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# **FERMI FEL operation in Echo Enabled Harmonic Generation mode**

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# Large collaboration

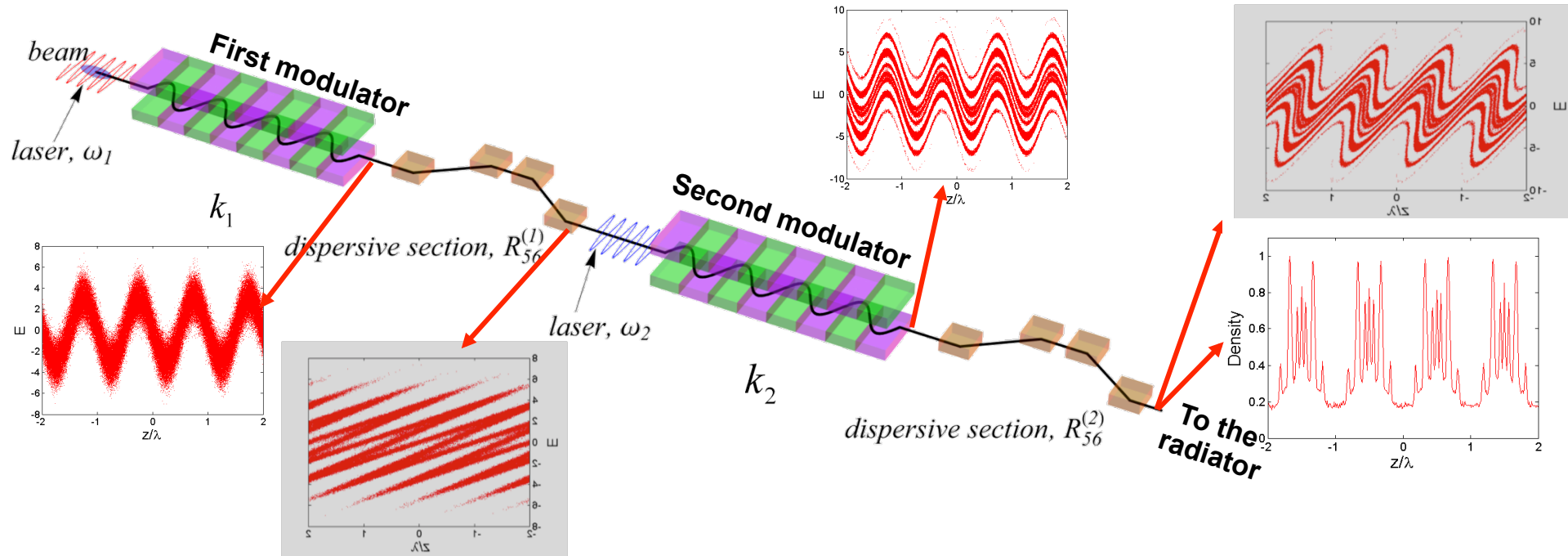


...real pleasure to have so many guests in control room for helping, discussing, speculating, ... !

- EEHG introduction and motivation of the experiment
- New design: FEL-2 line was adapted for EEHG scheme
- Experimental achievements
  - EEHG characterization: preliminary analysis  
(a complete analysis is work in progress)
  - Comparison between HGHG vs EEHG
  - EEHG enabled two-pulse FEL in soft x-ray

