

Ultra-low emittance round beams with multi-pulse ionization injection schemes

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Two-Color Laser-Ionization Injection

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A method is proposed to generate femtosecond, ultralow emittance ($\sim 10^{-8}$ mrad), electron beams in a laser-plasma accelerator using two lasers of different colors. A long-wavelength pump pulse, with a large ponderomotive force and small peak electric field, excites a wake without fully ionizing a high-Z gas. A short-wavelength injection pulse, with a small ponderomotive force and large peak electric field, copropagating and delayed with respect to the pump laser, ionizes a fraction of the remaining bound electrons at a trapping wake phase, generating an electron beam that is accelerated in the wake.

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It uses two lasers systems:

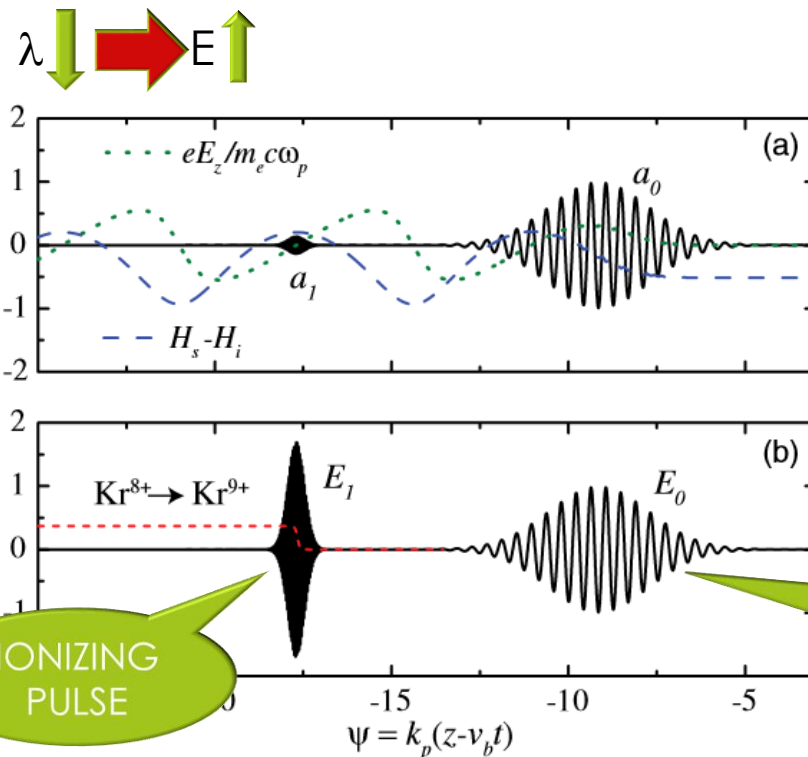
A **long wavelength** ($\lambda > 5 \mu\text{m}$) pulse excites the plasma wave and the **short wavelength** one ($\lambda < 0.4 \mu\text{m}$) extracts electrons by field ionization from an high-Z dopant.

It allows for very low emittance bunches.

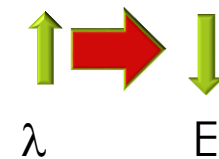
The ionisation pulse is **linearly polarised** so as to strongly reduce the beam emittance

Emittances of the order of a **few tens of nm** could be obtained with this scheme

A very asymmetric beam is generated



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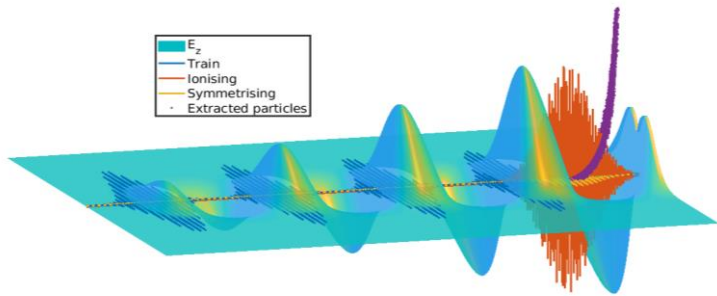
The resonant multi-pulse ionization injection

