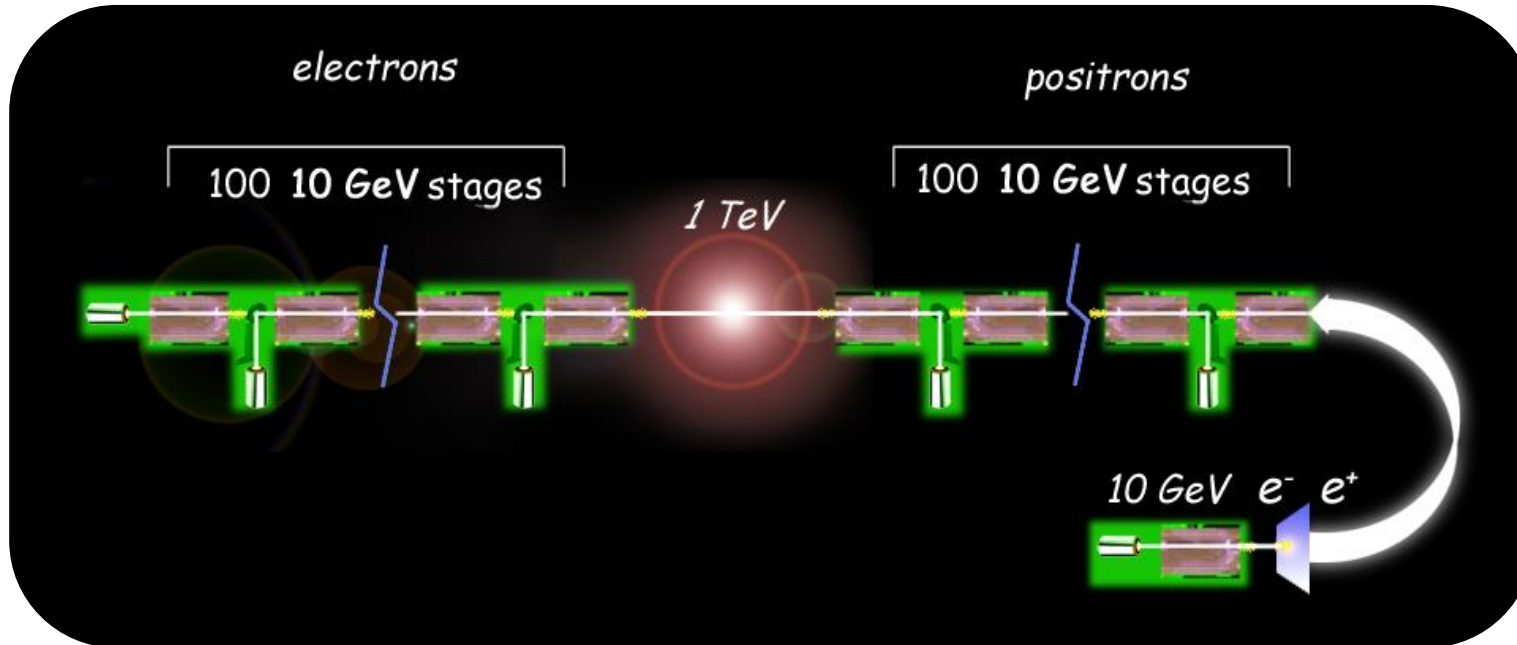


Simulations of electron and positron polarization preservation in plasma

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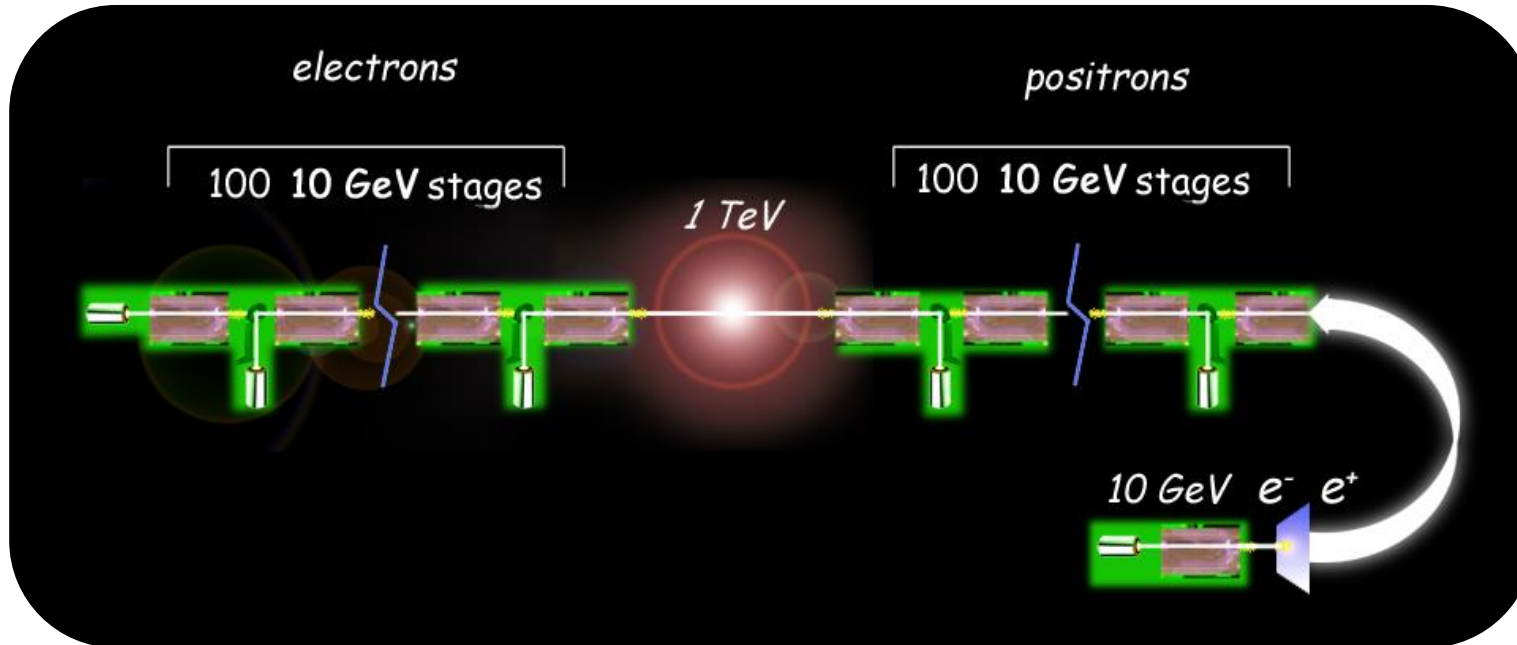
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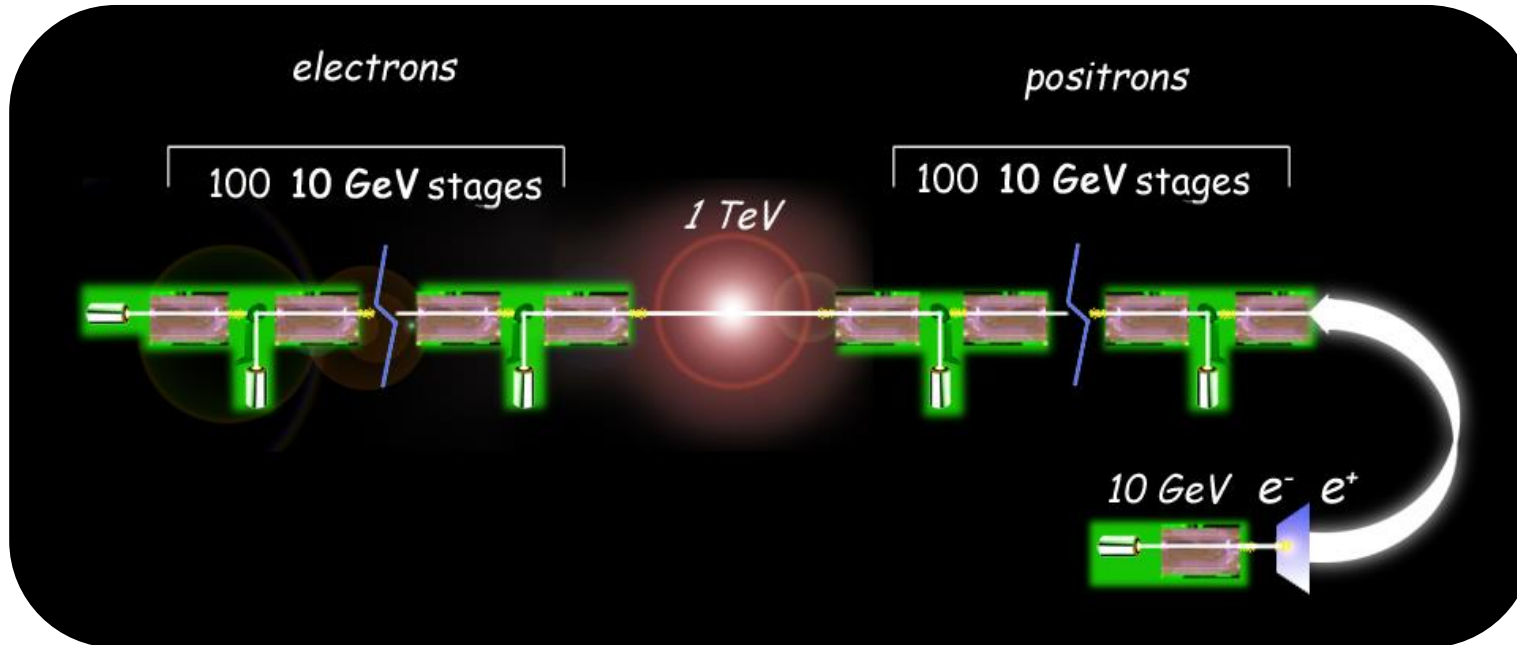
If you work on particle acceleration in plasma you think about:

