

# Driver energy depletion

## Large energy depletion of a beam driver in a plasma-wakefield accelerator

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# Plasma-wakefield accelerators promise compactness

- > Accelerating gradient
  - > State-of-the-art radiofrequency accelerators: 100 MV/m
  - > Plasma-Wakefield Accelerators: 10 GV/m
- > **Construction costs** can be **greatly reduced**
- > For high-power beam delivering accelerators:
  - > e.g., hard X-ray FELs and colliders
  - > Goal: Keep running costs low
  - > **High total energy transfer efficiency needed**

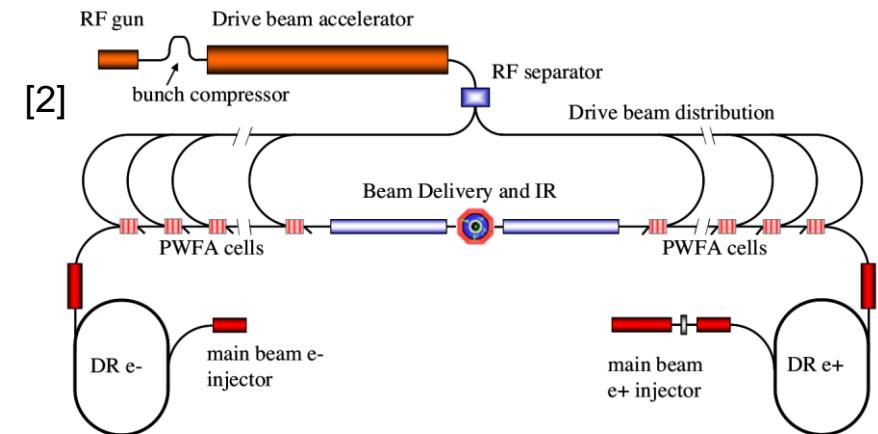
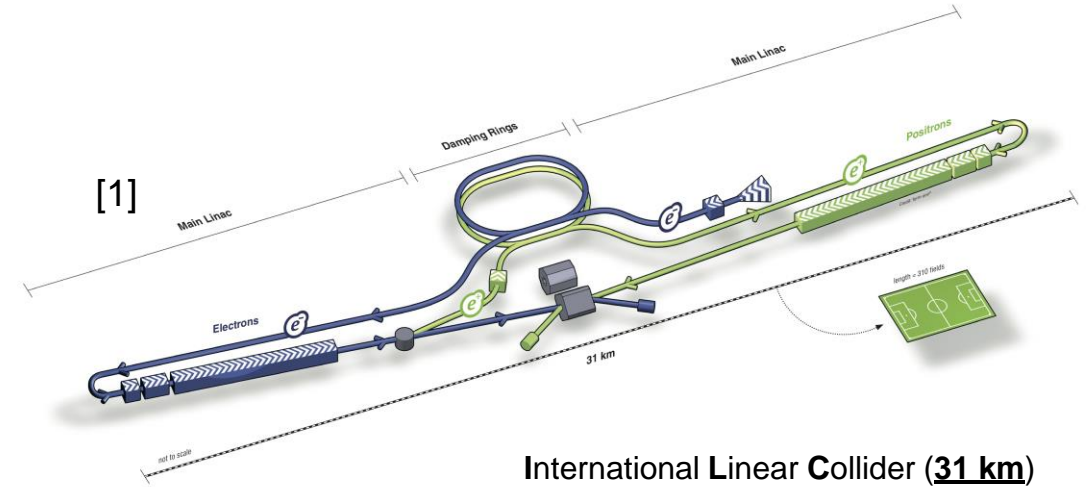


Fig. 1: Concept for a multi-stage PWFA Linear Collider. (**4 km**)

[1] Technical Design Report ILC 2013

[2] Pei et al. (Proc. PAC'09, p.2682) 2009



# Driver energy depletion is key component for efficiency

> Path to high total efficiency is a product of:

1. Driver production efficiency ✓ (beam driven)

CLIC: [2]  $\eta = 55 \%$  (excluding facility power)

