

# Novel Optical-Scale Acceleration Schemes (but mostly Dielectric Laser Accelerators)

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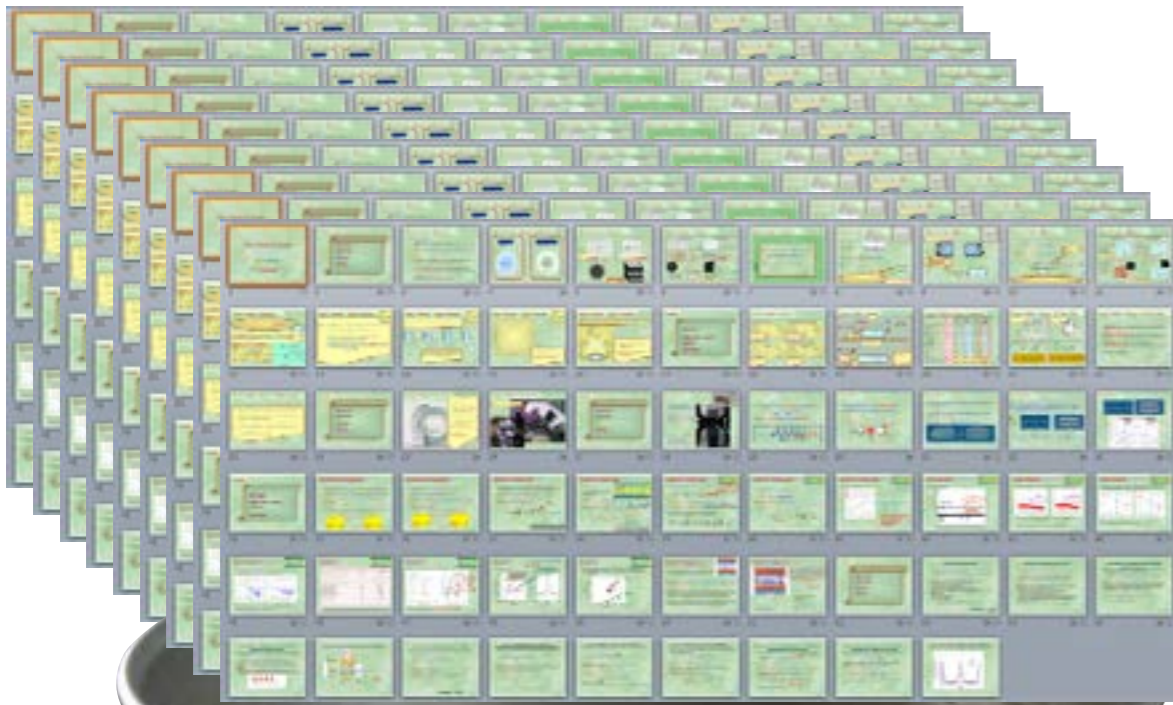
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semester long course



1 hour



you







COST

SIZE

LASER

ACCELERATOR

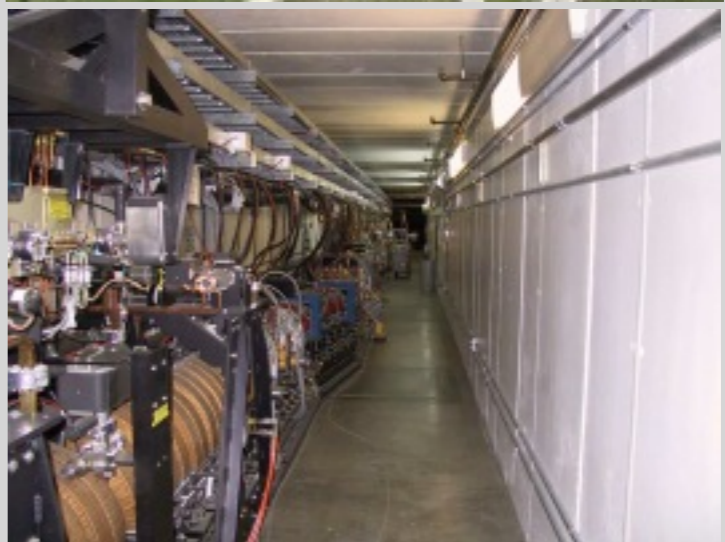
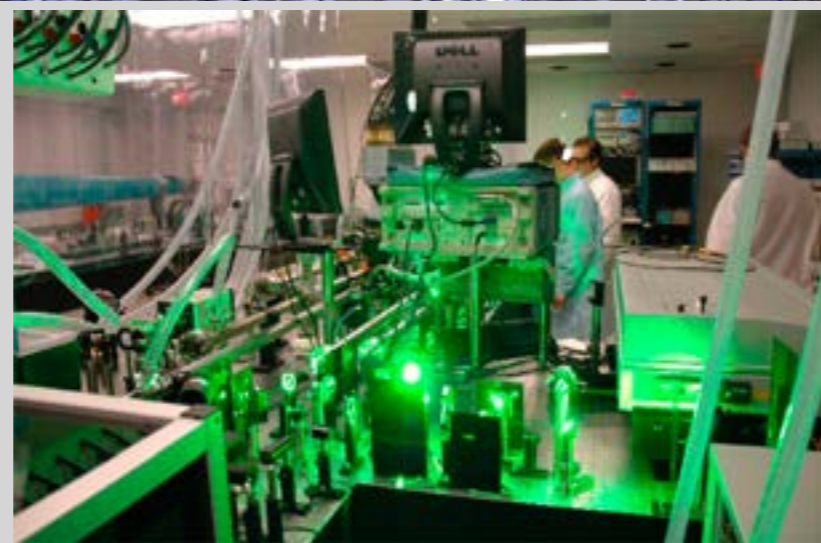
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XL



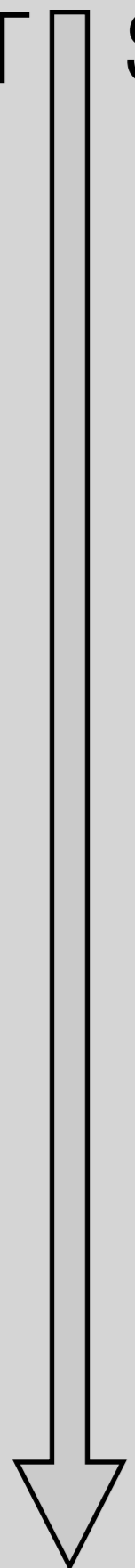
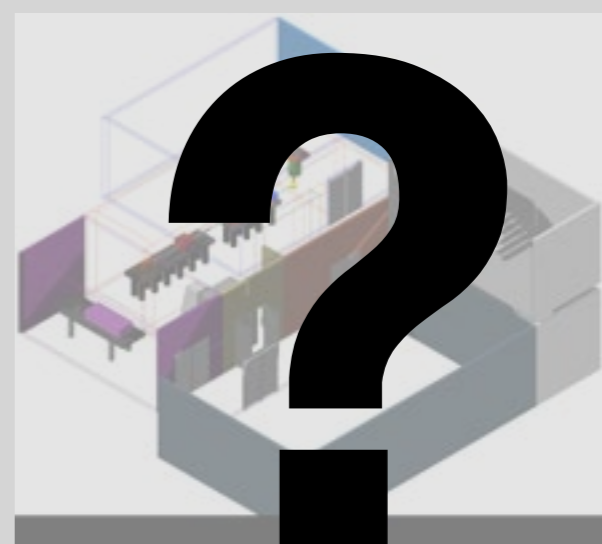
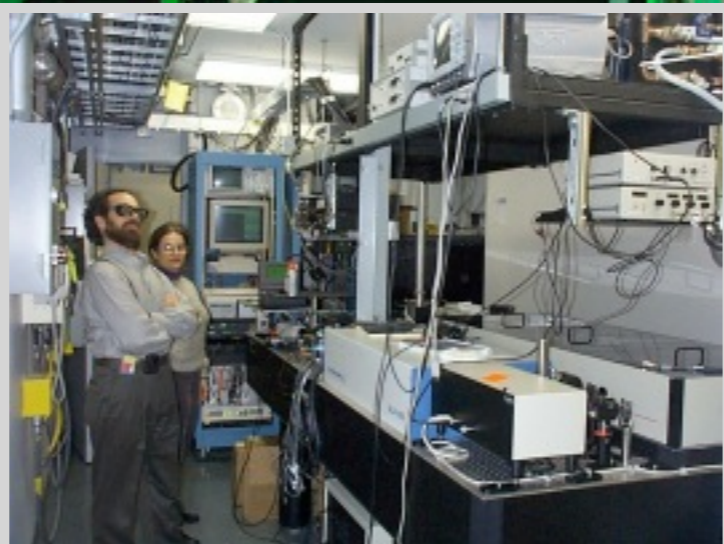
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~ \$10<sup>9</sup>

Accelerator (APS)

LASER (NIF)

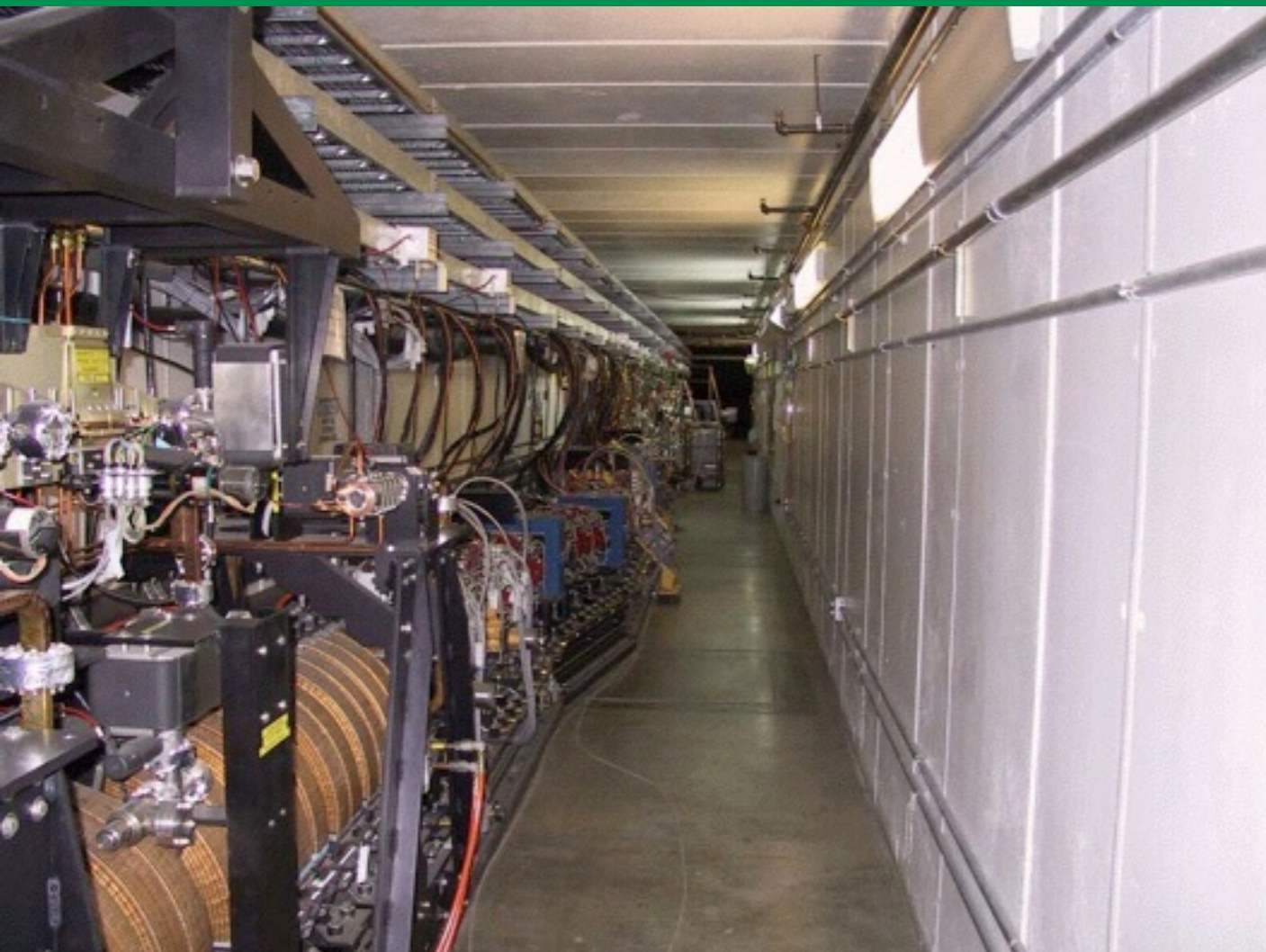




~ \$10<sup>7</sup>

Accelerator (NLCTA)

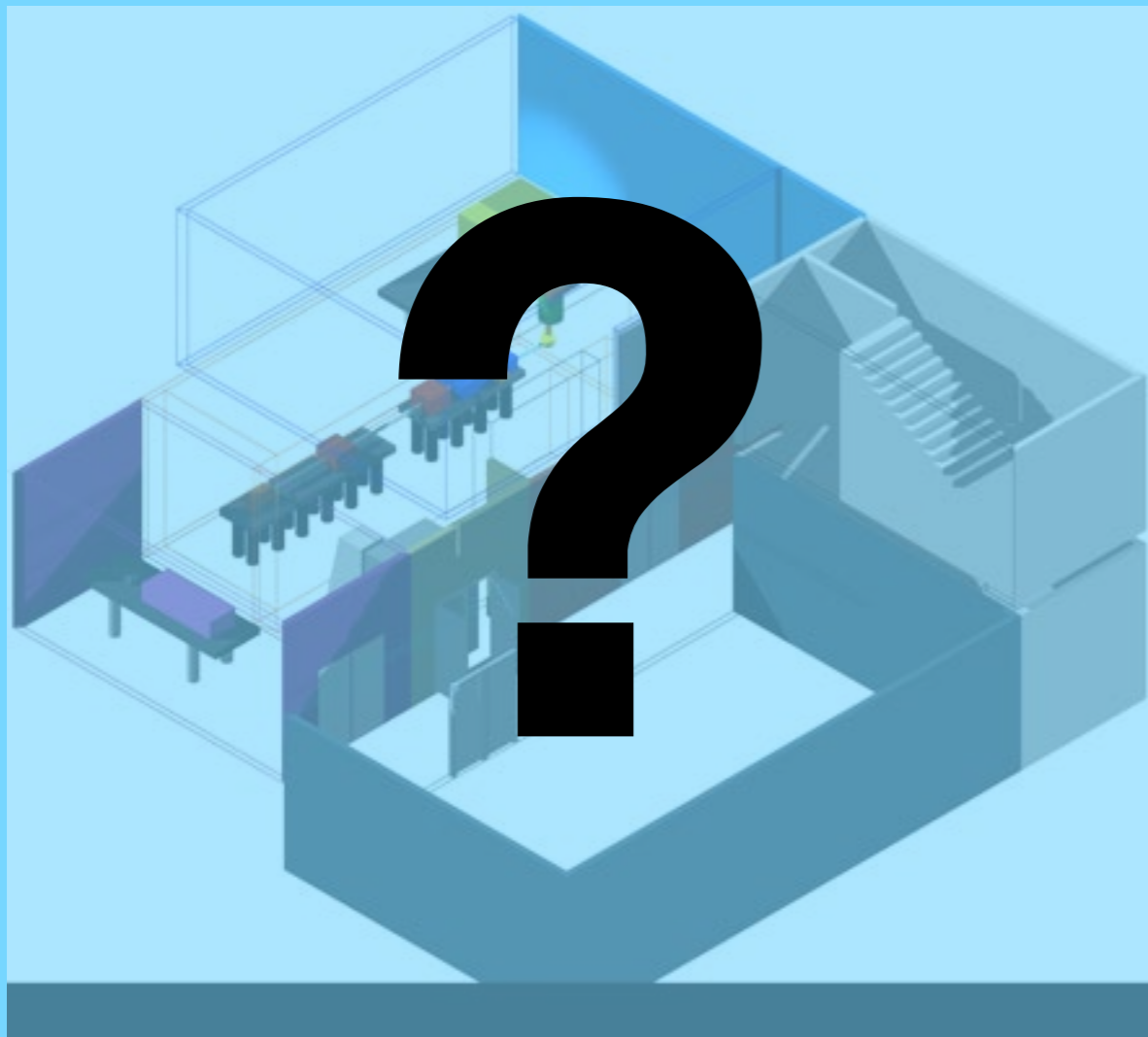
LASER (100TW Falcon)





~ \$10<sup>5</sup>

Accelerator



LASER (T3)





Lasers are commonly found in research laboratories in all science disciplines

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~ 12

number of accelerators

4000

number of class 3&4  
lasers registered

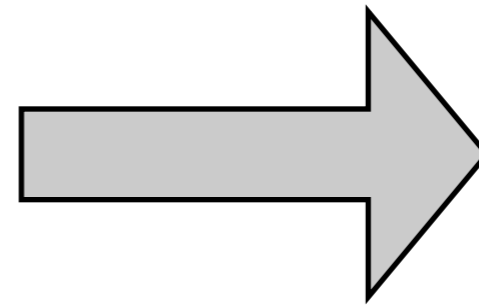
>> 1000 all lasers



Despite demand, accelerating structures have evolved slowly and gradients remain modest



1950s  
SLC  
10 MV/m



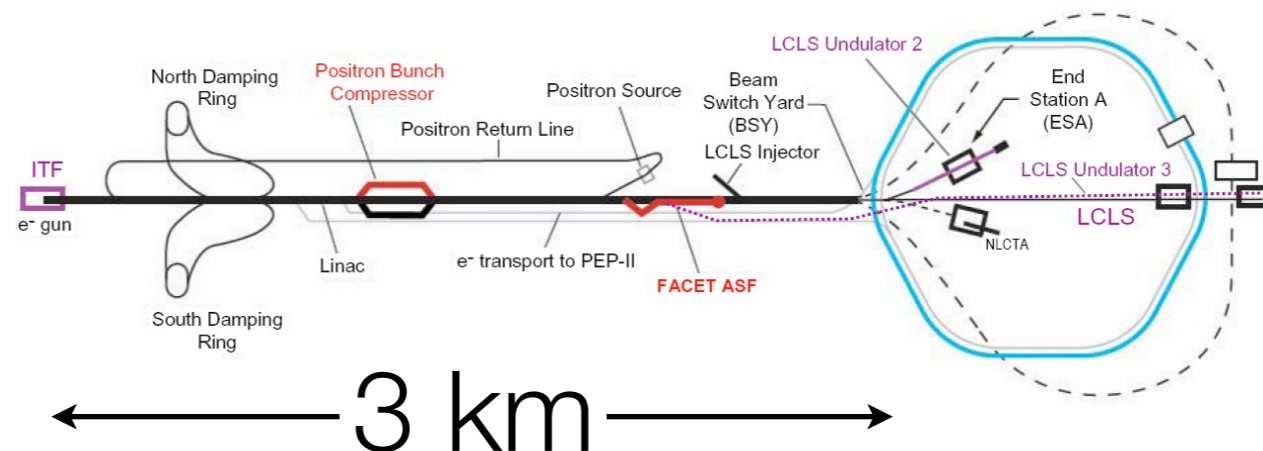
1990s  
NLC  
90 MV/m

2000s  
Laser and Plasma Wakefield

10s GV/m

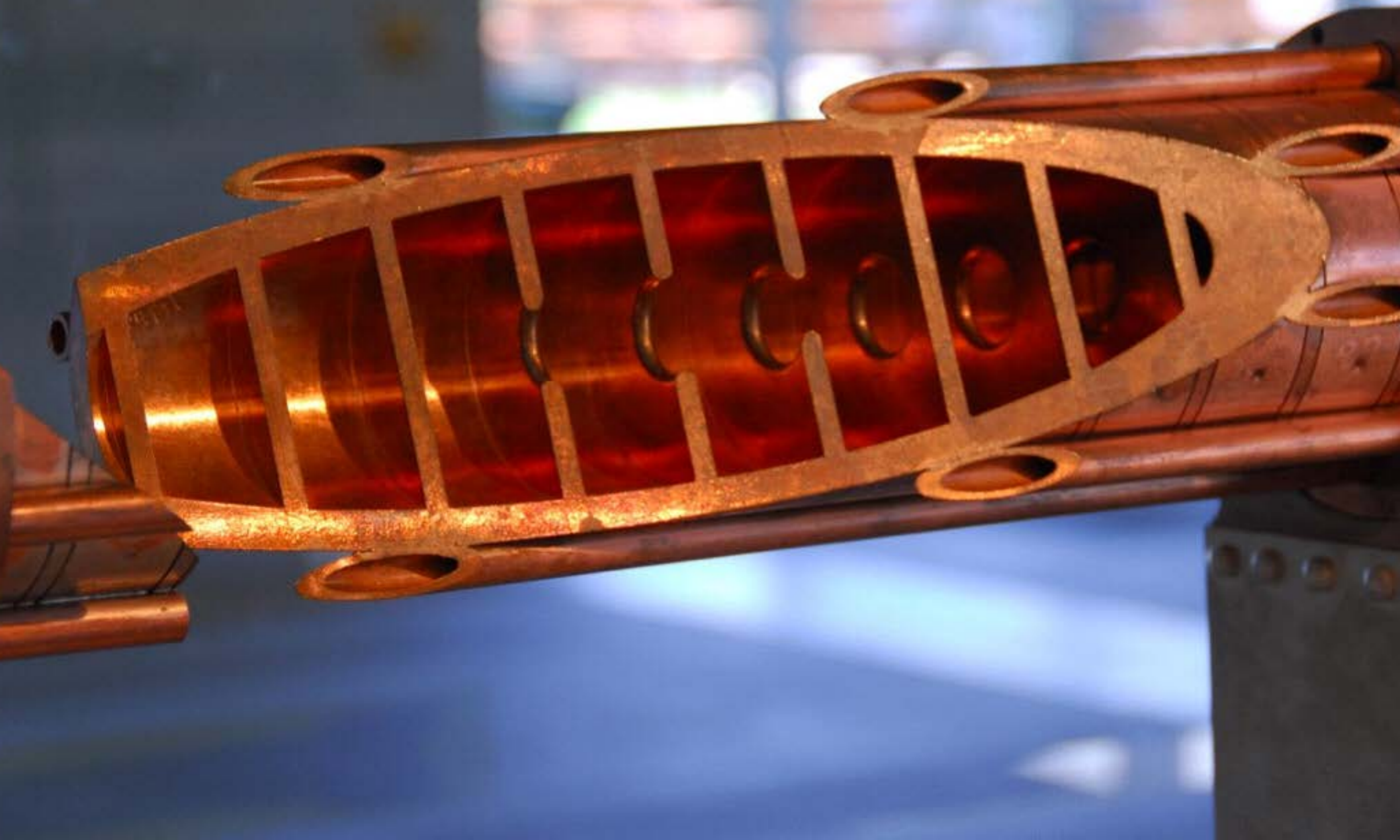
BUT...

On the shoulders of  
giants





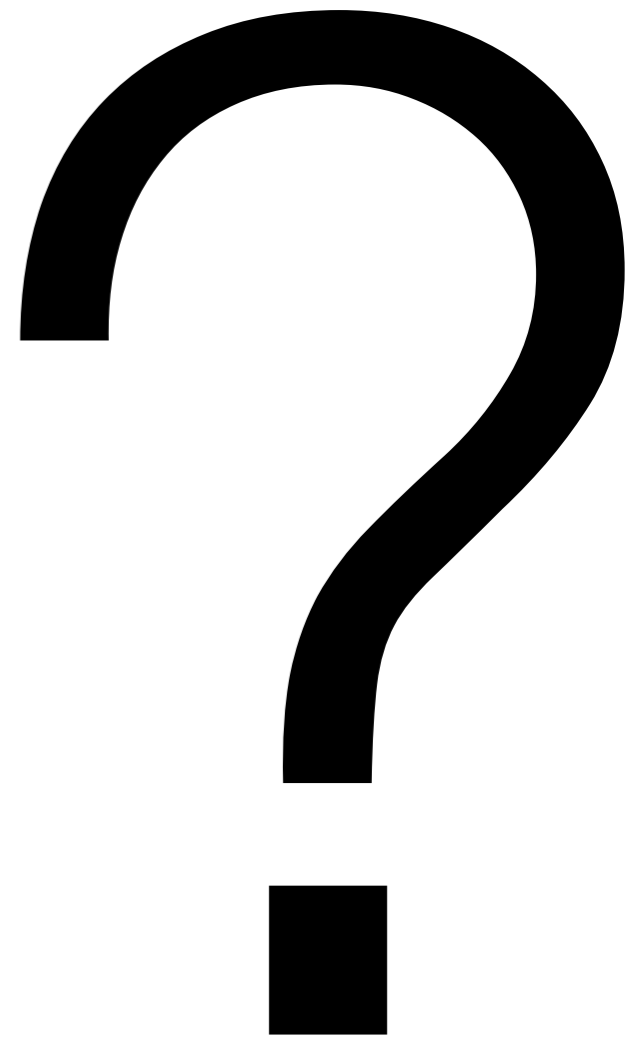
# THE WORKHORSE FOR 50 YEARS





what happens if we shrink this all down by

10000

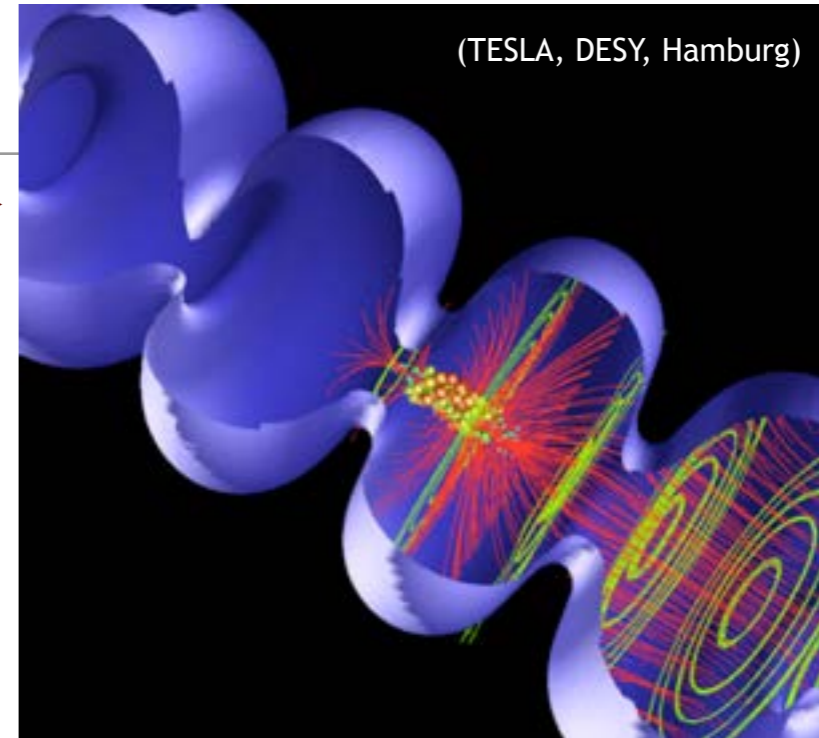




# We can't just increase the operating frequency and shrink the machines

## Wakefields:

- Charged particles + small apertures = radiation
- Transverse wakefields  $\sim \lambda^{-3}$
- Beams break up from their own wakes



## Machining:

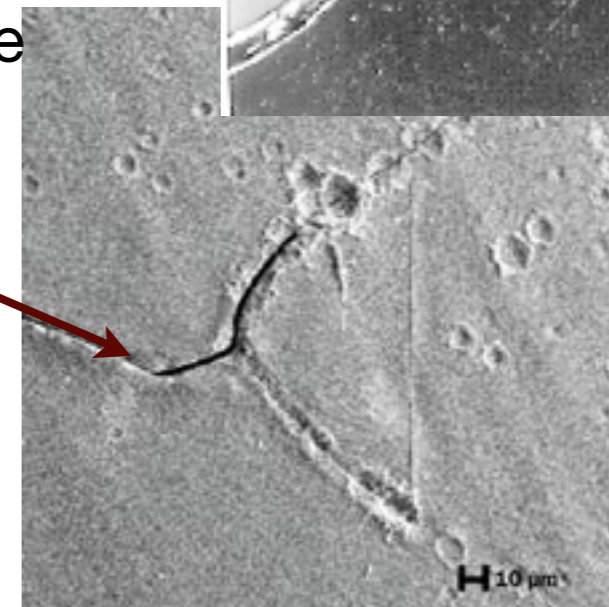
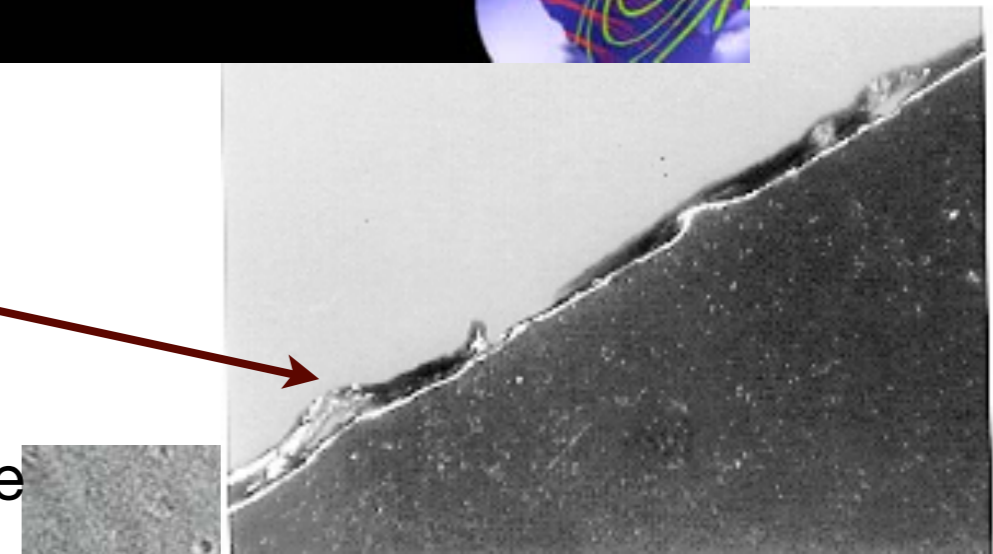
- Surface roughness must be  $\lambda/500$  or less
- Tolerances become too tight

## Breakdown:

- High energy density + small apertures + surface roughness = electric breakdown
- Structure damage ==> poor performance

## No sources:

- Lack of good technology for high power radiation with  $f > 34$  GHz



What is a particle accelerator?

Why do we want them to be \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
(small, high gradient, laser powered...)

Can a technology support everything from colliders to medical treatment devices?

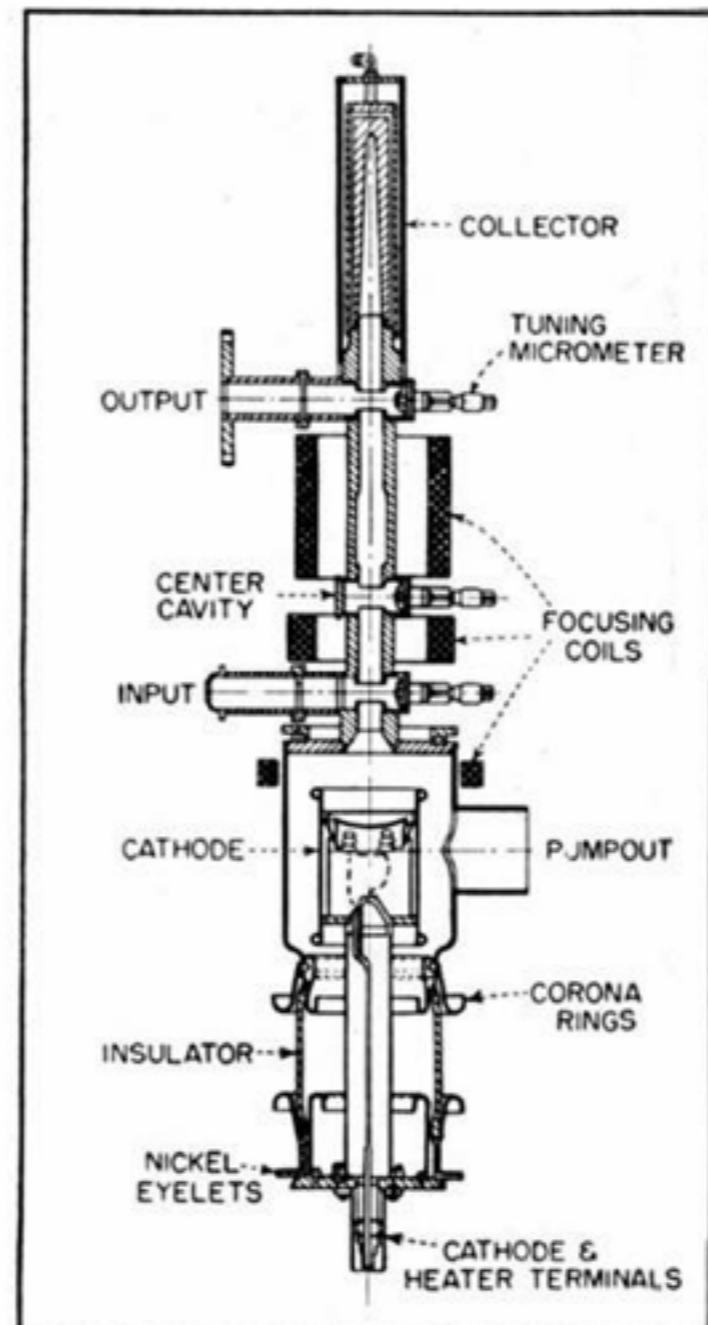
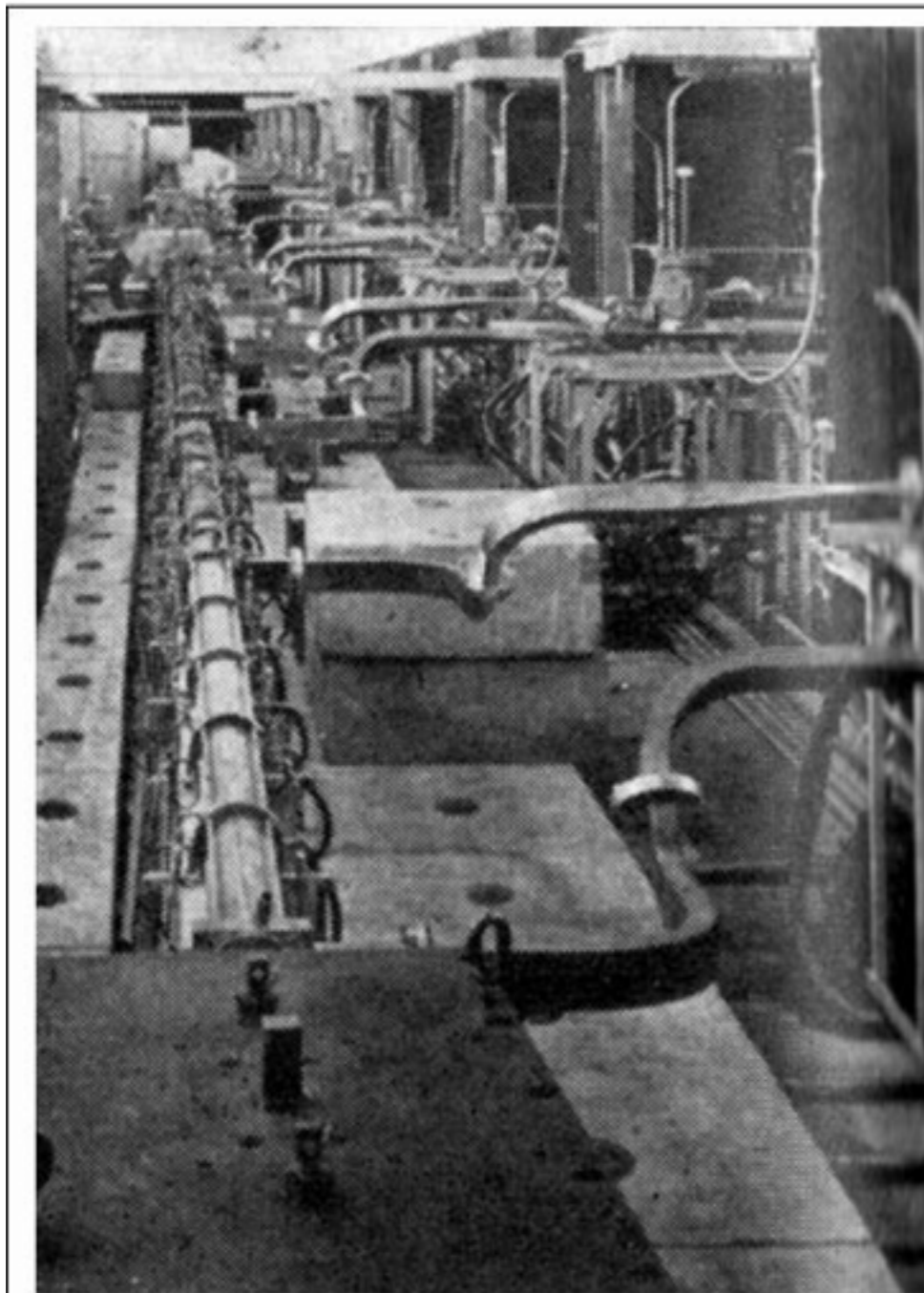
Why are you doing this to yourself  
(accelerators already work well)?

What does it take for a novel accelerator to be successful?

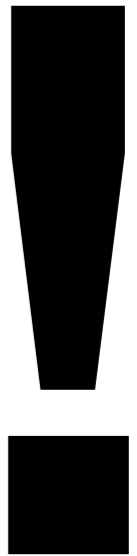




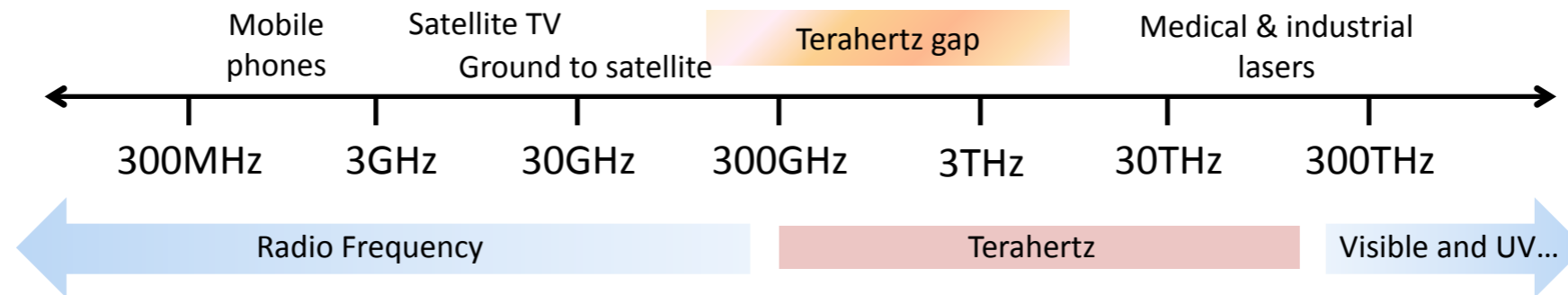
An accelerator structure transfers energy from one source to another (the beam)



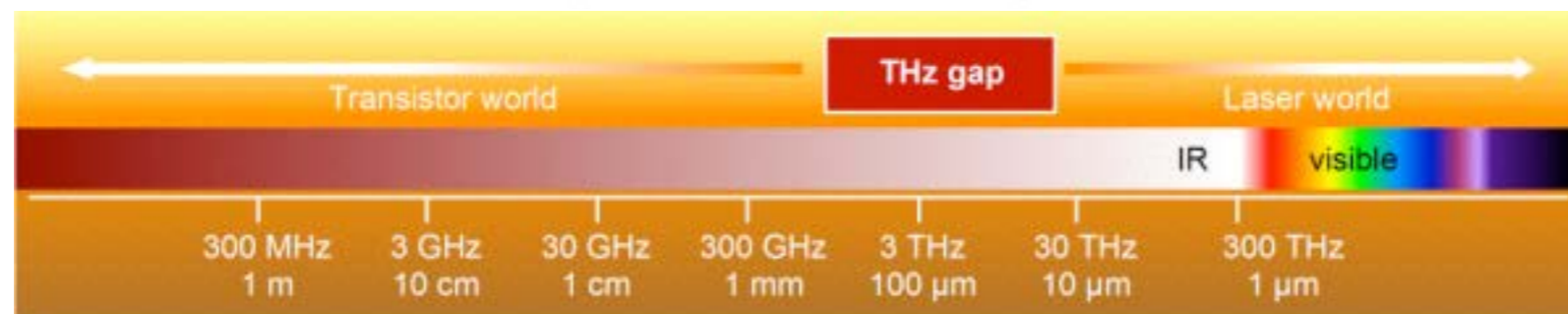
Stanford  
Microwave  
Laboratory  
around 1953



Of available power sources at wavelengths shorter than microwaves, lasers are the most capable



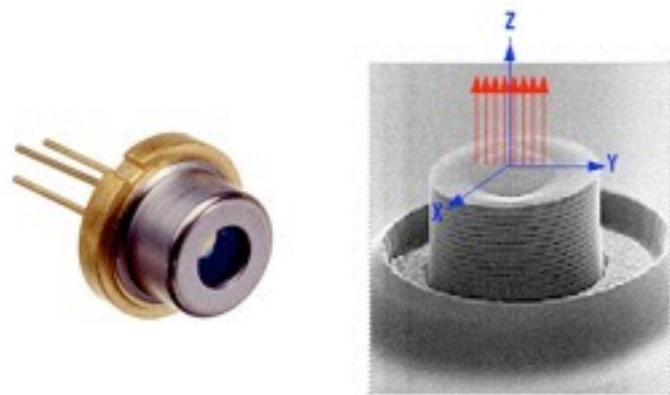
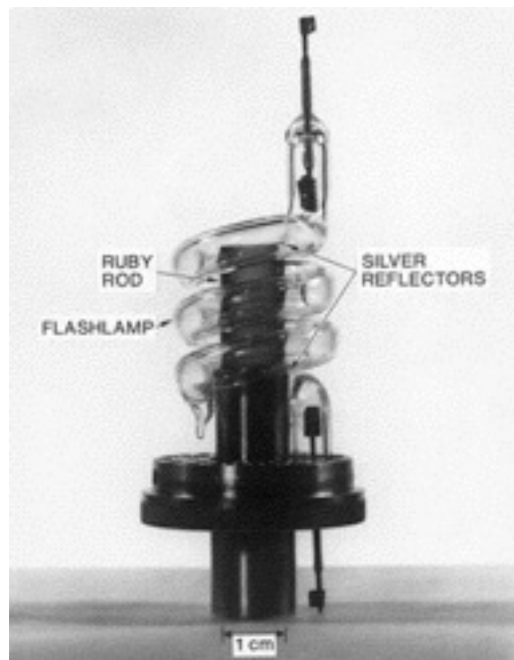
lack of sources, materials and fabrication technology force us to make a leap from Microwave to Optical



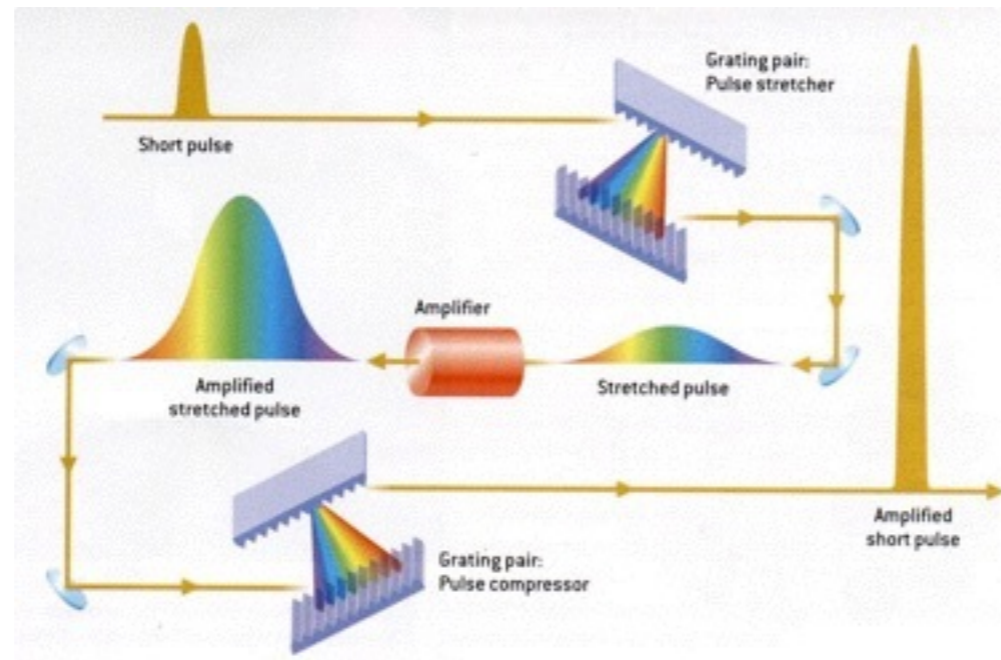


Lasers offer several features at once:  
low cost, high power, ultra-fast, compact

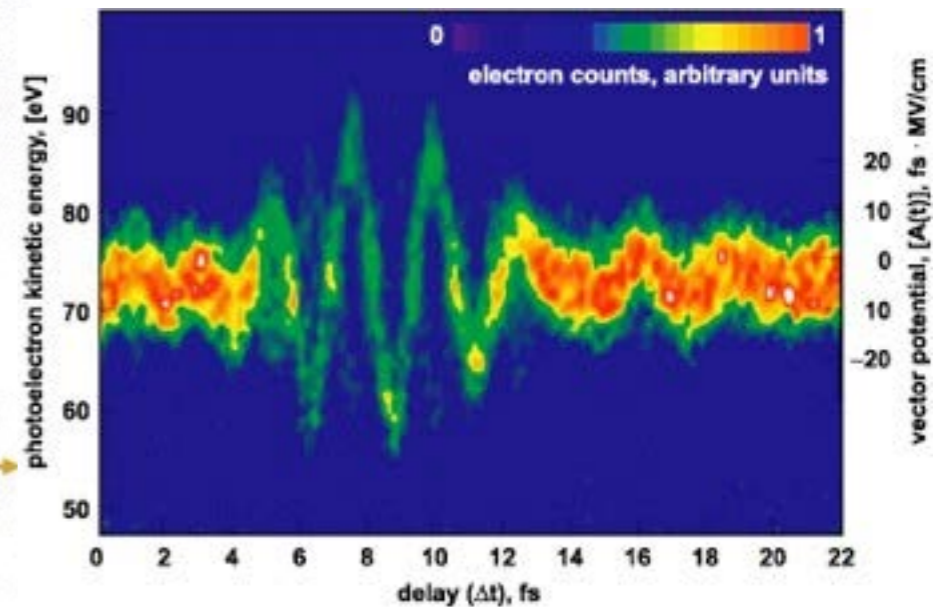
## SOLID STATE



## CPA



## ULTRAFAST





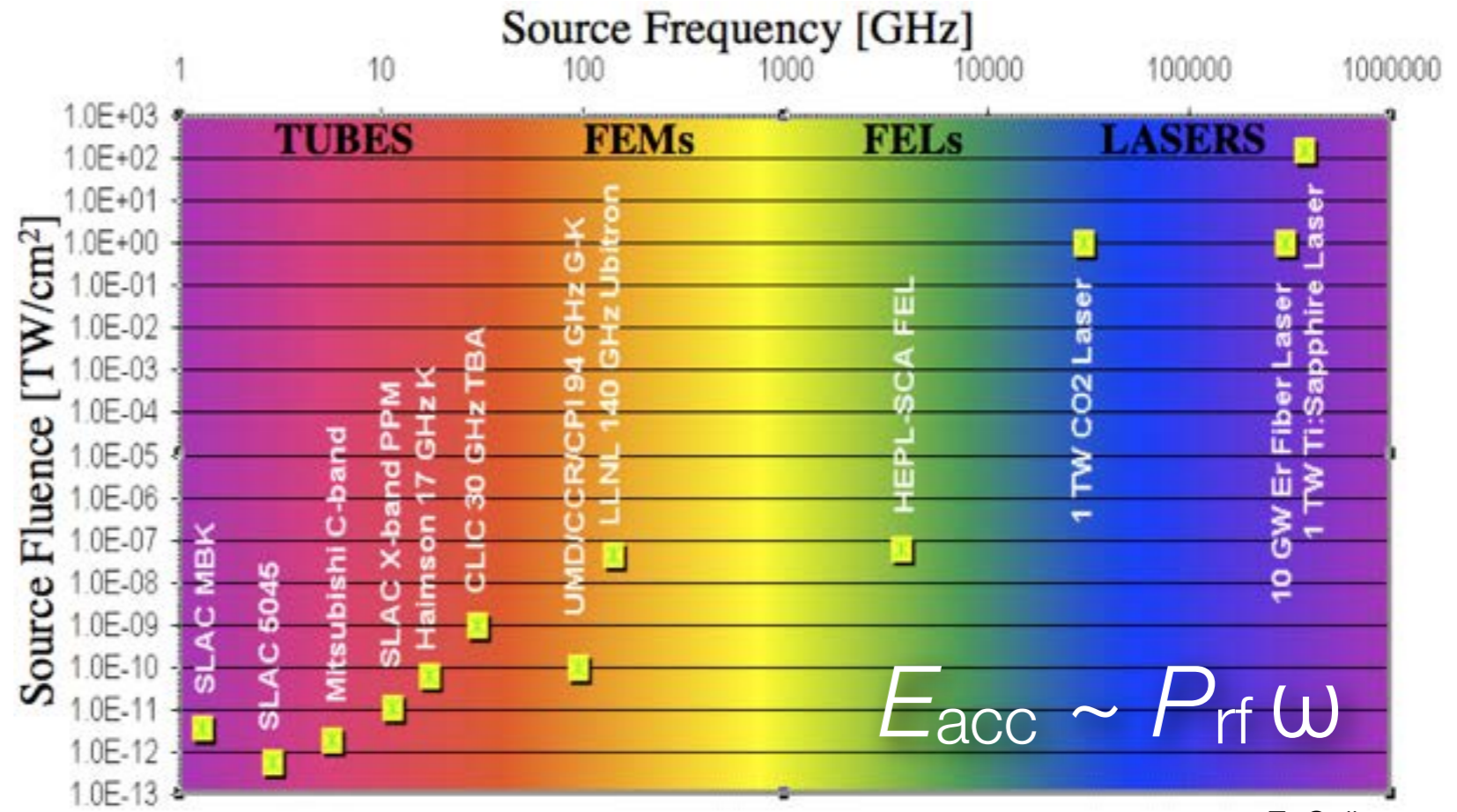
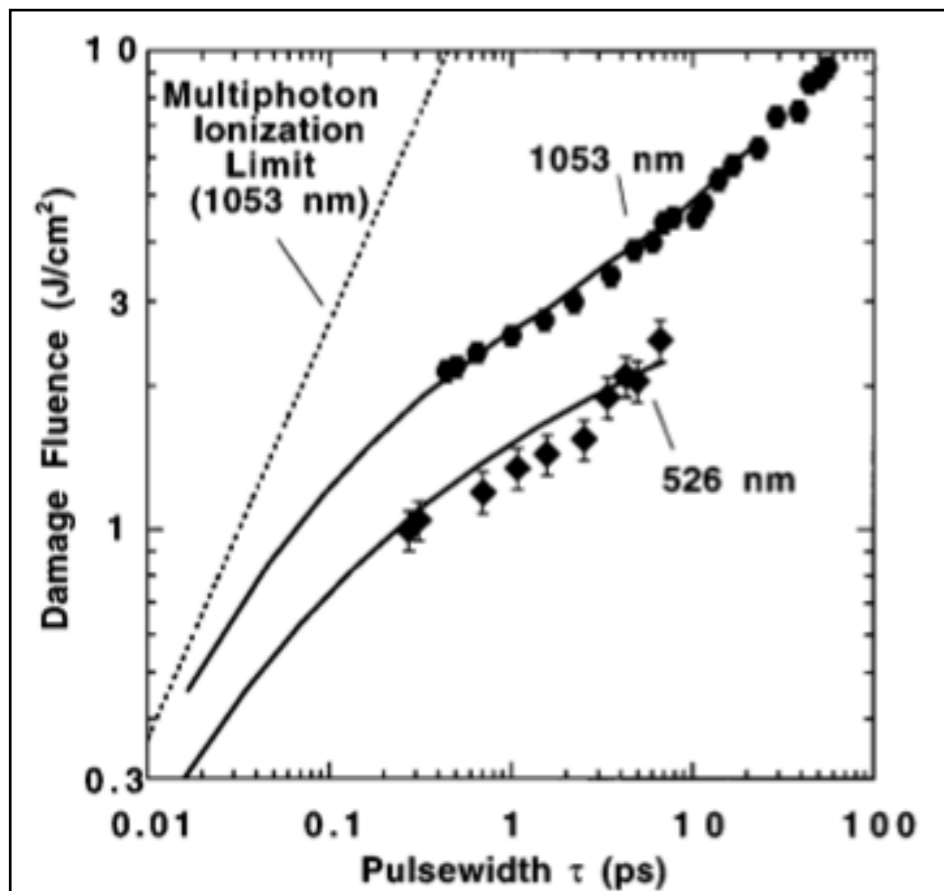
Breakdown and available power sources motivate operating regime and composition of new devices



Dielectric:  
Breakdown

Optical:  
THz Gap

Short Wavelength:  
Gradient



E. Colby

**fabrication methods & materials  
strongly support the optical scale**

**WE ARE TOOL BUILDERS**





# HEALTHCARE



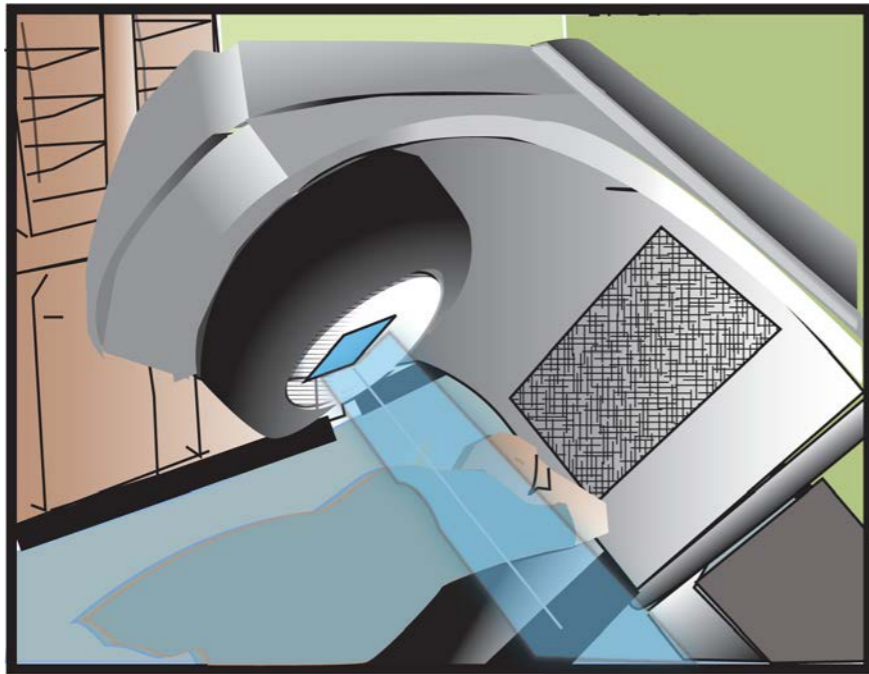
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- > 10 million new cancer cases each year
  - > 50% of cases require radiation therapy

### **Current treatment issues:**

- Immediate and long term side effects
- Targeting of tumors
- Handling and containment of radiation
- High capital costs



I have a dream... that one day, particle accelerators AND lasers can live side by side...

