

# ***A Smith-Purcell BWO for Intense Terahertz Radiation***

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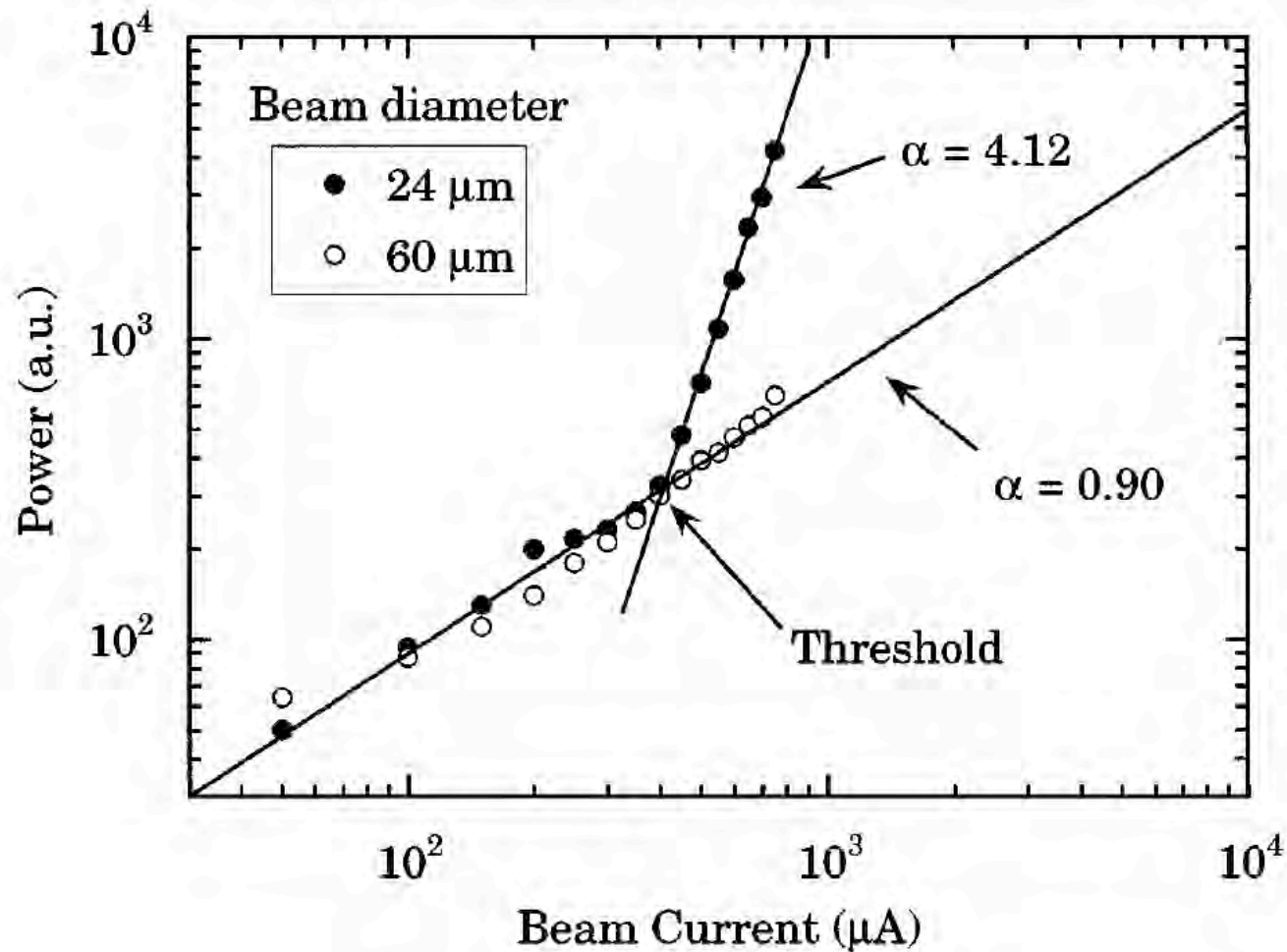


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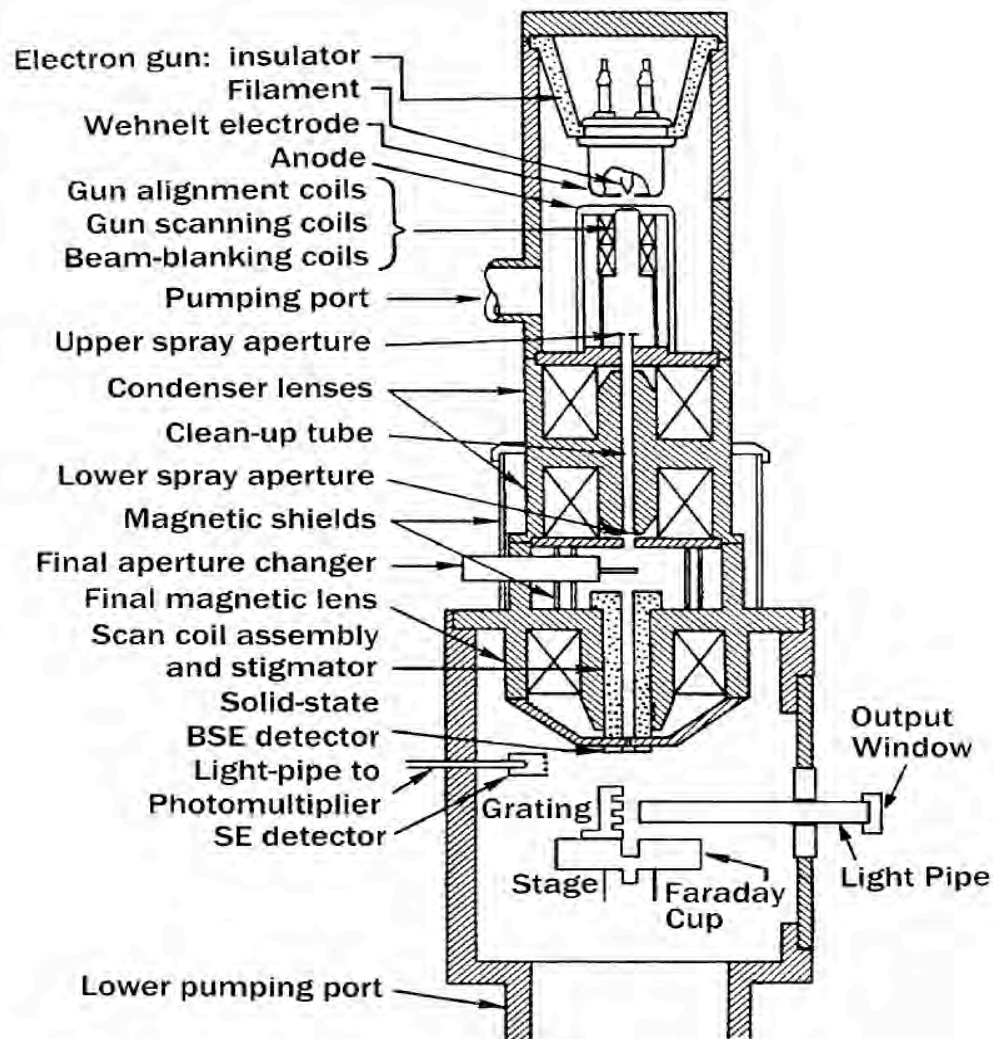


