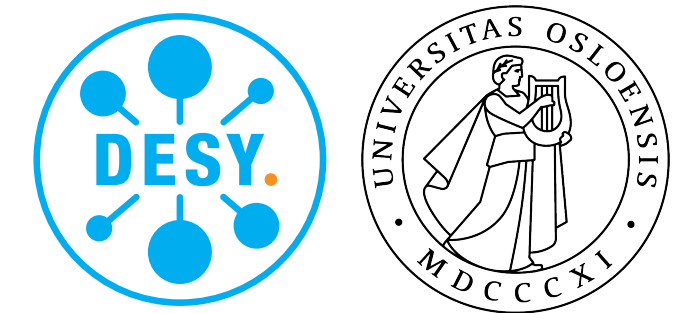


# A Hybrid, Asymmetric, Linear Higgs Factory (HALHF)

## Updates and Upgrades

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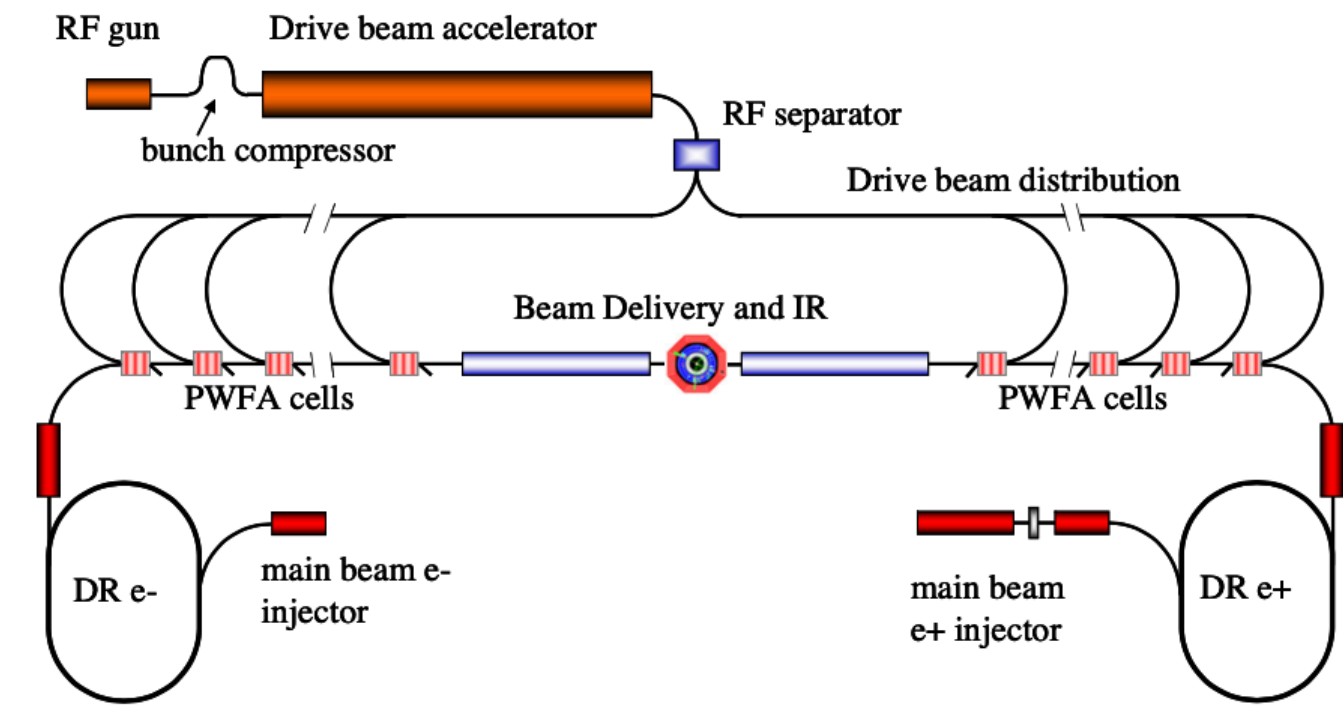
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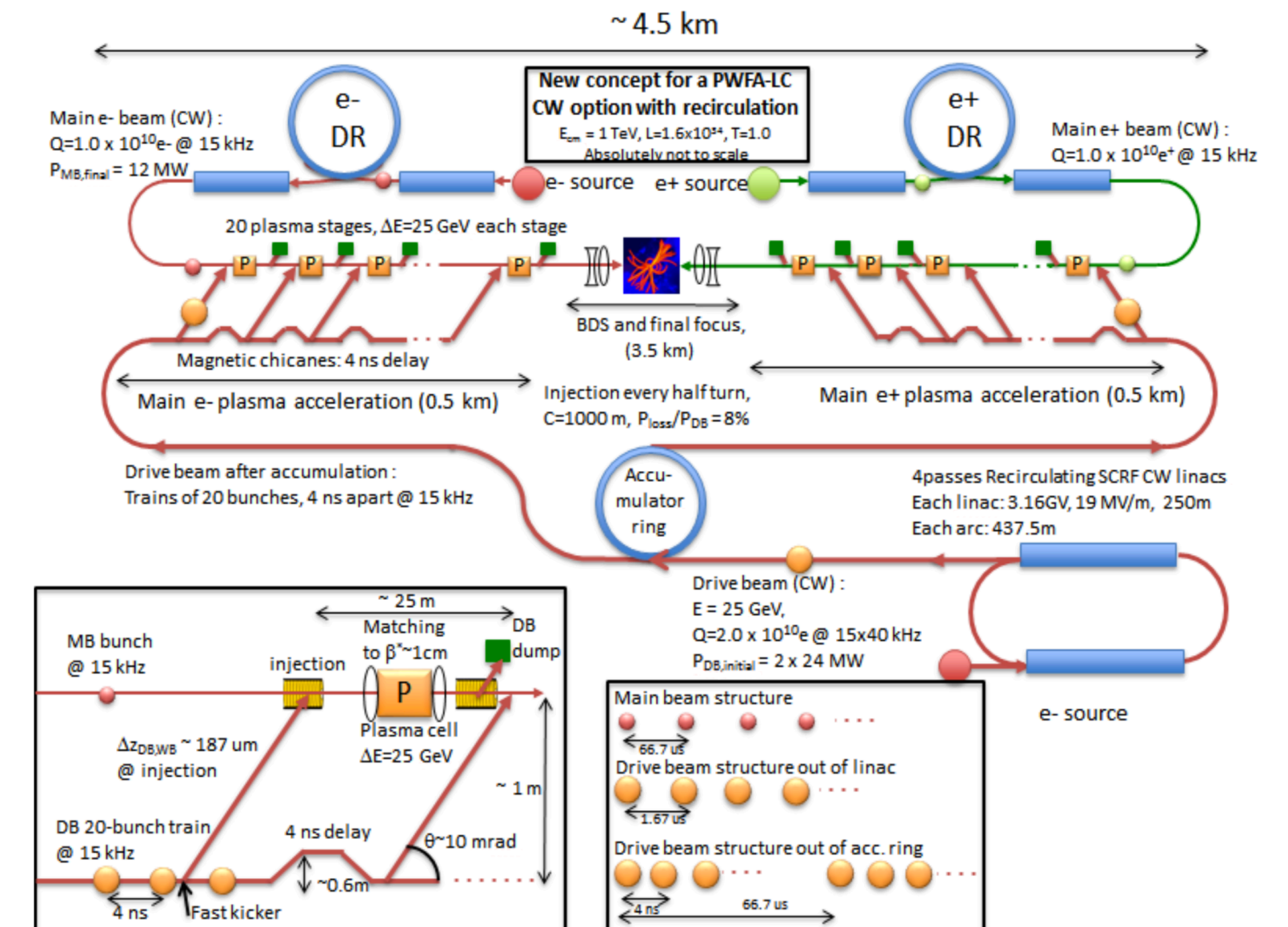
