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# High repetition rate C-band photoinjector

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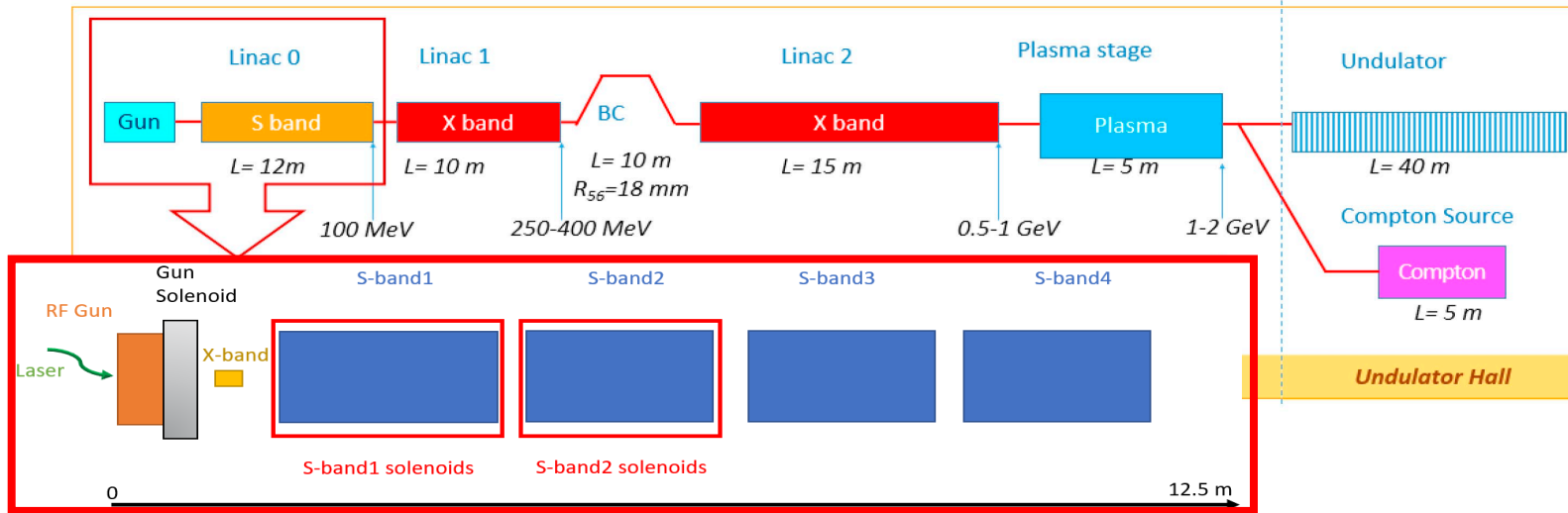
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- EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB injector base-line
- Motivation for the upgrade to a full C-band Injector
  - Preliminary layout and beam dynamics studies
  - C-band injector proposal for future upgrade
    - Improvement in beam dynamics
  - Conclusions and future perspectives





Injector exit parameters	Witness	Driver
Spot Size	0.118 mm	0.127 mm
Bunch Length	5 $\mu\text{m}$	62 $\mu\text{m}$
Emittance	0.55 $\mu\text{m}$	1.5 $\mu\text{m}$
Energy	124 MeV	126 MeV
Energy spread	0.18 %	0.55 %
Bunch separation	0.5 ps	--
Peak current	1.8 kA	--

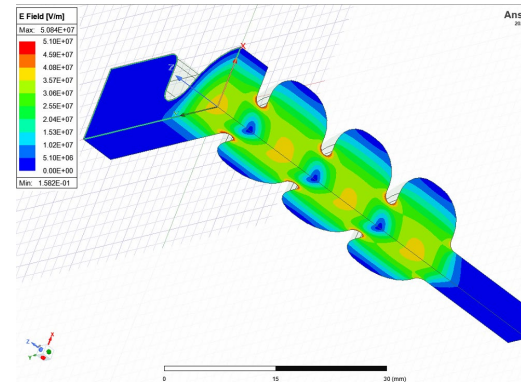
- 1,6 cells S-band RF Gun equipped with a solenoid
- 4 TW S-band accelerating structures, the first one 3 m long while the other 2 m
- 2 emittance compensation solenoids around the VB sections
- Overall length of  $\approx 13$  m



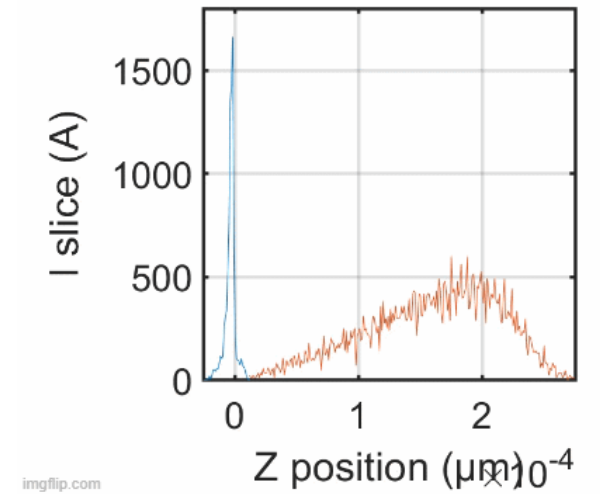
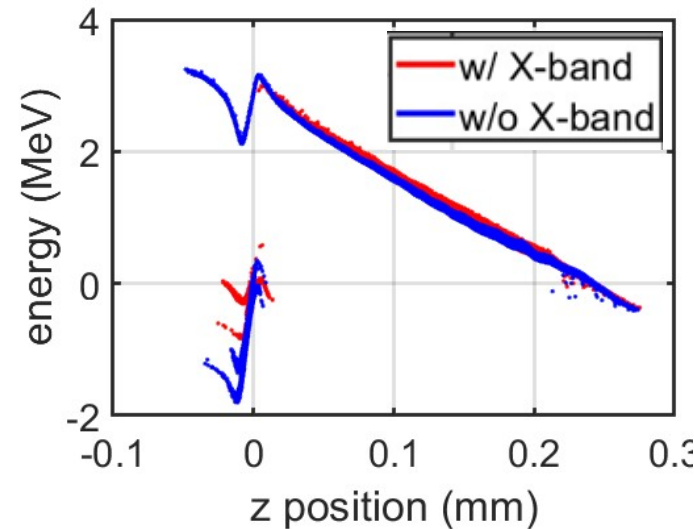
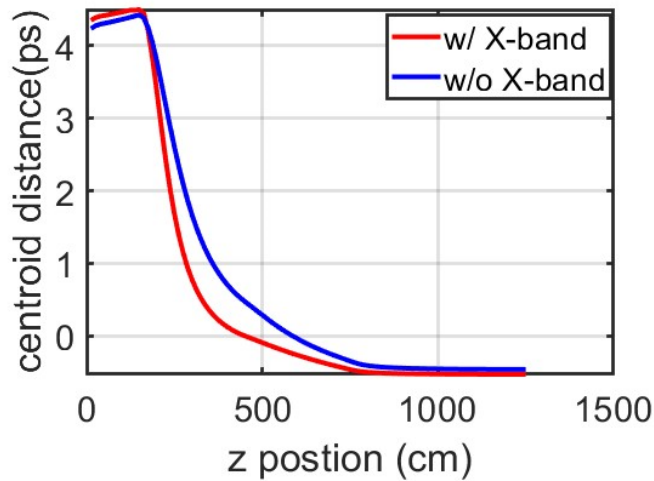
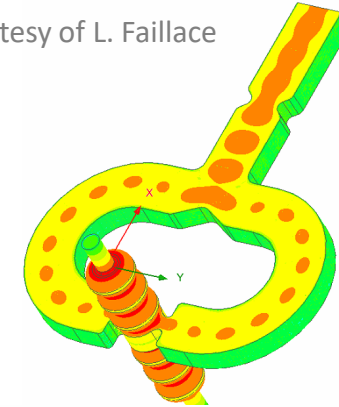
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X-band	
Resonant frequency	11.9942 GHz
E acc	20 MV/m
E peak	38 MV/m
Number of cells	7
Length	11 cm