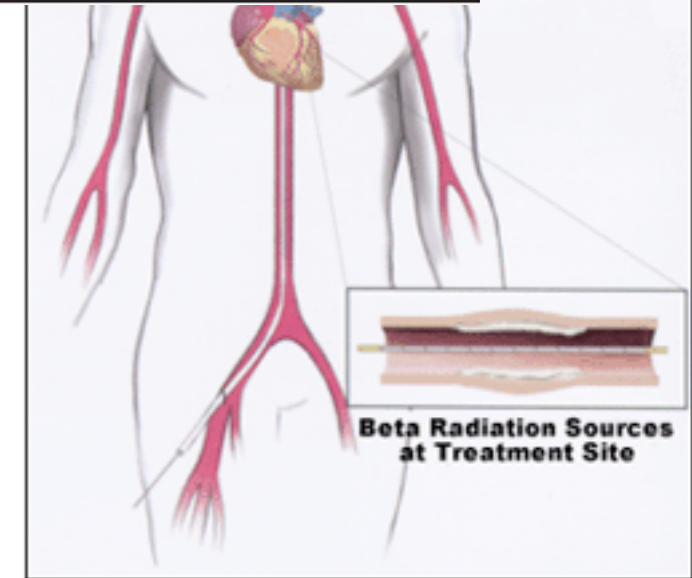


external beam

vs.



intra-op  
device



Bringing the source closer to the site allows electrons to deposit energy over a tumor depth

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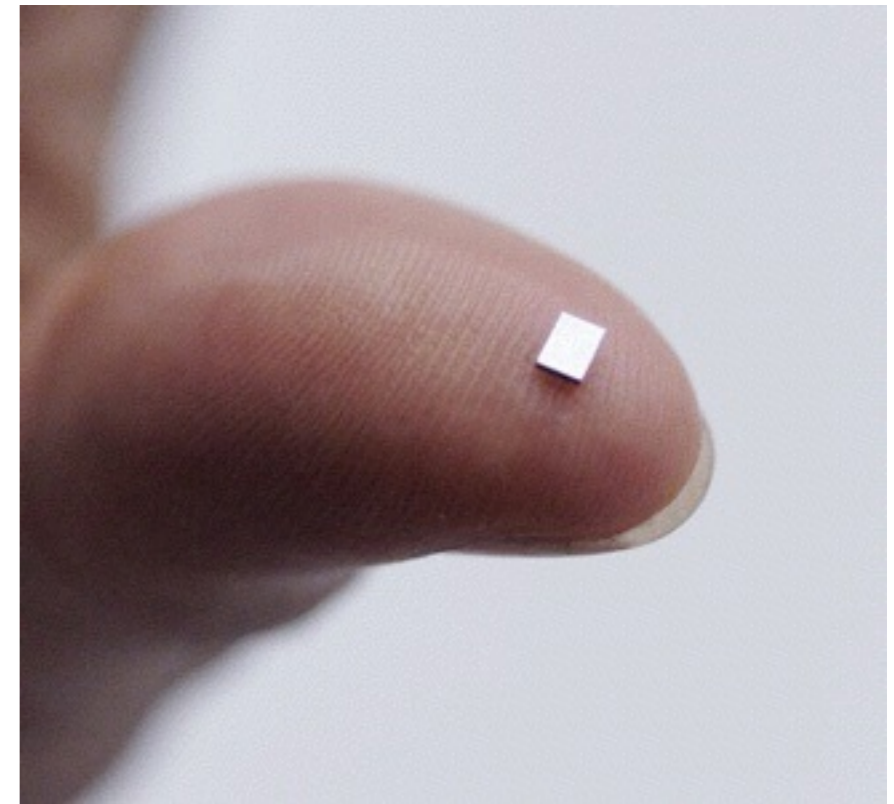
### EBRT Machine

Big  
Heavy  
Expensive (\$3-5M)  
Microwave powered



### MAP

Microchip sized  
Endoscope tip  
Disposable  
Laser powered (\$200k)



1-6 MeV electrons have ~1-3 cm range  
minimal stopping power = minimal surrounding tissue damage



counterfeit Blindness, strowl about  
Harps, Fiddles, Bagpipes, &c. led by  
a Dog or Boy.  
BLOCK-HOUSES, Prisons, Houses  
of Correction, &c.  
BLOSS, a Shop-lifter; also a Bully's  
pretended Wife, or Mistress, whom he  
guards, while she supports him; also a  
Whore.  
To BLOT the Strip, and jark it, i. e.  
to stand engaged, or be bound for any  
Body.  
BLOW, as He has bit his blow, he has  
stolen the Goods, &c.

(for Fence) or Bloss that bit the Blow,  
The Man has taken the Thief that  
robbed his House or Shop, or picked  
his Pocket. If he be Boned he must shove  
the Tumbler; If he be taken he'll be  
whipt at the Cart's-tail. I have Boned  
her Dudde, Fagged and Brushed; I have  
taken away my Mistress's cloaths, beat  
her and am trooped off. Bonting the  
Fence; Finding the Goods where con-  
cealed and seizing them. He made no  
Bones of it.  
BONNY-CLAPPER, fowre Butter-  
milk.  
BOOTH a House, as Heave the Boath

great Drinker, and one who steals plate  
from publick Houses.  
BUBE, the Pox. The Most tipt the  
Bube upon the Cully; The Wench has  
clapped the Fellow.  
To BUBBLE, To cheat or decieve. A  
Bubble, an easy soft Fellow, one that is  
fit to be imposed on, deluded, or  
cheated.  
BUCK, as a Bold Buck.  
BUCK-FITCHES, old leacherous  
Fellows.  
BUCK'S-FACE, a Cuckold.  
A BUDGE, one that slips into an  
House in the Dark, and taking what

at the Bottom.  
BULLY-FOP, a maggot-pated, huf-  
fing, silly, rattling Fellow.  
BULLY-HUFF, a poor Rogue,  
that haunts Bawdy-houses, and pre-  
tends to get Money out of Gentlemen  
and others, rattling and bragging the  
Whore is his Wife.  
BULLY-COCK, a Heroic Bravo  
who sets on People to quarrel, pre-  
tending to be a Second to a man; and  
then making Advantage of his Weakness.  
BULLY-RUFFINS, Highway-men,  
or Foot-Pads, who attack with Oaths

Dielectric Laser Accelerators (DLAs) are  
optical-scale accelerating structures made from  
dielectrics and powered by lasers

BLUNDERBUS, an awkward Fel-  
low.  
A BLUSTRING Fellow, a rude rat-  
tling Vector.  
BOARDING-School, Bridewell or  
New Prison, or any Work-house, or  
House of Correction, for Vagrants,  
Beggars and Villains, &c.  
BOARDING Scholars, Bridewell-  
Birds.  
BOB, a Shop-lifts Comerade, Assis-  
tant or Receiver. Bob also signifies  
Safety.  
It is all BOB, i. e. I am safe.  
BOBBED, cheated, or robbed.  
BOB-TAIL, a light  
Eunuch or impotent Fellow.  
BOG-LANDERS, Irish  
BOB-TROTTERS,  
Country Moss-trooper  
Men.  
BOLTER of White  
peeps out, but dares not  
BOLTSPRIT, the name  
of a spirit; He has bit  
the Pox.  
To BONE, to apprehend  
or arrest. I'll Bone ye  
if ye do not  
to be arrested. We shall  
be apprehended for the Robbery.  
The Cove is Boned and gone to the Whit;  
the Rogue is taken up and carried to  
Newgate. The Cull has Boned the Fen

eminent Thief or villain; a detraous  
Cheat, or House-breaker.  
BOWSE, Drink, or to drink; see  
Bendwasse and Runbooyse.  
BOWSY, Drunk.  
BOWSING KEN; an Ale-house.  
BRACKET-FACE, ugly, homely,  
ill-favoured.  
BRAT, a little Child.  
BRAVADO, a vapouring, or boun-  
cing.  
BRAVO, a mercenary Murderer,  
that will kill any body.  
BRIM, a name of a spirit; see  
Brimstone.

rance or Opposition, or leave the  
rogues in the Lurch, or a hardened  
Rogue who will confess nothing.  
BUFFER, a Rogue that kills good  
sound Horses, only for their skins, by  
running a long wire into them, and  
sometimes knocking them on the Head.  
BUFF-KNAPPER, a Dog-stealer,  
that trades in all Sorts of Dogs, selling  
them at a round Rate, and himself or  
Partner stealing them the first Oppor-  
tunity.  
BUFFERS-NAB, a Dog's Head, used  
in a counterfeit Seal to a false Pass.

and Maids.  
BUNT'LINGS, Petticoats. Hale up  
the main Buntlings, throw up the Wo-  
man's Petticoats.  
BURNT, poked, or clapt.  
To BURN the Ken, is when Strollers  
leave an Alehouse, without paying  
their Quarters.  
BUCK, a Hanger on or Dependant.  
BUTTER, to double or treble the  
the Bet or Wager, in order to recover  
all Losses.  
To BUTTER, signifies also, to cheat

IGNORE: non-structure based schemes  
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AGNOSTIC: structure details

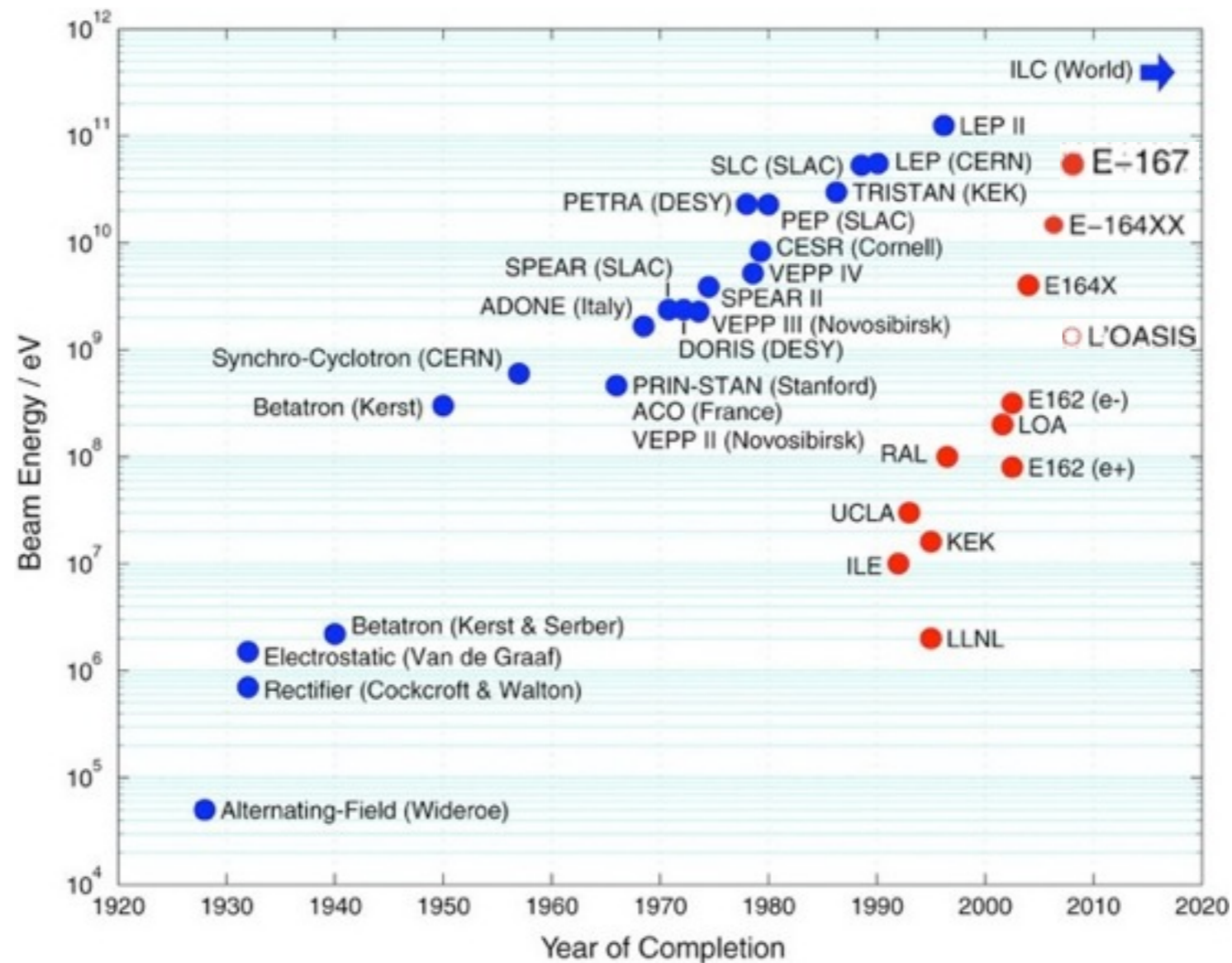
BULLS-EYE, a Crown of five Shil-  
ling Piece.  
BULLY, a supposed Husband to a  
Bawd, or Whore; also a huffing Fel-  
low.

Whore, but no Pickpocket.  
BUZZARD, a foolish, soft Fellow,  
drawn in and cullied or tricked.  
BY-BLOW, a Bastard.  
CACK-



# Where do Dielectric Laser Accelerators fit?

What impact will advanced accelerators have?



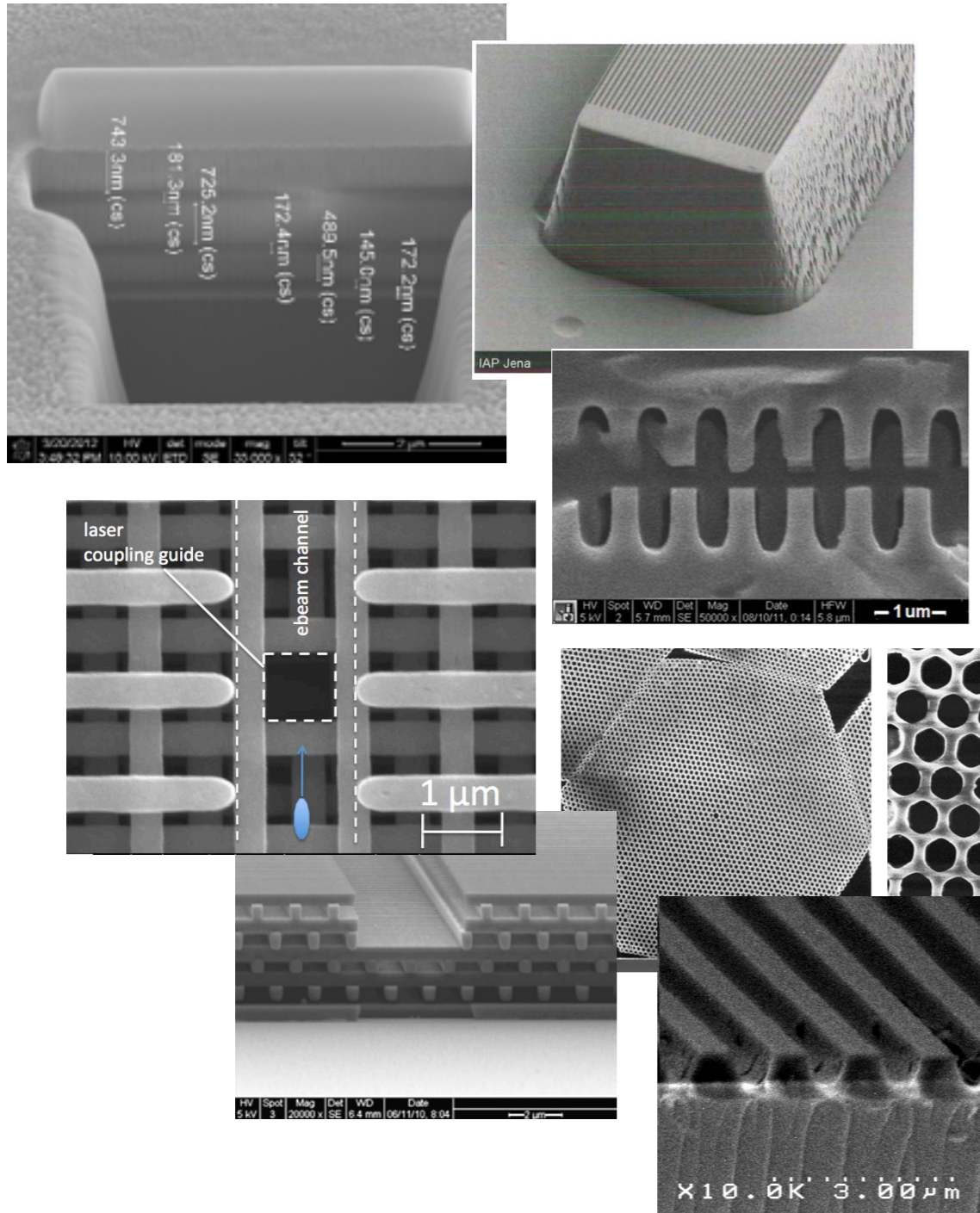
*R. Ischebeck  
M. Hogan*

Can DLAs be used for colliders and factories?

What prevents a basement-lab light source?



# Optical scale structures for particle acceleration have been and are being realized



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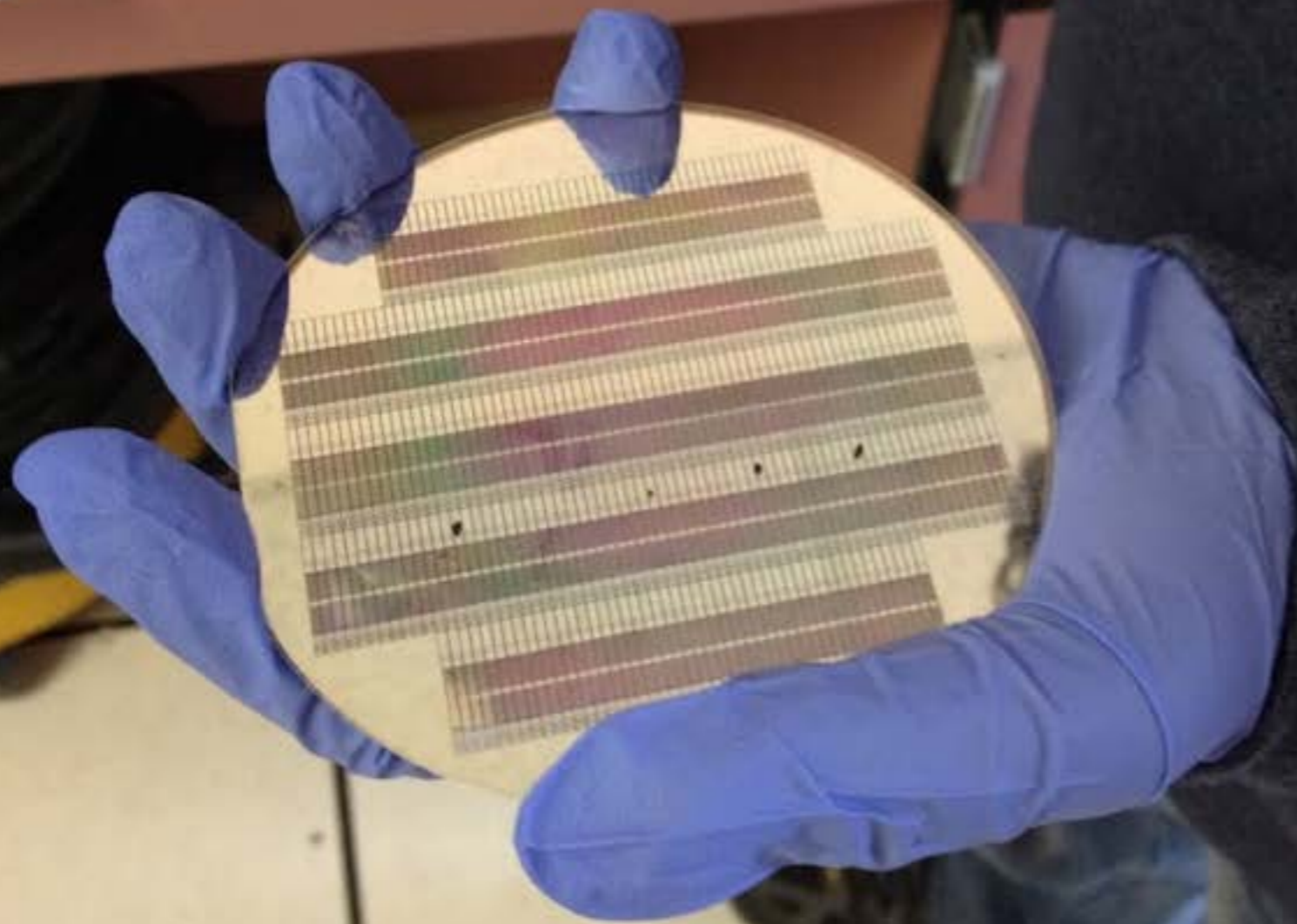


Technion  
Israel Institute of Technology





Full wafer production produces HUNDREDS of structures at once



**This is about 1 GeV of accelerator!**





# These Dielectric Laser Accelerators (DLAs) leverage key technical developments

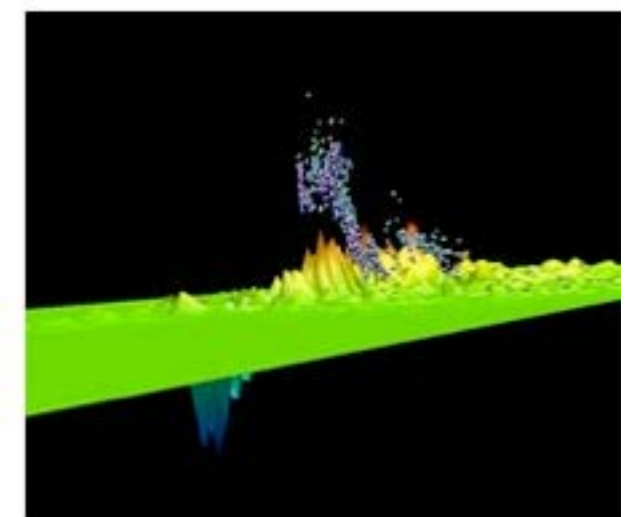
LASERS



MICROFAB



SIMULATIONS



**Technology match; not size or gradient specs**



The choice of accelerator technology impacts the and nature of the beam produced

Breakdown limits metal:

$$E_s = 220(f[\text{GHz}])^{1/3} \text{ MV/m}$$



$$E_{\text{acc}} \sim P_{\text{rf}}/\lambda$$

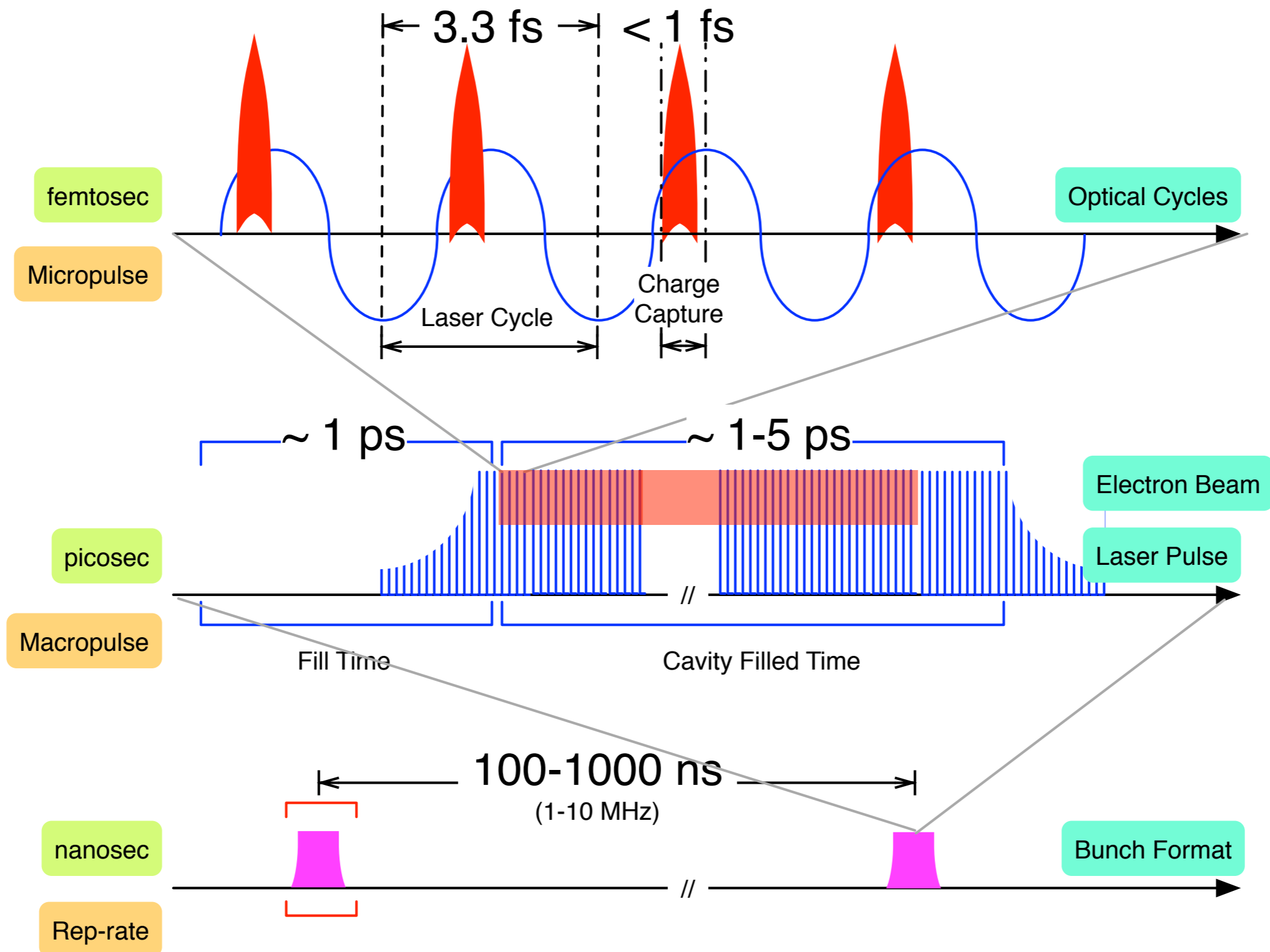


|                        | RF           | Optical           |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Gradient               | 10-100 MeV/m | <b>1-10 GeV/m</b> |
| Energy gain per period | 1 MeV        | <b>1 keV</b>      |
| Repetition Rate        | 100 Hz       | <b>10-100 MHz</b> |
| Charge per Bunch       | 0.01 - 1+ nC | 0.01-1 pC         |
| Bunch Length           | 1-100 ps     | 0.1-1 fs          |

**key: charge and time scale; not gradient**



# Optical structures naturally have sub-fs time scales and favor high repetition rate operation



# Recent results no longer make DLA-based schemes seen so far off

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**nature**  
International weekly journal of science

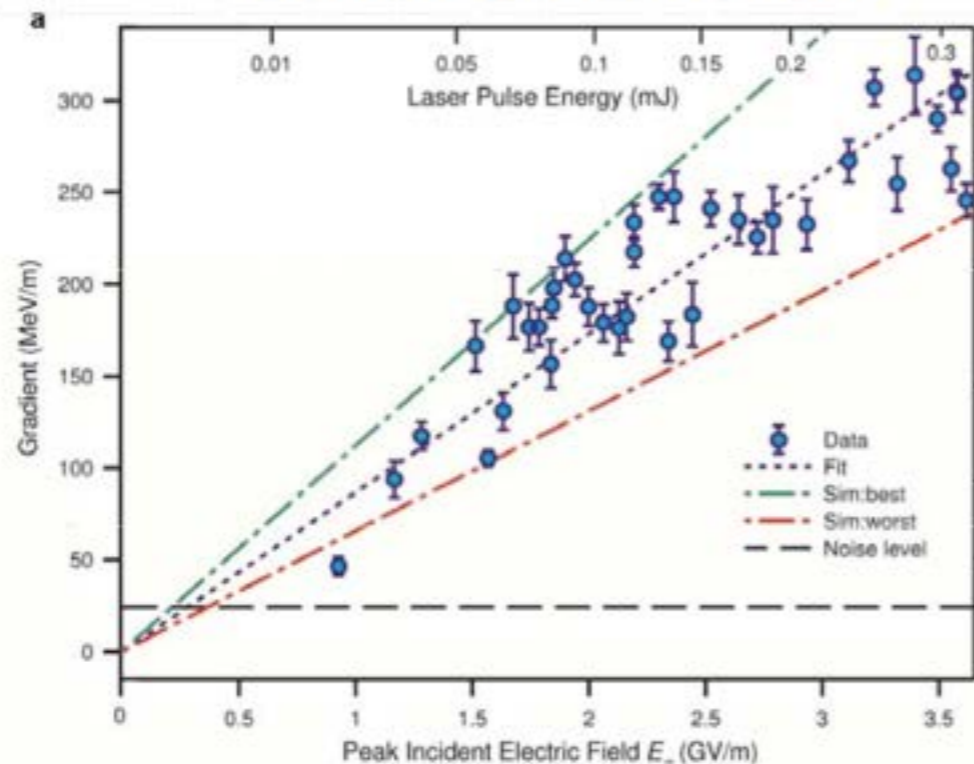
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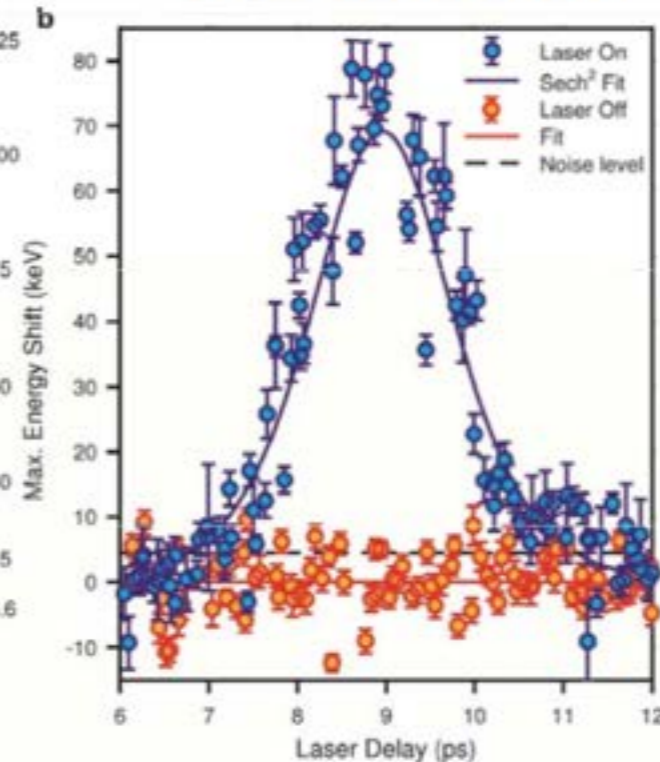
## Demonstration of electron acceleration in a laser-driven dielectric microstructure

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**Gradient vs. Electric fields**



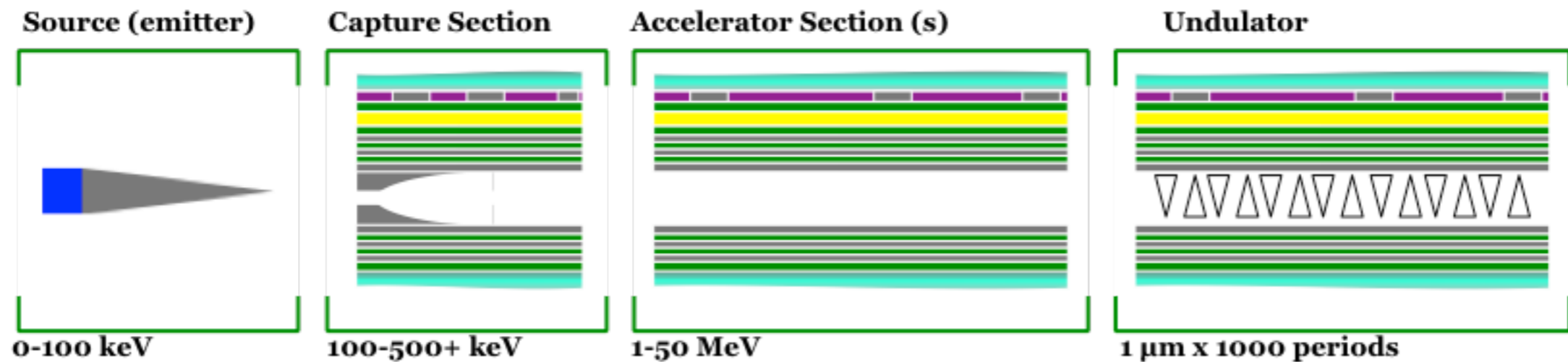
**Cross-correlation**







# DLAs require an ecosystem of components and devices to produce usable beams



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5 laser(s)

6 other components (optics, diagnostics, etc.)



The Laser

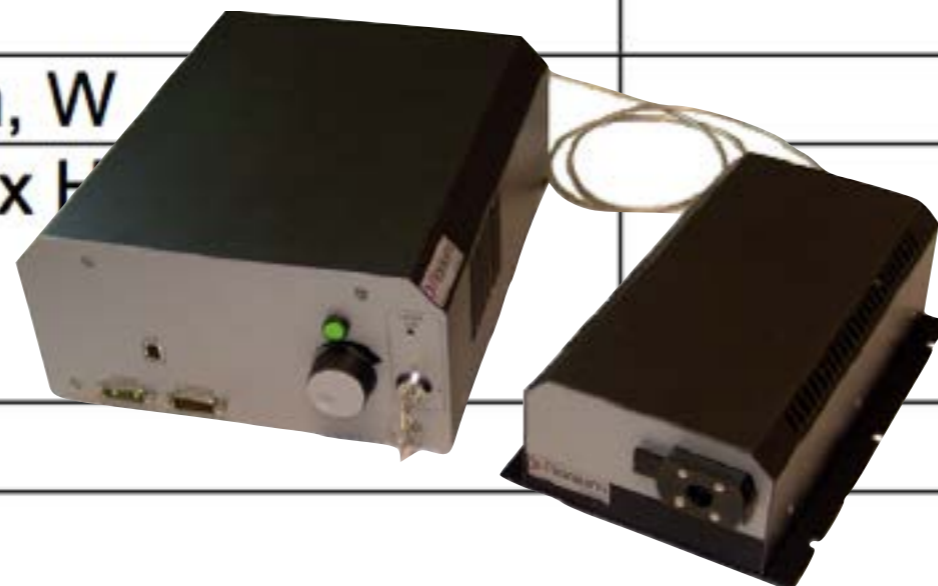
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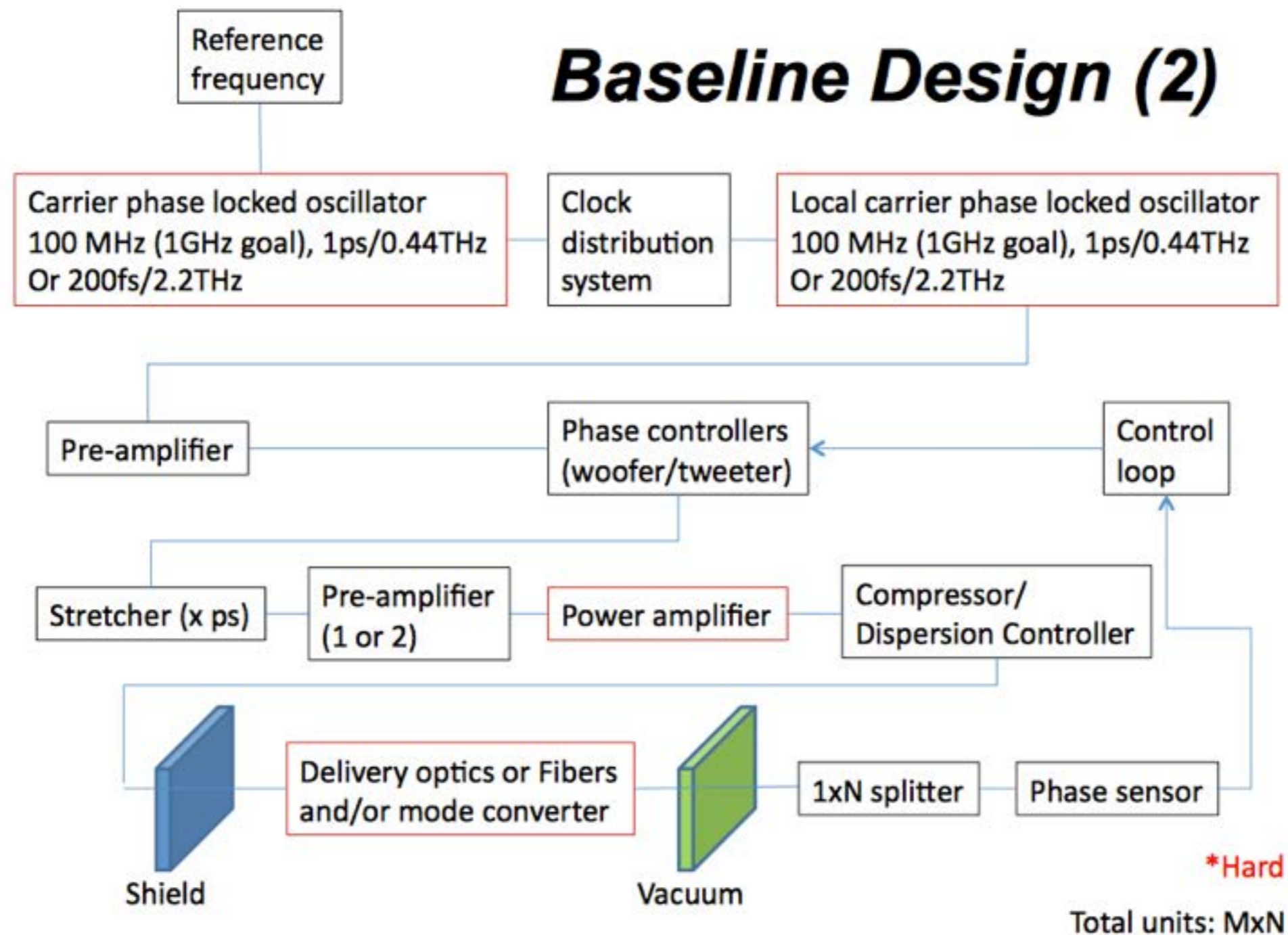


Fiber lasers are ideally suited to DLAs because of their high repetition rates and moderate pulse lengths

| <b>Product characteristics</b>      | <b>FemtoPower1064-5s-pp</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Output wavelength, nm               | 1064                        |
| Average output power, W             | 5 ( at 5 MHz)               |
| Pulsewidth, ps                      | <1                          |
| Repetition rate, MHz                | 1 MHz – 20 MHz              |
| Spectral width, nm                  | 10                          |
| RMS amplitude noise, %              | 1                           |
| Long term power stability, %        | 2                           |
| Output beam quality, M <sup>2</sup> | <1.5                        |
| Beam diameter, mm                   | 1.5                         |
| Polarization                        | Linear                      |
| Power consumption, W                | <100                        |
| Dimensions (W x L x H)<br>Laser     | 300x250x120                 |
| Optical Head                        | 270x180x85                  |
| Weight (kg)                         | 8                           |



Of course a realistic system has to account for power distribution, reflections, etc.



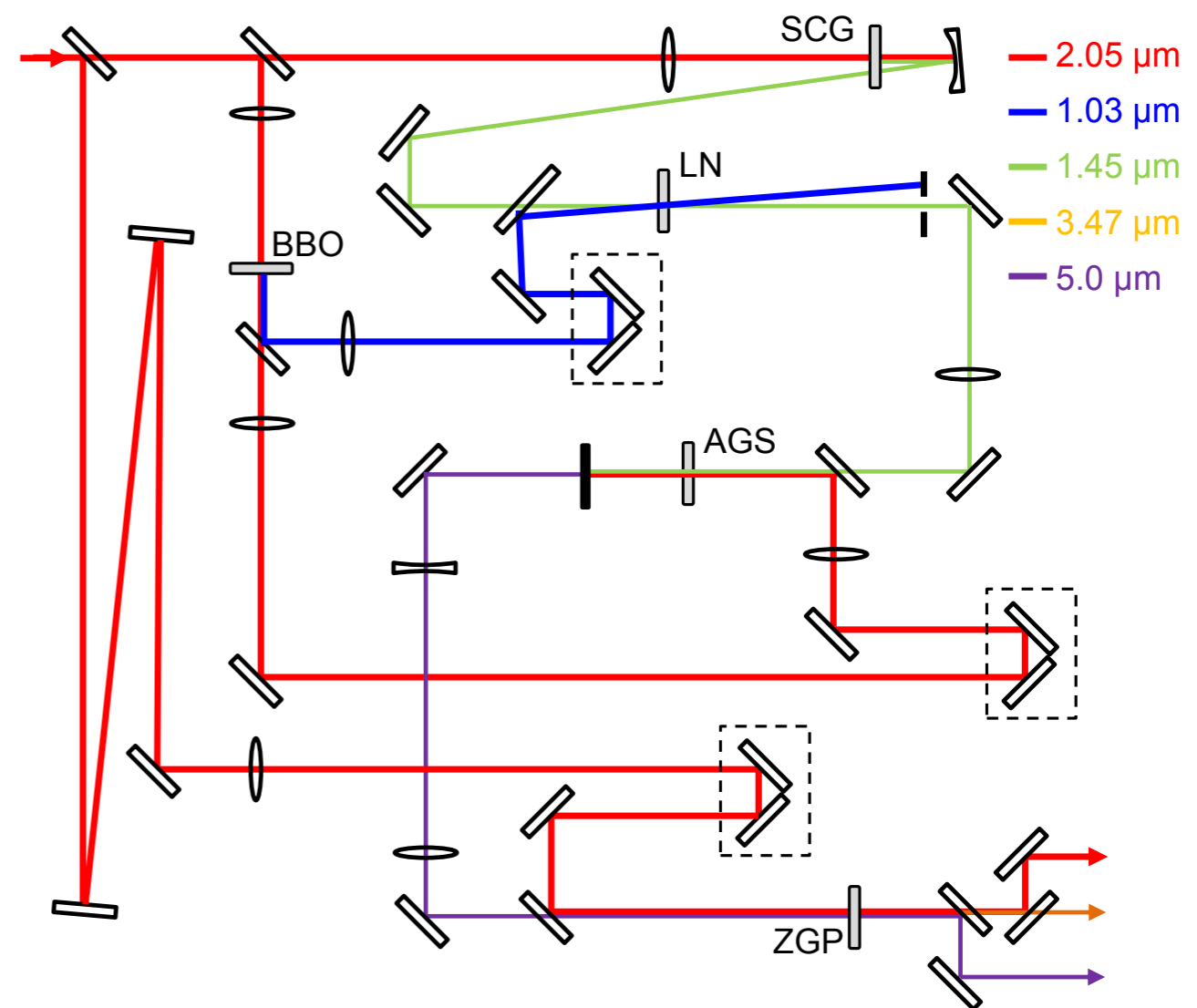


Wide availability, especially at test facilities, favors 800nm/1  $\mu\text{m}$  operating wavelengths, but...

