

A review of plasma based beamline elements for advanced beam manipulation

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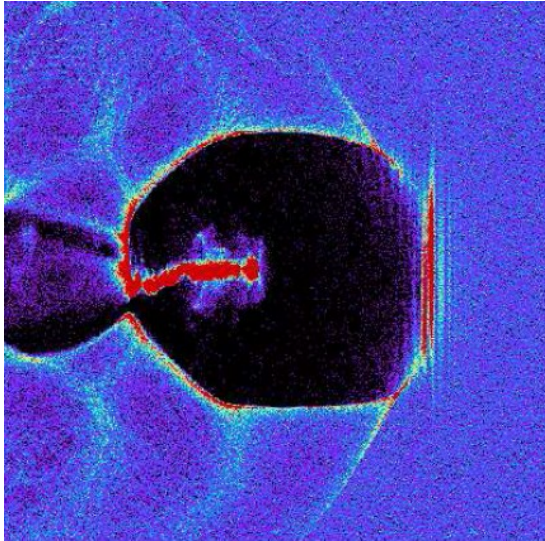
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BD issues with plasma beams

Plasma beams properties



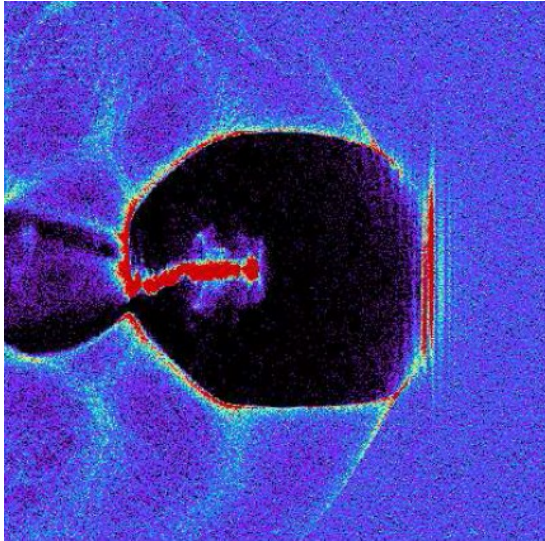
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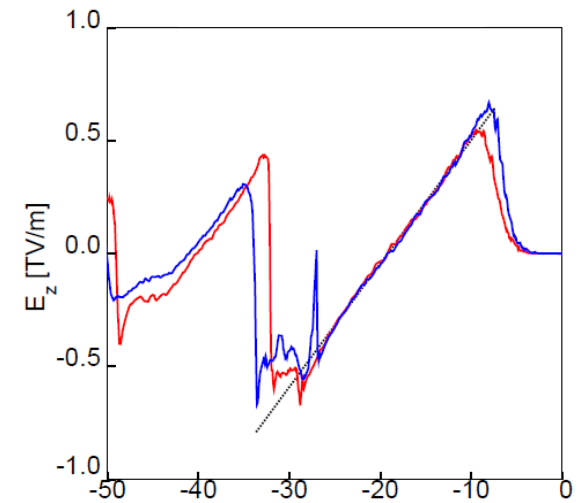
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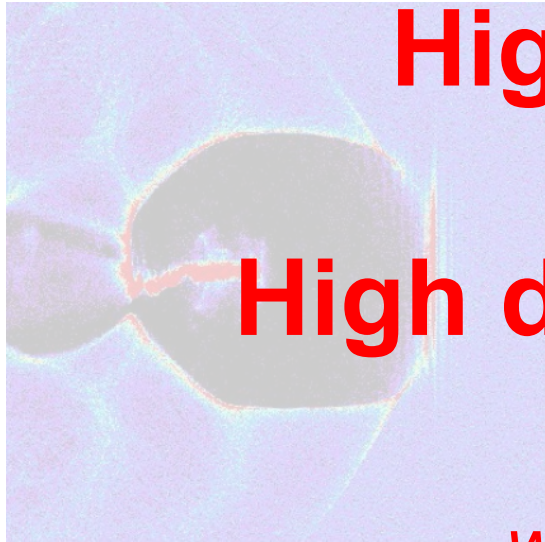
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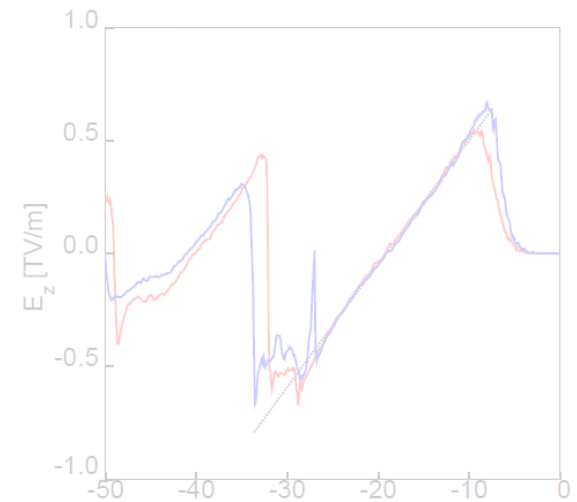
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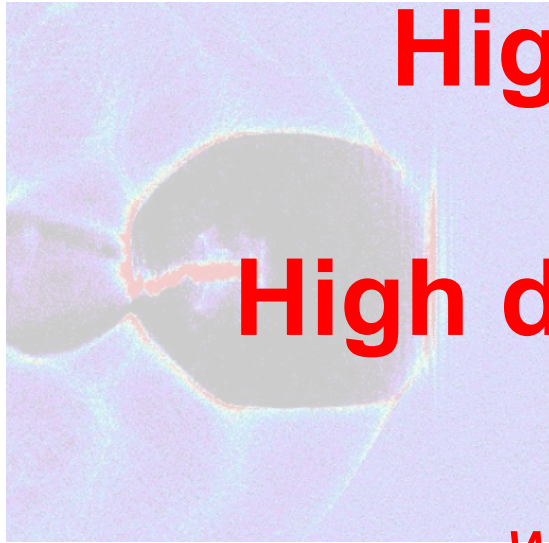
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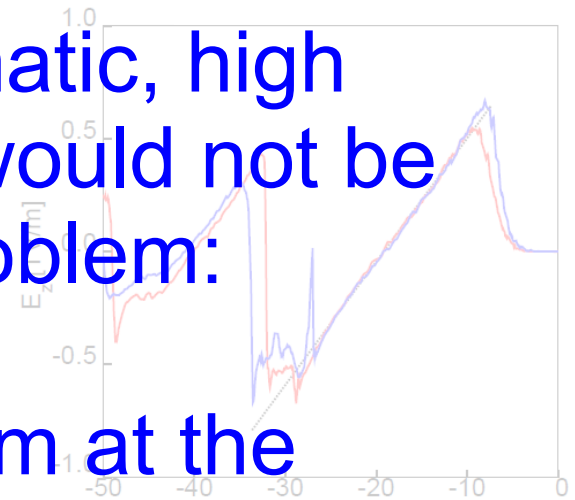
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If the bunch was monochromatic, high divergence and tight focusing would not be (at least in principle) a problem:

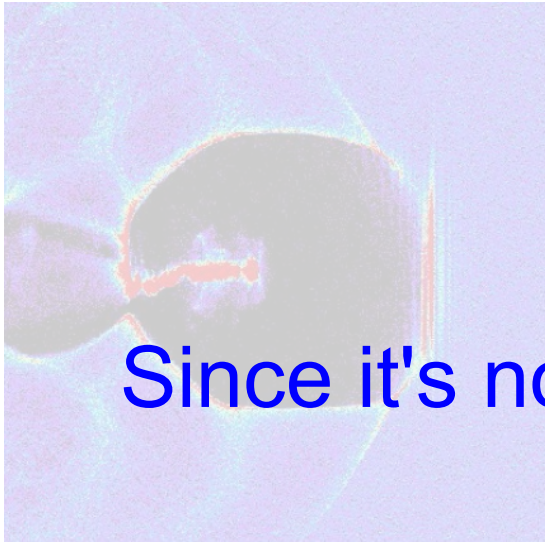
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Proper matching of the beam at the (vacuum-)plasma-vacuum interface(s)



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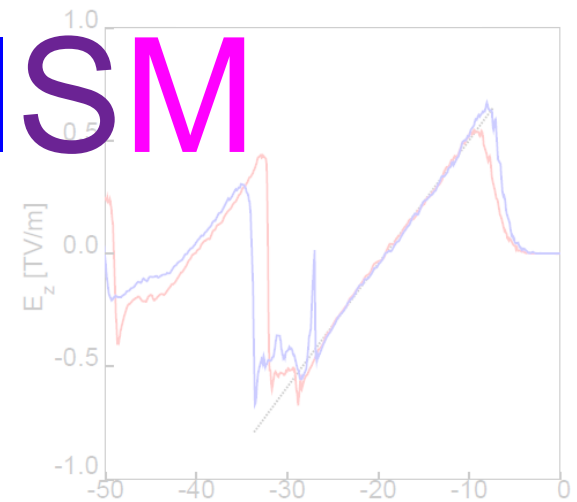
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Highly chromatic beam transport: RF acceleration vs plasma acceleration

$$\epsilon_n^2 = \langle \gamma \rangle^2 \left(\sigma_E^2 \sigma_x^2 \sigma_{x'}^2 + \epsilon^2 \right) \quad \text{General formula}$$

Emittance dominated beam drifting in vacuum

$$\epsilon_n^2 = \langle \gamma \rangle^2 \left(s^2 \sigma_E^2 \sigma_{x'}^4 + \epsilon^2 \right)$$

EXAMPLE: RF gun

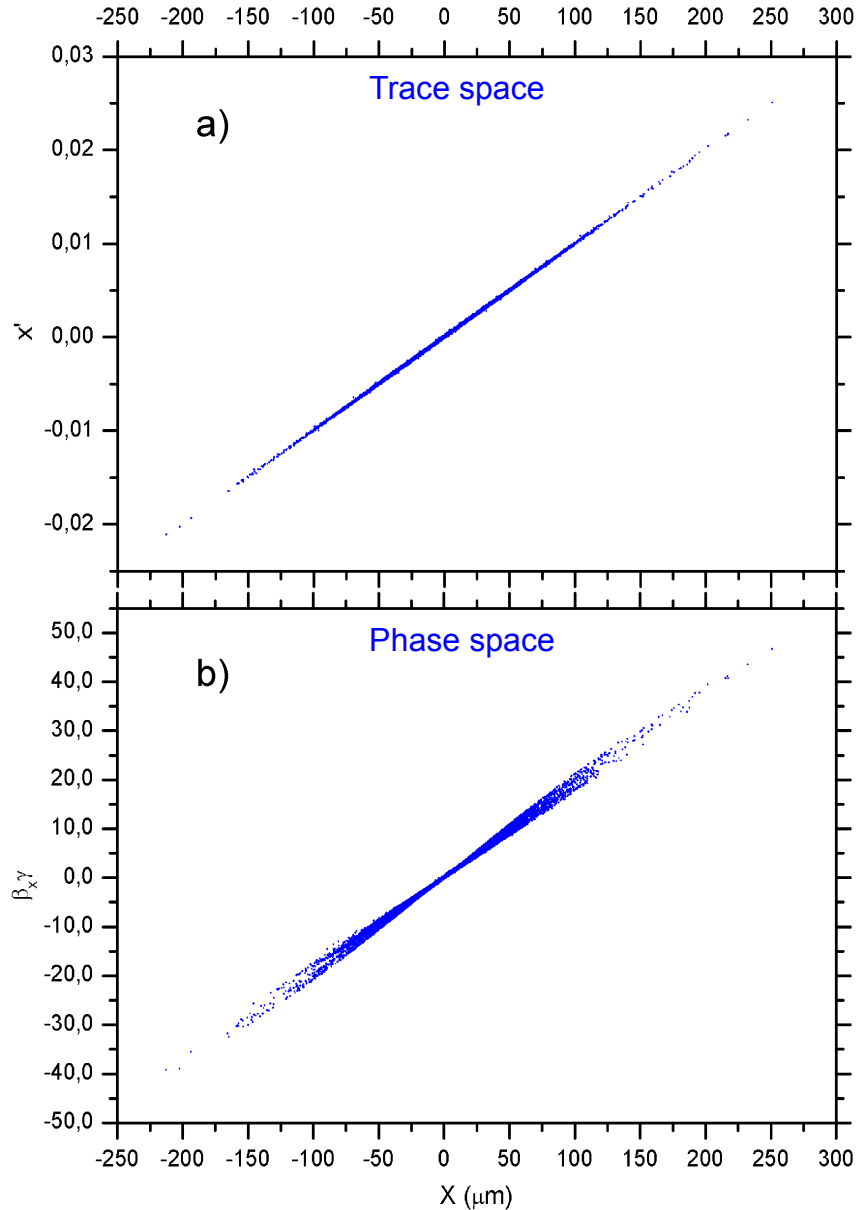
$\langle \gamma \rangle$	σ_E	σ_x	$\sigma_{x'}$	s	$s \sigma_E \sigma_{x'}^2$	$\gamma \epsilon$	ϵ_n
12	9×10^{-3}	780 μm	1.1×10^{-4}	1 m	10 nm	1.01 μm	1.02 μm

EXAMPLE: GeV class beam from SELF INJECTION

$\langle \gamma \rangle$	$\sigma_E^{(0)}$	$\sigma_x^{(0)}$	$\sigma_{x'}^{(0)}$	s	$s \sigma_E \sigma_{x'}^2$	$\gamma \epsilon$	ϵ_n
1800	6.4×10^{-2}	0.49 μm	2.9×10^{-2}	1 m	0.94 mm	2.5 μm	~ 1 mm

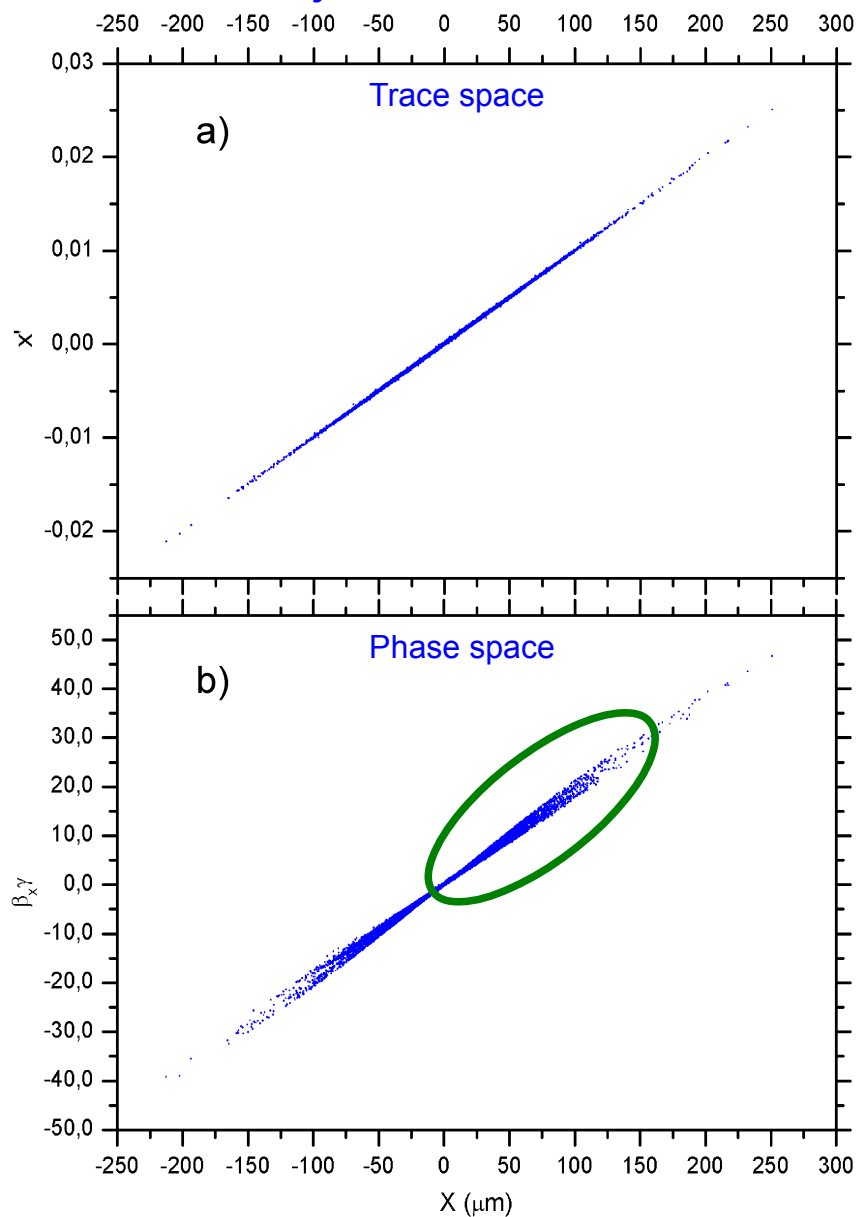
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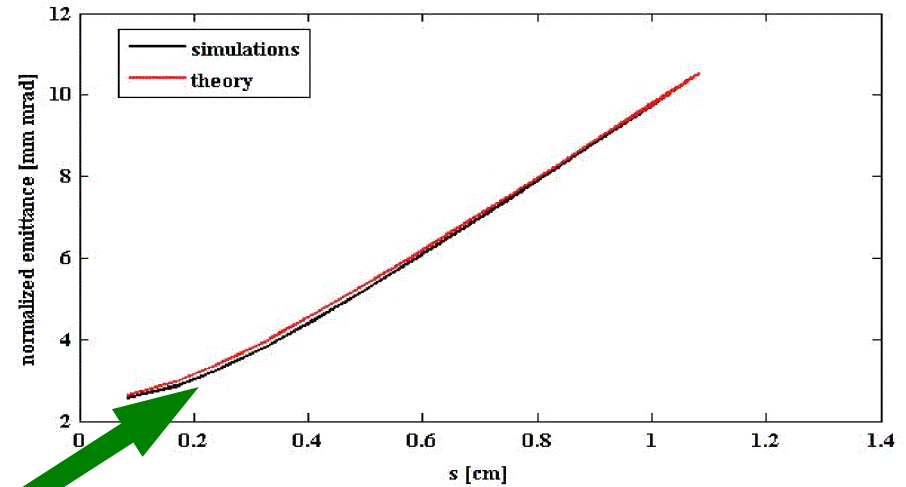
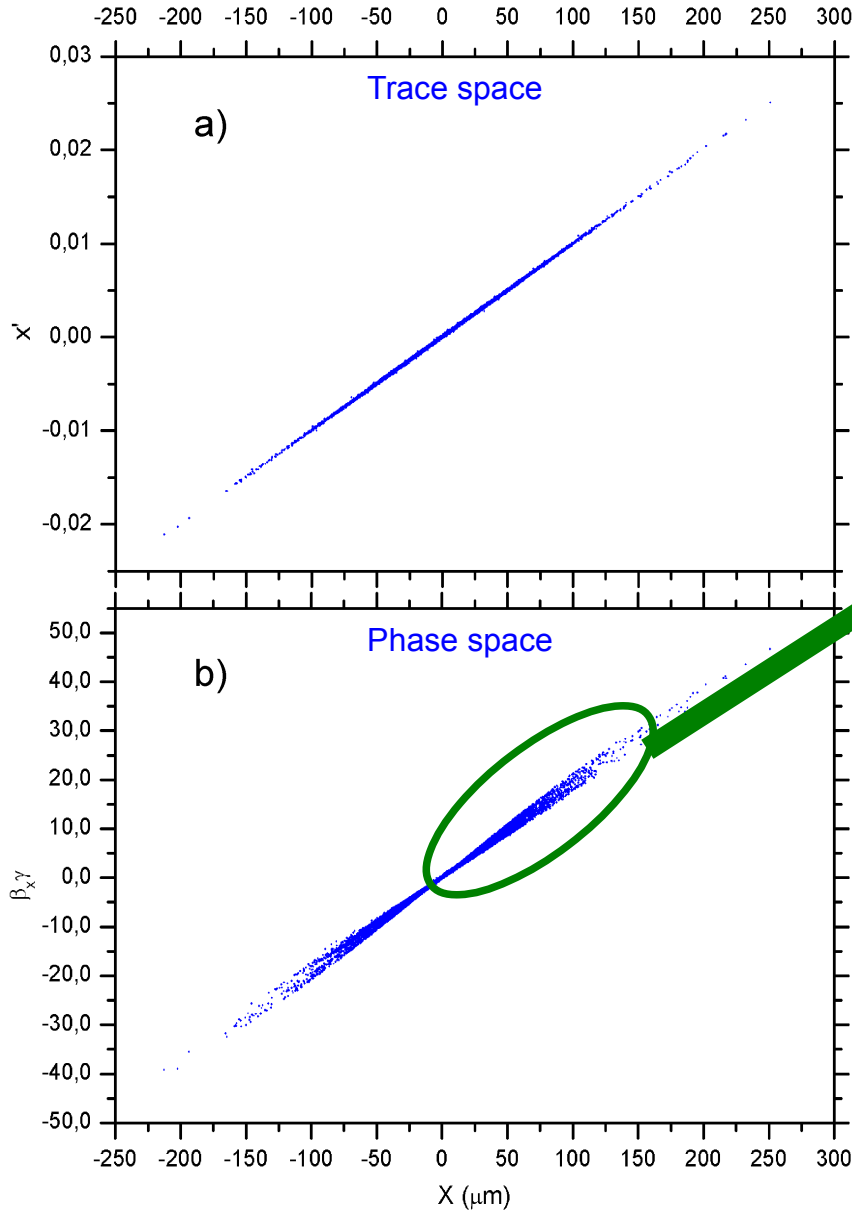
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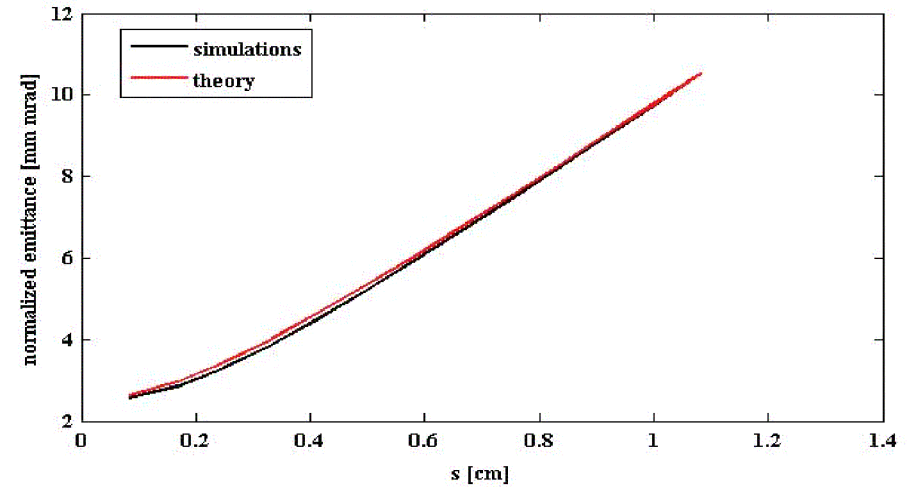
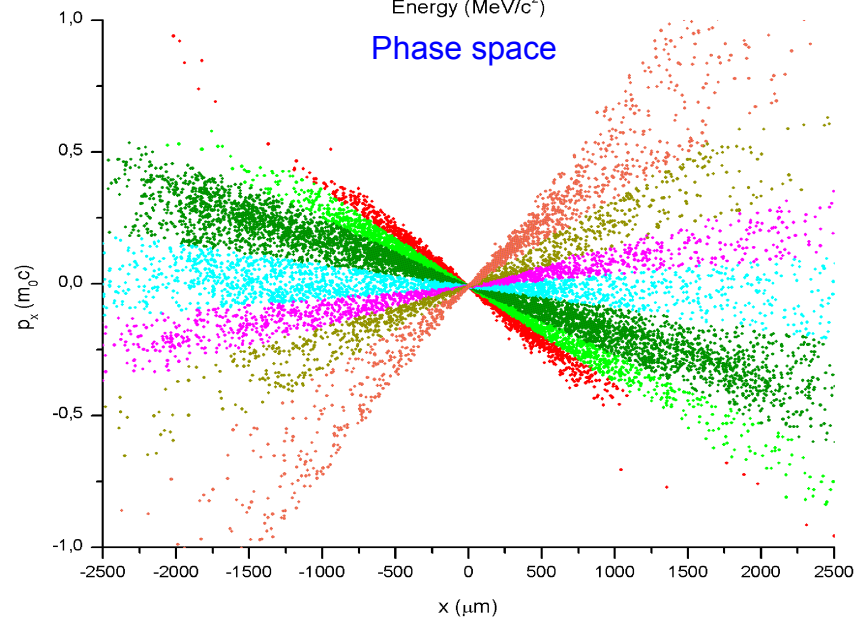
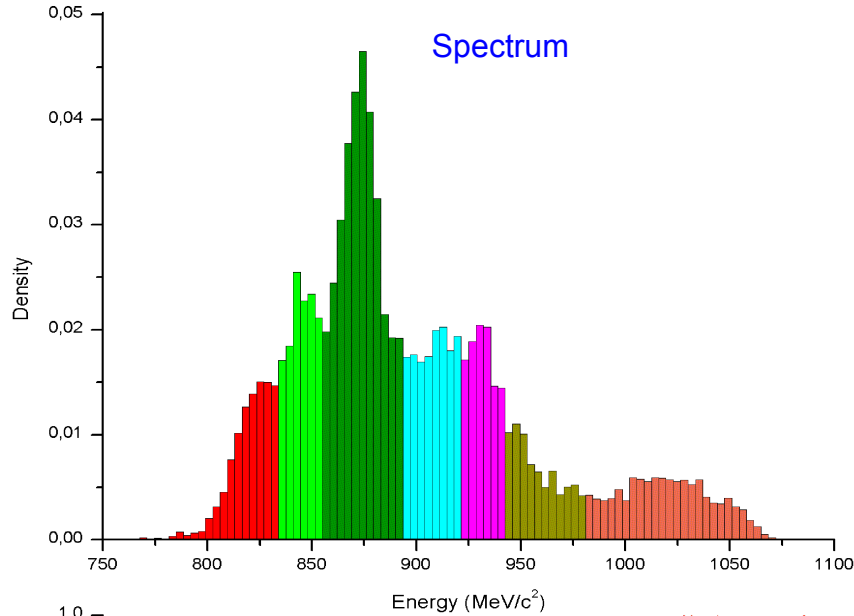
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- Broadening (dilution) is driven by energy spread through betatron frequency spread:

