

# Beam-Plasma Interactions for Particle Acceleration and Basic Studies at

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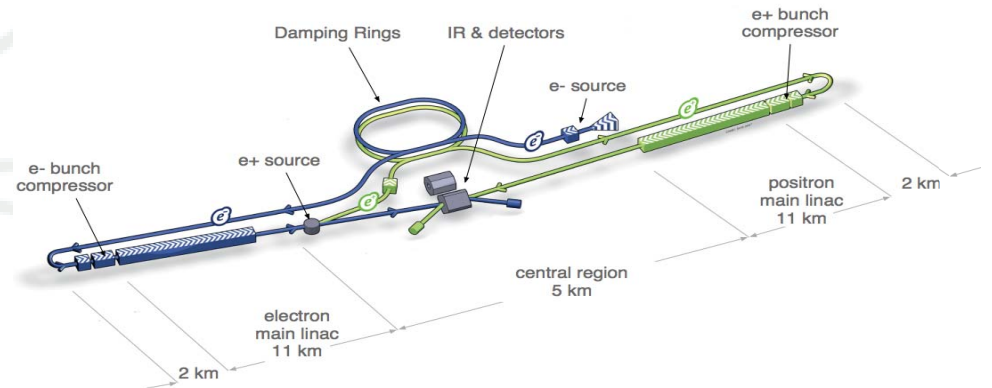
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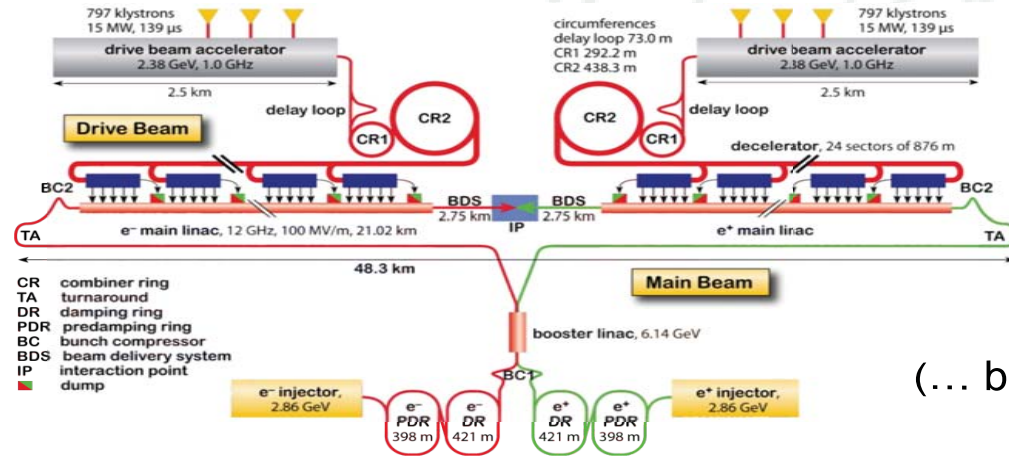
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The future is ...



... large and larger ...

(... because of higher and higher energies)



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Hadron accelerators  
energy limited by magnetic field:

$$r_{Larmor} = \frac{\gamma mc}{qB_0} = r_{accelerator}$$

$B_0 \sim 8\text{T}$  for LHC  
( $p^+$ , 7TeV, C=27km)

$B_0 \sim 16\text{T}$  for FCC  
( $p^+$ , 50TeV, C=100km)



SLC  
FACET

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Light particles (e<sup>-</sup>/e<sup>+</sup>) accelerator  
Limited by synchrotron radiation

$$P_{synchr} = \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \frac{E^4}{R^2 m^4}$$

