

# Pulse Control in a Free Electron Laser Amplifier

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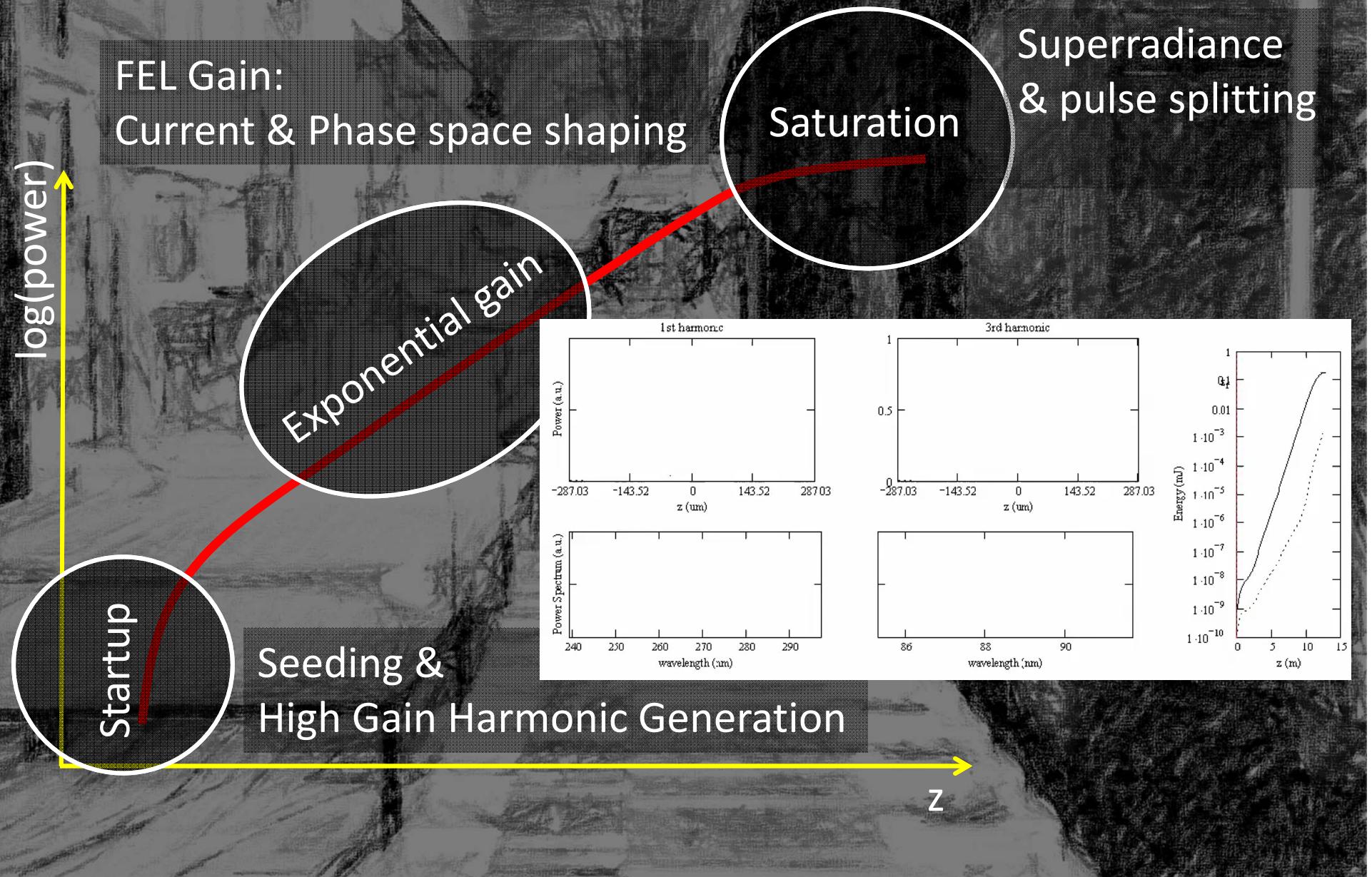
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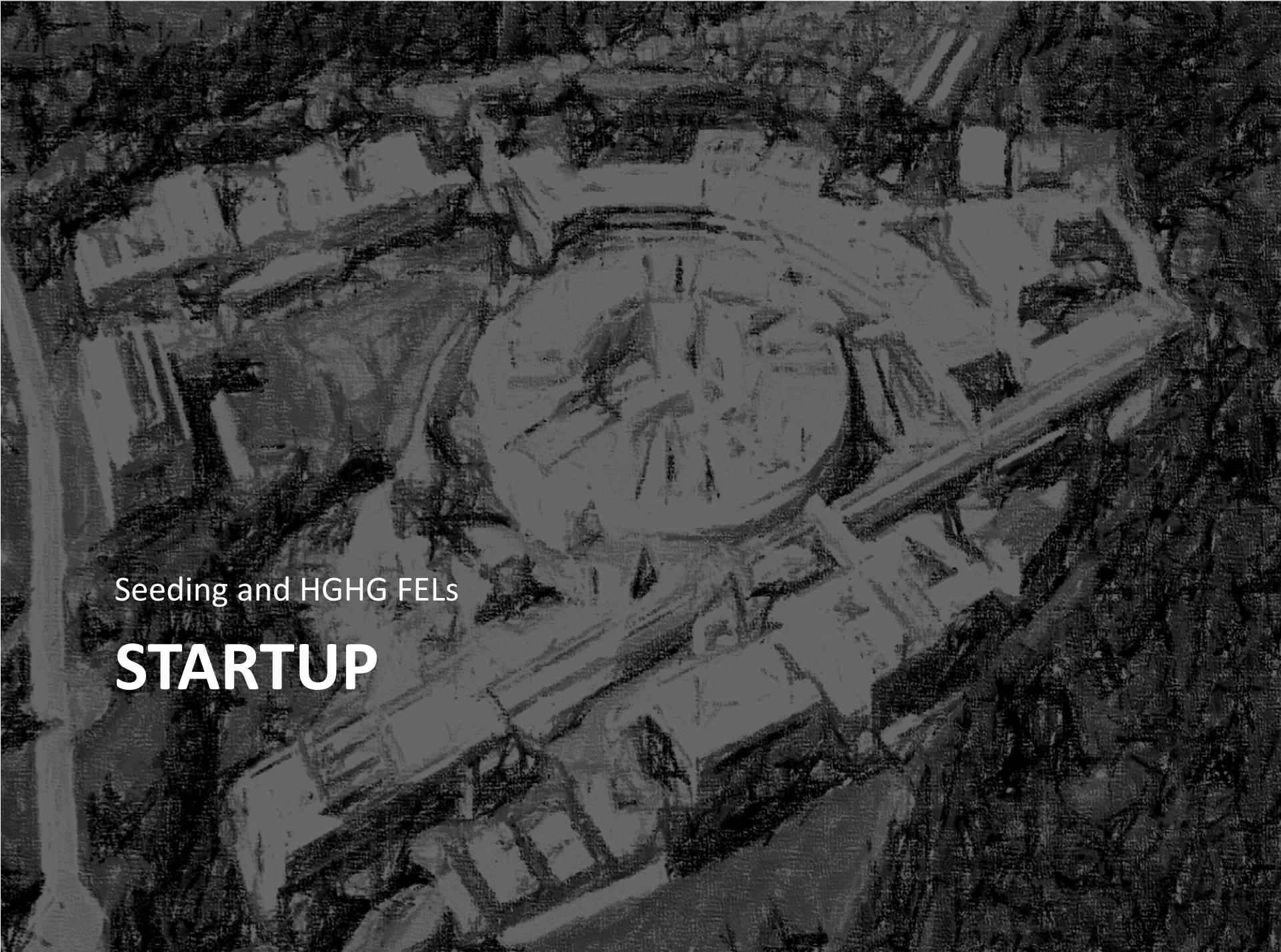


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- FEL is a very special laser amplifier: medium “free” amplification mechanism. Only electrons interacting with an “artificial” potential made by the undulator and the laser field
- Full control of the resonances: amplification is possible in a spectral range of many orders of magnitude
- Experiments have demonstrated the possibility both of increasing the temporal coherence and of reducing the amplifier length required to reach saturation, by seeding it with an external source. We are learning how to influence the amplification process and modify the properties of radiation according to our needs, e.g. for
  - Generation of ultrashort pulses
  - Generation of higher order harmonics
  - Multiple pulses for pump & probe
- Several experiments in this framework were carried out at SPARC and FERMI, that are the two places that where I had the privilege to give my contribution. Here is my personal (incomplete) overview.

# Power growth in a high gain FEL amplifier





Seeding and HGHG FELs

# STARTUP

# 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)

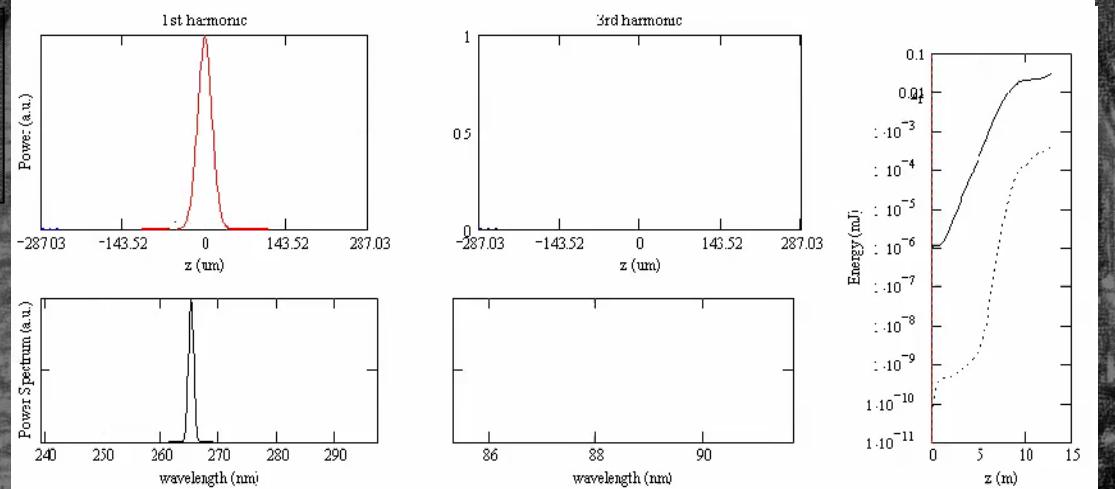
Negligible at startup  
( prop. to field a &  $b_2$ )

High gain  
growing roots

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

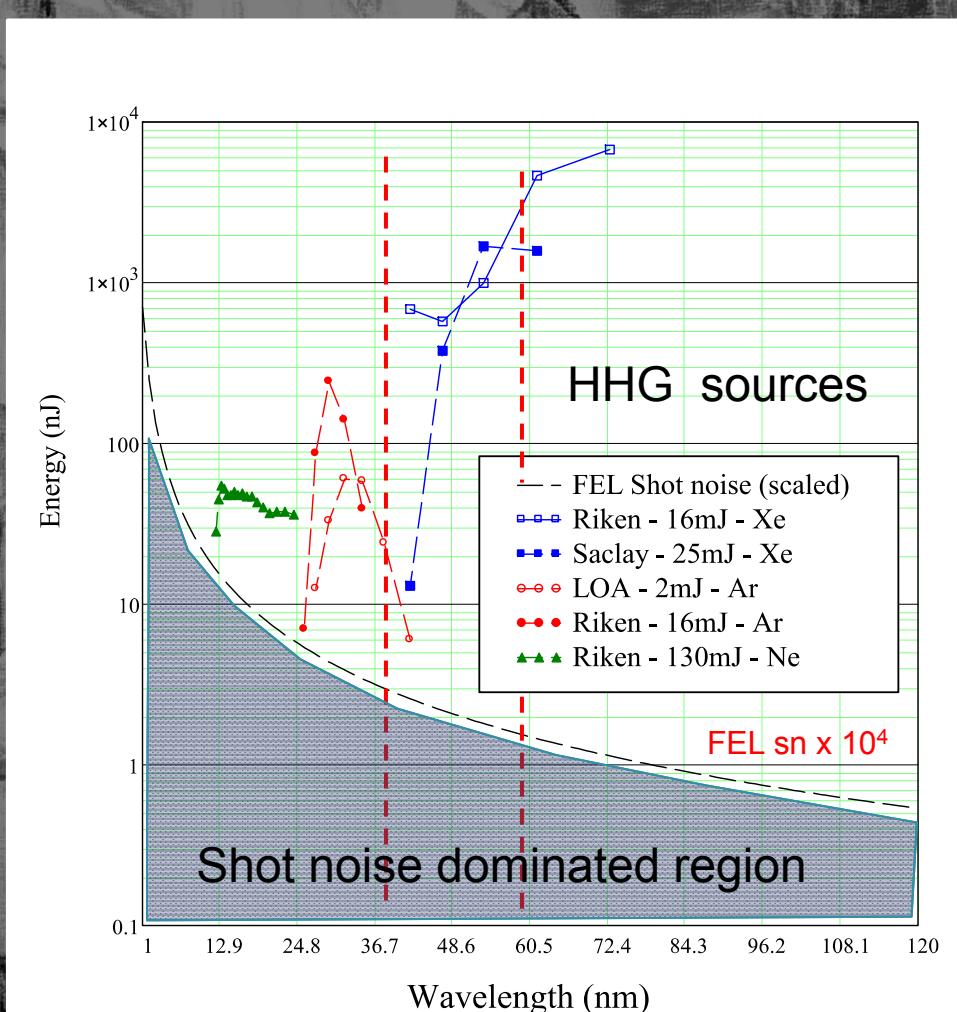
$$I_{sn} \approx 3\omega \gamma m_0 c^2 \rho_{fel}^2$$

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



\*G. Dattoli et al. Phys. Rev. E 49 (1994)  $a, \xi, v$  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



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

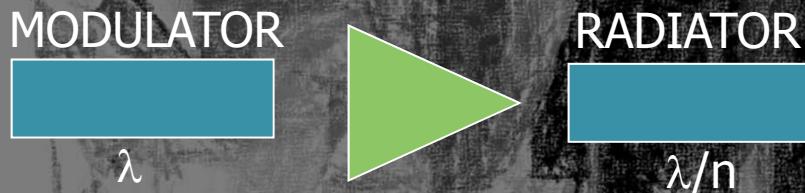
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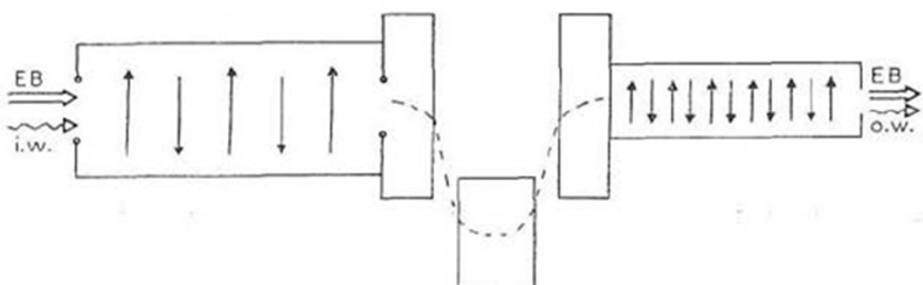
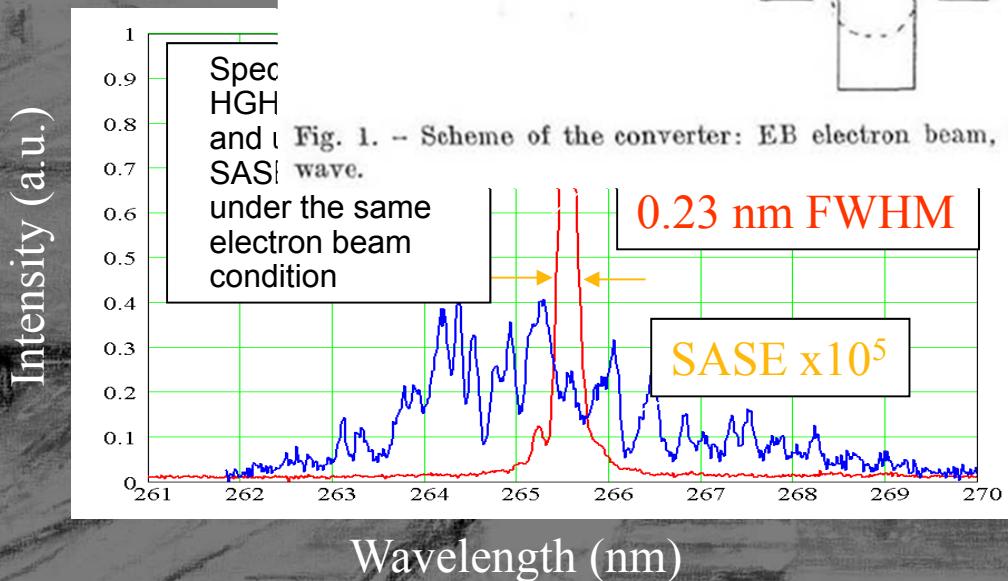
- data from B. Carré, Colloque AEC - Slicing, Paris 2004
- Estimate includes transport and matching to e-beam – Seeded FELs Workshop, Frascati 10-12 (2008)

