

Working Group 7 / 1st Part

- **WG7 - High brightness power sources: from Laser Technology to beam drivers**

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Convener: Leonida Antonio Gizzi (PI), Barbara Marchetti (DESY), Rajeev Pattathil (Central Laser Facility,)

Location: SBIO, Sala Biodola, Hotel Biodola

16:00 **Feedback control of the spatio-temporal properties of high-intensity laser pulses to optimize x-ray and 100 MeV electron generation 30'**

Speaker: Dan Symes (Central Laser Facility, STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Didcot, UK)

Material: [Slides](#) 

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Speaker: Alessandro Curcio (LNF)

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Speaker: Mr. Martin Speicher (LMU Munich)

17:10 **Effects of pulse shape and plasma density on laser propagation in laser-driven wakefield accelerators 20'**

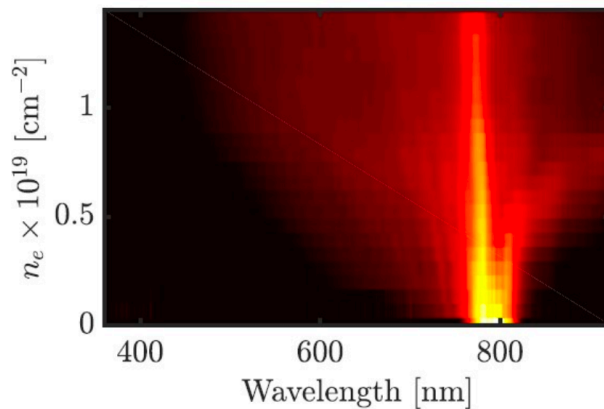
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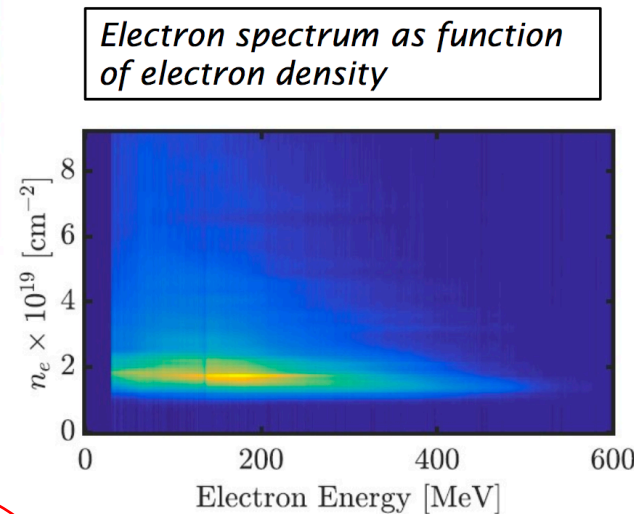
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High rep-rate allows a fine resolution scan of parameter space



Laser spectrum post-plasma as a function of electron density

- Each row of data is 50-shot average
- Features that may be missed with coarser scan



Electron spectrum as function of electron density

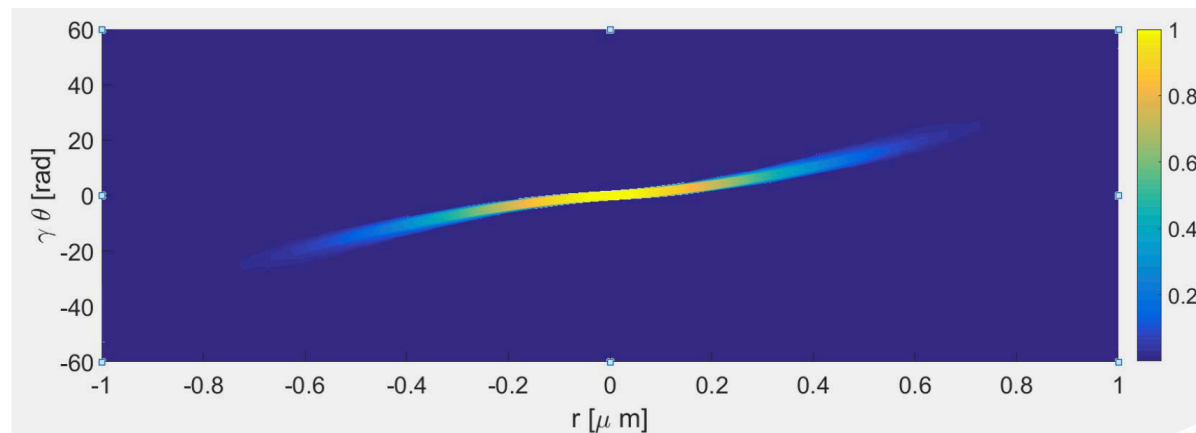
Showing the great potential of feedback loop with rep-rated laser operation v

