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WP14 Transformative Innovation Paths
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LMU, HZDR, HHU, FZJ, LOA, UOXF, USTRATH,
UP, IC, UNI-ROMA2, UCLA et al.



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- Context and new members
- TRL Status and Evolution
- Potential impact for ESFRI
- Integration options for EuPRAXIA sites
- Structures to be funded

WP14
**“Hybrid Laser-Electron-
Beam Driven Acceleration”**

CDR:
**“Transformative
Innovation Path”
Cluster**

WP14
**“Transformative Innovation
Paths”**

**Integration in
Infrastructures**

EuPRAXIA 2015-2019

EuPRAXIA-PP 2022-2026

Work package number	14	Lead beneficiary					USTRATH
Work package title	Transformative Innovation Paths						Call: [INFRA-2022-DEV-02-01] — [Preparatory phase of new ESFRI research infrastructure projects]
Participant number	1	6	8	12	13	14	EU Grants: Application form (HE CS)
Short name of part.	INFN	UNI-ROMA2	CNRS	FZJ	HZDR	LMU	Development of tailored long plasma targets (IC). Development of spin-polarized electron beam sources using pre-polarized gas targets (FZJ) or plasma photocathodes (USTRATH).
Person months per part.:	0 (+6)	0 (+6)	0 (+6)	0 (+36)	0 (+7)	0 (+7)	Milestones
Participant number	22	25	30	29			MG.1 Update of concepts for EuPRAXIA, systems status report (M24)
Short name of part.	USTRATH	UOXF	IC	UCLA			
Person months per part.:	12 (+6)	0 (+6)	0 (+6)	0 (+6)			Deliverables (brief description and month of delivery)
Start month	1			End month			D14.1 Report on structures (centres, clusters, experimental programmes) to be funded (M12)
							D14.2 TRL report (M42)

Objectives

To develop R&D structures including the definition of programmatic scientific R&D, formation of excellence centres and (national and international) funding programmes and budgets to ensure the latest innovative science breakthroughs can continuously be implemented into EuPRAXIA. To develop hybrid LWFA→PWFA as a combination of and a bridge between the two main approaches of EuPRAXIA, LWFA and PWFA. To develop plasma photocathodes, multi-pulse wakefield acceleration and plasma sources for novel electron beam production. To steer scientific and technical progress of innovative, transformative approaches towards EuPRAXIA implementation.

Description of work (where appropriate, broken down into tasks), lead partner and role of participants

The WP14 is coordinated by USTRATH and LMU, supported by the collaborating institutes with their extensive experience and knowledge base. The WP develops several innovative, high gain concepts with possibly transformative potential, as specified in the CDR. Reflecting the broad range of approaches, collaborators are therefore widely spread and include groups various wider EuPRAXIA consortium members such as Universities of Oxford, Imperial, LOA. Detailed work will be performed on: Generation of low-emittance seed beams via a hybrid LWFA-PWFA approach (USTRATH, HZDR, LMU, LOA). Development of ultracold injection schemes via plasma photocathodes (USTRATH, HZDR, LMU, LOA, UOXF). Multipulse plasma wave excitation, overcoming the single-pulse energy limit of high-repetition rate few-10 fs lasers (UOXF). High repetition rate LWFA (UOXF, IC).

- D14.1 delivered in Nov 2023. Funding pathways now crucial
- Working towards D14.2: TRL report

14.1: Hybrid laser-particle driven wakefield acceleration (LWFA→PWFA)

14.2: Multipulse-driven P-MoPA for harnessing accessible high-repetition rate laser technology

14.3: Plasma photocathode injectors and ultracold beams

14.4: High-brightness prototyping for light sources, QED and HEP

14.5: Plasma targetry and diagnostics for ultrabright, high rep-rate beams

Partners:



17:00

Ultracold electron sources, kHz plasma injectors and strong THz fields

Hotel Hermitage, La Biodola Bay, Isola d'Elba, Italy

Prof. Stefan Karsch

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Stable Beam driven wakefield in structured plasmas

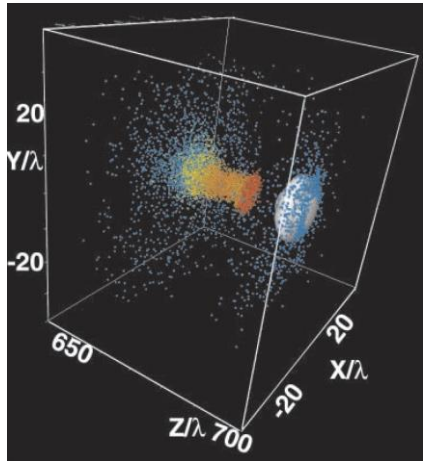
Hotel Hermitage, La Biodola Bay, Isola d'Elba, Italy

Alexander Pukhov

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- Pioneer in LWFA and PWFA. Its researchers have collaboratively contributed to pillars EuPRAXIA builds on, such as

LWFA

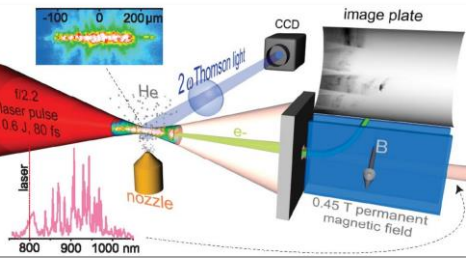


Bubble regime, Pukhov, MtV 2002

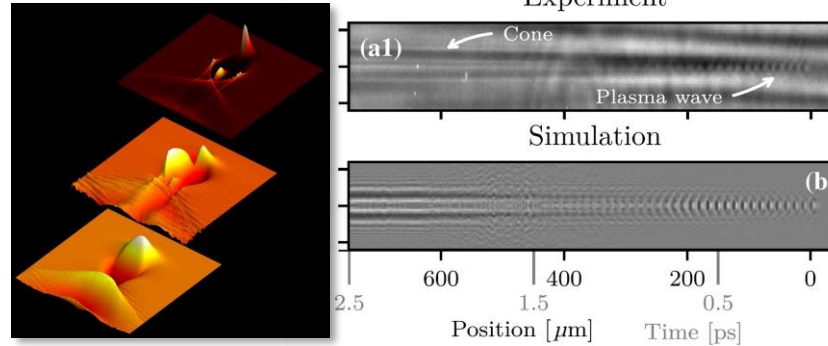


First monoenergetic LWFA, Faure .. Pukhov.. 2004

First monoenergetic LWFA in Germany, Hidding, Karsch, Pretzler et al., 2006

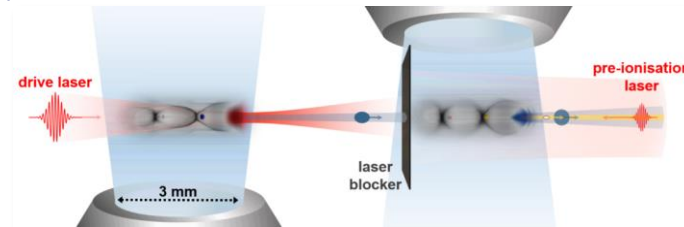


Hybrid LWFA-PWFA



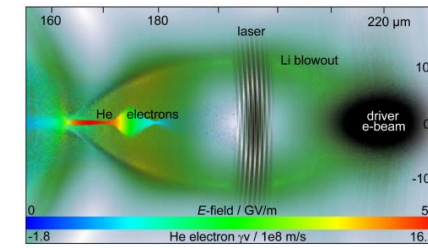
Concept, Hidding, Pretzler, Karsch et al., PRL 2010

Plasma wave dynamics, Gilljohann .. Hidding, Karsch .. PRX 2019



Hybrid LWFA→PWFA Platform, Kurz, Heinemann, Hidding, Karsch, Schramm, Nat. Comm. 2021

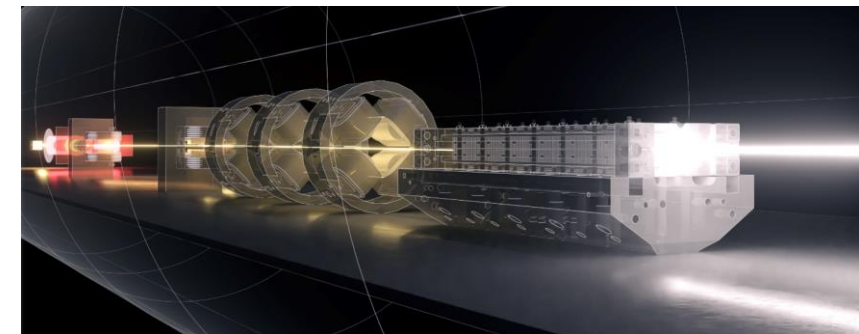
PWFA



Plasma photocathode concept, Hidding .. Pretzler et al., PRL 2010



First Plasma Photocathode, Deng .. Hidding, Nat. Phys. 2019



Hard X-FEL blueprint, Habib.. Hidding Nat. Comm. 2023

- ARCTURUS 2x200 TW and Phaser facilities for exp. plasma wakefield acceleration
- 5 University research groups across theory, simulations and experiments



Prof. Alexander Pukhov



Prof. Carsten Müller

Theory & Simulation

HHU offers programmatic R&D resources and staffing capacities for plasma wakefield innovations, beam brightness and energy transformers, X-FEL and QED prototypes and experiments, novel diagnostics, and Training and Education



Prof. Bernhard Hidding (also



,WP 14)



Prof. Georg Pretzler

Experiments



Prof. Markus Büscher (also at



<https://www.plasmaxlasers.hhu.de/>

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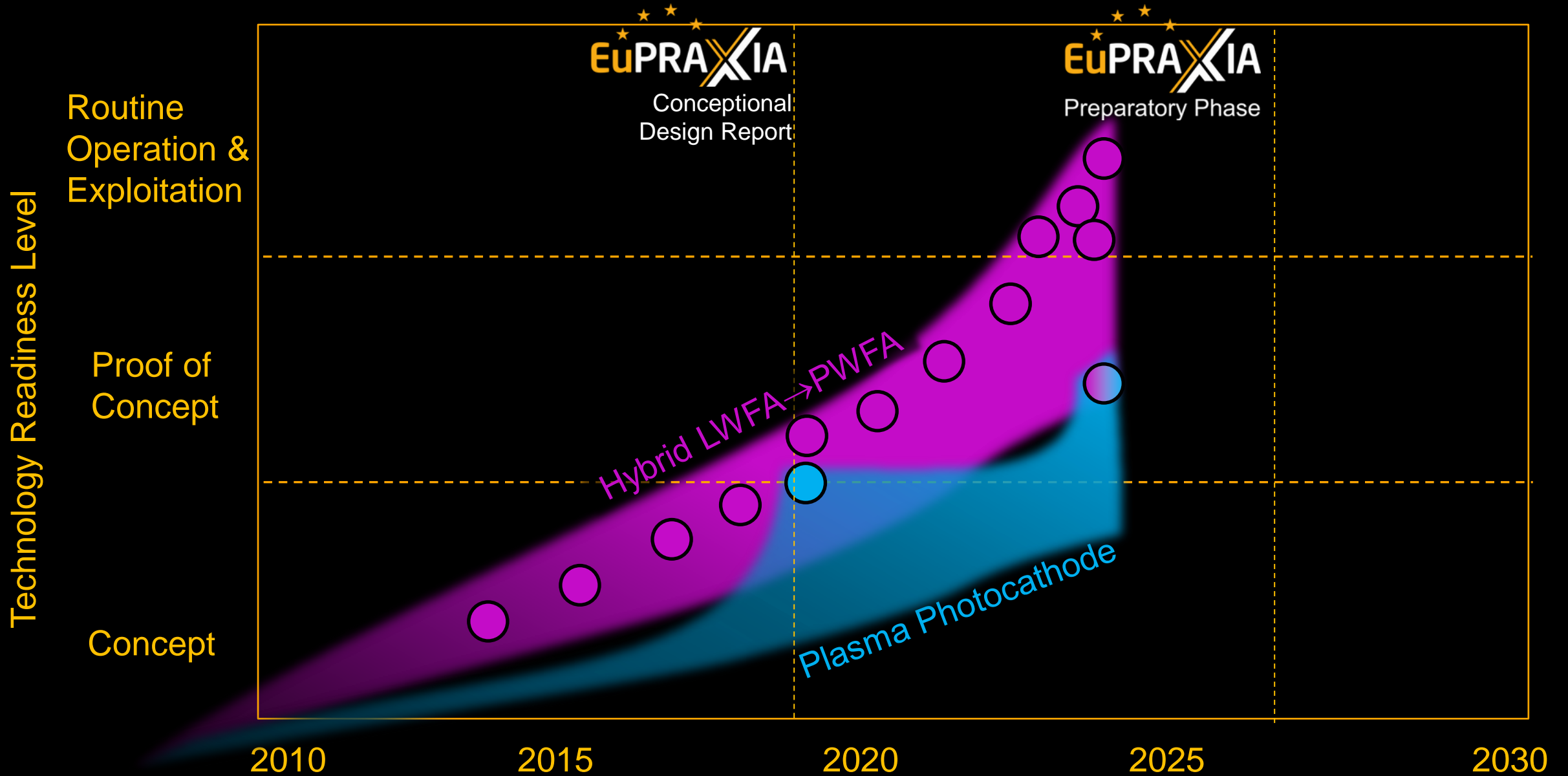
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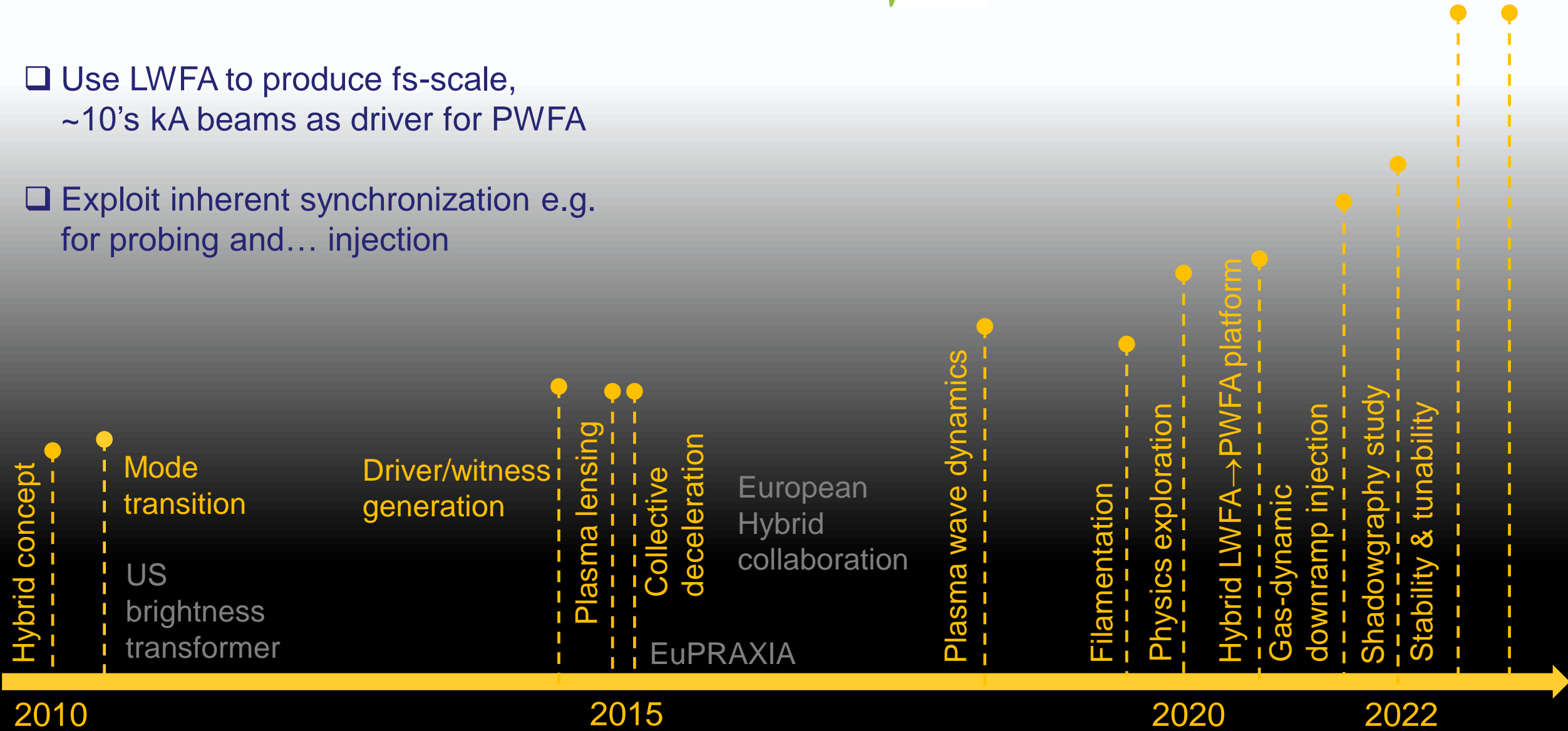
D14.2 TRL report (M42)

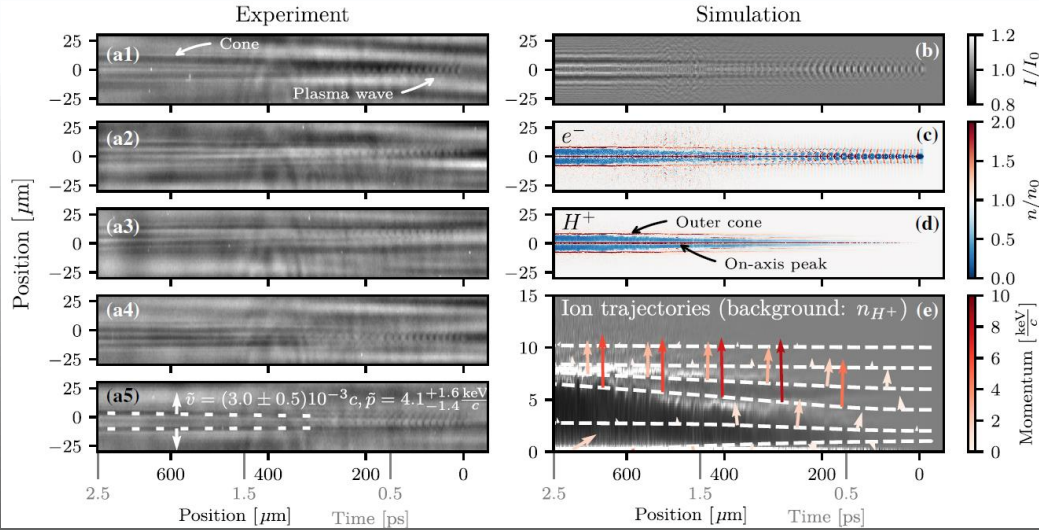
- TRL status crucial for integration into sites
- Core aim of WP is to ensure capabilities EuPRAXIA can offer to users are cutting edge *at the time user operation begins and beyond*
- Requires forward-looking R&D and implementation paths
- Innovations advanced quickly, some already at very high TRL

Concepts \Rightarrow Proof of Concept \Rightarrow Routine Operation & Exploitation
Example 14.1 and 14.3



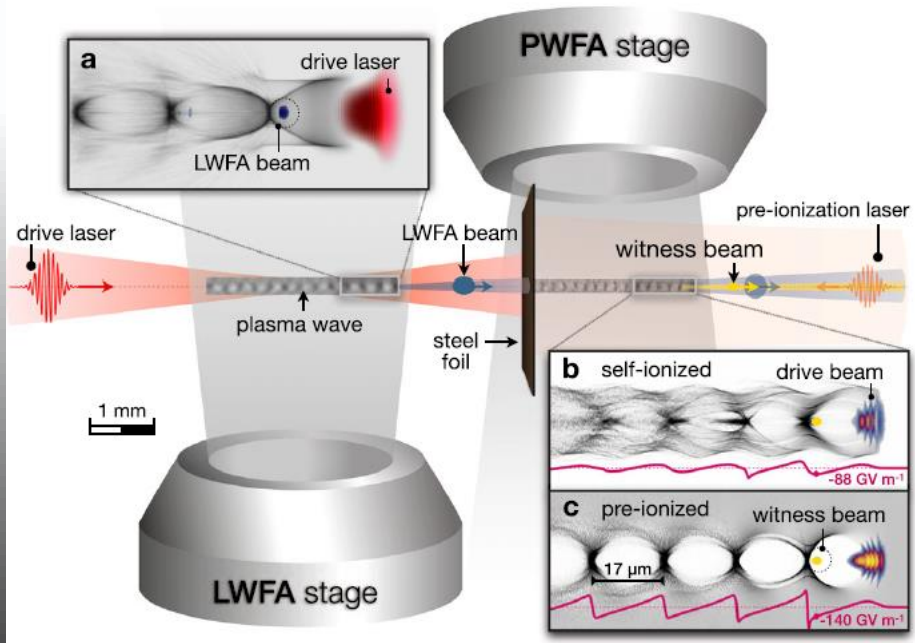
- ❑ Use LWFA to produce fs-scale, ~10's kA beams as driver for PWFA
- ❑ Exploit inherent synchronization e.g. for probing and... injection



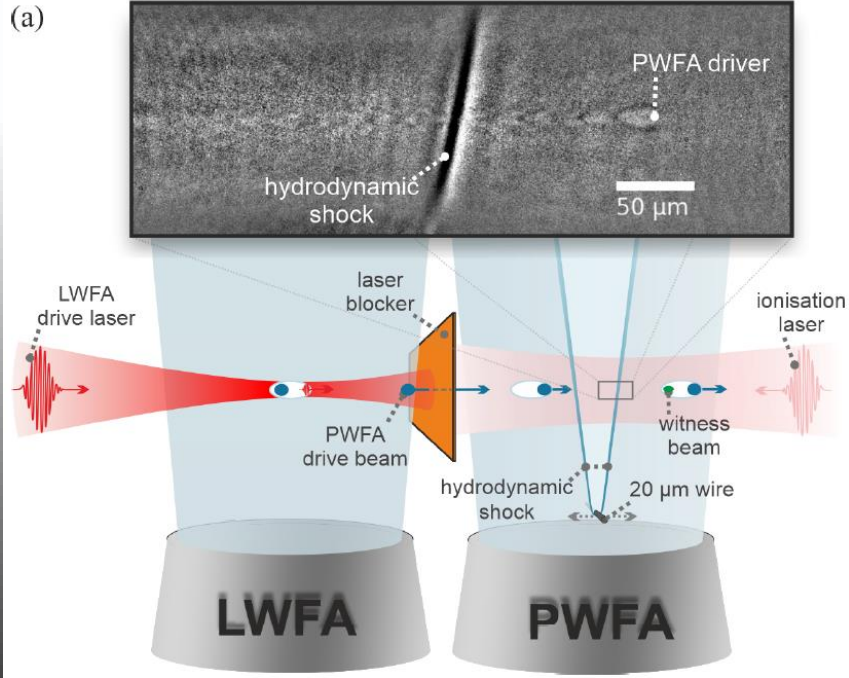


Direct Observation of Plasma Waves and Dynamics Induced by Laser-Accelerated Electron Beams
Gilljohann et al. PRX (2019)





