

**Plasma wakefield accelerators.**

**EuPRAXIA and ALEGRO projects.**

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- ▶ Brief introduction to plasma wakefield acceleration
  - history and basic ideas
  - roadmaps
  - basic techniques
  
- ▶ EuPRAXIA
  - structure
  - CDR
  - pilot applications
  - next stages
  
- ▶ ALEGRO
  - considered technologies
  - milestones
  - challenges
  
- ▶ Summary

▶ T. Tajima and J.M. Dawson, Laser Electron Accelerator, PRL Vol. 43, 267 (July 1979)

- One very high intensity (short) laser pulse

OR

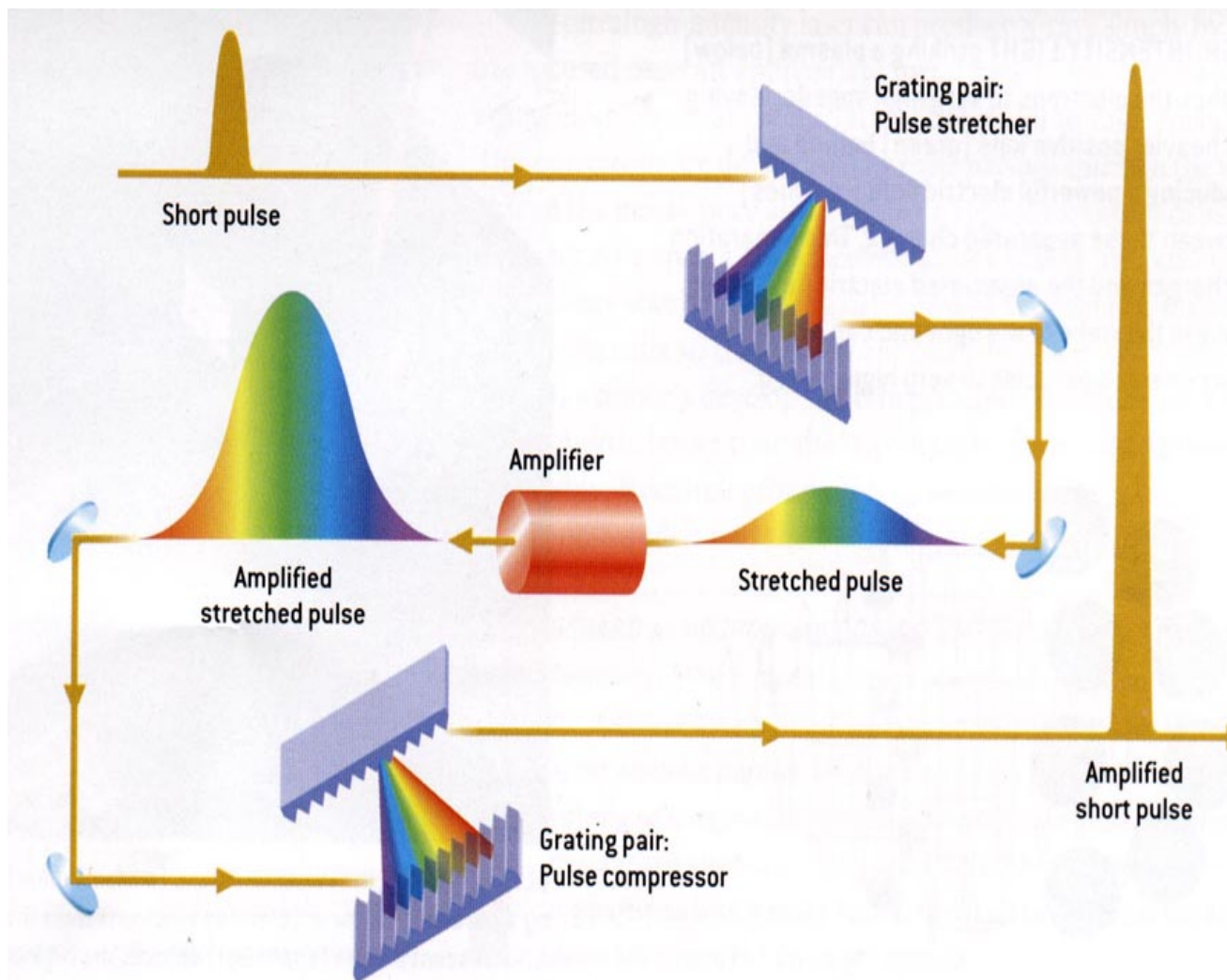
- two not so short high energy pulses with the beat frequency matching plasma frequency.

**Plasam wakefield acceleration was born**

Heroic efforts of beat-wave accelerators era followed

until CPA invention

*Strickland et Mourou, Opt.Comm.56, 219 (1985)*



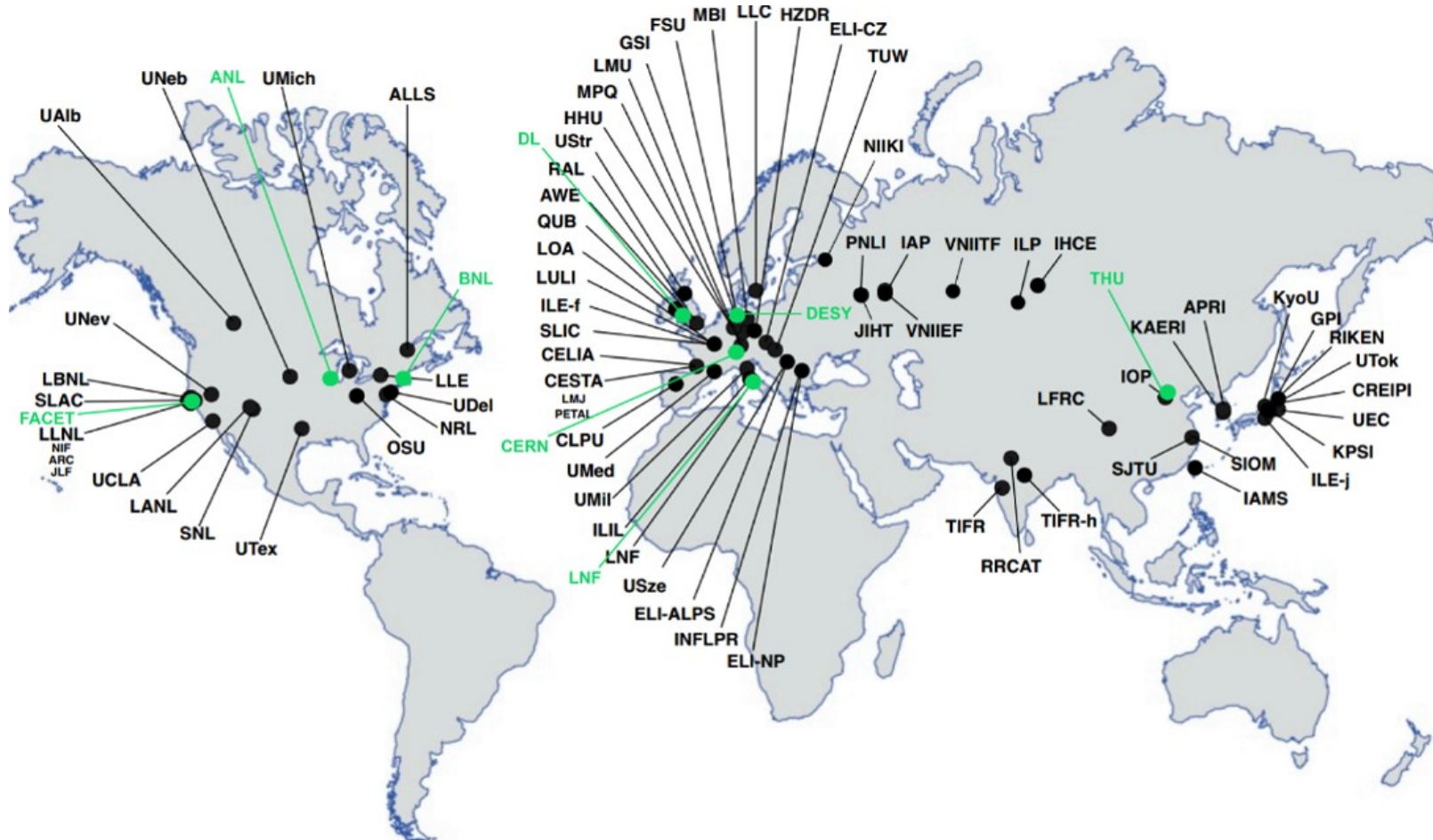
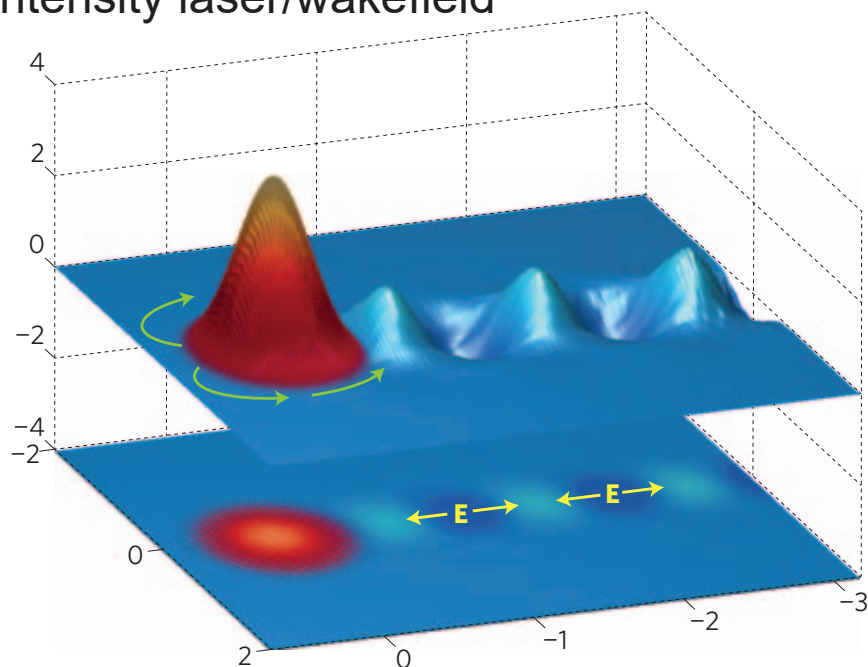


Figure 2: Non-exhaustive overview of laboratories working on (or with the capacity to work on) laser-driven (black) and particle beam-driven (green) plasma wakefield R&D. Based in part on the map of high-power laser laboratories produced by the International Committee on Ultra-high Intensity Lasers (ICUIL).<sup>21</sup>

REVIEW ARTICLE

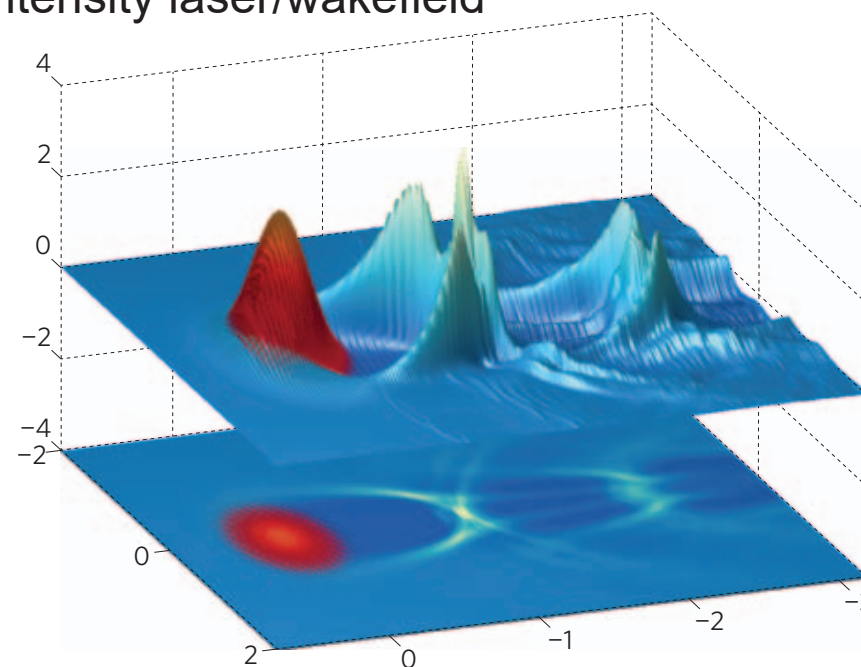
NATURE PHOTONICS DOI: 10.1038/NPHOTON.2013.234

a Intensity laser/wakefield



linear regime

b Intensity laser/wakefield



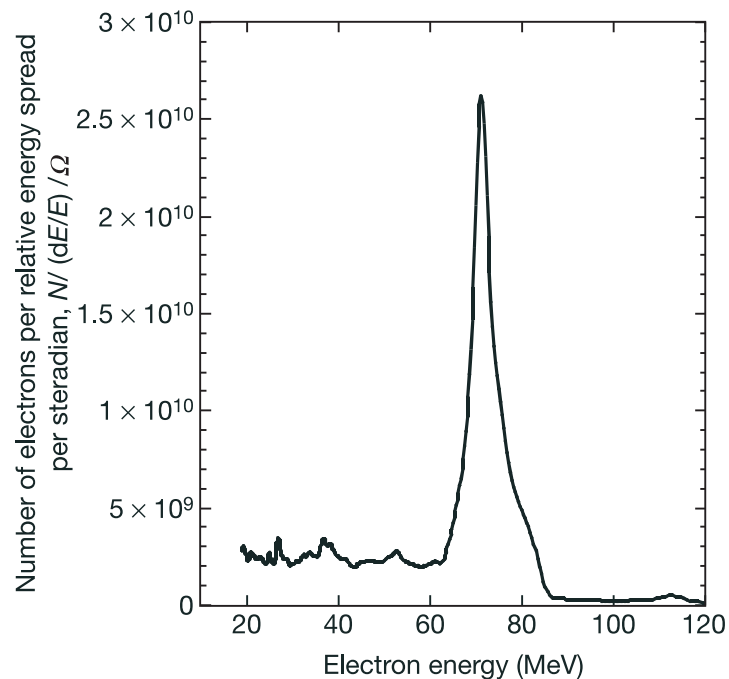
bubble regime

the spatial coordinats are in units of plasma wavelength

cold plasma frequency  $\omega_p = ( 4 \pi e^2 n_0 / m_e )^{1/2}$

plasma wavelength  $\lambda_p = 2 \pi c / \omega_p$

► The breakthrough



2004

Monochromatic beam

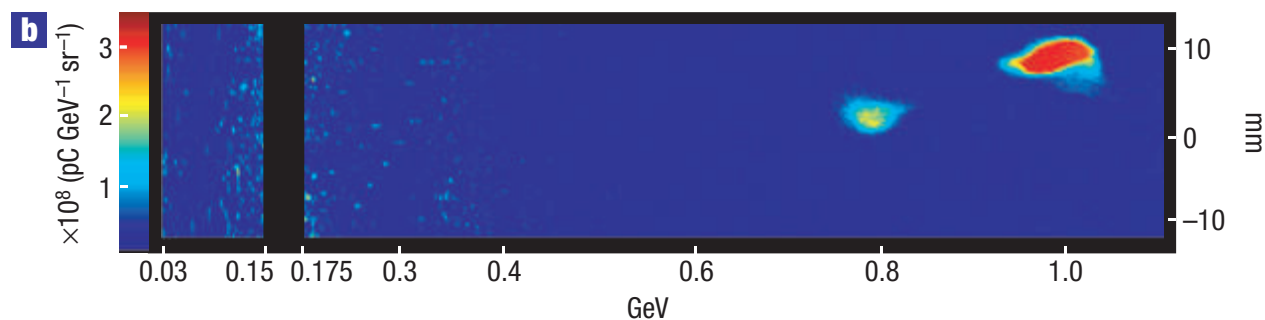
CLF, IC, Strathclyde, UCLA.

