

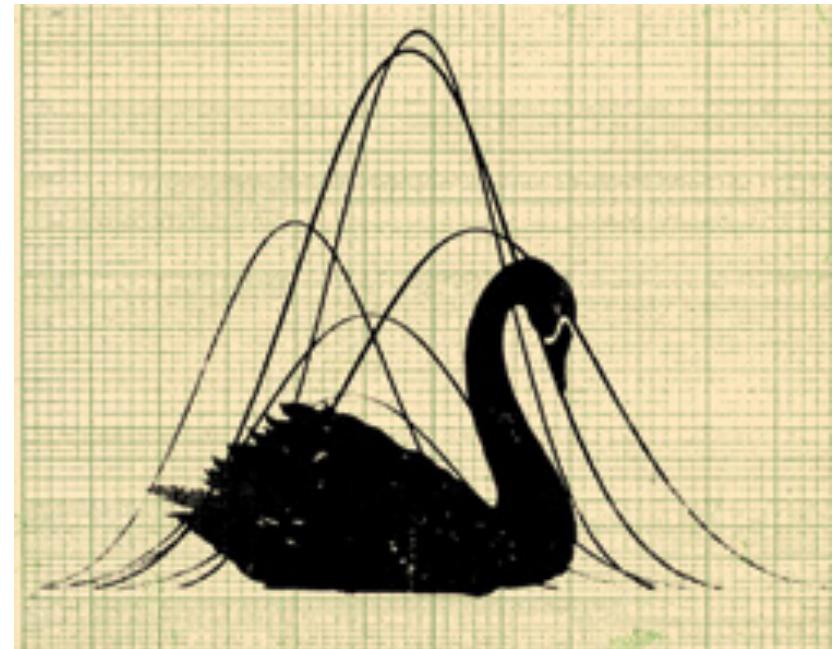
# Experimental characterization of the laser heater effects on a seeded FEL

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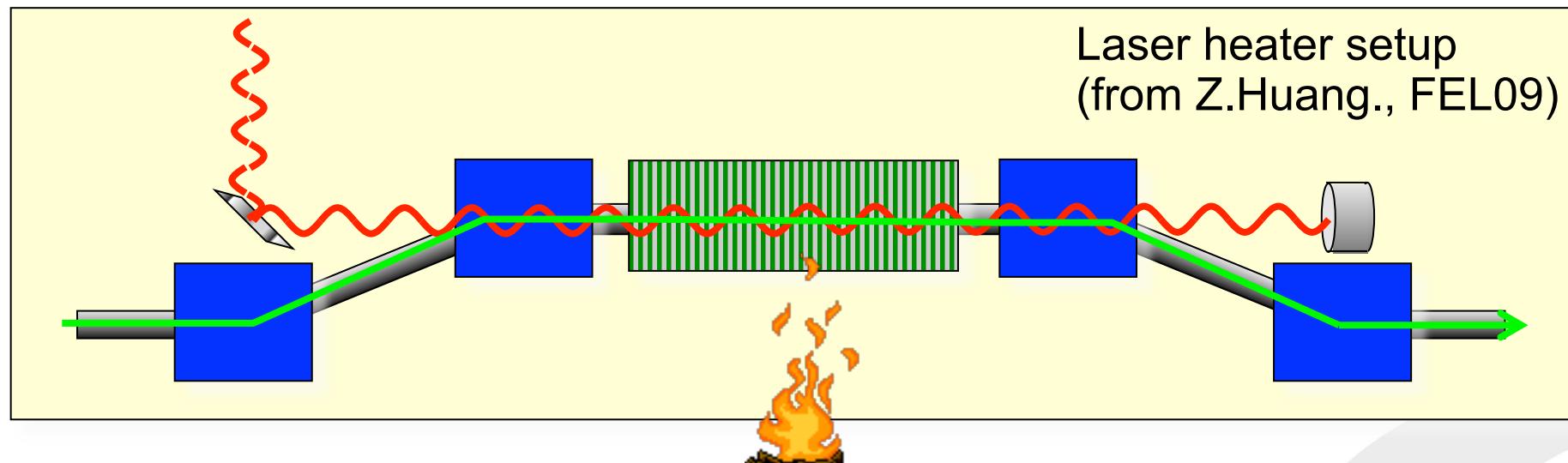
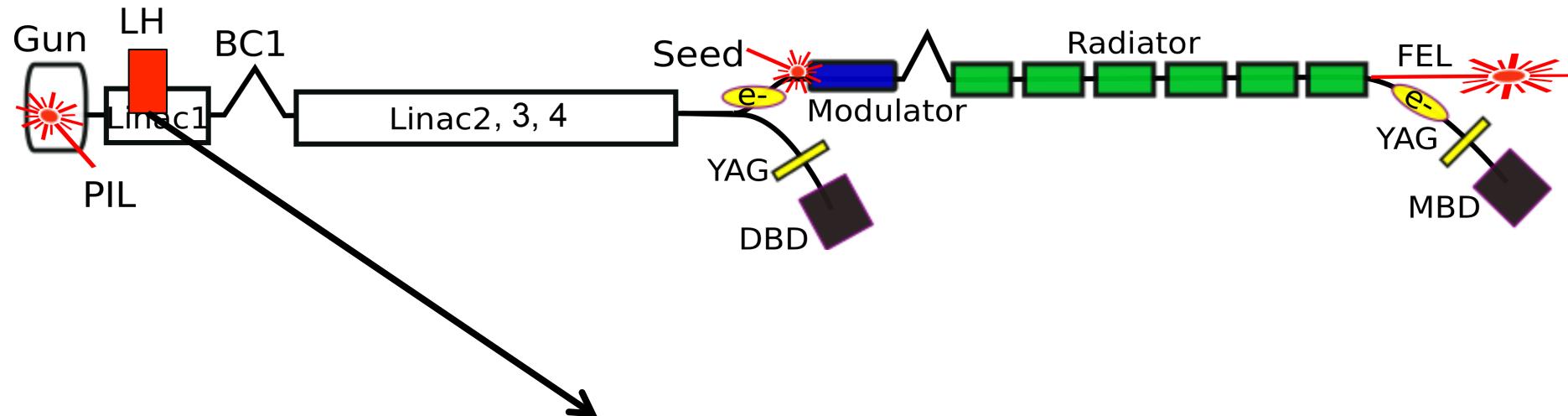
## Outline

- ★ Fermi experimental setup
- ★ Impact of the laser heater on seeded FEL
- ★ Non-Gaussian effects



