



# Technological Challenges Towards Short-Wavelength FELs

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Past,

Presence,

Future, ...

# Basic FEL requirements

No good mirrors at short wavelengths → FELs must operate in high-gain mode

power gain length (1D): 
$$L_G = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{I_A \gamma^3 \sigma_r^2 \lambda_u}{4\pi \cdot \hat{I} \cdot K^2} \right)^{1/3} \propto \frac{\gamma_{res}}{(n_e)^{1/3}}$$

**BUT:**  
talk by K.J. Kim TUBAU05

3D charge density

Particles with large betatron-amplitude fall out of FEL resonance.

→ Need small electron beam emittance and kA-peak current.

Focal length due to linear part of space charge forces:

$$f \approx \frac{ec}{r_e} \frac{\bar{\beta} \varepsilon_{norm}}{z} \frac{\gamma^2}{\hat{I}} \approx 10 \text{ m within few meters of drift } z$$

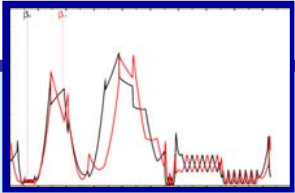
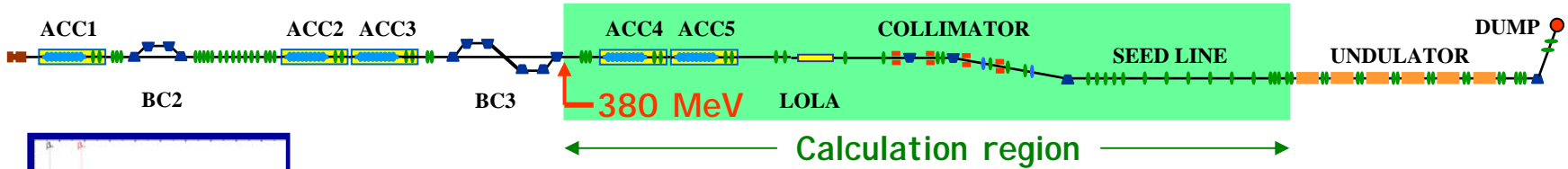
(for  $\gamma \approx 200$ ,  $\bar{\beta} \approx 10\text{m}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{norm} \approx 2 \times 10^{-6}\text{m}$ ,  $\hat{I} \approx 1\text{kA}$ )

**Electron beam carries its own focusing system, difficult to control!**

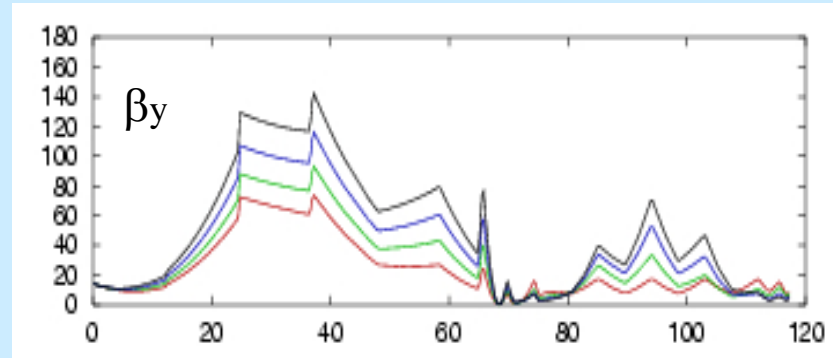
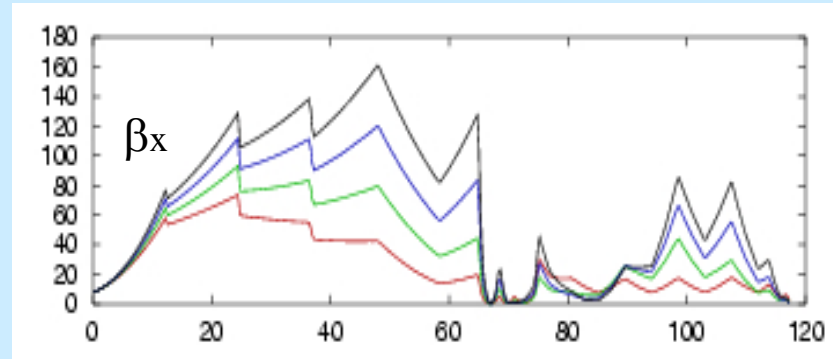
Also: strong longitudinal forces if bunches are short, see later...



# Transverse space charge effect on optics at FLASH



$\epsilon_{n, \text{initial}} = 2 \text{ mm mrad.}$   
 $I = 0, 1, 2, 3 \text{ kA}$



$$\beta_x = \frac{\langle x^2 \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle \langle p_x^2 \rangle - \langle x p_x \rangle^2}}$$

courtesy  
 N. Golubeva,  
 V. Balandin

# How to produce electron beam?

cf. paper of M.- Ferrario on EPAC06

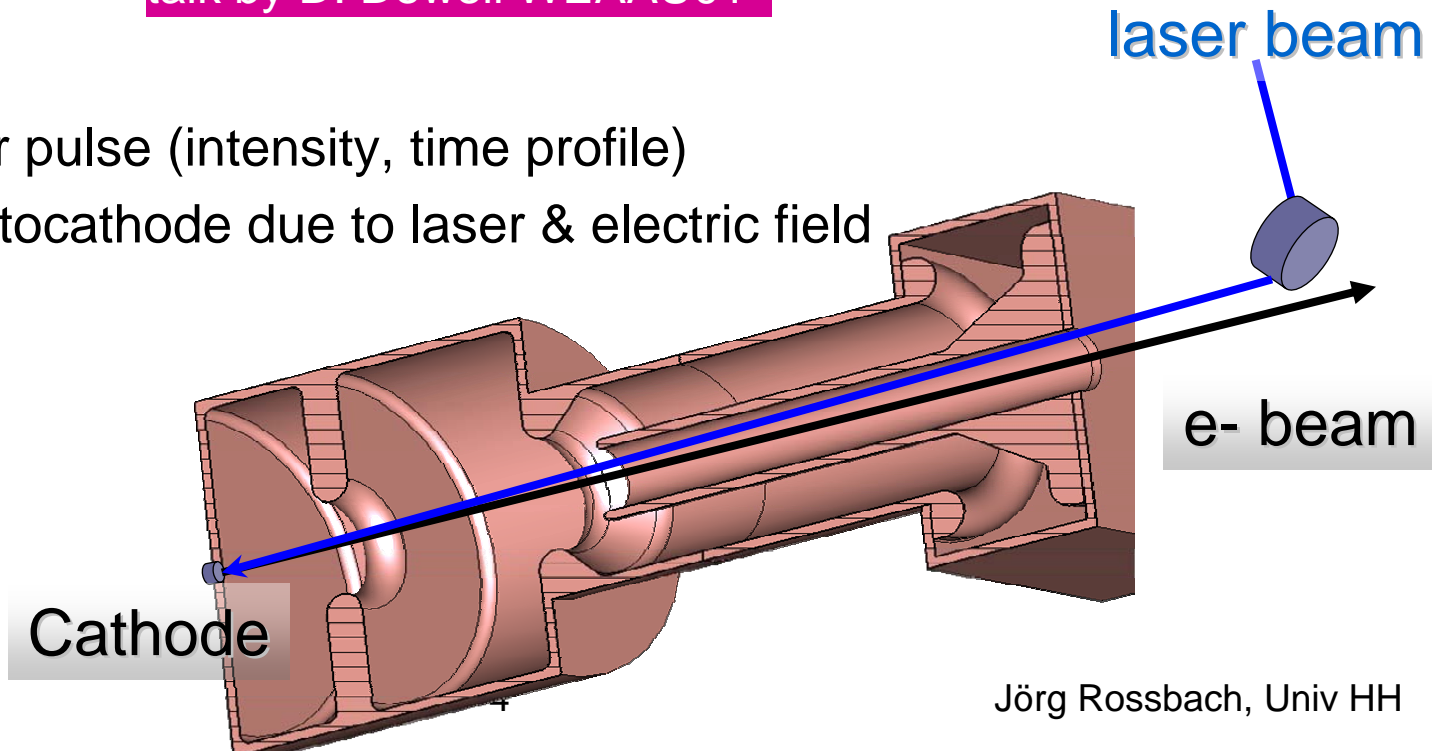
## A) Photoinjector (R. Sheffield/LANL)

### Results:

- PITZ/DESY: Normalized emittance  $\sim 1.5$  mrad mm @ 1nC (long pulse trains) [talk by F. Stephan WEBAU02](#)
- LCLS/SLAC: Normalized emittance  $\sim 0.8$  mrad mm @ 1nC (single bunch) [talk by D. Dowell WEAAU01](#)

### Issues:

- Stability of laser pulse (intensity, time profile)
- Damage of photocathode due to laser & electric field





# How to produce electron beam?

## B) Thermionic (Shintake/SPring8) talk by T. Shintake TUBAU02

Single CeB6 crystal, 500 kV dc acceleration

### Results:

- Normalized emittance  $\sim 0.7$  mrad mm @ 1 A dc current
- Excellent stability, very small momentum spread

### Issues:

- Complex bunching and compression system

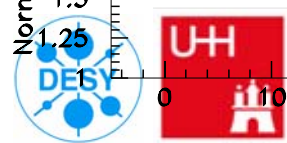
## C) Field emitter arrays (PSI) talk by A. Oppelt TUBAU05

Combine array of  $\mu\text{m}$  size field emitters with up to 1 MV dc acceleration and subsequent rf cavity.

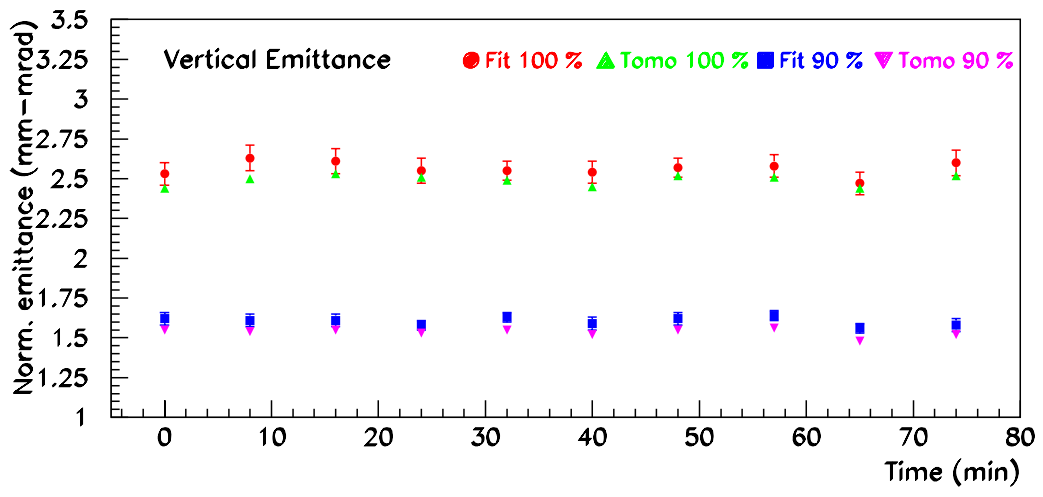
## D) Plasma-based sources (Leemans et al.)

Use high long. E-field generated in the wake of laser-generated plasma shock wave.

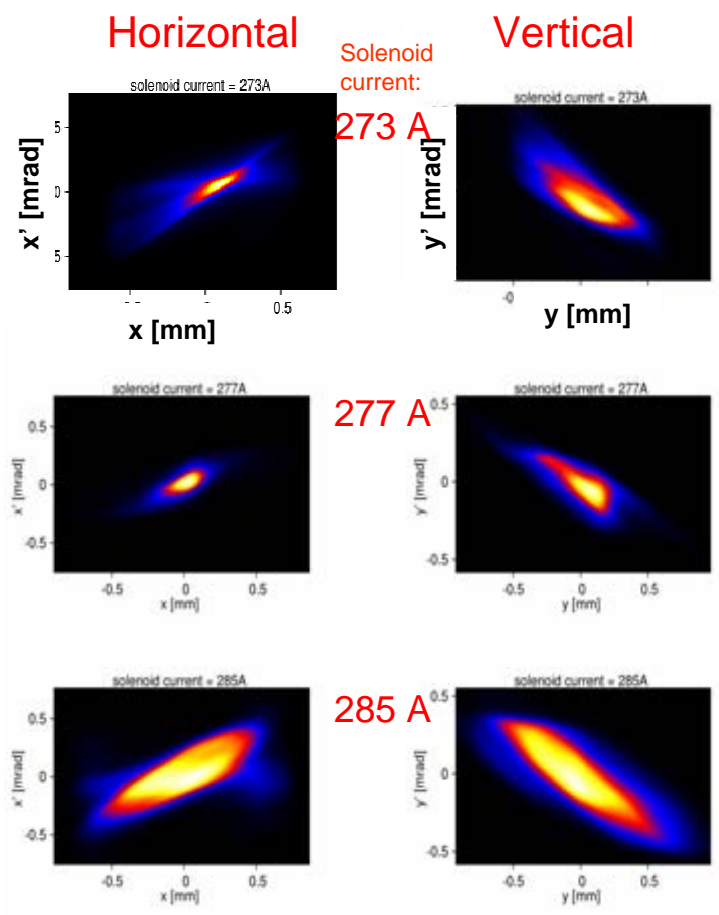
Issues: Momentum spread, stability, space charge forces



