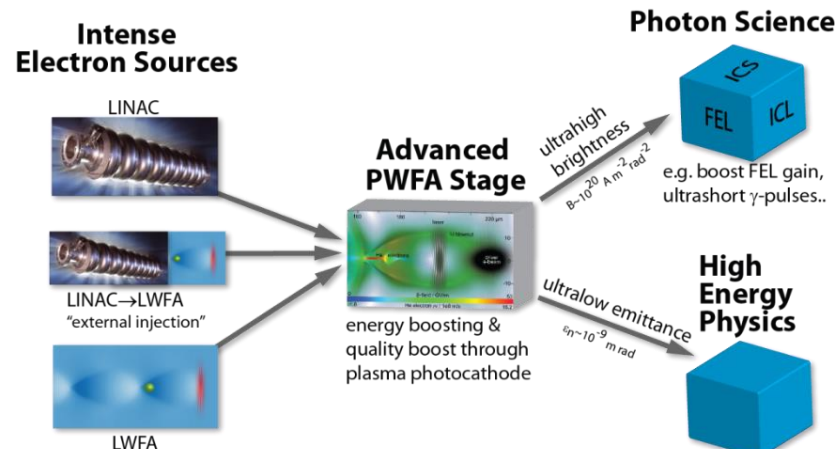




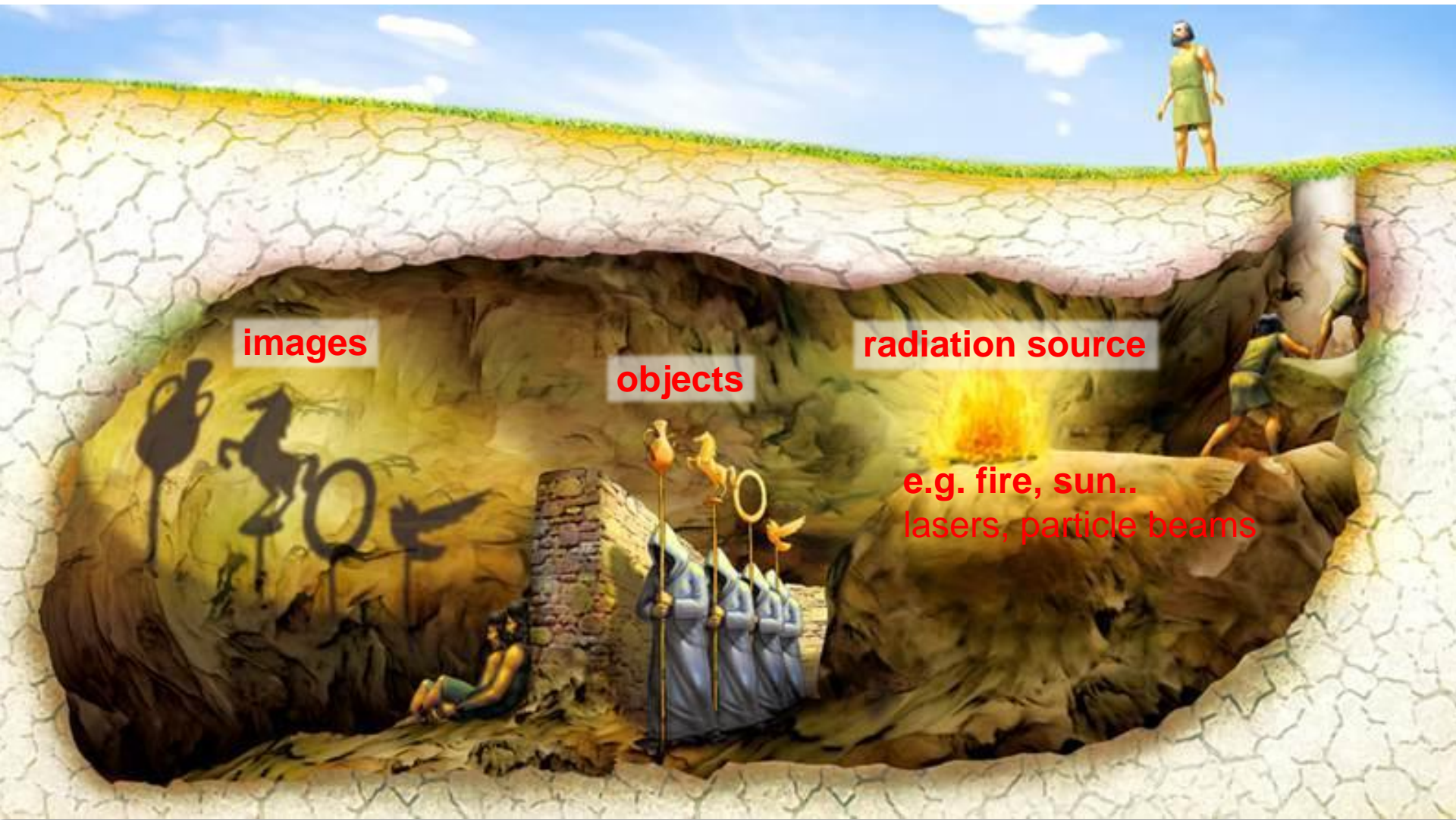
Ultrahigh Brightness Facility Upgrades Based on Plasma Photocathodes

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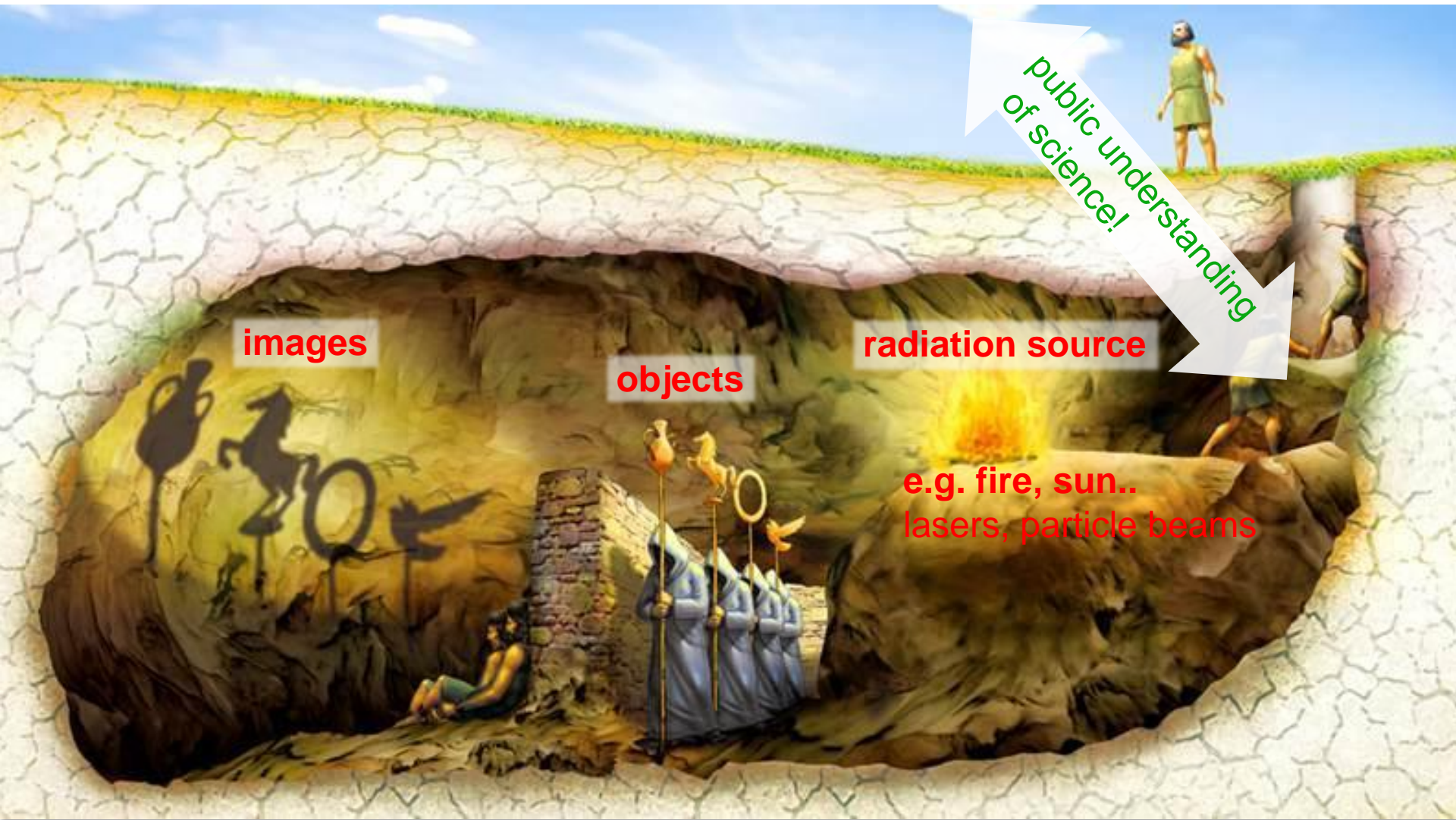


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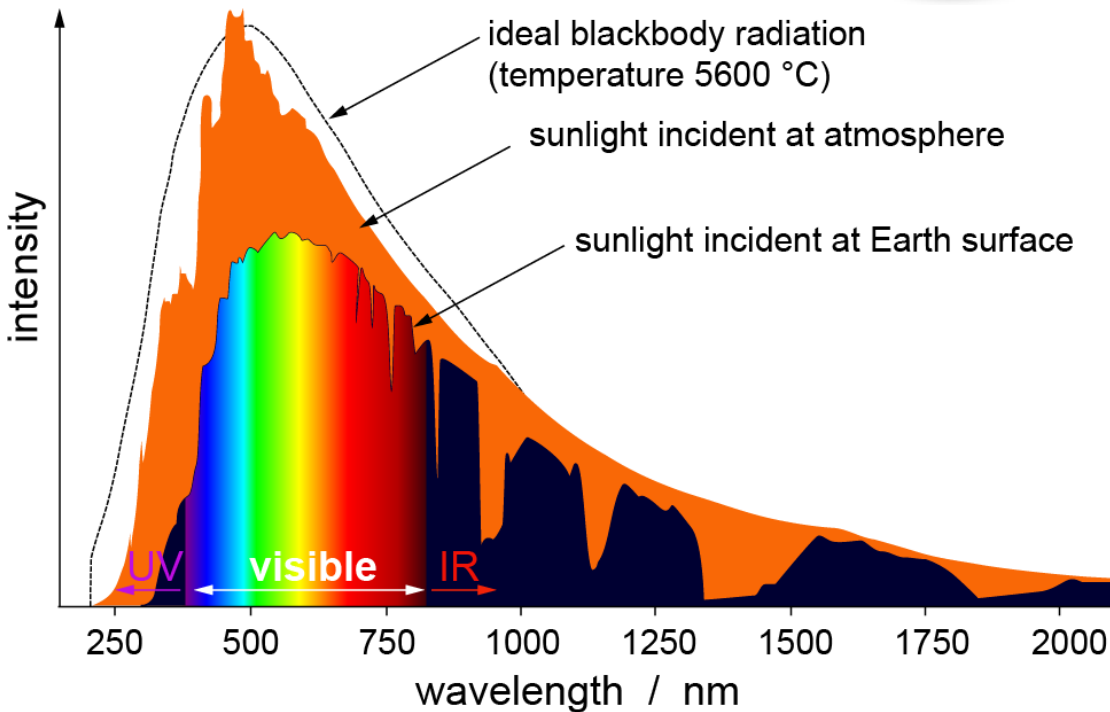
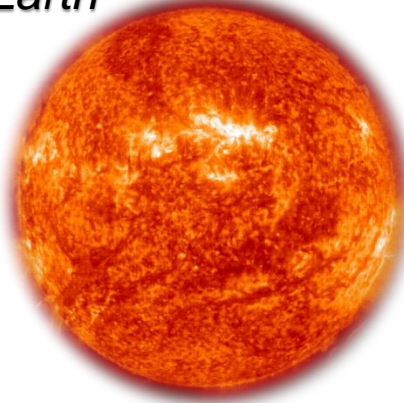
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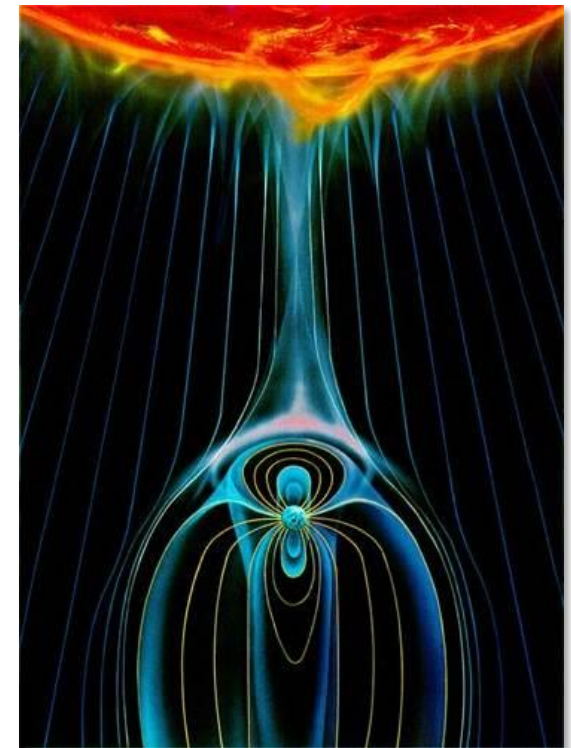


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*The Sun: fusion and plasma processes send broadband **photon** and plasma **particle** radiation to Earth*

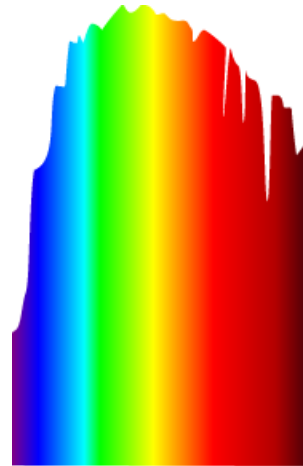
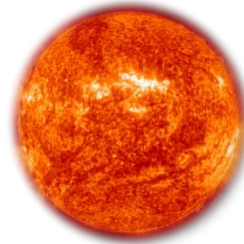


Atmosphere protects us
from too intense and too hard **photon** flux



Magnetosphere protects us from
too intense charged **particle** flux
(electrons, protons, ions..)

Sunlight has been the most powerful radiation source until < 100 years ago



← 390 nm 700 nm →

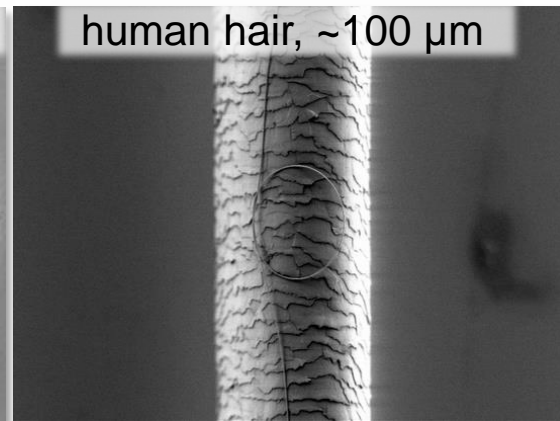
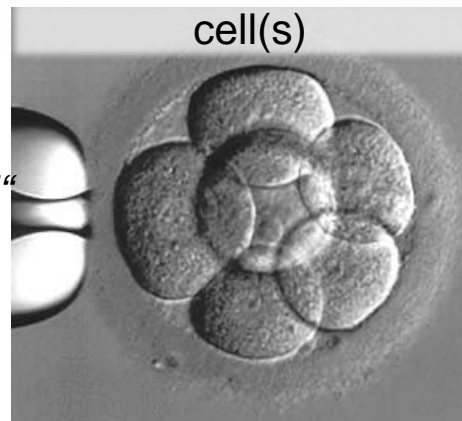
Abbe diffraction limit:
resolution of light microscopes
(far field) < $\sim 0.2 \mu\text{m}$

Fine enough for cells, but..



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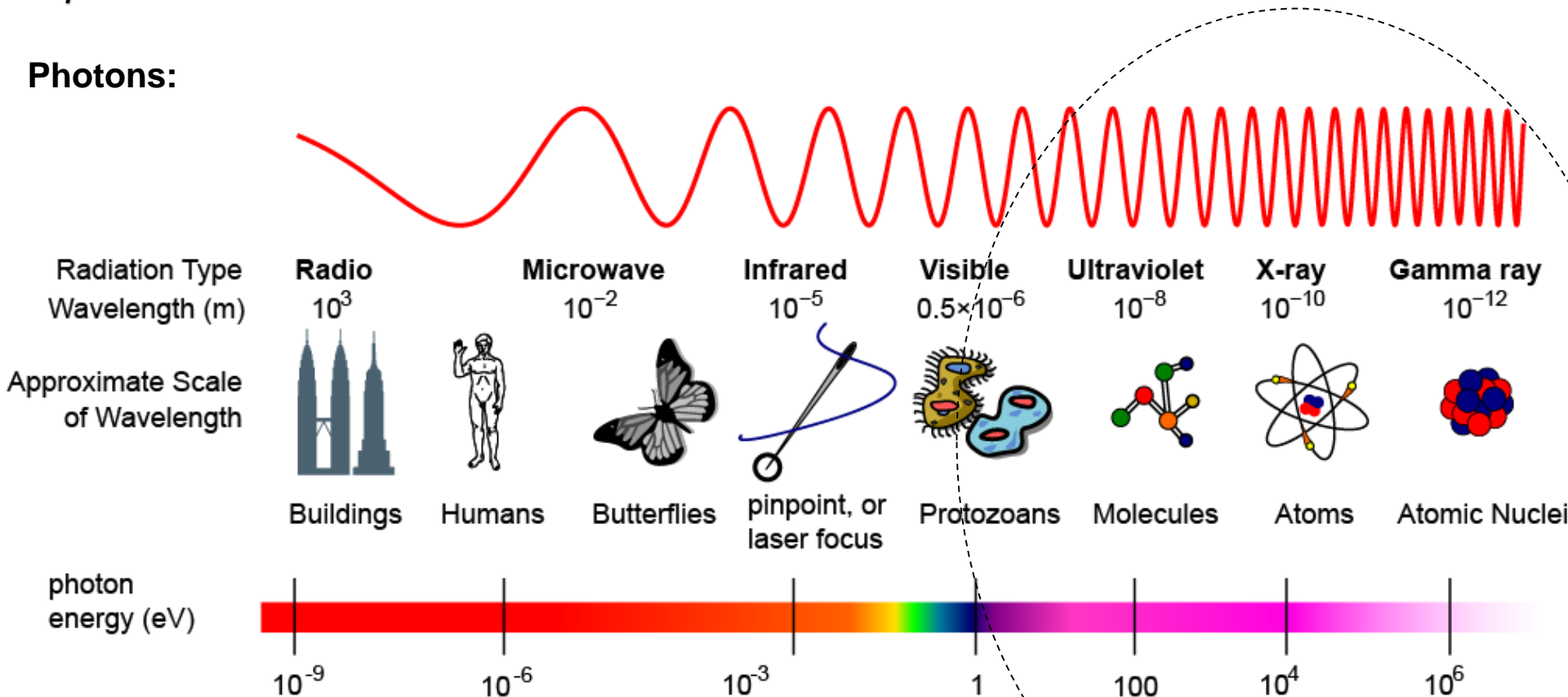
Hooke coined the term "cell"



← 1-100 μm →

*..we are interested in much smaller (and faster!) phenomena.
 Shorter radiation wavelengths (i.e. higher photon energies), higher intensities
 and short pulses are required for ever smaller structures and shorter timescales
 of processes*

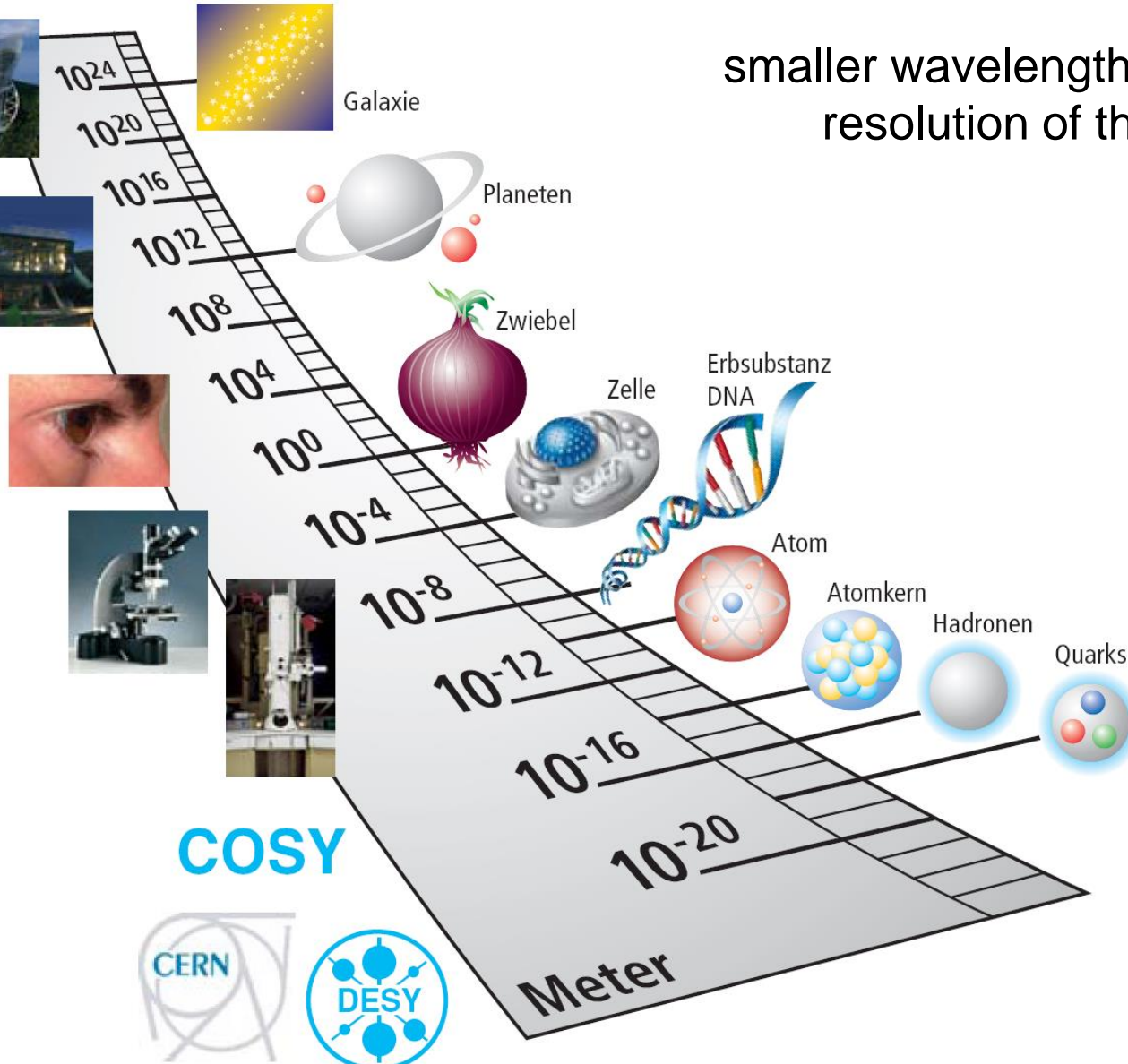
Photons:



Particles:

De Broglie: electrons behave as waves, can be used for microscopy, too $\lambda \sim hc / E$

smaller wavelength λ allows for higher resolution of the microscope



$$E \sim 1 / \lambda$$

The need for high energies has led to greatest machines in the world

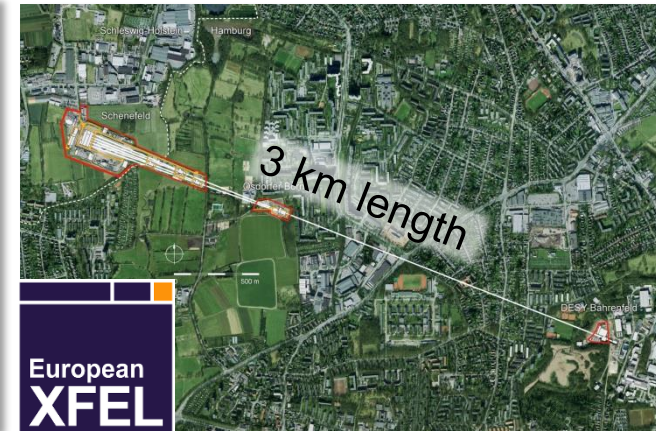
Photons: e.g.



Diamond Light Source,
Synchrotron, Oxfordshire, UK



Linac Coherent Light Source,
X-ray FEL, SLAC, USA



European X-Ray Free Electron
Laser, Hamburg, Germany

Particles: e.g.



Facilities size is the result of limited accelerating electric fields

- Huge particle energies are needed to resolve molecular and atomic structures
- Accelerating electric fields in conventional accelerators are limited to the ~50 MV/m level, because of breakdown of accelerating cavity walls (Kilpatrick criterion*), involving production of “microplasmas”



- Energy gain W is given by the product of charge q , electric field E and acceleration length d : $W = qEd$
- As particle charge is constant and fields are limited, the only way to reach high particle energies is to increase the acceleration distance, i.e. the length of the (linear) accelerator d

- * “*Criterion for Vacuum Sparking Designed to Include Both RF and DC*”, W.D. Kilpatrick, *Review of Scientific Instruments* (1957)

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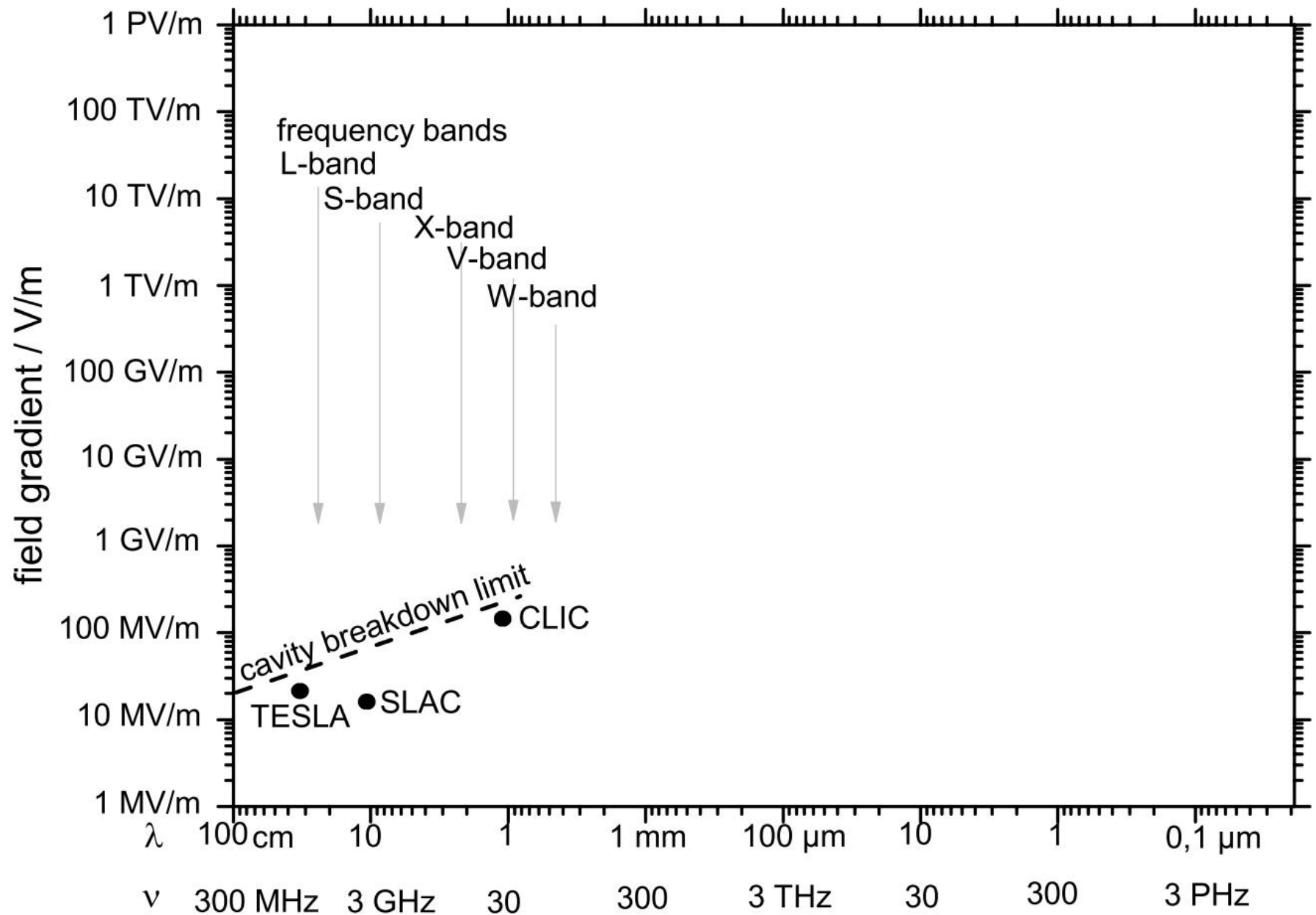
Radiation Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley, California

(Received May 31, 1957)

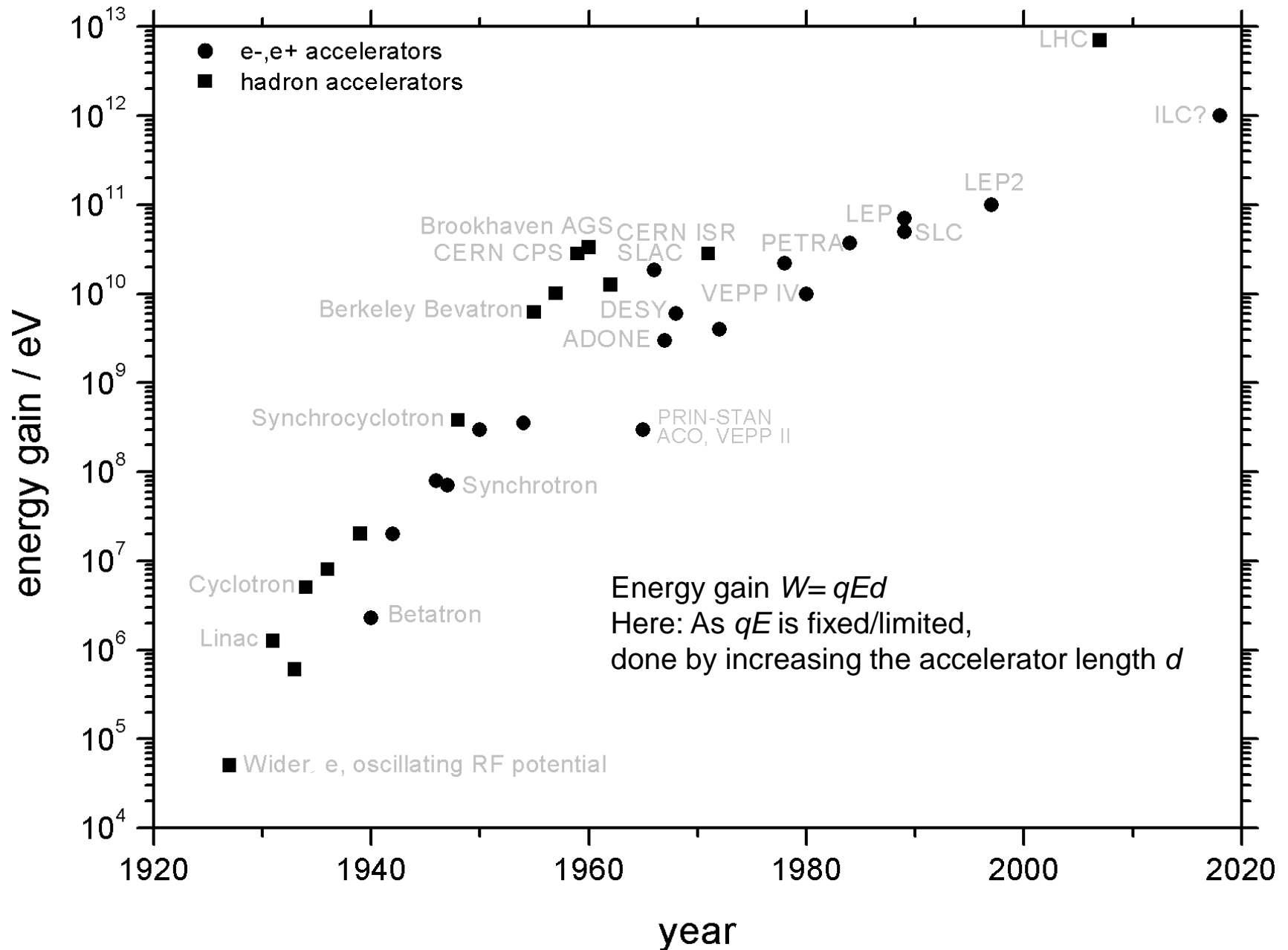
An empirical relation is presented that describes a boundary between no vacuum sparking and possible vacuum sparking. Metal electrodes and rf or dc voltages are used. The criterion applies to a range of surface gradient, voltage, gap, and frequency that extends over several orders of magnitude. Current due to field emission is considered necessary for sparking, but—in addition—energetic ions are required to initiate a cascade process that increases the emitted currents to the point of sparking.