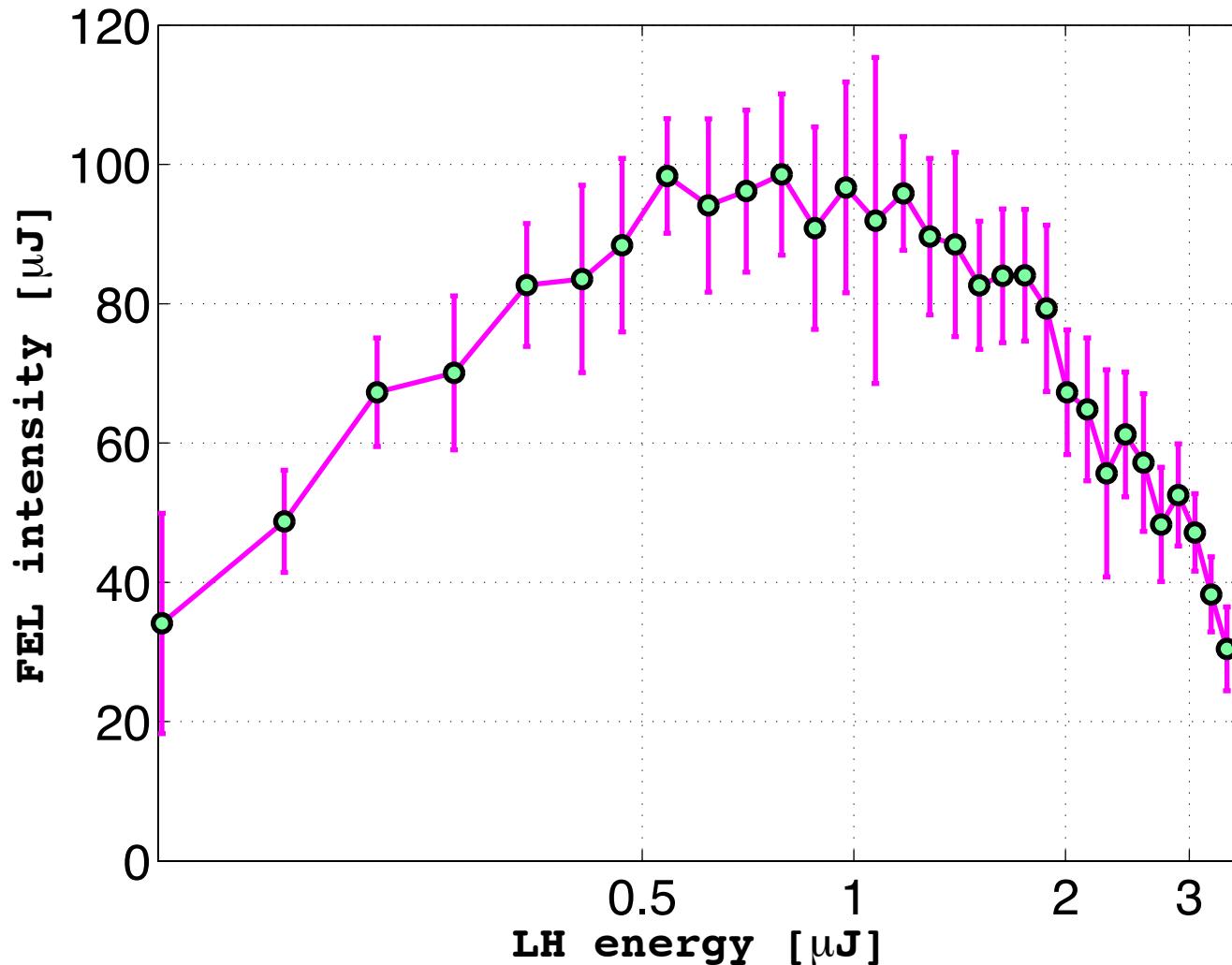
# Experimental setup

## Fermi scheme



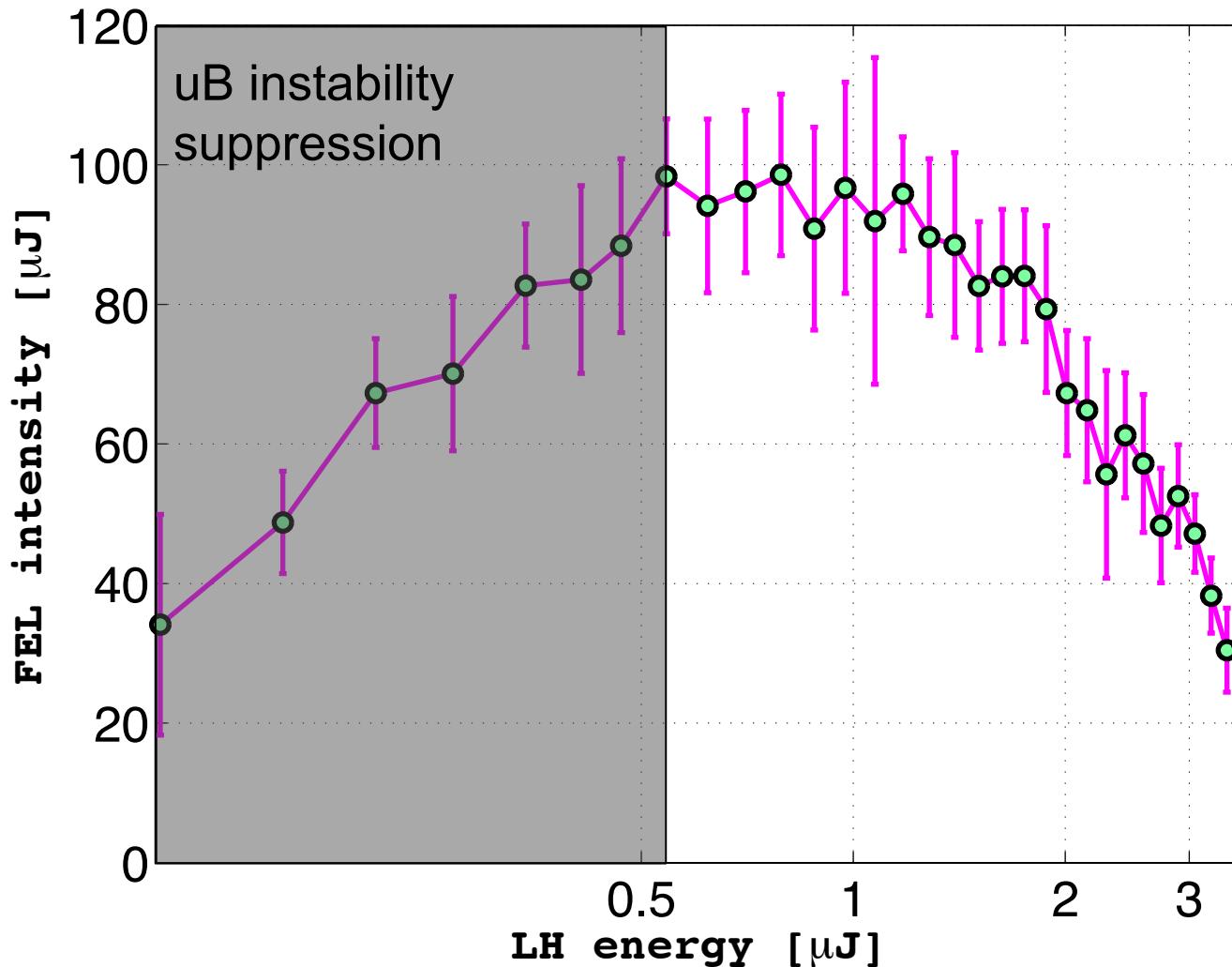
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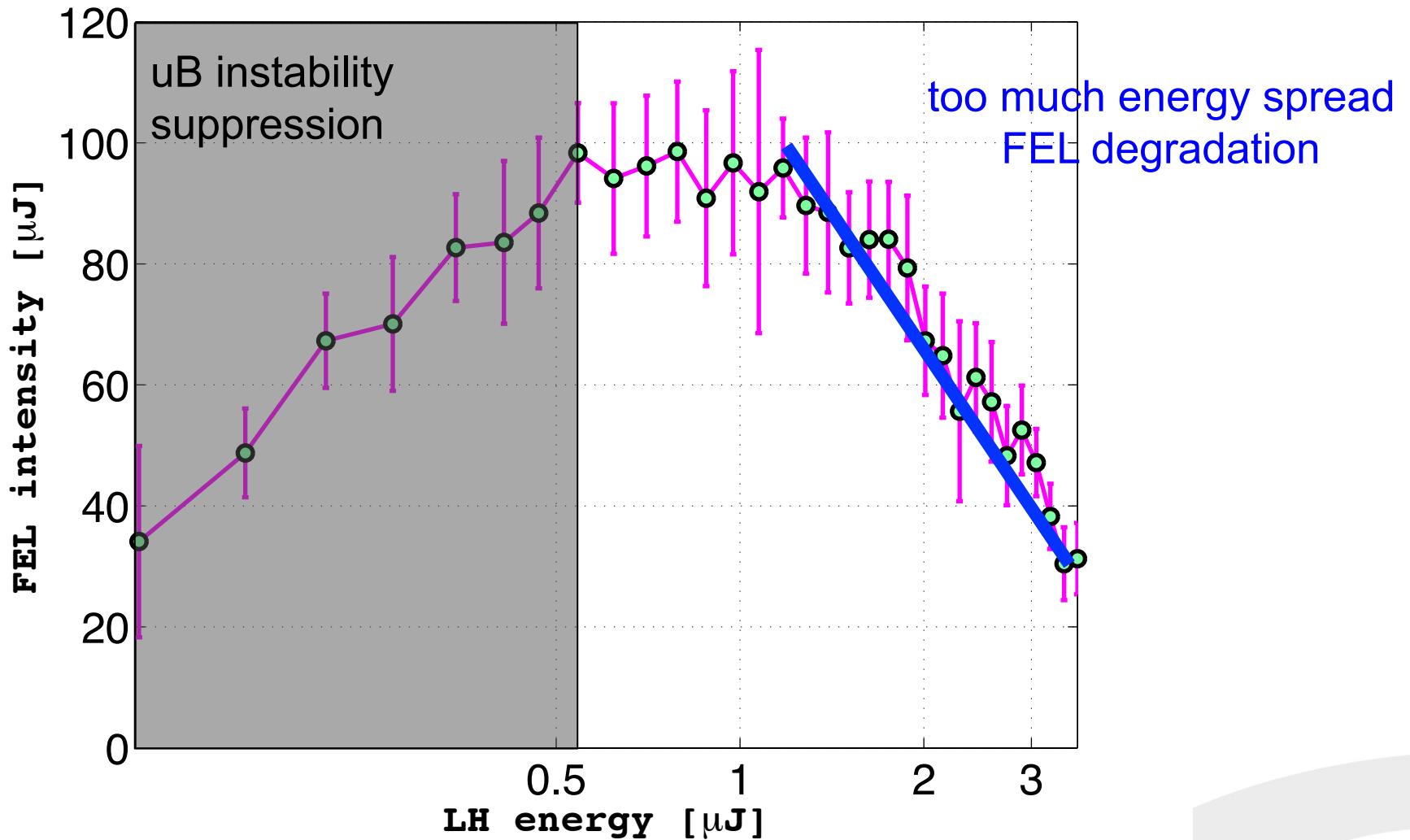
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