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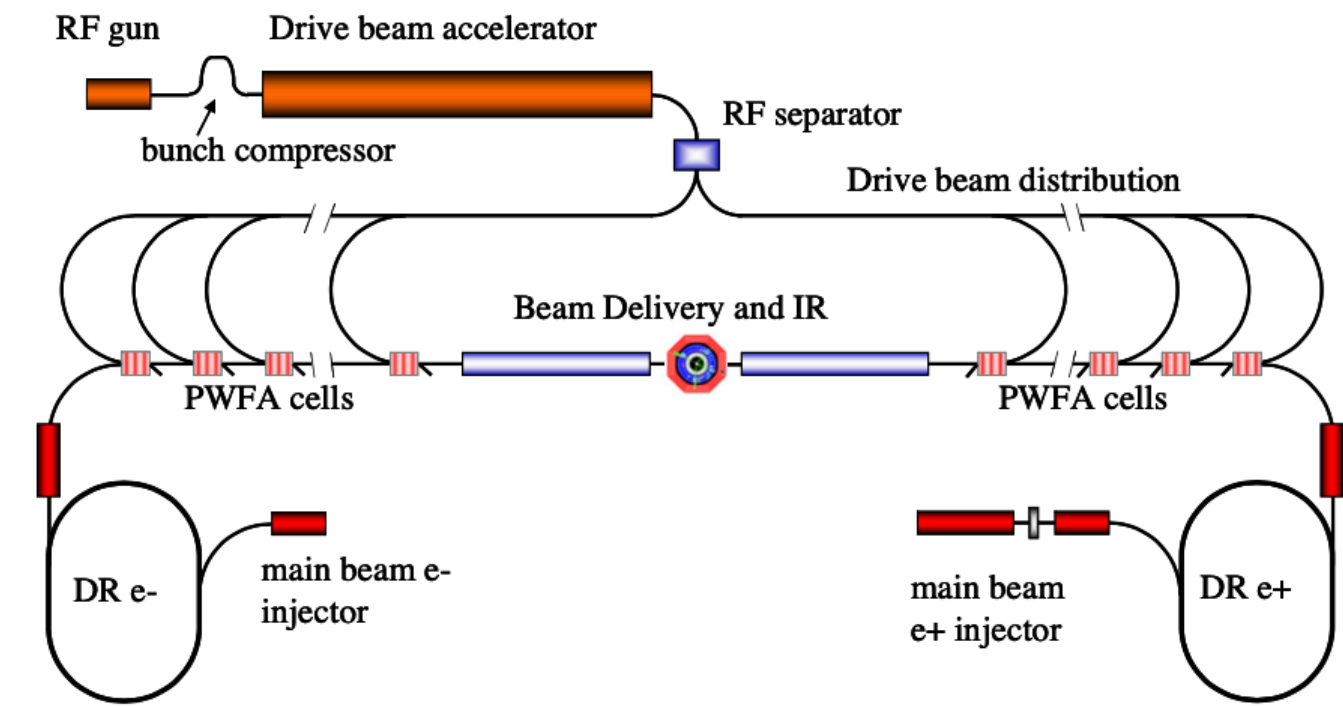
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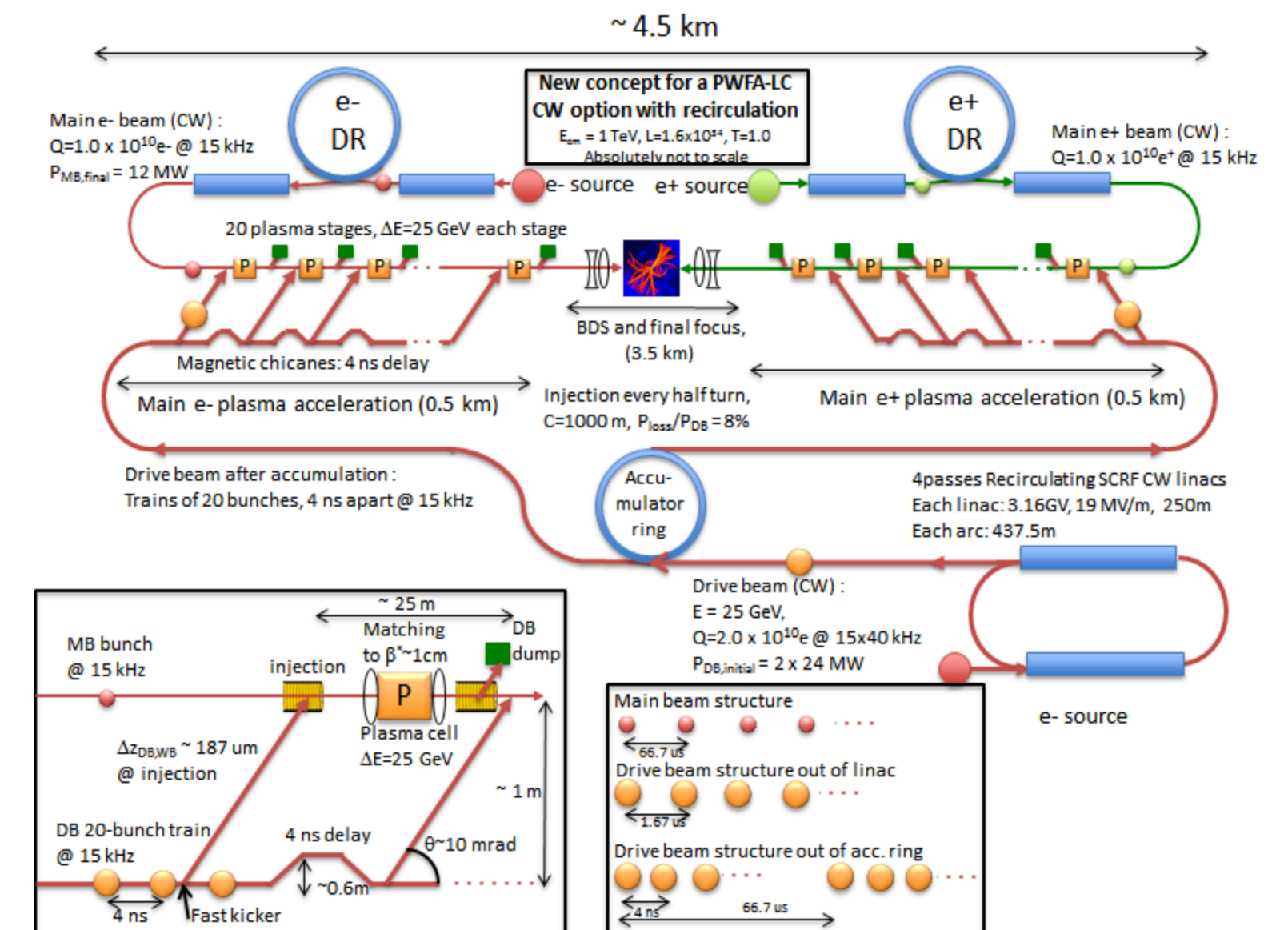
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> Still one key stumbling block... **positrons!**

