

X-RAY FREE ELECTRON LASER AT FREIA: WORK IN PROGRESS

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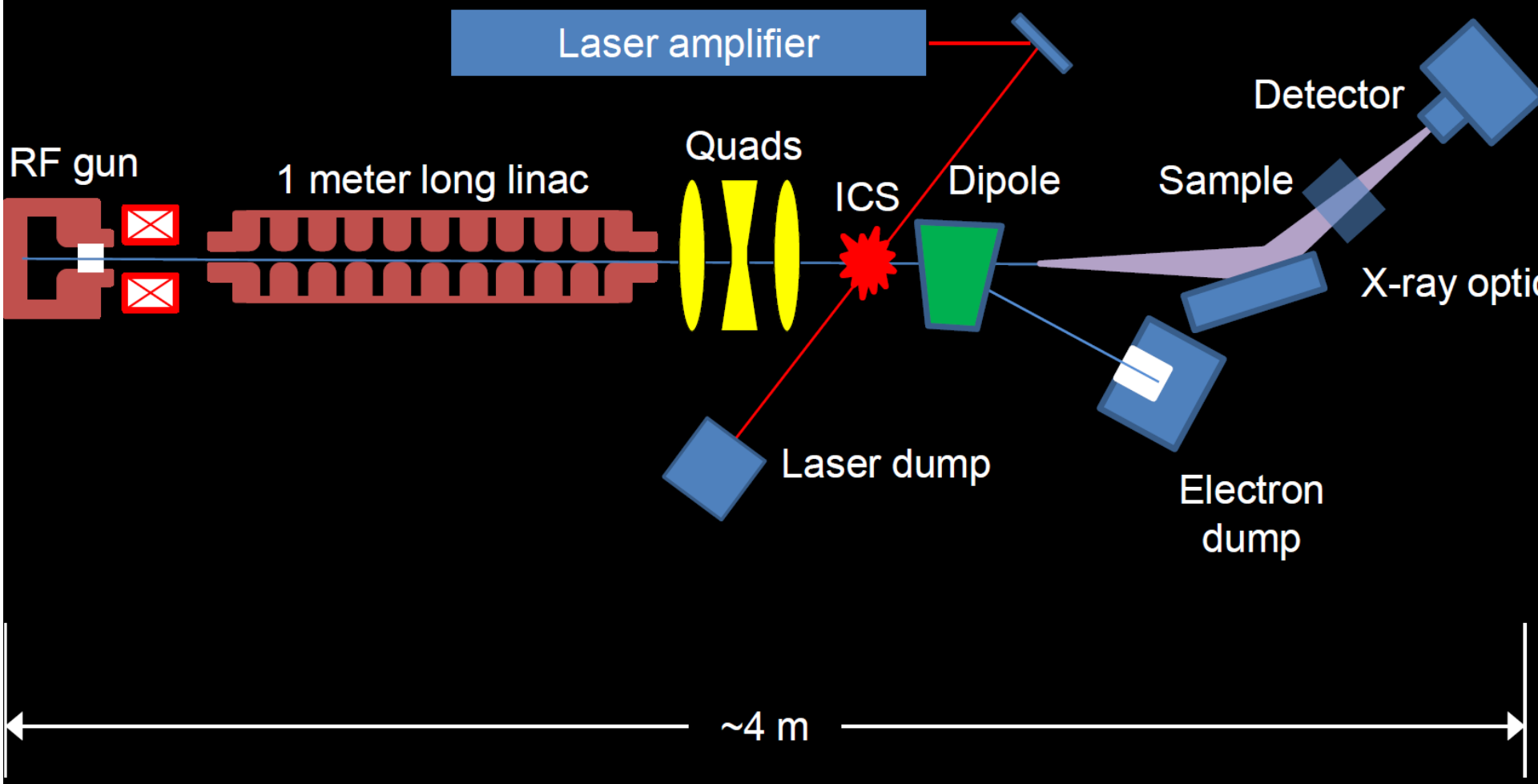
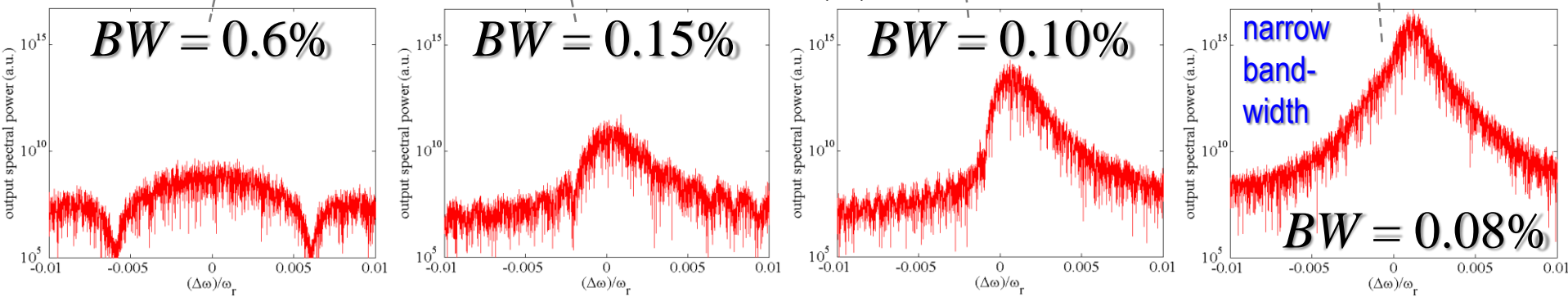
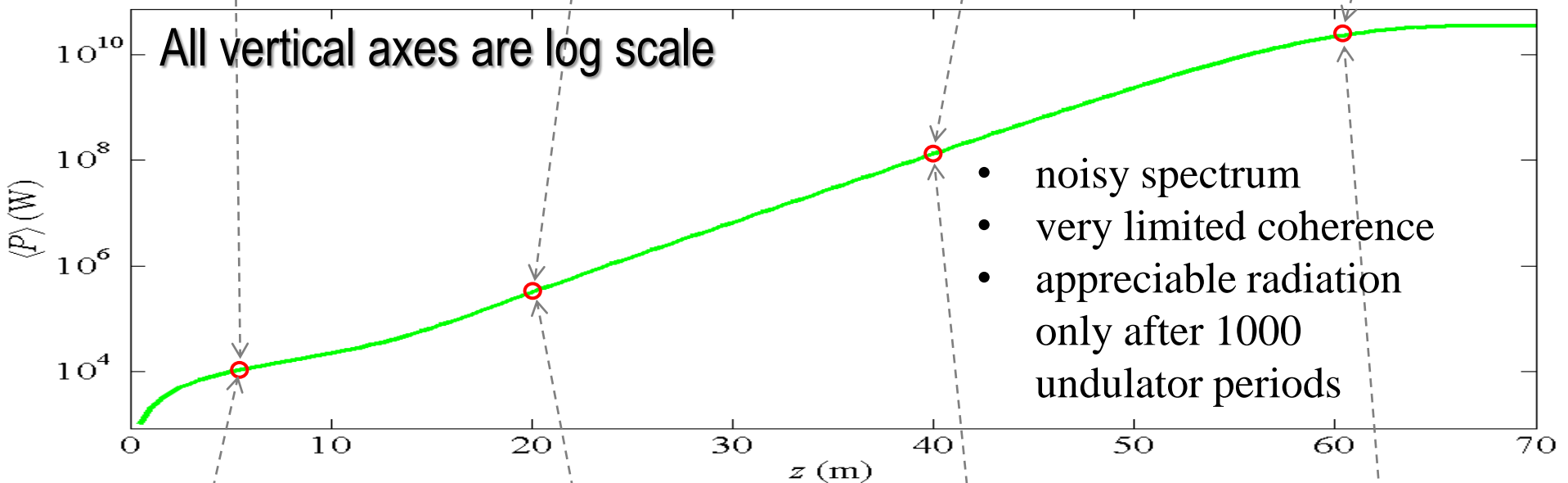
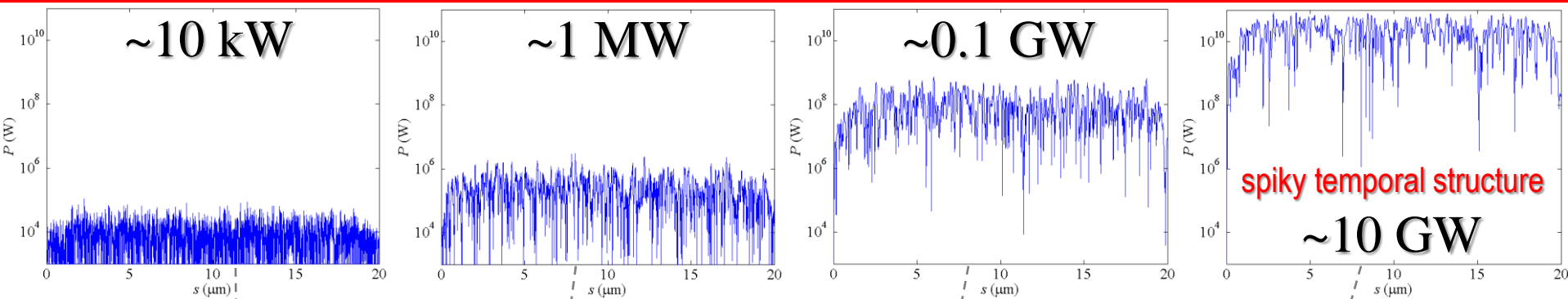


