

Chirps in a high-gain free electron laser seeded by high-order harmonic generation and ultrafast source production

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- + Chirps in a seeded Free Electron Laser (FEL) in general
 - ◆ Frequency chirp along the seed pulse
 - ◆ Energy chirp along the electron bunch
 - ◆ Intrinsic frequency chirp developed during FEL process
 - ◆ Interplay of the chirps
- + ABCD formalism
- + High-order Harmonic Generation (HHG) seed is attractive
 - ◆ Ultrashort, VUV to soft x-ray, attosecond pulse train (APT)
 - ◆ smearing of APT and APT restoration
- + LCLS-type high brightness electron bunch seeded by HHG
 - ◆ Ultrashort, powerful, hard x-ray FEL,

+ Wigner Function for a Chirped Gaussian Seed Pulse

◆ The electric field of the chirped seed laser is assumed to be

$$E_s(t, z) = E_0 e^{i(k_s z - \omega_s t)} e^{-(\alpha + i\beta) \omega_s^2 (t - z/v_{g,0})^2}$$

with $v_{g,0} = \omega_s / (k_s + 2k_w / 3)$

Seed Chirp

◆ The Wigner function is defined as

$$W(t, \omega, z) = \int E(t - \tau/2, z) E^*(t + \tau/2, z) e^{-i\omega\tau} d\tau$$

◆ The Wigner function for the seed laser is a Bi-Gaussian:

Contour plot of the Wigner function for the seed laser

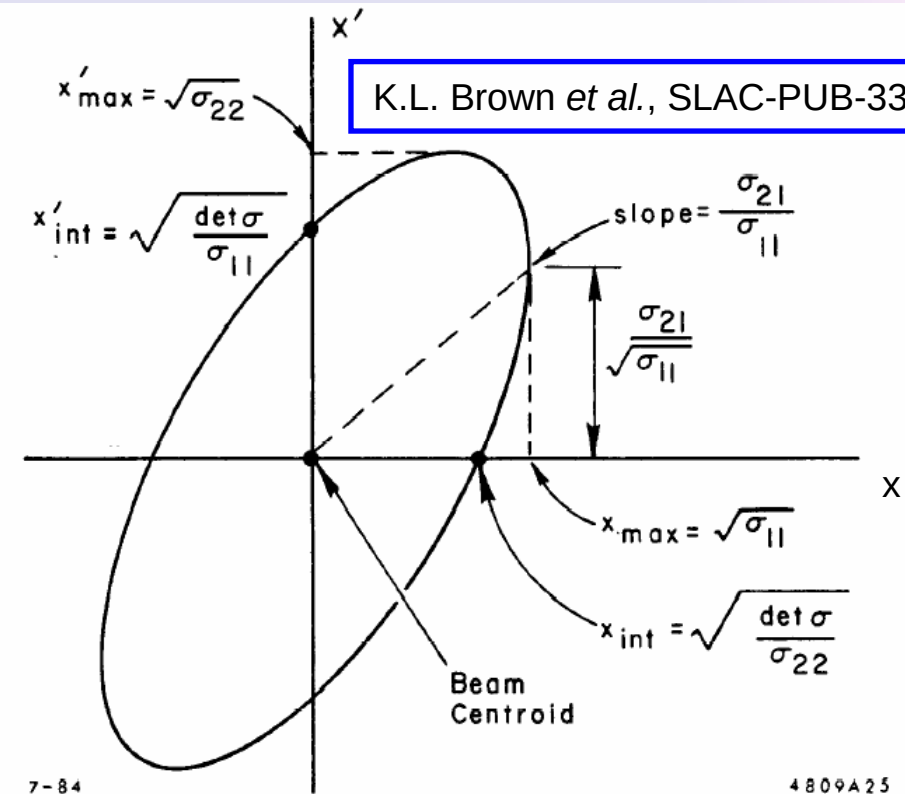
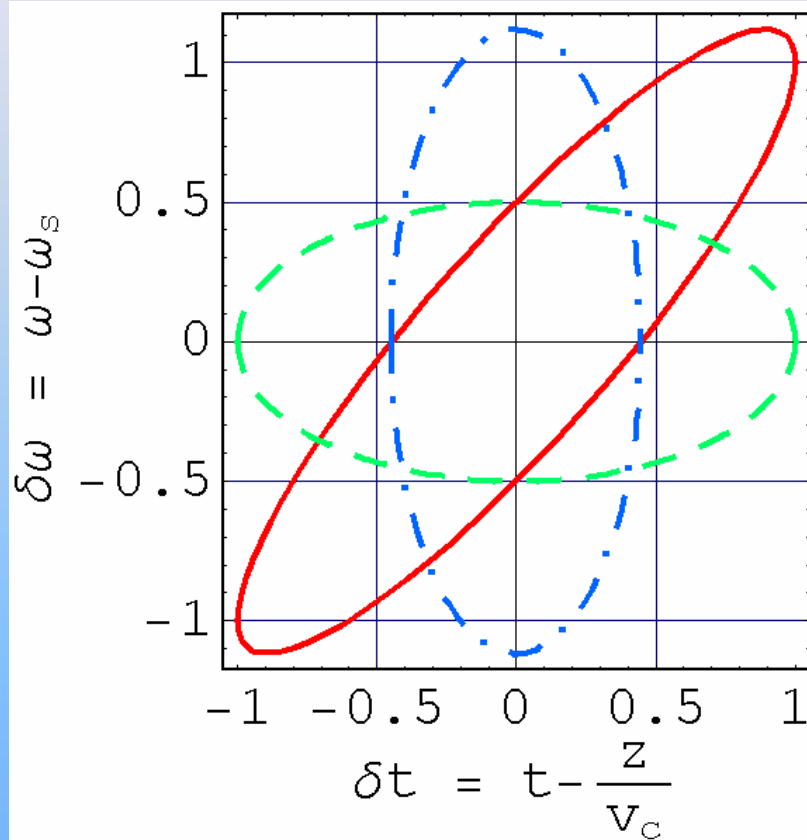


