

# Challenges for a PWFA-based linear collider

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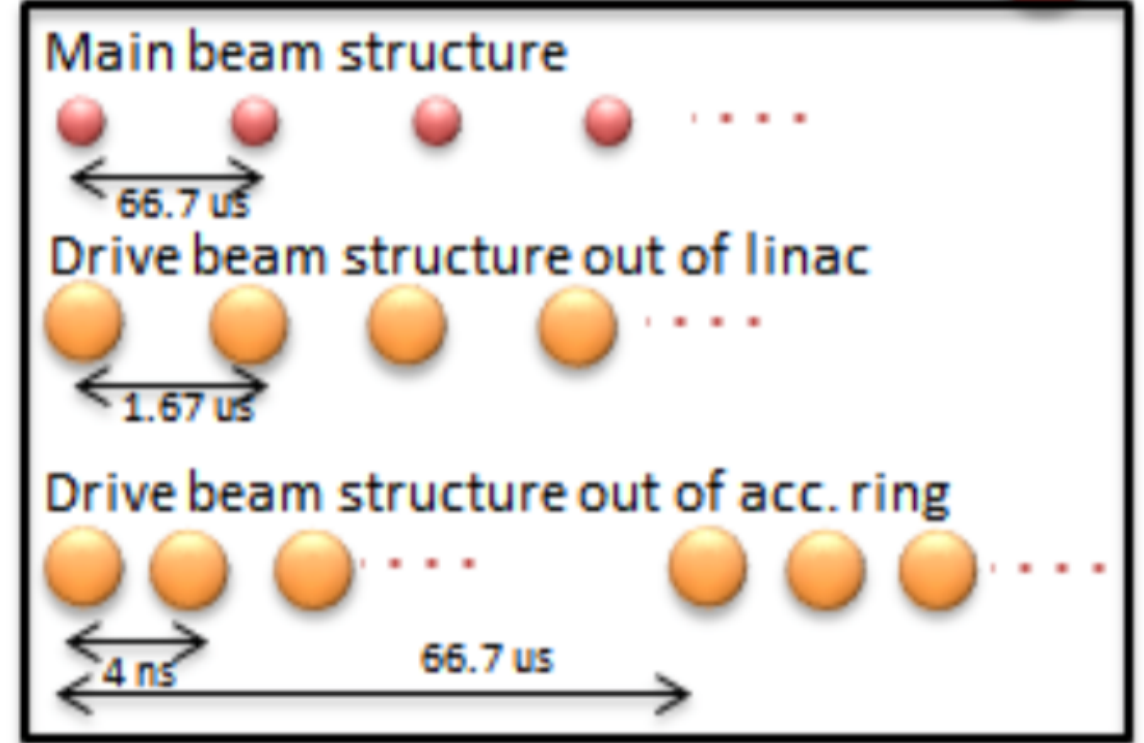
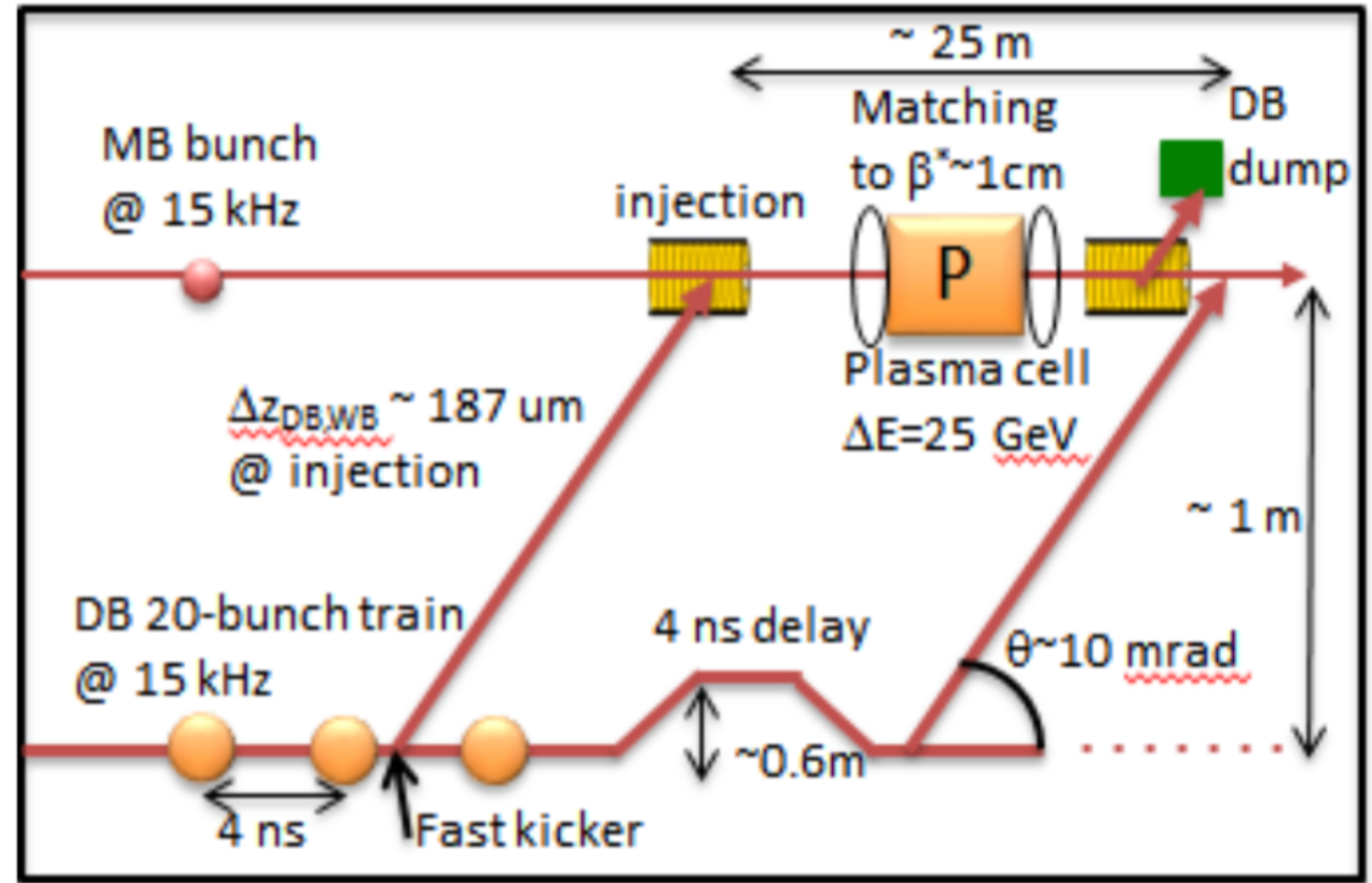
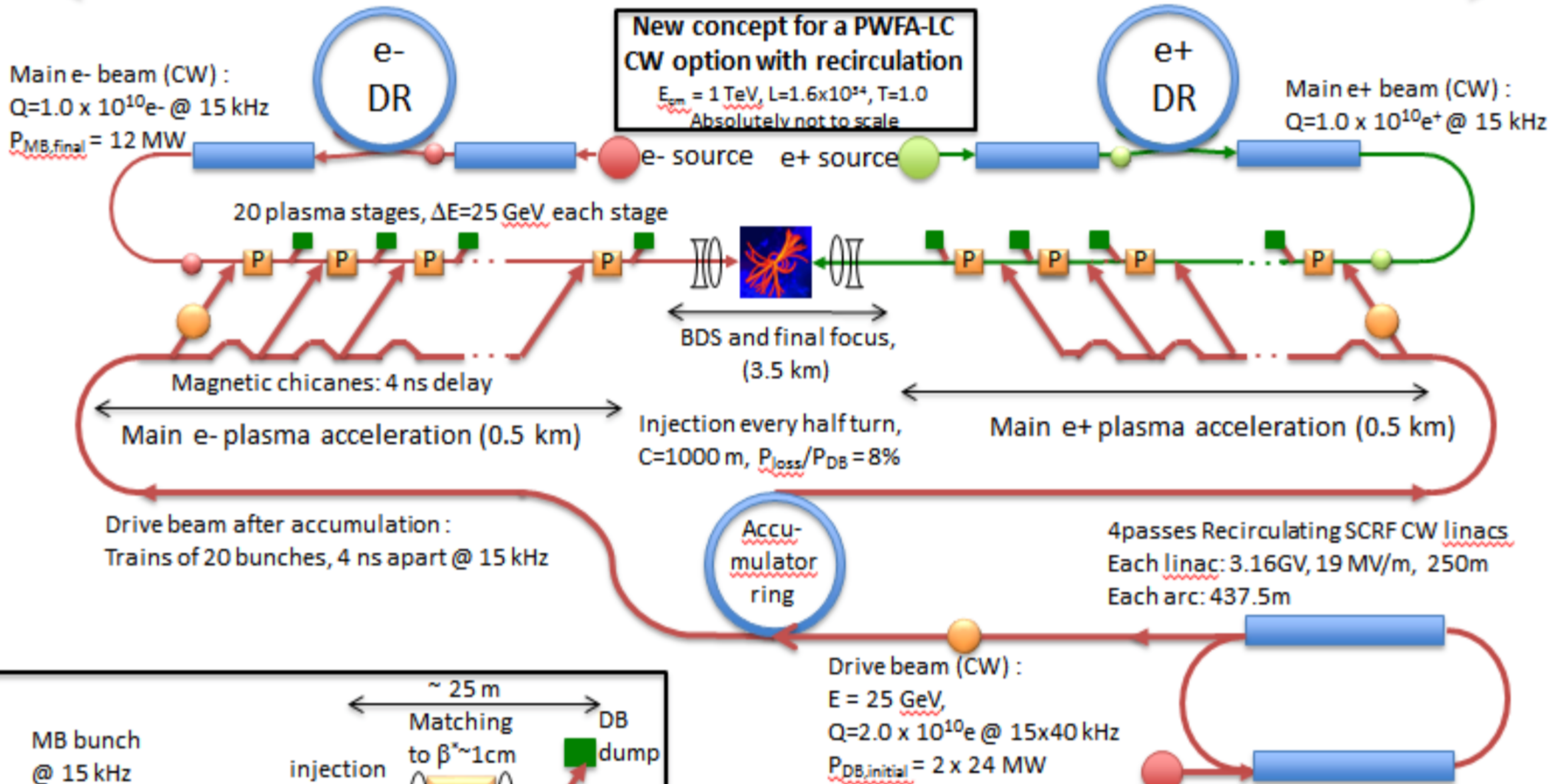
with a focus on plasma wakefield aspects

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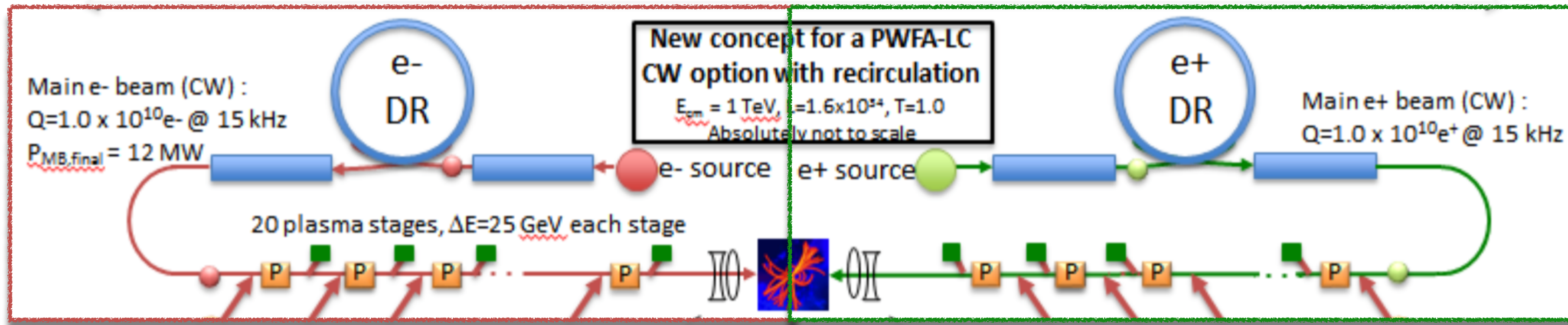