Linear for high energy!  
Energy limited by the accelerating  
gradient:

$$L = \frac{E(eV)}{G(eV/m)}$$

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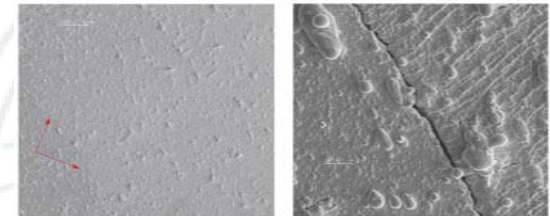
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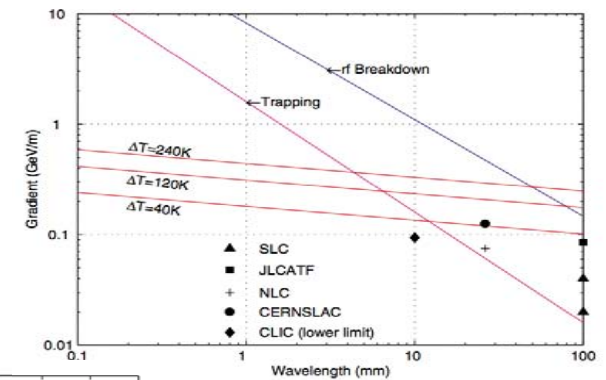
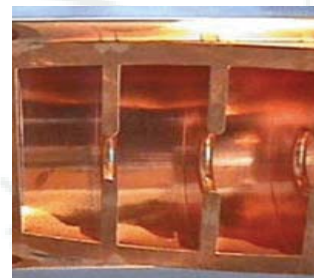
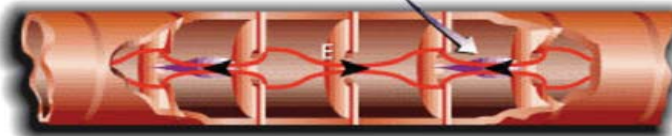
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- ✧ RF break down (plasma!!) and pulsed heating fatigue
- ✧ Accelerating field on axis, damage on the surface
- ✧ Material limit, metals in the GHz freq. range (Cu, Mo, etc.)
- ✧ Does not (seem to) increase with increasing frequency

## Pulsed heating fatigue

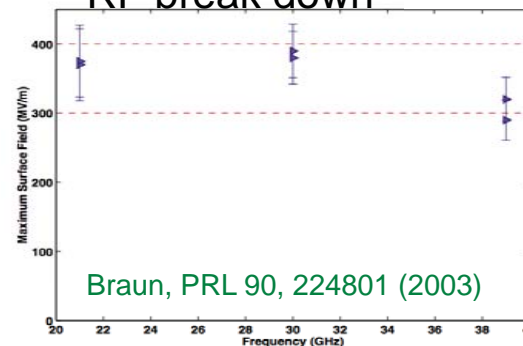
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$e^-$  Bunch Cloud



## RF break down



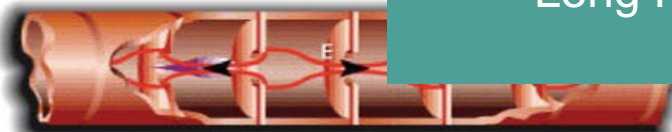
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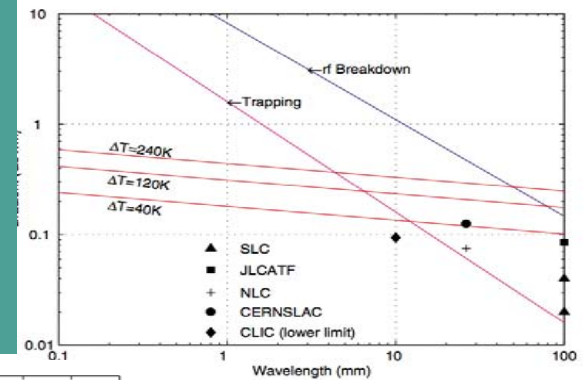
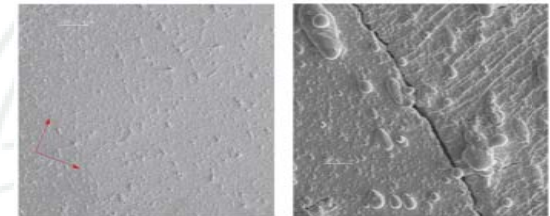
RF-accelerators:  
Accelerating field limited to  $<1\text{GV/m}$   
(low break-down rate)  
by metal damage:  
-RF-breakdown  
-pulsed heating  
Copper: low damage threshold  
Long RF pulses (high Q)



