

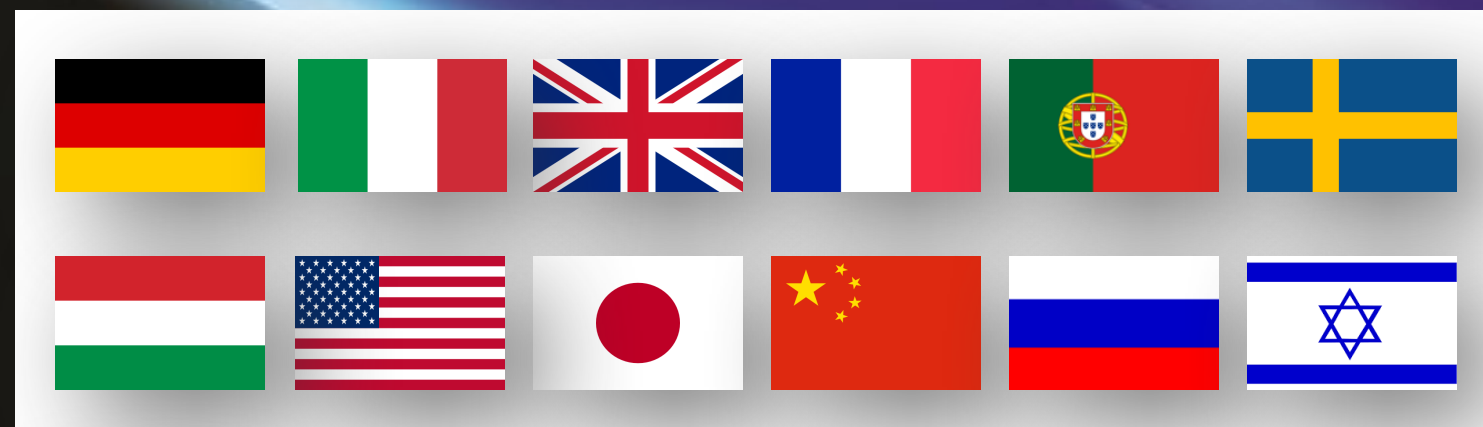
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PLASMA RESEARCH
ACCELERATOR
WITH
EXCELLENCE IN
APPLICATIONS



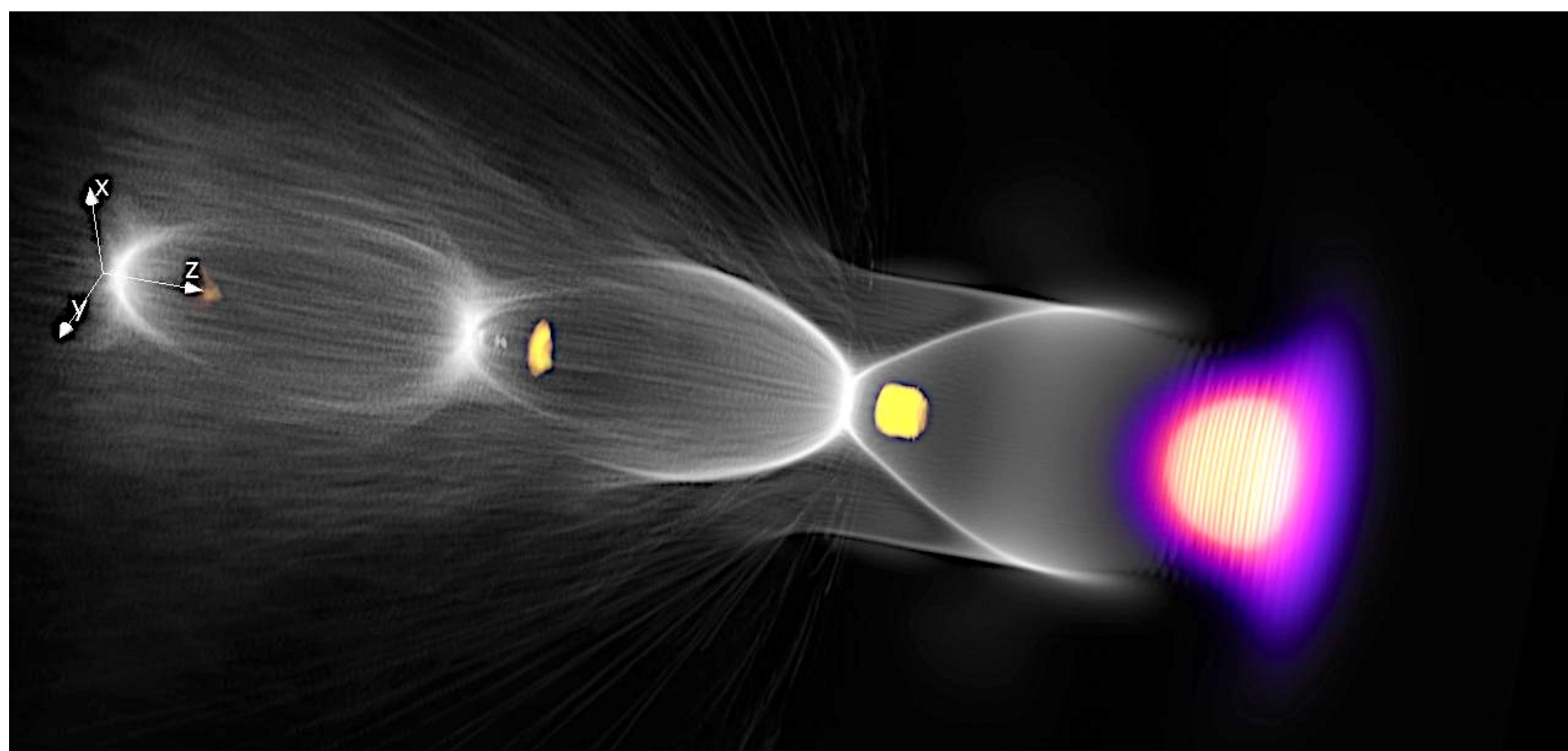
WP14 - Hybrid Laser-Beam-driven plasma acceleration Summary of activities

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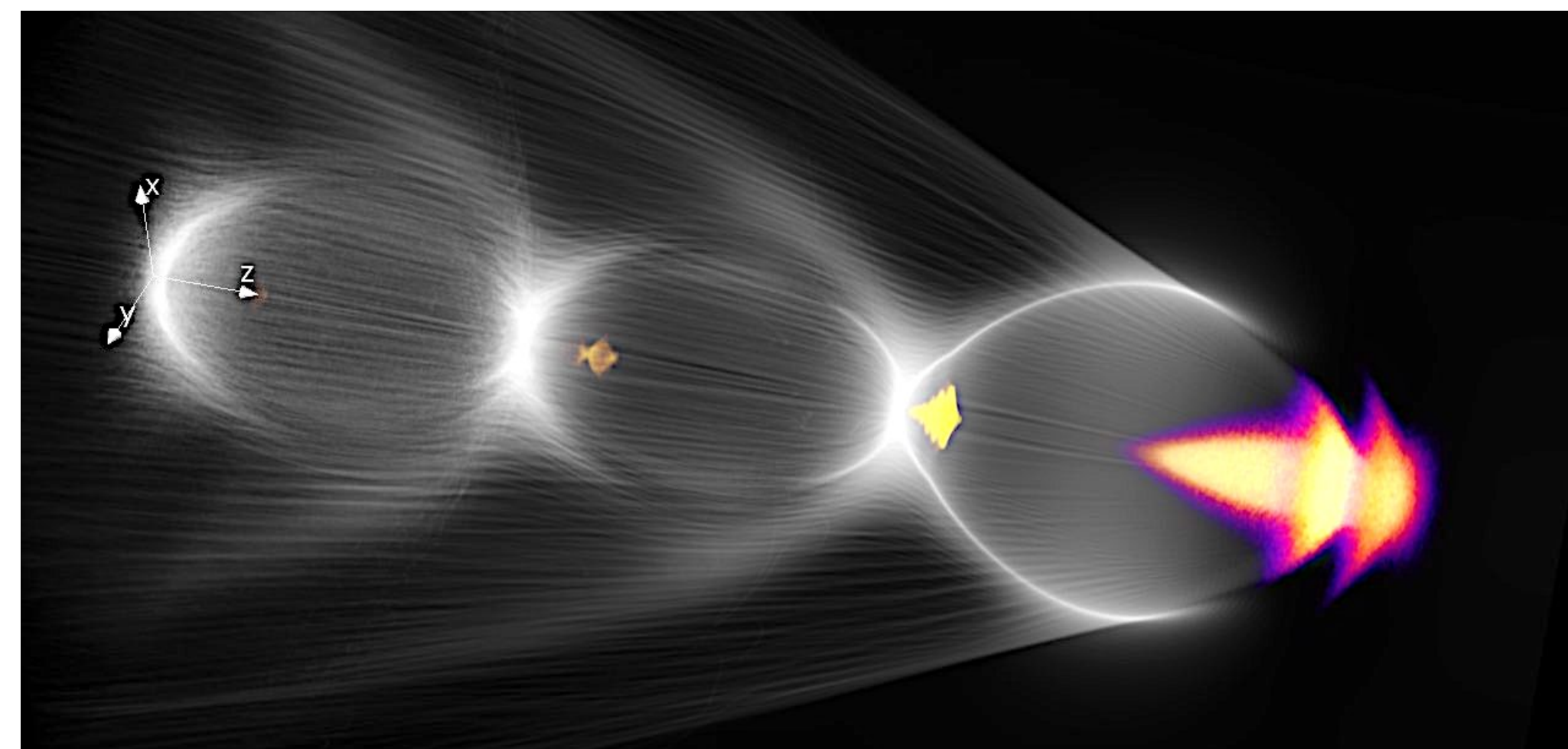


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Laser-driven plasma wakefield accelerator (LWFA)

