

Livio (sorry Livio) has shown that the planned injection geometry will lead to significant emittance increase.

The matched beam radius depends on the emittance:

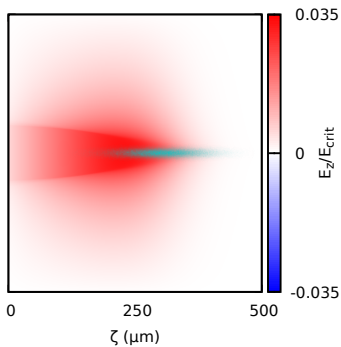
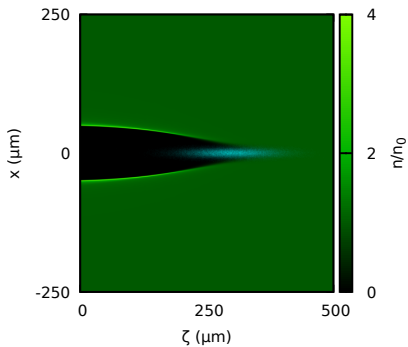
$$\sigma_x = \frac{\sqrt{2\gamma}c}{\omega_p} \sigma_{x'}, \quad (1)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2c^2 \epsilon_x^{*2}}{\gamma \omega_p^2} \right)^{1/4}, \quad (2)$$

Unfortunately, the blowout depends on the witness density, and beam loading depends on witness current, so everything has to change.

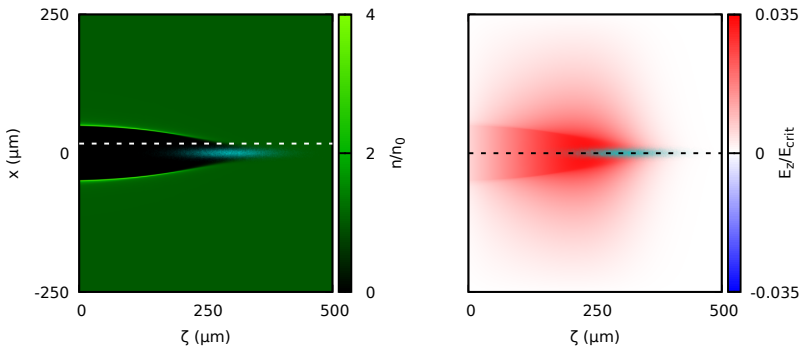
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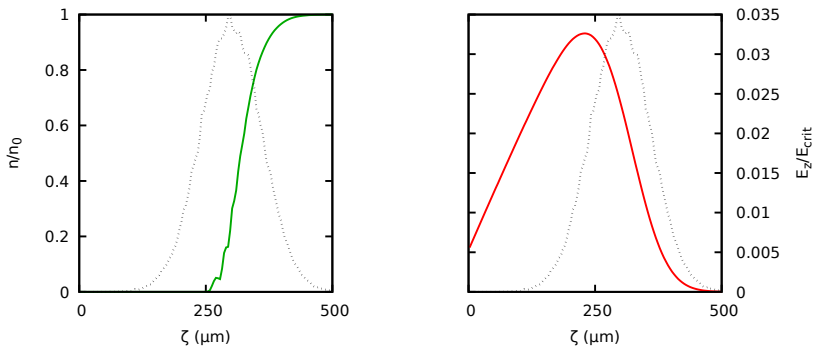
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For Veronica's parameters ($q = 100$ pC, $\sigma_z = 60$ μm , $\epsilon^* = 2$ μm)

- 17.5% of beam current sits inside a bubble of radius $\geq 3\sigma_r$
- Maximum decelerating field is 3.5% E_{crit}

(no driver, zero-time fields)

Scanning the parameter space

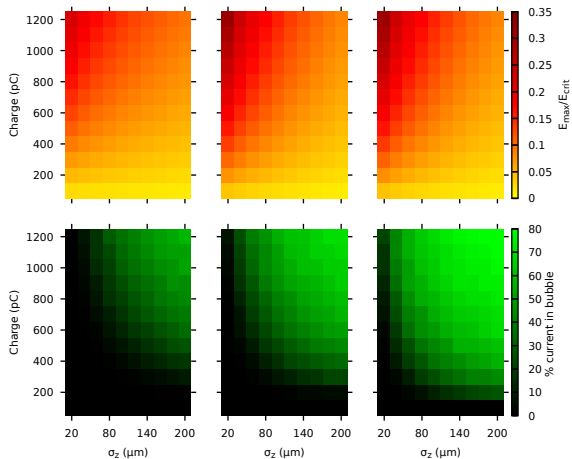
With these metrics, we can scan the parameter space.

