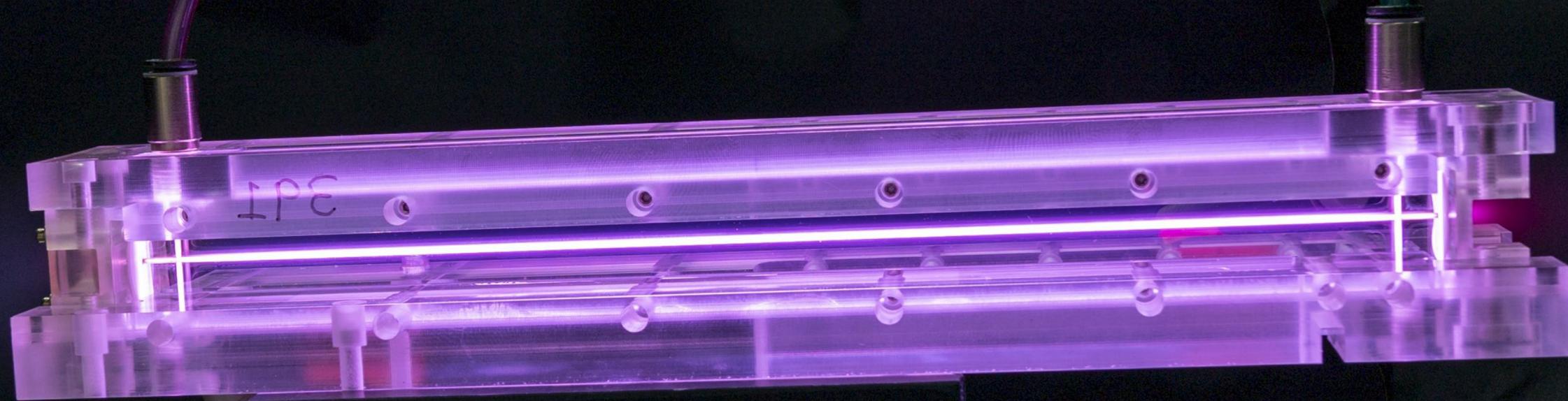


# Plasma accelerator activities (laser + beam)

## US and European perspectives



**Jens Osterhoff**

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

June 7th, 2024

LDG Meeting, BNL

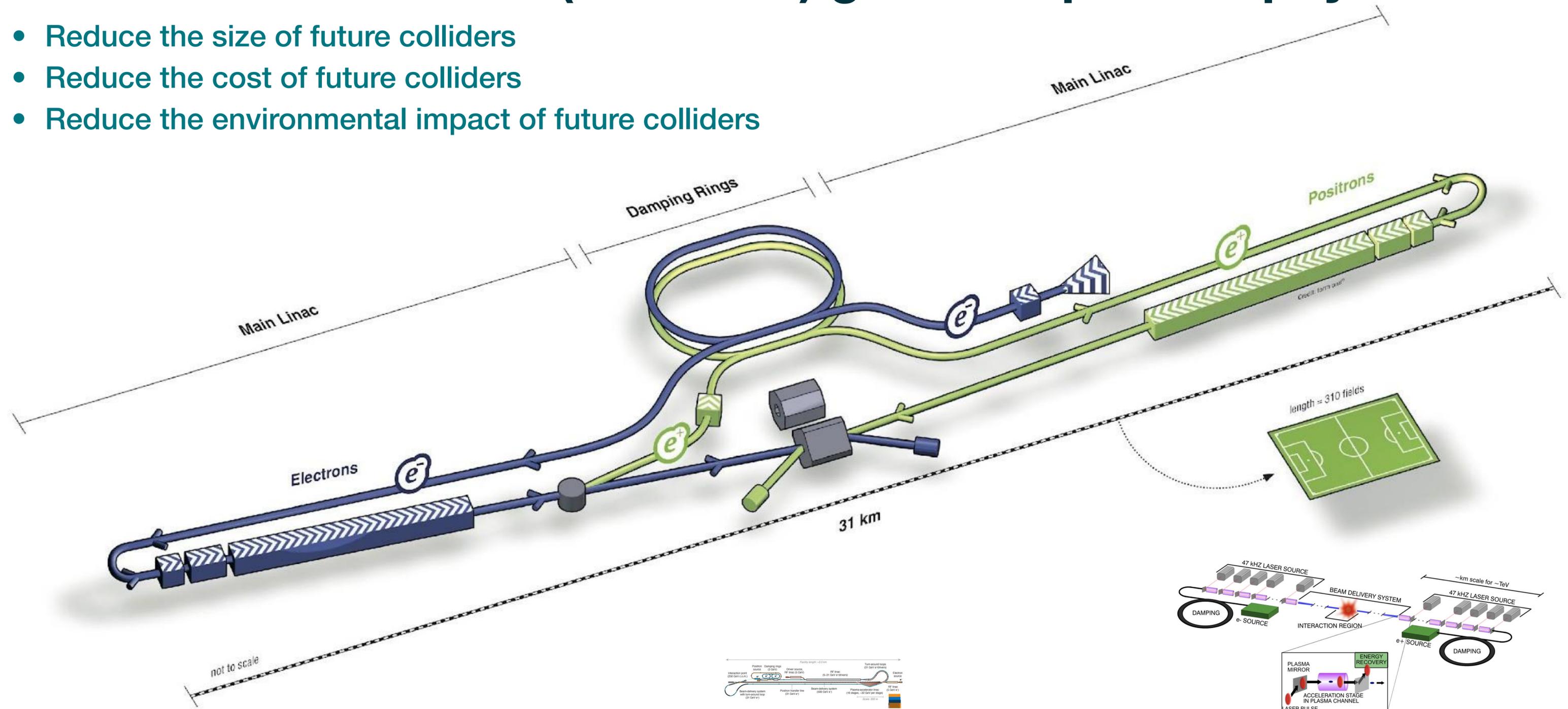


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# Advanced accelerator ( $> 1 \text{ GV/m}$ ) goals for particle physics

- Reduce the size of future colliders
- Reduce the cost of future colliders
- Reduce the environmental impact of future colliders



ILC / 500 GeV / 31 km

HALHF / 250 GeV / 3.3 km

Wakefield Collider / 15 TeV / 6.6 km\*

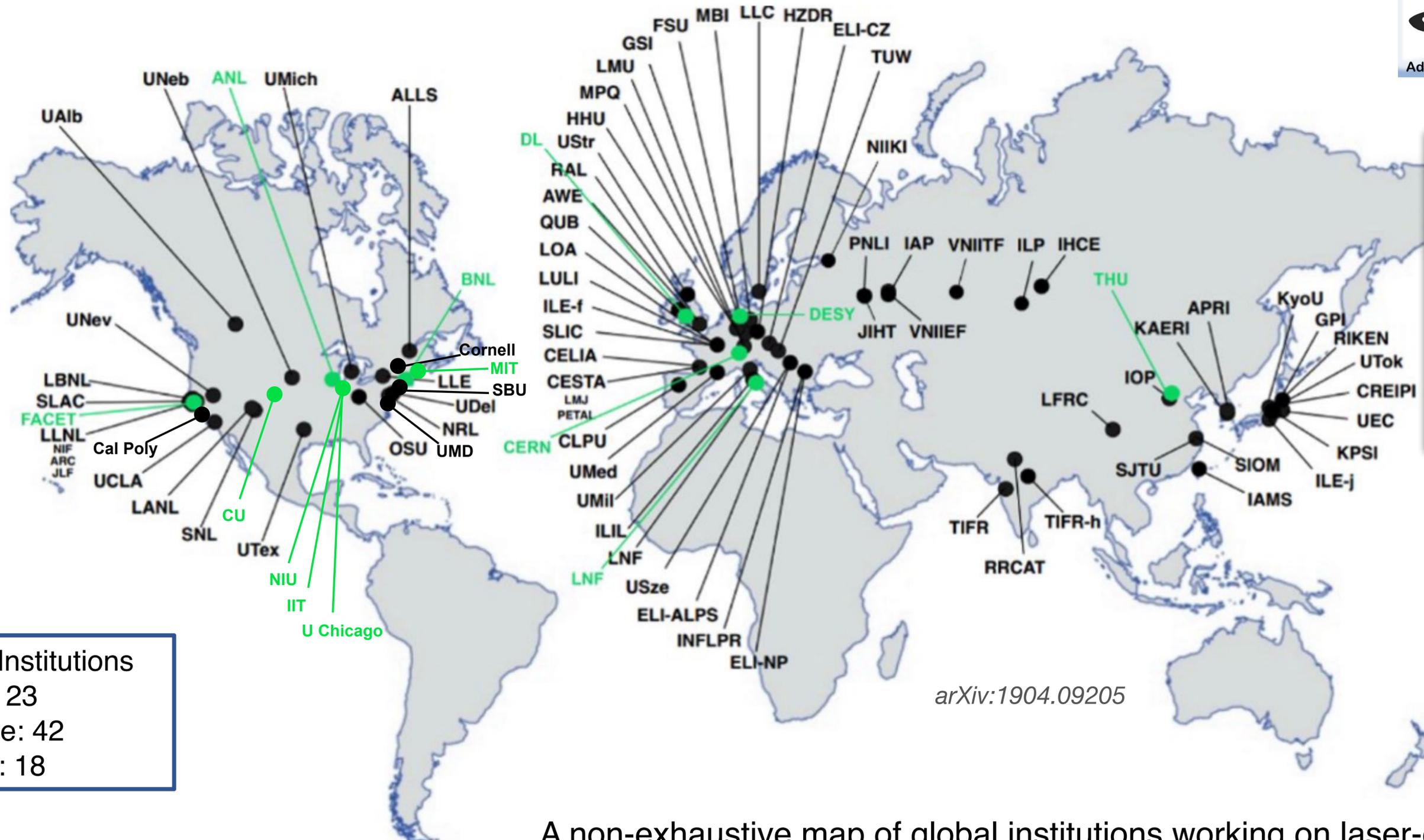
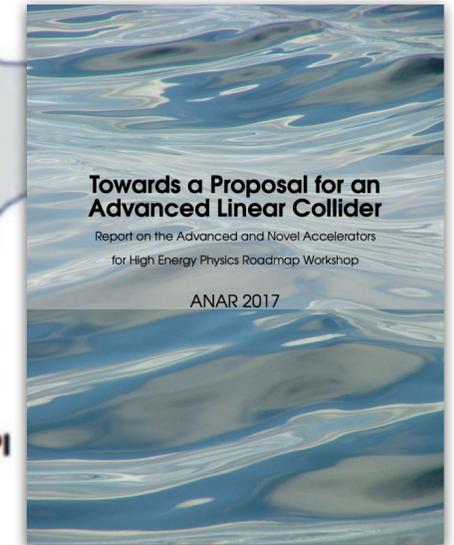
\*for the linac, not including BDS