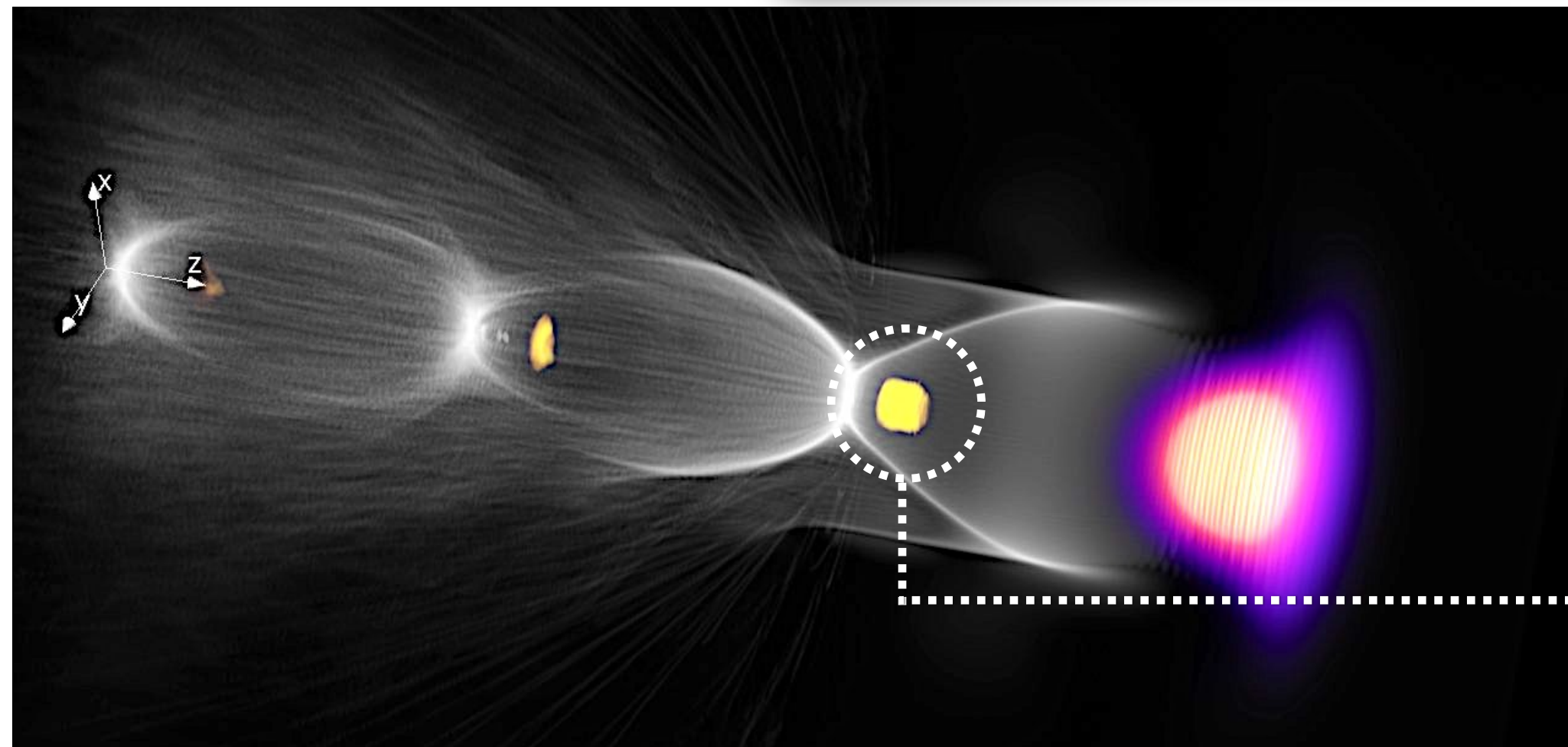
- Driven by high peak-power lasers.
- Greatly improved in control and stability.
- Provides high peak-current beams:
GeV-class energy, >100 pC charge, ~10 fs duration,
>10 kA peak current, μ -emittance, % energy spread.
- Widely accessible at high-power laser facilities



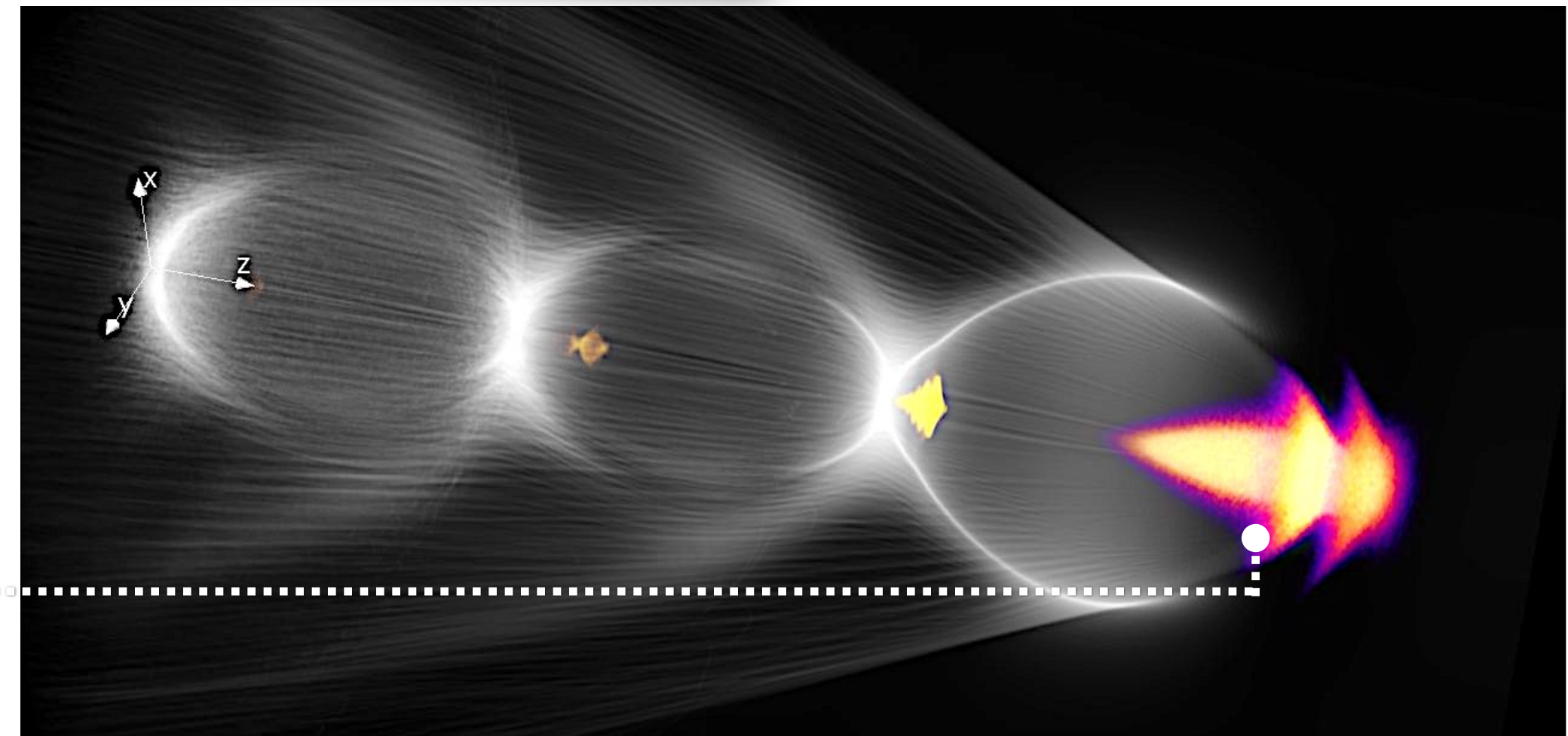
Beam-driven plasma wakefield accelerator (PWFA)

- Driven by high peak-current beams
- Stable witness/wakefield conditions:
 - Immune to dephasing and diffraction.
 - Witness chirp control and emittance preserv.
- Unique injection techniques for **superior 6D brightness** witness beam production.
- So far constrained to large linac facilities.

Combine both in a **LWFA-driven PWFA**

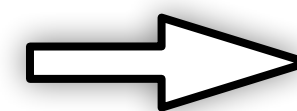


Laser-driven plasma wakefield accelerator (LWFA)



Beam-driven plasma wakefield accelerator (PWFA)

LWFA for the generation of
GeV-class, high-current beams



PWFA for the production of
superior brightness beams

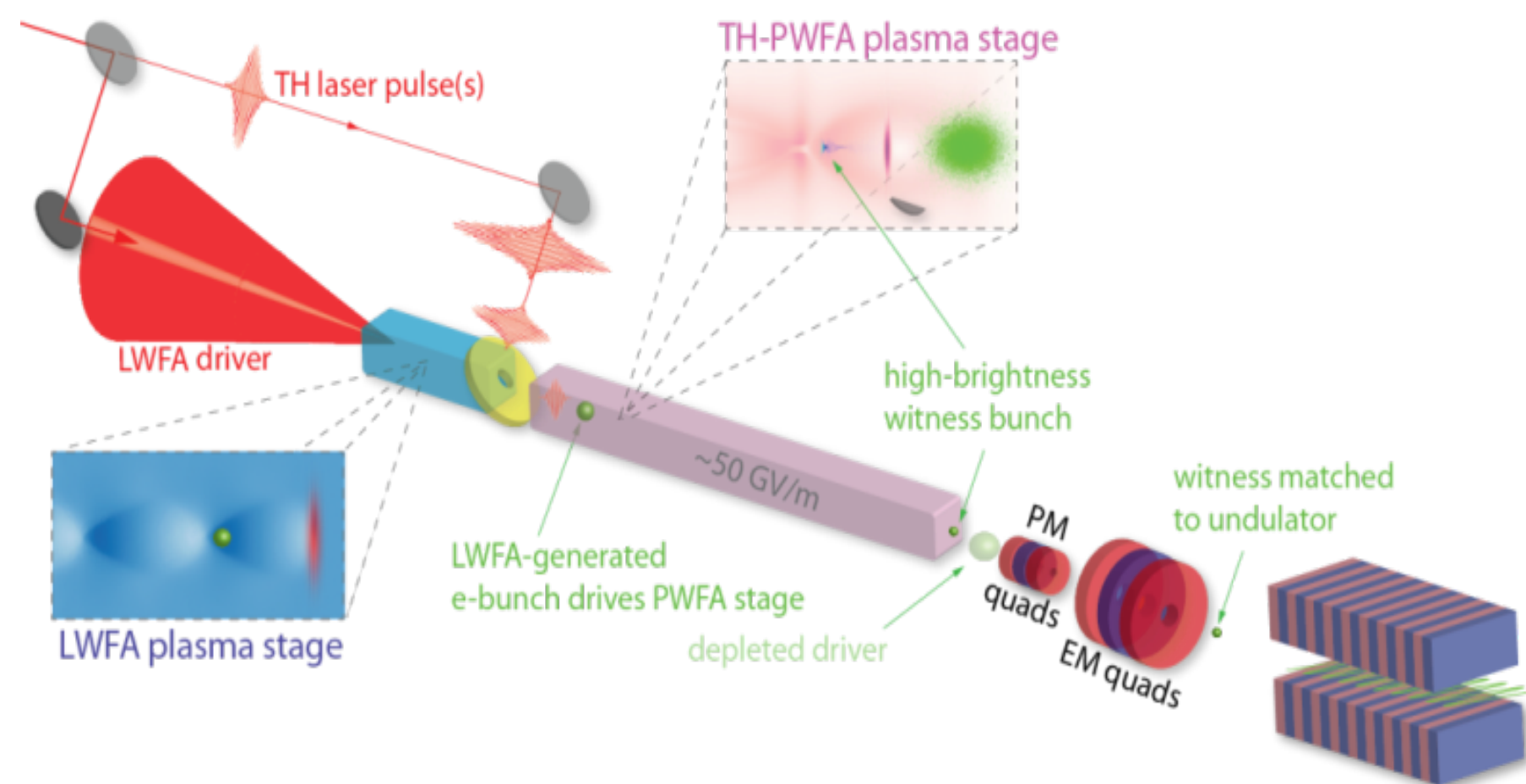
*Exploit individual benefits of both schemes in **a truly compact setup** to generate **high-brightness beams** on a university laboratory-scale*