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Electrons

Positrons

Similar challenges for both particle types

> High luminosity → average power + beam quality

$\sim 3 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$        $\sim 10 \text{ MW}$

high charge $\sim n\text{C} / \text{pulse}$	low energy bandwidth <i>sub %</i>
high rep. rate $\sim 10 \text{ kHz}$	low emittance $\sim 10 \text{ nm rad}$
wp efficiency $\sim 10\%$	

thermal management in plasma      *simultaneously*

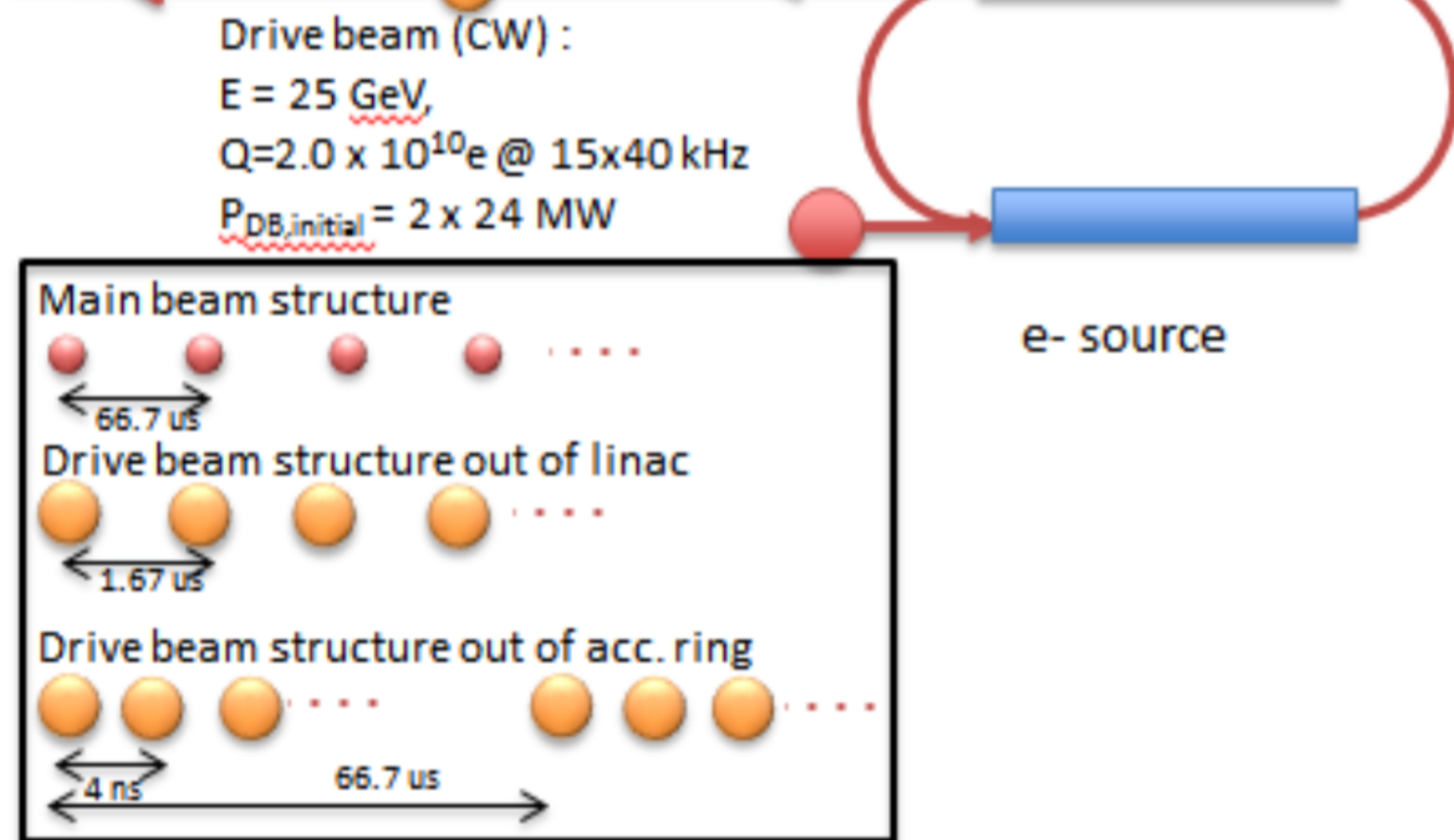
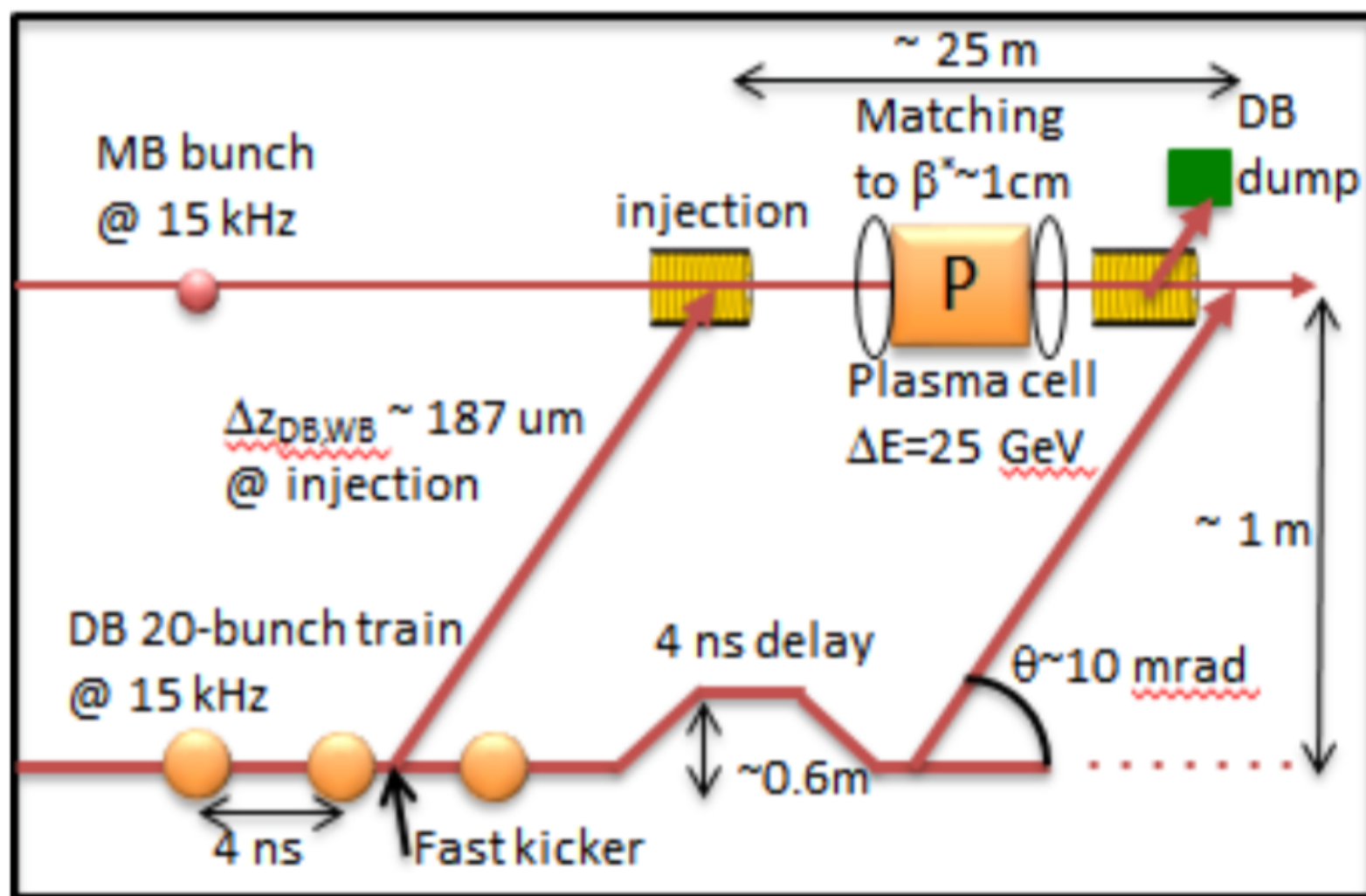
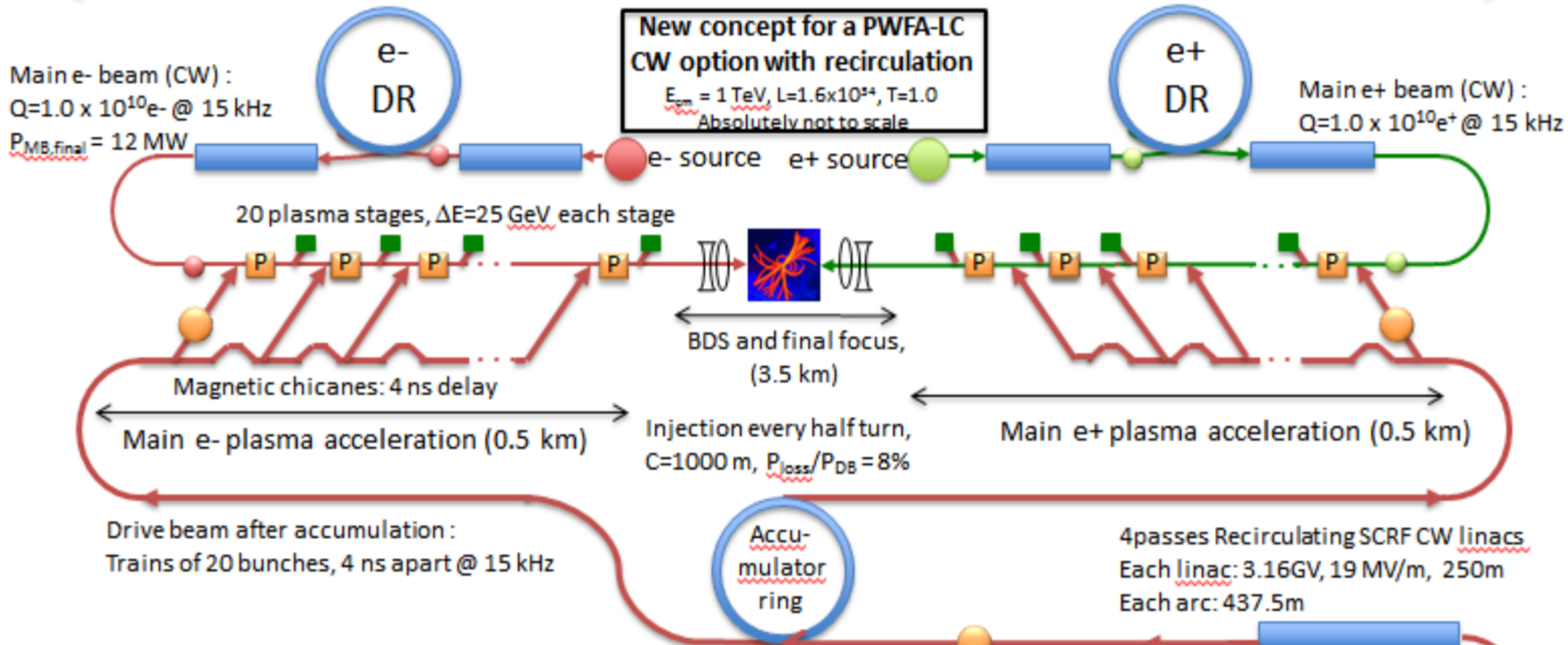
stability and control  
*not single shots!*

- > Staging and preserving beam quality
- > Acceleration of polarized beams

*Key challenges*



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Q=1.0 x 10<sup>10</sup>e- @ 15 kHz  
P<sub>MS final</sub> = 12 MW



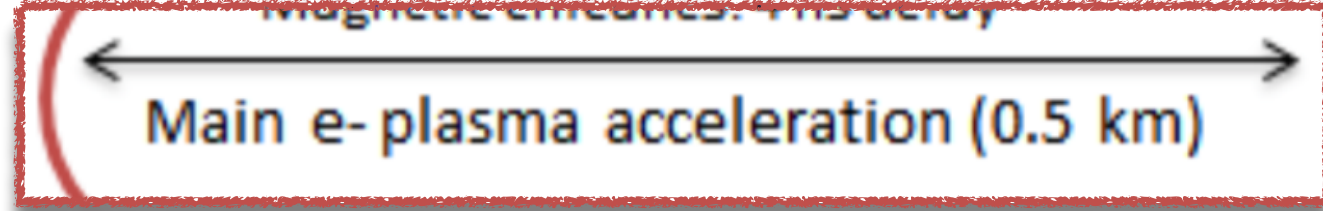
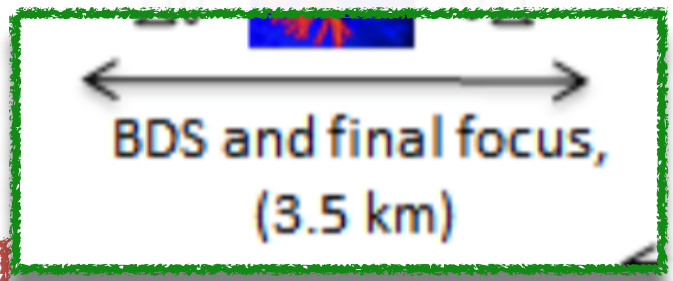
New concept for a PWFA-LC  
CW option with recirculation  
E<sub>max</sub> = 1 TeV, L=1.6x10<sup>24</sup>, T=1.0  
Absolutely not to scale



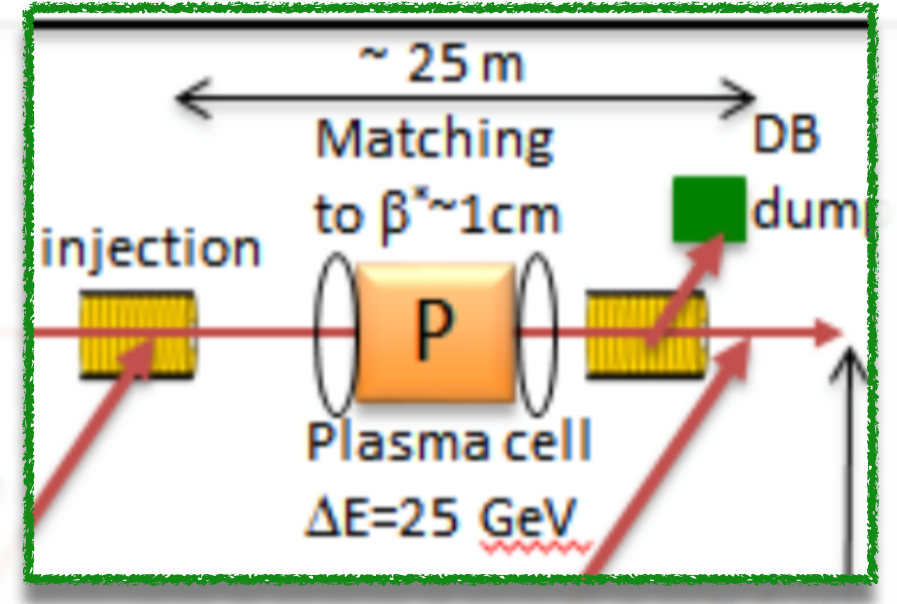
Main e+ beam (CW) :  
Q=1.0 x 10<sup>10</sup>e+ @ 15 kHz

### Appeal of plasma technology for HEP scales with cost: efficiency and average gradient

- > Average gradient reduced by size of final focus system



- > Average gradient reduced by coupling of stages



- > Develop plasma based optics

Key challenges



# How can FACET II help with these challenges?

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- Essential, not planned anywhere else
  - Positrons!
- Important contributions, supplemented by activities at ATF II, FLASHForward, SPARC\_Lab (+ LWFA labs, e.g. BELLA)
  - Beam quality (emittance, energy spread)
  - Beam quality preservation, in-coupling & extraction (+ simultaneous efficiency)
  - Plasma optics
  - Wall plug efficiency
- Not planned (to my knowledge)
  - High average power, thermal management → requires superconducting machine (maybe at FLASHForward)
  - True staging (for PWFA)
  - Polarized beams