# Advanced accelerator research is a global enterprise



founded in 2017



arXiv:1904.09205

Number of Institutions  
 US: 23  
 Europe: 42  
 Asia: 18

A non-exhaustive map of global institutions working on laser-driven plasma acceleration (**black**) and beam-driven plasma/structure acceleration (**green**).



# Advanced accelerator research in the US

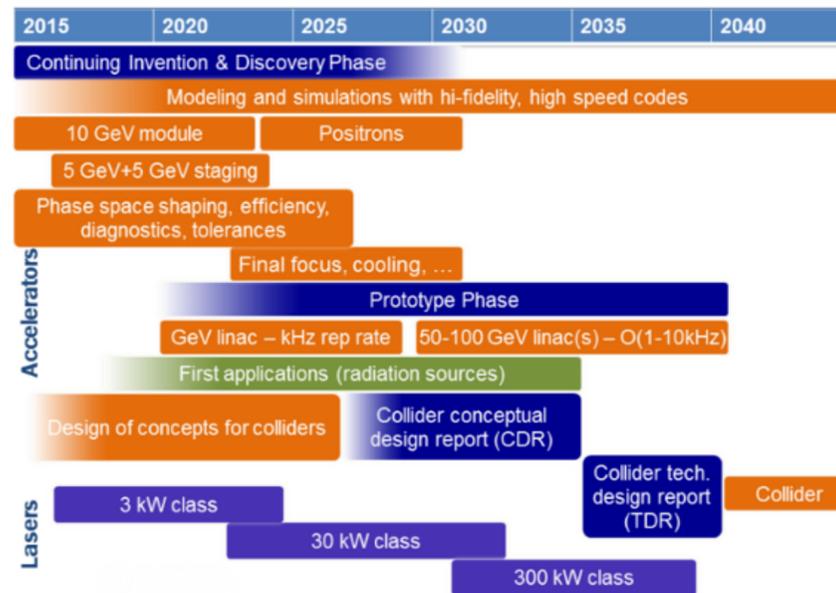
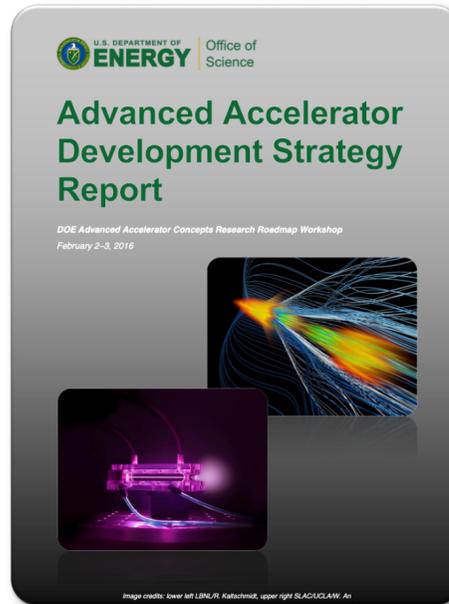
Large Beam Test Facilities  
Universities  
National Labs



# 2016 DOE AAC R&D Roadmap and 2023 P5 Report set path for wakefield technology R&D toward a future collider

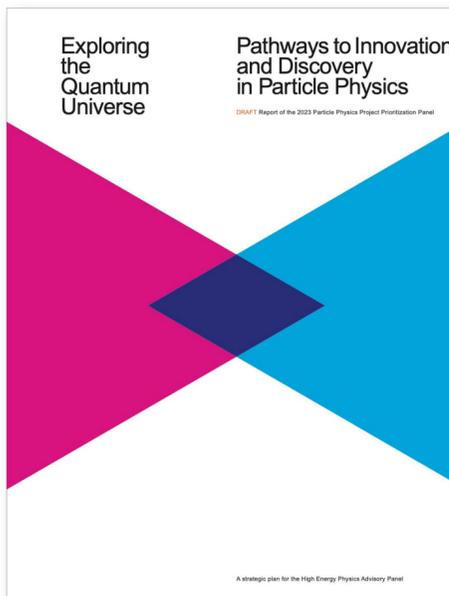
## DOE AAC Roadmap (2016)

developed from 2014 P5 Report and 2015 HEPAP Subcommittee recommendations



- HEP application main driver of US R&D
- DOE AAC Roadmap defined path toward a future particle physics machine
- Identified key technology R&D steps
- Guided US AAC R&D over past 8 years
- Roadmap of unconstrained scenario

## P5 Report (2023)



**Recommendation 4:** Support a comprehensive effort to develop the resources—theoretical, computational and technological—essential to our 20-year vision for the field. This includes an aggressive R&D program that, while technologically challenging, could yield revolutionary accelerator designs that chart a realistic path to a 10 TeV pCM collider.

Investing in the future of the field to fulfill this vision requires the following:

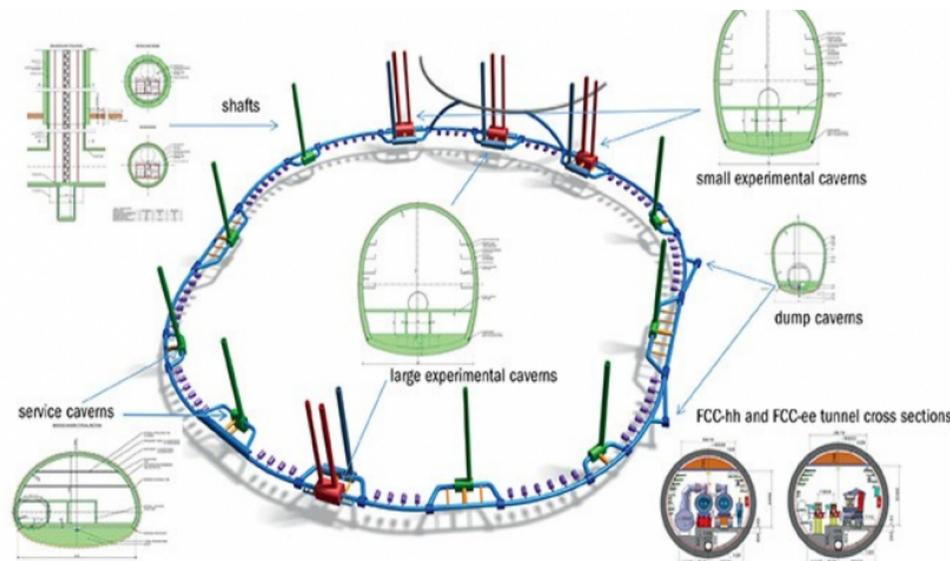
- Support vigorous R&D toward a cost-effective 10 TeV pCM collider based on proton, muon, or possible wakefield technologies, including an evaluation of options for US siting of such a machine, with a goal of being ready to build major test facilities and demonstrator facilities within the next 10 years (sections 3.2, 5.1, 6.5 and Recommendation 6).