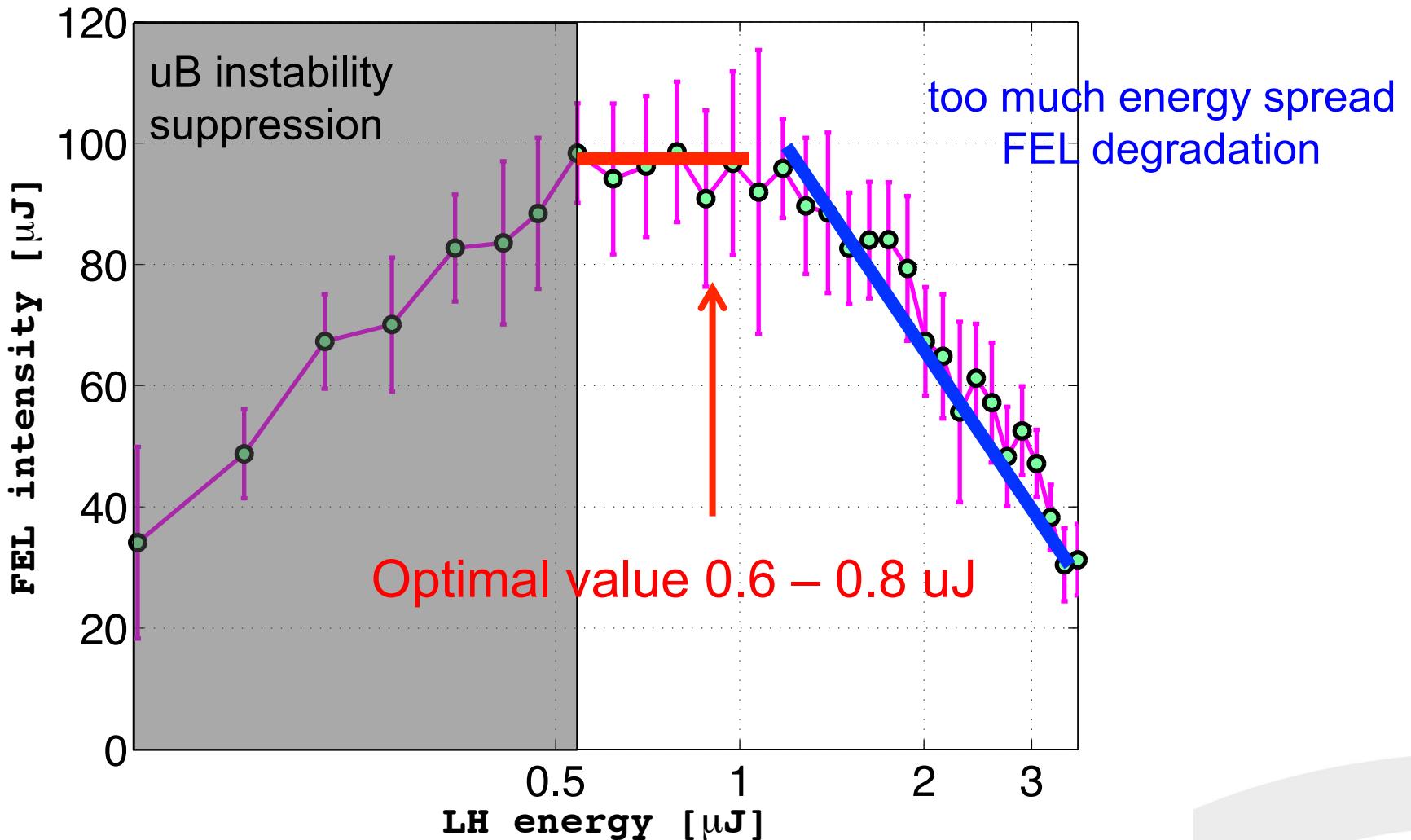
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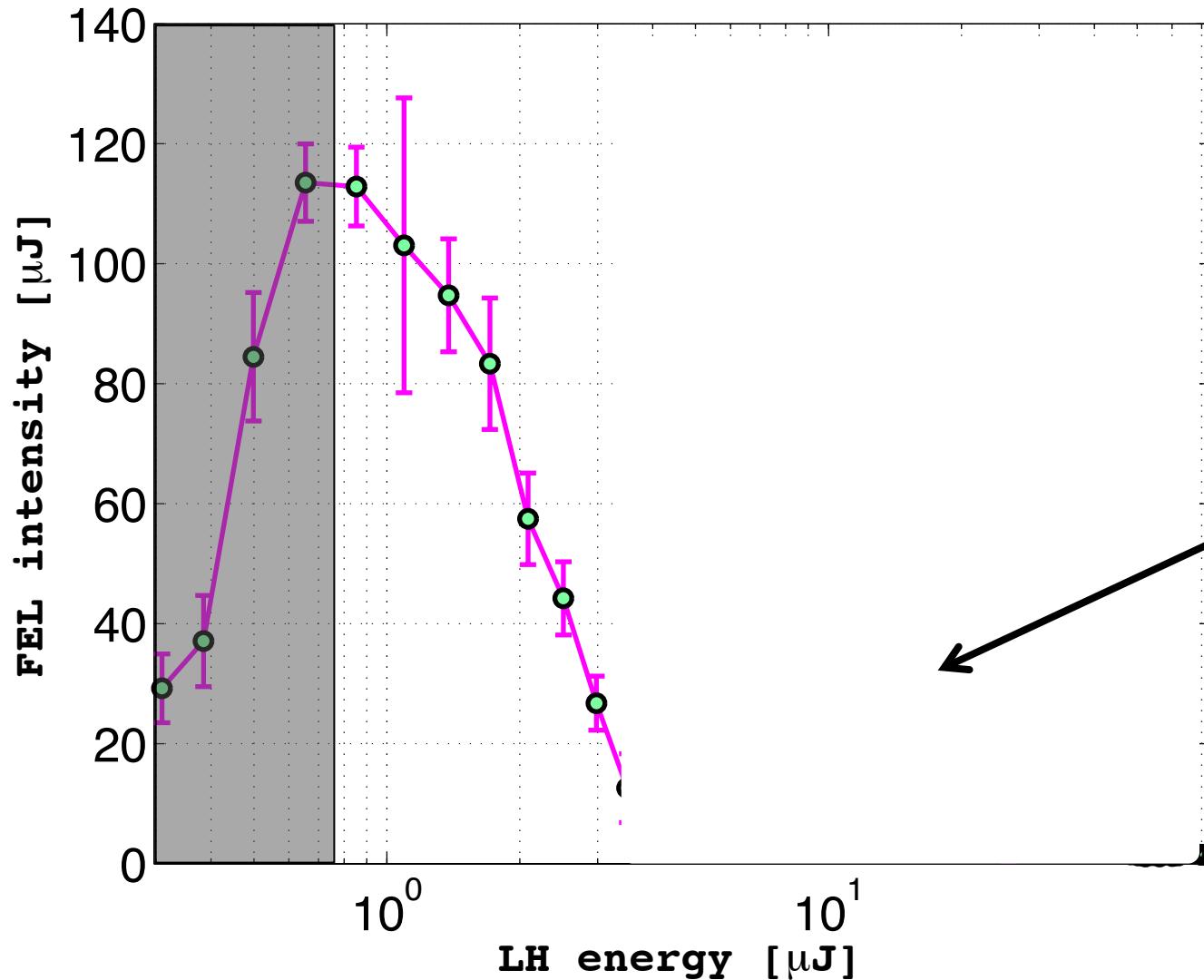
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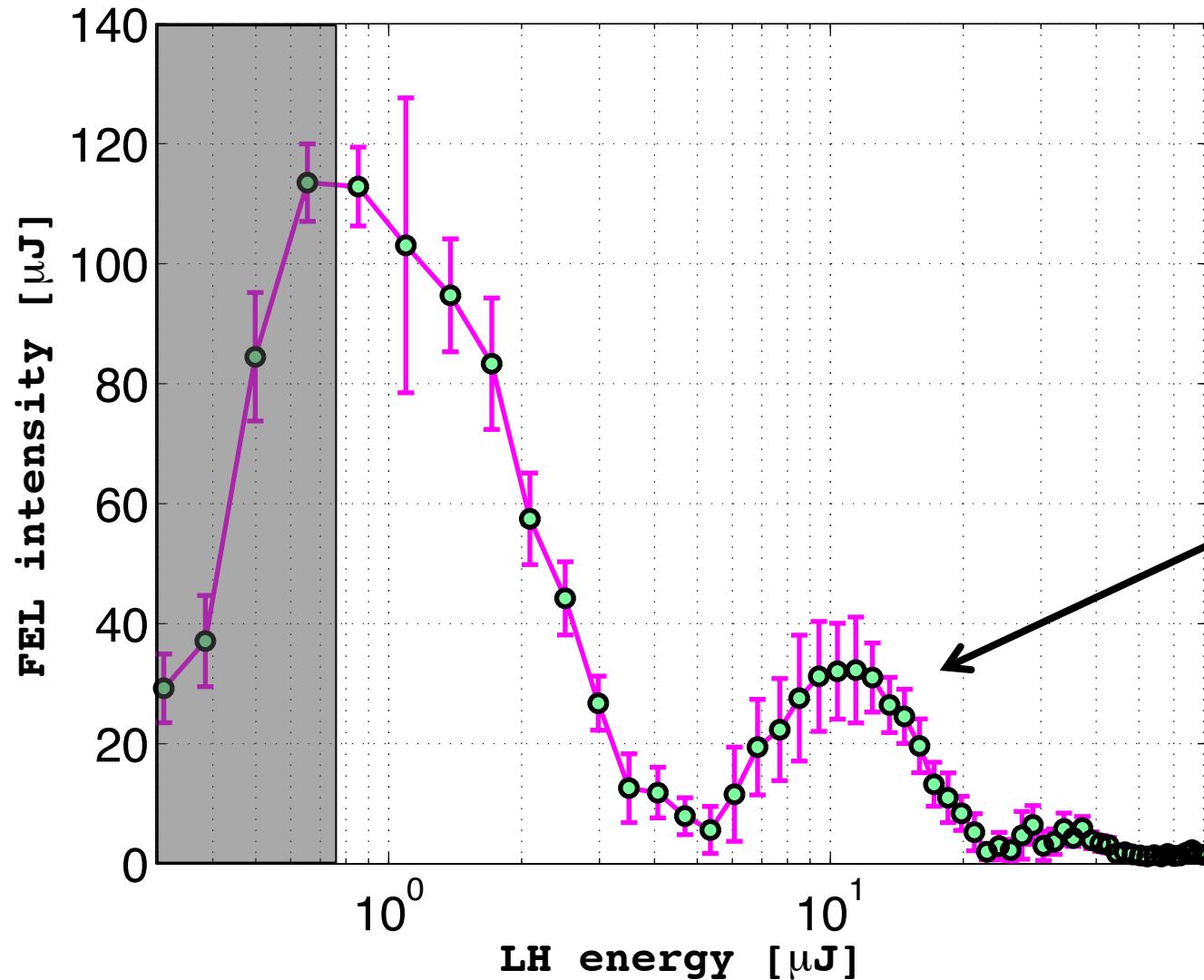