S.P.D. Mangles et al., Nature 431, 535-538 (2004)

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J. Faure et al., Nature 431, 541-544, (2004)

C.G.R. Geddes et al., Nature 431, 538-541 (2004)



2006

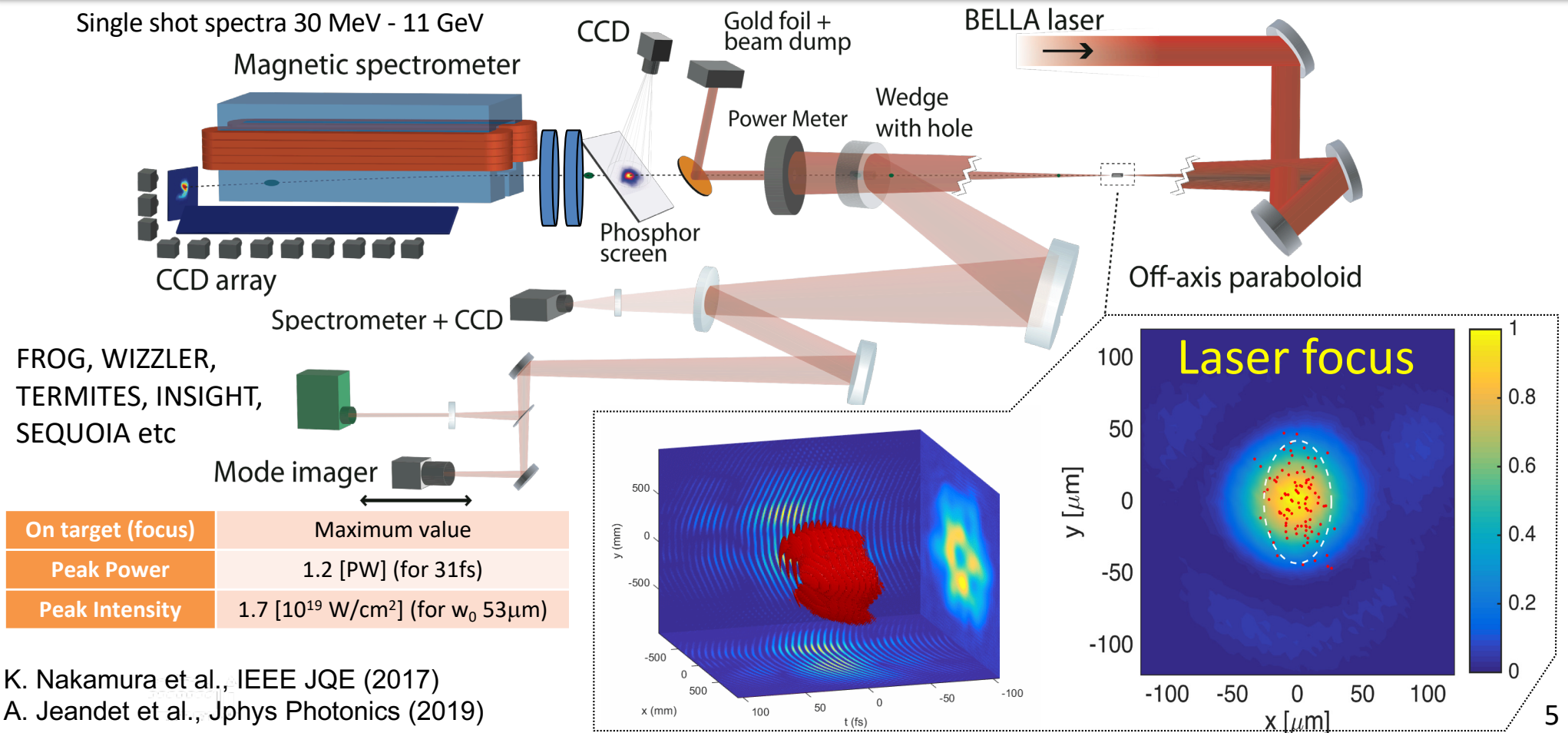
GeV beam

LBL, Oxford, Tokyo.

W.P. Leemans et al.,

Nat.Phys. 2, 696 (2006)

# Simultaneous diagnostics for both laser and electron beam



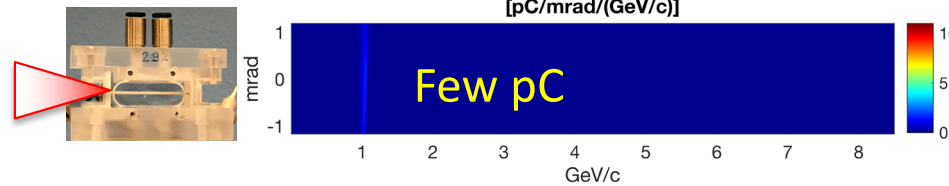
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# Increasing laser power and reducing plasma density has increased charge and maximum energy to 8GeV

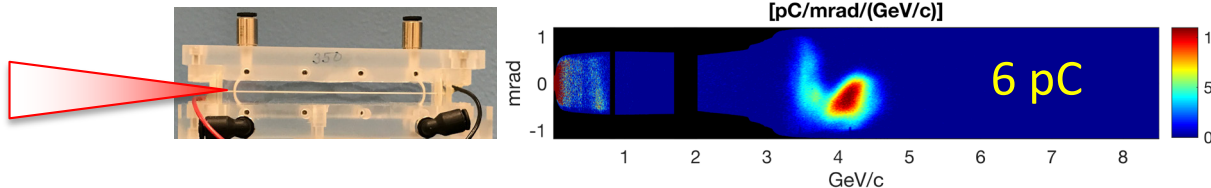
TREX: W. P. Leemans et al., *Nat. Phys.* (2006)

3 cm; 40 TW;  $\sim 5 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



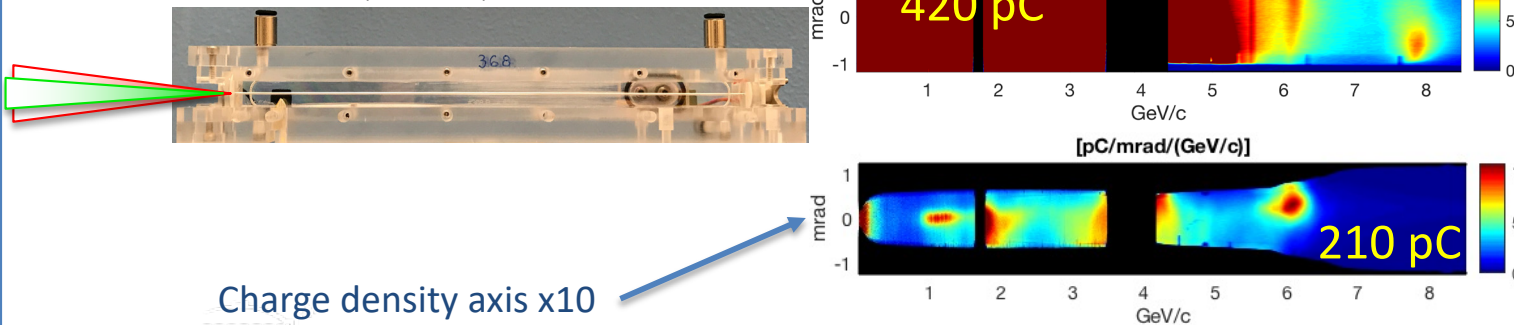
BELLA: W. P. Leemans et al., *PRL* (2014)

9 cm  
300 TW  
 $\sim 0.7 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

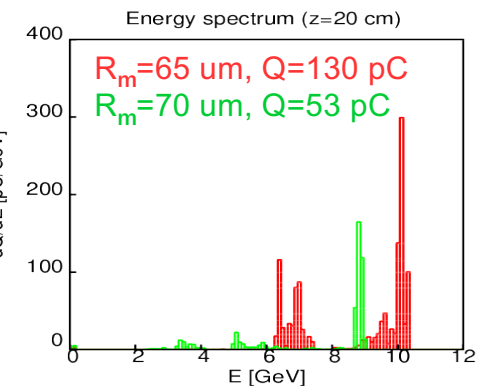


BELLA with heater: Gonsalves et al., *PRL* (2019)

20 cm; 850 TW;  $0.27 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

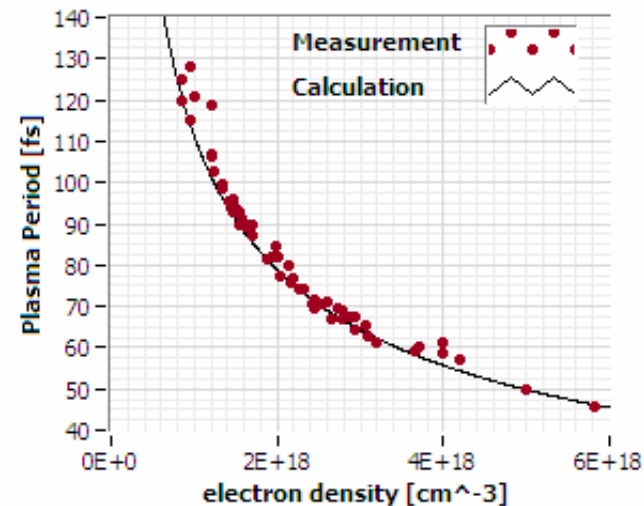
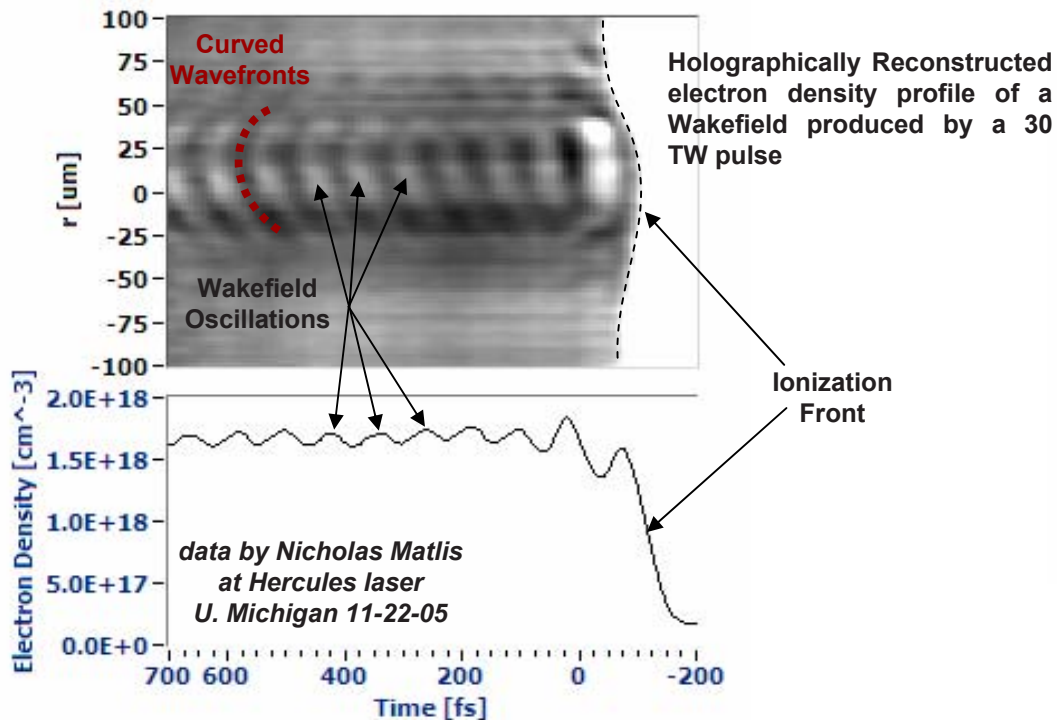
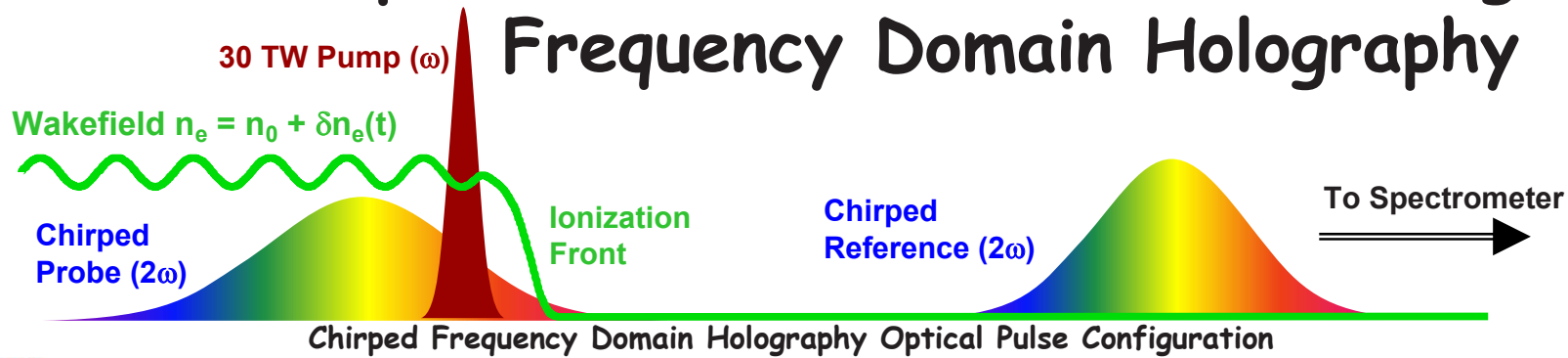


10GeV simulation @  
 $n_0 = 0.22 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



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# Snapshots of Laser Wakefields using Frequency Domain Holography



Verification of dependence of Wakefield periodicity on plasma density (no fitting parameters)

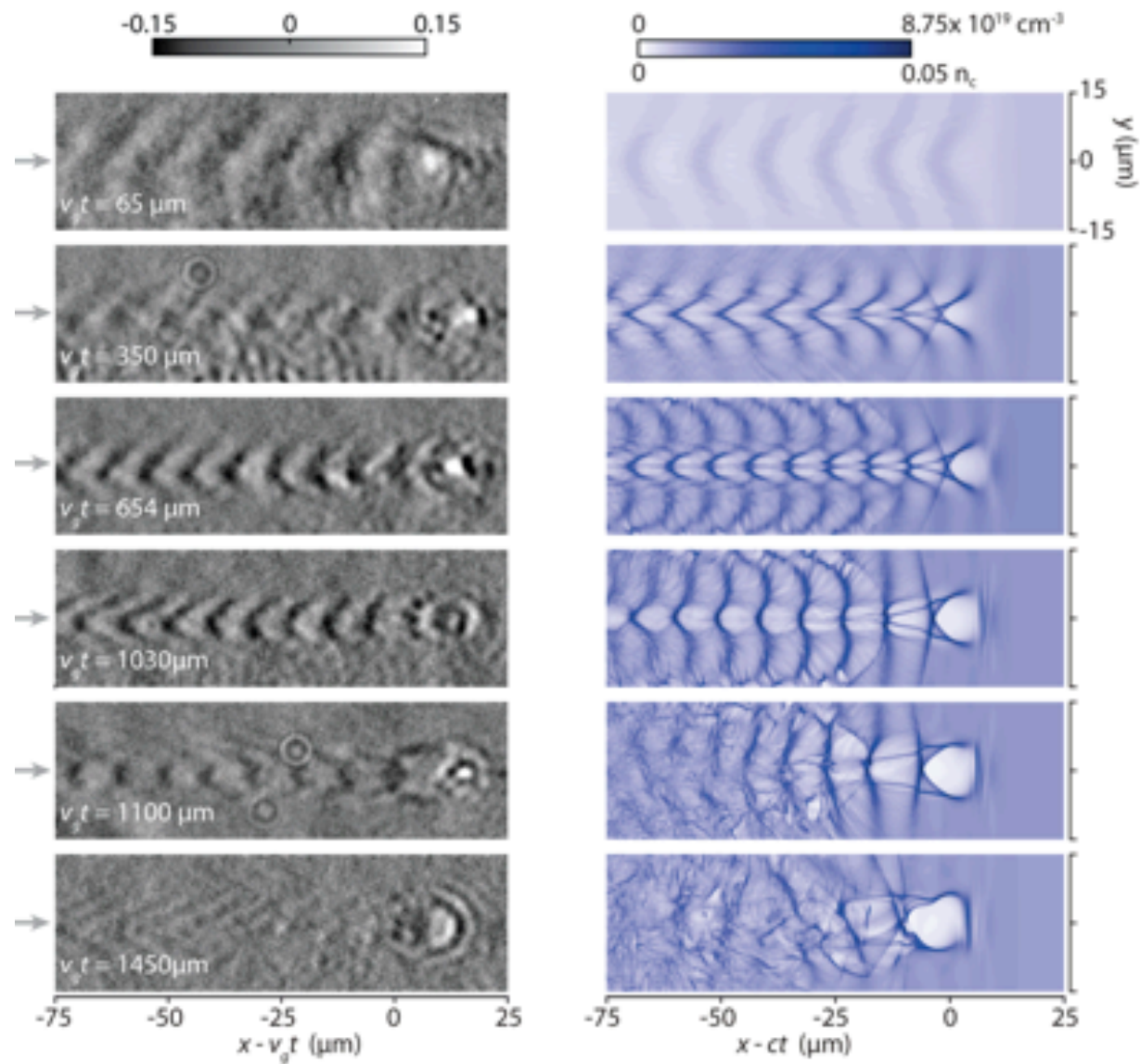


Center for the Advancement of Frontiers in Optical Coherent and Ultrafast Science  
The University of Michigan and the University of Texas at Austin  
NSF Award 0114336