# 10 TeV pCM technology must be developed, no concept ready, need for test facilities established

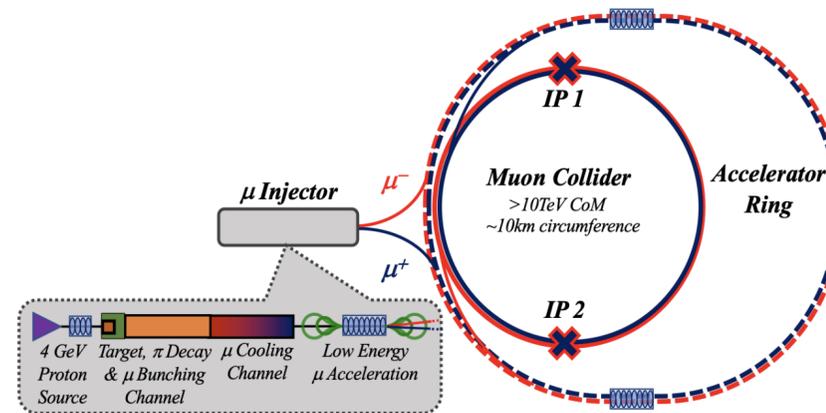
## Proton collider

Key needs: high field magnets, detectors



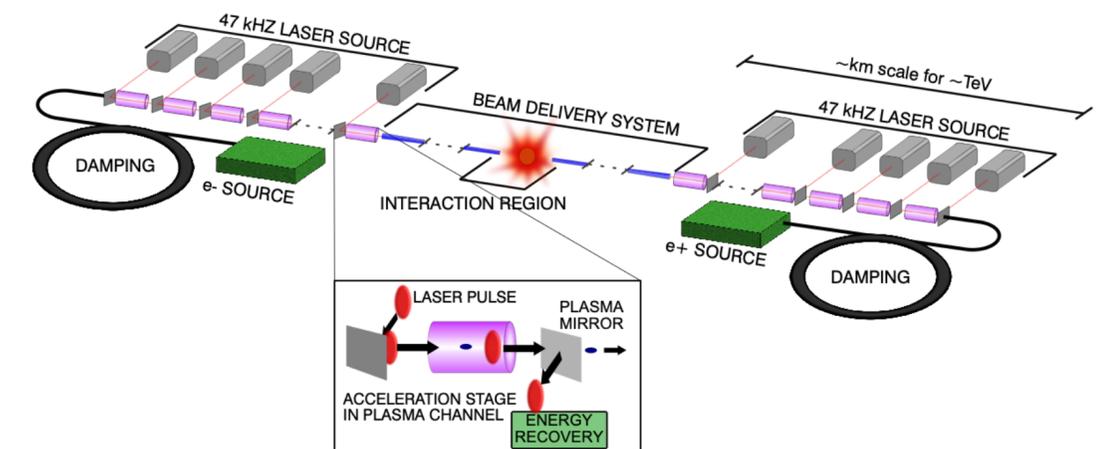
## Muon collider

Key needs: targets, cooling



## Linear wakefield lepton collider

Key needs: avg. power, efficiency, precision (*kBELLA*) positrons (*FACET-II*), transformer ratio (*AWA*)



**“All options for a 10 TeV pCM collider are new technologies under development and R&D is required before we can embark on building a new collider”**

*P5 Report (2023), p. 17*

**Challenges for all concepts: size, luminosity, power, detector**  
 **$e^+e^-$  collisions offer similar physics to muons**

- Potential advantage: relatively clean detector environment
- Conventionally too large and power hungry beyond few TeV — Advanced accelerators ( $> 1 \text{ GV/m}$ ) may solve this challenge

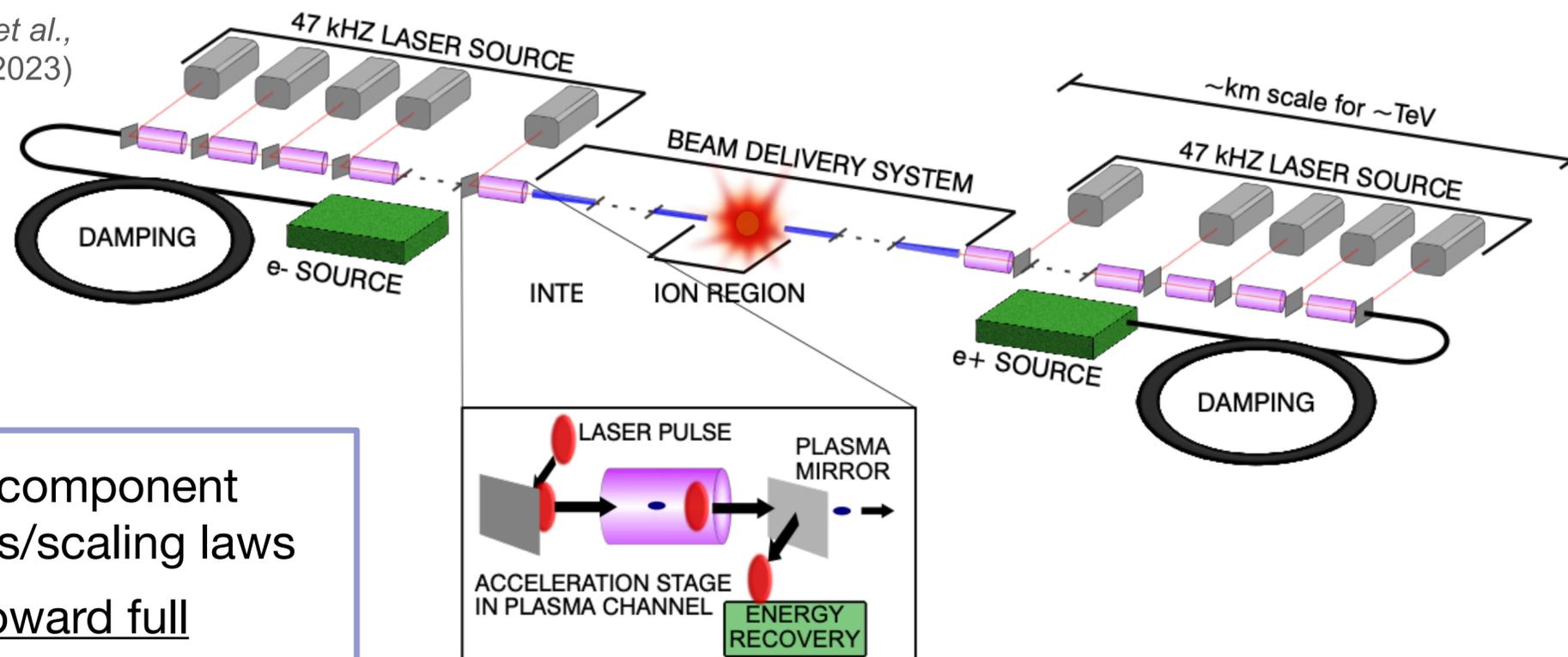


# Conceptual physics considerations determine parameter ranges

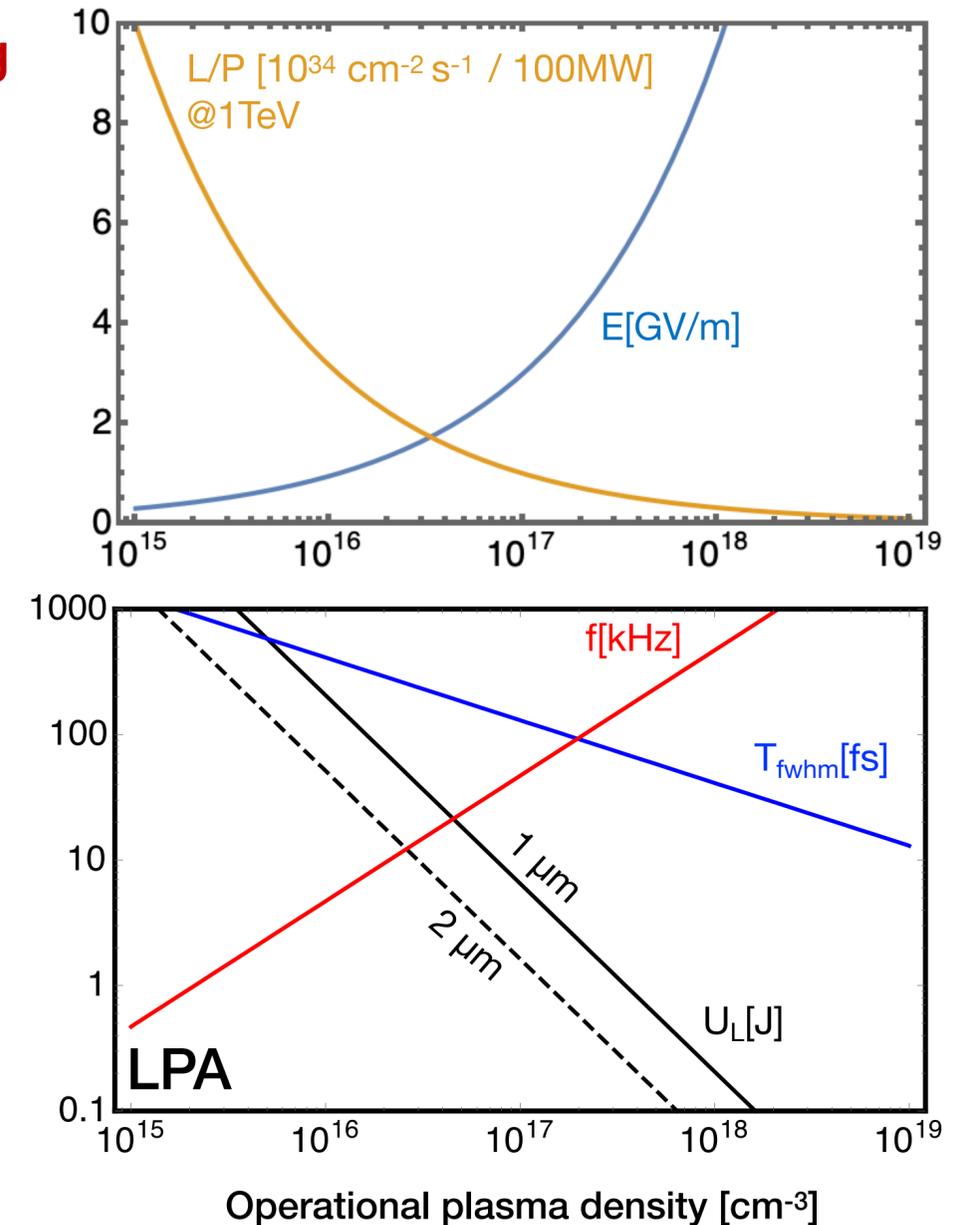
Basic design choices driven by system optimization