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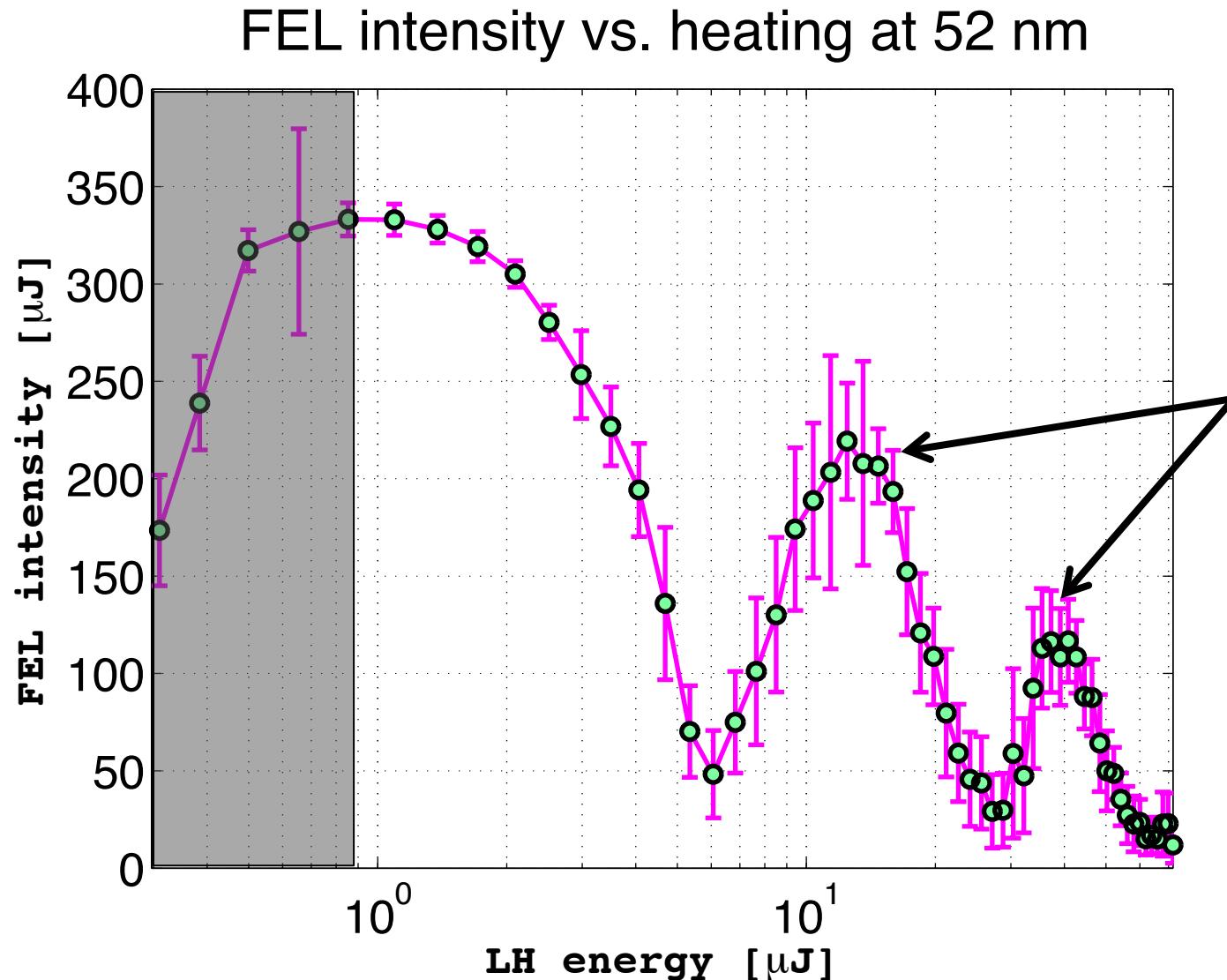
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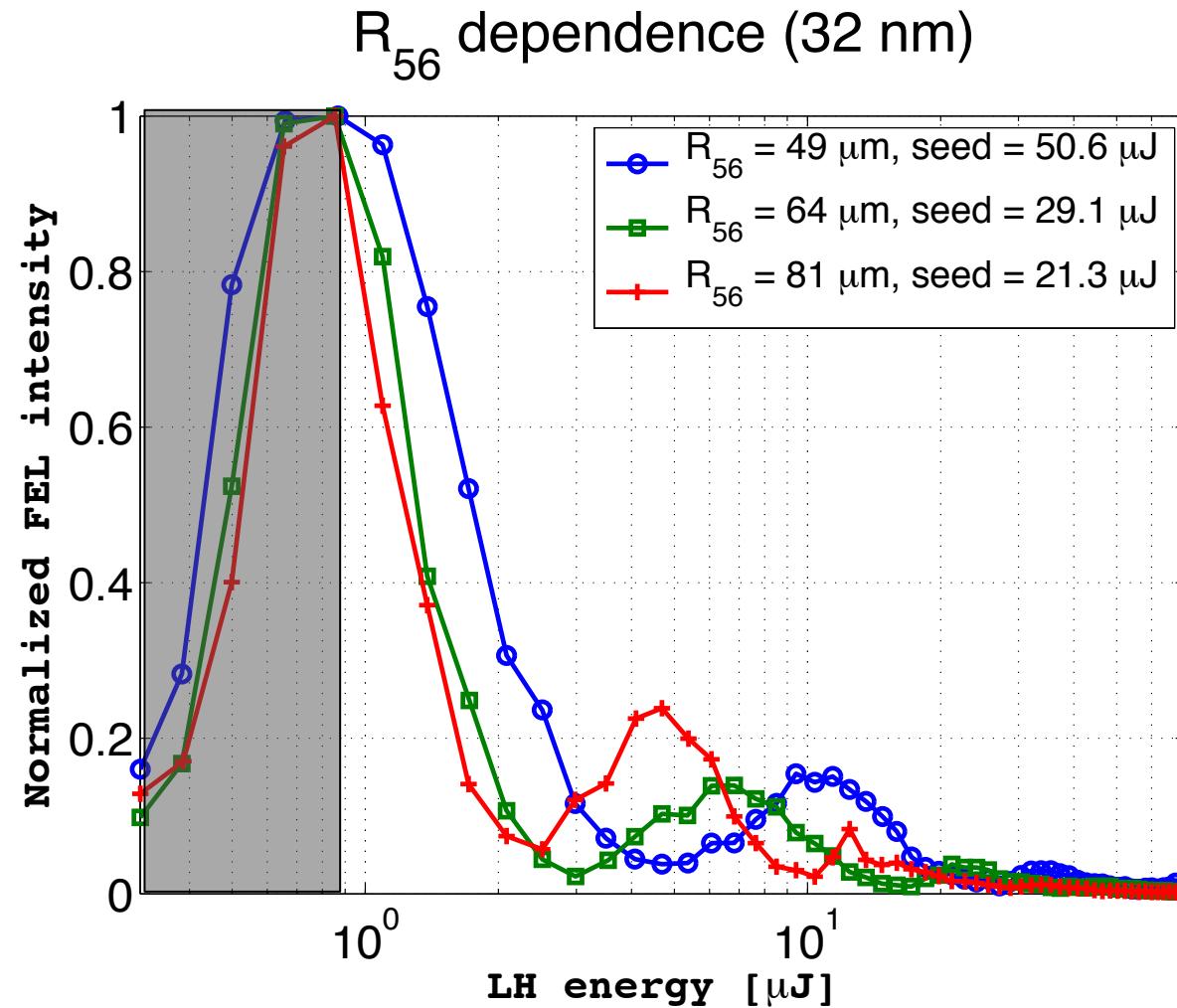
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The effect can be dramatic!