# Emittance during 1.5 hours



Transverse phase space, reconstructed by tomography



• Jitter 2 - 3 % (rms)

Fitting method, 100% emittance

Tomography, 100% emittance

Fitting method, 90% emittance

Tomography, 90% emittance

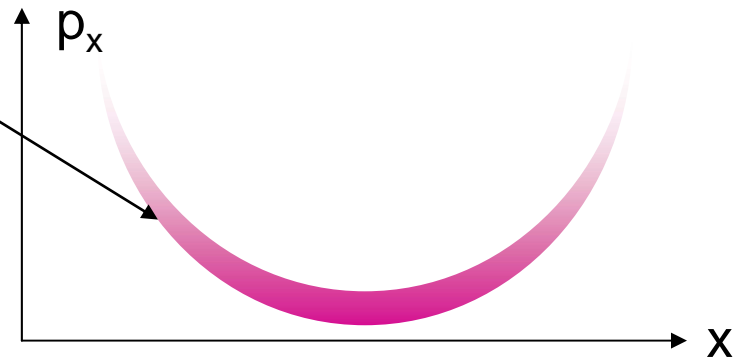
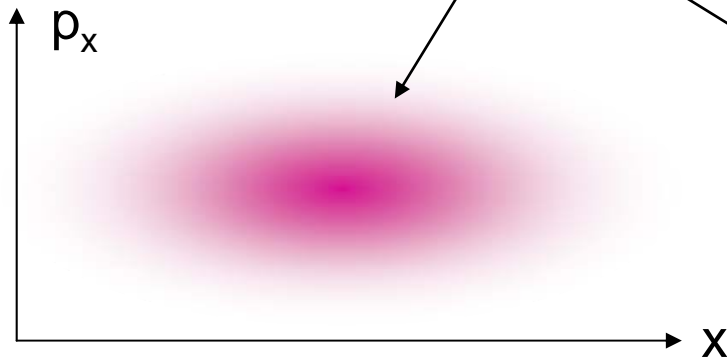
Needs beam observ. screens with  
<10 $\mu$ m resolution

+ large dynamical range & linearity

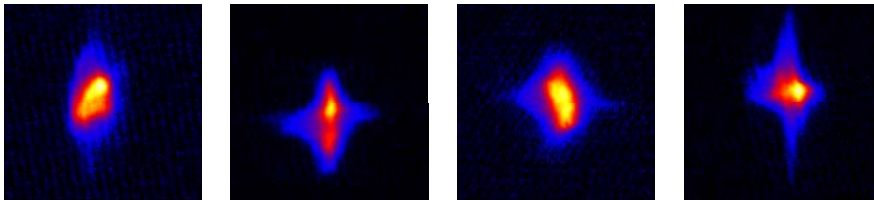
# Transverse emittance

Question:

These beams have same rms emittance.



Are they really equivalent?



Is **rms emittance** the adequate & sufficient way of description?

If not: Need adequate parametrization and optics treatment

**A)** Up to ~100 MeV:

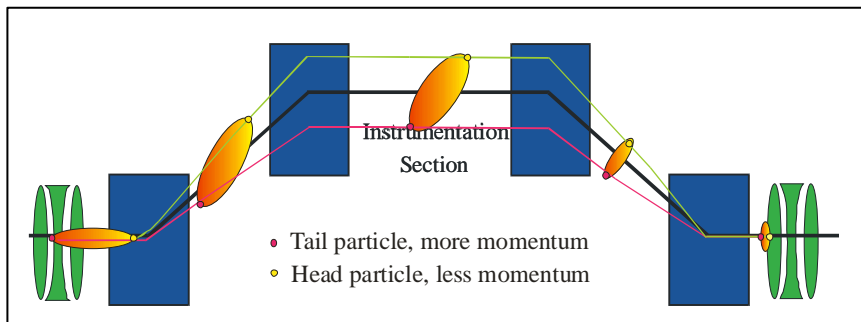
Space charge absolutely disastrous for  $\hat{I} \approx 1\text{kA}$

$\rightarrow \hat{I} < 50\text{A}$  at injector  $\rightarrow$  must compress longitudinally at  $\gamma \gg 1$

Velocity bunch limited for  $v \approx c$  particles

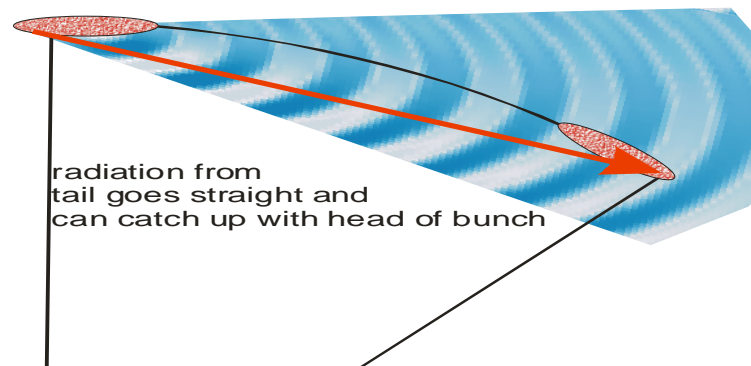
$\rightarrow$  magnetic chicane  $\rightarrow$  coherent synchrotron radiation

Derbenev, Saldin, et al.



Magnetic bunch compression

very powerful microwave radiation with  $\lambda \gtrsim$  bunch length if bunch length  $\ll$  size of vacuum chamber



radiation from tail goes straight and can catch up with head of bunch





# Short bunch issues

A) From FEL point of view

Rf error (phase & amplitude)

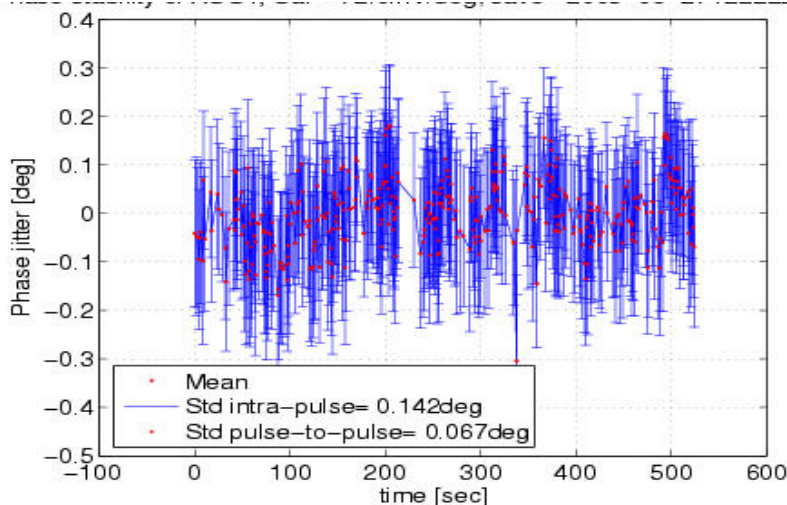
→ errors on momentum, bunch length, bunch arrival time

→ **Stability**!! Build feedback for rf phase, using

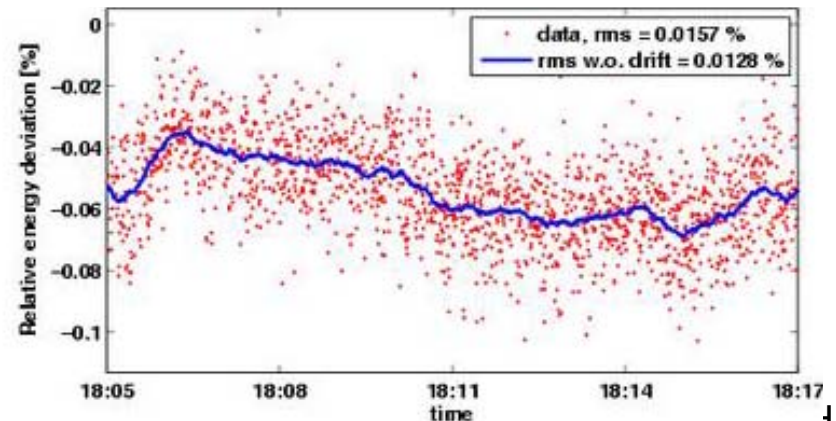
- rf probes
- pyrodetectors to measure coherent synchrotron radiation
- synchrotron radiation monitor in dispersive section

Result after first compression stage at 125 MeV:

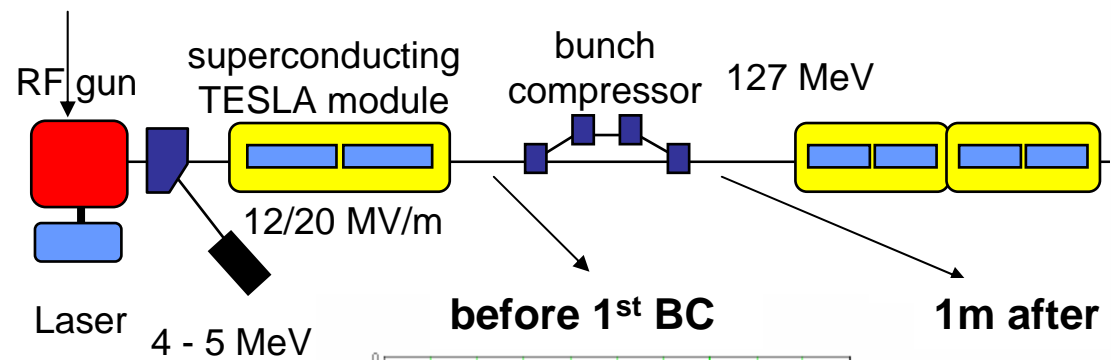
Rms phase jitter: 0.07 deg



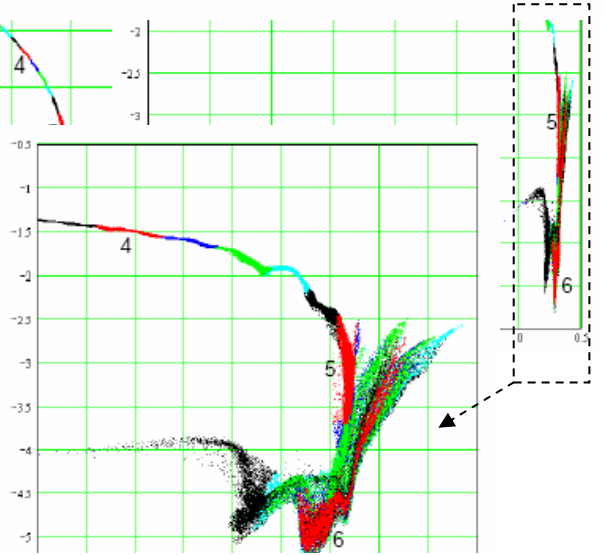
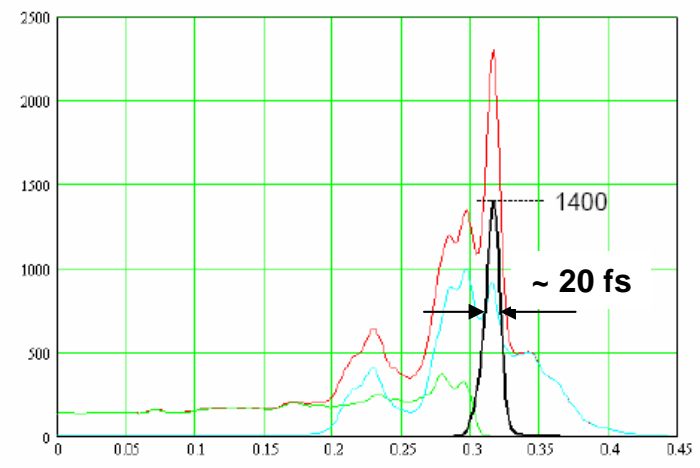
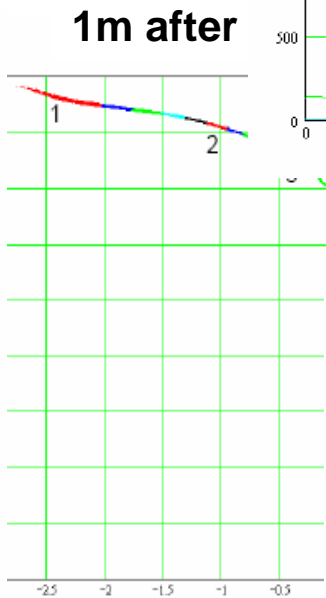
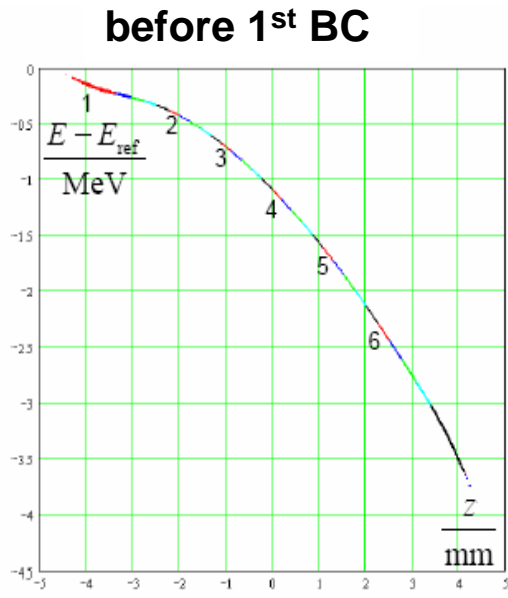
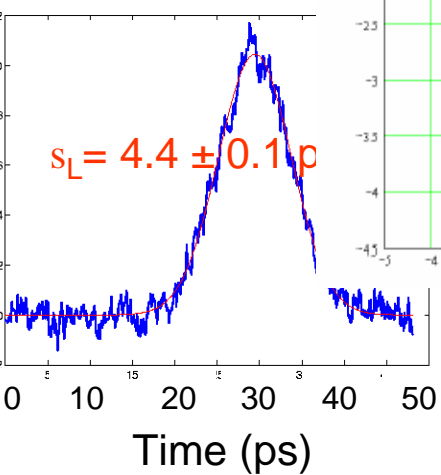
Rms momentum jitter:  $1.3 \times 10^{-4}$



