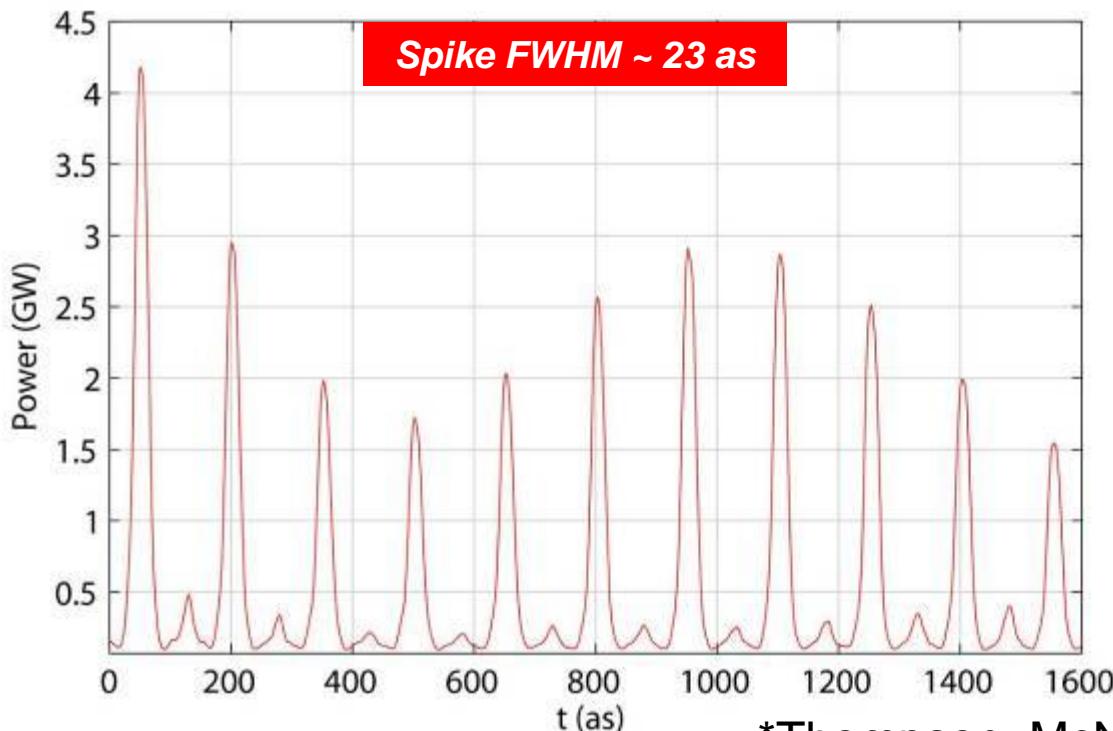
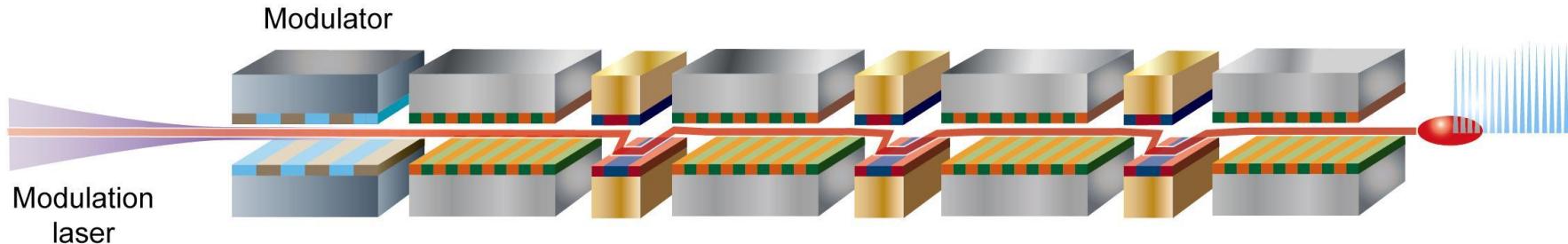


For continued slips of distance  $s$ , only those wavelengths with an integer number of periods in distance  $s$  will survive after many such slips. For  $s$  an integer of  $\lambda_r$  :

$$s = N\lambda_r = (N+1)\lambda_-$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_r = \frac{2\pi c N}{s}; \omega_+ = \frac{2\pi c(N+1)}{s} \Rightarrow \Delta\omega_s = \omega_+ - \omega_r = \frac{2\pi c}{s}$$

# X-ray SASE MLOK amplifier with mode-locking\*



\*Thompson, McNeil, PRL 100, 203901 (2008)

# Amplified HHG – retaining structure with MLOK via initial electron beam energy modulation\*

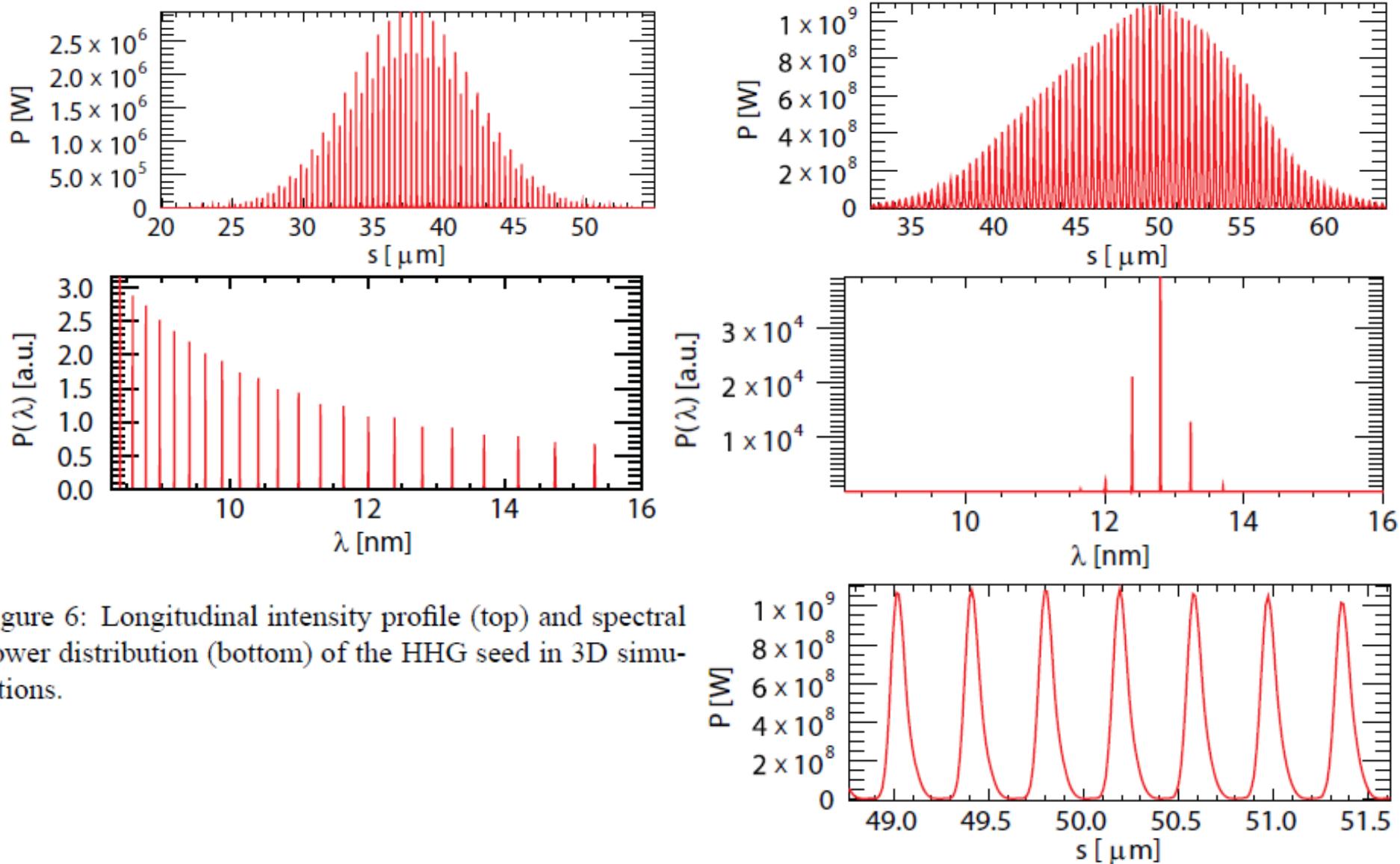


Figure 6: Longitudinal intensity profile (top) and spectral power distribution (bottom) of the HHG seed in 3D simulations.

# Improved temporal coherence by increasing cooperation length\*

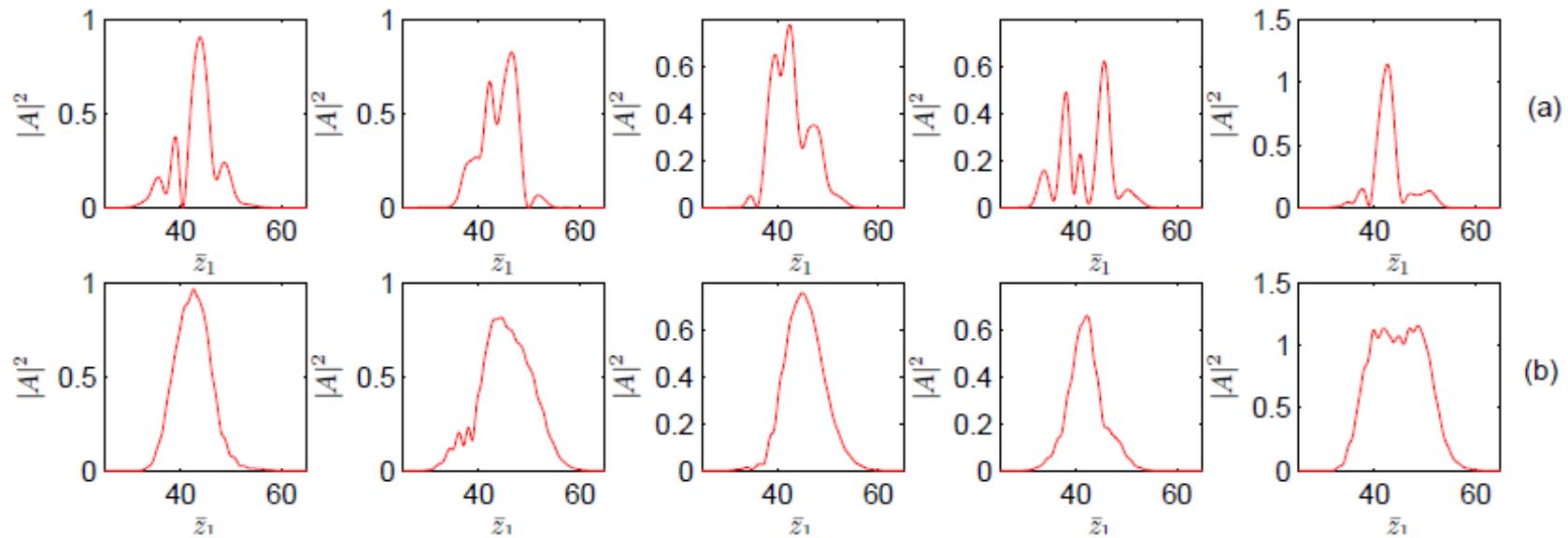


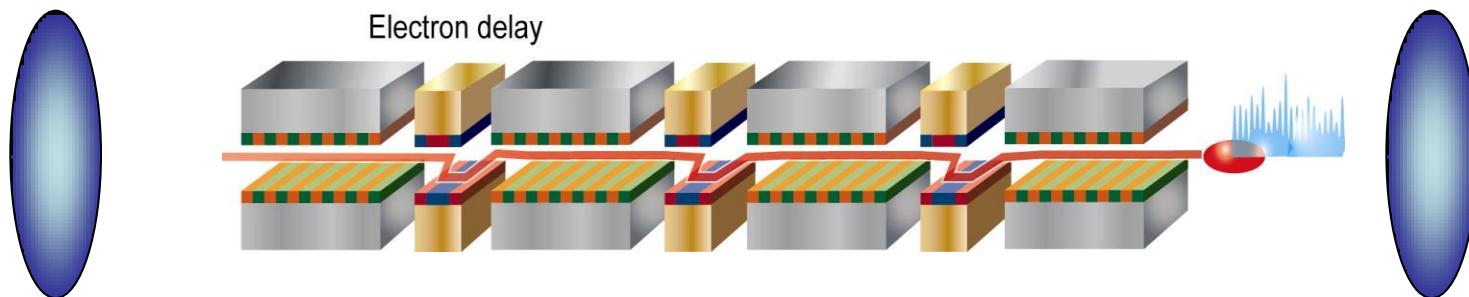
Figure 3: Short Pulse Regime: Scaled power pulse profiles at saturation for (a)  $S_e = 1.0$  and (b)  $S_e = 4$  with delays randomised and terminated prior to saturation.

\*Thompson, Dunning & McNeil,  
IMPROVED TEMPORAL COHERENCE IN SASE FELS  
Proceedings of IPAC'10, Kyoto, Japan, TUPE050, 2010

# Why bother with APTs?

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- [6] K. P. Singh, F. He, P. Ranitovic, W. Cao, S. De, D. Ray, S. Chen, U. Thumm, A. Becker, M. M. Murnane, H. C. Kapteyn, I.V. Litvinyuk, and C. L. Cocke, *Control of Electron Localization in Deuterium Molecular Ions using an Attosecond Pulse Train and a Many-Cycle Infrared Pulse*, PRL **104**, 023001 (2010).

# Further development: MLOK in an cavity oscillator



# Regenerative Amplifier FEL

- High Gain Low Feedback concept (Low-Q cavity)

McNeil B W J 1990 *IEEE J. Quantum Electron.* **26** 1124

- Los Alamos IR-RAFEL

Nguyen D C, Sheffield R L, Fortgang C M, Goldstein J C, Kinross-Wright J M and Ebrahim N A 1999 *Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res. A* **429** 125–30

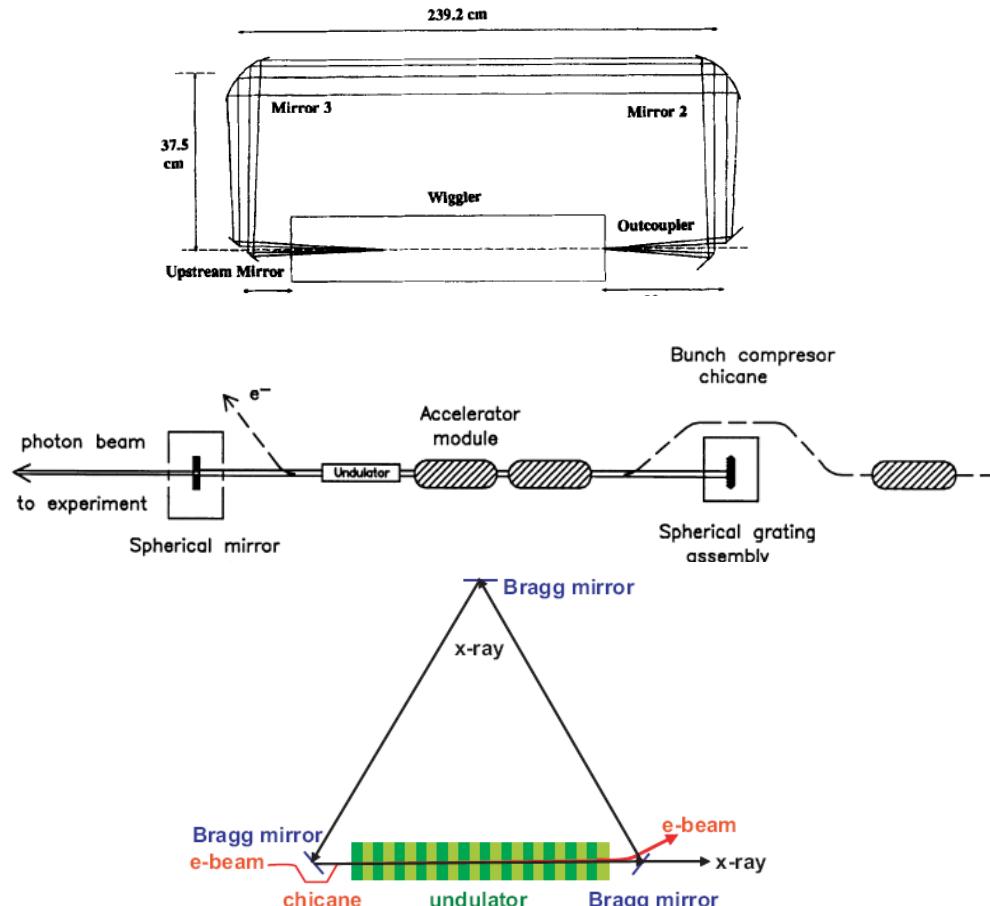
- TTF VUV-RAFEL

Faatz B, Feldhaus J, Krzywinski J, Saldin E L, Schneidmiller E A and Yurkov M V 1999 *Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res. A* **429** 424–8

- LCLS X-RAY RAFEL

Huang Z and Ruth R D 2006 *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **96** 144801

As well as these experiments in the infrared region of the spectrum, this high-gain regime of the FEL oscillator is also of interest in FEL designs for the ultraviolet and higher frequencies. The lack of high mirror reflectivities for these frequencies severely restricts the design of low-gain oscillators.



## A design for the generation of temporally-coherent radiation pulses in the VUV and beyond by a self-seeding high-gain free electron laser amplifier

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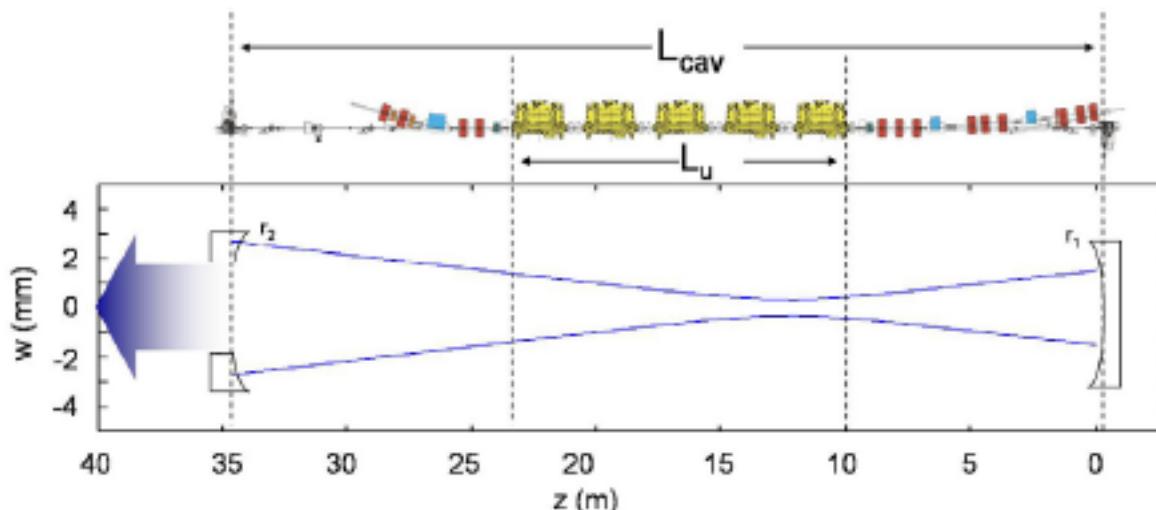


Figure 5. A schematic of the 4GLS VUV-FEL with the baseline design parameters. The fundamental cavity mode at  $1/e^2$  of the on-axis intensity is shown in blue on the same longitudinal scale as the engineering representation. Electron beam transport is right to left.

# WHY A RAFEL?

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Short wavelength regenerative amplifier free electron lasers

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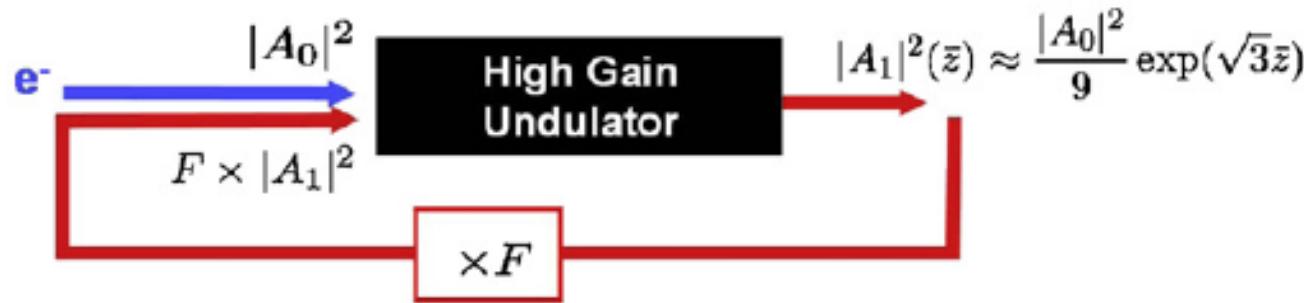


Fig. 1. Schematic representation of a generic high gain RAFEL system.

- Robust FEL cavity design able to generate close to Fourier Transform limited tunable output from feedback factors  $F \sim 10^{-5}$  : a self-seeding high gain FEL ideal for short wavelength generation

RAFEL *without* MLOK –  
interesting case of short electron  
pulse:  $l_b \sim l_c$

# Example short-pulse RAFEL simulation



Fig. 1. Schematic representation of a generic high gain RAFL system.

Parameters are typical for a soft x-ray FEL:

Gaussian current electron pulse:  $\sigma_z = l_c$   $(l_c = \lambda/4\pi\rho)$

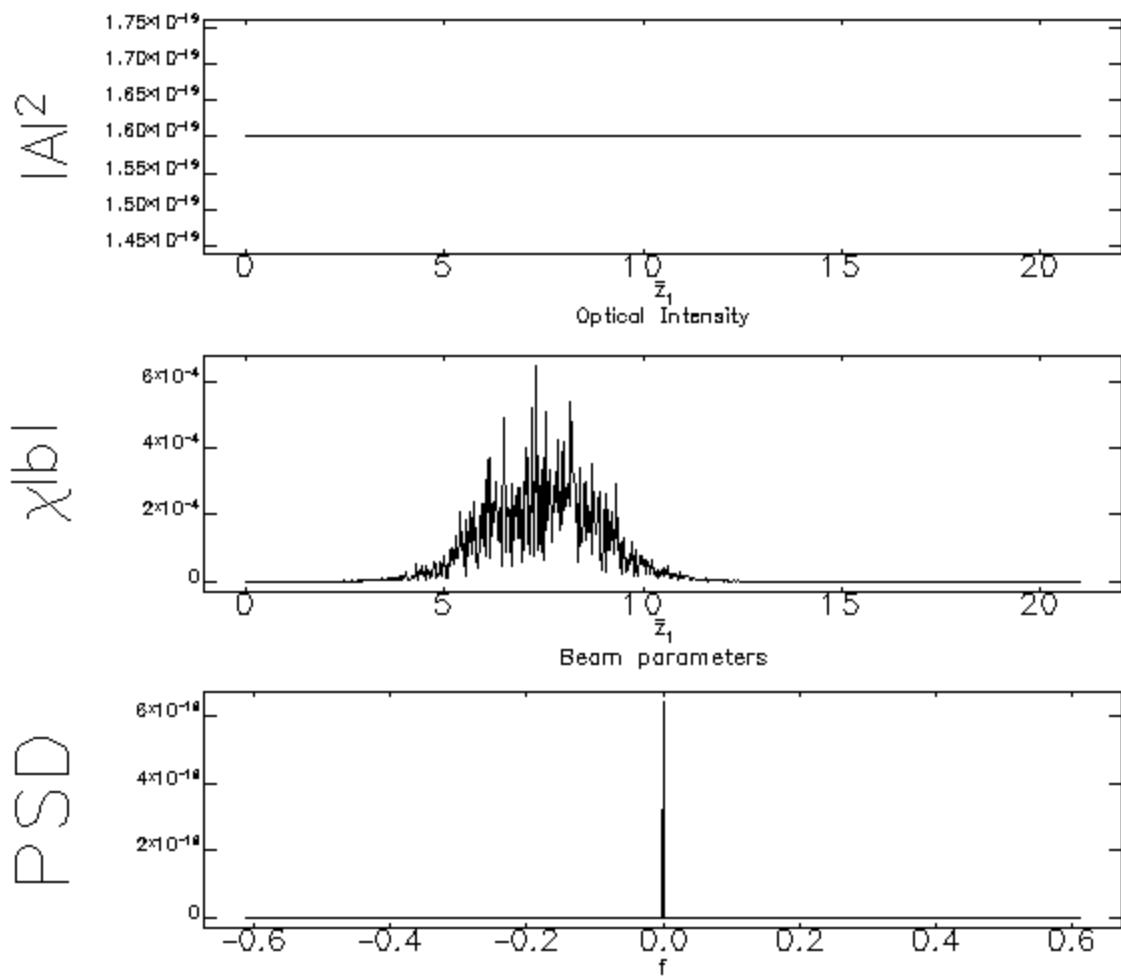
FEL parameter:  $\rho = 2 \times 10^{-3}$

Undulator length:  $L_u = 6 l_g$   $(l_g = \lambda_u/4\pi\rho)$

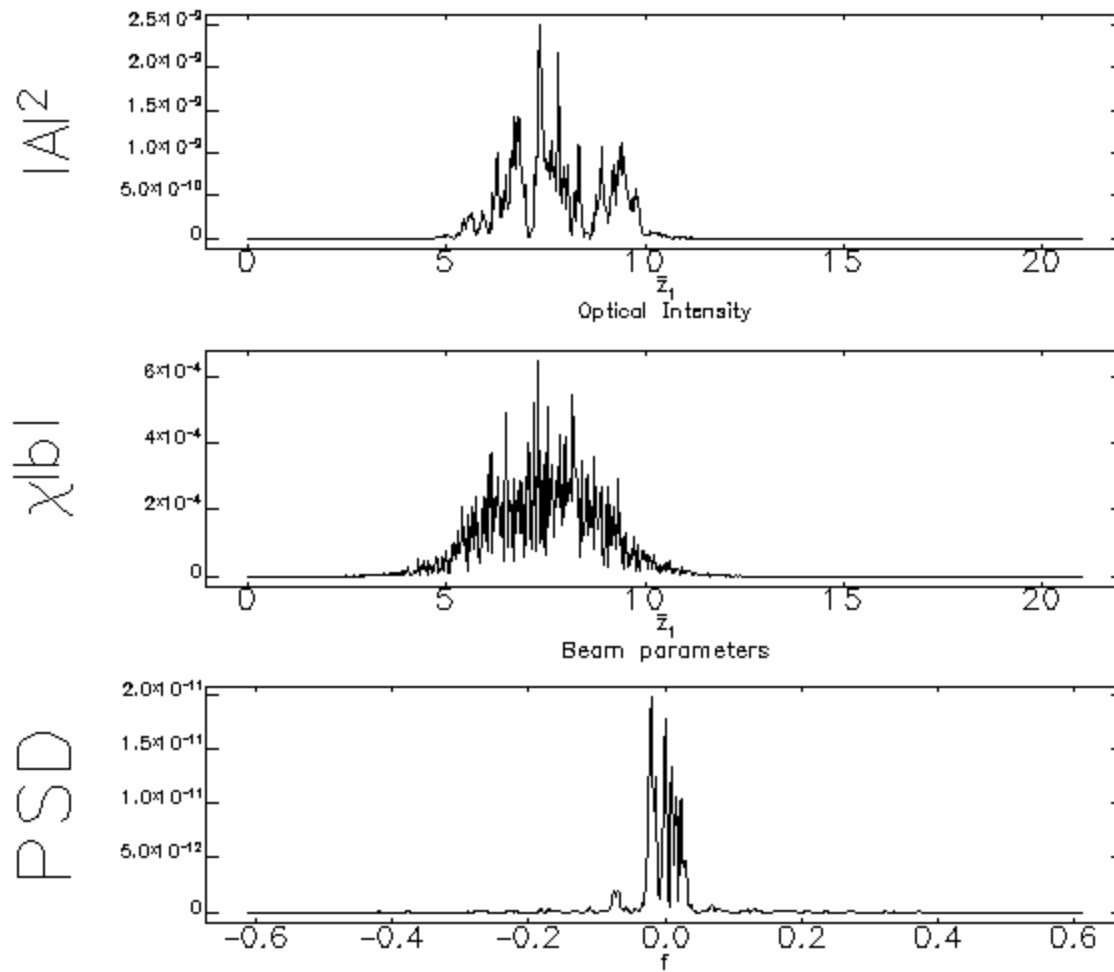
Cavity feedback factor:  $F = 4 \times 10^{-3}$