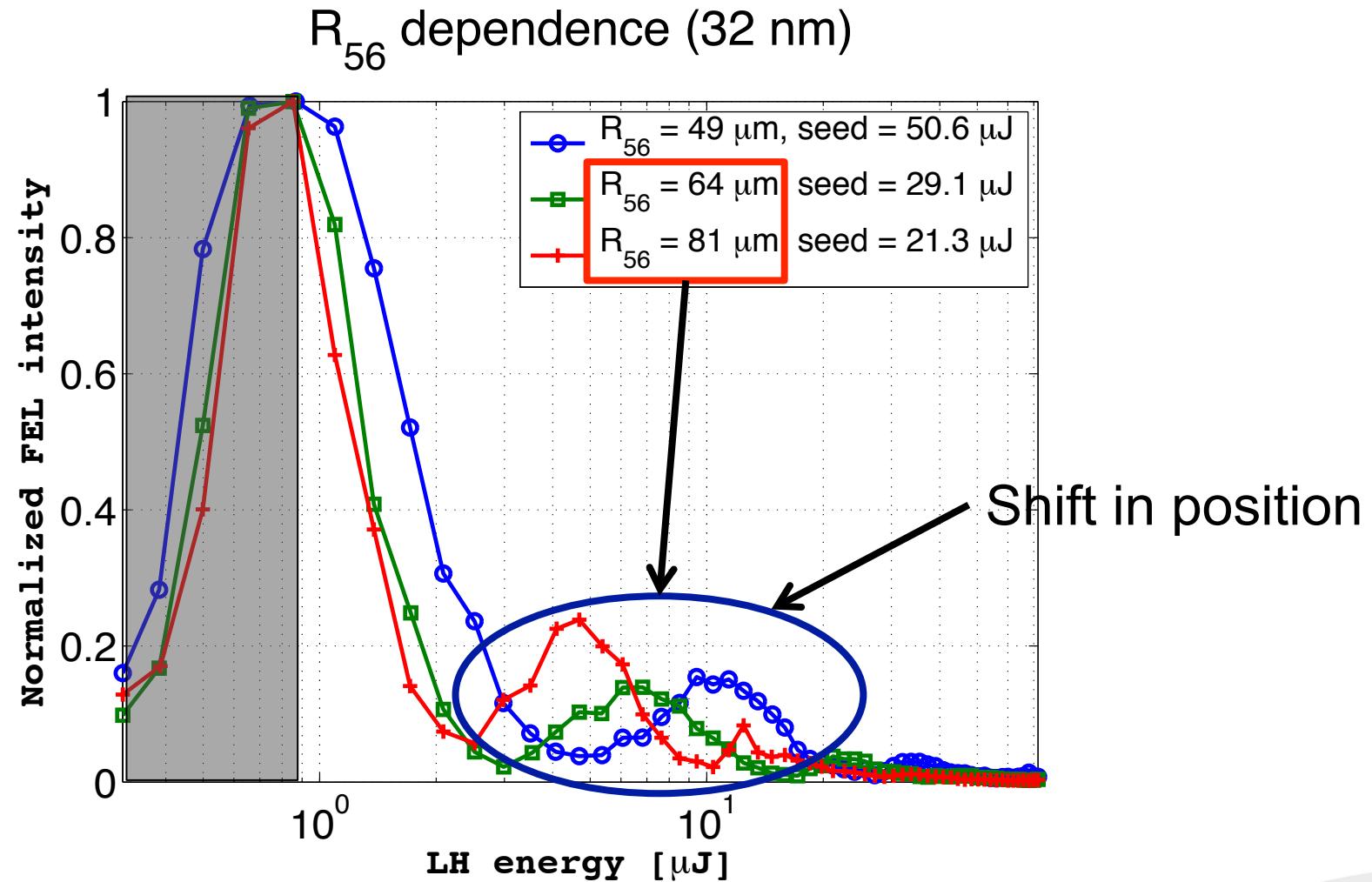


Many multiple  
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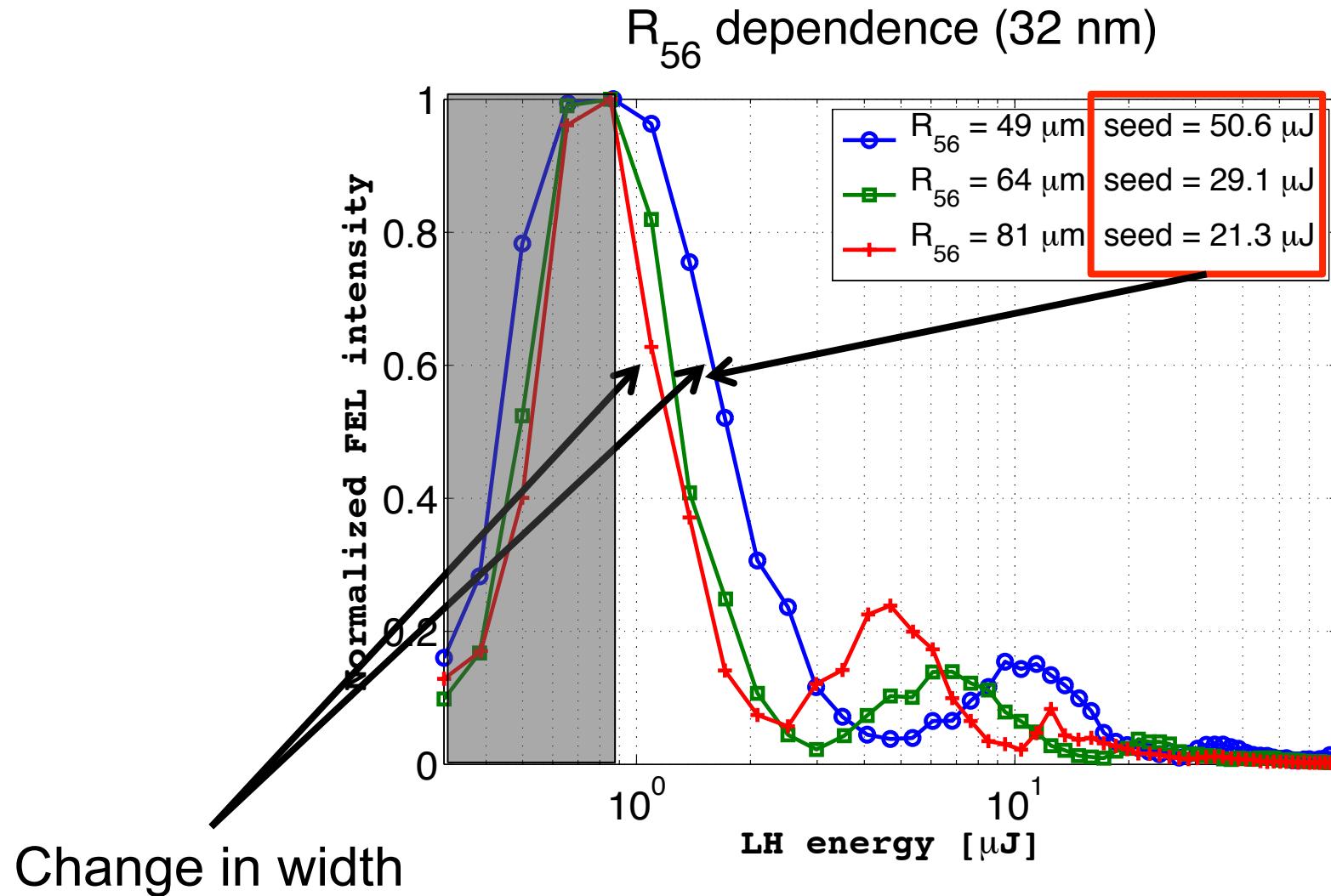
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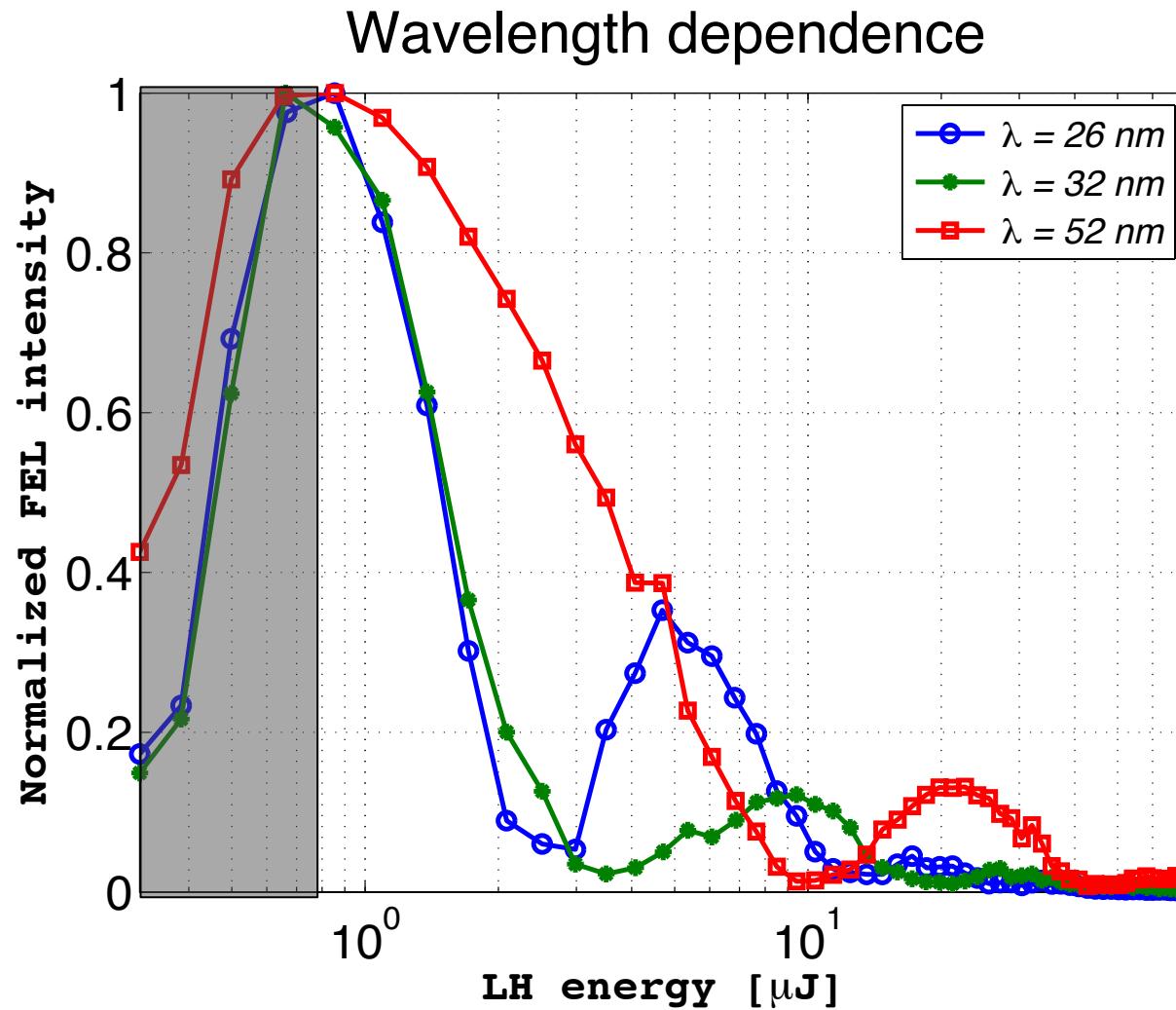
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## Dependence on FEL wavelength



