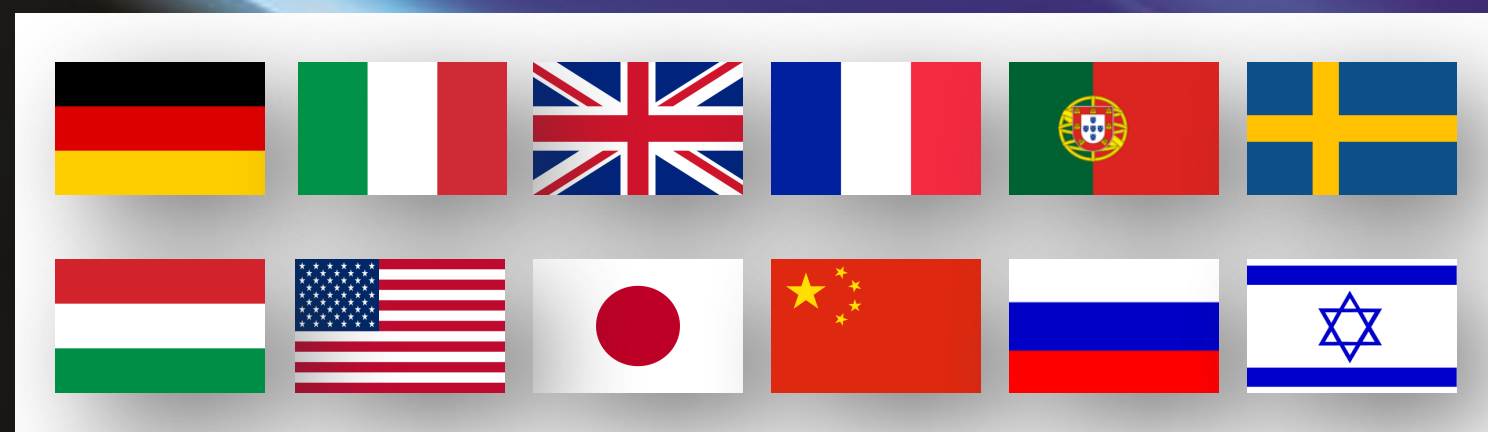


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# WP14 - Simulations

Hybrid LWFA-PWFA for a 5 GeV FEL quality beam.



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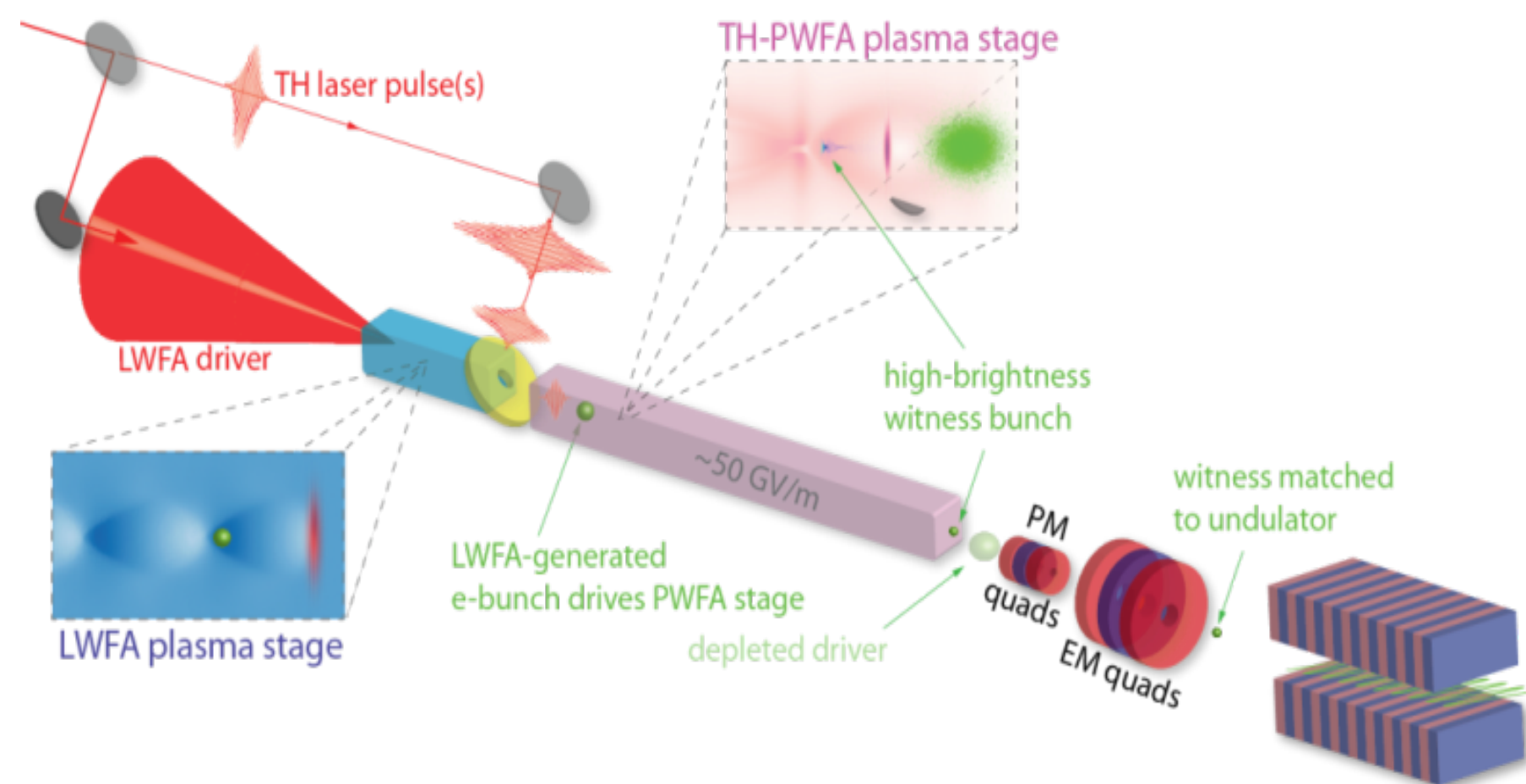
## LWFA | PWFA

Energy and brightness transformer for the production of multi-GeV FEL-capable beams

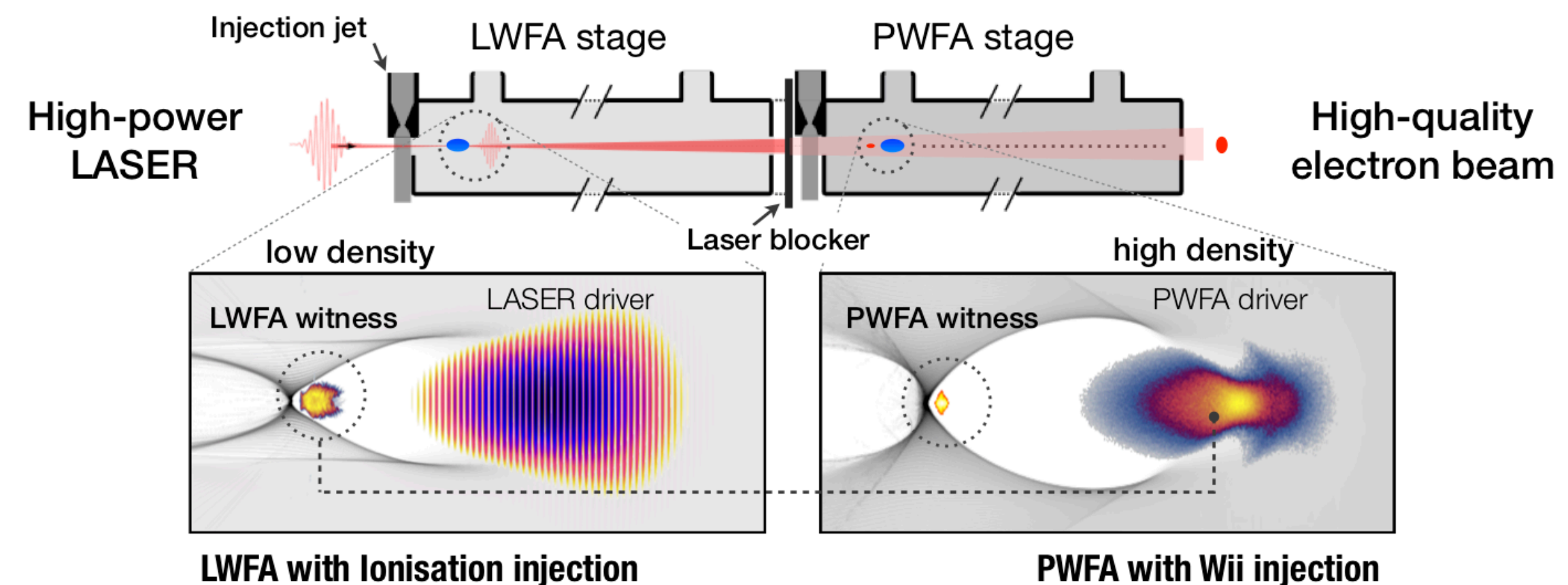


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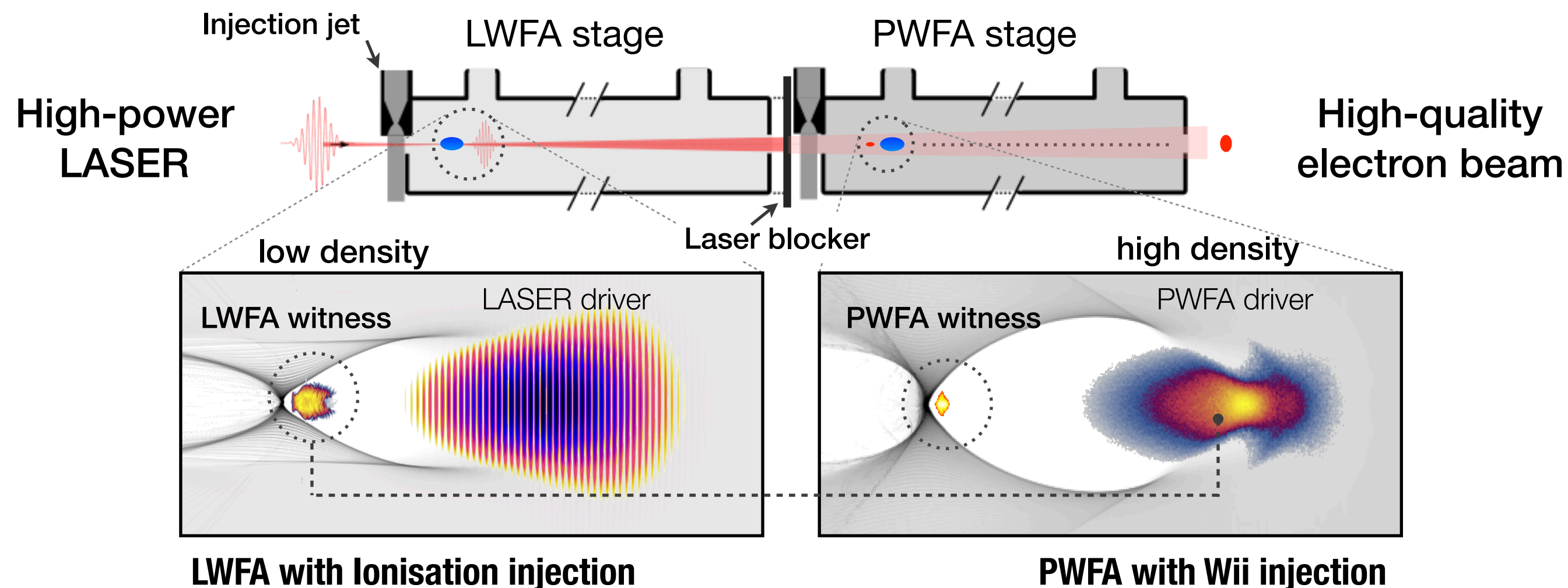
## Conceptual designs



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### Why adding a PWFA stage?

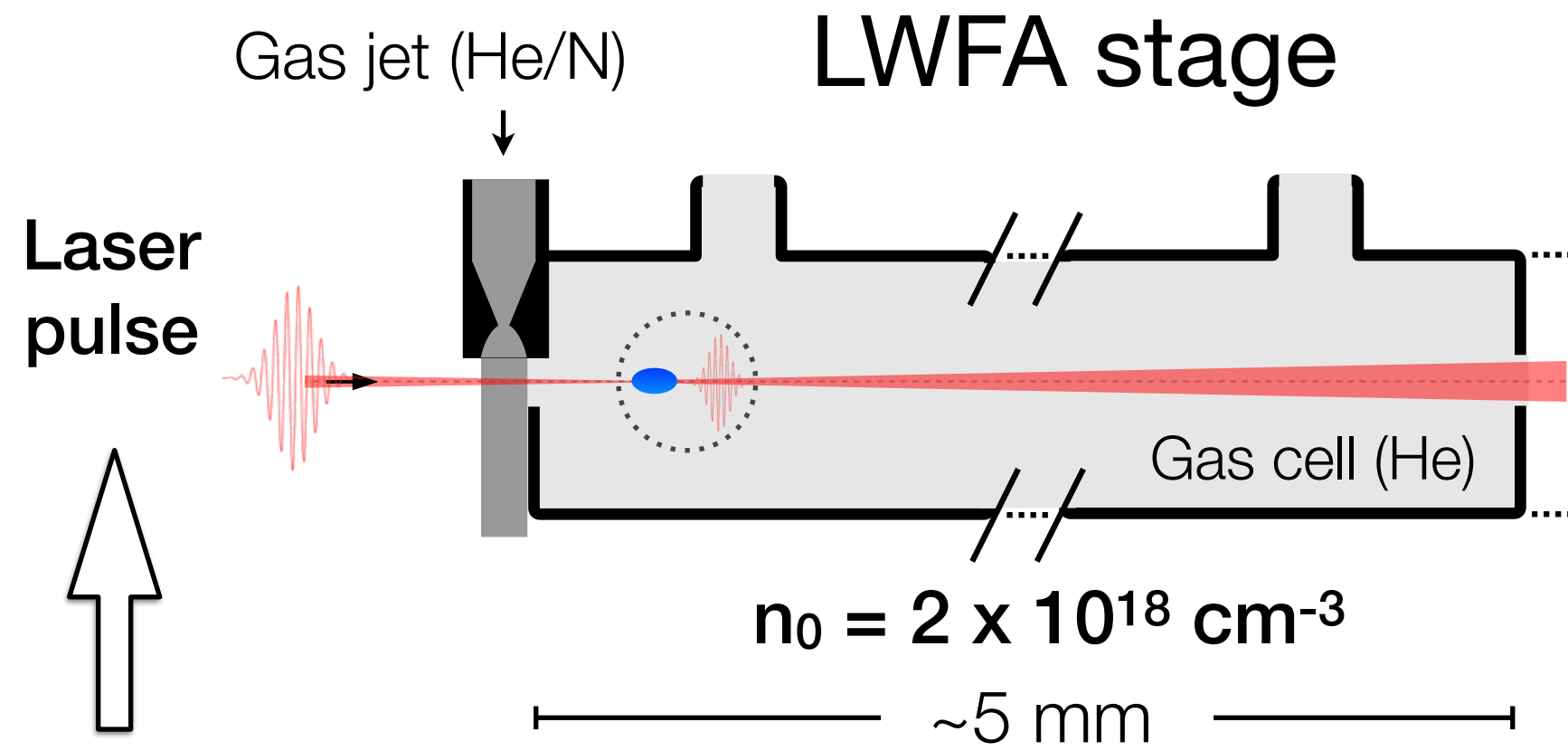
- **Energy gain:** High transformer ratio in blowout regime.
- **Emittance reduction:** Novel injection techniques in PWFA for the generation of low emittance beams.
- **High-current, low energy spread:** Energy chirp balance by means of beam-loading requires high-current witness.