*Increasing the rf frequency increases the obtainable accelerating gradient**

**true in first approximation up to ~X-band, one can go beyond Kilpatrick.. very complex physics..*



Livingston plot: "Moore's Law" for accelerators



First “particle acceleration” experiments:

e.g. Rutherford/Geiger 1911

World’s first particle accelerator experiment: **Matter consists of electrons and ions**



The Birth of "Plasma"

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(Received 24 April 1967)

The origin of the "plasma" of gaseous electronics need not be mythological. The author was there.

THE word *plasma* has achieved universal and unquestioned usage in the description of phenomena in ionized gases and has, at times, even been applied to such other nonphysiological entities as flames, electrolytes, conductors at low temperatures, and the Heaviside layer. Yet how a term, which four decades ago was only used to describe a part of the blood, came to be used in this new sense has never been authoritatively told. There have been a number of guesses, some of them stated as fact, which elaborated on the knowledge that Irving Langmuir initiated the usage. At least one is far more vivid and colorful than the actual event.¹ Had the authors' putative date been correct, I would have been tempted to leave the imaginative extravaganza unquestioned.

As I was working with Langmuir at the time that he appropriated "plasma" for gaseous electronics and I was the only scientist present at the event, I am surely the one most able to give an authoritative account of it. Incidentally, Langmuir's notebooks and mine have both been searched in vain for the first adaptation of "plasma" to the low-pressure arc, the object of our investigations at the time. The first written use (excluding unknown correspondence) must, therefore, have been in the manuscript of "Oscillations in Ionized Gases" [Proceedings of

"Say, Tonks, I'm looking for a word. In these gas discharges we call the region in the immediate neighborhood of the wall or an electrode a 'sheath,' and that seems to be quite appropriate; but what should we call the main part of the discharge? The conductivity is high so that you can't apply a potential difference to it like you can to a sheath—it all is taken up by the sheaths. And there is complete space-charge neutralization. I don't want to invent a word, but it must be descriptive of this kind of region as distinct from a sheath. What do you suggest?"

My reply was classic: "I'll think about it, Dr. Langmuir."

The next day Langmuir breezed in and announced, "I know what we'll [*sic*] call it! We'll call it the 'plasma.'" The image of blood plasma immediately came to mind; I think Langmuir even mentioned blood. In the light of the contemporary state of our knowledge, the choice seemed very apt.

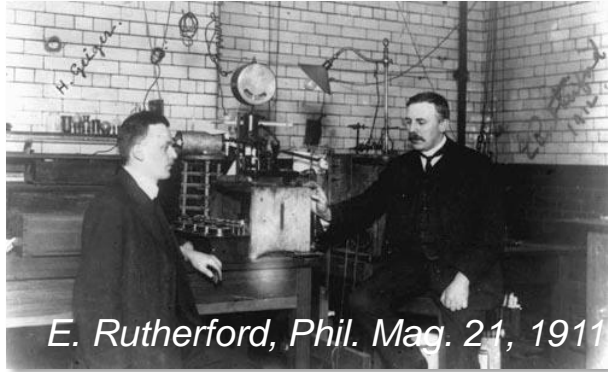
Our attention was focused on the laboratory experiments. The extensive broadening of concept which would include electrolytes, flames, the Heaviside layer, etc. may have lain in the back of Langmuir's brain. The semantic problem to be solved was sheath vs nonsheath.

Quite definitely, neither the oscillatory characteristics of plasmas nor "the seething move-

Prehistoric days: Plasma Wakefield Acceleration

Rutherford/Geiger 1911

World's first particle accelerator experiment:
Matter consists of electrons and ions



E. Rutherford, *Phil. Mag.* 21, 1911

Langmuir/Tonks 1928

"We shall use the name *plasma* to describe [a] region containing balanced charges of ions and electrons"

CERN 1956

Future particle accelerators:
Accelerate particles via collective fields by separating electrons and ions in plasmas
Veksler, Budker, Fainberg, *Proc. CERN Symp. High Energy Accelerators*, 1956

Project Matterhorn

Description and computation of nonlinear plasma oscillations

J. Dawson, *Phys. Rev.* 113, 383, 1959

UCLA 1979: **LWFA**

Produce transient charge separation in plasma via Laser Electron Accelerator

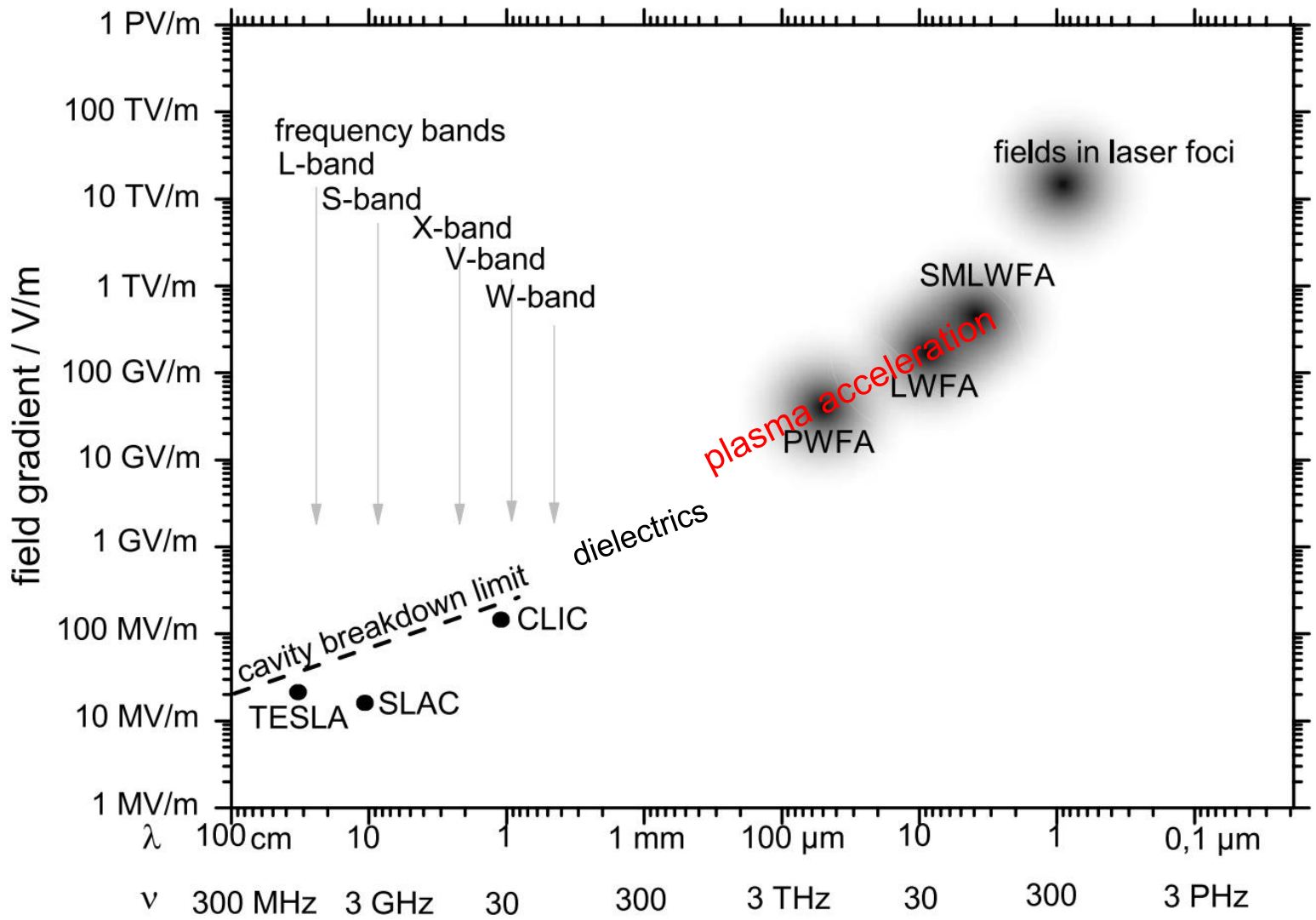
Tajima & Dawson, *Phys. Rev. Letters* 43, 1979

Stanford/UCLA 1985: **PWFA**

Acceleration of Electrons by the Interaction of a Bunched Electron Beam with a Plasma

Chen et al., *Phys. Rev. Letters* 54, 1985

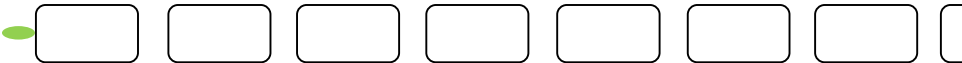
Plasma: tens of GV/m+ acceleration gradients allow shrinking of accelerator to sub-meter scale (energy gain $W=qED$)



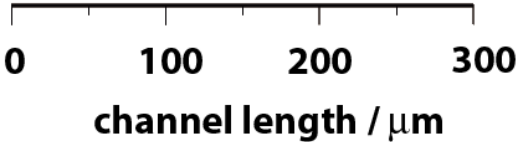
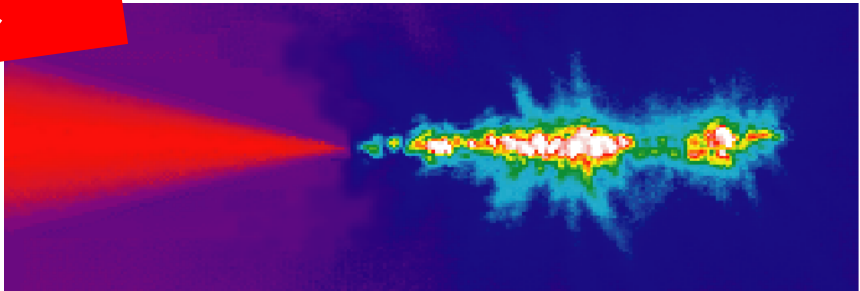
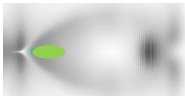
Shrinking accelerators from km to cm size



Multiple static metallic cavities
w/ electric fields of ~ 50 MV/m

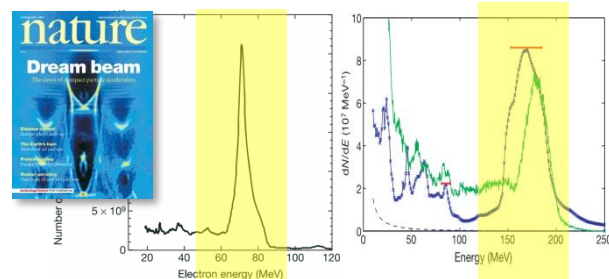


Single co-propagating plasma cavity
w/ electric fields of ~ 50 GV/m

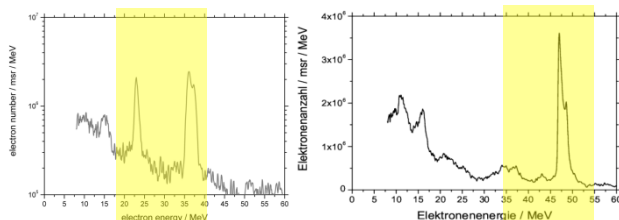


Indeed: Both LWFA (laser driven) and PWFA (electron beam driven) now routinely demonstrate multi-GeV energy gain

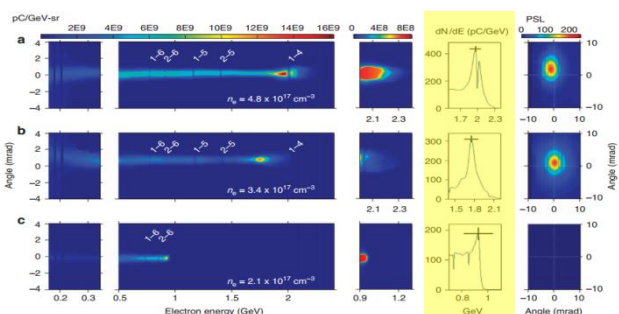
LWFA



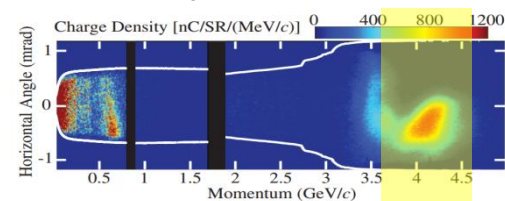
Mangles et al. (UK), Geddes et al. (USA),
Faure et al. (France), Nature 2004



Hidding et al., PRL 2006

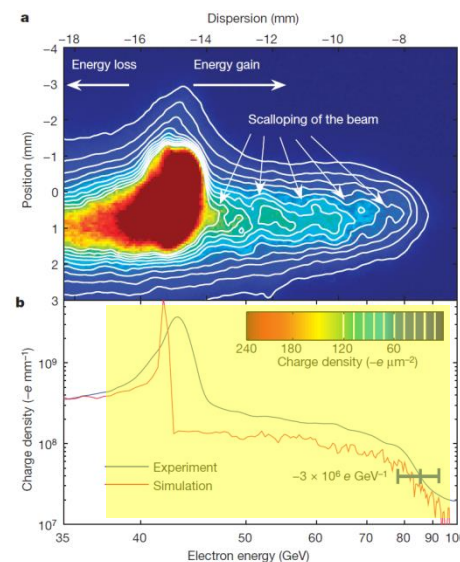


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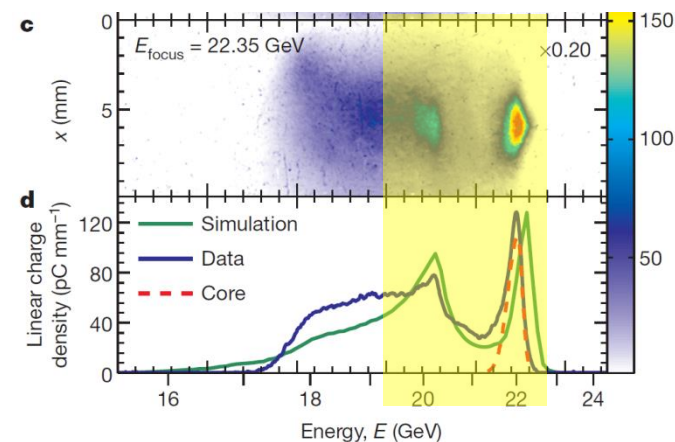


Leemans et al., PRL 2014

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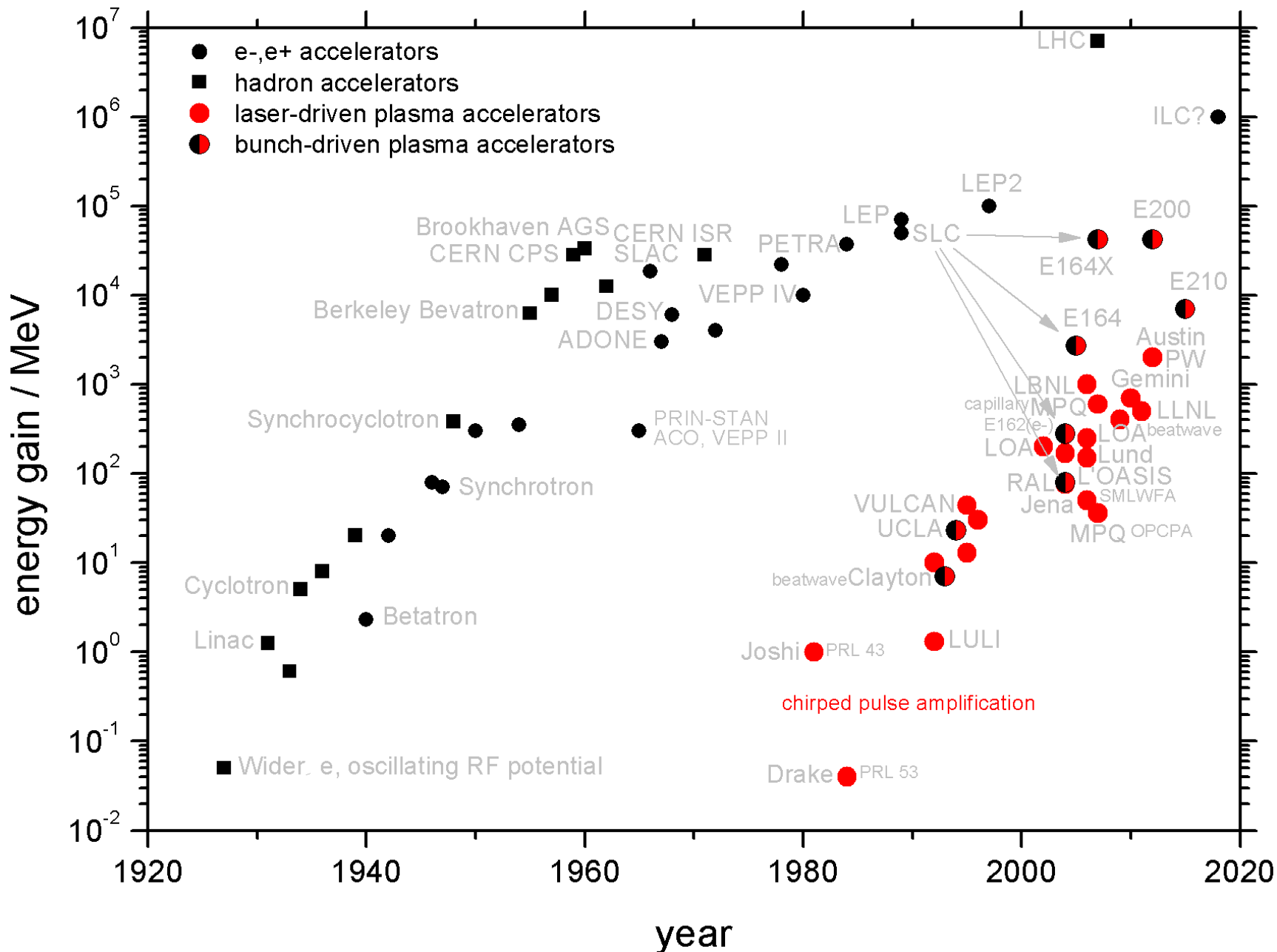


Blumenfeld et al., Nature 2007



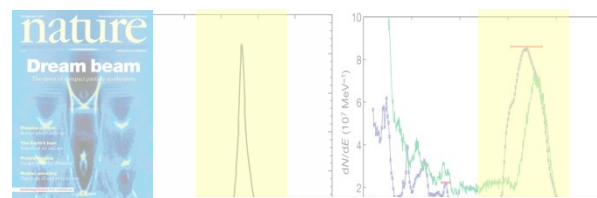
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Livingston plot: *with plasma accelerators* (ignoring beam quality etc.)

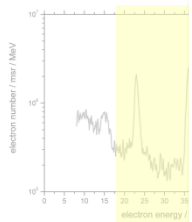


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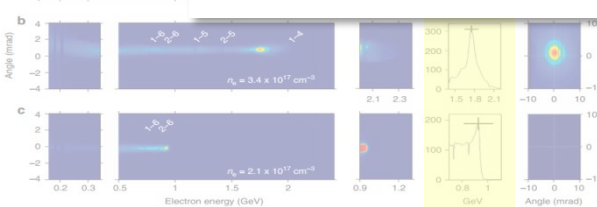
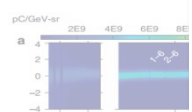
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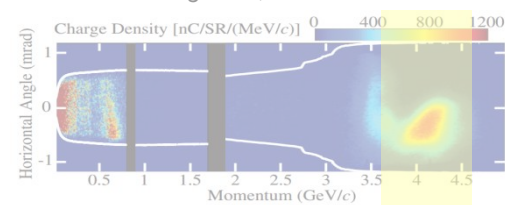
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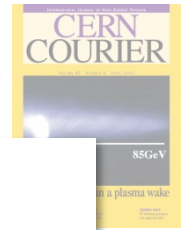
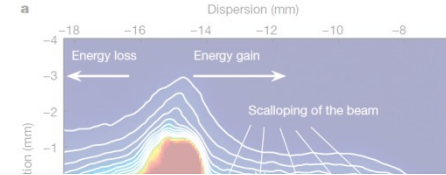


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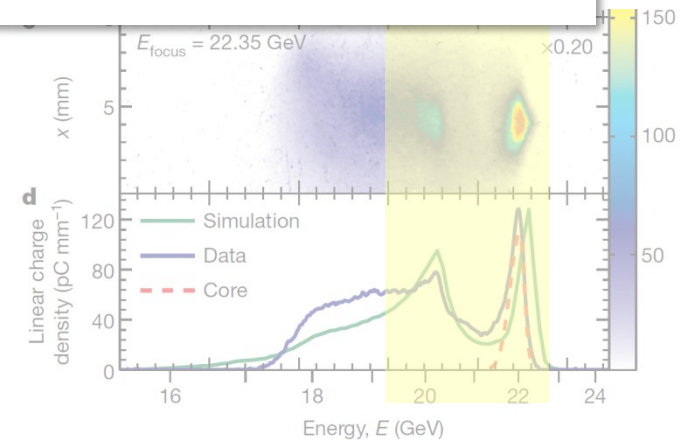


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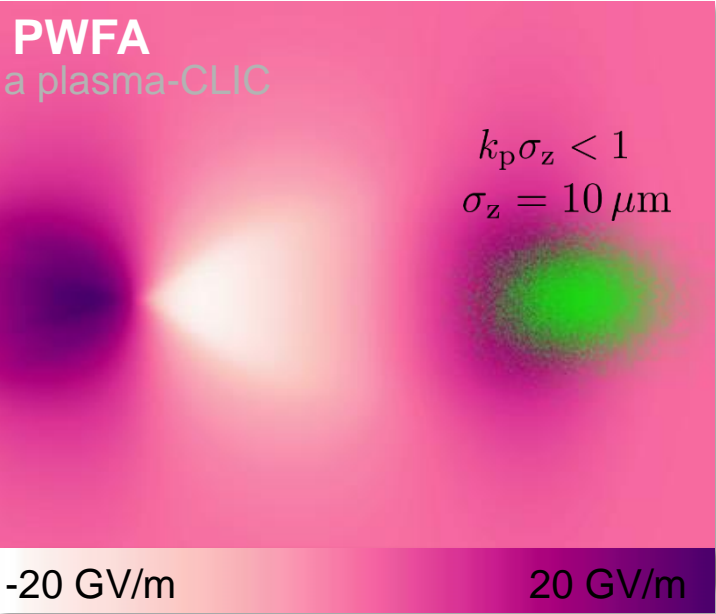


- Fantastic energy gains, order of magnitude energy & beam quality increase in a decade, ultrashort & high current (many kA), ongoing rapid progress..
- But: stability, tunability, beam quality so far still limited
- Another game-changer desirable



Litos et al., Nature 2014

Many similarities between PWFA “blowout” and LWFA “bubble” generation...



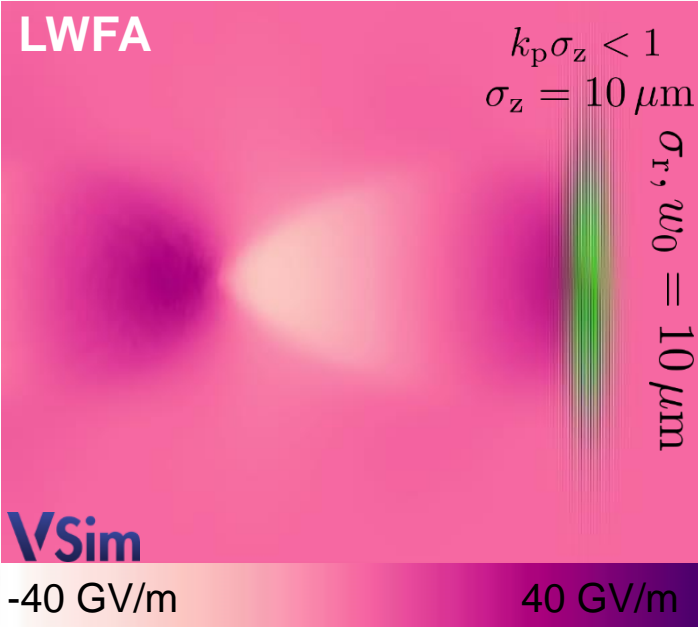
plasma density
 $n_p = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

plasma wavelength
(i.e. blowout/bubble size)
 $\lambda_p \approx 106 \mu\text{m}$

plasma skin depth
 $k_p^{-1} \approx 16 \mu\text{m}$

dimensionless
beam charge

$$\tilde{Q} = \frac{N_b k_p^3}{n_p} \approx 3$$



VSim

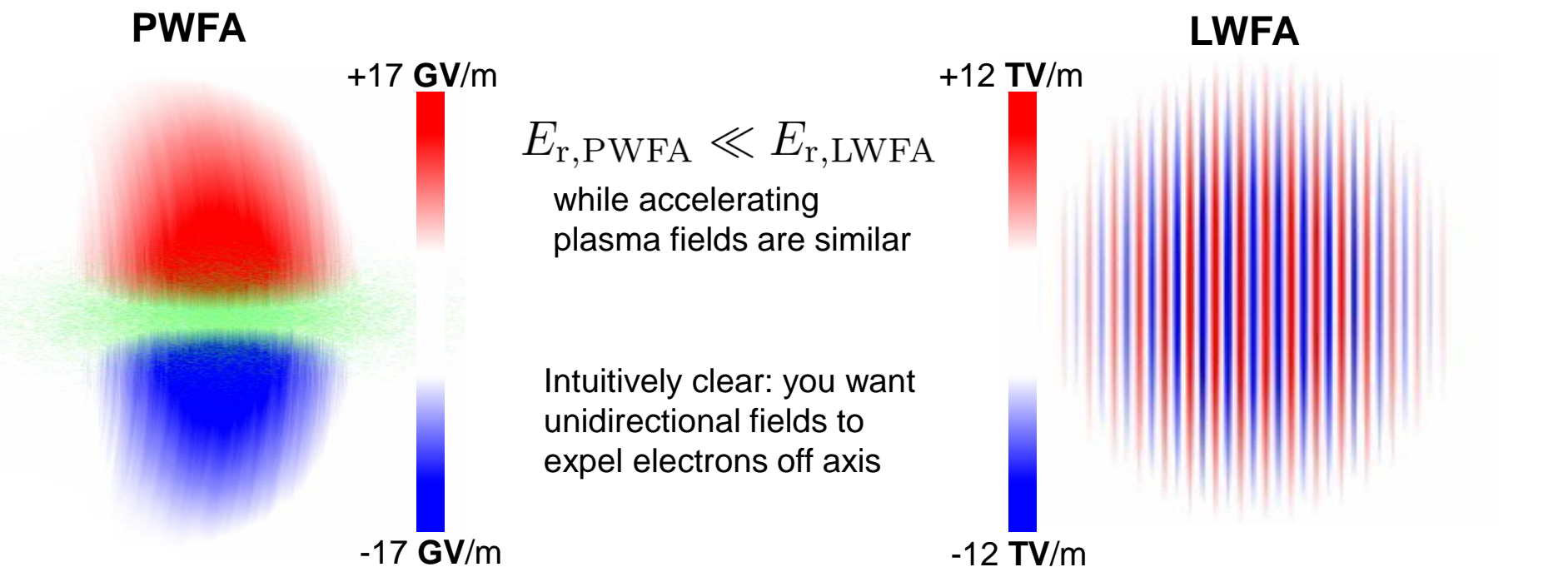
-40 GV/m 40 GV/m

dimensionless
light amplitude

$$a_0 = \frac{eE}{m_0 \omega c} \approx 3$$

- PWFA: Chen et al. PRL 1985, Rosenzweig et al. PRL 1988, Rosenzweig et al. PRA 1990, Assmann et al. SLAC 1998, Blumenfeld et al. 2007, Litos et al. Nature 2014
- LWFA: Tajima & Dawson PRL 1979, Clayton et al. PRL 1990, Pukhov & MtV ABP 2002, Faure/Mangles/Geddes et al. Nature 2004, Leemans et al. PRL 2014

... but also profound differences: *unipolar (PWFA) vs. oscillating (LWFA) fields*



Coulomb force

$$F_{\text{Coulomb}} = e\mathbf{E}$$
$$E_r(r, z) = \frac{Ne}{2\pi^{3/2}\epsilon_0\sigma_z r} \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma_r^2}\right) \right]$$

ponderomotive force

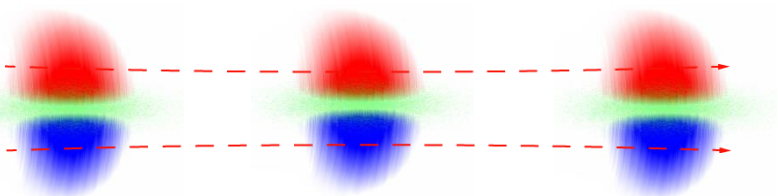
$$F_{\text{pond}} = -\frac{e^2}{4m\omega^2} \nabla \mathbf{E}^2 \propto \nabla I$$

⇒ PWFA more efficient to excite plasma wave, LWFA much better to generate plasma

... also profound differences: *beam expansion (PWFA) vs. diffraction (LWFA)*

PWFA

Electron/photon density needs to stay intense over long acceleration distance



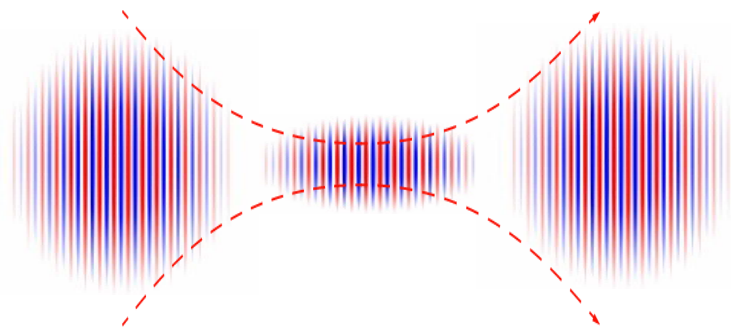
$$\sigma_r(z) = \sigma_{r0} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{z}{\beta^*}\right)^2}$$

Both beams expand hyperbolically, but

Betatron length $\beta^* = \sigma_{r0}^2 \gamma / \epsilon_n$

e.g., $\beta^* \approx 20 \text{ cm}$ at $\sigma_{r0} = 10 \mu\text{m}$,
 $\gamma = 2000$, $\epsilon_n = 10^{-6} \text{ mrad}$

LWFA



$$\omega(z) = \omega_0 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{z}{Z_R}\right)^2}$$

Rayleigh length $Z_R = \pi \omega_0^2 / \lambda$

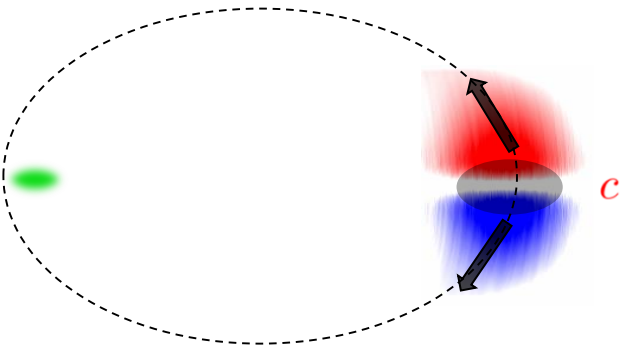
e.g., $Z_R \approx 400 \mu\text{m}$ at $\omega_0 = 10 \mu\text{m}$
Ti:Sa laser ($0.8 \mu\text{m}$)

*⇒ PWFA allows orders of magnitude longer acc. distances w/o any tricks (guiding etc.),
LWFA allows to interact in very confined volume*

... also profound differences: *dephasing*

Electrons to be accelerated need to stay in proper phase of plasma wave

PWFA

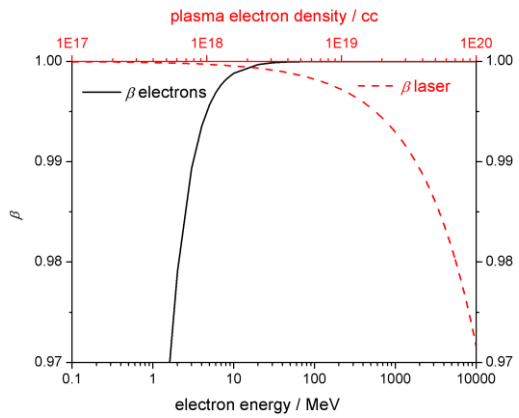


Electron beam(s) moves with c

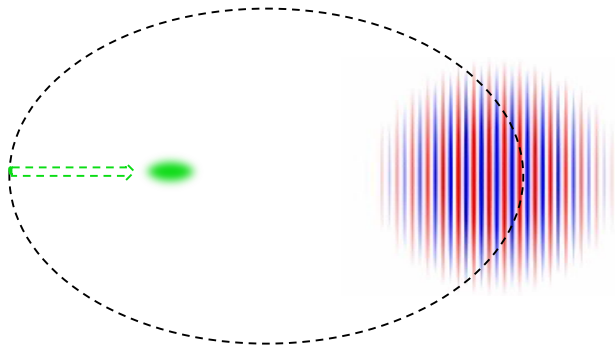
⇒ witness bunch stays in proper phase and harvests max. acc. fields

⇒ No dark current: self injection difficult because wake moves fast:

$\gamma_{wake} = \gamma_{driver} = 10^4$ e.g. for 10 GeV drive beam



LWFA



Laser beam moves with group velocity in plasma

$v_g = c \left(1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0^2} \right)^{1/2} < c$

⇒ witness bunch moves forward, samples different field regions and reaches dephasing limit after distance

