

Recent developments in dielectric laser acceleration -- toward *the accelerator on a chip*

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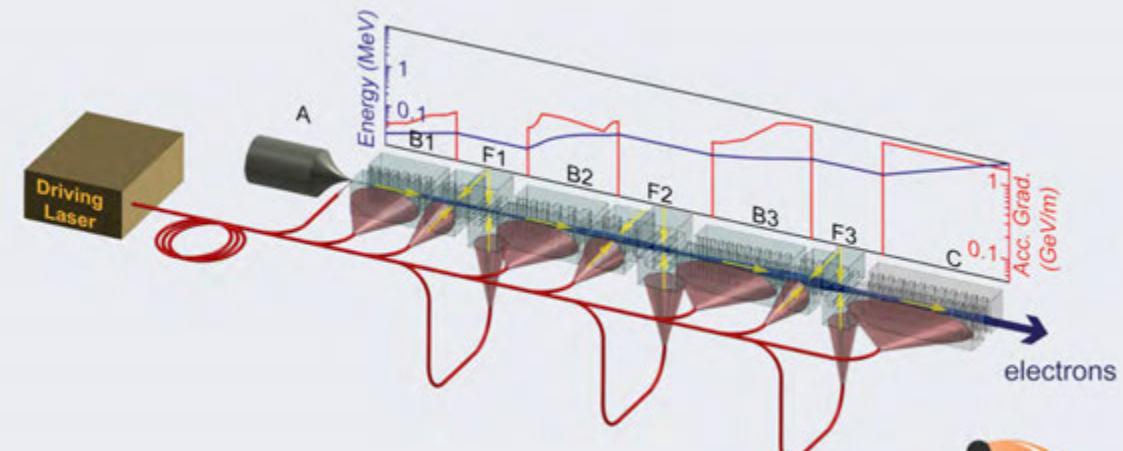
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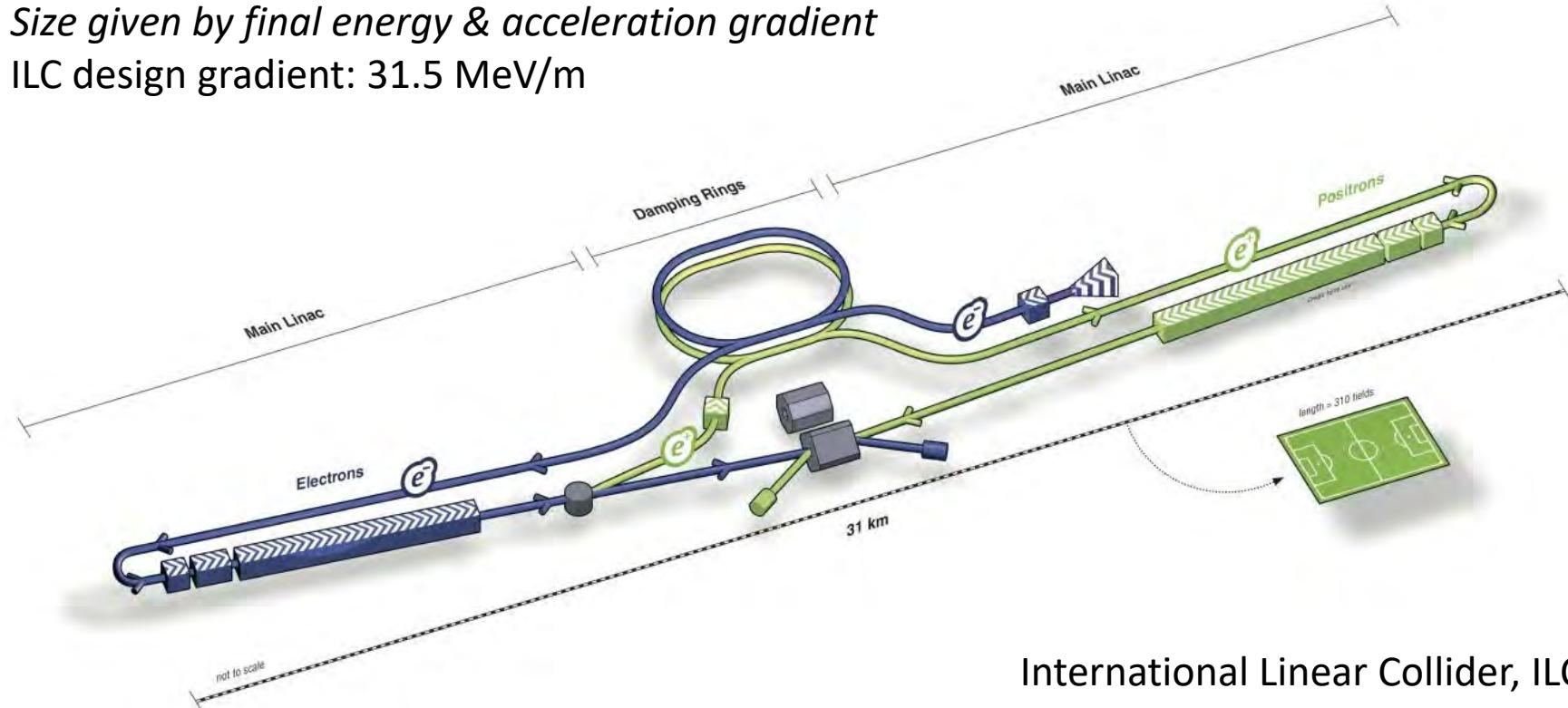
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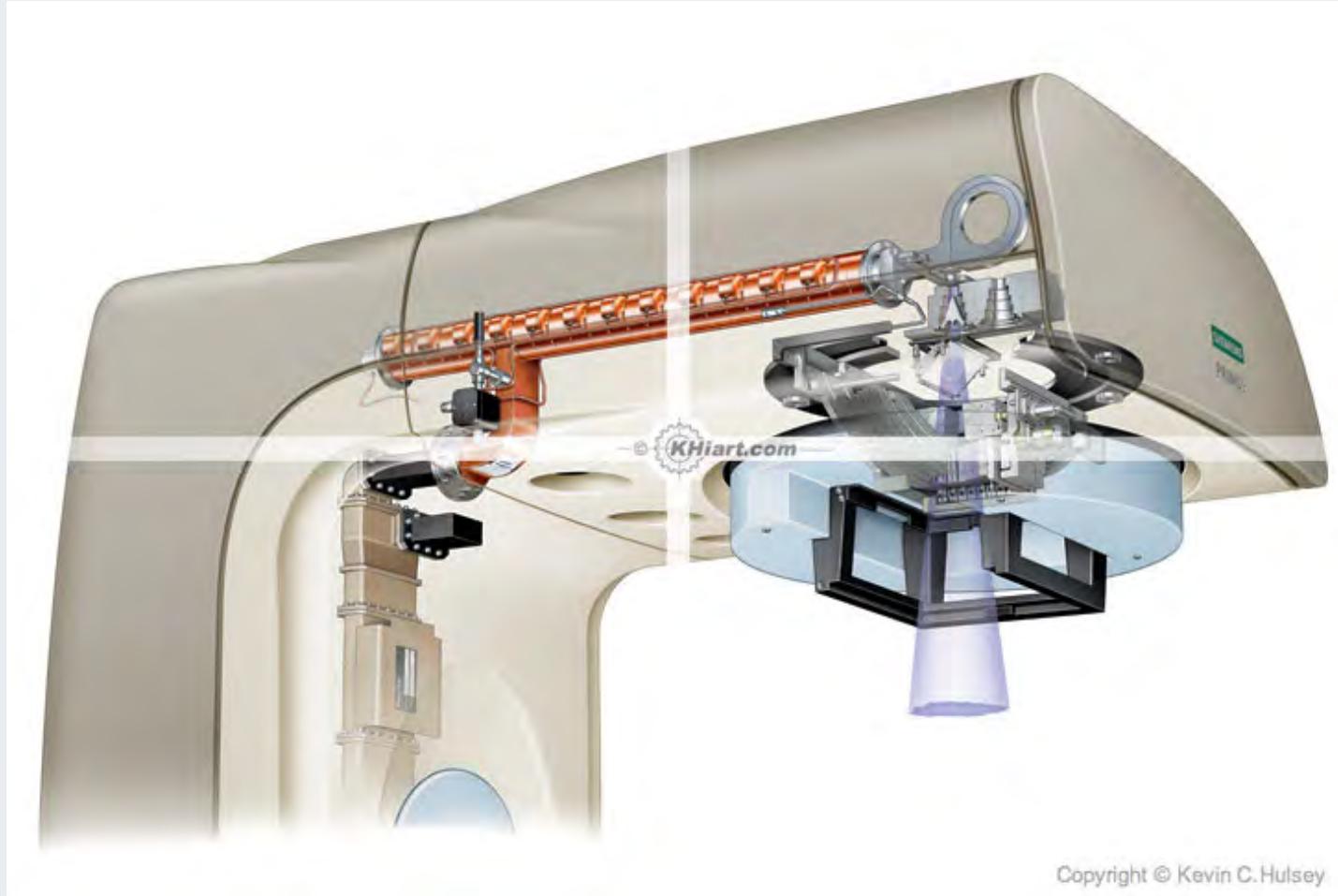
Particle accelerators for science

Size given by final energy & acceleration gradient

ILC design gradient: 31.5 MeV/m

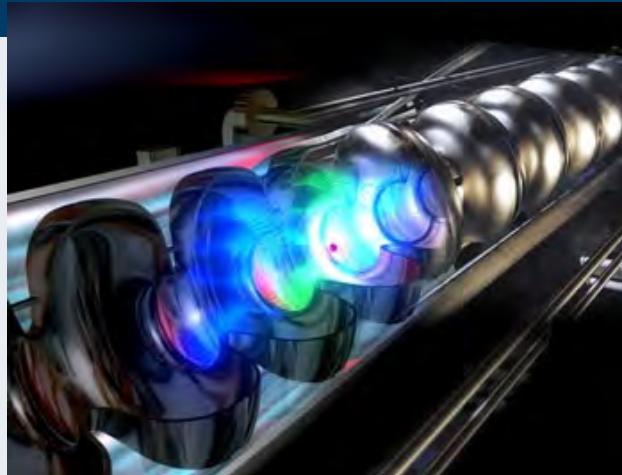


Medical linacs (linear accelerators)

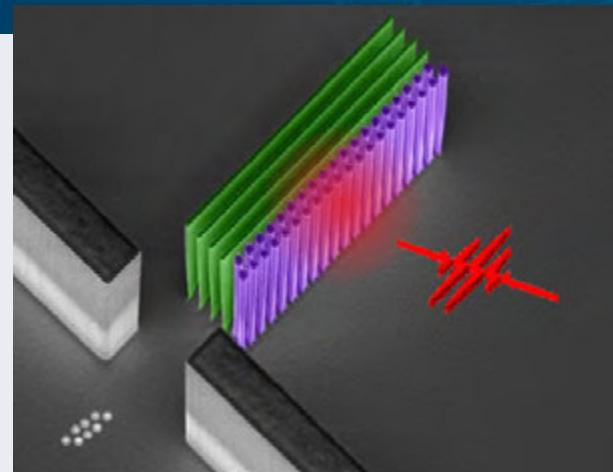


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Particle accelerators: from RF to optical/photonic drive?

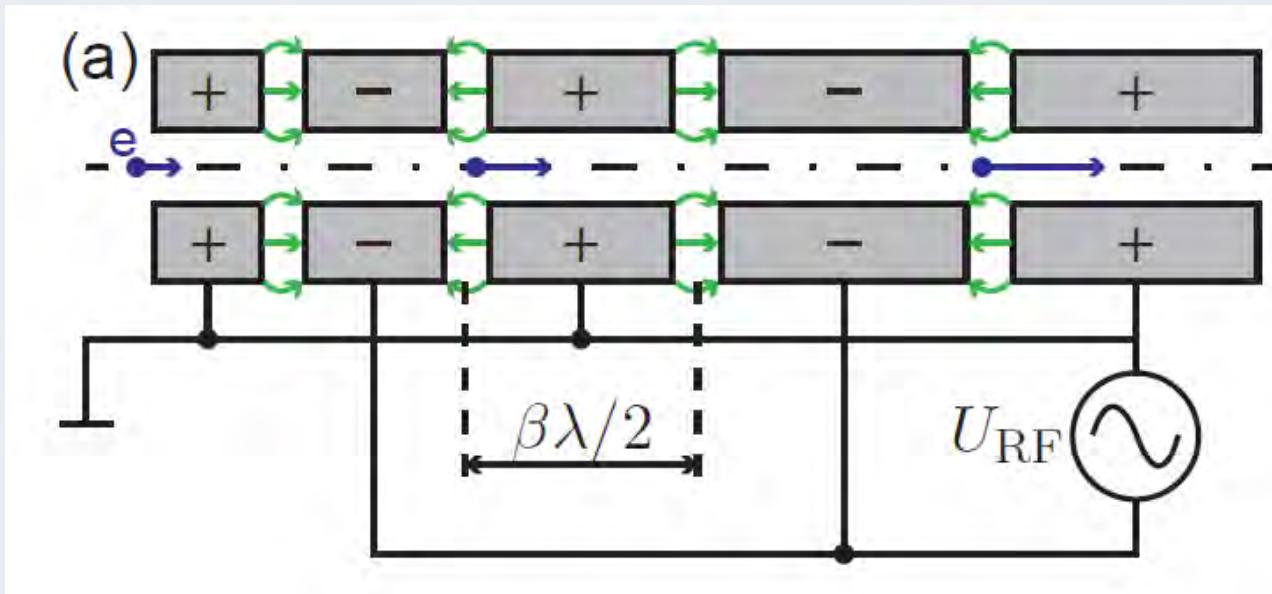


RF cavity (TESLA, DESY)



	Conventional linear accelerator (RF)	Laser-based dielectric accelerator (optical)
Based on	(Supercond.) RF cavities	Quartz grating structures
Peak field limited by	Surface breakdown: 200 MV/m	Damage threshold: 30 GV/m
Max. achievable gradients	100+ MeV/m	10 GeV/m
Drive period	~300 ps	~5 fs