# Non-Linear Behavior in Smith-Purcell Radiation ?

(J. Urata et al., PRL 80 (1998) 516-519)



## SEM-Based Smith-Purcell Radiator



$$\beta = 0.35 \text{ (35 keV)}$$

$$I \leq 1 \text{ mA}$$

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$$w = 62 \text{ } \mu\text{m},$$

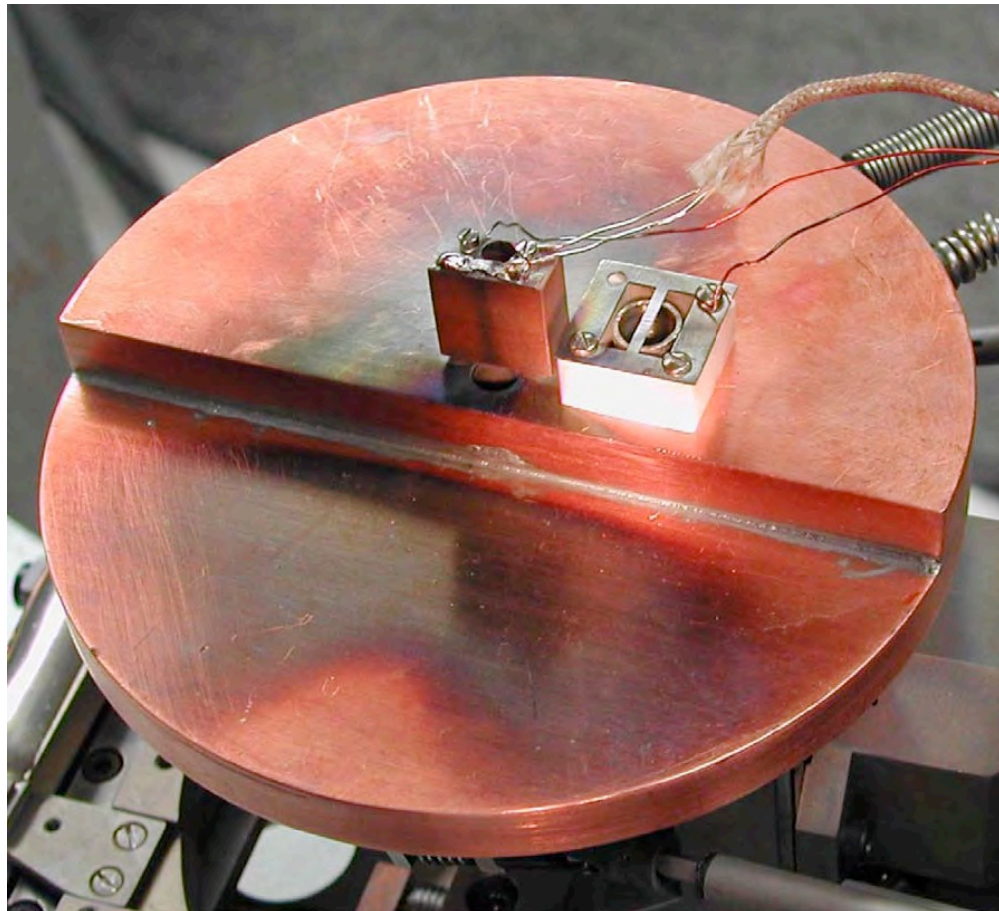
$$b = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{m}, L = 12.7 \text{ mm}$$



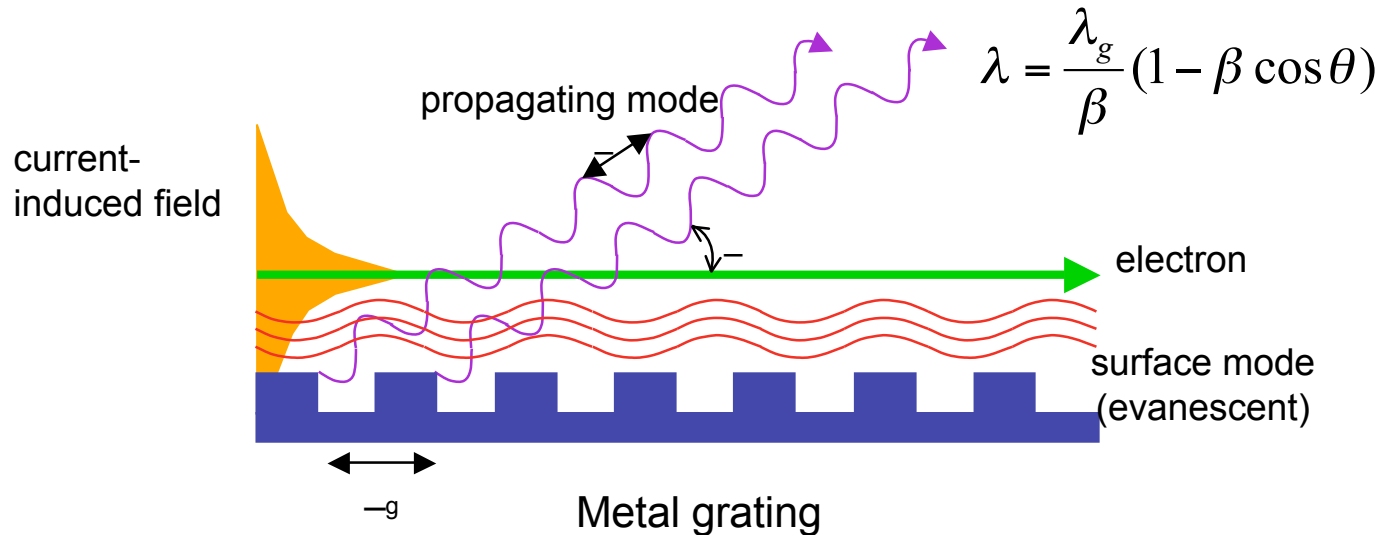
## *SEM-Based Smith-Purcell Radiator at the U of C, After the Dartmouth Set-Up (O. Kapp, A. Crewe, KJK)*