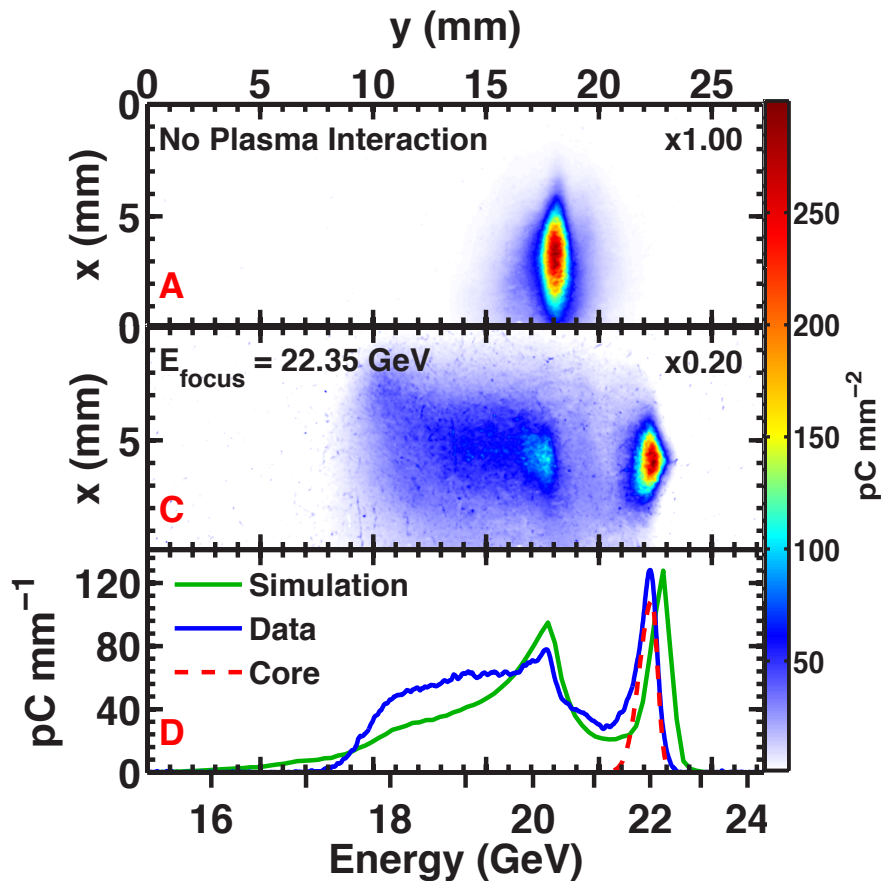
A. Sävert, *et al. Phys. Rev. Lett.* **115**, 055002 (2015)

- ▶ Transverse shadowgraphy with ultrfast probe pulse
- ▶ Direct observation of wakefield
- ▶ Excellent agreement with simulations

IC and IOQ Jena

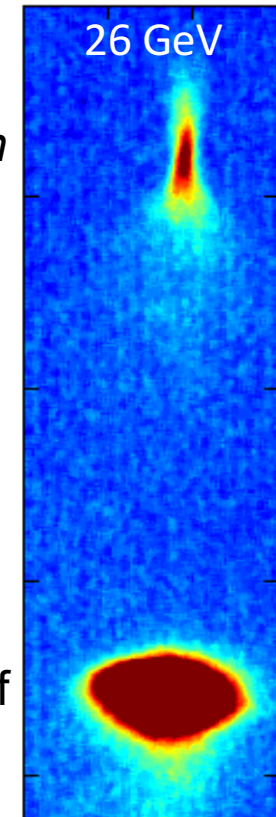


# FACET two-bunch results



- 1.7 GeV energy gain in 30 cm of Li vapour plasma.
- 2% energy spread.
- Accelerated bunch has charge  $\sim 70$  pC
- Up to 30% wake-to-bunch energy transfer efficiency (mean 18%).
- 6 GeV energy gain in 1.3 m of plasma.

1.3 m plasma



2014



M. Litos et al., Nature **515** (2014) 92

credit: M. Wing, Physics at the Terascale 2015

# Proton Drivers for PWFA

Proton bunches as drivers of plasma wakefields are interesting because of the very large energy content of the proton bunches.

## Drivers:

PW lasers today, ~40 J/Pulse

FACET, 30J/bunch

SPS 20kJ/bunch

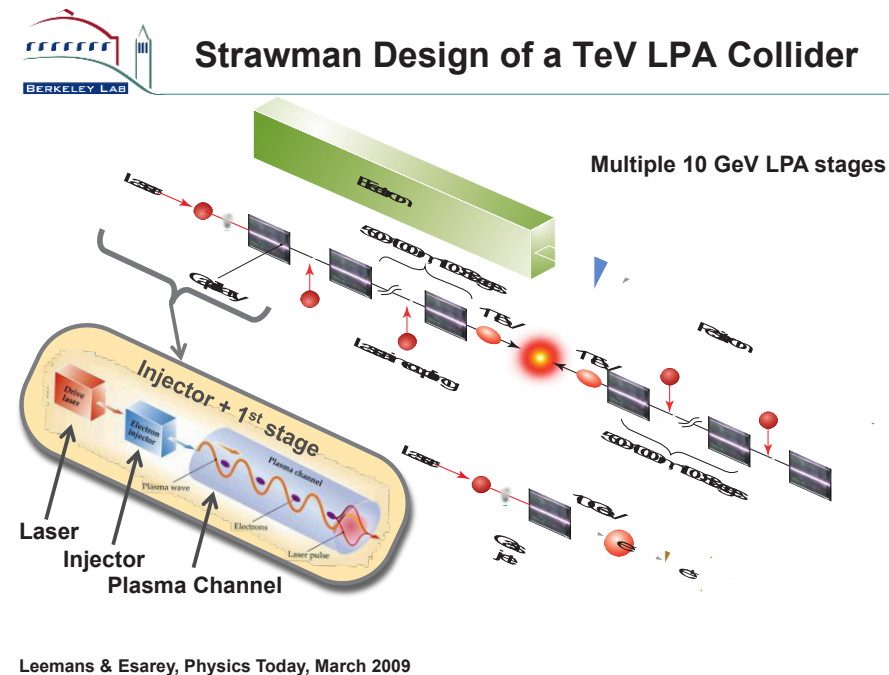
LHC 300 kJ/bunch

## Witness:

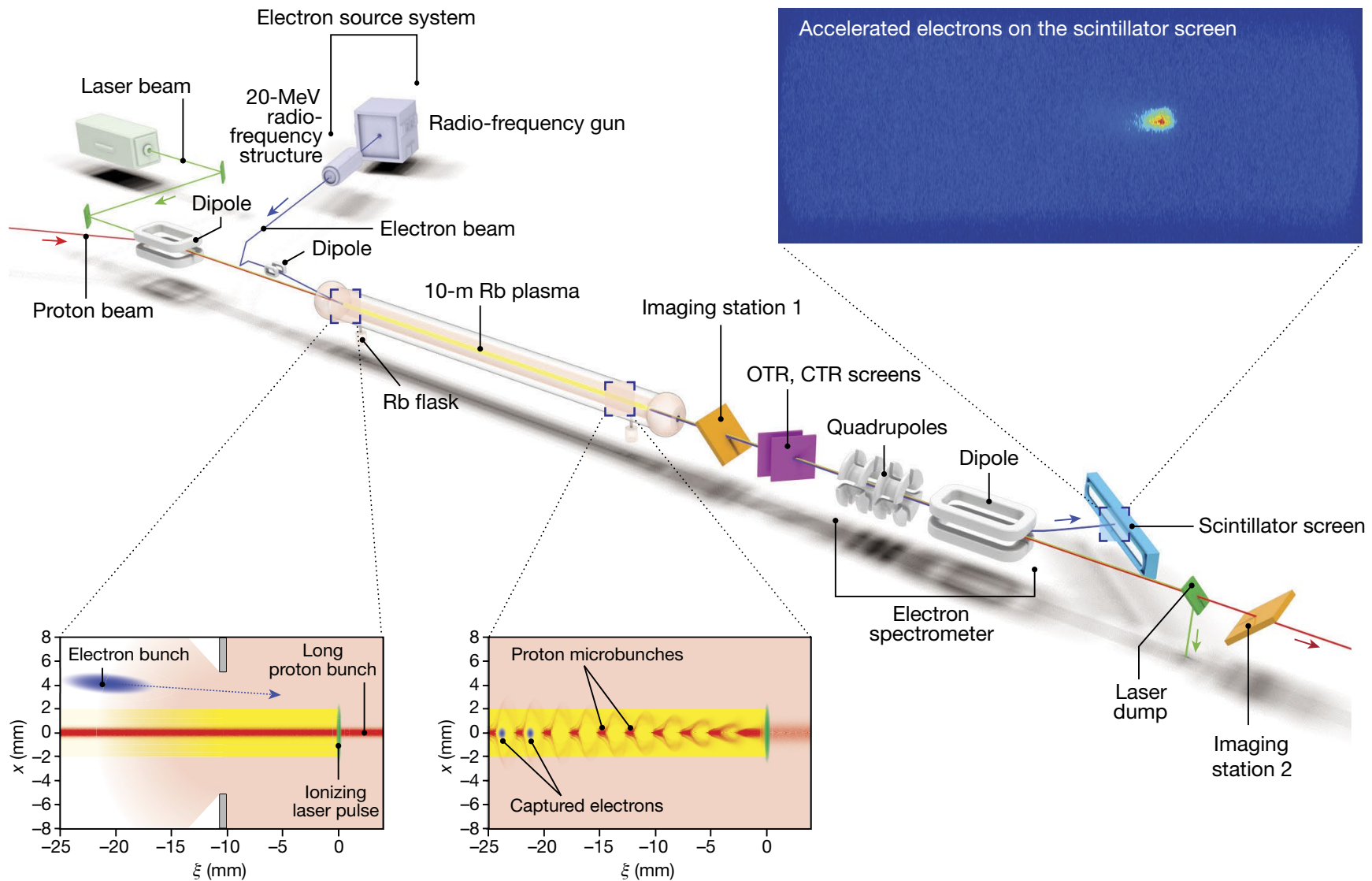
$10^{10}$  particles @ 1 TeV  $\approx$  few kJ

Energy content of driver allows to consider single stage acceleration

credit: A. Caldwell, SPSC Meeting 2015



RESEARCH LETTER



AWAKE <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-018-0485-4>

Emerging main directions:

In the US

- ▶ a roadmap to high energy colliders; TeV energies

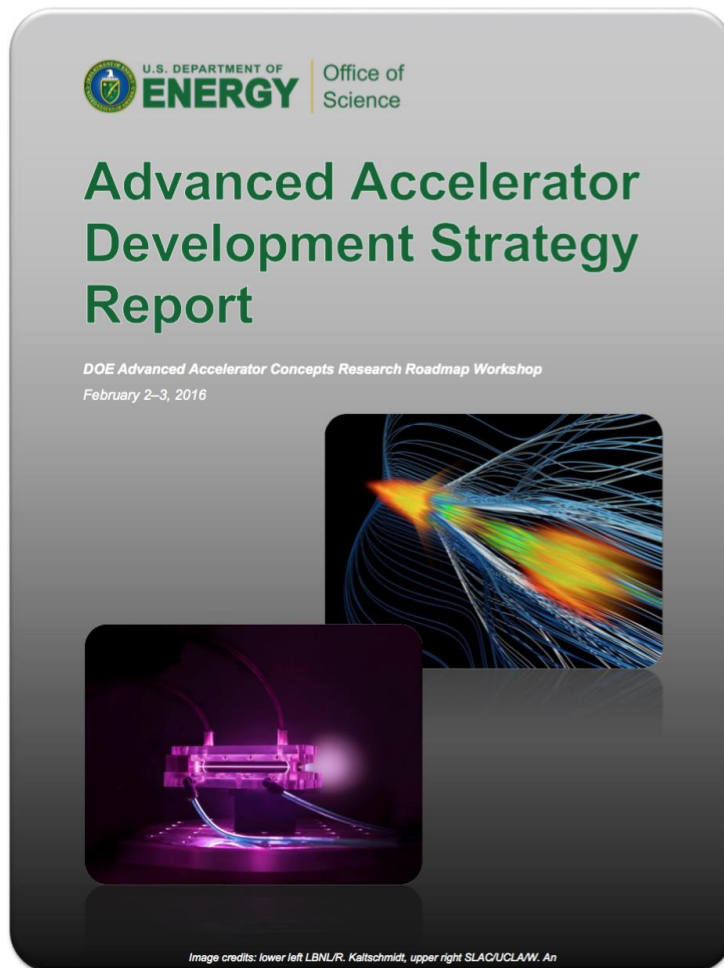
In Europe

- ▶ a roadmap to light sources; GeV energies

All agree

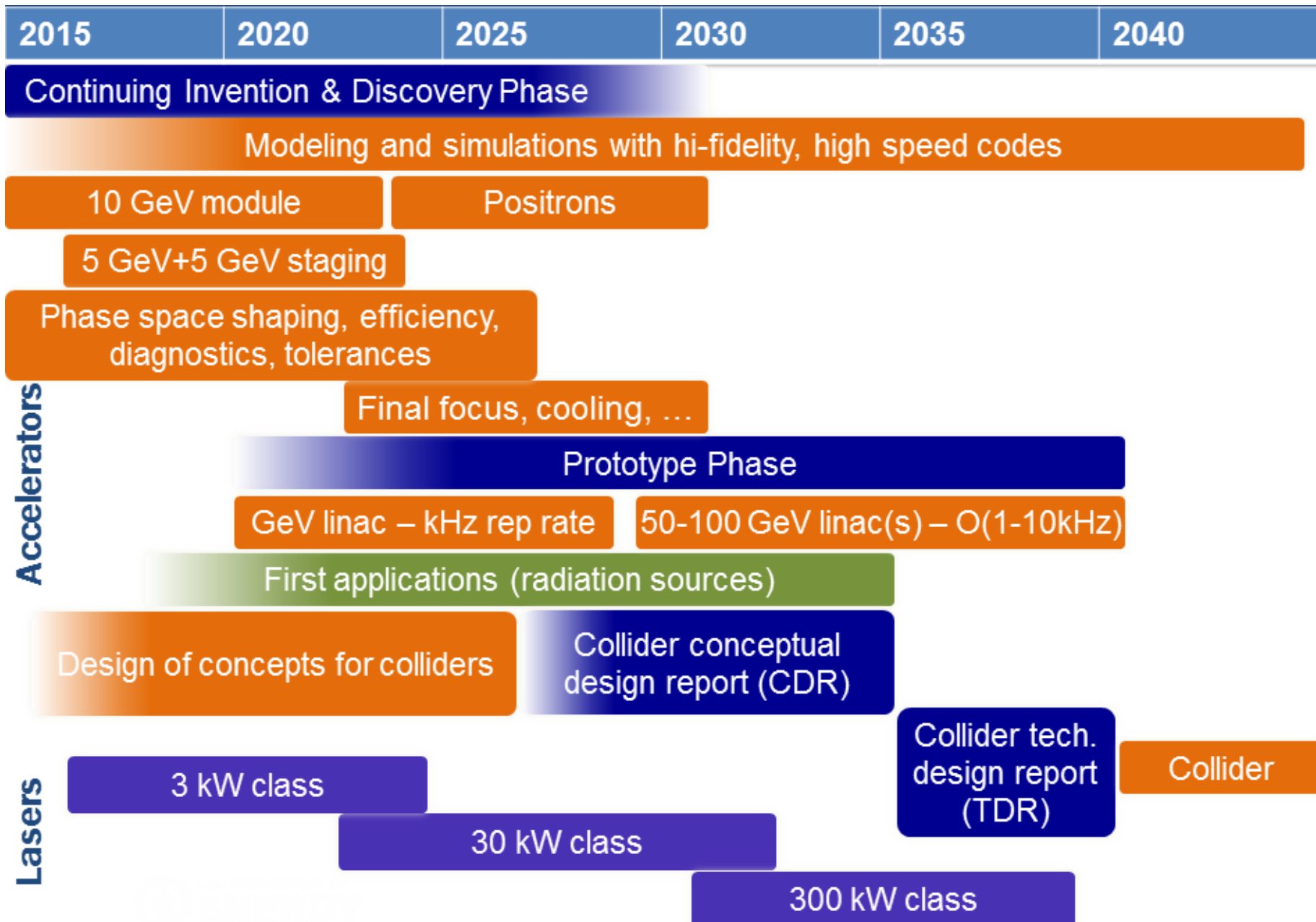
- ▶ more efficient, higher repetition rate lasers are needed