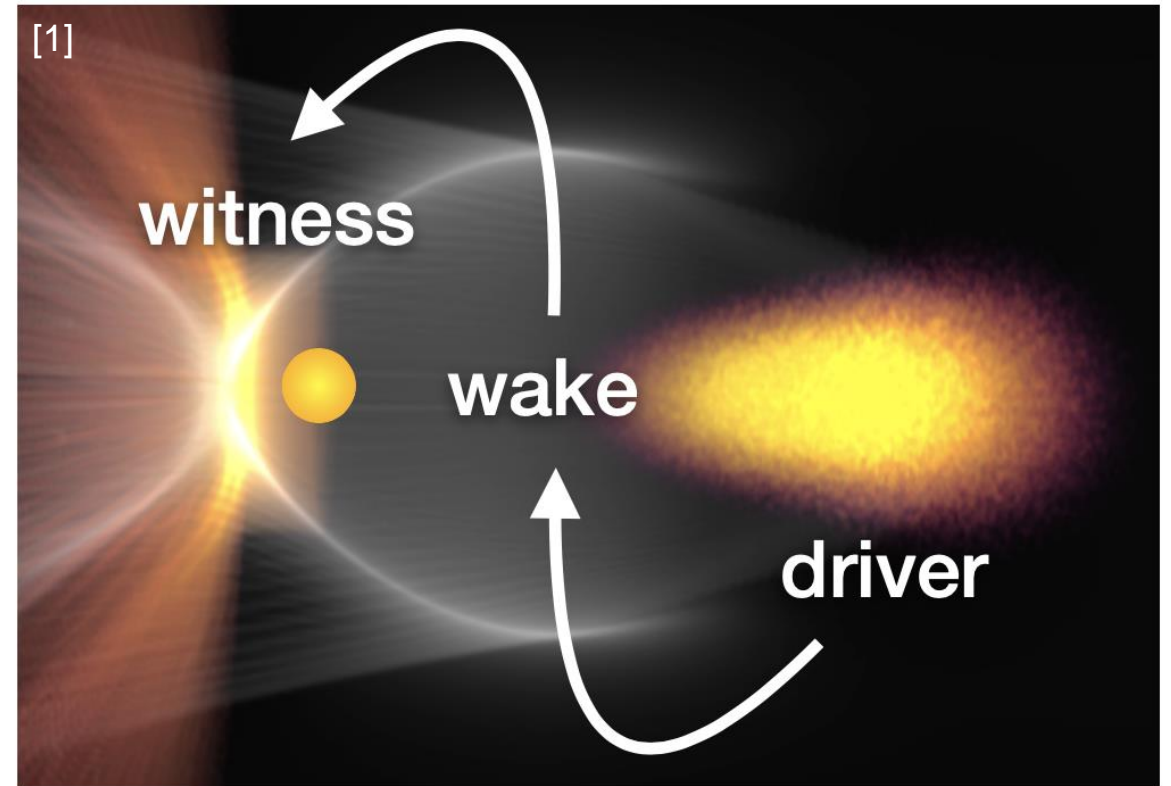
Ti:Sapphire laser:  $\eta < 1 \%$

2. Driver energy depletion ← **This talk**

3. Driver to witness energy transfer efficiency ✓

[3]:  $\eta = 30 \%$

[4]:  $\eta = 42 \%$