The number, position and relative intensity of secondary peaks can be tuned

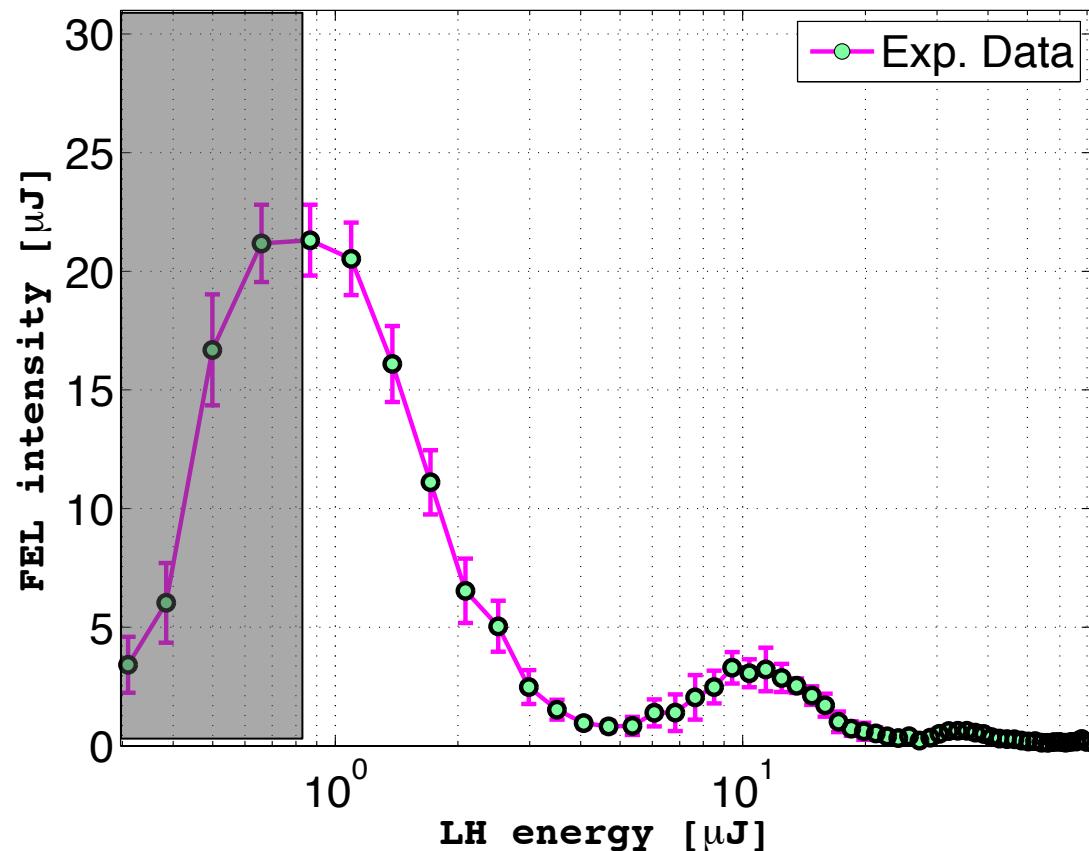


How to explain this behaviour?

## FEL vs. LH - Without gain

Without gain, the FEL intensity is almost  
**proportional** to the square of the bunching  $b_m$

FEL intensity vs. heating (no gain, 32 nm)