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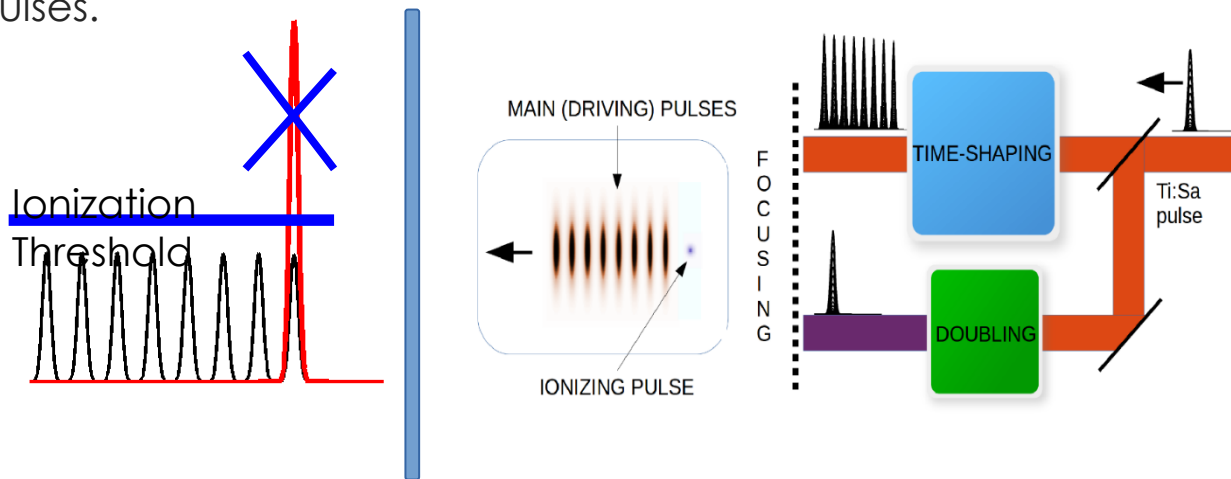
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In ReMPI the wakefield driver is a train of resonant, sub-threshold pulses. It may be implemented with just **one** short-pulse (e.g Ti:Sa) laser system.

Since a unique very large-amplitude Ti:Sa pulse would fully ionize the atoms (Ar⁸⁺ in our selected example), **the pulse is shaped as a resonant sequence** of sub-threshold amplitude pulses.



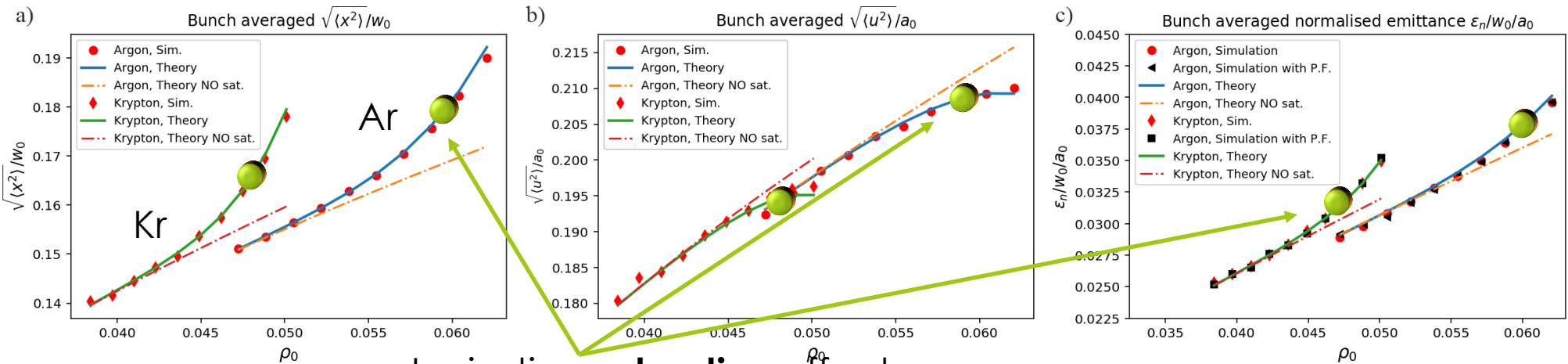
As in two-color, emittances of the order of **tens of nm** could be obtained with this scheme