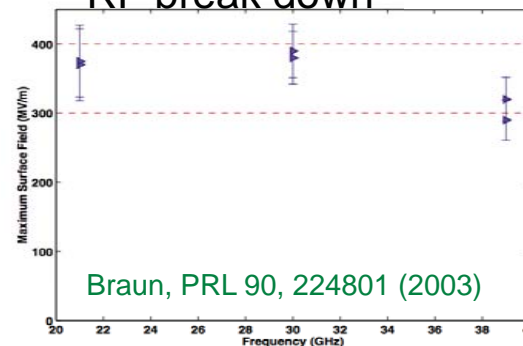
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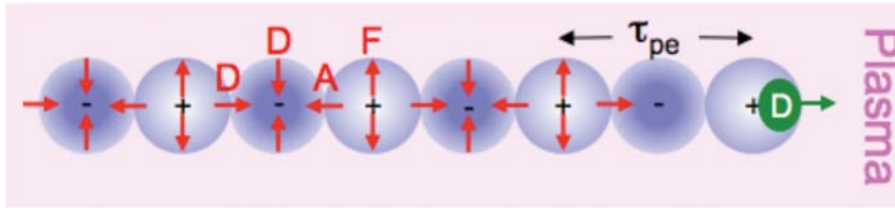


Search for a new technology  
to accelerate particles  
at high-gradient ( $>1\text{ GeV/m}$ )  
and reduce the size and cost  
of a future linear  $e^-/e^+$  collider  
or of an x-ray FEL  
... and (many) low energy applications

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# RELATIVISTIC PARTICLE BUNCH MEETS PLASMA



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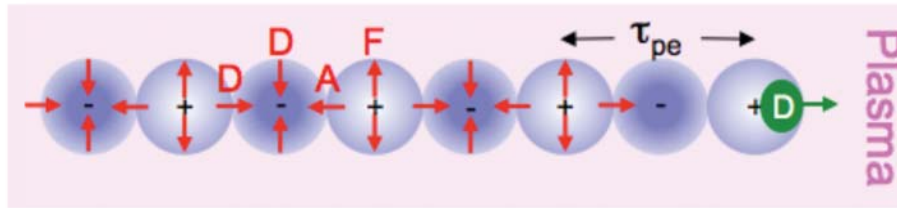
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$$\Delta p \cdot \Delta q \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

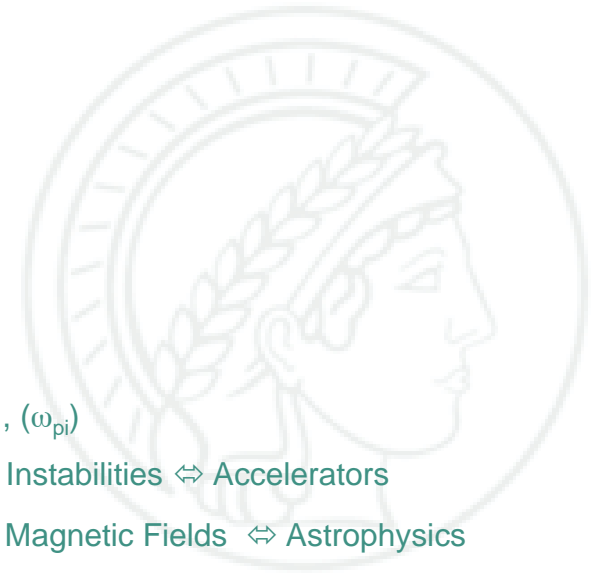


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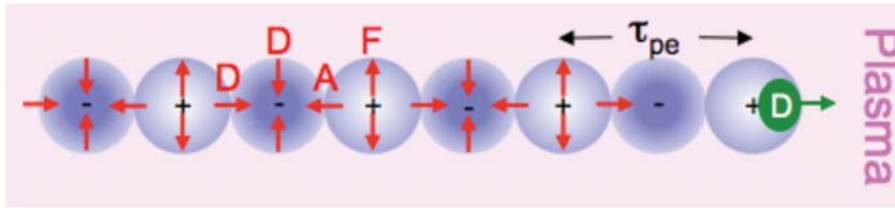