# Echo Enabled Harmonic Generation: principle

Courtesy of E. Allaria



$$b_{n,m} = |e^{-(1/2)[nB_1 + (Km+n)B_2]^2} J_m[-(Km+n)A_2B_2] \times J_n\{-A_1[nB_1 + (Km+n)B_2]\}|.$$

$$A_{1,2} = \frac{\Delta E_{1,2}}{\sigma_E}$$

$$B_{1,2} = \frac{R_{56}^{1,2} k_{1,2} \sigma_E}{E_0}$$

$$K = \frac{k_2}{k_1}$$

$$k_{EEHG} = k_1 n + k_2 m = k_1 (n + \underbrace{Km}_{\text{harm number } h})$$

- For  $k_1 = k_2$  (i.e.  $K=1$ ) one can demonstrate that max bunching is for  $n \cdot B_1 \sim h \cdot B_2$  (when perfectly satisfied  $J_n=0$ , so  $\mathbf{b}_{n,m}=\mathbf{0}$ )
- Highest bunching for  $n=-1$  but for high harmonic  $h$  this means large first  $R_{56}$

## Reference:

- G. Stupakov, PRL, 2009
- D. Xiang, G. Stupakov, PRST-AB, 2009

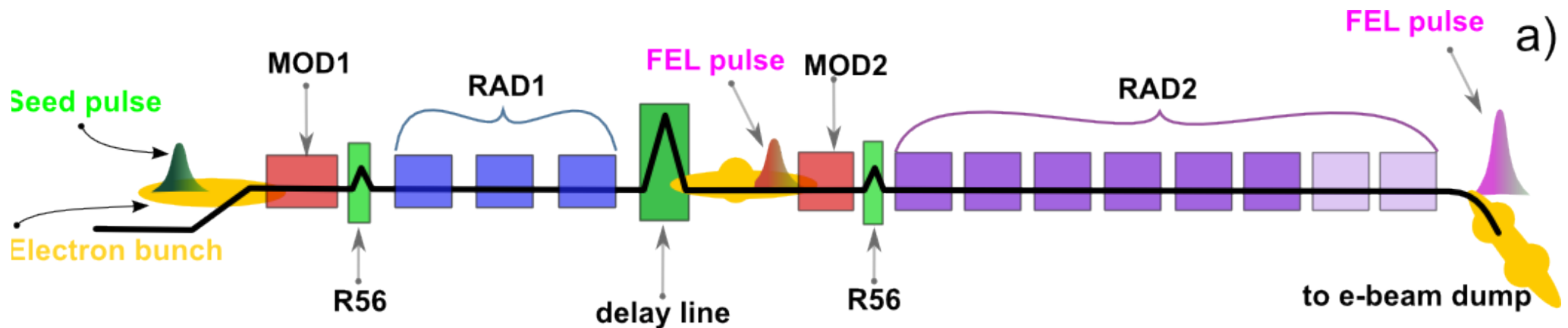
# Why EEHG at FERMI?

- FERMI FEL-2 layout is very suitable to test this novel scheme in the soft X-ray
- EEHG is less sensitive to the electron longitudinal phase space than HGHG:
  - In HGHG Slice energy spread should be:  $\frac{\sigma_\gamma}{\gamma} \sqrt{h^2 + 1} < \rho_{FEL}$
  - In HGHG electron energy-time curvature increases the FEL output bandwidth and affects the shot-to-shot stability
  - As a consequence microbunching instability must be constrained as much as possible in HGHG
- FERMI FEL-2 is based on a **fresh-bunch** double-cascade scheme: it requires a “**long**” **portion** of electron bunch to accommodate the two-stage emission, making difficult the implementation of two-color schemes.