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Electron bunch: RF cavity and Bunch Compressor

FEL process – group velocity dispersion and gain

Integral representation of a seeded FEL

$$A(\theta, Z) \cong e^{\rho(\sqrt{3}+i)Z} \int d\xi A(\theta - \xi, 0) e^{i\mu\theta(Z-\xi)} e^{-\rho(\sqrt{3}+i)\left[9(\xi-Z/3)^2/(4Z)\right]} e^{-i(\mu/2)(Z-\xi)\xi}$$

where $E(t, z) \equiv A(\theta, Z) e^{i(\theta - Z)}$ with $Z = k_w z$ and $\theta = (k_s + k_w)z - \omega_s t$

Energy chirp in the electron bunch

$$\mu \equiv \frac{2}{\gamma_0 \omega_s} \frac{d\gamma}{dt}$$

The FEL electric field in (t, z) coordinates

$$E_{\text{FEL}}(t, z) = E_{0,\text{FEL}} e^{\rho(\sqrt{3}+i)k_w z} e^{i(k_s z - \omega_s t)} e^{-[\alpha_{s,f}(z) + i\beta_{s,f}(z)]\omega_s^2 (t - z/v_c)^2}$$

$$\text{where } \alpha_{s,f}(z) = \left[4\sigma_{t,s,f}^2(z)\omega_s^2\right]^{-1}, \beta_{s,f}^2(z) = \alpha_{s,f}(z)\sigma_{\omega,s,f}^2(z)/\omega_s^2 - \alpha_{s,f}^2(z)$$

✚ Wigner Function for the FEL Pulse is again Bi-Gaussian:

$$W(t, \omega, z) \propto \exp \left[- \frac{\frac{\delta t^2}{\sigma_{t,s,f}^2} - 2r \frac{\delta t \delta \omega}{\sigma_{t,s,f} \sigma_{\omega,s,f}} + \frac{\delta \omega^2}{\sigma_{\omega,s,f}^2}}{2(1-r^2)} \right]$$

$$\delta t = t - \langle t \rangle \text{ and } \delta \omega = \omega - \langle \omega \rangle$$

$$r = 2\beta_{s,f} \frac{\sigma_{t,s,f} \omega_s^2}{\sigma_{\omega,s,f}} = \frac{\beta_{s,f}}{2\alpha_{s,f}} \frac{1}{\sigma_{t,s,f} \sigma_{\omega,s,f}} = \frac{\langle (t - \langle t \rangle)(\omega - \langle \omega \rangle) \rangle}{\sigma_{t,s,f} \sigma_{\omega,s,f}}$$

Second moments:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma_{t,s,f}^2(z) \\ \sigma_{\omega,s,f}^2(z) \\ \langle (t - \langle t \rangle)(\omega - \langle \omega \rangle) \rangle \equiv \frac{\beta_{s,f}(z)}{2\alpha_{s,f}(z)} \end{array} \right. = \frac{\frac{\vec{U}}{\omega_s^2 \vec{V}}}{\frac{\omega_s^2 (\vec{V}^2 + \vec{W}^2)}{4\vec{U} \vec{V}} \frac{\vec{W}}{2\vec{V}}}$$

◆ The longitudinal emittance of the Gaussian seed is defined as

$$\varepsilon_{\text{Light}} \equiv \sqrt{\langle (t - \langle t \rangle)^2 \rangle \langle (\omega - \langle \omega \rangle)^2 \rangle - \langle (t - \langle t \rangle)(\omega - \langle \omega \rangle) \rangle^2} = 1/2$$

◆ The longitudinal emittance $\varepsilon(z) = 1/2 \Rightarrow$ Coherence is Preserved!

Notations:

$$\begin{cases} \vec{U} & \equiv 3 + P^2 [Q + (6 + 4R^2) \alpha_s + \sqrt{3} (2\beta_s - \mu)] \\ \vec{V} & \equiv 3 [Q + 4 (1 + R^2) \alpha_s] \\ \vec{W} & \equiv 4 (\sqrt{3} R^2 \alpha_s + 3\beta_s) + P^2 \mu [2Q + 4 (3 + 2R^2) \alpha_s - \sqrt{3} \mu] \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} P & \equiv \frac{\omega_s}{\sigma_{\omega,GF}} \\ Q & \equiv \frac{\mu(\mu - 4\beta_s)\omega_s^2}{\sigma_{\omega,GF}^2} \\ R & \equiv \frac{\sigma_{\omega,s}}{\sigma_{\omega,GF}} \end{cases}, \text{ with } \mu \equiv \frac{2}{\gamma_0 \omega_s} \frac{d\gamma}{dt}, \text{ and } \sigma_{\omega,GF}(z) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{3\sqrt{3}\rho\omega_s^2}{k_w z}}$$

Notice that, even for $\beta_s = \mu = 0$, $W \neq 0$, hence FEL intrinsic chirp

Centrality:

$$v_c^{-1}(z) \equiv \frac{\langle t \rangle}{z} = v_{g,0}^{-1} + \sqrt{3} \mu \omega_s k_w (2\alpha_s - 2\sqrt{3}\beta_s + \sqrt{3}\mu) / (2\vec{V} \sigma_{\omega,GF}^2)$$