# Two new developments in the U.S. Strategy roadmap from DOE-HEP and from Big Idea Summit

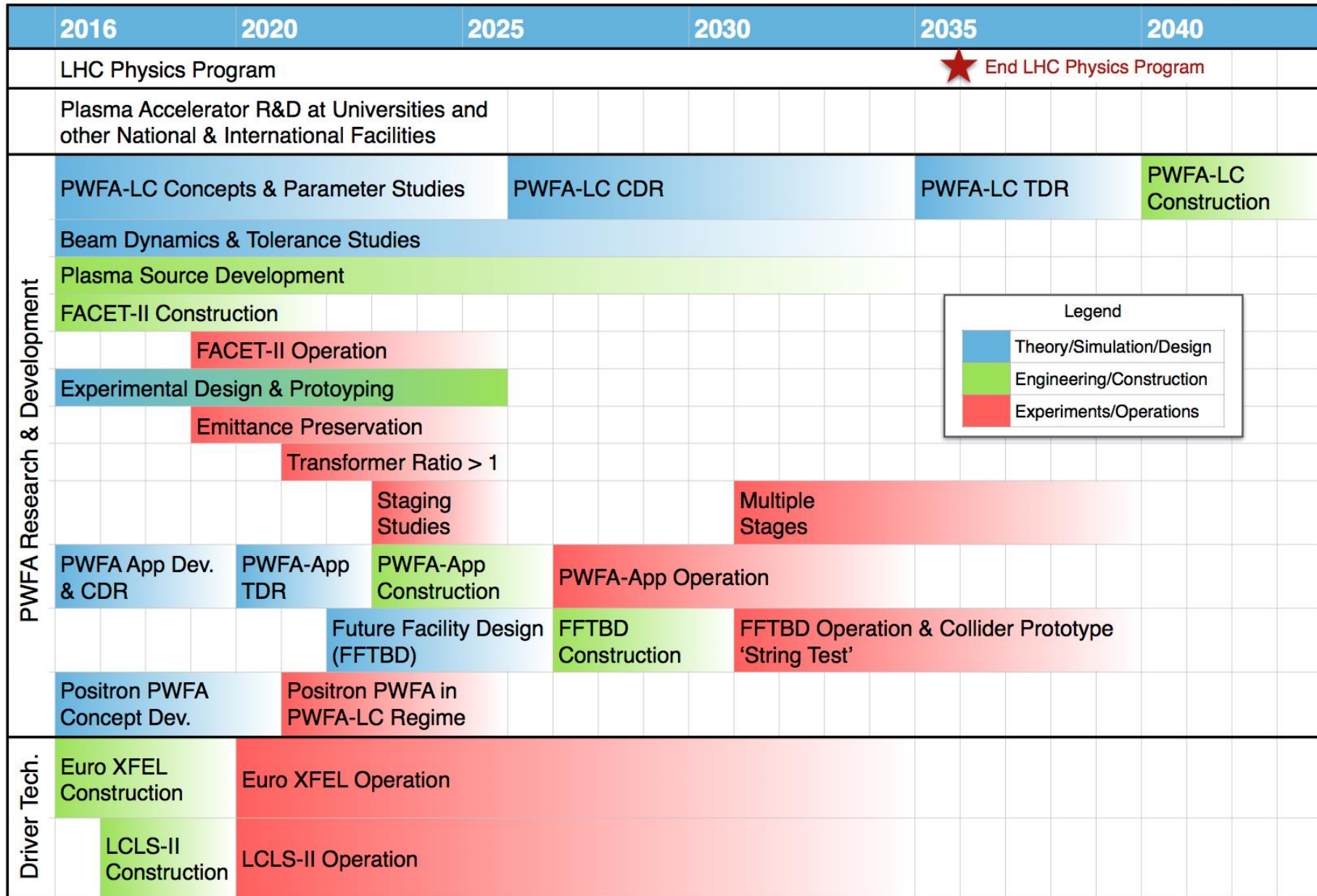


W. Leemans, Pisa 29.6.2016








### Beam Driven Plasma Accelerator Roadmap for HEP



# PROBLEMS

There are Big Problems out of reach of today's technology

<b>National Security</b> 	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Medicine</b> 	<b>Discovery Science</b> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Compact and portable radiation sources.</li> <li>▪ Replacement of radioactive sources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Energy efficient manufacturing, irradiation, sterilization</li> <li>▪ Lithography near the atomic limit</li> <li>▪ Environmental remediation, flue gas cleanup, and petroleum cracking</li> <li>▪ Surface treatment of materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Highly-targeted modalities of cancer treatment in compact, cheap systems.</li> <li>▪ Cases will increase by 45% in US by 2030; global medical linac sales: \$7.5B by 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How do we deliver a boost in performance within a reasonable footprint beyond the next-generation scientific facilities already on the horizon?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Need: Compact machines for high-energy electron beams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Need: Compact machines for very high-power, low-energy electron beams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Need: Ultra-compact machines for low-energy electron beams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Need: Compact machines for high-energy electron beams</li> </ul>

# HIGH ENERGY COMPACT ACCELERATORS OPEN NEW APPLICATIONS BUT REQUIRE HIGHER AVERAGE POWER

## Industry and Science

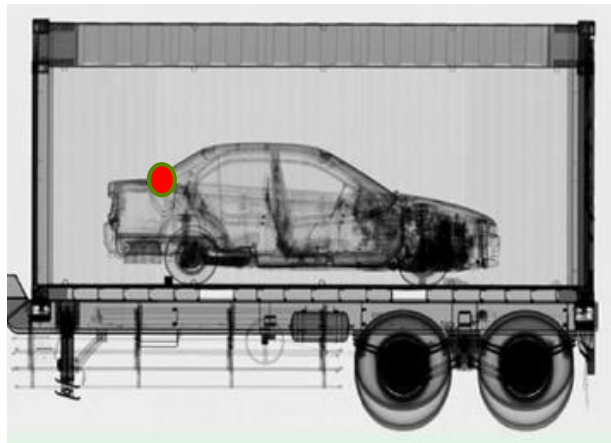
Bright, compact photon sources



Need to go from hours to seconds

## Security

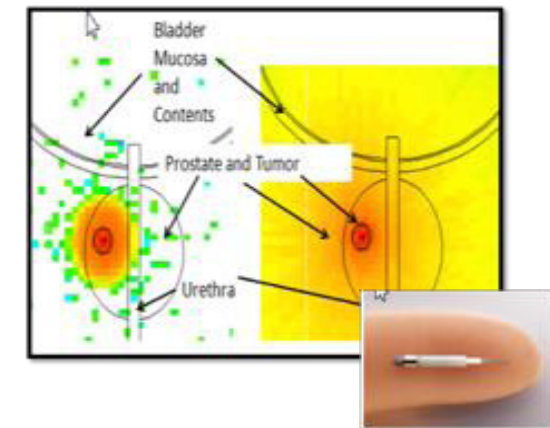
Compact high energy photon sources for detecting special materials



Cargo scanning needs 1000x more power

## Medical

Arthroscopic accelerators for medical treatment and inspection



Performance demo is underway.

**Key Challenges to be overcome:**

Engineering for stability, tunability, and reliability and 100x higher average power using new laser technology

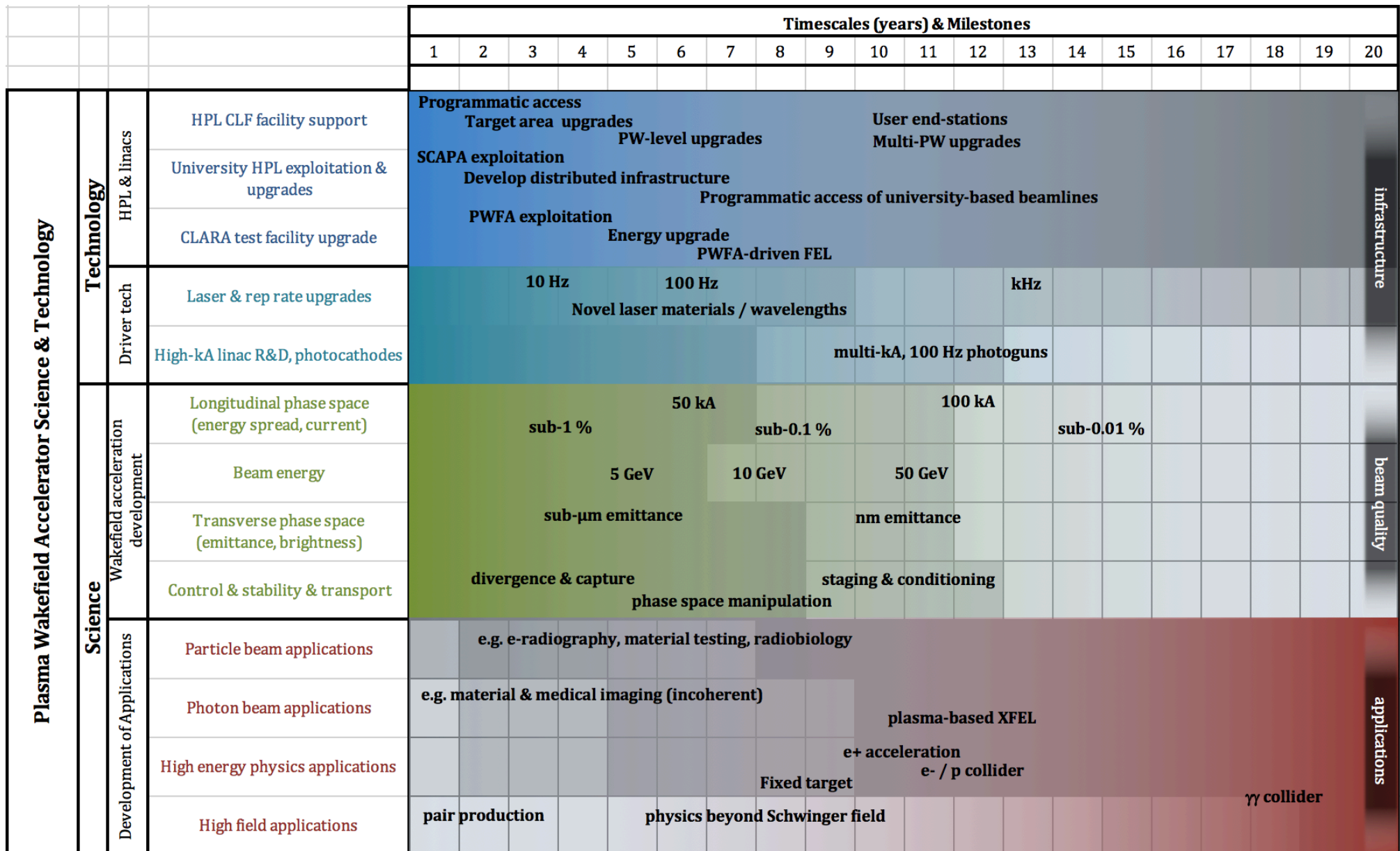


Figure 8: Timeline for scientific and technological research and development on plasma wakefield accelerators.



# EuPRAXIA – Addressing the Quality Issue



- Our question for the next 4 years:

**Assuming no resource limits – What would be the best 1 – 5 GeV e- plasma accelerator we can build? And what could we use it for (pilot users)?**



NOVEL FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH  
COMPACT EUROPEAN PLASMA  
ACCELERATOR WITH SUPERIOR  
BEAM QUALITY

“RF unit test”  
for plasma  
accelerators

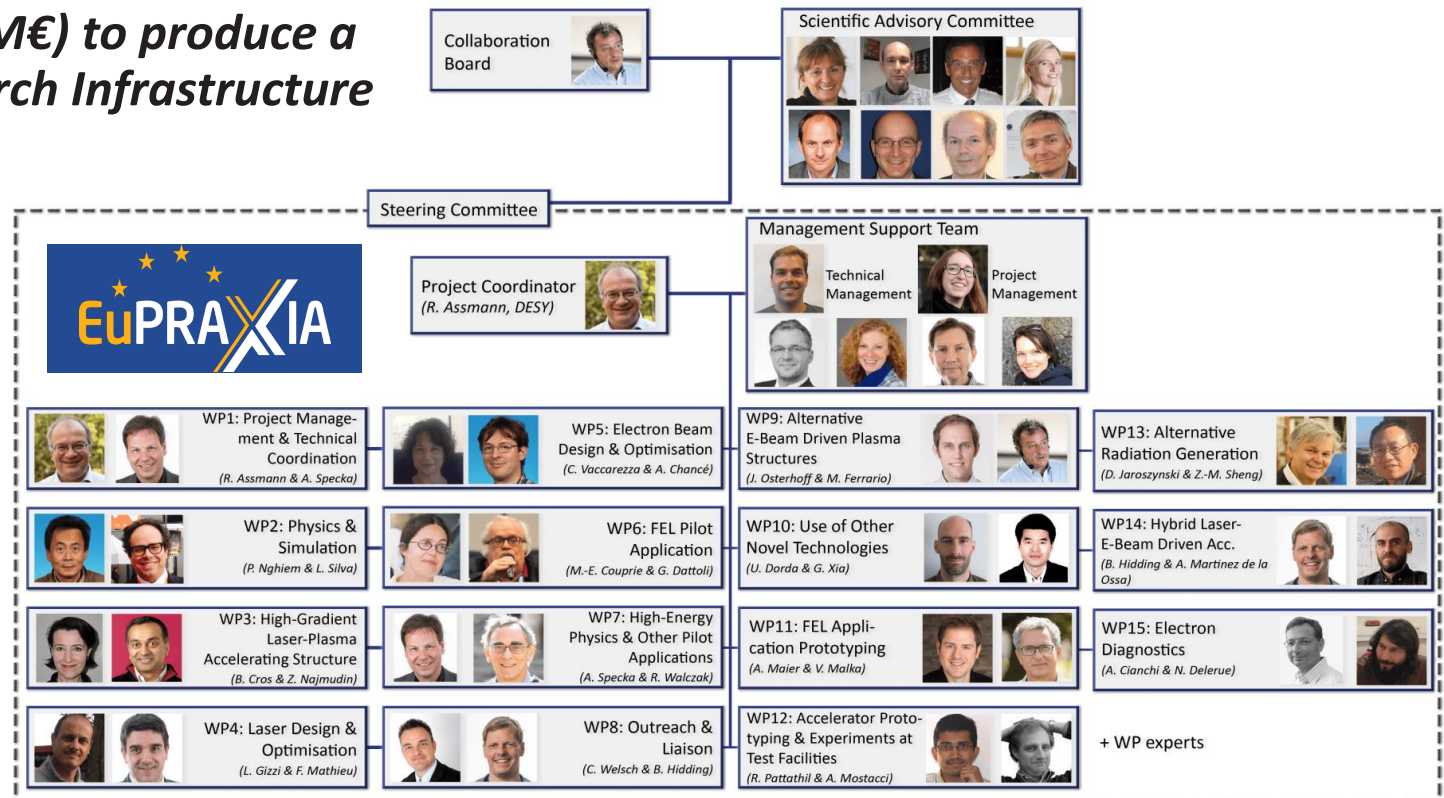


# The Project



**EU funded Consortium (3 M€) to produce a CDR for a European Research Infrastructure**

- EU design study in 4<sup>th</sup> and final year:  
**16 beneficiaries, 25 associated partners, 15 Work Packages, 30 WP Leaders, more than 250 scientists contributed**
- One of four DS's in physical science approved in H2020. Others: EuroCirCol (FCC), CompactLight (X band), Neutrino (ESS)



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# The Consortium – Growing in the Course



