

FLASHForward▶▶

Challenges and Prospects for Beam-Driven Plasma-Wave Acceleration

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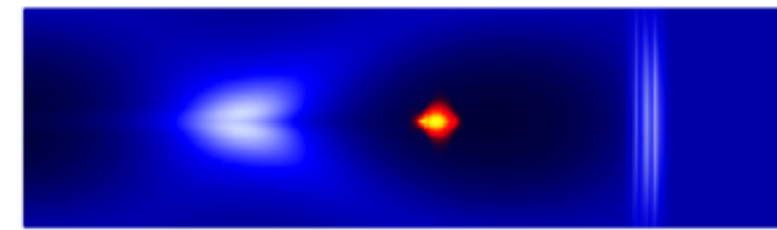




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Core research

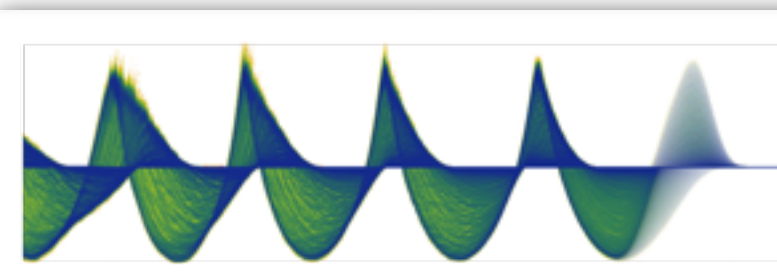


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> Beam-driven plasma wakefield acceleration (PWFA)

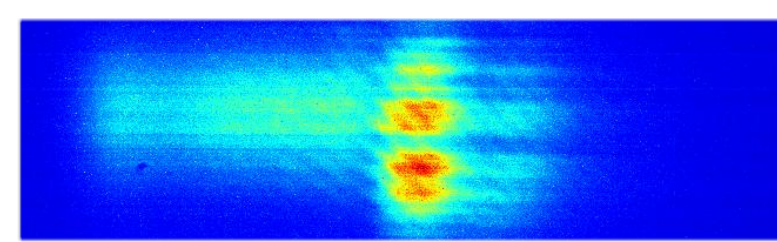
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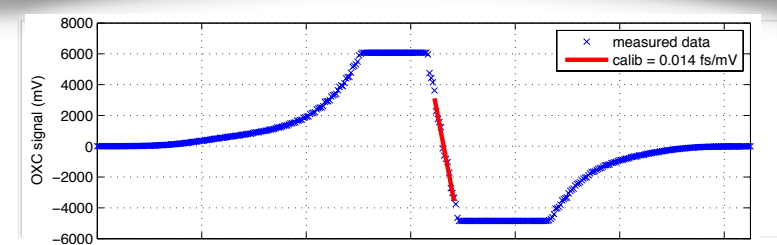
> Plasma theory and simulations



> Plasma-target and diagnostics development



> Ultrafast e⁻-beam characterization
in collaboration with B. Schmidt's group at DESY



> High-intensity laser science and synchronization to accelerators
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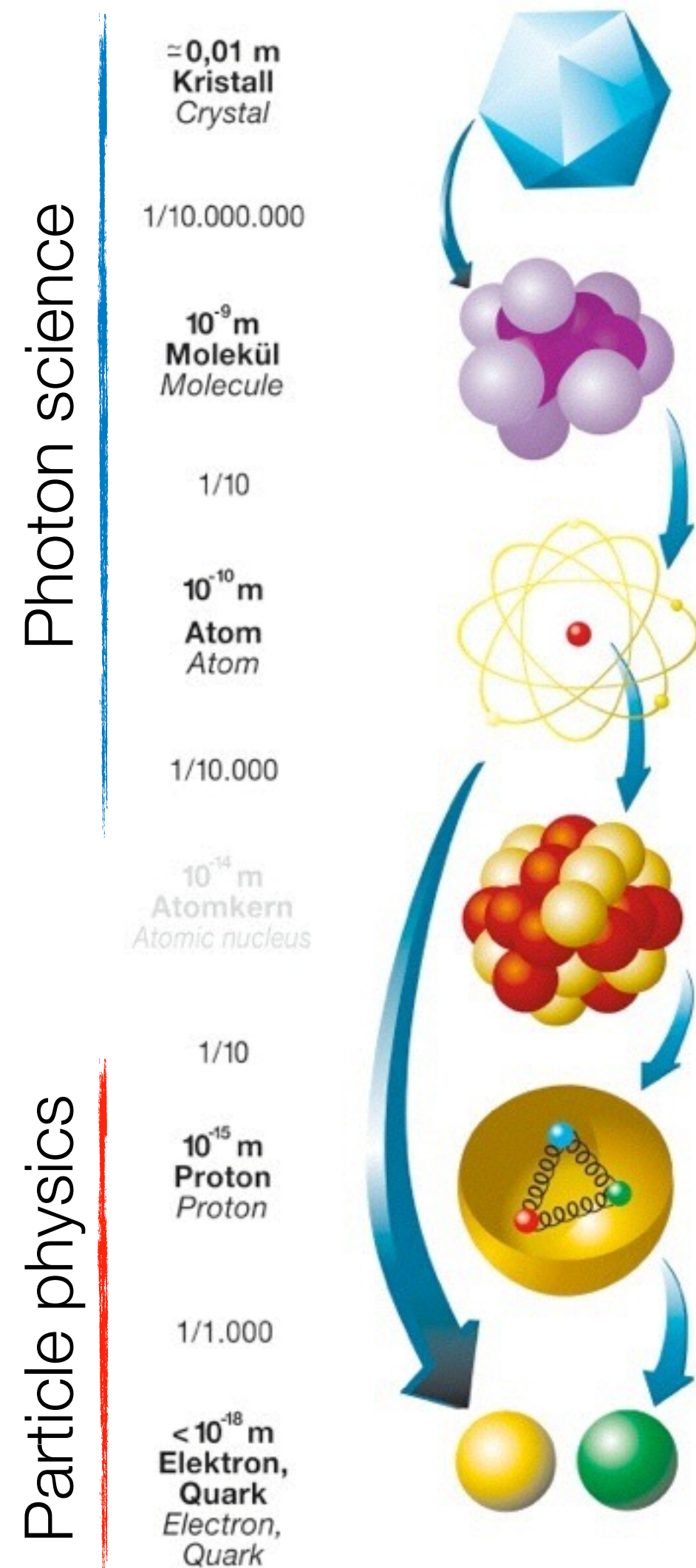
Outline

- > Plasma accelerator projects at DESY
- > What is plasma and plasma acceleration
- > Plasma acceleration at FLASH
 - > Mission and goals
 - > Laser vs. beam-driven
 - > Beam transport to FLASHForward
 - > Different beam injection schemes
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 - > Beam capturing and diagnostics
 - > Laser and preparation laboratories
- > Summary and conclusion

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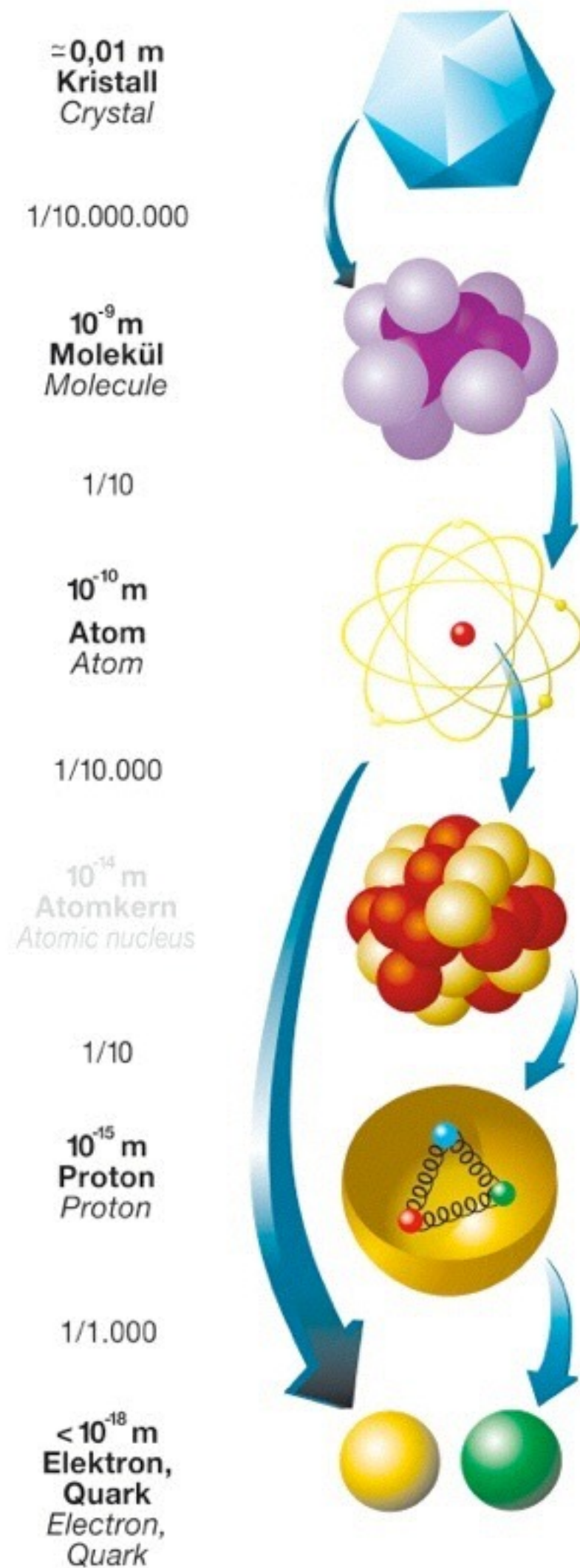
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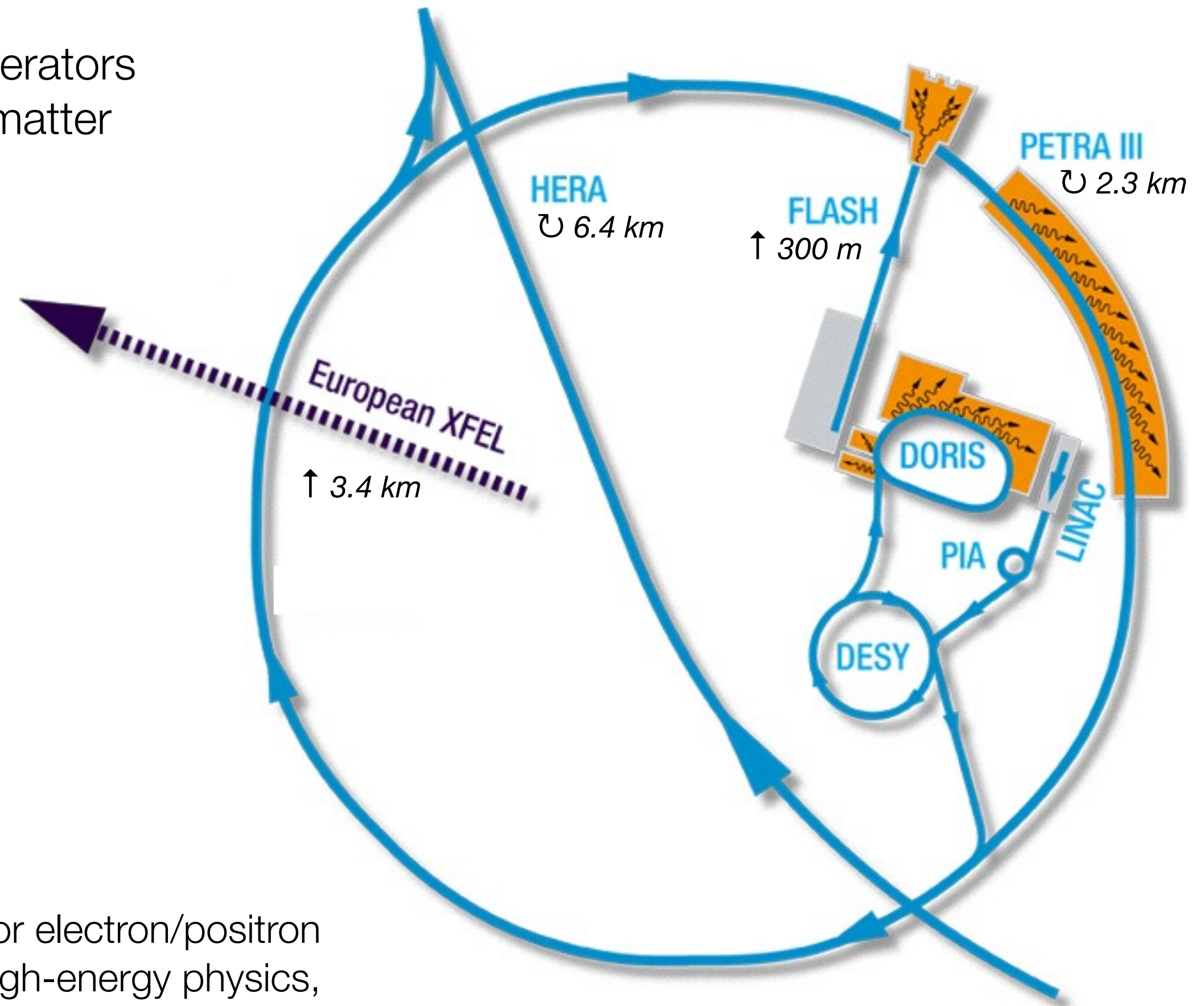


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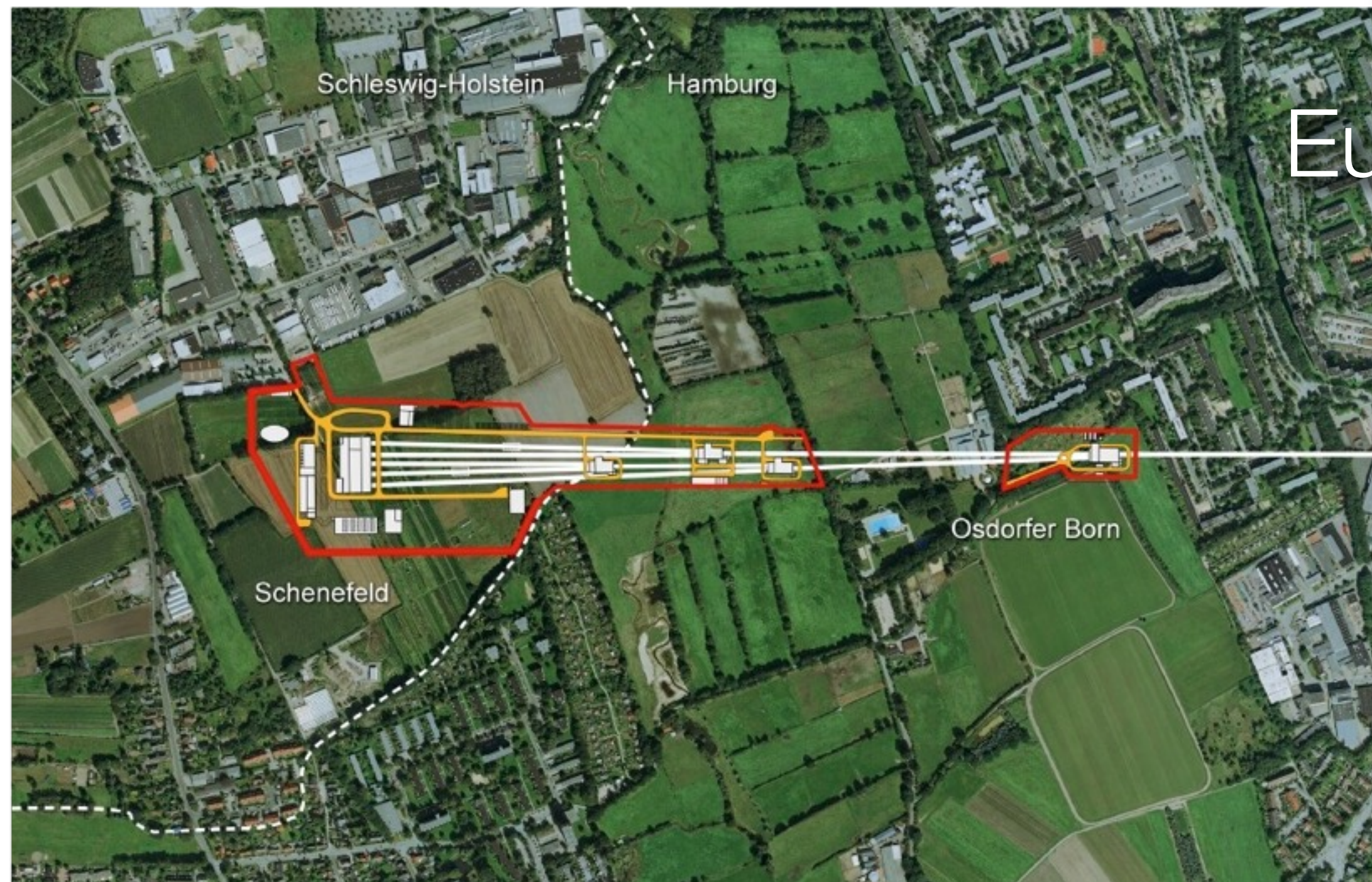
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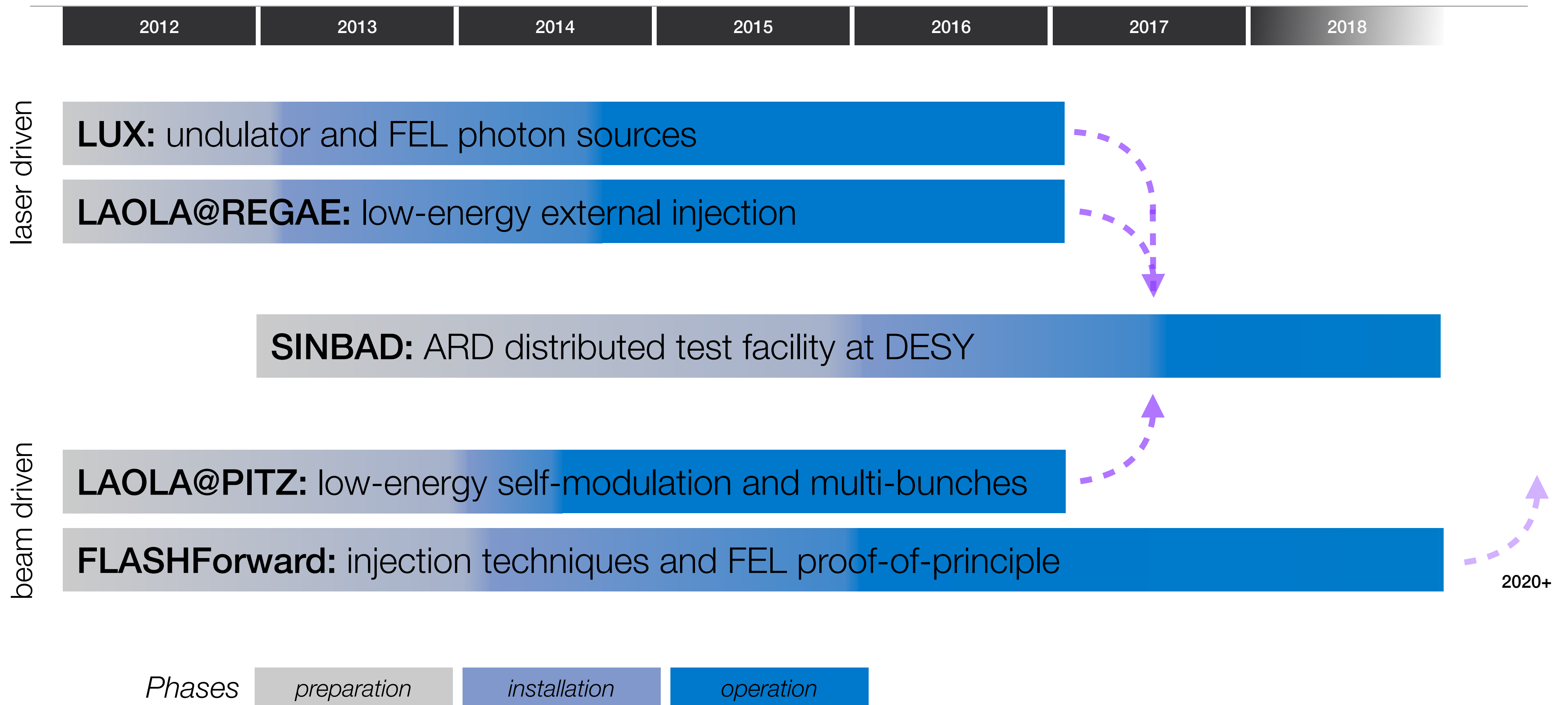
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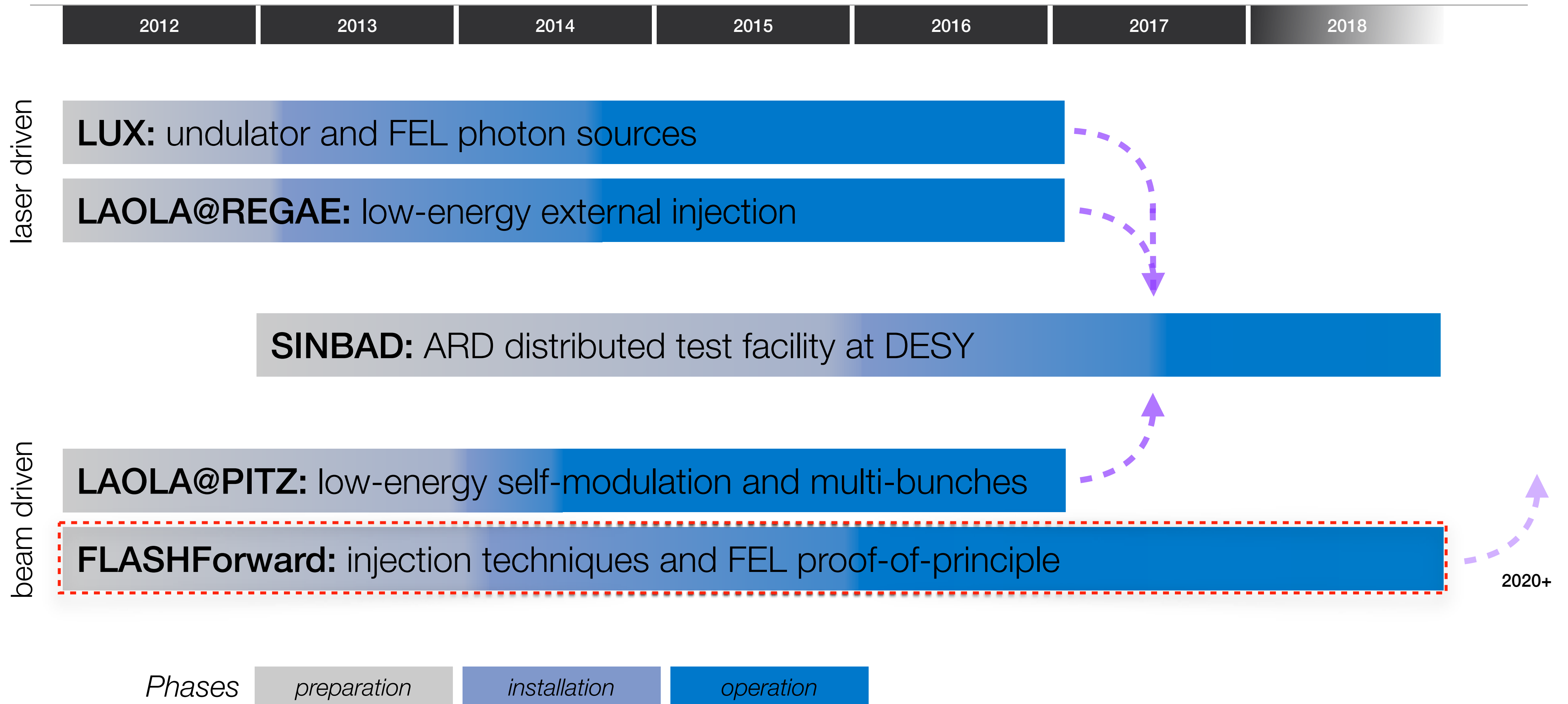
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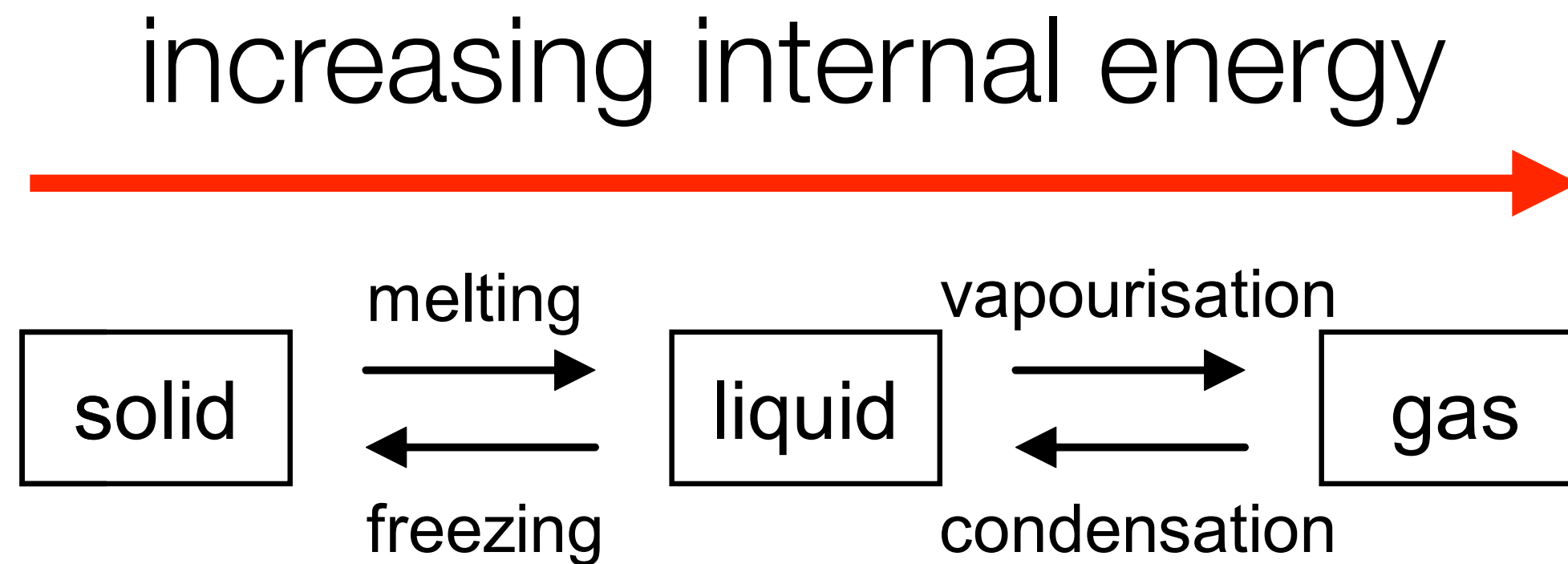
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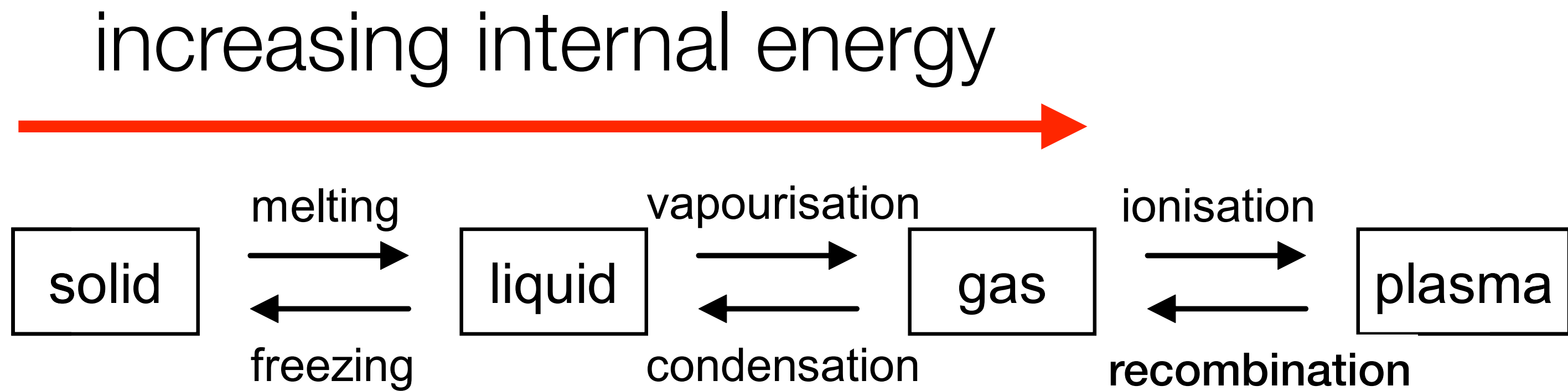
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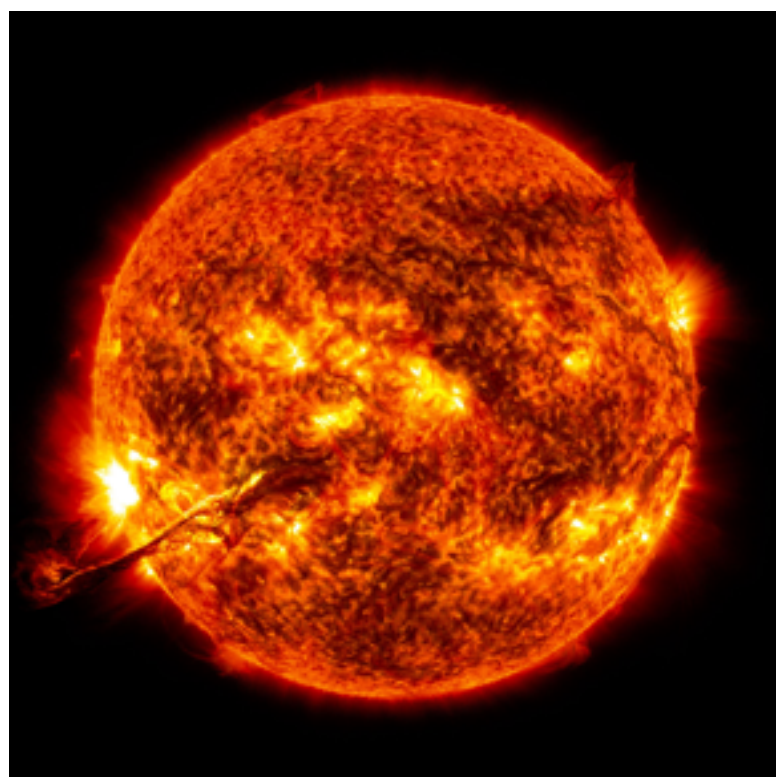
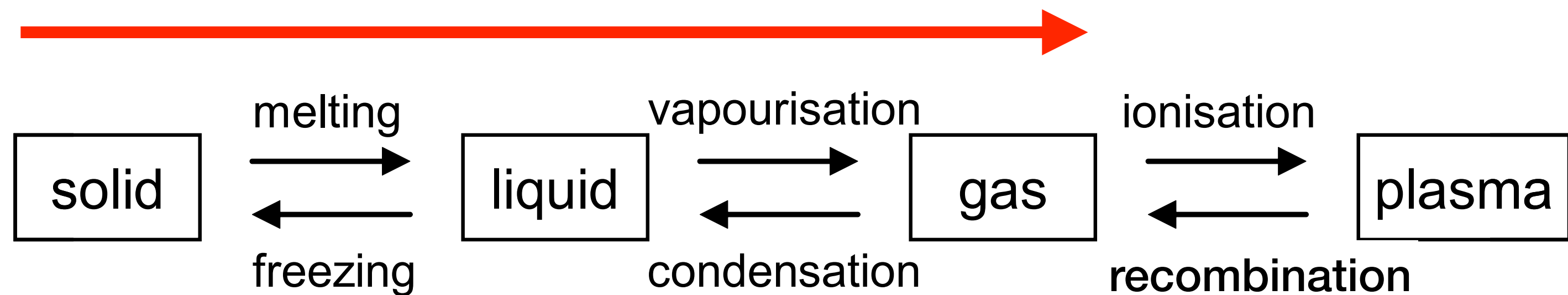


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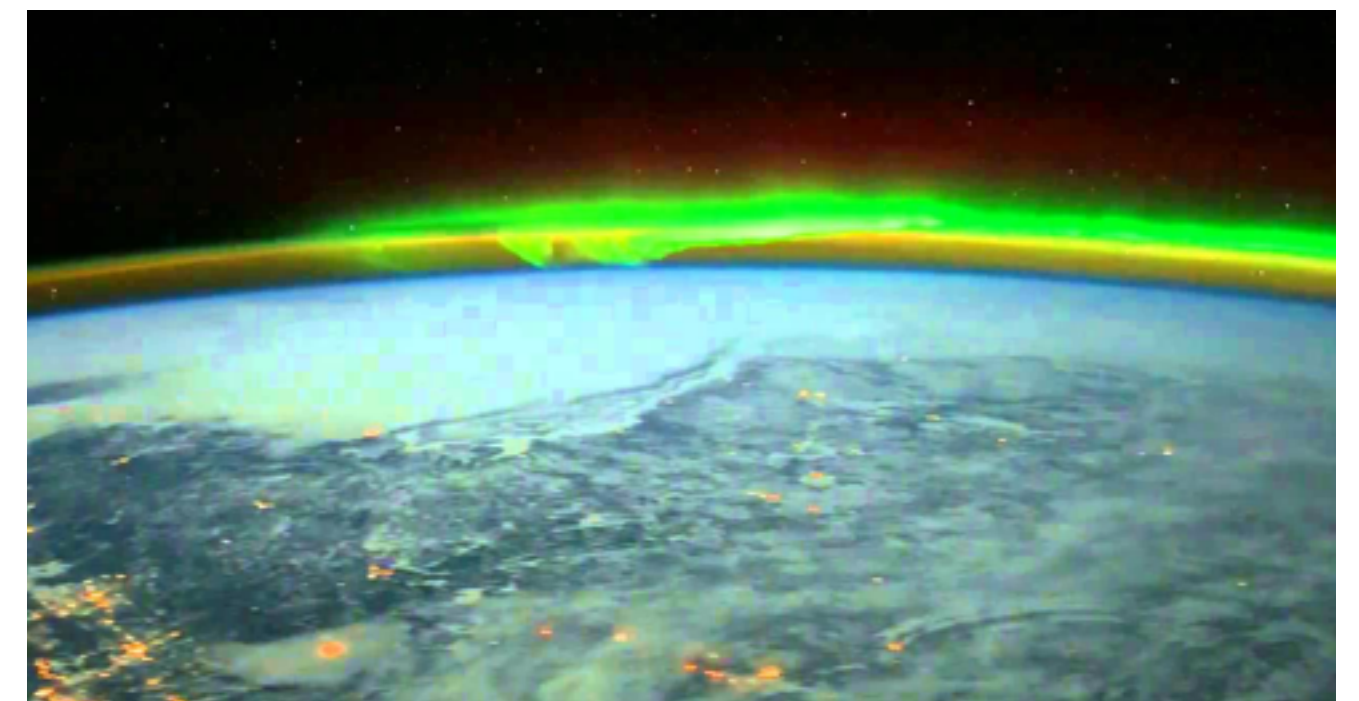
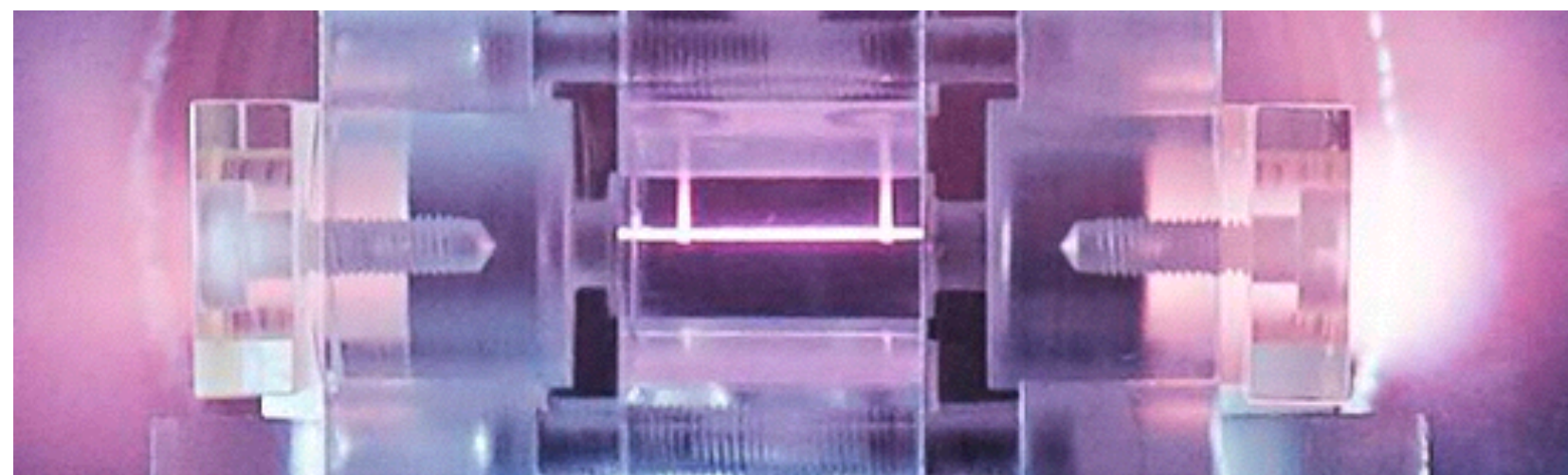


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increasing internal energy



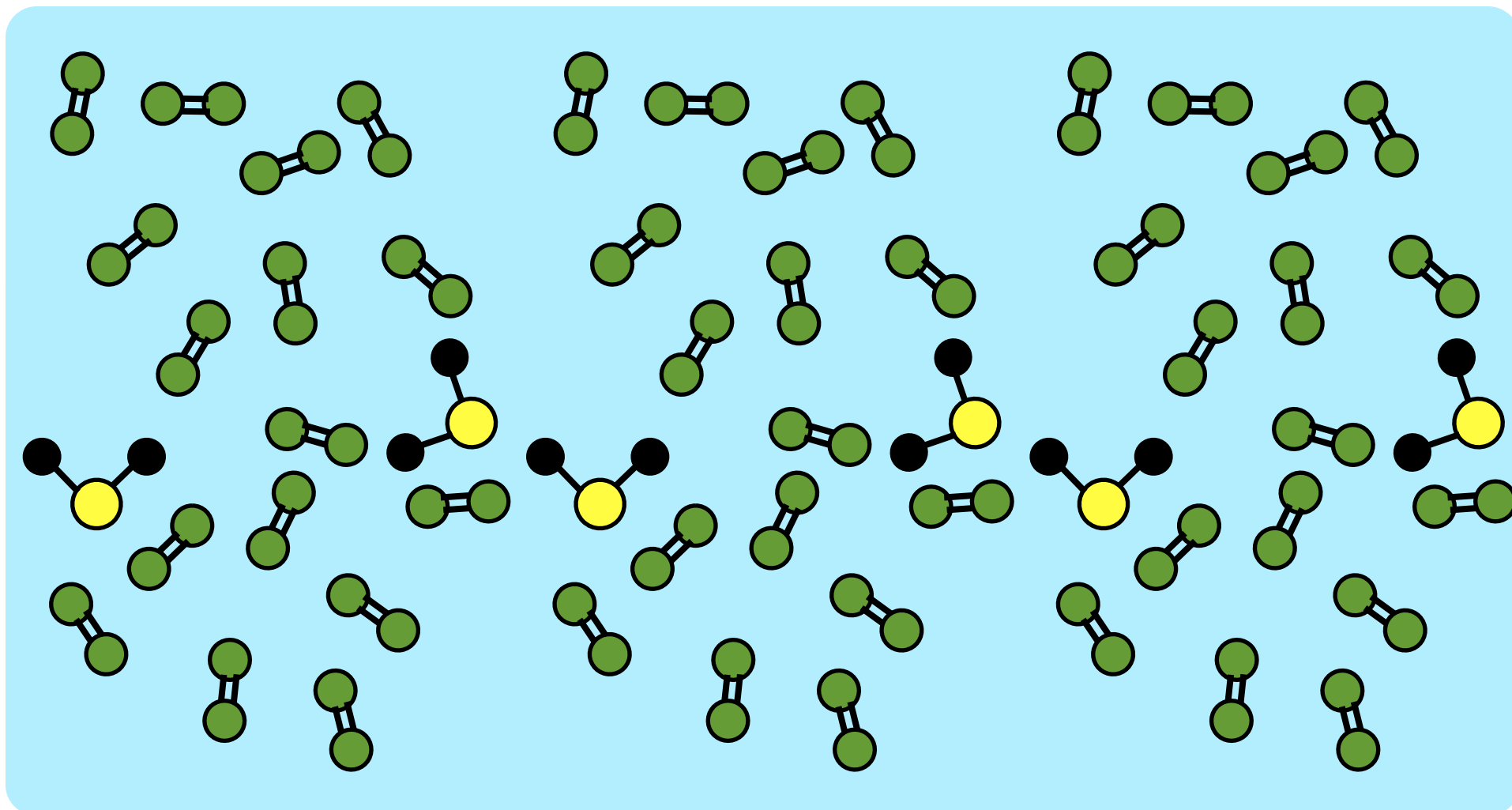
- > plasma most abundant state in universe (visible?)
- > most manufacturing processes involve plasmas