Courtesy of L. Faillace

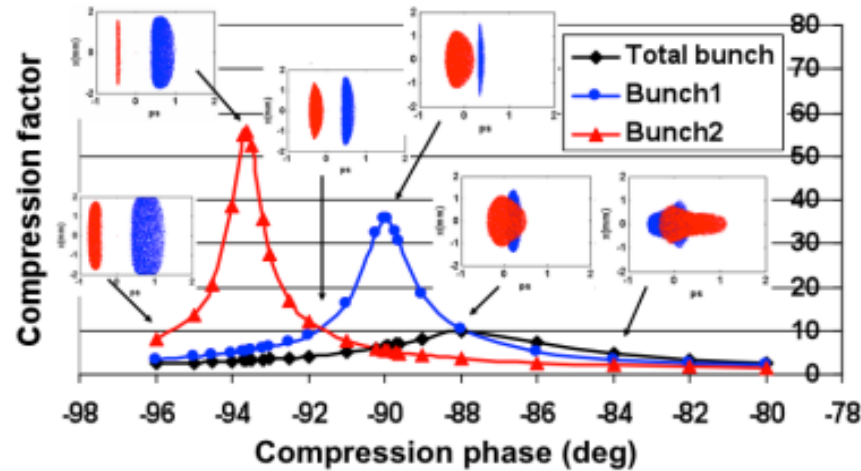


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For a working point with the characteristics of the EuPRAXIA setup, the temporal jitter between the driver and witness beams of approximately  $\delta t \approx \text{few fs}$  for an energy jitter of 0.1%.



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Charge	Spot Size	RF phases (S/X)	Acc field amplitude
2 %	1 %	0,02/0,08 deg	0.02% rms

Jitters	$\epsilon(\text{mm-mrad})$	Bunch separation(ps)	Bunch Length (ps)
phase X & gradients S&X, charge	$0.6611 \pm 0.0190$	$0.5467 \pm 0.0018$	$0.0136 \pm 9.65 \times 10^{-5}$
phase X & gradients S&X	$0.6619 \pm 0.0132$	$0.5462 \pm 0.0022$	$0.0136 \pm 1.12 \times 10^{-4}$
All (no time of arrival)	$0.6683 \pm 0.0222$	$0.5460 \pm 0.0037$	$0.0138 \pm 3.8 \times 10^{-4}$
phases & gradients S&X	$0.6693 \pm 0.0165$	$0.5448 \pm 0.0030$	$0.0137 \pm 1.42 \times 10^{-4}$
phase X, gradients S&X ,charge spot	$0.6698 \pm 0.022$	$0.5463 \pm 0.0025$	$0.0138 \pm 4.29 \times 10^{-4}$
All	$0.6602 \pm 0.0194$	$0.5469 \pm 0.0039$	$0.0136 \pm 3.5 \times 10^{-4}$
phase & gradient X	$0.6576 \pm 0.0042$	$0.5464 \pm 0.0012$	$0.0136 \pm 1.83 \times 10^{-5}$
phase & gradient S, spot, charge	$0.6611 \pm 0.0212$	$0.5458 \pm 0.0029$	$0.0136 \pm 3.5 \times 10^{-4}$





The C-band technology allows for:

- ✓ **Higher efficiency** suitable for **applications requiring repetition rates in the 100 Hz ÷ 400 Hz range.**
- ✓ **Reduce injector footprint by maintaining high-quality high-brightness beams.**
- ✓ **Easier transition to the X-band booster.**
- ✓ **Peak field Higher than S-band.**

↙ Gun **160-180 MV/m**

↘ **TW structures 60 MV/m (35 MV/m S-band) [6]**

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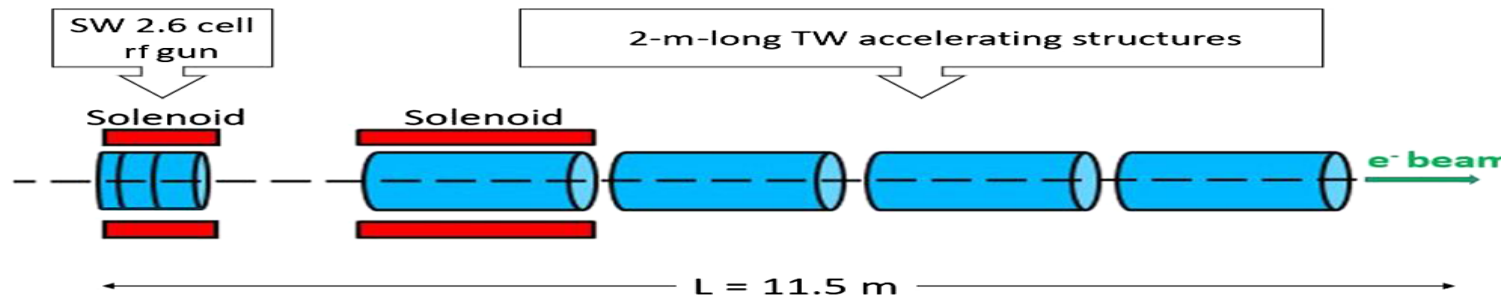
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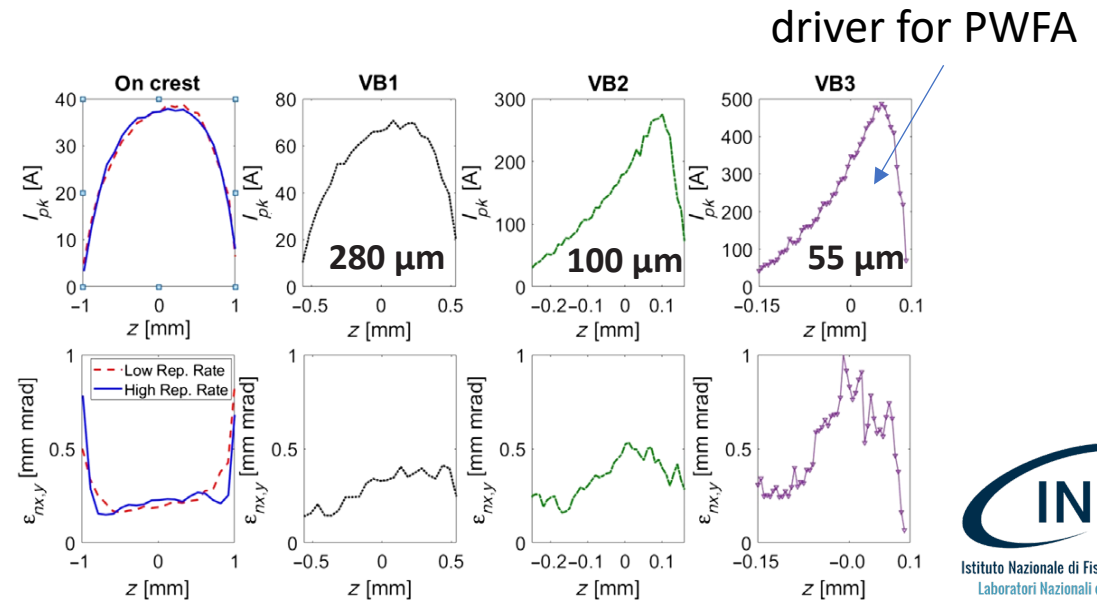
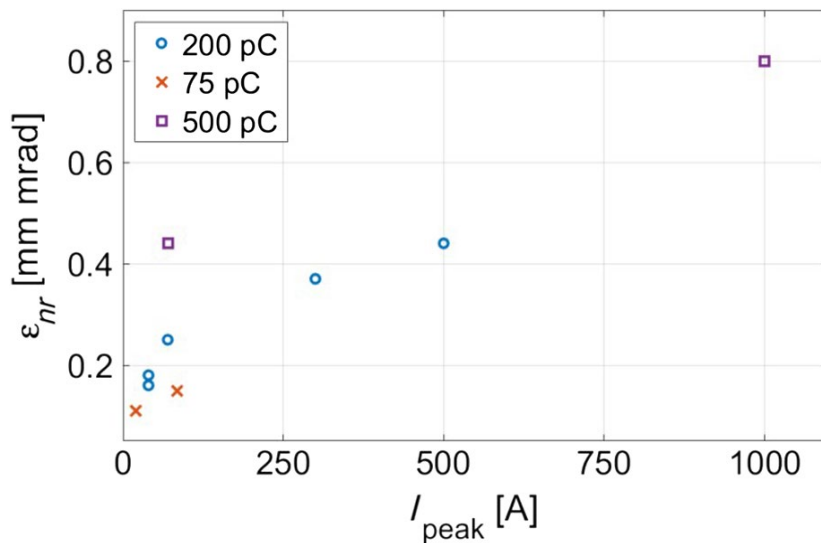
The beam dynamics has been studied to generate a single bunch with a variable length in the range 55–280  $\mu\text{m}$  and different charges.