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*The pragmatic approach:*

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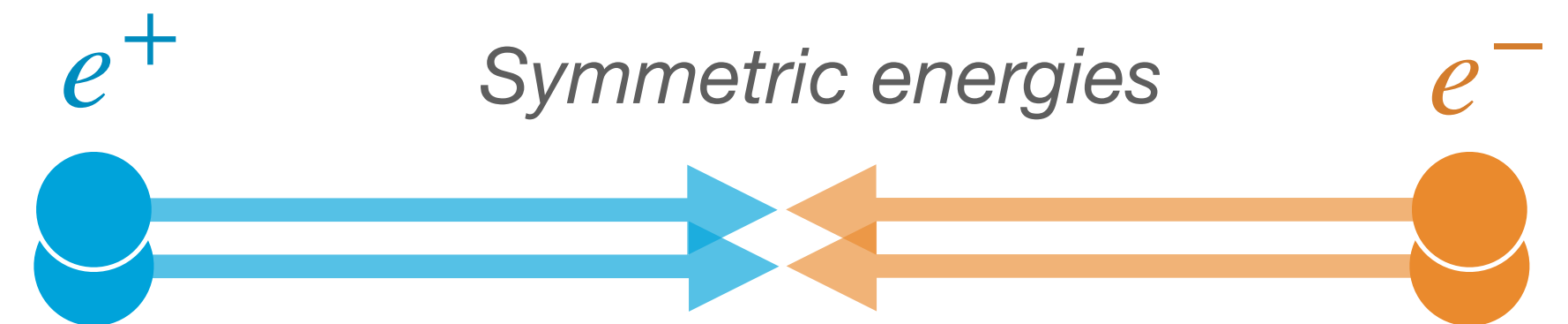
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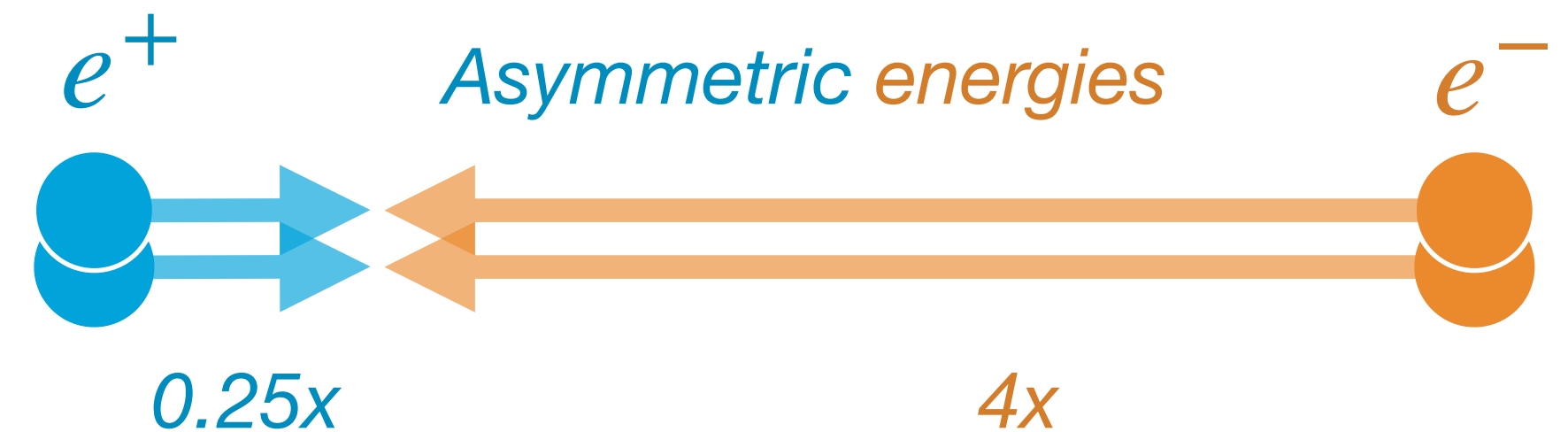
> A reasonable (but not necessarily optimised) choice is:

> Electrons (from PWFA):  **$E_e = 500 \text{ GeV}$**  (4x higher)

> Positrons (from RF accelerator):  **$E_p = 31 \text{ GeV}$**  (4x lower)

> Boost:  **$\gamma = 2.13$**

(HERA had a boost of  $\gamma \approx 3$ )



# Simulating asymmetric $e^+/e^-$ collisions

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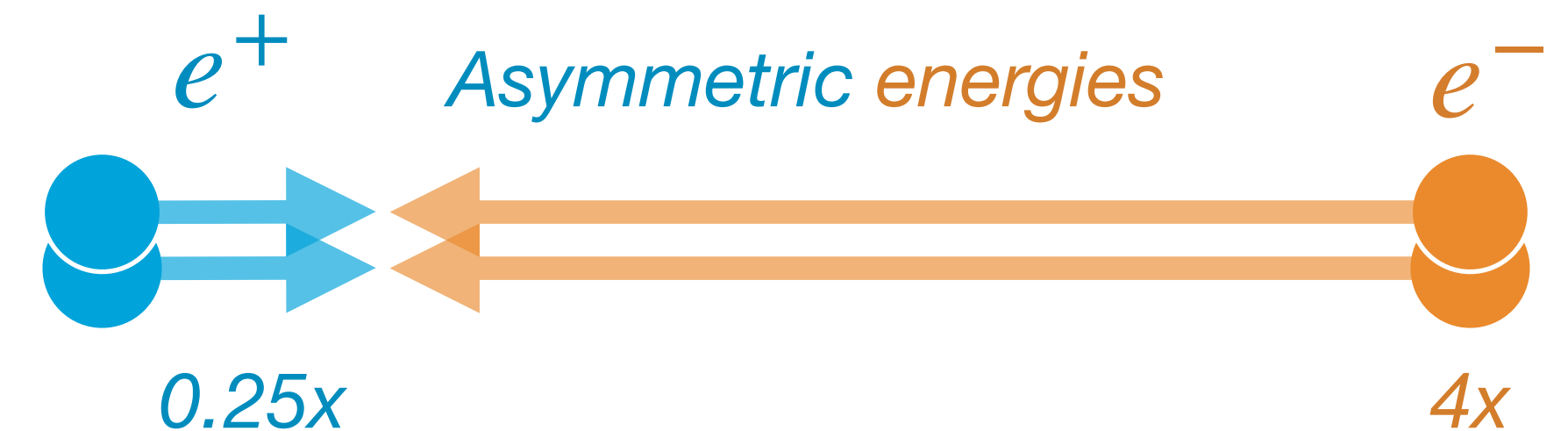
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> **Asymmetric energies give similar luminosity**

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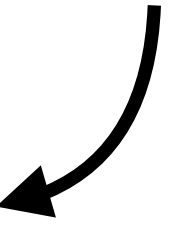