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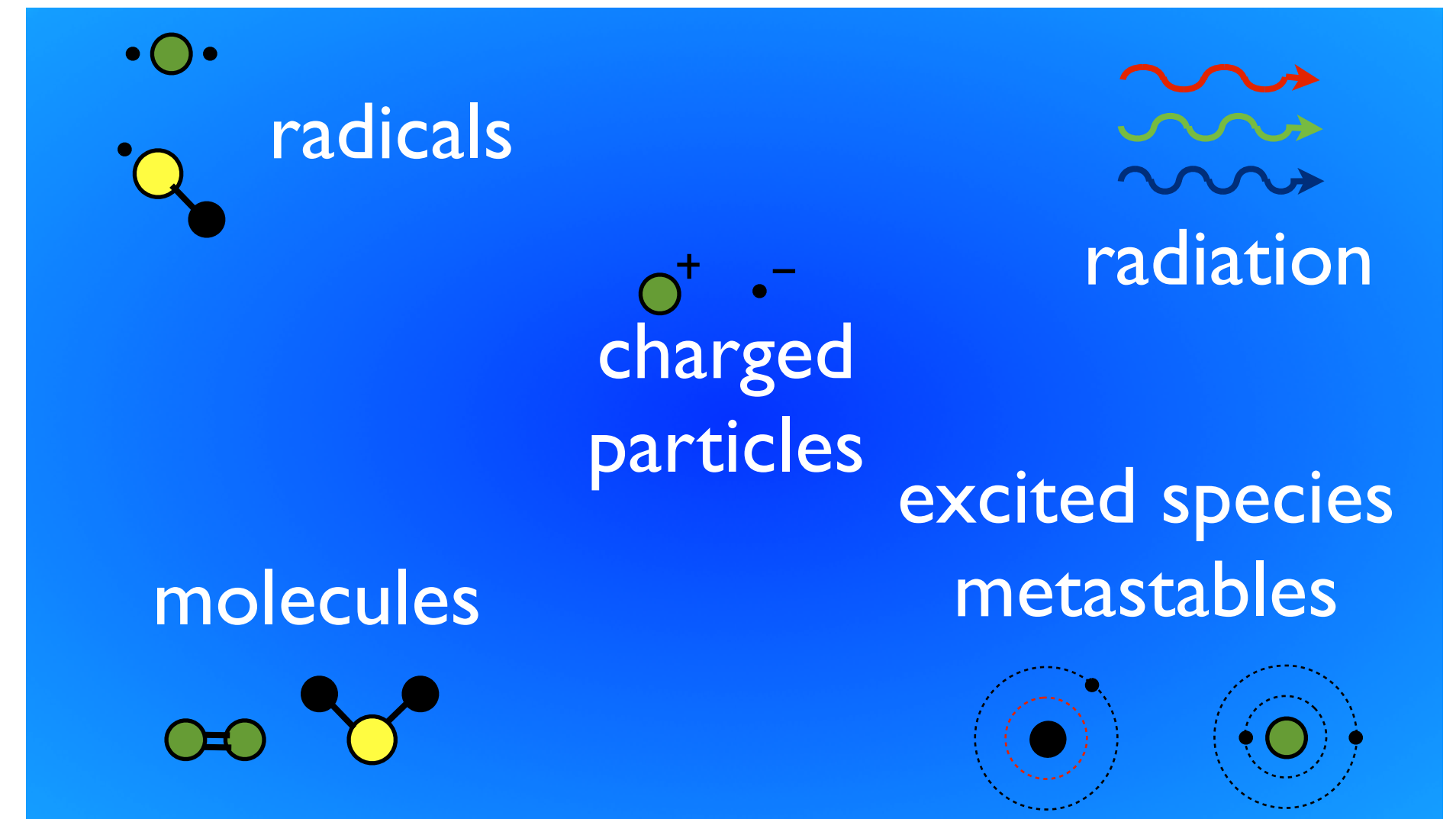
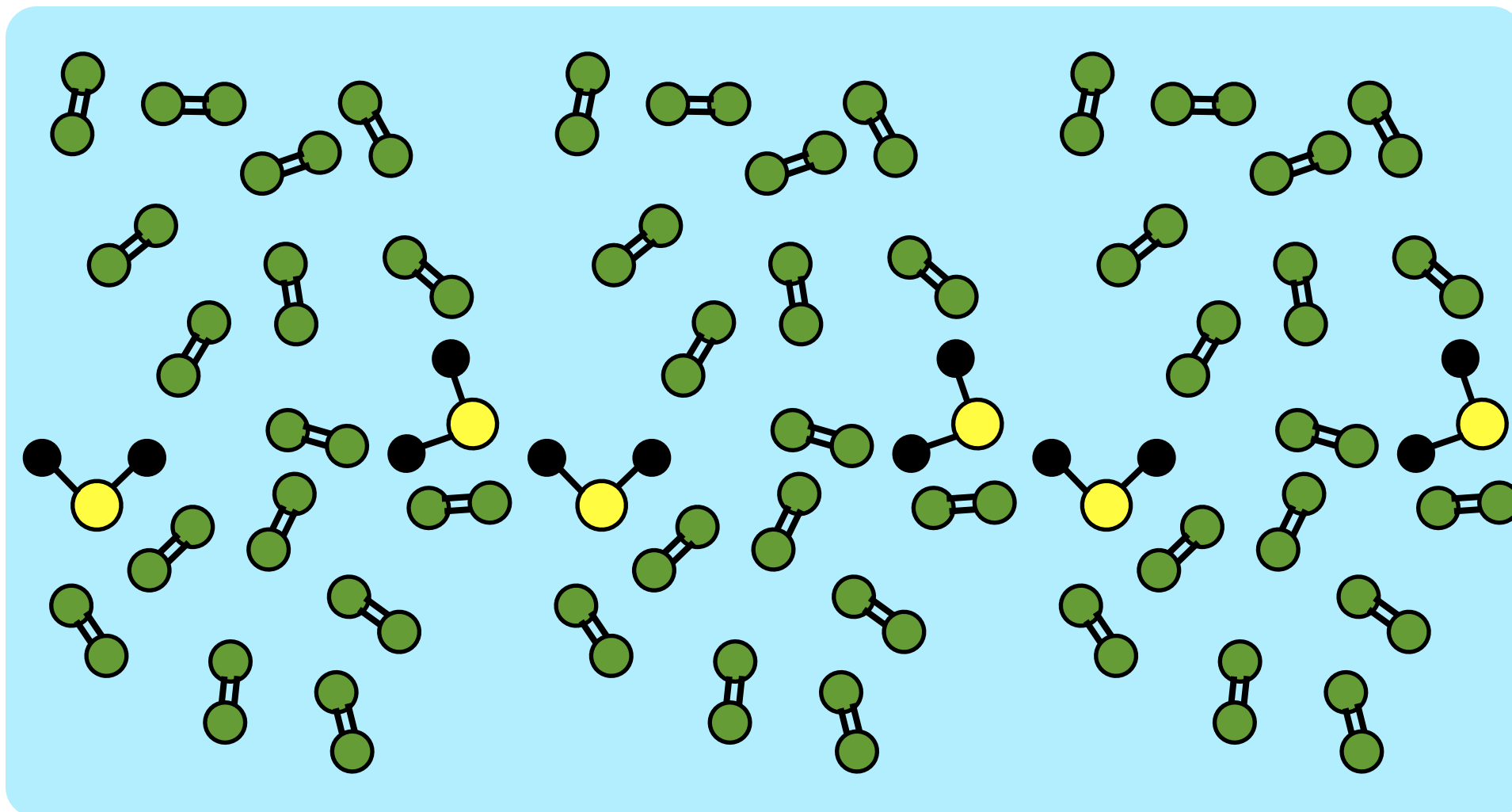
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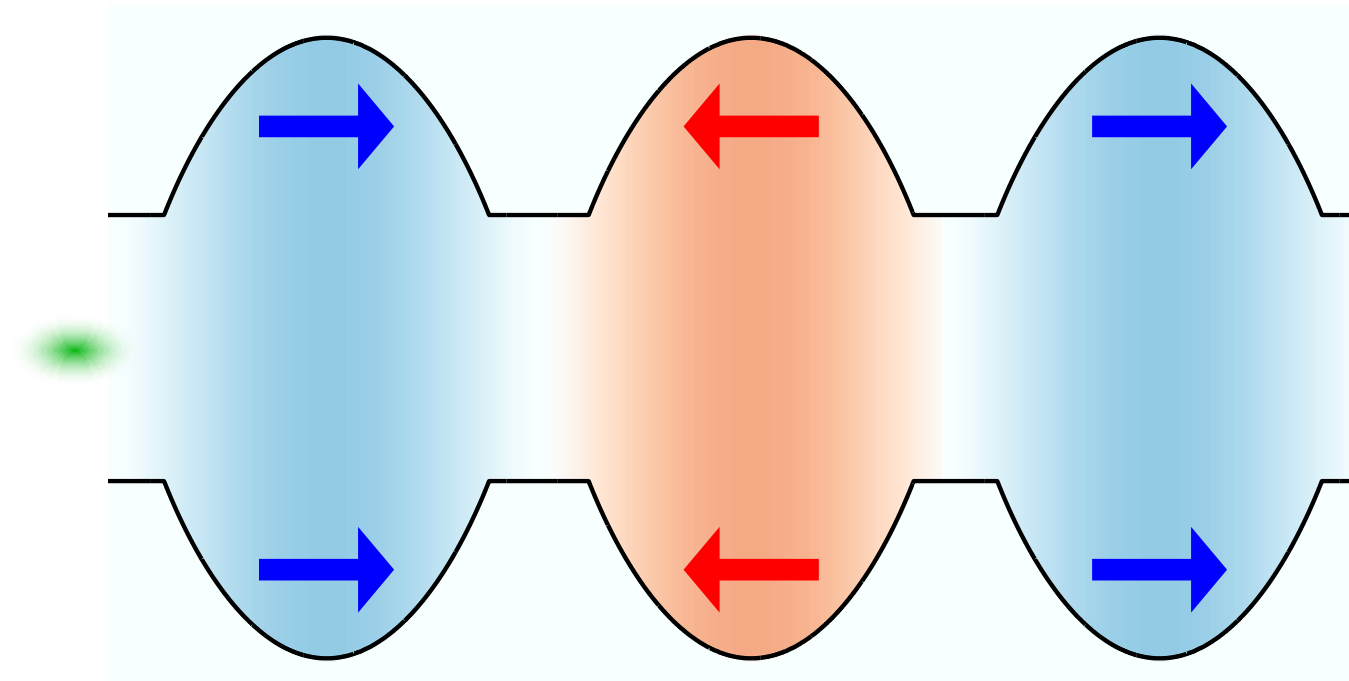
- > Charged particles (electrons, ions)
- > macroscopically quasi neutral
- > Coulomb interaction
- > particles show collective behaviour
- > conductive



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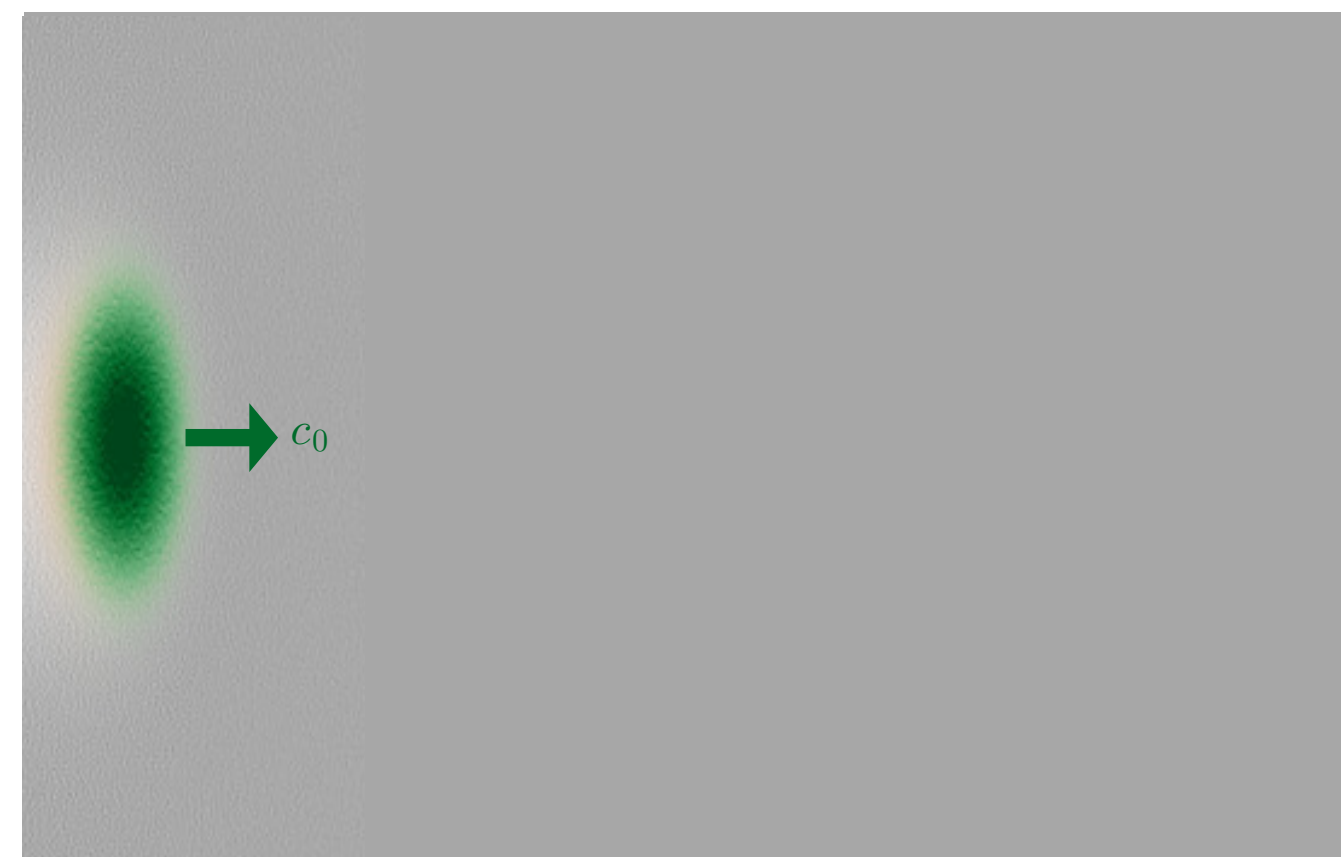
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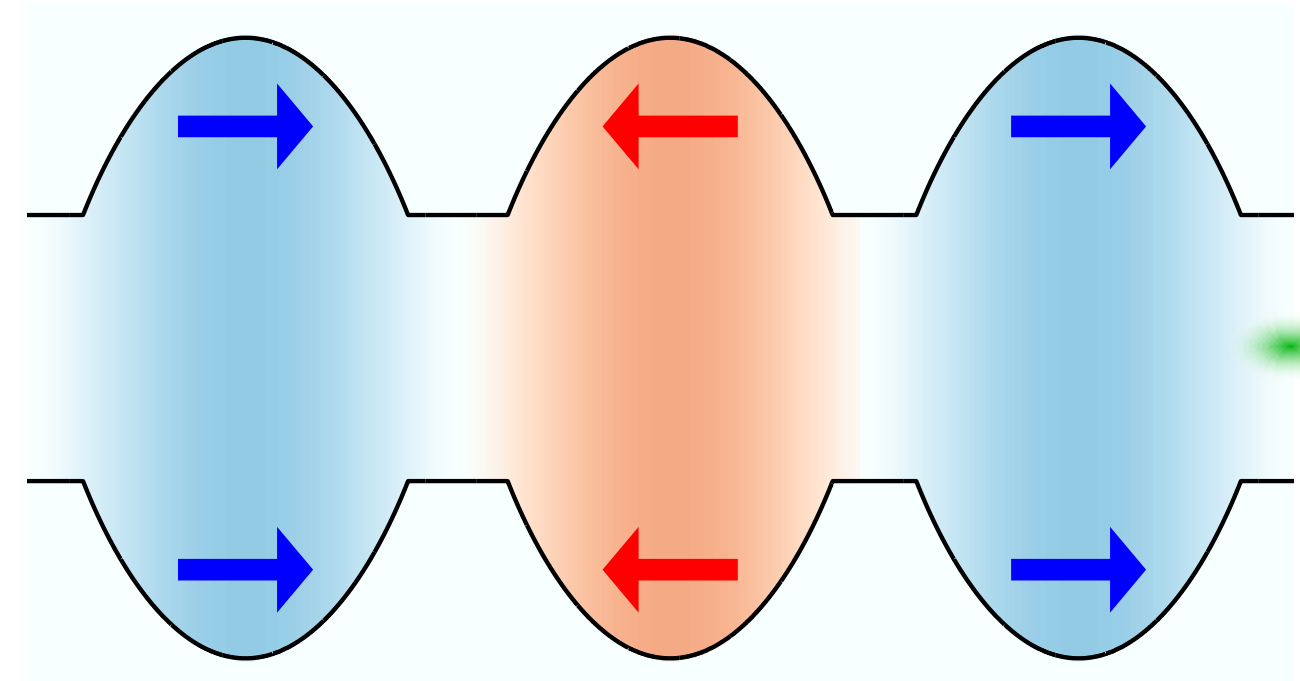
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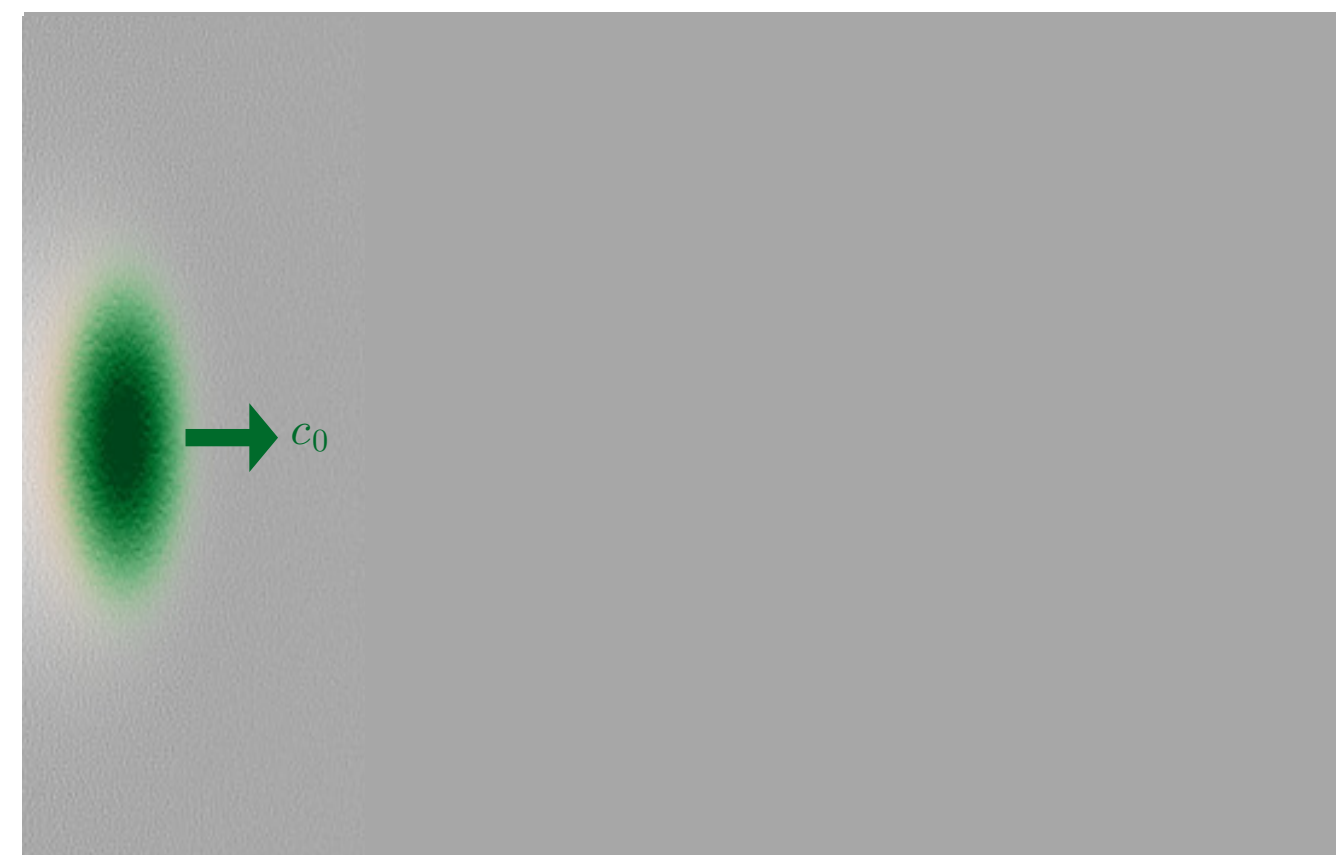
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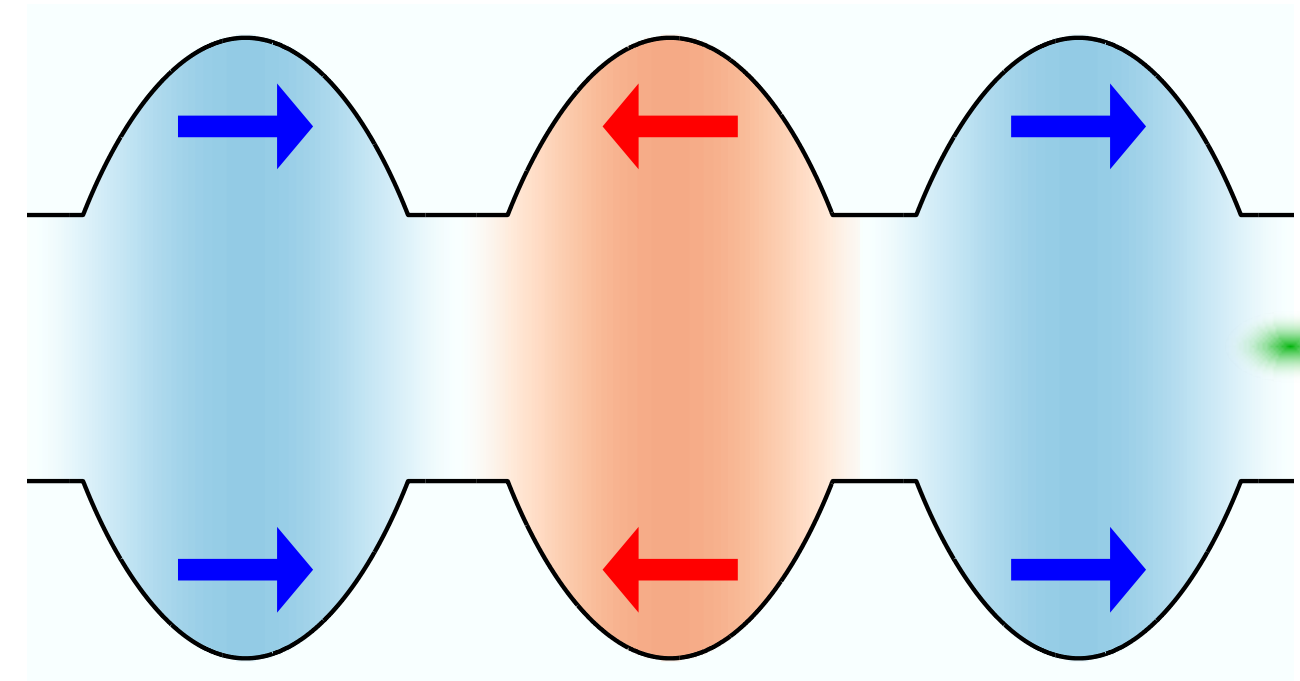
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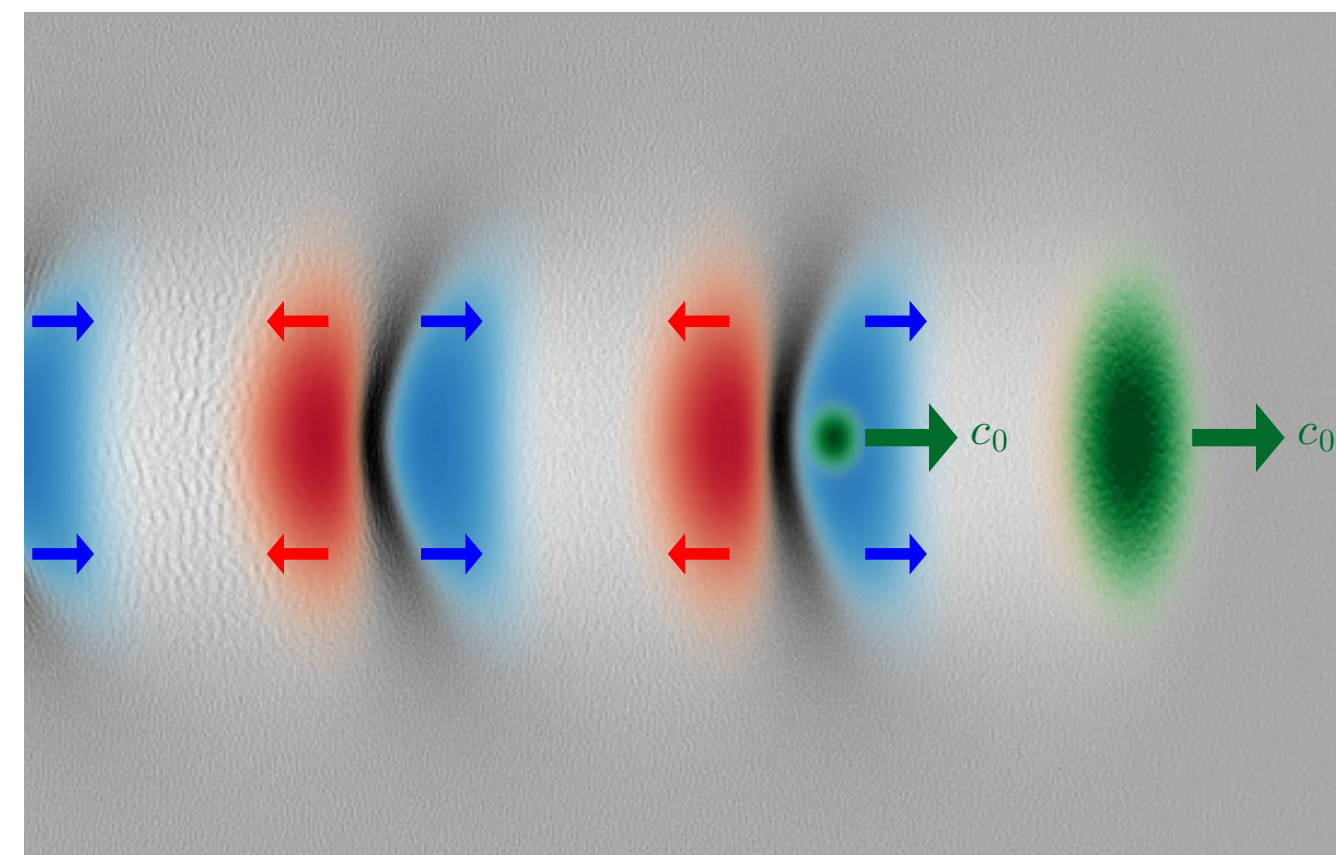
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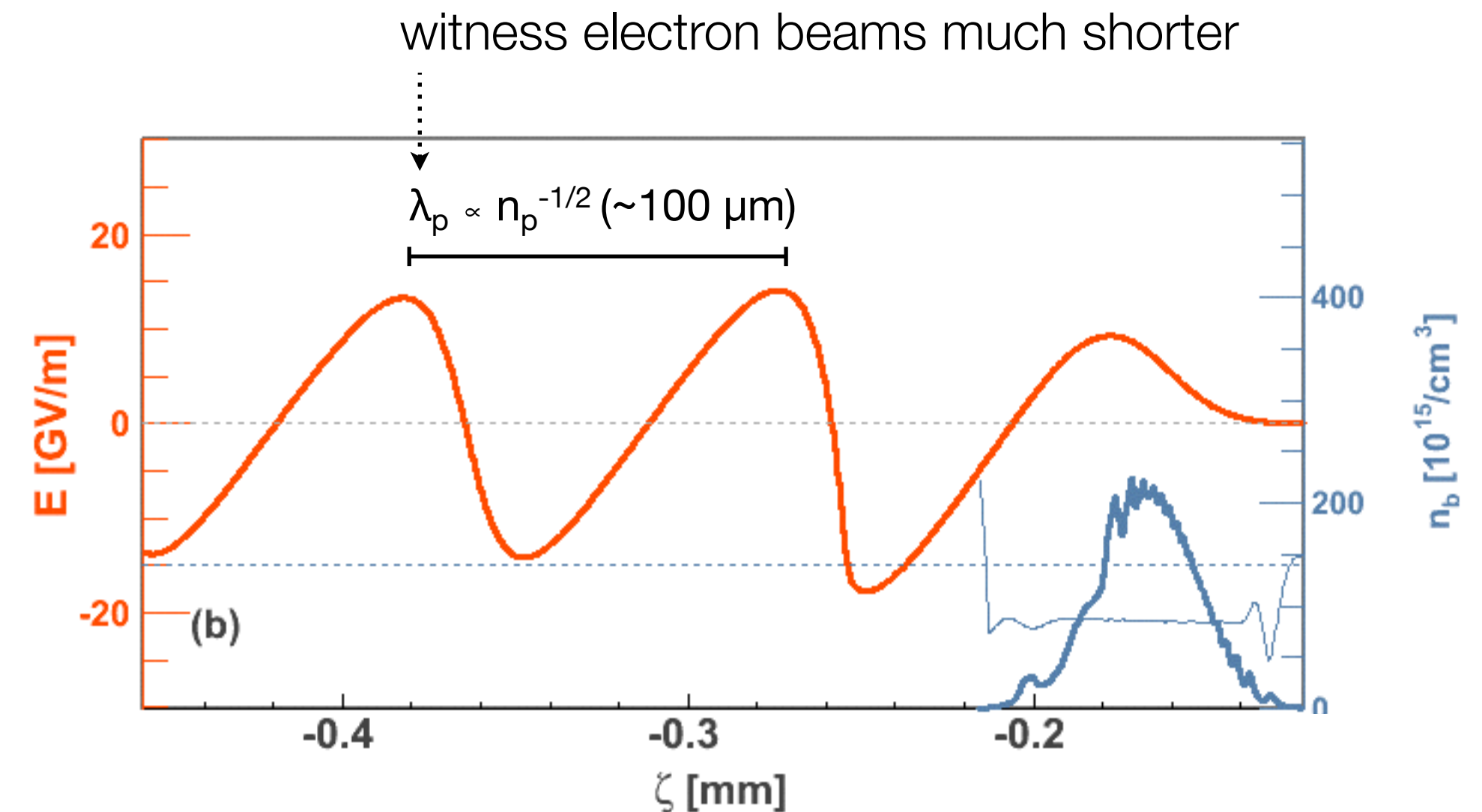
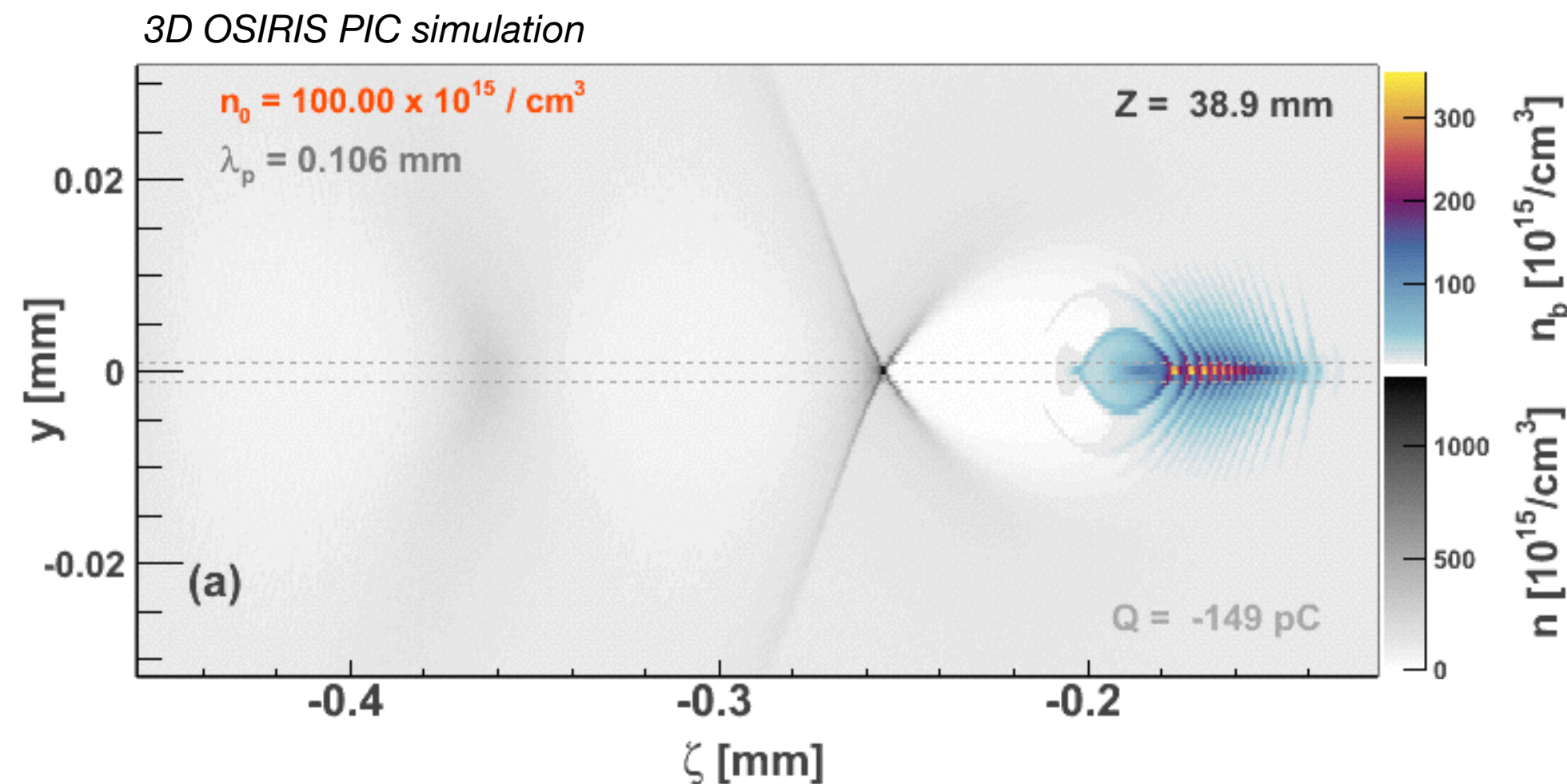


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Standard FLASH beams well suited as plasma-wake drivers



Standard FLASH 2 beam: 2.5 kA peak current, 50 fs long, 10 μm focus size, 1.2 GeV, 0.1% energy spread, 1 μm normalized transverse emittance

- > High-current-density particle beam
 - pushes away plasma electrons by space-charge field (ions are too heavy, hardly move)
 - creates electron-depleted cavity, sets up charge separation
- > Strong electrostatic fields pull back plasma electrons
- > Electrons oscillate and create co-propagating wakefield

- > Strong accelerating fields of $> 10 \text{ GV/m}$ are generated
- > Conventional accelerators: Field $< 50 \text{ MeV/m}$



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Phase II (2018+)

- first demonstration of **FEL gain** with above beams at few nanometer wavelength-scale

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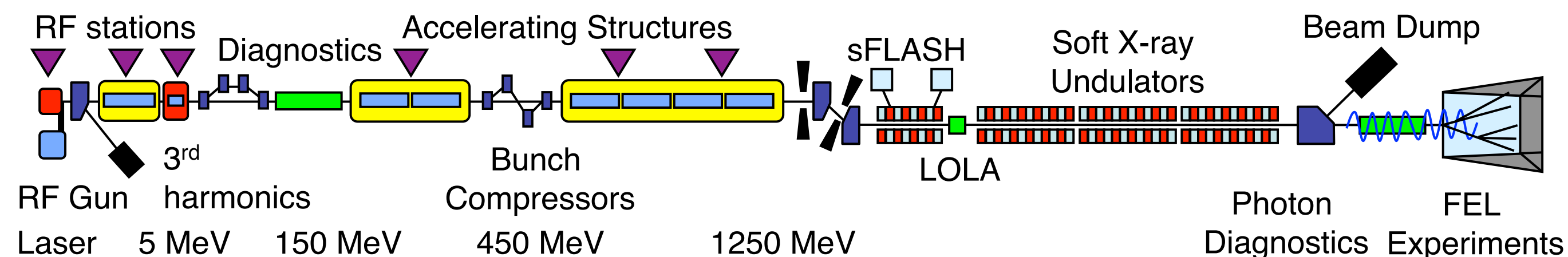
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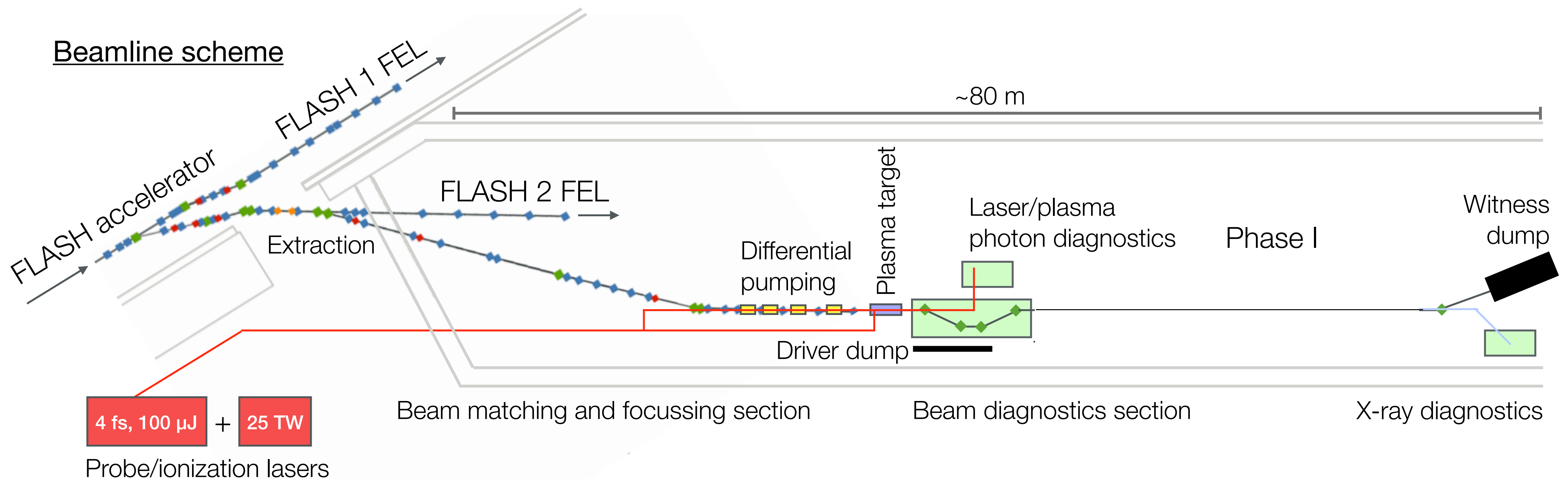


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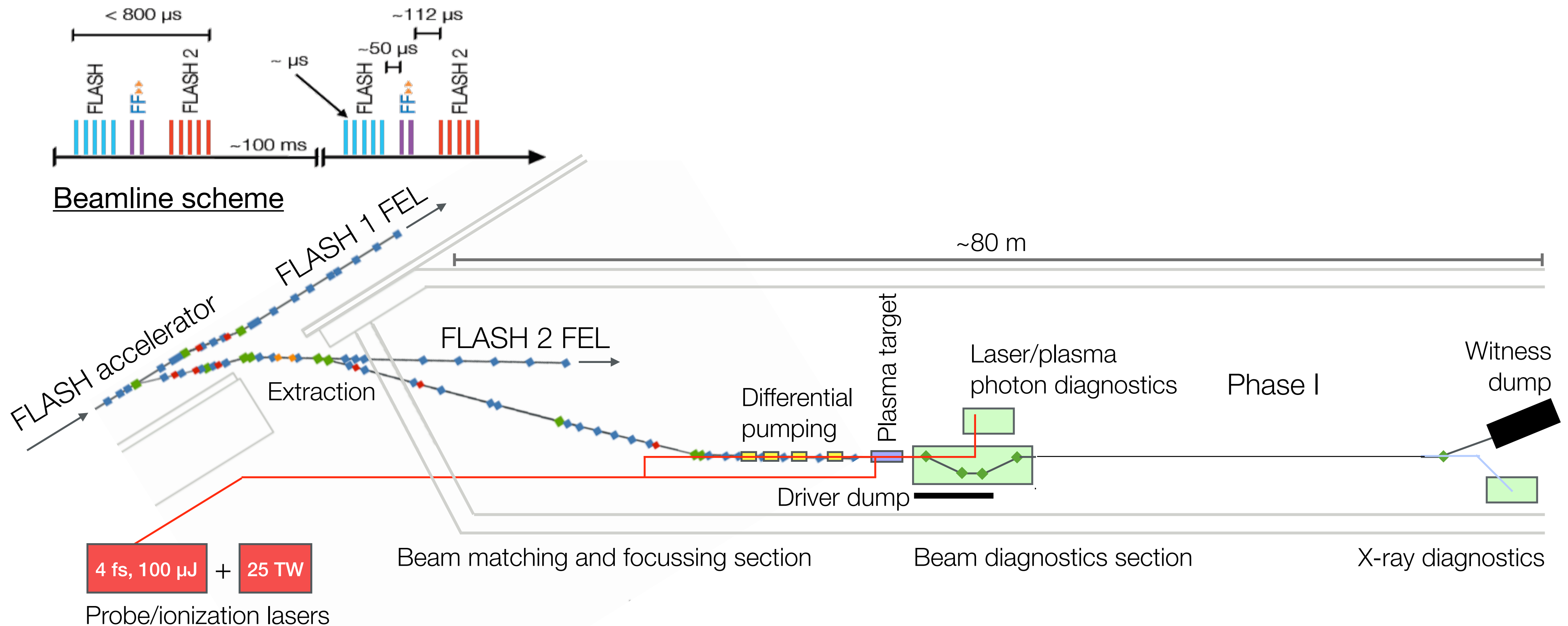


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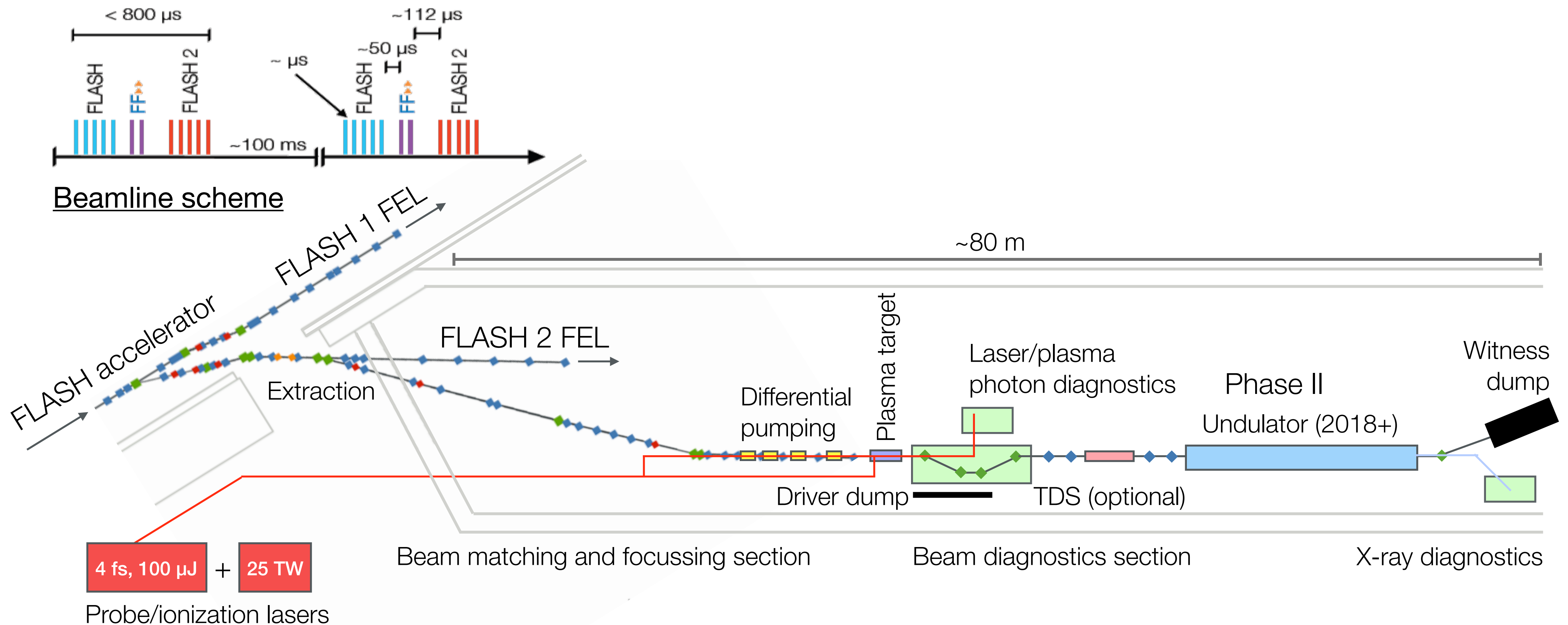