## Compact

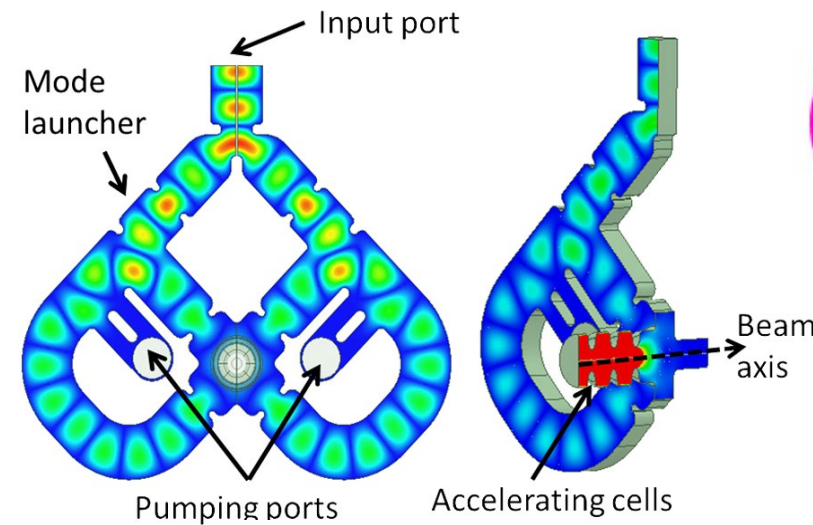
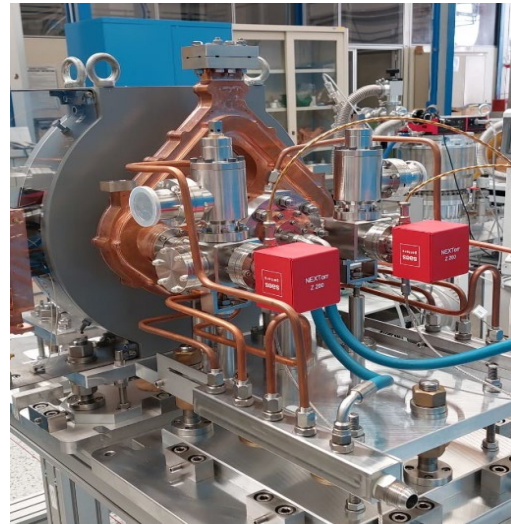


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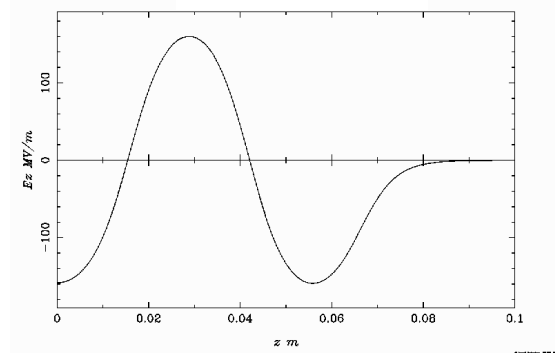
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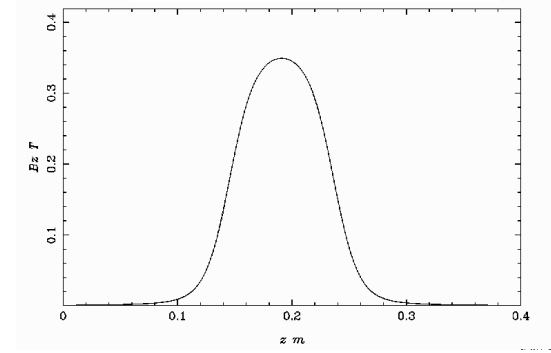
The Gun peak field is set to 160 MV/m, the limitation over the higher peak field for the high rep rate operation has been overcome by elongating the gun up 2,6 [10] cells so the beam energy after the Gun is 5,7 MeV



**Gun Field**



**Solenoid Field**



[10] M. Croia, D. Alesini, F. Cardelli, M. Diomede, M. Ferrario, A. Giribono, S. Romeo, C. Vaccarezza, and A. Vannozzi, High gradient ultra-high brightness C-band photoinjector optimization, J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 1596, 012031 (2020)

- » **2.6 cells Standing wave** RF Gun
- » **Coupling coefficient  $\beta = 3$** 
  - » Short RF Pulses
  - » Reducing BDR, pulsed heating,
  - » Reducing power dissipation
- » **Elliptical iris profile** with large aperture
  - » Reduce surface peak field
  - » Increase frequency separation,
  - » Increase pumping efficiency
- » **4 port mode launcher** on-axis coupling [\*]
  - » Low pulsed heating
  - » compensation of the dipole and quadrupole field components
  - » Integrate 2 pumping units

Parameter	Unit	Value
Frequency	GHz	5.712
Number of cells		2.6
$E_{\text{cath}}/\sqrt{P_{\text{diss}}}$	MV/(m·MW <sup>0.5</sup> )	51.4
Peak input power	MW	18
Cathode field	MV/m	160 (180)
Cathode type		OFHC copper
Rep. rate	Hz	100 (400)
Quality factor		11900
Filling time	ns	166
Coupling coefficient		3
RF pulse length	ns	300
Mode sep. $\pi$ - $\pi/2$	MHz	47
$E_{\text{surf}}/E_{\text{cath}}$		0.96
Mod. Poy. Vect.	W/ $\mu\text{m}^2$	2.5
Pulsed heating	°C	<16
Av.diss. Power	W	250 (1000)

Courtesy of F. Cardelli

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## ELI-NP dumped cells for multi-bunch operation (100 Hz)