Widerøe linac

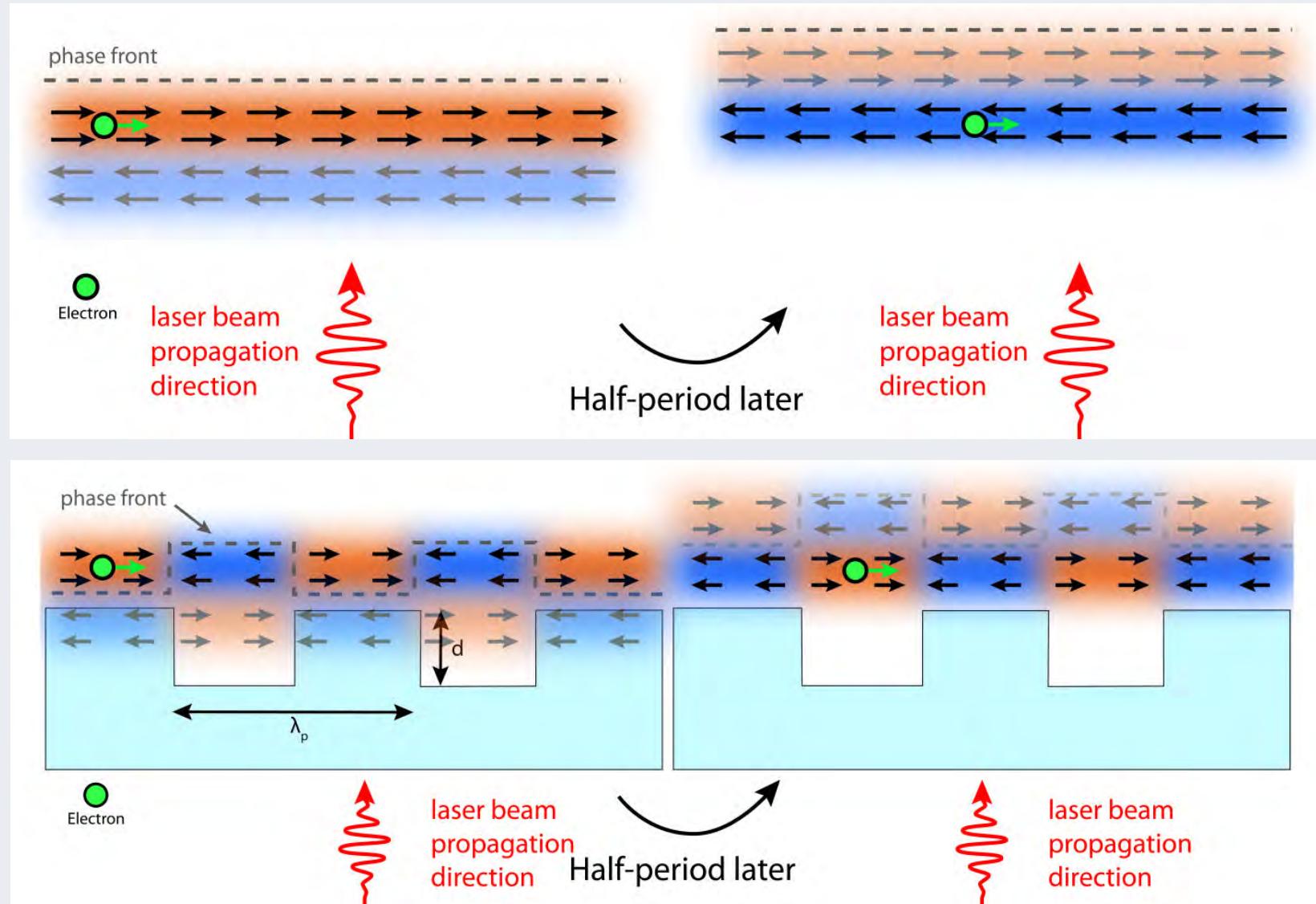


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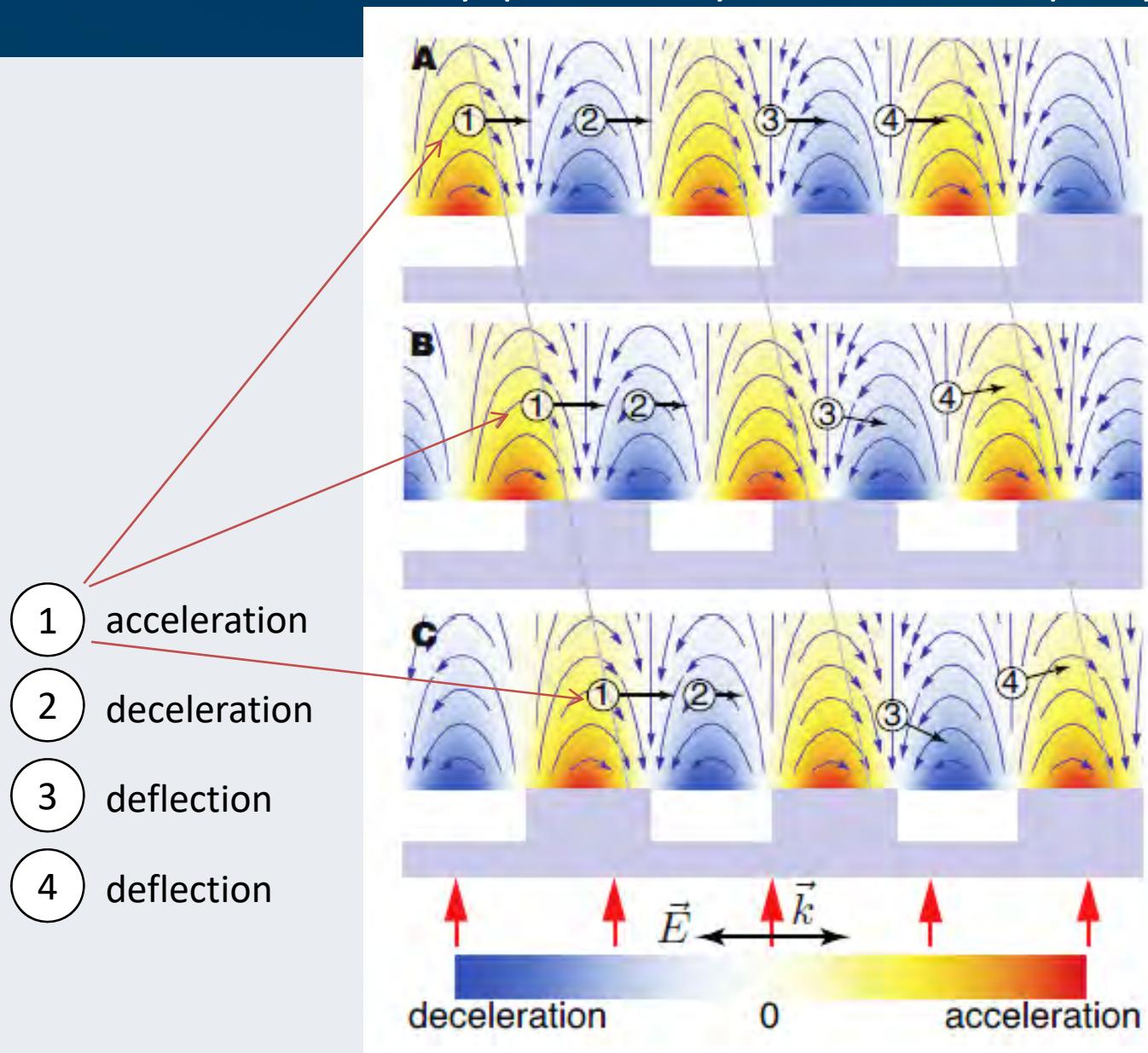
taken from J. Breuer's thesis

Switch fields *synchronous* with the particle's position/velocity

Acceleration at a dielectric structure / phase mask



Acceleration by phase-synchronous propagation

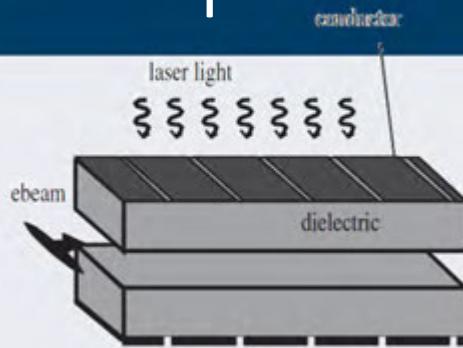


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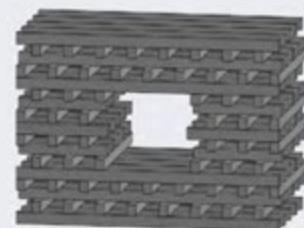
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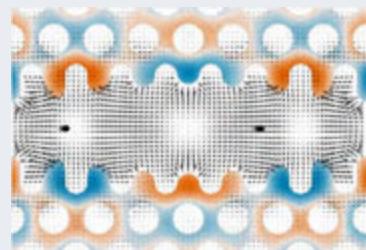
Proposed dielectric structures



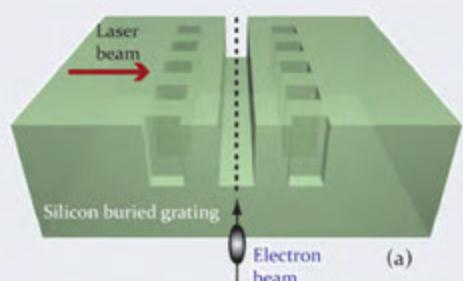
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Rosenzweig,
2005



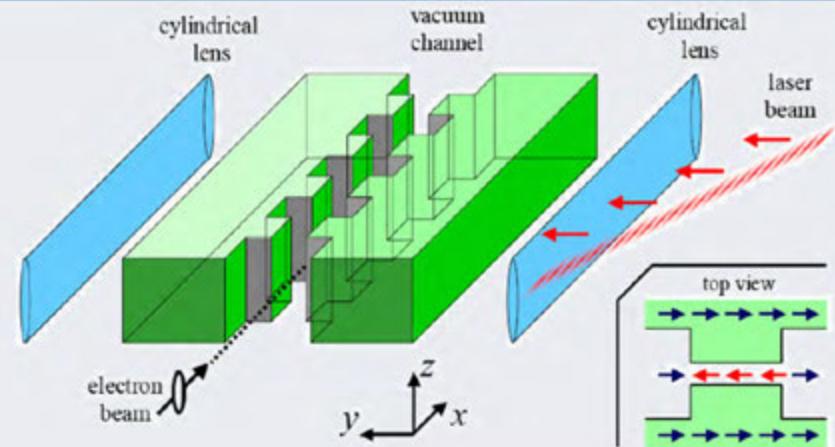
Cowan, 2008



Naranjo, ...
Rosenzweig,
2012



Chang
Solgaard, 2014



Plettner, Lu, Byer, 2006

... and variants

- Goal: generate a mode that allows momentum transfer from laser field to electrons
- Use first order effect (efficient!)
- Second order effects (ponderomotive) too power costly

For a review and an extensive list of references, see:
R. J. England et al., "Dielectric laser accelerators",
Rev. Mod. Phys. 86, 1337 (2014)



Proposal for an Electron Accelerator Using an Optical Maser

Koichi Shimoda

January 1962 / Vol. 1, No. 1 / APPLIED OPTICS 33

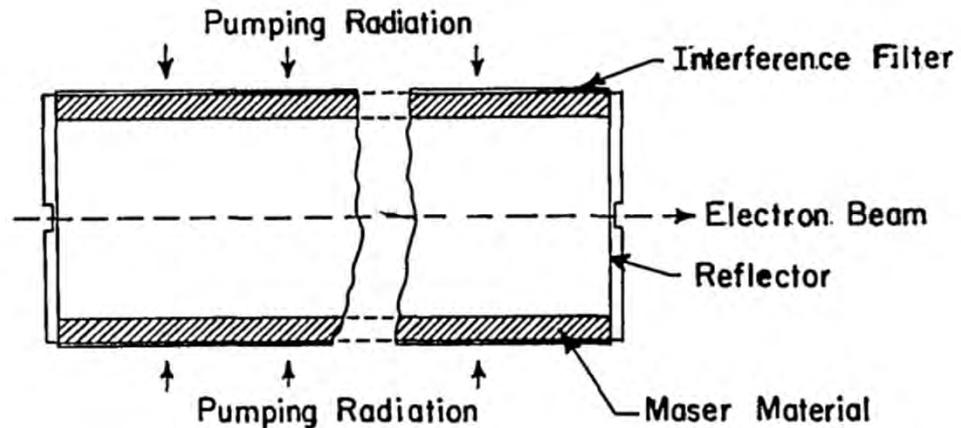


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of an electron linear accelerator by optical maser.

An old idea ... II



IBM TN-5

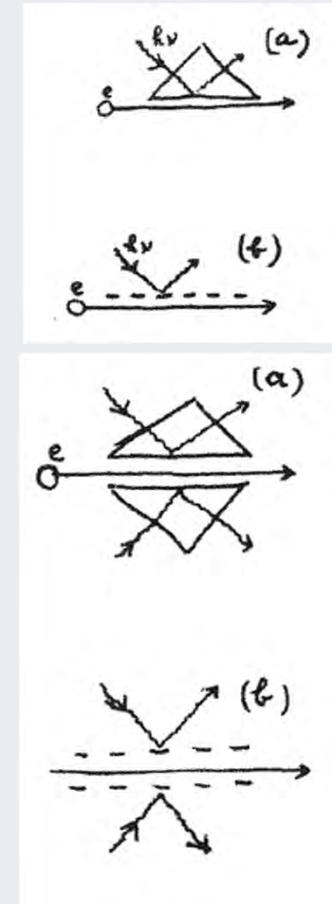
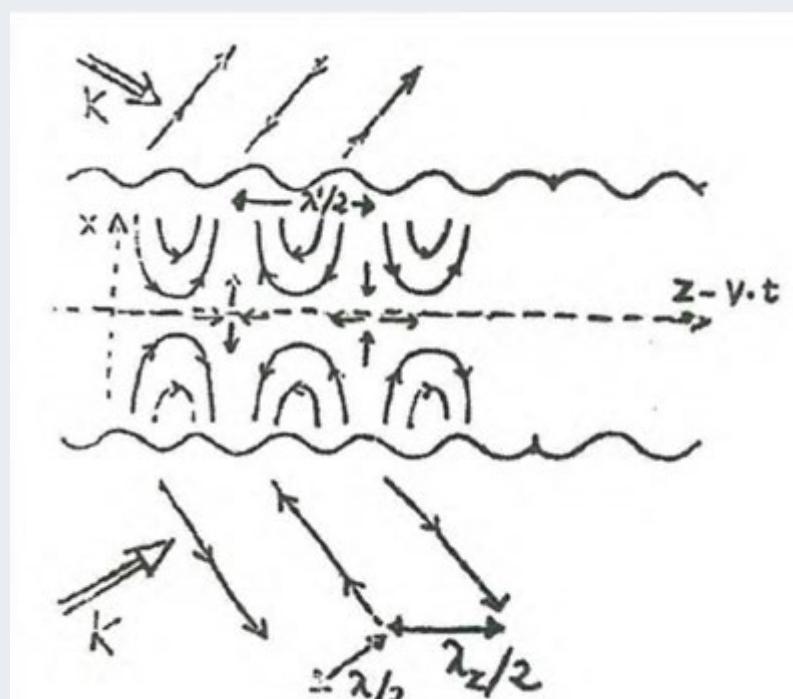
Electron Acceleration
by Light Waves

October 3, 1962

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Department 522
Photo-Optics
Technology

GPD Development
Laboratory
San Jose



Aug. 16, 1966

A. W. LOHMANN

3,267,383

PARTICLE ACCELERATOR UTILIZING COHERENT LIGHT

Filed May 27, 1963

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EAAC, Elba, Italy, Sept. 2019

An old idea ... III

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LASER LINAC WITH GRATING

Y. TAKEDA and I. MATSUI

Central Research Laboratory, Hitachi Ltd., Kokubunji, Tokyo, Japan

Received 13 February 1968

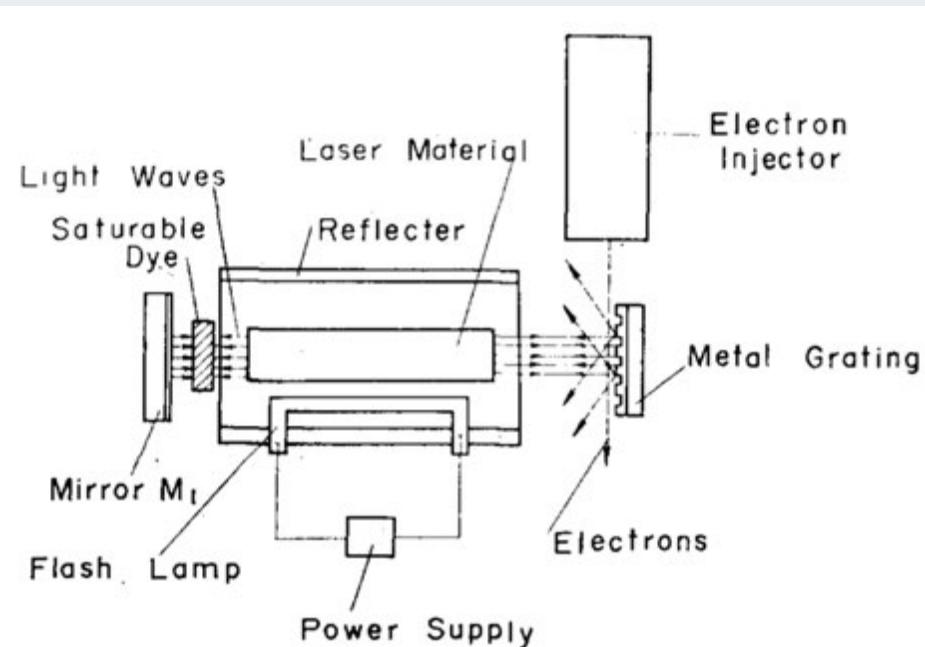


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of "laser linac with grating".

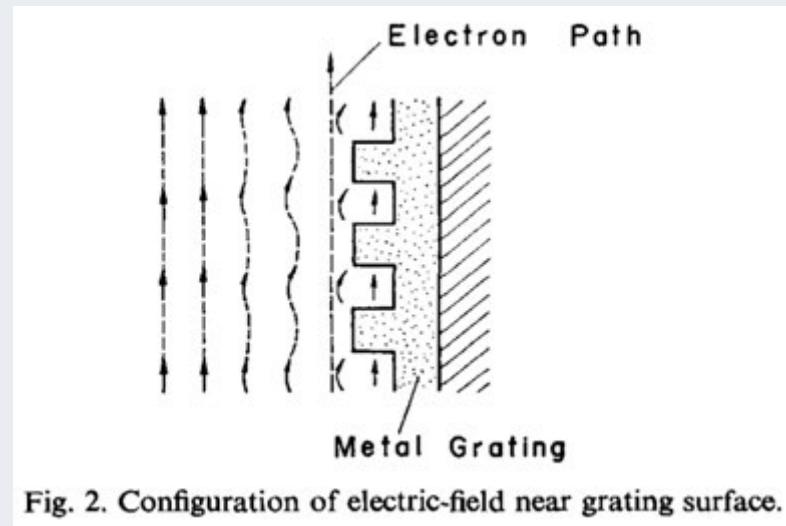
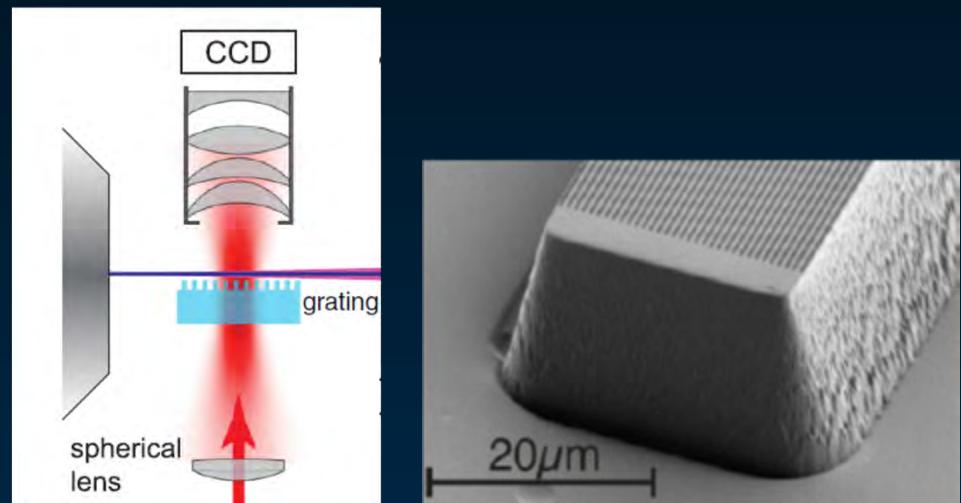


Fig. 2. Configuration of electric-field near grating surface.

Exp. demonstration with mm radiation (keV/m): Mizuno et al., Nature 328, 45 (1987).

Proof-of-concept experiments

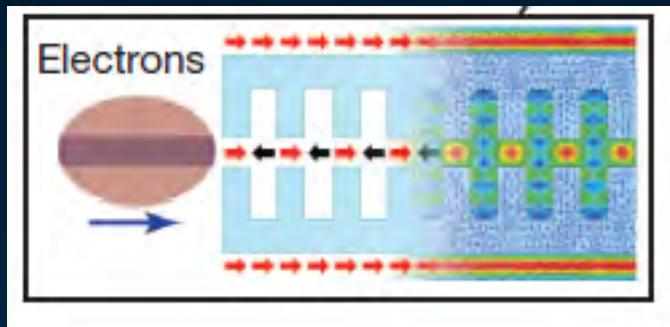
30 keV electron beam of an electron microscope column



Single-sided silica structure
3rd spatial harmonic
25 MeV/m

J. Breuer, P. Hommelhoff, PRL 111, 134803 (2013)

60 MeV electron beam at SLAC's NLCTA



Dual-sided silica structure
1st spatial harmonic
> 250 MeV/m !