$$\left(\frac{\Delta\omega_b}{\omega_b} \right)^2 \propto \sigma_E^2$$

Highly chromatic beam transport: some bibliography

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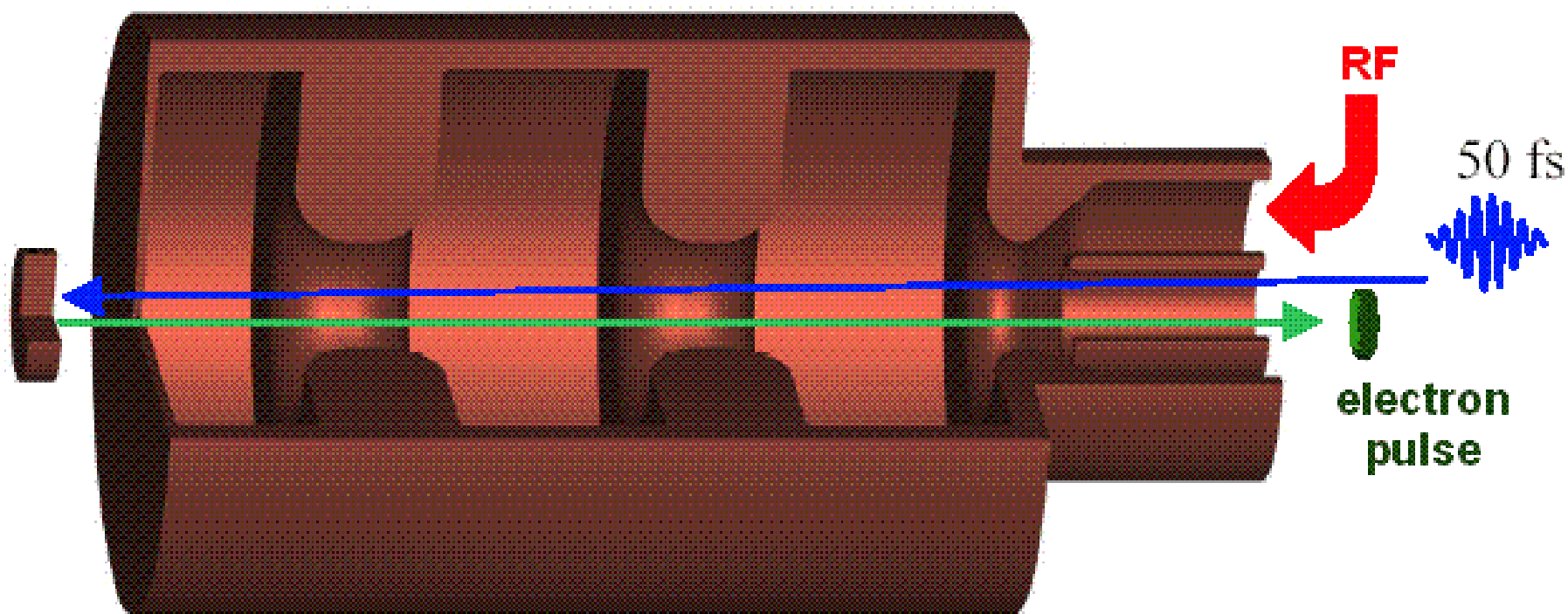
Plasma beams manipulation

Plasma beams manipulations...

- **Control** initial beam parameters at **injection**, for internal injection schemes.
- Eventually **reduce beam length**, for external injection / staging.
- **Inject** beams **into plasma** with the correct size, to avoid emittance dilution in subsequent acceleration, for external injection / staging.
- **Extract** beams **from plasma** realizing a trade-off between size and divergence at constant emittance (adiabatic matching), to avoid propagating highly divergent beams.
- **Control energy spread**, keeping it as low as possible to avoid chromaticity induced emittance dilution.

Injection

- Self-injection.
- Optical injection.
- Density gradient injection.
- Ionization injection.
- Field ionization.
- External injection*.

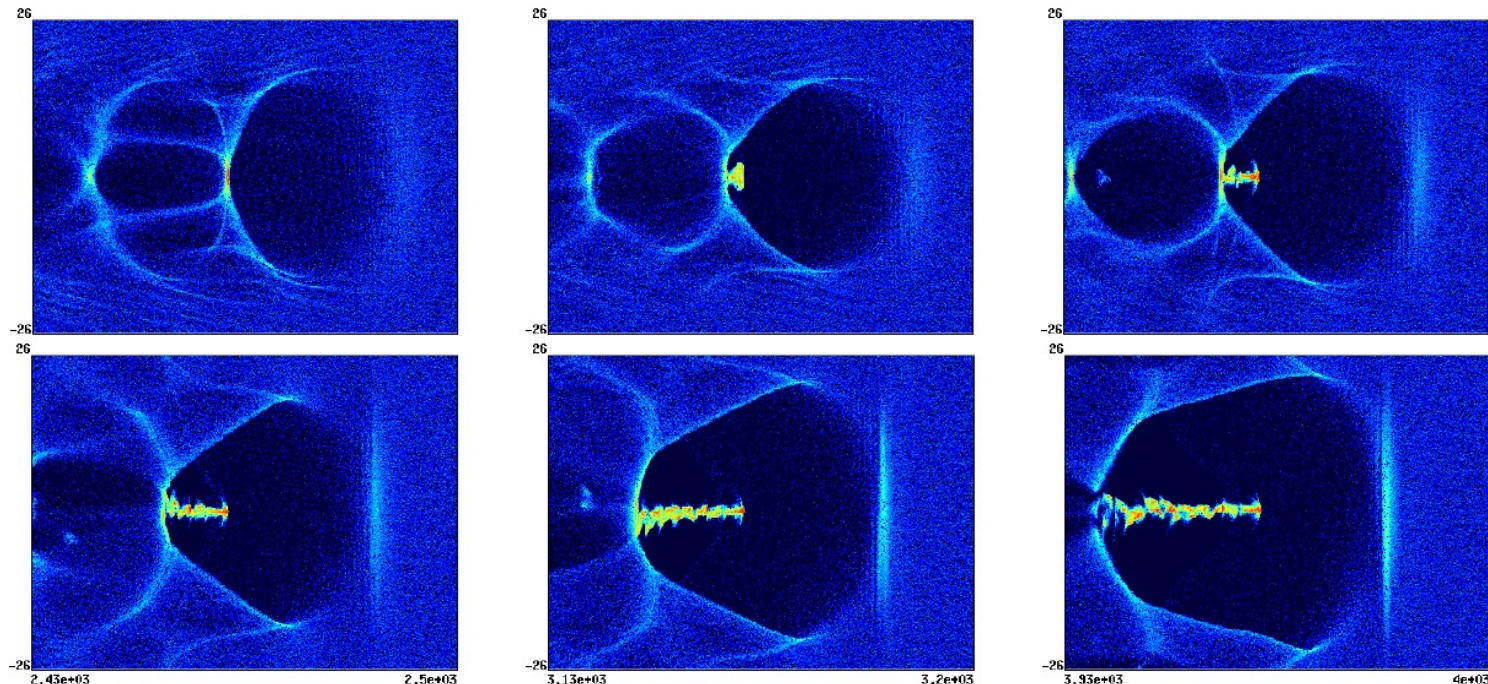


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Self-injection

Relays on wave breaking due to large amplitude fields, plasma wavefronts distortion, forward Raman scattering¹ and other non linear phenomena: very poor control on injected bunches.

$$a_0^2 > \gamma_p \approx \frac{\omega_0}{\omega_p}$$



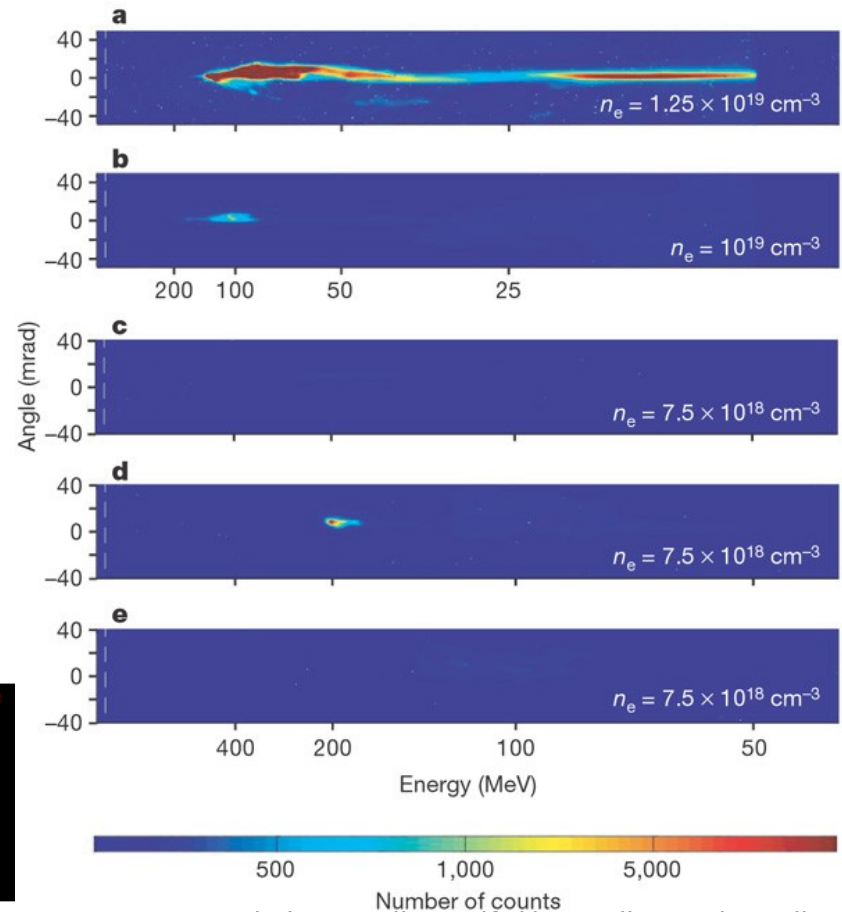
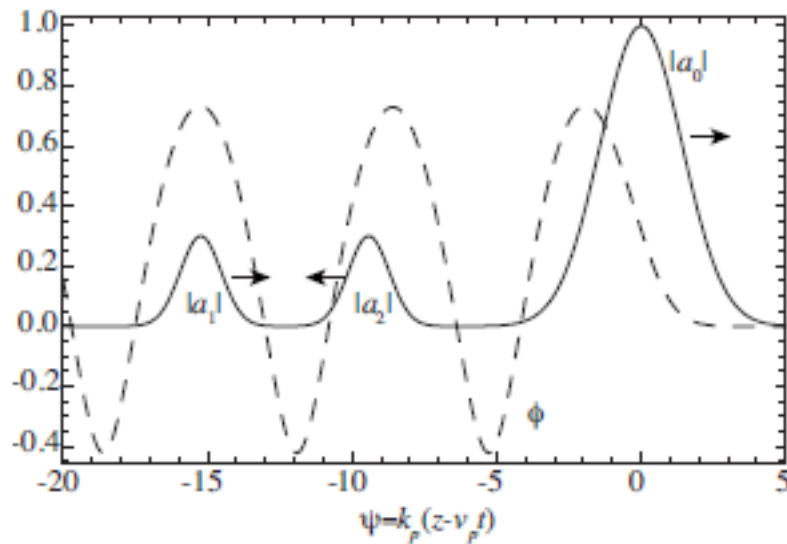
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High charge bunches, “easy” to implement. Many experimental results.

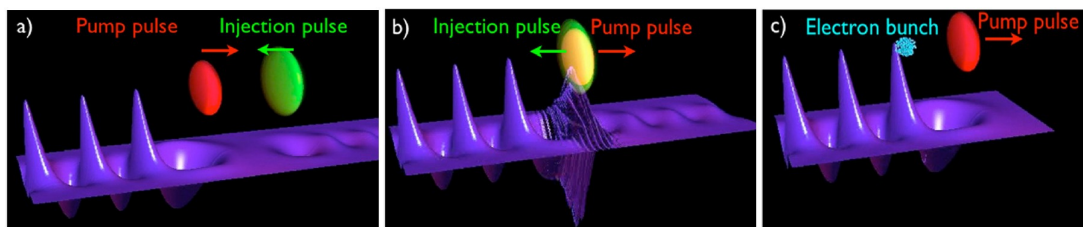
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Optical injection: ponderomotive injection and colliding pulses

Two high intensity laser pulses¹ or three resonant lower energy laser pulses²: one pulse is the “pump” and drives the plasma wakefield; the others “push” background electrons into the accelerating bucket. Different blends but usually requires a complex experimental setup and a high degree of precision in space and time.



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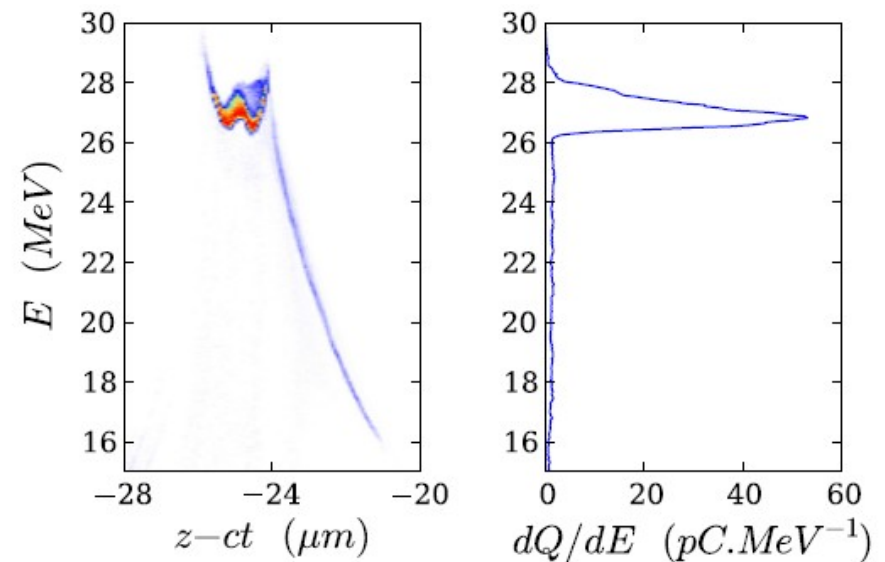
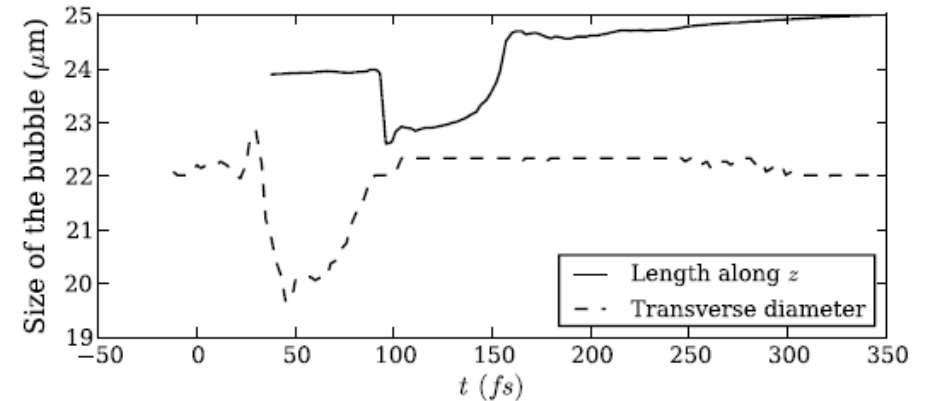
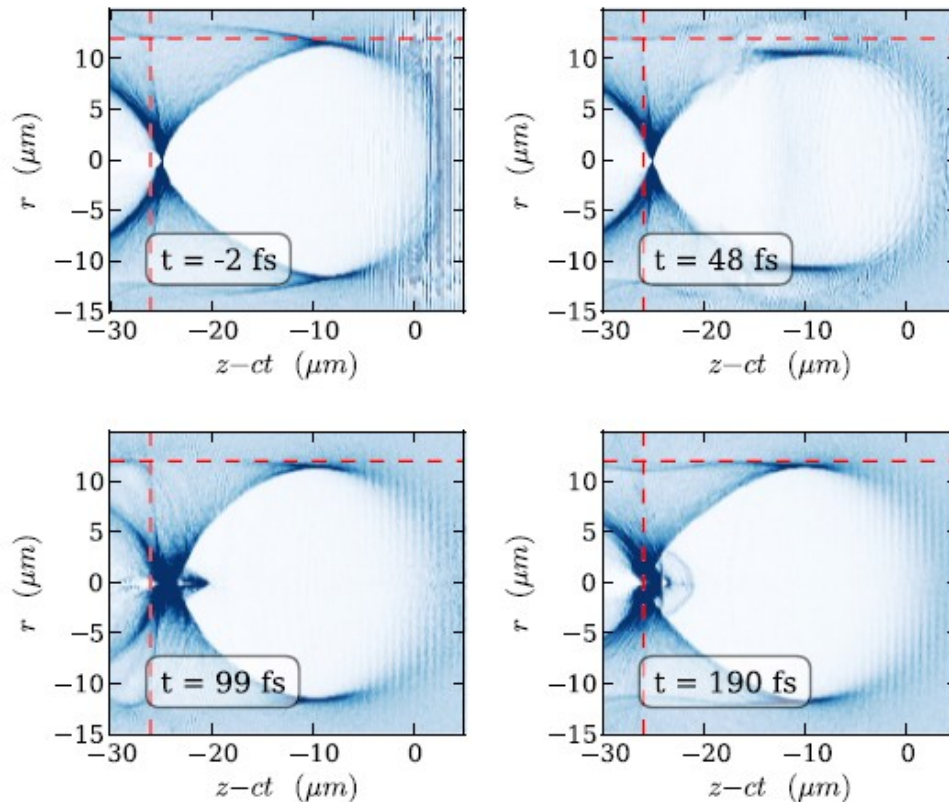


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Optical injection: cold injection

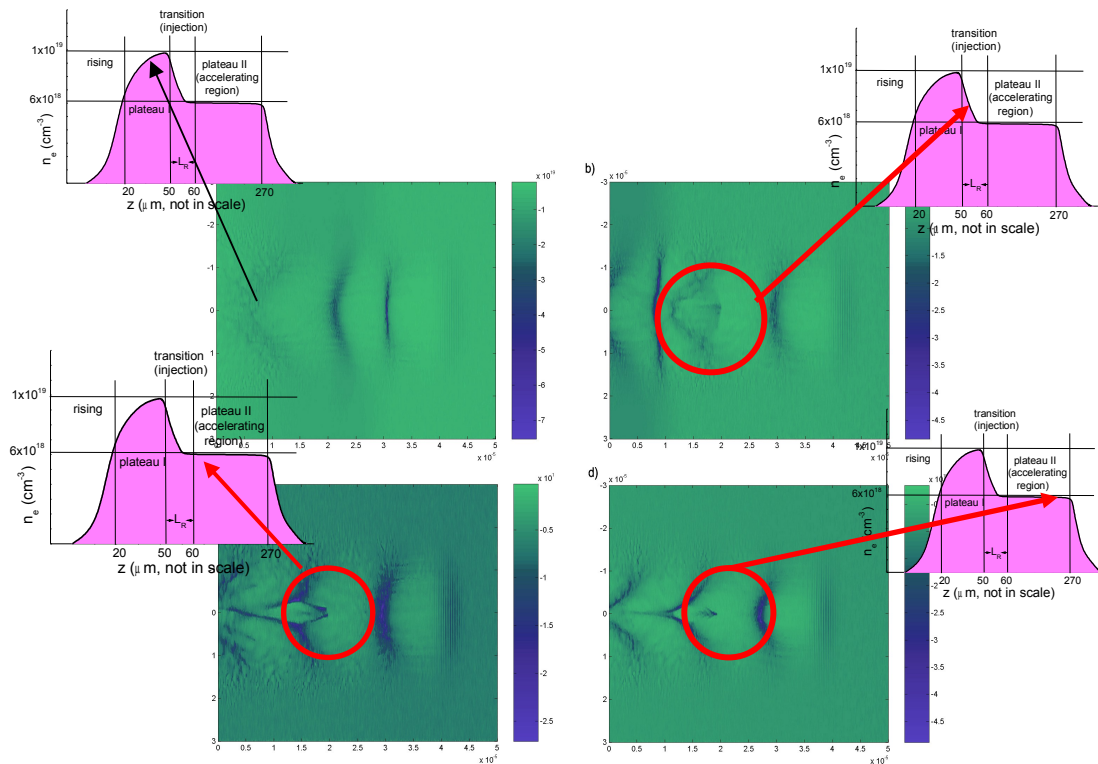
The driver laser pulse collides head on with a low intensity injection laser. The bubble is temporarily deformed and a high charge bunch of “cold” electrons is injected when the bubble goes back to its original shape¹.



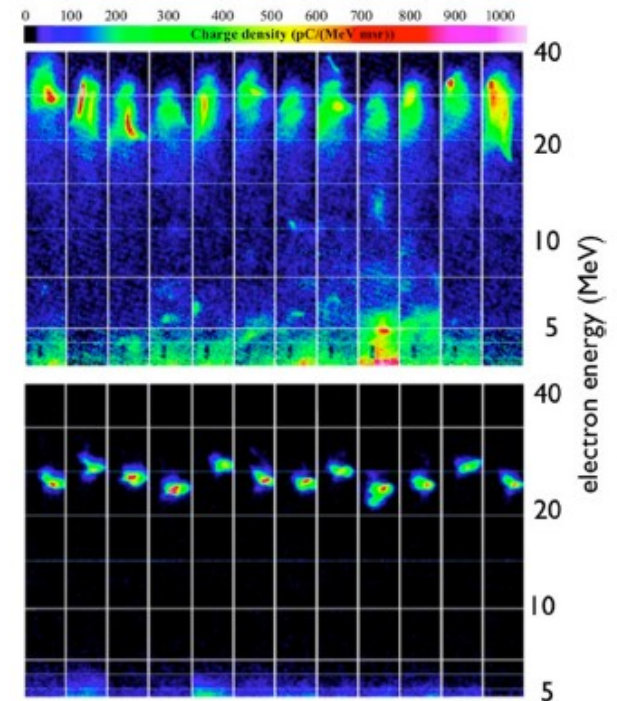
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Density gradient injection

A decreasing plasma density¹ causes the plasma wavelength to increase so that background electrons are enclosed in the larger bubble.