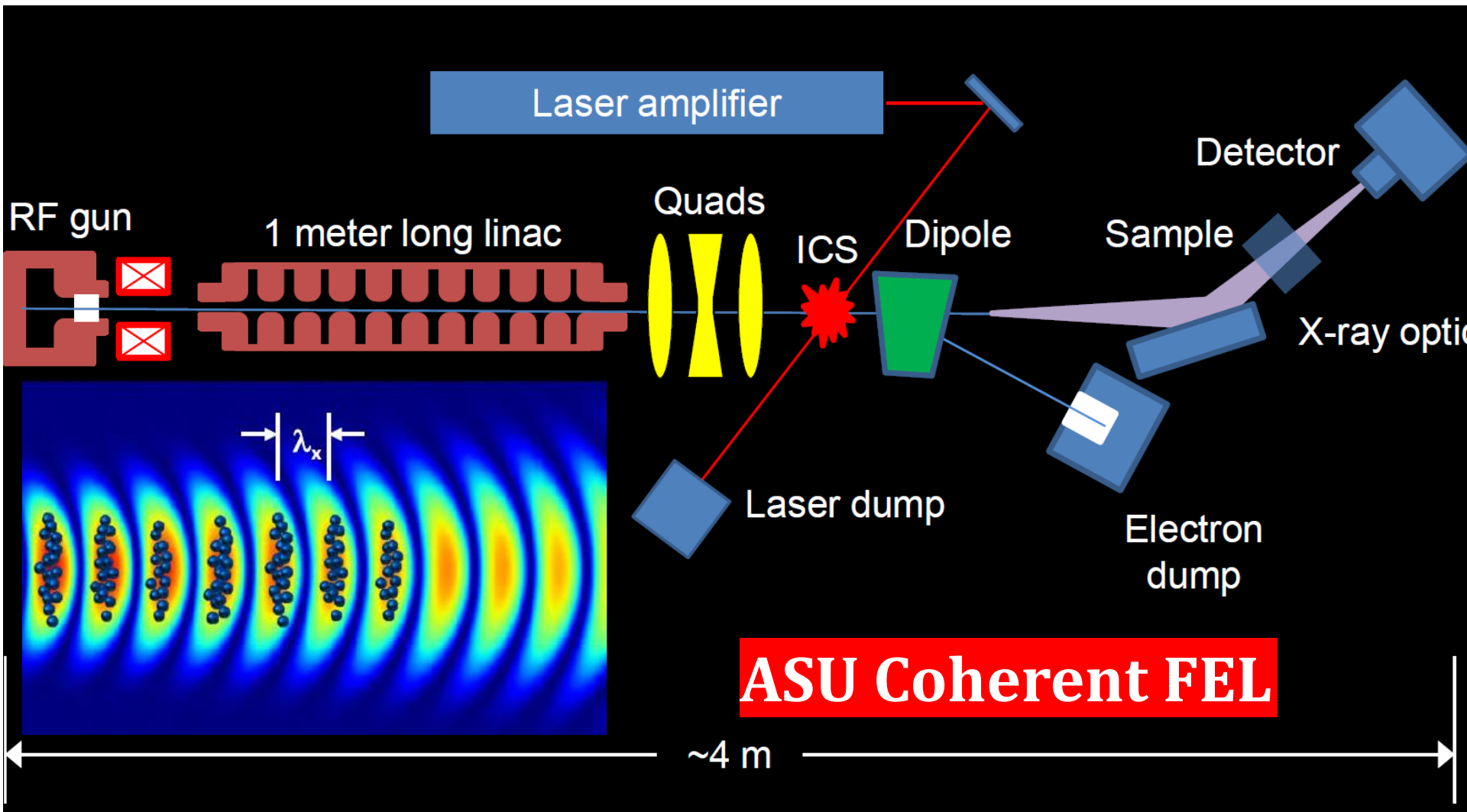
Table-top FEL is a very old idea but there is a strong renewed interest. It is an incoherent source because of shot noise of the electron beam.