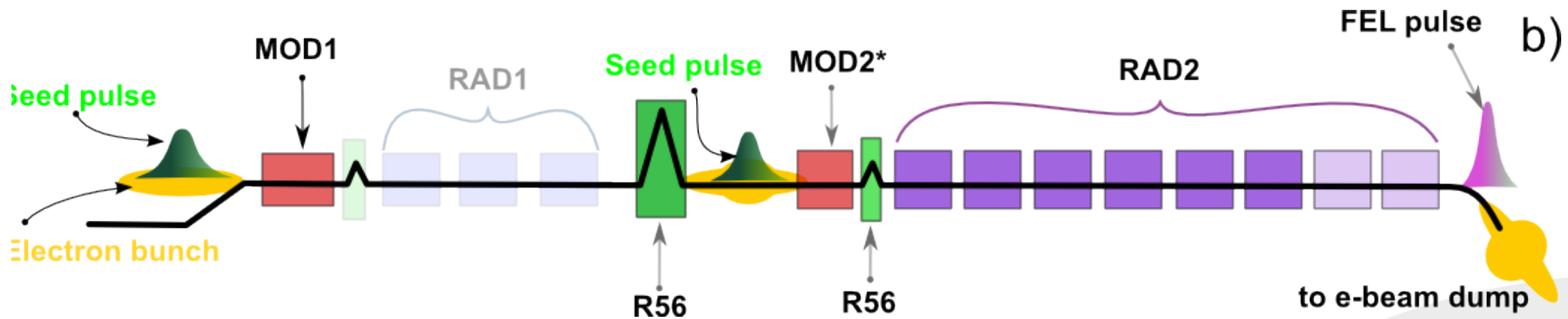
And finally ... “transforming” FERMI has been a fascinating game and we enjoyed so much!



# FEL-2 from HGHG-FB to EEHG

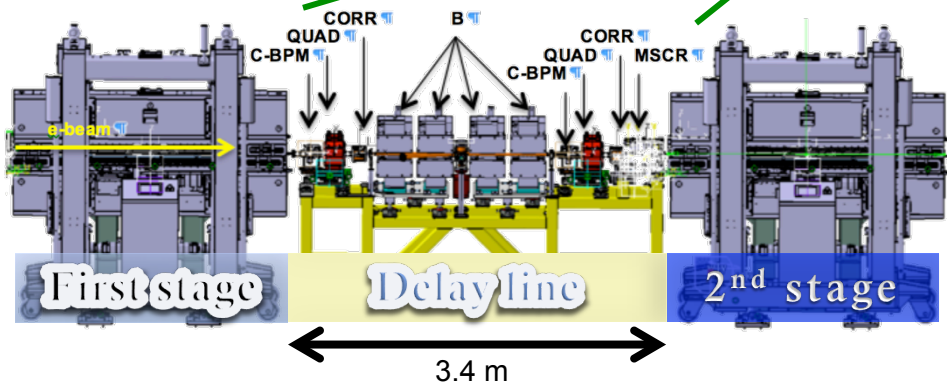
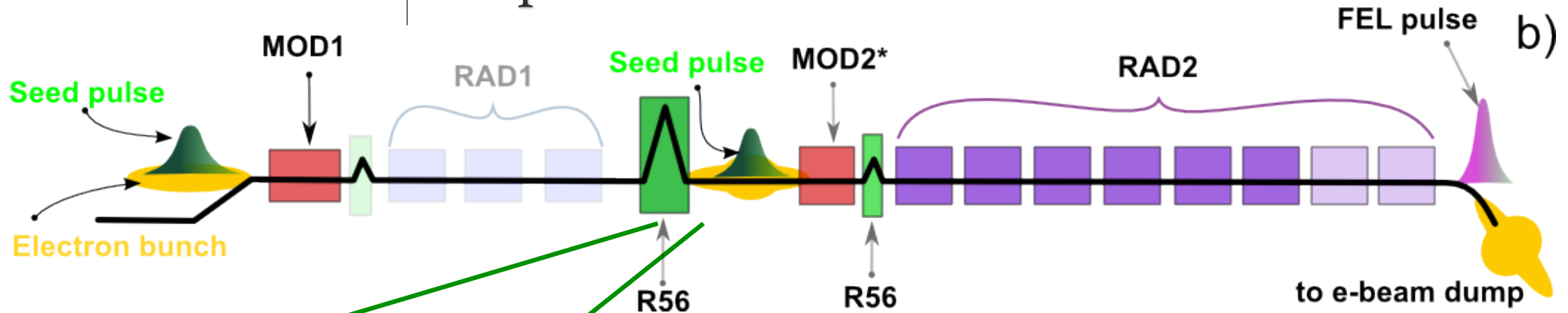


First stage emits coherent harmonic radiation at  $\sim 40\text{-}20\text{ nm}$  used as a seed for the second stage.



