

A brief history of plasma accelerators

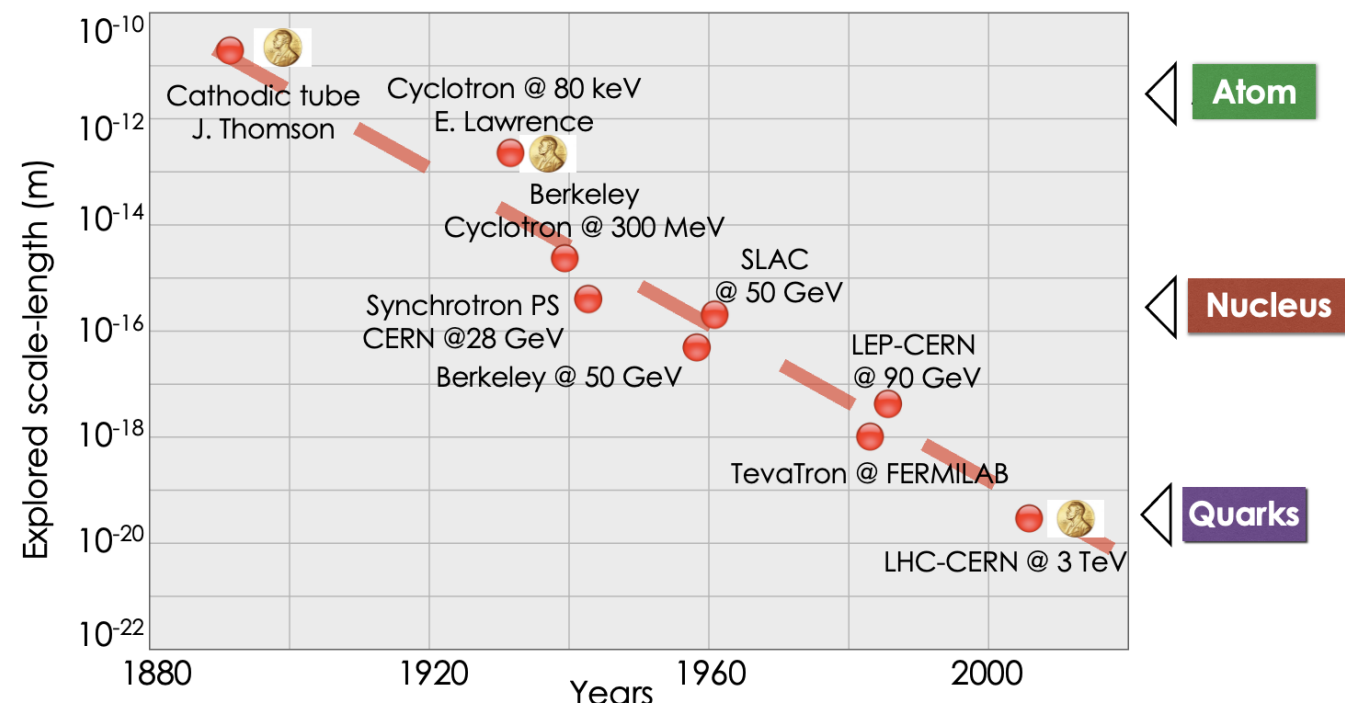
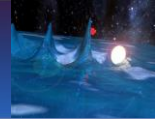
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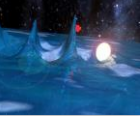
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Accelerators: One century of exploration of the infinitively small



Industrial Market for Accelerators



The development of state of the art accelerators for HEP has lead to :
research in other field of science (light source, spallation neutron sources...)
industrial accelerators (cancer therapy, ion implant., electron cutting & welding...)

Application	Total syst. (2007) approx.	System sold/yr	Sales/yr (M\$)	System price (M\$)
Cancer Therapy	9100	500	1800	2.0 - 5.0
Ion Implantation	9500	500	1400	1.5 - 2.5
Electron cutting and welding	4500	100	150	0.5 - 2.5
Electron beam and X rays irradiators	2000	75	130	0.2 - 8.0
Radio-isotope production (incl. PET)	550	50	70	1.0 - 30
Non destructive testing (incl. Security)	650	100	70	0.3 - 2.0
Ion beam analysis (incl. AMS)	200	25	30	0.4 - 1.5
Neutron generators (incl. sealed tubes)	1000	50	30	0.1 - 3.0
Total	27500	1400	3680	

Plasma Accelerators : motivations

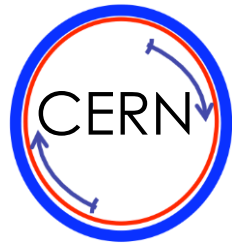


$E\text{-field}_{\max} \approx \text{few } 10 \text{ MeV /meter (Breakdown)}$

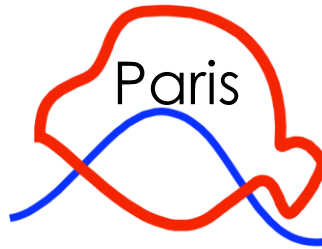
$R > R_{\min}$ Synchrotron radiation

→ Energy ↗ → Length ↗ → Cost ↗

LHC
27 km



≈



Circle road
31 km



New medium : the plasma

Laser Electron Accelerator

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(Received 9 March 1979)

An intense electromagnetic pulse can create a weak of plasma oscillations through the action of the nonlinear ponderomotive force. Electrons trapped in the wake can be accelerated to high energy. Existing glass lasers of power density $10^{18}\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ shone on plasmas of densities 10^{18}cm^{-3} can yield gigaelectronvolts of electron energy per centimeter of acceleration distance. This acceleration mechanism is demonstrated through computer simulation. Applications to accelerators and pulsers are examined.

Such a wake is most effectively generated if the length of the electromagnetic wave packet is half the wavelength of the plasma waves in the wake:

$$L_t = \lambda_w / 2 = \pi c / \omega_p. \quad (2)$$

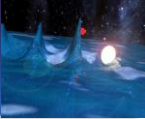
An alternative way of exciting the plasmon is to inject two laser beams with slightly different frequencies (with frequency difference $\Delta\omega \sim \omega_p$) so that the beat distance of the packet becomes $2\pi c / \omega_p$. The mechanism for generating the wakes

=> Laser wakefield

=> Laser beatwave



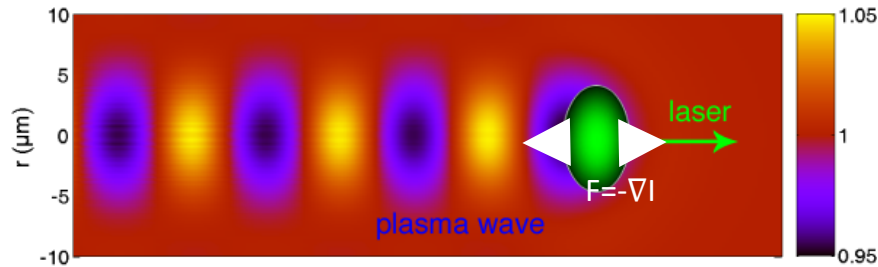
The linear wakefield regime: GV/m electric field



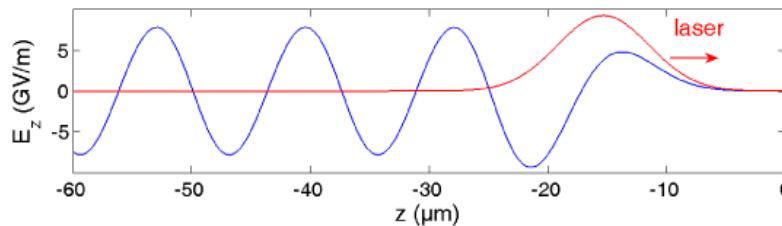
The laser wake field : broad resonance condition

$$T_{\text{laser}} \sim \pi / \omega_p \text{ with } \omega_p \sim n_e^{1/2} \text{ i.e. } \lambda_p \sim 1 / n_e^{1/2}$$

electron density perturbation & longitudinal wakefield



wave in the wake of a boat



$$E_z \text{ (GV/m)} \approx \delta n / n \times \sqrt{n}$$

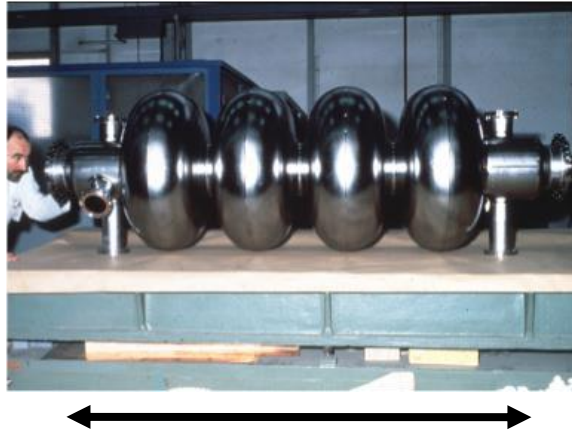
Linear wakefield: $E_z = 1 \text{ GV/m}$ for 1% density Perturbation at 10^{18} cc^{-1}

$$v_{\text{phase}}^{\text{epw}} = v_g^{\text{laser}} \sim c$$

T. Tajima and J. Dawson, PRL **43**, 267 (1979)

Compactness of Laser Plasma Accelerators

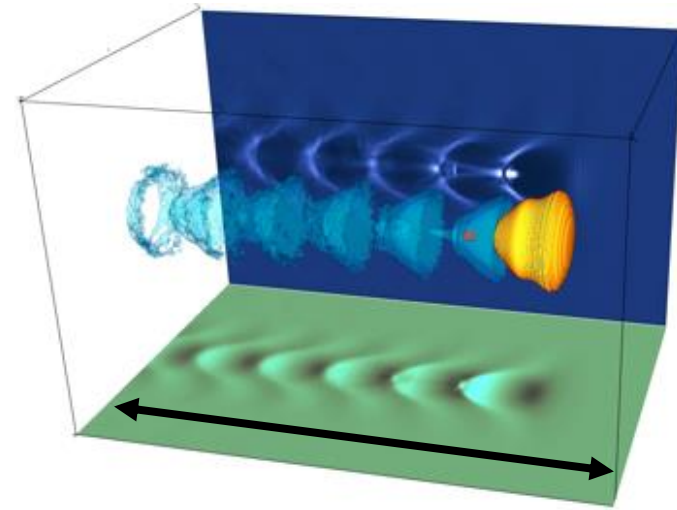
RF Cavity



1 m \Rightarrow 50 MeV Gain

Electric field $<$ 100 MV/m

Plasma Cavity



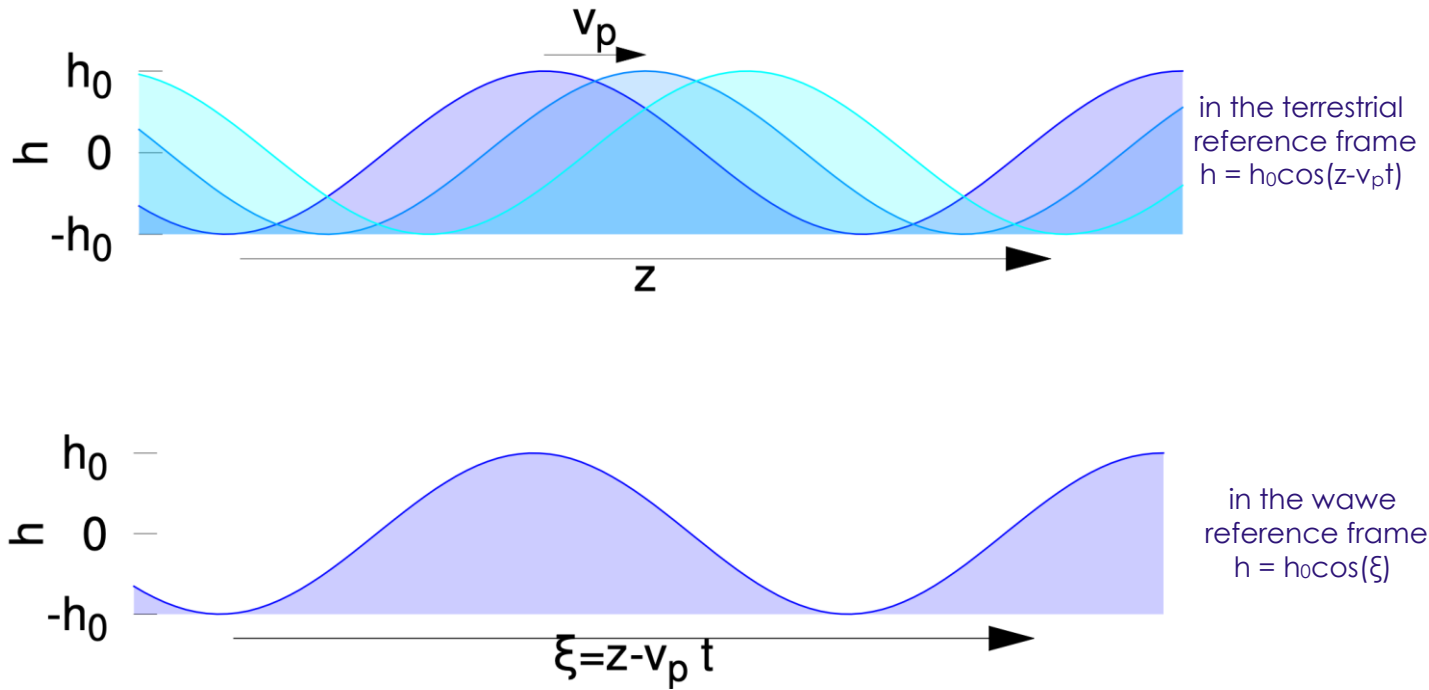
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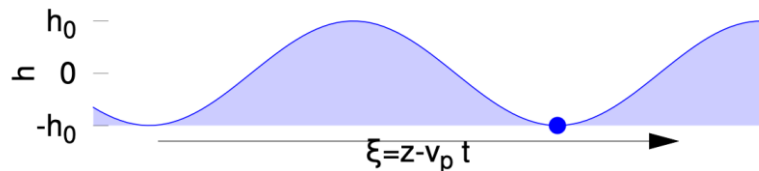
A. Pukhov & J. Meyer-ter-Vehn, *Appl. Phys. B* **74**, 355-361 (2002)

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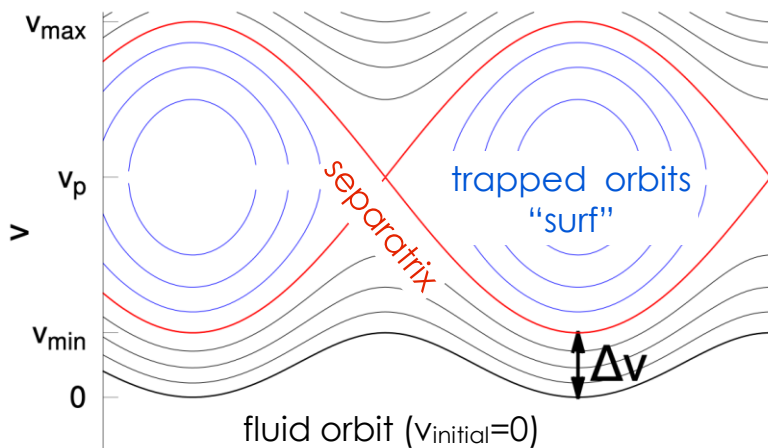
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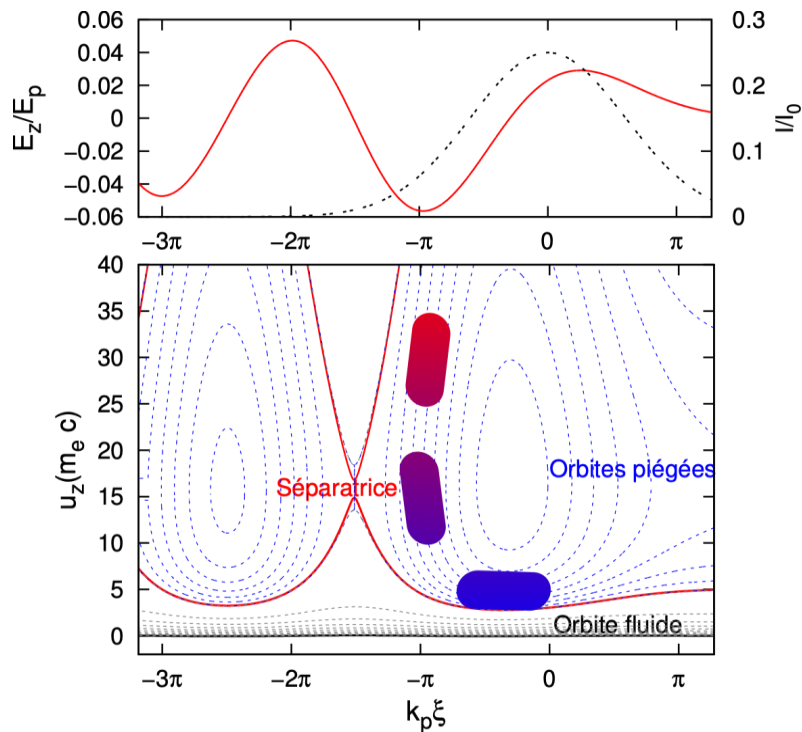
phases space (ξ , $v-v_p$)



conclusions :

- Trapped orbits allow higher energy gain
- One needs to transmit enough velocity Δv

Injection criteria : the surfer



In plasma wave :

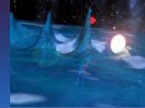
- E field is not homogenous
- Volume in phase space is conserved
- very small initial volume

external injection :

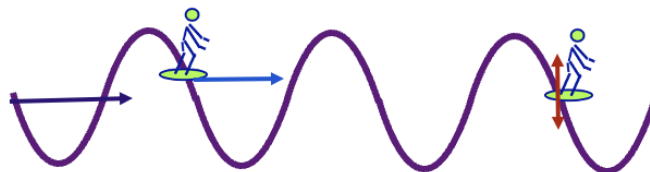
- Size $\approx \mu\text{m}$
- Length $\approx \mu\text{m}$ (fs)
- Synchronization \approx fs
- Contrôle ?

=> very challenging with conventional accelerator

Trapping energy : analogy electron/surfer

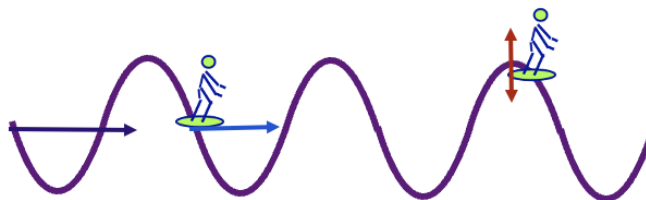


surfer with enough
initial velocity



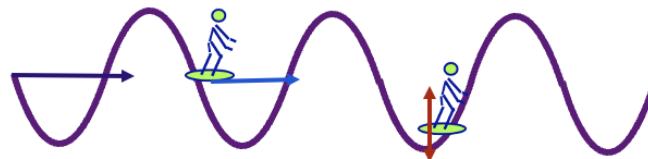
surfer initially at rest

surfer with enough
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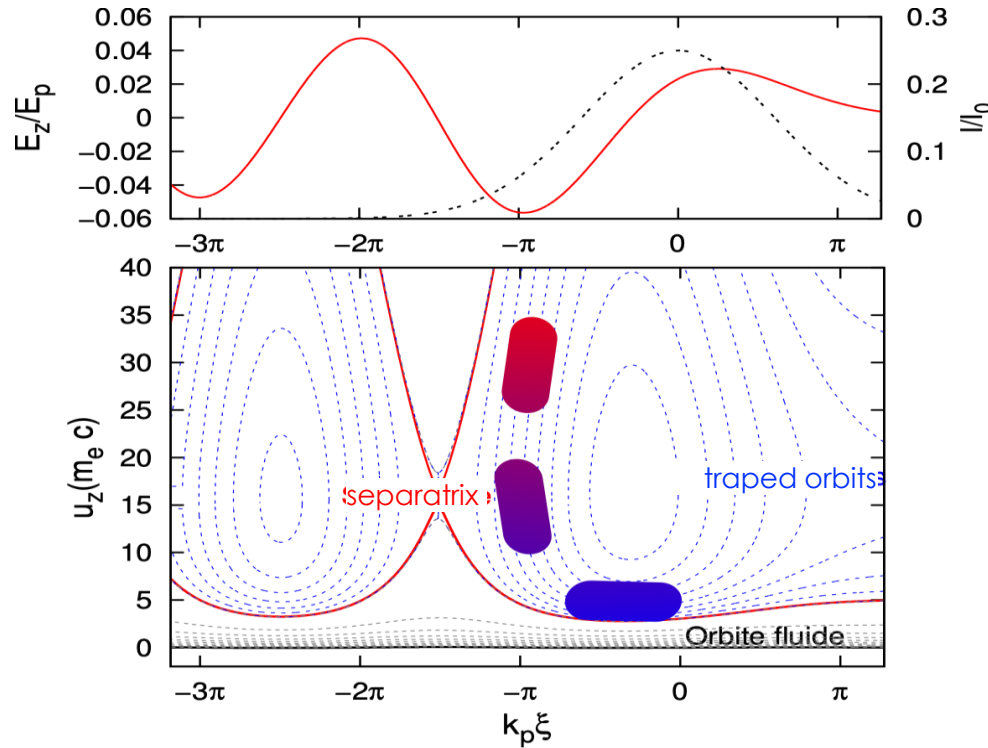


surfer initially at rest

Trapping energy : analogy electron/surfer



High beam quality: precise controlled on inject.



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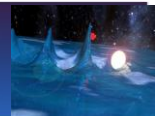
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External injection :

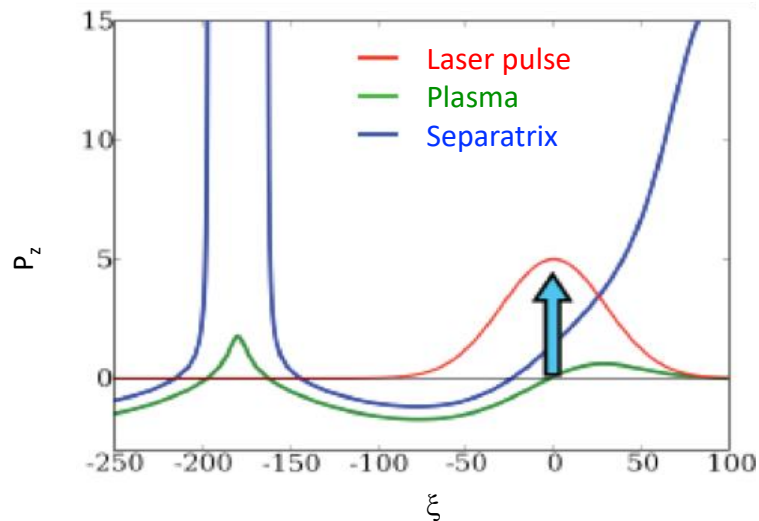
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- Synchronization \approx fs
- Control ?

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Injection schemes: how to cross the separatrix

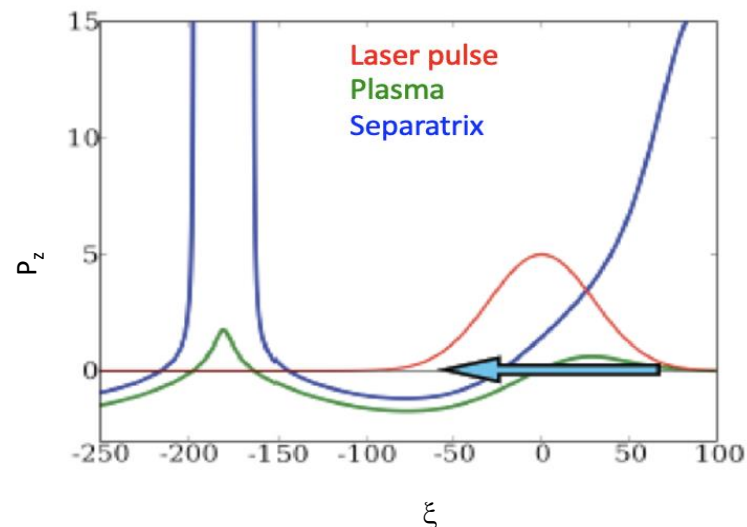


Hot injection: heating process of electrons



Colliding laser pulses: linear polarisation
External injection, Wavebreaking

Cold injection: dephasing of electrons



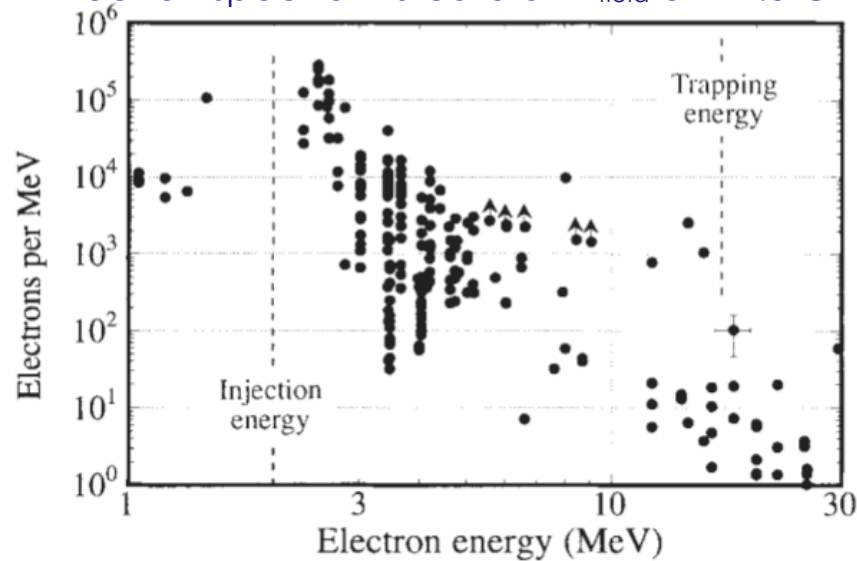
Colliding laser pulses: circular polarisation
Longitudinal injection/self truncated ionisation
Transverse wave breaking

V. Malka, Phys. of Plasmas **19**, 055501 (2012)

1992-1994 Accelerated electrons in LBWF



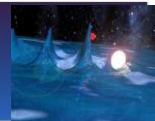
The 2-MeV electrons are accelerated up to ≈ 28 MeV
Electron spectra indicate an E_{field} of ≈ 2.8 GV/m



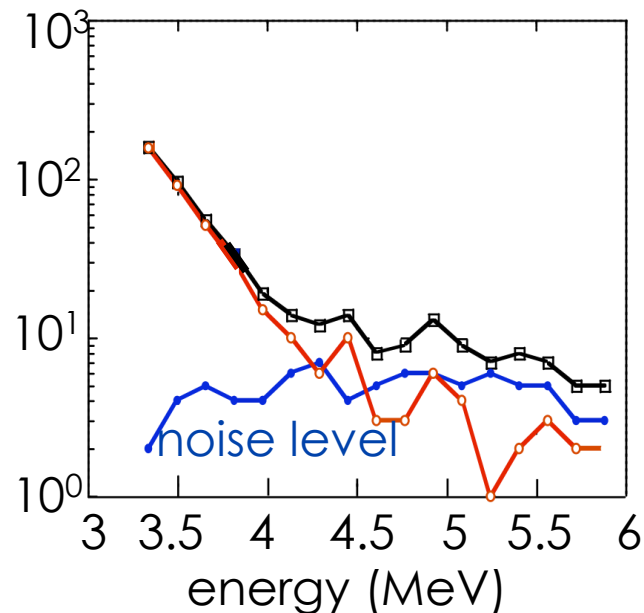
M. Everett et al., Nature 1994

Electron gain demonstration Few MeV's: *Kitagawa et al. PRL 1992, Clayton et al. PRL 1993, N. A. Ebrahim et al., J. Appl. Phys. 1994, Amiranoff et al. PRL 1995*

1998 Accelerated electrons in LWF

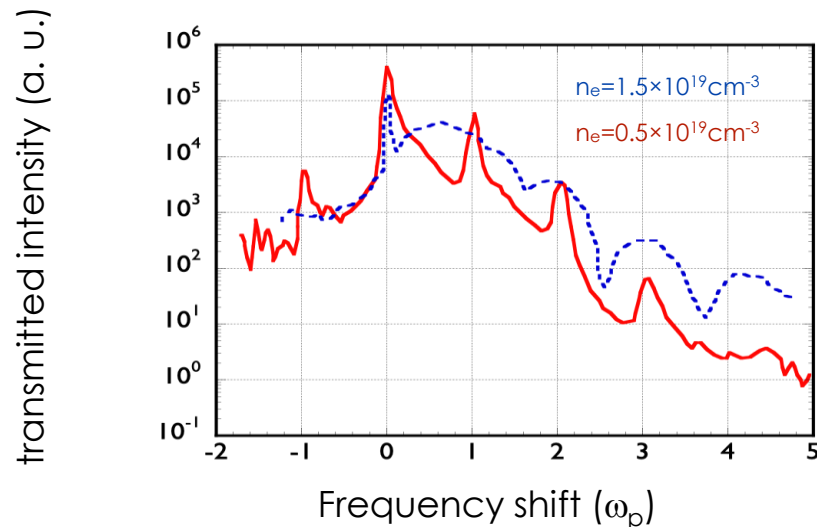
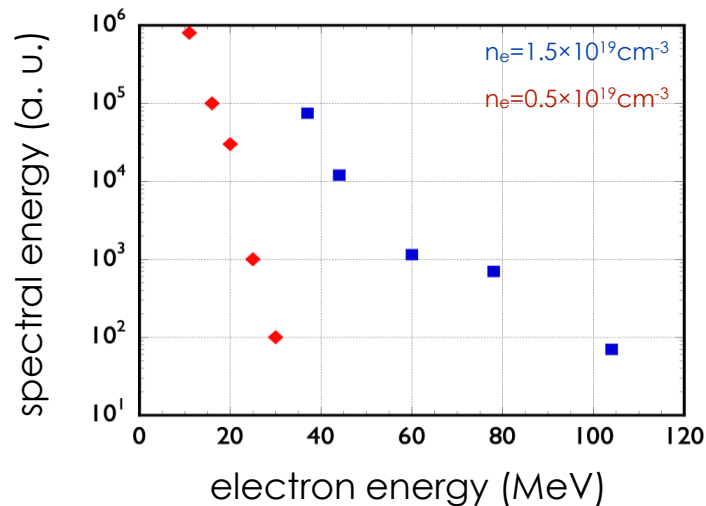
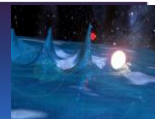