FEL startup from e^- beam noise

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Towards a compact FEL: ASU concept



The electron beam is nanostructured to emit coherent radiation in an optical undulator driven by an external (IR) laser.

Towards Coherent FREIA FEL

Design target

- Stability
- Photon flux comparable to that of the synchrotron beamline
- Flexible time structure

Design challenge

- Beam bunching at the nanometer (nm) scale
- Beam emittance at the nm scale

Design strategies for beam structuring

- Beam structuring via electron diffraction + emittance exchange
- Beam structuring using plasmonic cathodes + emittance exchange
- Modulated beam from a cold electron source
- Beam modulation by an optical laser (*least promising*)

Design strategies for ultralow emittance

- Blow-out beam generation
- Collimation of a high-emittance beam
- Field emitters

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1. ellipsoidal bunches in blow-out regime

2. electron diffraction

3. beam structuring: 4-f imaging

4. bunch compression

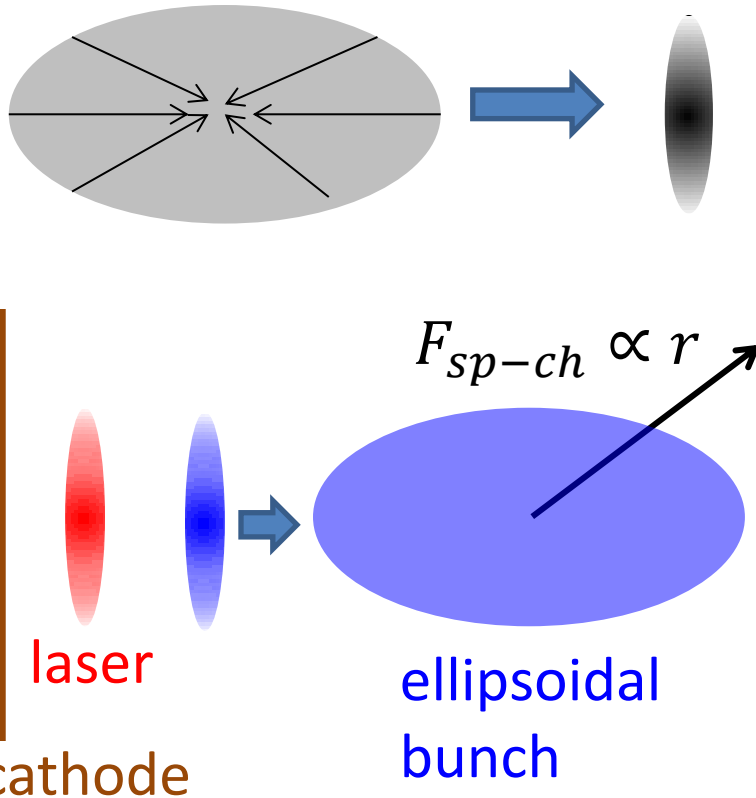
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- The uniformly filled ellipsoidal electron bunch is a dream in beam physics.
- Space-charge field is linear.
- Difficult to realize in practice.
- Uniform prolate massive spheroid will collapse under its own gravitational field into a flat disk.
- $\rho(r, z) = \sigma_0 \sqrt{1 - (r/R)^2} \delta(z)$
- A flat charged disk can blow out into a fully fledged ellipsoidal bunch, O.J. Luiten, PRL 094802 (2004).
- Density is limited by the image charge.