E. Peralta, Soong, K., England, R., Colby, E., Wu, Z., Montazeri, B., McGuinness, C., McNeur, J., Leedle, K., Walz, D., Sozer, E., Cowan, B., Schwartz, B., Travish, G., Byer, R. L., Nature 503, 91 (2013)

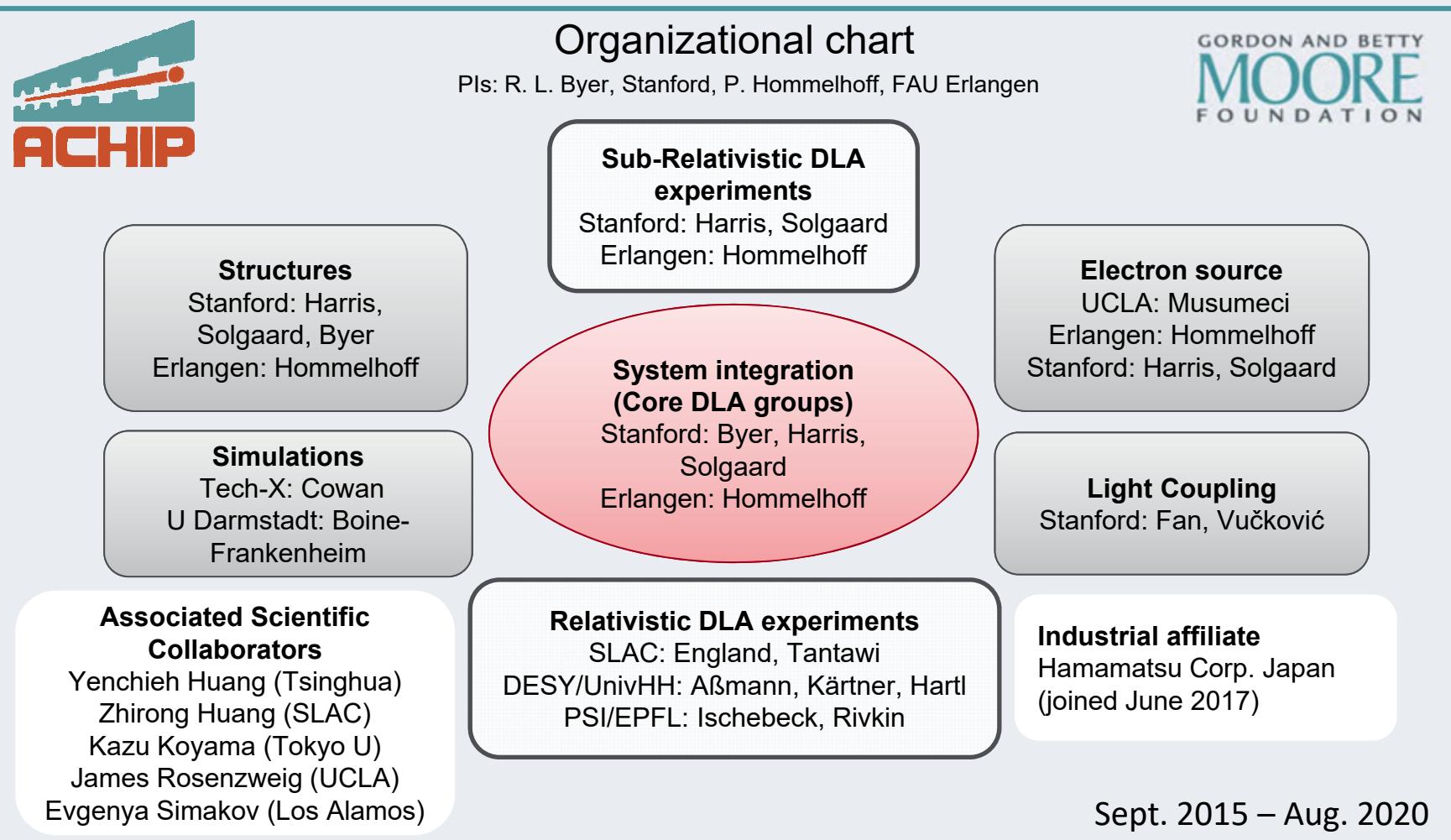
ACHIP: Accelerator on a Chip International Program

Goals: demonstrate (1) a shoebox-sized 1 MeV accelerator & (2) “transverse effects”



Organizational chart

PIs: R. L. Byer, Stanford, P. Hommelhoff, FAU Erlangen



ACHIP Scientific Advisory Board:

Chan Joshi, UCLA, Reinhard Brinkmann, DESY, Tor Raubenheimer, SLAC



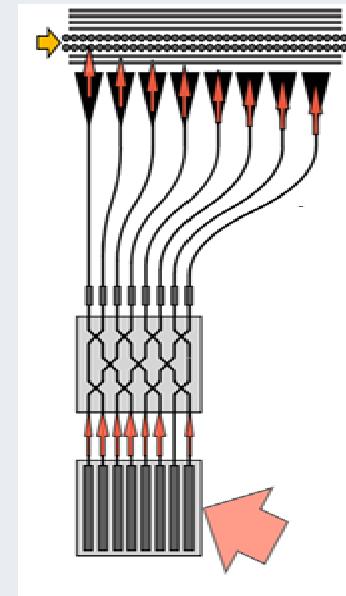
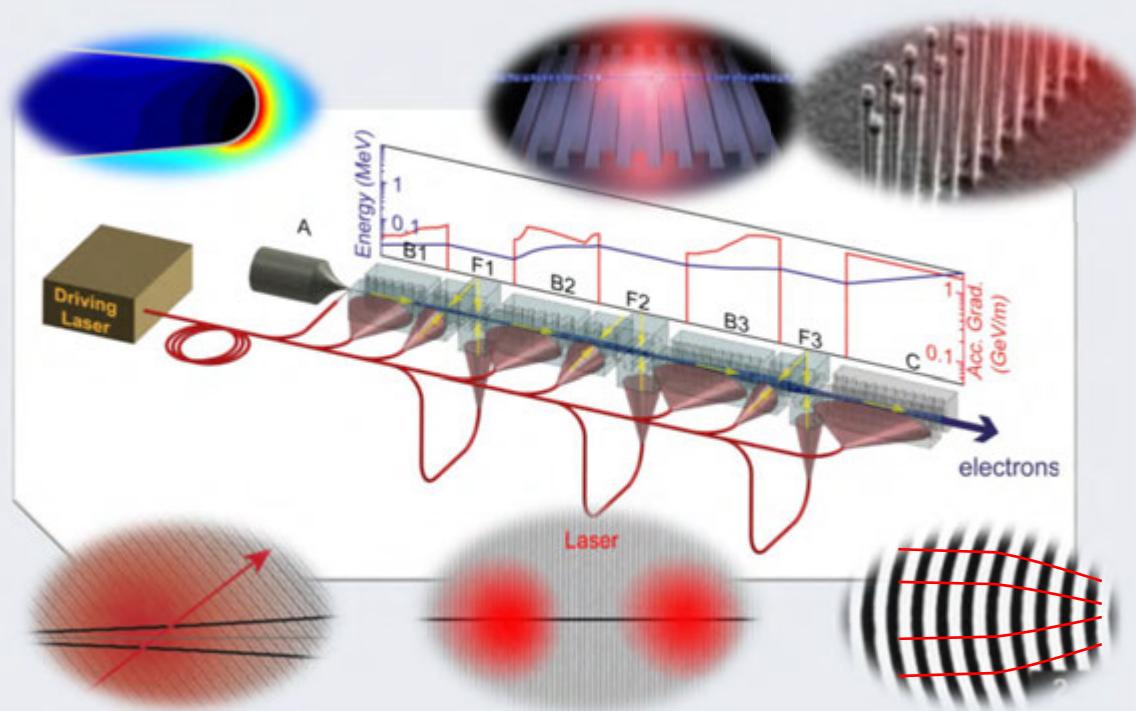
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Accelerator on a chip

From *individual functional elements* to
control of complex electron beam dynamics and *integrated photonics structures*



Hughes et al., arXiv 2019



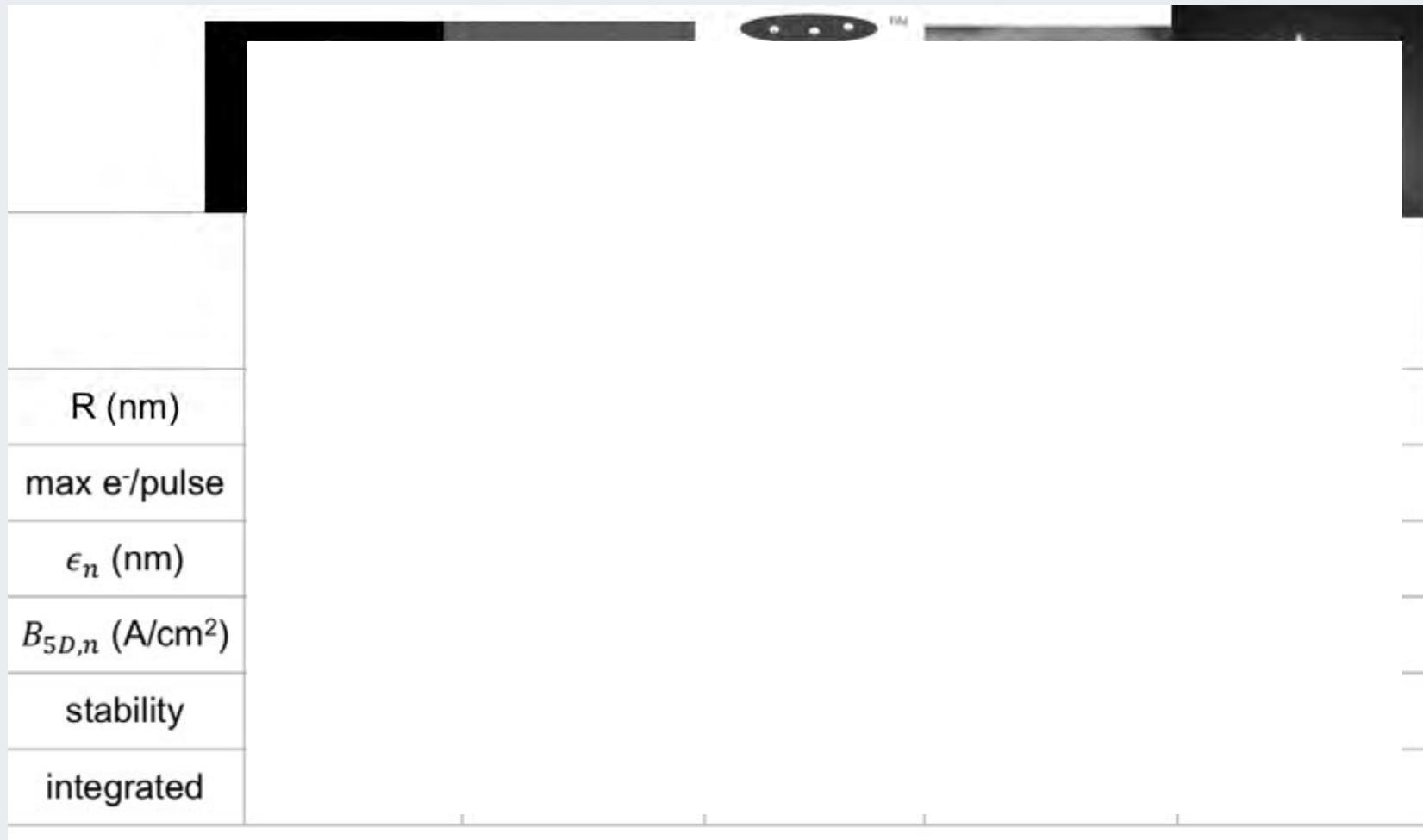
9th ACHIP collaboration meeting in Hamamatsu (Sept. 12-14, 2019)



Functional elements

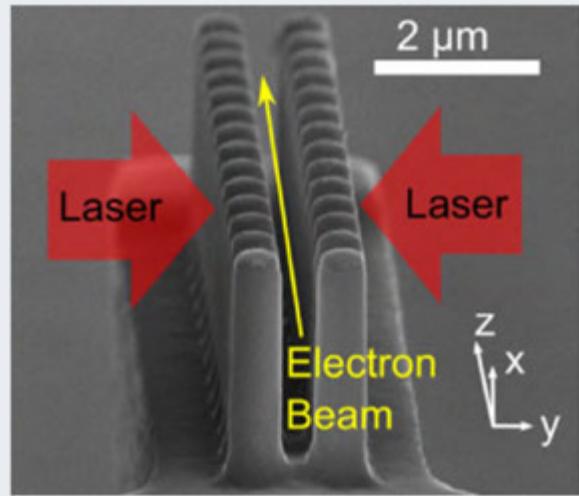
- High brightness photocathodes
- Acceleration
- Focusing
- Deflection
- Streaking
- (Beam position monitoring)
- On-chip power distribution

High brightness photocathodes – ongoing



- Nanoblade source (Rosenzweig, PH) also promising
- Compact electron lenses running/under test: immersion, Einzel

Dual pillar structure: function by phase



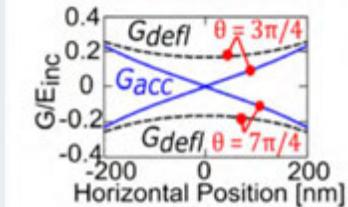
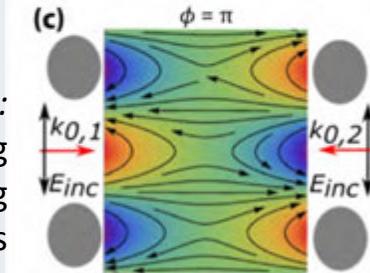
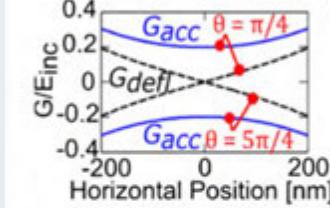
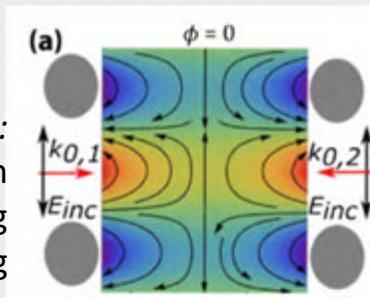
Dual pillar structure

- Easy to manufacture, in particular from silicon
- Large gradient: 370 MeV/m (with 100 keV electrons) demonstrated

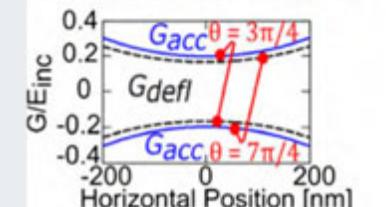
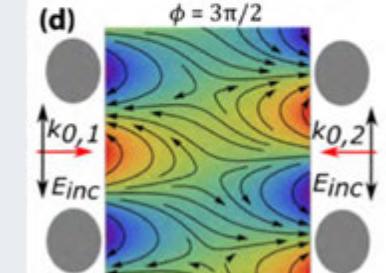
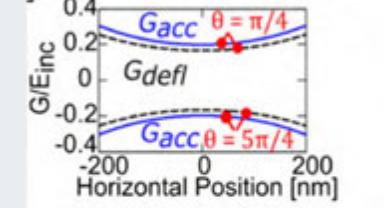
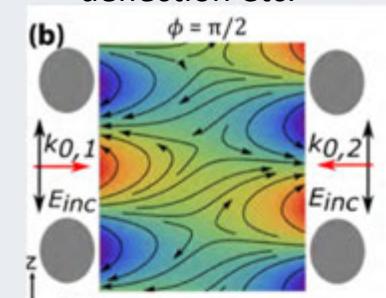
Dual pillar structures:
K. J. Leedle, A. Ceballos, H. Deng, O. Solgaard, R. F. Pease, R. L. Byer, and J. S. Harris, Opt. Lett. 40, 4344 (2015)

"cosh mode":
Acceleration
Focusing
Microbunching

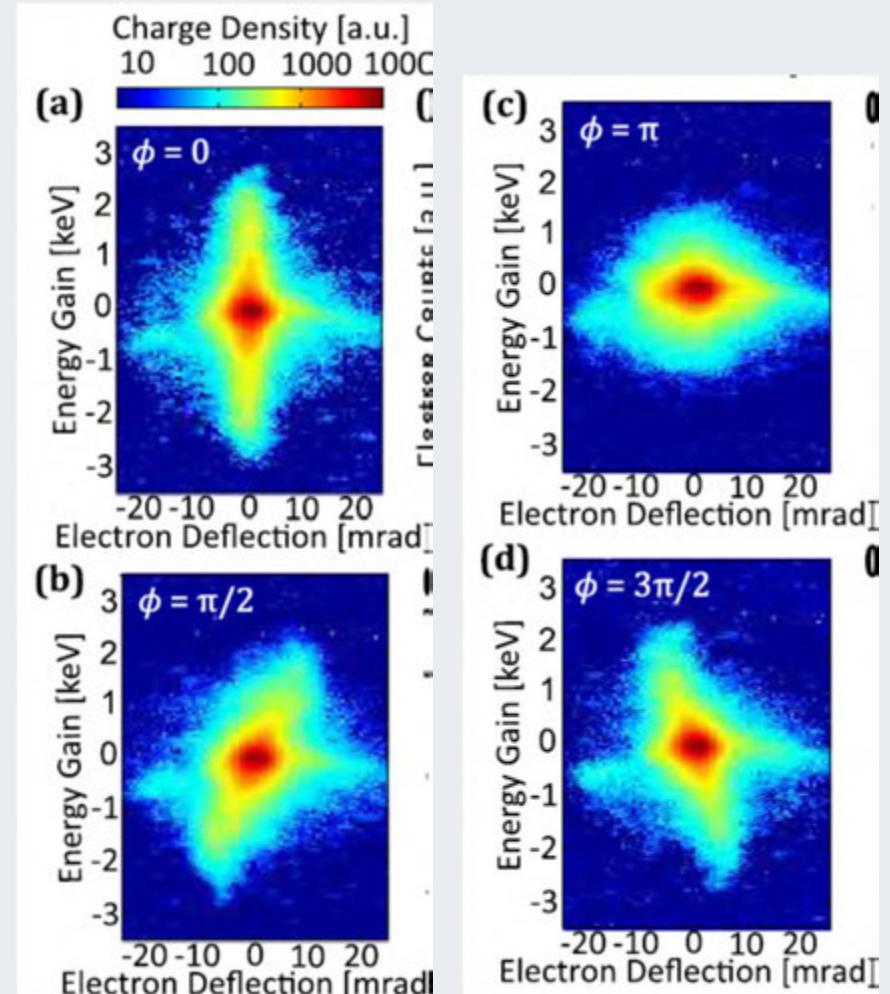
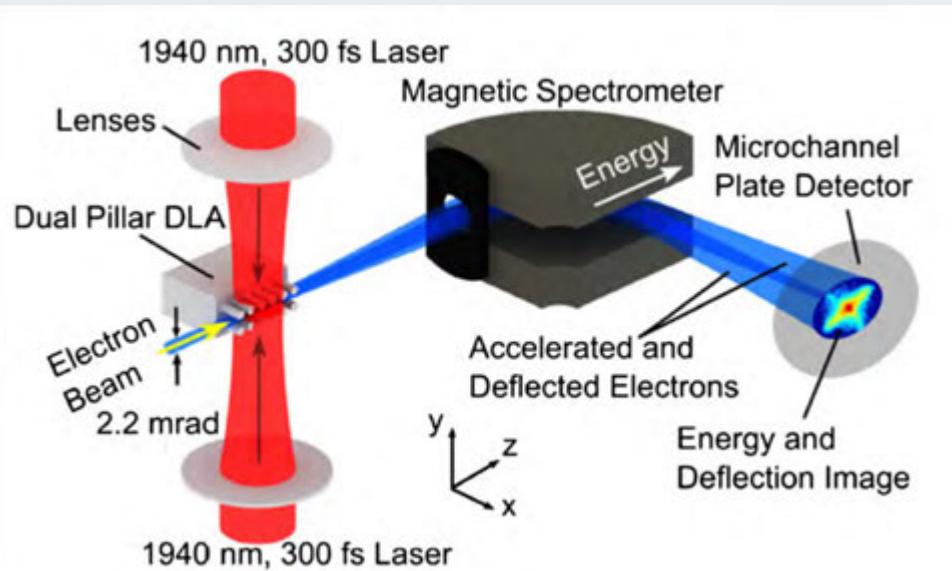
Undulator applications



Skew modes:
acceleration and deflection etc.