WP14: Hybrid LWFA → PWFA

Energy and brightness transformer
for the **production of multi-GeV FEL-capable beams**

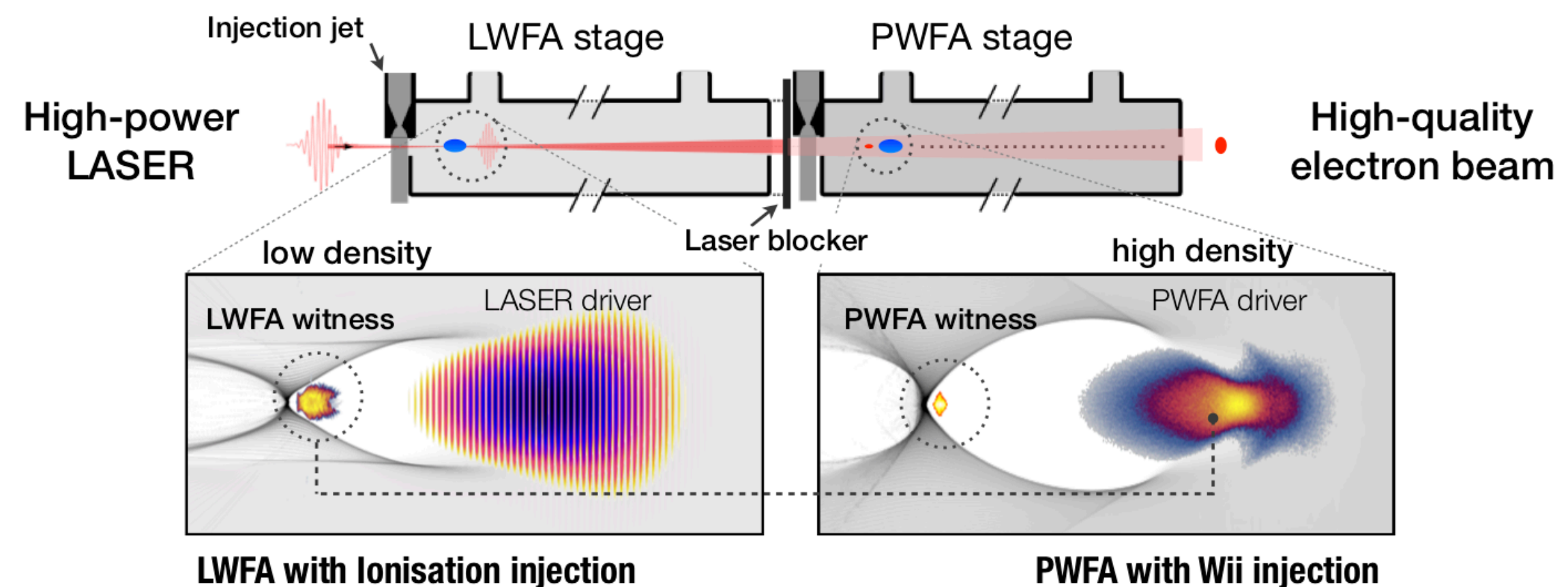
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Conceptual designs



with Plasma Photocathode

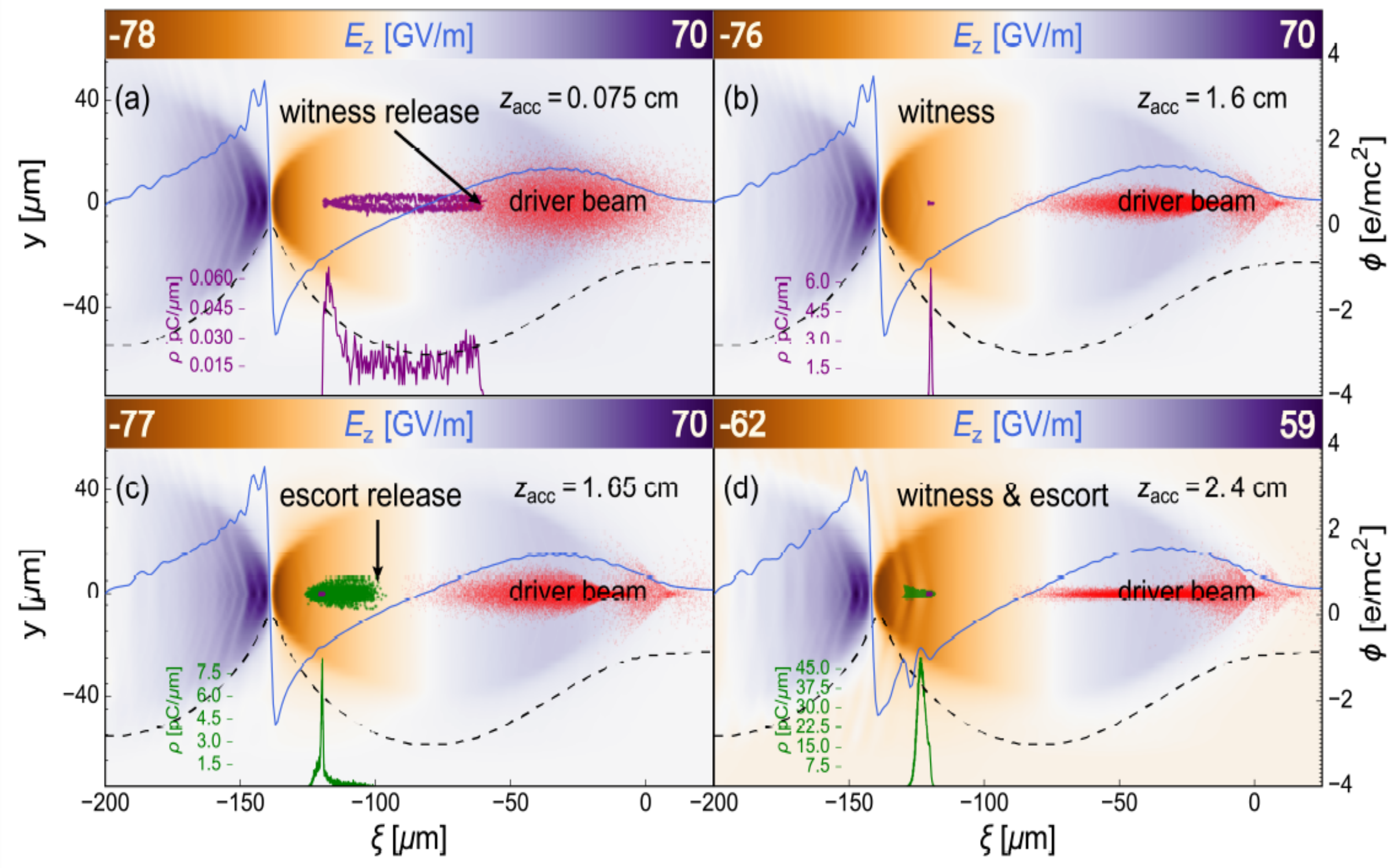
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with Wakefield-induced ionization injection

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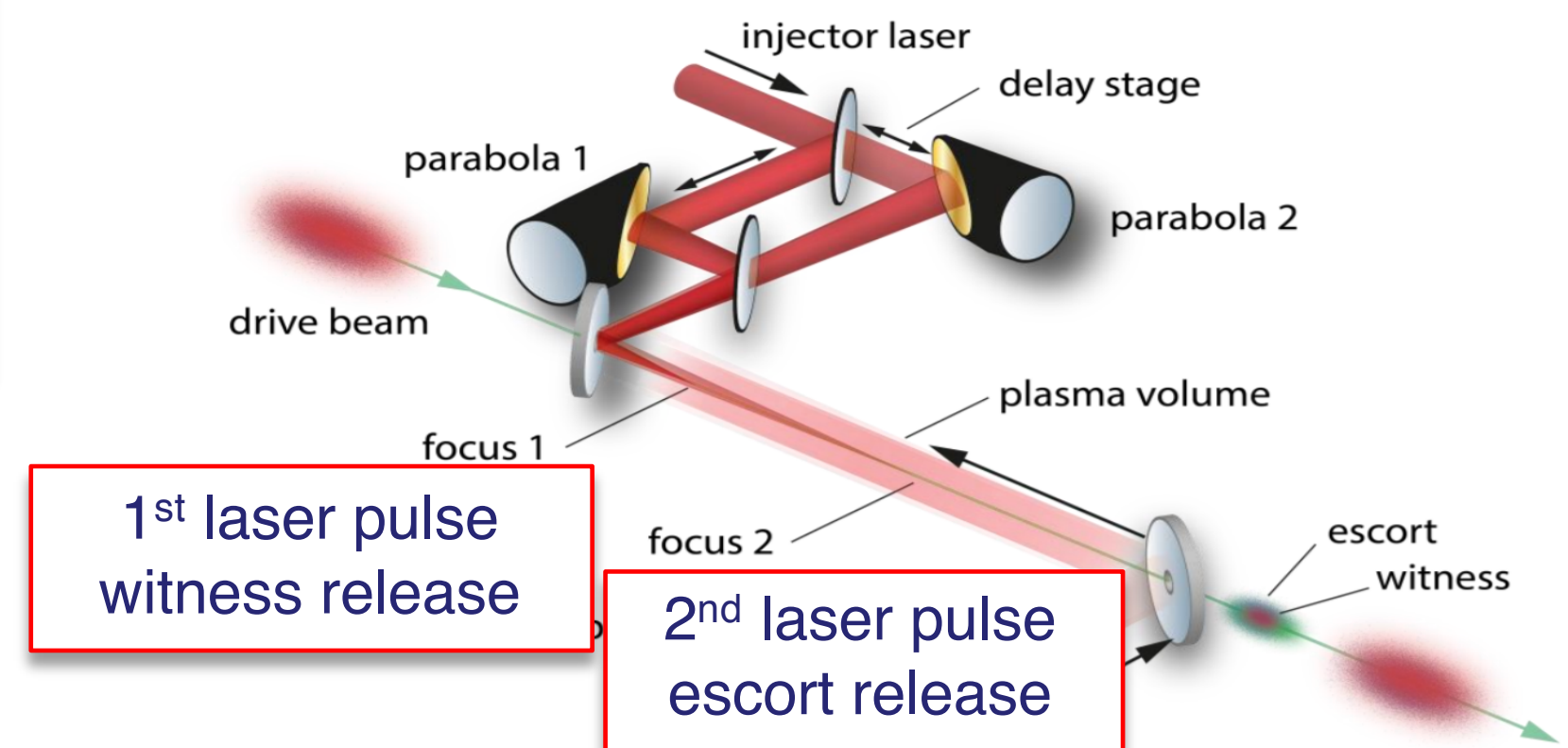
Proof-of-concept 3D Particle-In-Cell simulation