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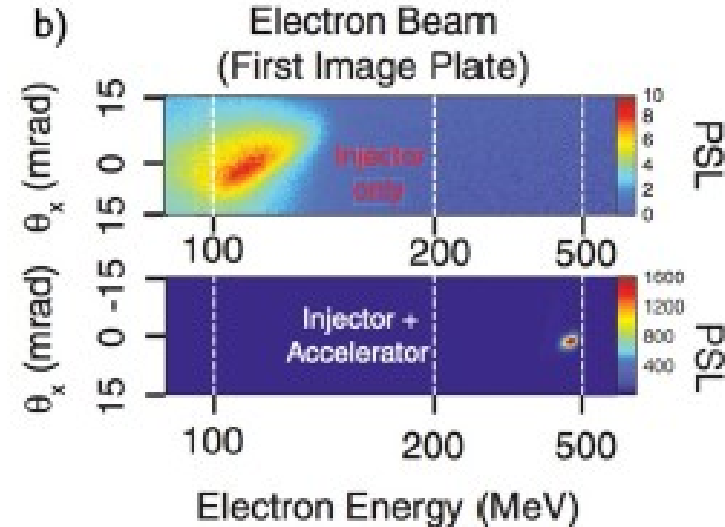
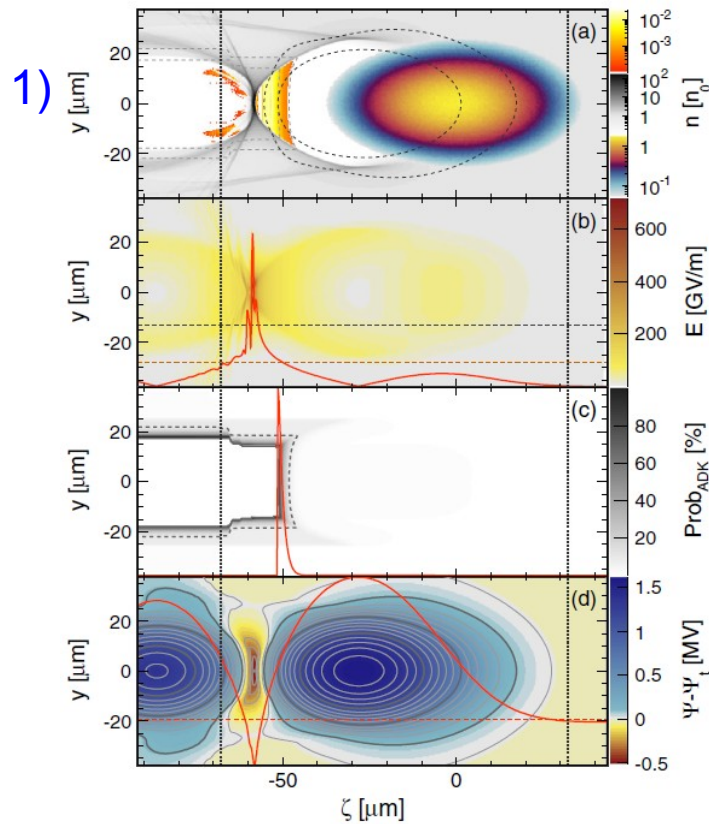


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Injection by ionization/1

The plasma is composed by a mixture of gases, with different ionization energies. One is ionized by the wave driver and forms the plasma wave, the other is ionized either by the plasma field¹ or by an injection laser and the ionized electrons form the injected bunch. In LWFA this last technique takes the name of ionization injection².



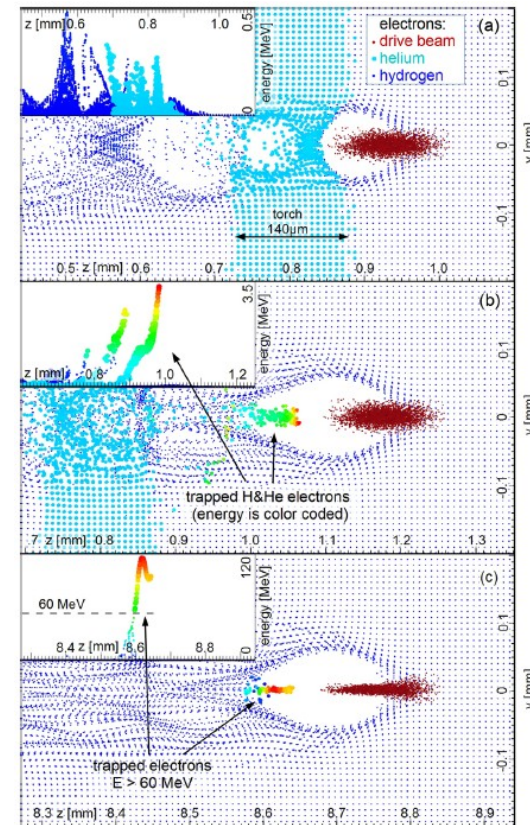
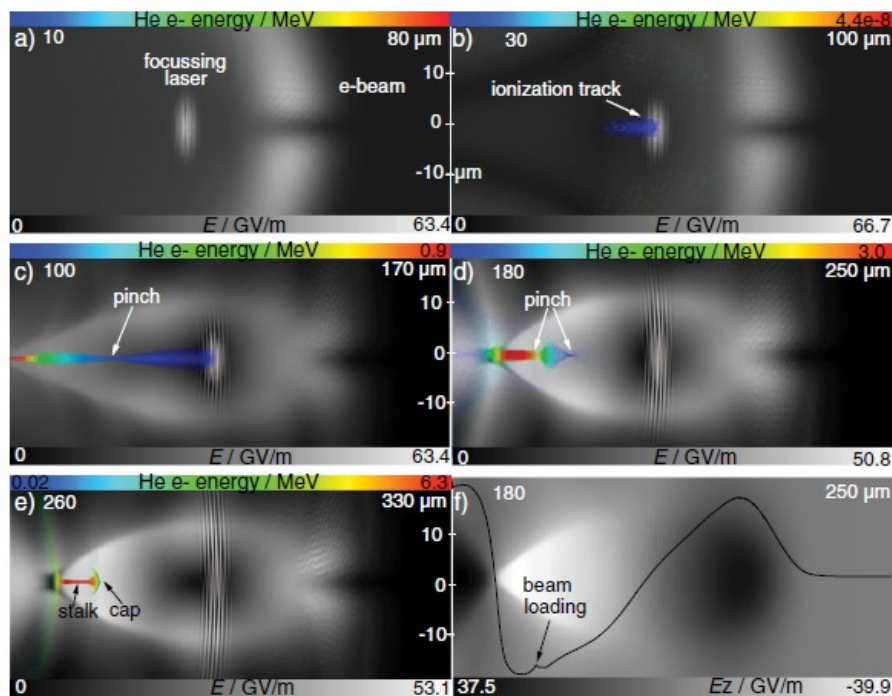
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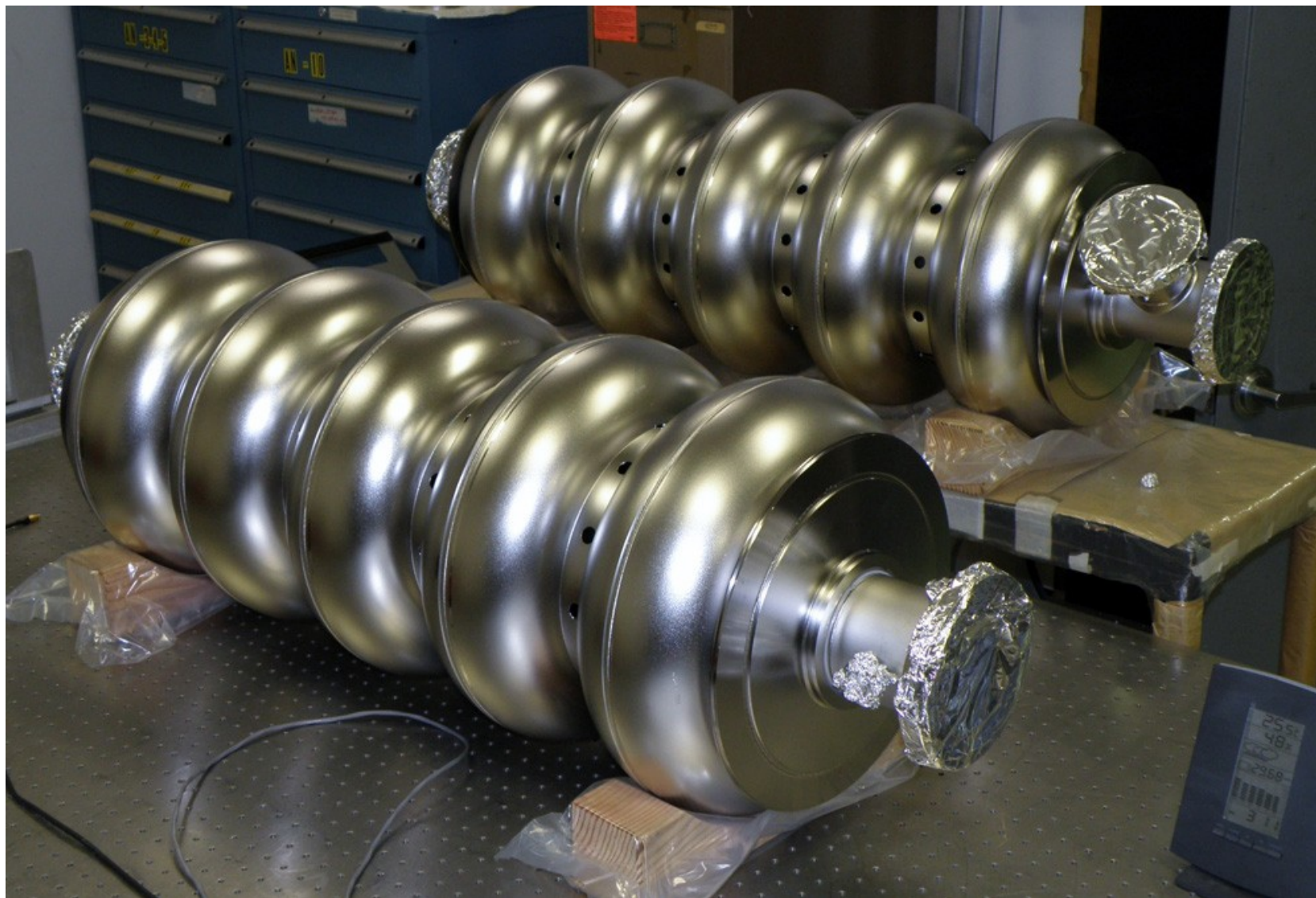
Injection by ionization/2

In PWFA, ionization injection is named Trojan Horse¹. A rather new mechanism, injection by plasma torch², is between ionization injection and density gradient.

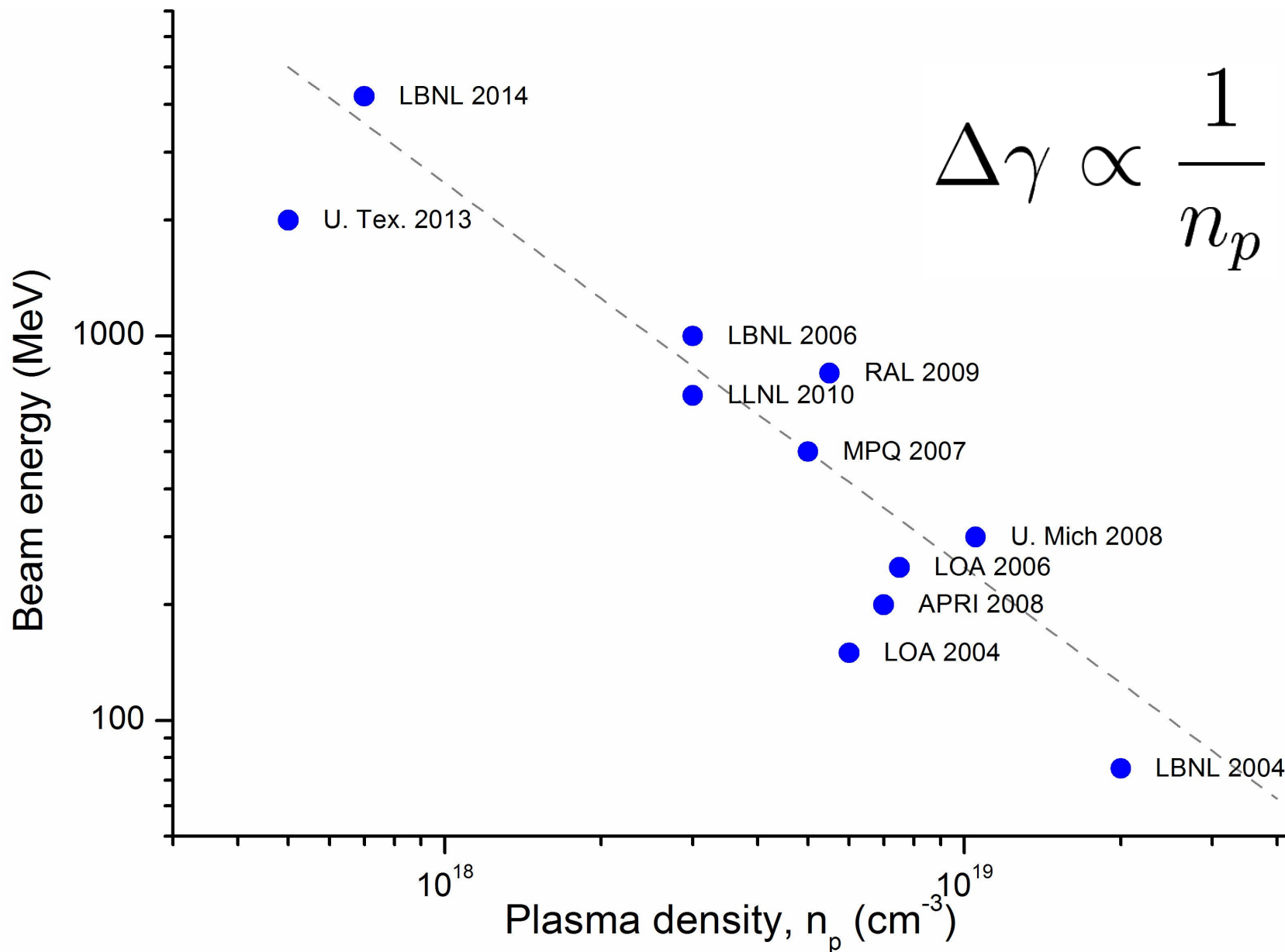


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Acceleration

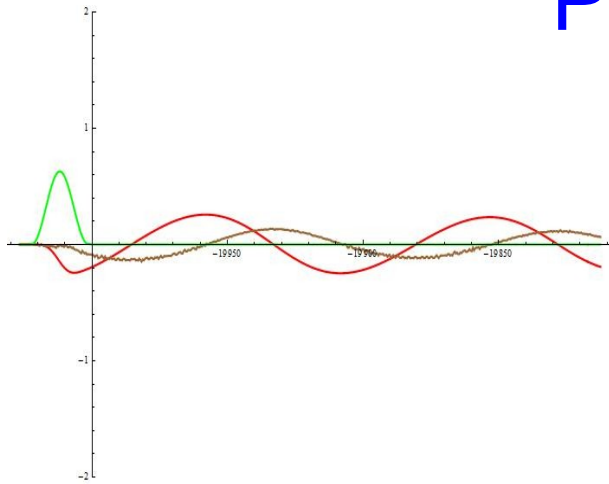


Plasma density and maximum energy



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Linear



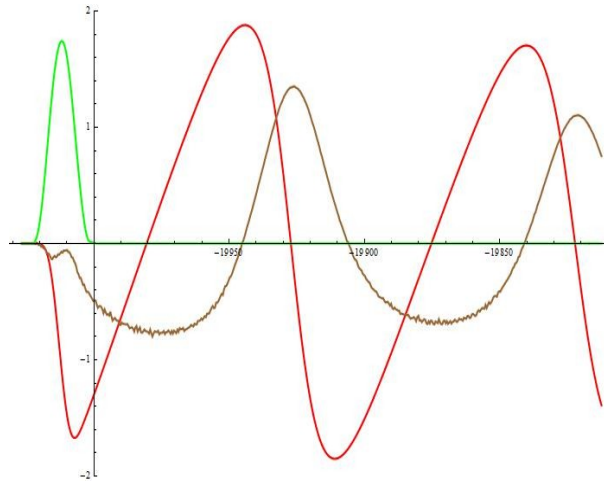
Plasma wave regime

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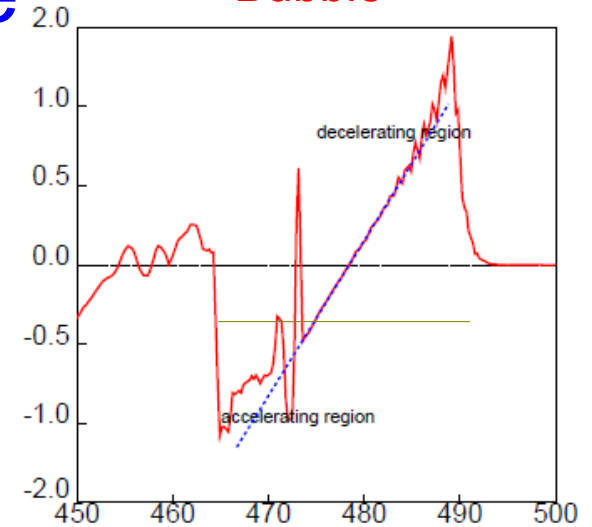
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Bubble



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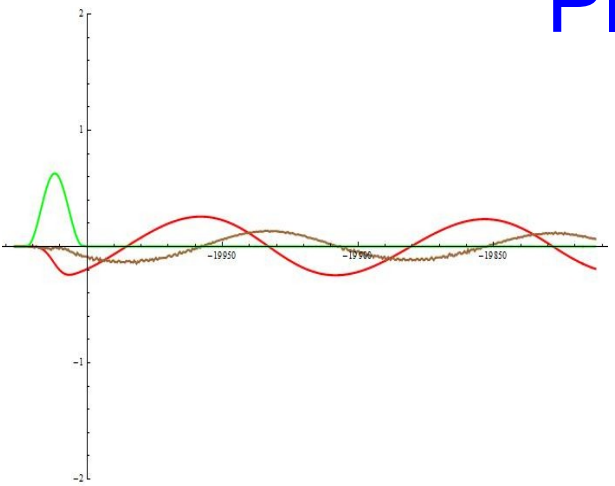
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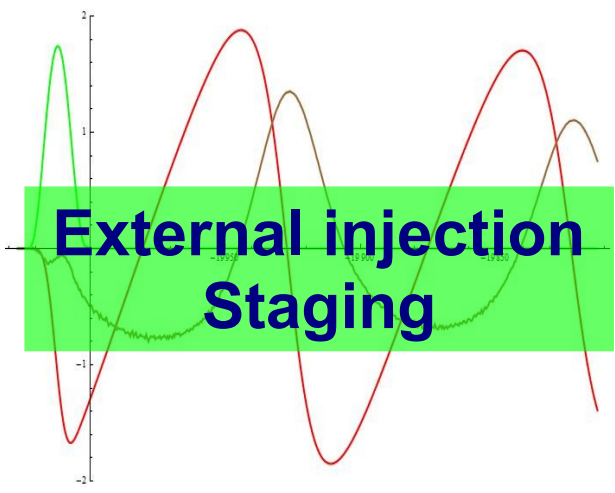
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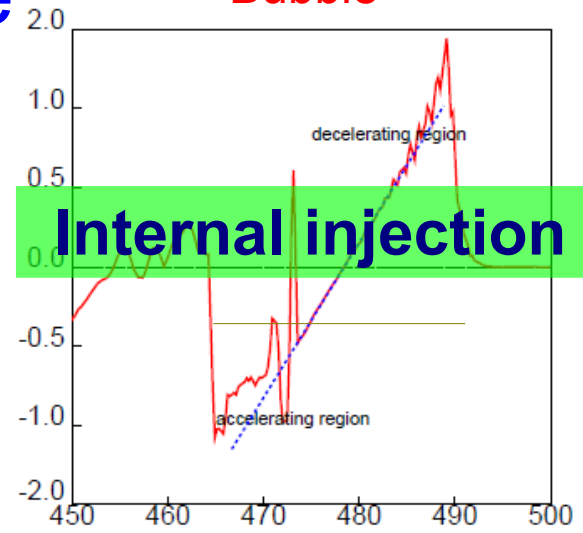
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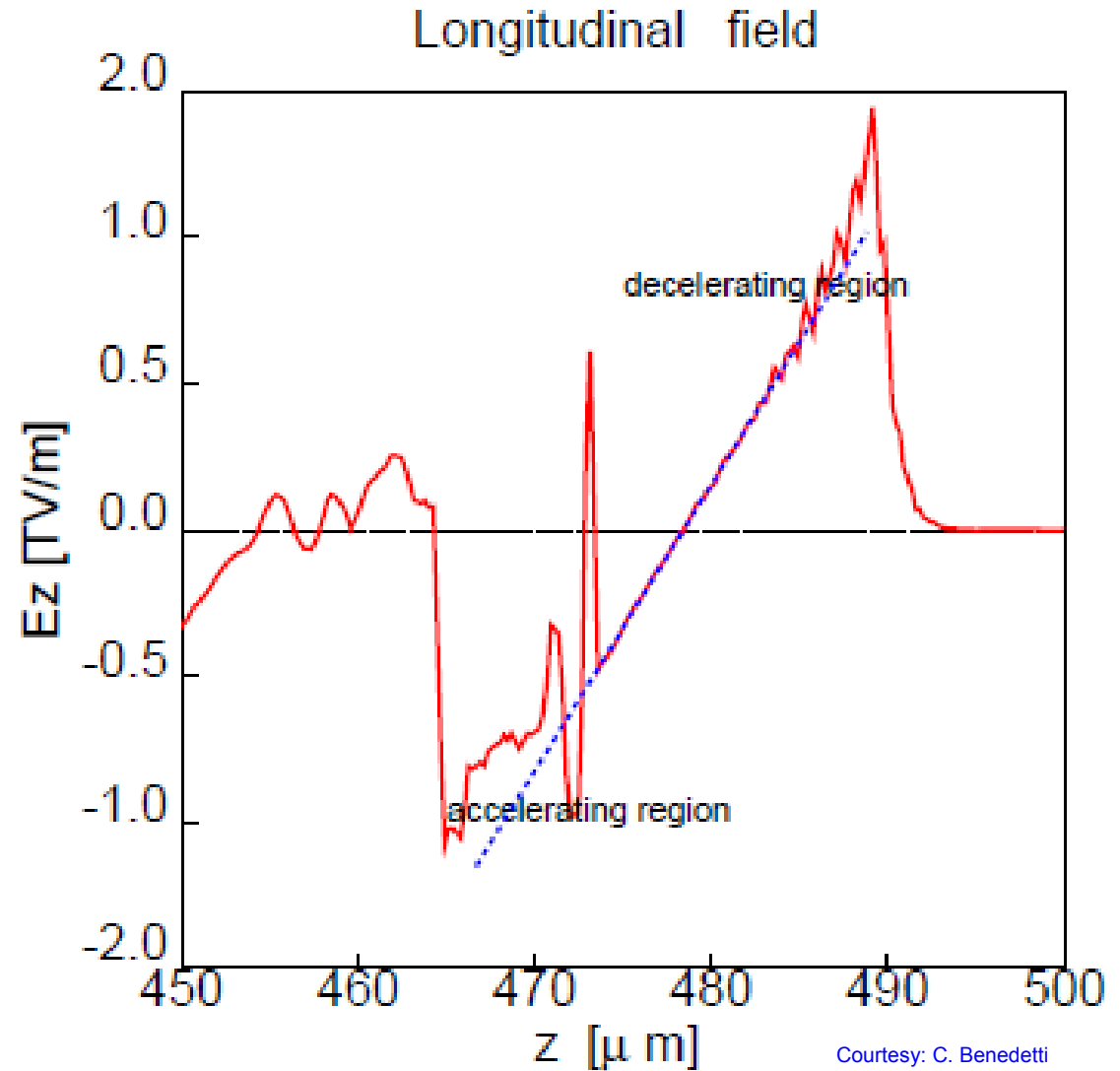
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Beam loading

Beam loading is the perturbation to the plasma fields due to the witness bunch self-fields. Generally speaking:

- Modifies the total fields acting on the witness.
- May reduce acceleration performances.
- May be used for reducing energy spread.
- Depends on witness current.
- Its effects depend on the intensity of plasma fields, hence also on plasma wave regime.
- Requires very fine tuning if used for reducing energy spread.



Transverse manipulations and matching



Matching into plasma

It's easy to find matching conditions for bubble regime with negligible beam loading:

$$\sigma_{\text{tr,match}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{2}{\gamma}} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_n}{k_p}}$$

Typical values are in the order of 0.1 – 1 μm .