**High-brightness (6D),  
GeV class electron beams**

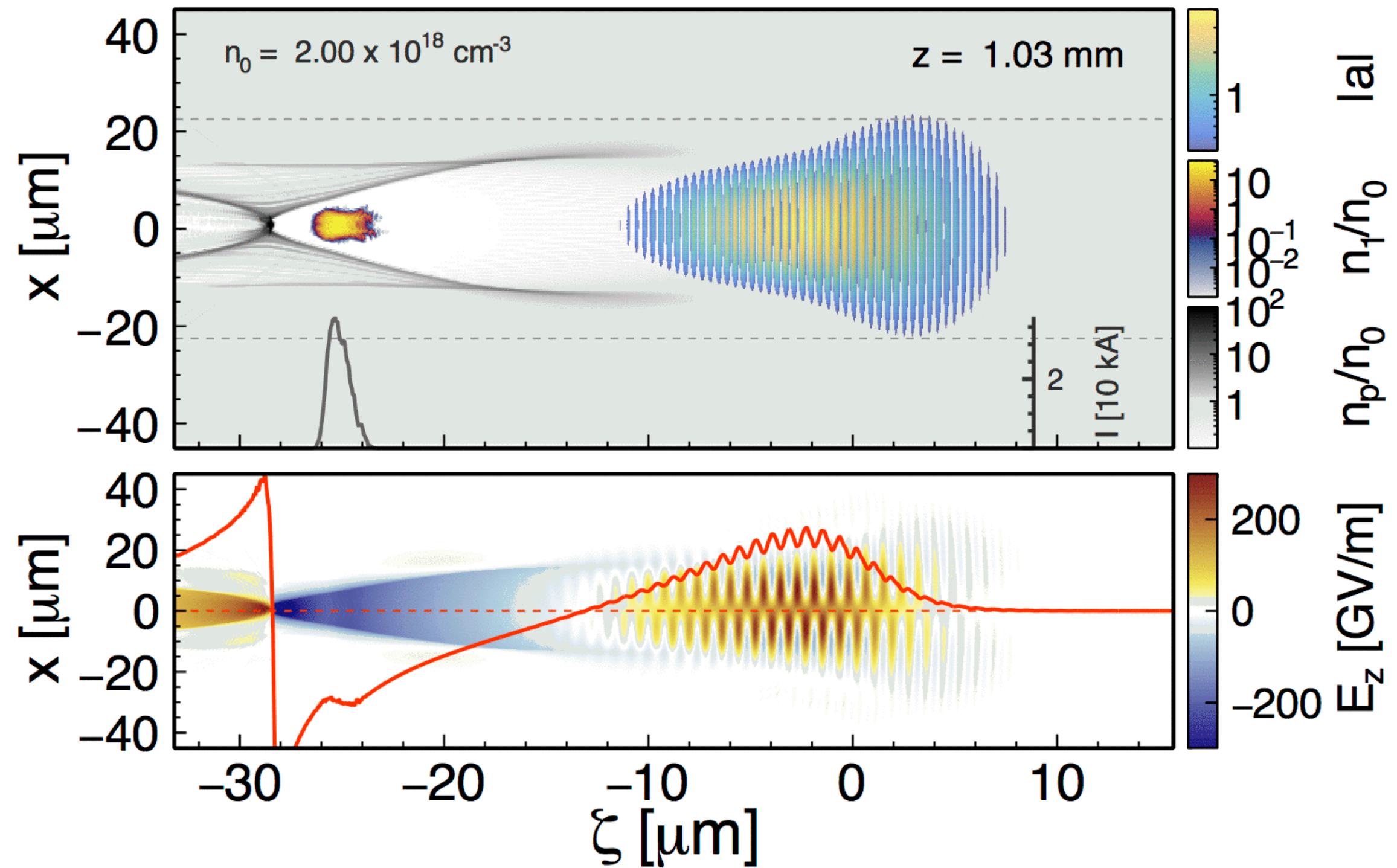
for applications demanding high-quality e.g. FELs.

**High 6D brightness**  $B_{6D} \propto \frac{I_b}{\epsilon_n^2 (\sigma_\gamma / \bar{\gamma})}$

# First Stage: LWFA with ionization injection



PIC simulation example



## Laser parameters

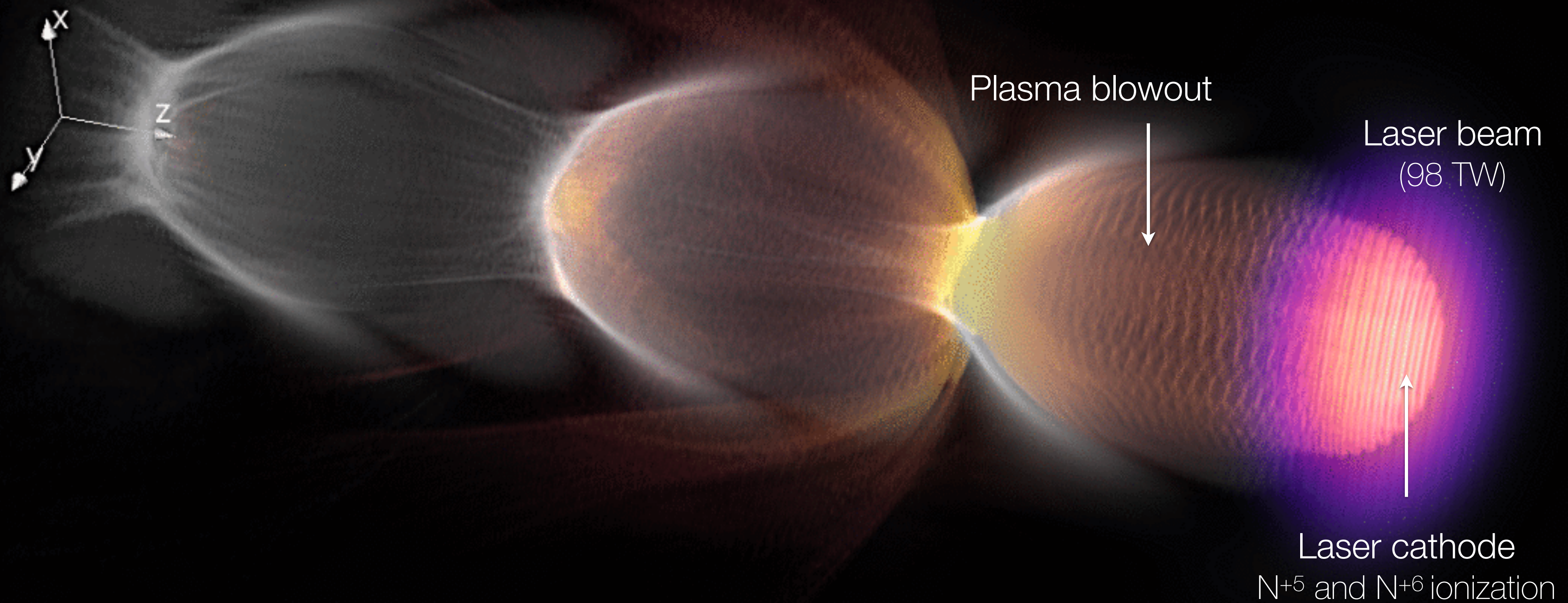
- $P_0 = 98 \text{ TW}$
- $\lambda_0 = 800 \text{ nm}$
- $w_0 = 17 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
- $\tau = 27 \text{ fs}$
- $a_0 = 3.18$
- $\mathcal{E} = 2.8 \text{ J}$