- Minimizing linac length (gradient  $> \text{GV/m}$ )
  - Maximizing **energy efficiency** (luminosity/power)
  - Plasma density sets bunch charge (also limited by Beamstrahlung), luminosity requires **repetition rate**
- } Restricts **plasma density** range, energy gain per stage  $\rightarrow$  **staging**

C.B. Schroeder *et al.*,  
JINST 18 T06001 (2023)



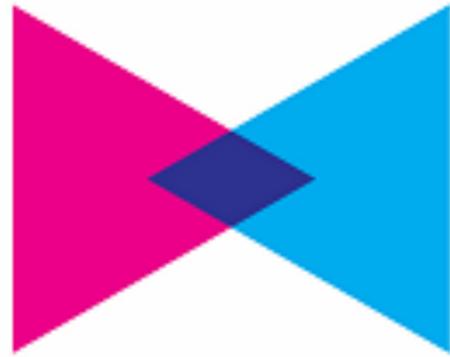
- Based on component simulations/scaling laws
- Working toward full self-consistency



## Conceptual collider parameter sets derived during Snowmass

T. Barklow *et al.*, JINST 18 P09022 (2023);  
C.B. Schroeder *et al.*, JINST 18 T06001 (2023)

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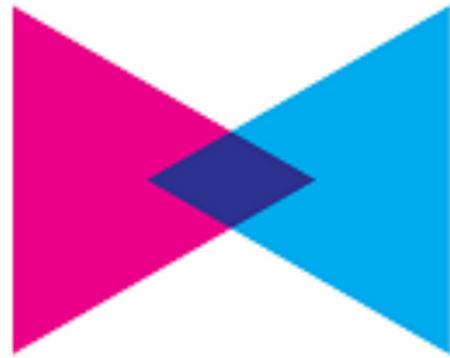


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*P5 Report (2023), p. 85*

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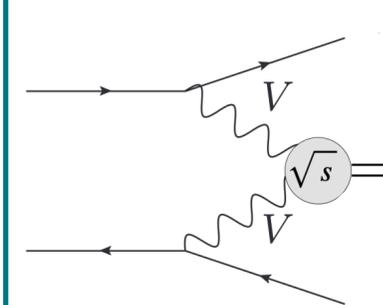


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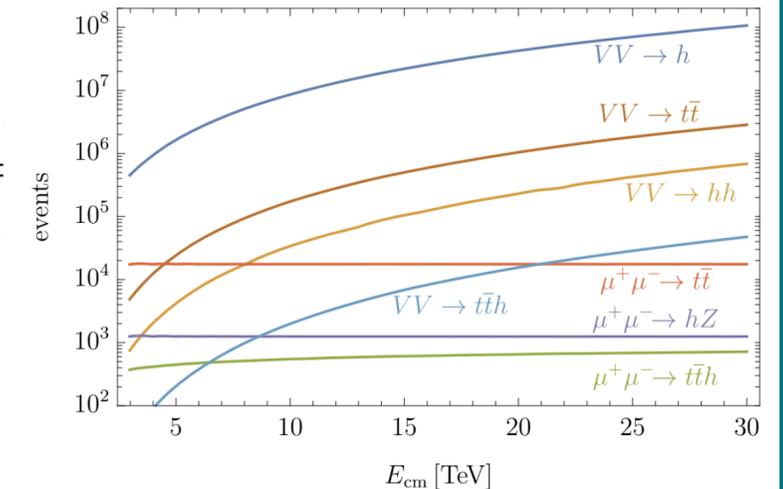
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## First: engage particle physics community

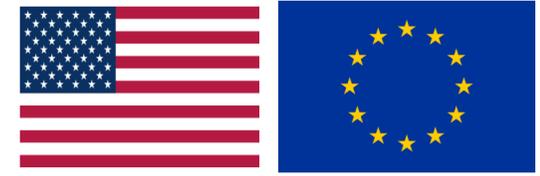


Muon Collider Physics Summary <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.07256>



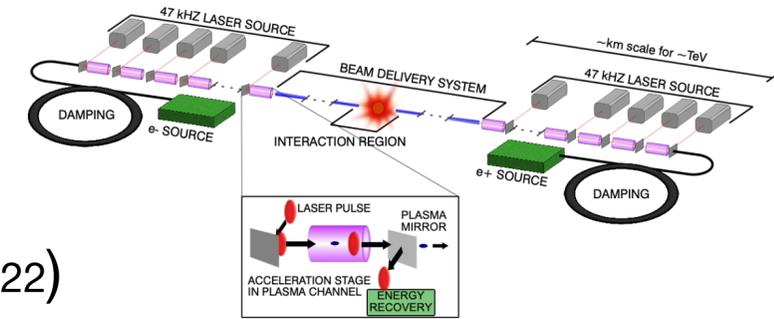
- Cannot feed off pre-existing physics case (unlike for a Higgs Factory)
- At 10 TeV, Vector Boson Fusion will dominate annihilation of pairs
- e<sup>+</sup>/e<sup>-</sup> or e<sup>-</sup>/e<sup>-</sup> or  $\gamma/\gamma$  collider?
- Balance technical readiness and achievable lumi vs. physics demands
- *More:* expect strong Beamstrahlung at IP, revisit paradigms - round vs. flat beams → detector design

# The advanced accelerator community is retiring key risks for a plasma wakefield linac at high rate



## Beam dynamics risks retired

- Hosing instability suppression → Mehrling *et al.*, **PRL** 121 (2018); Benedetti *et al.*, **Phys. Plasmas** 28 (2021)
- Beam scattering in plasma mitigated by strong focussing → Zhao *et al.*, **Phys. Plasmas** 27 (2020)
- Synchrotron radiation effects mitigated by needed emittances → Schroeder *et al.*, **JINST** 17 (2022)



## Rapid, groundbreaking experimental community progress

- Staging of plasma modules → Steinke *et al.*, **Nature** 530 (2016), GeV-level staging experiments to start in 2024
- Stability and control of plasma stages → Maier *et al.*, **PRX** 10 (2020)
- Sources and bright beam generation → Deng *et al.*, **Nature Physics** 15 (2019)
- High repetition rates in plasmas → D'Arcy *et al.*, **Nature** 603 (2022)
- Beam-quality preservation and efficiency by bunch shaping → Lindstrøm *et al.*, **PRL** 126 (2021), Lindstrøm *et al.*, arXiv:2403.17855 (2024)