A very asymmetric beam is generated, as the ionisation pulse is linearly polarised

- [1] C. Schroeder et al., Thermal emittance from ionization-induced trapping in plas. accel., PRAB 10130 (2014)
- [2] P. Tomassini et al. Accurate theory of tunnel ionization emittance with a single laser pulse,., in prep.

Based on the work in [1] and with the aim of obtaining a very accurate theory for a **single cycle** or the **whole bunch ionisation**, we developed a model including Δ_0^4 correction terms and **exponential contributions due to the onset of saturation effects**.

Errors **below 1%** are obtained with $Kr^{8^+ \rightarrow 9^+}$ and $Ar^{8^+ \rightarrow 9^+}$ processes.



$$\rho_0 = \sqrt{\Delta_0}$$

$$T = 10 fs$$

$$w_0 = 5 \mu m$$

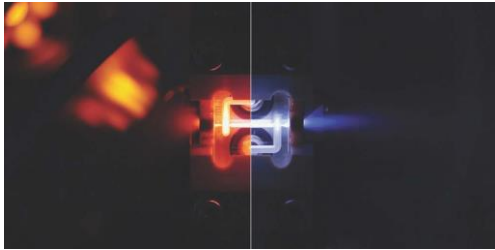
Ionisation **saturation** effects on

$$\Delta_0 = \left(\frac{2E_{0,x}}{3E_a} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{U_H}{U_I} \right)^{3/4} \ll 1$$

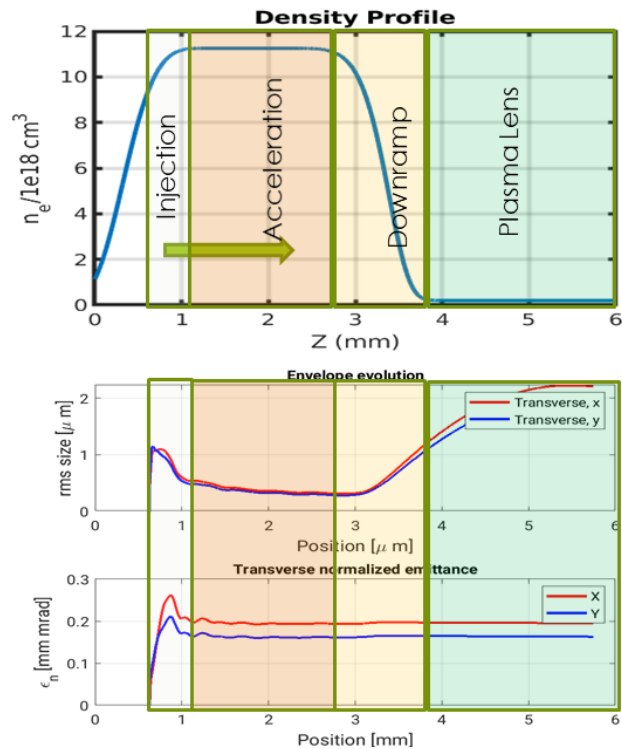
Emittance ϵ_{nx}

The new theory can be applied in **laser-envelope codes**, so as to accurately mimic the ionisation process (with <1% error) **without the need of a very large resolution.**