- energy (maximum, spread)
- emittance (4D and 6D)
- beam charge and current
- repetition rate
- beam quality and luminosity
- plasma density
- transformer ratio
- staging, coupling, injection



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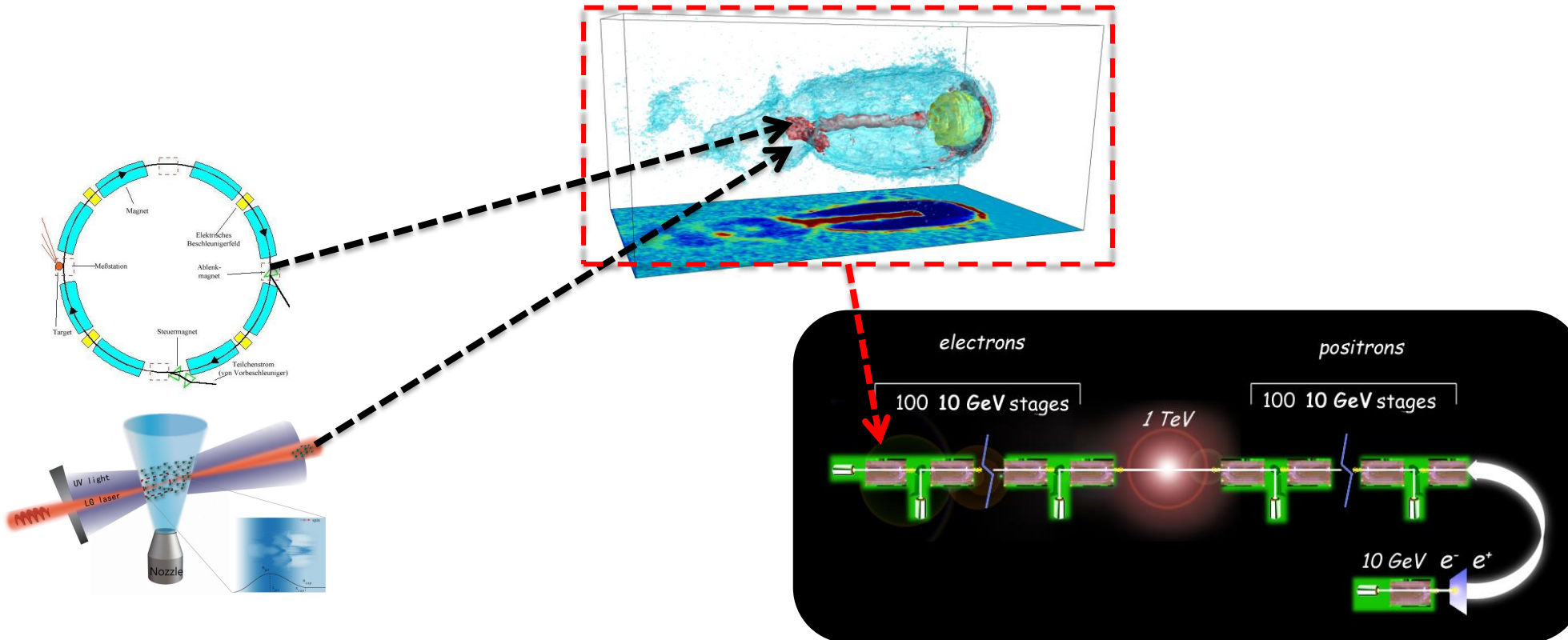
- gas target where the electron spins are already aligned before laser irradiation
- pre-accelerated and pre-ionized bunches

COUPLING

- polarization losses and emittance growth must be minimized
- bunch charge must be maximized

ACCELERATION

- depolarization must be prevented / minimized
- spontaneous polarization build-up is not expected



