

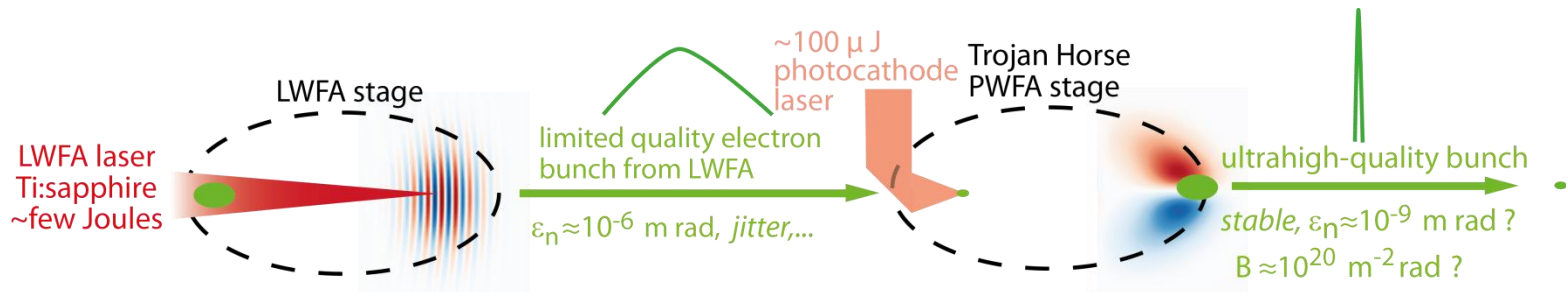
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## Elevator speeches

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# Beam quality transformation and stabilization in a hybrid all-optical plasma accelerator



## Use LWFA-generated electron bunches as drivers for PWFA (Hidding, PRL 104, 195002 2010)

- Inherently synchronized electron bunch and photocathode laser (both from the same laser)
- Even large energy spreads from LWFA-generated bunches are not prohibitive
- How sensitive is all-optical Trojan Horse towards variations of LWFA output, i.e.  
**driver energy, energy spread, charge?**
- Indeed PWFA stage produces similar output throughout various LWFA parameters!

e.g. if

driver beam energy deviation: +/- 50 %

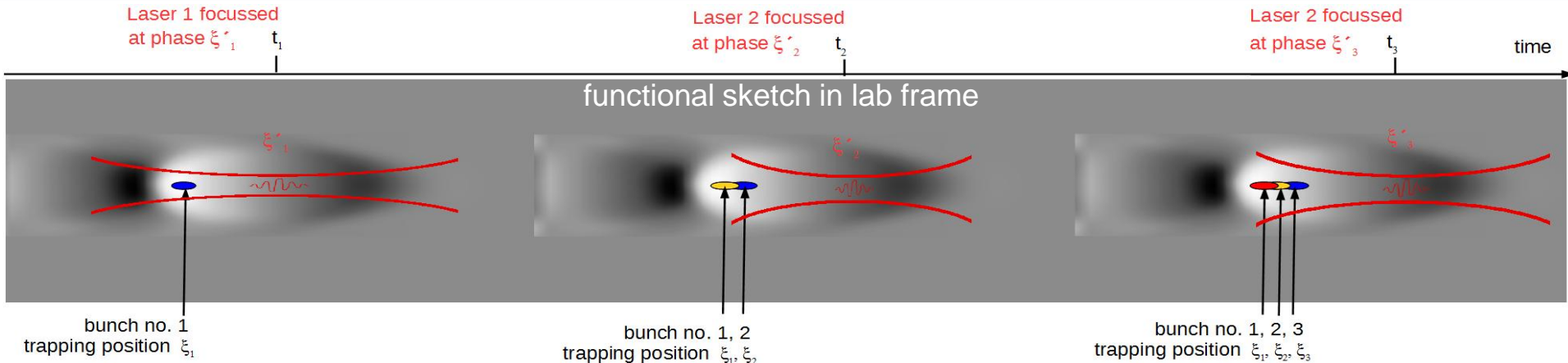
witness beam energy deviation: **down to 3.2 %**

**Dramatic stabilization in energy & energy spread & current of witness w/ even huge variation of drive beam parameters!**

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**generation of high-quality, ultra-low emittance and high brightness witness bunches**