Cavity detuning: lengthened by  $l_c$

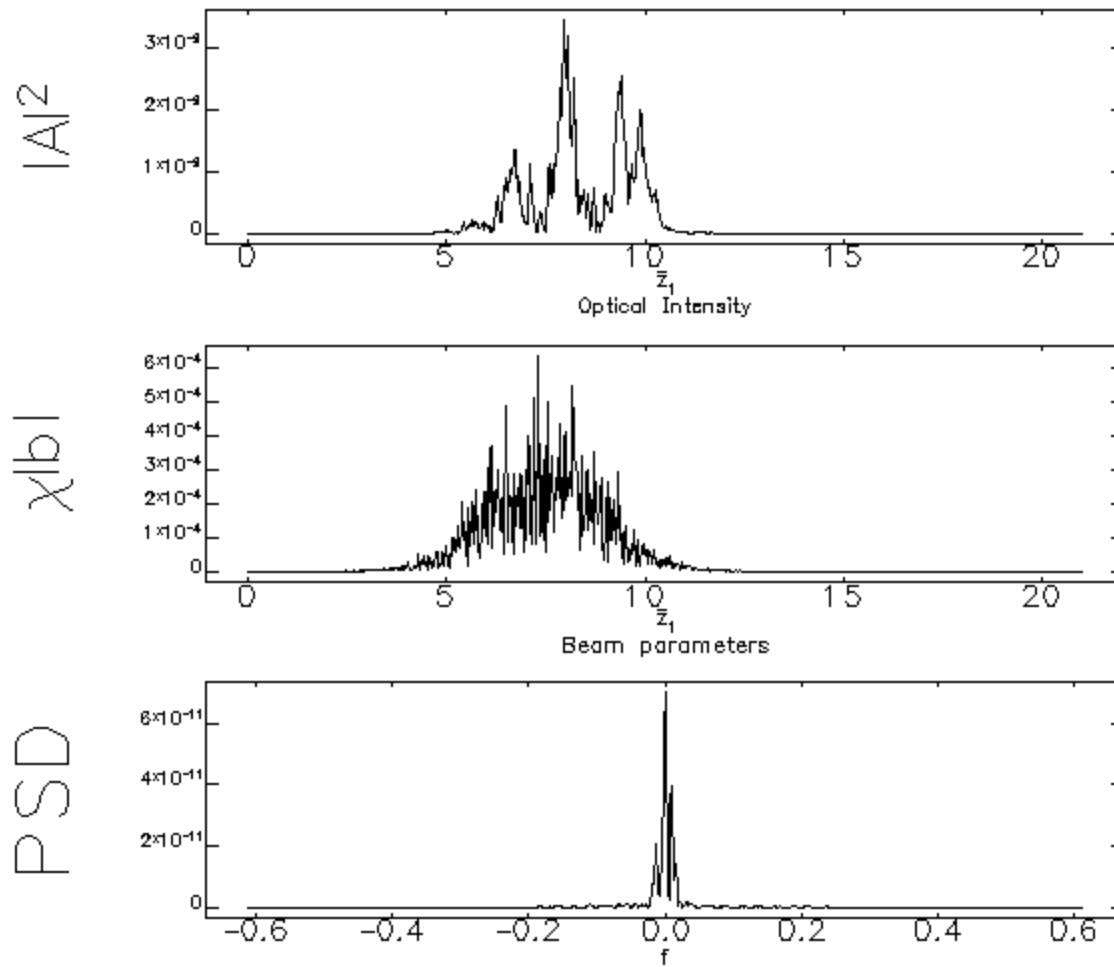
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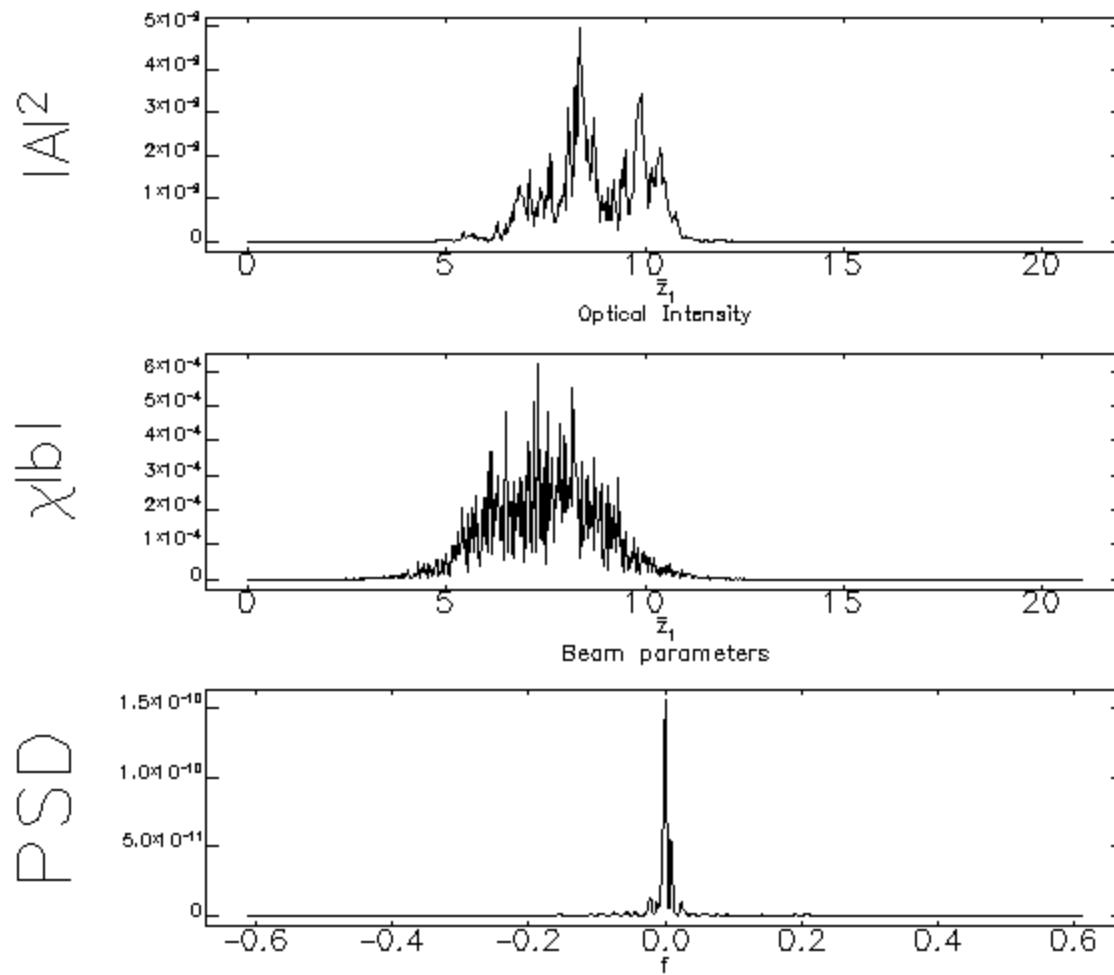
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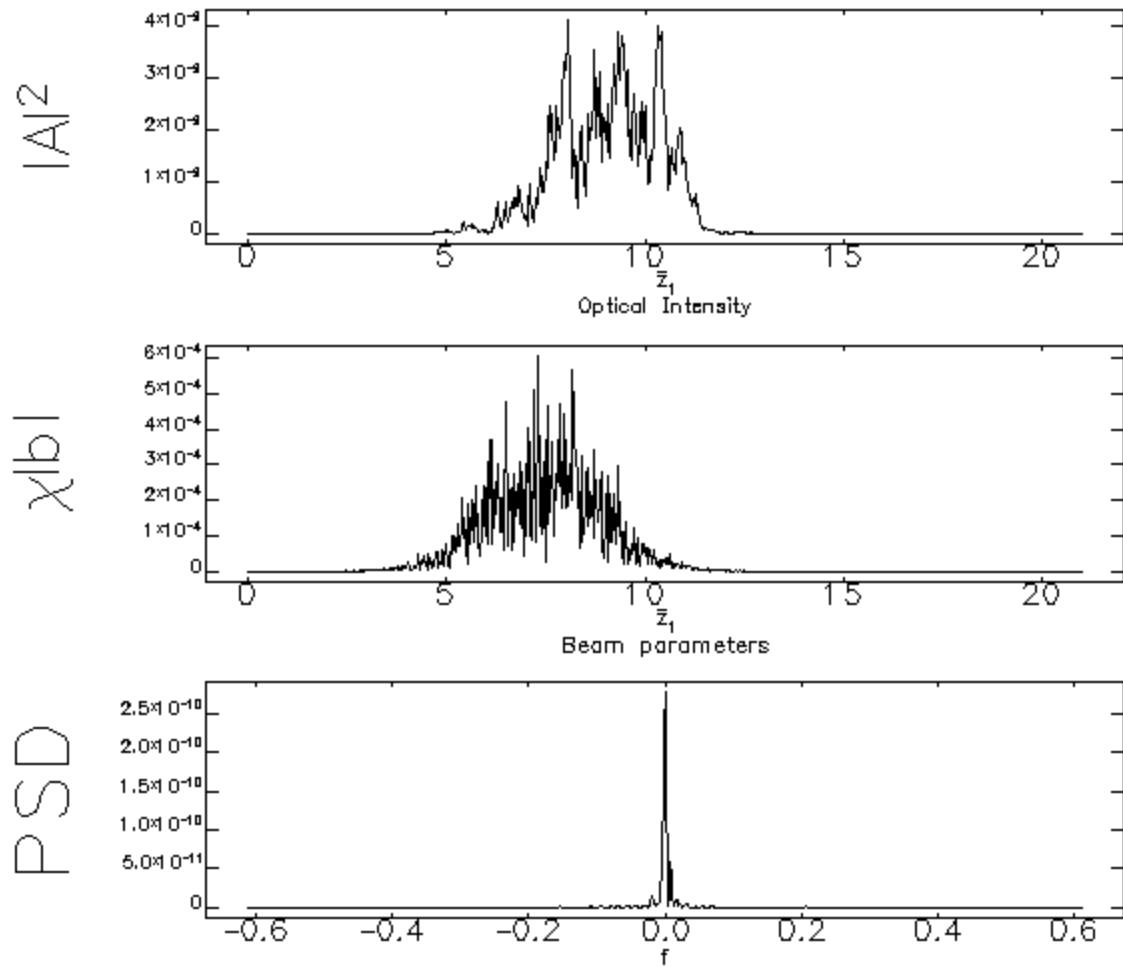
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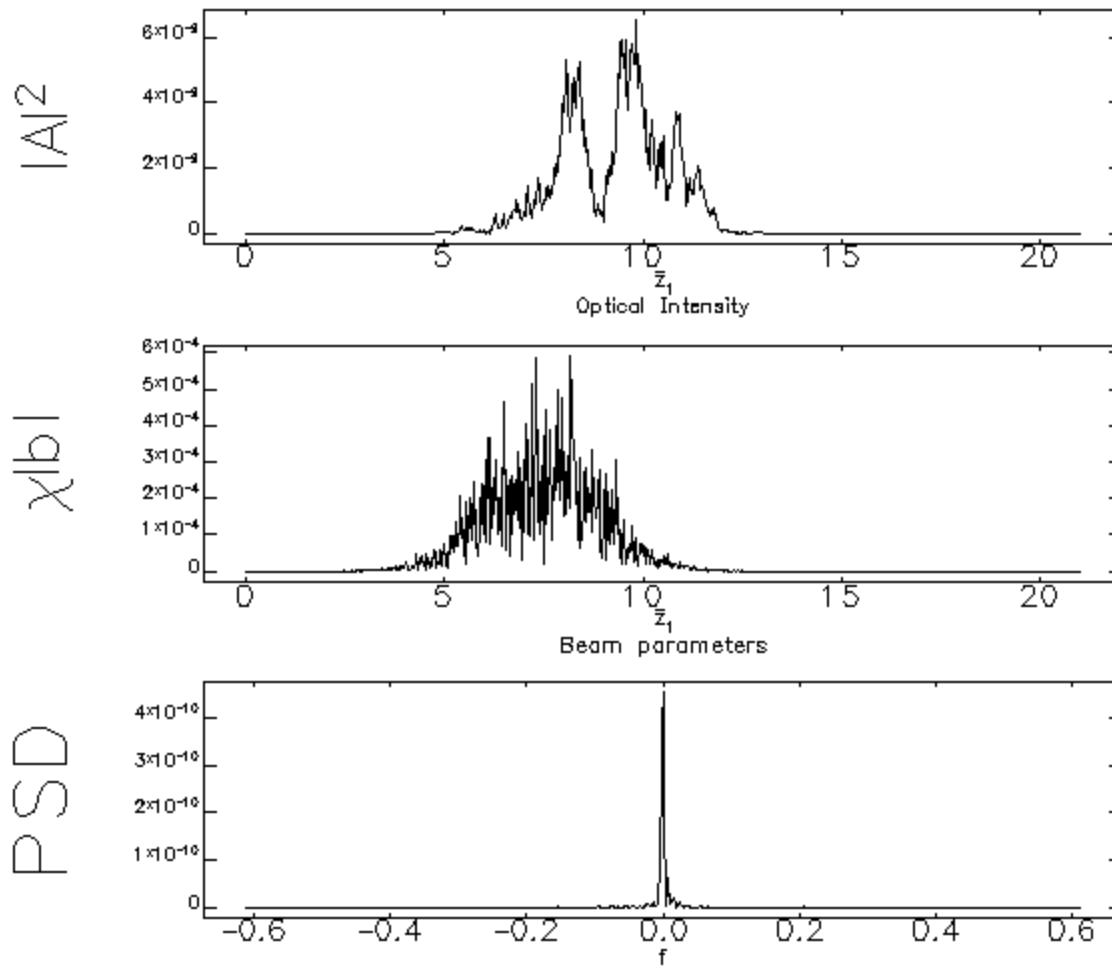
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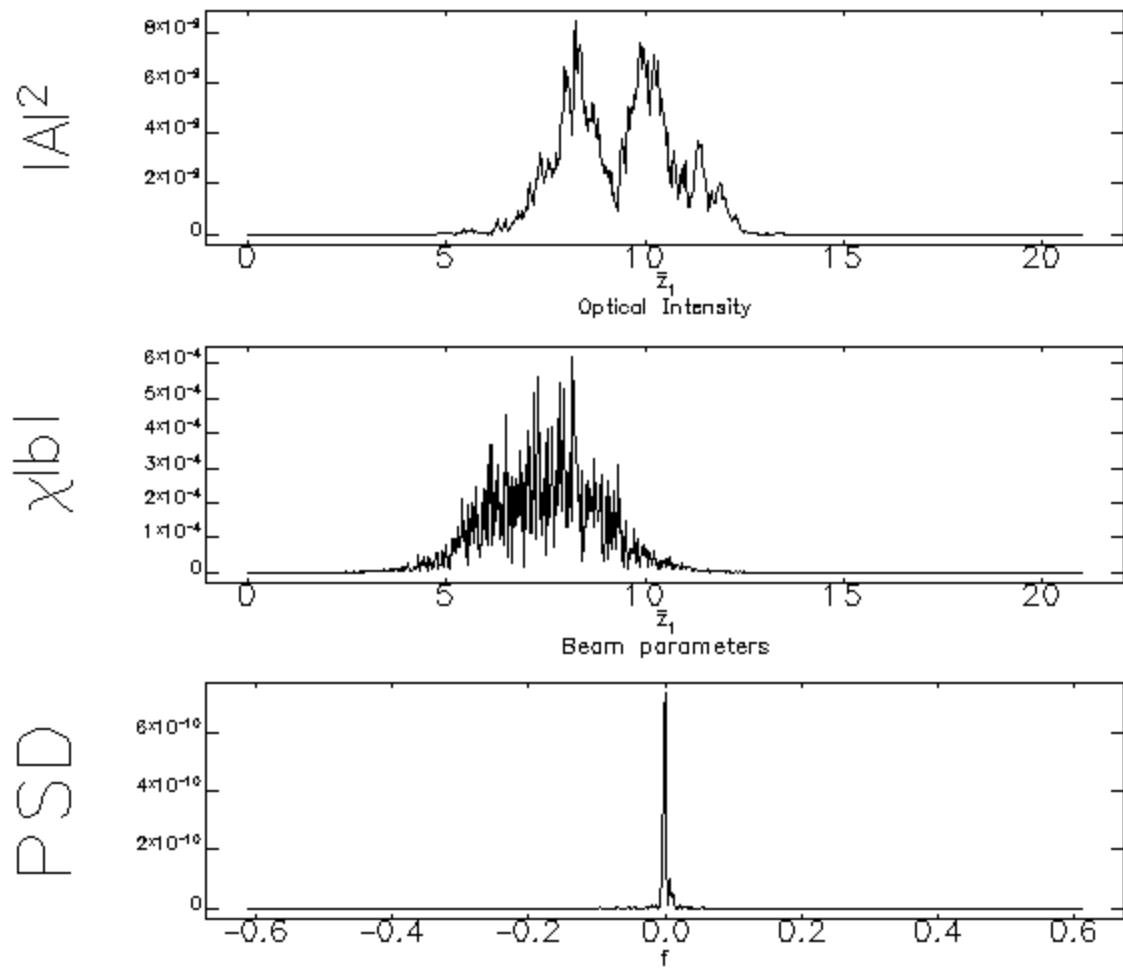
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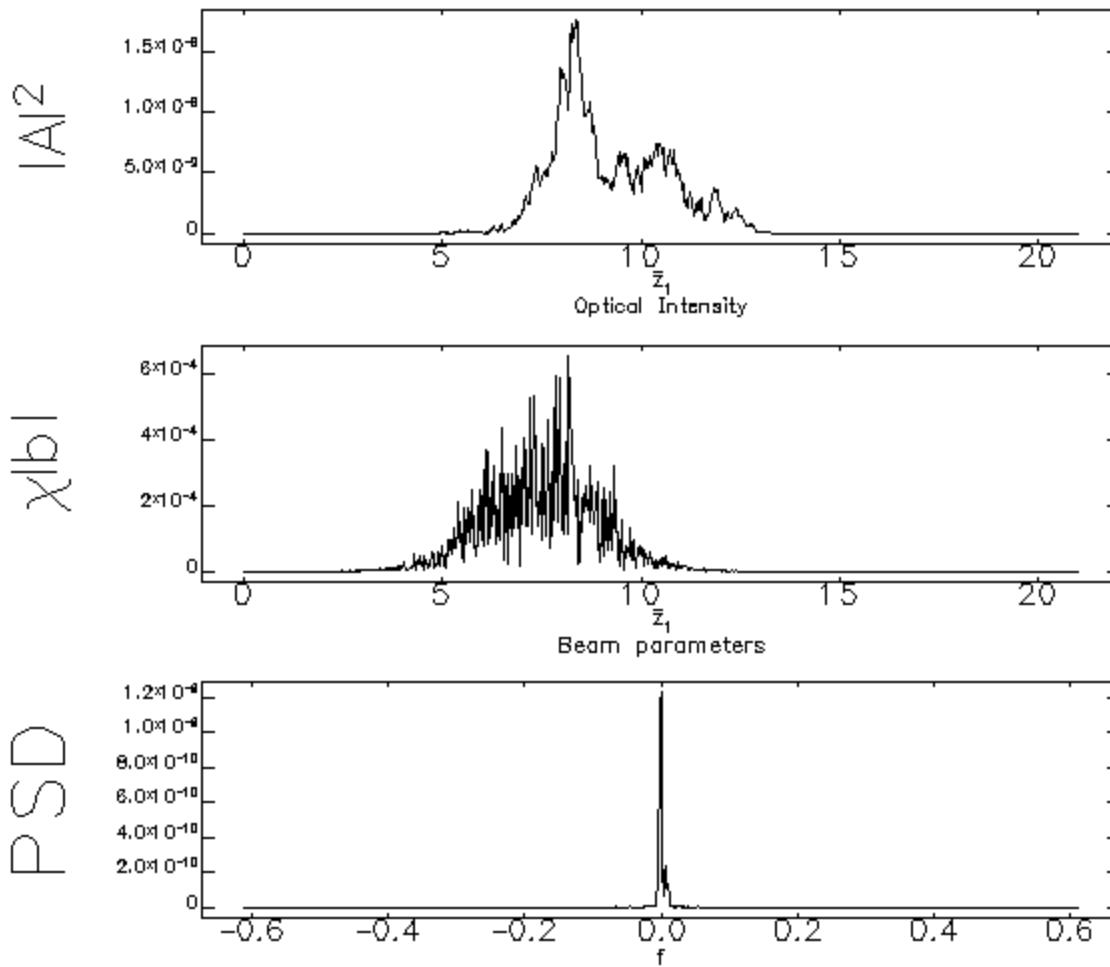
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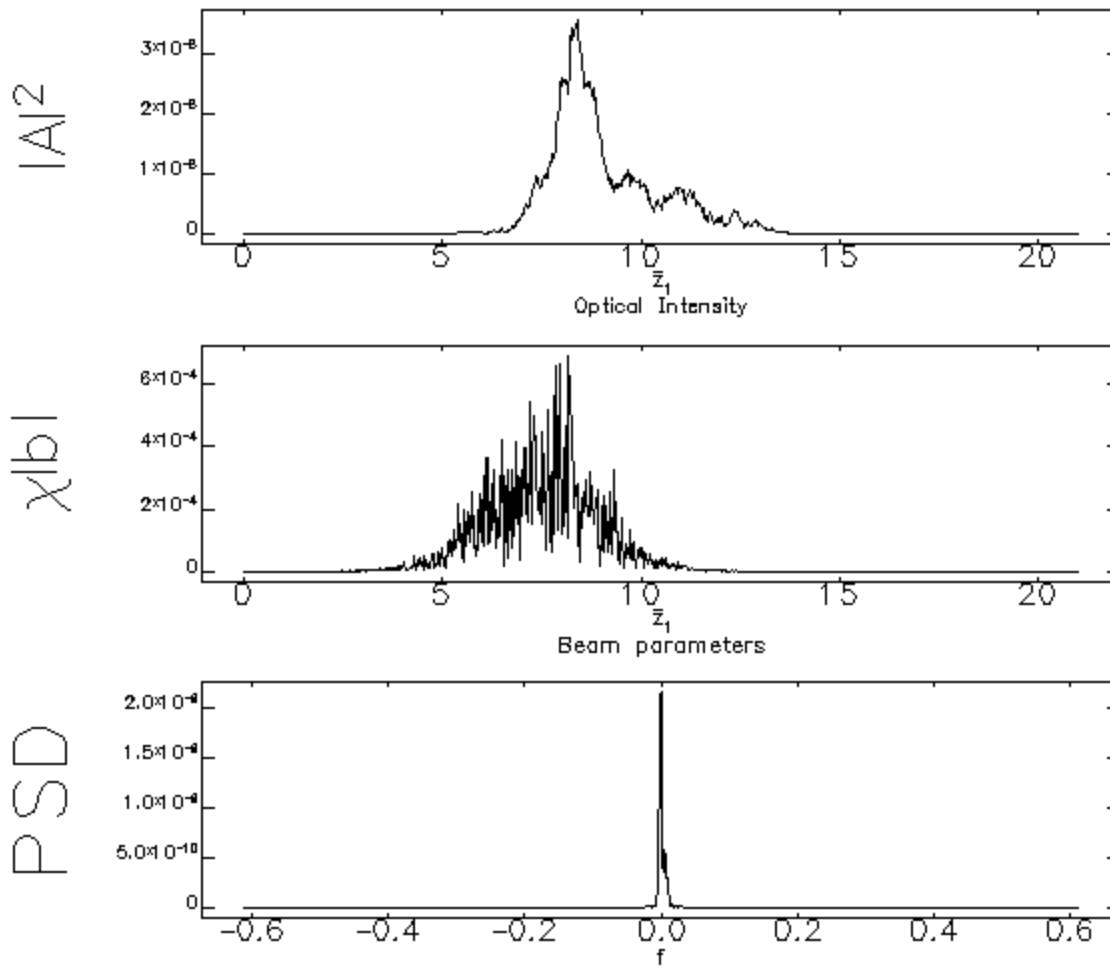
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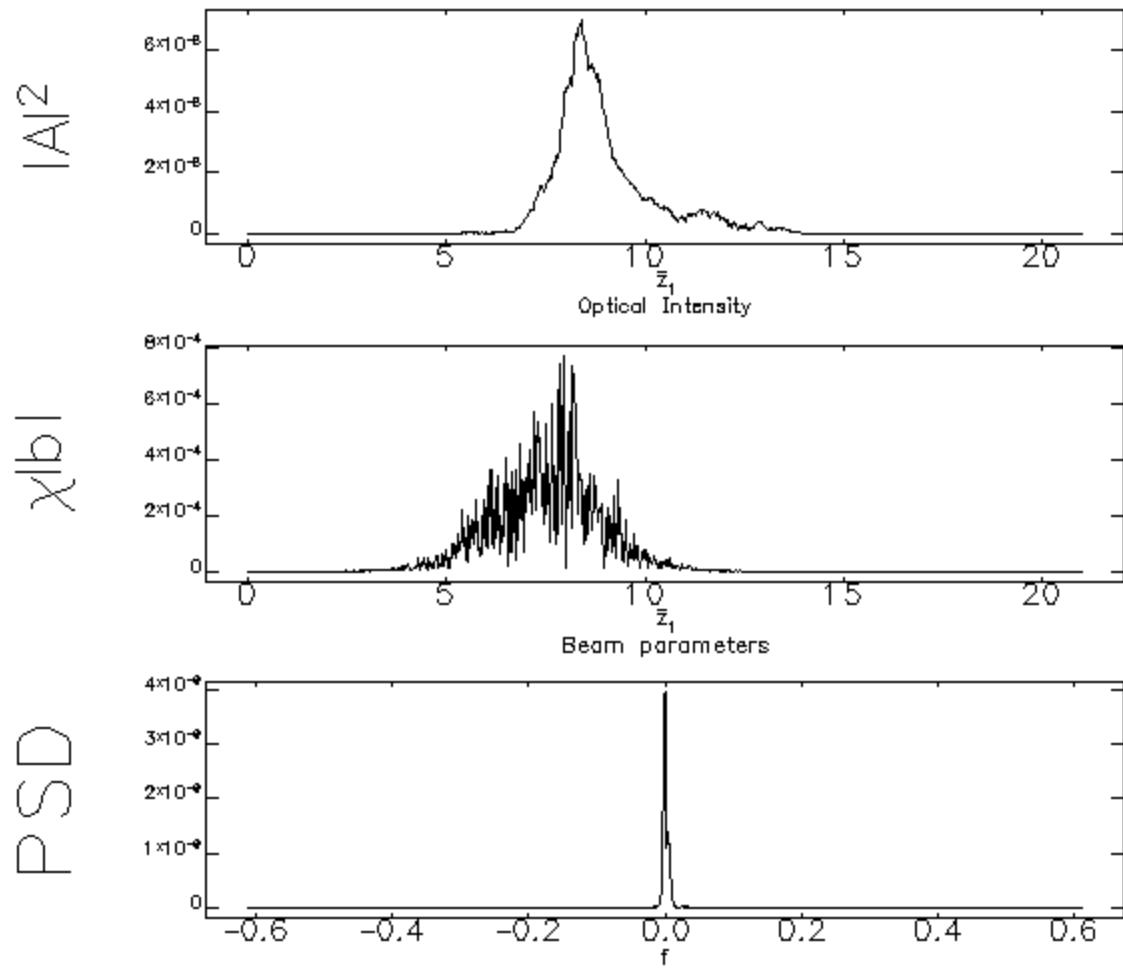
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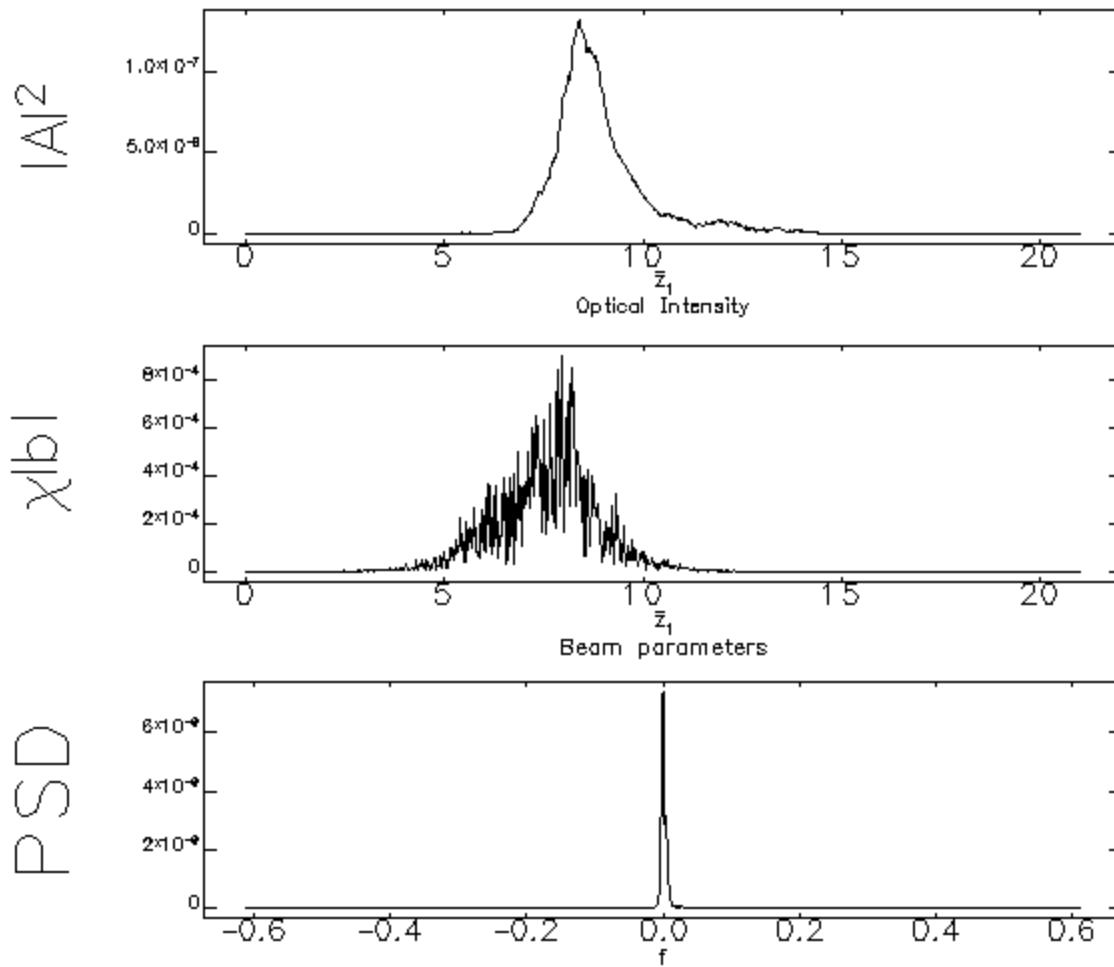
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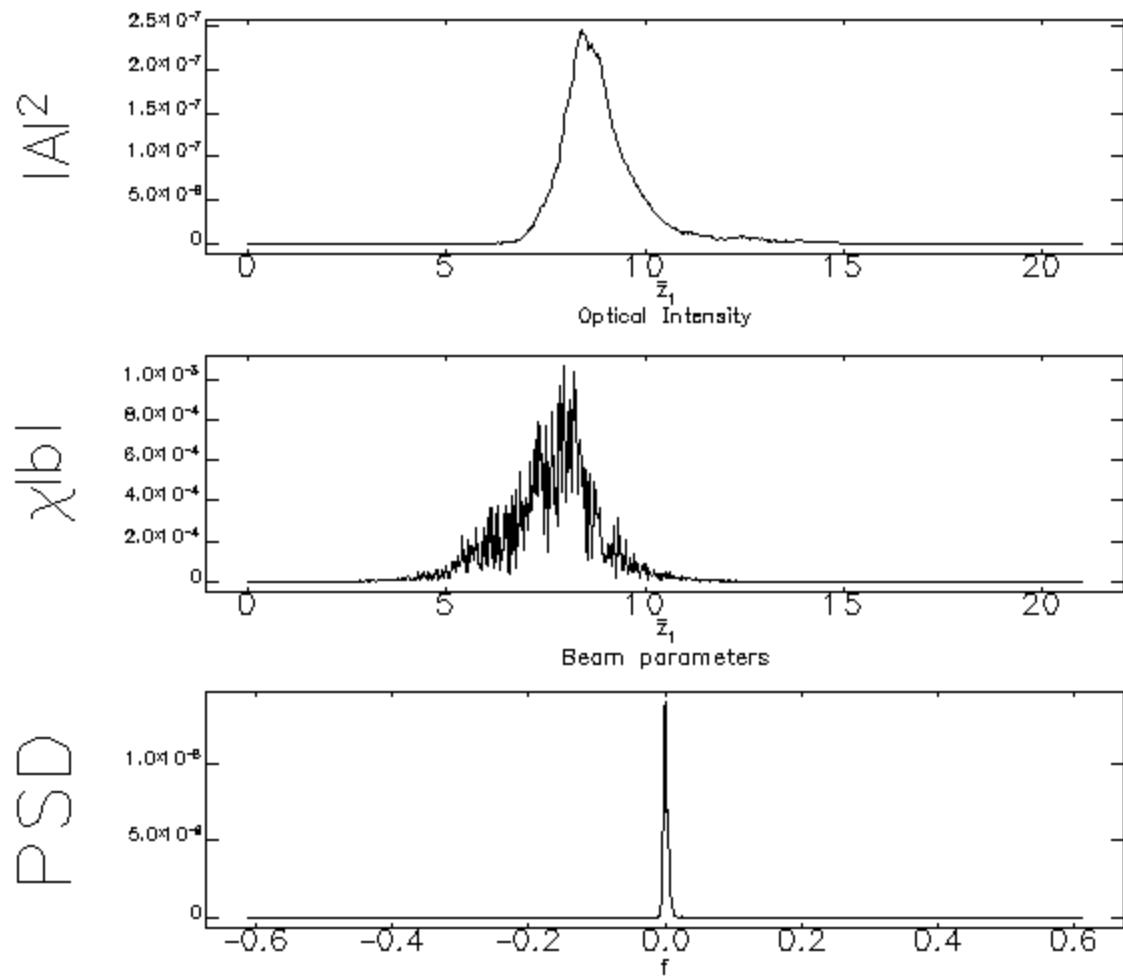
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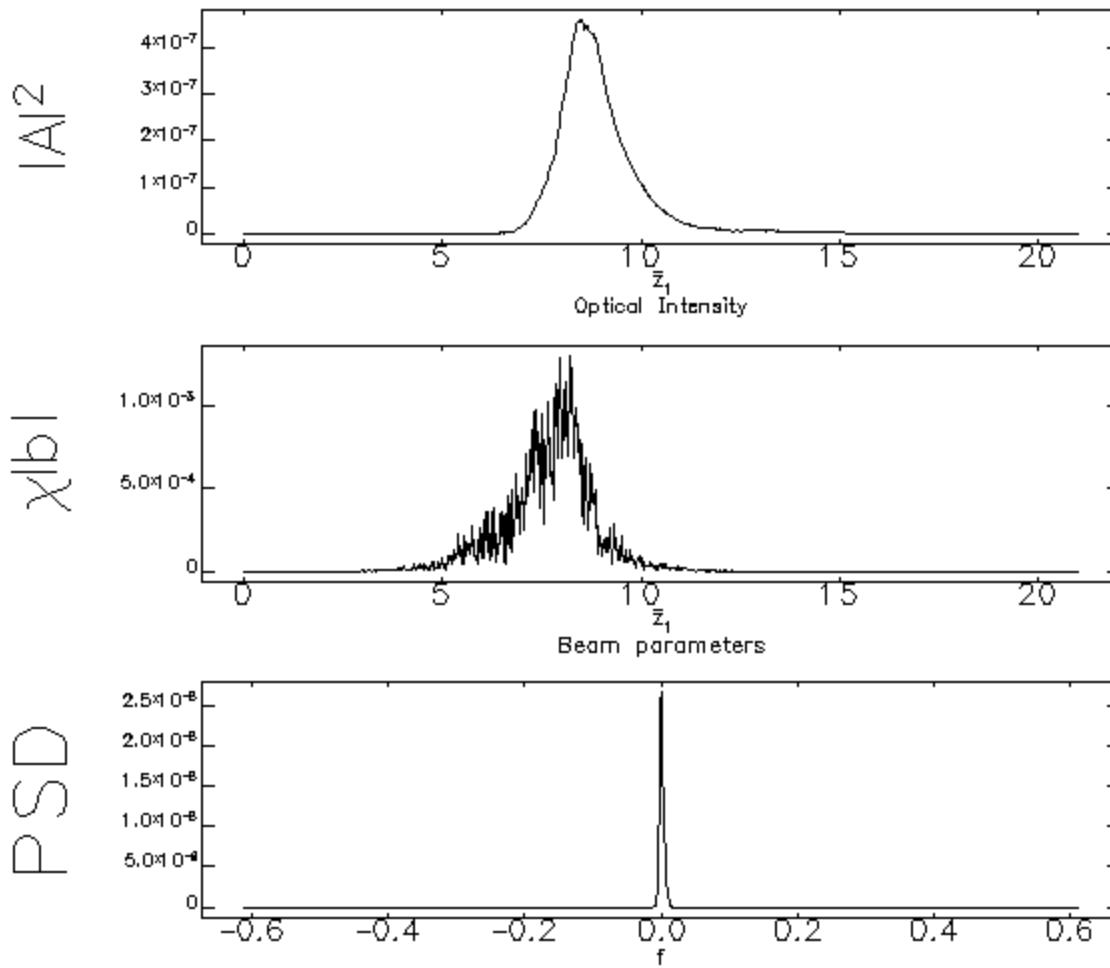
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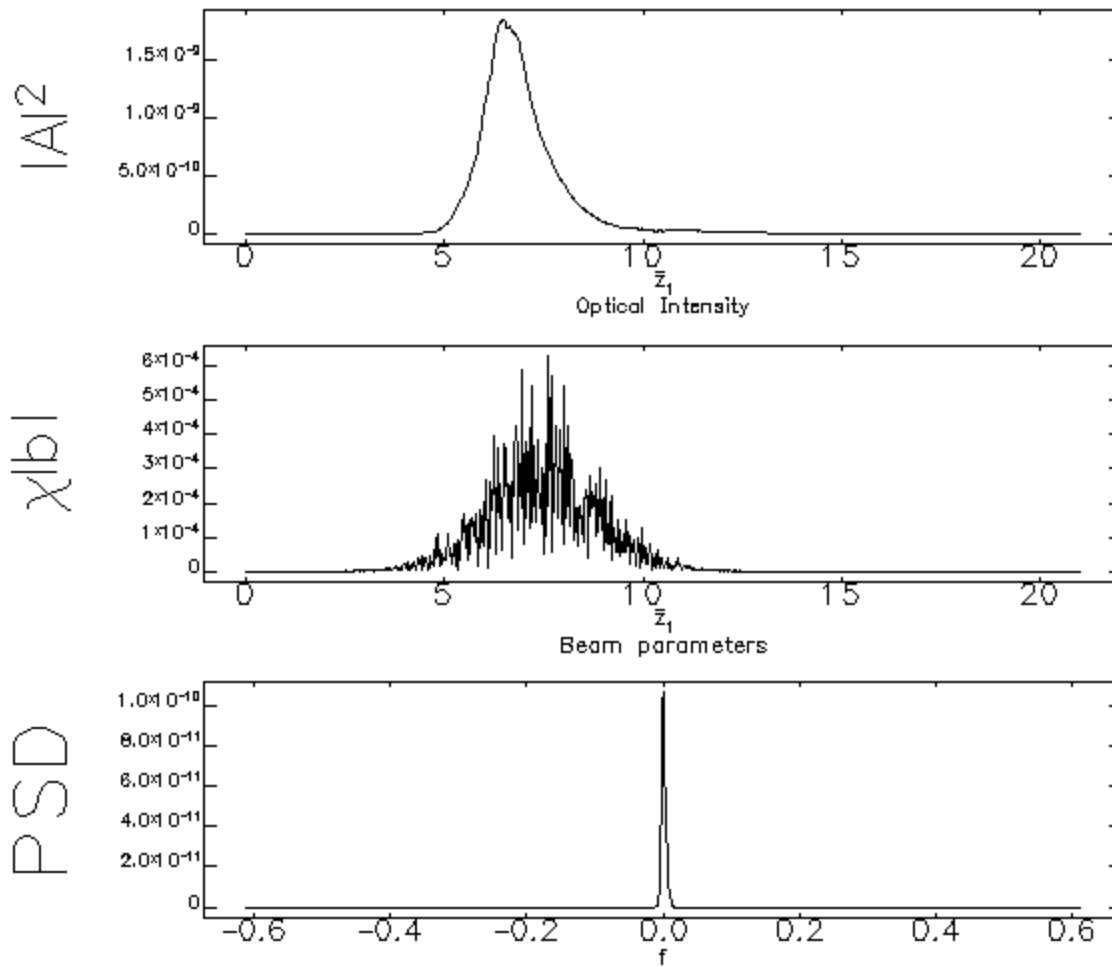
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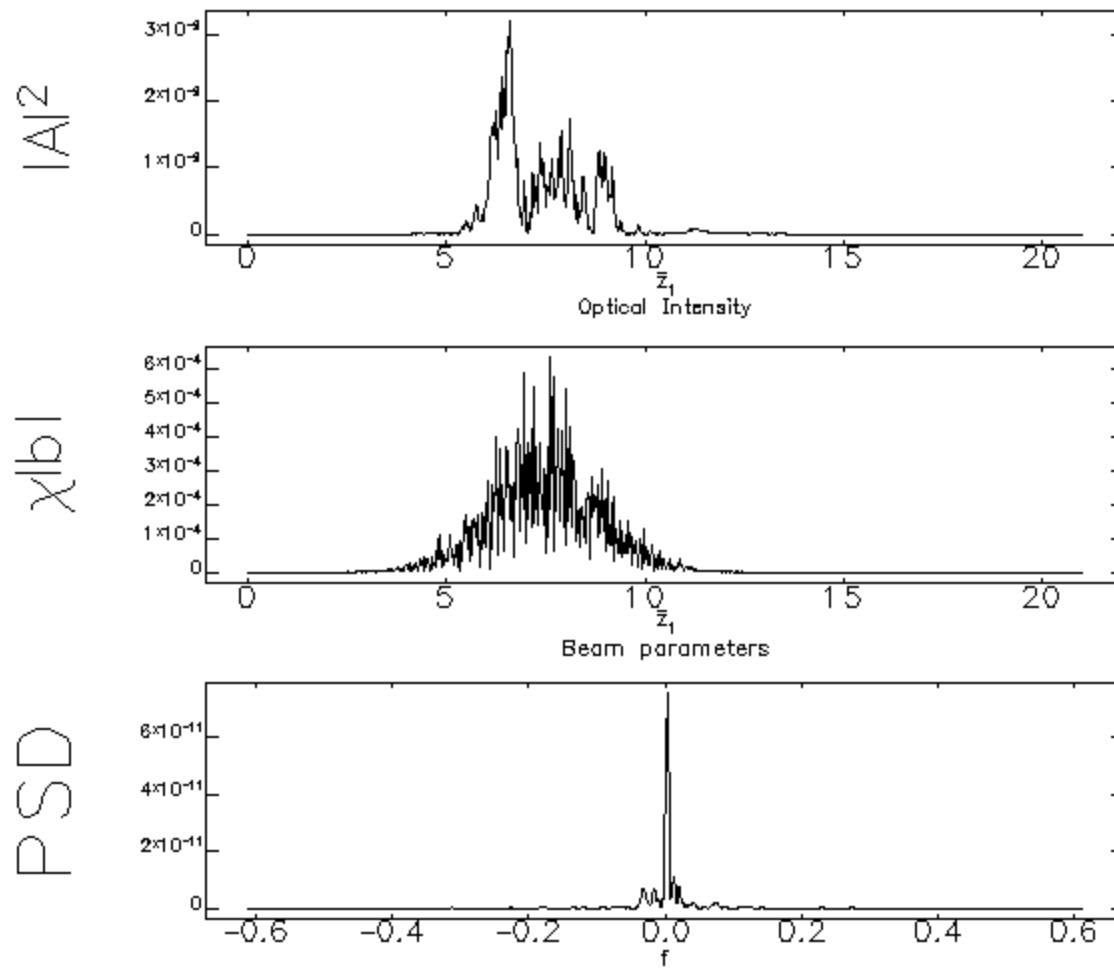
