

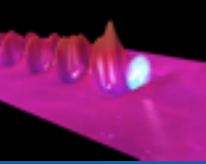
Overview of laser-driven electron acceleration

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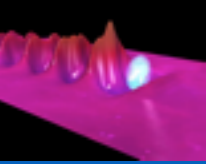
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Industrial Market for Accelerators

The development of state of the art accelerators for HEP has lead to :
 research in other field of science (light source, spallation neutron sources...)
 industrial accelerators (cancer therapy, ion implant., electron cutting&welding...)

Application	Total systems (2007) approx.	System sold/yr	Sales/yr (M\$)	System price (M\$)
Cancer Therapy	9100	500	1800	2.0 - 5.0
Ion Implantation	9500	500	1400	1.5 - 2.5
Electron cutting and welding	4500	100	150	0.5 - 2.5
Electron beam and X rays irradiators	2000	75	130	0.2 - 8.0
Radio-isotope production (incl. PET)	550	50	70	1.0 - 30
Non destructive testing (incl. Security)	650	100	70	0.3 - 2.0
Ion beam analysis (incl. AMS)	200	25	30	0.4 - 1.5
Neutron generators (incl. sealed tubes)	1000	50	30	0.1 - 3.0
Total	27500	1400	3680	

Total accelerators sales increasing more than 10% per year



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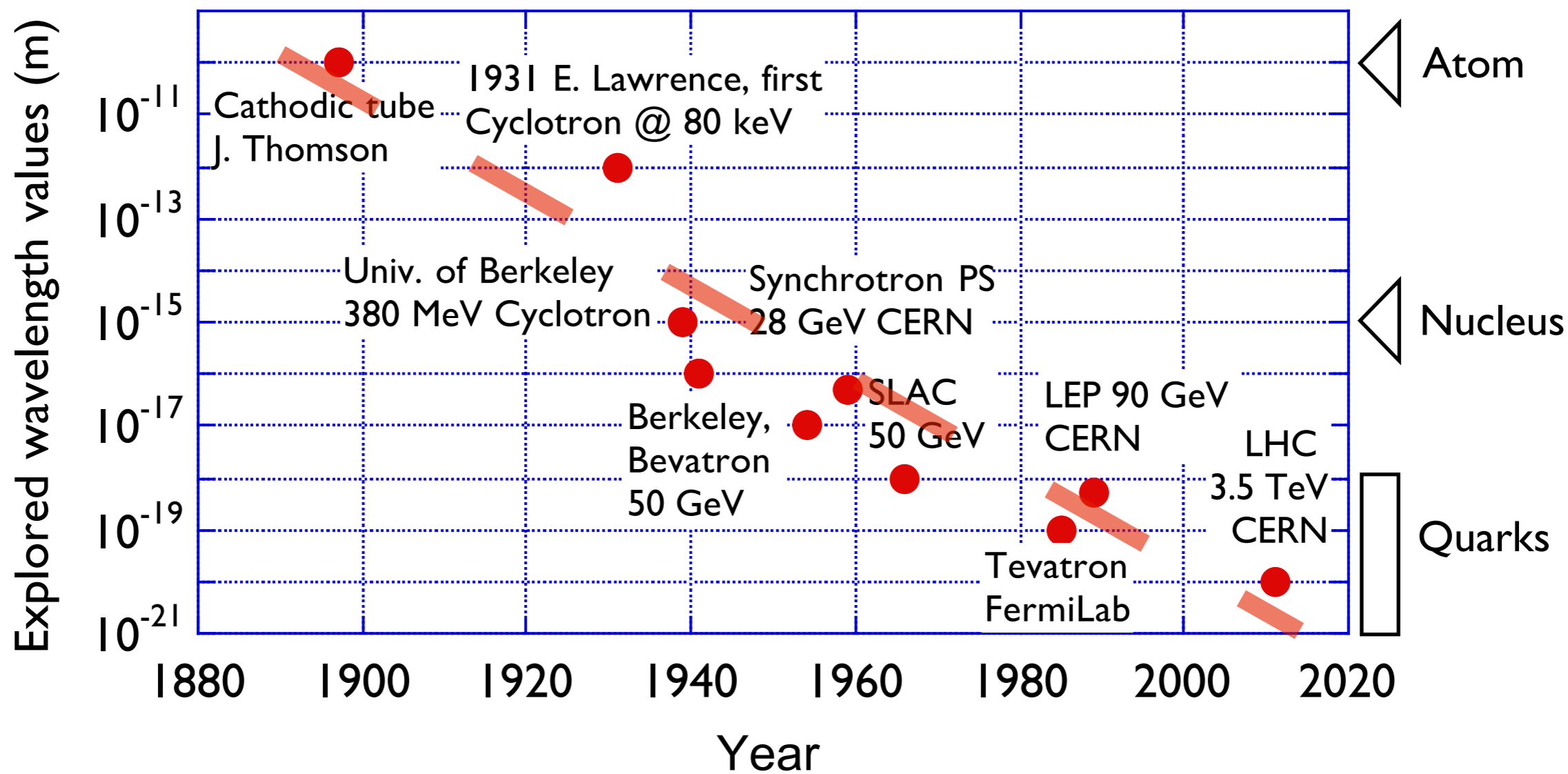
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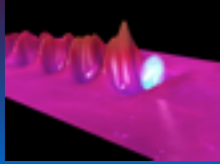
Accelerators: One century of exploration of the infinitively small



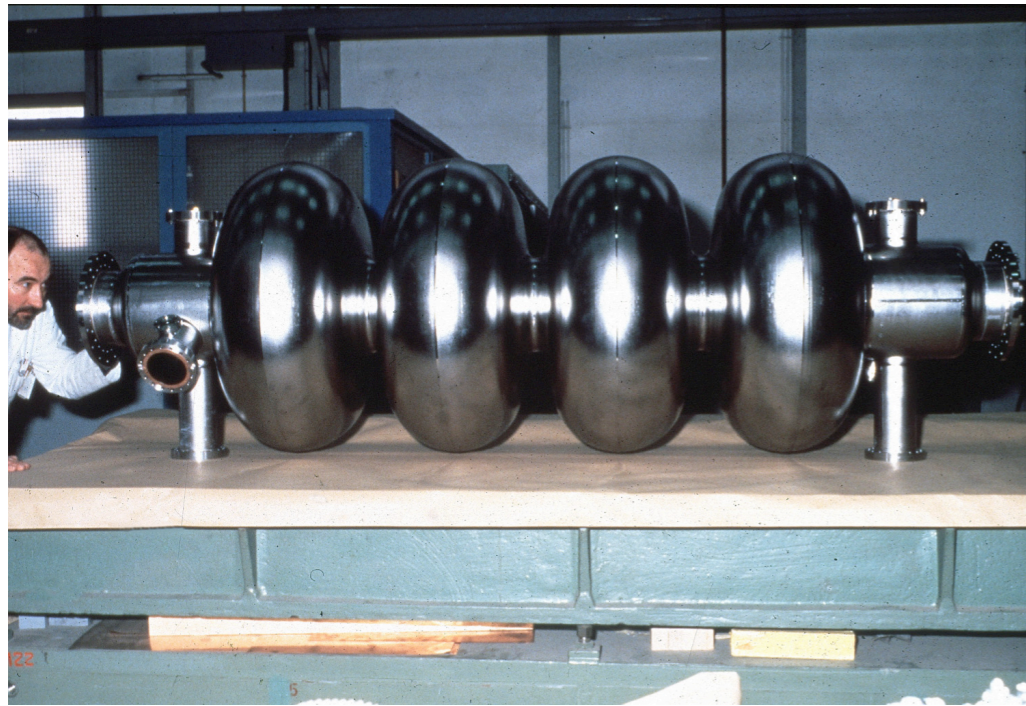
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Compactness of Laser Plasma Accelerators



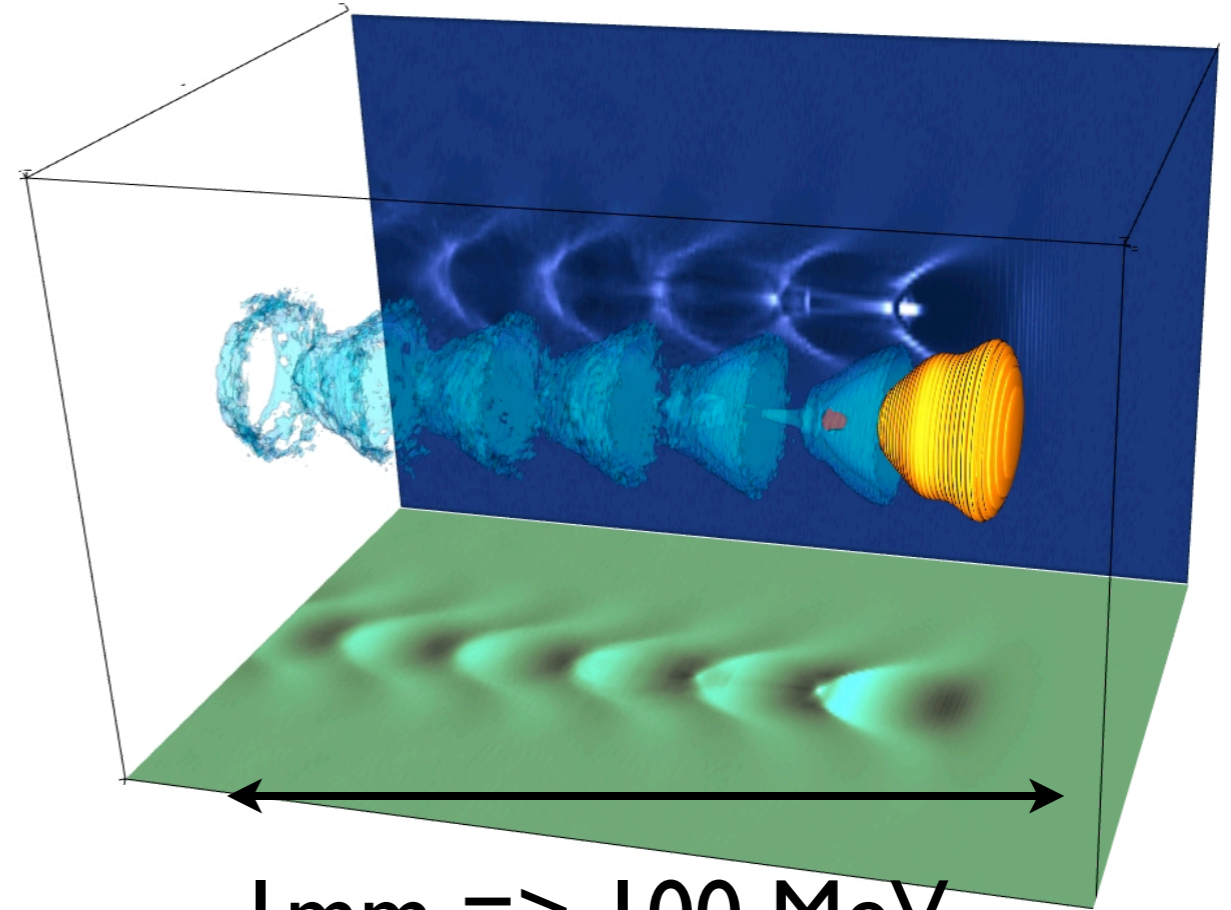
RF Cavity



1 m => 100 MeV Gain

Electric field < 100 MV/m

Plasma Cavity

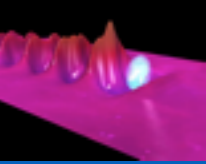


1 mm => 100 MeV

Electric field > 100 GV/m

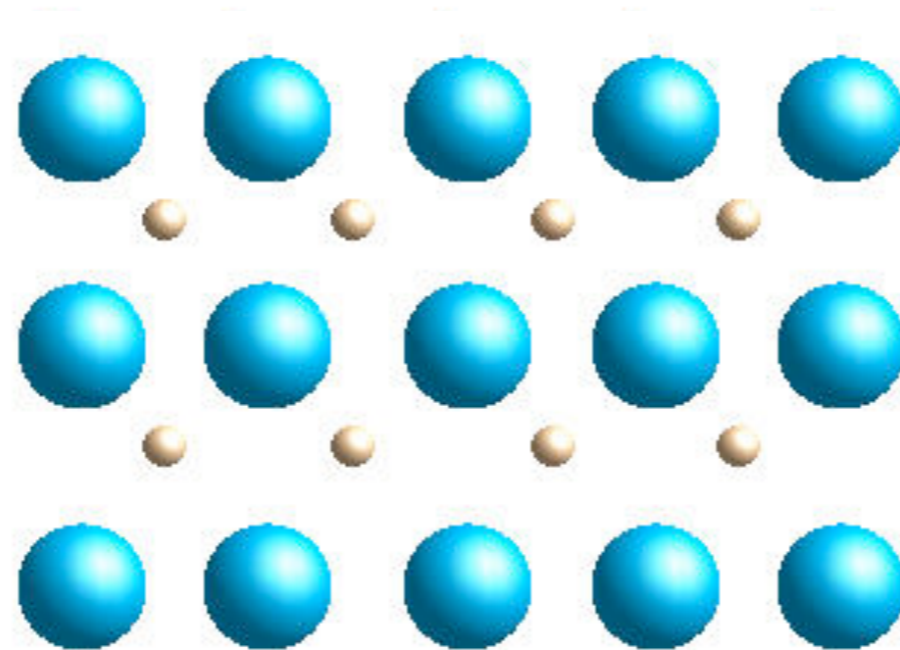
V. Malka *et al.*, Science **298**, 1596 (2002)

1956: Coherent Principle of Acceleration in Plasmas



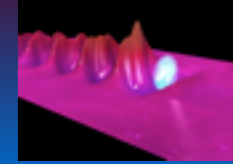
Superconducting RF-Cavities : $E_z = 55 \text{ MV/m}$

Plasma is an Ionized Medium \Rightarrow High Electric Fields



$$E_z \text{ (GV/m)} \approx \delta n/n \times \sqrt{n}$$

V. I. Veksler, "Coherent Principle of Acceleration of Charged Particles." *Proceedings of the CERN Symposium on High Energy Accelerators and Pion Physics*, vol. I. Geneva, 1956. Pages 80–83.



Laser Electron Accelerator

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(Received 9 March 1979)

An intense electromagnetic pulse can create a wake of plasma oscillations through the action of the nonlinear ponderomotive force. Electrons trapped in the wake can be accelerated to high energy. Existing glass lasers of power density 10^{18}W/cm^2 shone on plasmas of densities 10^{18}cm^{-3} can yield gigaelectronvolts of electron energy per centimeter of acceleration distance. This acceleration mechanism is demonstrated through computer simulation. Applications to accelerators and pulsers are examined.

Such a wake is most effectively generated if the length of the electromagnetic wave packet is half the wavelength of the plasma waves in the wake:

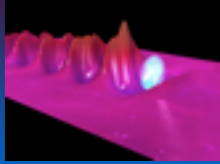
=> Laser wakefield

$$L_t = \lambda_w / 2 = \pi c / \omega_p. \quad (2)$$

An alternative way of exciting the plasmon is to inject two laser beams with slightly different frequencies (with frequency difference $\Delta\omega \sim \omega_p$) so that the beat distance of the packet becomes $2\pi c / \omega_p$. The mechanism for generating the wakes

=> Laser beatwave

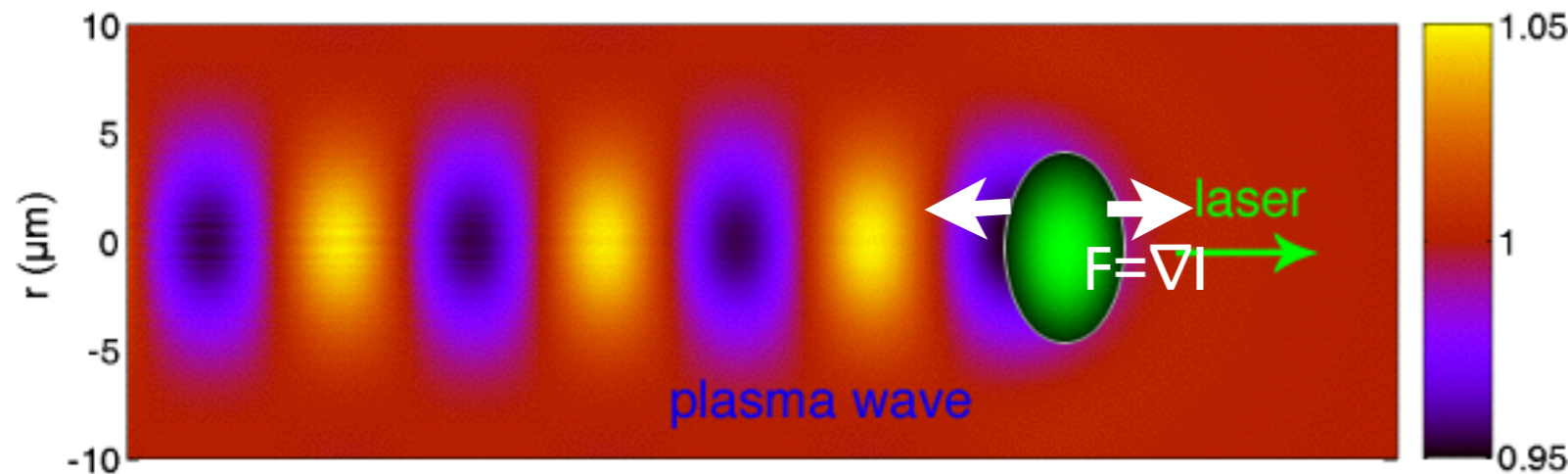
1979 How to excite a plasma wave ? the Laser Wakefield



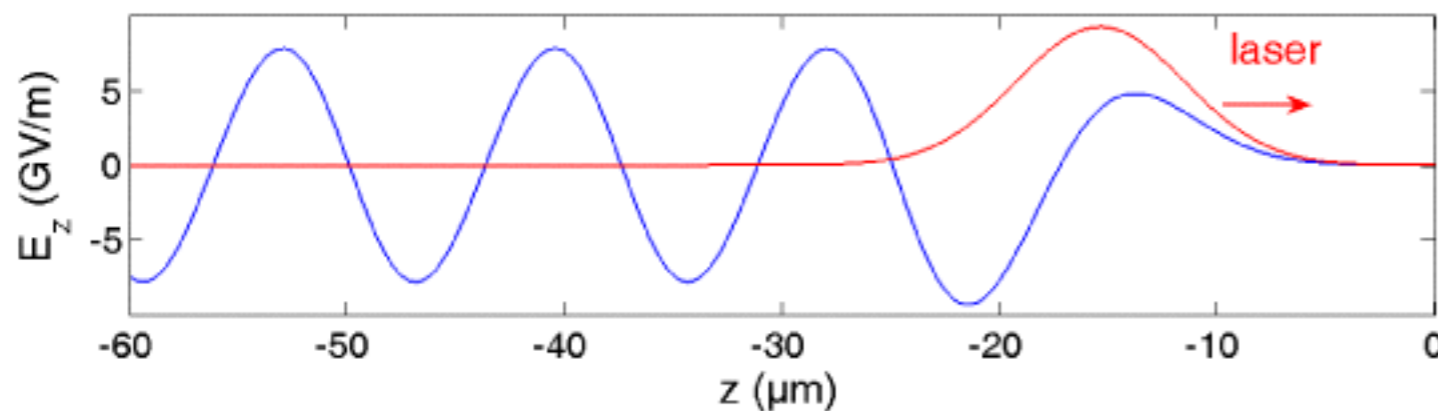
1) The laser wake field : broad resonance condition $\tau_{\text{laser}} \sim T_p/2$

=> short laser pulse

electron density perturbation and longitudinal wakefield



wave in the wake of a boat



$$v_{\text{phase}}^{\text{epw}} = v_g^{\text{laser}} \sim c$$

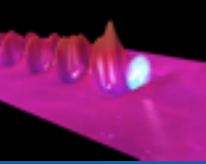
$E_z = 0.3 \text{ GV/m}$ for 1 % Density Perturbation at 10^{17} cc^{-1}

$E_z = 300 \text{ GV/m}$ for 100 % Density Perturbation at 10^{19} cc^{-1}

T. Tajima and J. Dawson, PRL **43**, 267 (1979)

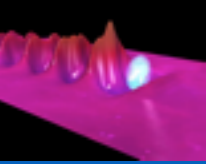
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my first swing experiments...





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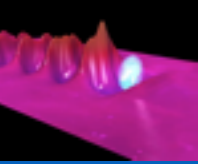
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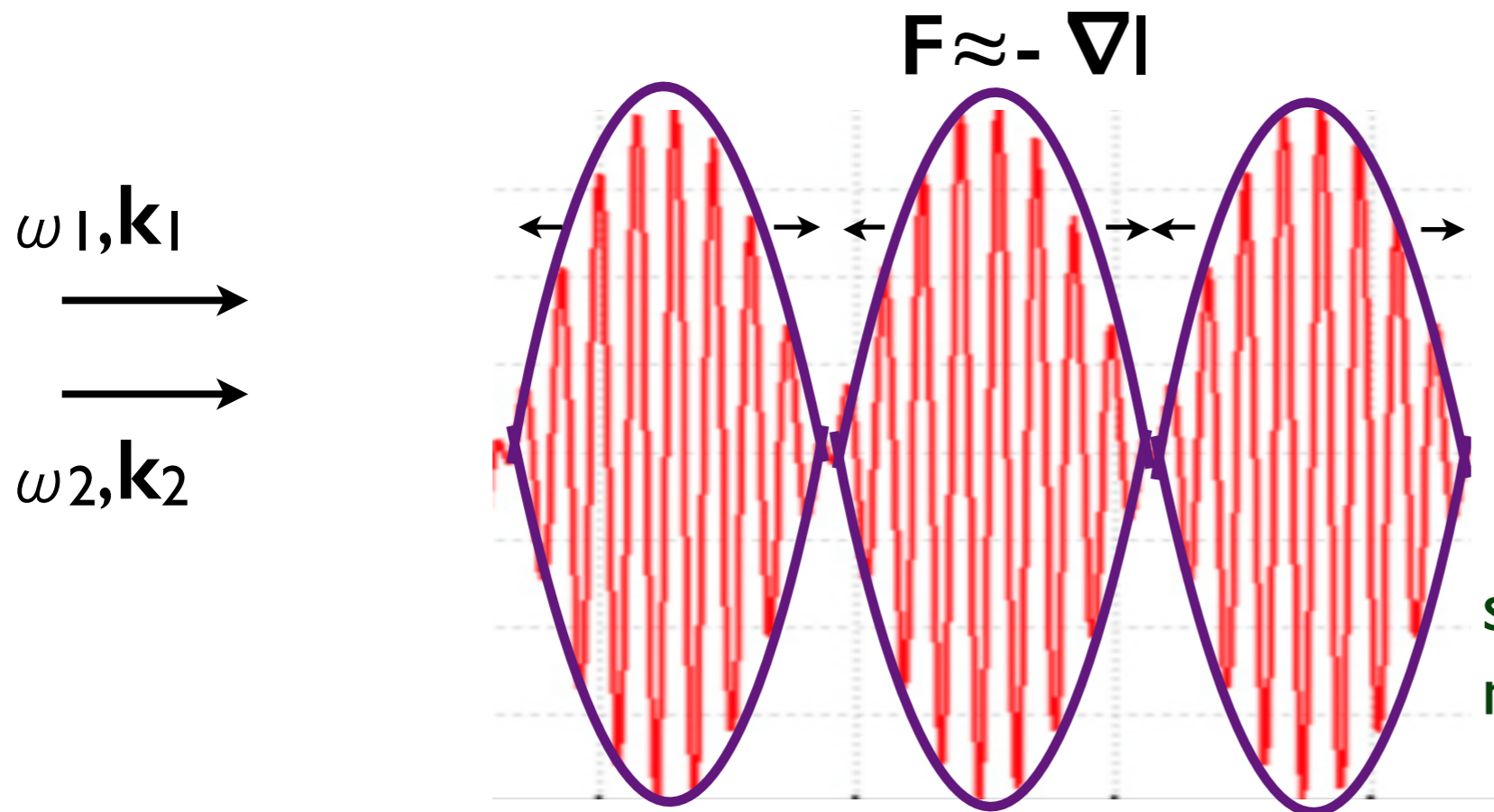


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2) The laser beat waves : $\tau_L \gg T_p$



Train of short resonant pulses

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$$\omega_1 - \omega_2 = \omega_p$$

linear growth rate

$$\delta(t) = 1/4 a_1 a_2 \omega_p t$$

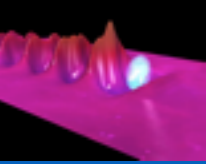
=> homogenous plasmas
saturation : relativistic, ion
motion

Optical demonstration by Thomson scattering :

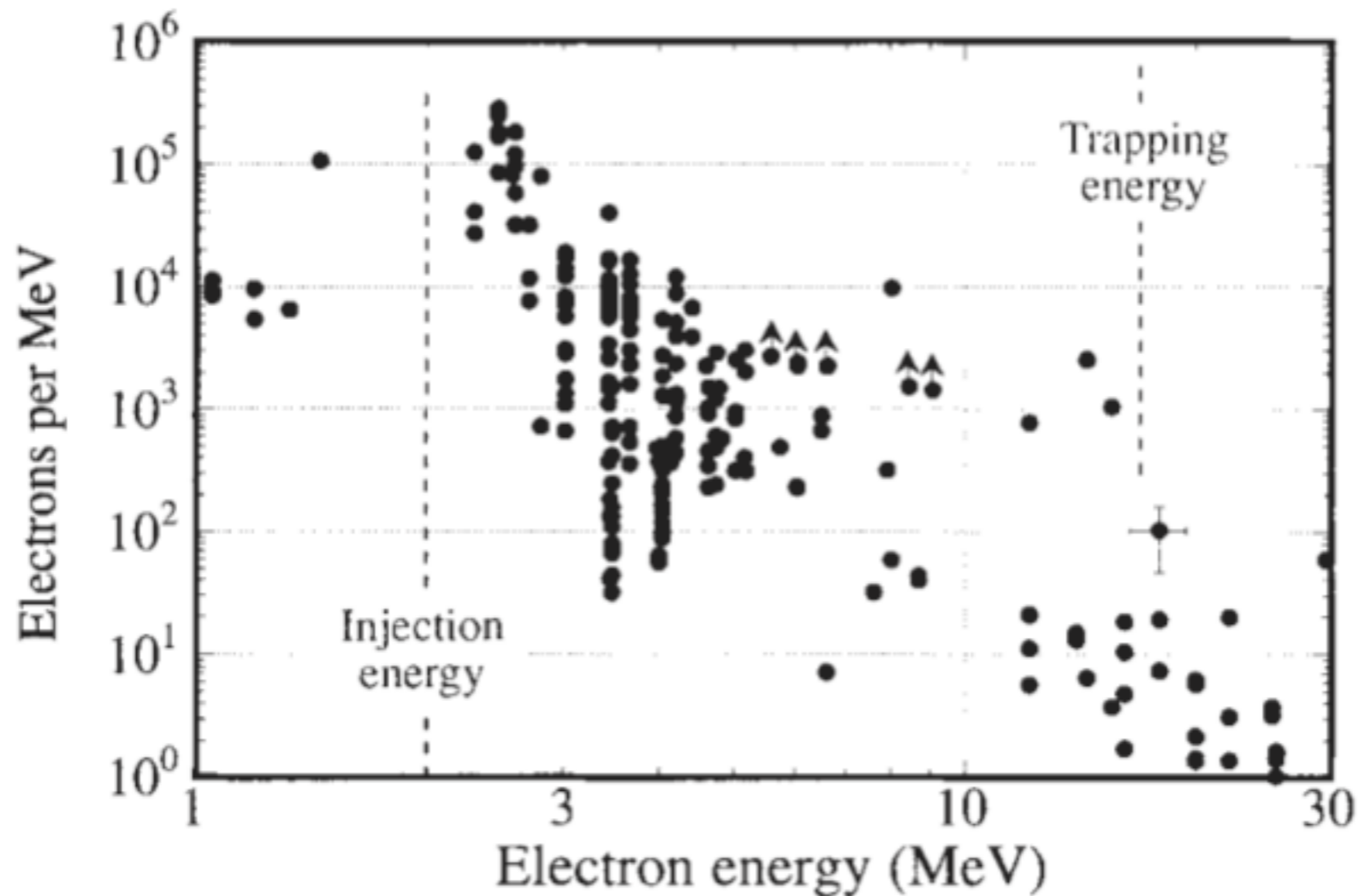
Clayton *et al.* PRL 1985, Amiranoff *et al.* PRL 1992, Dangor *et al.* Phys. Scripta 1990