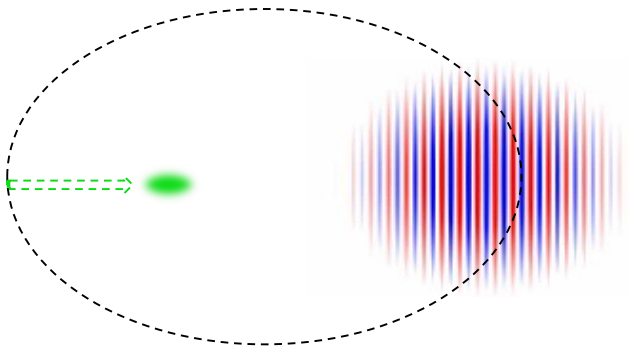
$L_d \approx \lambda_p^3 / \lambda^2 = n_c / n_e^{3/2}$

⇒ Self injection / dark current easy because $\gamma_{wake} = \gamma_{laser} \approx 10$ -100 for typical densities

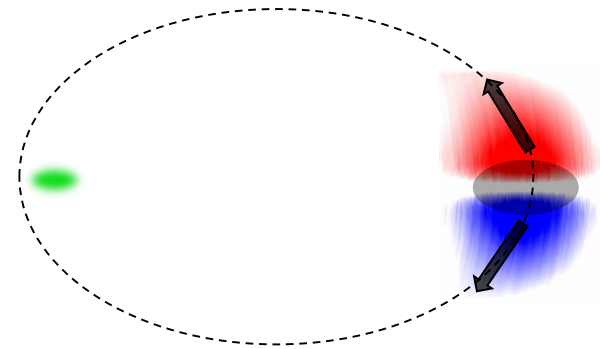
⇒ *PWFA allows orders of magnitude longer acc. distances w/o dephasing, while dephasing can help make bunches “monoenergetic” w/ LWFA*
 ⇒ *LWFA allows for easier self-injection, while PWFA in turn easily dark current free*

LWFA vs PWFA summarized

- Electron bunches: drive plasma wave efficiently due to unidirectional fields
- Lasers w/ oscillating field structure only able to drive plasmas due to ponderomotive force
- Lasers can easily ionize matter, because of diffraction can do so in very confined area
- Electron bunches can be produced with very high rep rate from state-of-the-art sources
- Electron bunches are not good for ionizing matter
- Electron bunches move with c , allow for dephasing-free accelerator systems
- No dark current in PWFA systems because of high gamma
- Electron bunches are stiff: don't expand much transversally (limited diffraction) – long acc. distances



ionization @ $\sim 10^{14} \text{ W/cm}^2$ (easy)
bubble @ $\sim 10^{18} \text{ W/cm}^2$ (hard)

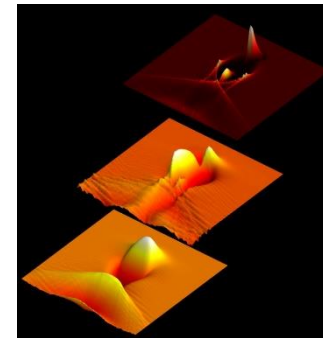


ionization if $E_r > 5 \text{ GV/m}$ (hard)
blowout if $n_b > n_e$ (easy)

⇒ *Electron bunches are better plasma drivers, laser pulses great for injection!*

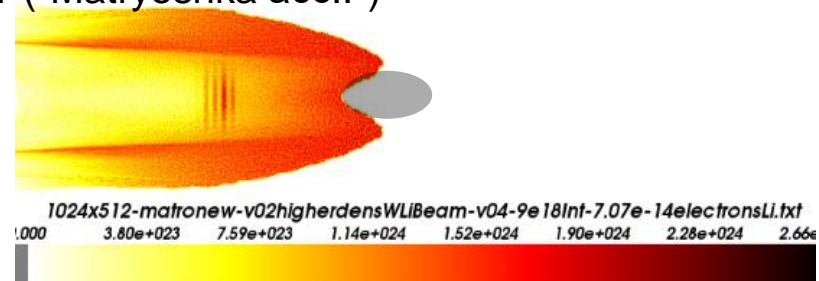
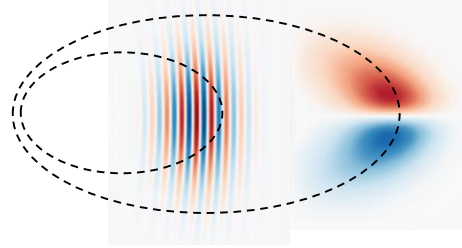
Take the best of both worlds: Hybrid Plasma Acceleration (Trojan Horse prehistory)

- Sequential combination:
Use double bunches generated via LWFA (e.g. by injection into multiple buckets) as driver/witness pairs in subsequent, dephasing-free PWFA stage

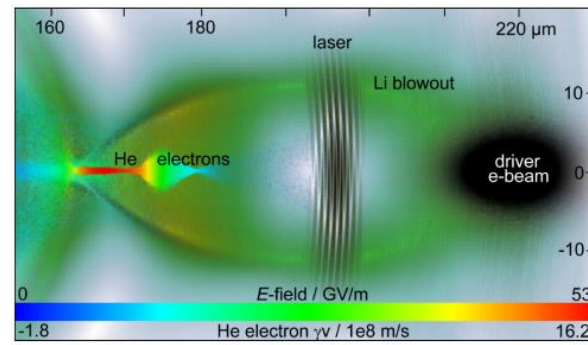


Hybrid energy doubling, PRL 104, 195002, 2010

- “Superimposed” interaction:
2008: Laser-driven bubble in a beam-driven blowout? (“Matryoshka acc..”)

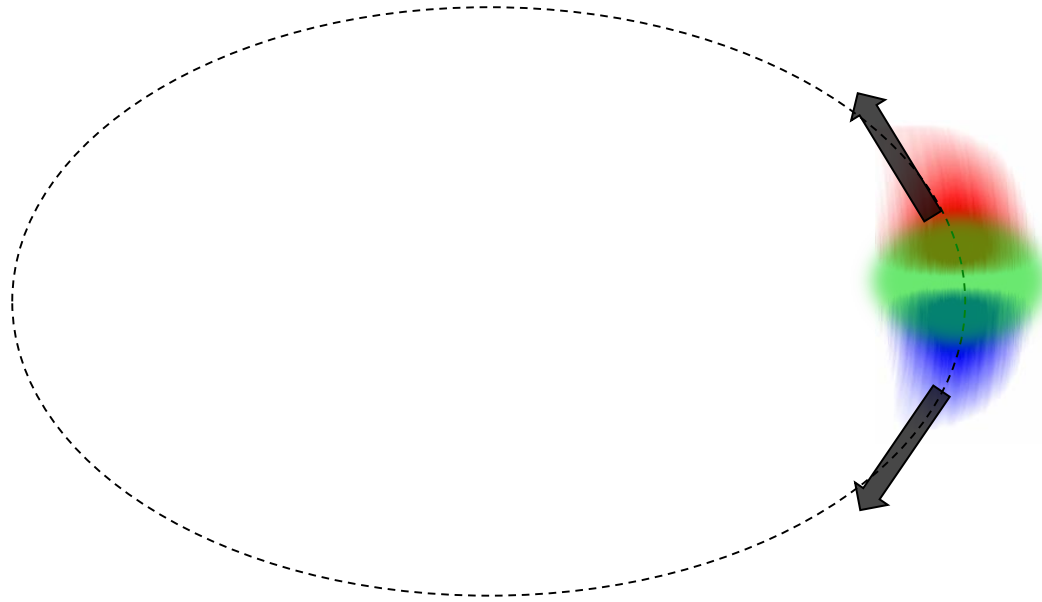


- 2008/2009: much better mode would be to have the laser pulse at minimal intensity ($a_0 \ll 1$), so that released electrons are “still” and remain still inside the blowout \rightarrow “Trojan horse acc.”, originally considered for presentation at AAC 2010 in Kardamili, Greece (sic!)



Ultracold electron bunch generation aka Trojan Horse, PRL 108, 035001, 2012

Trojan Horse: Underdense Plasma Photocathode & Wakefield Acceleration

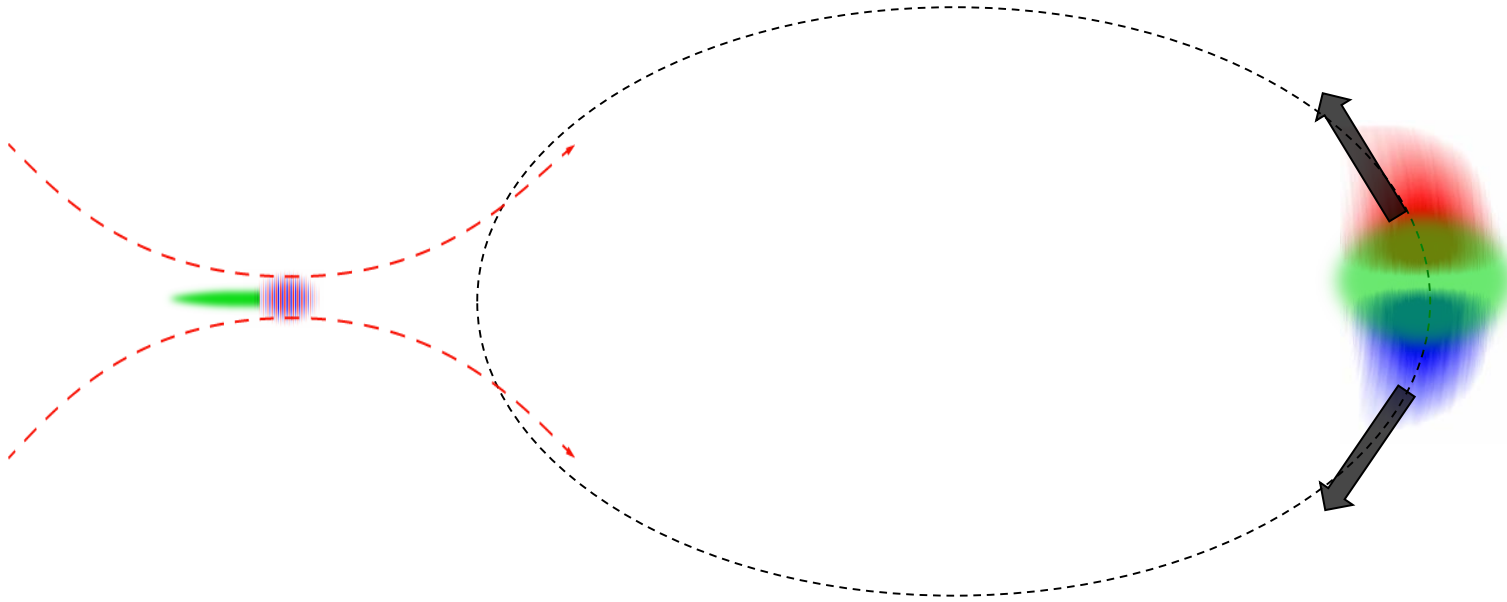


Step 1

- Electron beam driver sets up dephasing free, dark current free plasma cavity in low-ionization threshold (LIT) plasma such as hydrogen ($\xi_i \approx 13.6$ eV)
- A high-ionization threshold gas is present such as Helium ($\xi_i \approx 24.6$ eV), not ionized by driver nor wake (density can be tuned independently of LIT density)

$$I_{\text{BSI}} [\text{W}/\text{cm}^2] \approx 4 \times 10^9 \frac{\xi_i^4 [\text{eV}]}{Z^2}$$

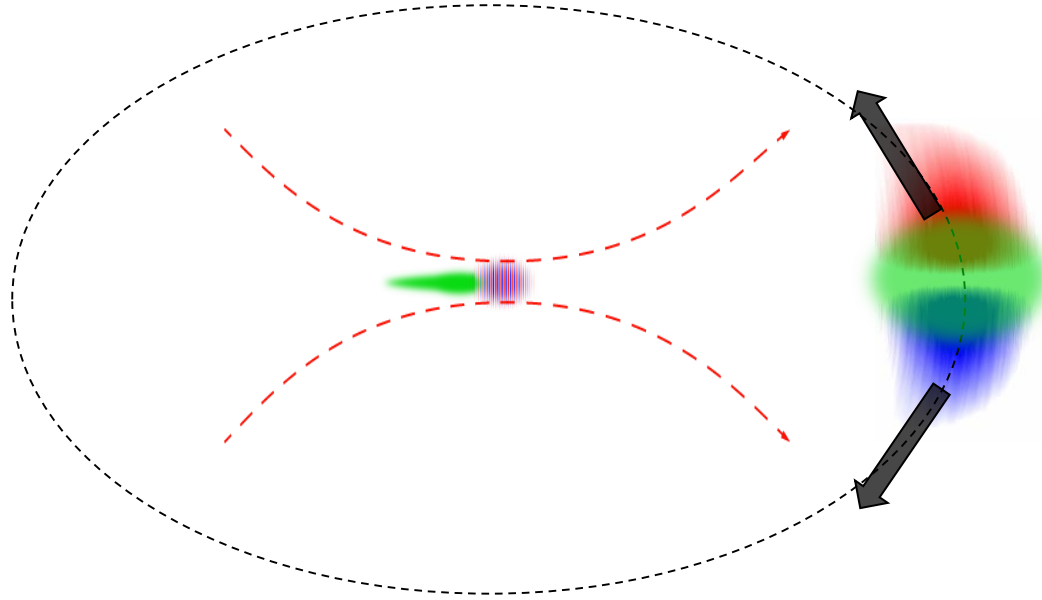
Take the best of both worlds: Hybrid Plasma Acceleration



Step 2

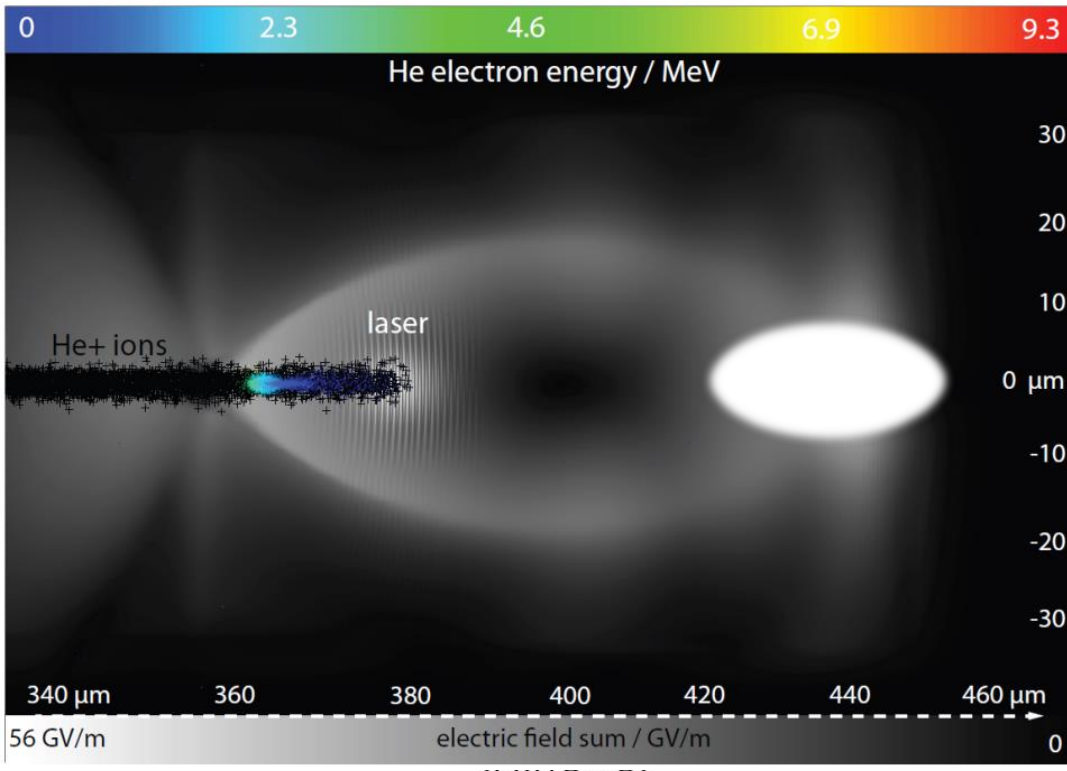
- A synchronized, low intensity laser pulse is focused strongly to the HIT level, releases He electron in confined volume at arbitrary position
- Tune released He electrons (i.e. charge) with He density, a_0 , w_0 , ω , τ , polarization, focus shape...

Take the best of both worlds: Hybrid Plasma Acceleration



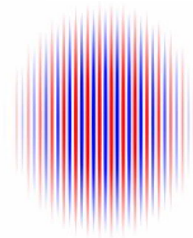
Step 3

- Released He electrons fall behind but are compressed and trapped in ideal phase
- Ultracold electrons are rapidly accelerated (mitigating space charge effects) and are accelerated as long as driver can excite plasma wave



Why witness bunches ultracold?

Laser kick contrib. to norm. emittance:

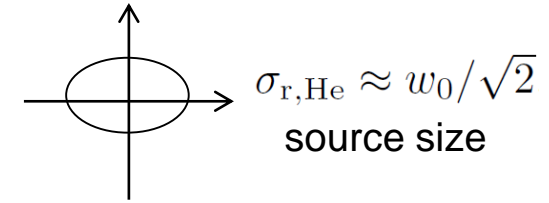


72 GV/m

-72 GV/m

$$E_0 = a_0 \frac{2\pi m_e c^2}{e\lambda}$$

$\sigma_{p_r}/(mc) \approx a_0/2$
residual momentum



source size

$$\epsilon_n \approx \sigma_{r,\text{HIT}} \sigma_{p_r,\text{HIT}} / (mc) \approx \boxed{w_0 a_0} / 2^{3/2}$$

crude scaling

$$\epsilon_y \approx \epsilon_x = k_p w_i^2 a_i \left(\frac{3\pi r_e}{4\sqrt{2}\alpha^4 \lambda_i} \right) \left(\frac{U_H}{U_I} \right)^{3/2}$$

Refined scalings: C. Schroeder et al., PRSTAB 17, 101301, 2014, Y. Xi et al., PRSTAB 2013

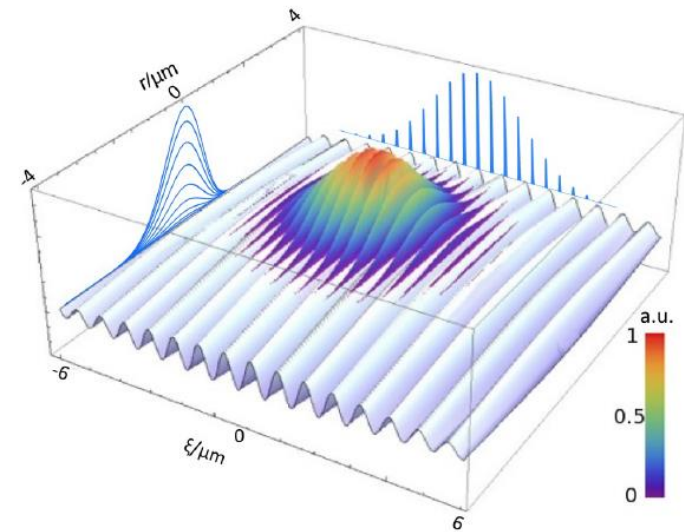
→ **normalized emittance**
 ϵ_n down to 10^{-9} m rad

- Because the laser pulse intensity is **4 orders of magnitude** lower than in LWFA! $a_0=0.018$ instead of $a_0>1$
- Because the initial phase space volume is low
- Because the electrons are rapidly accelerated (space charge impact decreases as γ^{-2})
- Because initial ion shielding by released He ions

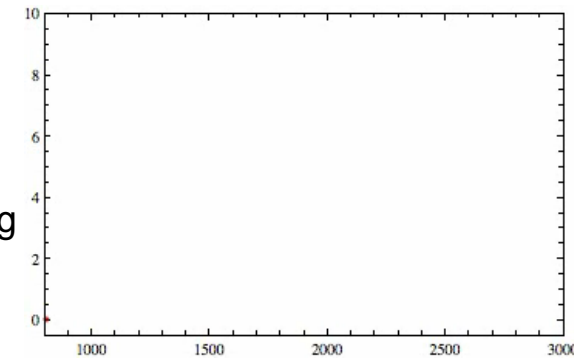
PIC simulation results d'accord with hybrid model

Y. Xi et al., PRSTAB, 2013

- Ionization based on ADK and YI (Yudin-Ivanov-model). G. L. Yudin and M. Y. Ivanov, *Phys. Rev. A*, 64:013409, 2001.
- Detailed numero-analytical analysis shows that $\varepsilon_{n,y}$ is about an order of magnitude lower, and increases slower than $\varepsilon_{n,x}$ as intensity increases. $\varepsilon_{n,y}$ down to the $\varepsilon_{n,y} \approx 10^{-9}$ m rad level or less.

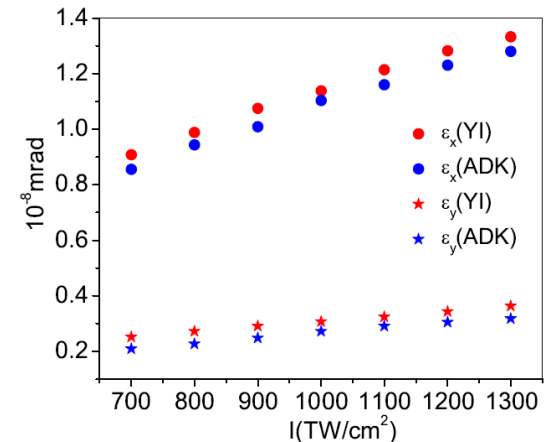
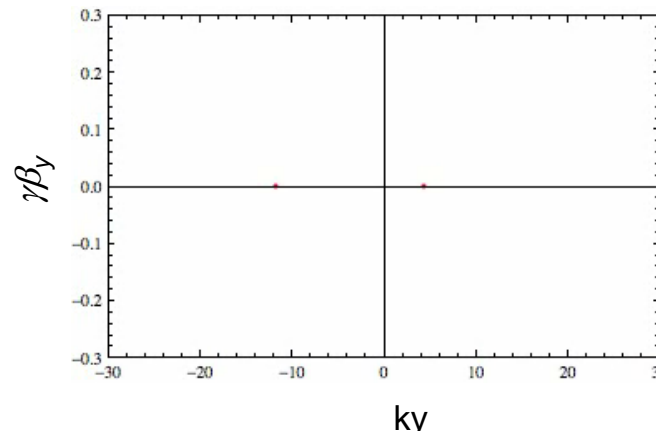
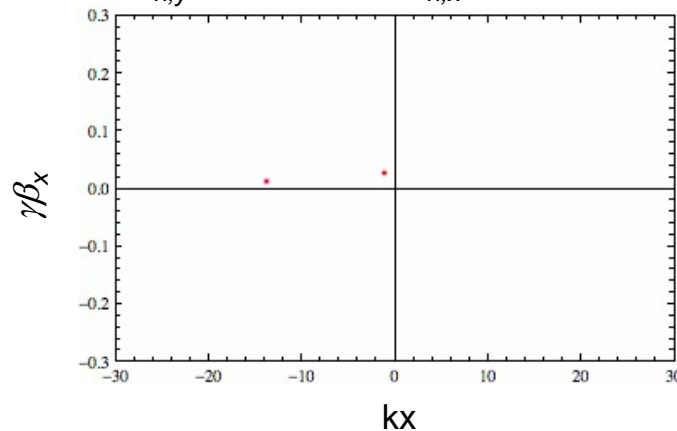


plasma
velocity
bunching



Laser linearly polarized in x-direction:

$\varepsilon_{n,y}$ smaller than $\varepsilon_{n,x}$ due to absence of ponderomotive motion



Similarities and differences of plasma photocathodes to rf photocathodes

	RF photoinjector	plasma photocathode
beam emittance sources	RF field	ponderomotive motion
	thermal effects	phase mixing
	space charge	space charge

residual momentum due to laser kick
electrons released at different betatron
phases

$$\epsilon_{th} = \frac{w_0}{2} \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{mc^2}}$$

approx. 0.5 mm mrad in standard photocathodes

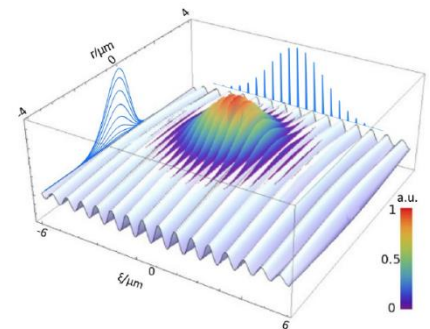
In state-of-the-art rf photoguns, typically charges of 0.1-1 nC are released by lasers with spot sizes of the order of 1 mm. This leads to space charges 1-10 MV/m – a substantial fraction of the acc. field of ~100 MV/m. (J. Luiten, Int. J. Modern Physics A 22, 3882-3897, 2007)

Acc. and focusing fields in plasma are two orders of magnitude larger!

- Tunability: Neglecting high laser frequencies, the released charge can be approximated by

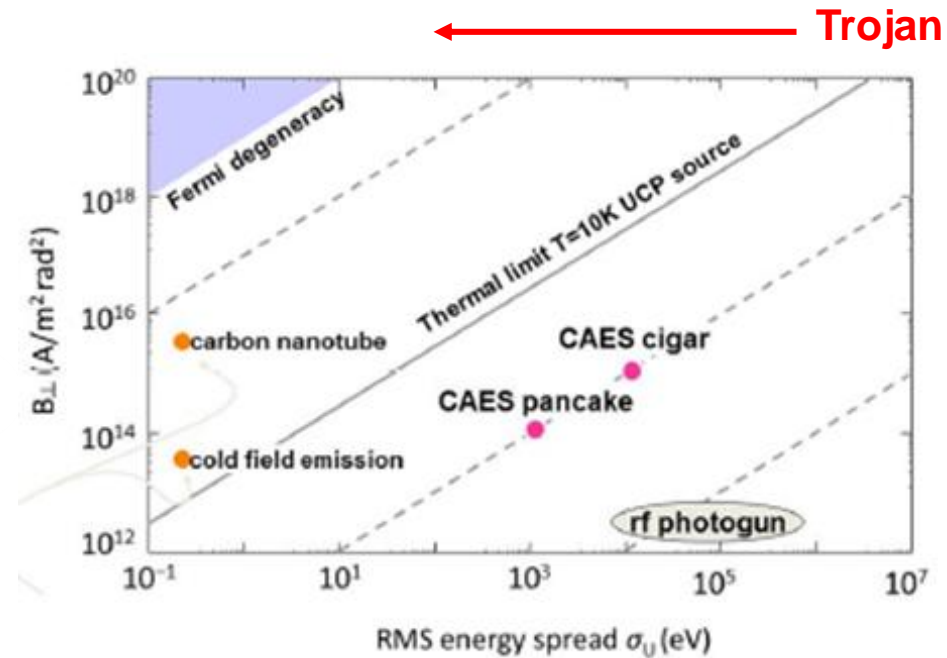
$$Q \propto \pi w_0^2 Z_R n_p \propto w_0^4$$

Note that plasma density n_p (HIT), e.g. He, can be independently tunable of n_p (LIT),
but in a homogeneous mixture (respect gas dynamics!)



BRIGHTNESS (5D) $B = \frac{2I}{\epsilon_n^2}$

- Ultrashort, currents kA-scale
(typical of plasma accelerators)
- Ultracold, norm. emittance 1e-9 scale
(new!)



/from P. Musumeci

From J. Luiten

→ **Ultrahigh electron brightness $B \sim 2I/\epsilon_n^2$ up to $10^{20} \text{ Am}^{-2} \text{ rad}^{-2}$ (maybe more)**

That's many orders of magnitude brighter than e.g. the LCLS.

Electron beam brightness is key for light sources..

Potentially game-changing: may allow plasma based accelerators to produce bunches with **much better** key characteristics (such as emittance, brightness, shortness (~as-regime),) than w/ conv. accelerators!

When looking back, disruptive emittance and brightness improvements have been prerequisites for next-gen. light sources...

Hidding et al., PRL 2012 & pat. 2011; Xi et al., PRSTAB 2013, Li et al., PRL 2013; Bourgeois et al., PRL 2013, Yu et al., ArXiv 2013..

5th Generation Light Sources...

...need a 4th Generation Electron Source

5th
4D, ultrahard,
compact?

4th
Free-Electron-
Laser

3rd
Undulator
radiation

2nd
Synchrotron
radiation

1st
Bremsstrahlung

4th
10's of GV/m fields in
plasmas & underdense
photocathode PWFA

3rd
10's of GV/m fields in
plasmas
(LWFA and PWFA)

2nd
10's of MV/m fields,
photocathode
(e.g. FLASH, LCLS, XFEL)

1st
10's of MV/m fields,
thermionic cathode
(e.g. SLAC)

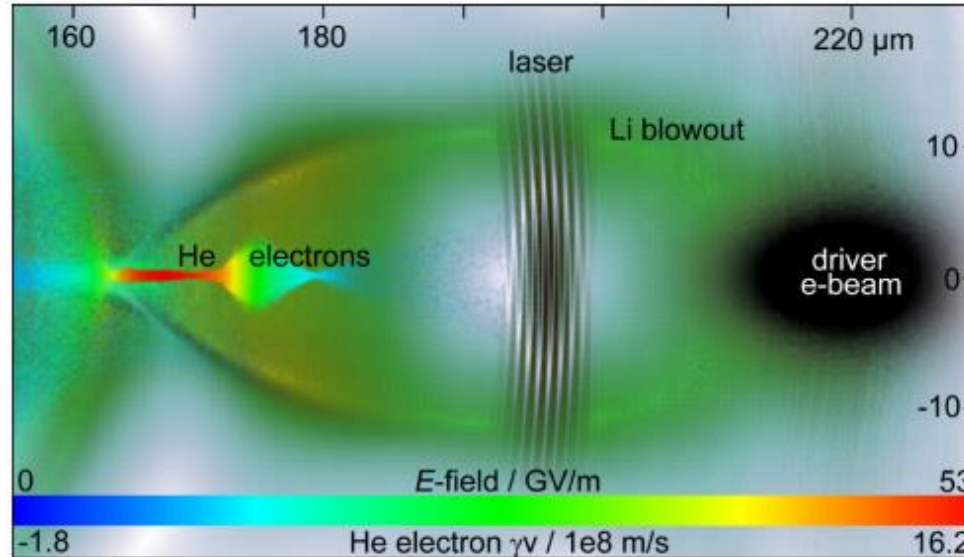
Recap:

- ***Plasma accelerators*** blocks can provide 10's of GV/m acceleration, sustained over metre-scale distances (proven)
- ***Plasma photocathodes*** can provide electron bunches with (5D) brightness orders of magnitude higher than with state-of-the-art photocathodes (so far theory only, albeit at high confidence level)

... Experimental realisation?