Active plasma lens



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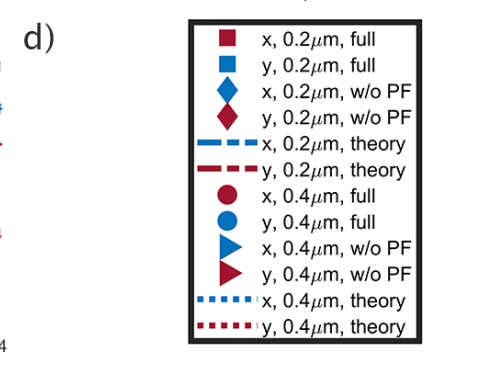
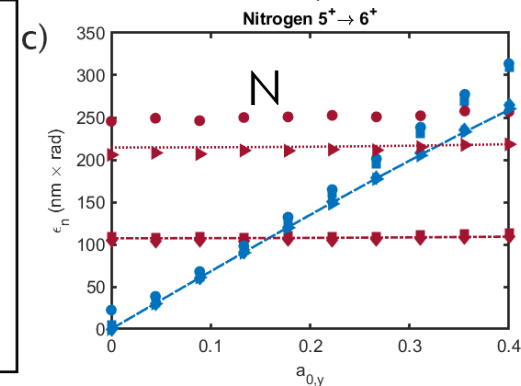
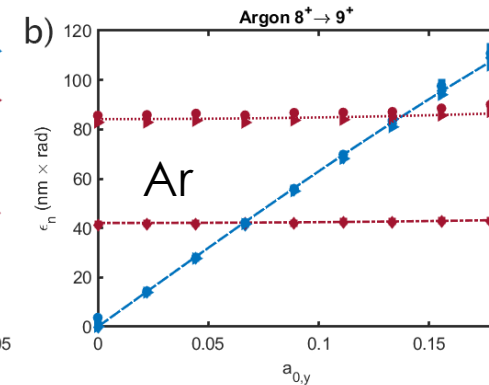
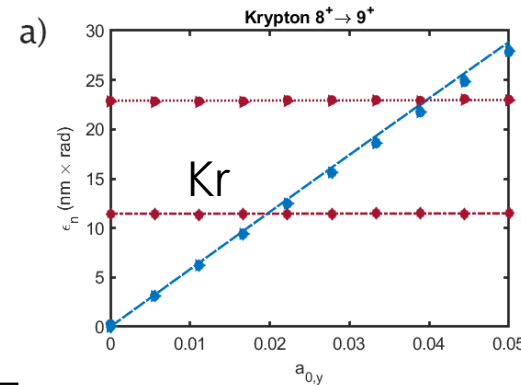
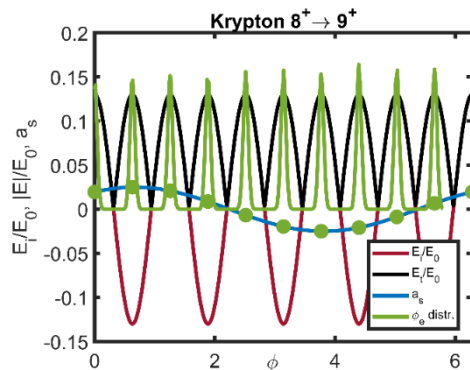
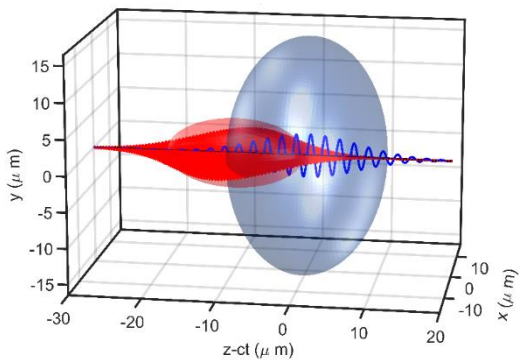
	FLAT	ROUND
Matching betatron oscill.	Impossible to match: x and y sizes evolve differently	Matchable
Beam loading control/energy spread minim.	Impossible to match: x and y sizes evolve differently	Matchable
UP/DOWN ramps	Impossible to match in both directions	Matchable
Simulation complexity	Very large. Full 3D codes are necessary (even in an optimisation stage)	Small. Cylindrical or quasi-cylindrical codes can be employed
PLASMA LENSES	Impossible to match in both directions	Matchable

Only HQ round beams are candidates for staging.