✚ Ellipse evolution

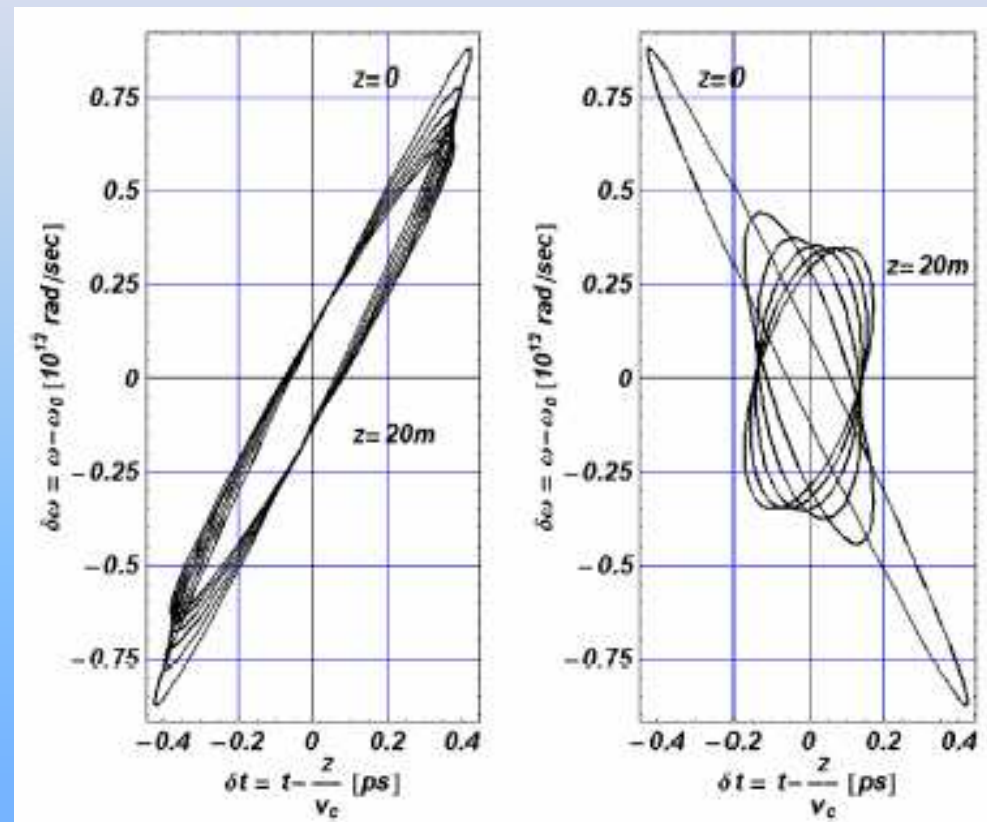


Fig. 7. (Color online) Contour plot of the Wigner function $W(t - z/v_c, \omega - \omega_0)$ of the FEL light for $z \in [0, 20]$ m. The centrovoltage v_c is given in Eq. (32). The electron beam has a positive energy chirp. The left (right) plot is for an initial positive (negative) seed laser chirp of equal magnitude.

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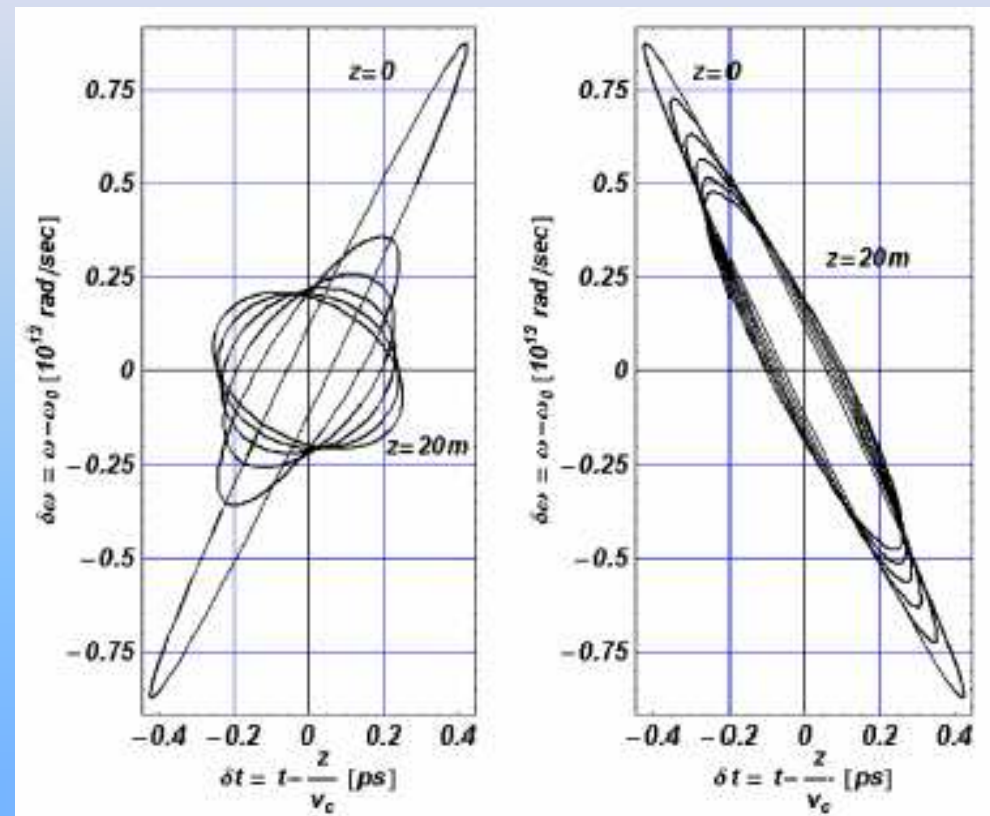