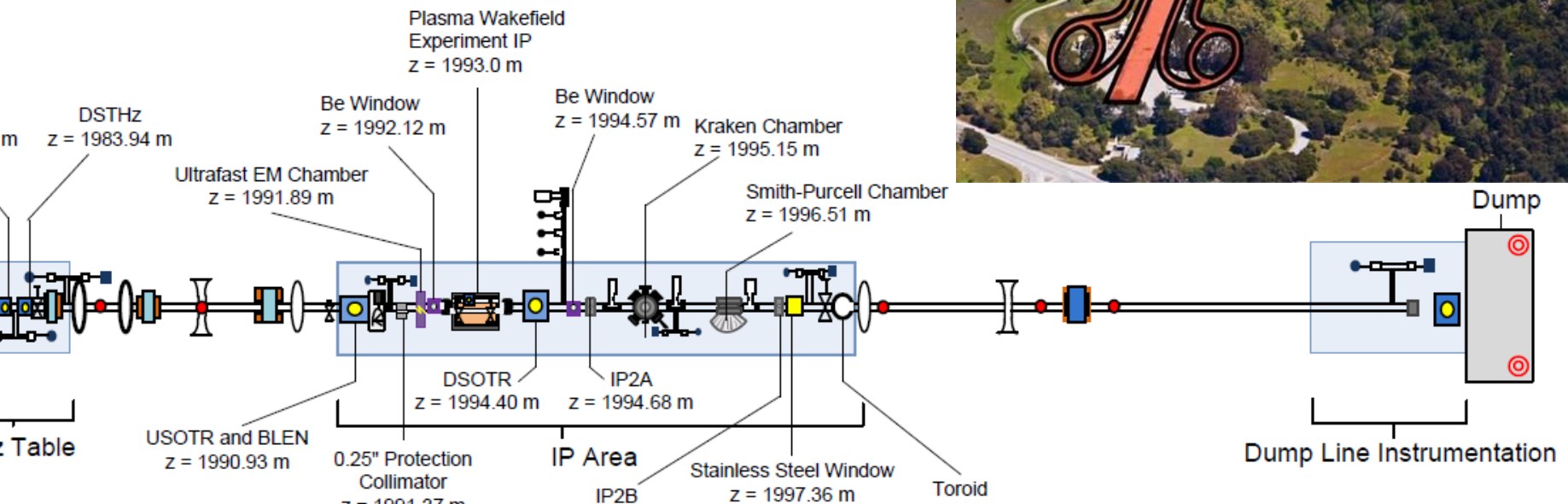
Major experimental challenges:

- Electron-driven plasma wave has to be strong enough to trap, but must not be too strong, in order to avoid dark current
- Plasma has to be selectively preionized by preionization laser – plasma channel must be wide enough to host plasma wave over
- Spatio-temporal synchronization between preionization laser & electron beam driver (few ps, few micron/ μ rad level), electron beam plasma photocathode release laser (few tens of fs, better < 10 fs, few μ m level)



E210 Trojan Horse at FACET

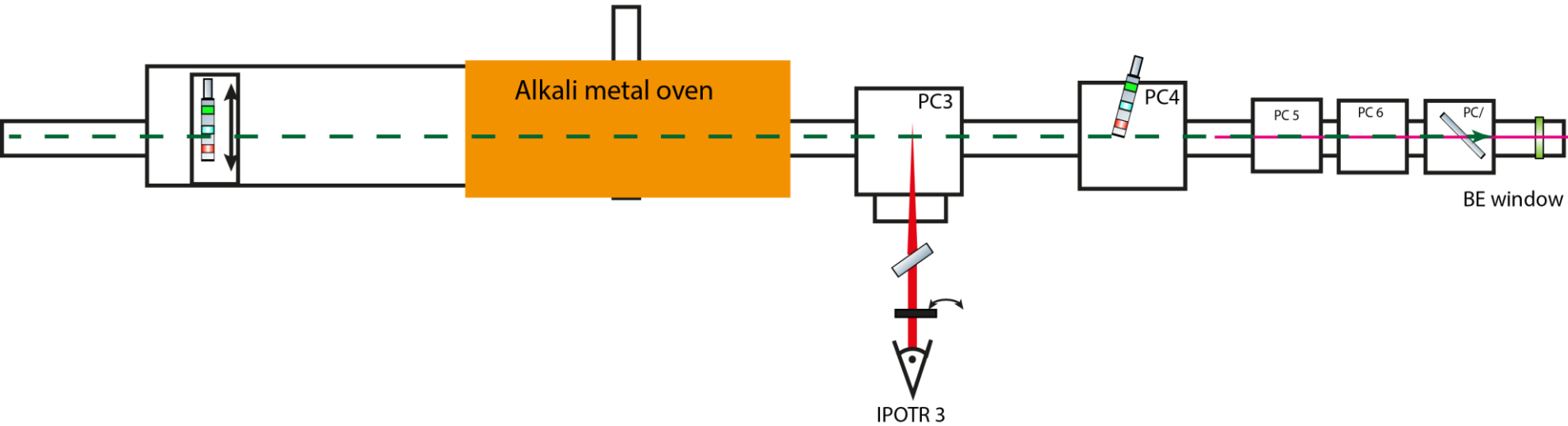
- Proposal submitted 2011
- Dramatic performance increase at FACET in last years:
- Started w/ self-ionized LIT alkali vapours, no laser
- Electron bunch quality boosted in 2012
- 10-20 TW synchronized Ti:Sa installed in 2013
- First laser-preionized argon/hydrogen in 2014/15
- Preionized H + He as HIT gas in 2015 (spring run)
- Synch. & time-of-arrival commissioning 2015 (spring run)
- Focused Trojan laser commissioning 2015
- **Full blown exp. with 4 laser arms in 2016 spring run**



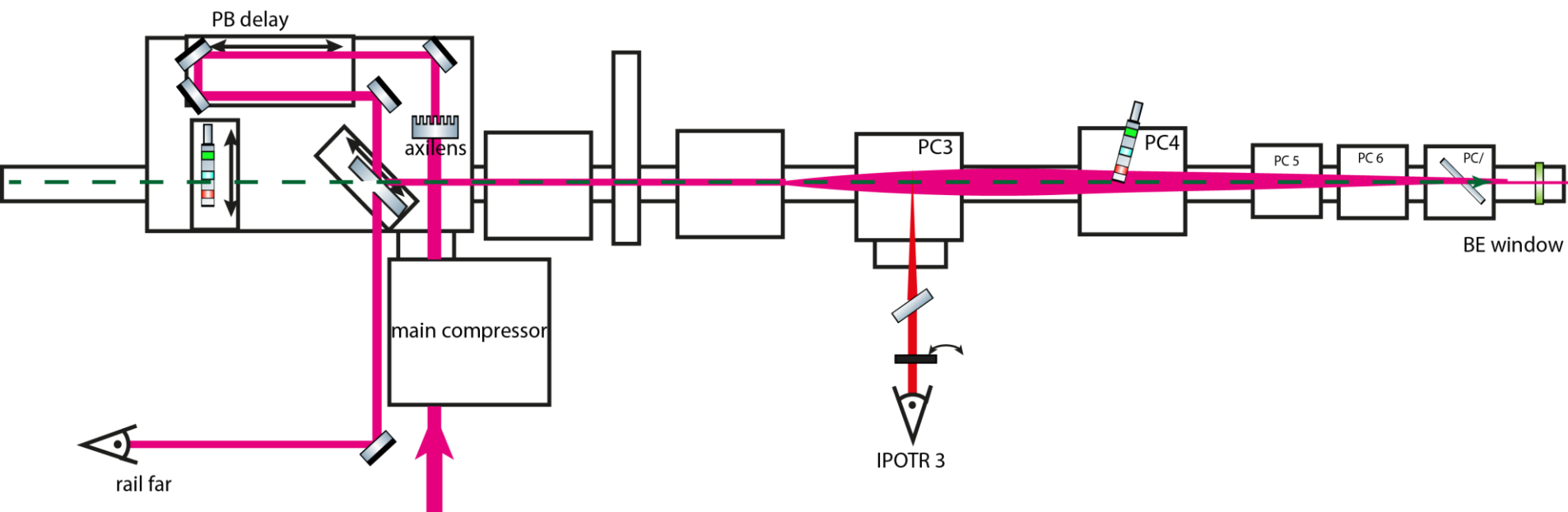
2016 setup:

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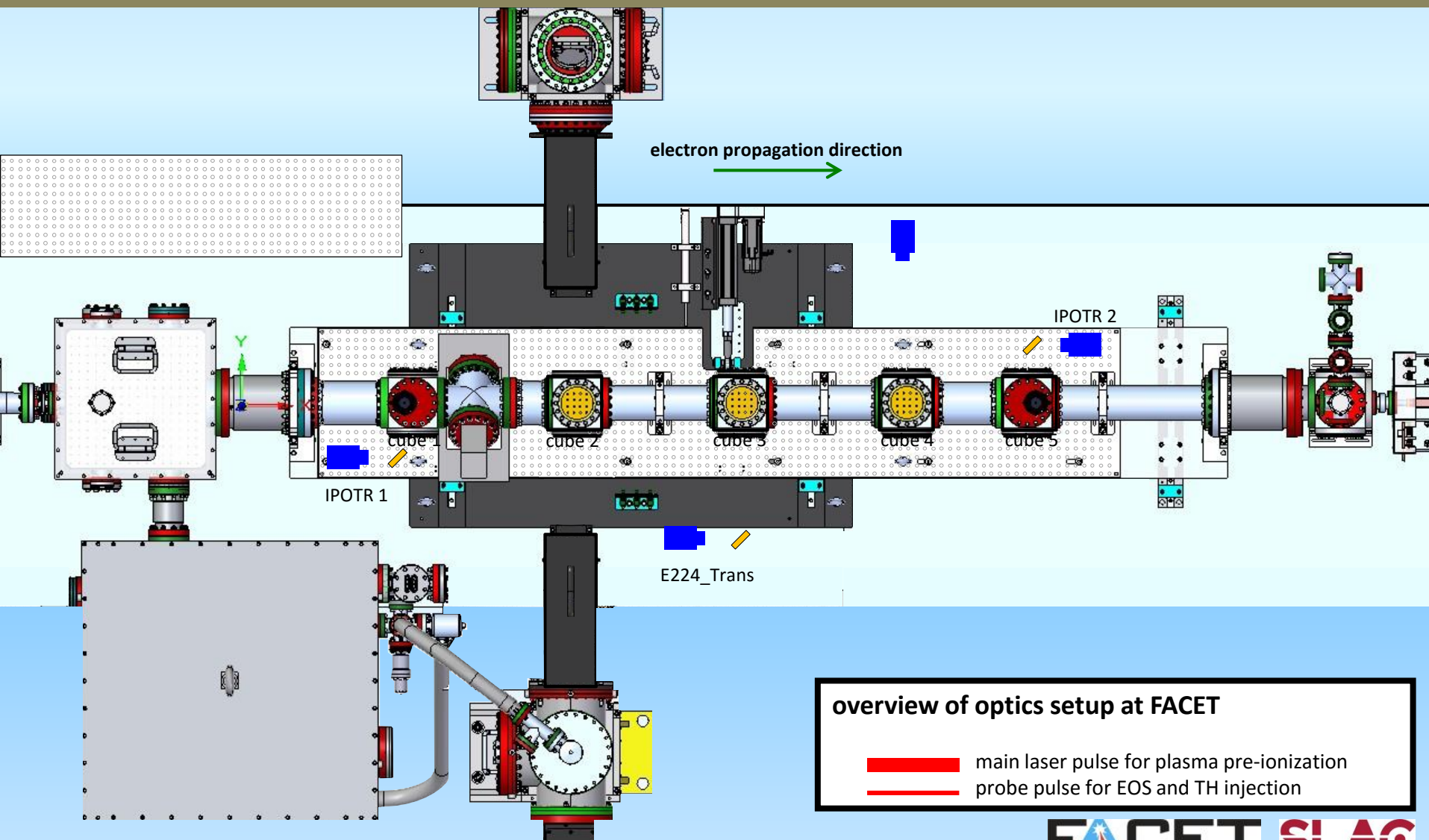
Pre-2012 setup: alkali metal oven, rely on FACET driver bunch self-ionization



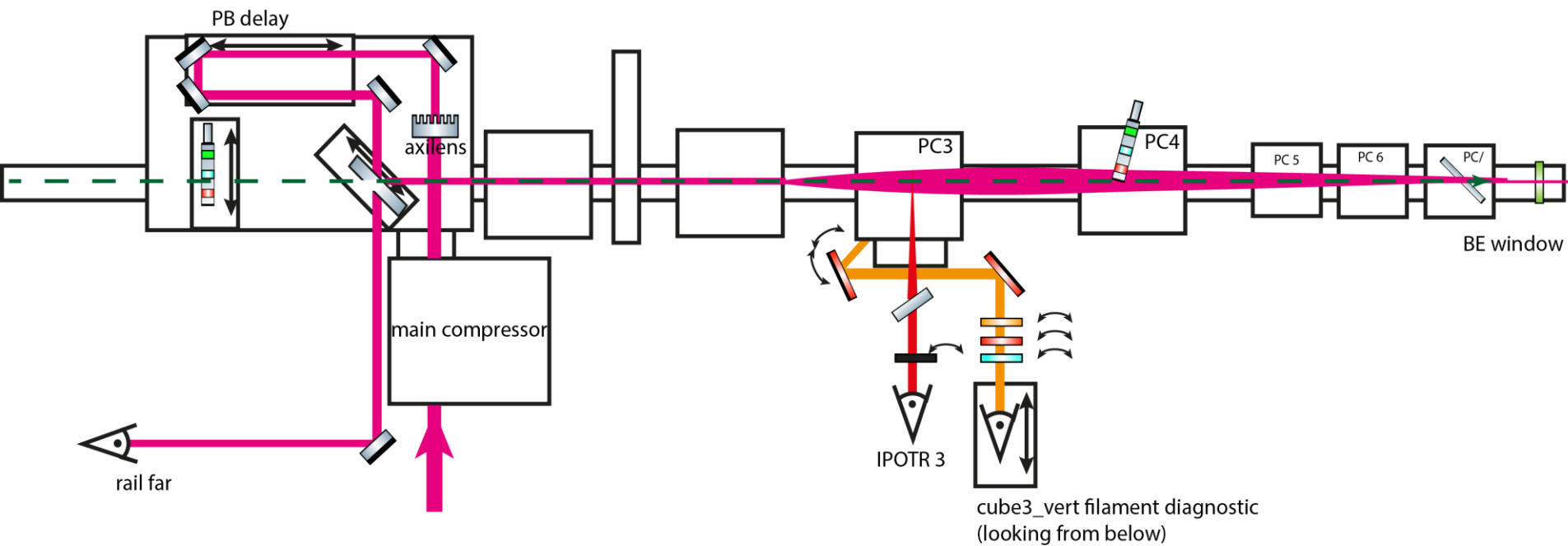
E210 setup: RadiaBeam “Picnic basket” chamber and 20 TW preionization laser integration



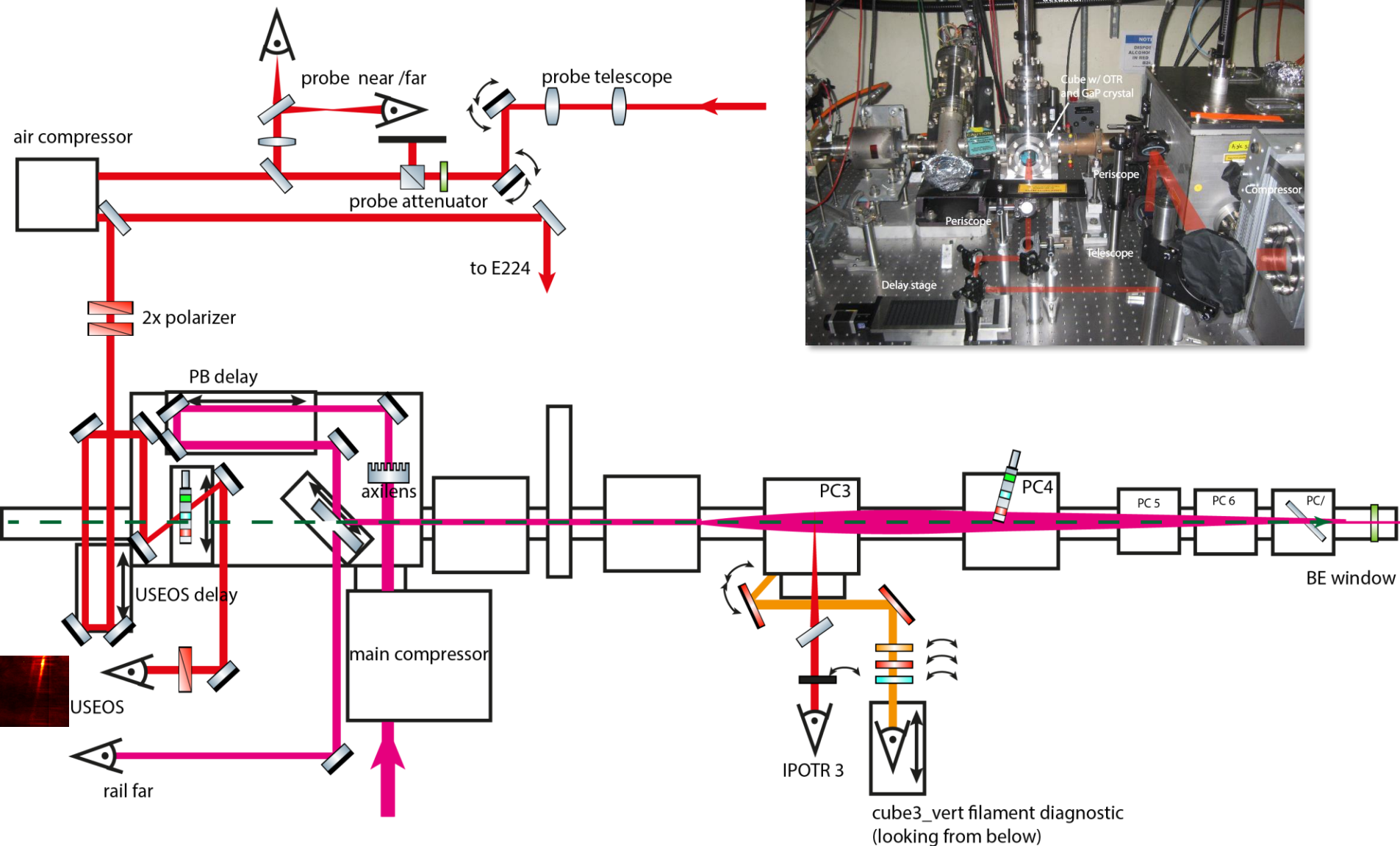
setup at FACET



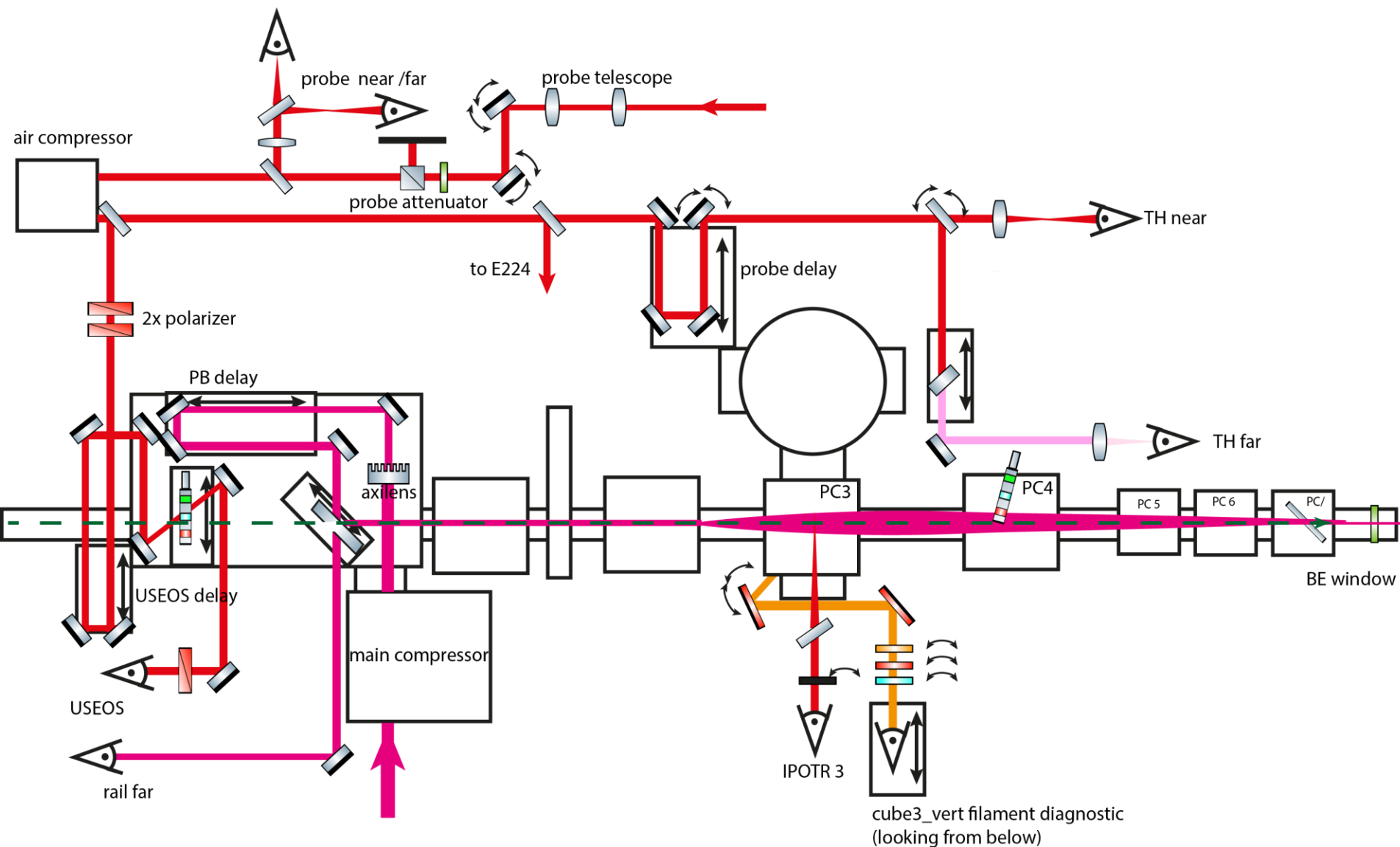
E210 setup: cube 3 vertical plasma filament diagnostics



E210 setup: 2nd laser arm. Independently tunable air compressor and upstream EOS time-of-arrival diagnostics commissioning

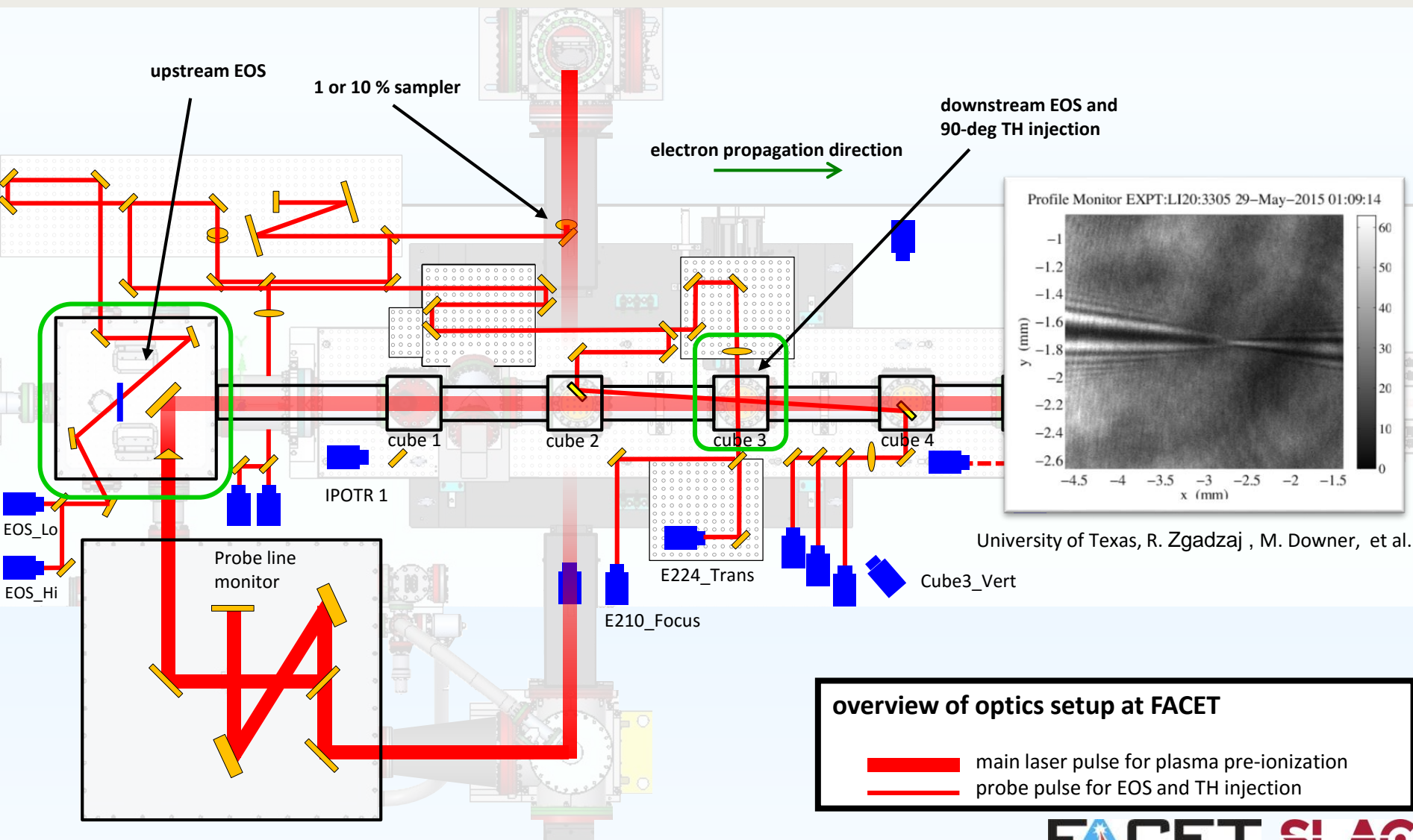


E210 setup: 3rd and 4th laser arm to E224 probing, downstream Trojan Horse (w/ independent delay line) and downstream EOS

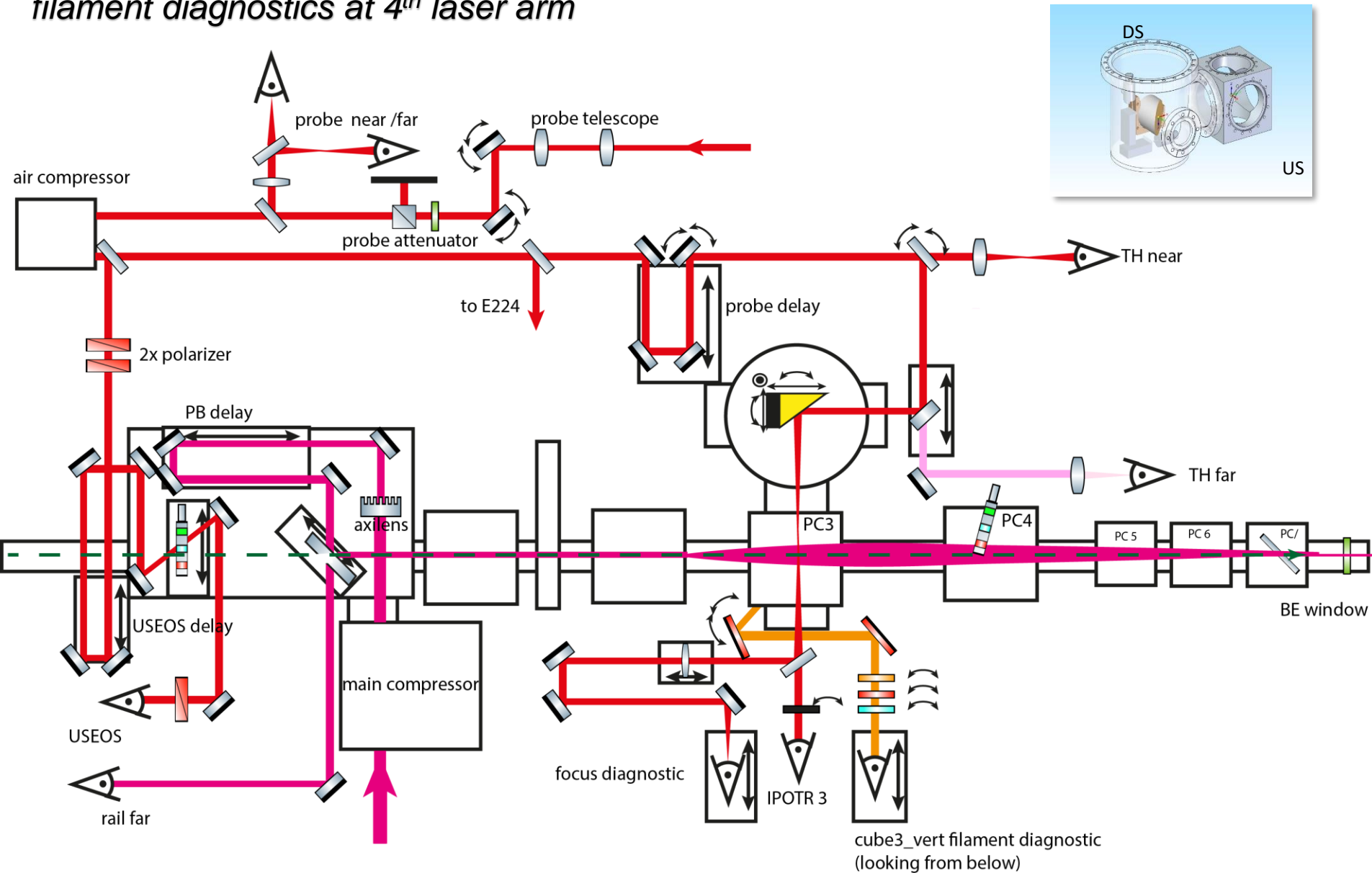


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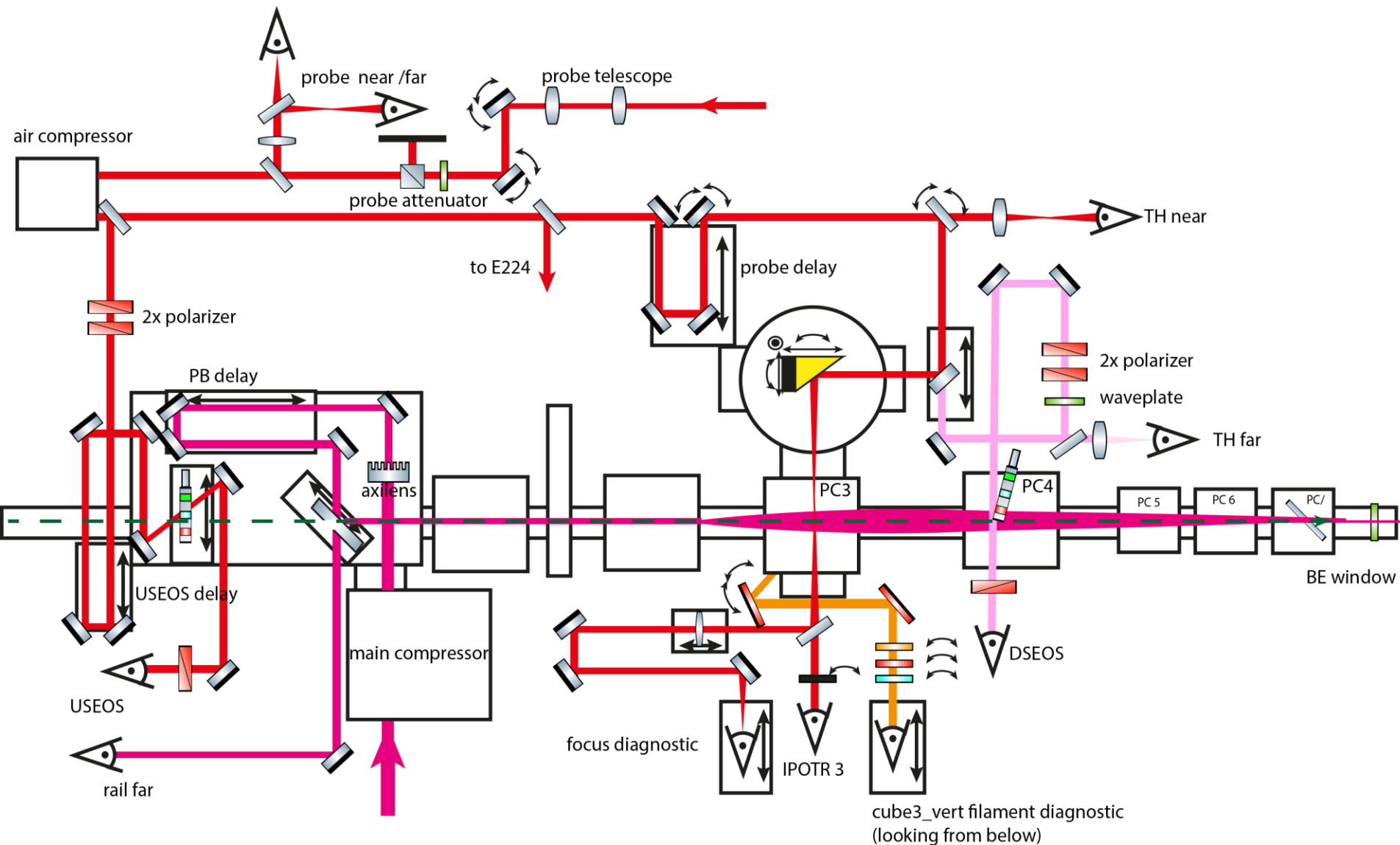
beam self-ionized experiments
laser pre-ionized experiments
Trojan Horse experiment
plasma imaging experiments



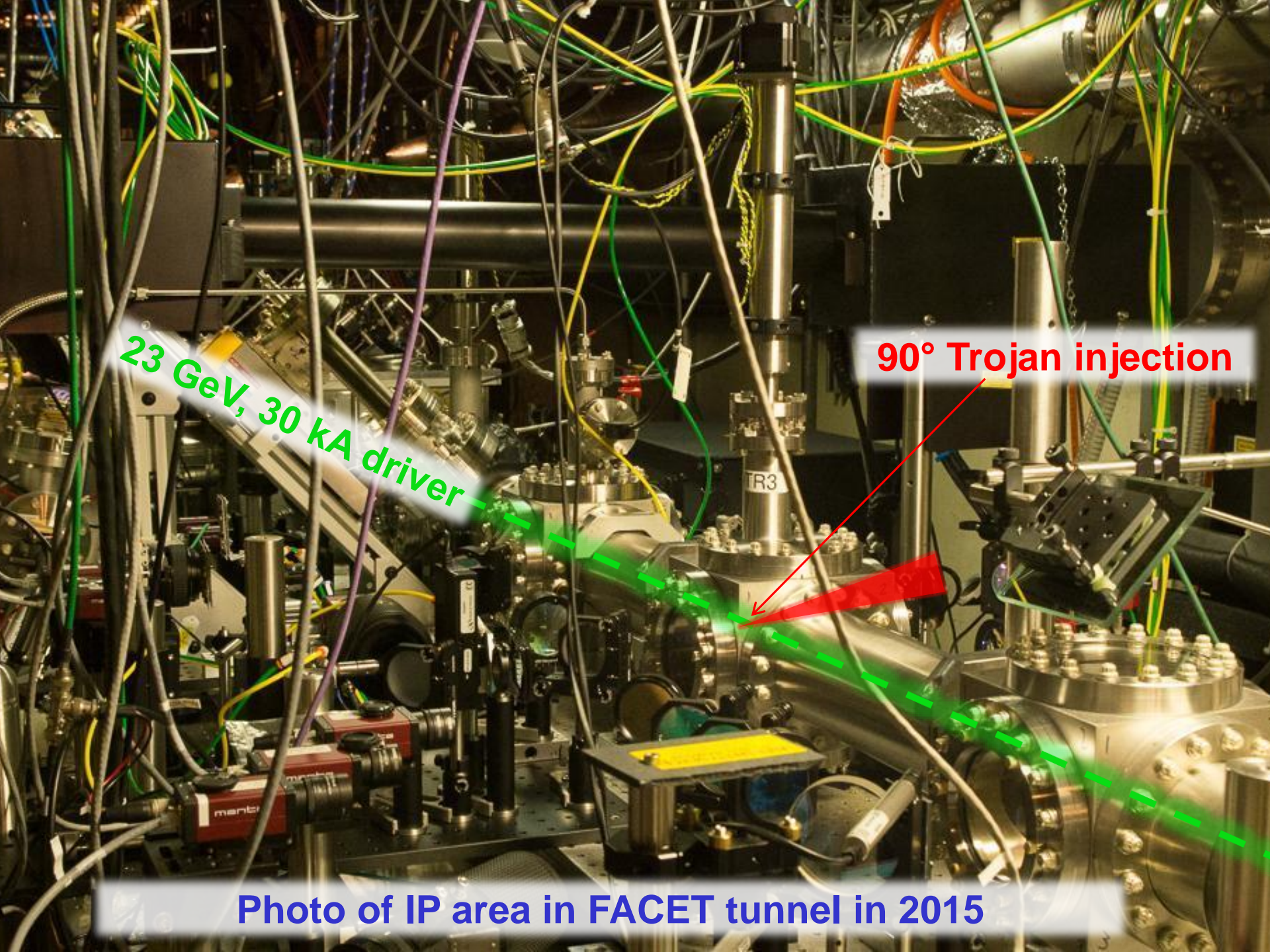
E210 setup: implement vacuum chamber off-axis parabola focusing and Trojan Horse filament diagnostics at 4th laser arm



E210 setup final: w/ downstream EOS (E224 probe not shown for simplicity)



..most complex experiment at FACET to date..