# The FEL as an “harmonic converter”

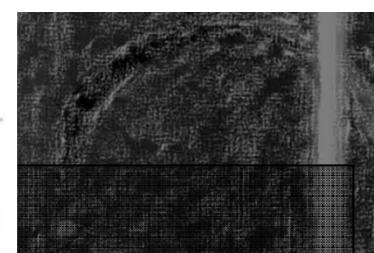
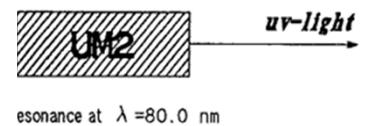
I.Boscolo, V. Stagno, *Il Nuovo Cimento* 58, 271 (1980)



- R. Barbini et al. *Procs “Prospects for a 1 A FEL, Sag Harbor, New York April 22-27, 1990 BNL 52273 UC-414 (1990)*
- R. Bonifacio et al.
- L. H. Yu *PRA* 41, 268 (1990)
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Quadratic FEL  
I. BOSCOLO and V. STAGNO



HGHG Experiment

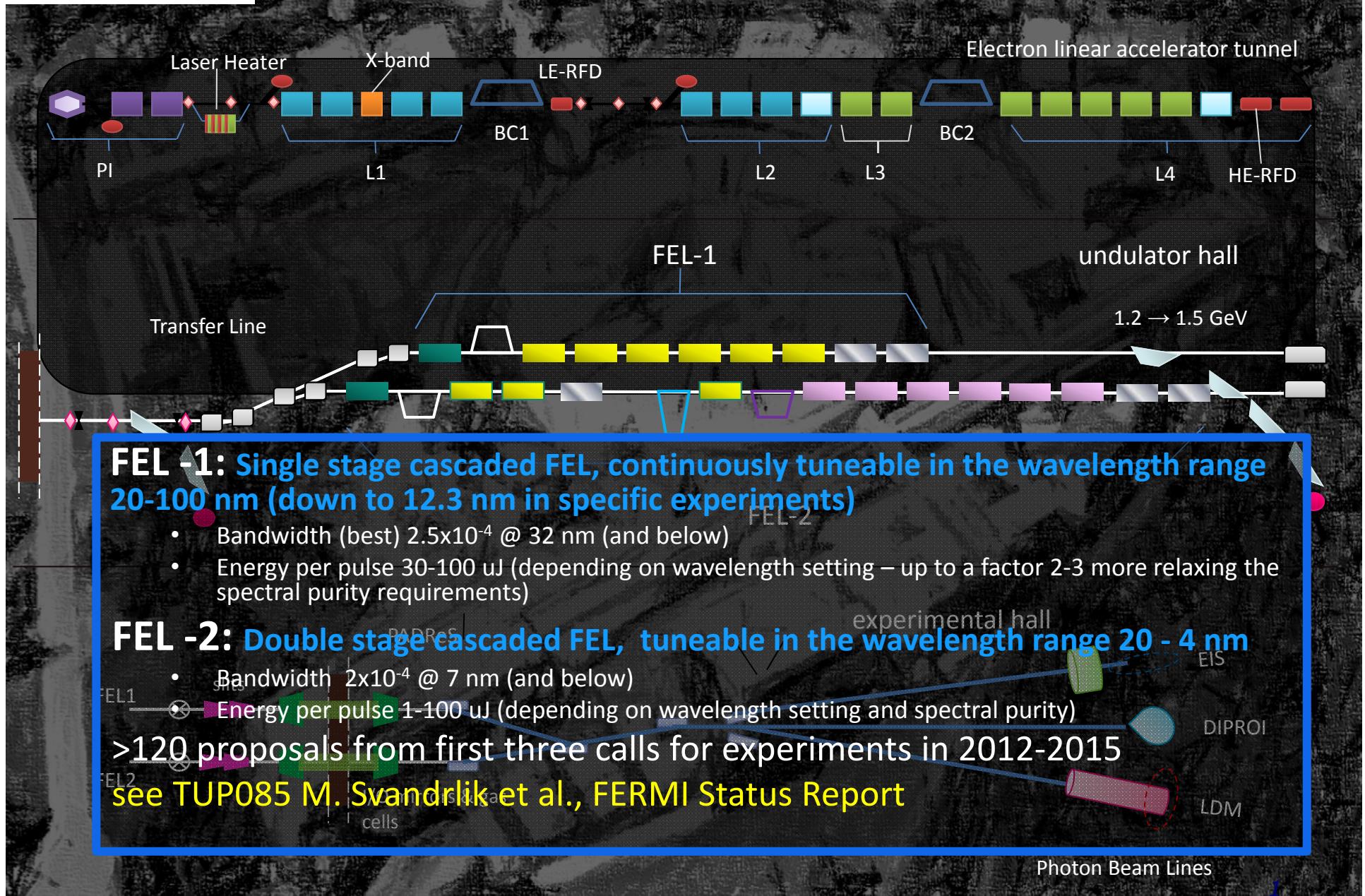
L. H. Yu et al. *Science* 289 (2000)

UV HGHG Experiment

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

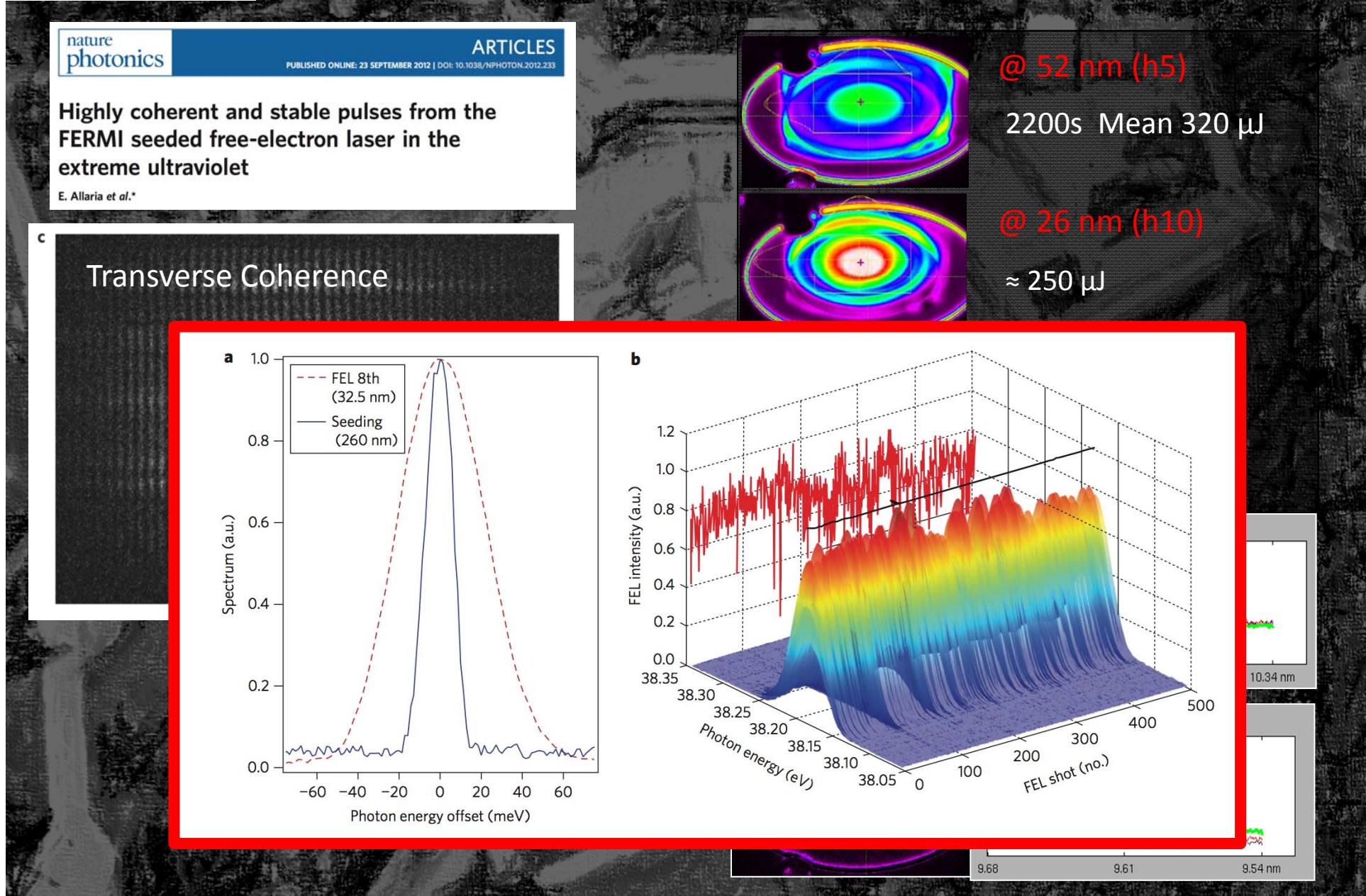


# FERMI FEL Facility: FEL-1 and FEL-2





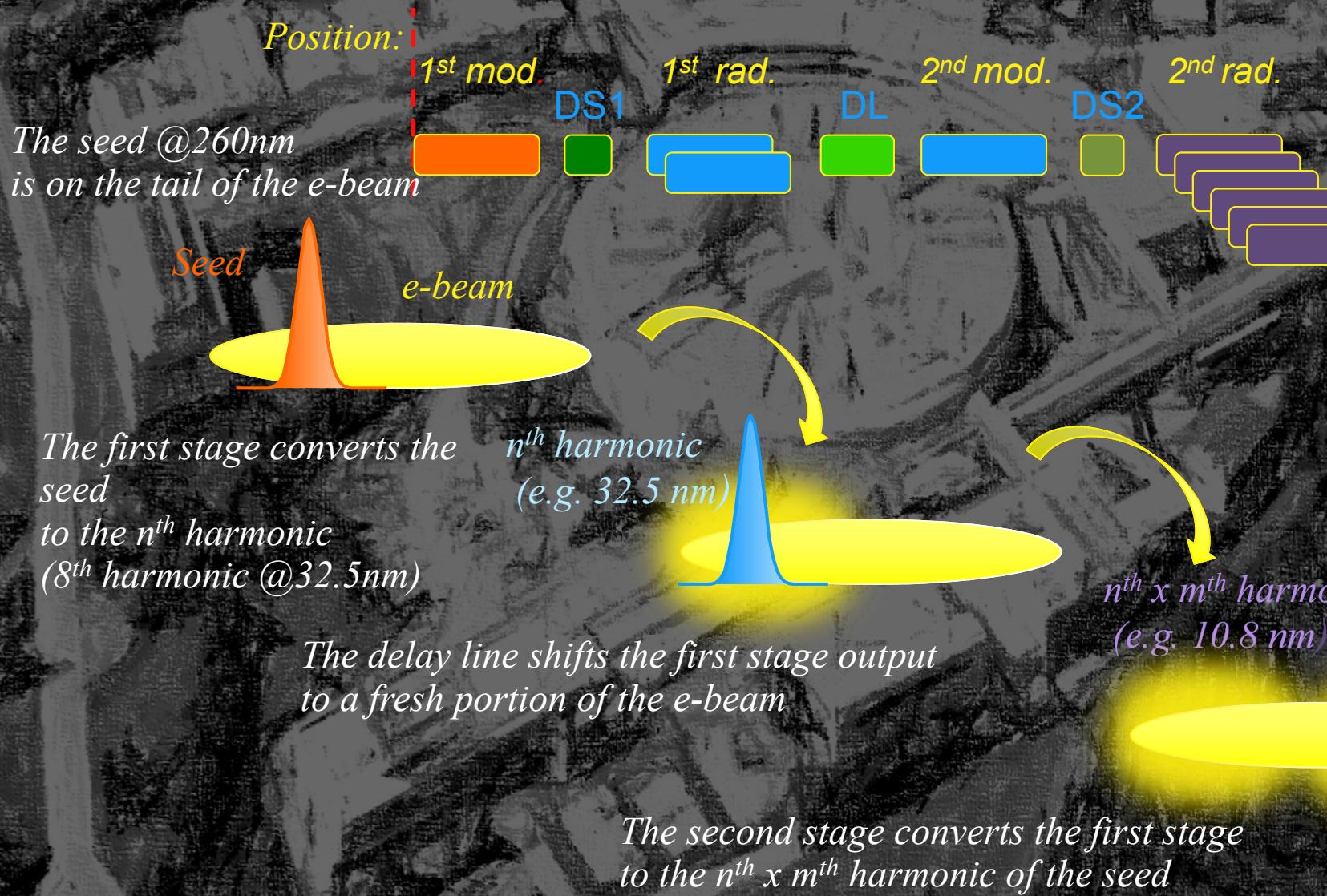
# FERMI FEL-1: nominal range 100 – 20nm





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# FERMI FEL-2: The Fresh Bunch Injection Technique\*