# Mission and goals of FLASHForward▶▶

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- FLASHForward is
- > a fully approved DESY project since July 2014
  - > an extension to the FLASH FEL facility
  - > a new beamline for beam-driven plasma wakefield accelerator research

- Mission
- > to demonstrate beam quality from a plasma-based wakefield accelerator suitable for first applications in photon science as a stepping stone towards high-energy physics applications

- Scientific goals
- > the characterization of **externally injected** electron beams and their controlled release from a wakefield accelerator with **energies > 2.0 GeV** ( $\rightarrow$  *phase I*)
  - > the exploration of novel **in-plasma beam-generation**<sup>1</sup> and acceleration techniques to provide **> 1.6 GeV energy, < 100 nm transverse normalized emittance, fs duration, and > 1 kA current** electron bunches ( $\rightarrow$  *phase I*)
  - > **to demonstrate free-electron laser** gain with these beams at wavelengths on the few-nanometer scale ( $\rightarrow$  *phase II*)

<sup>1</sup> A. Martinez de la Ossa *et al.*, “High-Quality Electron Beams from Beam-Driven Plasma Accelerators by Wakefield-Induced Ionization Injection”, Physical Review Letters **111**, 245003 (2013)  
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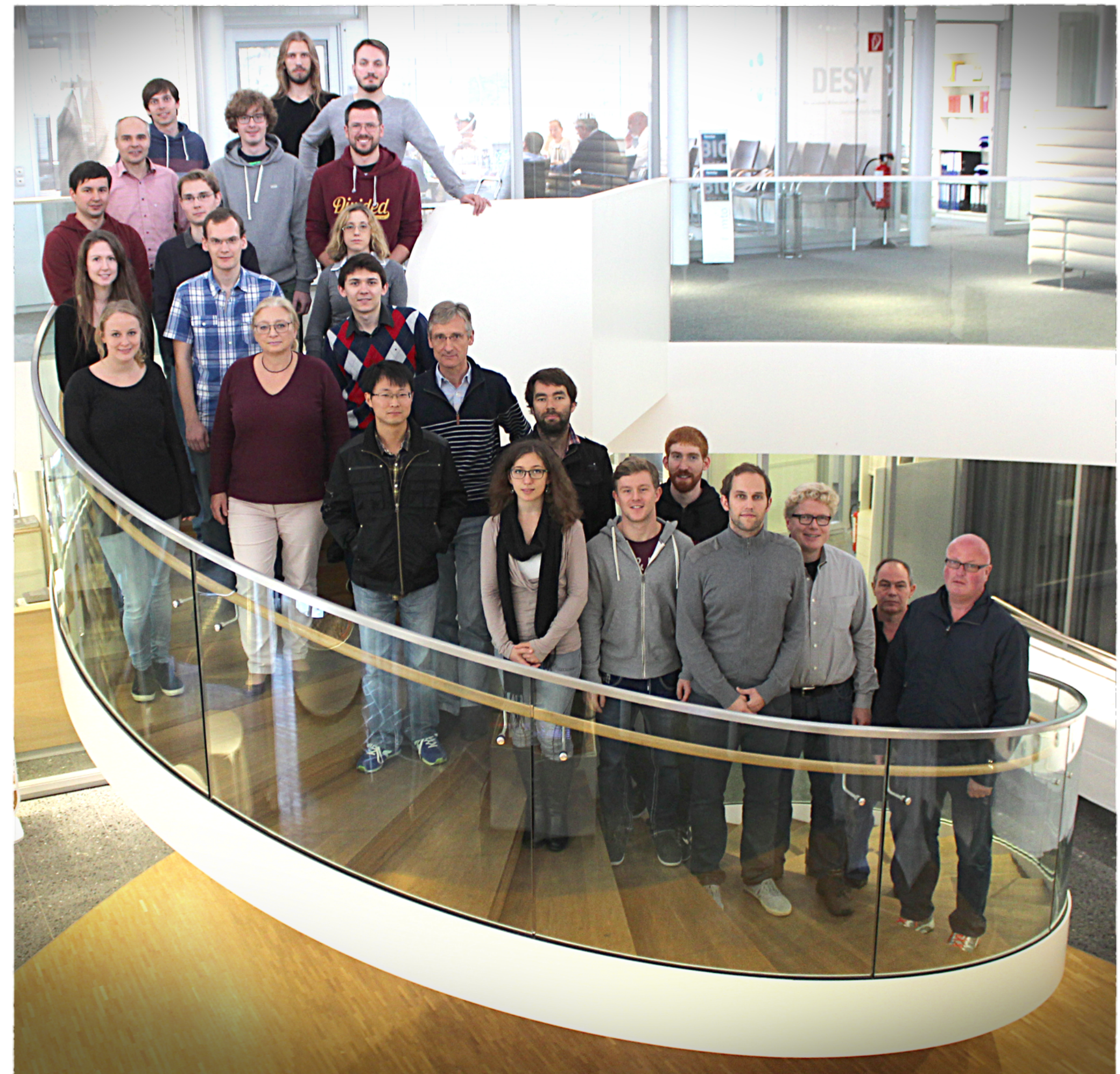
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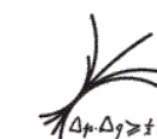
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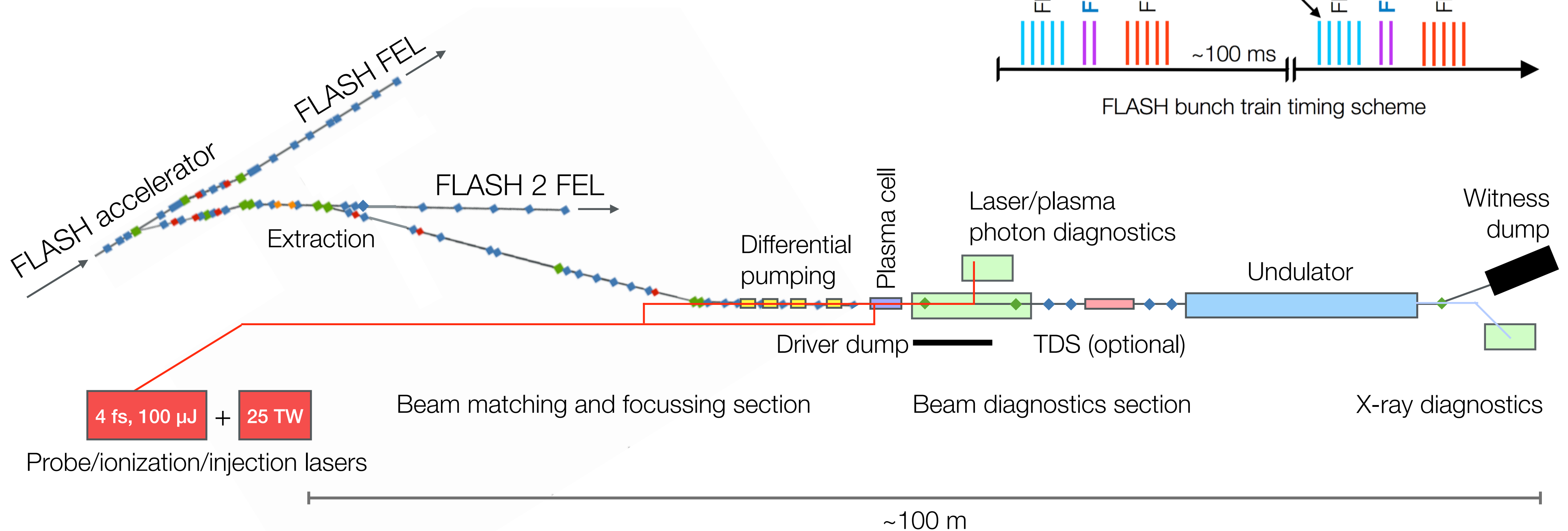


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# FLASHForward ▶▶ beamline overview



## Capabilities of FLASH beams for FLASHForward

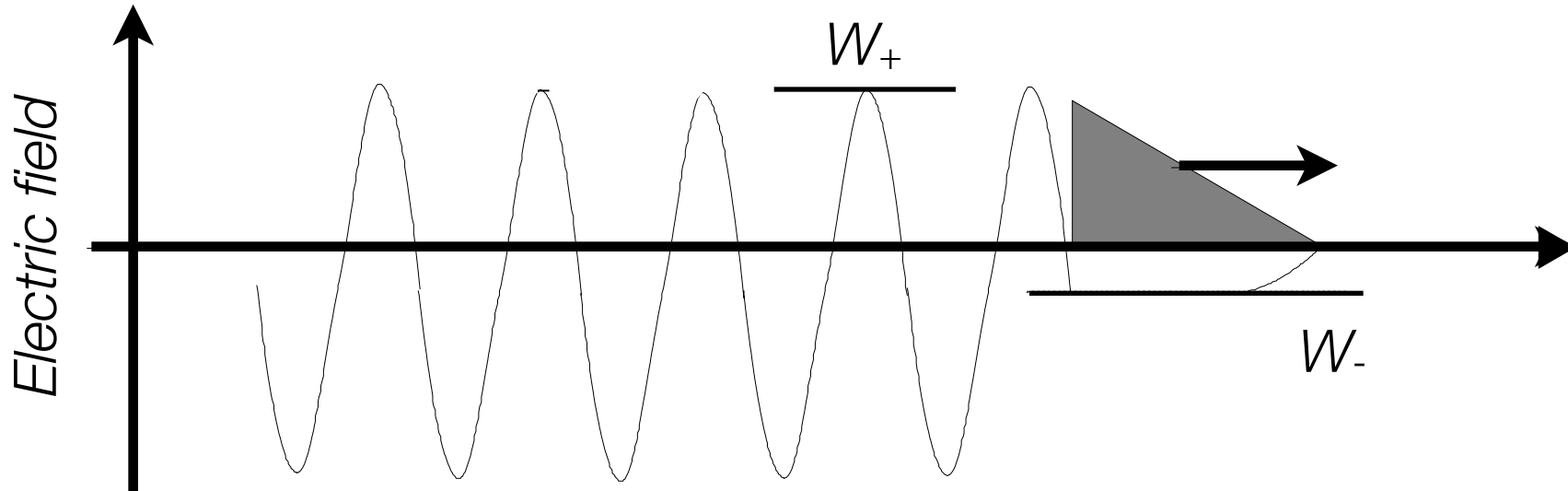
- FEL-quality ( $\sim 1.25$  GeV,  $\sim 0.1\%$  energy spread,  $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$  transverse norm. emittance), simultaneous with FLASH and FLASH 2
- Variable longitudinal beam shape (e.g. Gaussian, triangular), multi-kA peak current
- Sophisticated laser-to-beam synchronization for diagnostics/laser-triggered injection schemes
- 10 Hz repetition rate with up to 2 bunches at  $1 \mu\text{s}$  separation + optional witness beam at  $\sim 100$  fs separation (tunable)



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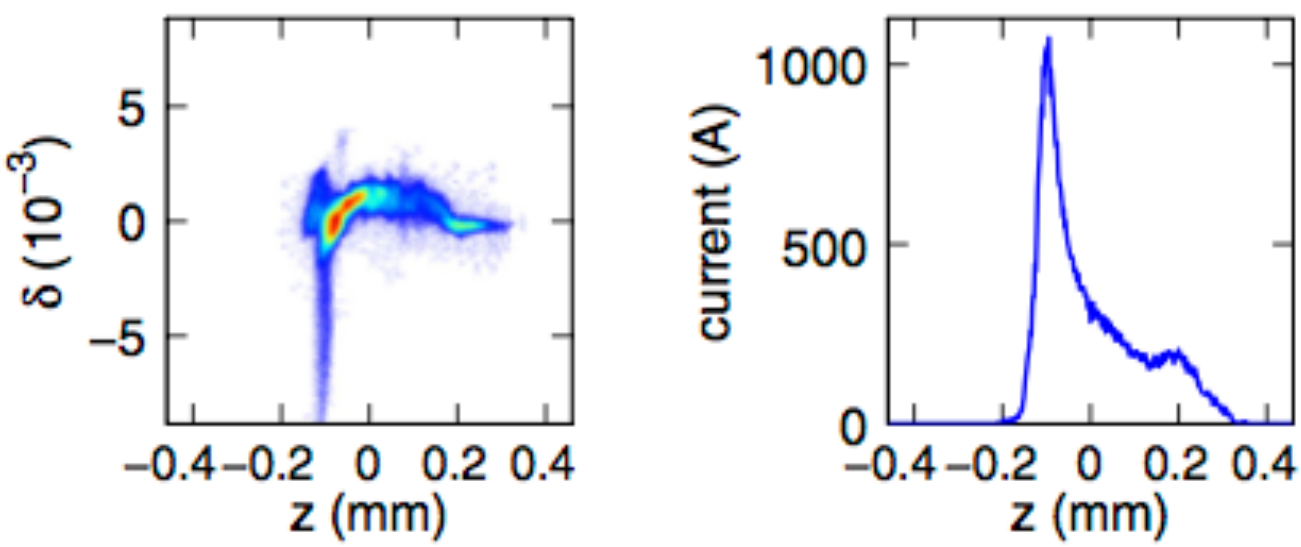
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- > triangular current profile
- > mode of operation demonstrated in Piot *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 034801 (2012)
- > pulse-shaping realized by 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic RF cavity



from J.G.Power *et al.*, PAC Proceedings 115 (2001)

- > maximum energy gain of a witness beam  $\Delta E_W = R \times E_D$
- > theoretical max. transformer ratio  $R = W_+ / W_-$