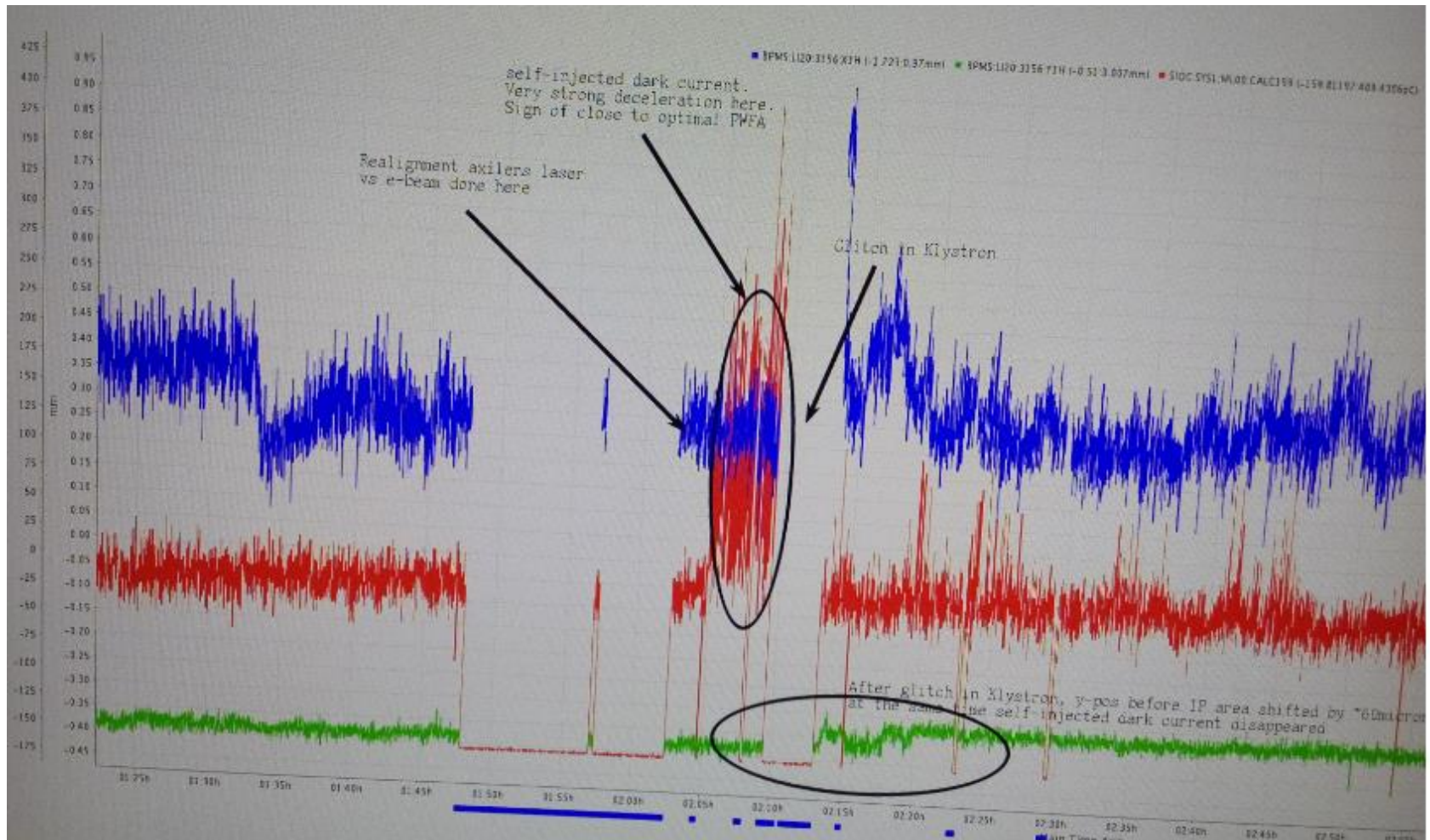
23 GeV, 30 kA driver

90° Trojan injection

Photo of IP area in FACET tunnel in 2015

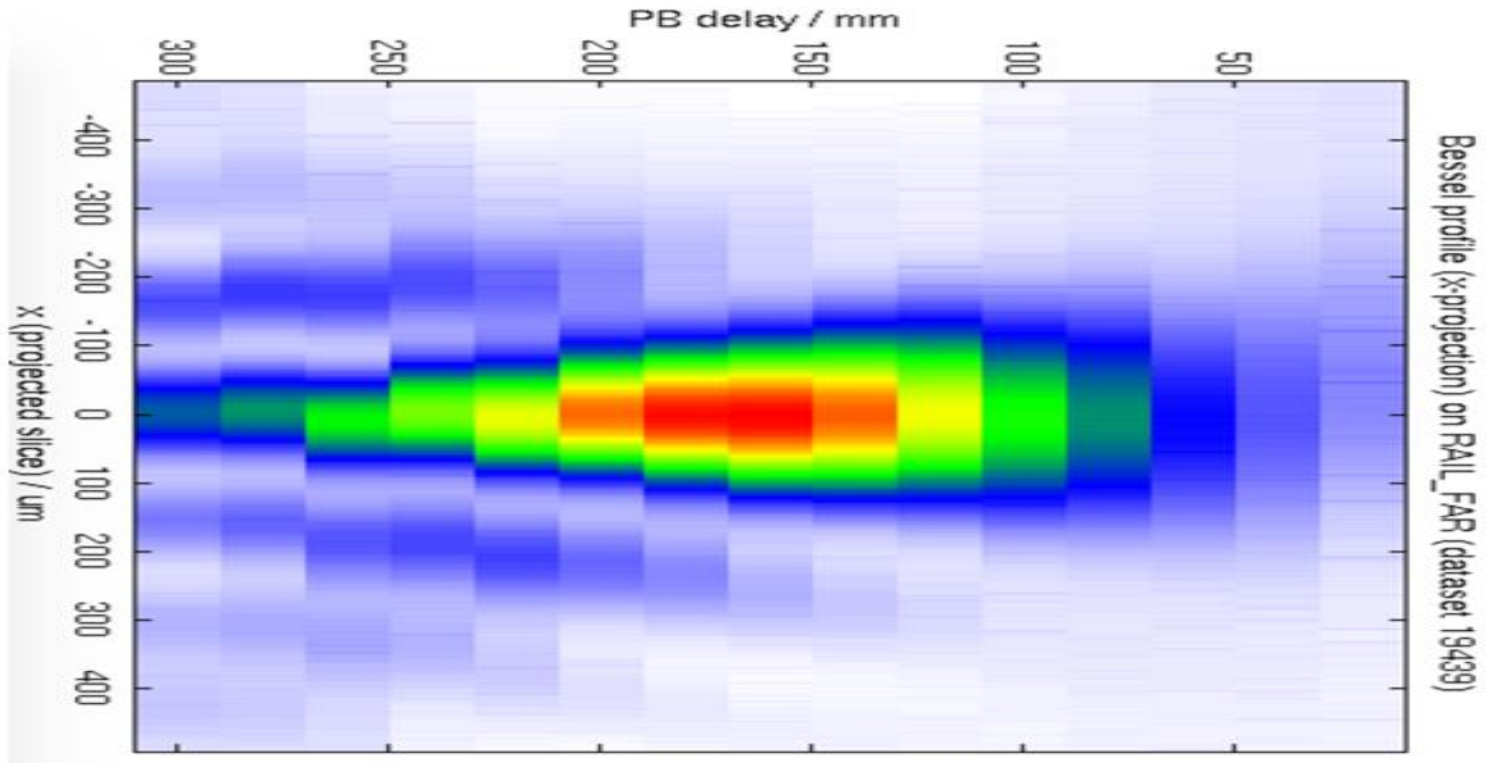
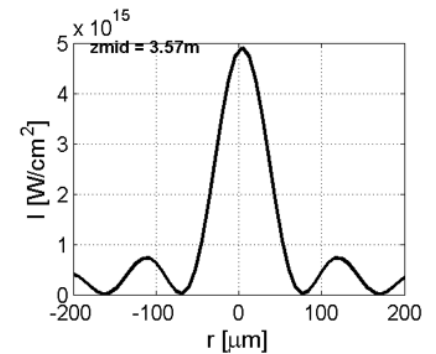
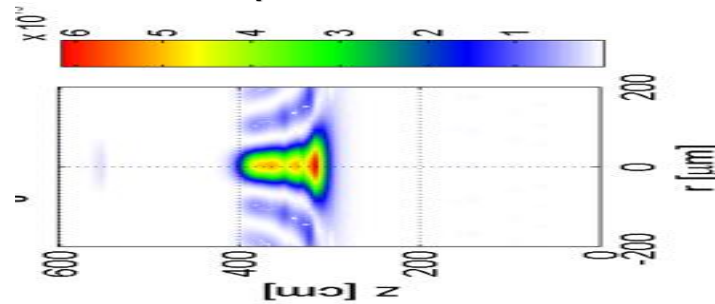
Spatiotemporal alignment between e-beam driver, upstream EOS, H2 preionization laser & plasma channel, He Trojan Horse laser crucial

Example for jump in y-position of incoming e-beam vector (on BPM 3156) which killed the laser-triggered injection



Alignment between e-beam driver and preionization laser

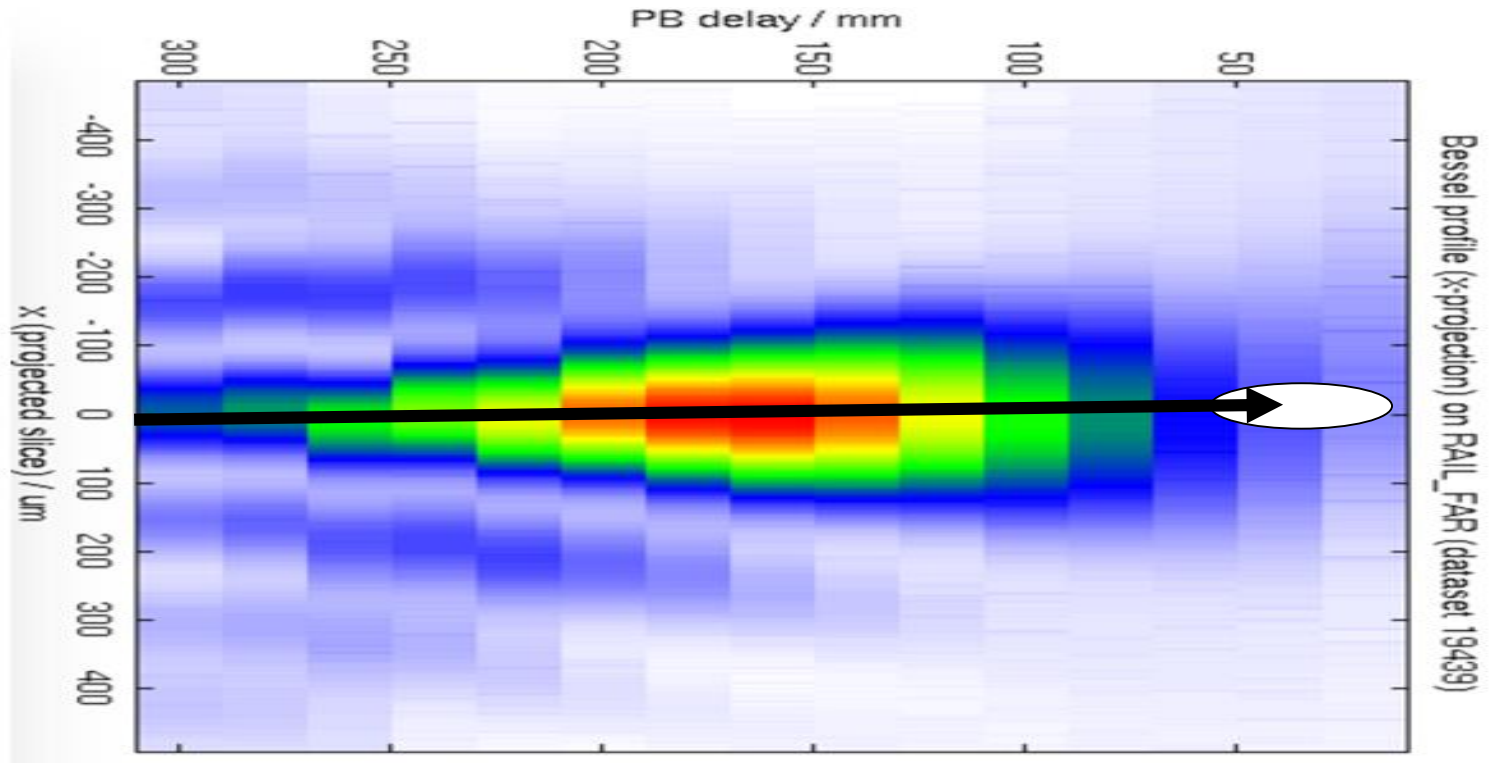
Calculated plasma profile
obtained from Axilens
laser intensity profile &
tunnel ionization rates



Measured Bessel profile of axilens laser (meters long, but ~ 150 μm wide)

Alignment between e-beam driver and preionization laser

Preionization laser has to be exactly aligned with electron beam axis.
Laser and electron beam just right:



Measured Bessel profile of axilens laser (meters long, but $\sim 150 \mu\text{m}$ wide)

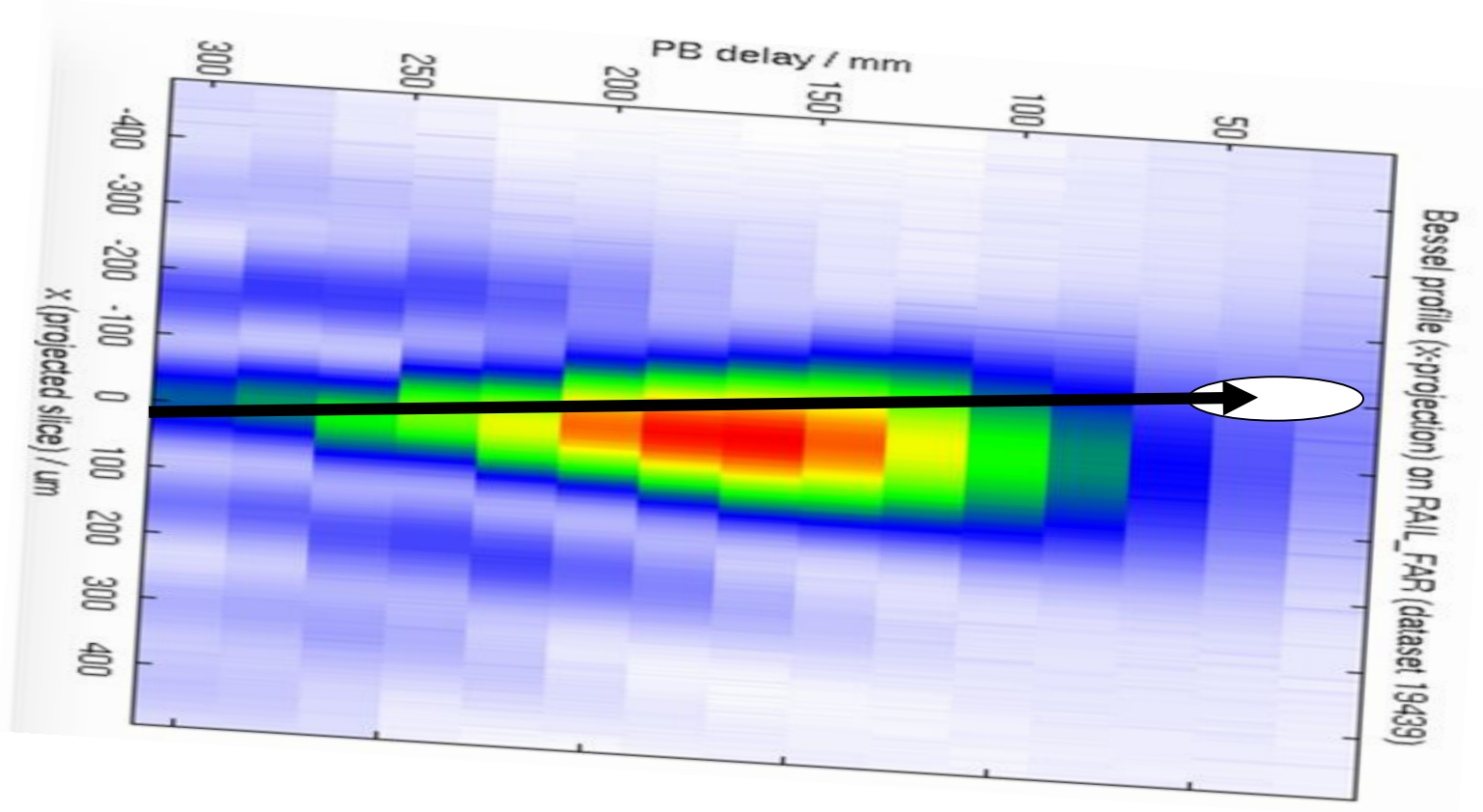
Alignment between e-beam driver and preionization laser

Preionization laser (or e-beam) slightly off:

Already if blowout touches walls at some point, the blowout collapses!

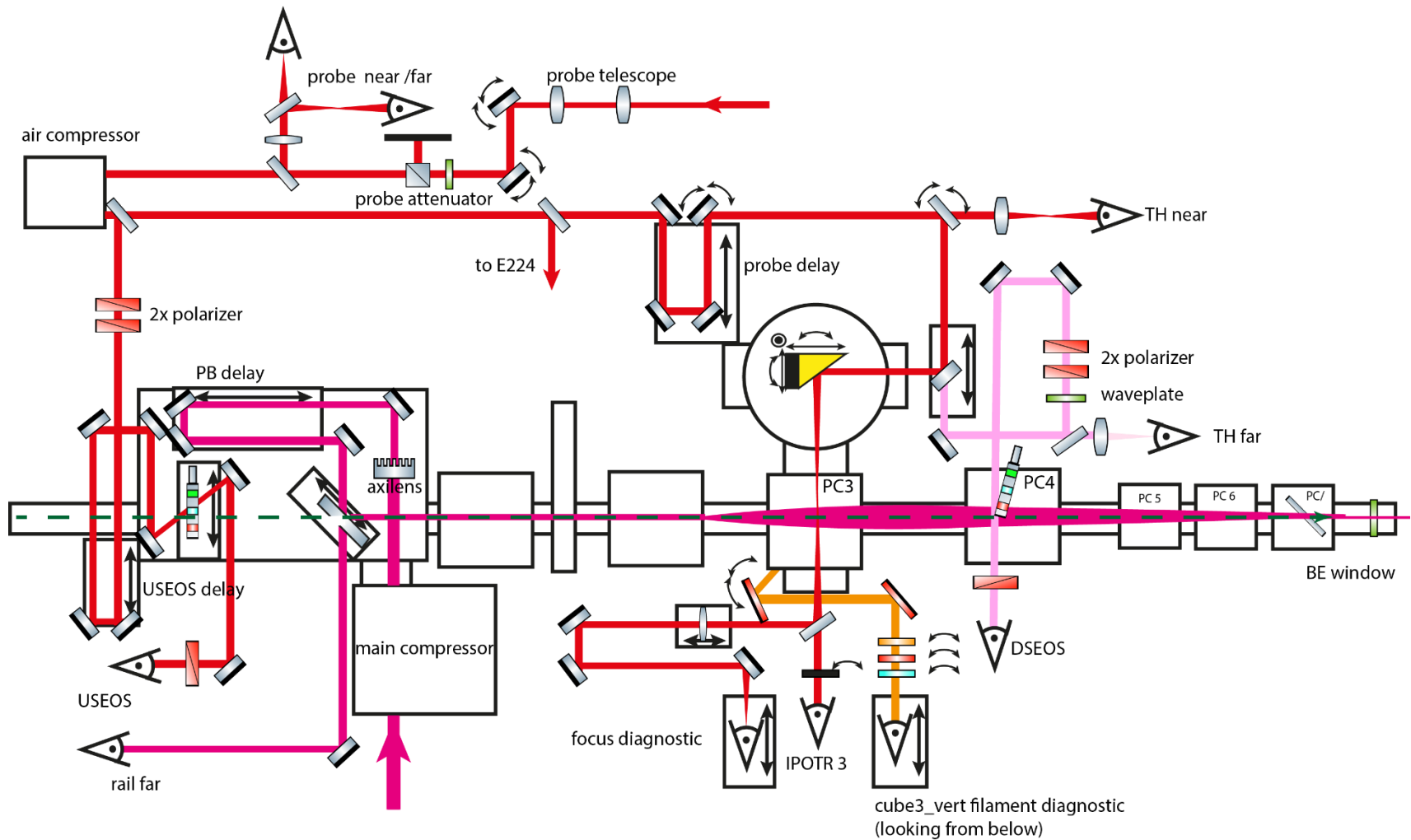
One wants to have a large plasma wavelength e.g. due to timing issues.

This is a real bottleneck!

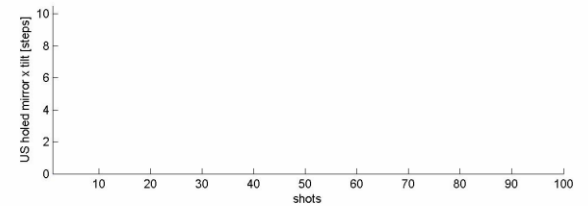
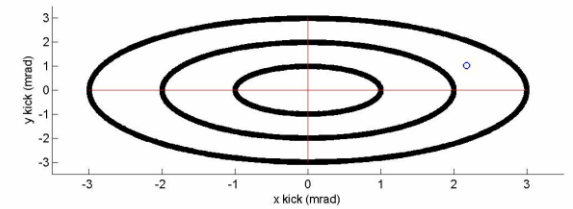
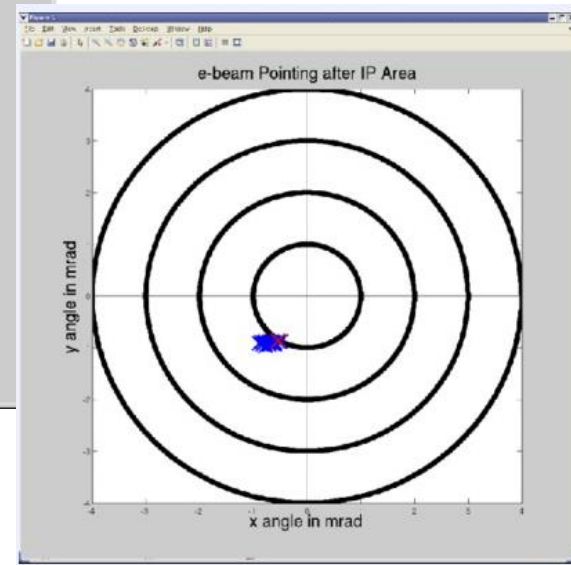
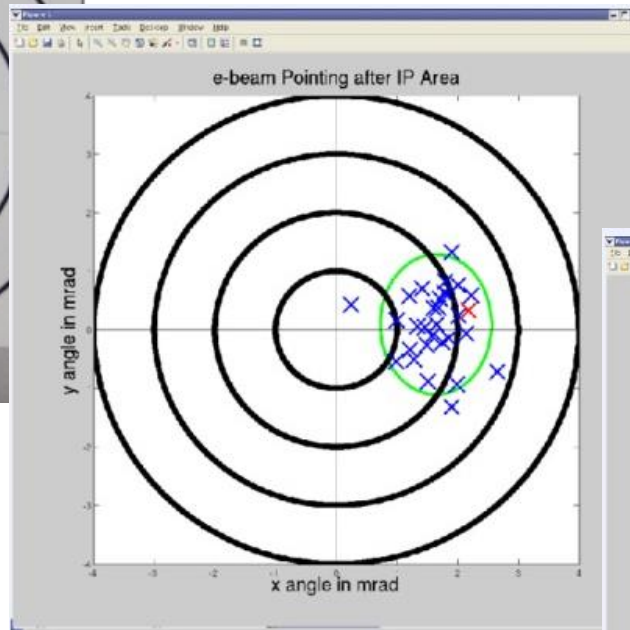
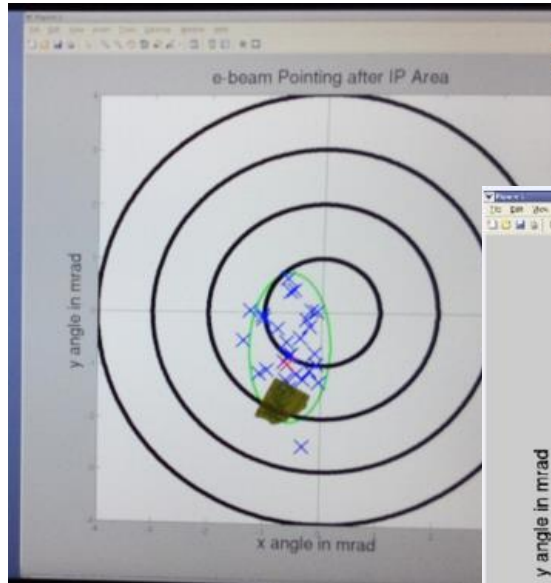


Measured Bessel profile of axilens laser (meters long, but $\sim 150 \mu\text{m}$ wide)

Normal procedure: evacuate plasma chamber, realign laser beam (at low intensity) to electron beam axis (takes 1-2 hours w/safety procedures).. Then re-fill chamber with gas and hope alignment holds for a while



Advanced procedure in 2016: Make use of downstream BPMs and plasma response to find alignment (i.e. avoid “ultrafast plasma kicker”)



New diagnostic tool made life considerably easier, even allowed data taking after sunrise (thermal drift) because realignment could be done online.

Use plasma response: Enhanced plasma glow if spatio-temporal alignment is right is powerful, accurate and robust tool

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Alignment and timing of e-beam driver & preionization laser with 90° Trojan injection laser:

beam diameter = 10 mm

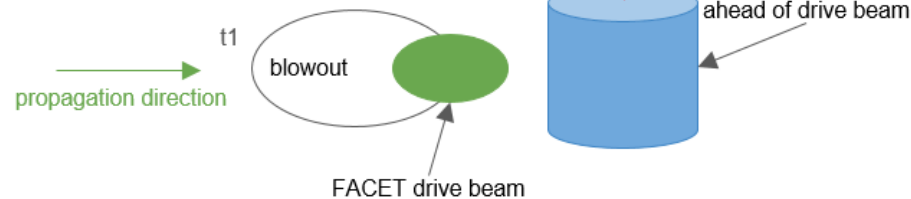
$w_0 = 11.64 \mu\text{m}$

$z_R = 532 \mu\text{m}$

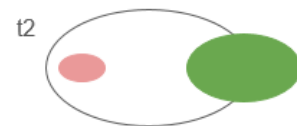
$f = 9'' = 228.6 \text{ mm}$

$F/\# = 22.86$

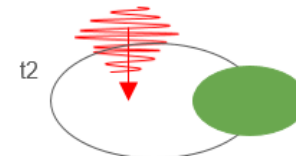
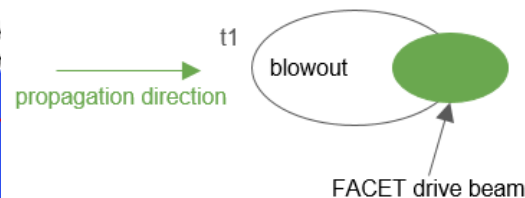
plasma torch case:



density perturbation leads to trapping of witness bunch



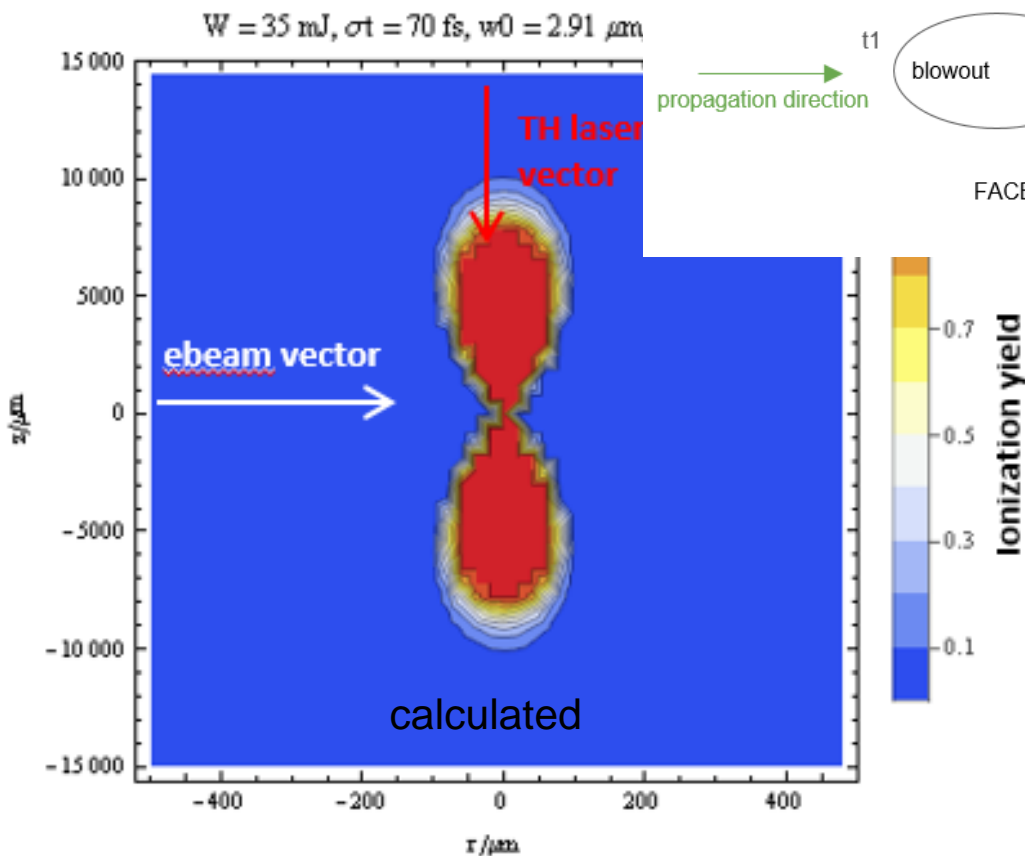
Trojan Horse case:



local ionization generates witness bunch within blowout



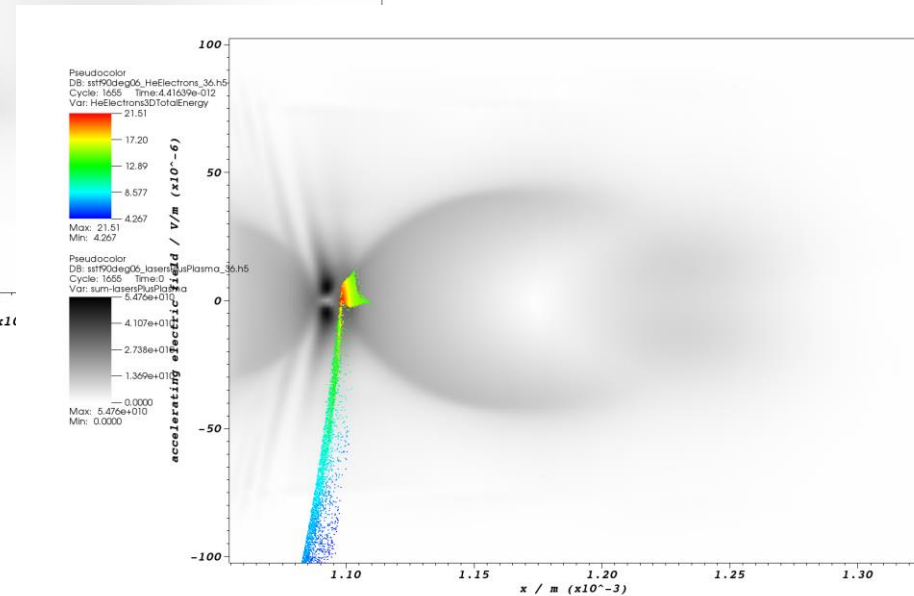
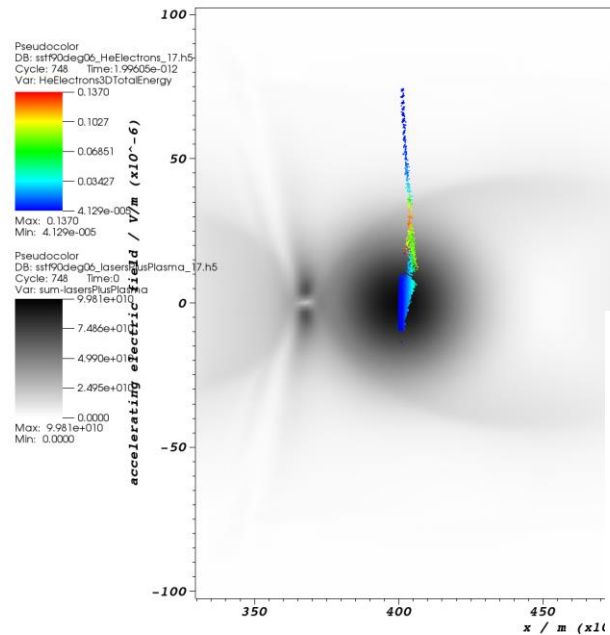
trapped and accelerated witness bunch