Material maximum fluence ( $\sim 2\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$  @ 100fs)  
and structure geometry

imply **gradients < 10 GV/m (more like 1 GV/m)**

but you can  
do better at 2  $\mu\text{m}$   
and even better  
at 5  $\mu\text{m}$  (maybe)



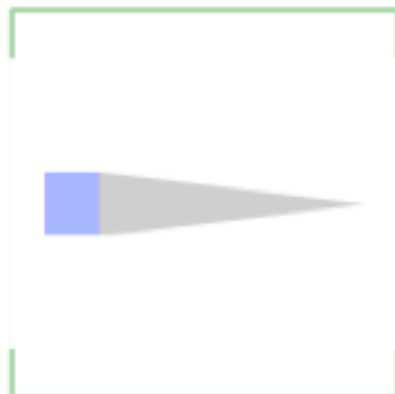
**I. Jovanovic**

*Carrier-envelope phase stabilized  
5- $\mu\text{m}$  OPA*

# Accelerator Module

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Source (emitter)



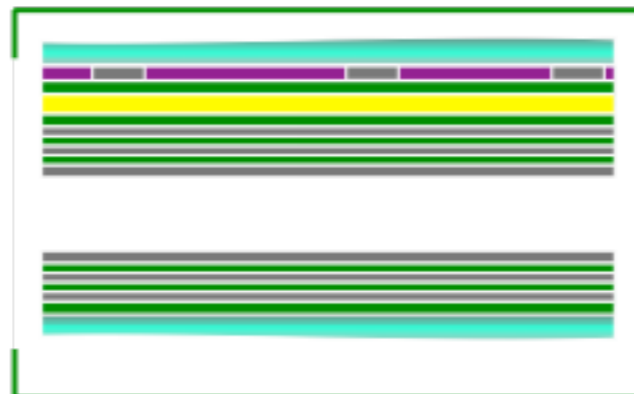
0-100 keV

Capture Section



100-500+ keV

Accelerator Section (s)



1-50 MeV

Undulator



1  $\mu\text{m}$  x 1000 periods

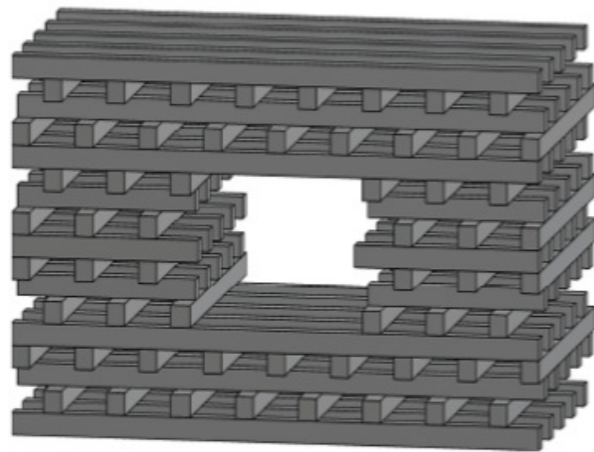




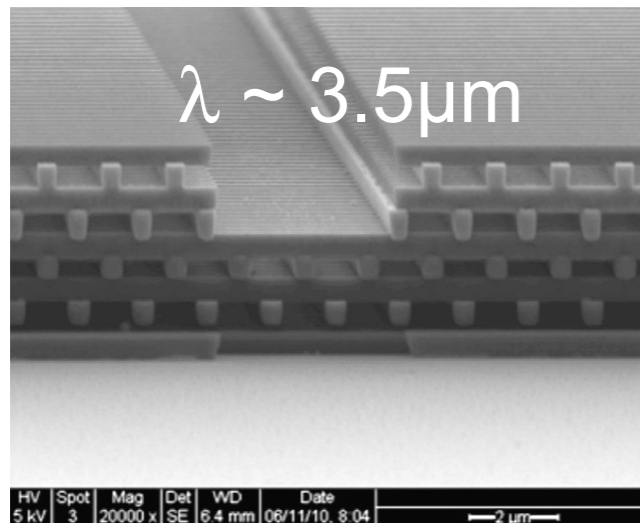
# A variety of optical-scale dielectric structures are under consideration

3D

image courtesy B. Cowan

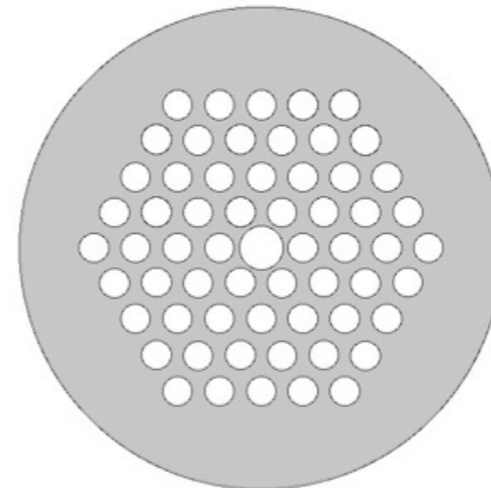


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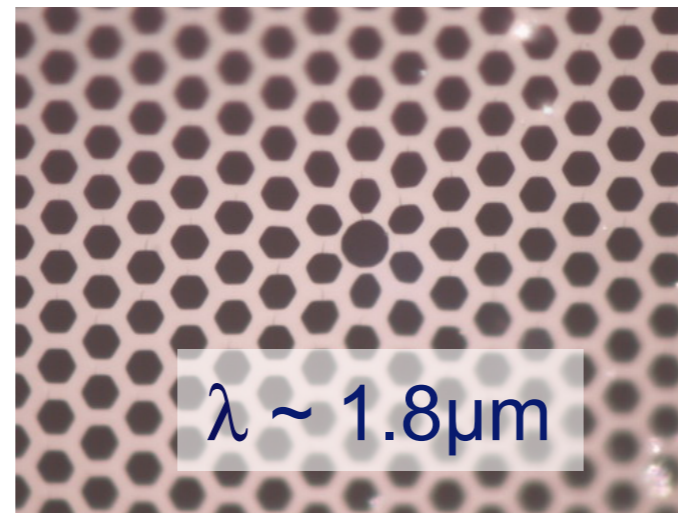


"woodpile" silicon photonic crystal (C. McGuinness)

2D



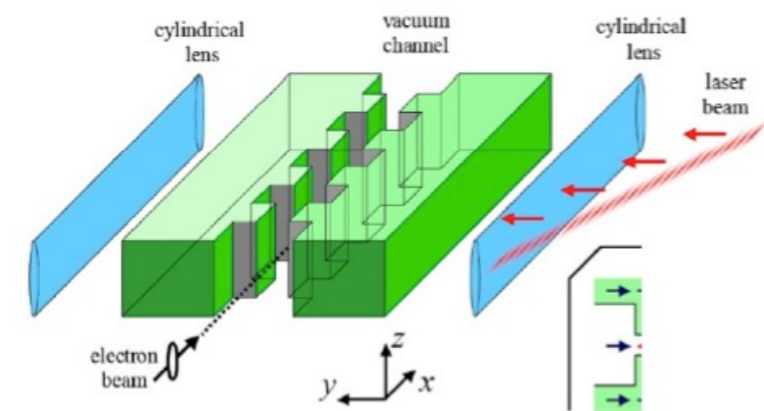
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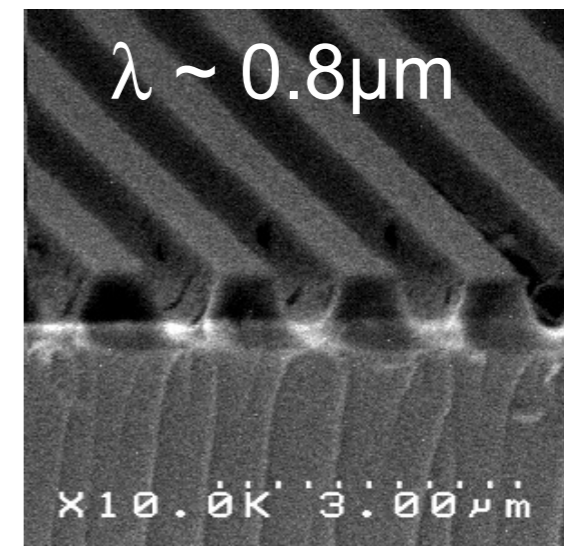
photonic crystal borosilicate fibers (J. Spencer/Incom Inc)

1D

img courtesy T. Plettner



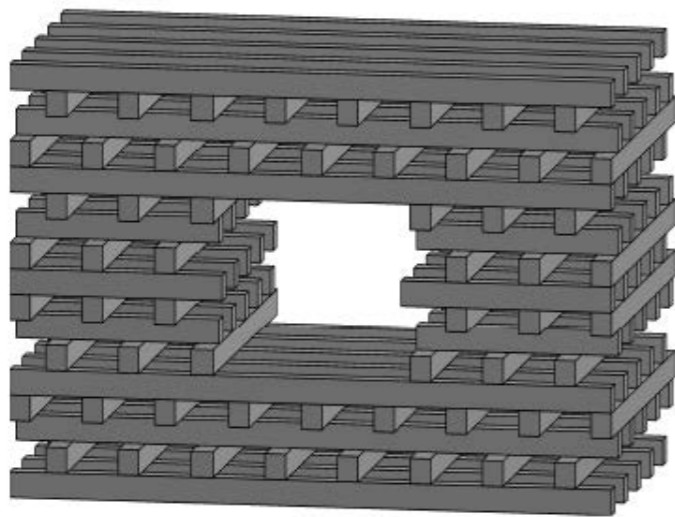
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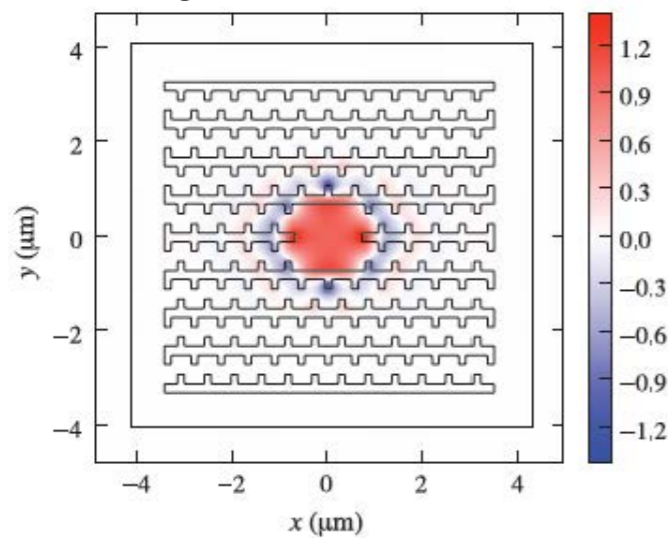
dual silica grating accelerator (E. Peralta)

# The woodpile structure offers intermediate gradients with monolithic fabrication possibilities

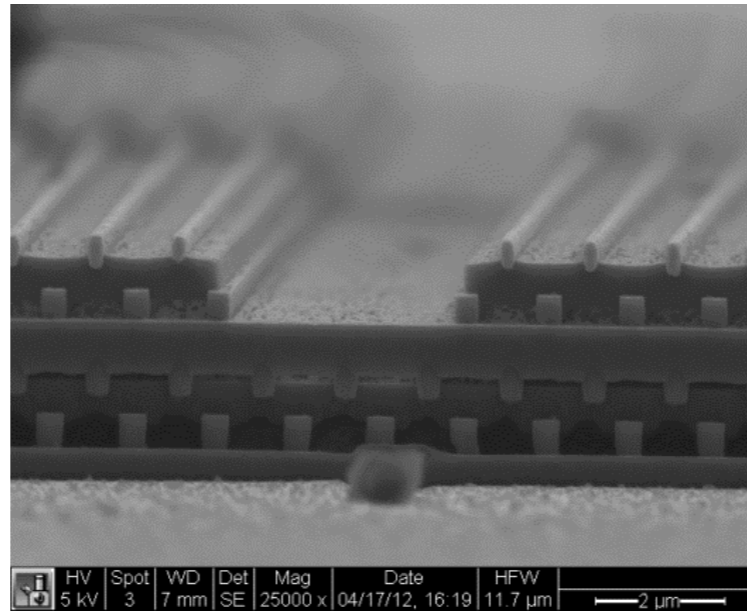
simulation of accelerating mode



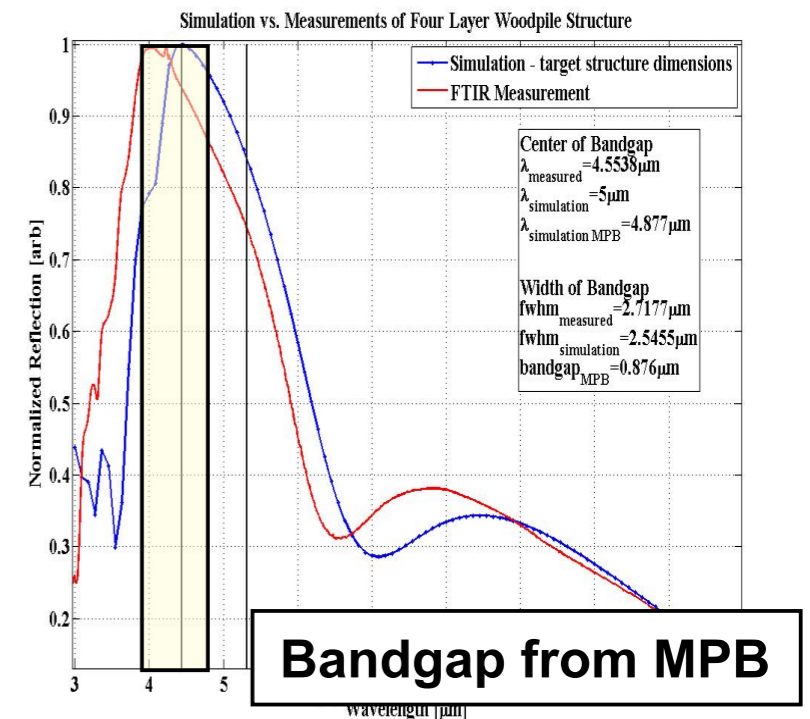
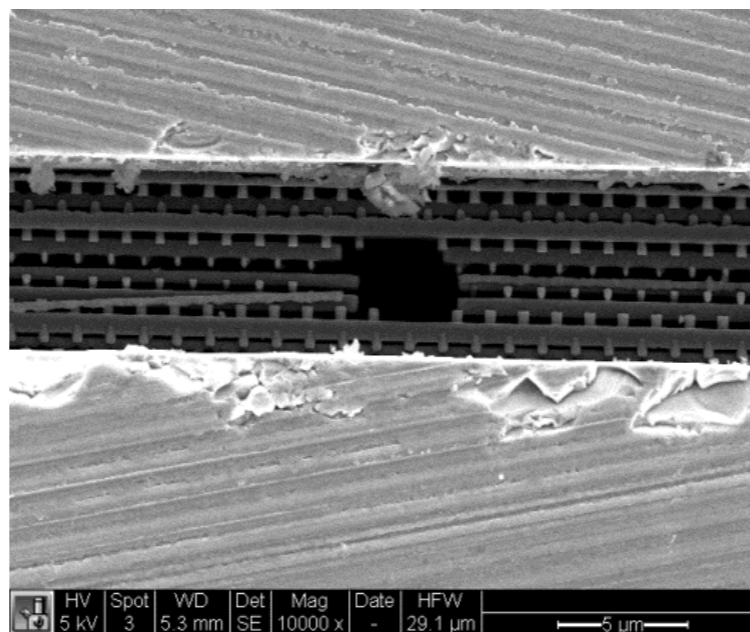
max gradient  $\sim 400$  MV/m



B. Cowan, Tech-X



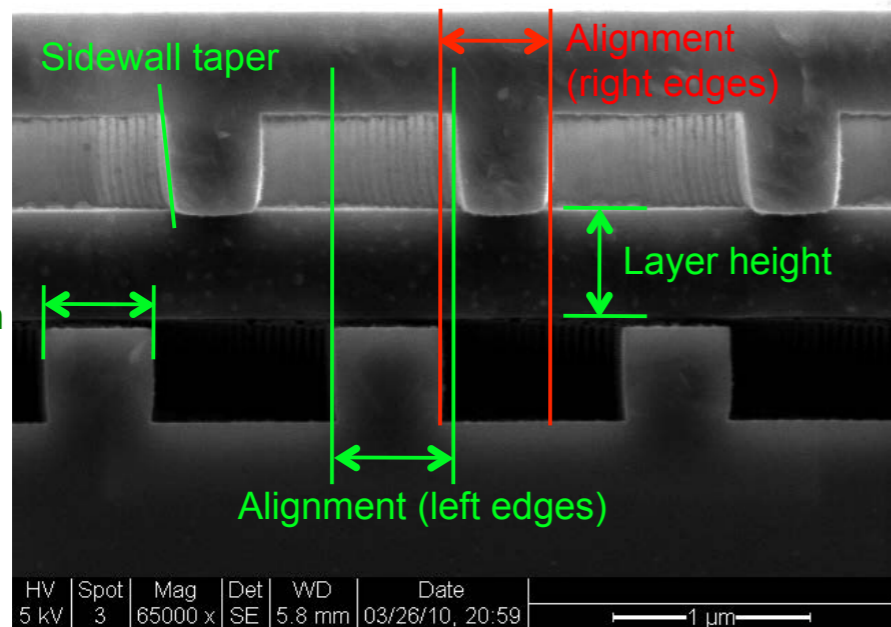
images courtesy of C. McGuinness



17-layer structure built with  $\sim 400$ nm “logs” by photolithography  
 Suitable for  $3.5 \mu\text{m}$  wavelength drive laser (Ti:Saph laser + OPA)

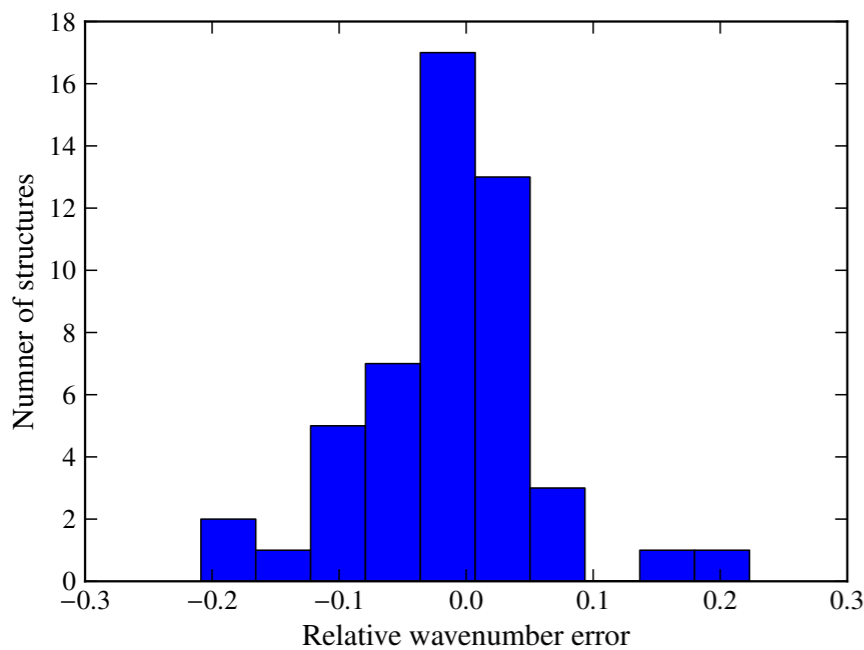
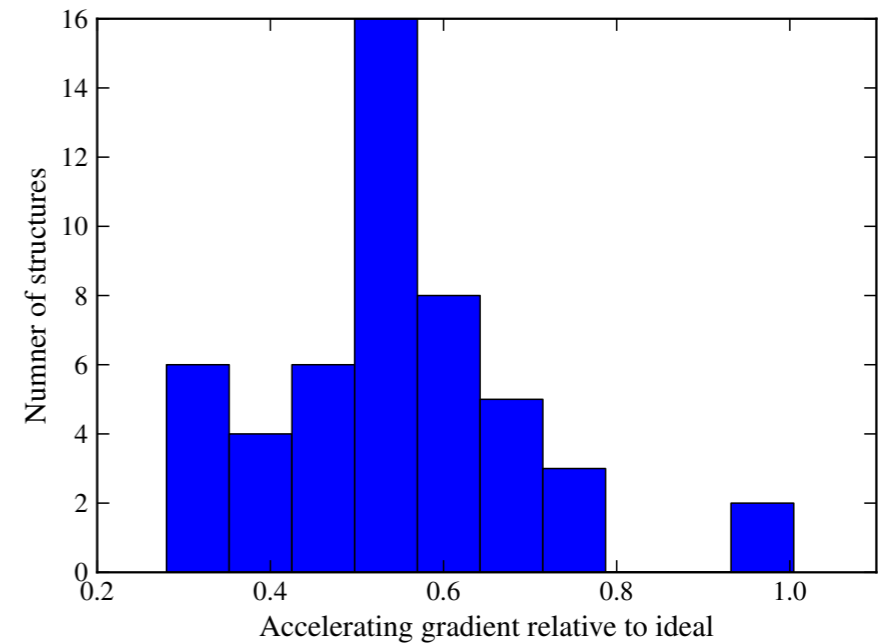


# Realistic and rigorous error estimates can be performed using metrology from fabricated structures



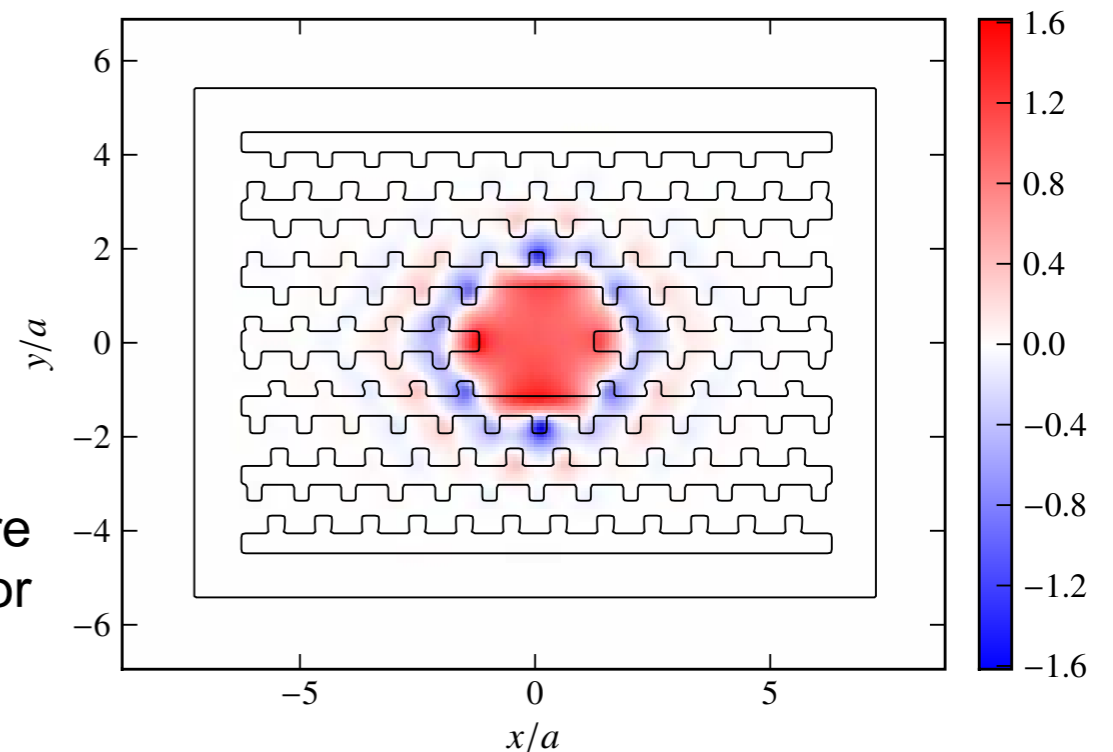
Fabrication error parameters

Accelerating gradients of structures with error



Phase velocity errors

Fields in structure with fabrication error



the benefit of simulations in the loop

# The fiber accelerator has been pulled and is undergoing testing

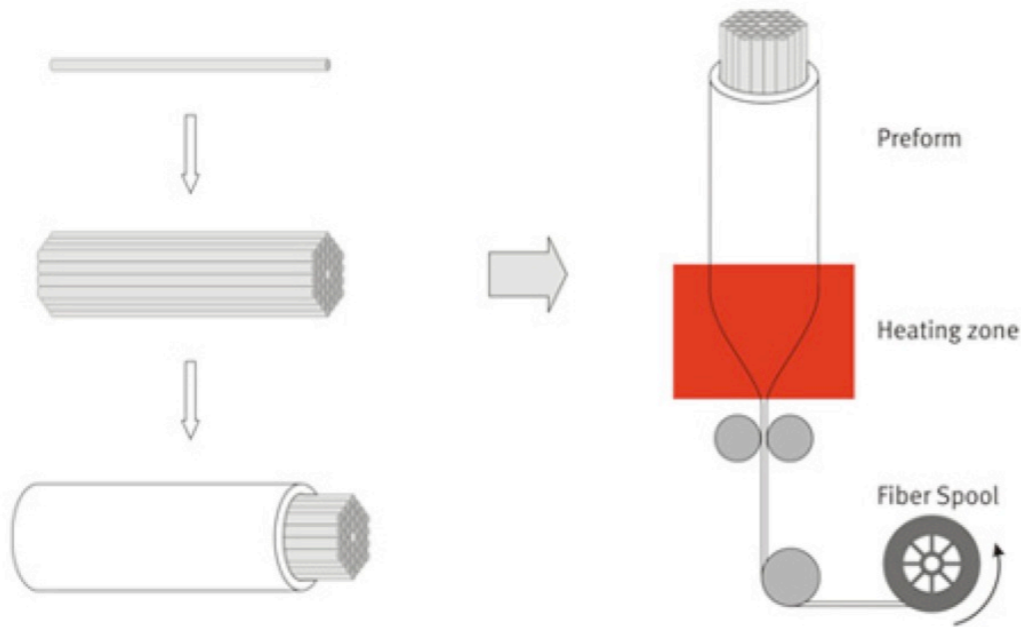
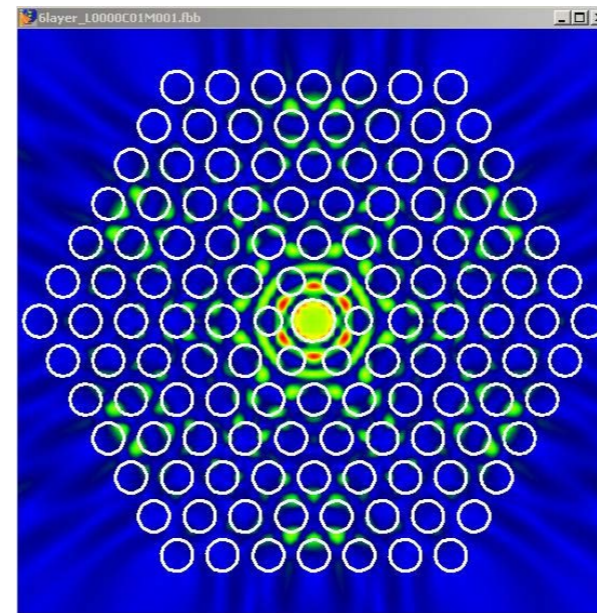


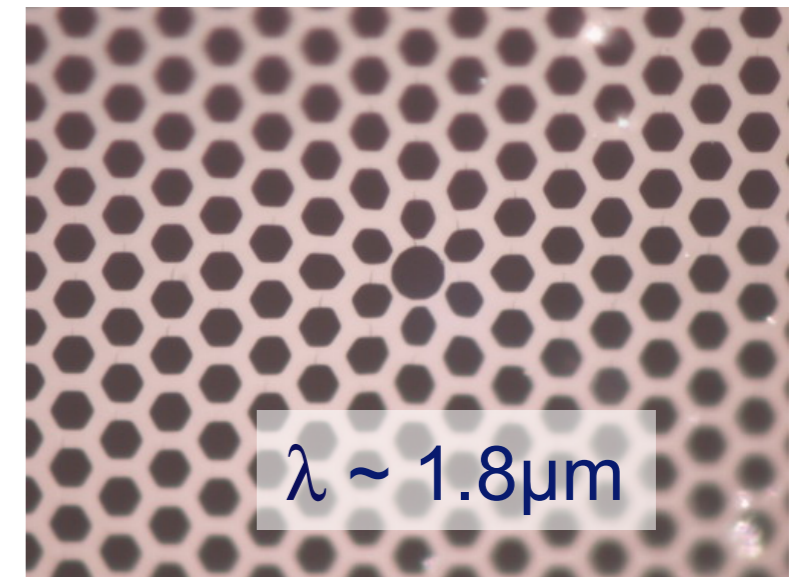
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Example CUDOS mode



B. Noble, J. Spencer

central hole is beam channel and accelerating mode guide

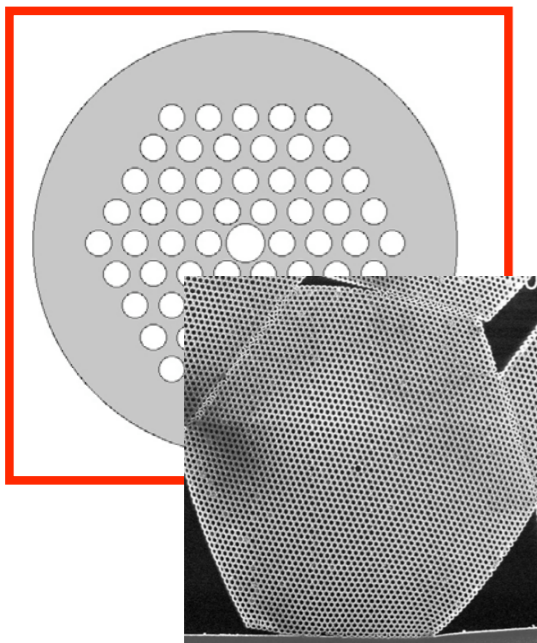


borosilicate PBG fiber prototype, via SBIR with Incom Inc.

**PBG fiber with central defect aperture  $\sim 0.68 \lambda$ ;  $G_0 \sim 2.5 \text{ GV/m}$**

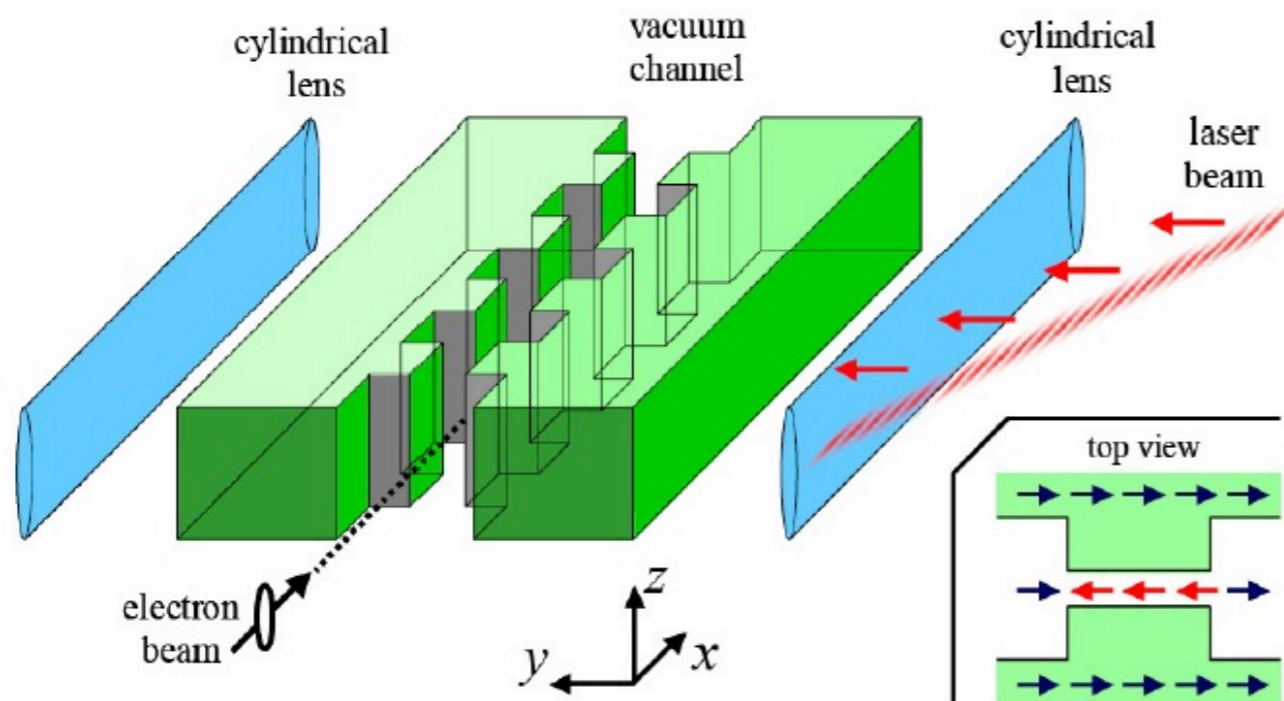
X. E. Lin, PRSTAB 4, 051301 (2001)

**fabrication from optical communication world**

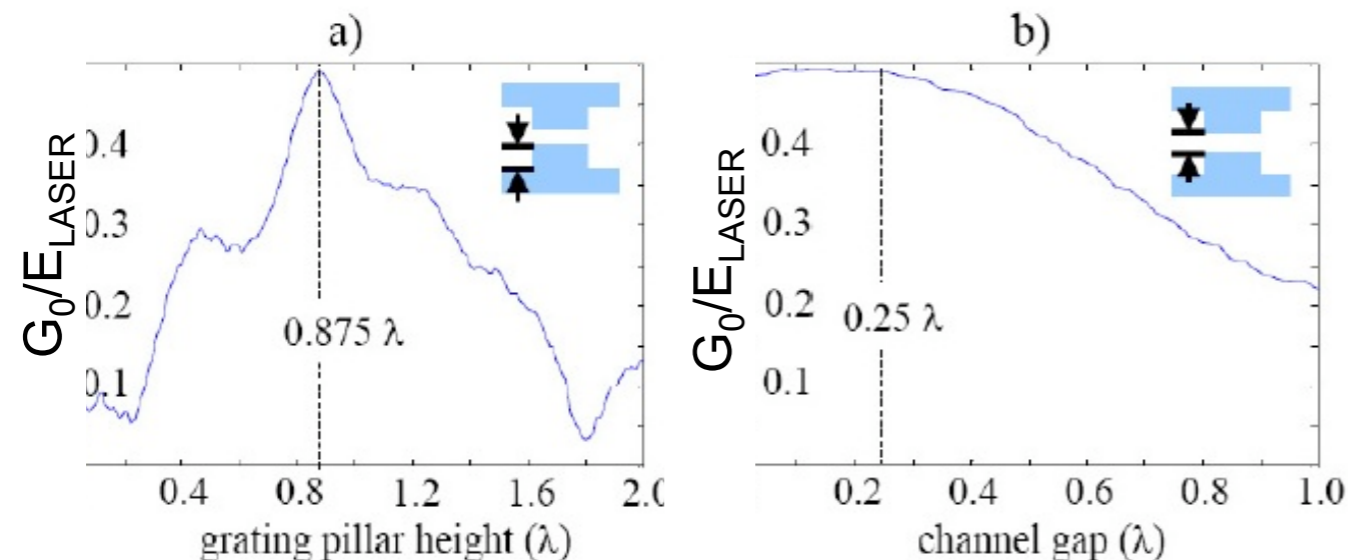




The grating structure can offer very high gradients, planar geometry, easy coupling and simple fabrication



T. Plettner, et al. PRST-AB 9, 111301 (2006).

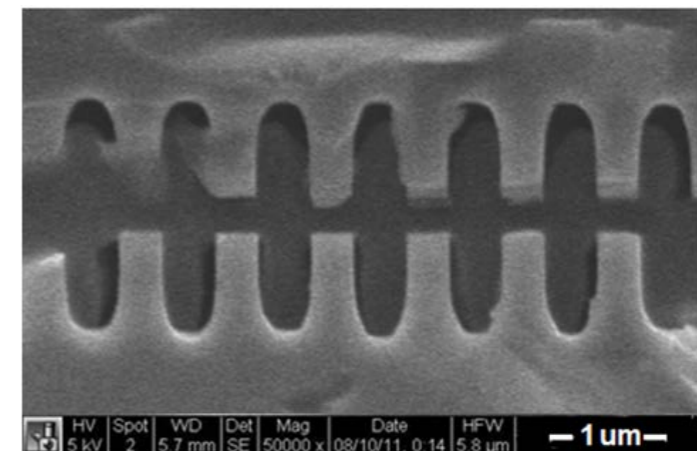


SiO<sub>2</sub> planar gratings with side-coupled laser and flat beam.

Periodic phase reset of the EM field results in a large accelerating gradient over many periods.

damage threshold for SiO<sub>2</sub> >3 GV/m @ 1ps

$$G_{0,max} \sim 1GV/m$$

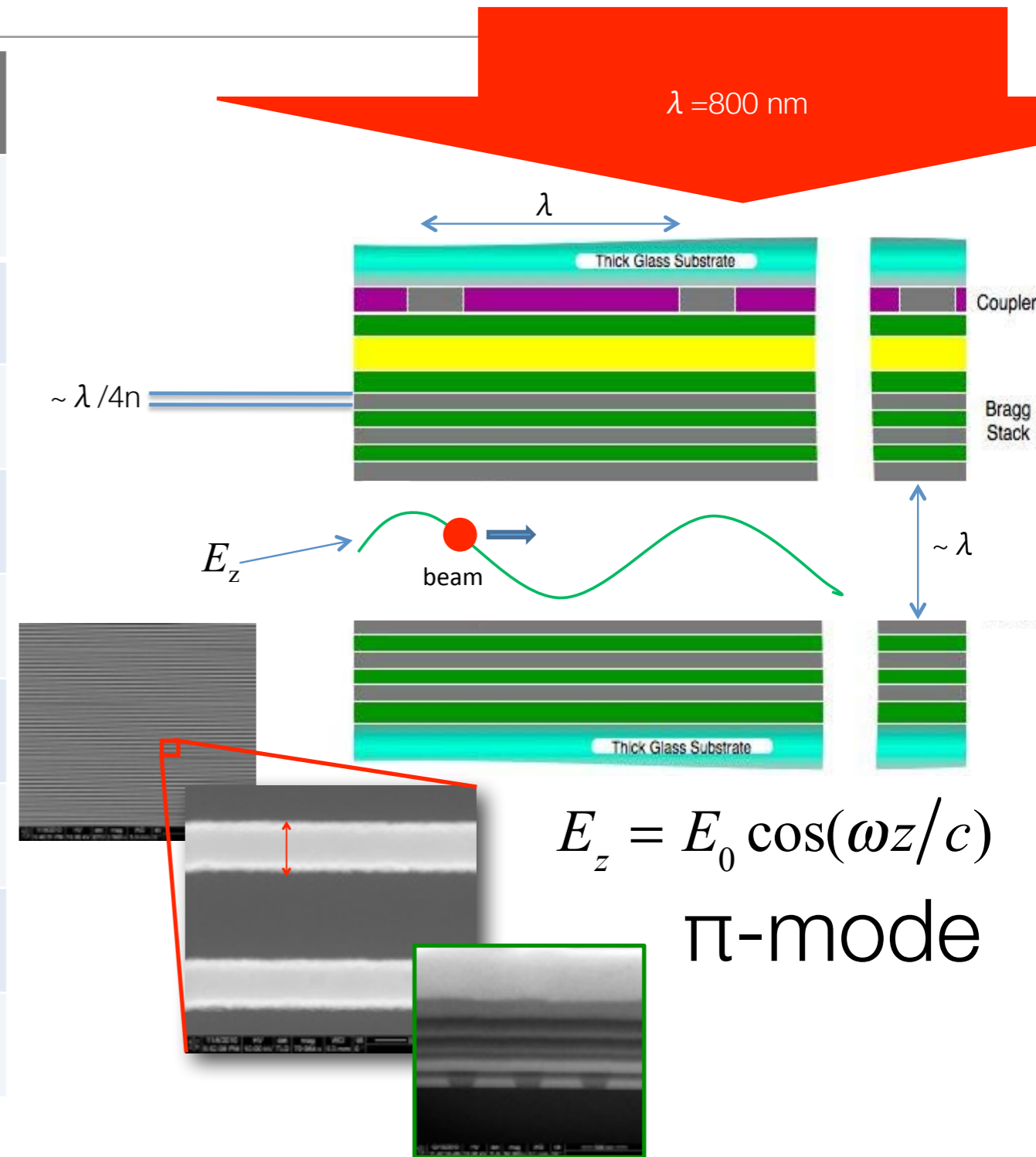


E. Peralta, recently fabricated prototype structure

The MAP is a moderate-Q structure which matches well with existing laser technology

**Micro  
Accelerator  
Platform**

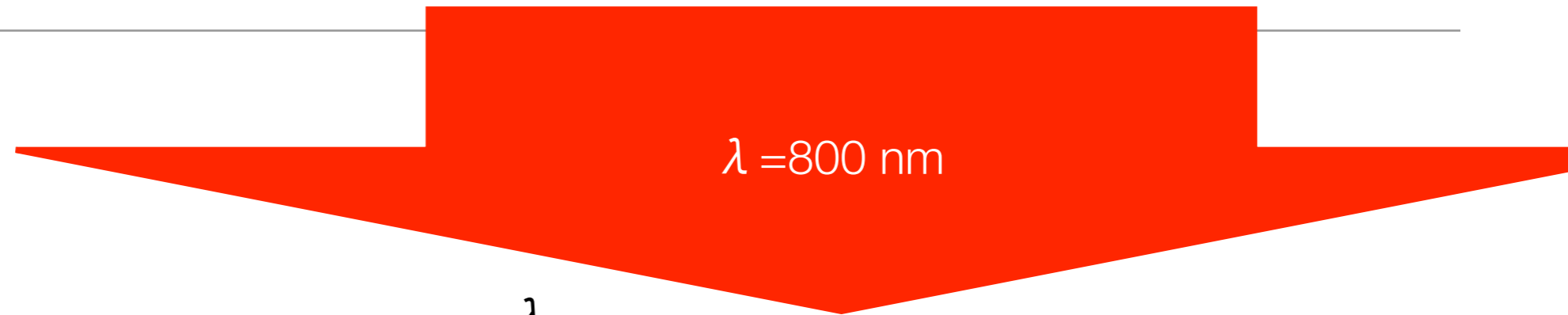
| Parameter                 | Value         |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Laser wavelength          | 800nm         |
| Cell length               | 800nm         |
| Effective gradient        | ~1 GeV/m      |
| <b>Quality factor Q</b>   | <b>800</b>    |
| Power dissipation         | <1% (0.75 MW) |
| <b>Fill time</b>          | <b>0.5 ps</b> |
| Laser intensity           | 100 MW        |
| Laser pulse length        | ~3-5 ps       |
| Energy gain per unit cell | ~1keV         |



**smooth walls** reduce wakes  
**flat beams** reduce space charge



The basic structure consists of a diffractive coupling structure and a **resonator**



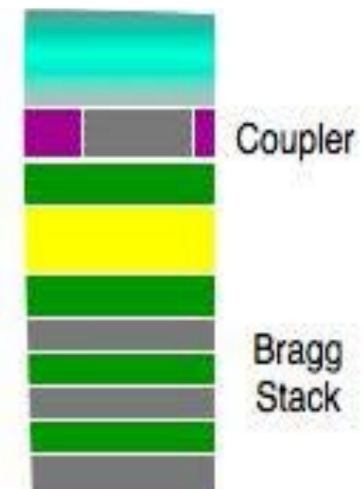
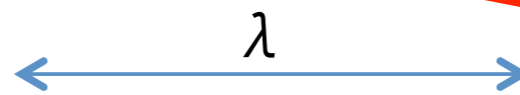
**smooth walls**

reduce wakes

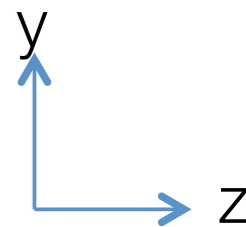
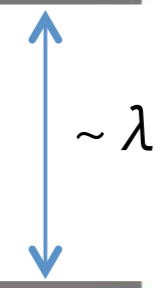
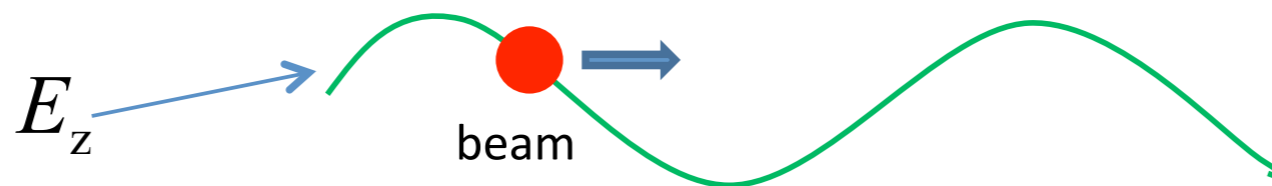
**flat beams**

reduce space charge

$\sim \lambda / 4n$

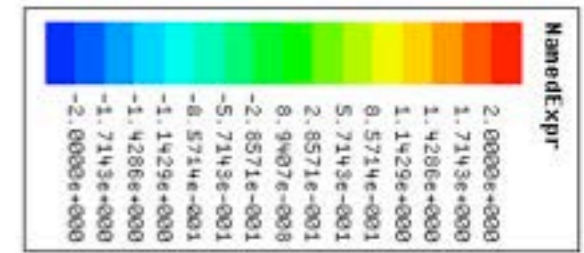


For gap  $a$  and dielectric  $b-a$  idealized resonance:



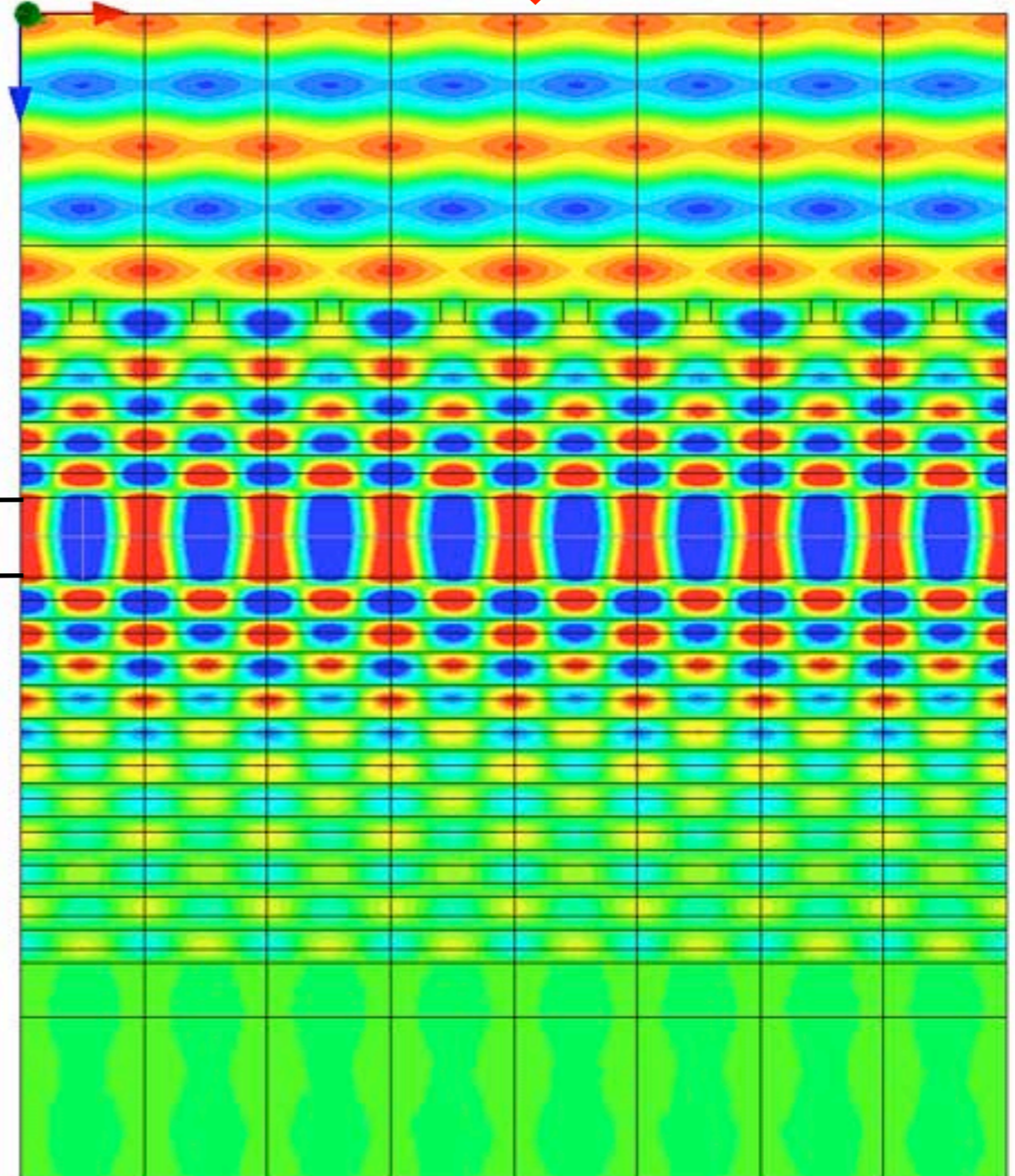
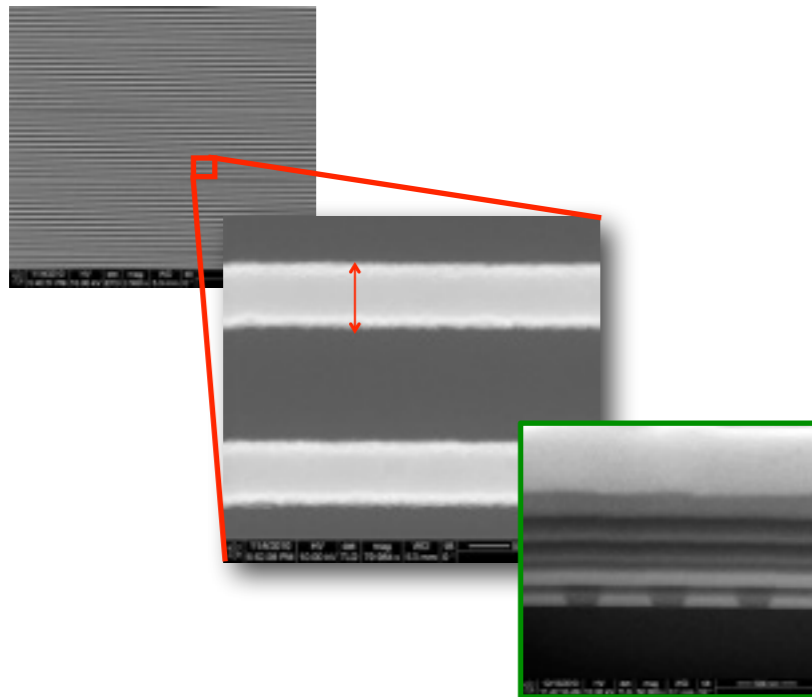
$$\cot \left[ k_z \sqrt{\epsilon - 1} (b - a) \right] = k_z a \sqrt{\epsilon - 1} / \epsilon$$