Demonstration of a compact plasma accelerator powered by laser-accelerated electron beams
Kurz, Heinemann et al.
Nat. Comm. (2021)



Gas-dynamic density downramp injection in a beam-driven plasma wakefield accelerator
Couperus Cabadağ et al.
Phys Rev. Res. (2021)

Hybrid concept

Mode transition

Driver/witness generation

US brightness transformer

Plasma lensing

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EuPRAXIA

Plasma wave dynamics

Filamentation

Physics exploration

Hybrid LWFA → PWFA platform

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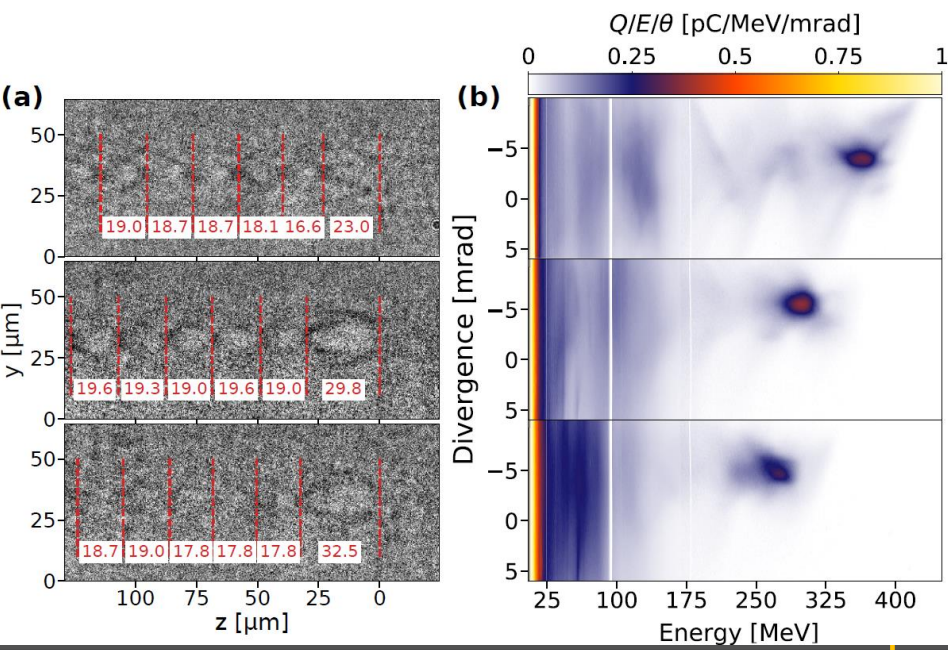
Stability & tunability

2010

2015

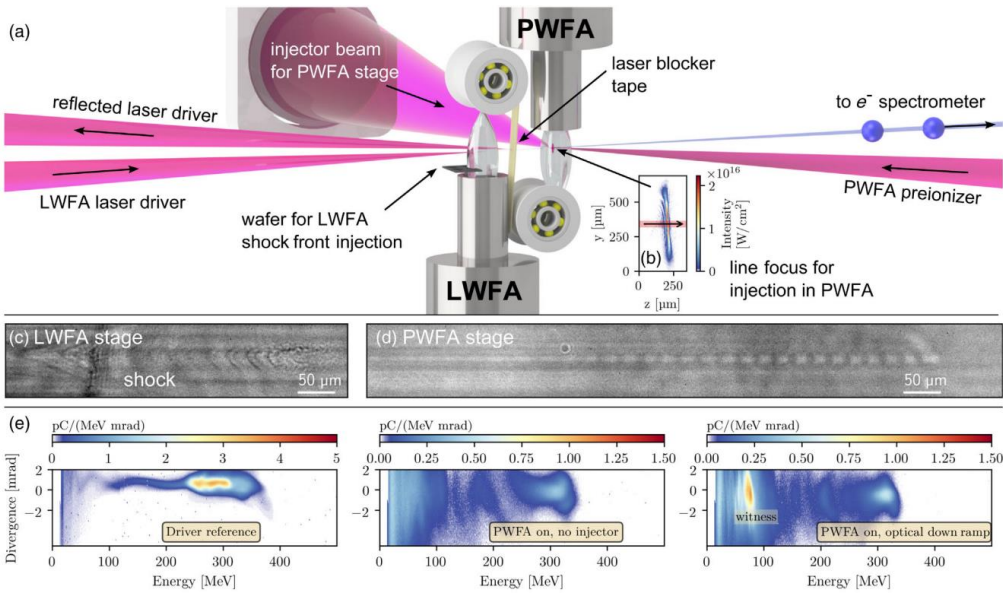
2020

2022



Effect of driver charge on wakefield characteristics in a plasma accelerator probed by femtosecond shadowgraphy
Schoebel et al. NJP (2022)





Stable and High-Quality Electron Beams from Staged Laser and Plasma Wakefield Accelerators
Foerster et al. PRX (2022)

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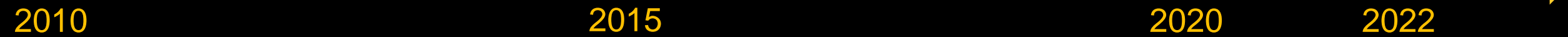
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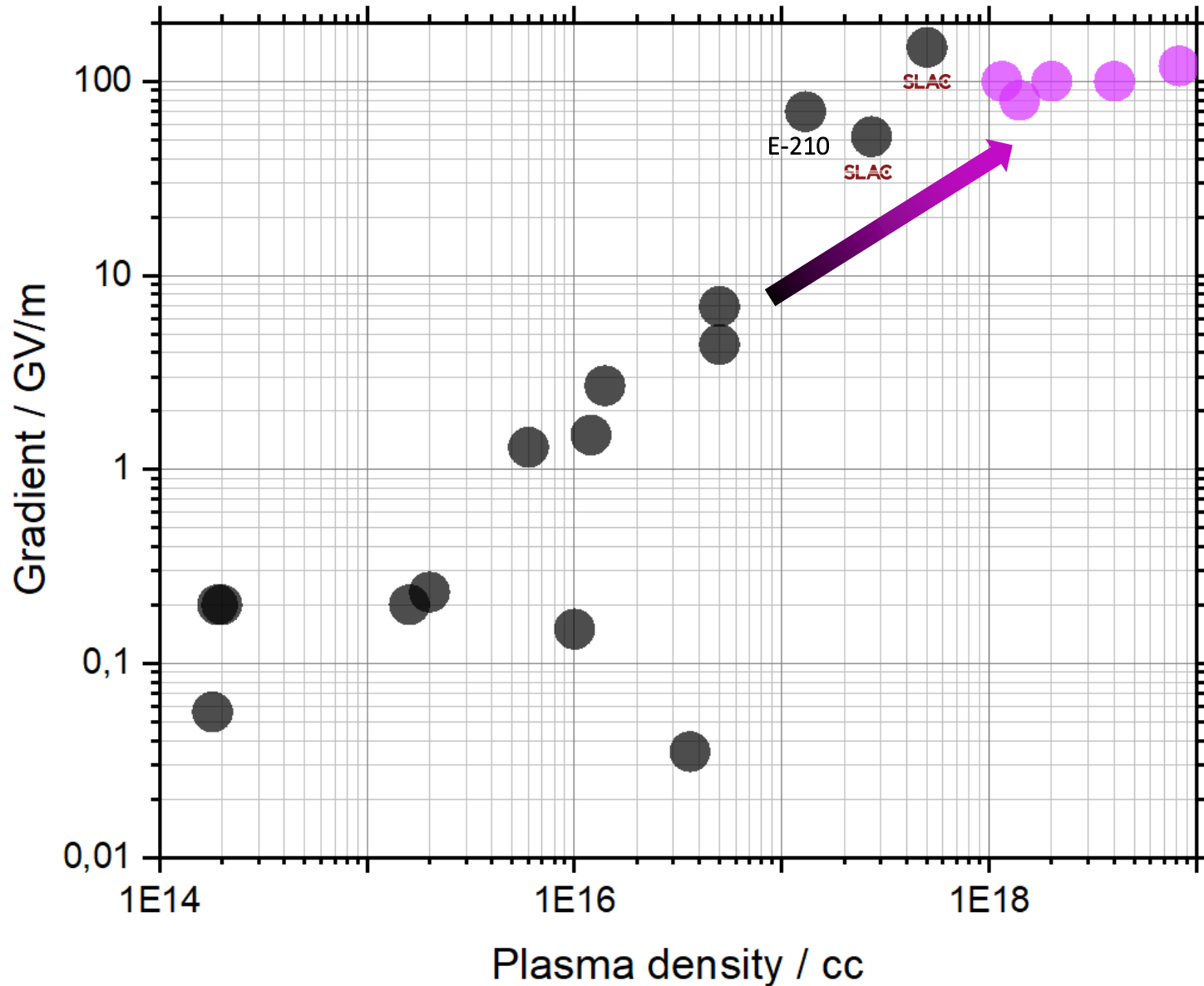
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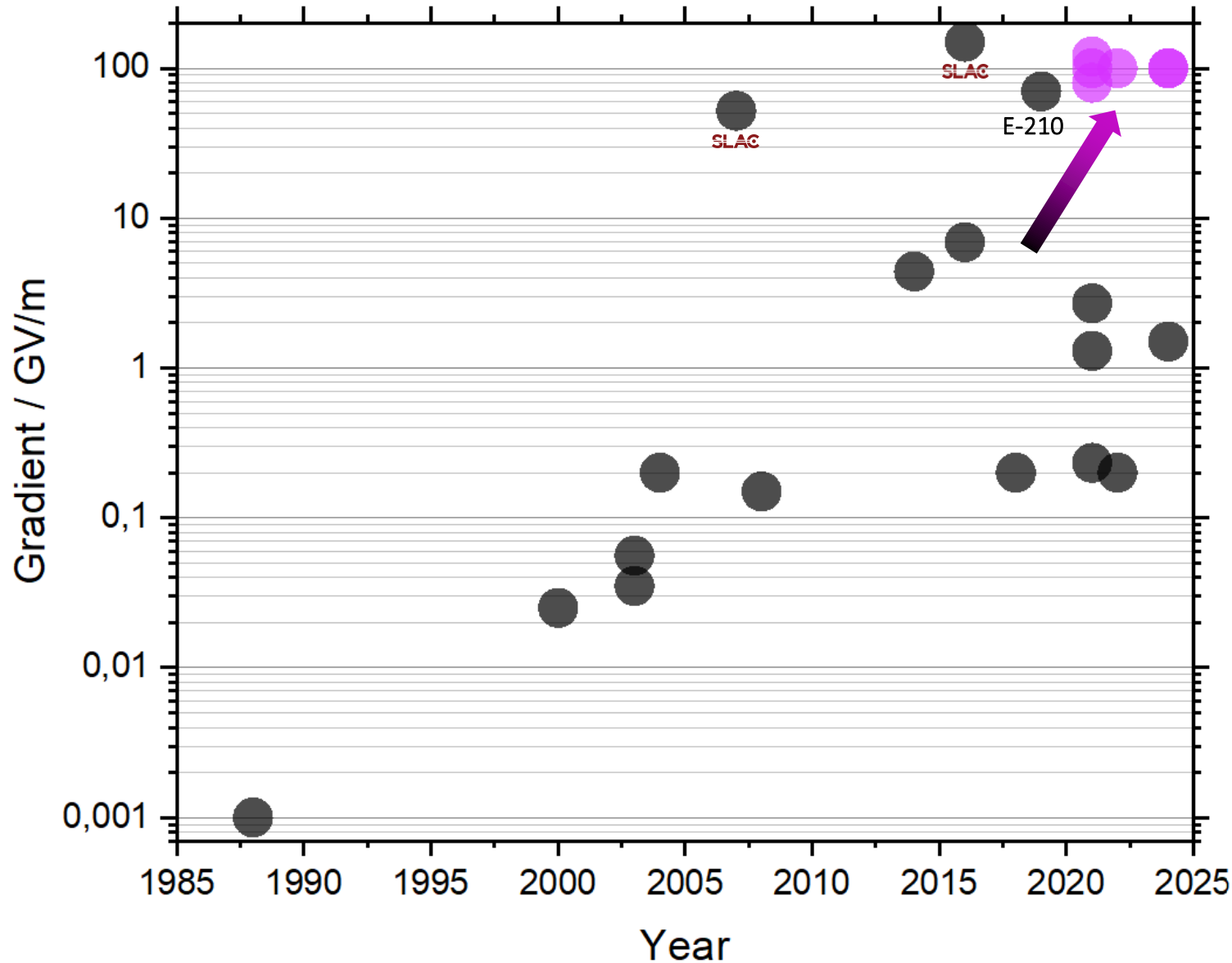
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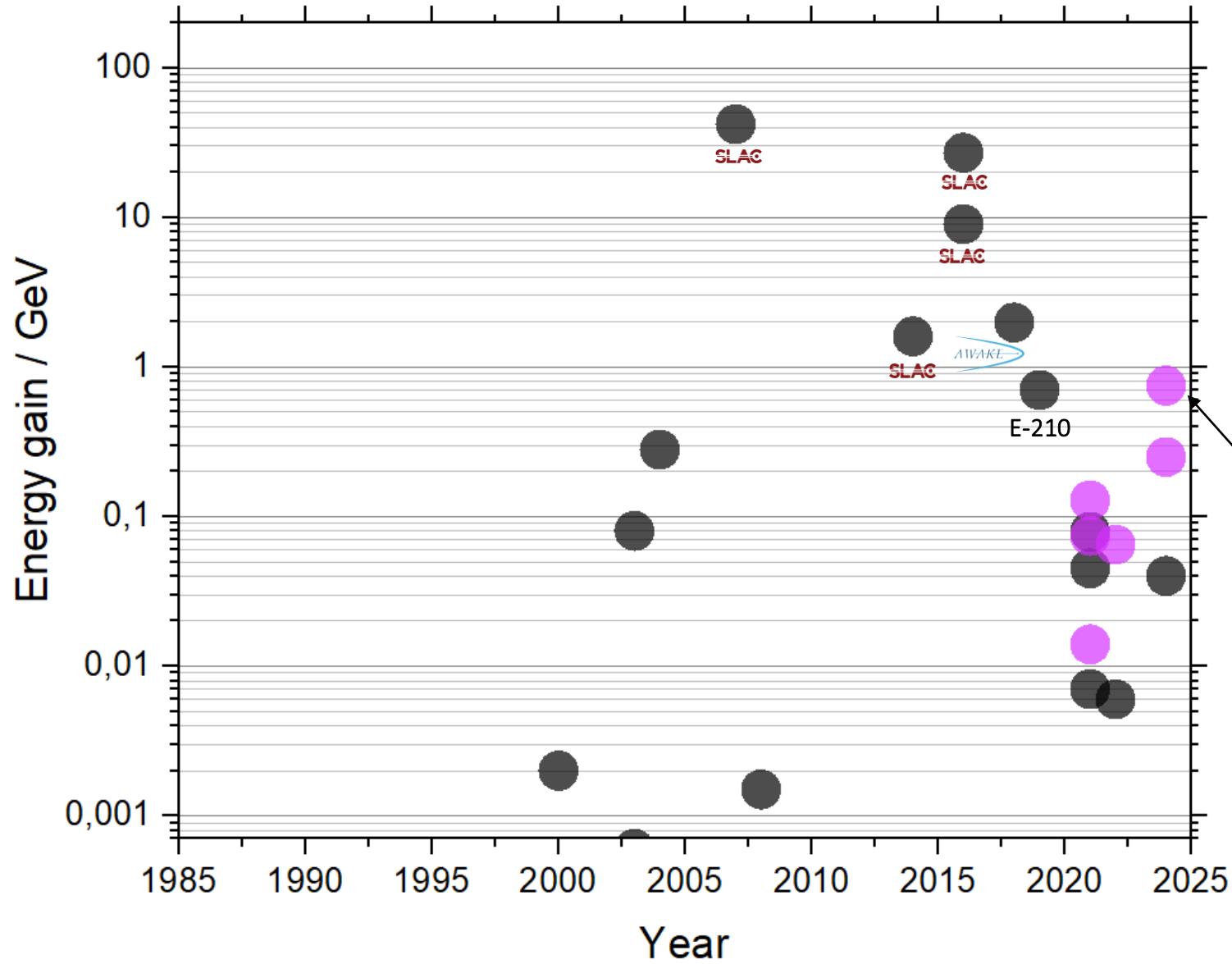
Extends EuPRAXIA PWFA operation range by two orders of magnitude

- Linac-driven PWFA
- Hybrid LWFA→PWFA



Post-CDR successes

- Linac-driven PWFA
- Hybrid LWFA → PWFA



Also leading energy gain results (discounting multi-km SLAC and CERN)

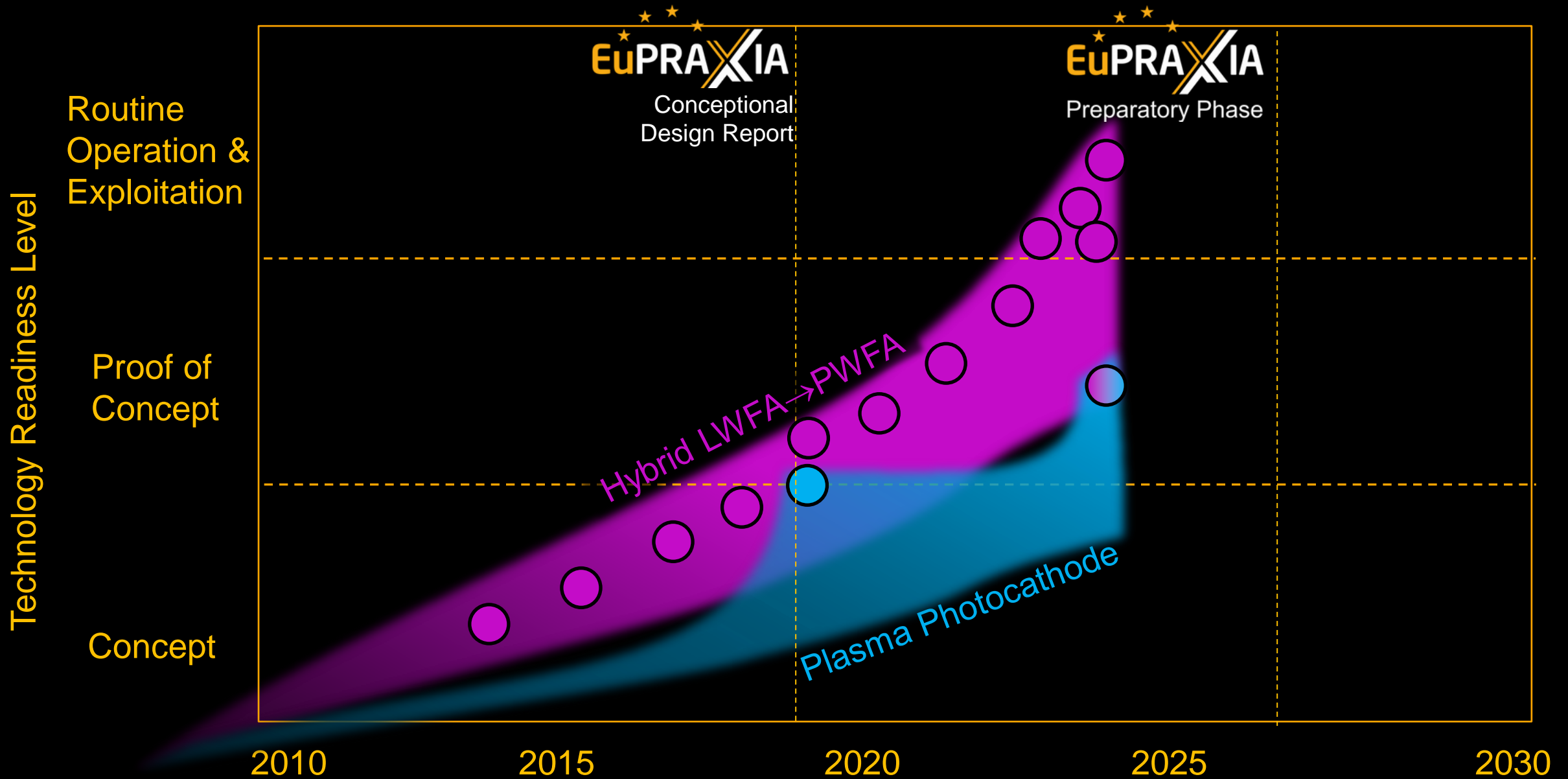
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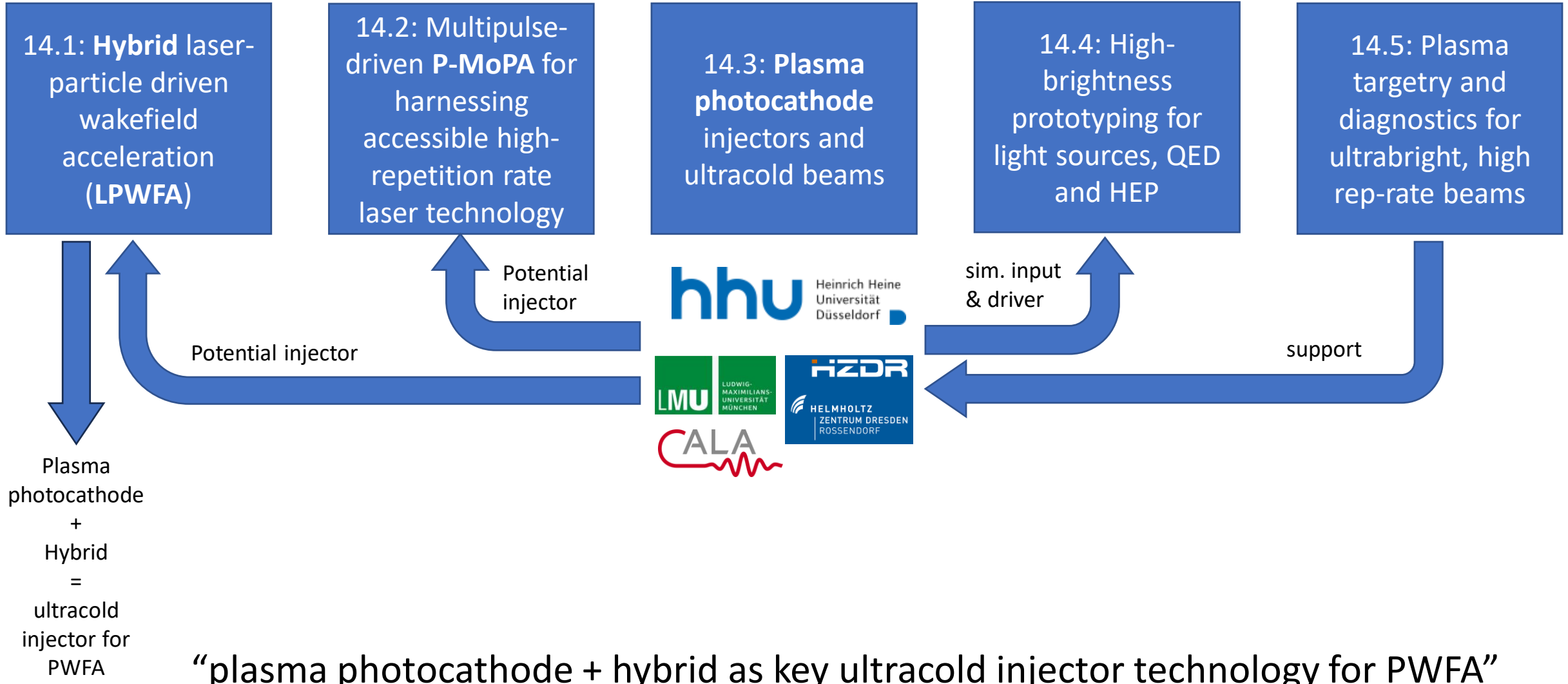


Newest energy gain record: See Stefan's talk tomorrow!