## ASSOCIATED PARTNERS (November 2018)

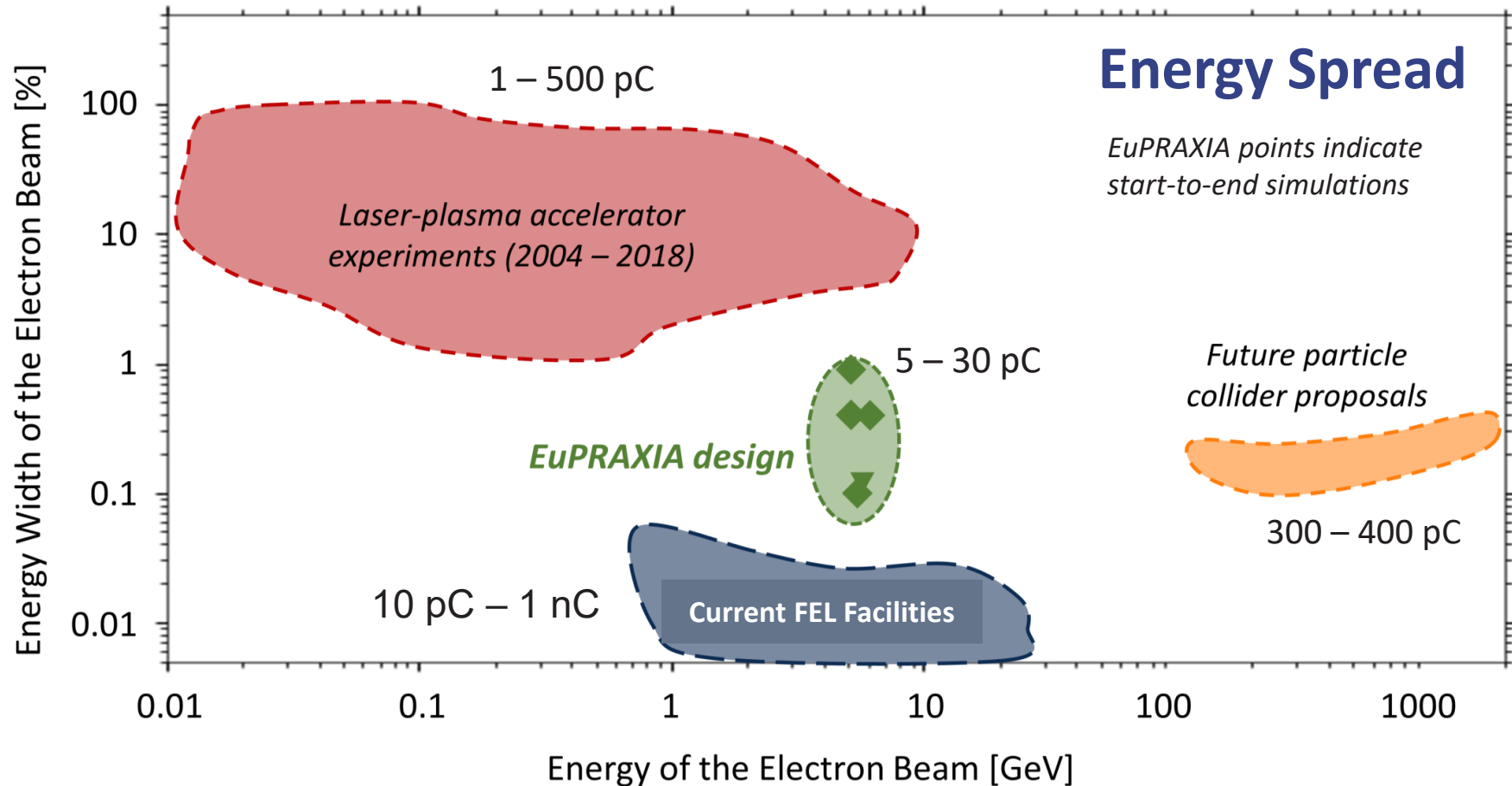
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- 2 Tsinghua University Beijing, China
- 3 ELI – Extreme Light Infrastructure – Beamlines, International
- 4 PhLAM – Laboratoire de Physique des Lasers Atomes et Molécules, Université de Lille 1, France
- 5 Helmholtz-Institut Jena, Germany
- 6 Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf, Germany
- 7 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany
- 8 Wigner Fizikai Kutatóközpont, Hungary
- 9 CERN – European Organization for Nuclear Research, International
- 10 Kansai Photon Science Institute/Japan Atomic Energy Agency, Japan
- 11 Osaka University, Japan
- 12 RIKEN Spring-8 Center, Japan
- 13 Lunds Universitet, Sweden
- 14 CASE – Center for Accelerator Science and Education at Stony Brook University and Brookhaven National Laboratory, USA
- 15 LBNL – Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, USA
- 16 UCLA – University of California Los Angeles, USA
- 17 KIT – Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, Germany
- 18 Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany
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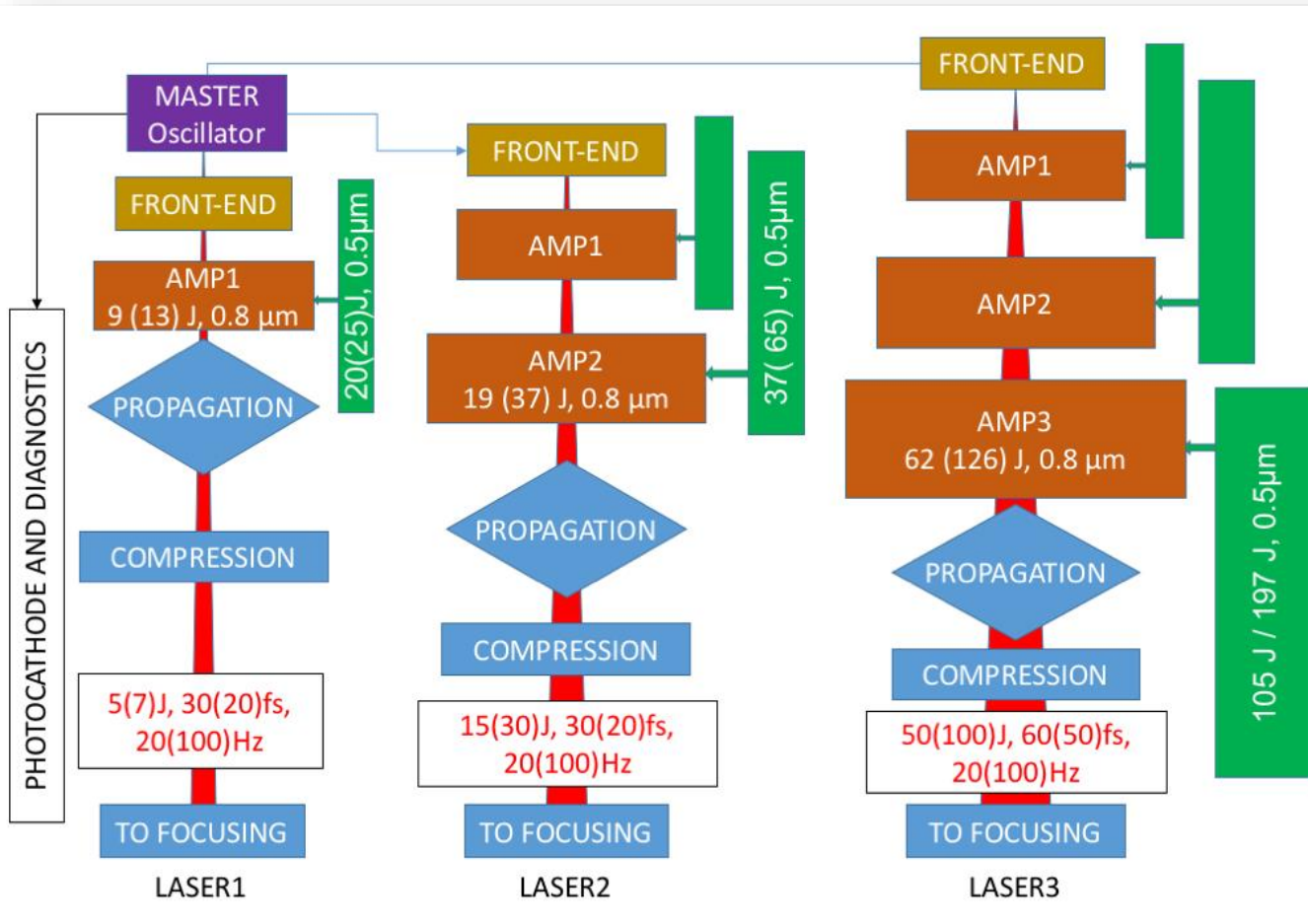


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# OUTCOME: High Quality Single Bunch Design





- **Three laser systems** for the laser-driven plasma accelerator facility
- Baseline: Start from lasers at present **state-of-the-art**, however, extended to 20 Hz and then to 100 Hz
- In parallel: **Development** of high efficiency, high average power lasers

*Leo Gizzi, Francois Mathieu et al*

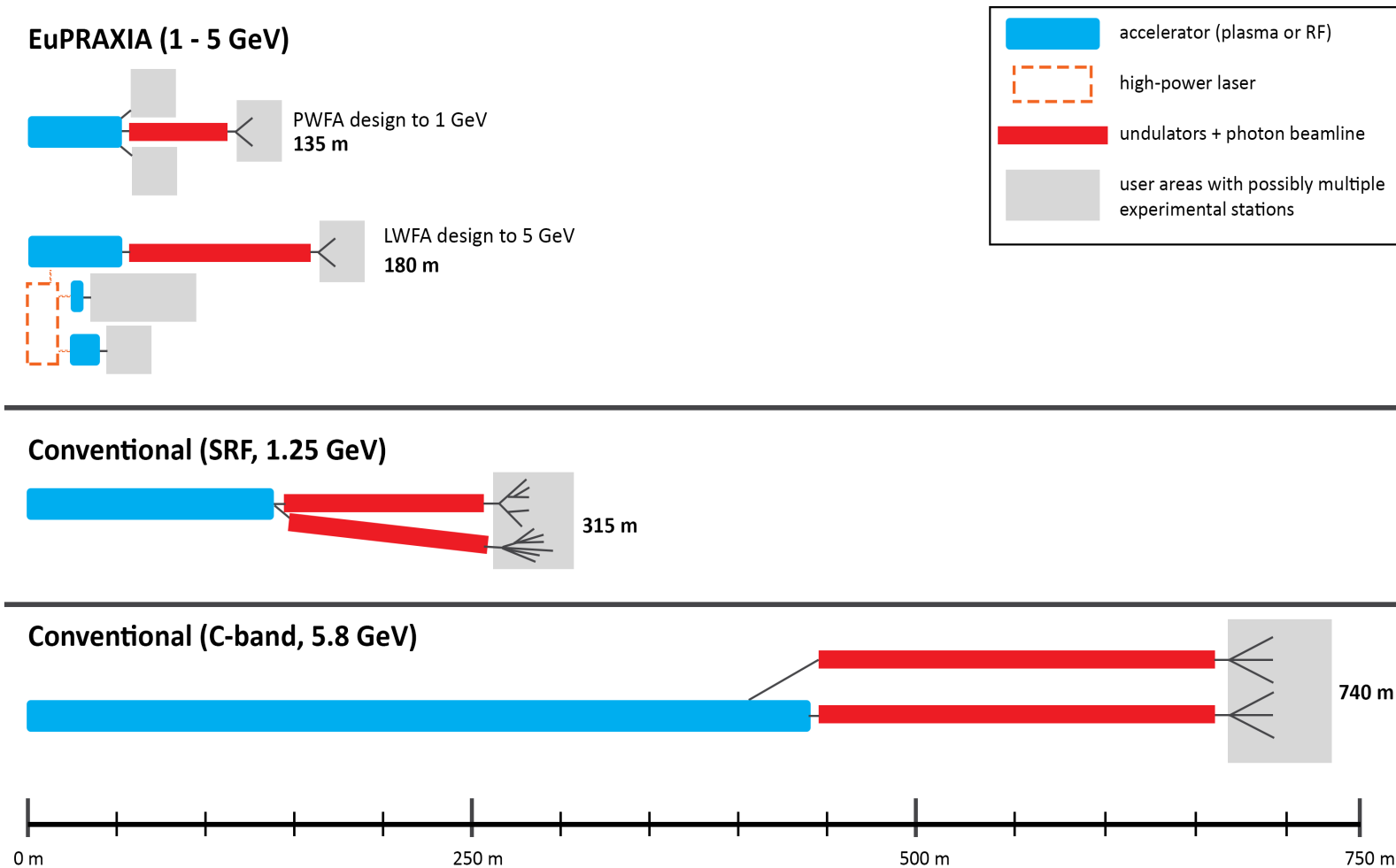
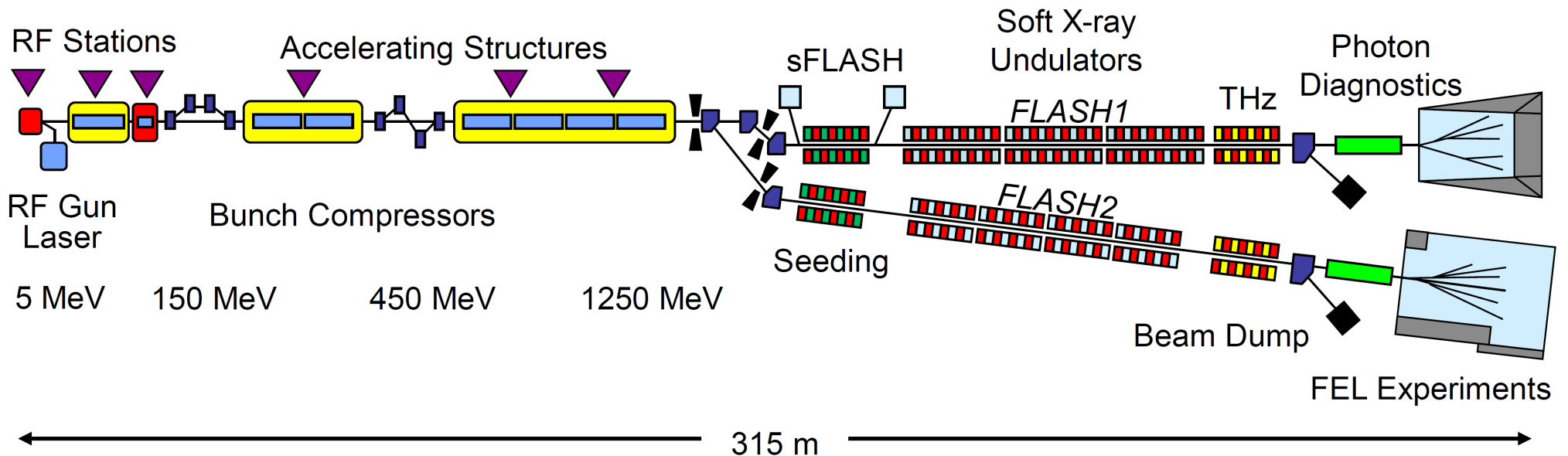
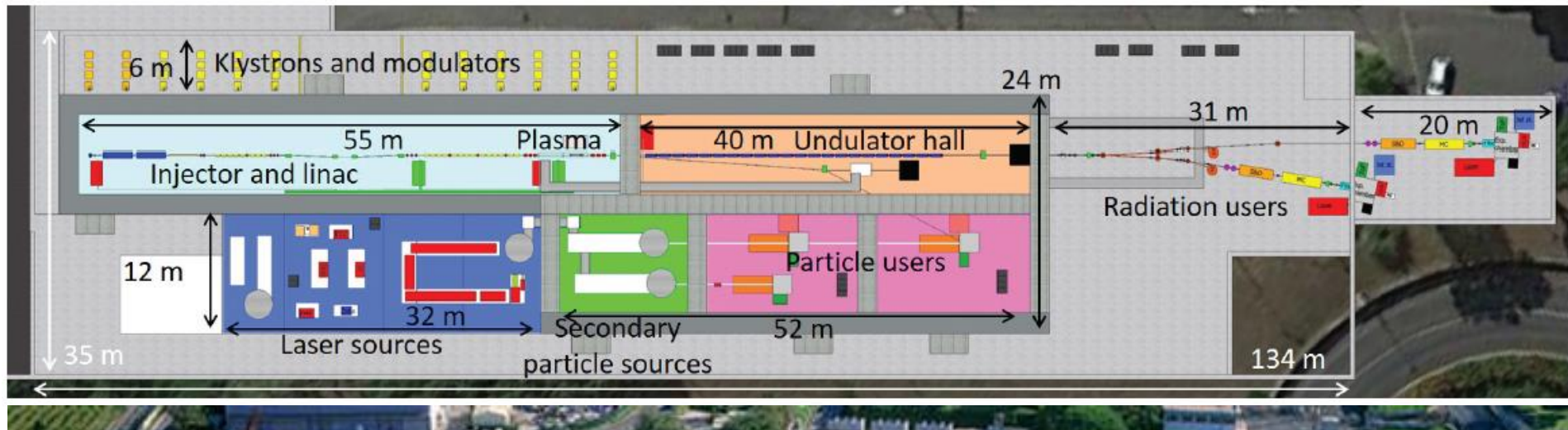
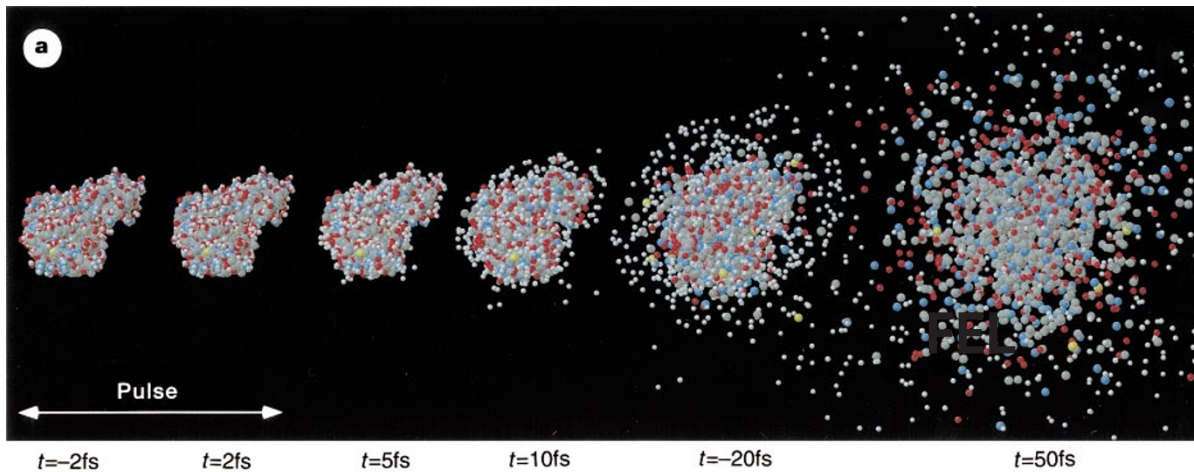


Figure 3.6: Comparison of the expected EuPRAXIA machine length with parameters for facilities of equivalent beam energies based on conventional RF-technologies [151, 152]. The transverse size is not to scale. It is noted that such facilities tend to offer FEL performance parameters which are not achievable with the EuPRAXIA design. Gains in size must therefore be put into the context of performance limitations with the EuPRAXIA approach.