[1] Courtesy of R. D'Arcy

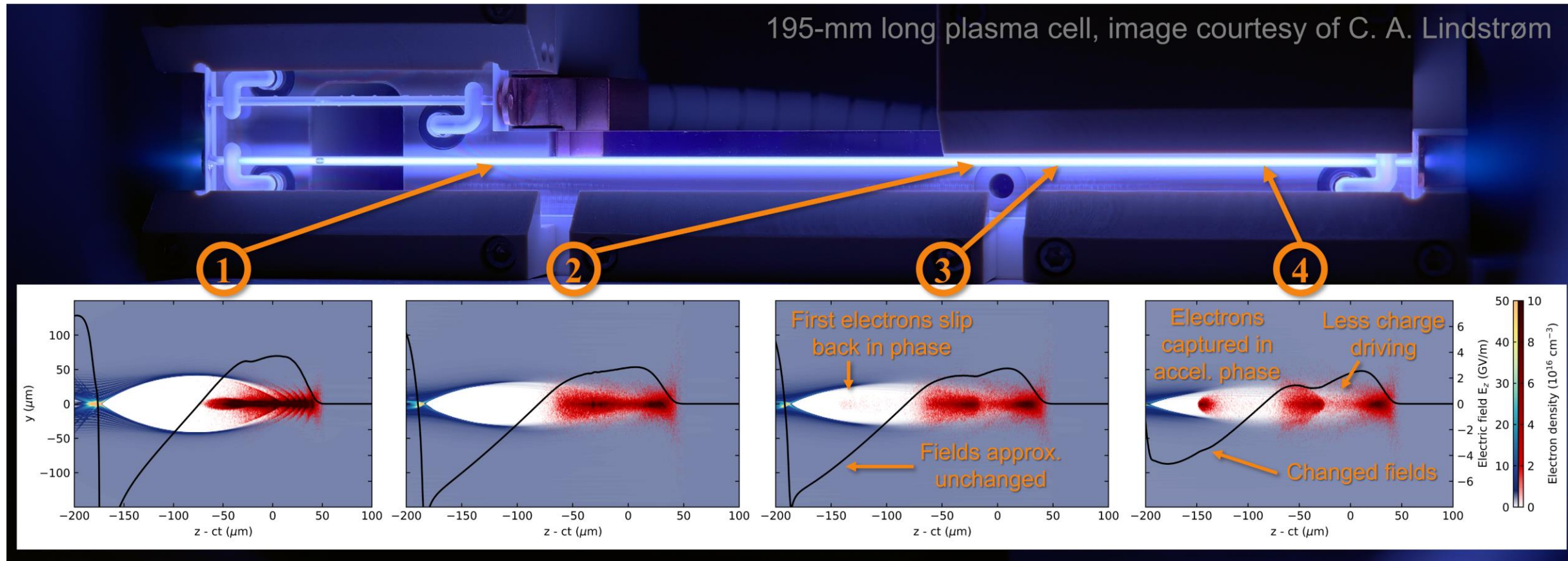
[2] CLIC CDR 2012

[3] M. Litos et al. (Nature 515, 92-95) 2014

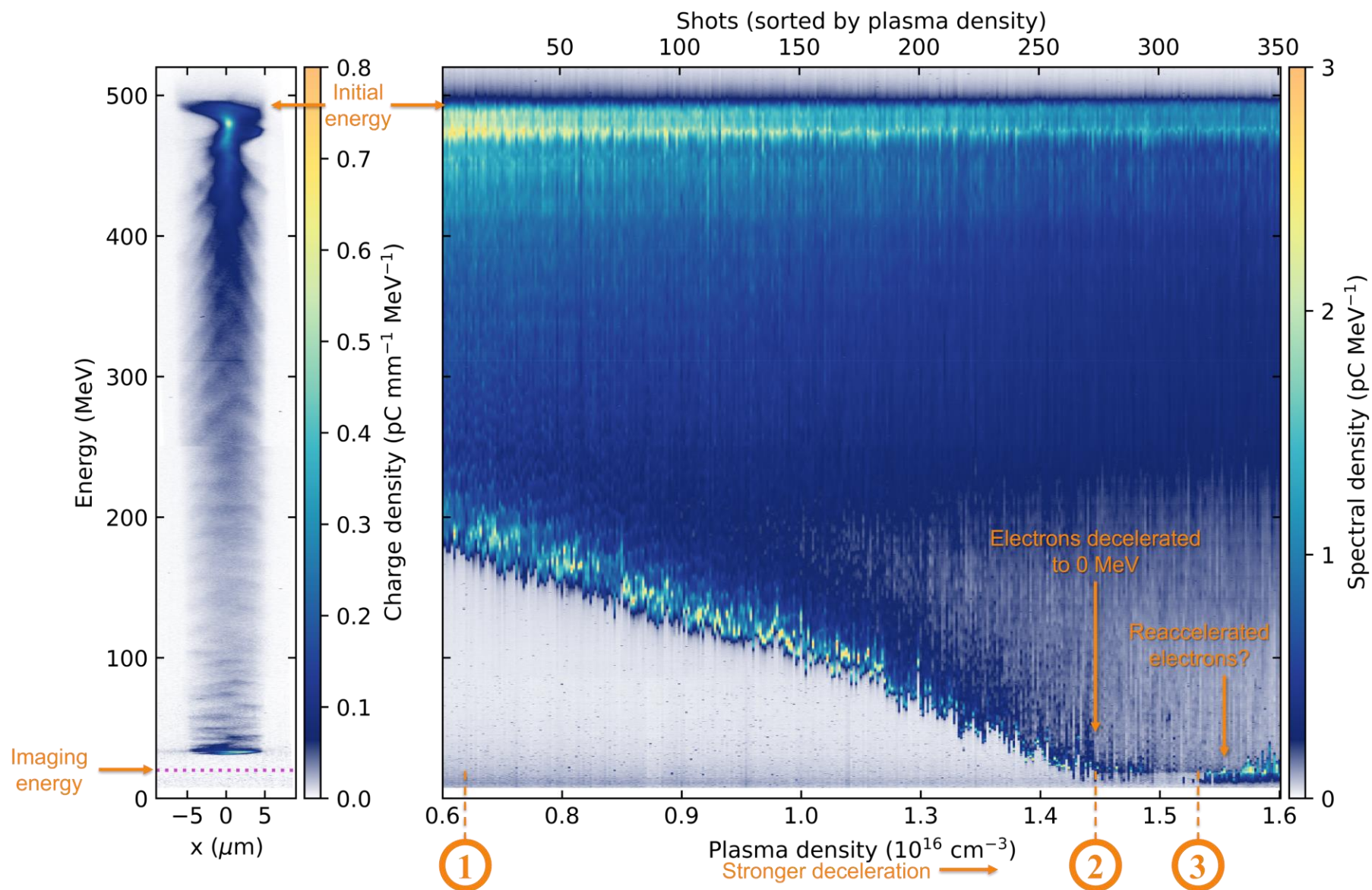
[4] C. A. Lindstrøm et al. (PRL 126 , 014801) 2021