# Short bunch issues: Beam dynamics



Long initial bunch to reduce space charge on cathode



- Very complicated beam dynamics due to coherent synchrotron radiation
- Difficult access to relevant parameters
- Ultra-short photon pulses created ~20fs FWHM



# Beam dynamics simulation tools

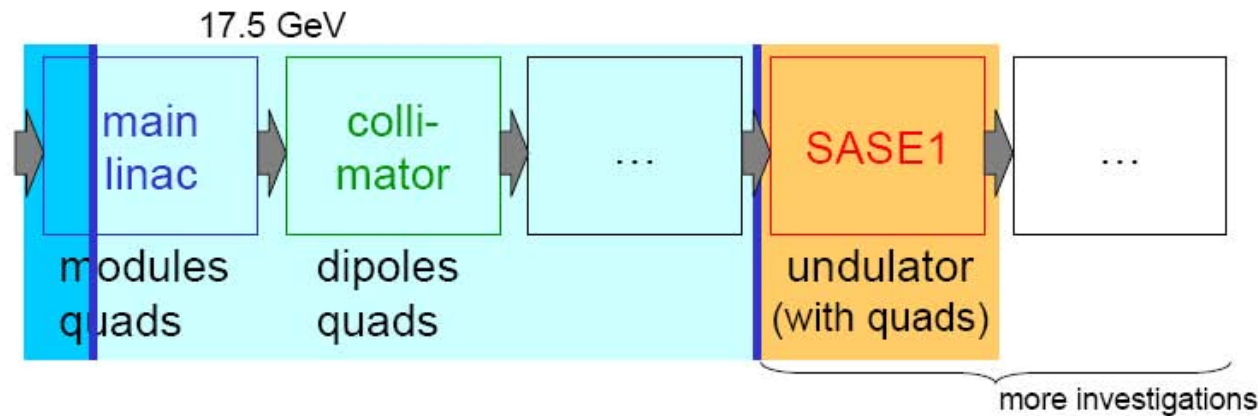
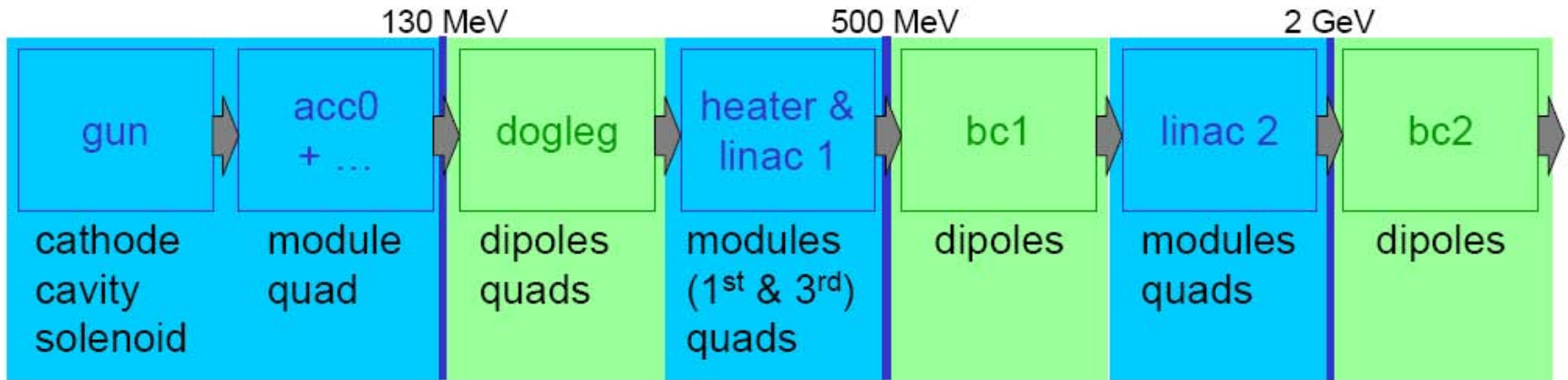
**ASTRA**  
Flöttmann

CSRtrack  
sub-bunch  
Dohlus

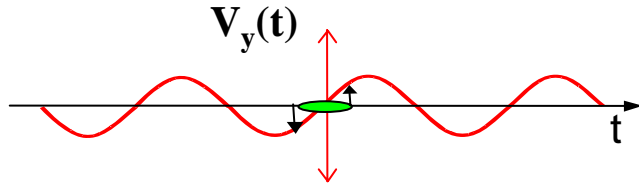
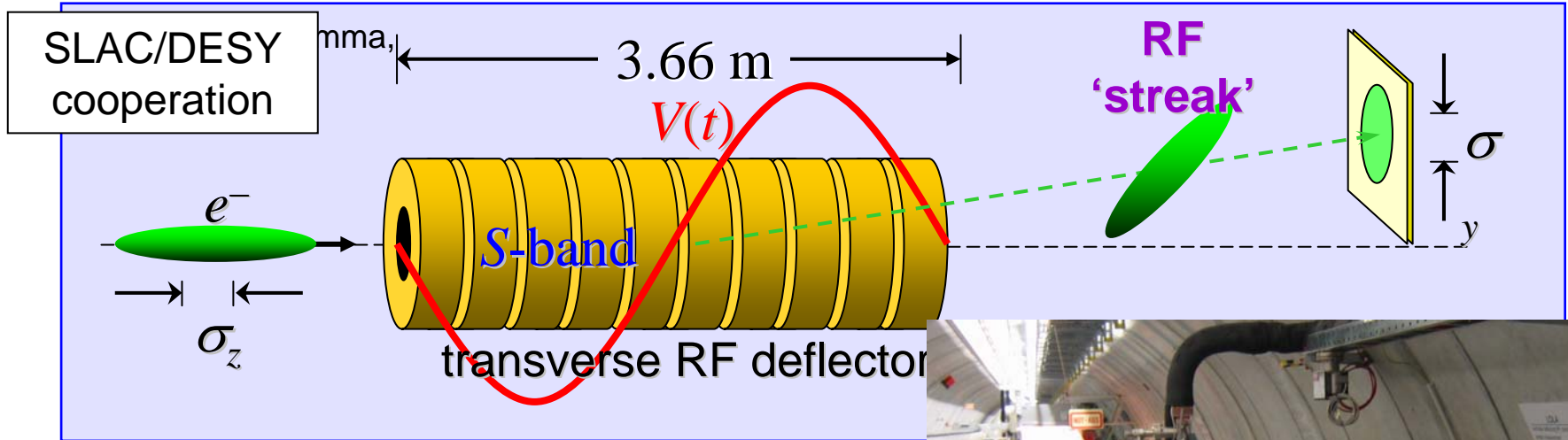
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Borland

rf-field  
cavity wake & s.c. field

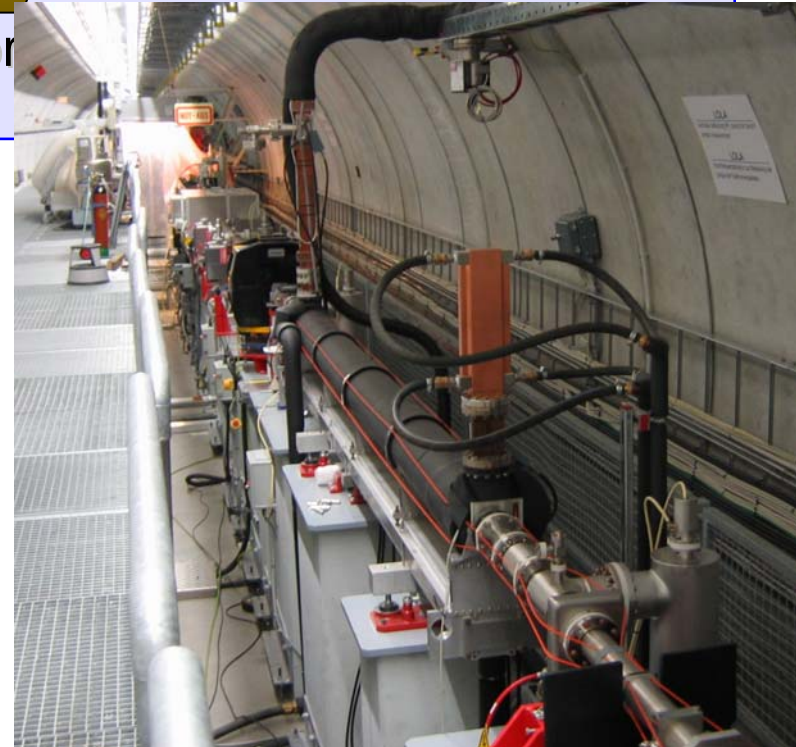
GENESIS  
Reiche



# Bunch Length Measurement: 1. LOLA



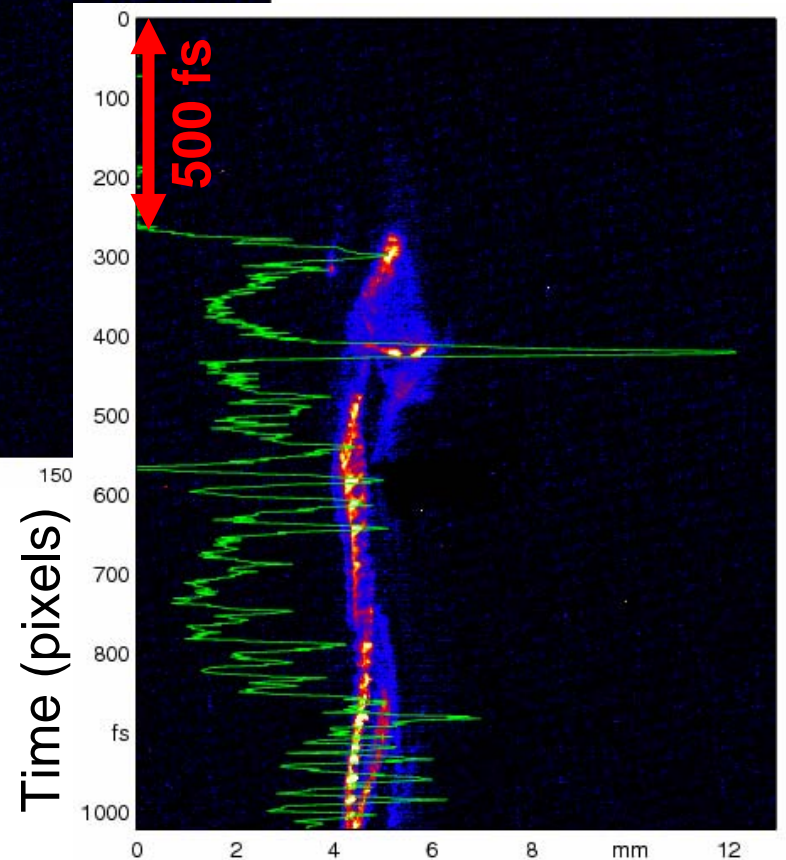
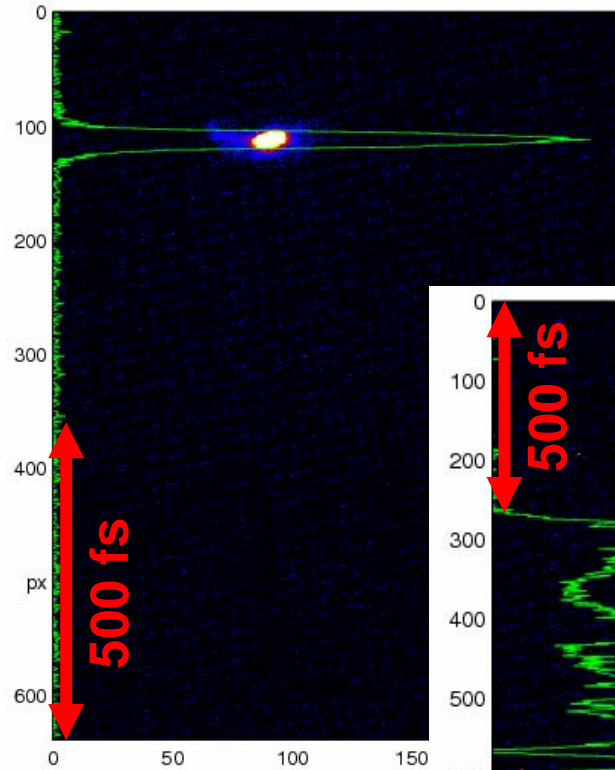
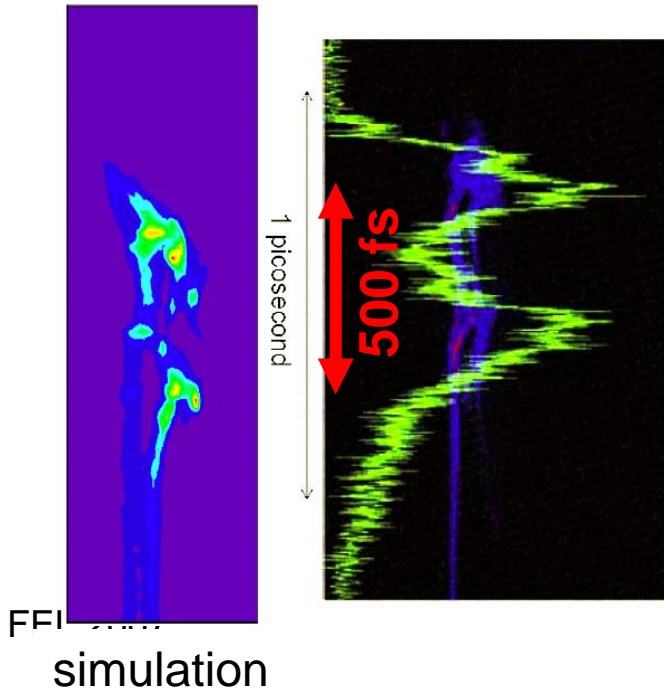
- Deflecting RF structure (S-band) from SLAC is used as a 'streak camera'
- Resolution  $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$