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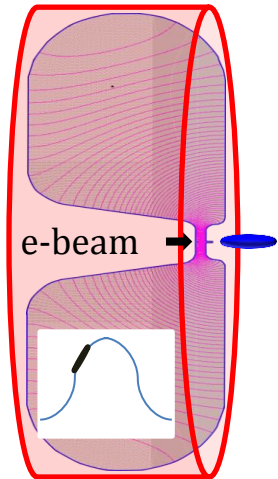
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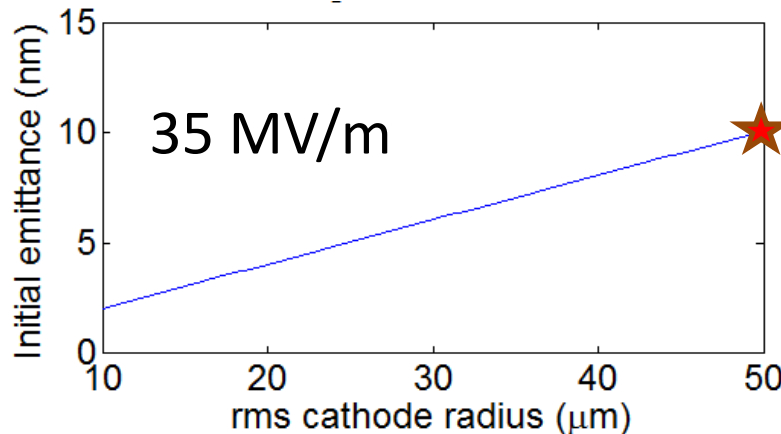
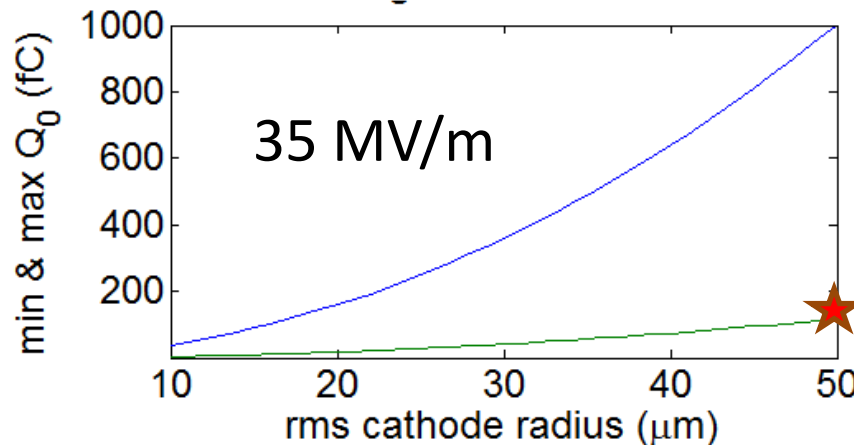
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RF gun



325 MHz
CW, ~ 25 kW
420 keV



Initial beam:

- 50 μm
- 30 fs
- 160 fC
- 10 nm emittance
- half-circular density distribution
- phase space based on “photoemitted Fermi-Dirac distribution”