[4] Axially symmetric high-quality electron beams generation with single or multi-pulse ionization schemes, P. Tomassini et al., in prep.

Two (even partially) overlapped, perpendicularly polarised pulses with different wavelengths can be fruitfully employed to obtain **round beams**, still **preserving the beam quality** offered by the two-color and ReMPI schemes. The idea has been presented in [1-4], and an *accurate prediction* of the single-cycle or whole bunch properties will be published in [4]

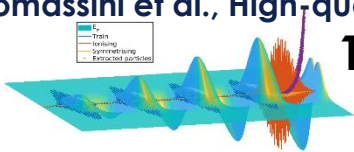
$$w_0 = 5\mu\text{m} \quad T = 15\text{fs}$$



- [1] P. Tomassini et al., High-quality 5GeV electron bunches with the resonant multi-pulse ionization injection, PPCF 62 (1) (2019)
- [2] P. Tomassini et al., High quality electron bunches for a multistage GeV accelerator with resonant multipulse ionization injection, PRAB 22 (2019)
- [3] R. Assman et al., EuPRAXIA Conceptual Design Report Eur. Phys. J ST (2020)

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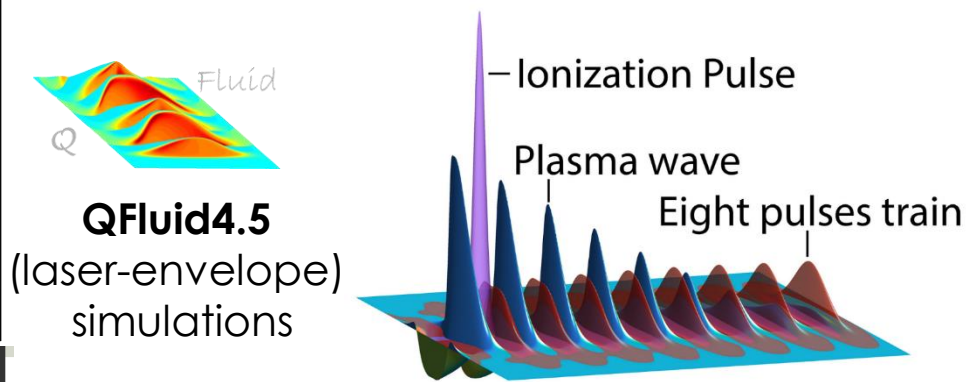
1PW Ti:Sa pulse needed. Argon as dopant+20cm capillary



The ionisation pulse is **partially overlapped** with the **last pulse** of the train and a (quasi) round beam of emittances

$$\epsilon_{nx} \simeq 75\text{nm} \times \text{rad} \quad \epsilon_{nx} \simeq 65\text{nm} \times \text{rad}$$

is produced. Slice analysis reveals that a **FEL compliant 5GeV** beam is produced



Simulation Parameters

«Injector» gas jet (50%He,50%Ar)

Up/Down ramps	Plateau	Atomic Density	Background density
2mm	5mm	$2.75 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ 1/cm}^3$	$2.2 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ 1/cm}^3$