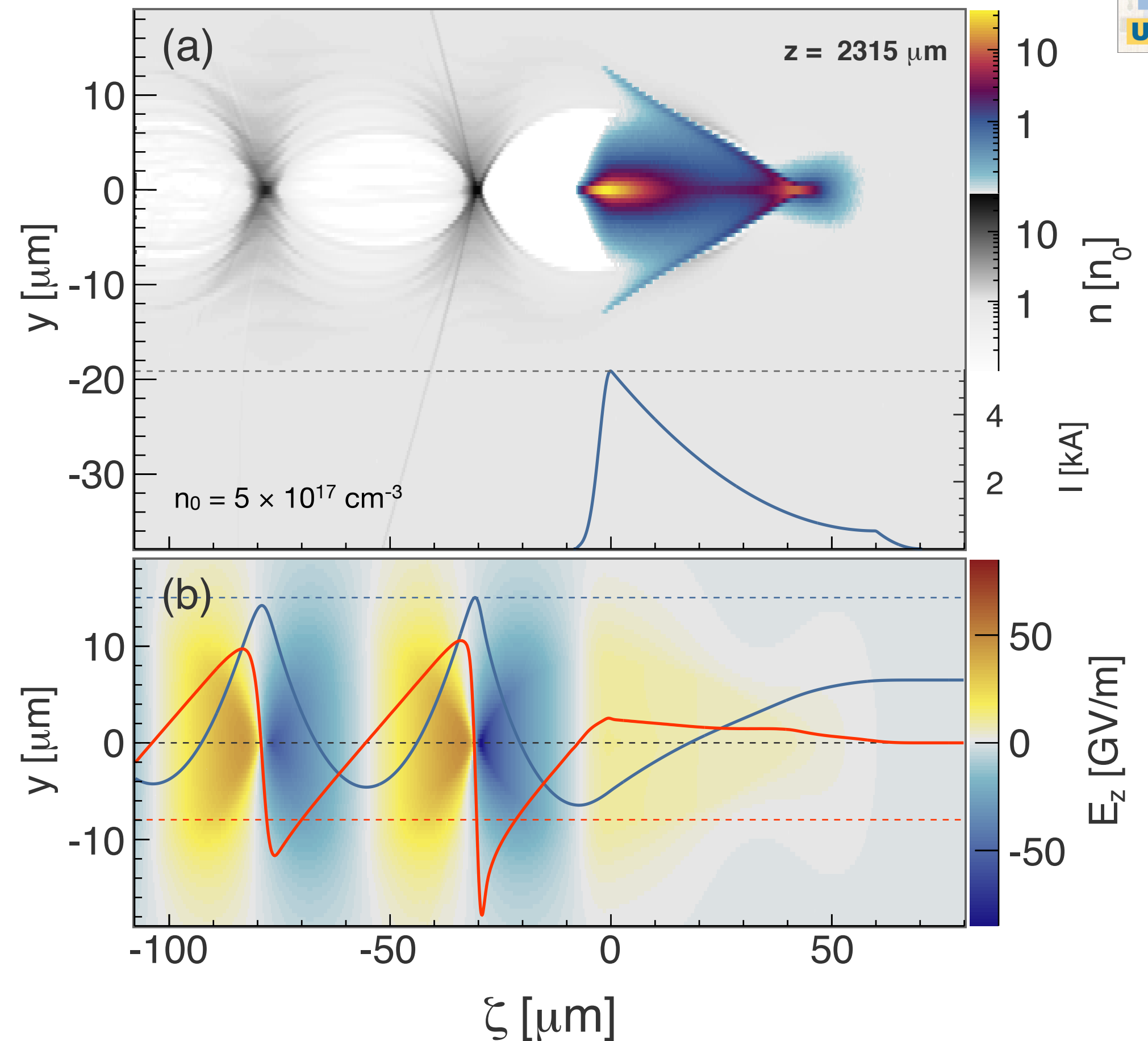
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## From OSIRIS 3D PIC simulations

- maximum transformer ratio of ~6
- 50 GV/m peak field strength
- boosting the energy of a witness beam to ~5 GeV in less than 10 cm seems feasible





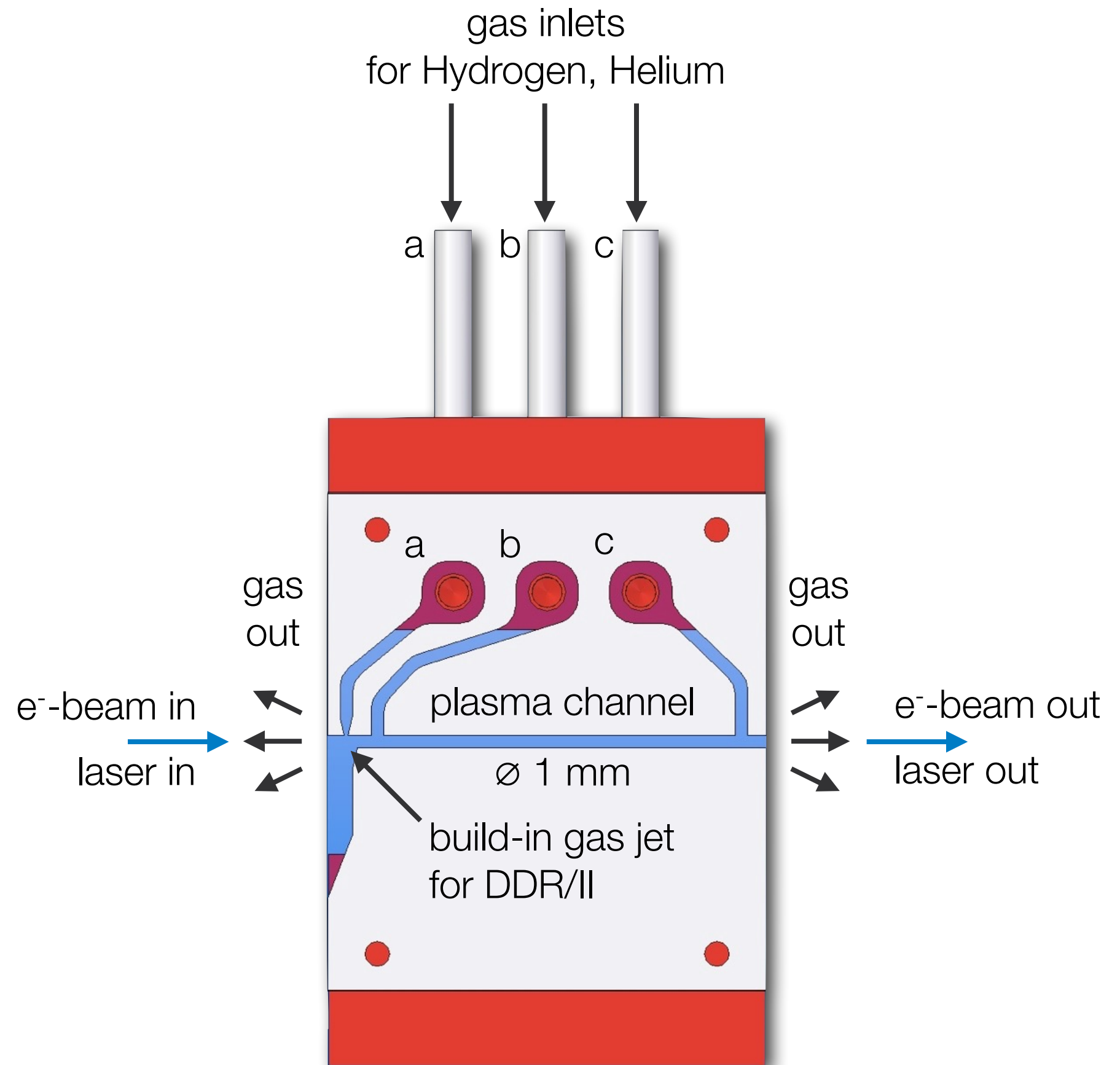
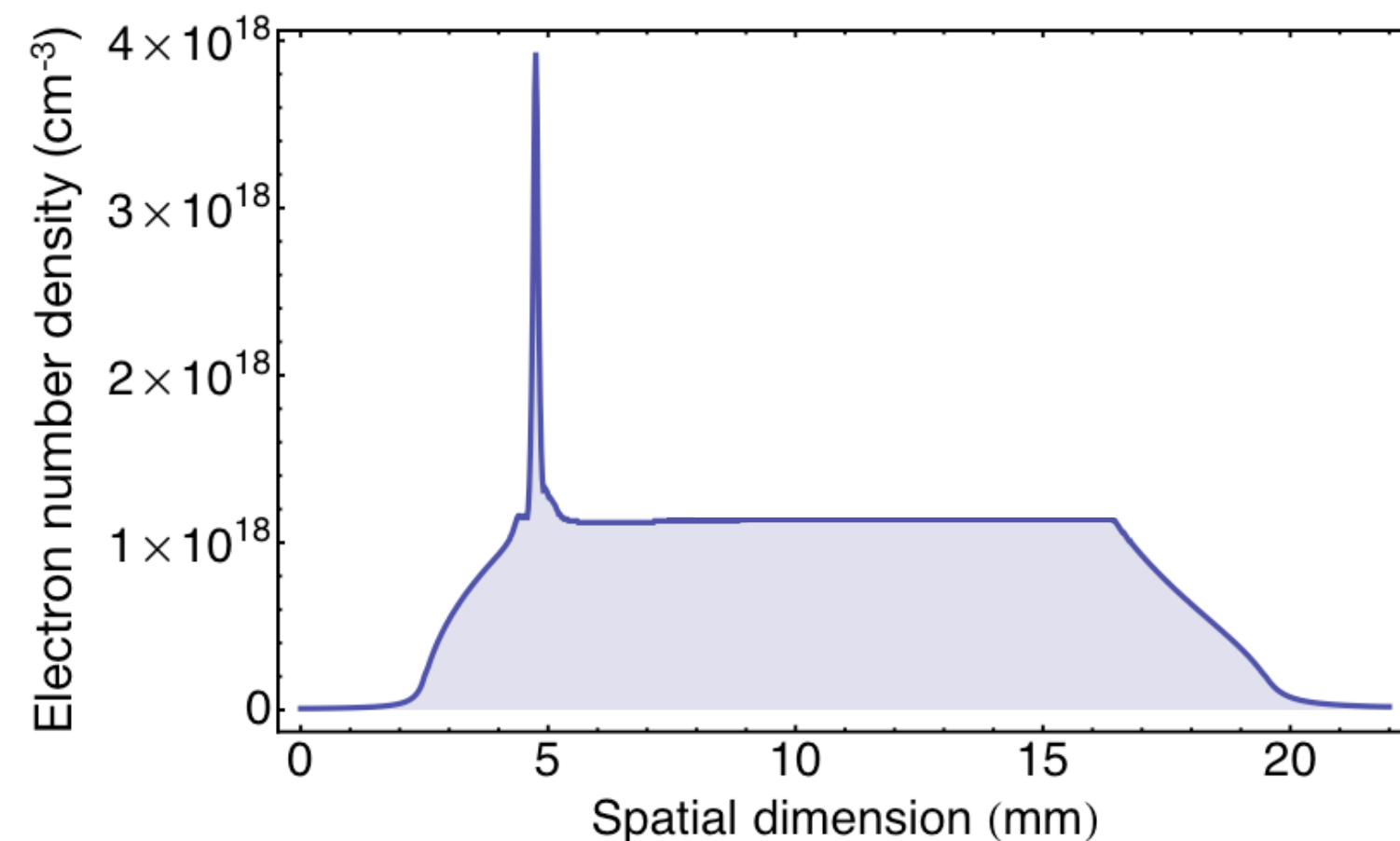
# Plasma-cell design supports PWFA-injection schemes and emittance preservation

scheme by L. Schaper (DESY), N. Delbos, A. Maier (UHH)

## Design

- window-less to avoid emittance growth
- compatible with plasma creation by ionization laser, electric discharge, or beam electric fields
- transverse laser probing possible
- redundant installation inside vacuum chamber possible
- source operated from  $10^{14}$  to  $10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