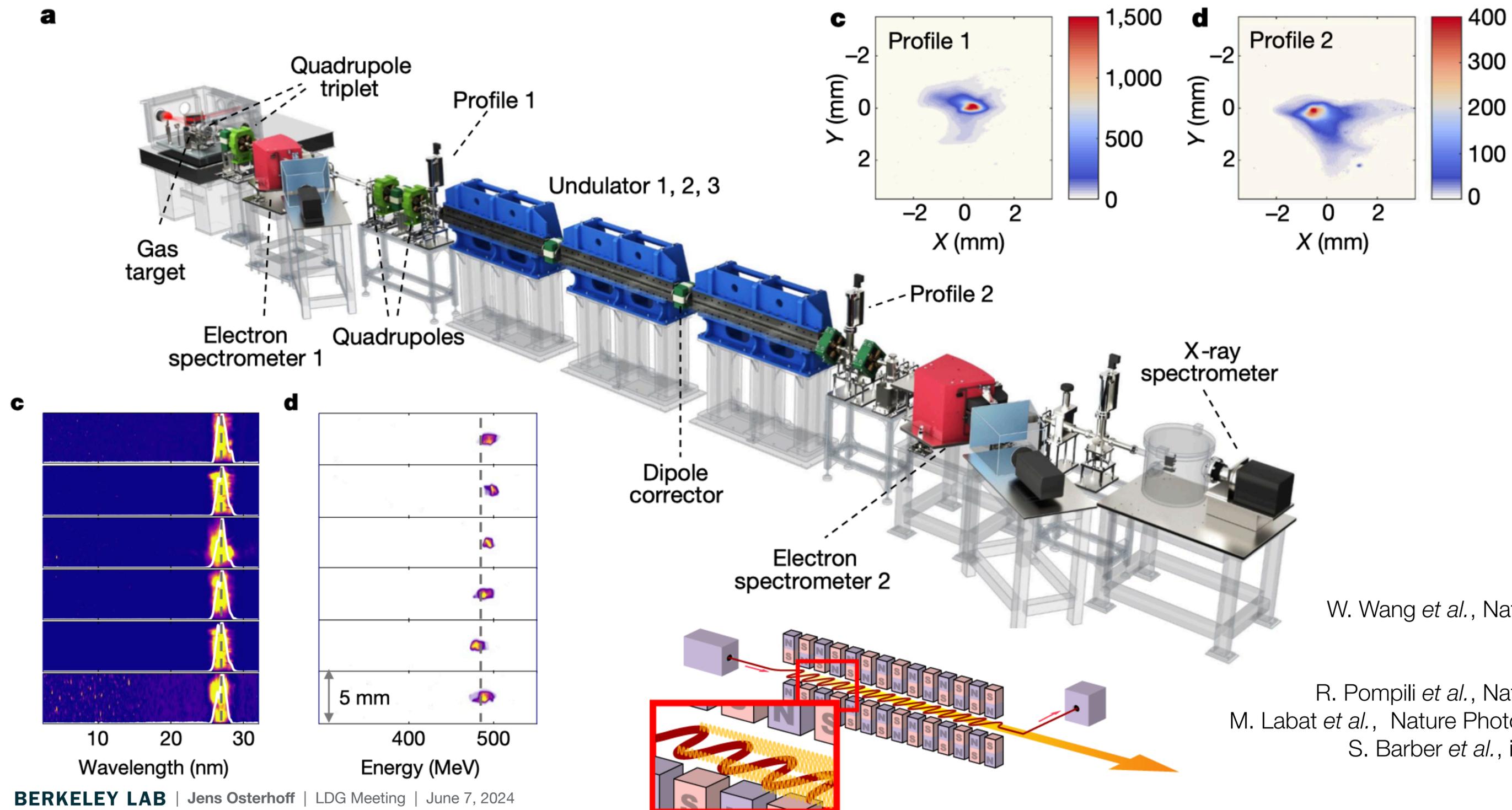
## Additional technical challenges require R&D and test facilities

- 10's to 100's of stages: beam matching / coupling between including efficiency  $\geq 99\%$
- Small accelerating structures place challenging alignment and jitter tolerances
- Wall-plug power (operating costs) limits of energy reach for advanced accelerators
- Compact delivery system and final focus, spin transport in plasmas, positron acceleration



# Laser plasma accelerator drives an FEL at 27 nm

State-of-the-art in compact accelerators is FEL beam quality



W. Wang *et al.*, Nature **595**, 516 (2021)

Also:

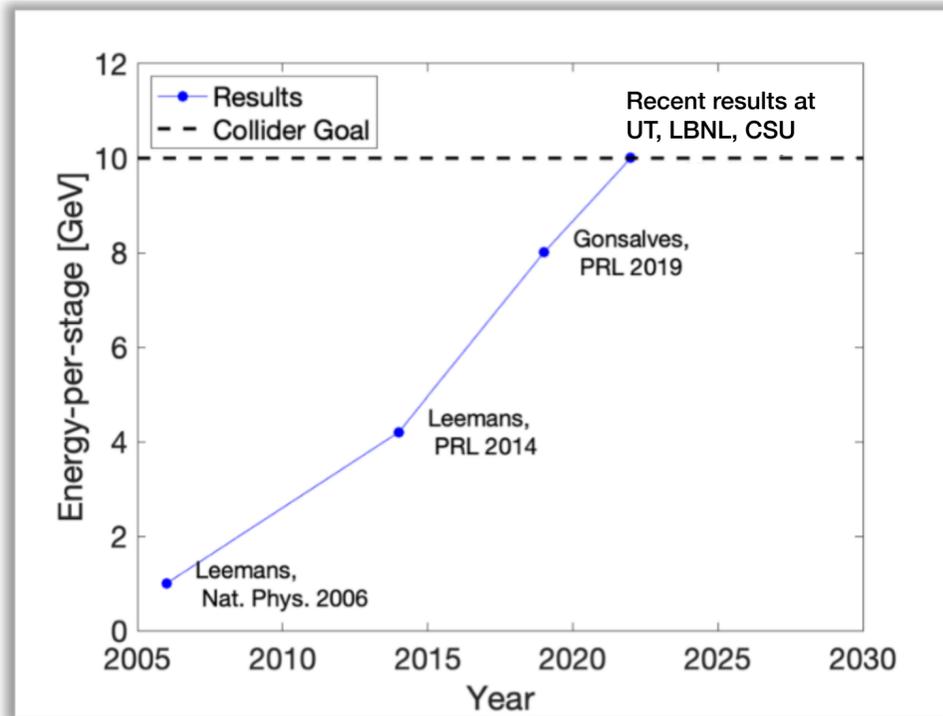
R. Pompili *et al.*, Nature **605**, 659 (2022)

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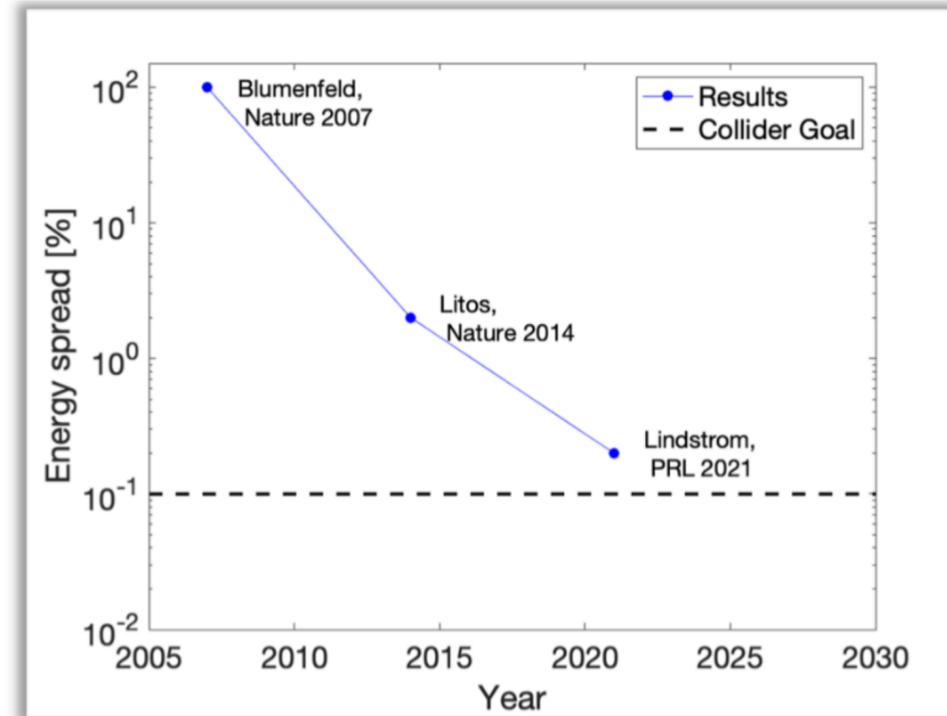
S. Barber *et al.*, in preparation (2024)

# Wakefield accelerator stages are approaching and exceeding select individual parameters for a future multi-TeV collider