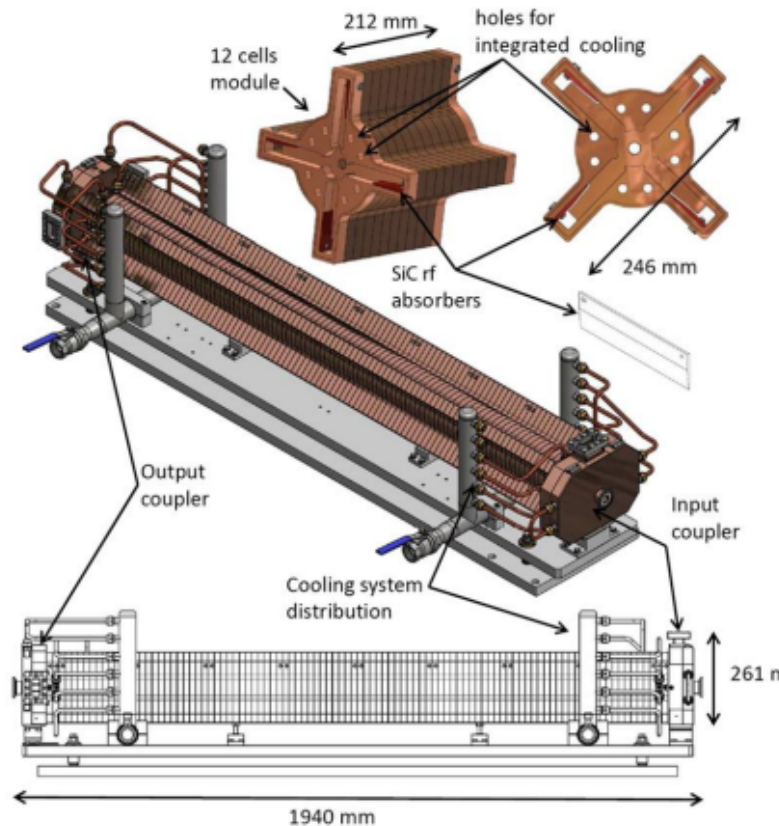
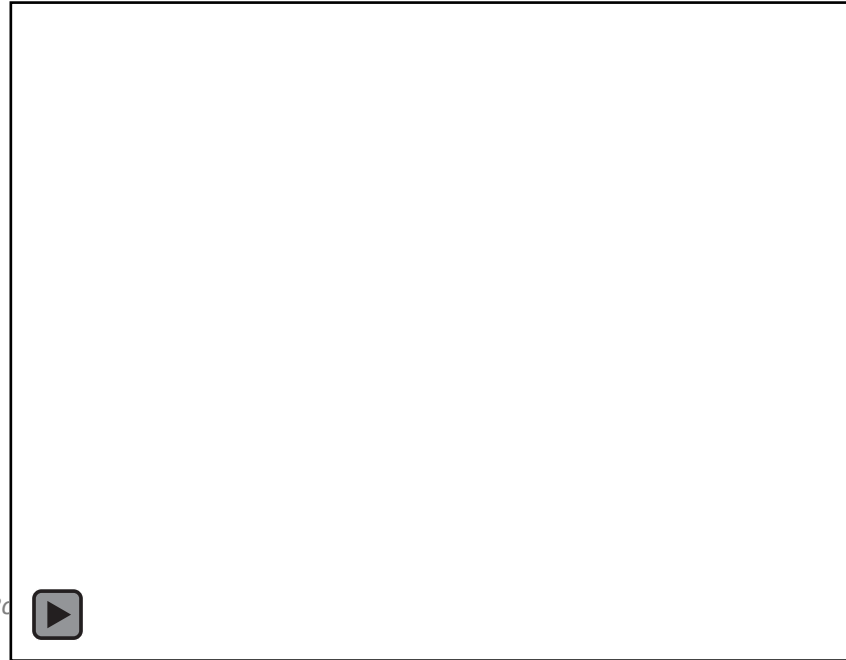
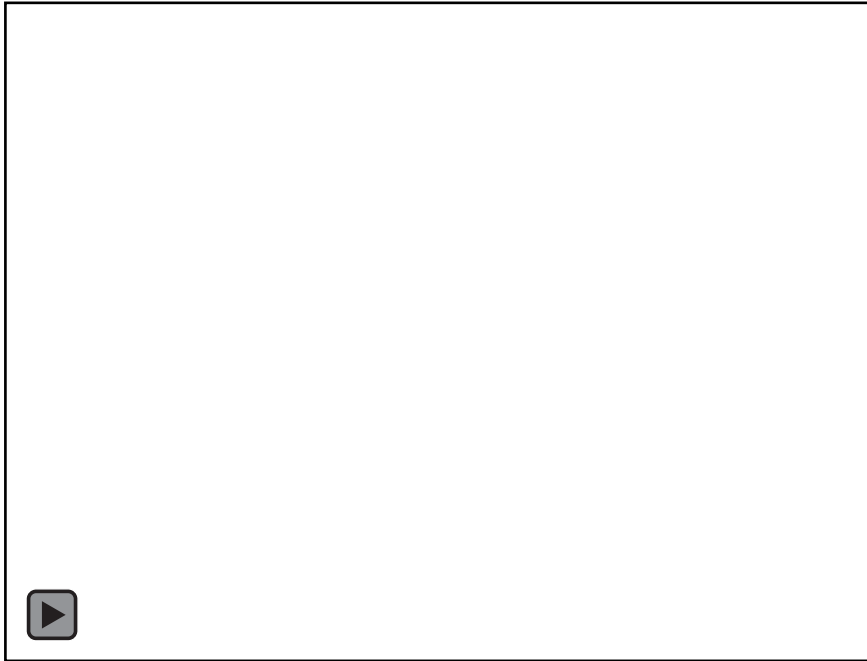
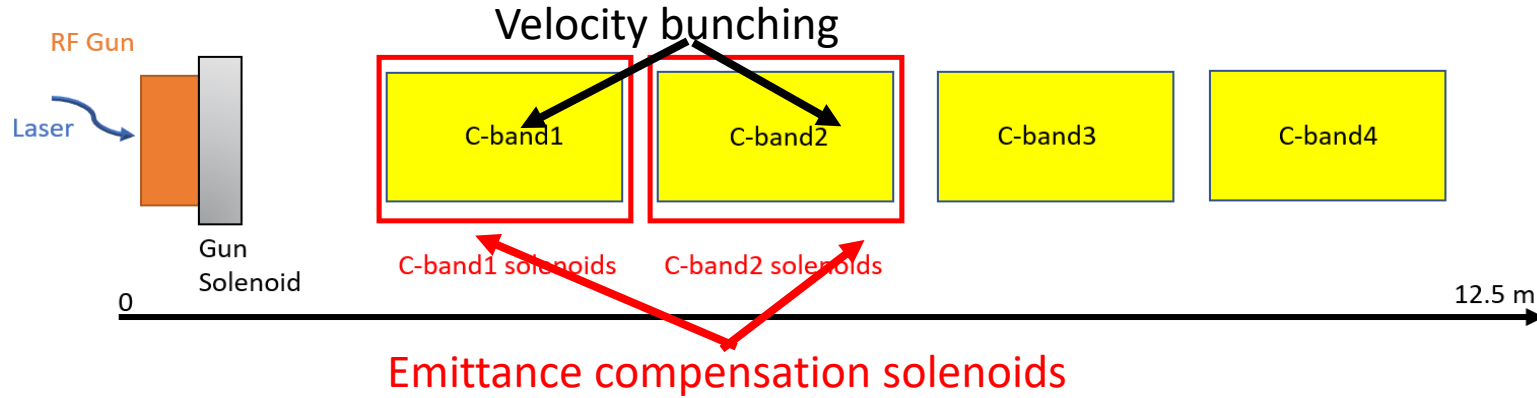


TABLE I. Main parameters of the ELI-NP accelerating structures.

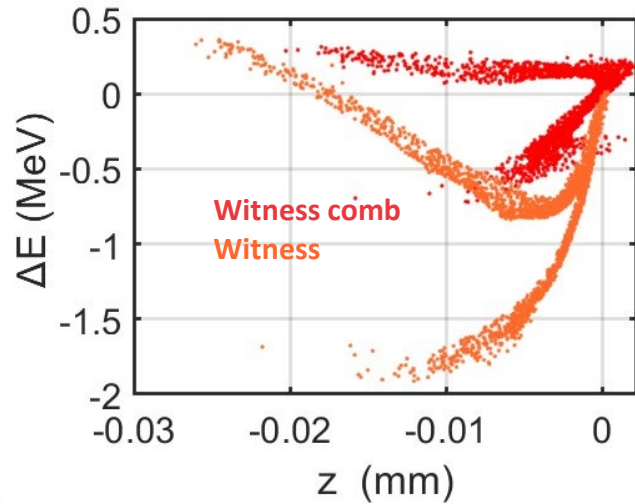
Parameter	Value
Working frequency ( $f_{rf}$ )	5.712 GHz
Cell phase advance	$2\pi/3$
Number of cells	102
Structure length	1.8 m
Iris aperture radius	6.8–5.78 mm
Repetition rate	100 Hz
Average quality factor	8850
Average accelerating field	33 MV/m
Shunt impedance	67–74 M $\Omega$ /m
Group velocity ( $v_g/c$ )	0.025–0.015
Filling time	313 ns
rf input power ( $P_{in}$ )	40 MW
Output power ( $P_{out}$ )	0.29 $P_{in}$
Pulse duration for beam ( $\tau_{beam}$ )	<512 ns
Pulsed heating (input coupler)	<21 °C
Average wall-loss power	2.3 kW
Working temperature	30 °C