- example longitudinal density profile, short cell

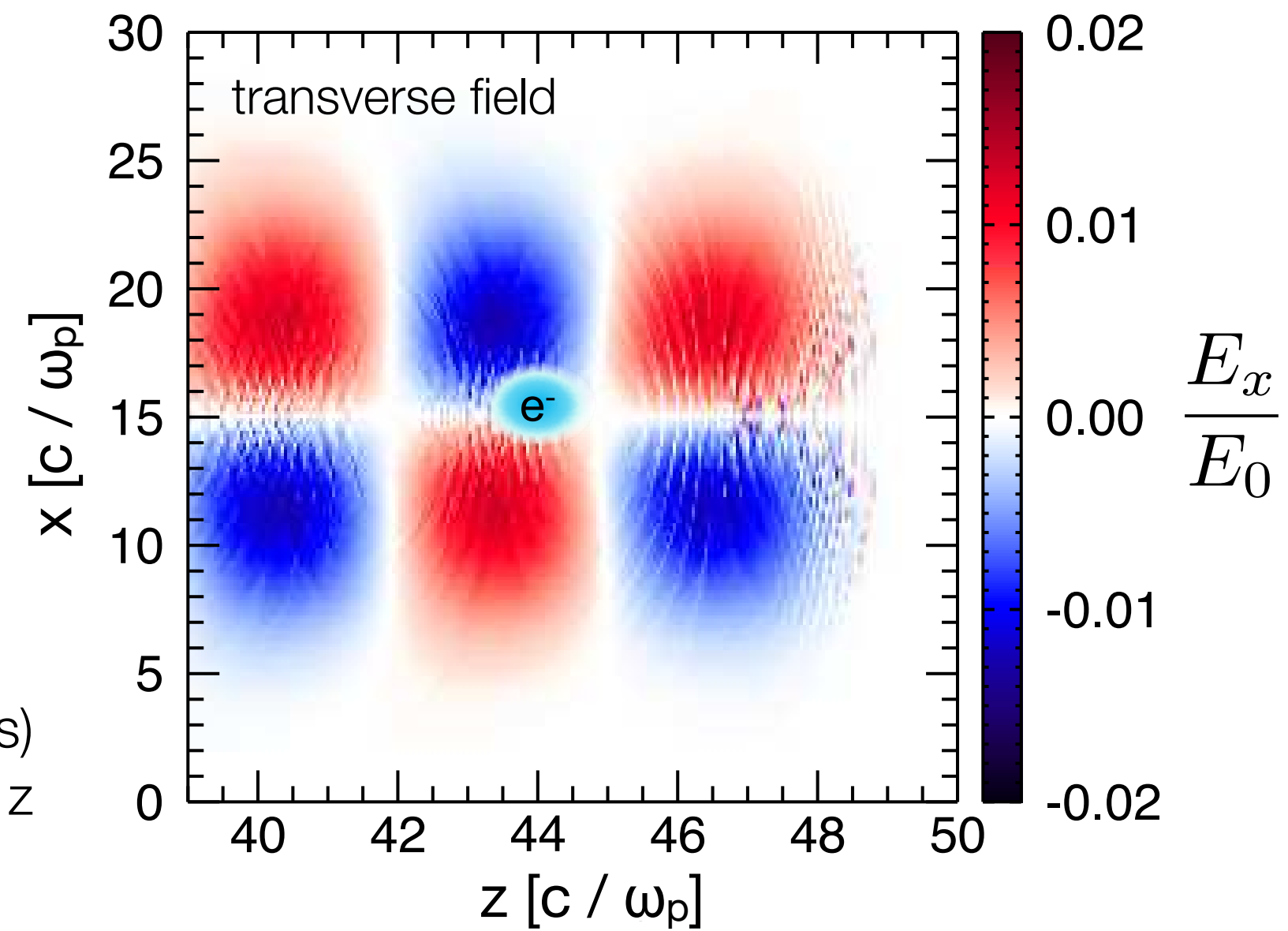


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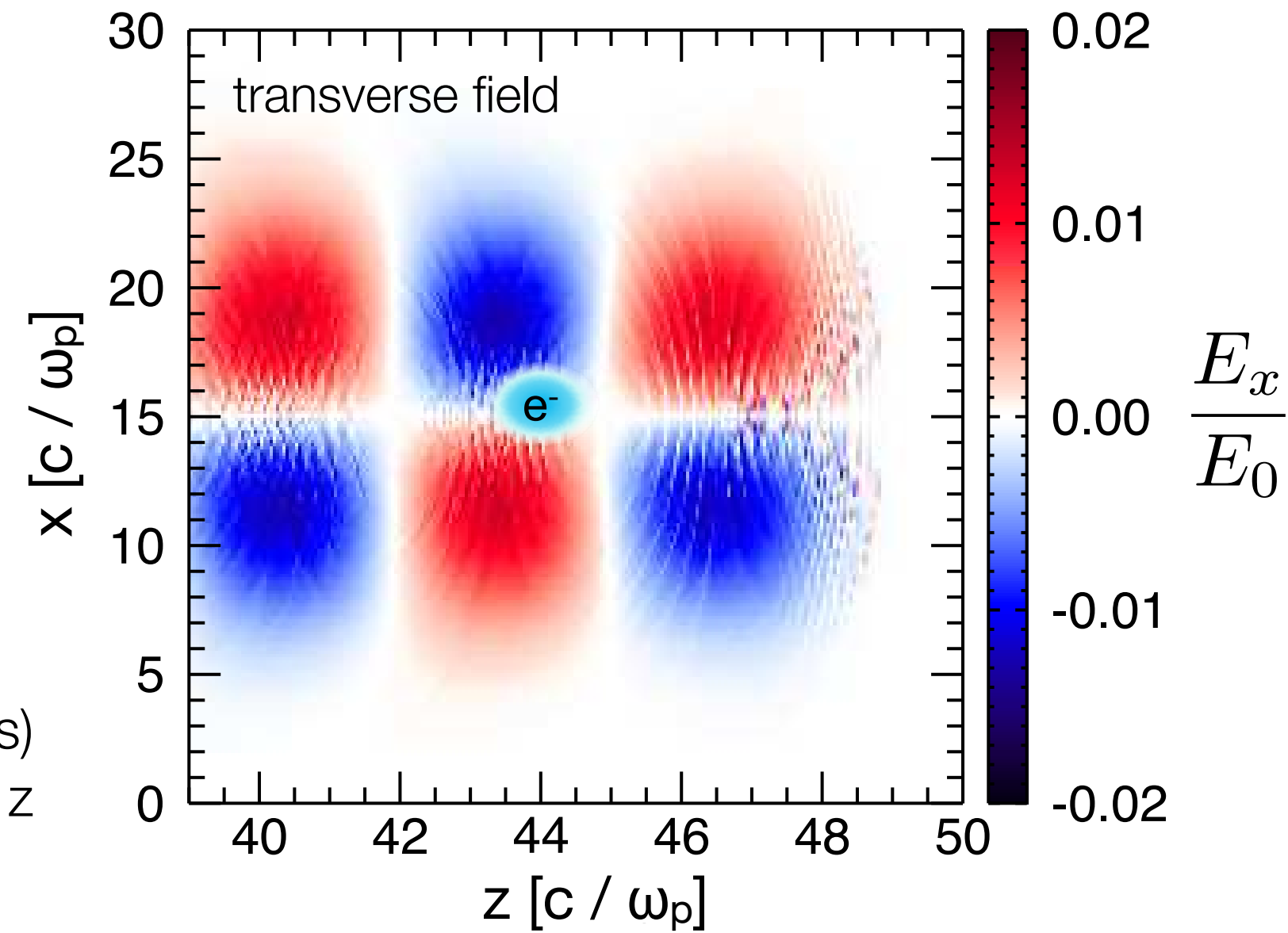


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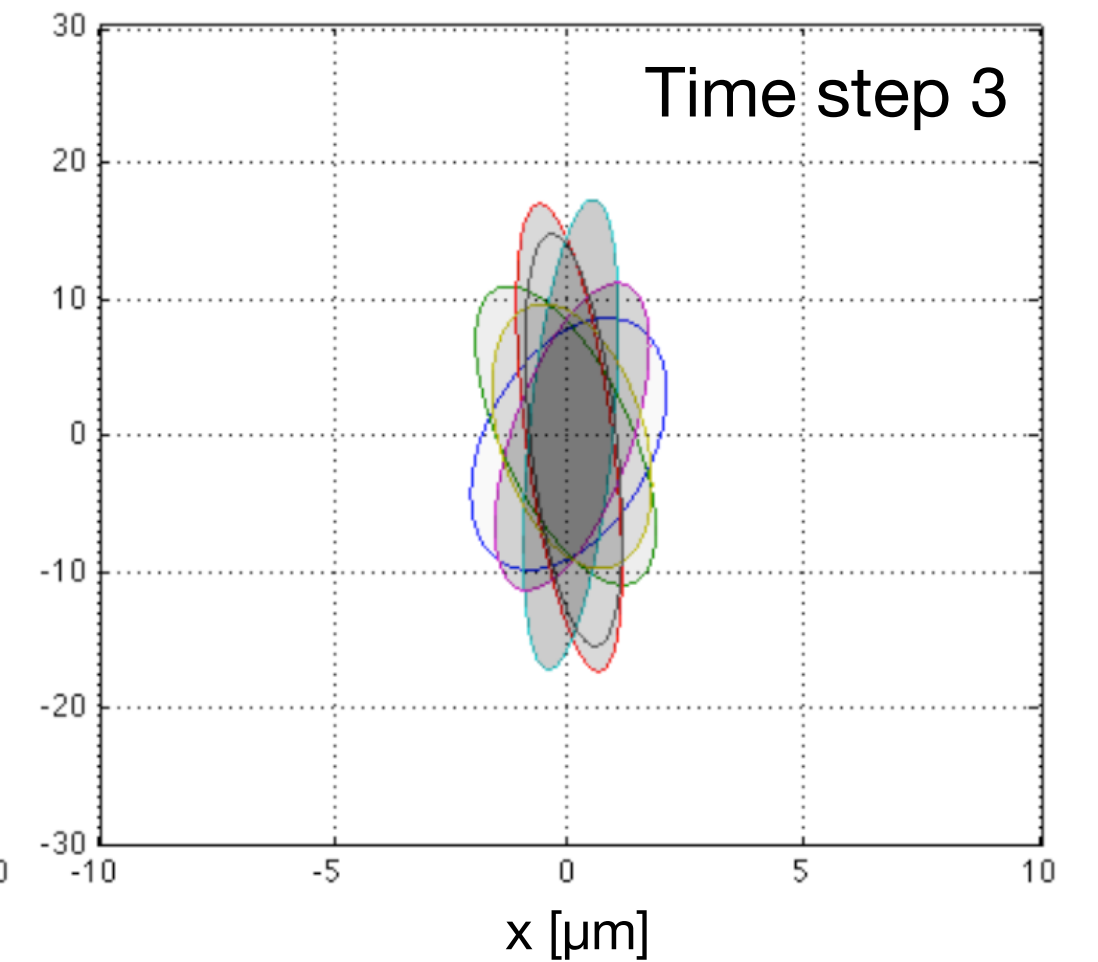
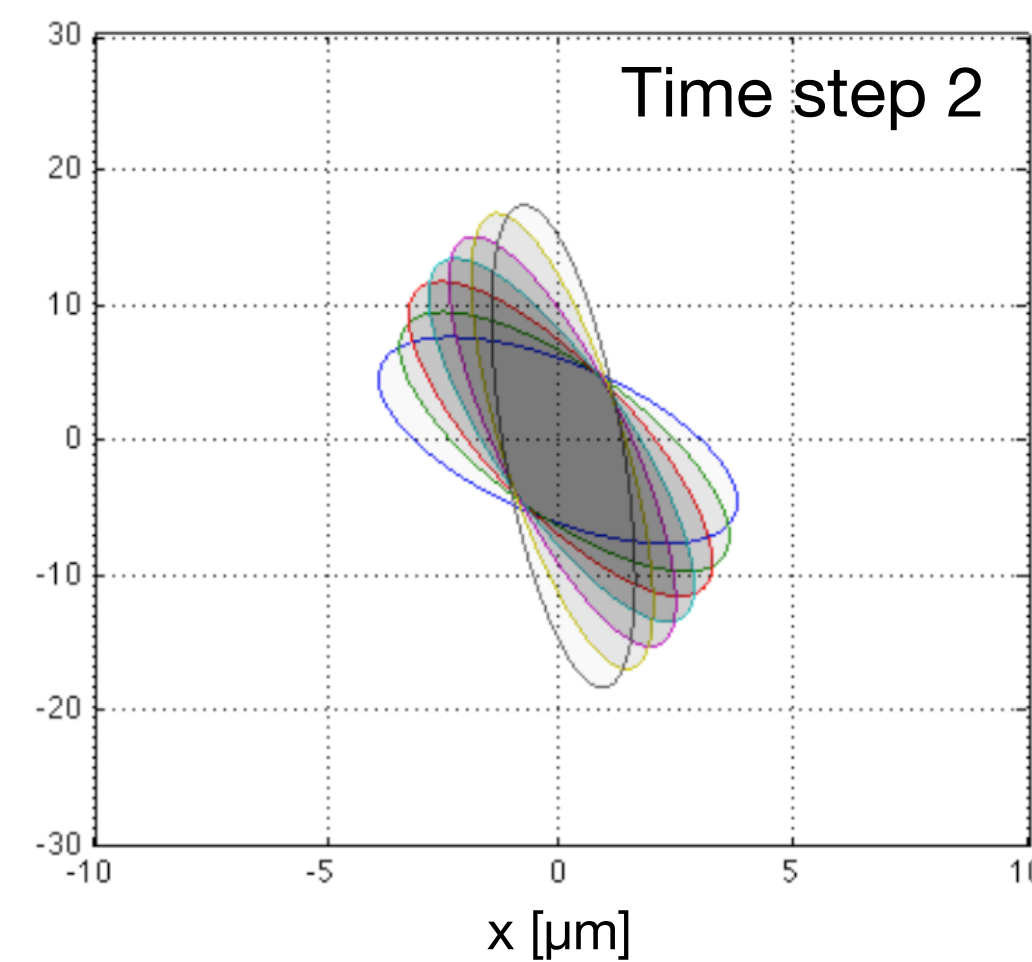
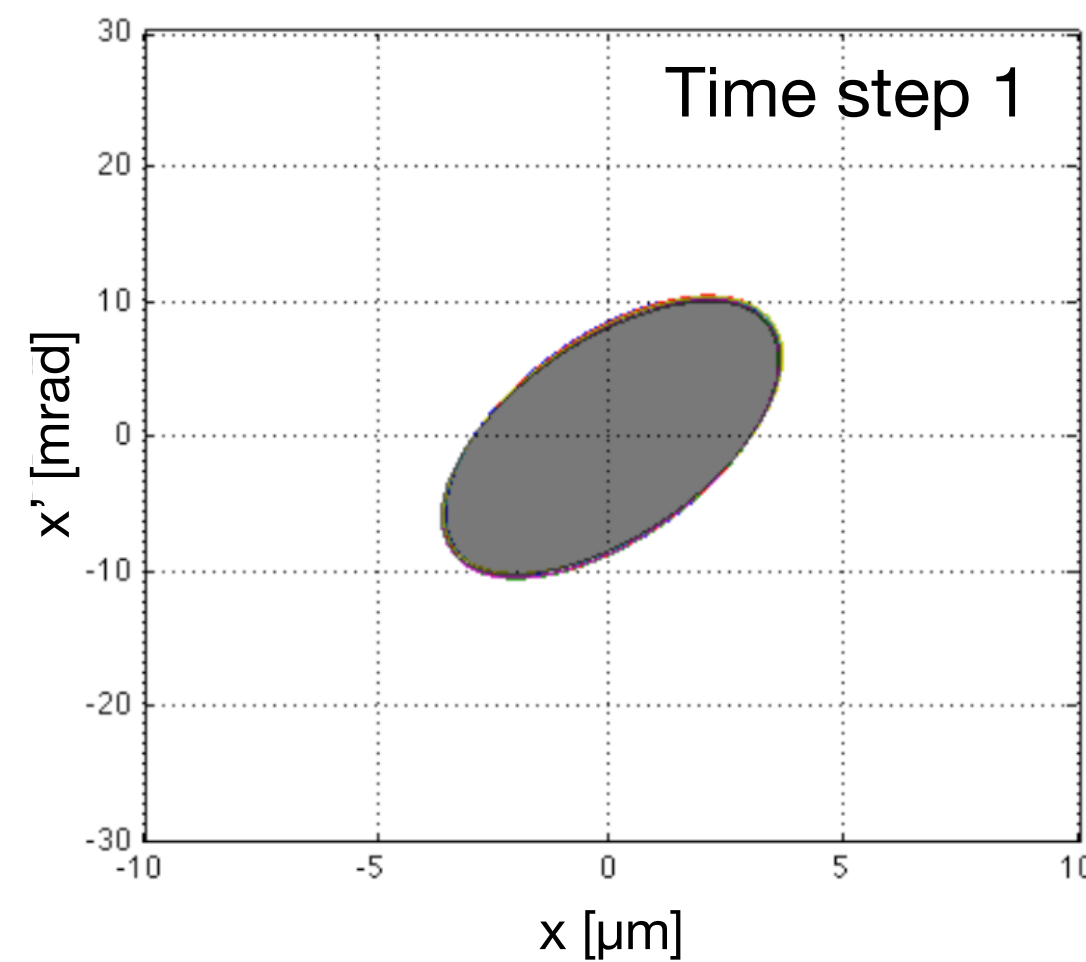
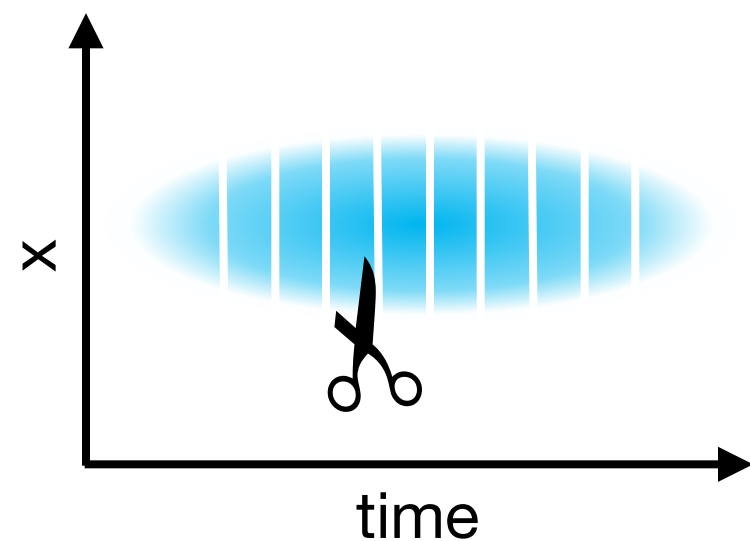
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Slice rotation speeds vary  
along electron bunch