- Highest TRL obtained: routine operation
- Already enabled cutting edge PWFA (gradient, energy gain, shadowgraphy, ion motion, laser-triggered injection...)
- Extends EuPRAXIA PWFA gradient by two orders of magnitude
- Could be implemented at PWFA site
- Also relevant for LWFA site: enables dephasing-free plasma wakefield acceleration and ultracold injection schemes

Availability of strong-field PWFA outwith SLAC boosts plasma photocathode R&D





Plasma torch injection in a hybrid plasma accelerator

Facility

HZDR



Project ID

HZDR002800

Applicant Name

Bernhard Hidding

Home Institute

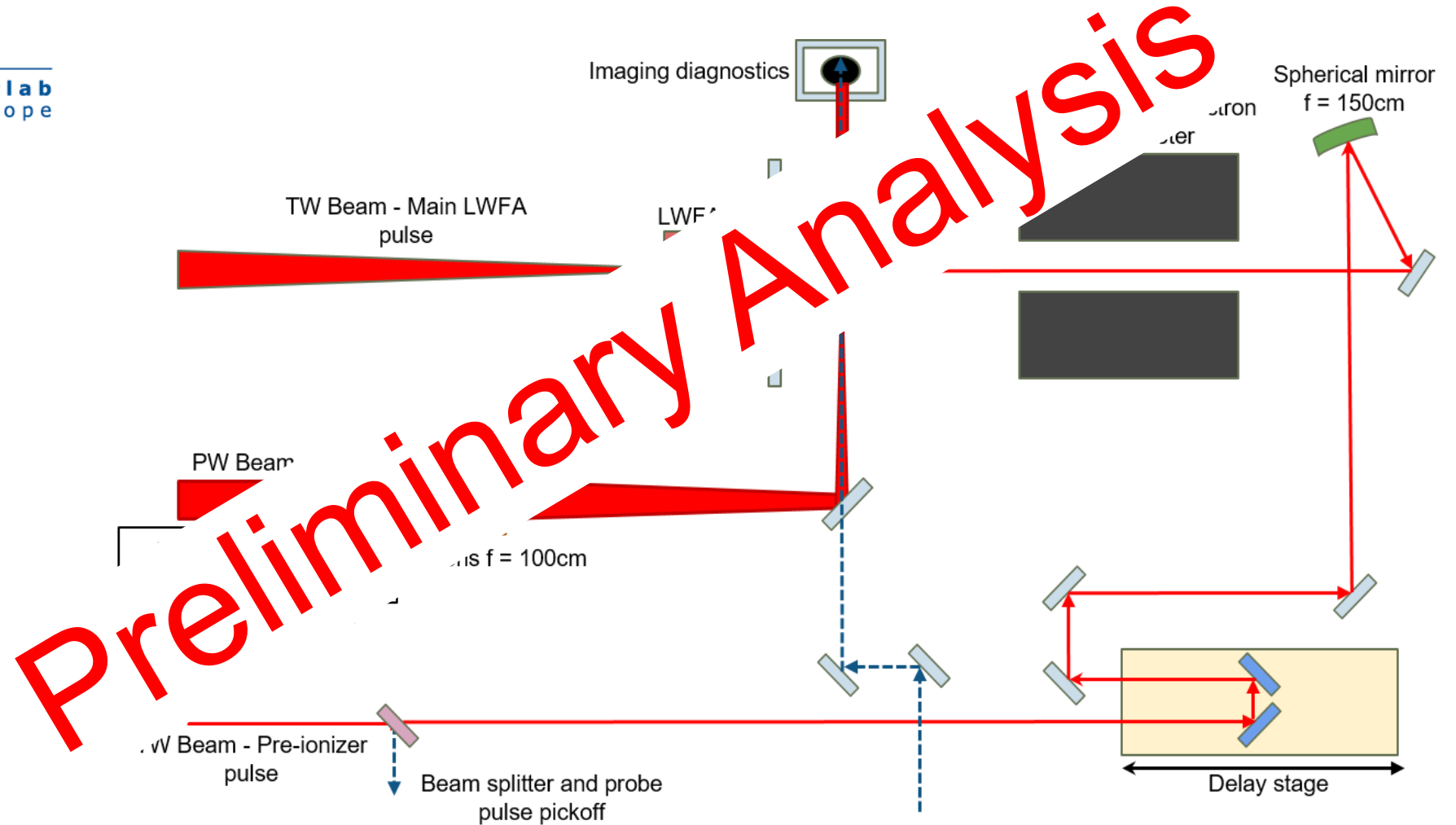
University of Strathclyde

Country

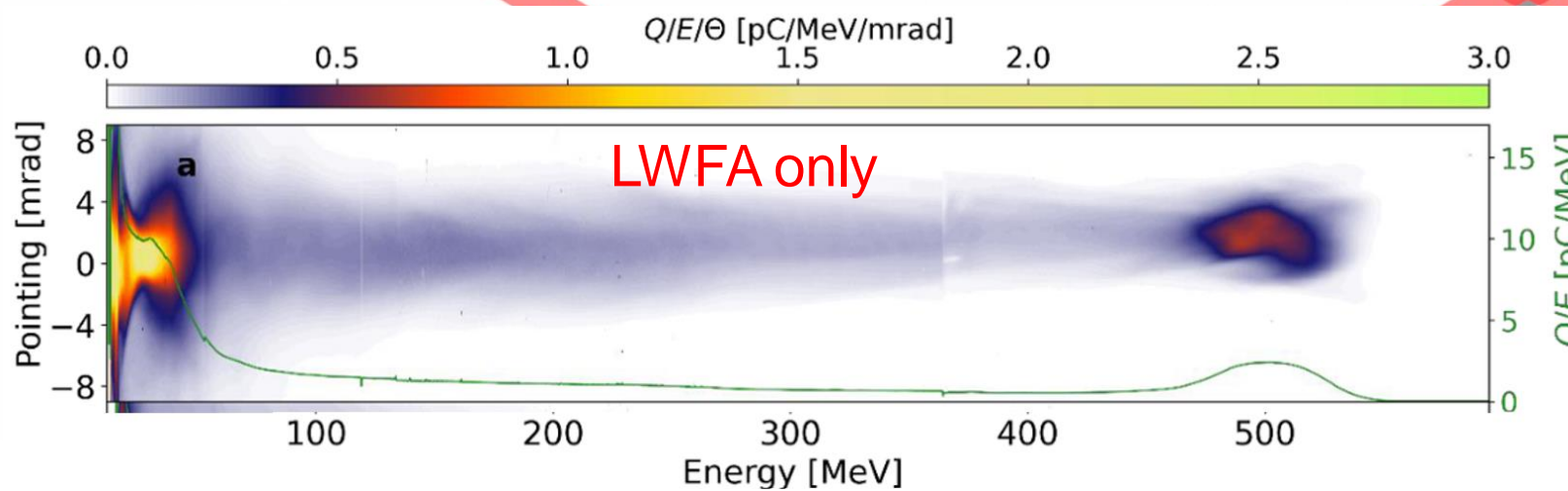
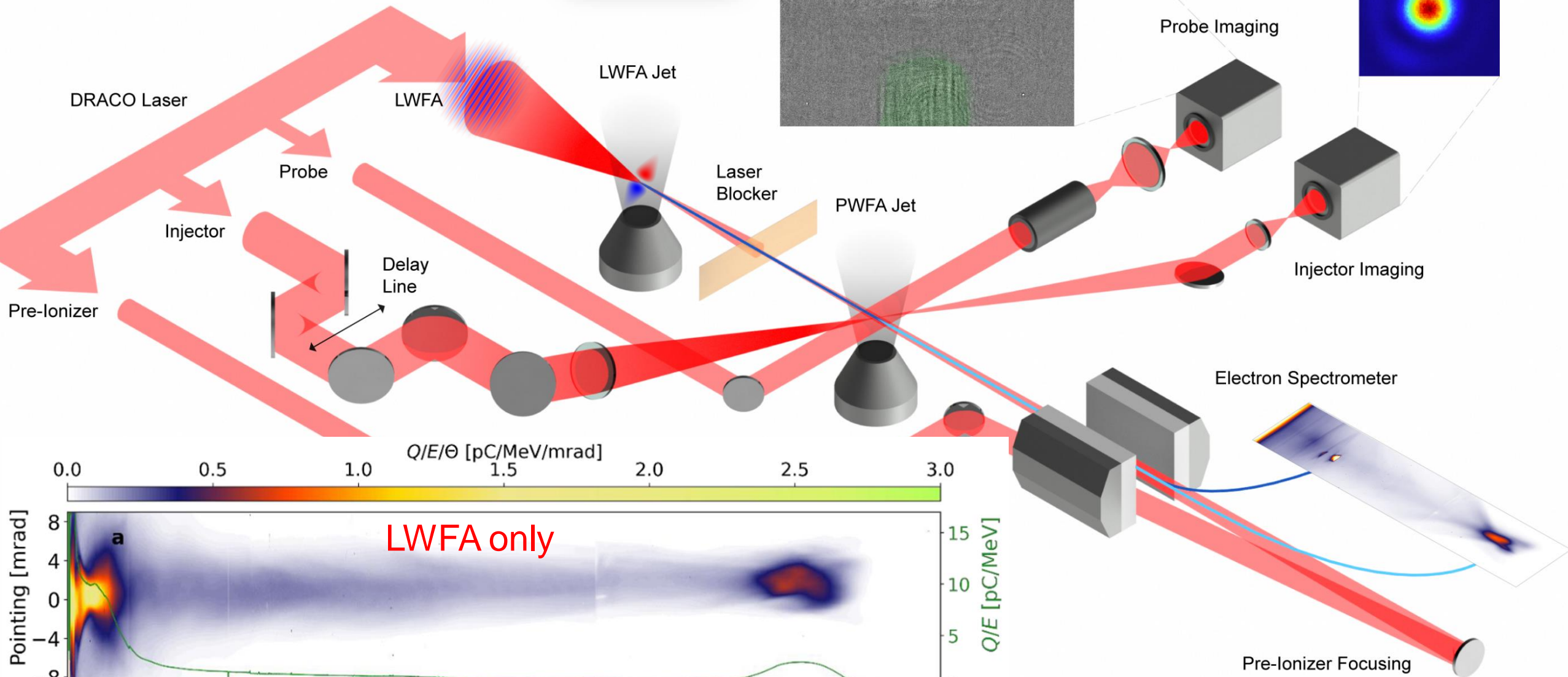
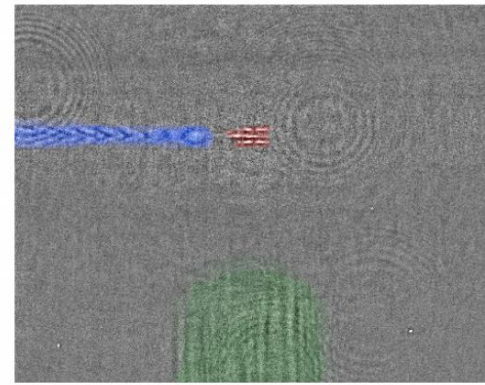
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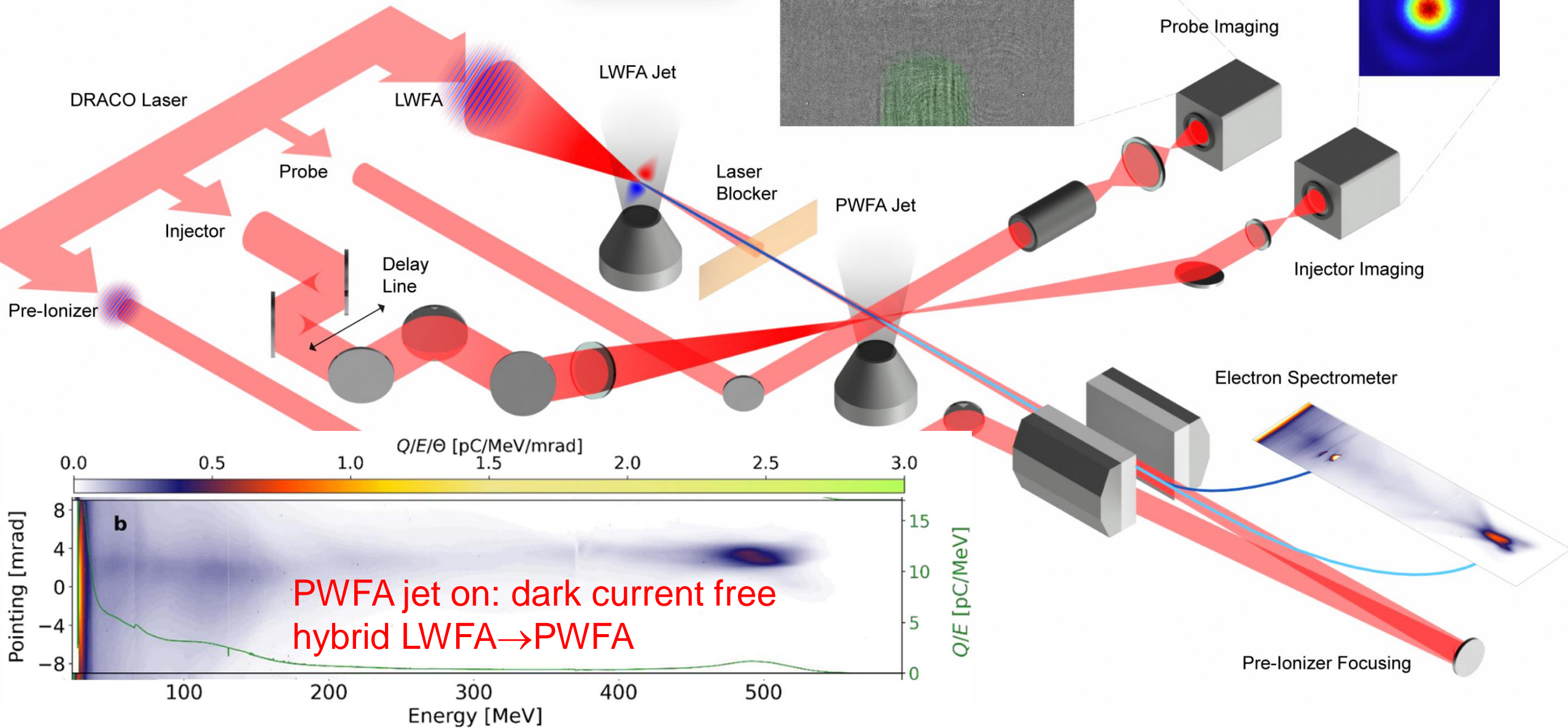
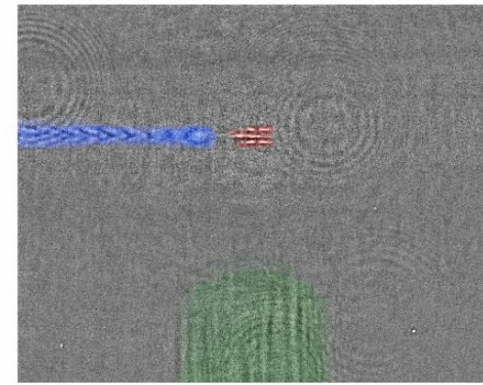
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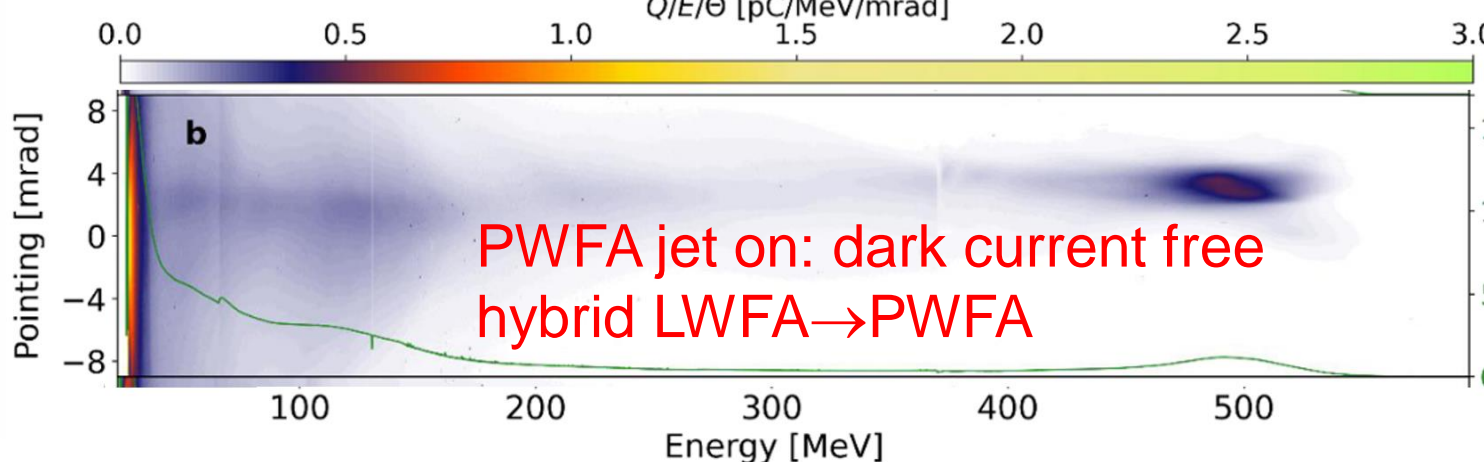
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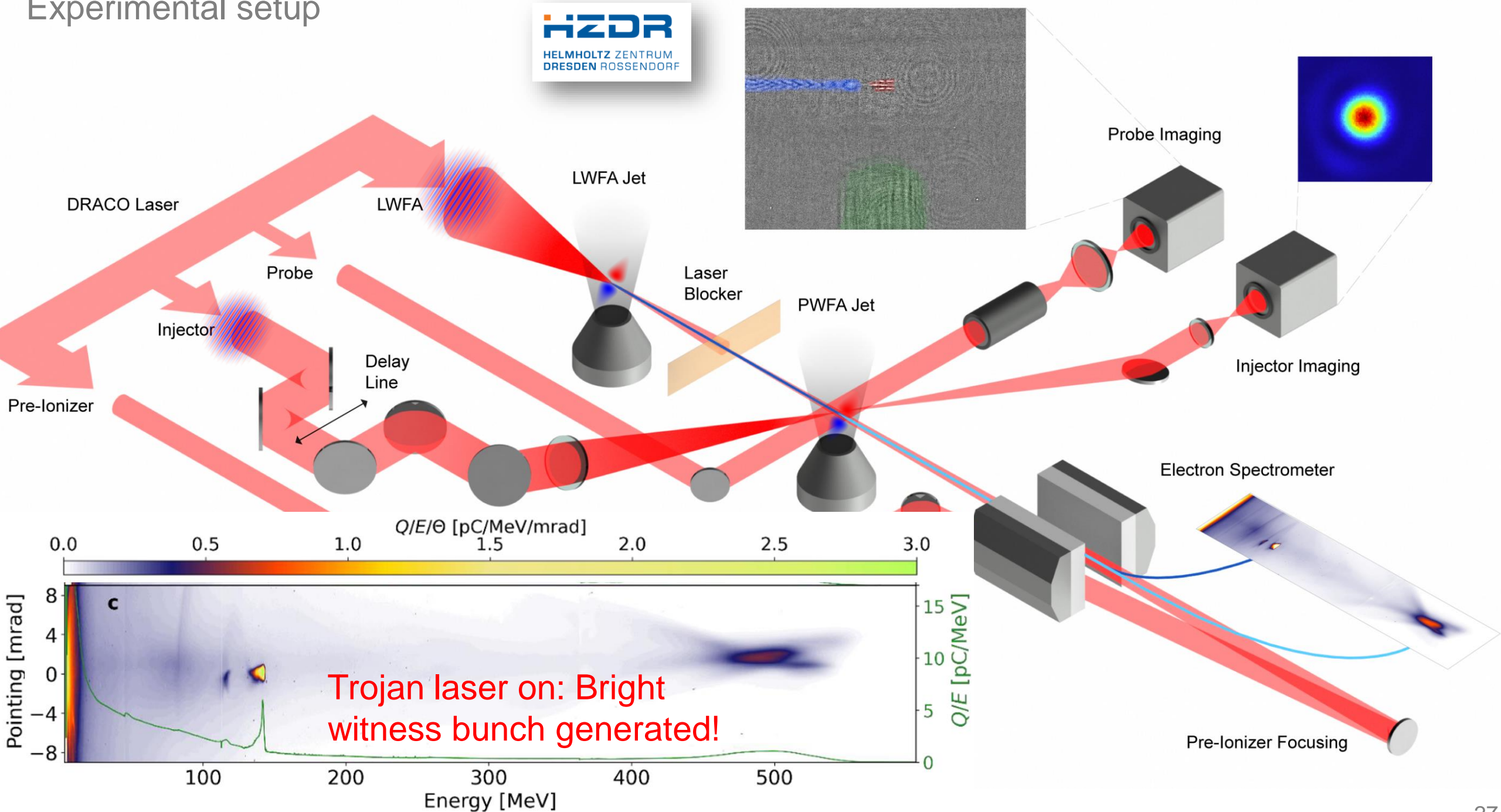
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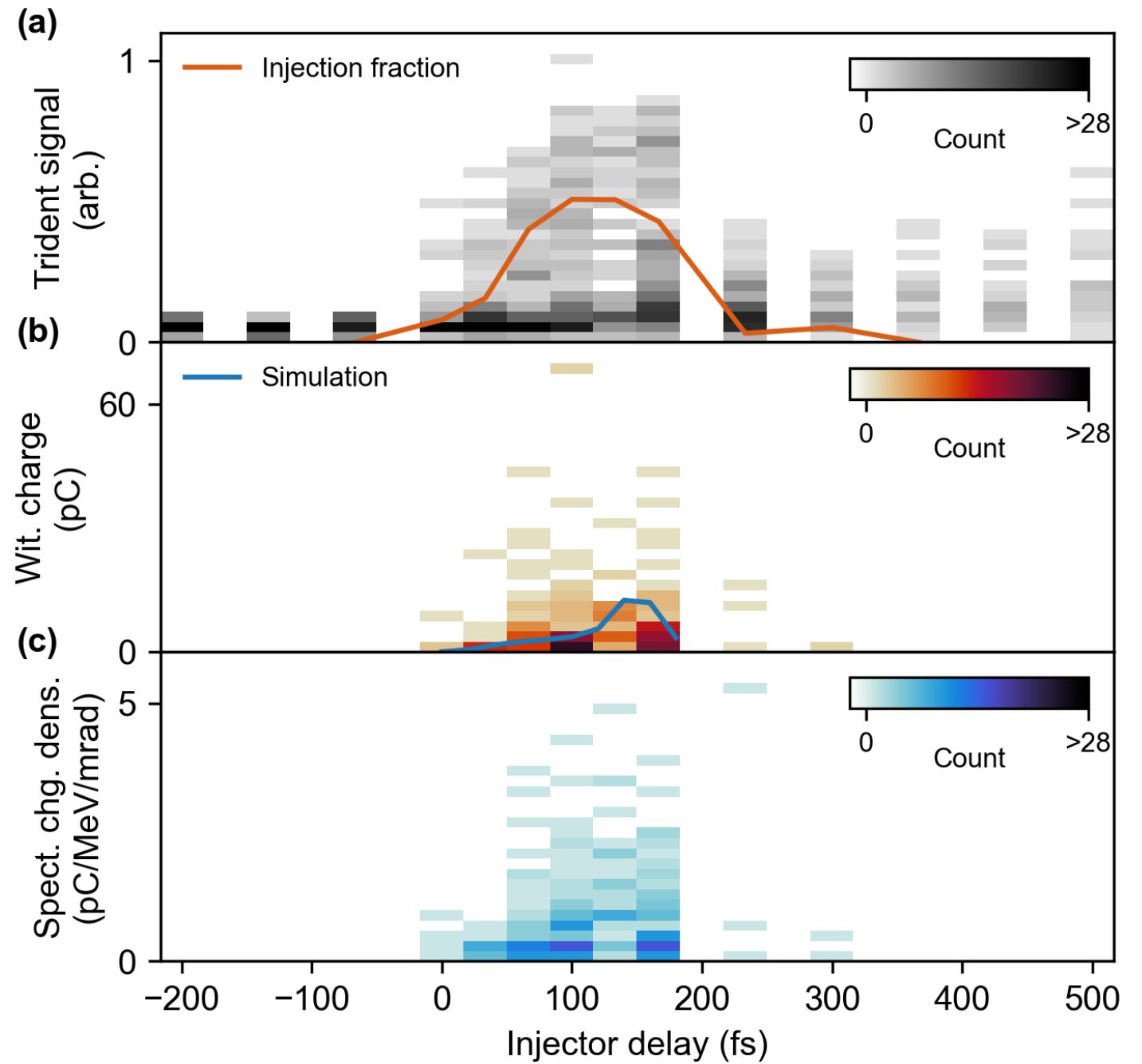
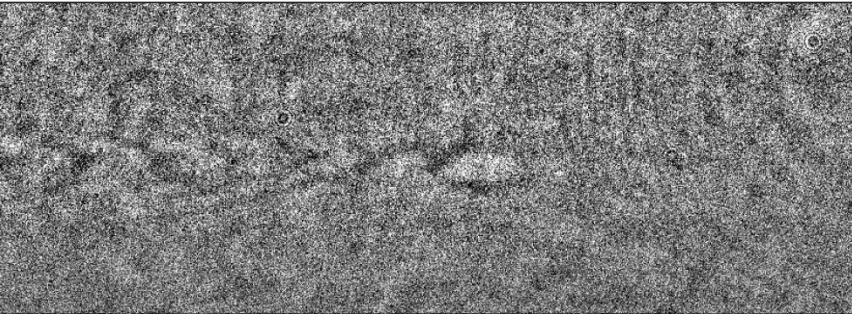
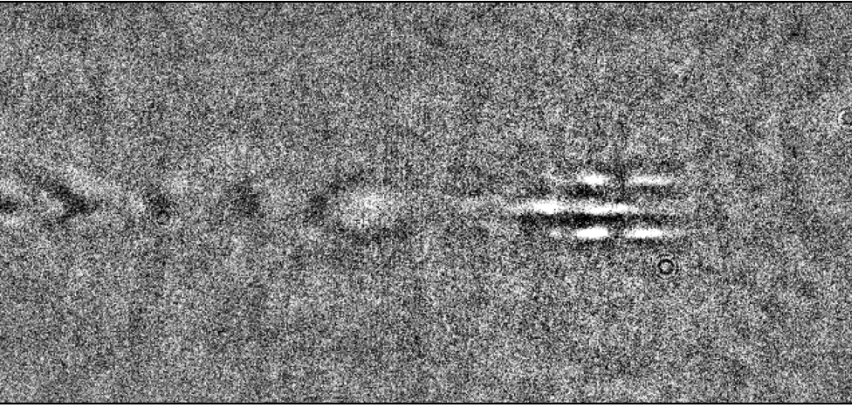
**PWFA jet on: dark current free
hybrid LWFA→PWFA**