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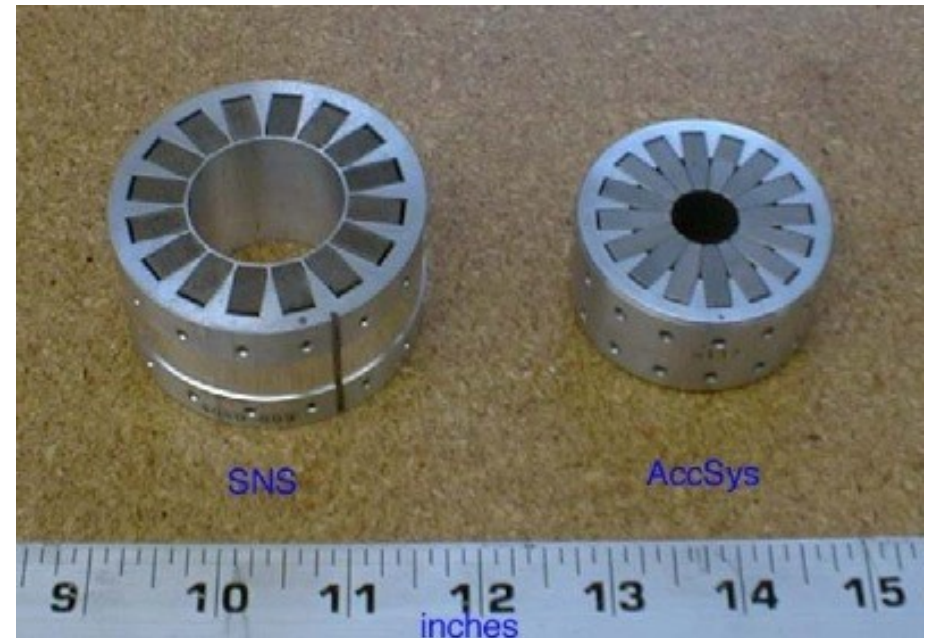
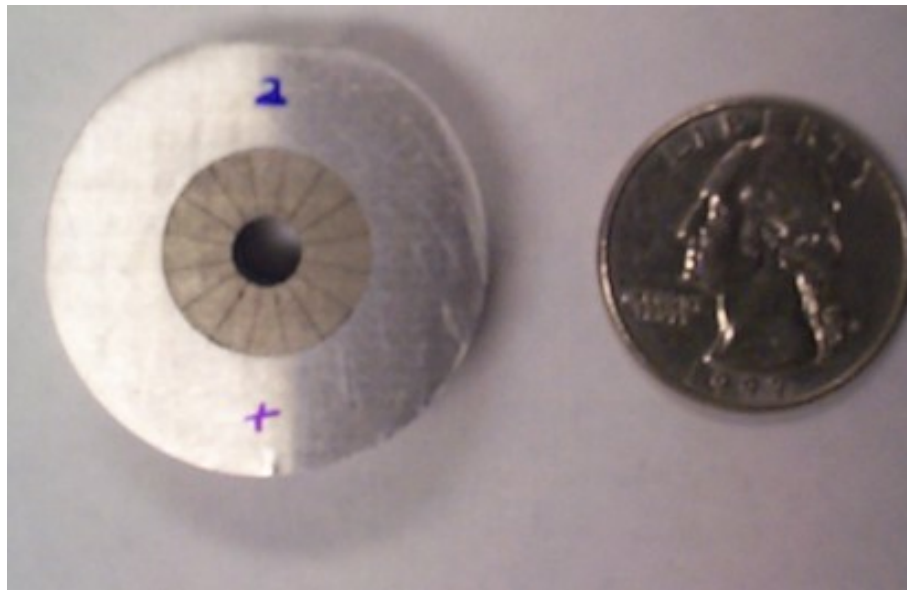
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Tight focusing is needed

Matching into/out of plasma/1

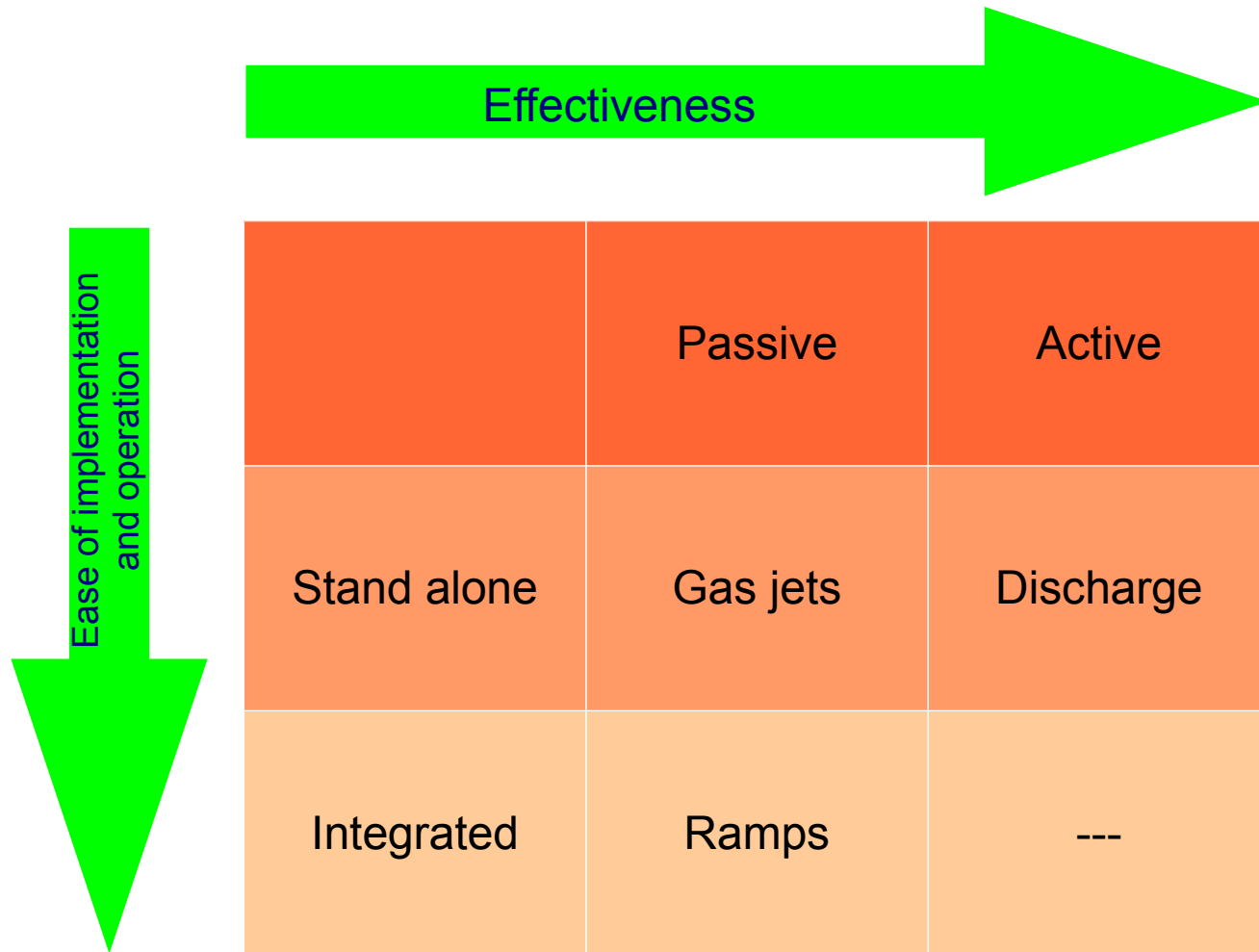
More conventional solutions: high performance beam optics like permanent magnet quadrupoles...



...reaching many hundreds of T/m gradients, adequate for energies up to few hundreds MeV.

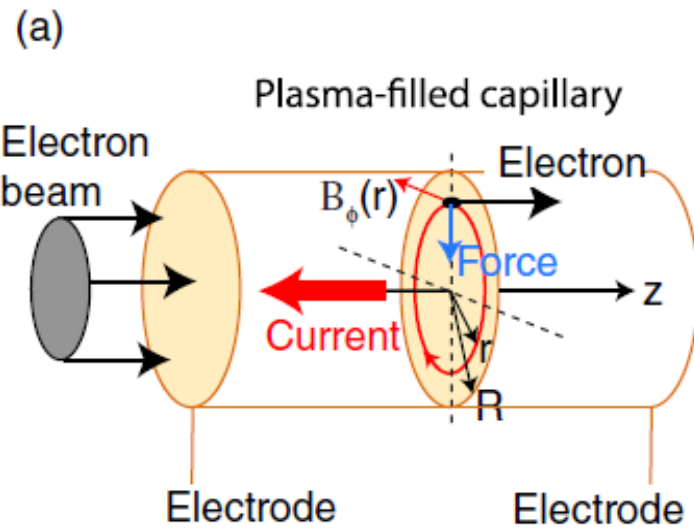
Matching into/out of plasma/2

Plasma lenses: classification



Stand alone, active plasma lens: discharge capillary¹

The beam goes through a capillary filled with gas, while a current is flowing in the capillary. If some (rather restrictive) conditions are met, the bunch is focused by the azimuthal magnetic field generated by the current density.



Favourable scaling

$$\partial B_\phi / \partial r = \mu_0 I_0 / (2\pi R^2)$$

able to easily reach thousands T/m gradients

Operation conditions:

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_z}{\sigma}\right)^2 J_{\text{beam}} \ll \frac{J_{\text{dis.}}}{2}$$

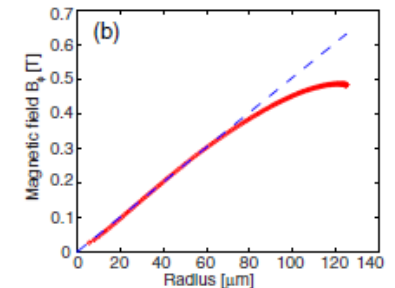
$$k_p \sigma \gg 1$$

$$k_p \sigma_z \ll 1$$

Requires a relatively long drift btw beam source and lens to operate correctly

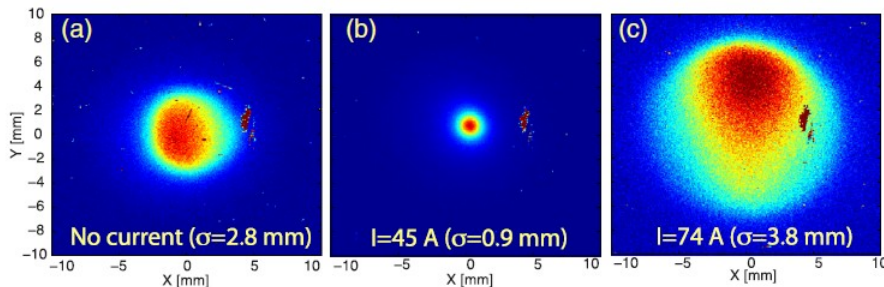
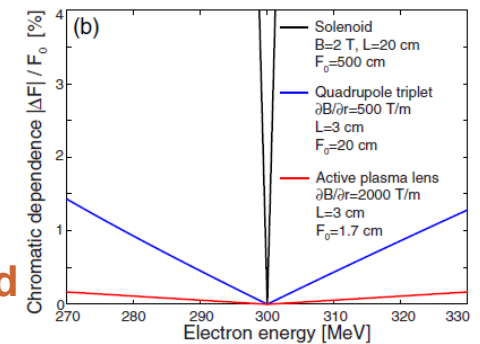
Effective only as a thin lens

Linear focusing field



up to half R

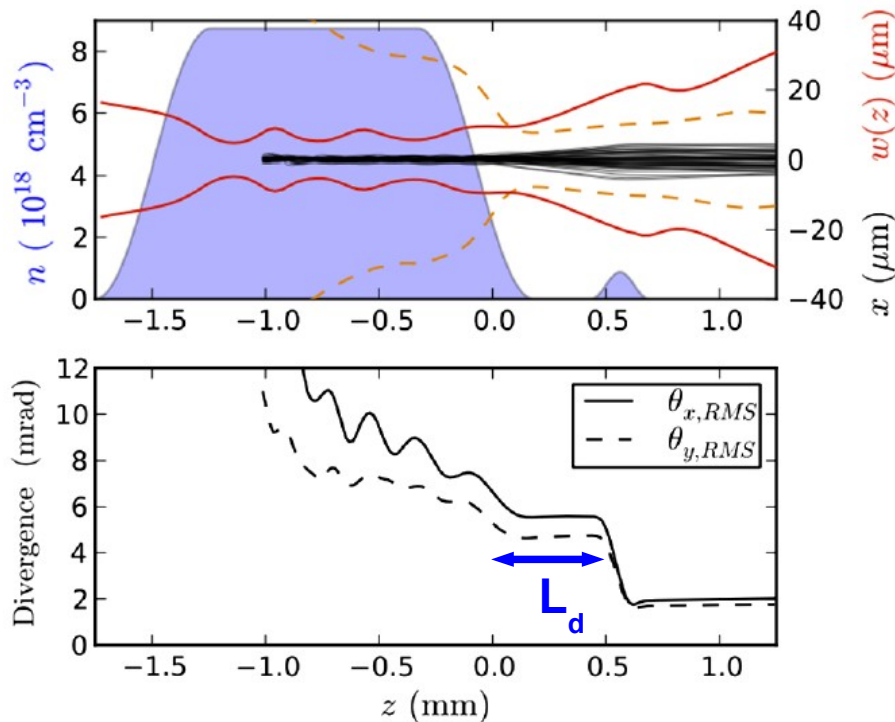
Low chromaticity



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Stand alone, active plasma lens: gas jet¹

A gas jet, acting as plasma lens, is powered by an *ad hoc* laser pulse.



Density profile

$$n(z) = \begin{cases} n_1 & \text{for } z < 0 & \text{(First jet)} \\ 0 & \text{for } 0 < z < L_d & \text{(Drift space)} \\ n_2 & \text{for } L_d < z < L_d + L_2 & \text{(Second jet)} \end{cases}$$

Condition for optimal collimation*

$$\langle k_\beta \rangle L_d \tan(\langle k_\beta \rangle L_2) = 1$$

$$k_\beta = k_p / \sqrt{2\gamma}$$

The only significant source of aberrations is energy spread (chromaticity)

Linear, intense focusing

$$F_r = -m_e c^2 k_p^2 r / 2$$

Easily tuned for different bunches
Adequate acceptance

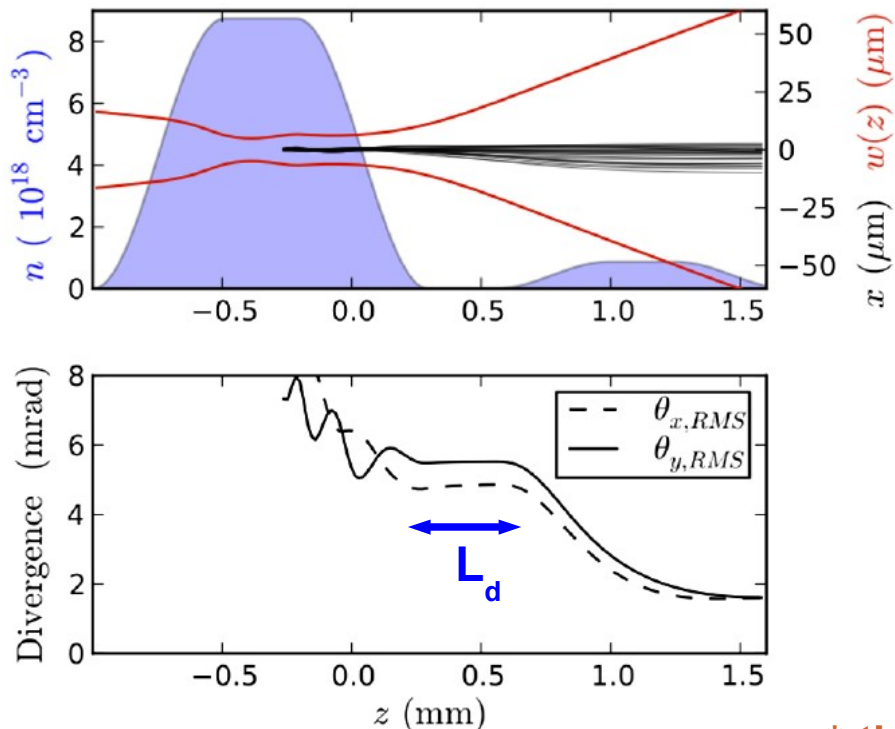
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Requires two high power lasers to be operated.

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$$k_\beta = k_p / \sqrt{2\gamma}$$

Requires only one laser

Effective for energies up to

$$\gamma < \frac{3 a_0^2 Z_R^4}{5 L_d^2 w_0^2}$$

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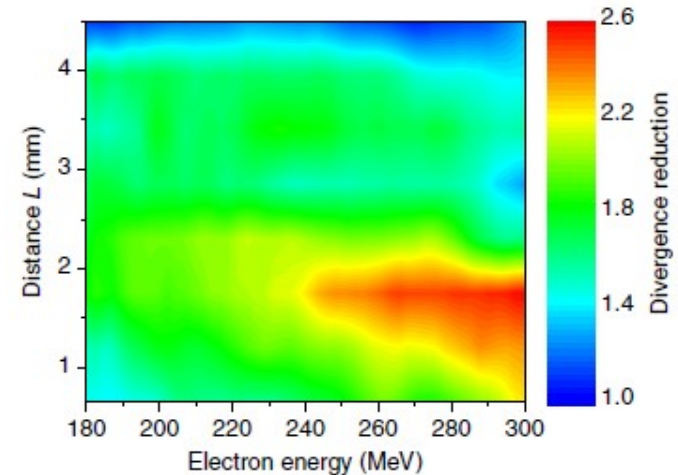
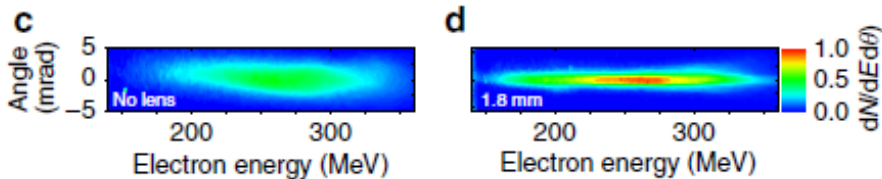
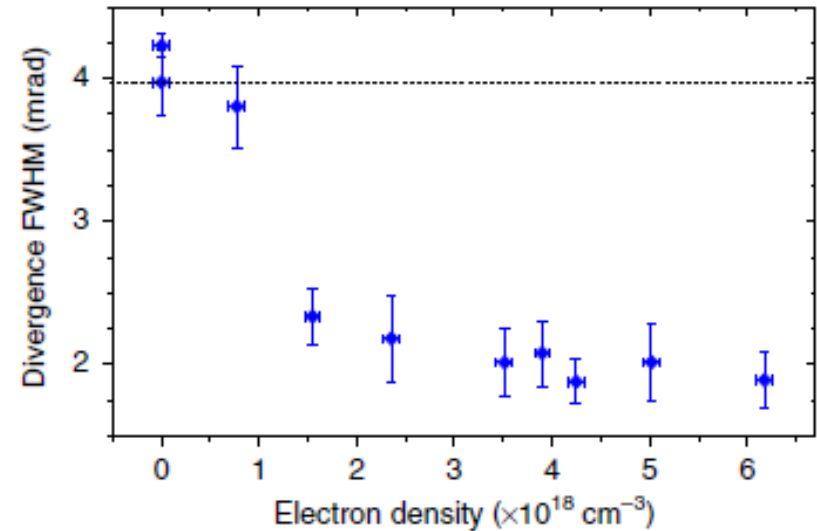
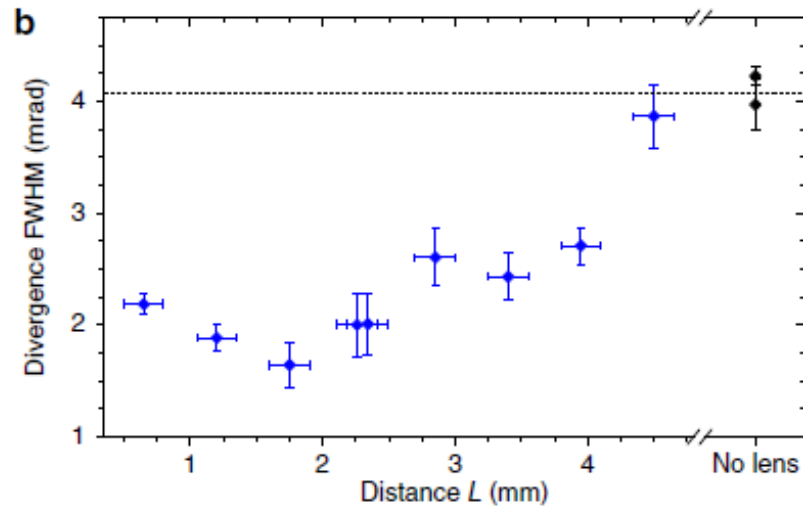
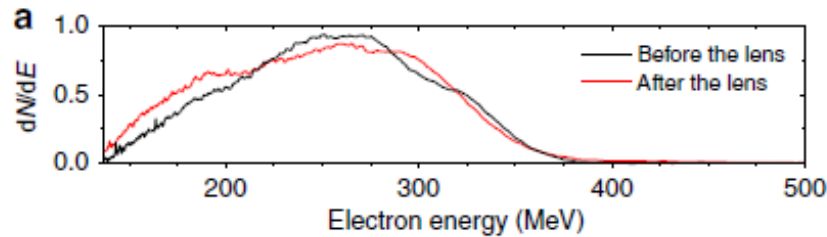
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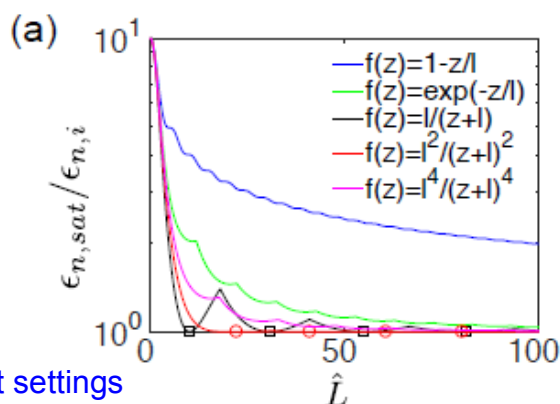
Emittance dilution as a function of initial Twiss parameters, average β in focusing element and betatron phase

$$\epsilon_n = \epsilon_{n,sat} \sqrt{1 - \frac{(\gamma_i \beta_F + \beta_i / \beta_F)^2 - 4}{(\gamma_i \beta_F + \beta_i / \beta_F)^2} \left(\frac{\sin \Delta \Phi}{\Delta \Phi} \right)^2}$$

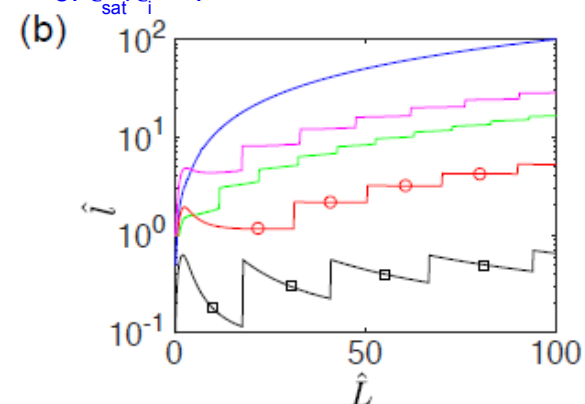
$$\beta_F = \sqrt{\langle \gamma_b \rangle mc / Ge}$$

$$\Phi = \Phi_i + (\sqrt{2\gamma_b} - \sqrt{2\gamma_{b,i}}) / E_z$$

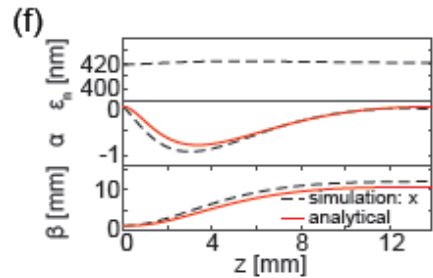
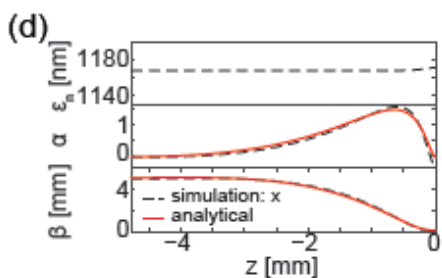
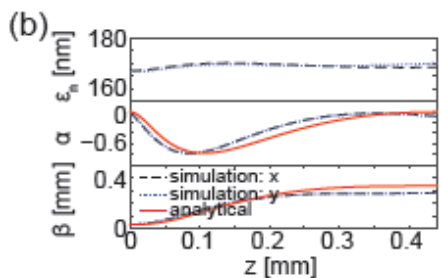
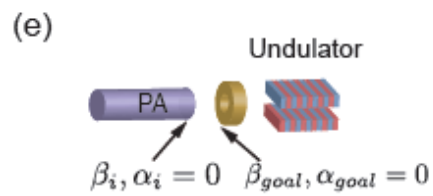
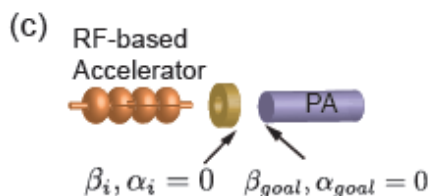
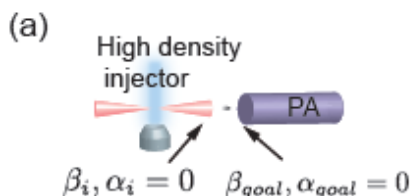
Scan $\epsilon_{sat} / \epsilon_i$ vs ramp length L



Scan ramp scale l vs ramp length of $\epsilon_{sat} / \epsilon_i = 1$



Application to different settings



Bubble regime (linear focusing)