e.g. DRACO laser

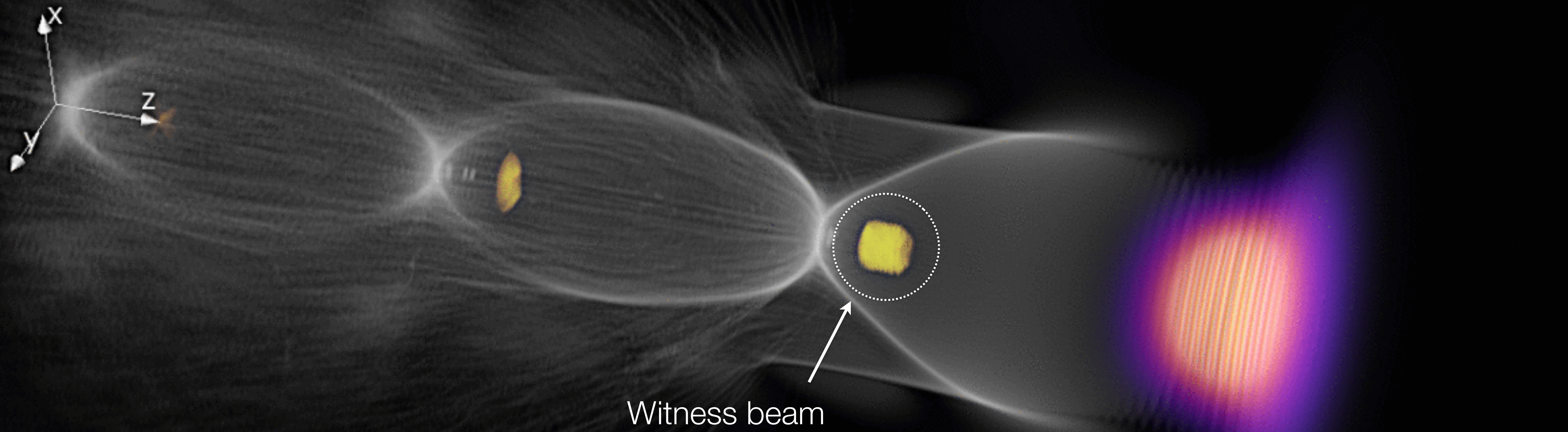


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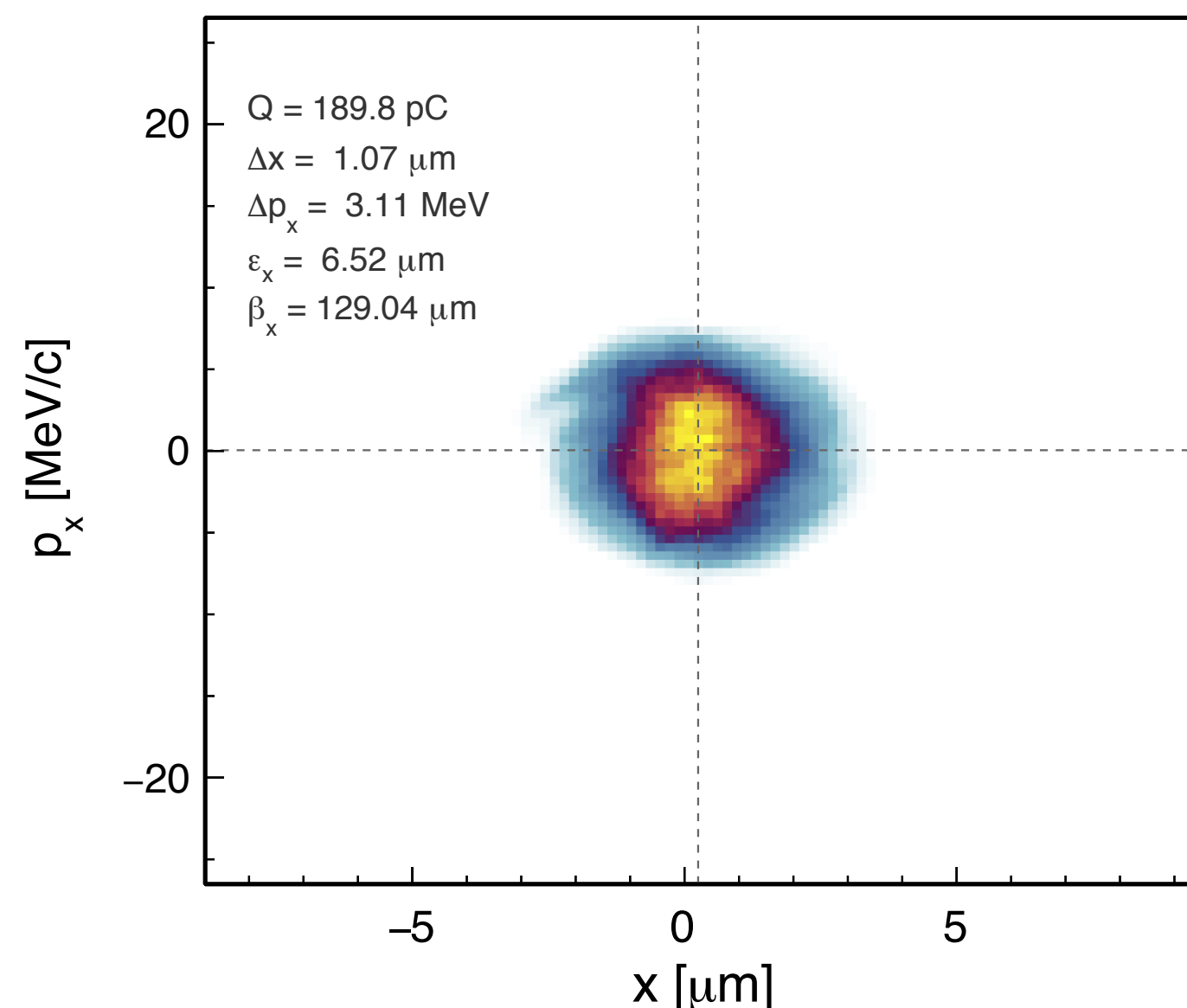
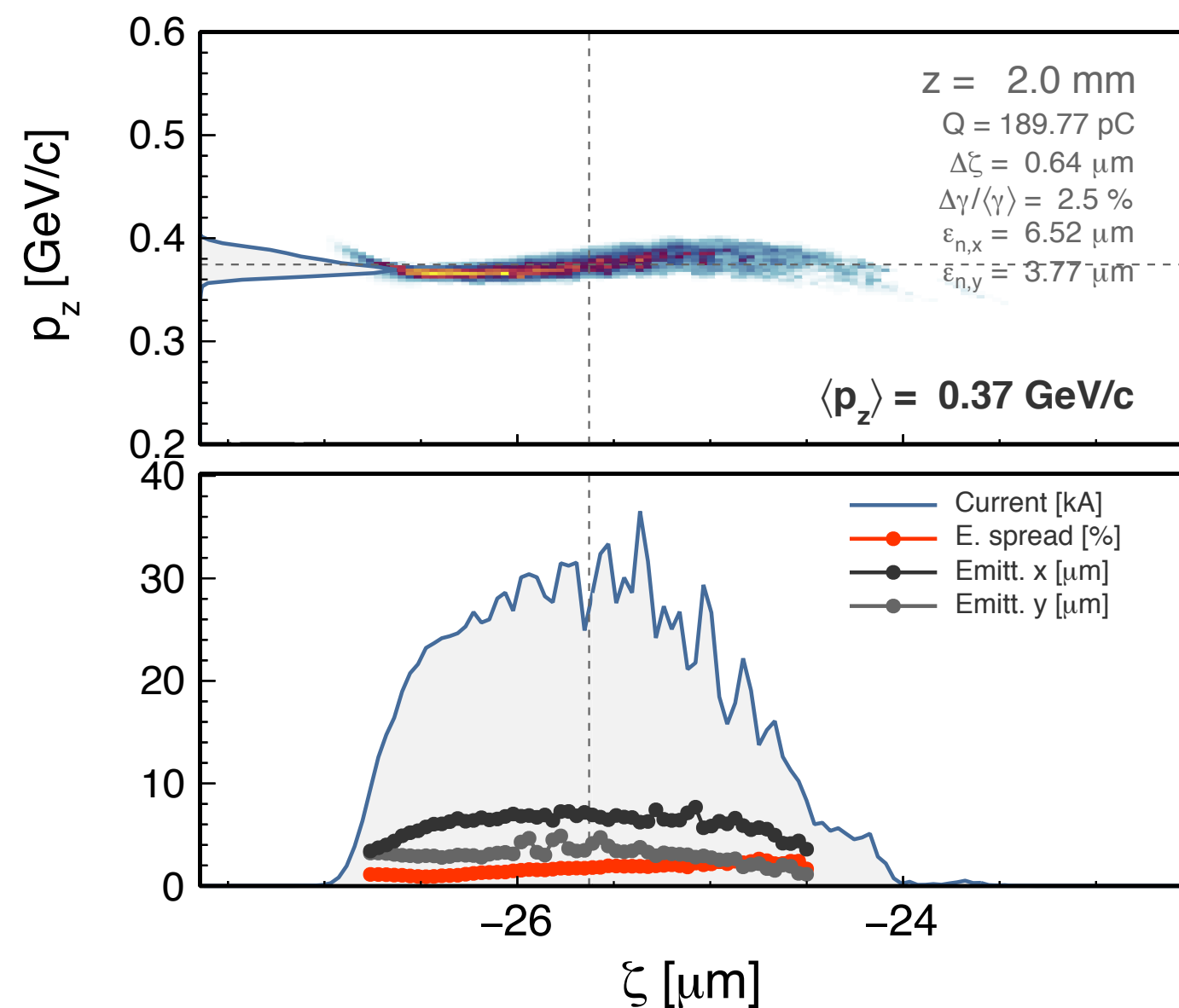
# Simulation: LWFA with ionization injection



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## Witness beam from LWFA with ionization injection



## LWFA beam (after 2 mm)

- Energy: **340 MeV**
- Energy spread: **2.5%**
- Charge: **190 pC**
- Current: **30 kA**
- Duration (fwhm): **6 fs**
- Norm. emittance: **~5  $\mu\text{m}$**

Average acc. field  
 $\langle E_z \rangle \simeq 180 \text{ GV/m}$

$$L_{dp} = (\lambda_p/\lambda_0)^2 (\omega_p \tau) k_p^{-1} \simeq 7 \text{ mm}$$

$$\Delta E \approx (\lambda_p/\lambda_0)^2 (\omega_p \tau) \sqrt{a_0} mc^2/2 \simeq 0.85 \text{ GeV}$$

Further acceleration  
 is possible...

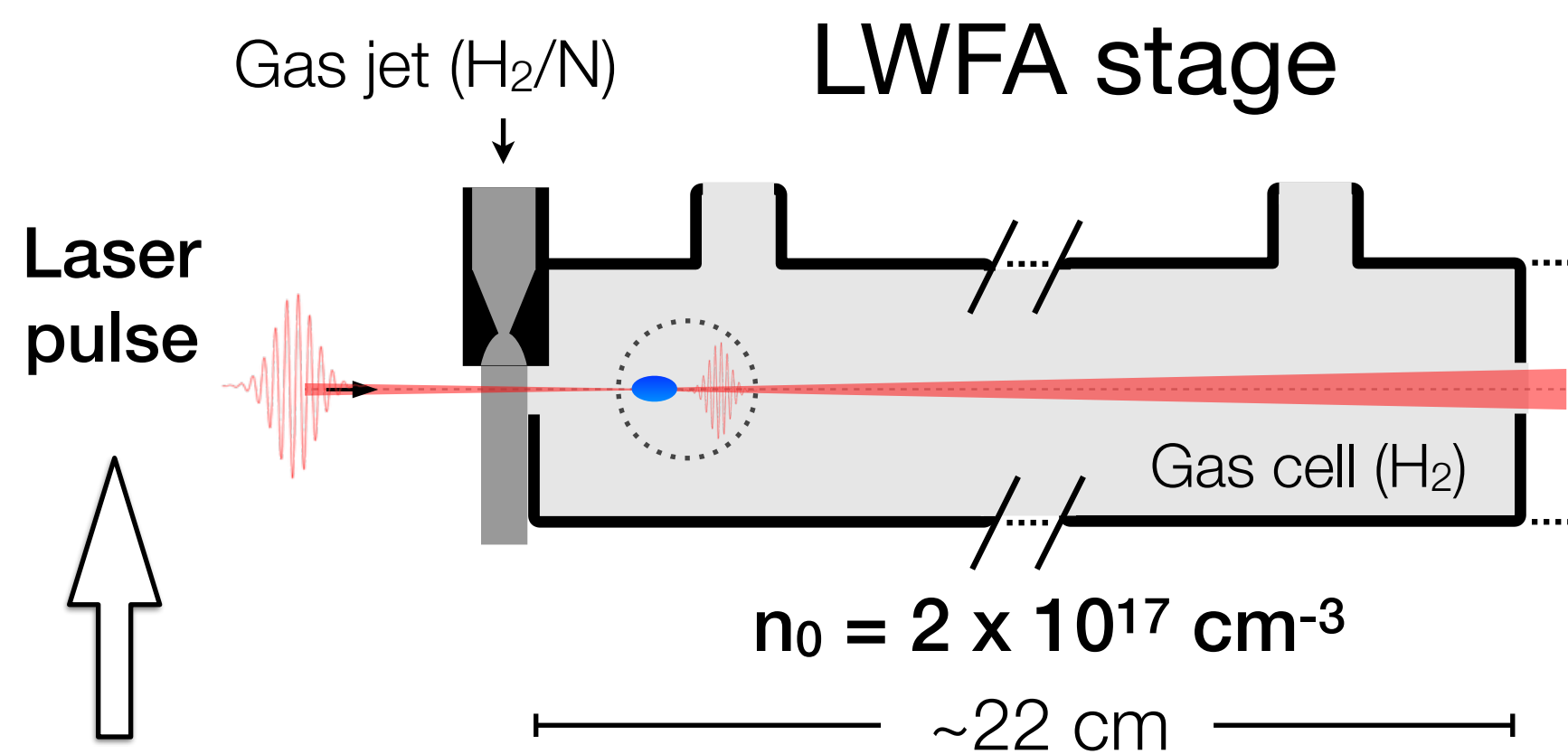
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Witness beam parameters until laser pump depletion length

LASER/plasma parameters			3D simulation (after 2 mm)	Extrapolation (after 7 mm)
$P_0$	98 TW	<b>Average energy</b>	370 MeV	~800 MeV
$\tau$	27 fs	<b>Energy spread</b>	2.5%	~2%
$w_0$	17 $\mu\text{m}$	<b>Energy spread (sliced)</b>	1-2 %	~1%
$a_0$	3.18	<b>Norm. emittance</b>	~5 $\mu\text{m}$	~5 $\mu\text{m}$
<b>Energy</b>	2.8 J	<b>Charge</b>	190 pC	190 pC
<b>Plasma density</b>	$2 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	<b>Duration (fwhm)</b>	6 fs	6 fs
<b>Acc. distance</b>	2 - 7 mm	<b>Peak current</b>	30 kA	30 kA
<b>Injection length</b>	0.2 mm	<b>Brightness</b>	1.2 kA/ $\mu\text{m}^2$	1.2 kA/ $\mu\text{m}^2$



Scaling to EuPRAXIA laser operating a 10 times less dense plasma



Laser parameters

$$P_0 = 1 \text{ PW}$$

$$\lambda_0 = 800 \text{ nm}$$

$$w_0 = 54 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\tau = 85 \text{ fs}$$

$$a_0 = 3.18$$

$$\mathcal{E} = 88 \text{ J}$$



- Energy spread

$$\sigma_E \simeq -eE_z L_{\text{jet}} \propto n_p^{1/2}$$

$$\sigma_E / \bar{E} \propto n_p^{3/2}$$

Fix 'normalized' laser parameters

$$a_0 = 3.18 \quad k_p \tau = 2.15 \quad k_p w_0 = 4.5$$

$$P_0 \propto n_p^{-1}$$

peak power

$$\mathcal{E} \simeq P_0 \tau \propto n_p^{-3/2}$$

laser energy

$$\bar{E} \propto n_p^{-1}$$

energy gain

$$L_{\text{acc}} \propto n_p^{-3/2}$$

acc. distance

Witness beam properties

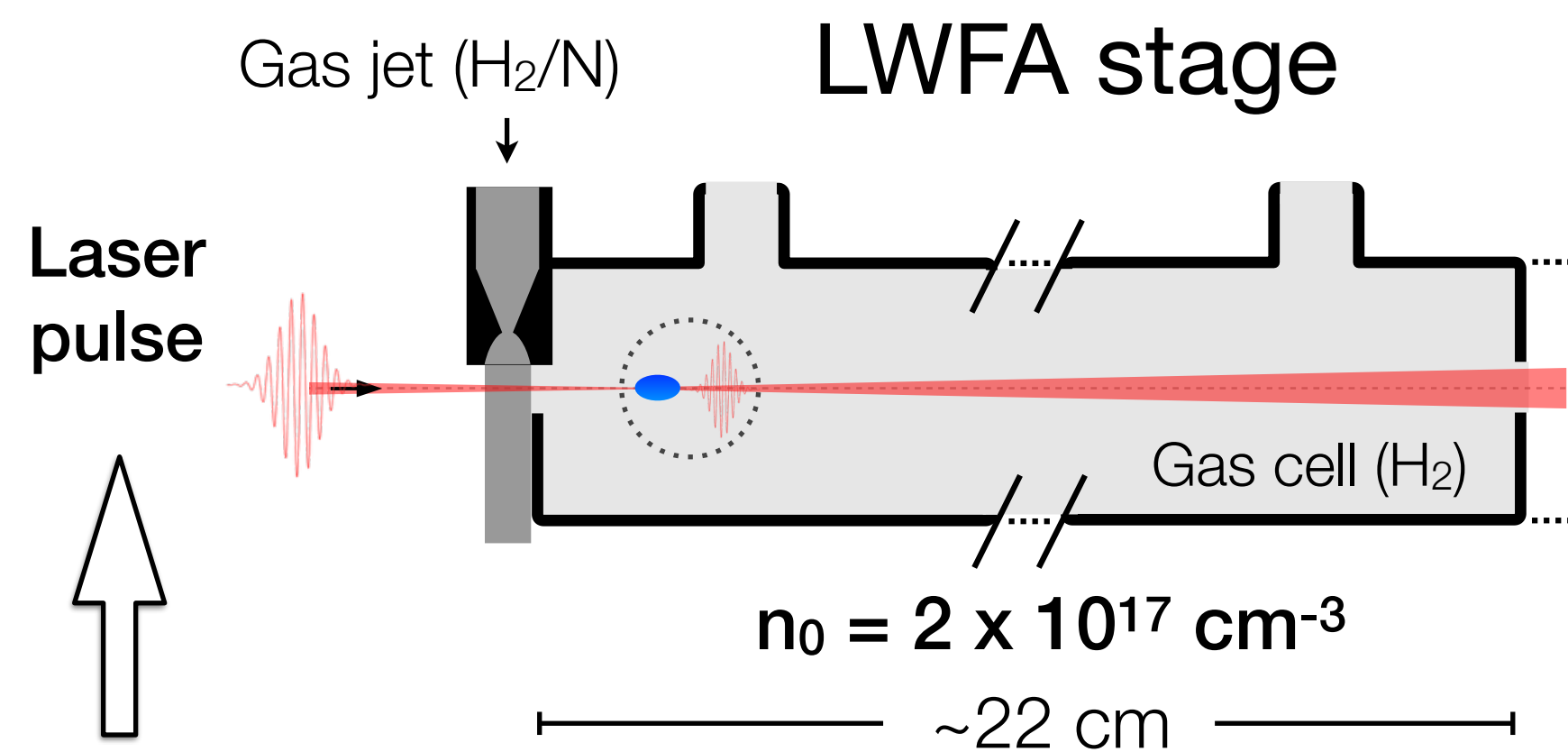
- Same current for beam loading
- Length and emittance scale as
- Charge follows same scaling