\*L. H. Yu, I. Ben-Zvi, Nim 1993

# FEL-2 brief history

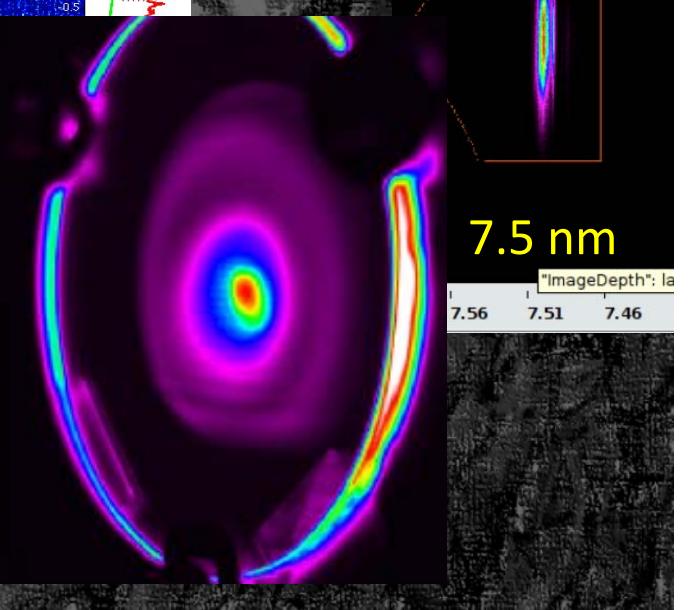
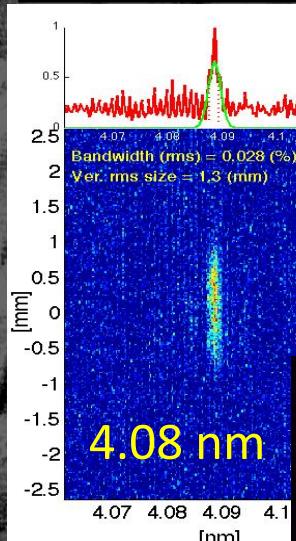
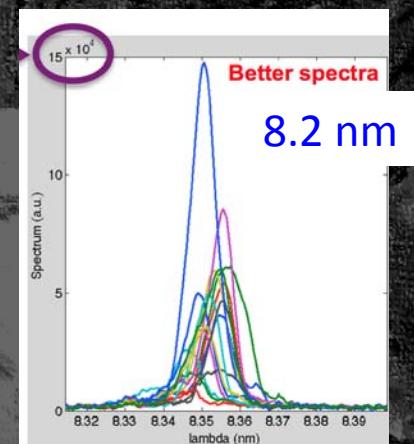
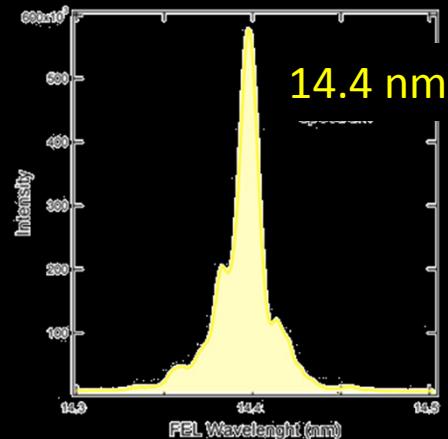
- Run 13 (September 2012) 1.0 GeV
  - FIRST LASING @ 14.4 & 10.8 nm

Run 15 (March 2013) 1.25 GeV  
8.1 & 6.5 nm  
test of BC1+BC2 compression

Run 16 (June 2013) 1.45 GeV  
6.5 nm -> 4 nm  
BC1, BC2 & Ramped PI Laser Shape

Run 17 (September 2013) 1.25 GeV  
Increase energy & stability @7.5 nm  
BC1 Tested higher compression factors

Run 20 (May-June 2014) 1.5 GeV  
Increased energy & stability @4nm (10 uJ)  
Measured higher order harmonics

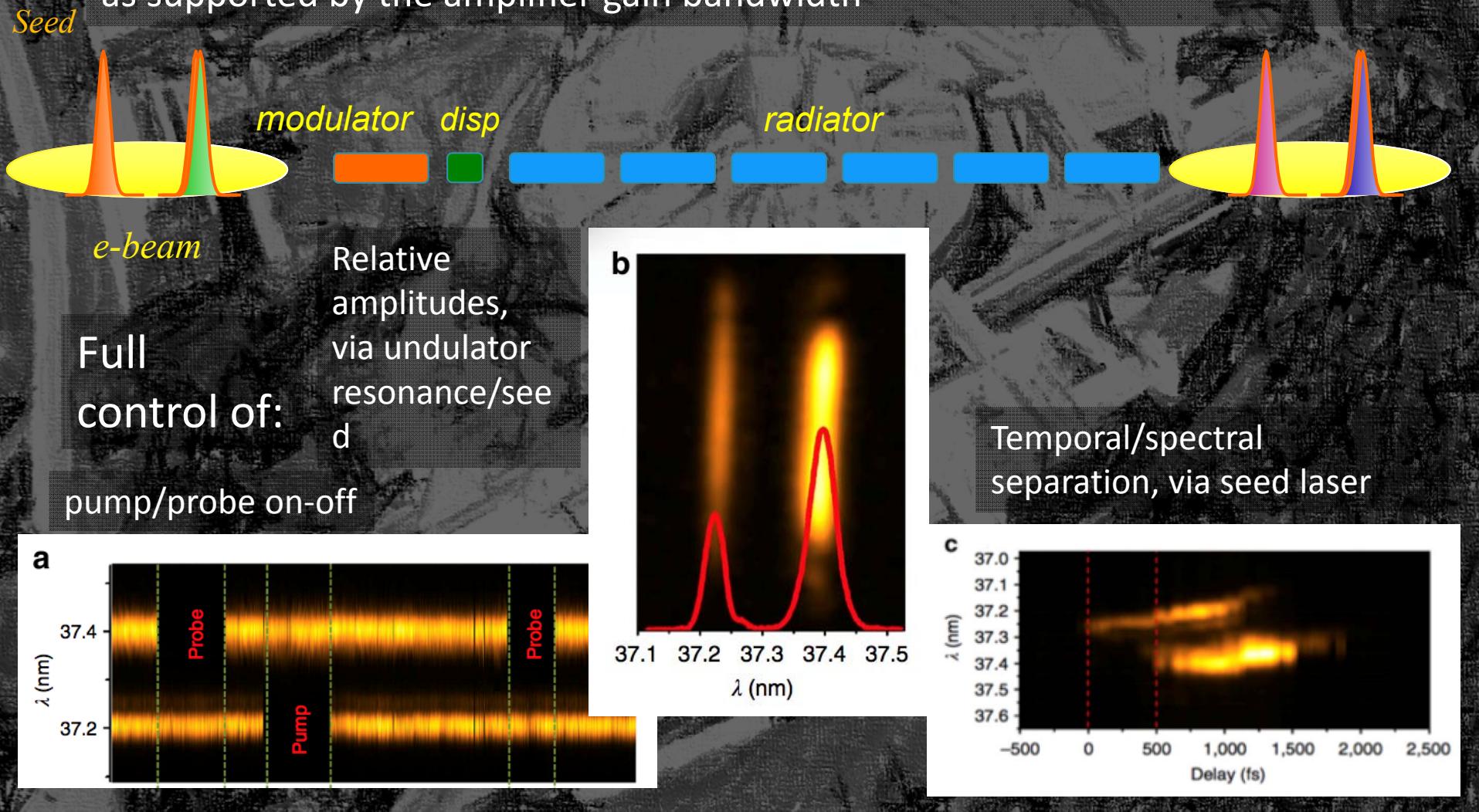


Yag screen  
with 1<sup>st</sup>  
and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
stage spots

# FEL-1: Two Color Pump-probe experiments

E. Allaria et al. *Nat. Comm.* 4:2476 DOI: 10.1038/ncomms3476

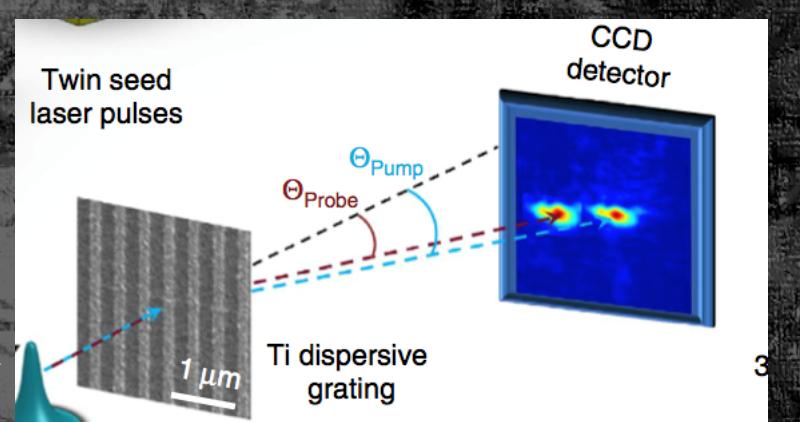
The FEL can be seeded with two pulses, even separated in frequency, so long as supported by the amplifier gain bandwidth



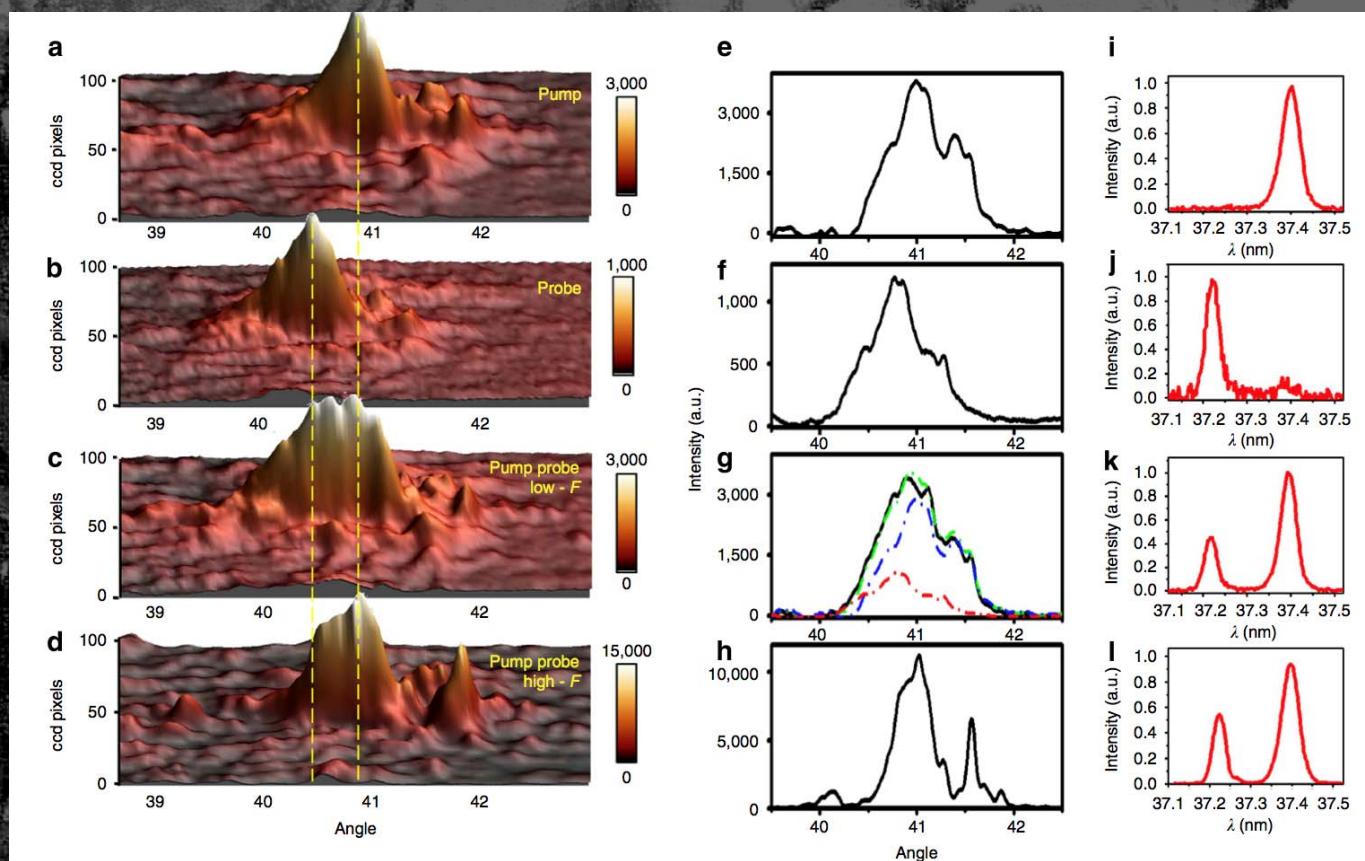
# DIPROI

coord. M. Kiskinova, beamline  
responsible F. Capotondi

E. Allaria et al. Nat. Comm. 4:2476 DOI: 10.1038/ncomms3476



HIGH FLUX PUMP + PROBE  
PUMP + PROBE





Single spike, comb structures and chirped pulse amplification

## GAIN “SHAPING”

# Single spike amplification

A simple example of gain shaping consist in limiting the bunch capability of lasing, by spoiling the bunch properties where lasing is not desired

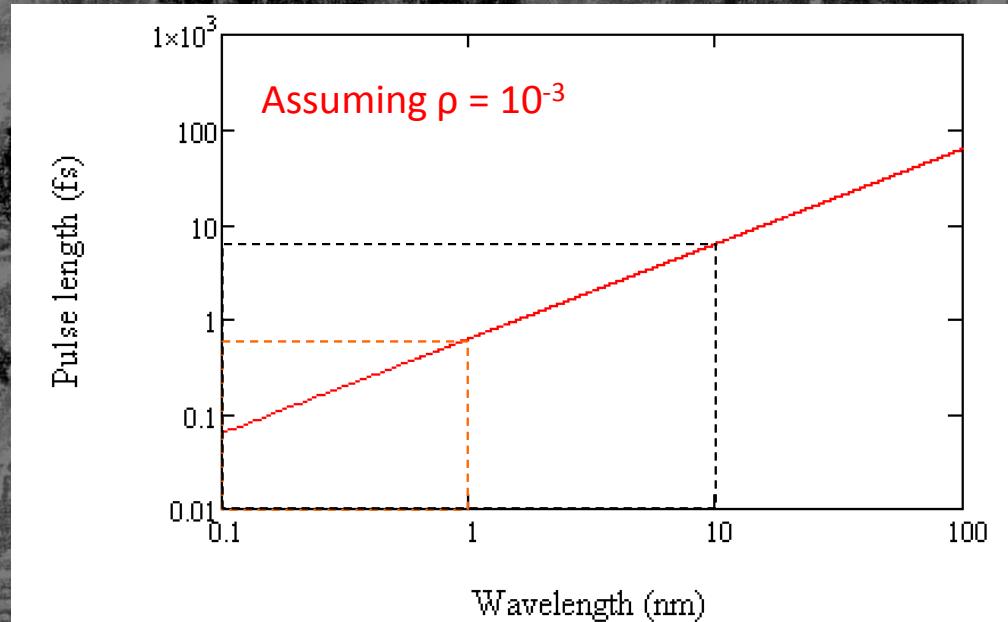
*P. Emma et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 074801 (2004)*

*Y. Ding et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 254802 (2012)*

Or by compressing the bunch to a length ( $\approx 2\pi$ ) shorter than the FEL cooperation length

$$l_c = \frac{\lambda_0}{4\pi\rho}$$

*J. Rosenzweig et al. NIM A593, 39 (2008)*

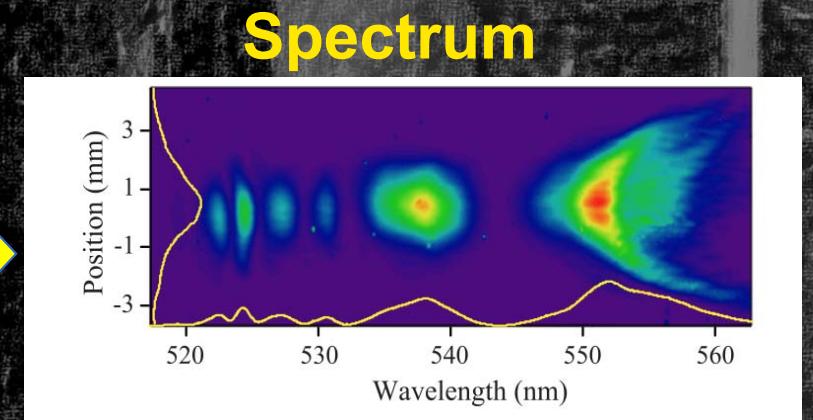
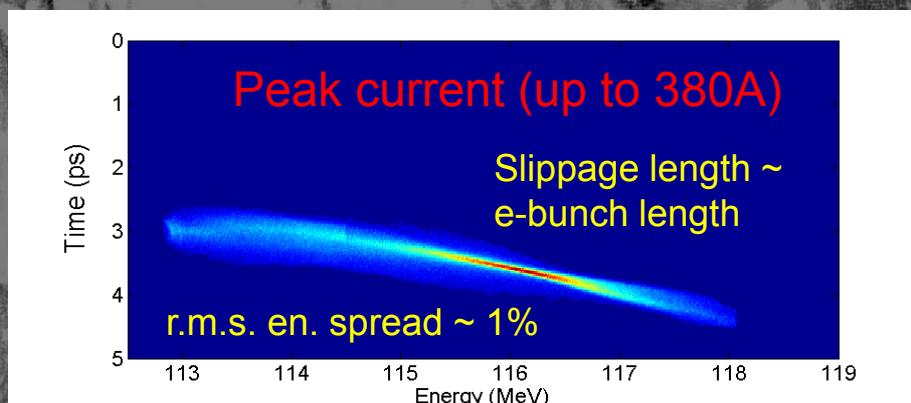


An FEL amplifier with  $\rho \approx 10^{-3}$  has sufficient bandwidth to support sub-fs (fwhm) pulses below 1 nm and sub-10 fs below 10 nm.