Quantity	Baseline Value
<b>Laser systems</b>	
Wavelength	800 nm
Energy on target	5–100 J
Pulse duration	$\geq 20$ –60 fs
Repetition rate	20–100 Hz
<b>High-energy electron beam from beam-driven plasma accelerator (PWFA)</b>	
Energy	1.0–5.0 GeV
Charge	30–40 pC
Bunch duration	$\sim 13$ fs
Energy spread	0.4–1.1 %
Normalised emittance	0.7–1.2 mm mrad
<b>High-energy electron beam from laser-driven plasma accelerator (LWFA)</b>	
Energy	5.0–6.0 GeV
Charge	23–30 pC
Bunch duration	3–11 fs
Energy spread	0.1–0.9 %
Normalised emittance	0.1–1.4 mm mrad

<b>Free-electron laser</b>	
Radiation wavelength	0.19–35.9 nm
Pulse duration	0.4–15 fs
Saturation length	16–126 m
Photons per pulse	$1.9 \times 10^9$ – $7.2 \times 10^{11}$
Brightness	$2 \times 10^{28}$ – $4.8 \times 10^{32}$ photons/[mm <sup>2</sup> mrad <sup>2</sup> s(0.1% BW)]
<b>Betatron source</b>	
Photon energy	0.6–110 keV
Source size	1.4–2.4 μm
Photons per pulse	$2 \times 10^8$ – $4 \times 10^{10}$
Peak X-ray brightness	$2 \times 10^{21}$ – $1 \times 10^{26}$ photons/(mm <sup>2</sup> mrad <sup>2</sup> s[0.1% BW])
<b>Inverse Compton source</b>	
Photon energy	≥100 MeV
Pulse duration	~30 fs
Divergence	<1 mrad
<b>Low-energy positron source</b>	
Positron energy	0.5–10 MeV (tunable)
Beam duration	20–90 ps
Positrons per shot	≥ $1 \times 10^6$
<b>High-energy positron source</b>	
Positron energy	≥1.0 GeV (tunable)
Beam duration	≤10 fs
Positrons per shot	~ $1 \times 10^7$



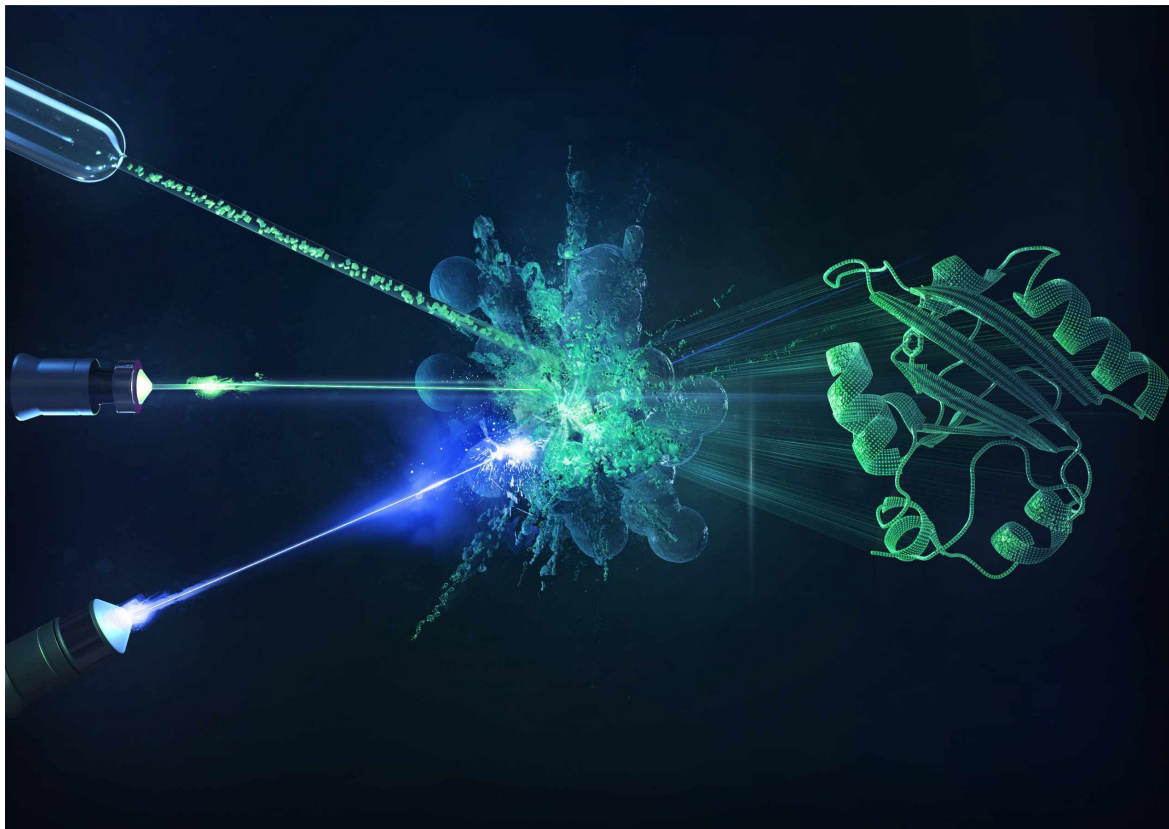


Diffraction before destruction

Effect of X-ray pulse (2fs FWHM, 12 keV) on T4 Lysozyme was simulated.

A protein showed at different times with respect to the arrival of the X-ray pulse.

Nature **406** (2000), 752-757



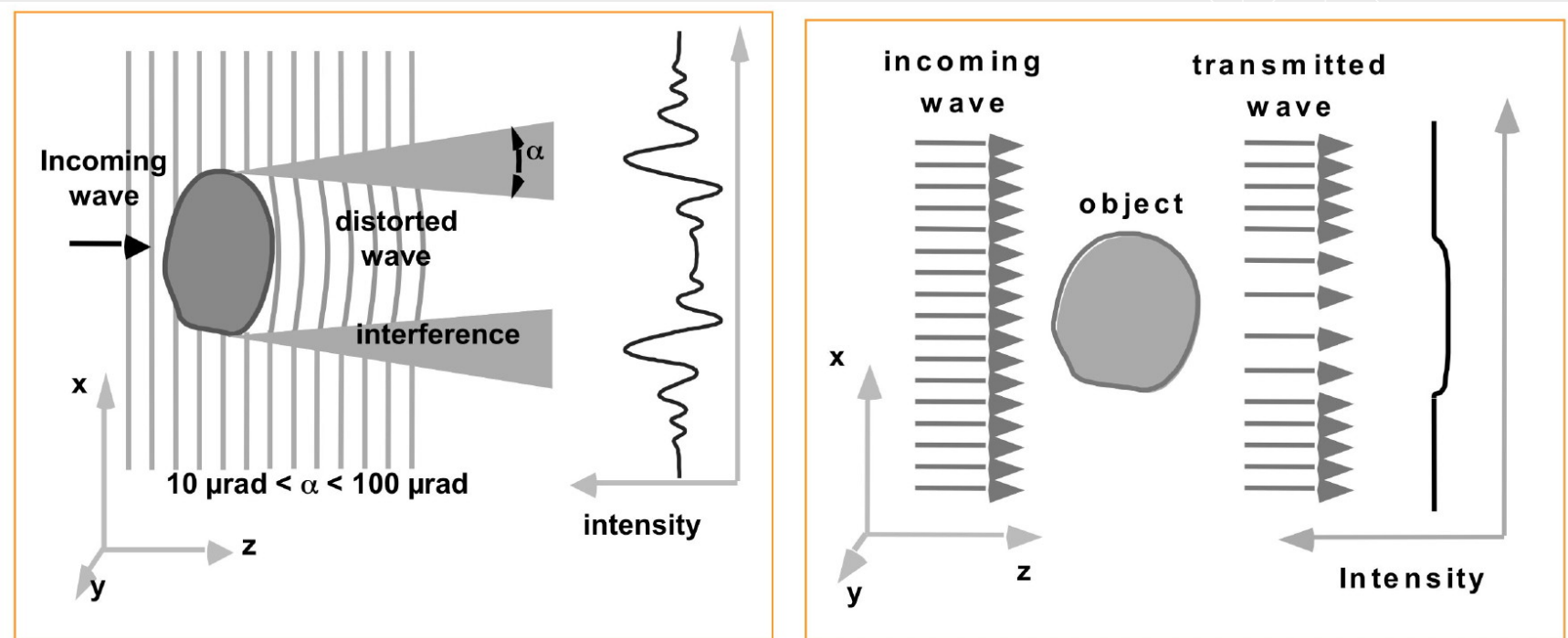
Time-resolved serial femtosecond crystallography (TR-SFX) at the European XFEL.

Microcrystals are injected into the reaction initiated by blue laser pulses.

The reaction is probed by the XFEL pulses.

Science **346** (2014), (6214) 1242-6

# Phase Contrast Imaging vs. Conventional Radiology



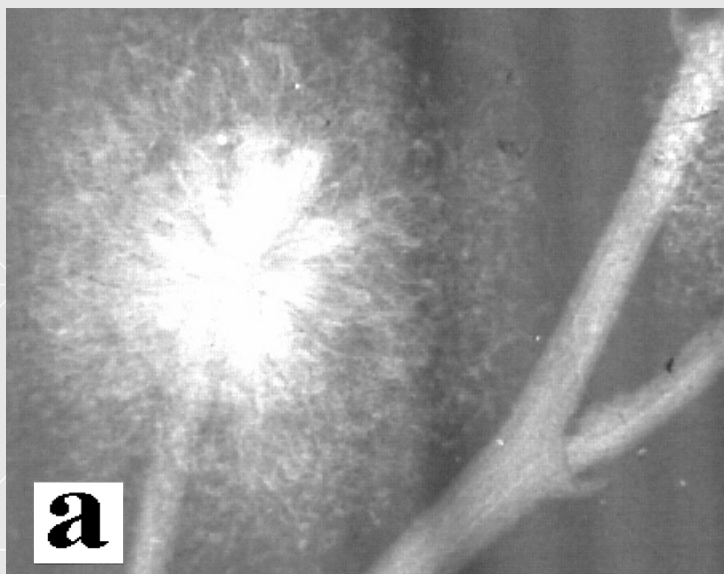
Refractive index:  $n = 1 - \delta + i \beta$ ;  $\delta \gg \beta \rightarrow$   
 phase contrast ( $\Delta I/I_0 \sim 4\pi\delta\Delta z/\lambda$ )  $\gg$  absorption contrast ( $\Delta I/I_0 \sim 4\pi\beta\Delta z/\lambda$ )

**Two possible approaches:**

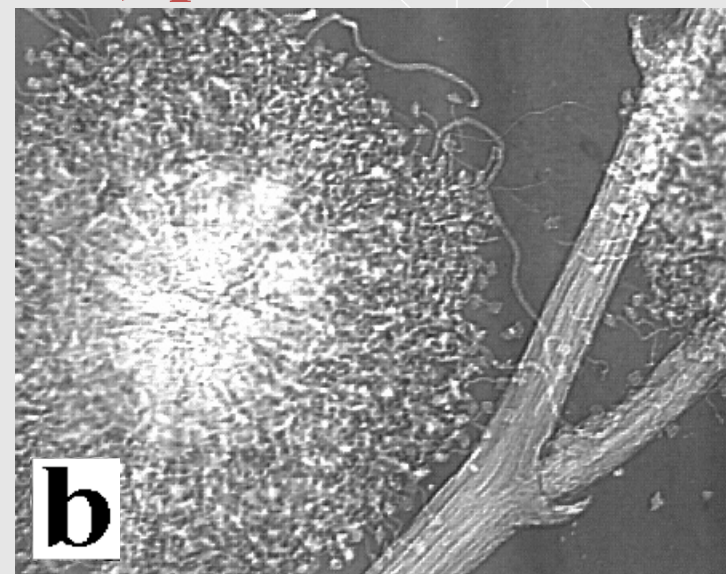
- detect interference patterns
- detect angular deviations



## a) absorption



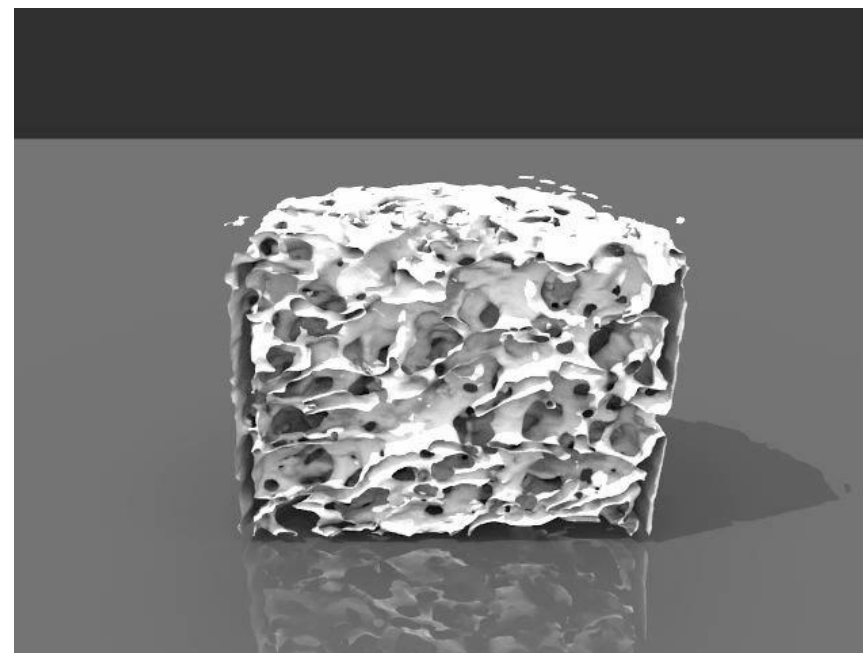
## b) phase contrast



# X-ray tomographic imaging using Gemini

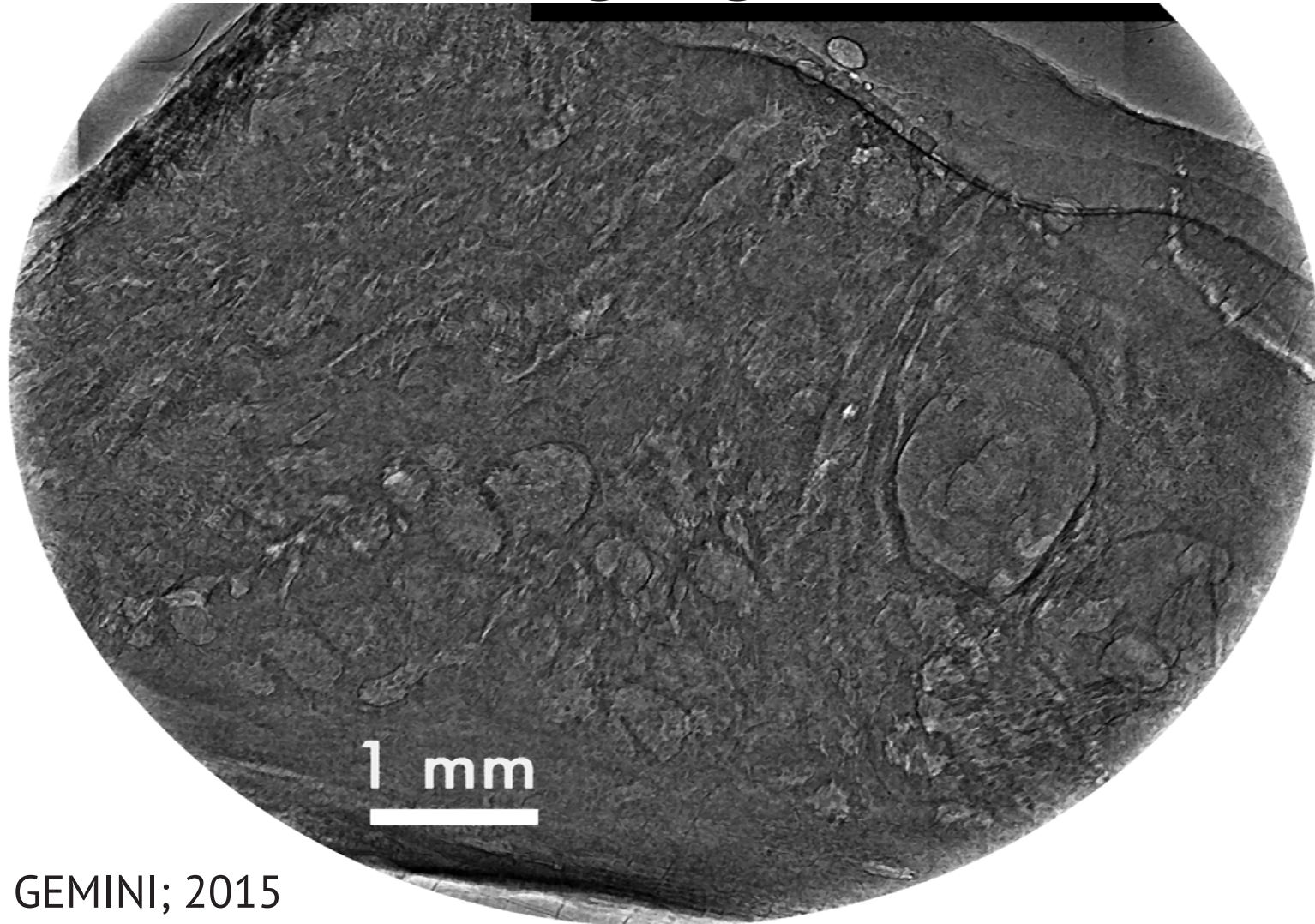
Betatron x-rays generated by CLF's GEMINI laser was used for tomographic imaging of trabecular bone tissues