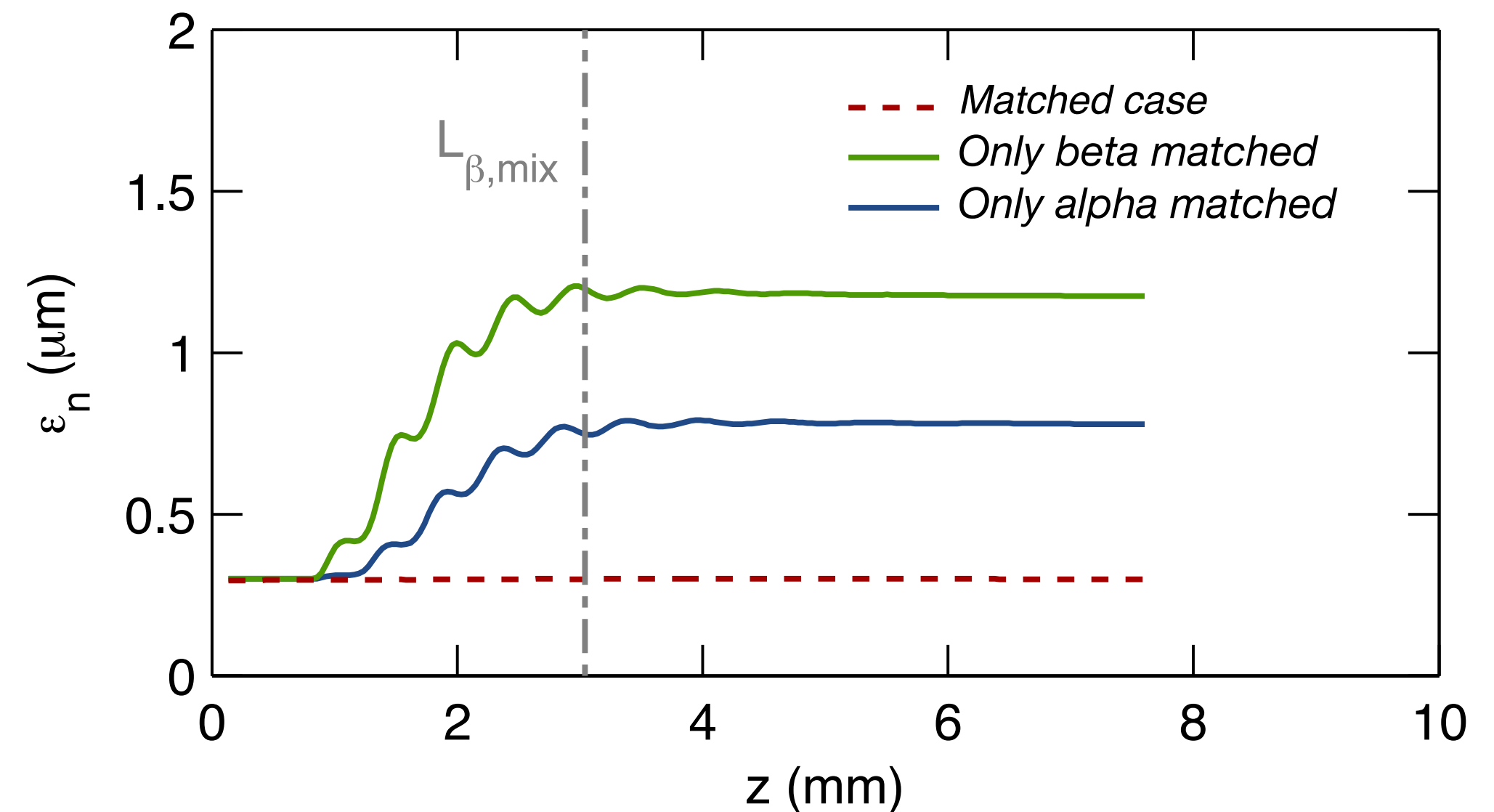
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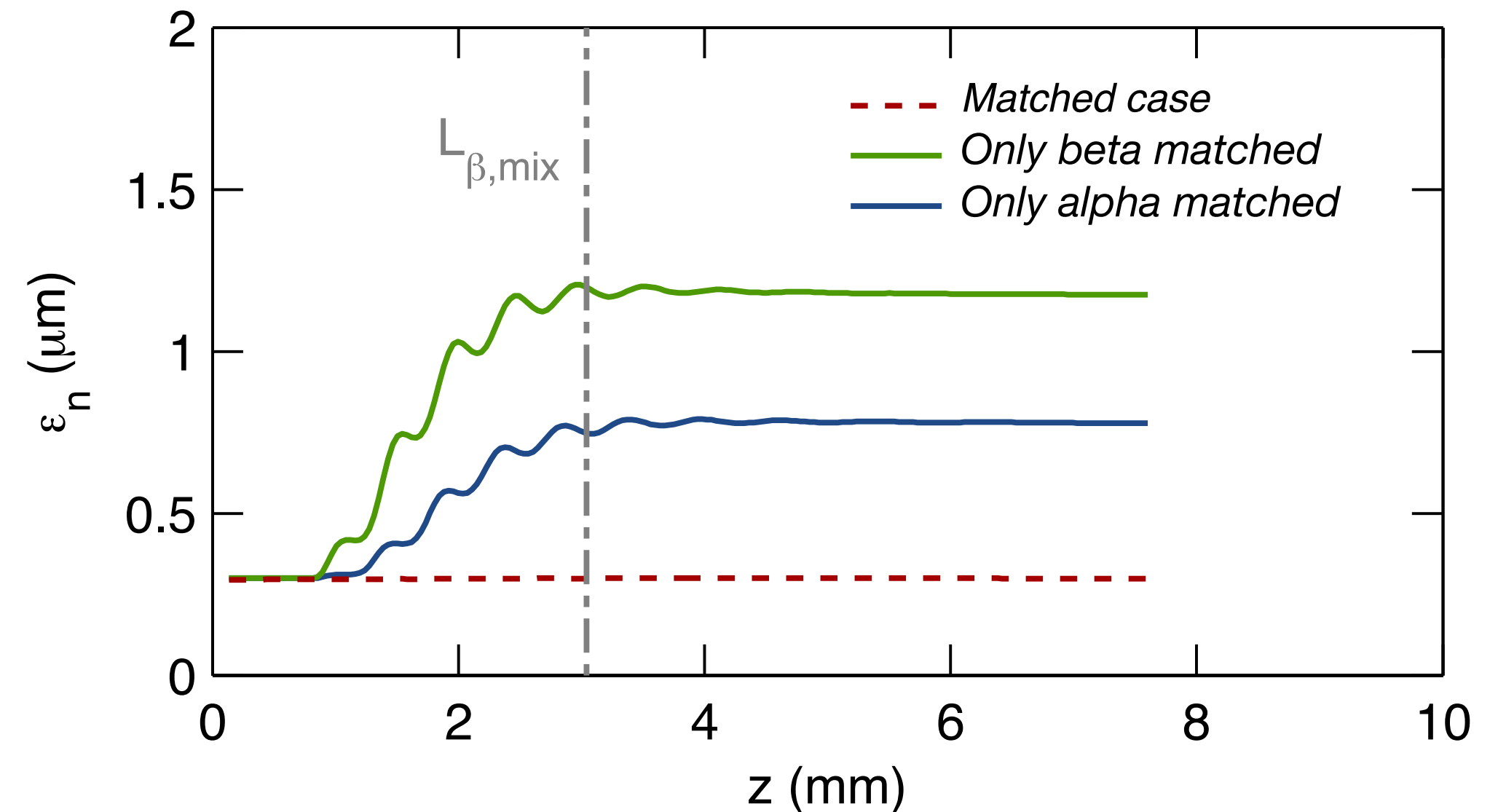
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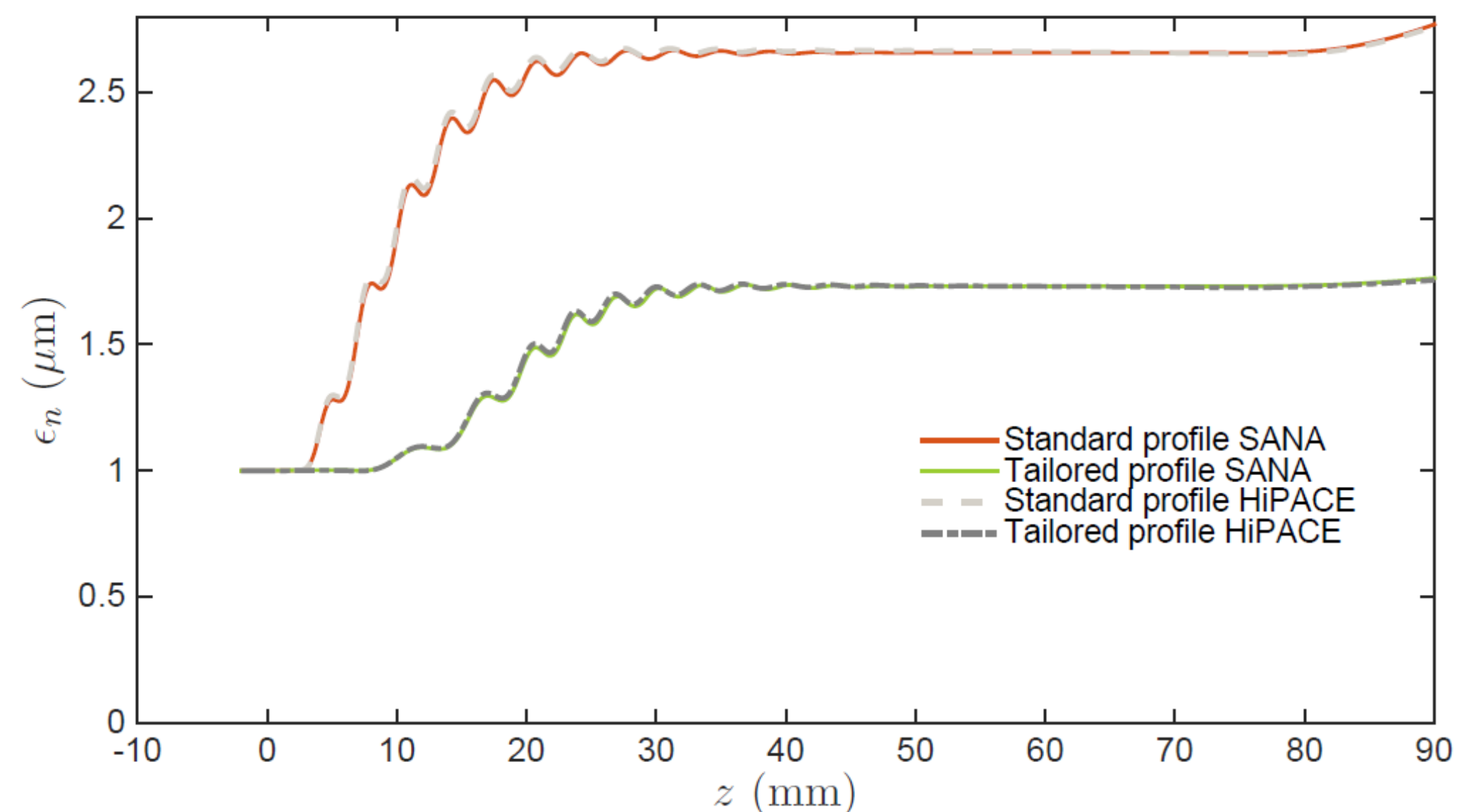
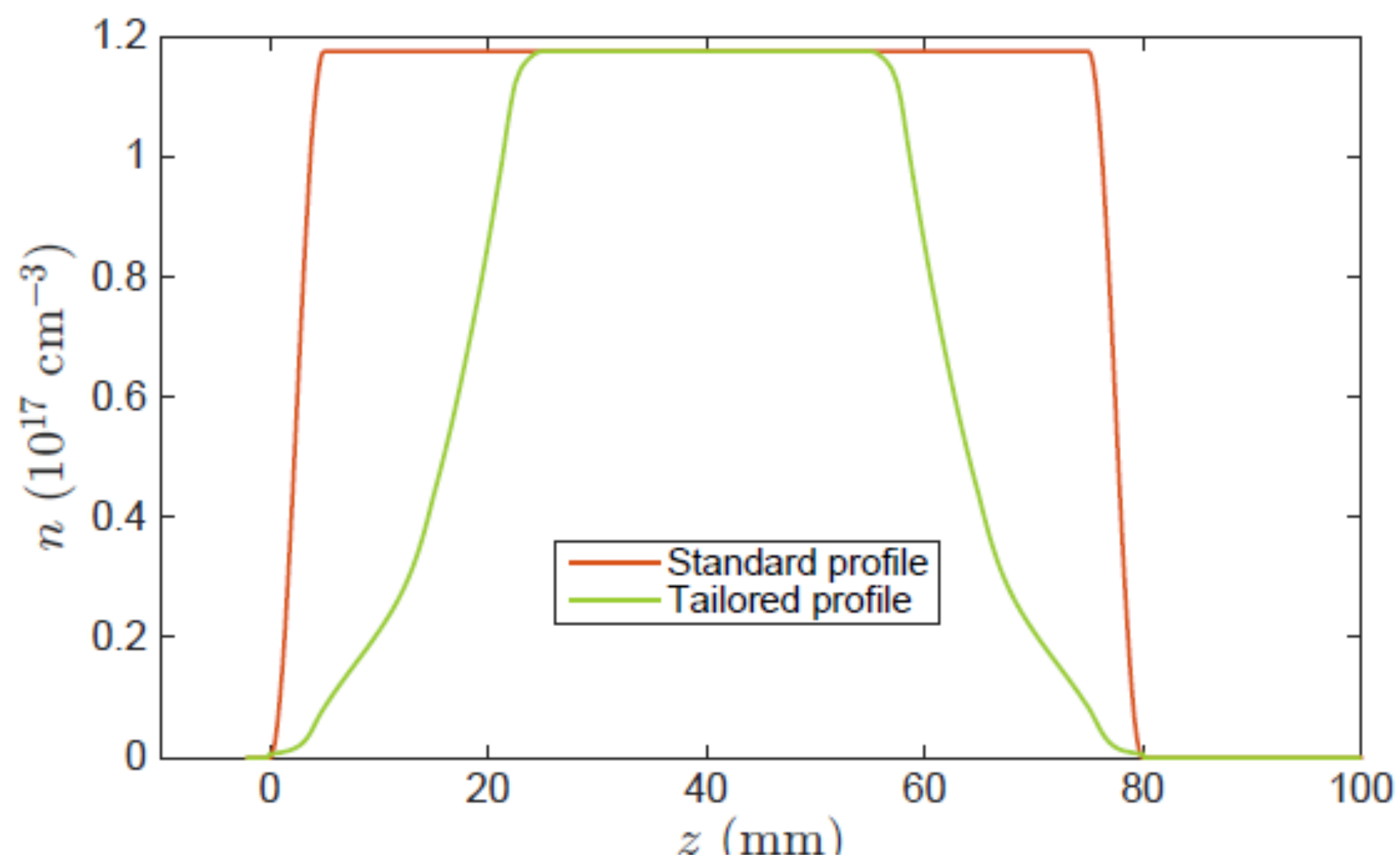
Plasma optics to maintain average gradient?