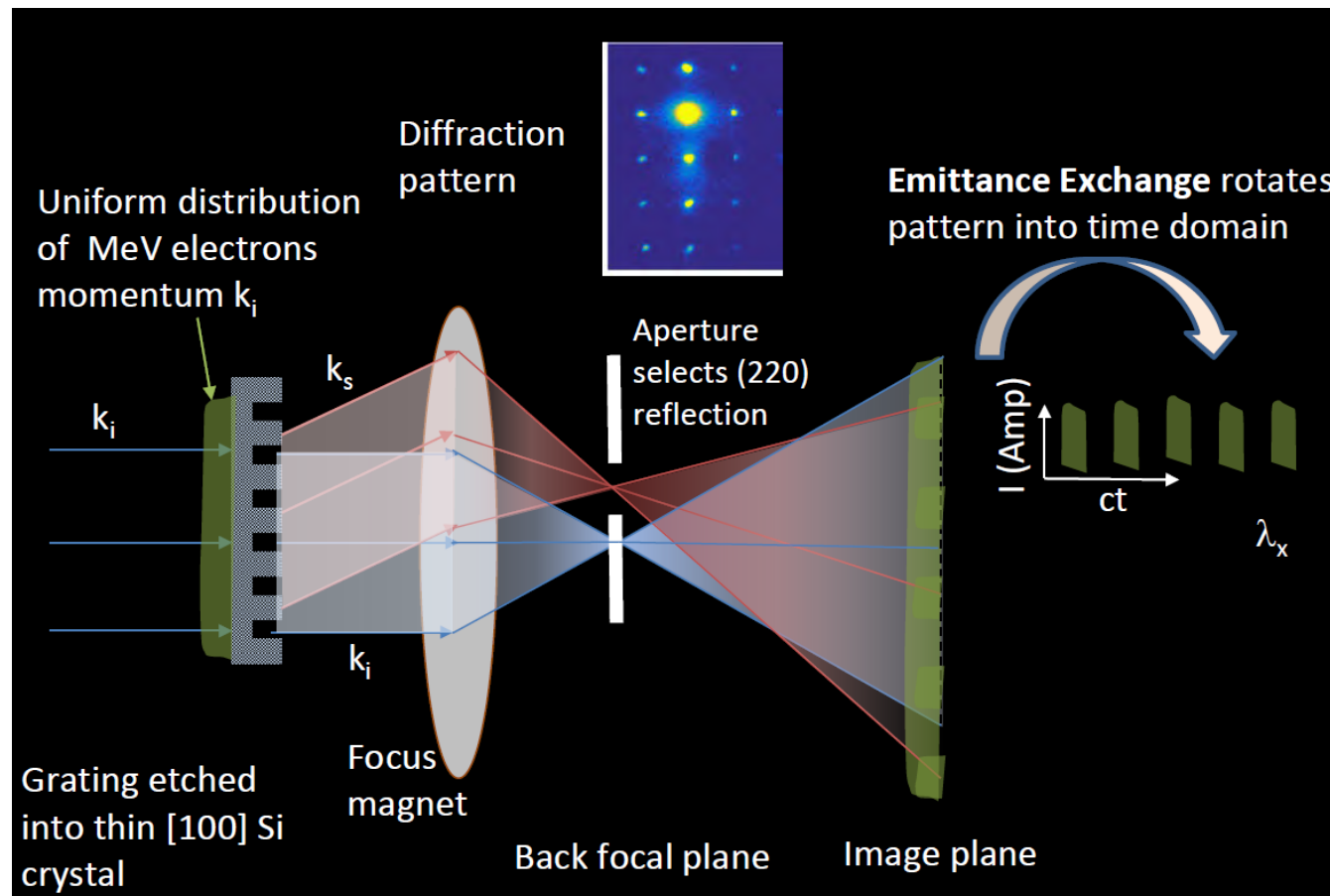
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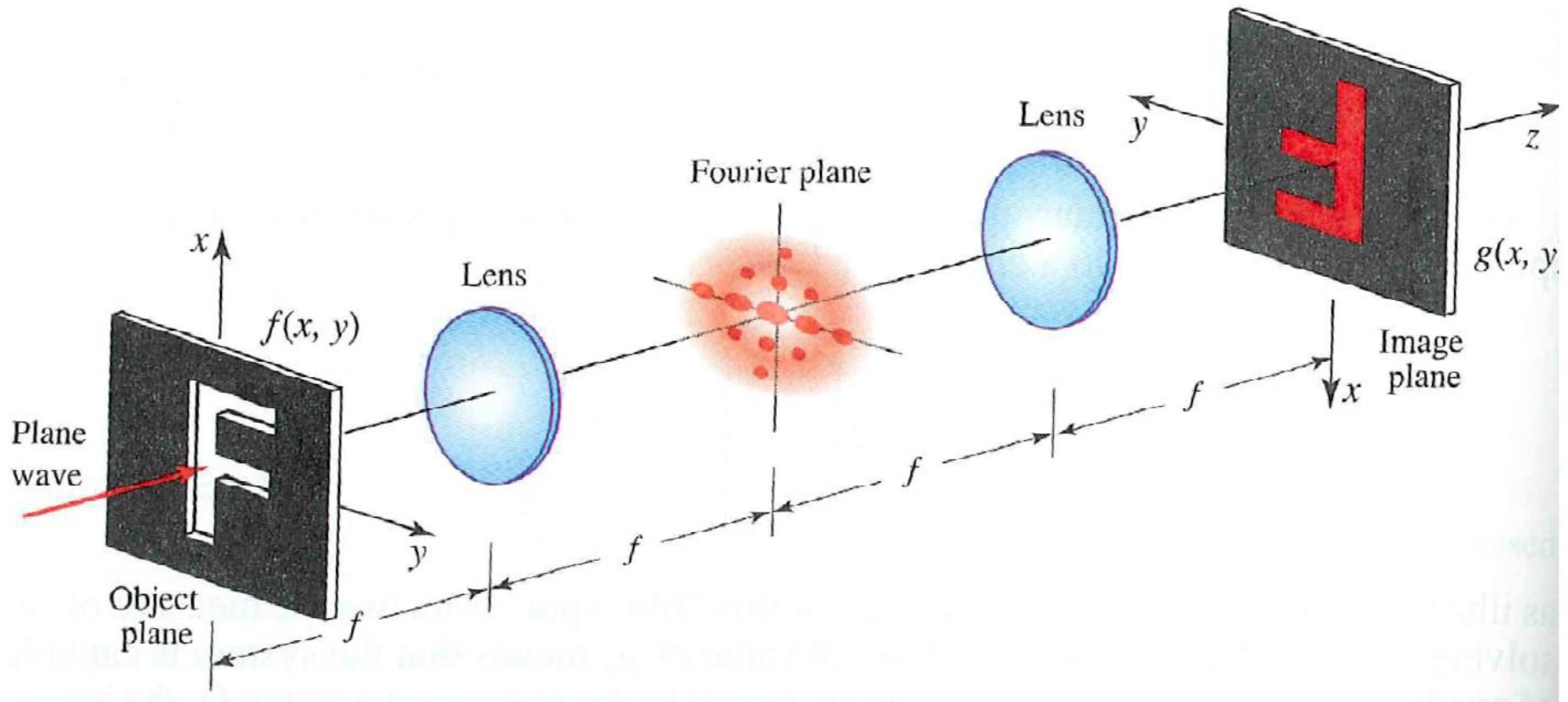
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