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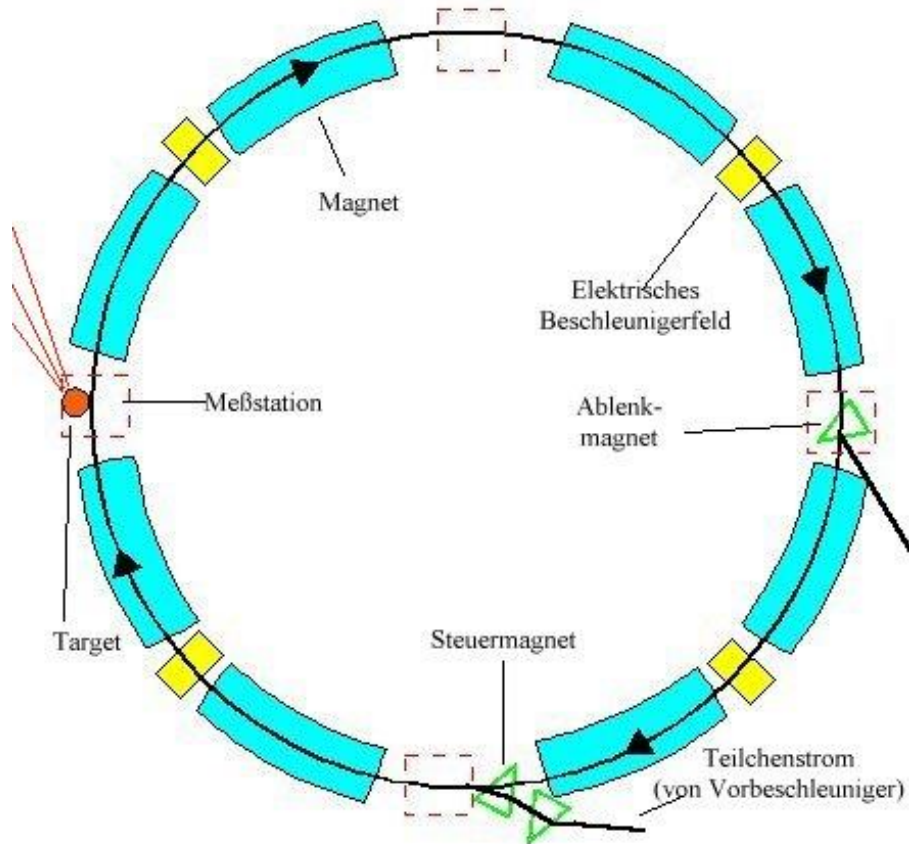
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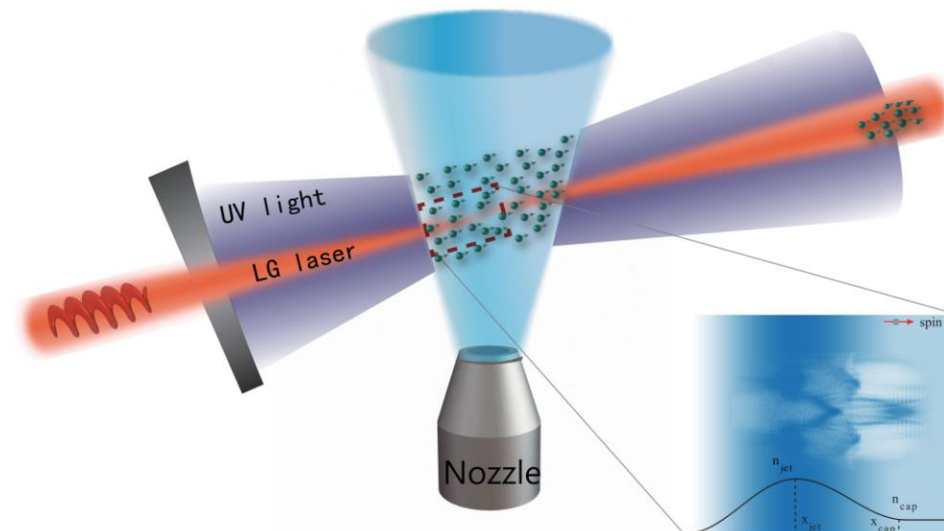
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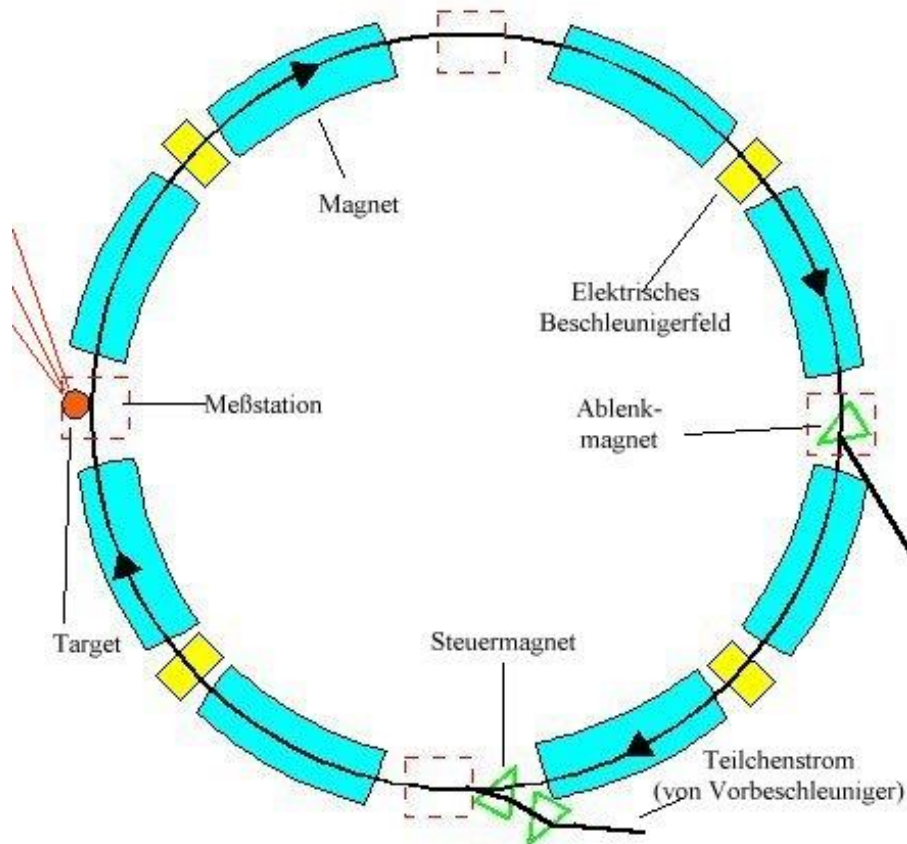
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- achievable polarization: up to 92%
- energy in the GeV range
- polarization time for electrons in the range of minutes to hours
- storage-ring length in the km range



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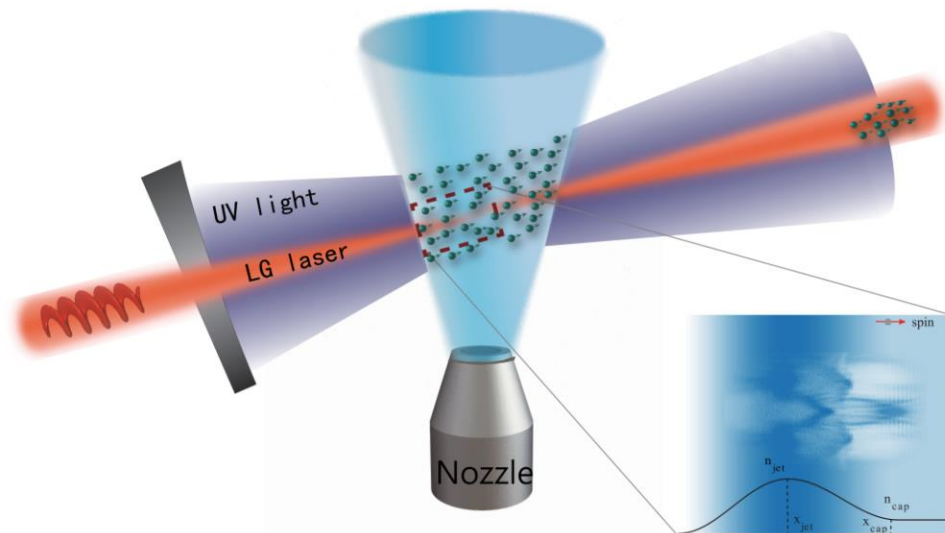
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2nd option

Spin-polarized particle beams
from laser-plasma accelerators

Sketch of the all-optical laser-driven
polarized electron acceleration scheme:

- UV light (213 nm) to photo-dissociate HCl molecules
- a 1064 nm IR laser aligns the bonds of the HCl molecules,
- a 234.62 nm UV laser ionizes the Cl atoms
- an electric field removes the Cl atoms from the target volume
- a coaxial LG laser pulse traverses the H gas target to accelerate the polarized electrons via wakefield acceleration