The design of the relativistic structure is mature and includes realistic material properties.



laser

$$E_z = E_0 \cos(\omega z/c) \quad \text{gap (1 optical wavelength)}$$



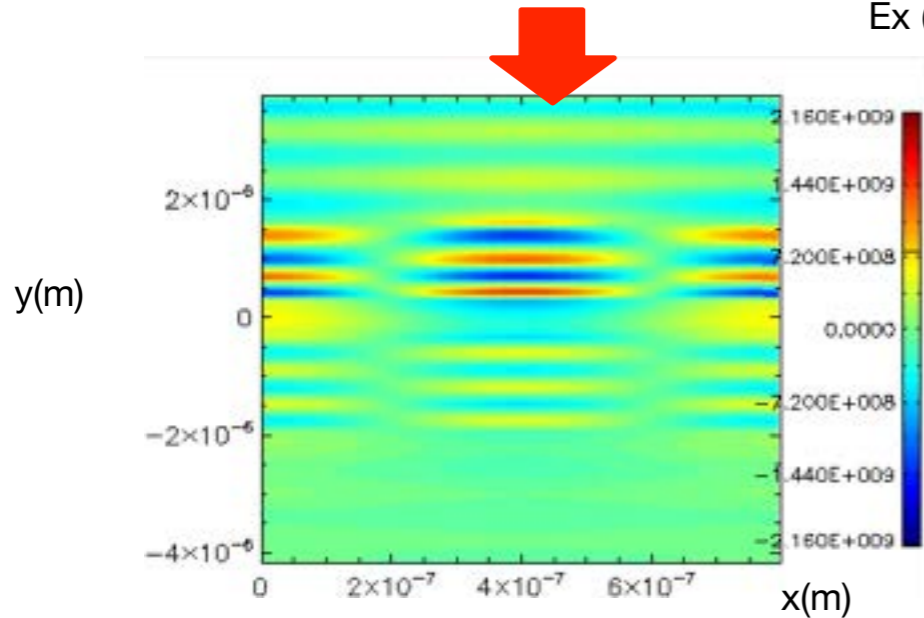


# Simulations include acceleration, beam dynamics and material properties.

## Resonant Fields (@ t = 7 ps)

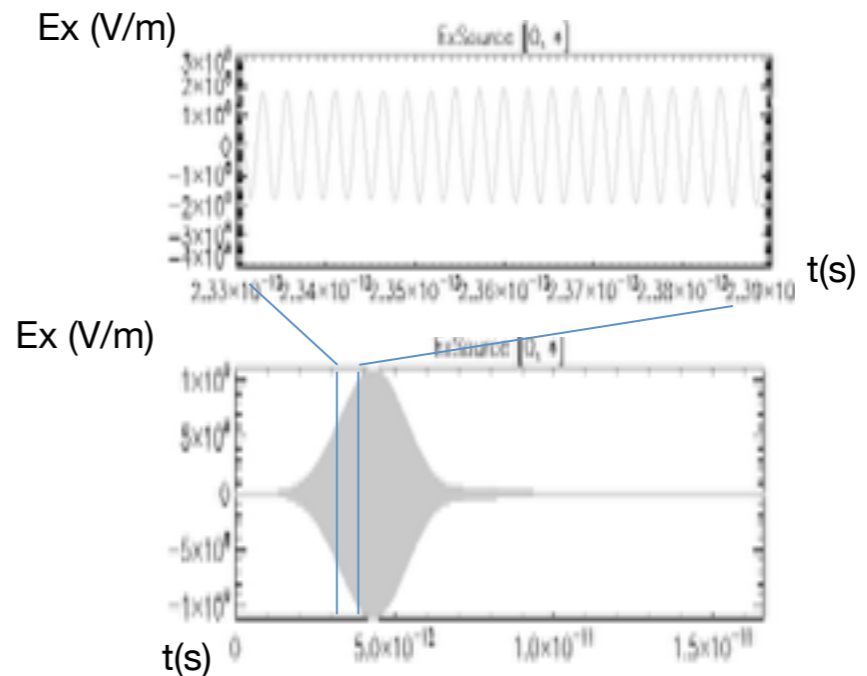
Incident laser

Ex (V/m)

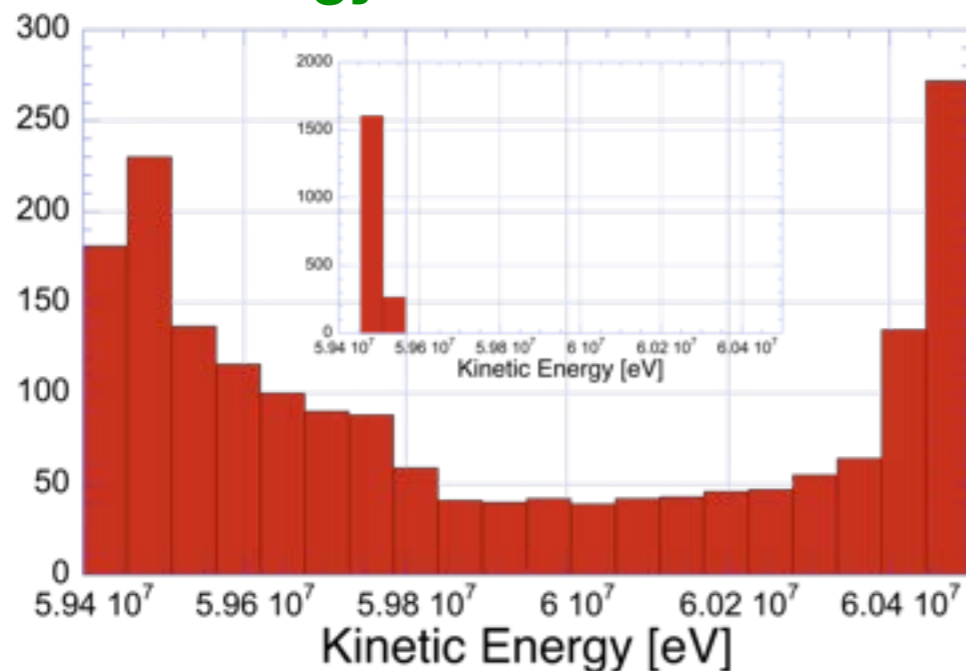


## Input laser source

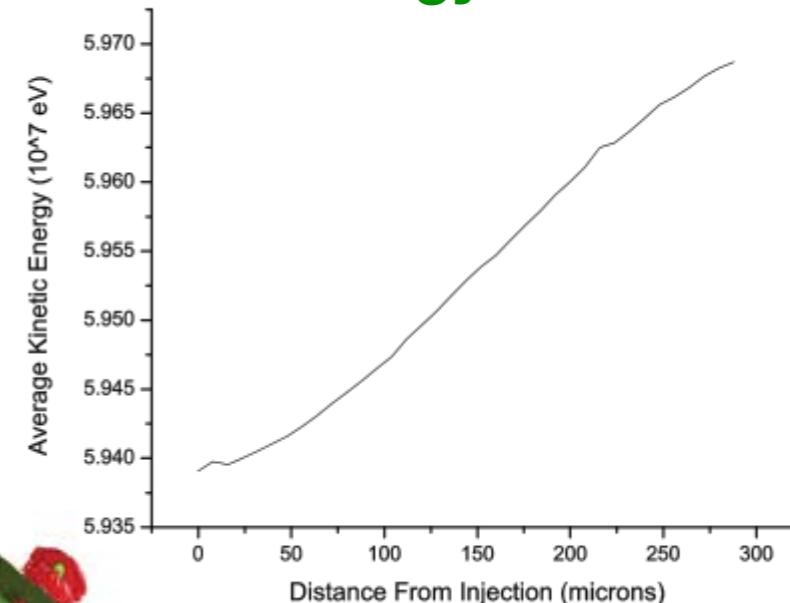
can correspond to actual Ti:Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> laser



## Energy Distributions

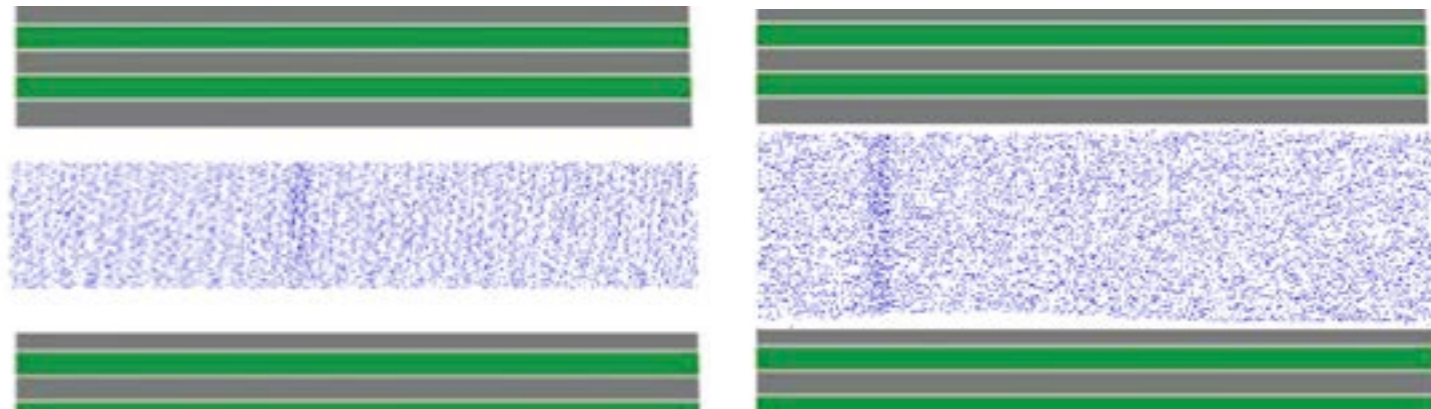


## Energy Gain



Simulations have confirmed good beam dynamics in the as-designed structures

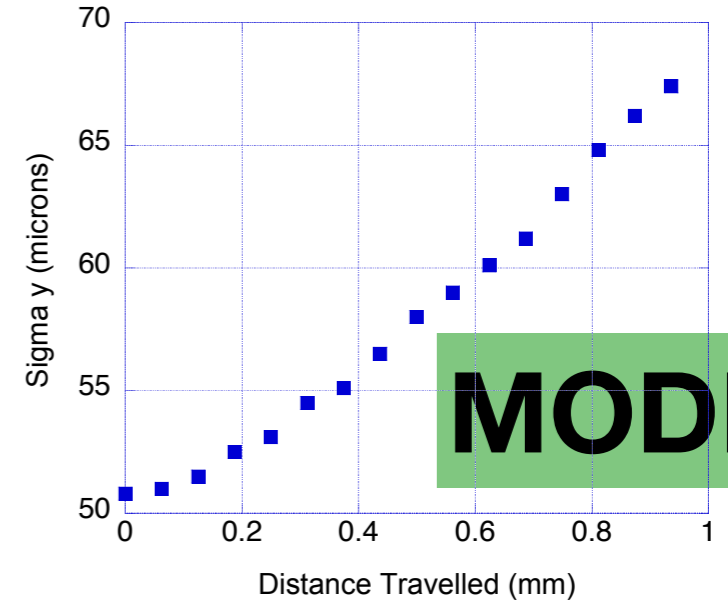
## DEFOCUSING



**MODEST**

**(1 mm later)**

## SPACE CHARGE



**MODEST**

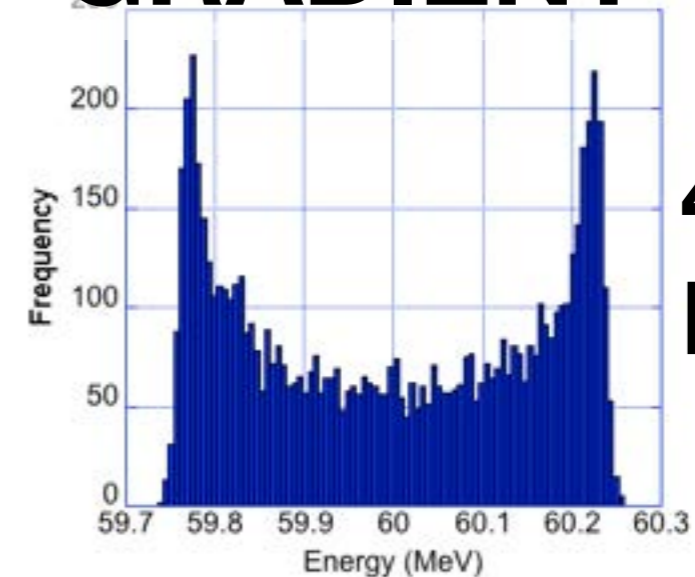
## WAKEFIELDS



**10keV/m**

**NEGLIGIBLE**

## GRADIENT

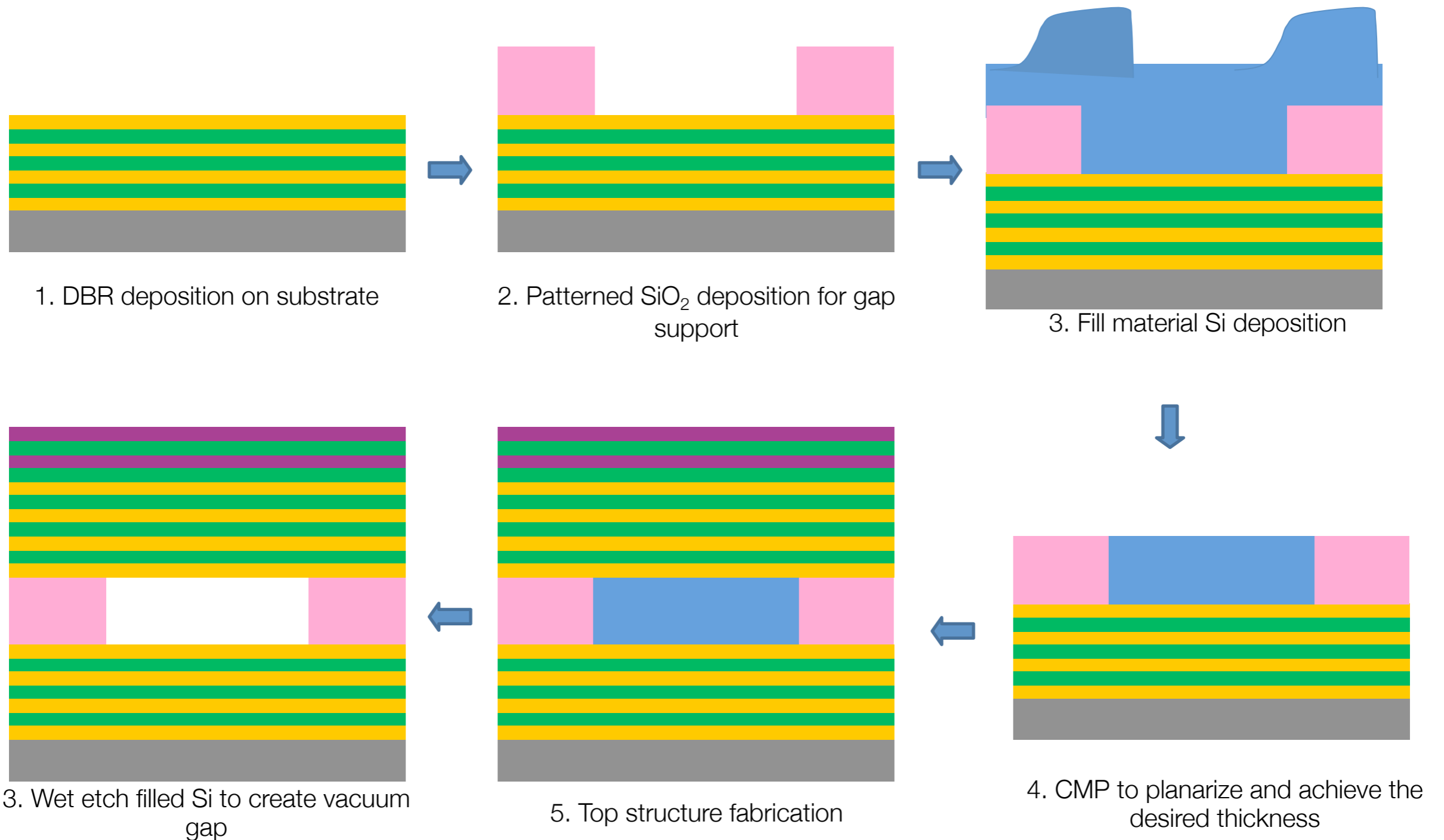


**400  
MeV/m**

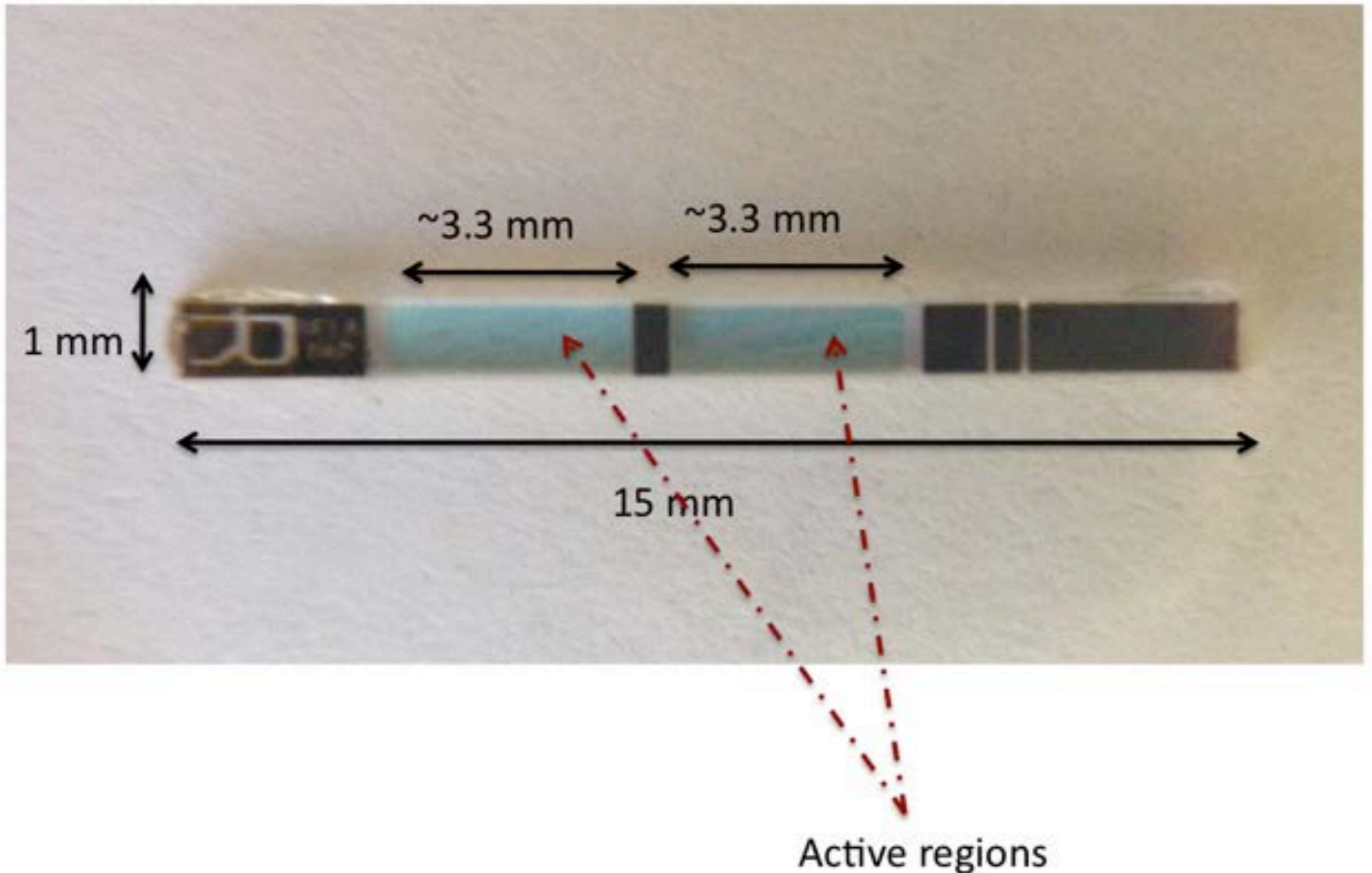
**DETECTABLE**



# Fabrication involves a series of standard foundry processes, not unlike other optical structures

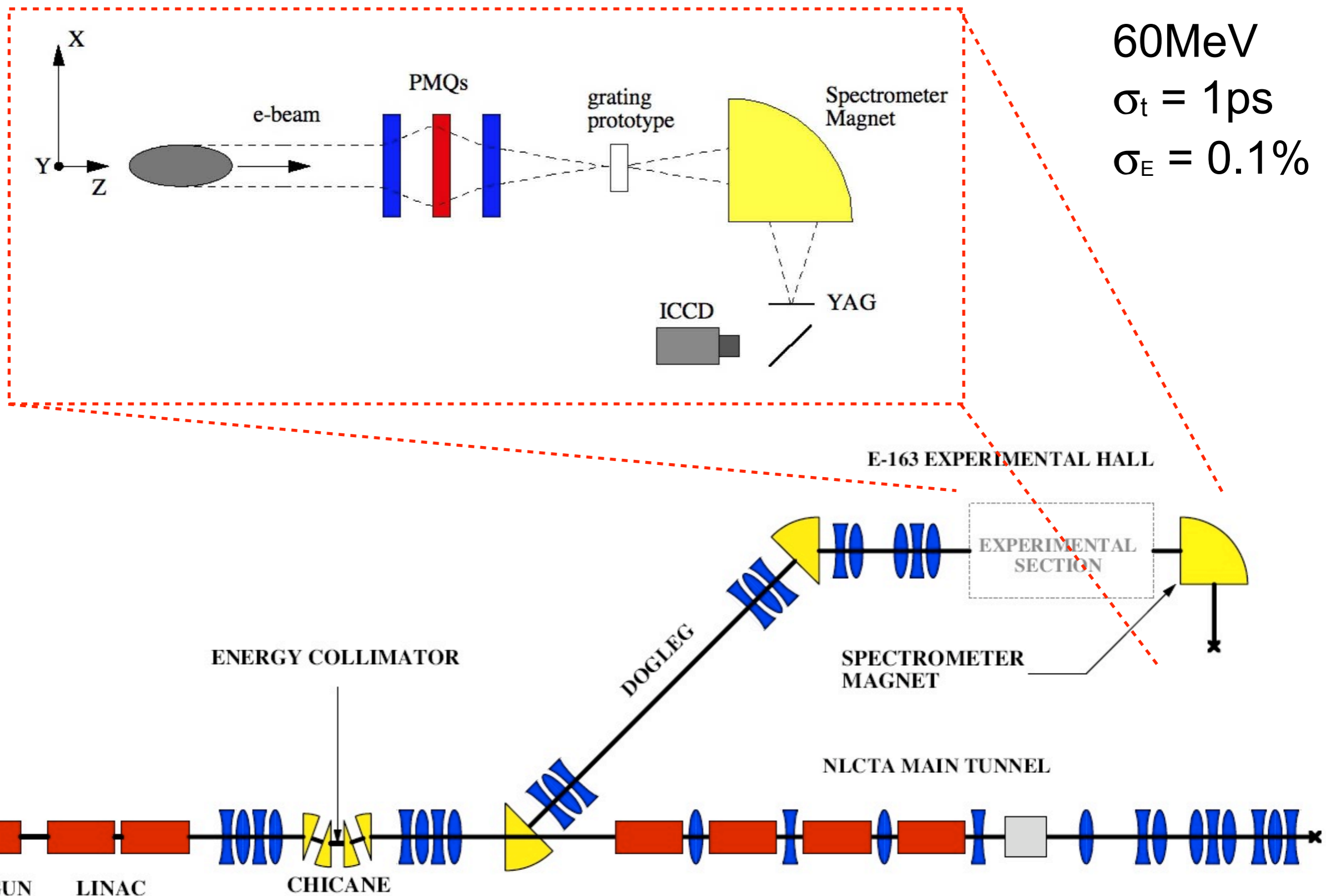


The final structure is short to match beam focal depth ( $\beta^*$ ) and wide to allow for many test regions



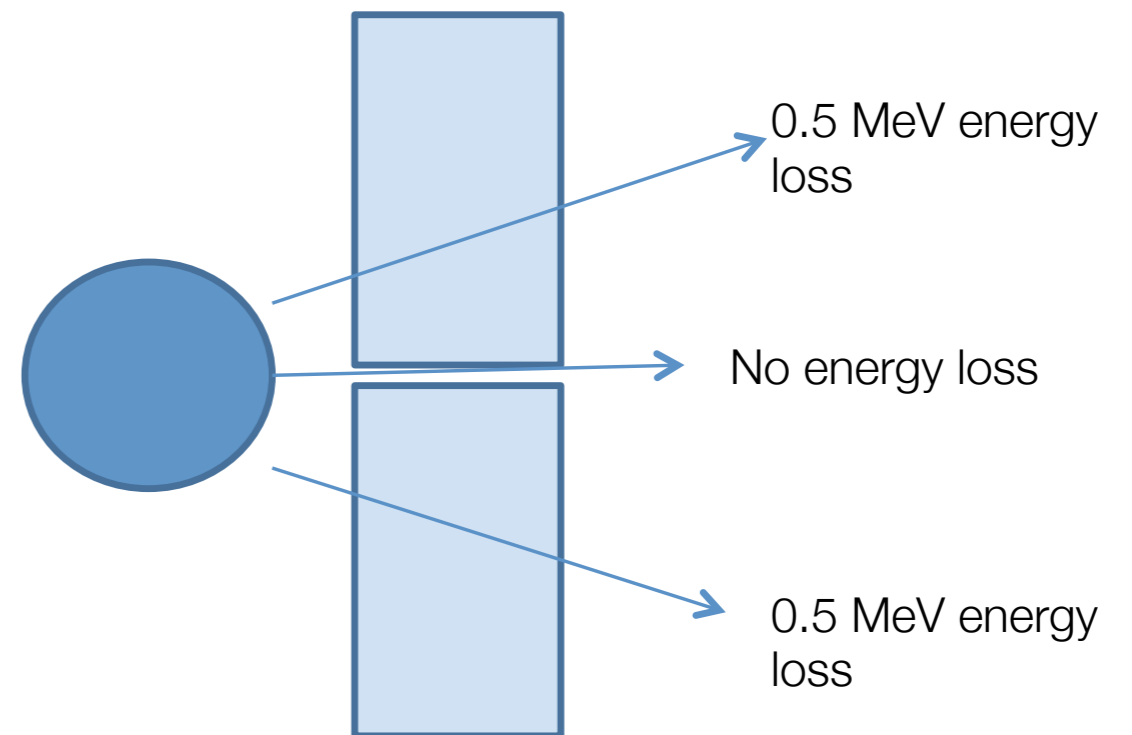


The E163 at NLCTA (SLAC) provides a purpose built test bed for DLAs and a rich source of acronyms



# Observing beam transmission would seem to be a needle in a haystack problem

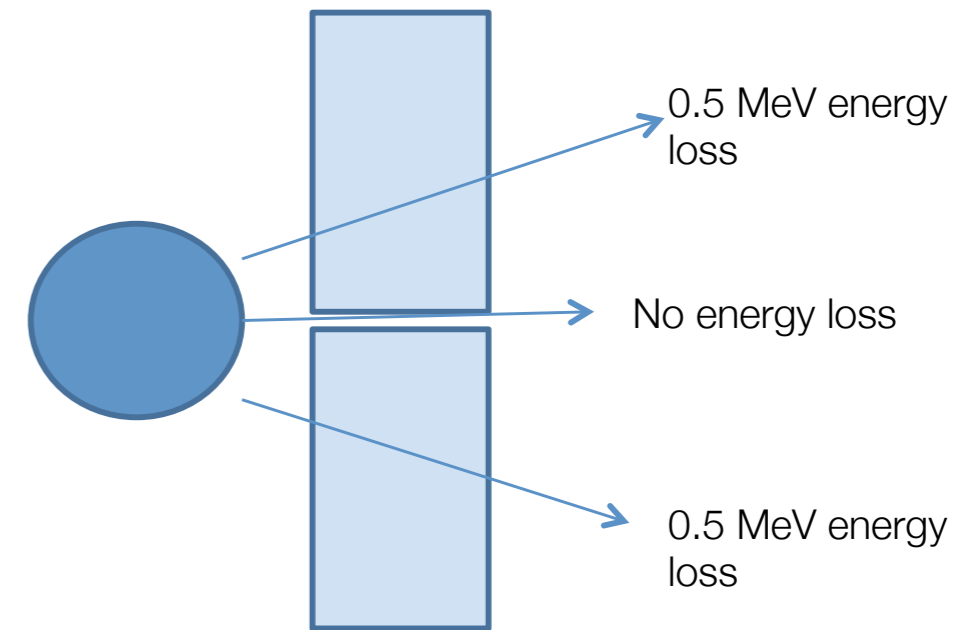
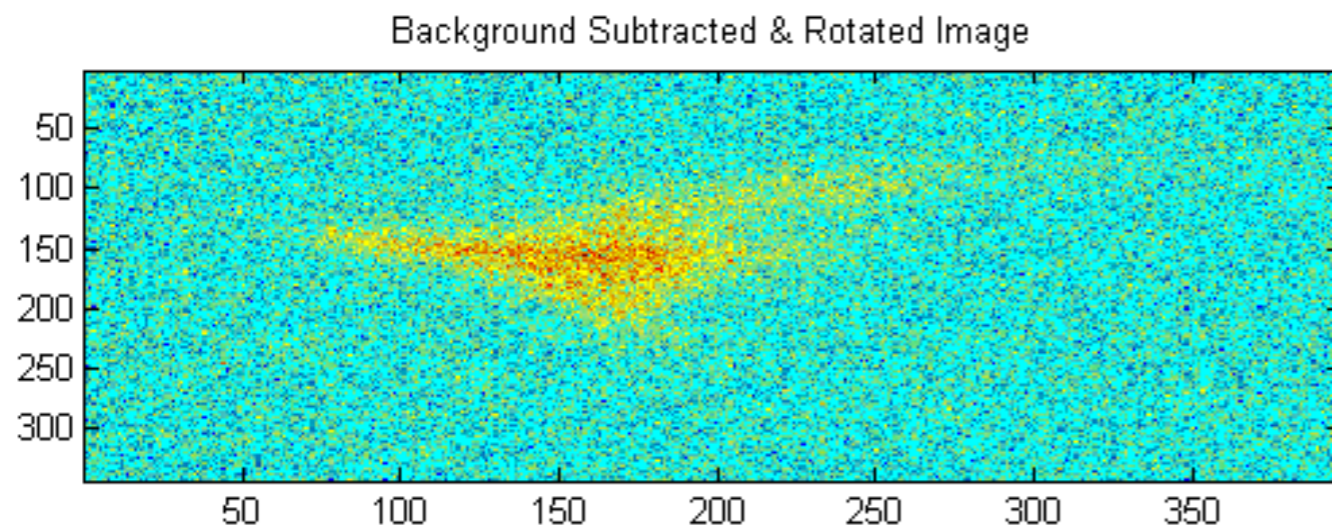
| Property             | Current Value at E163                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Beam energy          | 60 MeV                               |
| Energy spread        | 20 KeV                               |
| Transverse emittance | $2 \times 10 \mu\text{m}\text{-rad}$ |
| Spot size            | $40 \times 40 \mu\text{m}^2$         |
| Charge               | 10 pC                                |
| Bunch length         | 1-5 ps                               |
| Rep rate             | 10 Hz                                |



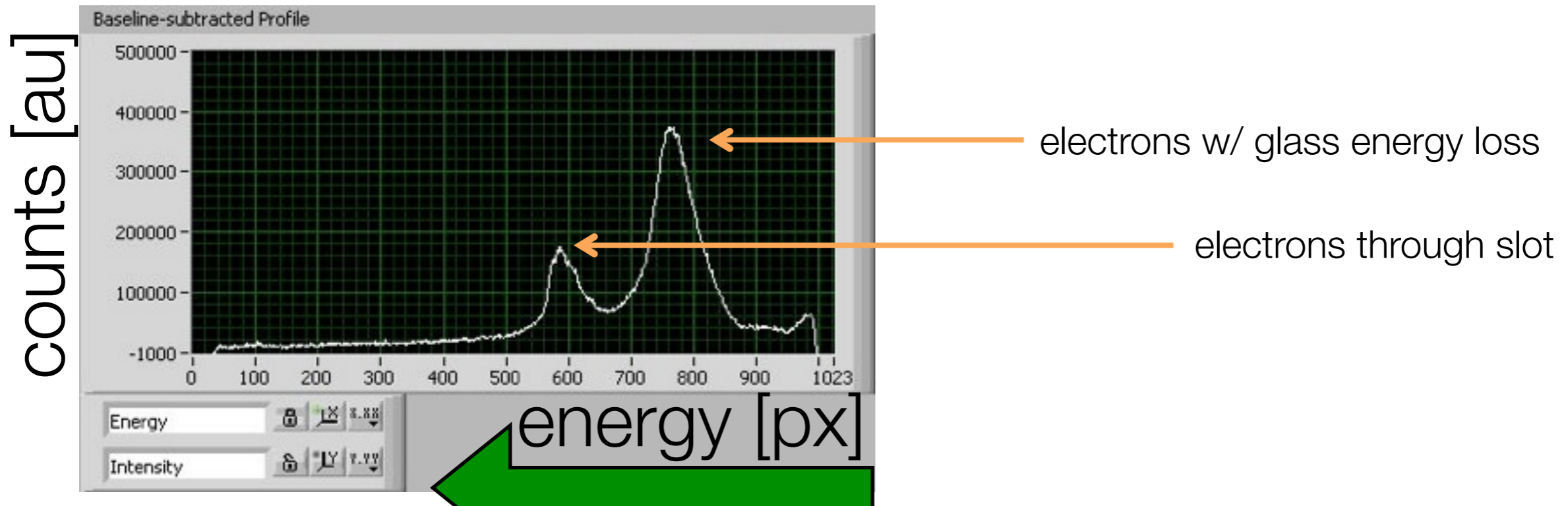
For  $\epsilon_y = 24 \mu\text{m}\text{-rad}$ ,  $\sigma_y = 40 \mu\text{m}$ , and a gaussian charge distribution, we expect **0.005%** of the beam to get through the vacuum gap



# Beam transmission through the optical-scale structure is challenging.

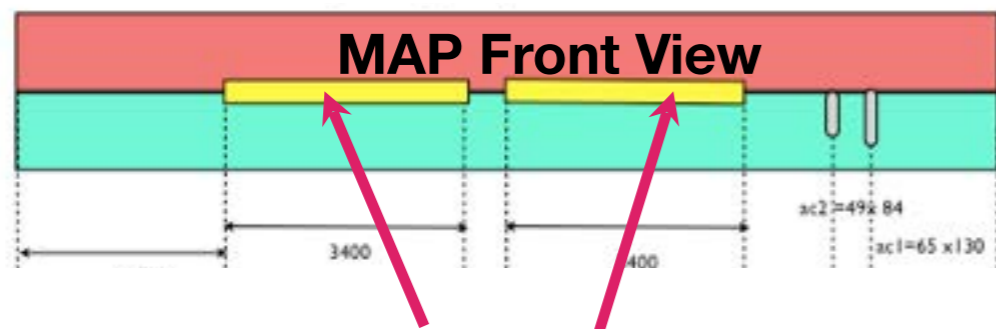


Spectrometer Image (higher energy to the left)



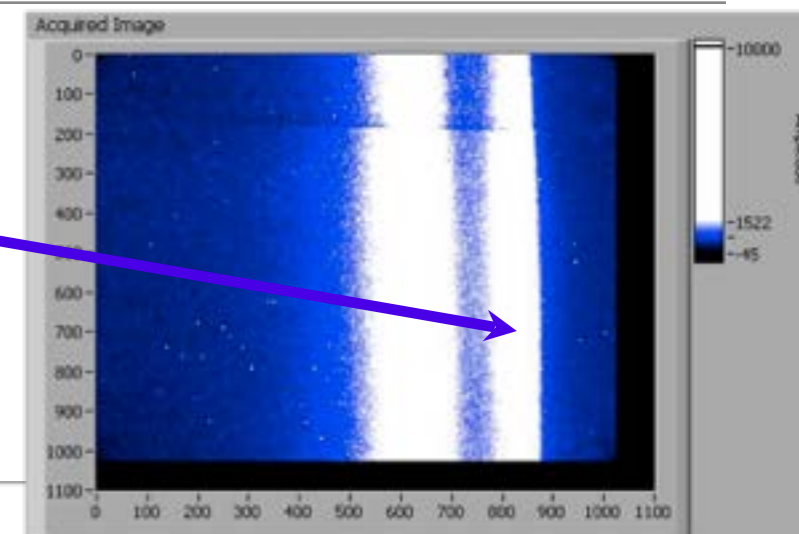
**Above results for UCLA MAP  
SLAC team has better results for grating**

# The MAP, a resonant DLA structure, has demonstrated acceleration at NLCTA



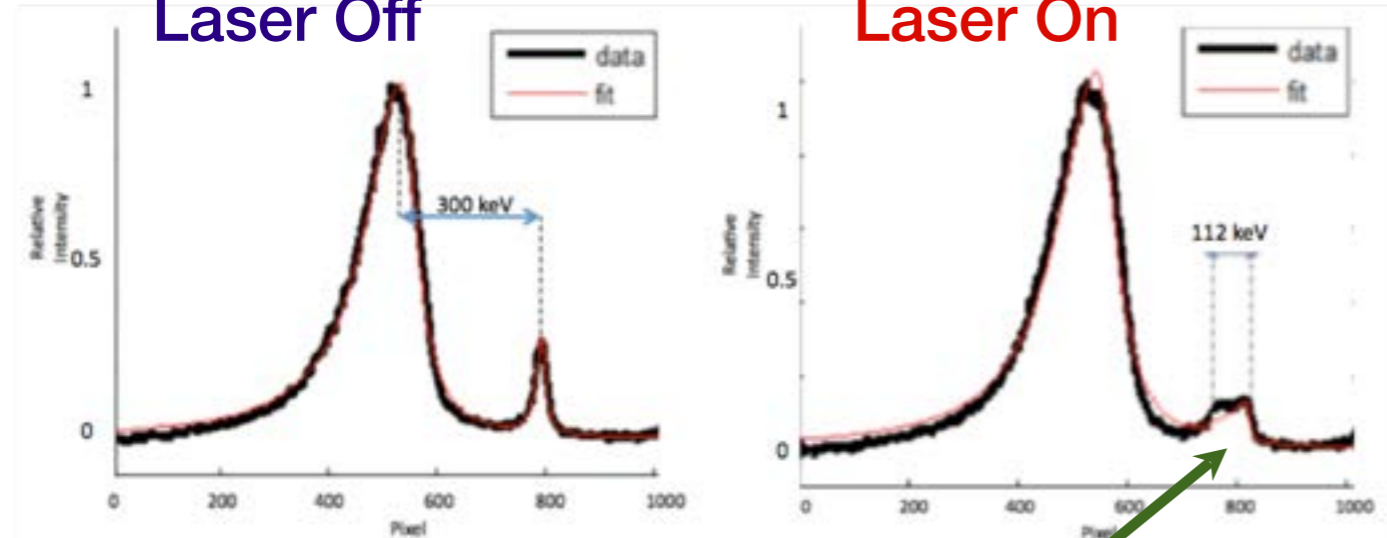
3 mm x 400 nm acceleration channels, with laser coupled through top face of slab

Spectrometer image:  
Transmitted population  
sees accelerating fields



Laser Off

Laser On



Spreading of transmitted peak shows energy modulation of electrons traversing vacuum channel

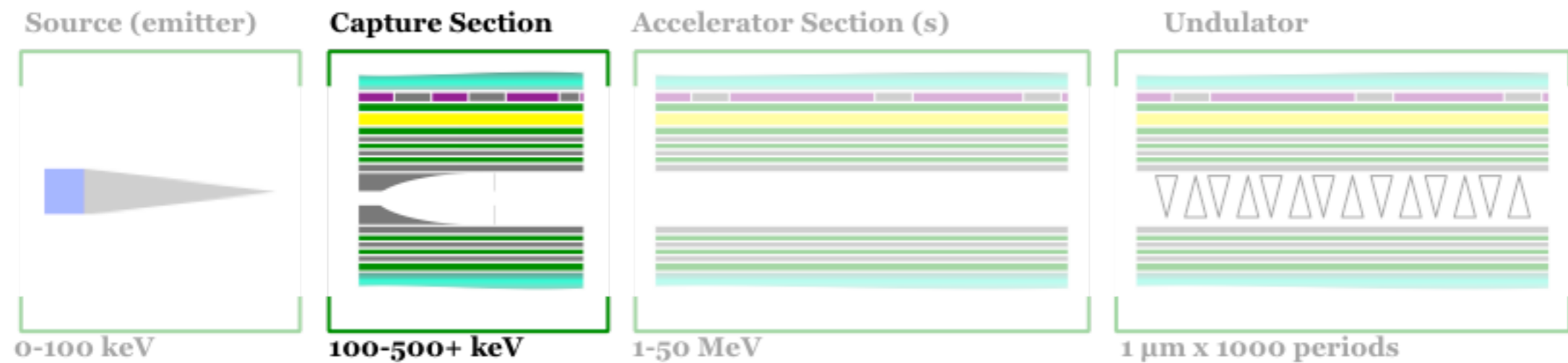
Correct laser+e-beam temporal overlap shows energy change; inferred gradient 28 MeV/m; simulation predicts ~70 MeV/m for ideal structure

**Performance was near expectations despite fabrication challenges**



# Capture Module

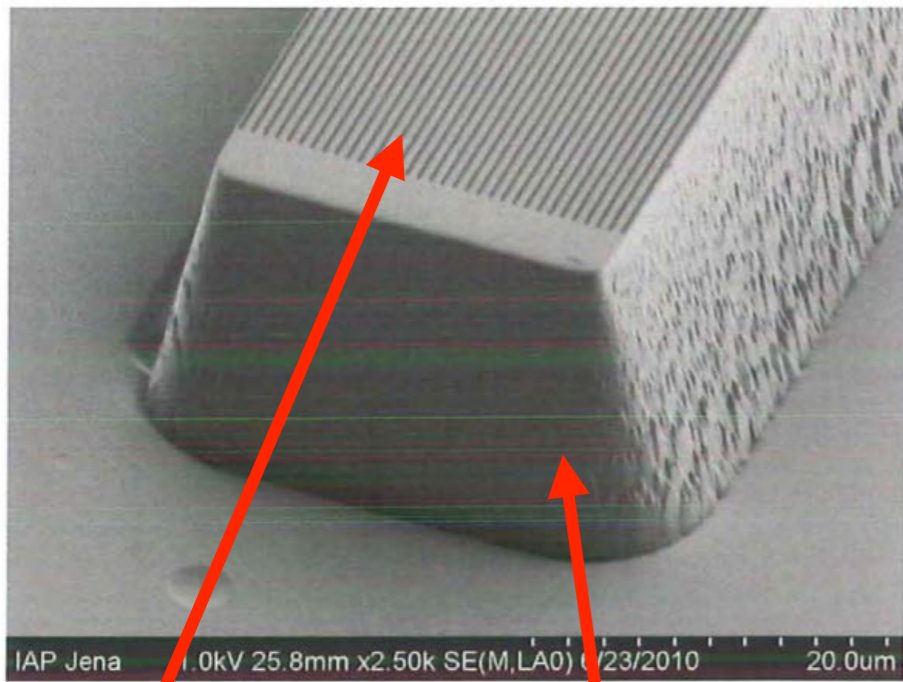
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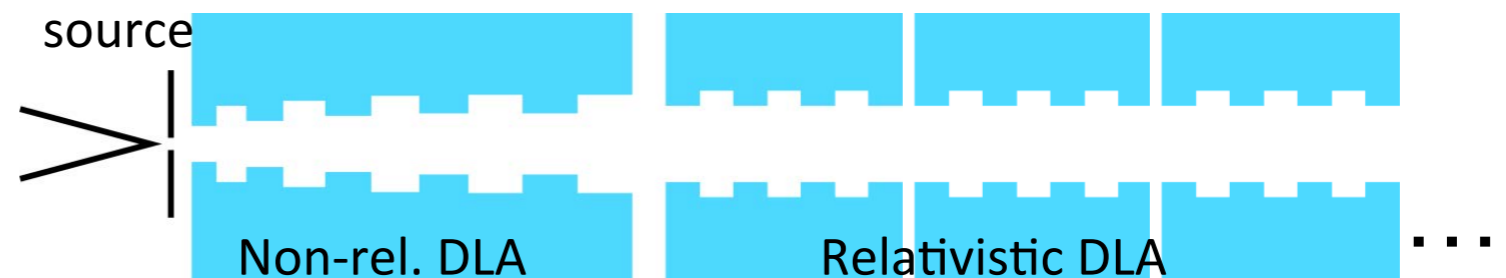
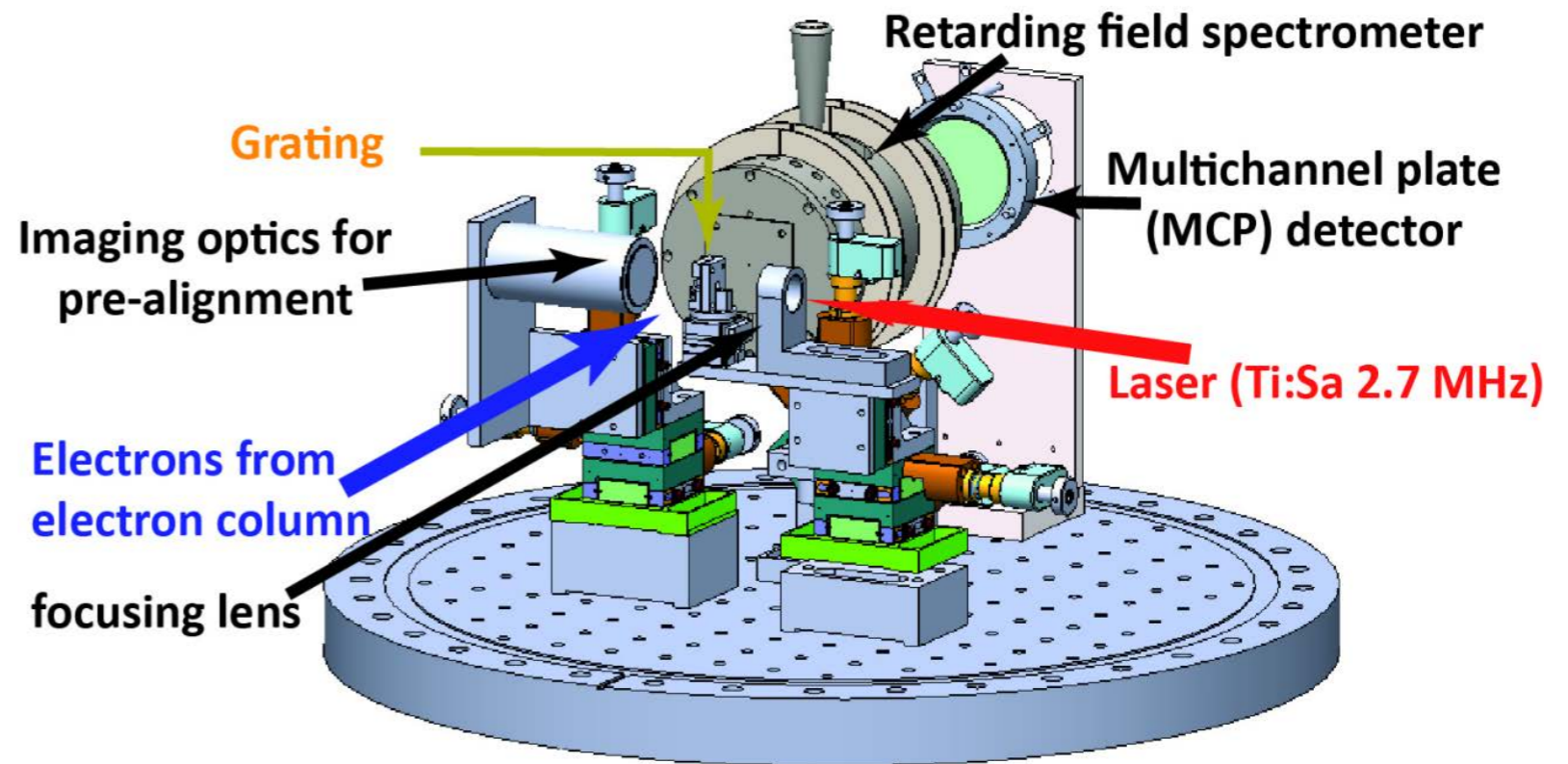
# A non-relativistic grating structure has shown proof of concept for gun-to-DLA acceleration