## *Heated Specimen Stage and Possible Black Body radiation background*



# Waves on a Grating: Propagating and Evanescent Modes



\*S. J. Smith and E. M. Purcell, Phys. Rev. 92, 1069 (1953)

## Sheet Current

Consider a sheet electron beam having current density\*

$$J_z(x, z, t) = \frac{q}{\Delta y} \delta(x) \sum_i \delta(z - z_i) v_z = \frac{q}{\Delta y} \delta(x) \sum_i \delta(t - t_i(z))$$

Fourier transform of this current density is given by

$$J_z(x, z, \omega) = \delta(x) \underbrace{\frac{q}{\Delta y} \sum_i \exp(i\omega \xi_i) \exp(ik_0 z)}_{K(z, \omega)}$$

$$K(z, \omega) \leftarrow \text{slowly varying function in } z$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$K_0(\omega) \exp(\mu z)$$

$$k_0 = \omega / c\beta, \quad \xi_i = t_i - z / c\beta$$

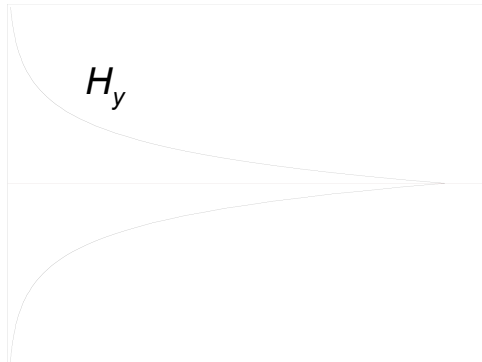
$$\alpha_0 = k_0 - i\mu$$

$$J_z(x, z, \omega) = \delta(x) K_0(\omega) \exp(i\alpha_0 z)$$

\*K.-J. Kim and S. B. Song, Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res. A 475, 158 (2001).

## EM Fields Induced by a Sheet Current

Solving the Maxwell equations with proper symmetry, we get



$$H_y^I = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon(x) K_0(\omega) \exp[i\alpha_0 z - \varepsilon(x)\Gamma_0 x]$$

$$E_x^I = \frac{-i}{\omega \varepsilon_0} \frac{\partial H_y^I}{\partial z}$$

$$E_z^I = \frac{i}{\omega \varepsilon_0} \left( \frac{\partial H_y^I}{\partial x} - J_z \right)$$

$$E_y^I = H_x^I = H_z^I = 0$$

$$\varepsilon(x) = -1 \text{ for } x < 0$$

$$+1 \text{ for } x > 0$$

$$\Gamma_0 = \sqrt{\alpha_0^2 - \omega^2 / c^2}$$

$$= \omega / c\beta\gamma$$

These are slow plane waves, propagating along z-axis with speed  $v$ , but decaying along x-axis with decay constant  $\Gamma_0$ . These are non-radiating, zeroth order evanescent wave.



## *E- Field, Energy Modulation, and Bunching; Three-Fold Way for FELs*

- $E_z$ -Field gives rise to energy modulation

$$\frac{d\eta}{dz} = \frac{q}{\gamma mc^2} E_z(z, t) \quad \eta = \frac{\gamma - \gamma_0}{\gamma_0}$$

- Energy modulation gives rise to bunching

$$\frac{d\xi}{dz} = -\frac{\eta}{c\beta^3\gamma^2}$$

- Bunching gives rise to surface mode

$$E_z = \frac{i\Gamma_0}{2\varepsilon_0\omega} \left( e_{00} e^{-2\Gamma_0 b} - 1 \right) K_0(\omega) e^{i\alpha_0 z}$$

- *Quadratic equation for growth rate if  $e_{00}$  is a smooth function\**
- *However,  $e_{00}$  is singular !*