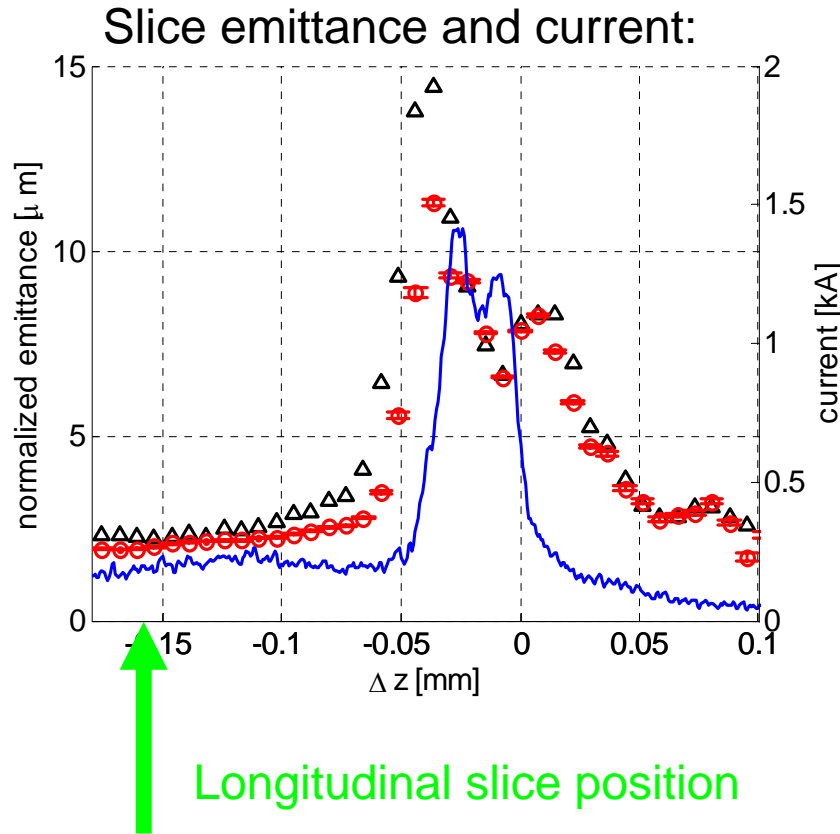


# Pictures from LOLA

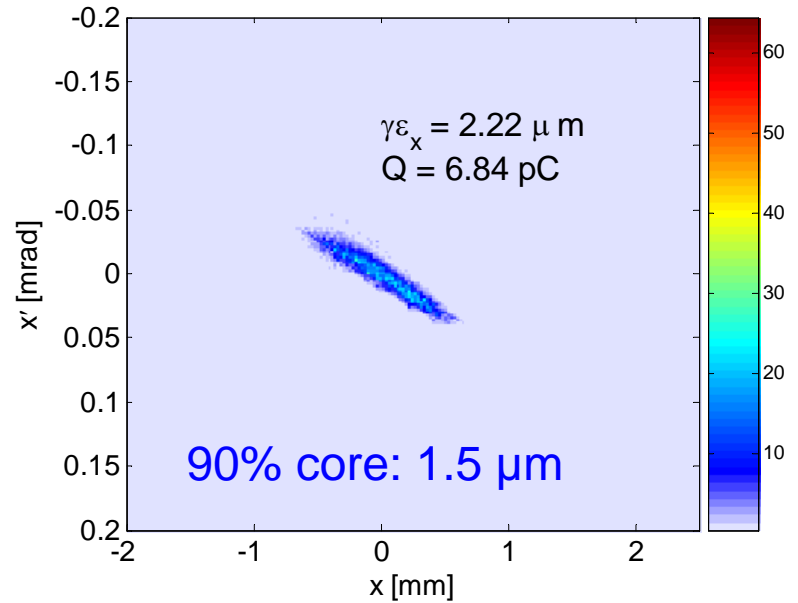
- Three examples for different compressor settings: they demonstrate the power of the instrument in resolving bunch structures
- Preliminary calibration 1.8 fs/pixel



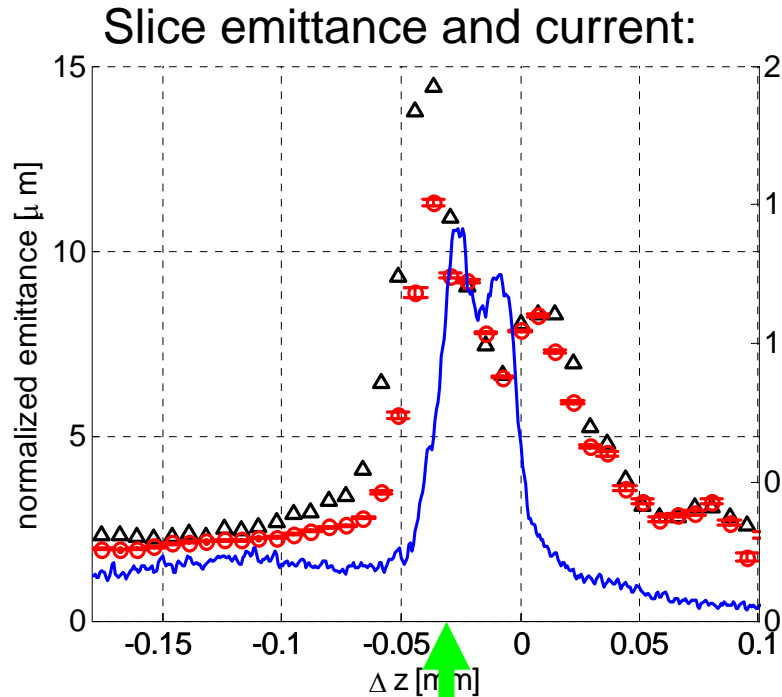
# Horizontal phase space slice resolved



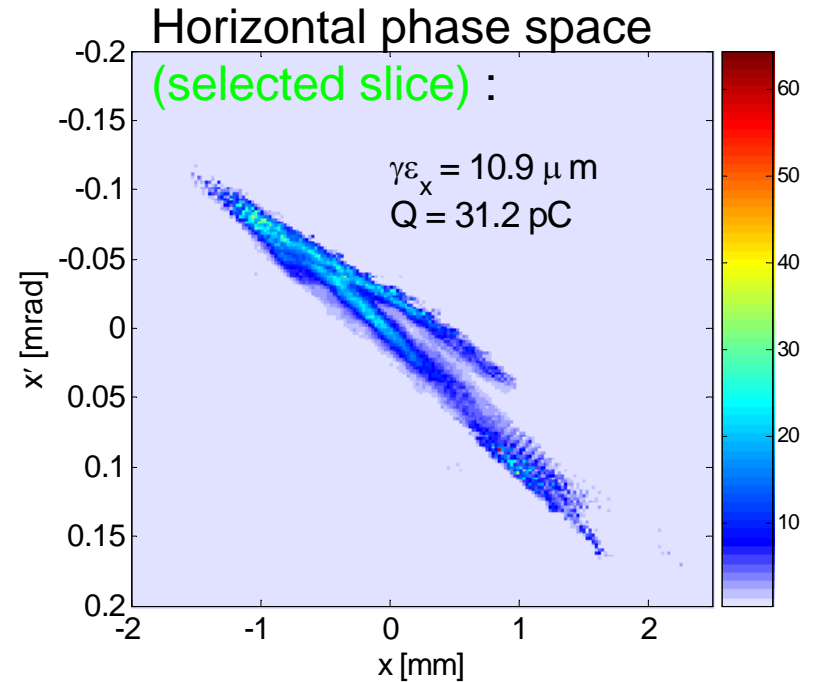
Horizontal phase space  
(selected slice):



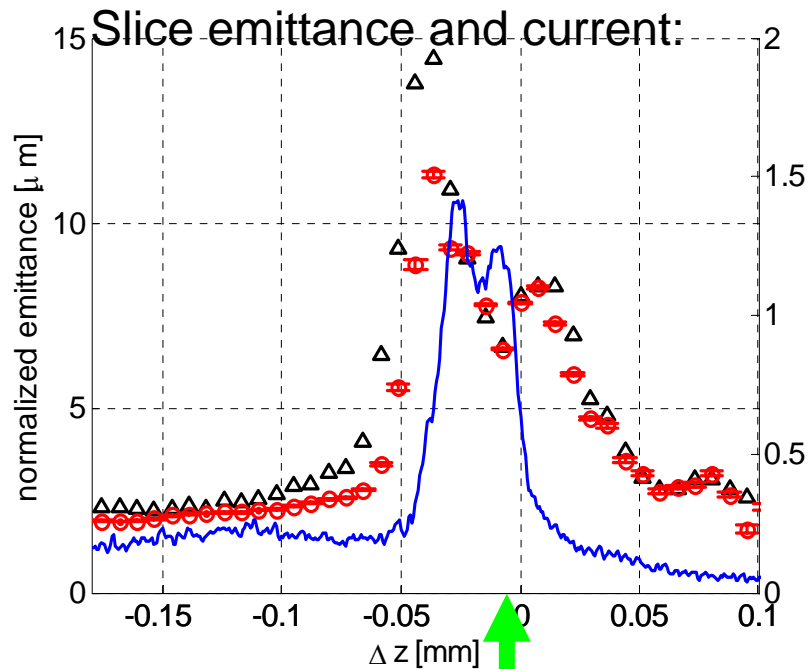
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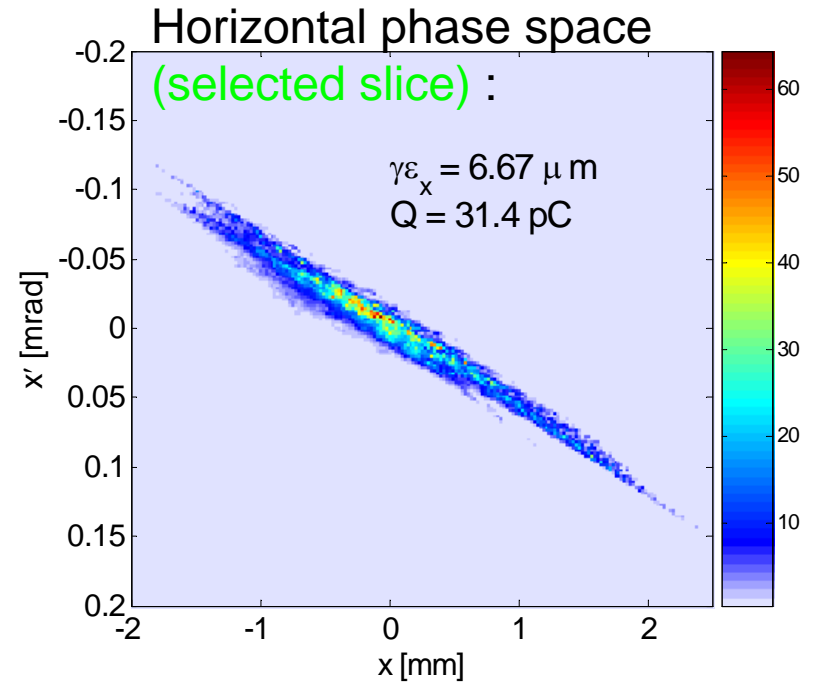
Longitudinal slice position



# Horizontal phase space slice resolved



Longitudinal slice position







- 1) Make pulse as short as possible:  
small momentum spread helps at compression  
coherence length (“single mode”)

FLASH at 13 nm:  $\tau_{\text{coh}} \approx 1.3 \mu\text{m}$   
 $\tau_{\text{pulse}} \approx 3 \mu\text{m}$  not bad !