“Phase-space reconstruction of low-emittance electron beams through betatron radiation in a laser-plasma accelerator at FLAME facility”

Alessandro Curcio (LNF)



Final step: Phase space reconstruction



$$\epsilon_{r\beta} N = \gamma_0 \sqrt{(\sigma_\gamma / \gamma_0)^2 \sigma_r^2 \sigma_\theta^2 + \epsilon_{r\beta}^2}$$

Normalized rms emittance (correlated): \sim

Normalized rms emittance (non correlated):

limit): **1.6 mm mrad**

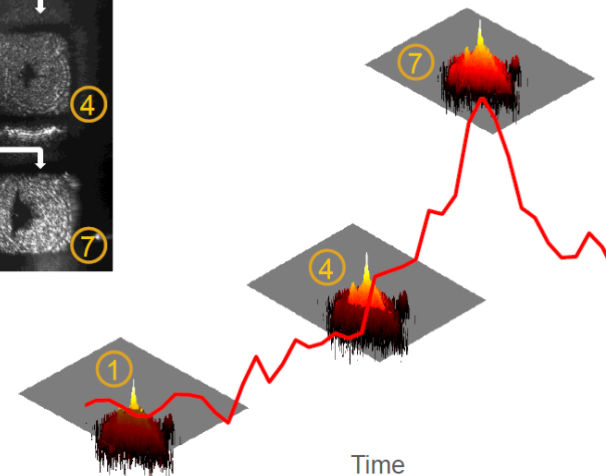
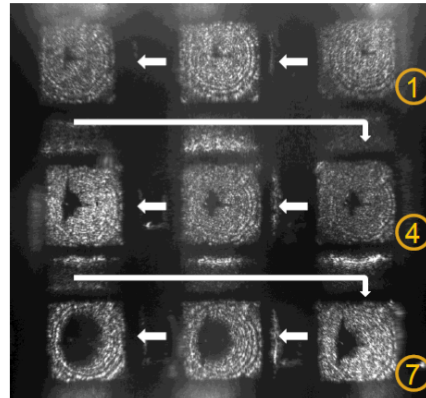
For discussions on the profile monitor resolution, see Ref. Curcio, A., et al. "Single-shot non-intercepting profile monitor of plasma-accelerated electron beams with nanometric resolution." To be published on Applied Physics Letters (2017).

“HDR spatio-temporal intensity mapping by single-shot optical probing”

Martin Speicher (LMU Munich)