$$k_p^{-1} \propto n_p^{-1/2}$$

$$Q_w \bar{E} \propto n_p^{-3/2}$$

- Total energy in witness

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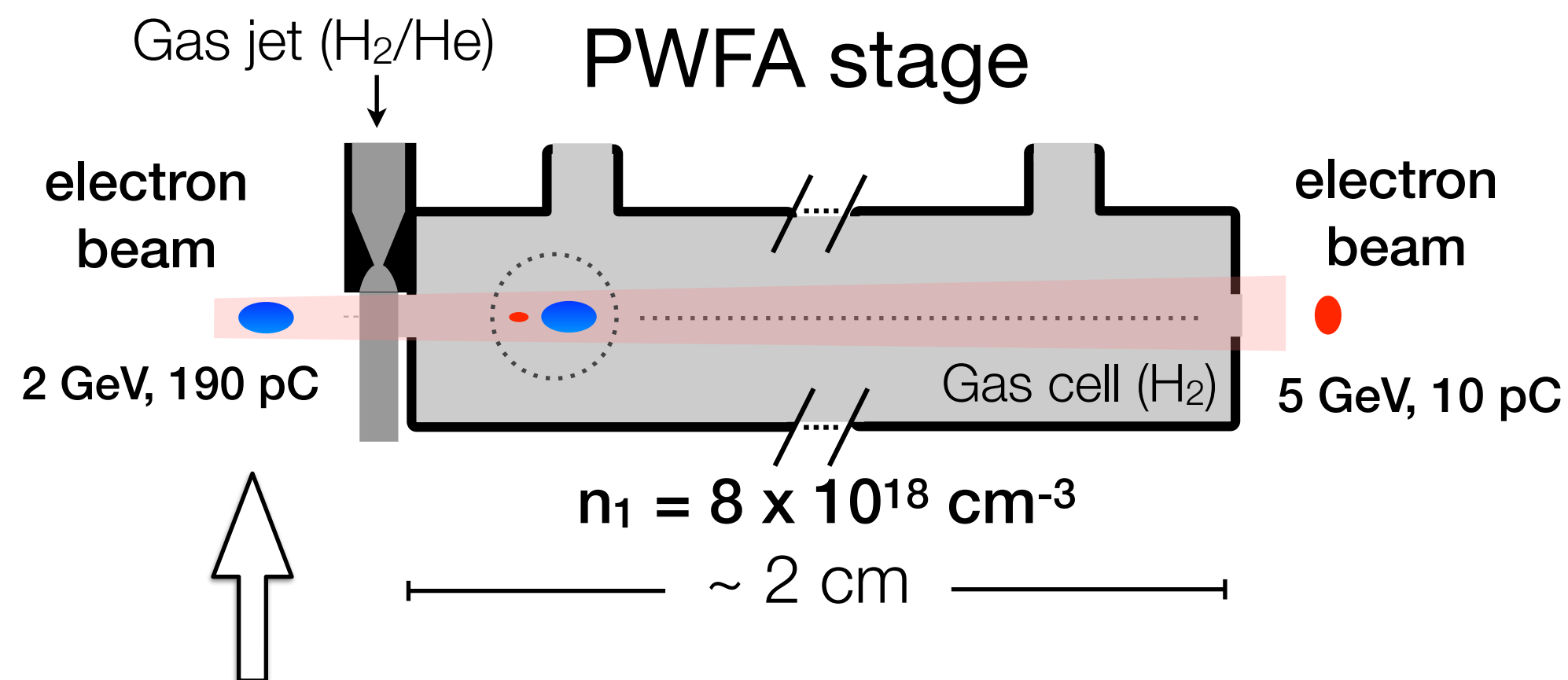
$$\mathcal{E} = 88 \text{ J}$$



LASER/plasma parameters		Witness beam (via ionization injection)	
$P_0$	980 TW	Average energy	1 - 5 GeV
$\tau$	85 fs	Energy spread	~2 %
$w_0$	54 $\mu\text{m}$	Energy spread (sliced)	0.5 - 0.1 %
$a_0$	3.18	Norm. emittance	~15 $\mu\text{m}$
Energy	88 J	Charge	600 pC
Plasma density	$2 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	Duration (fwhm)	19 fs
Acc. distance	4 - 20 cm	Peak current	30 kA
Injection length	0.6 mm	Brightness	0.12 kA/ $\mu\text{m}^2$

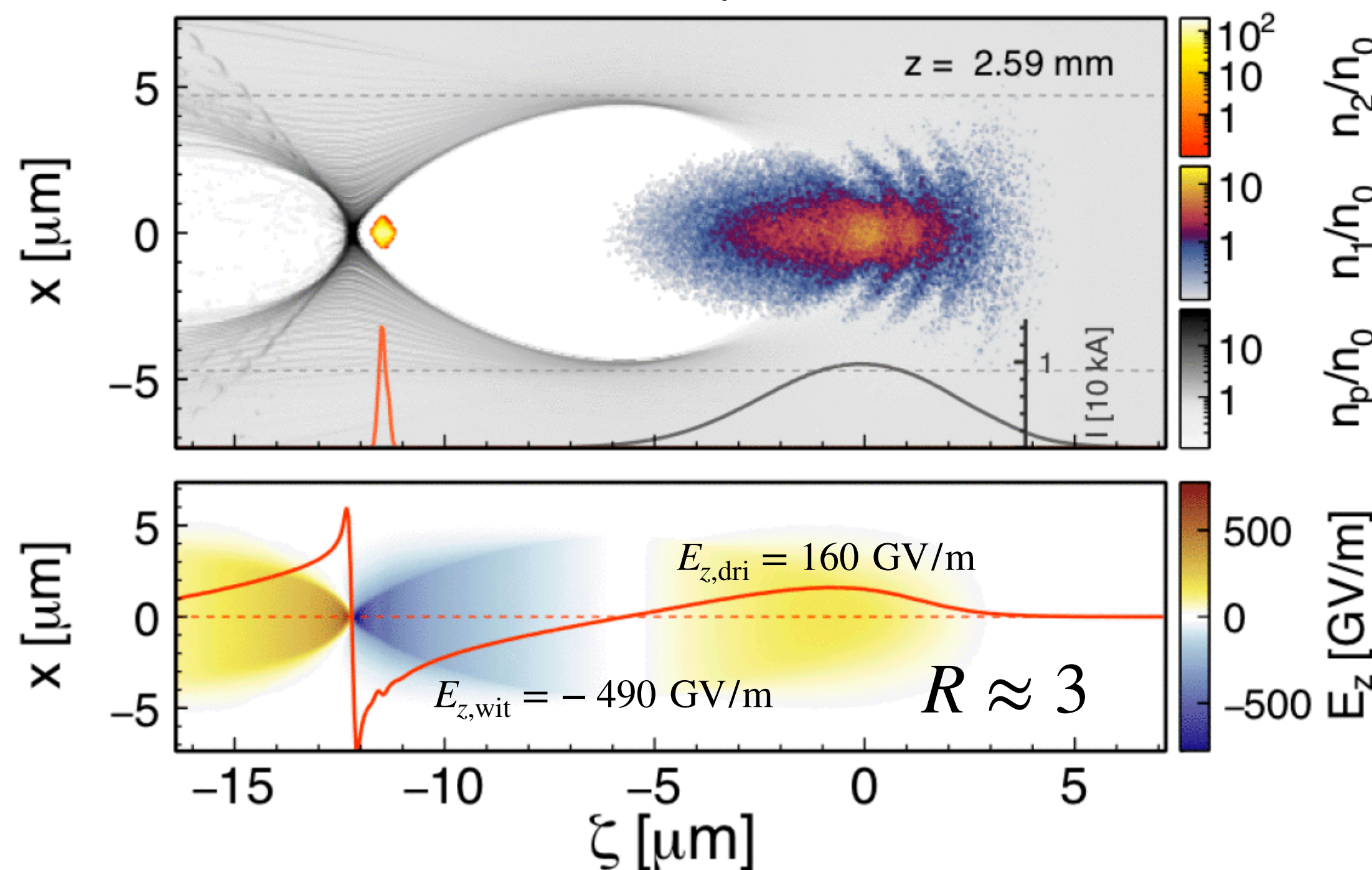
LWFA with II for the production of nC multi-GeV beams.

## Second Stage: PWFA with wakefield-induced ionization injection



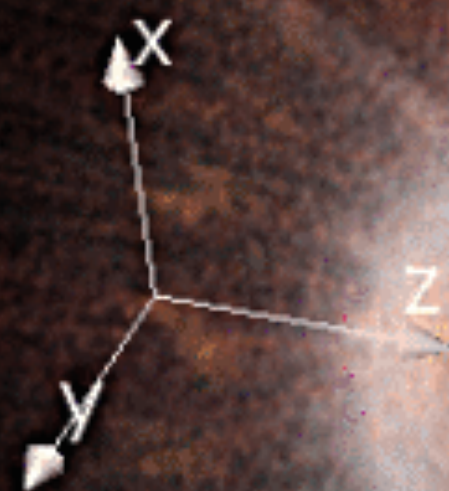
Drive beam from LWFA	
Average energy	2 GeV
Energy spread	3 %
Energy spread (sliced)	3 %
Norm. emittance	10 $\mu\text{m}$
Charge	190 pC
Duration (fwhm)	19 fs
Peak current	10 kA
Brightness	0.1 kA/ $\mu\text{m}^2$

PIC simulation example



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# Simulation: PWFA stage with Wii injection



Plasma blowout

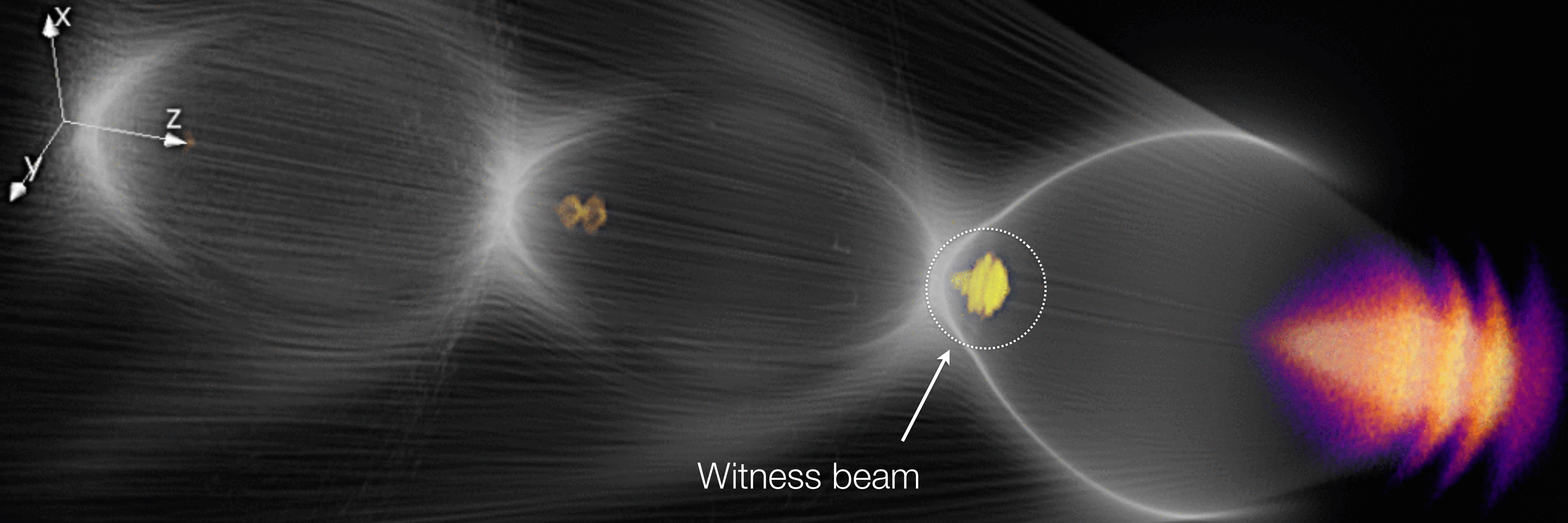
Drive beam  
(17 kA)