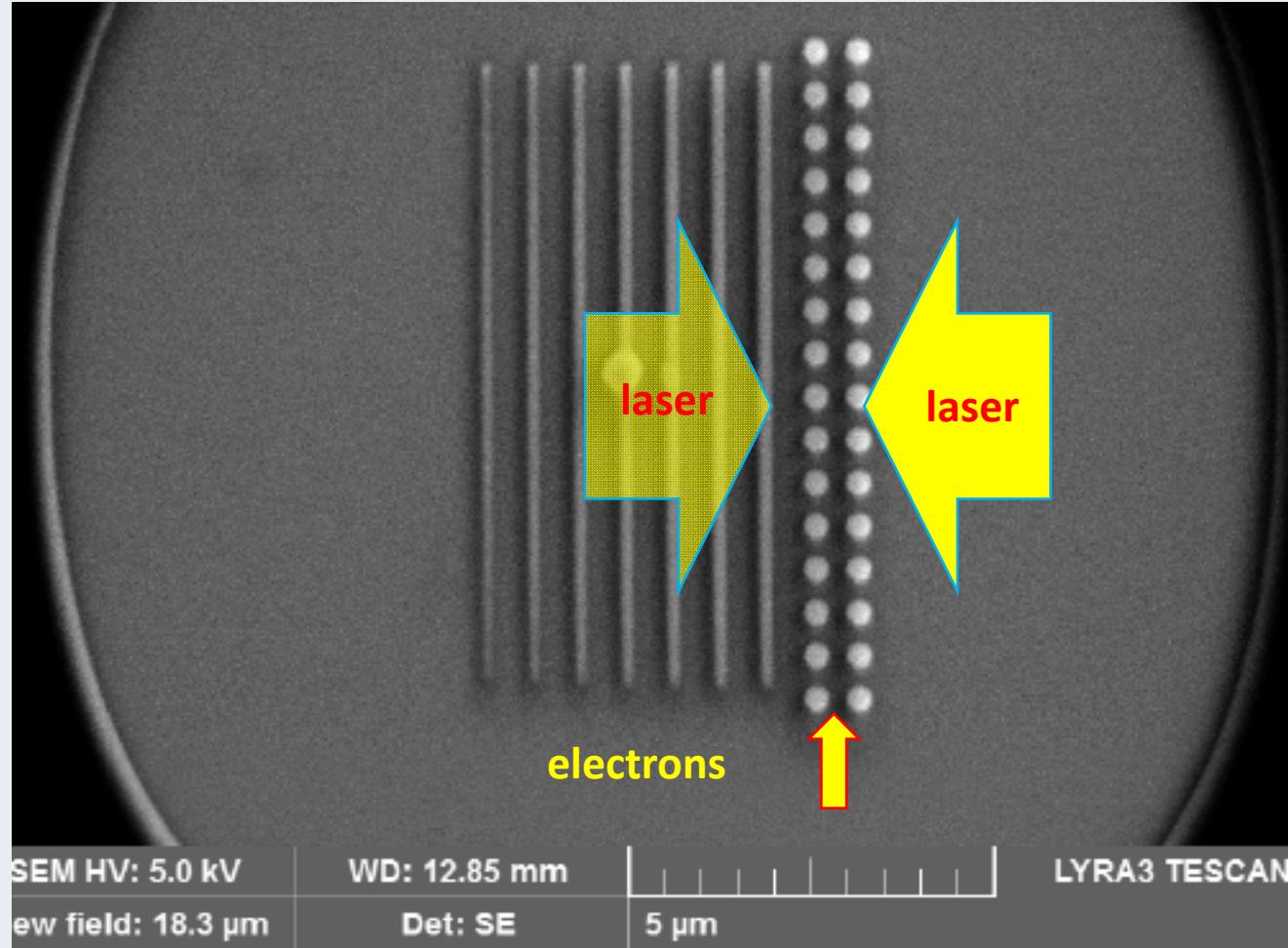
Acceleration and deflection controlled via optical phase



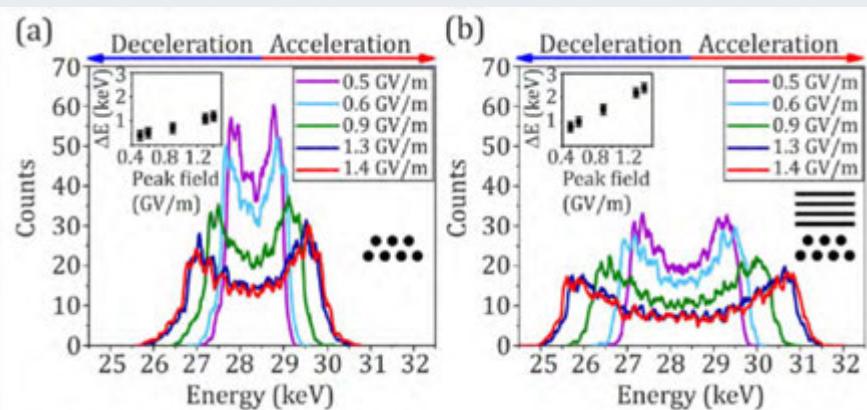
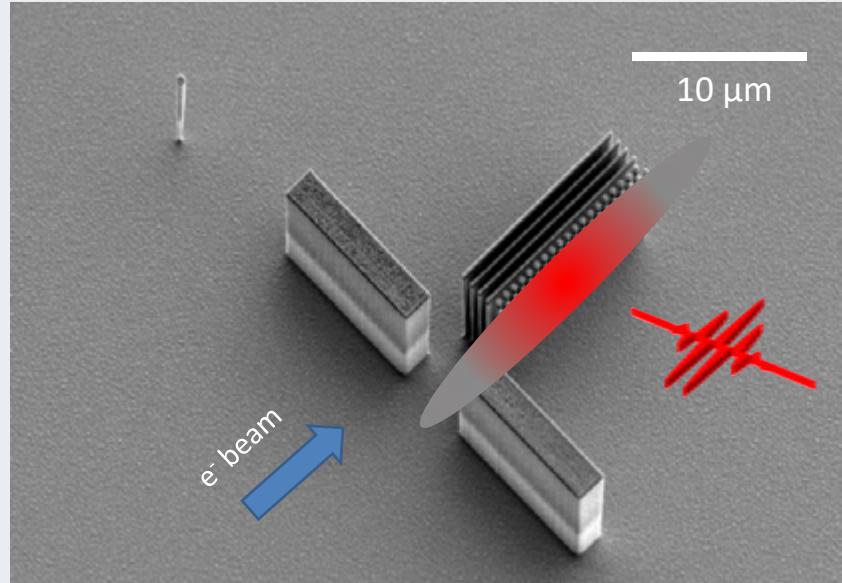
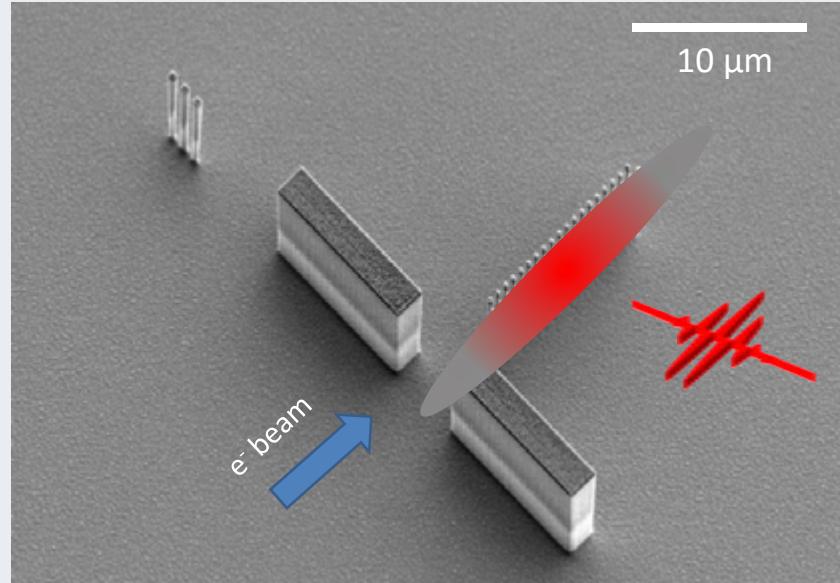
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Freeze phase & simplify: add distributed Bragg reflector

Dual pillar
acceleration
structures joint
with **Bragg mirror**



Freeze phase & simplify: add distributed Bragg reflector

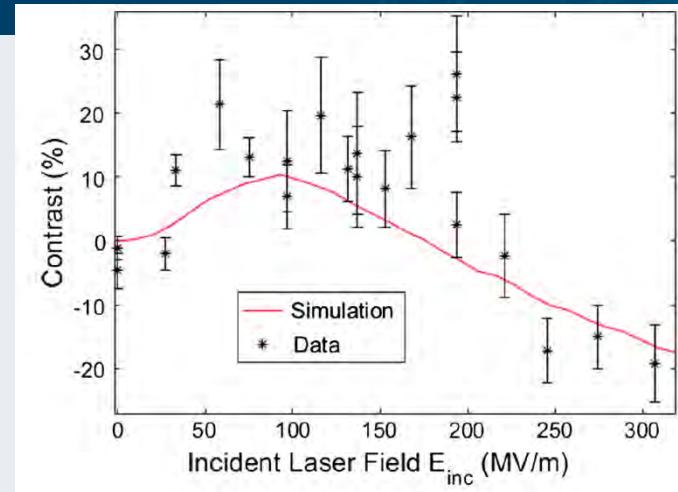
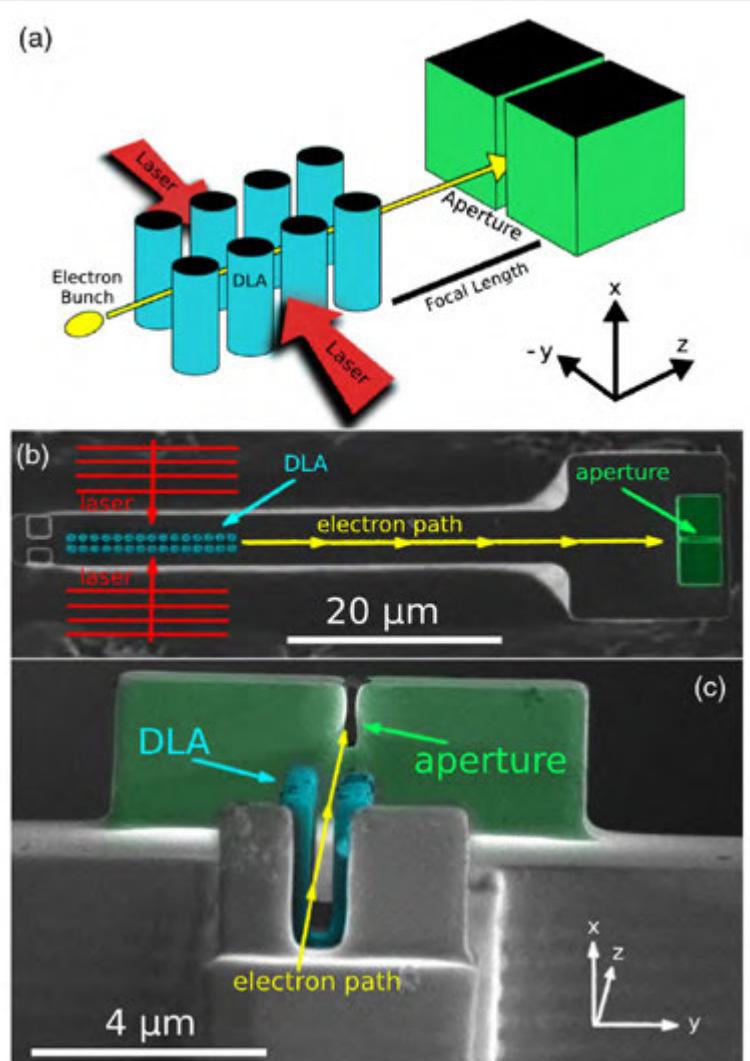


- Acceleration gradient increase of 57%
- 100% in theory
- Difference likely because of slight phase offset and beam expansion
- Double-humped structure!

P. Yousefi, N. Schönenberger, M. Kozák, J. McNeur, U. Niedermayer, P. Hommelhoff, Opt. Lett. 44, 1520 (2019)



Optical focusing of an electron beam I



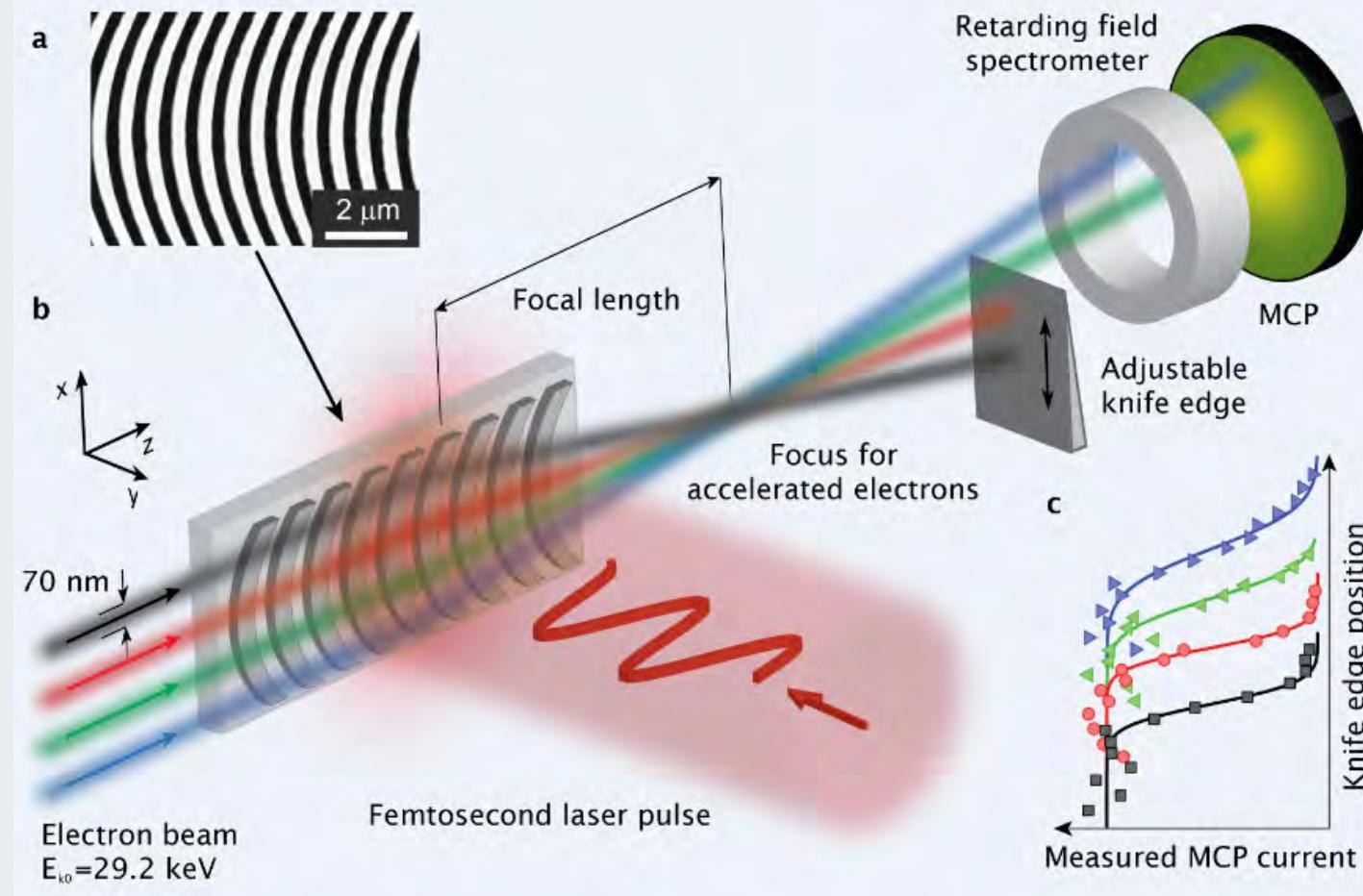
Dual drive: **focusing forces** (cosh mode, no deflection)

With 100 MV/m incident field: 50 μm focal lengths, corresponding to magnetic quadrupole lens with 1.4 MT/m

Focal length of 20 μm ... inflty by decreasing the incident laser field strengths

D. Black, K. Leedle, Yu Miao, U. Niedermayer, R. L. Byer, O. Solgaard, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 104891 (2019)

Optical focusing of an electron beam II



J. McNeur, M. Kozak, N. Schoenenberger, K. J. Leedle, H. Deng, A. Ceballos, H. Hoogland, A. Ruehl, I. Hartl, O. Solgaard, J. S. Harris, R. L. Byer, P. Hommelhoff, Optica, 5, 687 (2018)