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✚ Chirped pulse compression

- ◆ Preundulator – introduce the chirp via horizontal shearing – stretch temporally
- ◆ Postundulator – chirped pulse compression via horizontal shearing – compress temporally
- ◆ Yet, the FEL is a group velocity dispersive medium with gain
- ◆ For $\mu = 0$

$$\sigma_{t,f}|_{\mu=0} = \frac{1}{2\sigma_{\omega}|_{\mu=0}} = \sigma_{t,i} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4C^2}}$$

$$C = \sigma_{t,i} \sigma_{\omega,GF}$$

Positively defined, inevitably stretch the pulse temporal duration

✚ However, for $\mu \neq 0$

$$\sigma_{t,f} \approx \sigma_{t,i} \left[1 + \frac{1}{4C^2} - \frac{1+4C^2}{36C^2} \eta - \frac{4}{27} C^2 \epsilon \eta - \frac{1+2C^2}{54} \eta^2 + \frac{2(3+4C^2)}{243} C^2 \epsilon \eta^2 + \frac{16}{729} C^6 \epsilon^2 \eta^2 \right]^{1/2}.$$

$$\epsilon \equiv \frac{3\sqrt{3}\beta_0}{\sigma_{\omega,GF}^2}, \quad \eta \equiv \frac{3\sqrt{3}\mu\omega_0^2}{\sigma_{\omega,GF}^2}$$

Example, interplay of the chirps and optimization for compression

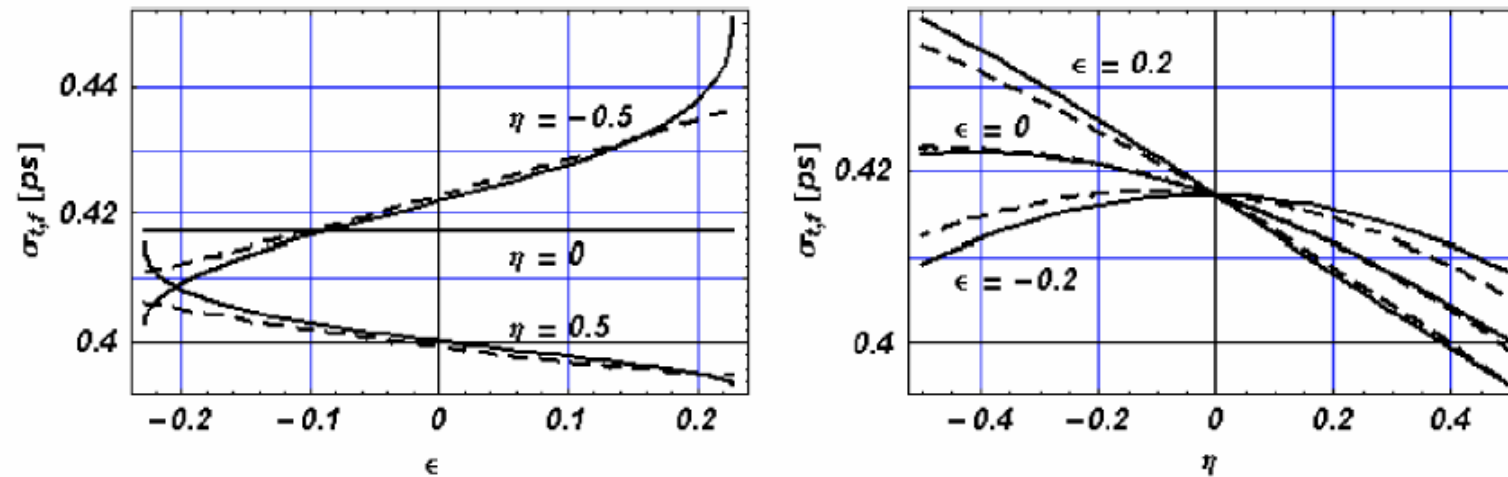


Fig. 11. (Color online) Plot of the FEL pulse duration $\sigma_{t,f}$ after postundulator pulse compression versus the dimensionless frequency chirp ϵ in the seed laser (left plot) and the dimensionless energy chirp η (right plot) in the electron beam introduced in Eq. (43).

+ *ABCD* formalism – transfer the complex Gaussian parameter

$$\frac{1}{p(z)} \equiv -2\beta_{s,f}(z)\omega_s + i2\alpha_{s,f}(z)\omega_s, \quad \text{as} \quad p(z) = \frac{Ap(0) + B}{Cp(0) + D}$$

◆ Symplectic *ABCD* matrix

$$M_{ABCD} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{2ik_w z}{9(i+\sqrt{3})\rho\omega_s} \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = \frac{(i\mathcal{V} - \mathcal{W})\omega_s}{2\mathcal{U}} - \frac{(i\mathcal{V}|_{\mu=0} - \mathcal{W}|_{\mu=0})\omega_s}{2\mathcal{U}|_{\mu=0}}, \quad \text{and} \quad D = 1 + BC$$

Only for $\mu \neq 0$, $C \neq 0$

ABCD canonical transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tau \\ \frac{d\tau}{d\zeta} \end{pmatrix}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}_{1 \rightarrow 2} \begin{pmatrix} \tau \\ \frac{d\tau}{d\zeta} \end{pmatrix}_1, \text{ where } \begin{cases} \tau = t - z \left. \frac{dk}{d\omega} \right|_{\omega=\omega_s} = t - \frac{z}{v_{g,0}} \\ \zeta = \omega_s z \left. \frac{d^2 k}{d\omega^2} \right|_{\omega=\omega_s} \end{cases}$$

◆ It is now clear that B represents a horizontal shearing, and C for a vertical shearing in the t - ω ellipse