Wakefield cathode  
He ionization



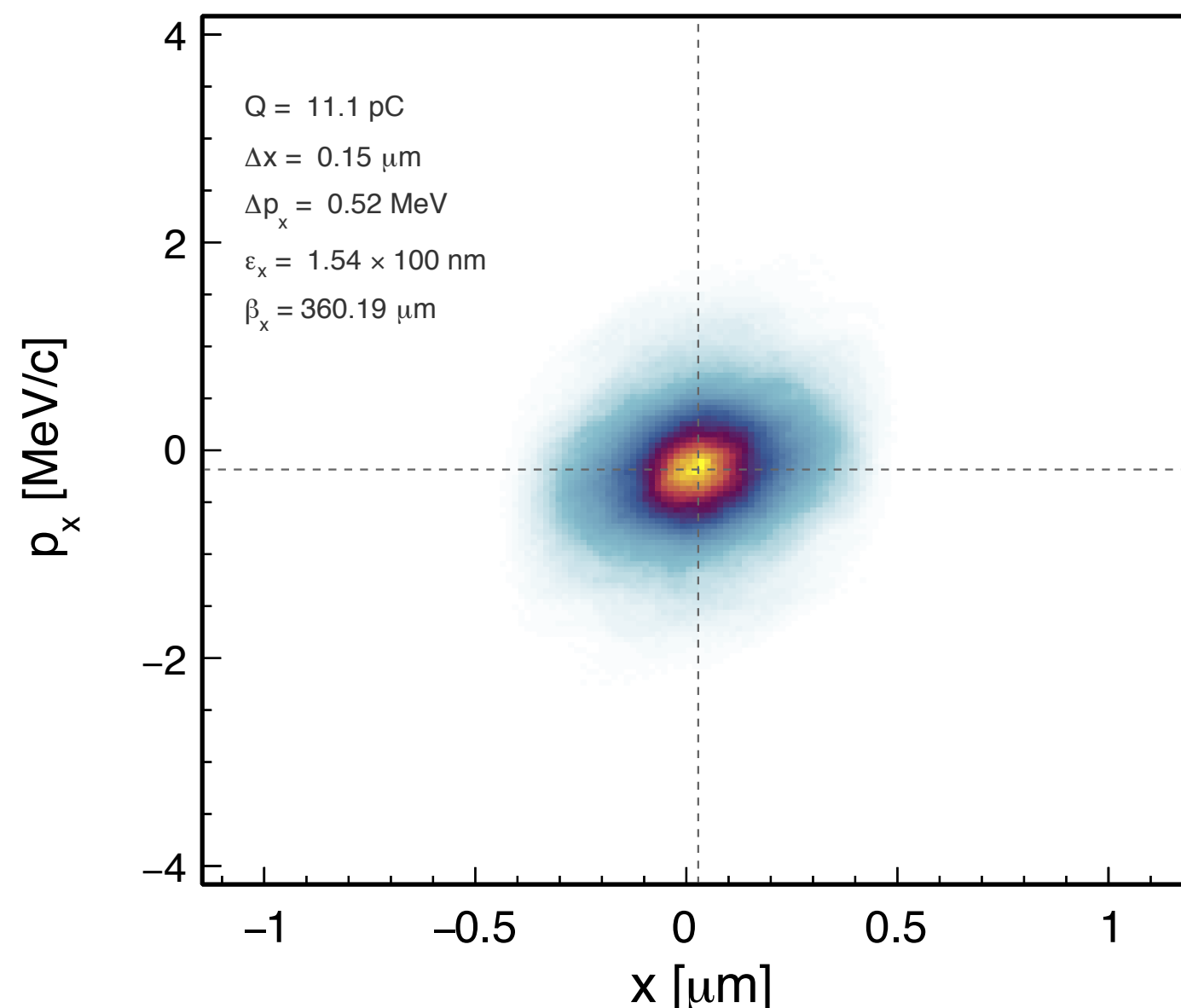
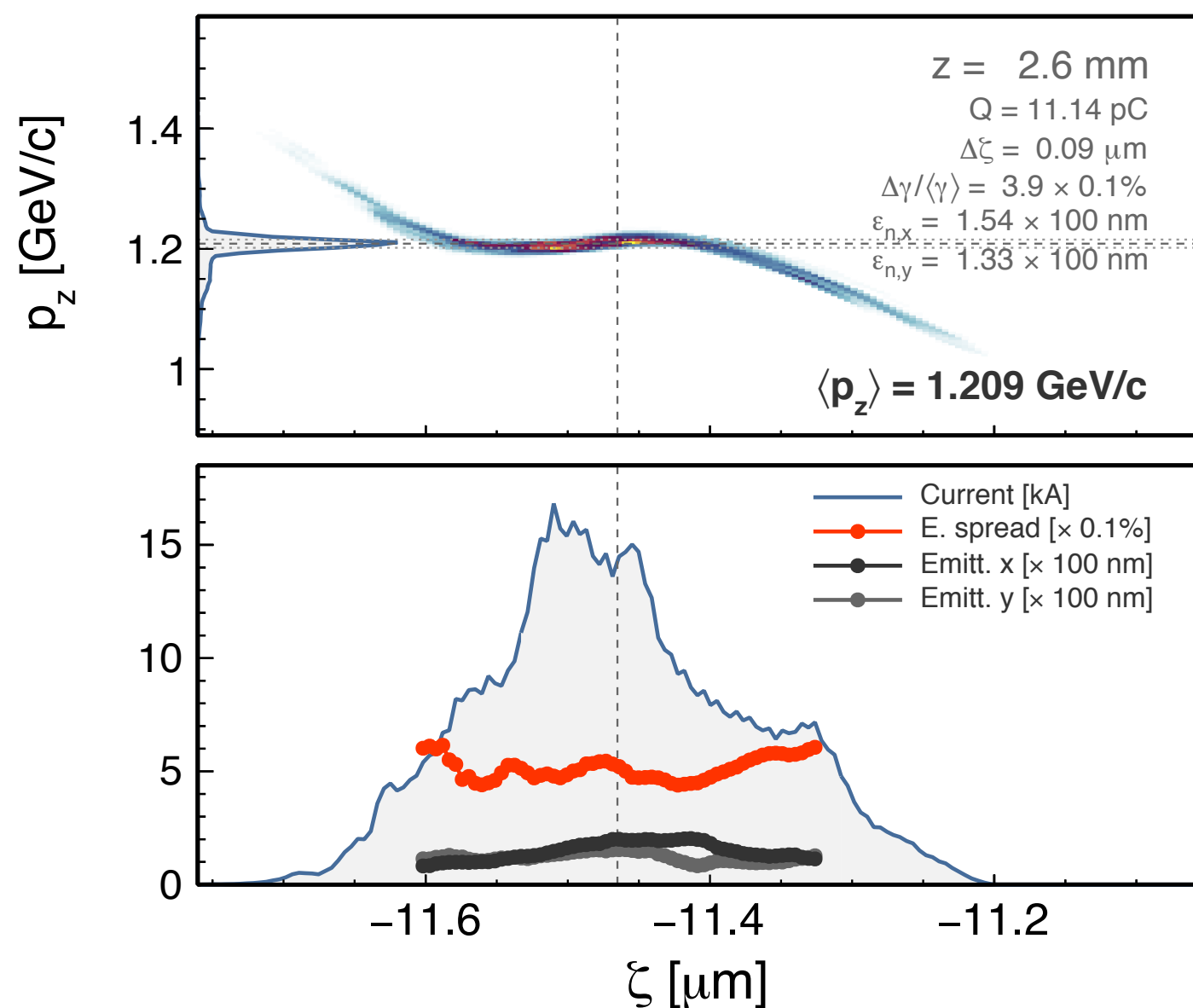
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# Simulation: PWFA stage with Wii injection



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## Witness beam from PWFA with Wii injection



### PWFA beam (after 2.6 mm)

- Energy: **1.2 GeV**
- Energy spread: **0.5%**
- Charge: **11 pC**
- Current: **15 kA**
- Duration (fwhm): **1 fs**
- Norm. emittance: **~100 nm**

Average acc. field  
 $\langle E_z \rangle \simeq 465 \text{ GV/m}$

Further acceleration  
 is possible...

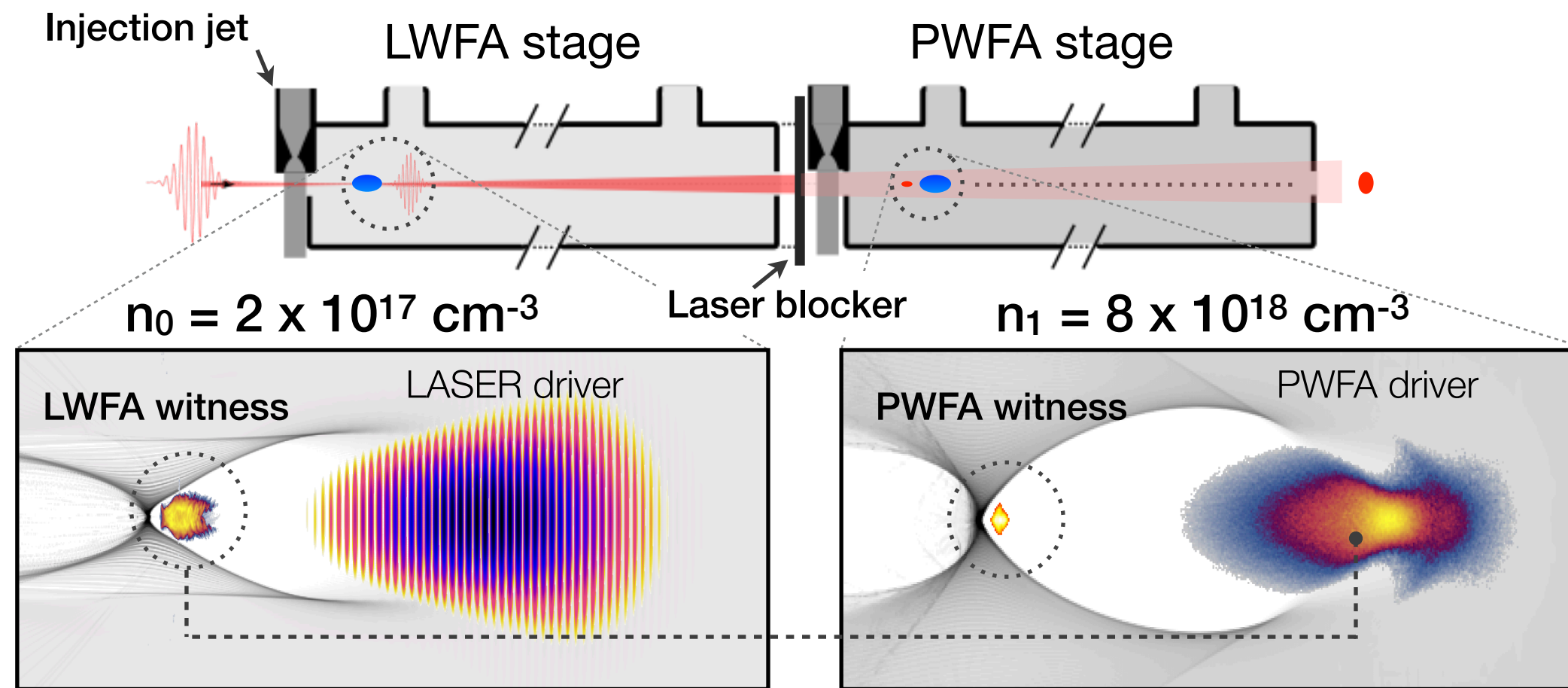
$$\Delta E_{\text{wit}} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{transformer ratio}}}{RE}_{\text{dri},0} \simeq 6 \text{ GeV}$$

## Laser beam

$P_0 = 1000 \text{ TW}$   
 $\lambda_0 = 800 \text{ nm}$   
 $w_0 = 54 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$   
 $a_0 = 3.18$   
 $\tau = 85 \text{ fs}$   
 $\text{Energy} = 88 \text{ J}$

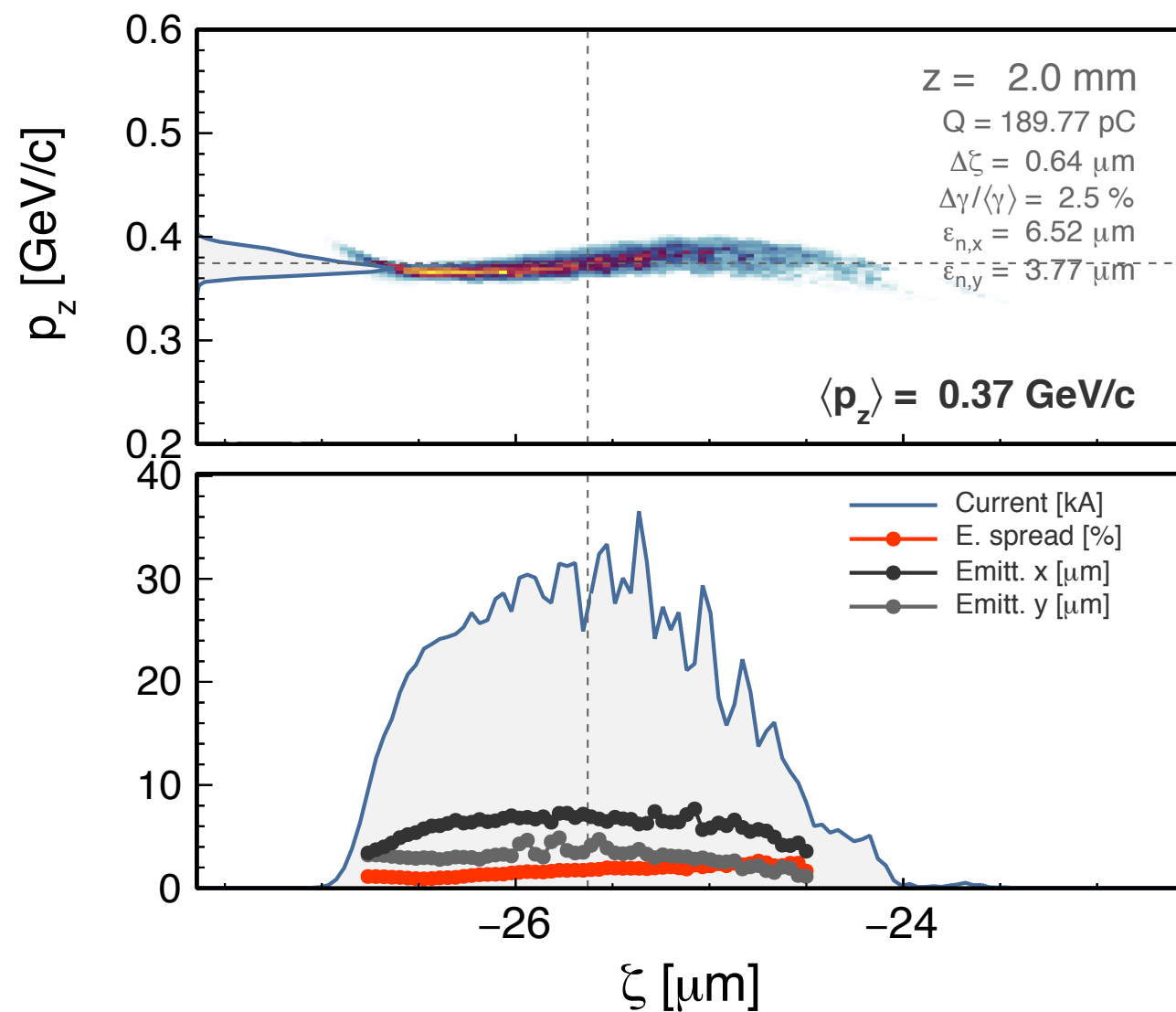
## Electron beam

$I_0 = 15 \text{ kA}$   
 $\epsilon_n = 130 \text{ nm}$   
 $\tau = 700 \text{ as}$   
 $\gamma mc^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\Delta\gamma/\gamma = 0.2 \%$   
 $\text{Charge} = 11 \text{ pC}$