Chen, Introduction to plasma physics and controlled fusion, 2nd Edition, Vol. I, (1984)

1992-1994 Accelerated electrons in LBWF



The 2-MeV electrons are accelerated up to ≈ 28 MeV
Electron spectra indicate an E_{field} of ≈ 2.8 GV/m



M. Everett *et al.*, Nature 1994

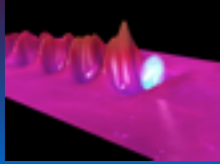
Electron gain demonstration Few MeV's:

Kitagawa *et al.* PRL 1992, Clayton *et al.* PRL 1993, N.A. Ebrahim *et al.*, J. Appl. Phys. 1994, Amiranoff *et al.* PRL 1995

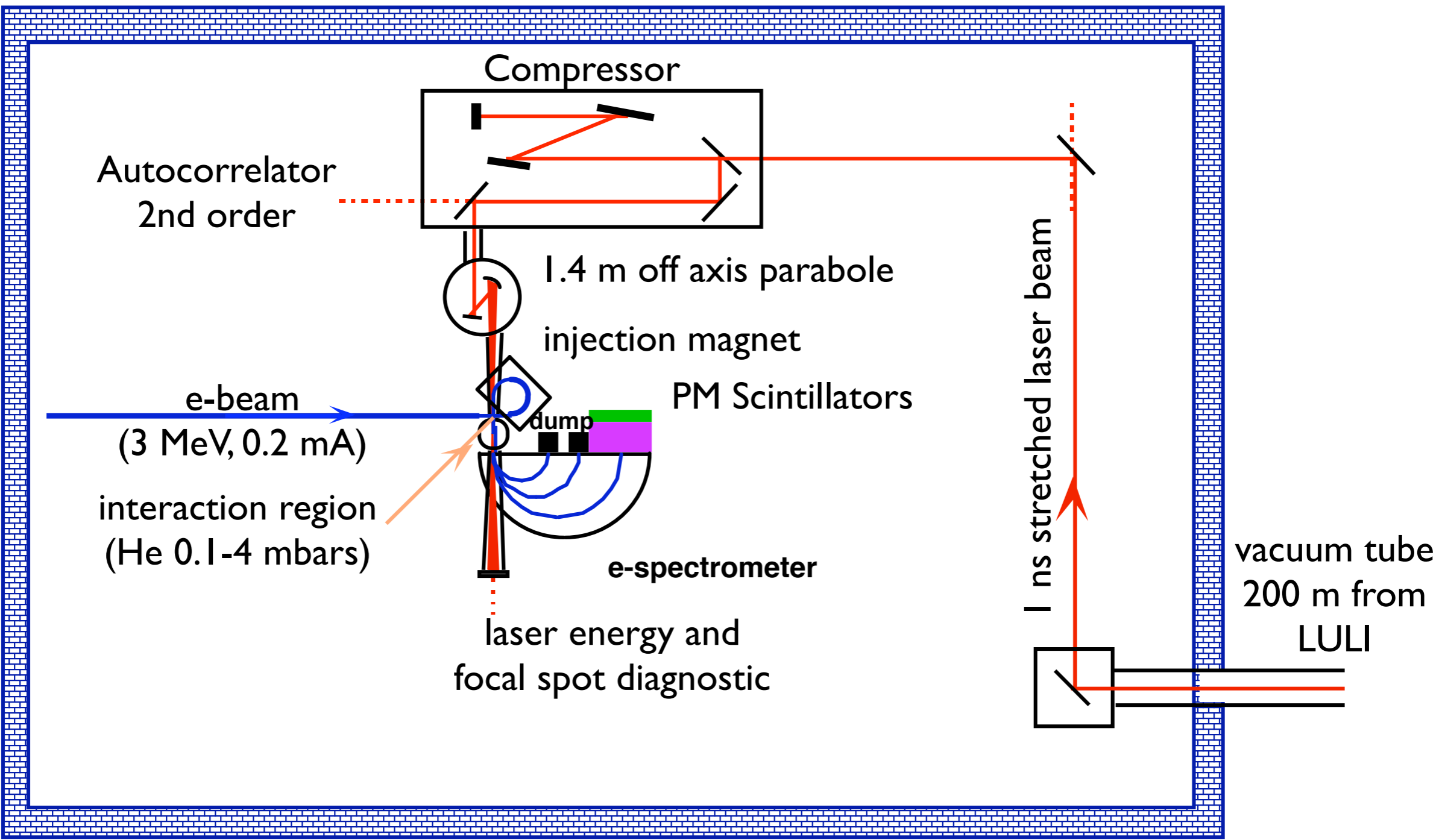
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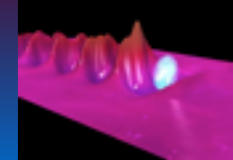
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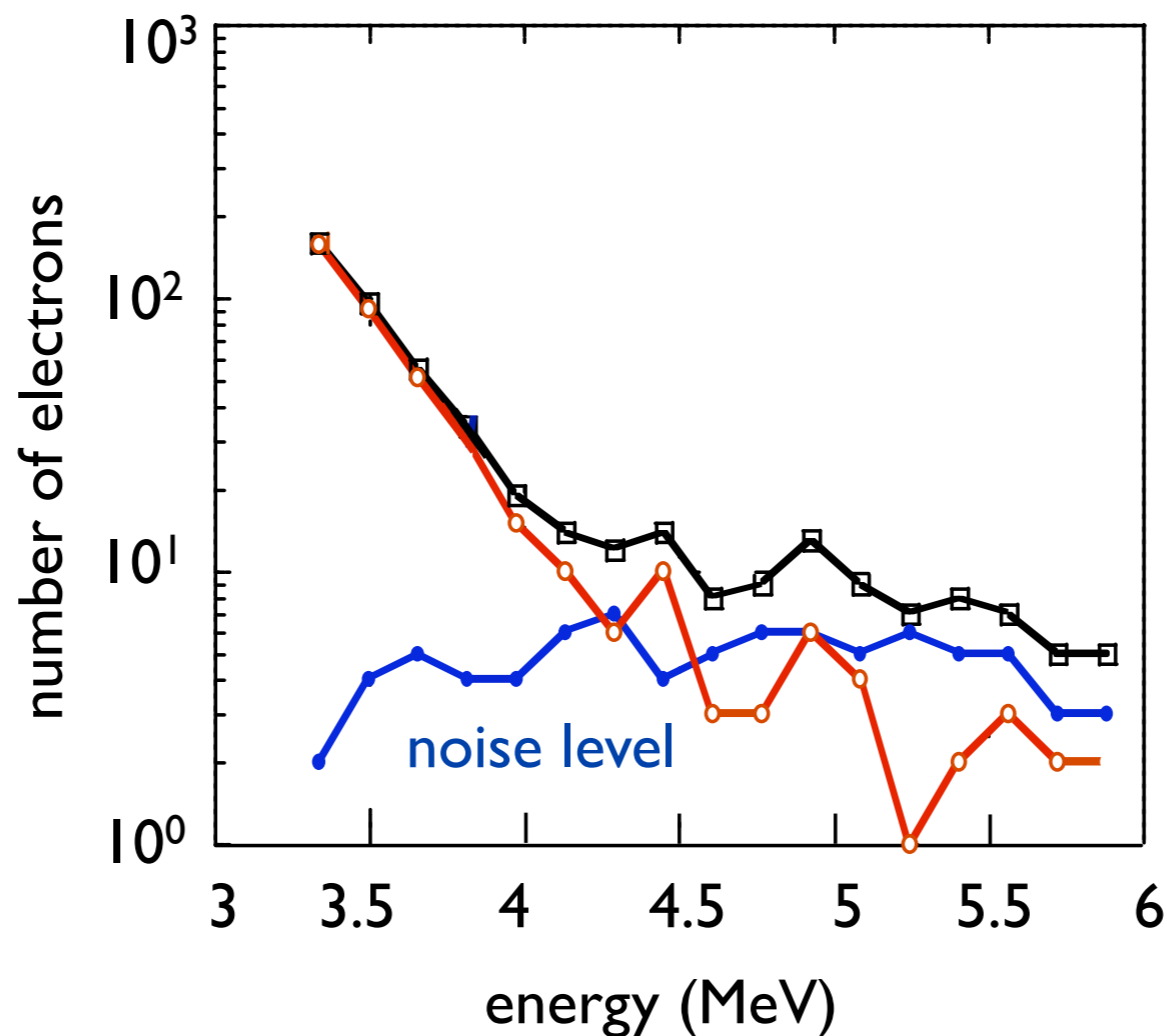


Electron spectra indicate an E_{field} of $\approx 1 \text{ GV/m}$





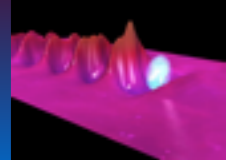
The 3-MeV electrons are accelerated up to ≈ 4.5 MeV
Electron spectra indicate an E_{field} of ≈ 1.4 GV/m



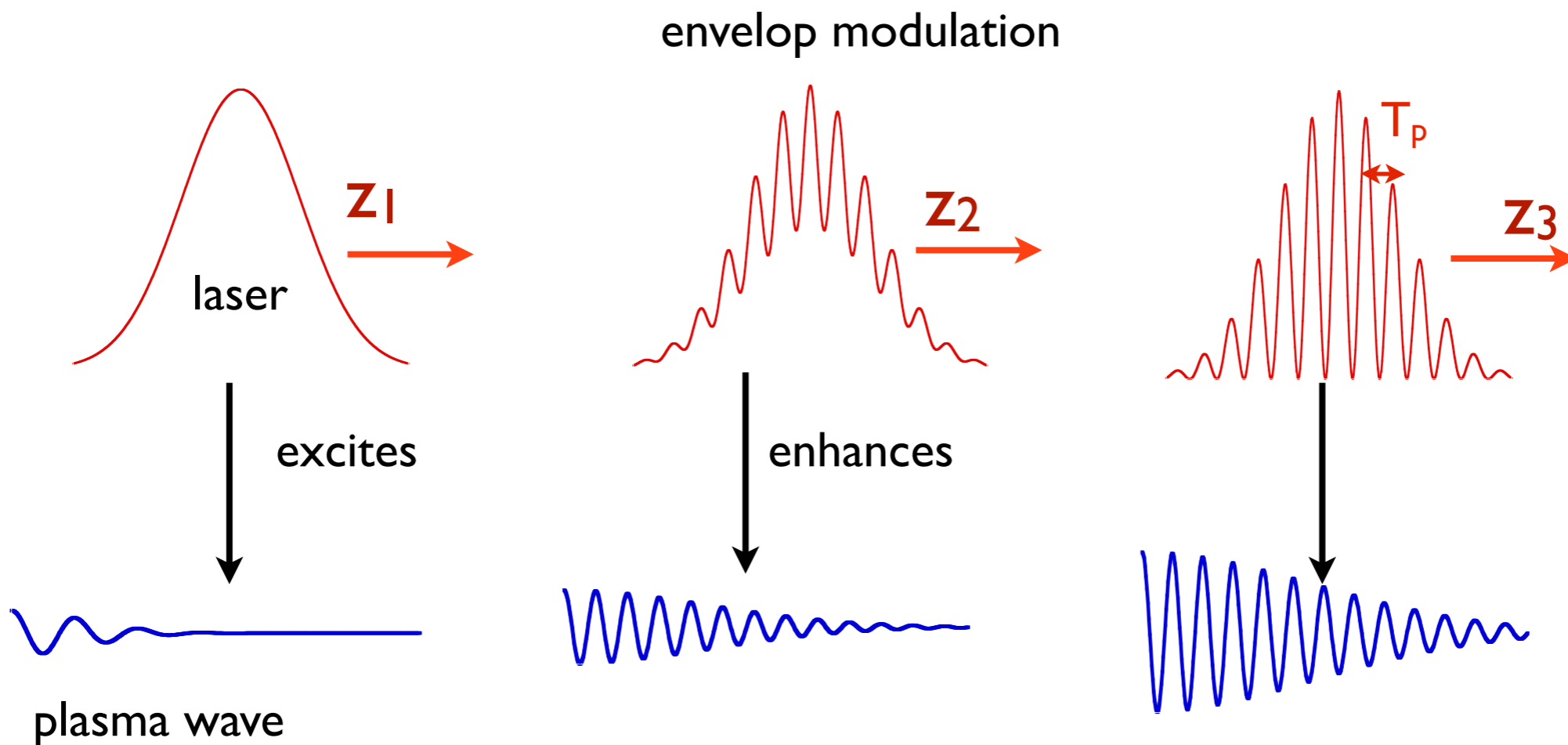
2.5 J, 350 fs, 10^{17} W/cm², 0.5 mbar of He

F. Amiranoff *et al.*, PRL 1998

1992 How to excite a plasma wave: The SMLWF

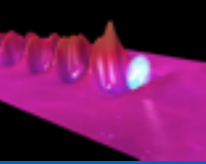


Self modulated laser wakefield scheme : $c\tau_{\text{laser}} \gg T_p$
(Andreev *et al.*, Antonsen *et al.*, Sprangle *et al.* 1992)



$P_L > P_c(\text{GW}) = 17 n_c/n_e$ then wavebreaking can occur





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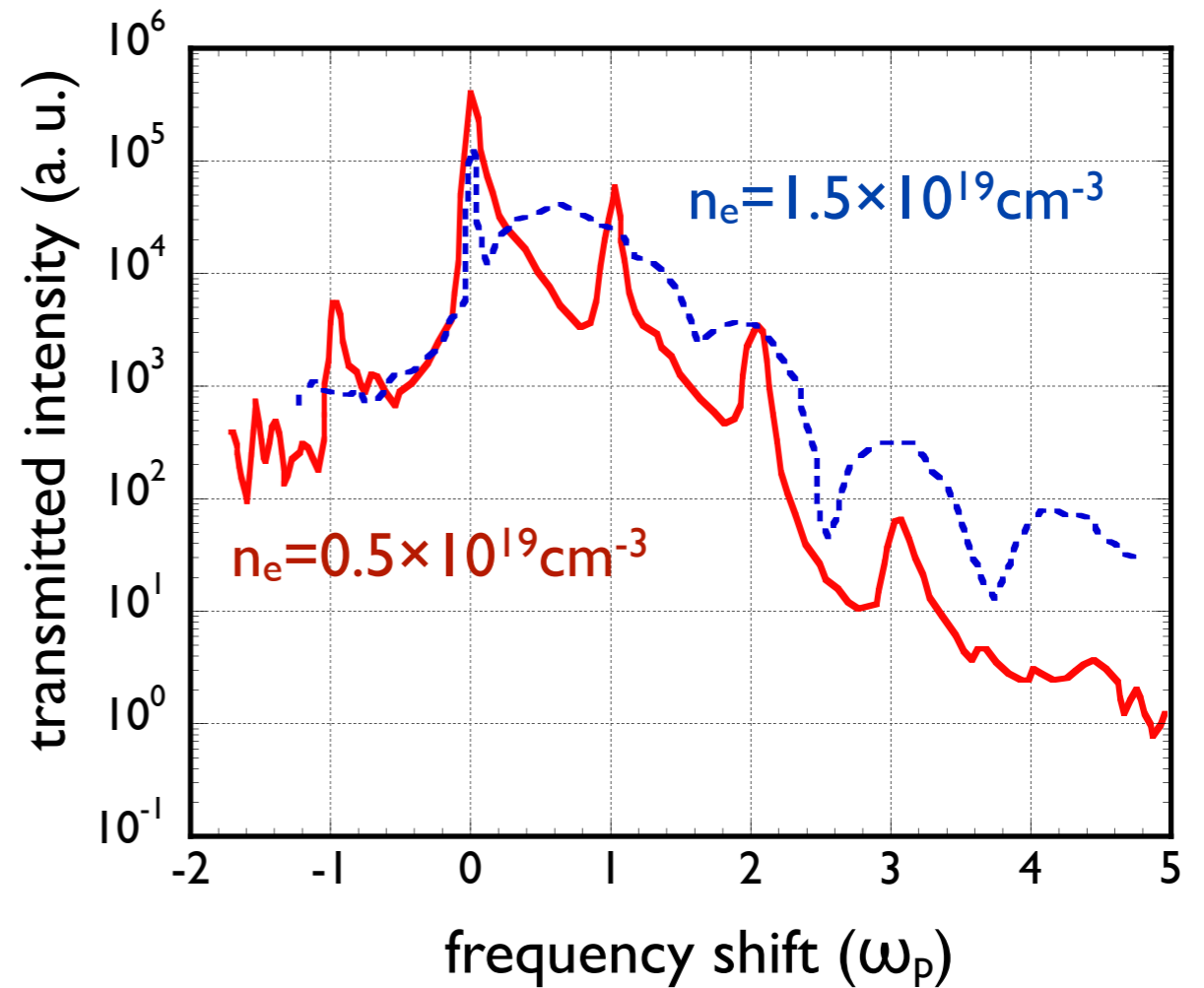
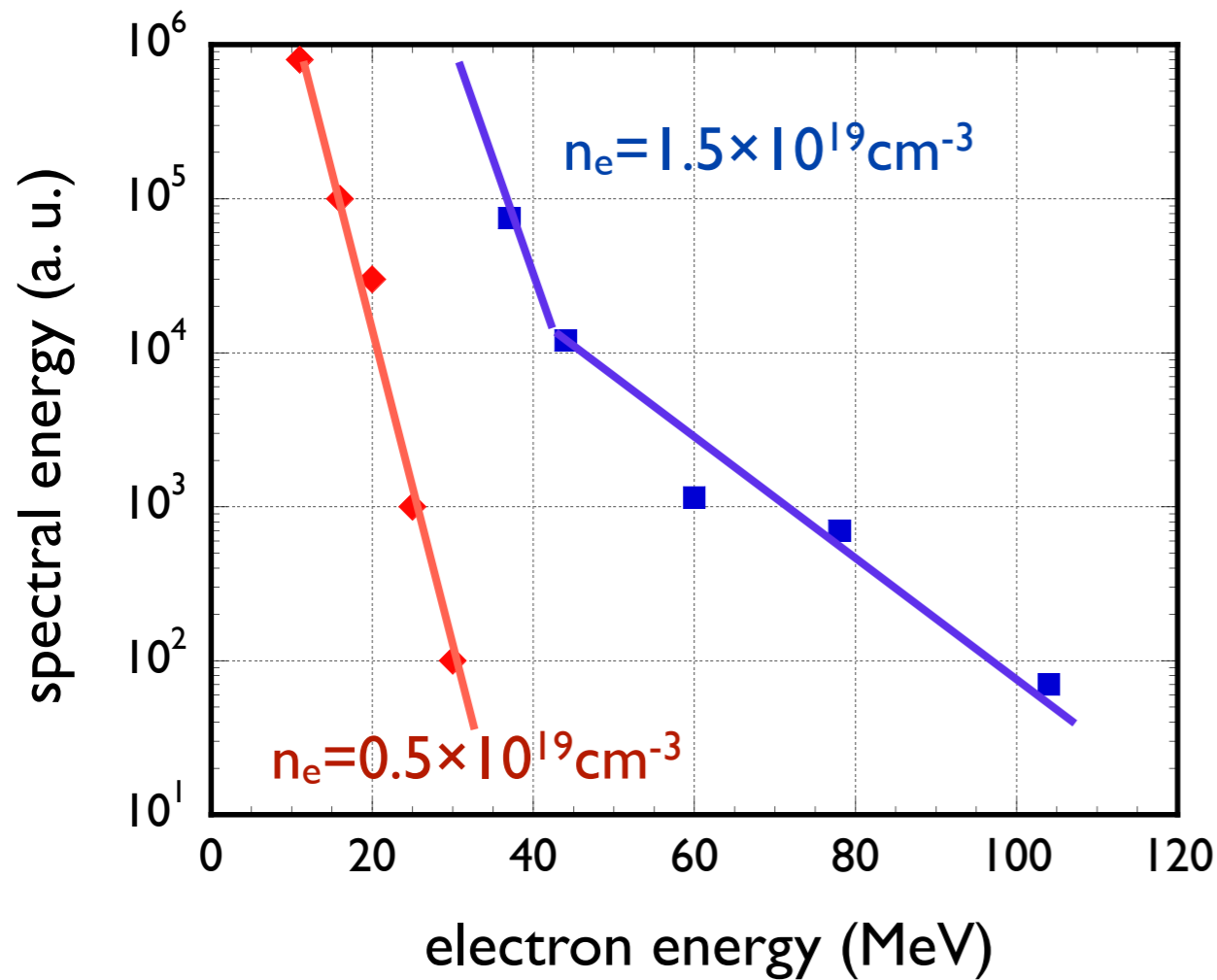
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1995 Relativistic wave breaking (RAL/IC/UCLA/LULI)

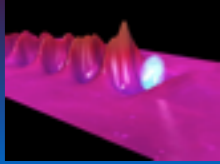


Multiple satellites : high amplitude plasma waves
Broadening at higher densities
Loss of coherence of the relativistic plasma waves

A. Modena *et al.*, Nature (1995)

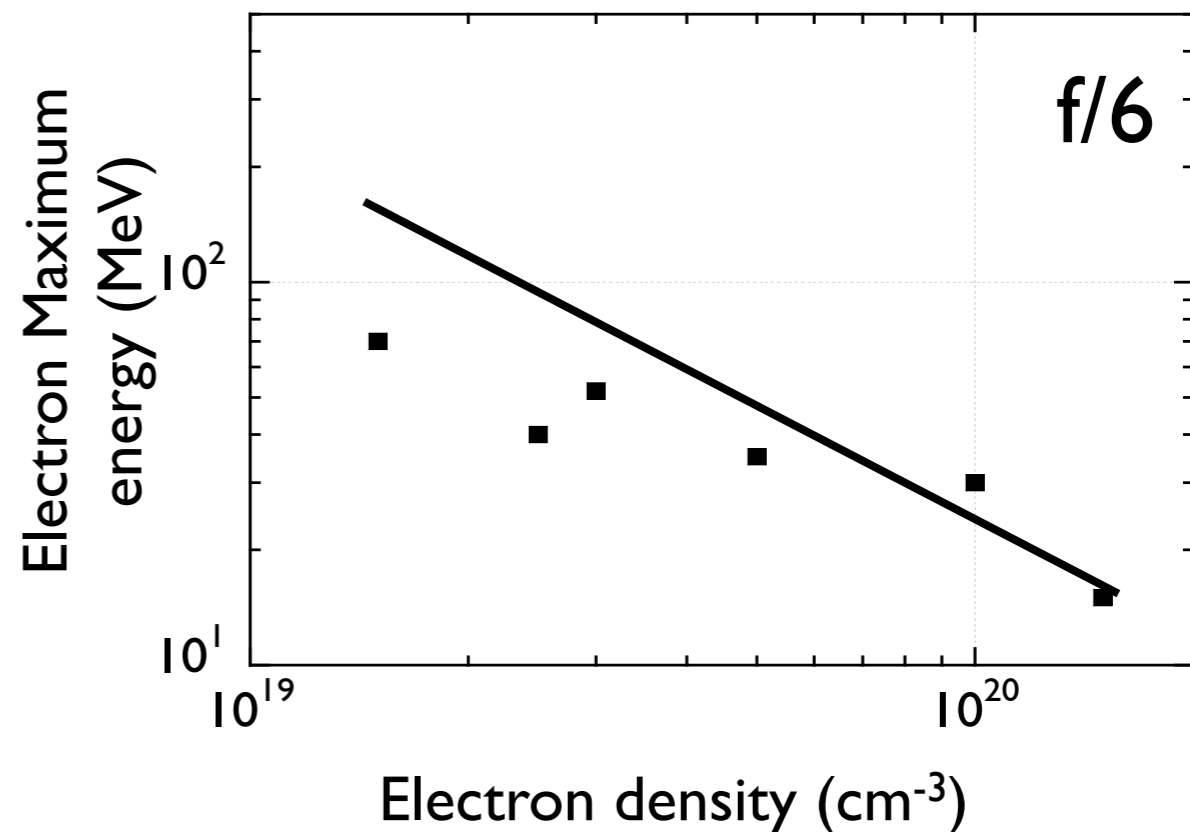
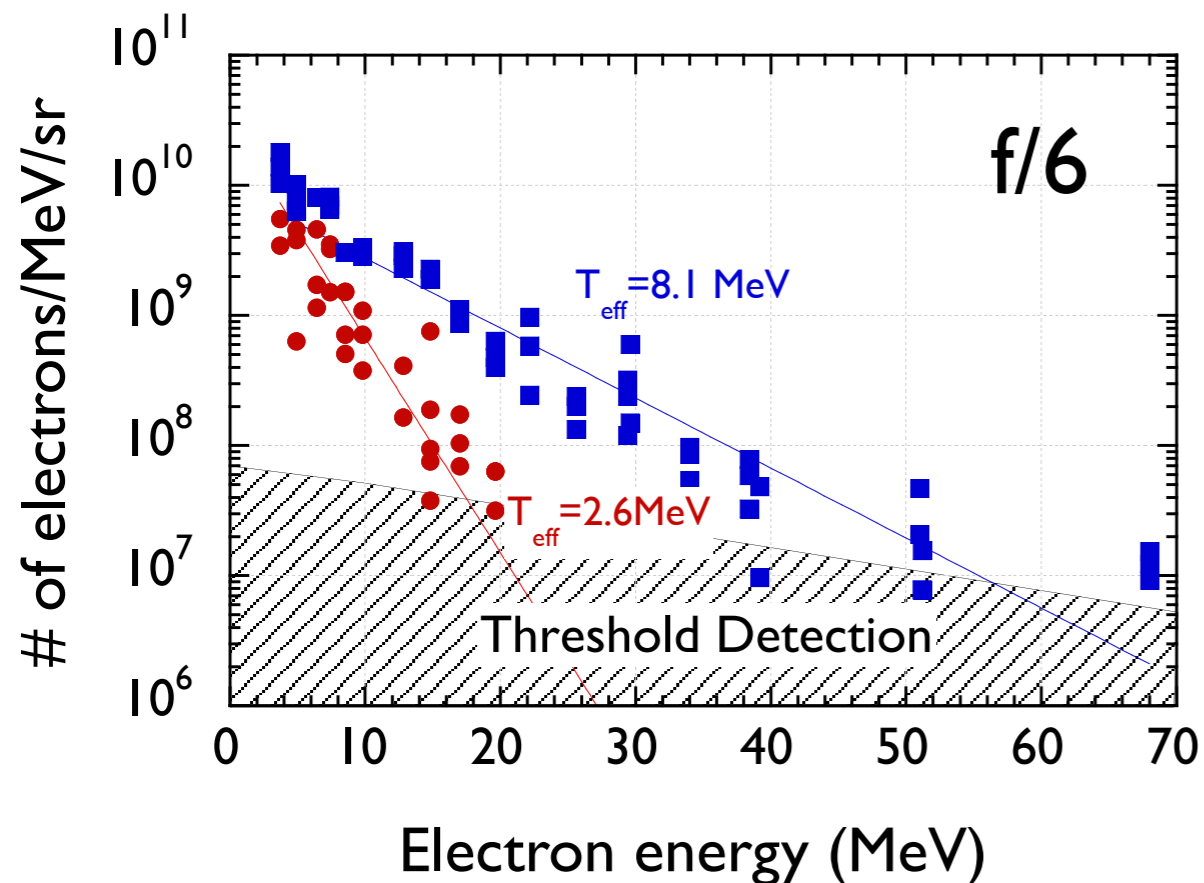


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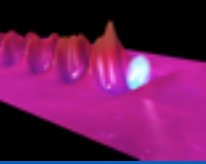
Spectra : E_{\max} increases when n_e decreases