## Goal:

bridge between 30 keV electron gun & relativistic DLA structures; <20 mm long



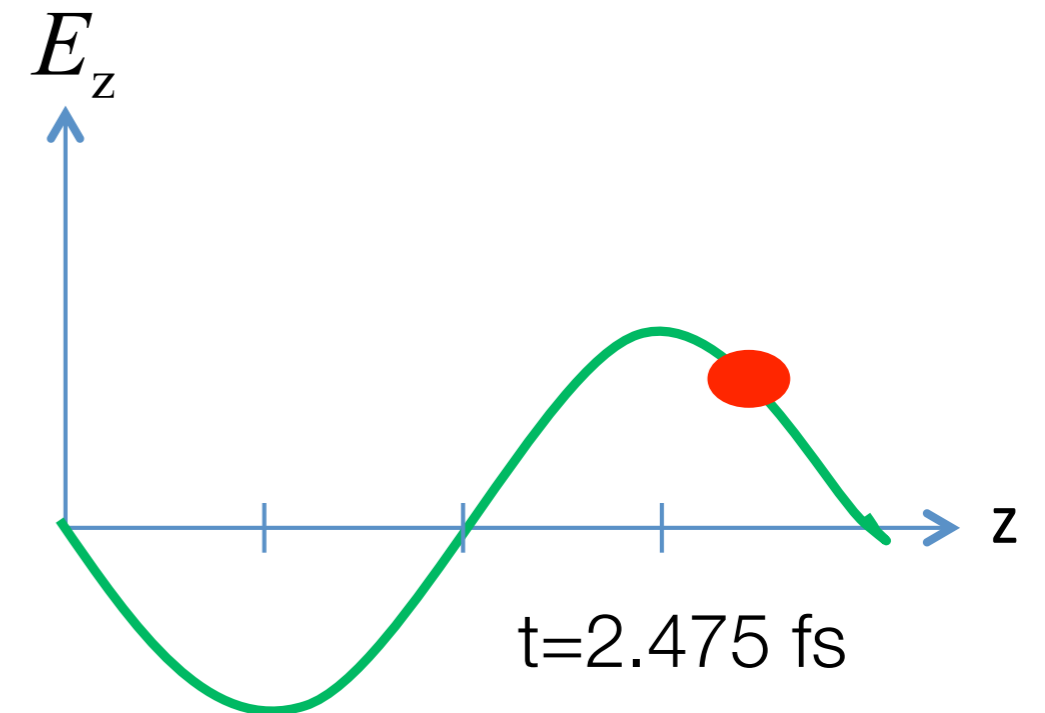
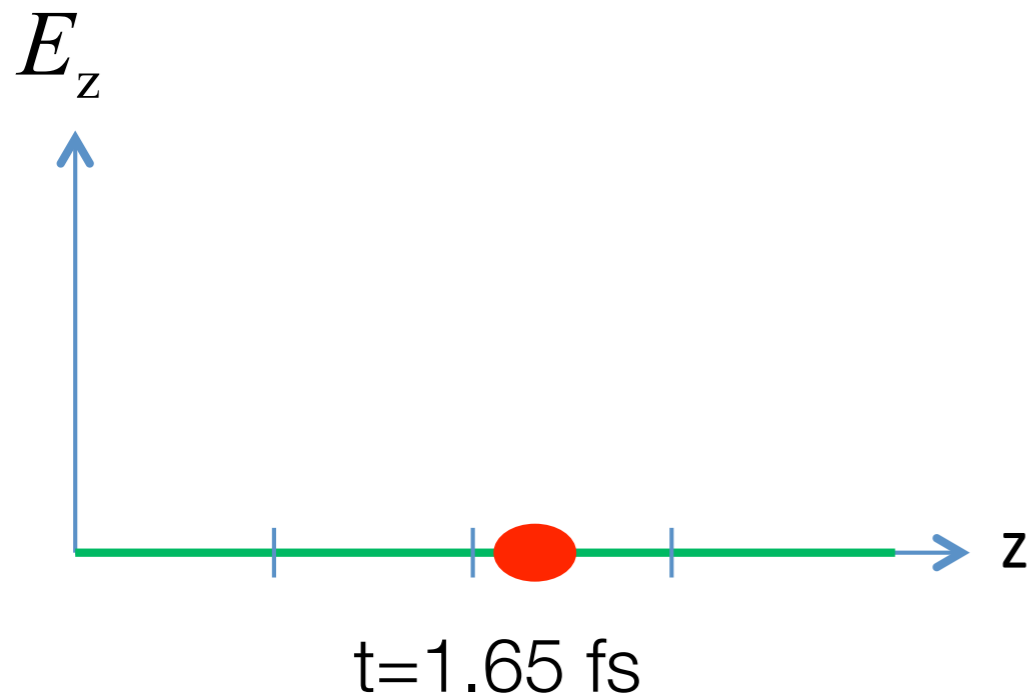
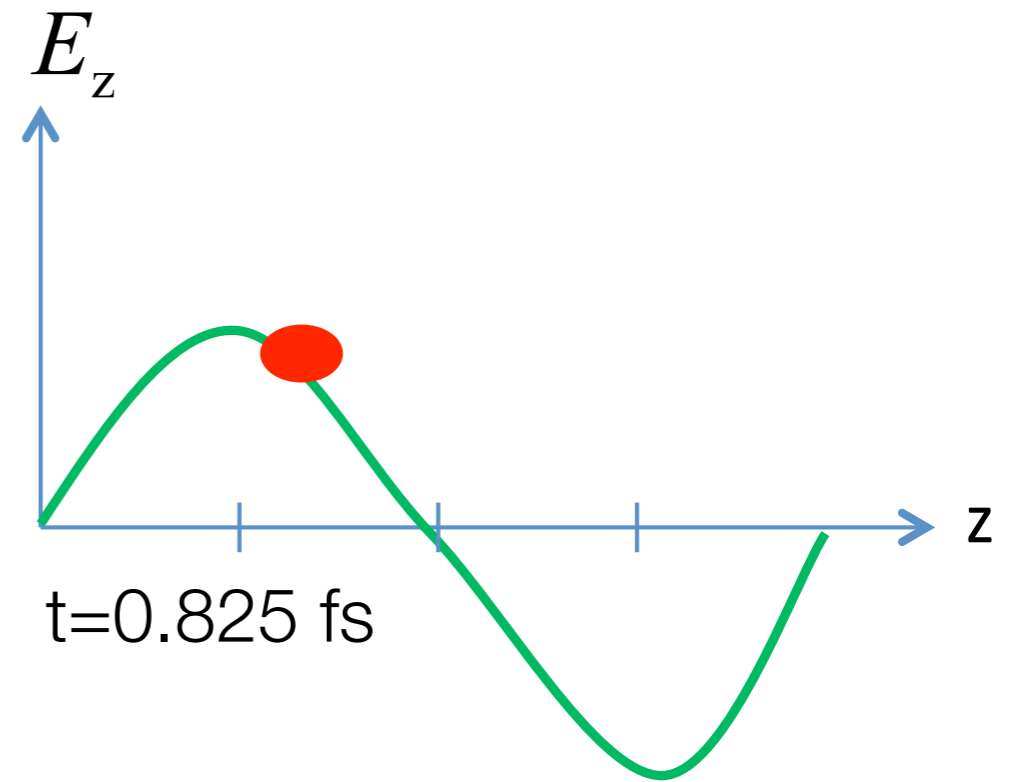
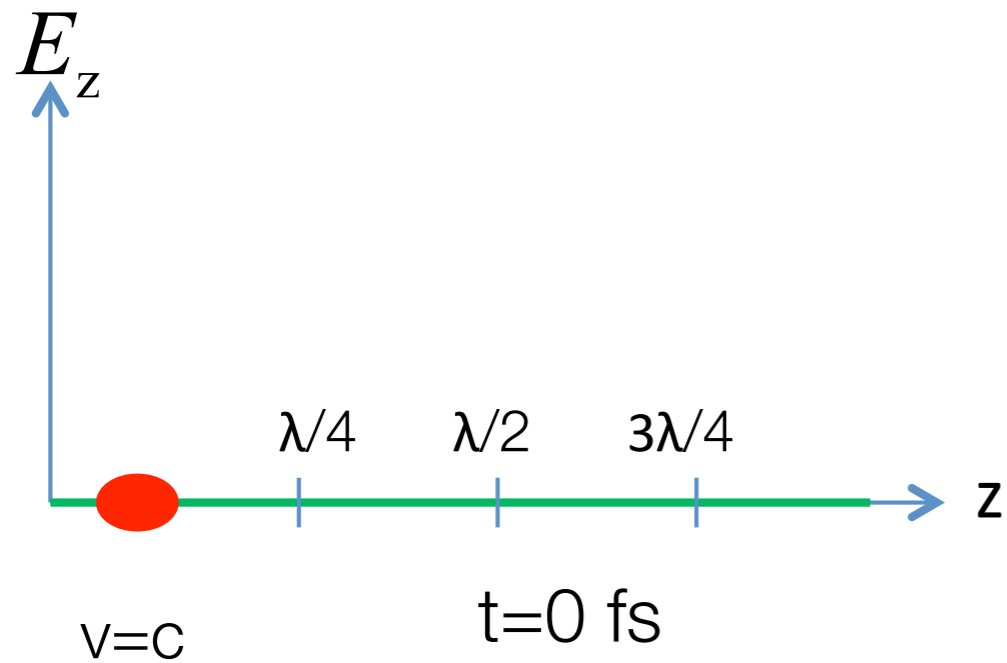
Silica grating on mesa structure



**Achieved: single grating, 100 nJ, 100 nm distance  
= 50 MeV/m, 280 eV gain**

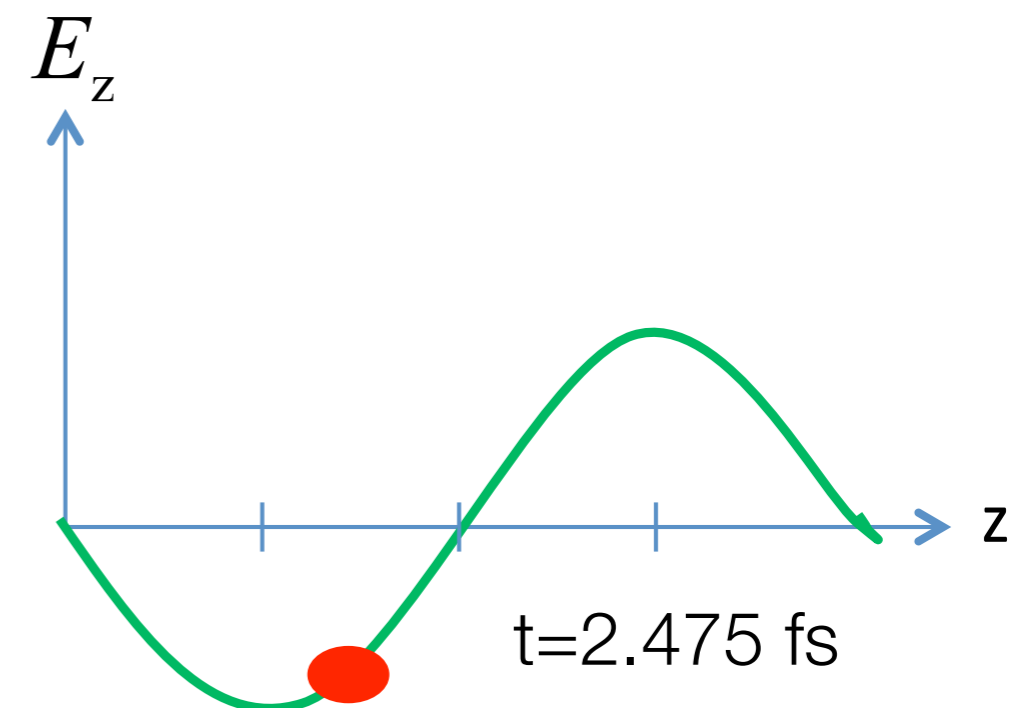
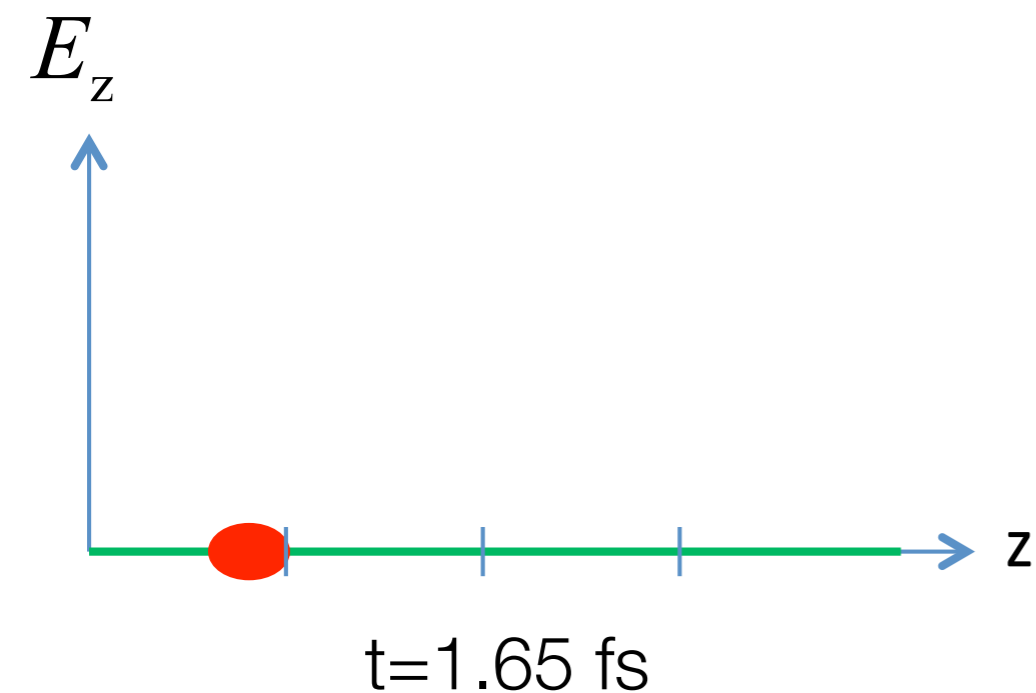
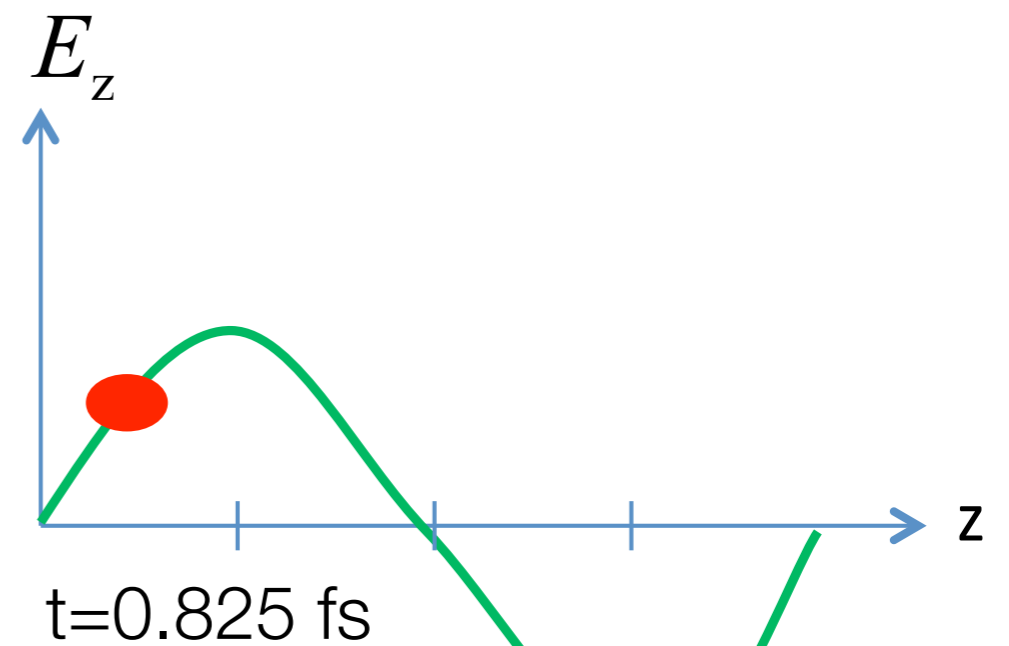
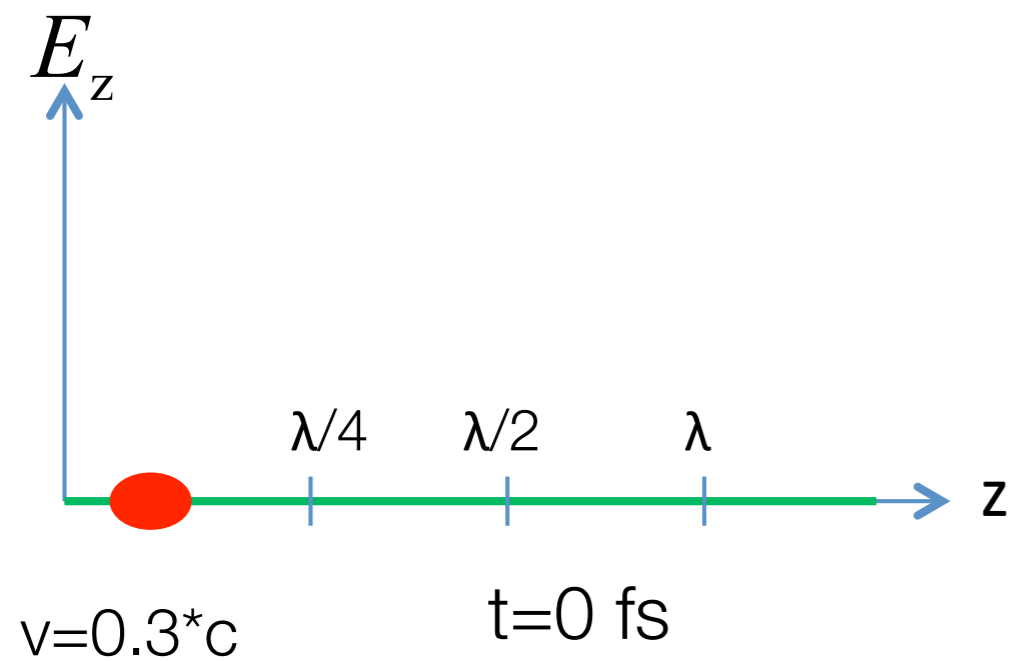


Synchronous acceleration in a standing-wave relativistic structure is straightforward as  $V_p=c$ .



$\pi$ -mode

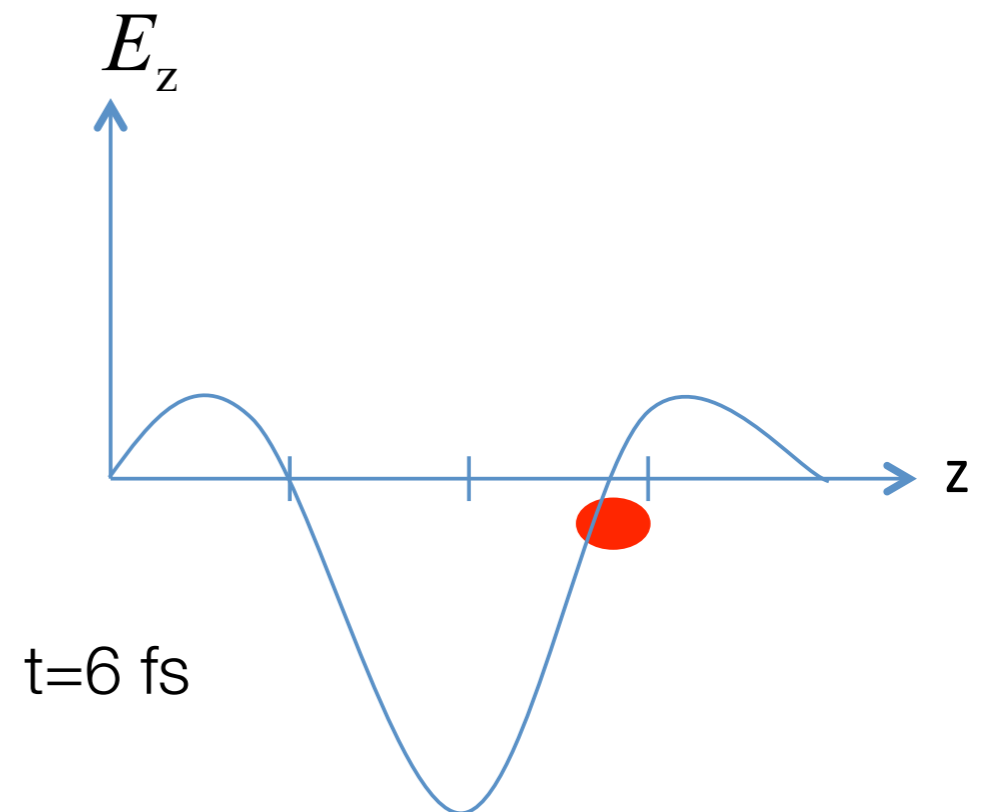
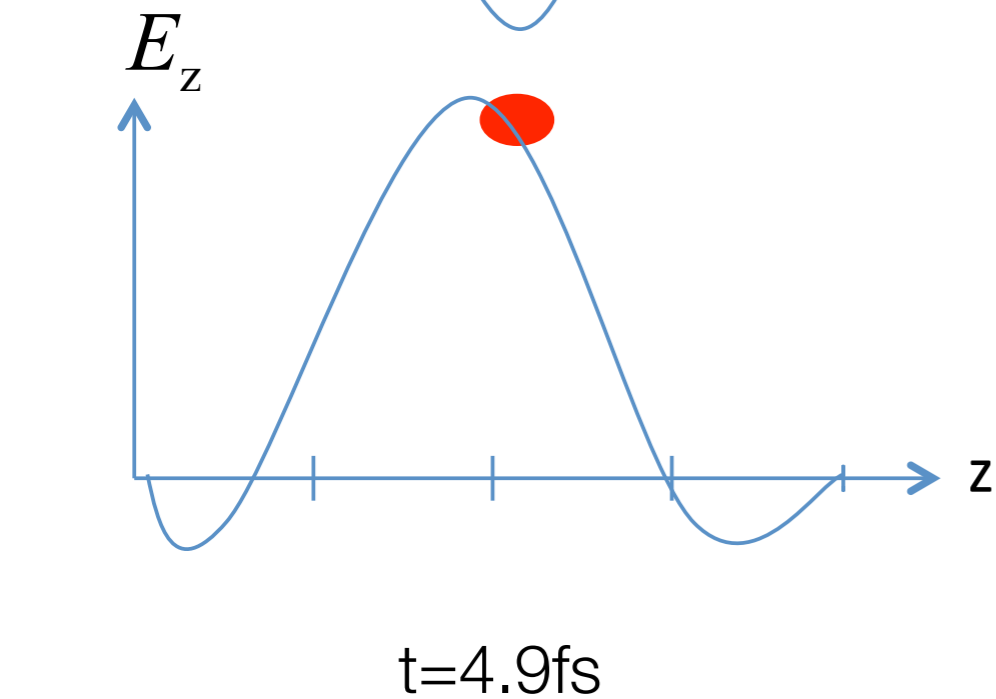
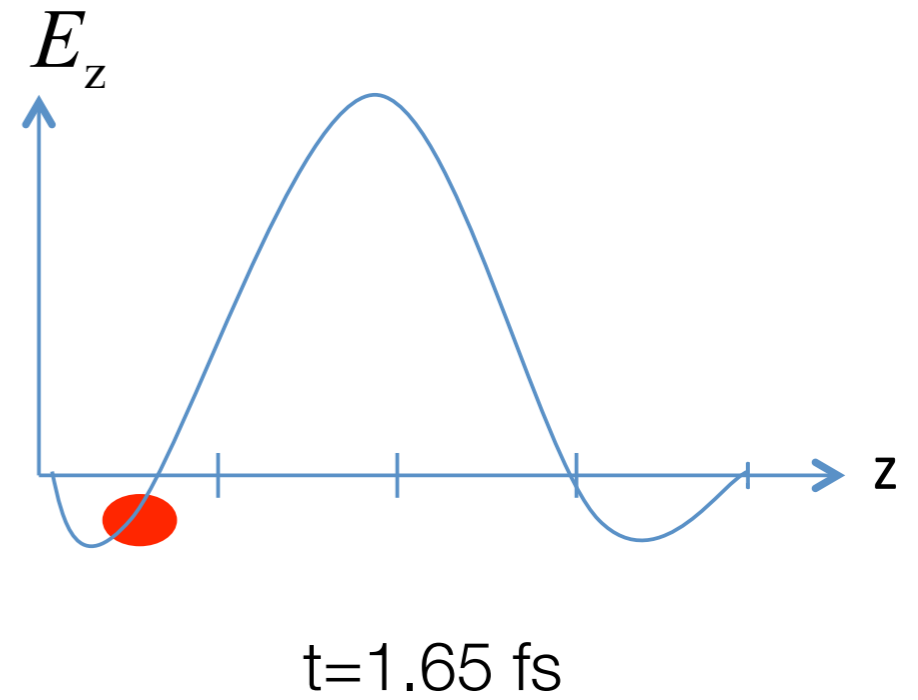
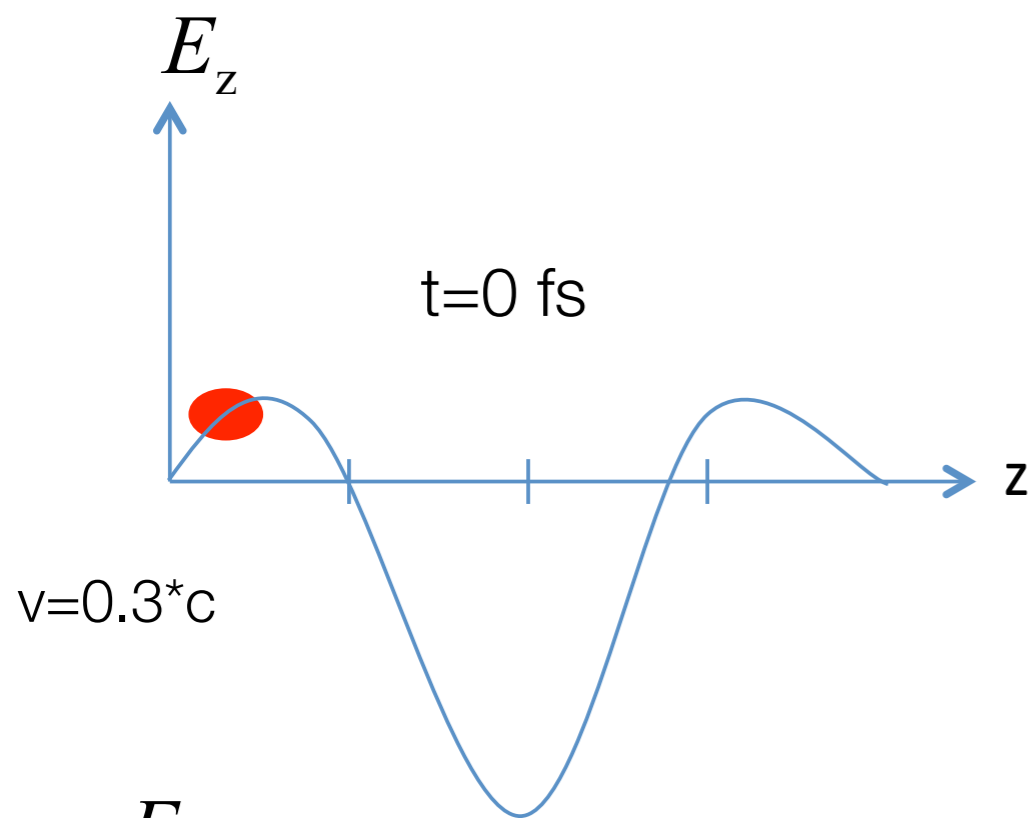
At sub-relativistic velocities, the particle is no longer synchronous with a speed-of-light structure



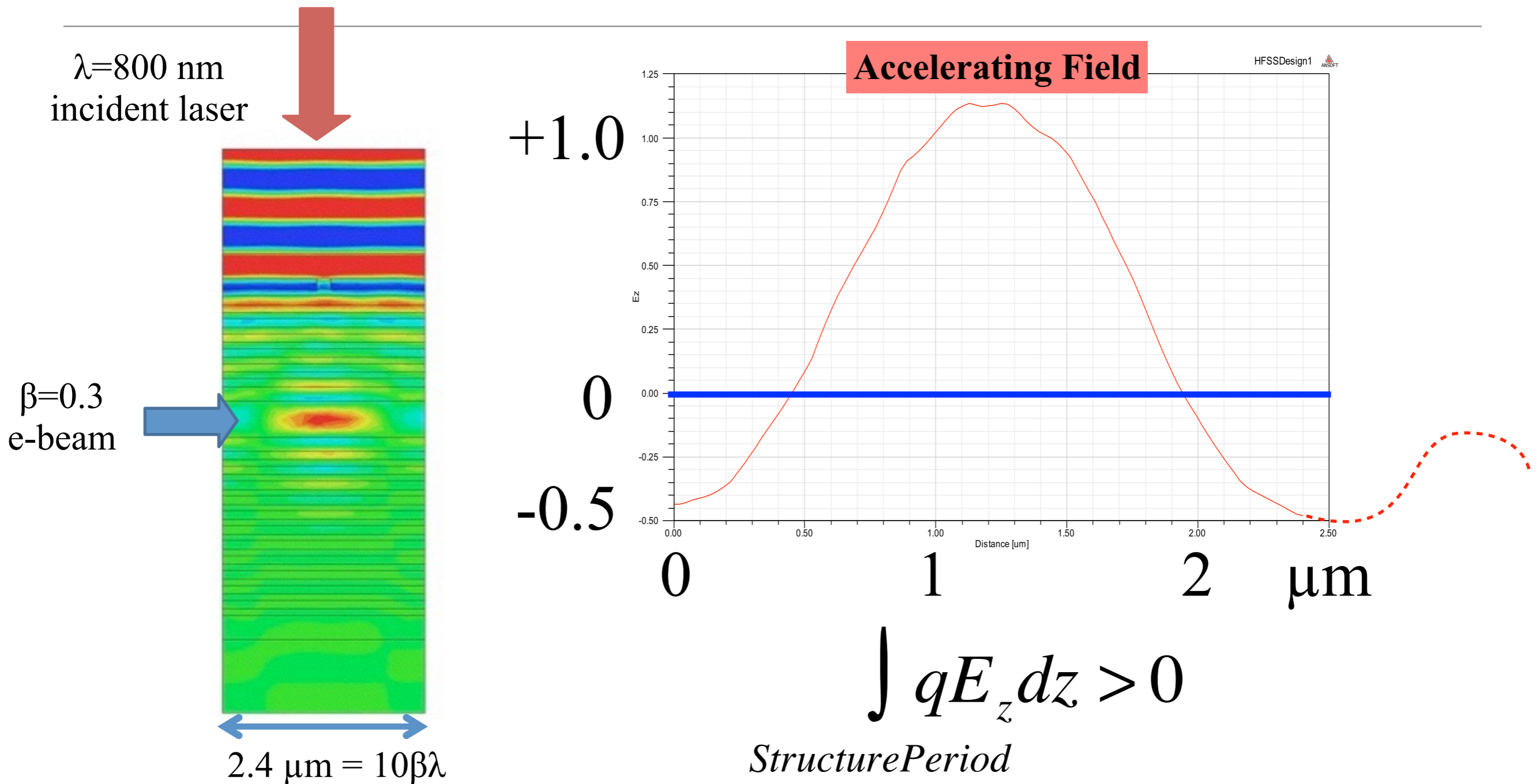


# Asynchronous net-acceleration is possible with evanescent waves.

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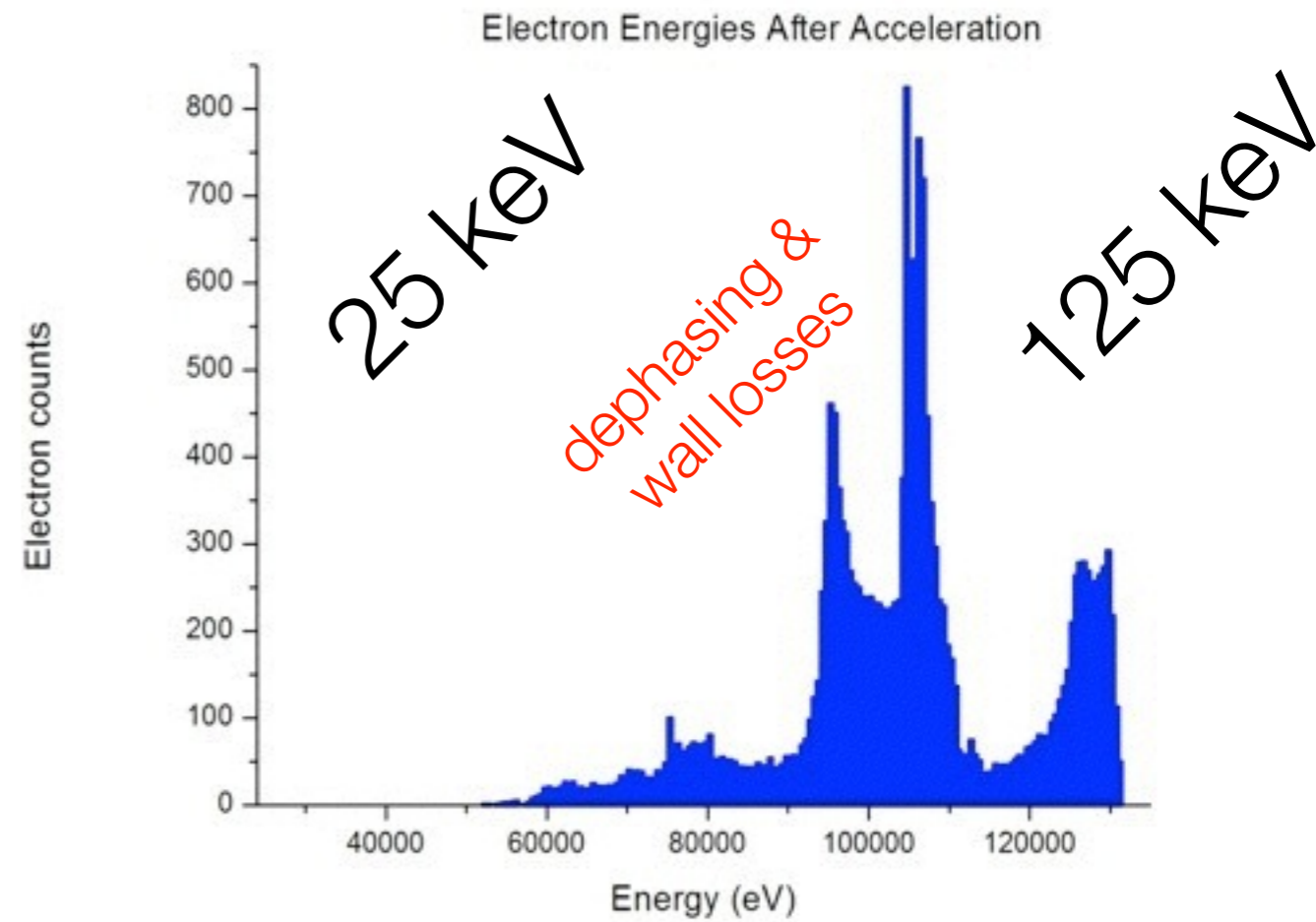
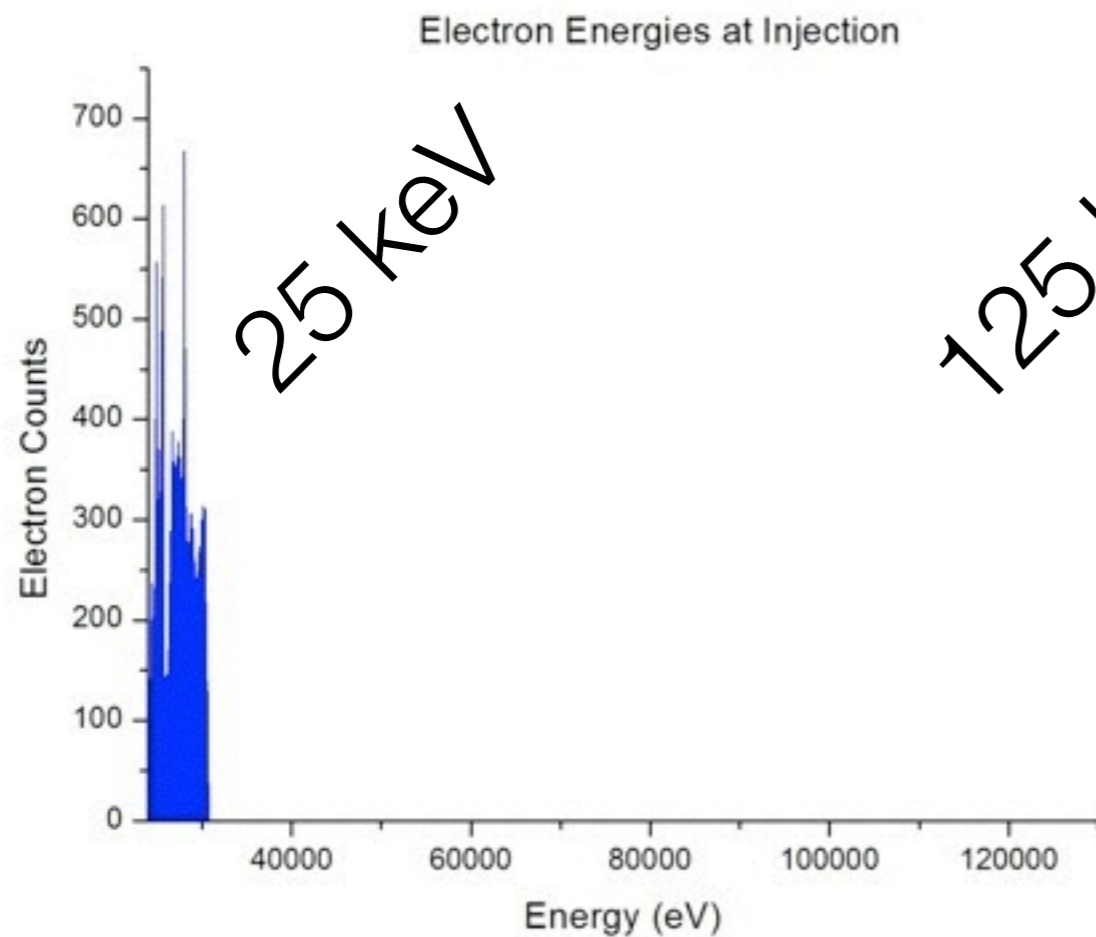
A sub-relativistic (low beta) MAP design relies on asynchronous acceleration.



**Electrons' energy gains outweigh losses, resulting in net acceleration**



Simulations show energy gain for low-beta electrons to energies sufficient for the  $\beta=1$  structure



100 keV energy gain over  
~250 microns



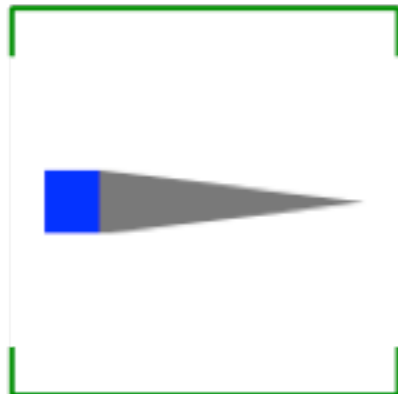
0.4 GeV/m  
Accelerating Gradient



# Gun Module

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Source (emitter)



0-100 keV

Capture Section



100-500+ keV

Accelerator Section (s)



1-50 MeV

Undulator

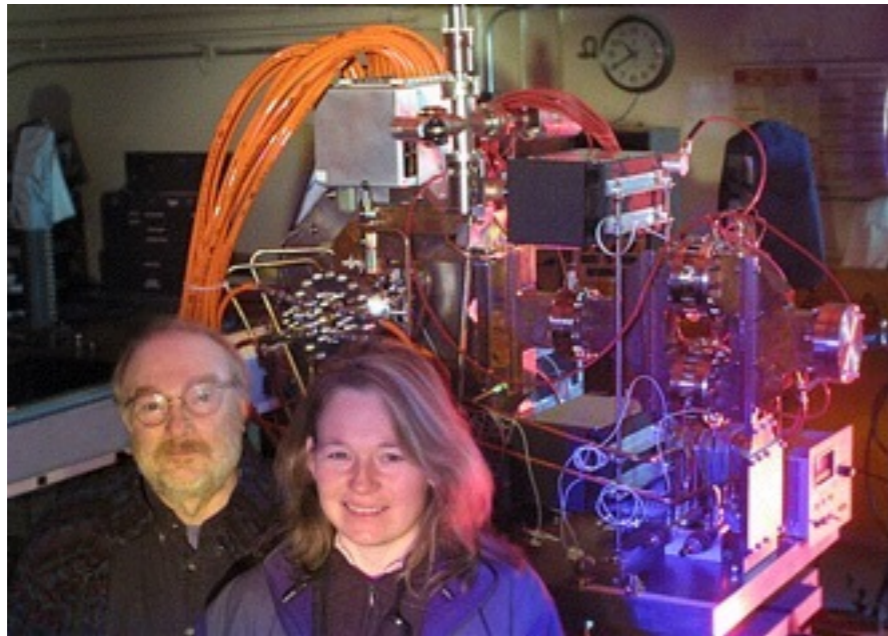


1  $\mu\text{m}$  x 1000 periods



# Conventional RF photoinjectors are a viable source of low-charge, low-emittance beams

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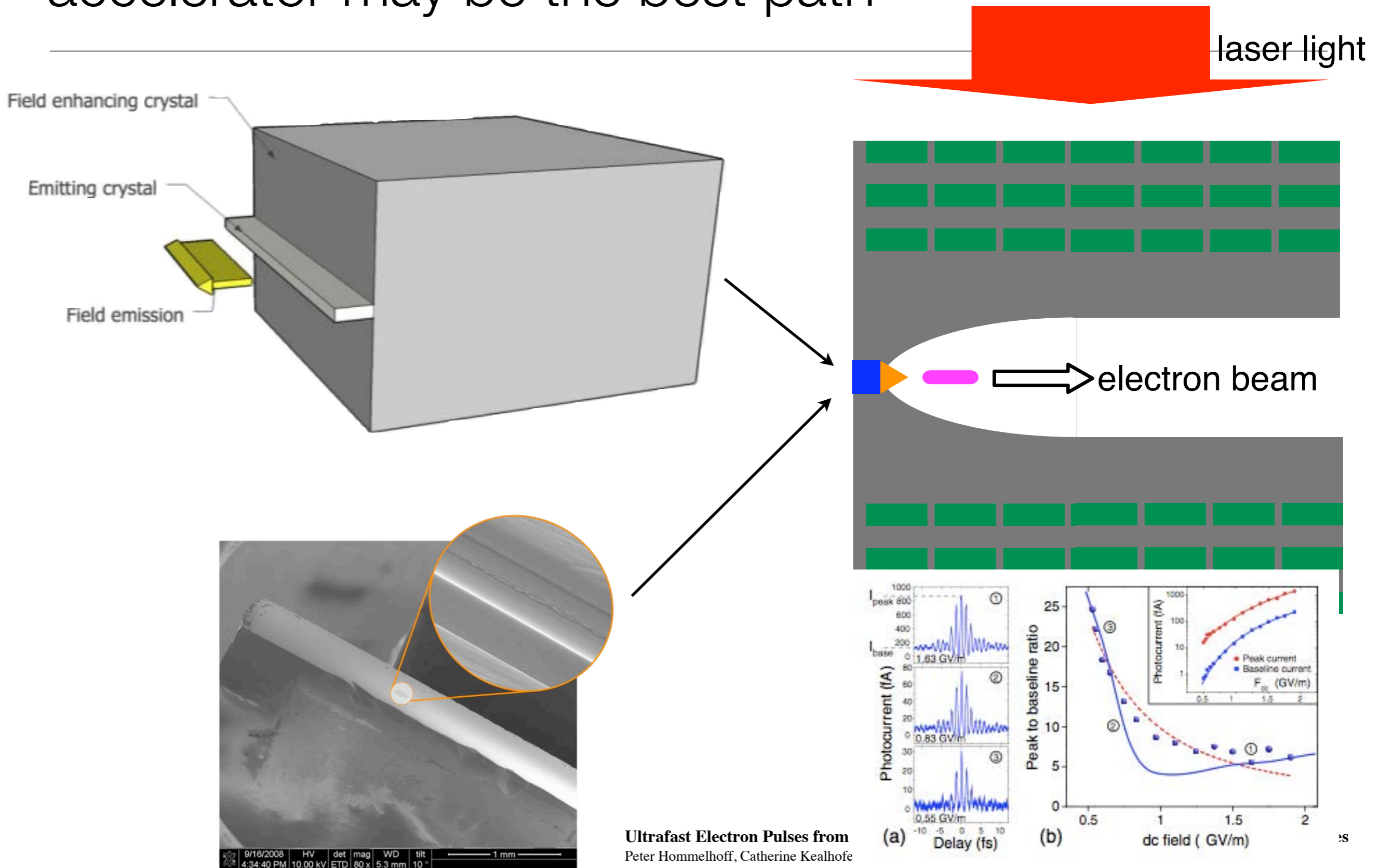
LCLS injector  
@ 20 pC  
achieved  
0.13 $\mu\text{m}$  emittance

At  $\sim 1$  pC, we need  
<0.01 $\mu\text{m}$  (10 nm)  
emittances

## What's the problem?

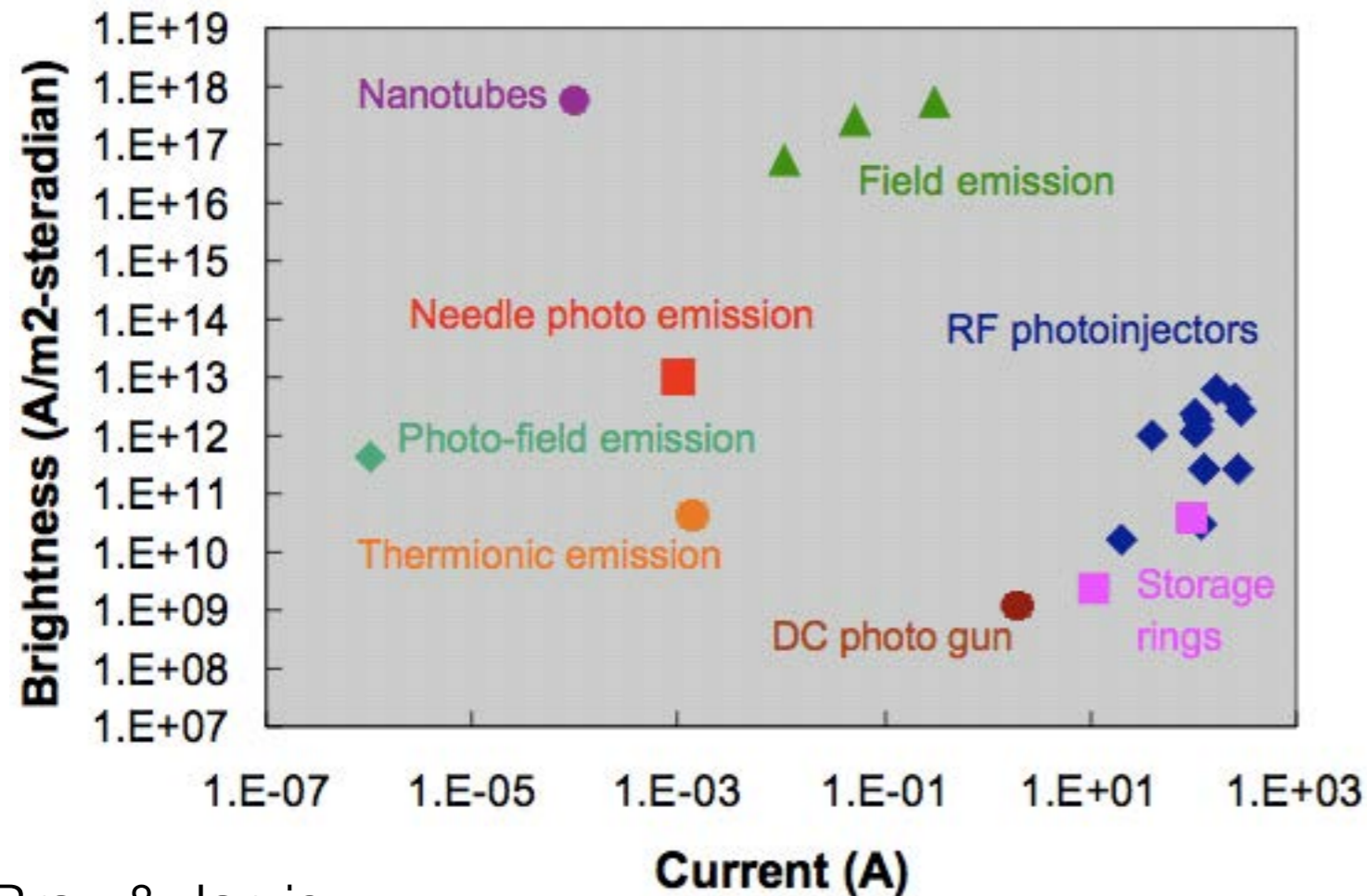
- Preservation of nm emittances
- Laser technology  
(MHz repetition rates)
- Injection into optical structures