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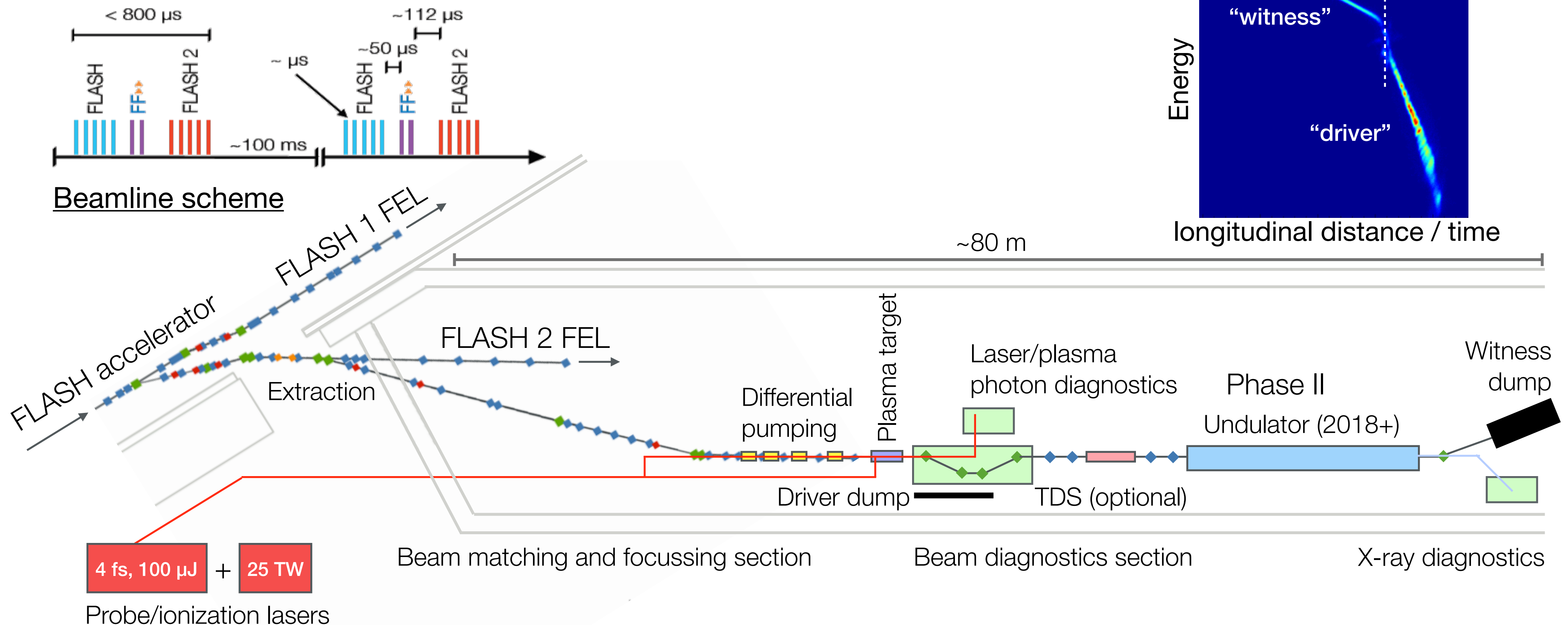


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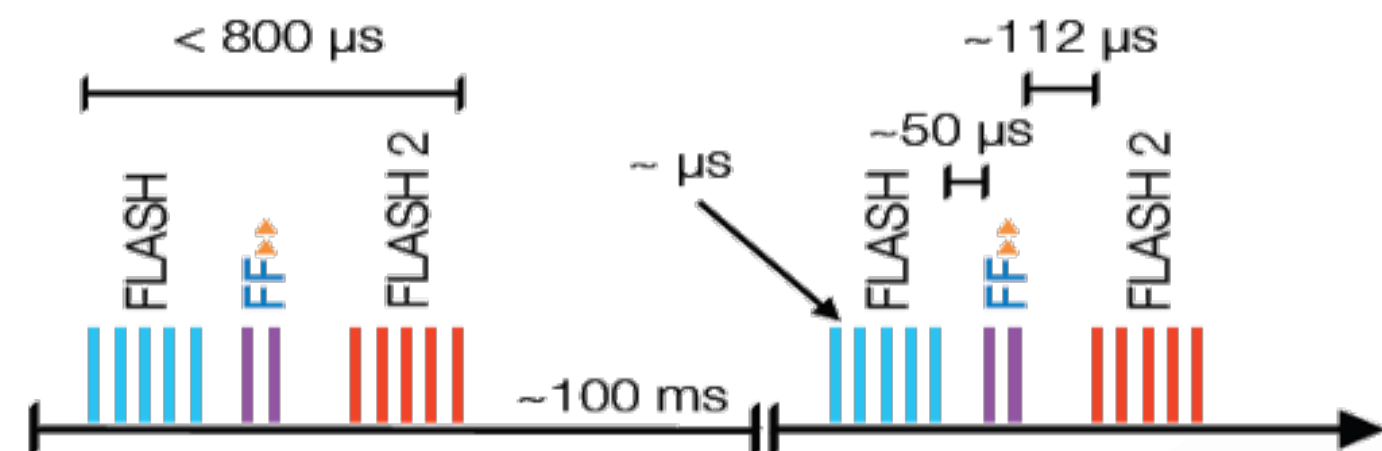


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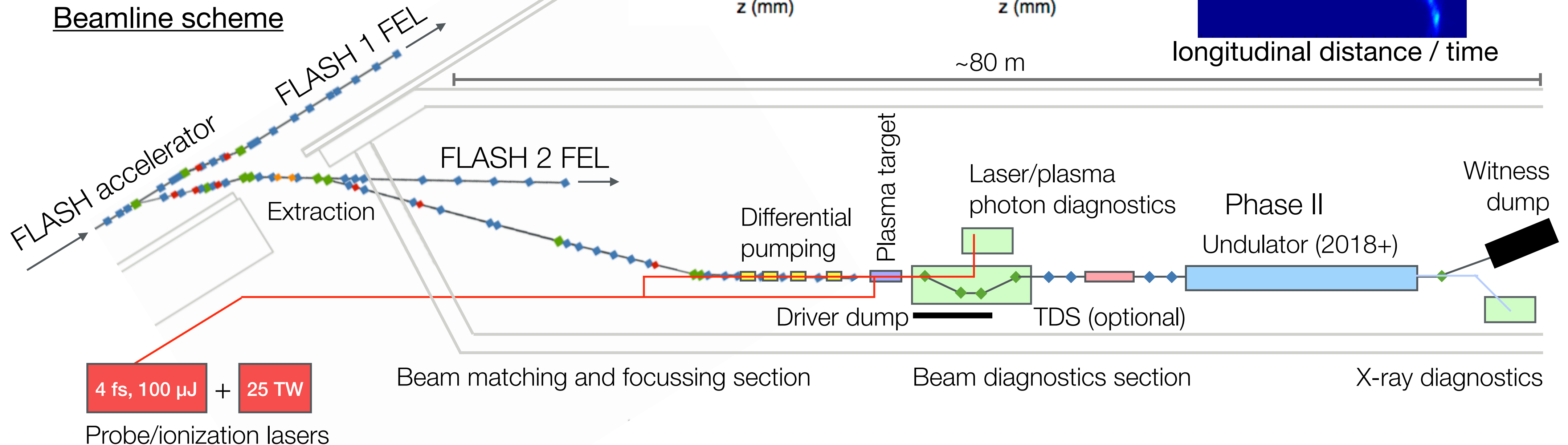
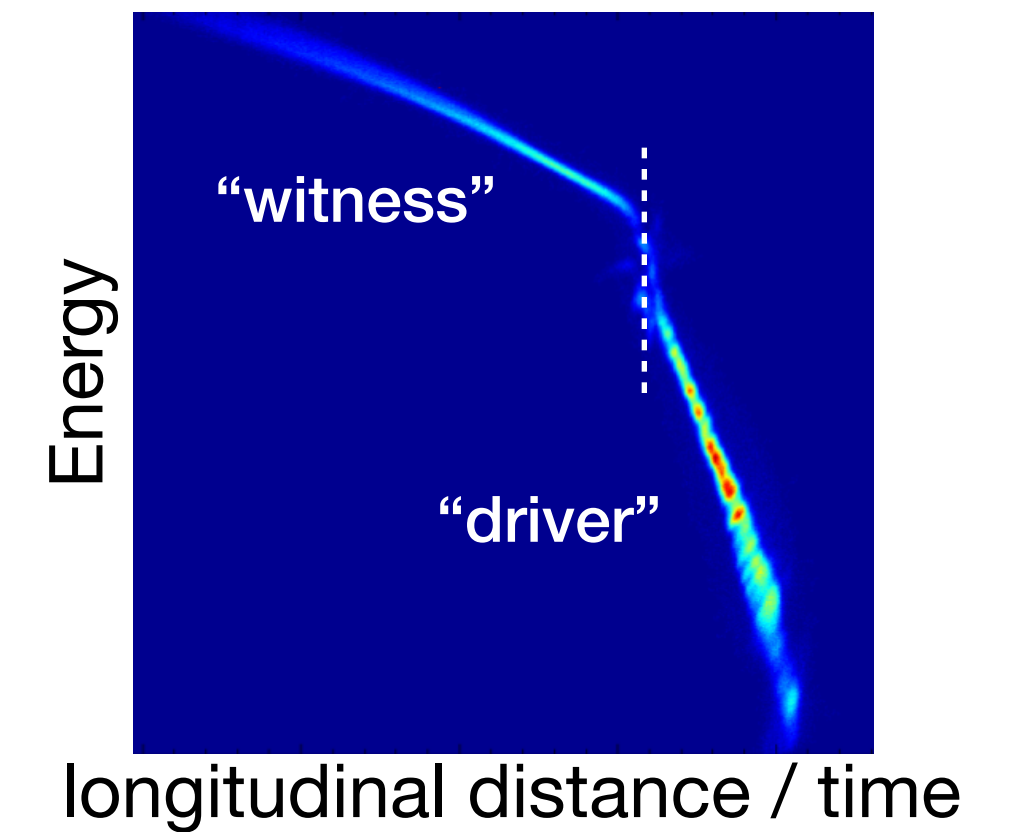
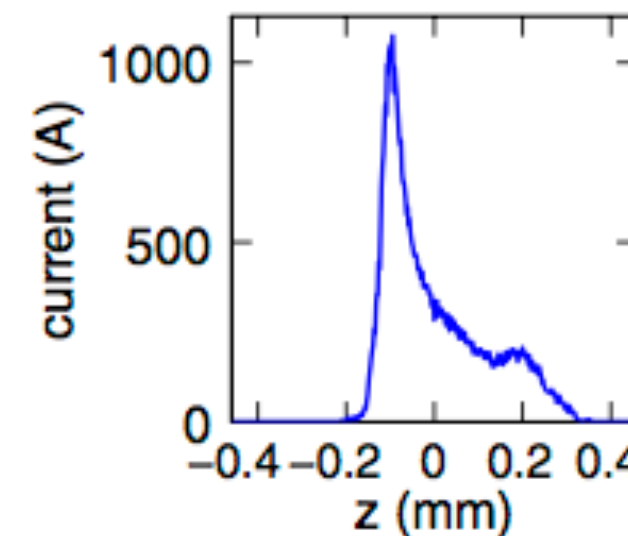
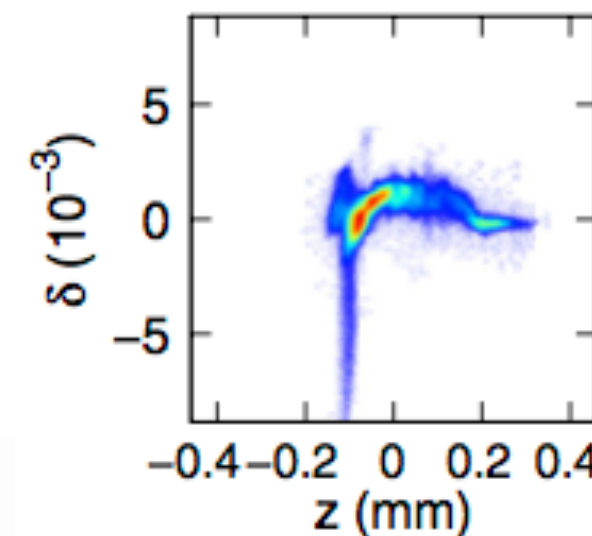
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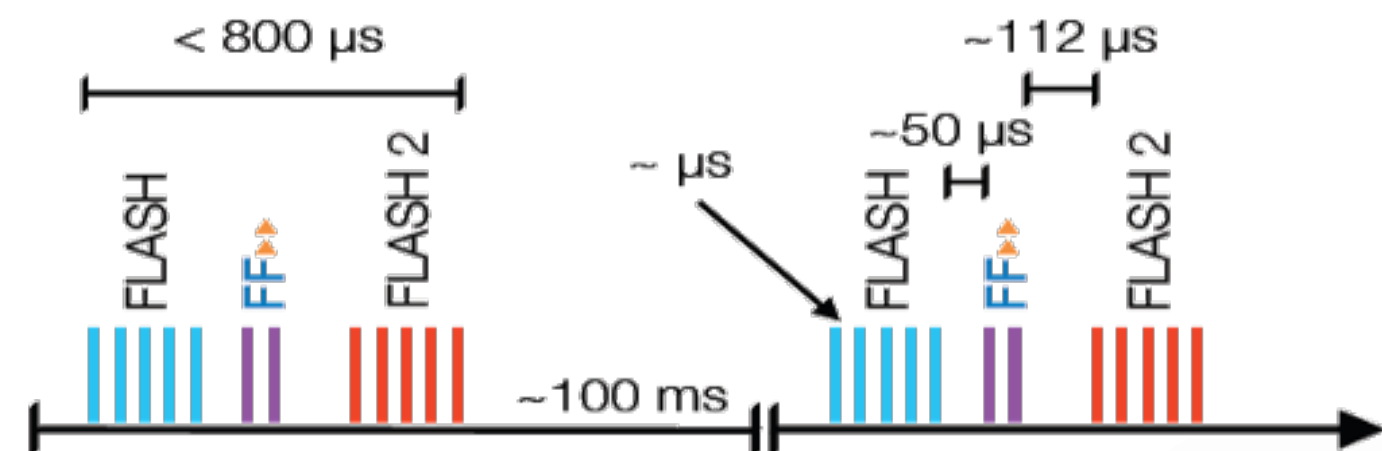
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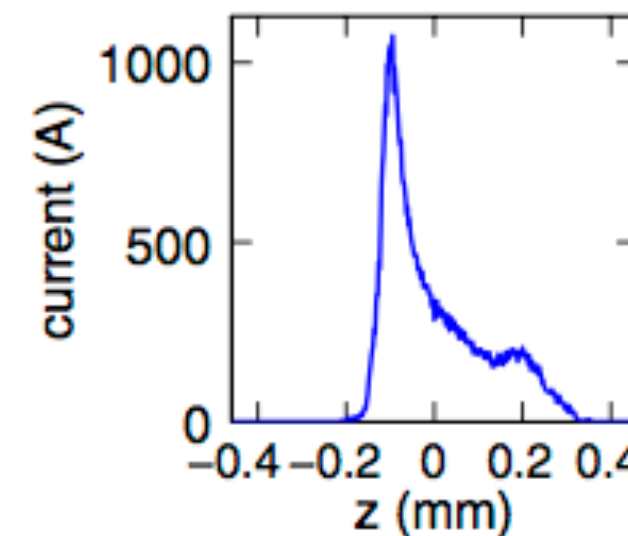
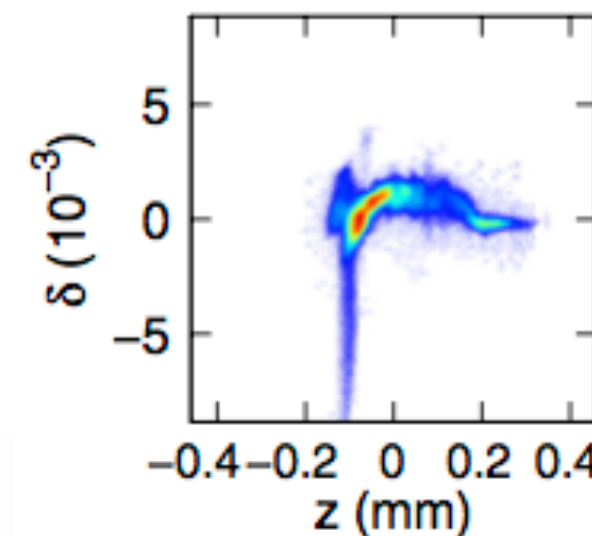
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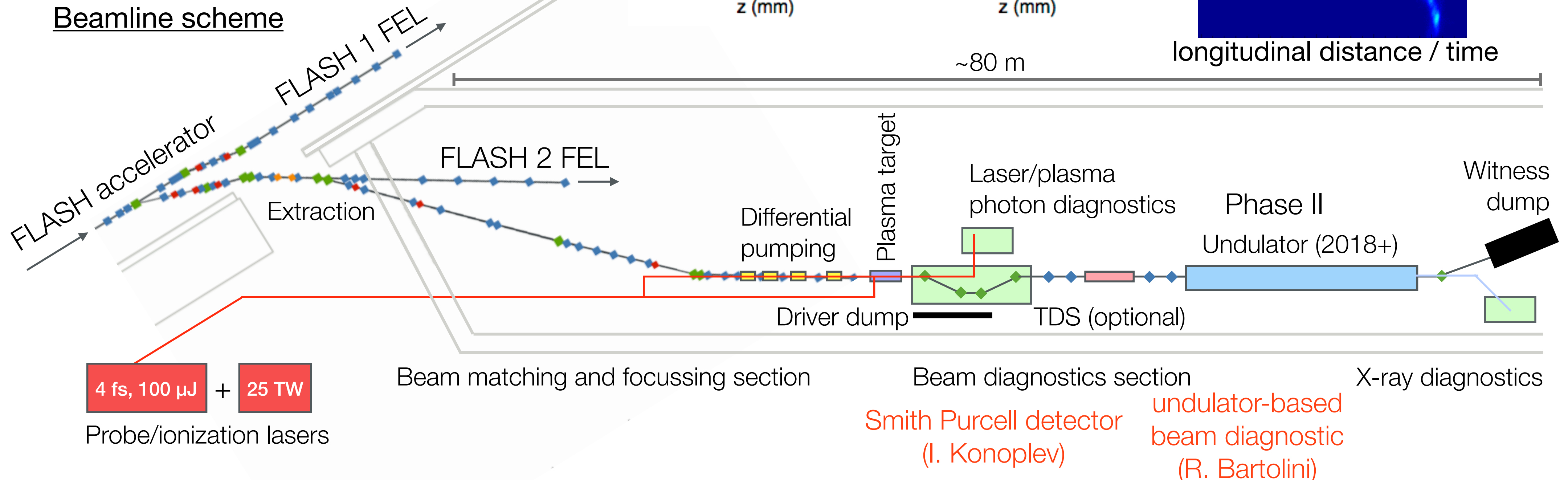
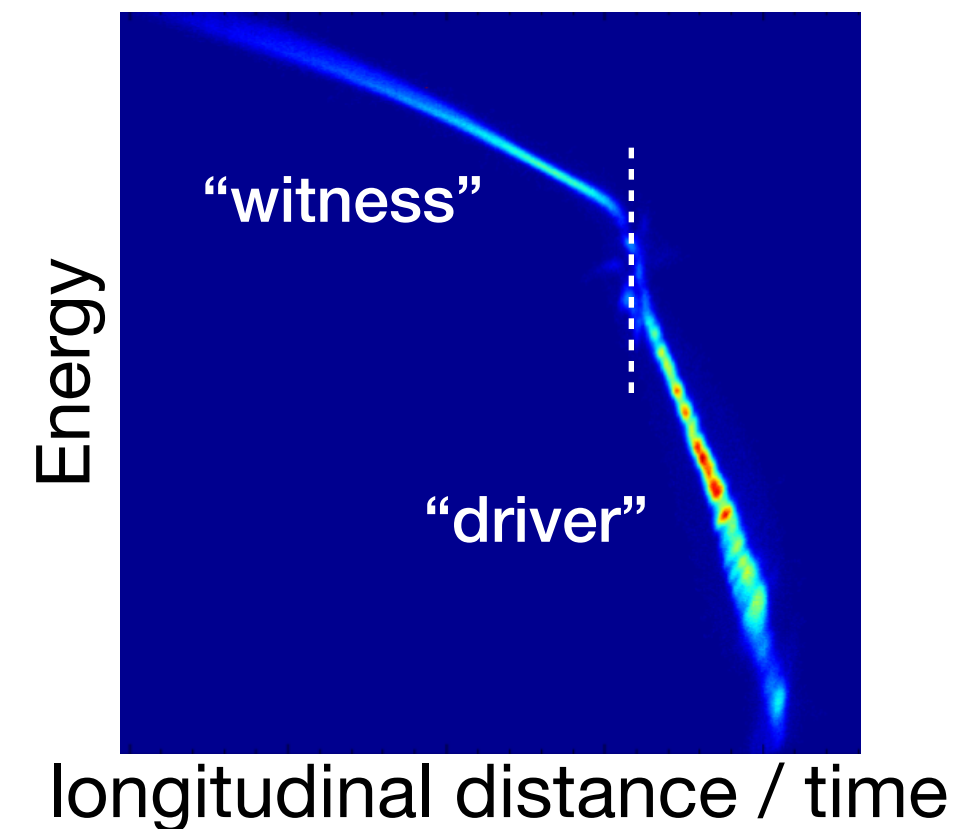
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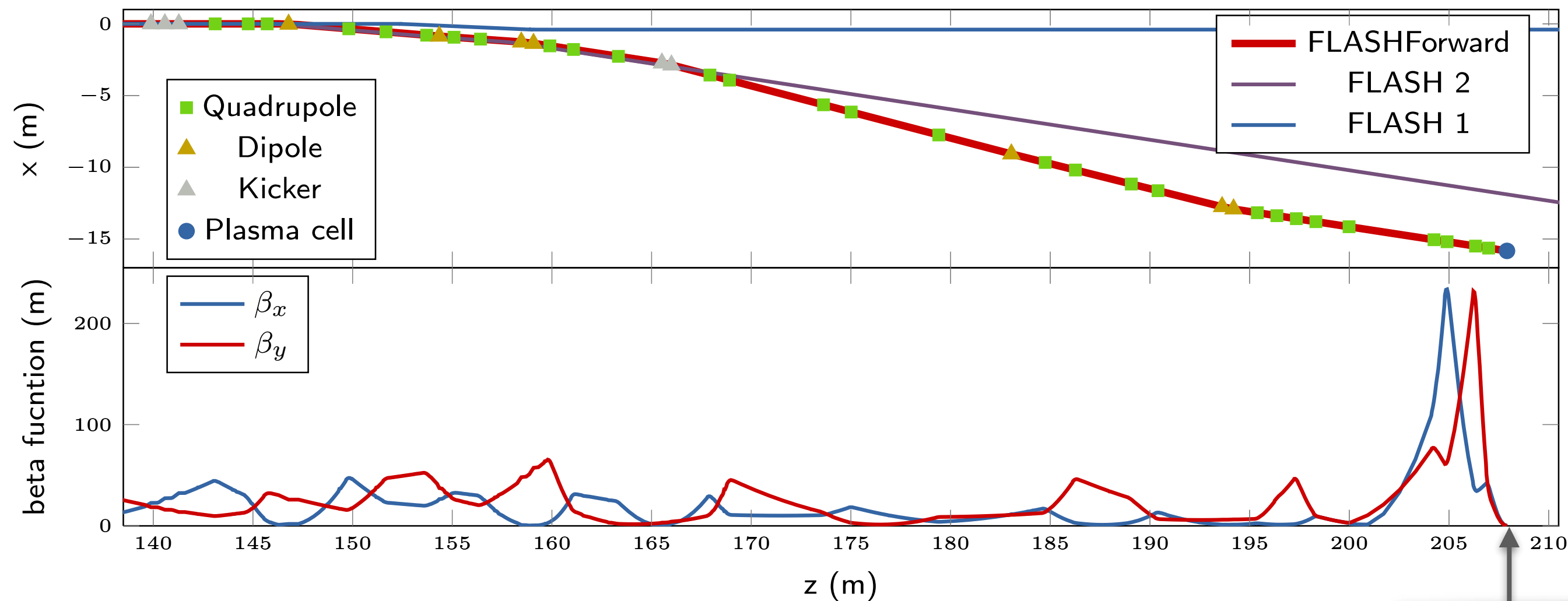
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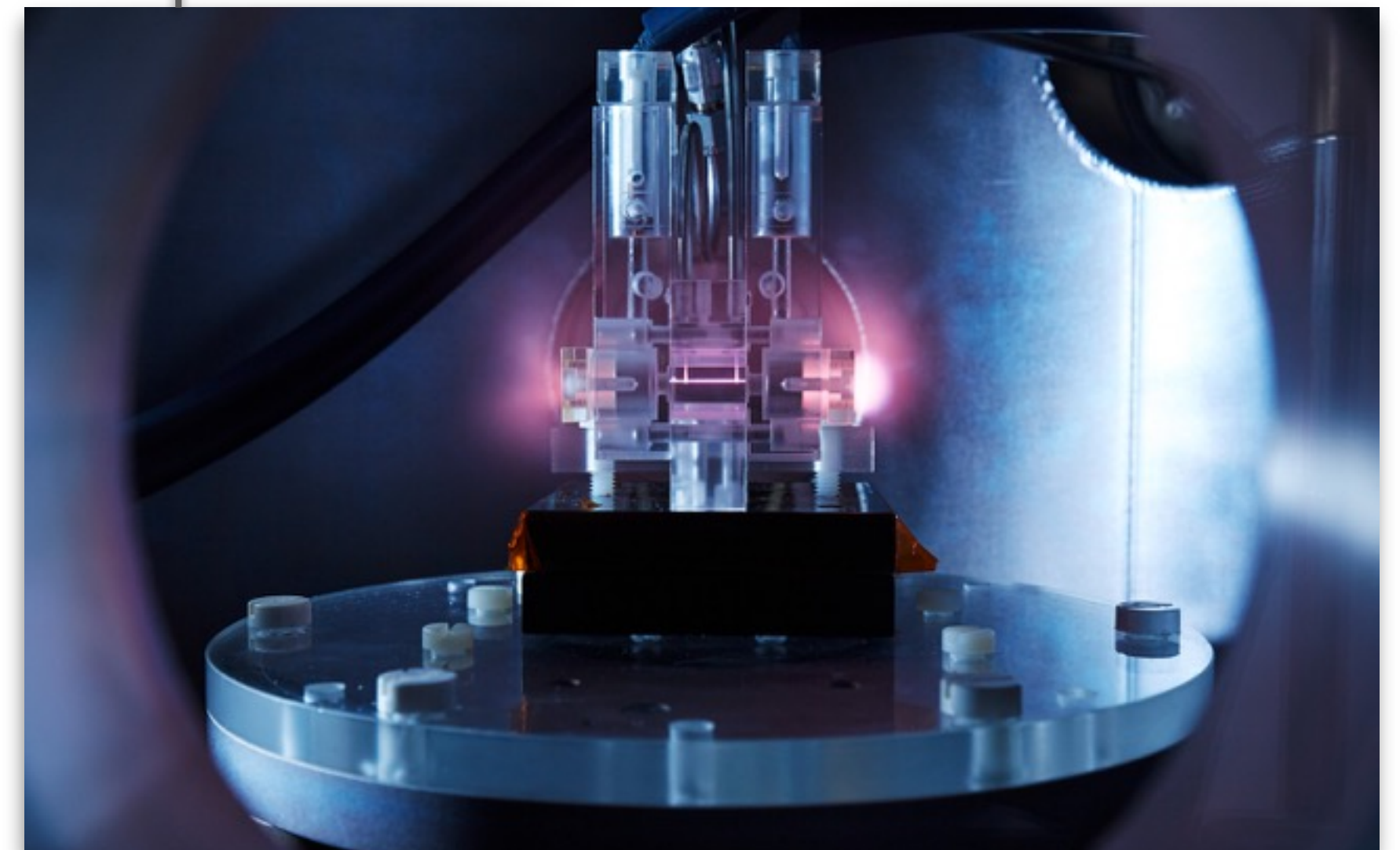
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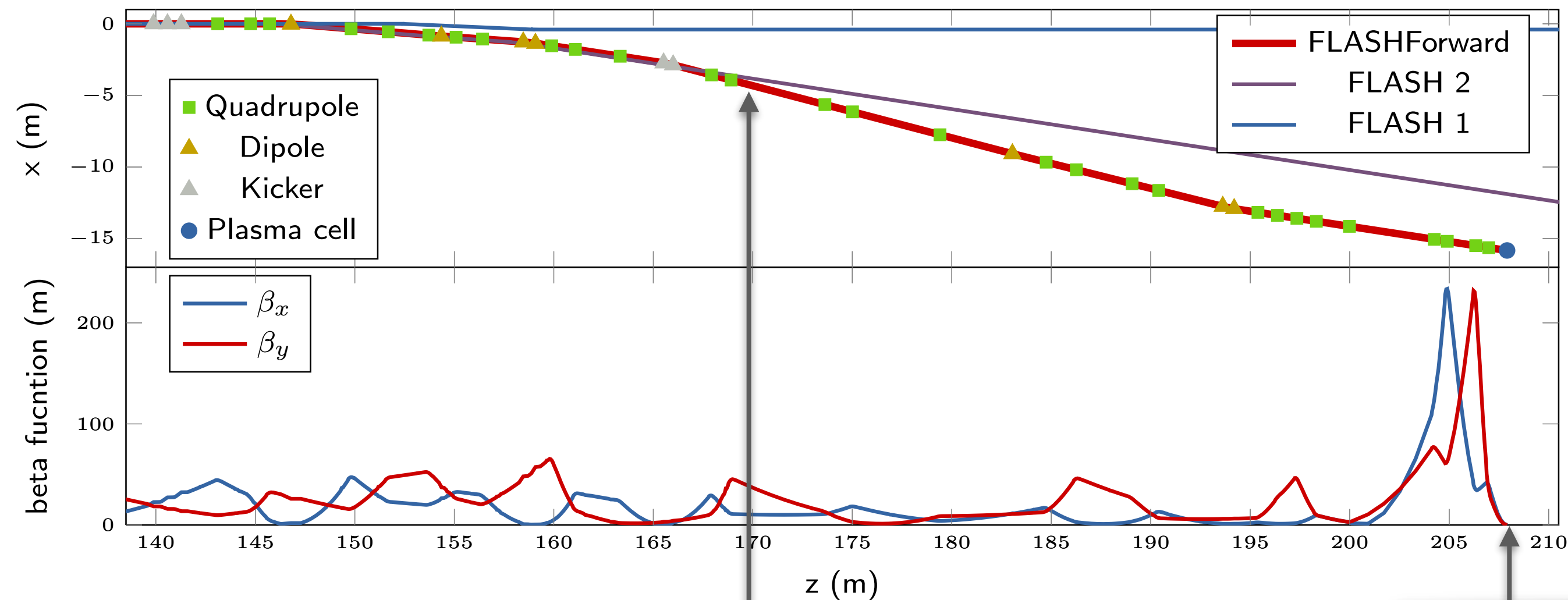
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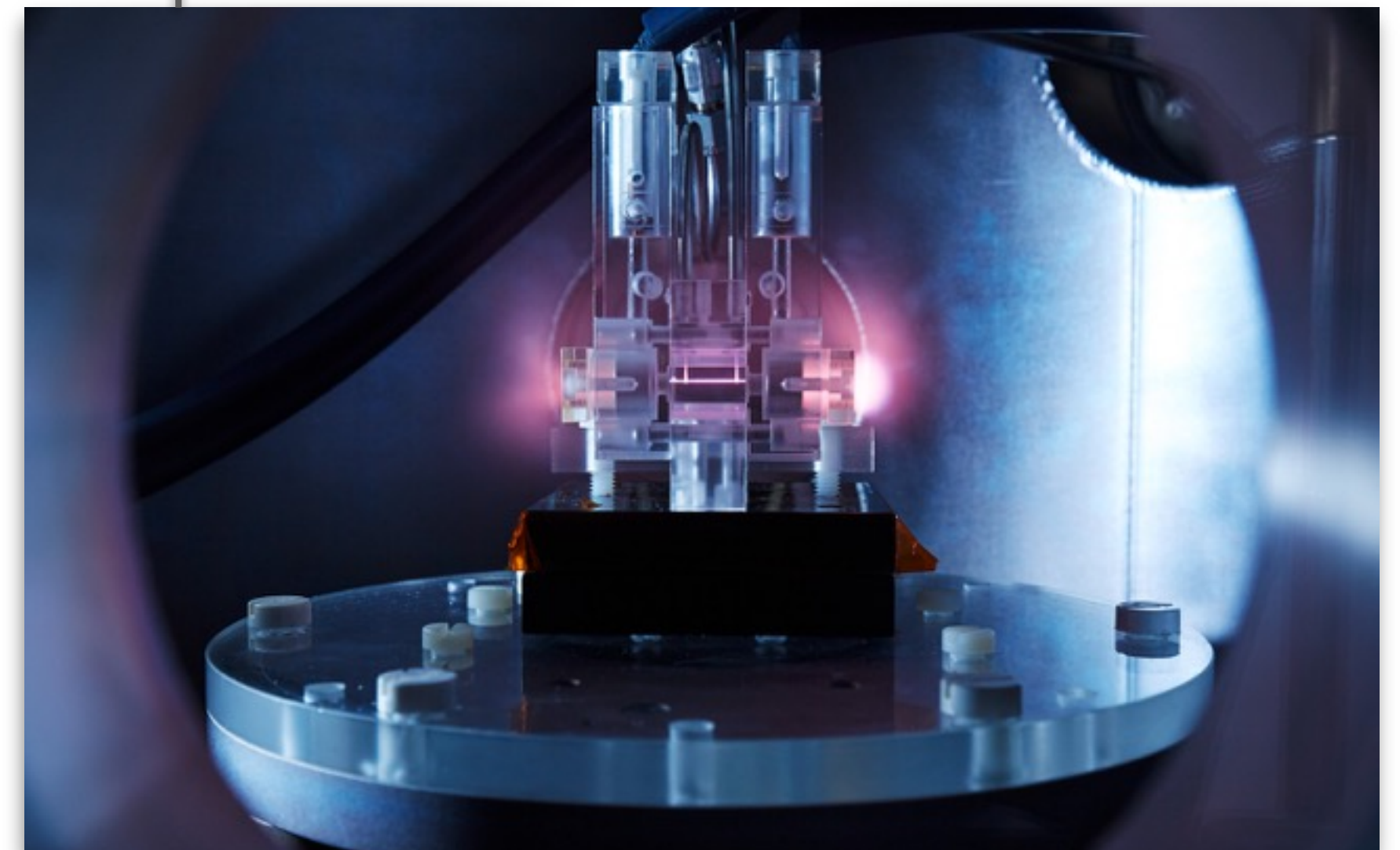
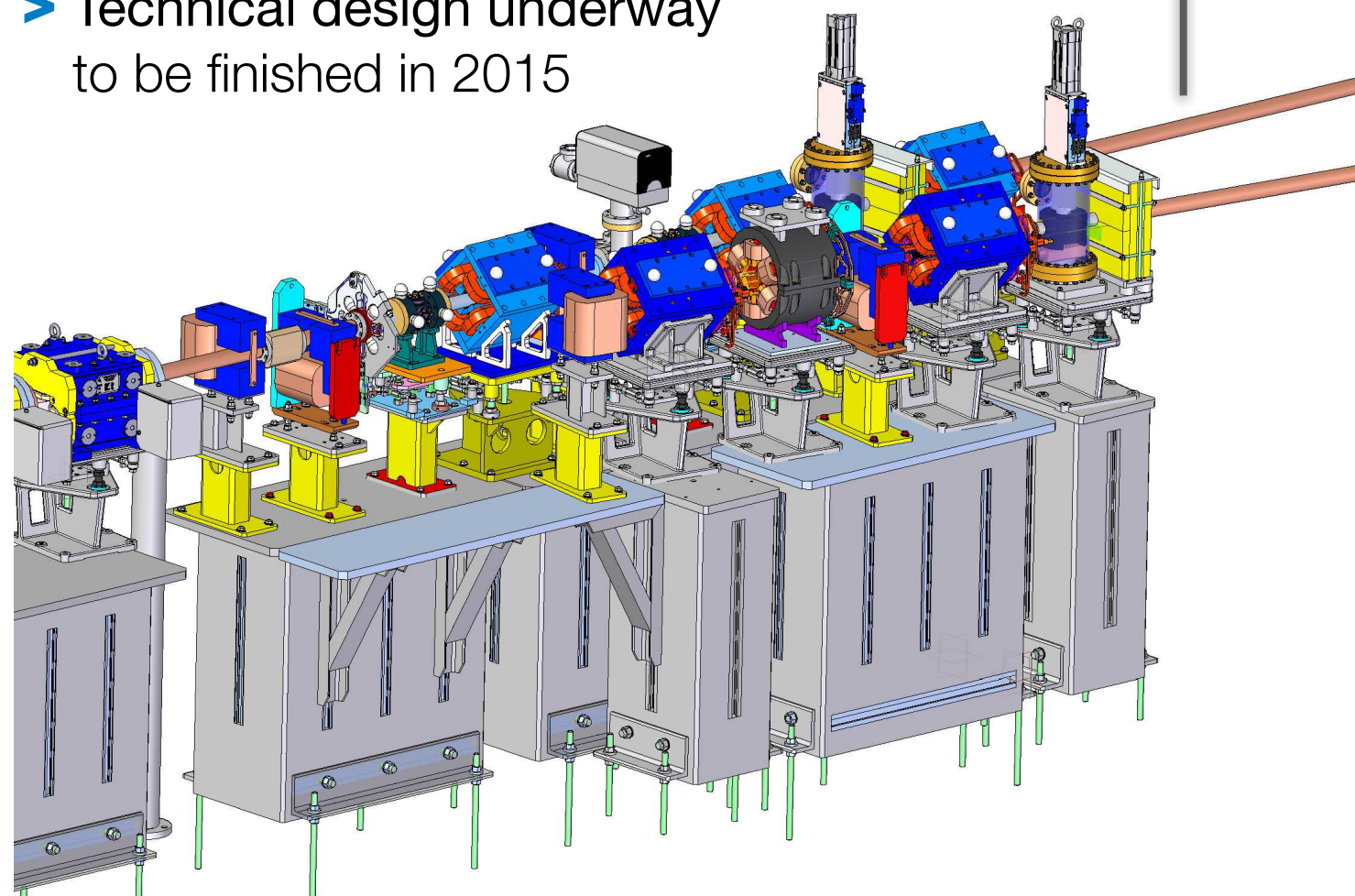