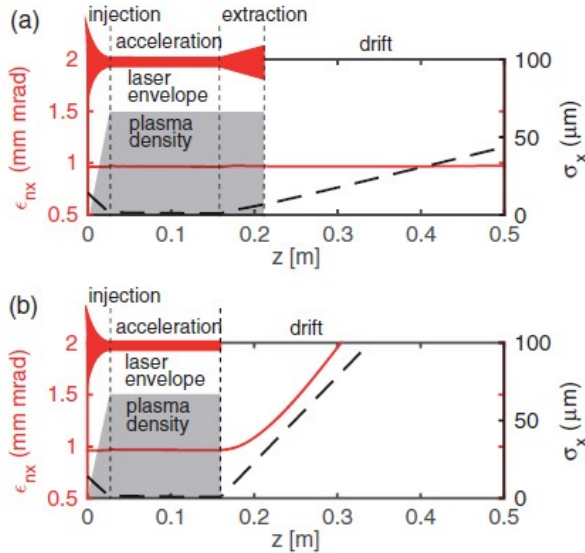
Small beam loading

X. L. Xu, et al., arXiv: 1411.4386v2 [physics.acc-ph] 2015

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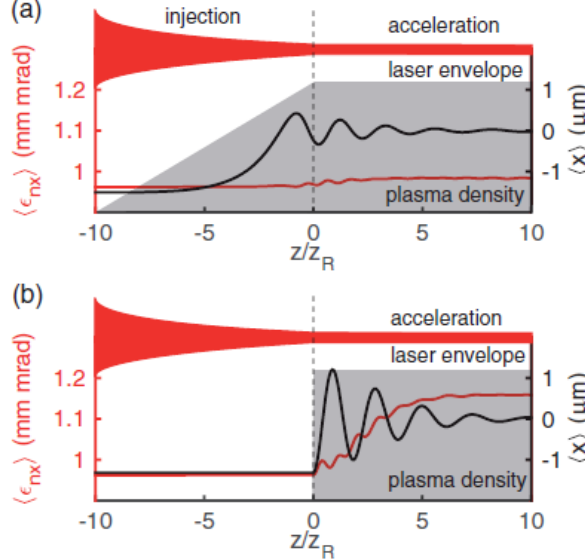
Emittance conservation and adiabatic focusing/defocusing



Linear regime

Negligible beam loading

Tolerance to beam position jitters



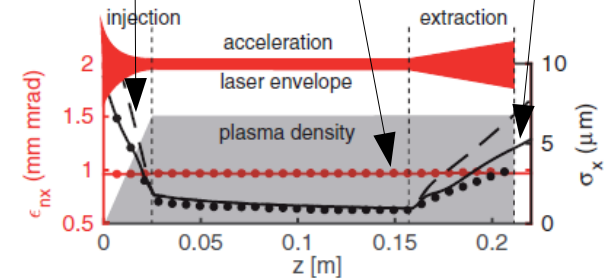
Optimal focusing strength longitudinal profile

$$K(z) = K_0 / (1 + gz)^4$$

ASTRA 3D

ASTRA 2D

PIC 2D

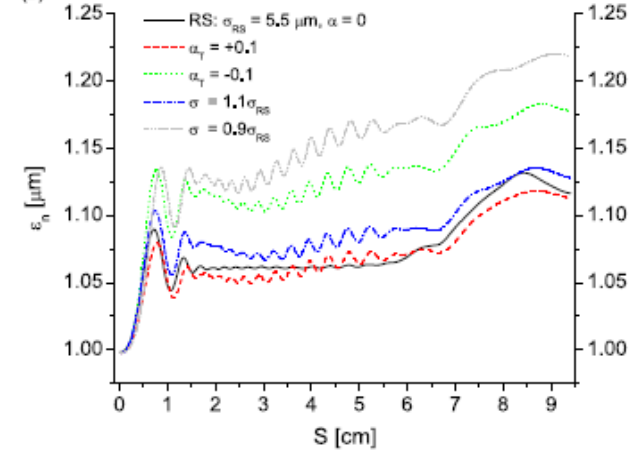
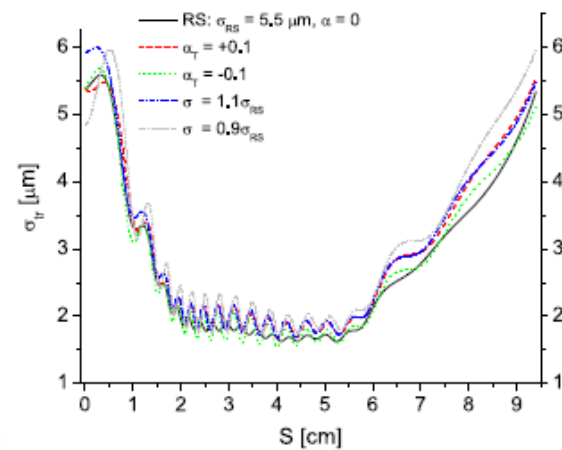
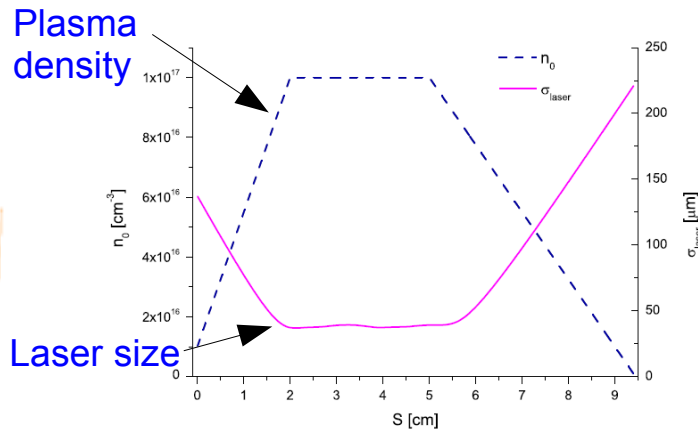


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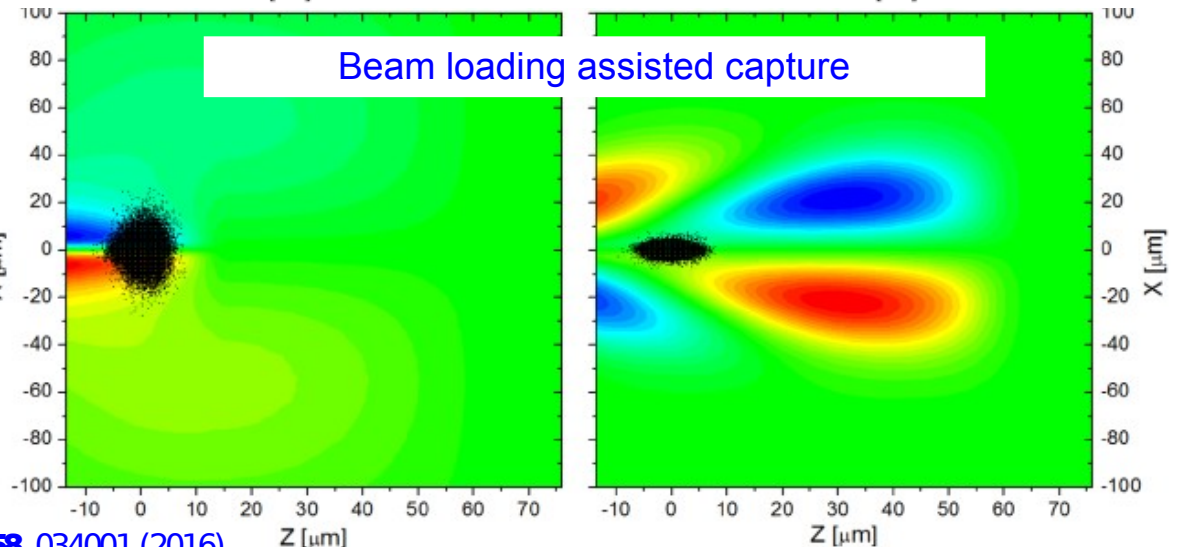
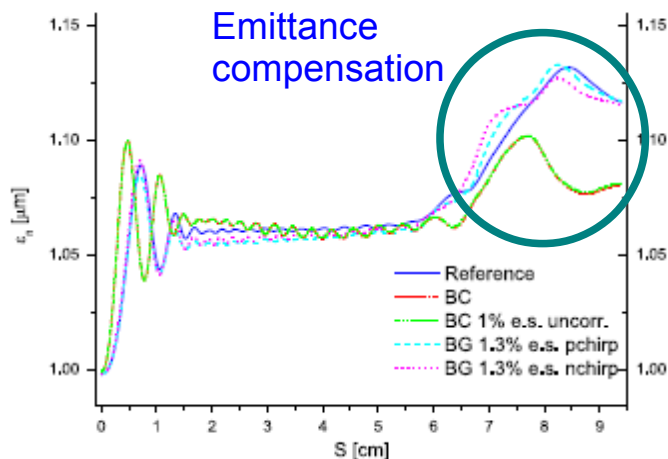
Integrated, passive plasma lens: plasma ramps & tailored driver focusing/defocusing in hollow capillary

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Stability vs injected beam parameters jitters



Stability vs injected beam charge distribution



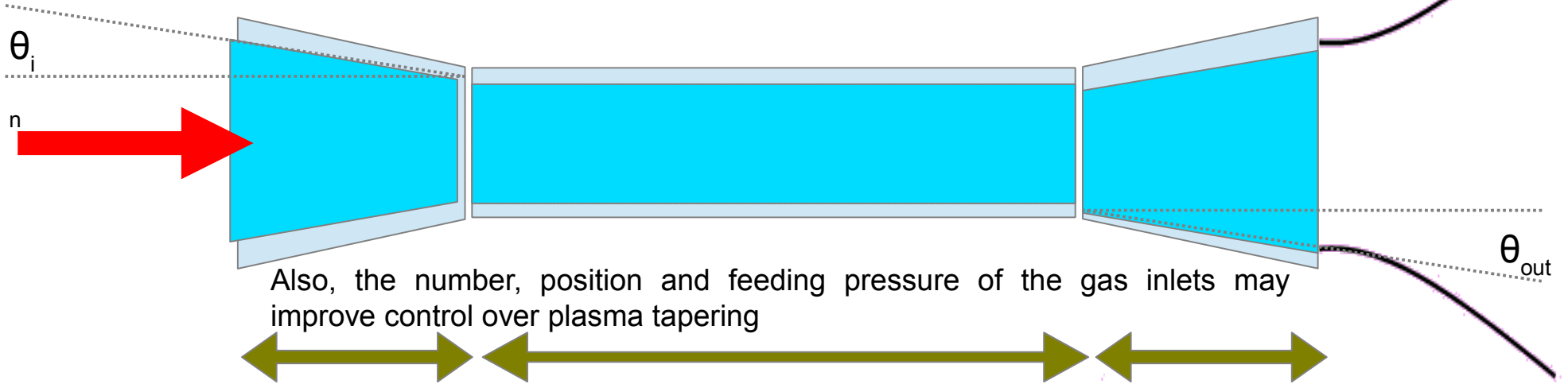
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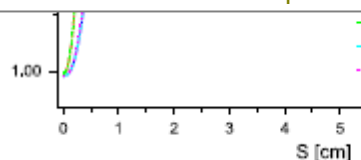
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In the ramps the regime is linear with dominating beam loading. This working condition allows a beam loading assisted matching. In the acceleration section the regime is quasi-linear and the beam loading negligible.

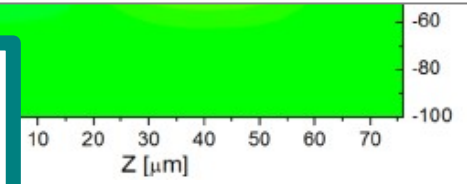
Capillary tips shaping (splay) can be a way to modulate both laser convergence (divergence) and plasma ramping.



Also, the number, position and feeding pressure of the gas inlets may improve control over plasma tapering

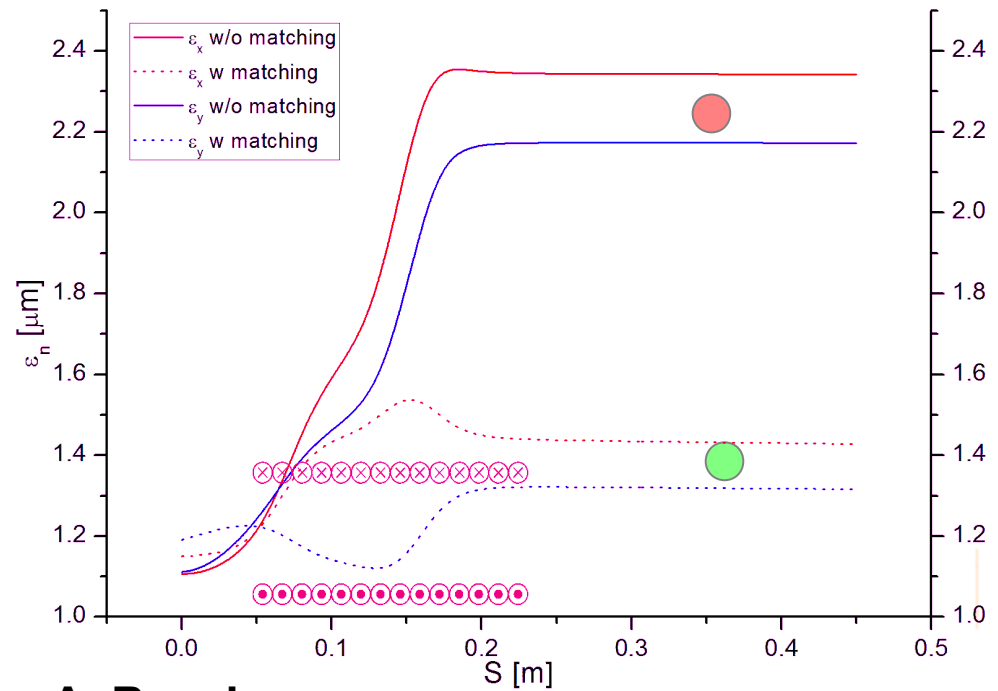
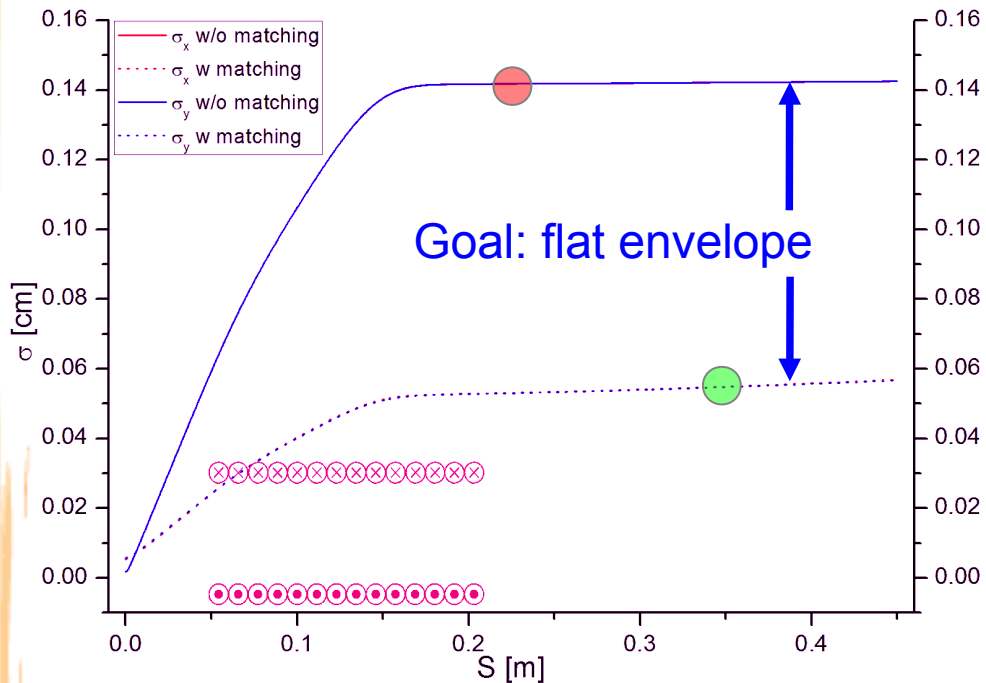


Emittance not completely conserved
Needs to be confirmed by PIC simulations



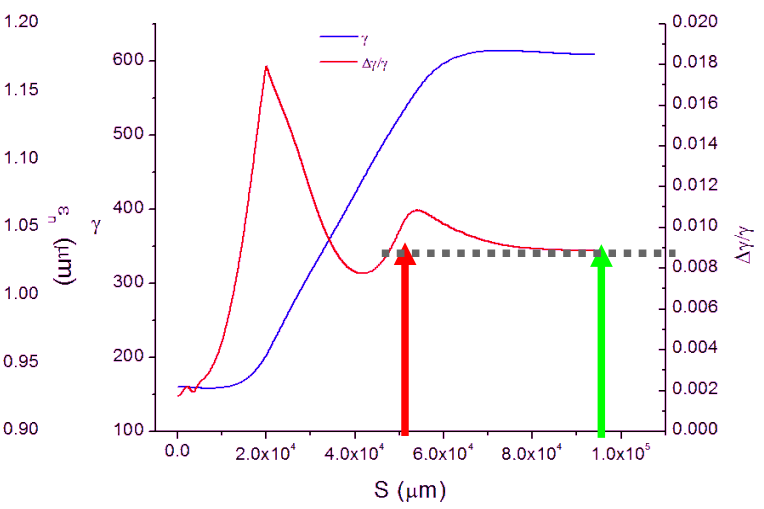
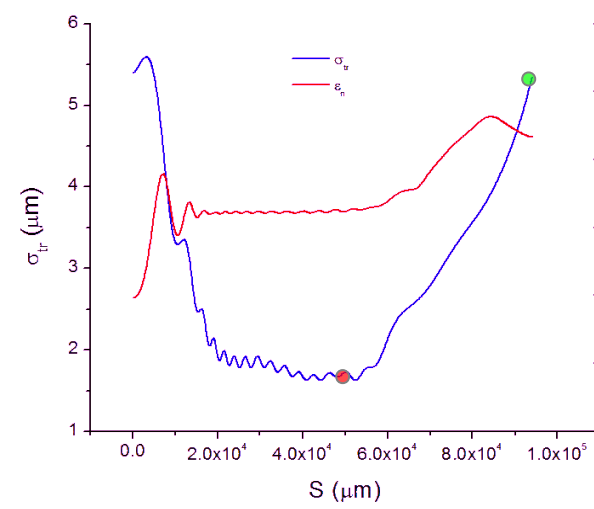
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Matching into/out of plasma: is it really necessary?

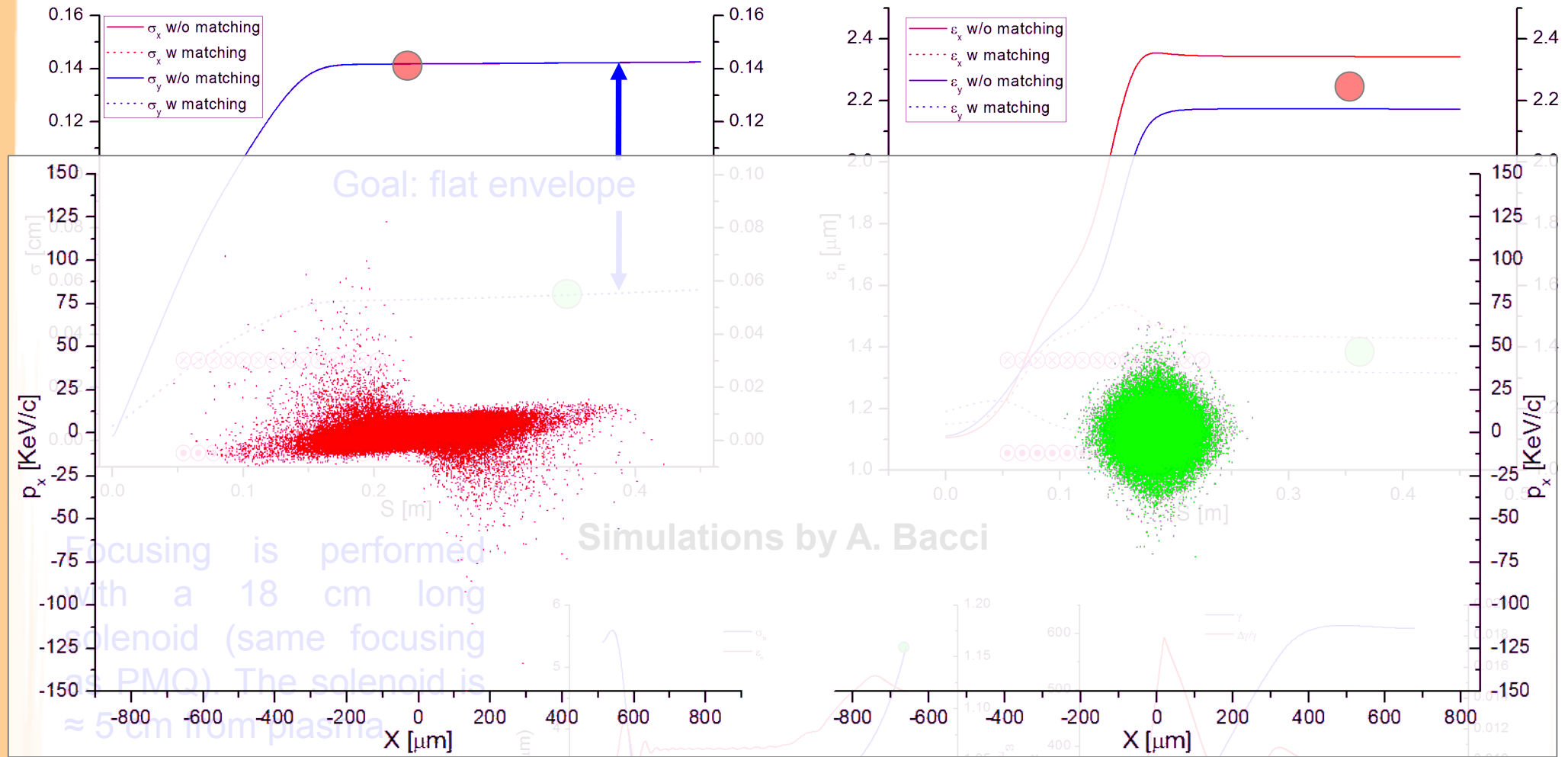


Simulations by A. Bacci

Focusing is performed with a 18 cm long solenoid (same focusing as PMQ). The solenoid is ≈ 5 cm from plasma. Both beams start with about the same energy spread. The **matched** one behaves in a much better way than the **unmatched**



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Goal: flat envelope

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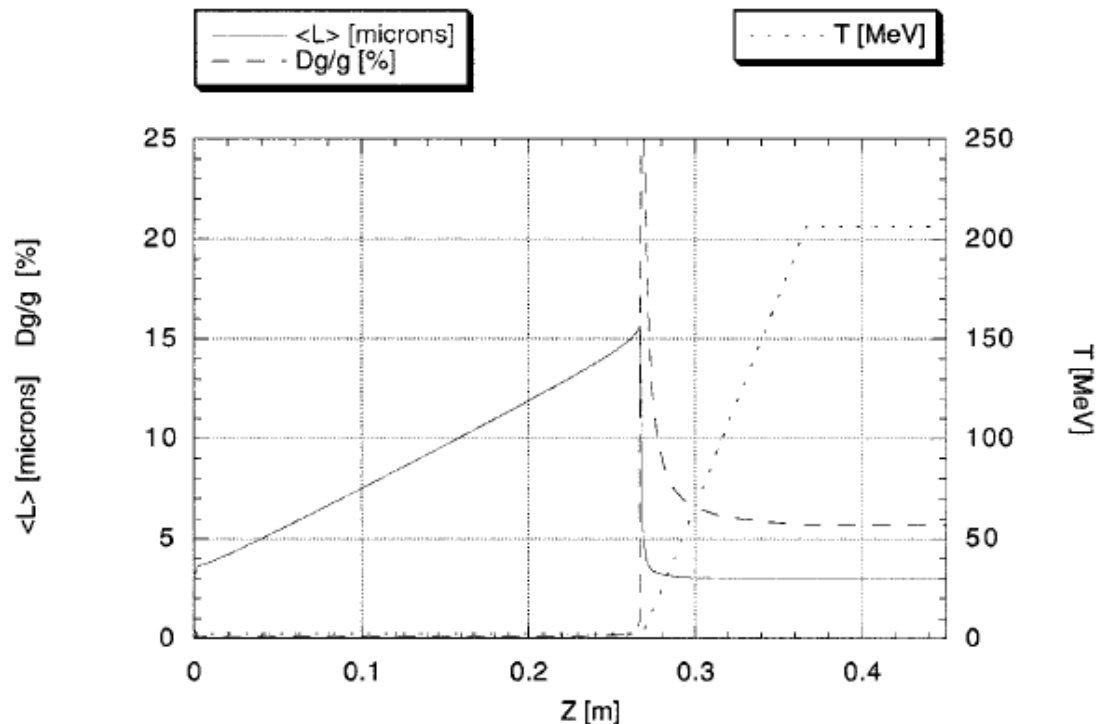
unmatched

Longitudinal manipulations



Longitudinal compression

Longitudinal compression is possible when a bunch has an energy much lower than the resonant one, i.e. when the witness is (initially) much slower than the plasma wake¹, by velocity bunching².