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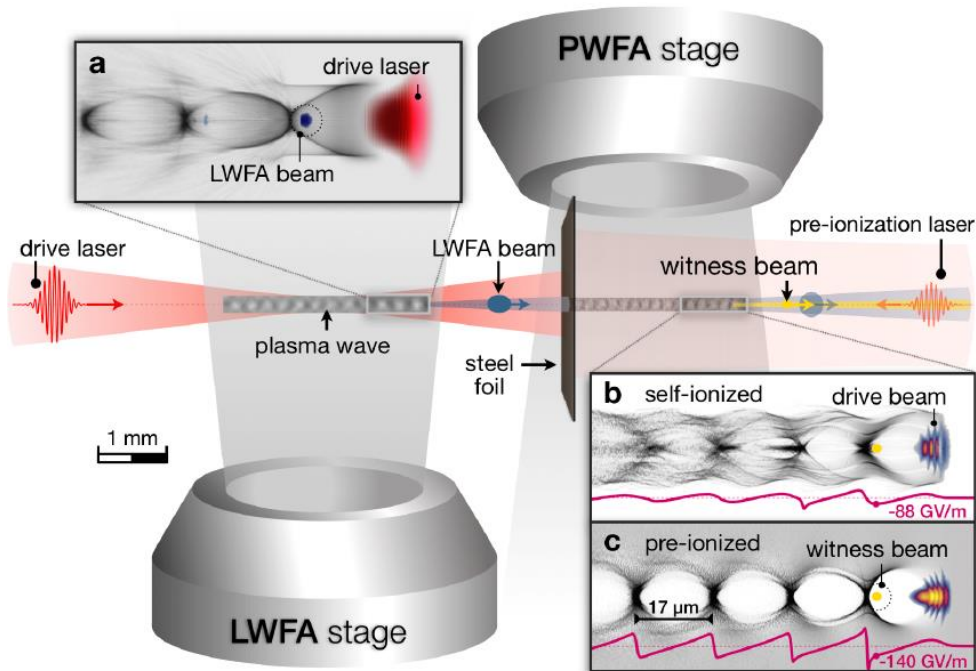


Isolation and visualization of plasma photocathode



Spatiotemporal overlap

- ❑ Shadowgraphy works well at high plasma densities
- ❑ Exploits inherent “perfect” synchronization
- ❑ Allows observation of ionizing injection laser on collision course with e-beam driven wake



Filament and self-ionized plasma wave driven by the LWFA generated electron beam

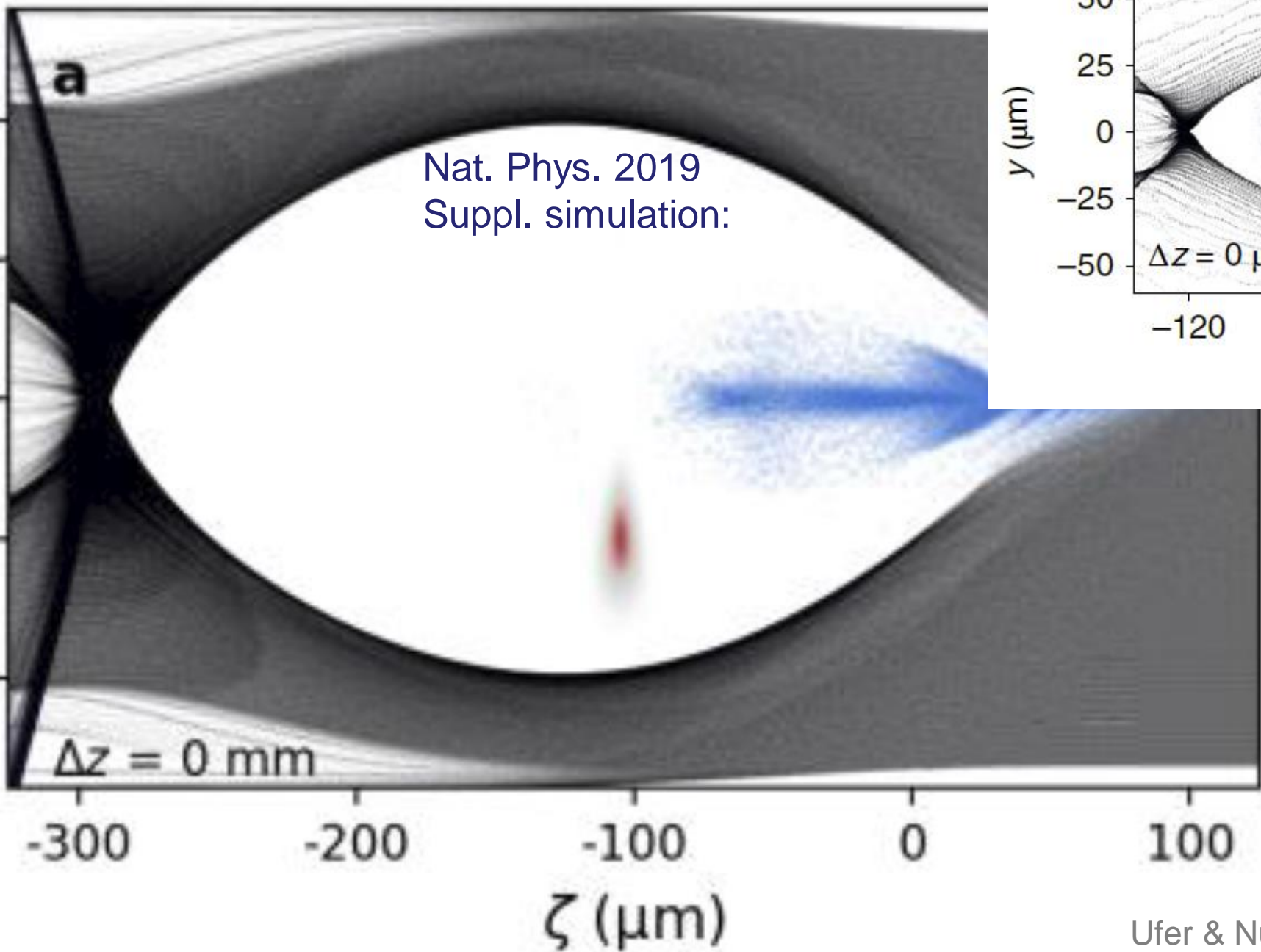
beam

E-beam

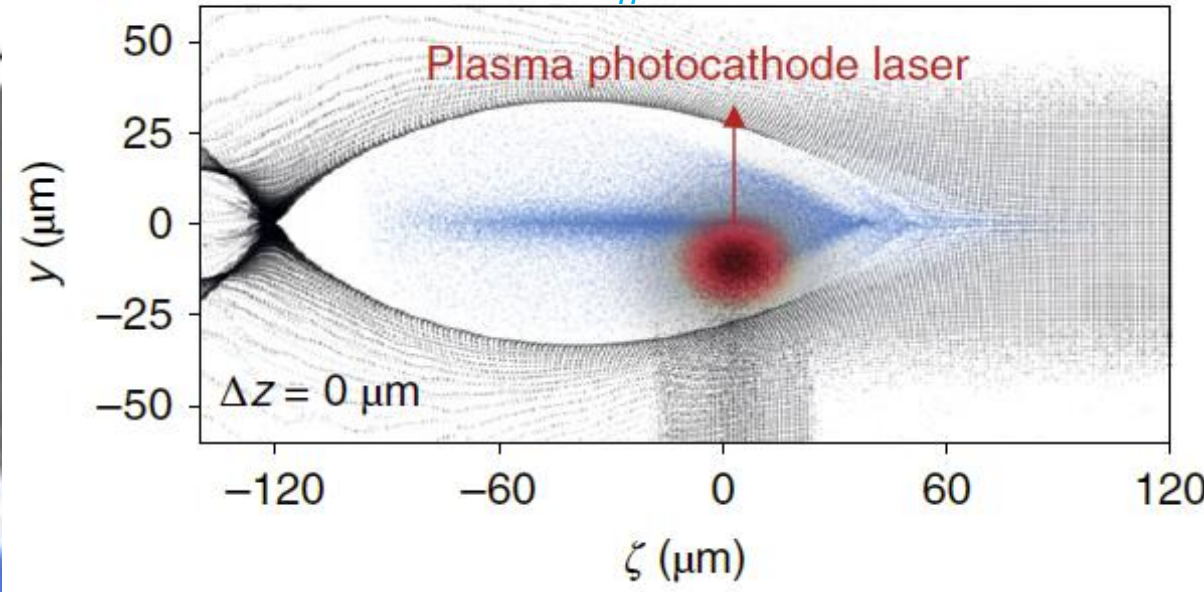
Trojan laser

Injection laser filaments

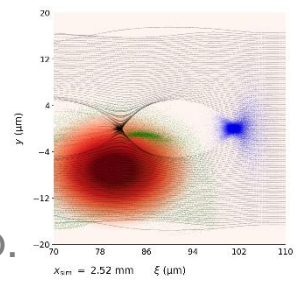
Courtesy Susanne Schoebel



FACET 2017: $\varepsilon_n \sim 1 \text{ mm mrad}$

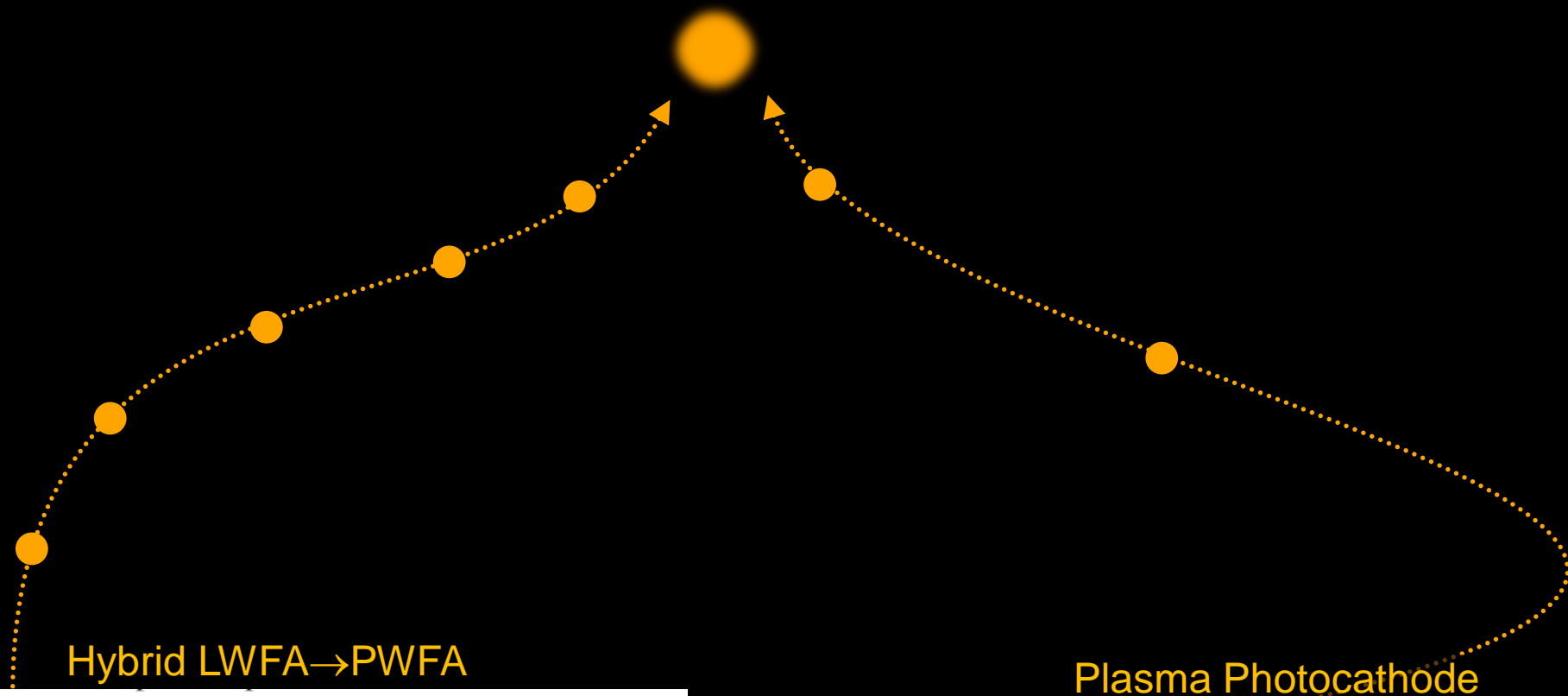


Now:
“Ultracompact plasma photocathode”
 Fascinating prospects for emittance, energy spread / brightness..



Ufer & Nutter et al., in prep.

Hybrid Plasma Photocathode Wakefield Acceleration



Hybrid LWFA→PWFA

To overcome this dilemma, we propose a hybrid acceleration scheme which combines the best of both worlds. This is the first plasma wakefield acceleration scheme which (a) provides wakefields of $E_z > 100$ GV/m, This could strongly relax the requirements for future hybrid PWFA experiments, and still would enable to harvest the advantages of ultrashort LWFA-generated witness bunches.

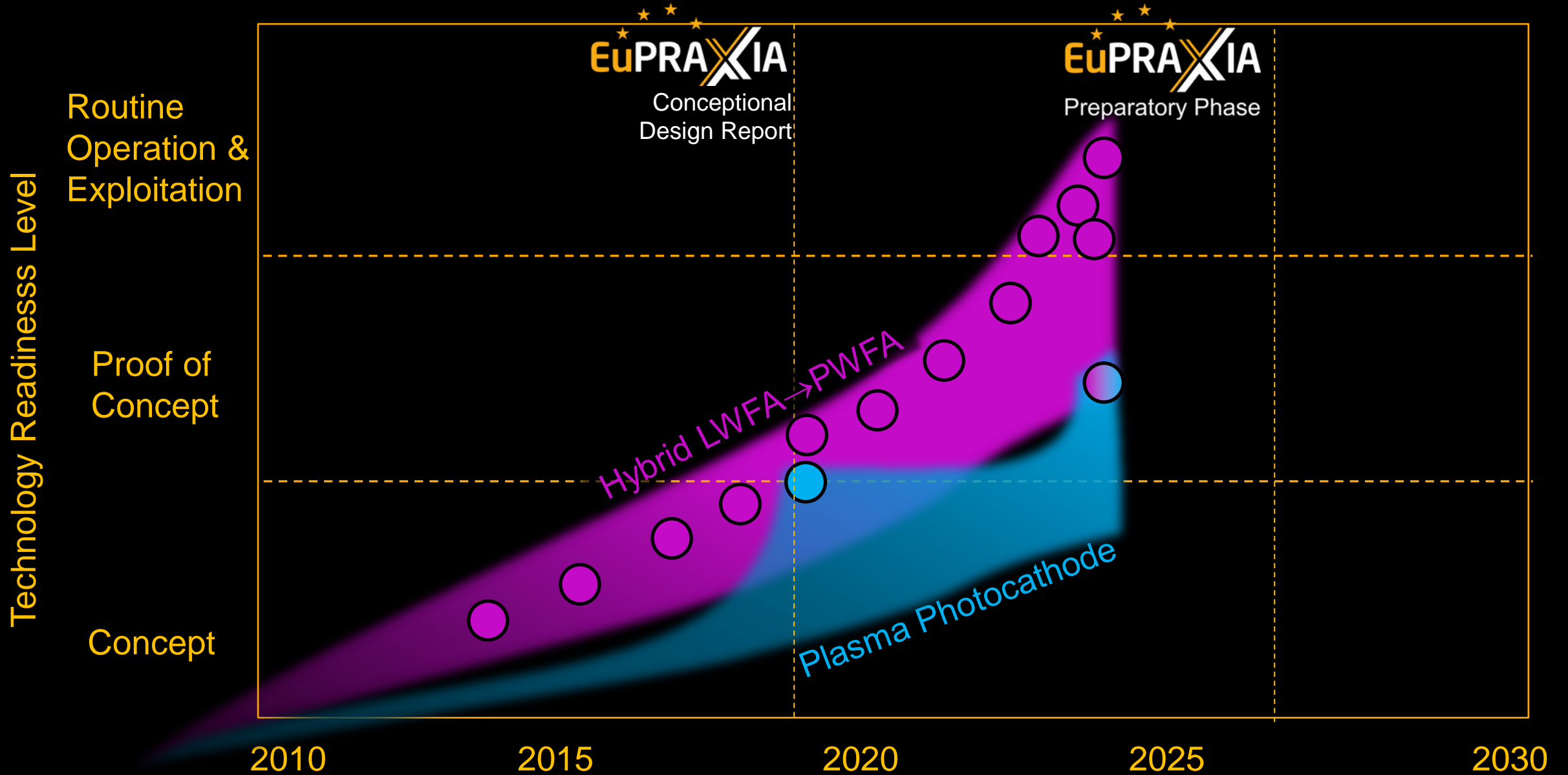
Phys. Rev. Letters 2010

Plasma Photocathode

LWFA facilities have the potential to produce all-optical versions of the presented scheme, where the main laser pulse would be used to produce the higher charge, lower phase space quality electron beam driver, and a small, inherently synchronized split-off laser pulse would be subsequently used for electron release into the blowout.