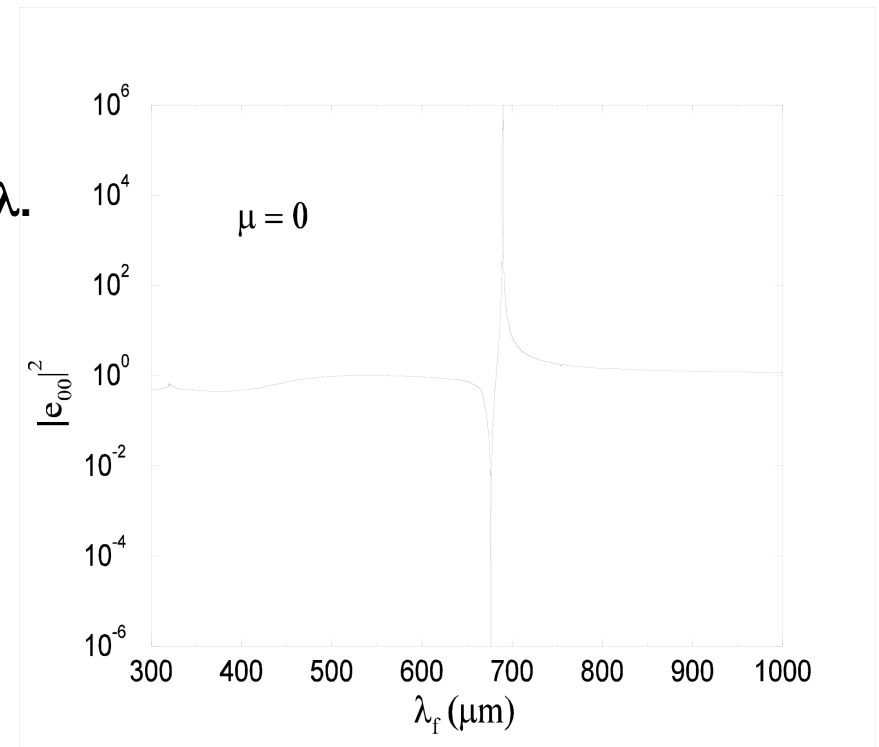
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## Singularity in $e_{00}$ and Freely Propagating Surface Mode

- The reflection coefficient  $e_{00}$  diverges at  $\lambda=690$  m.
- Freely propagating surface mode at this  $\lambda$ .
- For a non-zero growth rate ( $\mu$ ) it has a simple pole

$$e_{00}(\mu) = \frac{-i\chi}{\mu} + \chi_1$$

$$\mu E^{sur} = \frac{dE^{sur}}{dz} = \frac{IZ_0\chi}{2\beta\gamma\Delta y} e^{-2\Gamma_0 b} \langle e^{-i\psi} \rangle$$



Thus we recover cubic equation !

## Surface Mode at $\lambda=690$ m

- Scattering coefficients from  $m_{th}$  to  $n_{th}$  spatial modes
- There is a singularity in  $e_{00}$ , indicating that a free-propagating surface mode
- Due to linear relation between different  $e_{mn}$ ,  $e_{m0}$  are in general singular
- The  $m_{th}$  spatial waves combine to satisfy the grating BC
- ***A surface mode of a perfectly conducting grating does not couple to any propagating modes...If it did, the singularity cannot be infinitely narrow.***

# Surface Mode Has Negative Group Velocity\*

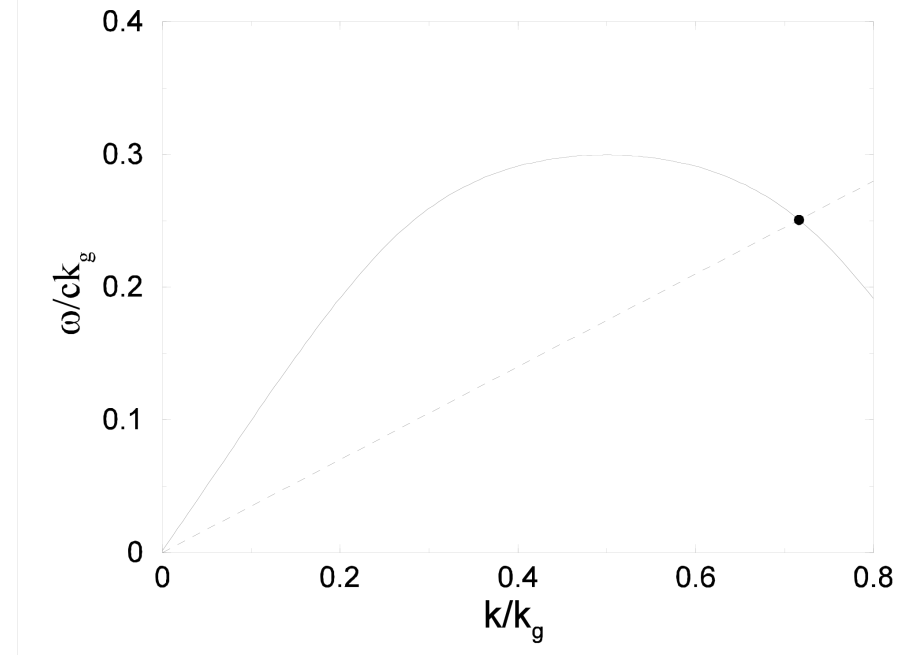
■ Phase velocity  $=\omega/k_z=\beta c$

,

✓  $d\omega/dk_z < 0$

✓ *Thus SP-FEL is a Backward Wave Oscillator (BWO)*

✓ *Optical energy accumulates exponentially to saturation without feedback mirrors*



\*H.L. Andrews et al., Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams. 8, 050703 (2005)



## Including Time Dependence via

Time-dependent Maxwell equation:

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} - v_g \frac{\partial E}{\partial z} = -\frac{IZ_0 \chi v_g}{2\beta\gamma\Delta y} e^{-2\Gamma_0 b} \langle e^{-i\psi} \rangle$$

$$E^{sc} = \frac{-iIZ_0}{2\beta\gamma\Delta y} \left( 1 - \chi_1 e^{-2\Gamma_0 b} \right) \langle e^{-i\psi} \rangle$$

$$\mu \Rightarrow \partial / \partial t \pm v \partial / \partial z$$

$\pm$  **According to forward and backward**

Lorentz equation:

$$\frac{\partial \gamma_i}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial \gamma_i}{\partial z} = \frac{ev}{mc^2} (E + E^{sc}) e^{i\psi_i} + c.c.$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial z} = \frac{\omega_s}{\beta^2 \gamma^2} \frac{(\gamma_i - \gamma_p)}{\gamma_p}$$

\*First obtained for microwave circuit by N. S. Ginzburg et al., Sov. Radiophys. Electron., 21, 728 (1979), See also B. Levush et al., IEEE Trans. Plasma Sci., 20, 263 (1992).