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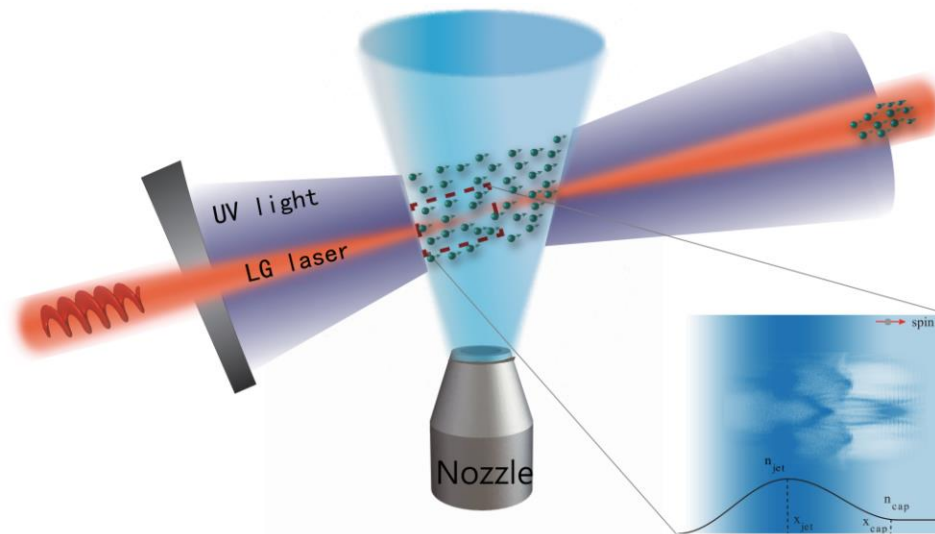
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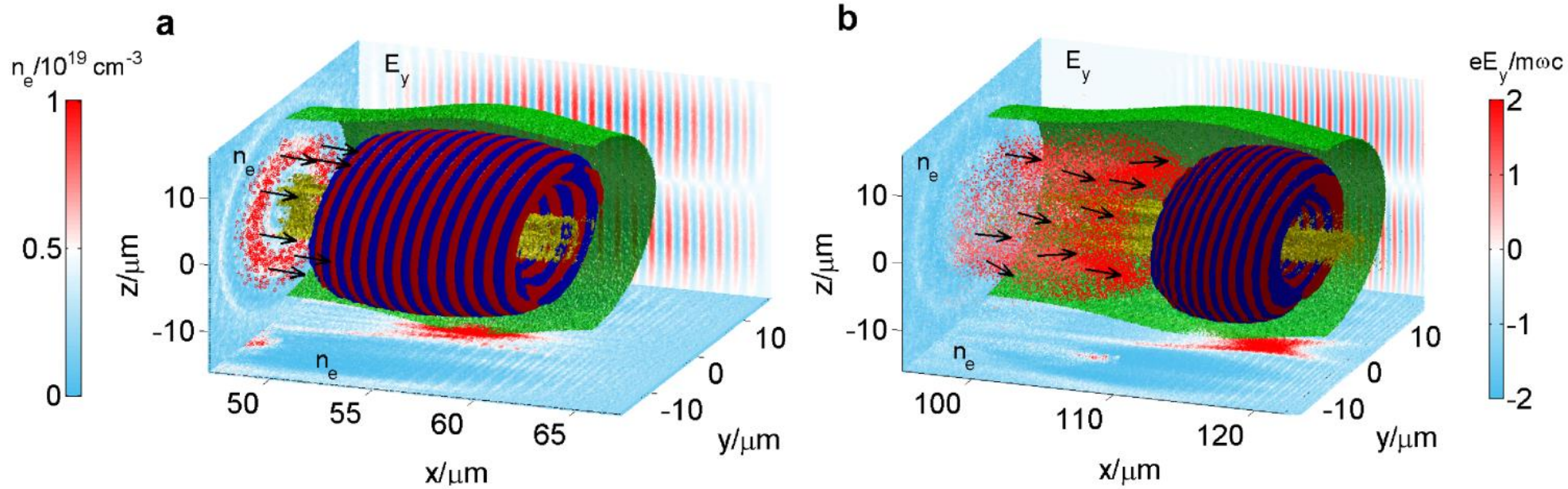
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- coaxial LG with unique transverse intensity profile
- different topology introduced to the wakefield/bubble structure
- electrons clusterize off axis in the donut-shaped bubble
- electrons get injected as a ring bunch

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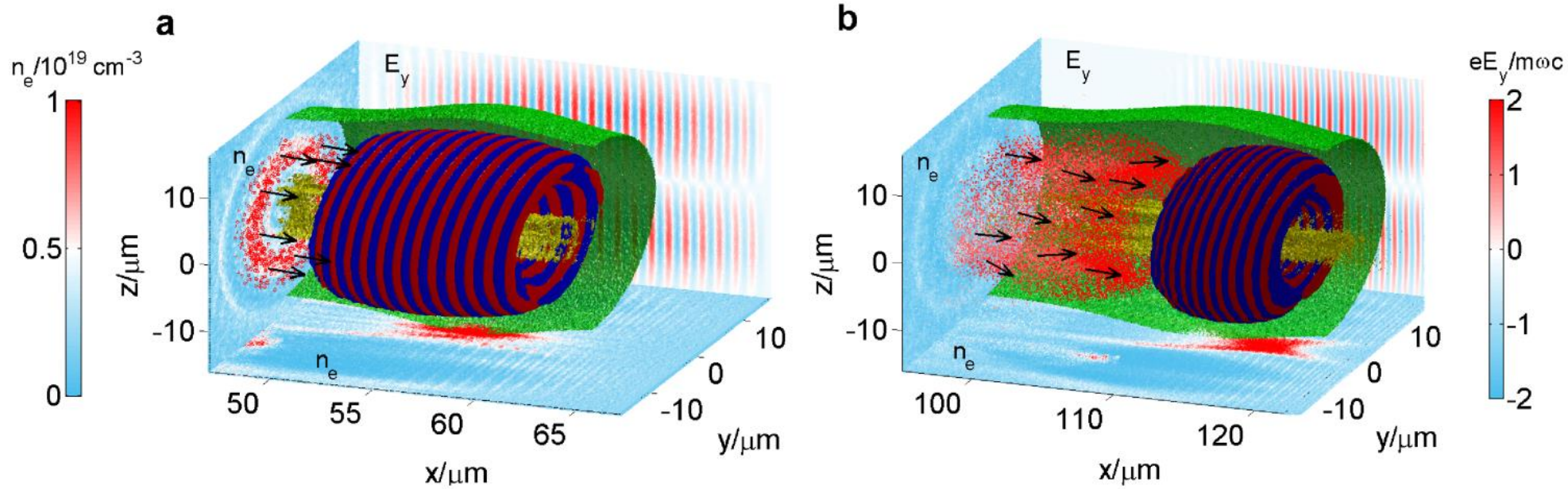
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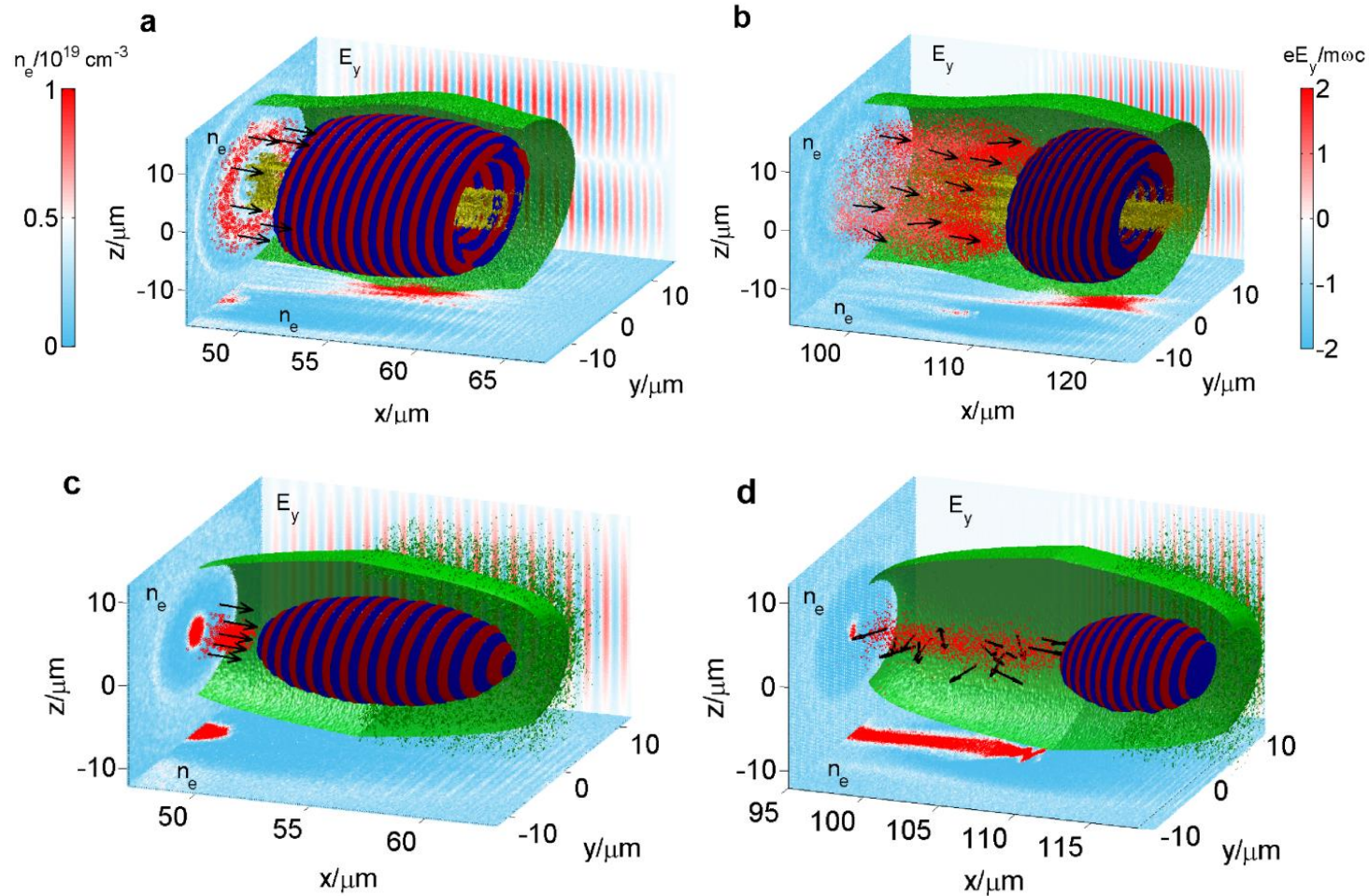
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- electrons near the symmetry axis leak through the beam center and form a counter-propagating return flux
- the B field is compensated by the anti-clockwise field generated by the return current
- the B field is lowered down but the total beam charge is maintained
- electrons are accelerated to 5 MeV