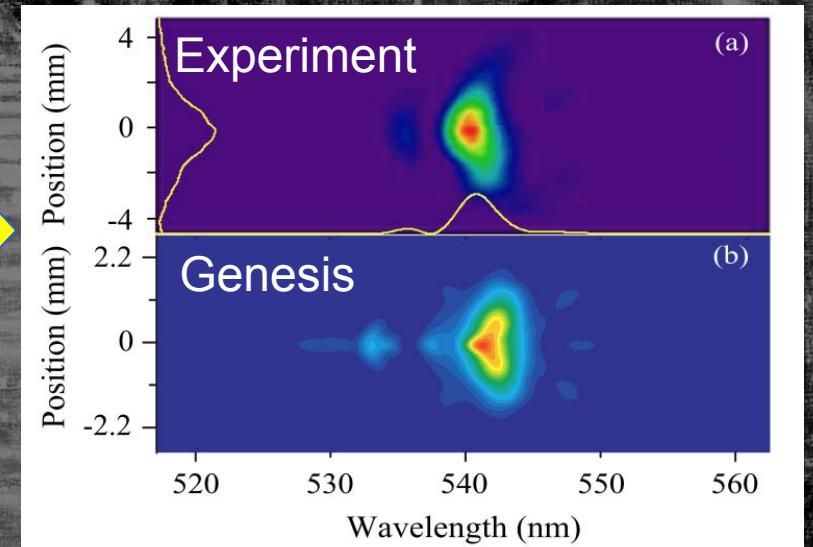
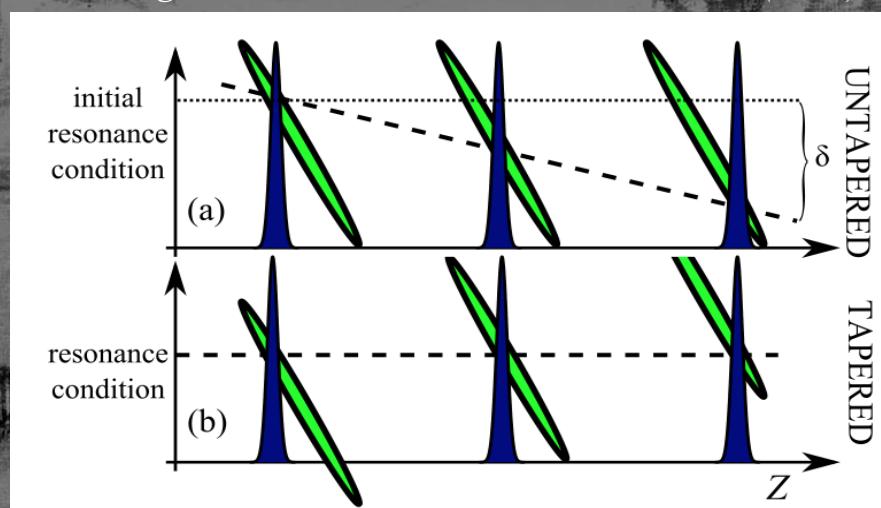
# Scaled experiment for single spike generation: SASE with chirped & compressed beam

L. Giannessi et al. PRL 106, 144801 (2011)

Compression with “Velocity Bunching” strong chirp & energy spread in the longitudinal phase space



Following E. L. Saldin et al. PRST-AB 9, 050702 (2006)



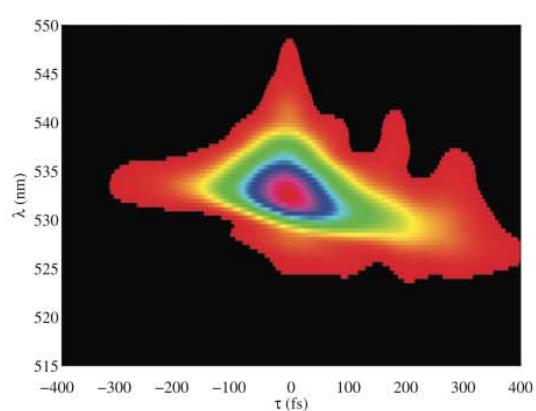
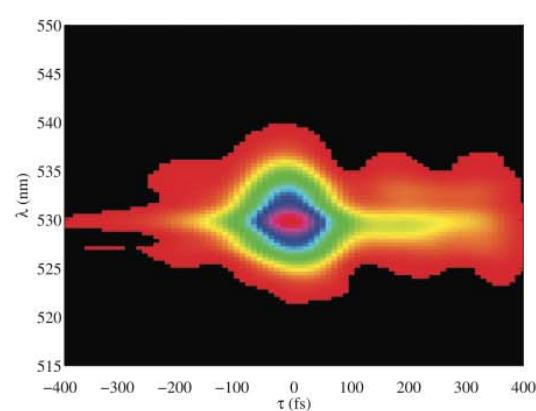
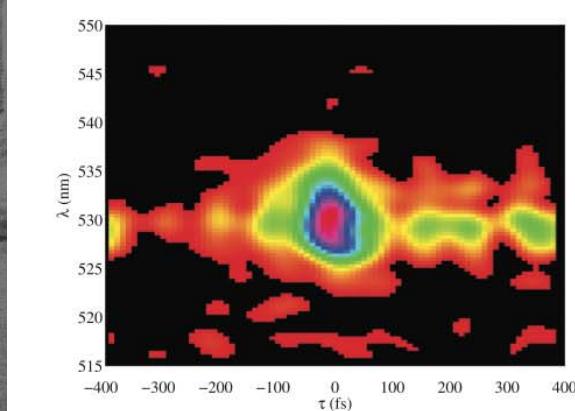
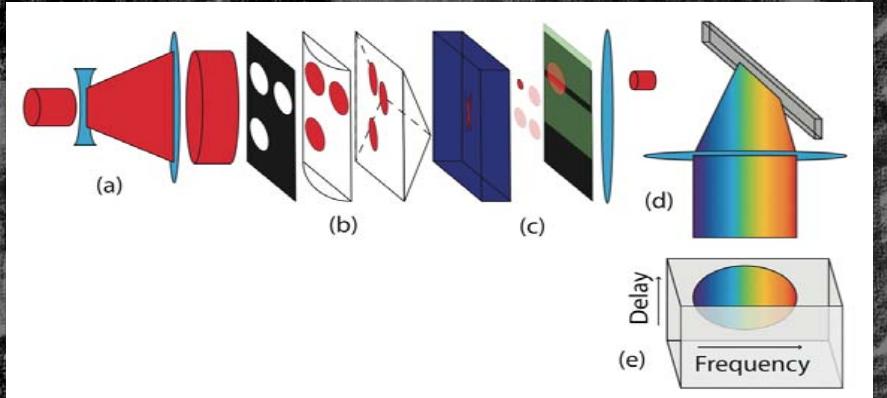


# Measurement of pulse length

Assuming a Fourier limited pulse, the spectral width indicated a (rms) pulse length  $\approx 50$  fs, but a direct measurement of the pulse length was missing.

Collaboration with J. Rosenzweig, UCLA,  
G. Marcus designed and realized this FROG  
specifically for SPARC

G. Marcus et al., APL 101, 134102 (2012)



Measured (fwhm) pulse length of 98 fs (TBP  $\approx 1.2$ ).

# Shorter than the cooperation length ...

High harmonic attosecond pulse train amplification in a free electron laser  
(B.W.J. McNeil et al. J. Phys. B 44 065404 (2011))

The attosecond structure of the HH seed can be amplified to saturation using a mode-locked optical klystron FEL amplifier configuration

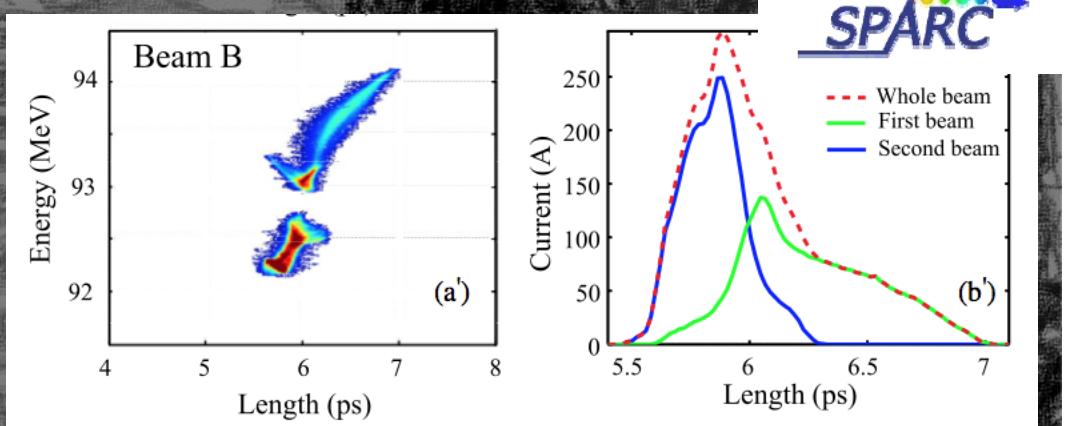


Two characteristic spatial periods lead to a frequency modulated emission spectrum, and gain function, with resonances at  $\omega \pm n \Omega$  (bi-harmonic undulator)

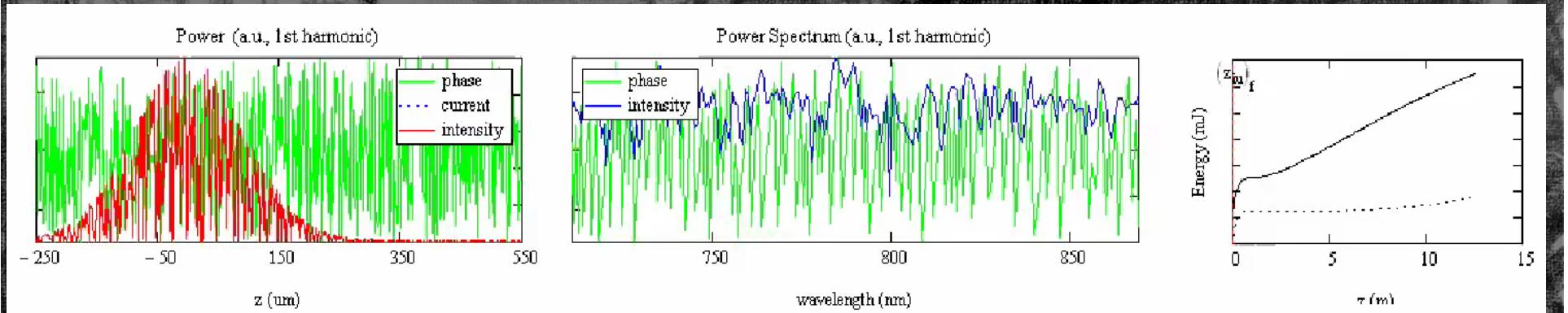
Similar situation is obtained lasing with two beams of different energies, at the same longitudinal position, if

$$\frac{\Delta\gamma}{\gamma} > 2\rho_s$$

V. Petrillo et al. PRL 111, 114802 (2013)



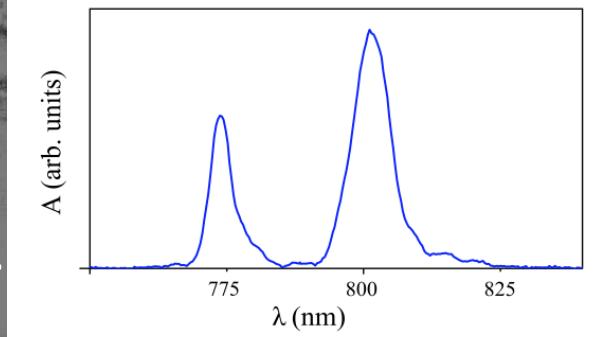
# Perseo Simulation



## Experiment and analysis

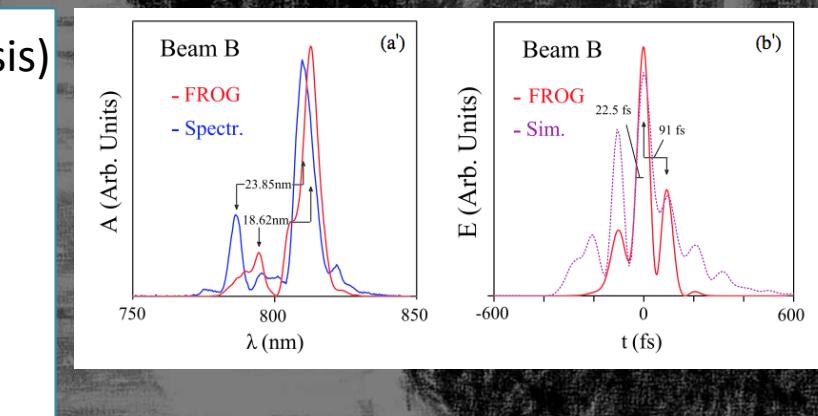
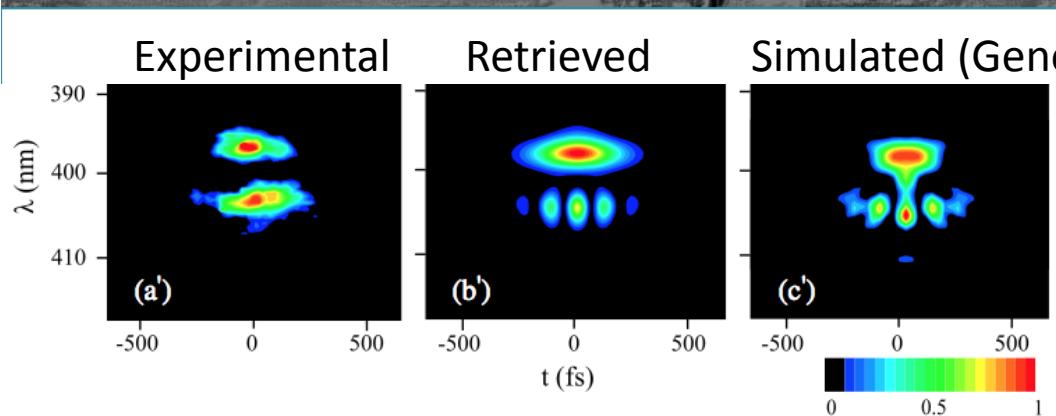
Energy (MeV)	$93.04 \pm 0.10$
Total charge (pC)	$165 \pm 10$
Emittance $x$ (mm mrad)	$1.68 \pm 0.18$
Emittance $y$ (mm mrad)	$1.81 \pm 0.15$
Energy spread (MeV)	$0.59 \pm 0.01$
Energy spread single beamlet (MeV)	$0.27 \pm 0.01$
Energy separation (MeV)	$1.07 \pm 0.14$
Time duration (ps)	$0.30 \pm 0.01$
Corrected FEL parameter single beamlet	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$
3D cooperation length single beamlet (μm)	12.5

## Spectrum



R.M.S. spike width  $\approx 22$  fs,  
3D coop length  $\approx 42$  fs

See F. Villa, MOP080

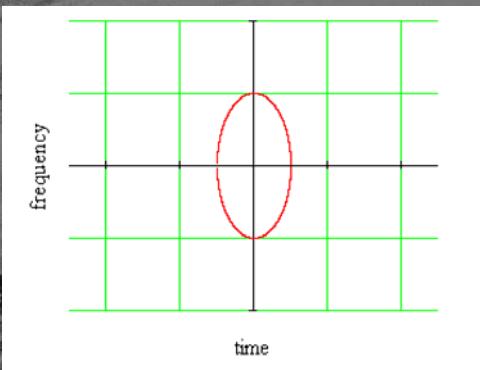


# Combining gain bandwidth & seed: Chirped Pulse Amplification

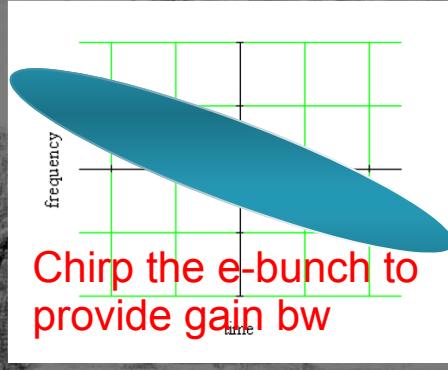
Ultrashort pulses can be obtained chirping the seed and the electron beam in phase space to widen the gain bandwidth and preserve resonance and optically re-compressing the pulse after amplification.