→ focusing strength corresponds to magnetic quadrupole lens with >1 MT/m

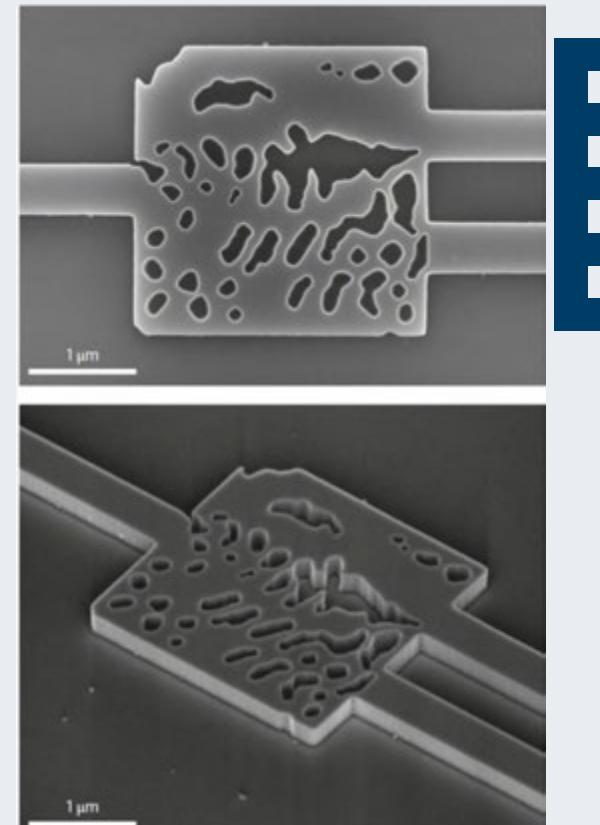
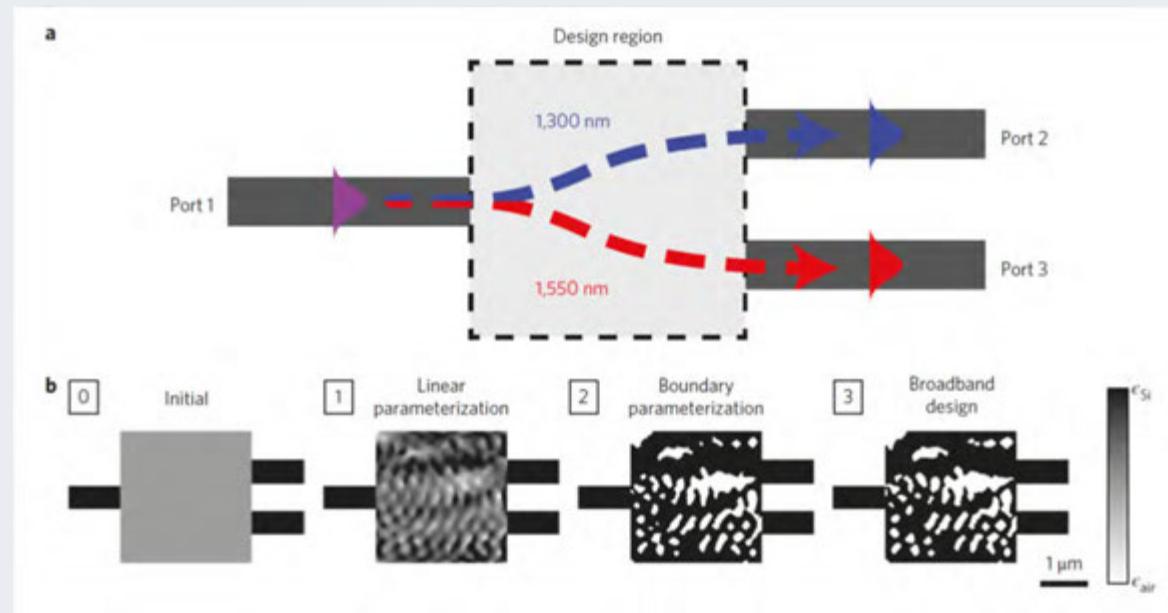
Vuckovic, Fan (Stanford): ACHIP photonics groups

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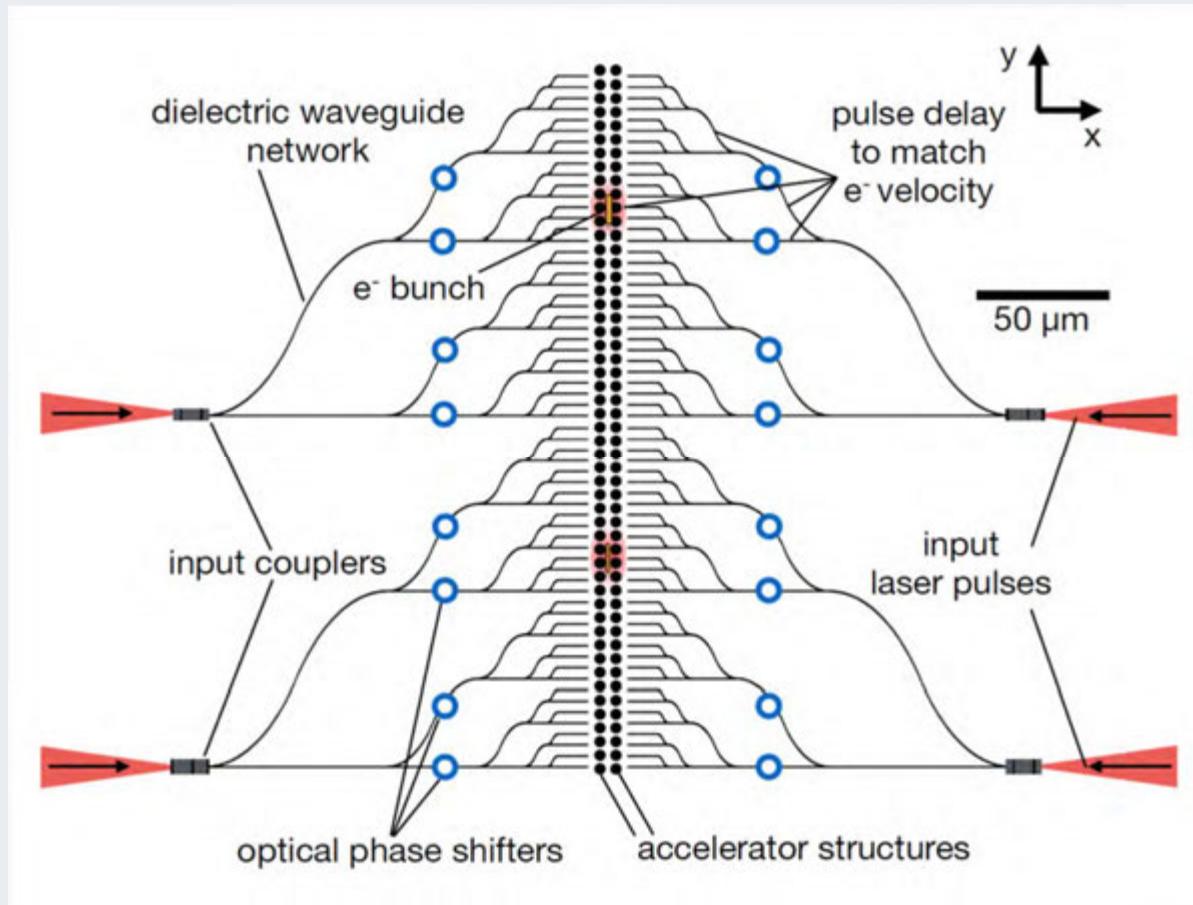
Inverse design and demonstration of a compact and broadband on-chip wavelength demultiplexer

Alexander Y. Piggott, Jesse Lu, Konstantinos G. Lagoudakis, Jan Petykiewicz, Thomas M. Babinec and Jelena Vučović*



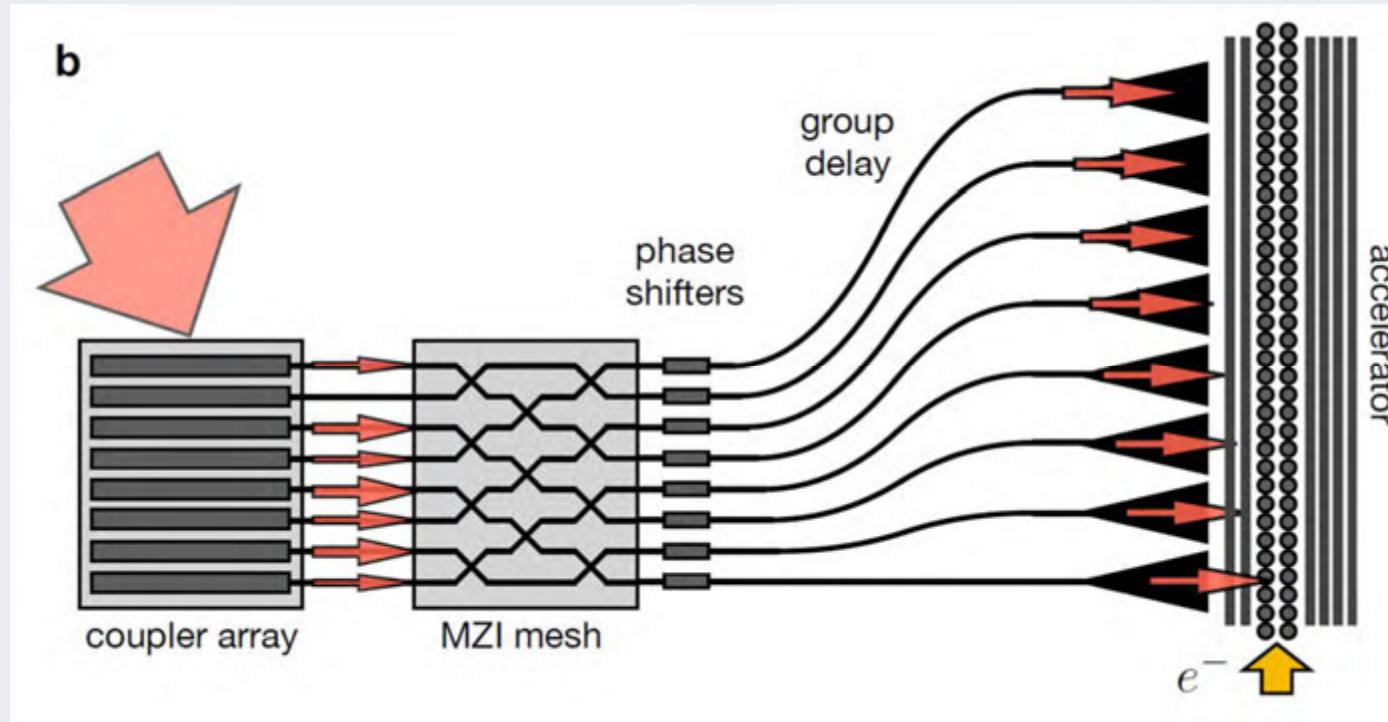
Example device: dielectric 1550nm -1300 nm demultiplexer. Size: $2.8 \times 2.8 \mu\text{m}^2$

On-chip laser power feeding: tree branch structure



T. W. Hughes, Si Tan, Z. Zhao, N. V. Sapra, K. J. Leedle, H. Deng, Yu Miao, D. S. Black, O. Solgaard, J. S. Harris, J. Vuckovic, R. L. Byer, S. Fan, Yun Jo Lee, Minghao Qi, Physical Review Applied 9, 054017 (2018)

On-chip laser power feeding: interferometric power tuning



T. W. Hughes, R. J. England, S. Fan, Phys. Rev. Appl. 11, 064014 (2019)

First demonstration: waveguide-driven DLA structure



Understanding and controlling beam dynamics

- Staging of subsequent interaction regions
- Attosecond pulse train generation
- Alternating phase focusing
- (Wake field effects)

Demonstration of 2-stage acceleration

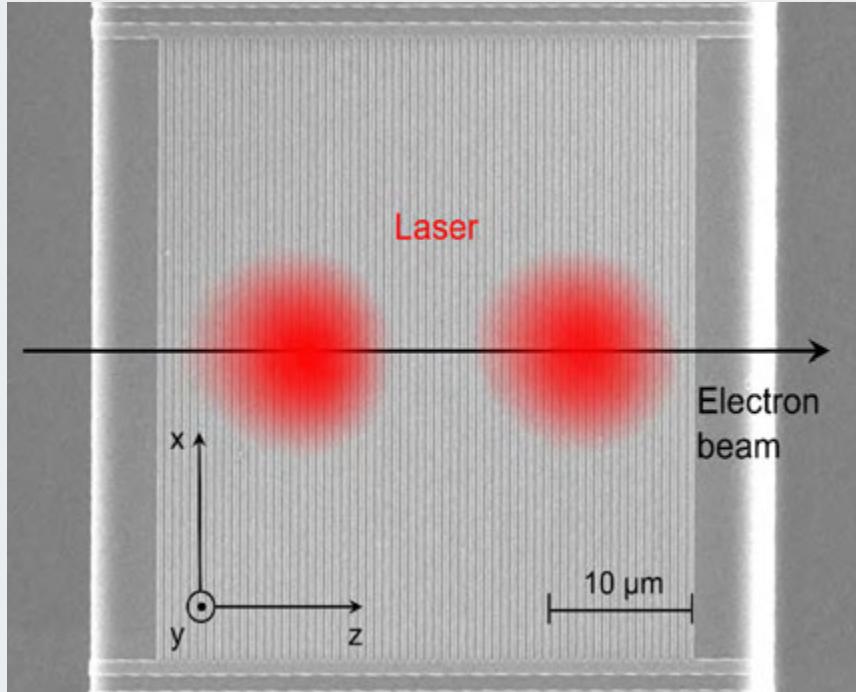
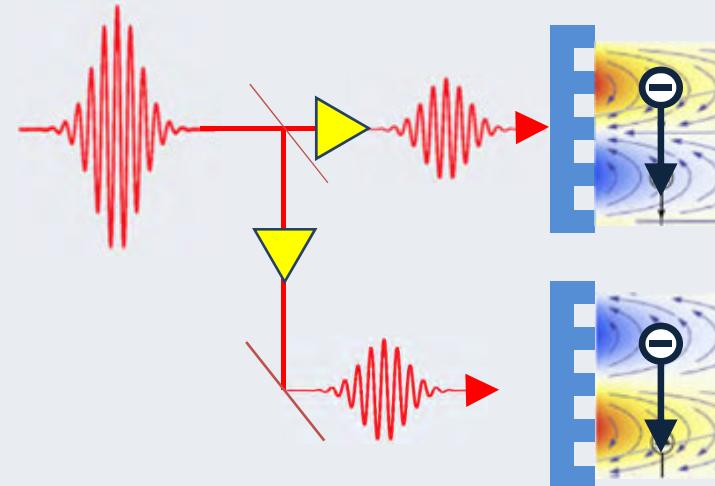


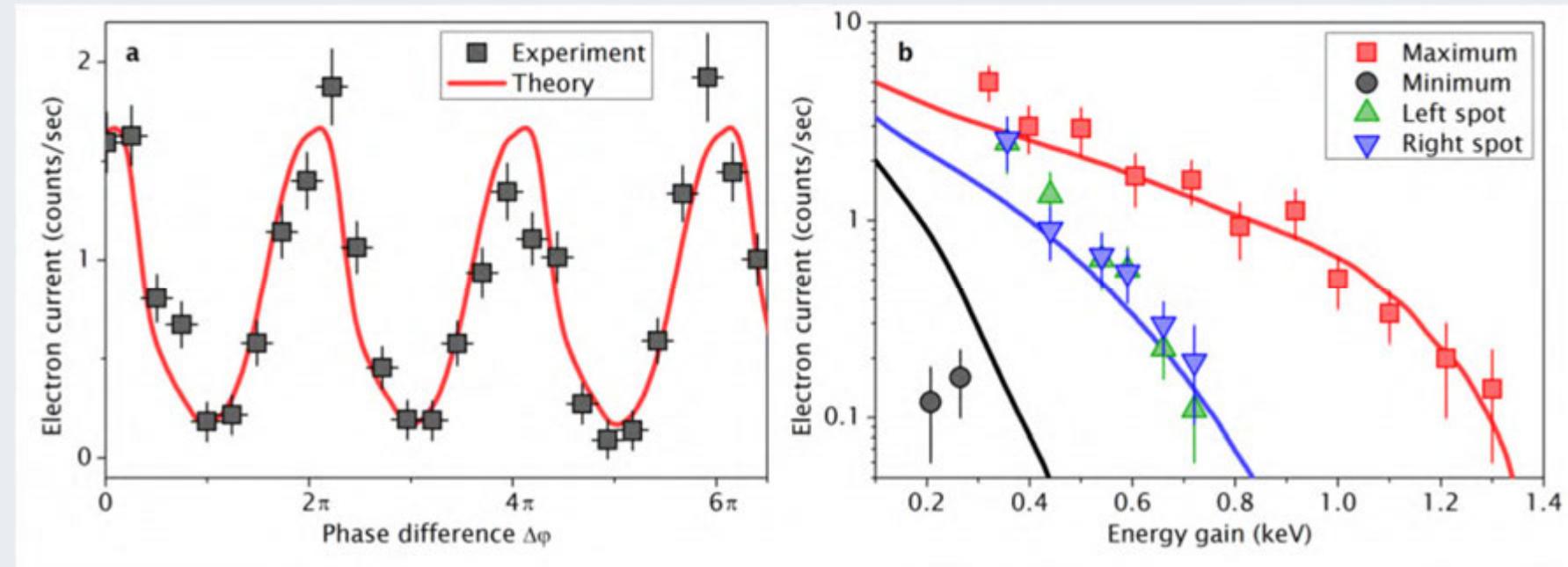
Image of laser intensity profiles
on the grating

Energy gain can be doubled or suppressed depending on the relative phase of the 2 spots



Relative phase of laser spots is controlled with sub-cycle precision via a delay stage in one arm of an interferometer