# Electron reacceleration is the limit of depletion

HiPACE++ simulations show reacceleration of energy depleted electrons

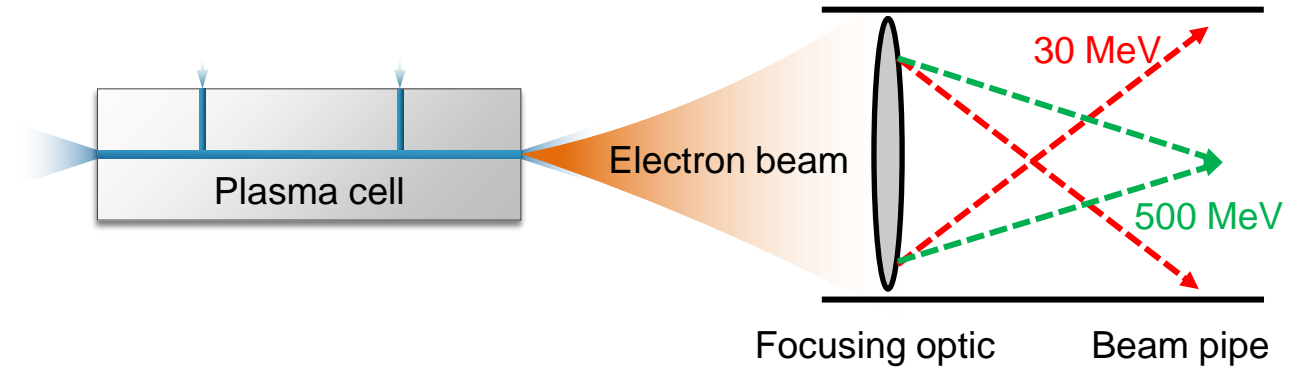
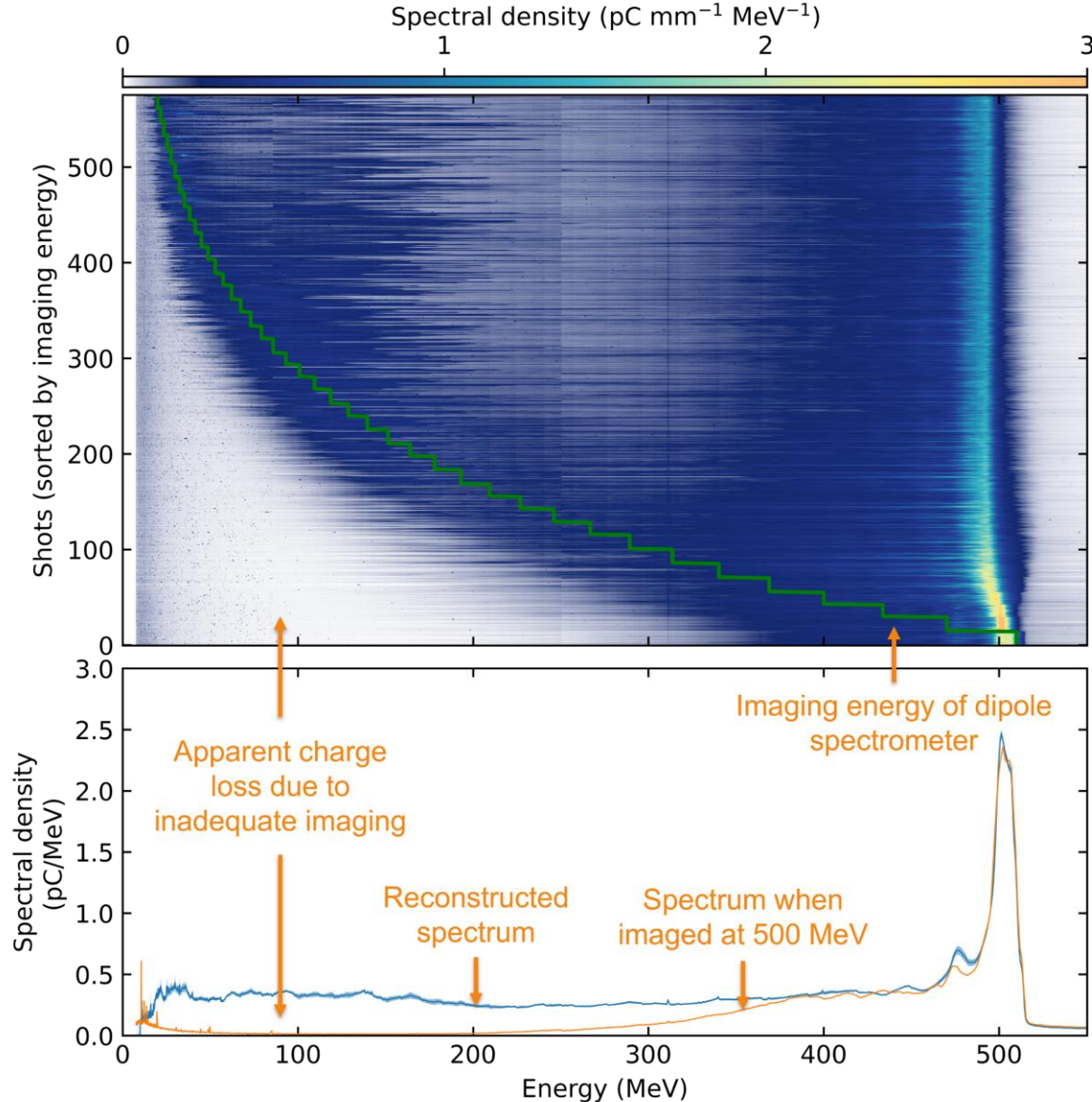