The semi-coherent x-rays produced by the laser accelerated electrons enable phase-contrast imaging, bringing the dream of compact, affordable high resolution x-ray imaging for medical and biological applications a step



Cole, Sci. Reports (2015)  
<https://www.llnl.gov/str/Sep06/Kinney.html>  
<http://www.skyscan.be>

# Prostate Imaging with Gemini

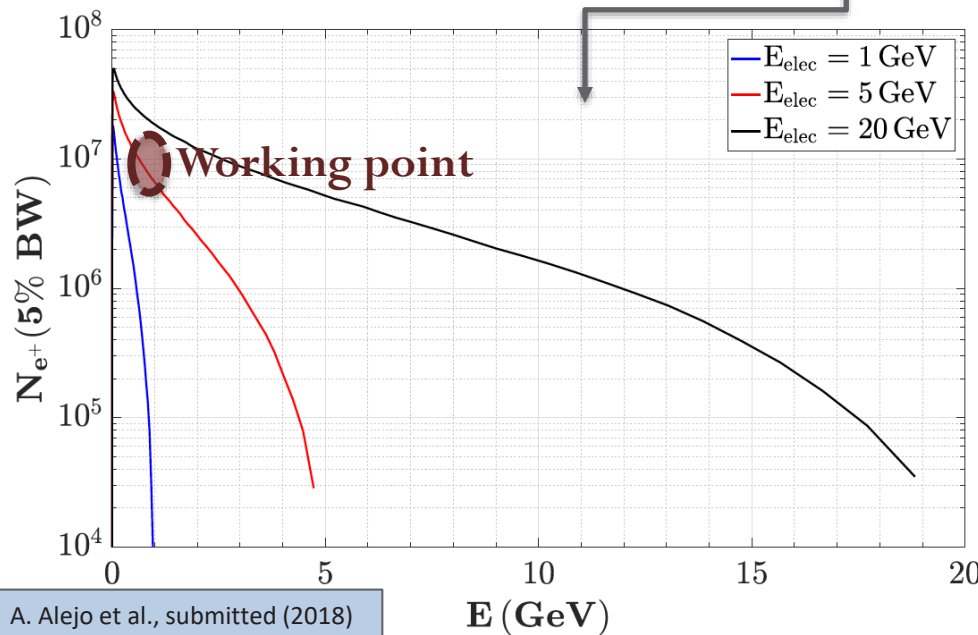
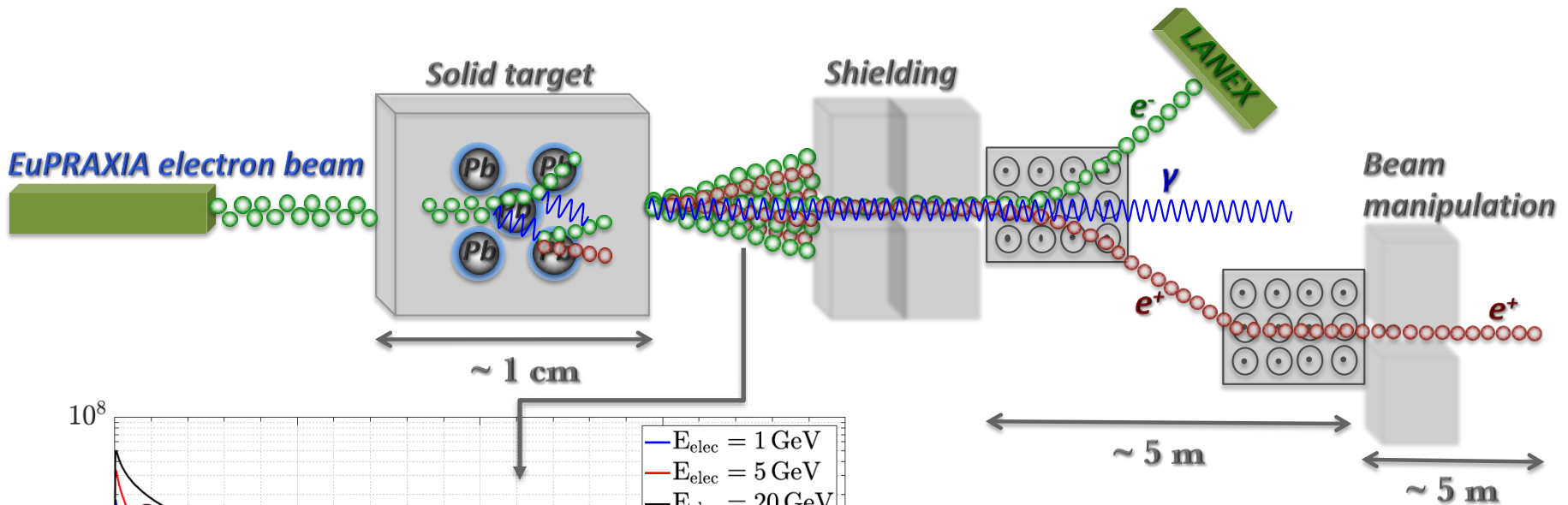


IC at CLF's GEMINI; 2015

**Lopes N. et al. X-ray phase contrast imaging of biological specimens with femtosecond pulses of betatron radiation from a compact laser plasma wakefield accelerator. In Preparation (2016).**

credit: Z. Najmudin

# High-energy positrons



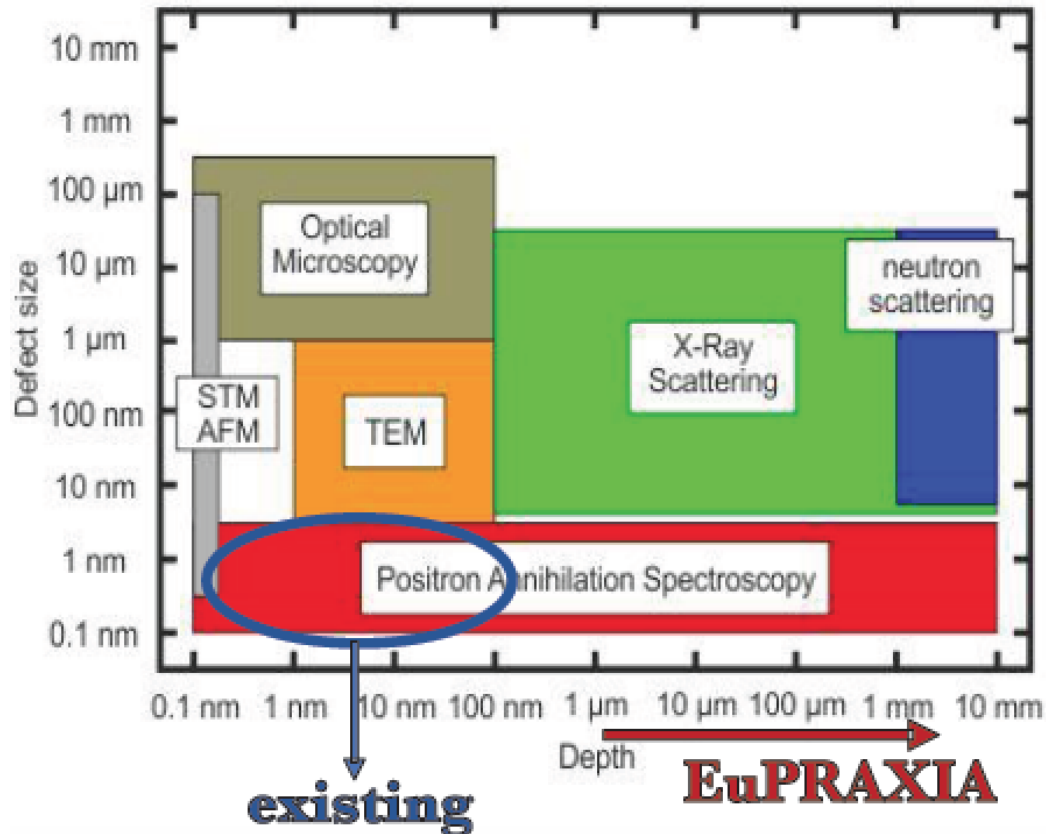
A. Alejo et al., submitted (2018)  
Arxiv:1806.02633

**Assuming 100 pC at 5 GeV (5%)**

- ⊗  $10^7$  positrons at 1 GeV (5%)
- ⊗ Source size: 15 micron
- ⊗ Divergence: 10 mrad
- ⊗ Duration: 5 fs
- ⊗ Emittance: 0.3 micron
- ⊗ Rep. rate: 0.1 – 1 kHz
- ⊗ Positrons/s:  $10^9 - 10^{10}$

*$10^8$  for 1 nC broadband electron beam*

Liverpool 04/07/2018



Courtesy M. Butterling, HZDR

Quantity	Baseline Value
<b>Low-Energy Positron Source</b>	
Positron energy	0.5–10 MeV (tunable)
Energy bandwidth	$\pm 50$ keV
Beam duration	20–90 ps
Beam size at user area	2–5 mm
Positrons per shot	$\geq 10^6$

- EuPRAXIA would provide access to unique regime of detecting small defects at large penetration depths
- Does not require highest quality of electron beam

Gianluca Sarri et al

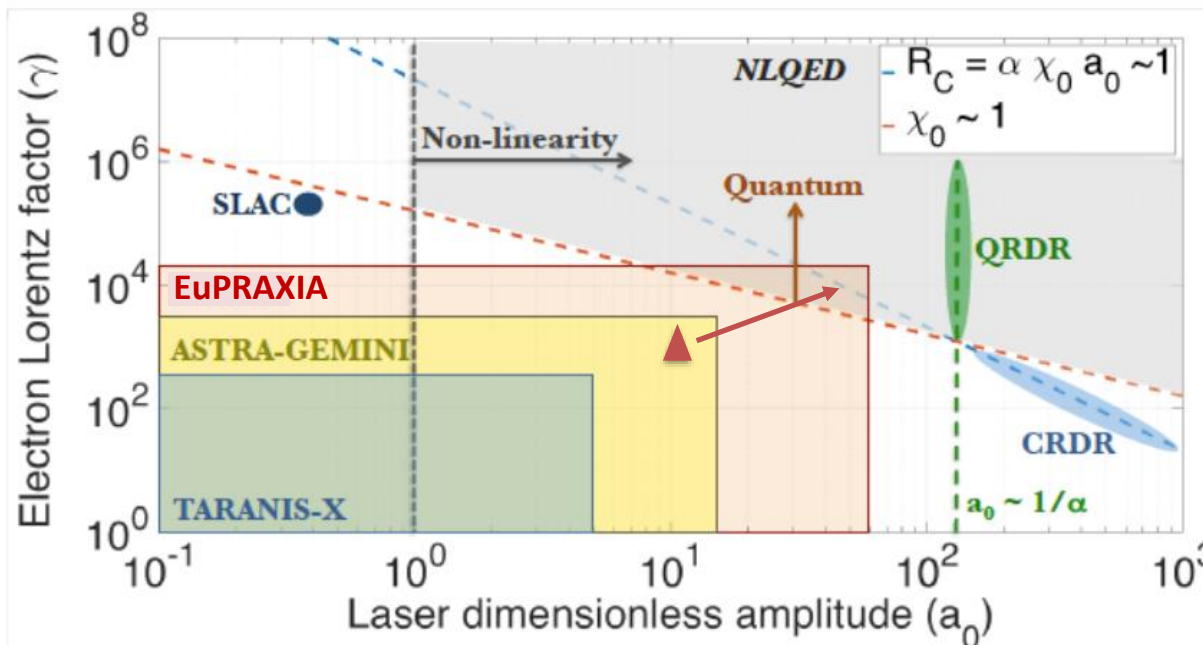


# High-field QED



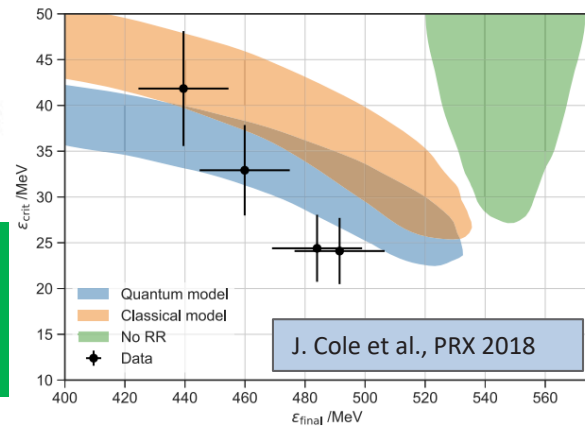
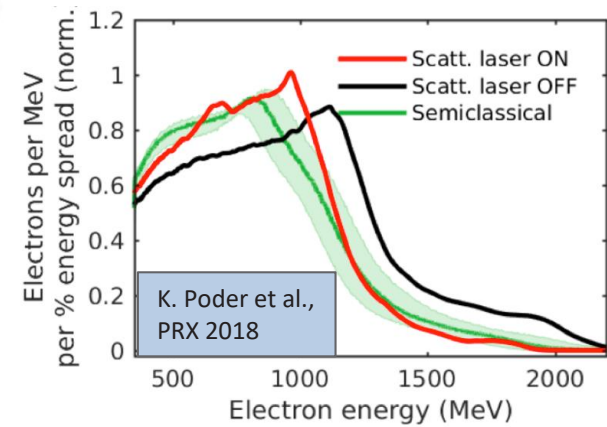
Unique opportunity to have a **narrowband ultra-relativistic electron beam** synchronized with a **PW-scale laser at a high repetition rate**

Studies of high-field quantum electrodynamics (**> Schwinger field**) and access exotic phenomena such as: **quantum radiation reaction, photon-photon scattering, pair production**



**Unique facility for high-field QED:**

- high-energy
- narrow bandwidth
- stability



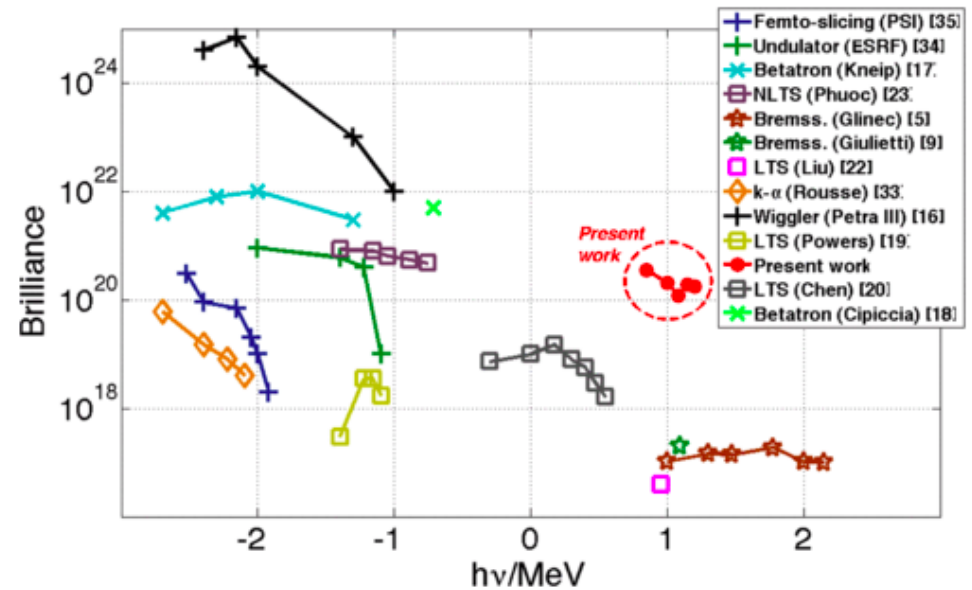
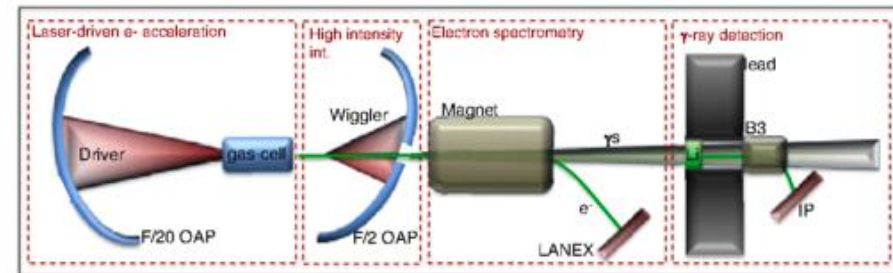
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# Brightest ever gamma ray source!