Demonstration of 2-stage acceleration

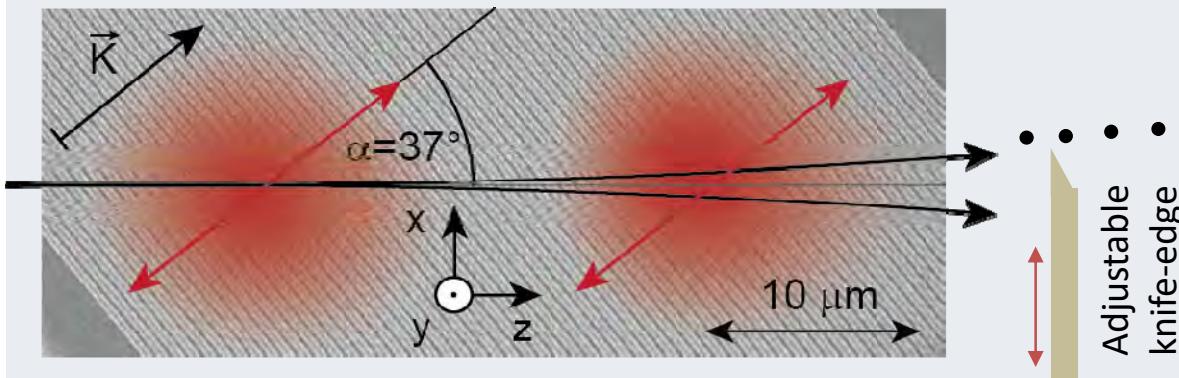


Count rates of accelerated electrons
with energy gain >30 eV

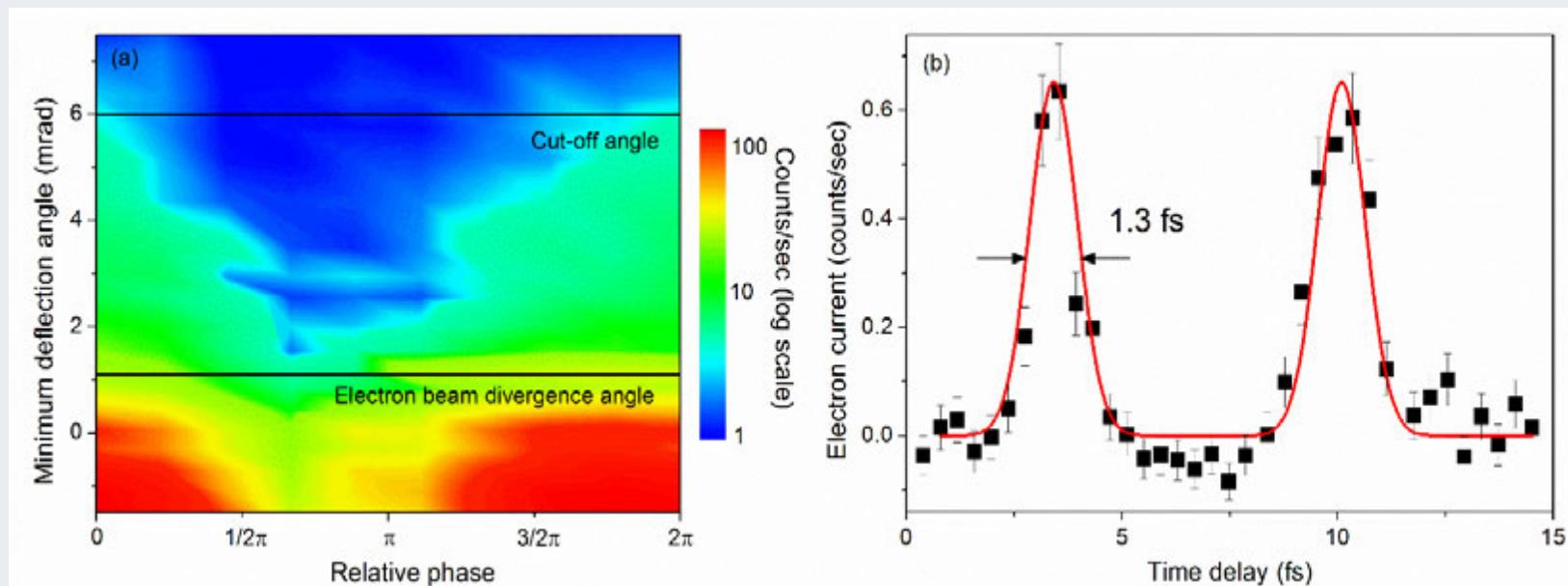
- Energy gain twice as large
- Linear scaling of energy

J. McNeur, M. Kozak, N. Schoenenberger, K. J. Leedle, H. Deng,
A. Ceballos, H. Hoogland, A. Ruehl, I. Hartl, O. Solgaard, J. S.
Harris, R. L. Byer, P. Hommelhoff, Optica 5, 687 (2018)

Demonstration of 2-stage deflection

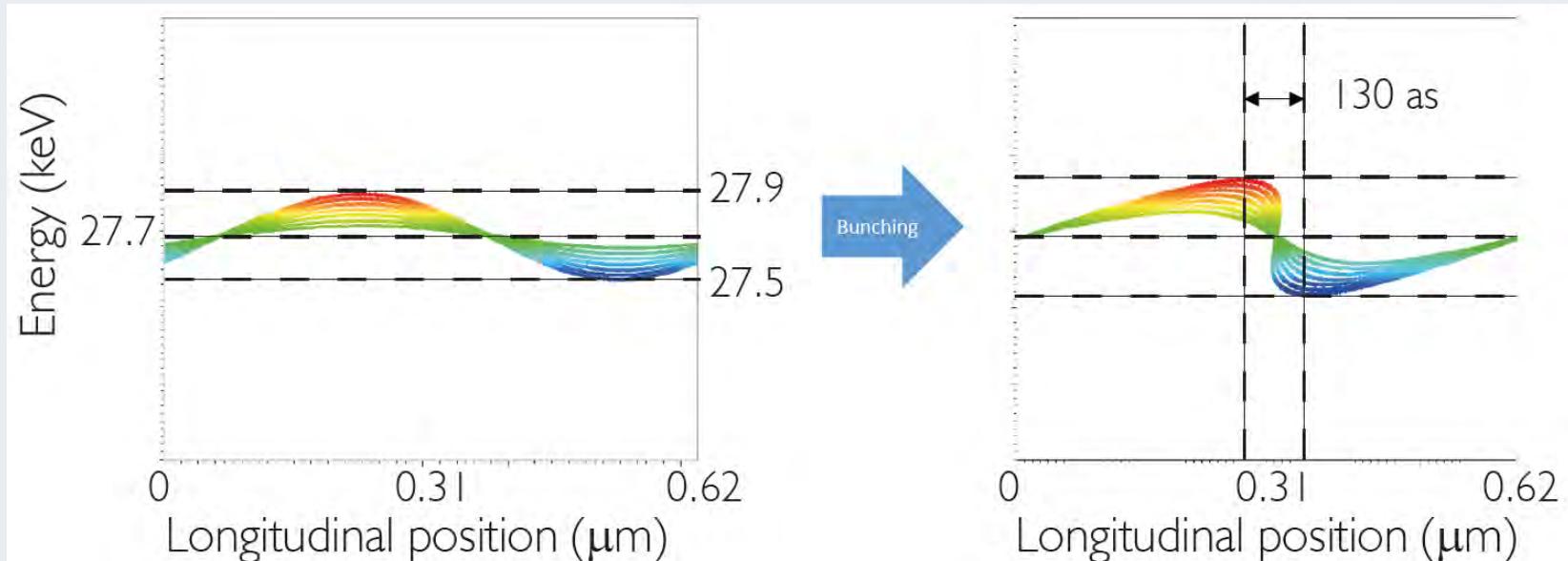


- Phase-dependent transverse momentum exchange
- Basis for sub-optical cycle streaking (w/ shorter interaction length, uniform fields)



M. Kozák, J. McNeur, K. J. Leedle, N. Schönenberger, A. Ruehl, I. Hartl, J. S. Harris, R. L. Byer, P. Hommelhoff, Nature Comm. 8, 14342 (2017)

Attosecond bunch train generation

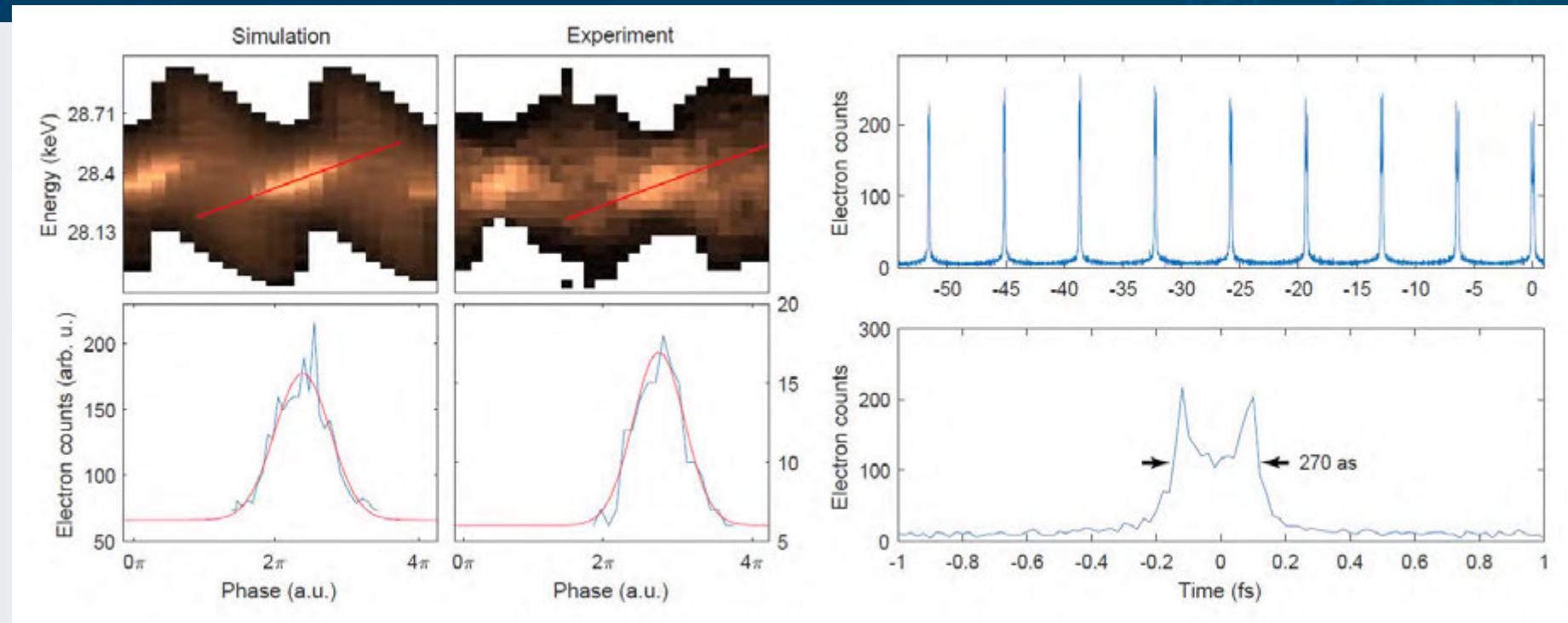


Imprint *energy modulation* (cosh mode)

Let electrons *propagate freely/ballistically*

→ Energy modulation translates into
density modulation (non-relativistic: no
chicane needed)

Attosecond bunch train generation and coherent acceleration



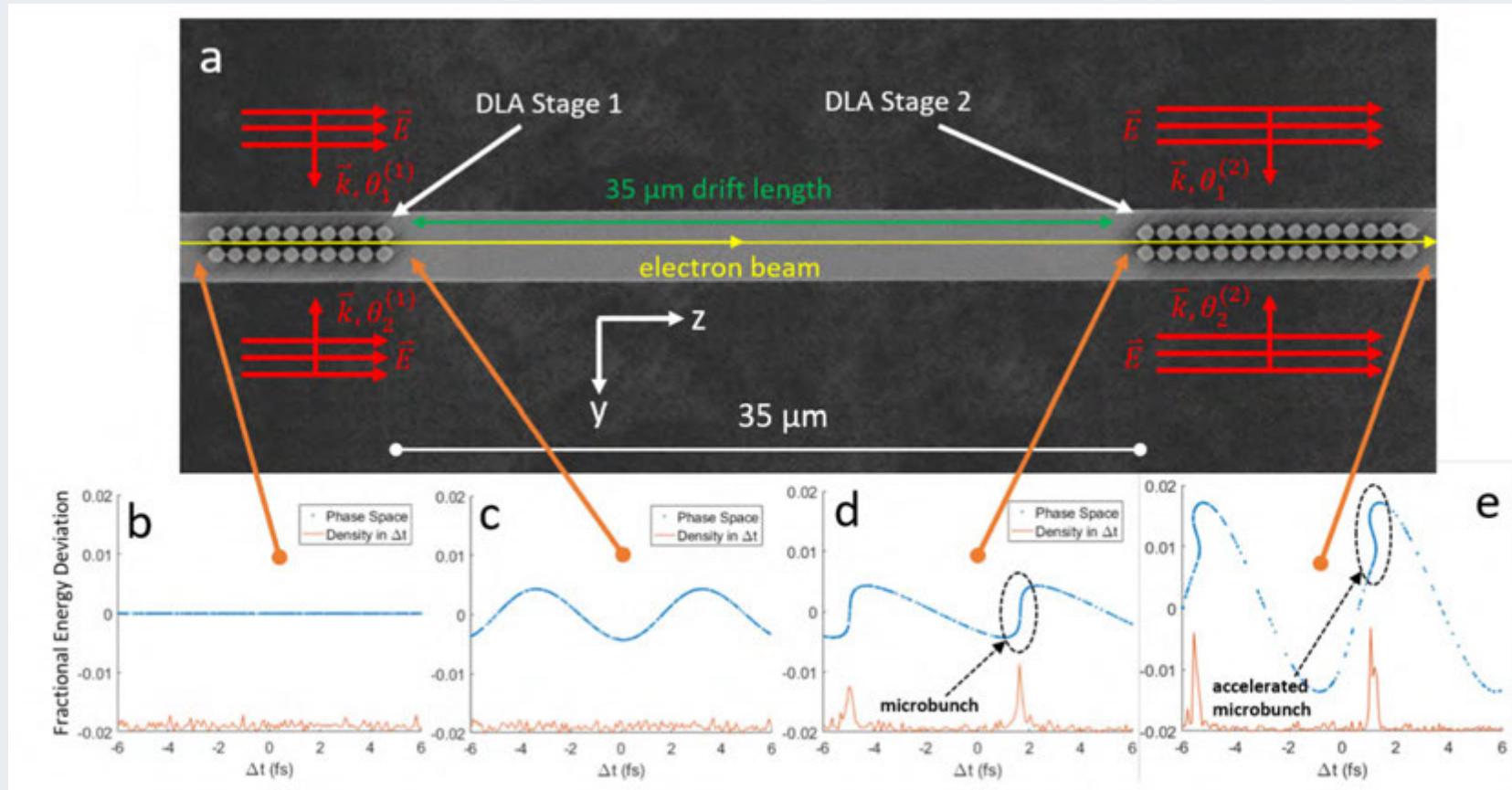
Measure spectrograms (electron spectra as function of time delay between buncher and analyzer) as function of buncher field strength.

Careful modeling and comparison of experimental and numerical spectrograms:

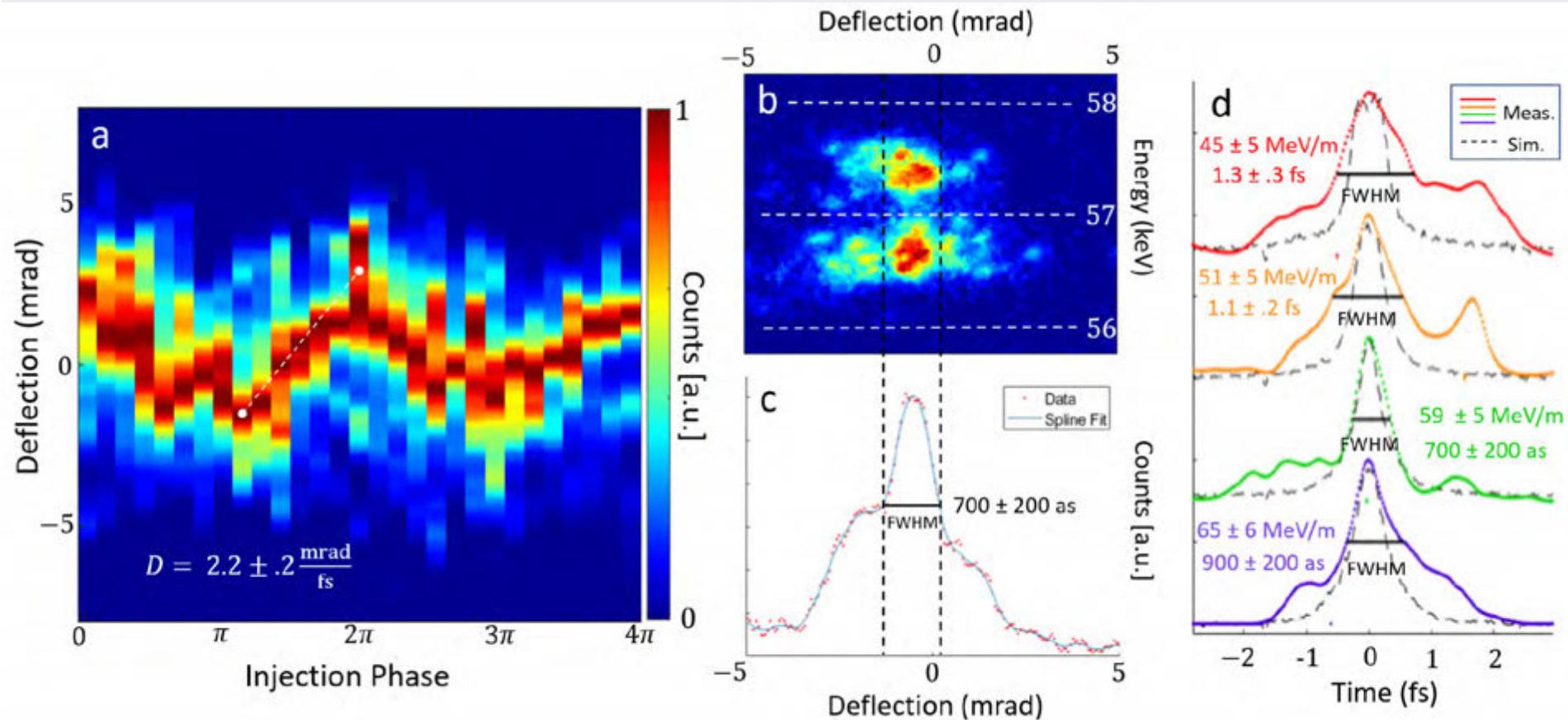
→ Shortest micropulse: (270 ± 80) attoseconds