Phys. Rev. Letters 2012

Now proven ability of Hybrid LWFA→PWFA systems to host plasma photocathodes removes host bottleneck, and will accelerate progress further



Two pathways established:

1. Linac-PWFA
2. Hybrid LWFA→PWFA

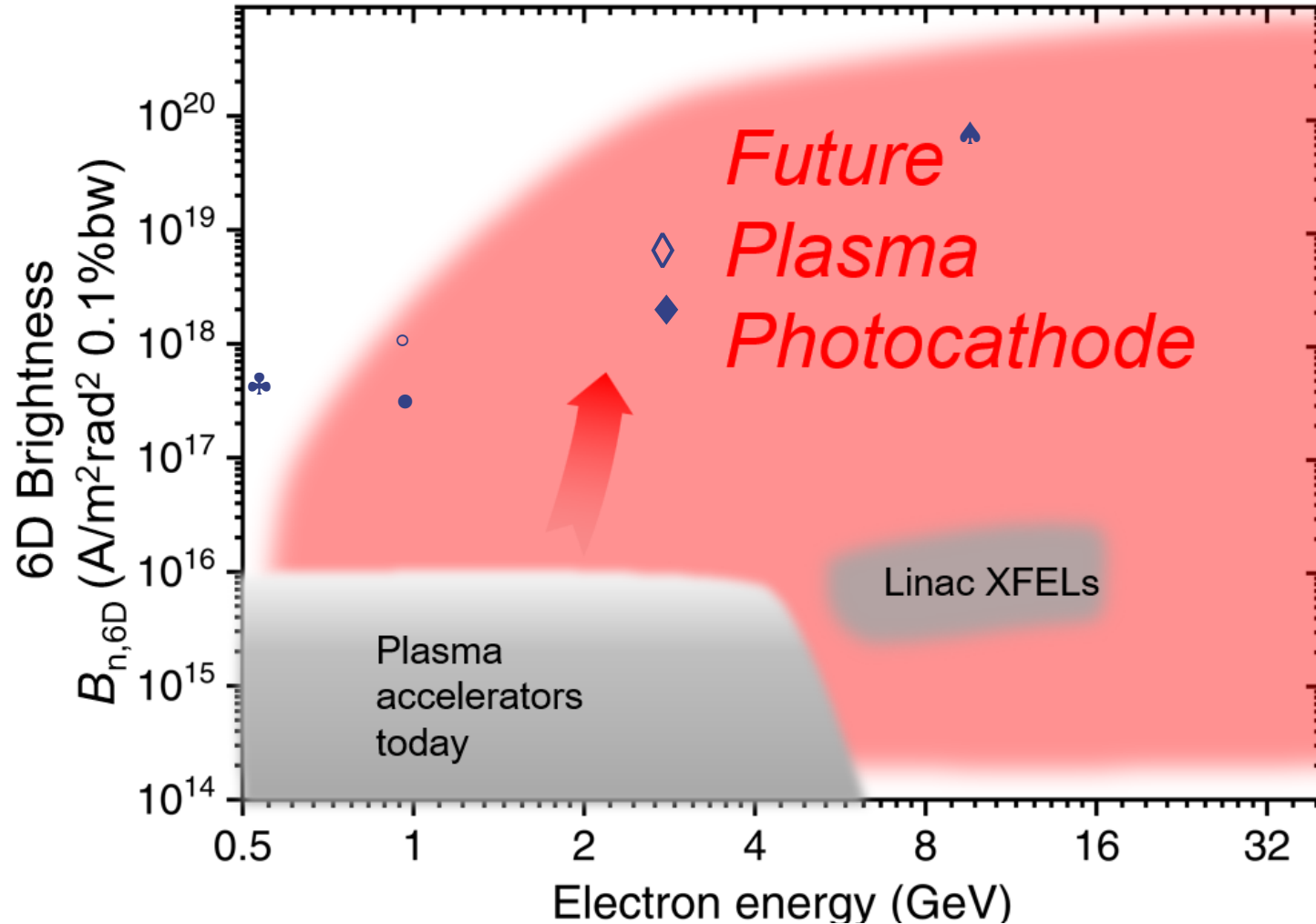
Now evidence that both can host plasma photocathodes (i.e. relevant for both sites – strong synergies!)

◆ projected and ◇ average slice norm. 6D-brightness (Habib *et al.*, *Nat. Comm.* 2023 S2E, collinear plasma photocathode)

♣ slice brightness within reach of recently realized hybrid 90° setup

● projected and ° slice brightness for directly beam loaded soft X-FEL 2.3 nm

♠ projected slice norm. brightness (Habib *et al.*, *Plasma Photocathodes*, *Annalen Physik* 2023, collinear extrapolated)



Electron beam energy, and quality determines X-FEL reach and capabilities

- Electron beam 6D brightness:
amalgamation of electron beam quality

$$B_{6D} = \frac{I^{\text{Current}}}{\epsilon_n^2 \cdot 0.1\% \sigma_W^{\text{Relative energy spread}}}$$

Normalized emittance

- Emittance and energy determine coherent photon energy

$$\epsilon_n < \lambda_r \langle \gamma \rangle / 4\pi$$

Resonant FEL wavelength

- Electron beam energy:

$$\gamma = \frac{E_{\text{kin}}}{E_0} + 1$$

- Brightness determines gain

$$L_{\text{gain}} \propto B_{6D}^{-1/3}$$

At given emittance, increasing the beam energy can give you harder photons

$$\epsilon_n < \lambda_r \langle \gamma \rangle / 4\pi$$

J. Rossbach, J.R. Schneider and W. Wurth / Physics Reports 808 (2019) 1-74

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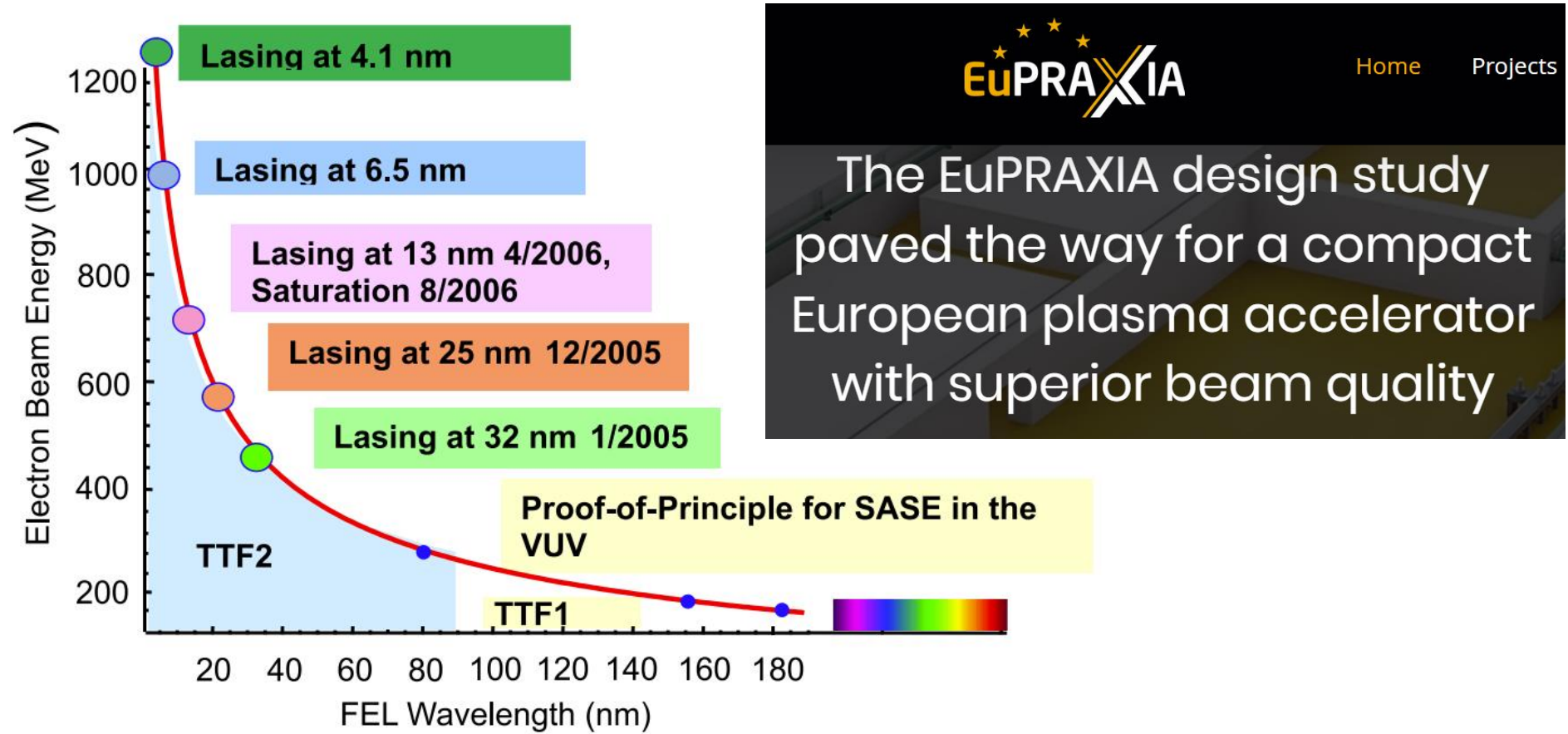
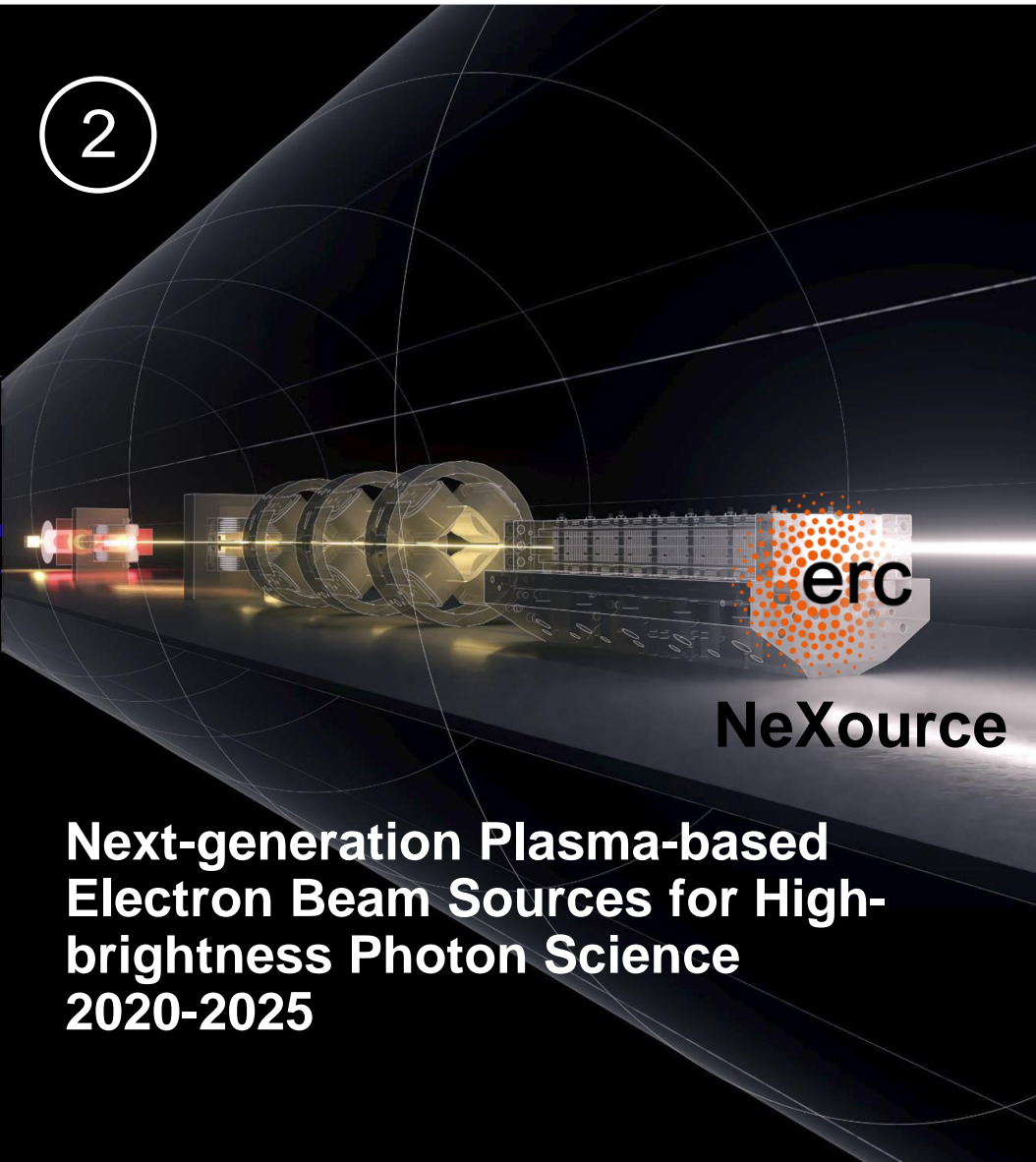


Fig. 9. History of world record demonstrations of FEL gain at shorter and shorter wavelengths at FLASH. In all cases, FEL saturation was achieved and agreement with FEL theory could be proven.



Science and Technology Facilities Council

PWFA-FEL 2019-2024



Plasma wakefield, beam transport and X-FEL experts in the UK (Strathclyde & Daresbury) and the US (SLAC and UCLA) team up to explore and develop Trojan Horse and other PWFA-based ultrabright future X-FEL sources in a project called **Exploratory Study of PWFA-driven FEL at CLARA** funded by the UK Science and Technologies Facilities Council (STFC) 2019-2023.



UK XFEL Science Case



First large XFEL project that considers plasma as brightness and/or energy boosters right from the onset

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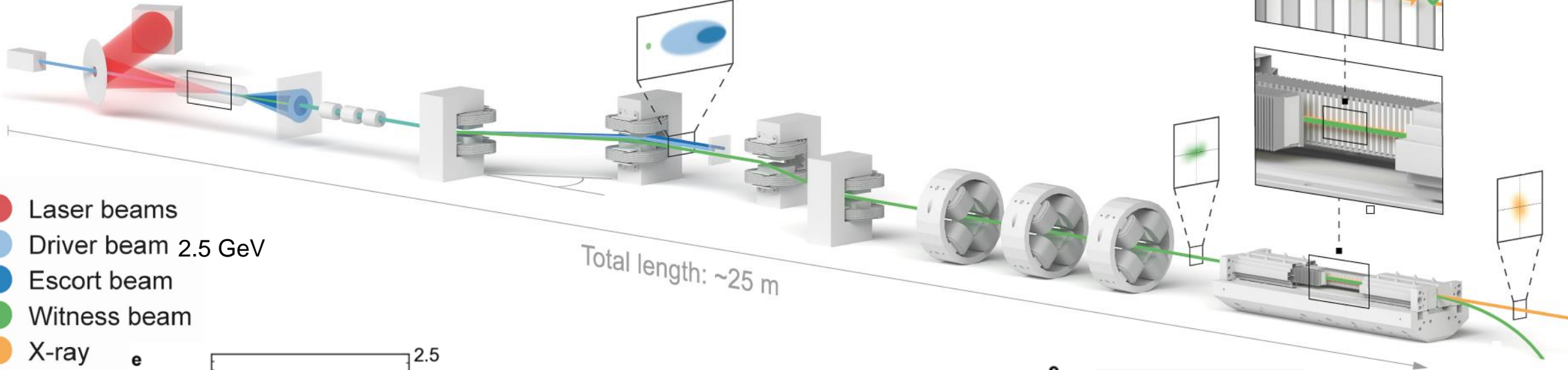
Ultrahigh brightness PWFA stage

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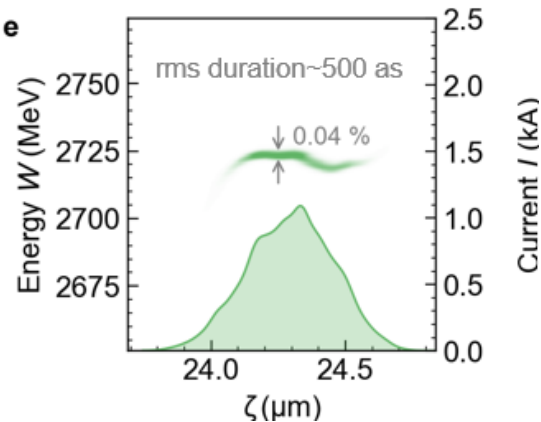
Beam transport

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Ultrabright X-FEL

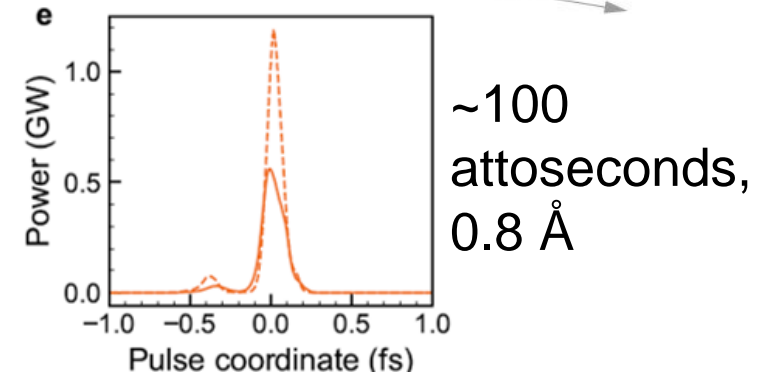


- Laser beams
- Driver beam 2.5 GeV
- Escort beam
- Witness beam
- X-ray



$$\epsilon_n < \lambda_r \langle \gamma \rangle / 4\pi \quad \checkmark$$

20 nmrad 0.8 Å 2.7 GeV

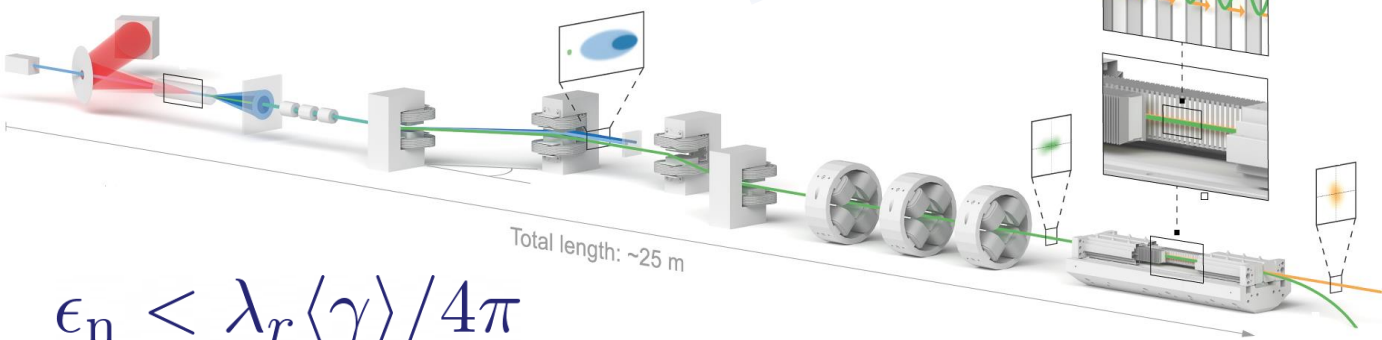


Examples for further developments

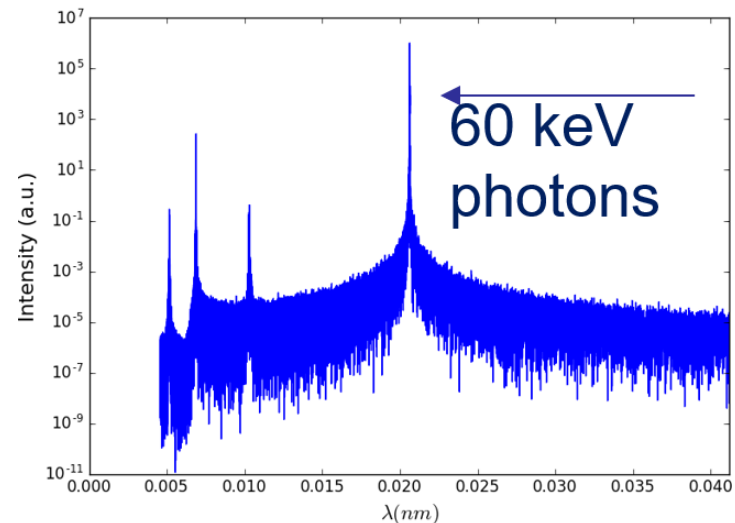
UK XFEL CDR-Option Analysis Project (2022-2025)