Parameters: $n_e = 5 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ & $1.5 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $\tau_L = 35 \text{ fs}$, $E = 0.6 \text{ J}$, $I_L = 2 \times 10^{19} \text{ W/cm}^2$

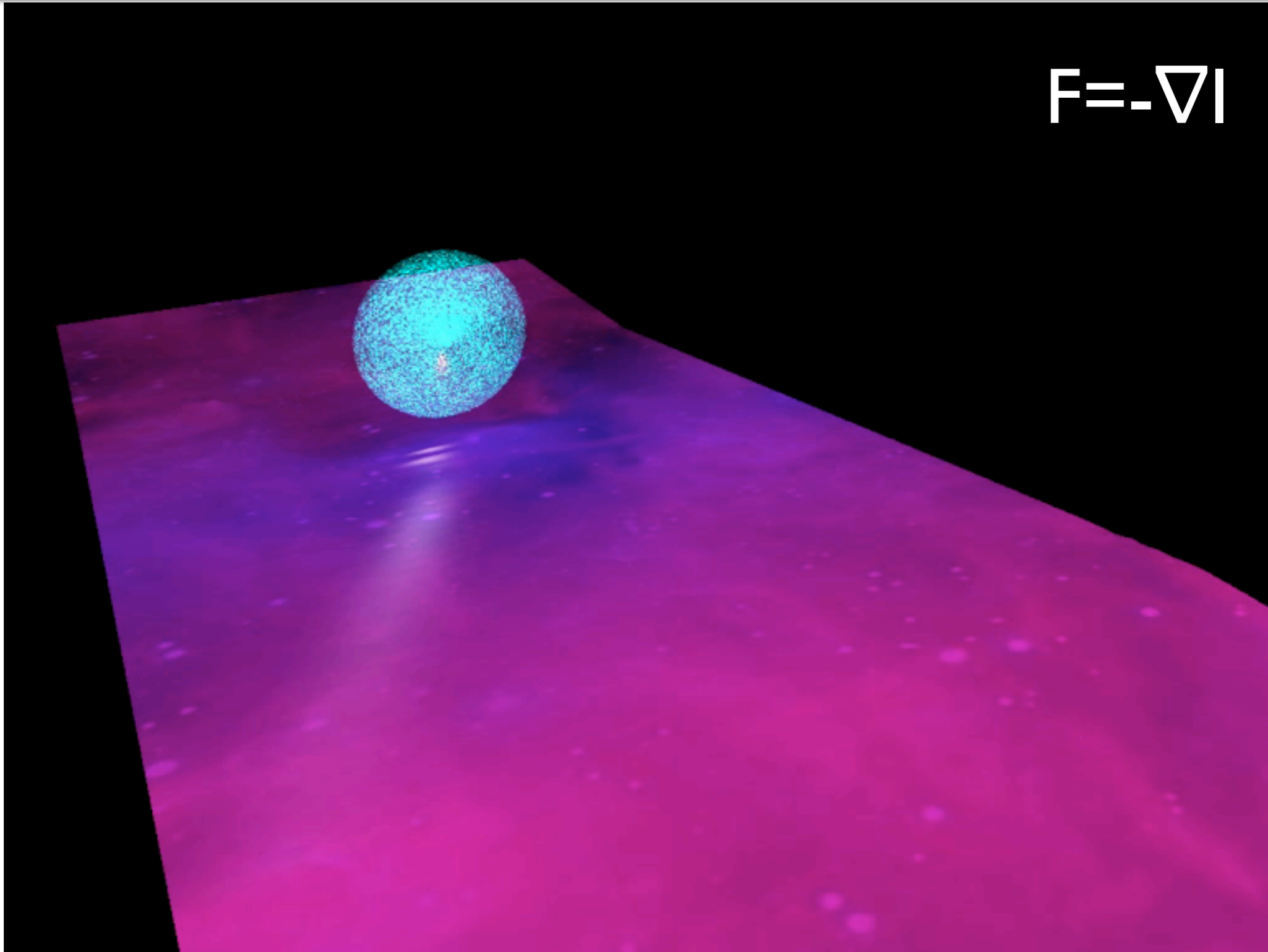


V. Malka et al., Phys. of Plasmas 8, 6 (2001)

The Forced laser wakefield



$$F = -\nabla V$$

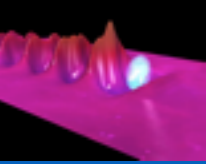


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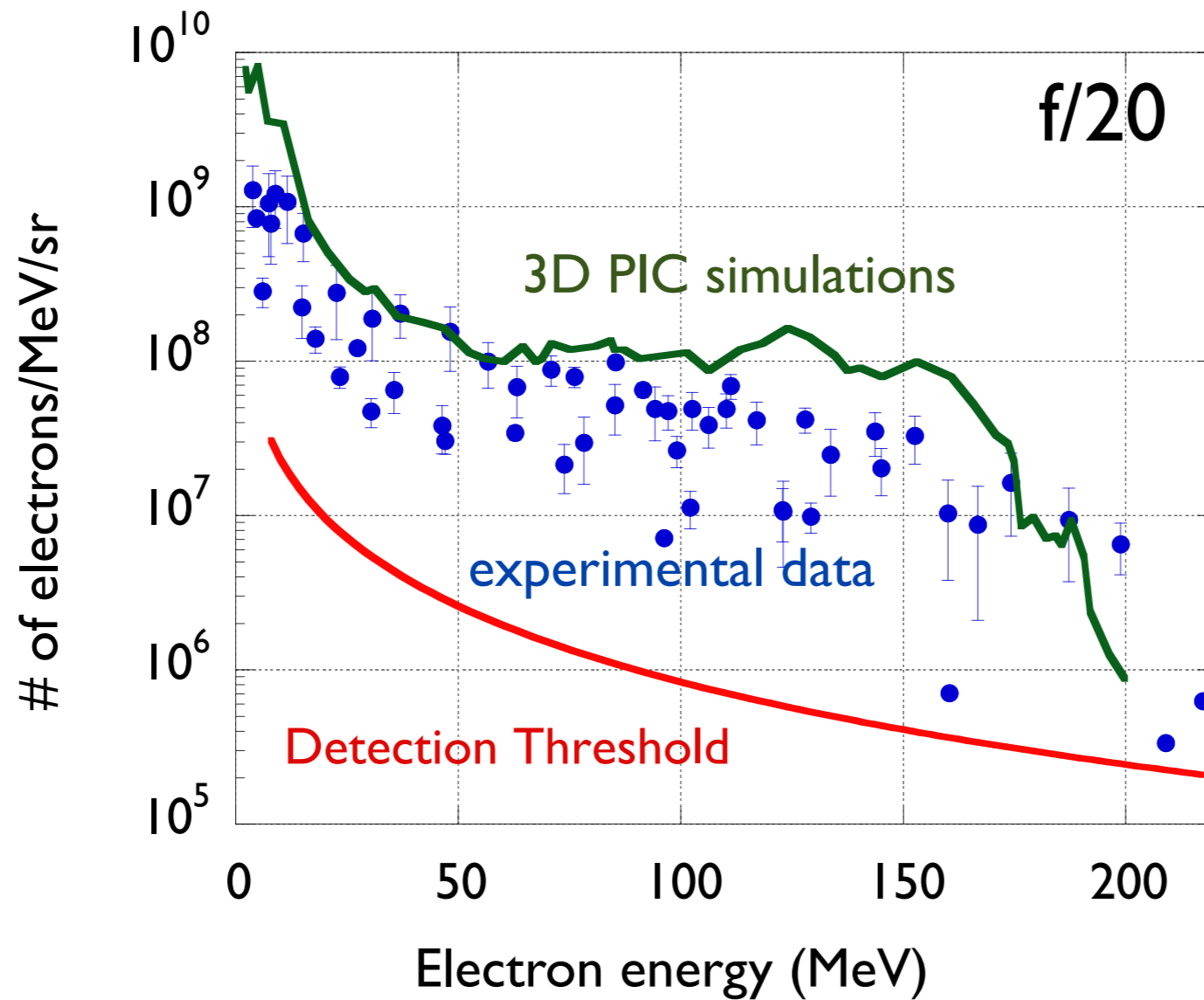
The Eighth International West Lake Symposium - Laser-Plasma Interactions,
Hangzhou, China April 21-25 (2014)



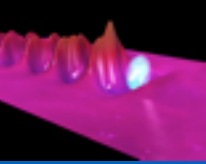
2002 The Forced Laser Wakefield



Parameters: $n_e = 1.5 \times 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3}$, $\tau_L = 35 \text{fs}$, $E = 0.6 \text{J}$, $I_L = 1 \times 10^{18} \text{W/cm}^2$ with $k_p w_0 > 1$



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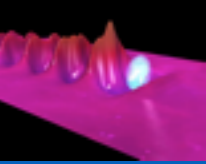
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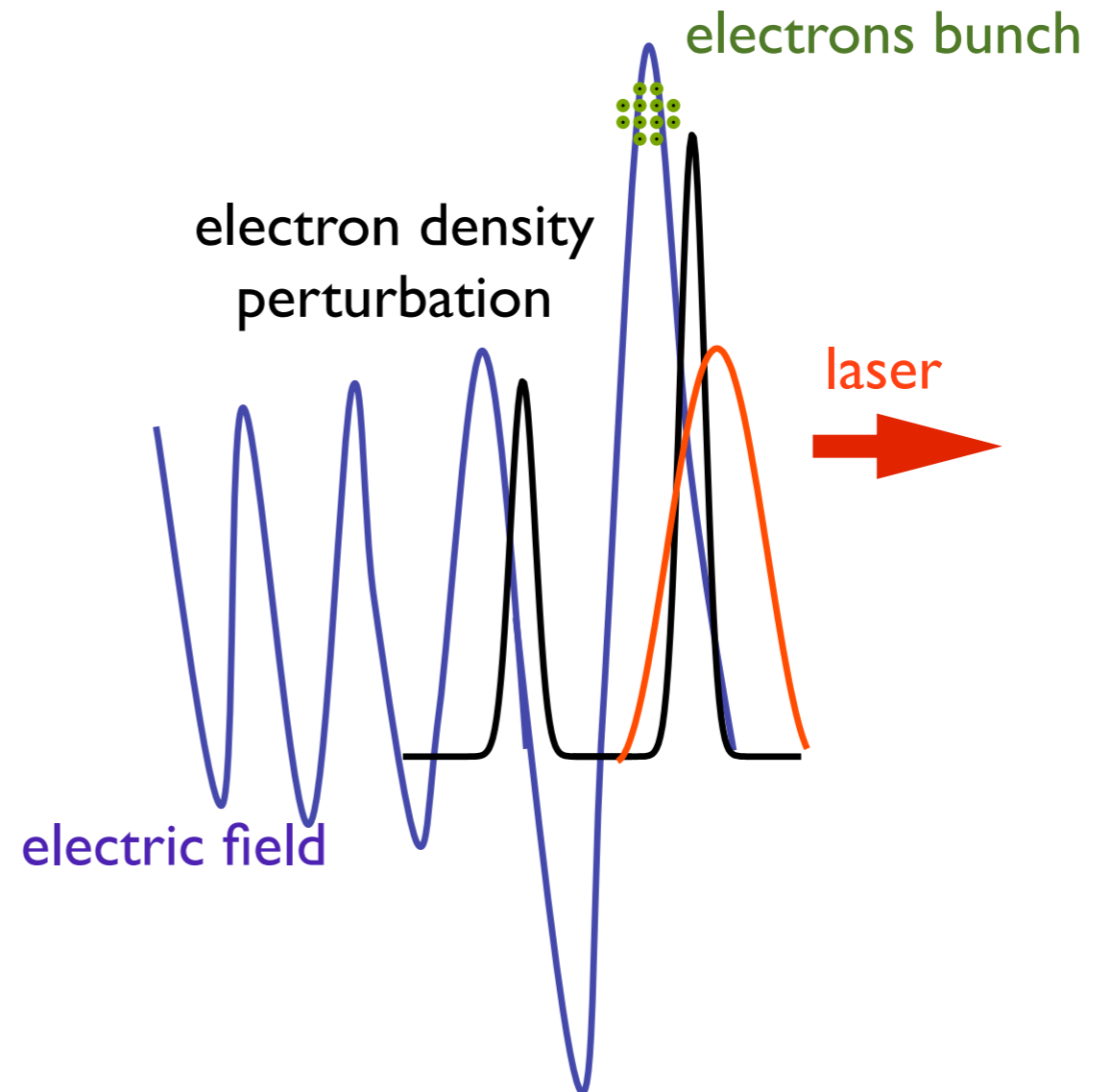
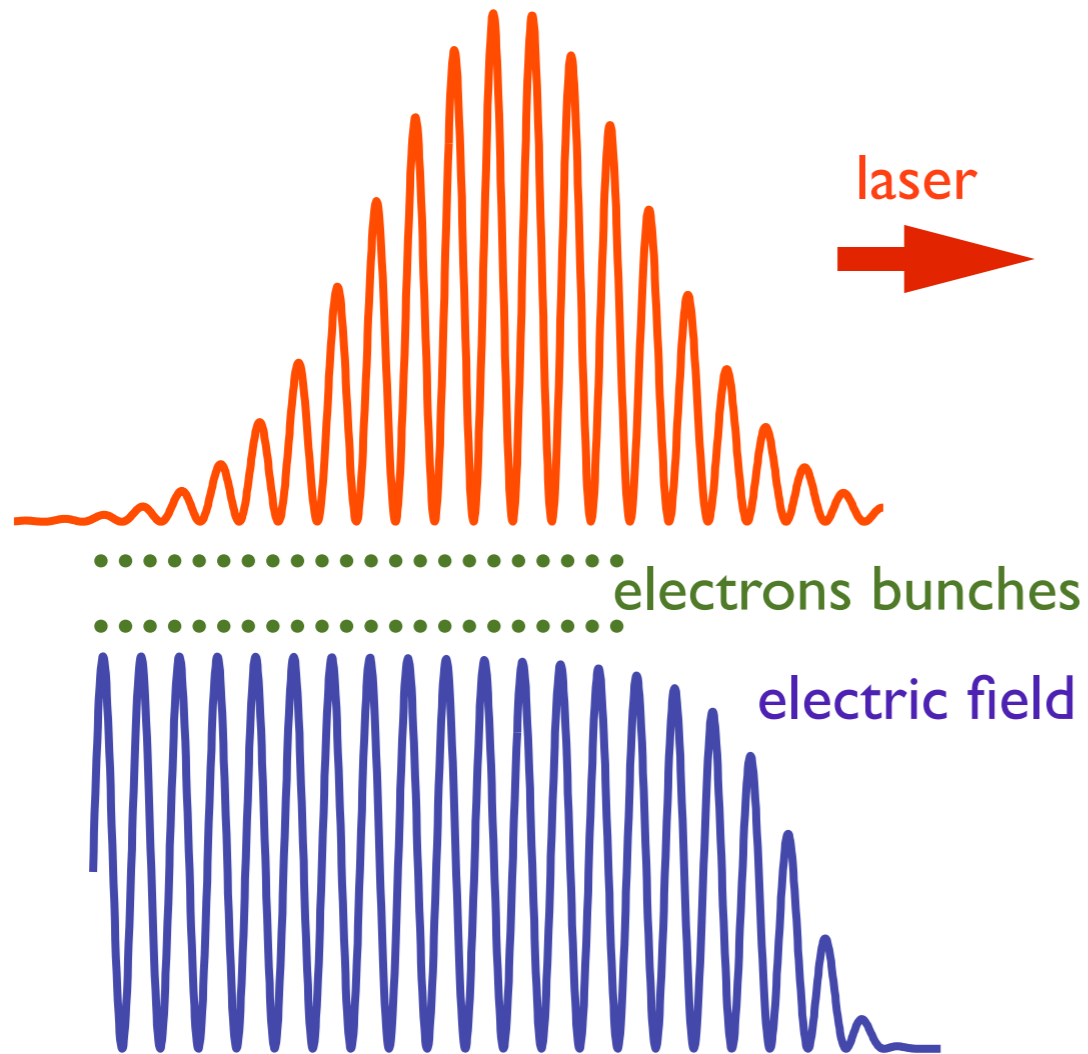


SMLWF / FLWF (ps/fs) : multiple/single bunch



SMLWF: $\omega_p \tau \gg 1$

FLWF: $\omega_p \tau \approx 1$

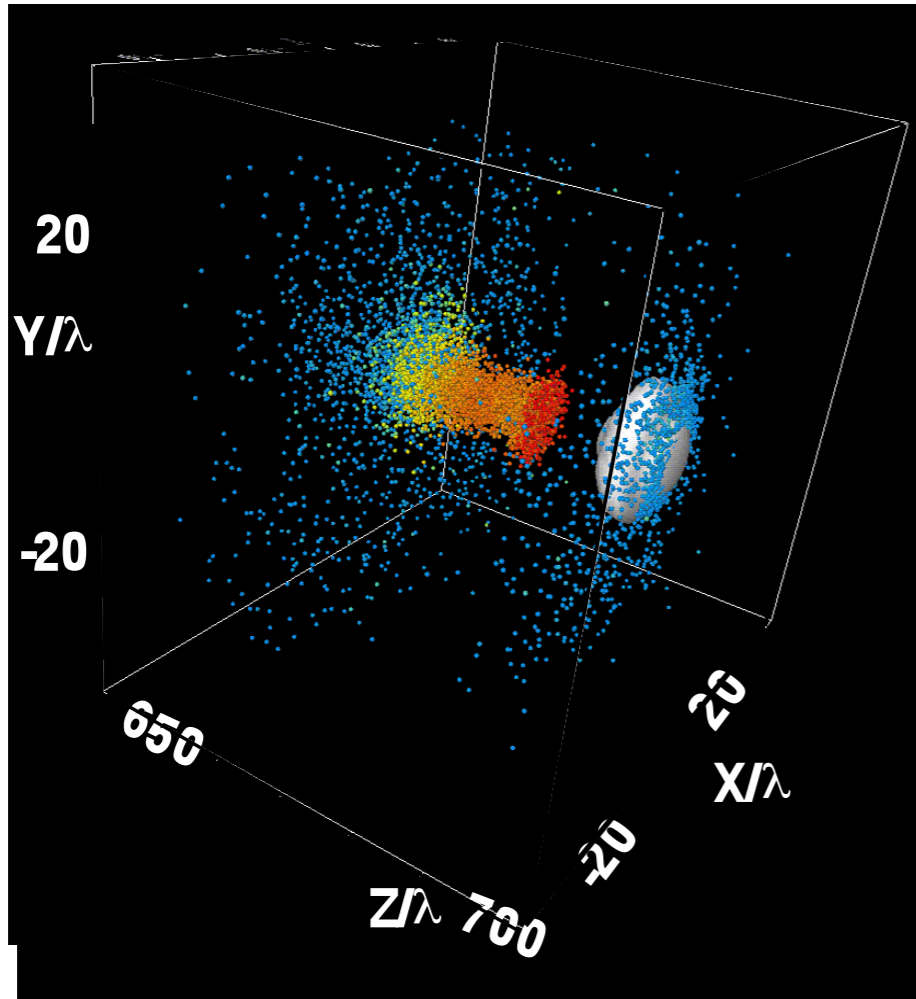
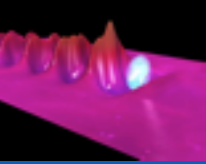


V. Malka *et al.*, Europhysics News, April (2004)

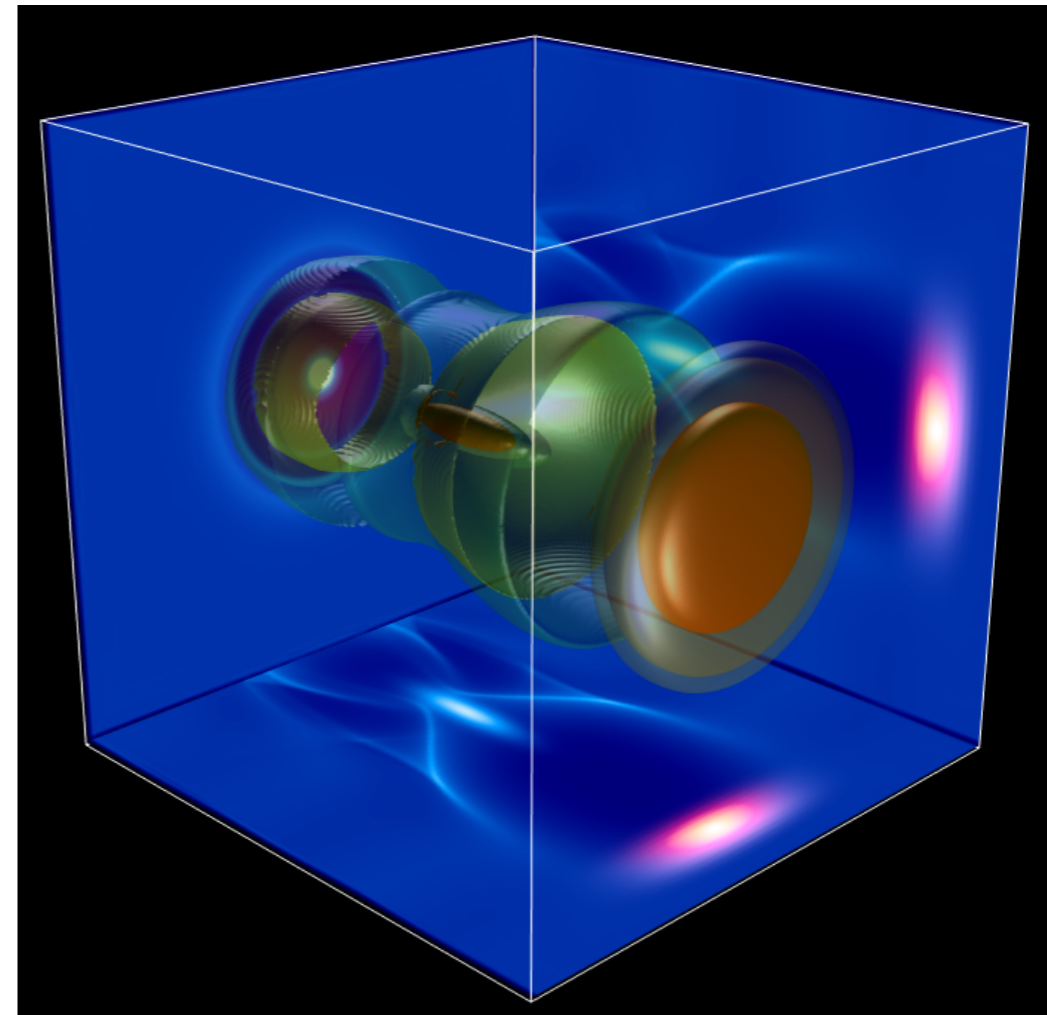


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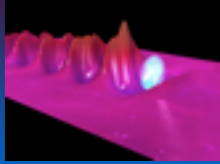
VLPL, courtesy of A. Pukhov



Golp, courtesy of L. Silva

A. Pukhov & J. Meyer-ter-Vehn, *Appl. Phys. B*, **74** (2002)

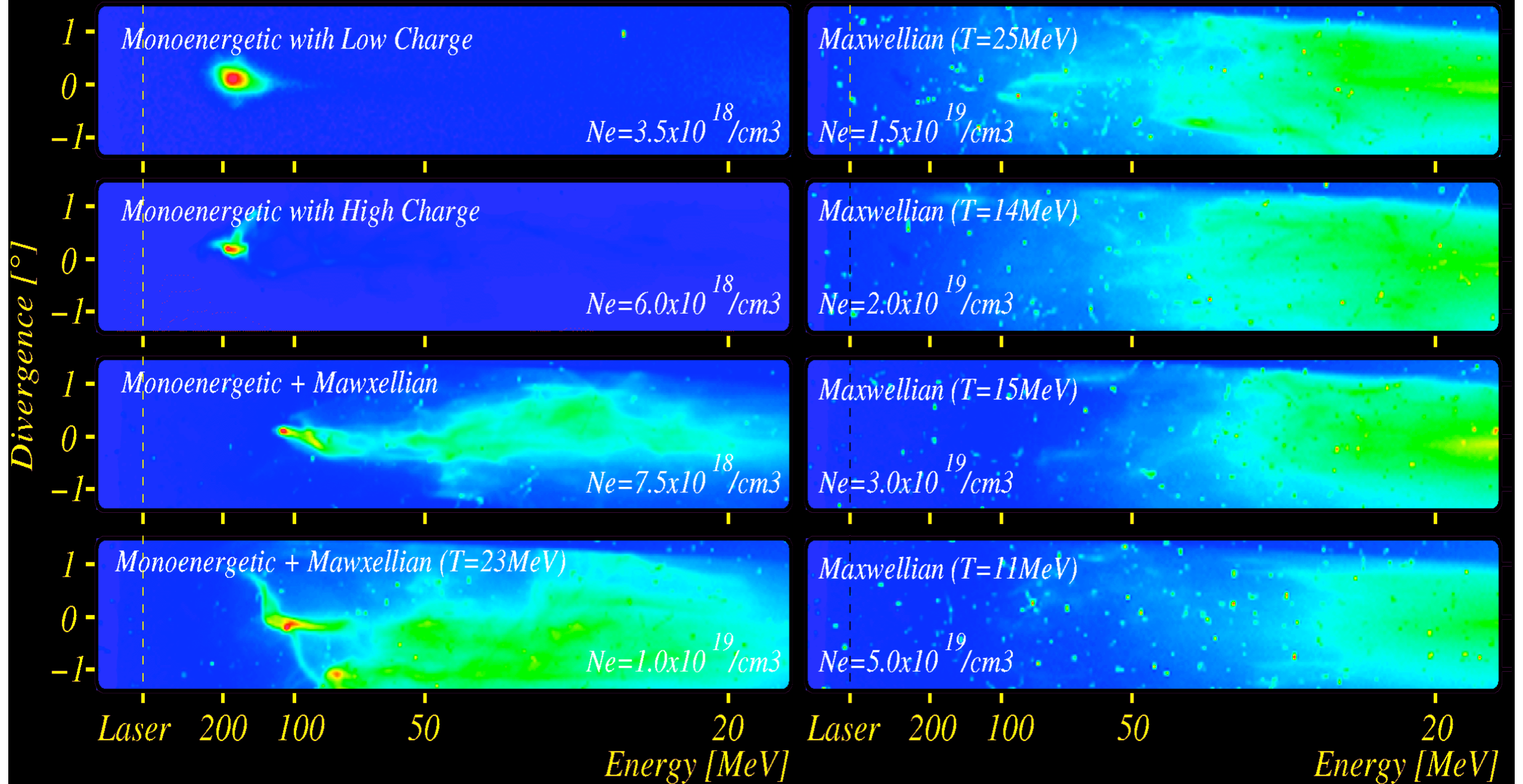
2005 Bubble regime: distribution quality improvements