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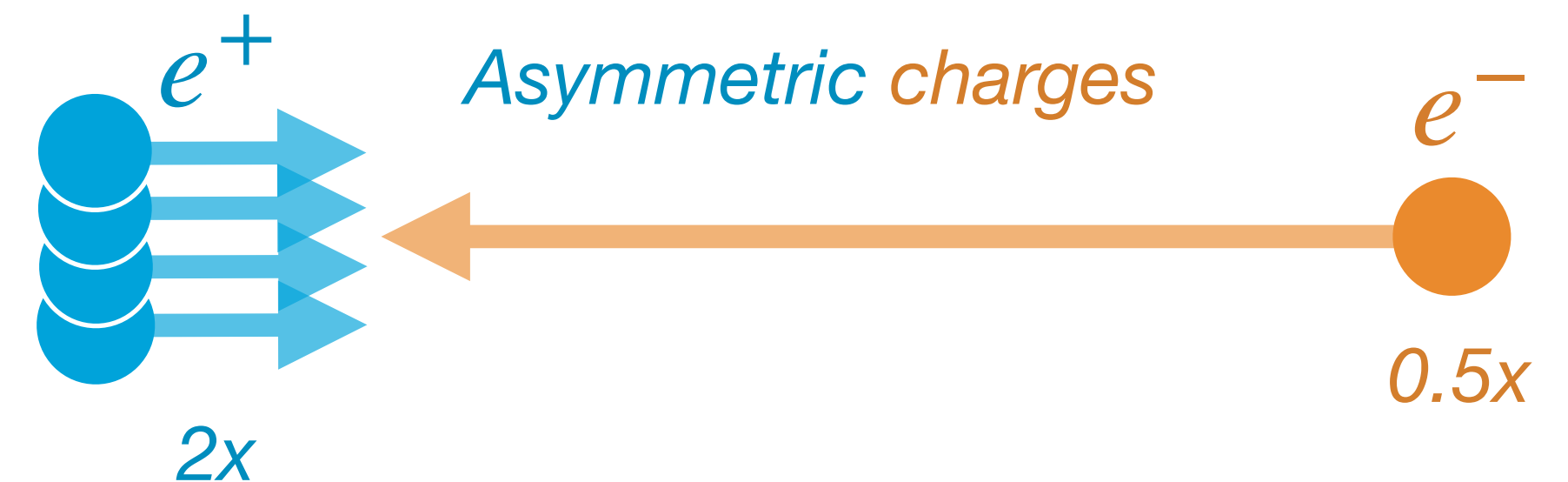
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> Power consumption increase: 
$$\frac{P}{P_0} = \frac{N_{e^-} E_{e^-} + N_{e^+} E_{e^+}}{N \sqrt{s}}$$

> **Unchanged power usage if  $N_e/N_p = E_p/E_e$**  (here: 4x more  $e^+$ , 4x less  $e^-$ )

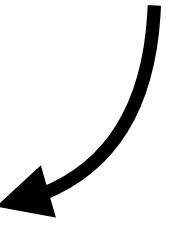


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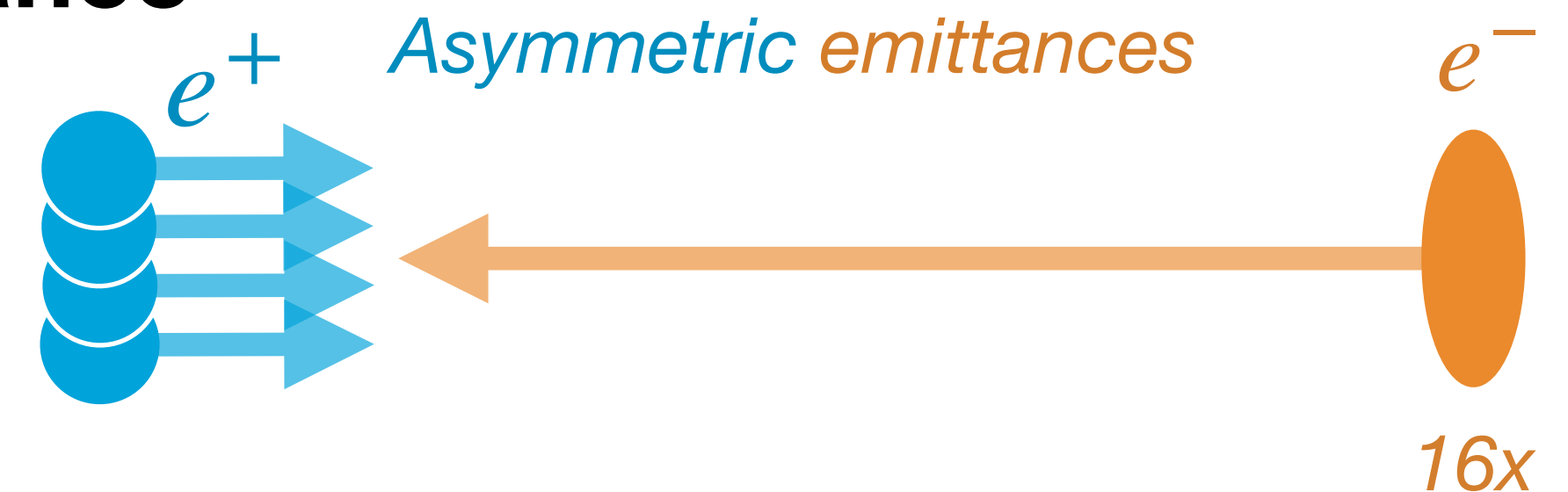


> *Geometric* emittance scales as (energy)<sup>-1</sup>

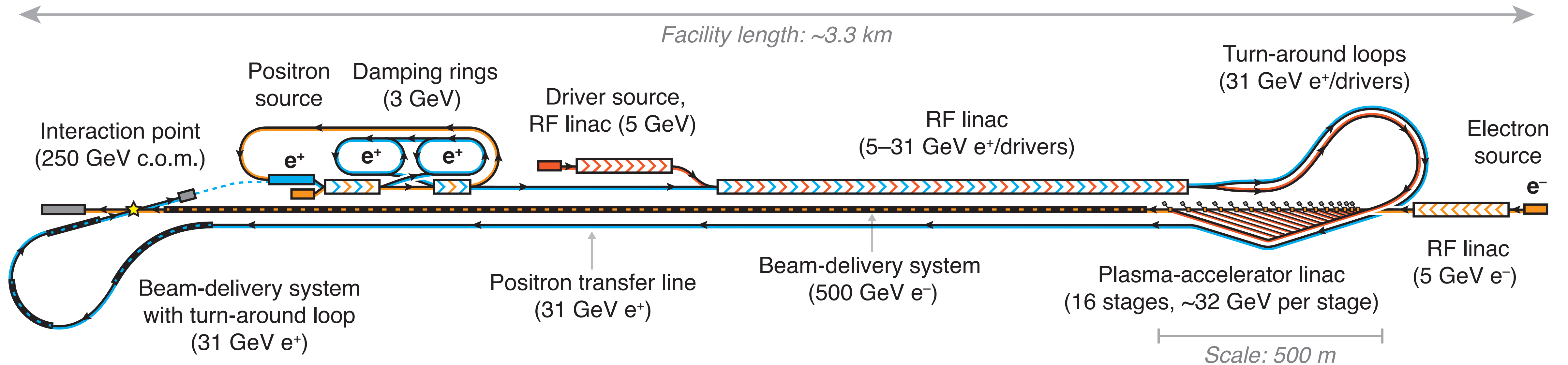
>  $e^+$  **must have smaller IP beta function (lower energy):** 3.3/0.1 mm (CLIC-like → *possible*)