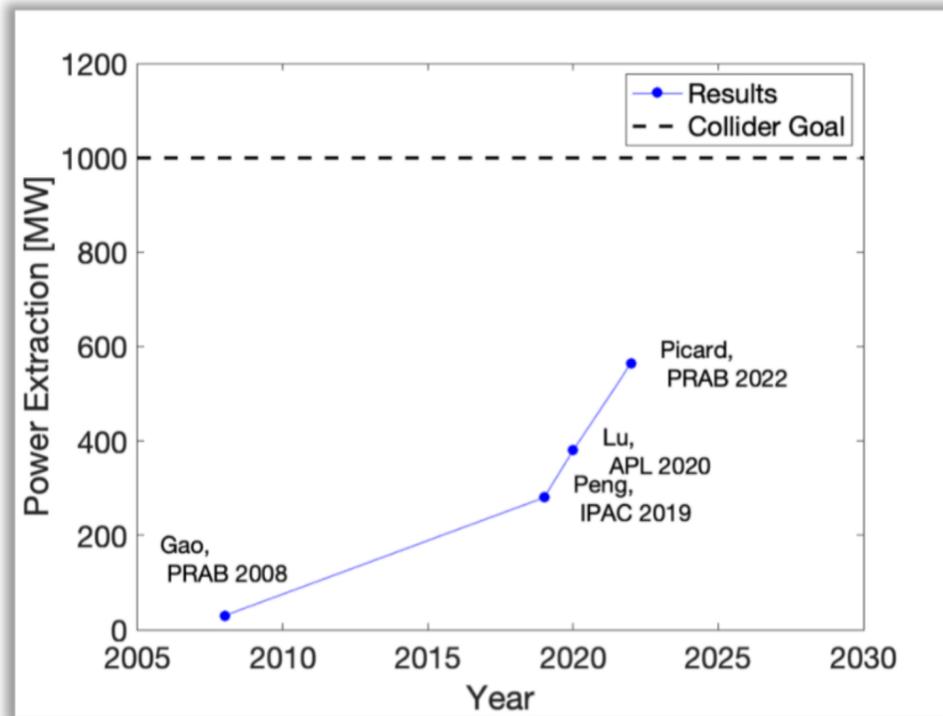
Laser-driven plasma



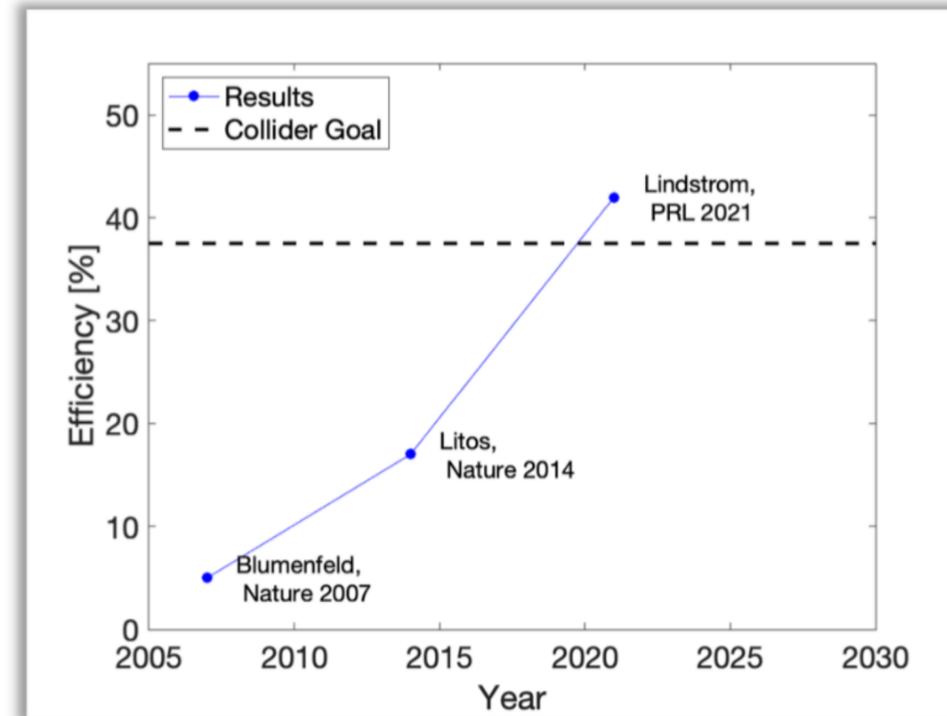
Beam-driven plasma



Structure Wakefield



Beam-driven plasma



## Next steps/challenges:

- precision stage combining brightness, efficiency, alignment, stability
  - coupling multiple such stages with high efficiency, tolerances
  - positrons, spin transport
  - compact BDS
  - high average power and wall-plug efficiency
- test facilities are needed

**“In order to make a confident, informed decision on the path forward—a decision that we hope to make within the next 20 years—one or more of these technologies must reach technical maturity, allowing us to reliably estimate both cost and technical risk”**

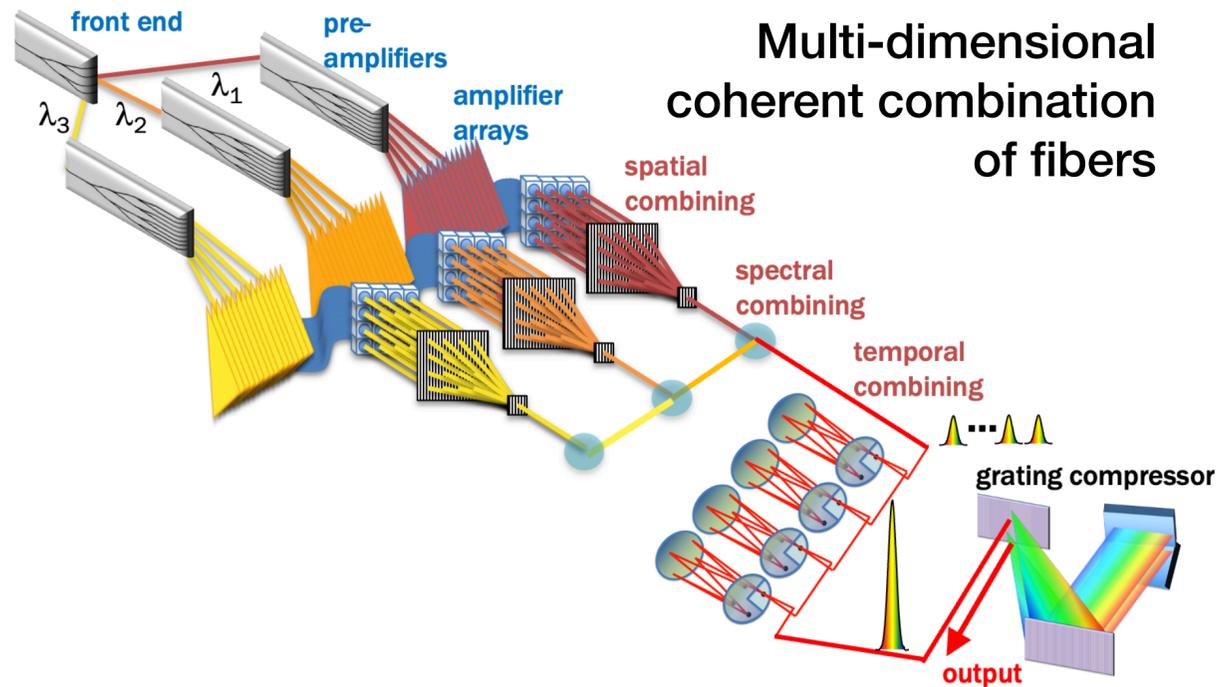
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# kBELLA addresses the efficiency, average power, and precision gap, essential for the technology to mature towards 10 TeV collider requirements

*“New kW-class efficient lasers, and use of their kilohertz repetition rate for active feedback at kBELLA, will advance stage performance and enable beam tests... These (kBELLA, FACET-II, AWA), together with muon collider development, will advance the technology and feed into a future demonstrator facility to make possible a 10 TeV pCM collider (see Sec. 6.5).”*

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**kBELLA will be a test facility for advanced accelerators: critical toward a 10 TeV wakefield collider**

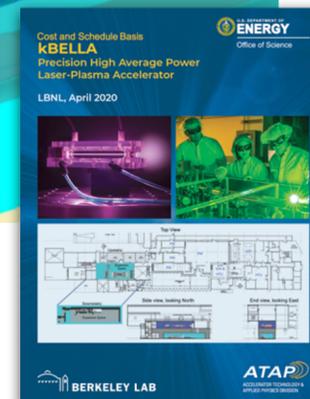
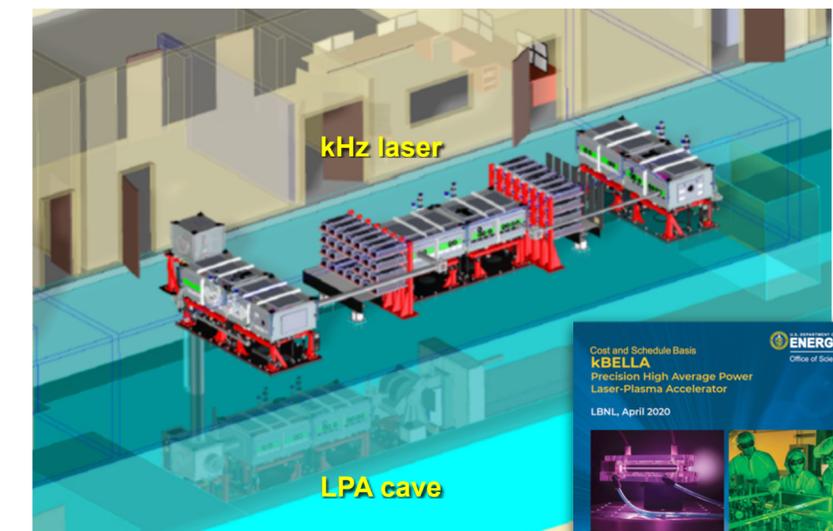
- a high intensity, kHz+, kW short pulse laser with 100 TW peak pwr.
- a new facility that provides radiation shielding for multi-kHz-rate GeV-class plasma accelerators and space for exp. beamlines