E.g. Towards higher photon energies

Attosecond, Angstrom showcase at 2.7 GeV



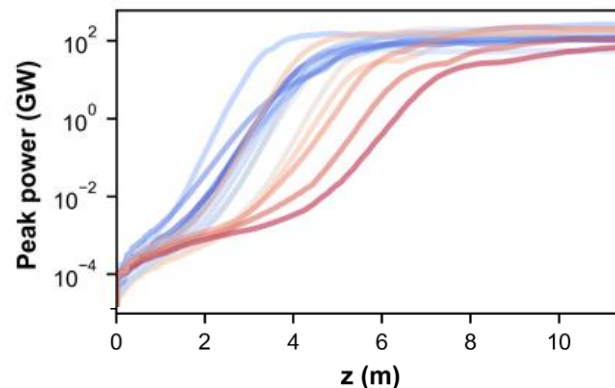
$$\epsilon_n < \lambda_r \langle \gamma \rangle / 4\pi$$



A. F. Habib *et al.*, *in prep* (2024)

2.3 nm FEL at ~1 GeV: Direct beam-loading, standard undulator, reduced & shorter setup

L. Berman *et al.*, *in prep.*

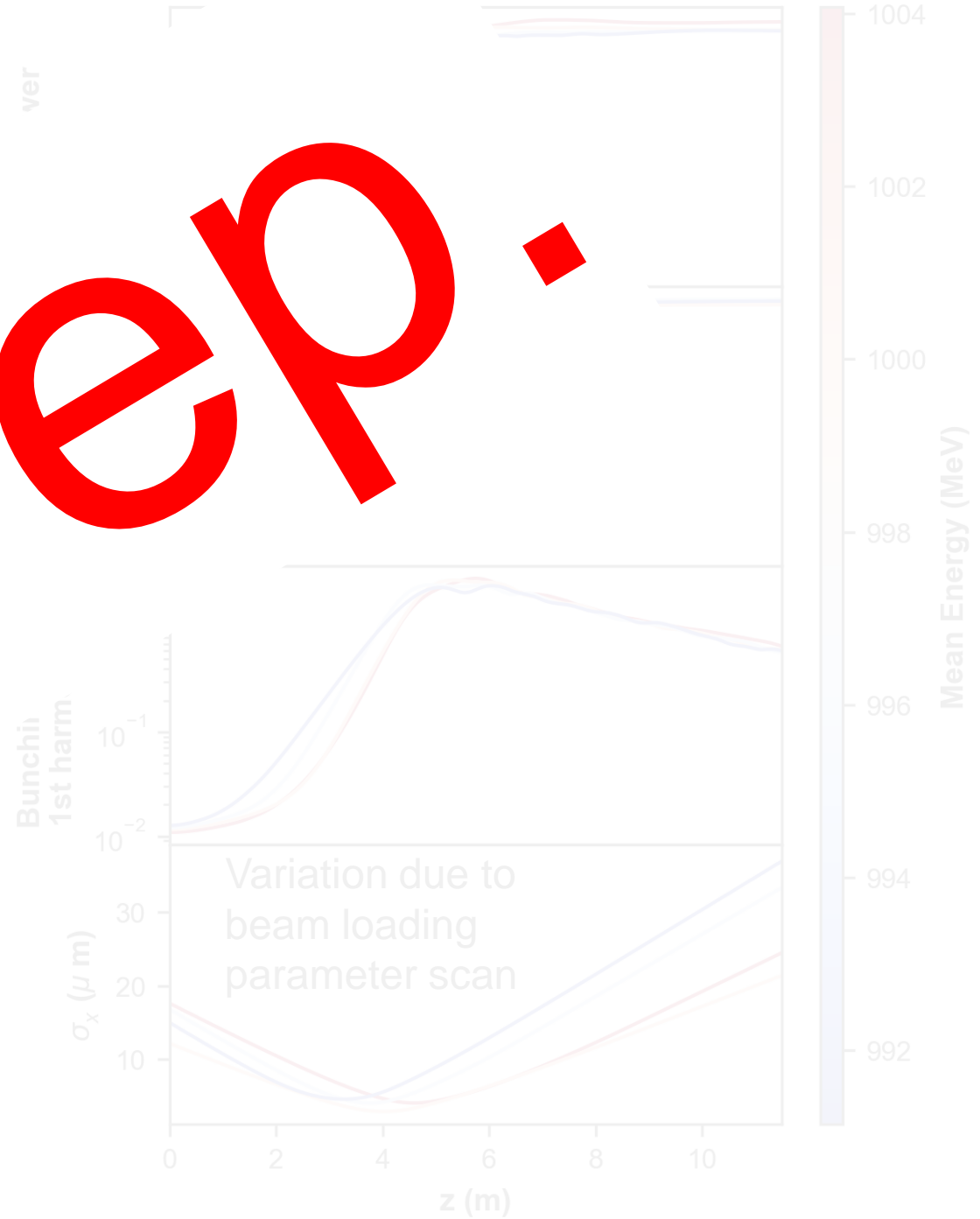


Many 10s pC,
Sub-100/50 nm
slice emittances
robust & efficient

2.3 nm FEL @ 1 GeV



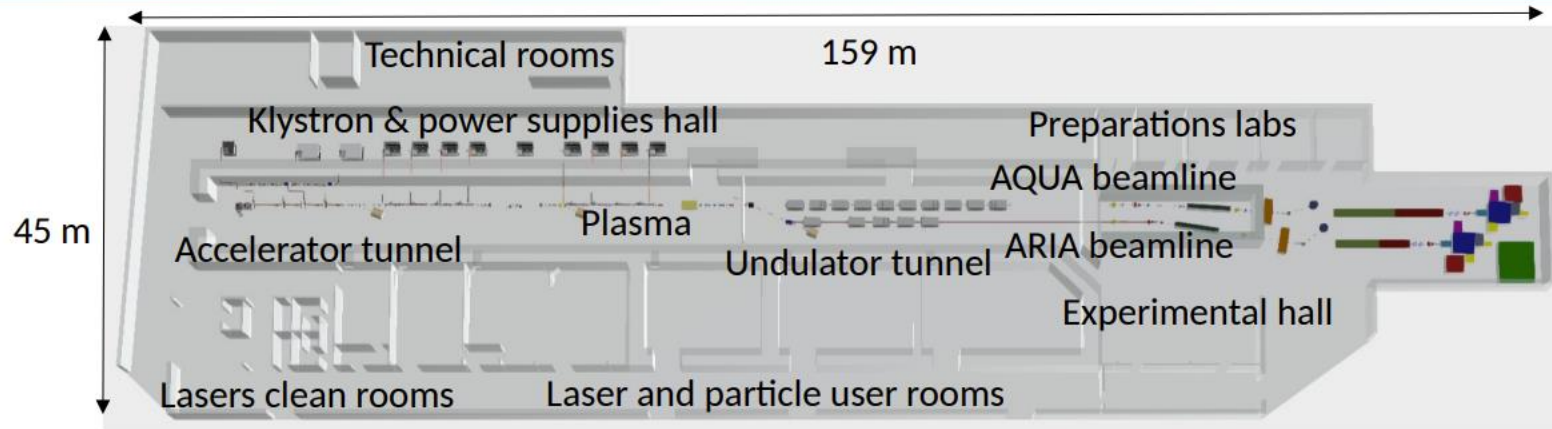
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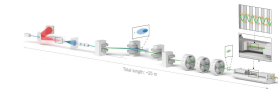
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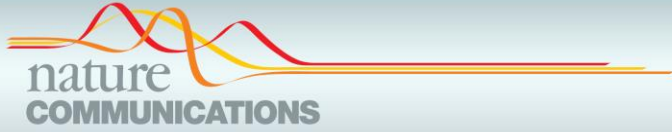
- 2nd generation hybrid LWFA→PWFA beamline.
Dual Use:
 1. Expand PWFA capabilities at INFN (e.g. 1 GV/m→100GV/m)
 2. Implement PWFA capabilities at LWFA site
- Ultrabright photon sources (UPS) based on ultracold sources such as plasma photocathode, driven by linac, hybrid or multi-pulse LWFA.
Enhance beam brightness by orders of magnitude & harness for light sources
- Doctoral Training Centre
- Junior Research Groups

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Hard XFEL S2E:
25m (excl. laser)





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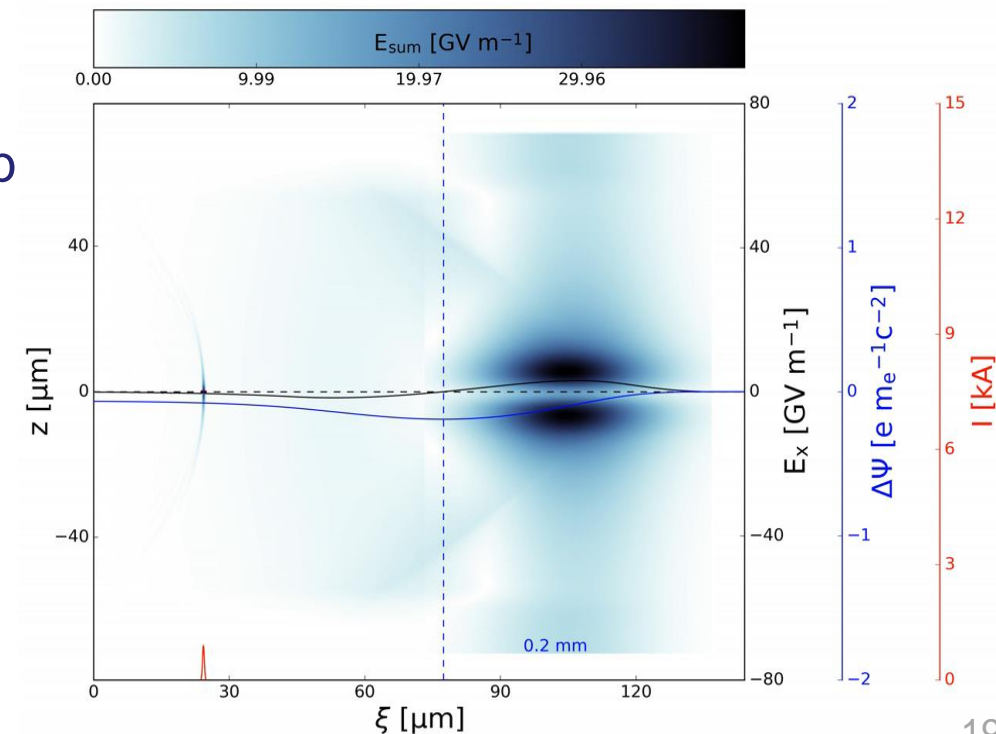
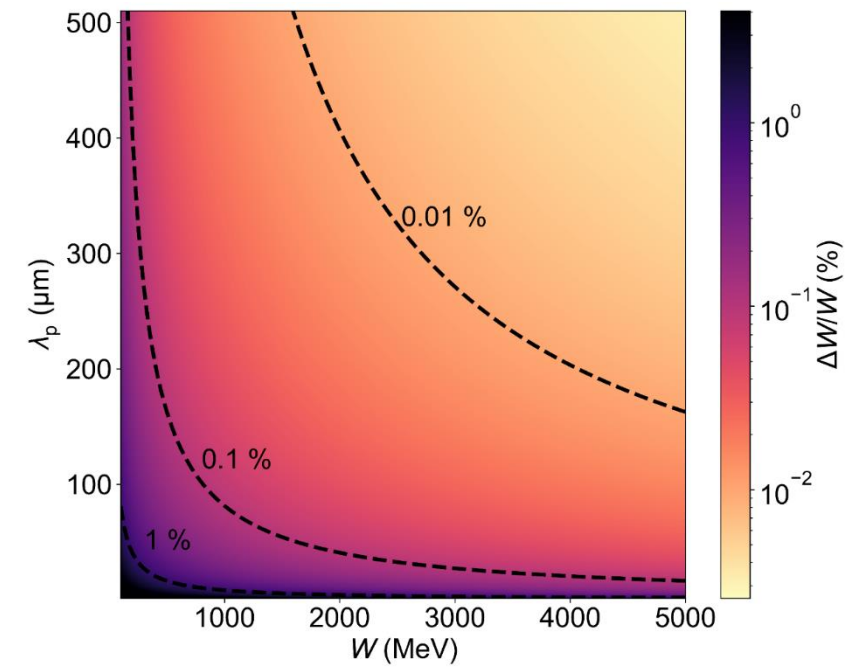
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Single-stage plasma-based correlated energy spread compensation for ultrahigh 6D brightness electron beams

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- ❑ Exploit tailored beam loading via “escort beams” to locally flip field accelerating field gradient
- ❑ Full head-to-tail chirp compensation
- ❑ Operation at low plasma density minimizes residual energy spread, and e.g. energy spreads $< 0.01\%$ can be reached at few GeV energies \Rightarrow 6D brightness orders of magnitude better than state-of-the-art of even the finest linacs














Attosecond-Angstrom free-electron-laser towards the cold beam limit

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Electron beam quality is paramount for X-ray pulse production in free-electron-lasers (FELs). State-of-the-art linear accelerators (linacs) can deliver multi-GeV electron beams with sufficient quality for hard X-ray-FELs, albeit requiring km-scale setups, whereas plasma-based accelerators can produce multi-GeV electron beams on metre-scale distances, and begin to reach beam qualities sufficient for EUV FELs. Here we show, that electron beams from plasma photocathodes many orders of magnitude brighter than state-of-the-art can be generated in plasma wakefield accelerators (PWFAs), and then extracted, captured, transported and injected into undulators without significant quality loss. These ultrabright, sub-femtosecond electron beams can drive hard X-FELs near the cold beam limit to generate coherent X-ray pulses of attosecond-Angstrom class, reaching saturation after only 10 metres of undulator. This plasma-X-FEL opens pathways for advanced photon science capabilities, such as unperturbed observation of electronic motion inside atoms at their natural time and length scale, and towards higher photon energies.

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High-fidelity start-to-end-simulation framework

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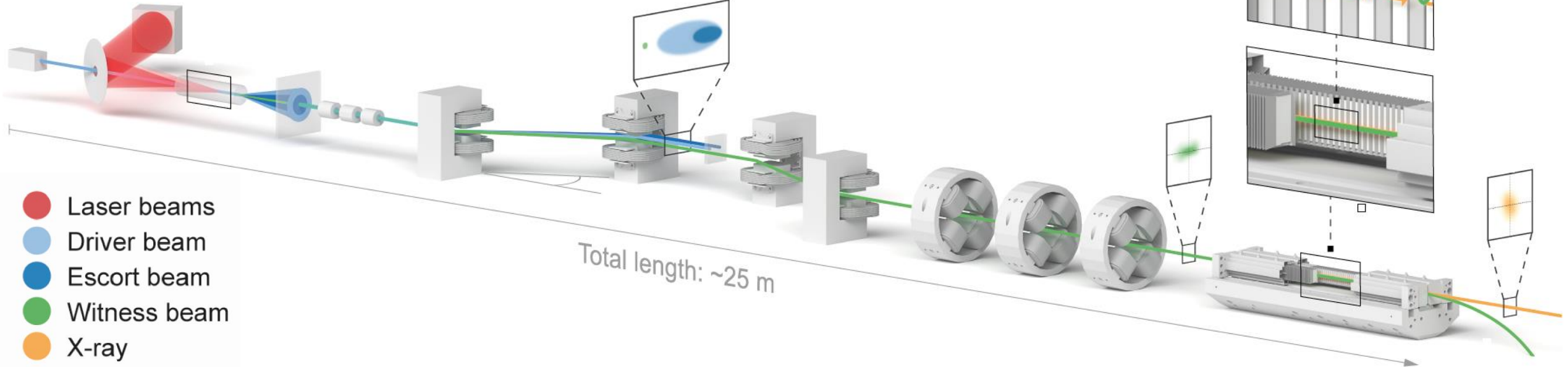
Ultrahigh brightness PWFA stage

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Beam transport

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Ultrabright X-FEL



Total length: ~25 m

- Laser beams
- Driver beam
- Escort beam
- Witness beam
- X-ray

❑ Multi-cm scale PIC with of nrad-scale beams is very challenging and expensive

❑ 3D PIC code VSim

❑ Numerical noise controlled with dispersion-free module

❑ Beam tracking performed with ELEGANT

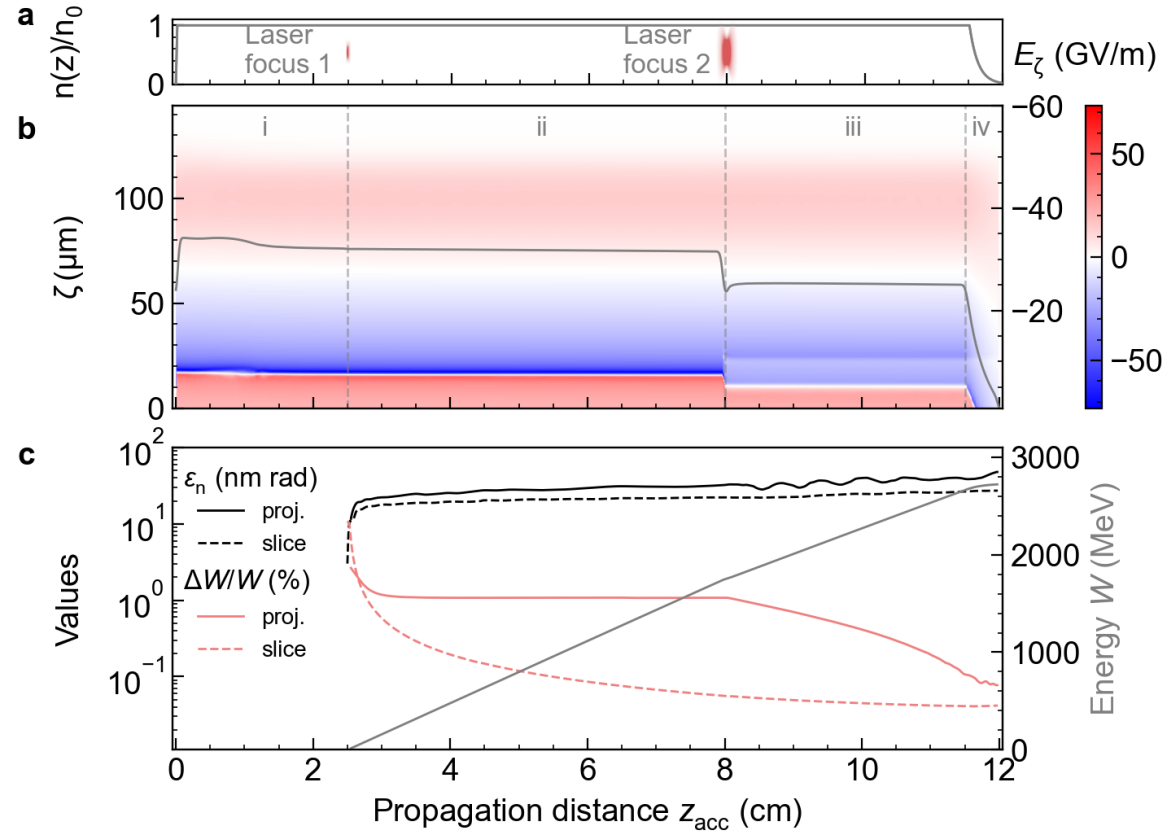
❑ Complete 6D phase space of the witness, drive and escort beams are considered

❑ Unaveraged 3D FEL code Puffin developed by Strathclyde

❑ Introduced proper Poissonian 'shot-noise' to the electron beam

❑ Undulator B-fields implemented in 3D

Ultrahigh brightness PWFA stage



□ 2.5 GeV, high current driver beam drives strong PWFA

□ High quality witness beam is produced, accelerated, dechirped and extracted without quality degradation in single plasma stage

Witness beam at plasma stage exit:

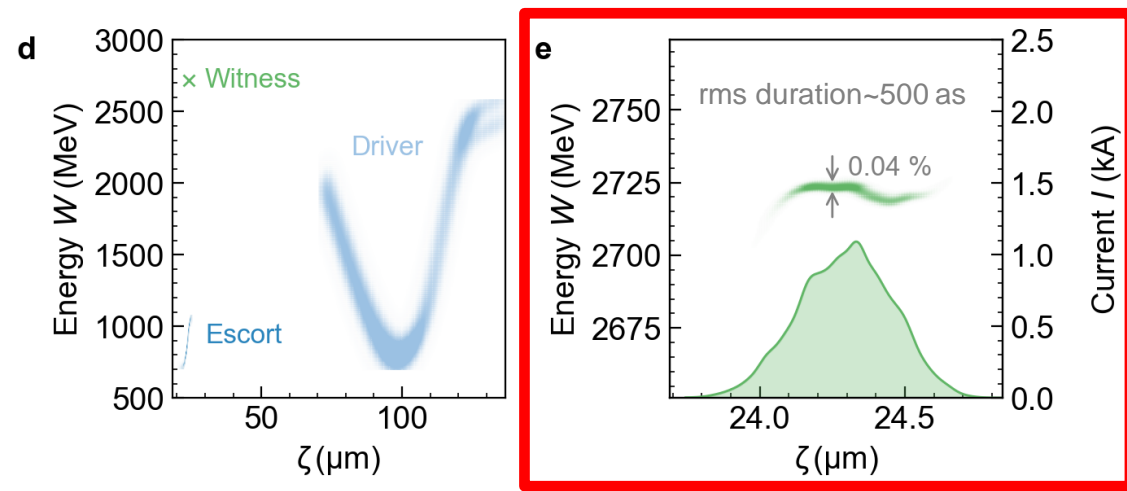
□ ~2.7 GeV (significantly larger than driver and escort beam)

□ Norm. slice emittance ~20 nm rad (projected emittance similar)