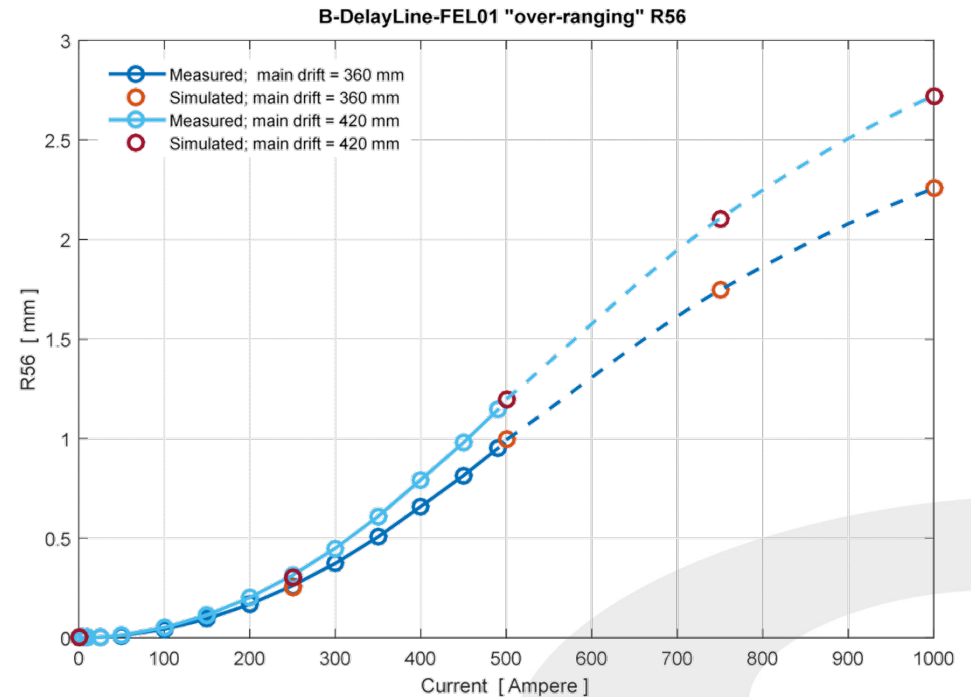
First stage radiator is not used. A second seed laser is injected after the big dispersion. High harmonic bunching is amplified in the final radiator.

# Modification for EEHG at FEL-2: Dispersion



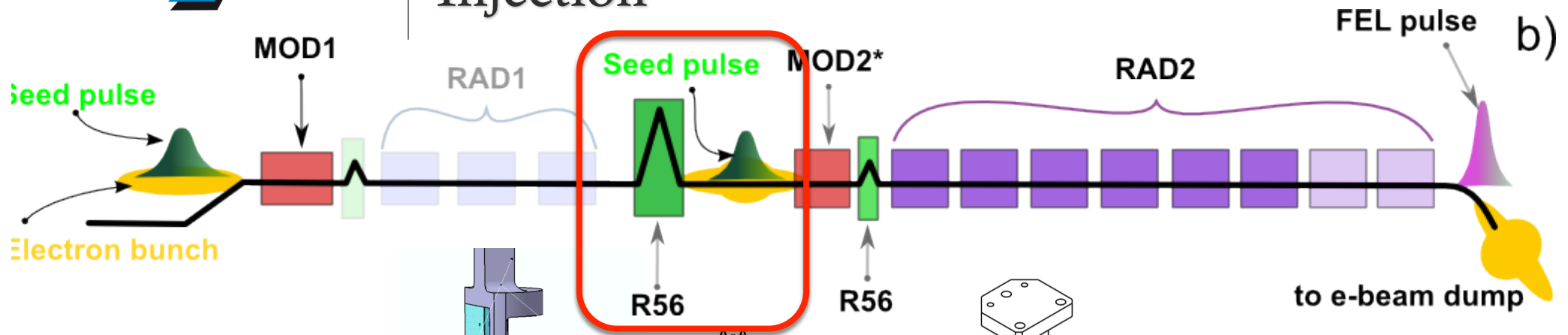
- **New supports** for magnets have been **installed** to increase the magnet separation to  $> 400$  mm.
- Two **power supplies** used in parallel to reach the required **750 A**.