Electron diagnostics should be capable to resolve  $t < \tau_{\text{coh}}$

Angstrom FEL:  $\tau_{\text{coh}} \approx 0.03 \mu\text{m}$

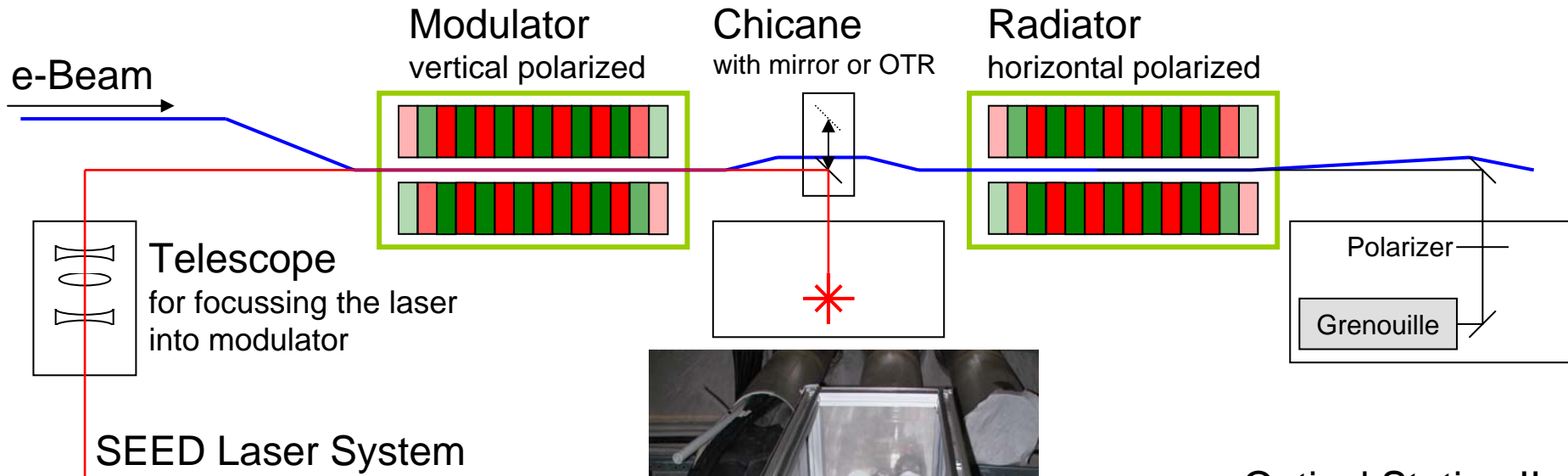
-- Diagnostics more and more demanding

+ Possibility to produce attosecond pulses

(Saldin et al, Zholents)

# Optical Replica Synthesizer (ORS)

E.L. Saldin et al. Instr. Methods A 539, 499 (2005)  
 collaboration U Stockholm, U Uppsala, U Hamburg & DESY



- Erbium-doped Fiber Laser (775 nm output frequenz doubled)
- Clark CPA2001 amplifier
- For ORS:
  - 2ps pulse width
  - 0,8mJ pulse energy
  - 5-10 Hz rep. Rate
  - vertical polarized (s. Modulator)



**Optical Station II**  
 Analyse optical replica with Grenouille (FROG)

# fs diagnostics with THz radiation

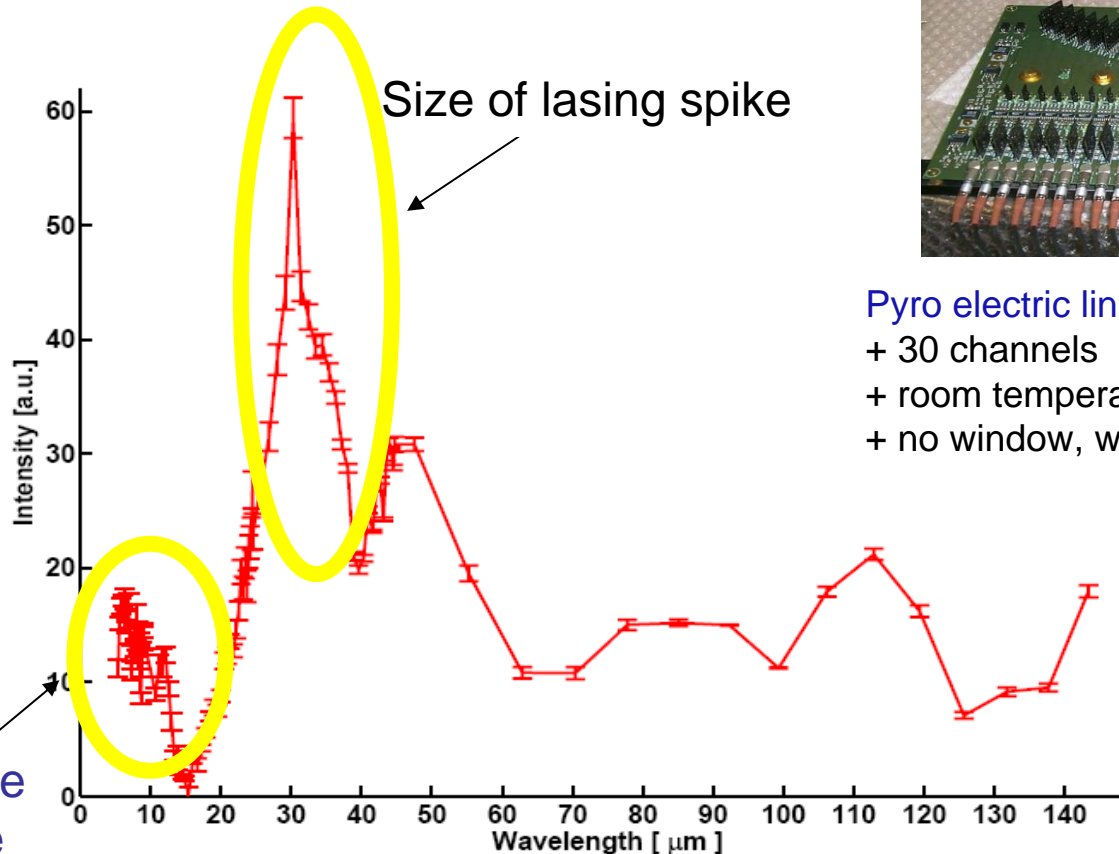
Single shot spectrum of **coherent infrared radiation** exhibits structure in the longitudinal density modulation  $< 5 \mu\text{m}$

Need single shot spectrometer for wide IR bandwidth

Recent development at DESY



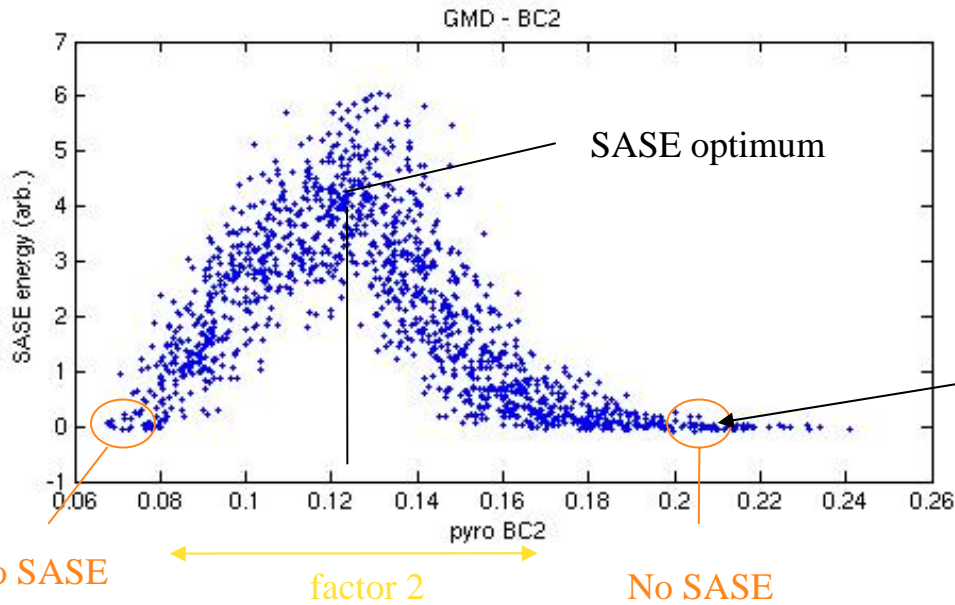
Pyro electric line detector from individual pyros  
+ 30 channels  
+ room temperature  
+ no window, works in vacuum



courtesy  
H. Delsim-Hashemi



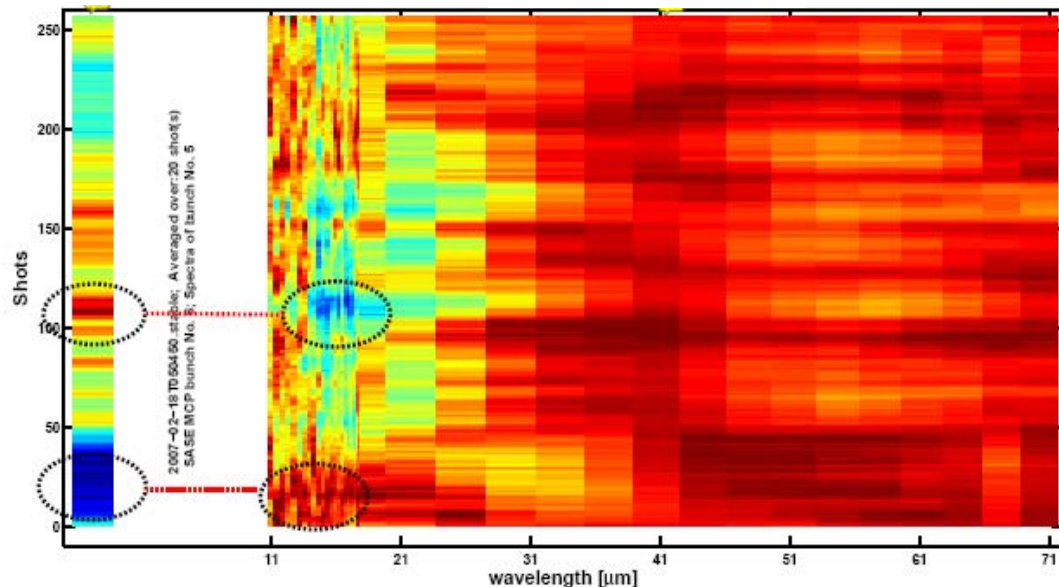
# Correlations SASE – IR power (pyro)



Maximum IR power does NOT correspond to max. SASE!  
(rather to over-compression)

SASE

IR spectrum



Spectral resolved correlation shows max. SASE (red) whenever there is LITTLE signal (blue) at 10-20 nm



# Short bunch issues: **Timing + Synchronisation**

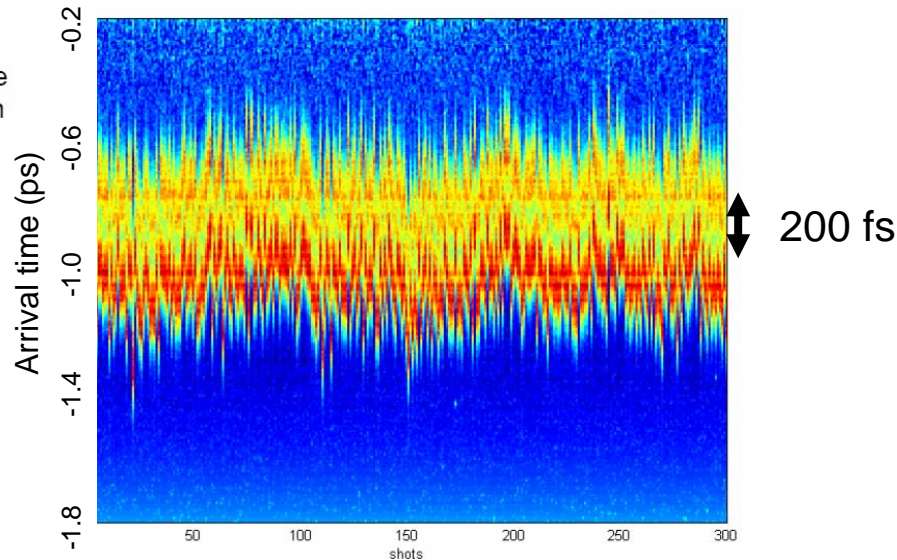
Rf phase jitter translates into arrival time jitter of beam:

expect:  $\Delta\varphi \geq 0.07 \text{ deg} \Leftrightarrow \Delta t \geq 150 \text{ fs}$

measured with electro-optic sampling:

rms timing fluctuations 200 fs

300  
consecutive  
bunches on  
June 5th,  
off crest,  
1 nC

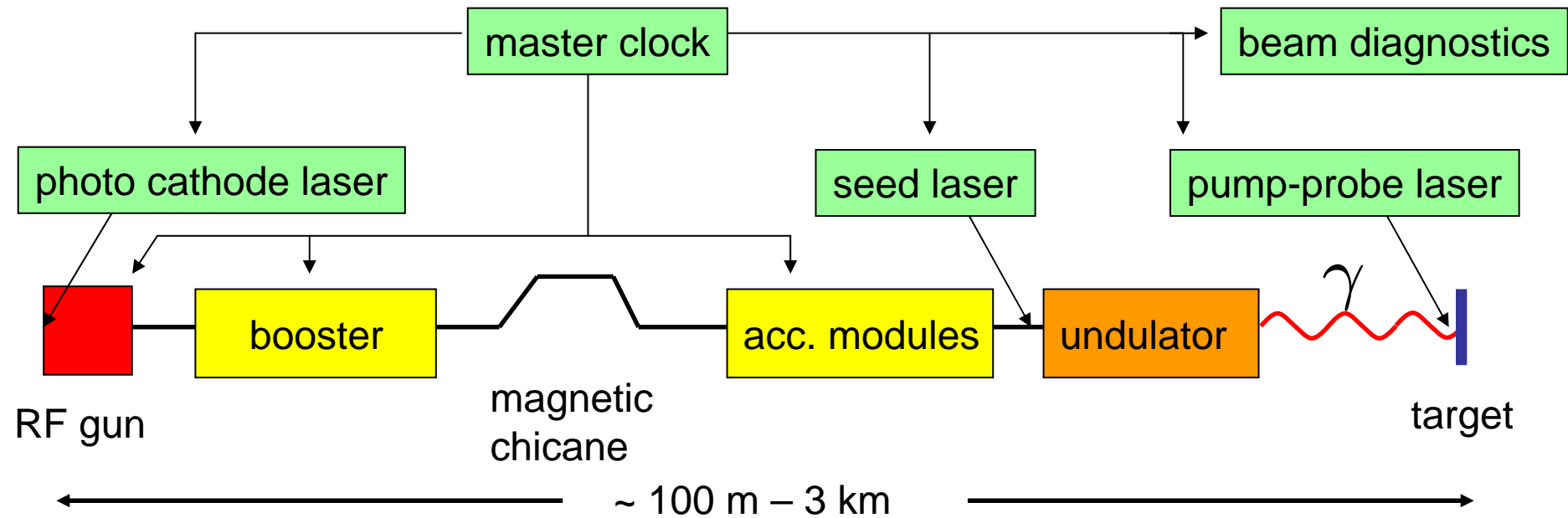


talk by B. Steffen WEBAU04

**Task: Measure bunch arrival at ~10 fs precision**

**-- and distribute time stamp over several 100 m!!**

# Synchronization needed in a FEL facility



## Main sources for arrival-time changes of the FEL radiation

- arrival-time of the photo cathode laser pulses
- phase of the RF gun
- amplitude and phase of booster module
- arrival-time of potential seed lasers

## Key Problem:

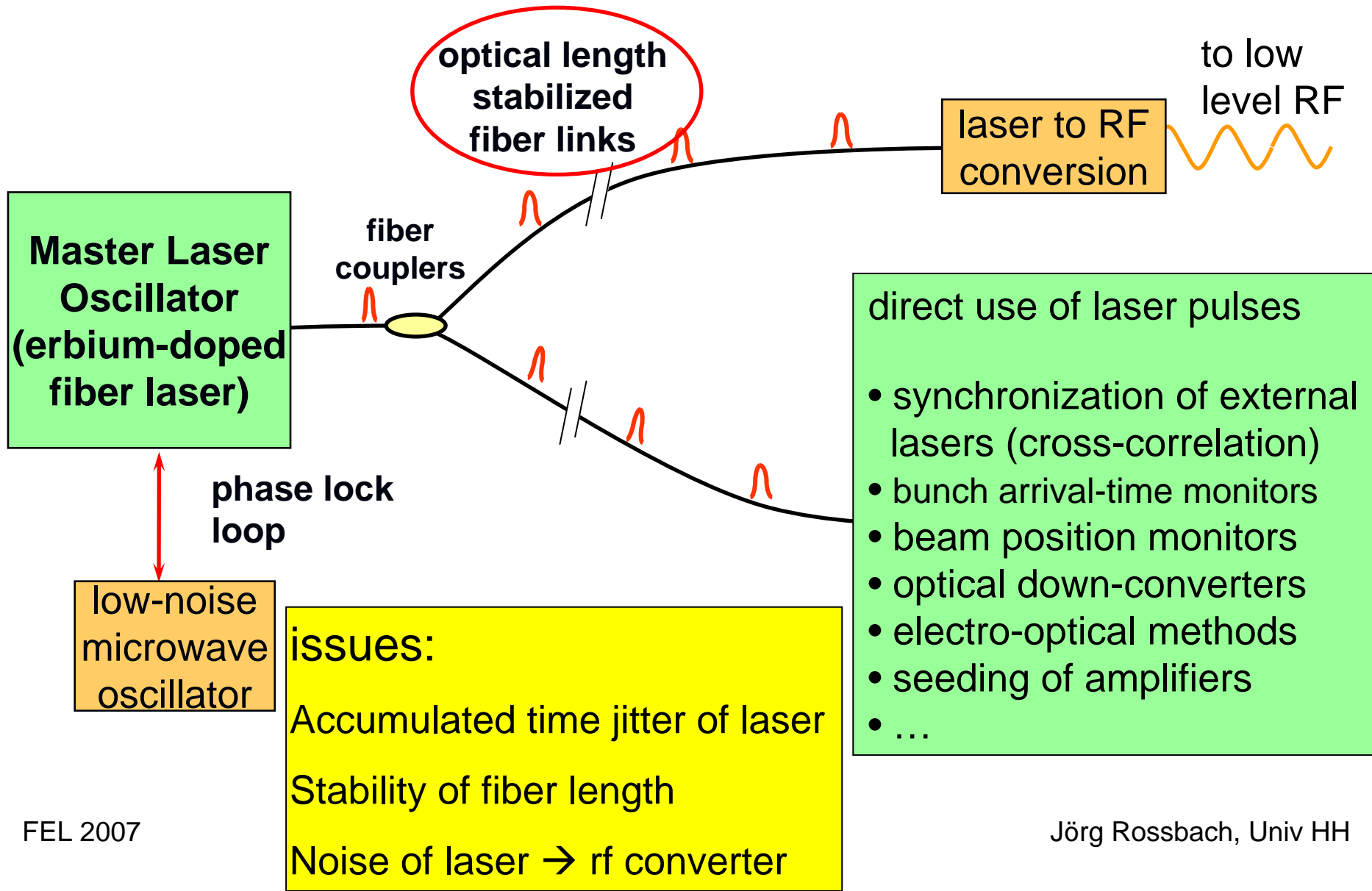
**rf microwave oscillator is excellent master clock, but long-distance distribution of rf signals with cables is impossible at fs stability !**



# An all-optical synchronization system

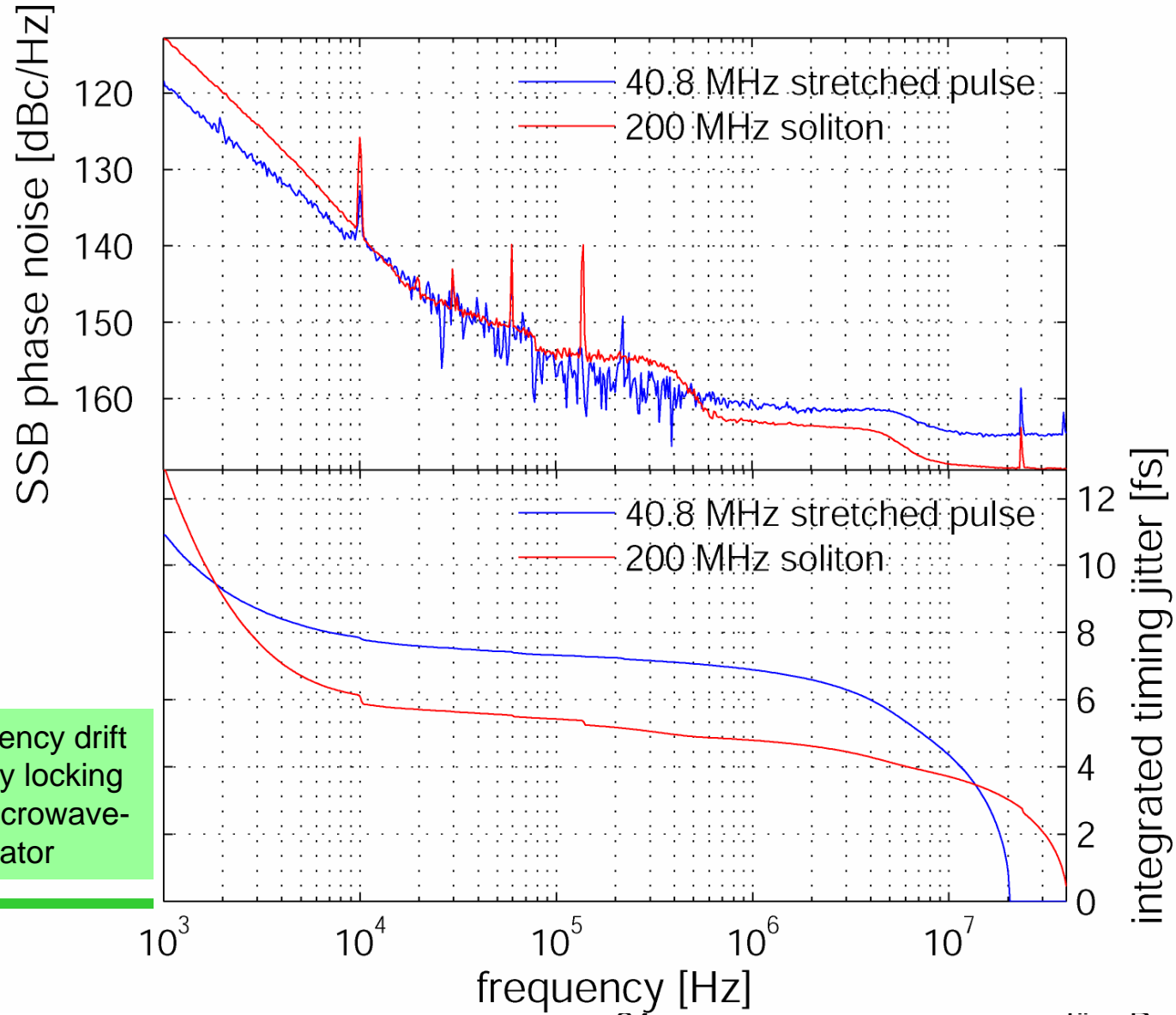
Berkeley, DESY, ELETTRA, MIT

talk by H. Schlarb TUBAU01





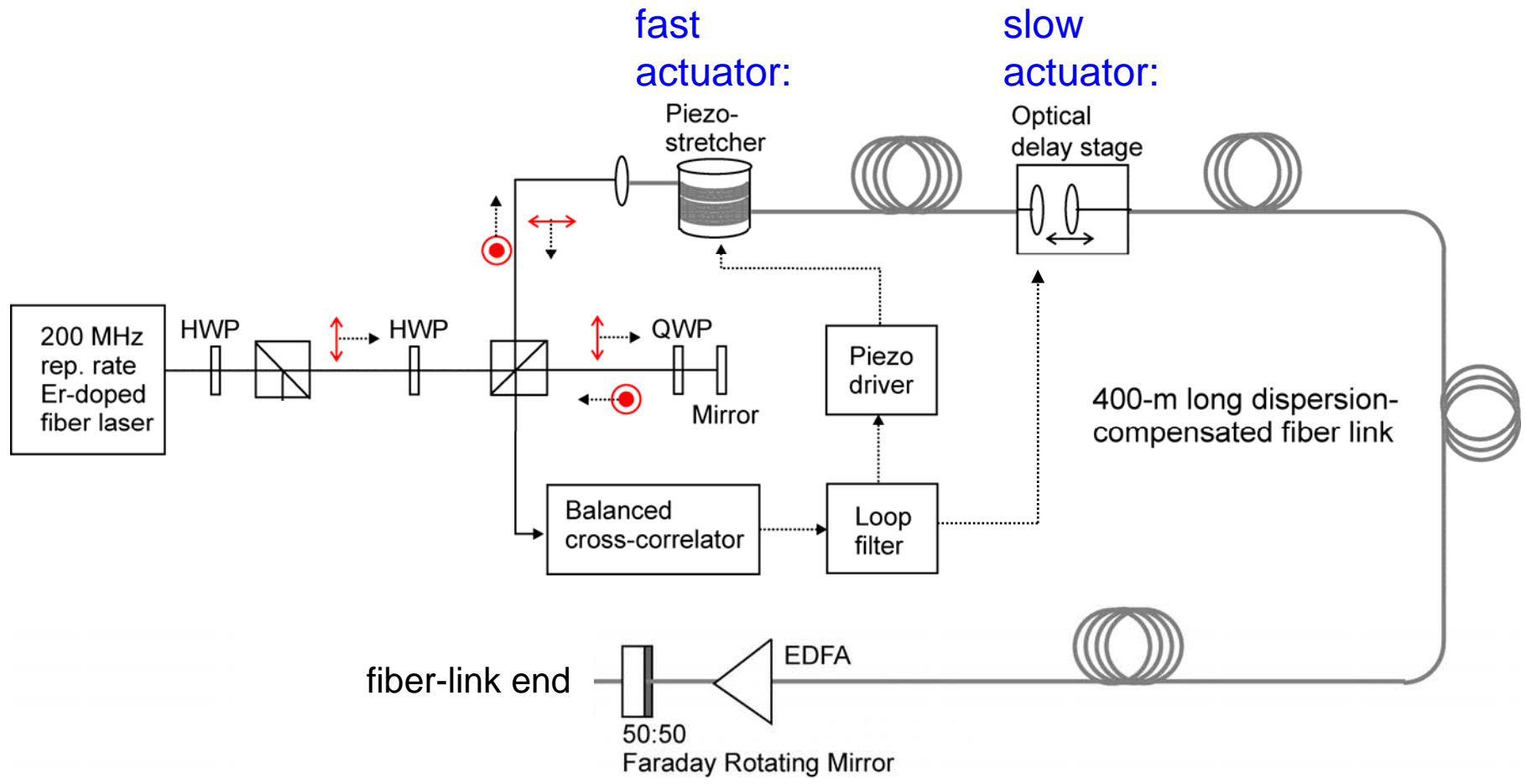
# Phase noise measurement of 200 MHz soliton laser