Arbitrary Unit



SMLWF=>FLWF=>Bubble



V. Malka et al., Phys. of Plasmas **12**, 5 (2005)



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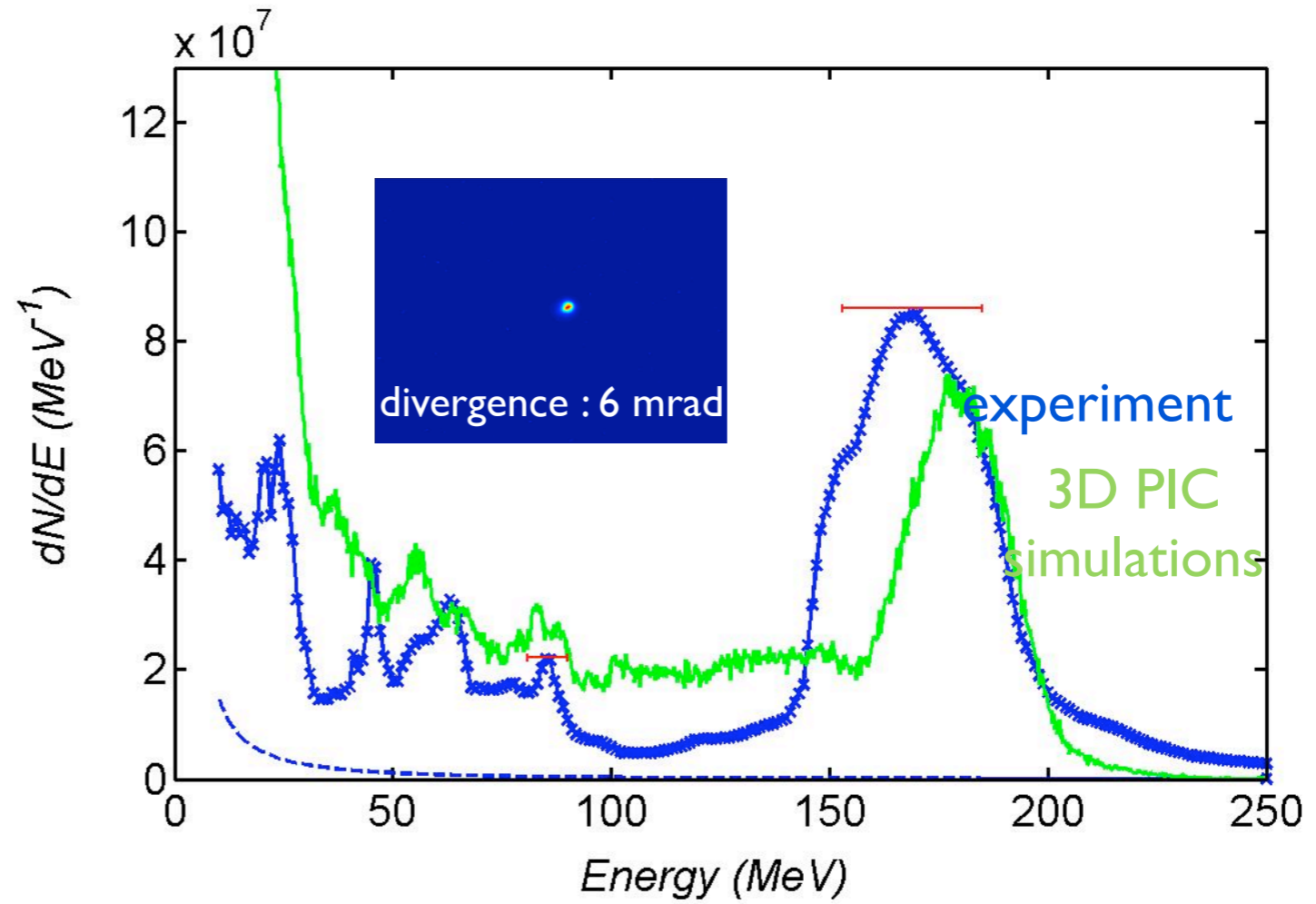
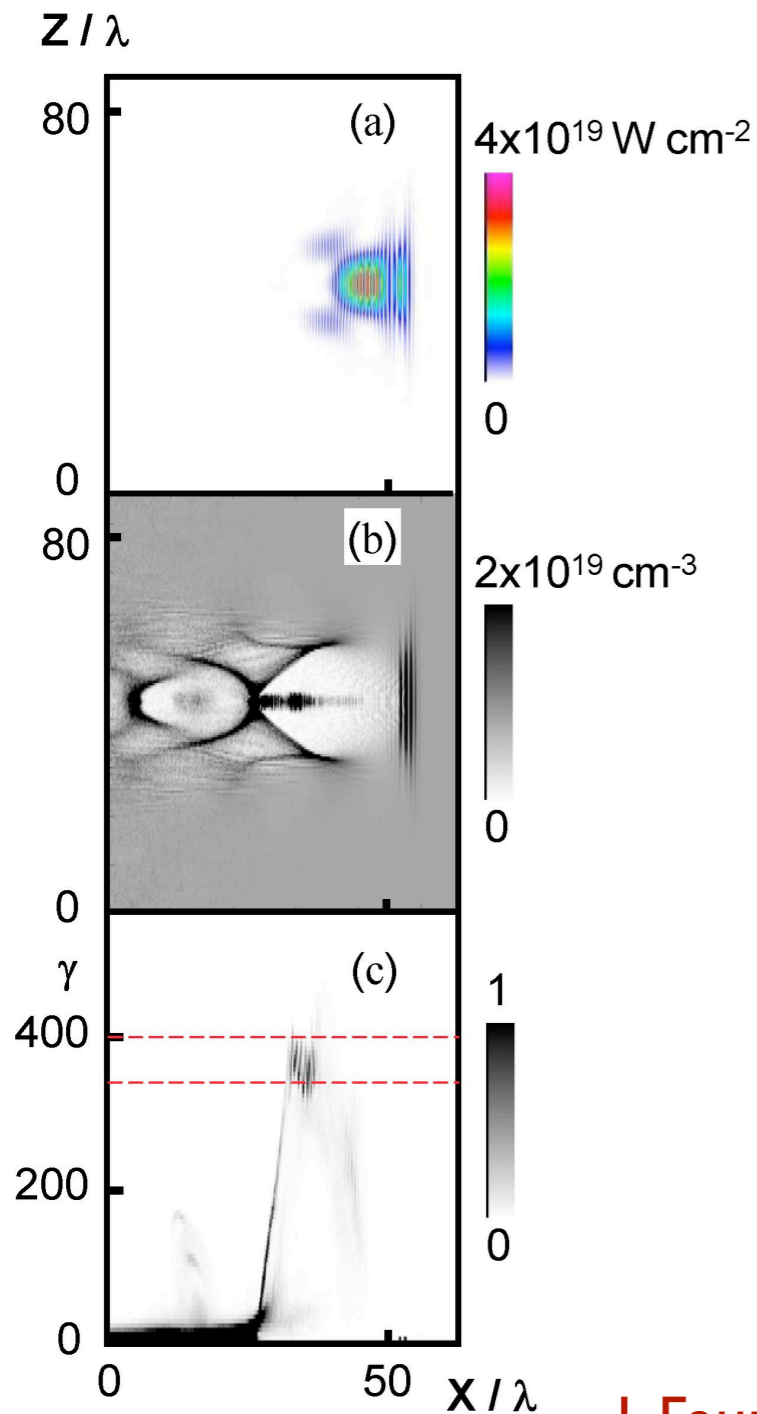
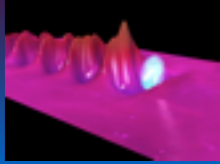


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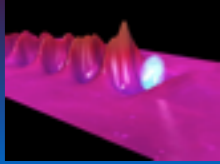
2005 The Bubble regime : theory/experiments



Experimental parameters : $E=1J$, $\tau_L=30fs$,
 $\lambda_L=0.8\mu m$, $I_L=3.2 \times 10^{19} W/cm^2$, $n_e=6 \times 10^{18} cm^{-3}$

J. Faure et al., Nature 431, 7008 (2004)





Monoenergetic beams of relativistic electrons from intense laser-plasma interactions

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High-quality electron beams from a laser wakefield accelerator using plasma-channel guiding

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A laser-plasma accelerator producing monoenergetic electron beams

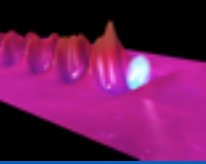
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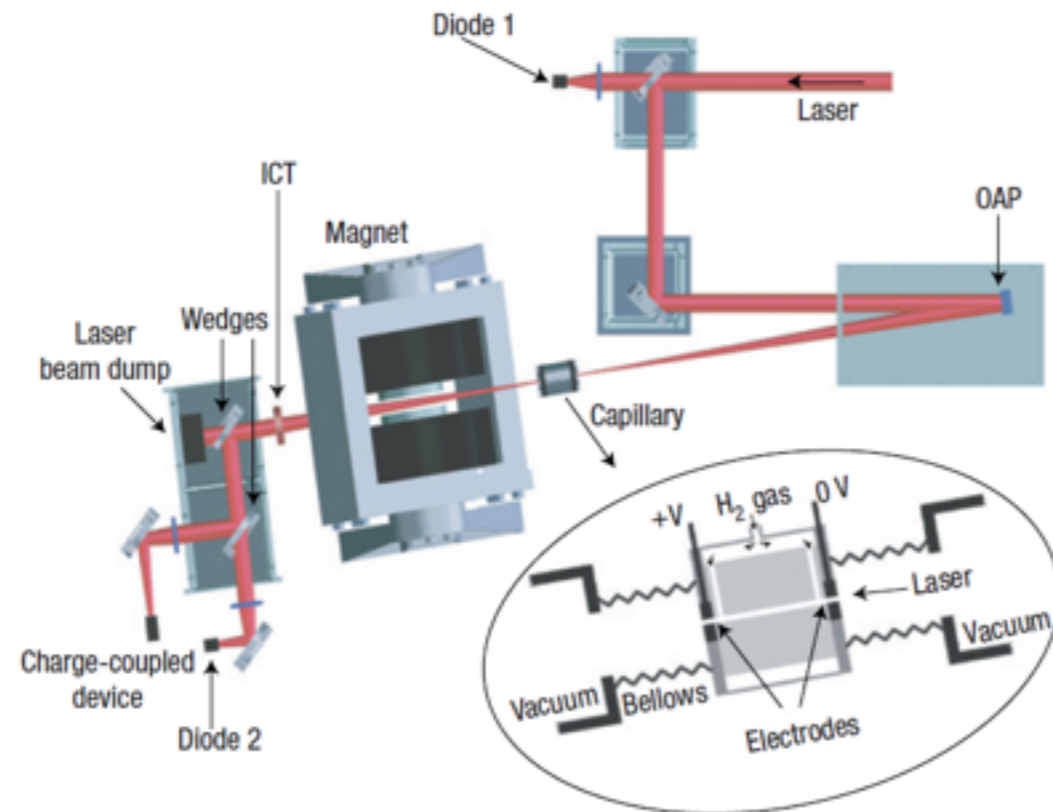
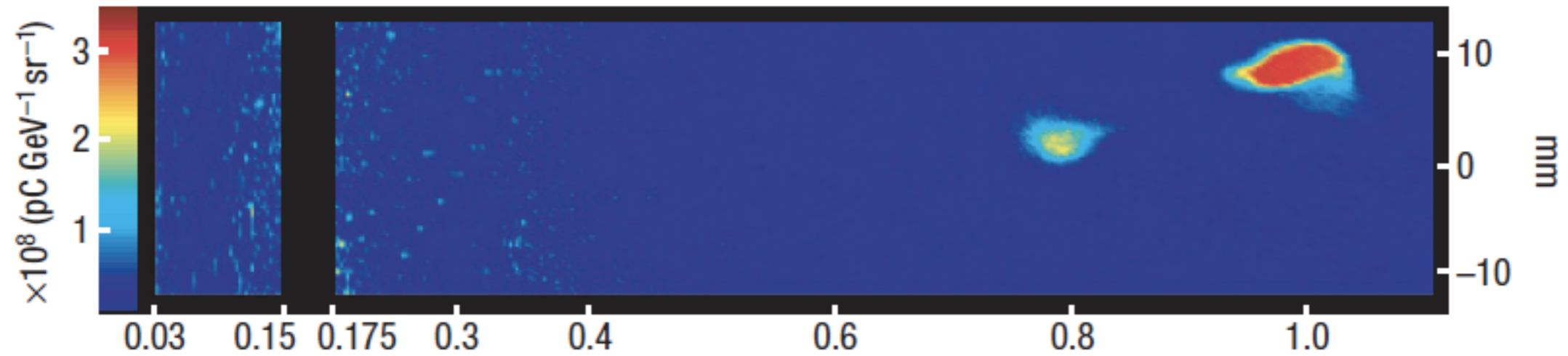
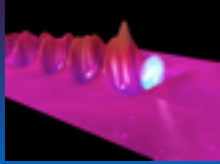
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Some reports on quasi monoenergetic electron beam



Name	Ref.	Year	Lab	Energy (MeV)	DE/E	Charge (pC)	N	I_{18}	t	Remarks
Mangles	Nature	2004	RAL	73	6	22	20	2,5	1,6	
Geddes	Nature	2004	L'OASIS	86	2	320	19	11	2,2	channel
Faure	Nature	2004	LOA	170	25	300	6	3	0,7	
Hidding	PRL	2006	JETI	47	9	0,32	40	50	4,6	
Hsieh	PRL	2006	IAMS	55		336	40		2,6	
Hosokai	PRE	2006	U.Tokyo	11	10	10	80	22	3	preplasma
Miura	APL	2005	AIST	7	20	0,004	130	5	5,1	
Hafz	PRE	2006	KERI	4	93	200	28	1	33,4	
Mori	PRE	2006	JEARl	20	24	0,8	50	0,9	4,5	
Mangles	PRL	2006	LLC	150	20		20	5	1,4	

2006 GeV electron beams from “cm scale” accelerator



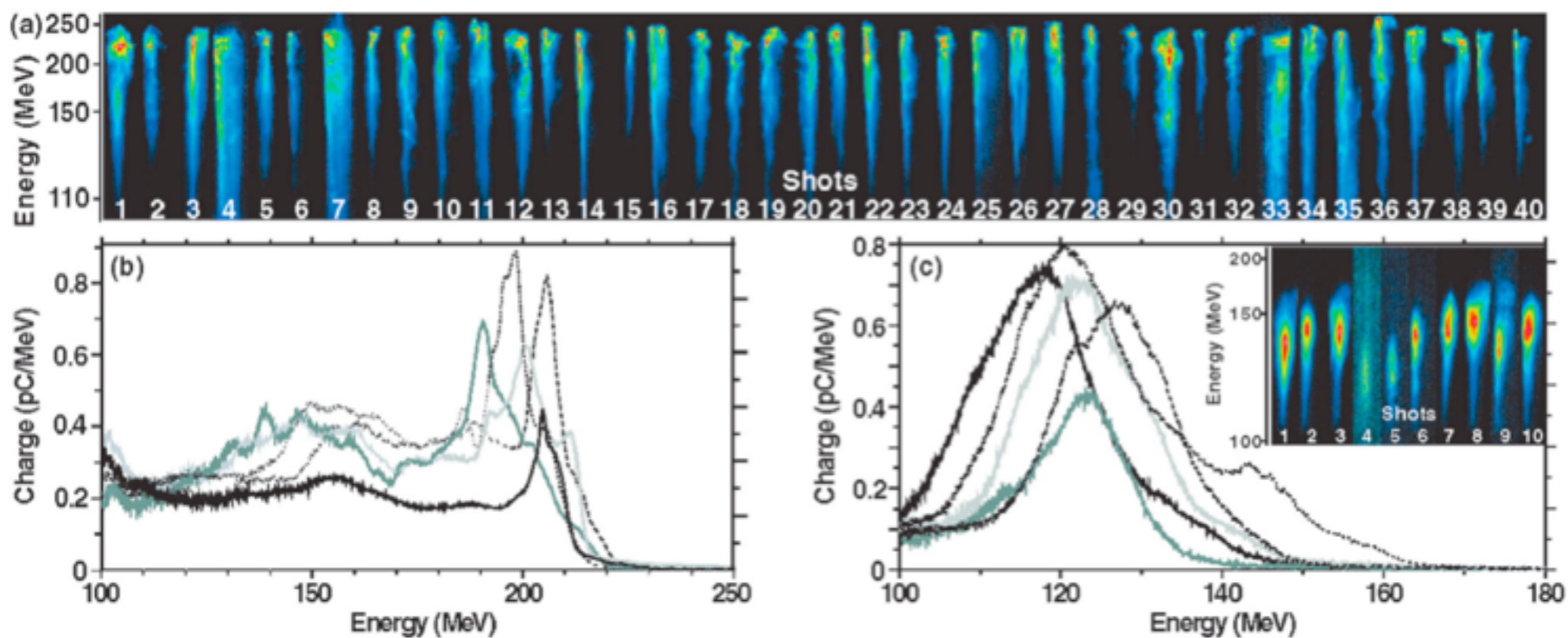
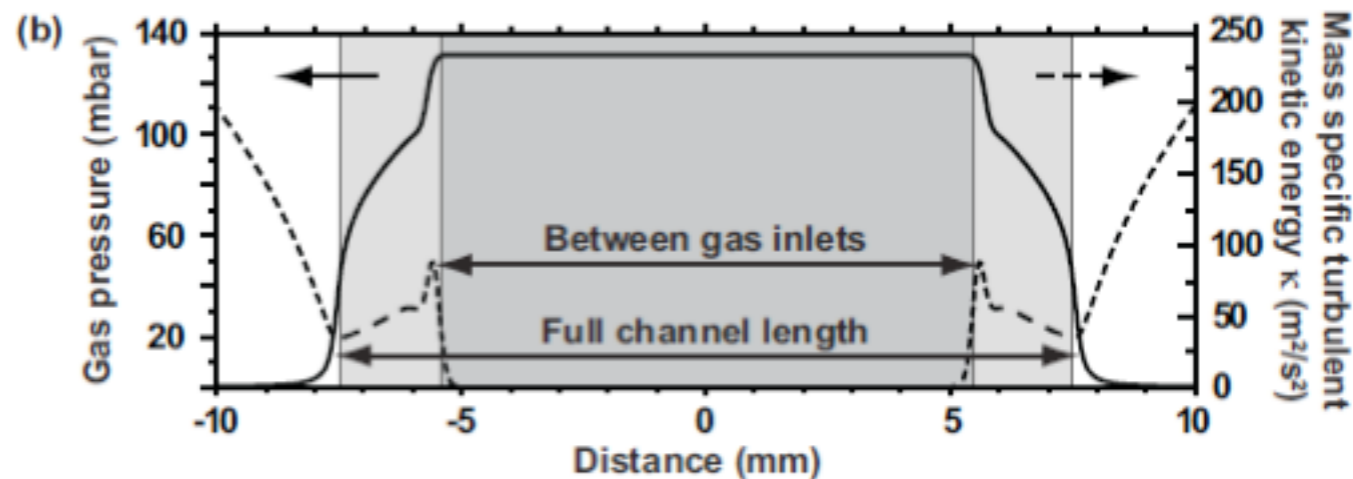
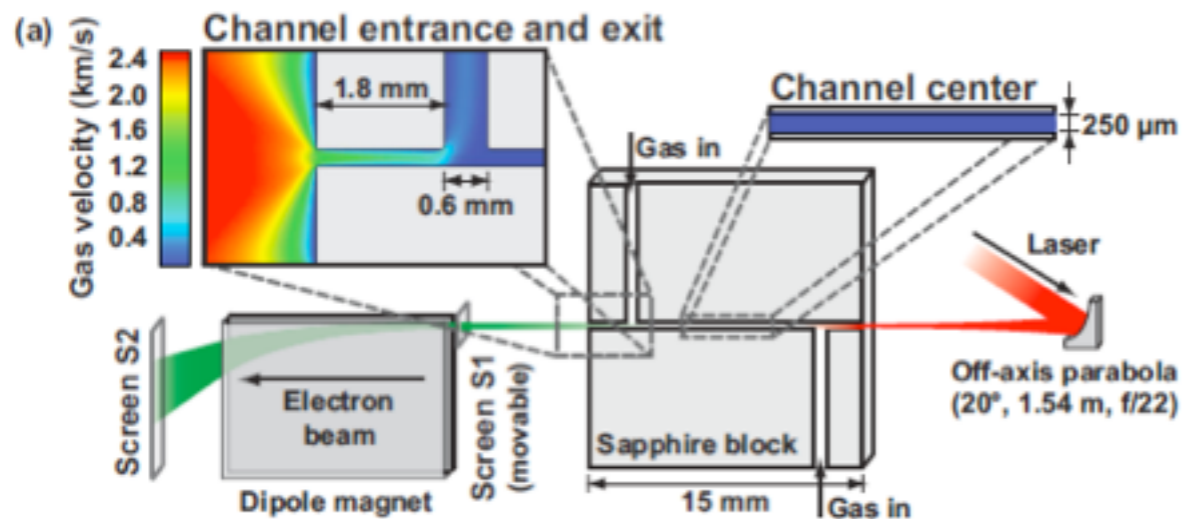
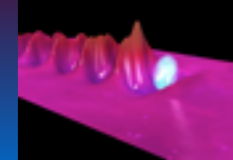
310- μm -diameter
channel capillary

$P = 40 \text{ TW}$

density $4.3 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

W. Leemans *et al.*, Nature Physics, september 2006

2009 Gas cell experiments at MPQ



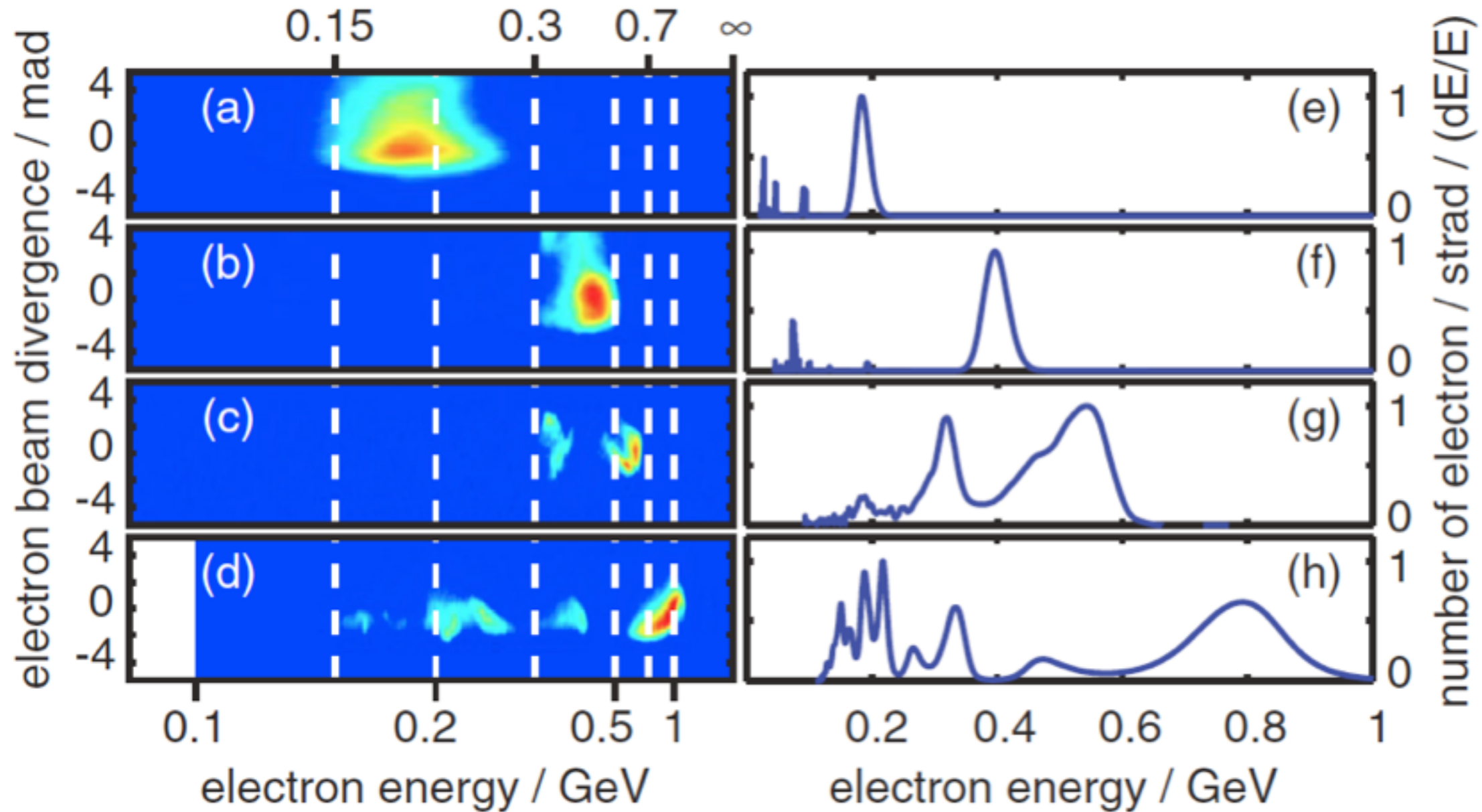
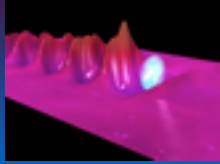
Laser : 20 TW
 1 cm gas cell target
 0.8 J, 40 fs, $a_0=0.9$
 $n_e=7 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 Stable e-beam :
 10 pC
 220 MeV
 Div = 2 mrad
 DE/E = 8%

J. Osterhoff et al., PRL 101, 085002 (2008)



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2009 GeV electron beams from “cm scale” accelerator



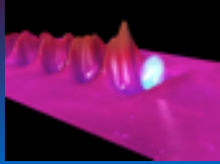
Astra Gemini laser RAL :

11J, 55fs, $a=3.9$, 1cm gas jet target, density $5.7 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