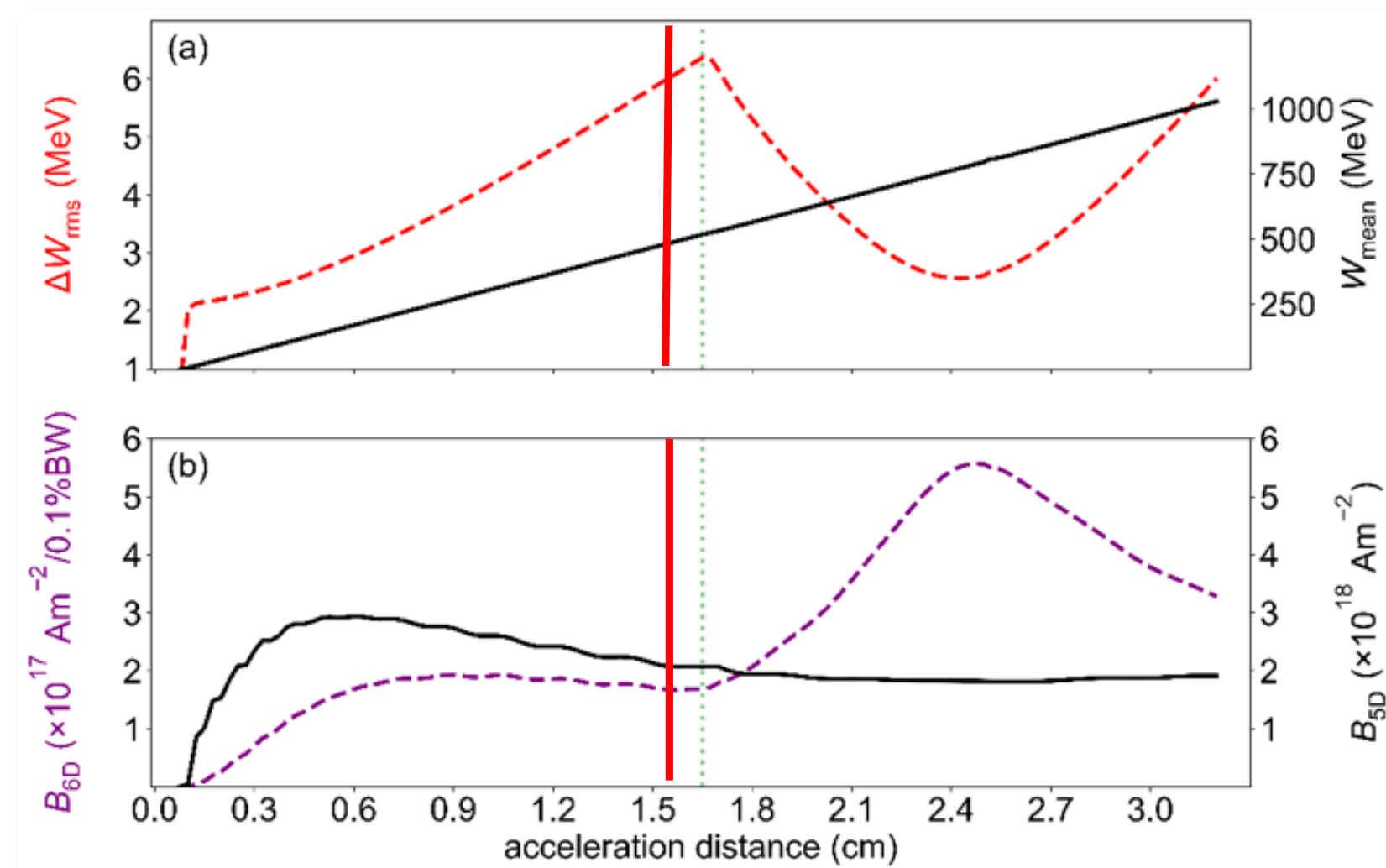
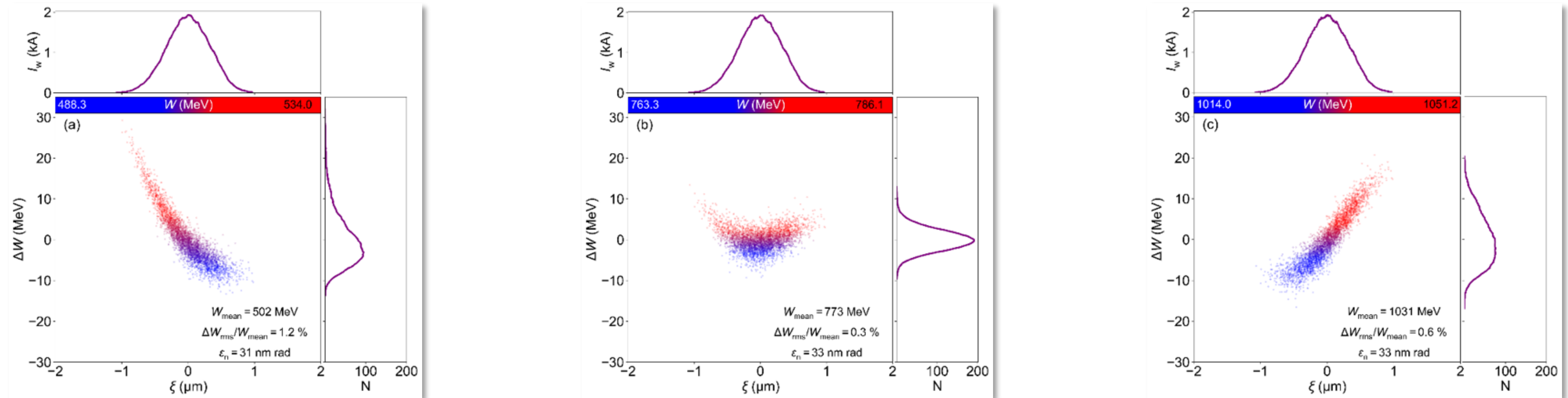
1. Ultrahigh 5D brightness witness beam release
2. Witness beam is accelerated to high energy
3. Second high charge escort beam release using plasma photocathode laser
4. **Escort beam** is trapped and the wakefield is reversed locally

Experimental setup compatible with Trojan Horse injection

VSim



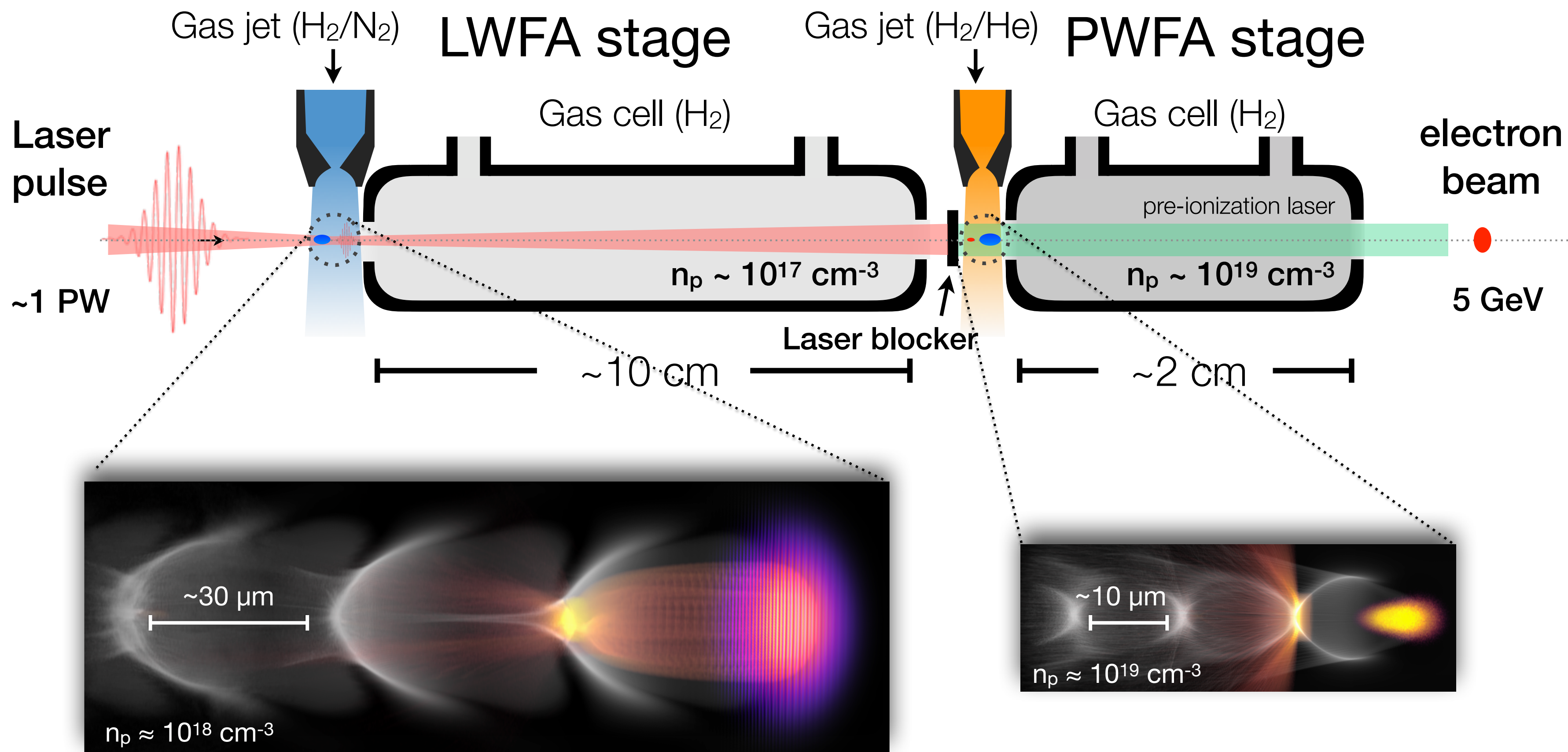
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- Normalized emittance still at nm rad level
- Residual energy spread $\Delta W = 2.56$ MeV
- Relative energy spread of $\Delta W/W = 0.3\%$

Unprecedented ultrahigh 6D Brightness
 $B_{6D} \approx 5.5 \times 10^{17} \text{ A/m}^2 \text{ rad}^2/0.1\% \text{BW}$