**Enables precision LPA towards 10 TeV wakefield collider**

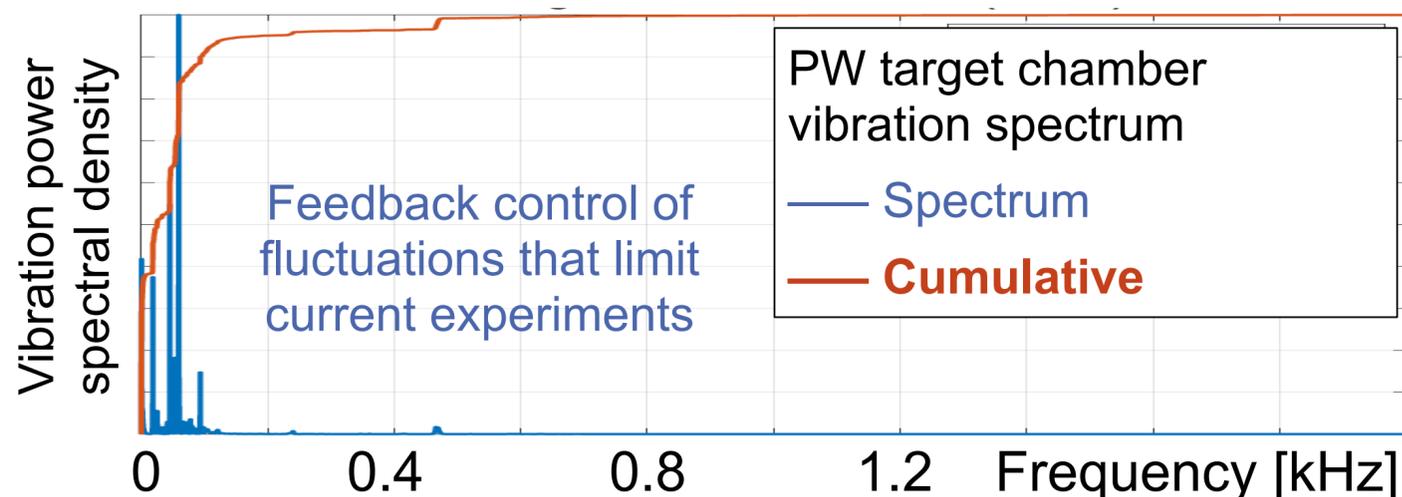
- Test facility to address collider performance and stability needs

**Enables broad impact societal and research applications**

- Path to tens of kW, high efficiency, and collider demonstrator
- Competitive photon sources, security, medical



95% of environmental vibration correctable at kHz



# FACET-II: A world-class test beam facility

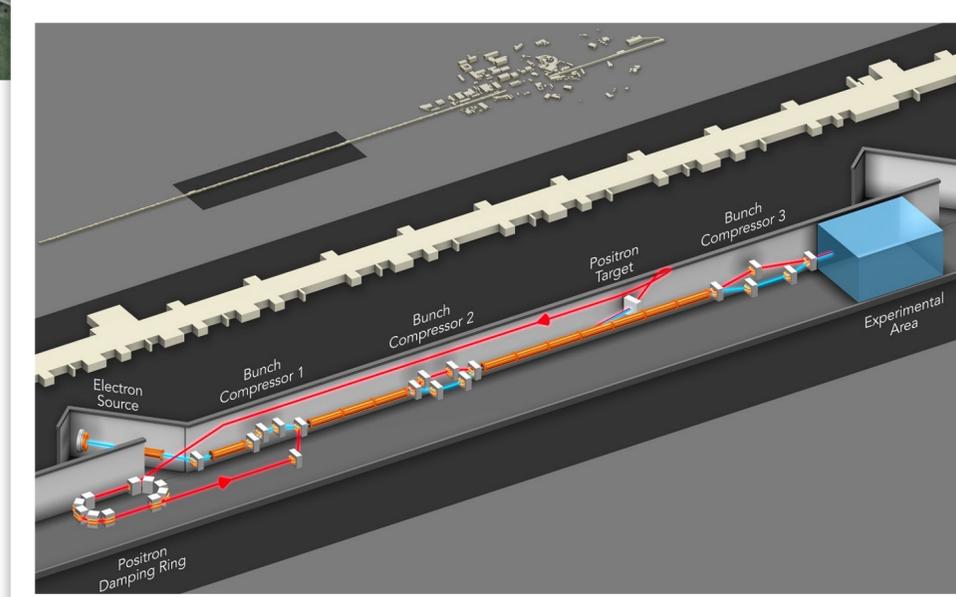
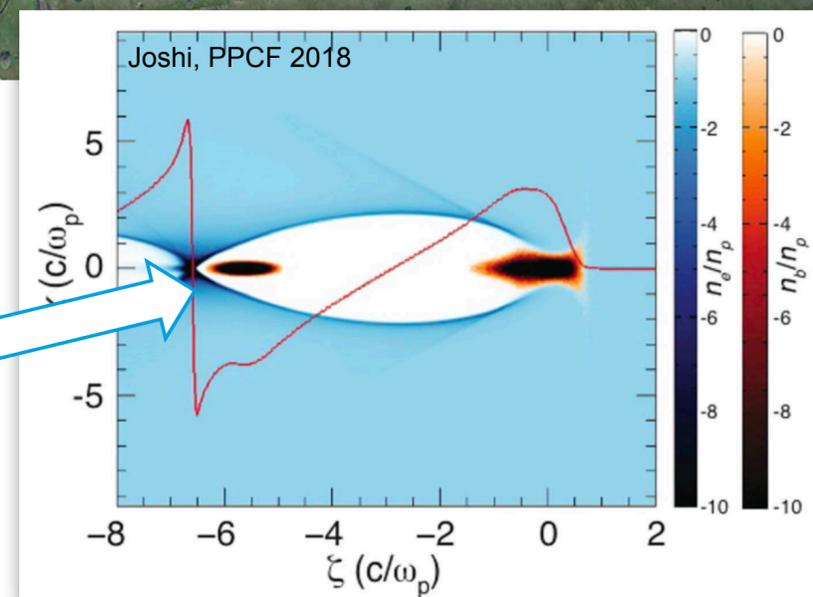
“An upgrade for FACET-II  $e^+$  is uniquely positioned to enable study of positron acceleration in high gradient plasmas.”

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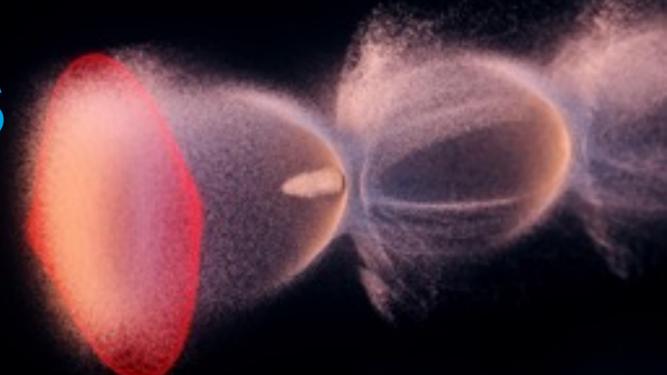
## What makes FACET-II unique?

- Ultra-short bunches with ultra-high peak current.
- Precise control of the longitudinal bunch profile.
- High-power laser and plasma sources.



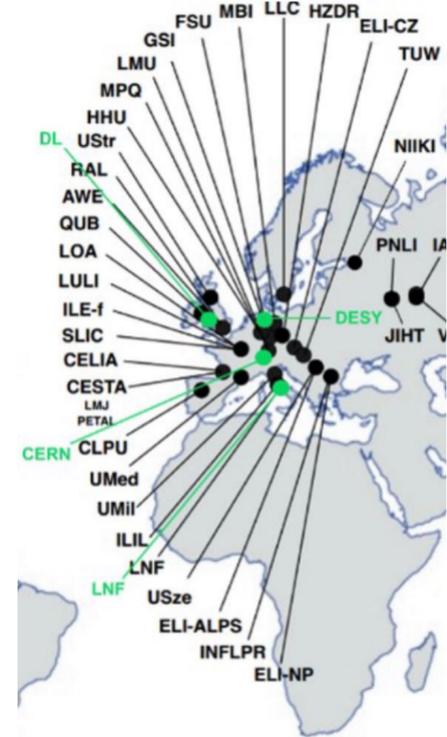
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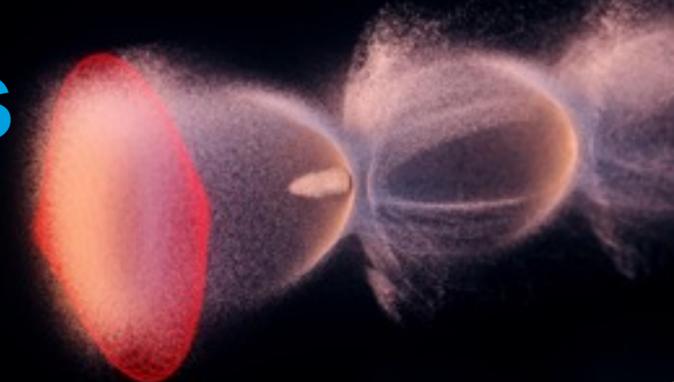
## Test facilities

**AWAKE**  
**EPAC**  
**EuPRAXIA**

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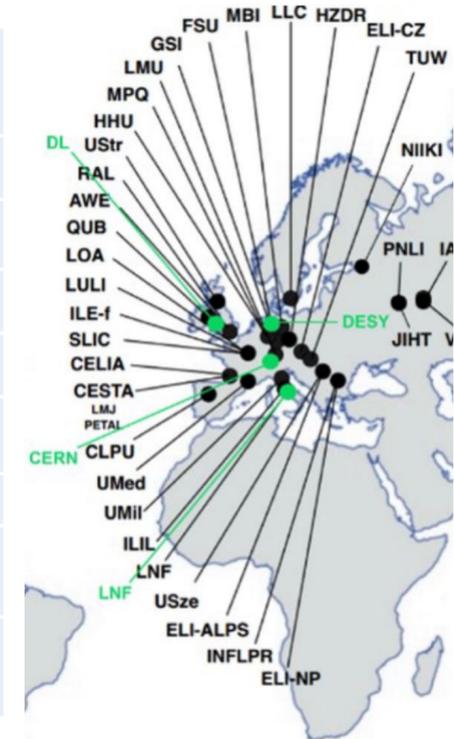
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WP No.	Workpackage
1.1	Overall collider concepts (Higgs Factory)
1.2	Beam driven electron linac – integrated simulations
1.3	Laser driven electron linac
1.4	Positron acceleration
1.5	Spin preservation
1.6	Final focus system
1.7	Sustainability analysis
2.1	High-repetition rate laser-driven plasma module (coordination)
2.2	High rep-rate laser drivers
2.3	High rep-rate targetry
2.4	LPA-experimental facility design (EPAC, CALA, ELI)
3.1	Electron-beam driven PWFA – experiment (FLASHForward/CLARA)
3.2	Proton-driven PWFA (at AWAKE)
4.1	Early High energy physics experiments