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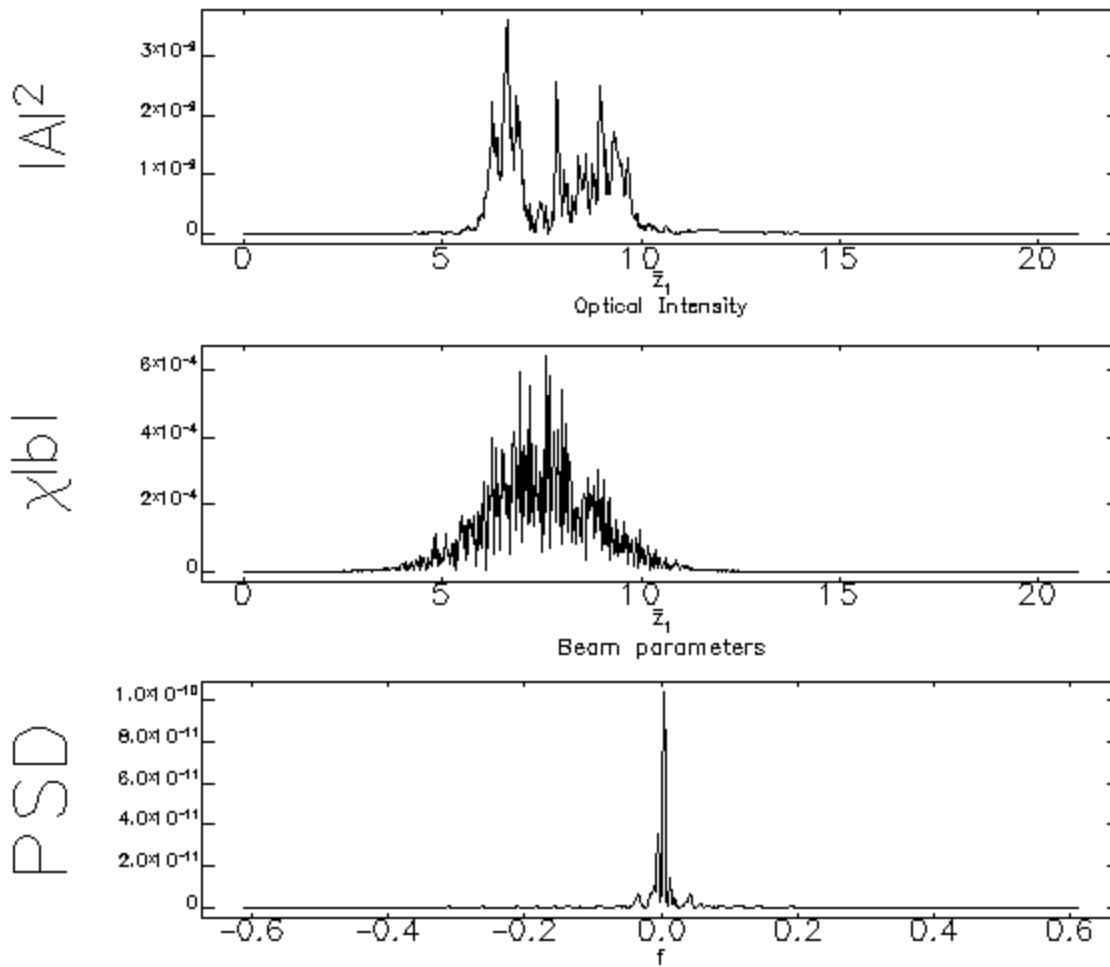
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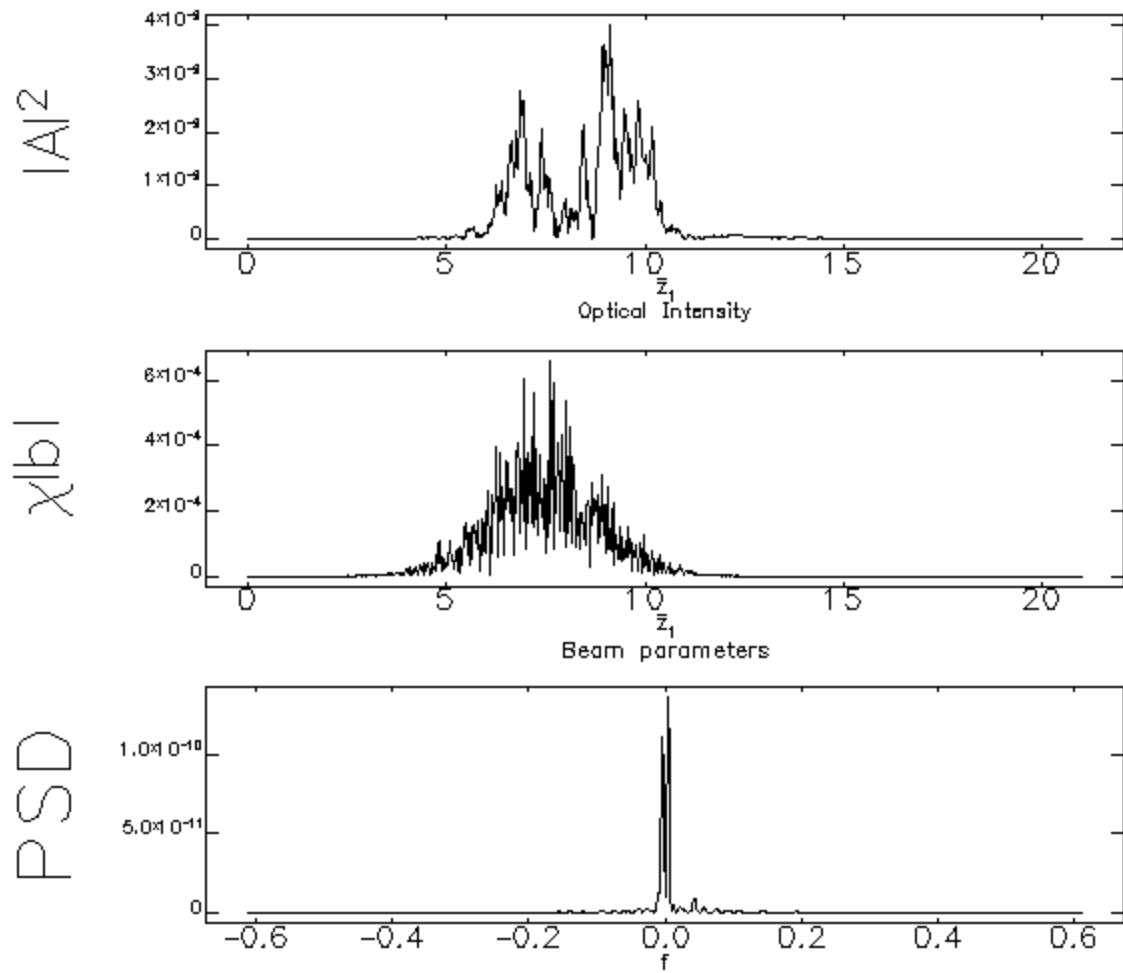
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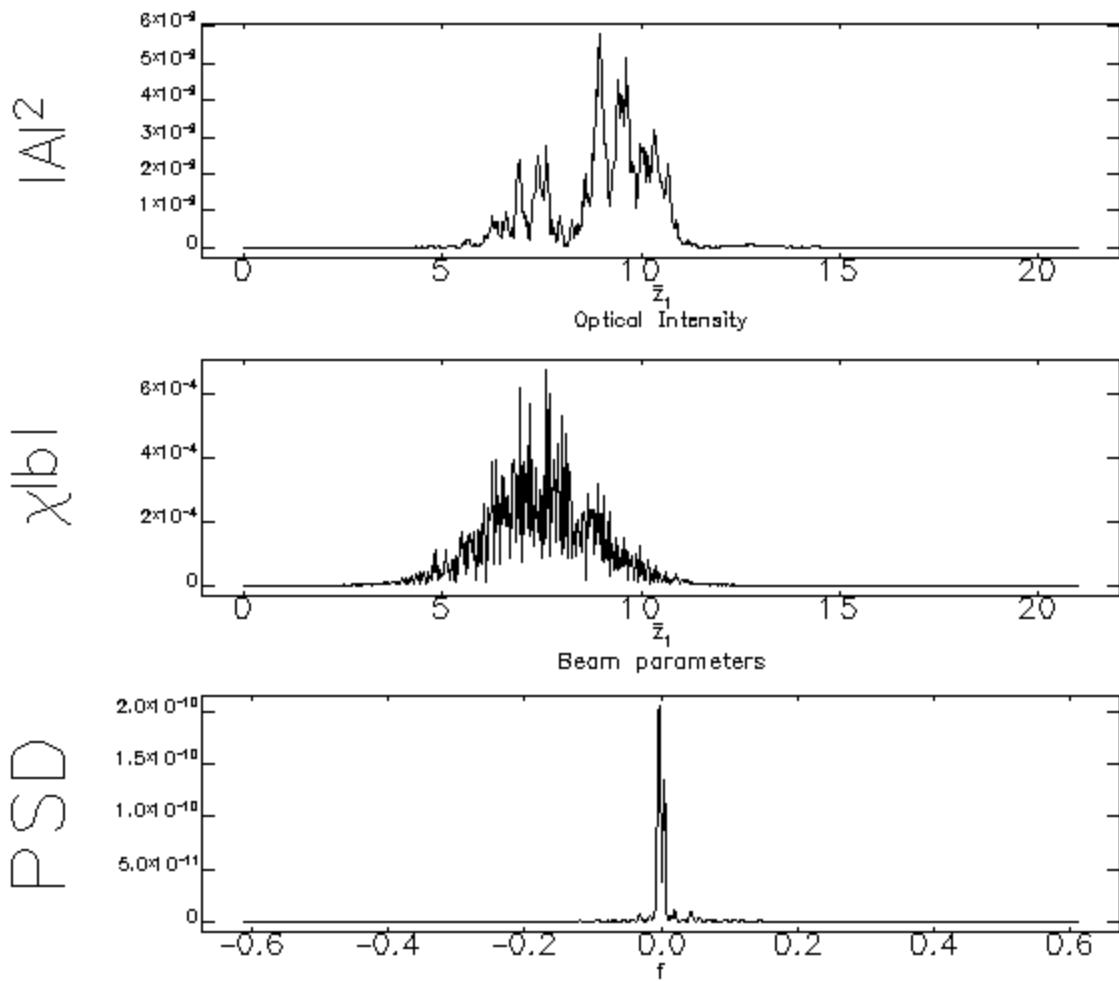
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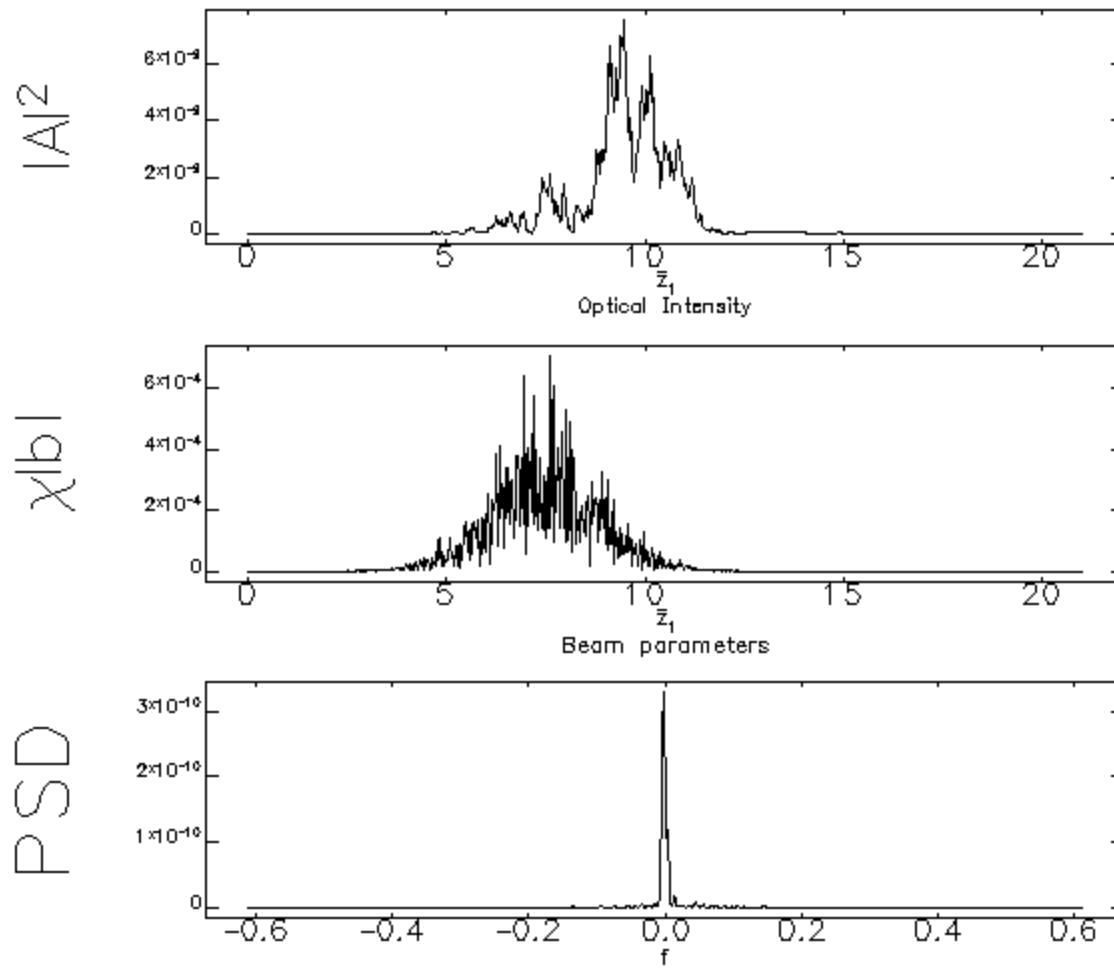
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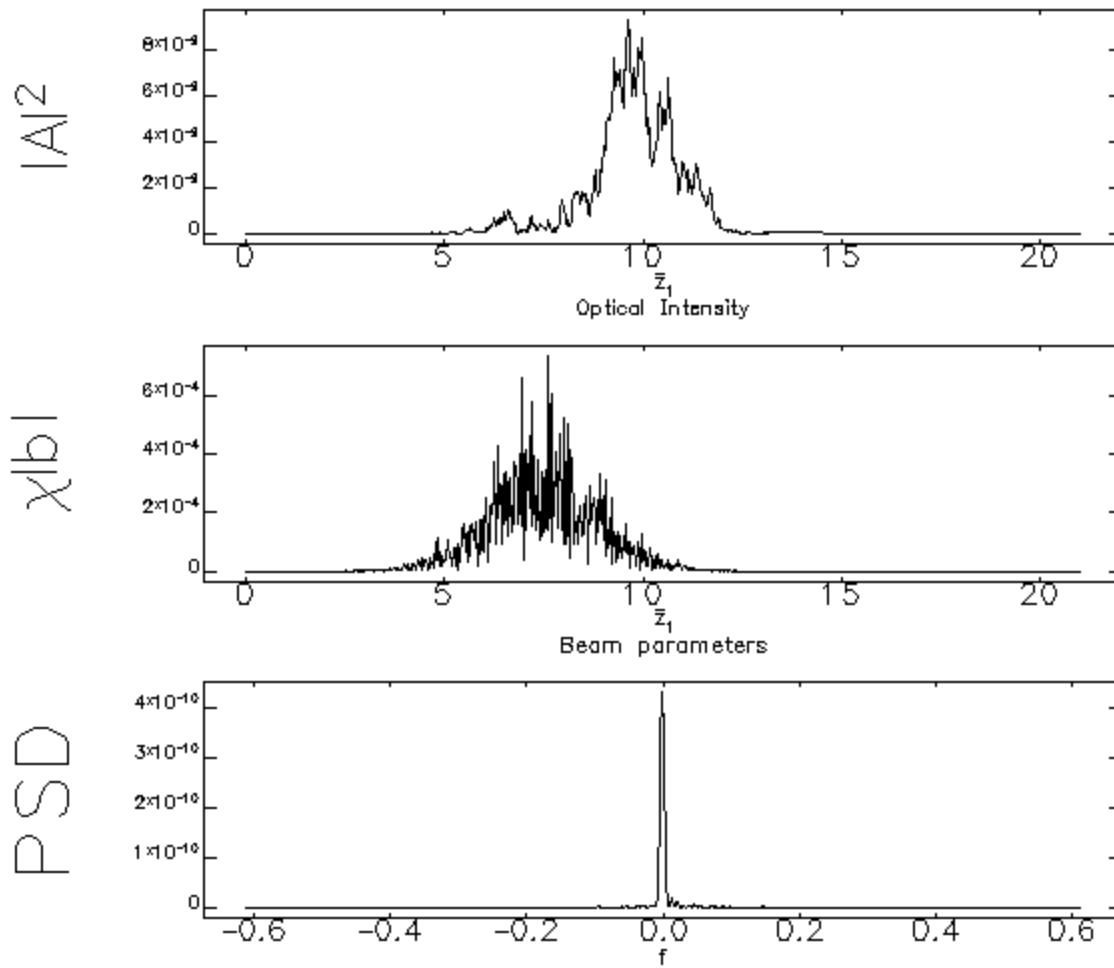
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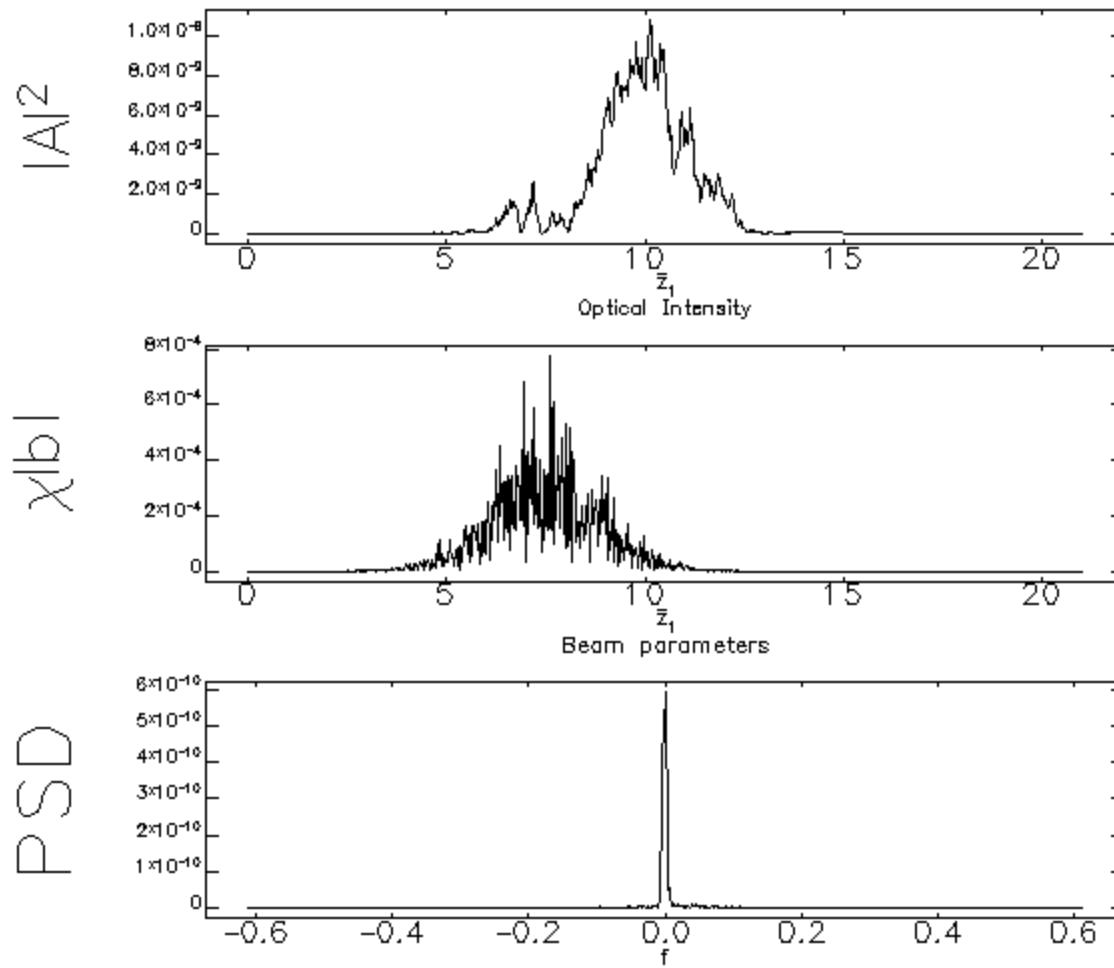
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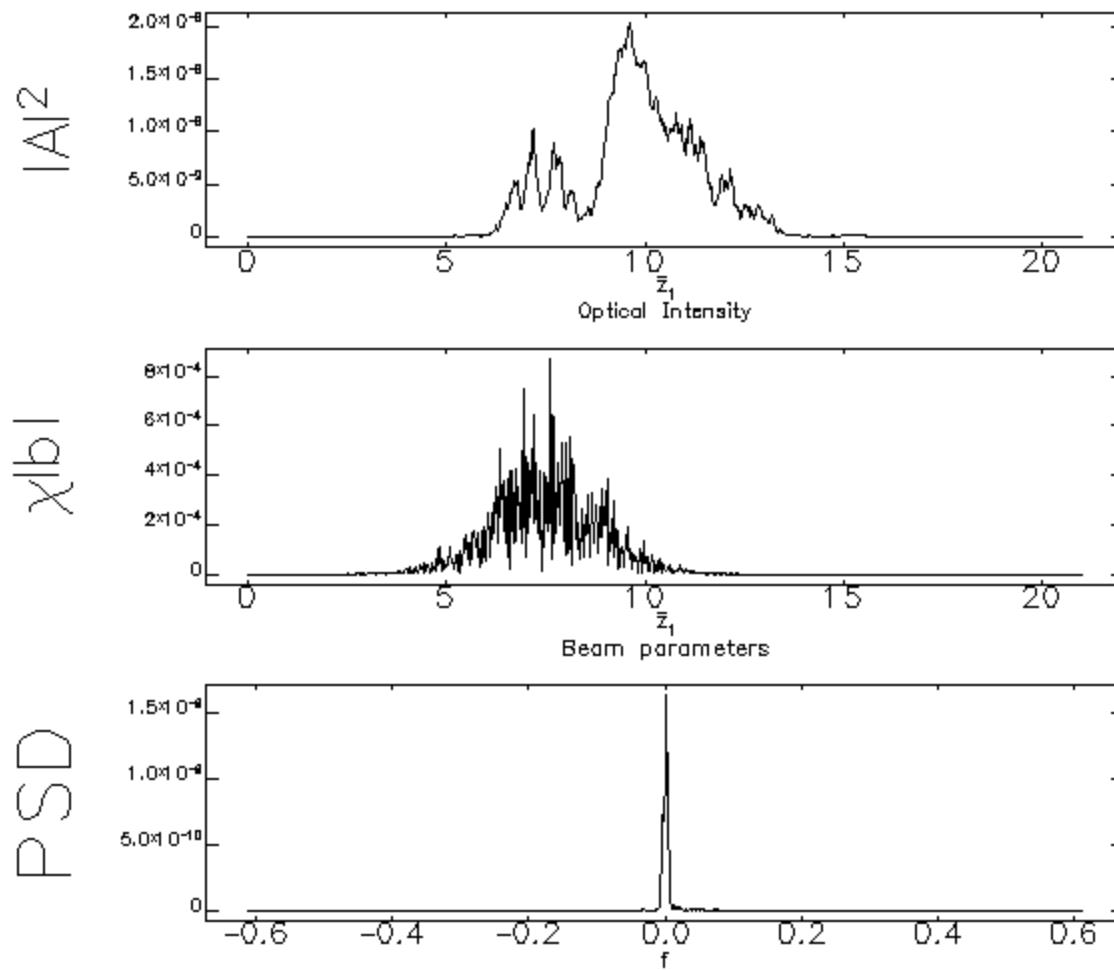
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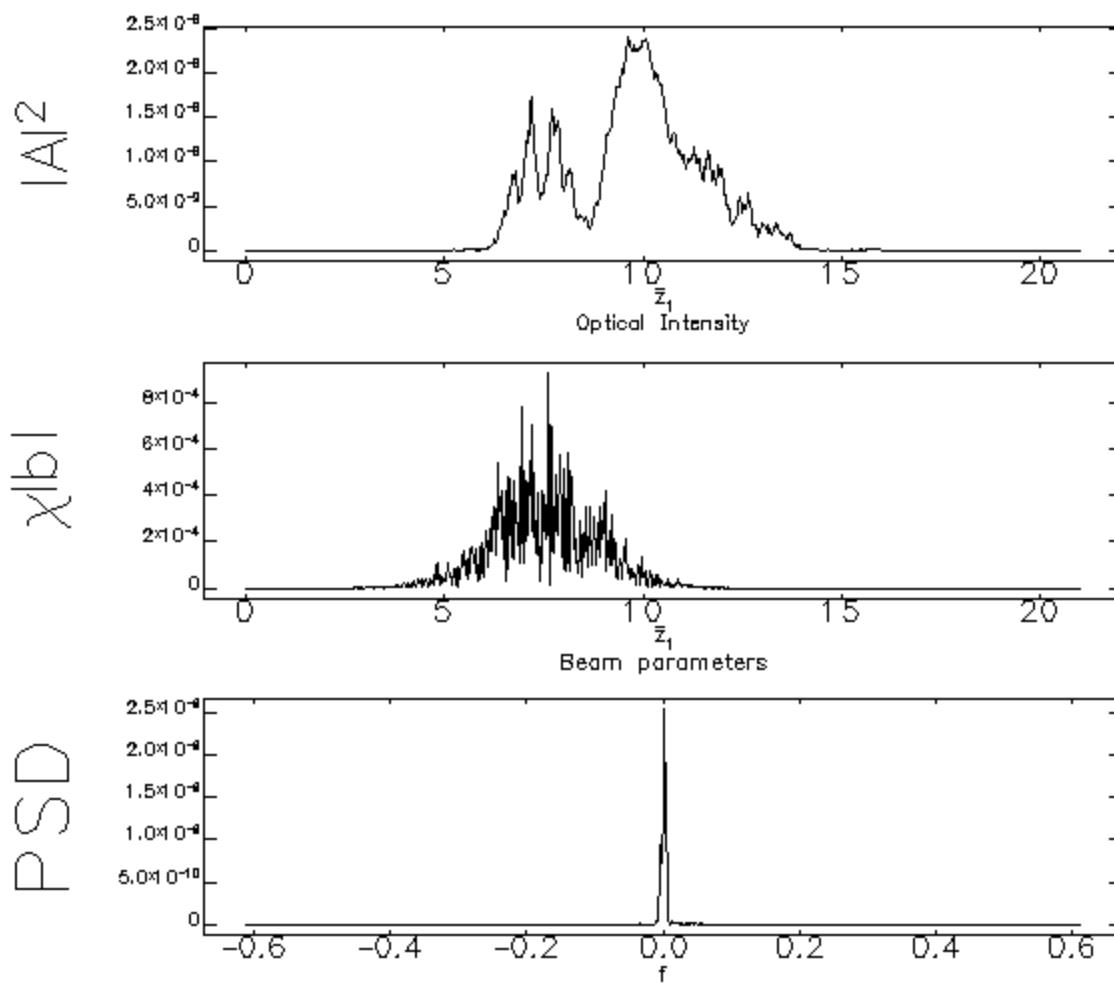
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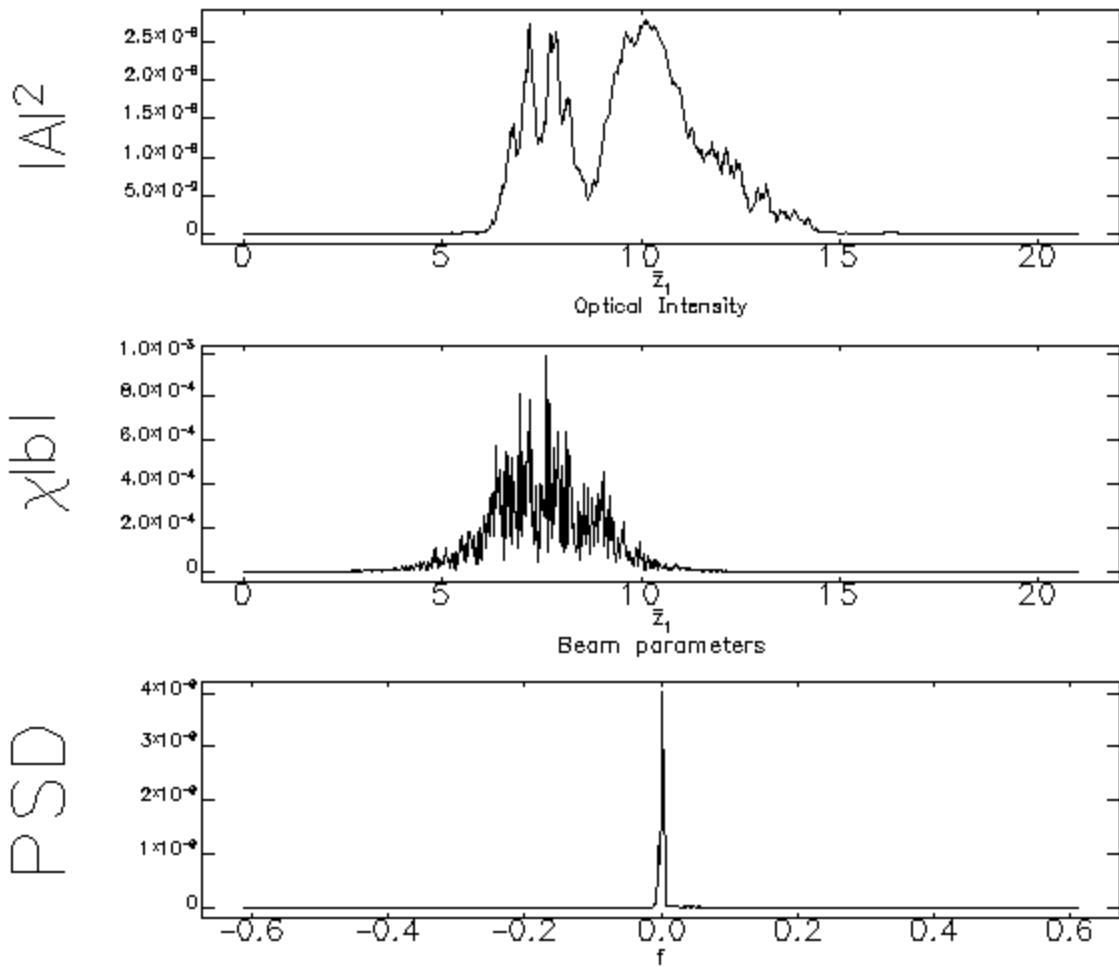
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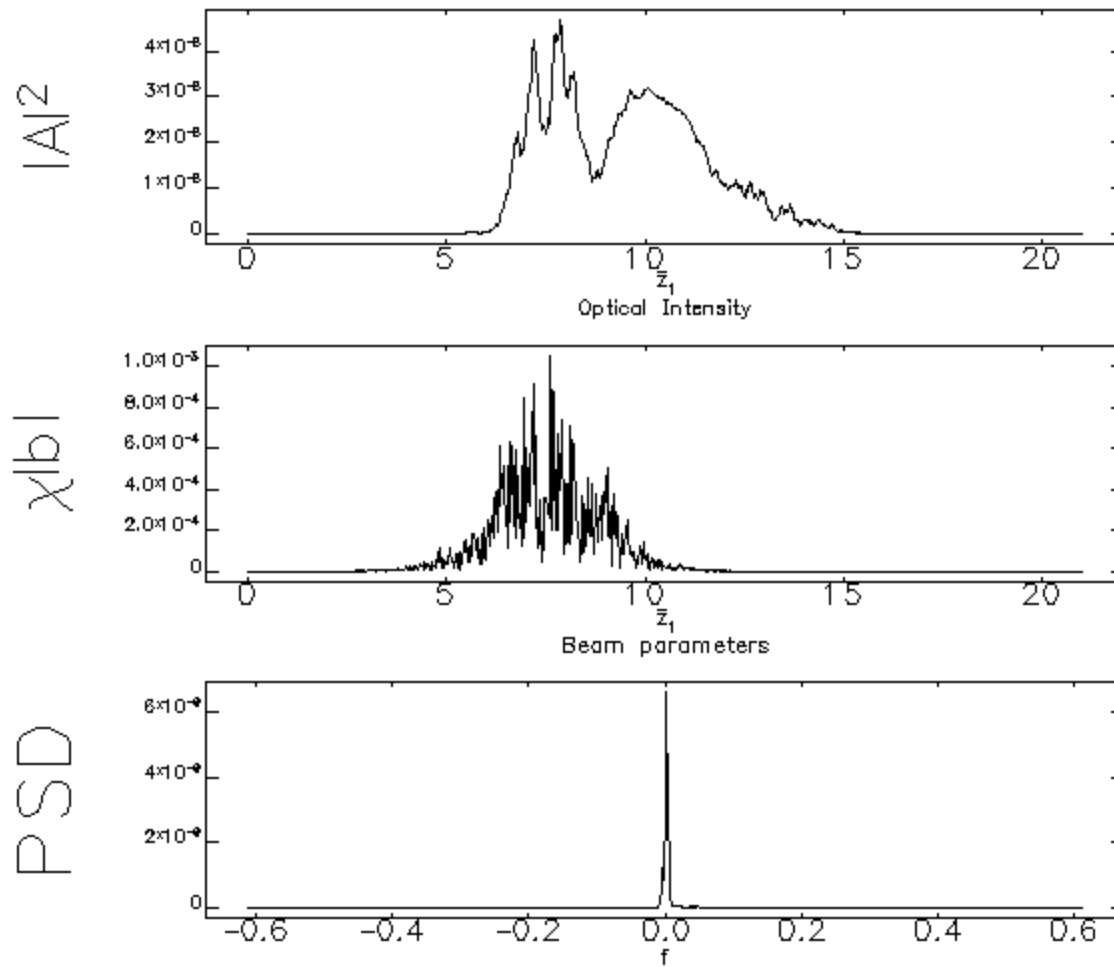
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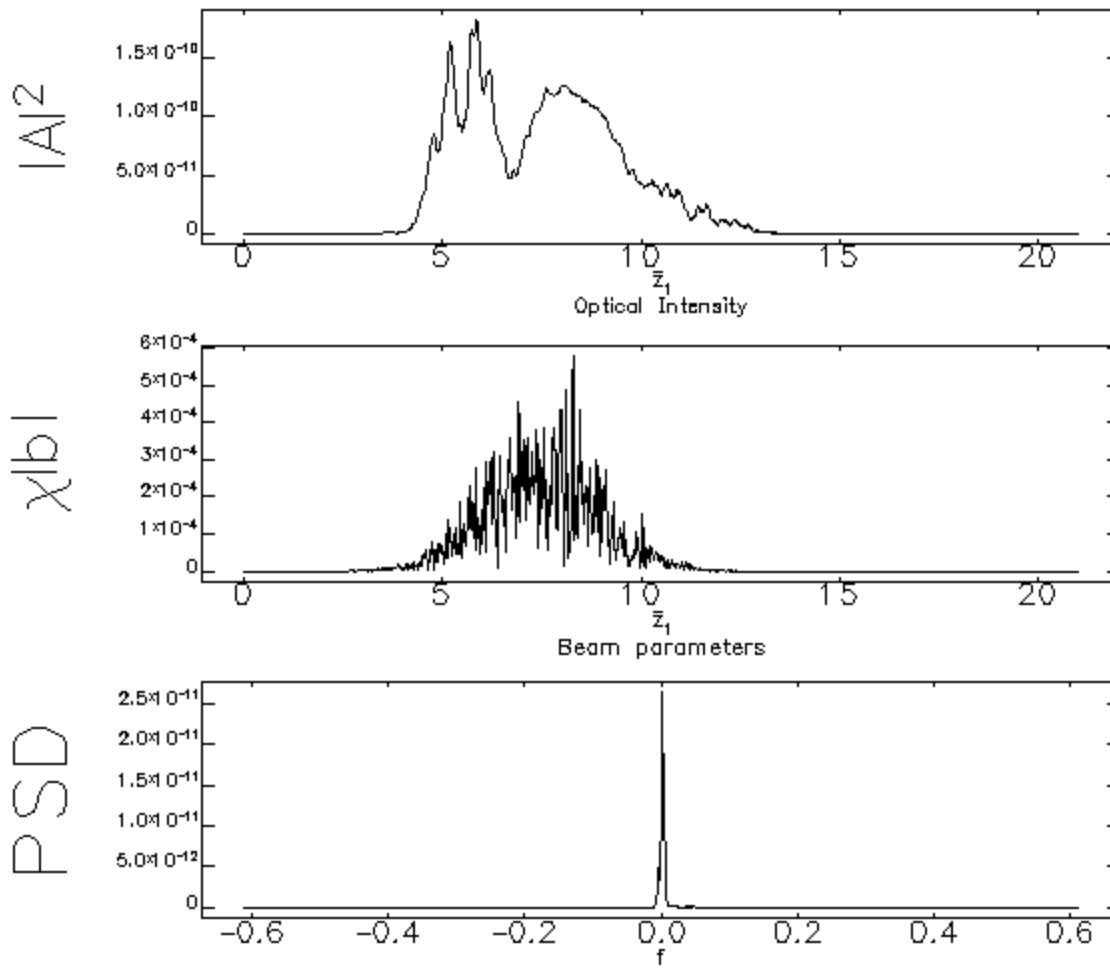
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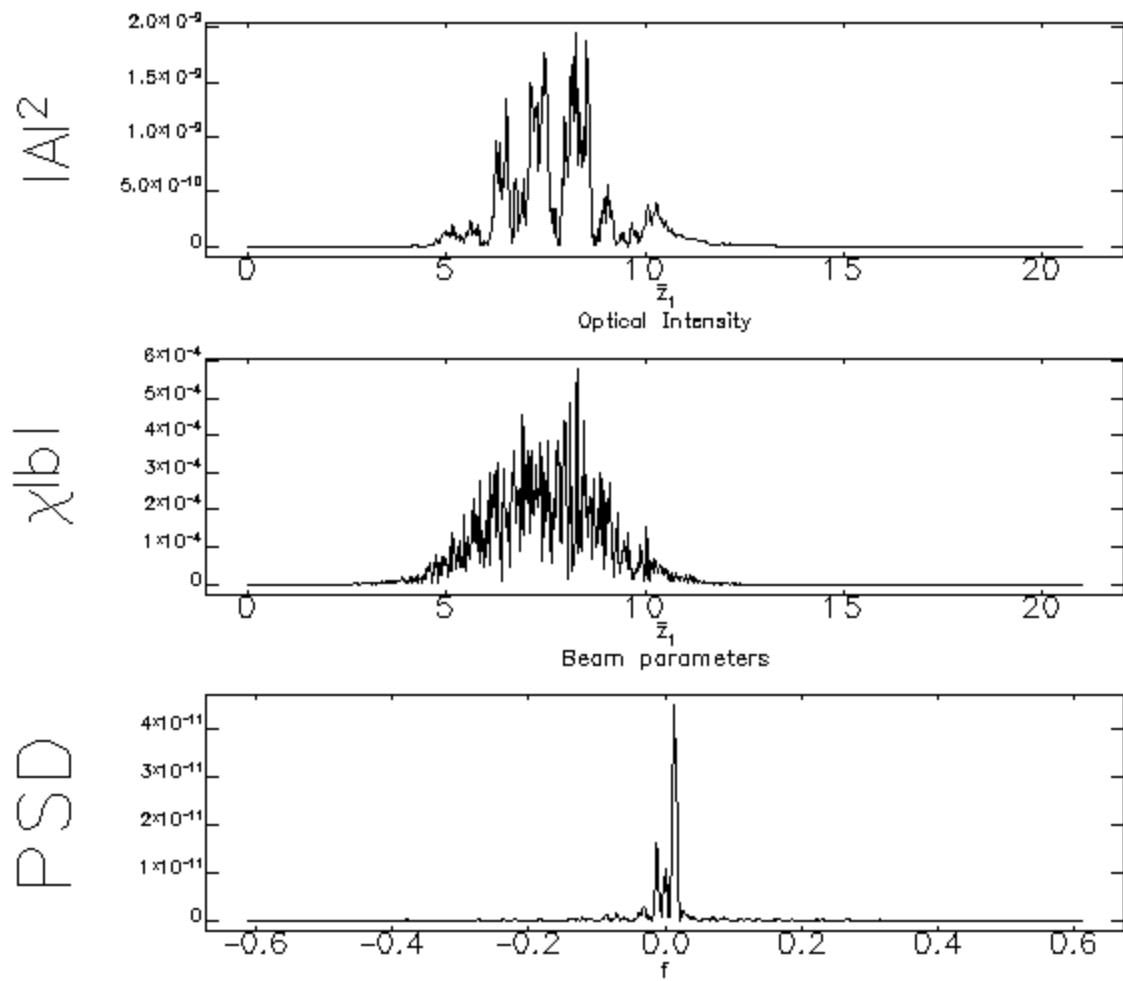
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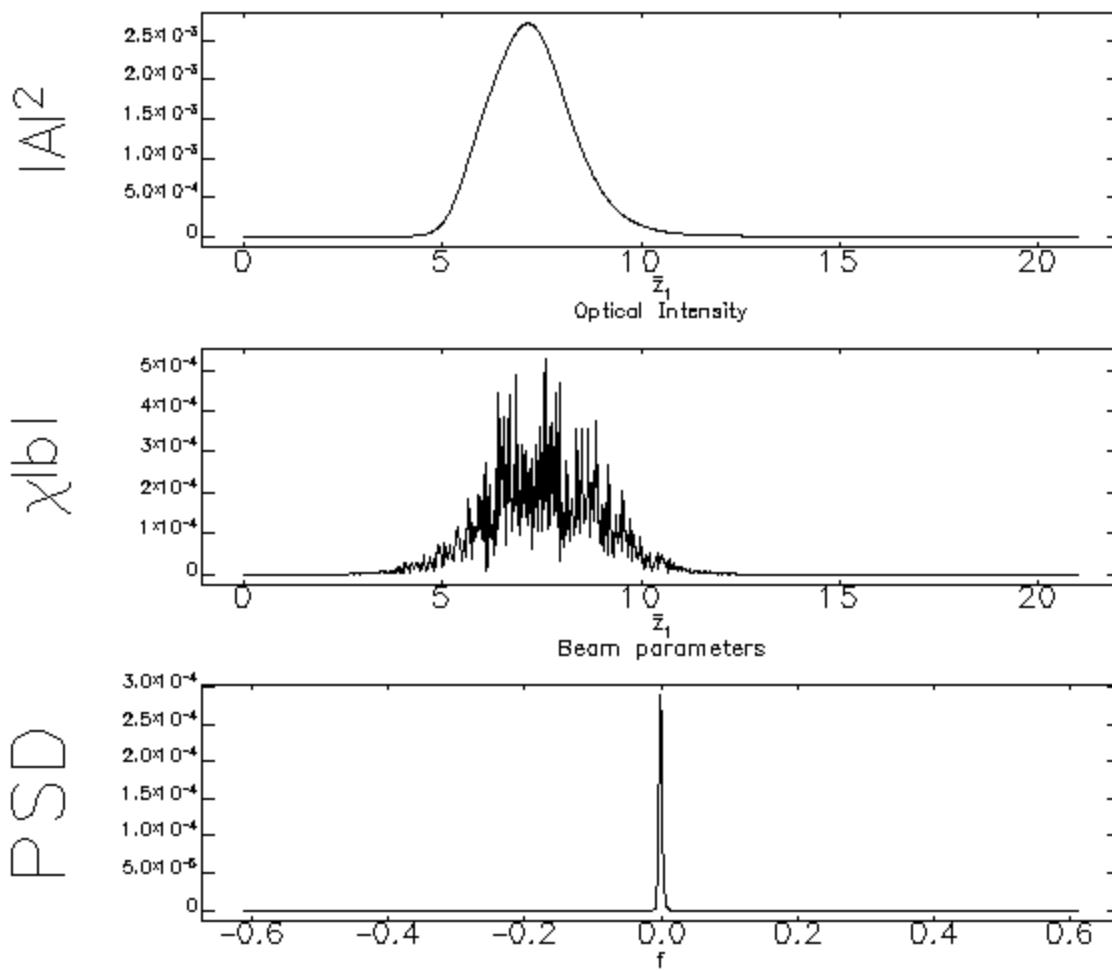