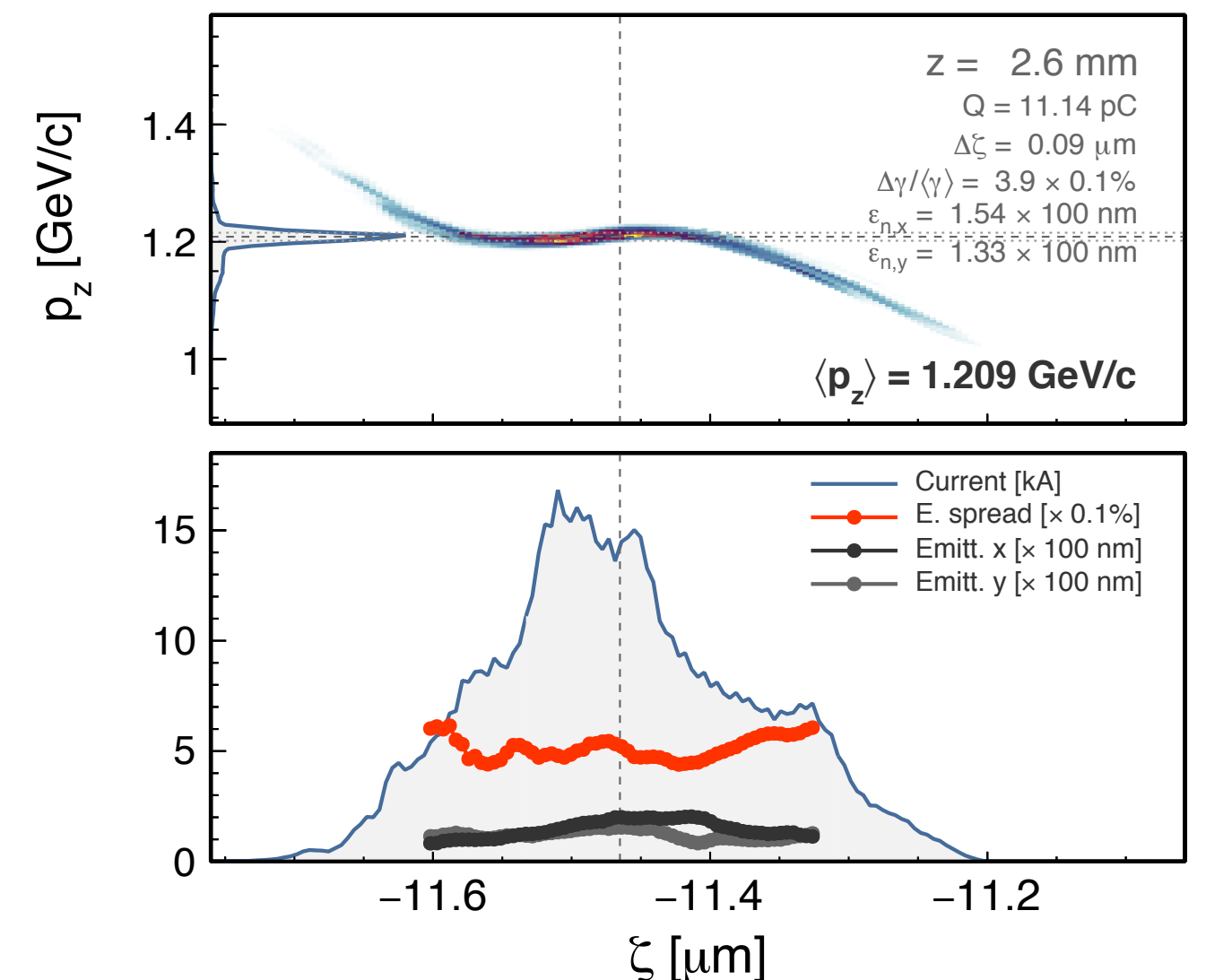
LWFA with Ionisation injection

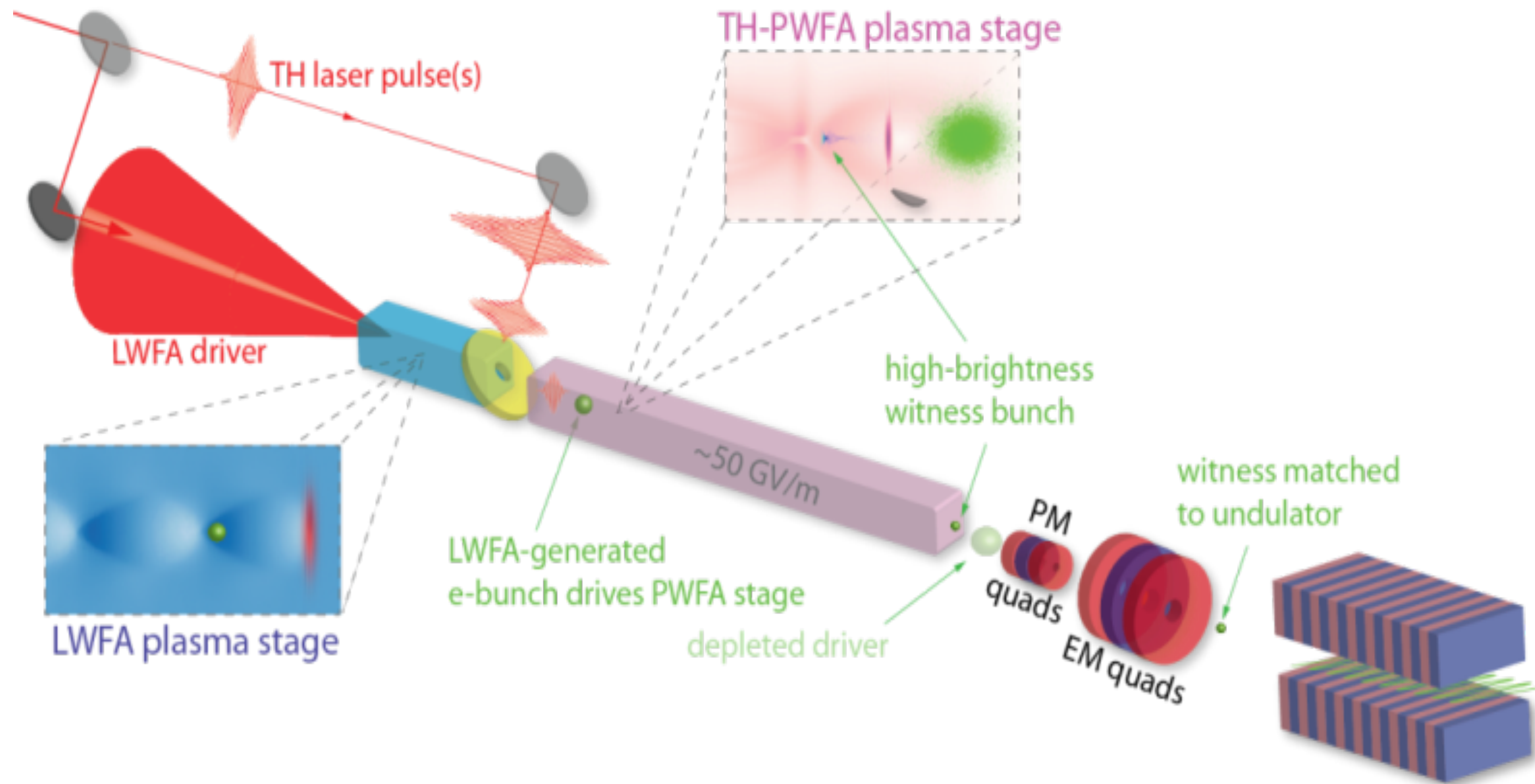
PWFA with Wii injection



**'Energy doubling'**  $\Delta\gamma_w = R \gamma_d$

**Brightness booster**  $B \propto \frac{I_b}{\epsilon_n^2}$   
**x 10000**



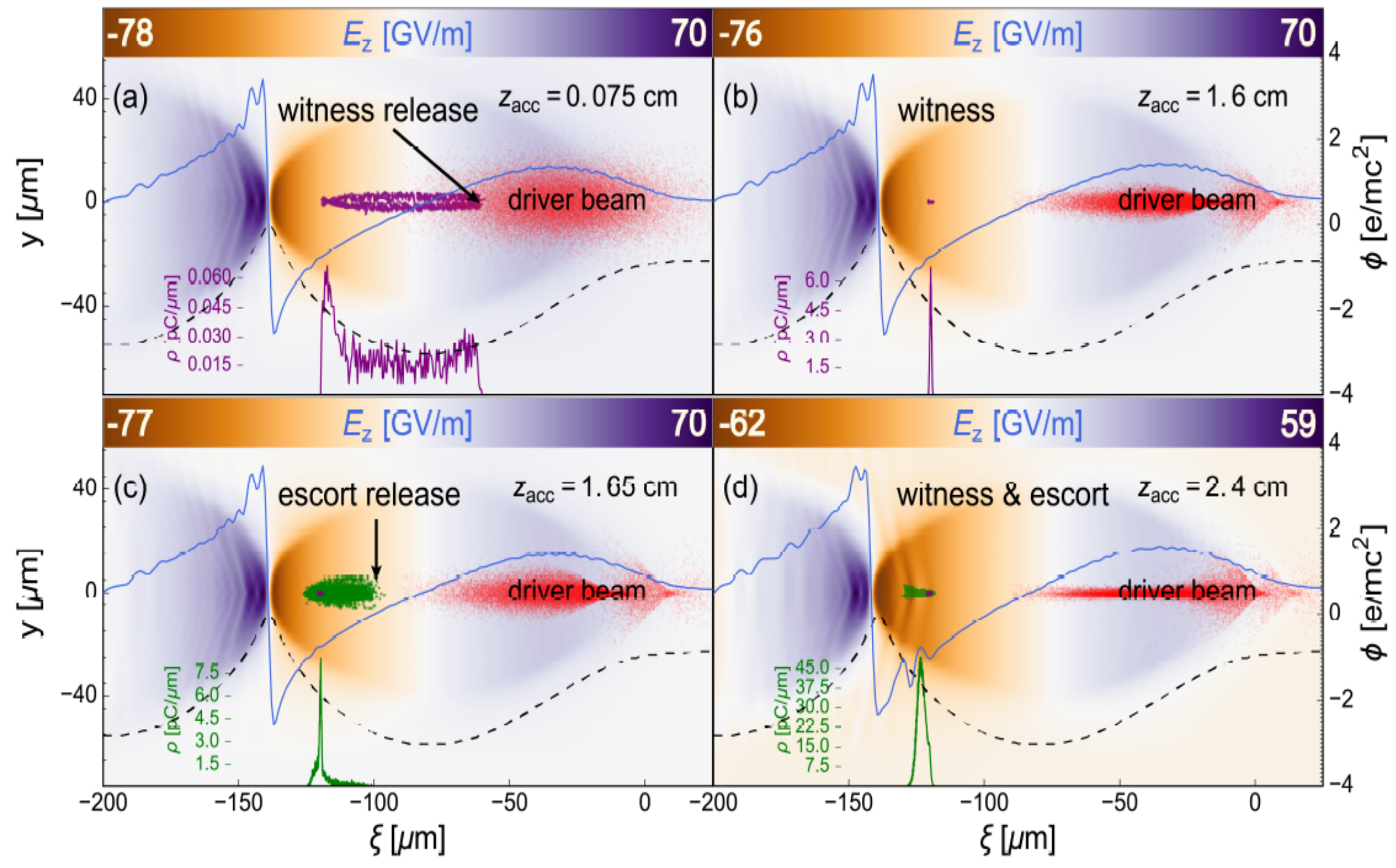


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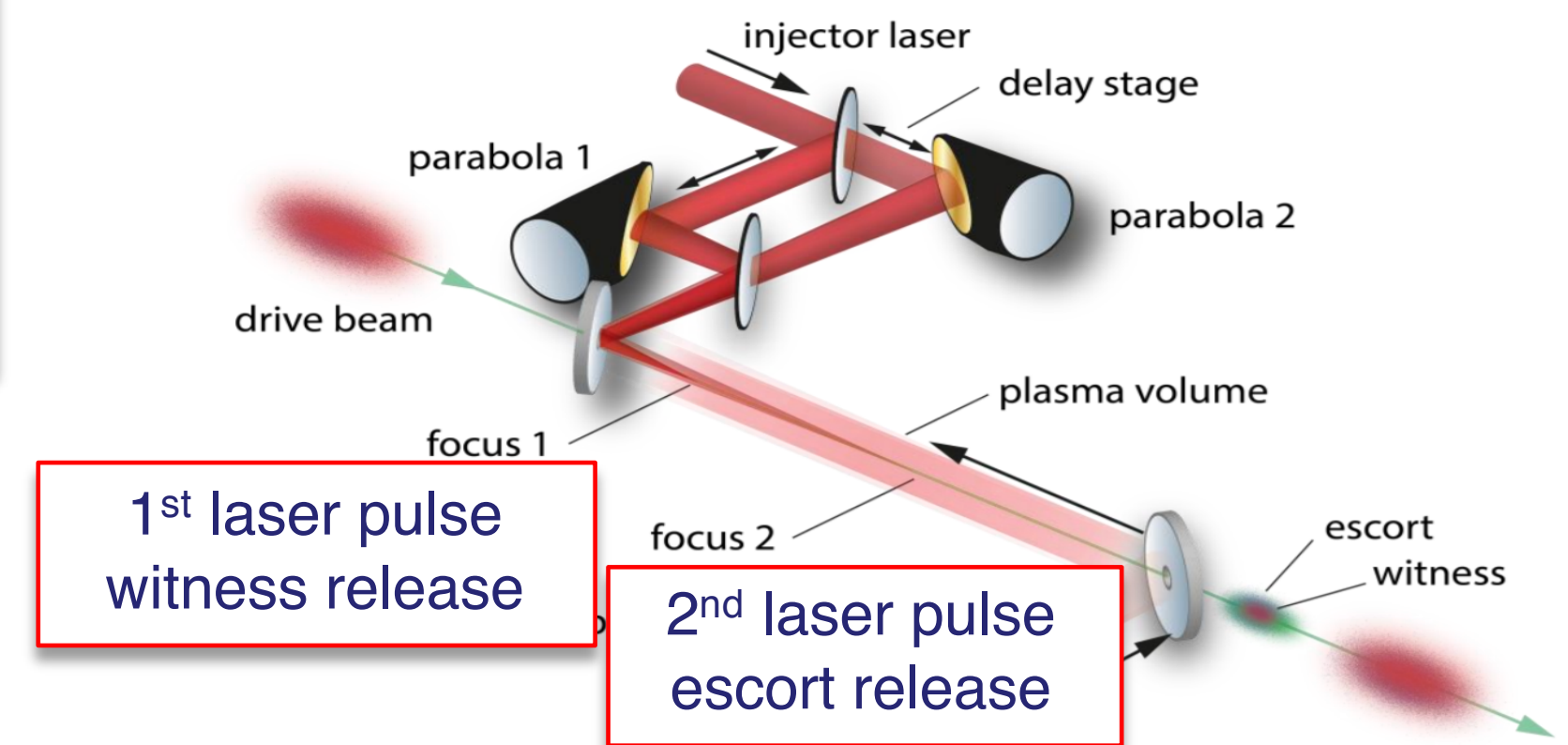
## Proof-of-concept 3D Particle-In-Cell simulation



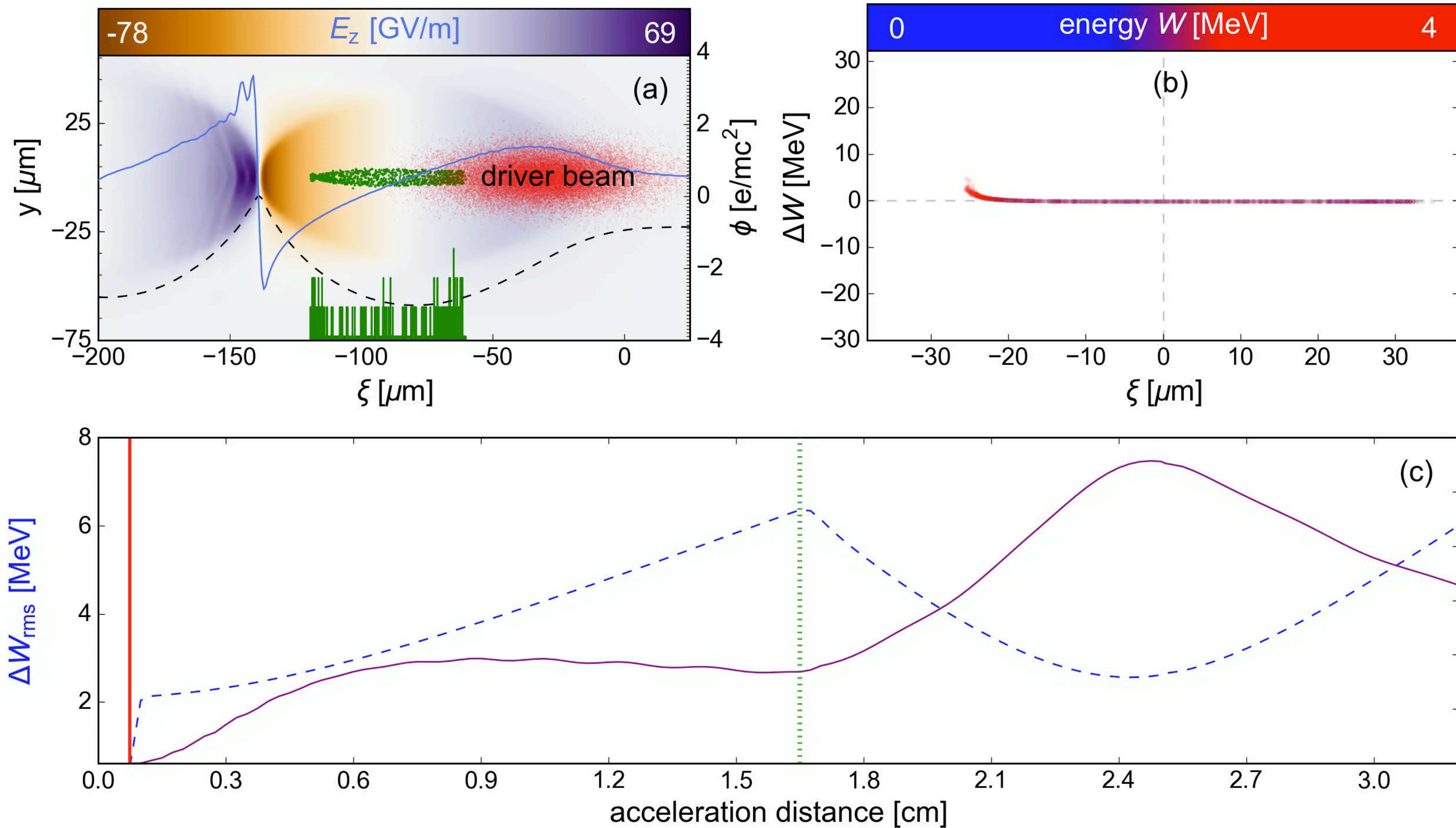