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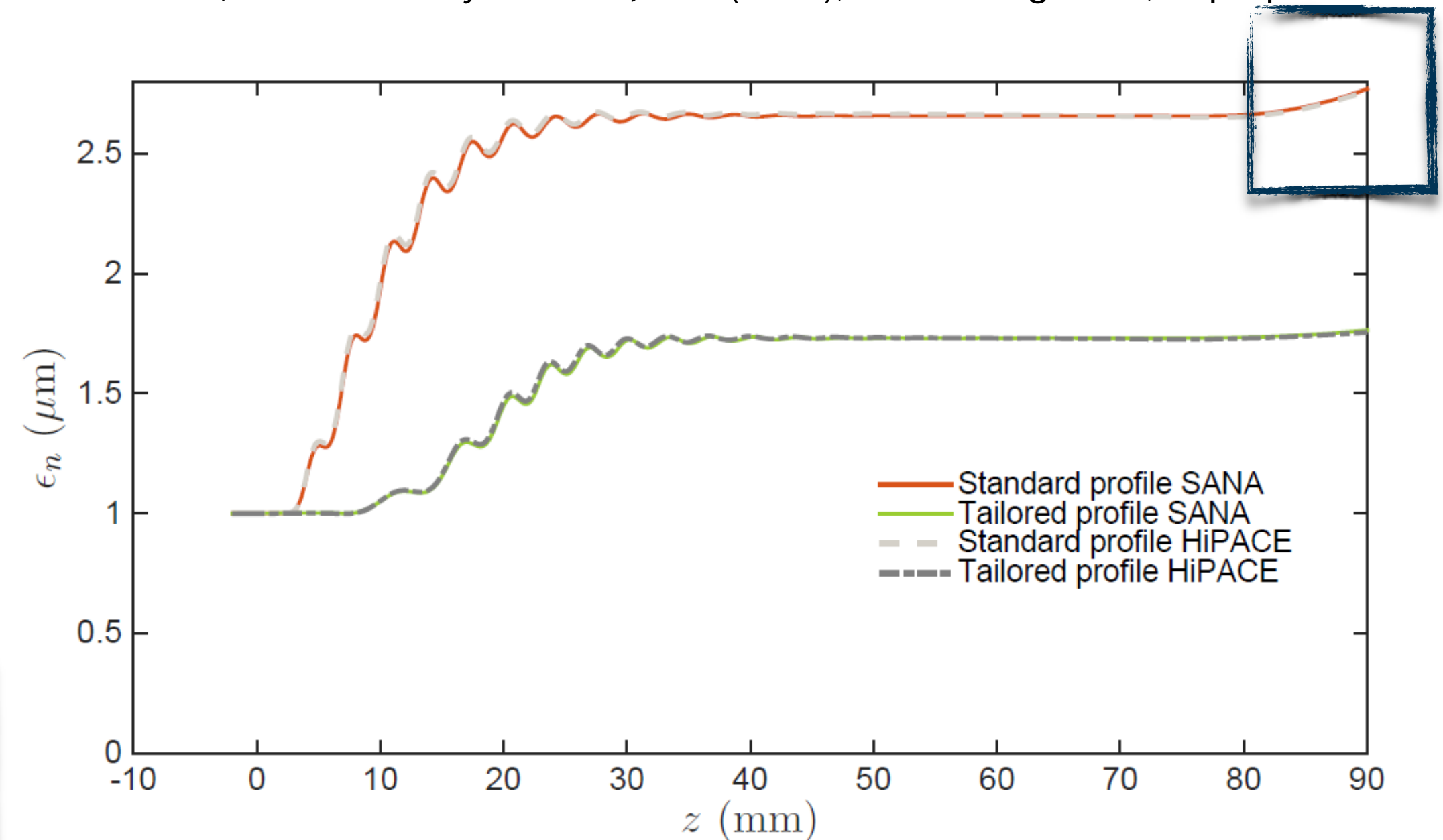
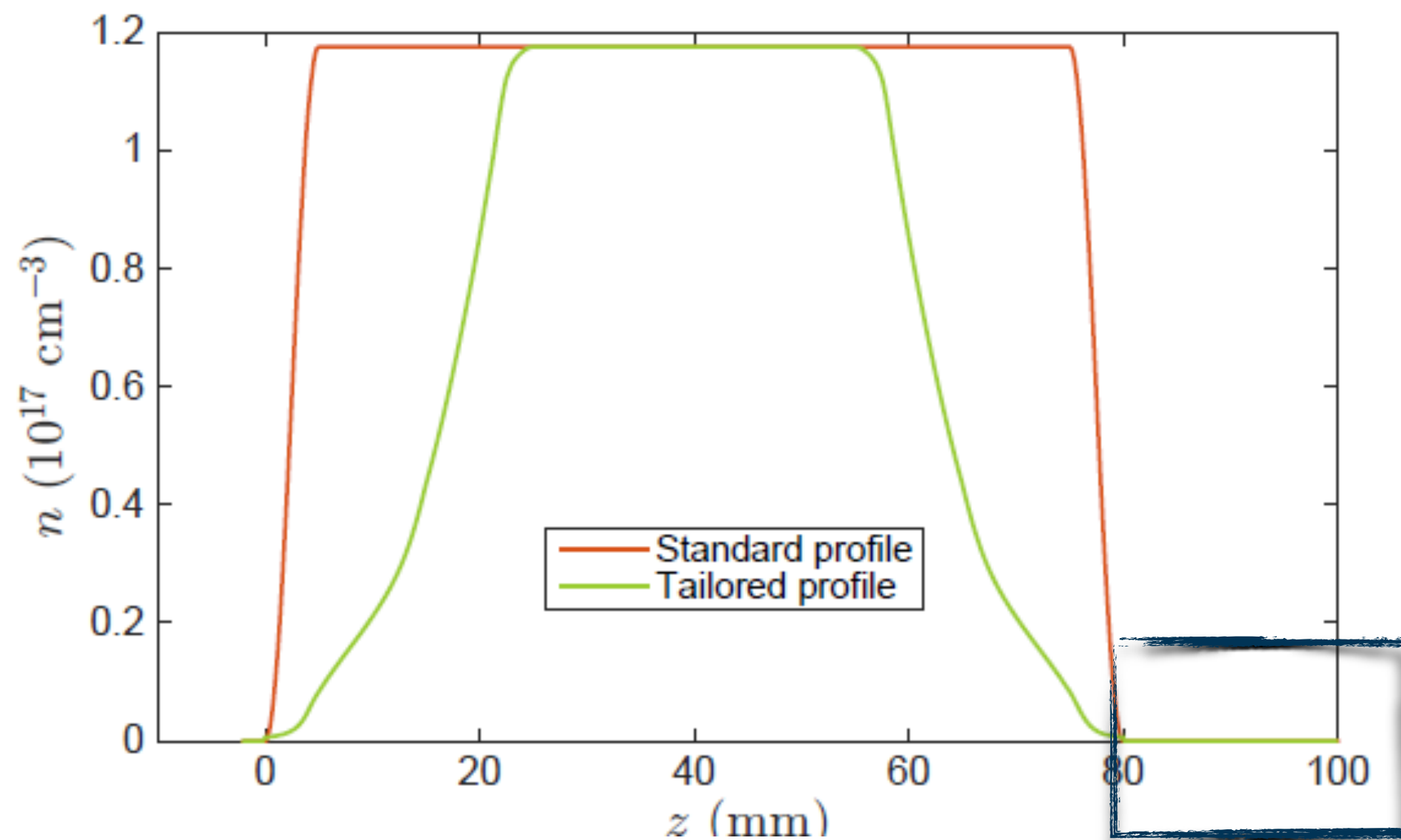
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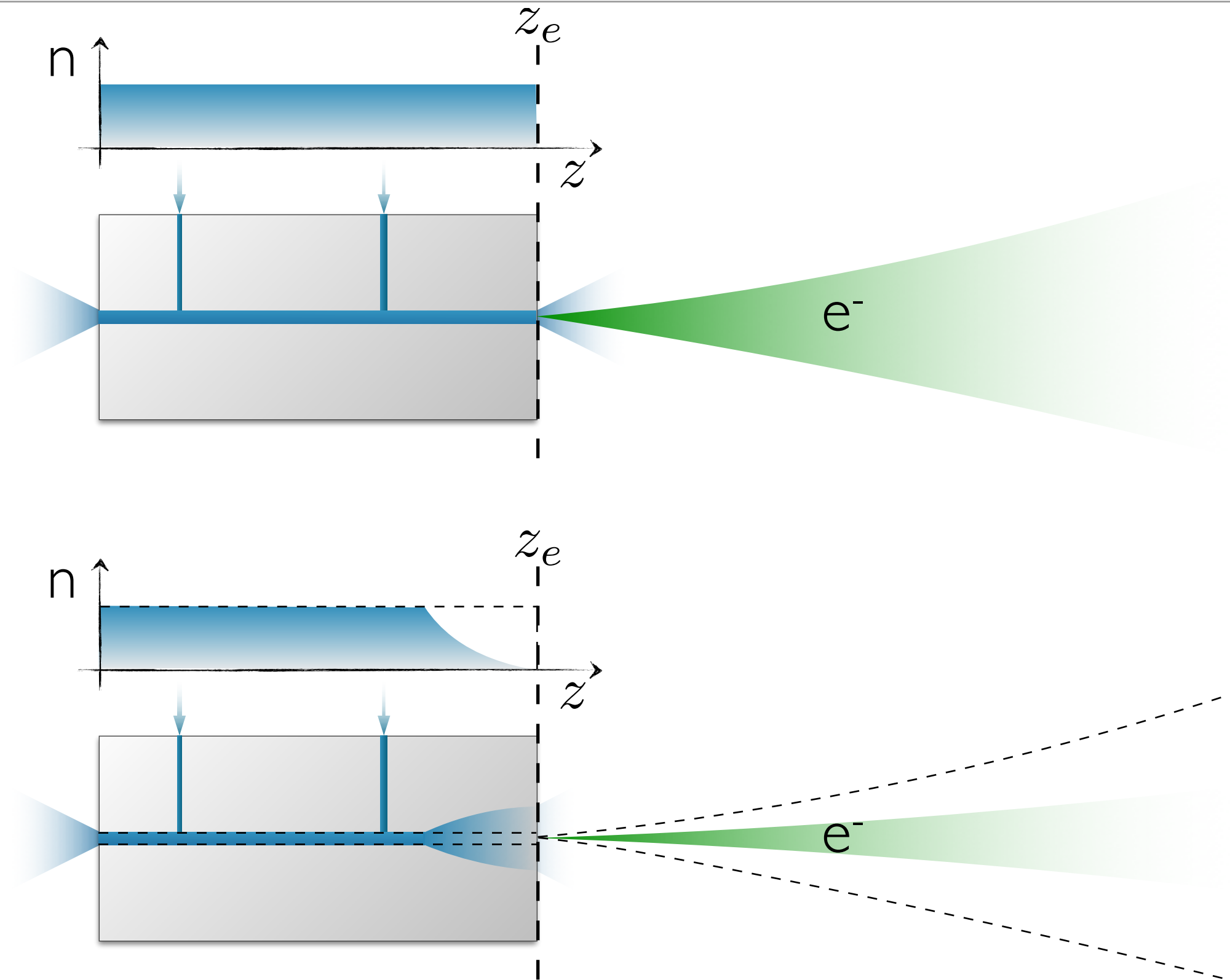
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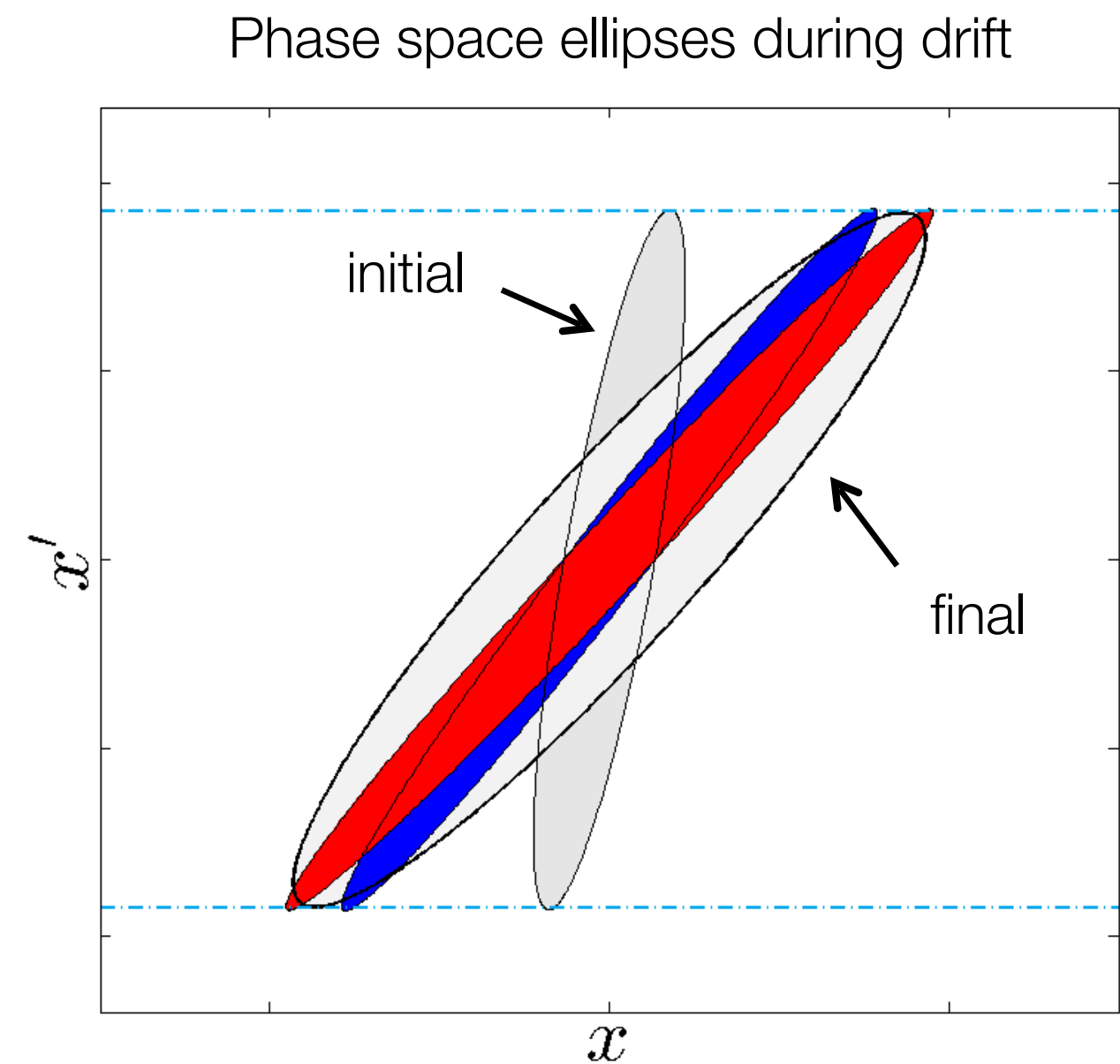