0.8 GeV, >ten % relative energy spread, 300 pC

S. Kneip et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 035002 (2009)

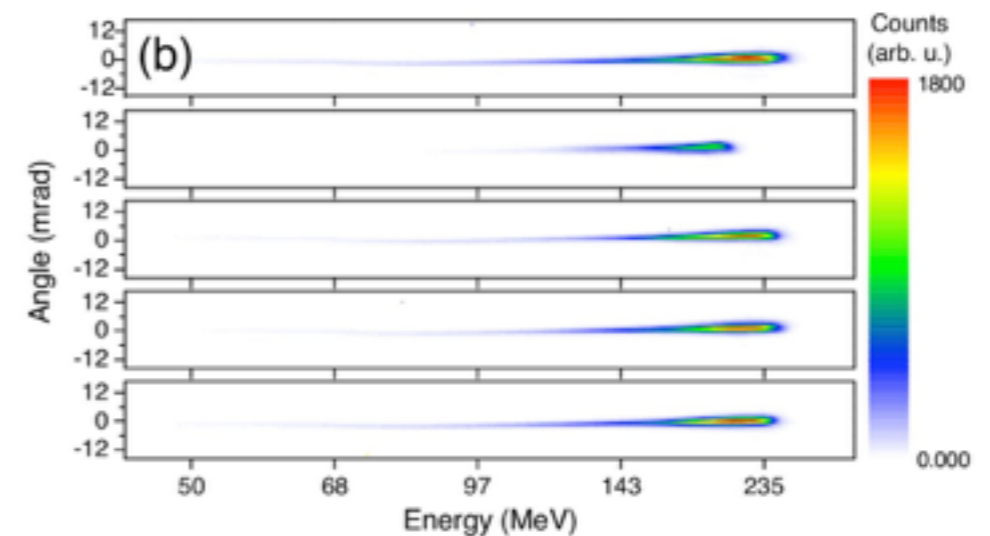
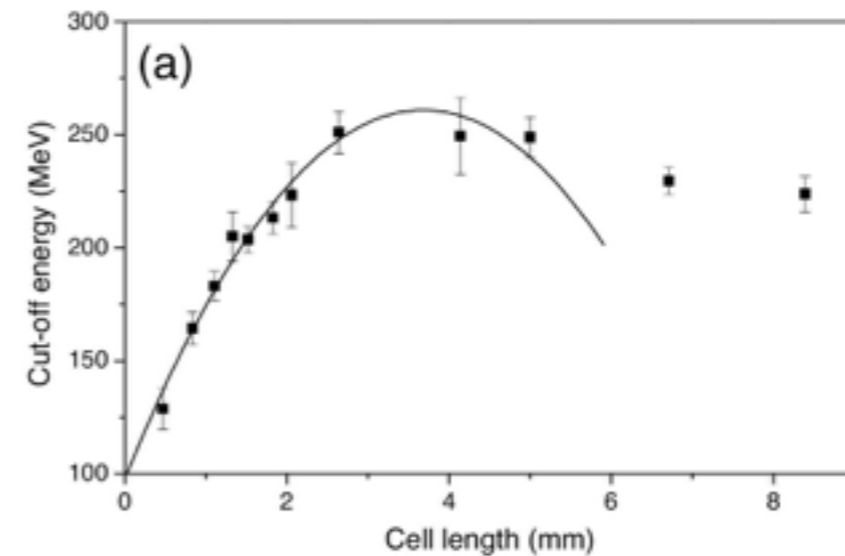
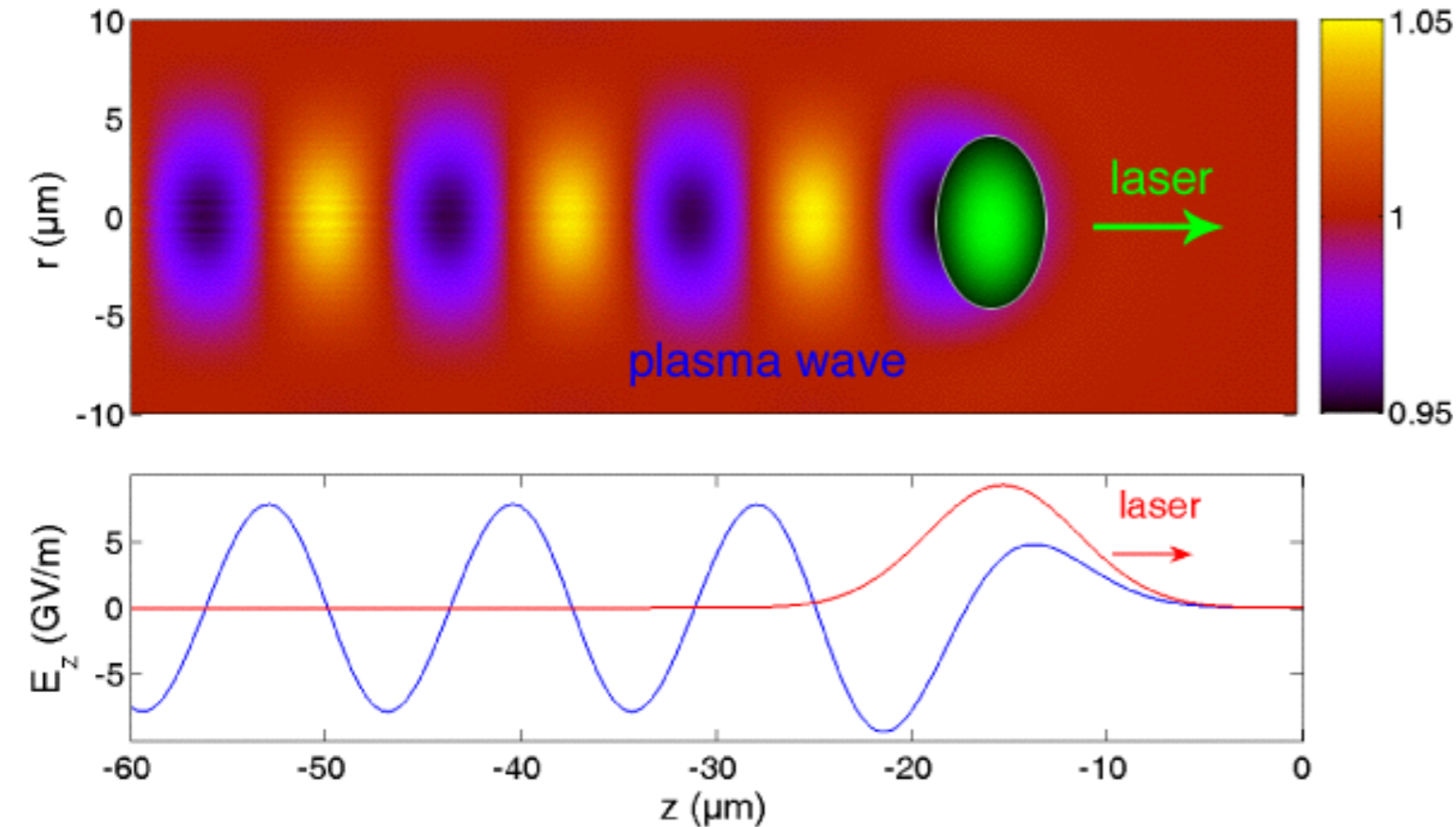
2013 Longitudinal injection



Two different self-injection mechanisms take place :

- At lower plasma density transverse injection is prevented

- Only one bunch is injected (longitudinal injection)



longitudinal injection improves

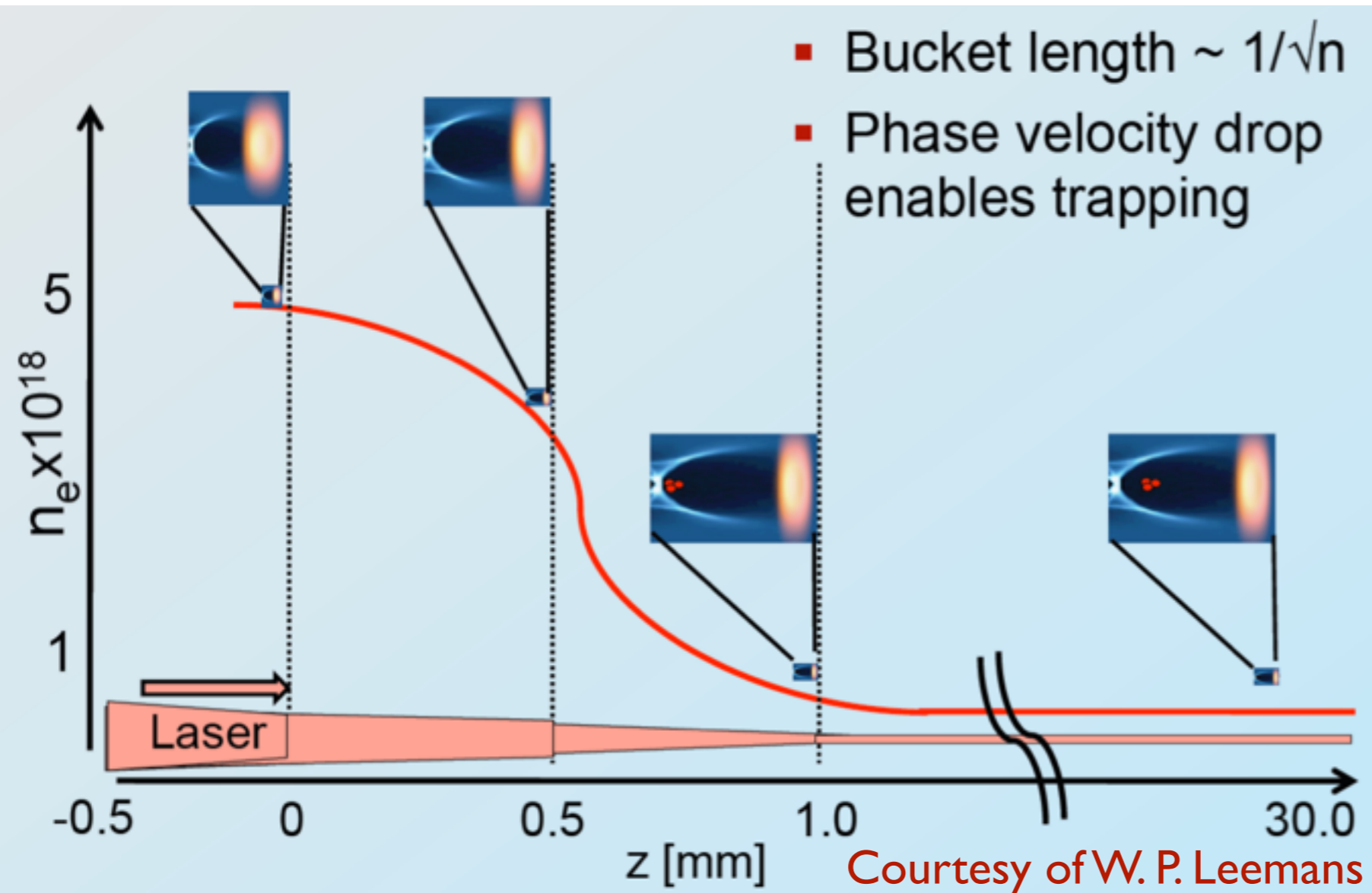
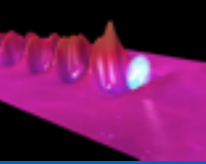
- the stability of the electron beam

and

- reduces the divergence of the electron beam

S. Corde *et al.*, Nature Communications (2013)

2005-2008 Density ramp injection



$$v_p/c = \left(1 + \frac{\zeta}{k_p} \frac{dk_p}{dz}\right)^{-1}$$

where, $\zeta = z - ct$ and $k_p(z)$

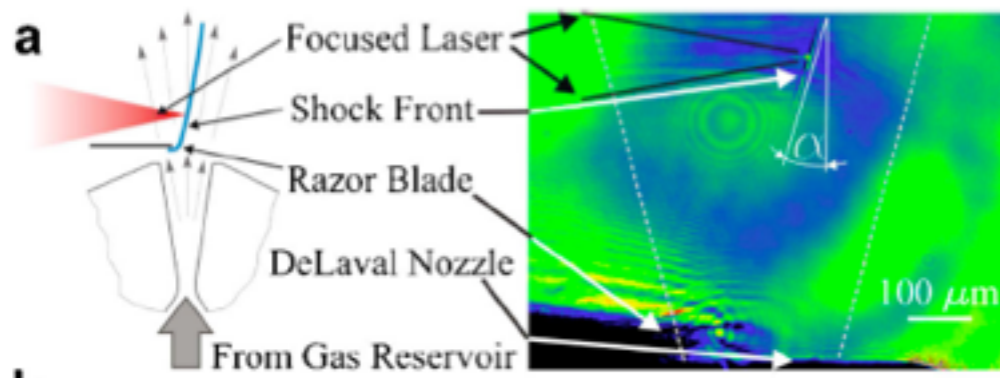
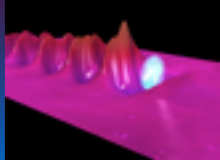
which depends on z through on density

$$\frac{k_p}{dz} = \frac{k_p}{2n_e} \frac{dn_e}{dz}$$

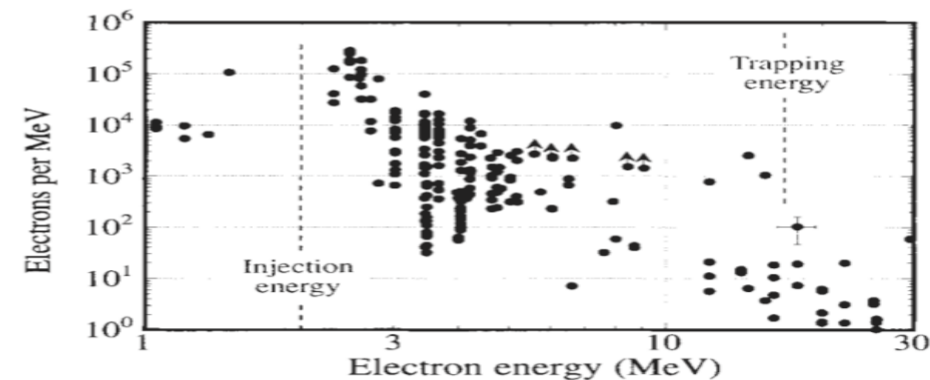
For a downward density, the wake phase velocity slow down facilitating electrons trapping

S. Bulanov *et al.*, PRE 58, R5257 (1998), H. Suk *et al.*, PRL 86, 1011 (2001), T.-Y Chien *et al.*, PRL 94, 115003 (2005), T. Hosokai *et al.*, PRL 97, 075004 (2006), C. G. R. Geddes *et al.* PRL 100, 215004 (2008), J. Faure *et al.*, Phys. of Plasma 17, 083107 (2011)

2010 Sharp density ramp injection : shock in gas jet

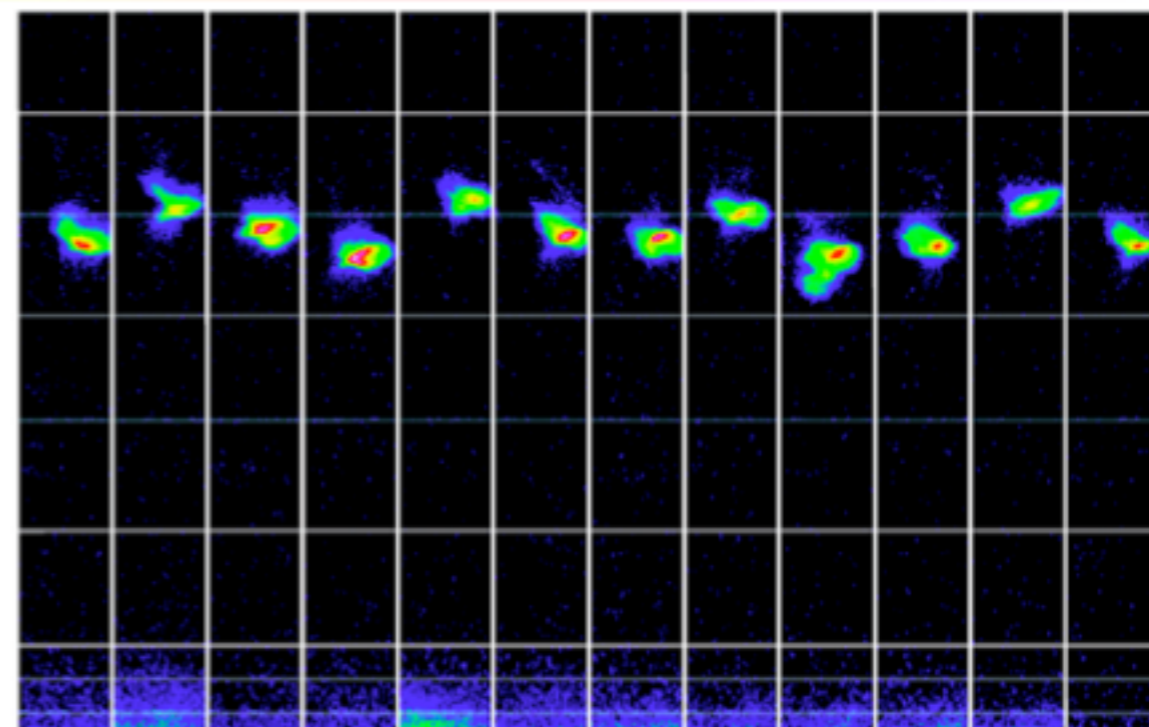
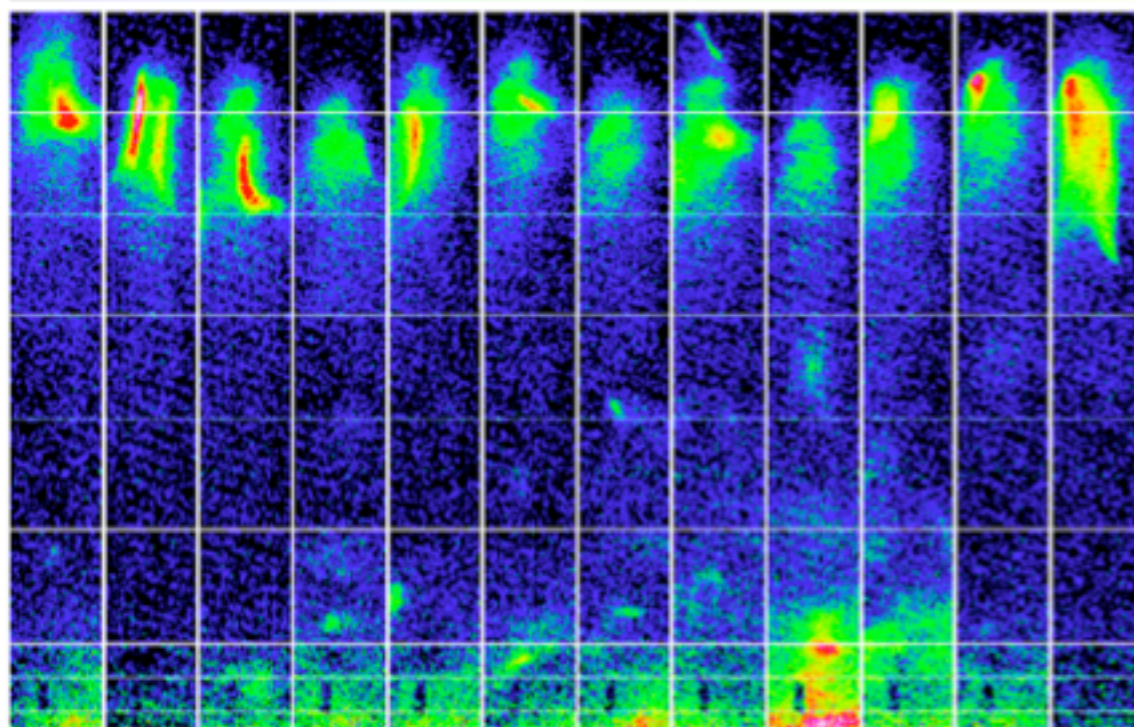


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Charge density (pC/(MeV msr))

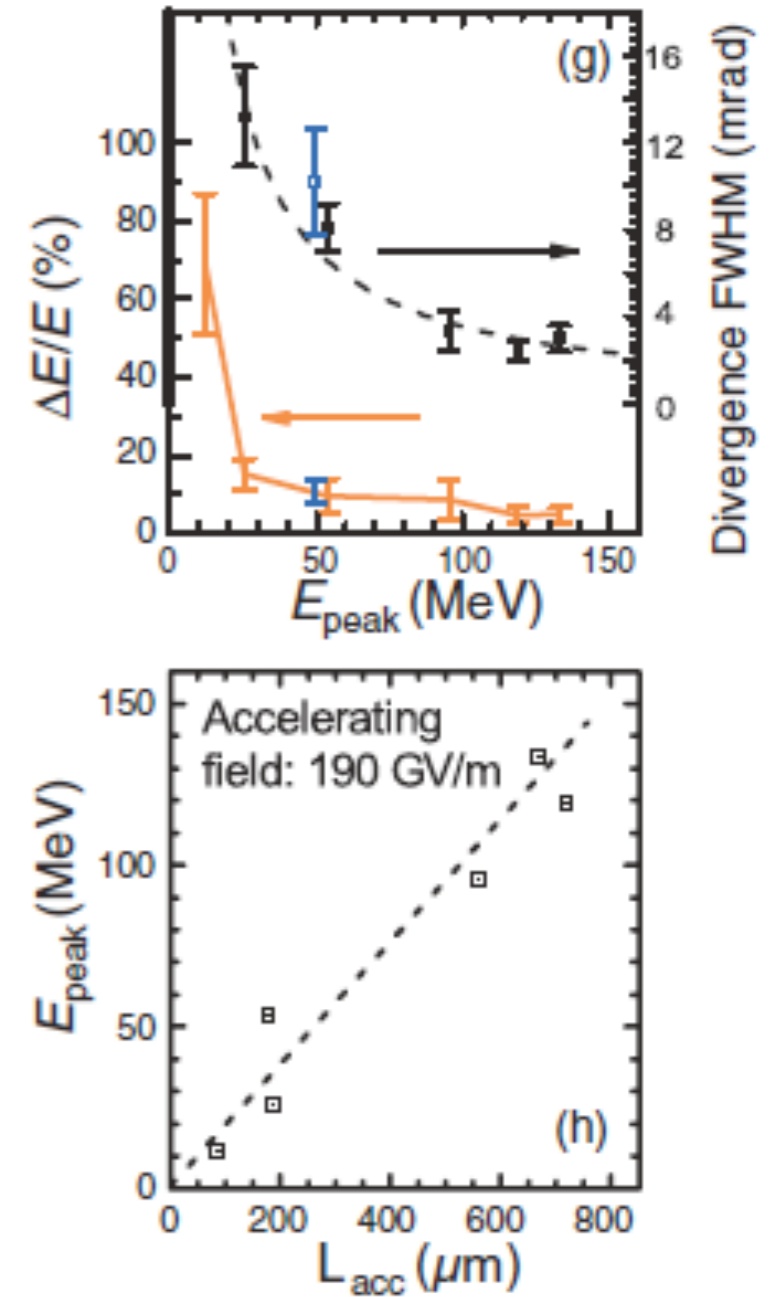
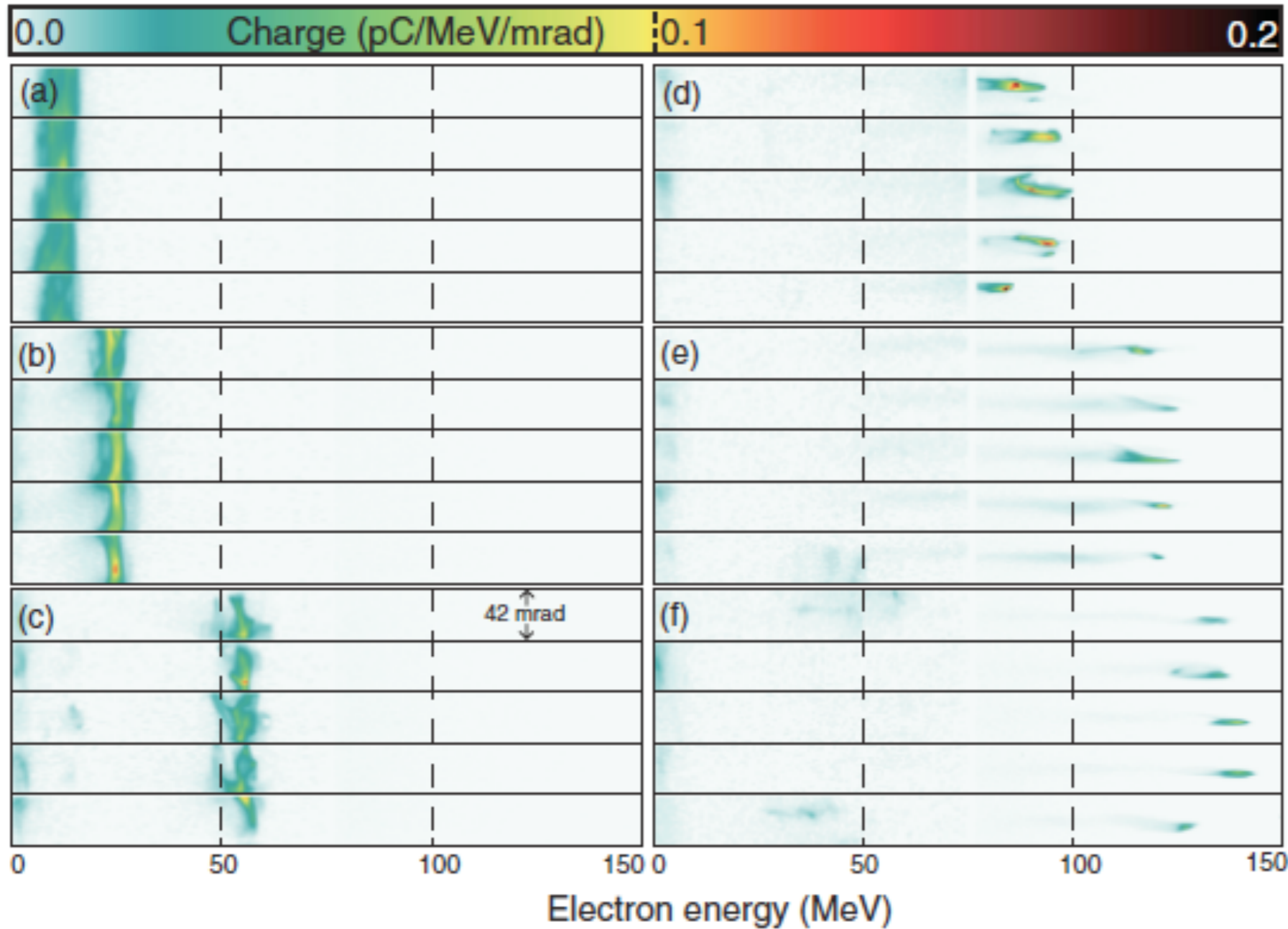
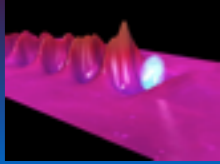


3 4 5 10 15 20 25 30 40
Electron Energy (MeV)

(a) Self injection

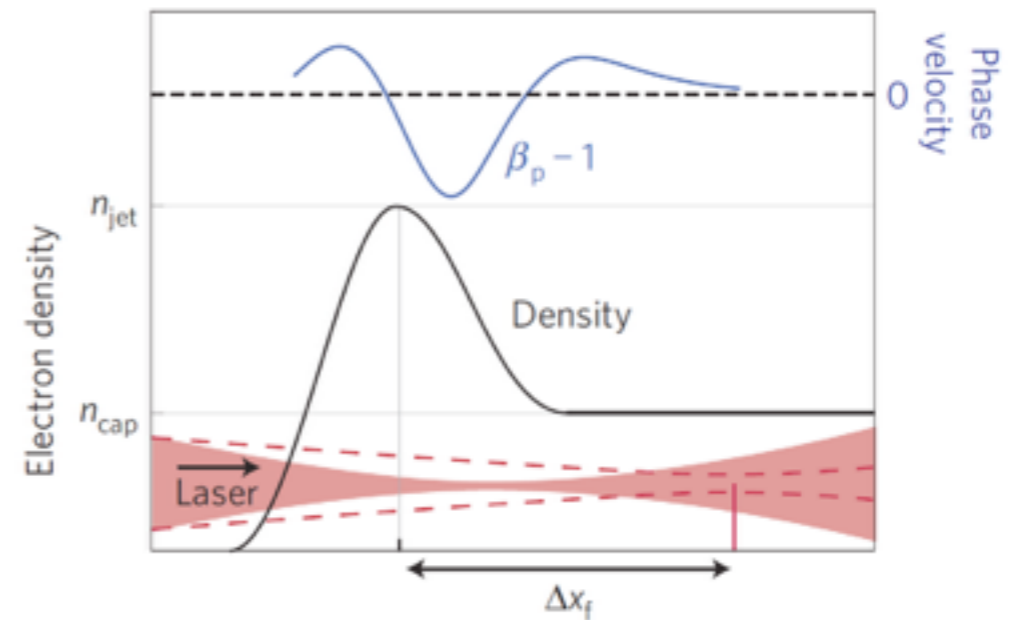
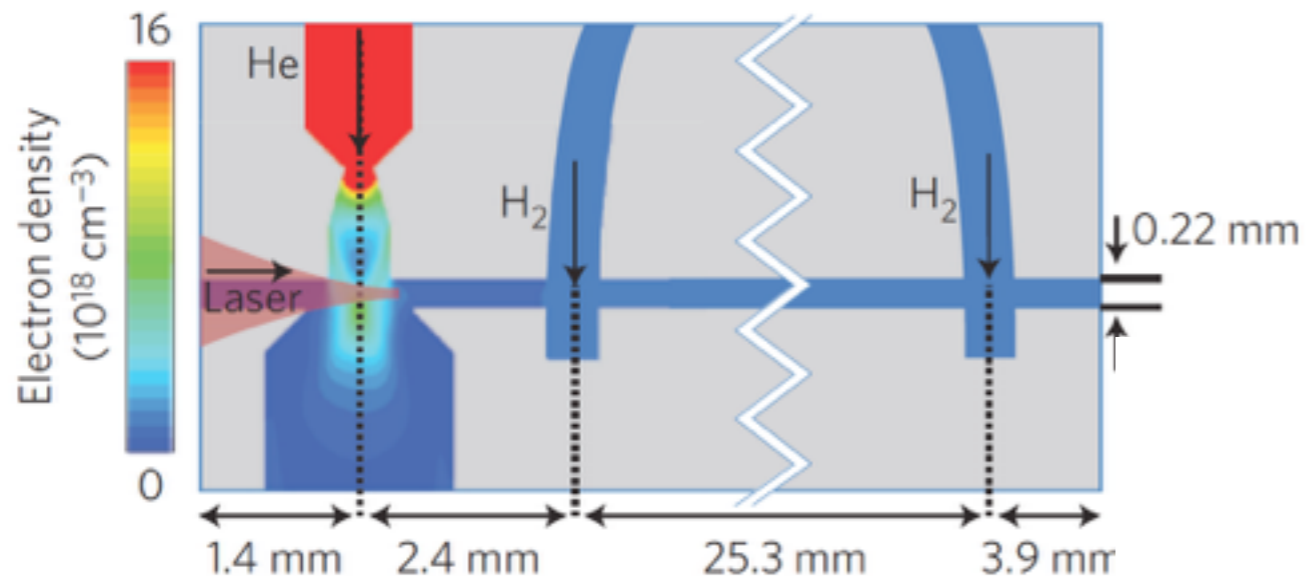
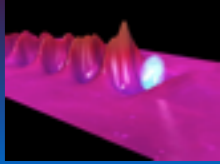
(b) Injection at density transition