- The idea to use CPA for generating short and powerful FEL pulses from a seeded FEL has been proposed for the first time in *L. H. Yu et al, Phys. Rev. E 49 (1994)*
- We studied the application to a SASE FEL (SPARX) in *F. Frassetto, L. Giannessi, L. Poletto, Nucl. Inst. Meth. A 593 (2008)*.

Time-frequency  
diagram of the seed

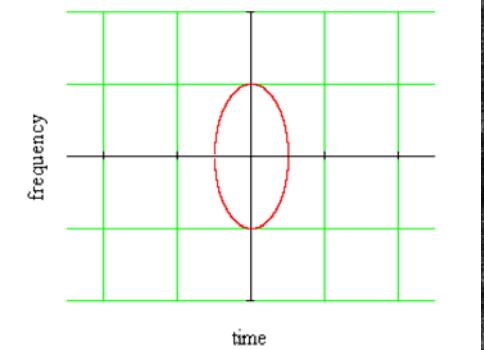


Stretch the seed  
with dispersion

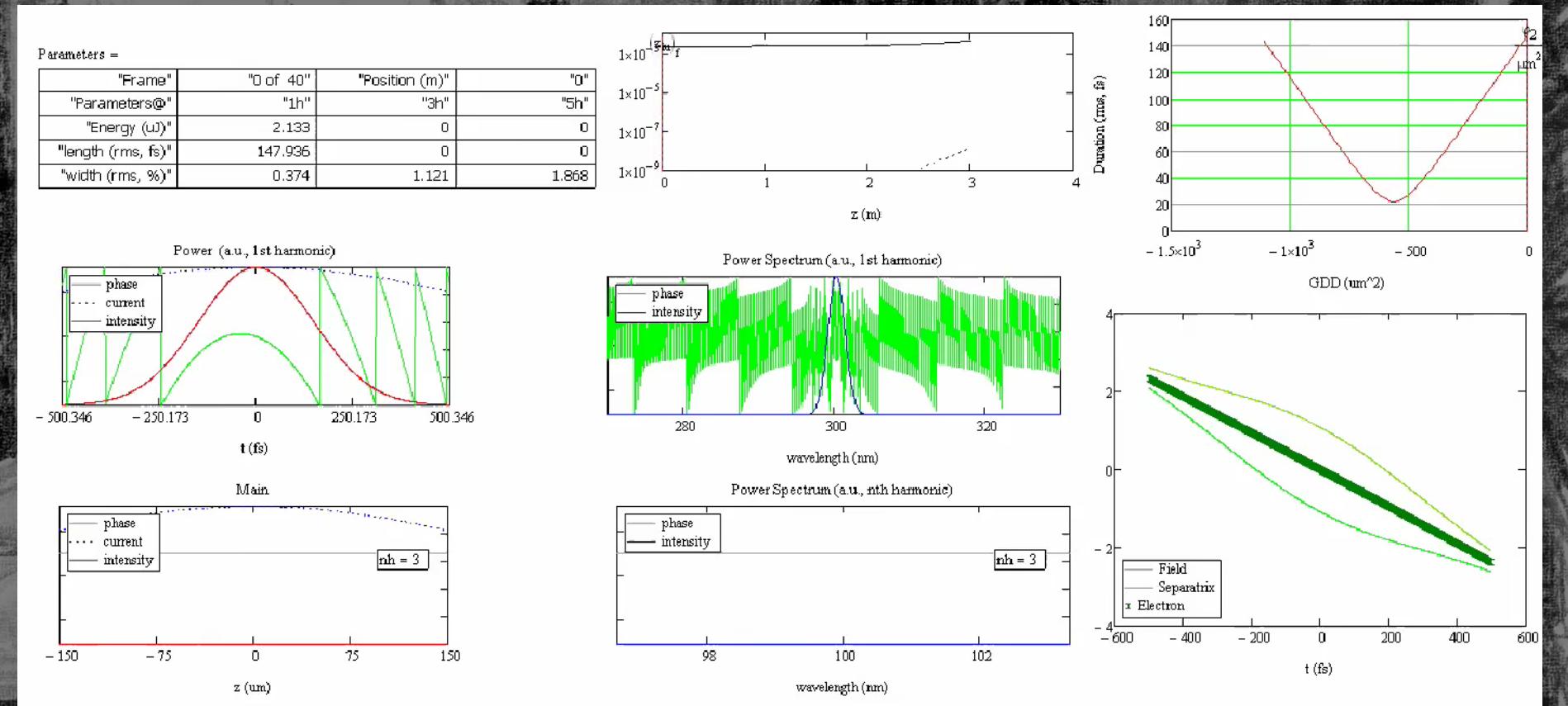


Amplification

Re- compression



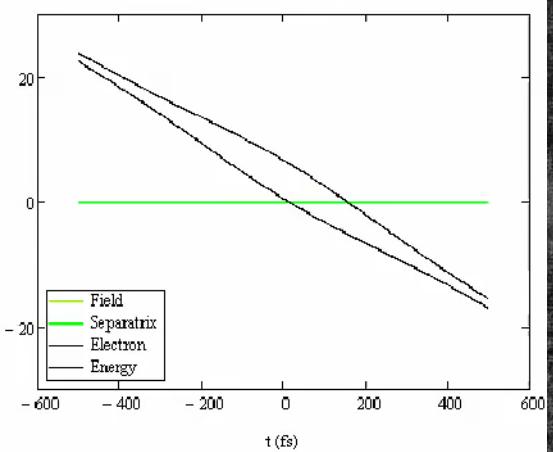
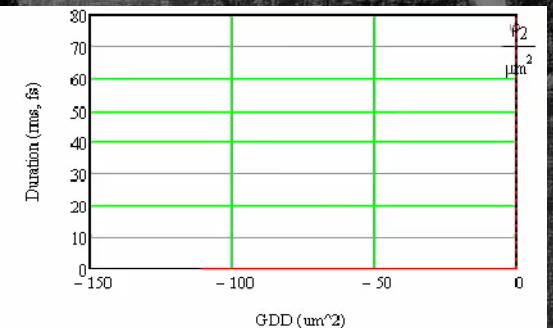
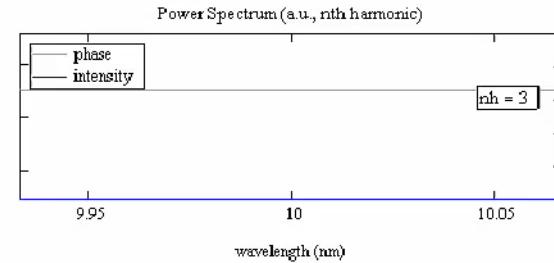
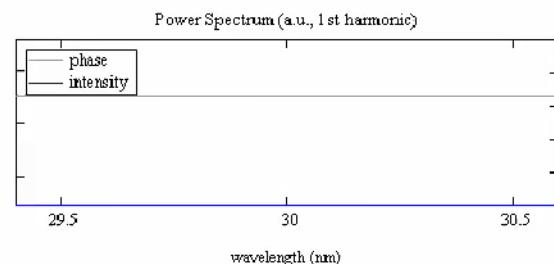
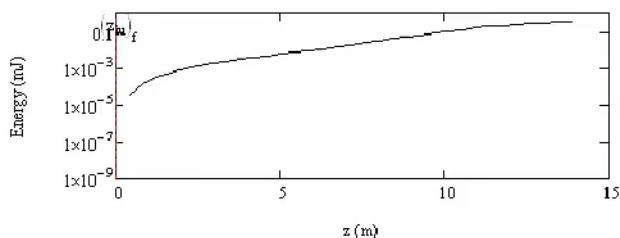
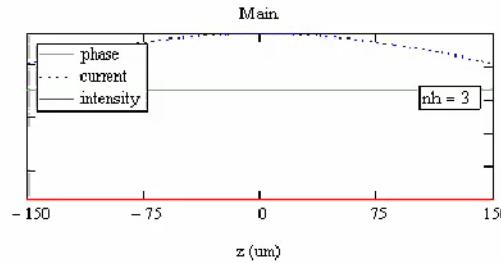
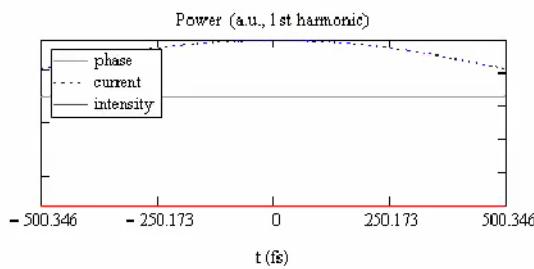
# Modulator



FERMI FEL-1 configuration – D. Gauthier with Perseo

# Radiator

Parameters =			
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"Parameters@"	"1h"	"3h"	"sh"
"Energy ( $\omega_0$ )"	0	0	0
"length (rms, fs)"	0	0	0
"width (rms, %)"	0	0	0



# CPA compared to short bunch

## Higher Compression



### PRO

- Low charge – low pulse energy
- High Current – higher gain, shorter gain length - Higher efficiency ( $I^{1/3}$ )
- Less sensitivity to beam parameters

### CON

- Beam quality preservation with compr.
- Spectral quality preservation
- Stability & Time jitter

### PRO

- Higher charge involved
- Higher e-beam quality because of lower compression
- Spectral quality

### CON

- Beam quality preservation with large chirp & sensitivity to e-beam phase space lin.
- Efficiency of re-compression



## FERMI FEL-1 and FEL-2

- Project idea on CPA (Coord. G. De Ninno) - collaborations with UN. Padova, Un. N. Gorica, LOA, Instituto Plasmas e Fusão Nuclear, Lisboa & Max Planck for a test experiment @ 26 nm - **See G. De Ninno MOP073**
- Future steps following proposal from A. Cavalleri & A. Cavalieri (MPI) for dedicated beamline for ultrashort pulses & CPA on FEL-2 (up to 500 eV) (and FEL-1 at 90-100 eV)

A grayscale abstract painting. In the center, there is a dark, textured shape that resembles a face or a mask. To the left of this central figure, there are vertical, elongated shapes that look like stylized trees or architectural columns. The background is filled with various brushstrokes and patterns, creating a complex and layered composition.

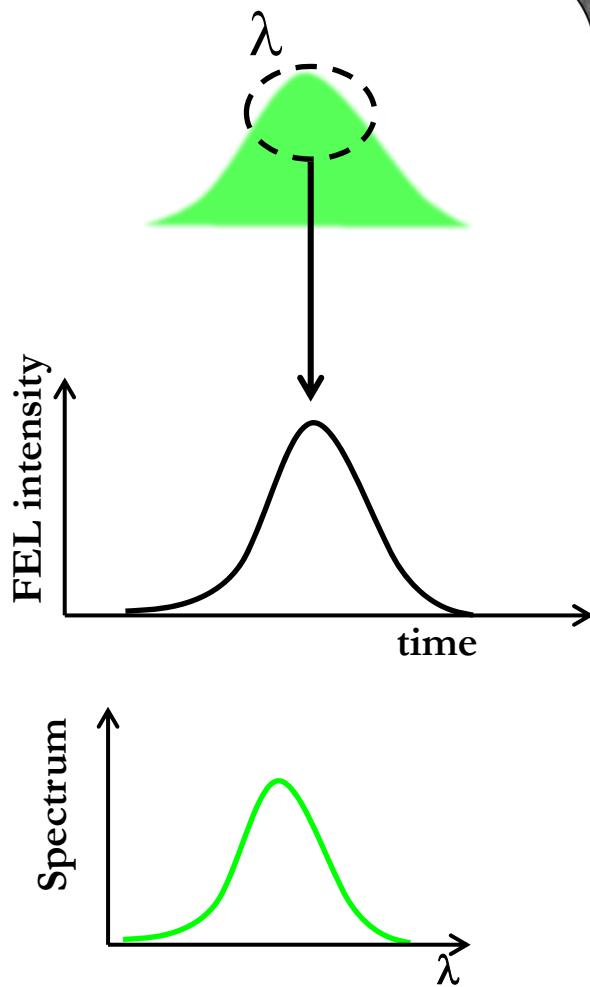
Pulse splitting and superradiance

# SATURATION

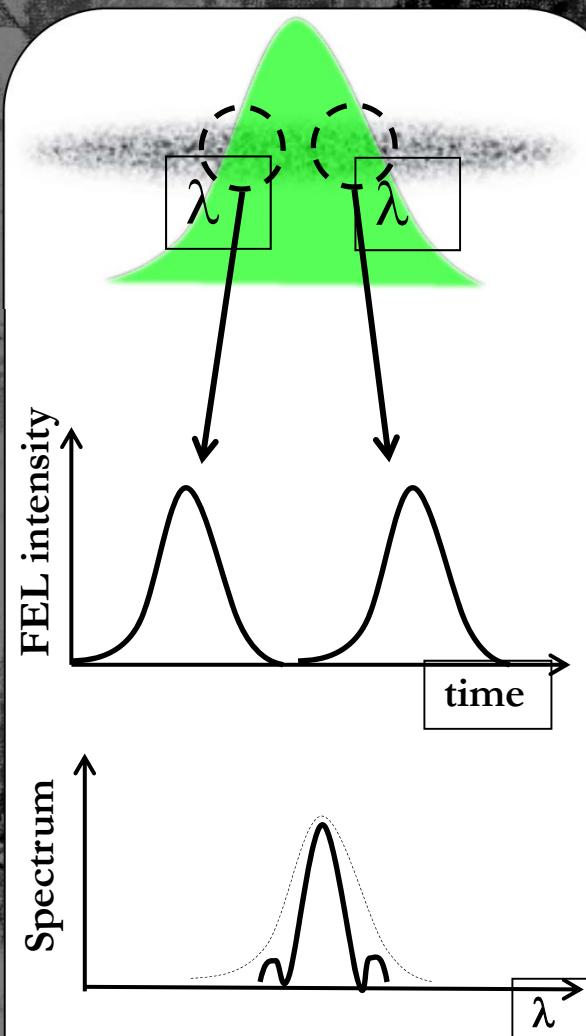
# FEL pulse splitting by long. synchrotron oscillation