Contour plot of the Wigner function for the seed laser

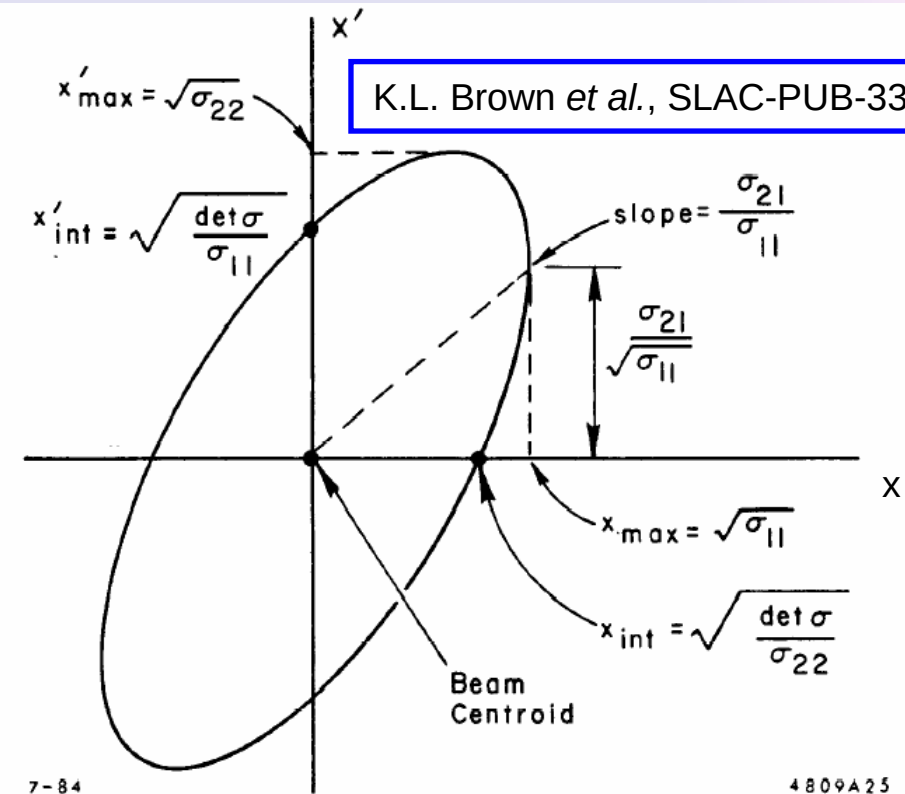
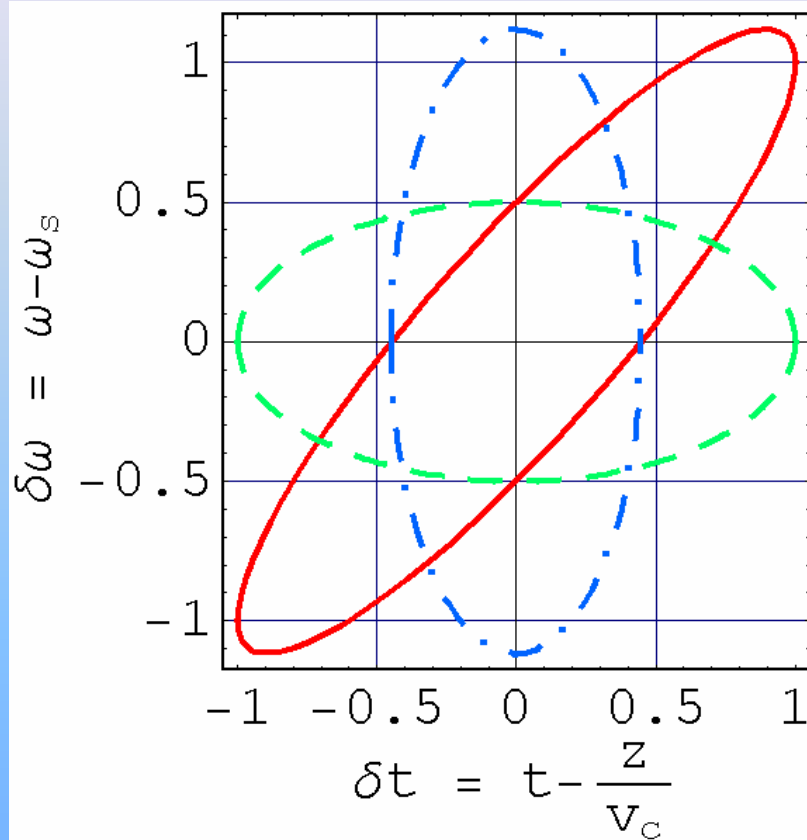


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HHG Seed

$$E_s(t, z) = E_{s,0} e^{i(k_s z - \omega_s t)} e^{-i\beta_s \omega_s^2 t^2} \sum_{n=-N}^N e^{-\frac{t_n^2}{4\sigma_{t,0}^2}} e^{-\alpha_s \omega_s^2 [(t - t_n) - z/c]^2}$$

◆ Attosecond pulse train

$$\star t_n = n \tau / 2$$

$$\star \beta_s \approx -\frac{A_s I_{ir}}{2(s\omega_{ir}\sigma_{t,ir})^2} + \frac{b_{ir}}{2s\omega_{ir}^2}$$

◆ Multiple harmonic order, yet FEL is a narrow band filter

Attosecond pulselet smearing: example: $\lambda_{ir} = 800$ nm, $t_n = n \tau_{ir} / 2$, $\sigma_{t,0} = 10$ fs, $\sigma_{t,s} = \tau_{ir}/10 = 267$ attosec, and $s = 27$