# Integrating the injector and optical scale accelerator may be the best path

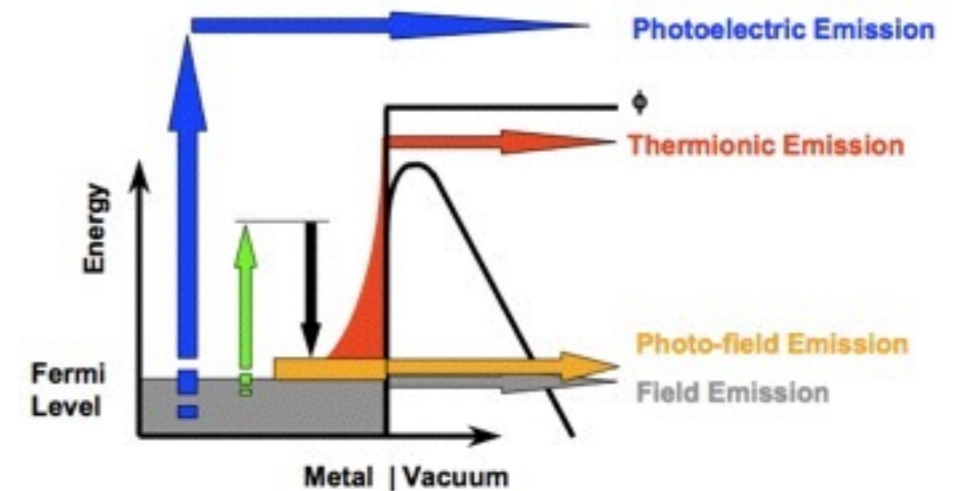


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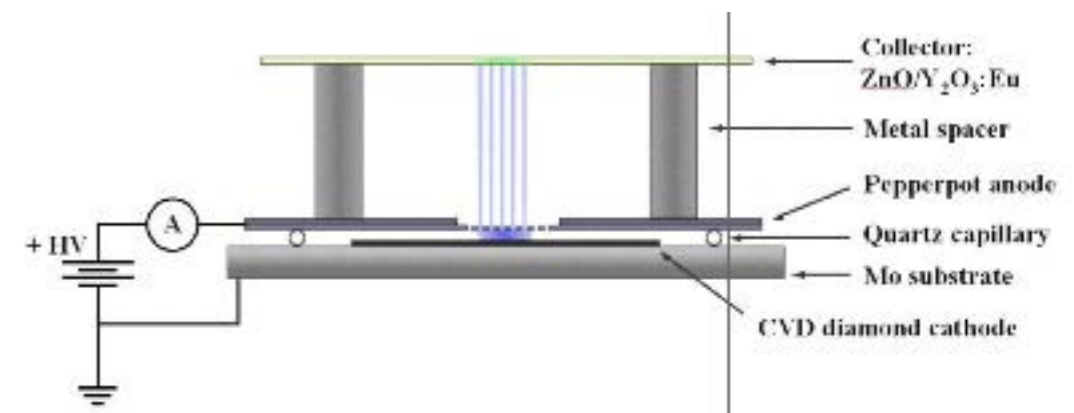
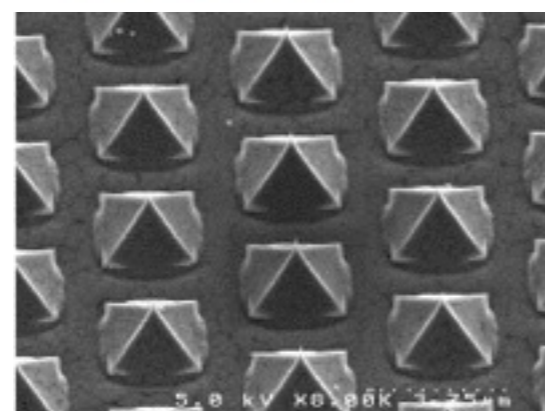
# Electron microscopes achieve the requisite emittances, albeit at very low current



**Field and photo-assisted field emission work well**



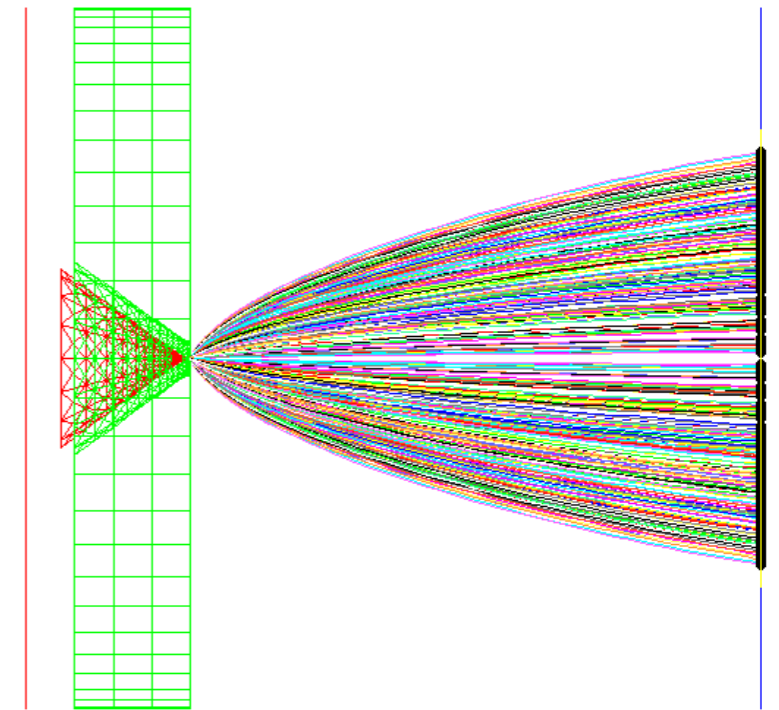
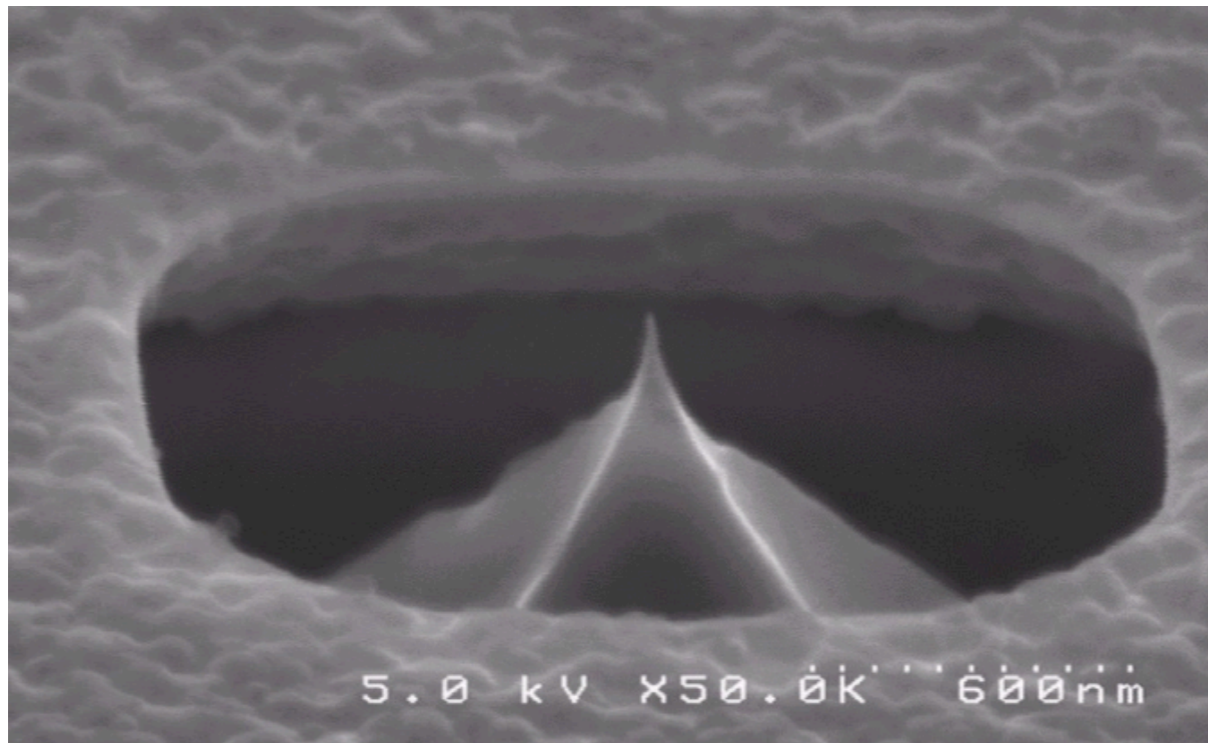
Brau & Jarvis



Needle cathode work is showing the way



Individual field emitters provide electron beams with exquisite brightness

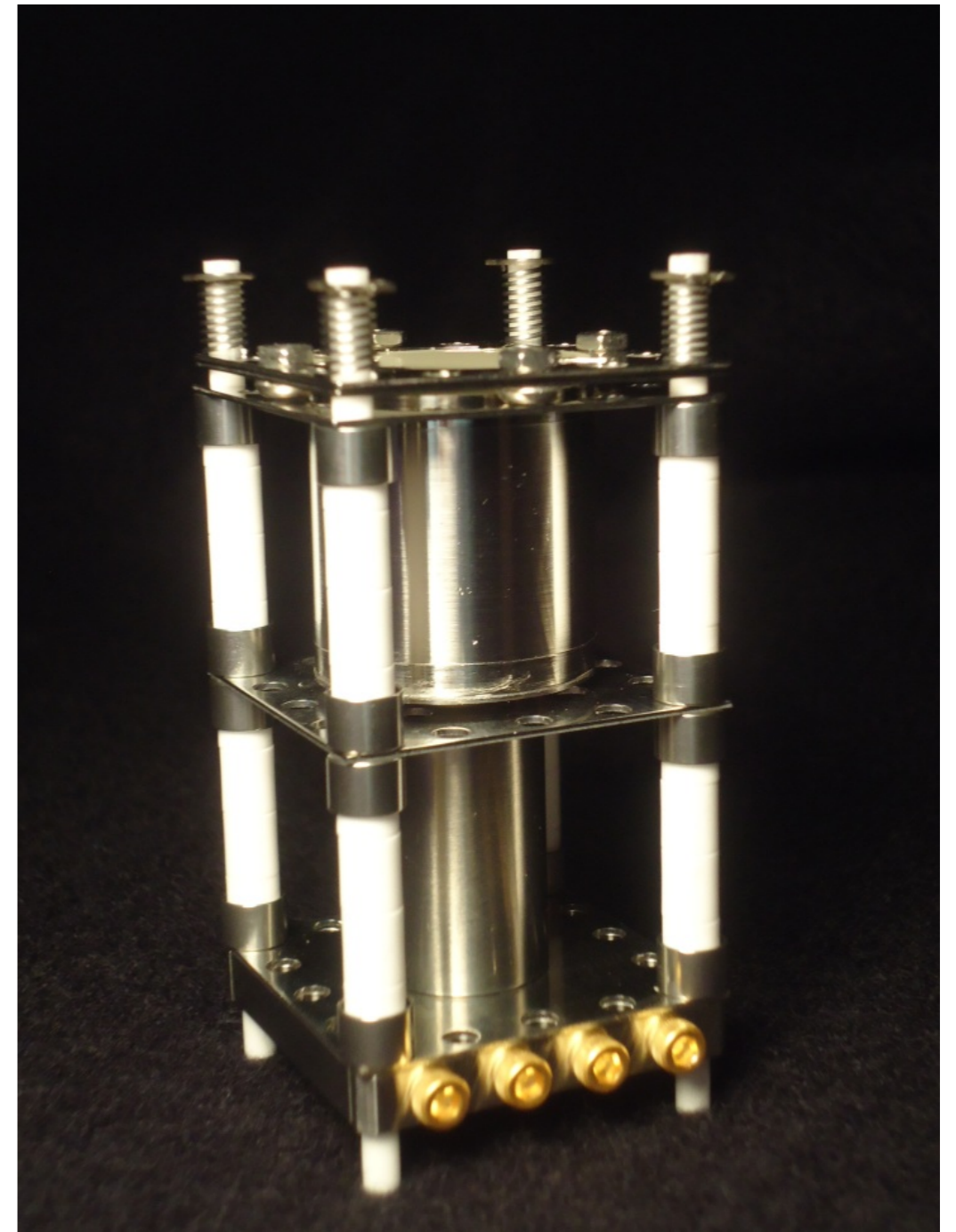
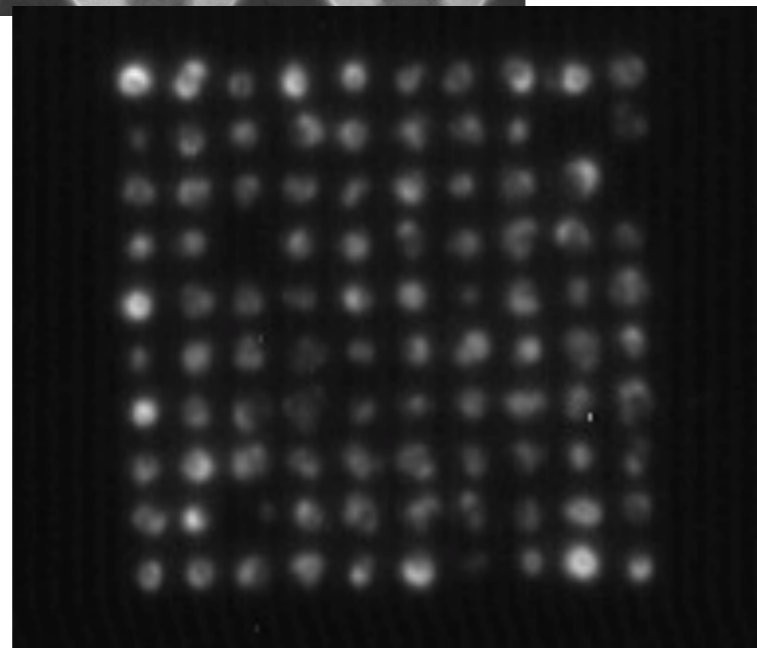
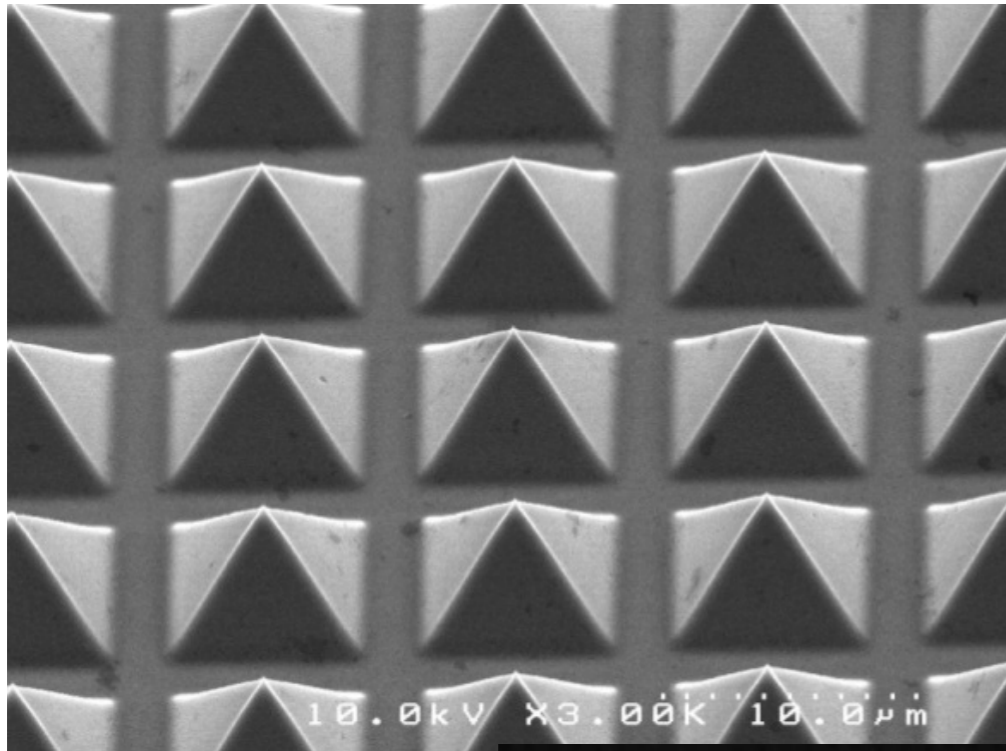


Measured current  $\sim 15 \mu\text{A}$

Simulations indicate normalized emittance  $\sim 1.3 \text{ nm}$   
(Mostly spherical aberration)

Heisenberg limit  $\sim 1 \text{ pm}$  possible from ungated tip

Arrays of diamond emitters are being produced and tested for other applications

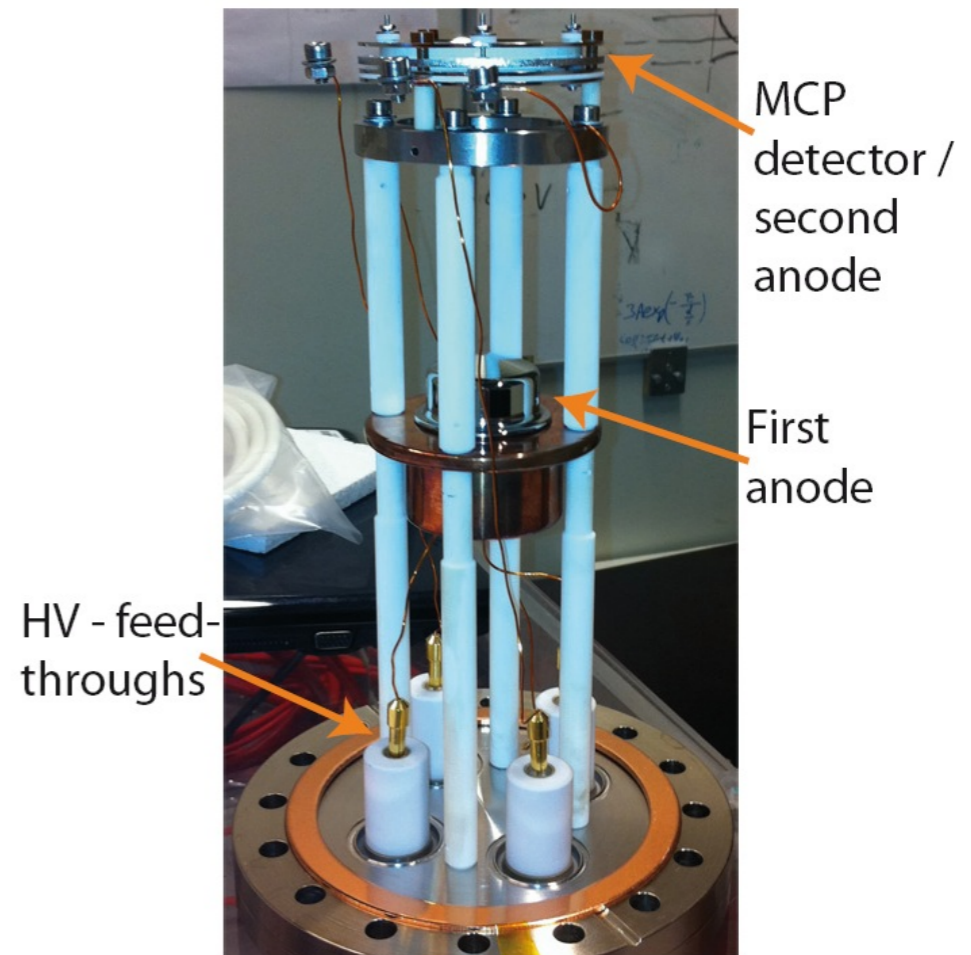
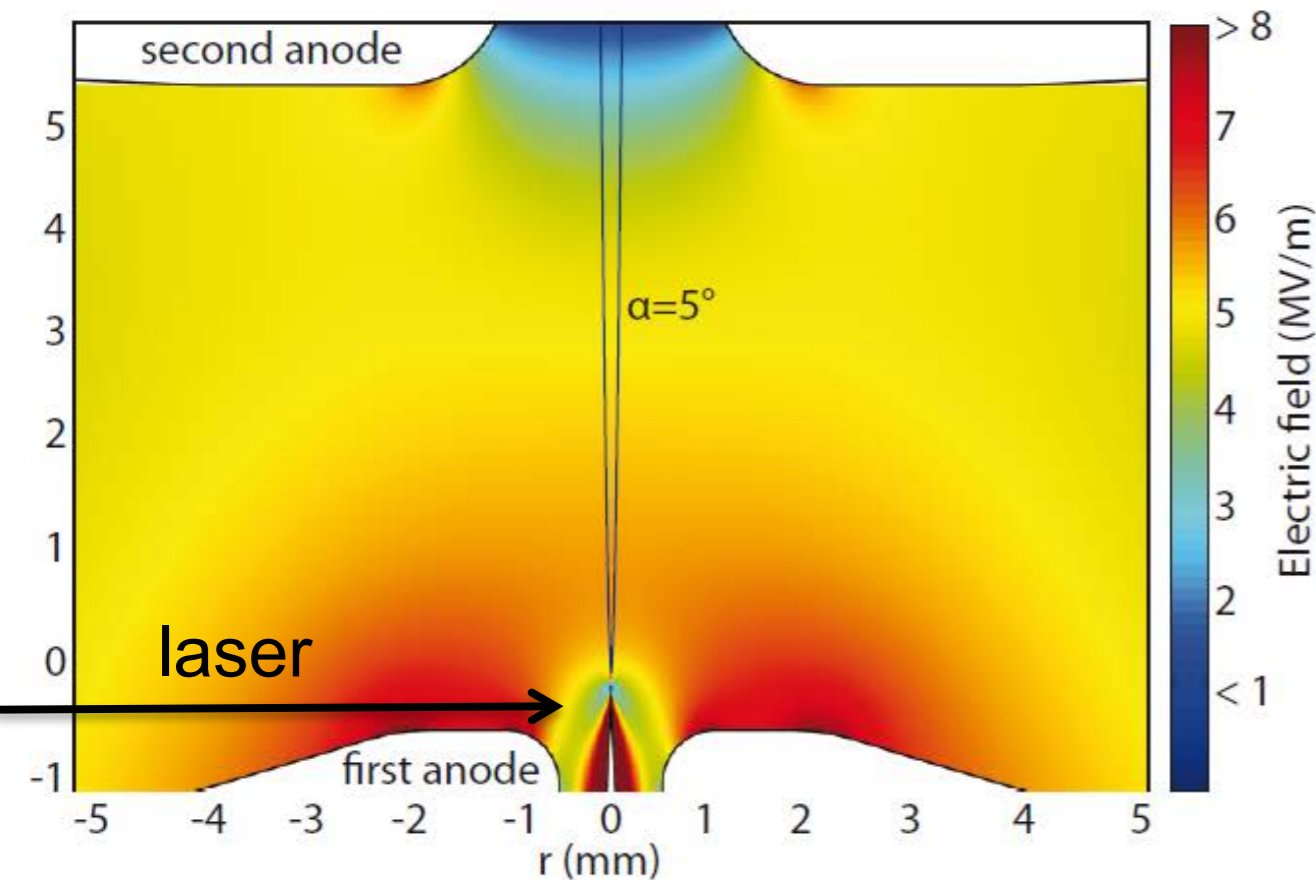




# Highly controlled, needle cathode guns are being created with relevant beam parameters for DLAs

Dr. Peter Hommelhoff, Johannes Hoffrogge, (MPQ)

- Optimized 30 keV structure found with the help of FDTD electric field simulations and particle tracking. Result:

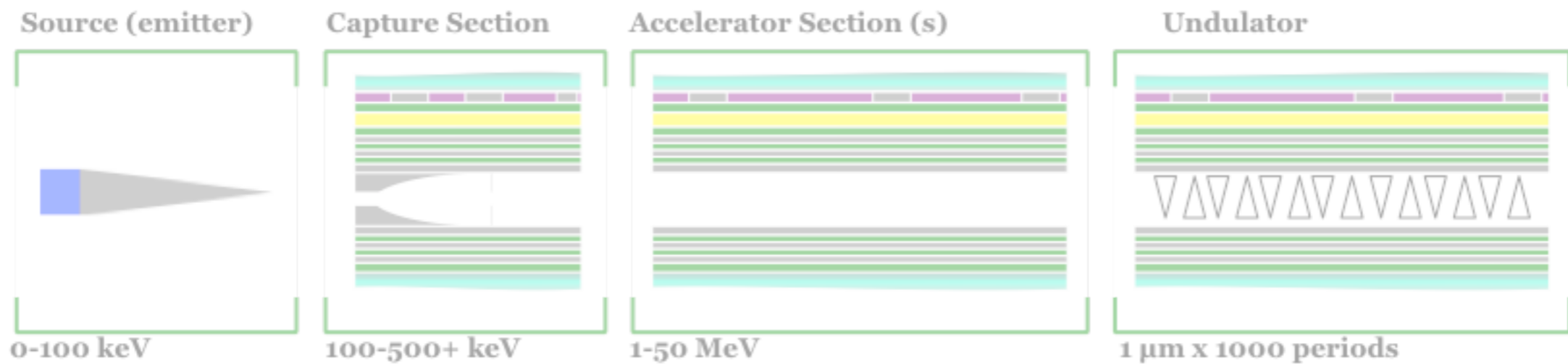


Tip pointing through one anode, with second anode a few mm away (left). With this geometry, the field on electrons' path never drops below  $\sim 4\text{MV/m}$

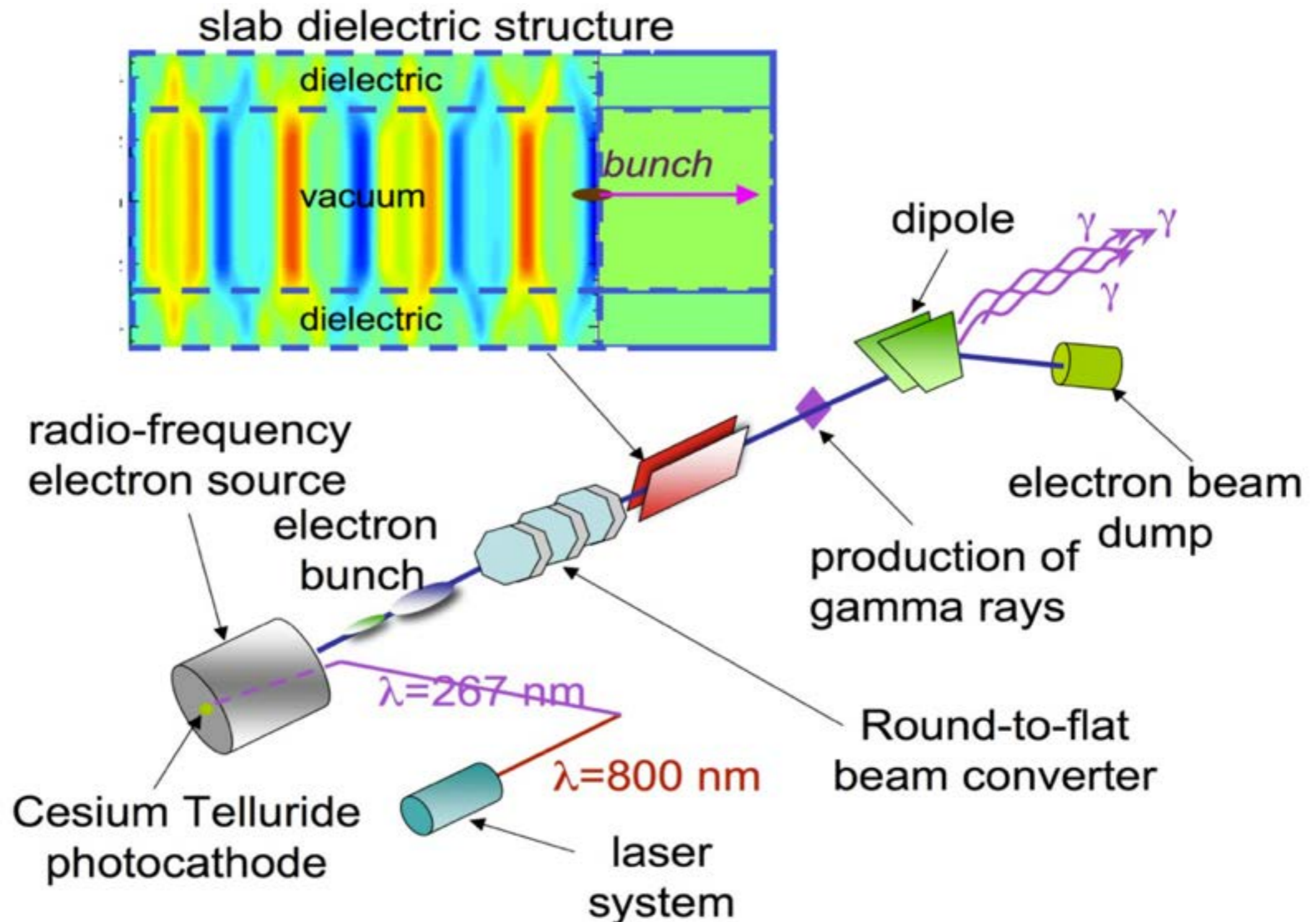


# Diagnostics & Optics

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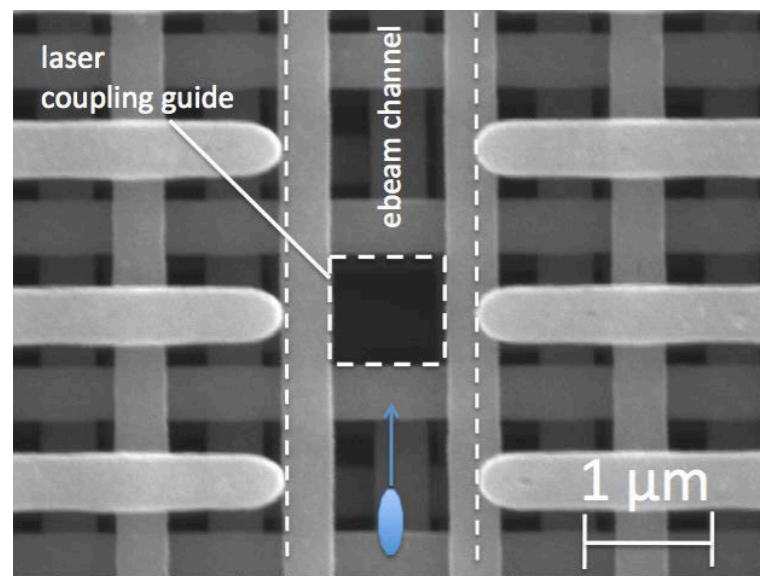
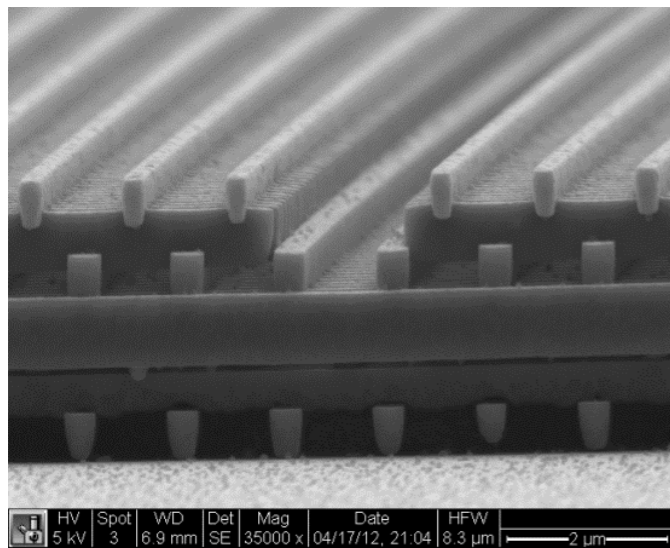


# Beam manipulation including flat beam production is part of a wider effort to test novel structures



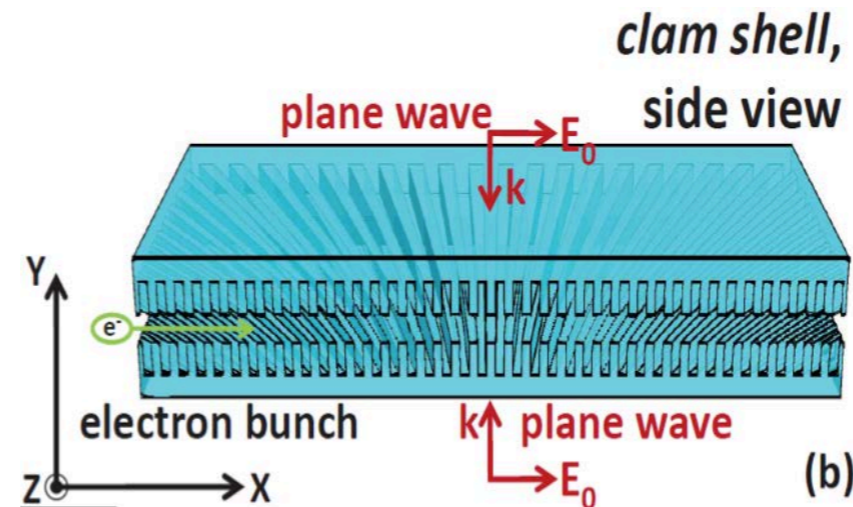
# Optical-scale diagnostics, focusing elements, couplers and other components have been or are being built

## Efficient Coupler Designs

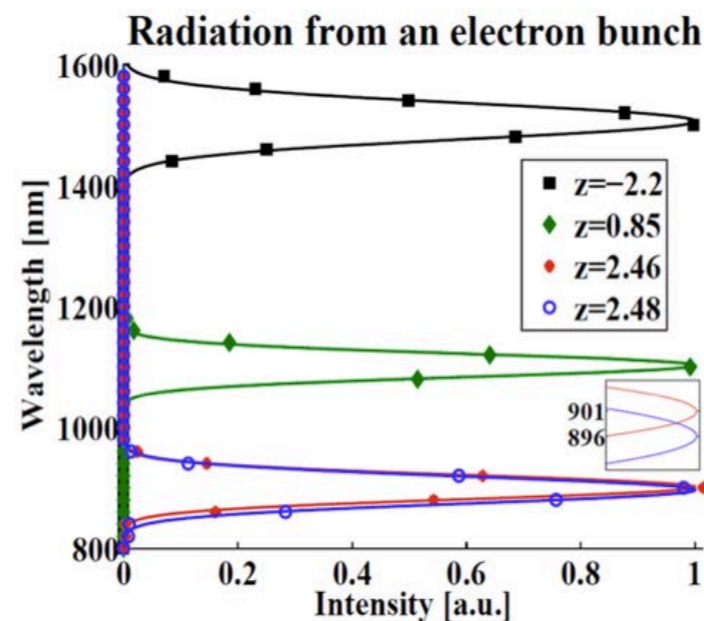


C. McGuinness. Z. Wu

## BPMs



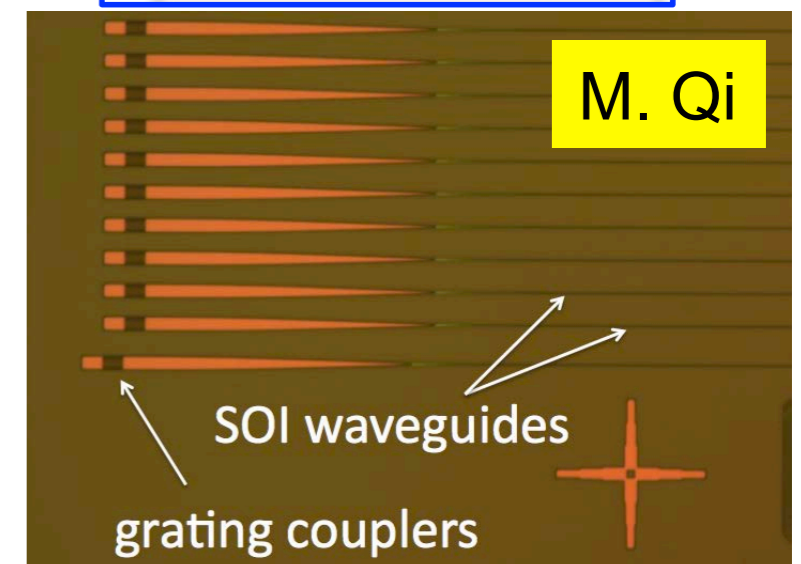
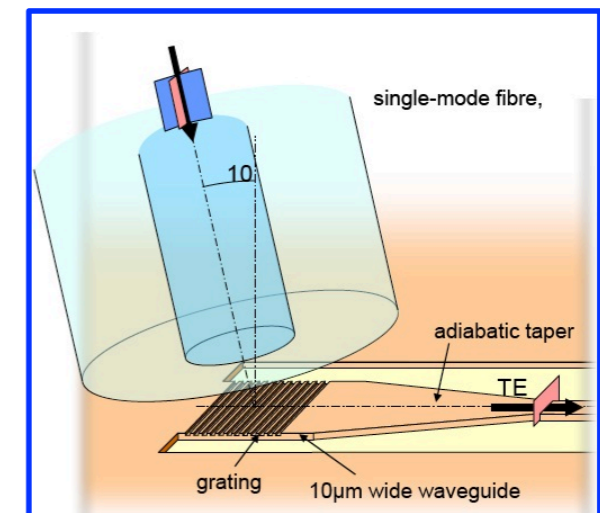
K. Soong



K. Soong, et al. *Optics Letters*, Vol. 37, Issue 5, pp. 975-977 (2012)

## Fiber couplers Waveguide Networks

Taillaert, et al., *JQE* 38(7), p.949 (2002)



M. Qi

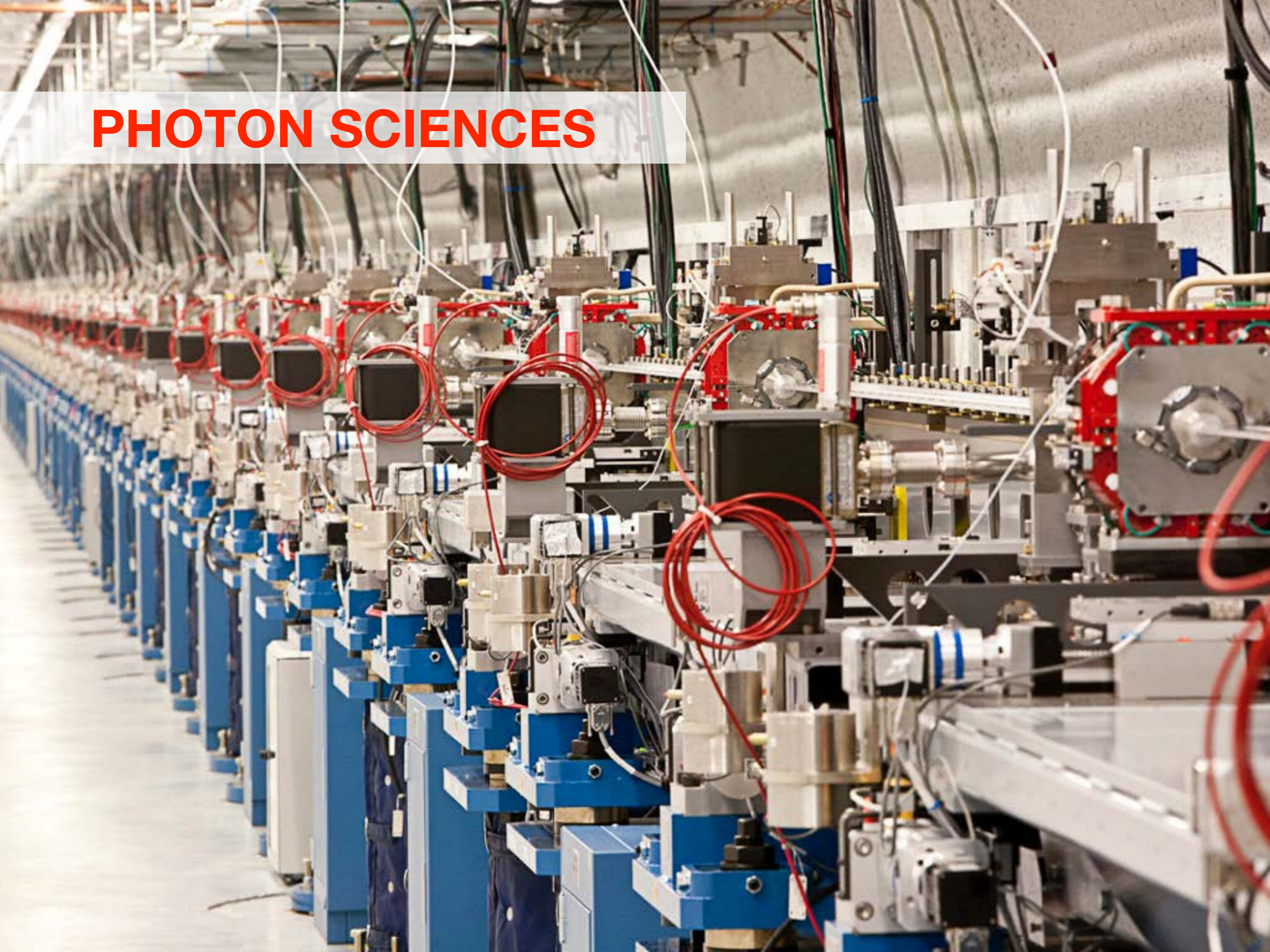


**WE ARE TOOL BUILDERS**





# PHOTON SCIENCES





It is possible to have an all-laser-powered x-ray source using optical accelerator structures...

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low energy  
+  
optical undulator  
=  
QFEL

high energy  
+  
conventional undulator  
=  
FEL but long

**... but compromises must be made**



# Radiator Module

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Source (emitter)



0-100 keV

Capture Section



100-500+ keV

Accelerator Section (s)



1-50 MeV

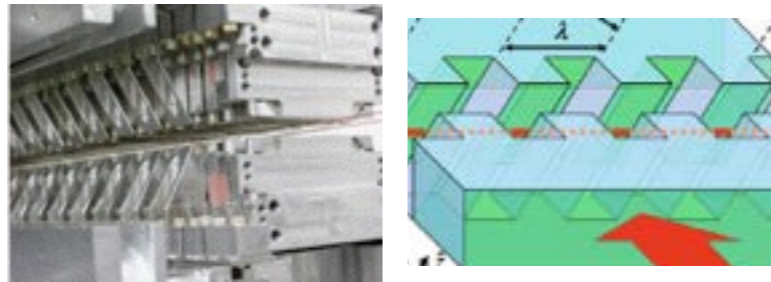
Undulator



1  $\mu\text{m}$  x 1000 periods

# Undulator technology has significant impact on the FEL design

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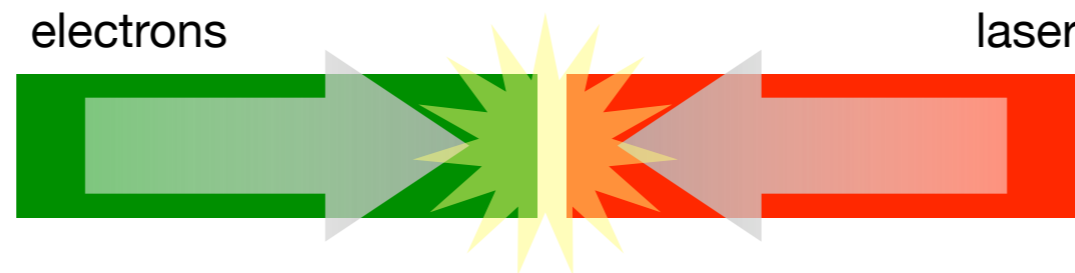


|           | PM     | Opt. Struct.         |
|-----------|--------|----------------------|
| Period    | >1 cm  | 1-100+ $\mu\text{m}$ |
| Parameter | 1-10   | $\ll 1$              |
| Gap       | 5 mm   | 1 $\mu\text{m}$      |
| Status    | mature | paper                |



# This isn't ICS where the laser spot and Gouy phase shift dominate

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For free space, the “uniform” laser propagation length is set by the Rayleigh range

$$L_R = 2Z_R = 2 \frac{\pi W_0^2}{\lambda}$$

In general, we take

$$L_R = L_L$$

Our baseline parameters:

$$\tau_L = 10 \text{ ps} \Rightarrow L_L = 3 \text{ mm}$$

$$\lambda = 1 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\varepsilon_n = 1 \mu\text{m}$$

$$E_b = 30 \text{ MeV}$$

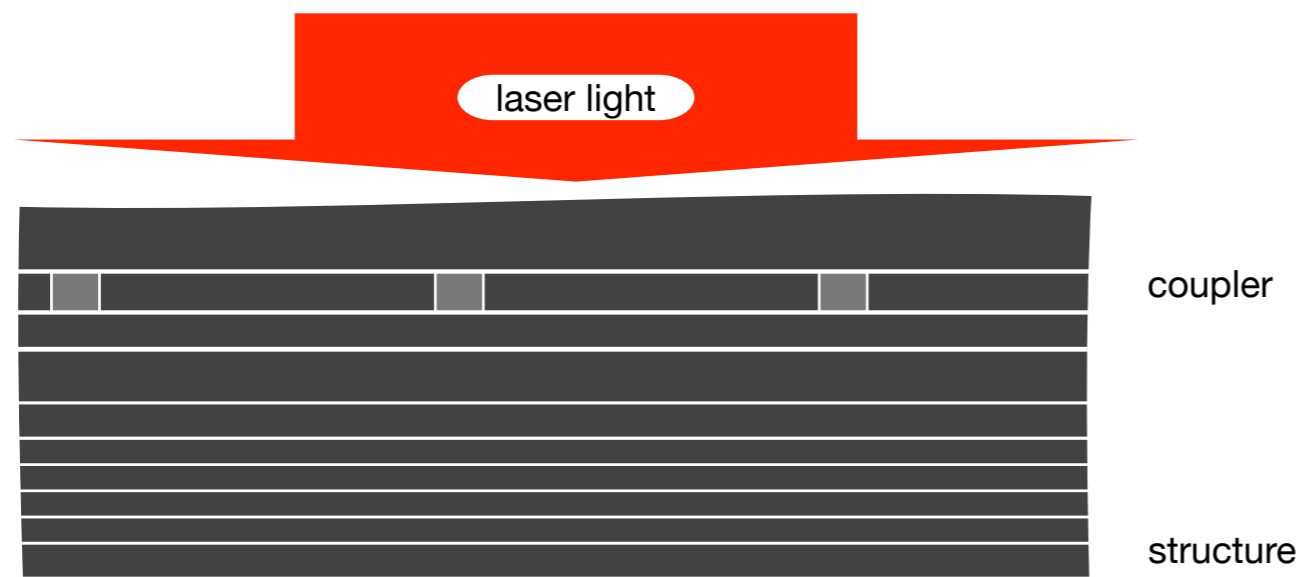
For our example case:

$$2w_0 \approx 40 \mu\text{m}$$

So, the laser beam limits the spot size here:

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_n / \gamma \ll \lambda$$

Here the field is guided and forms a uniform, long undulator. FEL action is used.



$$\lambda_r = \frac{\lambda_u}{2\gamma^2} (1 + K^2)$$

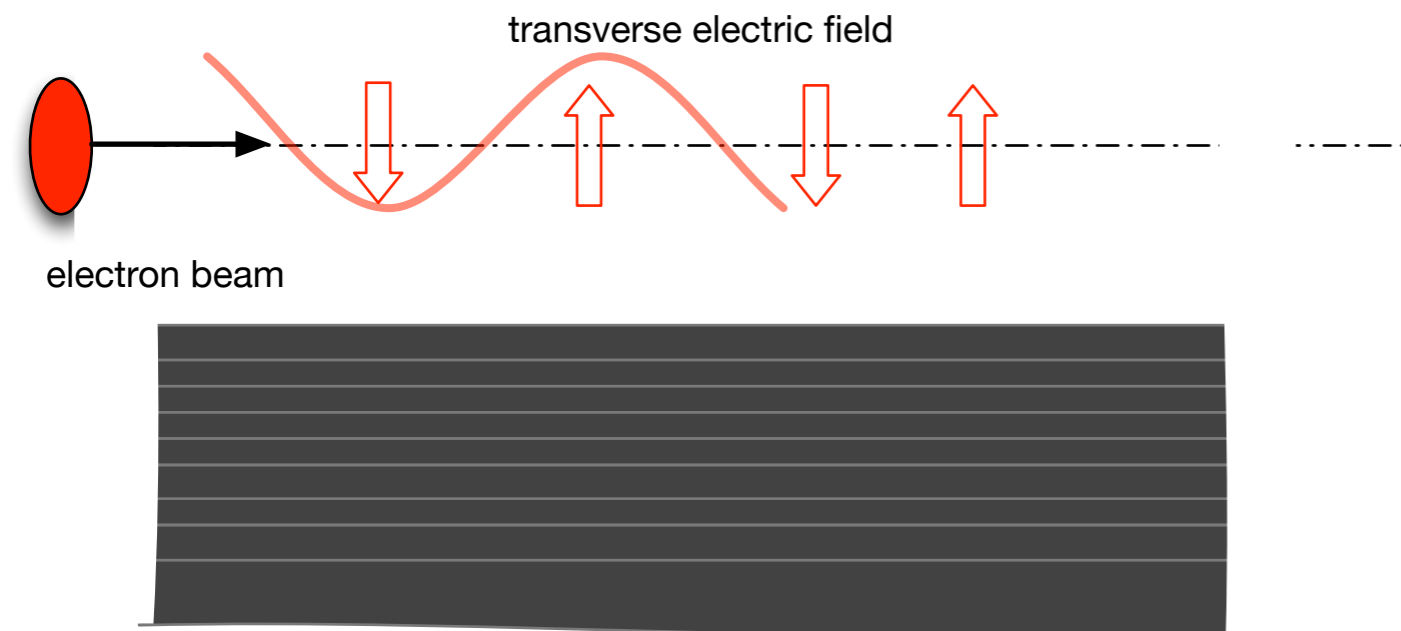
Annotations: 'very short' points to  $\lambda_u$ , 'very small' points to  $K^2$ , and 'low' points to  $\gamma^2$ .