- ➔ Linear regime
- ➔ No beam loading

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M. Ferrario, T. C. Katsouleas, L. Serafini, and Ilan Ben Zvi, *IEEE Trans. Plas. Sci.* **28**, (2000).

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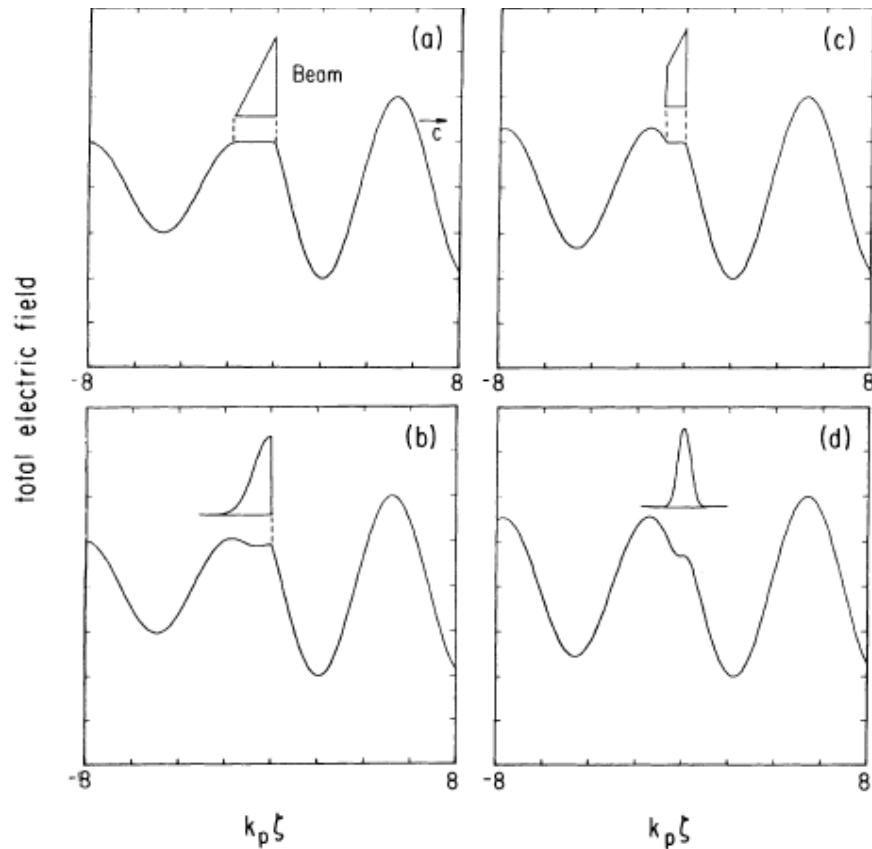
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Energy spread control by beam loading

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Optimal beam profile for linear regime

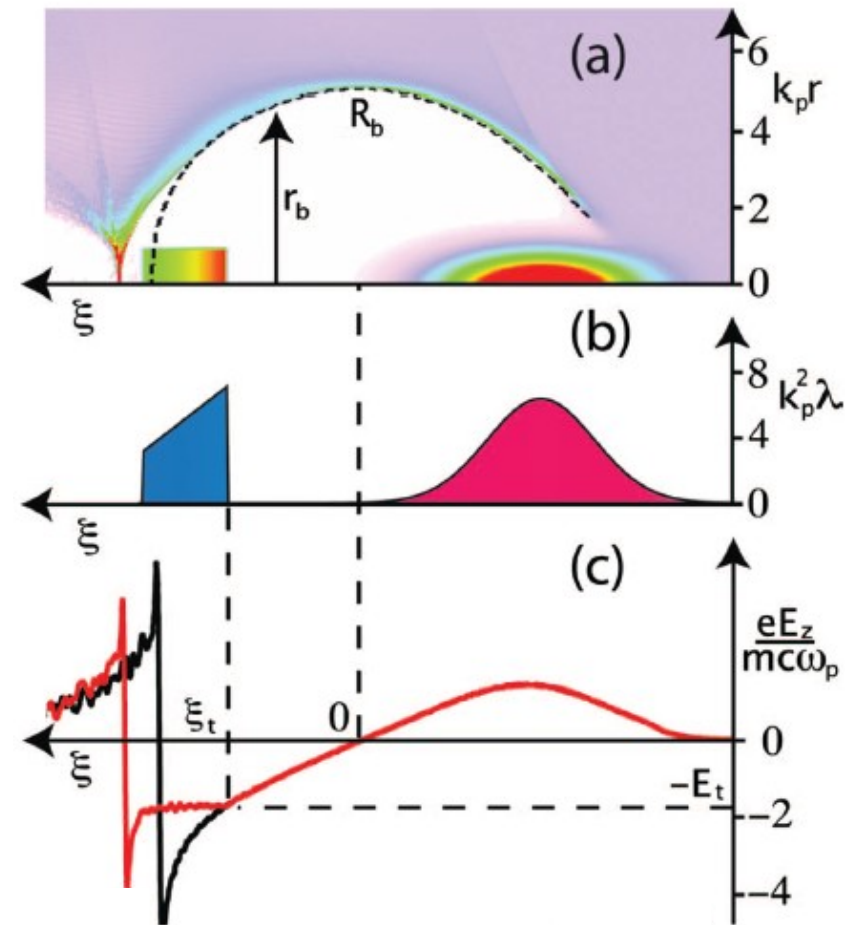
$$\rho_b(\xi) = -\frac{k_p E_0}{4\pi} [(k_p \cos k_p \xi_0)\xi + (\sin k_p \xi_0 - k_p \xi_0 \cos k_p \xi_0)]$$



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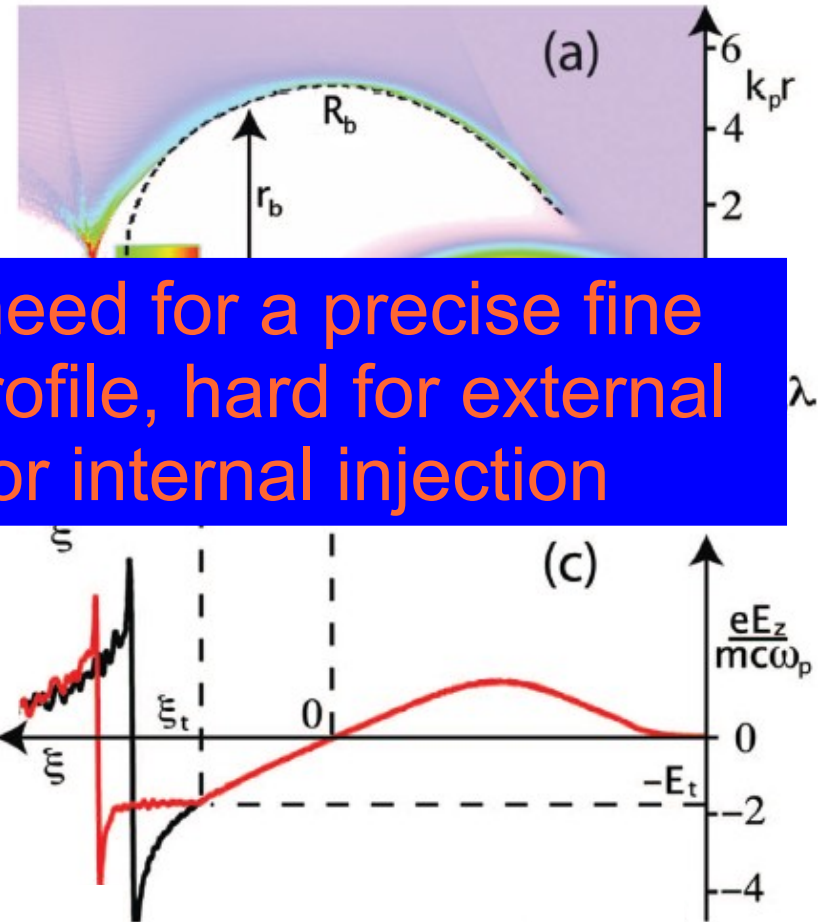
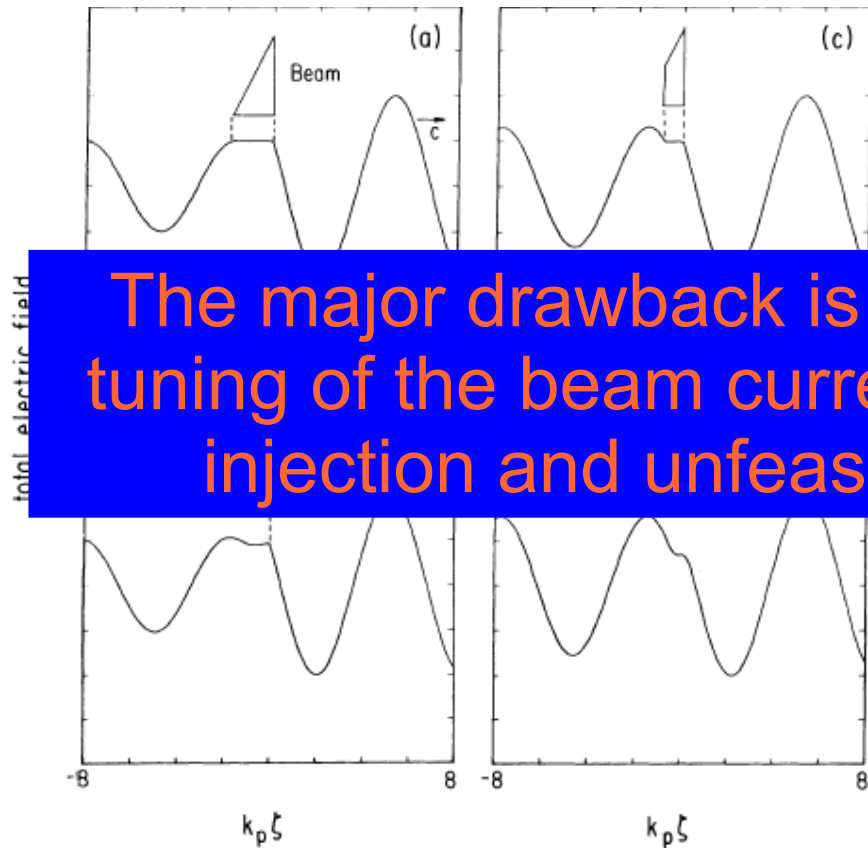
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The major drawback is the need for a precise fine tuning of the beam current profile, hard for external injection and unfeasible for internal injection

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Energy spread control by hollow plasma channel

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T. C. Chiou, T. Katsouleas, C. Decker, W. B. Mori, J. S. Wurtele, G. Shvets, and J. J. Su, Phys. Plasmas **2**, (1995)

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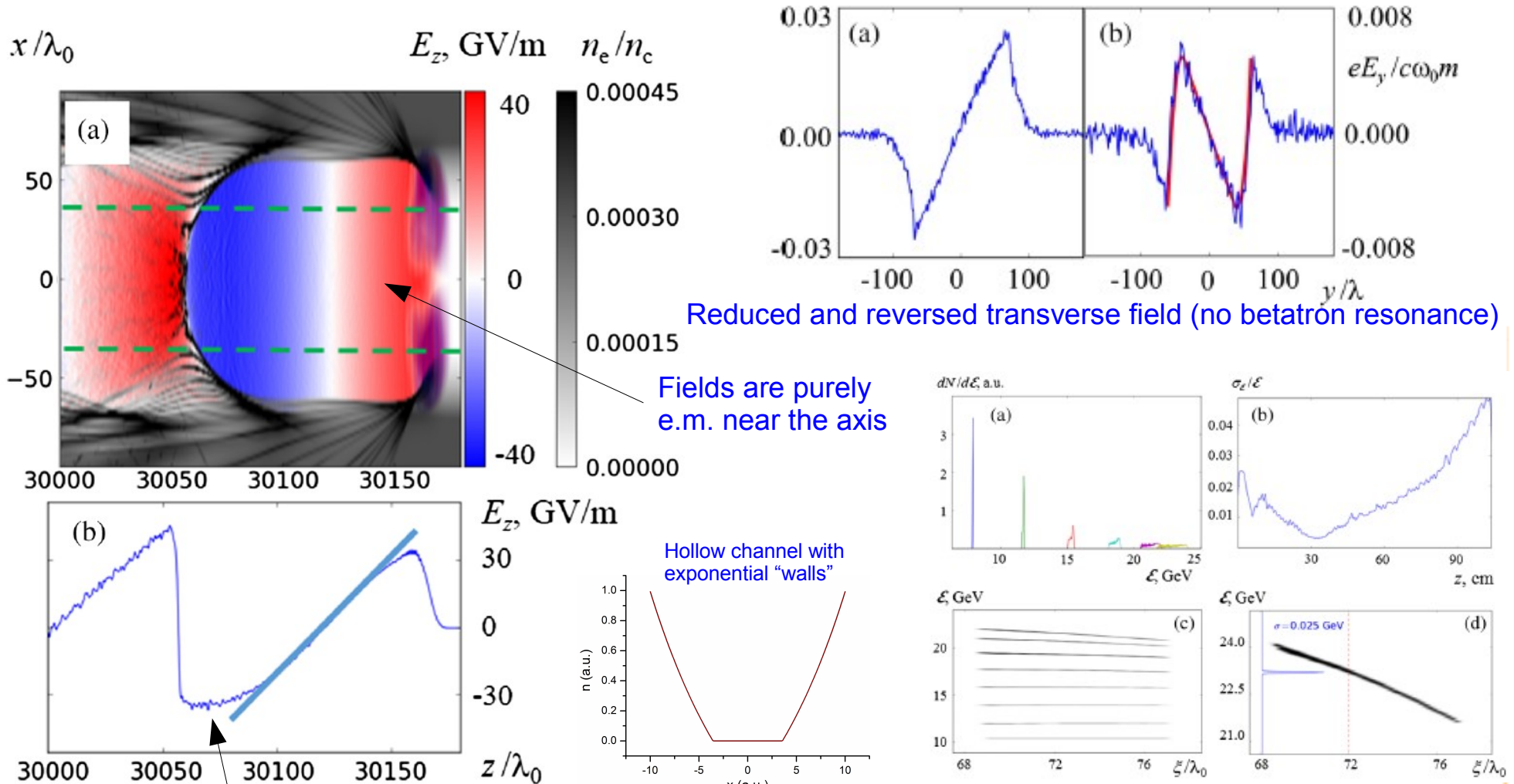
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A. Pukhov, O. Jansen, T. Tueckmantel, J. Thomas, and I. Yu. Kostyukov, Phys. Rev. Lett. **113**, 245003 (2014)

which studies the bubble regime.

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Reduced and reversed transverse field (no betatron resonance)

Fields are purely e.m. near the axis

Hollow channel with exponential "walls"

Small overall and uncorrelated energy spread

Flat longitudinal field

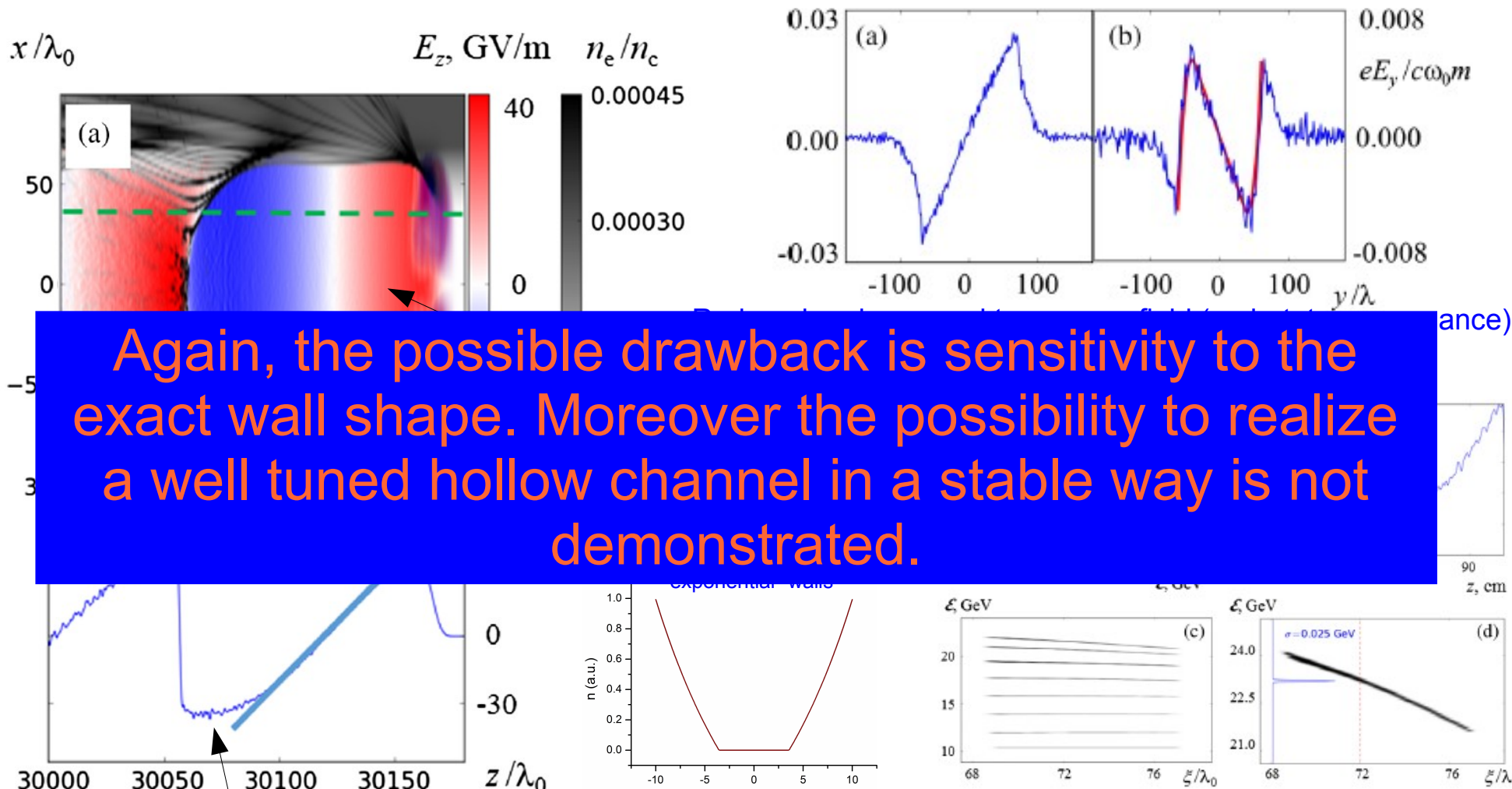
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Again, the possible drawback is sensitivity to the exact wall shape. Moreover the possibility to realize a well tuned hollow channel in a stable way is not demonstrated.

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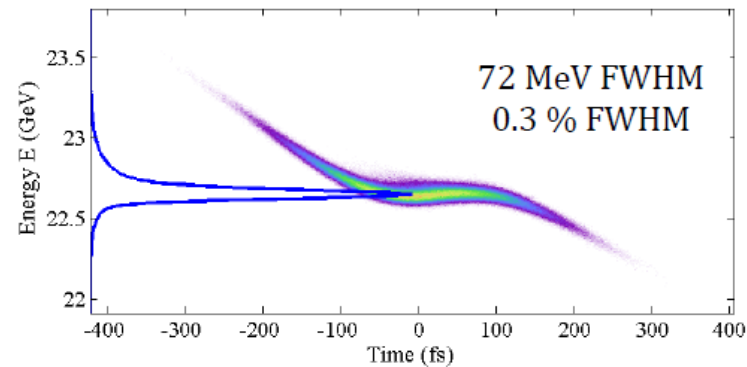
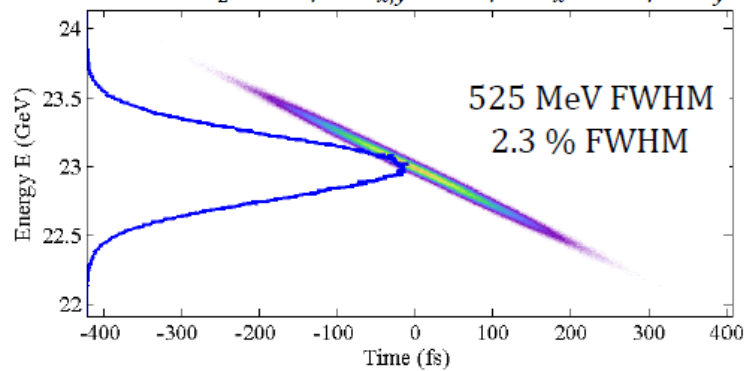
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Energy spread control by plasma dechirper¹

Following the idea of corrugated pipe dechirper², it is possible to arrange plasma density in order to act as a plasma dechirper.

FACET beam parameters

$\sigma_z = 25 \mu\text{m}$, $\sigma_{x,y} = 30 \mu\text{m}$, $\varepsilon_x = 50 \mu\text{m}$, $\varepsilon_y = 5 \mu\text{m}$, 2 nC, 23 GeV, 1.0 % rms energy spread

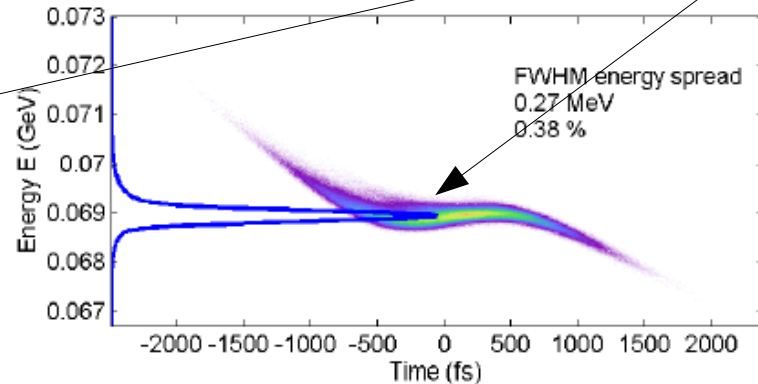
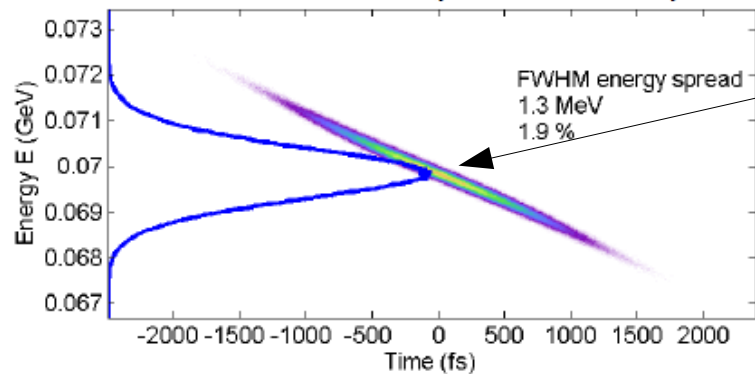


Works only for positive chirps

Uncorrelated energy spread is (irreversibly) increased

ATF beam parameters:

$\sigma_z = 150 \mu\text{m}$, $\sigma_{x,y} = 50 \mu\text{m}$, $\varepsilon_x = \varepsilon_y = 1 \mu\text{m}$, 150 pC, 70 MeV, 1.0 % rms energy spread



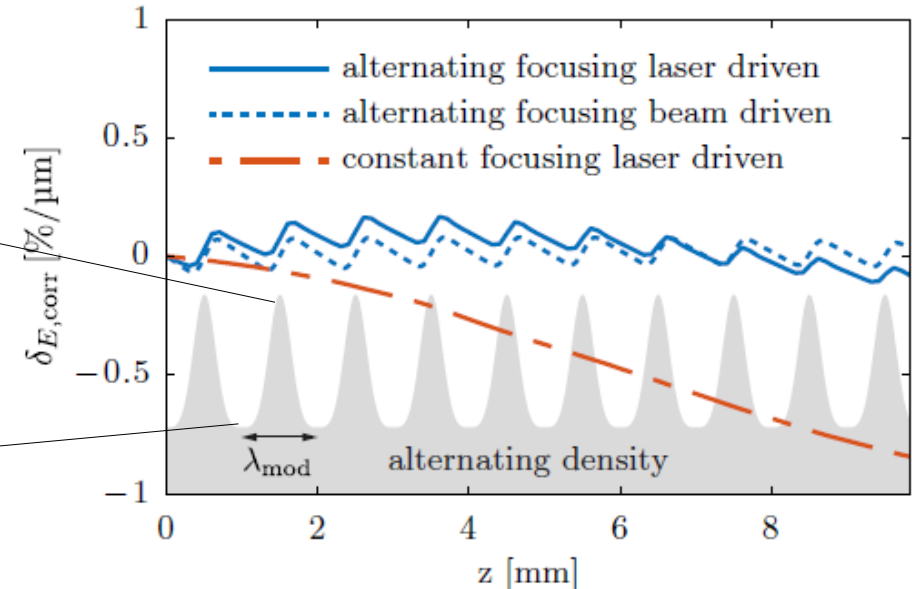
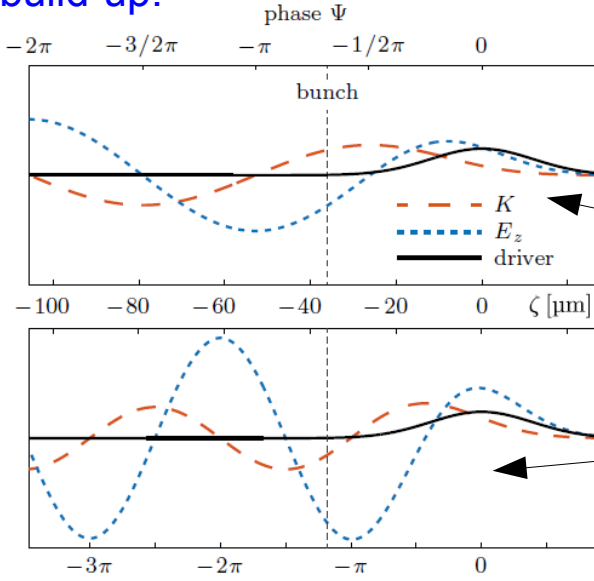
Tuning may still be quite critical

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Energy spread control by alternating focusing¹

In linear and quasi-linear regimes, the focusing strength is zero on crest. For a finite length bunch, however, the tail would be disrupted by defocusing fields. Modulating the plasma density moves the bunch back and forth the accelerating peak keeping it focused and avoiding chirp build-up.