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- coaxial LG beam maintain polarization (>80%)
- in Gaussian beam polarization is lost almost immediately

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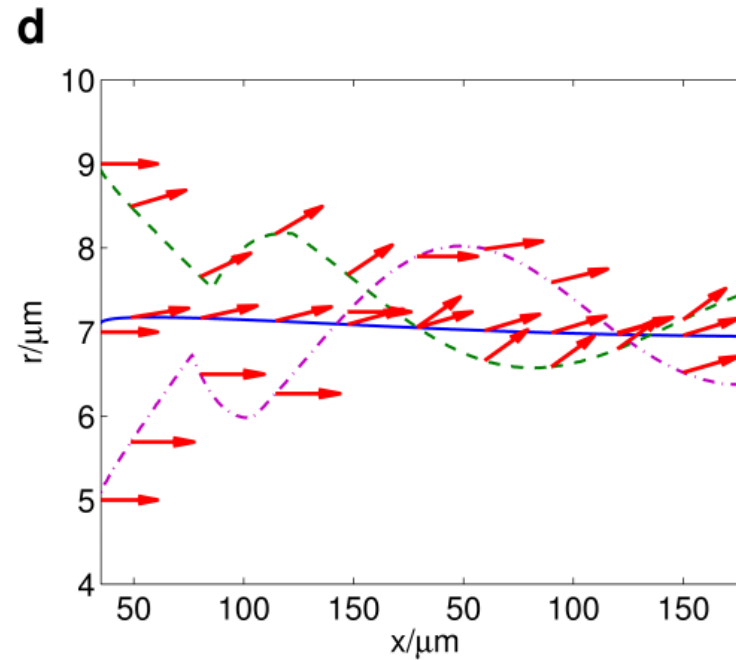
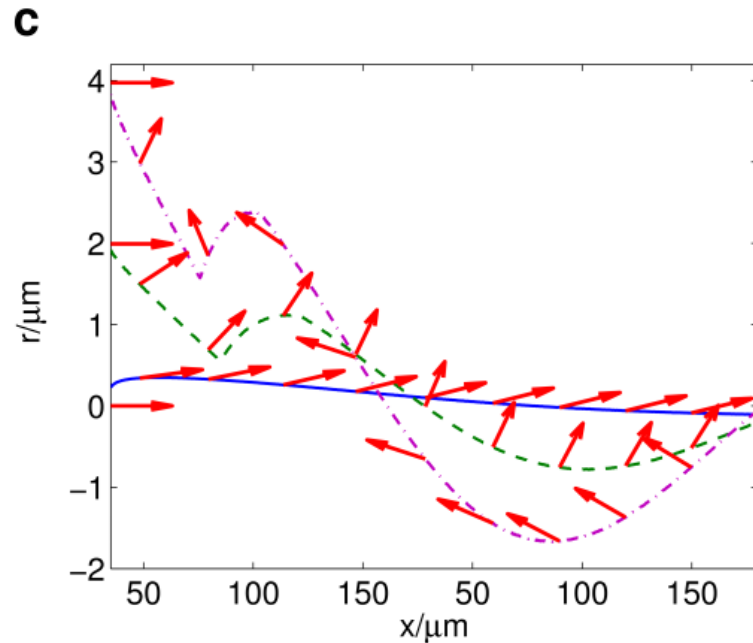
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LEFT: in the Gaussian case, the electron spins oscillate incoherently at high frequencies and lose their initial spin orientations instantly

RIGHT: the spin precession time in the LG case is large compared to the acceleration duration

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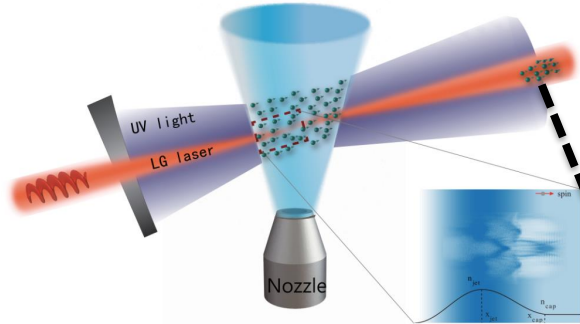
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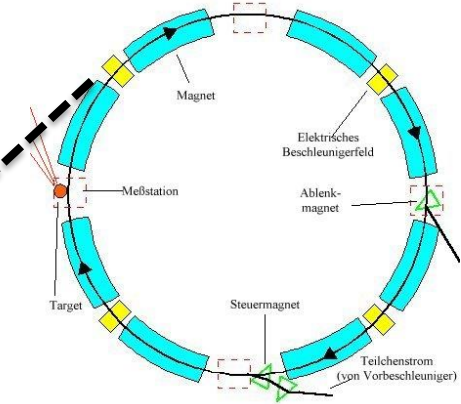
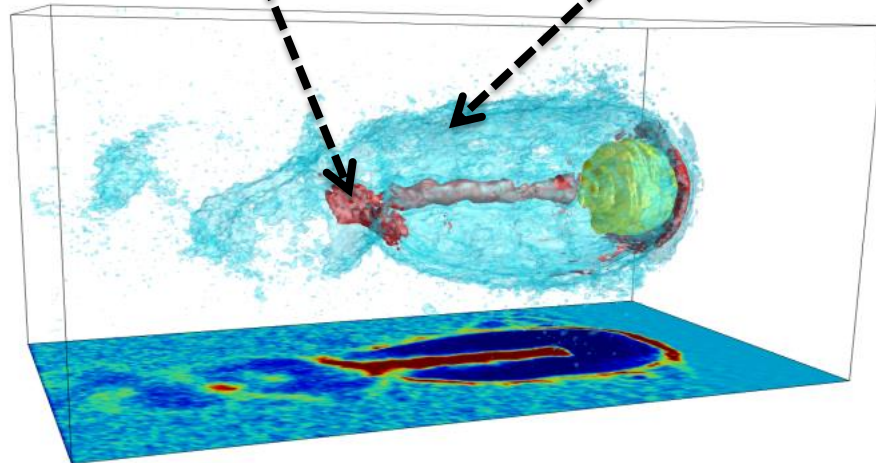
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- staging at the MeV level