The 3-MeV electrons are accelerated up to ≈ 4.5 MeV
Electron spectra indicate an E_{field} of ≈ 1.4 GV/m



F. Amiranoff *et al.*, PRL 1998

1995 Accelerated electrons in SLWF



- Multiple satellites : high amplitude plasma waves
- Broadening at higher densities
- Loss of coherence of the relativistic plasma waves

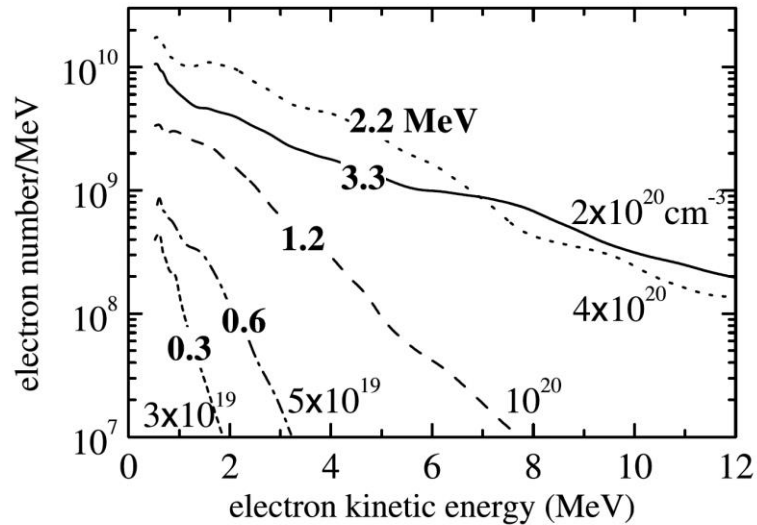
A. Modena *et al.*, Nature (1995)

DLA/LPWF debate in 1999/2001

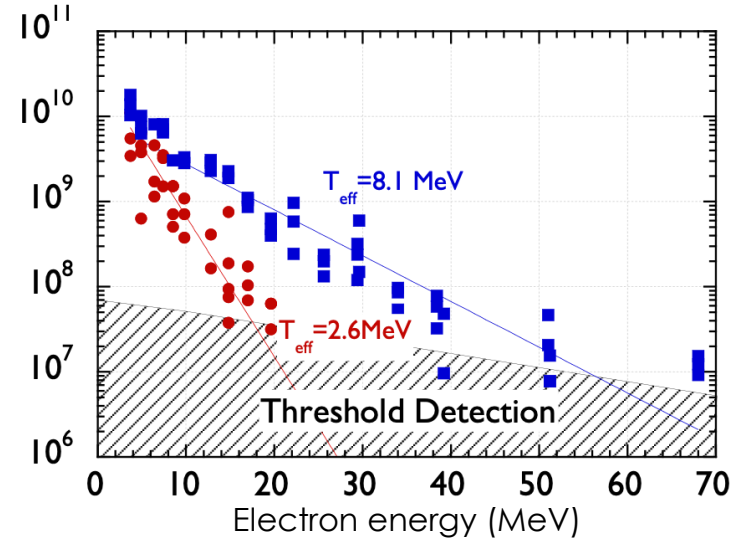


Spectra : E_{\max} increases/decreases when n_e decreases

$n_e = 3 \times 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3} - 2 \times 10^{20} \text{cm}^{-3}$,
 $\tau_L = 200 \text{fs}$, $E = 0.25 \text{J}$, $I_L = 4 \times 10^{18} \text{W/cm}^2$

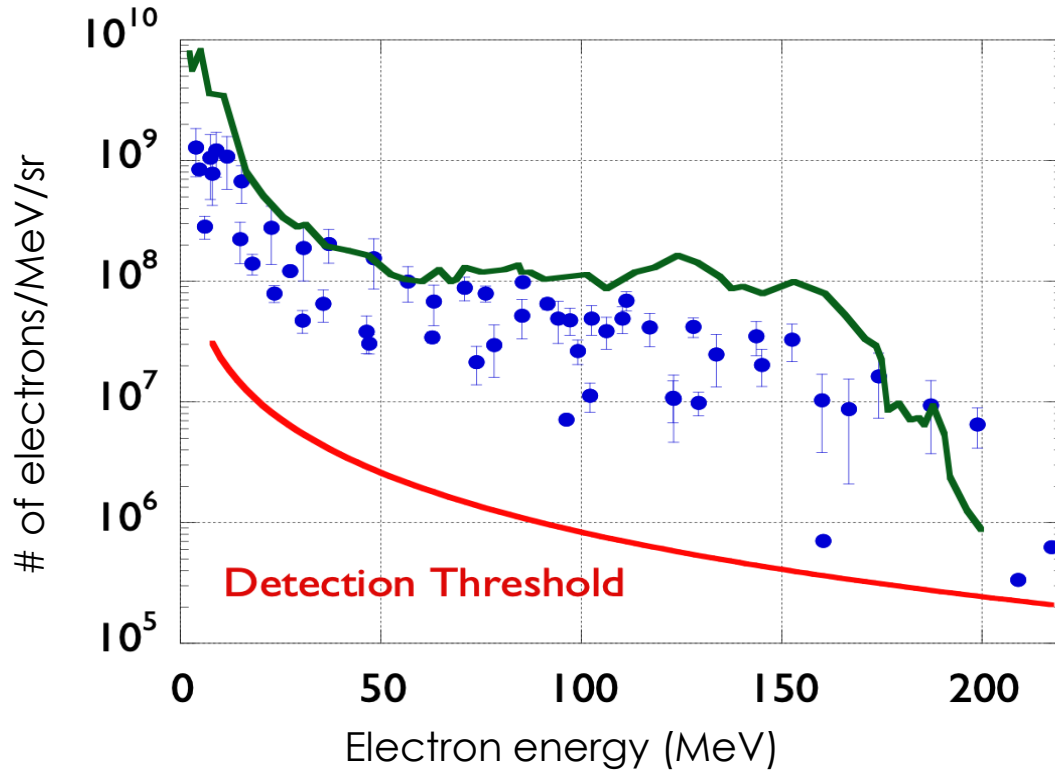


$n_e = 5 \times 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3} \text{ \& } 1.5 \times 10^{20} \text{cm}^{-3}$,
 $\tau_L = 35 \text{fs}$, $E = 0.6 \text{J}$, $I_L = 2 \times 10^{19} \text{W/cm}^2$



C. Gahn *et al.*, PRL **83**, 23 (1999), V. Malka *et al.*, Phys. of Plasmas **8**, 6 (2001)

2002 the NL regime: 100s GV/m electric field

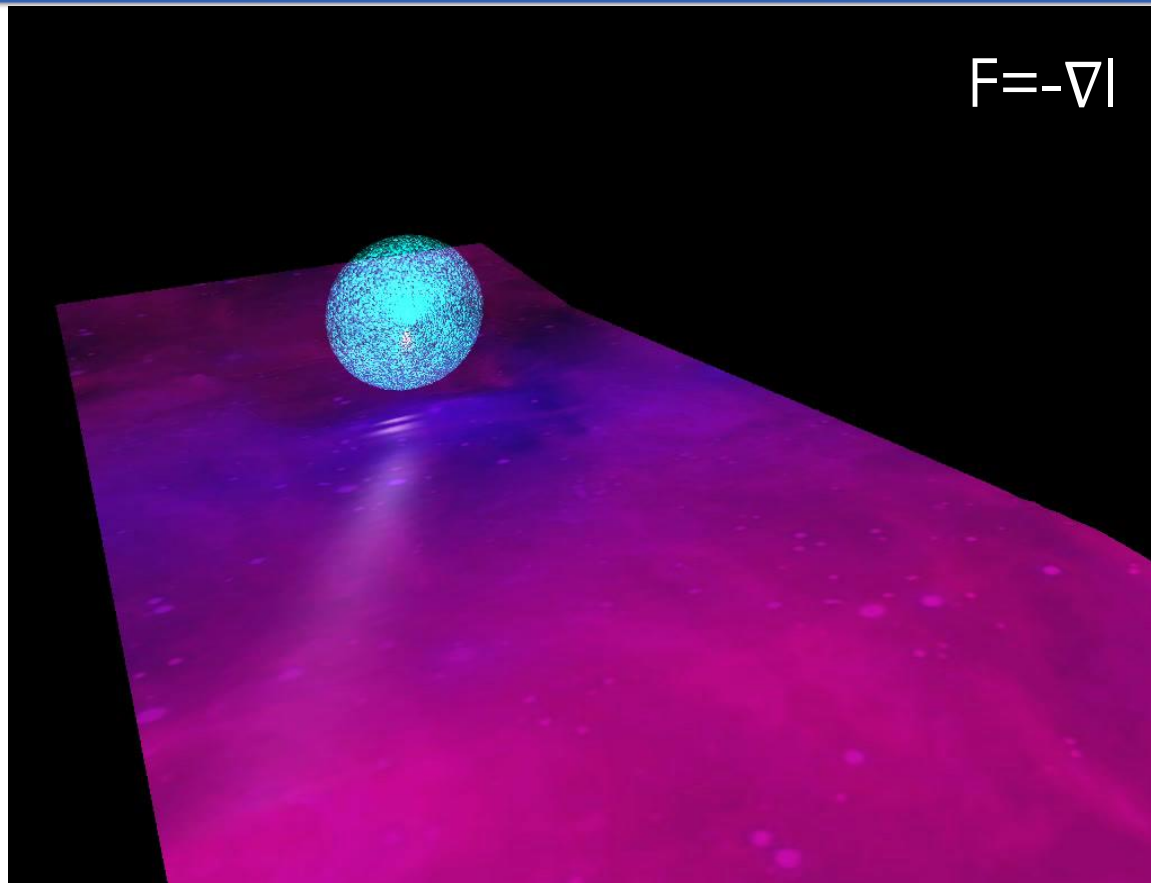
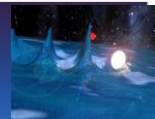


Parameters: $n_e=1.5 \times 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3}$,
 $\tau_L=35 \text{fs}$,
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 $I_L=1 \times 10^{18} \text{W/cm}^2$
with $k_p w_0 > 1$

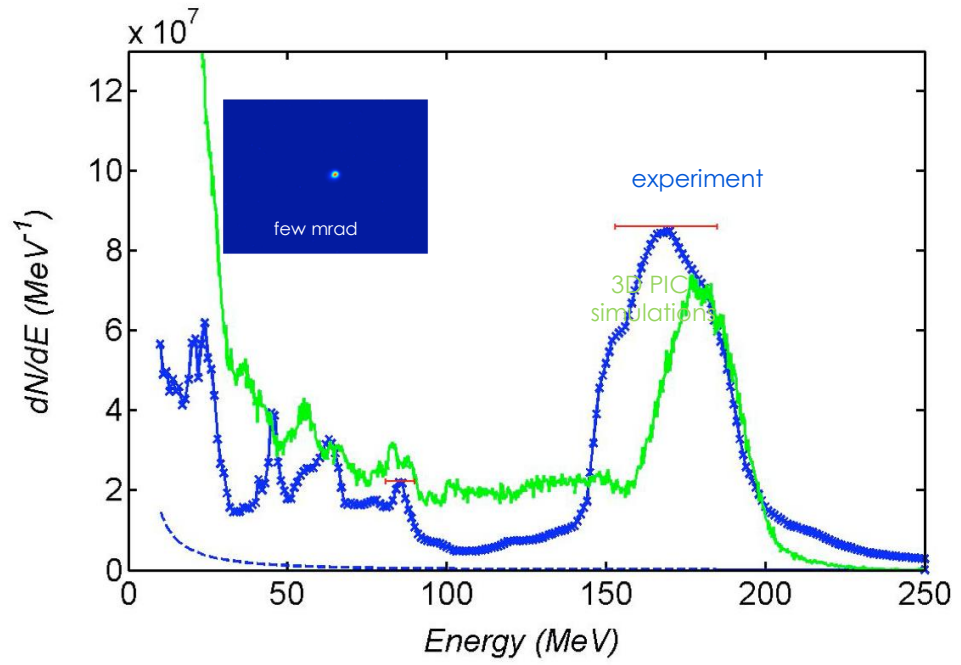
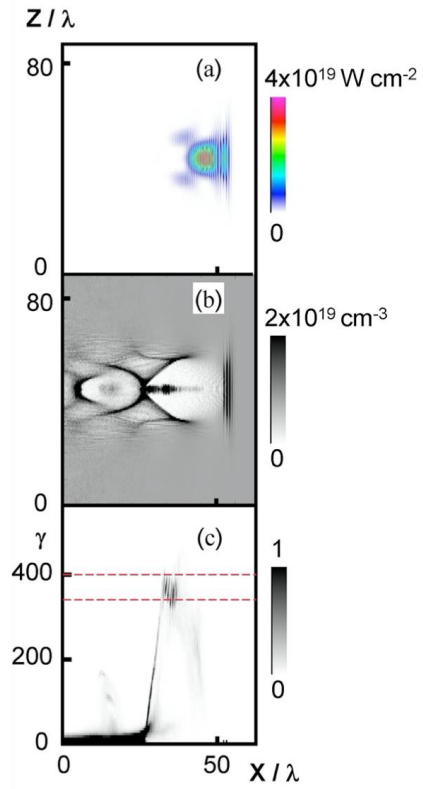
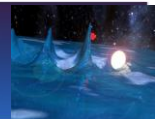
*CARE project

V. Malka *et al.*, *Science* **298**, 1596 (2002)

The Forced laser wakefield



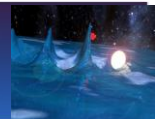
2004 The Bubble regime : theory/experiments



Experimental parameters : $E=1 J$, $\tau_L=30 fs$, $\lambda_L=0.8 \mu m$,
 $I_L=3.2 \times 10^{19} W/cm^2$, $n_e=6 \times 10^{18} cm^{-3}$

J. Faure et al., Nature **431**, 7008 (2004)

2004 The Dream Beam



Monoenergetic beams of relativistic electrons from intense laser-plasma interactions

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High-quality electron beams from a laser wakefield accelerator using plasma-channel guiding

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A laser-plasma accelerator producing monoenergetic electron beams

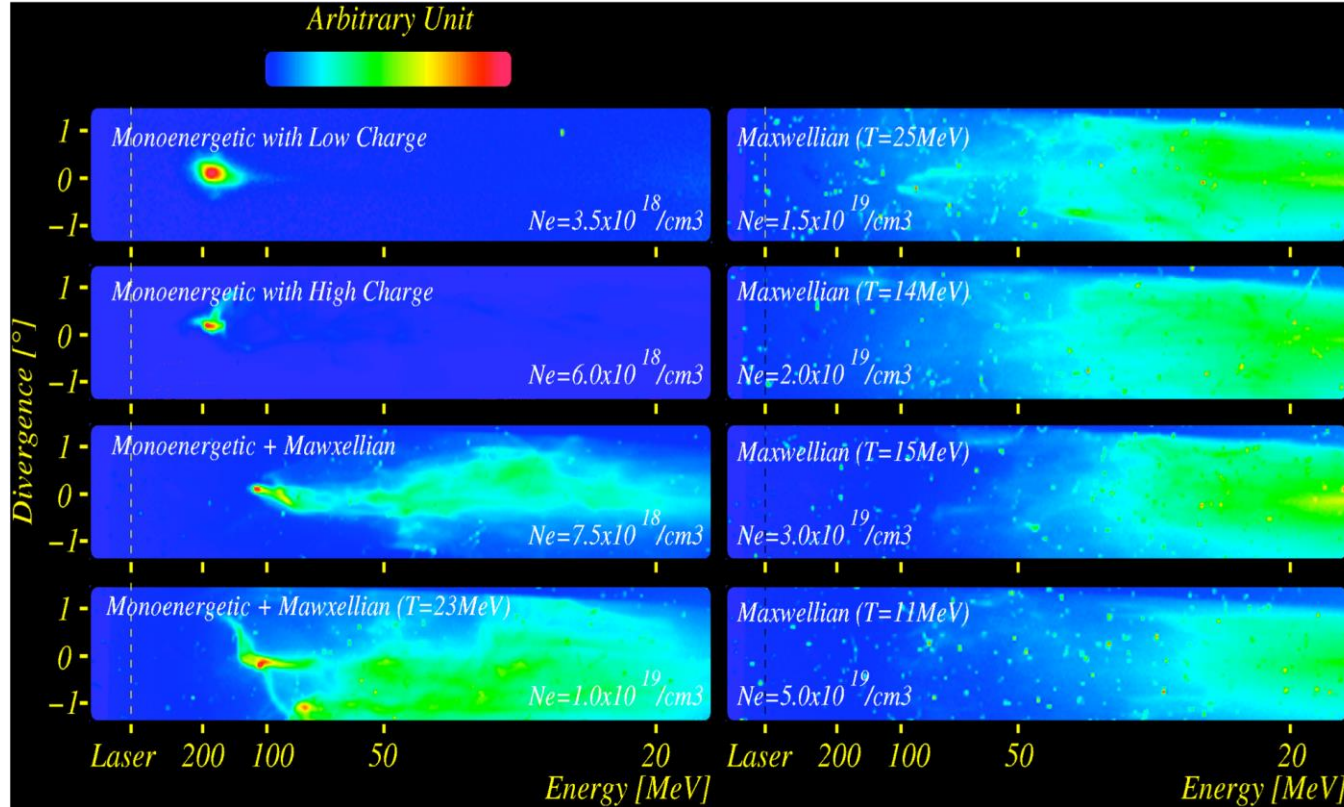
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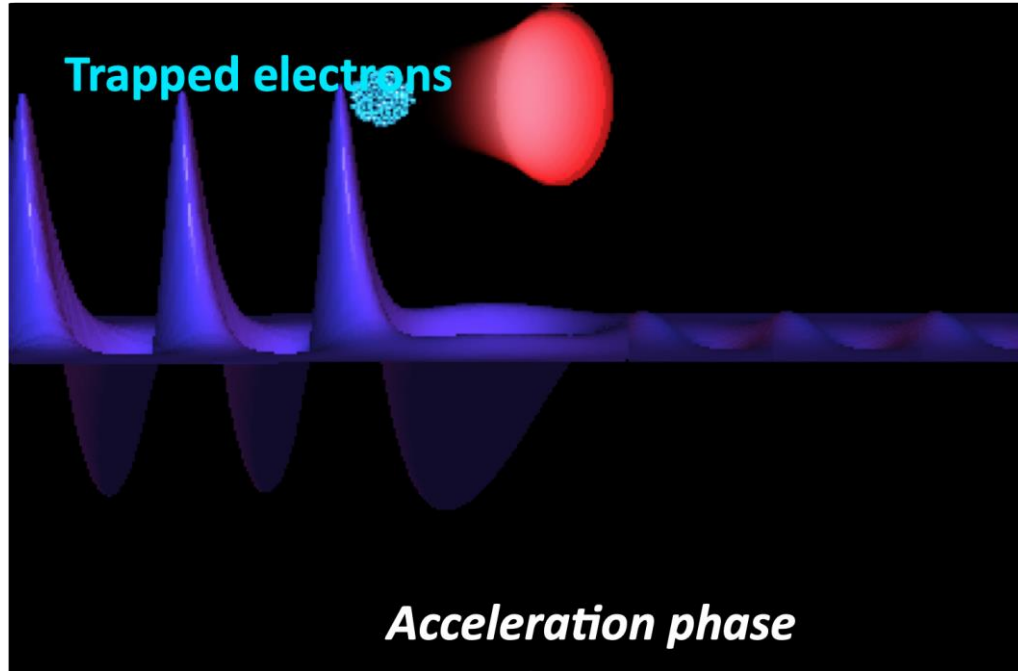
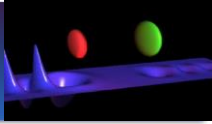
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SMLWF => FLWF => Bubble regime



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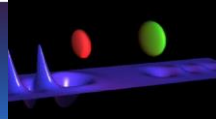
Colliding Laser Pulses Scheme



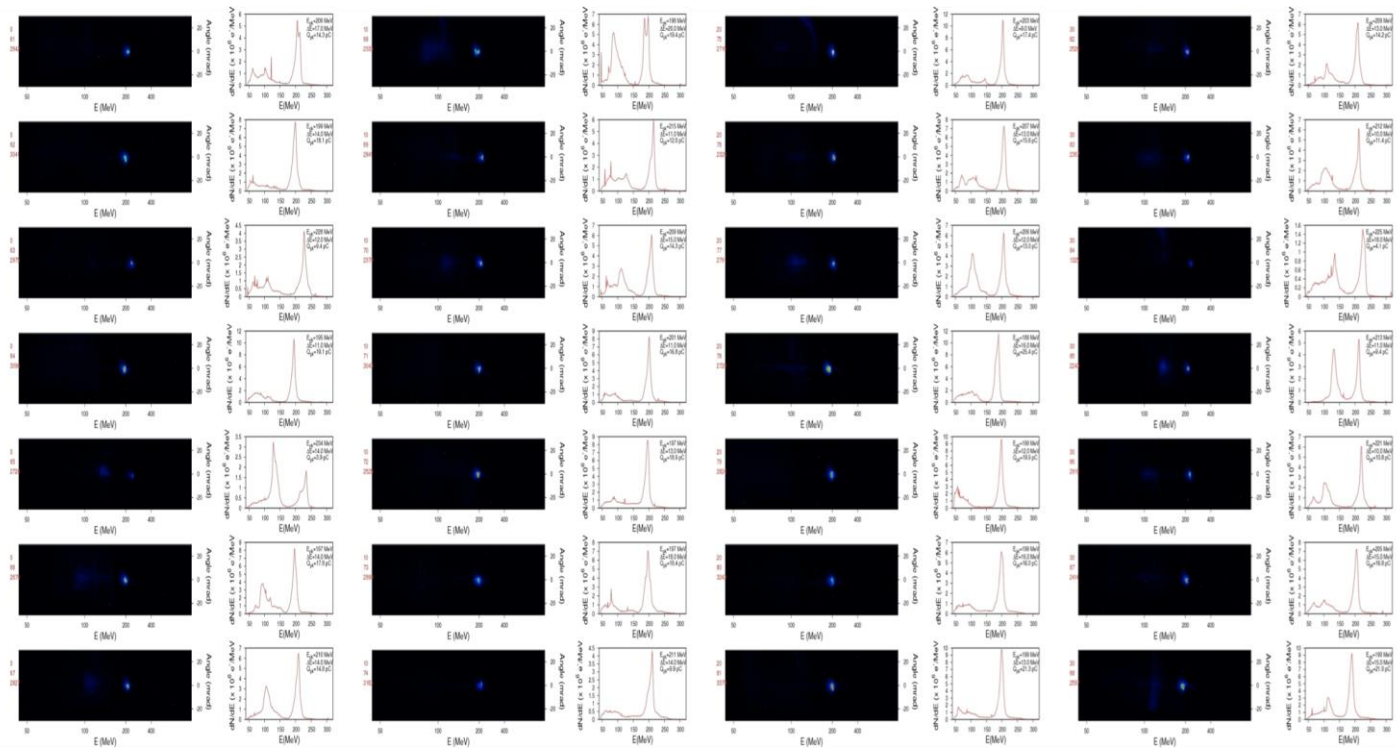
The first laser creates the accelerating structure
A second laser beam is used to heat electrons

E. Esarey *et al.*, PRL **19**, 2682 (1997)

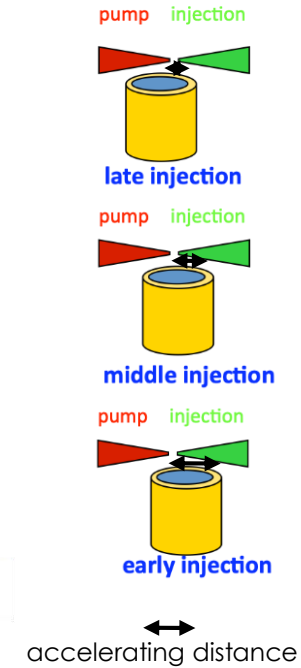
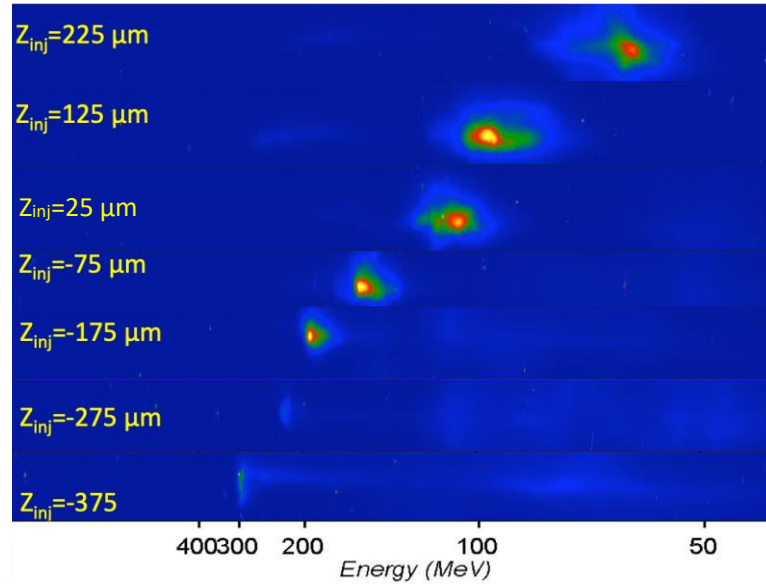
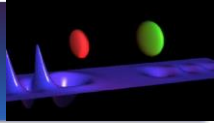
Towards a Stable Laser Plasma Accelerators



Series of 28 consecutive shots with : $\alpha_0=1.5$, $\alpha_1=0.4$, $n_e=5.7 \times 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3}$

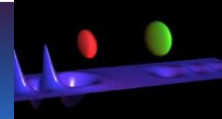


Tunability of the electrons energy



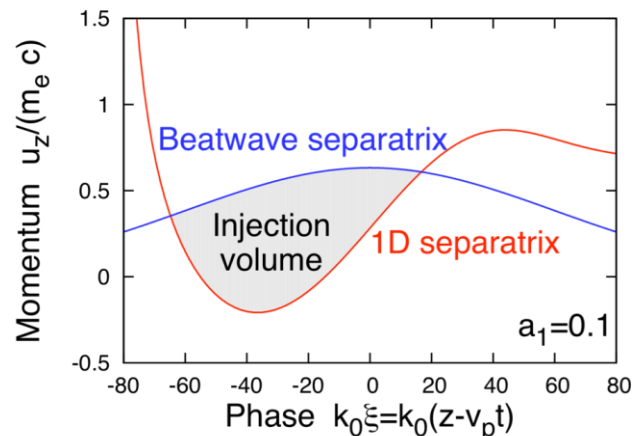
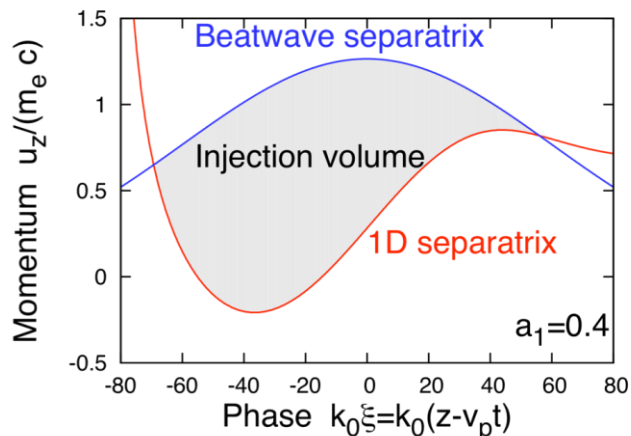
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Tunability of charge & energy spread



Charge : controlling electrons heating processes => smaller a_{inj} . means less heating and less trapping

Energy spread : Decreasing the phase space volume V_{trap} of trapped electrons by reducing a_{inj} . or by reducing $c\tau/\lambda_p$ by changing n_e (i.e λ_p)

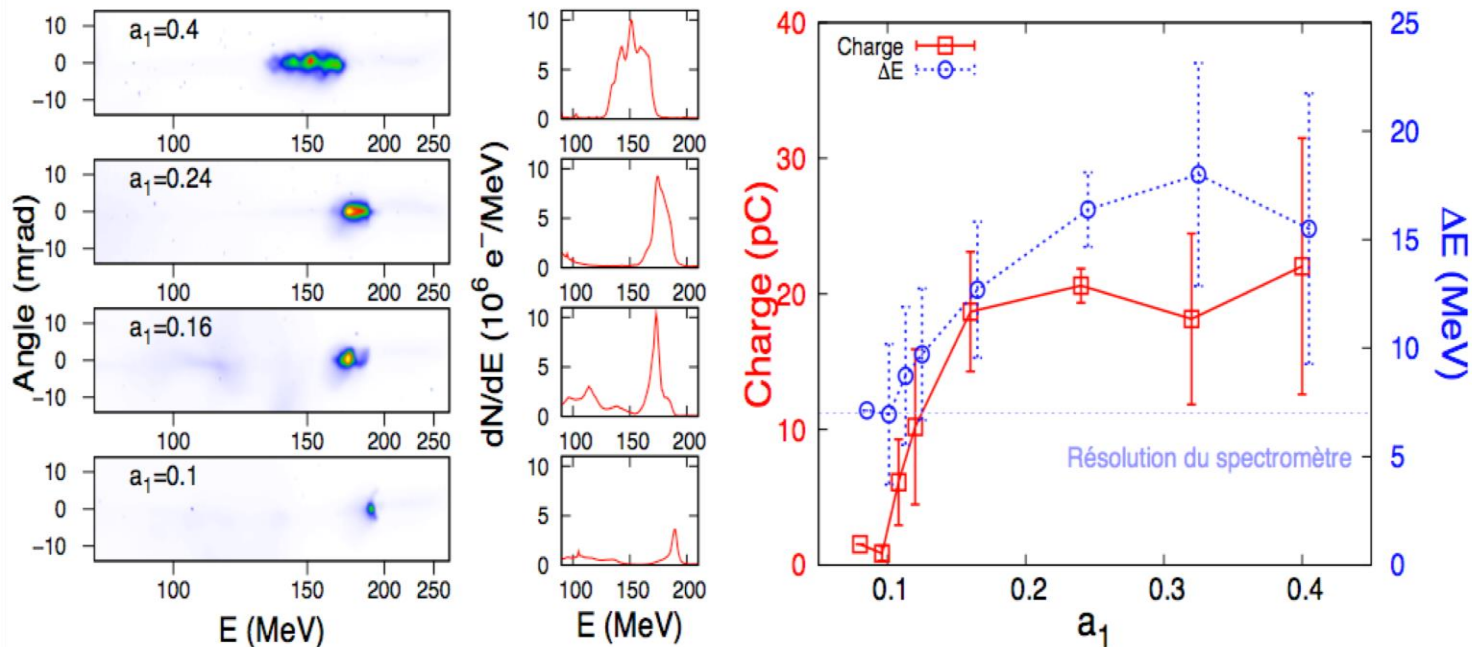
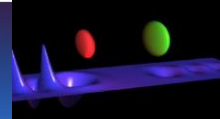


Evolution of injection volume with a_1 for $a_0 = 2$, $n_e = 7 \times 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3}$.