EEHG requires a stronger dispersion in the delay-line chicane.

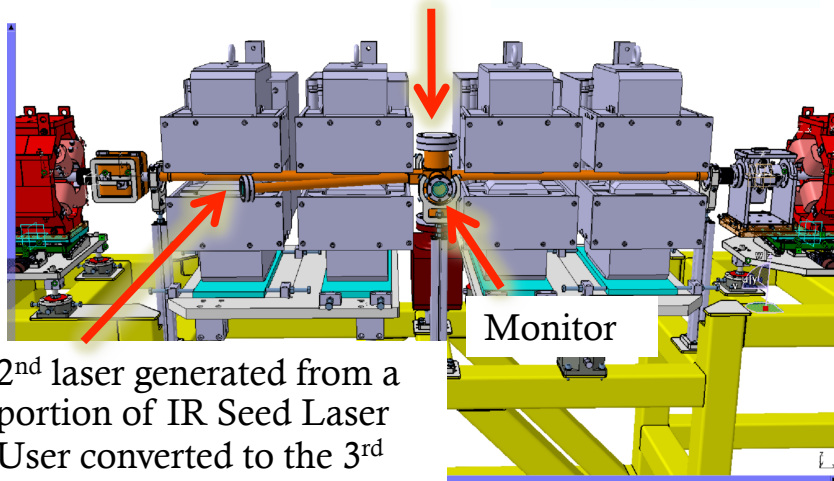




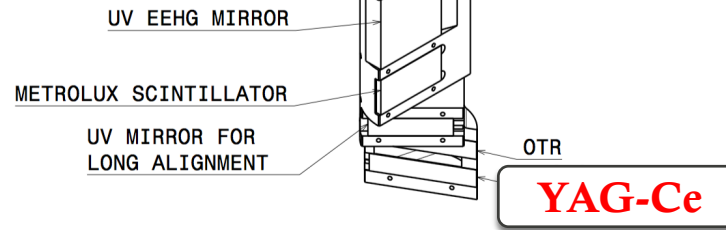
# Modification for EEHG at FEL-2: Injection



Actuator insertion



2<sup>nd</sup> laser generated from a portion of IR Seed Laser User converted to the 3<sup>rd</sup> harm.