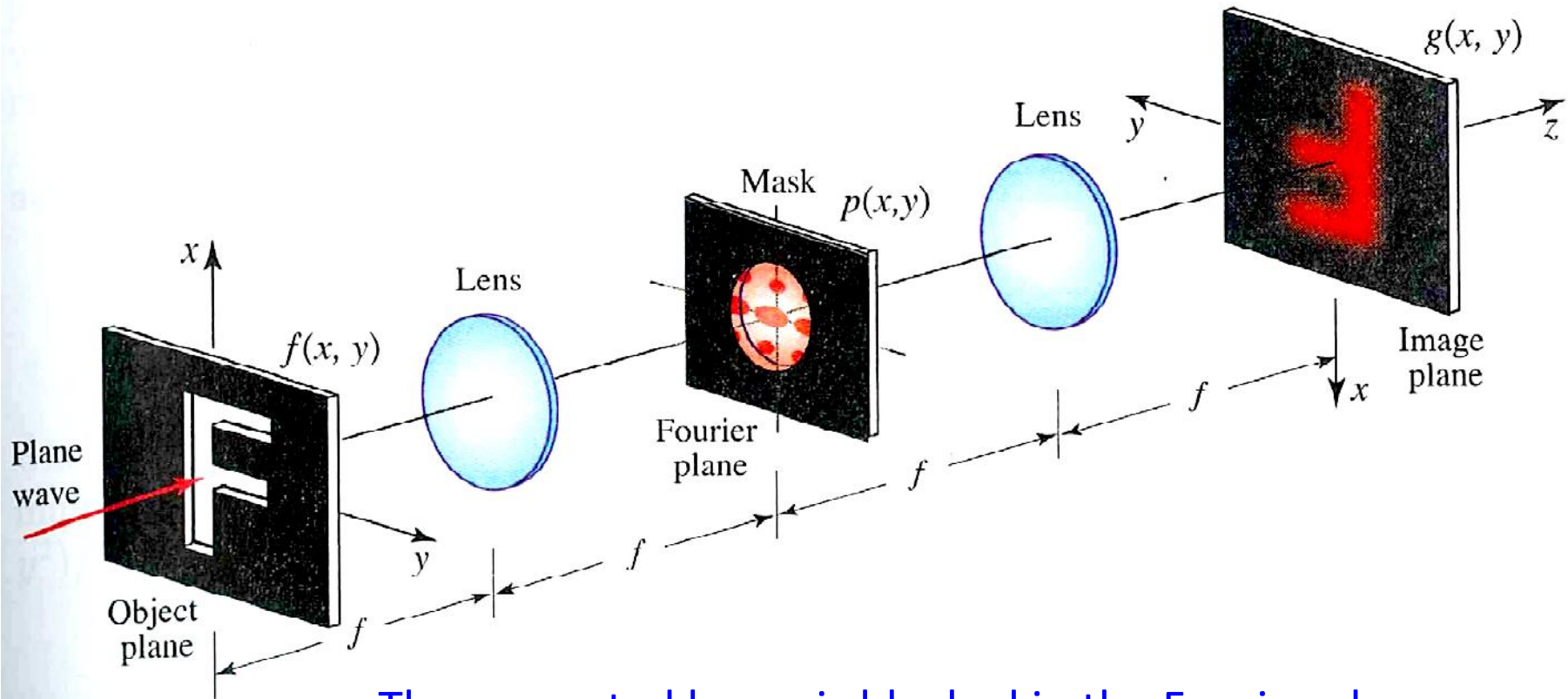
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The unwanted beam is blocked in the Fourier plane.