Fields are computed for the 1D case and the beatwave separatrix corresponds to the circular polarization case.

In practice, energy spread and charge are correlated: Decreasing a_1 decreases the charge but also V_{trap} , and in consequence the energy spread

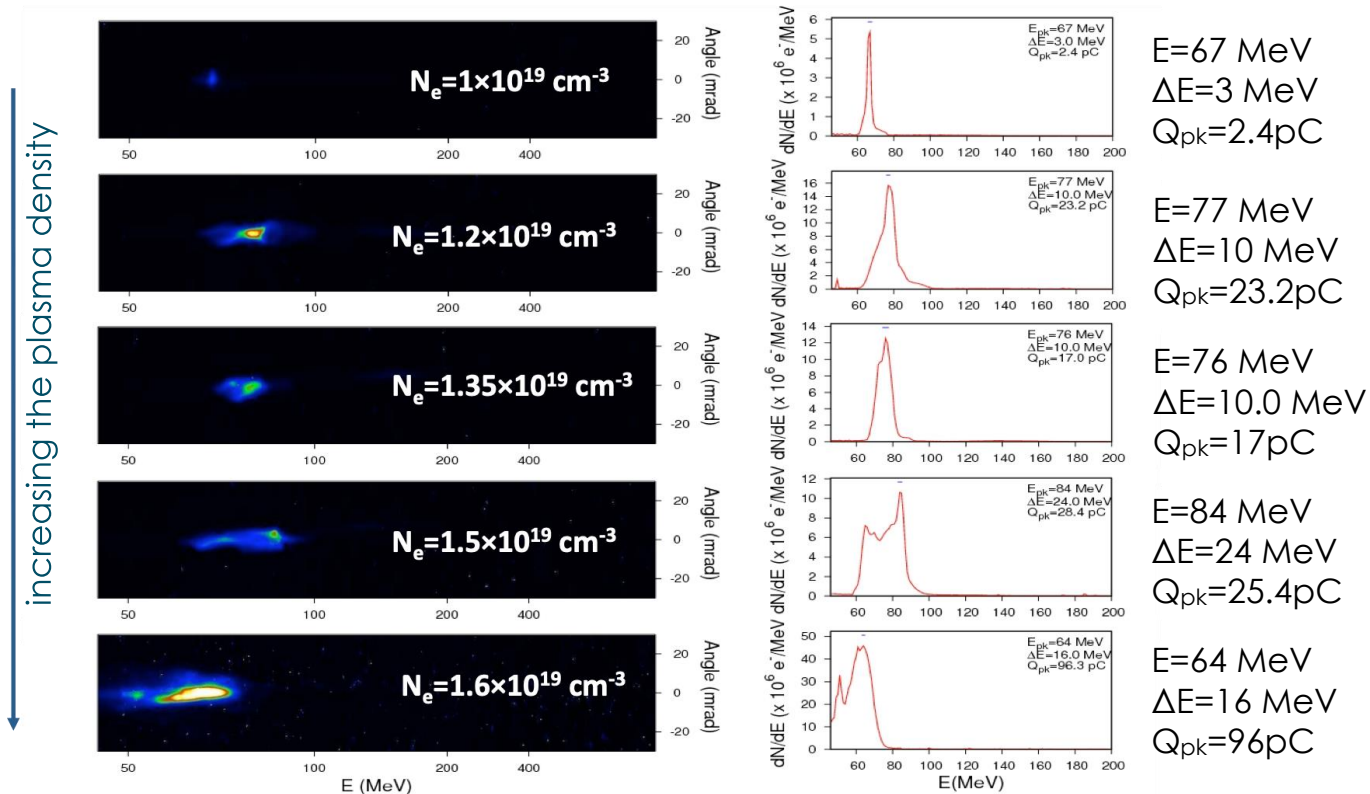
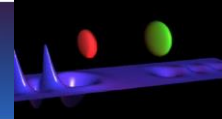
Tuning charge & energy spread with $I_{inj.laser}$



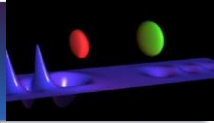
Charge from 60 pC to 5 pC, ΔE from 20 to 5 MeV

C. Rechatin *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 164801 (2009)

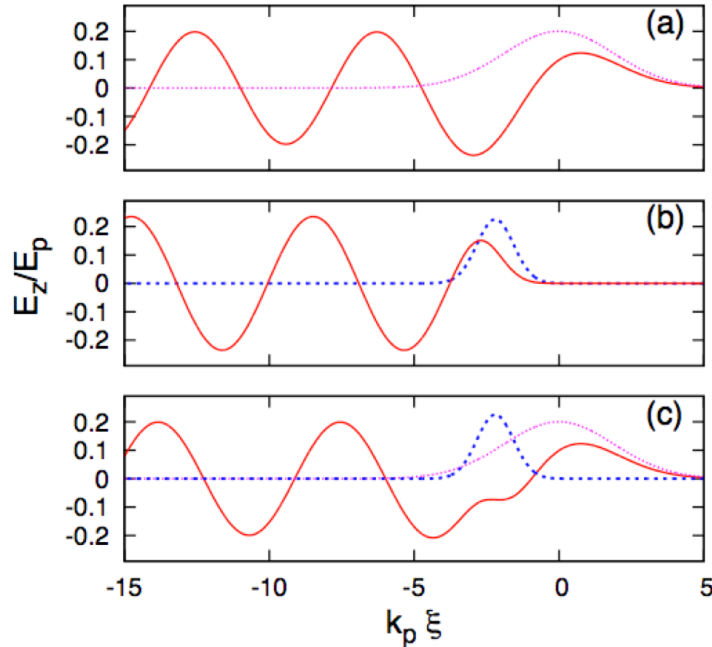
Tuning charge & energy spread with n_e



Beam loading effect



Parameters: $n_e = 1.5 \cdot 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3}$, $\tau = 35 \text{fs}$, $E = 0.6 \text{J}$, $I = 2 \cdot 10^{18} \text{W/cm}^2$



Laser wakefield

$n_e = 7 \cdot 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3}$, $\tau = 30 \text{fs}$, $\alpha_0 = 0.5$

E-beam wakefield

$n_b/n_e = 0.11$, $\tau = 10 \text{fs}$, $d_{\text{FWHM}} = 4 \mu\text{m}$
($Q = 7 \text{pC}$)

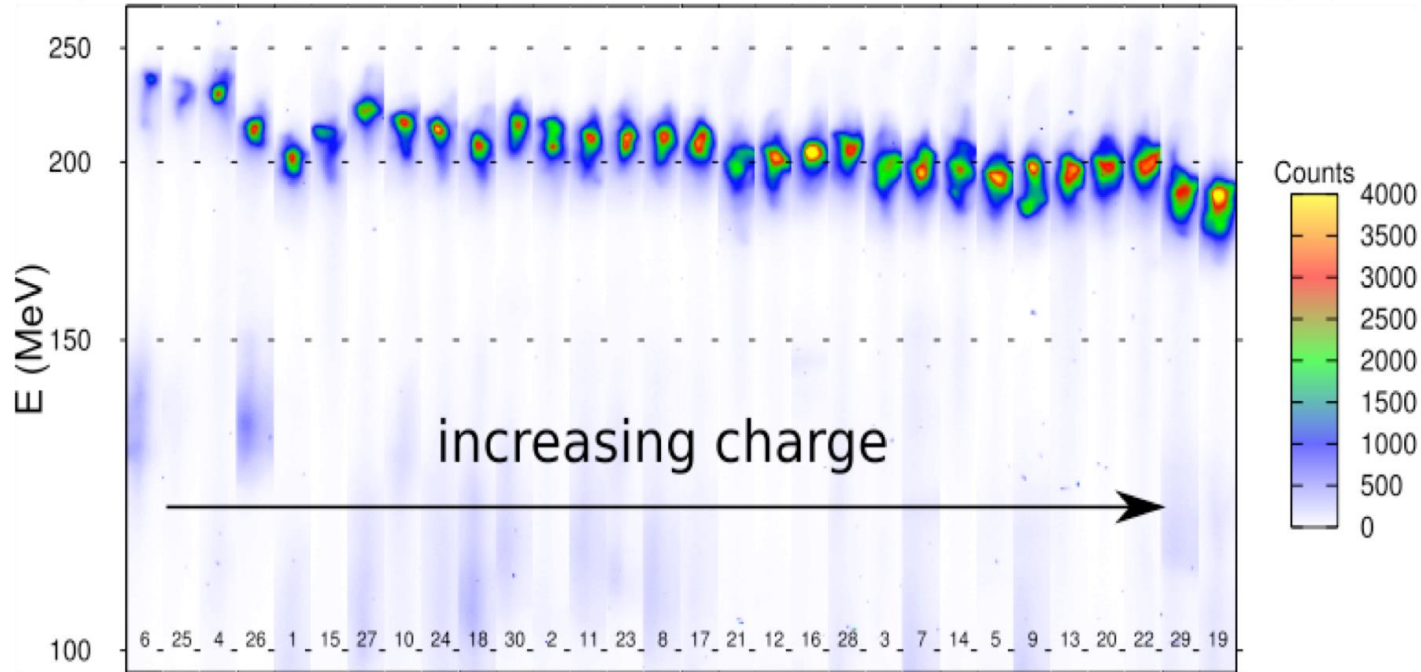
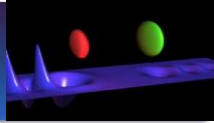
The end of the bunch
experiments a modified
wakefield

Limitation of the accelerated charge
Influence on energy and energy spread

Observables : correlation charge/energy spread/energy

T. Katsouleas *et al.*, (1987), M. Tzoufras *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **101** (2008)

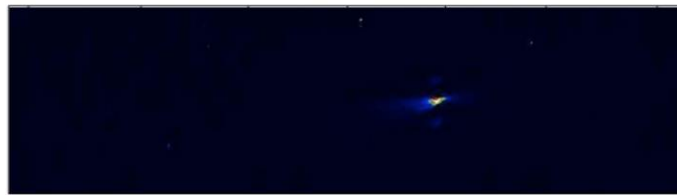
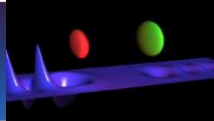
Beam loading effect



Clear correlation !

Nb: very few electrons at low energy
 $\delta E/E=5\%$ limited by the spectrometer

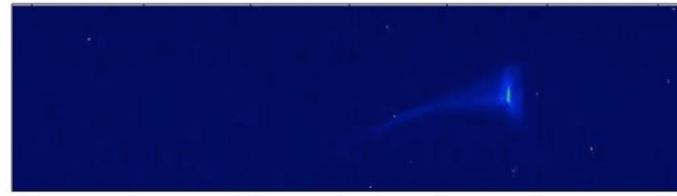
Beam loading effect: 1% energy spread



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E (MeV)

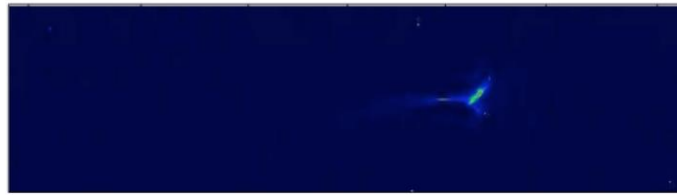
Non - dispersive direction



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E (MeV)

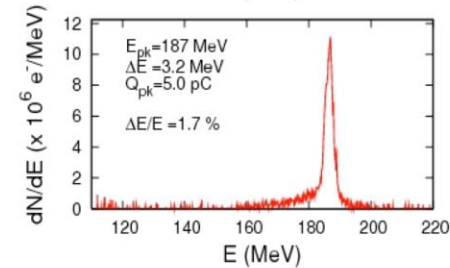
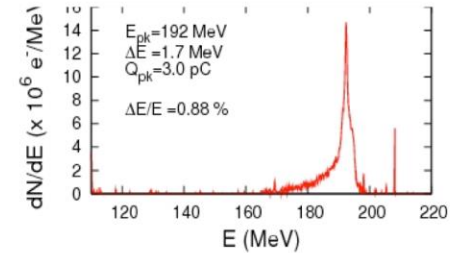
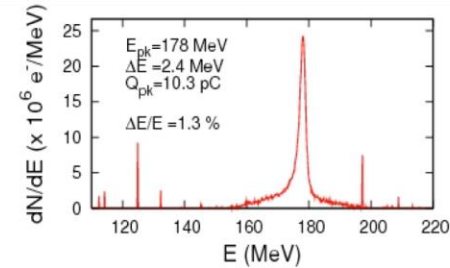
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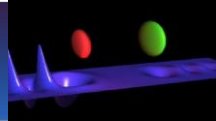
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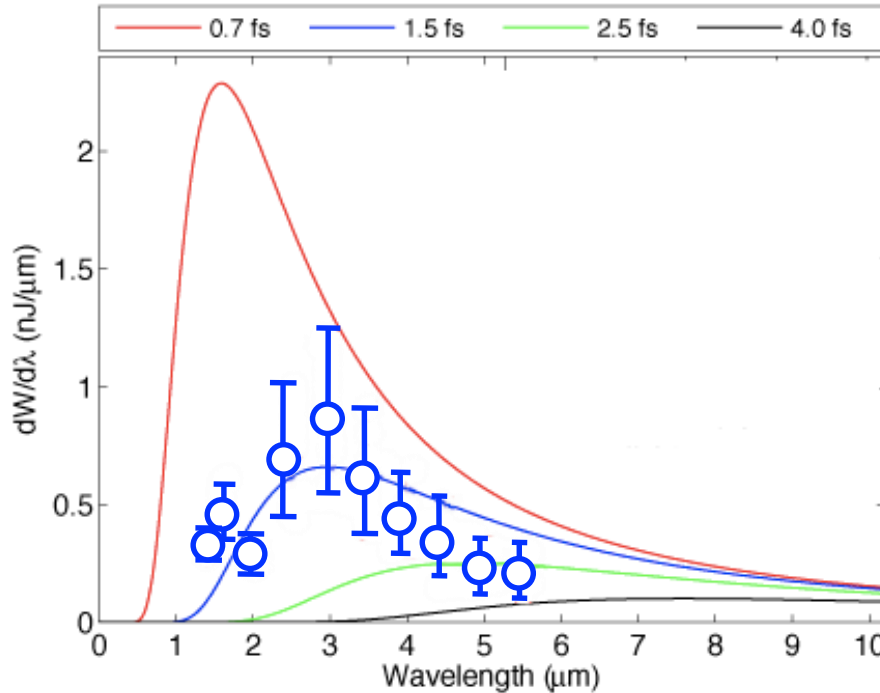
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C. Rechatin *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 194804 (2009)



1.5 fs RMS duration: Peak current of 4 kA



[Analytic CTR model](#)
Gaussian pulse shape
Measured e-beam :
Charge
Energy
Divergence

[Bunch duration](#)
Peak wavelength
Peak intensity

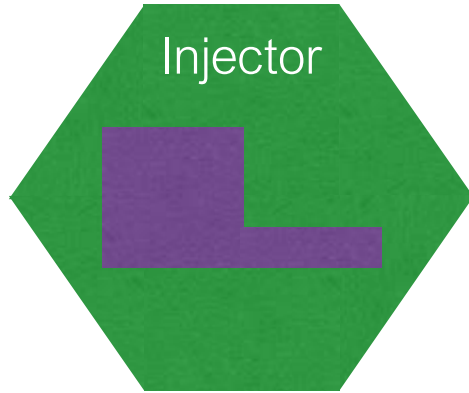
[Spectral features](#)
Peak at 3 μm
Coherent

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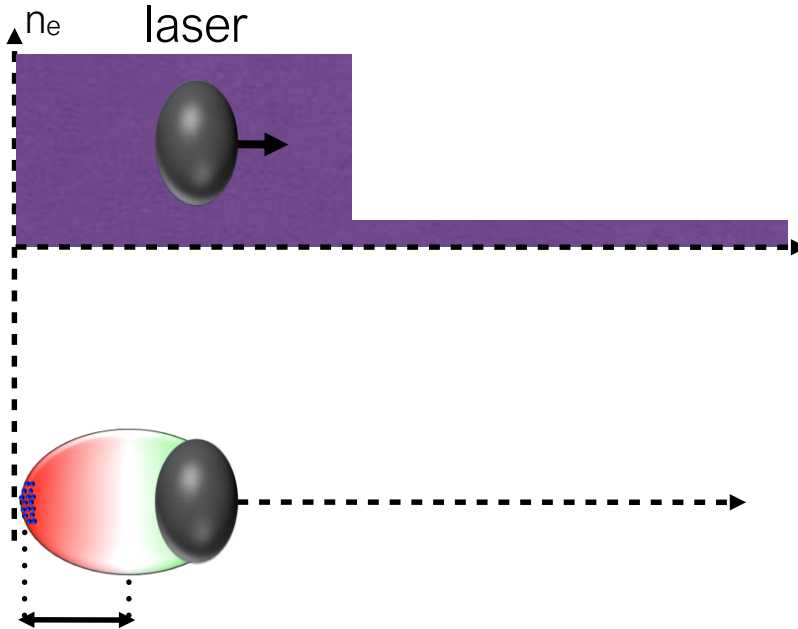
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Injector



Injection in a density gradient

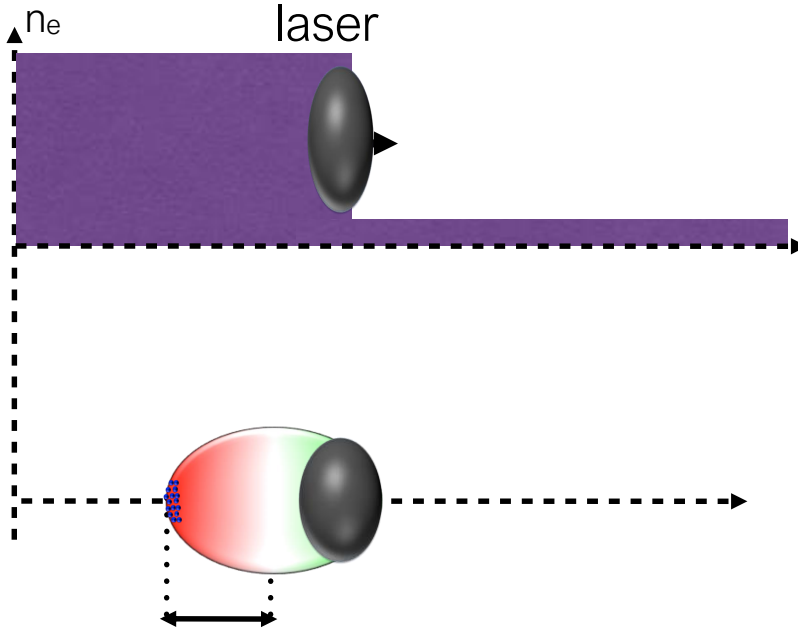


Density drop: increase of the cavity length which allows injection

Sharp density ramp is requires to localize the injection and reduce the energy spread !

Schmid et al., 2010; Buck et al., 2013

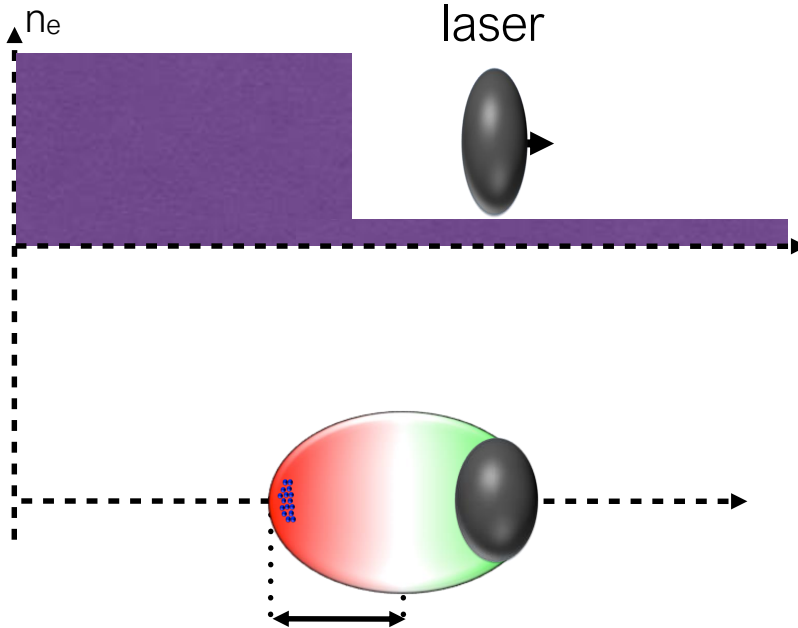
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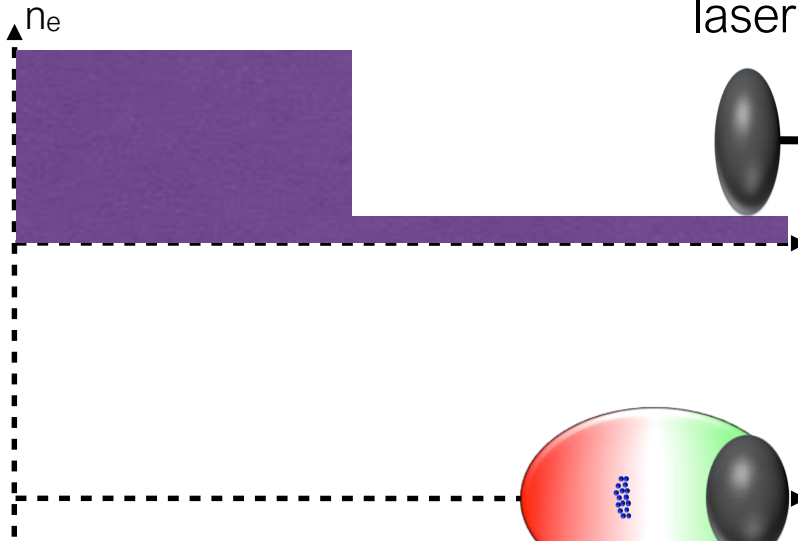
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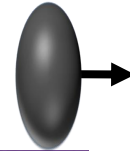
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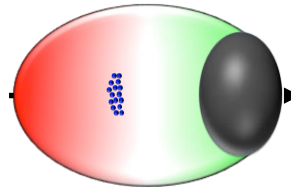
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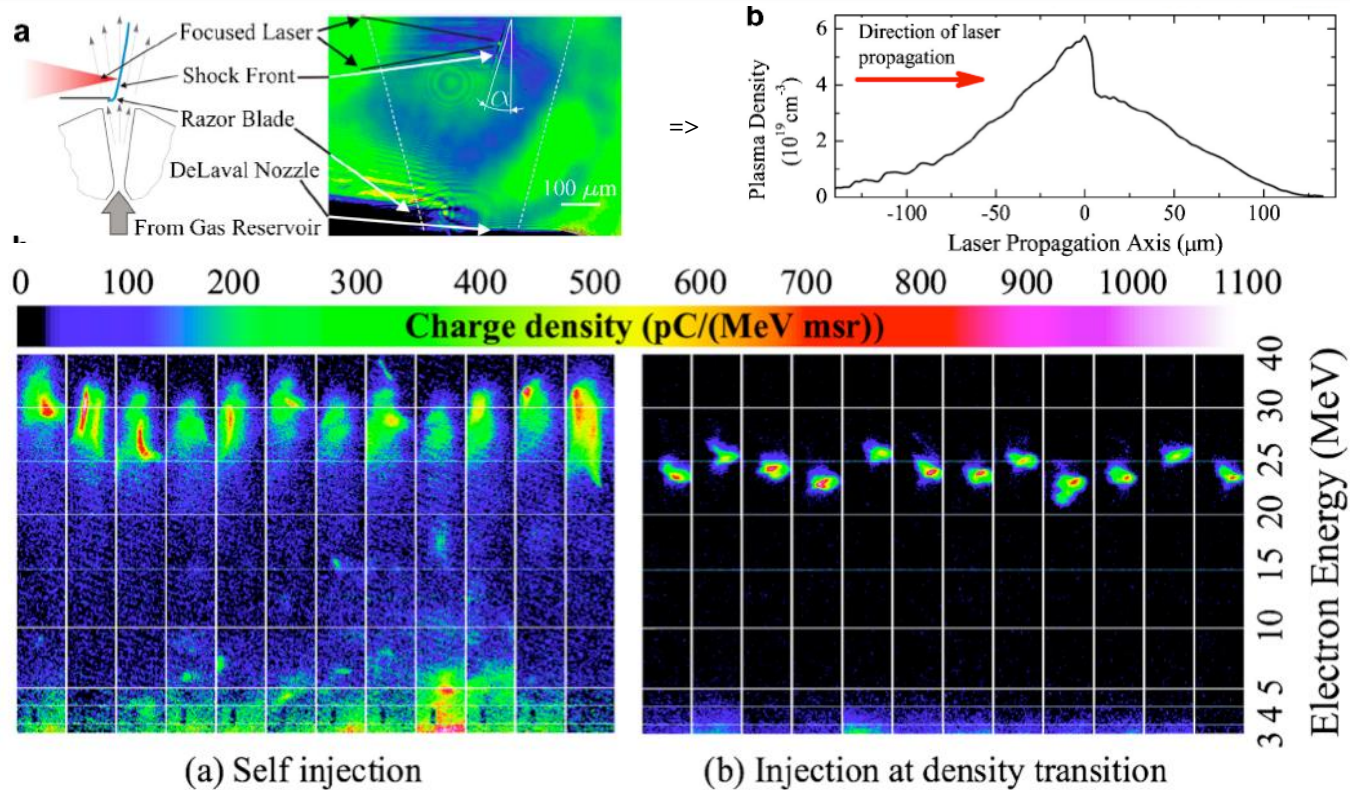
laser Density drop: increase of the cavity length which allows injection



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Injection in a density gradient