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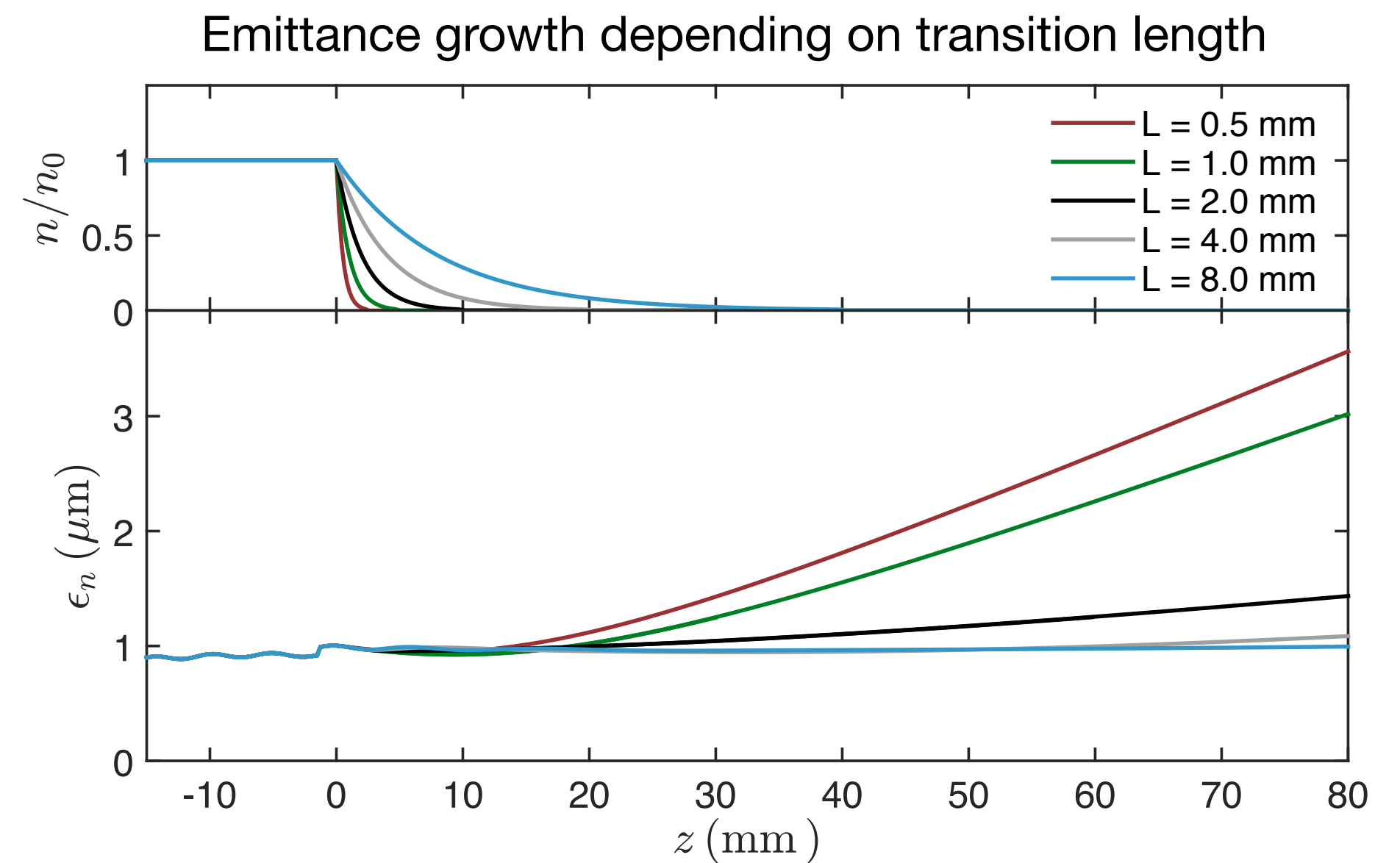
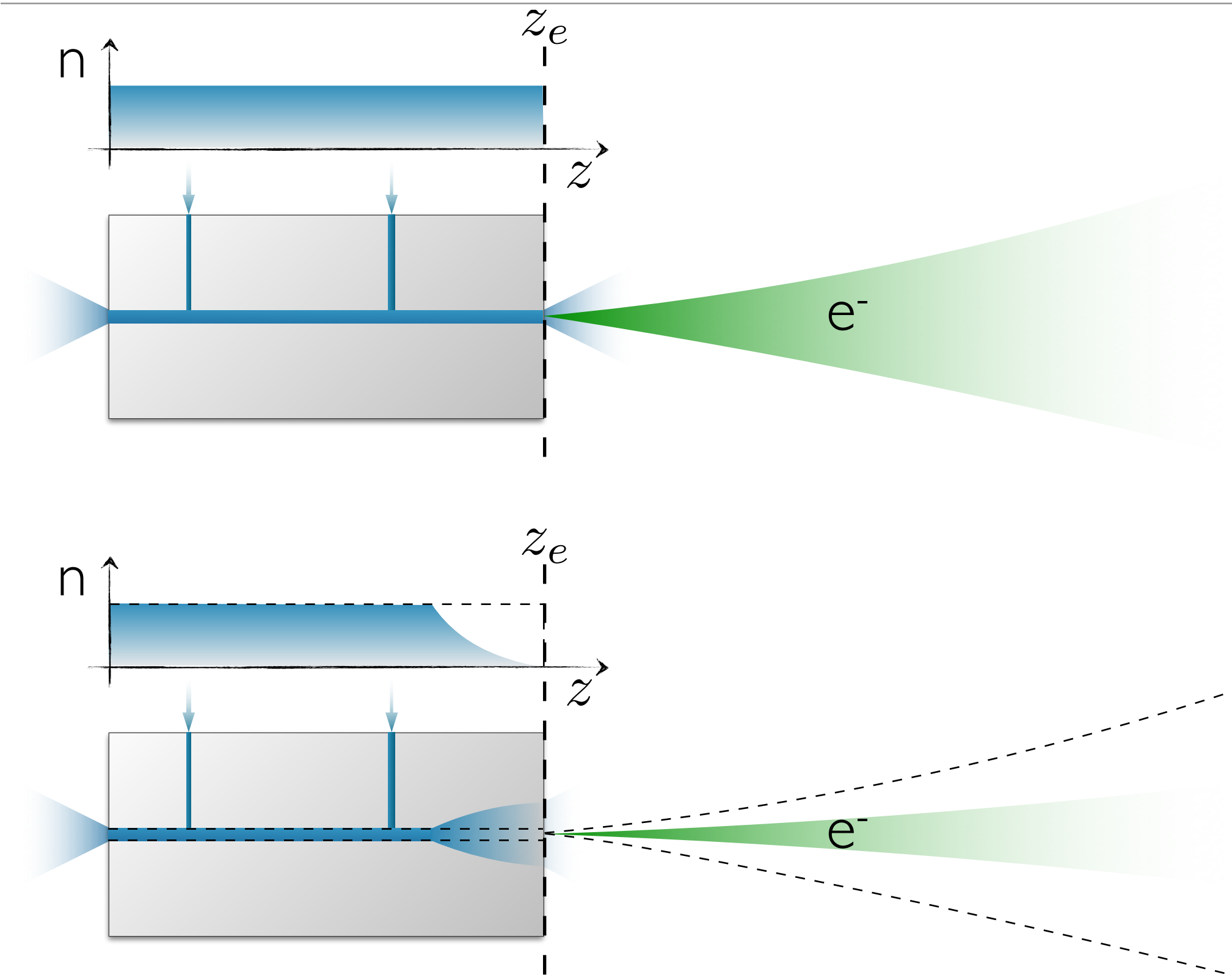
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  - small beta function, mrad divergence
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$$\varepsilon_n^2 \cong \langle \gamma \rangle^2 \cdot (\sigma_E^2 \sigma_{x'}^4 s^2 + \varepsilon^2)$$

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➤ Plasma-to-vacuum transition  $\gg$  beta for emittance preservation



# Summary

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- > Beam-driven plasma wakefield accelerators are an interesting option for future HEP applications
- > Critical to have a programmatic, coordinated approach (best: worldwide)
- > Plasma technology faces many challenges before plasma-based colliders become reality. We need to demonstrate
  - high beam quality
  - at high average power
  - with high wall plug efficiency
  - for electrons and positrons
  - with beam quality incl. polarization being maintained in multiple stages
  - operated under stable and controllable conditions

**Goal:** plasma accelerator research → usable plasma accelerators

- > Money is important!
  - plasma accelerators/plasma optics allow to increase average gradient, reduce length
  - high efficiency to lower operation cost

**Key challenge:** plasma technology needs to be less costly than conventional schemes to be competitive