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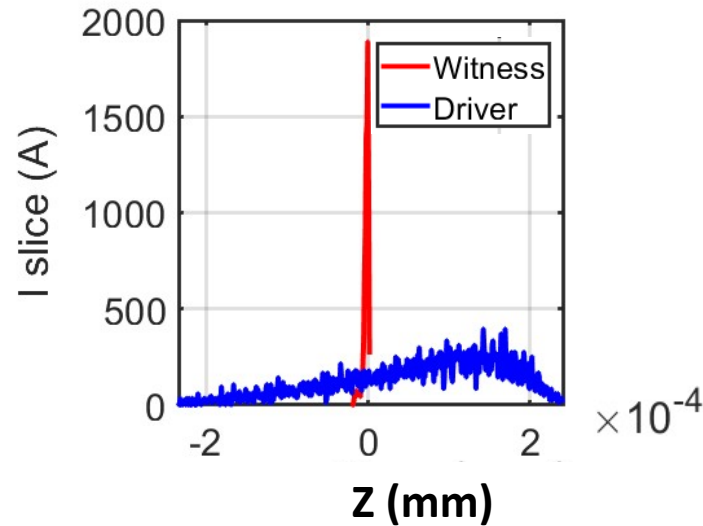
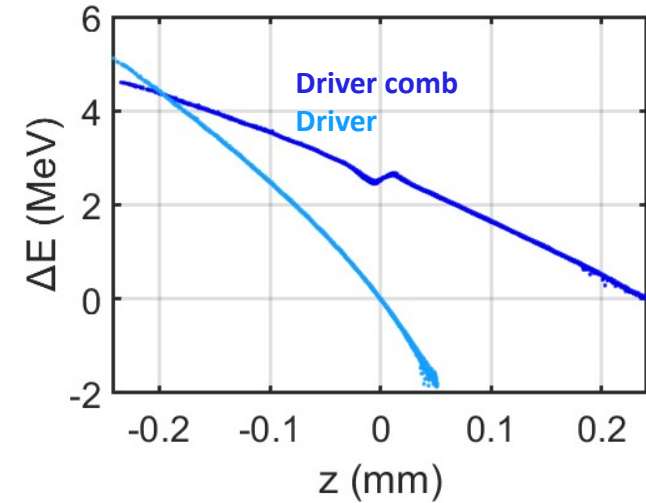


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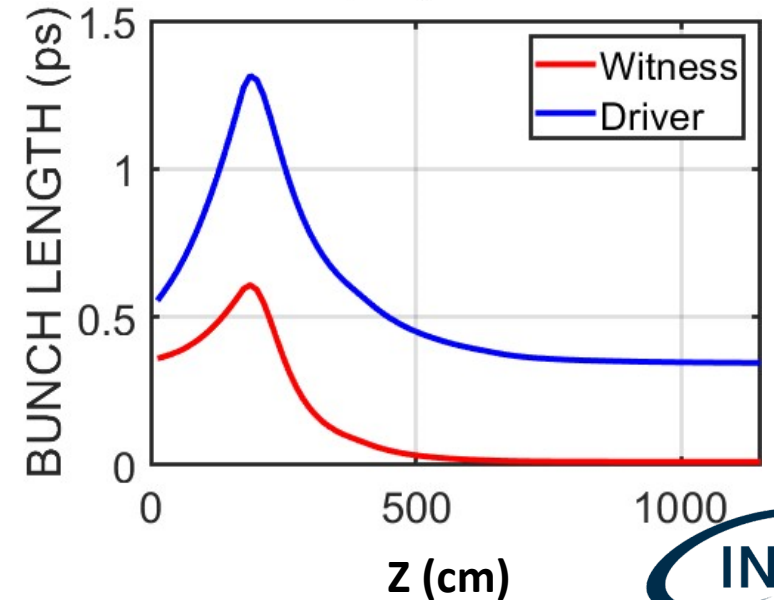
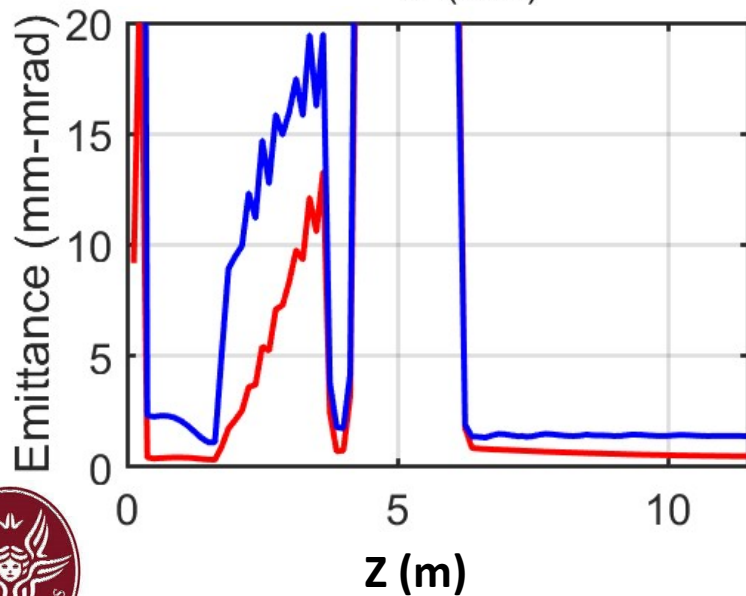