> **Apply similar principle for the  $e^-$  (normalised) emittance**

> Decrease IP beta function to allow emittance increase



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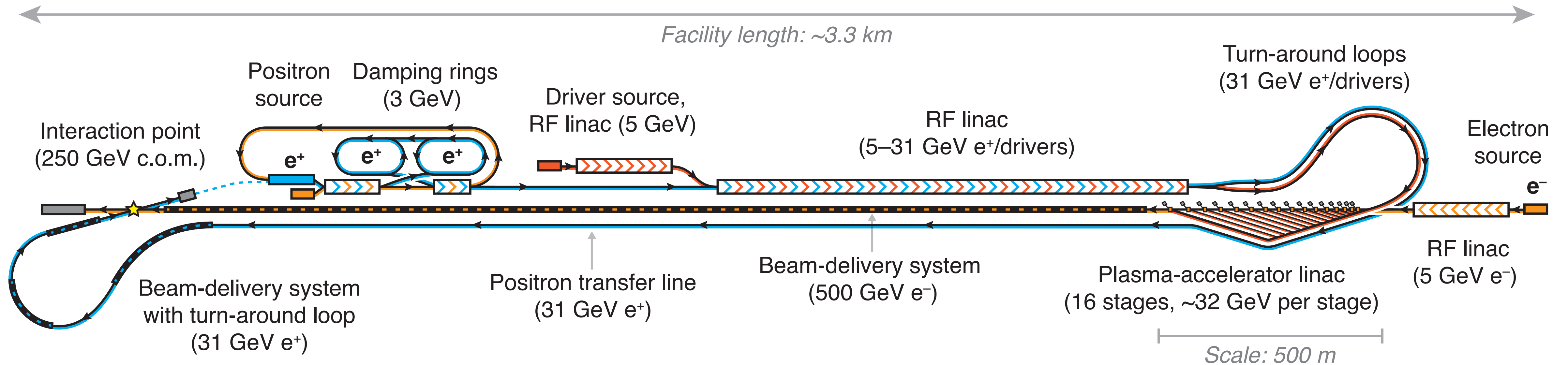
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# Possible solution #1: Lower the plasma density (and beam density)

## > **Downside: Lower density reduces the accelerating gradient**

- > It turns out the gradient is not so crucial (*a major lesson learnt from HALHF, though this will be less true at multi-TeV*)
- > At  $\sim 1$  GV/m (*x6.4 lower*) the PWFA arm is  $\sim 850$  m (*x2 longer*  $\rightarrow$  *interstage optics dominate*)

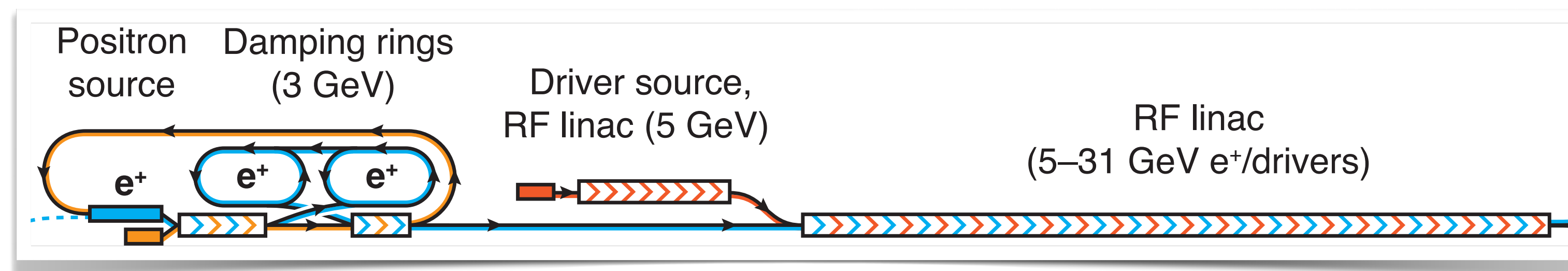
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- > The cell cooling requirements go down (*scales as  $E_z$* ) from  $\sim 90$  to  $\sim 15$  kW/m (*CLIC-like*)
  - > Transverse instabilities are reduced (*parameter/jitter studies required to quantify exactly*)
  - > Ionisation potential of the beam is reduced (*beam density goes down*), which permits use of heavier gases like xenon (*also desired for reduced ion motion*)
  - > Matching, alignment, and synchronisation tolerances reduced (*beta functions are larger*)
  - > Bunches are longer, currents are lower (*less compression/stretching required*)
- > **Synergy:** Longer plasma cells required — starting to look a lot like AWAKE!



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# Possible solution #2: Decouple the dual-purpose ( $e^+$ & $e^-$ -driver) linac

## > **Downside: Two linacs required instead of one**

> Footprint may increase (*more tunnel, larger CO<sub>2</sub> output in build*)

## > **Upside: Everything else is easier (again)**

> Low-power, high-gradient linac for  $e^+$  (*shorter, cheaper*)

> High-power, low-gradient linac for  $e^-$  drivers (*possibly cheaper in combination with  $e^+$  linac*)

> Reduced power per drive-beam dump (*lower energy drivers e.g. 31 → 10 GeV*)

> More flexibility over drive-beam current profiles (*higher transformer ratio*)

> No turnaround loops (*straighter/longer tunnels but possibly less volume in total*)

> **Synergy:** More compatible with laser-based upgrades — a like-for-like switch of driver linac for stacked high-power-laser systems

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# Possible solution #3: Flat beam drivers?

## > **More info:**

- > S. Diederich's talk tomorrow morning
- > S. Diederichs *et al.*, “Resonant emittance mixing of flat beams in plasma accelerators”, arXiv:2403.05871 (2024)



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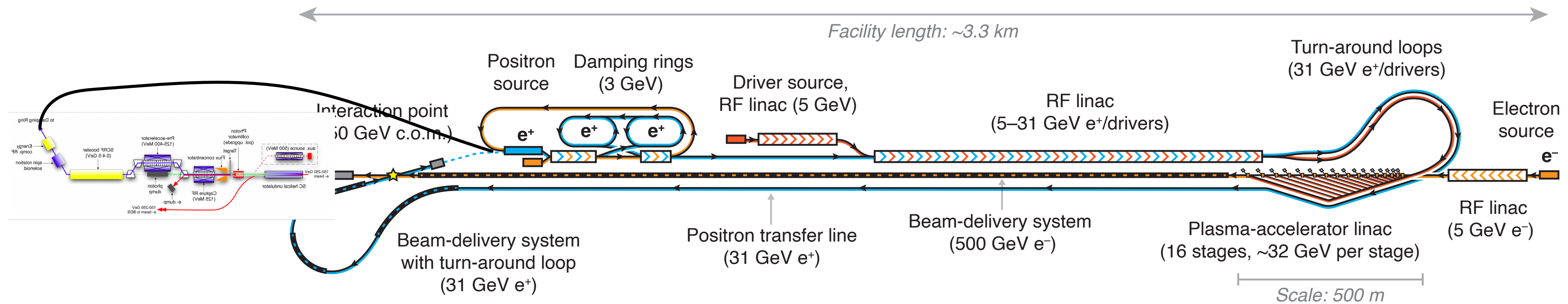
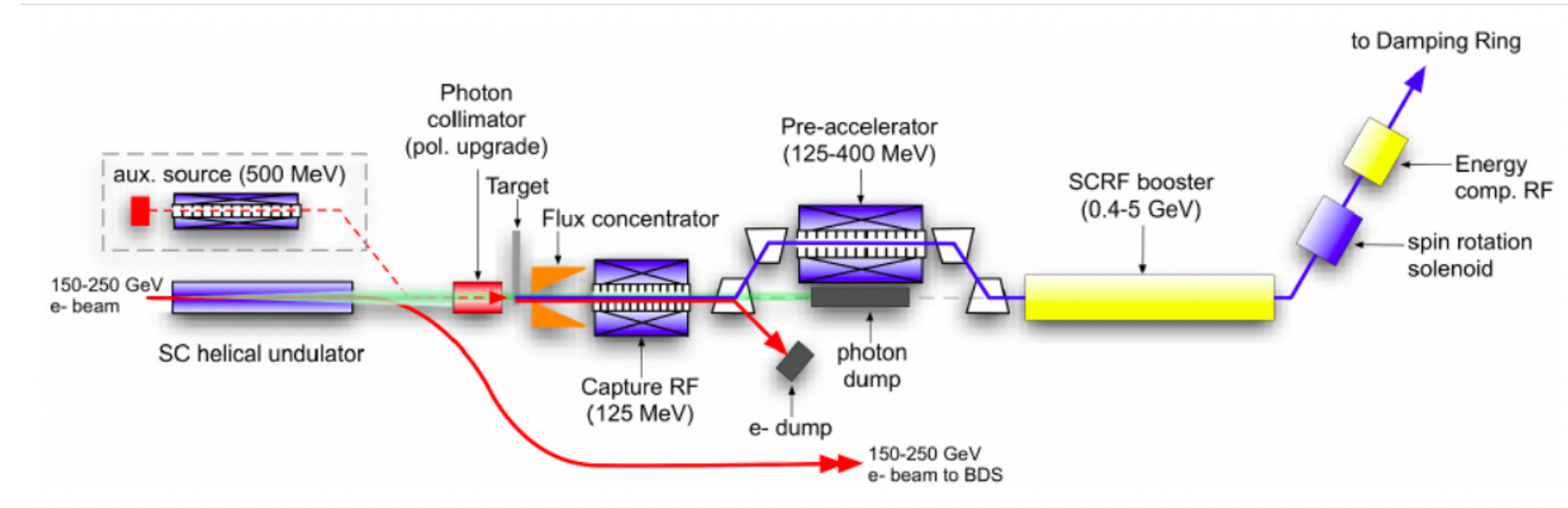
> Recent progress