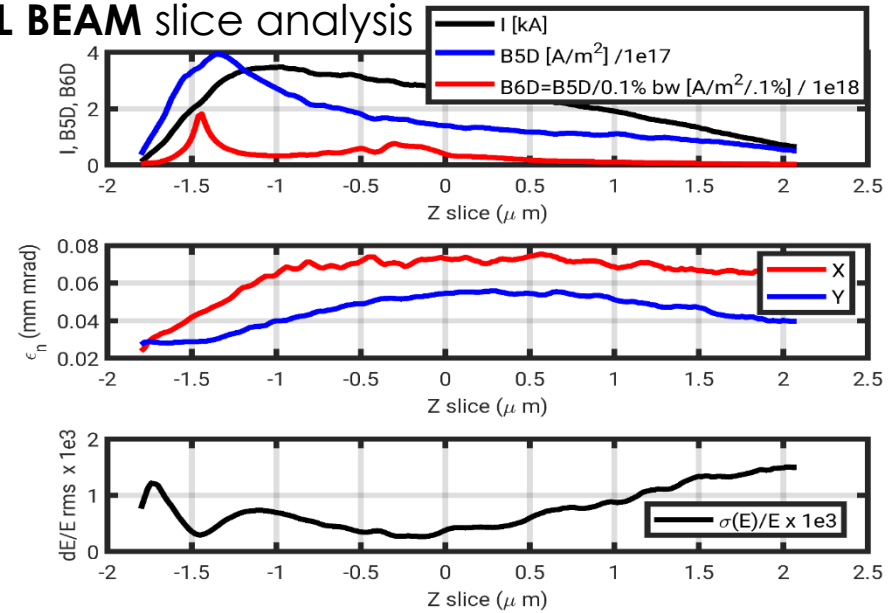
«booster» capillary (100% He)

Up/Down ramps	Plateau	Atomic density	Background plasma density	Channel depth for guiding
2mm	22 cm	$1.1 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ 1/cm}^3$	$2.2 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ 1/cm}^3$	90% of the matched value

ionization pulse, 4th harmonics of the Ti:Sa pulse

Wavelength	Energy	Duration	Waist
0.2 μm	0.06J	45 fs	4 μm

FINAL BEAM slice analysis



My tentative answers (1/4)

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1) Where do you see HEP applications of advanced accelerators in 30 years? //

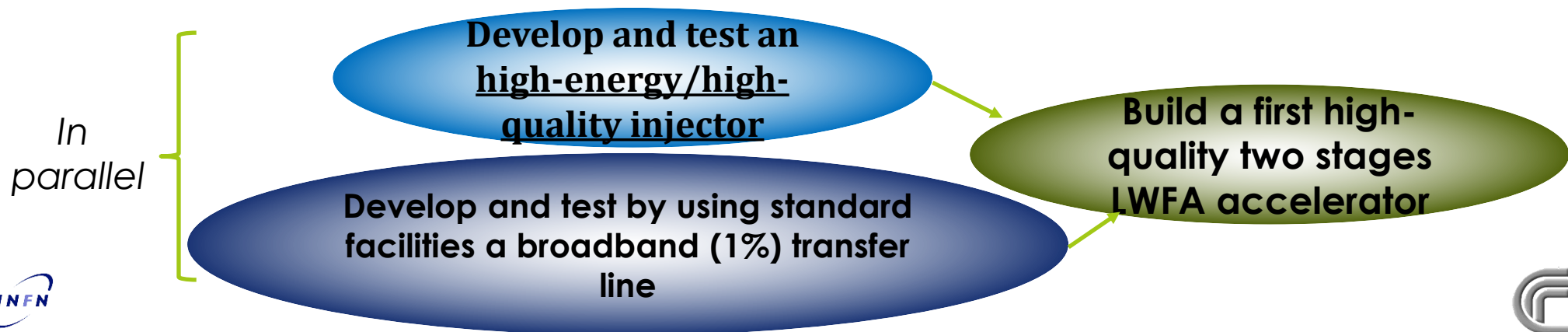
2) What intermediate physics applications/steps do you see until a HEP linear collider?

Applications (in addition to the medical one)

- **High-field physics and polarized particles** are very interesting option.
- **Atto-seconds probing** is also very interesting because it's not available with standard accelerators. For example **Two-color** and **ReMPI** schemes can provide **sub-fs beams**. They can be employed directly as probes or used to generate sub-fs X/gamma beams.