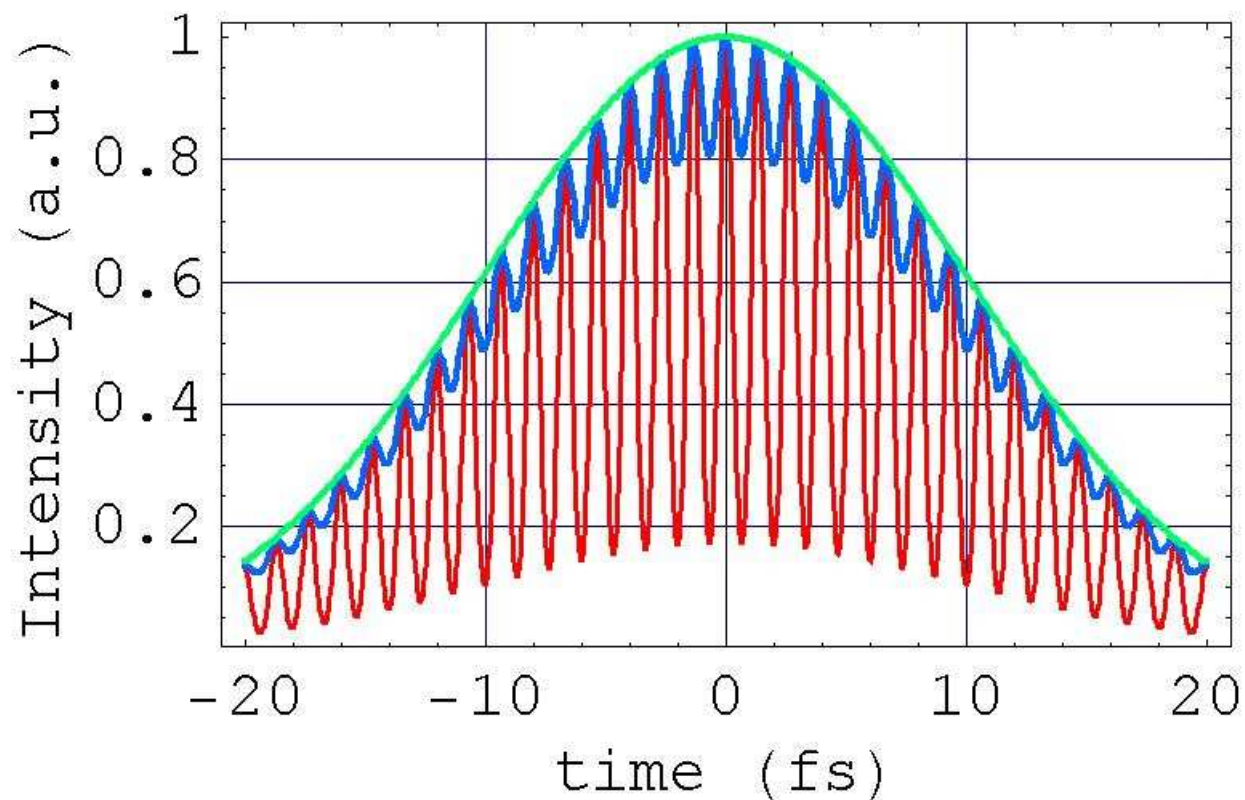


Illustration of smearing effect. Red @ $z = 0$; blue @ $z = 18$ cm into exponential growth regime; green @ $z = 4.2$ m approach saturation.

- Attosecond restoration via energy chirp? example: $\lambda_{ir} = 800 \text{ nm}$, $t_n = n \tau_{ir} / 2$, $\sigma_{t,0} = 10 \text{ fs}$, $\sigma_{t,s} = \tau_{ir}/10 = 267 \text{ attosec}$, and $s = 27$

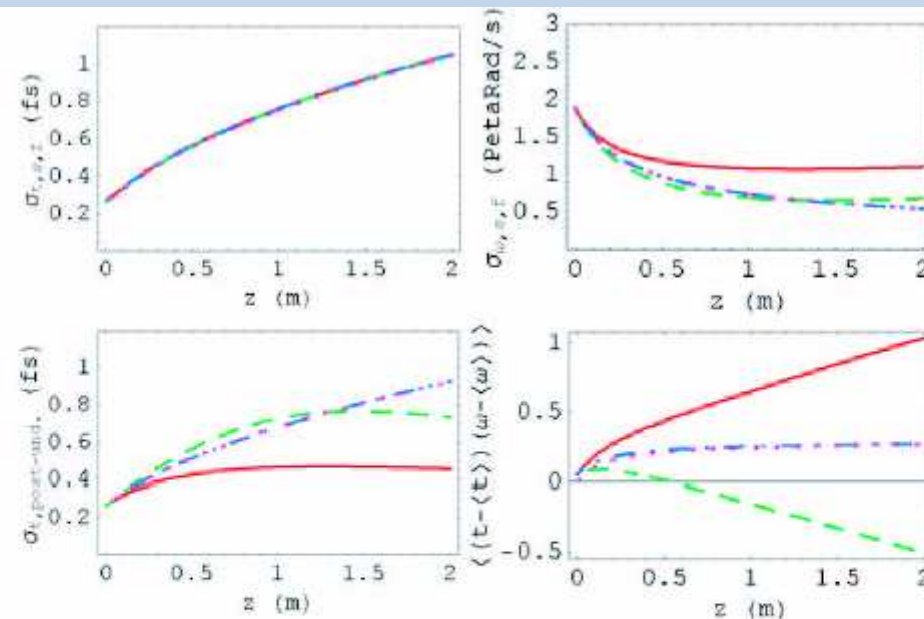
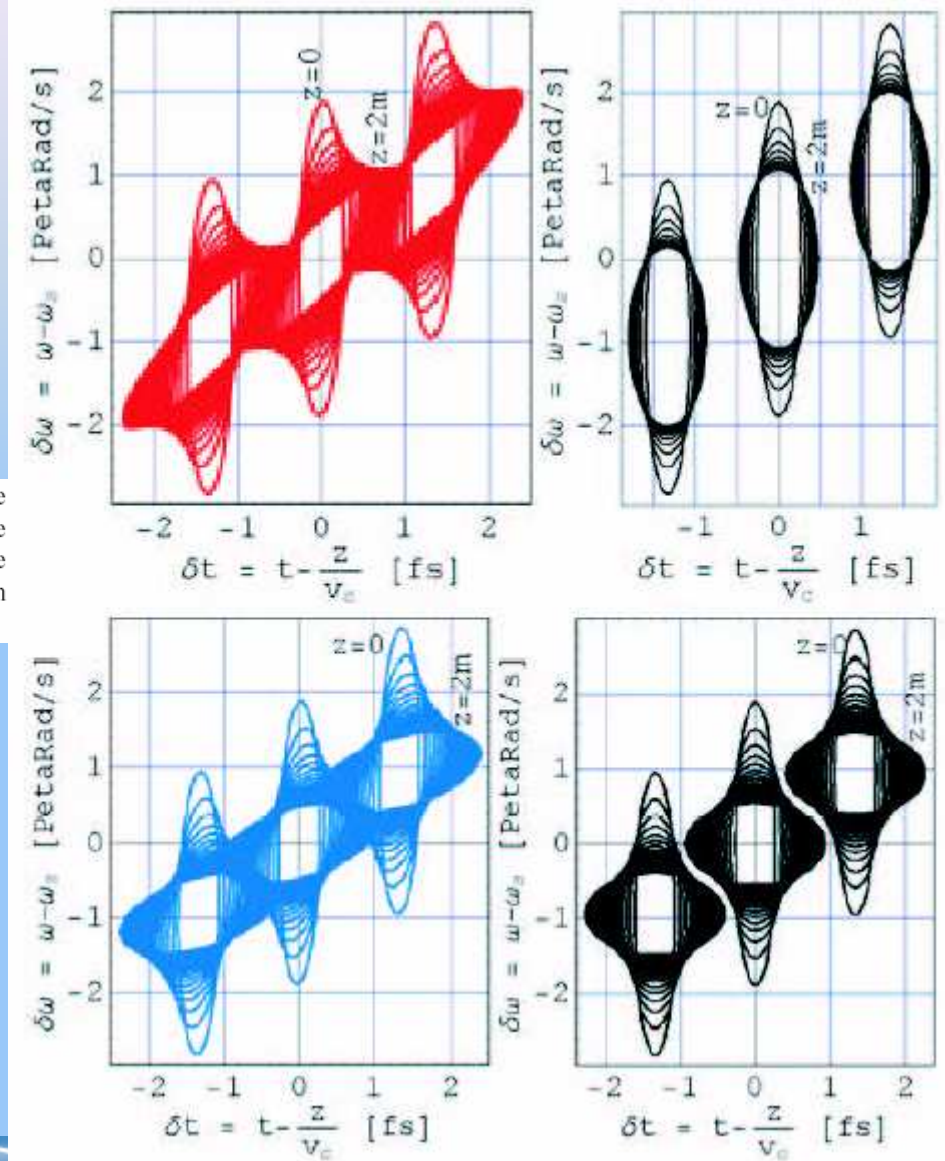