Summary – HDR spatio-temporal intensity mapping by single shot optical probing

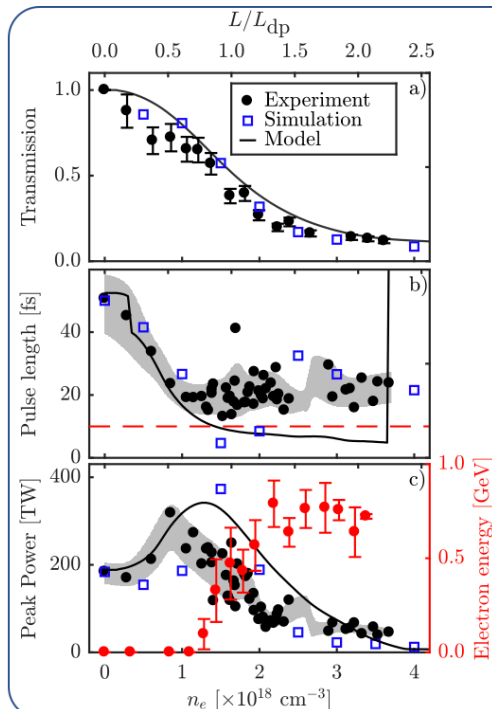
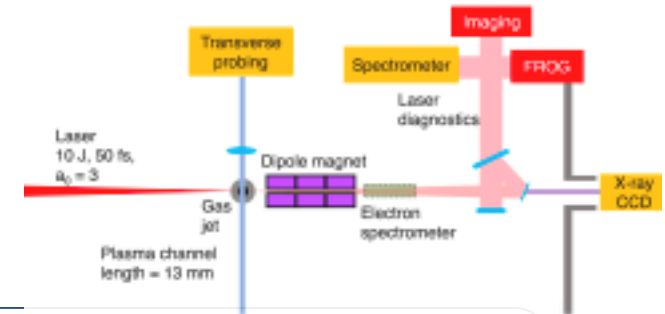
- Optical probing of the laser-generated plasma on a nm-thin foil with a synchronized, chirped probe pulse
- Image multiplexing provides nine images of the dynamic plasma evolution in a single shot with 200 fs temporal and 25 μm spatial resolution
- New concept to acquire a 2D spatio-temporal intensity distribution of a high power laser on target at full shot
- Future: Powerfull tool to analyse spatio-temporal laser plasma conditions on target (e.g. with implemented plasma mirror)



Technique to extract details of laser pulse temporal evolution ON TARGET v

“Effects of pulse shape and plasma density on laser propagation in laser-driven wakefield accelerators”

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Diagnostics of laser properties after driving 0.8 GeV plasma wakefield accelerator provide **detailed measurements of pump-depletion and pulse compression** in the highly non-linear regime.

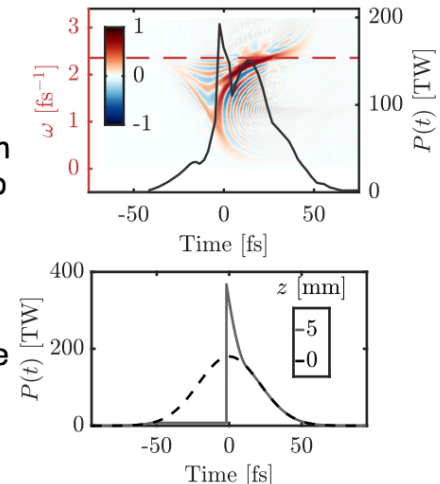
This reveals **power amplification** that precedes self-injection

M.J.V. Streeter, S. Kneip, M.S. Bloom, R.A. Benday, O. Chekhlov, A.E. Dangor, A. Döpp, C.J. Hooker, J. Holloway, J. Jiang, N.C. Lopes, H. Nakamura, C.A.J. Palmer, P.P. Rajeev, J. Schreiber, D.R. Symes, S.P.D. Mangles and Z. Najmudin

New model developed to describe laser pulse evolution

Sufficiently redshifted photons,
 $\omega < \omega_0 / \sqrt{3}$
 drift backwards through the pulse, due to group velocity dispersion.

Redshifted photons contribute to the laser power behind the pulse front.



Pre-injection pulse evolution length (when maximum power is reached) is dependent on initial pulse shape.

For a Gaussian laser pulse:

$$L_{\text{evol}} \approx \sigma_t c \left(\frac{2 \omega_0^2}{3 \omega_p^2} \right) \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{P_0}{P_c} \right)}$$

$$L_{\text{dp}} \approx 2 L_{\text{evol}}$$

Direct detection of role of laser/plasma properties on LWFA ✓

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18:00 **Laser technology for k-BELLA and beyond 30'**

Speaker: Dr. Wim Leemans (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory)

18:30 **The FLAME laser at SPARC_LAB 15'**

Speaker: Maria Pia Anania (LNF)

Material: [Slides](#)  

18:45 **Control and propagation effects of the wavefront quality for a high-power laser system 15'**

Speaker: Mr. Vincent Leroux (ELI Beamlines)

19:00 **Laser beam circulator for high brightness Inverse Compton Scattering Sources 15'**