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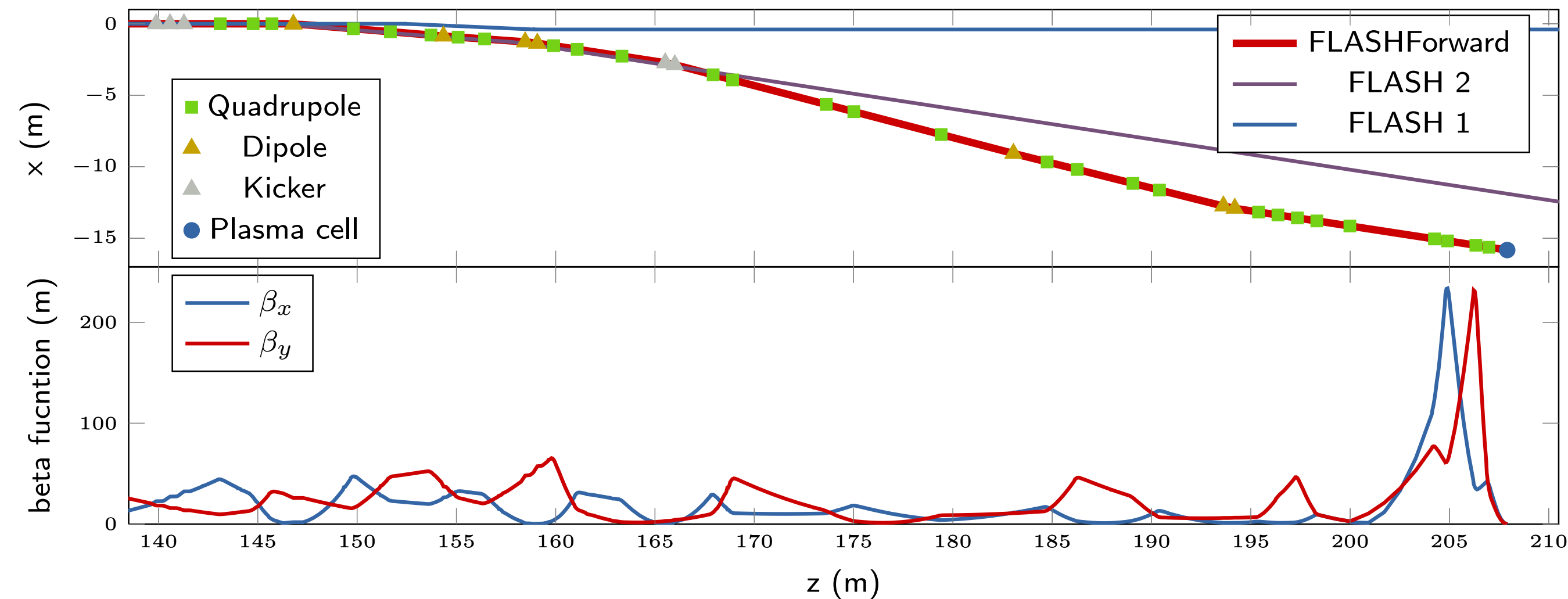
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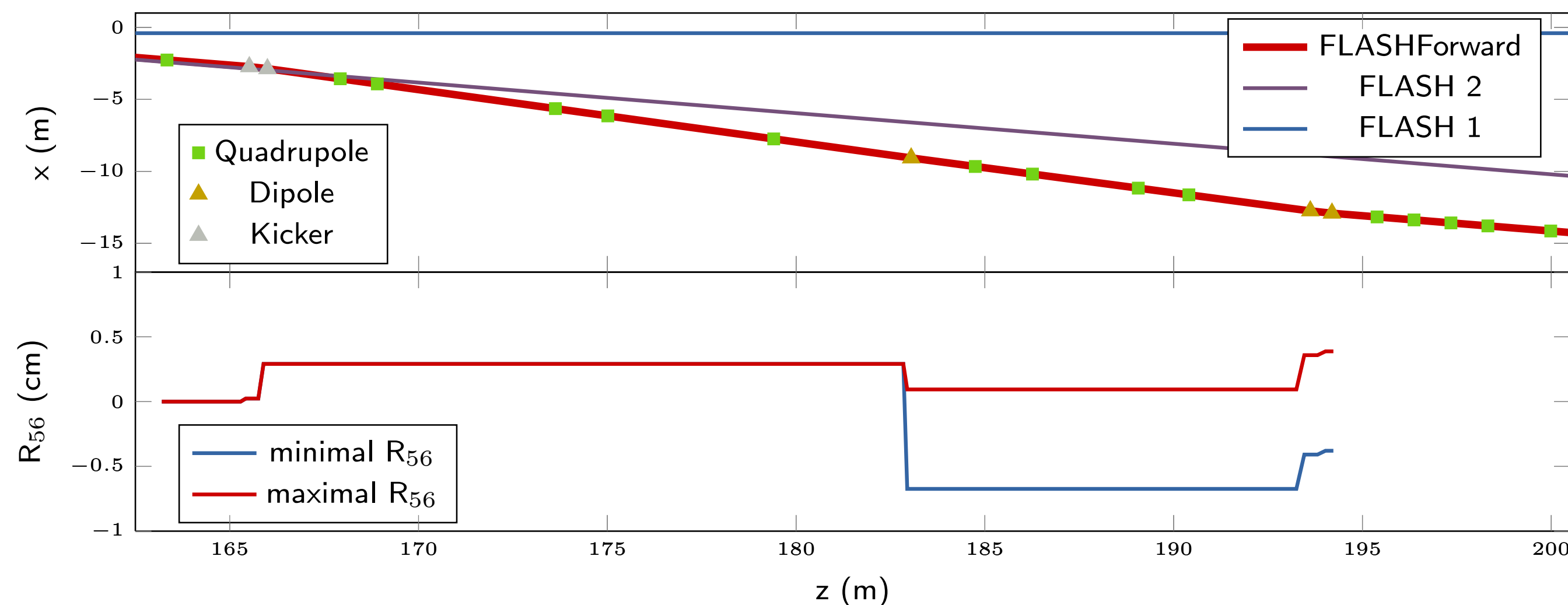
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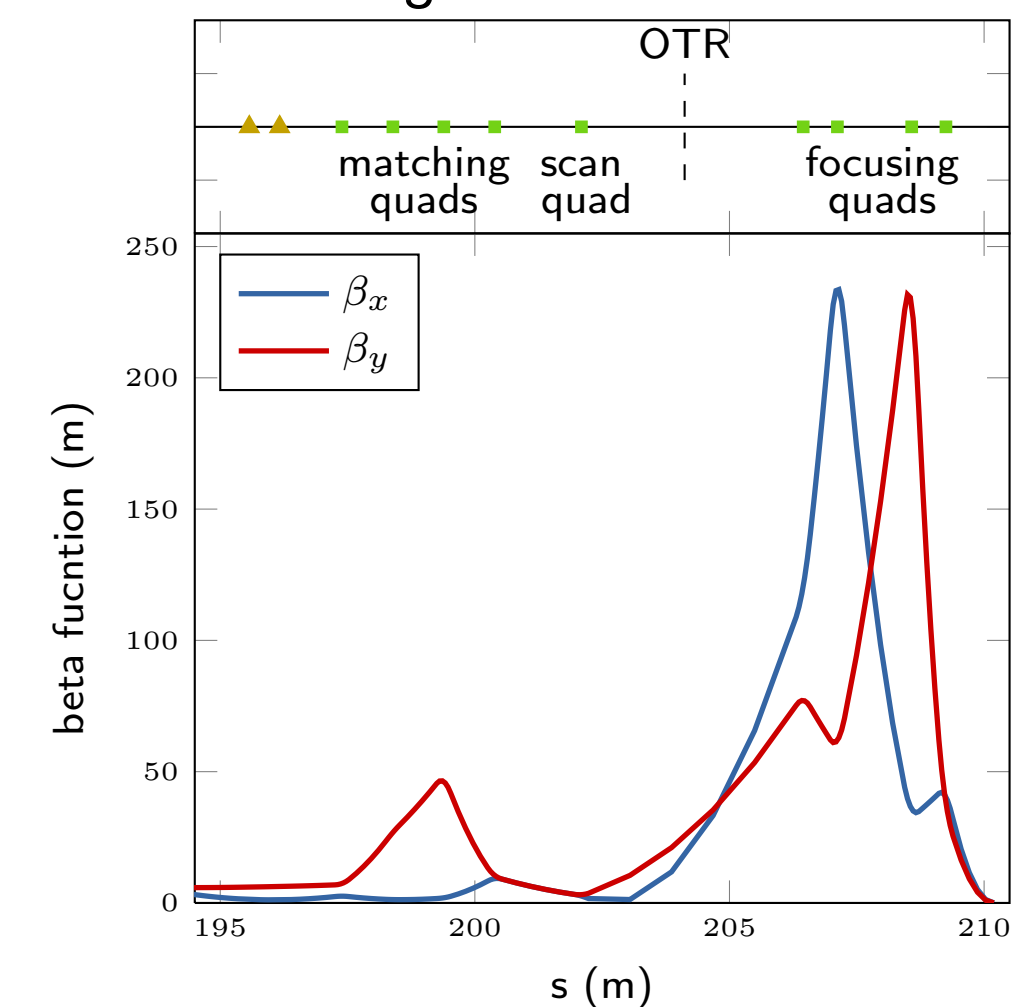
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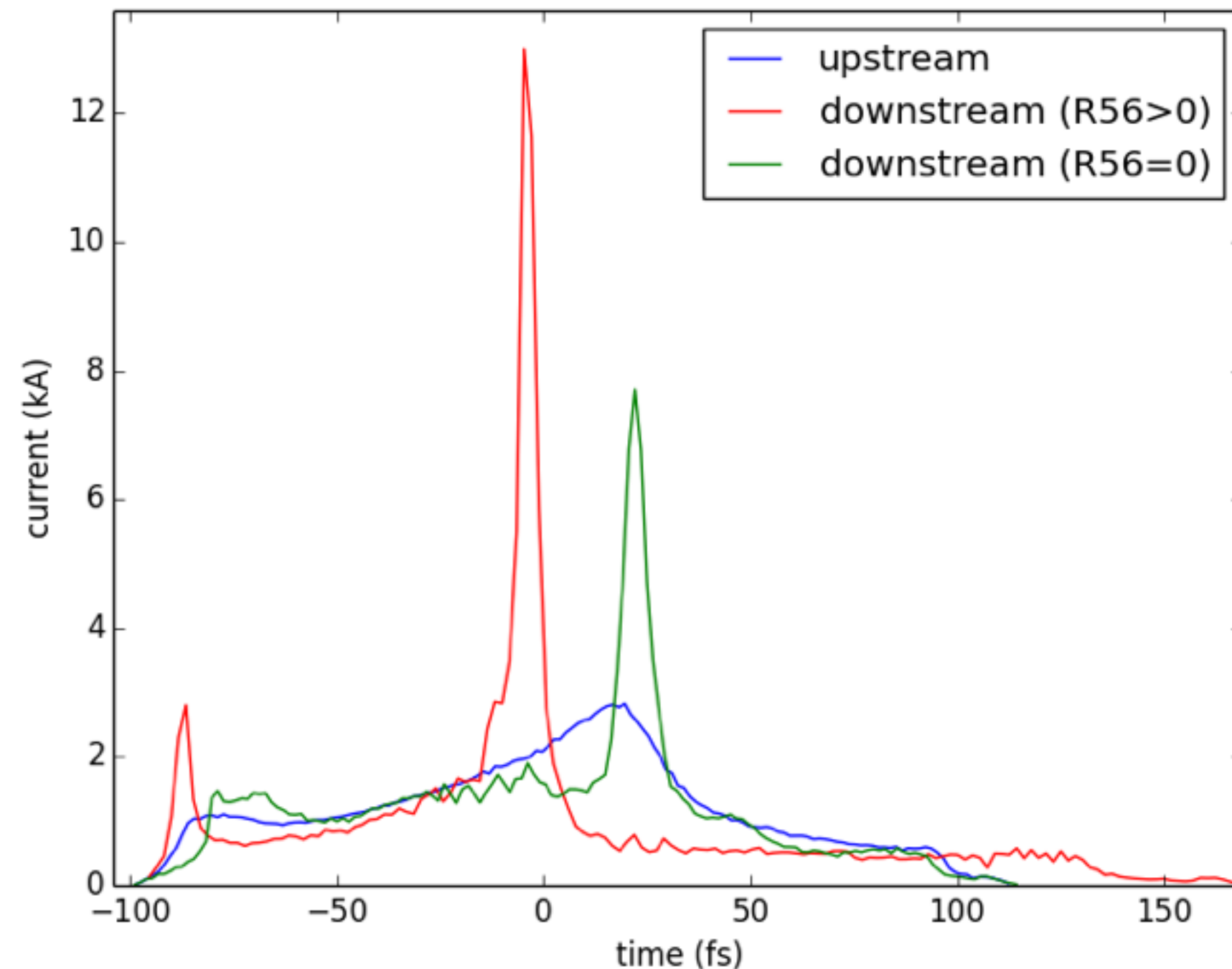
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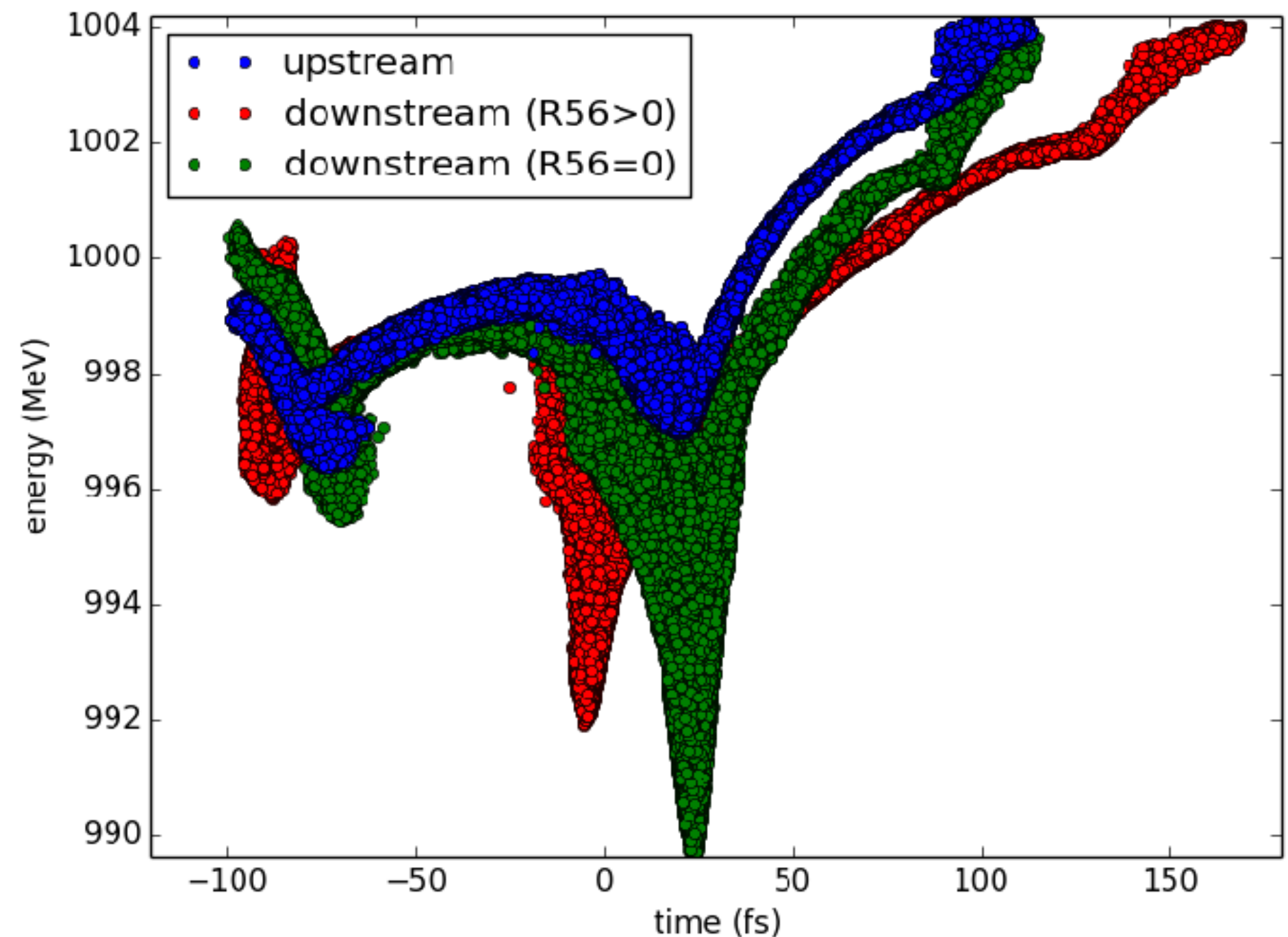
Matching and final focus



Tunable R_{56} in extraction dogleg for optimized peak current

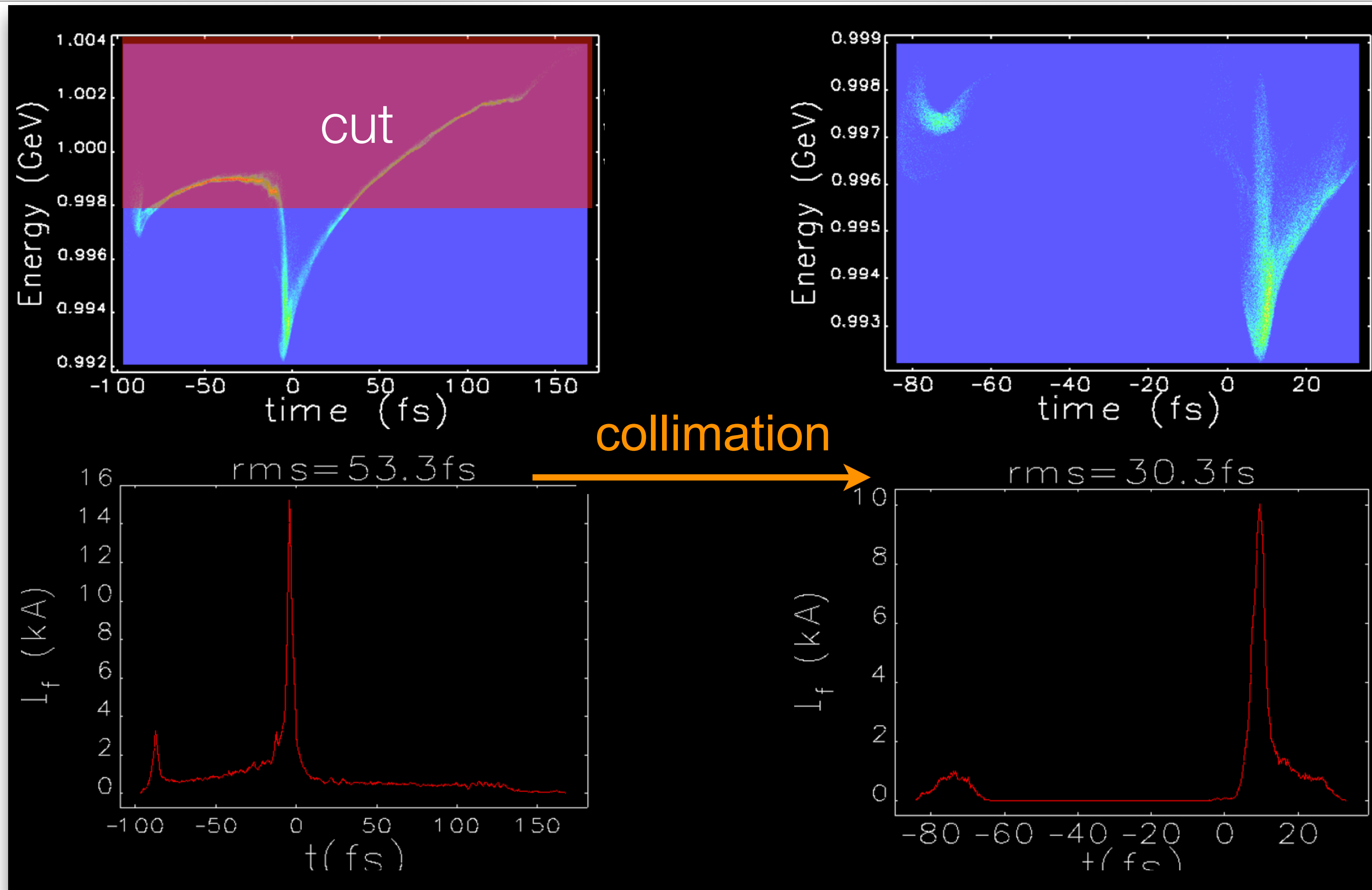


- Beams from FLASH at entrance of FLASHForward are close to maximum compression
- CSR in FLASHForward extraction section creates chirp



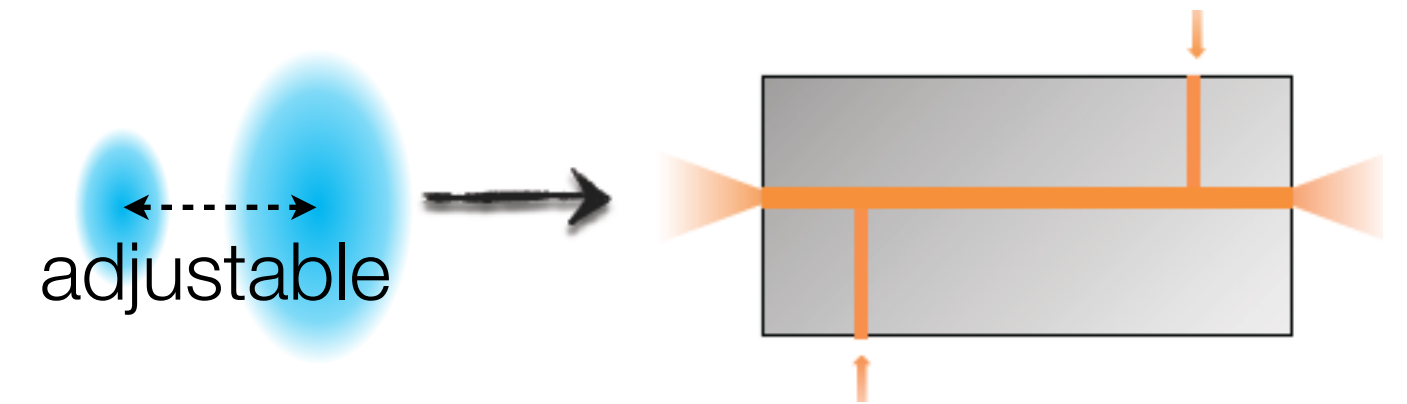
- **Our strategy:** compress the beam core for high peak current by
 - tuning R_{56} along the extraction beamline
 - tuning the RF-phase (not optimized here)
- **Further work**
 - RF-phase parameter needs to be included in optimization
 - high-current mode needs to be examined at the interaction point including space charge effects