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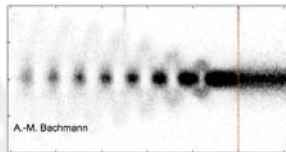
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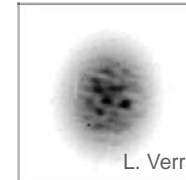
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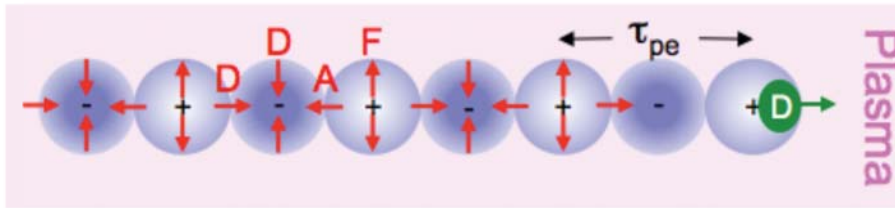


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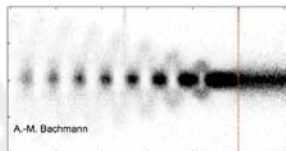




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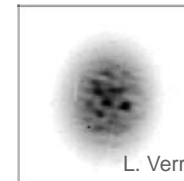
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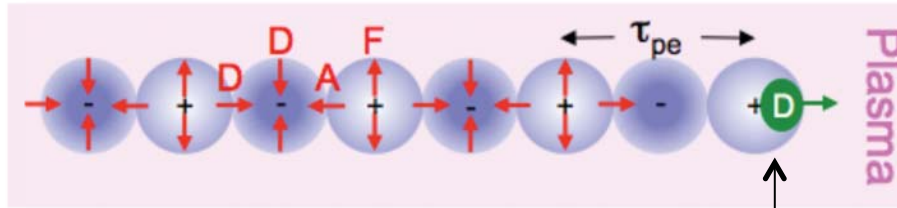
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Main motivation:

- ◇ Produce high-energy  $e^-$  bunches (200GeV, 5TeV), in a high-gradient (1GeV/m) plasma-based accelerator (PWFA) driven by a  $p^+$  bunch, for particle physics applications (dark photon searches, very-high-energy ep collider)

Short driver ( $e^-$ ),  $\sigma_t \leq 1/\omega_{pe}$ ,  $\sigma_r \sim c/\omega_{pe}$ , “resonant”



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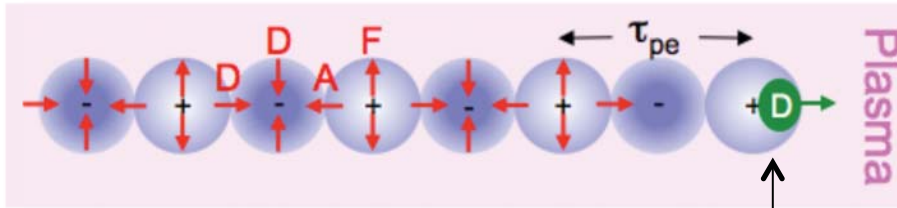
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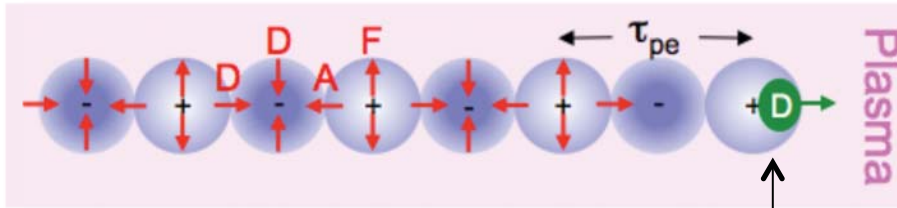
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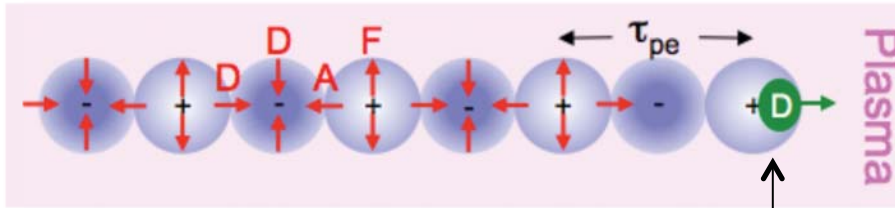
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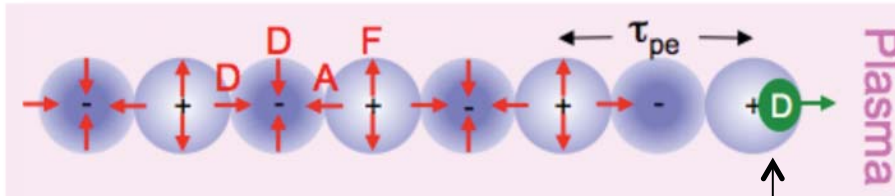
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In 1D  
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Langmuir, Electro-Static Wave!