> Upgrade paths → *Lindstrøm, D'Arcy, Foster, arXiv:2312.04975 (2024)*

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# Upgrade: Polarised positrons

- > Produce  $e^+$  polarisation via ILC-like scheme:
  - > **Pro**: minimally disrupted electron beam
  - > **Pro**: ideas exist for  $E(e^-)$  500 GeV
  - > **Con**: wiggler probably longer and more expensive
- > Cost increase of 5–10% of original (+ ~100M€)



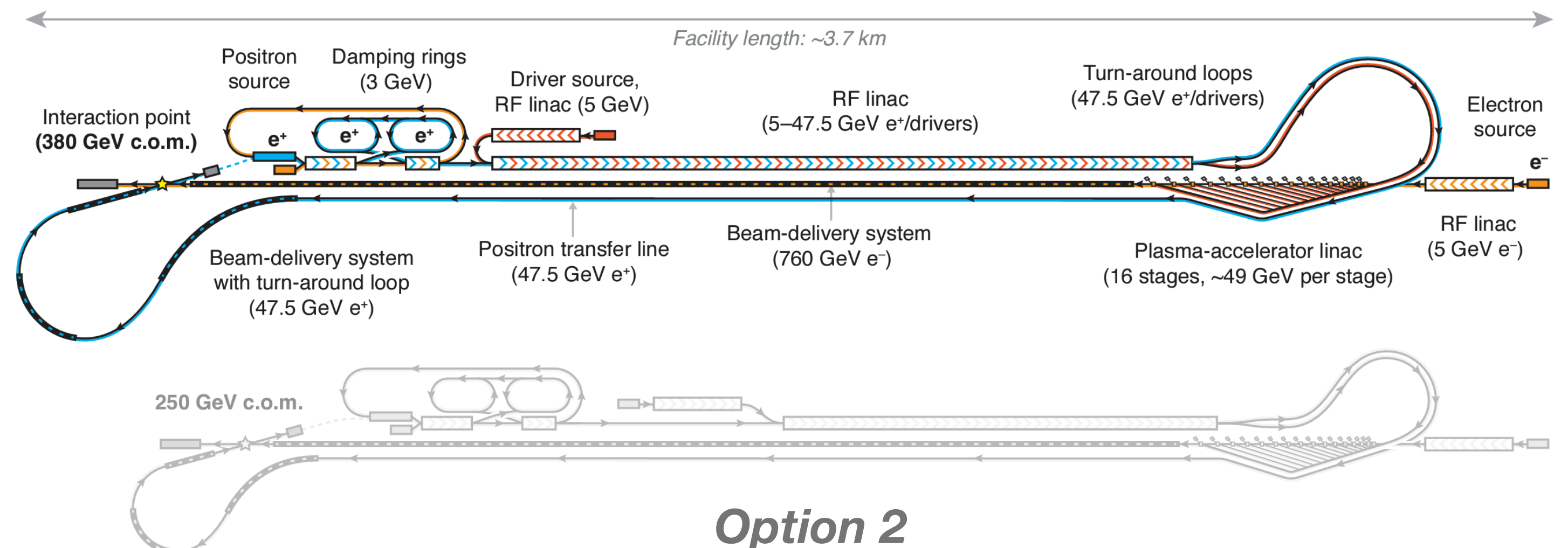
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# Upgrade: 380 GeV centre of mass

- > Operation at the  $t\text{-}\bar{t}$  threshold (346 GeV) typically motivates a c.o.m. up to 380 GeV
  - > ... which is in fact the minimum energy proposed for CLIC
- > Two options:
  - > 31 GeV positrons / **1165 GeV electrons** (more plasma stages, higher  $\gamma$ , lower efficiency)
    - +1 km PWFA linac
  - > **47.5 GeV positrons / 760 GeV electrons** (same # of [longer] stages, same  $\gamma$  as original)
    - +130 m PWFA linac