A collimator in the dispersive section can remove the wings



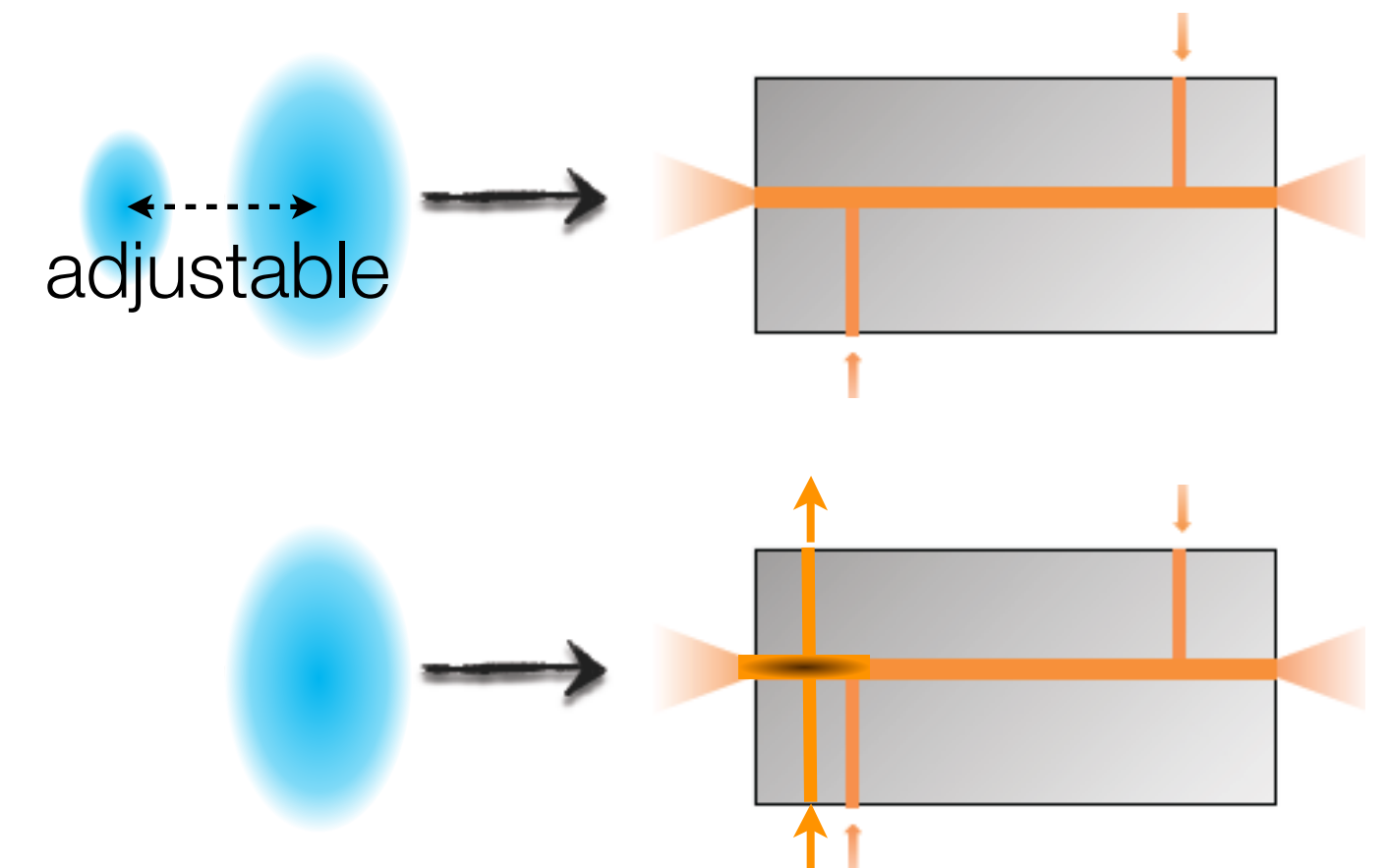
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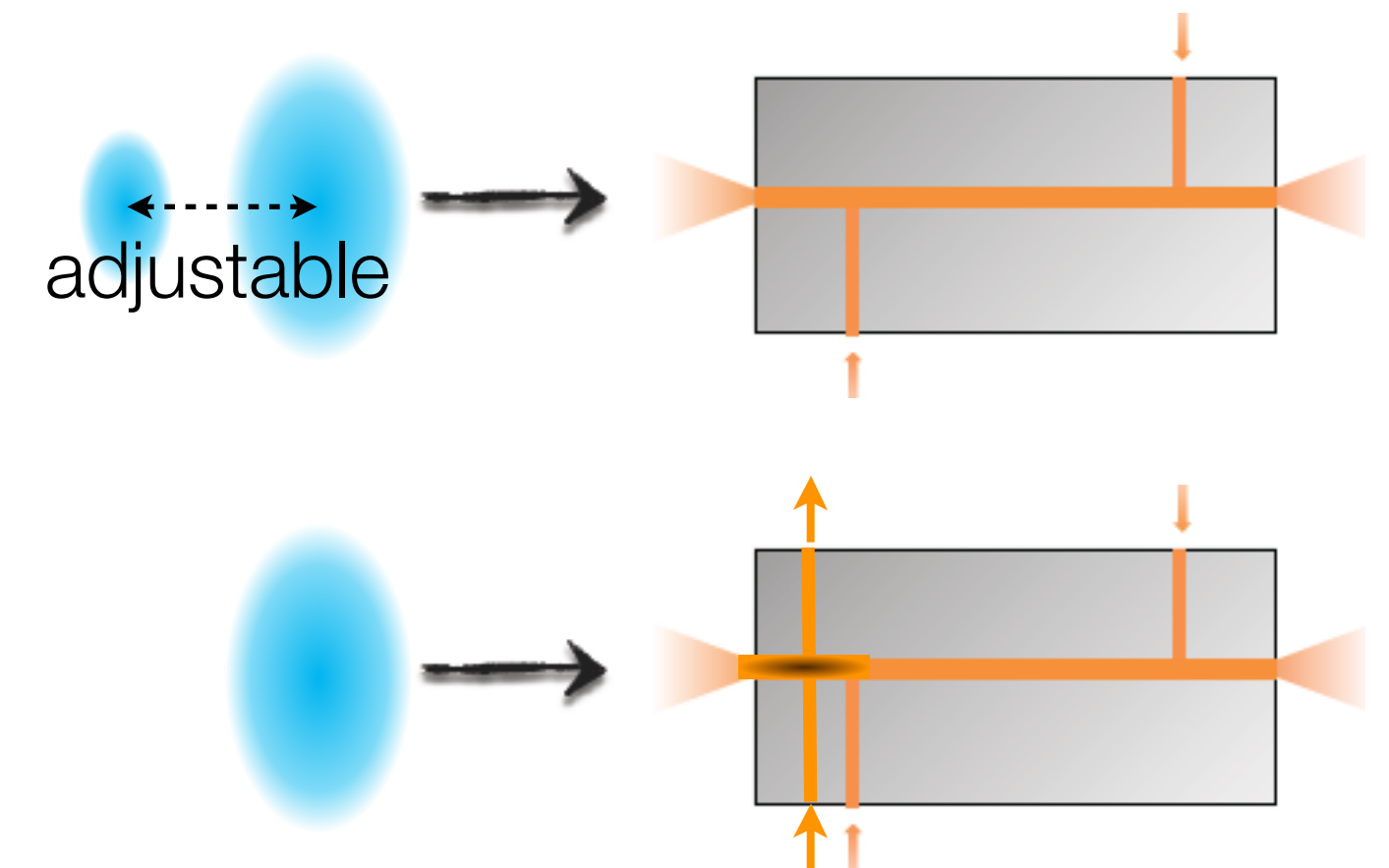
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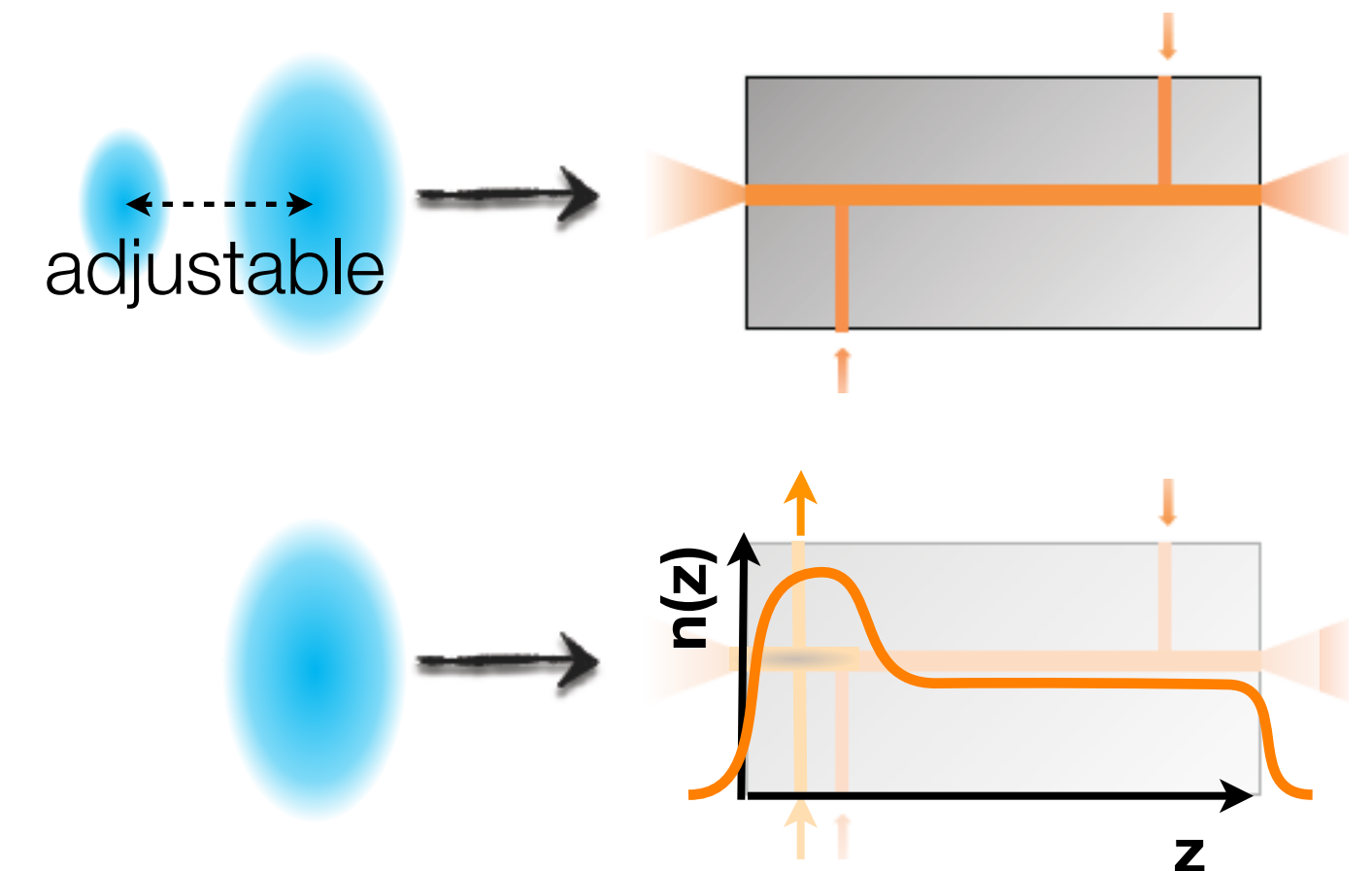
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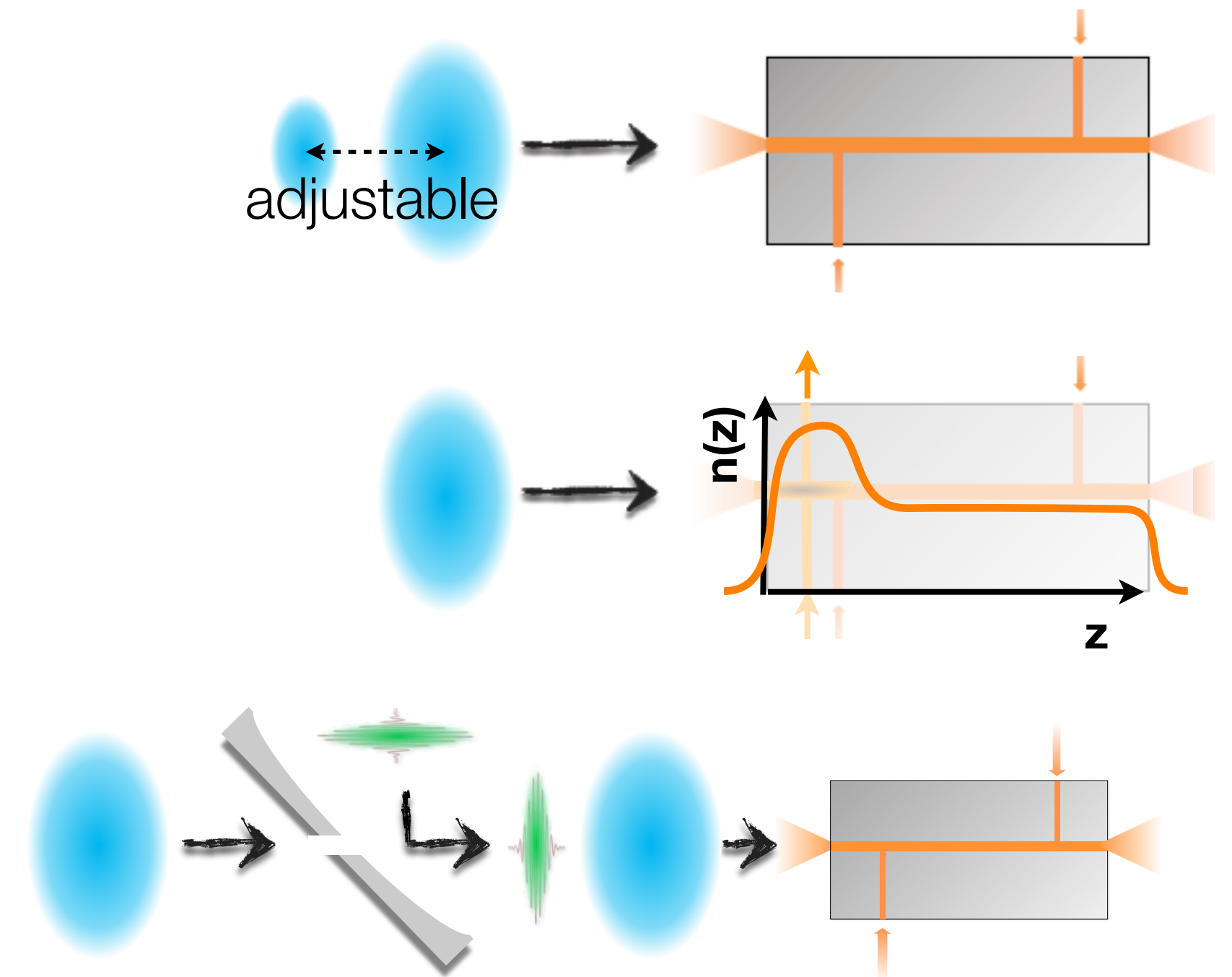
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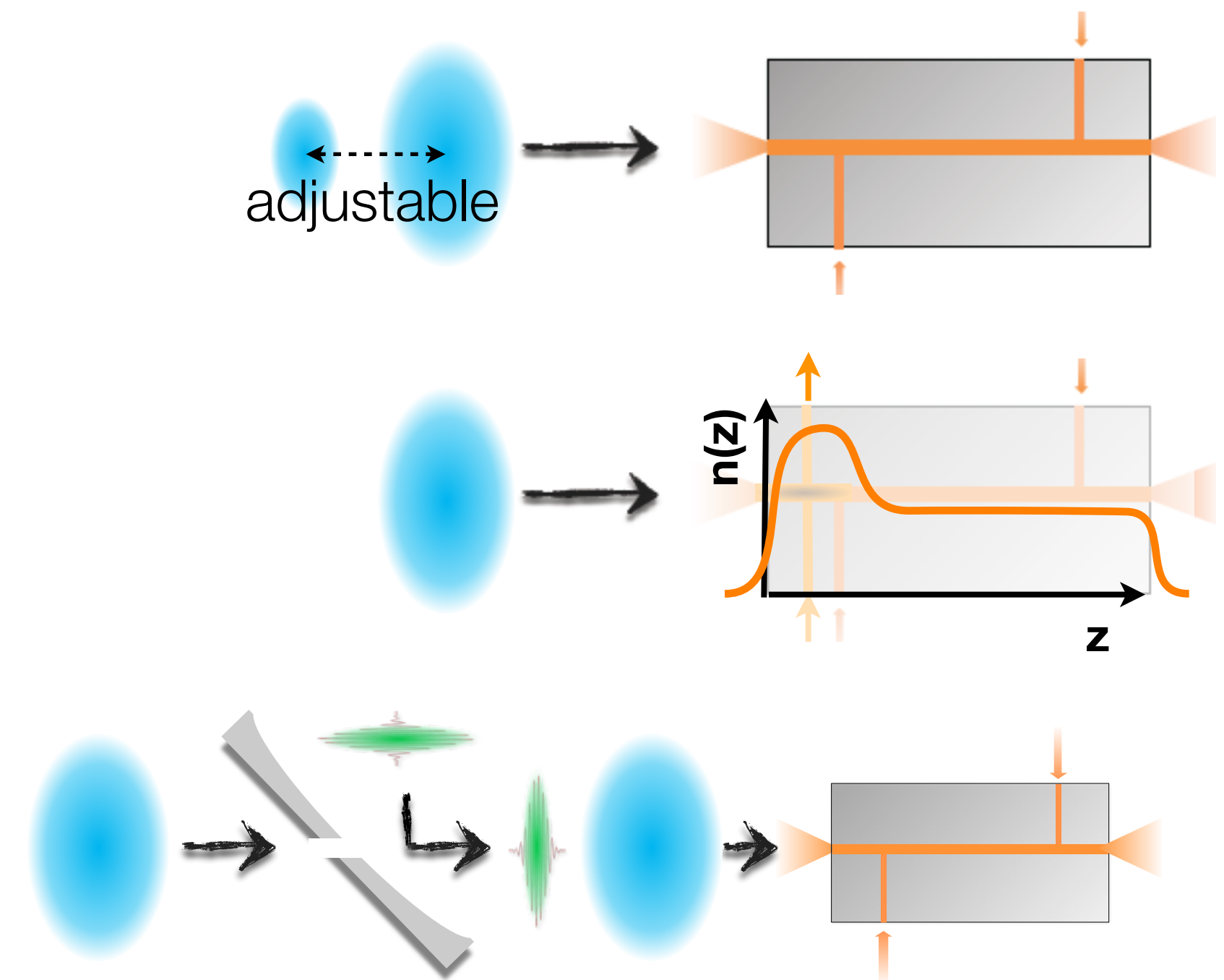
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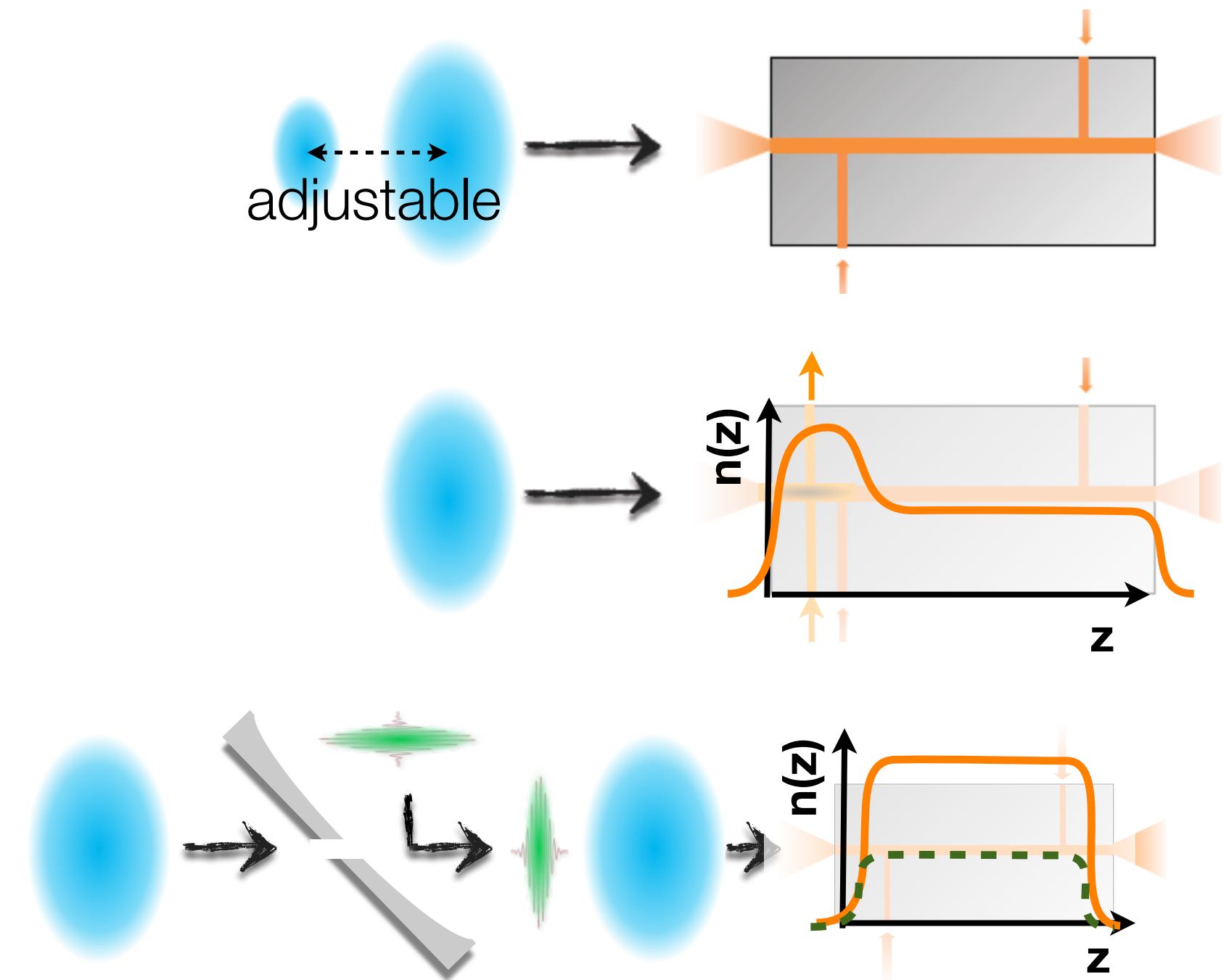
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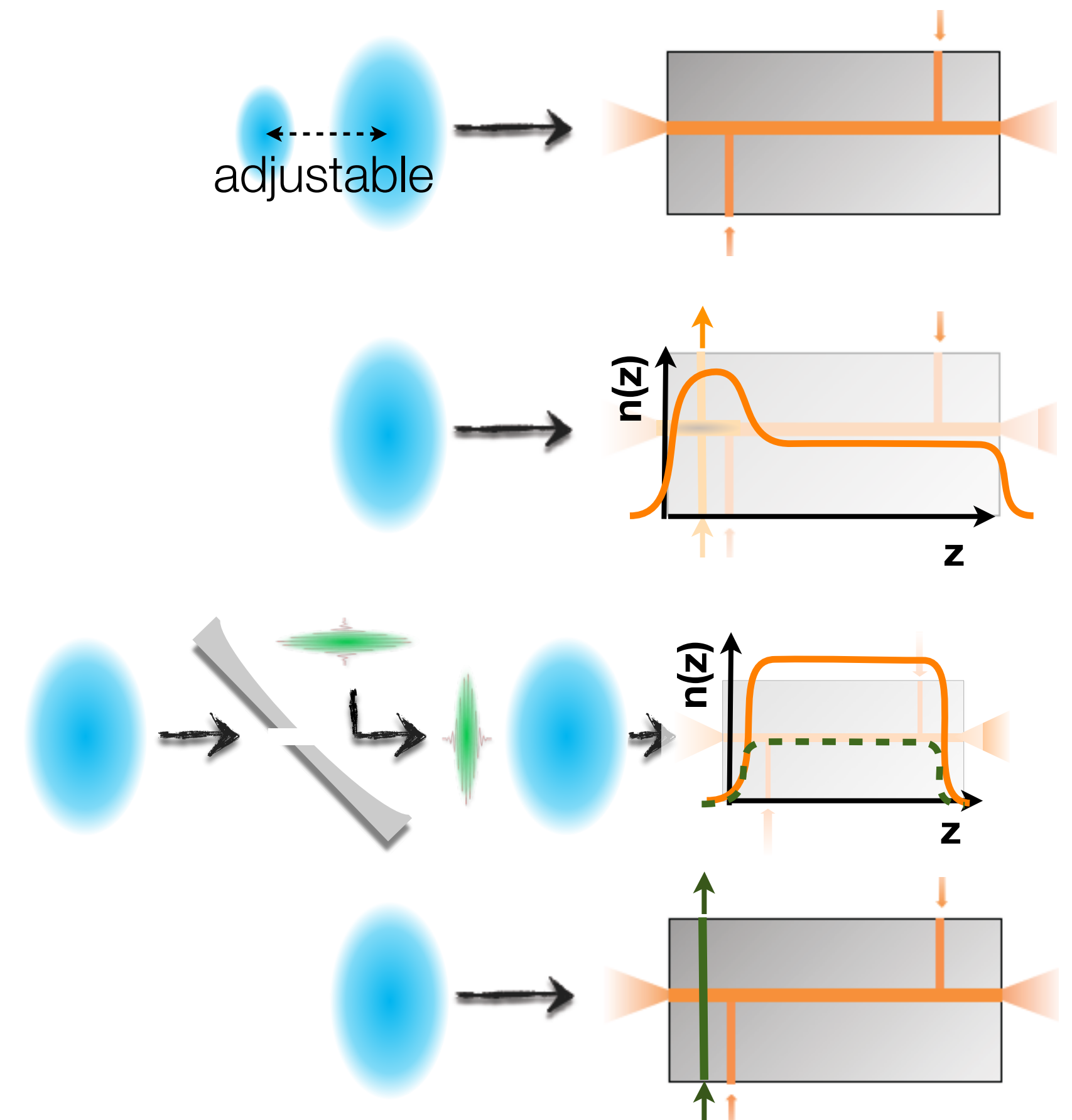
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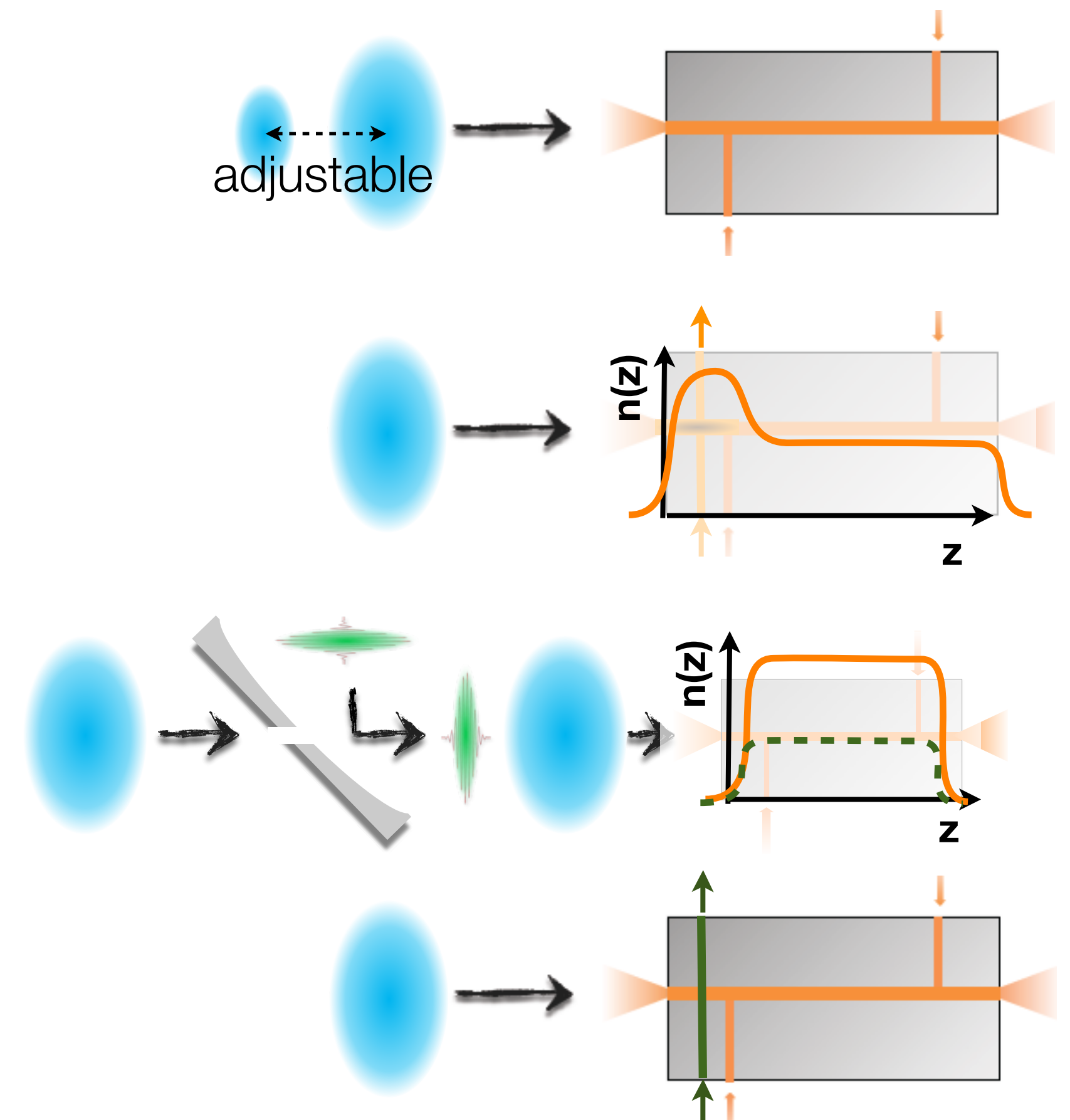
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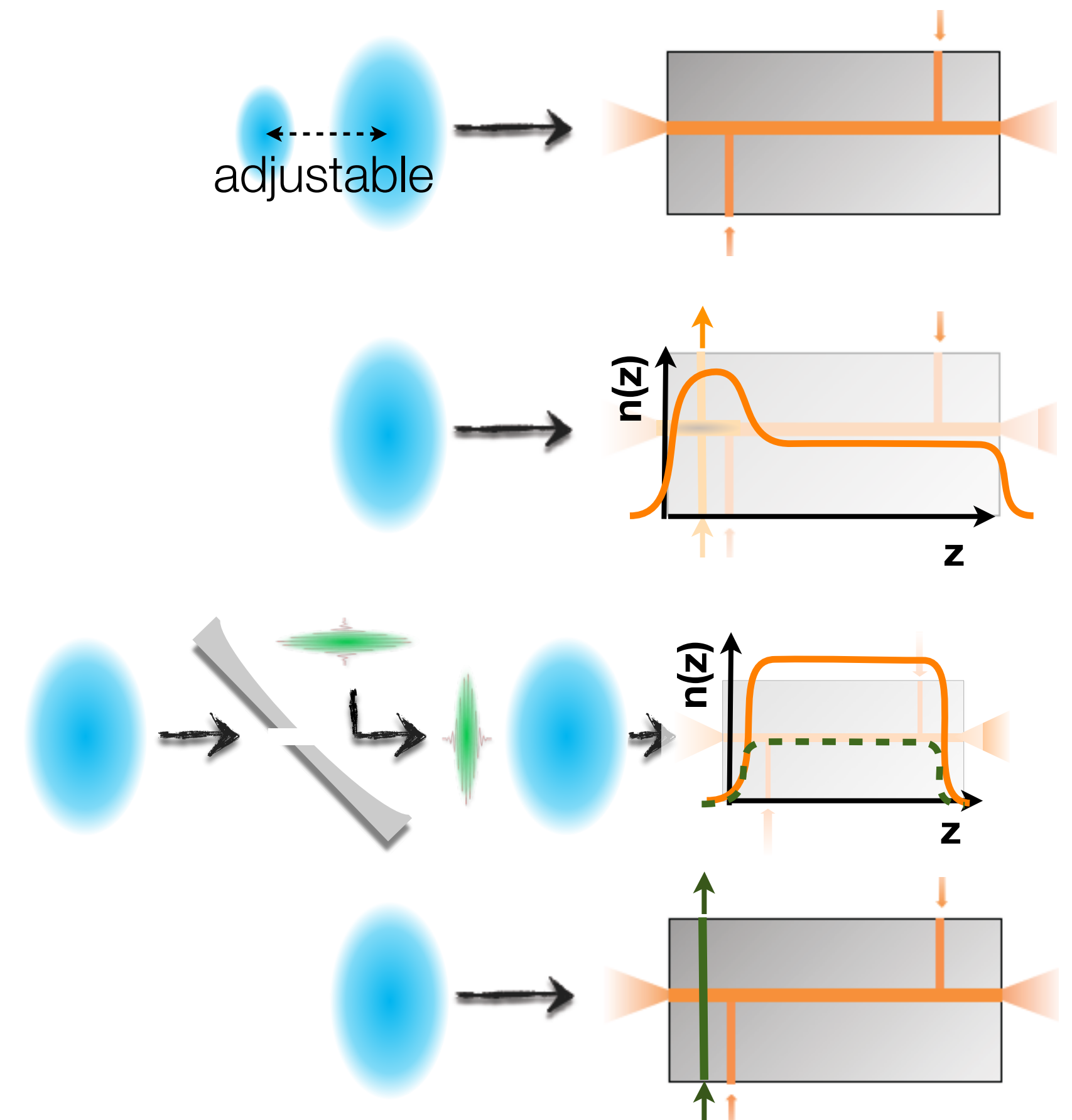
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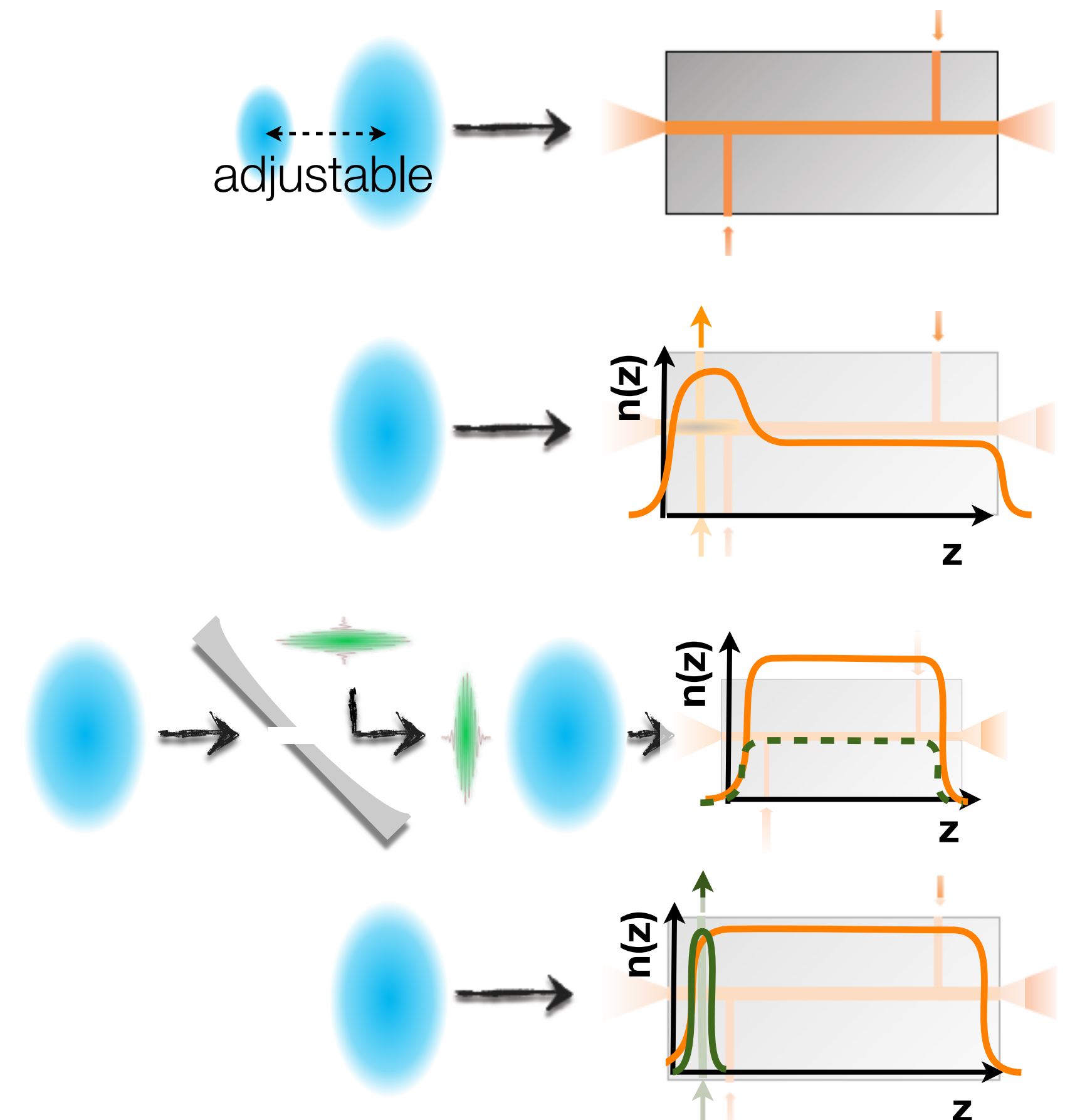
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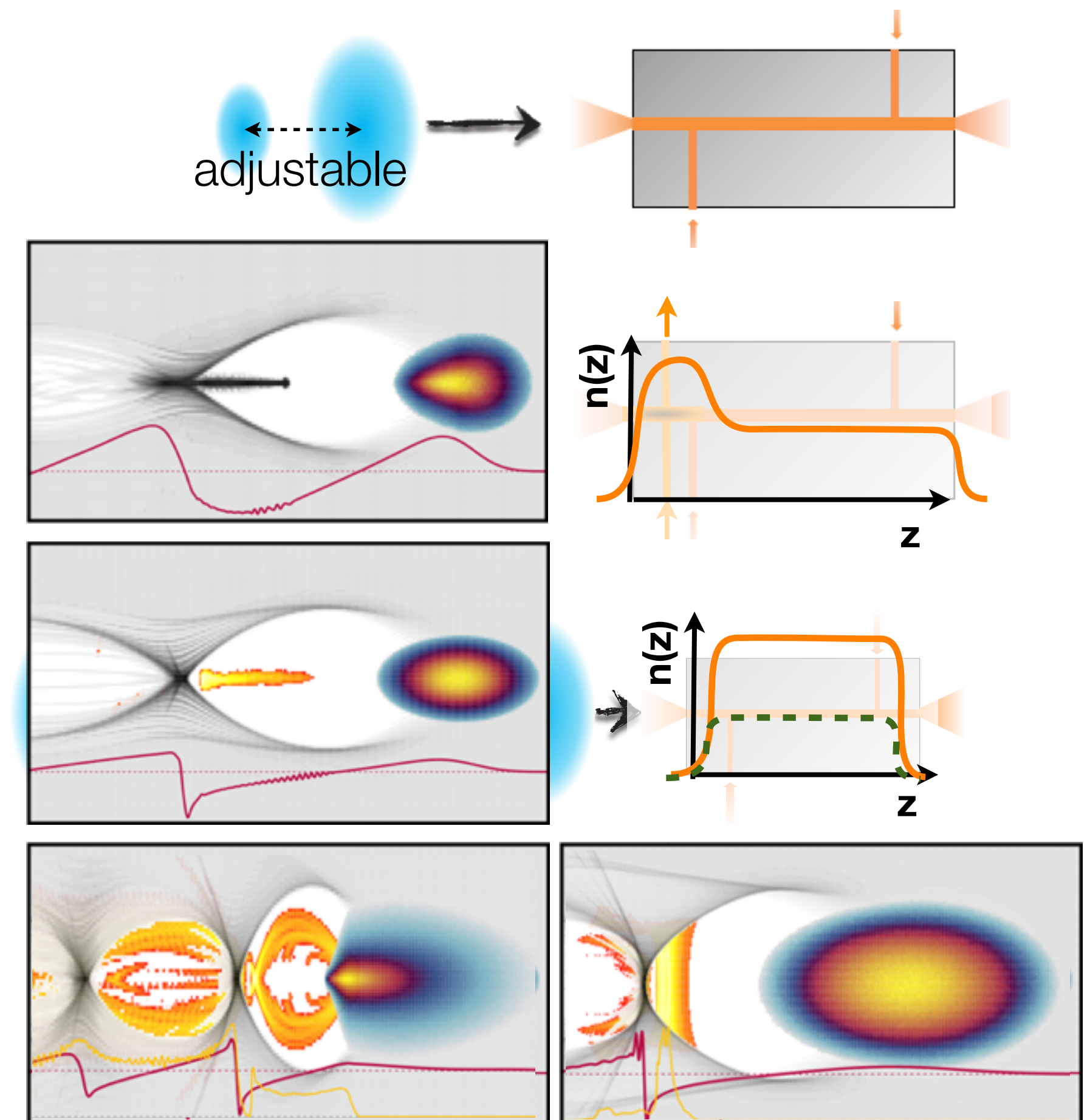
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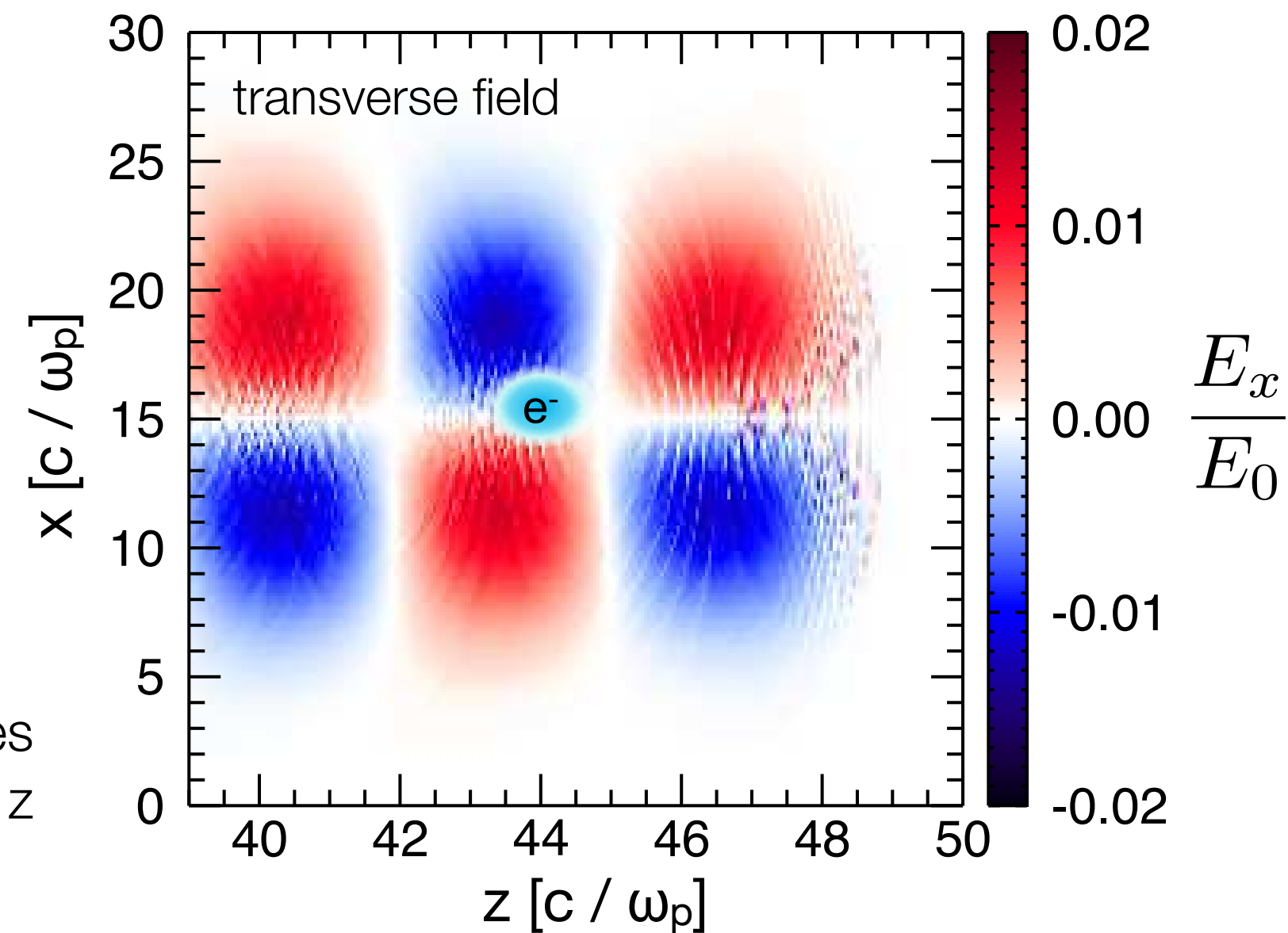
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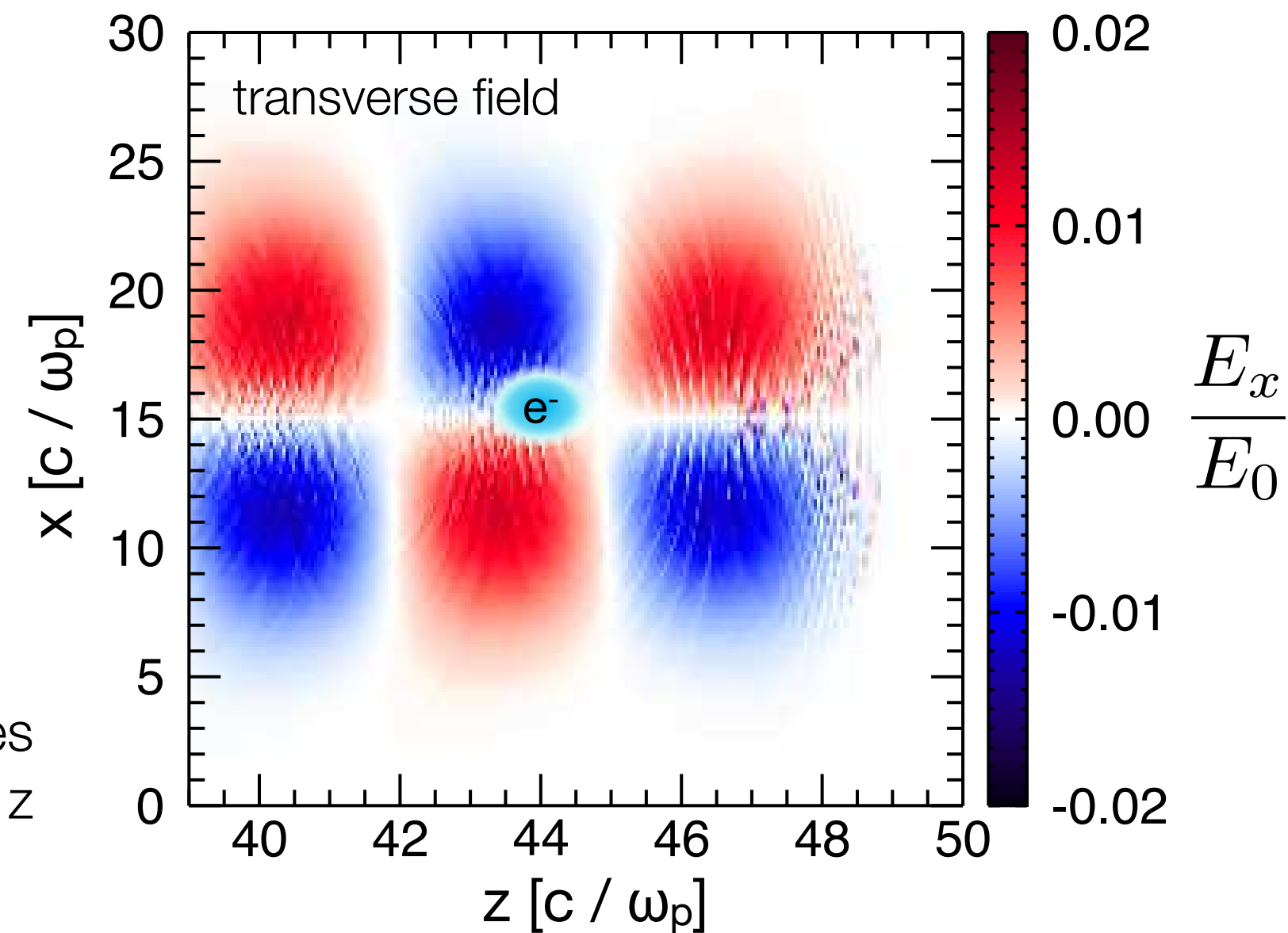
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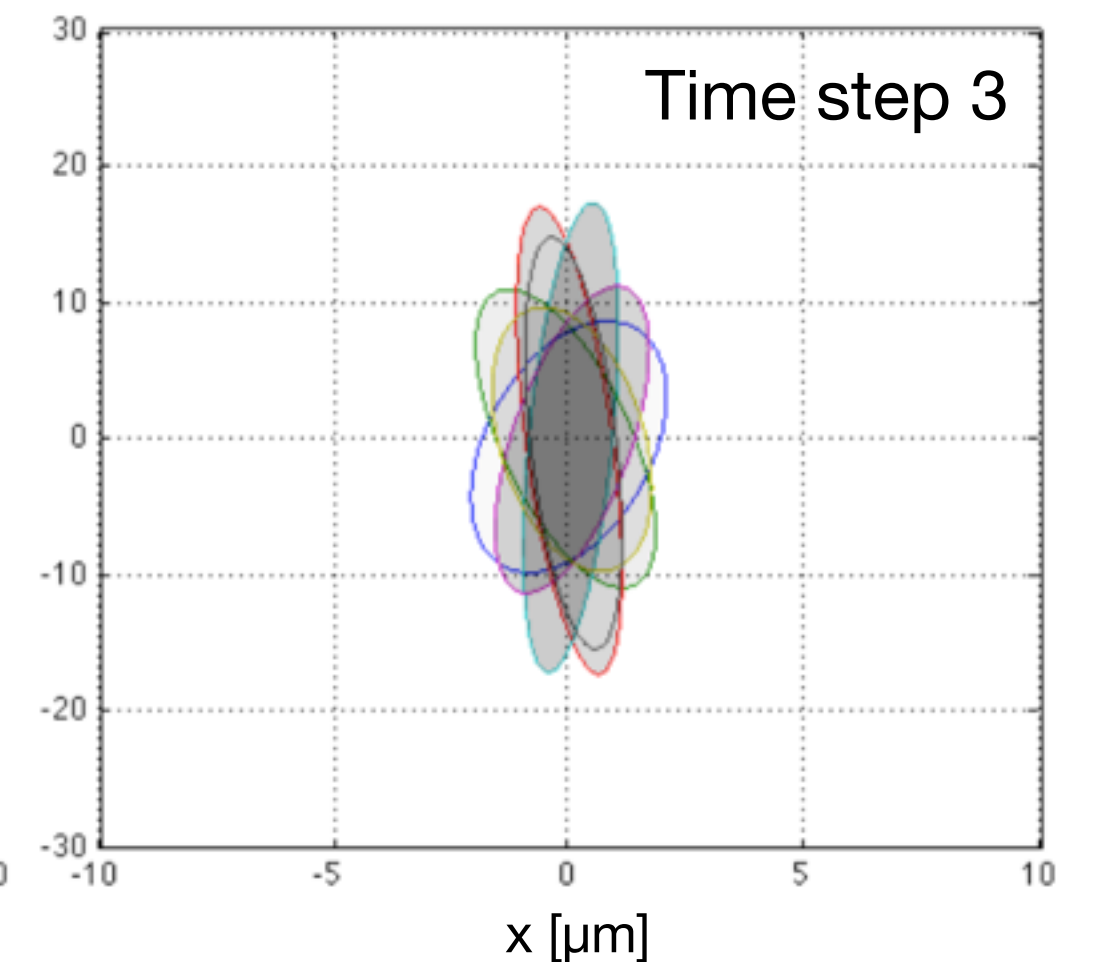
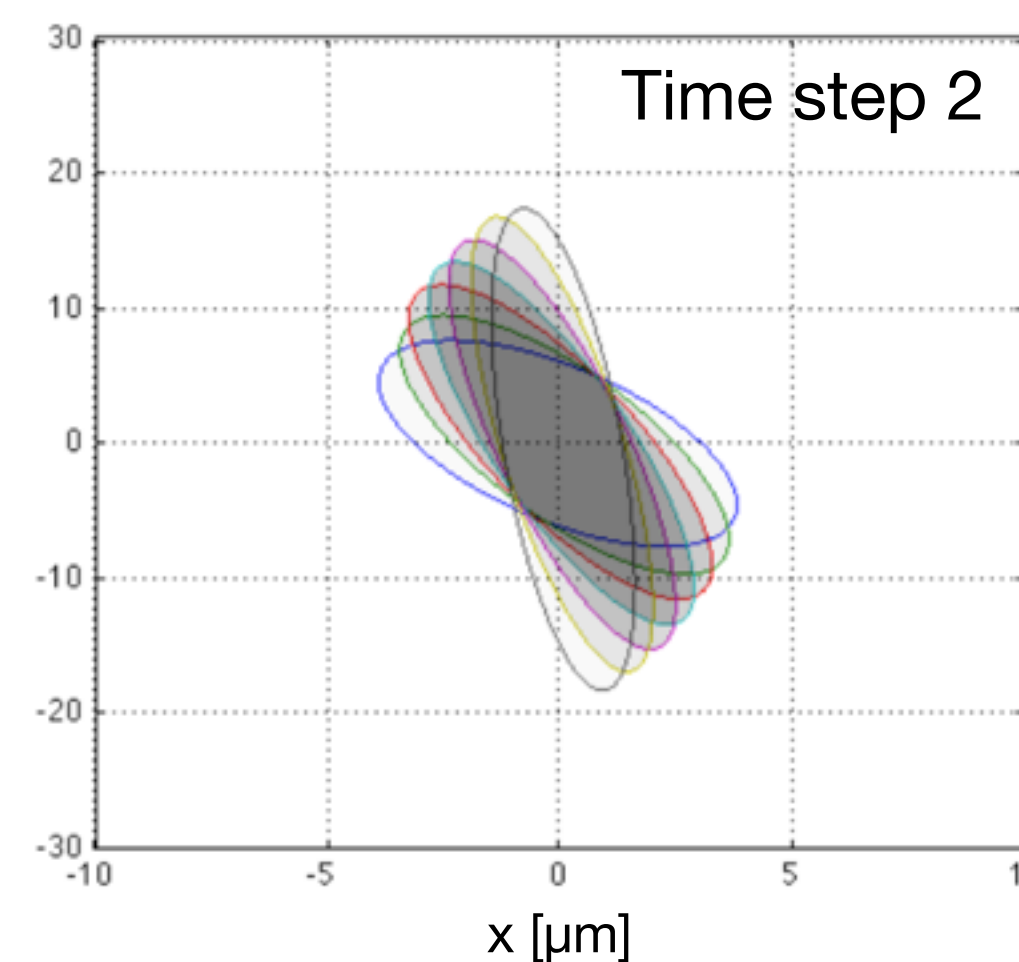
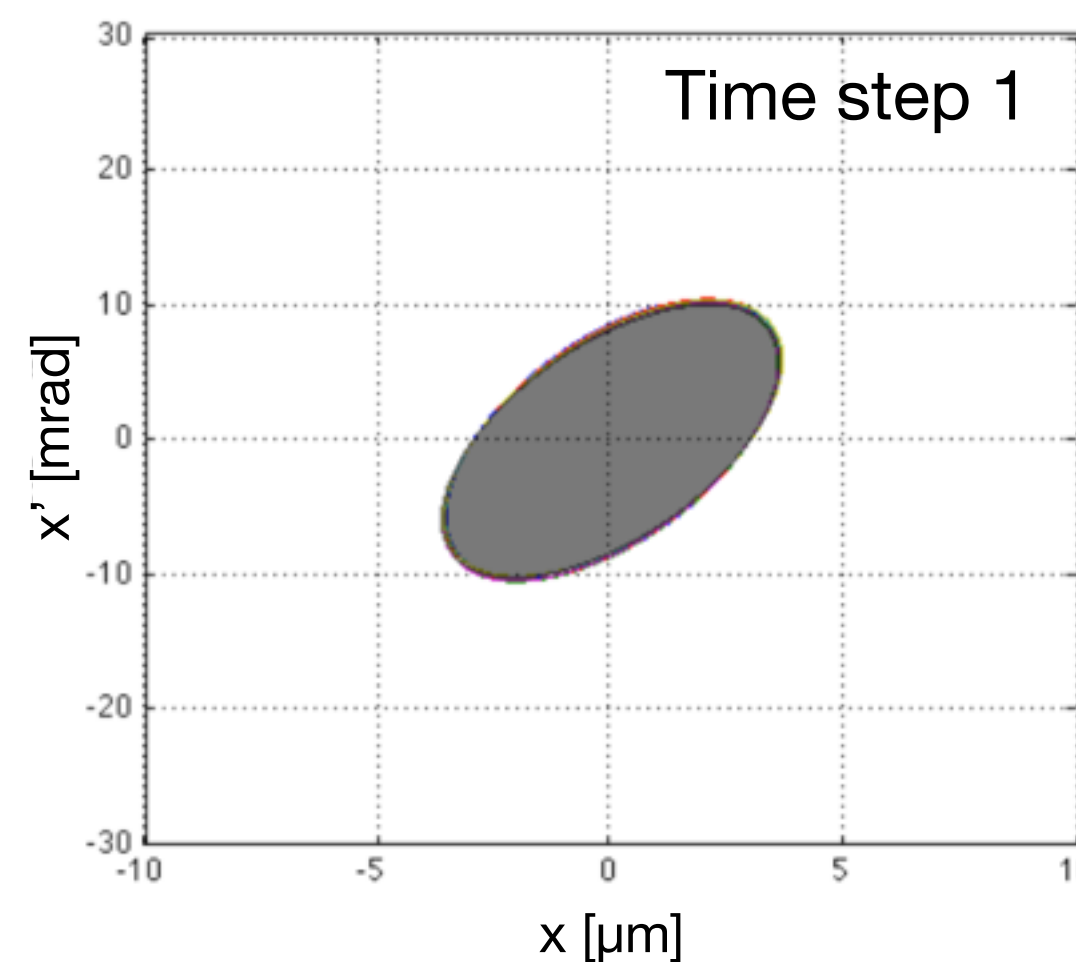
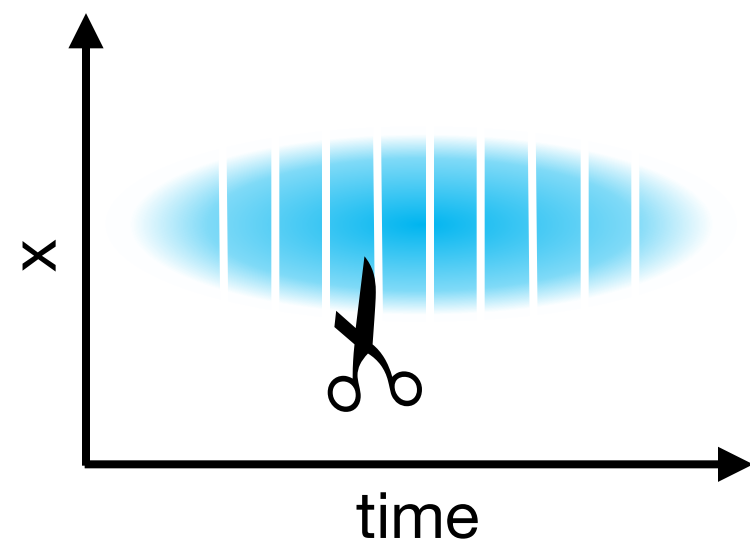
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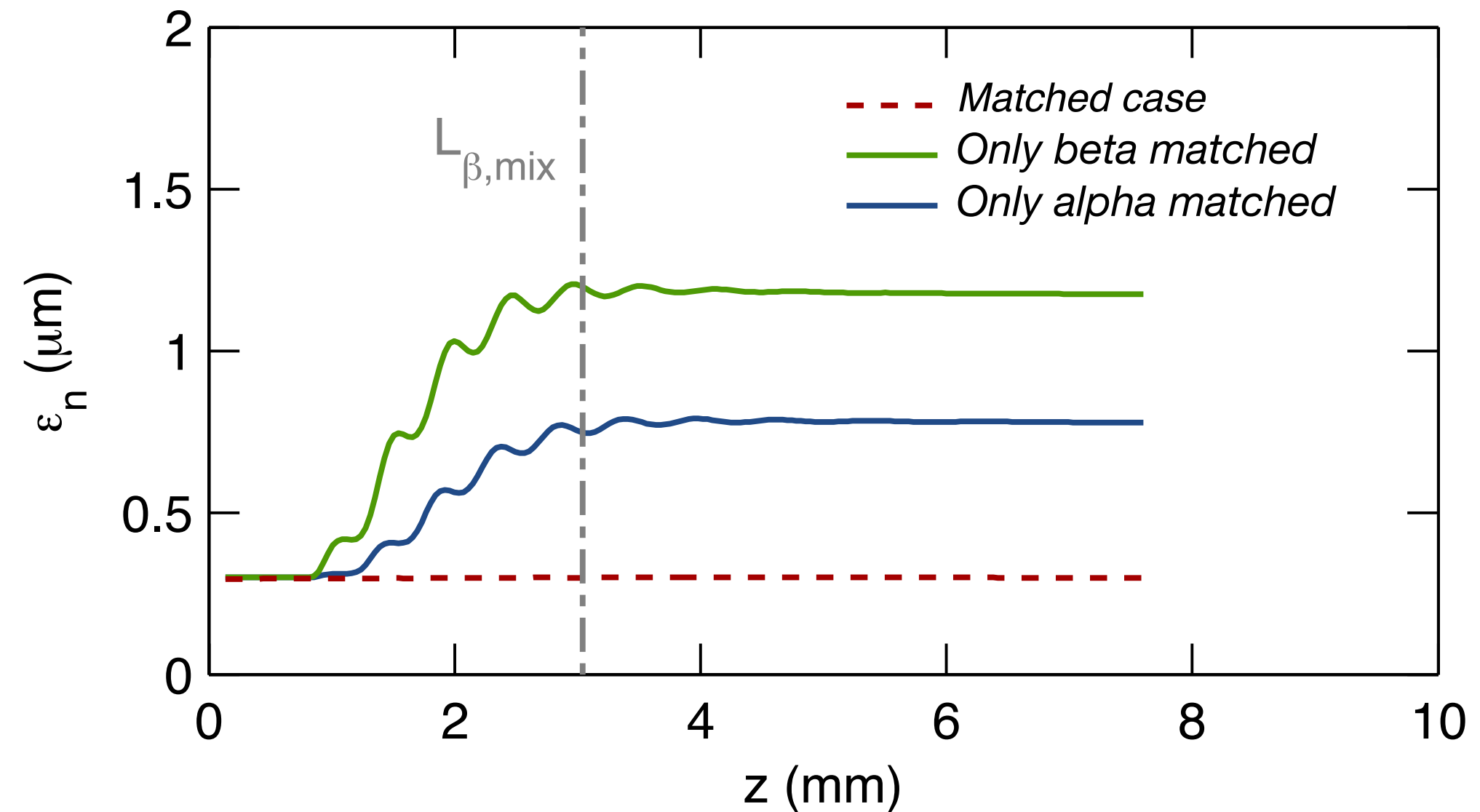
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Total betatron phase mixing length

$$L_{\beta,\text{mix}} \simeq \frac{\lambda_p}{a_0} \sqrt{\frac{8\pi\gamma_r}{k_p L_b}}$$

Matching conditions

$$\alpha_{\text{match}} = 0 \quad \beta_{\text{match}} \simeq \frac{c}{\omega_\beta}$$

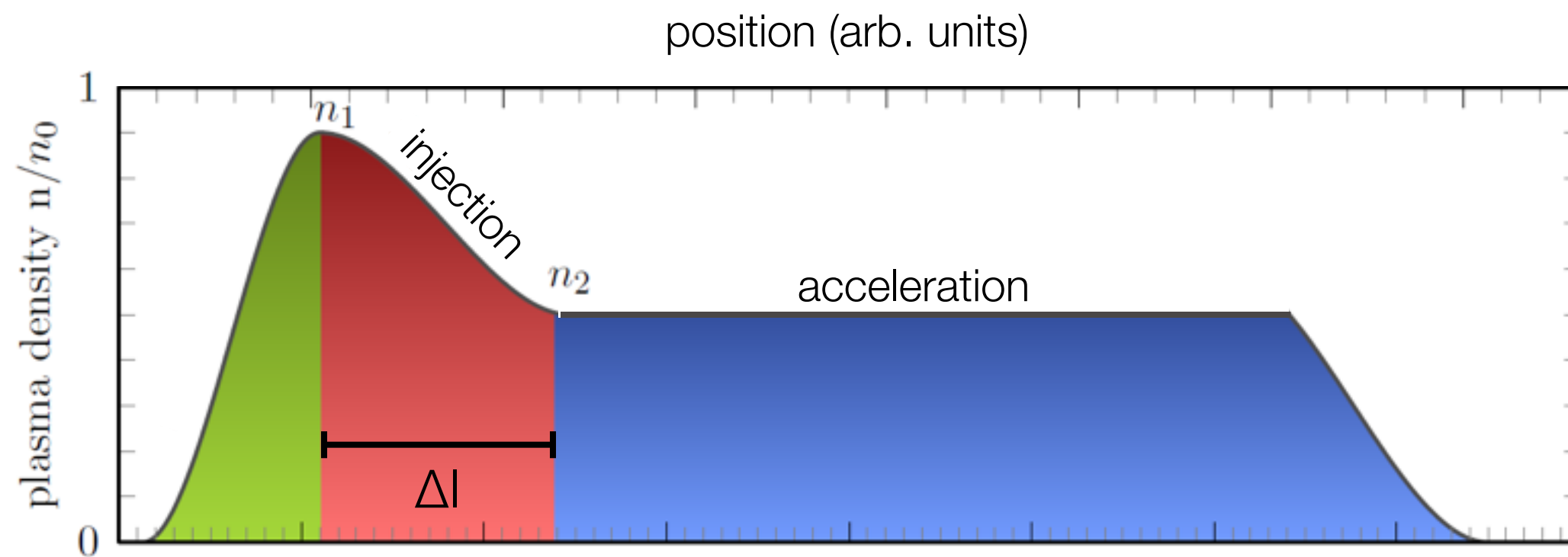


- Significant phase mixing occurs up to ~TeV energies within acceleration length (with plasma density 10^{17} cm^{-3} , quasi-linear wake, $\lambda = 800 \text{ nm}$)
- Matching sections between stages require significant space with conventional technology