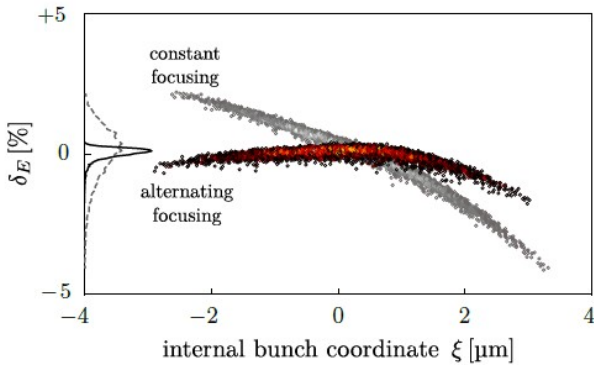
Does not rely on beam loading!

Problematic with bubble regime

Correct tapering critical and seems hard to realize

Emittance conservation (?)

Beam loading (?)



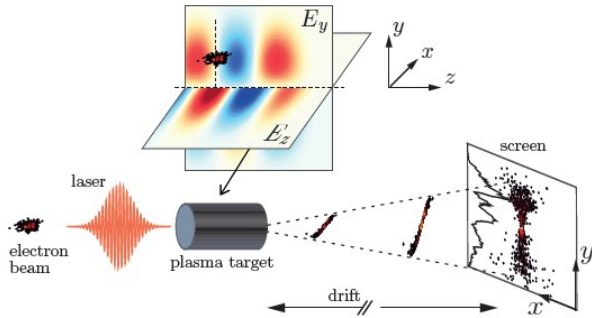
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Beam streaking

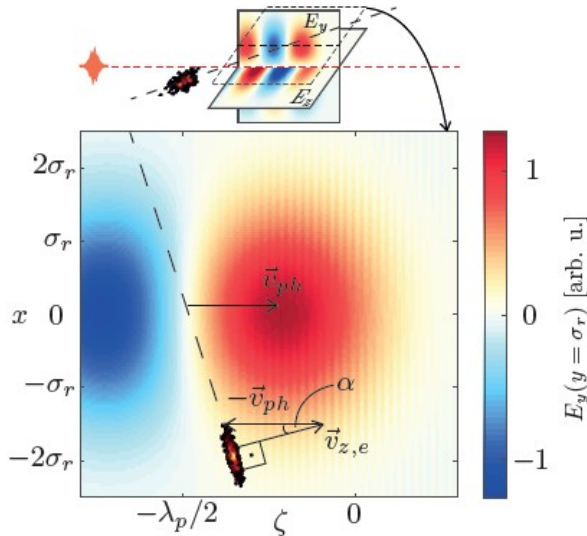
(for longitudinal diagnostics)

Diagnose the longitudinal properties of a plasma beam (ultra short) is hard with conventional methods. A proposal, shows how it is possible to use plasma fields.

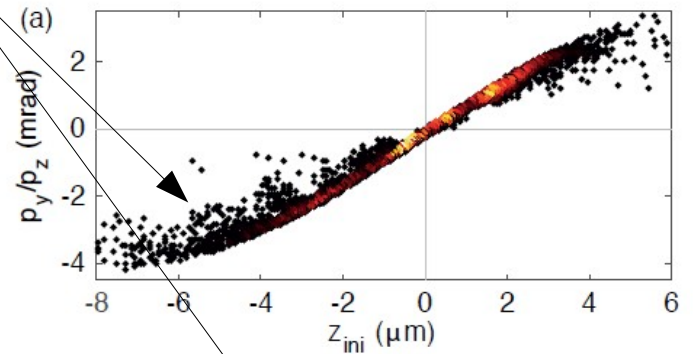
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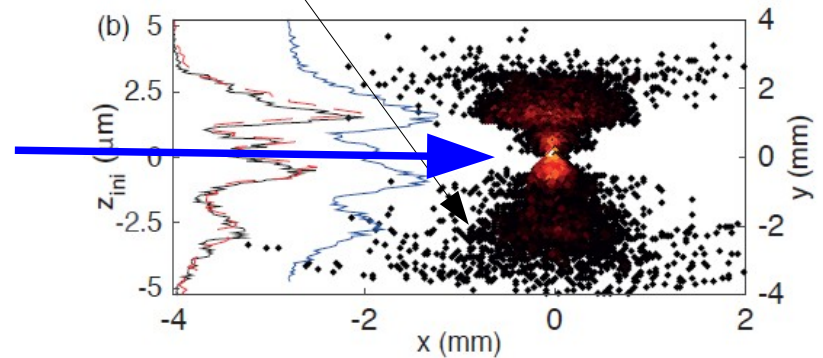
Setup with an angle



Some field non-linearities effects are present



Resolution in the bunch core is below 100 as!

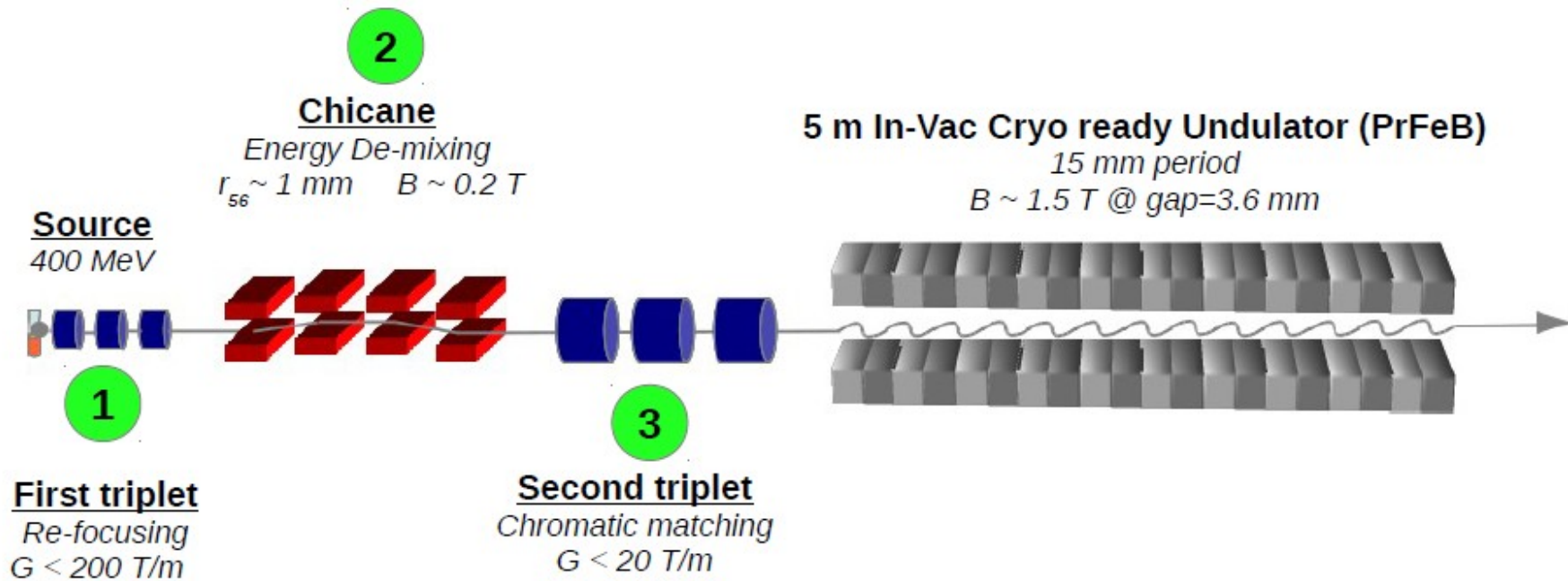


Beam loading may greatly reduce resolution

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A (cherry picked) FEL oriented manipulation (not in plasma): chromatic matching¹

i.e. a possible answer to the question “how could we run an FEL with the plasma beams we can produce right now?”

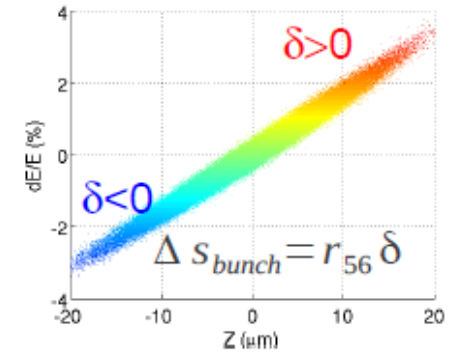
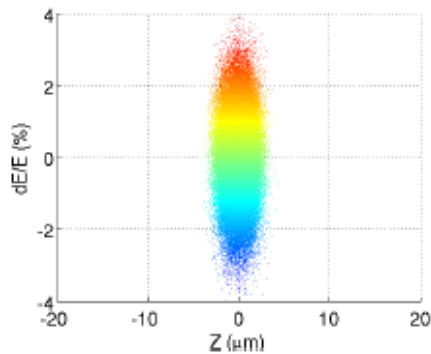


[1] A. Louergue, M. Labat, C. Evain, C. Benabderrahmane, V. Malka and M.E. Couprie, New J. Phys. **17**, 023028 (2015).

Chromatic matching

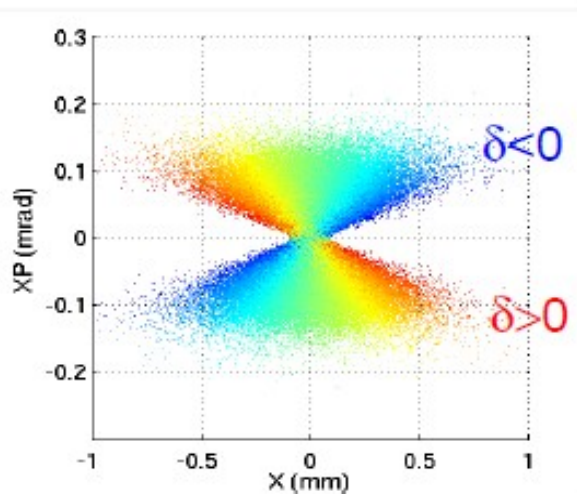
Assume a bunch with high energy spread and divergence. After first focusing use a chicane to stretch the bunch and realize an energy sorting (chirp):

Longitudinal phase space

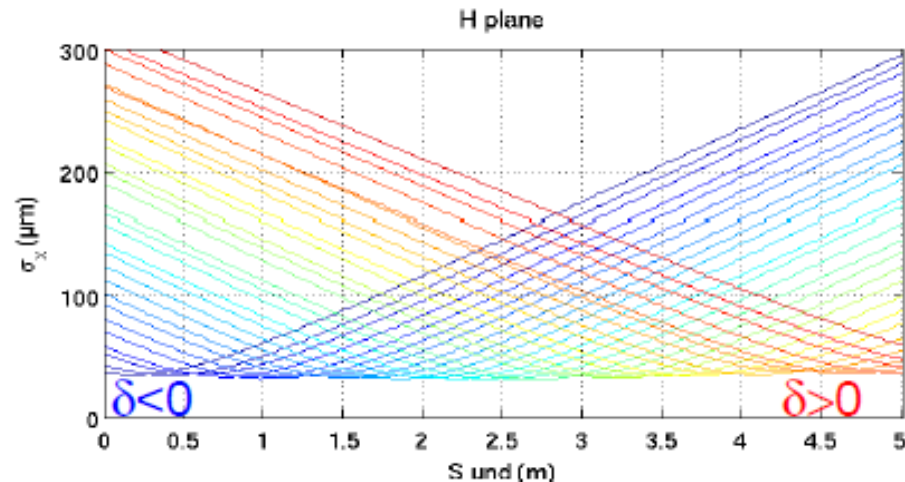


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Transverse phase spaces

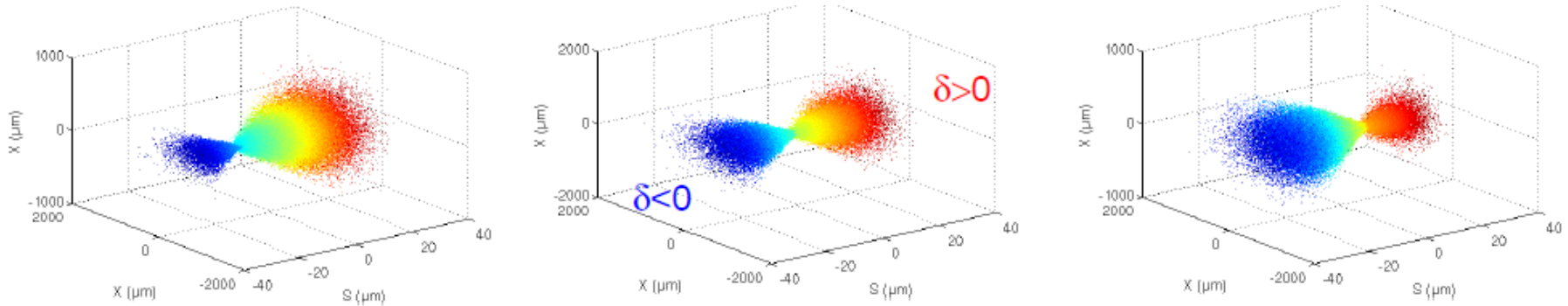


If the beam is focused, each quasi-monochromatic slice will have a waist at a different position.



Chromatic matching

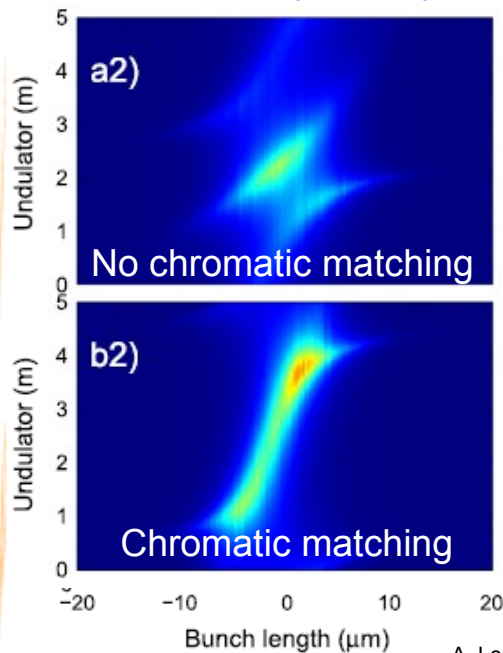
The waist slips along the bunch from the tail to the head...



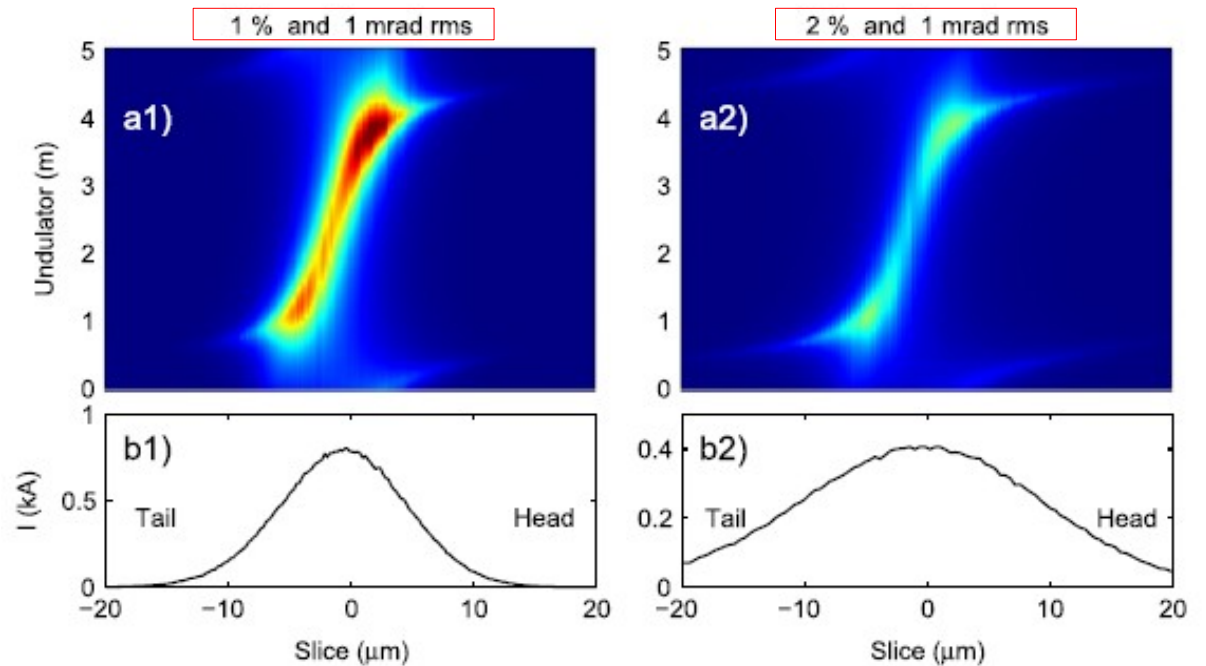
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... pretty much like the FEL radiation ...

... and if they are synchronized ...

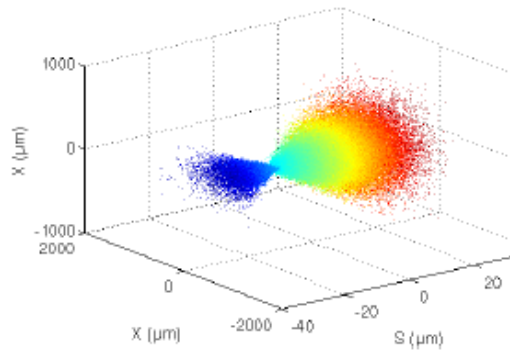


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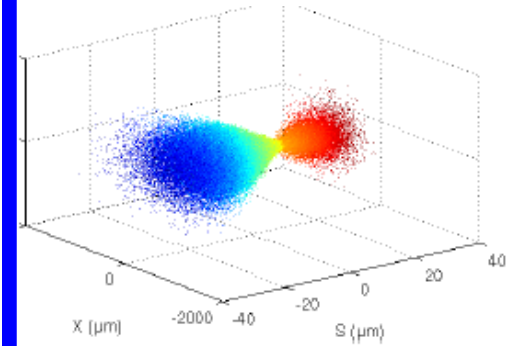
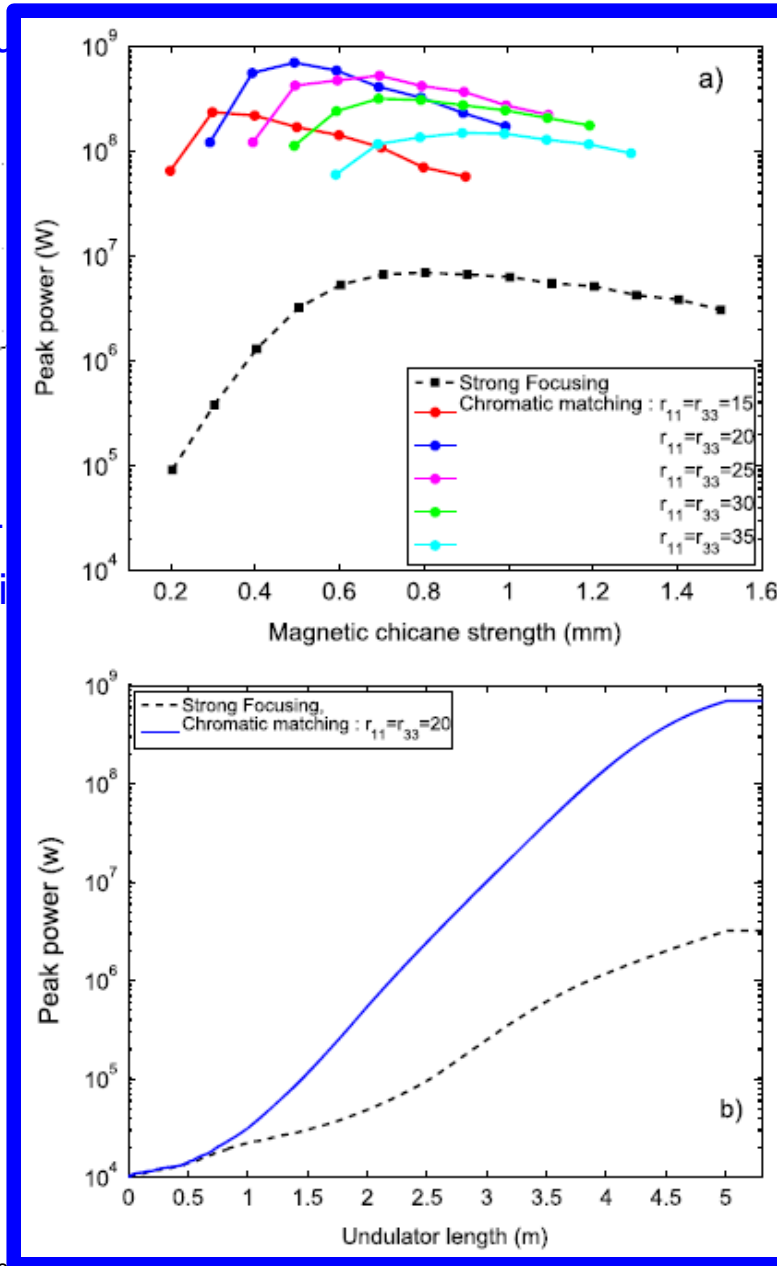
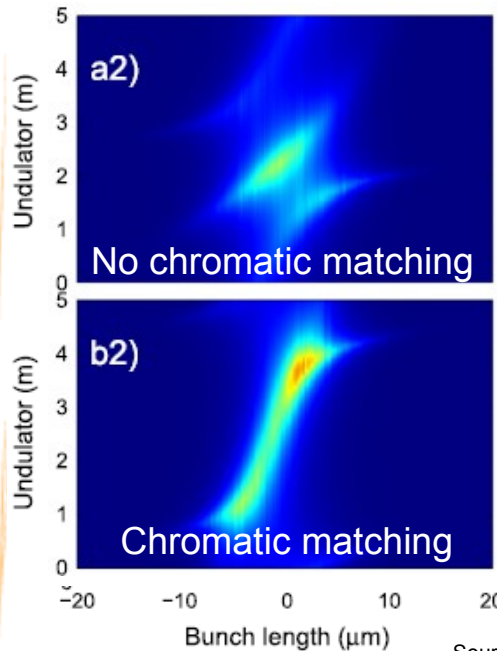


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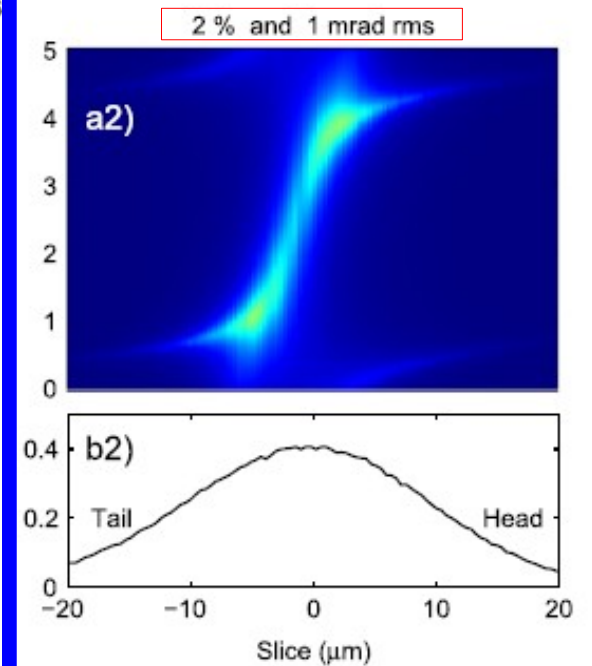
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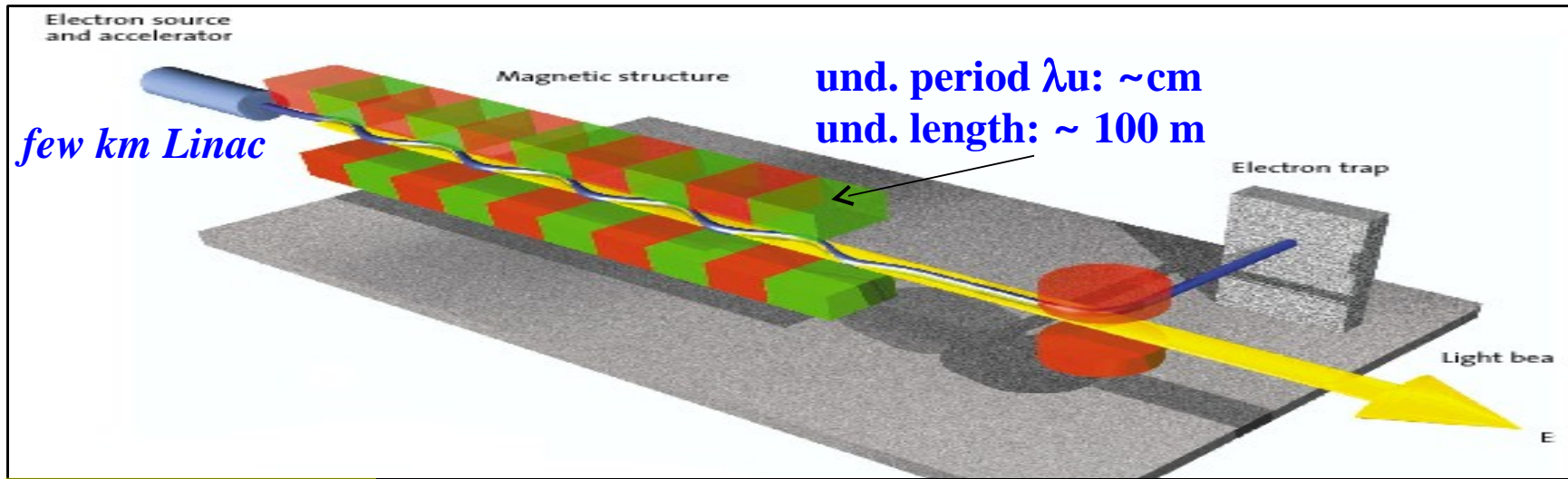
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Cornerstone application: All Optical FEL

From FEL to AOFEL:

Scale down linac AND undulator sizes!