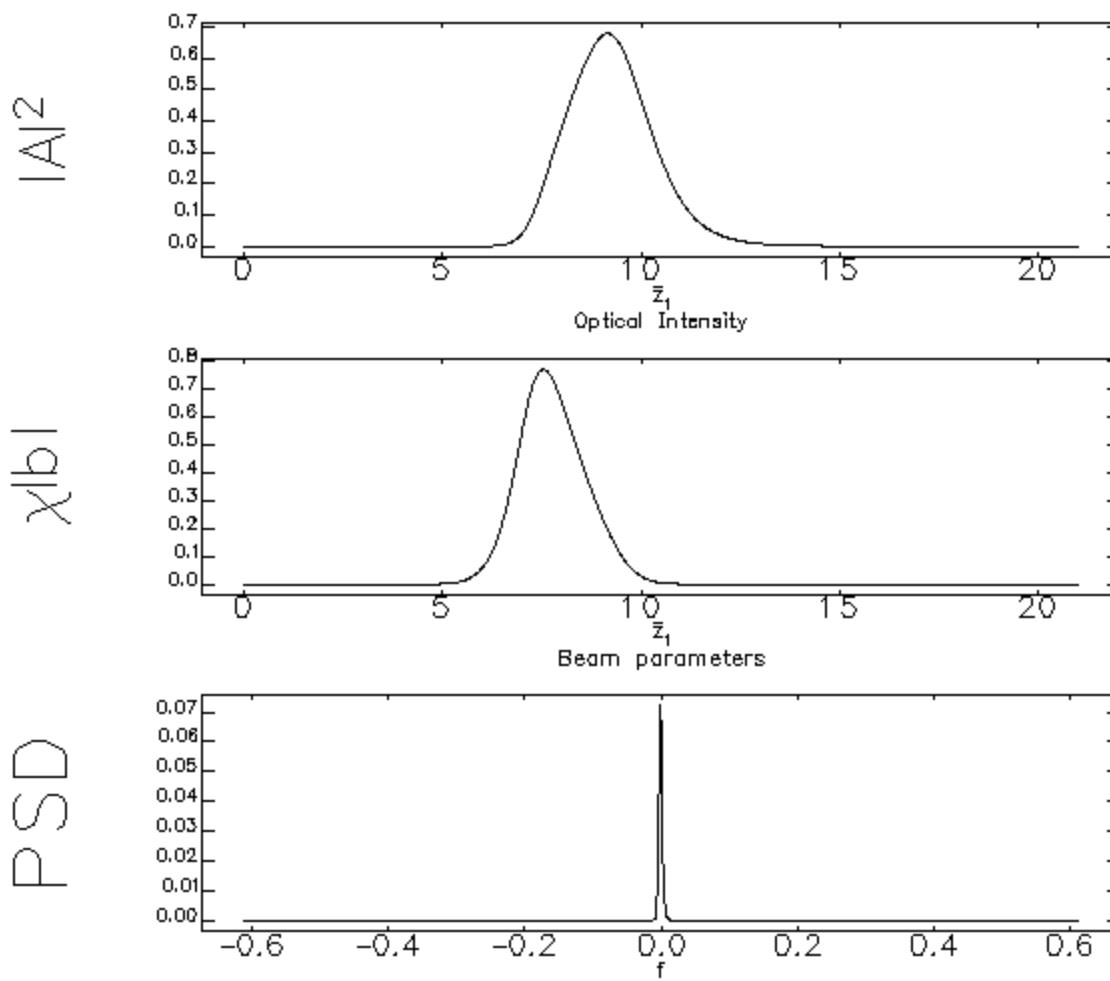
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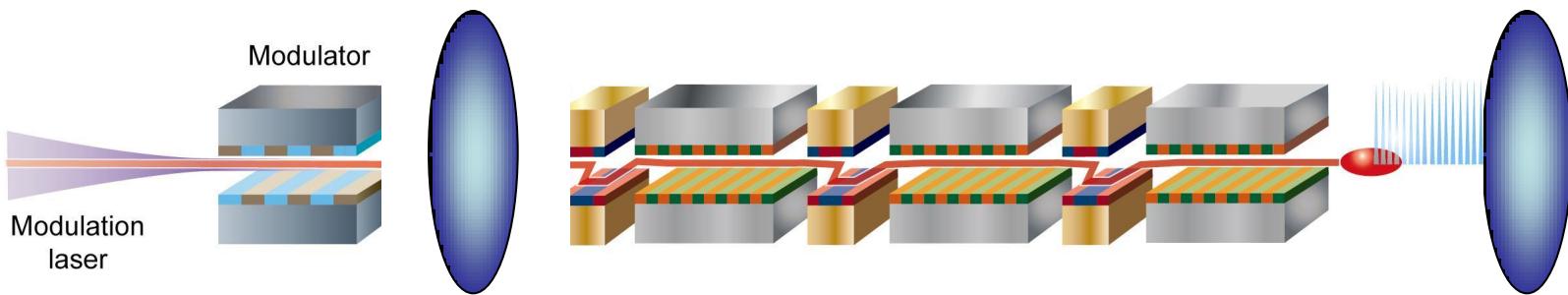
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This output is stable, with very little temporal jitter or power jitter, pass to pass :

**A great candidate for generating single, stable, attosecond pulses in the x-ray.**

RAFEL *with* MLOK –  
with short electron pulse:  $l_b \sim l_c$

# Example short-pulse MLOK RAFEL simulation



Parameters are typical for a soft x-ray FEL:

Gaussian current electron pulse:

$$\sigma_z = l_c$$

FEL parameter:

$$\rho = 2 \times 10^{-3}$$

Undulator module length X 16:

$$L_u = l_g / 4$$

Chicane induced slippage X 16:

$$\delta = 1.25 l_c$$

Beam energy modulation amplitude:  
(can also use current modulation)

