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The E209 experiment at FACET studies the physics of the self-modulation instability in long electron and positron beams in dense plasmas. We report on initial results from experiments in Lithium, Argon and Hydrogen plasmas. We highlight the various experimental challenges, and steps taken to overcome them.

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