*M. Labat et al., PRL 103,  
264801 (2009)*

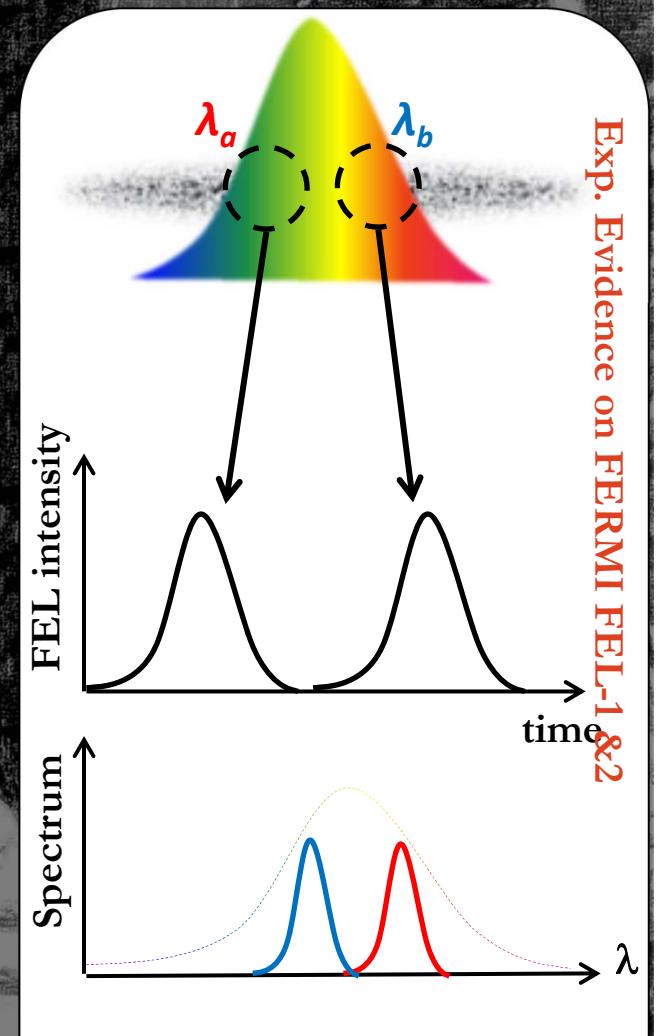
*G. De Ninno et al.  
PRL 110, 064801, 2013*



Standard HGHG



Increasing seed power



Chirped seed

Exp. Evidence on FERMI FEL-1 & 2

# Pulse splitting observed at FERMI since winter 2010...

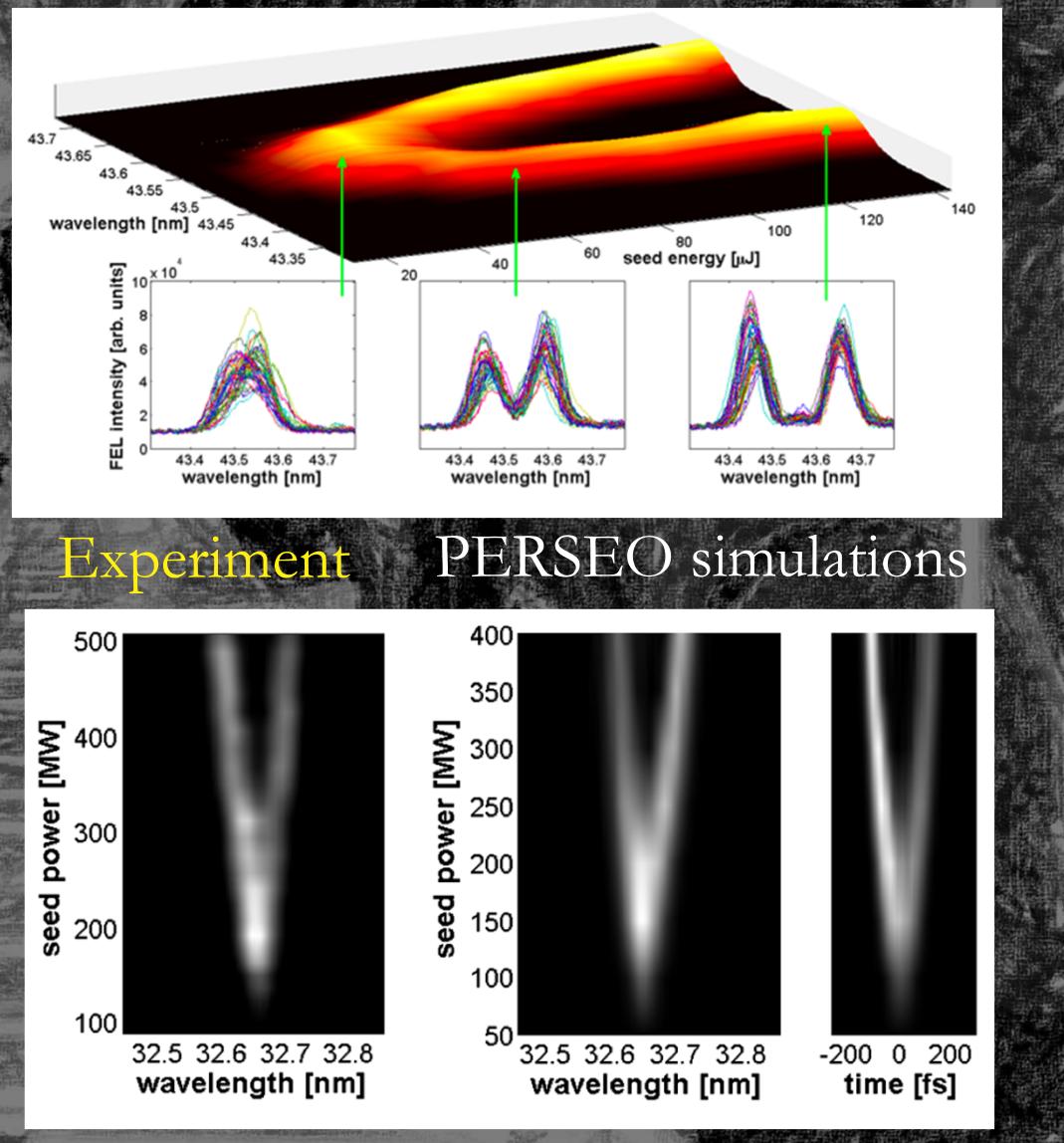
Seed frequency chirp generated by propagating through the different optical components (lenses, windows), and by self-phase modulation due to high intensity

Temporal separation limited by seed pulse length:

Generating long (chirped) seed pulses with significant local power tails is an issue.

- High intensity may give multiple local maxima (observed)

B. Mahieu et al. Optics Express 21, 22728 (2013)

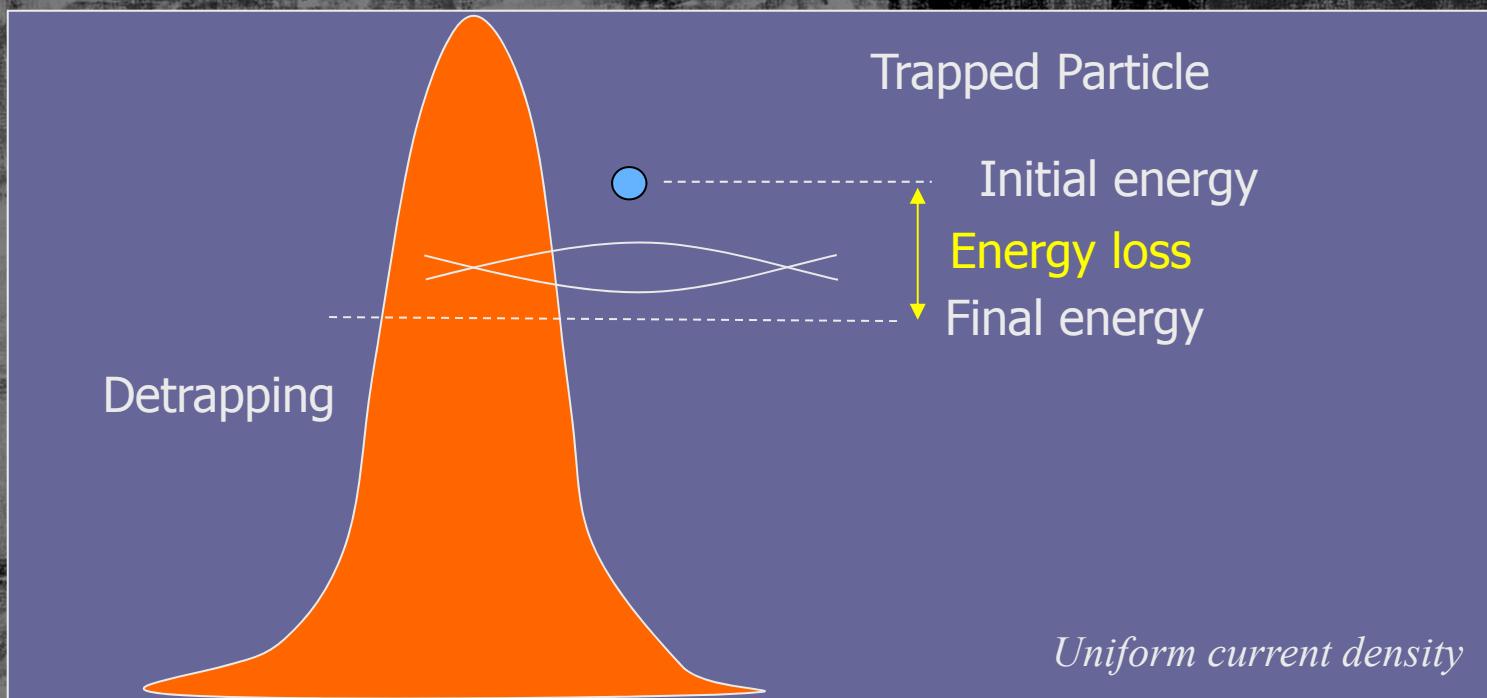


# Superradiance

Pioneered by R. Bonifacio and co-workers see e.g.  
*R. Bonifacio et al. Riv. N. Cim. 13, 1 (1990)*

- **Slippage:** The light advances over the electrons of a distance  $N\lambda$  in  $N$  undulator periods
- **Saturation:** When the FEL laser power reaches  $\sim \rho P_E$ , saturation occurs: there is a cyclic energy exchange between electrons and field (in steady state regime)

If the pulse length is comparable to the distance covered in a synchrotron period



The pulse energy grows with slippage distance & depth of potential bucket

# Pulse shape not determined by the seed: after saturation the seed turns into a solitary wave (in scaled coordinates)

*L. Giannessi, P. Musumeci, S. Spampinati, JAP 98, 043110 (2005)*

Scaling relations (in 1-D)

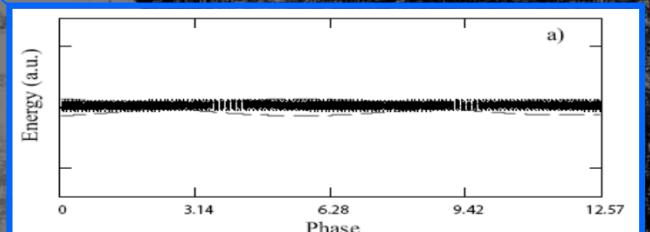
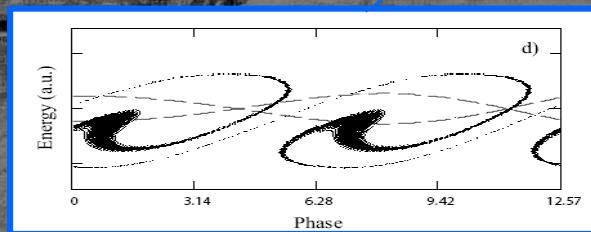
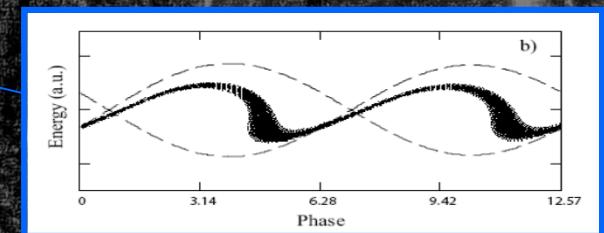
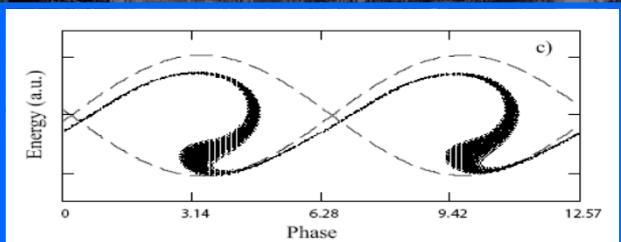
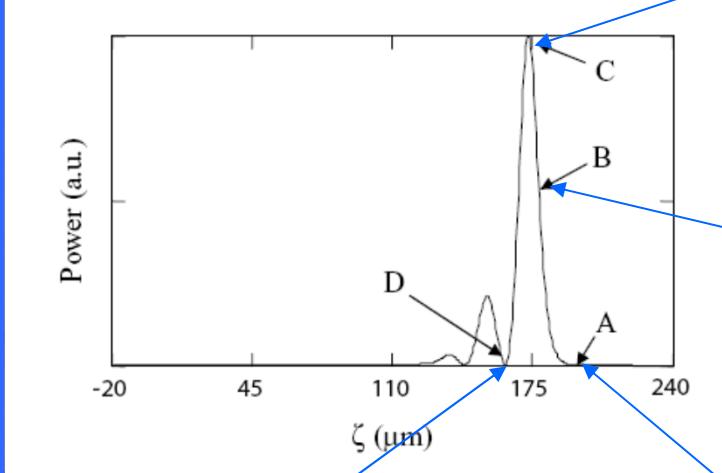
$$\text{Duration} \quad \sigma_t \propto z^{-1/2}$$

$$\text{Energy} \quad E \propto z^{3/2}$$

$$\text{Power} \quad P \propto z^2$$

1. Emission of high order harmonics

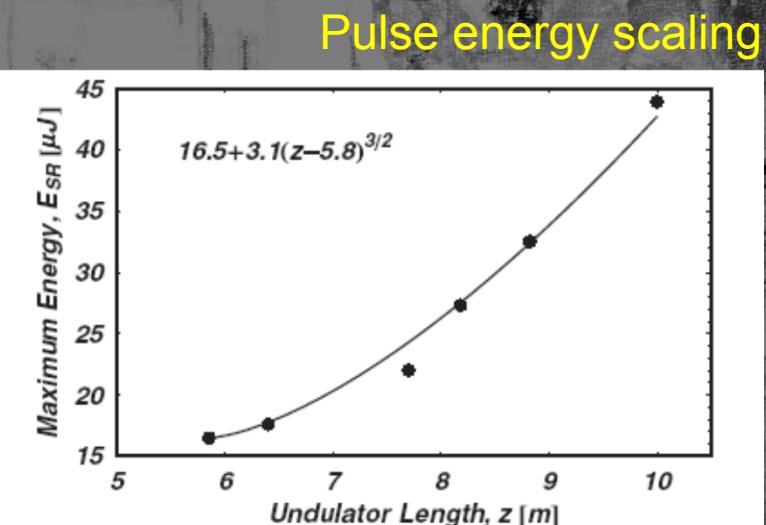
2. Behavior in a FEL cascaded configuration