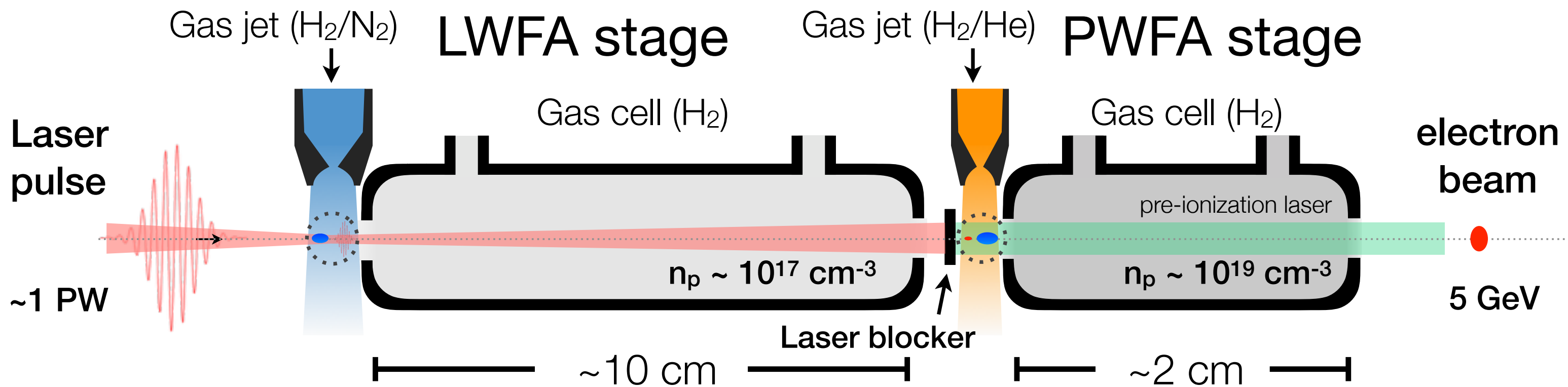
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LWFA produces high-current e-beam

PWFA produces high-brightness e-beam

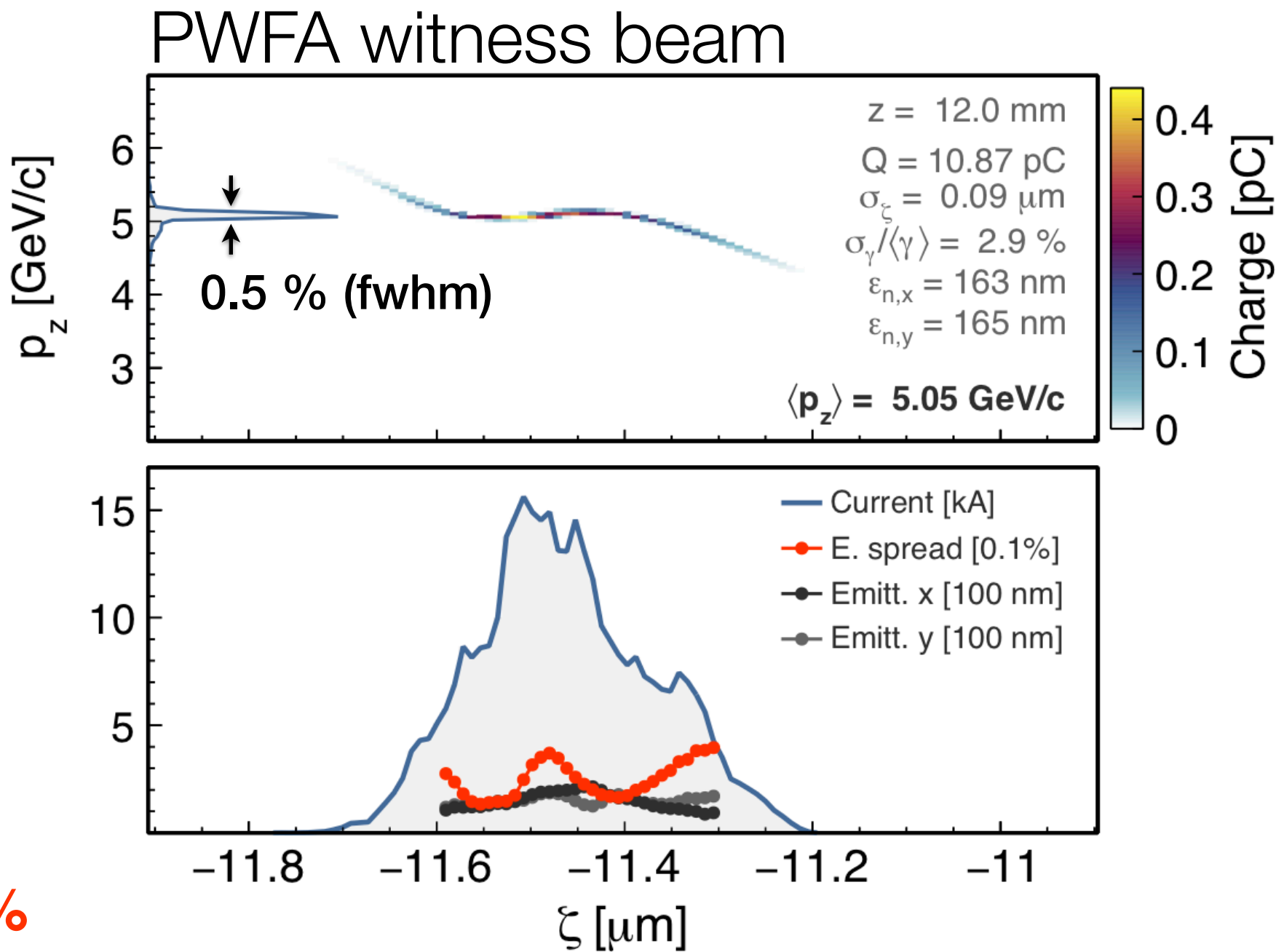
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	Driver	Witness
Charge	190 pC	11 pC
Average energy	3 GeV	6 GeV
Energy spread	10%	3%
Average sliced energy spread	10%	0.2%
Normalized emittance	15 μm	0.16 μm
Duration (fwhm)	18 fs	0.8 fs
Current	10 kA	15 kA
Brightness	$8.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kA}/\mu\text{m}^2$	$1.2 \times 10^3 \text{ kA}/\mu\text{m}^2$


Energy doubling
Improved chirp control

Brightness x 10⁵
B_{6D} ≈ 3 × 10¹⁷ A / m²/ rad²/ 0.1%

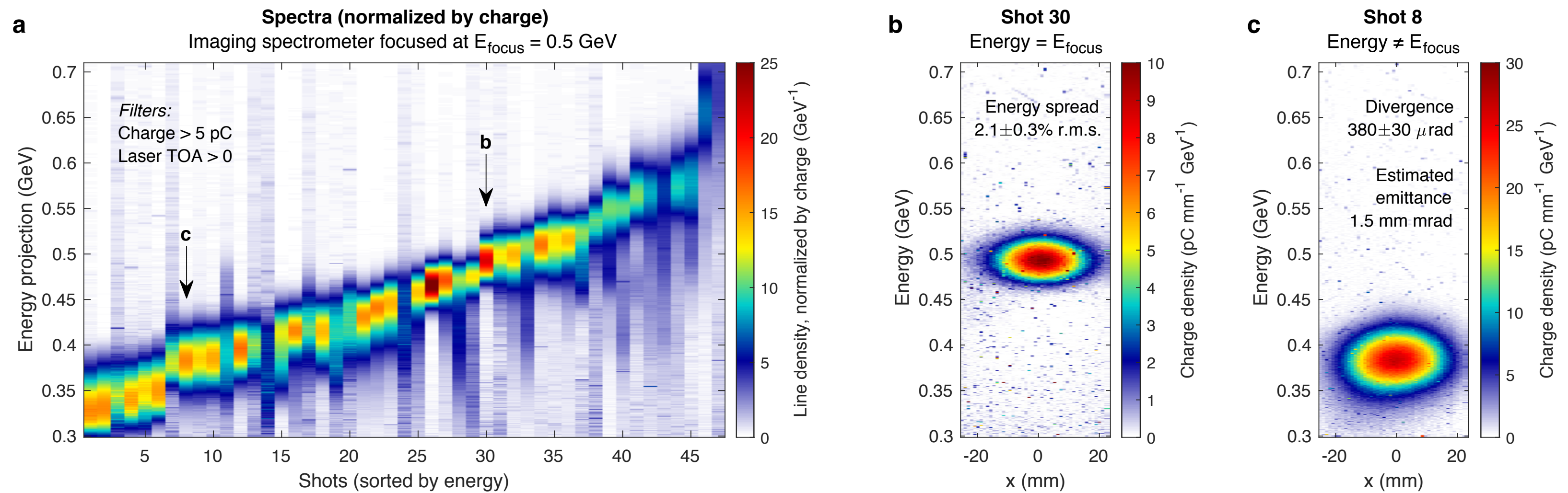
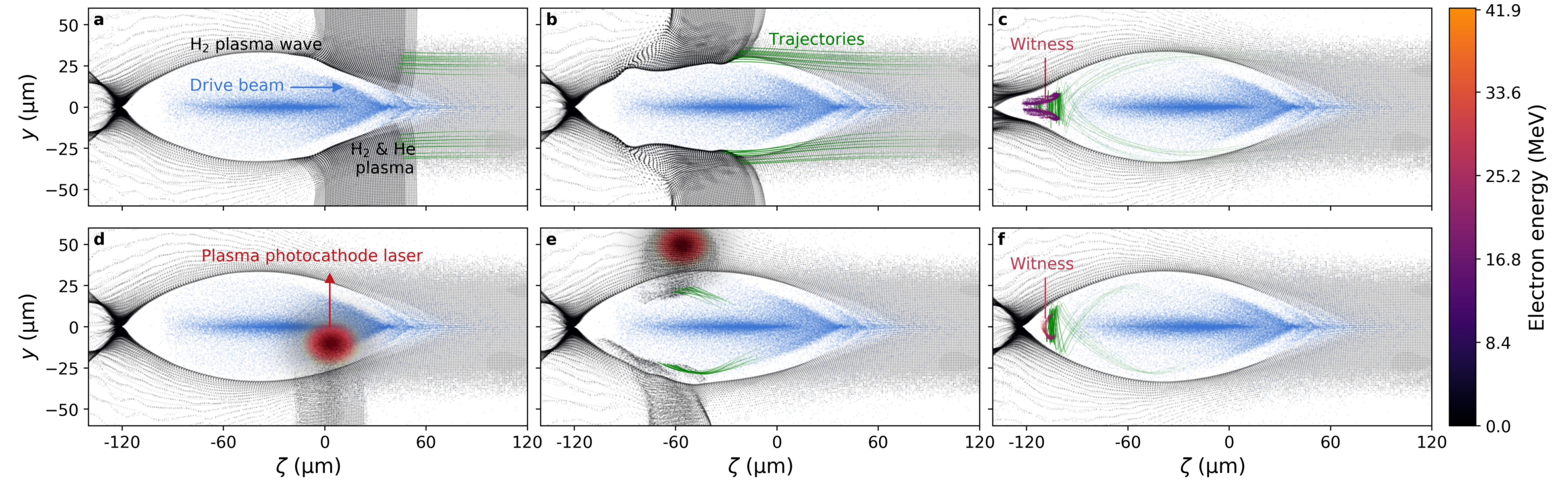
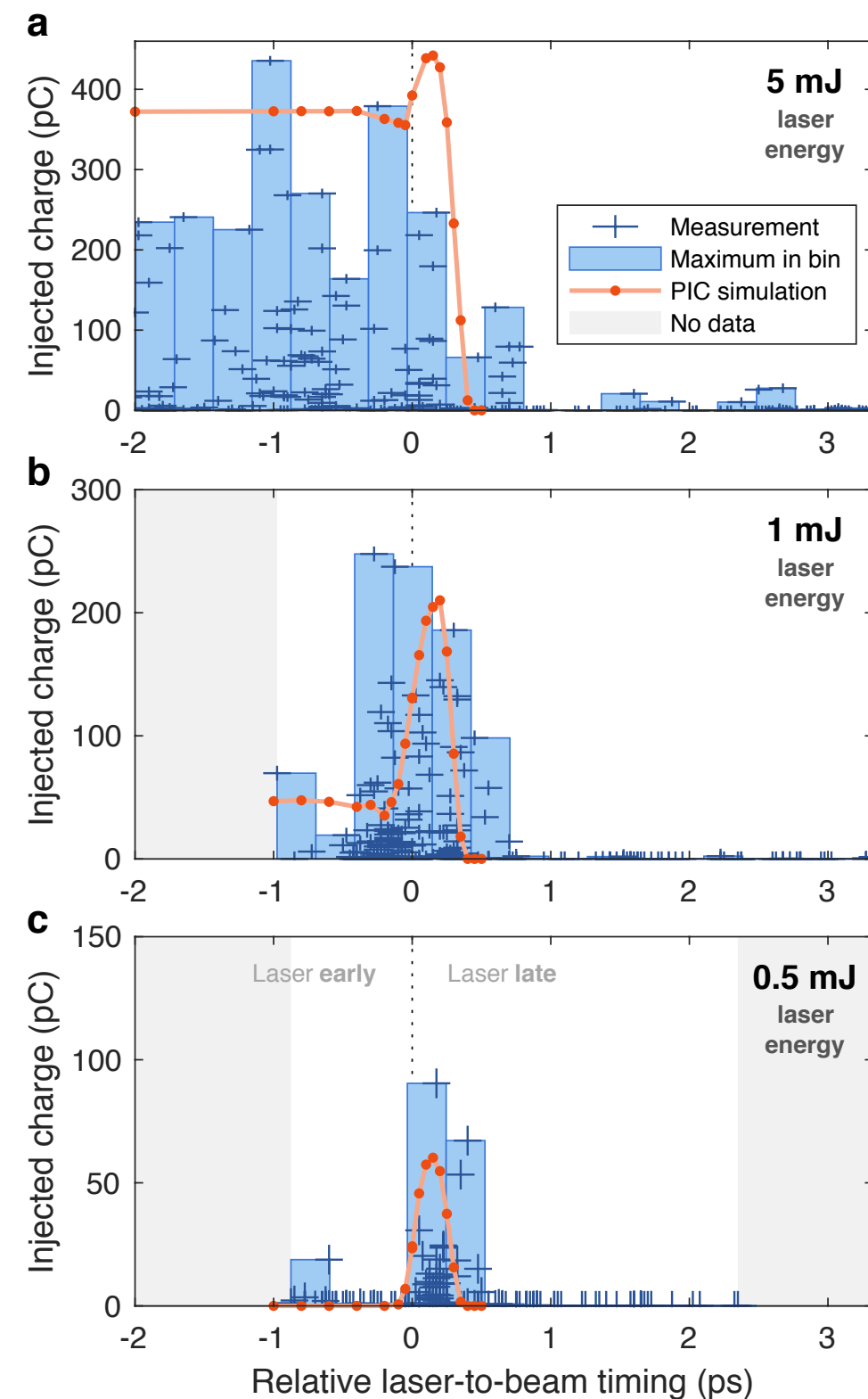