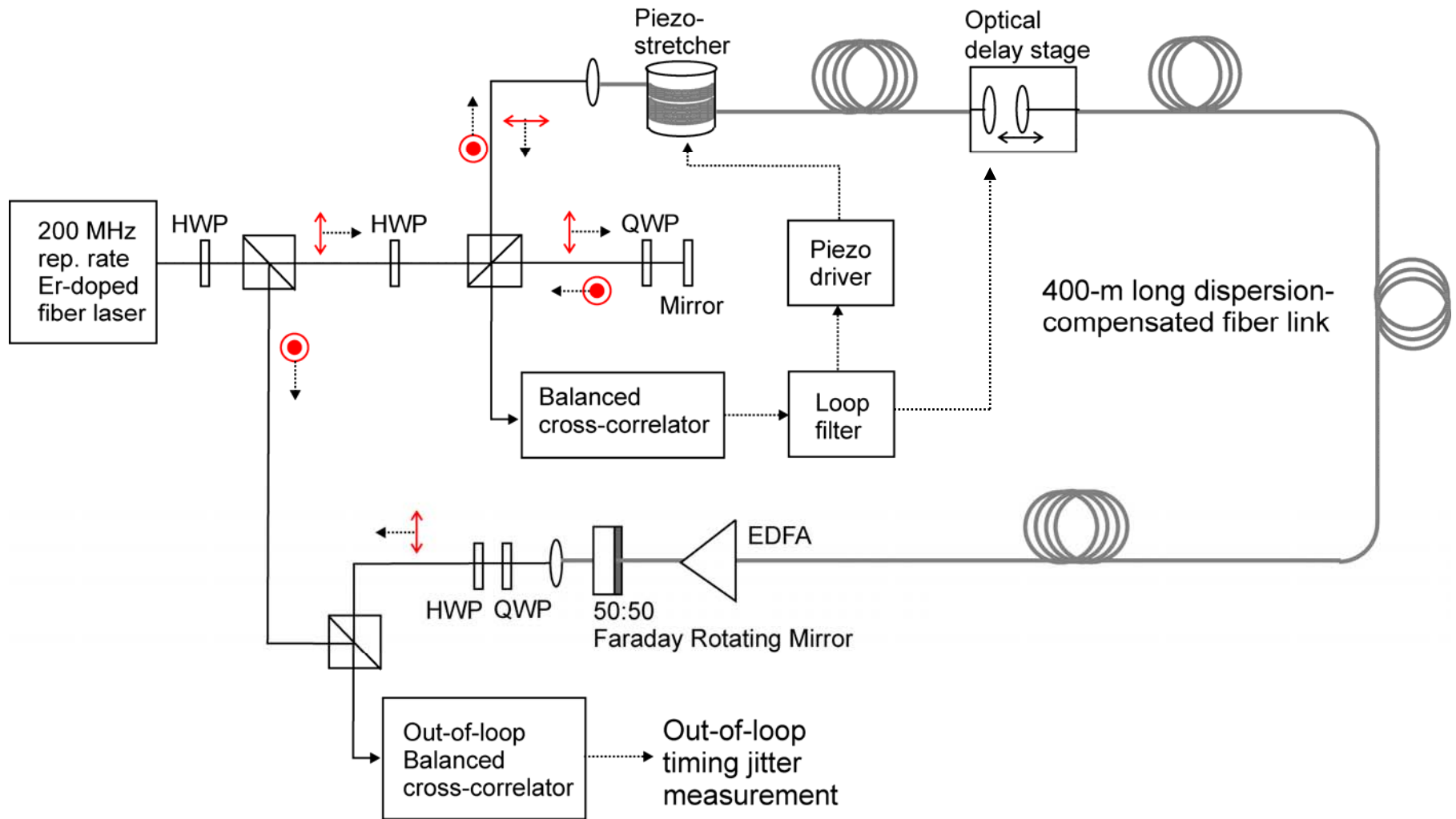
Low-frequency drift covered by locking laser to microwave-oscillator



# Schematic setup of the fiber-link stabilization

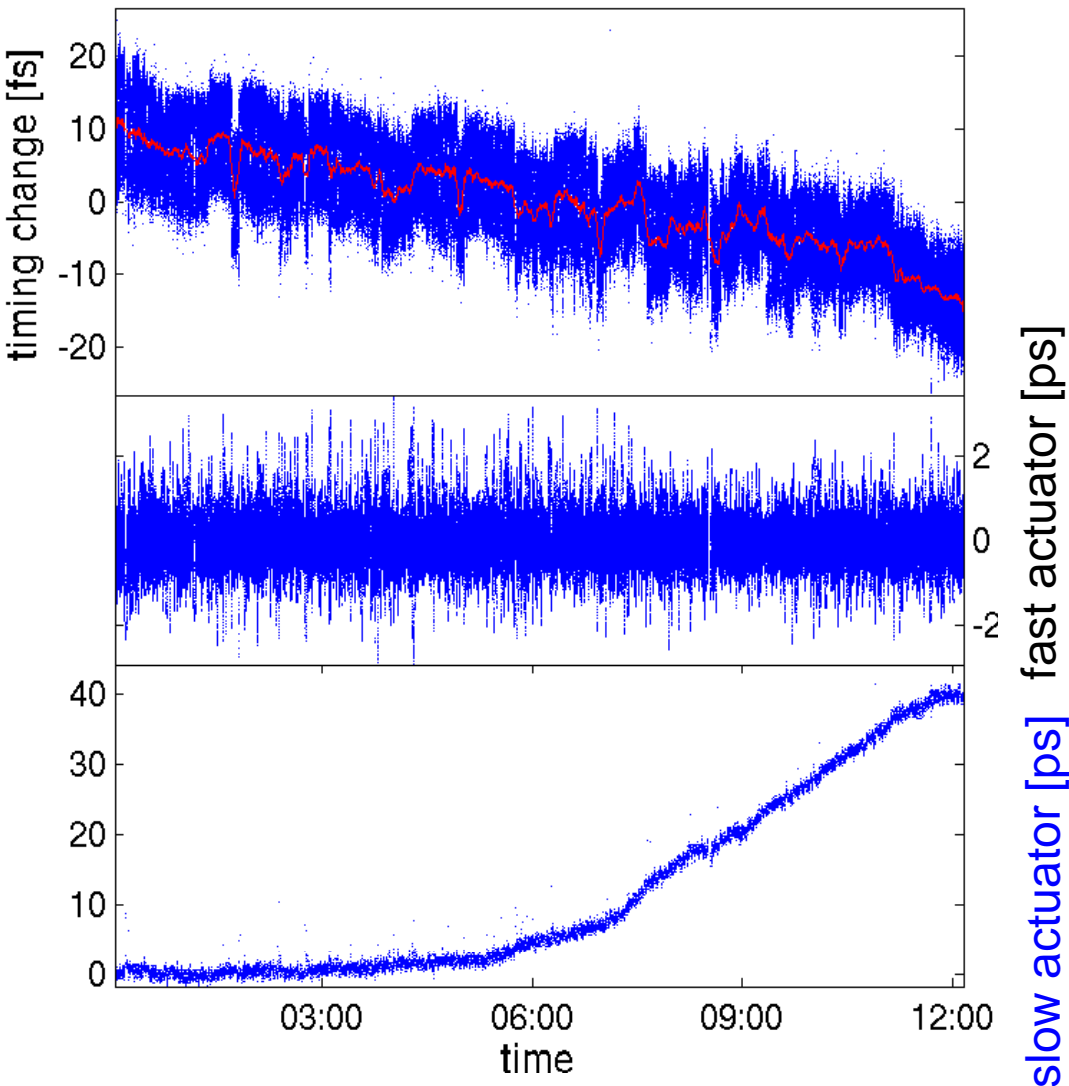


# Verification of fiber-link stabilization





# Fiber link stabilization



- **400 meter stabilized test link in Hall 1 at DESY**

- **Jitter 7.5 fs rms during 12 hours**

- **Additional 25 fs rms drift during that time**

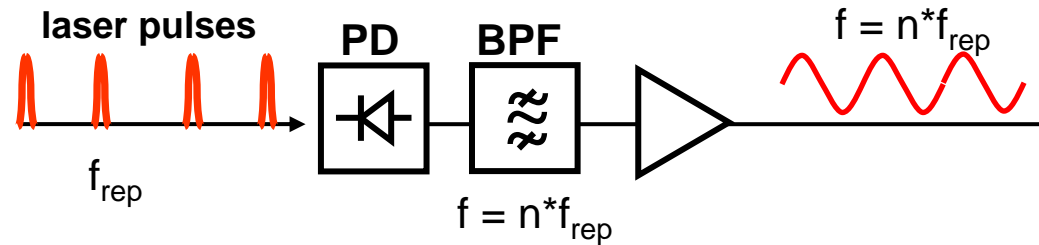
# Laser → rf converter

## Several options, e.g.

### Direct conversion with PD

- temperature drifts
- AM to PM conversion\*
- noise limitation due to low power in spectral line of PD output
- still 10 fs high frequency jitter can be obtained

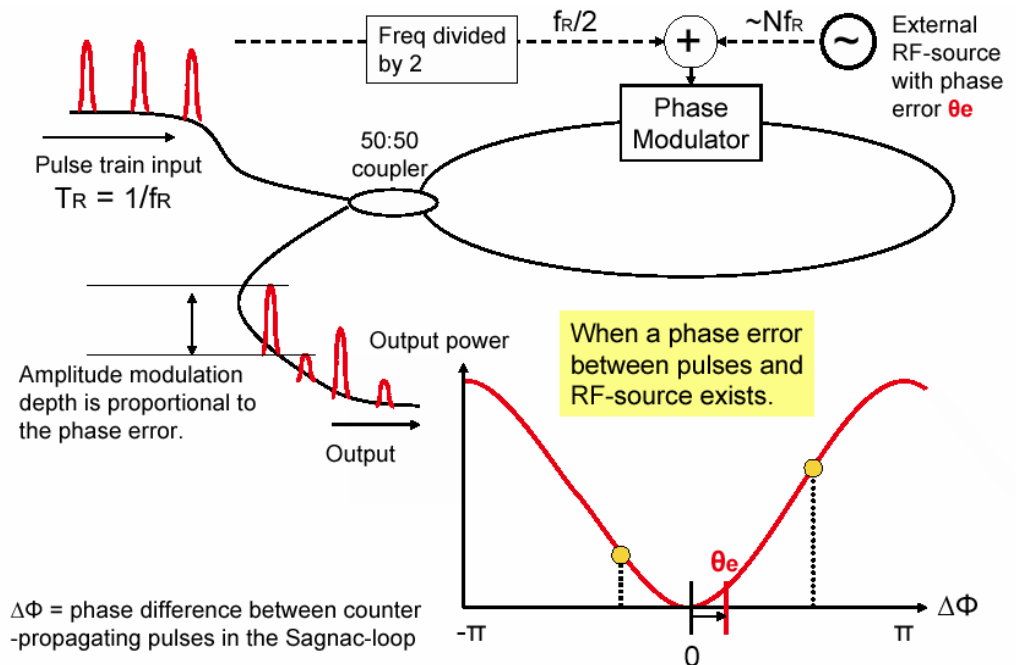
(\*) typical AM to PM conversion: 1-10ps/mW