# Energy spectrum of a strongly decelerated drive bunch



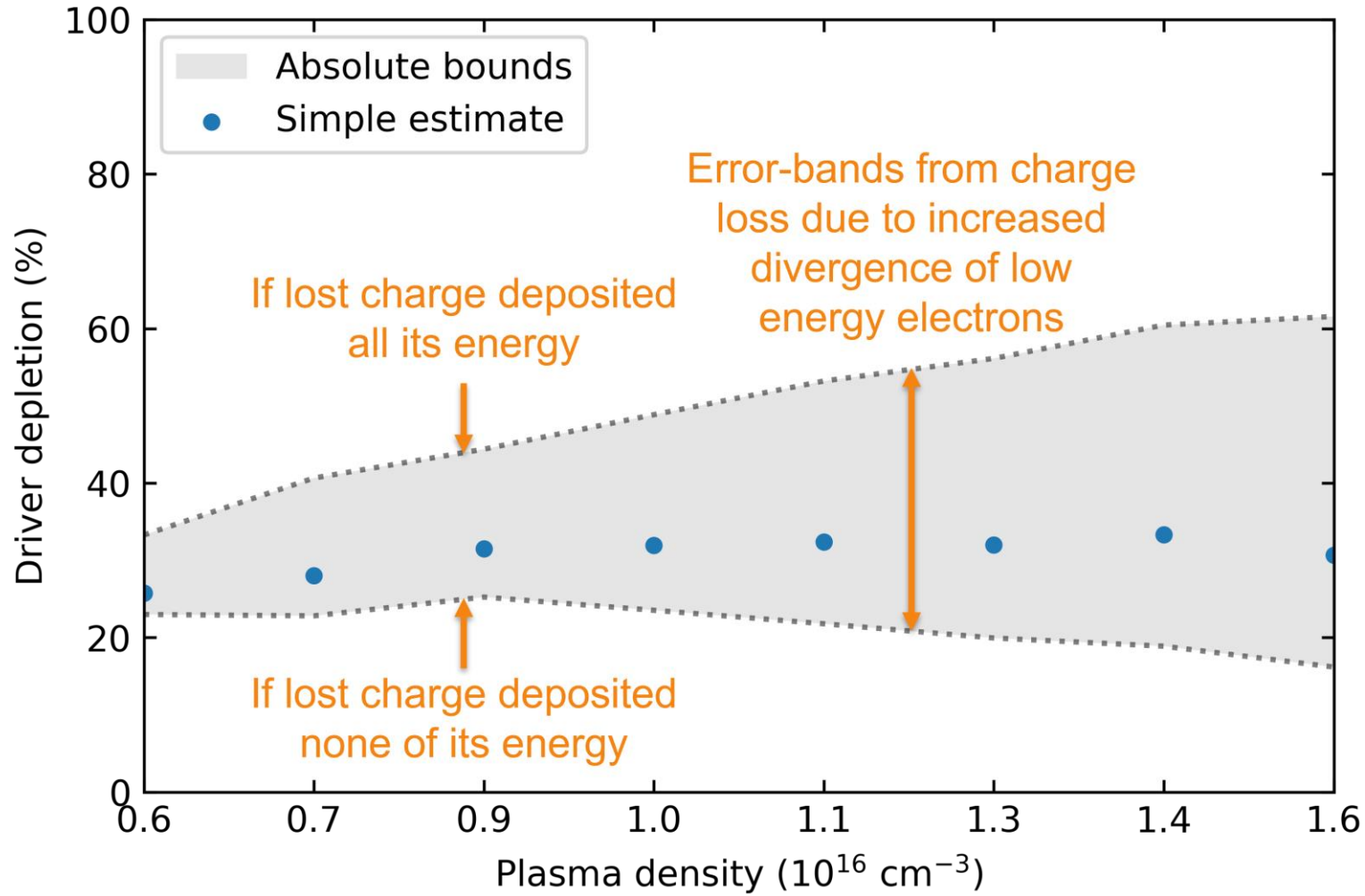


# Imaging energy scan needed to properly characterize energy spectrum



- > Imaging energy scan required to reconstruct the 'true' energy spectrum of the beam to counteract charge loss due to under/overfocusing
- > Reconstruction **only possible with high stability**

# Drive bunch energy depletion of 20-60%



- > We expect larger divergence at lower energies due to:
  - > Increase in geometric emittance
  - > Smaller matched beta function
  - > Possible emittance growth due to interaction with the plasma
- > Develop charge loss model to correct for additional sources of charge loss