No additional complexity compared to Trojan Horse injection



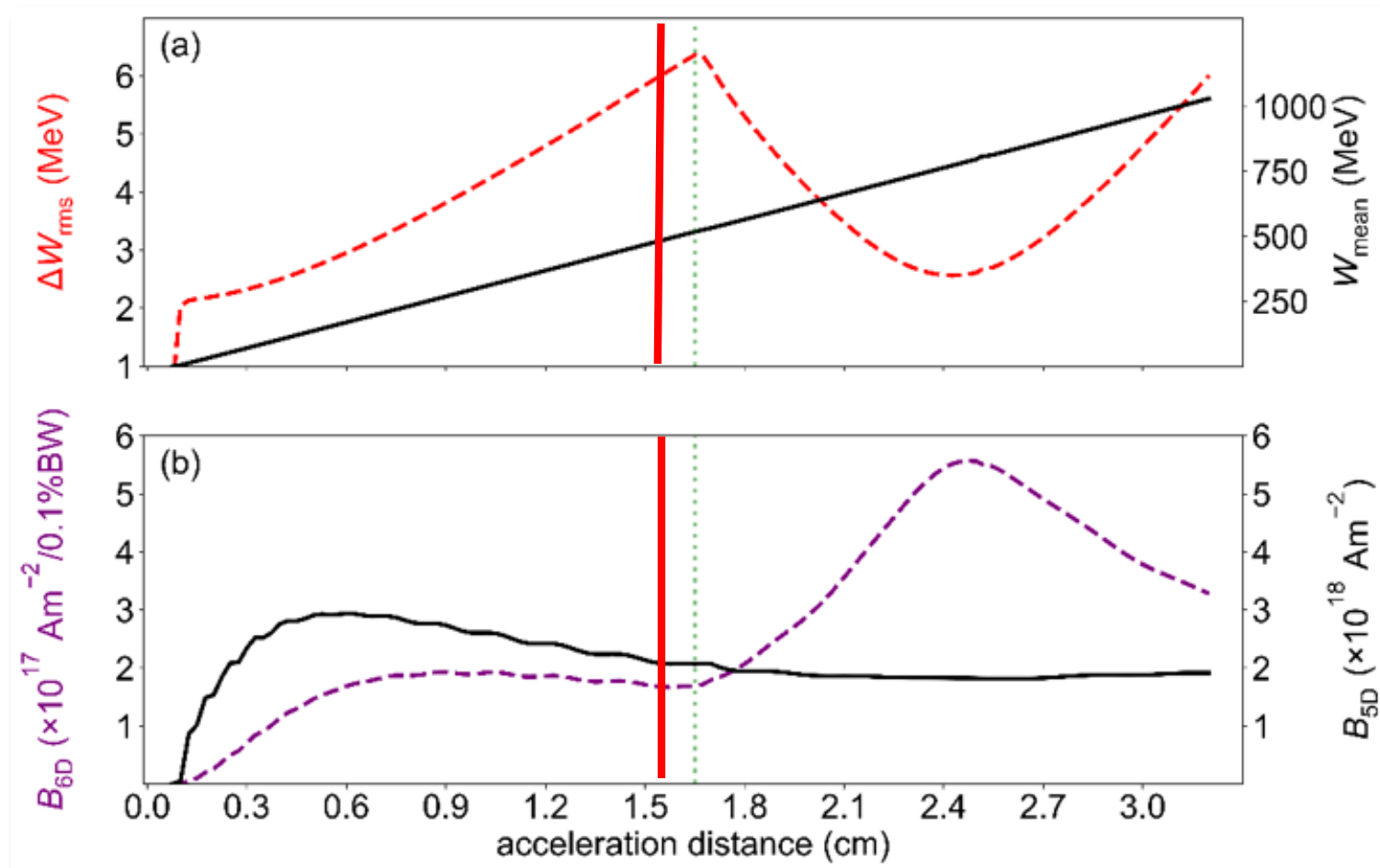
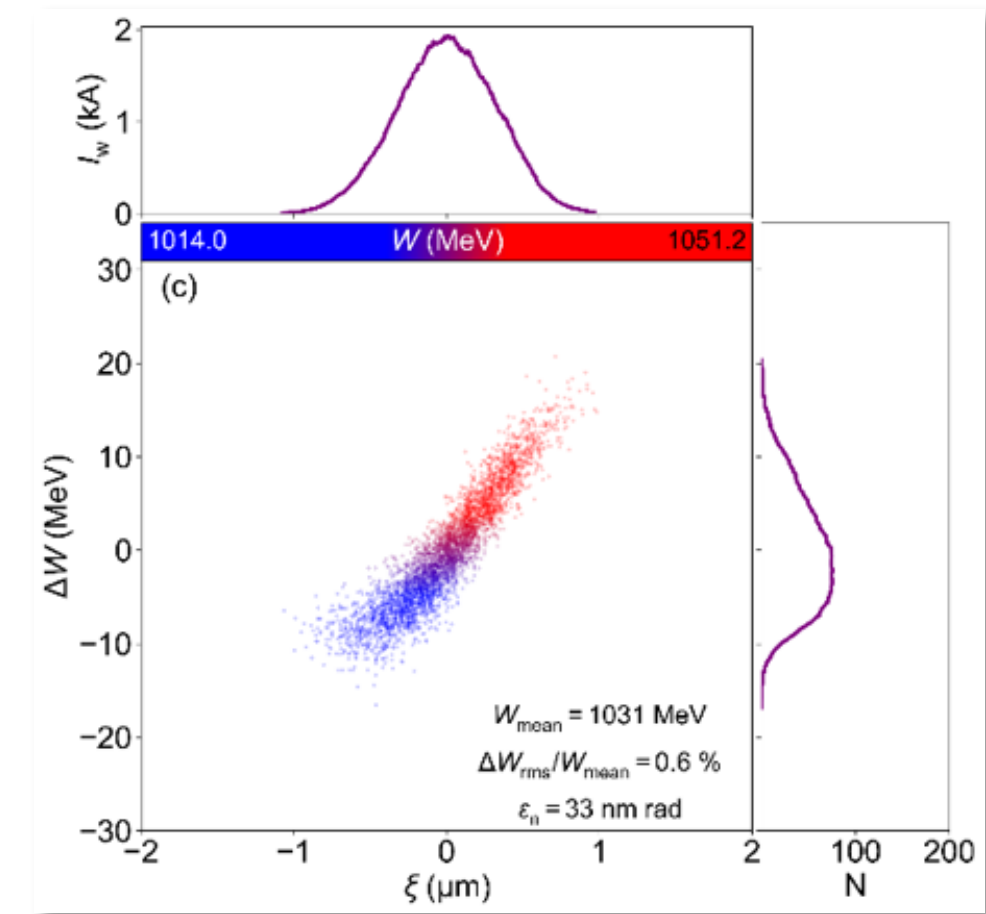
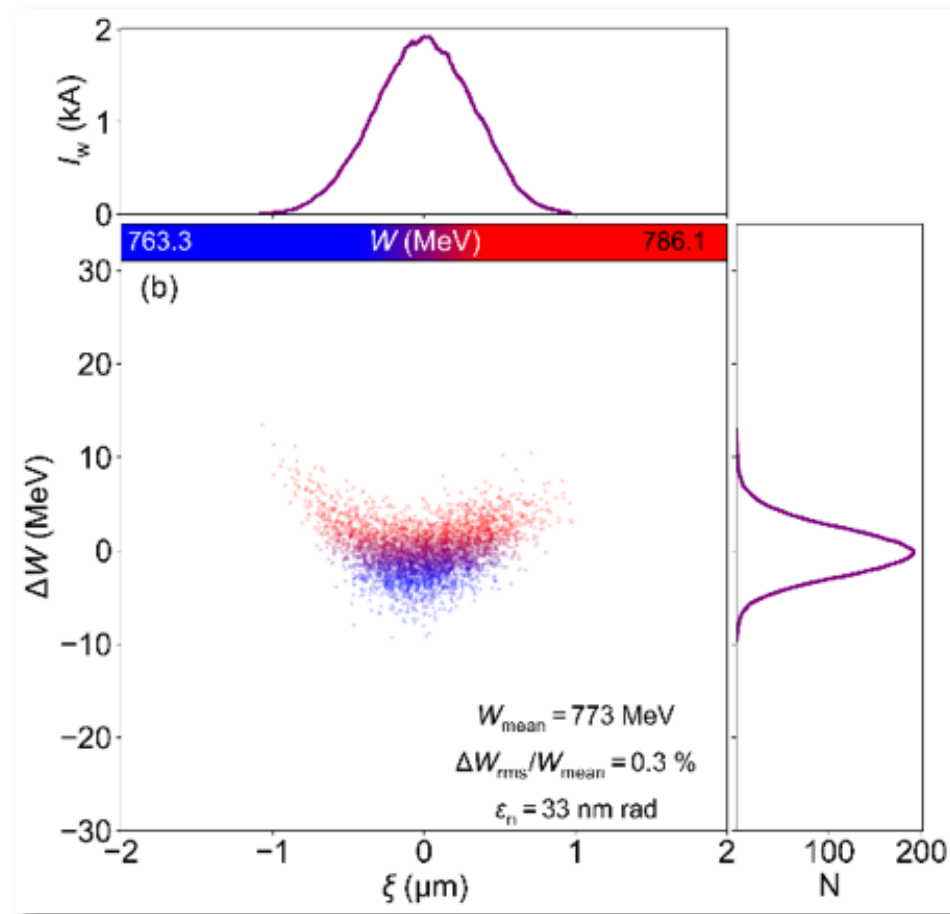
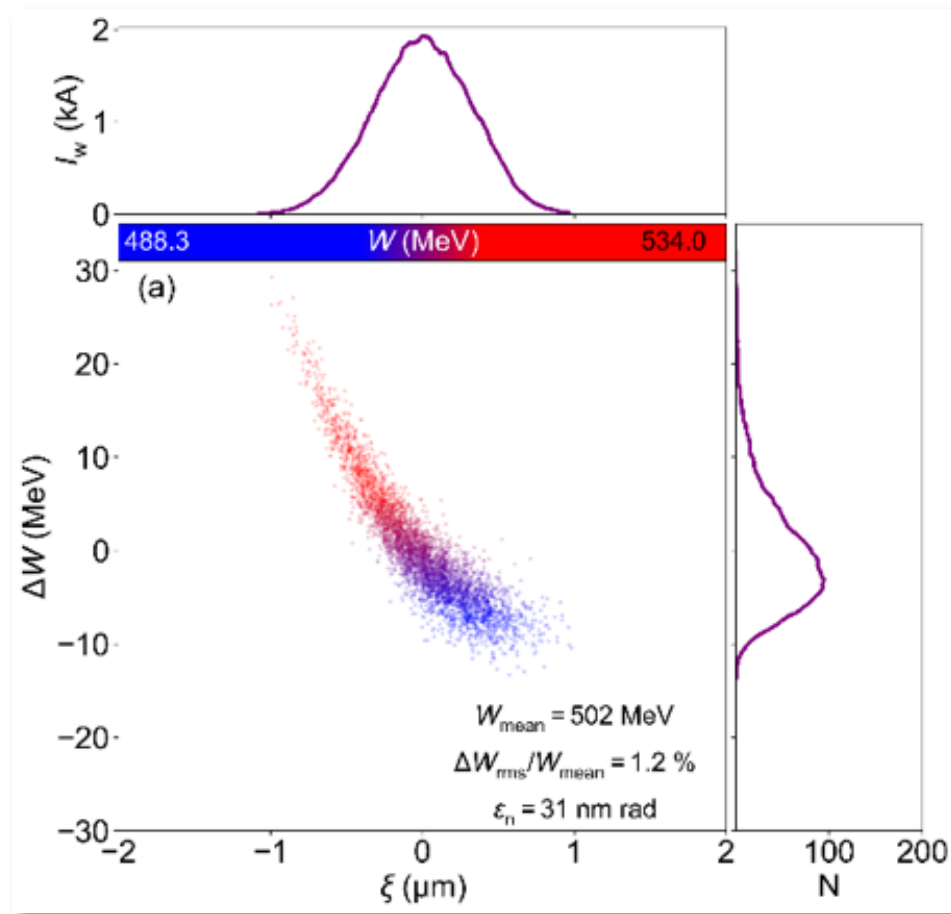
1. Ultrahigh 5D brightness witness beam release
2. Witness beam is accelerated to high energy
3. Second high charge escort beam release using plasma photocathode laser
4. **Escort beam** is trapped and the wakefield is reversed locally