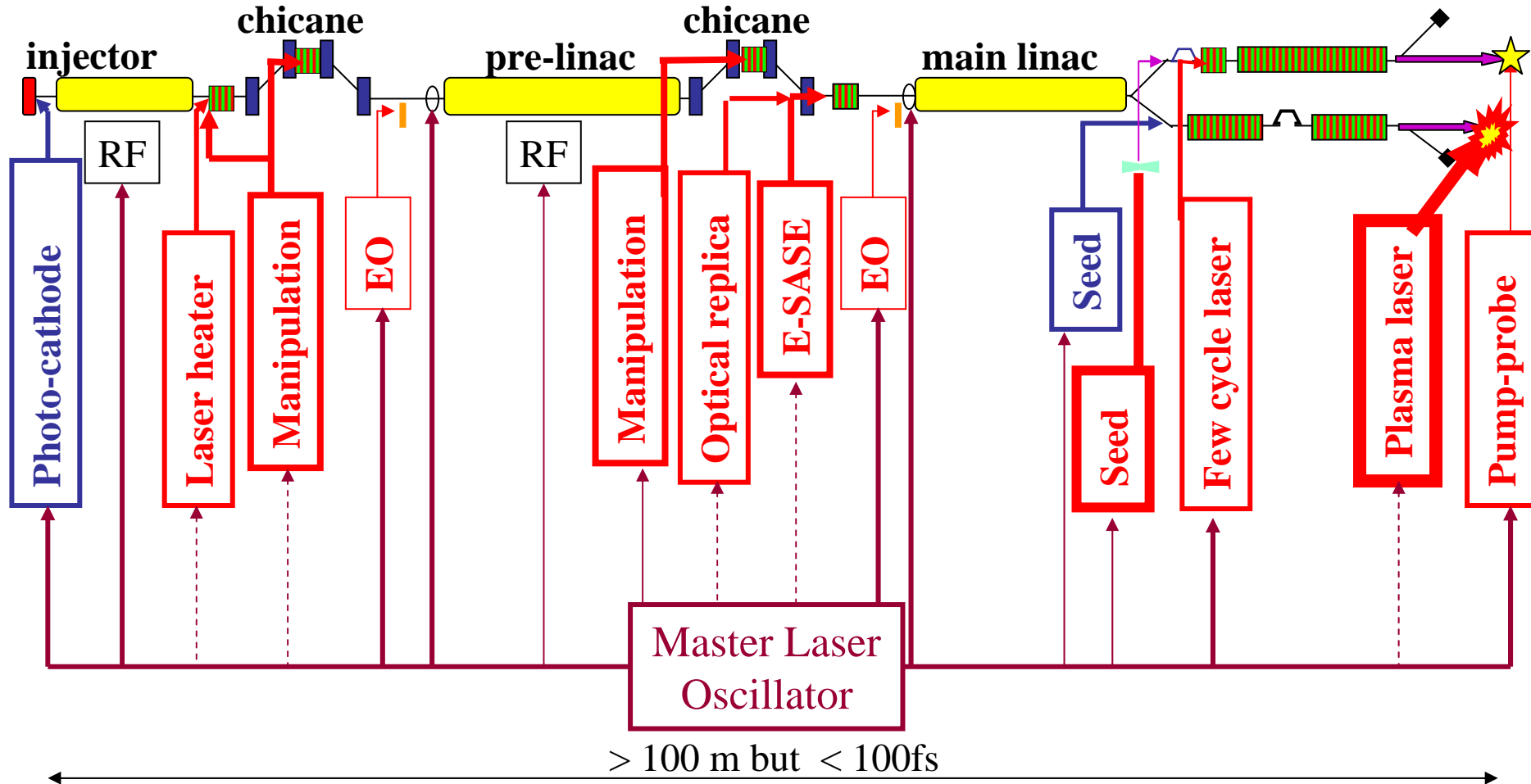
## better:

### Sagnac loop

- complex system
- expensive
- + virtually drift free
- + balanced detection, so AM/PM no issue



## Generic layout of single pass FELs





# CONCLUSIONS

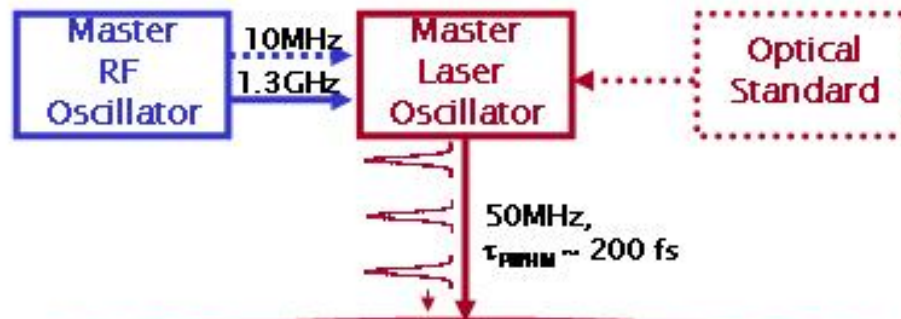
- Many important issues skipped:  
orbit precision, undulator issues, tapering, ERLs, seeding techniques, reliability of components, size and costs, ...
- Similar challenges on photon diagnostics side

- X-ray FELs evolved into a major technology driver for accelerator R&D.
- There is still a long way to go to fully exploit the possibilities of FELs for short wavelengths.

Thanks to all my colleagues at FLASH  
and to the entire community!

# Layout of laser based synchronization

**Master:**

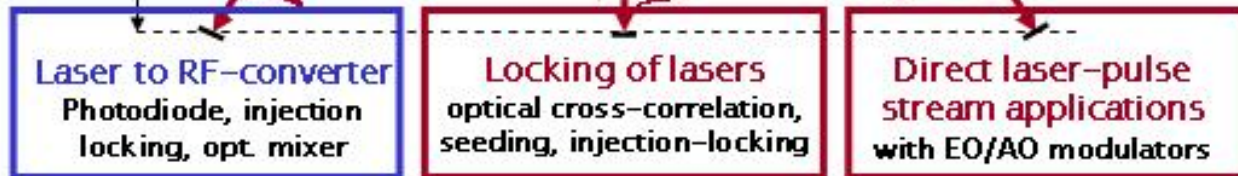


**Optical distribution:**



Link stability  
RF < 50 fs  
Opt. < 5 fs

**Front ends:**



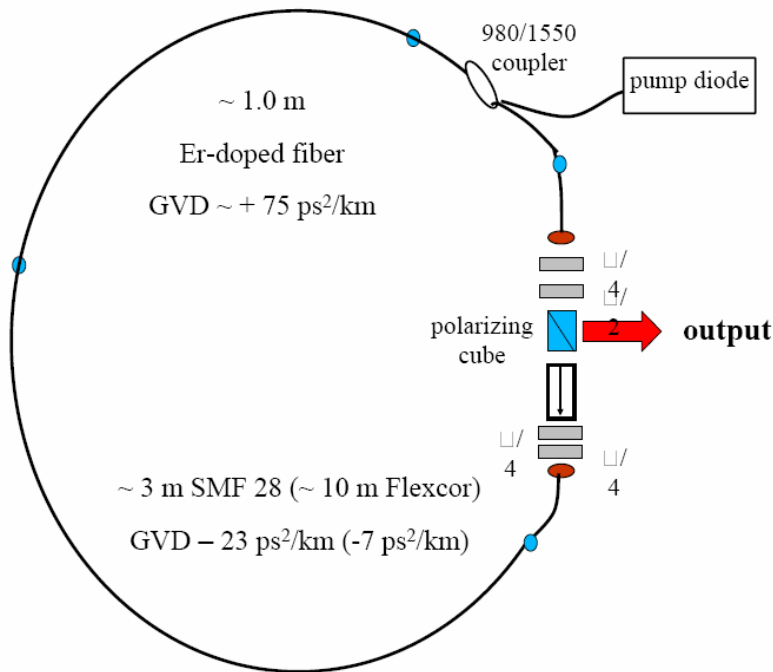
**Applications:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LO generation</li> <li>-down converter LLRF</li> <li>-PPL for synchronization</li> <li>-RF signals for diagnostics</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lasers for</li> <li>- photo-injector</li> <li>- pump-probe experiment</li> <li>- e-beam diagnostics</li> <li>- e-beam manipulation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High precision appl.</li> <li>-Beam phase monitor</li> <li>-Laser phase monitor</li> <li>-Optical down converter</li> <li>-Chicane BPM</li> </ul> |
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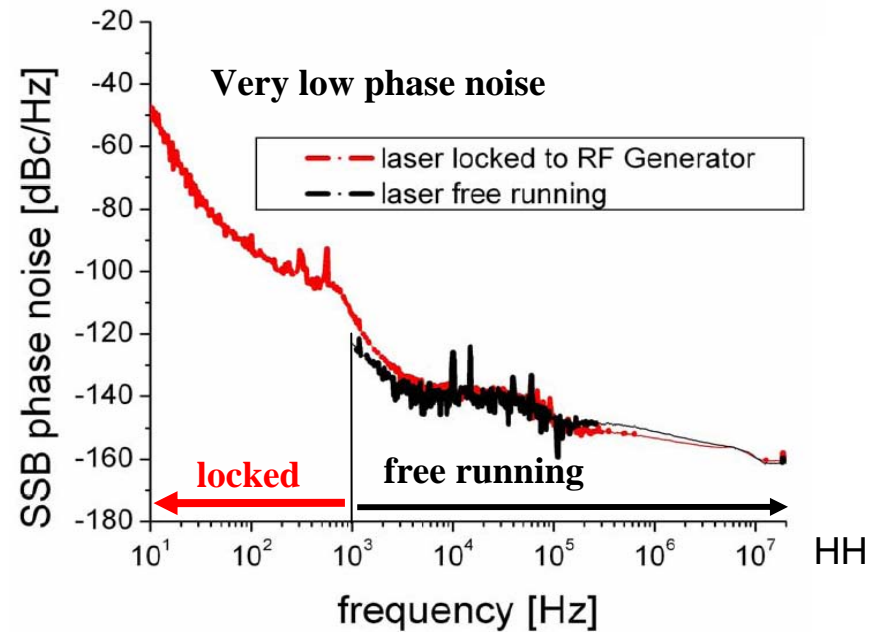
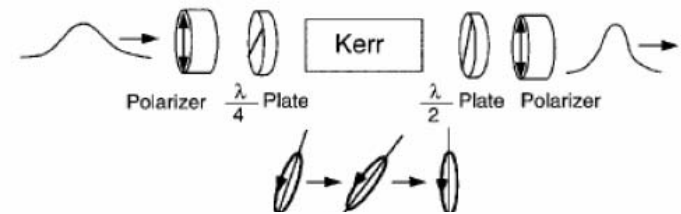
# Synchronization laser

## Dispersion managed soliton fiber-laser with artificial saturable absorber

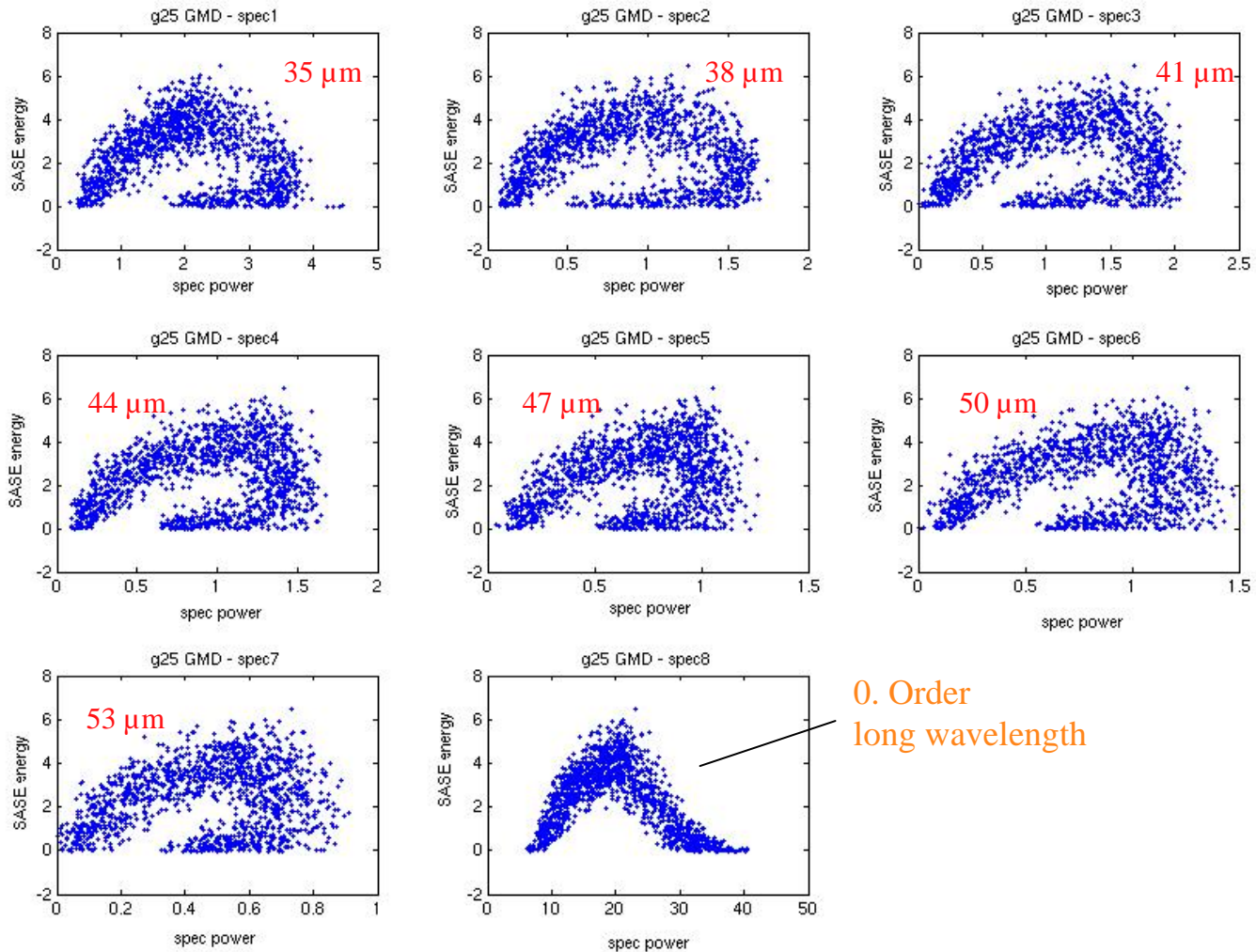
- Fiber stretcher for passive mode locking to RF generator
- Gain medium Erbium, 1550 nm wavelength
- High output power up to  $\sim 1$  nJ (50 mW average)
- Pulse duration  $\sim 100$  fs FWHM
- Repetition rate  $\sim 50$  MHz



### Polarization control for mode locking







# First spectra

- single transmission grating
- during SASE conditions (5.10.06)
- single reflective grating
- during SASE conditions (20.8.06)

See poster by  
Hossein Delsim-Hashemi  
during this workshop