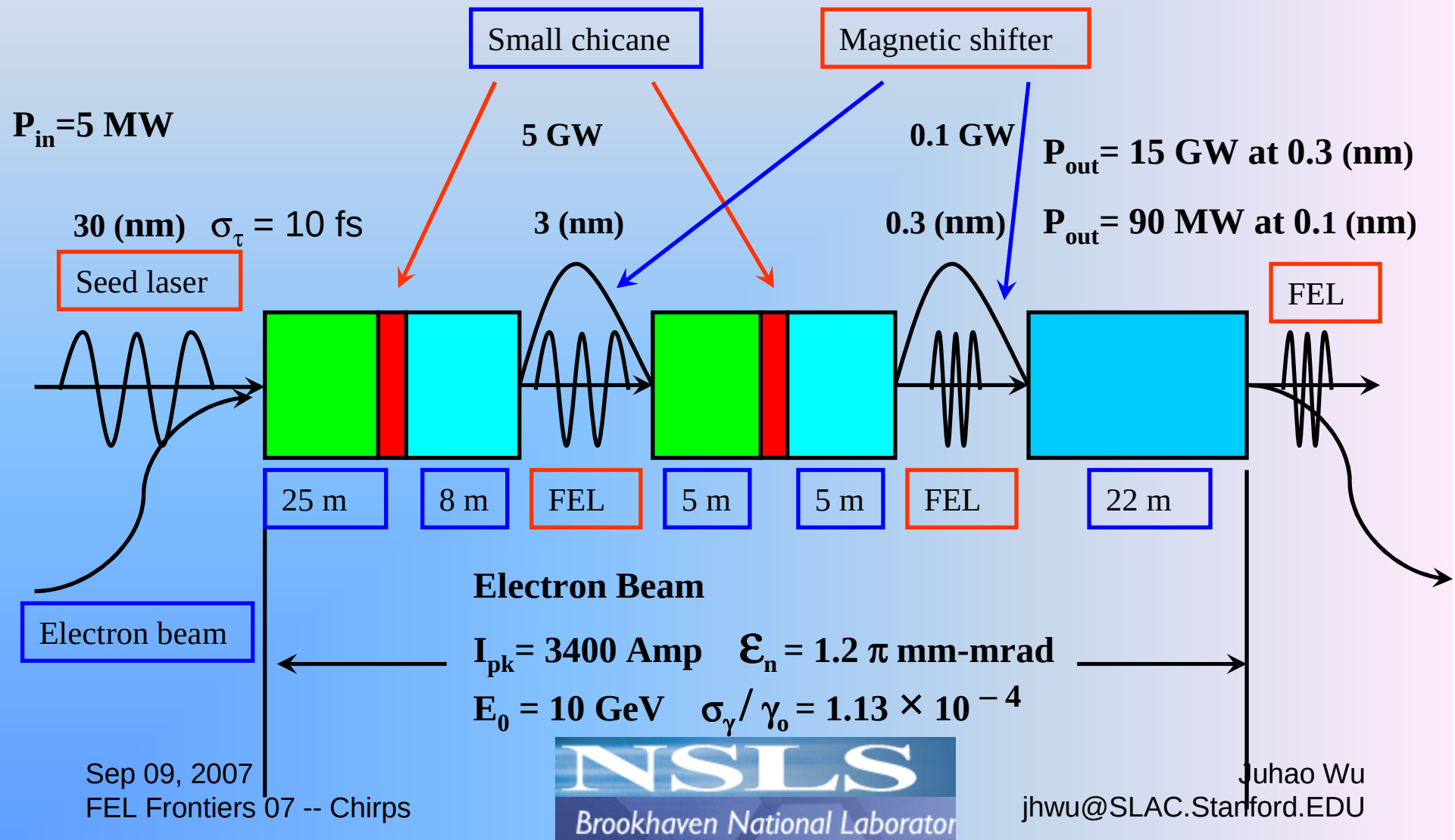
Fig. 1. The FEL pulse rms duration (upper left), the rms bandwidth (upper right), the rms duration after post-undulator compression (lower left), and the time-frequency correlation (lower right) as a function of the location into the undulator. The solid (red) curve is for $\mu = 2\beta_s$, the dashed (green) for $\mu = -2\beta_s$, and the dash-dotted (blue) for $\mu = 0$. For all these three cases, $\beta_s \approx 8.7 \times 10^{-5}$. The dotted (purple) curve is for $\mu = \beta_s = 0$.