Steps (in addition to the positron counterpart)

- The critical step is **staging**, of course. In particular, **preserving beam emittance** is the most challenging physical and technical issue. We need to **step-up the first stage final energy to a GeV scale** so as to have the chance of being able to control emittance growth during the downramp+optics+upramp sections. Therefore an interesting **first steps** chain in pure LWFA could be



My tentative answers (2/4)



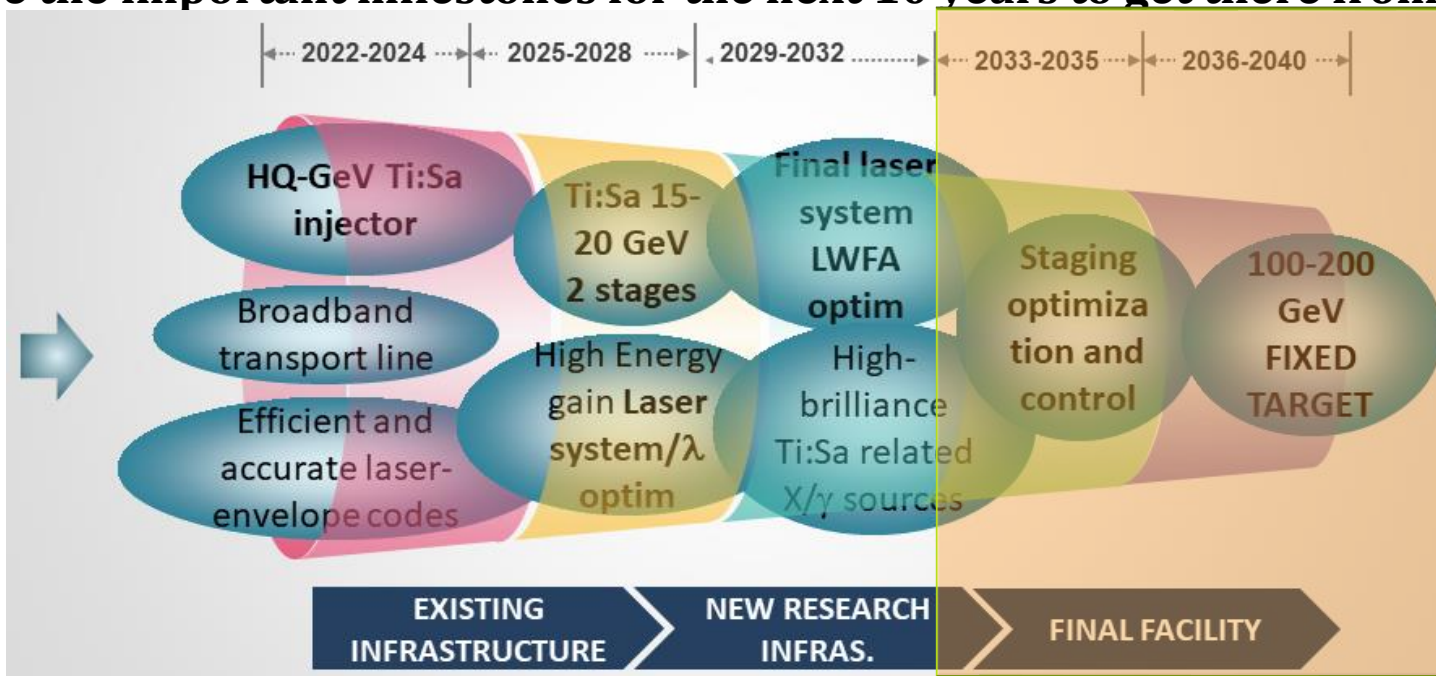
3) What is the synergy with related fields? Apart from the obvious speed-up of laser system development I see a deep link with the related **High-Brilliance X/gamma sources** development.

4) What is the role of your work here?