# Multi-bunch production with underdense photocathode\*



**Simulation with spatial overlapping bunches:**  
**independent tunability of each bunch**  
 @ 4 mm acceleration

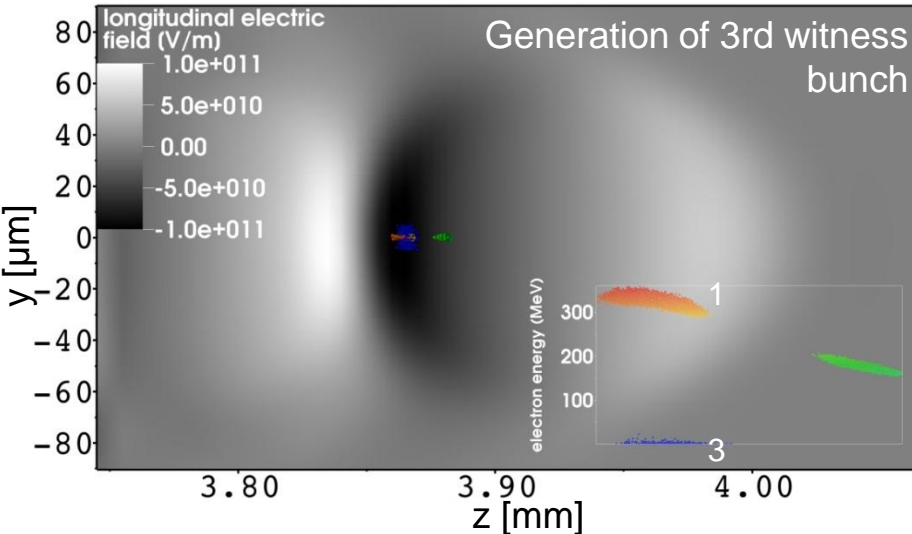
**three injection lasers with different foci:**

**driver: FACET like electron bunch**

$\lambda = 0.8 \mu\text{m}$   
 $a_0 = 0.14$   
 $w_0 = 5 \mu\text{m}$   
 $\tau_{\text{FWHM}} = 25 \text{ fs}$

$\sigma_z = 20 \mu\text{m}$   
 $\sigma_r = 15 \mu\text{m}$   
 $E = 23 \text{ GeV}$   
 $Q = 3 \text{ nC}$

@ 5 mm acceleration



parameter	bunch 1	bunch 2	bunch 3
energy [MeV]	390	211	48.5
$\epsilon$ [mm mrad]	0.27	0.15	0.23
energy spread	0.03	0.05	0.14
charge [pC]	24.3	8.5	24.3

\*to be published (<http://de.arxiv.org/pdf/1403.1109v1>)

# Downramp assisted underdense photocathode PWFA

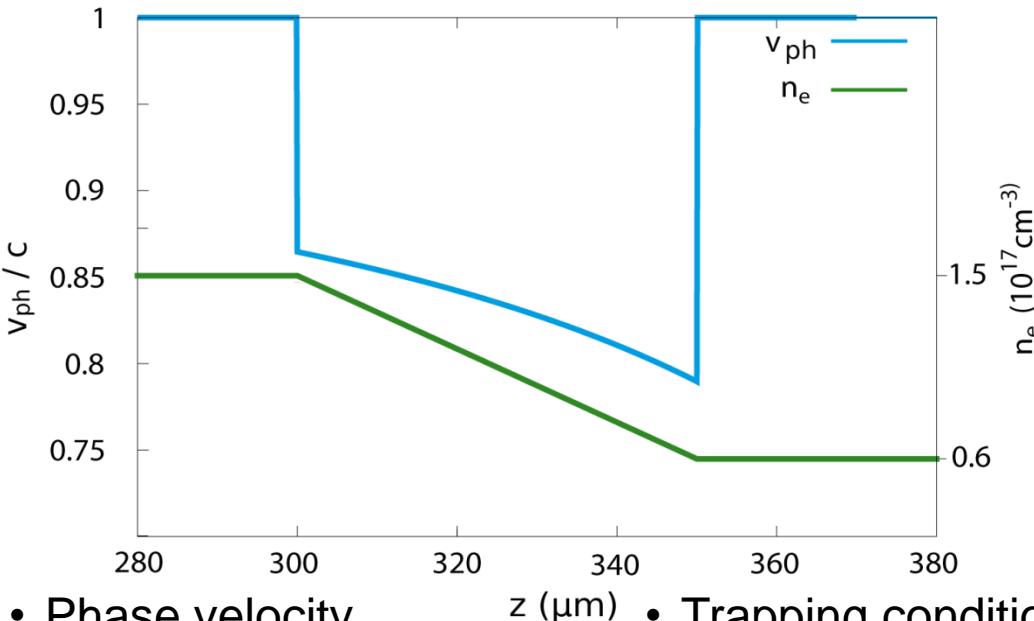
Target:

- Facilitate trapping for Trojan Horse PWFA
- Open Up PWFA for low current e-beam facilities
- Pave the way for an all-optical PWFA

Electron driver:

Peak current	3 kA
rms width	7 μm
rms length	6 μm
Charge	150 pC

- strong enough to drive a blowout
  - $\tilde{Q} = 2.13$
- Too weak to trap electrons
  - $\Phi = -0.61 > -1$



• Phase velocity

$$v_{ph} = c \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2n_e(z)} \frac{\partial n_e(z)}{\partial z} \xi \right)^{-1}$$

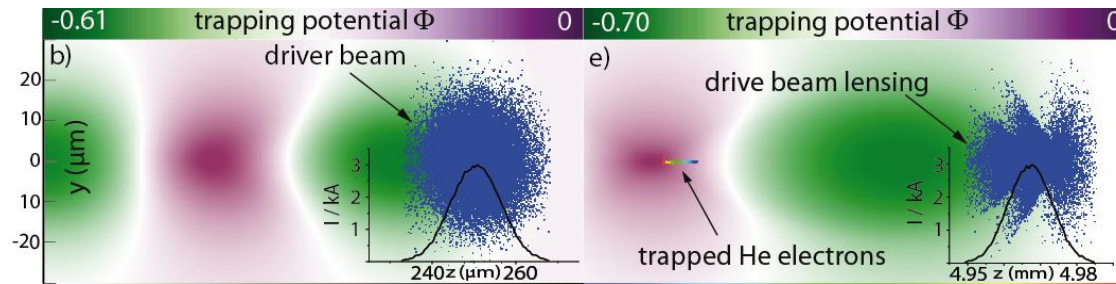
decreased on downramp

• Trapping condition

$$\Phi = \frac{(\Psi_{max} - \Psi)}{mc^2/e(1 - \gamma_{ph}^{-1})} > -1$$

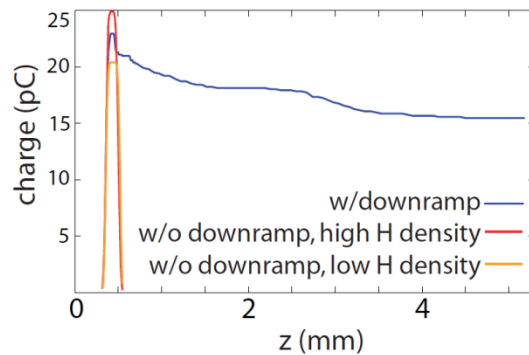
depends on phase velocity

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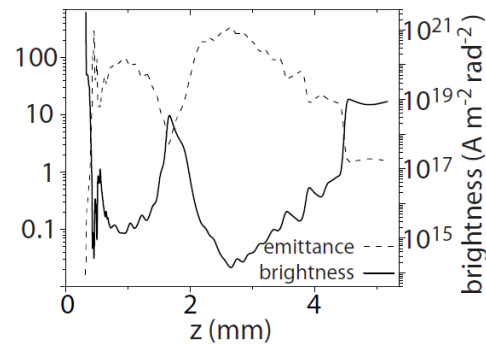


No trapping possible before...

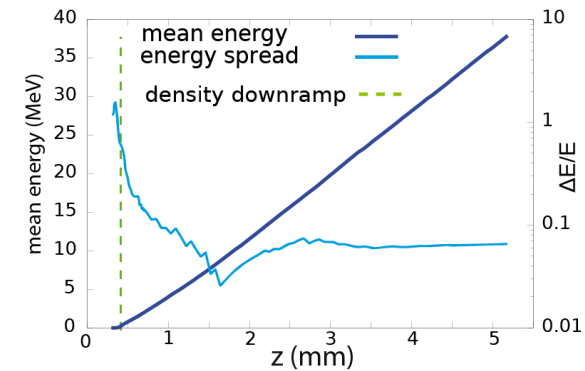
...and after the downramp...



... but on the downramp



Witness bunch properties



- Low emittance
- High brightness
- Low energy spread
- suppressed dark current
- Feasible with weak, low current driver beams