- lateral injection
- on axis

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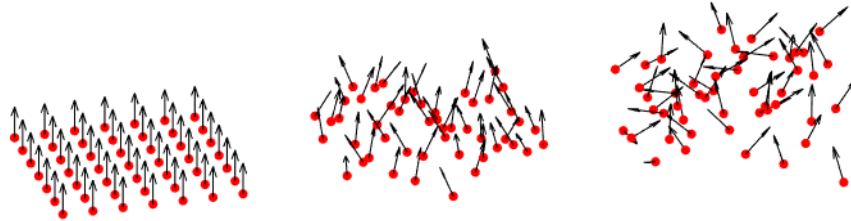
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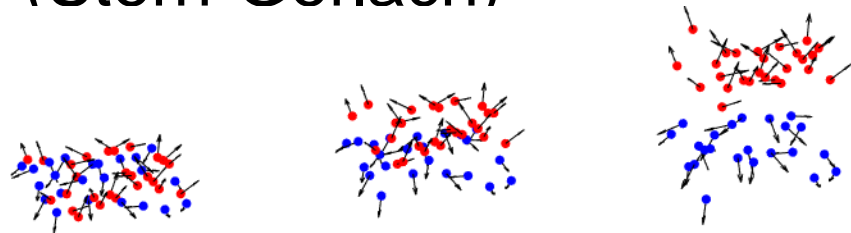
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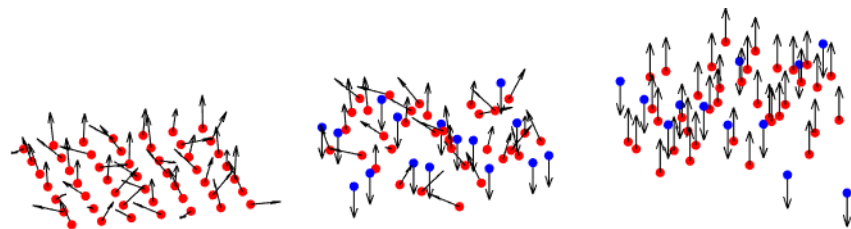
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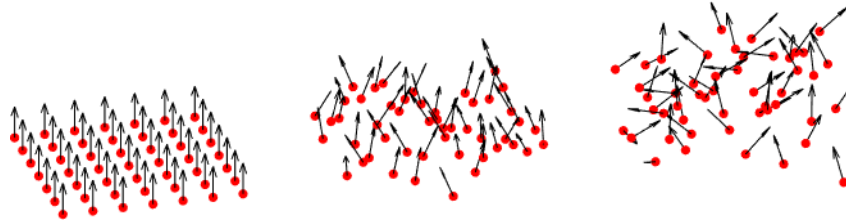
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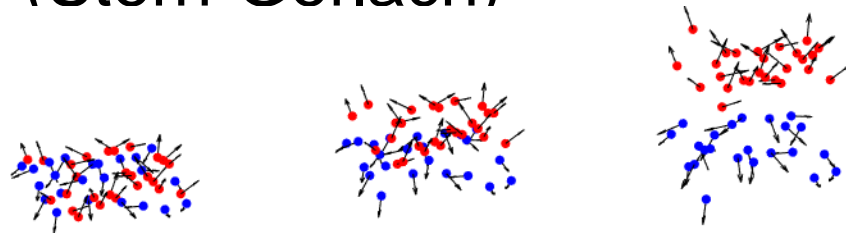
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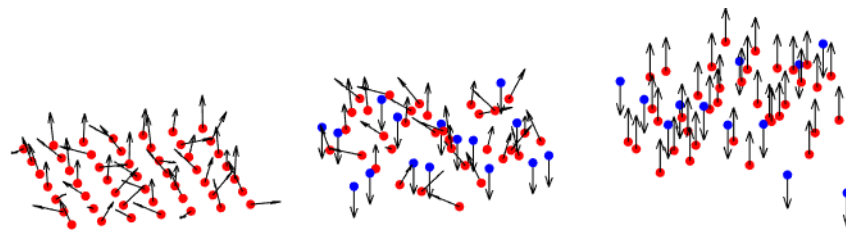
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PIC, fluid and
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- SGT is weaker than Lorenz force
- ST is coupled to radiation which is negligible

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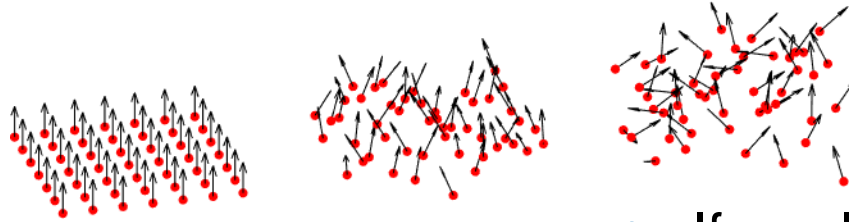
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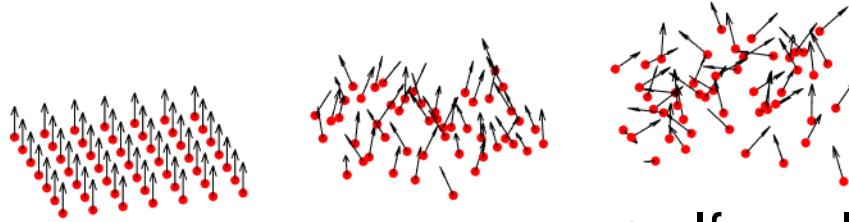
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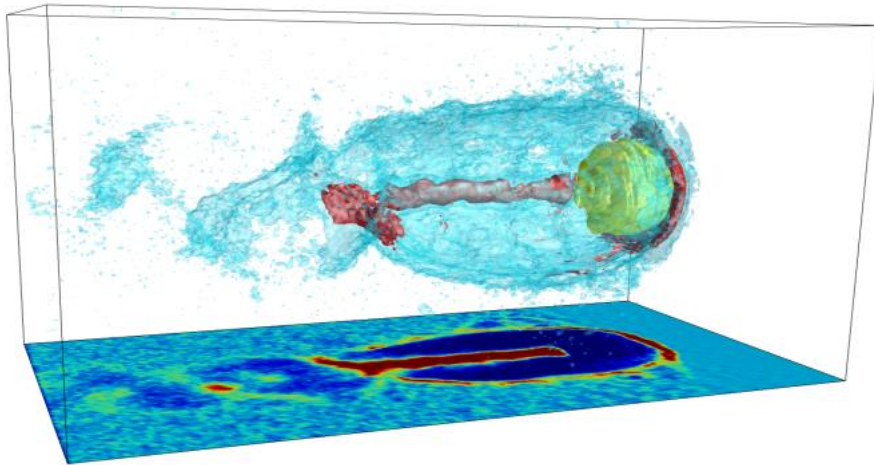
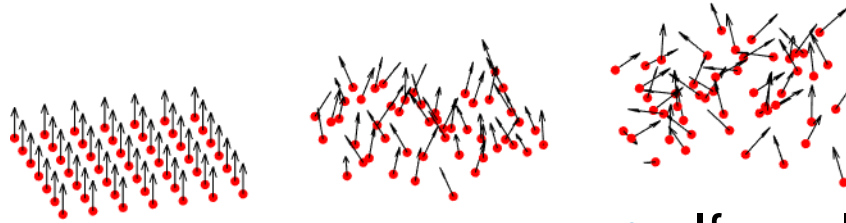
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- inside the laser
- in the wake
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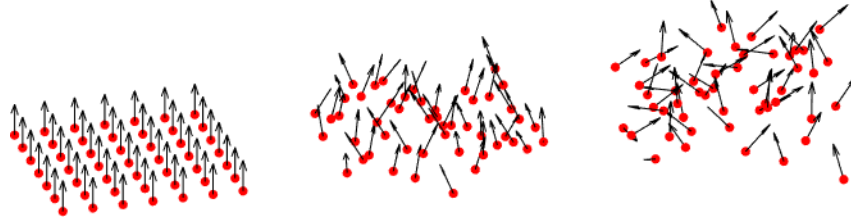
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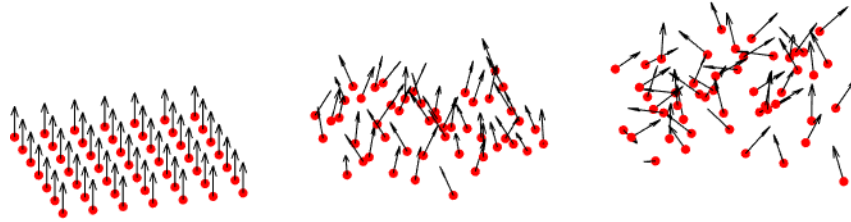
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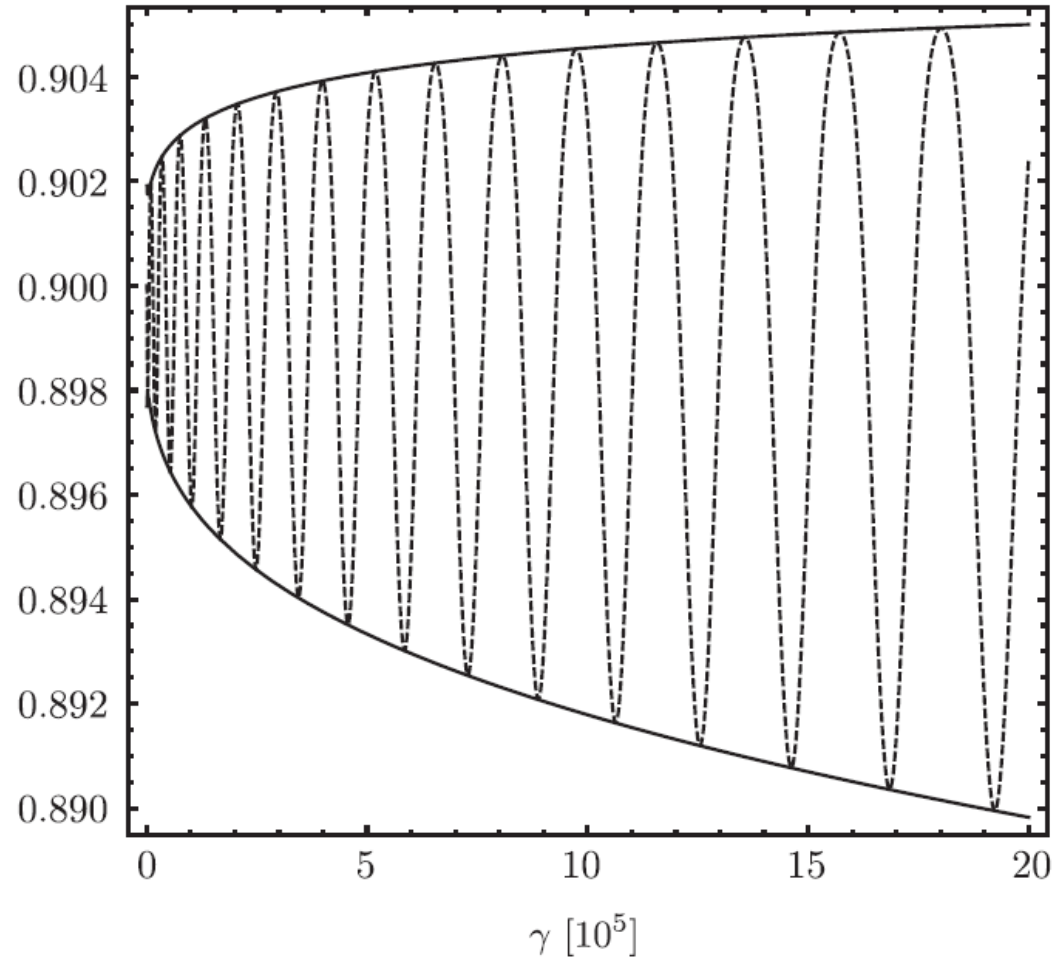
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simulation of single particle spin