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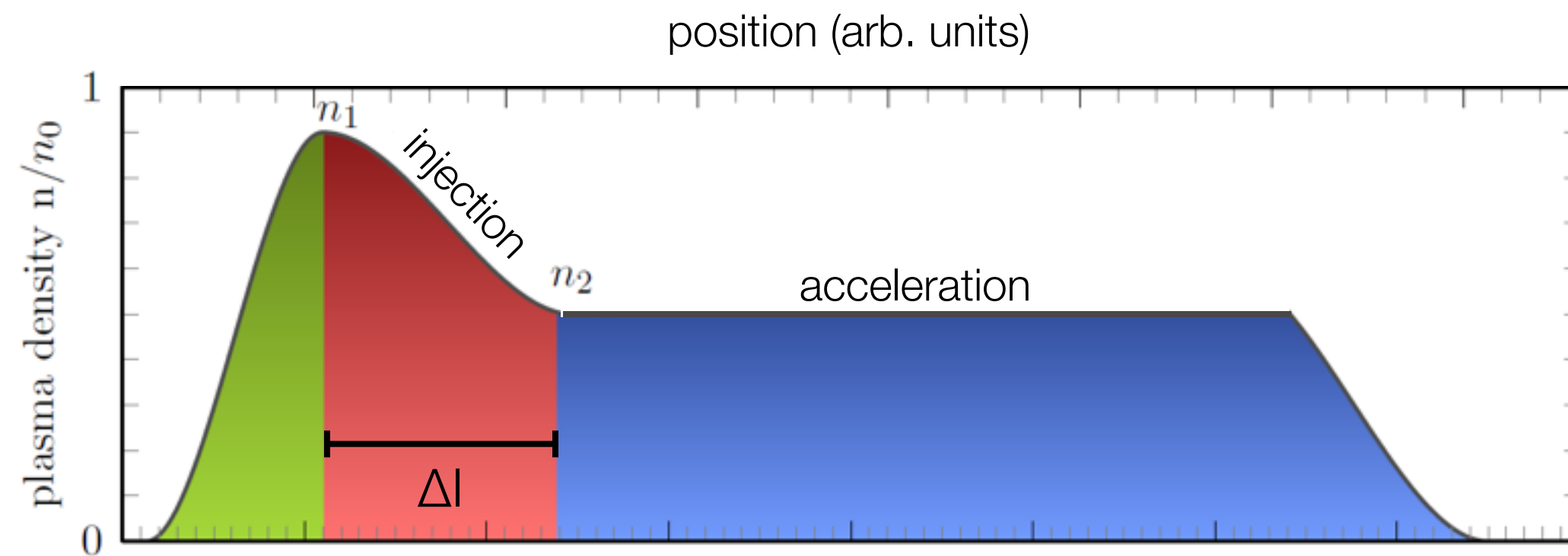
Density down-ramp injection for controlled electron beam generation in a PWFA



- > demonstrated to work in LWFA, new concept for PWFA
- > first experiments planned at FACET E-215
 - lessons learned will help to optimize experiment at FLASH
- > simple: no injection laser necessary, just tailored plasma target
- > injection occurs on density down-slope

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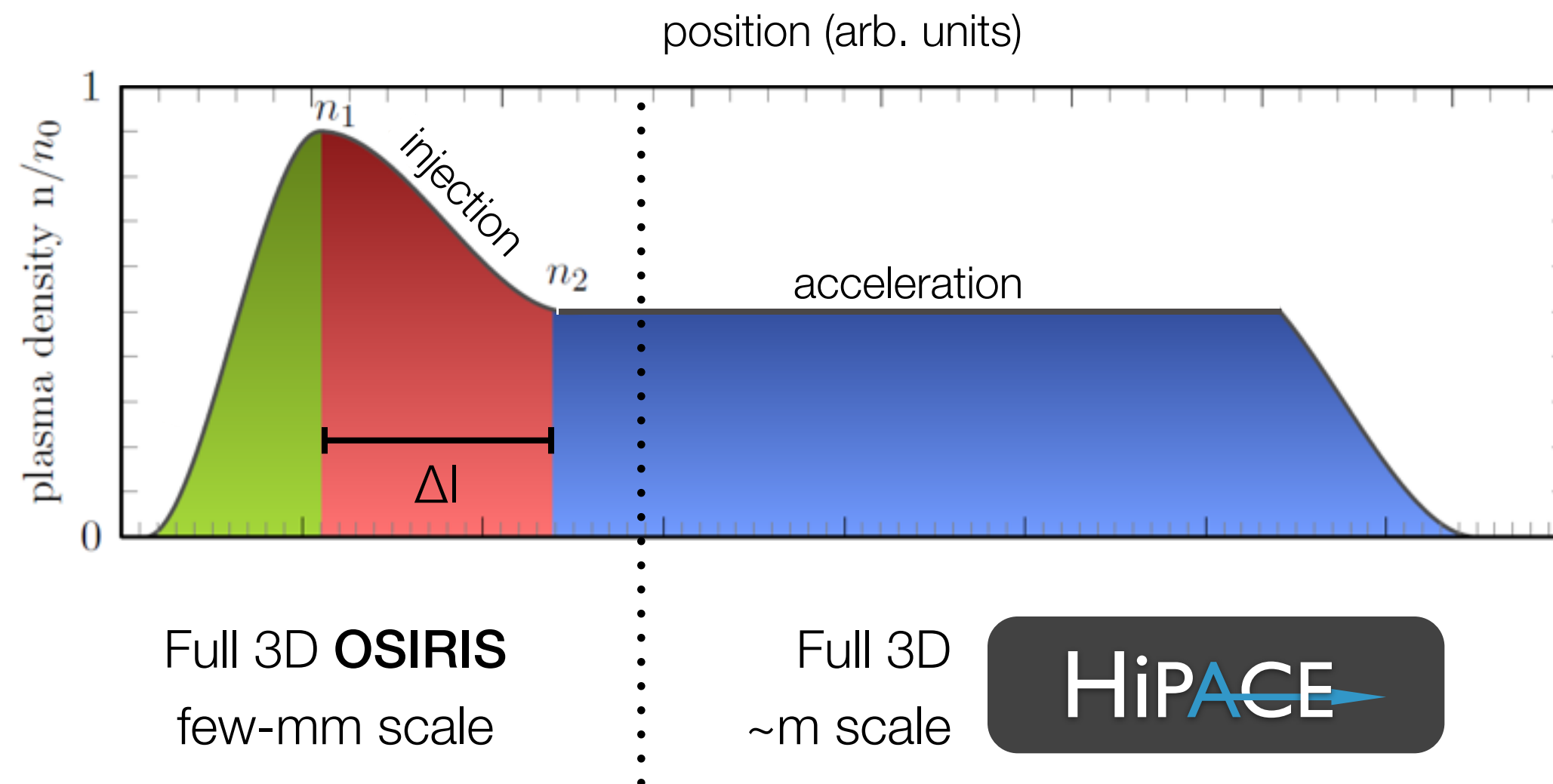
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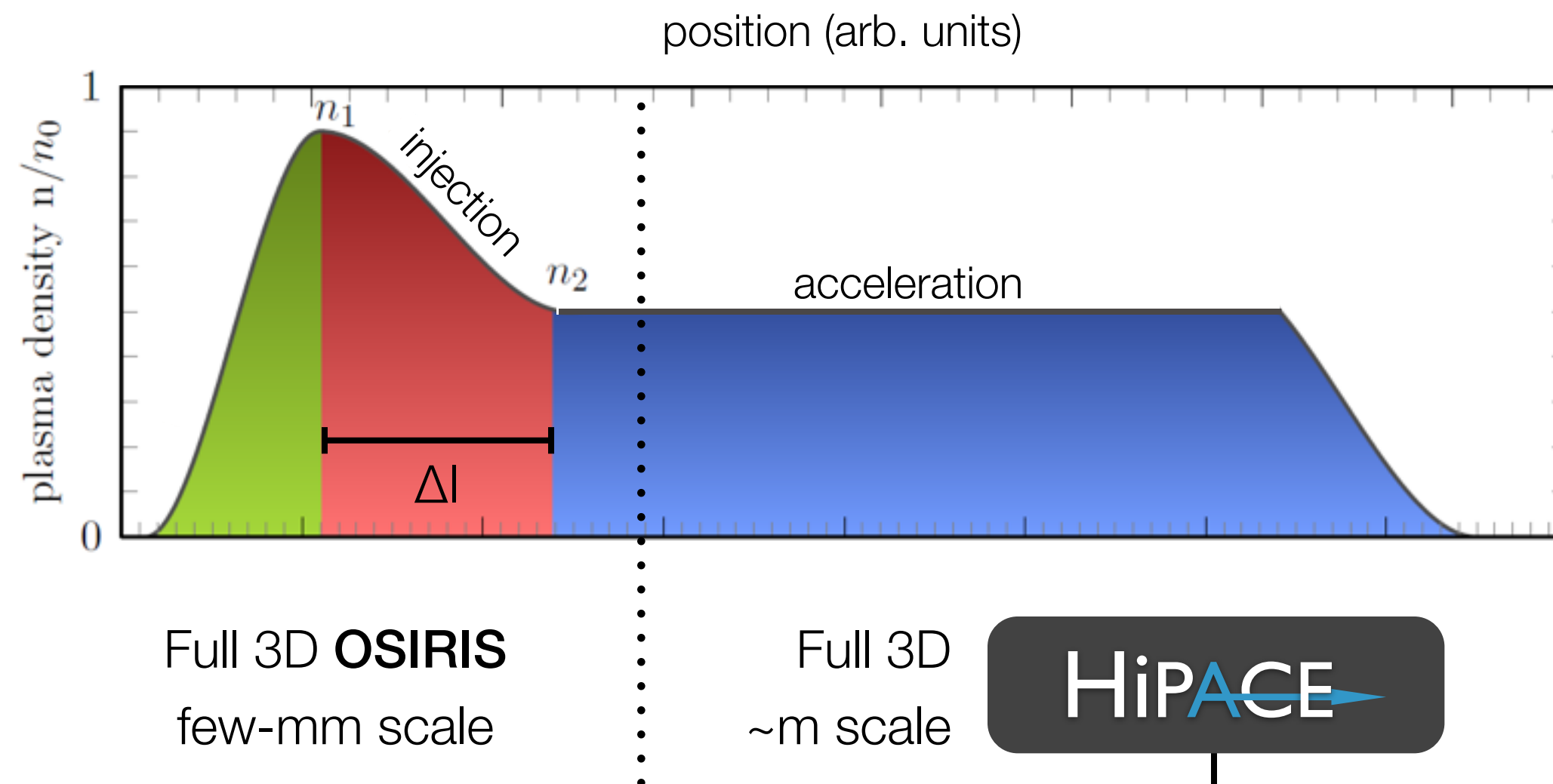
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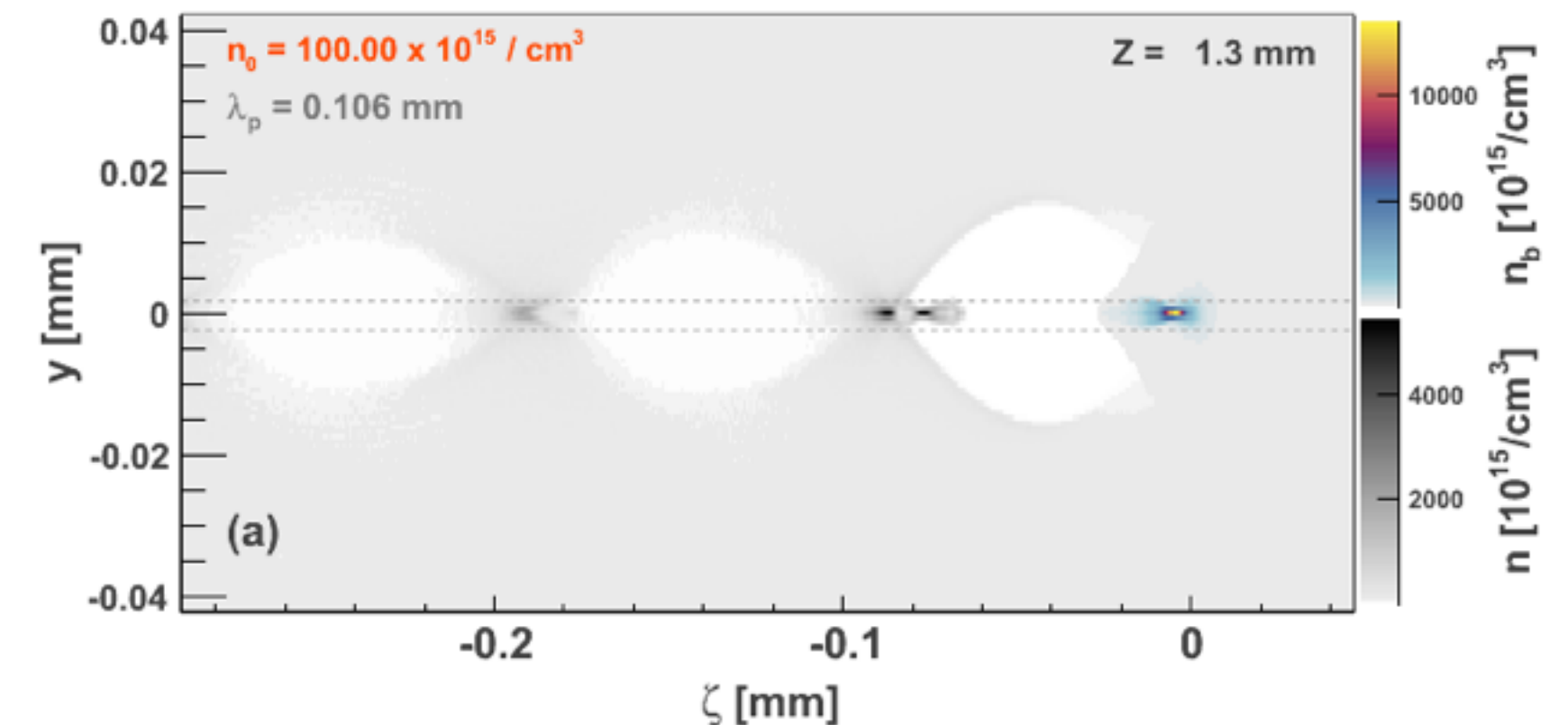
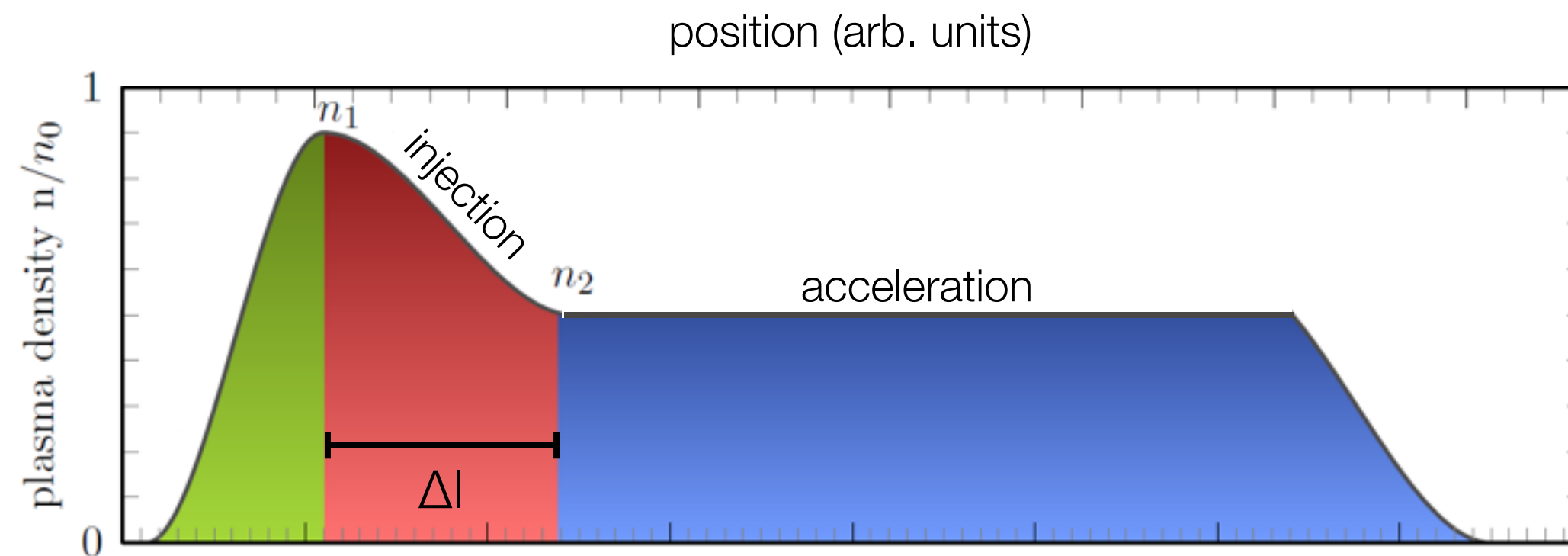


developed in collaboration
between DESY and LBNL

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- > fully parallelized and well scalable (tested up to 1024 cores)
- > dynamic time-step adjustment
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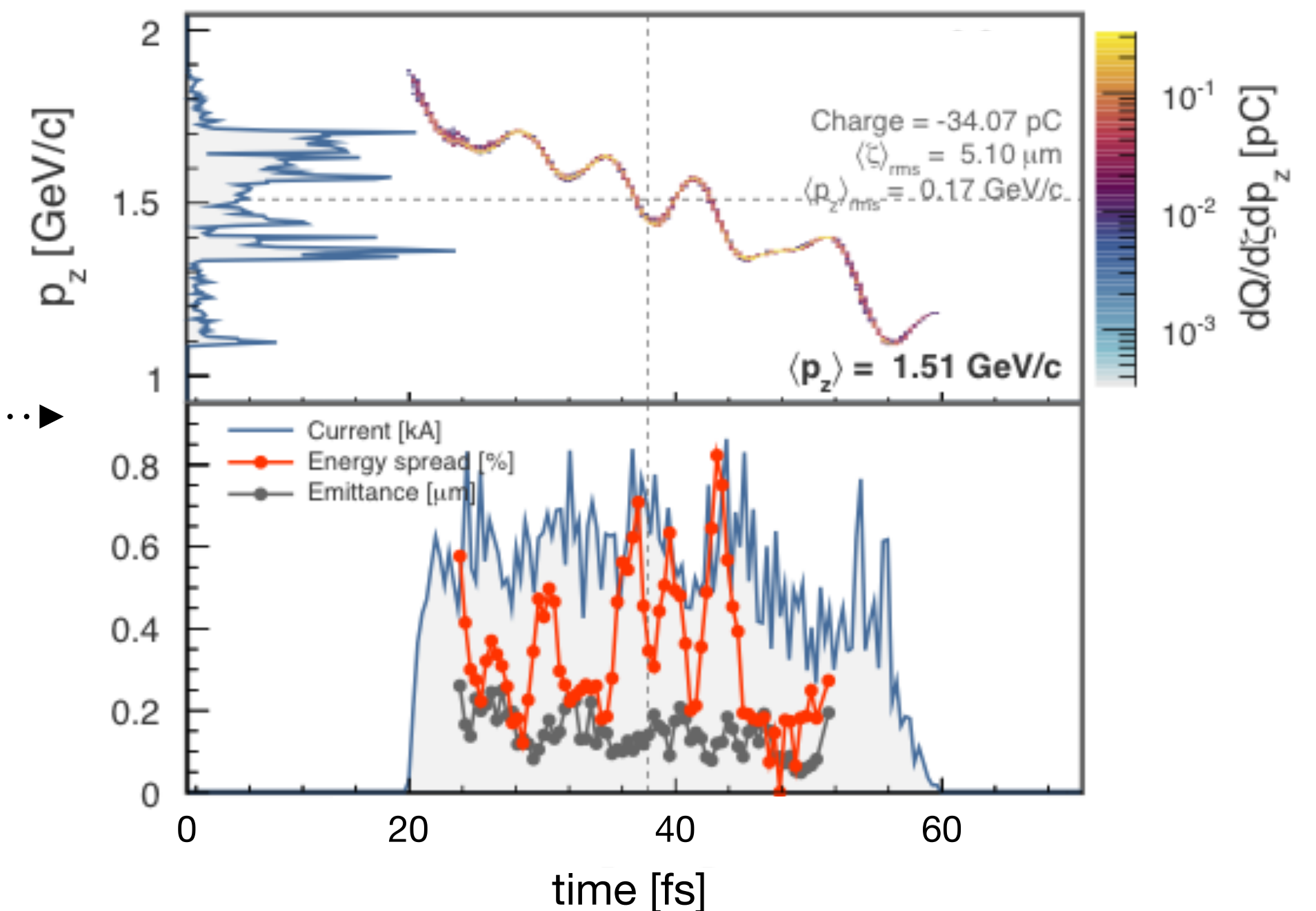
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Witness-beam parameters after 140 mm of propagation

- standard FLASH driver beam at 2.5 kA
- witness beam at 1.5 GeV with 1.0 GeV driver
- further acceleration to $\sim 2.5 \text{ GeV}$ possible
- projected normalized transverse emittance $< 0.5 \mu\text{m}$
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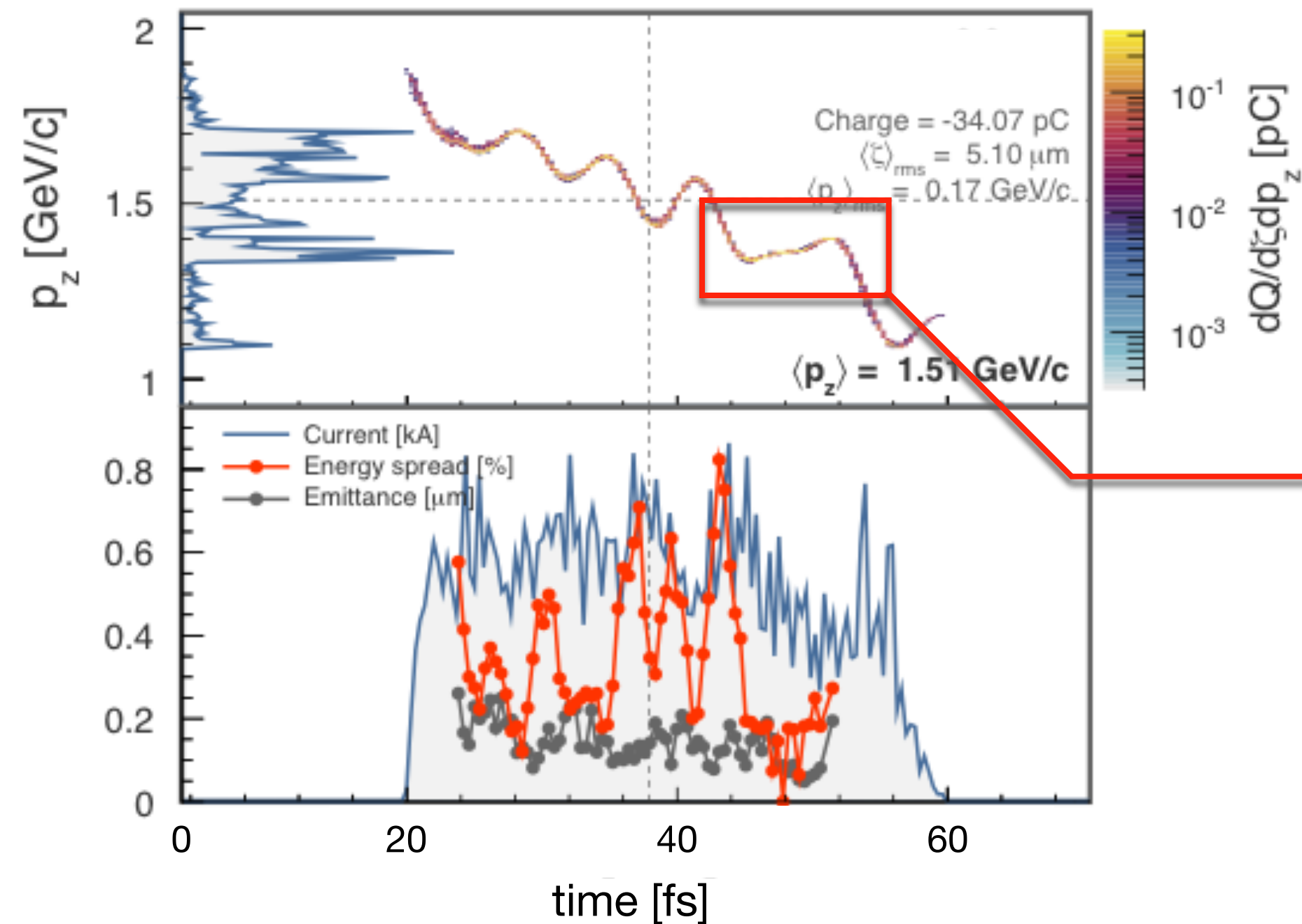
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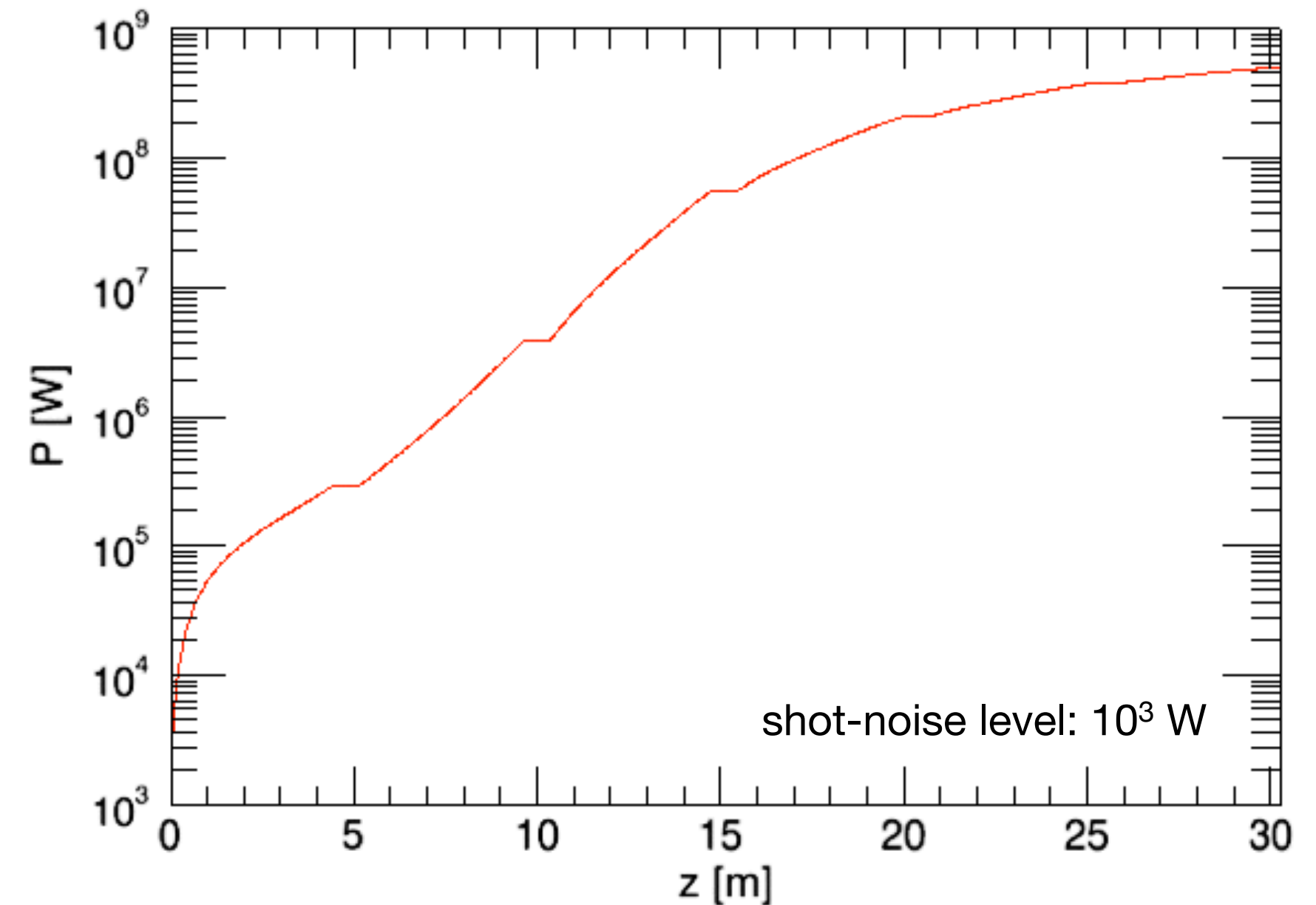
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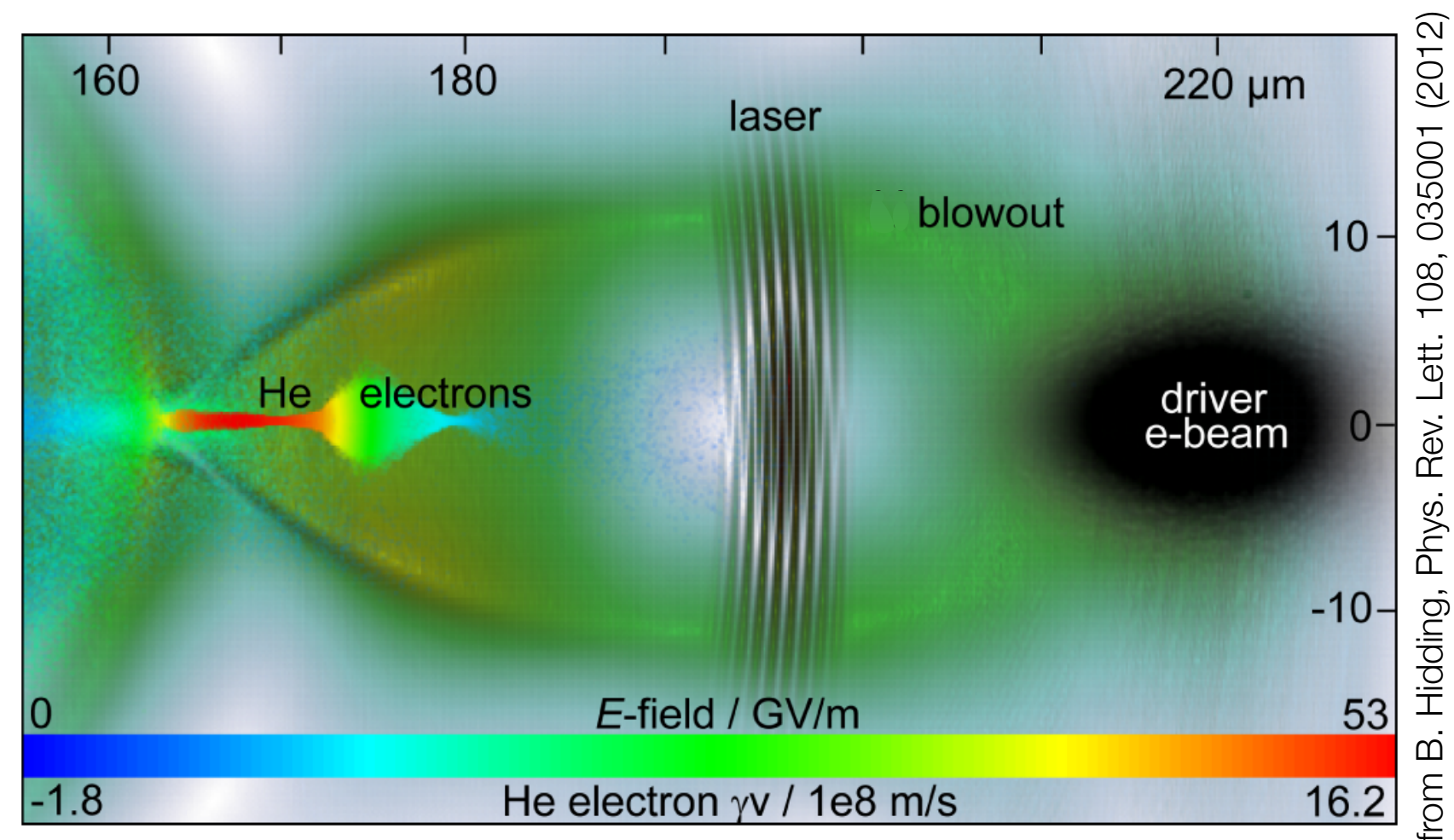


3D time-dependent GENESIS simulation

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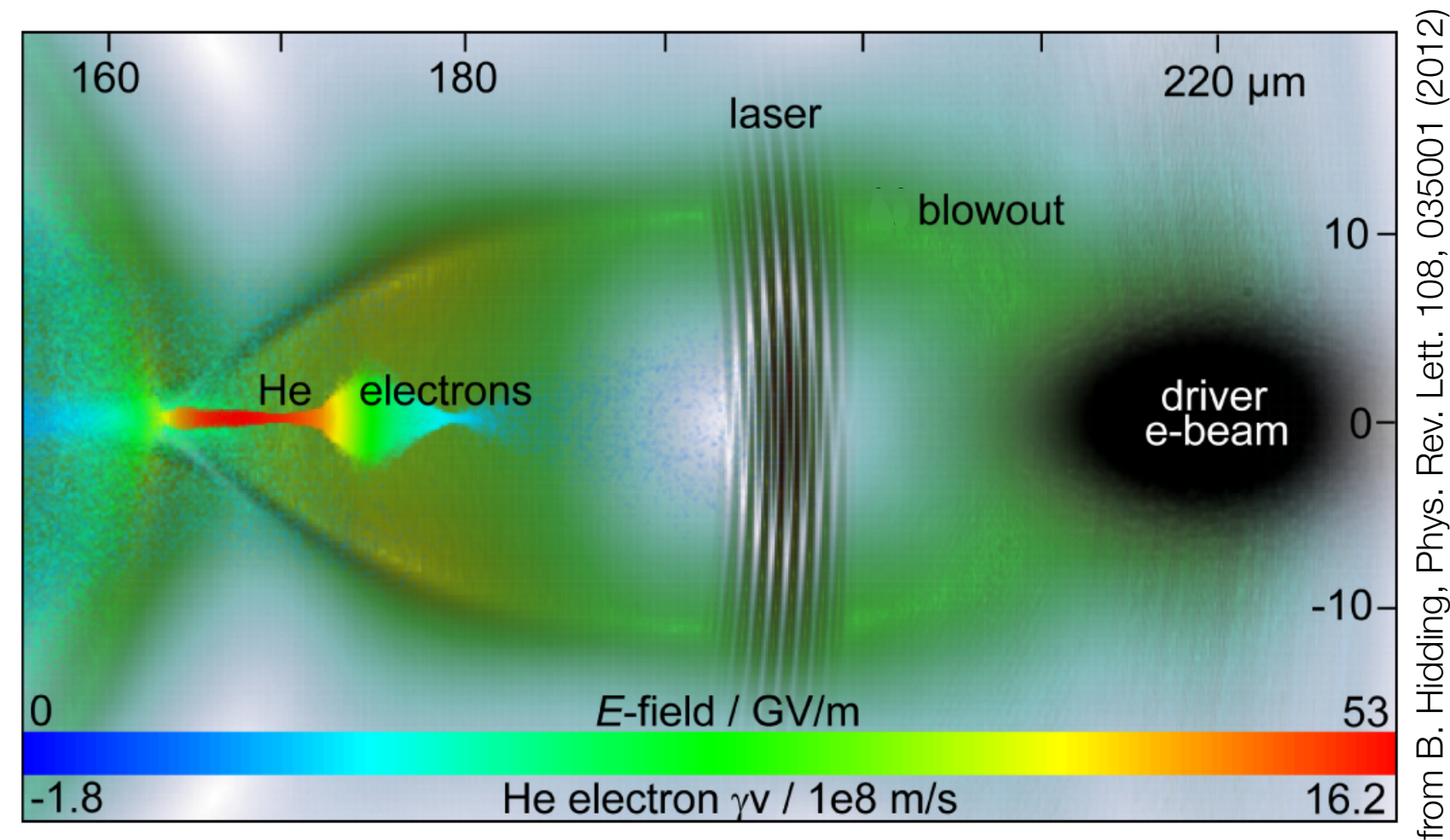
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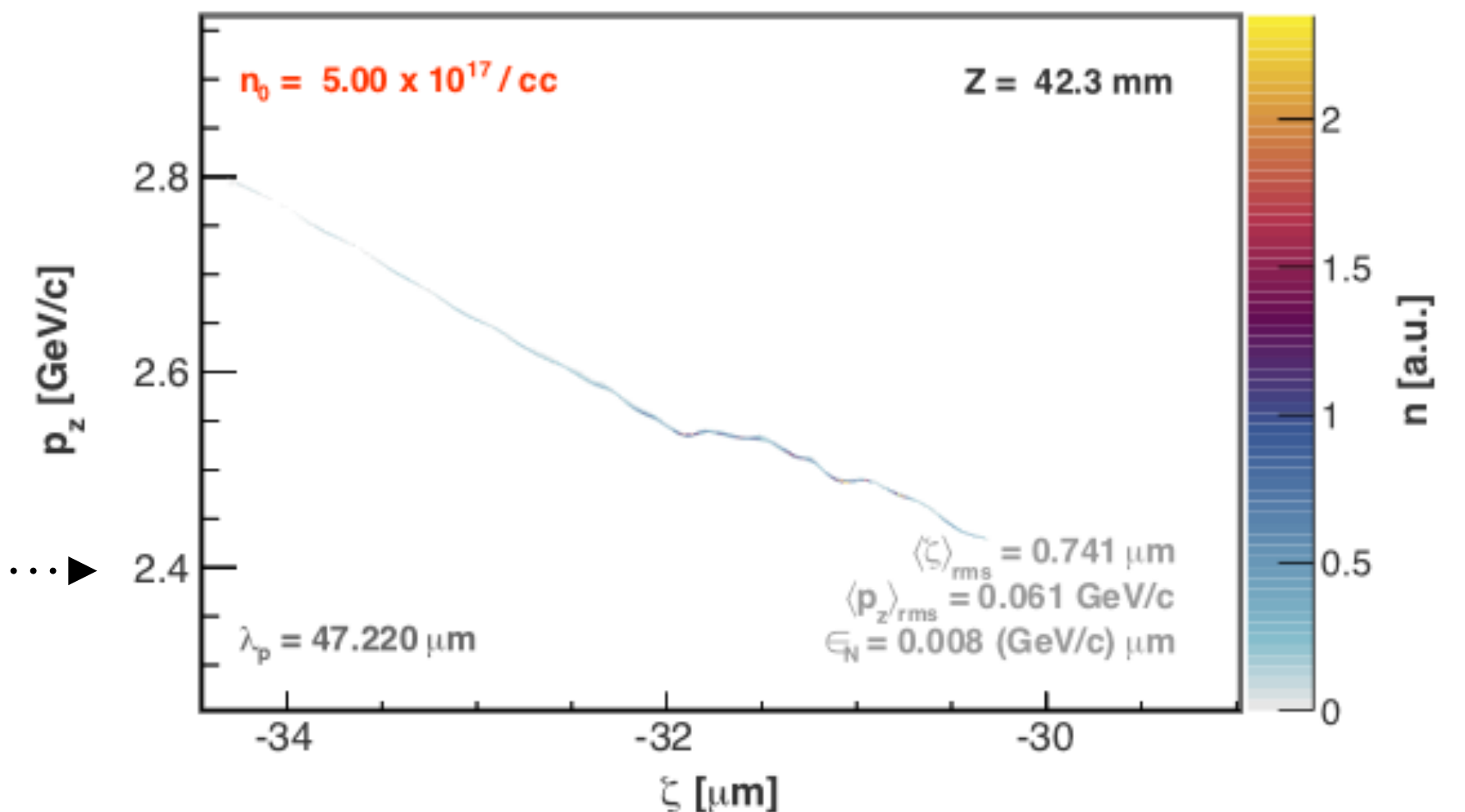
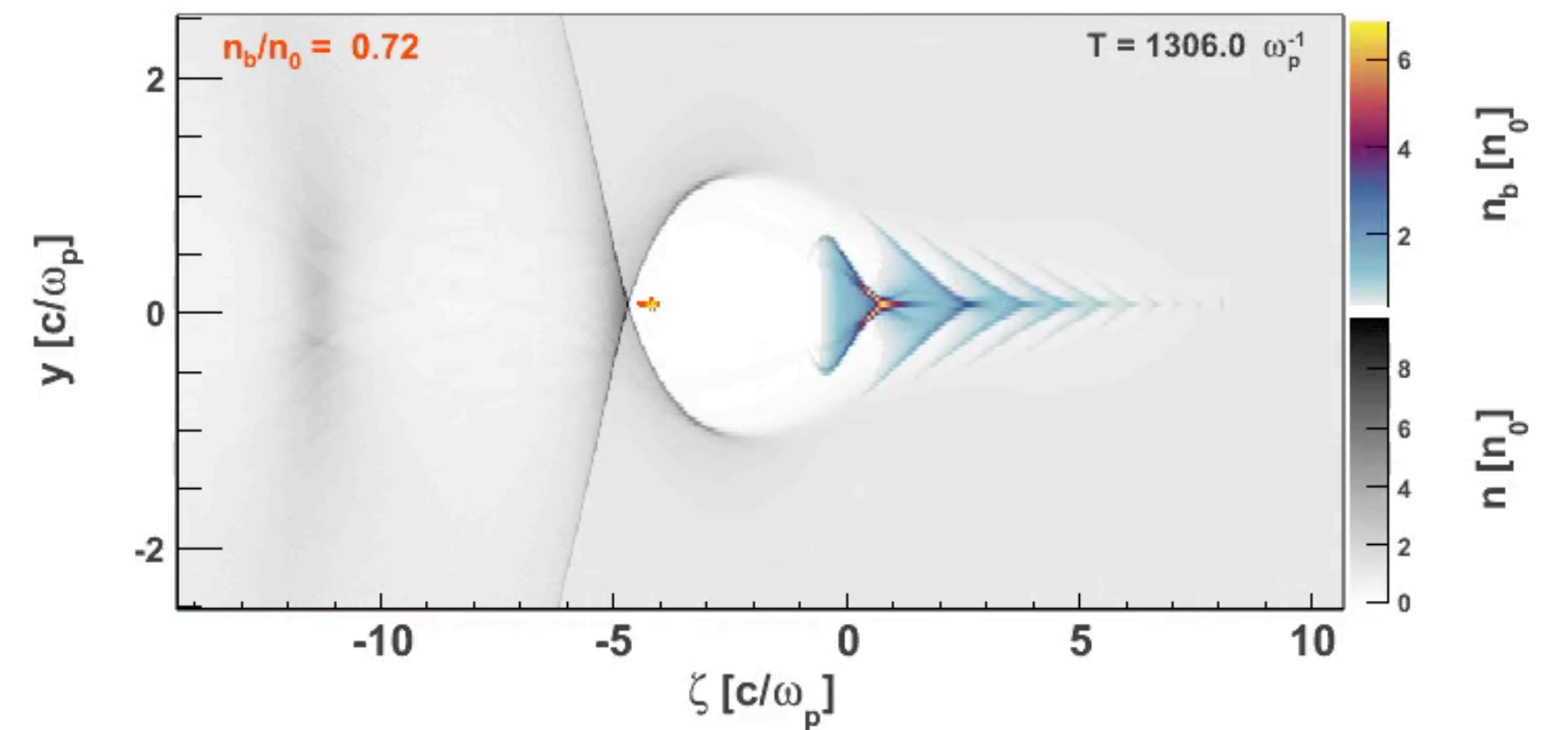
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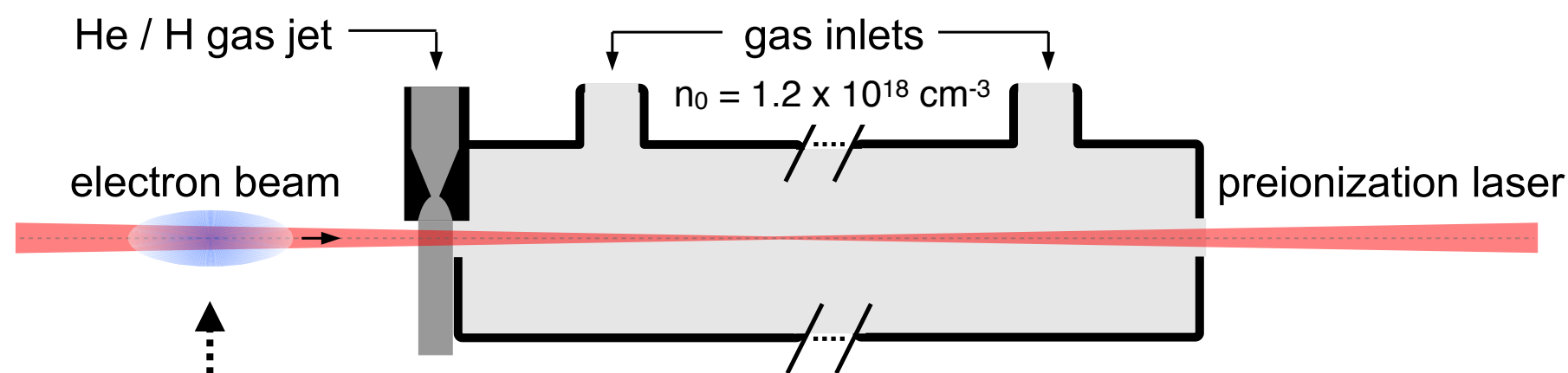