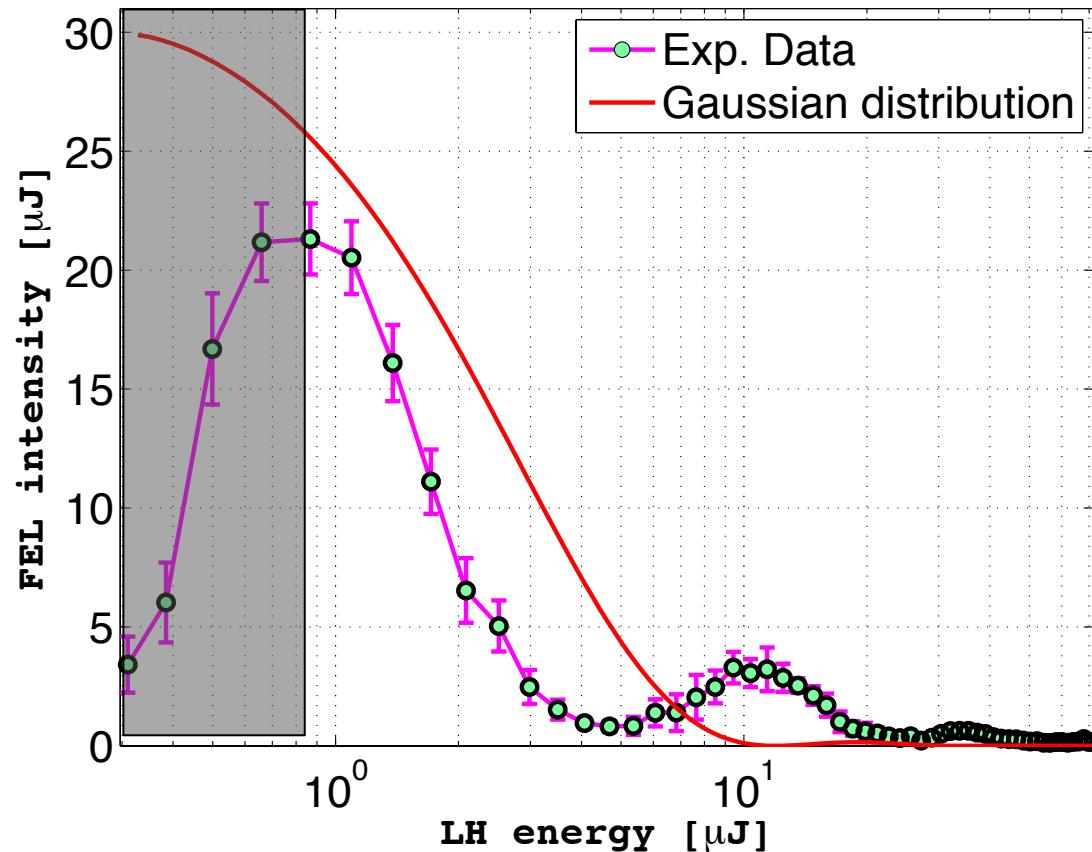


Coherent emission from  
three radiators only

# Bunching

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$\lambda$  FEL wavelength

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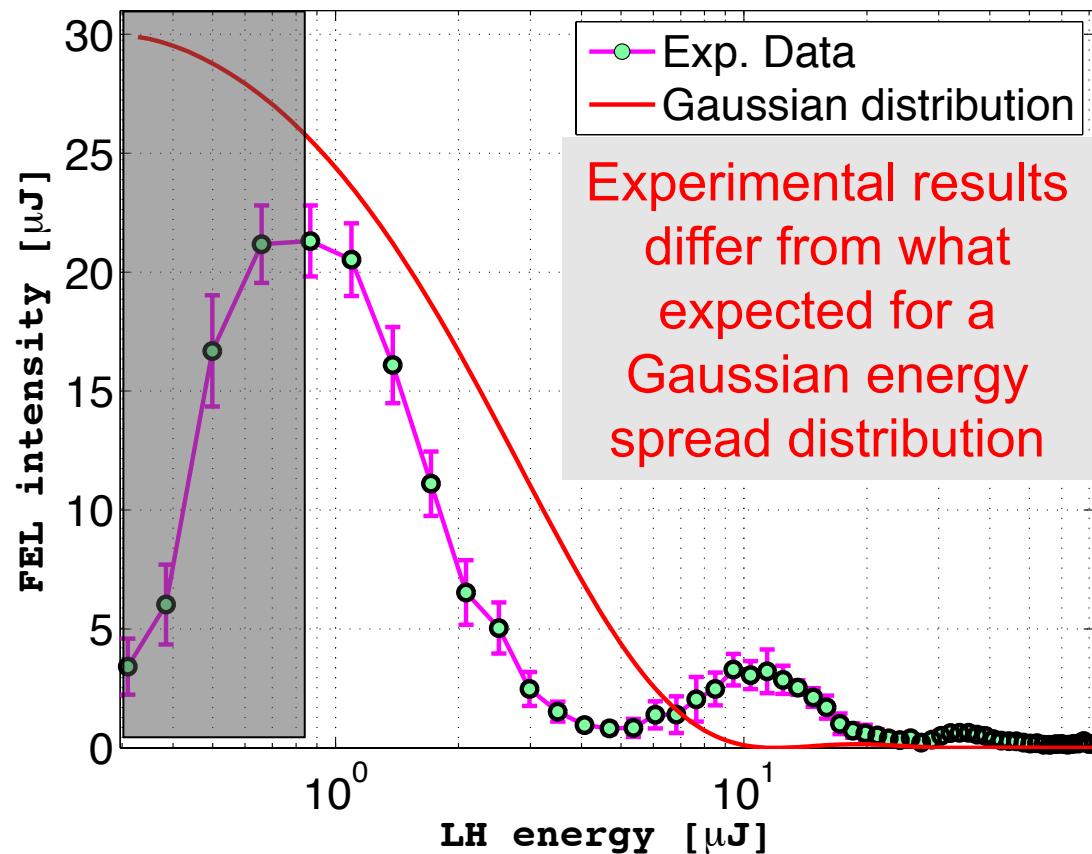
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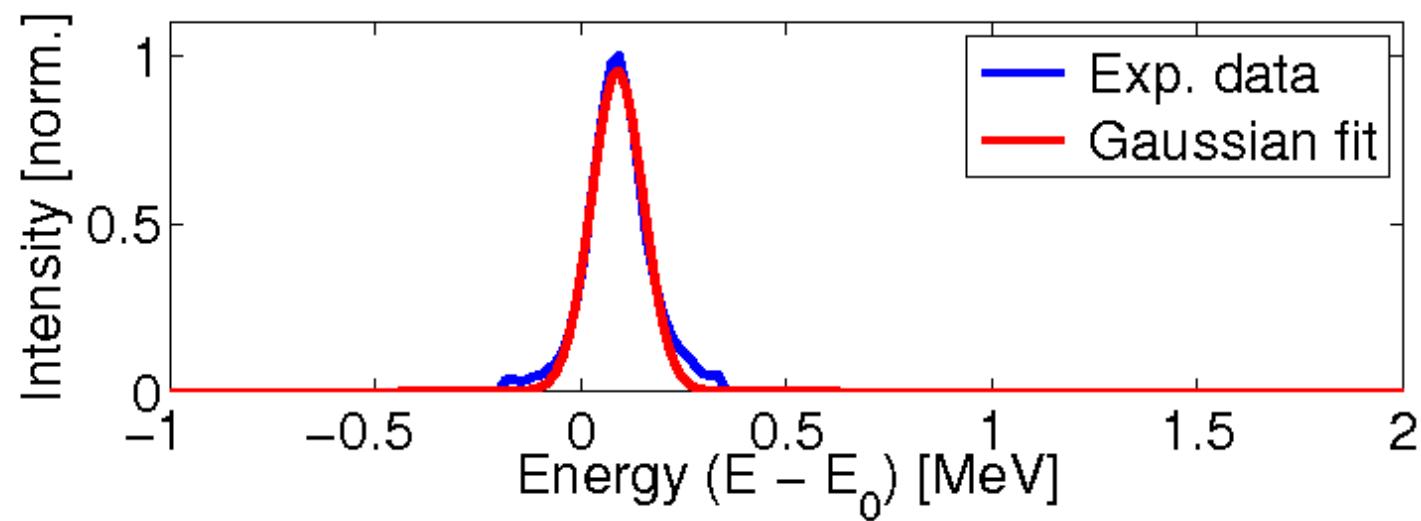
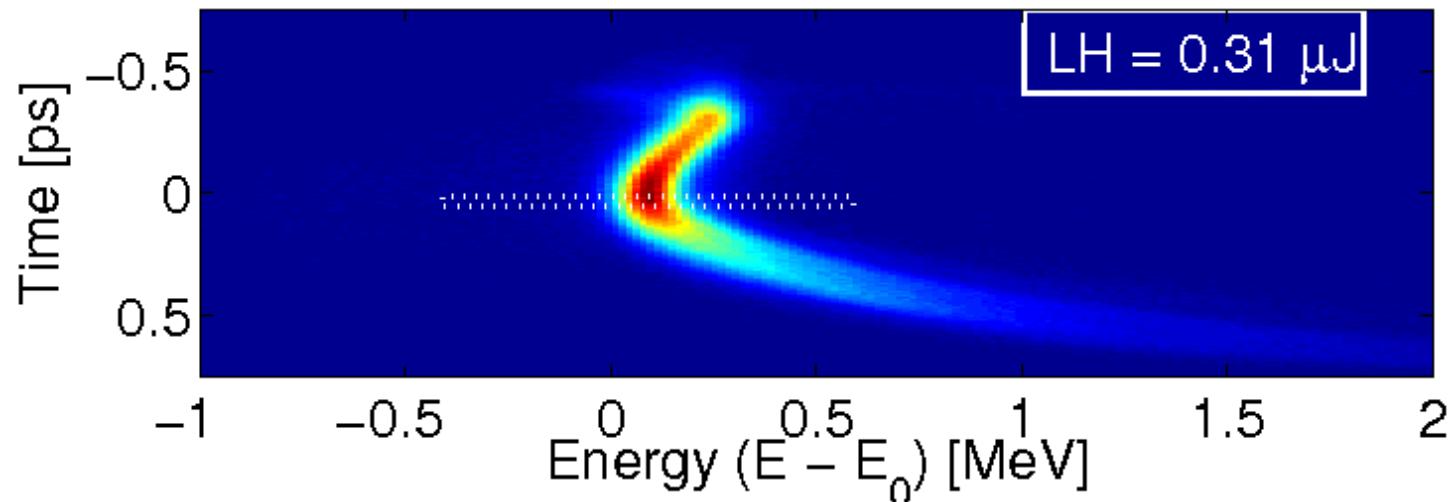
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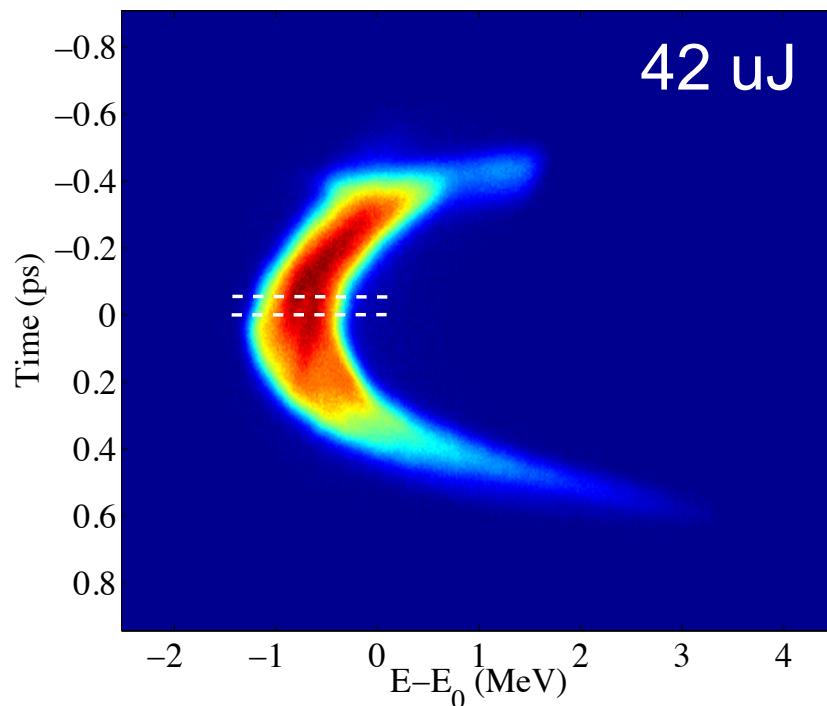
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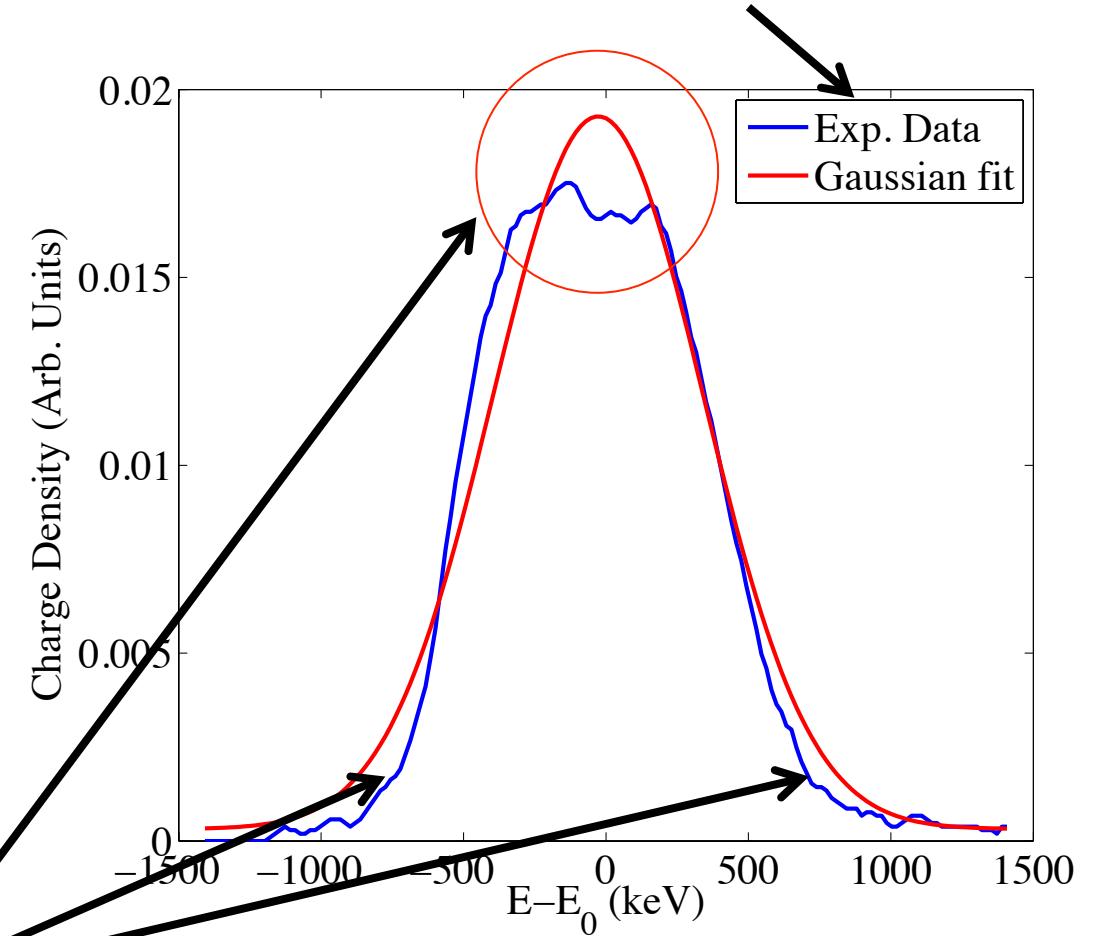
## Longitudinal Phase Space and heating