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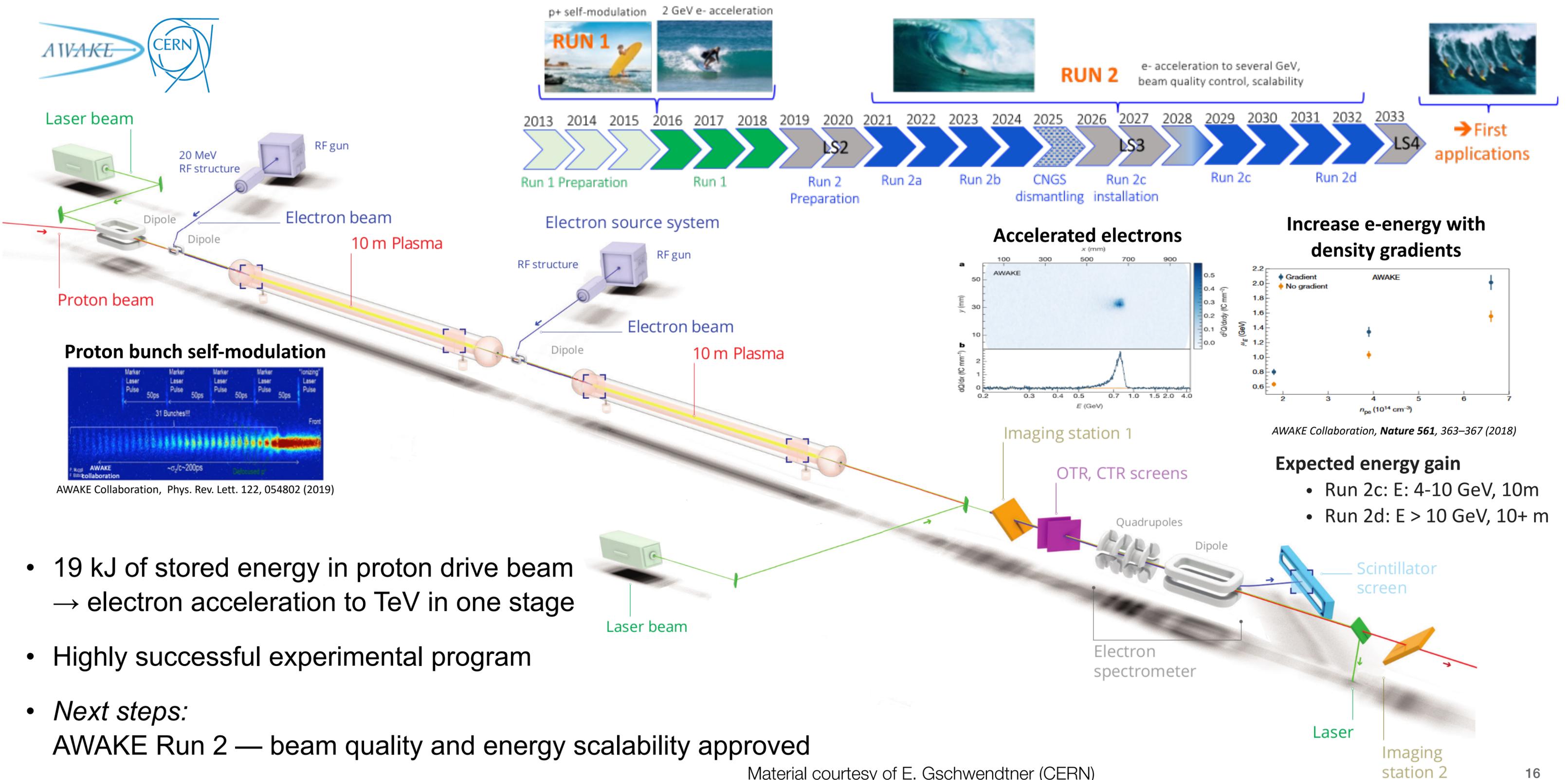
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# AWAKE – proton-driven PWFA experiment removes staging need

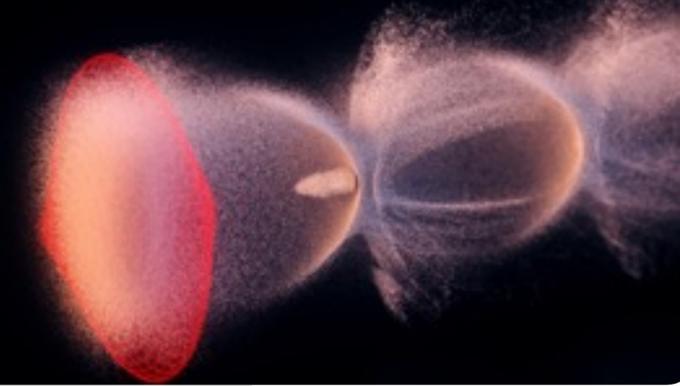


- 19 kJ of stored energy in proton drive beam → electron acceleration to TeV in one stage

- Highly successful experimental program

- *Next steps:*  
AWAKE Run 2 — beam quality and energy scalability approved

# Aspirational timelines for European R&D on plasma-based colliders



Single-stage accelerators (proton-driven)

Timeline (approximate/aspirational)		
0–10 years	10–20 years	20–30 years
Demonstration of: Preserved beam quality, acceleration in very long plasmas, plasma uniformity (longitudinal & transverse)	<b>Fixed-target experiment (AWAKE)</b> Dark-photon search, strong-field QED experiment, etc. (50–200 GeV e <sup>-</sup> )	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #e0f0e0; margin-right: 5px;"></div> R&amp;D (exp. &amp; theory)                     <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #c0ffc0; margin-left: 10px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> HEP facility (earliest start of construction)                 </div>
	Demonstration of: Use of LHC beams, TeV acceleration, beam delivery	
		<b>Energy-frontier collider</b> 10 TeV c.o.m. electron–proton collider



Multistage accelerators (Electron-driven or laser-driven)

Timeline (approximate/aspirational)				
0–5 years	5–10 years	10–15 years	15–25 years	25+ years
<b>Pre-CDR (HALHF)</b> Simulation study to determine self-consistent parameters (demonstration goals)	Demonstration of: Scalable staging, driver distribution, stabilisation (active and passive)	<b>Multistage tech demonstrator</b> Strong-field QED experiment (25–100 GeV e <sup>-</sup> )	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #fff9c4; margin-right: 5px;"></div> Feasibility study                     <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #e0f0e0; margin-left: 10px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> R&amp;D (exp. &amp; theory)                     <div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #c0ffc0; margin-left: 10px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> HEP facility (earliest start of construction)                 </div>	
	Demonstration of: High wall-plug efficiency (e <sup>-</sup> drivers), preserved beam quality & spin polarization, high rep. rate, plasma temporal uniformity & cell cooling			<b>Higgs factory (HALHF)</b> Asymmetric, plasma–RF hybrid collider (250–380 GeV c.o.m.)
	Demonstration of: Energy-efficient positron acceleration in plasma, high wall-plug efficiency (laser drivers), ultra-low emittances, energy recovery schemes, compact beam-delivery systems			

HALHF

Single/multi-stage accelerators for light sources (electron & laser-driven)

0–10 years
Demonstration of: ultra-low emittances, high rep-rate/high efficiency e-beam and laser drivers, Long-term operation, potential staging, positrons <b>(EuPRAXIA)</b>



R&D on EuPRAXIA will de-risk HALHF and other plasma-based collider concepts considerably

# Pursuit of plasma wakefield R&D complementary in US and Europe

## Potential for leveraging strong synergies by connecting/coordinating US and European efforts

- Plasma wakefield accelerators are continuing to progress at a rapid pace, have recently demonstrated beam parameters for photon science applications
- Progress toward colliders encouraging — challenges remain: efficiency, avg. power, multi-staging, ...
- New scheme, HALHF, demonstrates cost saving potential, introduces plasma collider design processes
- P5 sets focus on a 10 TeV pCM collider, no tech ready, wakefields are a contender, design launched
- We need intense R&D and test facilities to close the existing technology capability gaps for HALHF + 10 TeV collider
- Intensified coordination/collaboration on collider designs, technology, test facilities, demonstrators between US and European communities will be mutually beneficial and is synergistic
  - Goals may differ, but physics/tech challenges and processes (e.g. cost models) strongly linked
  - Realizing a collider incl. needed resources is a global effort