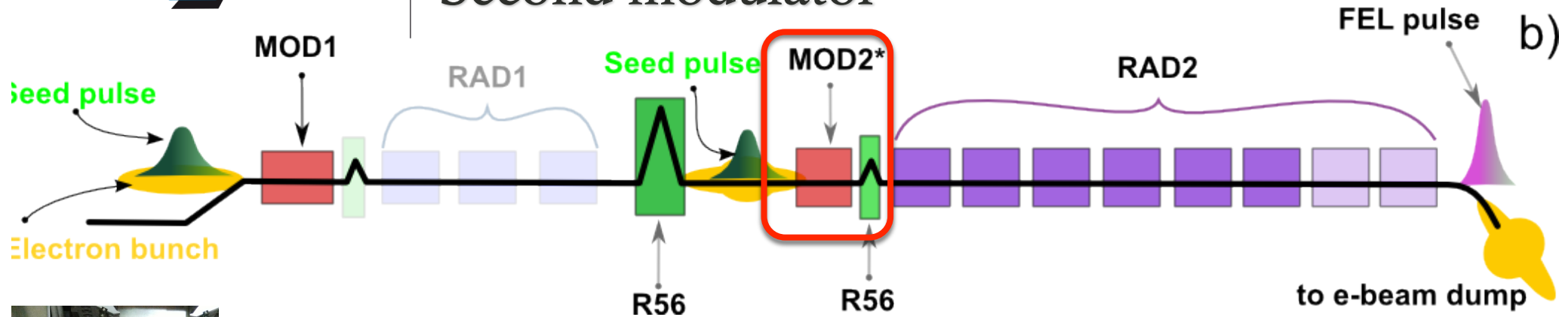


- Transv. Align e-beam/seed
- Delay-Line calibration
- C-OTR measurement



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# Modification for EEHG at FEL-2: Second modulator

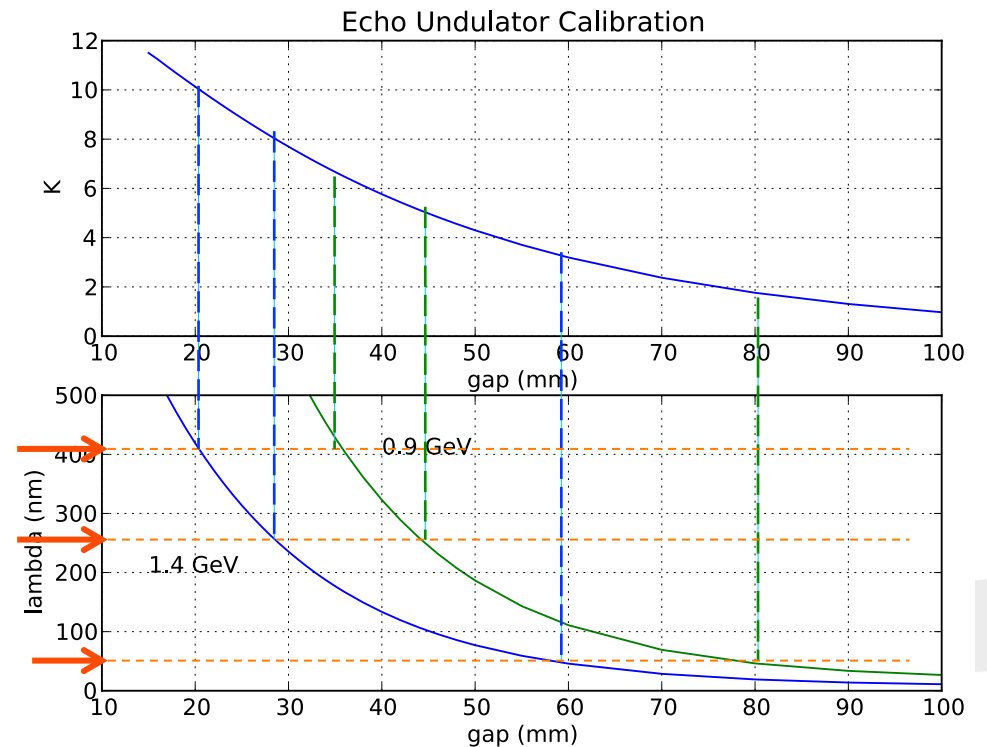


Second modulators is based on a existing Elettra undulator:

**Length: ~1.5 m**  
**Period length: 11.3 cm**  
**Minimum gap: 10 mm**

New undulator allows seeding with **3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> harmonic** of the Ti:Sa laser.