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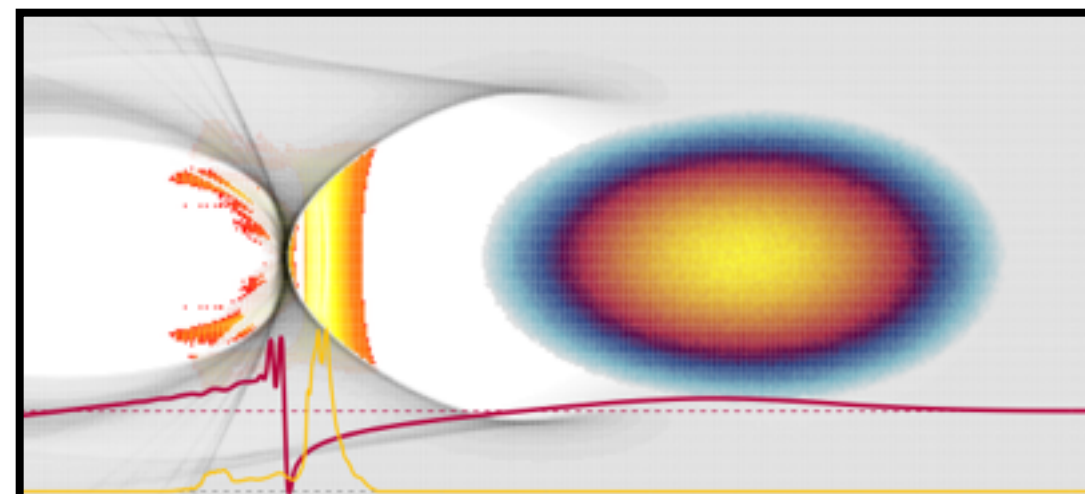
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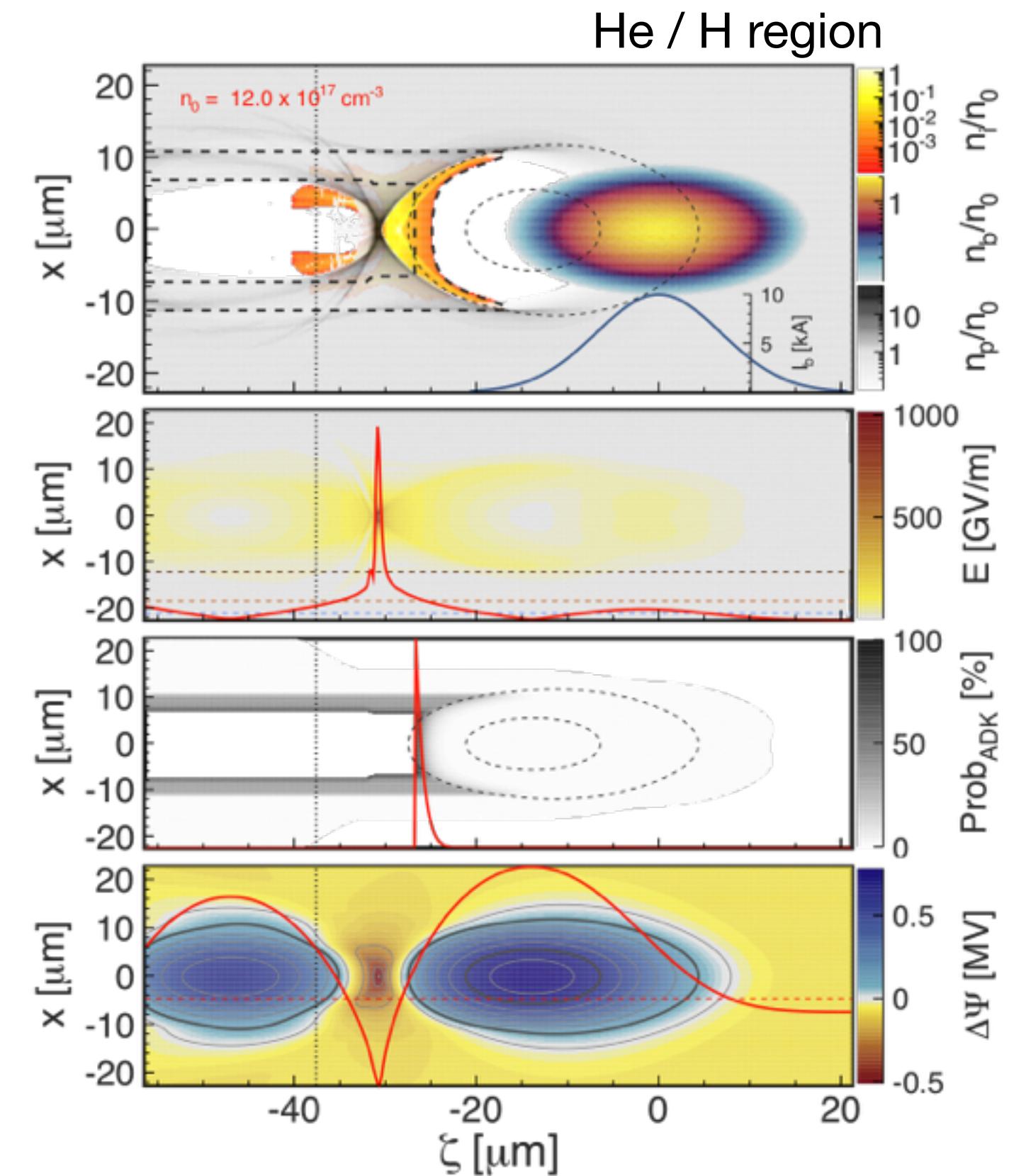
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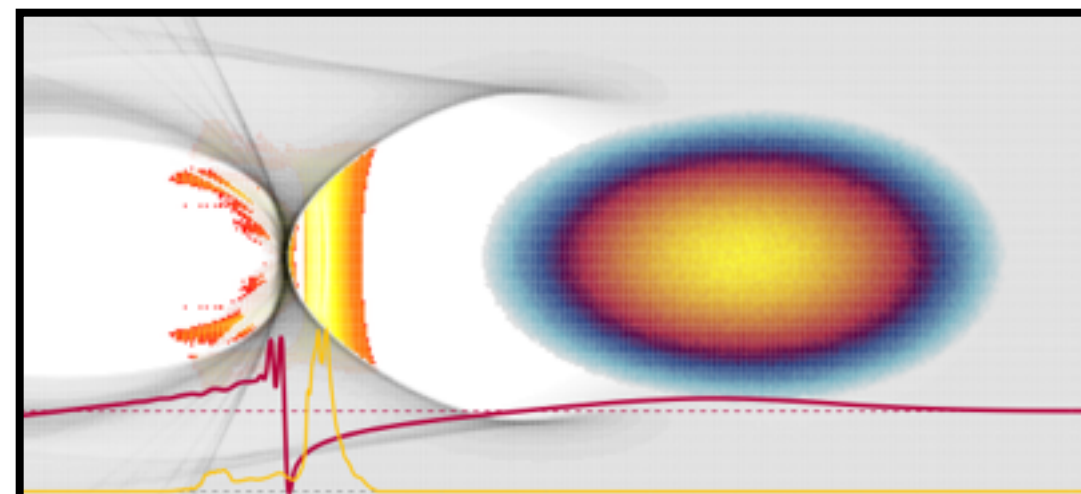
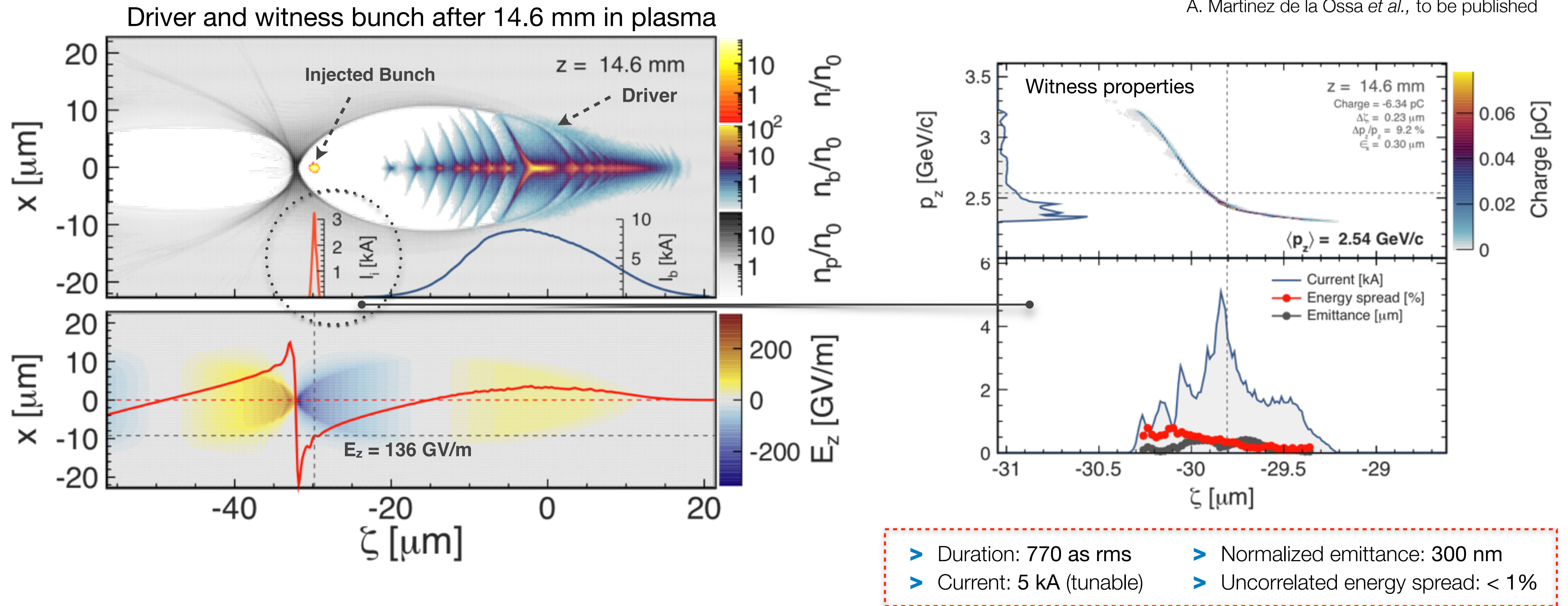
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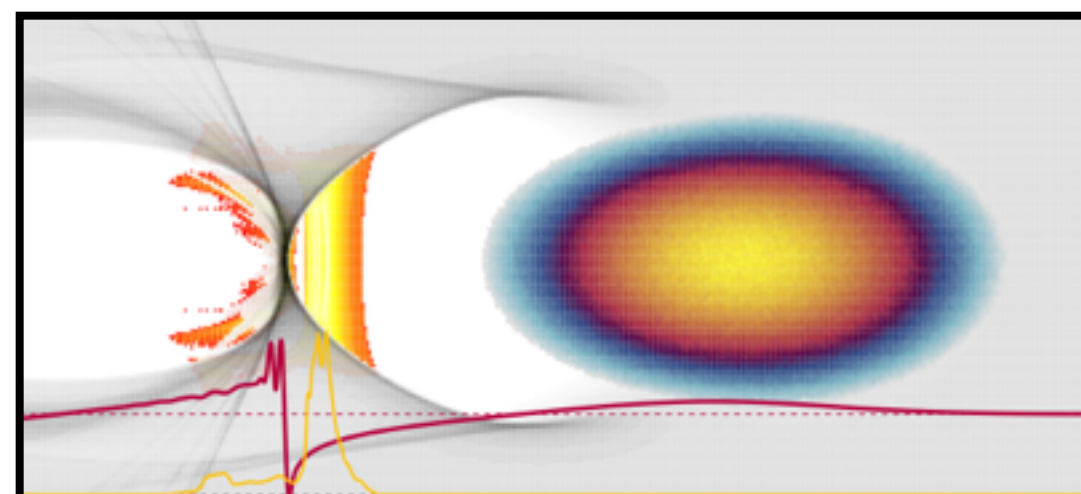
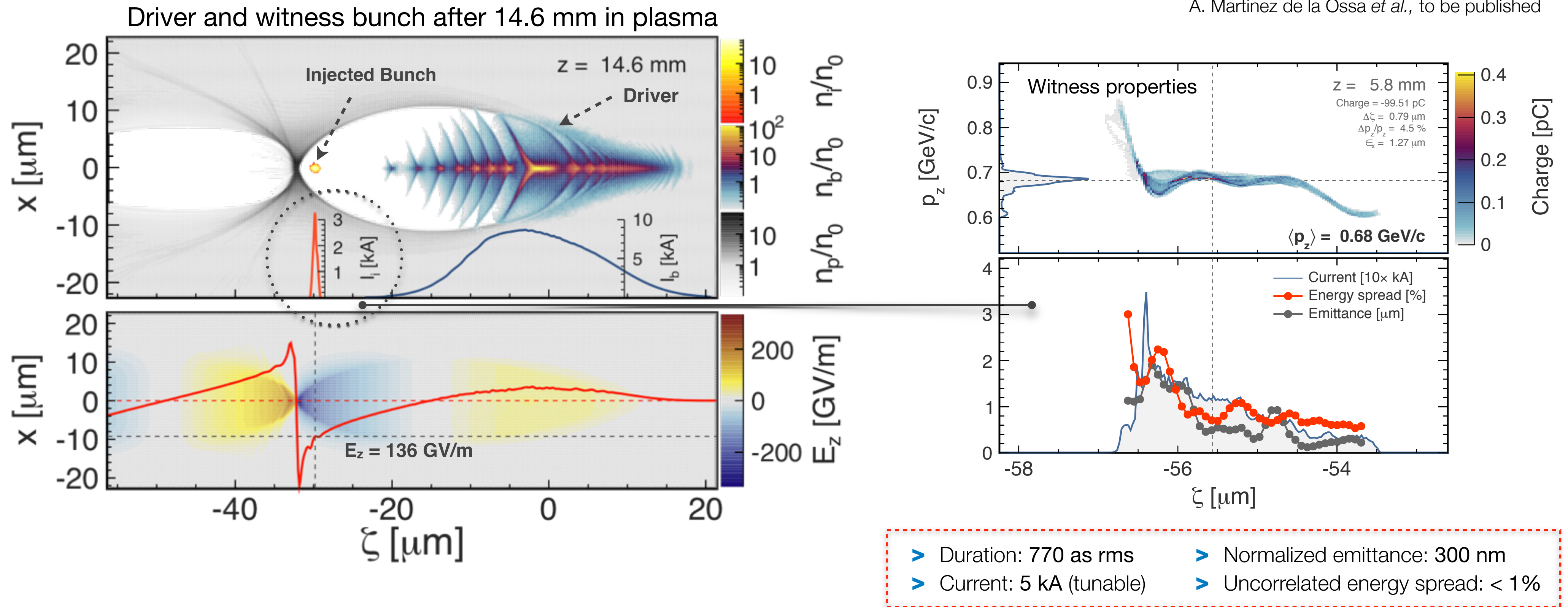
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→ thesis by F. Pannek

- Undulator optimised for short gain length with Wakefield-Induced Ionization Injection beam
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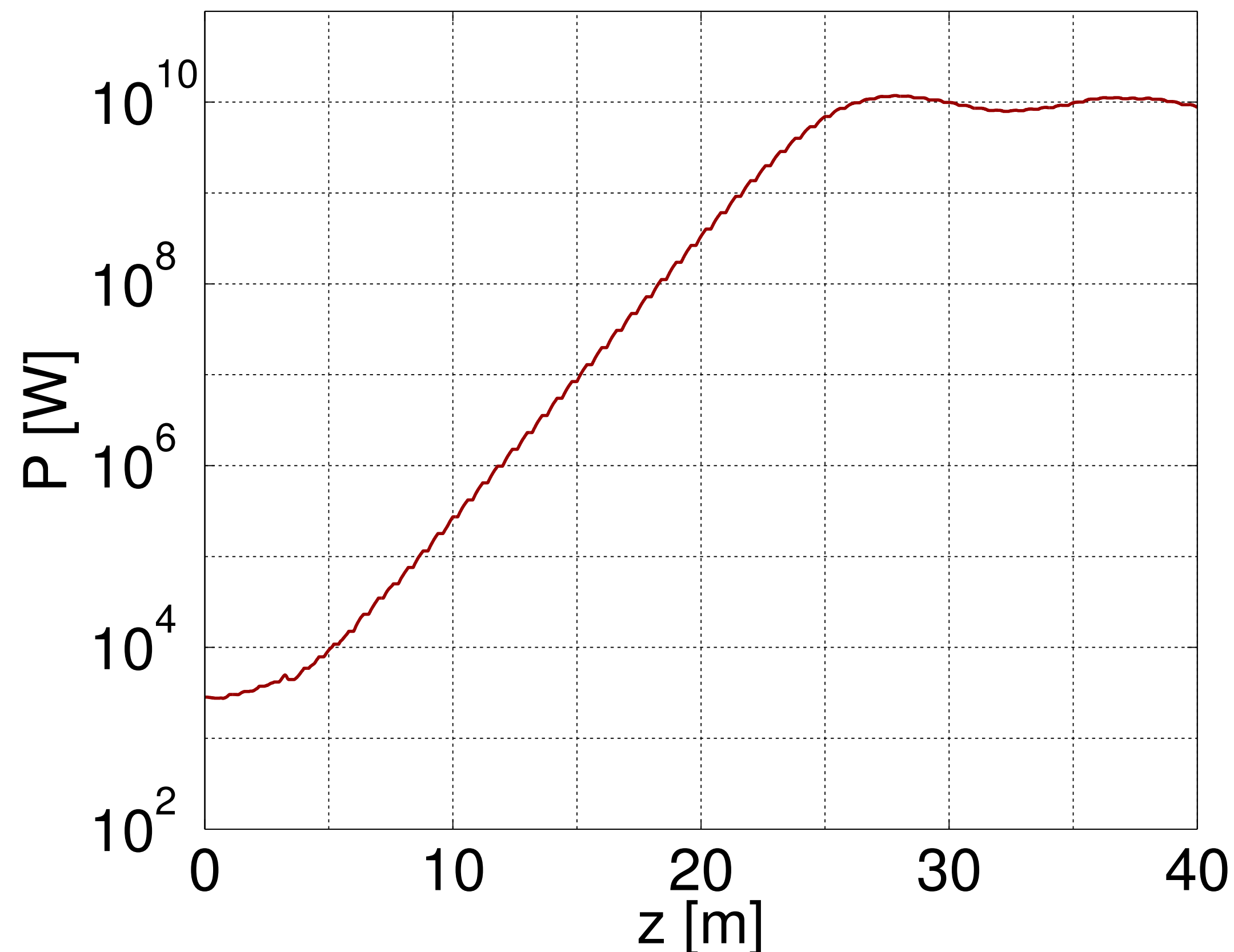
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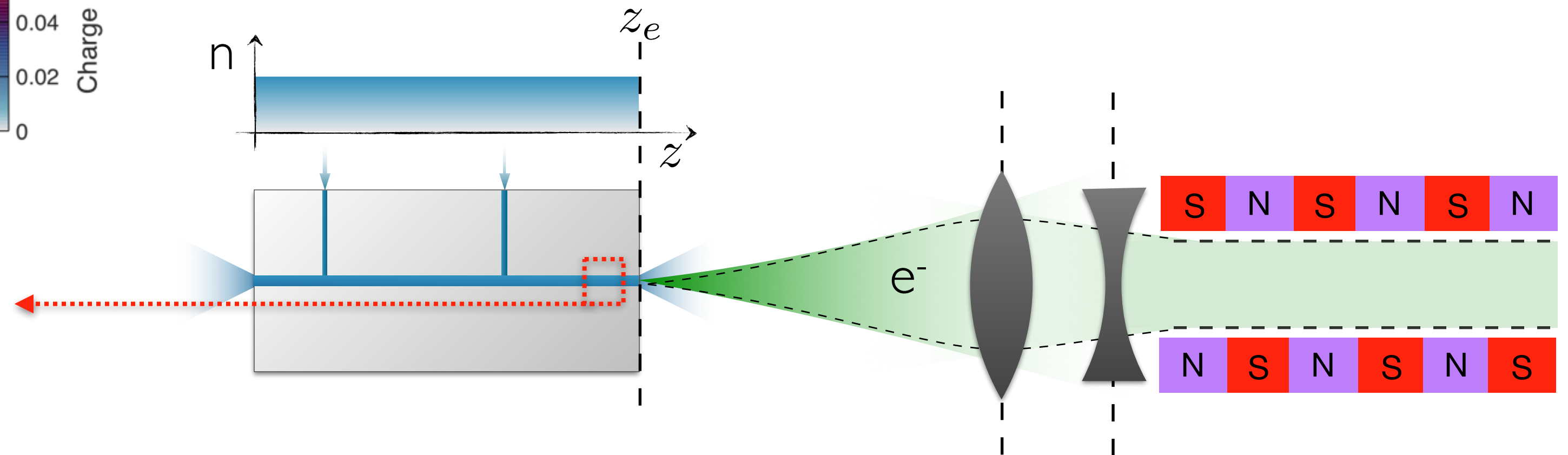
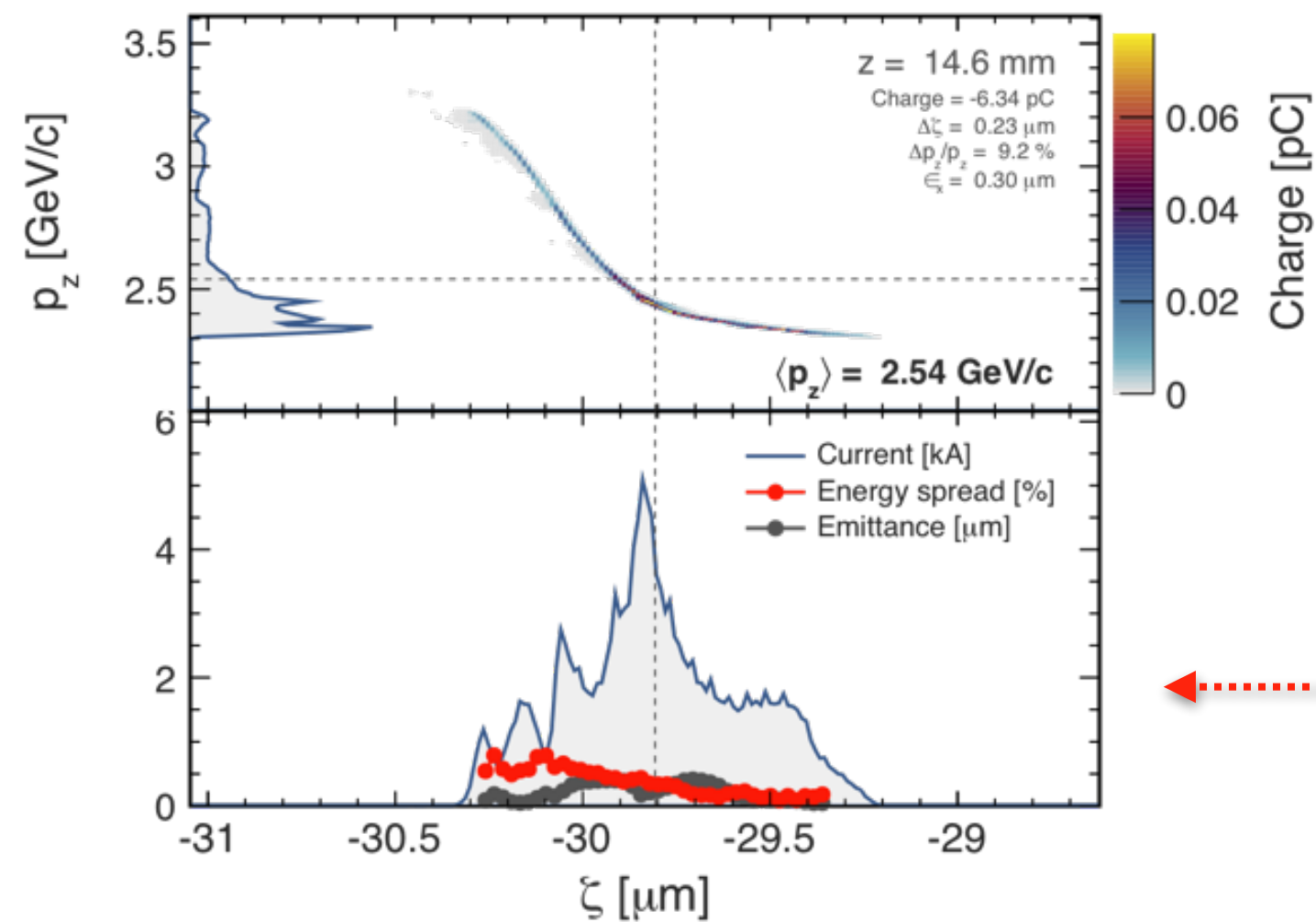
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Capturing and transport while preserving beam properties is a key challenge for free-electron-laser and HEP applications



Witness beam in plasma

- > Parameters:
 - Energy ~2.5 GeV
 - Peak current 5 kA
 - Bunch duration 770 as
 - Transverse emittance ~300 nm
 - Uncorrelated energy spread < 1 %
- > Correlated energy spread 9 %
- > Beta function ~1 mm

Extraction from plasma

- > Main scientific challenge:
 - How to preserve beam properties in plasma-to-vacuum transition?
- > Small beta function, large energy spread:
 - (a) emittance growth¹
 - (b) bunch lengthening

Application in FEL

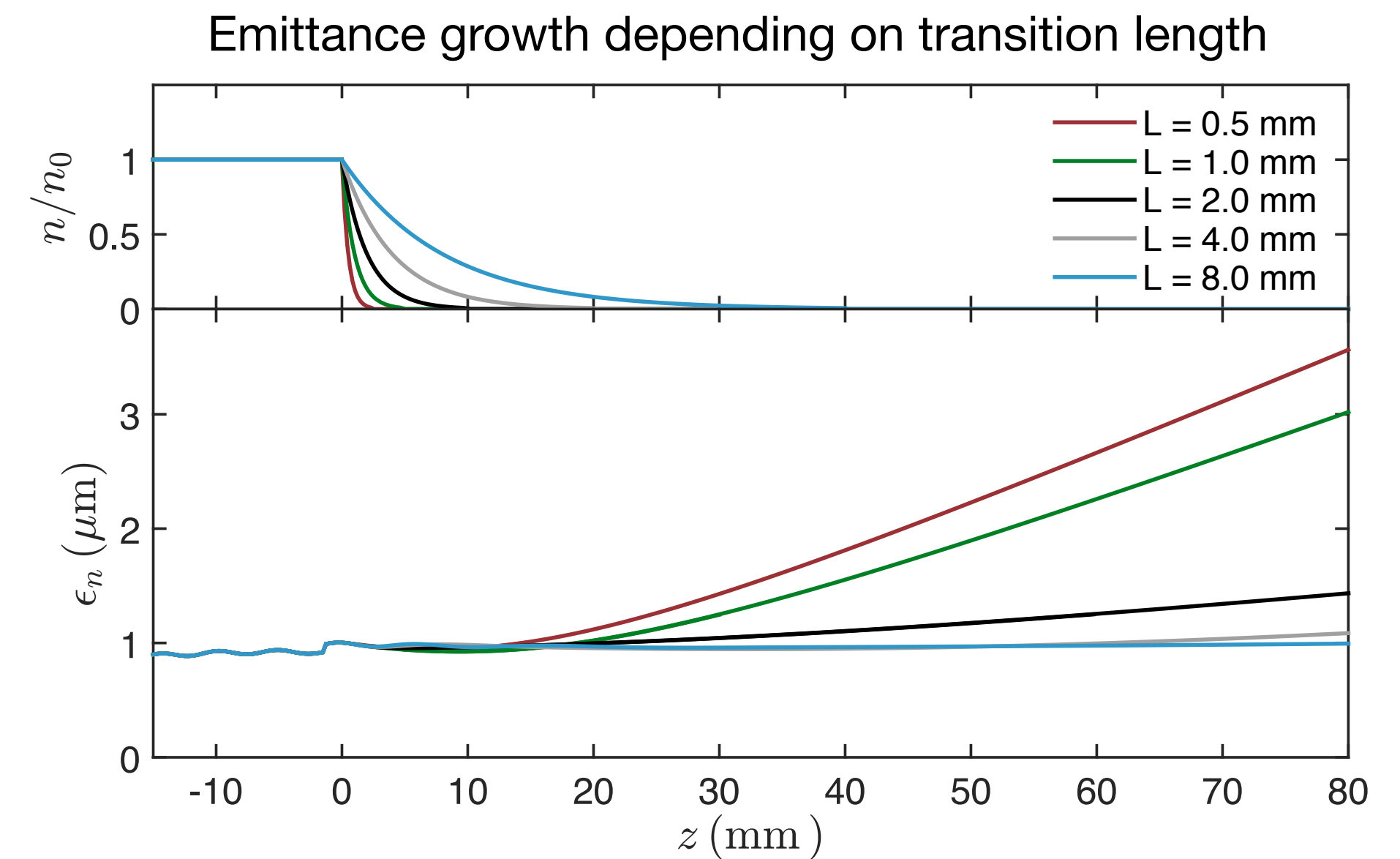
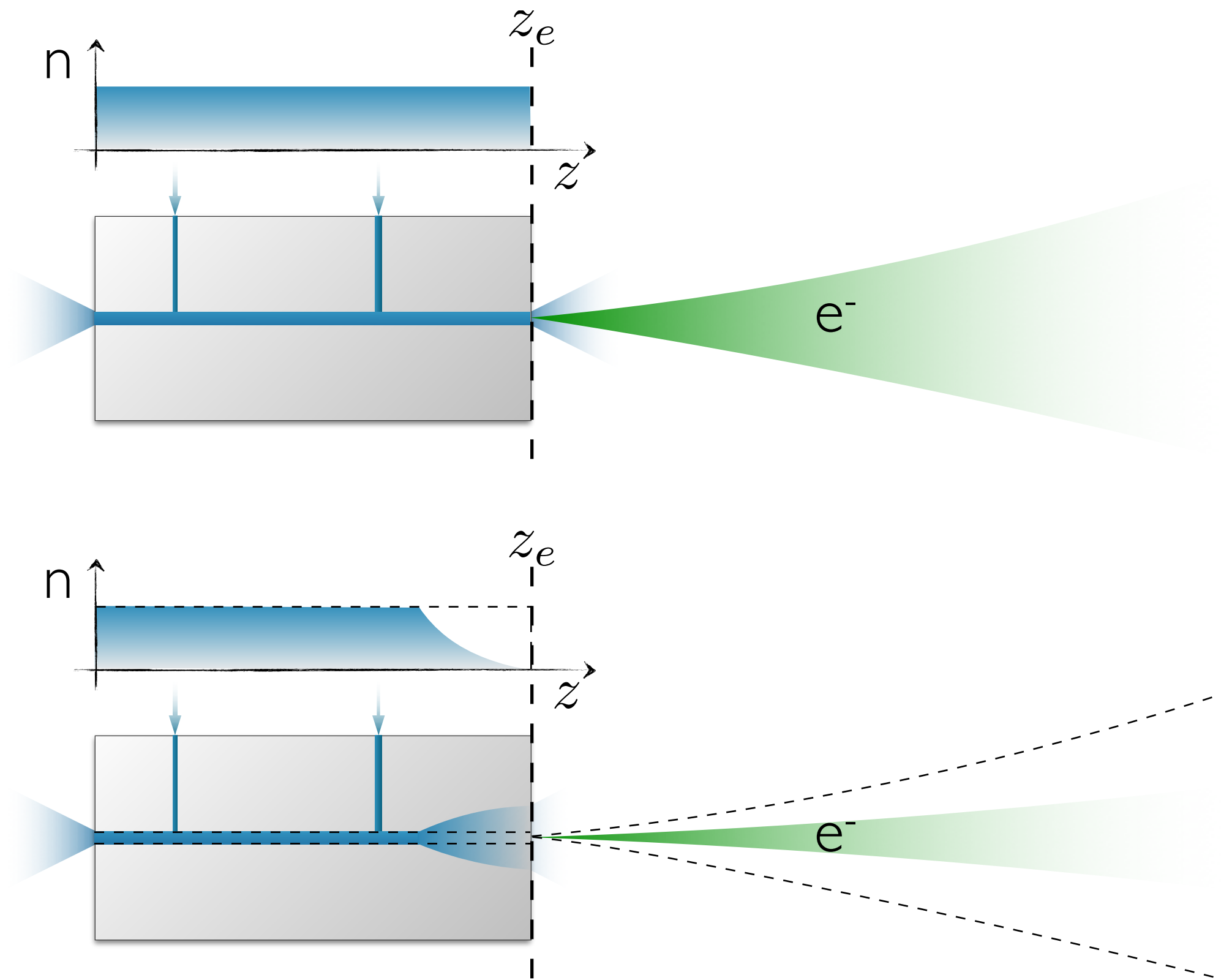
- > Goal: demonstration of gain
- > Requires excellent properties, low emittance, high current, low energy spread

Scientific challenge

¹ K. Floettmann, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 6, 034202 (2003)

FLASHForward strategy: tailored plasma-to-vacuum transition to adiabatically increase beta, minimize emittance growth

> Concept, theory: T. Mehrling (DESY), to be published

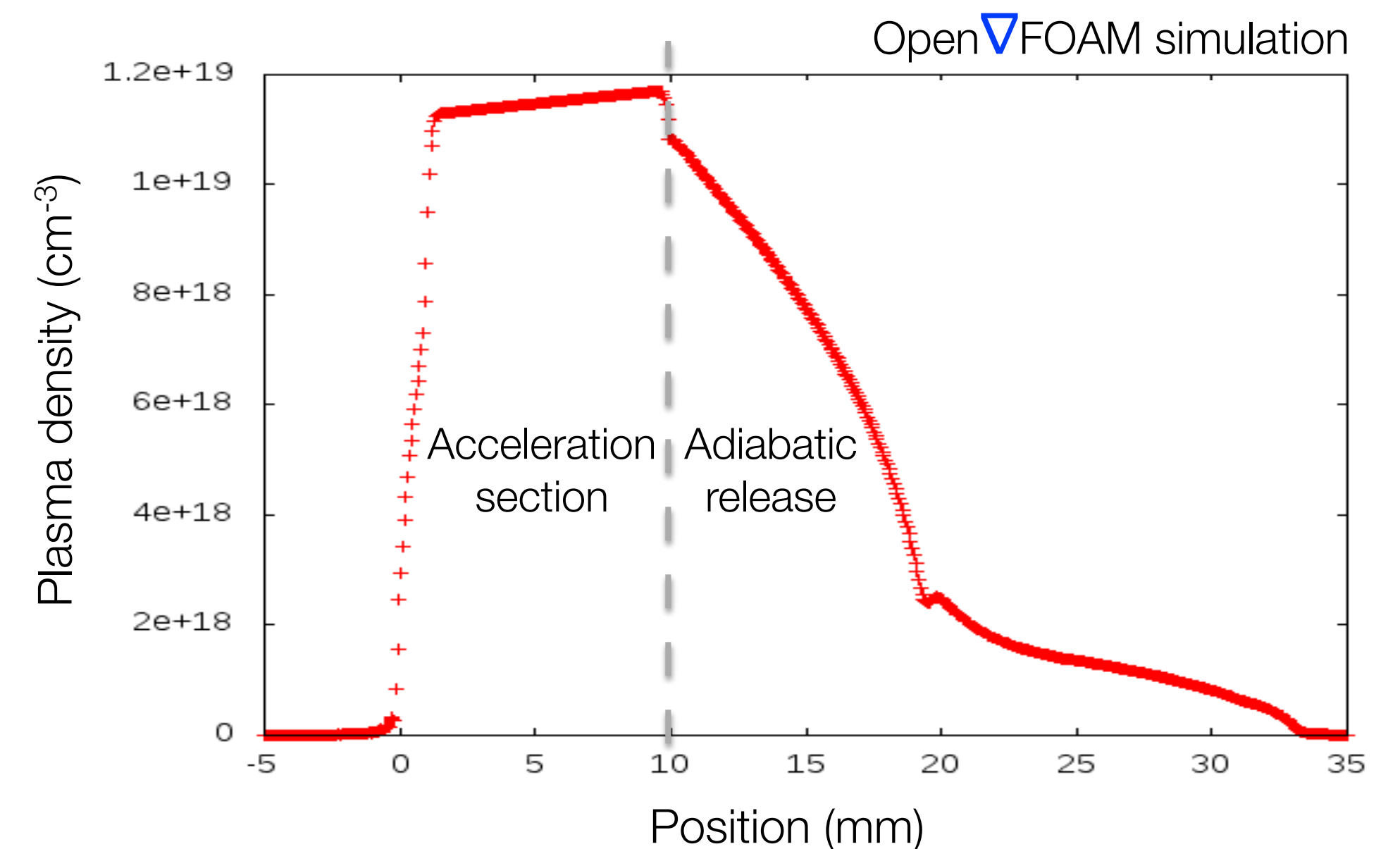
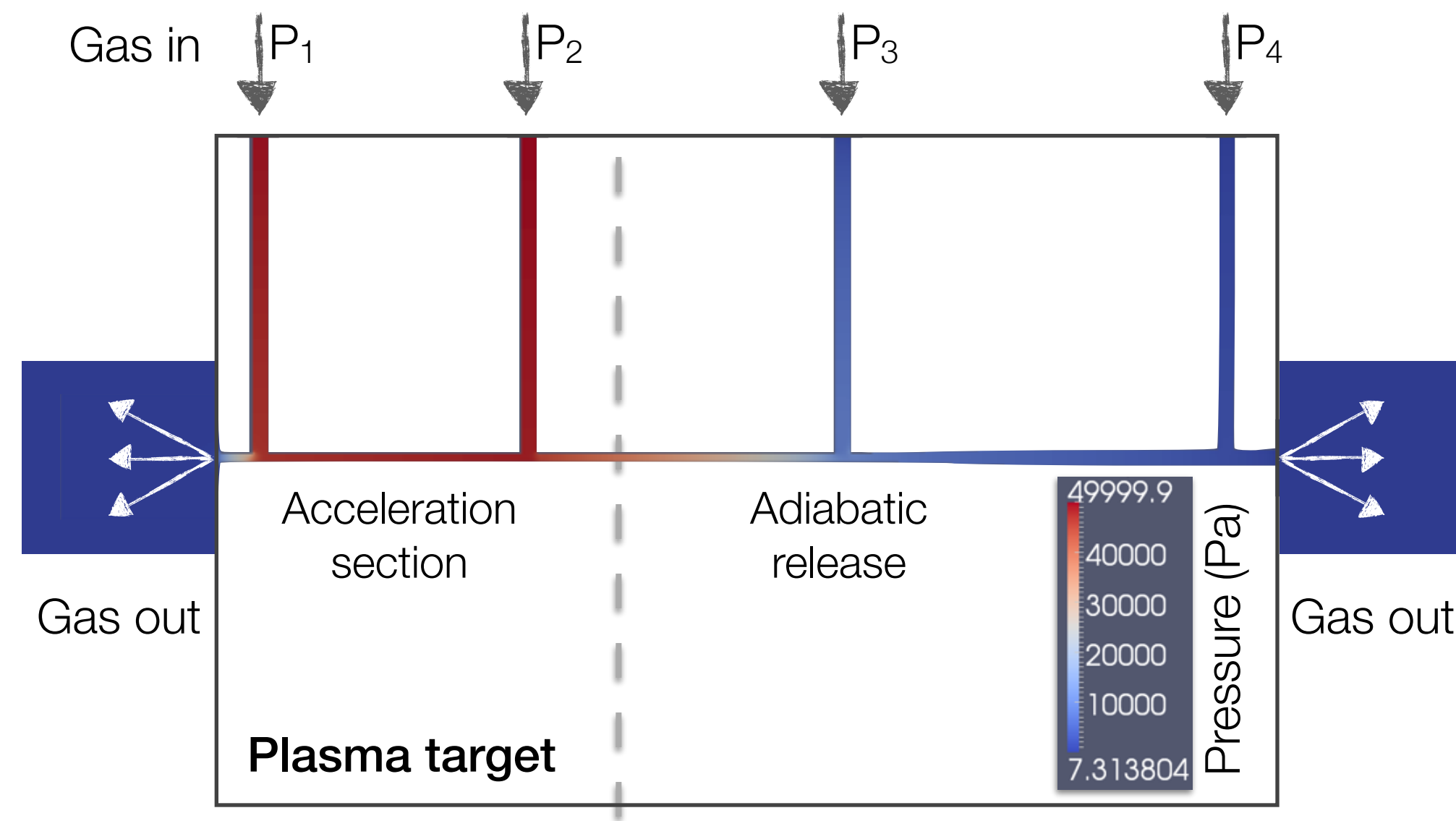


> Plasma-to-vacuum transition \gg beta for emittance preservation

FLASHForward strategy: tailored plasma-to-vacuum transition → specialized gas targets are under development

➤ Concept, target: J.-H. Erbe, L. Schaper (DESY)