APT HHG seeded FEL

Fig. 2. The evolution of the Wigner function ellipse as a function of the location into the undulator is shown in the left subplots. For clarity, only three pulselets are shown. In the right subplots, each ellipse stands for experiencing a postundulator compression. In the upper row, the energy chirp in the electron bunch is $\mu = 2\beta_s$. In the lower row, $\mu = 0$. In all the plots, $\beta_s \approx 8.7 \times 10^{-5}$.



High-order Harmonic Generation (HHG) Cascaded HGHG FEL for LCLS





Discussions

- ◆ FEL Coasting Beam Green Function can be characterized by an *ABCD* Canonical Transformation
- ◆ FEL Process = Group Velocity Dispersion and Gain Modifies the Seed pulse duration, spectral bandwidth, and chirp
- ◆ Longitudinal Coherence of the Seed is Preserved in the High Gain Exponential Regime
- ◆ Energy Chirp in the electron bunch is necessary to achieve FEL pulse temporal net compression
 - ✦ Attosecond pulse train can be preserved with proper energy chirp in the electron bunch with postundulator process
- ◆ With LCLS-type electron bunch, cascaded HGHG scheme with HHG seed for LCLS

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Cascade HGHG (LCLS parameters)

$$P_{\text{noise}} = 130(\text{W})$$

$$P_{\text{in}} = 1.5\text{GW}$$

$$2,250(\text{\AA})$$

$$60\text{GW}$$

$$450(\text{\AA})$$

$$30\text{GW}$$

$$90(\text{\AA})$$

$$12\text{GW}$$

$$18(\text{\AA})$$

$$1.5\text{GW}$$

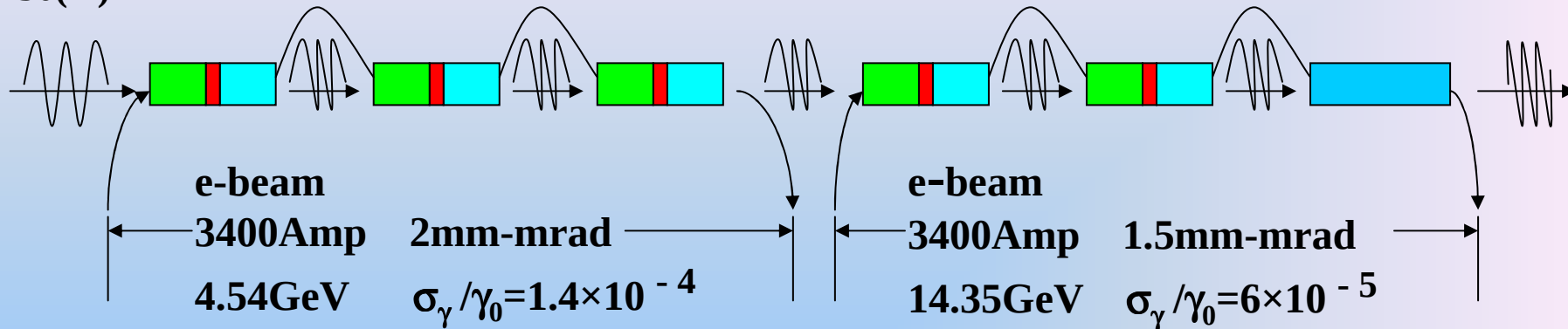
$$4.5(\text{\AA})$$

$$300\text{MW}$$

$$1.5(\text{\AA})$$

$$P_{\text{out}} = 15\text{GW}$$

$$1.5(\text{\AA})$$



	1 st Stage		2 nd Stage		3 rd Stage		4 th Stage		5 th Stage		Amplifier
$\lambda(\text{\AA})$	2250	450	450	90	90	18	18	4.5	4.5	1.5	1.5
$\lambda_w(\text{cm})$	10.7	6.9	6.9	4.6	4.6	3.2	5.5	3.9	3.9	3	3
$d\psi/d\gamma$	0.53		0.845		0.59		0.13		0.16		
σ_{γ}/γ	1.43×10^{-4}		1.46×10^{-4}		1.48×10^{-4}		8.52×10^{-5}		1.13×10^{-4}		1.38×10^{-4}
$L_w(\text{m})$	2	8	0.2	8.5	0.3	12	4	5.5	8	9	37.5
$L_G(\text{m})$	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.4	2.6	3.3	3.3	5.4	5.4

$L_{\text{total}} = 95\text{m}$ to reach 15 GW at 1.5 Å using 5th and 3rd harmonics