1-25 GeV electrons

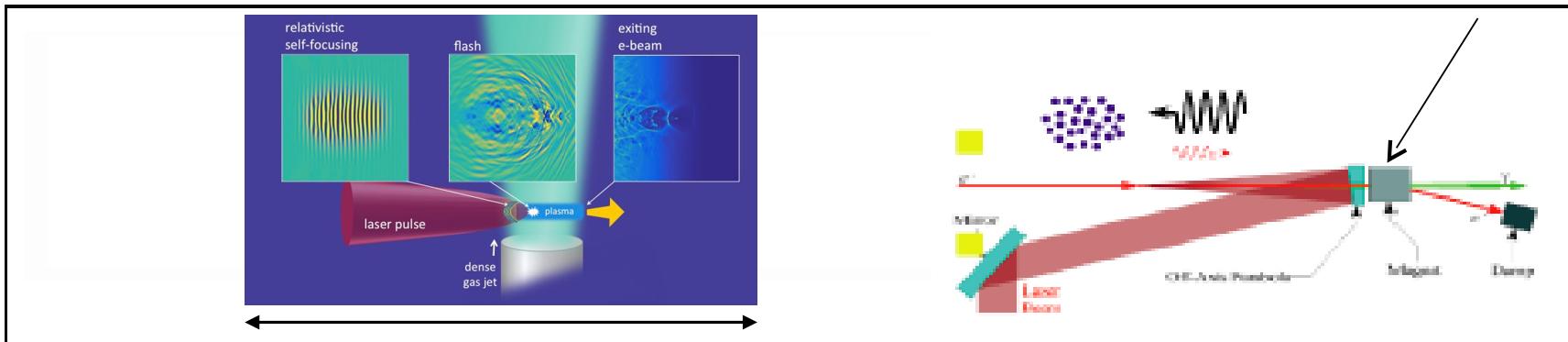


100-0.5 Å photons
(0.5 Å - 24 KeV)

laser λ : \sim 1- 10 μ m

30-150 MeV electrons

interaction area \sim few cm



\sim few cm Linac

AOFEL: e.m. undulator

RESONANCE CONDITIONS:

$$\lambda_R = \lambda_w \frac{(1 + a_w^2)}{2\gamma_0^2}$$

Magnetostatic undulator- FEL

Example : for $\lambda_R = .1nm$, $\lambda_w = 2cm$ and $a_w \sim 1$

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Electromagnetic undulator

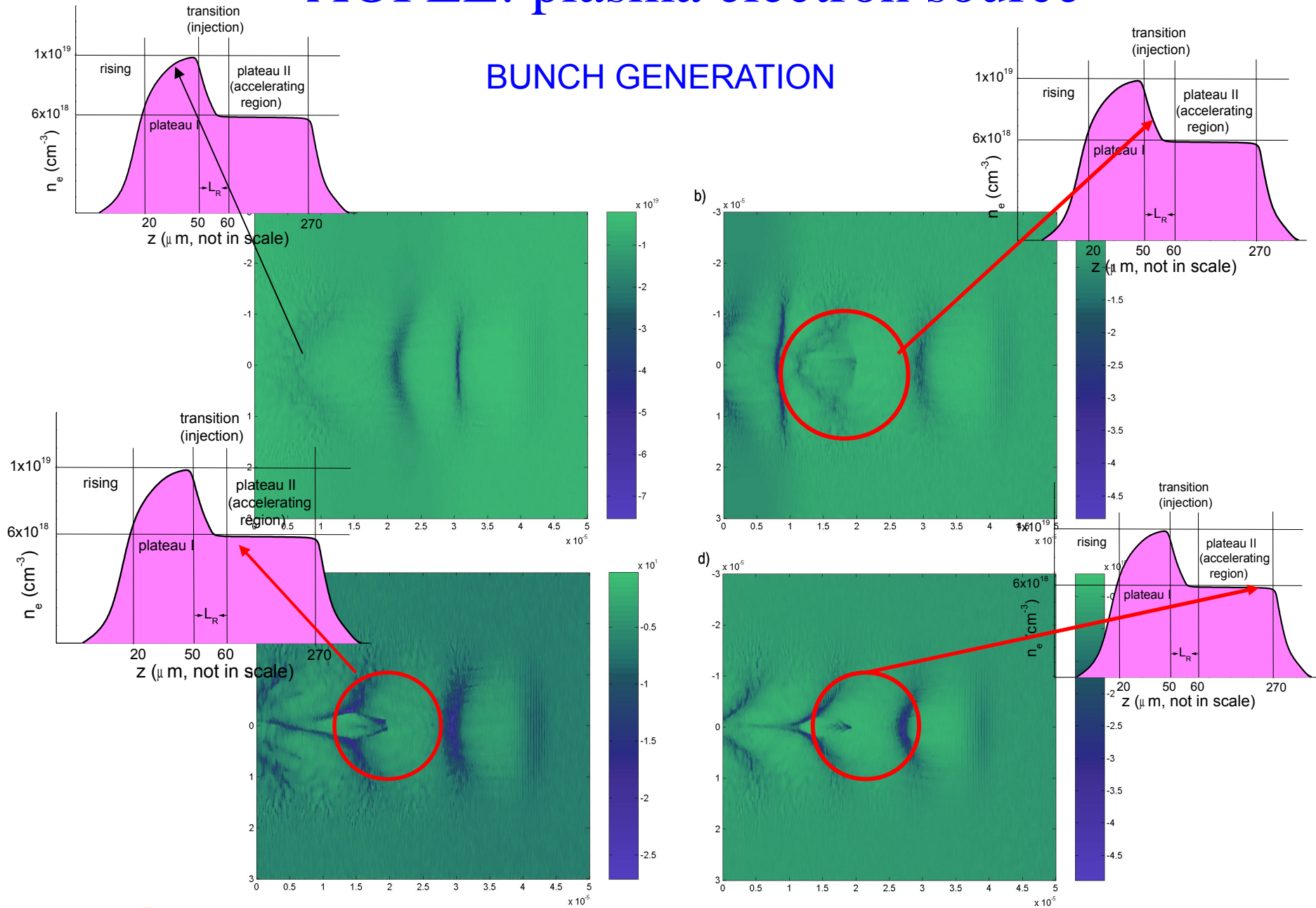
Example : for $\lambda_R = .1nm$, $\lambda_L = 0.8\mu m$ and $a_0 \sim 0.2^*$

$$\Rightarrow E = 22 \text{ MeV}$$

* for many practical reasons, $a_0 \lesssim 1$

AOFEL: plasma electron source

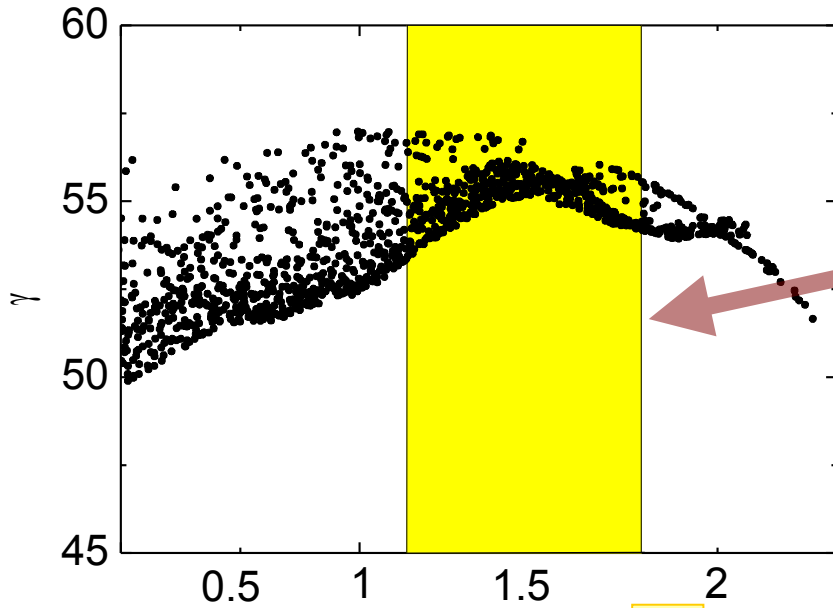
BUNCH GENERATION



V. Petrillo, L. Serafini and P. Tomassini, Phys. Rev. STAB **11**, 070703 (2008)

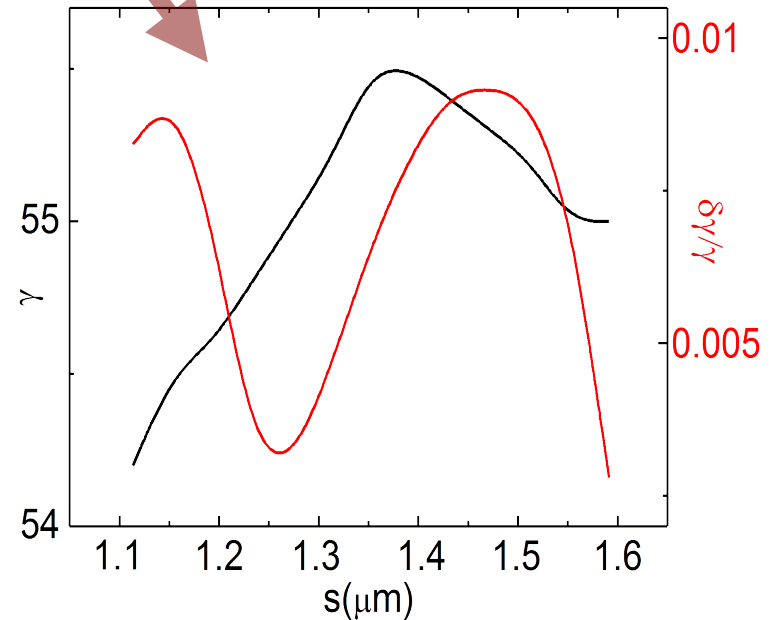
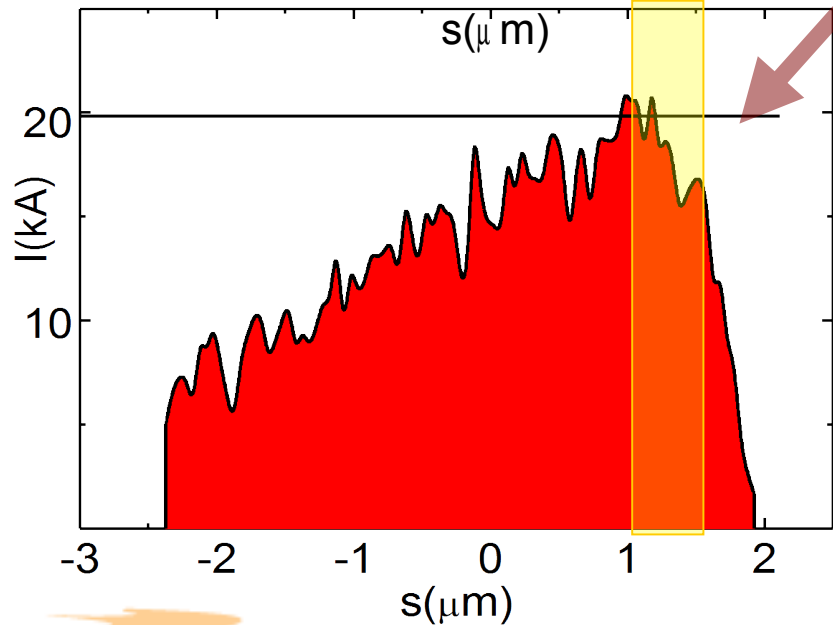
AOFEL: electron bunch

VORPAL results



Best slices:
we do not
need all the
bunch to be
perfect for
lasing

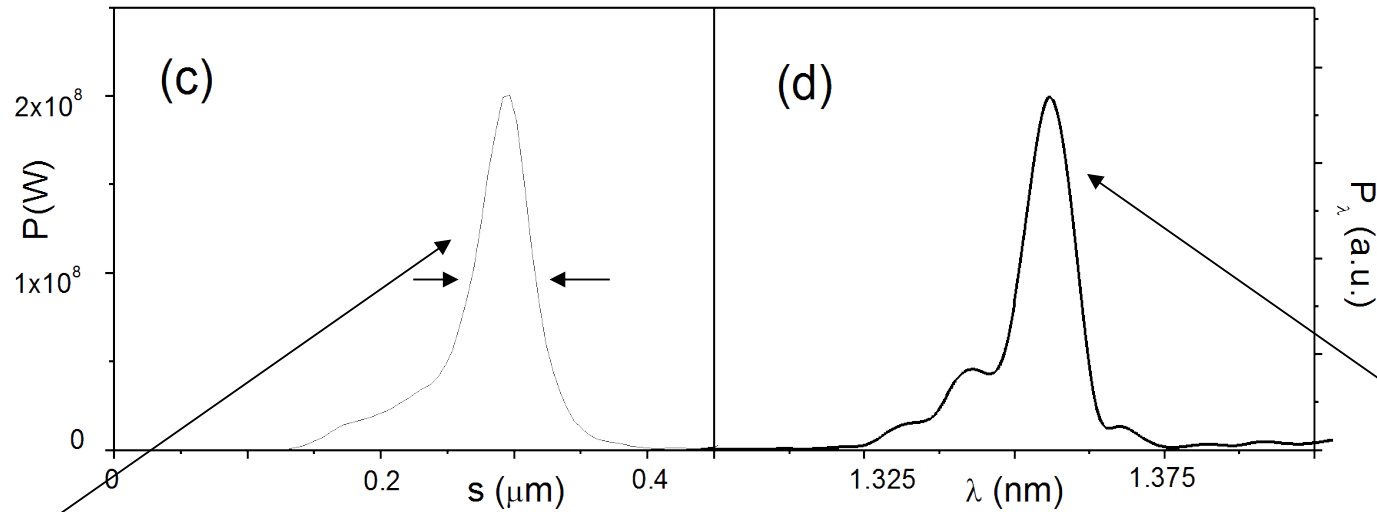
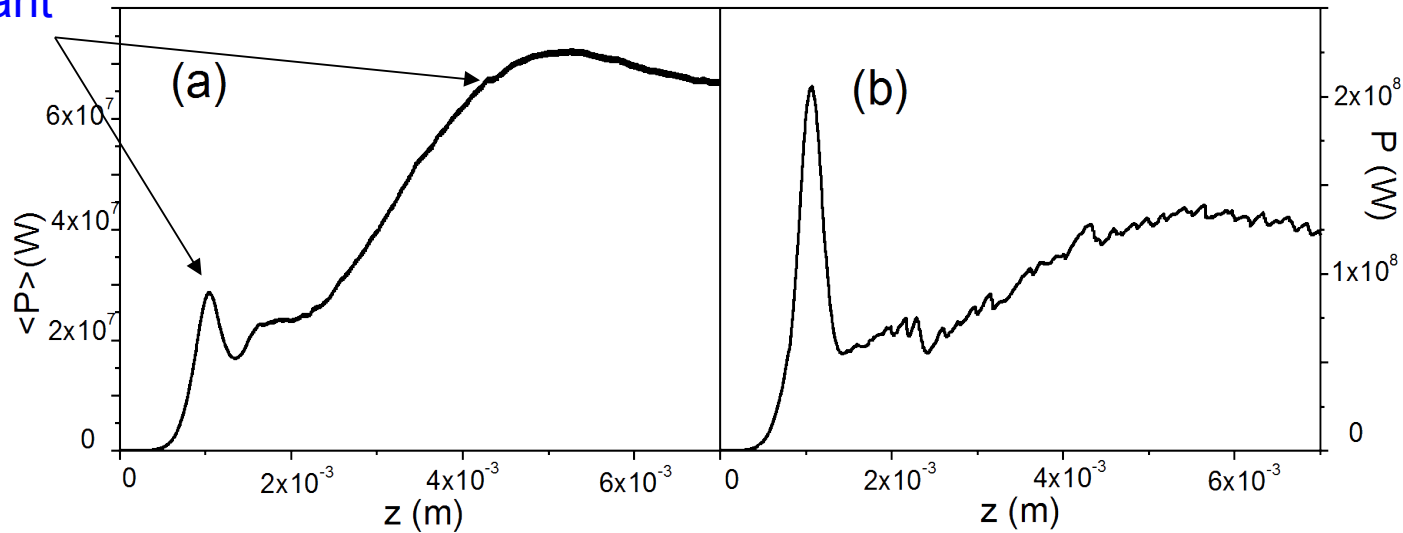
- $\langle \gamma \rangle = 55$
- $\langle E \rangle = 27 \text{ MeV}$
- $I \approx 20 \text{ kA}$
- $\varepsilon_x < 0.5 \text{ mm mrad}$
- $\Delta E/E \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-3}, 10$
- $Q = 55 \text{ pC}$



AOFEL: FEL radiation

GENESIS 1.3 results

Superradiant structure



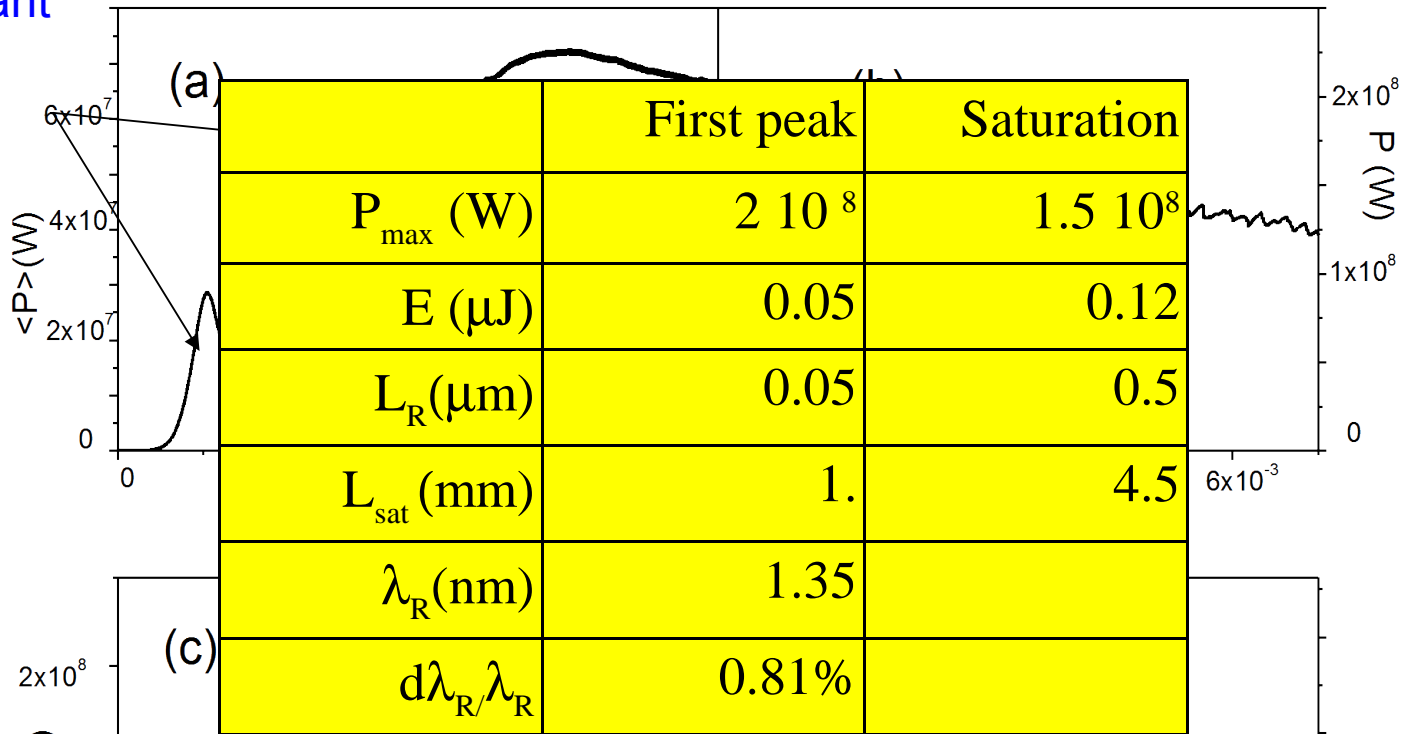
Single spike structure $0.1 \mu\text{m} = 330 \text{ as}$

Monochromatic pulse

AOFEL: FEL radiation

GENESIS 1.3 results

Superradiant structure



**Laser requirements: 250 GW for 5 mm
R=30 μm E=4.16J**

Single spike structure 0.1 μm =330 as

Monochromatic pulse

Conclusion

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~~Beam~~
~~self-control~~
is the best
super-power
you can have

Thanks for your attention!

Backup Slides

Highly chromatic beam transport: theory

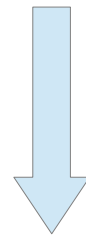
$$\text{DEF: } \varepsilon_n^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle \langle \beta^2 \gamma^2 x'^2 \rangle - \langle x \beta \gamma x' \rangle^2$$

$$\text{DEF: } \sigma_E^2 = \frac{\langle \beta^2 \gamma^2 \rangle - \langle \beta \gamma \rangle^2}{\langle \gamma \rangle^2}$$

$$\text{DEF: } x' = \frac{p_x^i}{\langle p_z \rangle}$$

ASSUME: relativistic electrons ($\beta \sim 1$) and no correlation btw x and energy

$$\varepsilon_n^2 = \langle \gamma \rangle^2 \sigma_E^2 \langle x^2 \rangle \langle x'^2 \rangle + \langle \beta \gamma \rangle^2 (\langle x^2 \rangle \langle x'^2 \rangle - \langle x x' \rangle^2)$$



$$\varepsilon_n^2 = \langle \gamma \rangle^2 (\sigma_E^2 \sigma_x^2 \sigma_{x'}^2 + \varepsilon^2)$$

Highly chromatic beam transport: theory

$$\varepsilon_n^2 = \langle \gamma \rangle^2 \left(\sigma_E^2 \sigma_x^2 \sigma_{x'}^2 + \varepsilon^2 \right)$$

NOTICE: plasma accelerated bunches are usually emittance dominated!

$$\sigma_x(s) = \sqrt{\cancel{\sigma_0^2} + 2\cancel{\sigma_0 \sigma_0'} s + \left(\frac{\varepsilon^2}{\sigma_0^2} + \cancel{\sigma_0'^2} \right) s^2}$$

Starting from a waist: $\sigma_0' = \left. \frac{d\sigma(s)}{ds} \right|_{s=0} = 0$ and $\varepsilon^2 = \sigma_0^2 \sigma_{x'}^2$. After a small drift:

$$\varepsilon_n^2 = \langle \gamma \rangle^2 \left(s^2 \sigma_E^2 \sigma_{x'}^4 + \varepsilon^2 \right)$$

Velocity bunching

Electron Bunch from RF injector
Initial velocity $\beta_0 \sim 0.994$ (4MeV)