Speakers: Dr. Kevin Cassou (Laboratoire de l'Accélérateur Linéaire), Mr. Cheikh Fall Ndiaye (LAL), Dr. Aurelien Martens (LAL/IN2P3/CNRS)

19:15 **Ten Meter Laser Propagation with Resonance Enhanced Ionization of Rubidium for Plasma Generation at AWAKE 15'**

Speaker: Dr. Joshua Moody (Max Planck Institute for Physics)

Material: [Slides](#)  

“Laser technology for k-BELLA and beyond”

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Summary

k-BELLA can be built and road towards collider relevant power levels seems open

- Ti:sapphire: multi-kW (k-BELLA) straightforward
 - Incoherent fiber pumped
 - Yb:YAG diode laser pumped
 - Cooling geometries developed
 - 10's – 100's kW – challenging due to wallplug but one unit would provide injection module
- Tm:YLF: 2 micron system (has implications for collider); very high average power seems possible; existence proof needed on Joule class system
- Fiber based approaches: could ultimately provide highest performance in power and compactness, stability; great progress on tackling challenges; low energy high rep rate systems will be first deliverable



A comprehensive and inspiring view of future development of high average power CPA lasers v

“HIGH EFFICIENCY, DIODE PUMPED PETAWATT LASERS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION PARTICLE ACCELERATORS AND SECONDARY SOURCES”

Constantin Haefner, Craig Siders, Andy Bayramian, David Alessi, Kyle Chestnut, Al Erlandson, Eyal Feigenbaum, Tom Galvin, Paul Leisher, Emily Link, Dan Mason, Bill Molander, Paul Rosso, Margareta Rehak, Kathleen Schaffers, Tom Spinka



- We have developed a conceptual design for a single-aperture, 300 kW Thulium:YLF Petawatt-class laser **“BAT”** consistent with requirements for laser wakefield accelerators
- The underlying technology is a modest extension of established LLNL gas-cooling and rep rated Petawatt technologies
- BAT makes use of a highly simplified laser architecture, multi-pulse extraction of CW-diode pumped Tm:YLF and thus providing good wall-plug-efficiency
- We have developed a list of system TRLs and challenges that will inform the strategic plan for R&D and RTP efforts

System	Type	TRL Estimate	Integration Challenge	delivery horizon	E (J)	t (fs)	P _{av} (kW)	P _{peak} (PW)
HAPLS	DPSSL+TiS	7	Low	today	30	<30	0.3	1
SHARC	DP CPA Nd:Glass	6	Low	3yrs	150	150	1.5	1
Mini-BAT	DP CPA Tm:YLF	3-4	Medium	3-5yrs	3	40 or 100	3	.075
BAT	DP CPA Tm:YLF	3	Medium	5-7yrs	30	40 or 100	300	.75

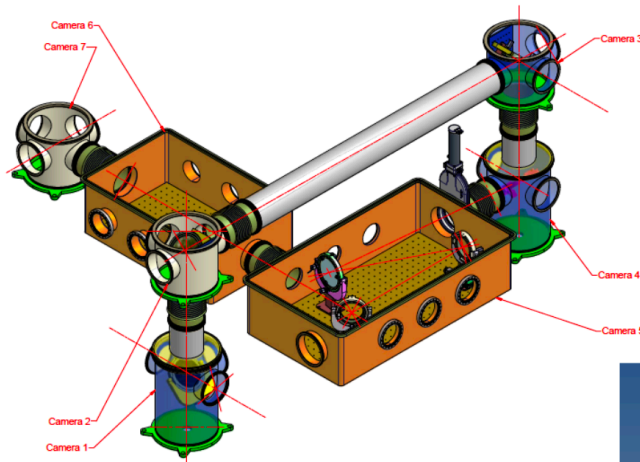
PAVING THE WAY TO 100 kW scale average power multi PW systems v