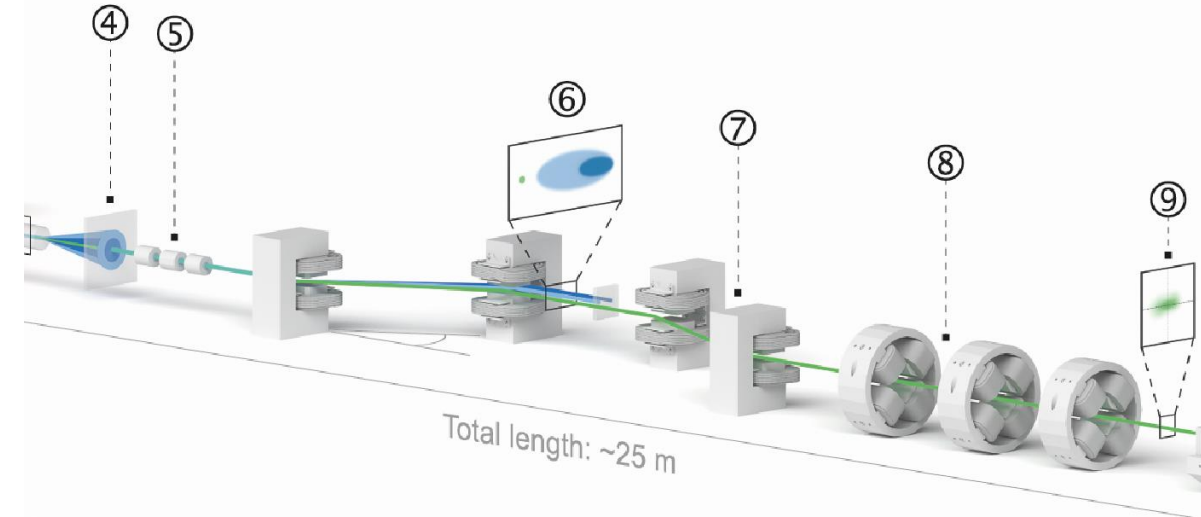
□ Slice energy spread ~ 0.04%

□ Bunch duration 500 attoseconds

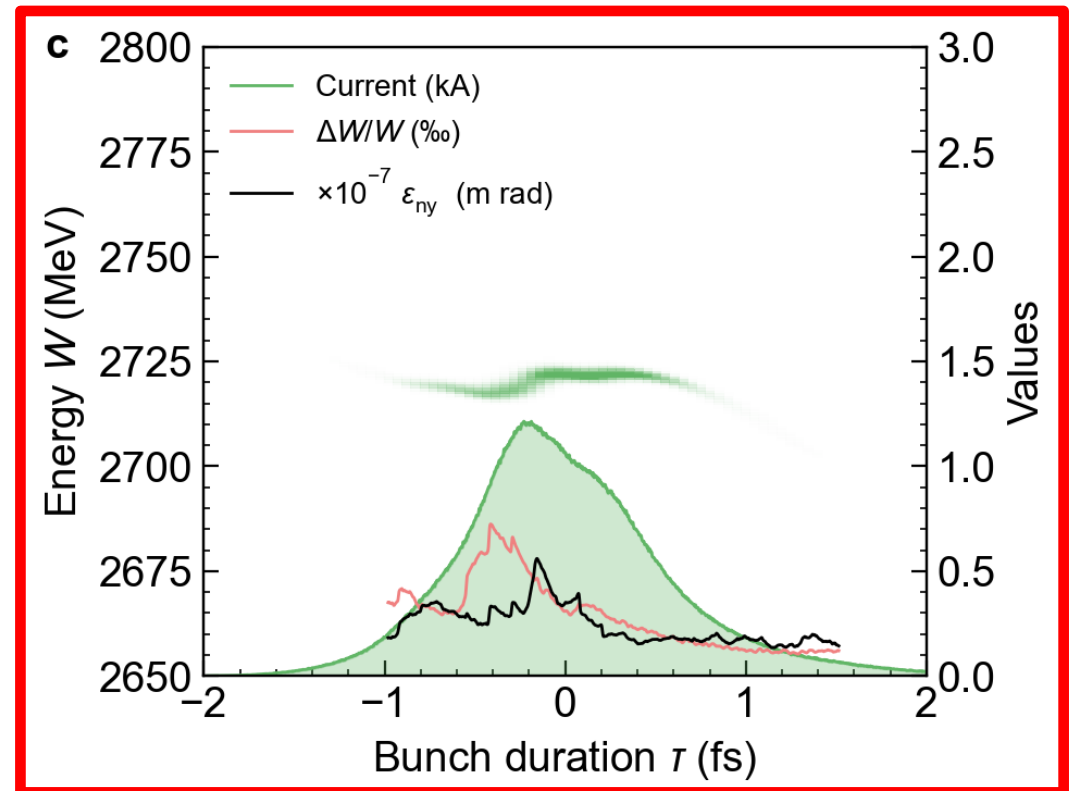
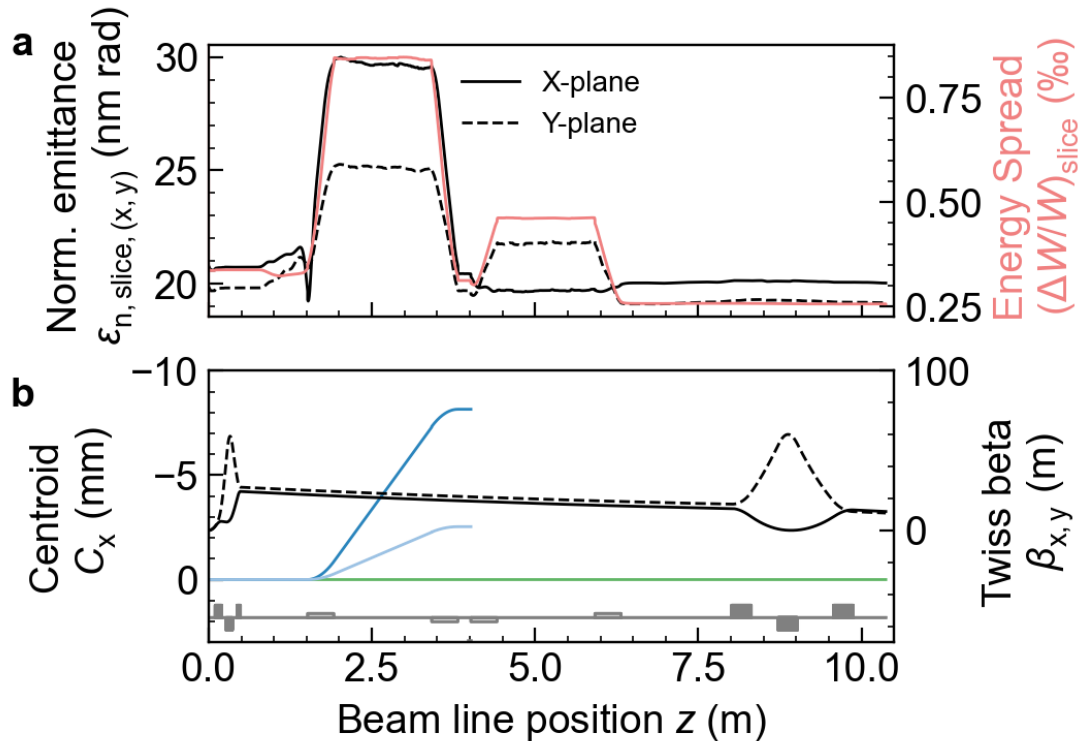
□ Peak current ~ 1.2 kA



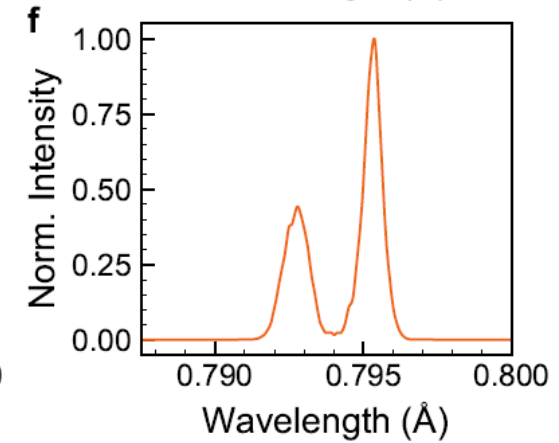
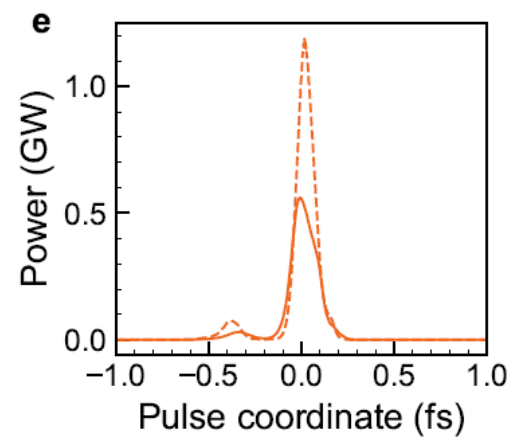
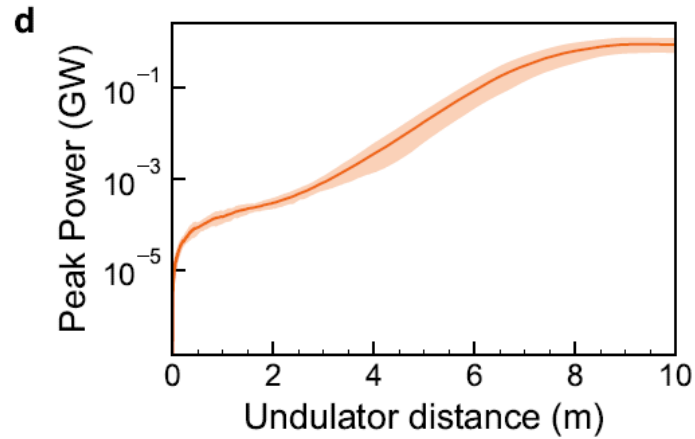
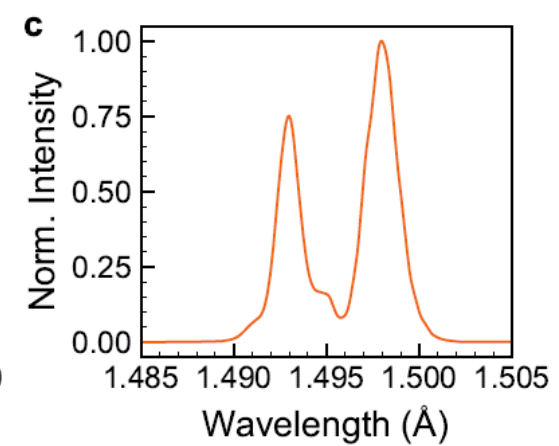
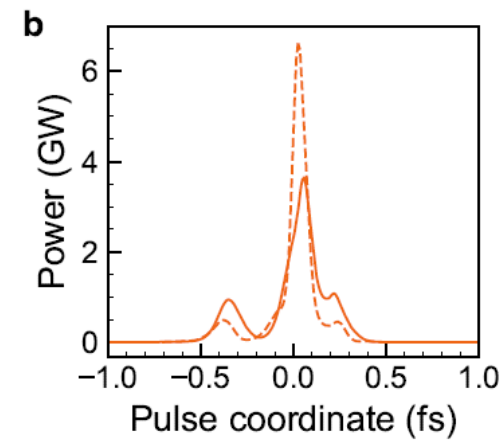
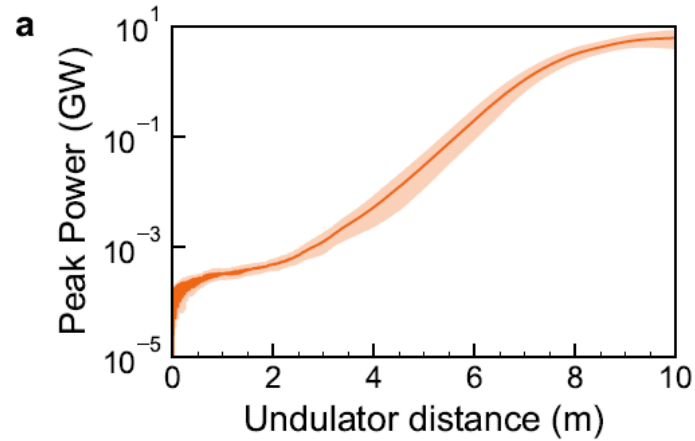
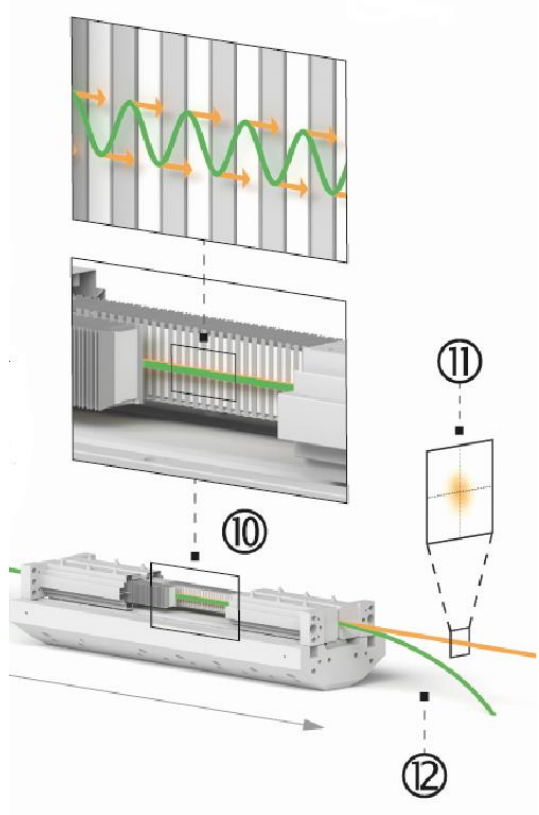
Beam transport line



- ❑ No emittance growth during extraction and capture: there are simply no achromaticities to worry about
- ❑ No deleterious CSR
- ❑ Slice and projected emittance, energy spread and current are fully preserved



Hard X-ray FEL section



$$\epsilon_n < \lambda_r \langle \gamma \rangle / 4\pi \quad \checkmark$$

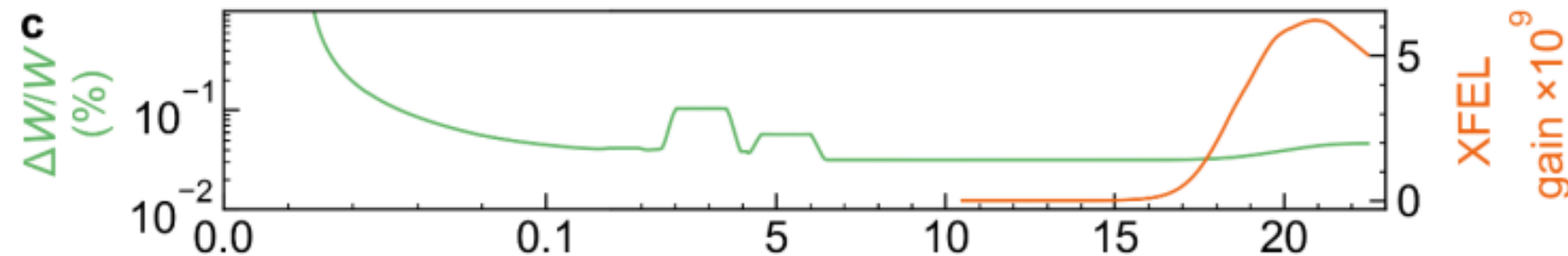
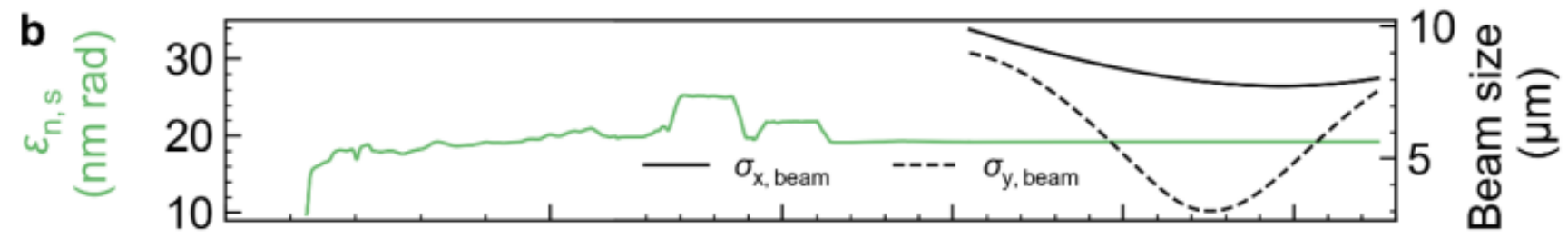
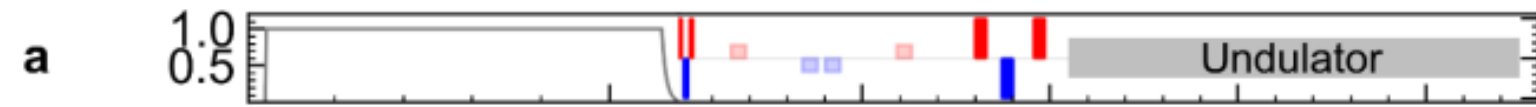
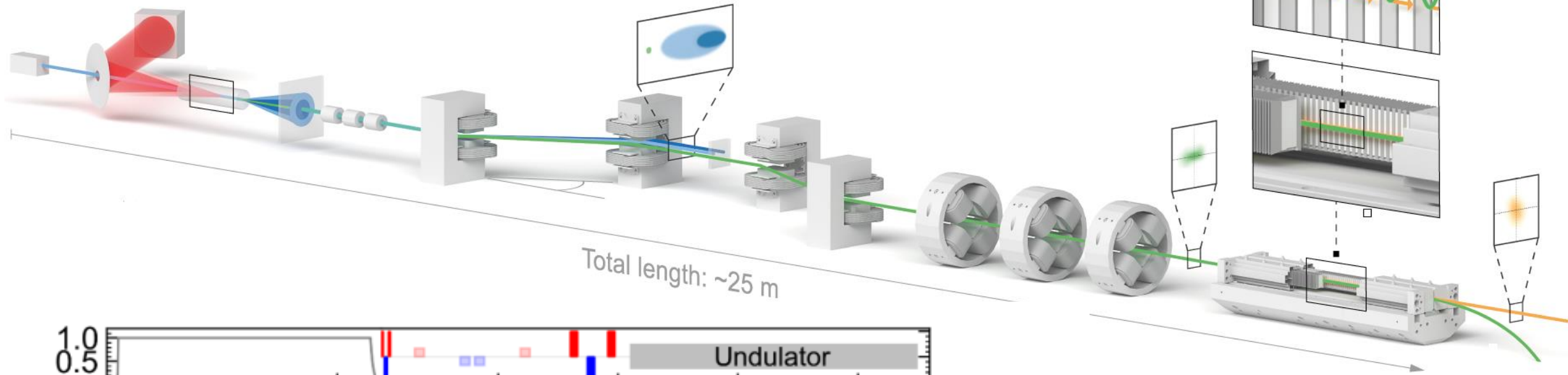
20 nmrad 0.8 Å 2.8 GeV

$$\langle \sigma_\gamma / \gamma \rangle \ll \rho \quad \checkmark$$

$$L_{g,1D} = \frac{\lambda_u}{4\pi\sqrt{3}\rho_{1D}} \propto B_e^{-1/3}$$

- ❑ Ice-cold beam: 3D gain near 1D gain, the cold beam limit
- ❑ Ultrastrong gain in advanced undulators: saturation after 10m; longitudinal coherence, near single spike mode
- ❑ 100 Attosecond pulse duration
- ❑ Two showcases: Hard SASE X-FEL with ~1.5 Å and ~0.8 Å

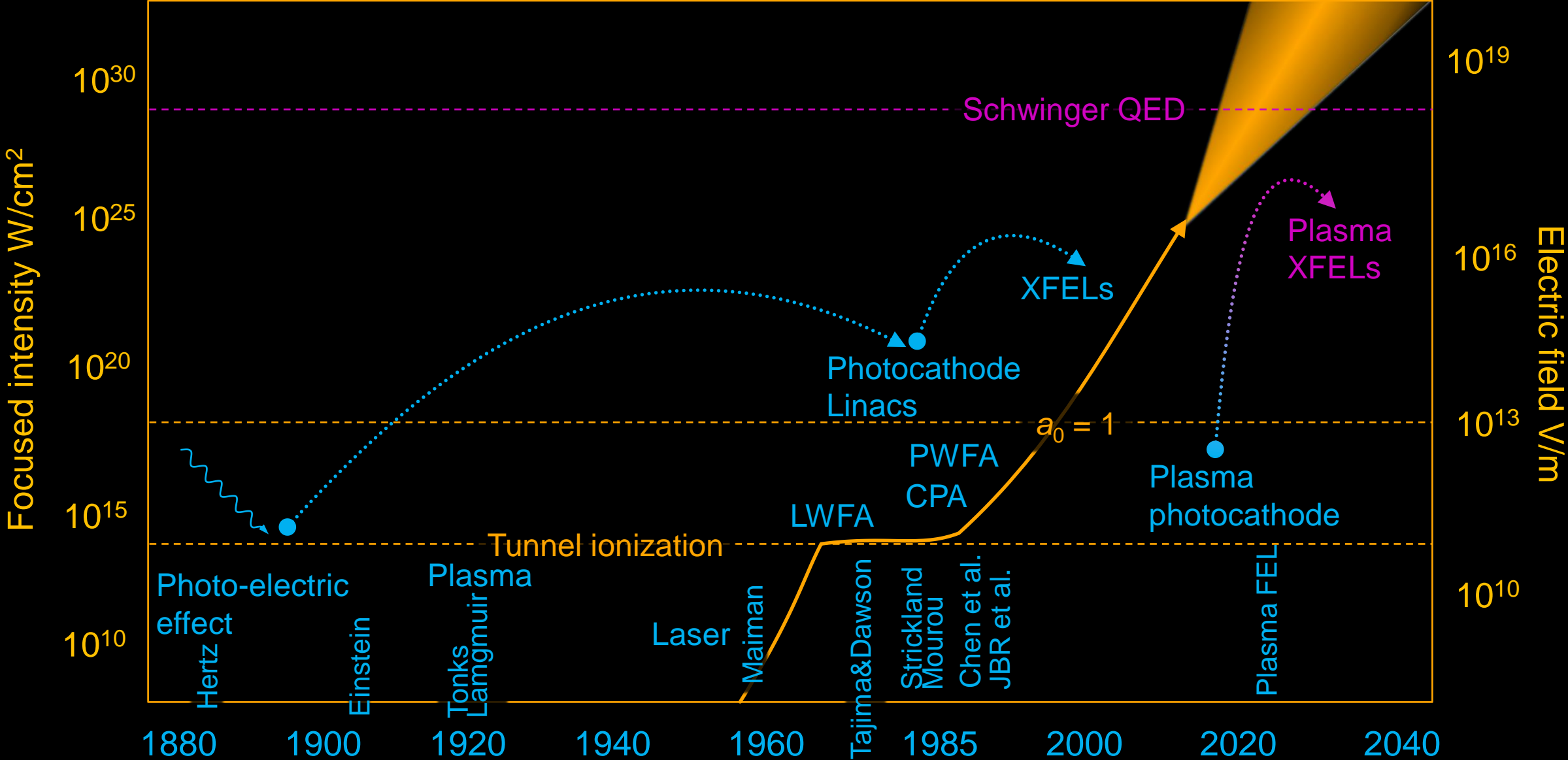
Afterburner FEL?