K. Schmid *et al.*, PRSTAB **13**, 091301 (2010)

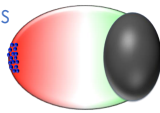
Injection in a density gradient



Plasma cavity before
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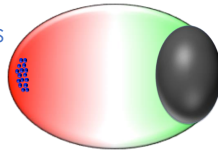
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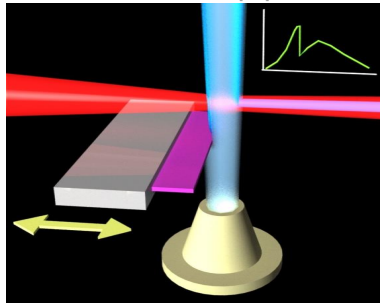
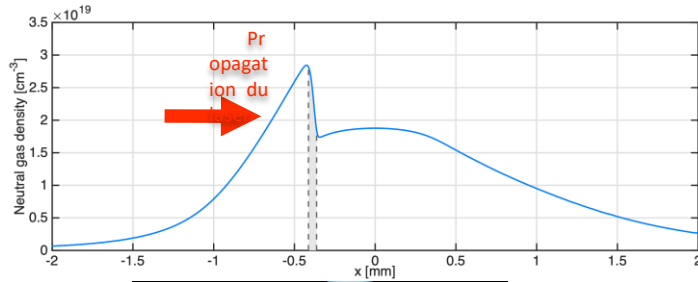


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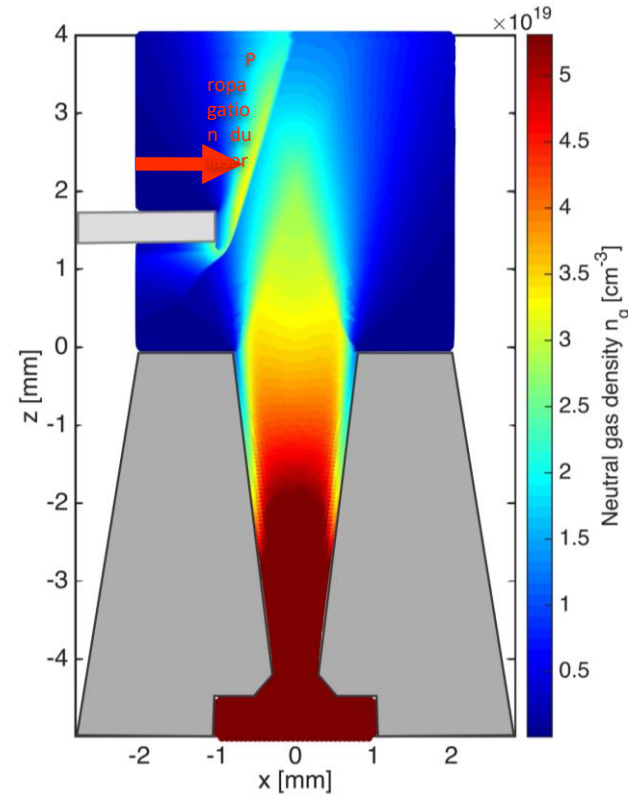
Laser



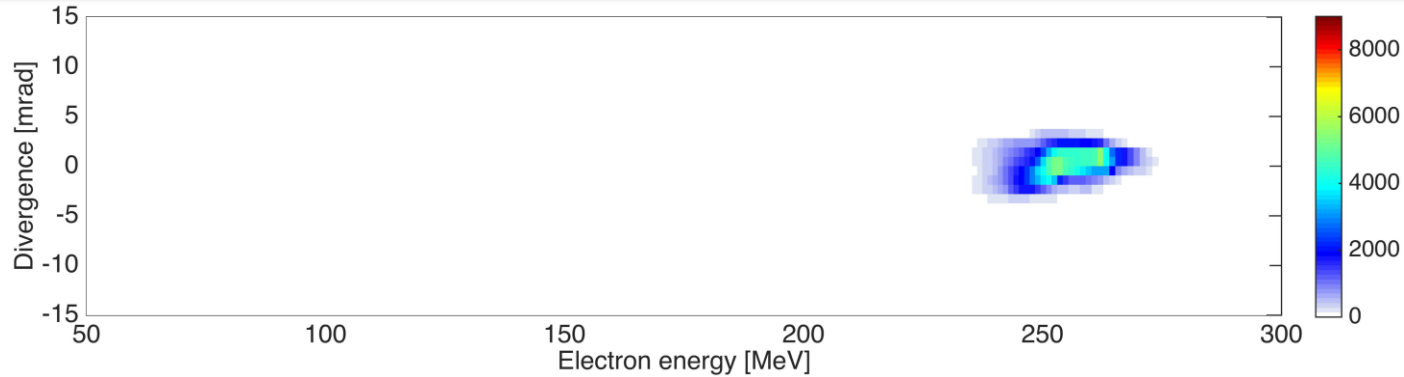
Laser



Simulations ANSYS Fluent



Injection in a density gradient



Generation of a stable e-beam ($n_2 = 7.5 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$) :

$$E_{peak} = 256.5 \pm 4 \text{ MeV}$$

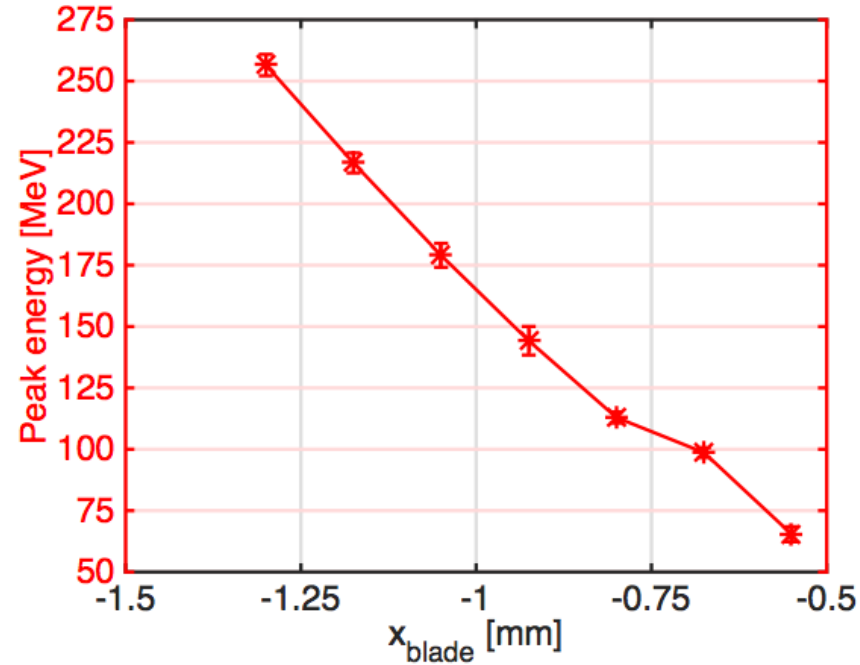
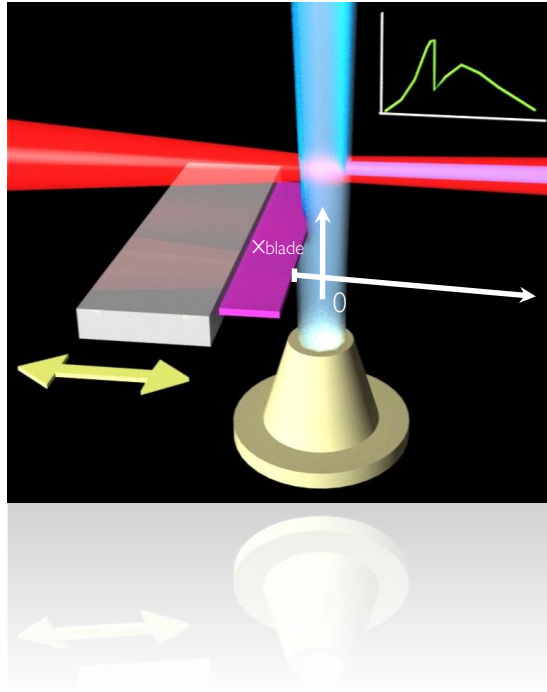
$$\Delta E = 15.5 \pm 2 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta E/E = 6 \pm 1\%$$

$$Q_{peak} = 3.2 \pm 0.4 \text{ pC}$$

$$\text{Divergence} = 2.0 \pm 0.3 \text{ mrad}$$

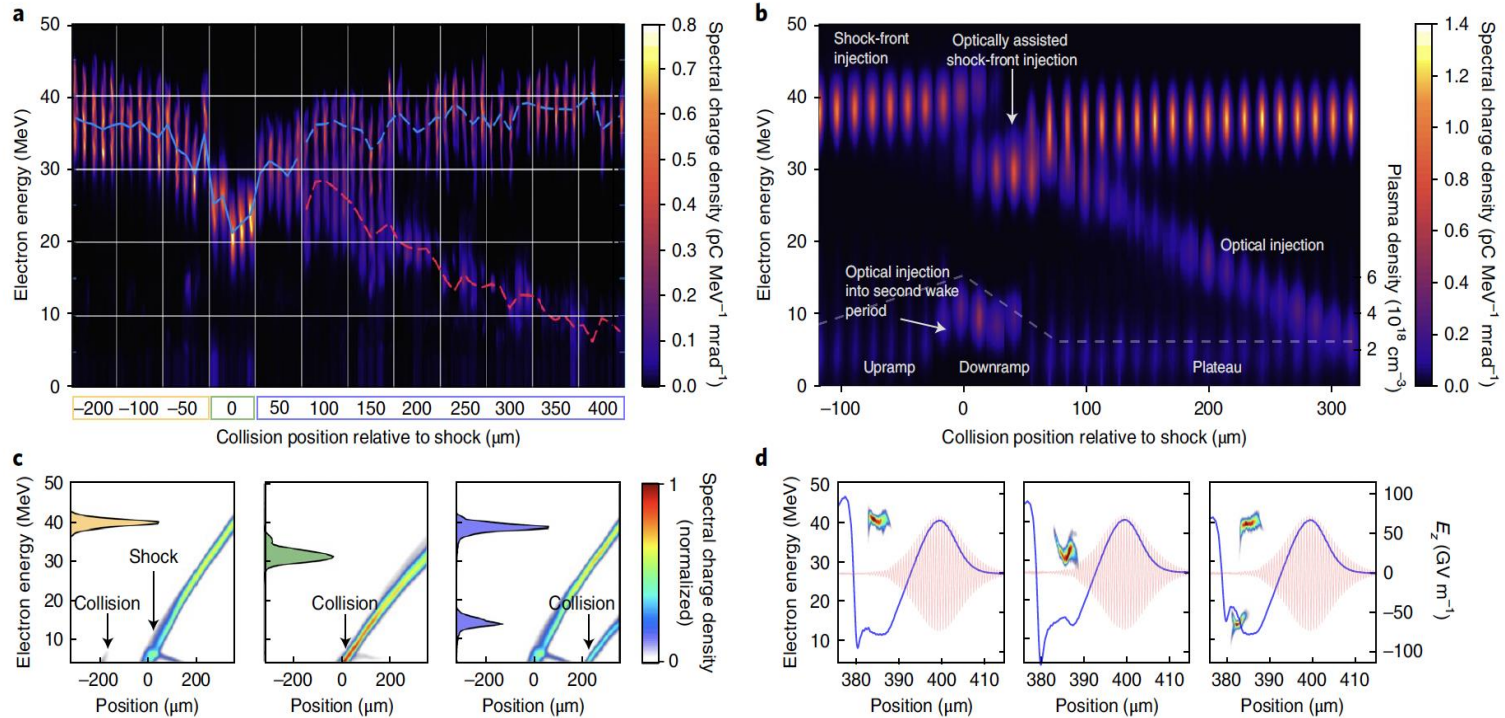
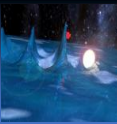
Injection in a density gradient



Electron energies is controlled by the position of the blade

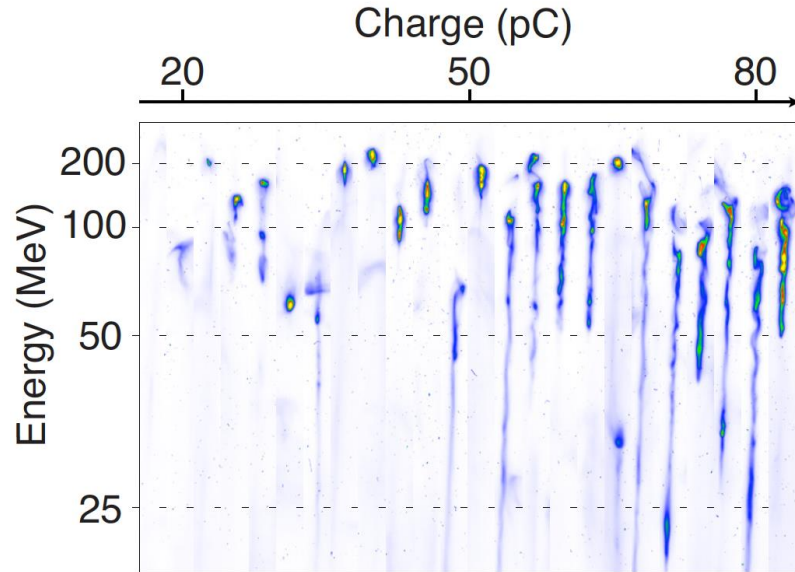
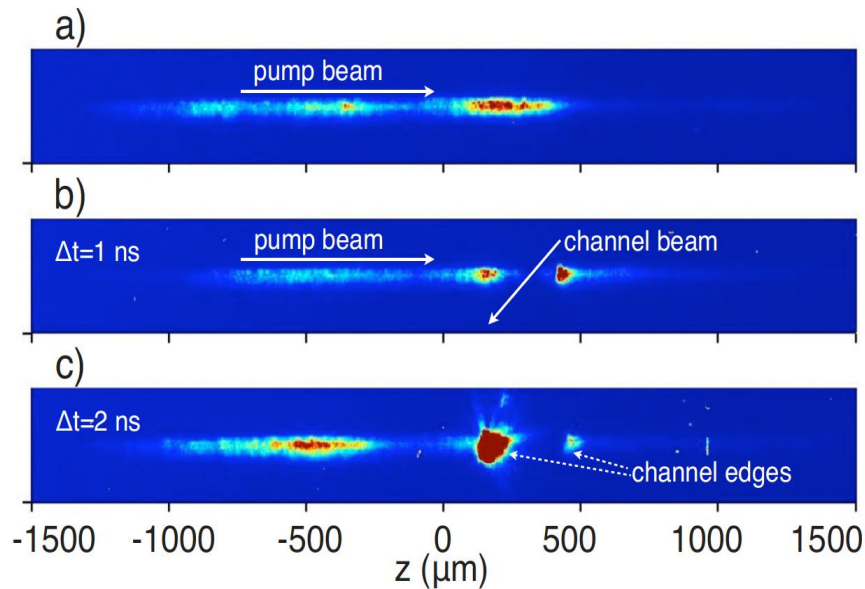
C. Thaury et al., Scientific Reports 5.16310 (2015)

Dual-energy electron beams



J. Wenz et al., Nature Photonics **13** (2019)

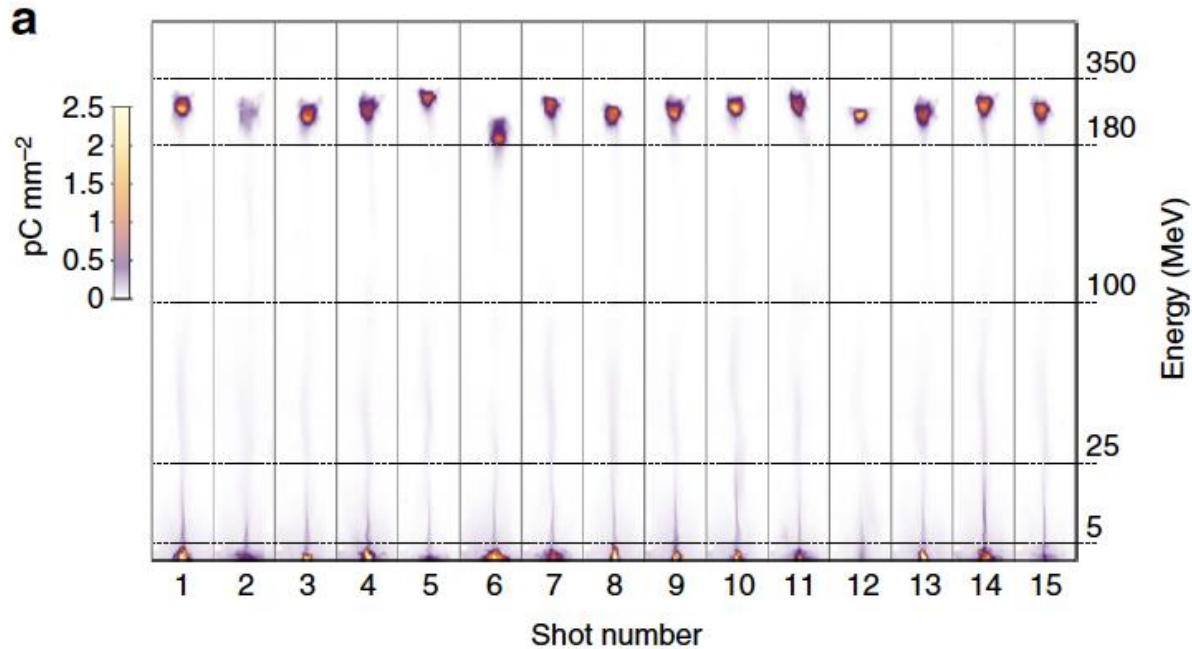
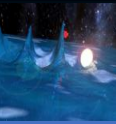
Quasi-monoenergetic electron beams using optical shock injection



Optical shock injection at LOA, $n_e=10^{19}$ cm^{-3} , $t=2$ ns, and $I_l=1.5 \times 10^{17}$ W/cm^2

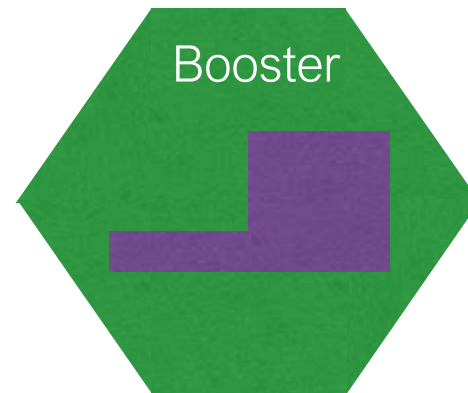
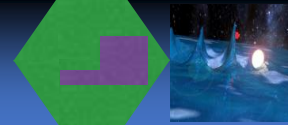
J. Faure et al., PoP **17**, 083107 (2010)

Self Truncated ionization injection: highest charge



Energy spectra of 15 consecutive shots. Obtained with 1.6 mm-long plasma at $3.1 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, 1% nitrogen doping and 2.5J/30fs laser

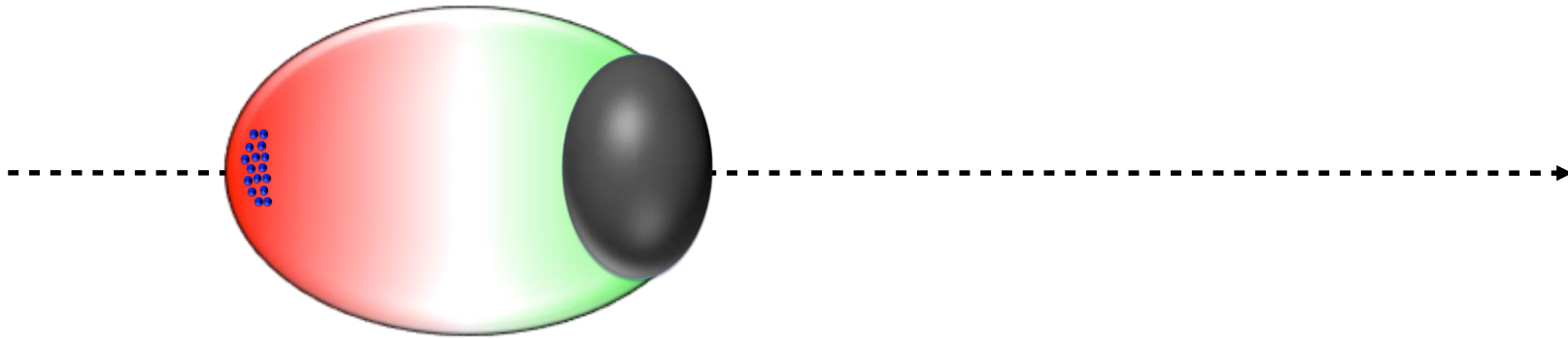
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Since the laser group velocity is $< c$, when electrons energy is getting $\sim c$ they dephase

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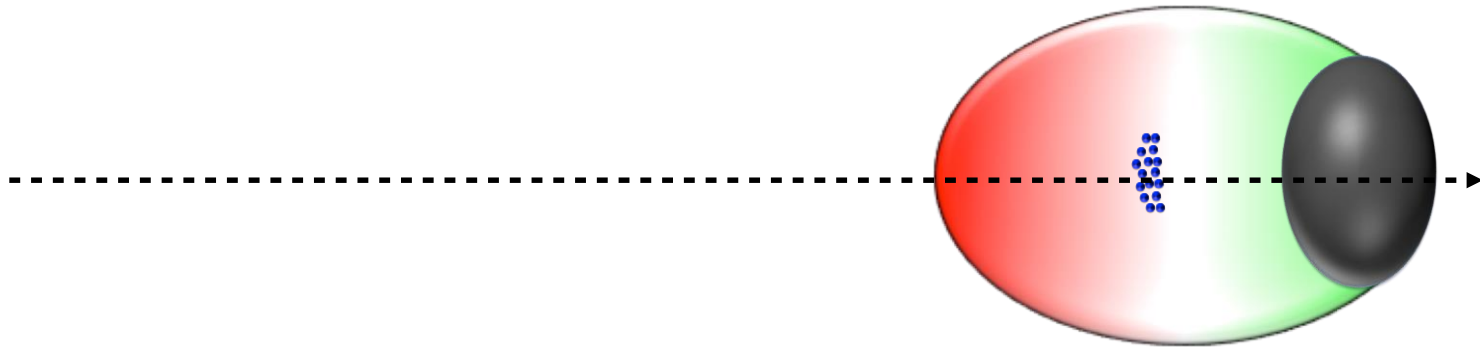
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Overcoming the dephasing limit



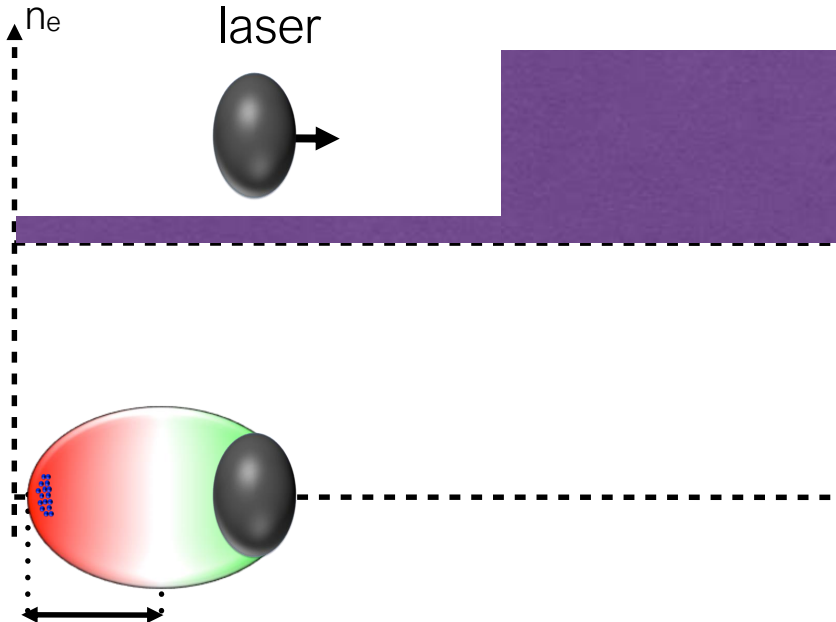
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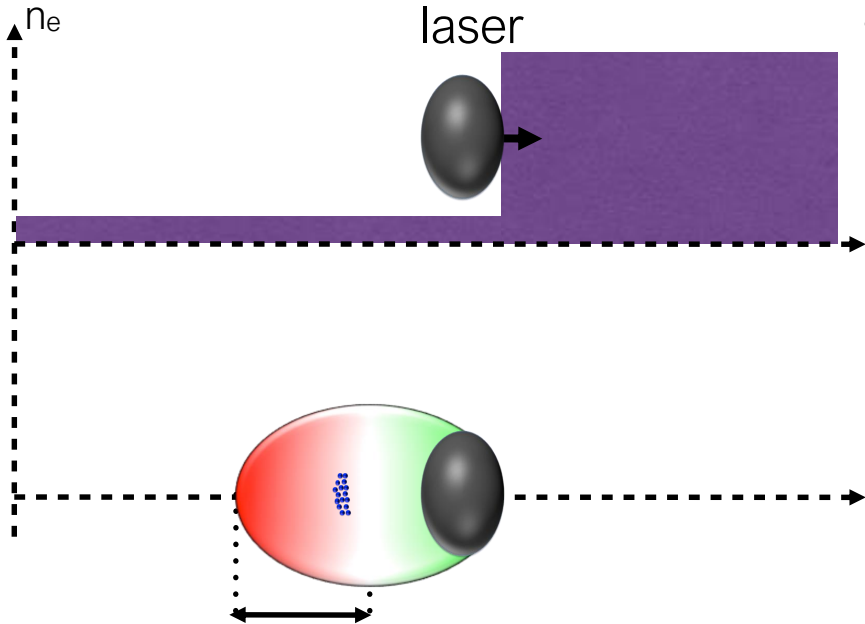


The reduction of the bubble size at the right position by increasing suddenly the density resets the electrons phase.

Electrons can start again to gain energy.