Torch injection: 

downramp/shockfront

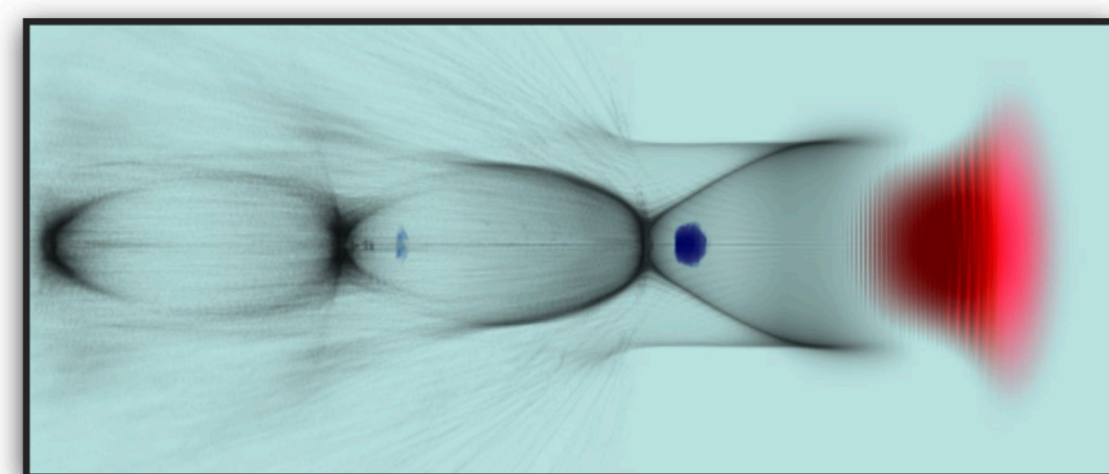
Trojan Horse: 

ionization in cavity



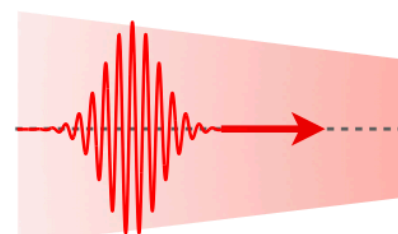
A. Deng, O. S. karger, T. Heinemann, [...] B. Hidding, [Nature Physics 2019](#)

LWFA:
High-current beam
for PWFA



LWFA stage

drive laser



Laser
blocker



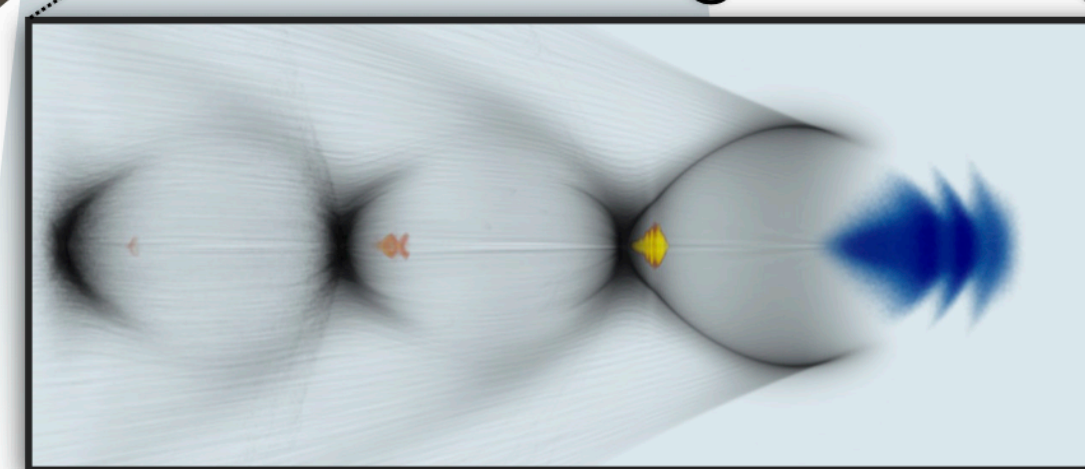
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pre-ion laser



PWFA stage



PWFA:
High-brightness beam
for applications

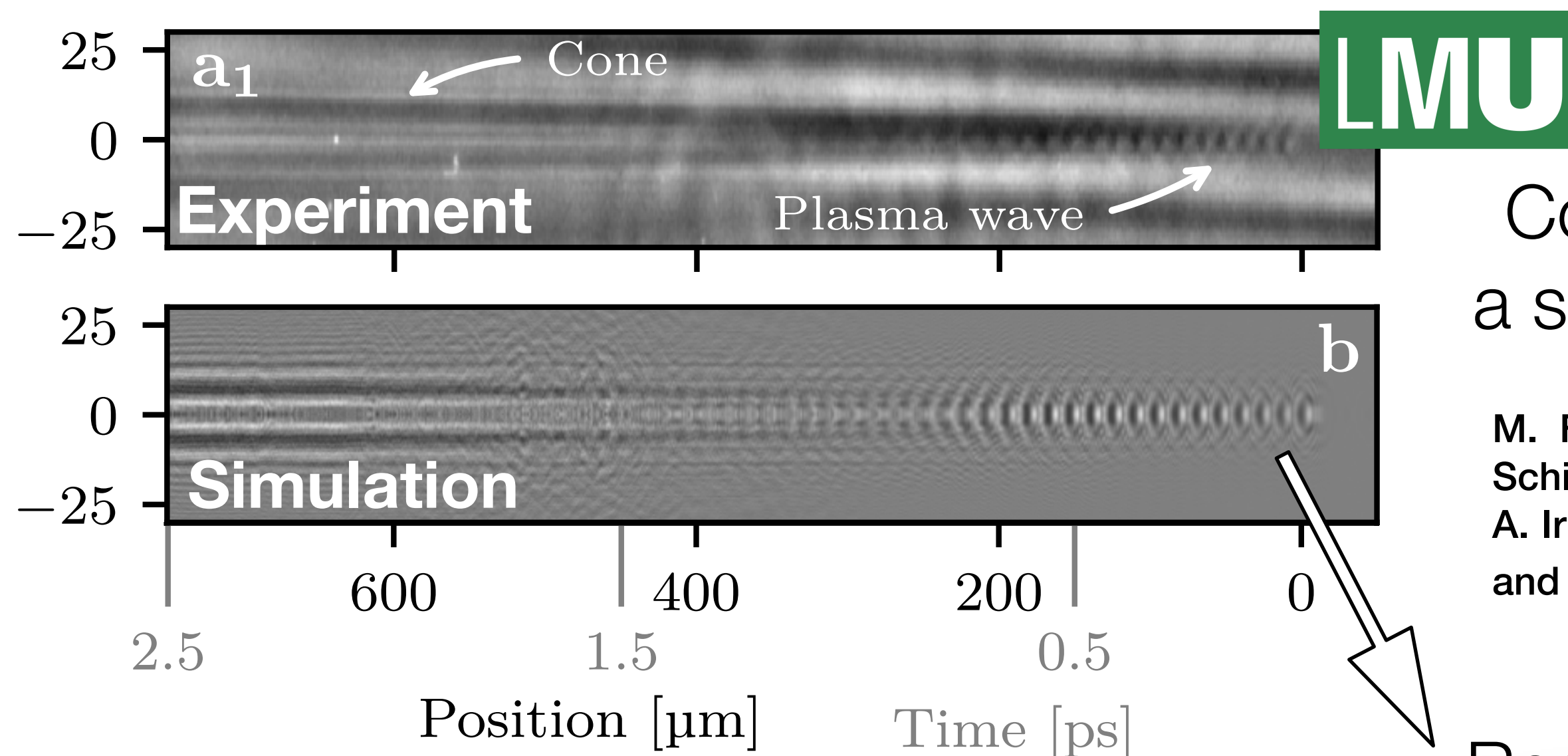


Proof of concept experiment at HZDR

- Demonstration of injection and acceleration in a PWFA stage driven by a LWFA beam.
- Demonstration of energy and quality transformer.