$$\gamma_{\text{mod}} = \rho \gamma$$

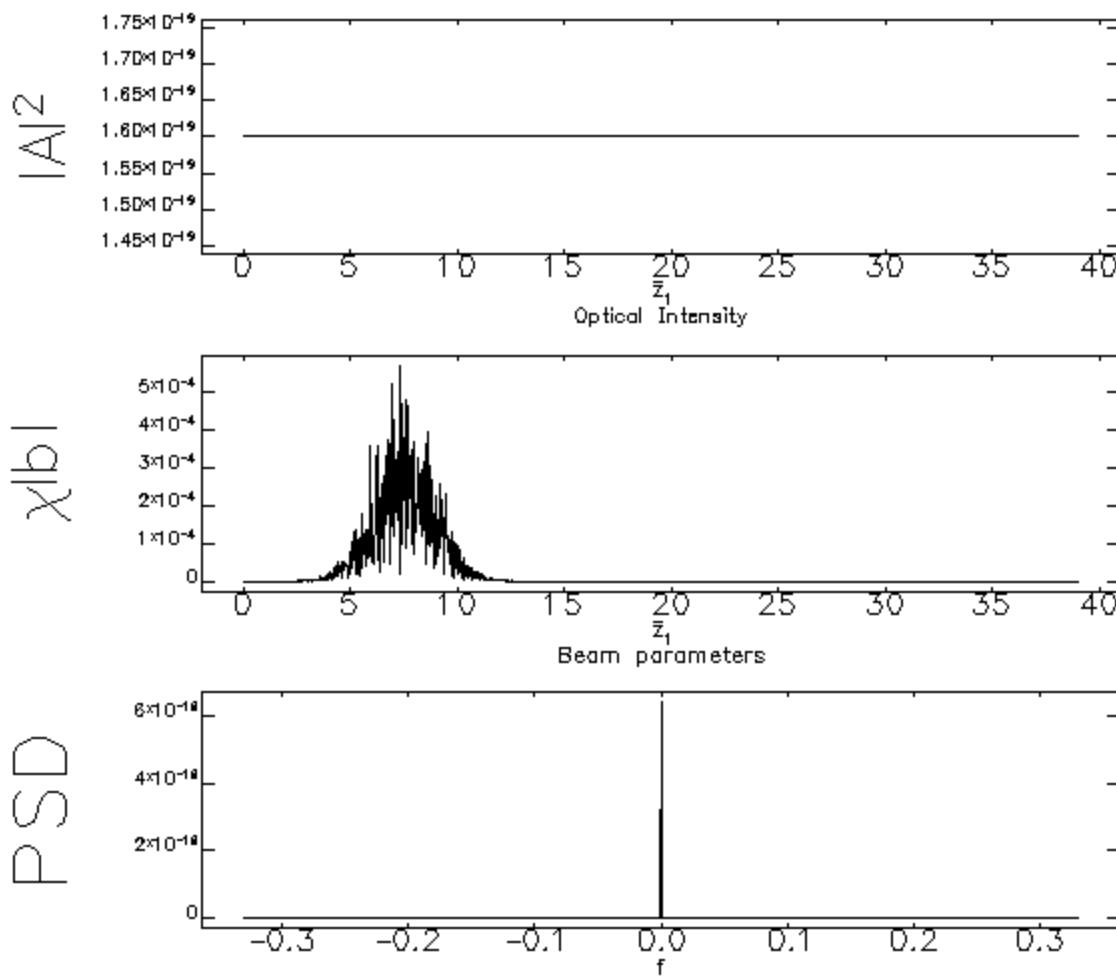
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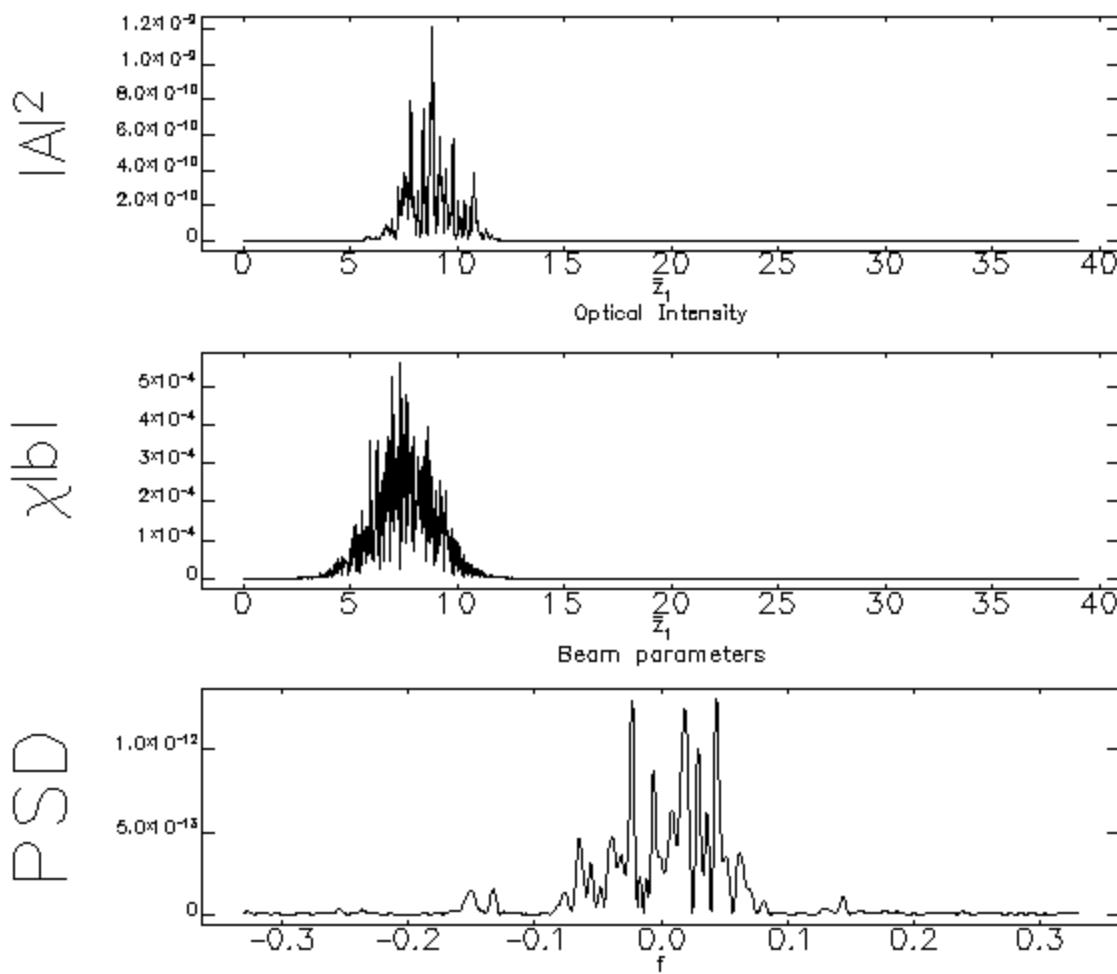
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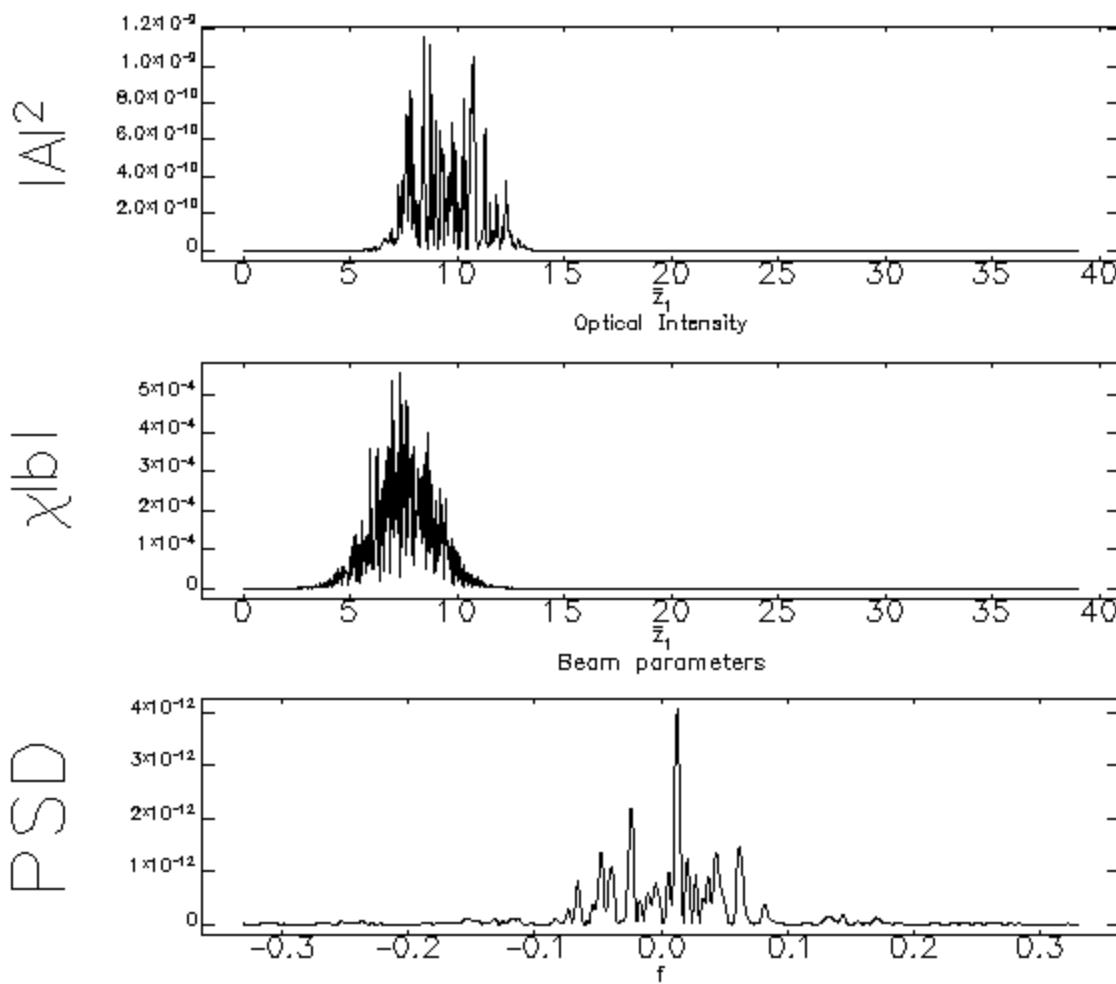
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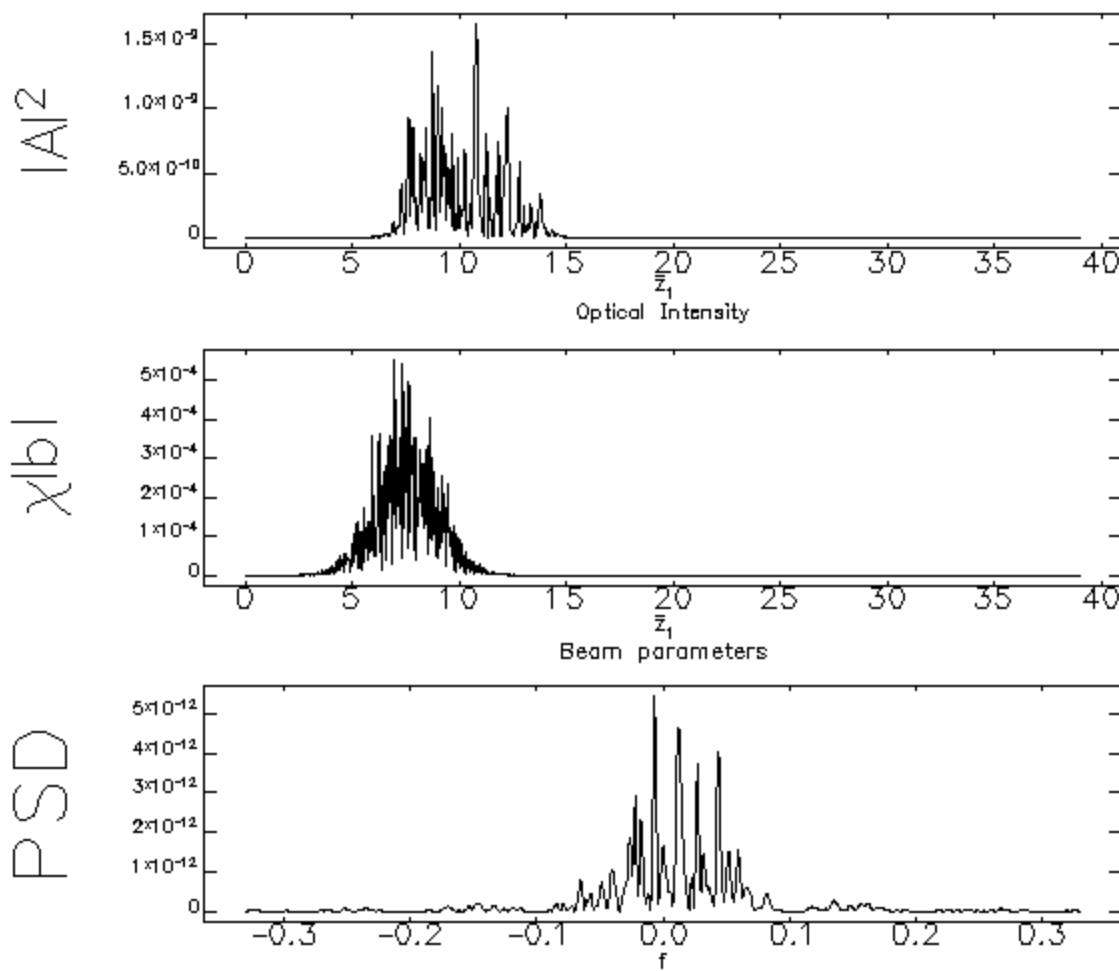
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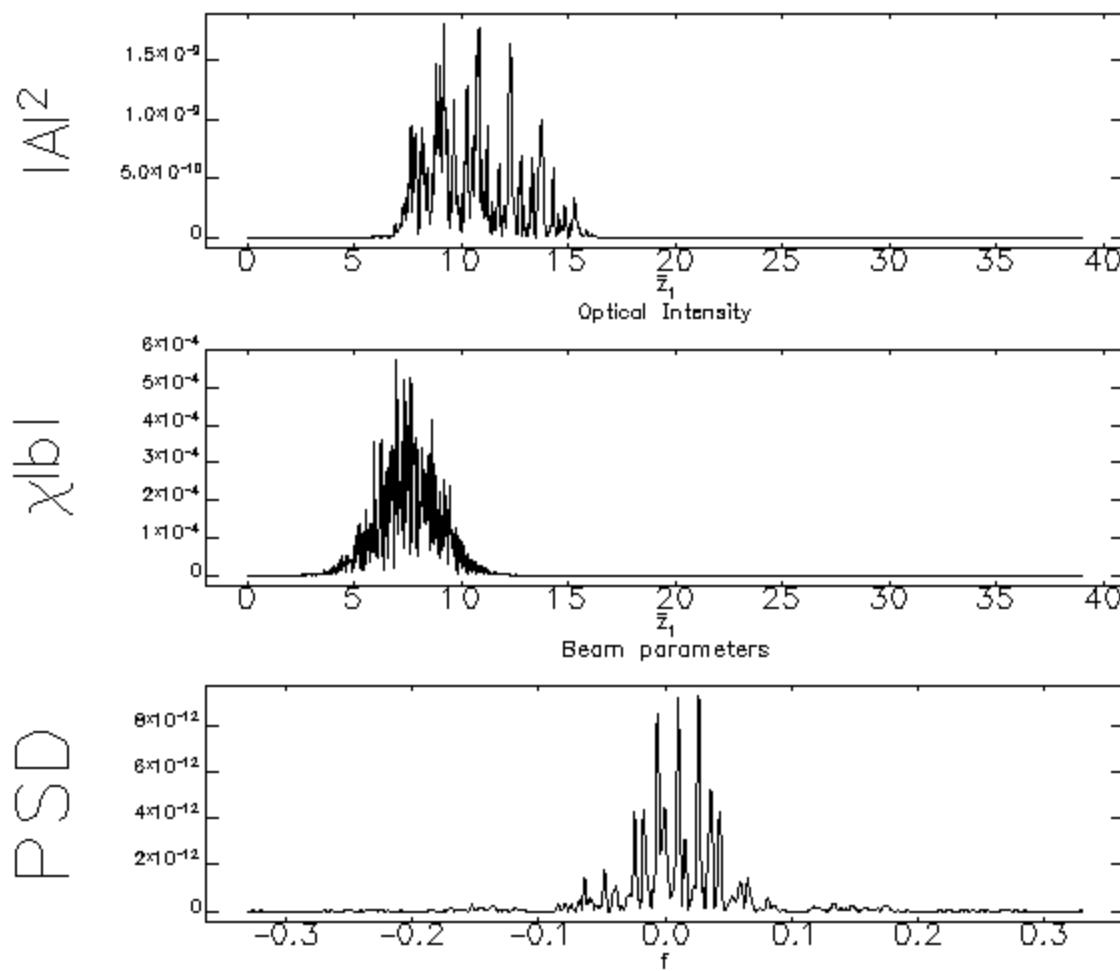
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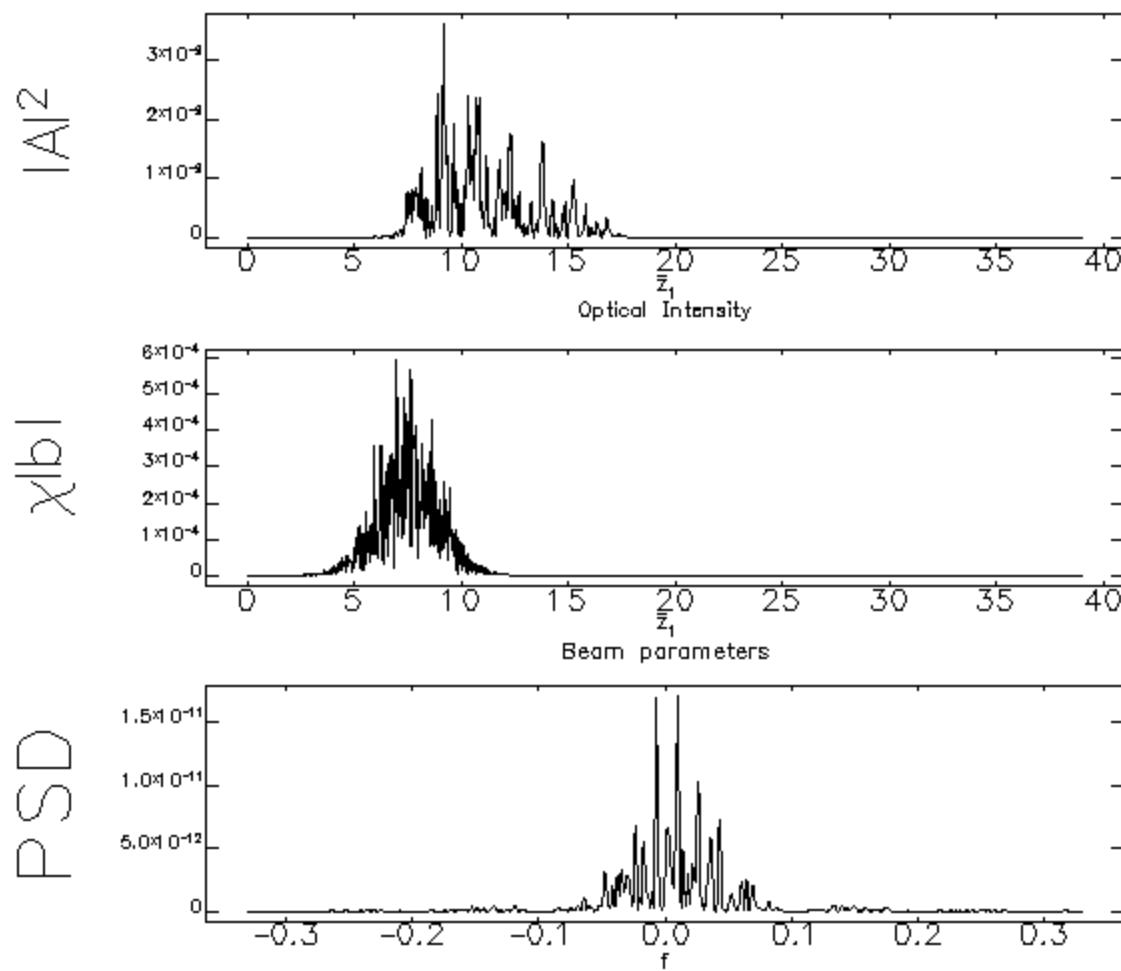
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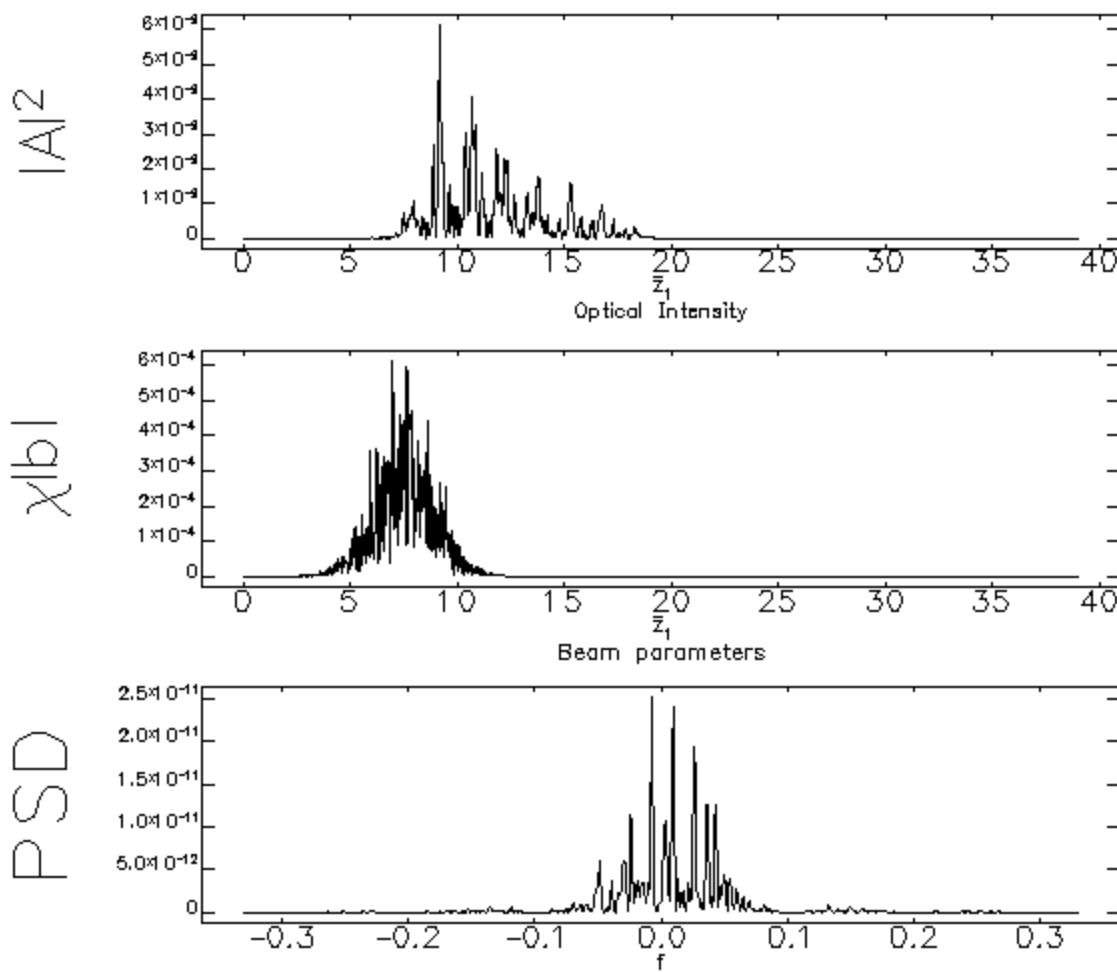
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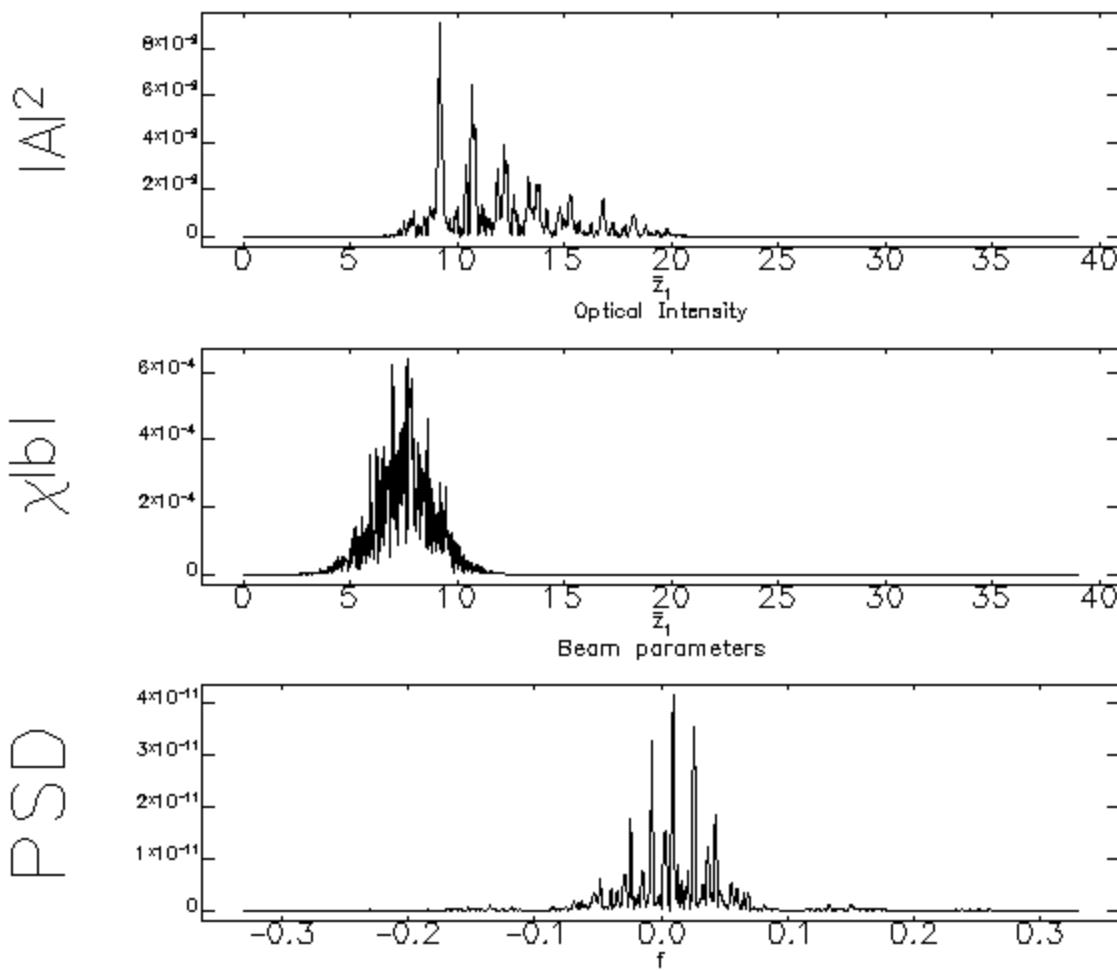
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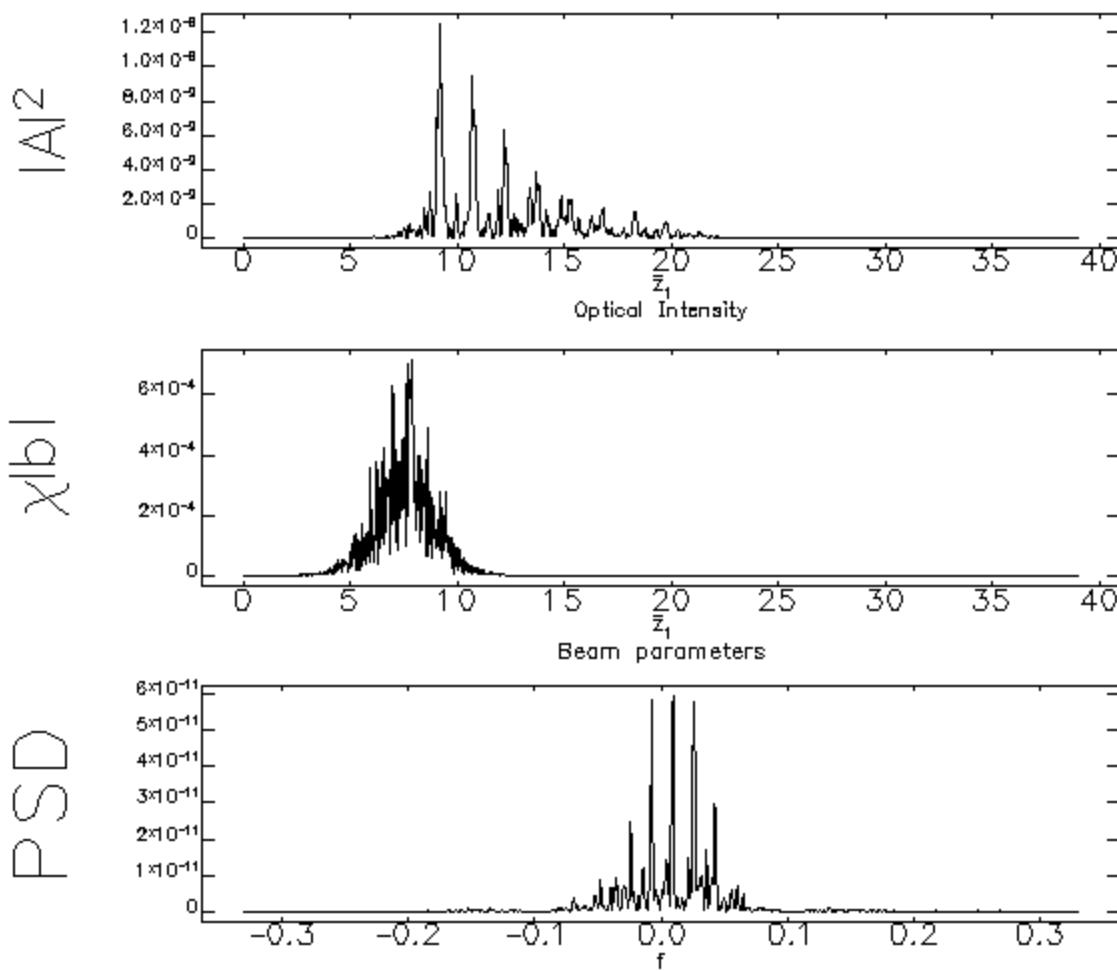
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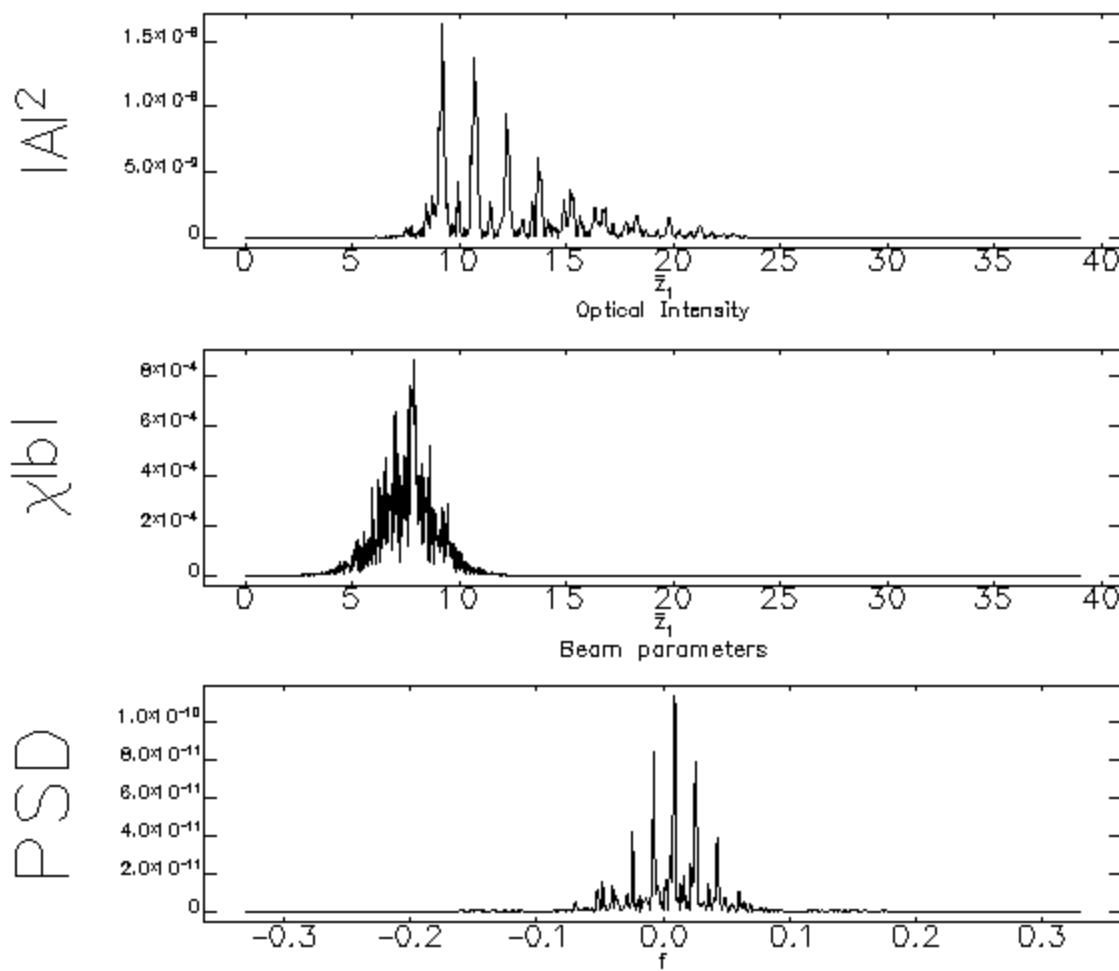
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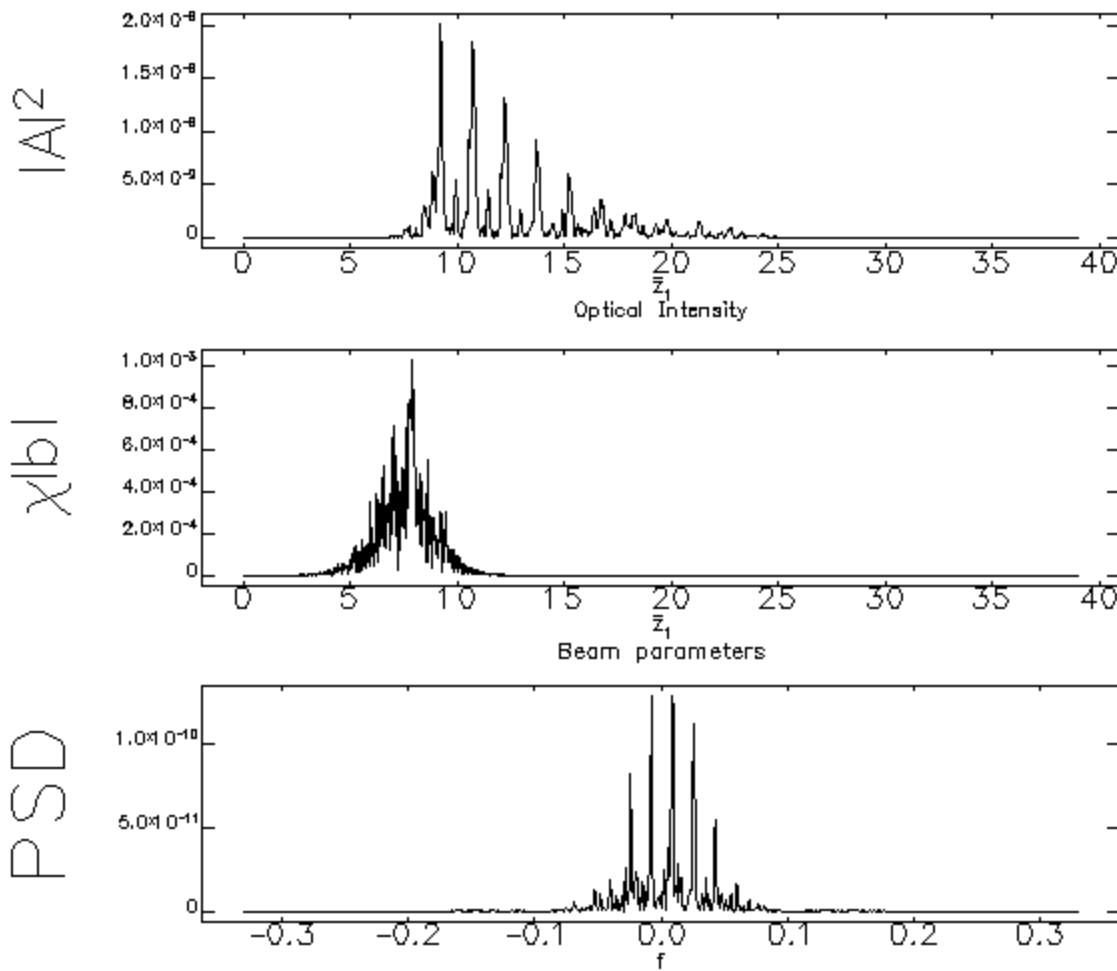