Katsouleas et al., 1986; Sprangle et al., 2001

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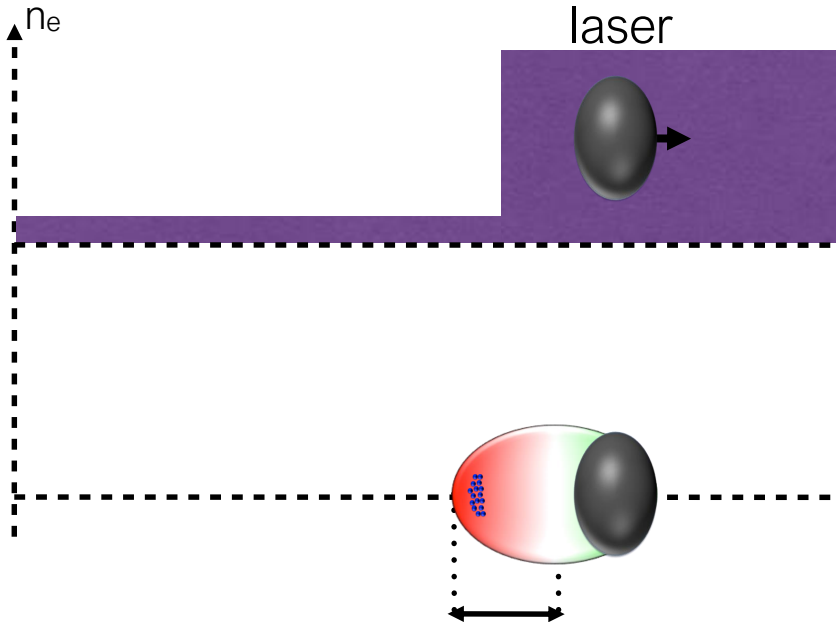
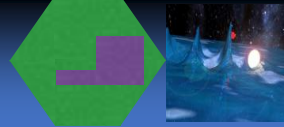
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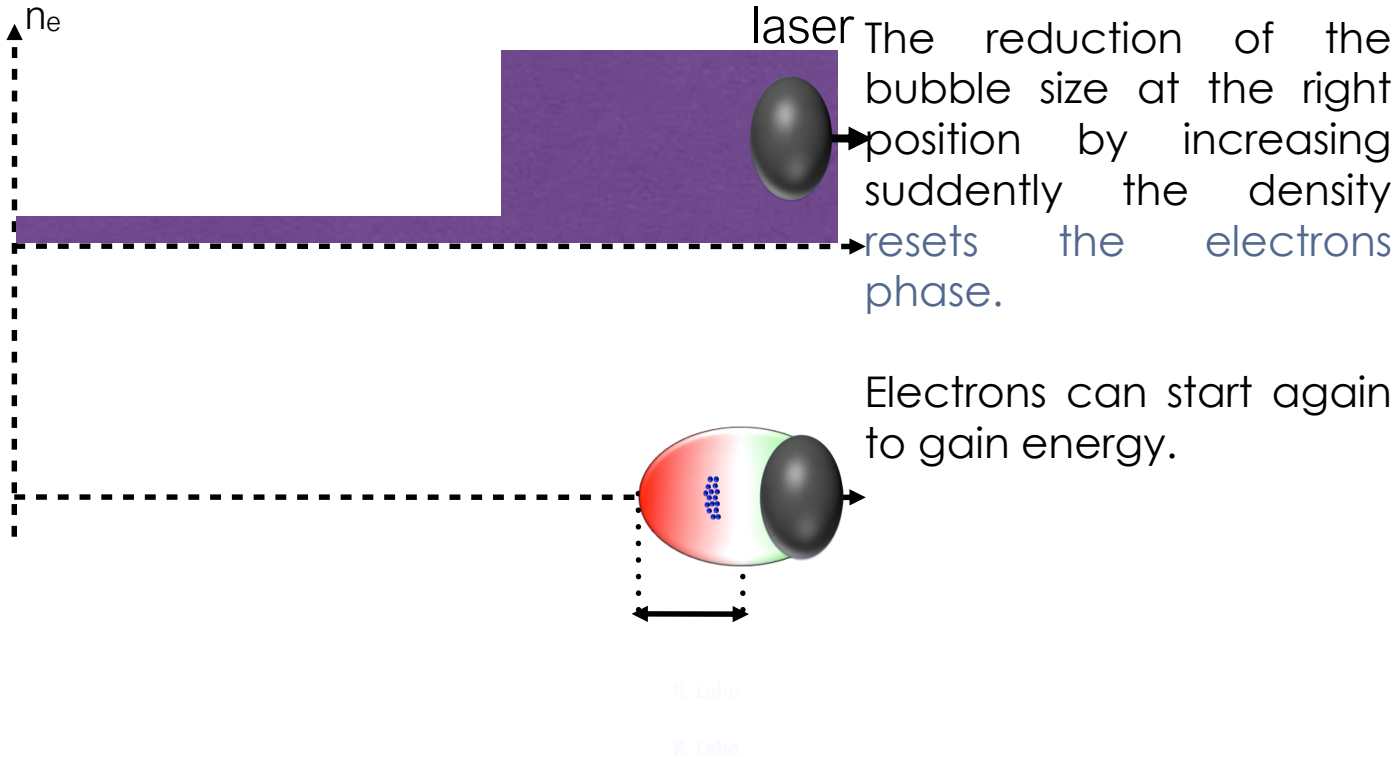
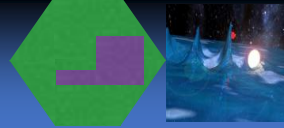
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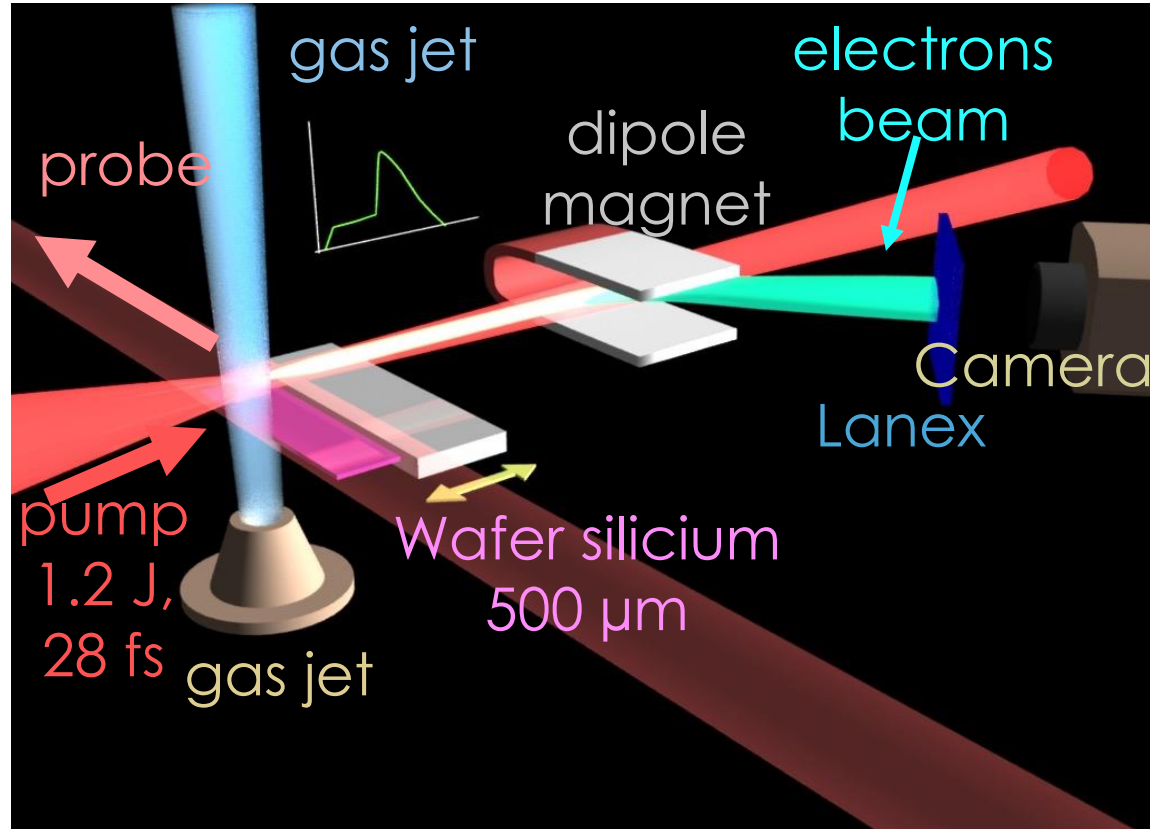
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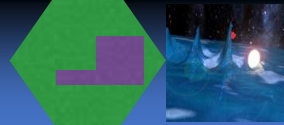
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Experimental set-up

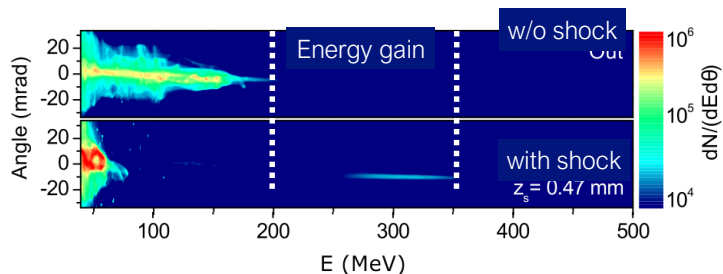


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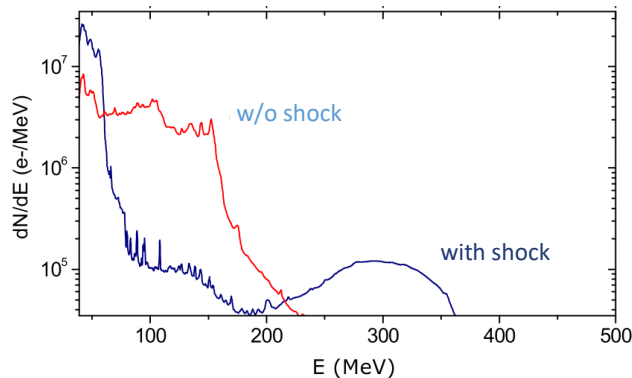


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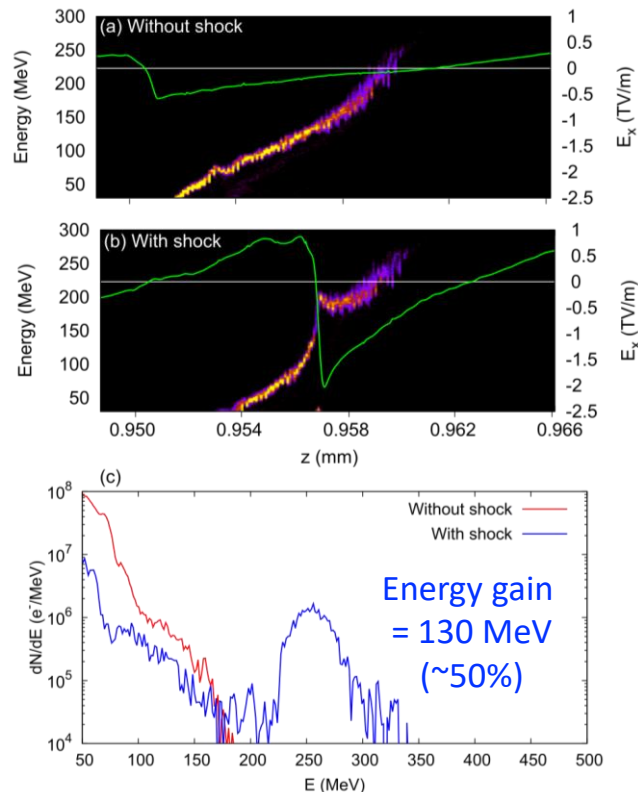
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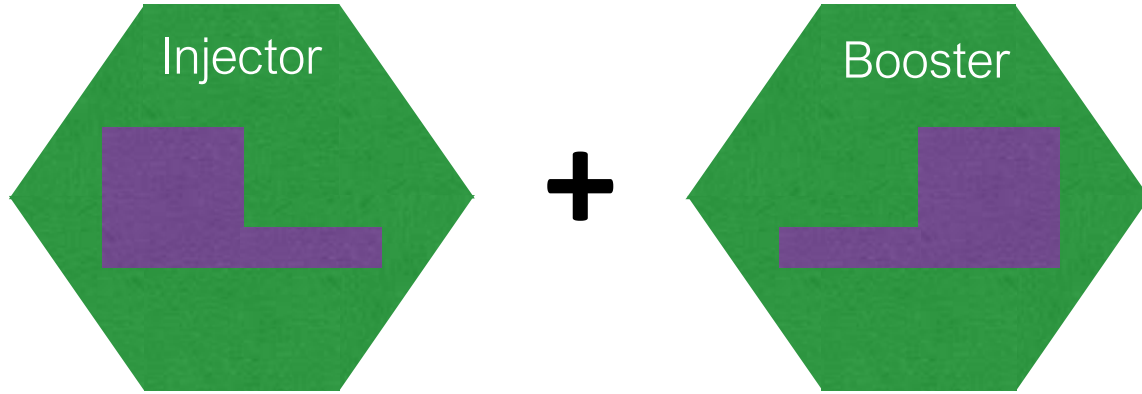
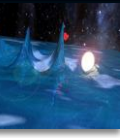
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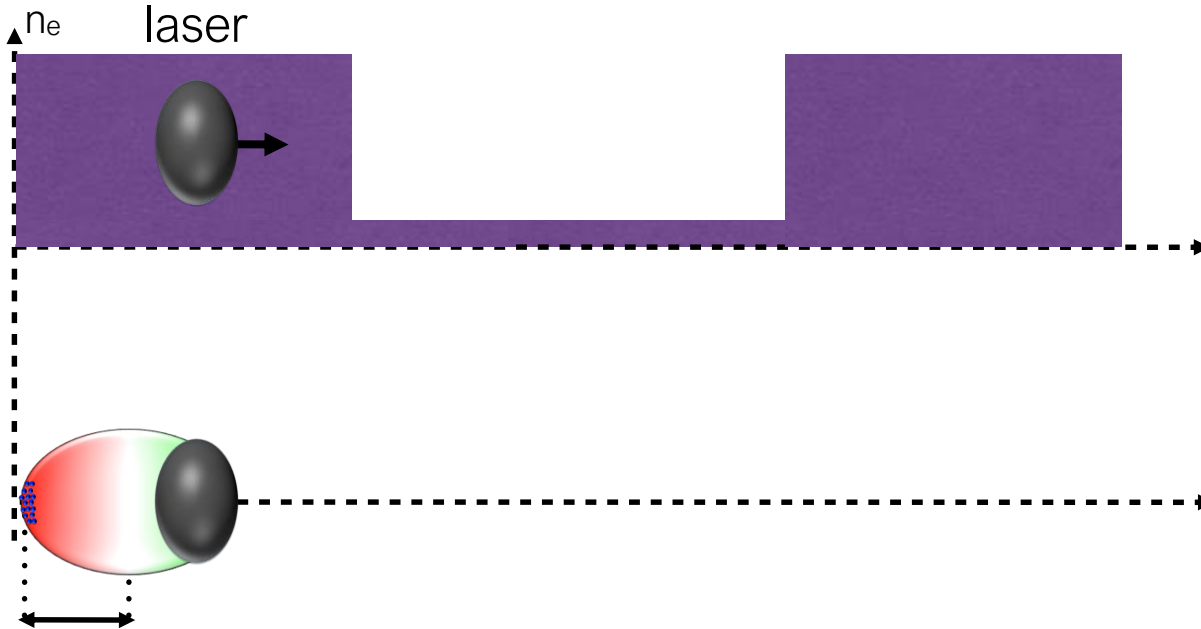
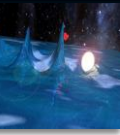
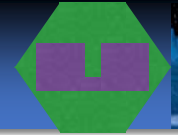
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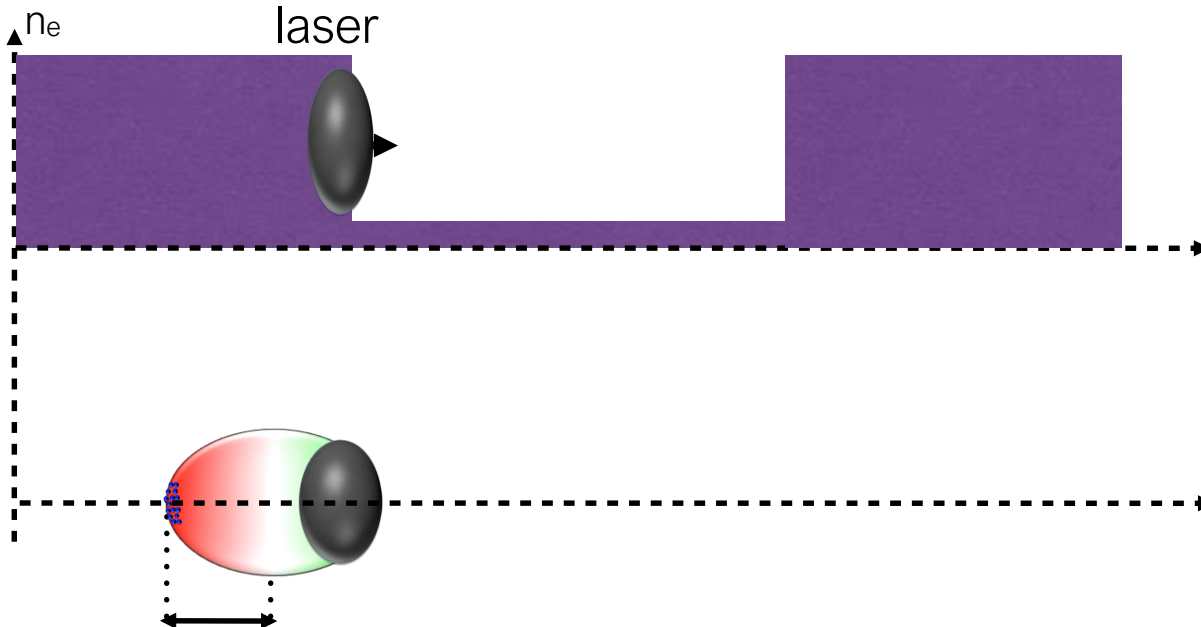
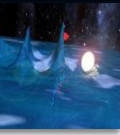
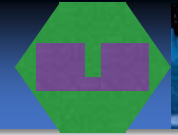
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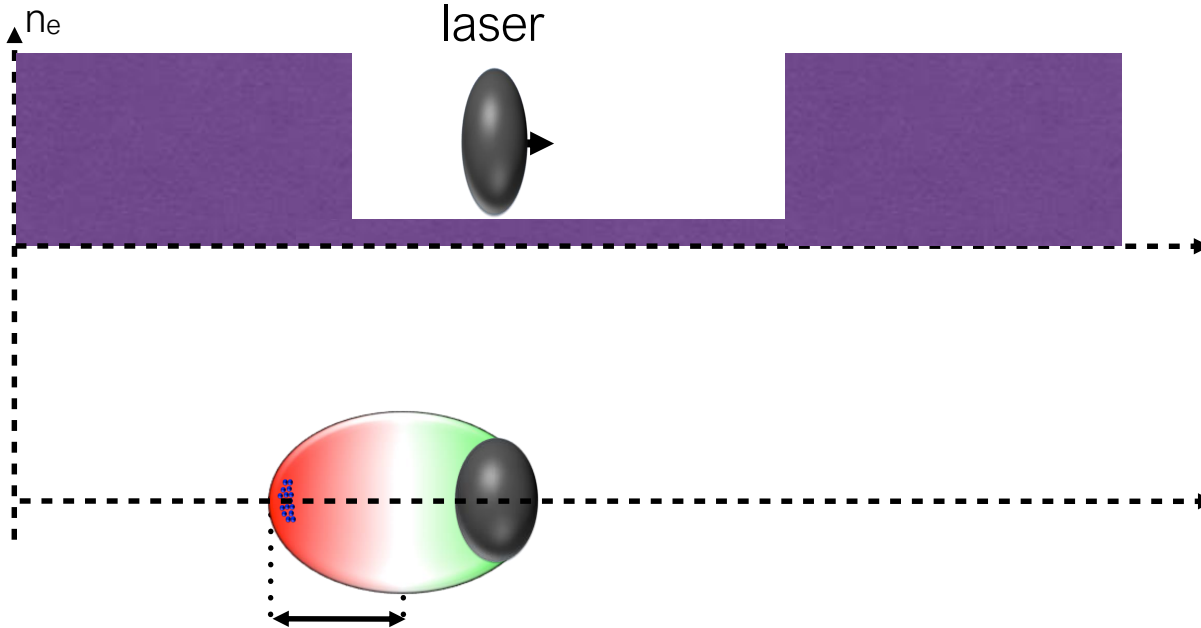
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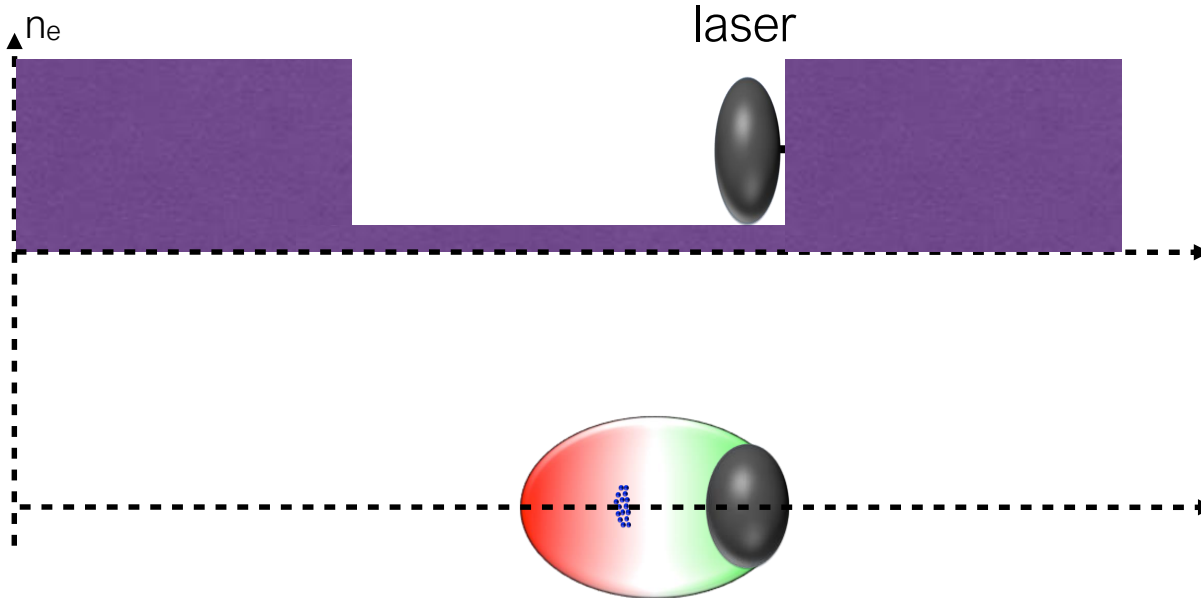
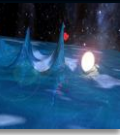
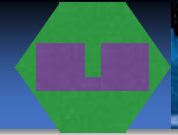
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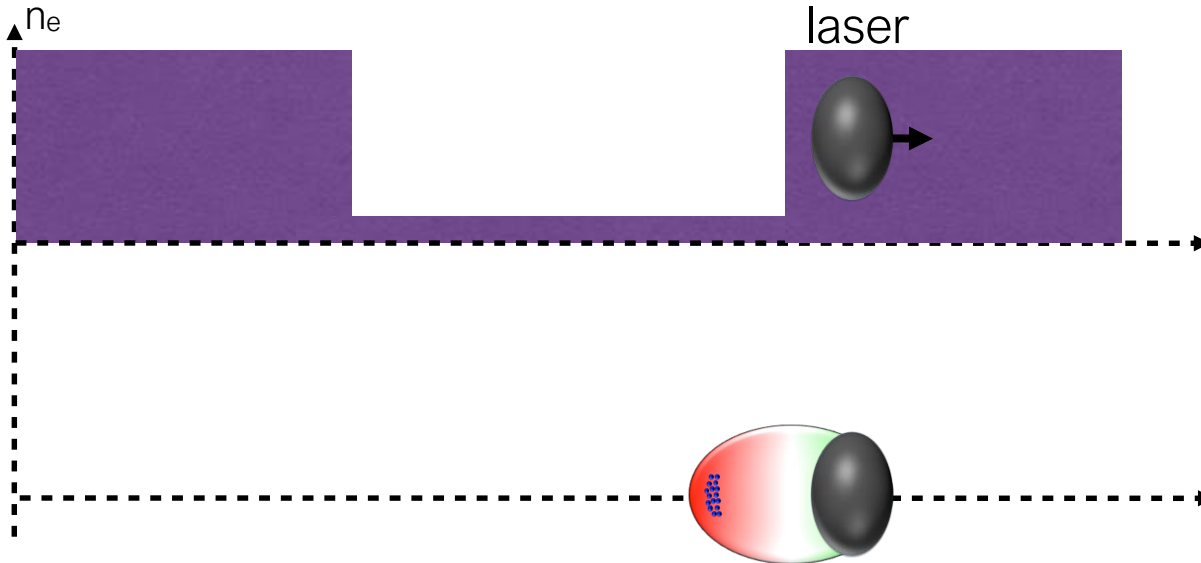
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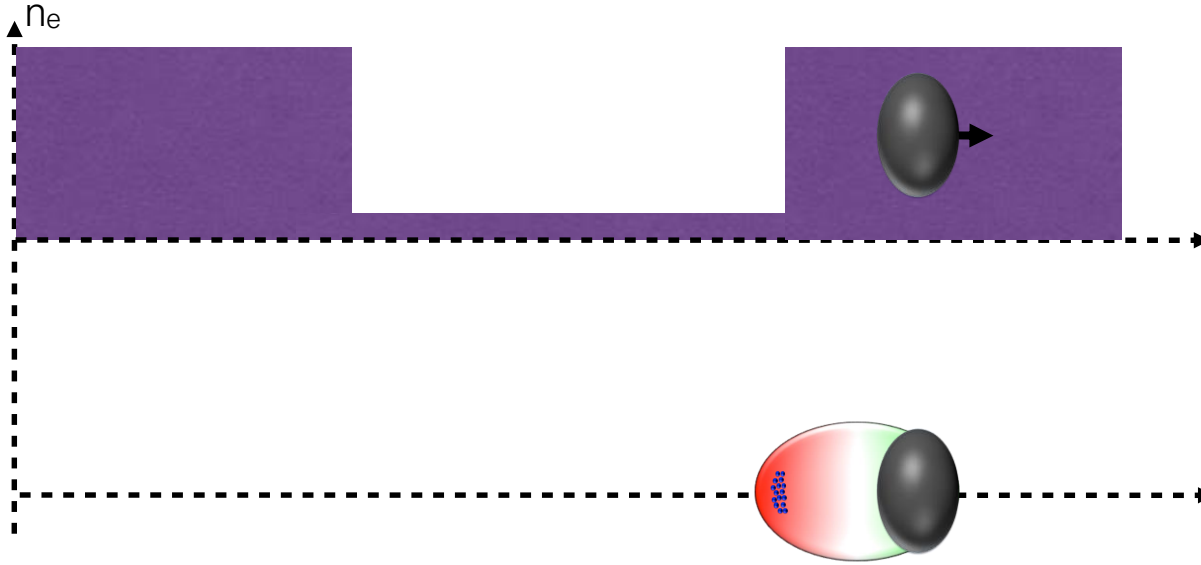
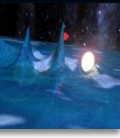
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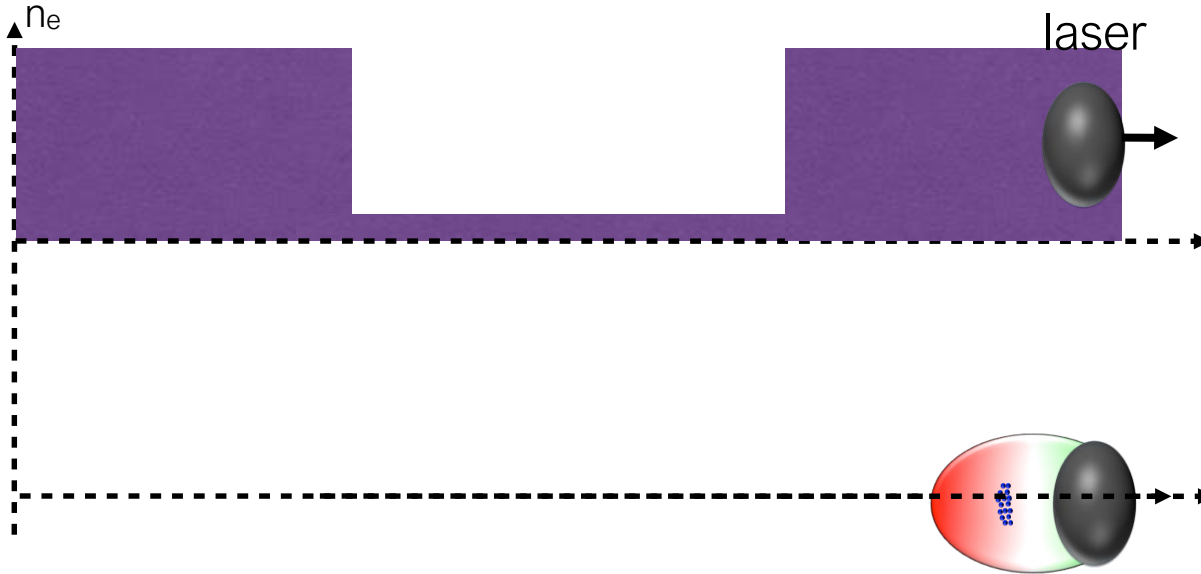
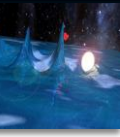
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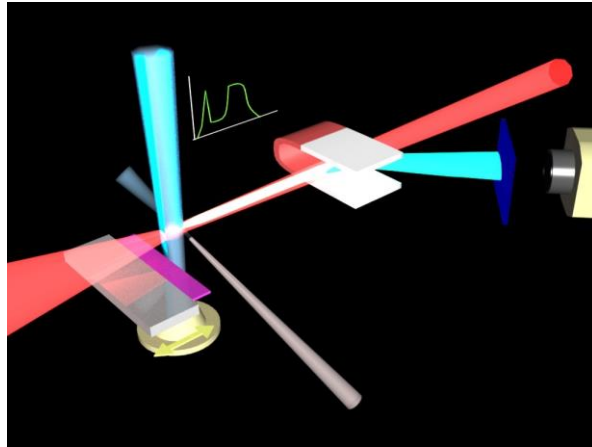
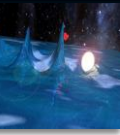
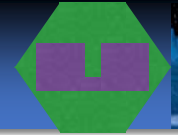
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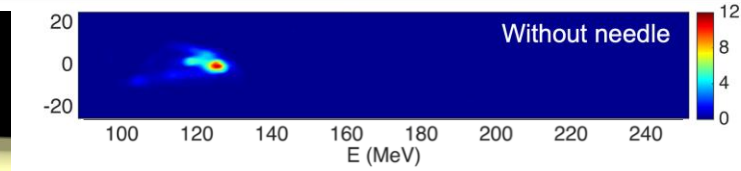
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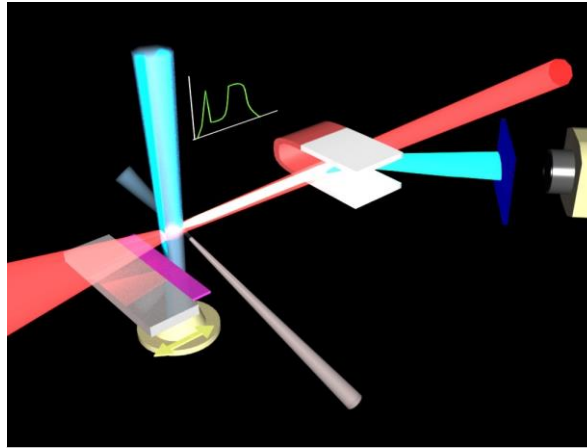
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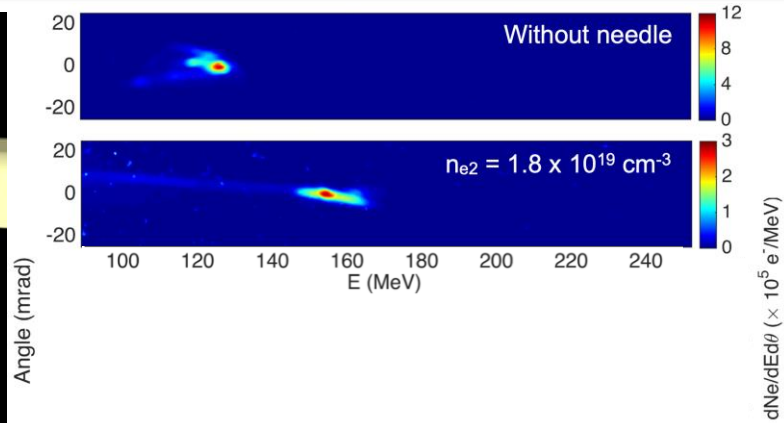
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Energy booster