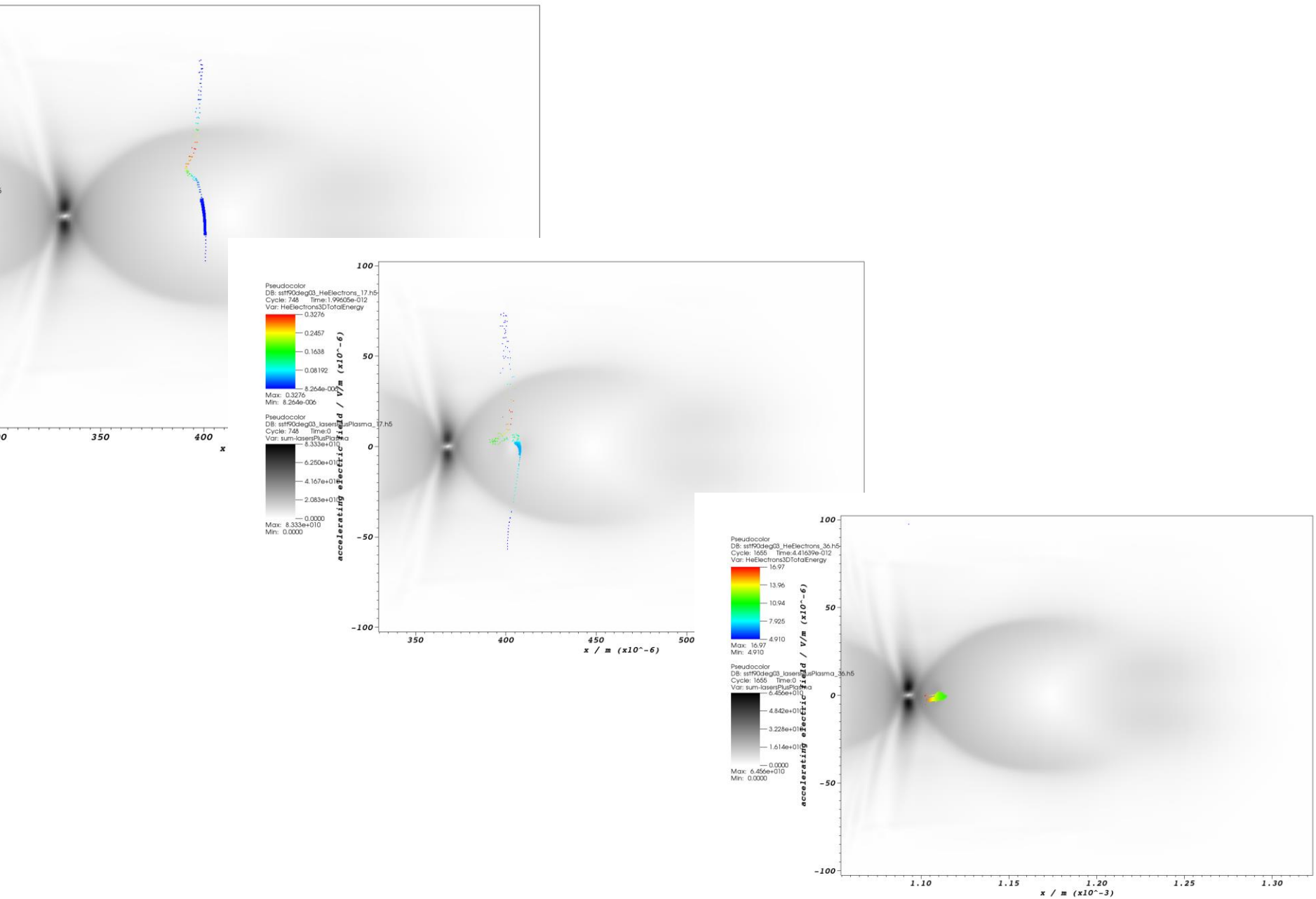
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measured

3D PIC-simulation w / Vsim (high laser intensity case)



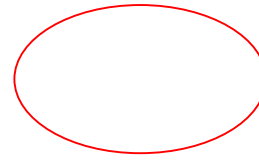
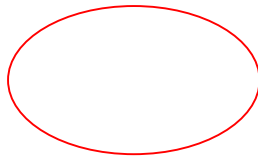
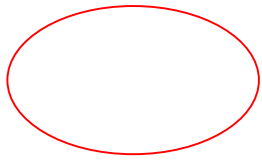
First laser-triggered injection, controlled PWFA



Experimental: Laser-triggered injection very robust: charge injected each shot

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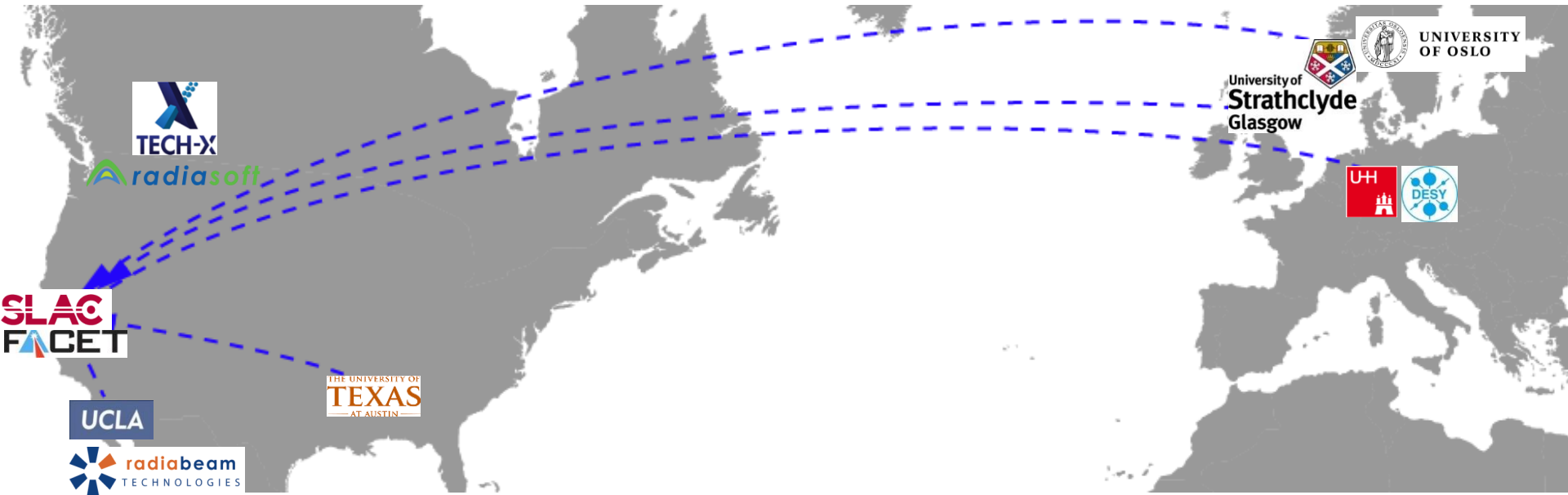
Correlated Trapped charge on Spectrometer & DS BMP



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few 100pC
charge
increase

More details see talk Dr. Grace Gloria Manahan / Strathclyde on May 31 and June 3rd



Including various funding sources:



Spent ~4 years FTE at FACET,
u.a. O. Karger, A. Knetsch, T. Heinemann,
G. Manahan, P. Scherkl
Deng, Y. Xi
Andonian, B. Jacobson

E210 Trojan Horse PWFA collab. at SLAC FACET 2012-2016:

- The most advanced and complex PWFA experiment to date
- By combining state-of-the-art accelerator techniques such as EOS and BPMs with plasma-based diagnostics, spatio-temporal alignment, monitoring and drift compensation is possible
- This allows meticulous control over preionization laser, electron beam, Trojan laser
- Laser-triggered, tunable plasma photocathode controlled injection of tens of pC-charges and acceleration to GeV levels robustly possible
- FACET: multi-GeV driver energies, ~10 kA+ drive beam currents (rather “too much” than “too little”), thermal cathode, large compression factor, +- 100 fs synchronization, 1960 Klystrons..

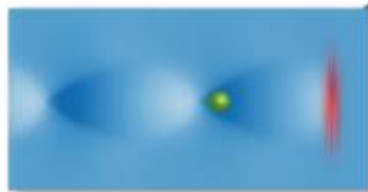
Future: Realise TH-PWFA as ultrahigh-brightness capability at various R&D labs, centers and facilities, for applications e.g. in photon science and HEP

Intense Electron Sources

LINAC

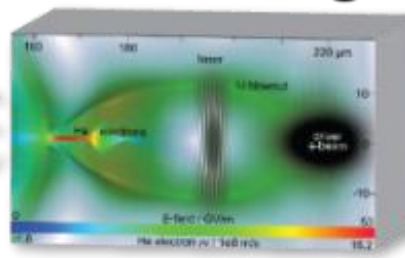


LINAC→LWFA
"external injection"



LWFA

Advanced PWFA Stage



energy boosting &
quality boost through
plasma photocathode

Photon Science



e.g. boost FEL gain,
ultrashort γ -pulses..

ultrahigh
brightness
 $B \sim 10^{20} \text{ A m}^{-2} \text{ rad}^{-2}$

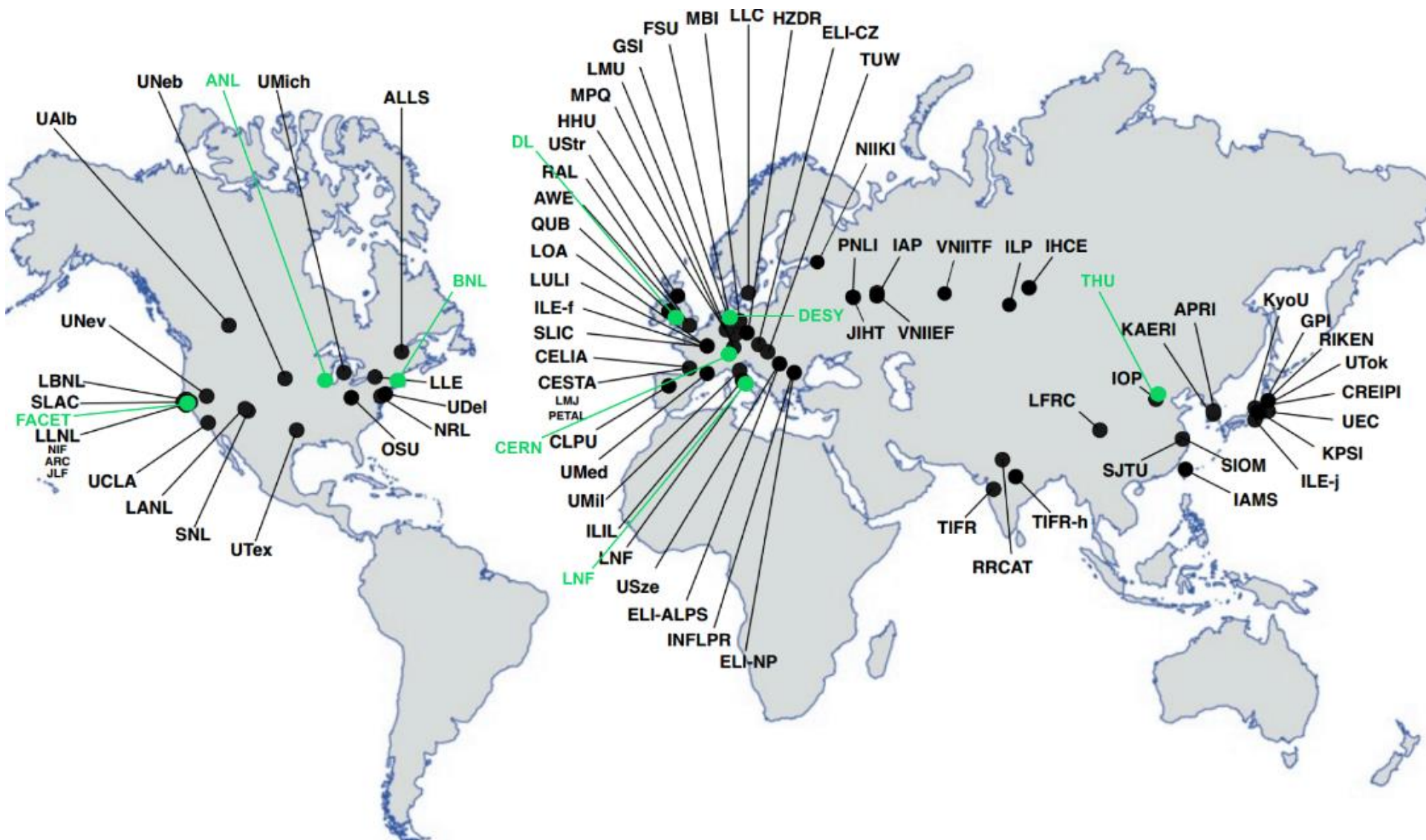
High Energy Physics



e.g. as injector,
staging..

ultralow emittance
 $\epsilon_n \sim 10^{-9} \text{ m rad}$

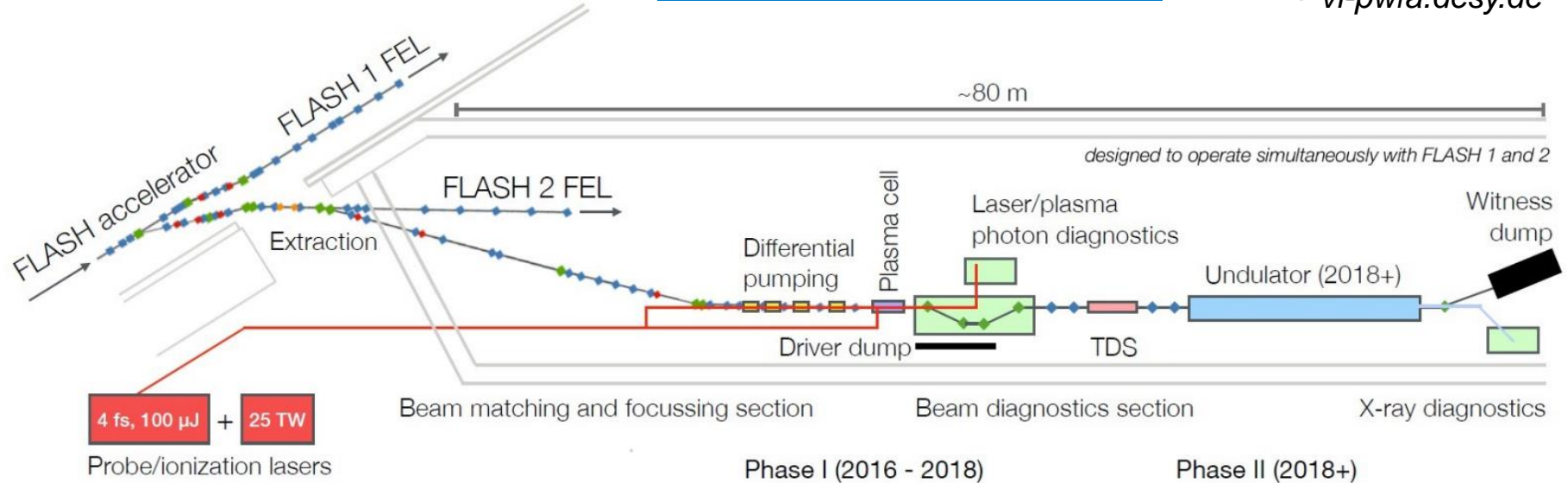
Green: Planned or potential accelerator facilities for TH high brightness capability



Future facility candidates for TH high brightness capability upgrades:



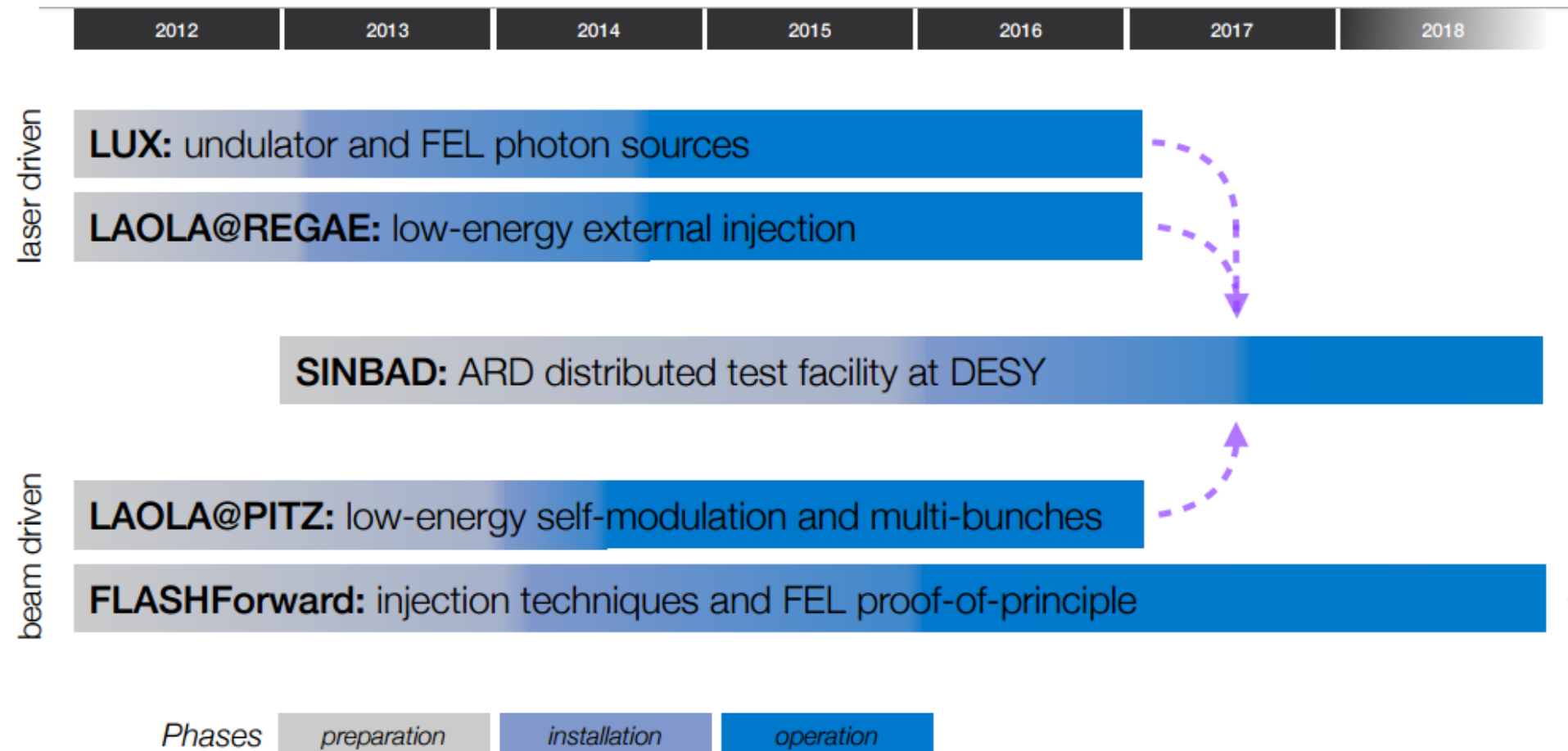
FLASHForward at DESY:



- Ramping up! (e.g., see talk by L. Schaper in this seminar series)
- Extensive (TH)-PWFA know-how obtained at FACET in previous years big asset
- Big asset: synchronization between e-beam and (ultrashort) laser < 30 fs, maybe < 10 fs possible (Group H. Schlarb et al.). Significant investment by B. Hidding & hybrids.desy.de in hardware potentially allowing this at FLASHForward for TH-PWFA
- Big challenge: Production of strong enough plasma wave when co-existing with FLASH Users, e.g. as regards drive beam current

Future facility candidates for TH high brightness capability upgrades:

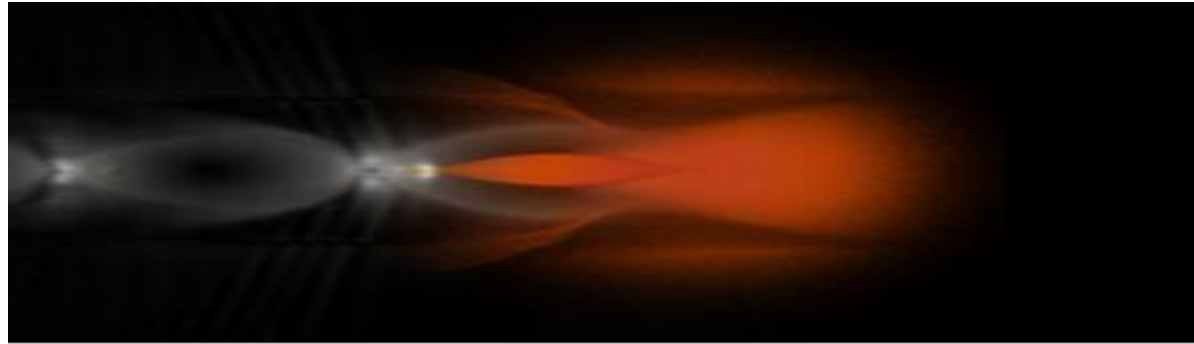
The **LAOLA** collaboration and its plasma-wakefield strategy



Main bottlenecks for TH-PWFA

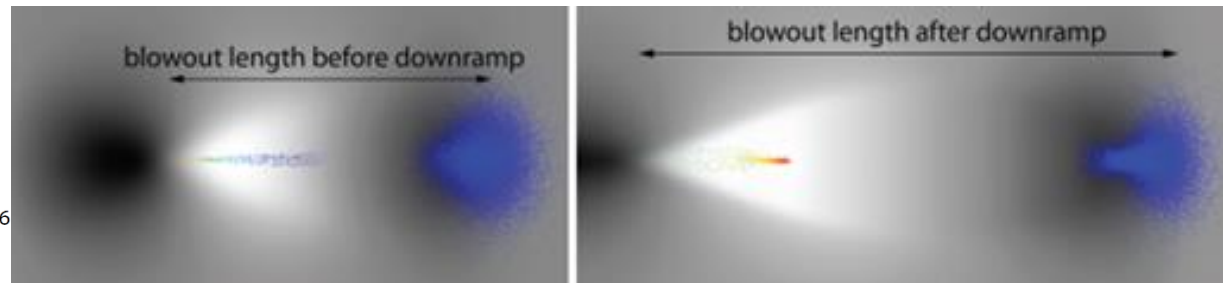
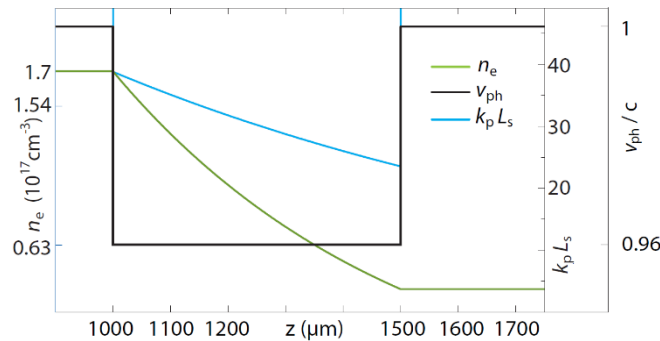
- Selective preionization and generation of wide enough plasma channel

G.G. Manahan, PRAB 2016



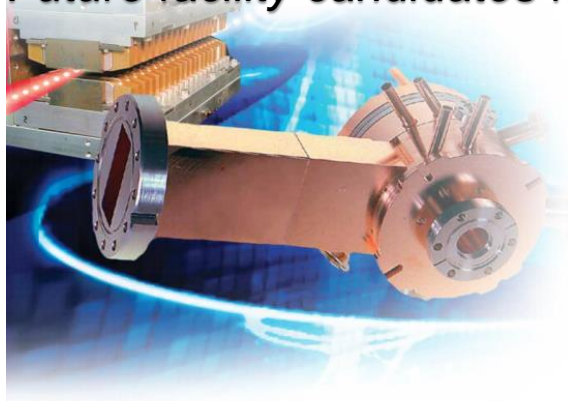
- Drive beam current threshold for trapping: Use downramp-assisted TH to reduce current threshold from $\sim 7\text{kA}$ to $< 3\text{kA}$

A. Knetsch et al., arXiv 2015



- Synchronization e-beam-laser: Fortunately, piggybacking on major R&D directions e.g. at DESY, motivated e.g. by the need for (X)FEL pump probe, seeding etc.

Future facility candidates for TH high brightness capability upgrades:



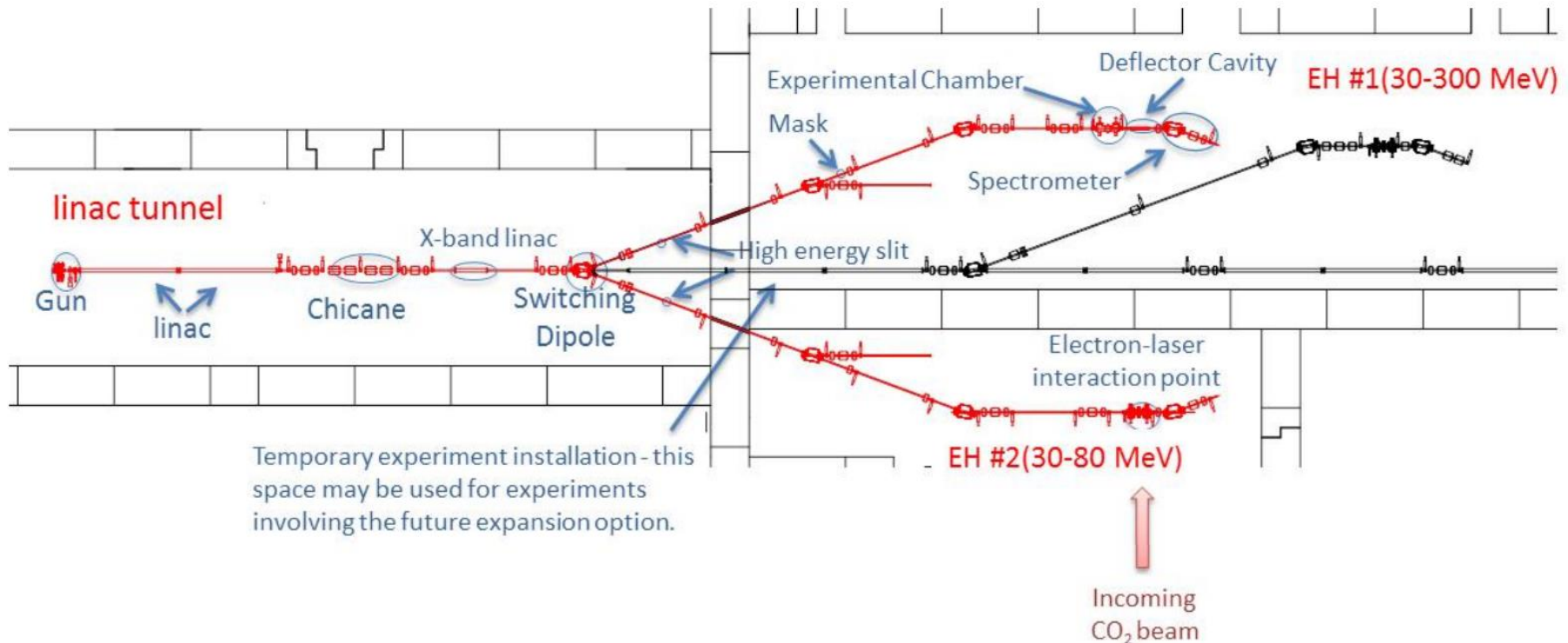
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Upgrade and Operate the
**Accelerator
Test Facility**

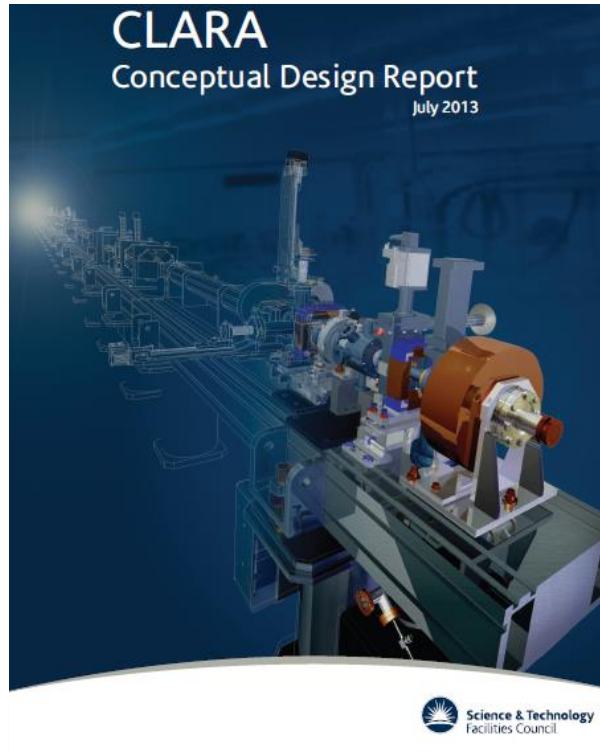
Book I

Proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy
Office of High Energy Physics

- BNL ATF-II (DOE Stewardship facility, TH foreseen)
- dedicated R&D facility, very good accessibility
- CO₂ laser allows for unique options e.g. as regards preionization
- Synchronized Ti:Sapphire desirable

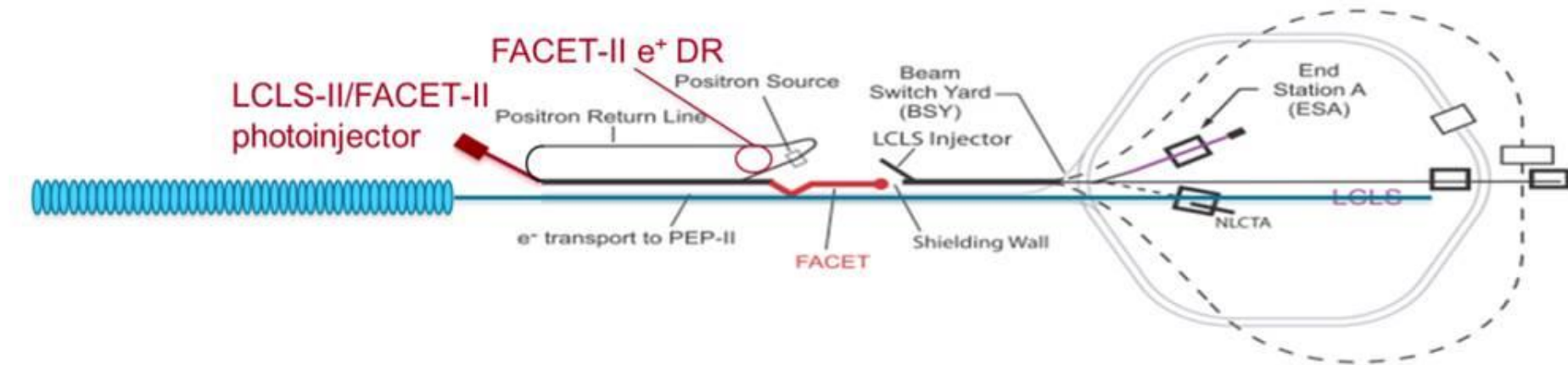


Future facility candidates for TH high brightness capability upgrades:



- CLARA: dedicated R&D accelerator, challenges and opportunities are that this accelerator is primarily a FEL test facility (e.g. for a potential UK-FEL)
- Synchronized multi-TW Ti:Sapphire already available since years
- Strathclyde's membership in the Cockcroft Institute since April 2016 helpful..
- UK STFC Accelerator Strategy Board fostering coherent Plasma Accelerator Steering Strategy

Future facility candidates for TH high brightness capability upgrades: FACET-II



- Improving on FACET: Dedicated R&D system, for which TH is a flagship topic
- Photocathode instead of thermionic SLC cathode, still reaching ~10 kA, but much more stable etc.
- See talk by M. Hogan in this seminar series..