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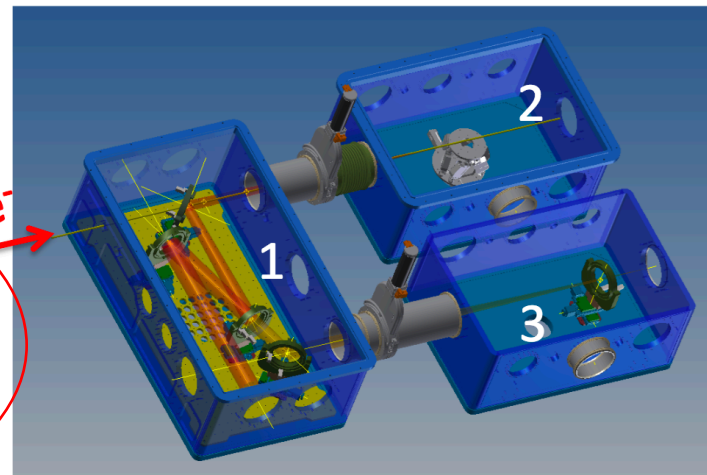


External injection



Design of the vacuum chamber for the laser transport.

1st chamber is for mirrors and 3 m focal length off-axis parabola,
2nd chamber is for interaction and 3rd chamber is for diagnostics.



Movements of the capillary (filled with H₂) will be made with hexapod.

Synchronization: needs to be at the fs level.

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Unique full range of LINAC/Laser based science cases setting pointing and sync challenges v

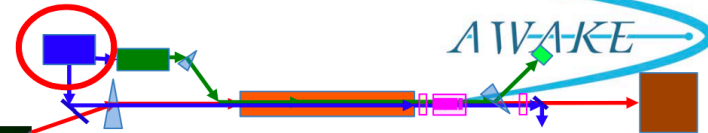
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Joshua Moody (Max Planck Institute for Physics)



Laser Room at AWAKE

TW LASER



Laser type	Er:Fiber/ OscillatorTi:Sapphire
Pulse wavelength	$\lambda_n = 780 \text{ nm}$
Pulse length	120 fs FWHM
Pulse energy (after compressor)	450 mJ
Laser power	4.5 TW
Focused laser size	$\sigma_{x,y} = 1 \text{ mm}$
Rayleigh length Z_R	$\sim 3.5 \text{ m}$
Energy stability	$\pm 1.5\% \text{ r.m.s.}$
Repetition rate	10 Hz

- Fiber laser chosen for stability on long runs
- Laser BW is only 15nm with peak spectrum at 780nm
- Several Rb lines within spectrum



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MAX-PLANCK-GESELLSCHAFT

Diagnostic (ionizing and self-mod seeding) laser with 4.5 TW fiber technology for stability v

“Wavefront and focal spot quality for a high-power laser system: ANGUS”

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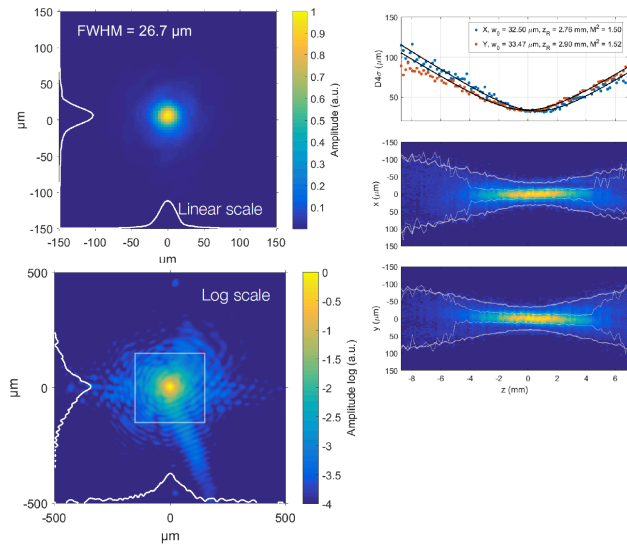
Contributions: M. Schnepf, S. Jolly, A. R. Maier