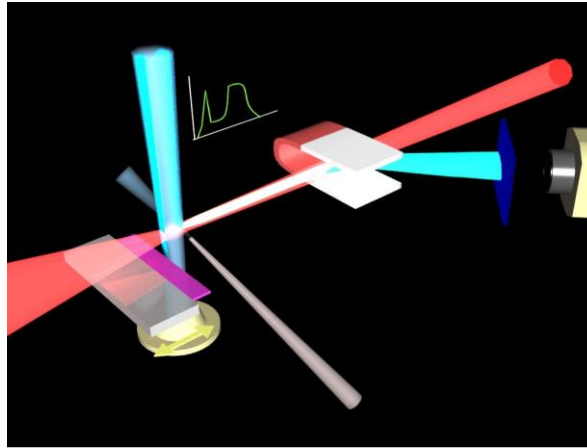
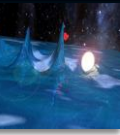
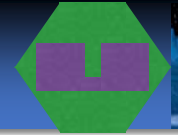


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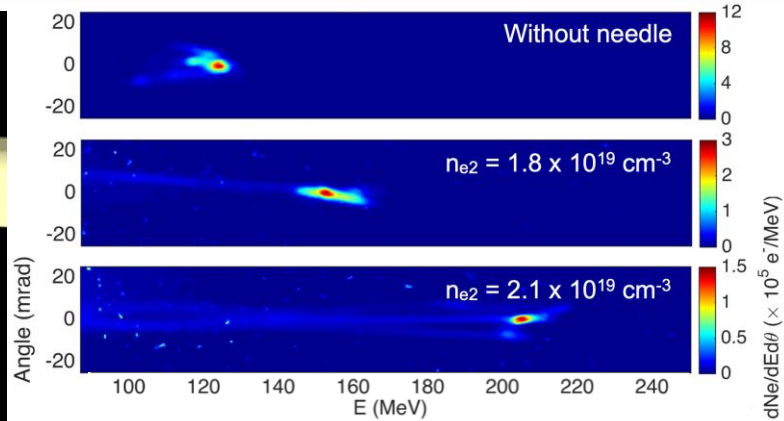


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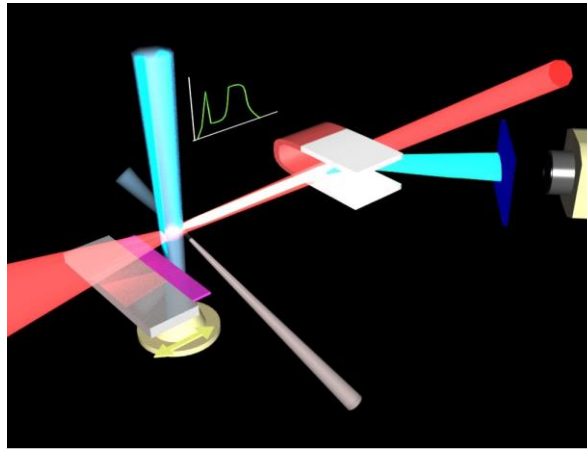


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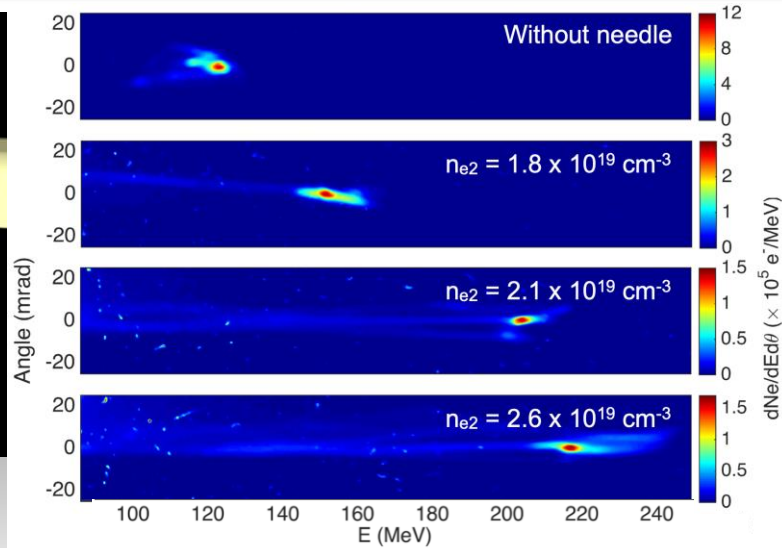


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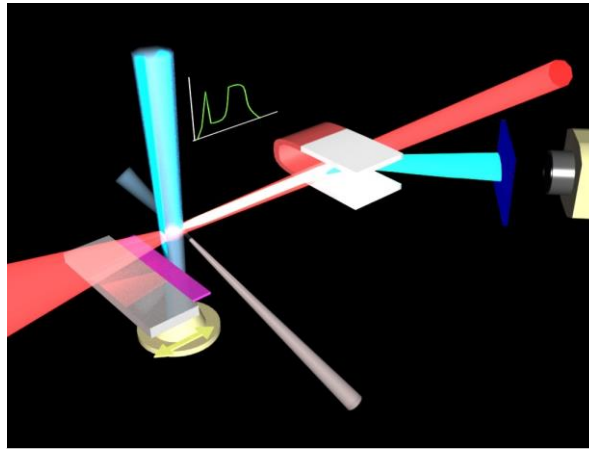
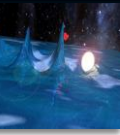
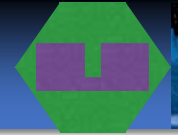


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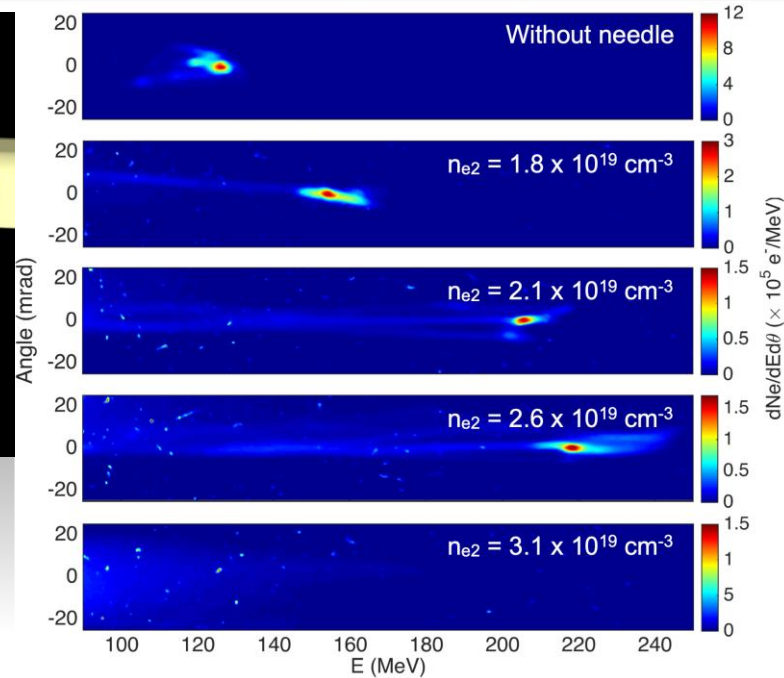


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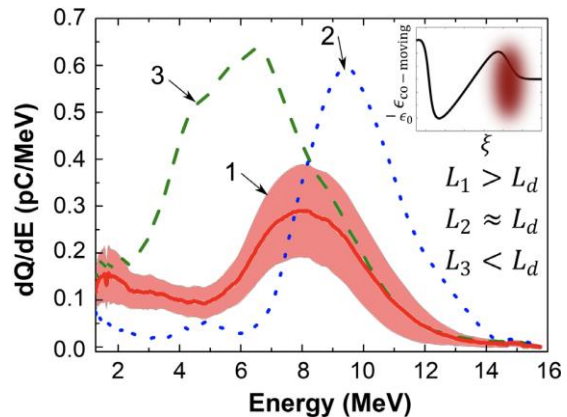
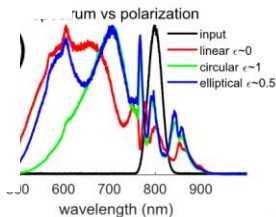
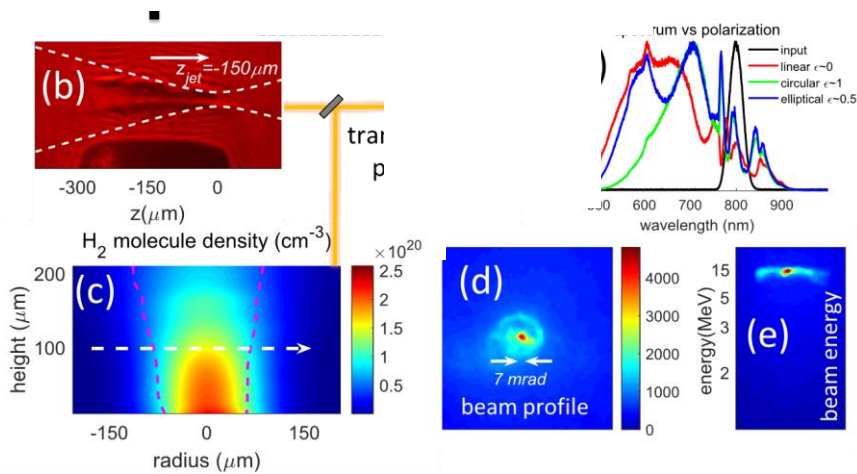
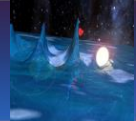


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15 MeV QM e⁻ beam with kHz-mJ laser

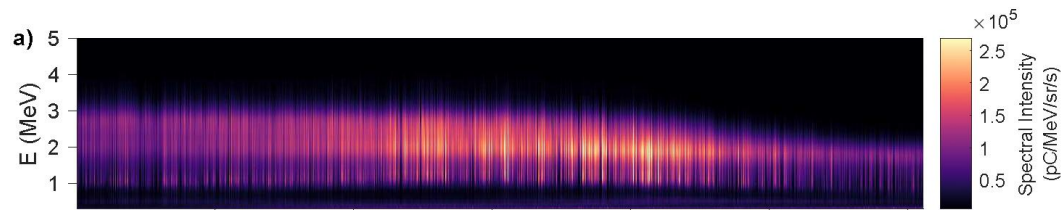
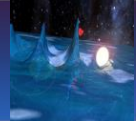


electron beam @ 15 MeV produced at 1-kHz repetition rate
2.5-pC charge with <7-mrad beam divergence
5-fs - 2.7 mJ laser incident
Thin, near-critical-density hydrogen gas jet.
(from Milchberg group)

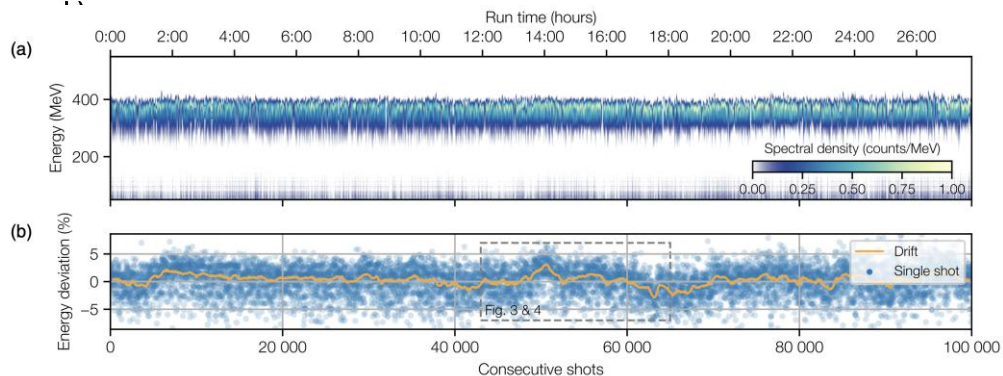
Average electron spectrum over 20 shots
And two typical single-shot electron spectra
(for L_2 and L_3)
at $7.7 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and <5-fs LWS-20 pulses
(from L. Veisz group)

F. Salehi *et al.*, Phys. Rev. X 11, 021055 (2021) D. E. Cardenas *et al.*, Phys. Rev. AB 23 (2020)

Stable & continuous operation



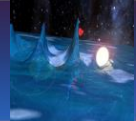
kHz-mJ- 5fs
laser system
at LOA
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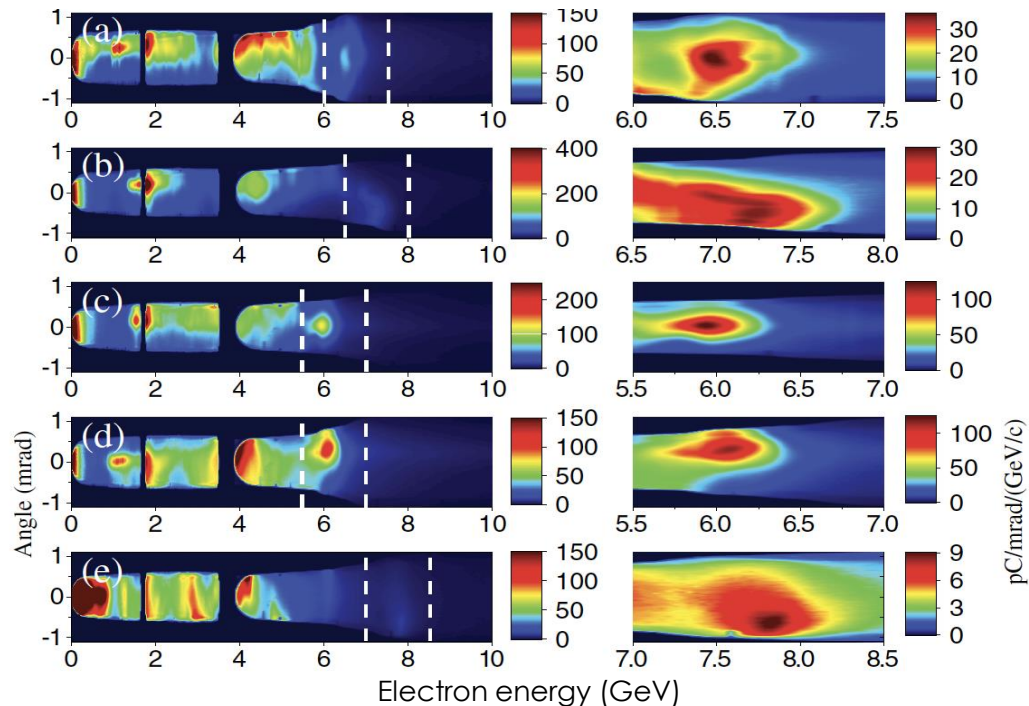
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(Germany)

A. R. Maier *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. X* **10**, 031039 (2020), L. Rovige *et al.*, *Phys. Plasmas* **28**, 3 (2021)

8 GeV energy gain in 20 cm @ LBNL

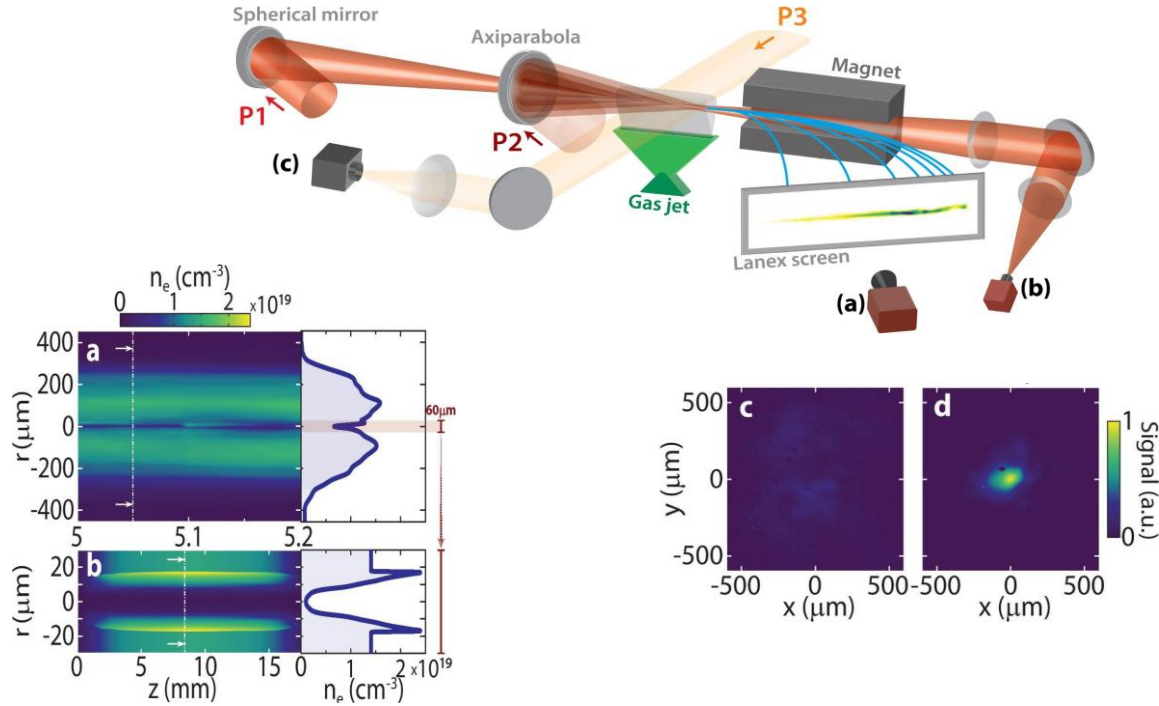
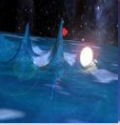


Petawatt Laser Guiding and Electron Beam Acceleration to 8 GeV in a Laser-Heated Capillary Discharge Waveguide



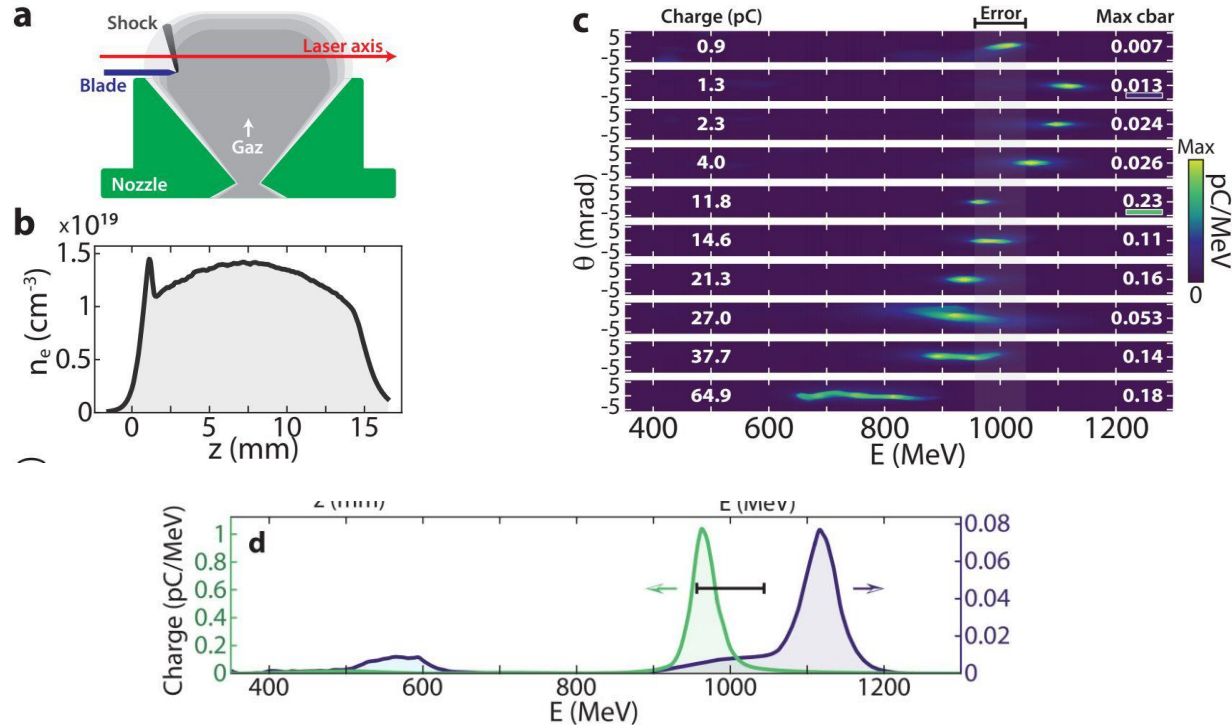
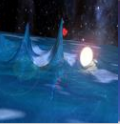
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Acceleration in a laser generated waveguide



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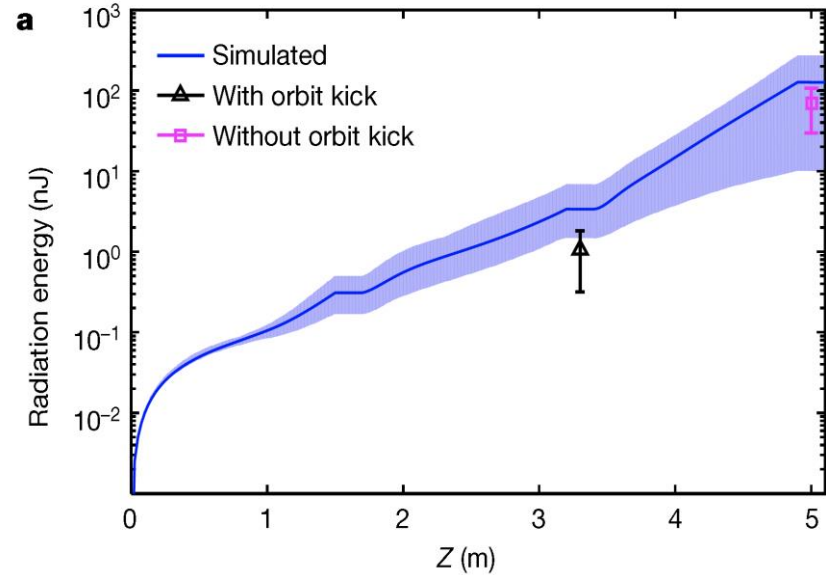
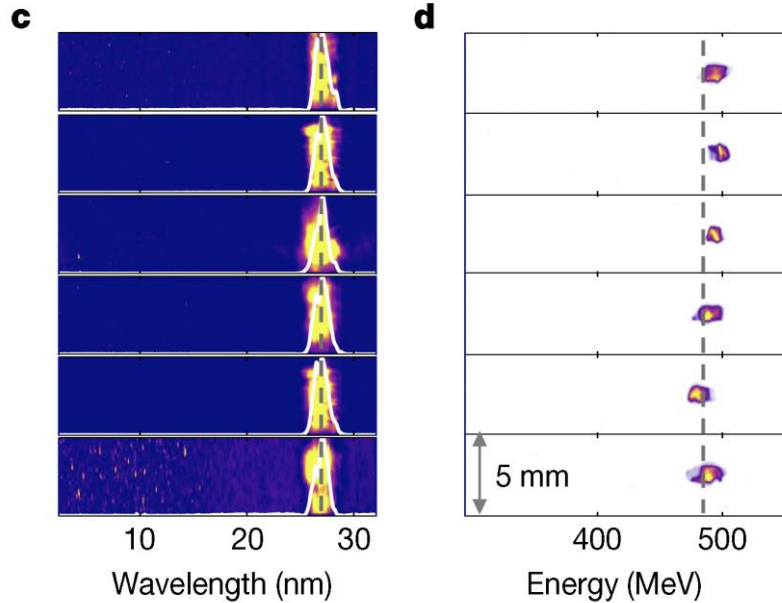
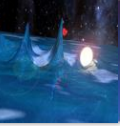
Controlled injection in a plasma waveguide



Quasi Mono energetic electron beam @ more than GeV with 50 TW laser with few pC

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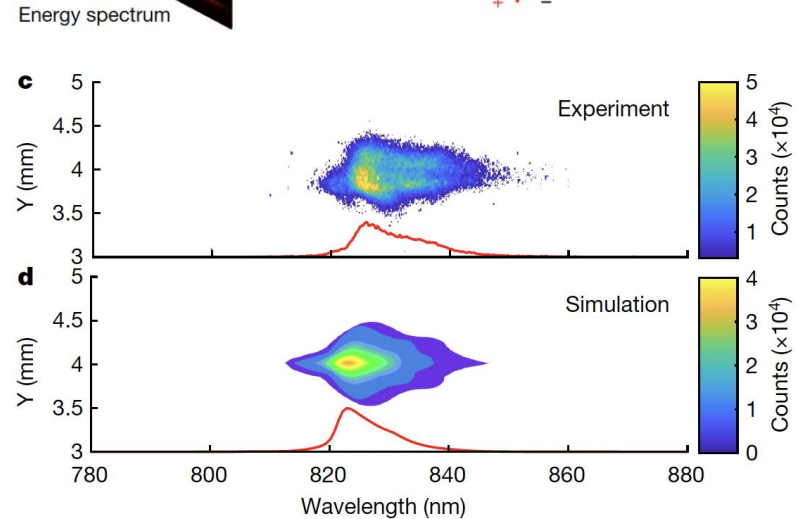
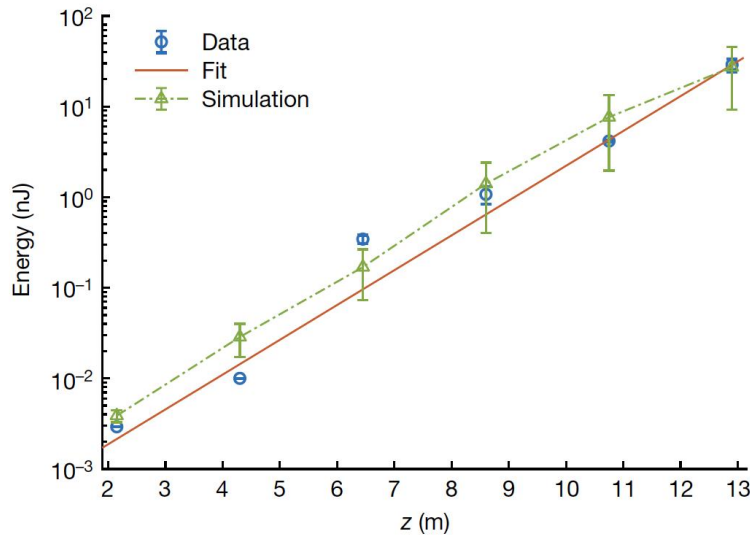
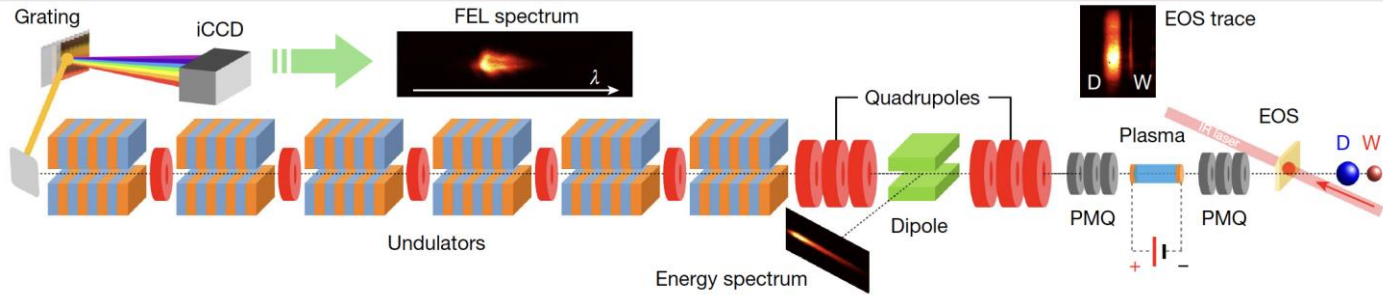
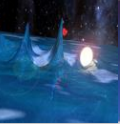
Free-electron lasing at 27 nanometres based on a LWFA



200-TW laser system with a repetition rate of 1–5 Hz, 3.8×10^{18} W/cm², $a_0 = 1.3$ on 6mm supersonic helium gas jet with a structured gas flow with a shock front to control injection with e-beam average energy of 490 MeV, an energy spread of around 0.5%, an average integrated charge of around 30 pC, and r.m.s. divergence of 0.2 mrad.