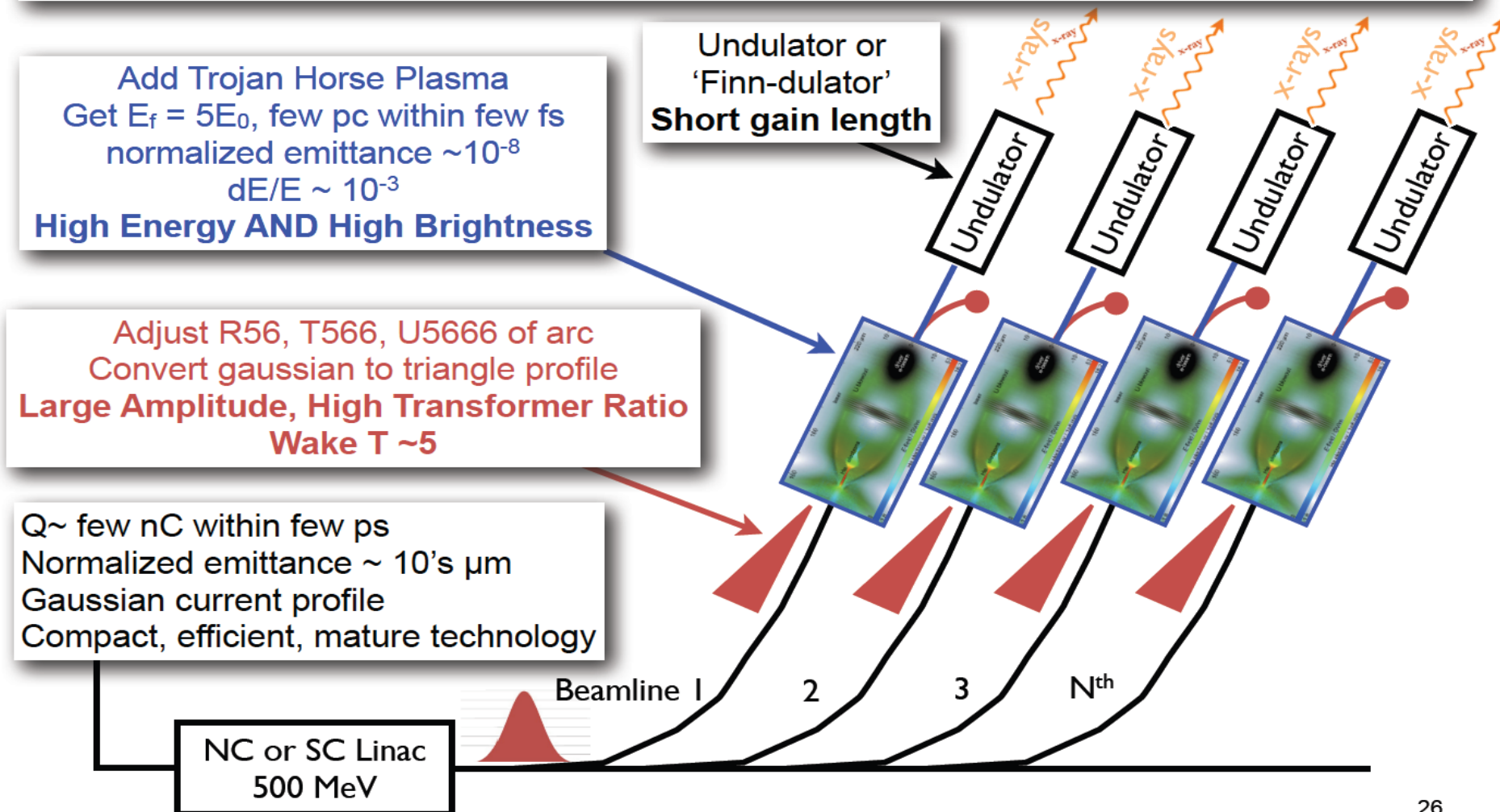
Hybrid Trojan Horse-based Future FEL facility?

w/ M. Hogan (SLAC) et al., 5th Generation Light Source Workshop, 2013

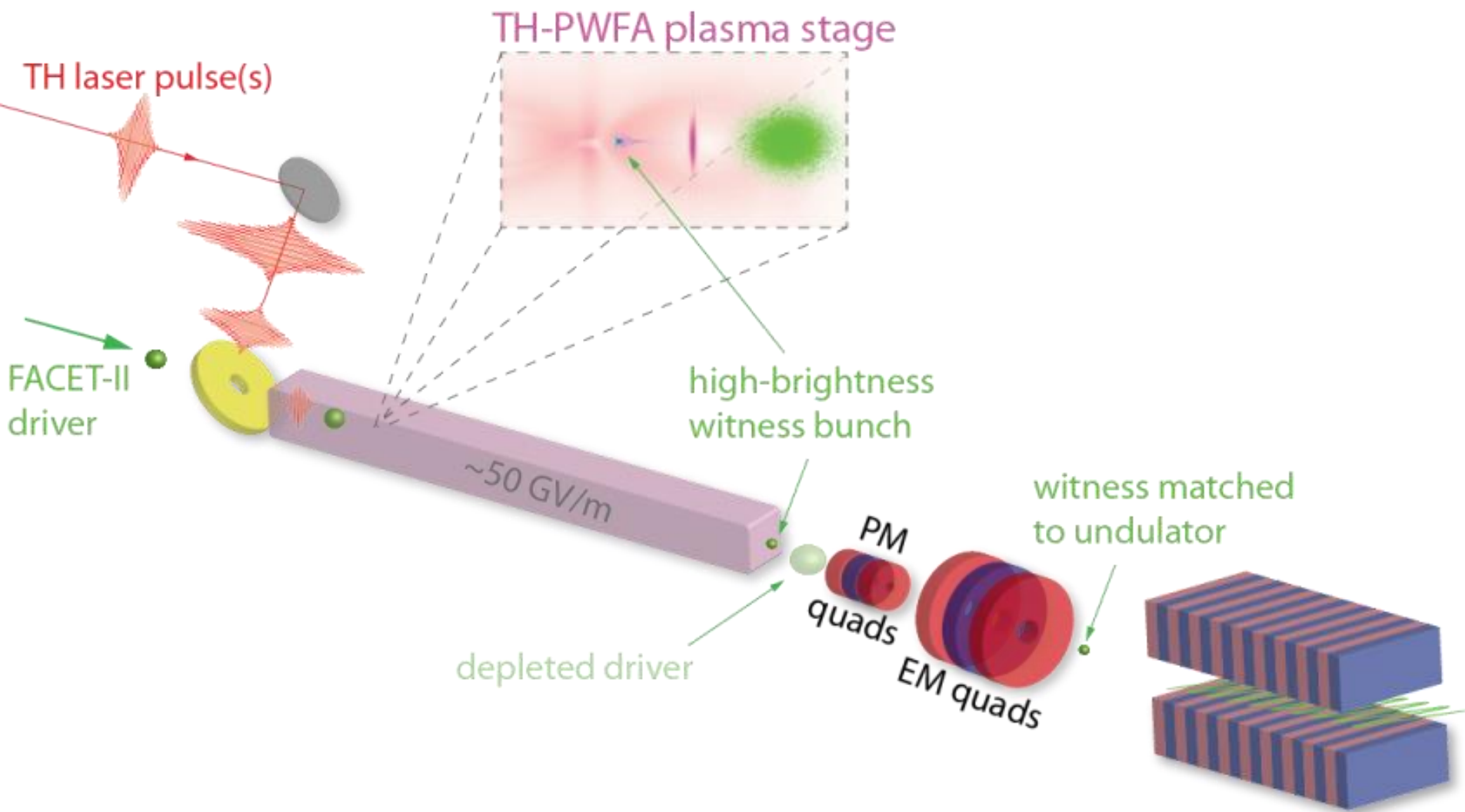
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SLAC

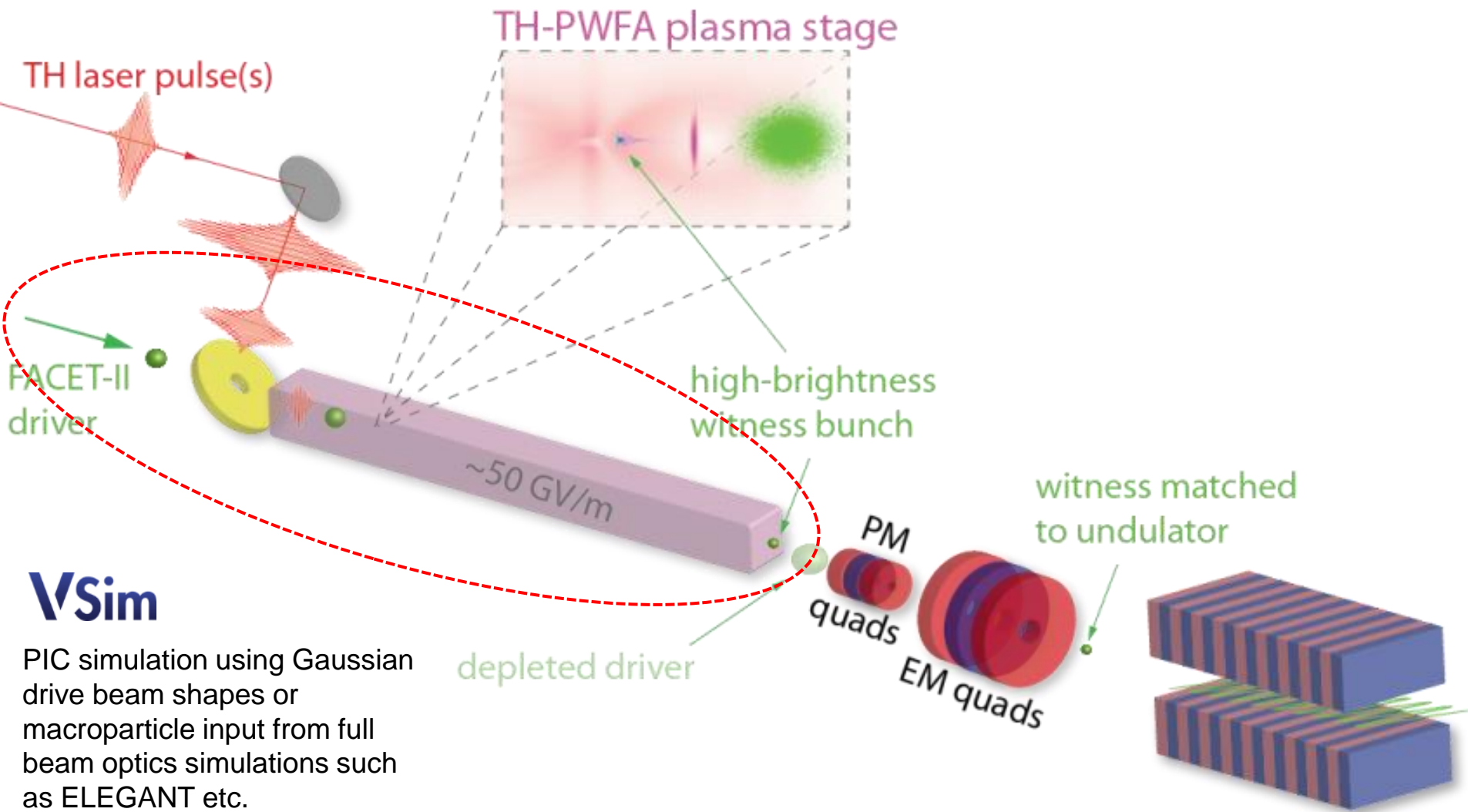
Compactness of plasmas accelerators, rep rate like rings with high brightness of linacs!



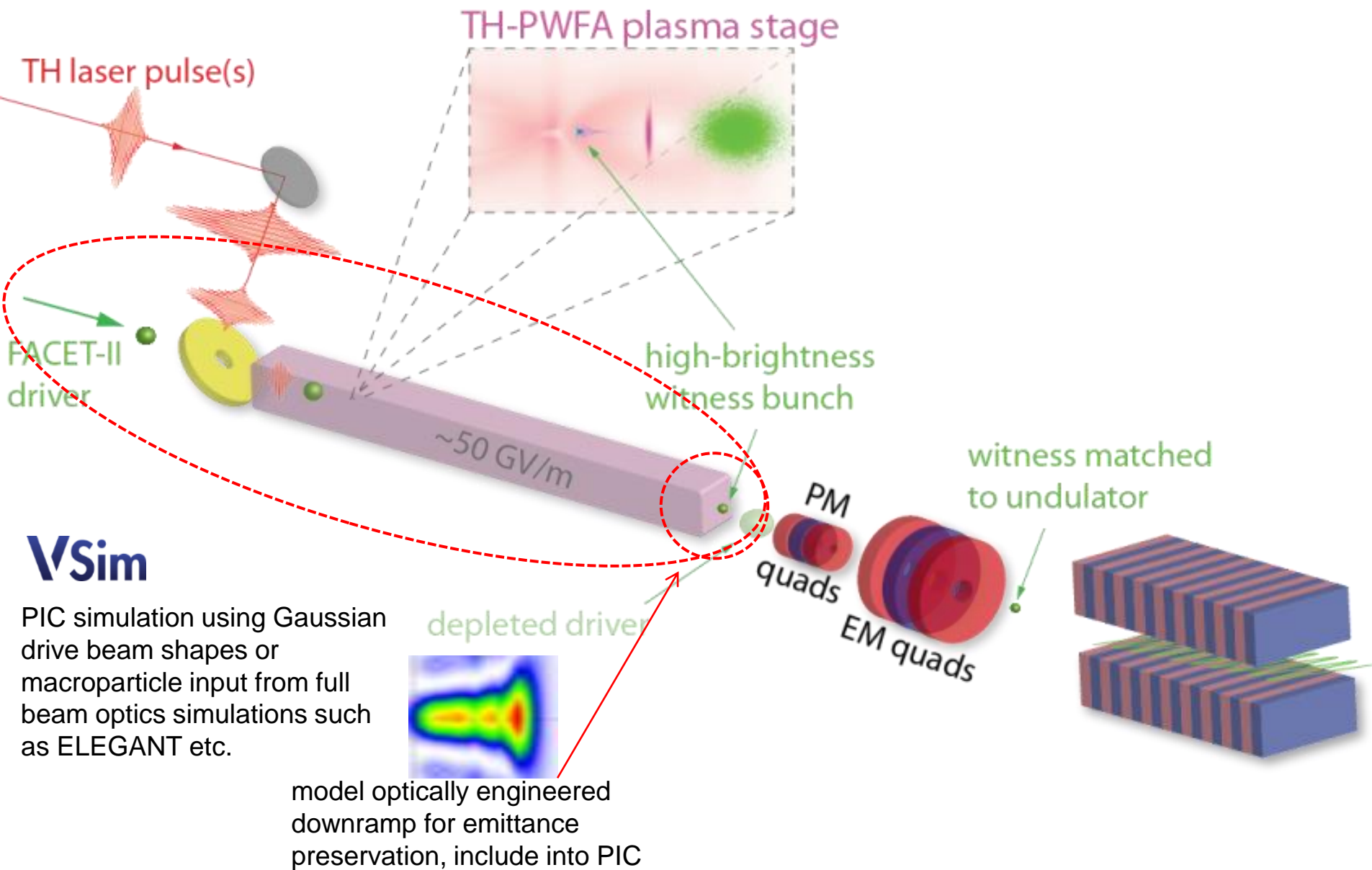
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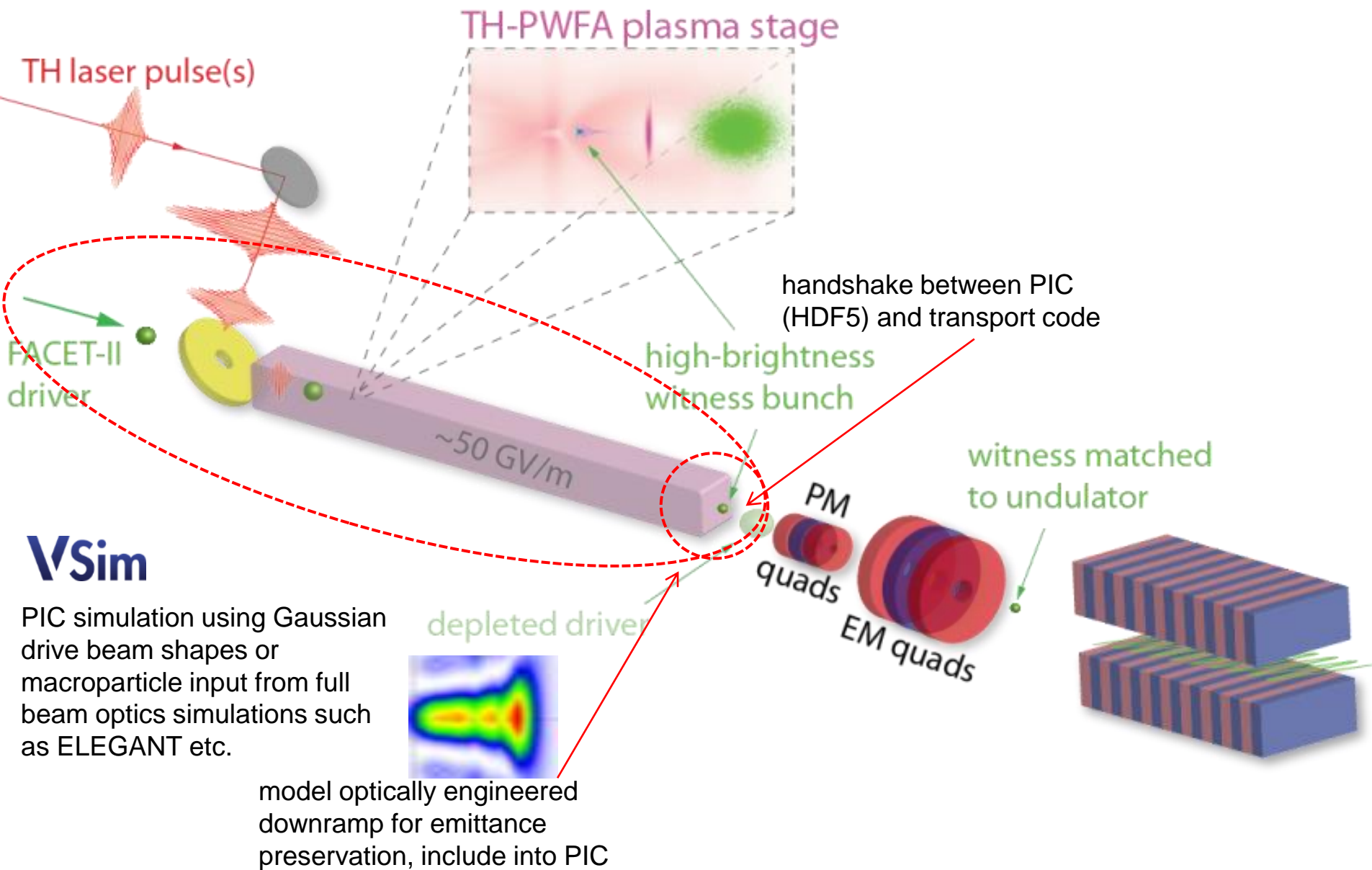
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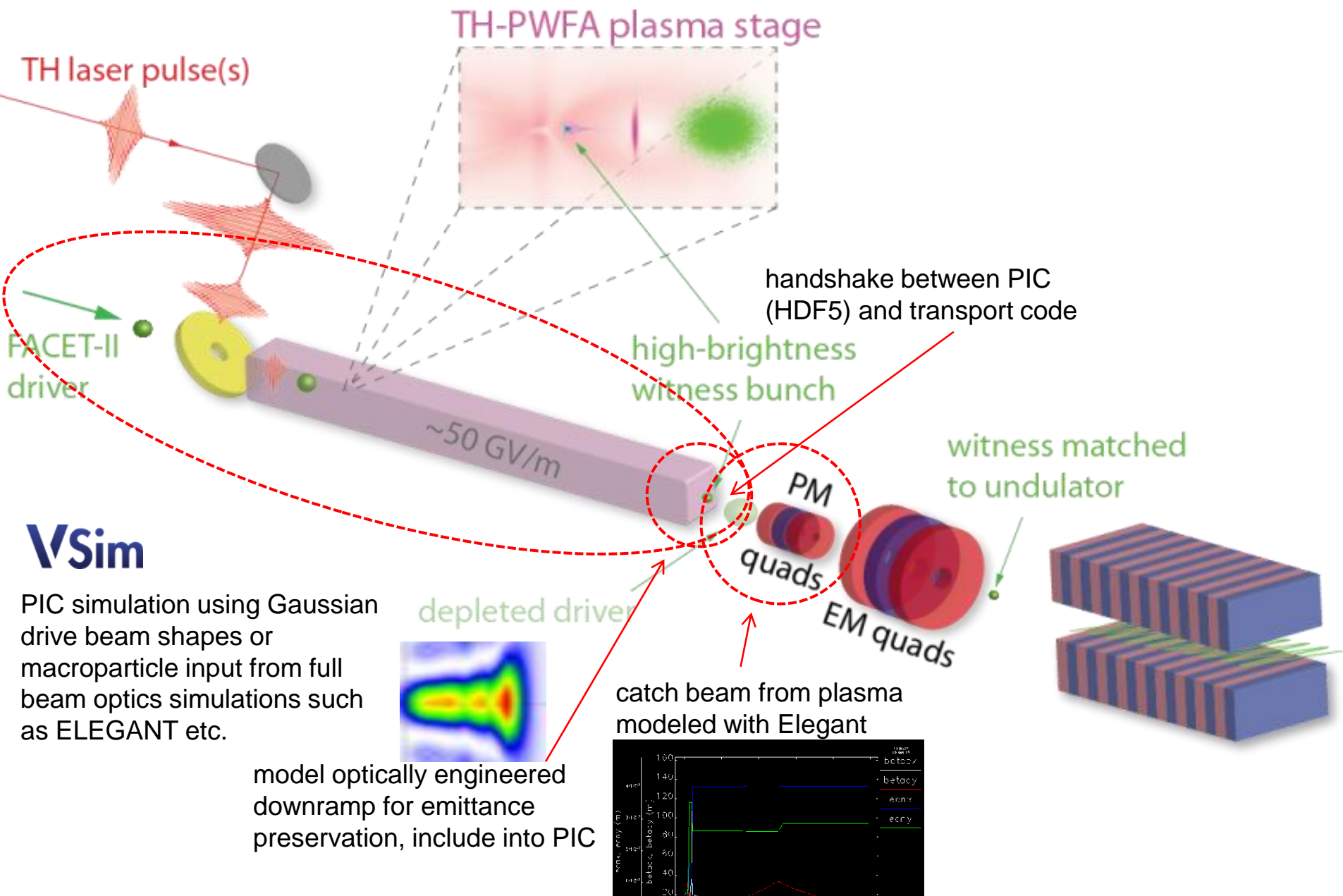
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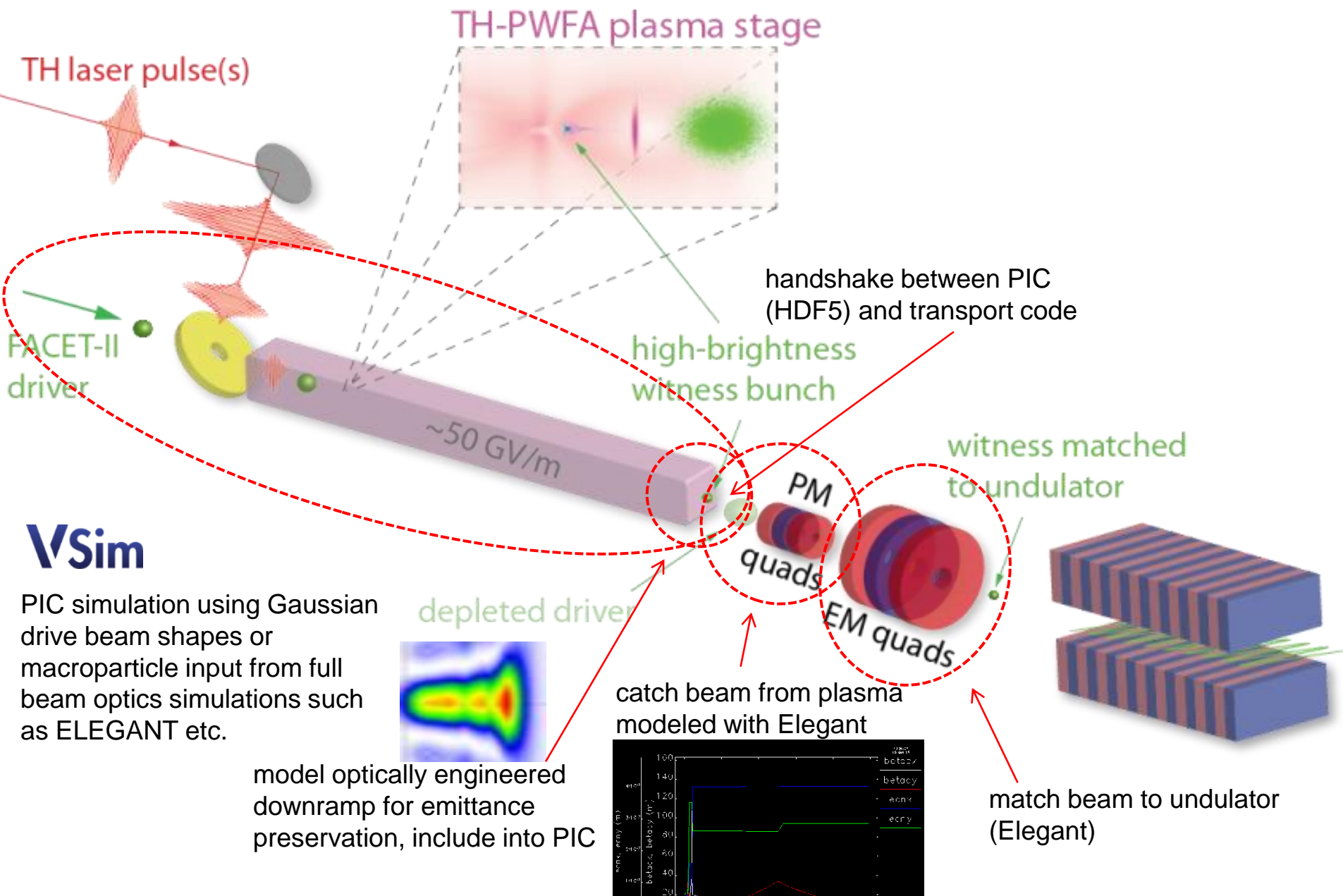
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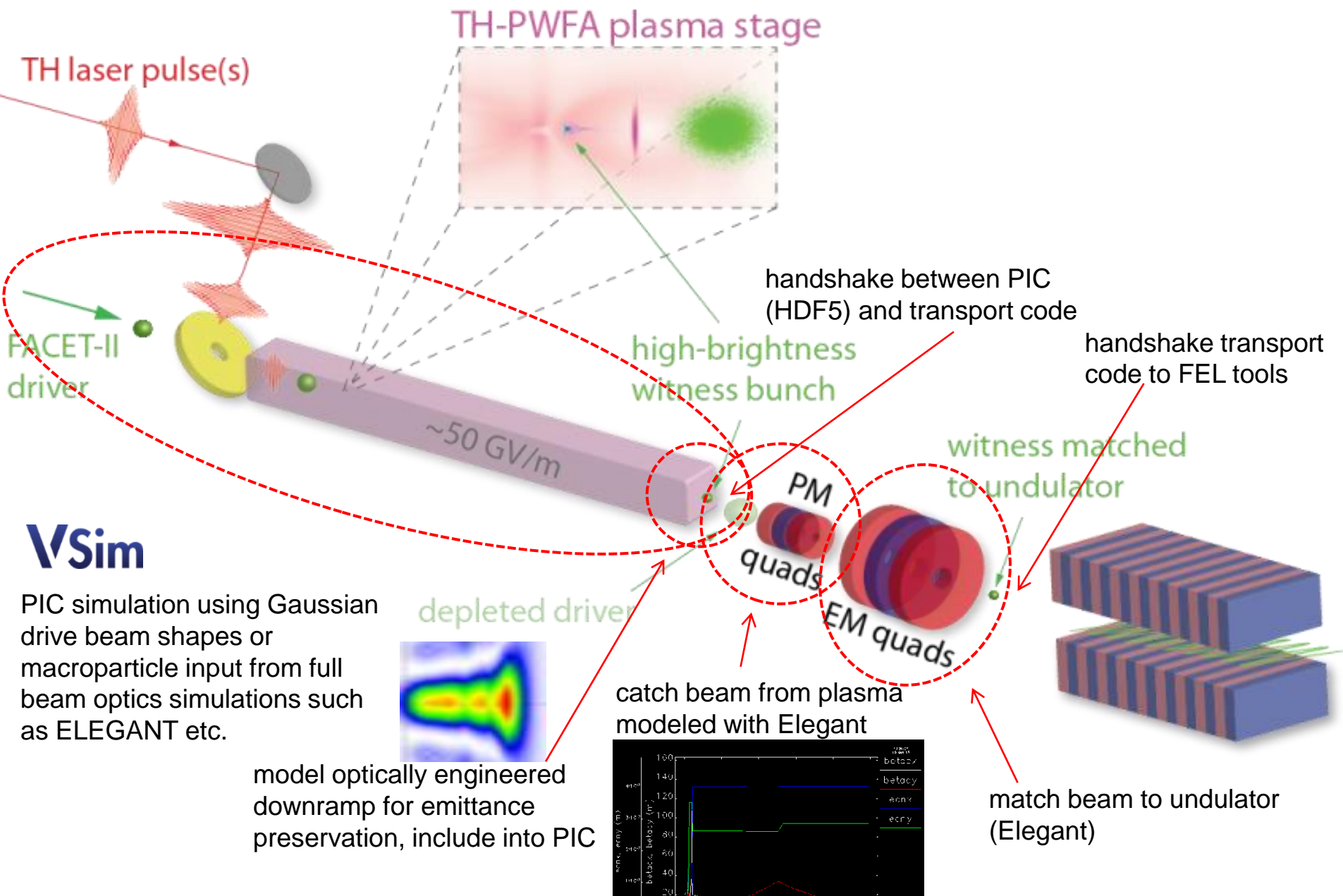
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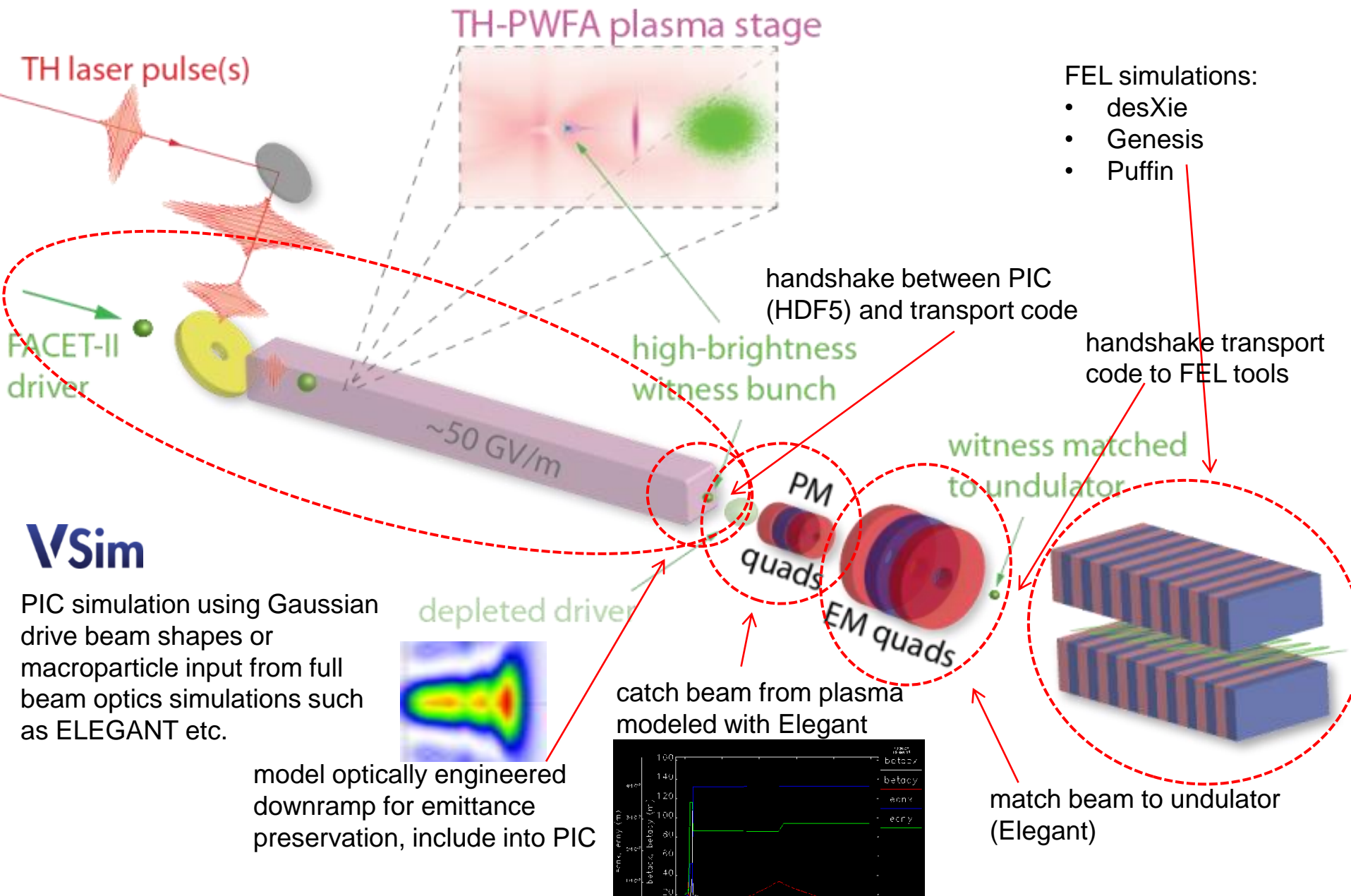
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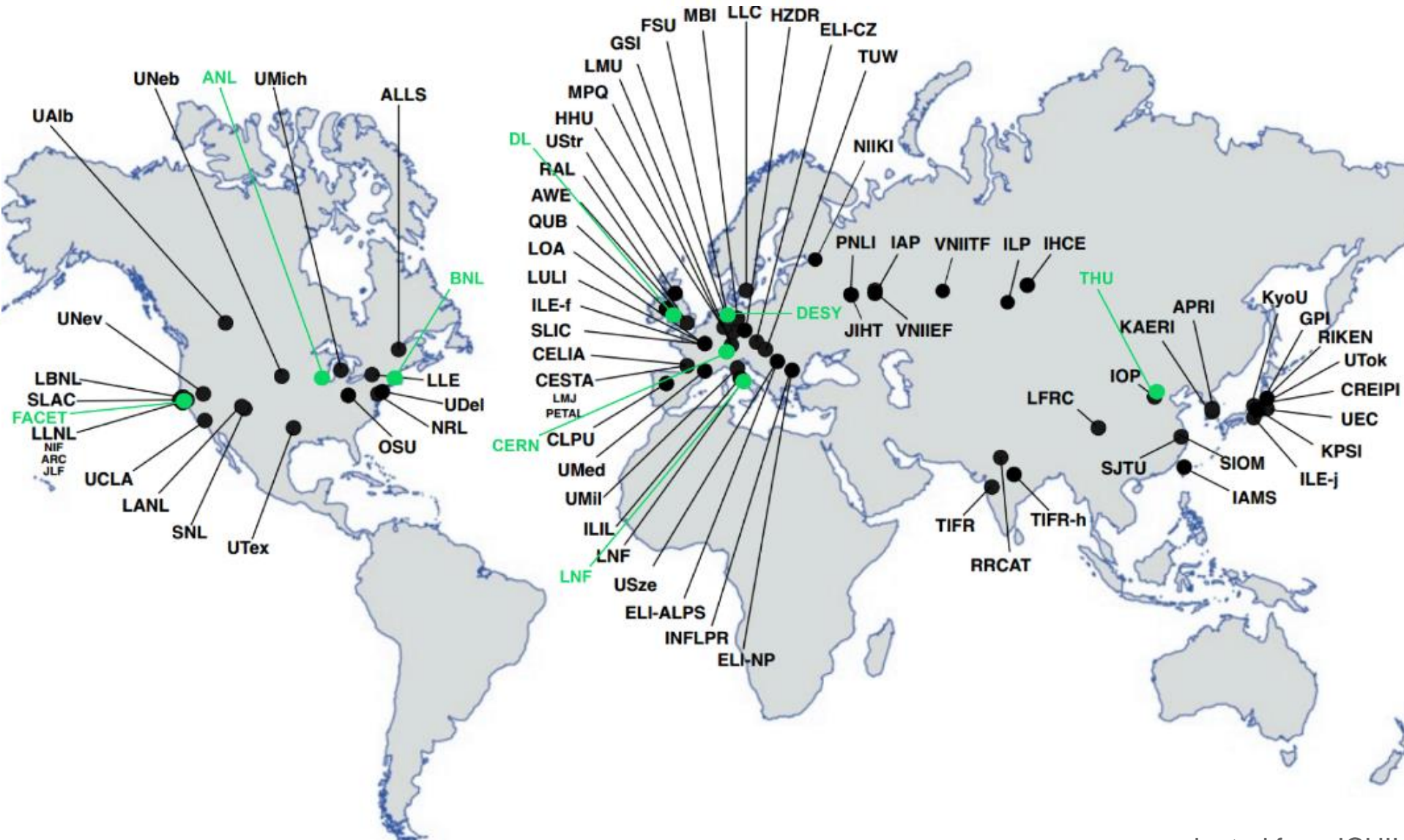
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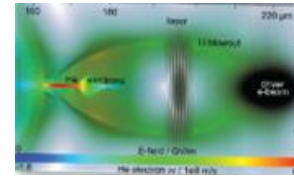
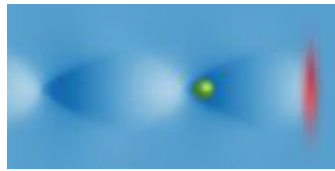
Full 3D start-to-end simulations