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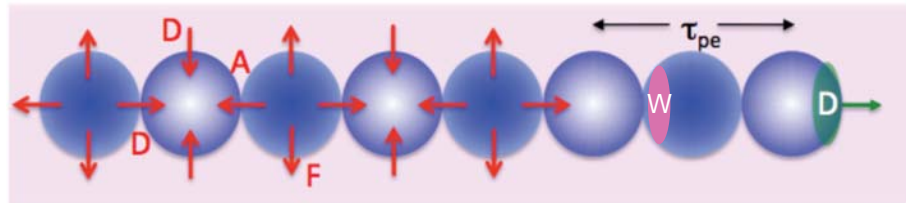
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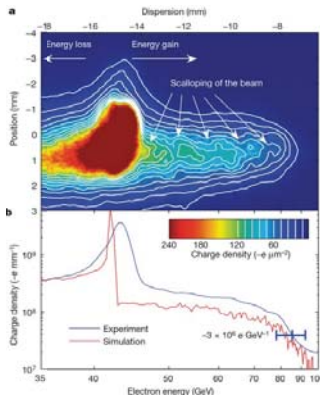
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PWFA, short  $e^-$  bunch



Blumenfeld, Nature 445, 741 (2007)

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60fs  $e^-$  bunch

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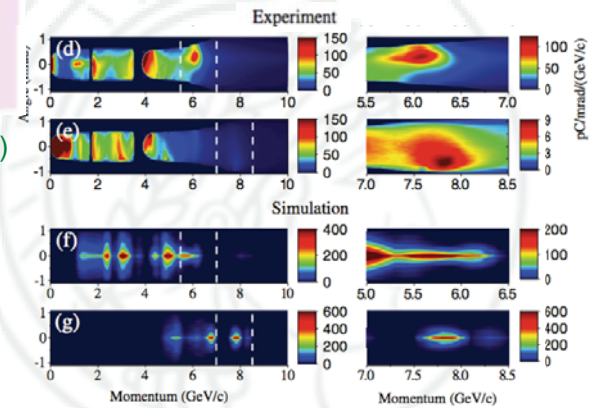
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~40J, 1PW

~8GeV energy gain

~39GeV/m, 20cm

LWFA, short laser pulse

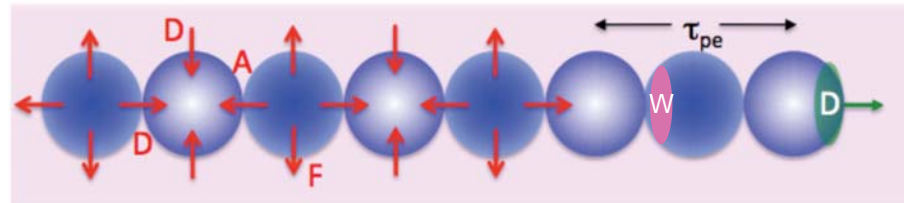


Very large energy gain  
Very large gradient!