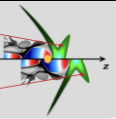
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First FEL lasing from a beam driven plasma accelerator

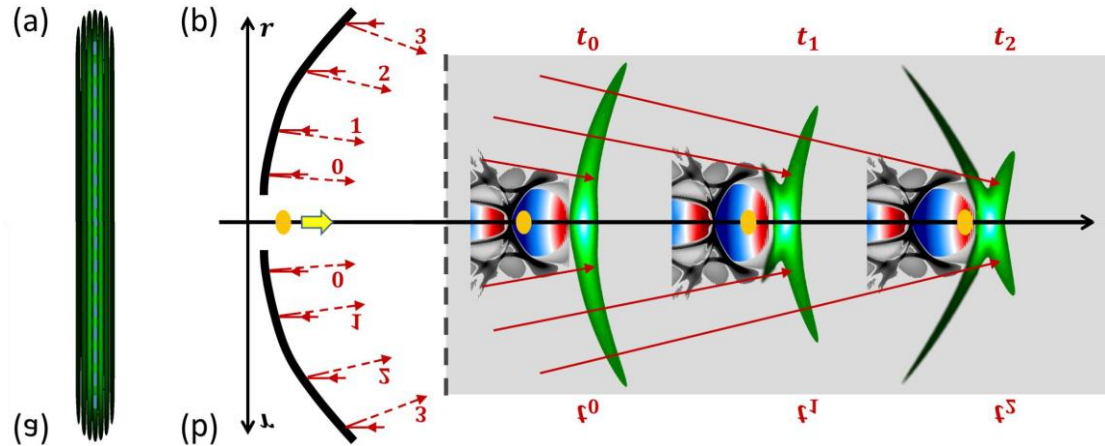


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Superluminal Acceleration - Principle

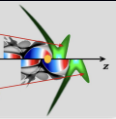


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- Overcoming diffraction, dephasing and depletion.

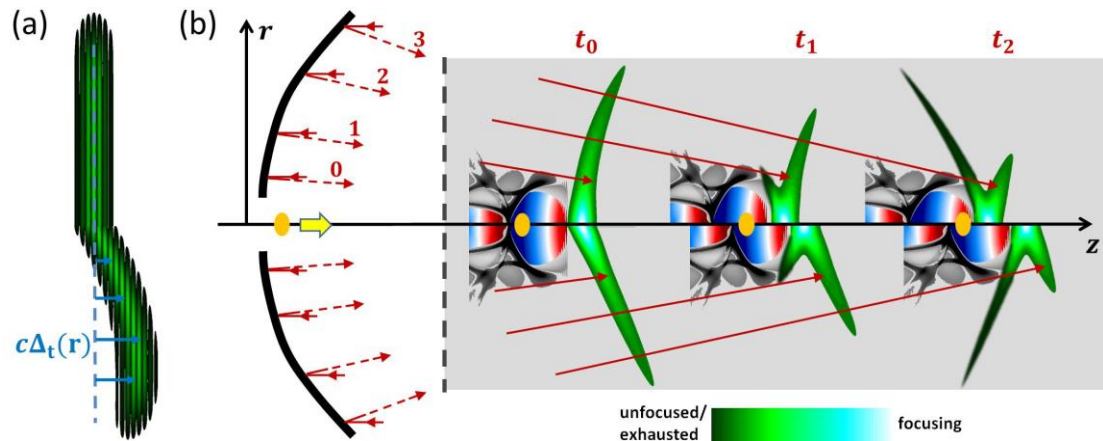


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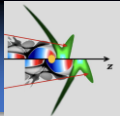


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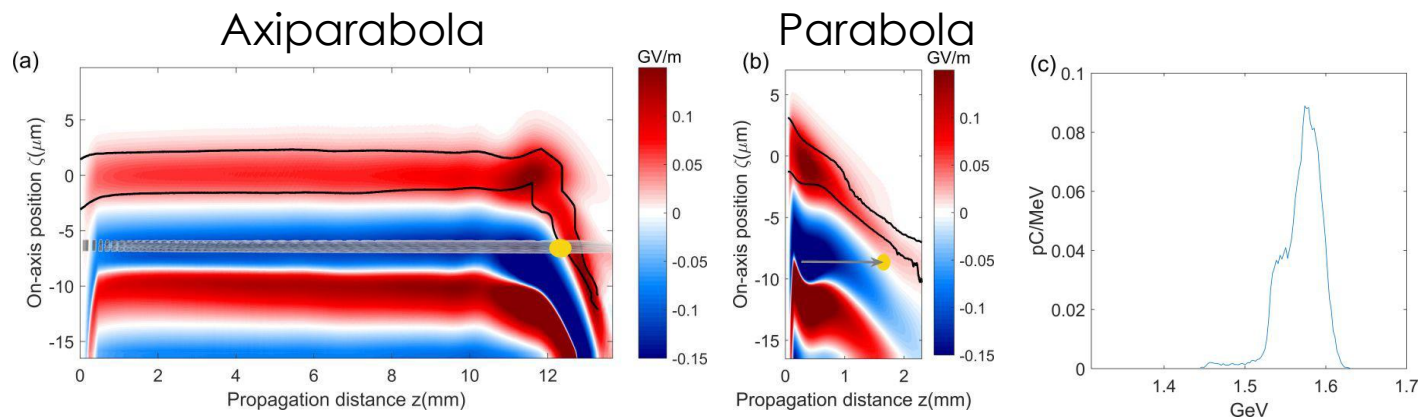
Superluminal Acceleration - Simulations



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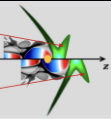
Accelerating fields

1.6 GeV (1 J, 15 fs laser)

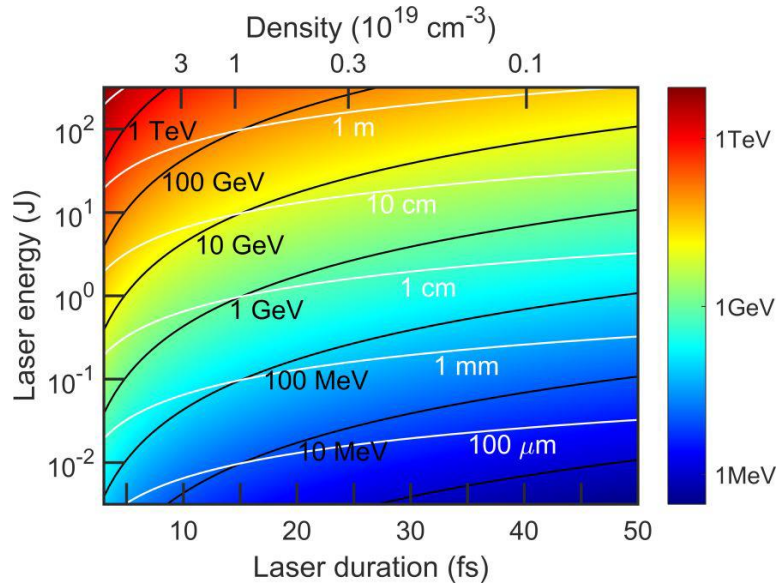


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Superluminal Accel. – Scaling laws



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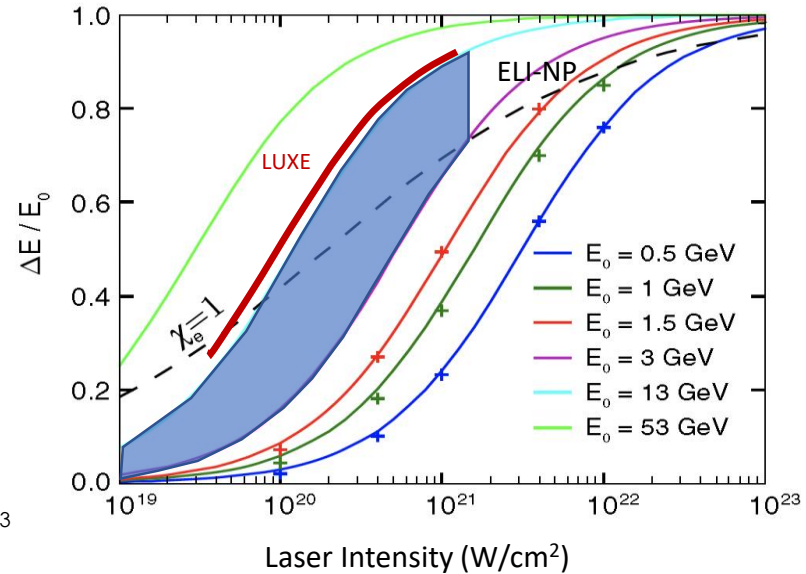
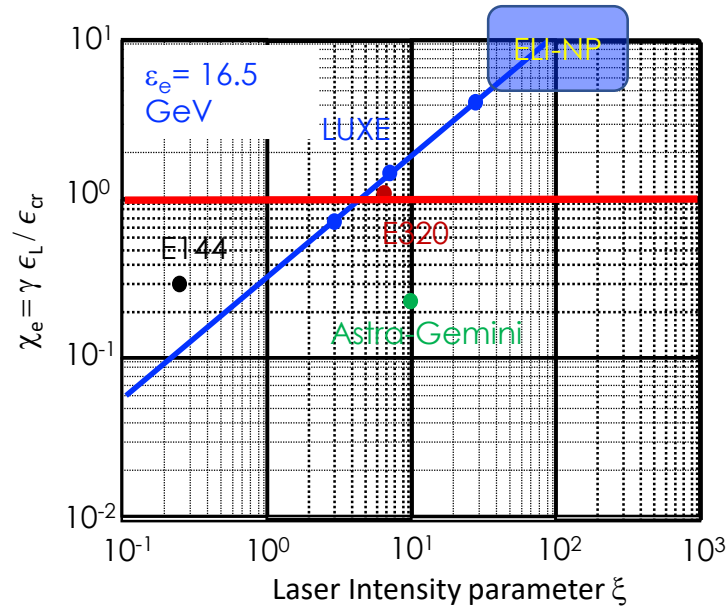
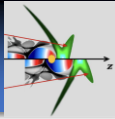
$$\gamma \propto 1/\tau^2$$

$$\gamma \propto E_L$$

Up to 50 GeV with a
1 PW, 15 fs laser

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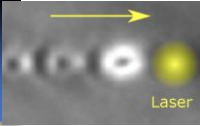
Strong Field QED: towards unexplored regime



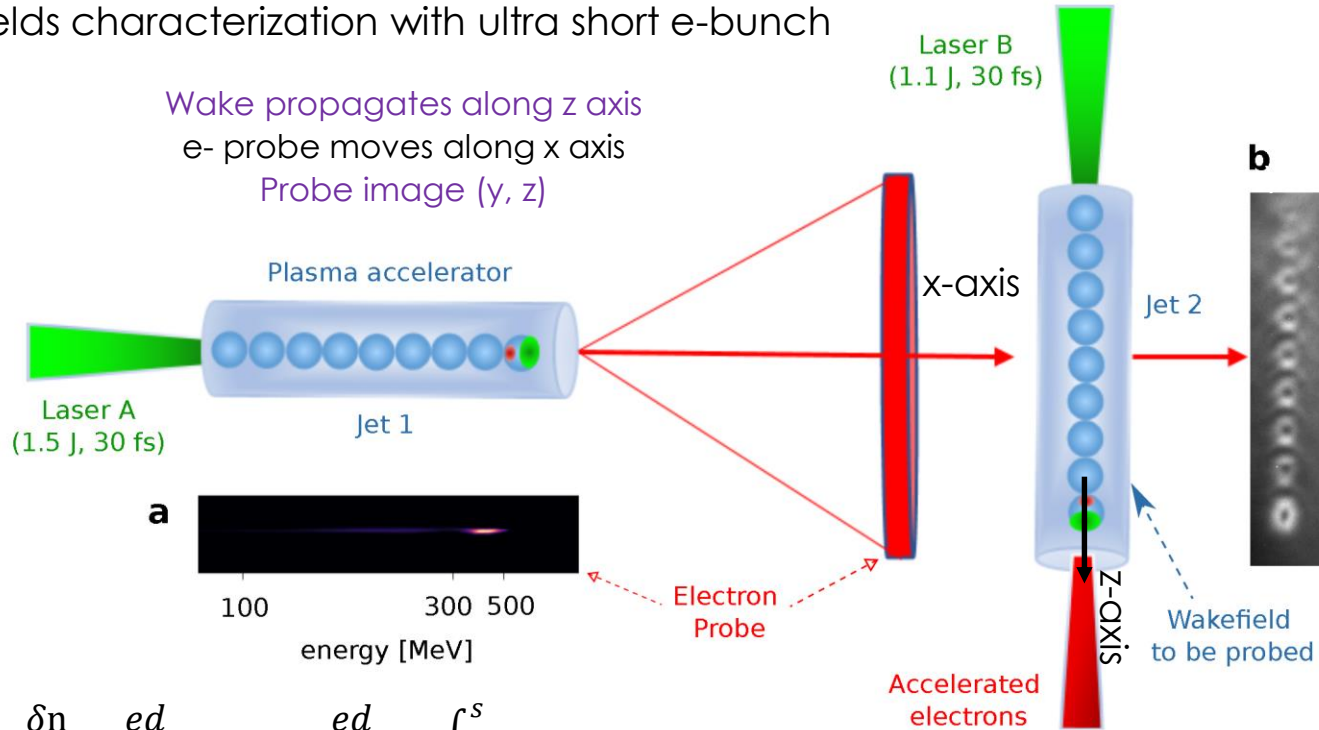
The χ_e and ξ parameter space accessible by various experiments, and on right, the relative electron energy lose $\Delta E/E_0$ as a function of the interacting intense laser. The dashed black line corresponds to the value $\chi_e = 1$, where χ_e is the ratio between the maximal laser electric field amplitude in the electron rest frame and the critical Schwinger field

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An insight of Non-Linear Laser Wakefield

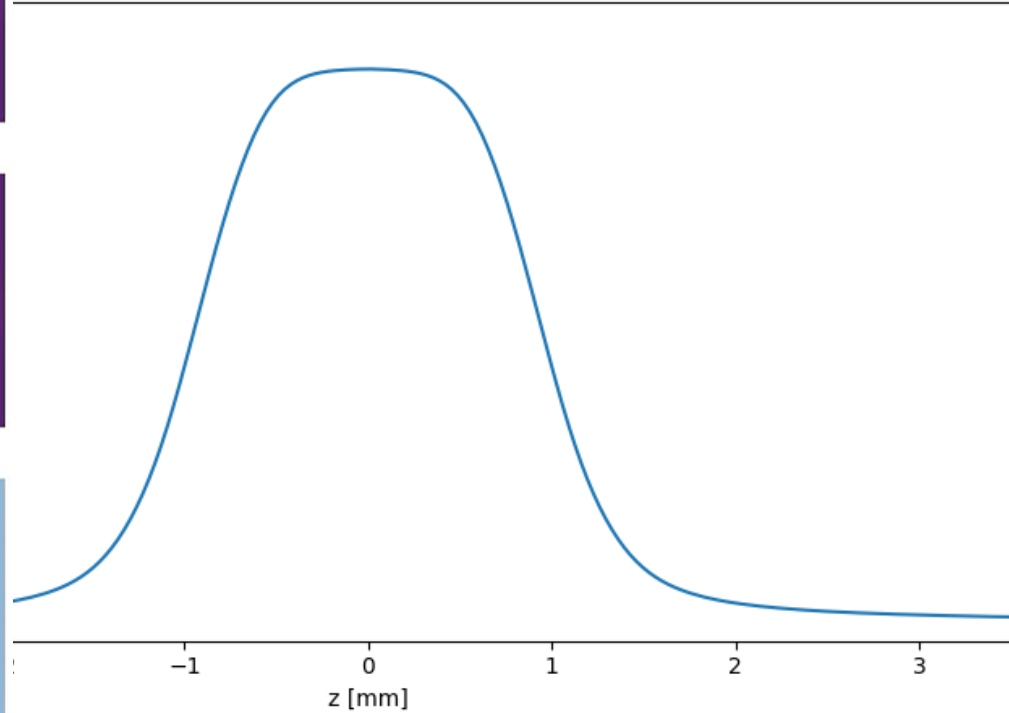
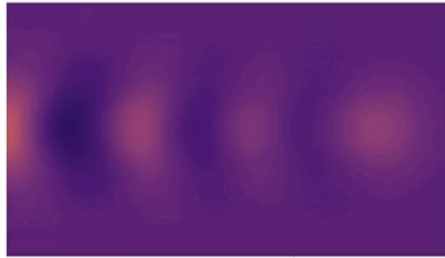
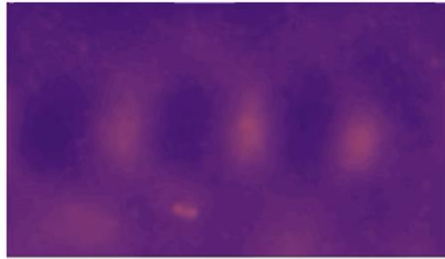
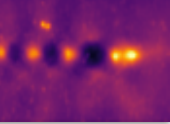


E-fields characterization with ultra short e-bunch

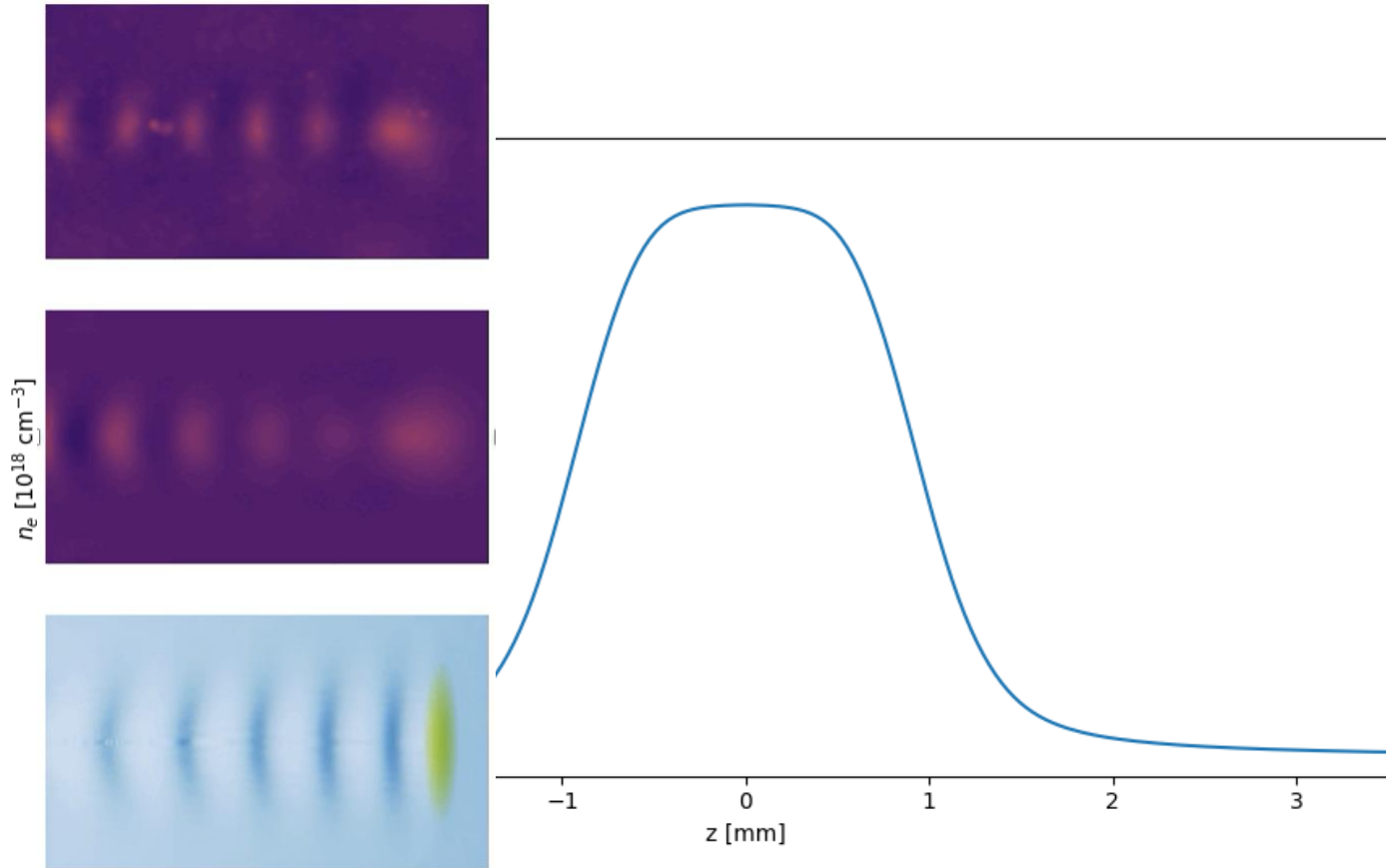
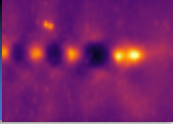


$$\frac{\delta n}{n} = \frac{ed}{cp_0} \nabla \cdot p_{\perp} = \frac{ed}{cp_0} \nabla \cdot \int_{-s}^s (E + v \times B) dx$$