K. Schmid et al., PRSTAB 13, 091301 (2010)



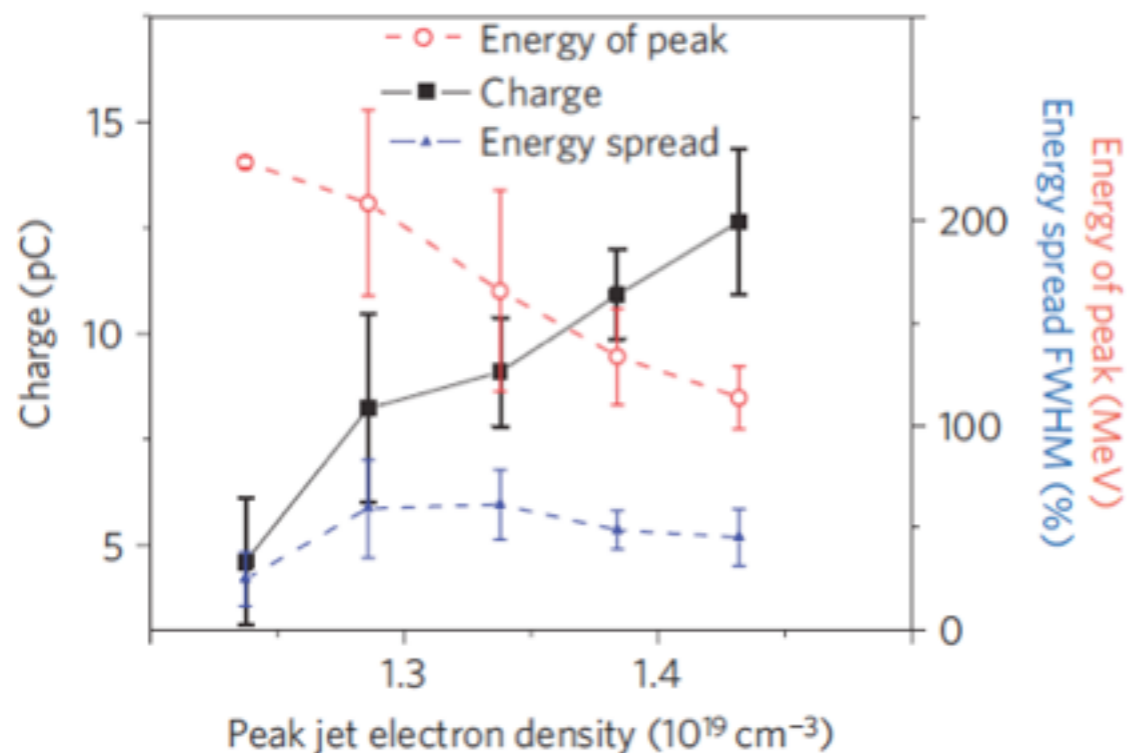
A. Buck et al., PRSTAB 13, 091301 (2010)

2011 Density ramp + phase velocity control



Laser : 20 TW
 0.8J, 40 fs, $a_0=0.9$
 $n_e=7 \times 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3}$

Stable e-beam :
 1-10 pC
 100-400 MeV
 Div = 2 mrad
 DE/E > a few %



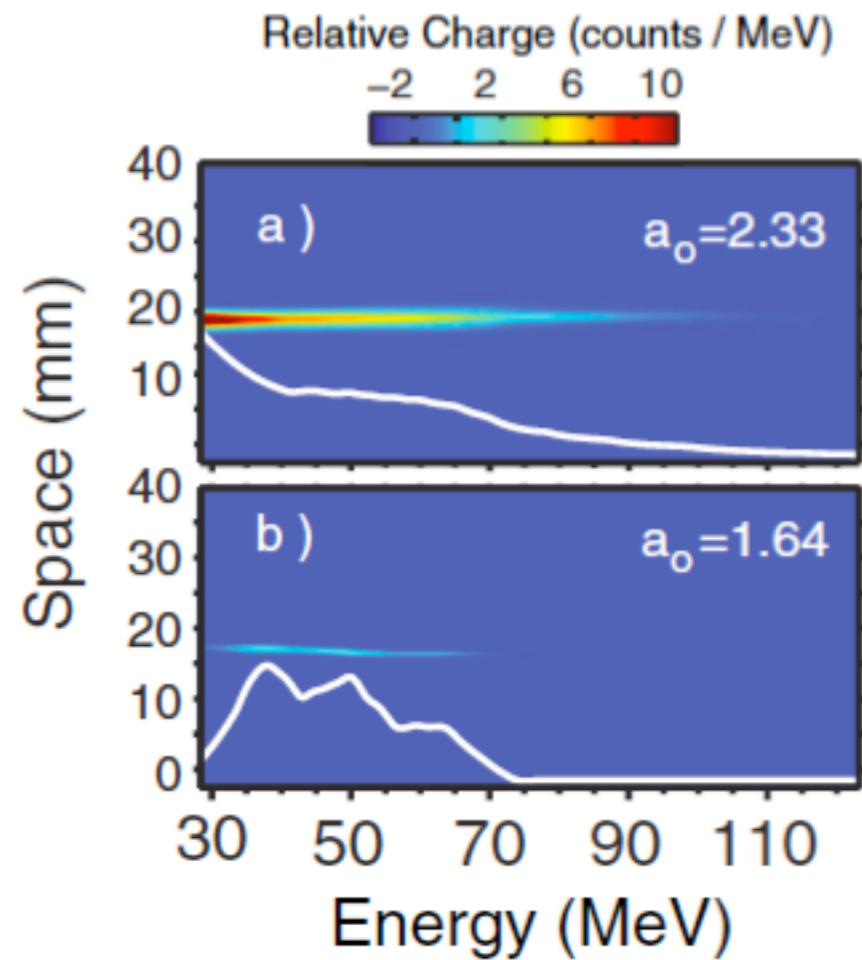
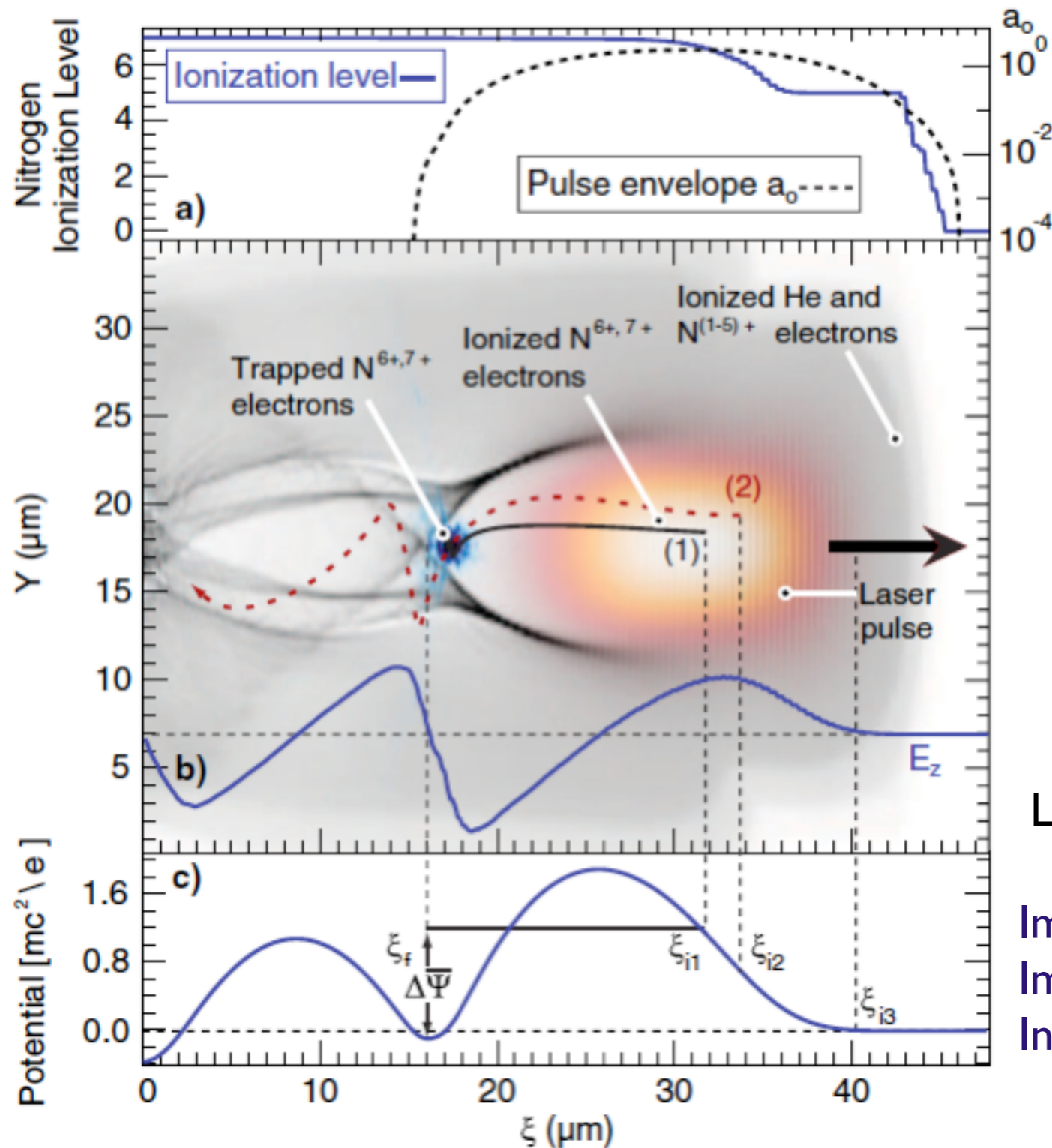
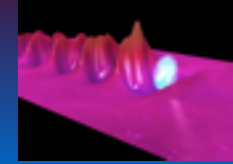
A. J. Gonslaves *et al.*, Nature Physics, August 2011



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2010 Ionization Induced Trapping



Laser: 10 TW, 0.8J, 45 fs, $a_0 \approx 2$, $n_e = 1.4 \times 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3}$

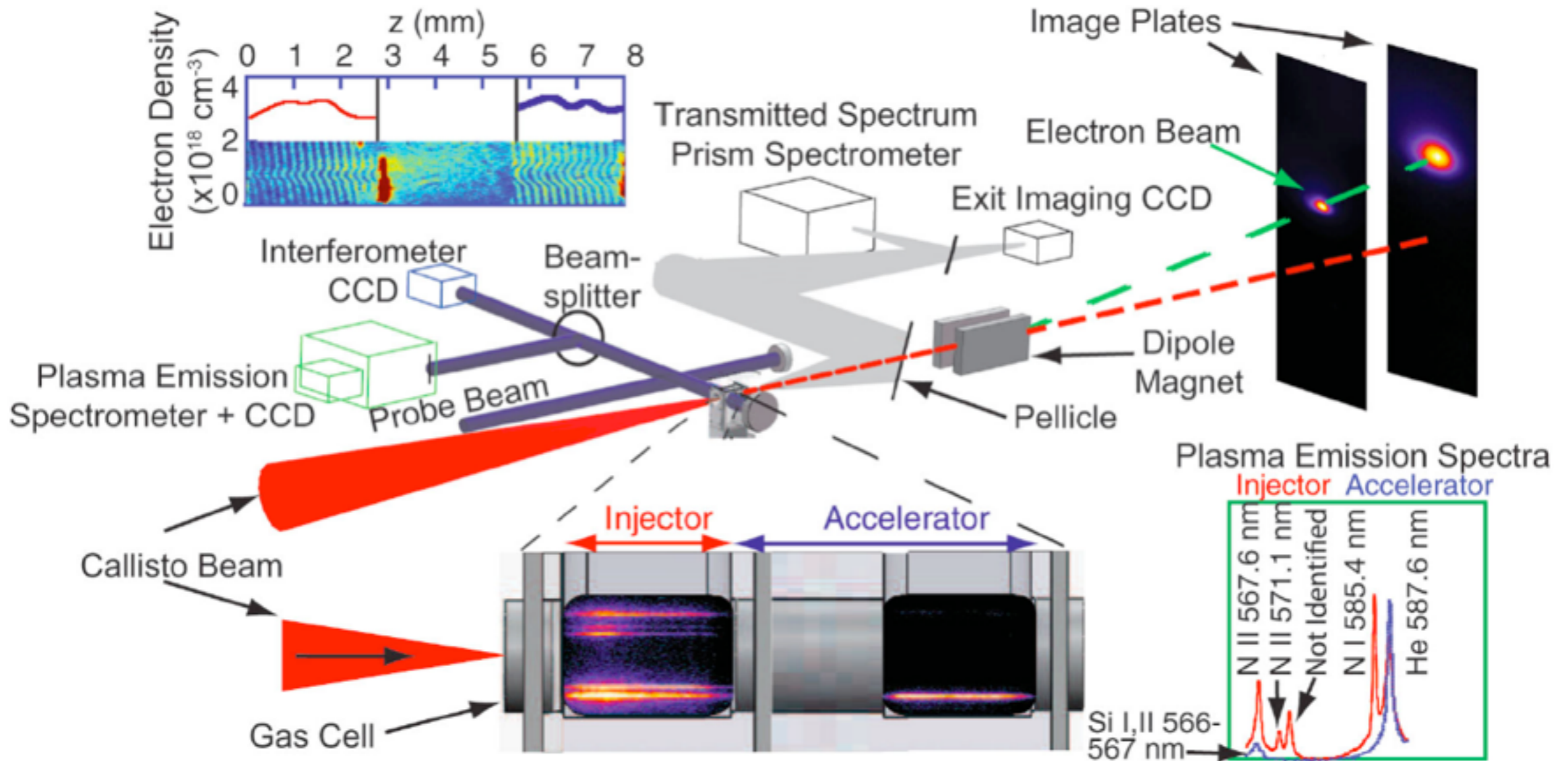
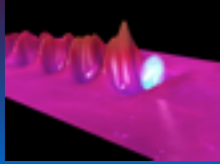
- Improve the energy spread at low laser intensity
- Improve the stability
- Increase the charge

A. Pak et al., PRL 104, 025003 (2010), C. McGuffey et al., PRL 104, 025004 (2010)



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2010 Ionization Induced Trapping : 2 stage plasma acc.

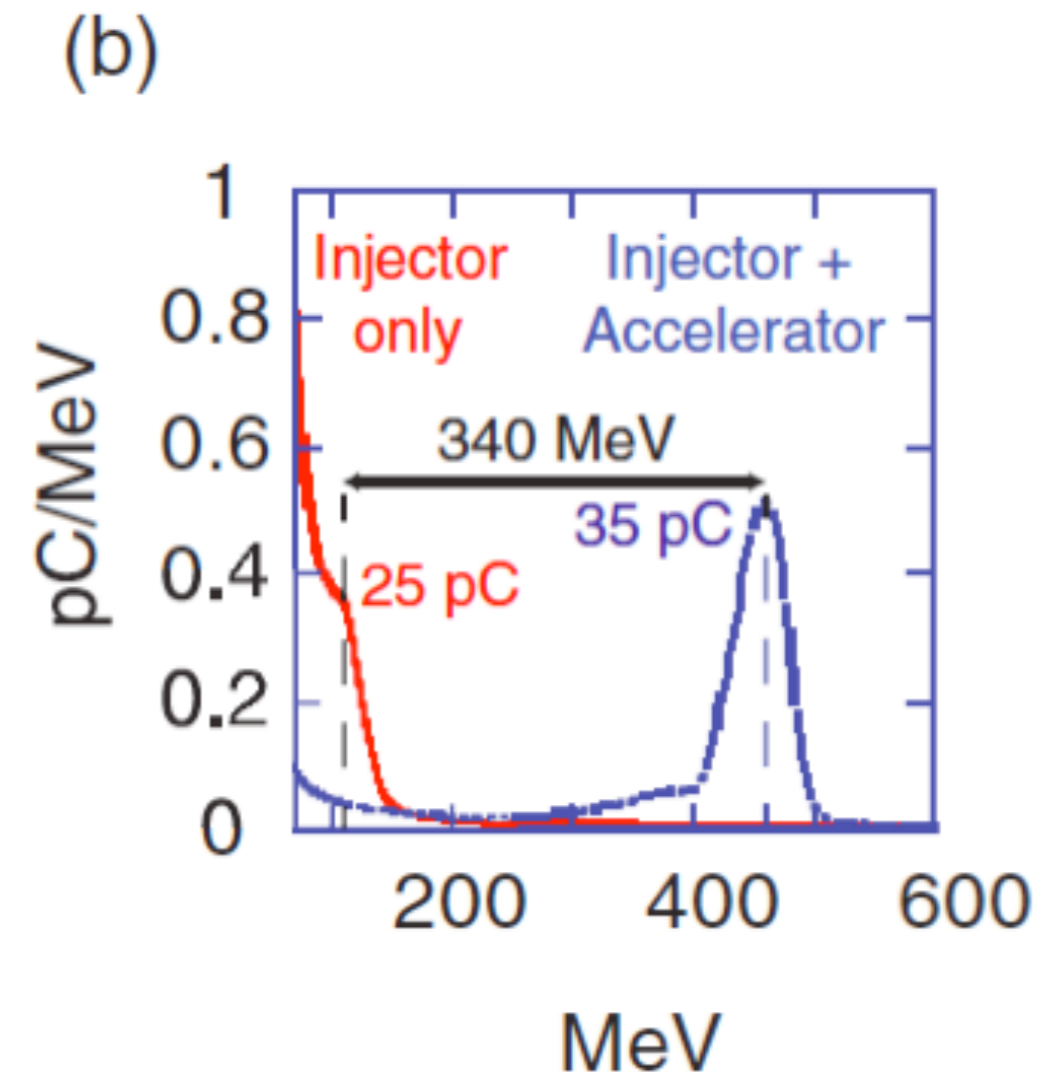
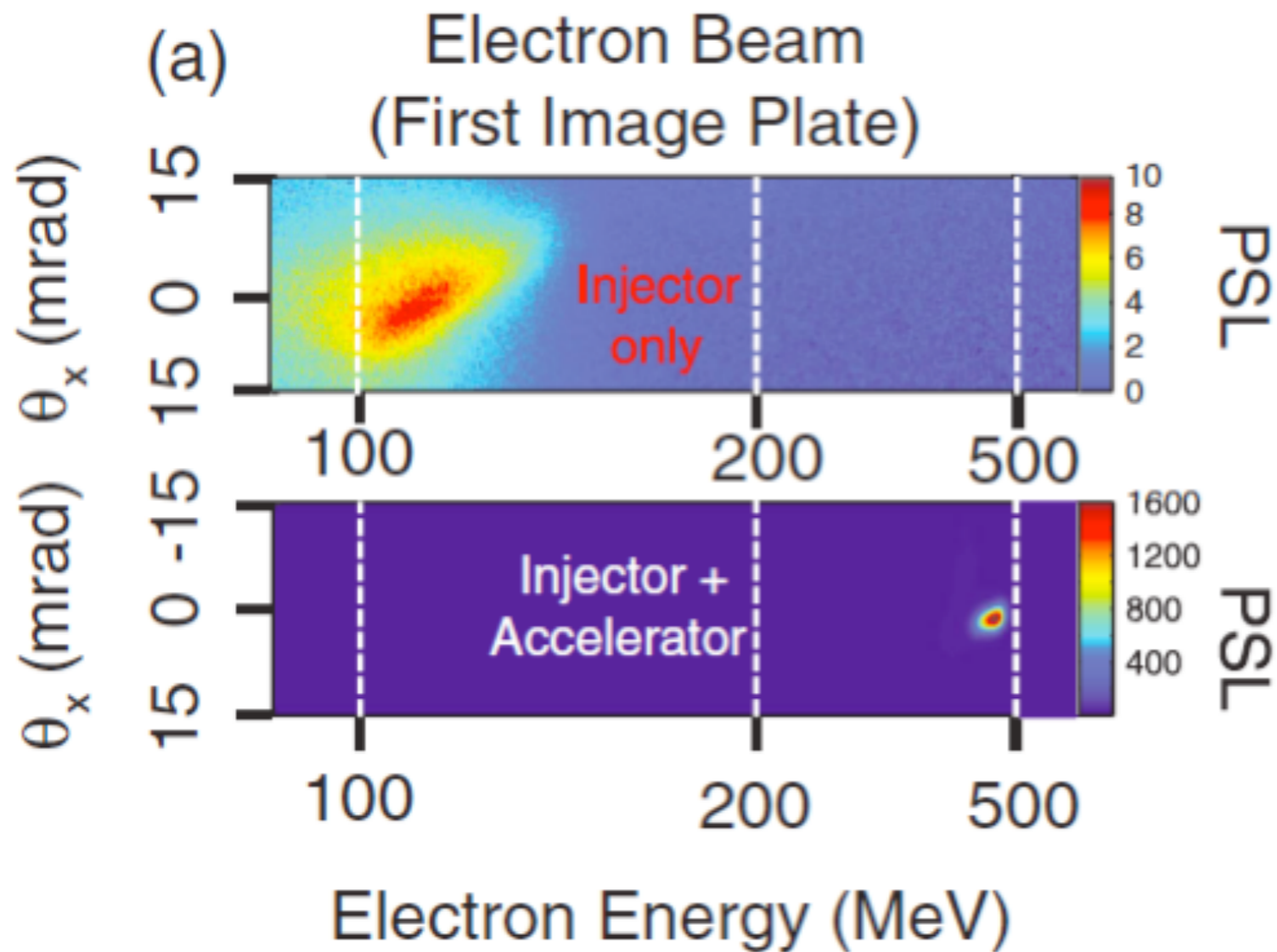
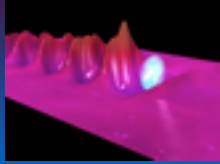


Laser : 30-60 TW, 60 fs, $a_0=2-2.8$, $n_e=3 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

35 pC, 460 MeV, div = 2 mrad, $DE/E > 5\%$

B. B. Pollock et al., PRL 107, 045001 (2011)

Ionization Induced Trapping: 2-stage plasma accelerators

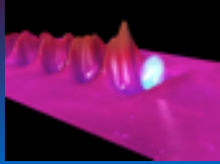


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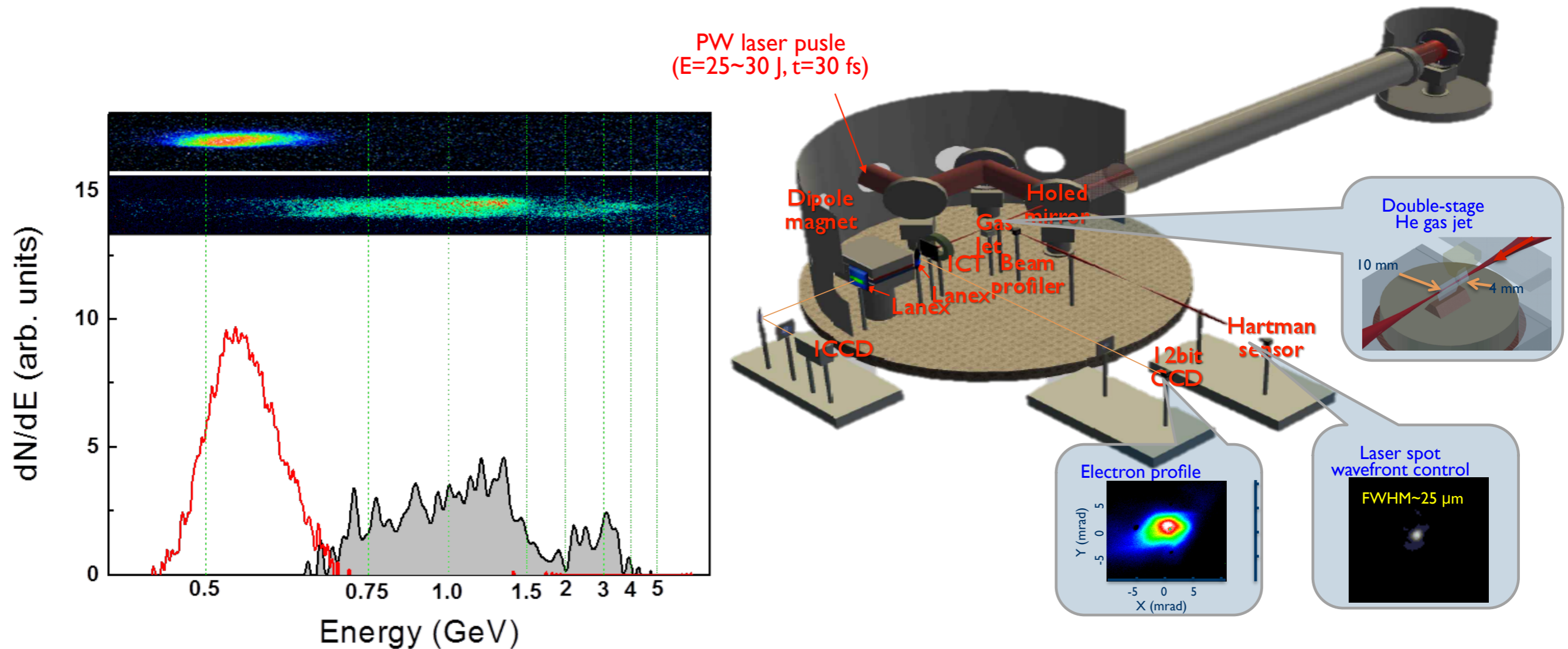
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Double gas jet with PW laser : 3 GeV @ GIST-APRI



Double He gas jet : $d_e = 2.1 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (4 mm) $d_e = 0.7 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (10 mm)

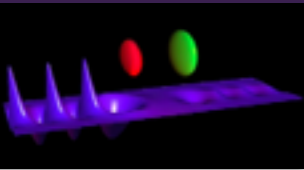


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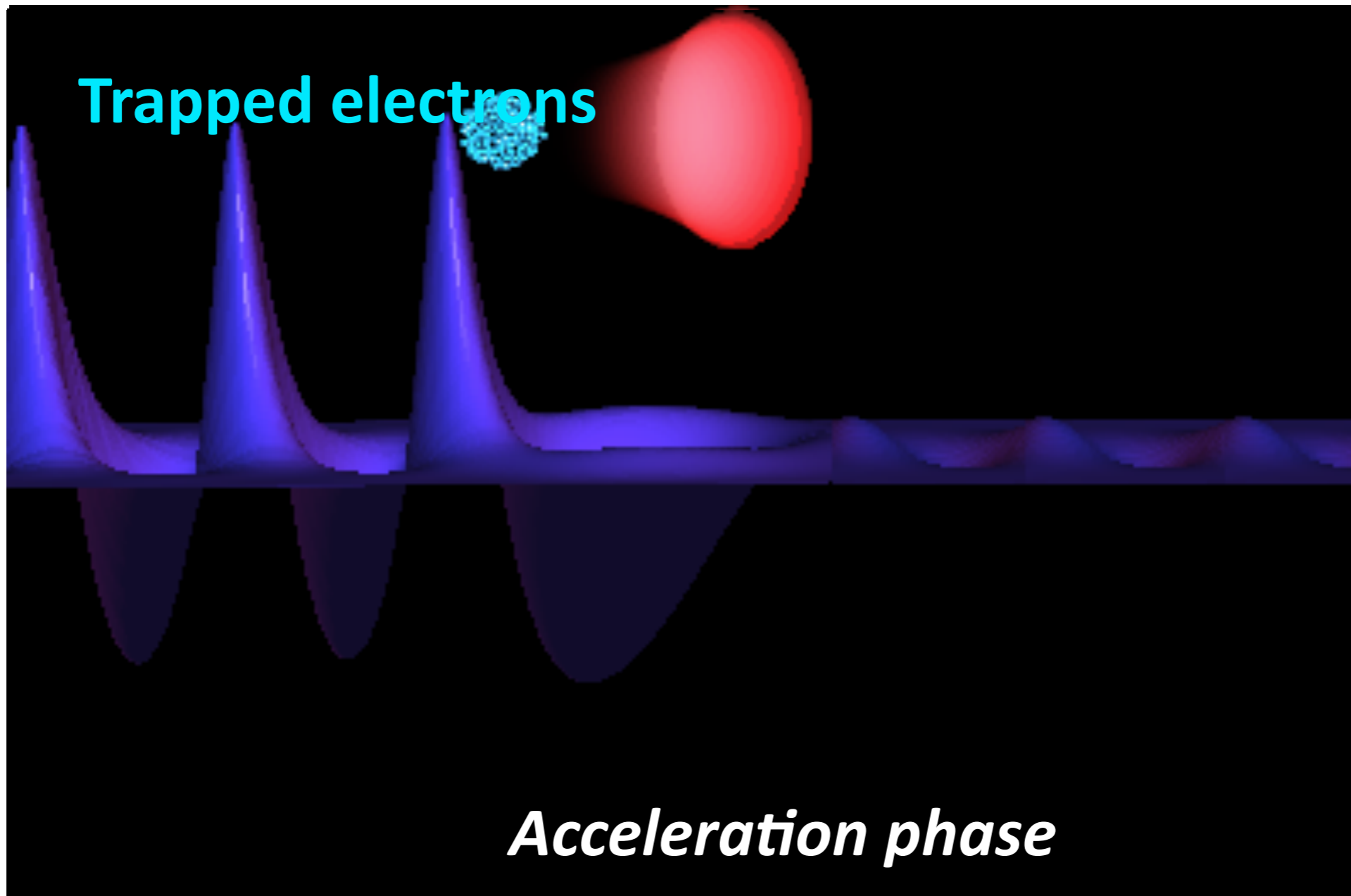