## Maxwell-Lorentz Equations

Dimensionless variables:

$$\zeta = z / L$$

$$\tau = \left( \tau - \frac{z}{v_p} \right) \left( \frac{1}{v_p} + \frac{1}{v_g} \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{L}$$

$$\eta_i = \frac{k_s L}{\beta_p^3 \gamma_p^3} (\gamma_i - \gamma_p)$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{e}{mc^2} \frac{k_s L^2}{c \beta_p^3 \gamma_p^3} E$$

$$\varepsilon_s = \frac{e}{mc^2} \frac{k_s L^2}{c \beta_p^3 \gamma_p^3} E_s$$

$$J = 2\pi \frac{I}{I_A} \frac{\chi}{\Delta y} \frac{k_s L^3}{\beta_p^4 \gamma_p^4} e^{-2\Gamma_0 b}$$

Maxwell-Lorentz equations in dimensionless variables:

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial \zeta} = -J \langle e^{-i\psi} \rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \zeta} = (\varepsilon + \varepsilon^{sc}) e^{i\psi_i} + c.c.$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial \zeta} = \eta_i$$

$$\varepsilon^{sc} = i \frac{J}{\chi L} (\chi_1 - e^{2\Gamma_0 b}) \langle e^{-i\psi} \rangle$$

Boundary conditions:

$\varepsilon(\zeta = 1, \tau)$ ,  $\psi_i(\zeta = 0, \tau)$ ,  $\eta_i(\zeta = 0, \tau)$   
 should be known for all  $\tau$

## Boundary Conditions for a BWO

- No bunching at the entrance of the grating:

$$\psi_i(\zeta = 0, \tau) = 0$$

- No energy modulation at the entrance

$$\eta_i(\zeta = 0, \tau) = 0$$

- Oscillation starts when field at the exit vanishes relative to the field at the entrance:

$$\varepsilon(\zeta = 1, \tau) / \varepsilon(\zeta = 0, \tau) = 0$$

$$i.e., \varepsilon(\zeta = 1, \tau) = 0$$

## Analytic Solution in the Linear Regime

J.A. Swegle, Phys. Fluids 30, 1201 (1987)

- Collective variables a la Bonifacio

$$\mathbf{E}, \quad B = \langle \delta\psi e^{-i\psi_0} \rangle, \quad P = \langle \delta\eta e^{-i\psi_0} \rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial \zeta} = i\mathbf{J}B, \quad \frac{\partial B}{\partial \zeta} = P, \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial \zeta} = \mathbf{E} + QB$$

- Solution of the form  $\exp(\nu\tau)\exp(\eta\zeta)$

$$\kappa^3 - \nu\kappa^2 - Q\kappa + \nu Q + i\mathbf{J} = 0$$

- General solution:

$$\mathbf{E}(\zeta, \tau) = e^{\nu\tau} \left[ A_1 e^{\kappa_1 \zeta} + A_2 e^{\kappa_2 \zeta} + A_3 e^{\kappa_3 \zeta} \right]$$

- Boundary conditions

$$B = 0, \quad P = 0 \quad \text{at } \zeta = 0, \quad \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad \text{at } \zeta = 1$$



## *Analytic Solution in the Linear Regime (cont'd)*

- Nontrivial solution if

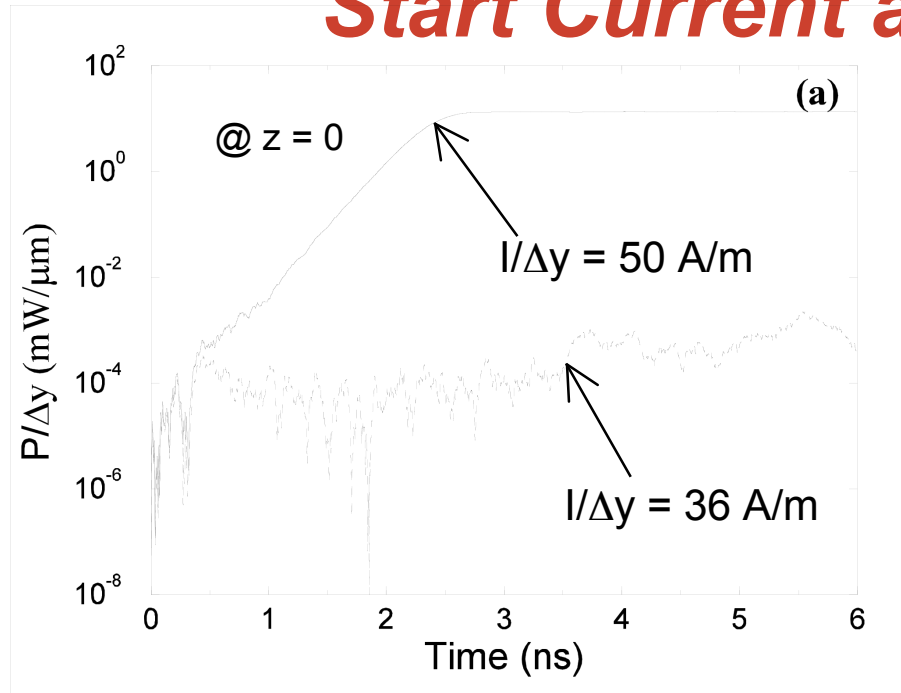
$$(\kappa_1^2 - Q)(\kappa_2 - \kappa_3)e^{\kappa_1} + (\kappa_2^2 - Q)(\kappa_3 - \kappa_1)e^{\kappa_2} + (\kappa_3^2 - Q)(\kappa_1 - \kappa_2)e^{\kappa_3} = 0$$

- This is a transcendental equation on  $\nu$ . Find that there is a threshold value of  $J$  above which  $\nu$  has a positive real part.