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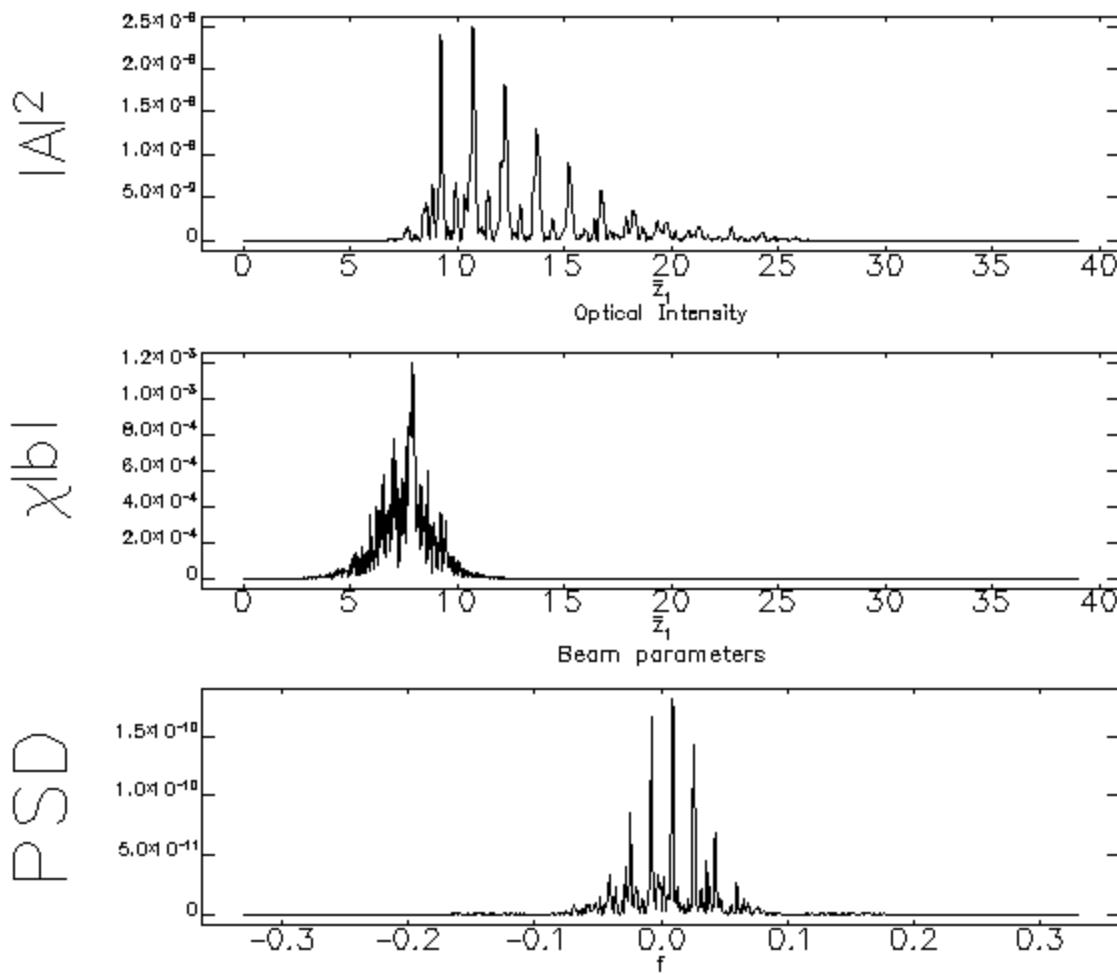
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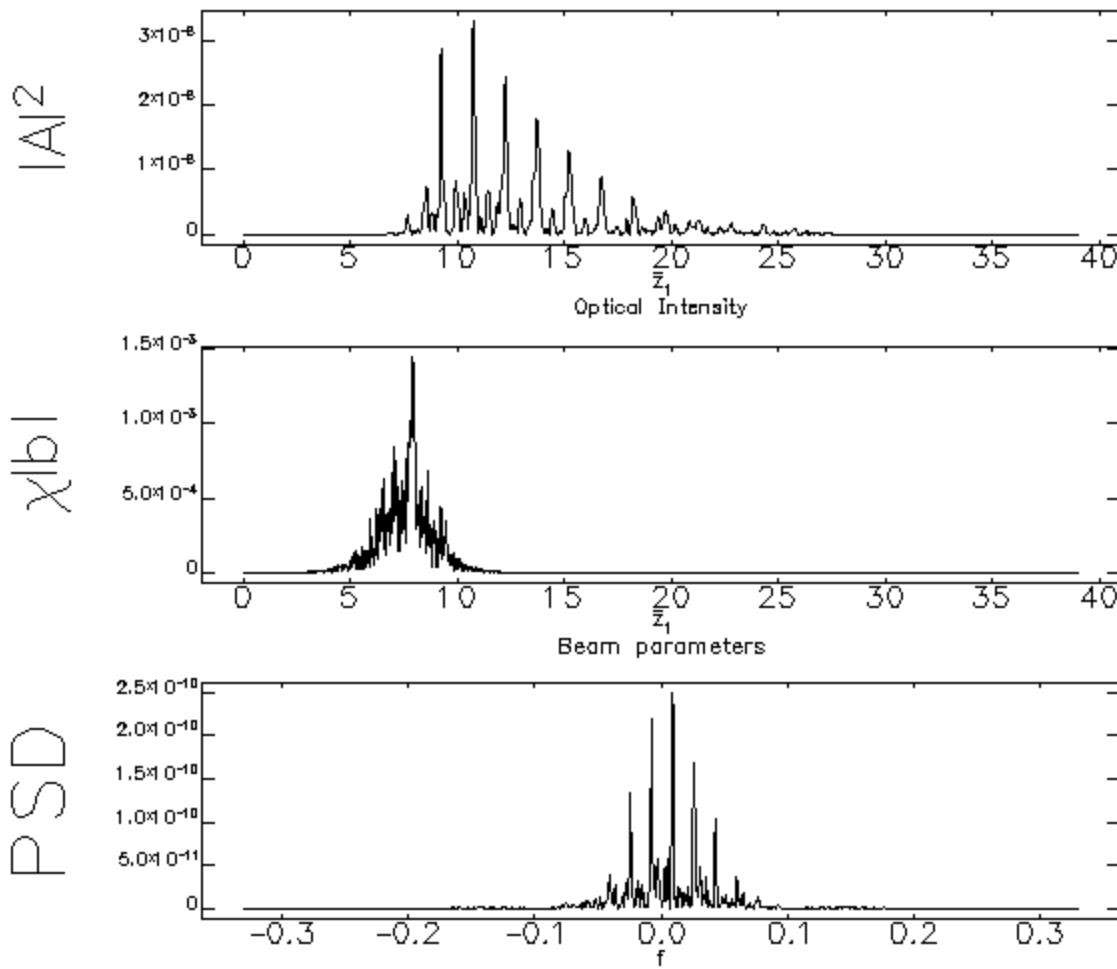
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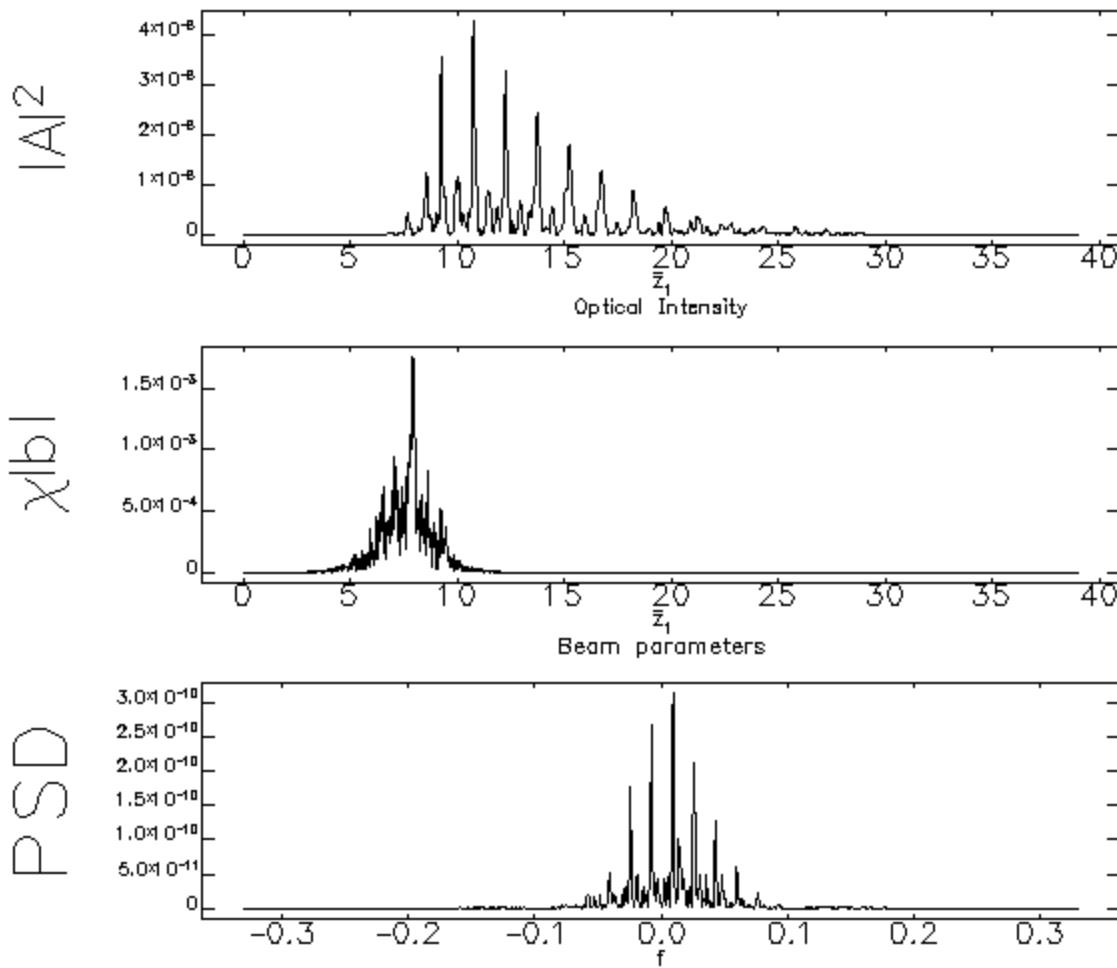
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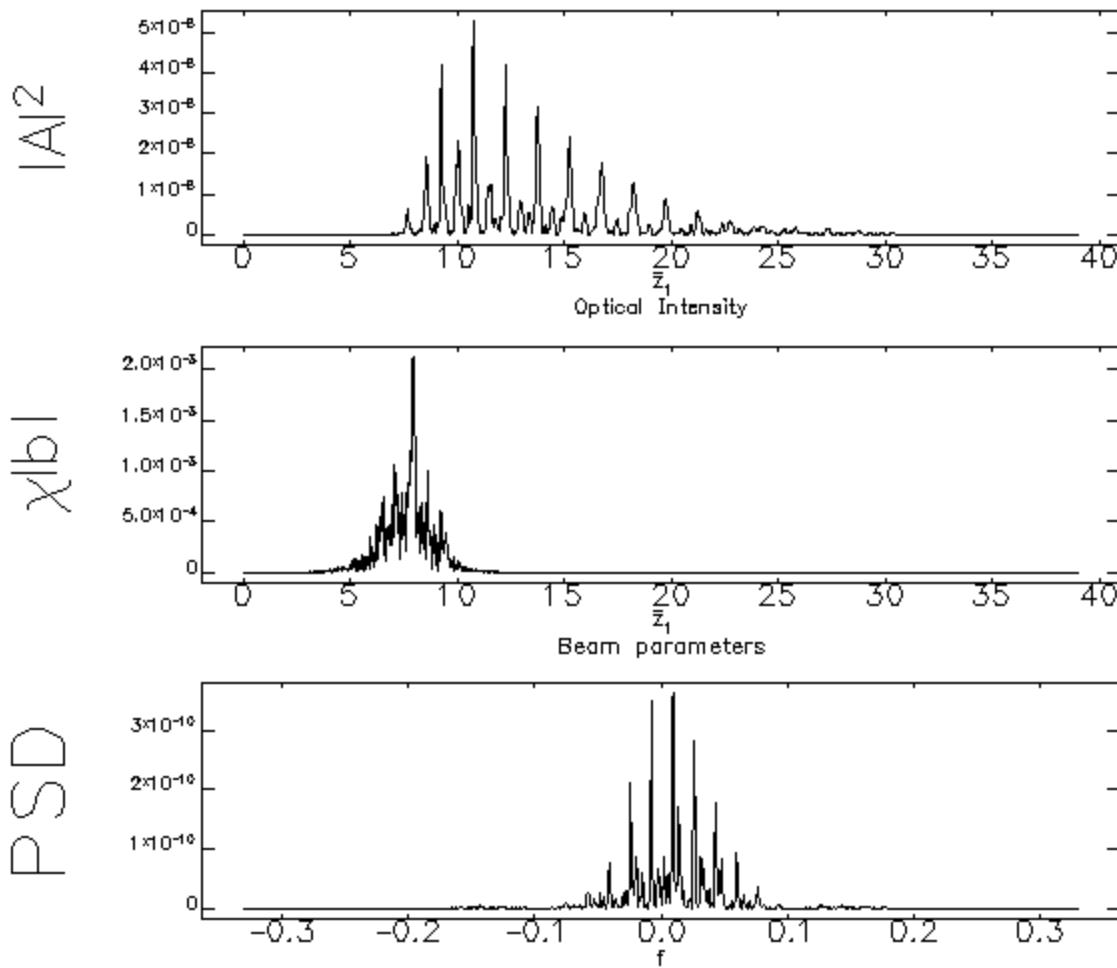
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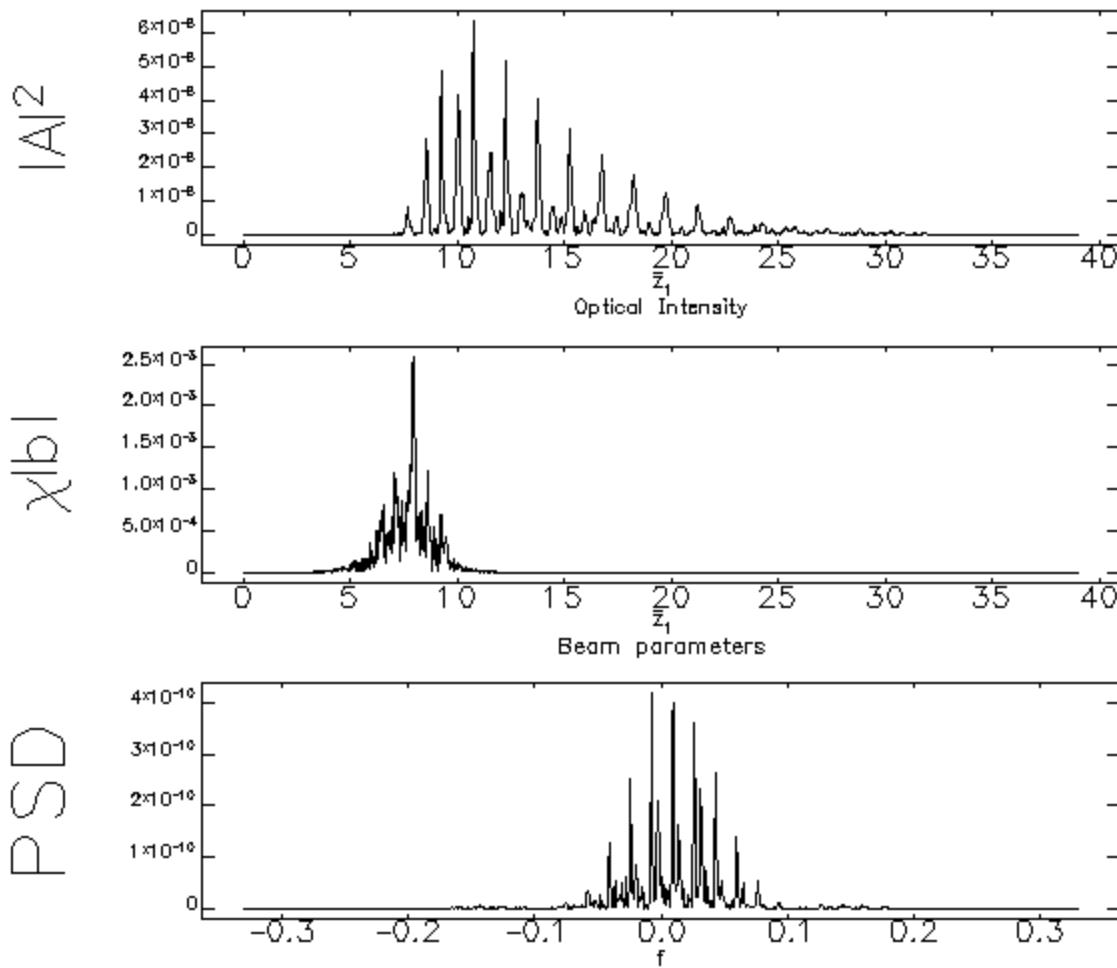
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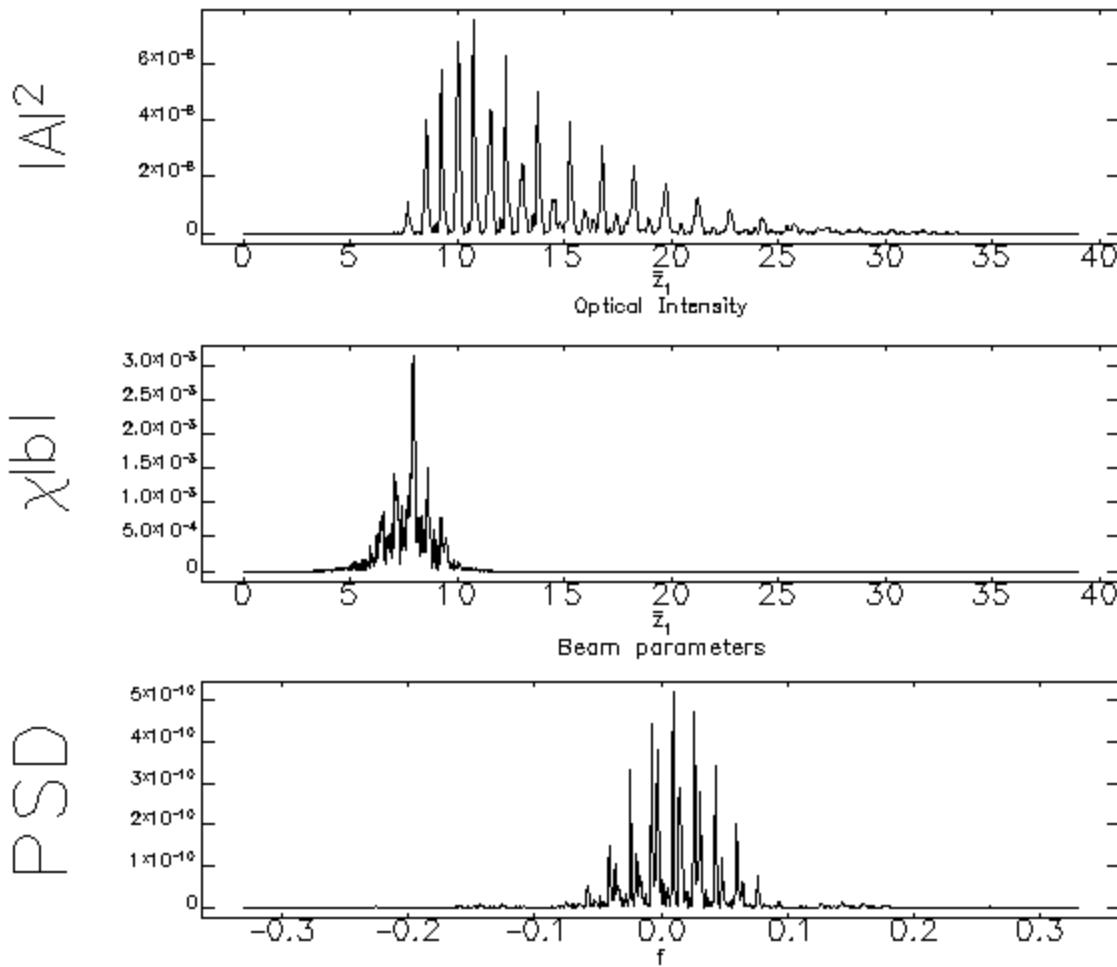
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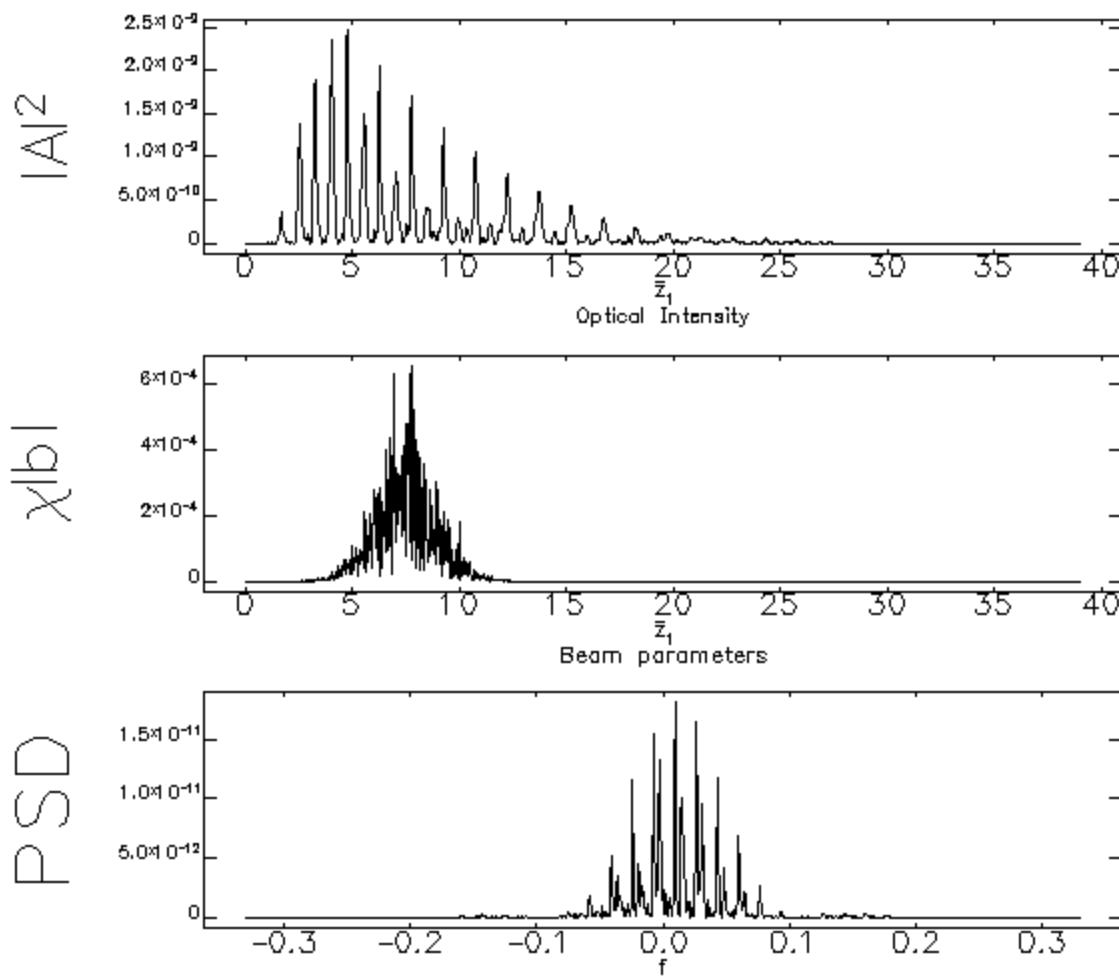


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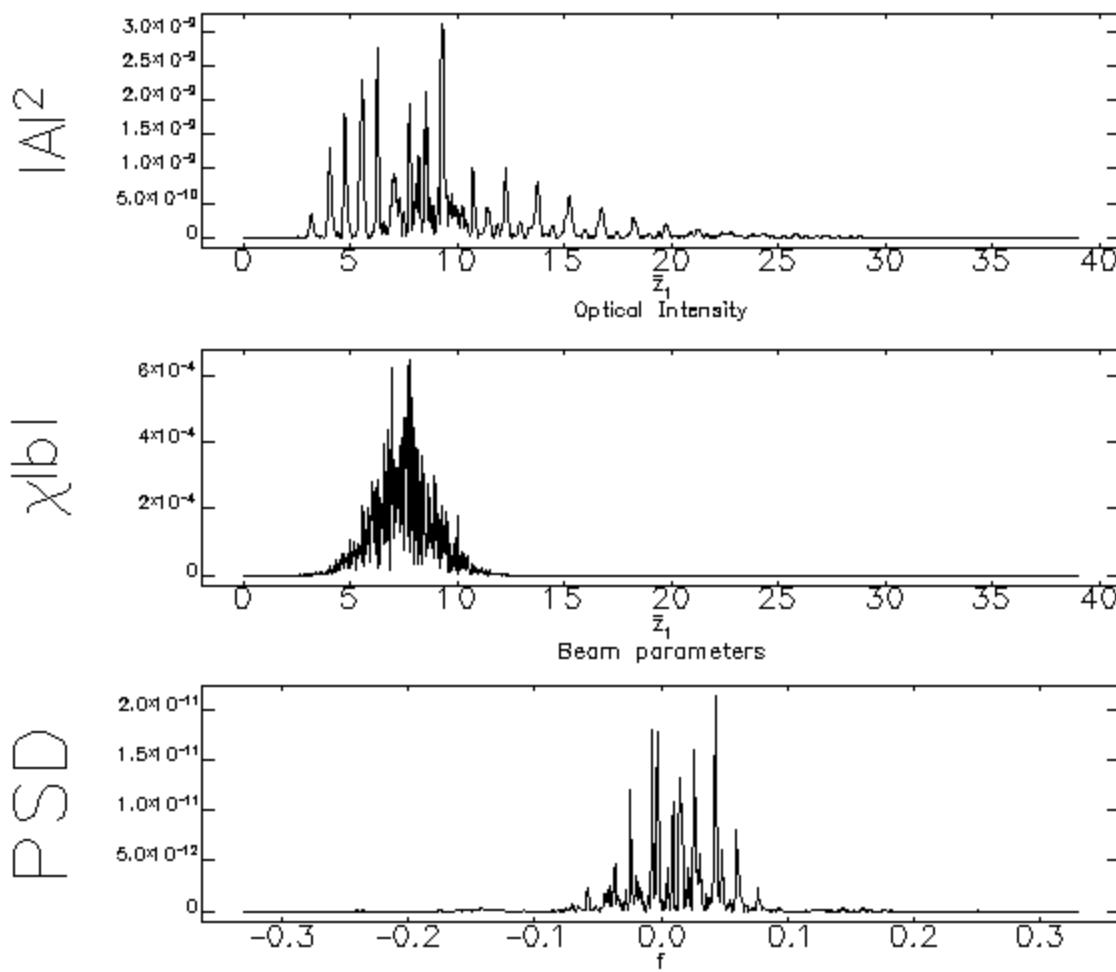
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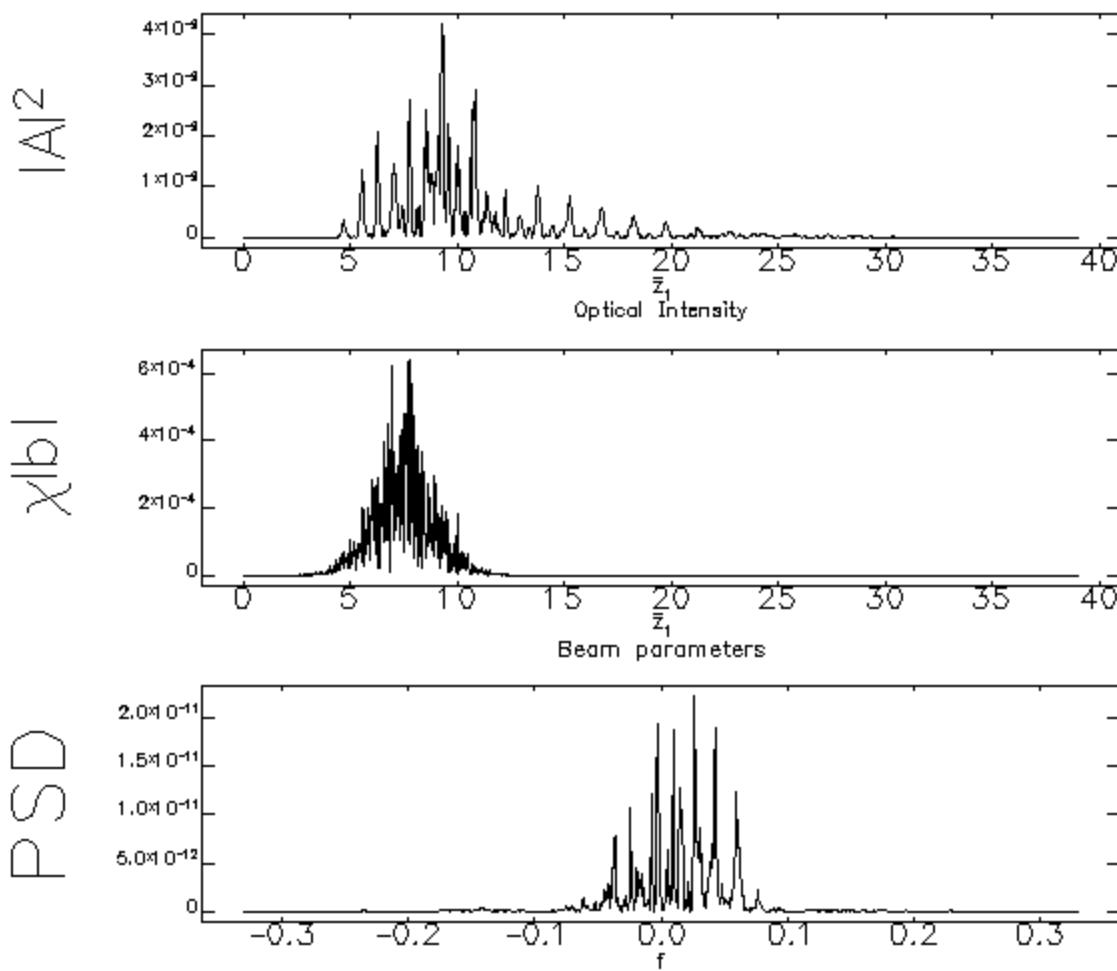
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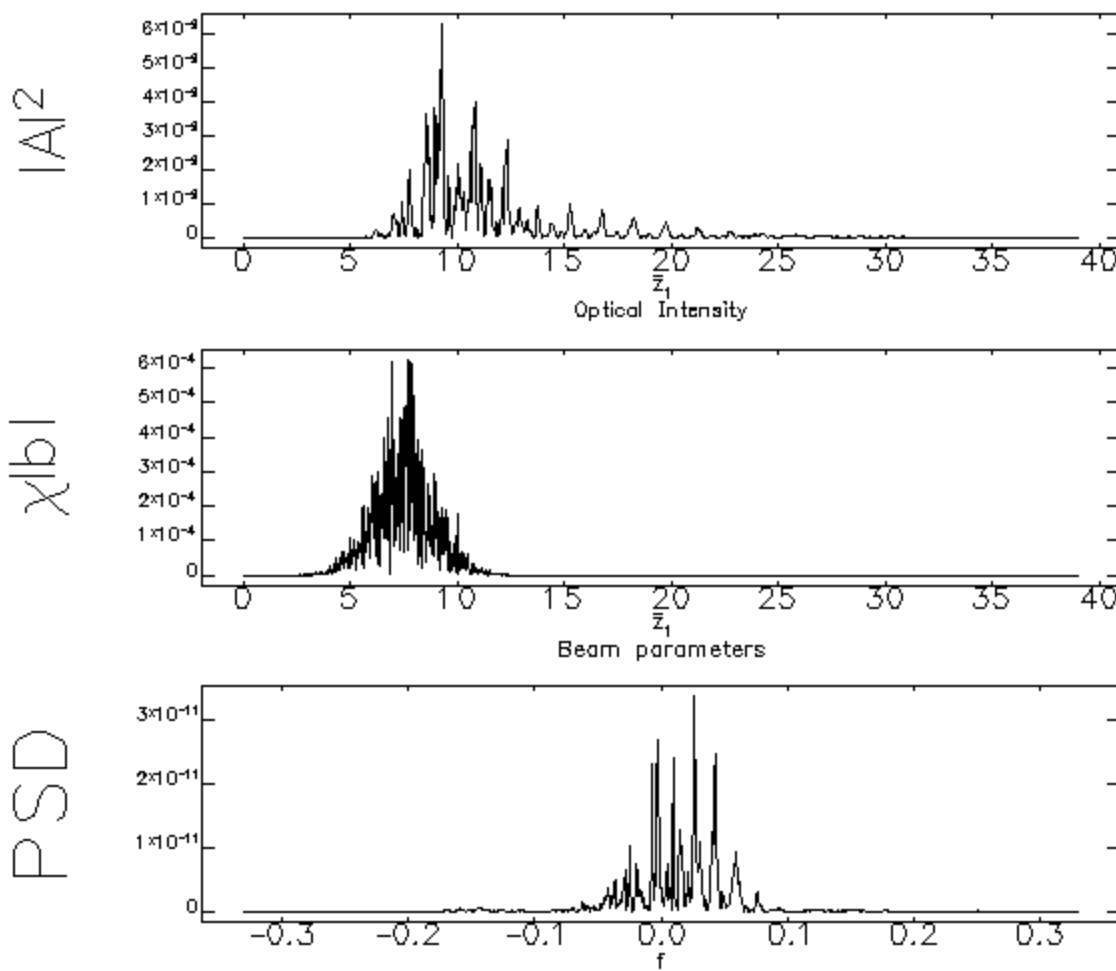
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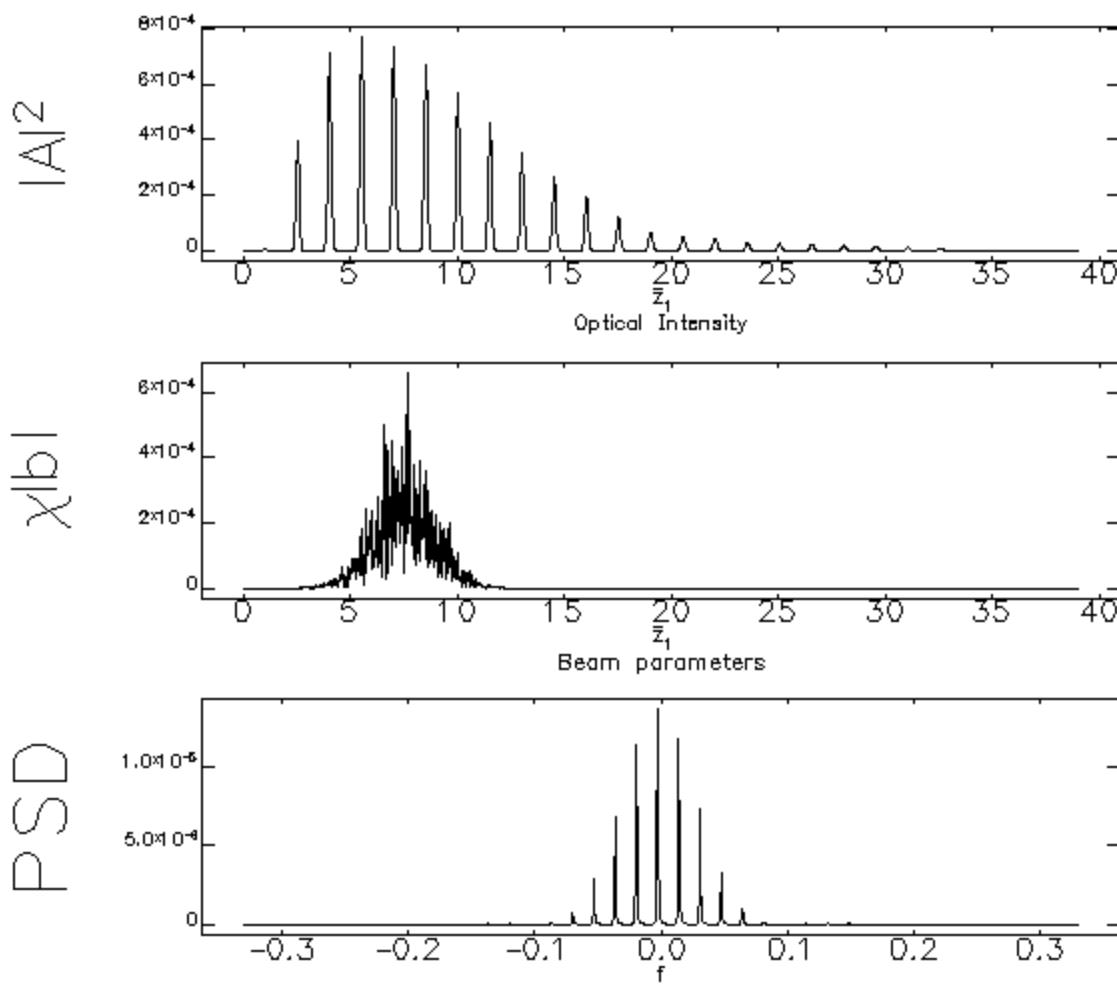
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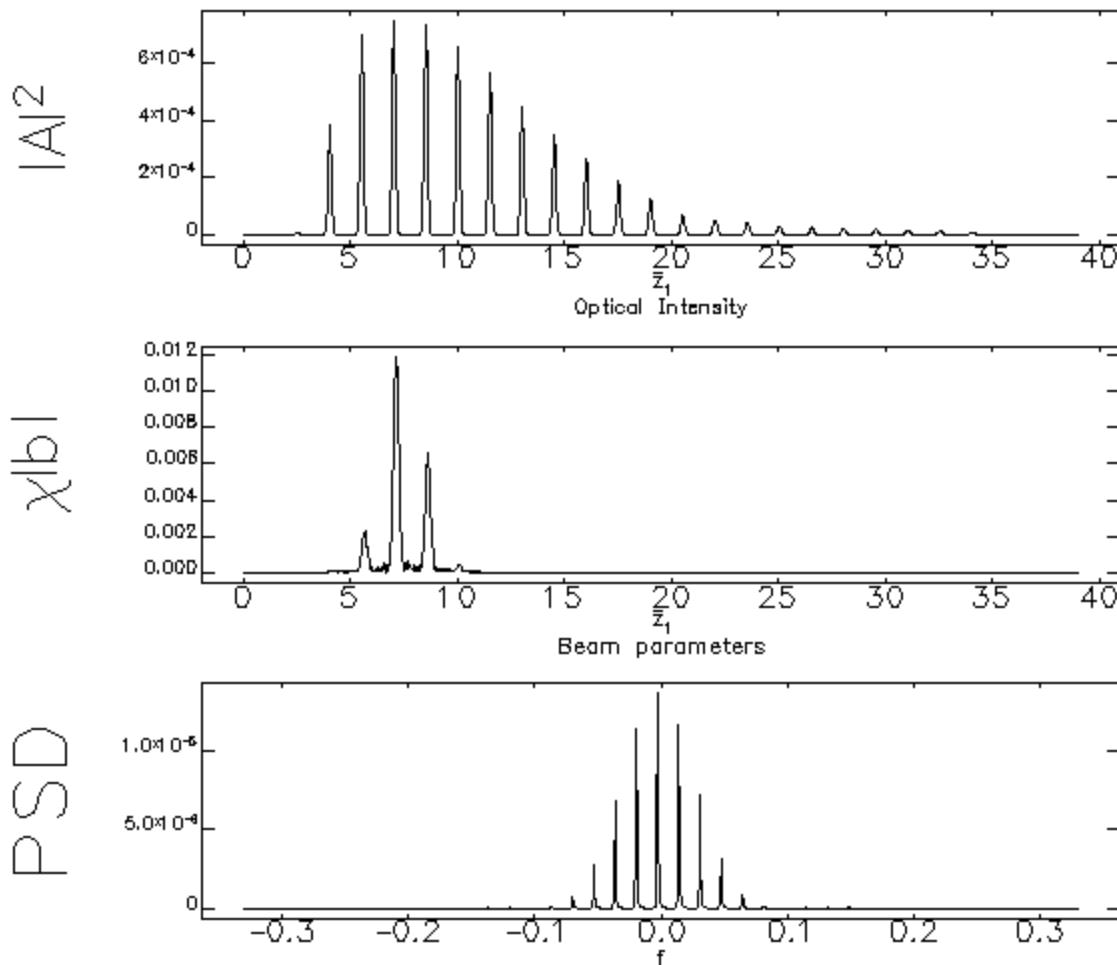
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Module 0