Export the Trojan Horse even further?
A beam brightness transformer for laser-plasma-labs worldwide



Intense Electron Sources: Hybrid LWFA → PWFA



- LWFA can provide ~10 Hz, quasi-monoenergetic, ultrashort, multi-kA driver beams (e.g. M. Wiggins et al., PPCF 2010, O. Lundh et al., Nat. Physics 7, 2011)
- Often large energy spreads, limited emittance, probably especially at high current levels
- Use LWFA-generated electron beams for PWFA!
- Make use of compactness and unique feature of LWFA: generation of multi-kA, ultrashort electron bunches
- Don't care much if energy spread is large and emittance is limited..
- See e.g. "Monoenergetic energy doubling" PRL 104, 195002, 2010 – here double bunch driver / witness type acceleration was considered
- Challenge is divergence control
- Inherently ~1 fs-scale synchronization between driver and laser

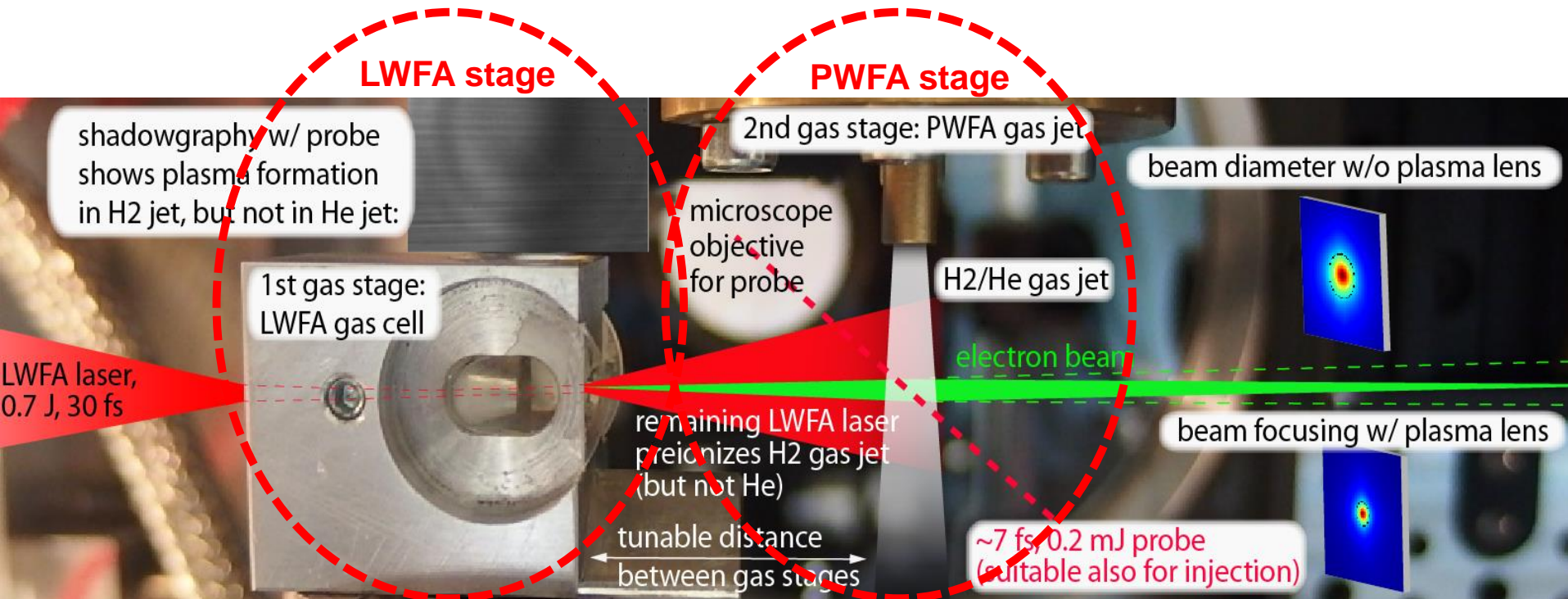
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LWFA



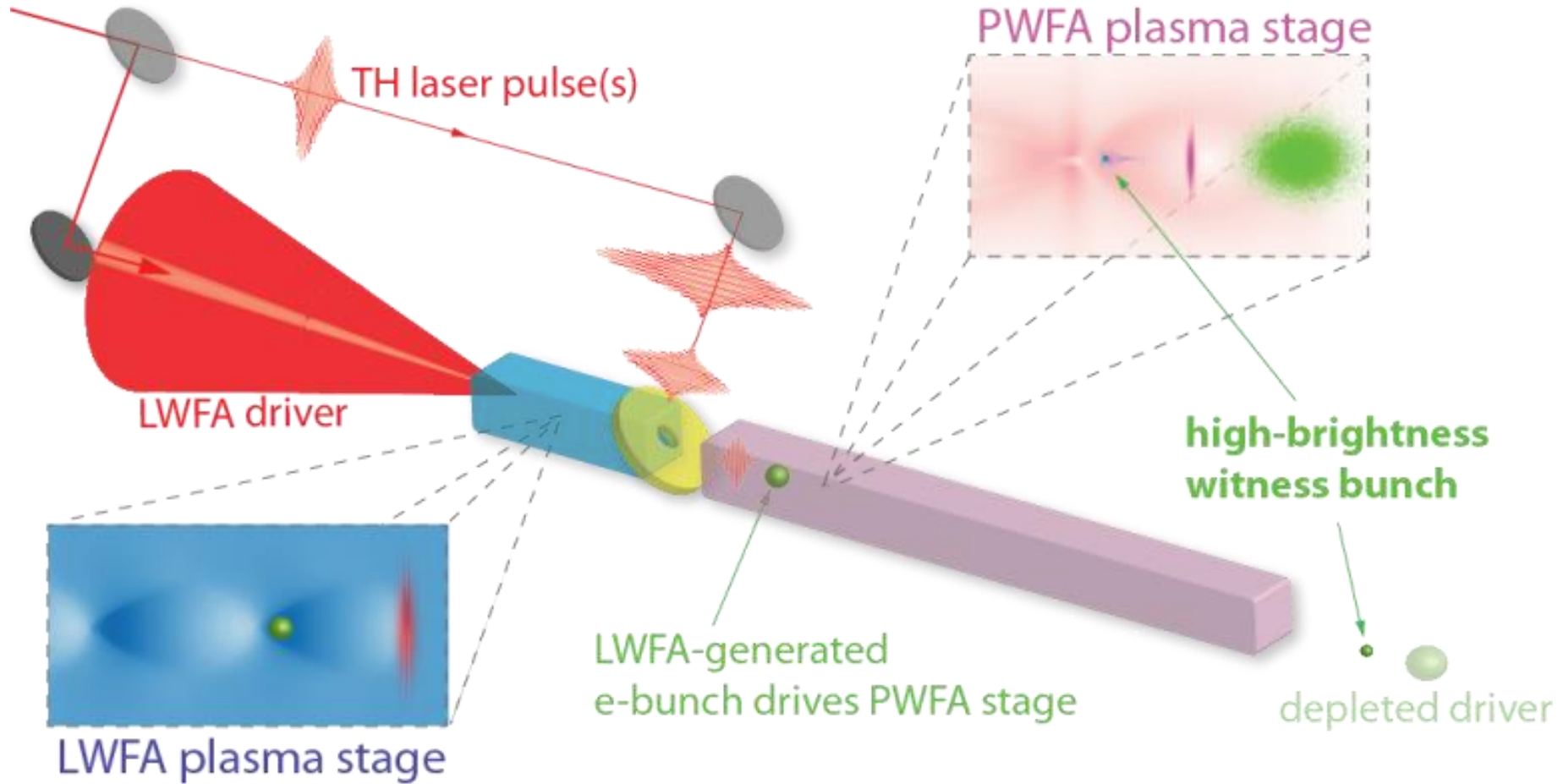
PWFA

- First experiments towards LWFA→PWFA since 2014 at Jena with JETI laser:



1. Selective ionization of H₂/He mixture by LWFA laser remnant – H₂ is ionized, He not -- this is what is needed for Trojan Horse!
2. Plasma lensing of LWFA-generated electron driver demonstrated

Intense Electron Sources: Hybrid LWFA → PWFA



- LWFA-generated electron beam, optimized for high current – while substantial energy spread and energy jitter can be tolerated
- Refocusing/matching helpful, plasma lensing very helpful to reach high norm. $\tilde{Q} = \frac{N_b k_p^3}{n_p}$
- This electron beam drives PWFA in dephasing-free system
- ~100 μJ Ti:Sapphire TH laser pulse (inherently synchronized) used for underdense photocathode



SCAPA

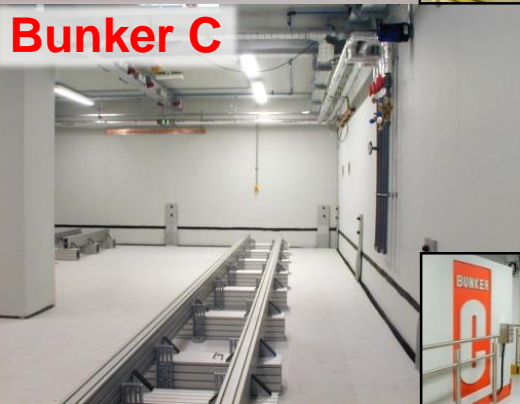
control area



Bunker B



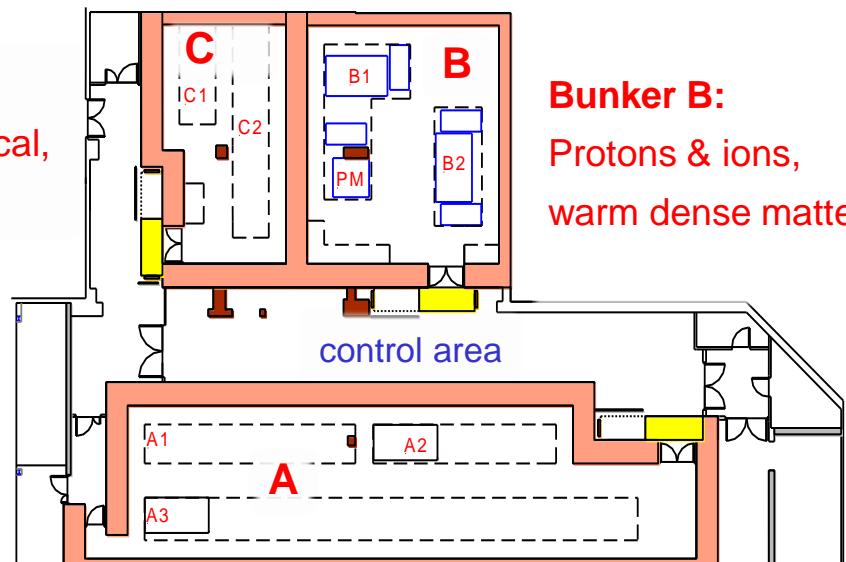
Bunker C



Level 1: radiation caves, level 2: laser clean rooms

Bunker C:
Health, medical,
life sciences

Bunker B:
Protons & ions,
warm dense matter



*Proposal for a Horizon 2020 Design Study on the “European Plasma Research Accelerator with eXcellence In Applications”
November 2015-2019*

<http://www.eupraxia-project.eu/>



HORIZON 2020 – INFRADEV – 1– 2014 Design Study

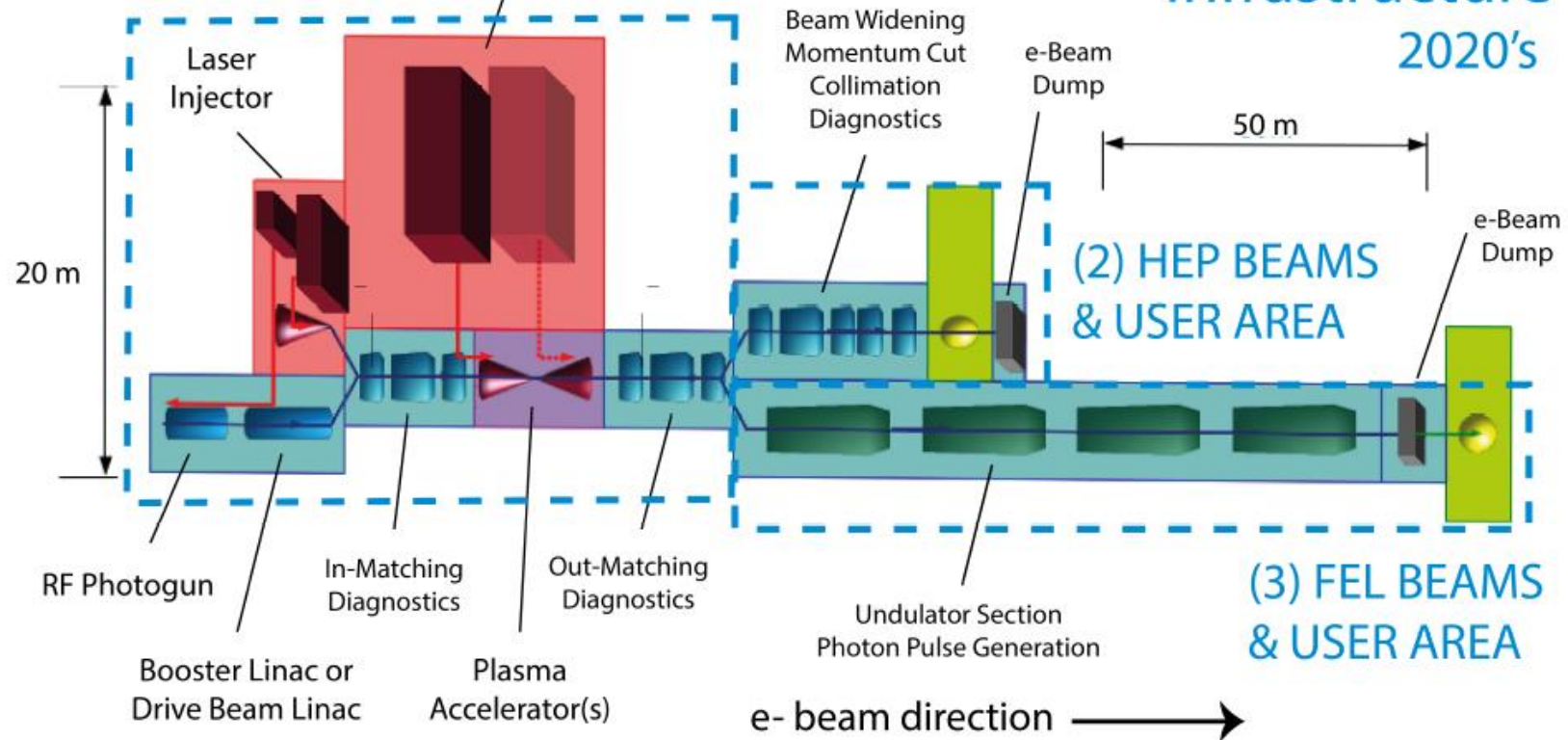
Abstract

EuPRAXIA will produce a conceptual design report for the worldwide first 5 GeV plasma-based accelerator with industrial beam quality and user areas. EuPRAXIA is the required intermediate step between proof-of-principle experiments and ground-breaking, ultra-compact accelerators for science, industry, medicine or the energy frontier (“plasma linear collider”). The study will design accelerator technology, laser systems and feedbacks for improving the quality of plasma-accelerated beams. Two user areas will be developed for a novel Free Electron Laser and High Energy Physics detector science. An implementation model will be proposed, including a comparative study of possible sites in Europe, a cost estimate and a model for distributed construction and installation at one central site. EuPRAXIA will be a new large research infrastructure with an estimated footprint of about 250 m. If the design study is approved, then it will lay the foundation for a possible decision on construction in 2020.

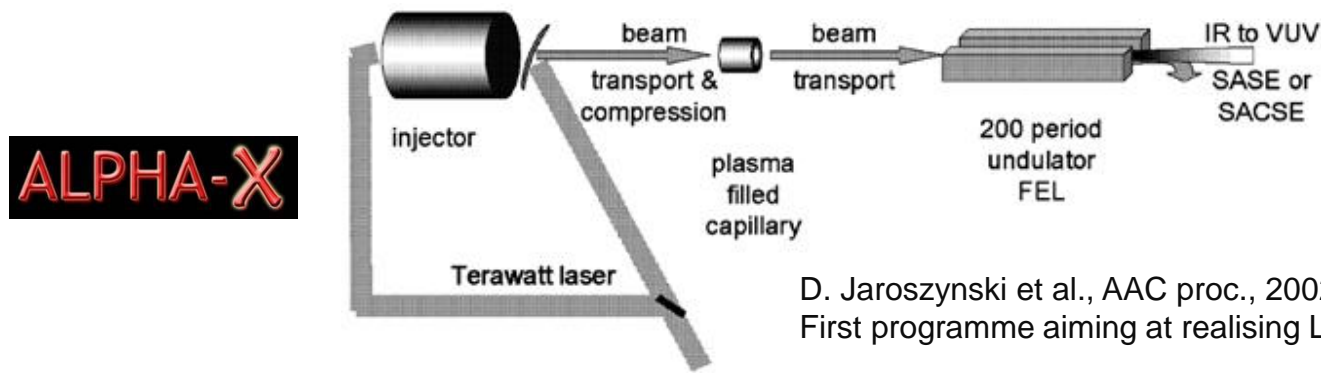
WP14: Hybrid Laser-Electron-Beam Driven Acceleration. WP leads Strathclyde (Hidding) & DESY (de la Ossa)

(1) PLASMA ACCELERATOR

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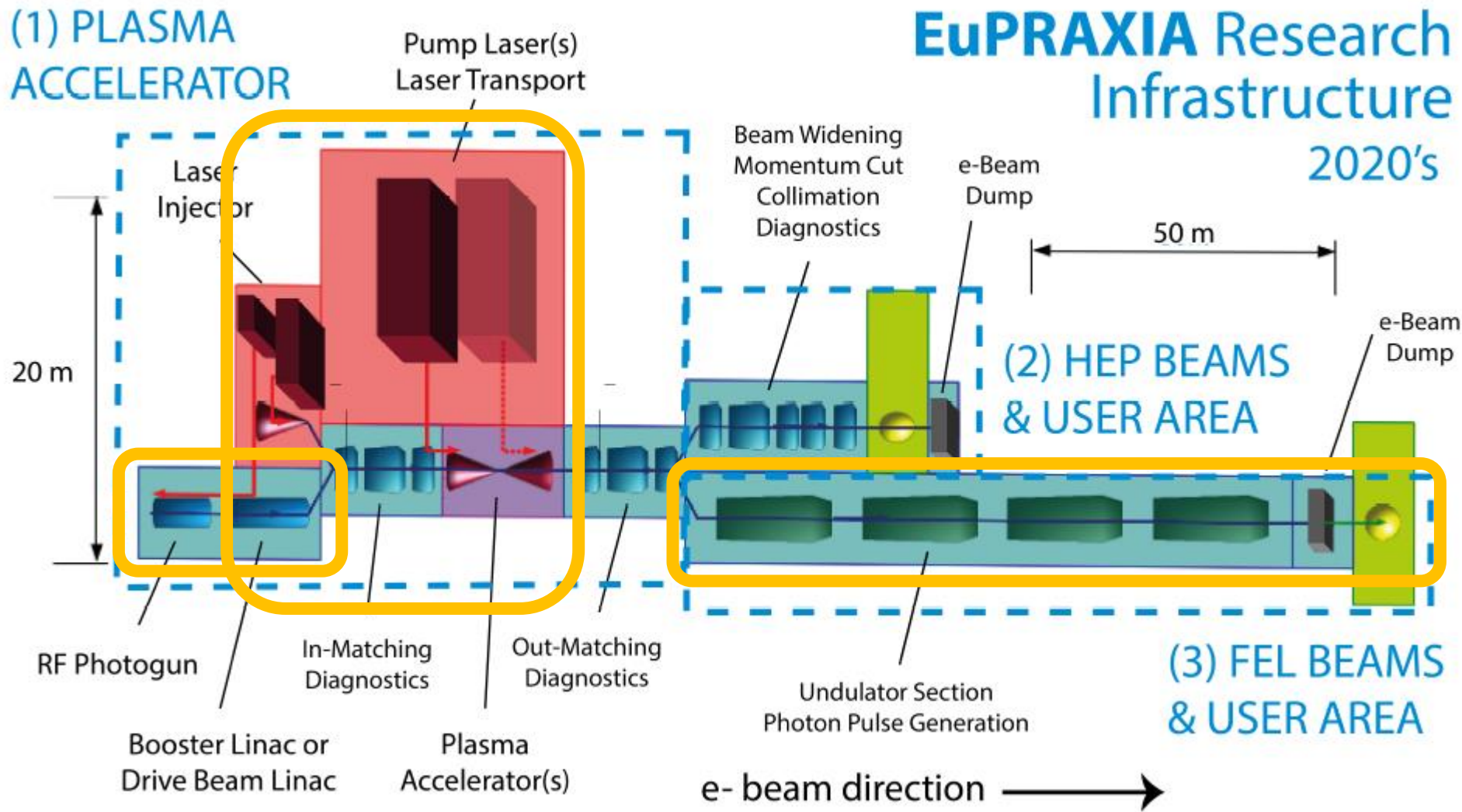


Forerunner in the UK: Advanced Laser-Plasma High-Energy Accelerators towards X-rays



D. Jaroszynski et al., AAC proc., 2002
First programme aiming at realising LWFA-driven FEL

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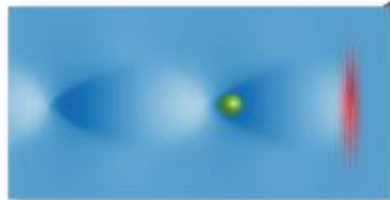
Constructive overlap with CLARA, CLF, SCAPA..
The UK can be a substantial contributor to this

Intense Electron Sources

LINAC

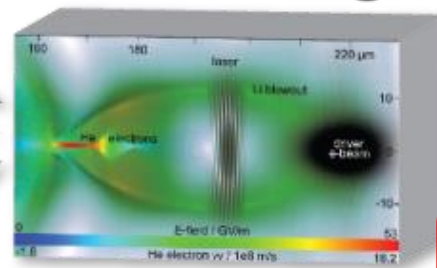


LINAC → LWFA
"external injection"



LWFA

Advanced PWFA Stage



energy boosting &
quality boost through
plasma photocathode

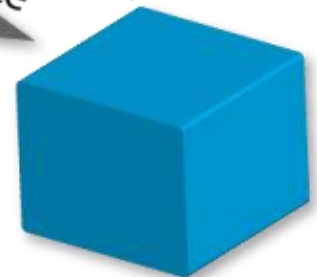
Photon Science



e.g. boost FEL gain,
ultrashort γ -pulses..

ultrahigh
brightness
 $B \sim 10^{20} \text{ A m}^{-2} \text{ rad}^{-2}$

High Energy Physics

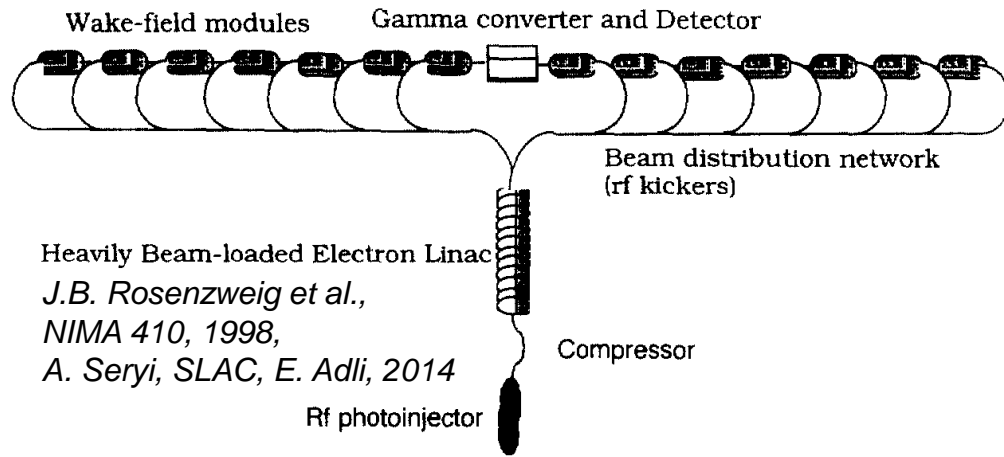


e.g. as injector,
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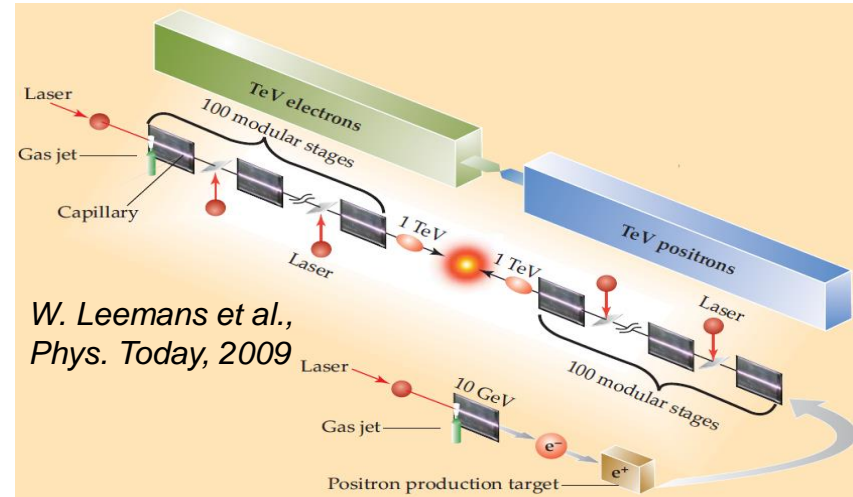
ultralow emittance
 $\epsilon_n \sim 10^{-9} \text{ m rad}$

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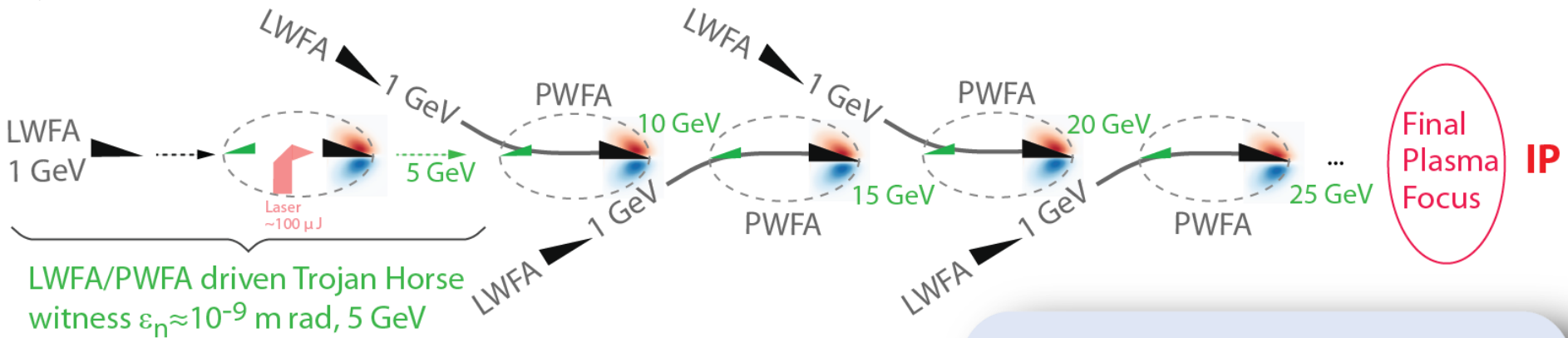
PWFA-based:



LWFA-based:



Hybrid LWFA/PWFA-based:



Can omit damping ring.
e- e+ collider? $\gamma\gamma$ -collider?

.. work in progress..

200 stages, 100 TW LWFA's, 1 GeV each,
T~5, 5 GeV gain/stage, final energy = 1 TeV
100 kHz, $\epsilon_n \approx 10^{-8}$ m rad
@ 5 pC, focused to 100 nm: L~1e33

Summary

- **LINAC electron beams can be used for PWFA, more and more facilities engaging**
- **LWFA electron beams can be used for PWFA, would multiply the number of facilities engaging in PWFA, allowing for perfectly synchronized TH-PWFA**
- **Laser systems essential (preionization, underdense photocathode, diagnostics, probing..)**
- **Experiments on LINAC→TH-PWFA at FACET E210 successfully concluded in 2016, LWFA →(TH-)PWFA in progress**
- **Trojan Horse underdense plasma photocathode may allow for unprecedented electron beam quality & brightness**
- **Enabler for substantial progress in applications in photon science: TH-FEL, TH-ICS, TH-ICL**
- **Also potentially useful for HEP.**
- **Multi-bunch capability and “designer” beams possible which further widen the opportunities**
- **Substantial R&D challenges to address in hybrid combined laser and beam driven plasma**
- **Opportunities for high brightness upgrades for various facilities e.g. at DESY**