## > Second option preferred

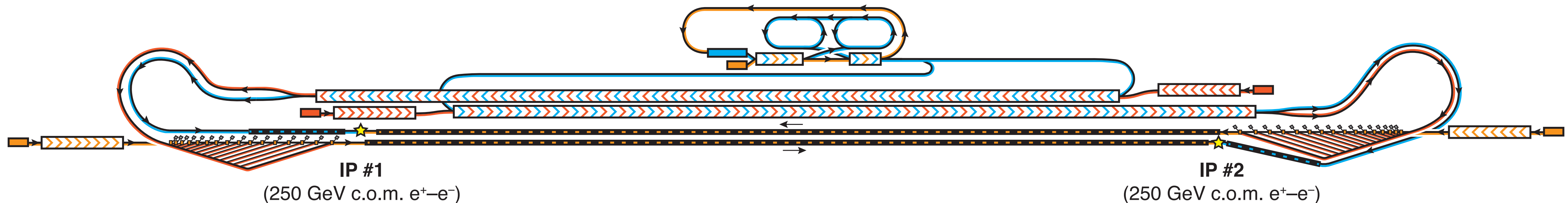
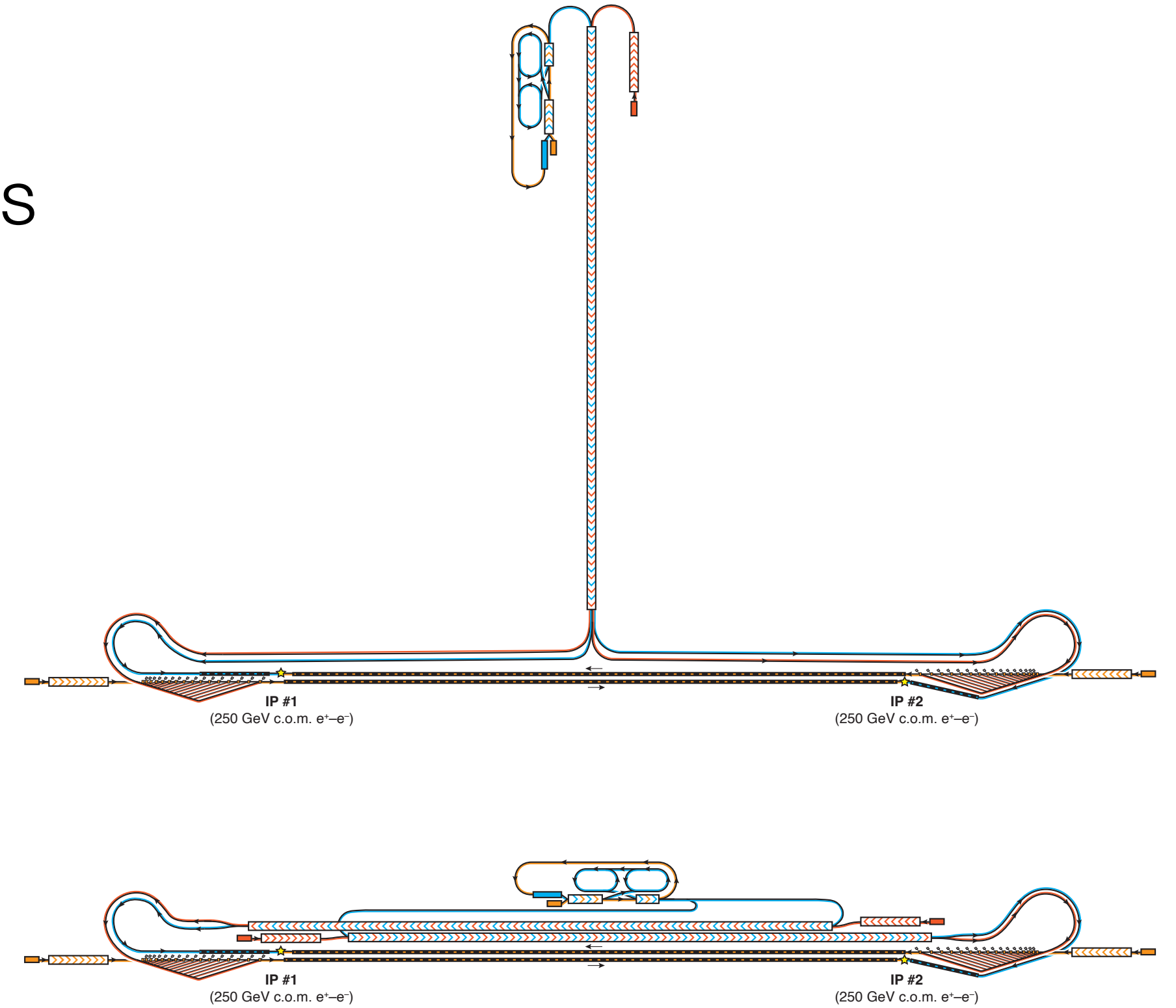
- > Increased length ~10%
- > Added cost ~10%
- > ~25% more power overall





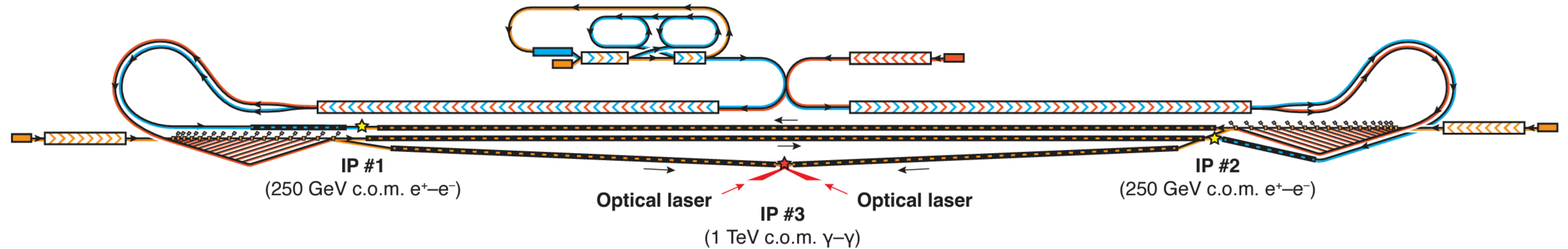
# Upgrade: Two interaction points

- > Single IP traditionally seen as problematic for linear colliders
- > Opportunity for HALHF:
  - > Overlap/reuse the high-energy-electron BDS tunnel
  - > Overall footprint increases only marginally
- > Requires either a transverse linac for shared power (+15% cost) or two RF linacs for 2x power (+35% cost)
- > May be important politically (systematics, 2x physicists)