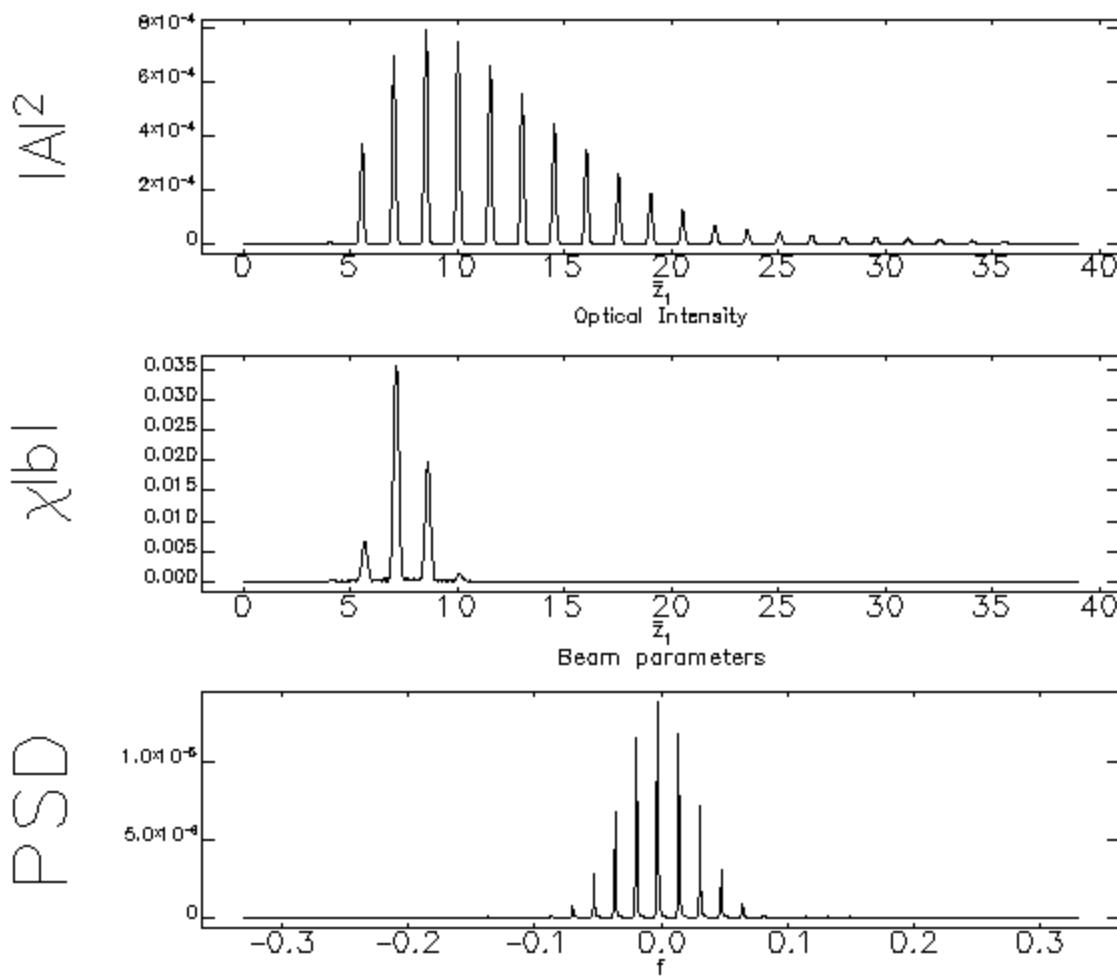
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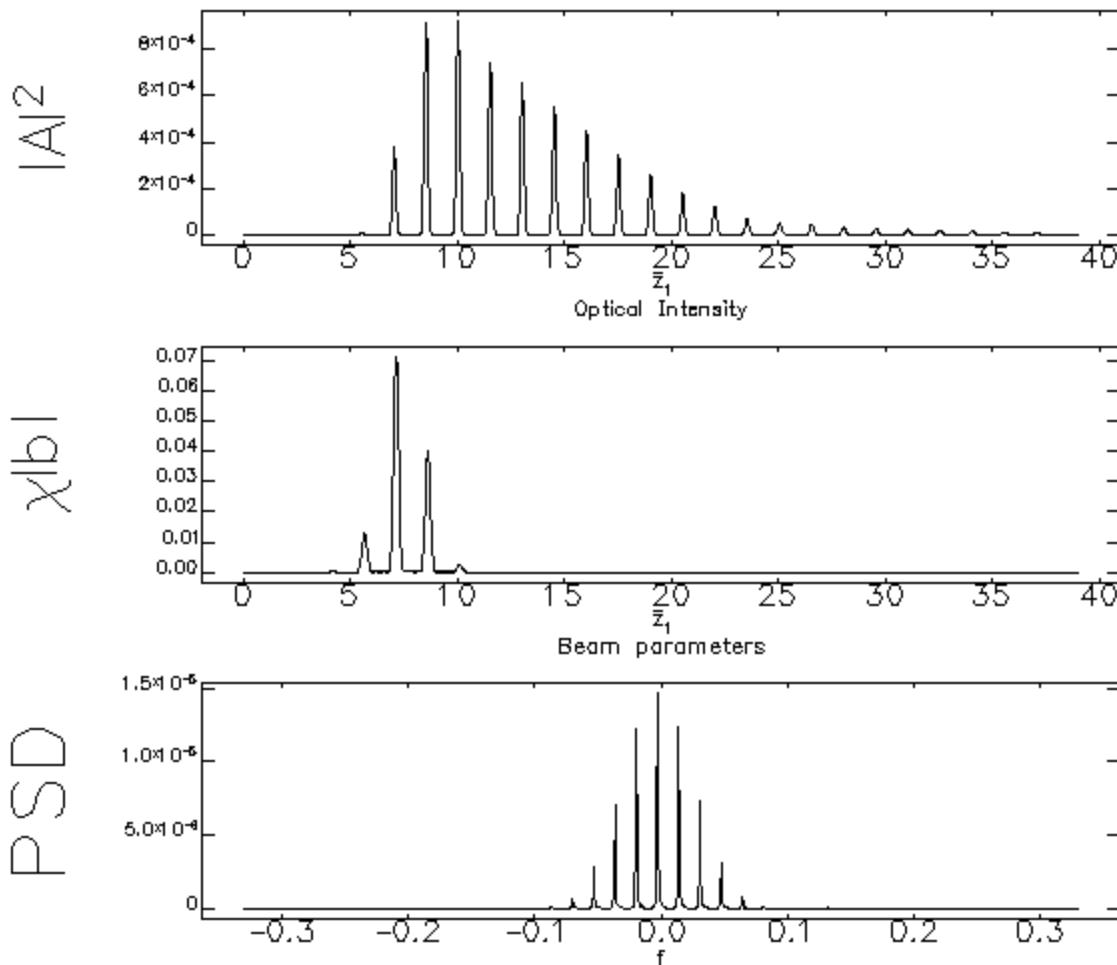
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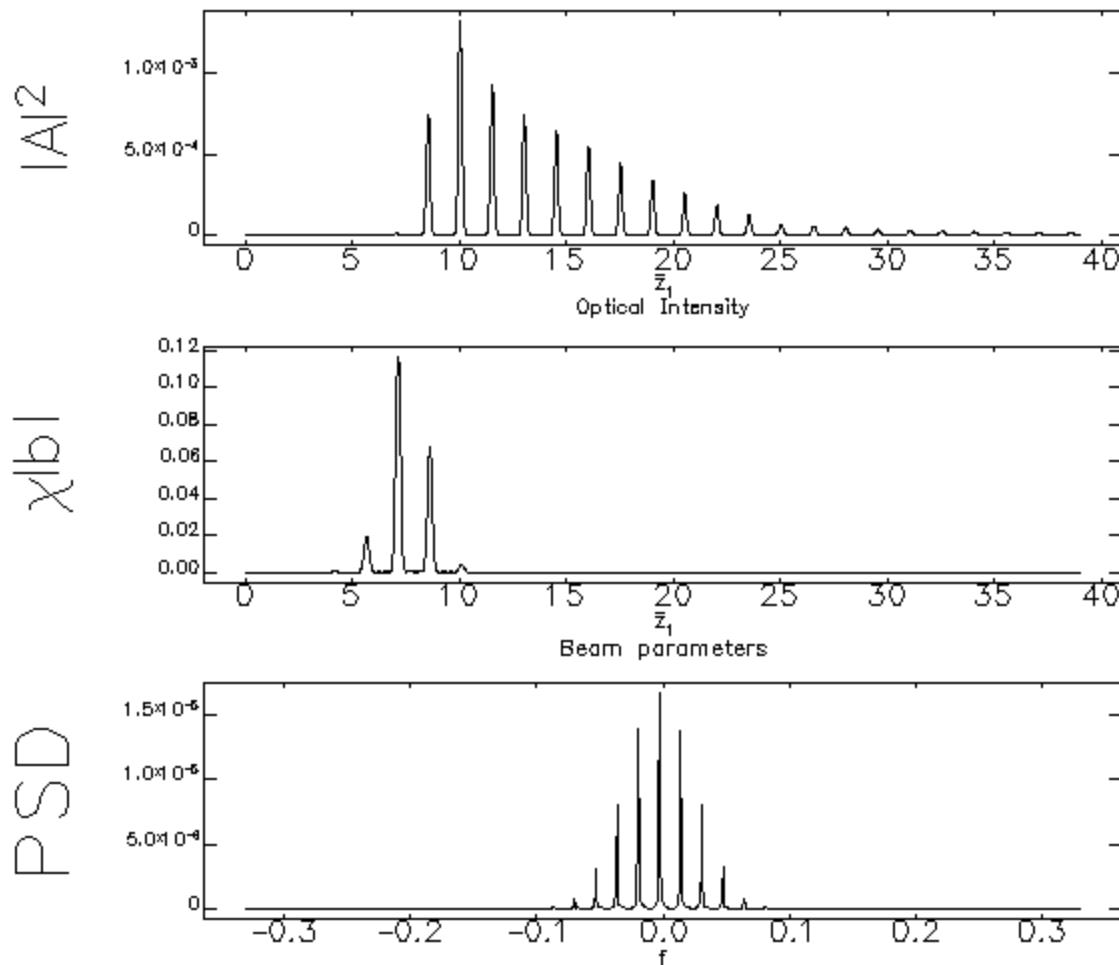
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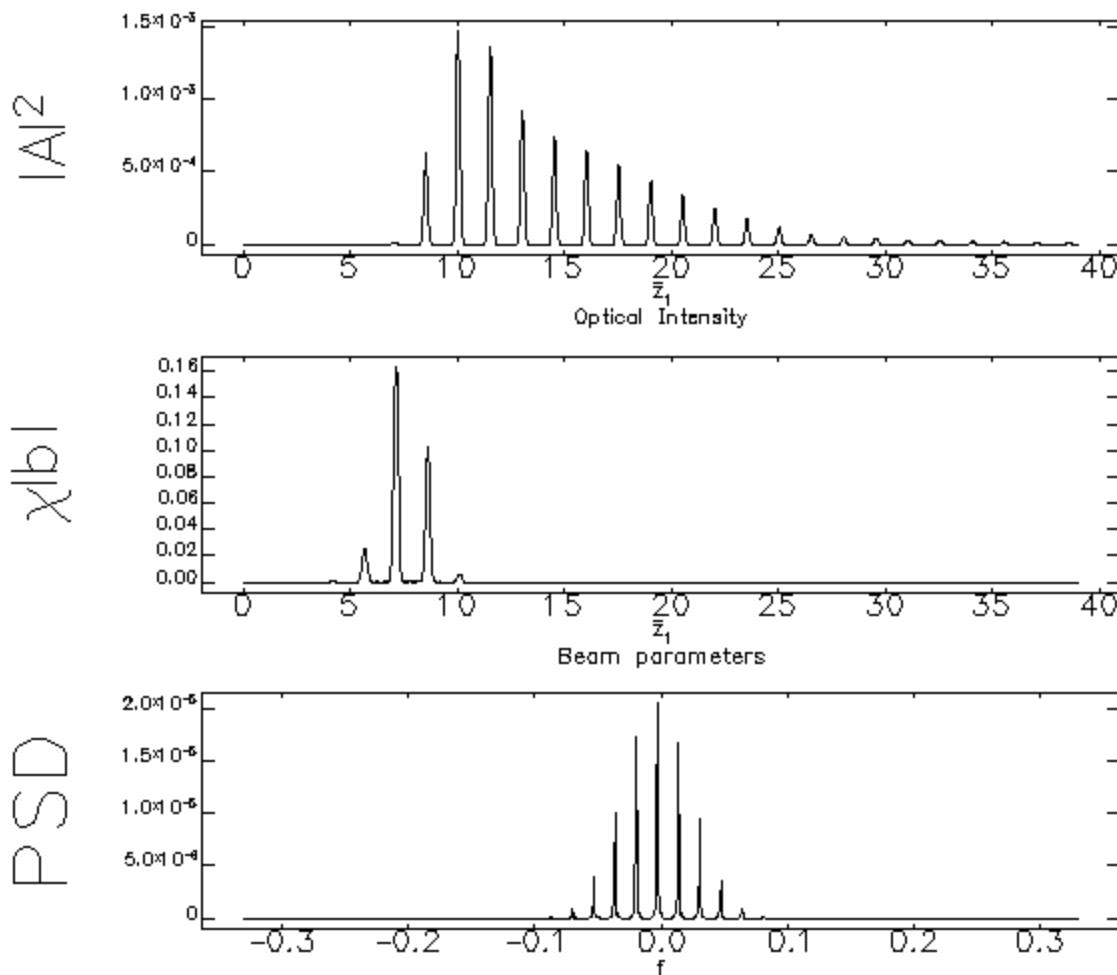
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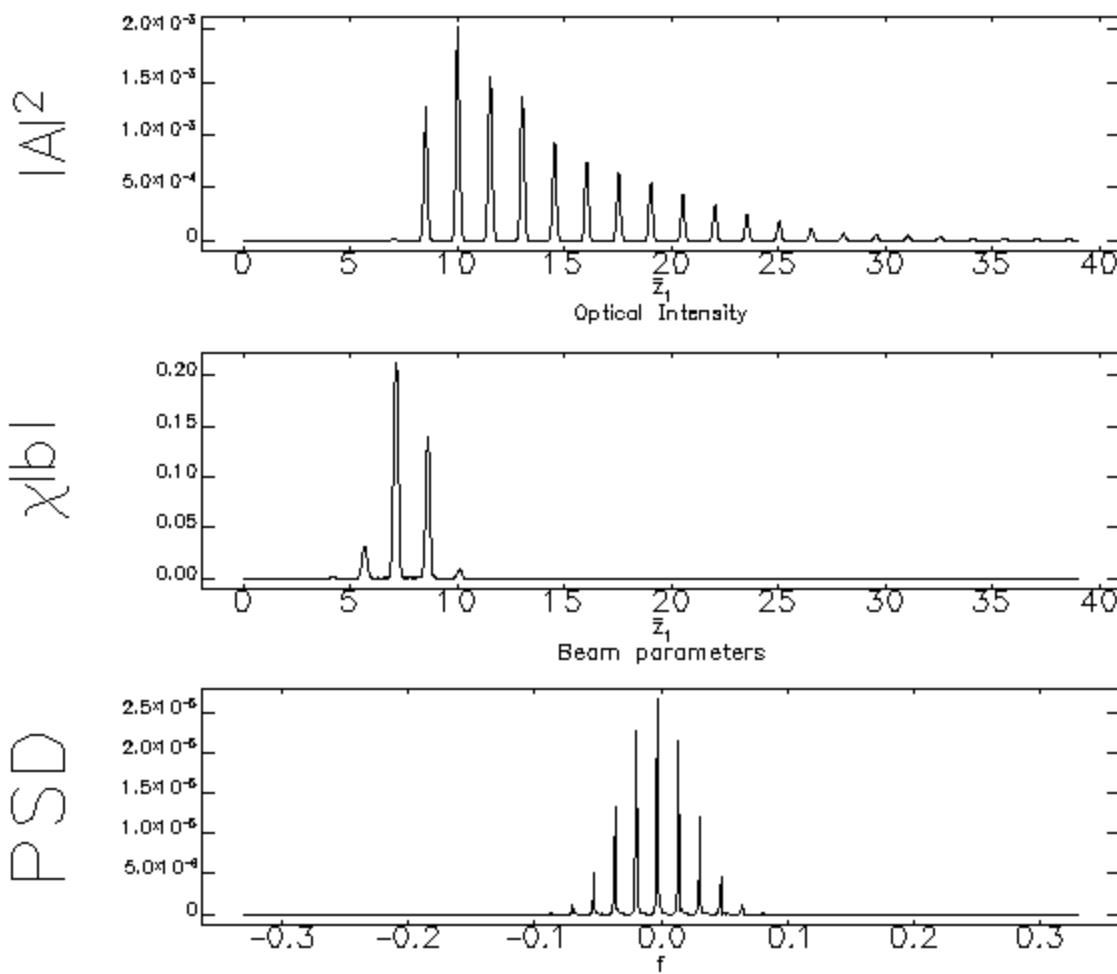
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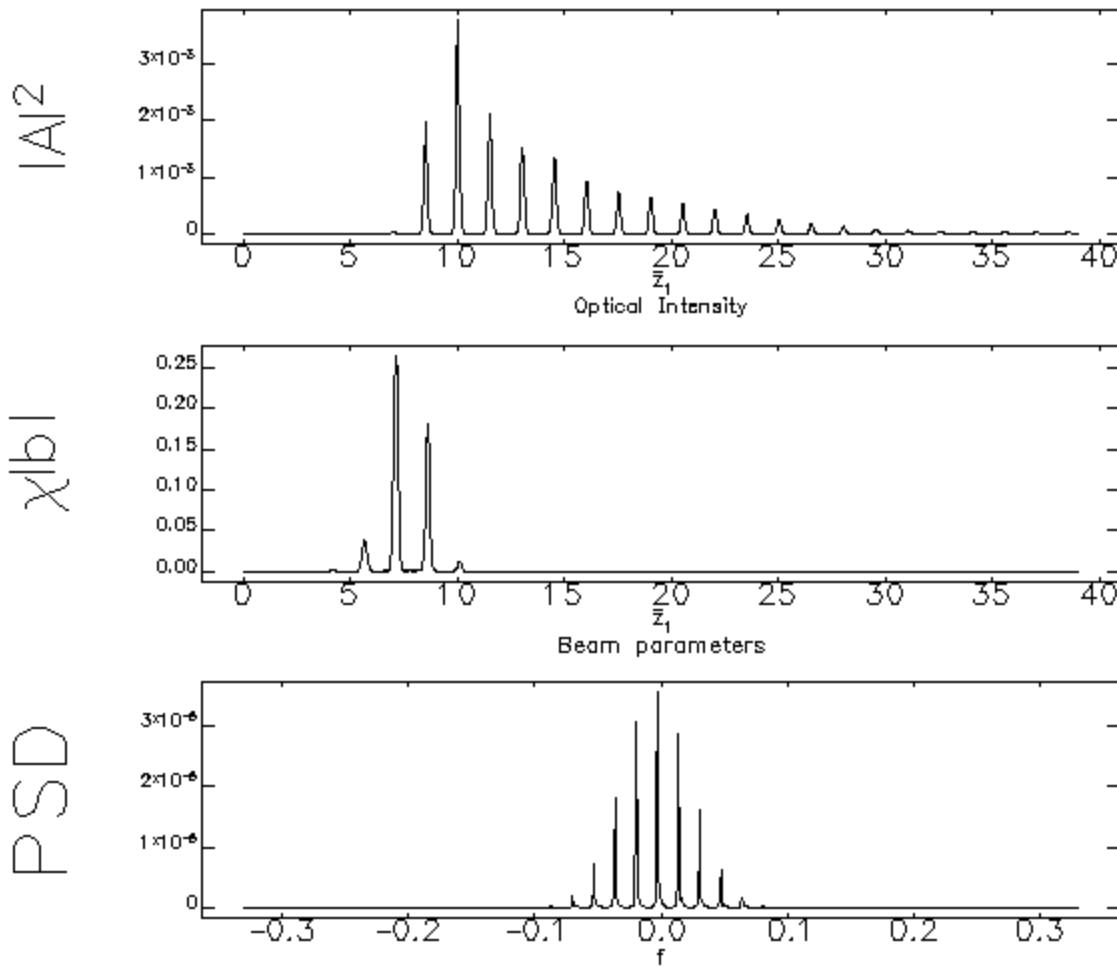
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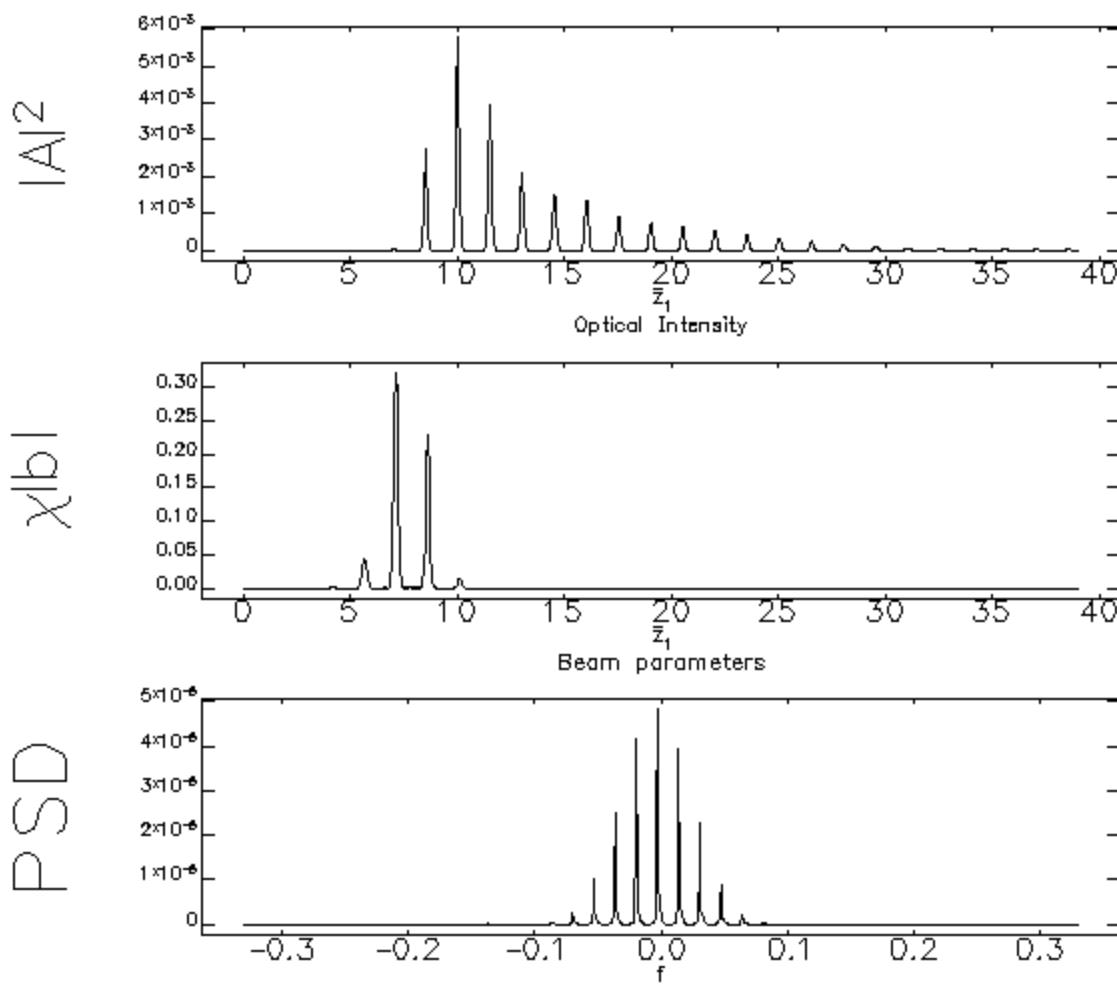
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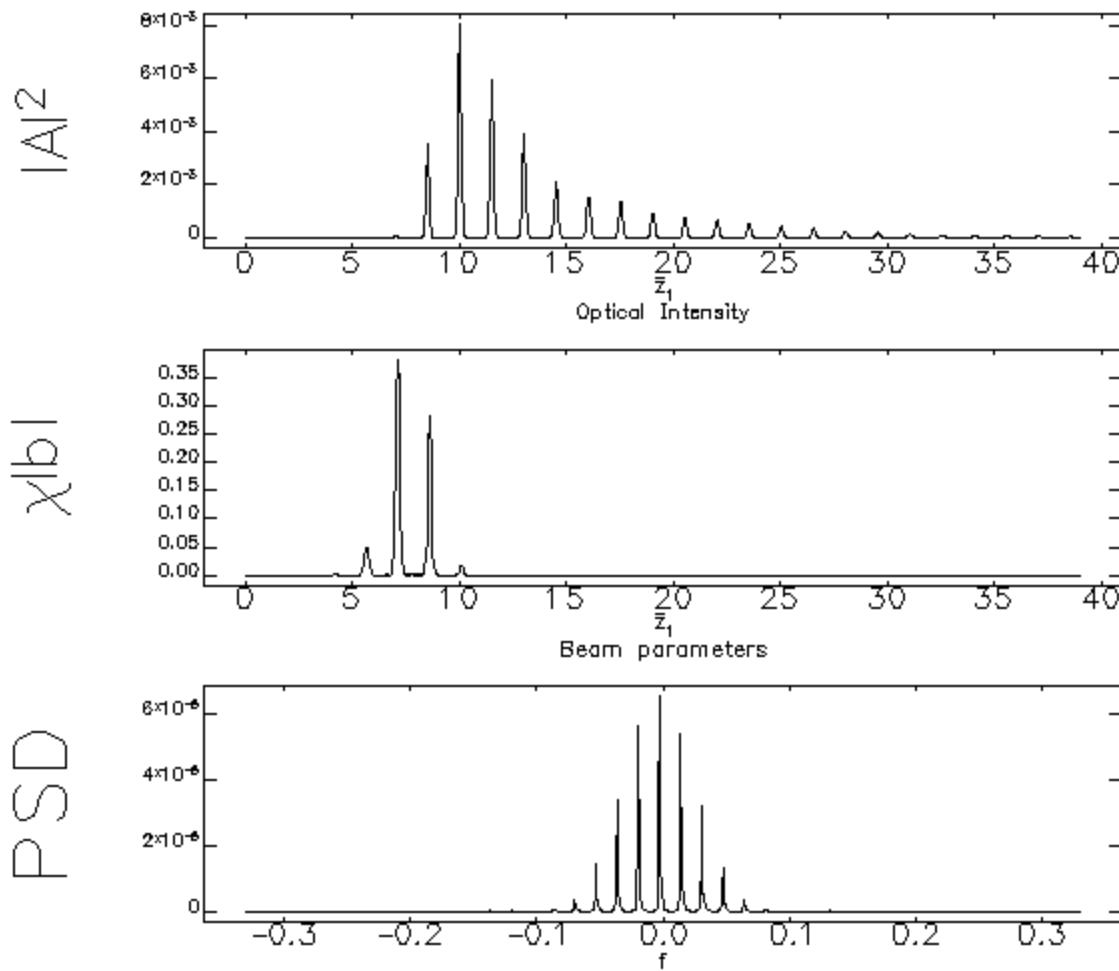
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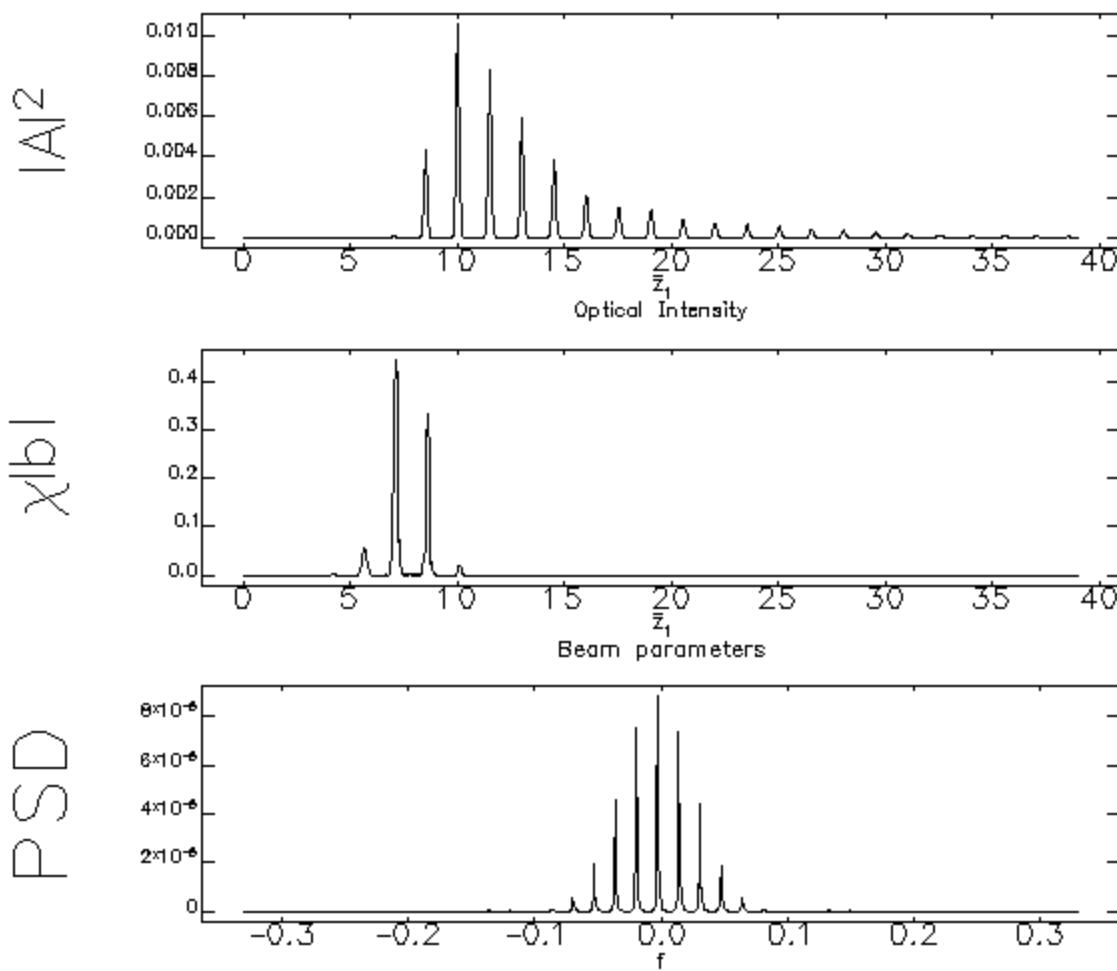