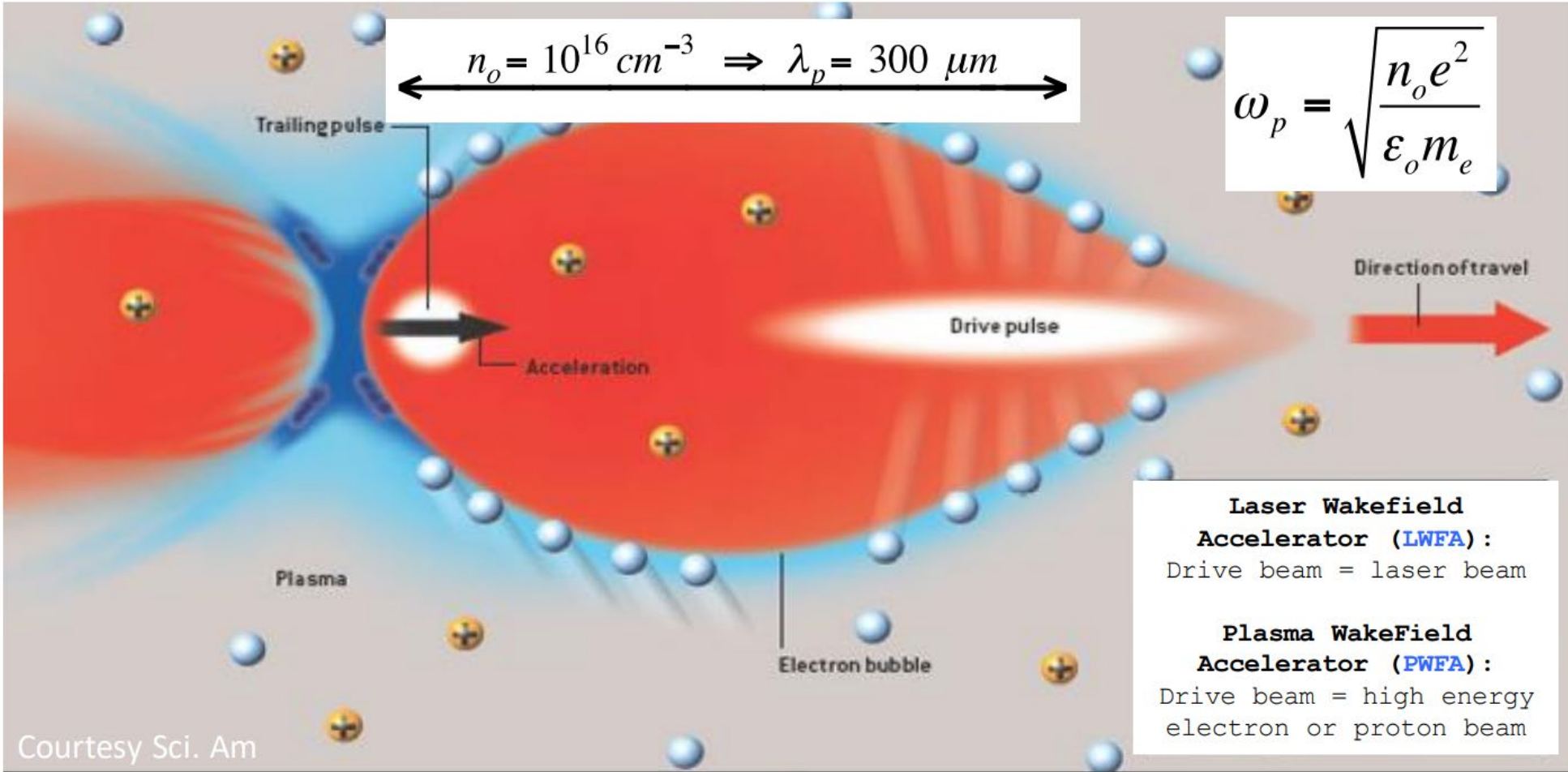


Beam parameters @ cathode	Witness	Driver
Spot Size	0.175 mm	0.35 mm
Bunch Length	220 fs	220 fs
Charge	30 pC	200 pC
Bunch separation	6.3 ps	--

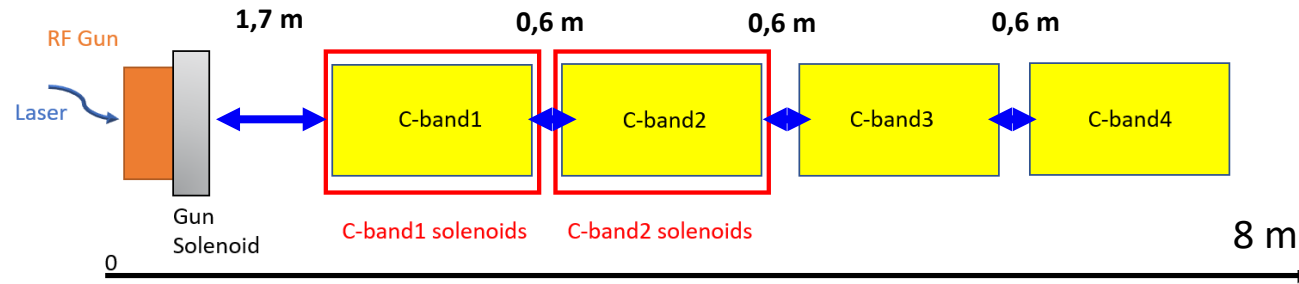
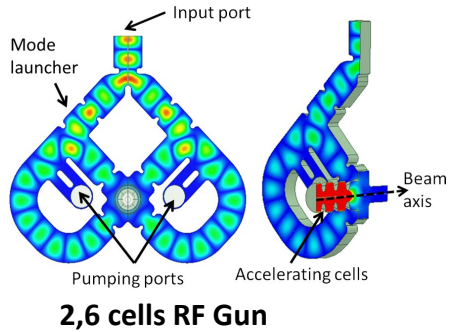


C-band Injector exit parameters	Witness	Driver
Bunch Length	3.4 $\mu\text{m}$	100 $\mu\text{m}$
Emittance	0.48 $\mu\text{m}$	1.40 $\mu\text{m}$
Energy spread	0.2 %	1.1 %
Bunch separation	0.22 ps	
Peak current	1.9 kA	0.3 kA

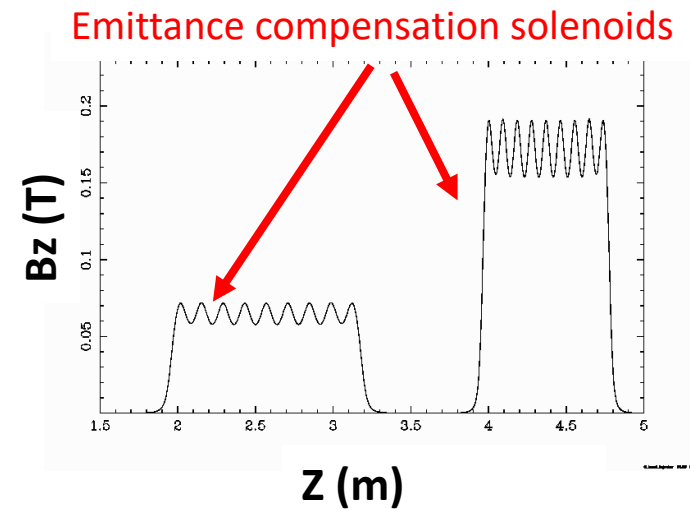
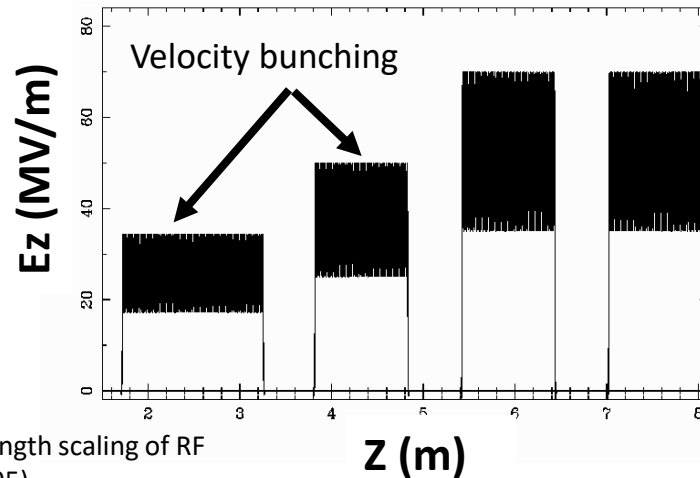




The C-band injector, scaled [15] from the S-band design, features an initial cavity length of 1.5 meters, with subsequent cavities measuring 1 meter each. The electric fields within the cavities are doubled compared to the S-band configuration. The first cavity operates with a peak electric field of 34 MV/m to support VB operations. Additionally, the magnetic field in the solenoid cavities is also doubled in accordance with the scaling laws.