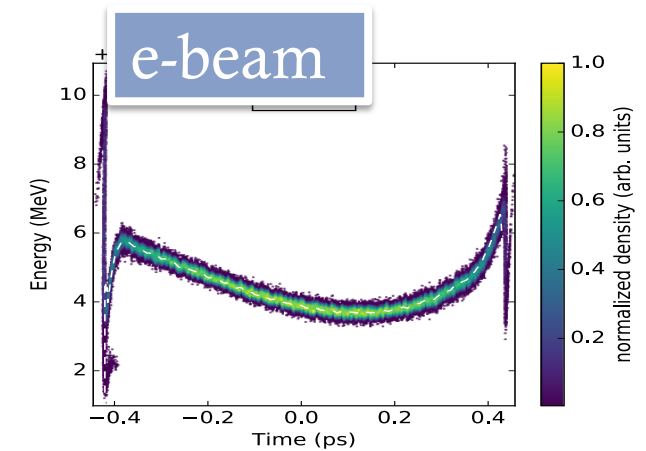
It can also be used for the **standard 2 stages HGHG** with the first stage in the **40-60 nm** spectra range.



# Start to end FEL simulations

**Table 1.** Typical EEHG operating parameters in the nominal (middle column) and advanced (right column) configurations.

Parameter	Nominal Configuration	Advanced Configuration
e-beam peak current $I$ (A)	700	1000
e-beam energy $E$ (GeV)	1.4	1.8
slice energy spread $\sigma_E$ (keV)	150	250
emittance $\epsilon$ (mm mrad)	1	1
e-beam size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	70	70
1st R56 (mm)	2.1	8
2nd R56 ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	74	85
1st seed peak power (MW)	10.7	10.7
1st energy modulation (keV)	450	450
2nd seed peak power (MW)	135	151
2nd energy modulation (keV)	824	868

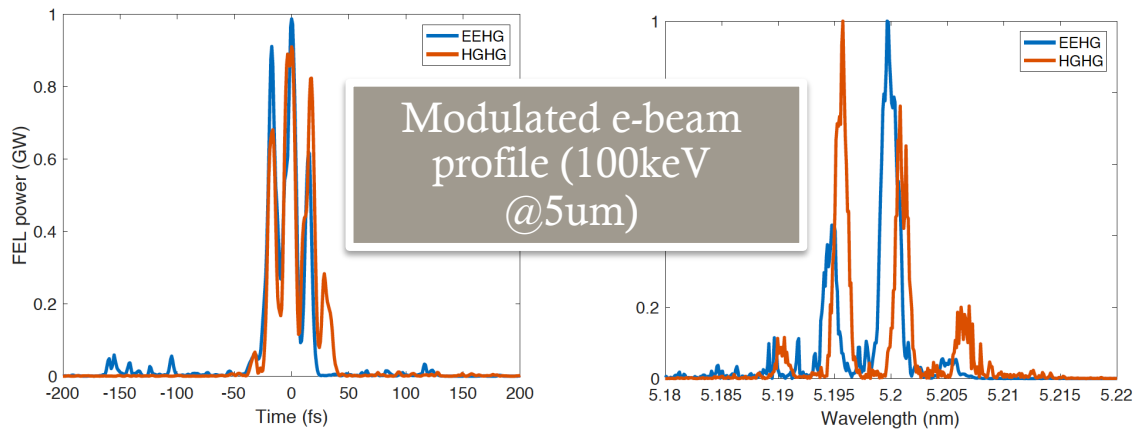
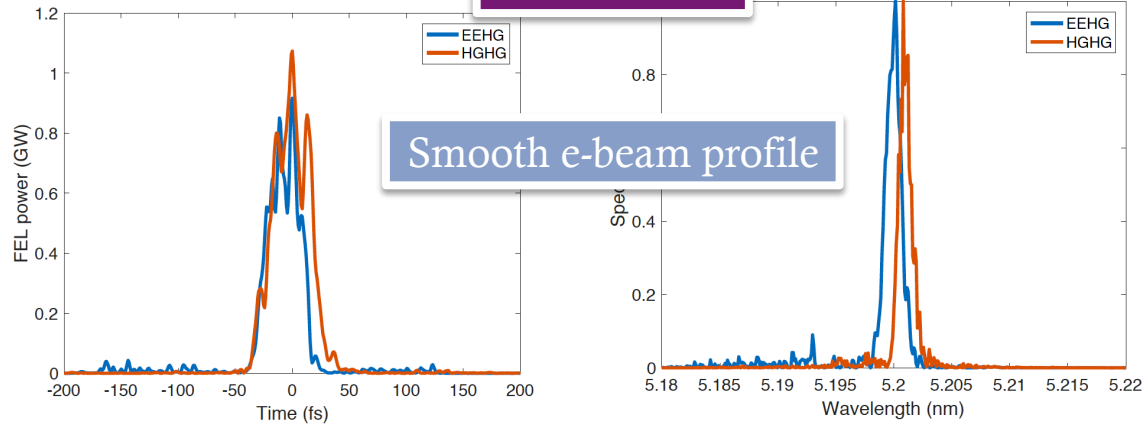