# Conclusions

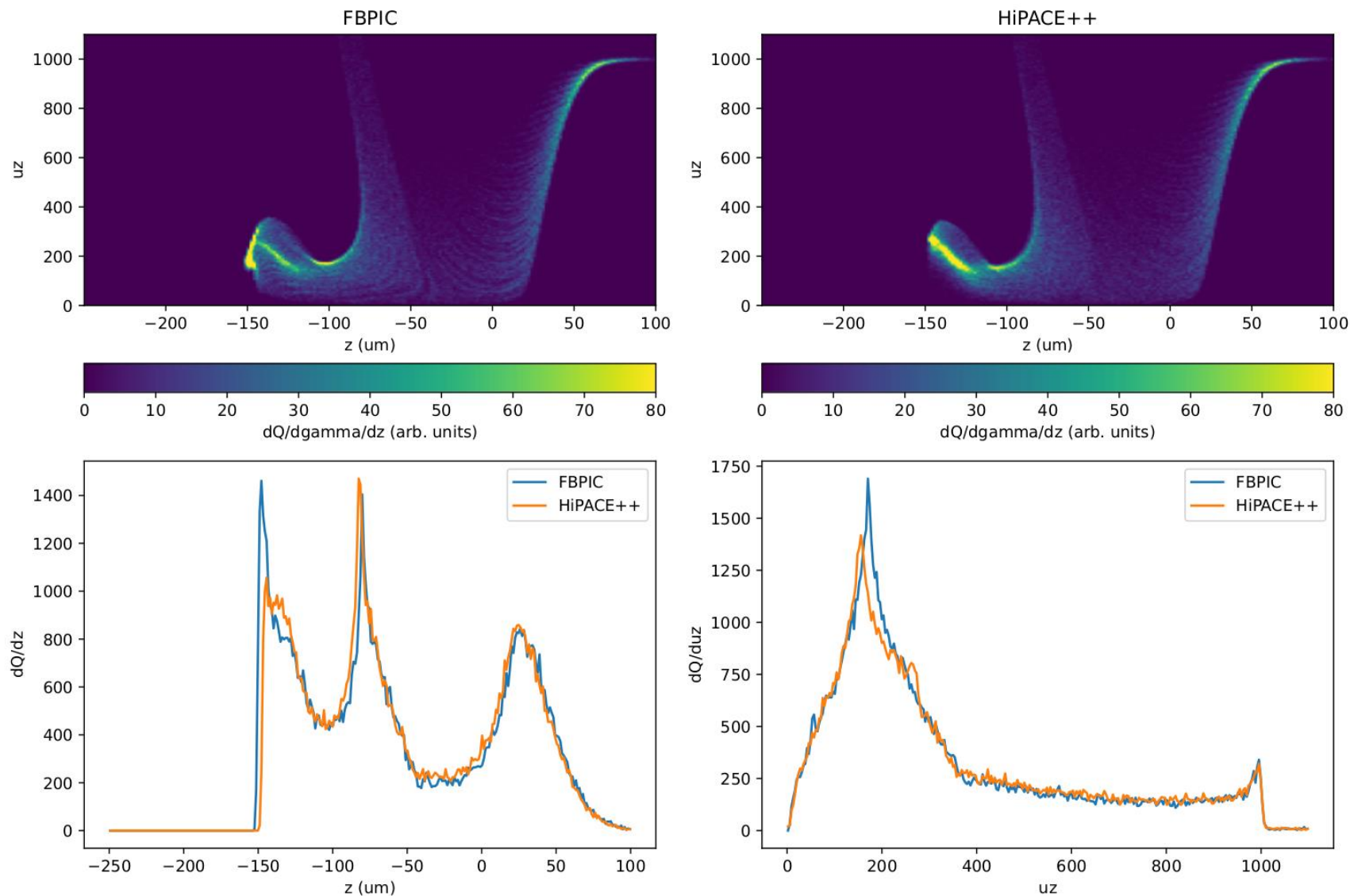
- > Electron reacceleration
  - > **Limit of** driver energy depletion and thus **overall energy efficiency** in beam-driven PWFA
  - > 'Avoidable' by shaping the drive bunch current
- > Charge loss needs to be modelled to **better estimate** drive bunch energy **depletion**
- > Next steps:
  - > Combining all independent record-efficiencies:
    - > 55% RF to driver (CLIC) · 20-60% driver to wake · 42% wake to beam → 5-13 % overall efficiency
  - > Do it!



**Thanks to all  
involved**

# Backup Slides

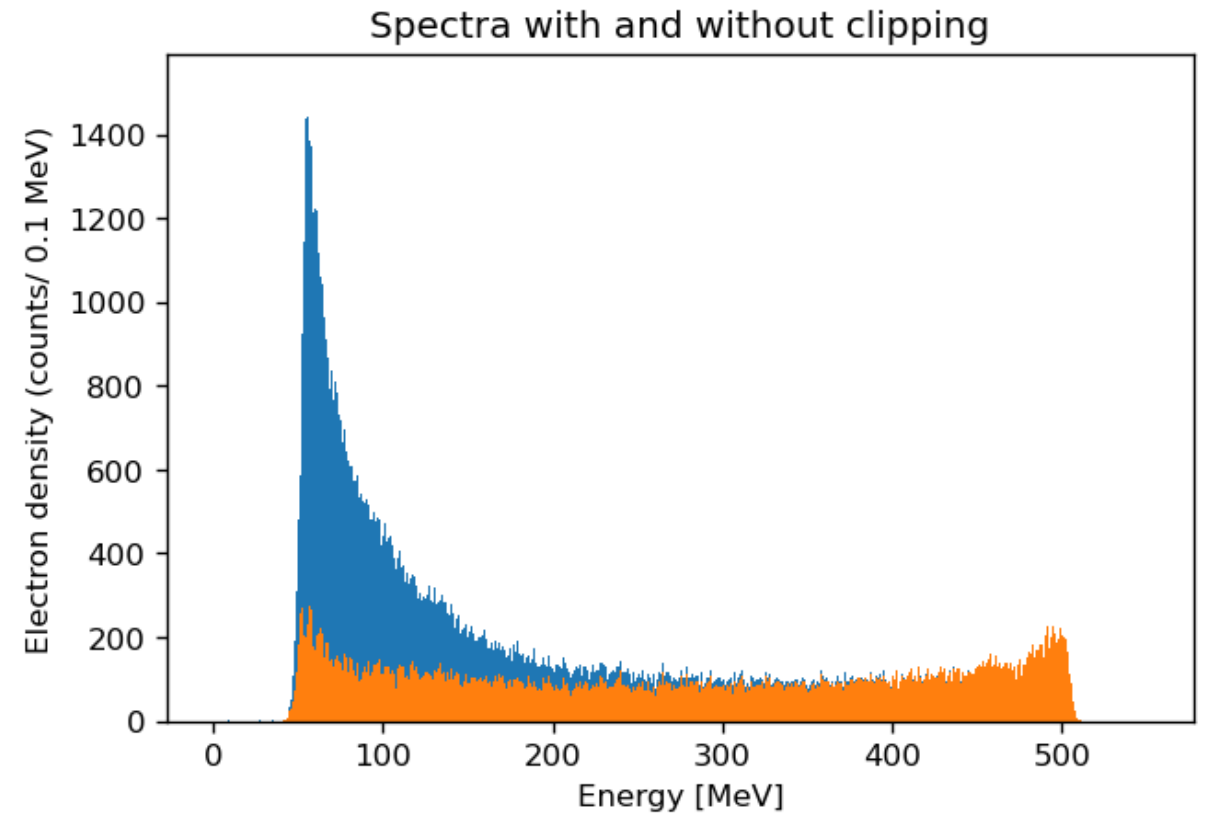
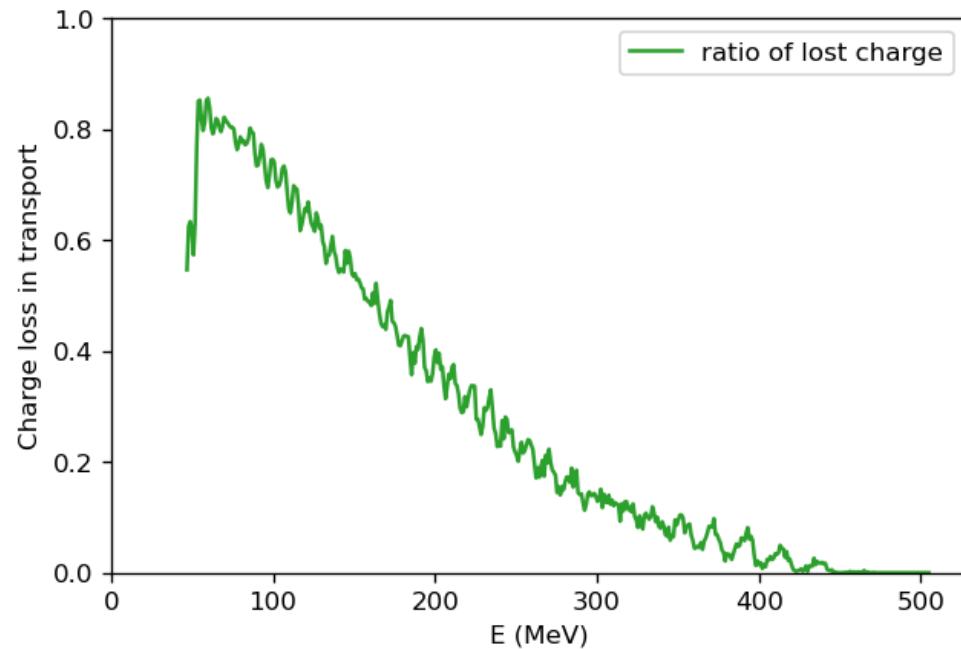
# Quasistatic check