I'm working on **high-quality injectors since 2003** (first numerical demonstration of density downramp as a low-emittance injector). My main (current) contribution is on **ReMPI optimisation** and on the development of an **accurate theory of beam emittance** with ionisation injection schemes. I'm also proposing a simple way to obtain **round beams** with very low emittances.

P2

1) What are the important milestones for the next 10 years to get there from today?



2) What additional support is needed to achieve these? //

3) What should be proposed as deliverables until 2026? Please list in order of priority.

a. Demonstration that the **main ingredients** of a HEP (electron) accelerator are physically understood and technically controlled. This means that a GeV-scale high-quality (<100nm rad, round, <1% energy spread) LWFA injector should be tested in an **existing 1PW Ti:Sa facility** [ELI-NP? ELI-Beamlines?...]. At the same time, by using the information from Simulations and preliminary tests on the obtained bunch, we need to demonstrate that the beam exit from the injector stage + (plasma lens ?) + standard beam optics + plasma upramp sections can be managed **sufficiently well to maintain the beam quality** [SPARC-LAB? DESY?....]

b. Demonstration that a GeV class FEL quality compliant and stable beam can be generated with a single stage LWFA [ELI-NP? ELI-Beamlines?...].

c. Demonstration that active control of beam phase jitter can be achieved [DESY?]

4) Is the R&D work for each of those deliverables already funded and, if not, what additional resources / support would be needed? //

My tentative answers (4/4)

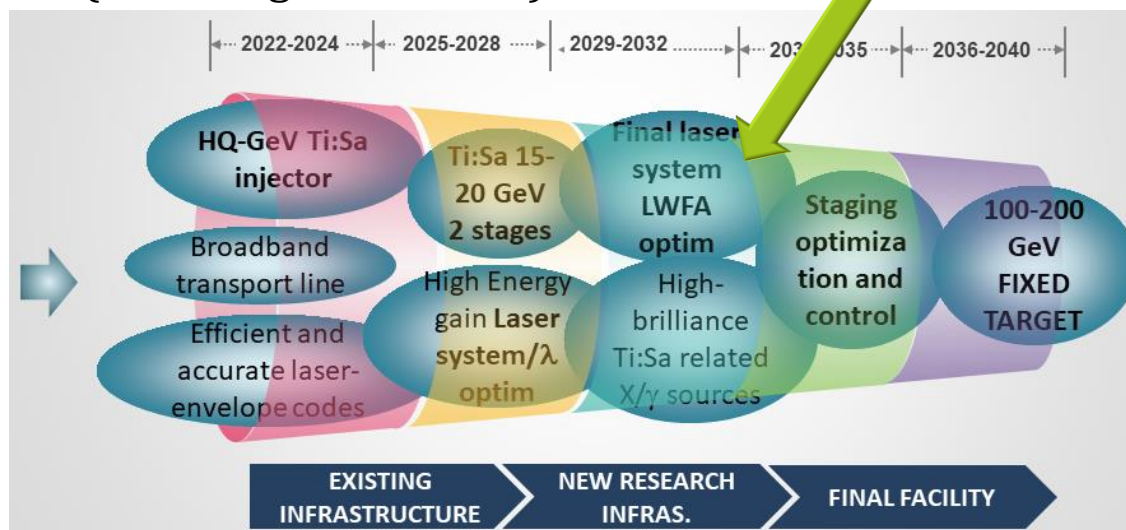


P3

1) What key R&D needs can be achieved in existing R&D facilities?

- Ti:Sa LWFA demonstration module , Beam transport line, Active beam phase control

NOTE: Once the optimal laser technology has been selected, a **light research infrastructure** to test the new system (including LWFA tests) is needed.



2) What is the role of the already planned future facilities in Europe and world-wide? //

3) What can be done with the existing and planned funding base? //

4) Is a completely new facility needed?

Yes

5) Are additional structures needed beyond existing networks and projects, e.g. a design study for a collider or an advanced accelerator stage? //