➤ Example: $P_1 = P_2 = 500$ mbar, $P_3 = P_4 = 0.1$ mbar

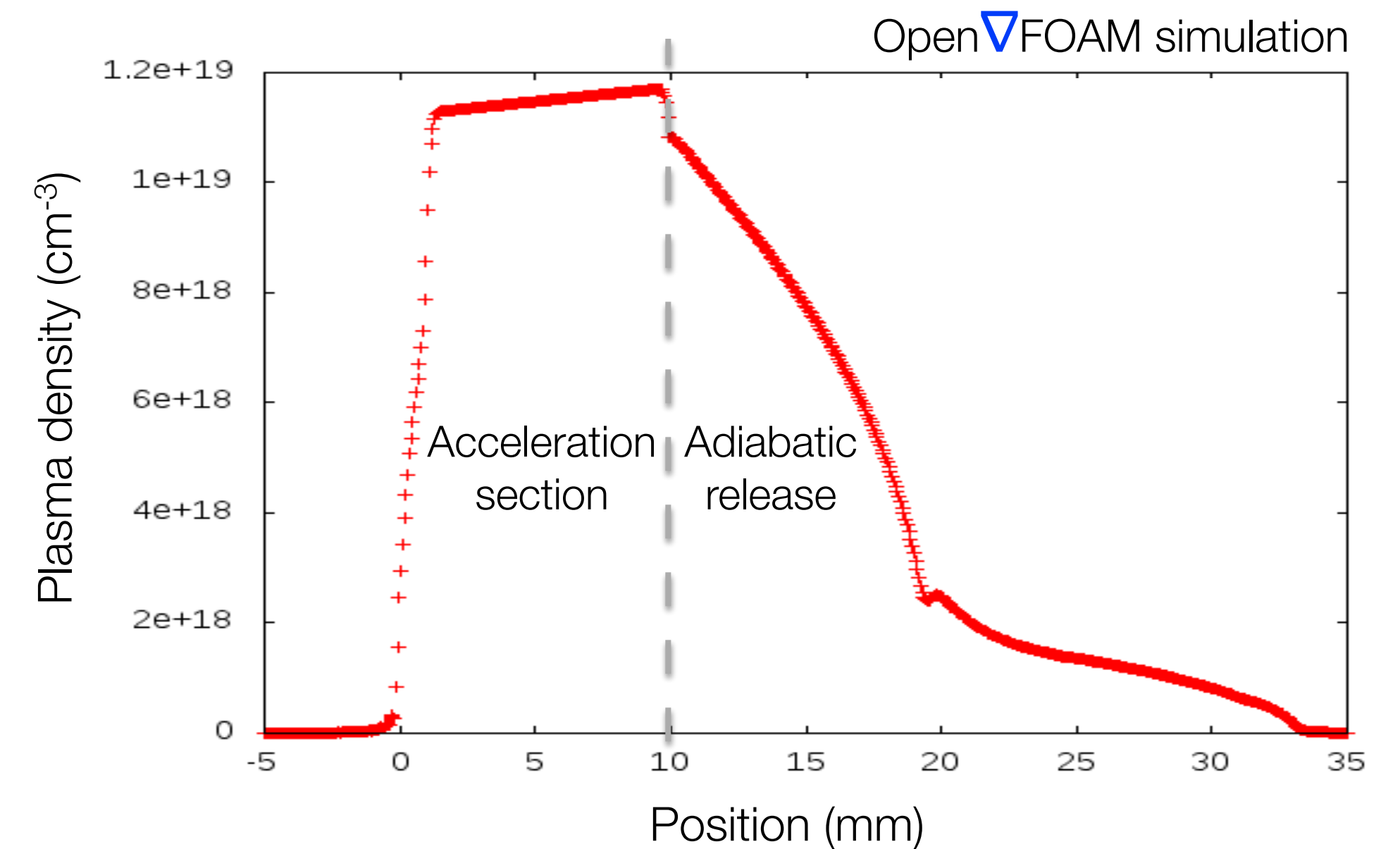
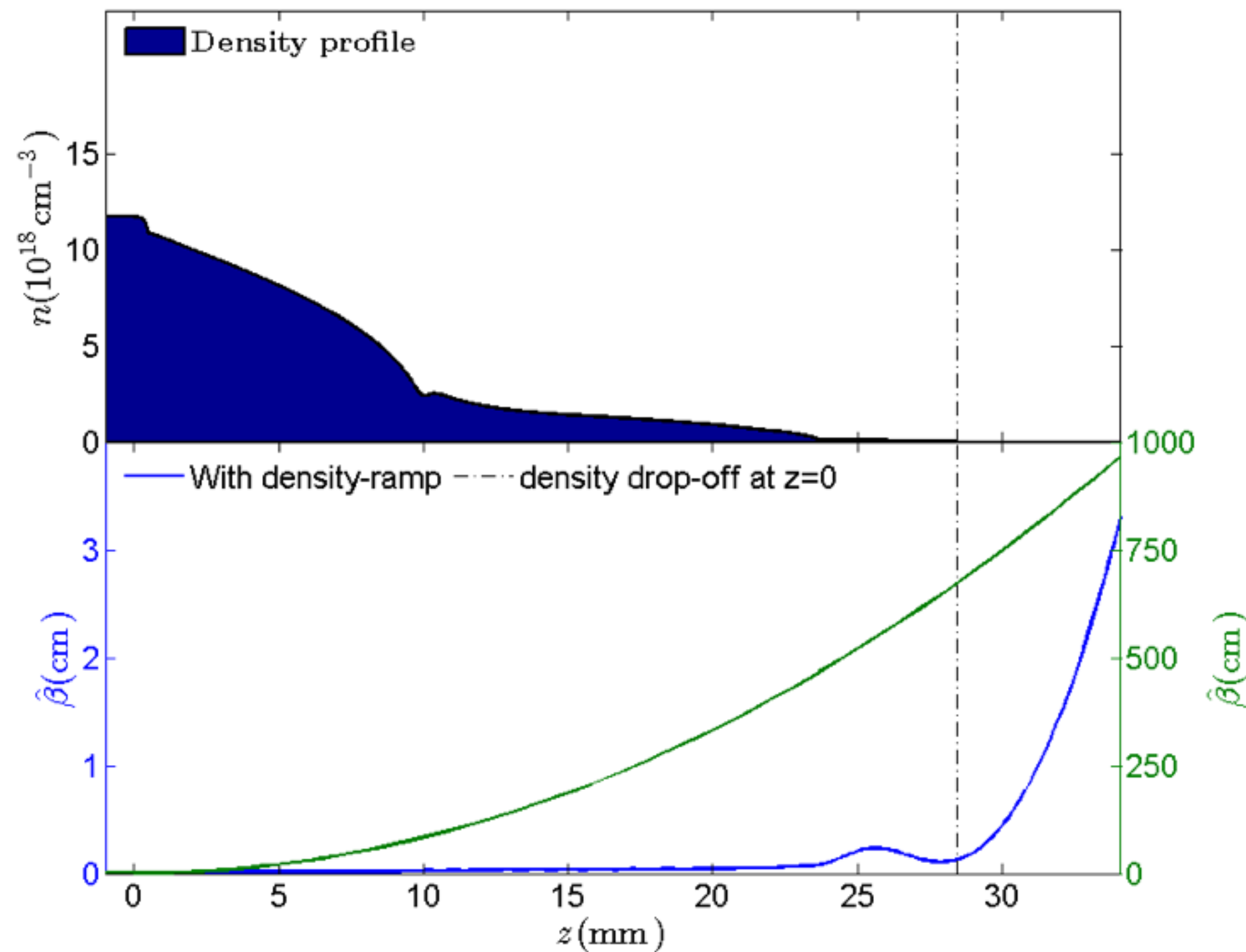


➤ Targets are under construction, to be tested in first half of 2015

FLASHForward strategy: tailored plasma-to-vacuum transition

→ specialized gas targets are under development

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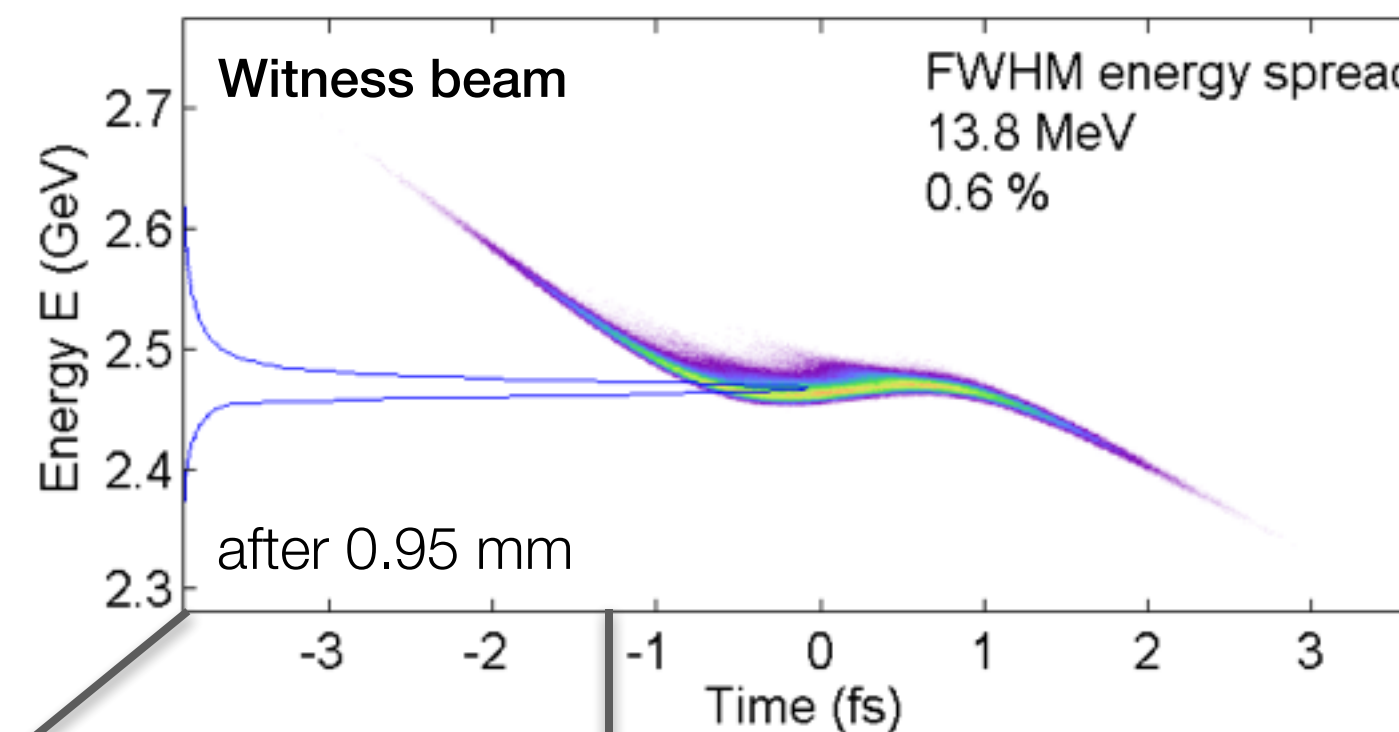
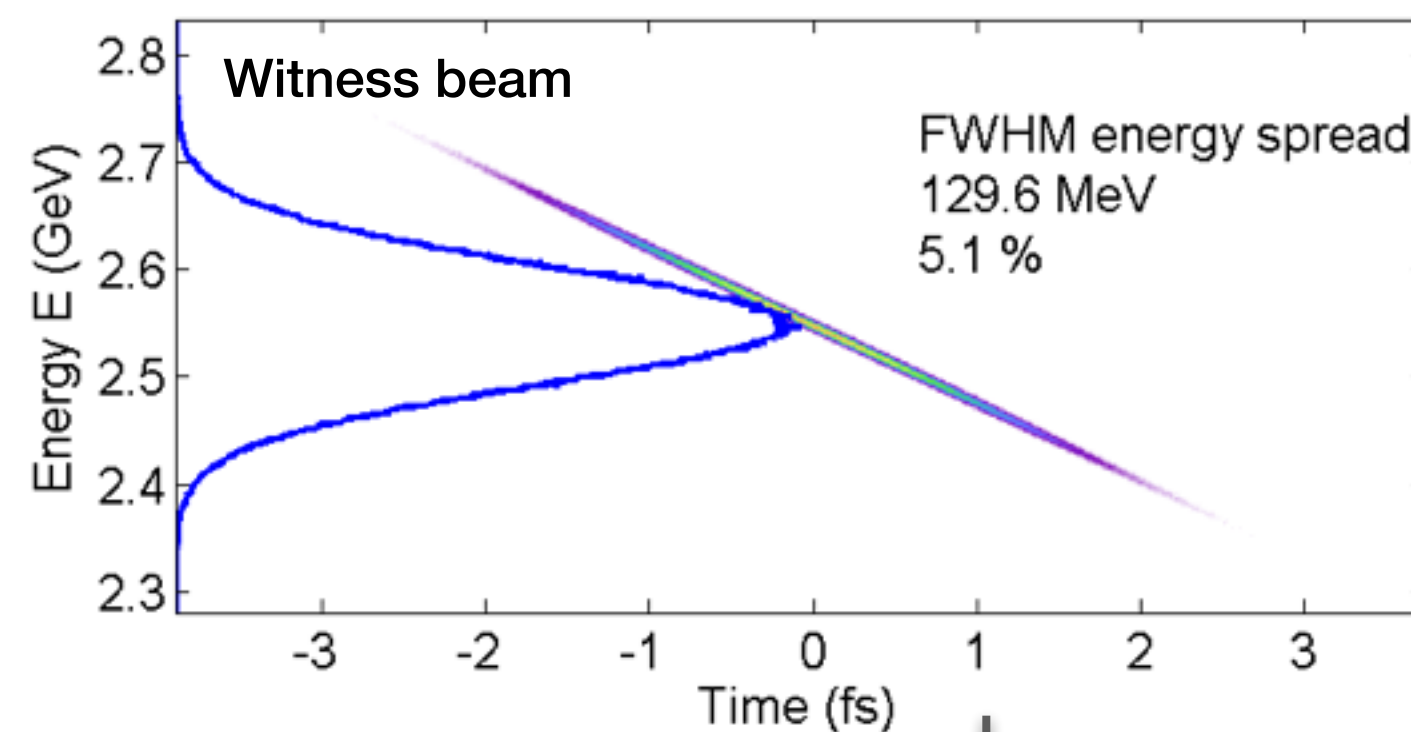
FLASHForward strategy: tailored plasma-to-vacuum transition to compensate for correlated energy spread

> Concept, theory: V. Wacker, C. Behrens (DESY), to be published

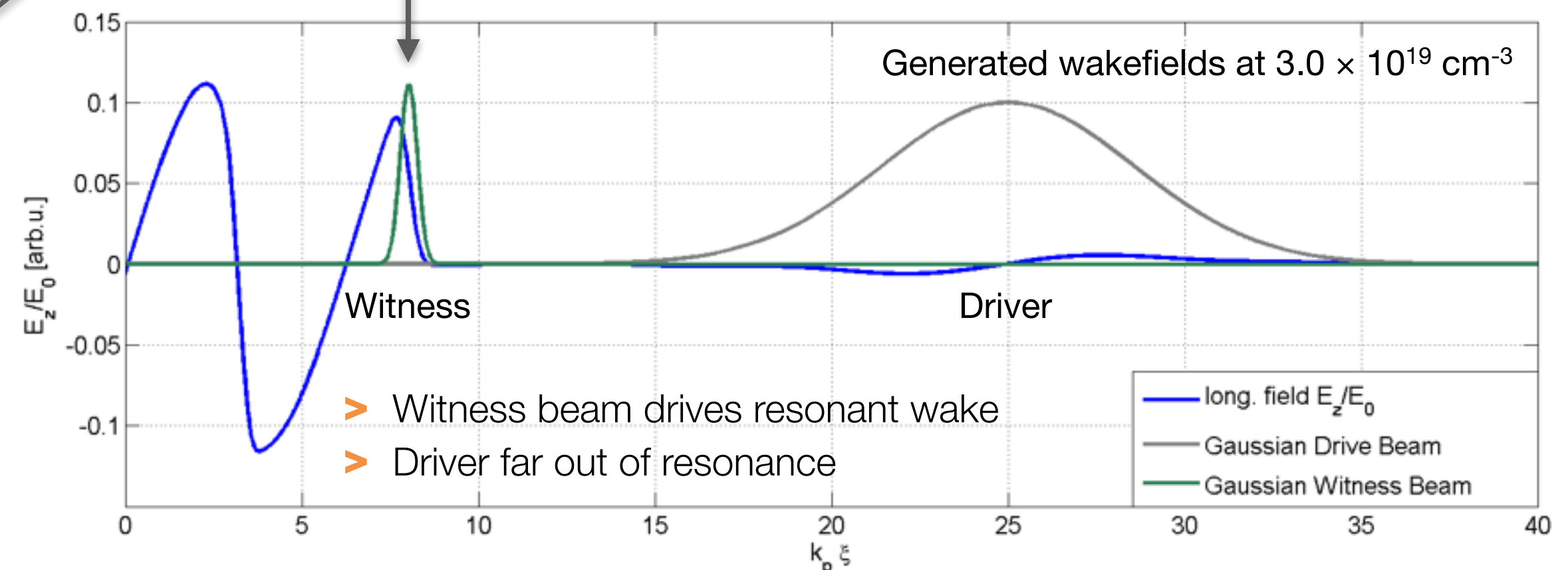
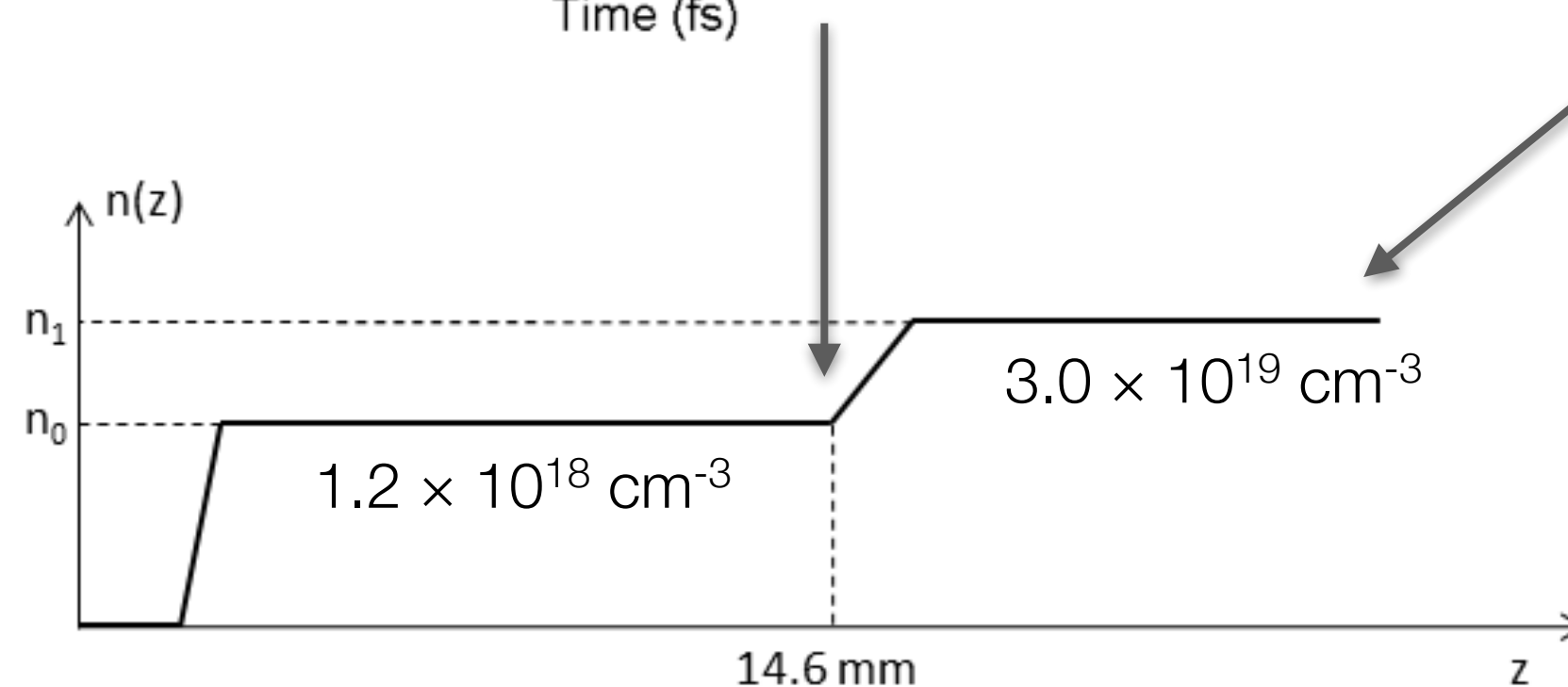
- > Dechirping in plasma analogous to corrugated pipe¹ and dielectric structure²
- > *Example:* beam from wakefield-induced ionization injection

> Drive beam
 $\sigma_z = 7 \mu\text{m}$, $\varepsilon_{x,y} = 1 \mu\text{m}$, $I_B = 10 \text{ kA}$,
 $Q = 574 \text{ pC}$, $E = 1 \text{ GeV}$

> Witness beam
 $\sigma_z = 0.23 \mu\text{m}$, $\varepsilon_{x,y} = 10.3 \mu\text{m}$, $I_B = 5 \text{ kA}$,
 $Q = 32 \text{ pC}$, $E = 2.5 \text{ GeV}$



HiPACE



> Witness beam drives resonant wake

> Driver far out of resonance

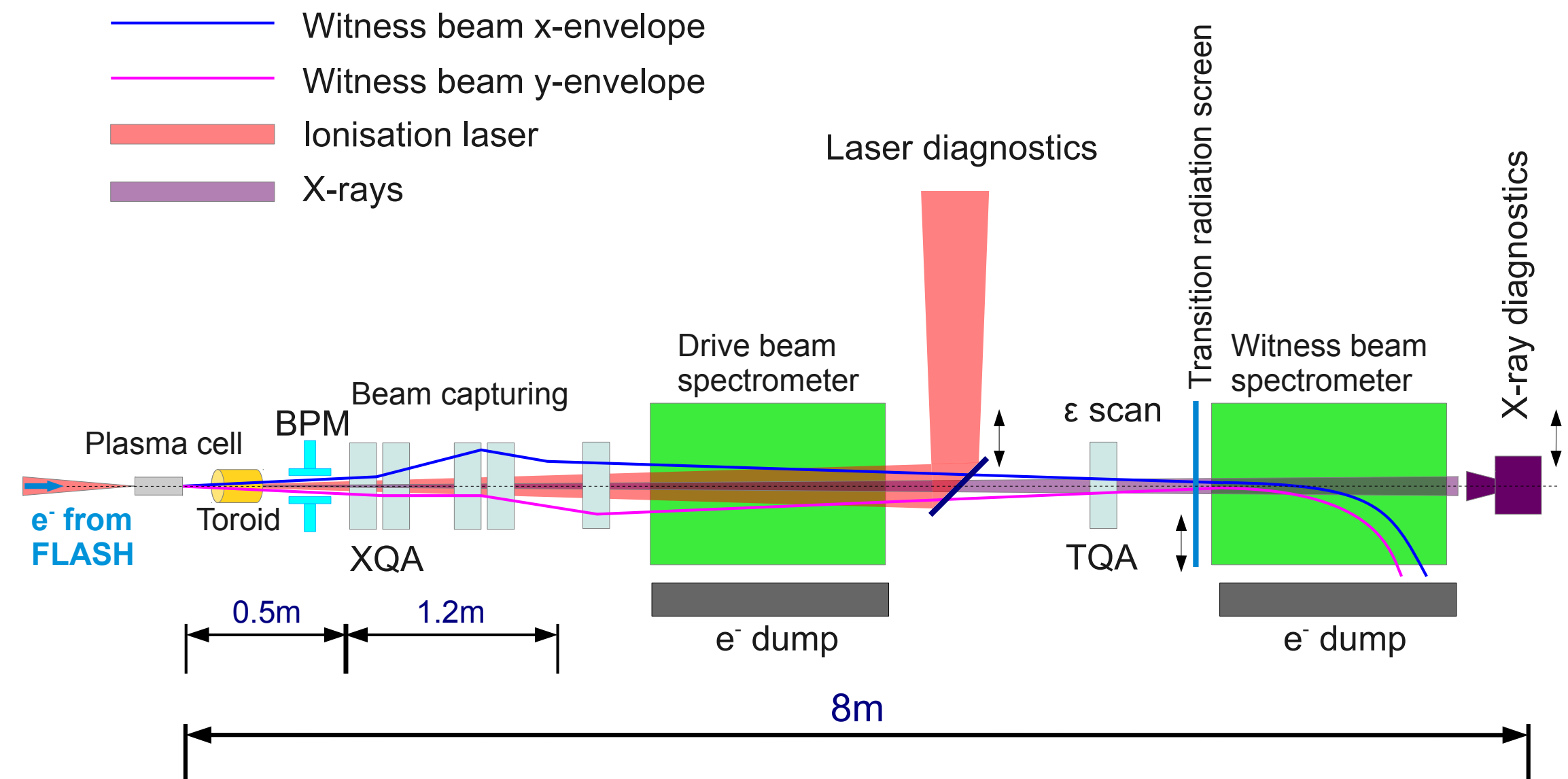
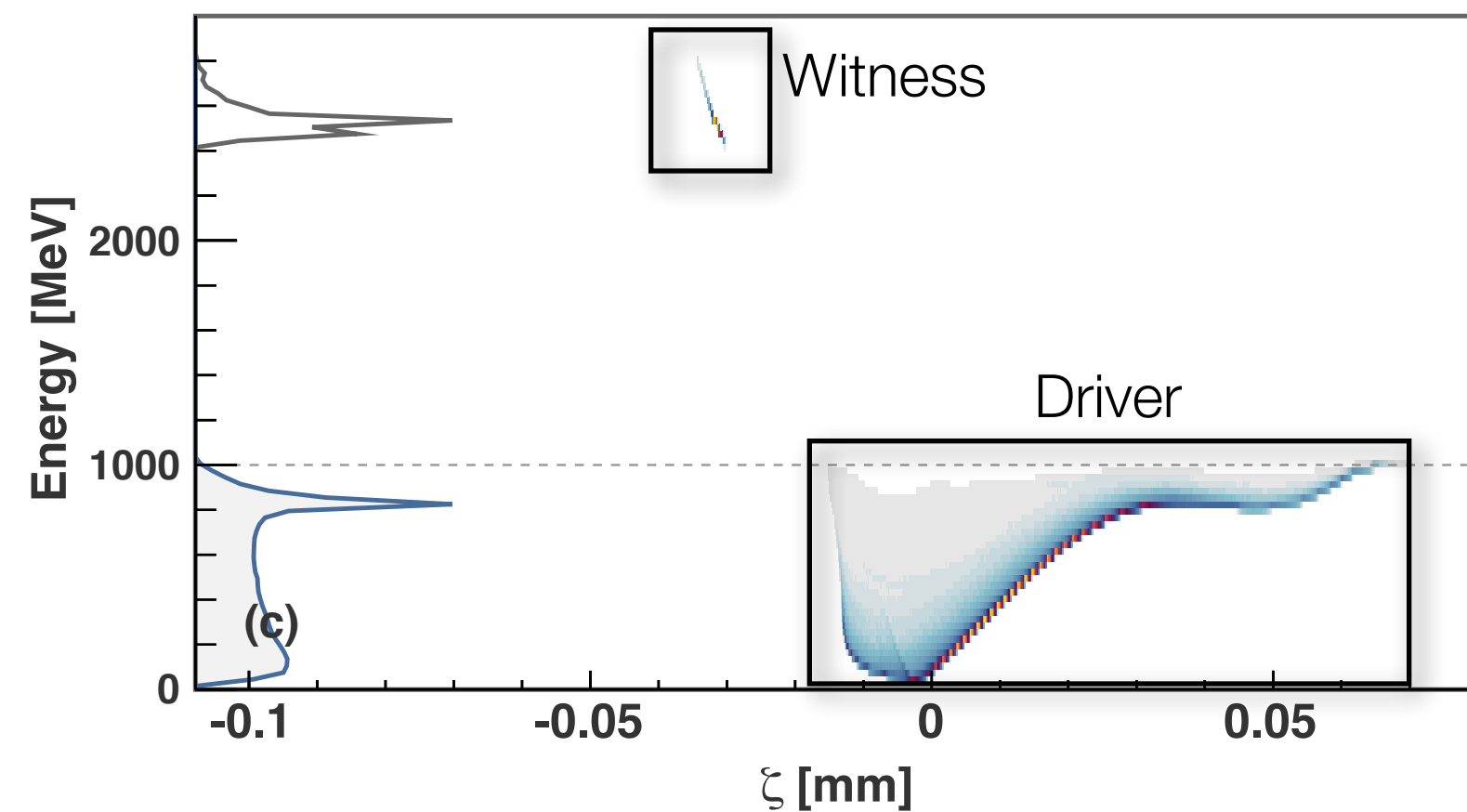
¹ K.L.F. Bane and G. Stupakov, NIM A 690, 106 (2012)

² S. Antipov et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 114801 (2014)

Layout of beam capturing and diagnostics section for phase I

> Scientific concept: V.Libov (FLA), C.Behrens (MPY)

Example: longitudinal phase-space after plasma interaction
(from a PIC simulation)



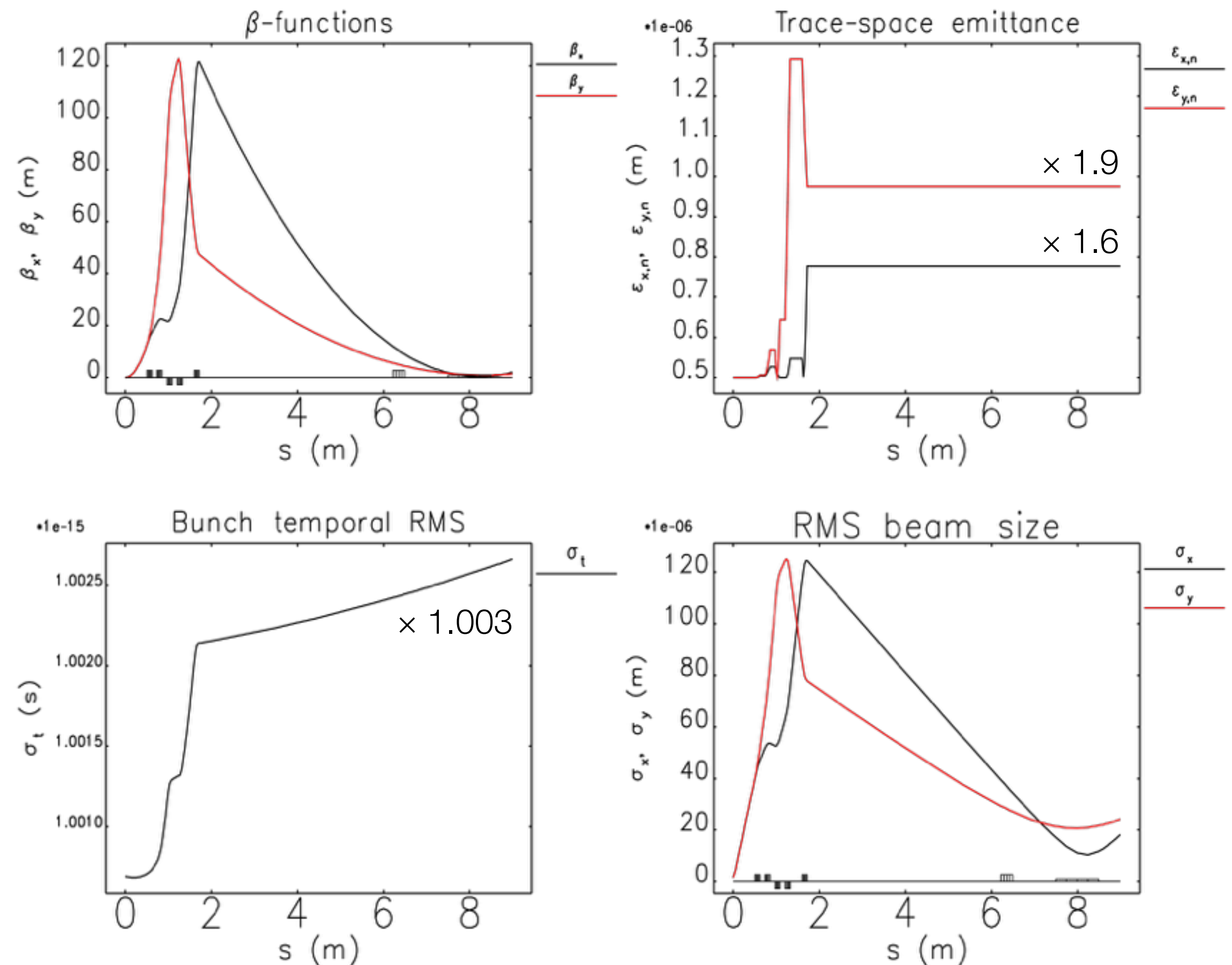
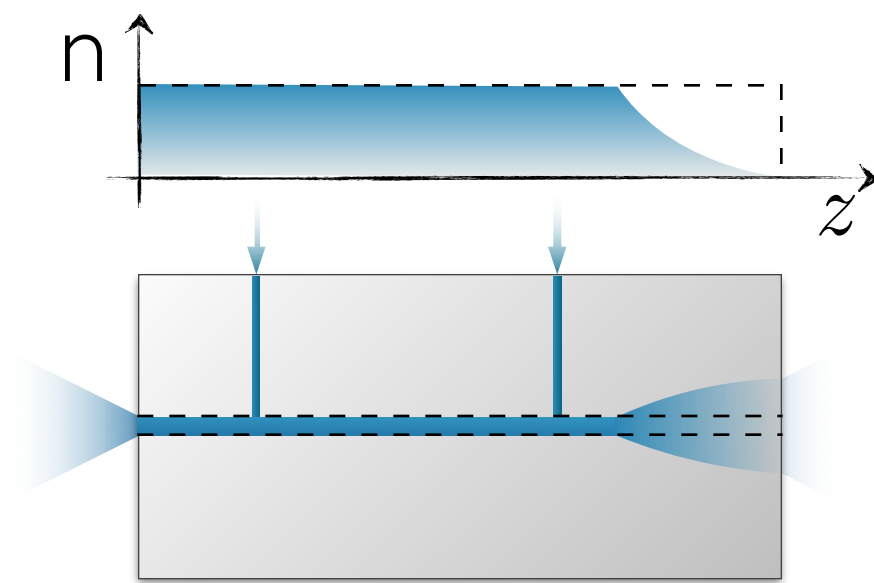
Common witness features

- > strong longitudinal correlation
- > projected energy spread in the few % range
- > uncorrelated energy spread in the ‰ range
- > < 1 to 20 fs rms duration
- > projected norm. emittances of $\ll 1 \mu\text{m}$

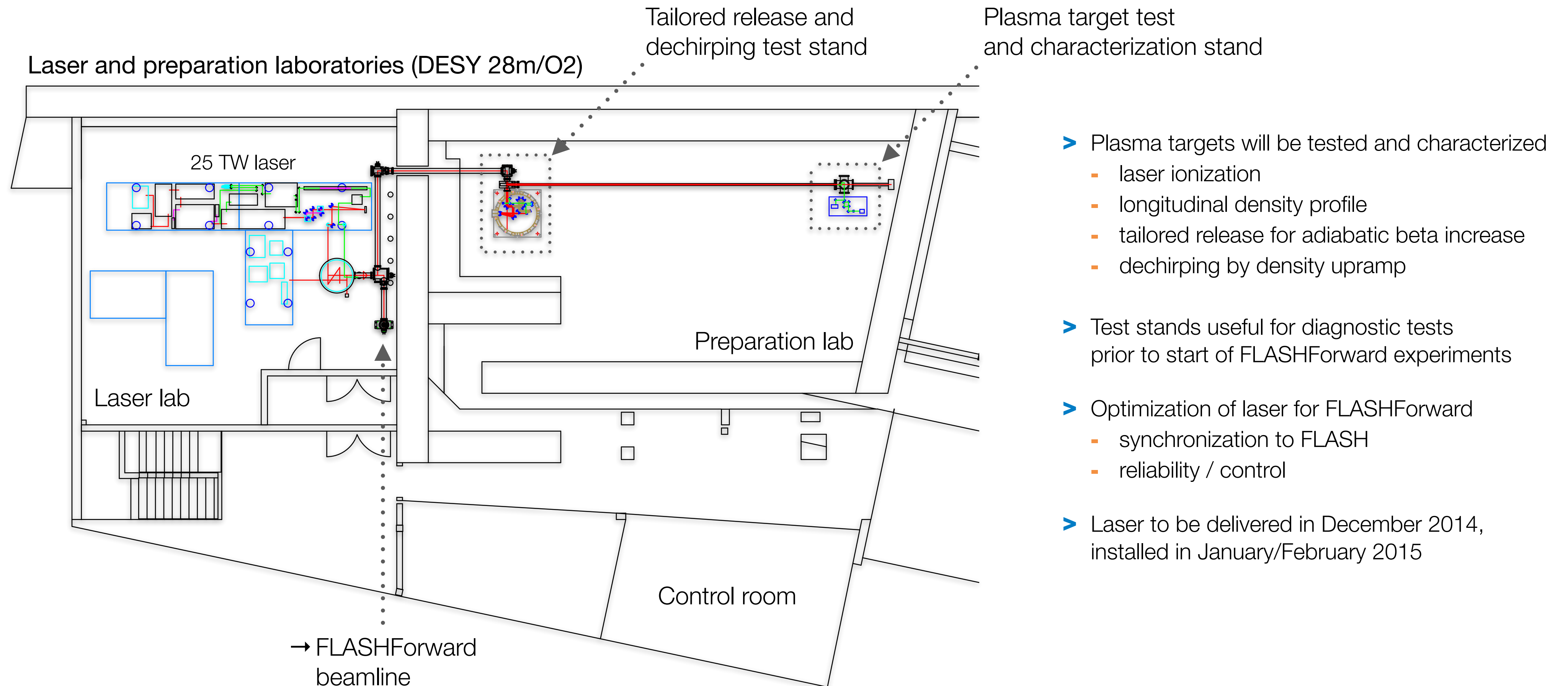
High-gradient quadrupoles and tailoring mitigate emittance degradation and bunch lengthening

> Scientific concept: V.Libov (FLA), C.Behrens (MPY)

- > Witness parameters
 $E = 2 \text{ GeV}$, $\sigma_E = 1\%$, $\varepsilon_0 = 0.5 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$, $\sigma_{t,0} = 1 \text{ fs}$,
- > XQA magnets with 100 T/m for capturing
- > Tailored plasma profile for $\beta = 20 \text{ mm}$ at plasma exit



FLASHForward laser to test plasma targets in 2015



Broad scientific program investigates crucial PWFA issues

FLASHForward ►► core studies

- > novel types of witness-bunch generation for unprecedented PWFA beam quality
 - laser-triggered ionization injection
 - beam and wake-triggered ionization injection
 - density down-ramp injection
 - external injection (two pulses from photo gun)

normalized witness beam emittances of $\lesssim 100$ nm expected with multi-kA peak currents at 1.5 to 4+ GeV in few-fs duration

- > transformer ratios of 2 and beyond
 - boost beams to ~ 2.5 GeV
 - boost beams to $\sim 4+$ GeV Triangular driver

- > assess potential to show FEL gain at wavelengths of ~ 1 nm
- > bunch-quality for photon-science applications
 - emittance, current, duration measurements
 - first measurement of slice parameters (*with TDS*)
- > stability/reproducibility of the process
 - beam- and plasma-parameter influence on stability

- > acceleration in dielectric structures

In addition, the beamline will be well equipped to study a plethora of scientific problems in novel and conventional accelerator R&D (e.g. Thomson scattering, novel diagnostic and timing schemes, components...)

We are open to collaborations and new ideas...

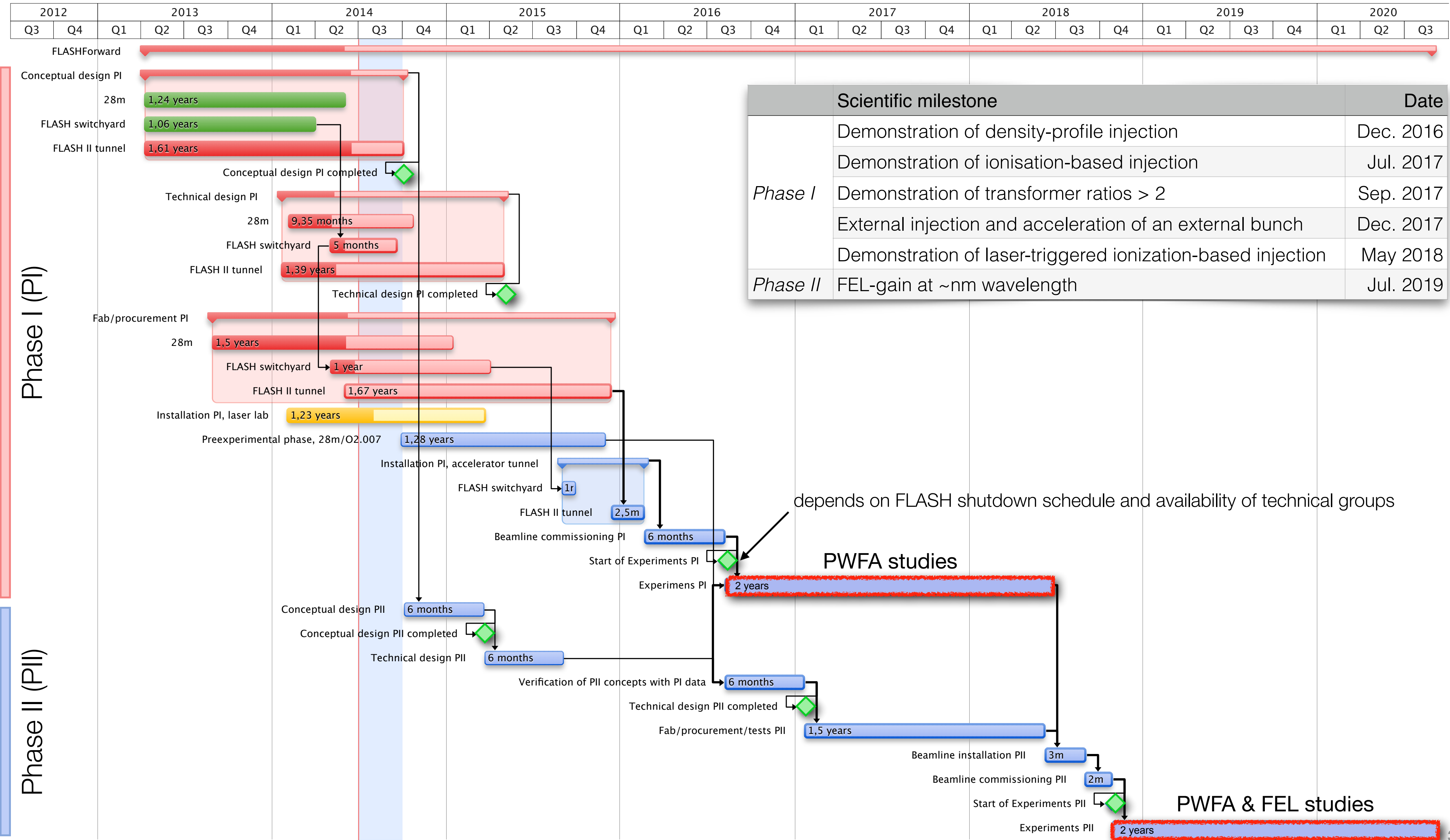
Summary and conclusions

- > **FLASHForward** >> aims at advancing novel-accelerator science by exploring plasma-wakefield acceleration
 - various external and internal witness-beam-injection schemes to achieve usable beam quality
 - the extraction of accelerated beams from plasma without significant quality degradation
 - the assessment of the usability of these beams in a free-electron laser
- > Photon science applications will be pursued as first test for plasma-accelerator technology
- > External injection and extraction experiments are foreseen as a precursor to staging studies, important for HEP
- > FLASHForward is an important step to explore beam-driven wakefield acceleration and prepare it for applications

Goal: plasma accelerator research → usable plasma accelerators

Backup material...

FLASHForward project schedule



The FLASHForward collaboration network