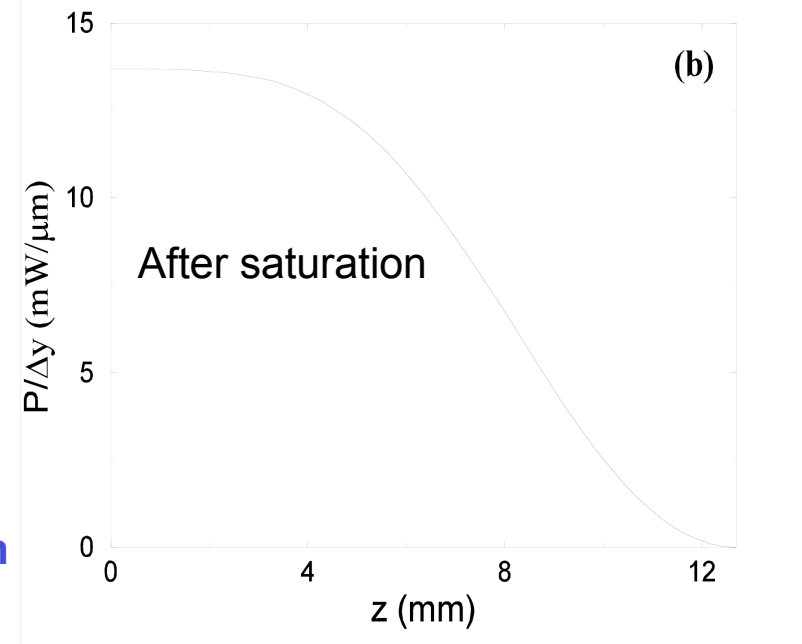
⇒ Start current condition

$$\frac{I_s}{\Delta y} = 7.685 I_A \frac{\beta^4 \gamma^4 \lambda}{2\pi^2 \chi L^3} e^{2\Gamma_0 b}$$

# Simulation Results: Start Current and Saturation



Energy conversion efficiency = 0.8%



For  $I/\Delta y = 50 \text{ A/m}$ , at saturation,  $P/\Delta y = 13.7 \text{ mW}/\mu\text{m}$

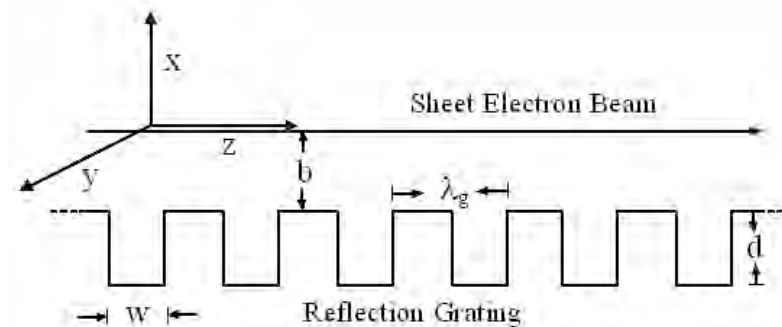
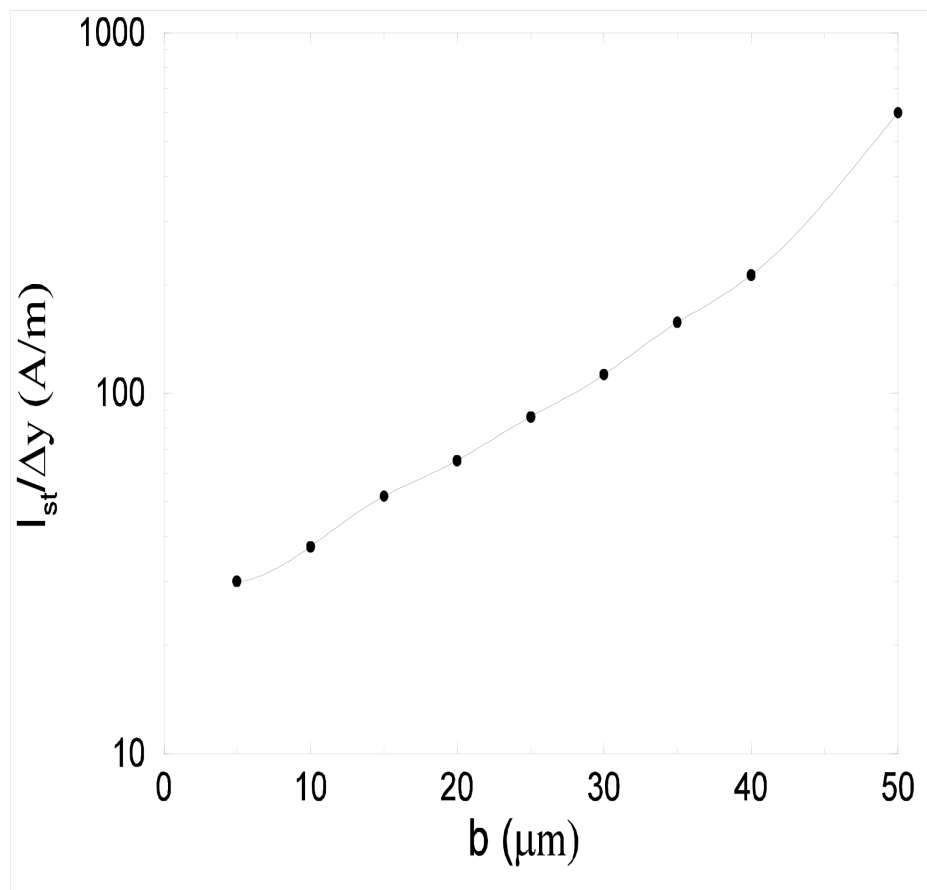
Power e-folding time = 0.2 ns (simulation)

0.17 ns (analytic formula)

Lasing wavelength = 694.5  $\mu\text{m}$  (simulation)

694  $\mu\text{m}$  (analytic formula)