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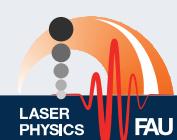
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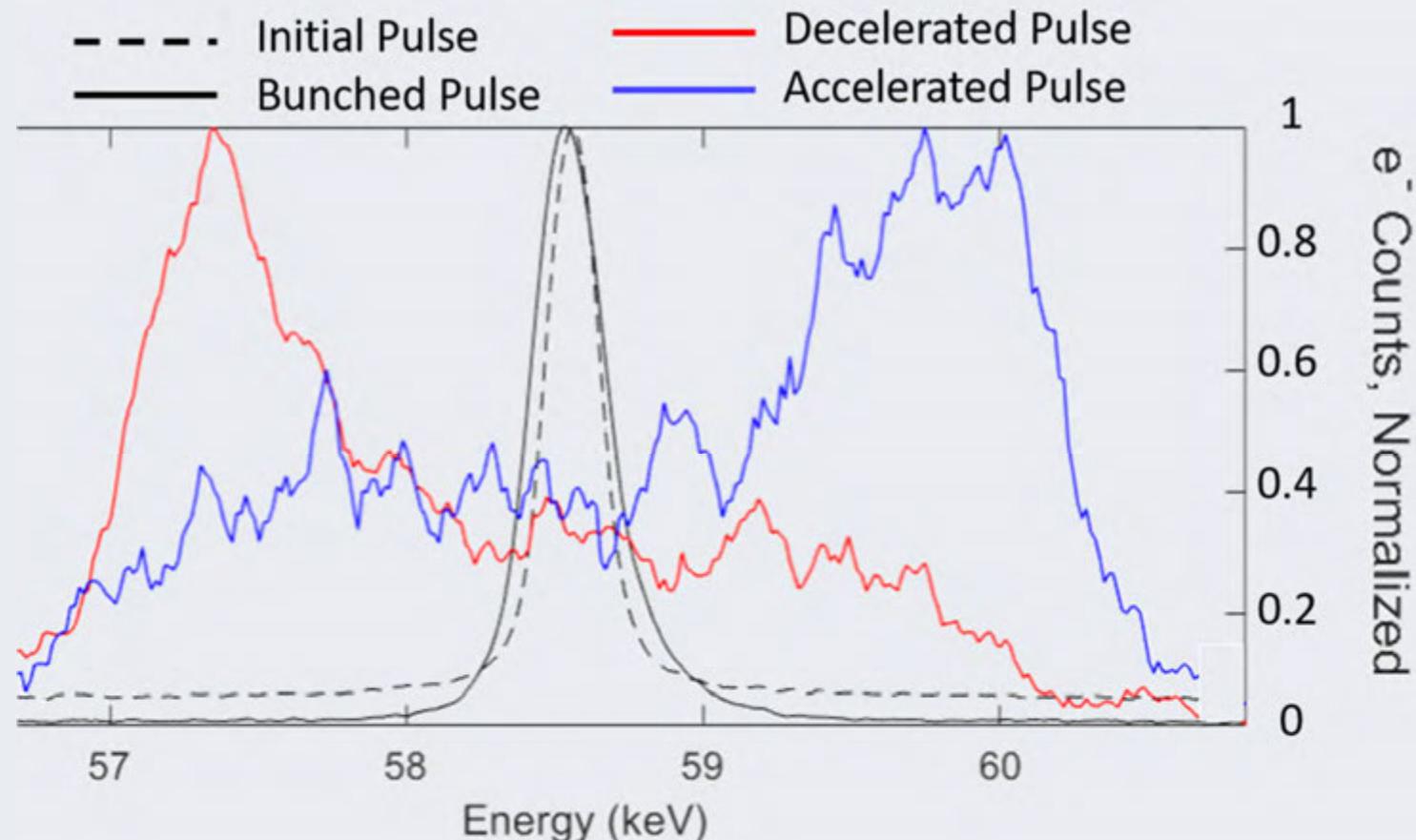
Streaking of microbunched pulses in analyzer structure:

→ Shortest micropulse: (700 ± 200) attoseconds, averaged over bunch train

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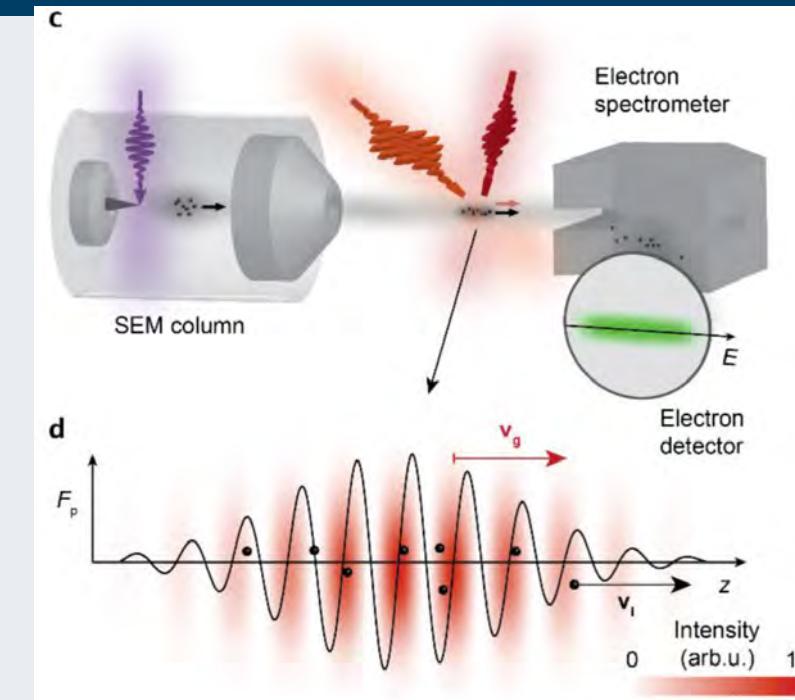


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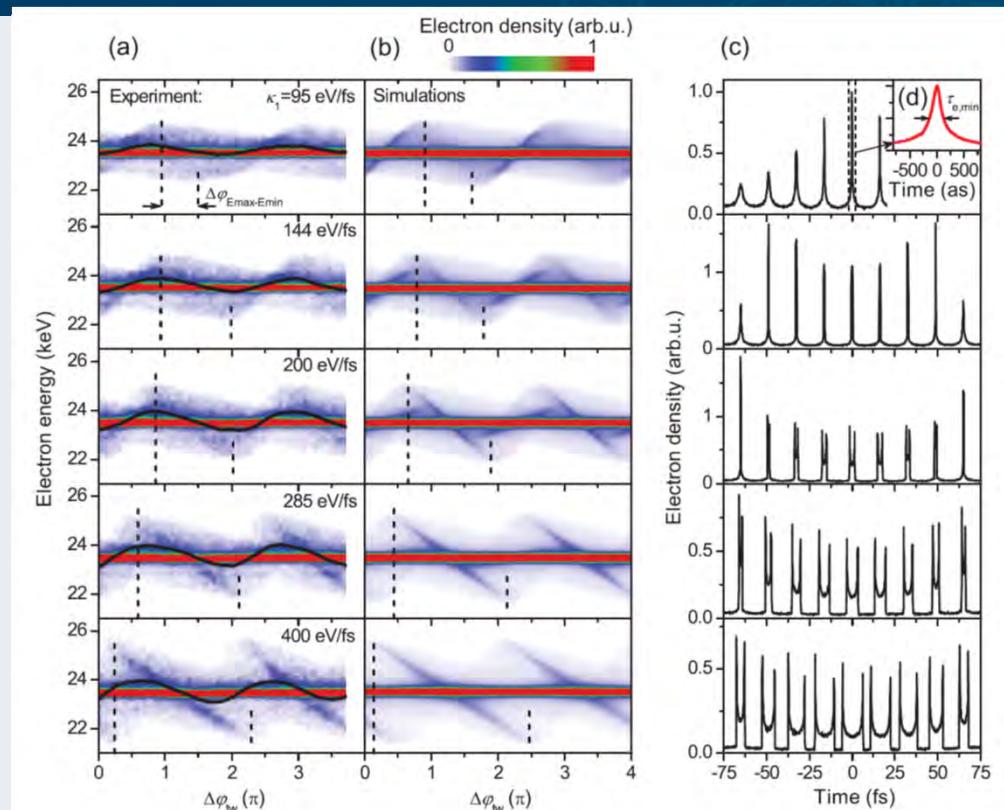
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Attosecond bunch train generation in a free space scheme: with ponderomotive electron scattering in a co-moving wave



$$\lambda_1 = 1356 \text{ nm (0.91 eV)}, \lambda_2 = 1958 \text{ nm (0.63 eV)} \\ \alpha = 41^\circ, \beta = 107^\circ$$

- Forward (longitudinal) momentum change only
- Gradient up to 2.2 GeV/m
- Strong energy modulation imprinted



Minimum individual “pulse” duration of 260 as

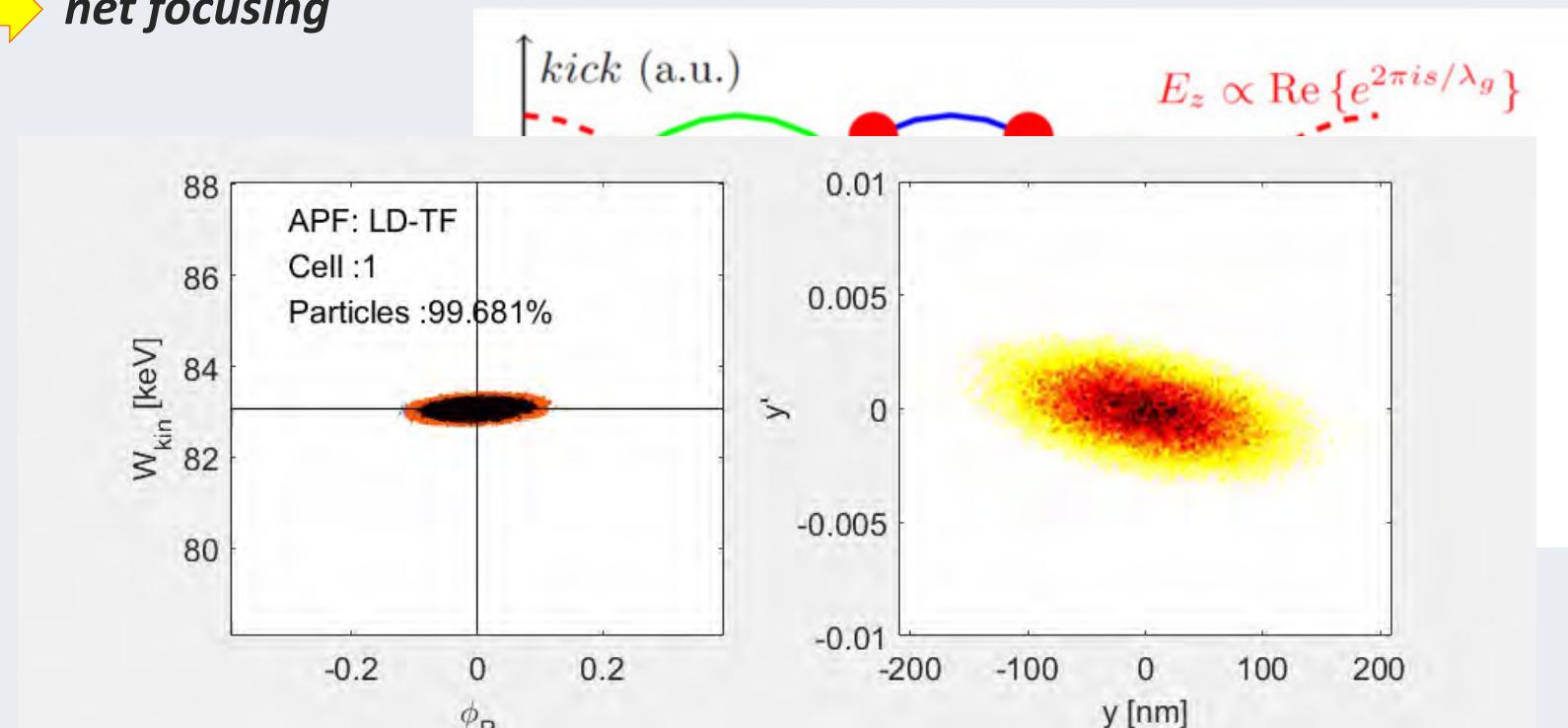
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Keeping the beam together: Alternating phase focusing

Alternate between transverse focusing-longitudinal defocusing and transverse defocusing-longitudinal focusing

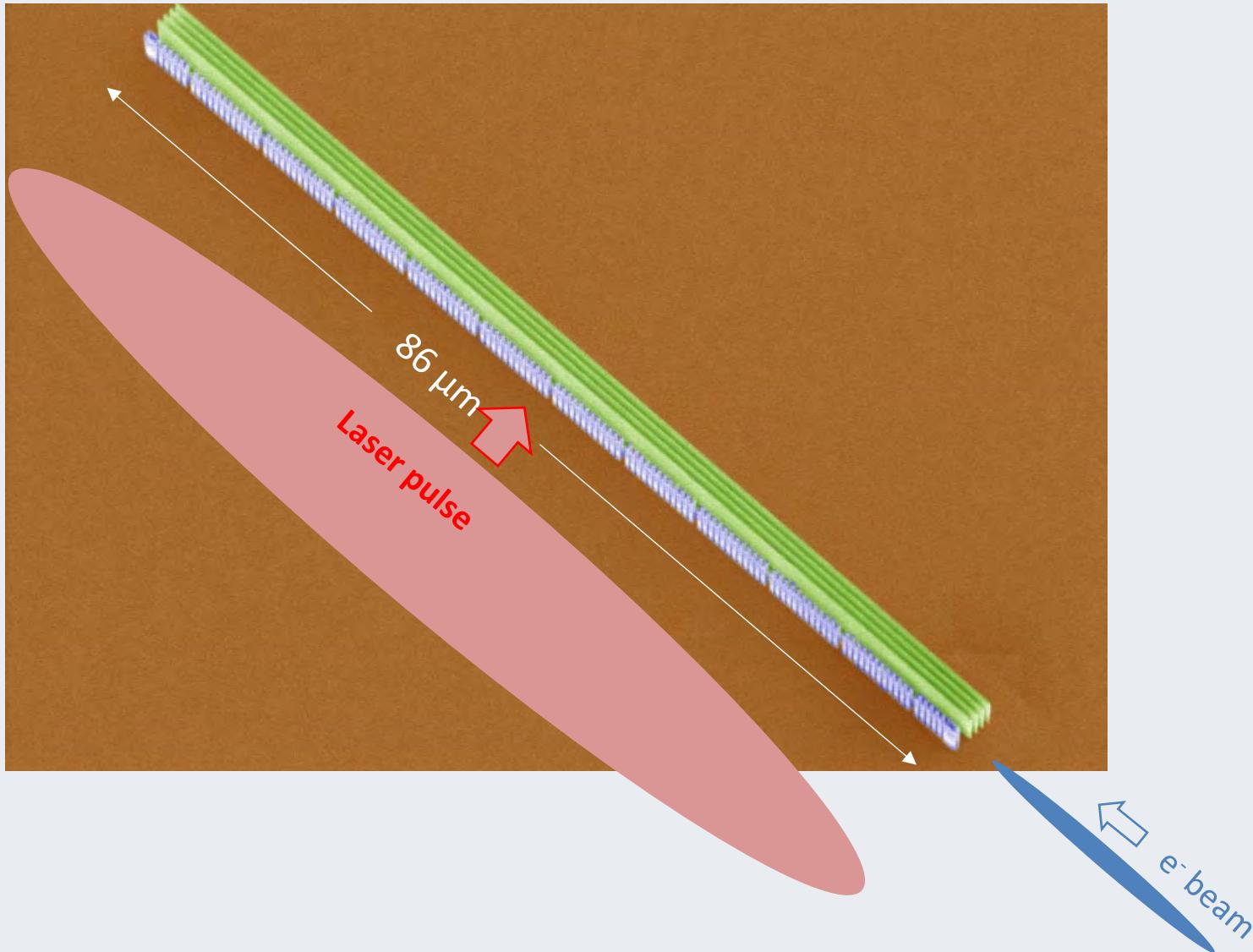
→ net focusing



83 keV → >1 MeV:
56% transmission for 100pm,
93% for 25pm emittance

U. Niedermayer, T. Egenolf, O. Boine-Frankenheim, P. Hommelhoff, Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 214801 (2018)

Phase-reset structure – towards the photonics LINAC?



Alternating phase focusing: transport

Efficient modeling tool: DLATrack6D

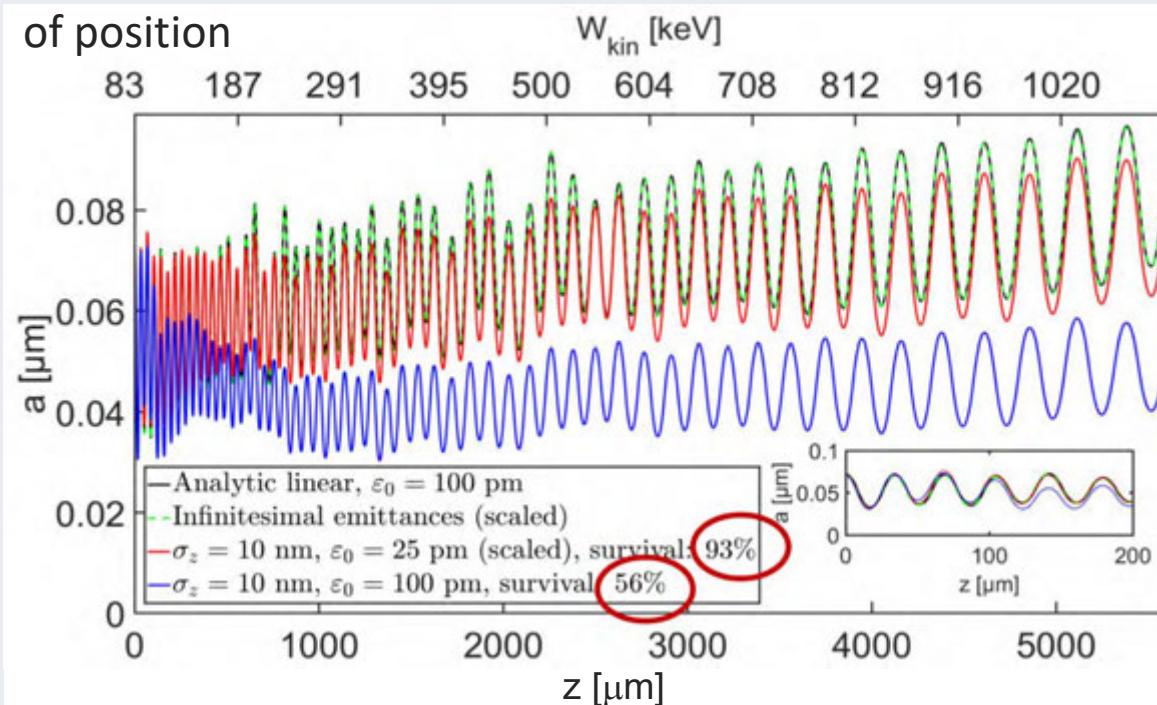
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Beam dynamics analysis of dielectric laser acceleration using a fast 6D tracking scheme

Uwe Niedermayer,^{*} Thilo Egenolf, and Oliver Boine-Frankenheim[†]

Example: APF structure. Shown here: beam envelope as fct. of position

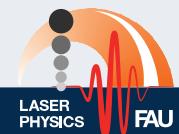


Ongoing development:
include wake field effects into tracking,
allow tune determination
(Niedermayer, Egenolf, MS in preparation)