- Main studies done with standard FERMI e-beam optimized for FEL-1 and FEL-2 operations.
- Long beam is not necessary for EEHG but it allows a direct comparison with HGHG-FB.
- Higher compression or lower charge beams were also studied.
- Both simulations and experiments show that  $\mu\text{B}$  can be detrimental for spectral quality.

- The shortest wavelength is around 5nm.
- Simulations and experiments indicate  $>1\text{GW}$  in HGHG-FB and similar results were expected for EEHG
- Simulations of  $\lambda > 5\text{nm}$  (as in the experiment)
- Reducing beam energy allows to increase the first R56 to  $\sim 5\text{mm}$

# Start to end FEL simulations using a smooth e-beam or a mod. e-beam

$\lambda=5\text{nm}$



$\lambda=3\text{nm}$

For having enough bunching : the first R56 should be increased to 8mm  
To reach saturation: Ebeam=1.8GeV or more radiator sections

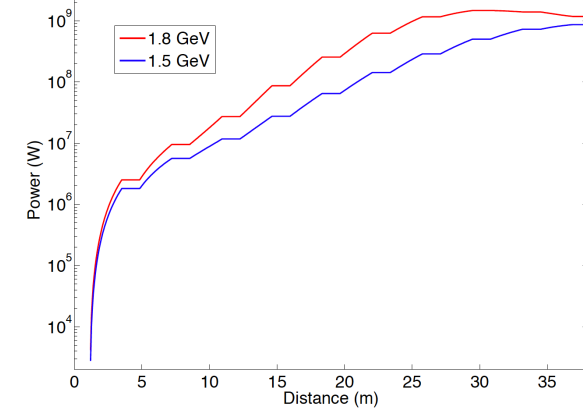


Figure 5. EEHG power at 3 nm as a function of the distance in the radiator. Flat regions (no increase in the power) are due to drift spaces between the radiators to accommodate e-beam focusing optics.

Power modulation are induced by  $\mu\text{B}$  instabilities: -  
- HGHG resulted more sensible;  
- The strong first R56 transforms initial energy modulation into density modulation

# EEHG at FERMI experiment

7 weeks

e-beam Energy: 0.9-1.1-1.35-1.45 GeV

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- EEHG spectral quality and especially the central wavelength stability are better compared to HGHG-FB.
- HGHG-FB gives more energy per pulse in the nominal compression (600-700 Å); however, EEHG can be operated at increased compression (still a better spectrum compared to FB). No evidence of de-bunching (i.e. far from saturation) thus with more undulators EEHG will grow.
- EEHG tolerates stronger laser heater so  $\mu$ -bunching can be suppressed more efficiently (strong 1<sup>st</sup> R<sub>56</sub> enhances  $\mu$ -bunching but could be constrained by LH)
- EEHG is less sensitive to e-beam properties (energy chirp).
- Two soft x-ray pulses have been successfully generated in EEHG at the same wavelength. This proof-of-principle opens the way to provide two-color two-pulse FEL for pump-probe experiments.



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