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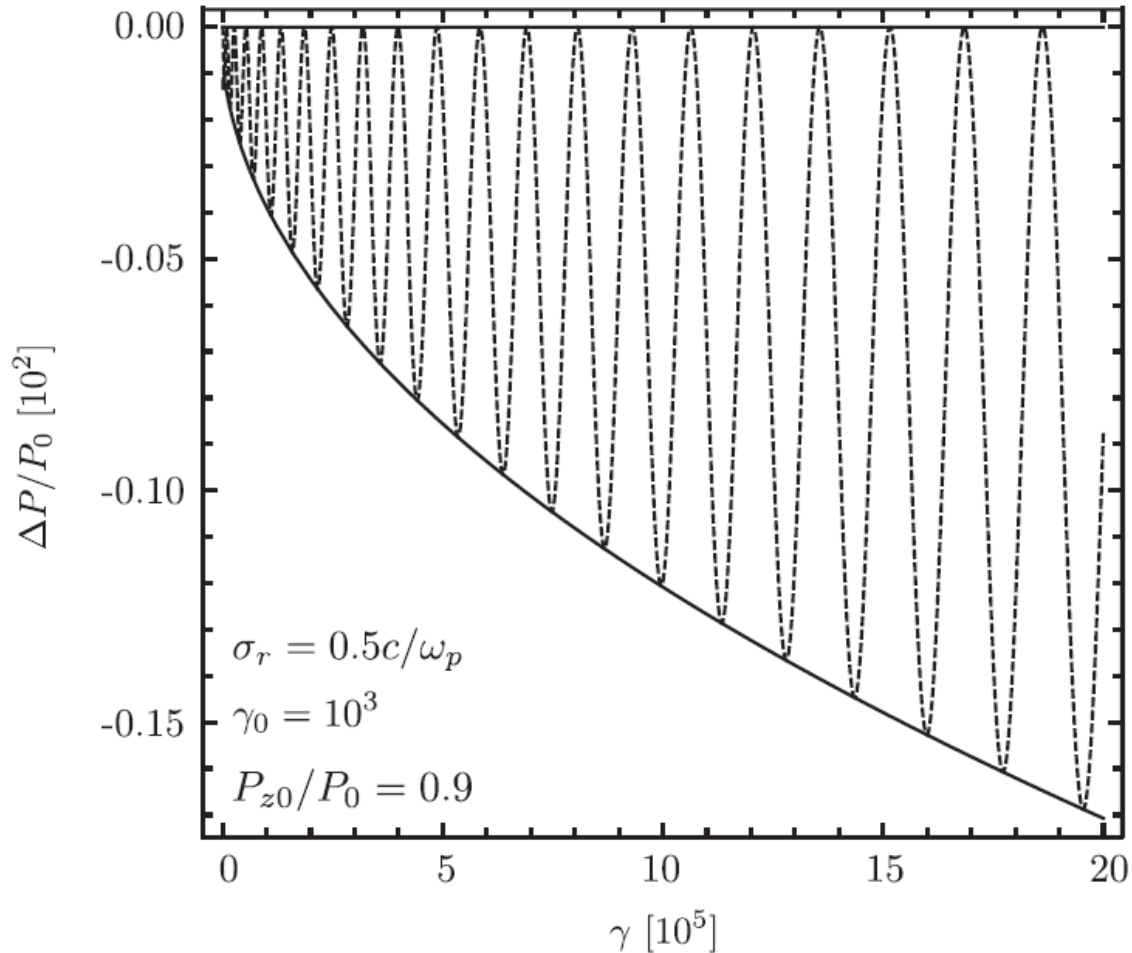
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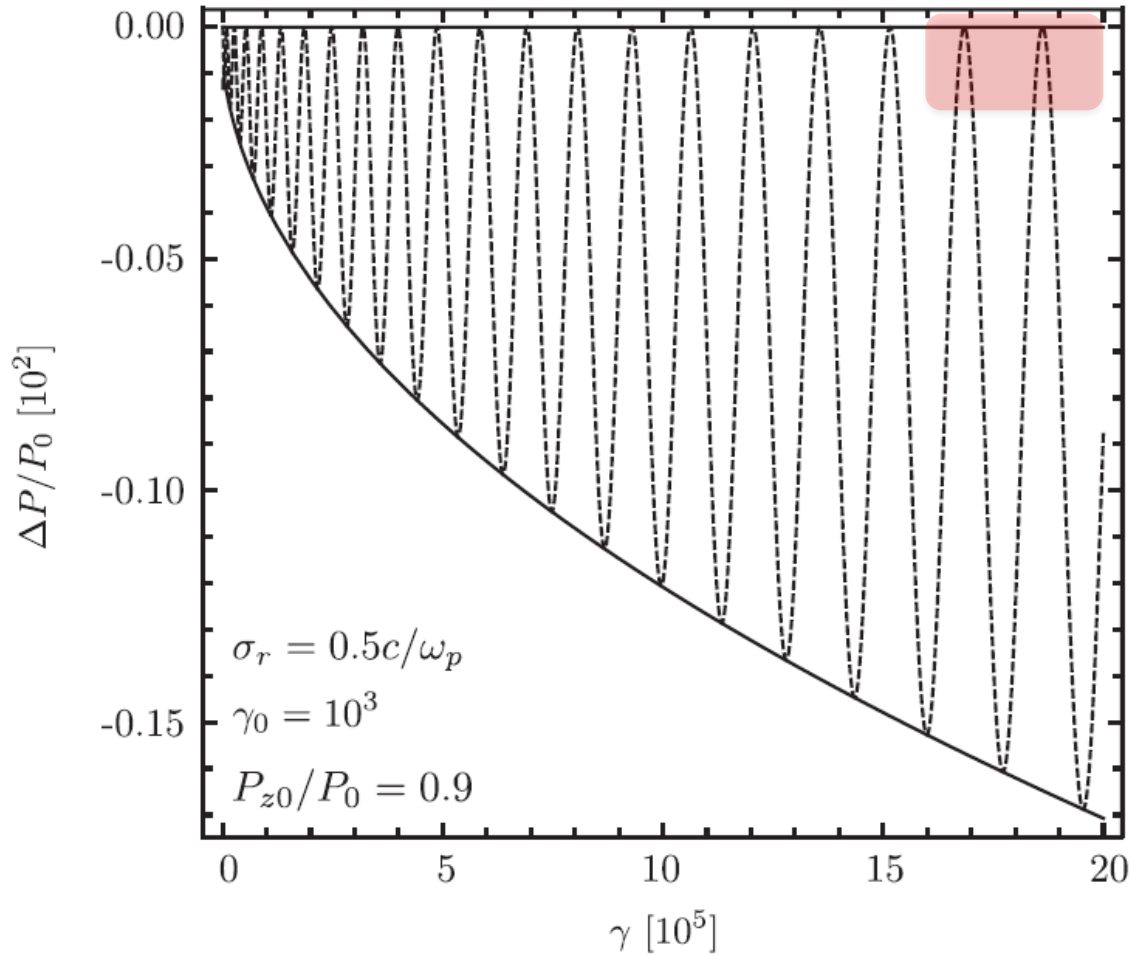
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- spin dependent scattering experiments are favourable
- acceleration of polarized beams is necessary
- pre-polarized targets are suitable as sources because:
 - conservation of initial polarization in coaxial LG pulse
 - up to 80% polarization maintained
 - simulations for energies in the range of 5 MeV
 - Gaussian beam destroys initial polarization immediately
- depolarization grows like square root of energy
- fetching the bunch at the right energy can contain the polarization at TeV energies but:
 - radiation reaction and strong QED effects not included