## Simulation Results: Start Current as a Function of Gap Distance



For  $b = 10 \mu\text{m}$ ,

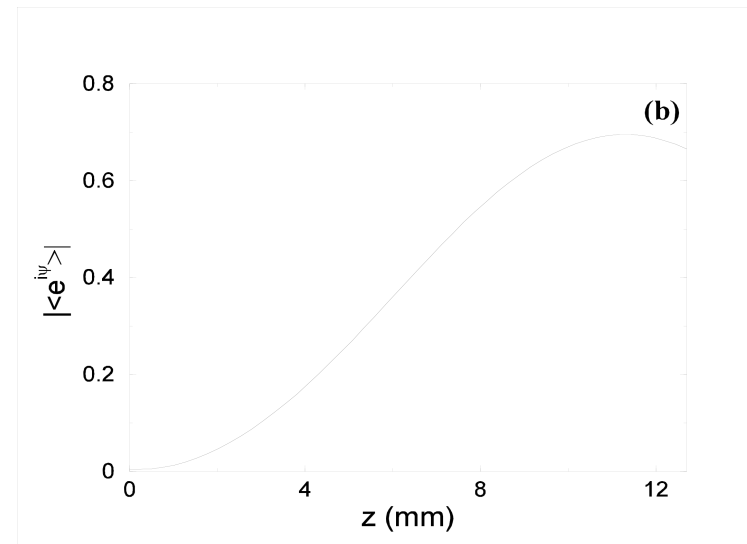
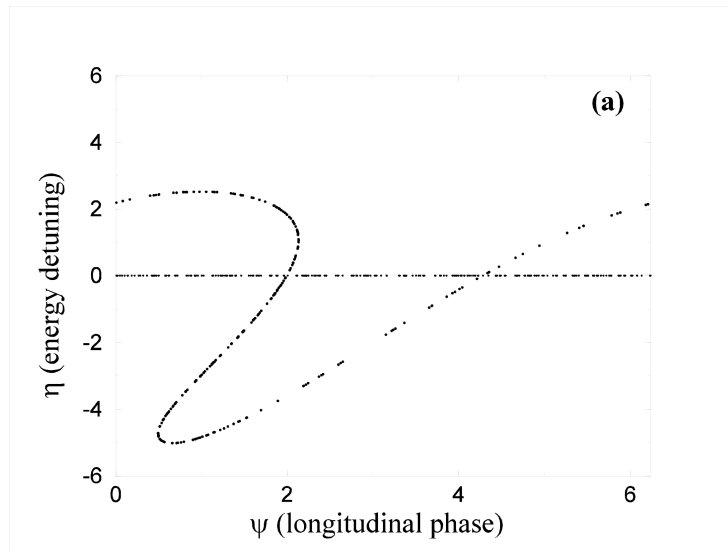
$$I_{st}/\Delta y = 37.5 \text{ A/m (simulation)}$$

$$= 36 \text{ A/m (analytic formula)}$$

- If we maintain an rms average beam radius of  $10 \mu\text{m}$  over the entire interaction regime, the start surface current density is  $37.5 \text{ A/m}$

# Simulation results

Evolution of longitudinal phase space



Electron beam becomes bunched due to SP-FEL interaction



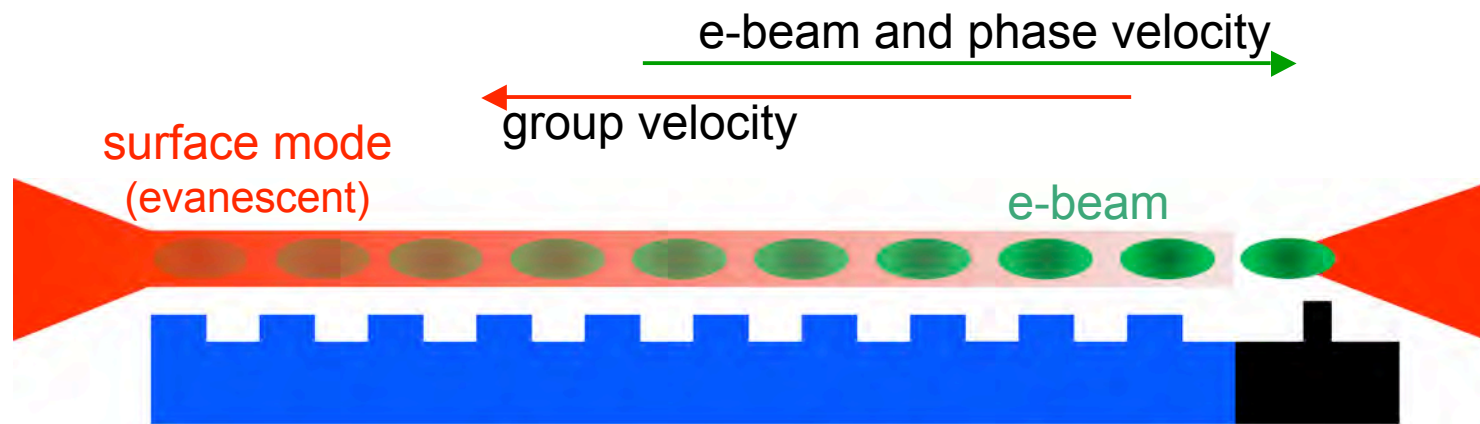
# Outcoupling

- Maximum efficiency

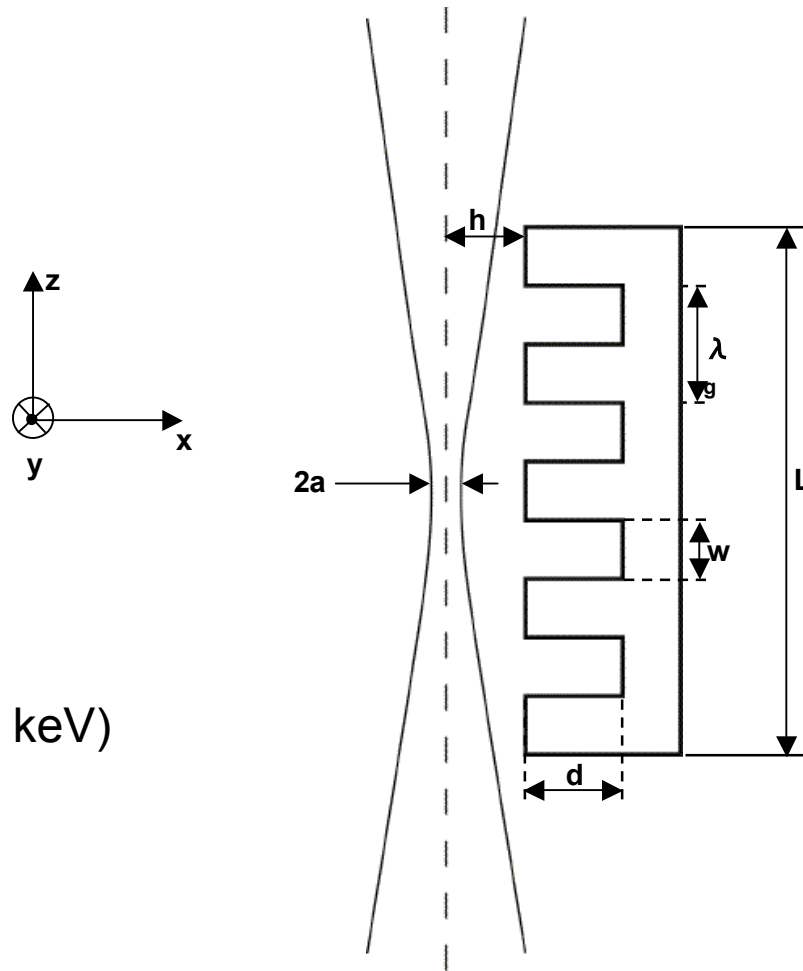
$$\eta_{eff} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda}{L} \frac{(\beta\gamma)^3}{\gamma - 1} \leq 1\%$$