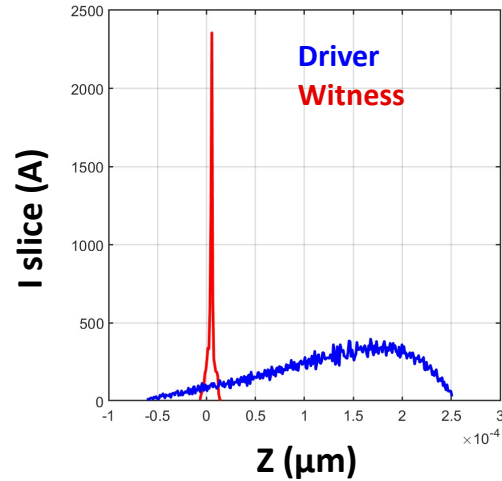
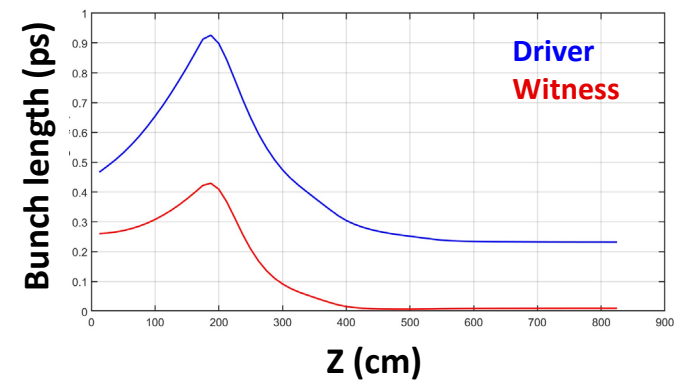
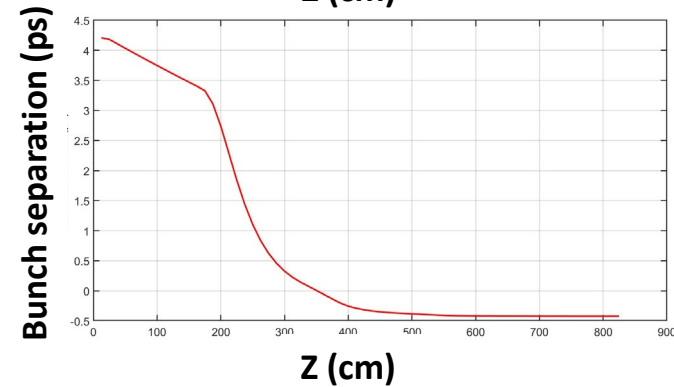
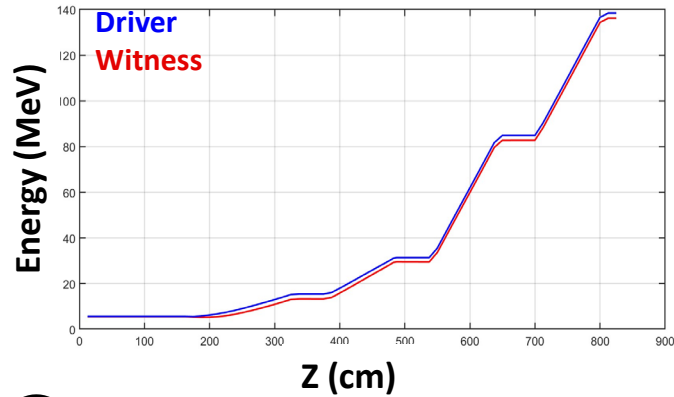


Beam@cathode	Witness	Driver
charge	30 pC	200 pC
Spot size	0,2 mm rms	0,32 mm rms
Bunch length	100 fs	100 fs
Bunch separation	11,5 ps	

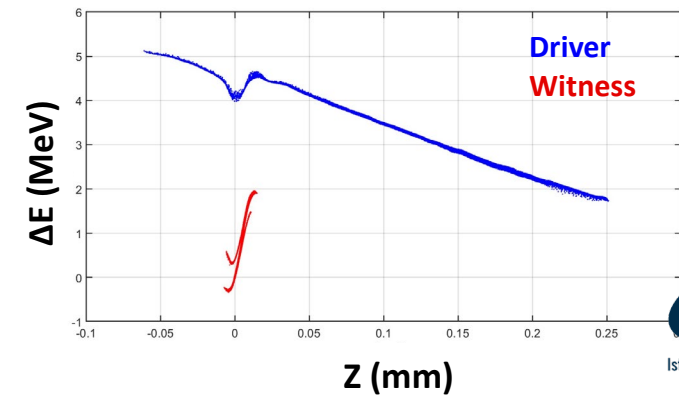
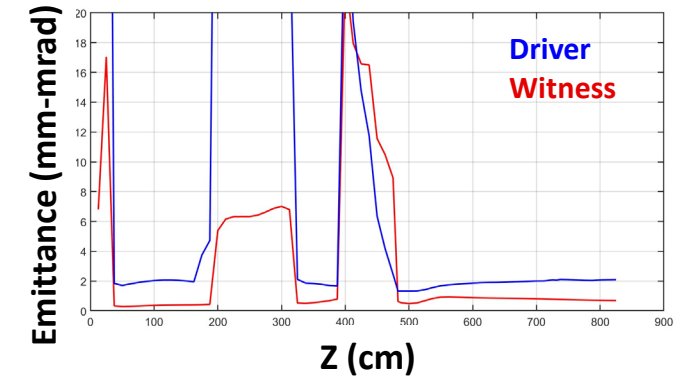
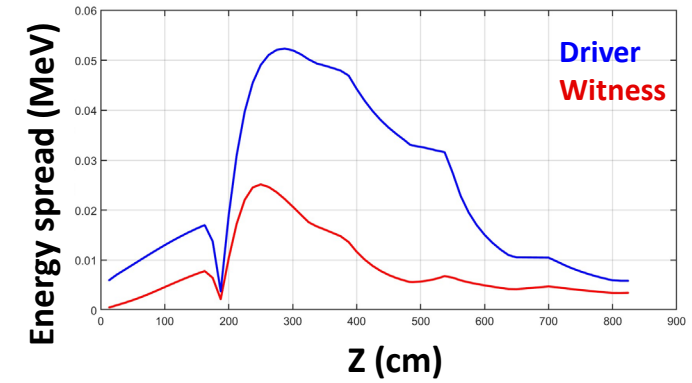


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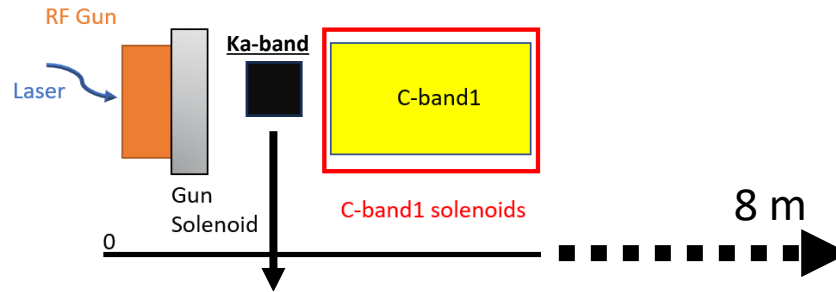




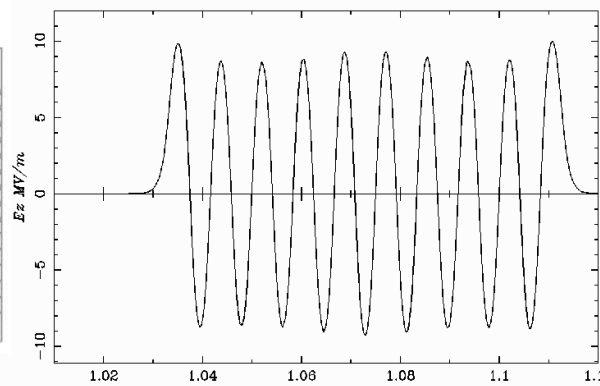
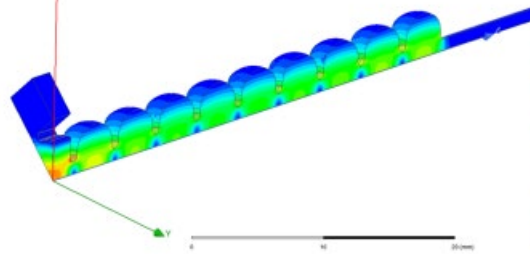
Injector exit parameters	Witness / Driver
Emittance (mm-mrad)	0,65 / 2
Energy (MeV)	136 / 138
Energy spread (KeV)	3,5 / 5,8
Bunch separation (ps)	0,45
Bunch length (um)	3,2 / 70