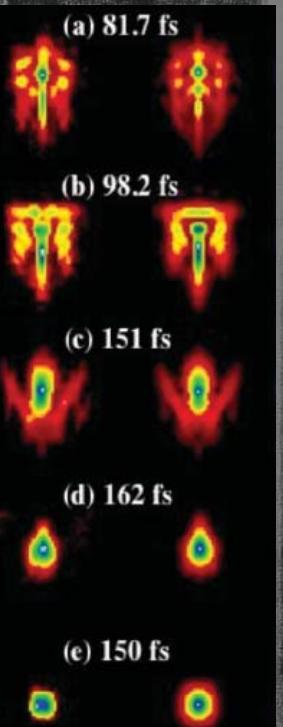
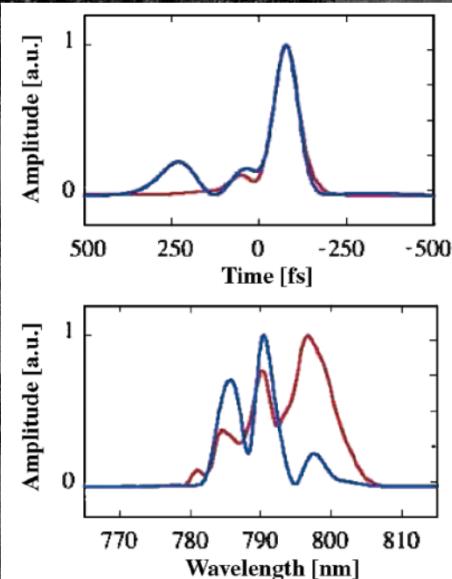
See Xi Yang,  
Poster MOP079

# Experimental results:

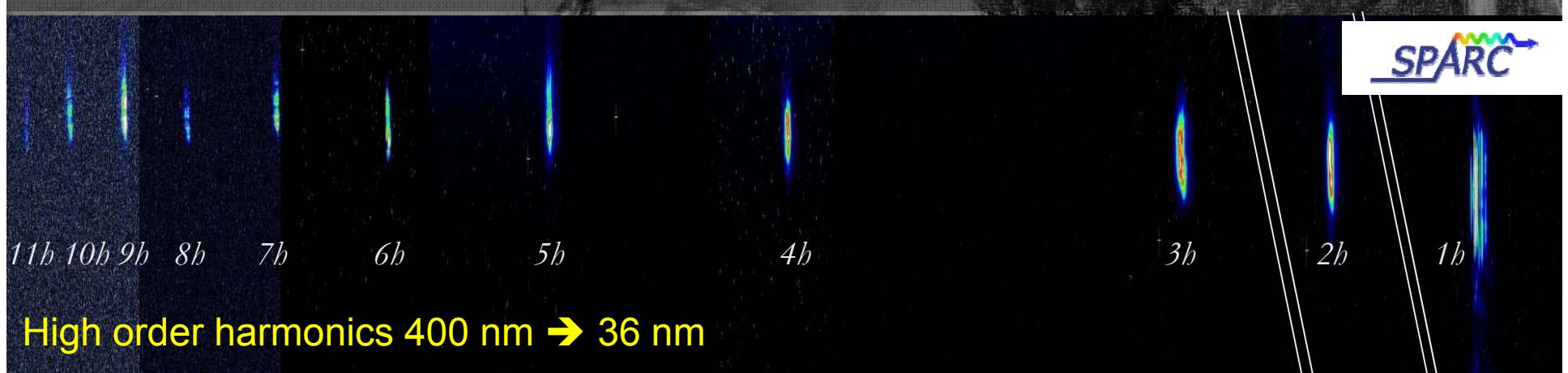
**BNL - SSDL**: T. Watanabe et al. PRL 98, 034802 (2007)



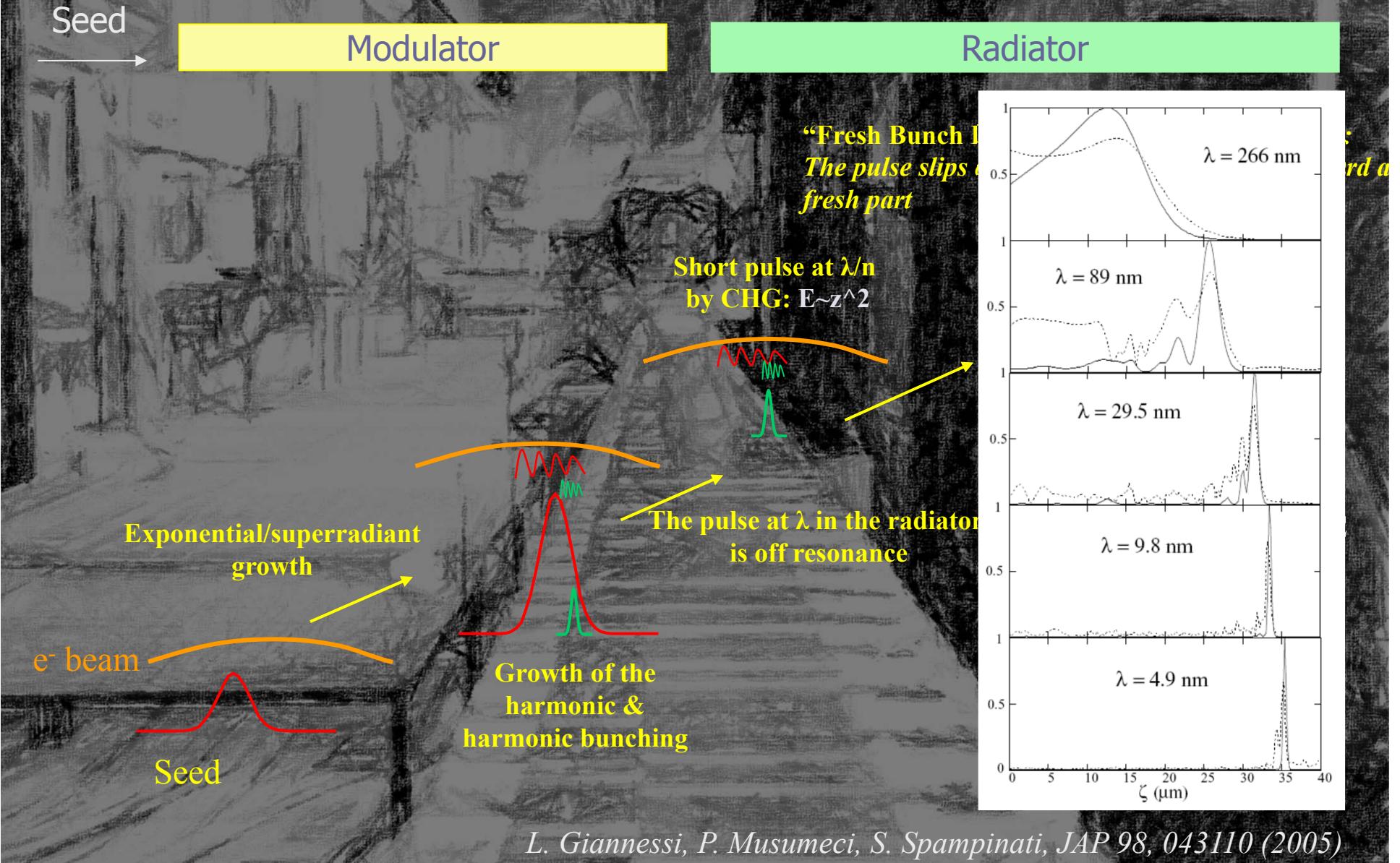
Pulse shape and spectrum



**Frascati - SPARC**: L. Giannessi et al. PRL 108, 164801 (2012)



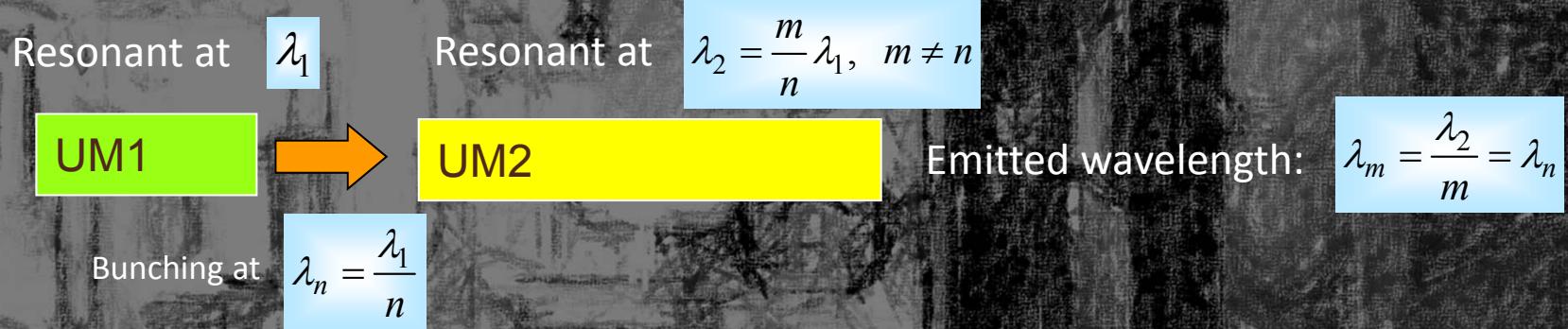
# Evolution of a superradiant pulse in a cascade



*L. Giannessi, P. Musumeci, S. Spampinati, JAP 98, 043110 (2005)*

# Harmonic Cascaded FEL

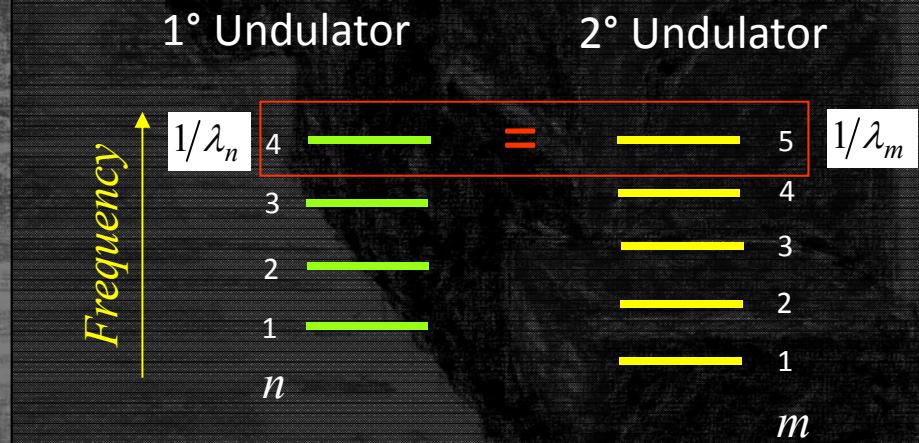
L. Giannessi, P. Musumeci *New Journal of Physics* 8 (2006) 294



## Advantages:

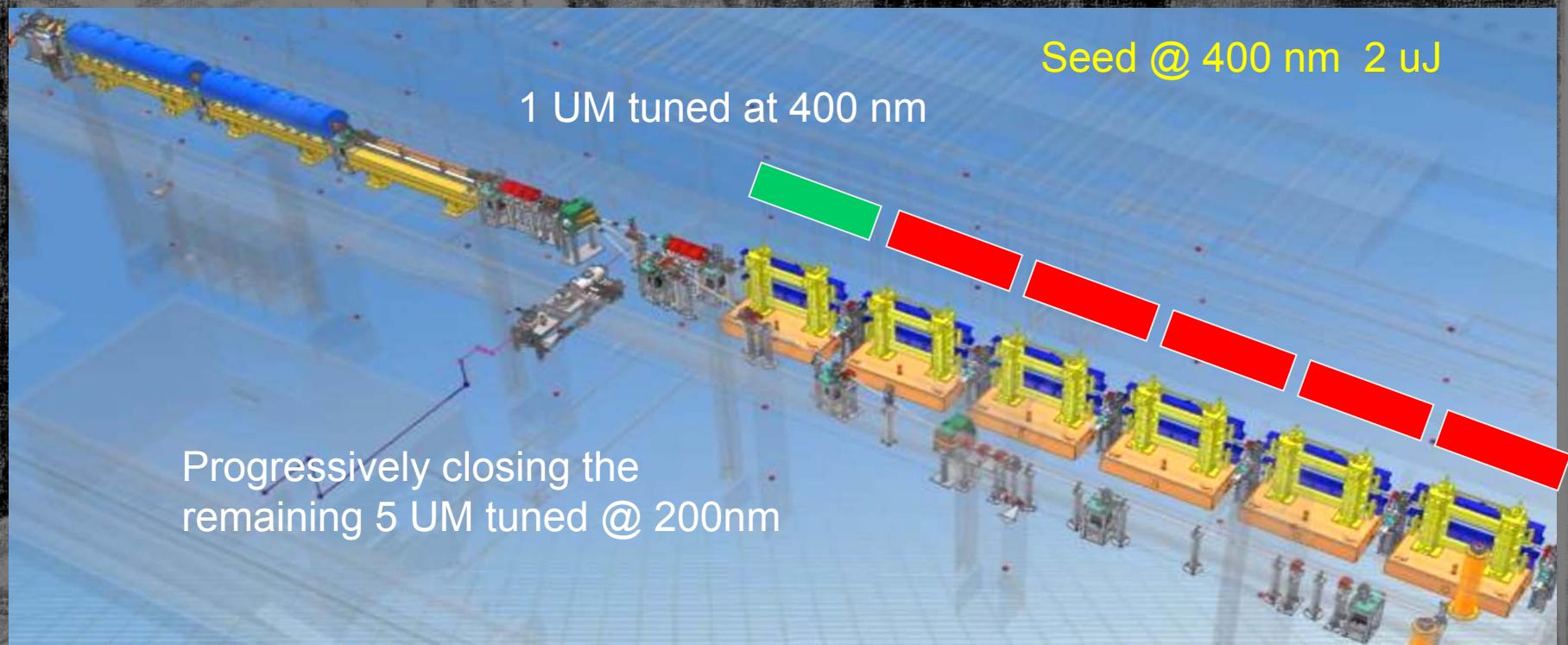
1. Higher order harmonic coupling in the final radiator extends the wavelength operation range
2. Larger slippage in the final radiator. Pulse energy is proportional to slippage.