# Non-Gaussian energy spread



Same area and same second moment



Significant differences

## Bunching with non-Gaussian energy spread

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$$S_L(A, B) = \int R dR \exp\left(-\frac{R^2}{2}\right) J_0\left[A \exp\left(-\frac{R^2}{4B^2}\right)\right]$$

bunching suppression factor

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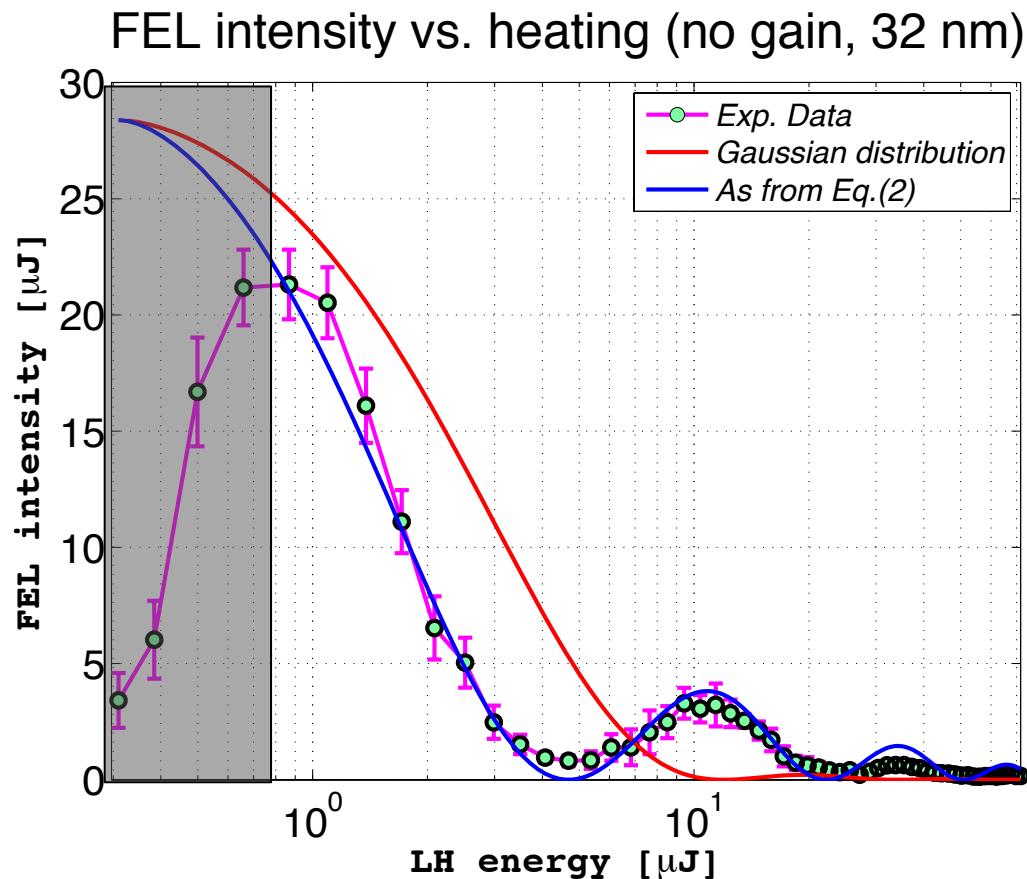
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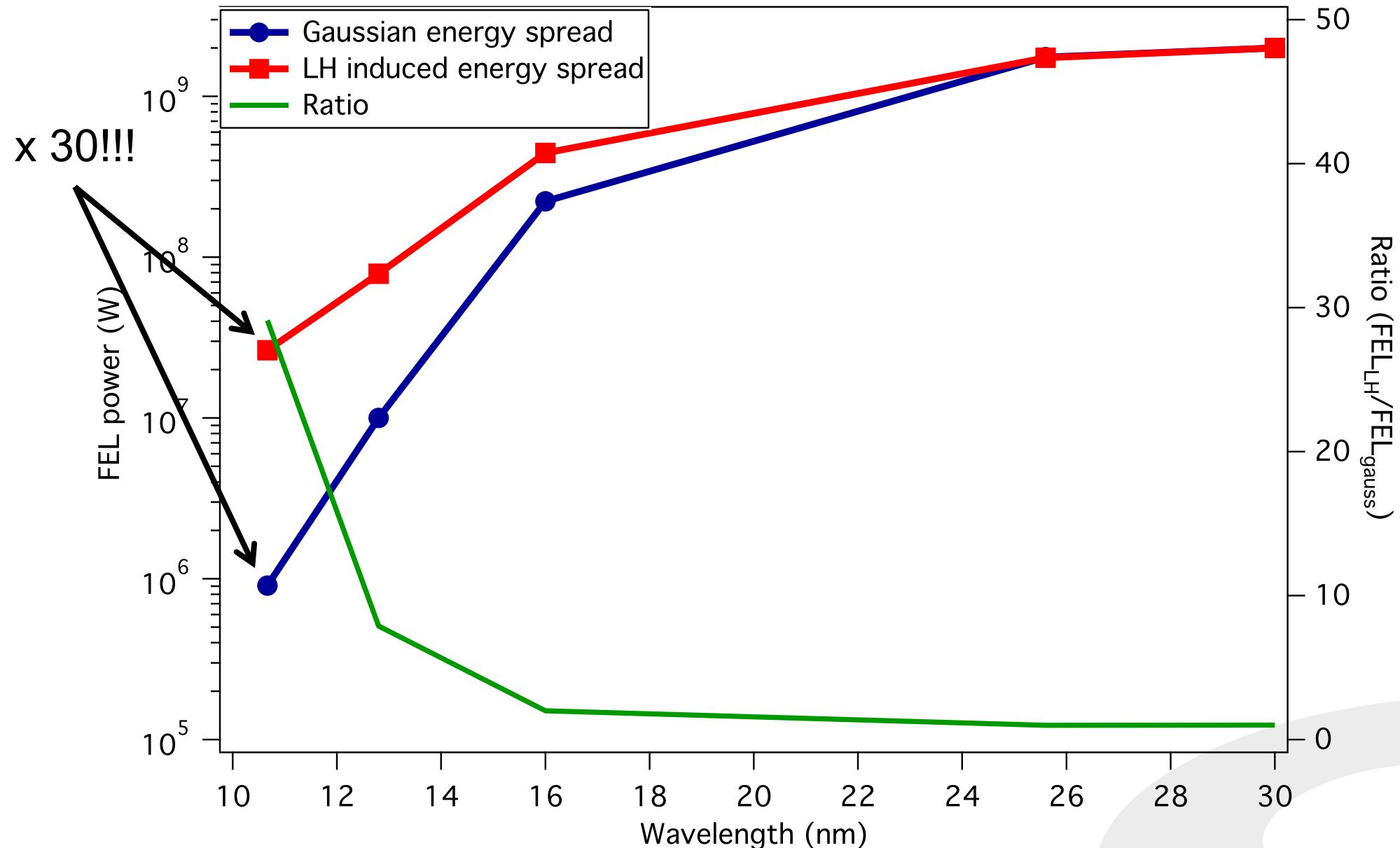
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# Simulated impact on high-harmonic emission



## Summary

- ★ A Laser Heater is routinely used in FEL operations at FERMI.
- ★ The **non-Gaussian** distribution of the energy spread induced by the Laser Heater has been shown to be preserved up to the linac end and the undulators.
- ★ The shape of the slice energy spread distribution has a **significant** impact on FEL intensity, as it ultimately determines the bunching.
- ★ In particular, several FEL **local maxima** as a function of LH intensity have been observed, and can be controlled by tuning the machine parameters.
- ★ The unexpected behavior is well reproduced by previously developed LH theory.

## Perspectives

- ★ Preliminary numerical simulations show that the non-Gaussian energy spread can **increase** the FEL power at high harmonic (i.e. shorter wavelength) in a HGHG FEL.
- ★ The significant increase in emission power could potentially **extend** the operation range of the **single cascade** HGHG scheme.



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