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Colliding Laser Pulses Scheme



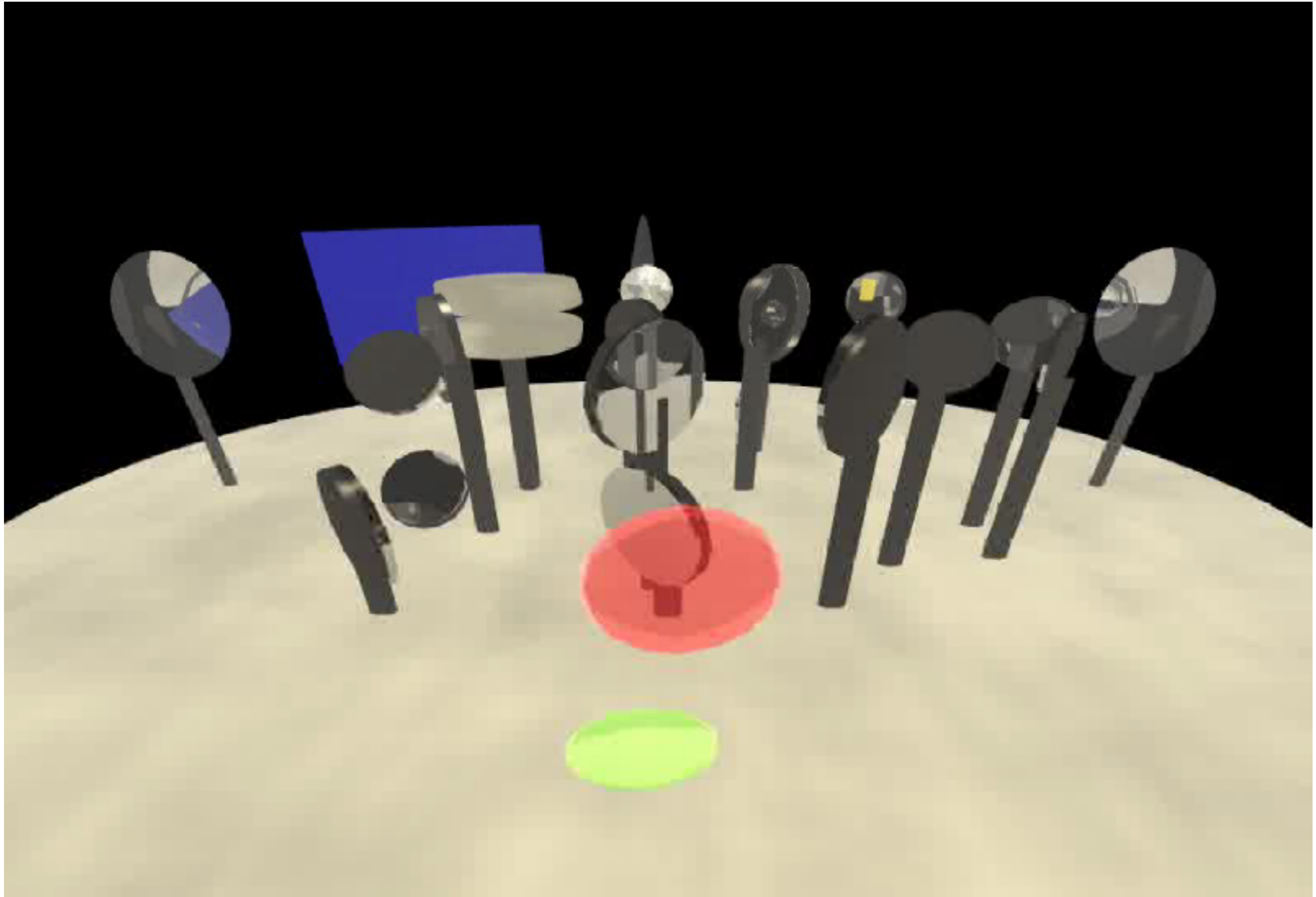
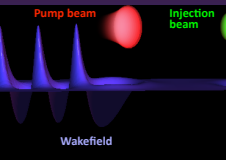
The first laser creates the accelerating structure, a second laser beam is used to heat electrons



Theory : E. Esarey *et al.*, PRL **79**, 2682 (1997), H. Kotaki *et al.*, PoP **11** (2004)
Experiments : J. Faure *et al.*, Nature **444**, 737 (2006)

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The colliding of two laser pulses scheme



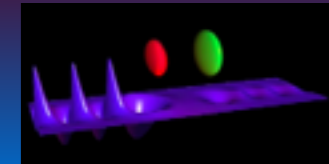
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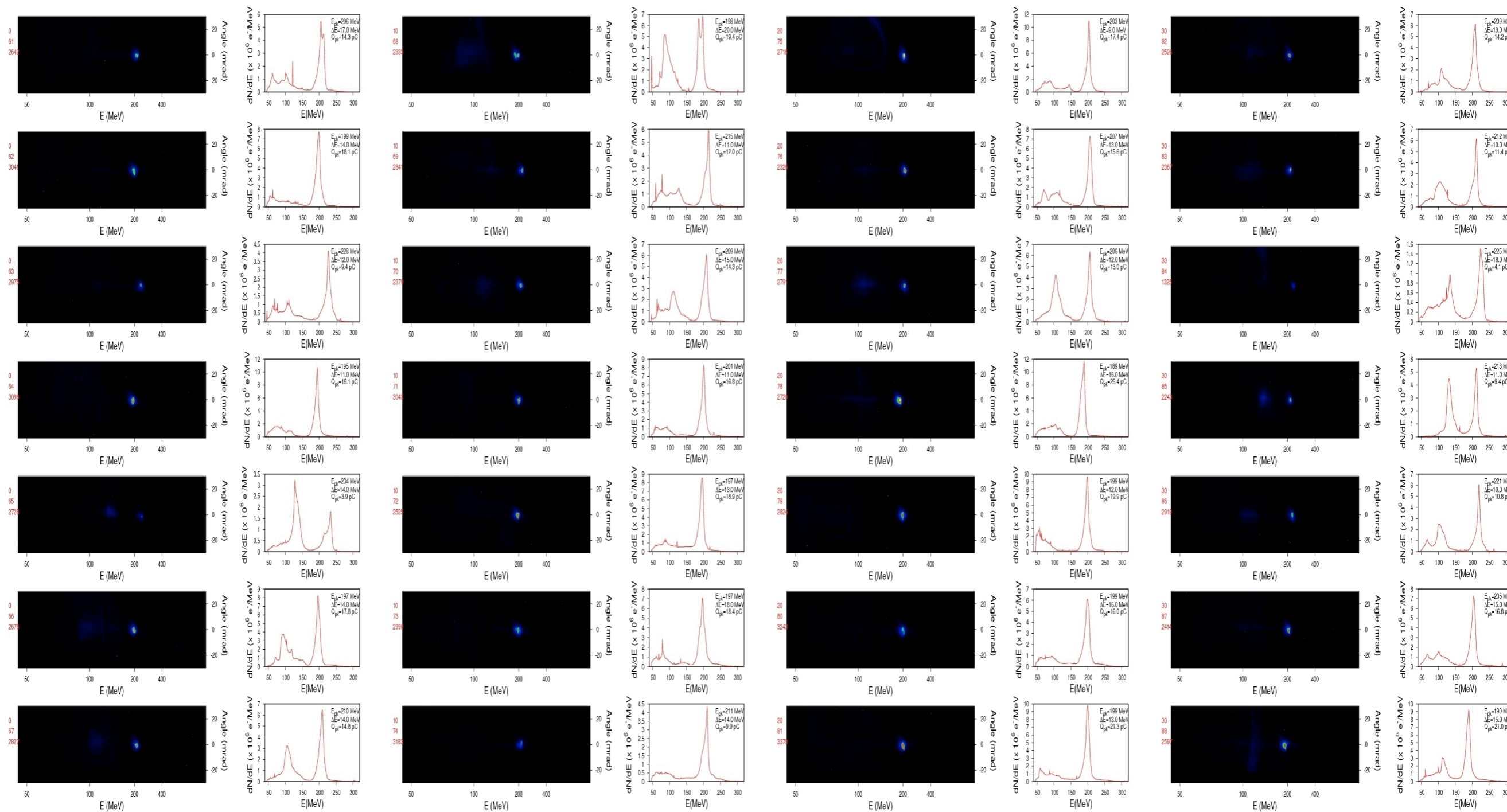
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Stable Laser Plasma Accelerators



Series of 28 consecutive shots with : $a_0=1.5$, $a_1=0.4$, $n_e=5.7 \times 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3}$



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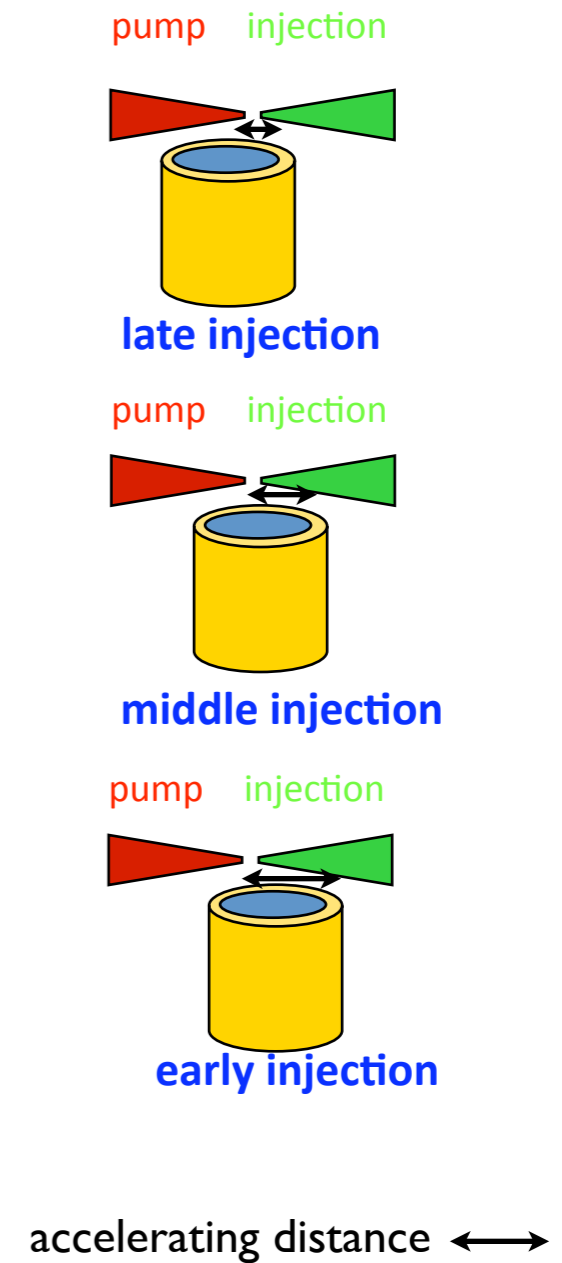
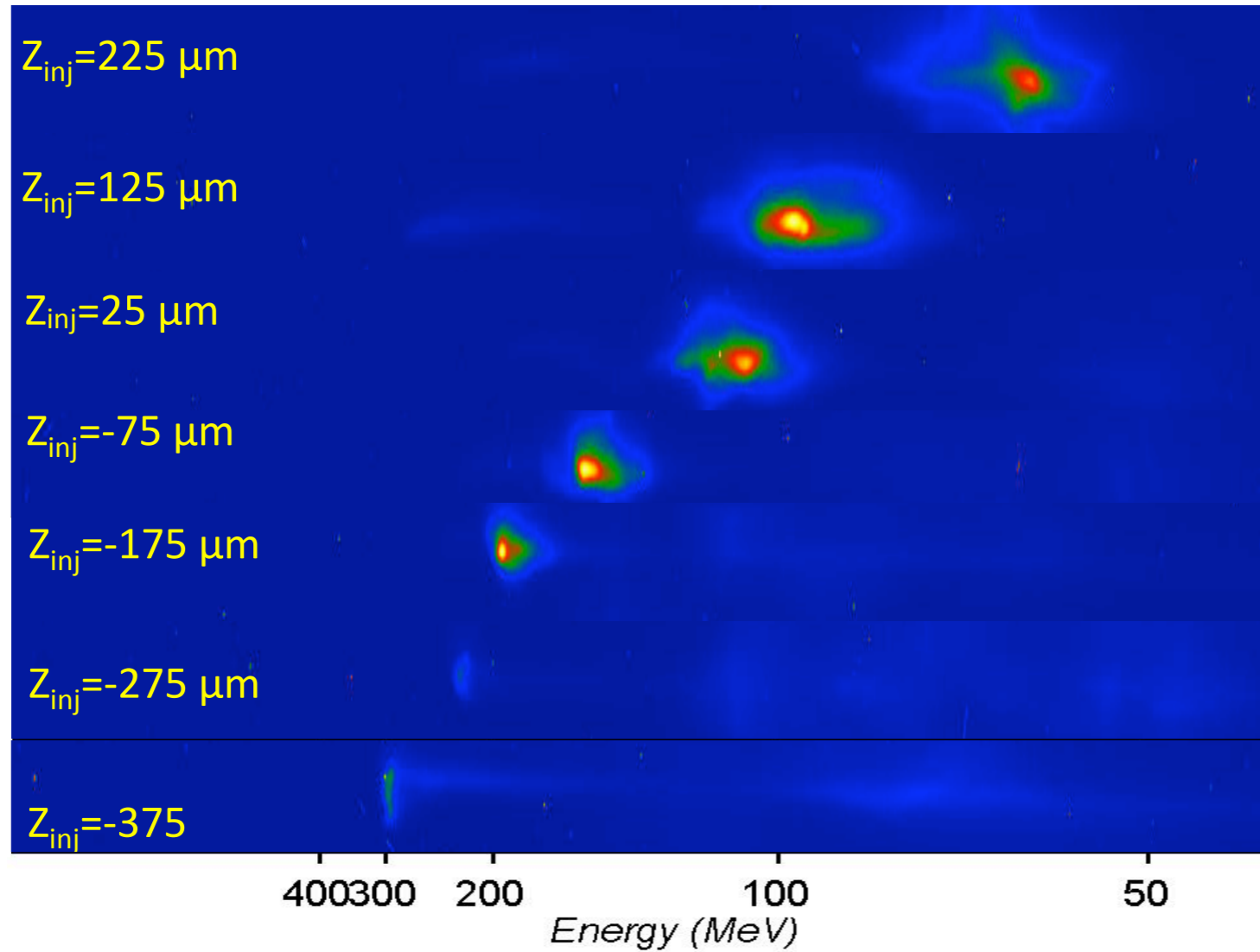
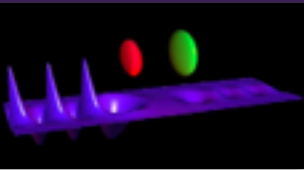


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Tunability of Laser Plasma Accelerators: e-energy



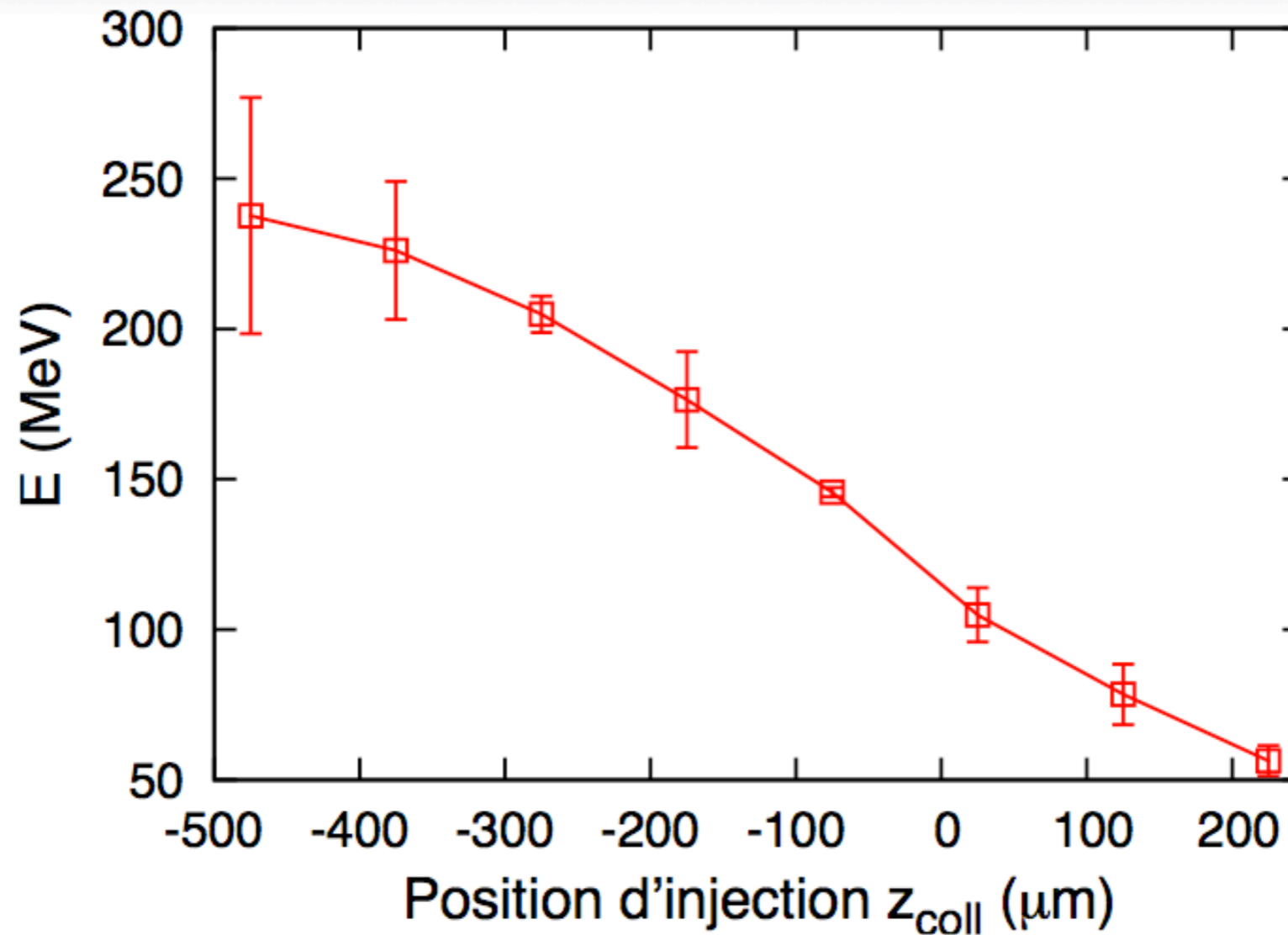
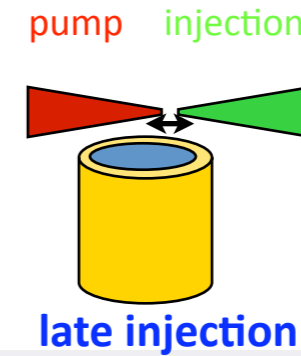
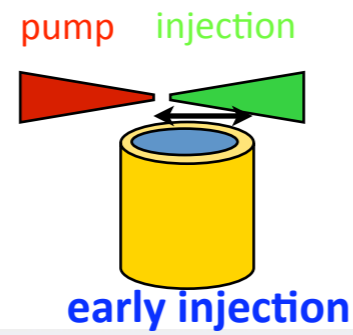
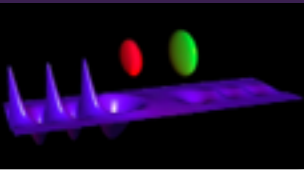
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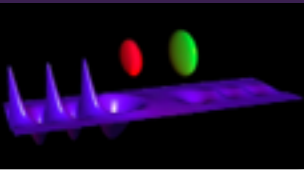
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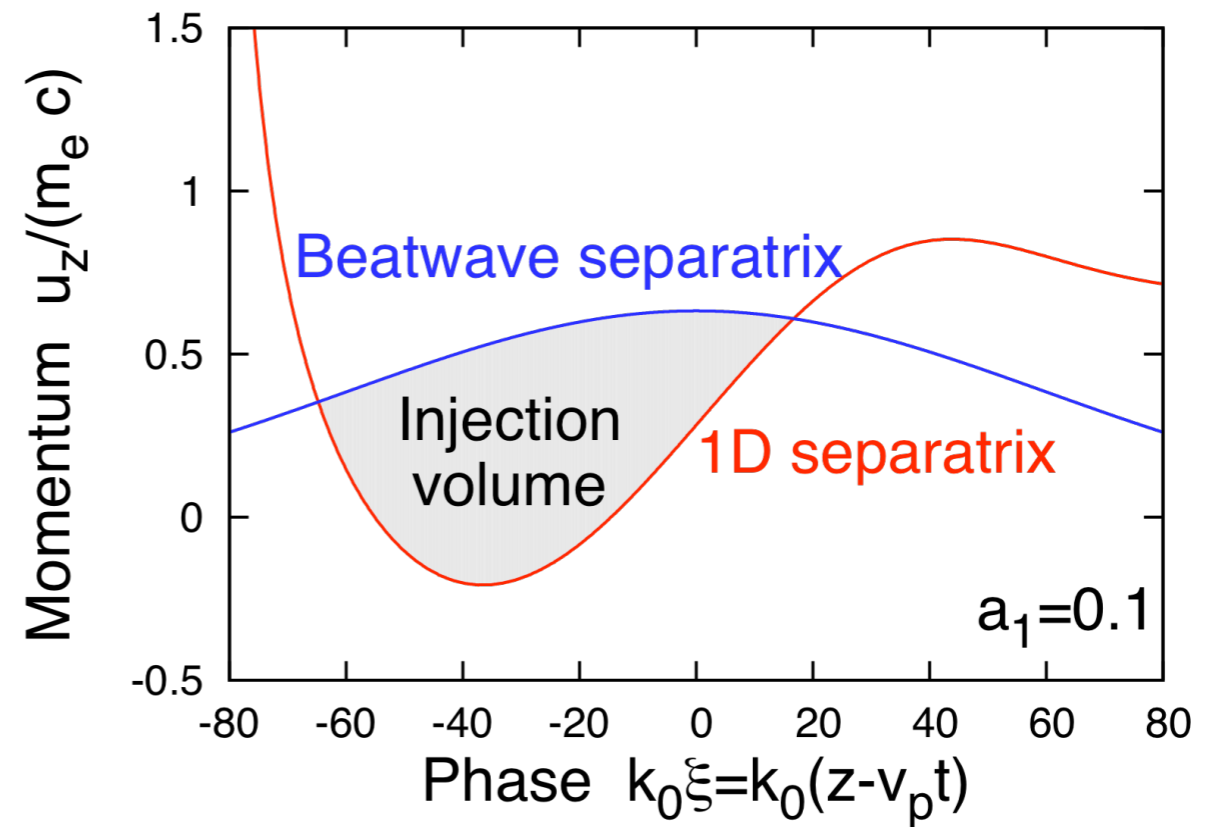
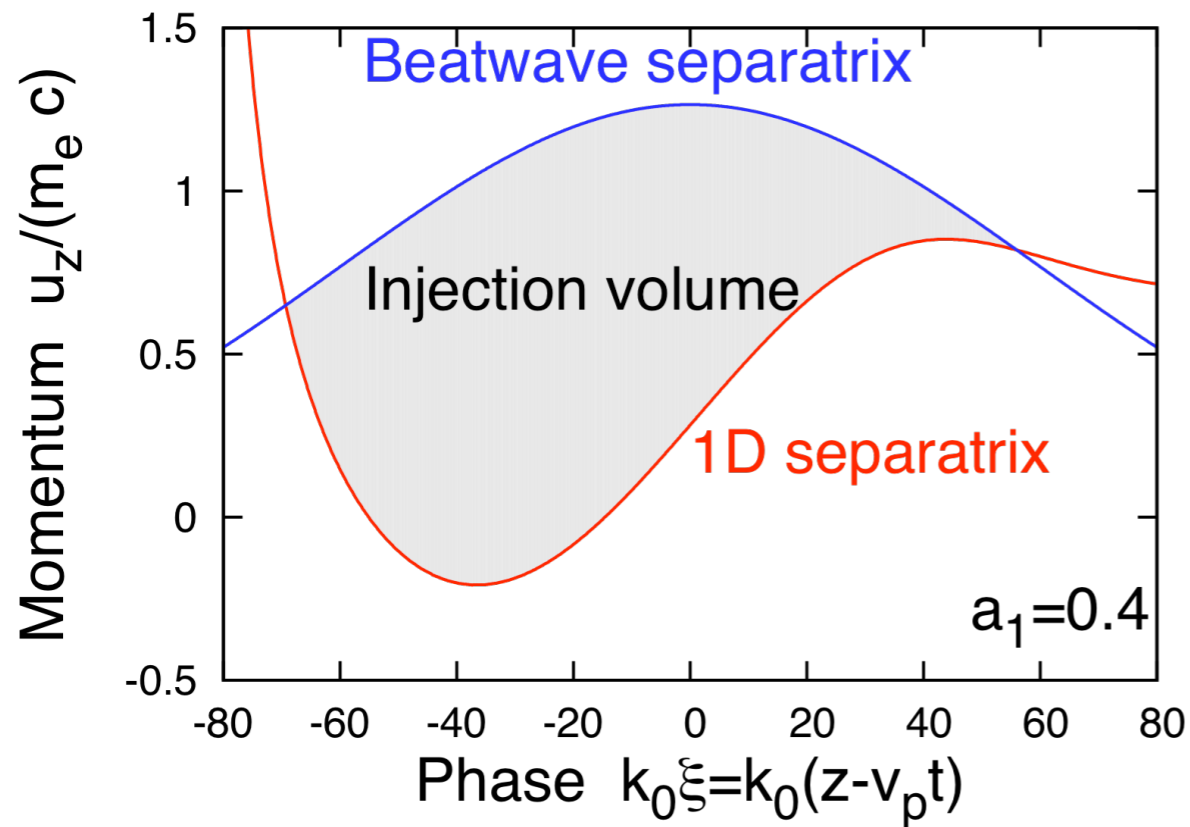


charge & energy spread controls



Charge : controlling electrons heating processes => smaller a_{inj} . means less heating and less trapping

Energy spread : Decreasing the phase space volume V_{trap} of trapped electrons by reducing a_{inj} . or by reducing $c\tau/\lambda_p$ by changing n_e (i.e λ_p)



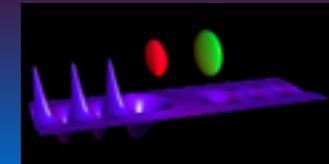
Evolution of injection volume with a_1 for $a_0 = 2$, $n_e = 7 \times 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3}$.