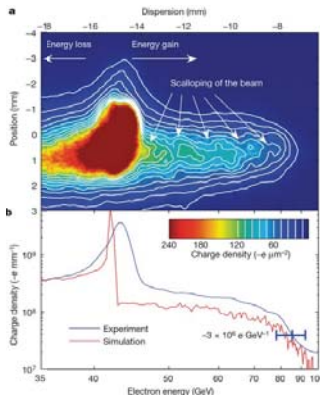
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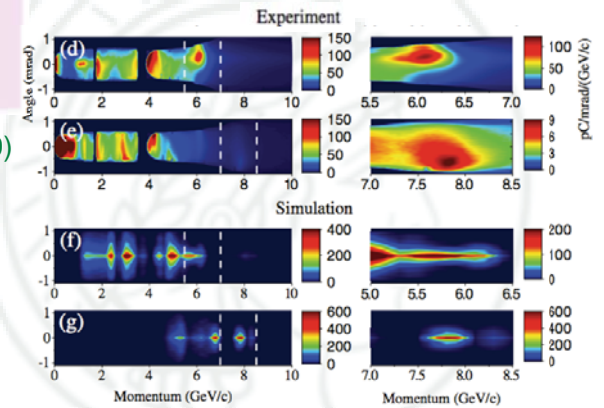
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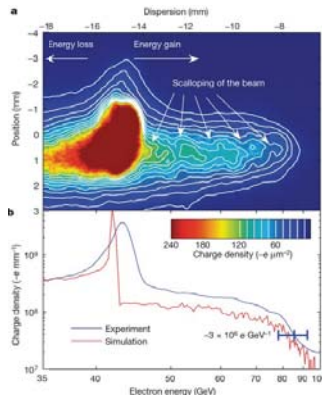
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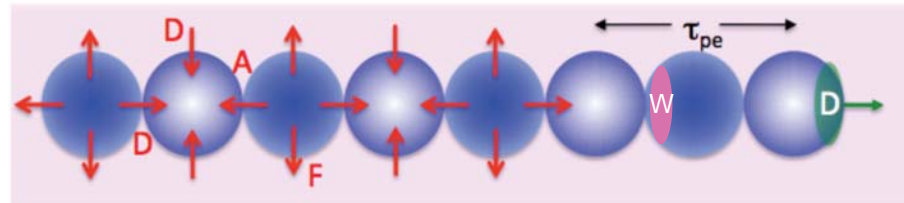
$\sim 40 \text{ J}$ , 1PW

$\sim 8 \text{ GeV}$  energy gain

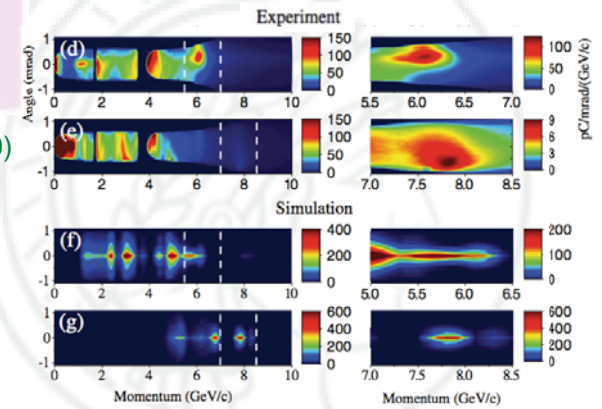
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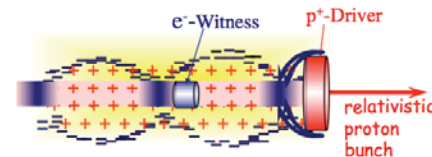
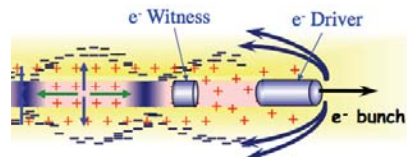
$p^+$  bunches:

SPS  $\Leftrightarrow 3 \times 10^{11} p^+ \Leftrightarrow 400 \text{ GeV} \Leftrightarrow 19 \text{ kJ}$