QUB-led team produced a gamma-ray beam in the multi-MeV range with highest peak brilliance ever produced!

They used nonlinear-Thompson scattering: scattering the north beam off an electron beam produced by the south beam

Gemini is uniquely placed to do such experiments with its dual-beam capability

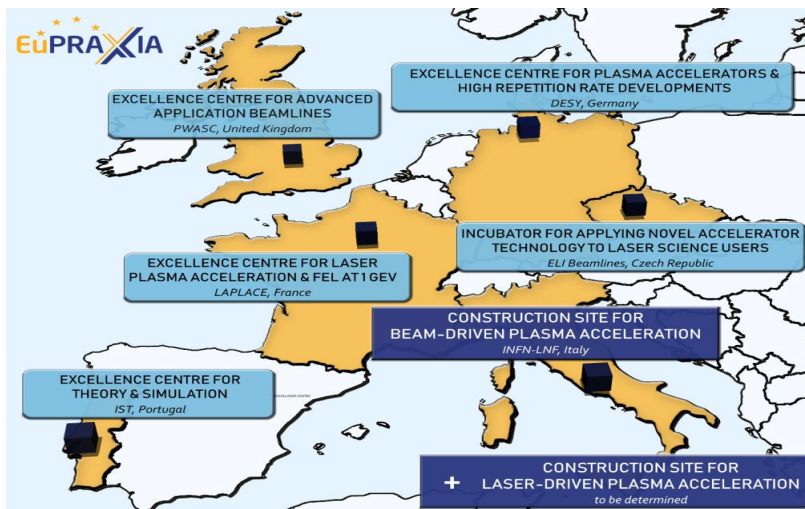


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## OUTCOME Implementation Model



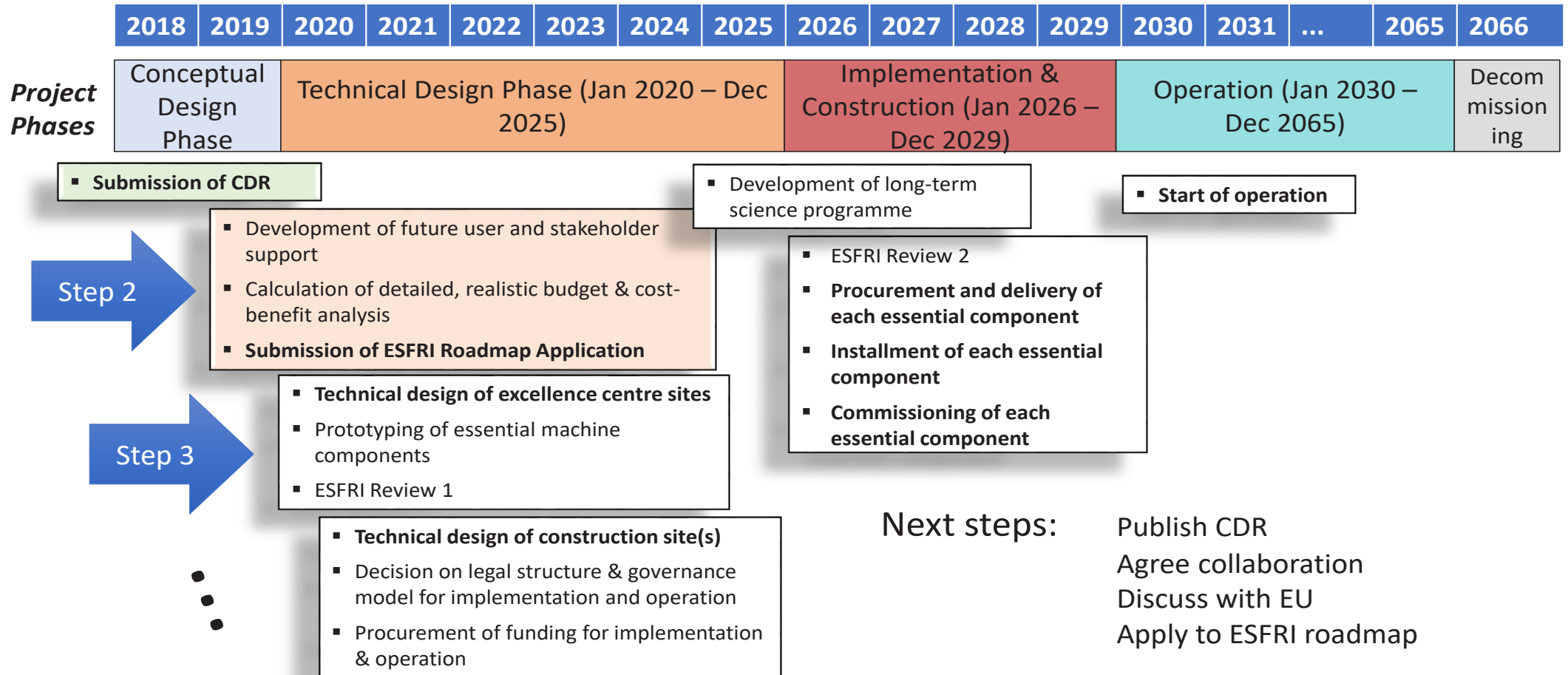
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	<b>TDR phase</b>	<b>Construction phase</b>	<b>Sum</b>
<b>Invest</b>			
<i>Total</i>	119 M€	204 M€	323 M€
<i>Beam-driven</i>	34 M€	85 M€	119 M€
<i>Laser-driven</i>	85 M€	119 M€	204 M€
<b>Personpower</b>			
<i>Total</i>	981 FTE	854 FTE	1835 FTE
<i>Beam-driven</i>	294 FTE	283 FTE	577 FTE
<i>Laser-driven</i>	687 FTE	571 FTE	1258 FTE
<b>Duration</b>			
<i>Total</i>	6 years	4 years	10 years
<i>Beam-driven</i>	4 years	4 years	8 years
<i>Laser-driven</i>	6 years	4 years	10 years

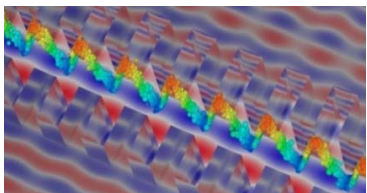
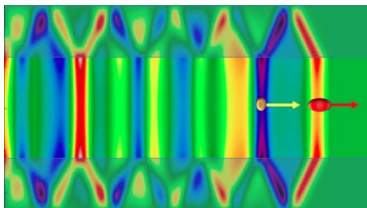
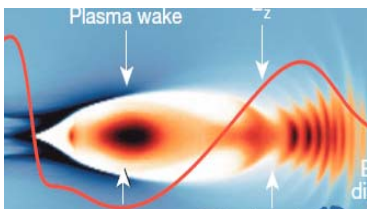
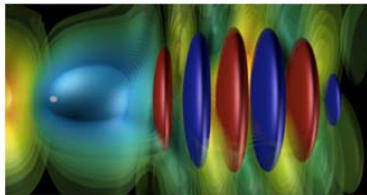


## OUTCOME: Plan Ahead



# Advanced and Novel Accelerator concepts (ANAs): definition

Acceleration gradients larger than 1GV/m



- ❖ Wakefields driven in **plasma** by **intense** laser beams : **LWFA**
- ❖ Wakefields driven in **plasma** by **particle** beams: **PWFA**
- ❖ Wakefields driven in **structures** (e.g.dielectric tubes) by **particle** beams: **SWFA**
- ❖ Wakefields driven in **dielectric structures** by **short-pulse** lasers: **DLA**



# Advanced LinEar collider study GROup: organisation

Opened to contributions from interested scientists worldwide

ICFA  
ICFA ANA



B Cros  
C Schroeder  
P Muggli

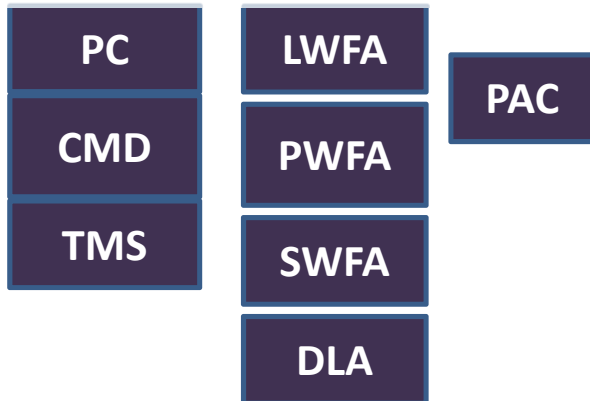
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## ALEGRO Working Groups



### ALEGRO WG titles and leaders:

PC: Physics Case (M Peskin, J Tian)

CMD: Collider Machine Design (A Seryi, D Schulte, H Yamamoto)

TMS: Theory, Modelling, Simulations (JL Vay, J. Vieira)

LWFA: Laser wakefield Accelerators (C. Schroeder, S. Hooker, B. Cros)

PWFA: Plasma wakefield Accelerators (J Osterhoff, E Gschwendter, P Muggli)

PAC: Positron acceleration (S. Gessner, S. Corde)

SWFA: Structure wakefield accelerator (P Piot, J Powe)

DLA: Dielectric laser accelerator (J England, B Cowan)

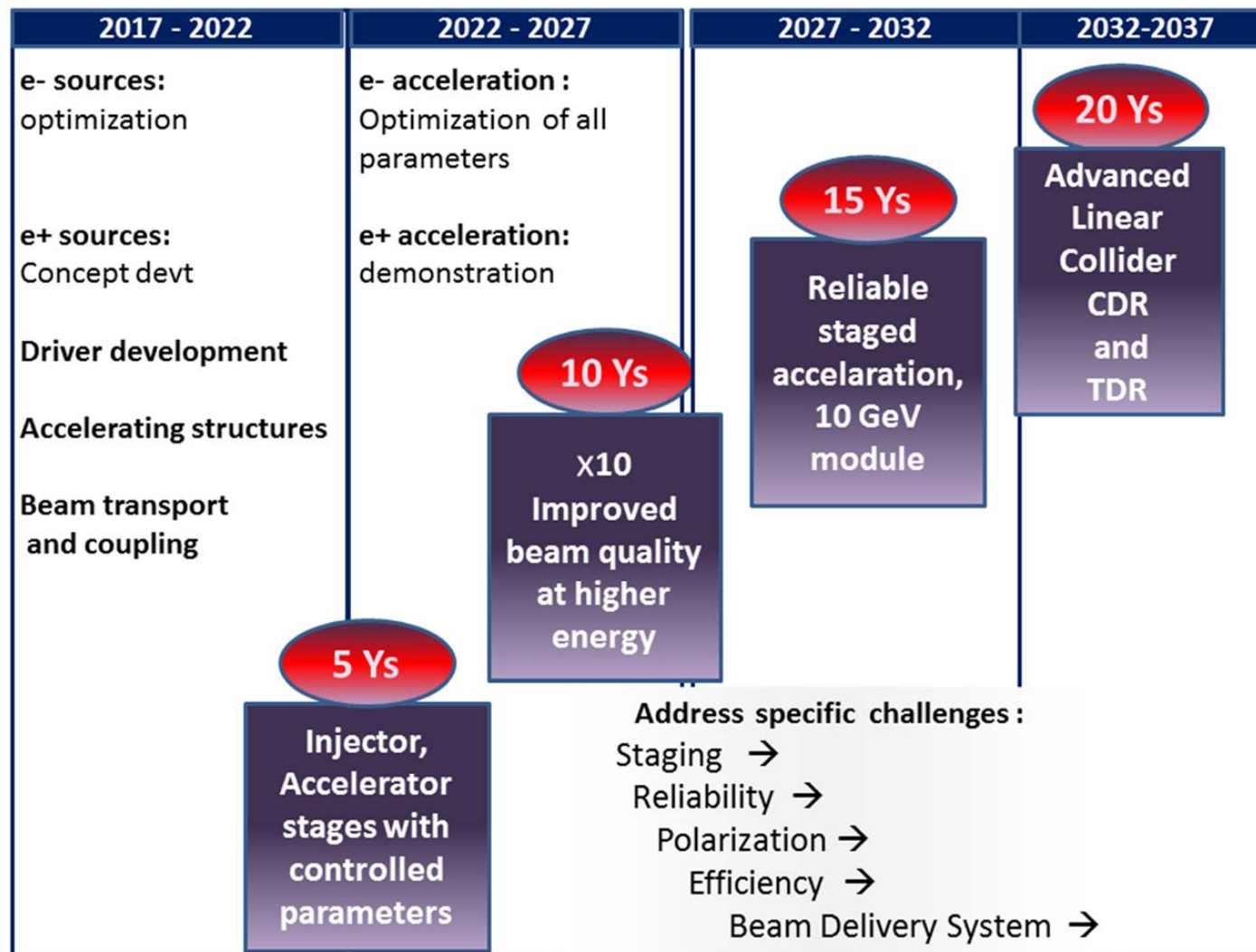
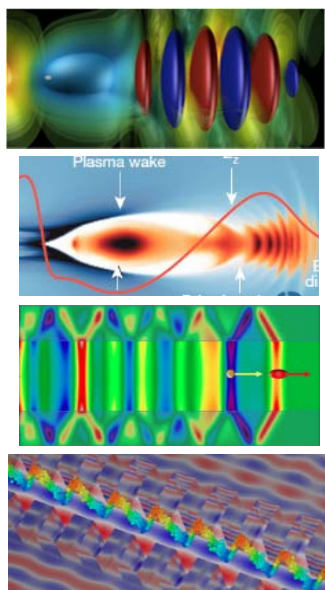
<http://www.lpgp.u-psud.fr/icfaana/ana-publications-2017>

# Scientific roadmap for a collider up to design report delivery



ANAR2017 workshop and report

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## ALEGRO2020 Workshop

previous meetings:  
ANAR 2017 CERN  
ALEGRO 2018 Oxford  
AAC 2018 Breckenrige  
ALEGRO 2019 CERN

# In memory of Prof Jerzy Pniewski



Prof Jerzy Pniewski giving a lecture at Heidelberg University on the occasion of receiving Honorary Doctorate from Heidelberg University.

This photograph was taken by U, Uhrmacher.

# Summary

- ▶ Plasma wakefield accelerators are in transition from subjects of research only to subjects of research and applications.
- ▶ EuPRAXIA (funded by H2020) concluded four years of design studies with a CDR. Five excellence centres and two construction sites are proposed to develop plasma accelerators offering pilot users electron beams as well as secondary beams of photons and positrons.
- ▶ EuPRAXIA new Consortium Agreement is being discussed and submission of ESFRI roadmap application is in preparation. There is an opportunity for new institutions to join.
- ▶ ALEGRO, a world wide collaboration supported by ICFA, is studying options for applications of high gradient acceleration technologies in particle physics. The next of its yearly meetings will be in Hamburg in March.



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BEAT-WAVE LASER ACCELERATORS  
FIRST REPORT OF THE R.A.L. STUDY GROUP

J. D. Lawson

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J Butterworth	Particle Beam Transport
F E Close	High Energy Physics
R G Evans	Plasma Physics and Lasers
J D Lawson	Accelerators
G H Rees	Accelerators
R D Ruth+	Accelerators

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From the Abstract:

An attempt is being made to see what is involved in constructing a high energy accelerator using laser beat-wave principle...

High energy means here TeV level

Please note participants' fields of interest