SW Ka-band	
Resonant Frequency	36 GHz
E acc	10 MV/m
Number of cells	19
Length	8 cm
Radius	3,5 mm



$$V_{lin} = \frac{1}{h^2} V_C \cos(\phi_C) \quad [17]$$

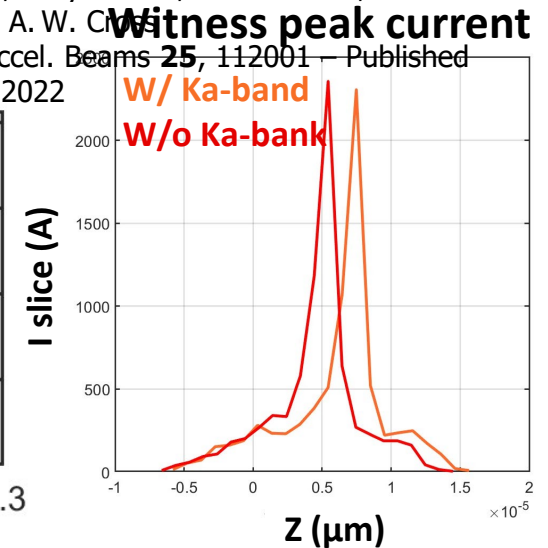
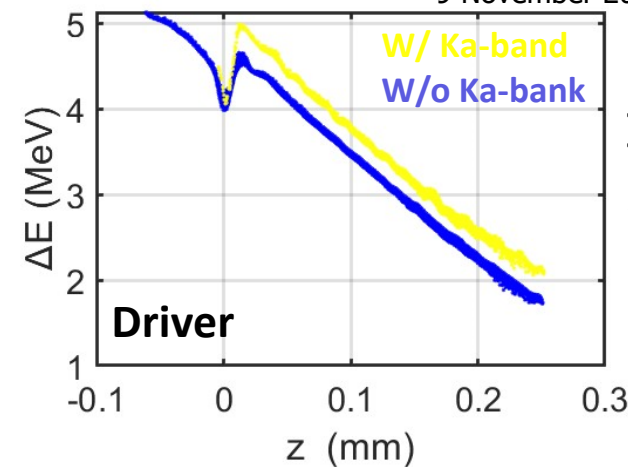
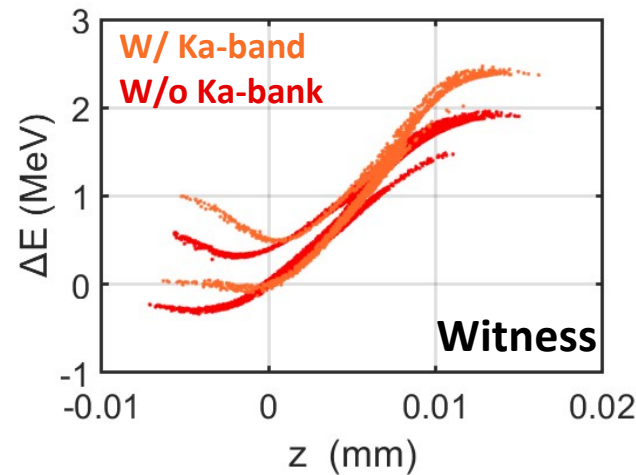
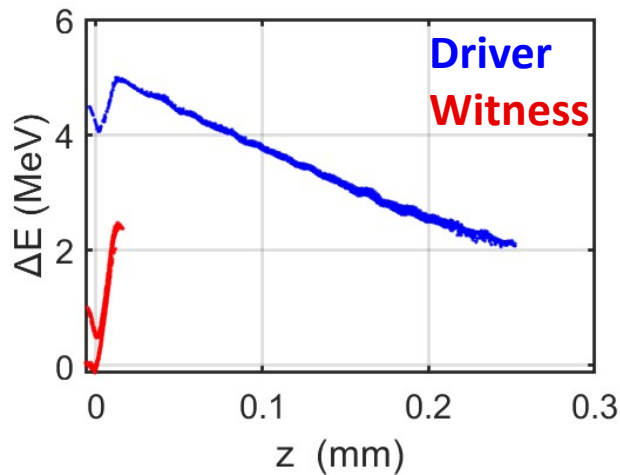


Injector exit parameters	Witness / Driver
Emittance (mm-mrad)	0,45 / 2,46
Energy (MeV)	136 / 138
Energy spread (KeV)	4,6 / 4,8
Bunch separation (ps)	0,5
Bunch length (um)	3,7 / 56

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- This study demonstrates that operating a plasma stage with a complete C-band injector is feasible. This machine is expected to enhance the repetition rate and reduce the injector's footprint while maintaining high-quality beams through a more compact system.
- Further optimizations of the new C-band injector are ongoing. Additional focus will be placed on beam dynamics simulations to address the time separation required for PWFA application.
  - Further investigation into the layout, including the Ka-band cavity, is needed to assess its impact on the bunch separation and stability.
    - technological feasibility must be demonstrated.
- Jitter studies must be performed to assess the working point stability.

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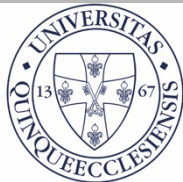




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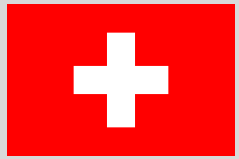


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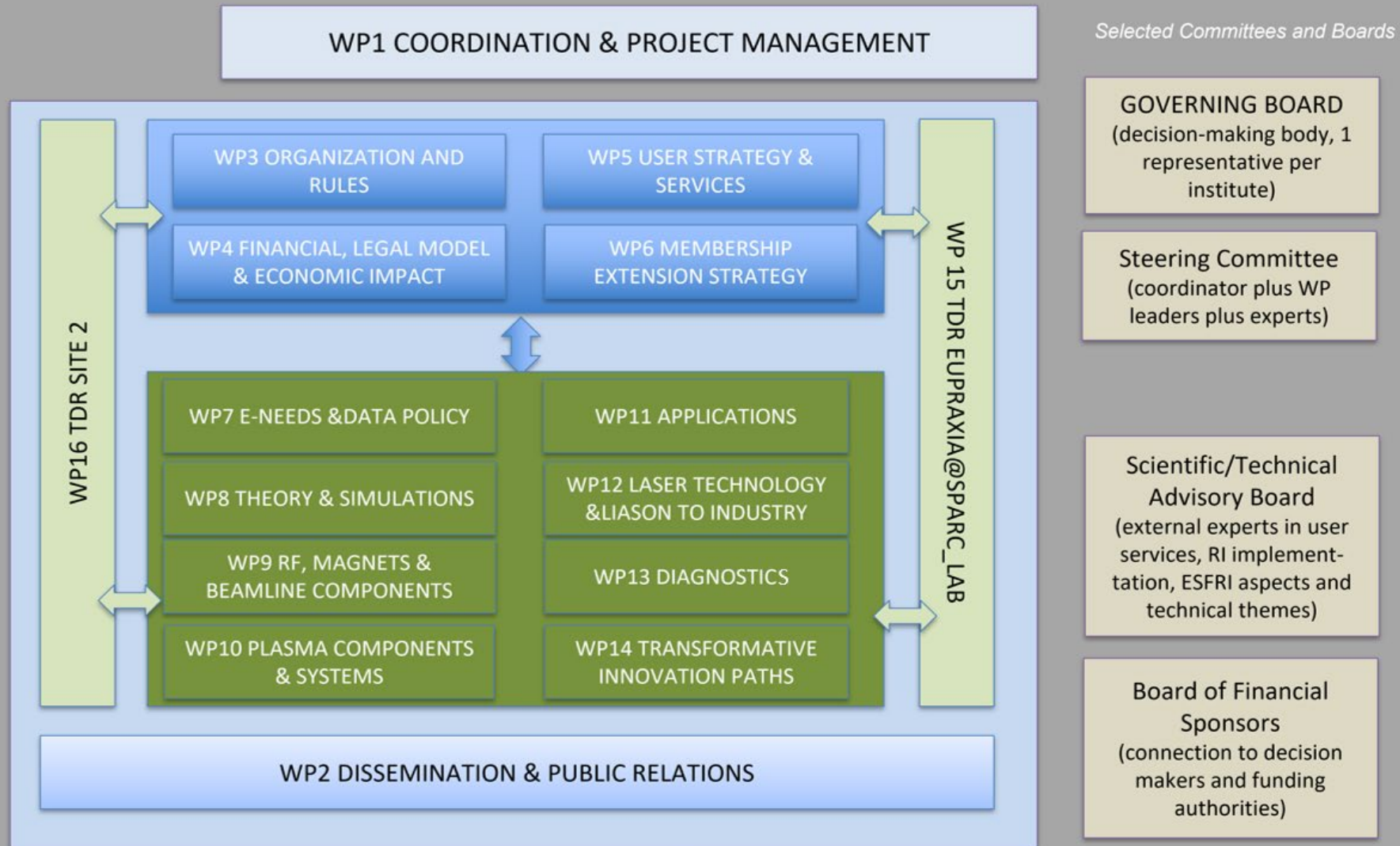
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