# Charge loss in simulations

- > Hypothesis: Low energy electrons have large divergence and clip in transport
  - Charge loss is after plasma
  - Charge loss is predominantly at low energies



# What is the divergence of the beam?

> With  $\beta_m = \beta^* = \frac{\sqrt{2\gamma}}{k_p}$  and  $\epsilon_g = \frac{\epsilon_N}{\gamma}$  we can have

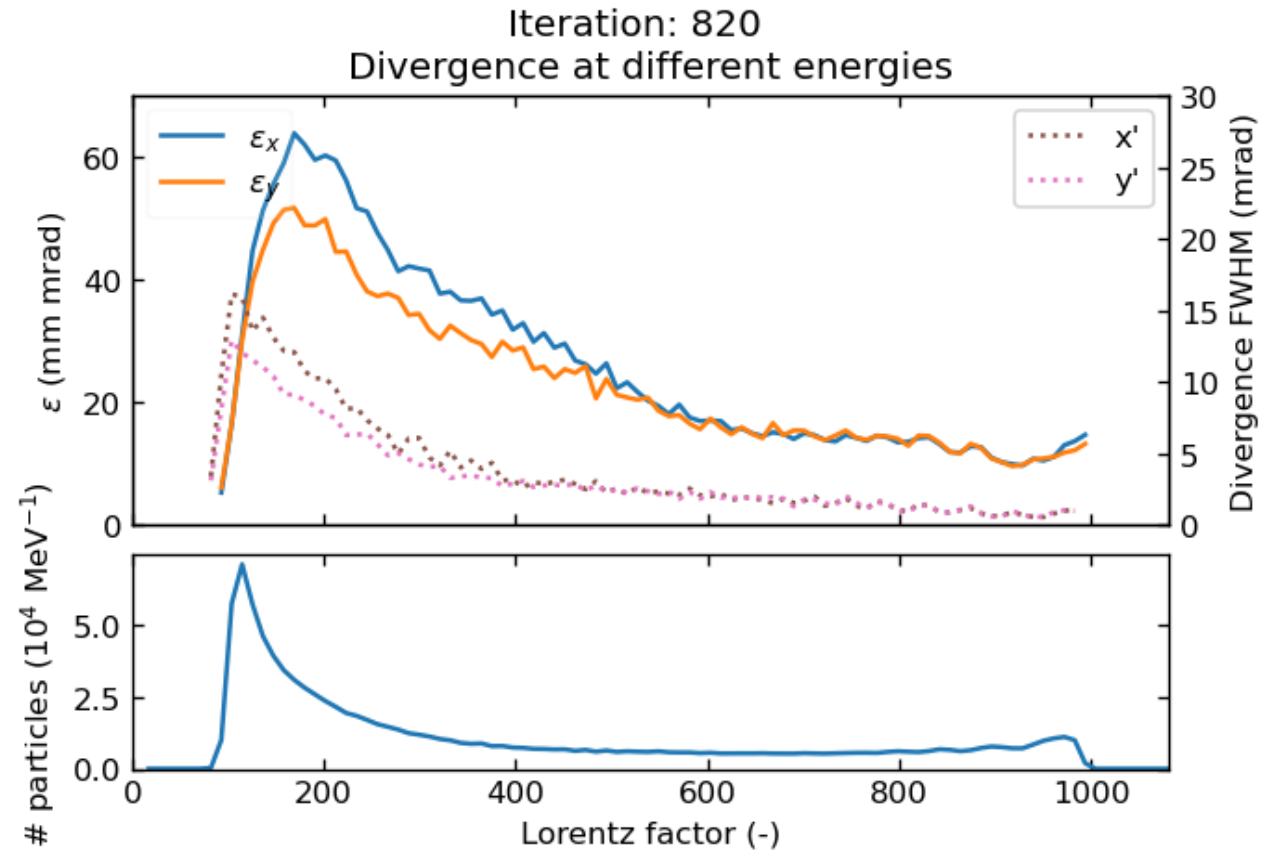
$$\sigma_x'^2 = \frac{\epsilon_g}{\beta^*} = \frac{\epsilon_N}{\gamma} \frac{k_p}{\sqrt{2\gamma}}$$