Fields are computed for the 1D case and the beatwave separatrix corresponds to the circular polarization case.

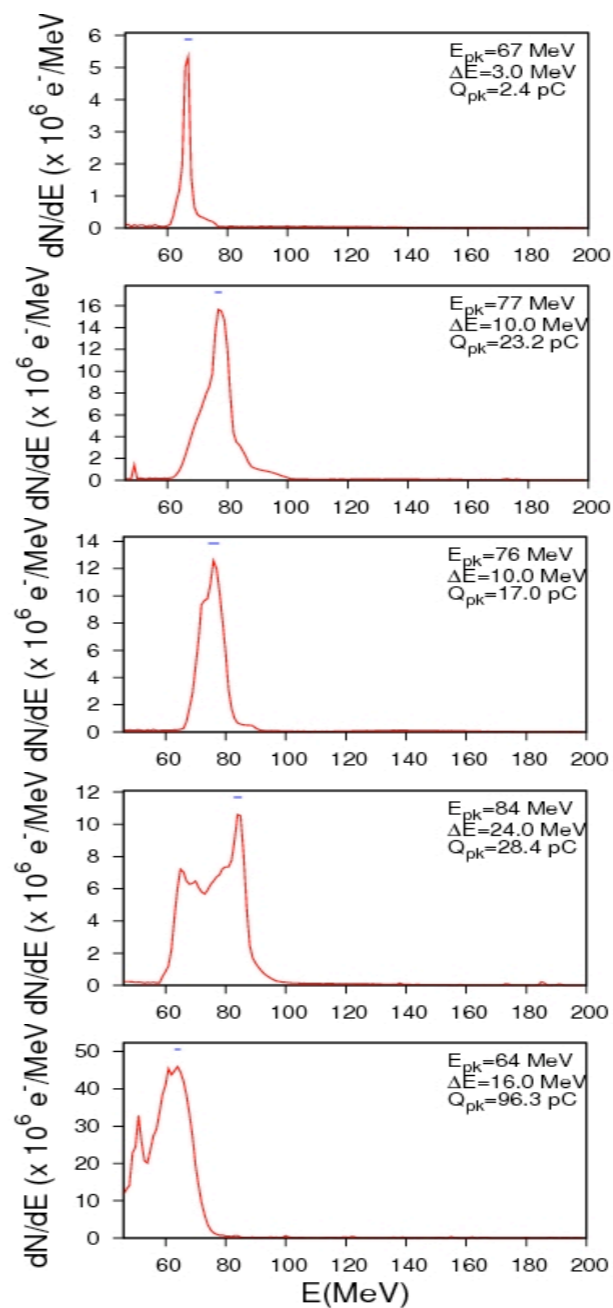
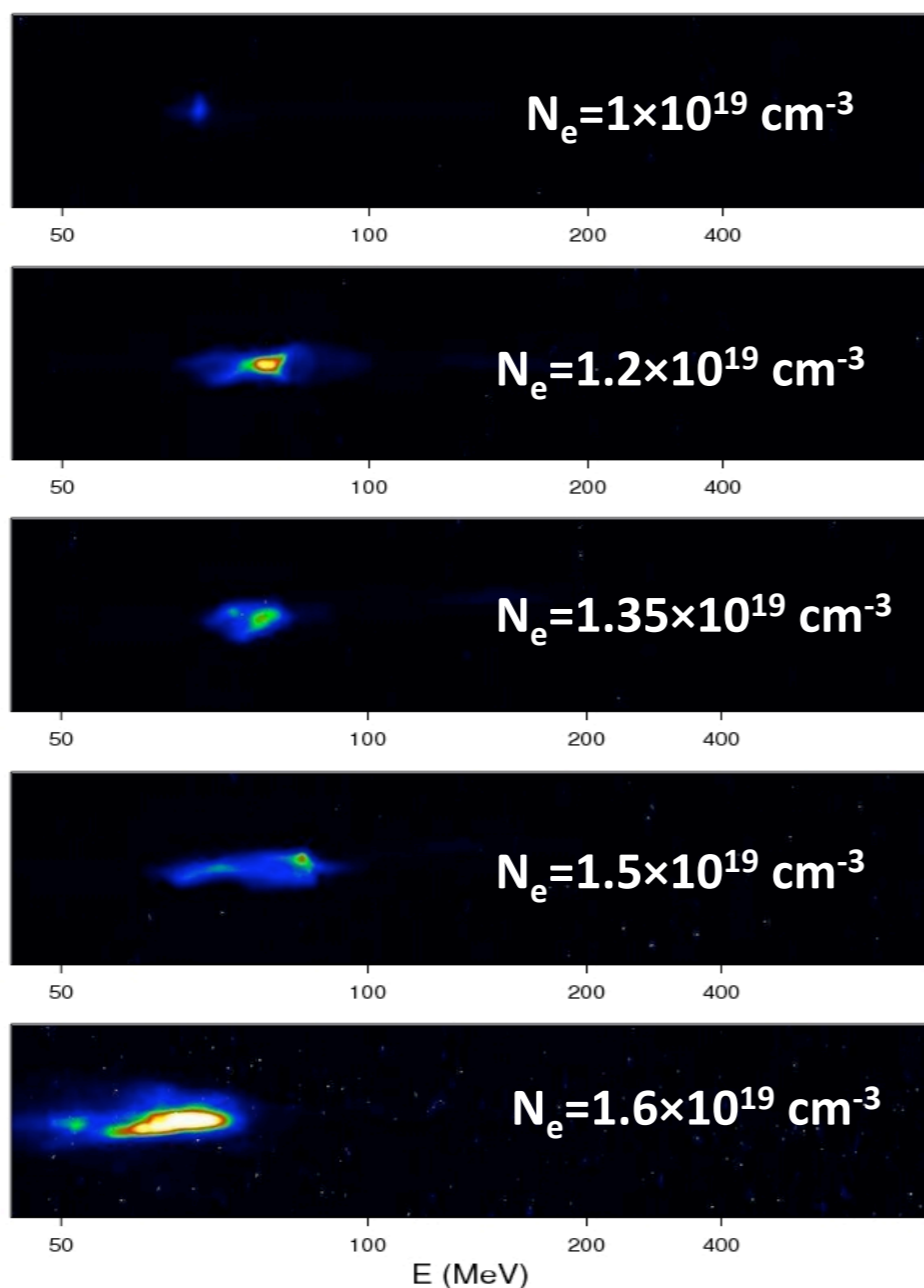
In practice, energy spread and charge are correlated:

Decreasing a_1 decreases the charge but also V_{trap} , and in consequence the energy spread

Tuning charge & energy spread with the plasma density



increasing the plasma density



$E = 67 \text{ MeV}$
 $\Delta E = 3 \text{ MeV}$
 $Q_{pk} = 2.4 \text{ pC}$

$E = 77 \text{ MeV}$
 $\Delta E = 10 \text{ MeV}$
 $Q_{pk} = 23.2 \text{ pC}$

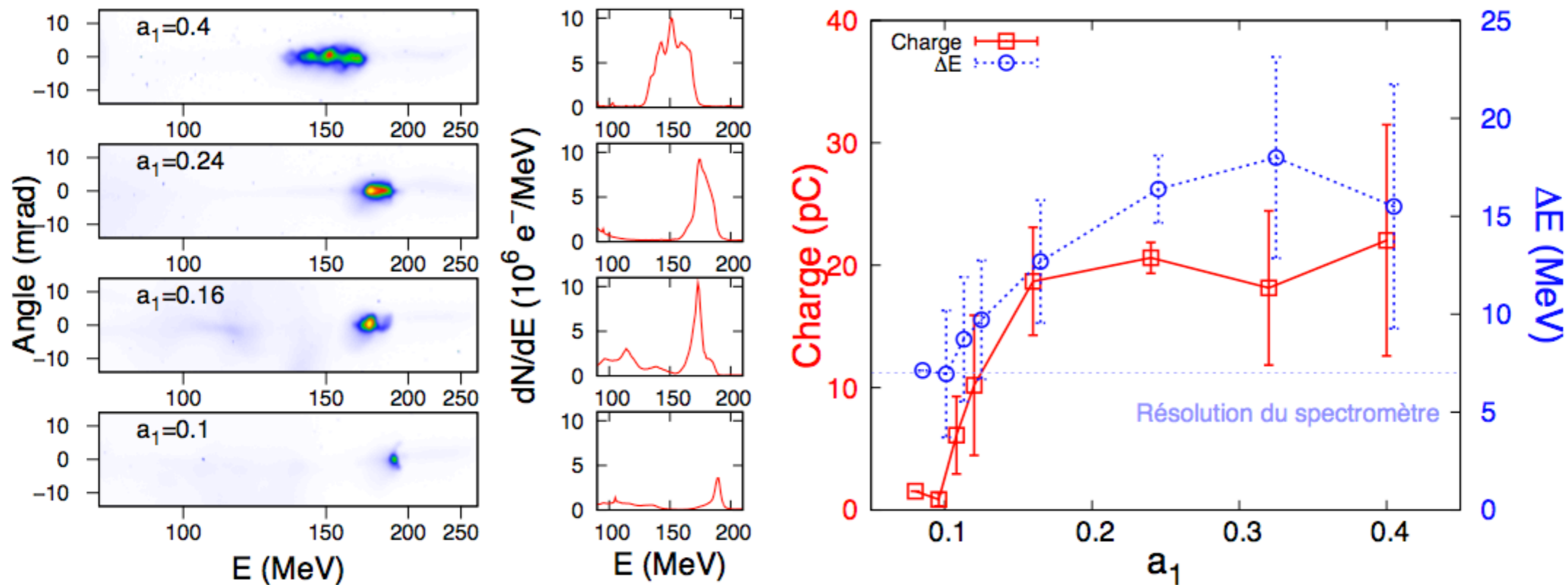
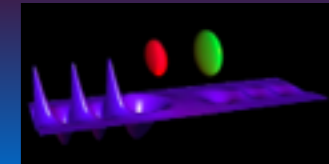
$E = 76 \text{ MeV}$
 $\Delta E = 10.0 \text{ MeV}$
 $Q_{pk} = 17 \text{ pC}$

$E = 84 \text{ MeV}$
 $\Delta E = 24 \text{ MeV}$
 $Q_{pk} = 25.4 \text{ pC}$

$E = 64 \text{ MeV}$
 $\Delta E = 16 \text{ MeV}$
 $Q_{pk} = 96 \text{ pC}$



Tuning charge & energy spread with inj. laser intensity



Charge from 60 pC to 5 pC, ΔE from 20 to 5 MeV

C. Rechatin *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 164801 (2009)



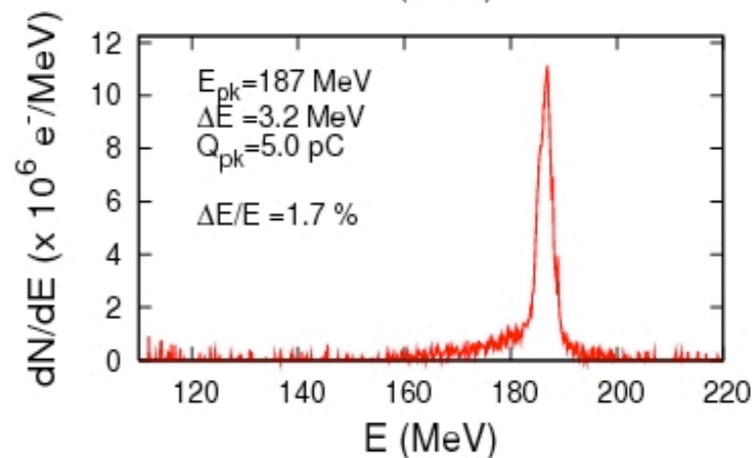
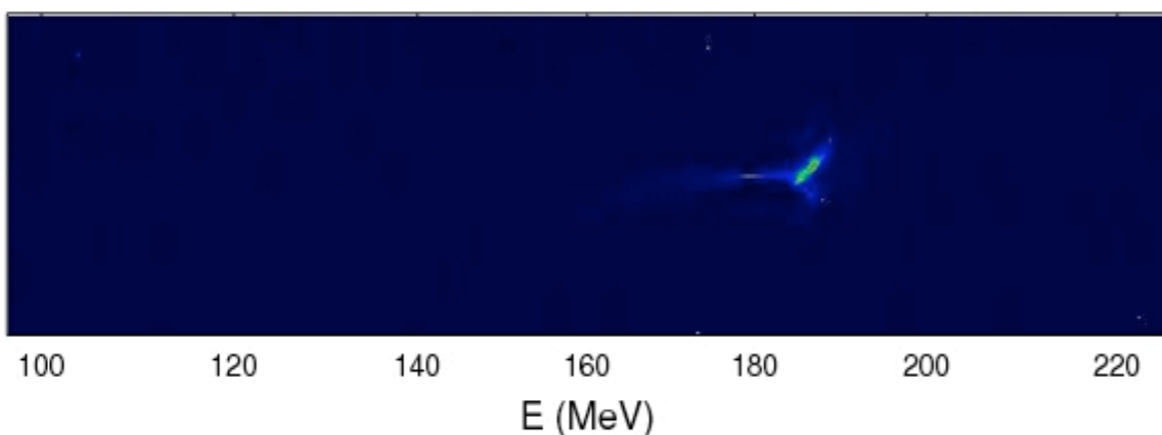
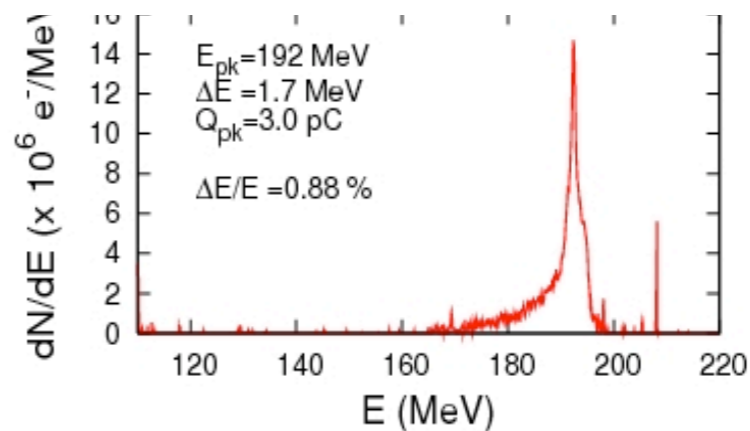
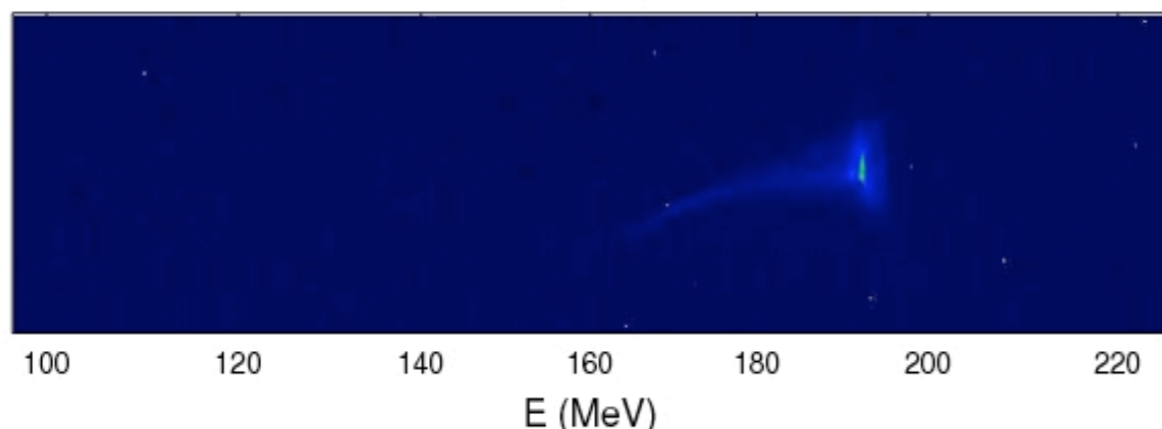
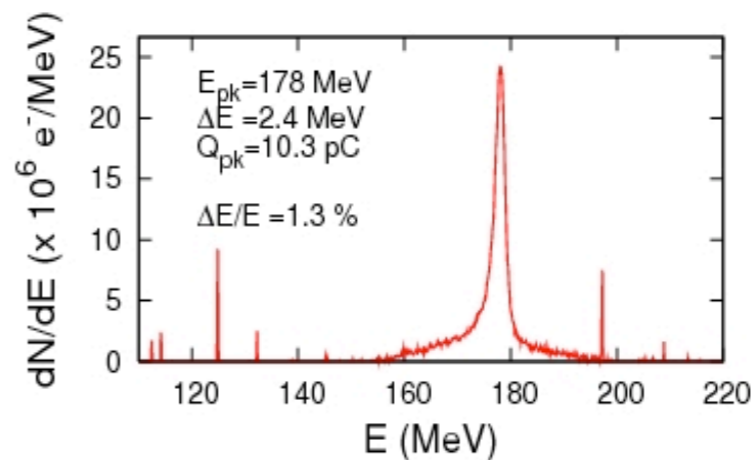
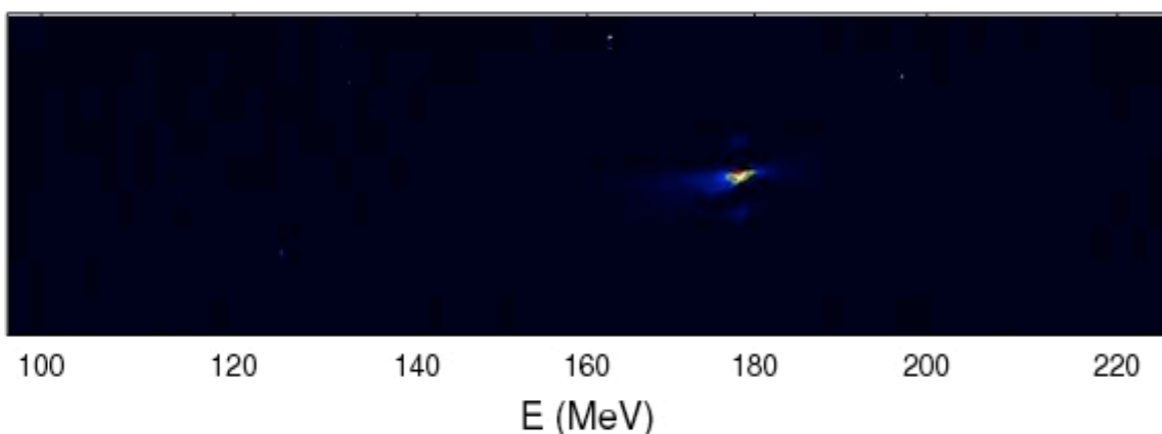
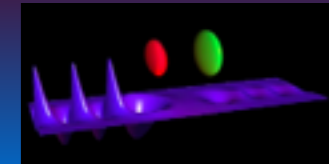
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1% relative energy spread



C. Rechatin *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 194804 (2009)



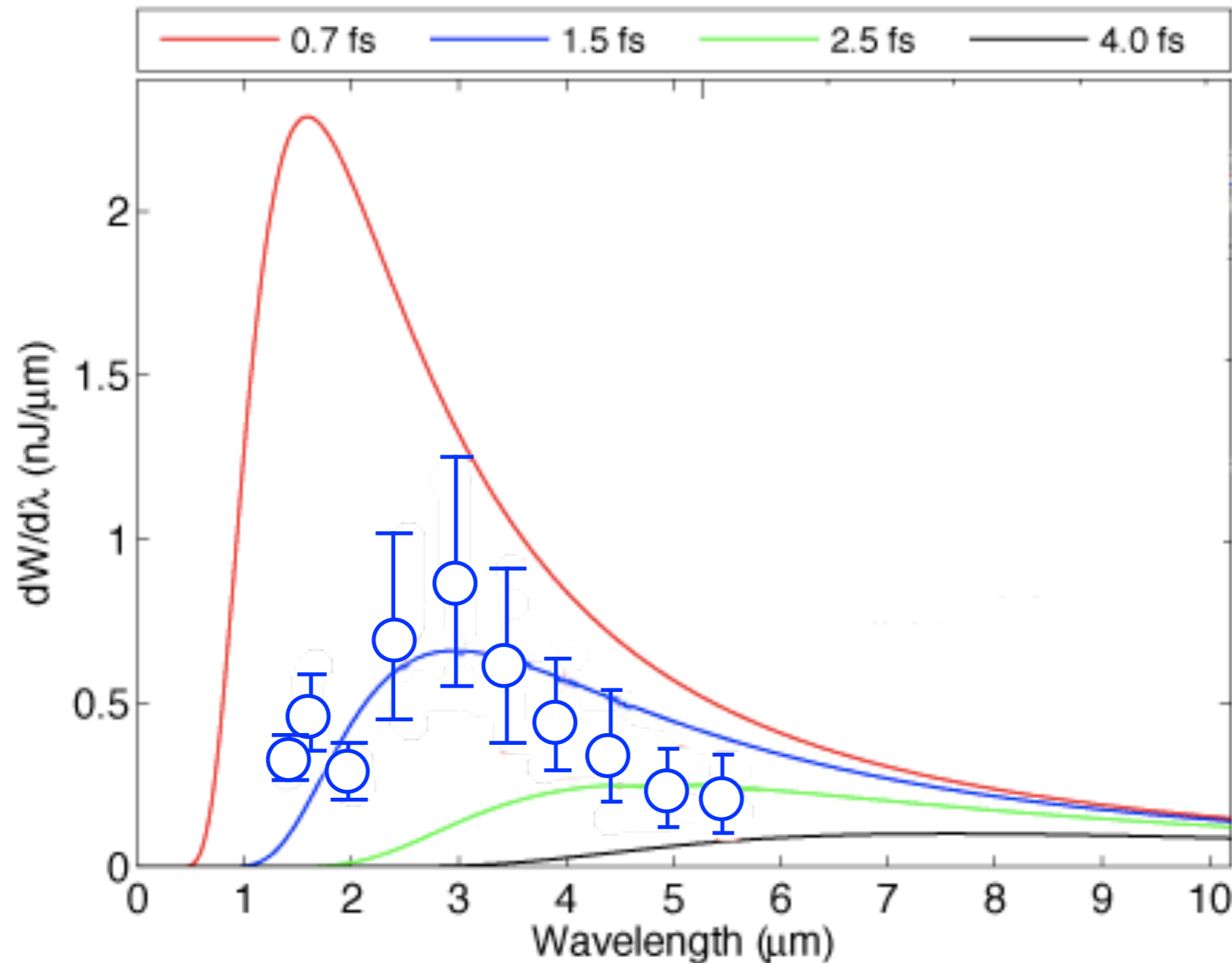
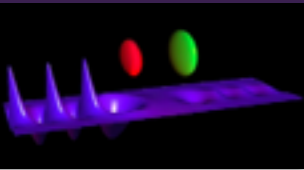
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1.5 fs RMS duration : Peak current of 4 kA



Analytic CTR model

Gaussian pulse shape

Measured e-beam :

Charge

Energy

Divergence

Bunch duration

Peak wavelength

Peak intensity

Spectral features

Peak at 3 μm

Coherent

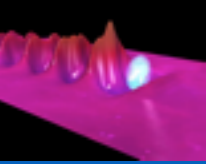
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O. Lundh et al., Nature Physics, 7 (2011)

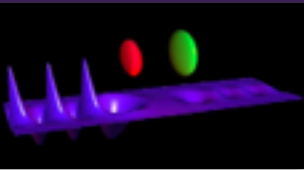
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- Motivation and principle
- Laser Beat wave and Laser Wakefield
- Self Modulated Laser Wakefield
- Towards high quality electron beams
- **Conclusion and perspectives**



Accelerators point of view :

Good beam quality & Monoenergetic dE/E down to 1 %



Beam is very stable



Energy is tunable: up to 400 MeV



Charge is tunable: 1 to tens of pC



Energy spread is tunable: 1 to 10 %



Ultra short e-bunch : 1,5 fs rms



Low divergence : 2 mrad



Low emittance¹⁻³ : $< \pi \cdot \text{mm} \cdot \text{mrad}$



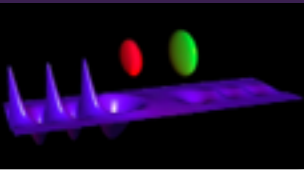
With PW class laser : peak energy at 3 GeV



¹S. Fritzler *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **92**, 165006 (2004), ²C. M. S. Sears *et al.*, PRSTAB **13**, 092803 (2010)

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New ideas for controlling the injection ?

Cold injection scheme¹

Magnetic control of injection²

Control phase of the electric field³

Transverse injection scheme⁴...

New numerical code/scheme for long accelerating distance runs ?

Boost Frame, Fourier decomposition codes, moving frames

New schemes to reduce artificial Cerenkov effect and/or emittance growth, etc..

New diagnostics ?

New diagnostics such as betatron^{4,5}, magnetic field^{6,7}, interferometry in the frequency-time⁸, etc...

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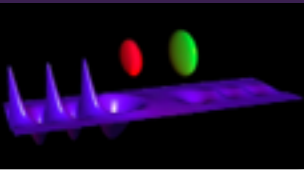
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Short term perspective (< 10 years):

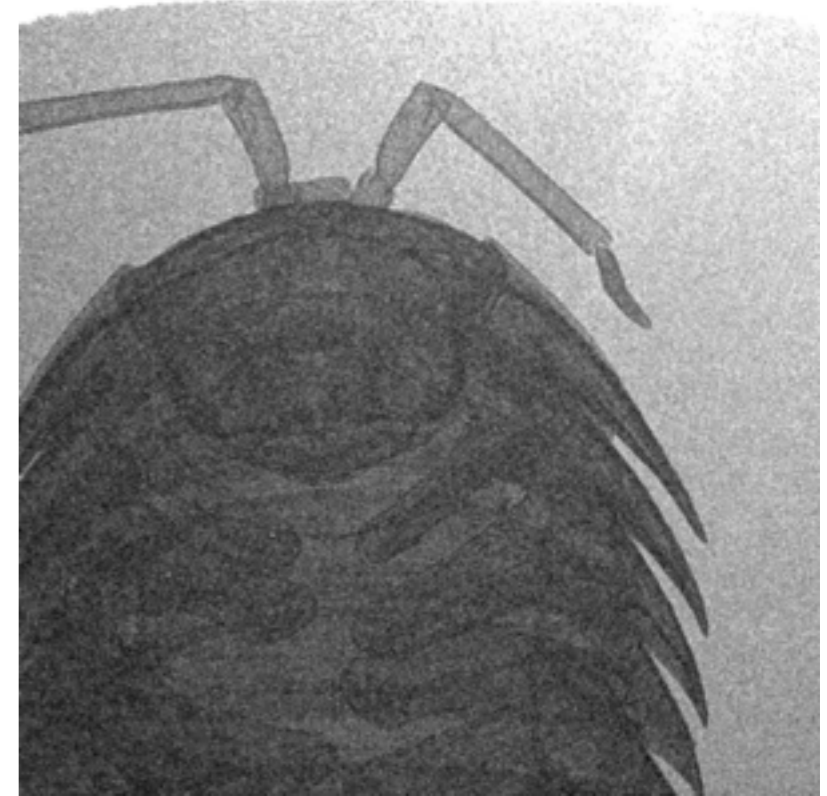
Relevant applications in medicine, radiotherapy, radiobiology, material science

Compact FEL with moderate average power (10 Hz system)

Designing future accelerators

Compact X ray source (Thomson, Compton, Betatron, or FEL)

mJ-kHz laser plasma accelerators for fs electron diffraction



Courtesy of K. Krushelnick

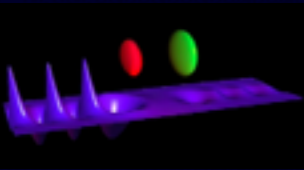
Long term possible applications (>50 years):

High energy physics that will depend on the laser technology evolution, on laser to electron transfer efficiency, on progress of multistage design, guiding over long distance (energy dissipation, robustness), acceleration of positron, etc...

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