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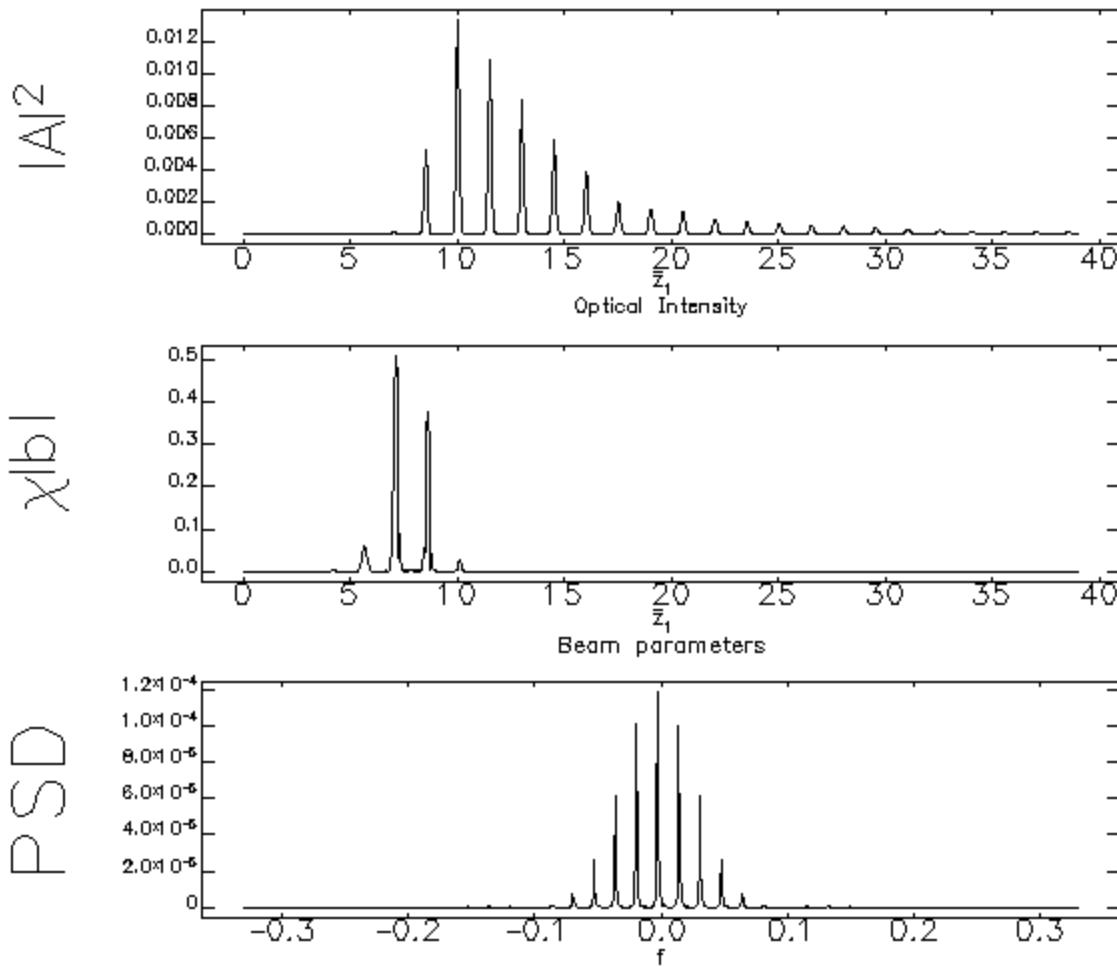


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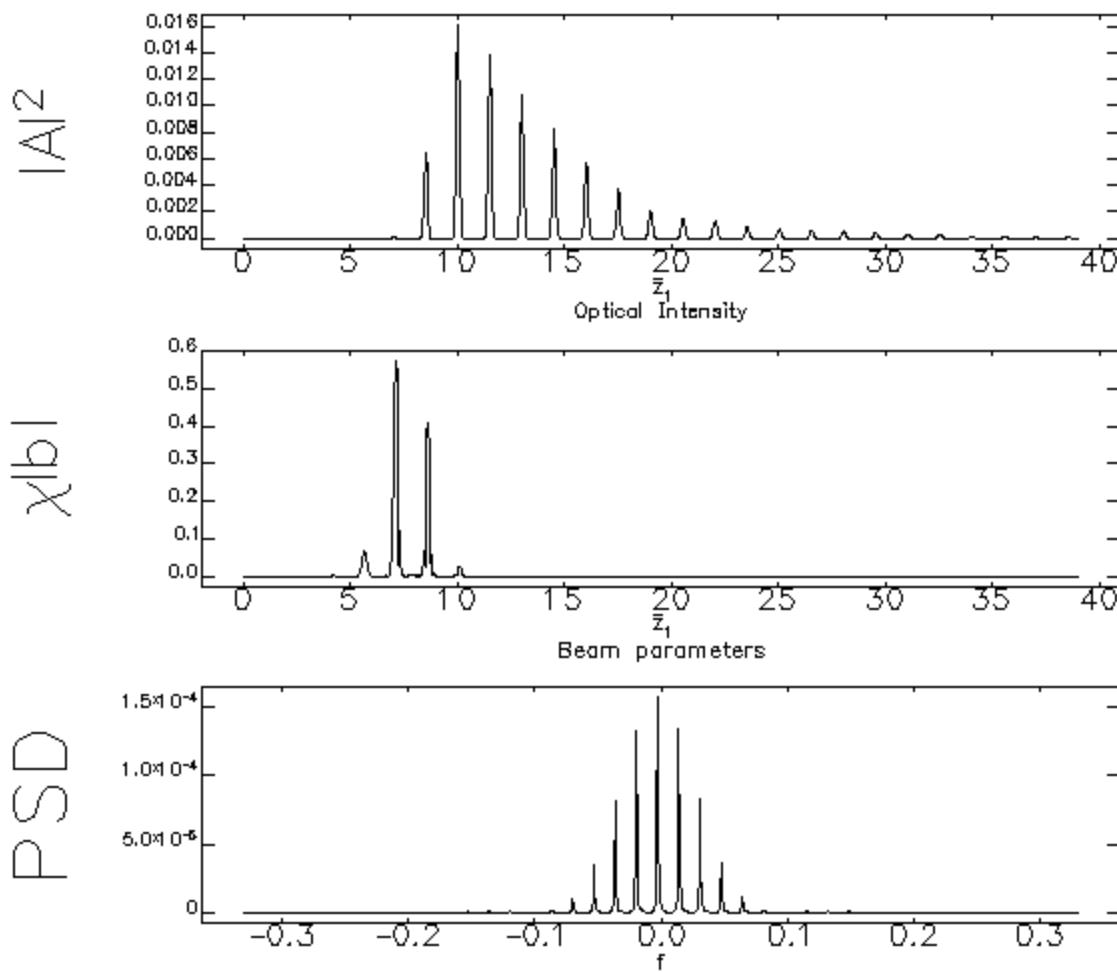


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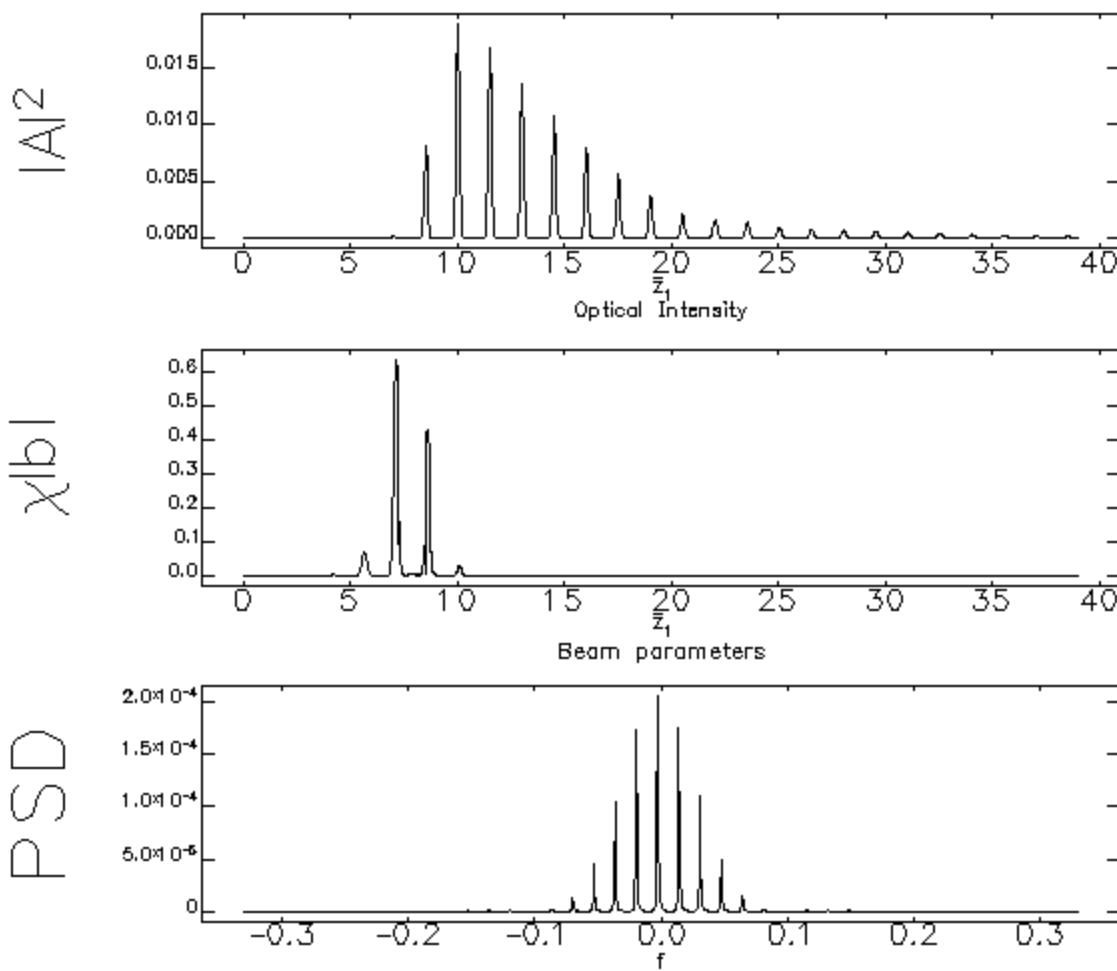
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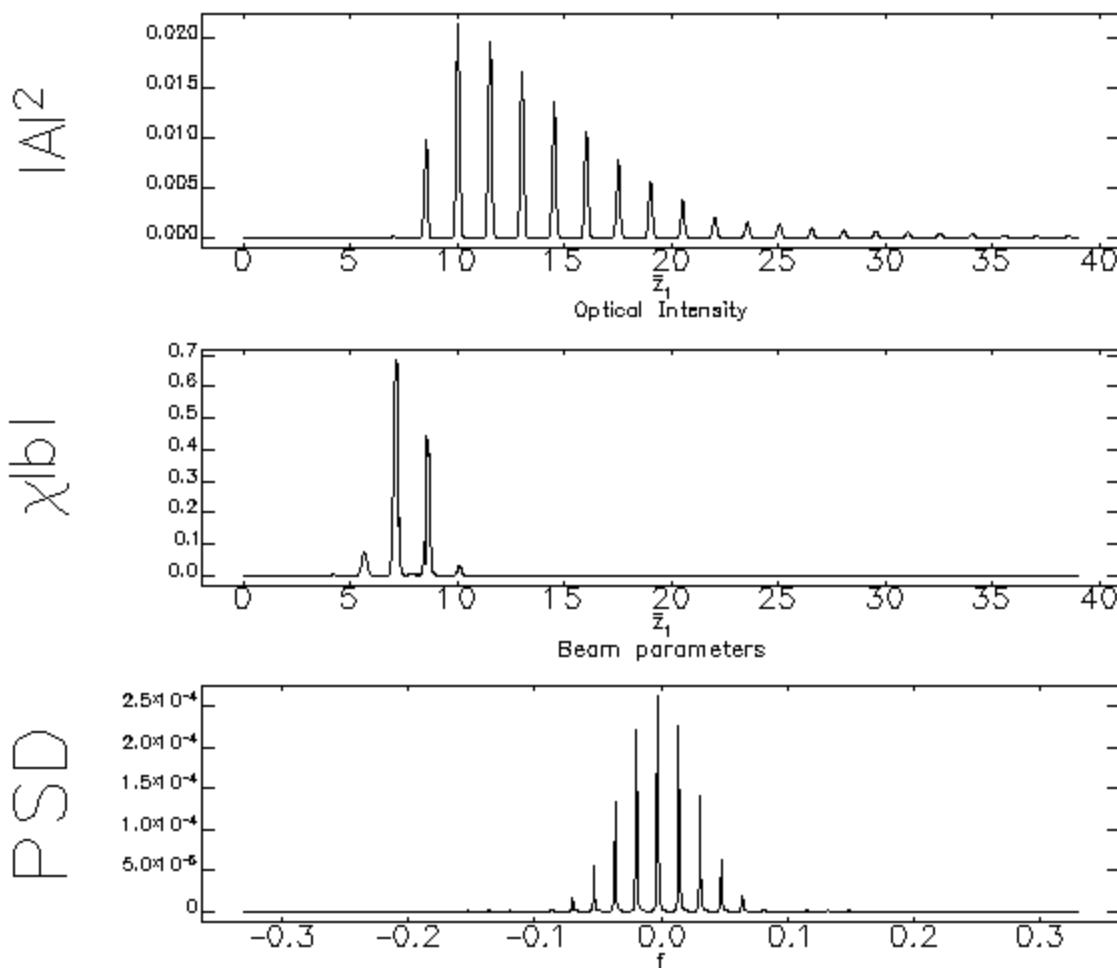
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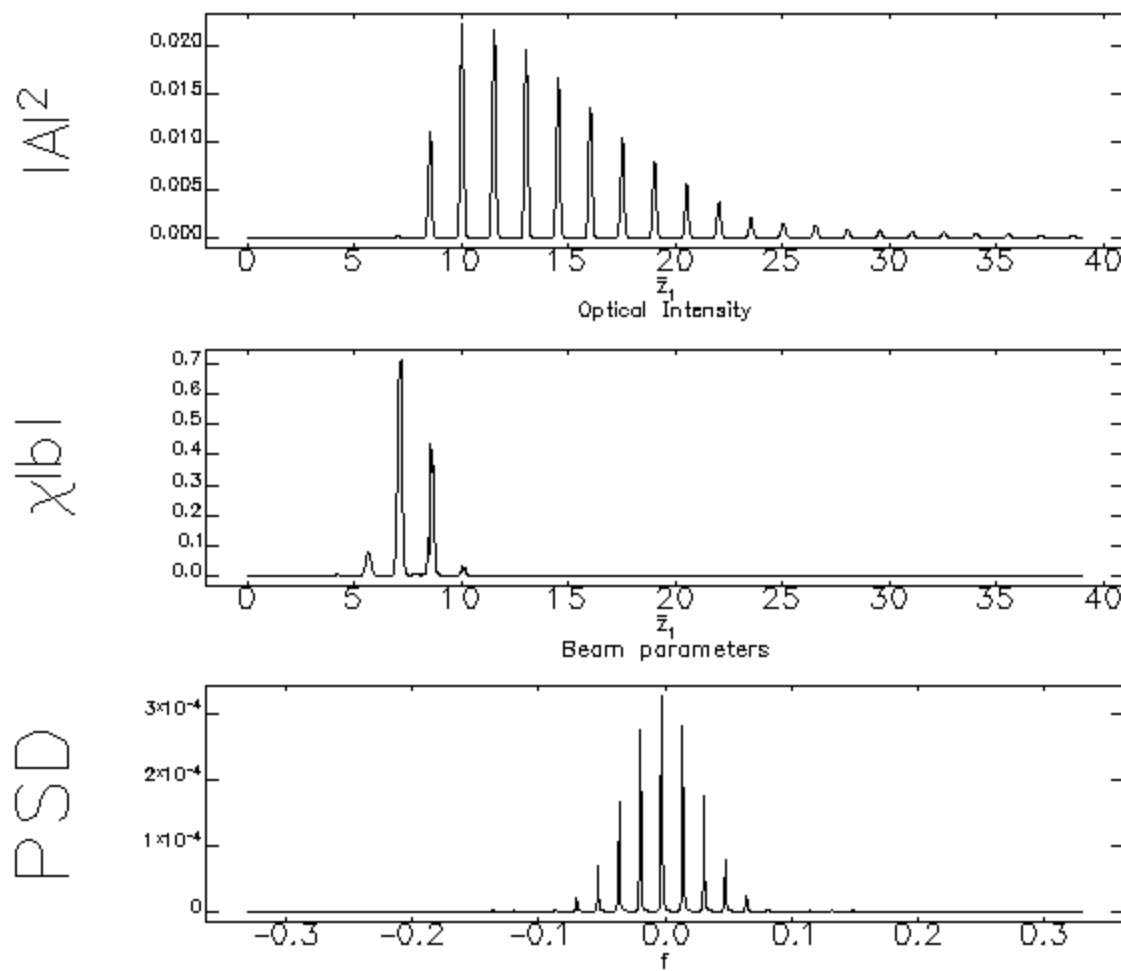
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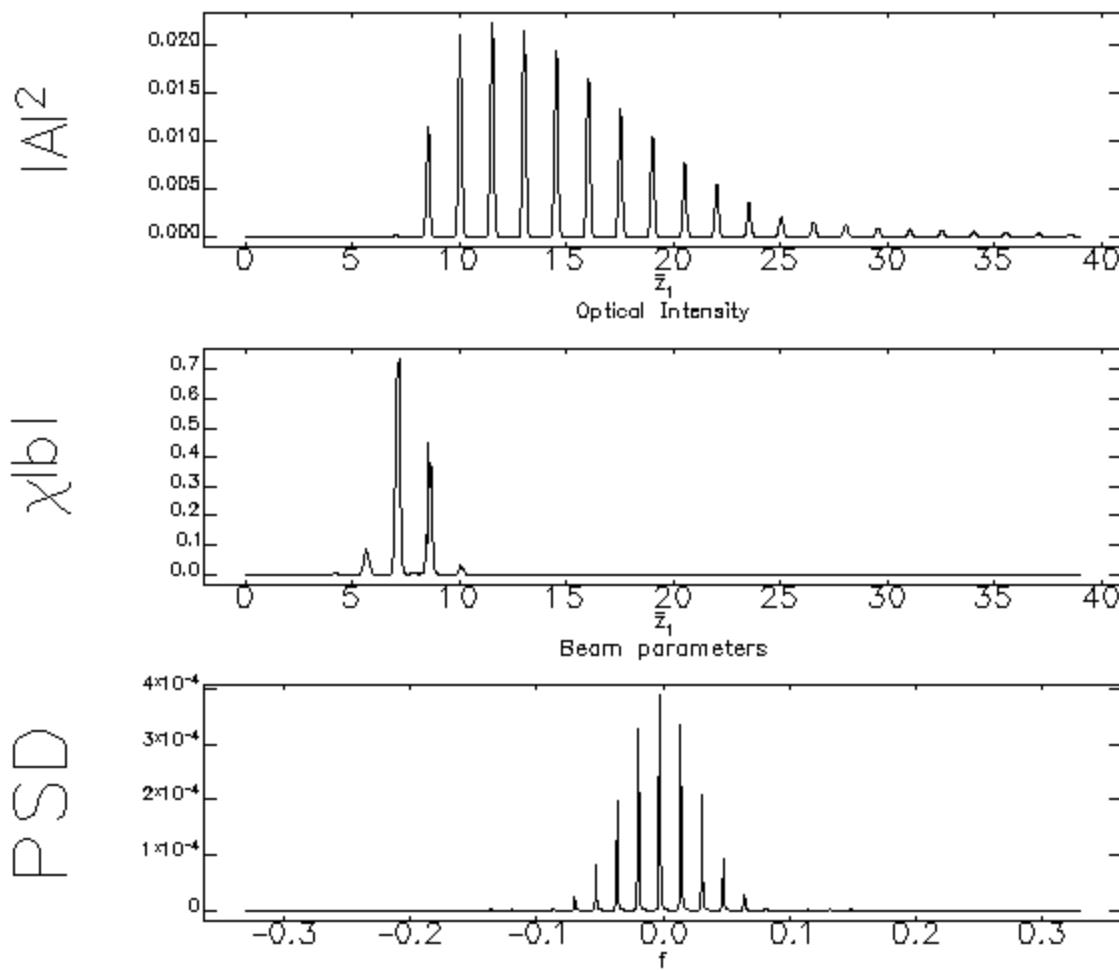
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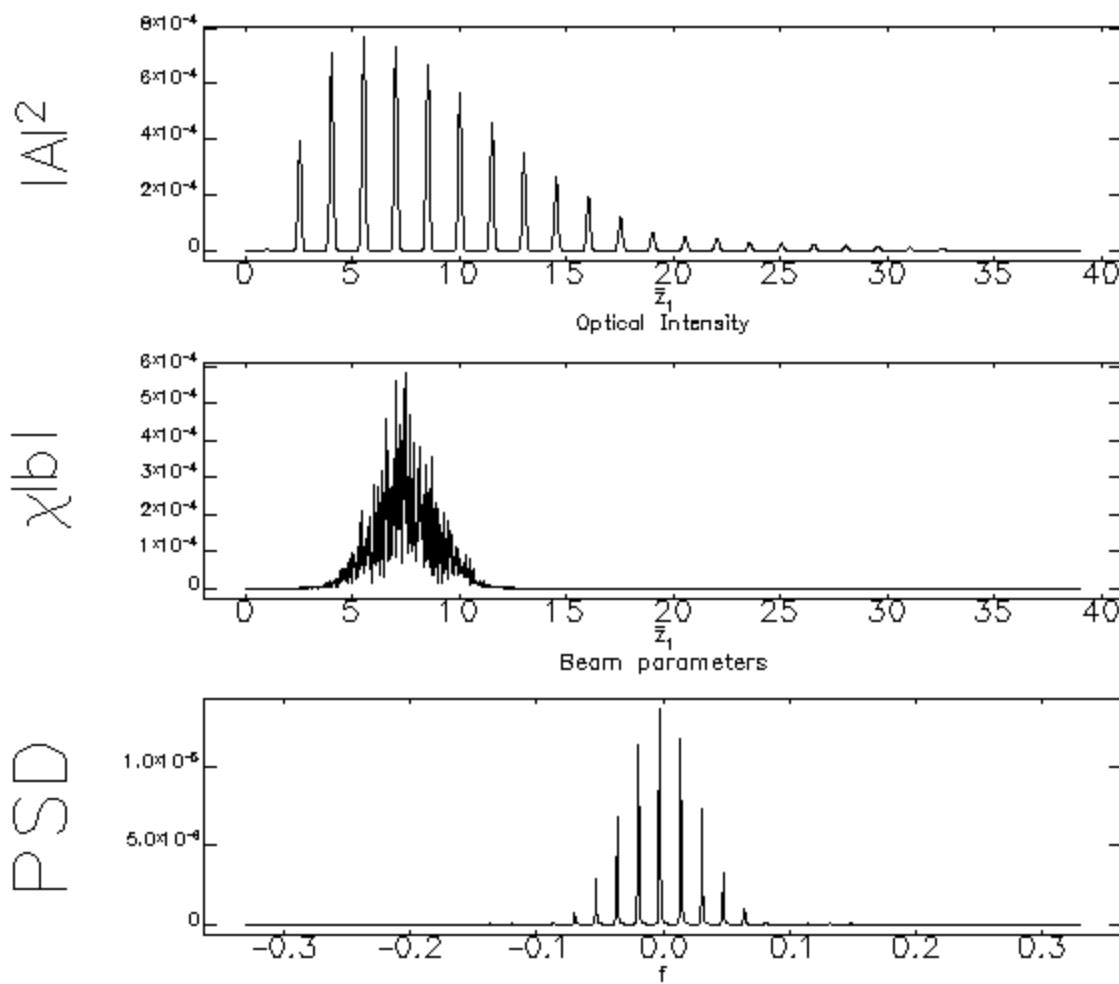


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Module 16



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Module 0



# ALICE IR-FEL

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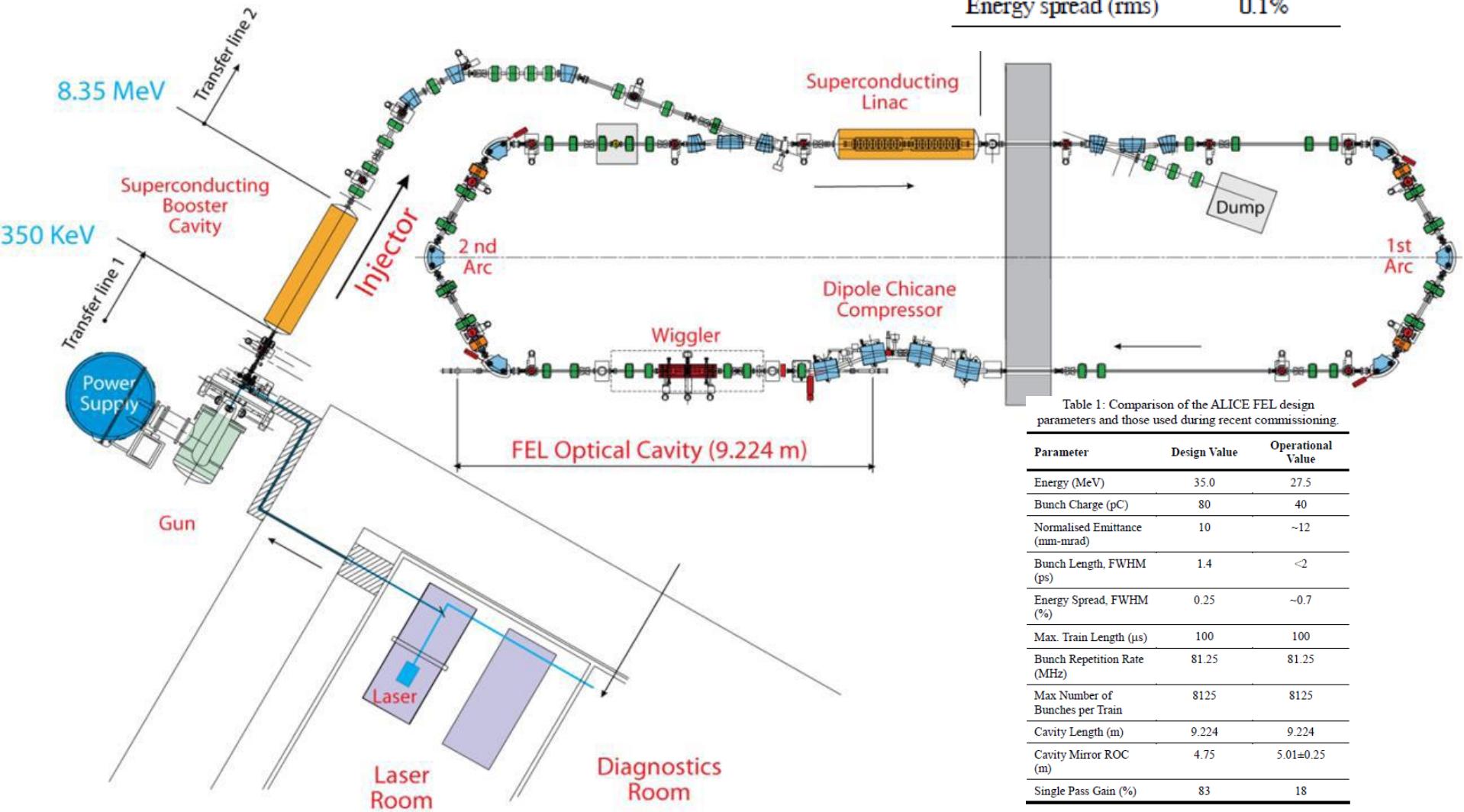


Table 1: Nominal ALICE Electron Beam Parameters

Electron beam energy	35 MeV
Bunch charge	80 pC
Normalised emittance	10 mm-mrad
Bunch length (rms)	0.6 ps
Energy spread (rms)	0.1%

Table 1: Comparison of the ALICE FEL design parameters and those used during recent commissioning.

Parameter	Design Value	Operational Value
Energy (MeV)	35.0	27.5
Bunch Charge (pC)	80	40
Normalised Emittance (mm-mrad)	10	~12
Bunch Length, FWHM (ps)	1.4	<2
Energy Spread, FWHM (%)	0.25	~0.7
Max. Train Length ( $\mu$ s)	100	100
Bunch Repetition Rate (MHz)	81.25	81.25
Max Number of Bunches per Train	8125	8125
Cavity Length (m)	9.224	9.224
Cavity Mirror ROC (m)	4.75	5.01±0.25
Single Pass Gain (%)	83	18

# ALICE MLOK IR-FEL scaled parameters

Gaussian current electron pulse:

$$\sigma_z = 2.37 l_c$$

FEL parameter:

$$\rho = 2.3 \times 10^{-3}$$

Undulator module length X 10:

$$L_u = 0.22 l_g$$

Chicane induced slippage X 10:

$$\delta = 0.88 l_c$$

Beam energy modulation amplitude:  
(can also use current modulation)

$$\gamma_{\text{mod}} = \rho \gamma$$

Cavity feedback factor:

$$F = 0.9$$

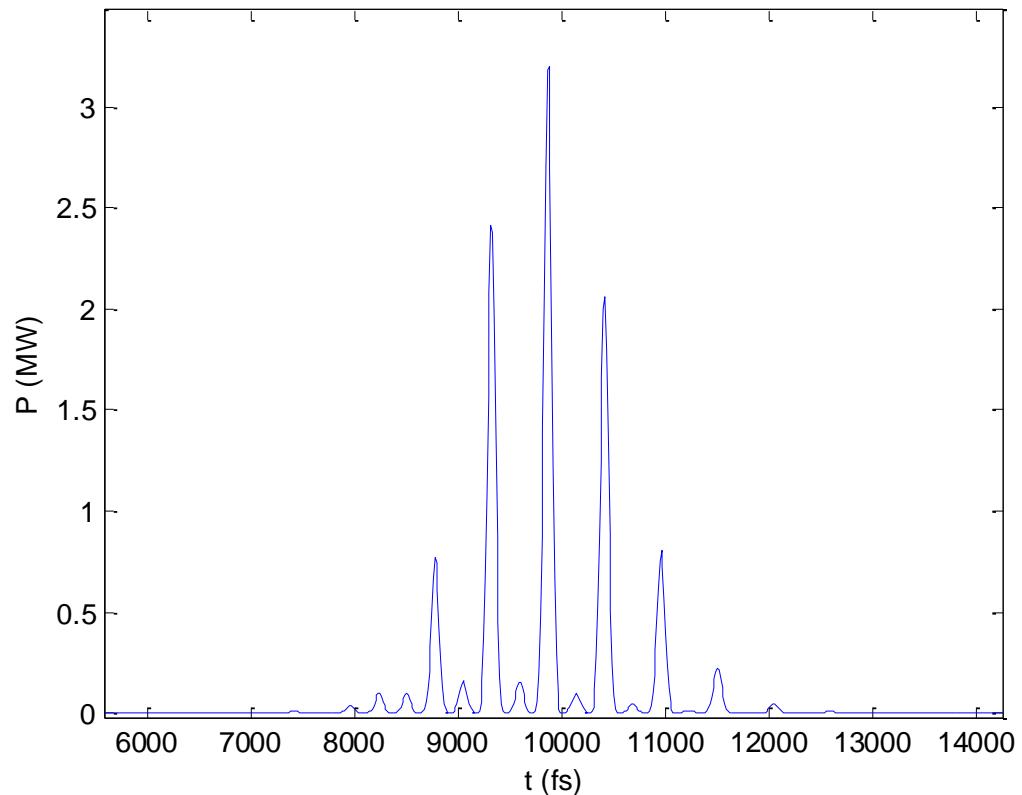
Cavity detuning:

lengthened by  $\sim 5 \times l_c$

# ALICE MLOK IR-FEL

## – not really optimised yet

- 80pC, 35MeV, 1ps rms electron bunch.
- Resonant at  $4.3\mu\text{m}$ .
- ALICE FEL undulator rebuilt as ten 4-period sections with integrated delay/matching sections between
- 150kV electron beam energy modulation and  $\sim 165\mu\text{m}$  period.
- Gives 3MW 100fs (FWHM) spikes (7-cycle)



Currently investigating if such an experiment is feasible and fundable.

# Conclusions

- Simulations of Mode Locked Optical Klystron configuration predict pulse trains/multi-frequency mode output in both amplifier and cavity resonator FELs
- RAFEL with short electron pulses gives stable, coherent output of ‘single’ attosecond pulses in x-ray – will investigate how low feedback factor can be ( $F \lesssim 10^{-5}$  ?)
- RAFEL in MLOK configuration gives APT output
- Simulations of low gain IR-FEL oscillator in MLOK configuration also predict mode locking.
- Investigating a possible proof-of-principle experiment on the ALICE IR-FEL.

Thank you for listening.