- Outcoupling via
  - Mode conversion at entrance
  - Bunched beam radiation at exit

# *Smith-Purcell FEL is a Backward Wave Oscillator*



## E-Beam and Grating Parameters



Reference case:

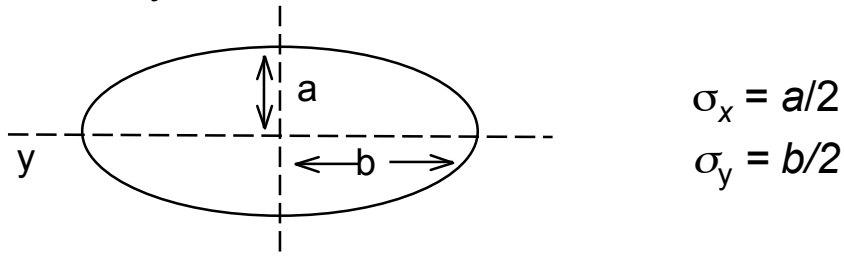
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$$d = 100 \mu\text{m}, w = 62 \mu\text{m},$$

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## Beam Design for SP-FELs

- For clarity, assume KV distribution



- Choose  $\beta^* = L$  at the grating center (beam size variation is small)

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{\varepsilon_x L}, \quad \sigma_y = \sqrt{\varepsilon_y L}$$

- For a good overlap of evanescent wave with e-beam

$$a \leq h \leq \frac{\lambda \beta \gamma}{4\pi}$$

- **Diffraction condition in y-direction**

$$\varepsilon_y \lesssim \frac{\lambda \beta}{4\pi}$$

- *These conditions are satisfied by sheet beam ( $a \ll b$ ). Thus the theory for sheet beam developed in the above can be used for practical SP-FEL design*

## Beam Design Examples

- Start current condition

$$\frac{dl}{dy} > \frac{dl_s}{dy} = 7.7 I_A \frac{(\beta\gamma)^4 \lambda}{2\pi^2 \chi L^3} e^{2\Gamma_0 h}$$

- For Dartmouth parameter the coupling parameter  $\_ = 10/\text{cm}$
- (Case A) A set of beam parameters satisfying these conditions  
 $a = 20 \mu$ ,  $b = 500 \mu$ ,  $\epsilon_x = 0.8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m-r}$ ,  $\epsilon_y = 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m-r}$ ,  $I_s = 65 \text{ mA}$
- ✓ Condition that space change force is less than the emittance force in the beam envelope equation:

$$\frac{\epsilon_x^3}{\sigma_x^3} \geq \frac{I}{(\beta\gamma)^3 I_A (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)}$$

- ✓ Case A violates the space change condition by a factor of 5.

## Phase Velocity, Group Velocity, and Diffraction

- A wave evanescent in the x-direction and diffracting in y, with waist  $\sigma_y$  at  $z=0$ :

$$\int d\phi \exp\left[-ikct + ik_z\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\phi^2\right)z - \Gamma x + ik_z\phi y - \frac{1}{4}k_z^2\sigma_y^2\phi^2\right]$$

- This satisfies free space wave equation if  $k^2 = k_z^2 - \Gamma^2$
- The phase velocity and diffraction property are determined by the operating value of  $k$  and  $k_z$ . For example, the diffraction angle  $\sigma_y = 1/2k_z\sigma_y$ , the phase front curvature  $R = (z^2 + Z_R^2)/z$ , etc.
- The group velocity, including its sign, is determined by how  $k_z$  changes as a function of  $k$  near the operating point.
- For example let  $\Gamma = gk(1 - \alpha k)$ , thus  $k_z = k\sqrt{1 + g^2(1 - \alpha k)^2}$ . The group velocity is negative if  $\alpha k = 3/4$ .

## *Beam Designs Satisfying Also the Condition That Space Charge Emittance Growth Is Small*

- (Case B) Increase the depth of groove  $d$ : 100 \_ 150  $\mu$ .
- ⇒ *increases from 10 to 100 /cm*  $\Rightarrow I_s$  reduced by a factor of 10.  
The wavelength increases also, but only by about 10%.
- (Case C) Increase  $L$ : 1.25 \_ 5 cm.  
 $a = 20 \mu$ ,  $b = 200$ ,  $\epsilon_x = 2.0 \times 10^{-9}$  m-r  
 $\epsilon_y = 1.25 \times 10^{-6}$  m-r,  $I_s = 0.36$  mA



## *Conclusions*

- We have developed a theory of SP-FELs driven by sheet beams operating as a BWO, using Maxwell-Lorentz equations.
- Simple formula for start current is derived from linear analysis .
- Results from a simulation code based on Maxwell-Lorentz equations agree with linear theory where applicable and give saturation behavior.
- The sheet beam theory can be used for designing a **portable** SP FEL for THz radiation.