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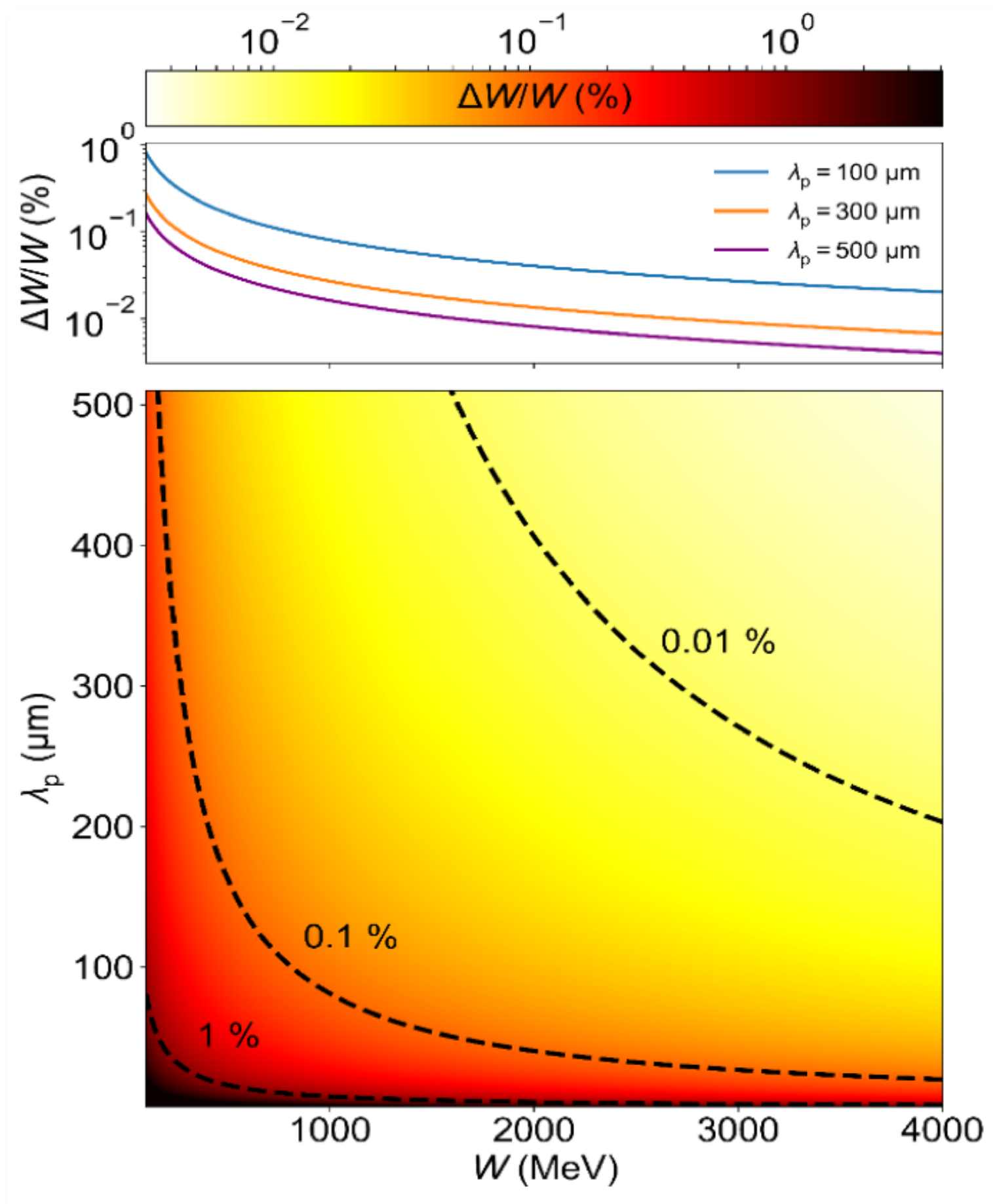


- Normalized emittance still at nm rad level
- Residual energy spread  $\Delta W = 2.56$  MeV
- Relative energy spread of  $\Delta W/W = 0.3\%$

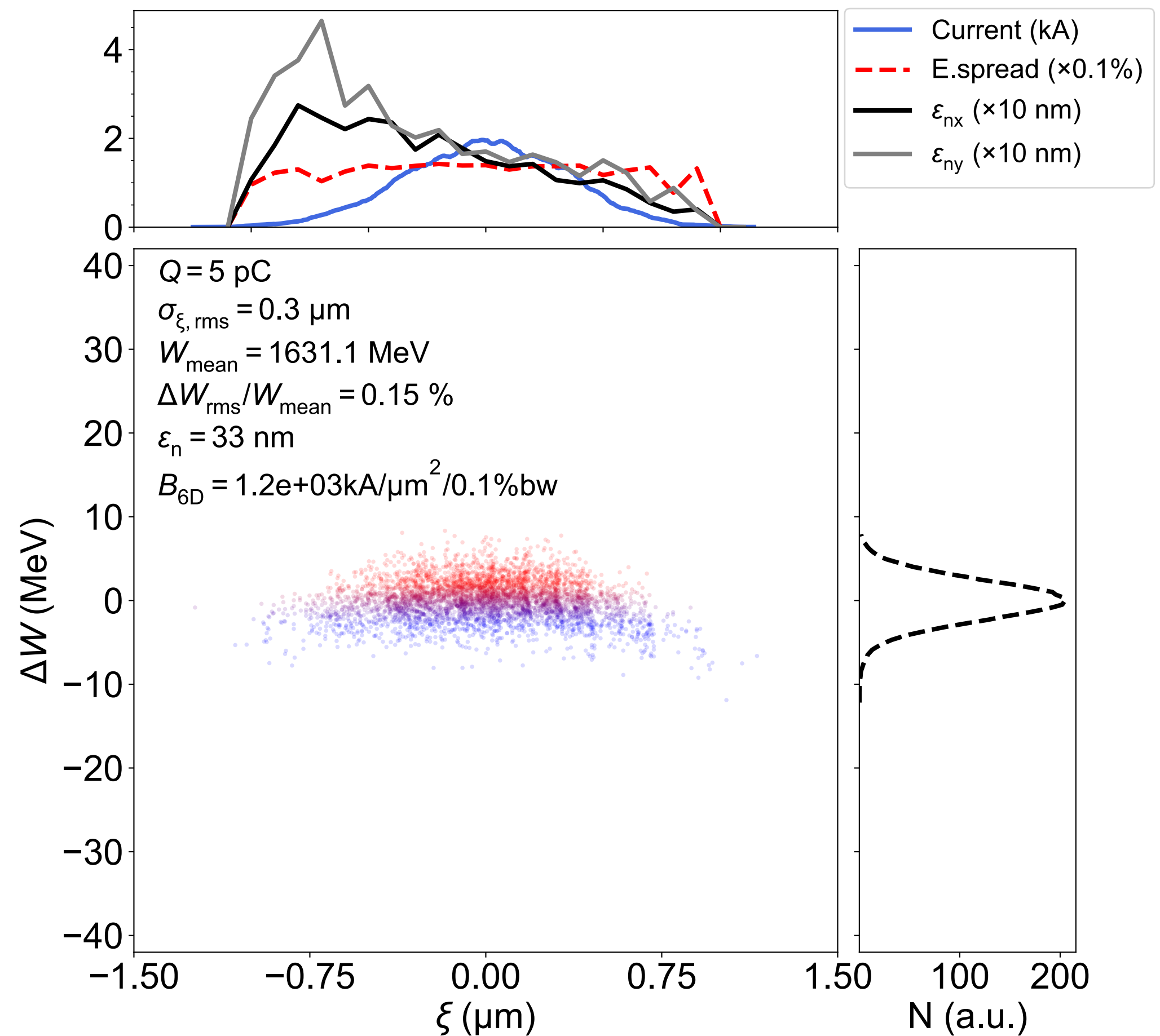
Unprecedented ultrahigh 6D Brightness  
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## Relative energy spread scaling



## High-energy example



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## **Conceptual designs for hybrid LWFA - PWFA**

for the production of **multi-GeV, superior quality beams**.

### **Hybrid LWFA/PWFA with Wii injection:**

Energy and brightness transformer: 2 x energy, 10000 x brightness.

Stable beam loading conditions for low energy spread: ~0.1% at 5 GeV energy.

Simple setup.

### **Hybrid LWFA/PWFA with TH and the Escort dechirping technique:**

The beam loading process is decoupled from witness beam production.

Keeps the ultra-low emittance of the witness beam.