Small period means small  $K$ :

$$K = \frac{F \lambda_u}{2\pi m c^2}$$

Focusing is an additional issue:

$$\beta_{opt} \approx 3 \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_n}{\gamma} \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} L_g}$$





# A iPad-scale soft x-ray light source powered entirely by lasers seems possible

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| Parameter           | Value              |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Wavelength          | 6 nm               |
| Beam energy         | 50 MeV             |
| Emittance (norm.)   | 0.06 $\mu\text{m}$ |
| Current             | 2000 A             |
| Charge              | 160 fC             |
| Undulator parameter | 0.11               |
| Undulator period    | 120 $\mu\text{m}$  |
| Saturation length   | 125 mm             |
| X-ray flux/bunch    | ~10                |

(wow!)

(resistive wall? wakes?)

(whew!  $\sim 10^6 e^-$ )

A hard x-ray light source powered entirely by lasers and on a tabletop scale would be a QFEL

| Parameter                | Value                           |                          |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| FEL Wavelength           | $\sim 1 \text{ \AA}$            |                          |
| Beam energy              | $\sim 110 \text{ MeV}$          |                          |
| Emittance (norm.)        | $0.01 \text{ \mu m}$            | (LOL!)                   |
| Current                  | $2000 \text{ A}$                | (resistive wall? wakes?) |
| Charge                   | $1 \text{ fC}$                  | (whew! $\sim 10^4 e^-$ ) |
| FEL Parameter ( $\rho$ ) | <b>10</b>                       |                          |
| Undulator parameter      | <b><math>2 \times 10</math></b> |                          |
| Undulator period         | $10 \text{ \mu m}$              |                          |
| Saturation length        | $\sim 5 \text{ cm}$             |                          |


$$\hbar\omega / E \sim 10^{-4}$$

The quantum regime of the FEL has positive implications for the spectrum; negative for the flux

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Photon energy:  $\hbar\omega$

Beam energy:  $E$

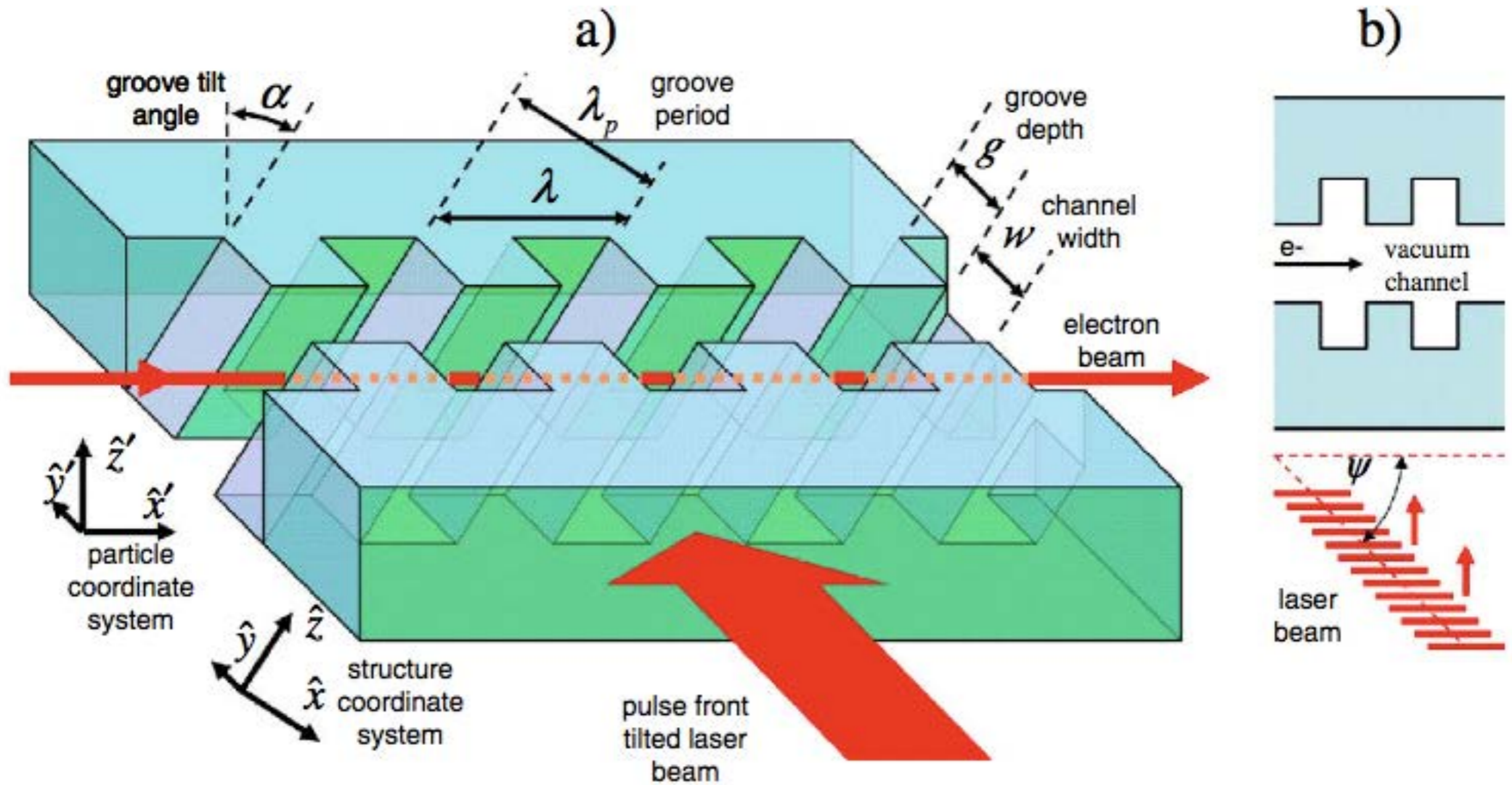
FEL bandwidth:  $\Delta\omega/\omega \sim \rho$

When the recoil energy loss is greater than the FEL bandwidth, the quantum regime dominates and the emission spectral bandwidth is very narrow

$$\hbar\omega / E > \Delta\omega/\omega \sim \rho$$

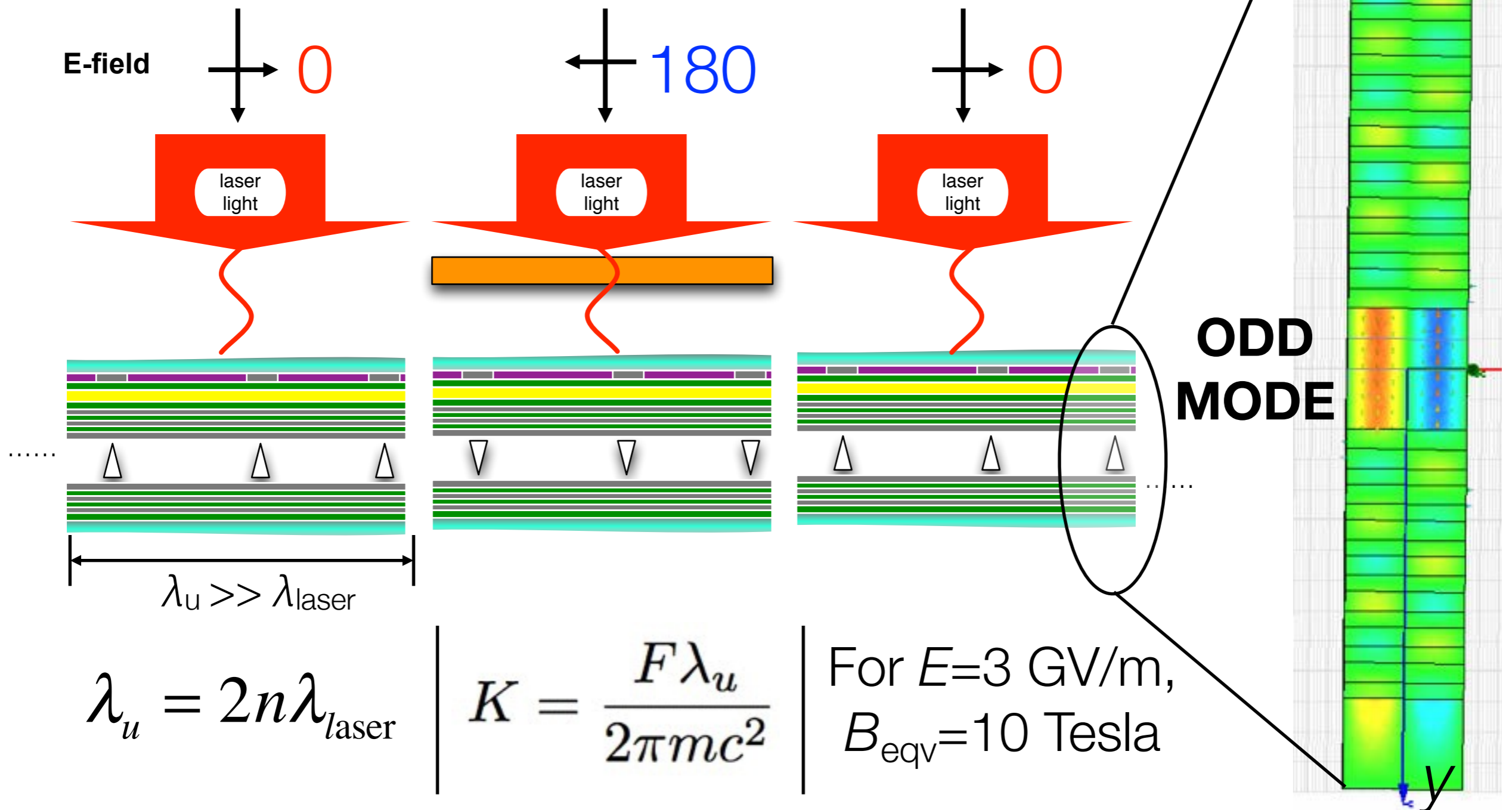


A grating based undulator can produce an intermediate-period device



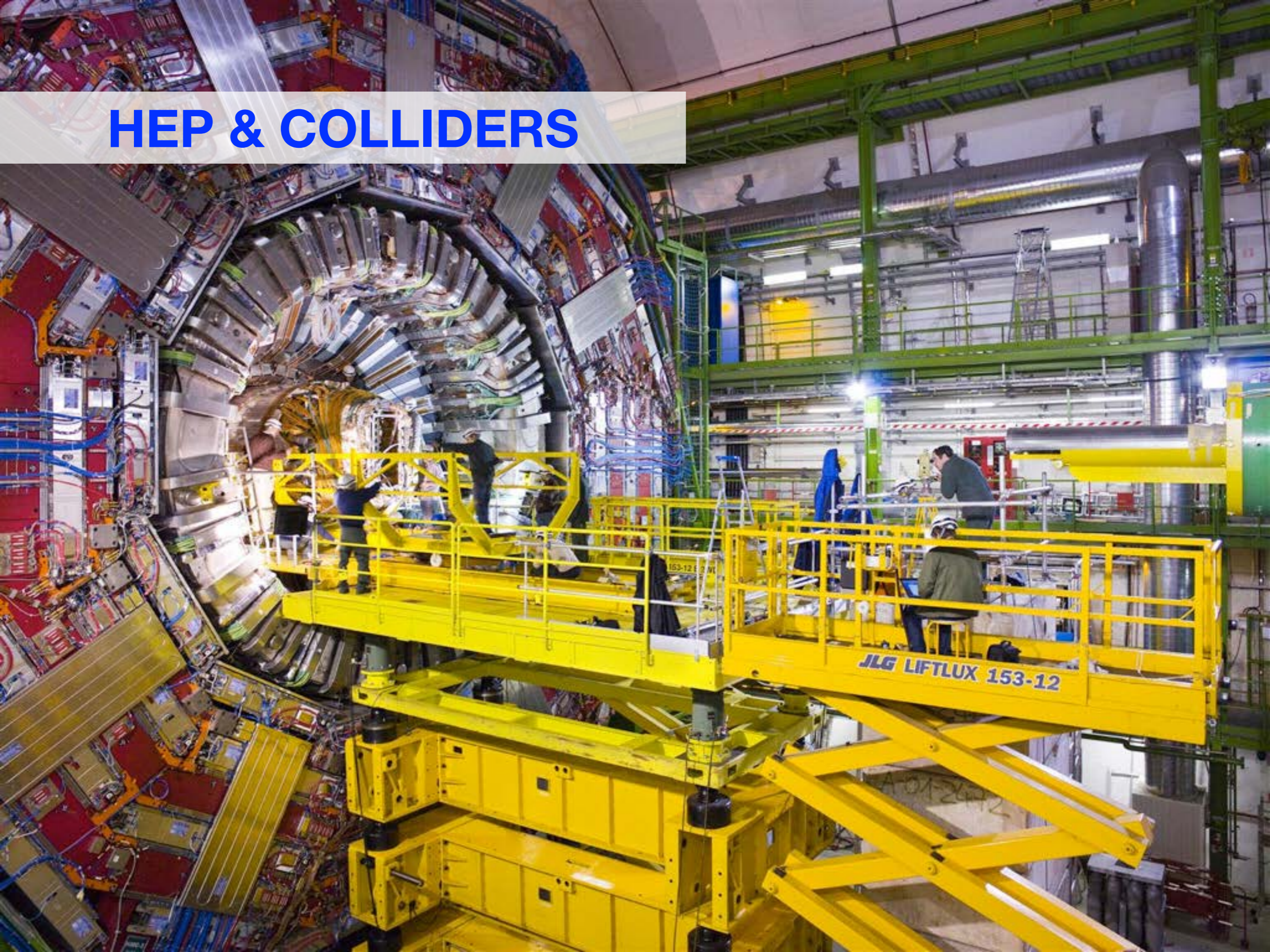
A MAP-based **undulator** structure has been designed

**Undulator Period = Laser Phase Flip**  
**waveplates used to control phase**



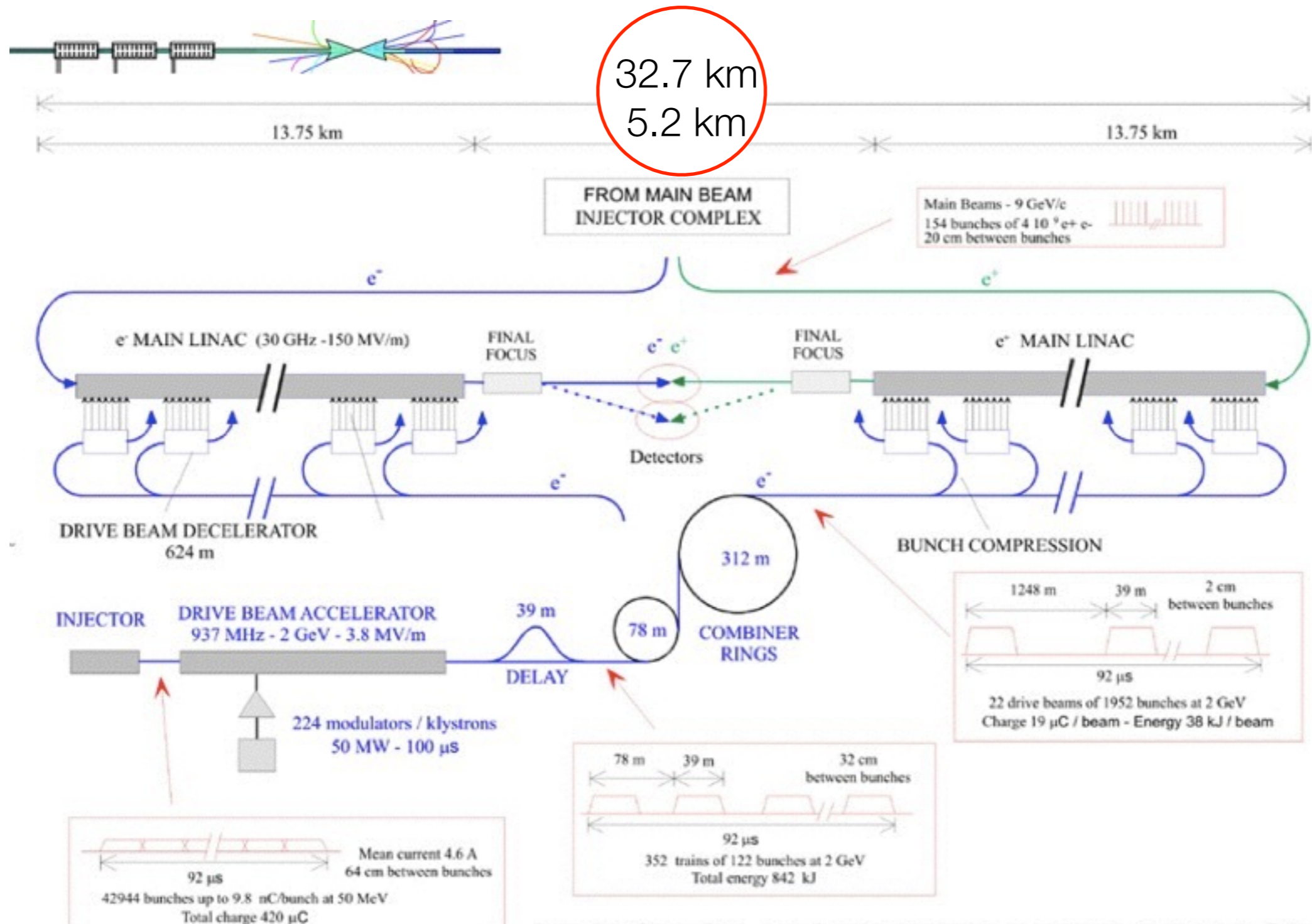


# HEP & COLLIDERS





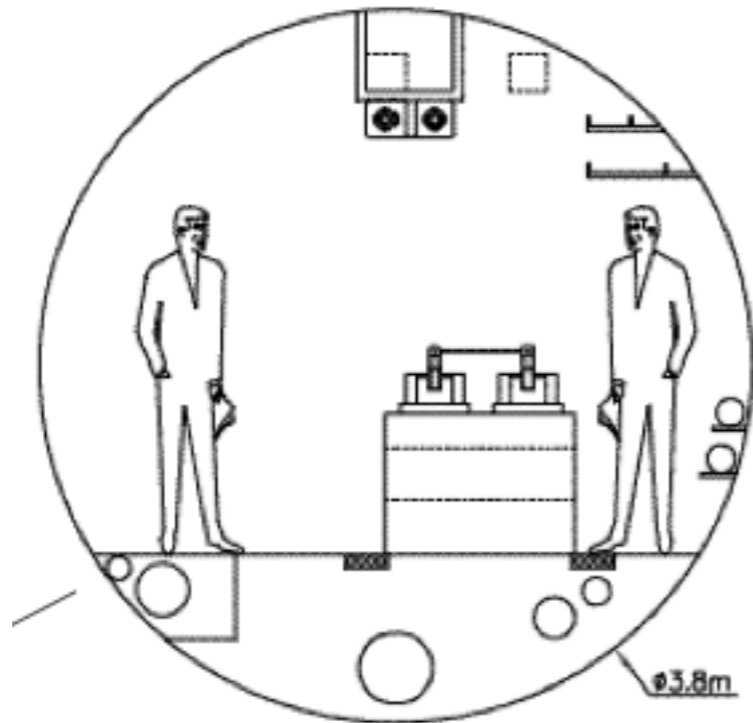
# High gradient acceleration only does a little to change the demands



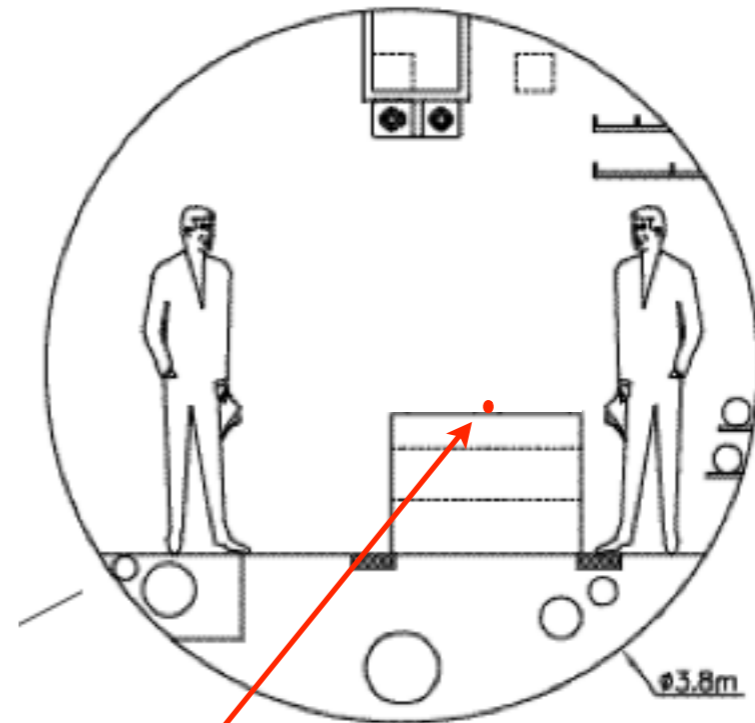
Conventional facilities designs may not transfer over and we have little experience with km optical scale structures

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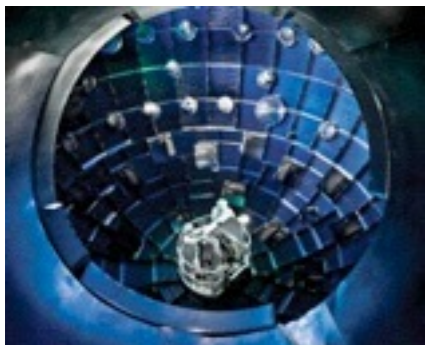
CLIC Tunnel



DLA Tunnel



DLA x 1000



NIF & LIGO may be useful guides

Beamstrahlung and beam disruption favors low charge per bunch...

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For flat beams

$$D \approx 2r_e \frac{\sigma_z}{\gamma \sigma_x \sigma_y} N$$

For  $D \ll 1$ , we can have luminosity enhancement

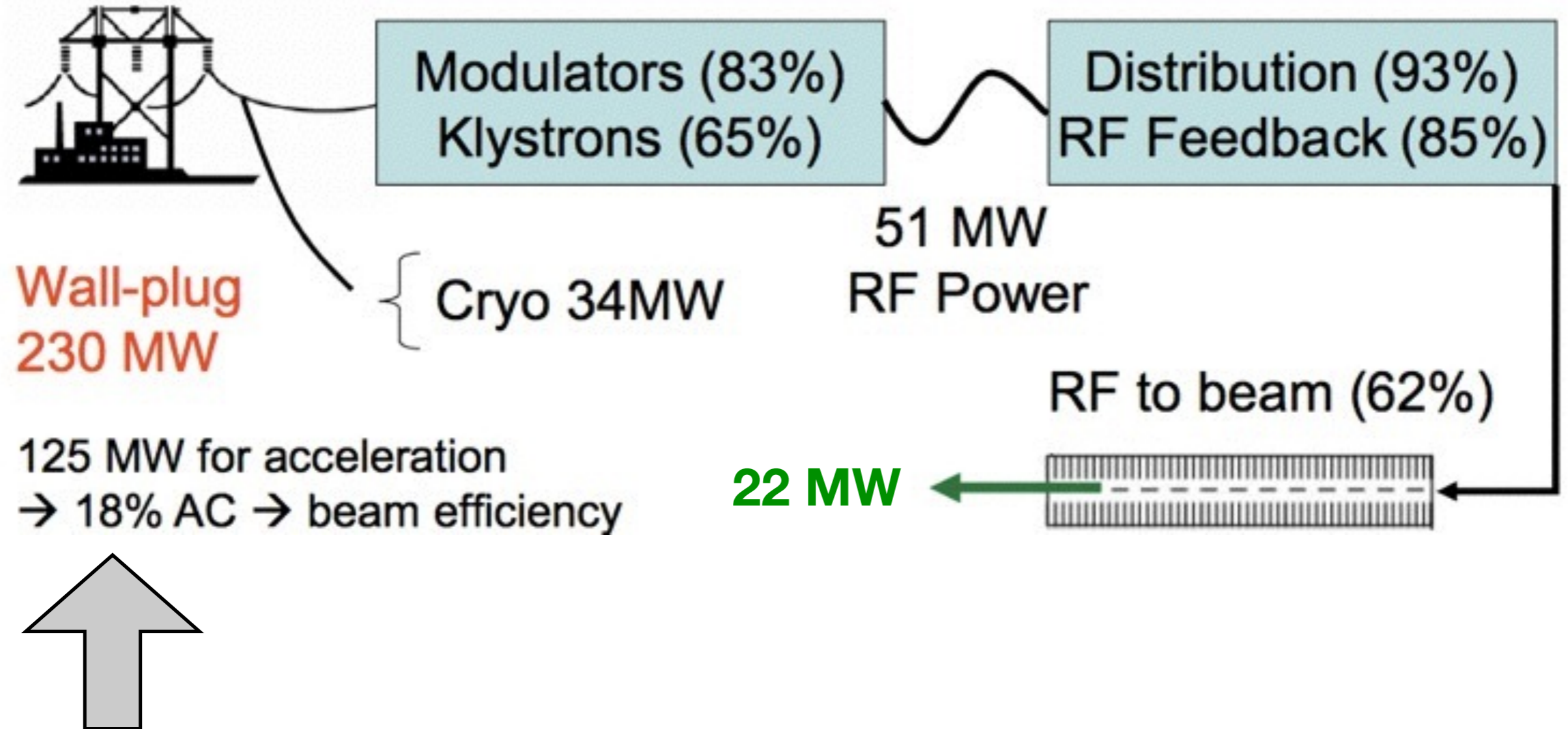
Reference beamstrahlung parameter:

$$\Upsilon_0 = \frac{r_e \hat{\lambda}_c}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\Gamma}{\sigma_r \sigma_z} N$$

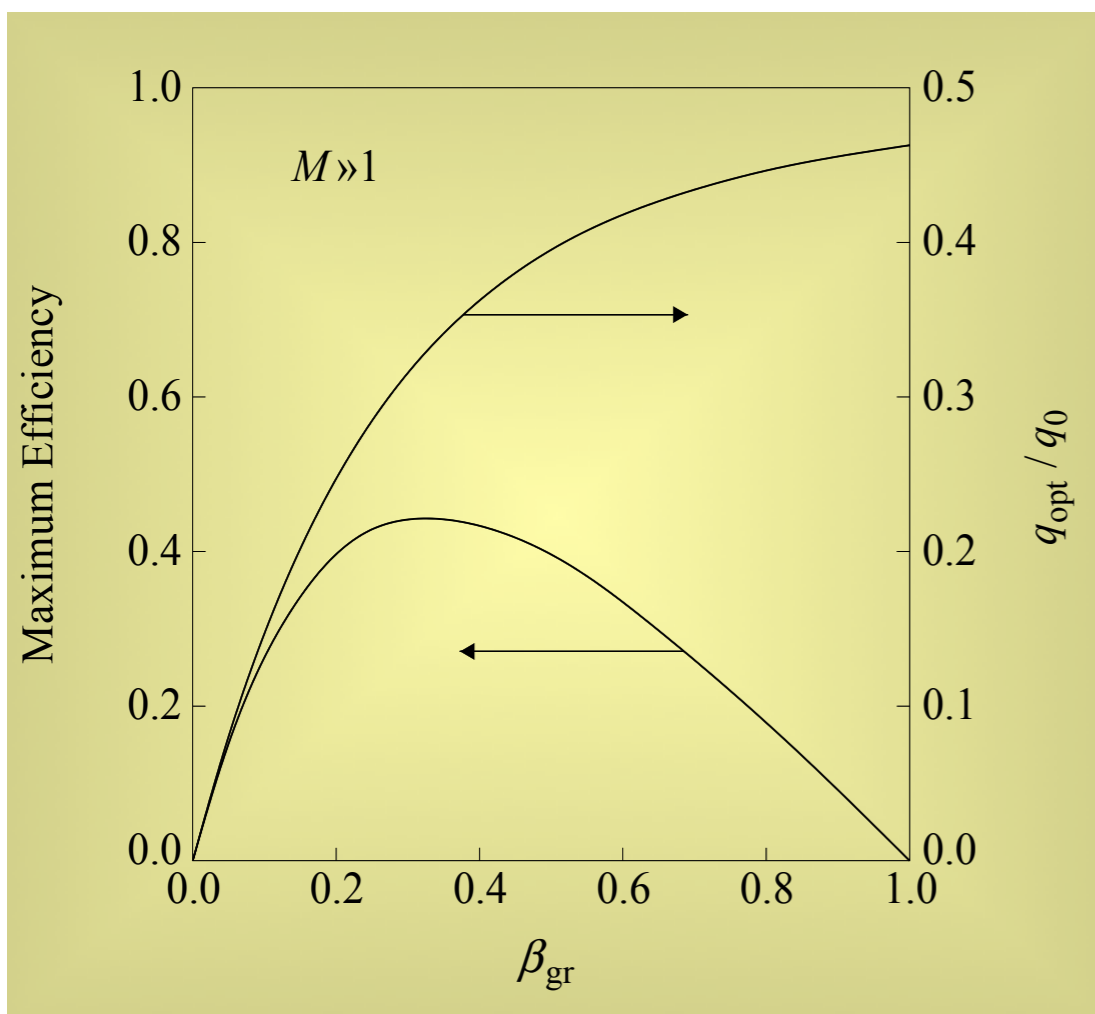
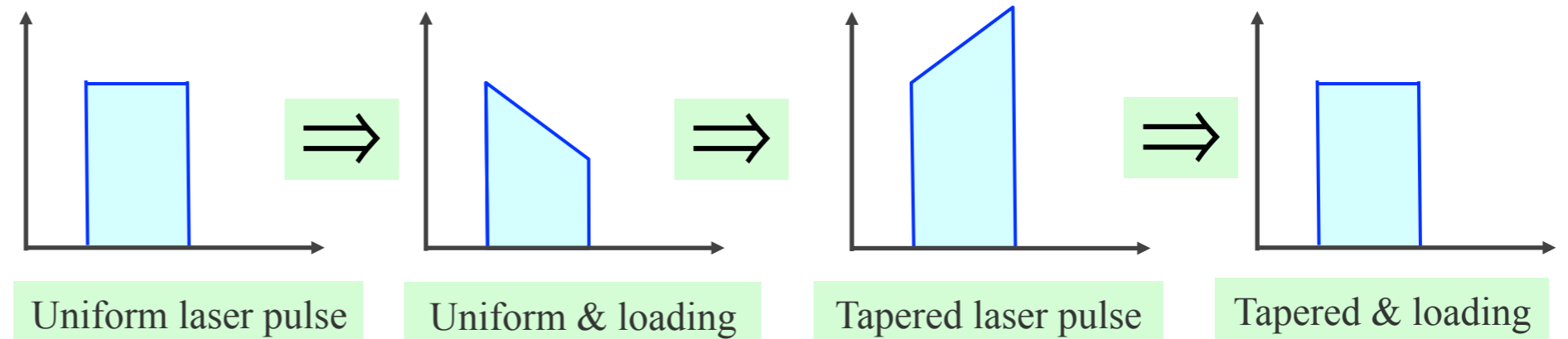
complicated interplay...  
but low N is generally favored



Efficiency is a concern in any collider.



# In a TW structure, beam loading is not sufficient to produce high efficiency



Still we have a problem: wake propagates at  $c$  whereas laser's envelope propagates at  $c\beta_{\text{gr}}$ .

**Solution:**  $M\lambda = d$

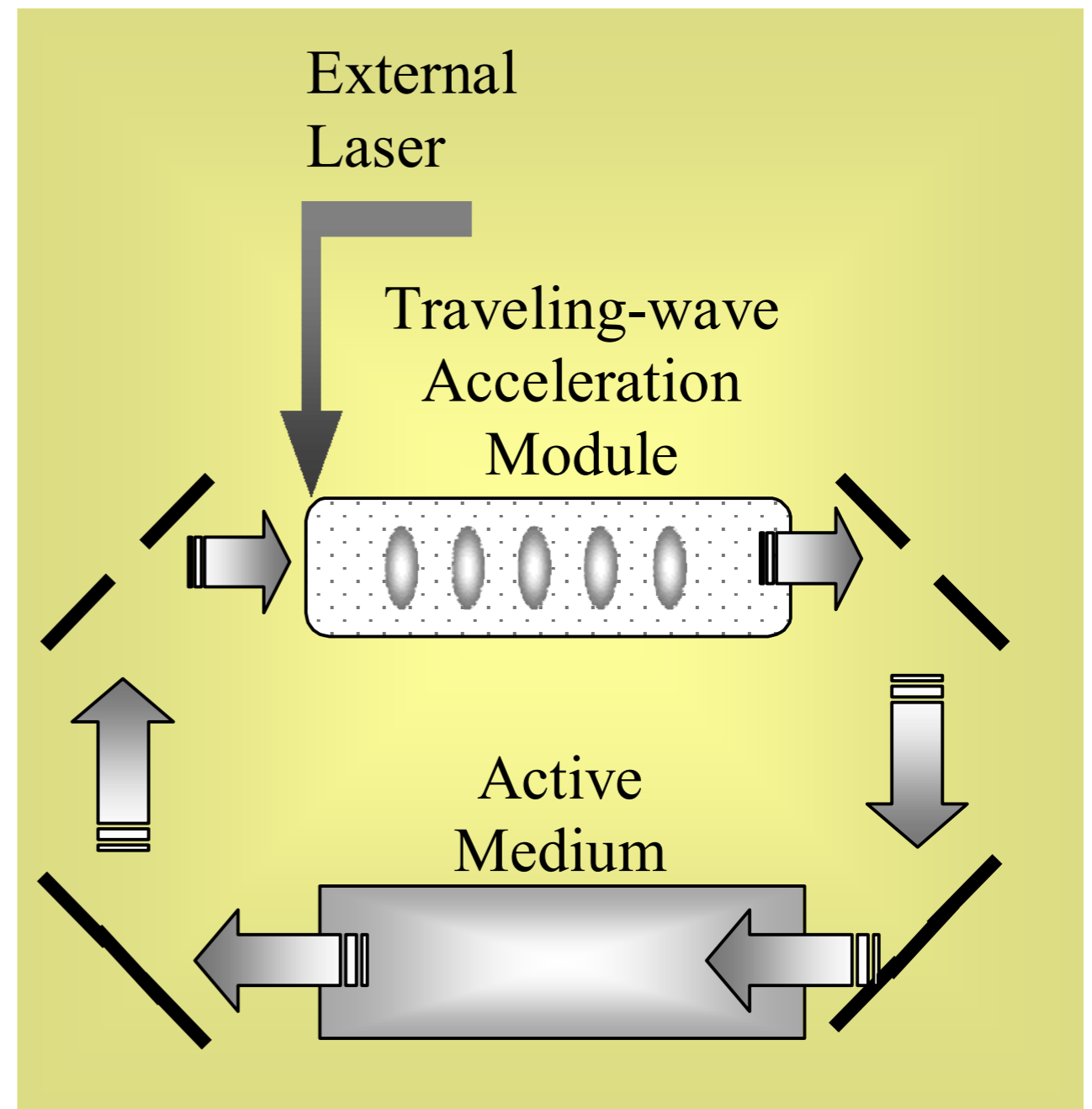
In spite of splitting the macro-bunch, there still is 50% waste of laser energy  
 $\implies$  feedback loop.

# It may be possible to use the wakefield from the bunch train to accelerate trailing bunches

- Long train of bunches
- Quasi-coherent wake
- Feedback (filter + amplifier)

Conditions for self-consistent field:

1. Amplifier compensates for all **radiation loss**
2. External laser compensates for **beam-loading**

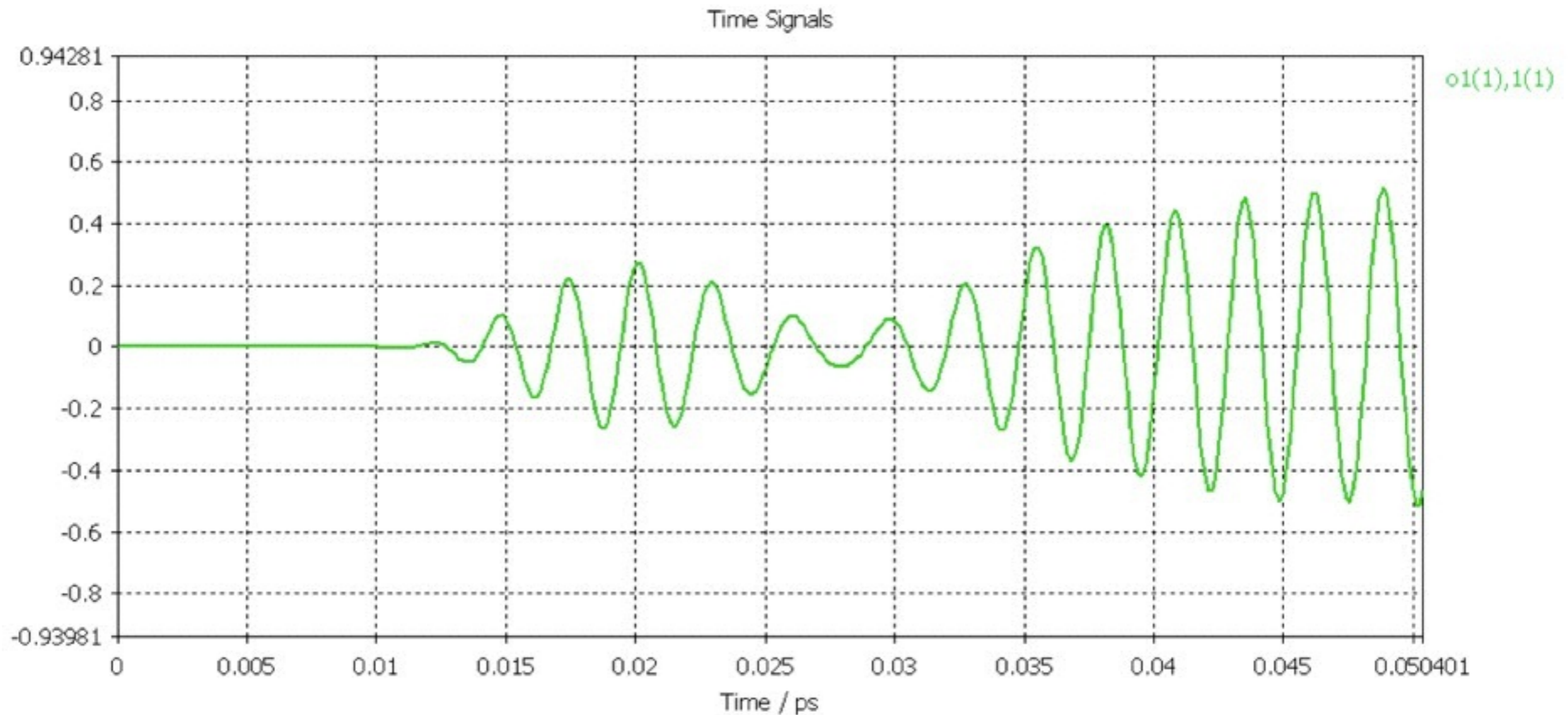




Preliminary studies of coupling show a path from low to >70% coupling efficiency.

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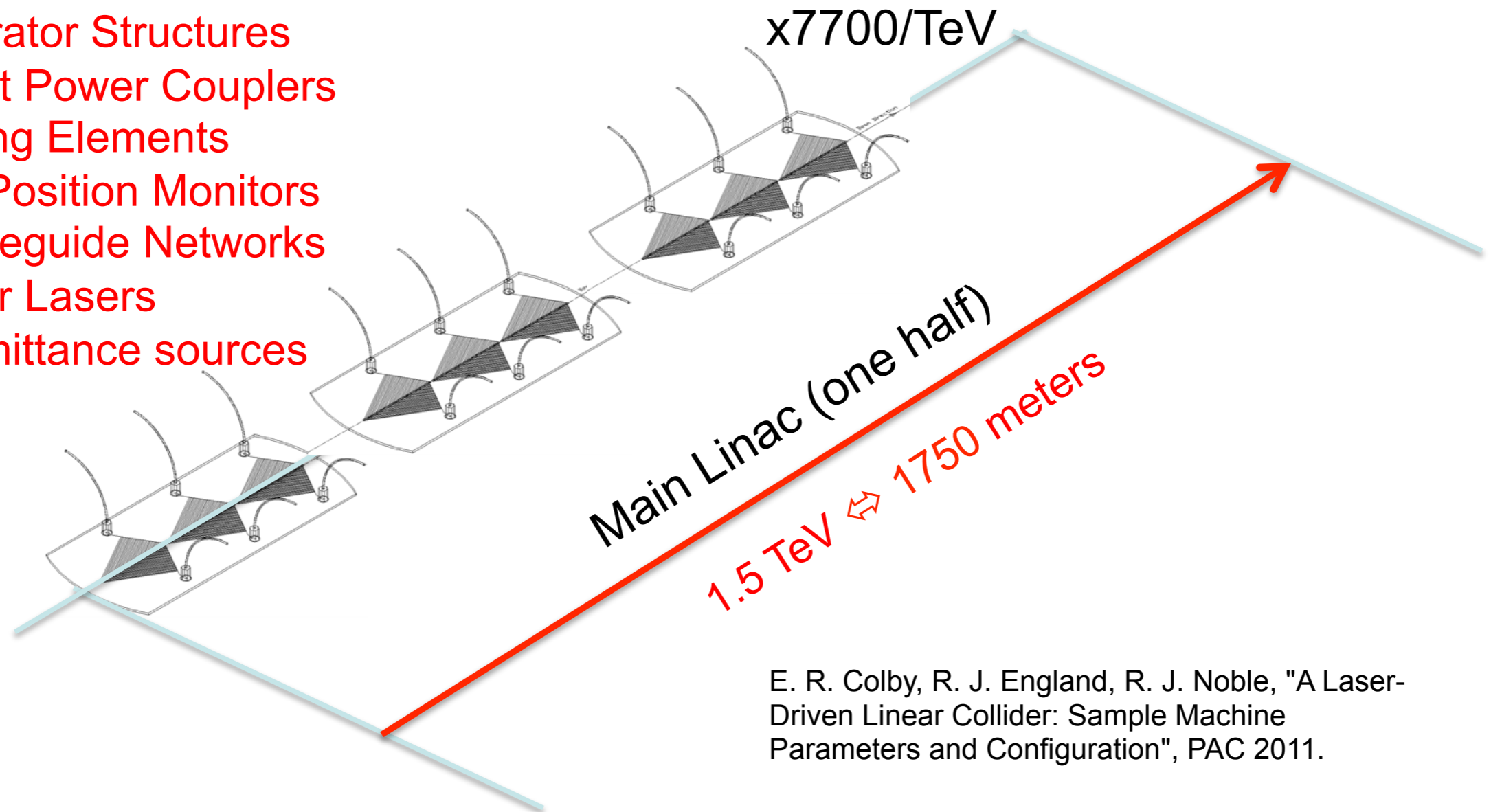
$$\text{Cavity Field/Incoming Field} = 1 - |S_{11}|^2$$



# Staging of DLAs has been conceptually considered; much work remains.

## Train of Integrated Modules on Silicon Wafers

Accelerator Structures  
Efficient Power Couplers  
Focusing Elements  
Beam Position Monitors  
IR Waveguide Networks  
IR Fiber Lasers  
Low-emittance sources  
...



E. R. Colby, R. J. England, R. J. Noble, "A Laser-Driven Linear Collider: Sample Machine Parameters and Configuration", PAC 2011.

The road to a viable DLA-based accelerator for applications is still long, and someone needs to pay.

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reliable many-period acceleration

staging

tolerances & alignment

beam manipulation

injection

*positrons*

*polarized beams*

radiation damage

thermal management

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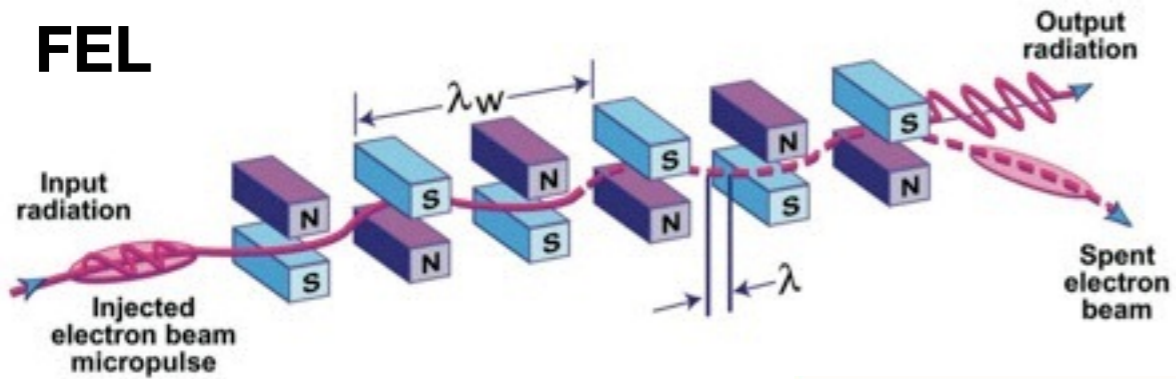
# INDUSTRIAL & DEFENSE



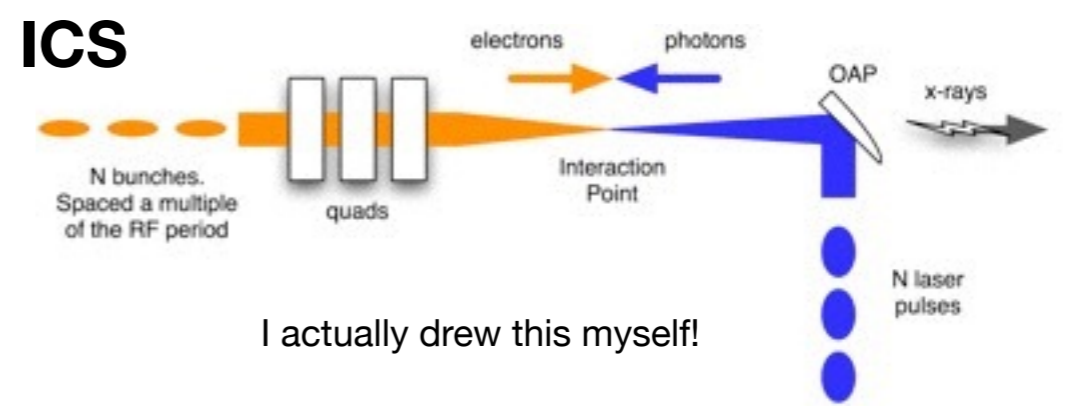
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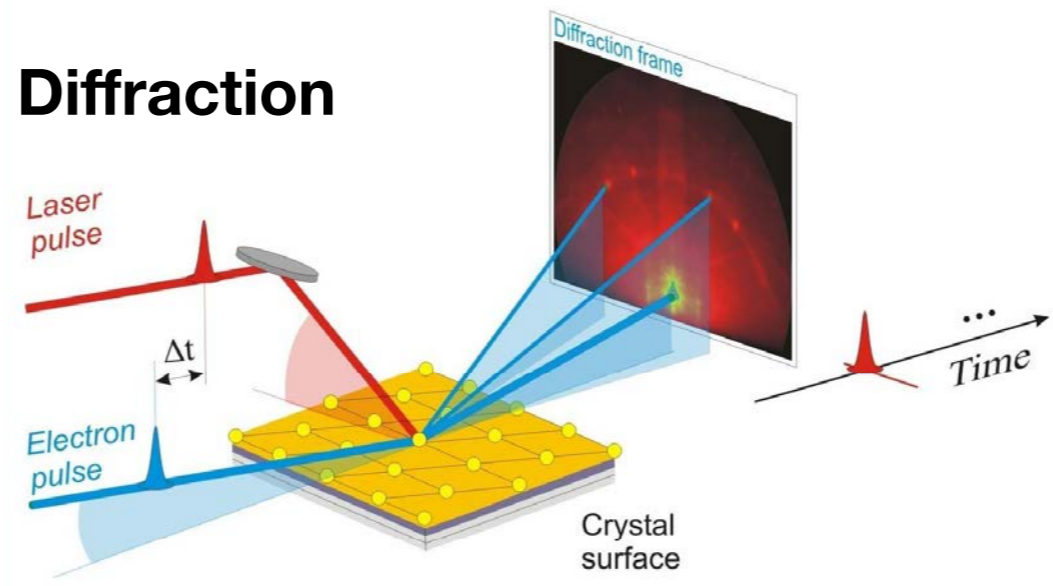
# There are numerous applications where modest beam energies in a compact system are desired



P. O'Shea et al. Science (2001).

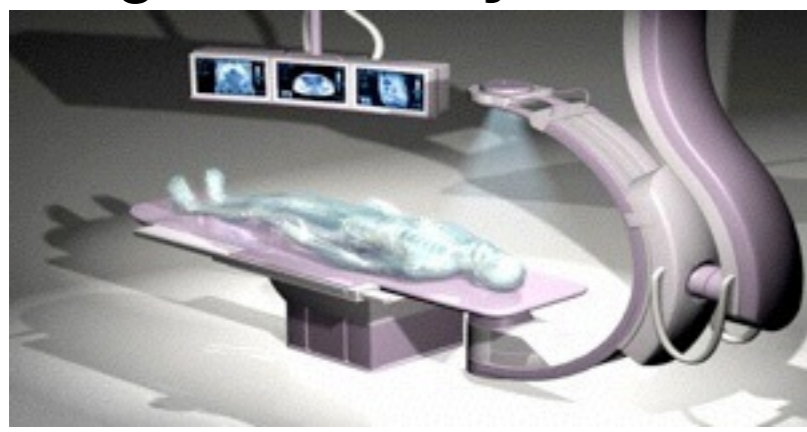


I actually drew this myself!