Propagation distance z (m)

- Beam quality is still outstanding after undulator
- Further re-use in afterburner
- For example, drive soft X-FEL

Plasma X-FELs driven by ultrabright e-beams



UK XFEL Science Case 2020: PWFA afterburner

A3.2 Plasma and laser wakefield acceleration

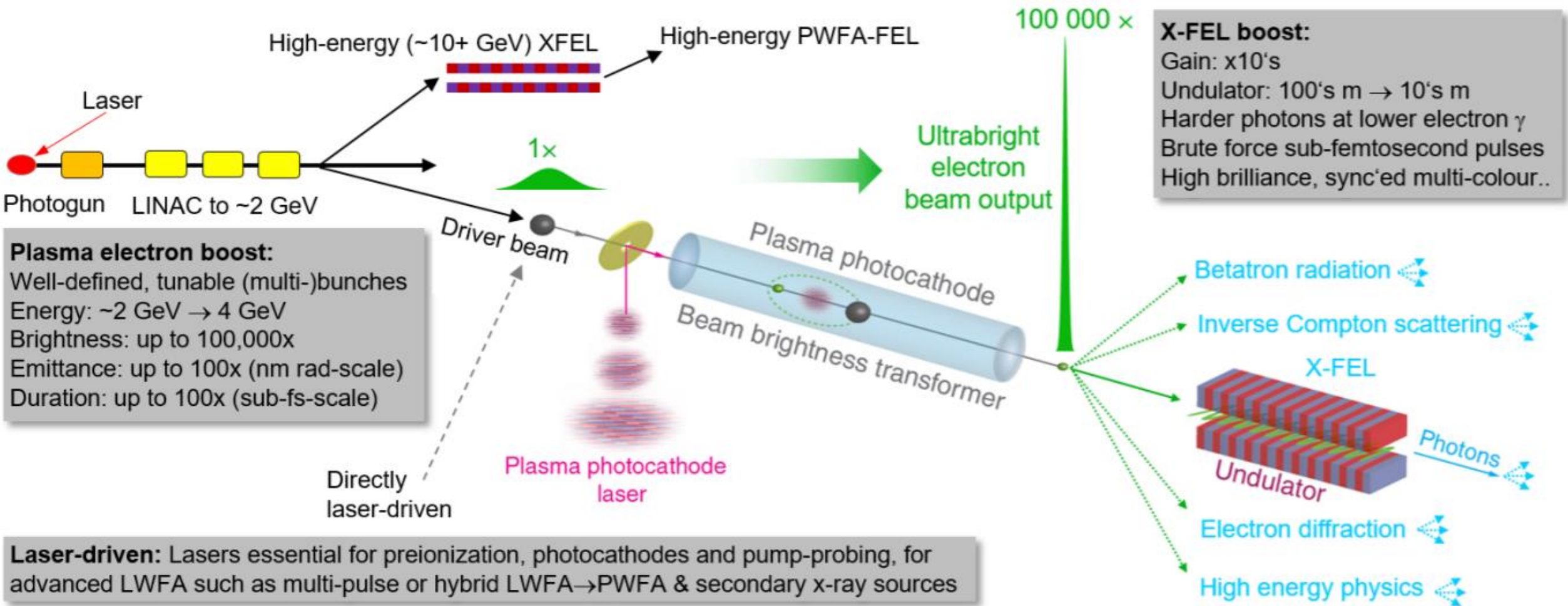
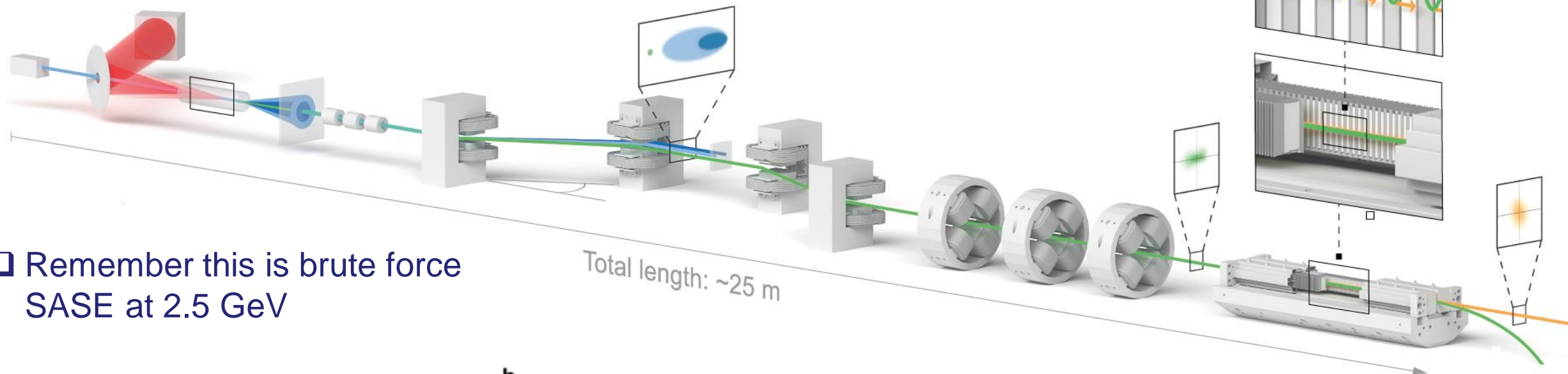
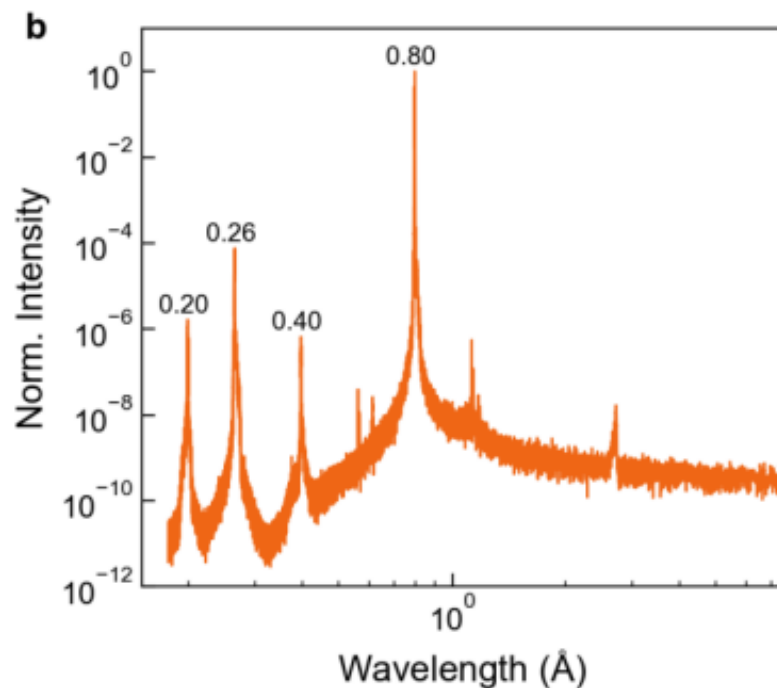
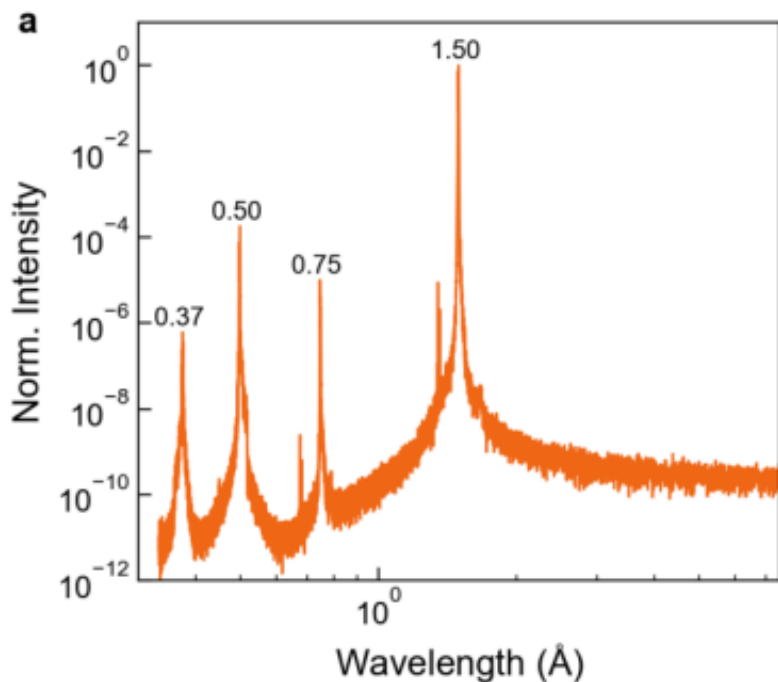


Figure A3.1: Schematic diagram of the capabilities enabled by combining XFEL beamlines and plasma accelerators

Harder photons energies ?



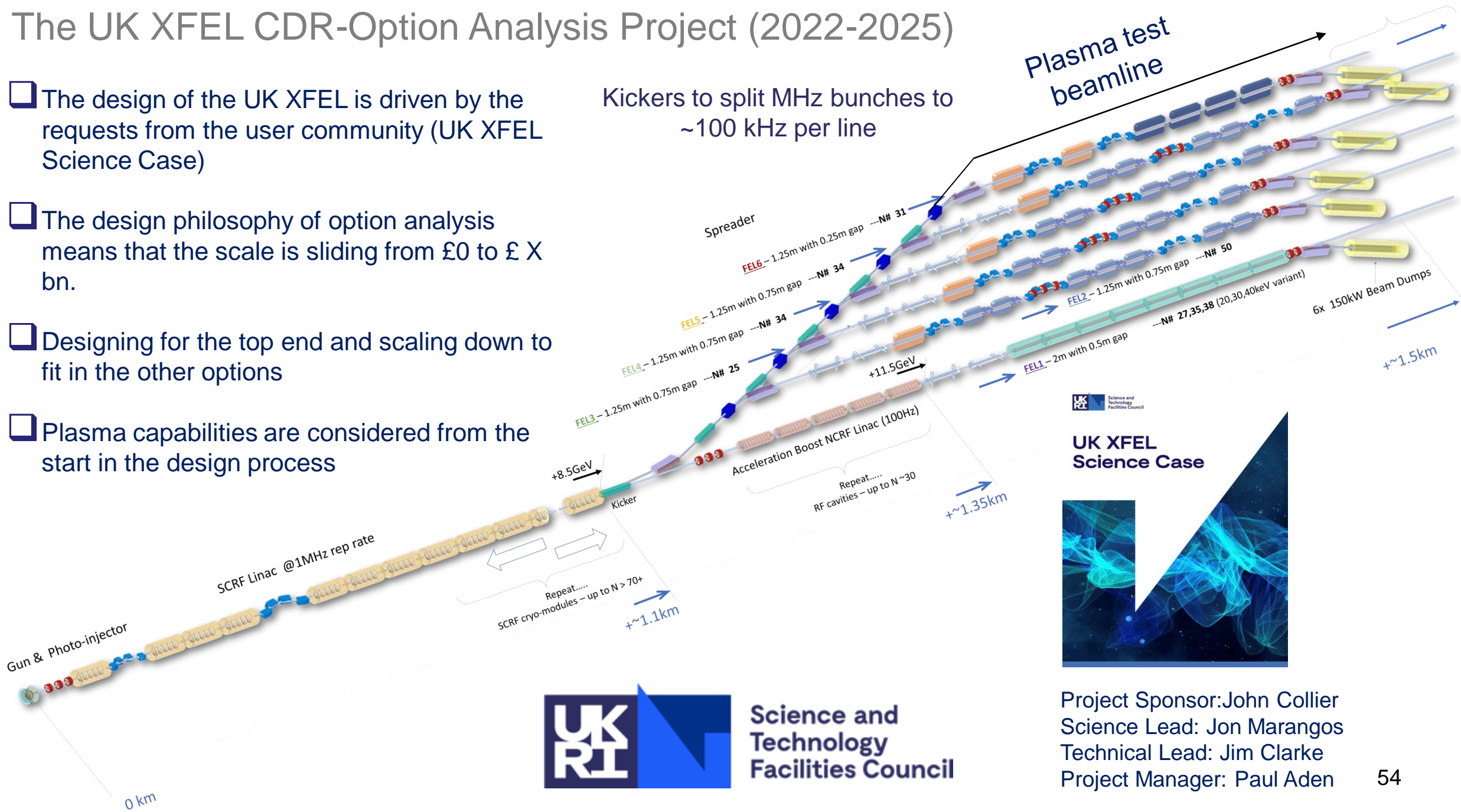
- Remember this is brute force SASE at 2.5 GeV

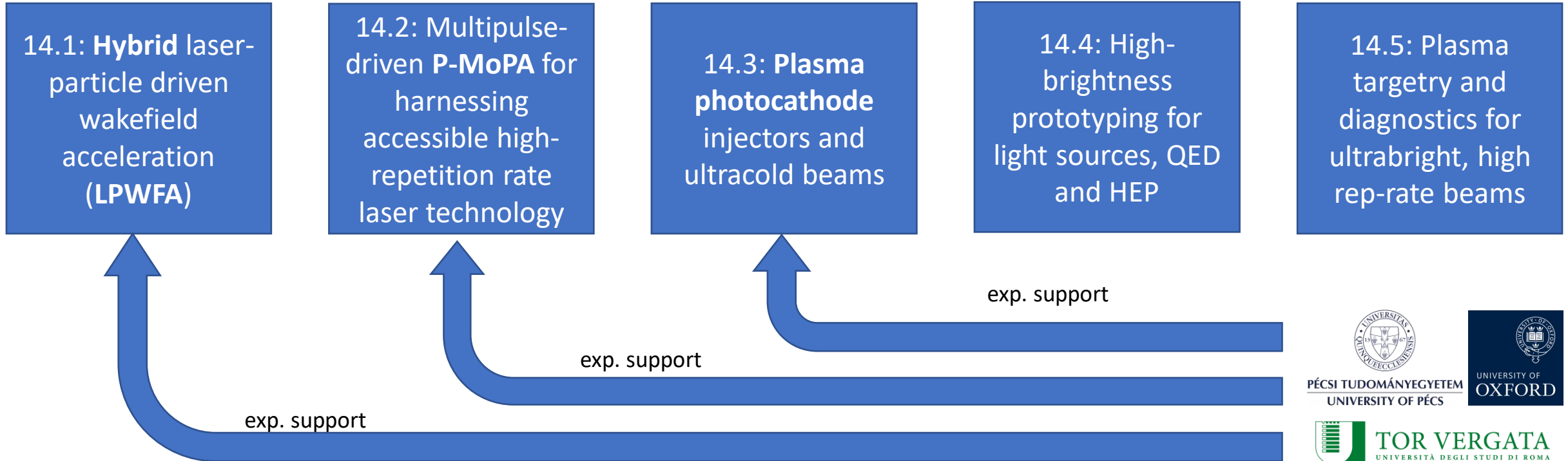


- Higher harmonics visible down to 0.2 Å
- Still far away from quantum regime of the FEL
- Huge emittance budget allows for even harder photons. Recoil and other effects will become significant at some point

The UK XFEL CDR-Option Analysis Project (2022-2025)

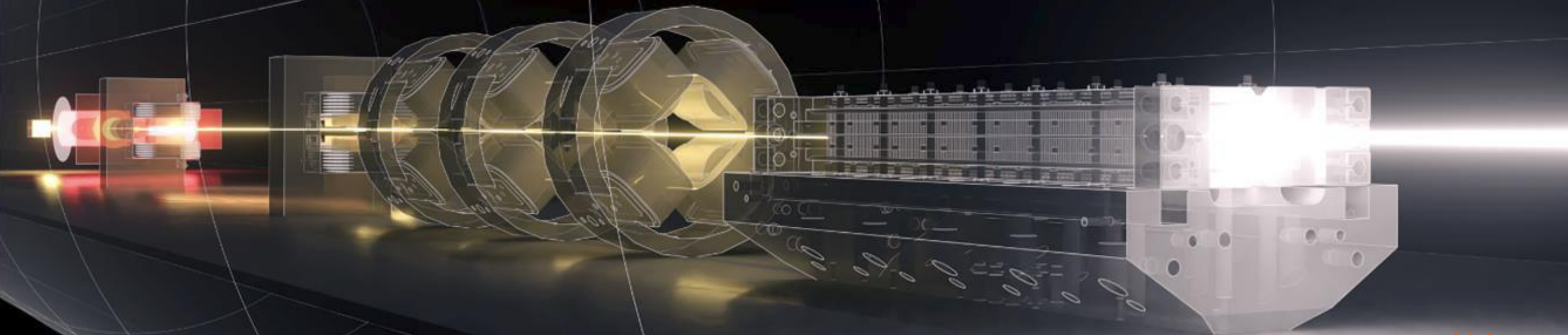
- The design of the UK XFEL is driven by the requests from the user community (UK XFEL Science Case)
- The design philosophy of option analysis means that the scale is sliding from £0 to £ X bn.
- Designing for the top end and scaling down to fit in the other options
- Plasma capabilities are considered from the start in the design process





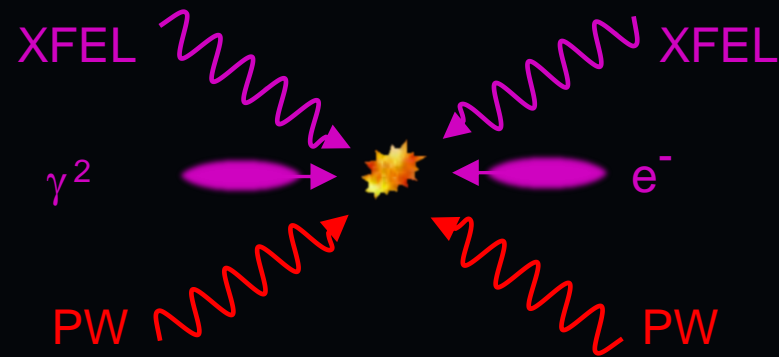
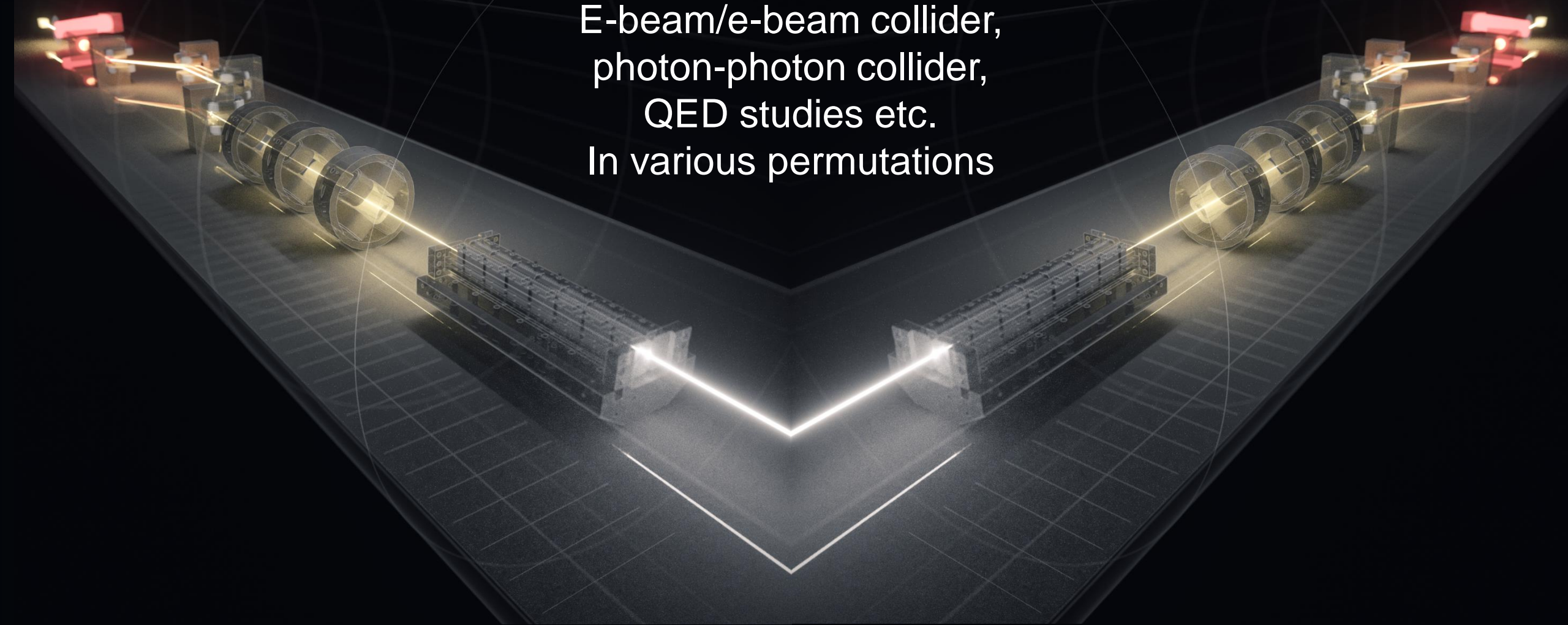
“Bespoke targetry and diagnostics are vital for exp. success”

- Potential HHU main deliverable #1: hybrid LWFA-PWFA-X-FEL beamline for INFN (PWFA site) and LWFA site(s), fully developed, tested and commissioned at HHU ARCTURUS
- Following blueprint developed through “PWFA-FEL” project USTRATH-SLAC-STFC-UCLA, presented in Habib et al., Attosecond-Angstrom free-electron-laser towards the cold beam limit, *Nat. Comm.* 14, 1054 (2023)



- EuPRAXIA benefit: beam brightness improved by orders of magnitude, strongly boosted capacities and capabilities at PWFA and LWFA sites, thus fulfilling the WP14 thrust

E-beam/e-beam collider,
photon-photon collider,
QED studies etc.
In various permutations



Coordinator