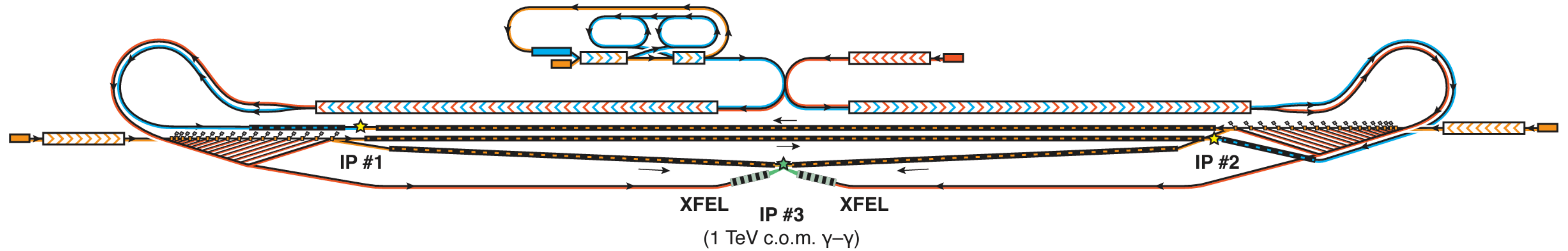


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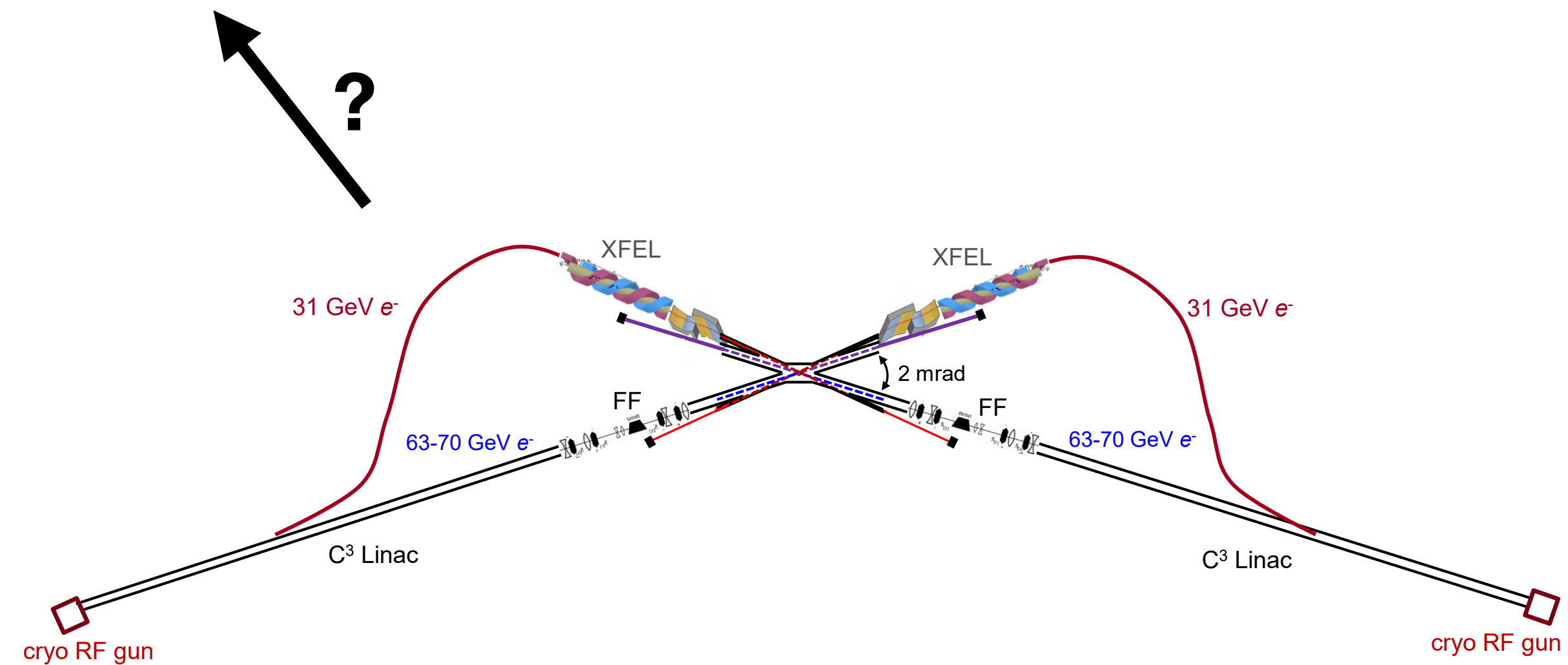


- > Collide high-energy  $\gamma$  beams (*up to 1 TeV c.o.m. with original HALHF scheme*)
- >  $\gamma$  produced from Compton backscattering off lasers
- > Several additional challenges:
  - > Requires lower emittances (*but can have round beams*)
  - > Requires shorter BDS
  - > Laser technology (*very high power*) currently does not exist

# Upgrade: TeV $\gamma\text{-}\gamma$ collider (XFEL version)



- > New concept from C<sup>3</sup>/SLAC colleagues
  - > Use X-rays instead of optical laser
- > Somewhat advanced but has benefits: *we already have the high-power laser source*
- > Would be the most powerful XFEL ever: *photon scientists may wish to collaborate*

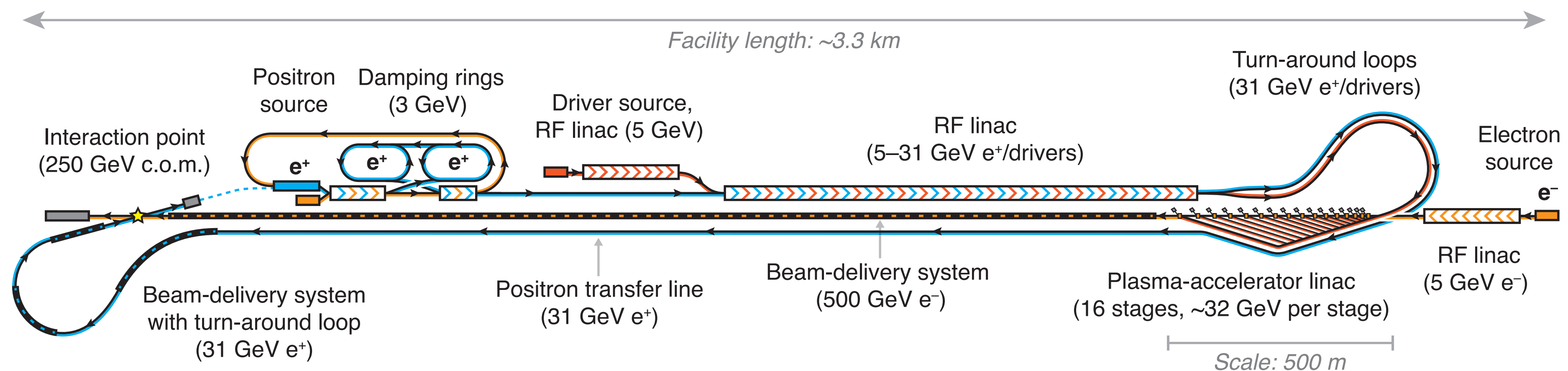


**XCC: An X-ray FEL-based  $\gamma\gamma$  Collider Higgs Factory**  
 Barklow et al., arXiv:2203.08484 (2022)

# Conclusions – HALHF

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- > **The HALHF concept proposes a compact, cheaper, greener, possibly quicker Higgs factory**
- > **HALHF benefits from maximal asymmetry:** energy – charge – emittance
- > **Upgrade path to higher energy and output:** not just a one-trick pony!
- > **Challenges outlined by the community identify issues requiring more R&D** and help guide design decisions towards HALHF 2.0
- > **Continued community engagement required to discuss and conclude on the path forward towards a pre-CDR**






# Come and join us...

- > **HALHF Kick-off meeting (DESY)**
  - > 23/10/23
- > **HALHF Monthly meetings (online)**
  - > 18/12/23, 29/01/24, 04/03/24
- > **HALHF Workshop (Oslo, Norway)** →
- > 04-05/04/24
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  - > 03-08/10/24

*remote participation still possible*

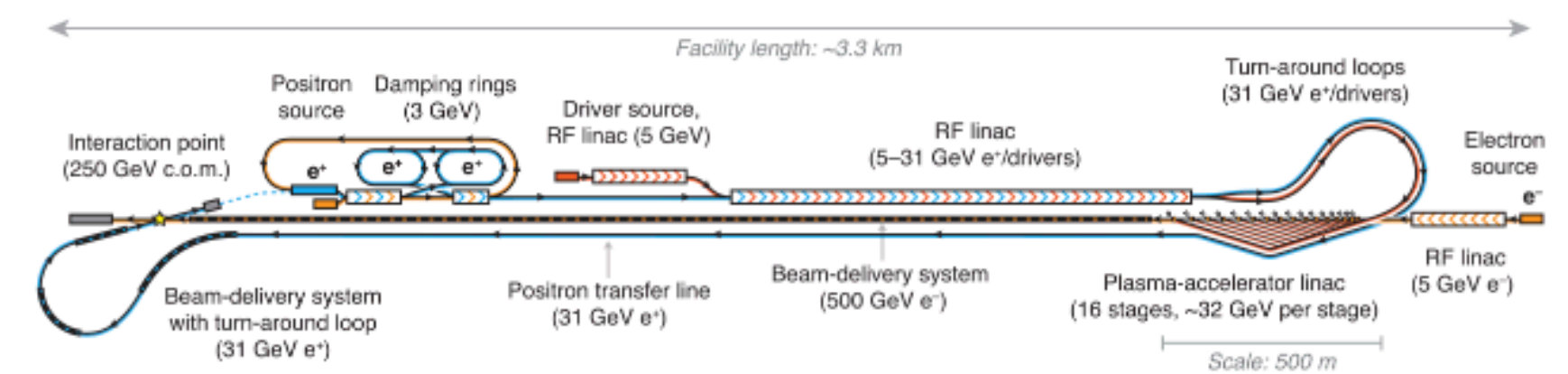


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**Welcome to Oslo, Norway!**

Let's continue the discussion on HALHF and how to make it a reality.