*Harmonics Spectrum of the two undulators*



# Superradiant Cascade at SPARC

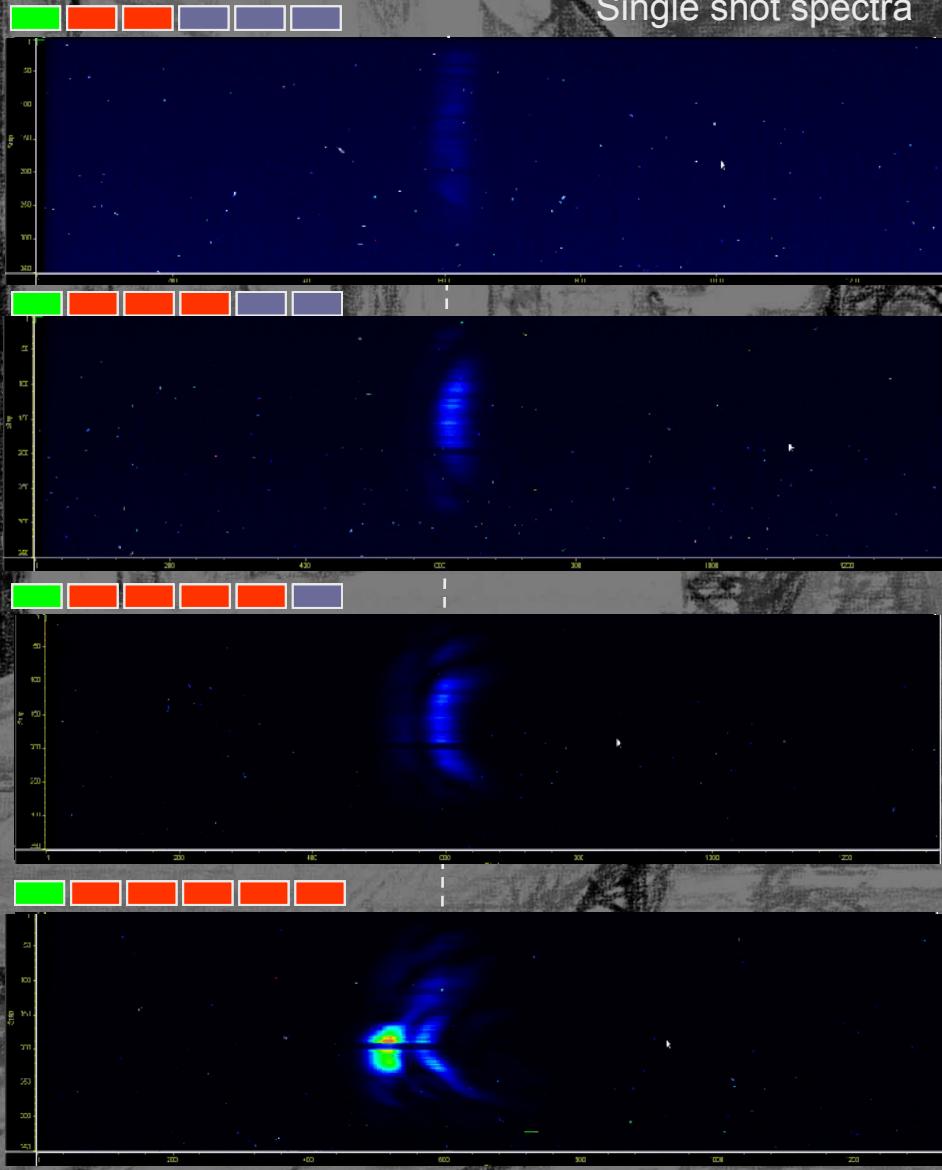
L. Giannessi et al. PRL 110, 044801 (2013)



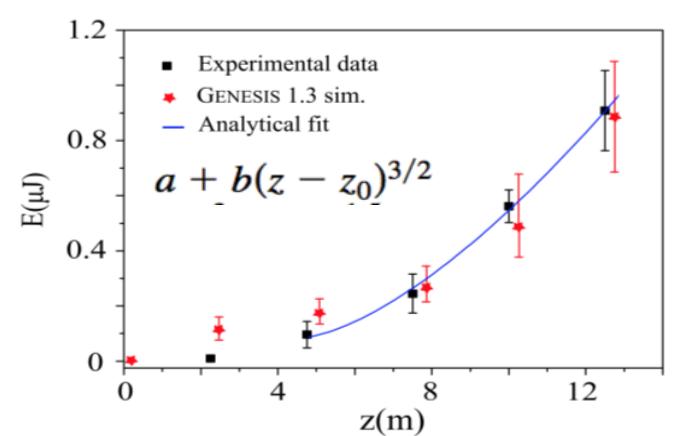


# Superradiant Cascade

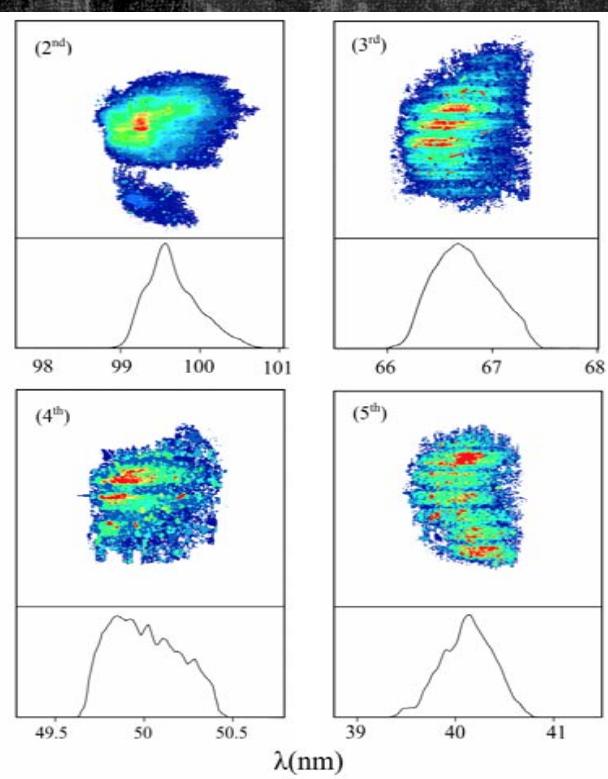
Single shot spectra



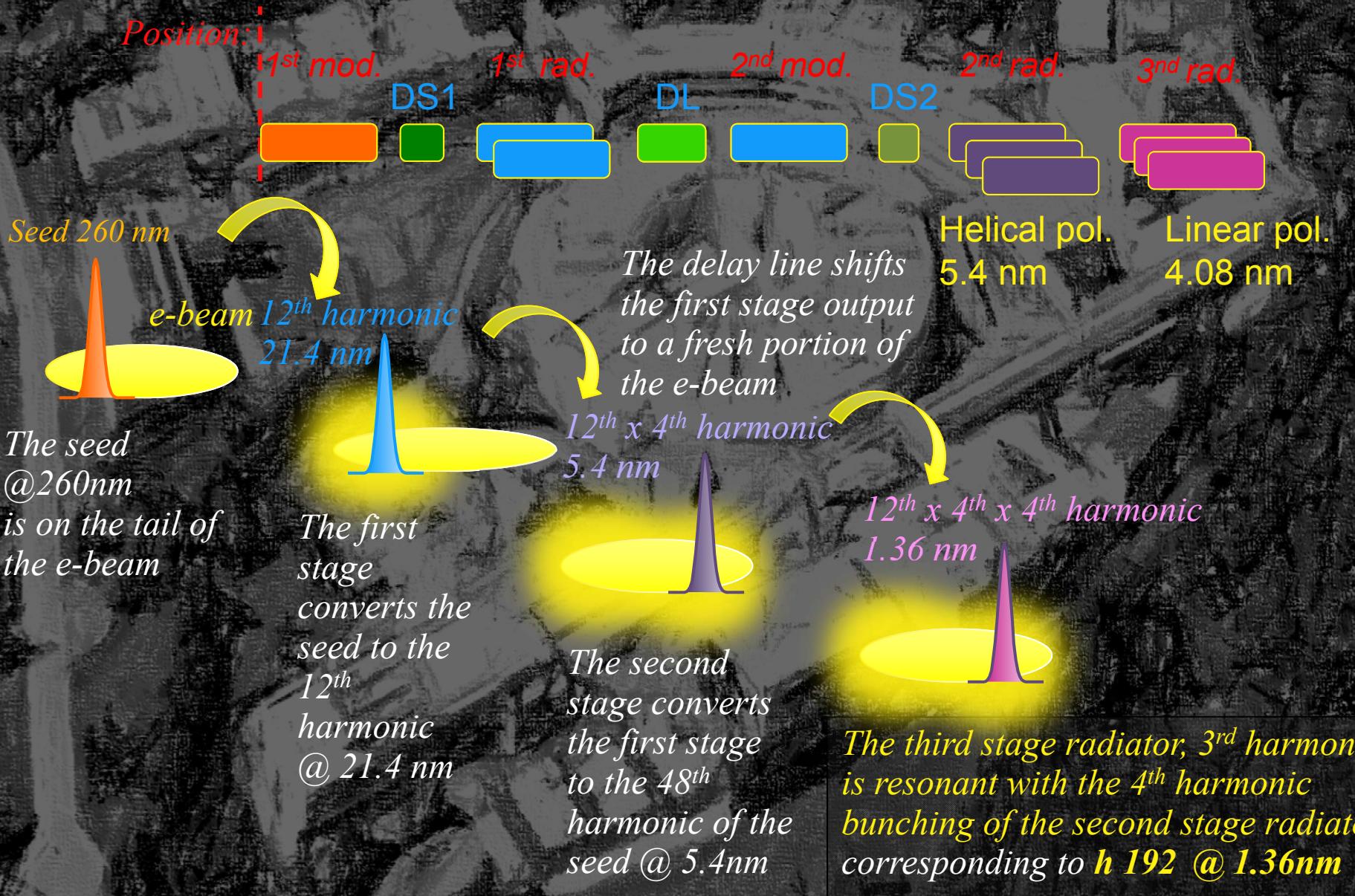
Energy scaling  $\propto z^{3/2}$



High order harmonics



# FERMI FEL-2: Fresh bunch injection & harmonic cascade



# FEL-2 - June 2014 – RUN 20

Not Ideal:

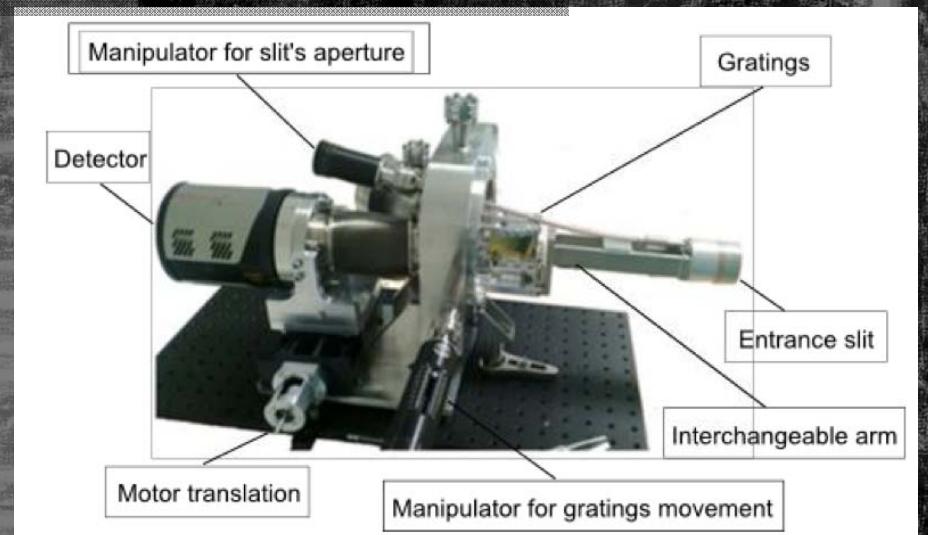
- The relatively long seed pulse (120-140 fs) do not ensure a “single spike” superradiant pulse
- Sudden cascade transitions by factors of x10 or more do not leave sufficient propagation length for shortening the pulse from one stage another

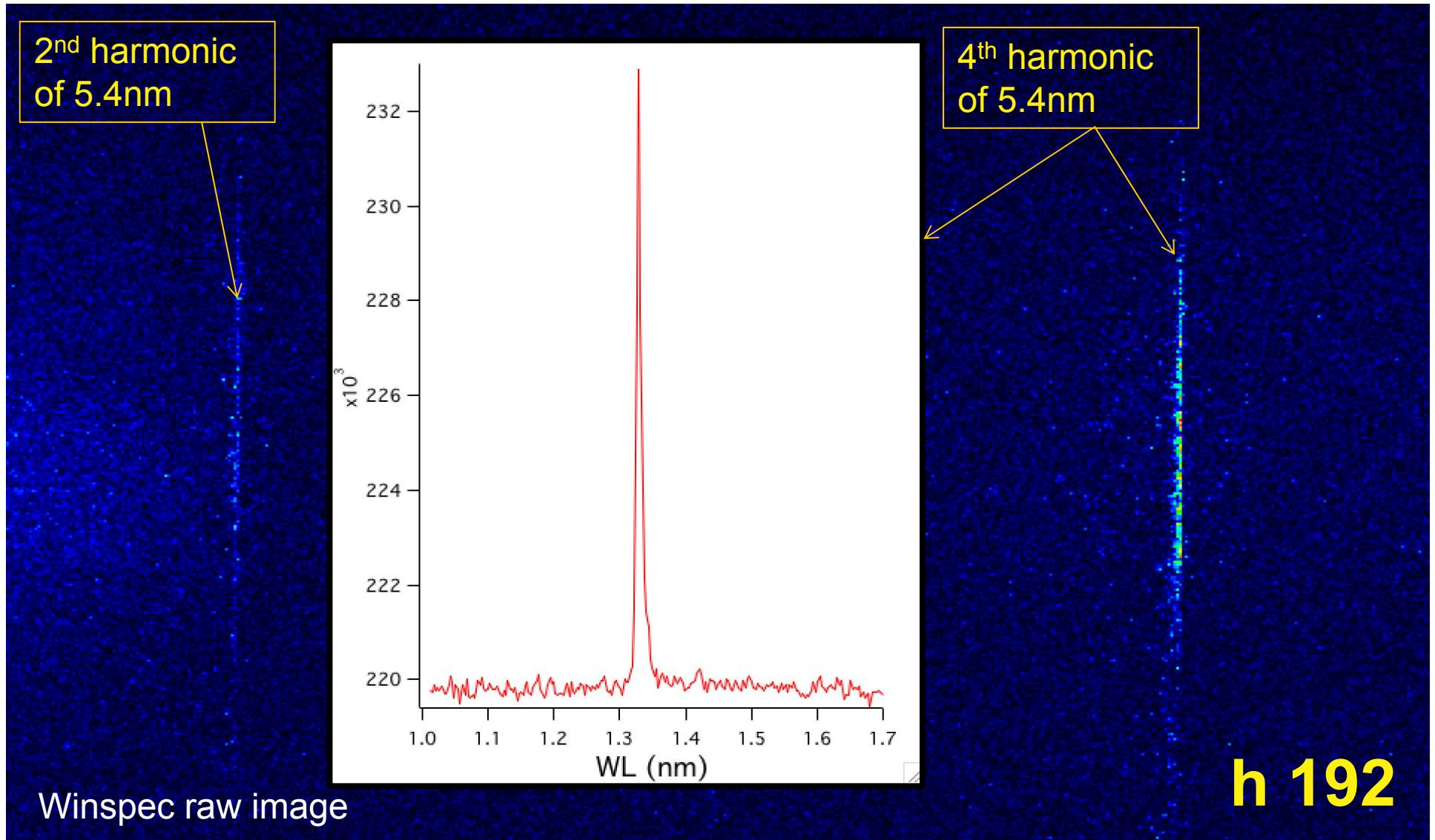
## LDM Beamline

(C. Callegari resp., with support from M. Coreno, P. Finetti, F. Frassetto, R. Godnig, P. Miotti, L. Poletto)

Dedicated Spectrometer  
High sensitivity CCD detector  
Spectral range up to  $\approx 1$  keV

See P. Finetti, MOP020





Preliminary estimate:  $E \approx 1 \text{ nJ}$

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