> Focal spot optimisation with standard adaptive optics loop

> Good focal spot and evolution through the focus

> Looks worse in log scale

> Increases damage rate of the capillary target

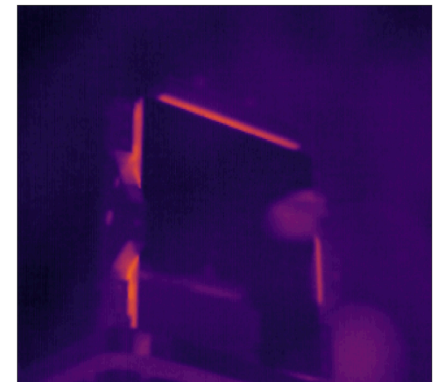


> Started to systematically investigate the influence of high average power on grating compressor

> Diagnostics includes IR camera to observe the substrate temperature

> Ongoing analysis

> See also laser-plasma.de

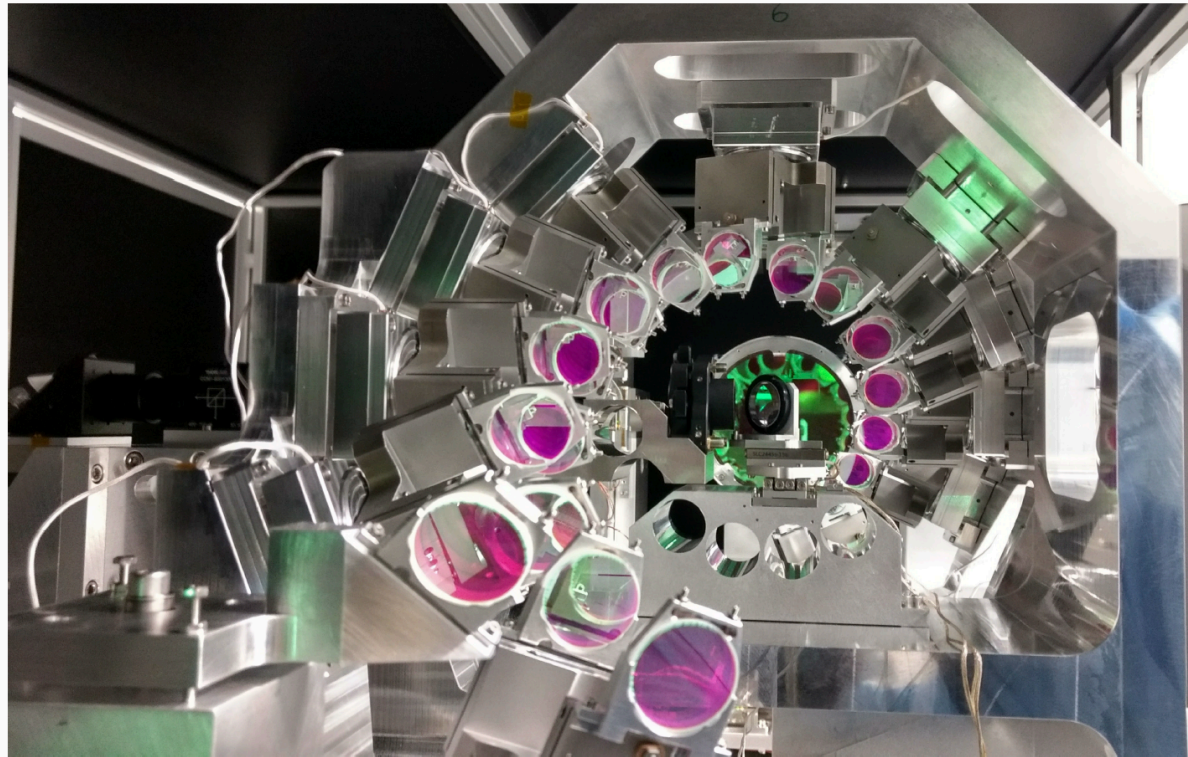


Great effort in detailed characterization of actual laser specs at interaction point and first investigations of effects of re-rated operation on transport line v

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view of the laser beam circulator prototype:



Towards successful implementation of self-alignment algorithms for alignment at interaction point

Summary of WG7

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- WG7 was a great opportunity to learn about leading edge science&tech of laser characterization and control and imagine future directions for laser drivers for particle acceleration in plasmas
- **Highly recommended WG for future EAAC conferences: will likely grow significantly**
- Thanks to all contributors (especially those who uploaded their slides in time 😊)