Results from “double-jet” experiment in LMU (Munich)



Conic shapes in the shadowgraphs are a signature for PWFA-induced ion motion

M. F. Gilljohann, H. Ding, A. Döpp, J. Götzfried, S. Schindler, G. Schilling, S. Corde, A. Debus, T. Heinemann, B. Hidding, S. M. Hooker, A. Irman, O. Kononenko, T. Kurz, A. Martinez de la Ossa, U. Schramm, and S. Karsch, [Phys. Rev. X 9, 011046 \(2019\)](#)

Results from LPWFA experiment in HZDR

self-ionized case

Experimental demonstration:
LWFA-beams can drive

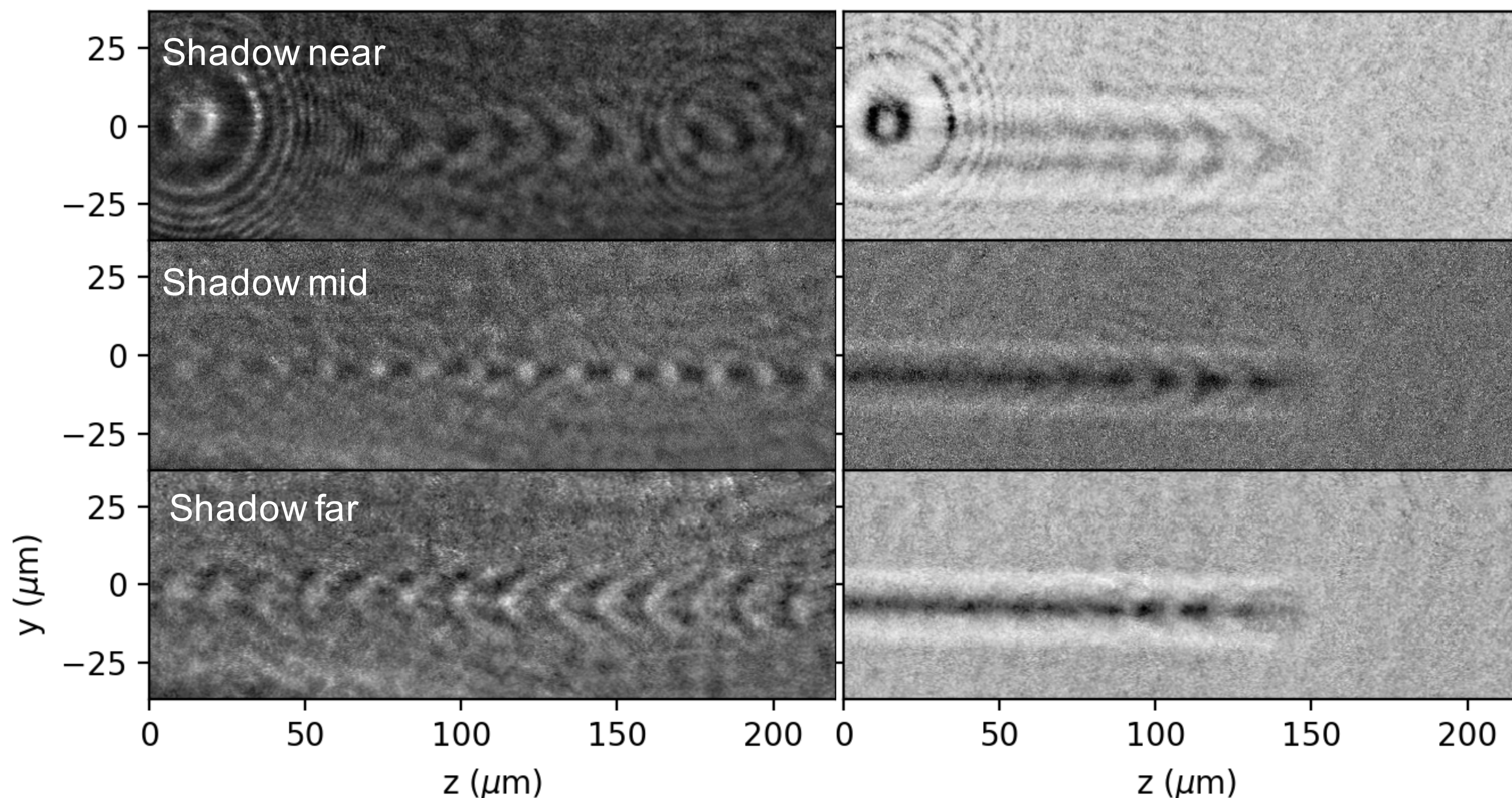


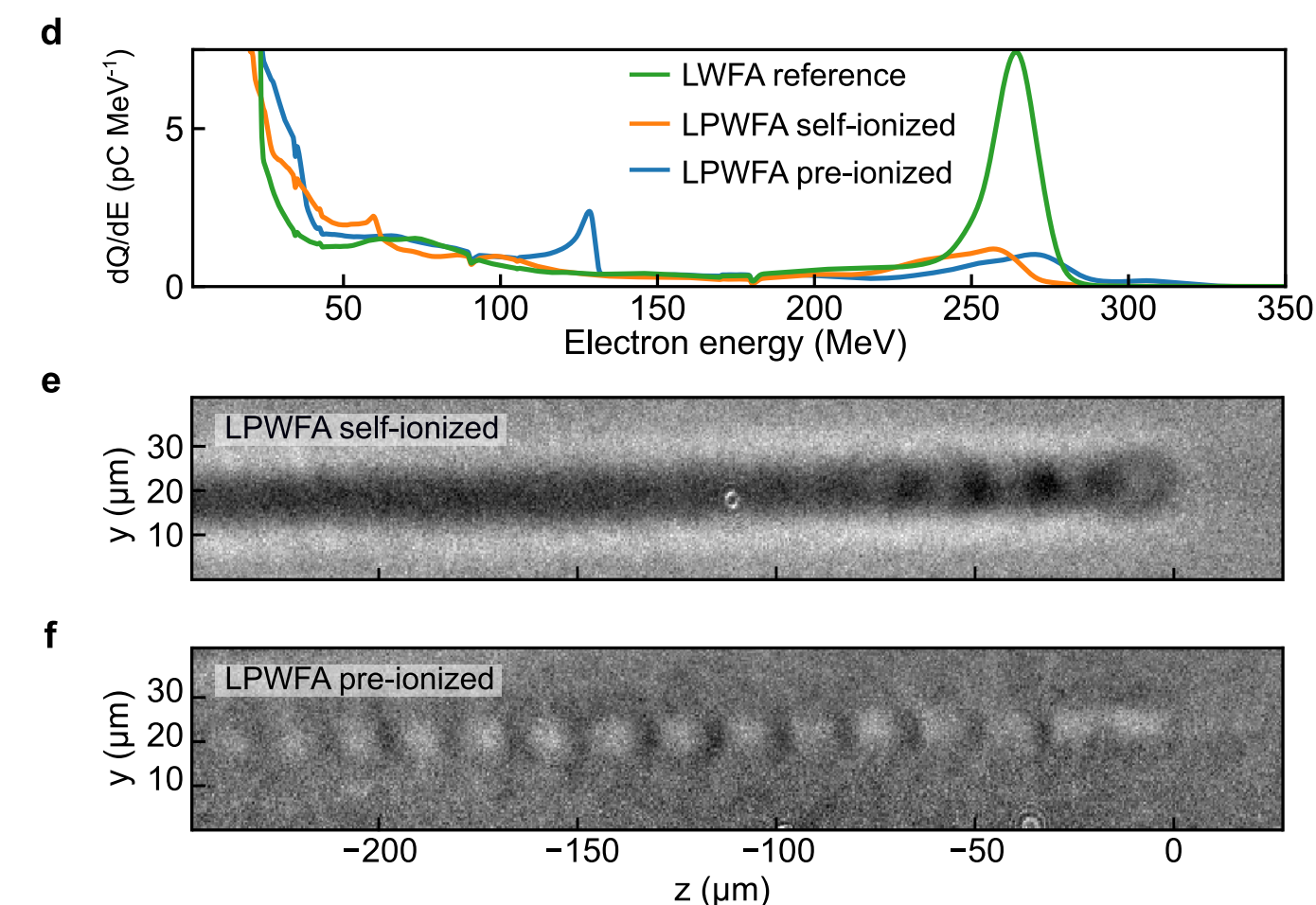
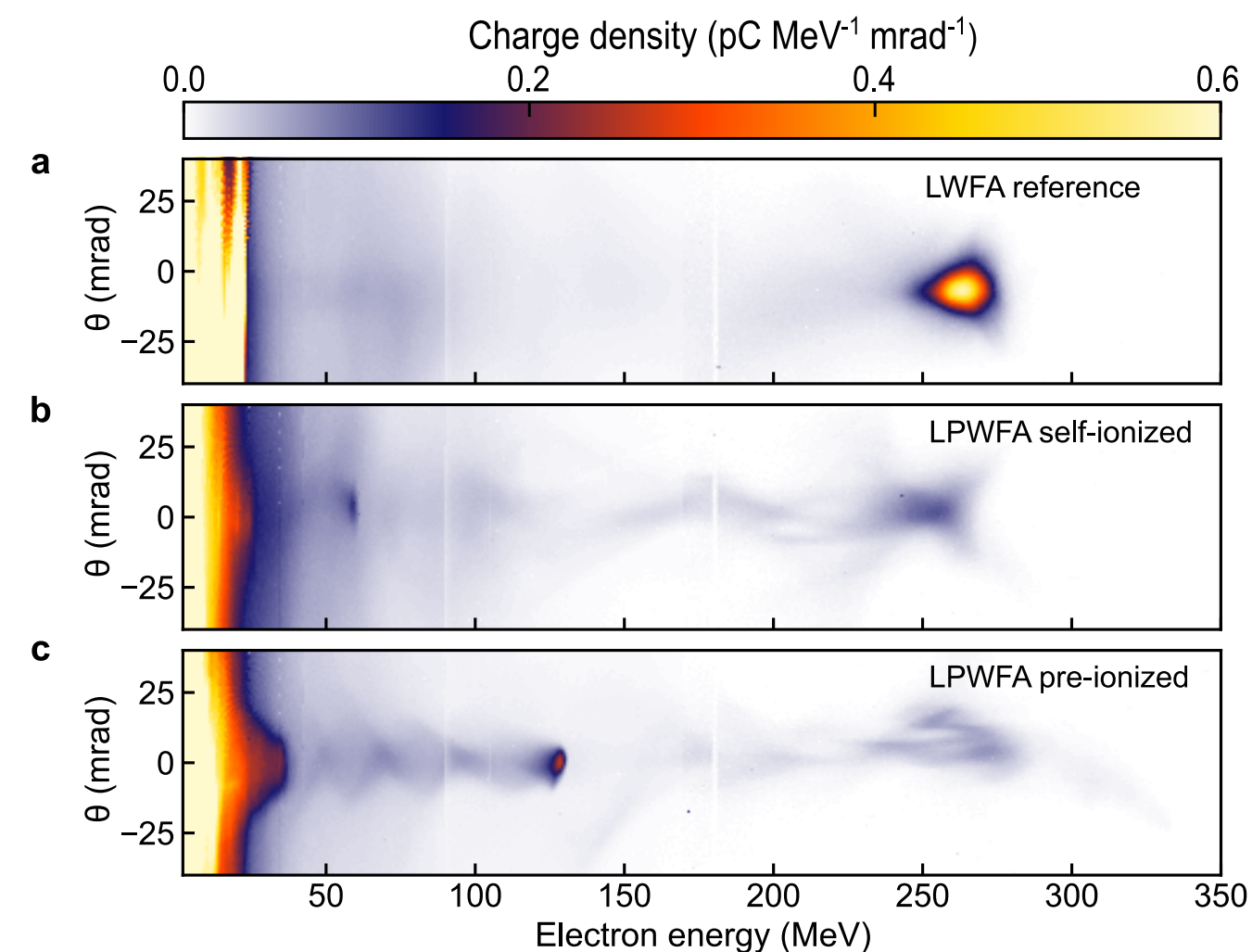
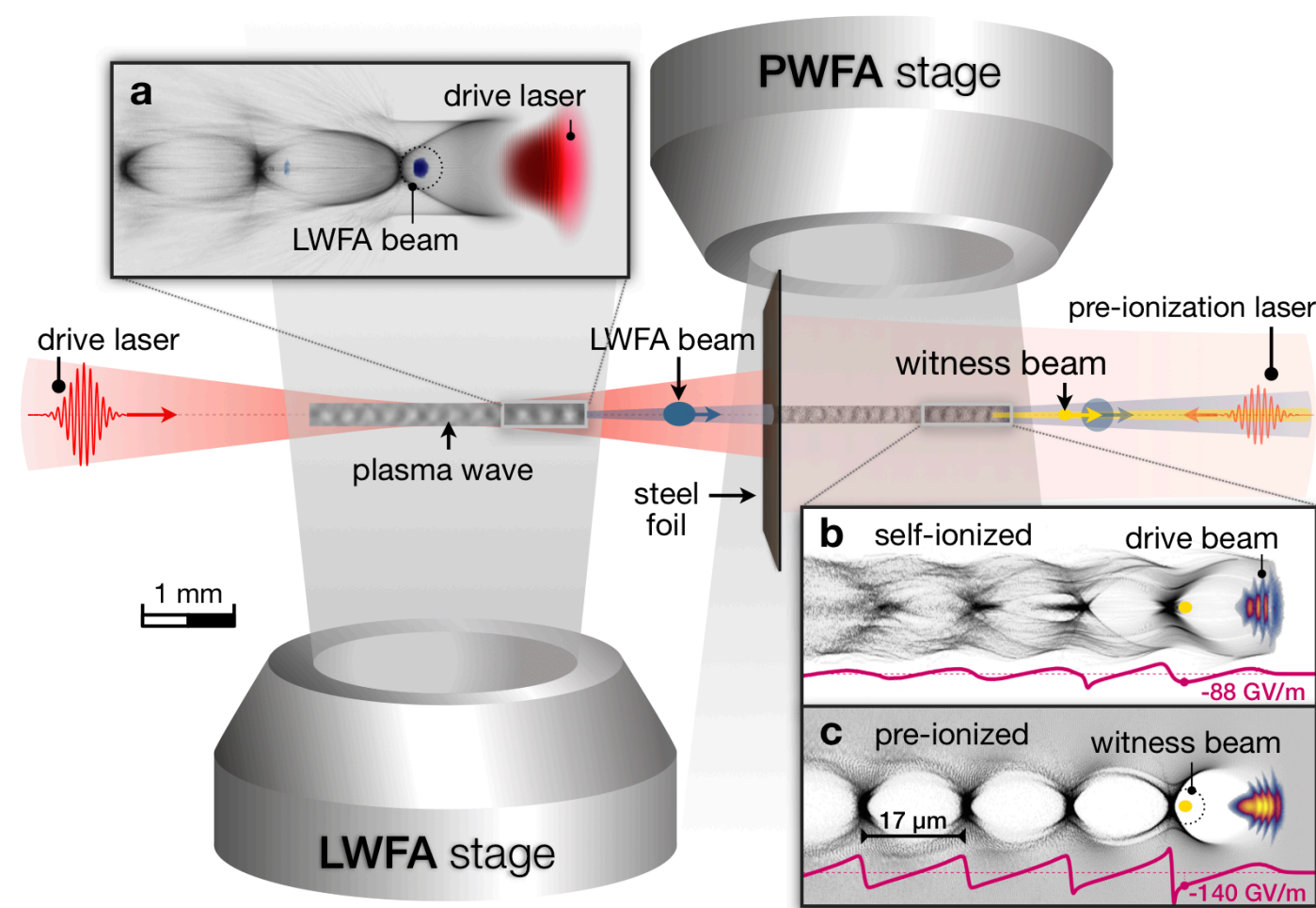
LPWFA proof-of-concept experiment

New results with few cycle laser probe and pre-ionization

With pre-ionizer

Without pre-ionizer



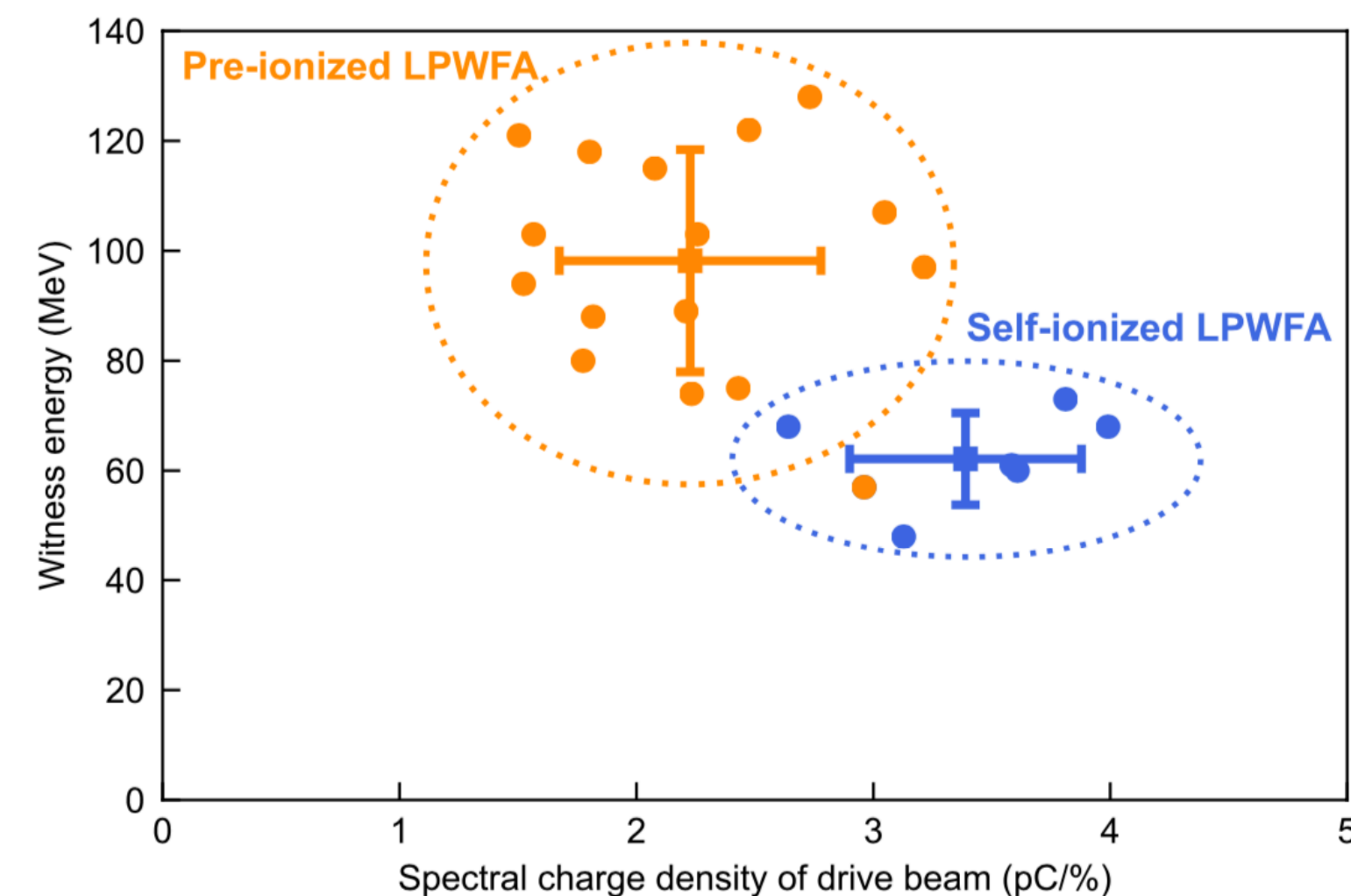


Signatures of witness beams in PWFA stage:

- **Self-ionized case:** weaker driver's deceleration, lower witness energy gain, dumped plasma waves
- **Pre-ionized case:** stronger driver's deceleration, higher witness energy gain, sustained plasma waves.

Demonstration of a compact plasma accelerator powered by laser-accelerated electron beams

T. Kurz, T. Heinemann et al., Nature Physics (on review) 2019. [arXiv](#).



Conceptual designs for hybrid LWFA → PWFA for superior quality beams.

- Hybrid staging with WII injection.
- Energy chirp compensation in a single TH-PWFA stage.

Experimental realization of Plasma Photocathodes at FACET:

- Torch and Trojan injection demonstrated experimentally.

Proof-of-concept hybrid LWFA → PWFA experiment at HZDR:

- Observation of beam-driven plasma waves in pre/self-ionized regimes.
- Experimental demonstration of a PWFA driven by LWFA beams

Steep R&D trajectory (including experiments)

International partners: The Hybrid Collaboration

"Additional Innovation Pathways" talk by Bernhard Hidding on Thursday.



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