LHC  $\Leftrightarrow 1 \times 10^{11} p^+ \Leftrightarrow 7 \text{ TeV} \Leftrightarrow 112 \text{ kJ}$



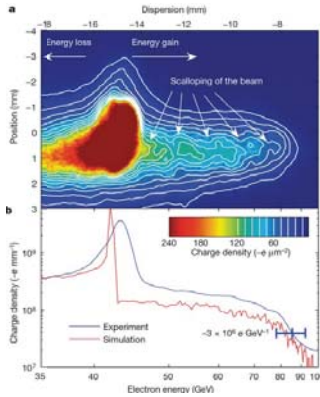
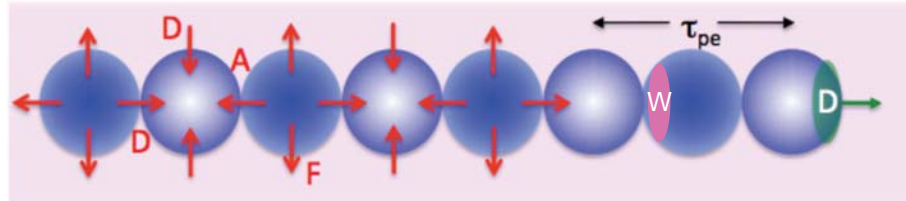
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Blumenfeld, Nature 445, 741 (2007)

Gonsalves, PRL 122, 084801 (2019)

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60fs  $e^-$  bunch

$\sim 40$ fs laser pulse

$2 \times 10^{10} e^-$ , 42GeV,  $\sim 50$ J

$\sim 40$ J, 1PW

$\sim 42$ GeV energy gain

$$\sigma_t \sim 1/\omega_{pe}$$

$\sim 8$ GeV energy gain

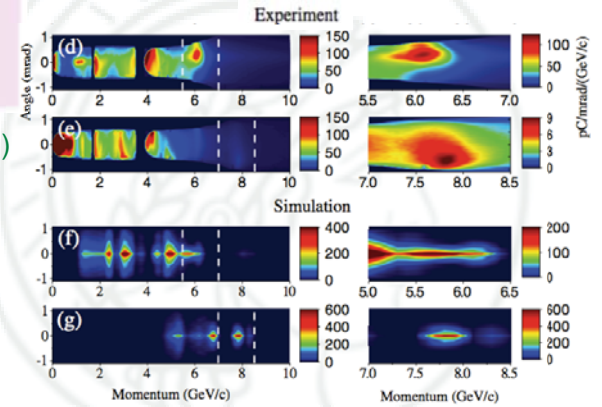
$\sim 52$ GeV/m, 85cm

$$E_{WB} \sim 50 \text{ GV/m}$$

$\sim 39$ GeV/m, 20cm



LWFA, short laser pulse



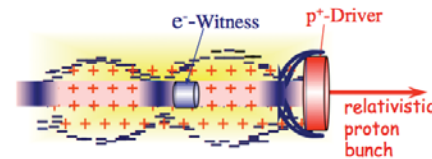
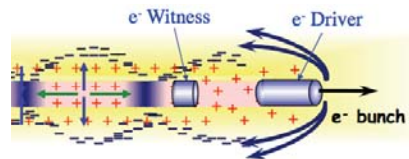
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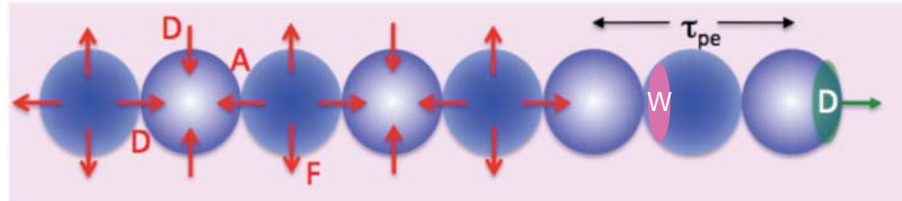


- Very large energy gain in a single plasma!
- Witness energy gain  $\leq$  driver energy loss!