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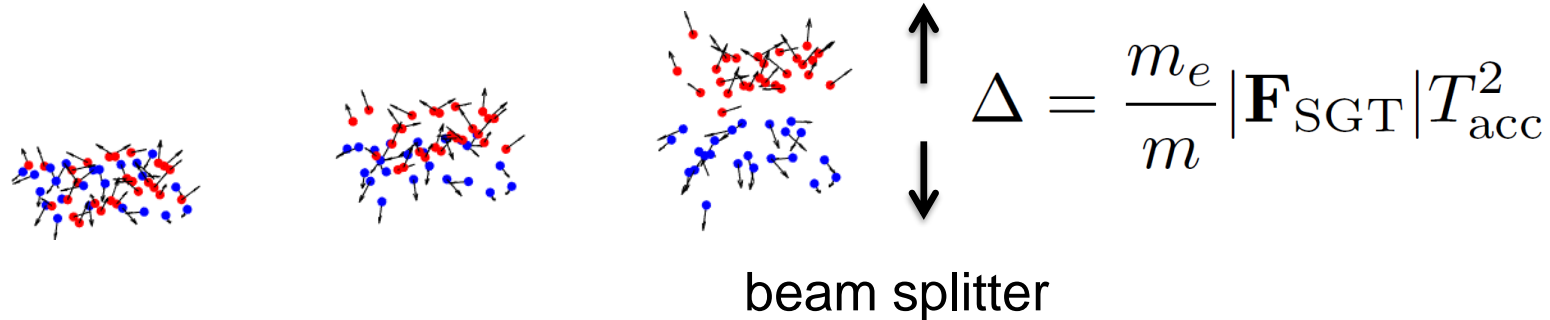
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Polarization due to field gradients



$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{SGT}} = \left(\nabla - \frac{d}{dt} \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \right) (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{s})$$

$$\Delta_e(\partial F = 0) \approx \Lambda_{\text{SGT}} a_e \gamma T_{\text{acc}}^2 \epsilon^2.$$

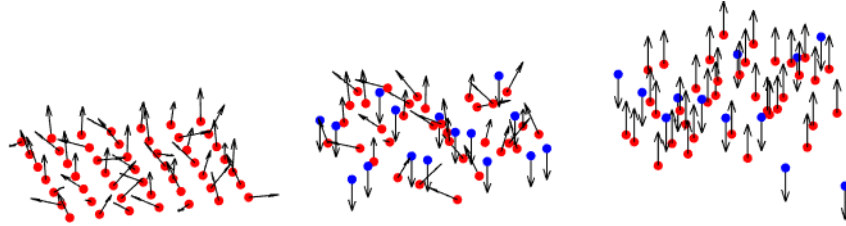
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$$\Lambda_{\text{SGT}} = \frac{\hbar \omega_L}{2m_e c^2} \approx 1.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \lambda_L [\mu\text{m}]^{-1}$$

- displacement in field-gradient-free region due to the spin-change-rate caused by the T-BMT rotation
- the temporal and spatial field variation separates two electron beams if

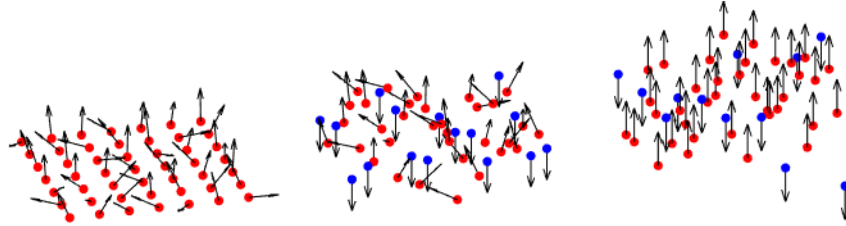
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Polarization due to spin flip



- coupling of spin to radiation field
- different possibility for spin-flip up than spin-flip down
- different transition rates
- build up of polarization along a certain axis

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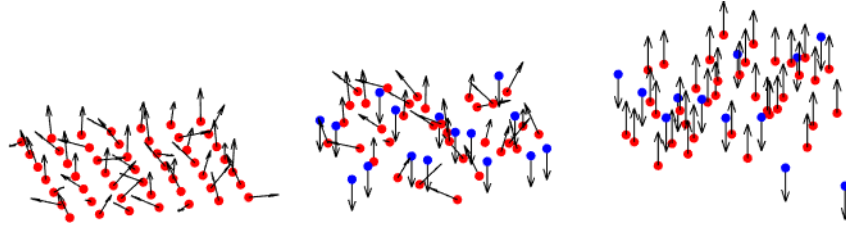
$$H_{\text{total}} = H_{\text{EM}} + H_{\text{SGT}} + H_{\text{RAD}} + H_{\text{ST}}$$

$$H_{\text{EM}} = \gamma mc^2 + q\varphi, \quad H_{\text{SGT}} = \vec{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{s},$$

$$H_{\text{RAD}} = q\varphi_{\text{rad}} - \frac{q}{c} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{A}_{\text{rad}}, \quad H_{\text{ST}} = \vec{\Omega}_{\text{rad}} \cdot \mathbf{s}.$$

$$P(t) = P_{\text{eq}}[1 - \exp(-t/\tau_{\text{pol}})], \quad P_{\text{eq}} = \frac{P_{\uparrow} - P_{\downarrow}}{P_{\uparrow} + P_{\downarrow}} \quad \tau_{\text{pol}} = \frac{1}{P_{\uparrow} + P_{\downarrow}}$$

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$$T_{\text{pol}}^{-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \alpha_+(x) = \frac{q^2 \hbar \gamma^5 |\dot{\mathbf{v}}|^3}{m^2 c^8} \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{8}$$

$$P_{\text{eq}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\alpha_-(x)}{\alpha_+(x)} = -\frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}} = -0.92$$