See also A. Szczepkowicz,
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Design for 50 keV to 1 MeV accelerator

With VSim (B. Cowan): full simulation including space charge

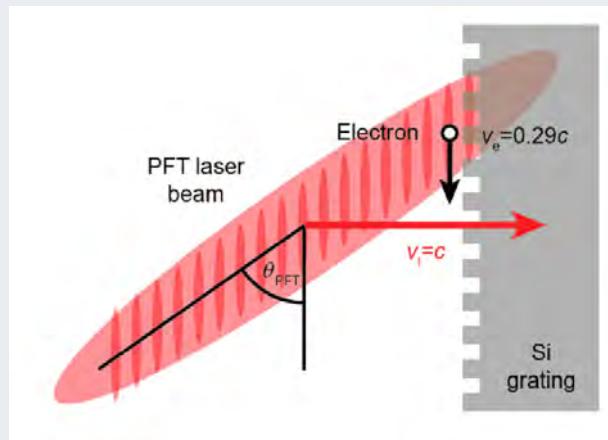


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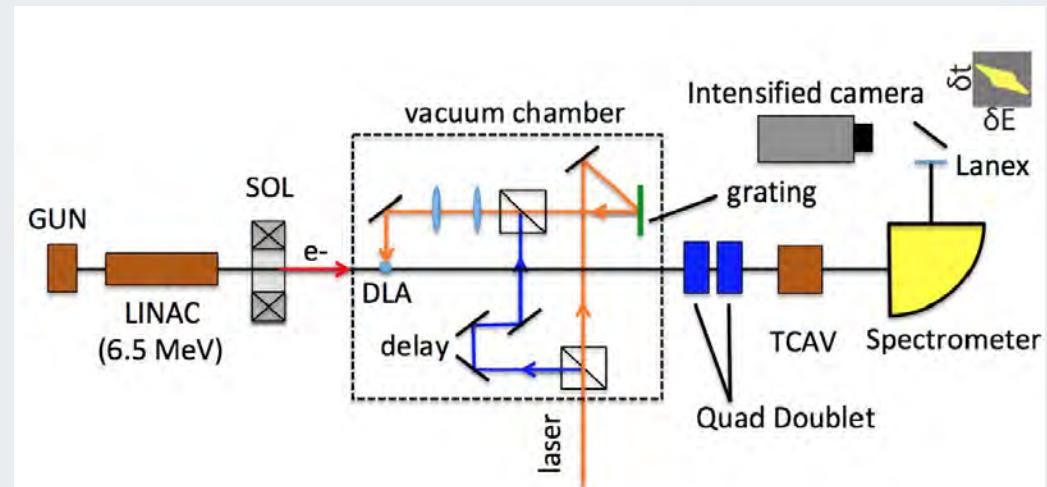
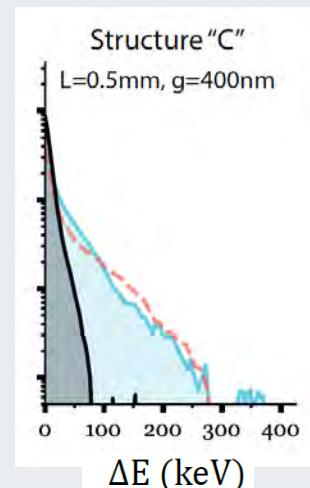
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Extend laser-pulse electron interaction: large energy gains at UCLA Pegasus

Tilt pulse front of laser pulses while leaving phase fronts parallel to structure



M. Kozák et al., J. Appl. Phys.
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With 6 MeV electrons and 800nm, 45 fs (=14 μm long) laser pulses:

- Interaction length of 0.5 ... 1 mm
- Max. energy gain of **315 keV – record!**
- Gradient of **560 MeV/m**
- Soon: >1 MeV gain in cm-long structure?

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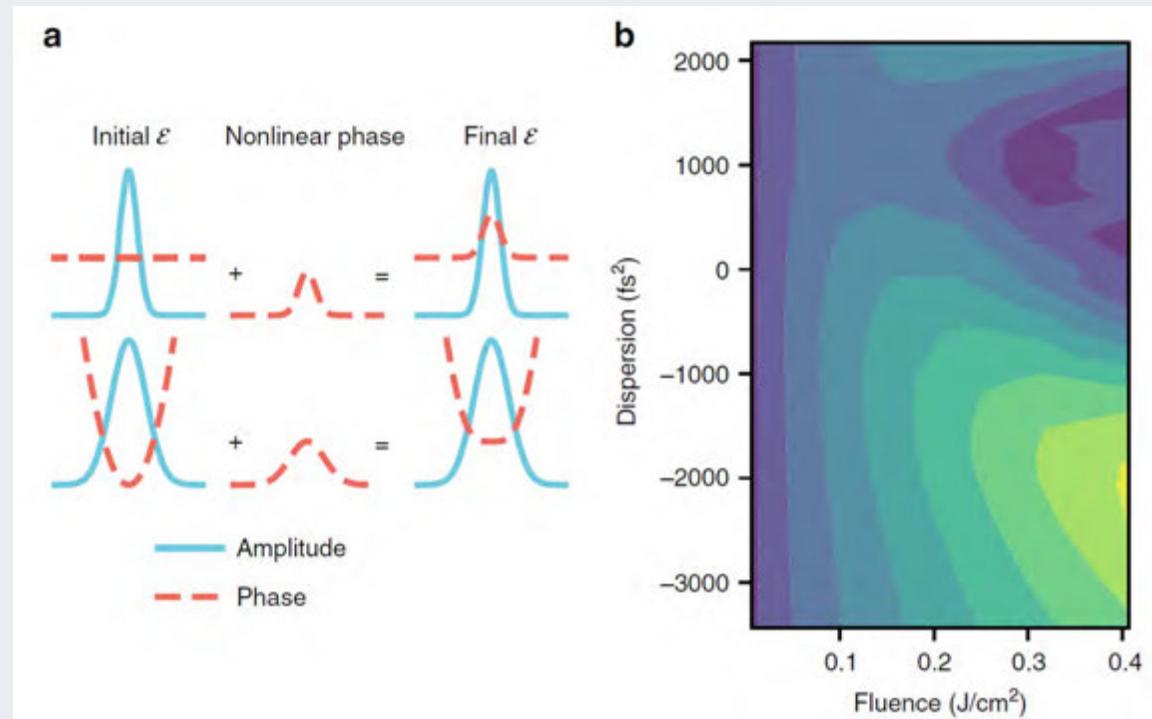


Highest-gradient acceleration so far

Also at UCLA Pegasus: speed of light acceleration most efficient

With 8 MeV electrons and
800nm, 45 fs laser pulses:

- Up to 9 GV/m peak incident field ($\sim 10\text{TW/cm}^2$)
- accelerating mode **1.8 GV/m** in
- **Max. accel. gradient of 850 MeV/m measured**
- Non-linear phase effects due to self-phase modulation in fused silica



D. Cesar, S. Custodio, J. Maxson, P. Musumeci, X. Shen, E. Threlkeld, R. J. England, A. Hanuka, I. V. Makasyuk, E. A. Peralta, K. P. Wootton & Z. Wu, Communications Physics 1, 46 (2018)

Dielectric laser acceleration with relativistic beams

- UCLA Pegasus: 6 MeV
 - Maximum energy gain observed: 315 keV over 0.5mm, 560 MeV/m [1]
 - Soon >1 MeV
- DESY SINBAD ARES: 50 – 100 MeV
- PSI SwissFEL ATHOS: 3 GeV

[1] D. Cesar, J. Maxson, X. Shen, K. P. Wootton, S. Tan, R. J. England, and P. Musumeci, Opt. Expr. 26, 29216 (2018)

DLA experiments soon at DESY's ARES

ACHIP-related experiments planned to be conducted at ARES

- *Stage 1:* External injection of relativistic (50-100 MeV) ultra-short (<2 fs, FWHM) single electron bunches with ~0.5 pC of charge into a 2 μm period grating type DLA
- *Stage 2:* External injection of relativistic (50 MeV) phase-synchronous optical scale microbunch trains (~70 microbunches per train with ~10 fC of bunched charge each, spaced at the DLA period of 2 μm)

**First beam expected in week 39/40
(right after EAAC'19)**



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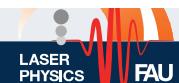
DLA experiments soon at PSI's ATHOS

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Further research topics

- Plasmonically enhanced structures

- See, e.g.:

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**Design of a plasmonic metasurface laser accelerator
with a tapered phase velocity for subrelativistic particles**

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Robert Byer,³ Ken J. Leedle,⁴ D. Black,⁴ and Jacob Scheuer^{1,*}

ACHIP results so far

✓ Proof-of-concept demonstration of DLA

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✓ New structures & dynamics

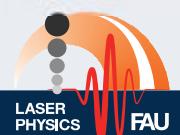
- ✓ phase-based steering
- ✓ two-stage acceleration
- ✓ chirped structures
- ✓ optical focusing
- ✓ optical deflection
- ✓ beam position monitor
- ✓ (sub-) femtosecond bunching
- ✓ stable transport
- ✓ on-chip Bragg mirror
- ✓ power distribution (theory)

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- ✓ **200.4 MeV/m** with few-cycle NOPA-DFG (with $\beta = 0.3$ electrons!)
- ✓ **340 MeV/m** (with $\beta = 0.7$ electrons!)
- ✓ **850 MeV/m** with 6 MeV electrons

DLA research worldwide



Outlook: Strawman parameters



Technology perspective: *photonics*

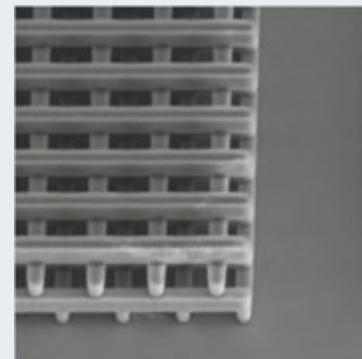
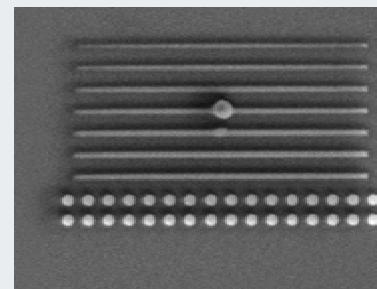
- ❖ Power and cost efficient laser technology
 - ❖ high average power
 - ❖ rugged turn-key fiber technology
- ❖ Optical field control available
- ❖ (Silicon) nanostructuring capabilities

 **Photonics technology!**

World market for photonics: \$481 billion in 2012, expected \$620 billion in 2020

(Nat. Phot. 11, 1, 2016)

*Similar story to radar klystrons
(invented 1937) driving
accelerator technology thereafter?*

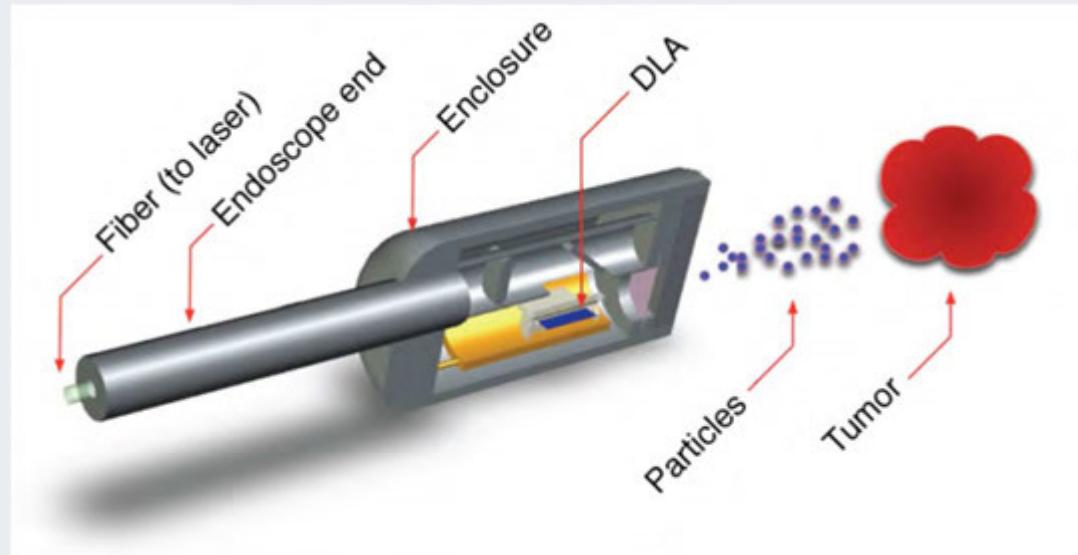


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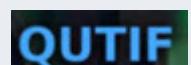
(Robotic) hand-held electron beam for clinicians?



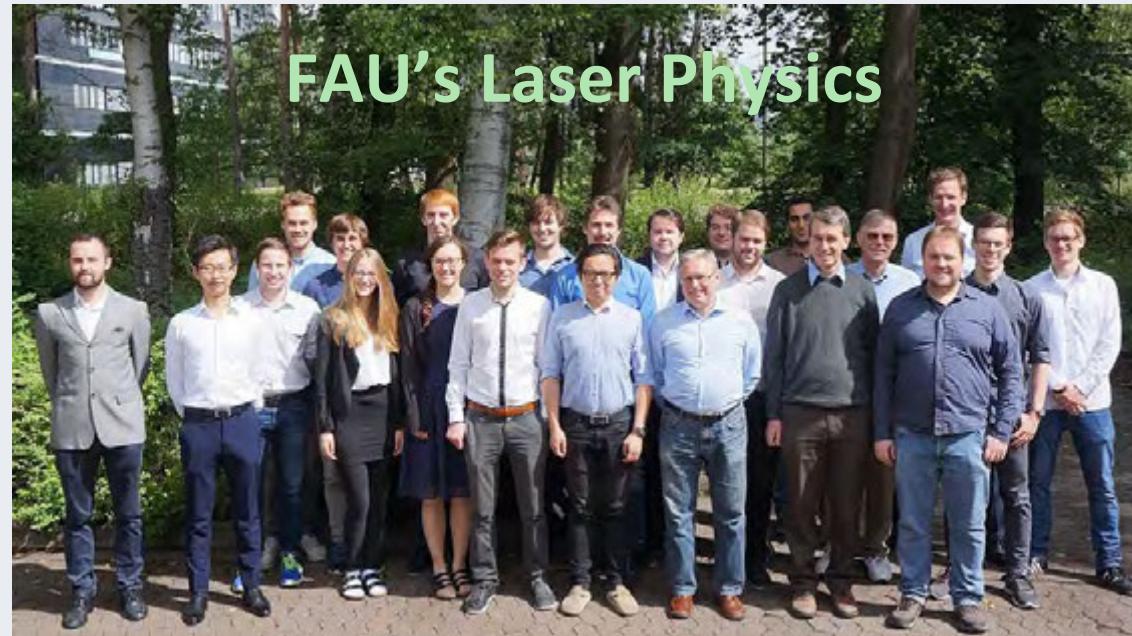
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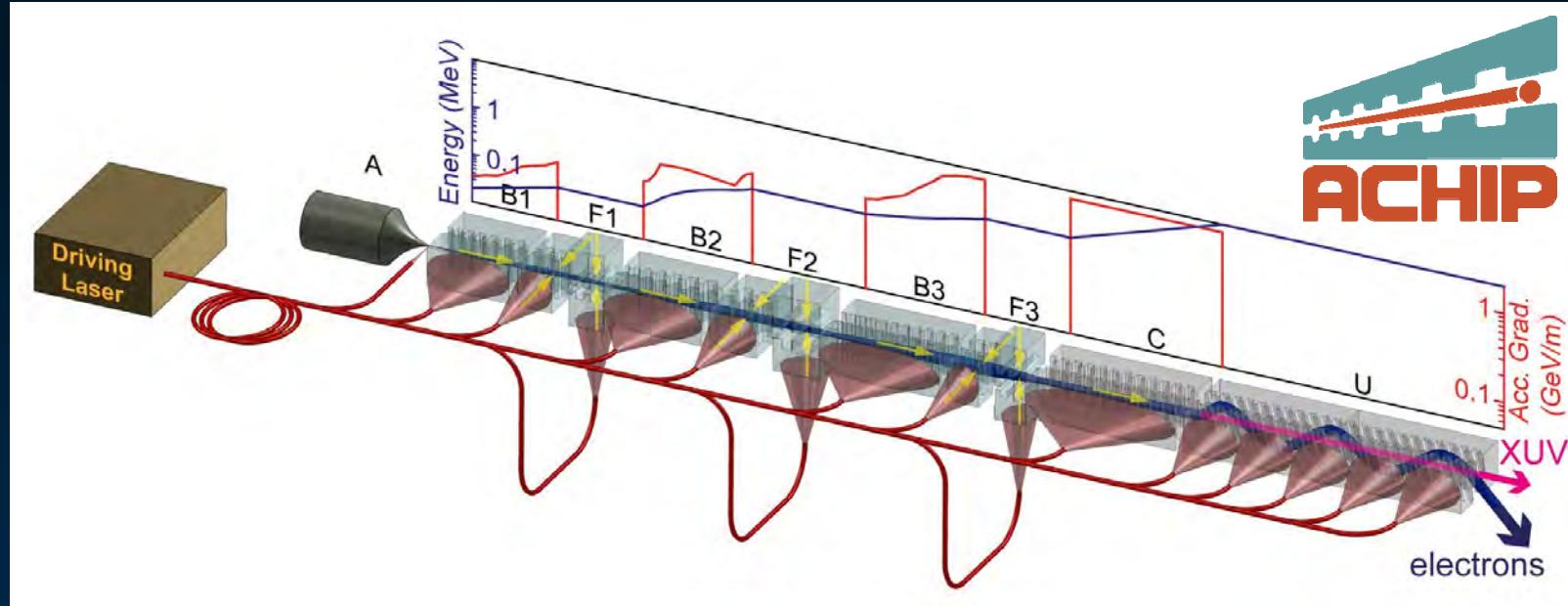
Recent DLA highlights (see slides for references)

- 315 keV energy gain with 6 MeV electrons, soon 1 MeV
- 850 MeV/m accel. gradient
- Integrated structure: waveguide-driven DLA
- Alternating phase focusing scheme & experiment:
transport & acceleration structures scalable!
- Attosecond microbunch generation
- Coherent acceleration



Scalable MeV accelerator on a chip soon?

Research toward a new kind of laser-driven particle accelerator based on photonics technology



Photonics-based technology is ripe (and cheap)

→ *Sources! Brightness! Integration! Dynamics! Photon generation! ...*

Much to be demonstrated: accelerator research