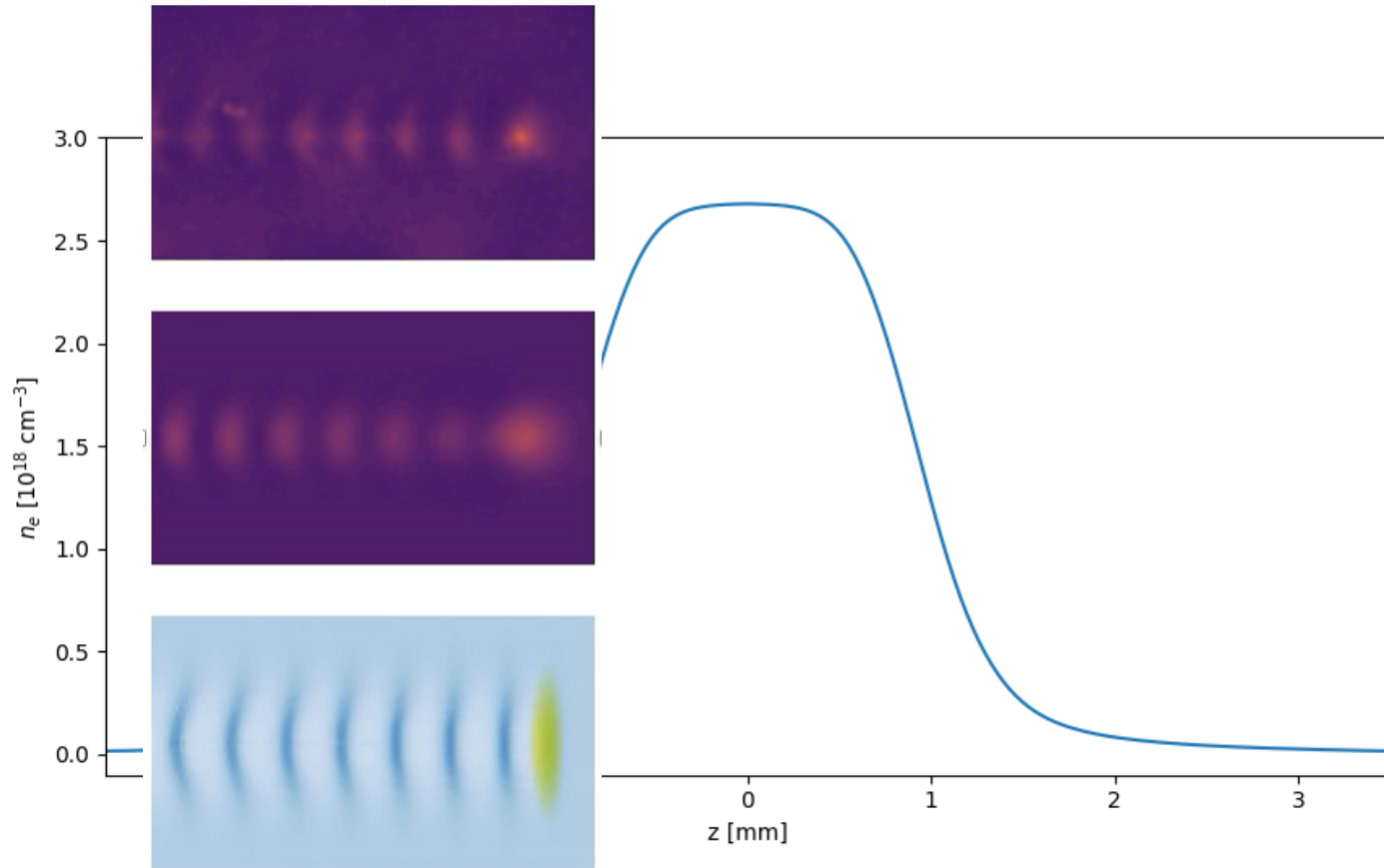
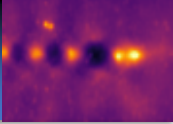
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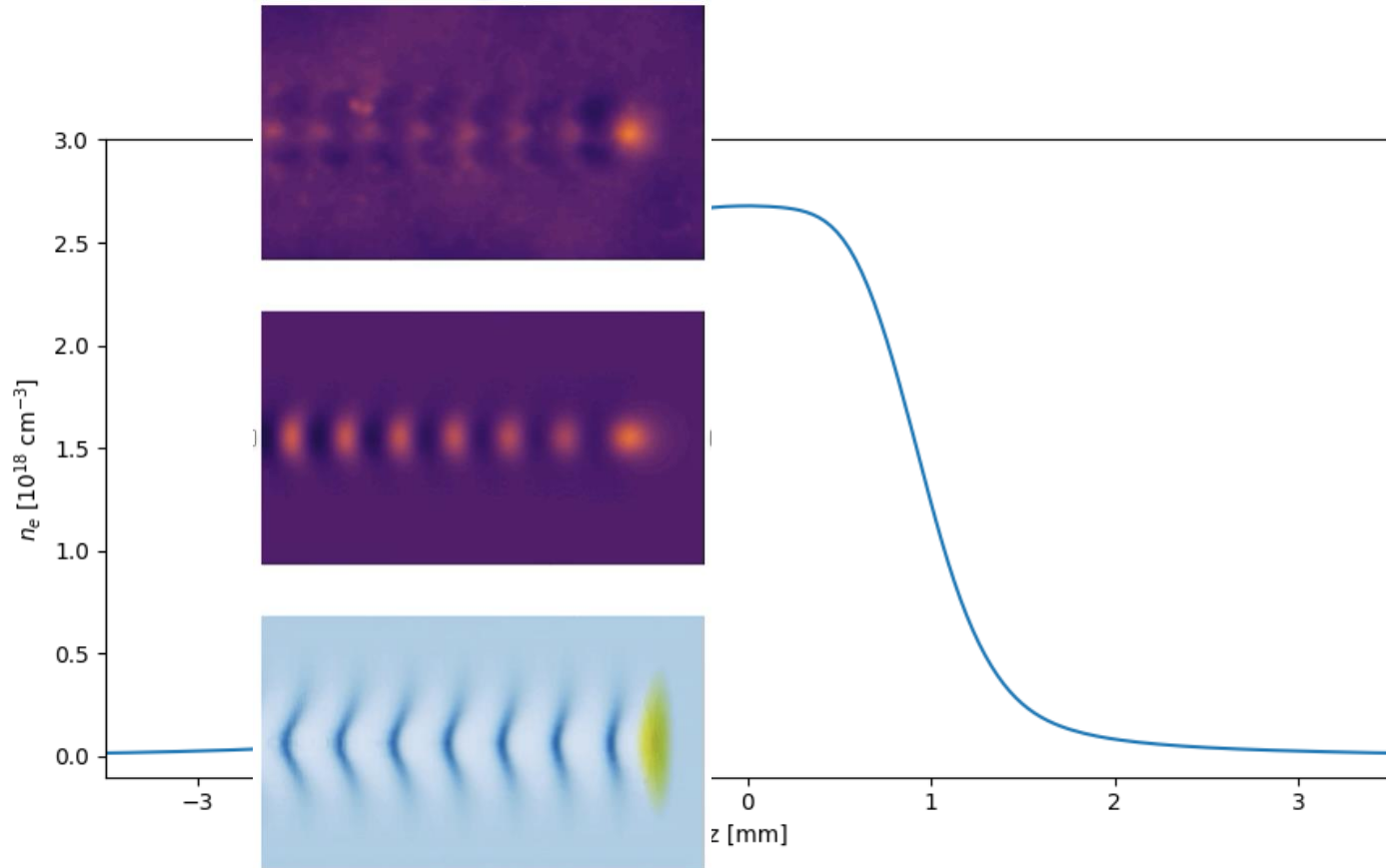
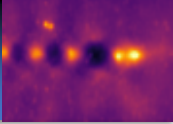
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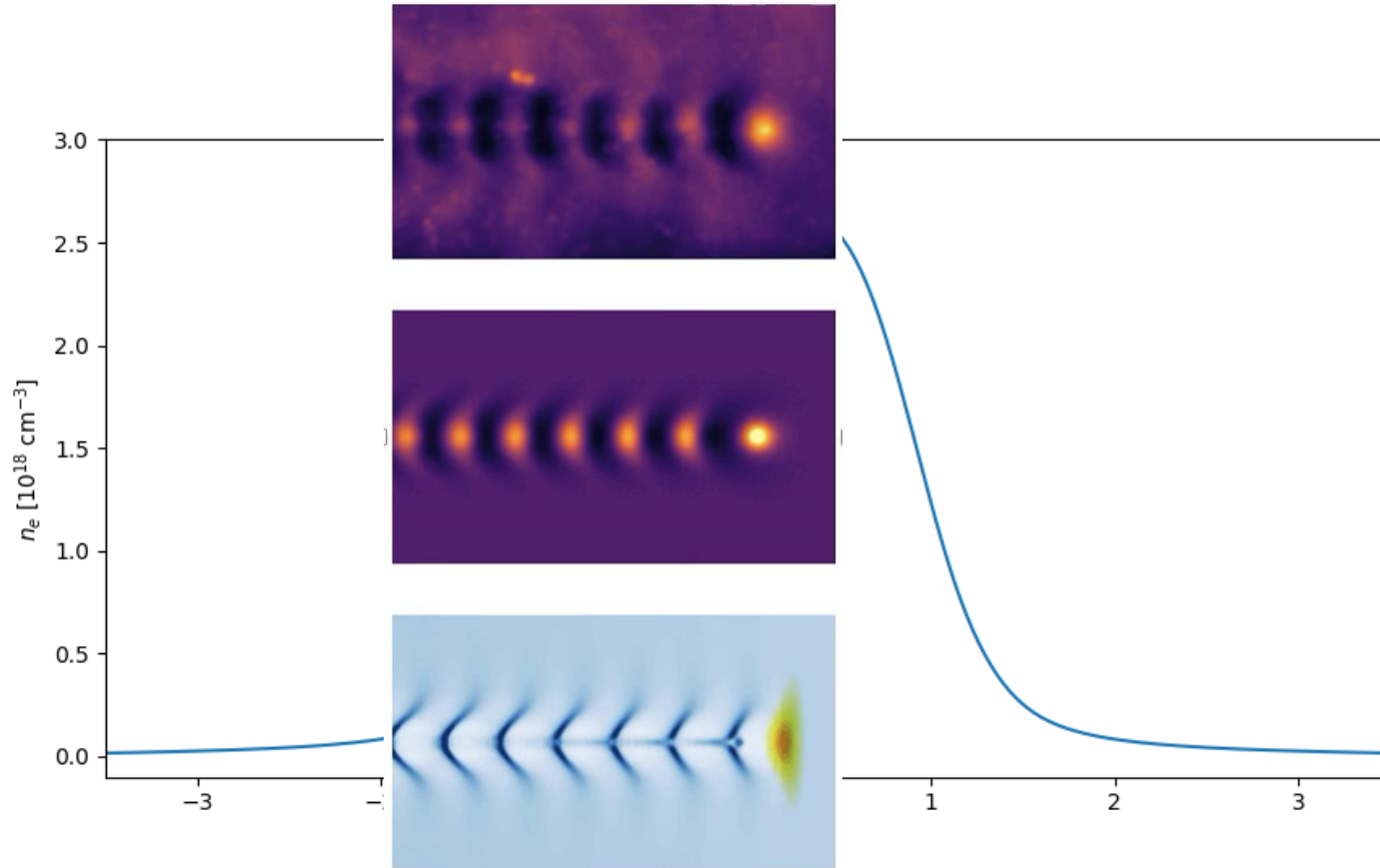
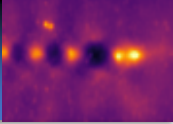
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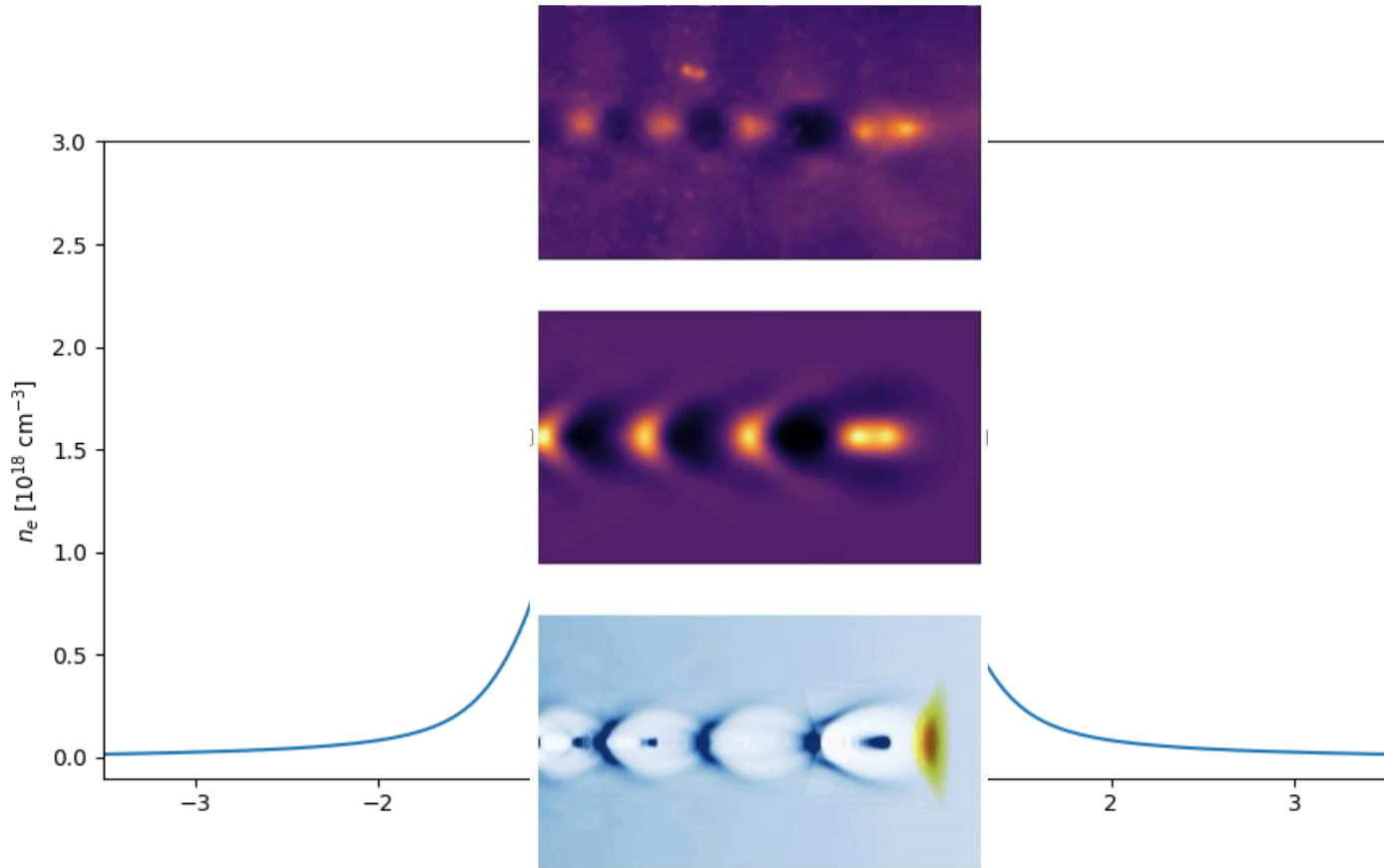
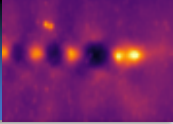
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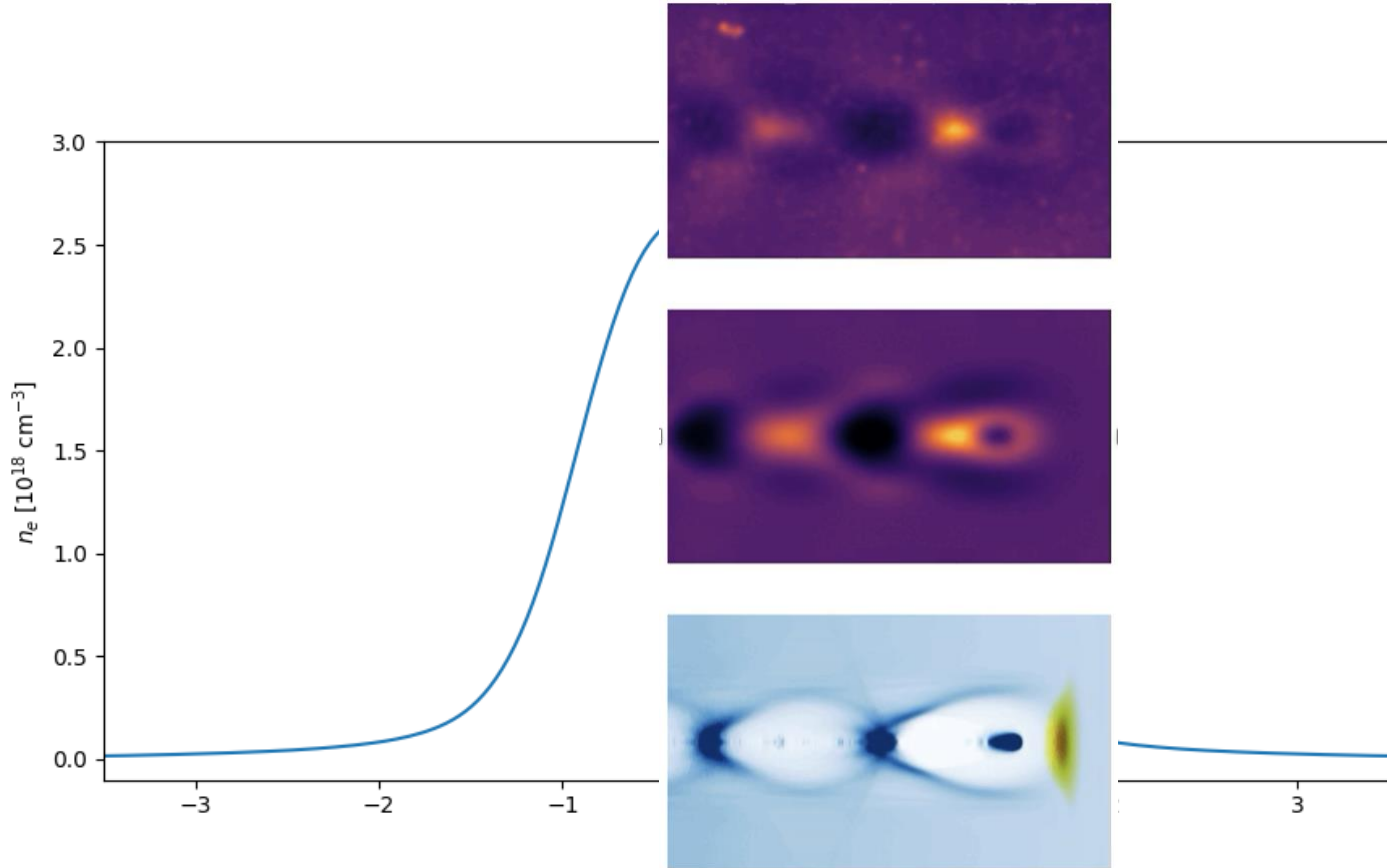
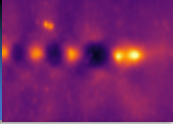
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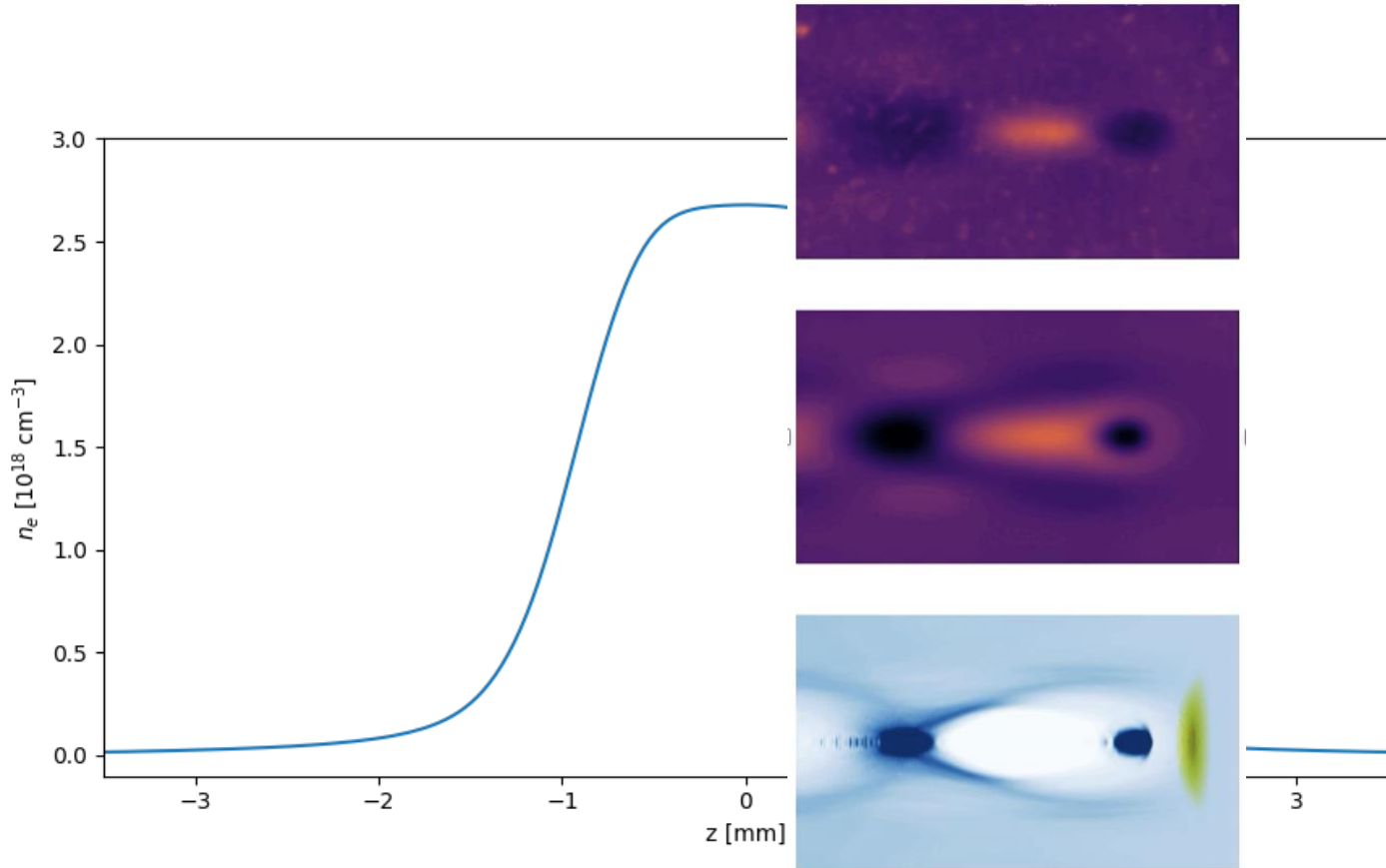
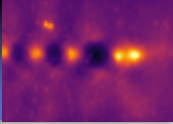
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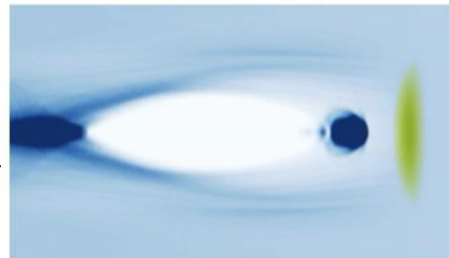
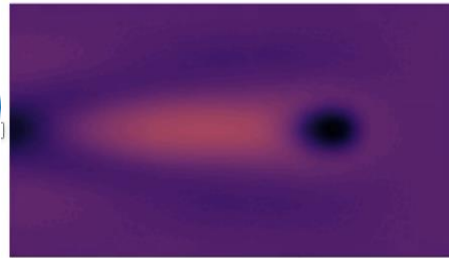
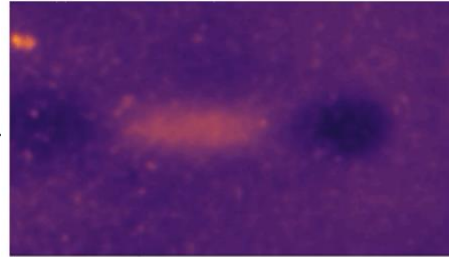
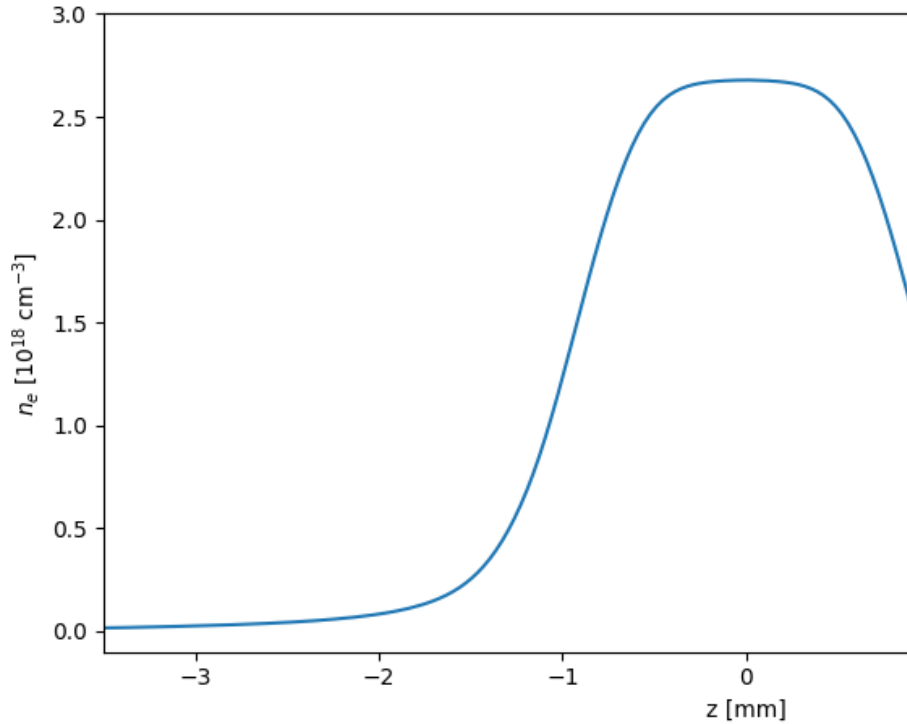
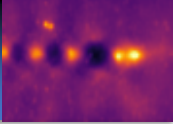
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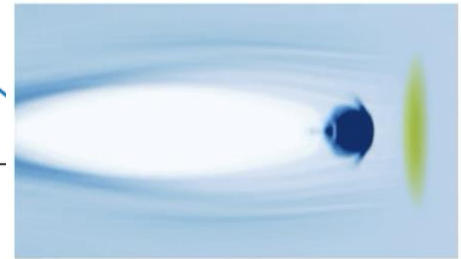
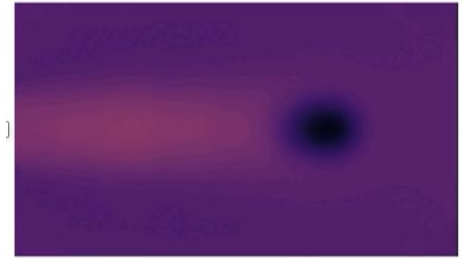
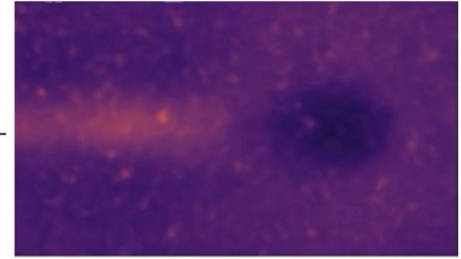
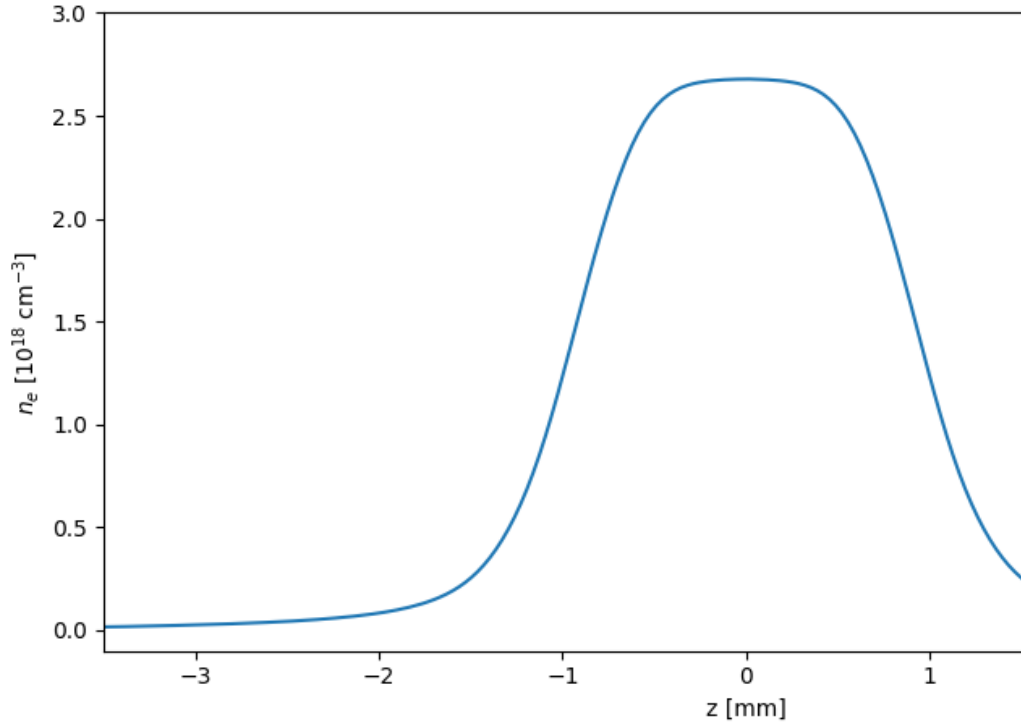
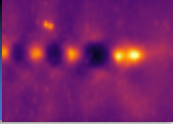
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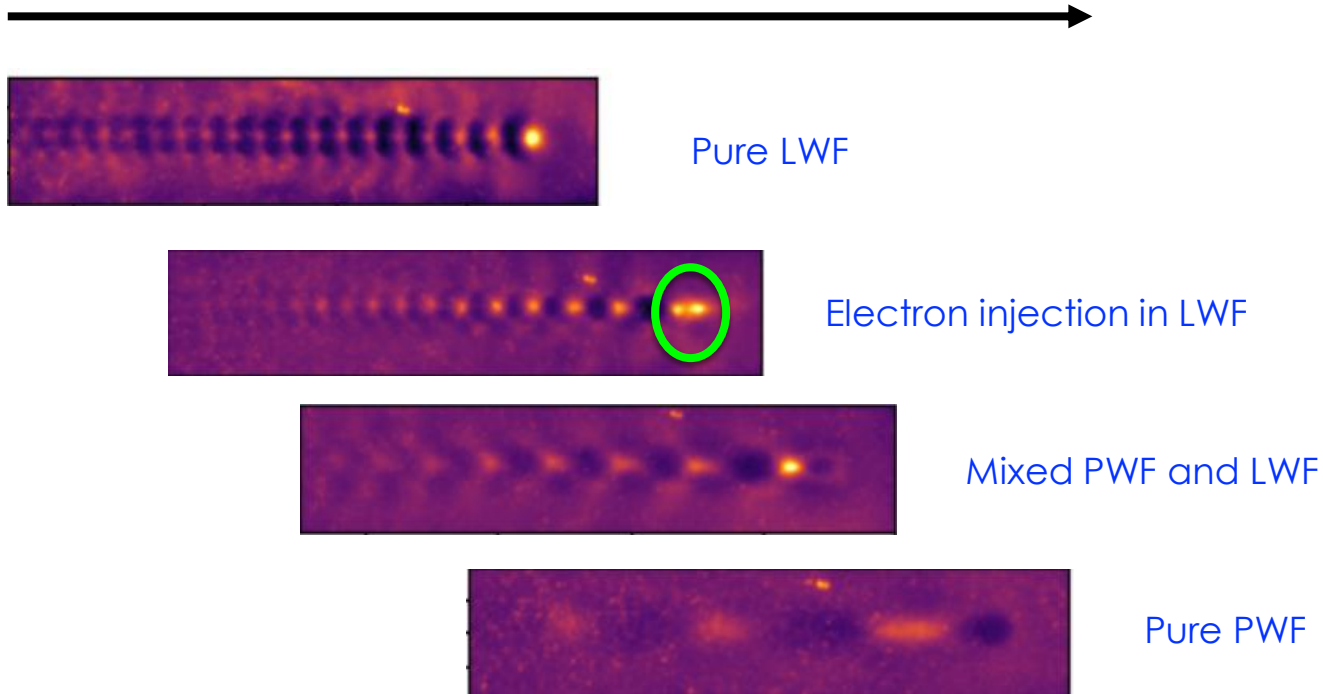
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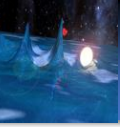


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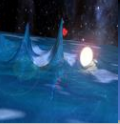
Conclusion & perspectives



- ✓ LPAs are delivering stable and high-quality electron beams
- ✓ Few J/ 30fs / 10 Hz lasers deliver in routine high-quality e-beam at 100s MeV
- ✓ Few mJ/ few fs/ kHz lasers deliver in routine high-quality e-beam in 10s MeV
- ✓ Few 10s of J/ 30fs/ 1 Hz lasers deliver GeV-10 GeV e beam
- ✓ Impressive progresses have been done in guiding intense laser pulse, but high-quality beams are not yet there
- ✓ LPAs are mature for delivering compact X ray sources such as Thomson, Compton, Betatron, and now FEL
- ✓ LPAs are mature to challenge applications in security, radiotherapy, ultrafast phenomena studies, etc...
- ✓ LPAs are pertinent for High Fields Sciences



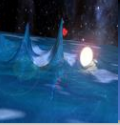
Conclusion & perspectives



- ✓ **New diagnostics are helping in getting better temporal and spatial resolutions**
- ✓ **New numerical schemes, genetic algorithms and artificial intelligent also appeared these 10 years**
- ✓ **Laser technology is proposing more products opening also new direction of research**
- ✓ **More than one 100 University labs,**
- ✓ **Crucial in the major projects such as ELLs, LBNL, APOLLON, SIOM, CORELS, KIST, etc...**
- ✓ **All together this indicates a vibrant area of research with a bright and exciting future.**



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E1: 10 PW @ 1/min

High field physics

Laser driven nuclear physics

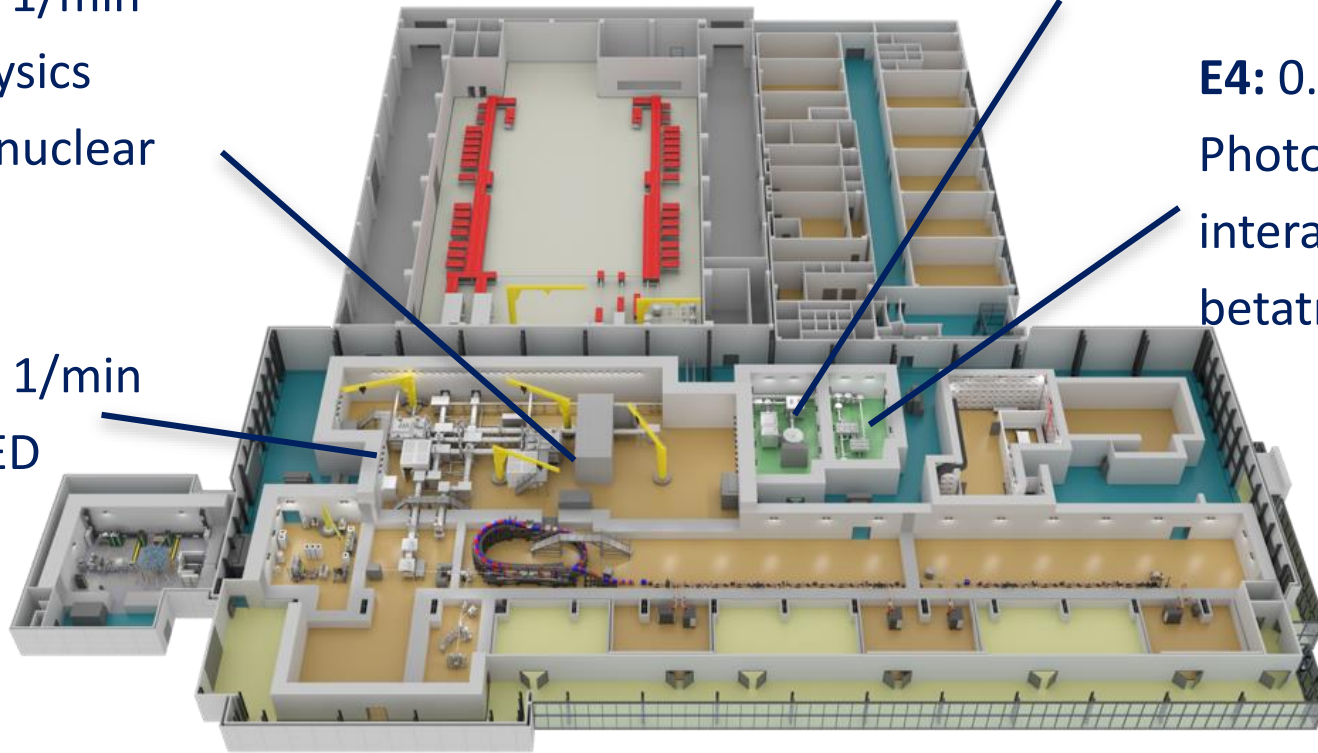
E6: 10 PW @ 1/min

High Field QED

E5: 1 PW @ 1 Hz

E4: 0.1PW@10 Hz

Photon-photon interaction, LWFA, betatron



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