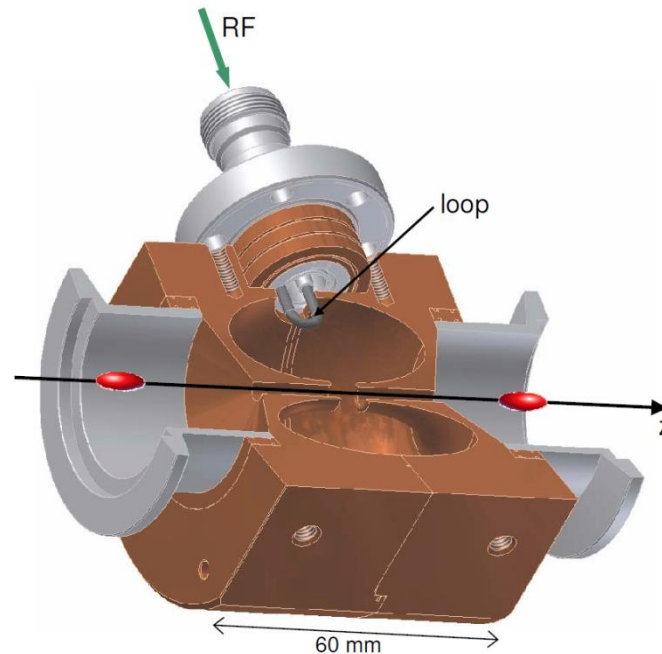
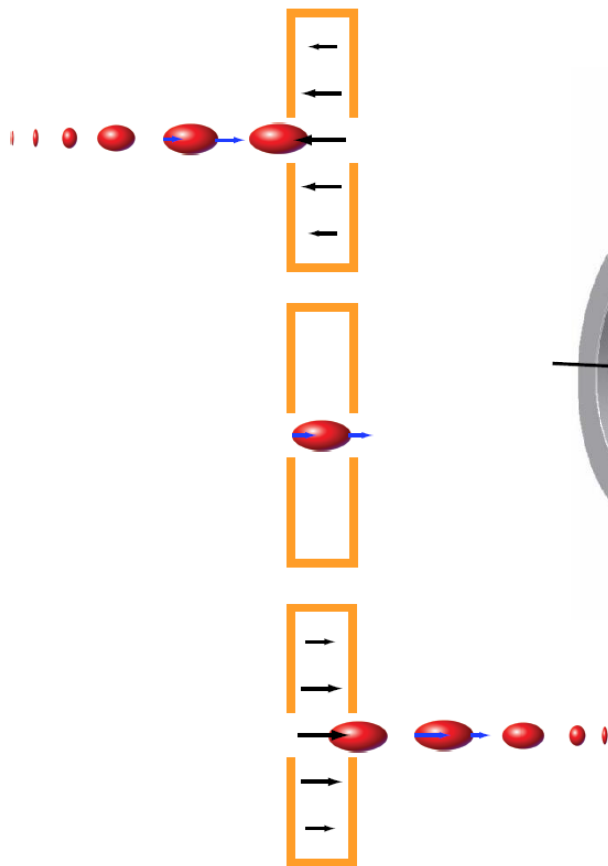
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Images from PhD thesis,
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Updated layout and future work