I consider three cases:

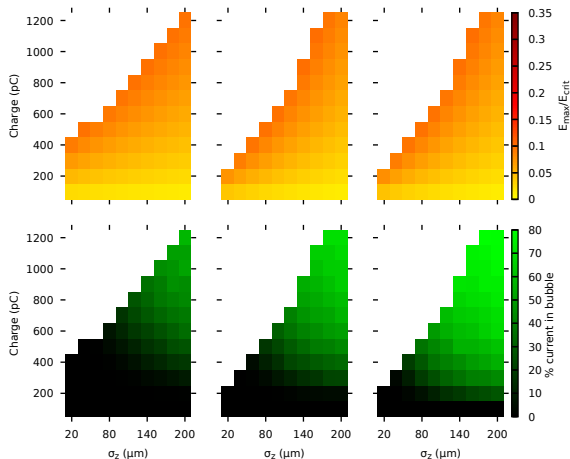
- low density, 100 μm foil ($\epsilon^* = 12 \mu\text{m}$)
- high density, 200 μm foil ($\epsilon^* = 12 \mu\text{m}$)
- high density, 100 μm foil ($\epsilon^* = 7 \mu\text{m}$)

(all numbers very approximate - taken from Livio's slides)

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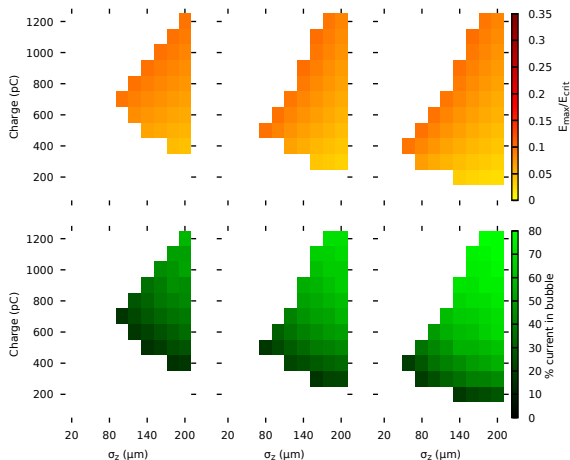


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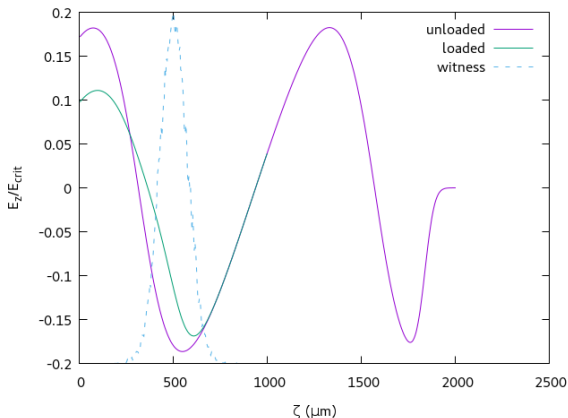
Driver wakefield $\sim 20\% E_{\text{crit}}$, so can discount any witness which loads $> 10\% E_{\text{crit}}$.

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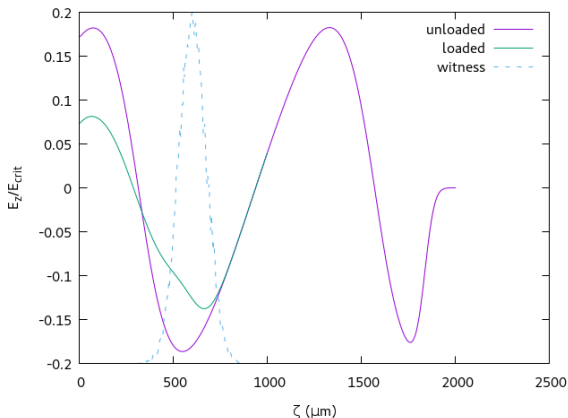
Can discount witness with $< 15\%$ of beam current sits inside a bubble of radius $\geq 3\sigma_r$.

Adjusting delay for beamloading



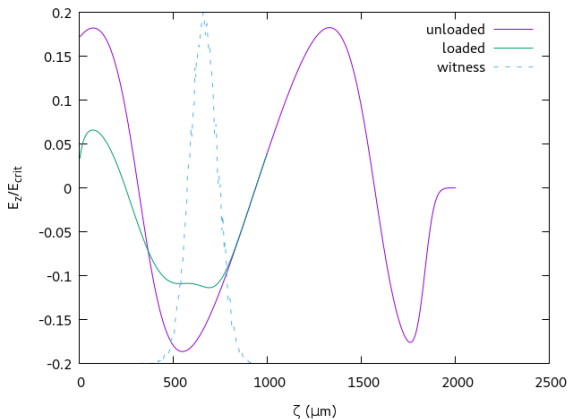
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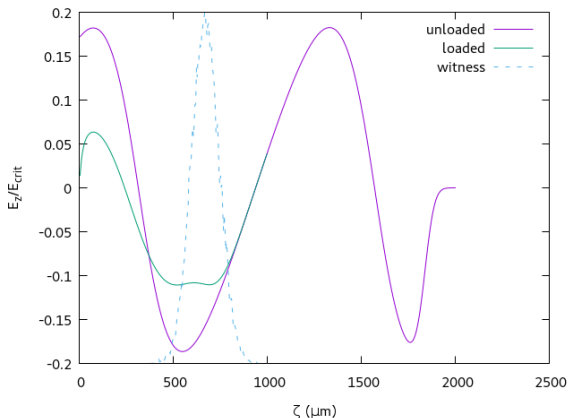
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Rb vapor / beam dump increases emittance before injection
→ Larger radius witness needed to match plasma focussing
→ Larger charge needed to generate blowout
“Worse” beam requires higher charge

High currents can overload the wakefield
Witness wake $>$ driver wake → no acceleration
Can mitigate by using longer beam

Beamloading sets limits on parameter ranges
Everything is essentially more difficult for high emittance.