$$\sigma_x' = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_N(\gamma)k_p}{\sqrt{2\gamma^3}}}$$

> Decreasing energy  $\rightarrow$  larger divergence

# Large emittance at low energies → large divergence

$$\sigma'_x = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_N(\gamma) k_p}{\sqrt{2\gamma^3}}}$$





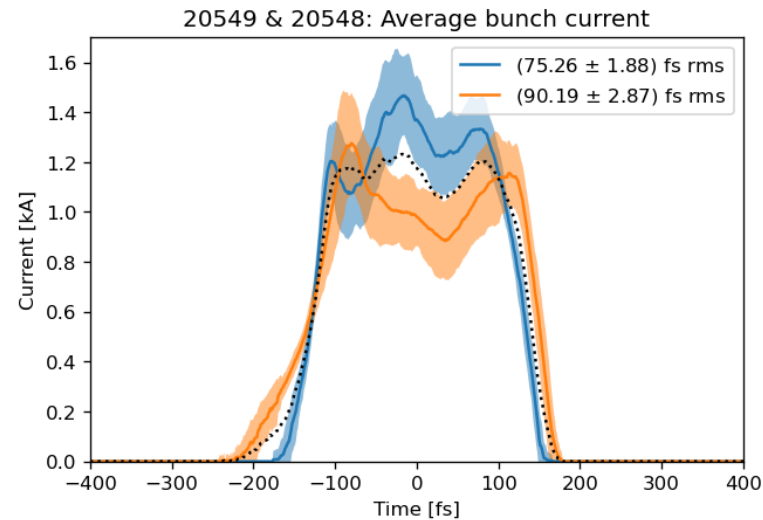
# Measured simulation input parameters

## > Beam

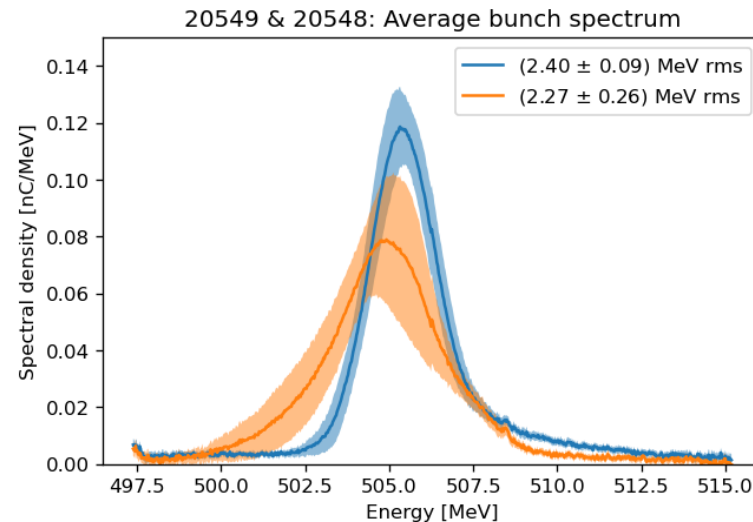
- Beam **current** measured at TDS scaled in charge
- **Energy & energy spread** at TDS
- **Twiss parameters** measured with 2-BPM tomography
- Incoming **charge** (BPM)

## > Plasma density

- Flattop **density** from optical spectrometer
- Long. **density profile** shape from previous experience



2 BPM-Tomography  
X-Plane:  
Beta function at waist: 32.98 mm.  
Waist location: 30.18 mm.  
Y-Plane:  
Beta function at waist: 53.11 mm.  
Waist location: -10.13 mm.



# Plasma density

- > Our measurements with the optical spectrometer:
  - Averages radially
    - We probably have higher density on axis, by possibly 50%
- > Other diagnostics also hint to higher densities
- > We use the measured densities + 50%
  - Need to point out the large uncertainty in density

**NO MORE  
BACKUPS :)**