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2. bunch compression

3. acceleration to 3 MeV

4. electron diffraction

5. beam structuring: 4-f imaging

6. acceleration to 10 MeV

7. emittance exchange

8. laser undulator

9. FEL lasing

10. X-ray optics

11. end stations

Done

Partly done

Planned

Workflow for Coherent FREIA FEL

e-source	Beam structuring	Main accelerator	Emittance exchange	FEL lasing	X-ray science
<p>gun cavity: Anatoliy – concept & RF design; Dragos: design & construction</p> <p>e-dynamics: Kevin & Zoltan</p> <p>RF source: Dragos</p> <p>e-gun design & construction: Kevin</p> <p>beam characterization Maja, Kevin</p>	<p>e-diffraction: Peter & Vitaliy – basic scaling; Jan Rusz – full simulations; Dragos – fabrication</p> <p>Kevin – heat load</p> <p>plasmonic cathodes: Dragos & Marek – concepts & EM simulations</p> <p>optical modulation: Georgii</p>	<p>booster: Anatoliy – RF design</p> <p>e-dynamics: Anatoliy, Kevin, Ye Zou</p> <p>SC cavity: Akira, Han & Roger</p> <p>cryomodule Rocio, Han, Roger</p> <p>magnets: Kevin, Roger</p>	<p>Zoltan Vitaliy Kevin</p>	<p>optical cavity: Vitaliy & Peter</p> <p>coherent emission: Vitaliy</p> <p>X-ray shaping: Peter</p>	<p>science case: Hermann</p>

Summary

- Developed a simulation environment: CST + GPT + ASTRA + MATLAB
- Two beam dynamics codes are used for benchmark.
- Developed a low-energy design for potential experimental tests.
- Ongoing work on a higher-energy accelerator.