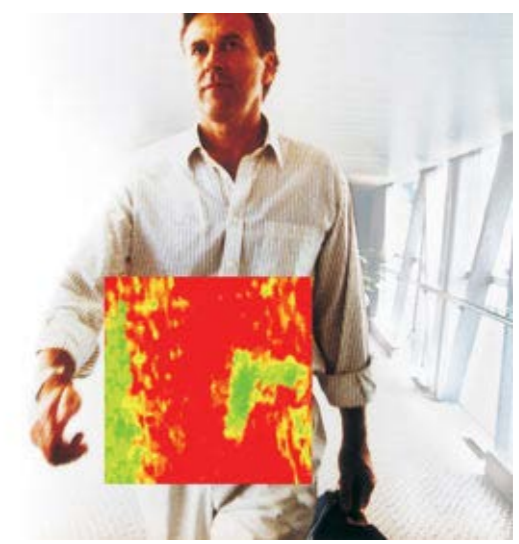
P. Musumeci (UCLA)

## Diagnostic x-ray



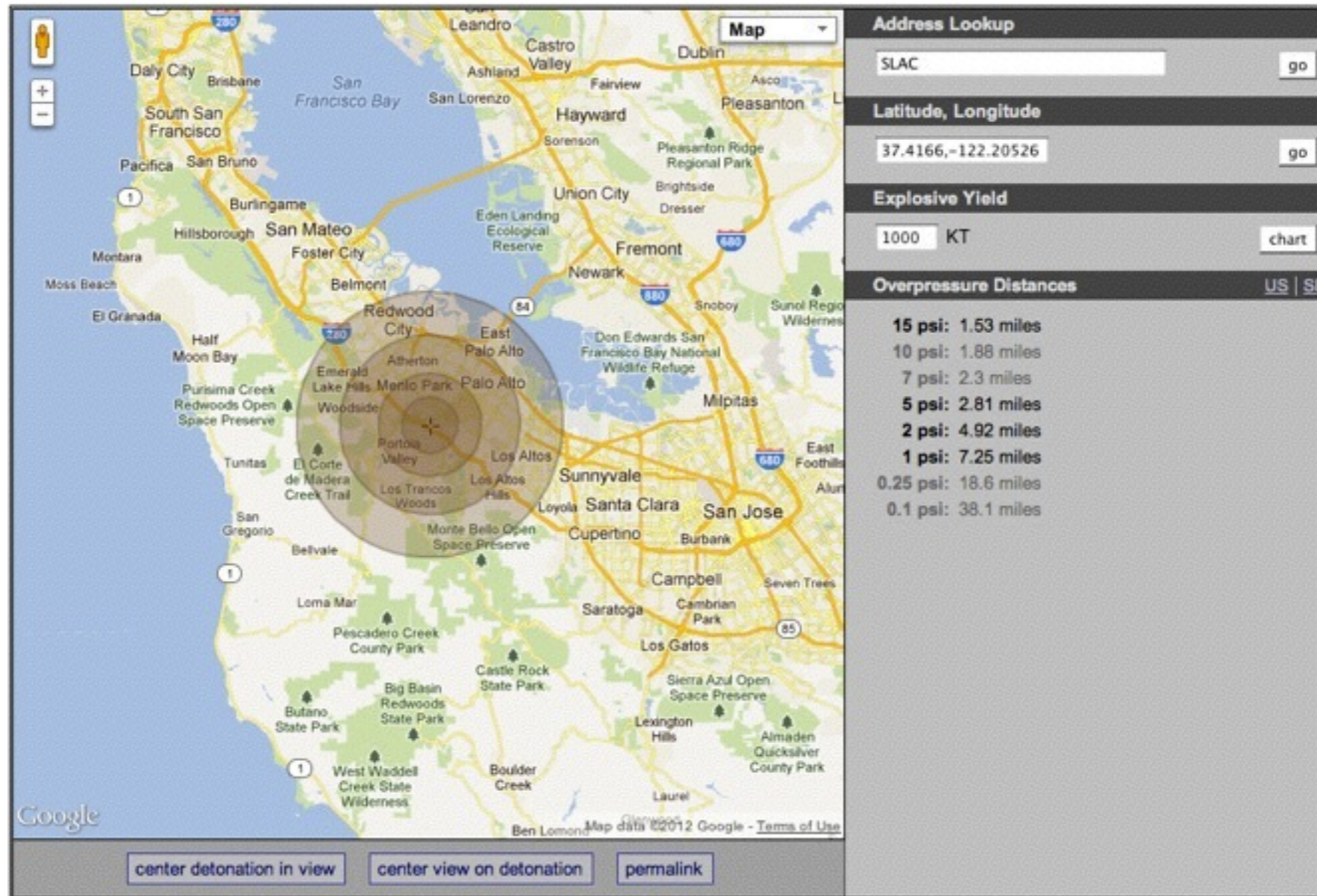
Random web image

## THz



THzNetwork.org

# “Evil doers” obtaining Special Nuclear Materials (SNR) is considered a high likelihood.



*In this post-Cold War world, nuclear terrorism may be the single most catastrophic threat that any nation faces - we must do everything we can to ensure against its occurrence.*

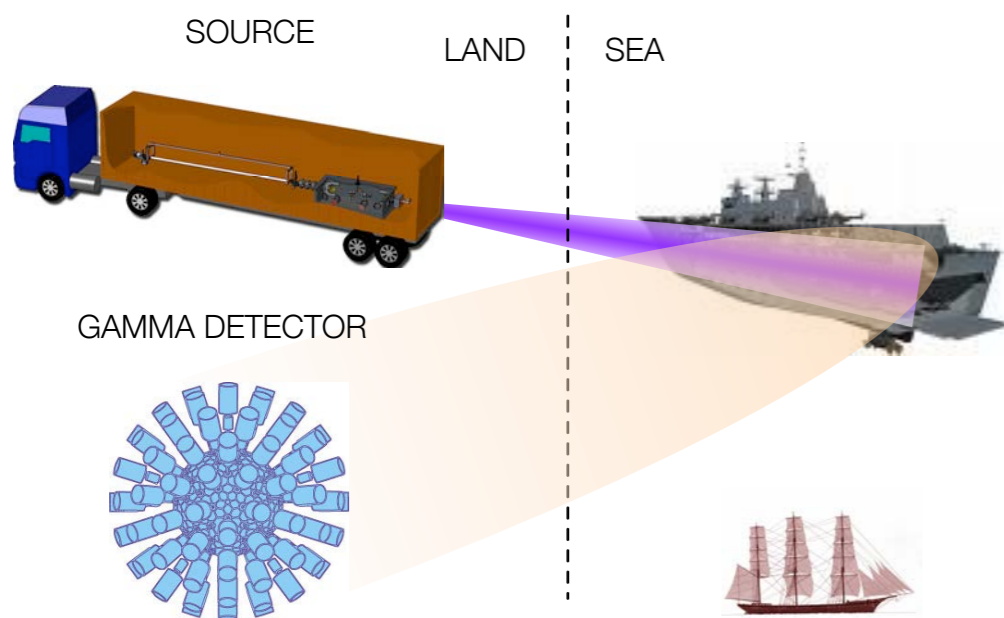
-- Joseph Krol, Associate Administrator, NNSA



# A reduction of 1000x in source flux required can be achieved by bringing the source to the target

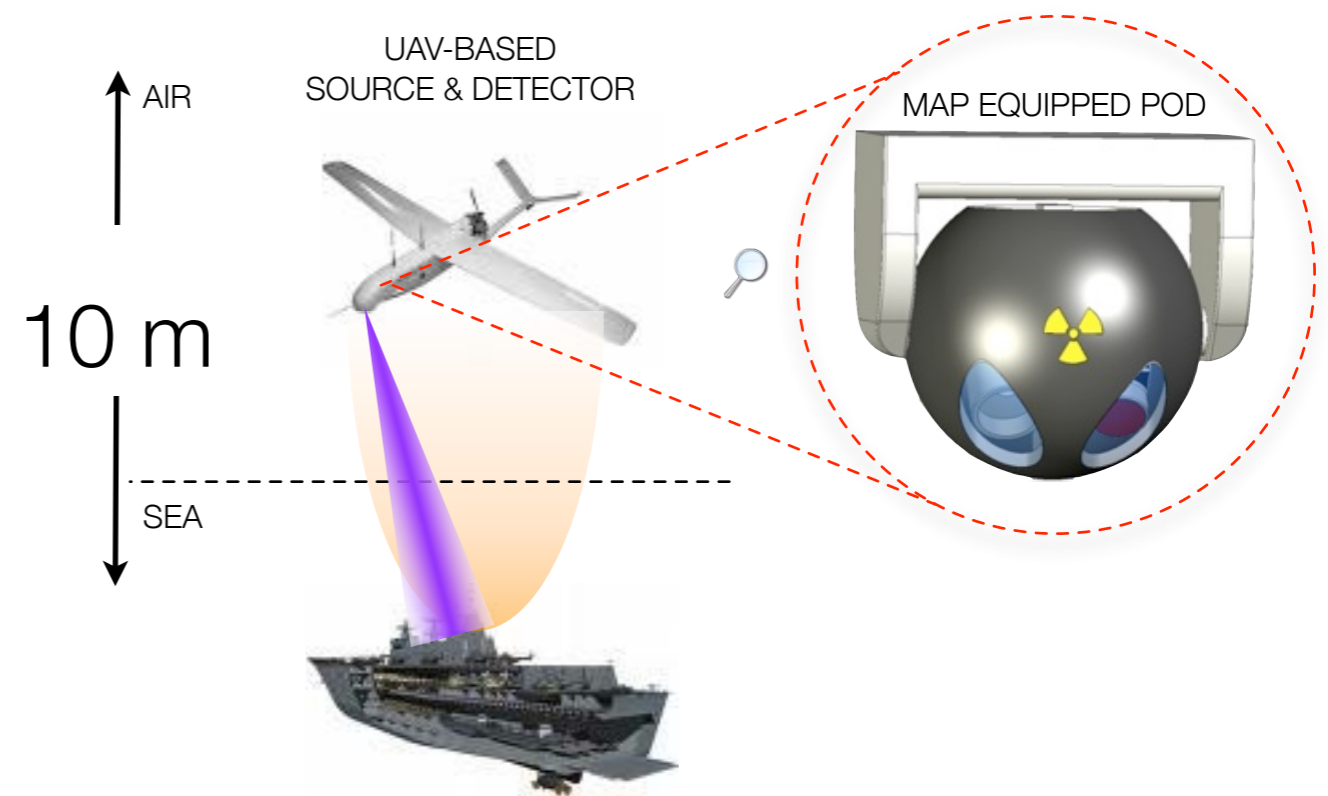
need  $10^{13}$   $\gamma/s$

← 1 km →



Producing 10 MeV gammas by ICS requires  
~500 MeV electrons  
(assuming green drive laser)

need  $10^{10}$   $\gamma/s$

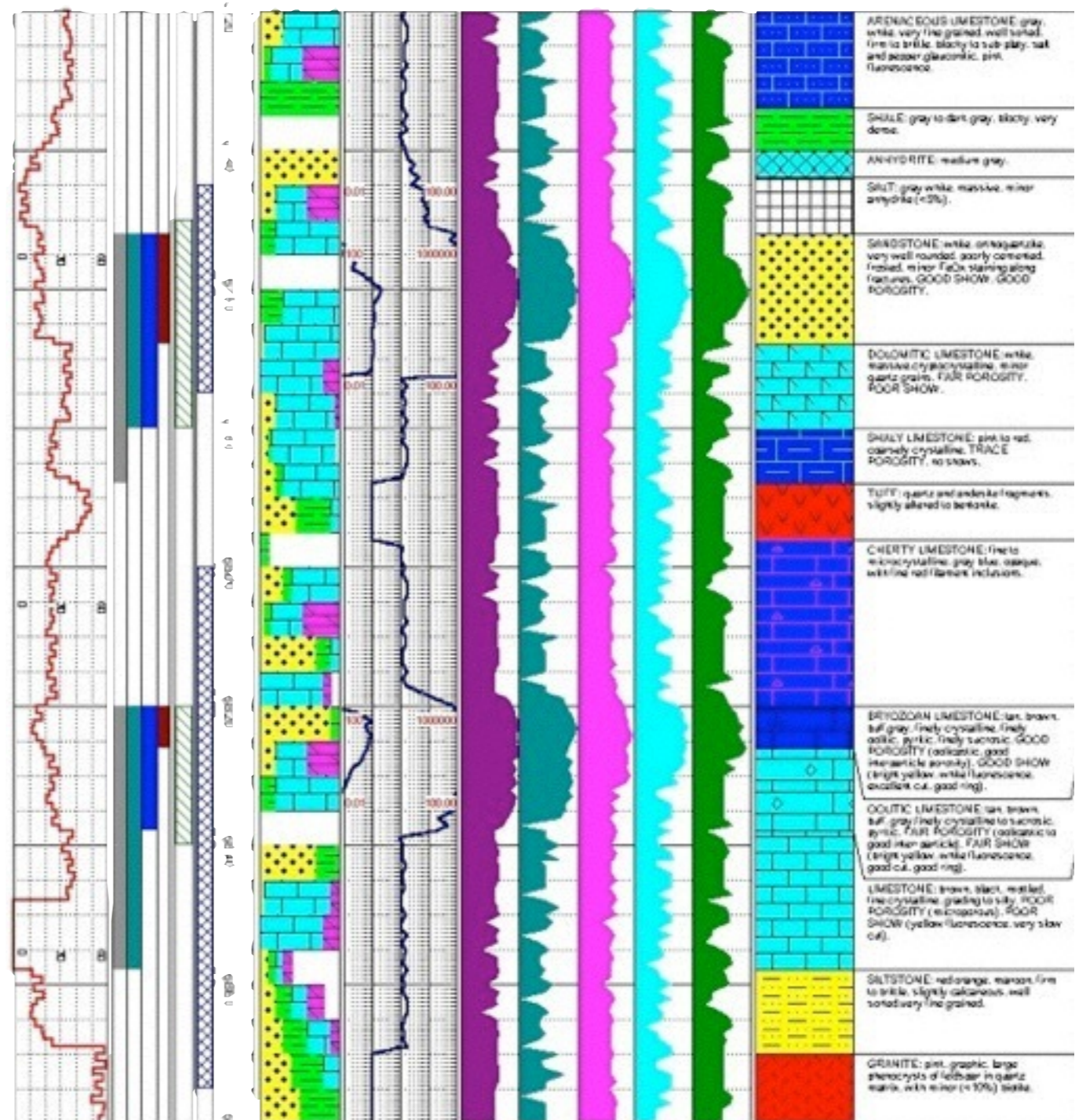




# Oil well logging (densitrometry, lithology, etc.) uses radioactive sources with high proliferation hazard.



| Application               | Radioisotope Activity     | Half-life (yr.) | IAEA Source Category | Health Effect                  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Density                   | Cs-137<br>1.5- 2.0 Ci     | 30              | 3                    | Permanent injury               |
| Neutron porosity          | Am-241<br>8-23 Ci         | 433             | 2-3                  | Death/<br>permanent injury     |
| Frac-pack monitoring      | Am-241<br>300 µCi-16 Ci   | 433             | 3-4                  | Permanent/<br>temporary injury |
| Vessel or pipeline gauges | Cs-137<br>0.135 Ci-2.7 Ci | 30              | 3-4                  | Permanent/<br>temporary injury |
| Inter-well tracer         | Kr-85<br>1000 Ci          | 10.76           | 3                    | Permanent injury               |



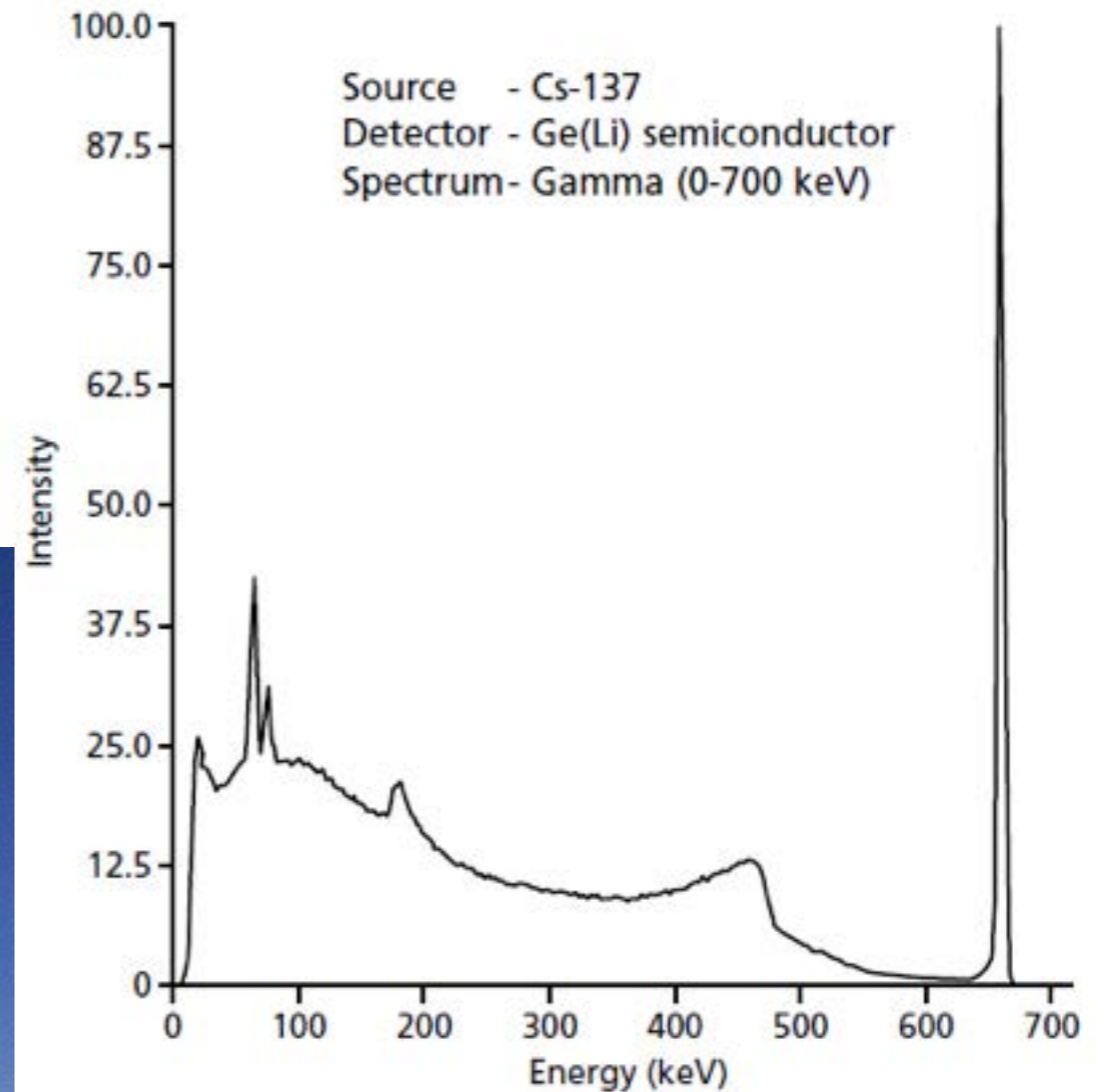


We seek to replace Cs-137 and related radionuclides in geological and industrial applications

## Oil Well Logging

### Gamma Spectrum

**Cs-137**



1. <http://www.hightechsource.co.uk/Resources/Oil%20Well%20Logging.pdf>
2. [http://www.ieccorporation.com/ee\\_oil\\_well\\_logging.htm](http://www.ieccorporation.com/ee_oil_well_logging.htm)



Exotic schemes

*Covering 100 TeV/m-10 GeV/m*





# Summary of LWFA in Novel Media

T. Tajima, G. Mourou, and A. Chao

## 2-step Laser Conversion:

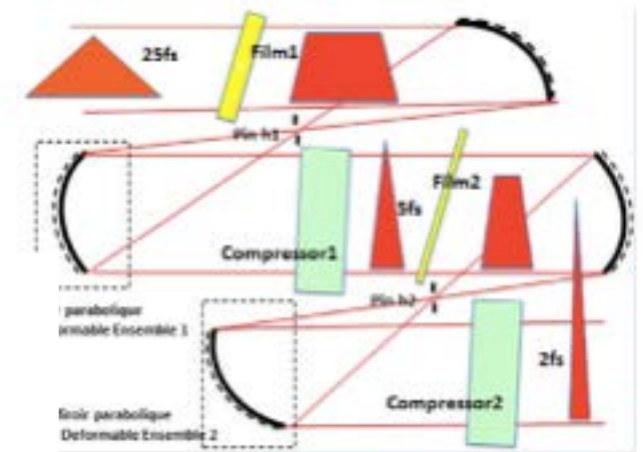
1PW Opt. Laser  $\rightarrow$  10PW Opt. Laser  $\rightarrow$  1EW X-ray Laser  
 30fs, 40J, 1eV      3fs, 30J, 1eV      0.3as, 0.3J, 10keV

## LWFA at solid density

10keV photon:  $n_{cr} = 10^{29} / \text{cc}$  --- solid density  $n = 10^{23} / \text{cc}$

wakefield energy gain =  $2mc^2 a_0^2 (n_{cr} / n) = a_0^2 \text{ TeV}$

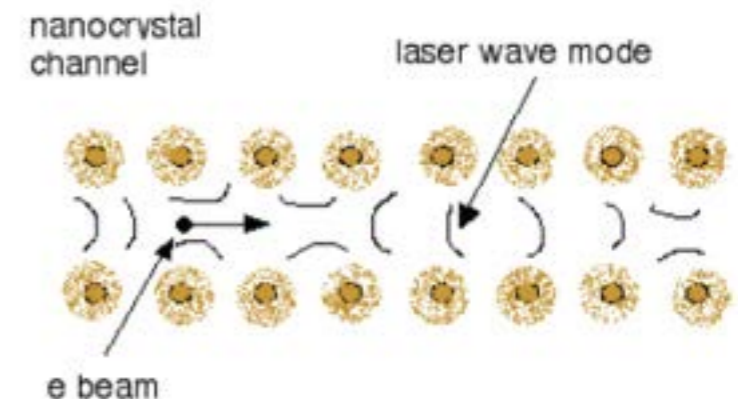
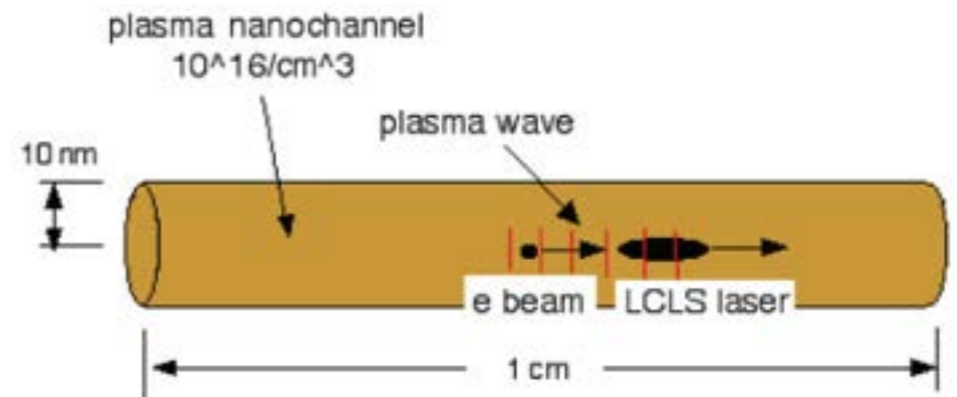
accelerating gradient =  $a_0 (n / n_{18})^{1/2} 1\text{GeV/cm} = 300a_0 \text{ GeV/cm}$



*X-ray LWFA in crystal: accelerating gradient  $300a_x \text{ GeV/cm}$ , accelerating length 1-10m, energy gain per stage PeV; portable miniaccelerators*

Zeptosecond nano beams of electrons, protons (ions), muons (neutrinos), **coherent  $\gamma$ -rays** to very high energies over mm to m

Test of linear optics in crystal in LCLS proposed





# Summary of "TeV/m Nano-Accelerator: Current Status of CNT-Channeling Acceleration Experiment"

Y. M. Shin<sup>1,2</sup>, A. H. Lumpkin<sup>2</sup>, J. C. Thangaraj<sup>2</sup>, R. M. Thurman-Keup<sup>2</sup>, P. Piot<sup>1,2</sup>, and V. Shiltsev<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Northern Illinois Center for Accelerator and Detector Development (NICADD), Department of Physics, Northern Illinois University

<sup>2</sup>Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (FNAL)

## Crystal Channeling Acceleration

→ Plasma acceleration gradient:

$$E_0 = \frac{m_e c \omega_p}{e} \approx 100 \left[ \frac{\text{GeV}}{m} \right] \cdot \sqrt{n_0 [10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}]}$$

Gas-State plasma with  $10^{16} - 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ : 10 – 100 GeV/m

Solid-State (crystal) plasma with  $10^{20} - 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ : 1 – 30 TeV/m

### • Critical Limits of Natural Crystals (Silicon, Germanium, etc)

- (1) Angstrom-scale channel - Low particle transmission (low acceptance)
- (2) High de-channeling rate
- (3) High power requirement of driving sources (e.g. 3 GW of 40 keV x-ray)
- (4) Low thermal damage threshold

## Carbon Nanostructures (CNTs)

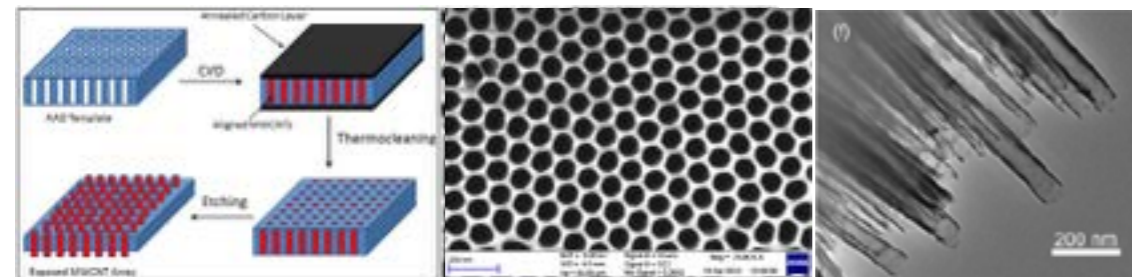
(1) Readily controllable channel size (up to micron). The larger channel can

- decrease de-channeling rates
- increase acceptance
- mitigate power requirement of driving sources

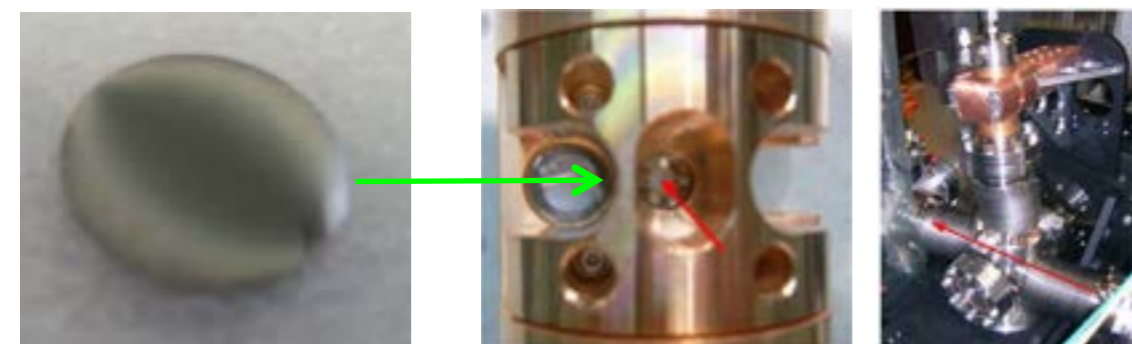
(2) Thermally and mechanically stronger than crystals

(3) Single-mode, Stable Acceleration

## AAO (Anodic Aluminum Oxide)-CNT

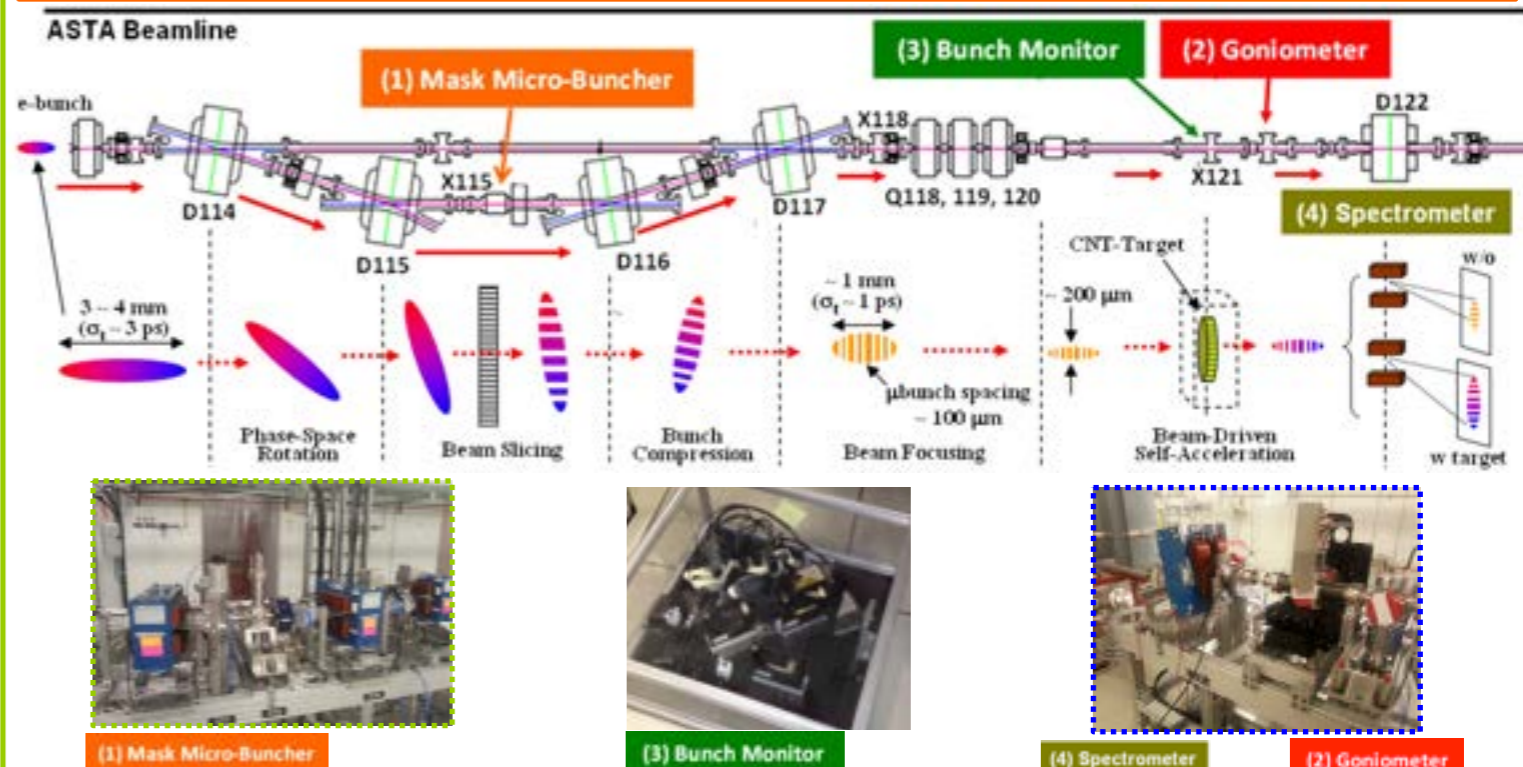


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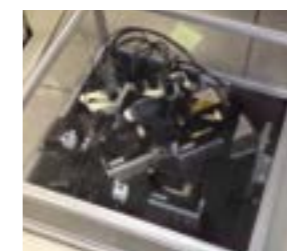


AAO-CNT samples are fabricated by NanoLab Inc., Waltham, MA

## POC Experiment @ Fermilab-ASTA (Beam-Driven Self-Acceleration)



(1) Mask Micro-Buncher



(3) Bunch Monitor

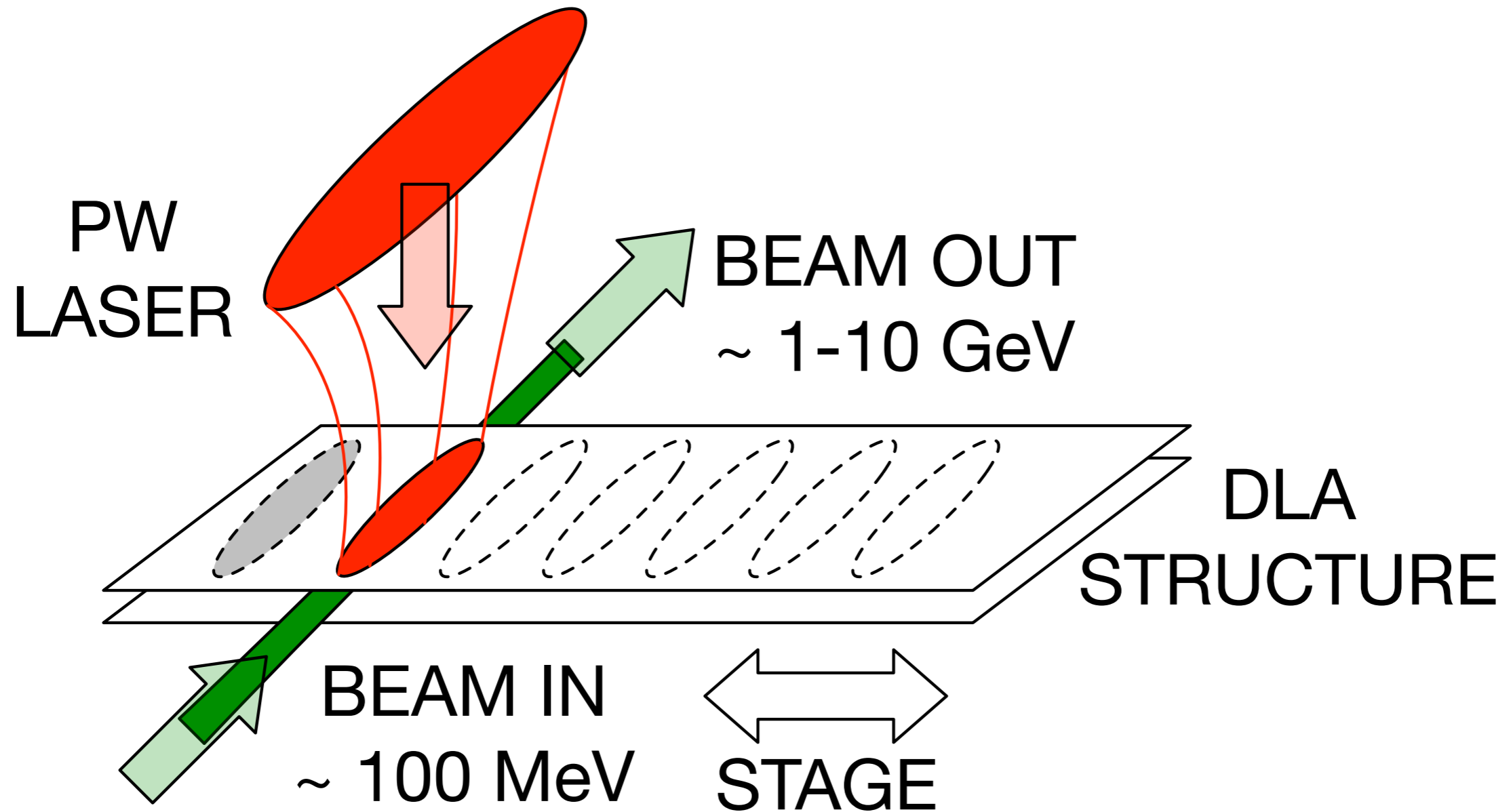


(4) Spectrometer

(2) Goniometer

At PW laser powers, all interceding matter ablates or vaporizes, so the accelerator is single shot

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Ablation ~ps

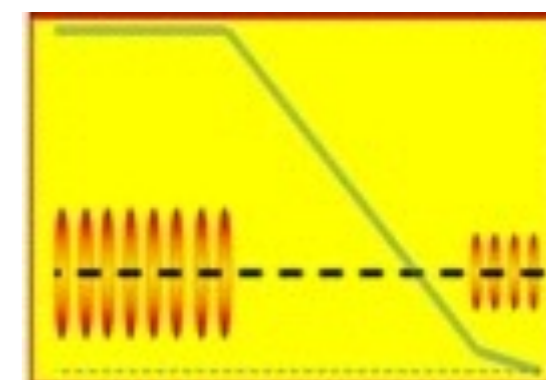
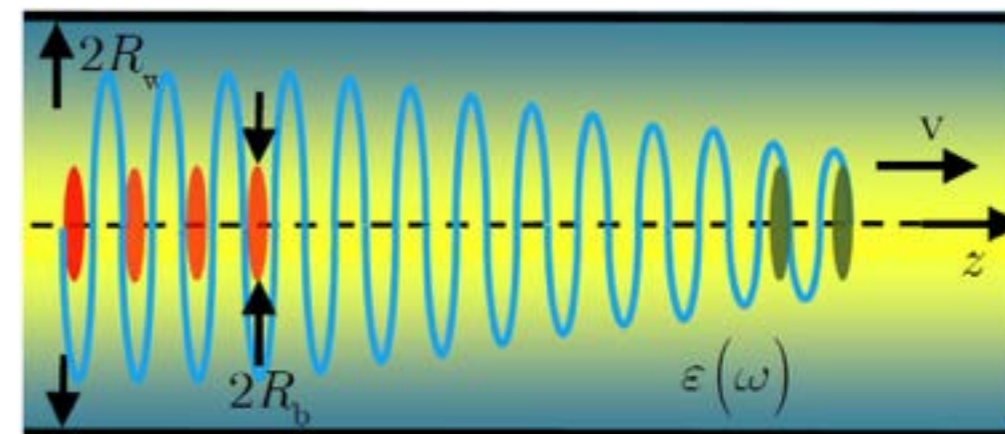
Acceleration field ~100fs



## **Two-beam accelerator with active medium as the energy source**

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- # Driving beam is replaced by a **trigger train of micro-bunches**, which does not carry the energy, but rather generates a **quasi-monochromatic Cerenkov-wake**
- # This **wake is amplified** by active medium as spectrum of wake overlaps resonance of medium
- # Wake grows exponentially until medium is **depleted**; hence, field reaches saturation
- # At **saturation**, gradient (order of GV/m) is constant!  
**Accelerated micro-bunches** is positioned in this field region
- # With  $10^4$  electrons in a micro-bunch and  $10^3$  micro-bunches in a train, to satisfy luminosity goals requires  $>10^{14}$  el. per sec; thus, **rep-rate higher than 10 MHz** would be necessary.
- # Saturation occurs in less than 1 nsec after trigger train, which is sufficient time to **replenish** drained medium





# The Future



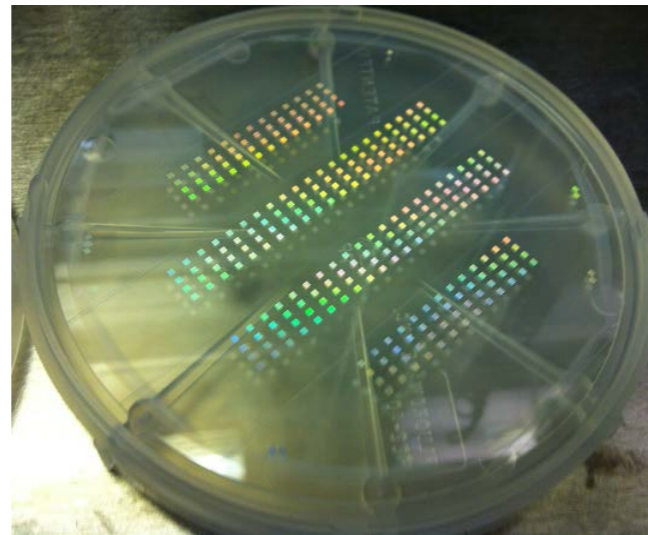




DLAs will show steady progress over the next few years, resulting in next generation prototype machines

## Practical

bifurcation into small & extended devices  
high flux & high average power  
down-selecting specific technologies



## Technical

gun integration  
fabrication consistency  
improved breakdown  
diagnostics  
radiation damage  
coupling

## Beam Physics

real acceleration  
staging  
beam dynamics & focusing  
beam loss  
wakefields  
flat beam production



COST

SIZE

LASER

ACCELERATOR

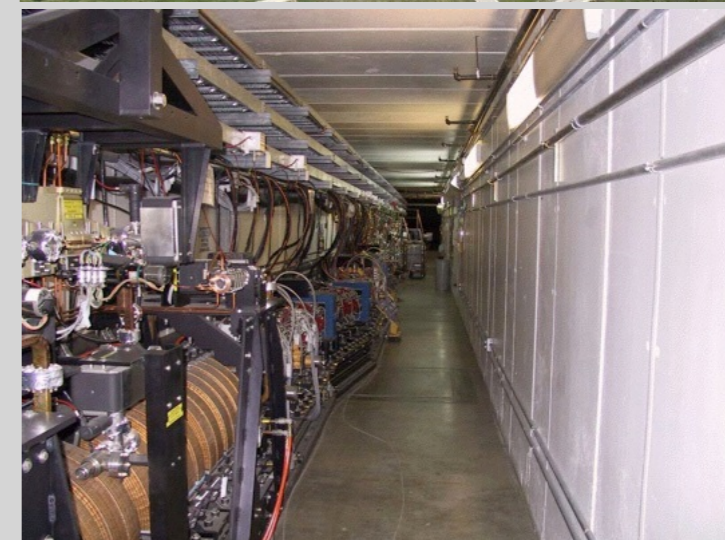
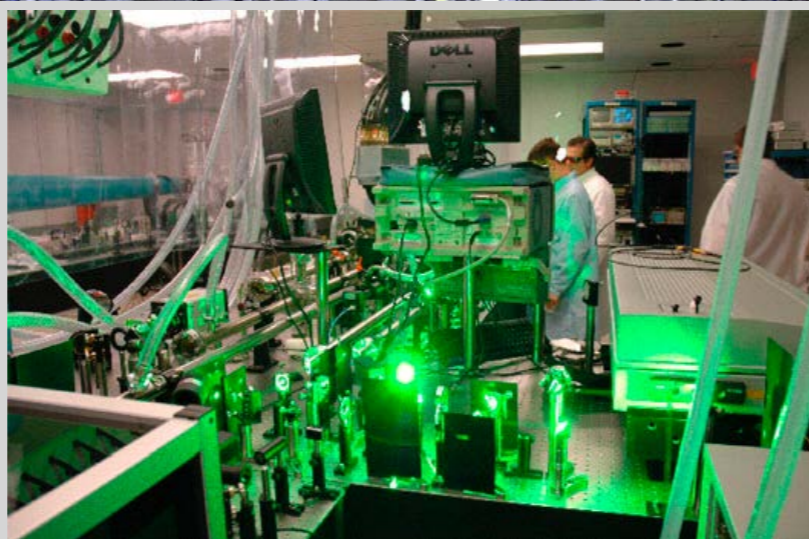
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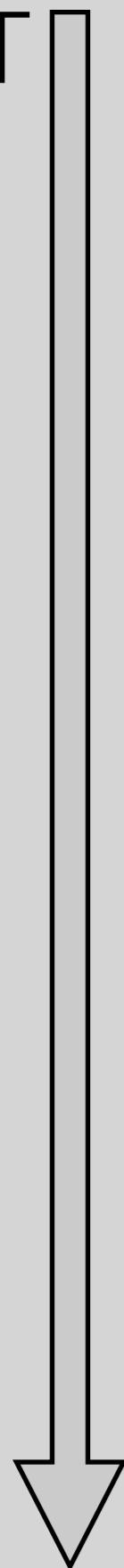
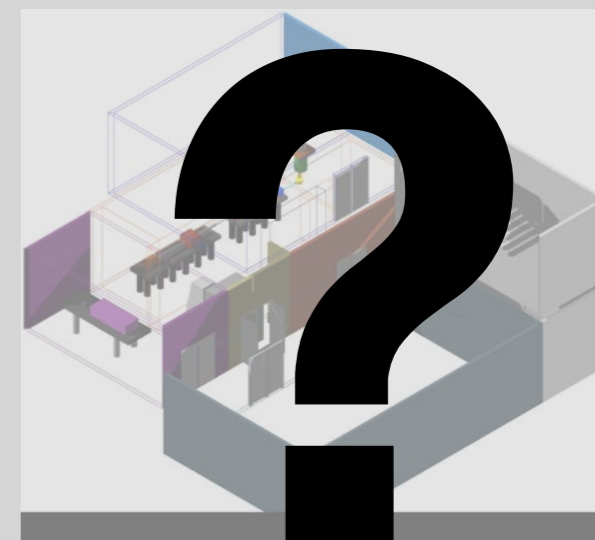
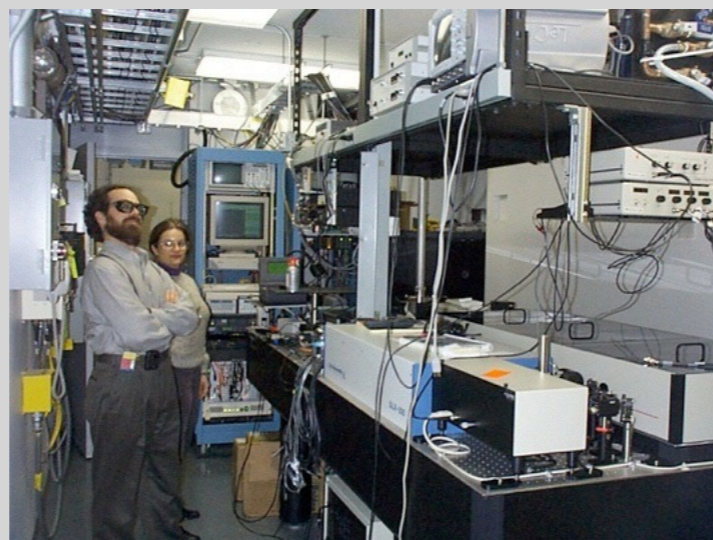
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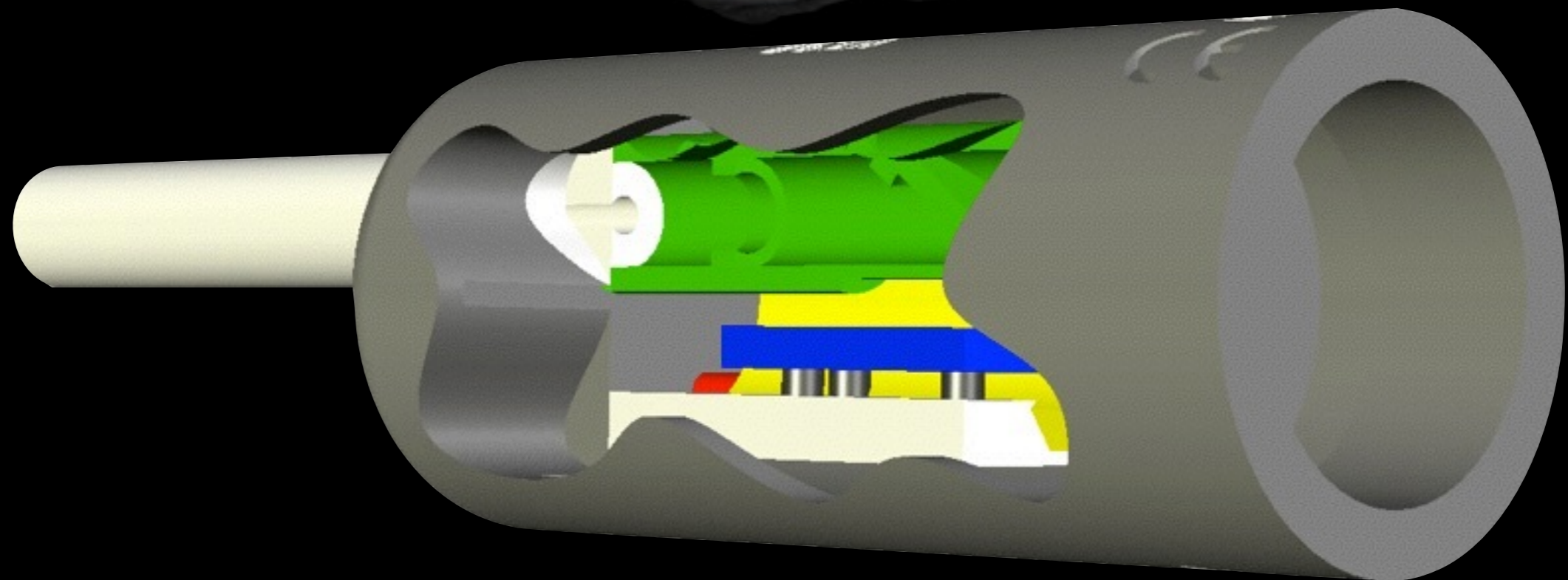
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*Optical scale accelerators will democratize accelerators in research, usher in attosecond sciences in basement labs, and couple accelerators to rapidly developing technologies.*



This talk is a sampling of the efforts of many.  
Others no doubt should have been included.

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# Salamanca Sandstone



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$\text{SiO}_2$  + other oxides

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