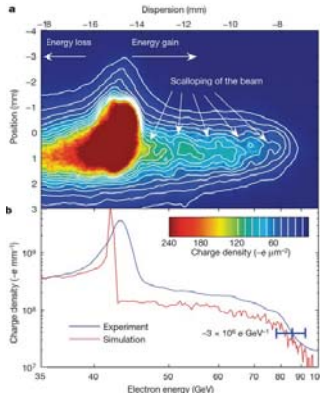


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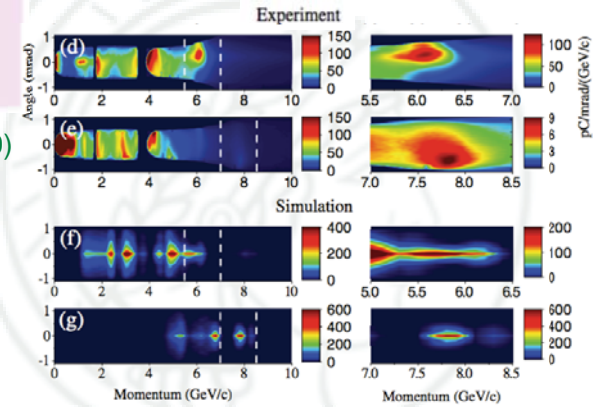
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LWFA, short laser pulse



Scaling:

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$$E_{WB} = \frac{m_e c}{e} \omega_{pe} \propto n_{e0}^{1/2}$$



p<sup>+</sup> bunches:

SPS ⇔ 3x10<sup>11</sup>p<sup>+</sup> ⇔ 400 GeV ⇔ 19kJ

LHC ⇔ 1x10<sup>11</sup>p<sup>+</sup> ⇔ 7 TeV ⇔ 112kJ

Scaling:

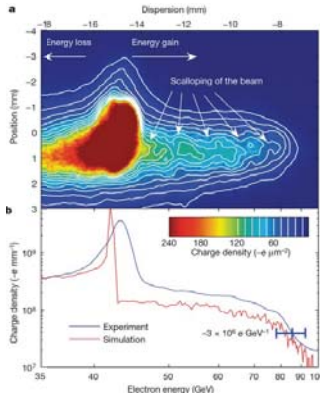
τ = 300ps ⇔ n<sub>e0</sub> = 3.5x10<sup>9</sup>cm<sup>-3</sup> ⇔ E<sub>WB</sub> = 5.7MV/m!



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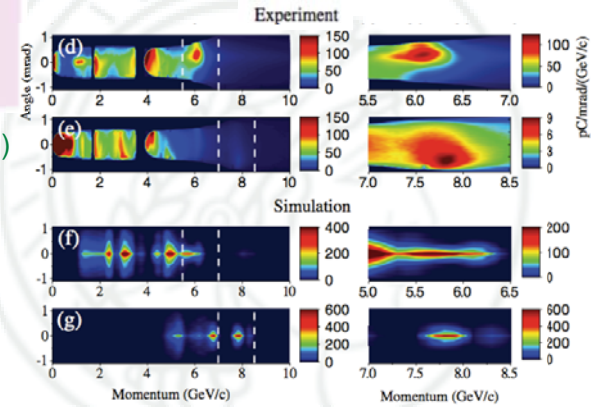
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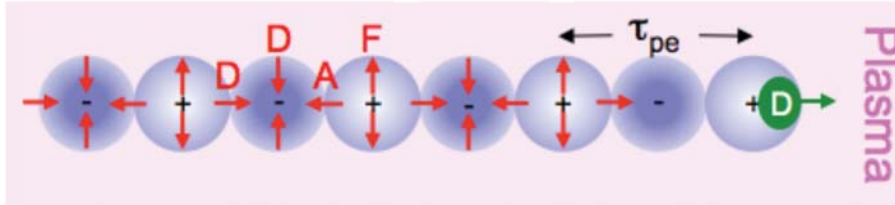
**Self-Modulation!**

✧ Reach high energies (TeV) in a single, GV/m (accelerator) plasma driven by a high-energy (kJ) SM'ed p<sup>+</sup> bunch

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# SELF-MODULATION

Short driver ( $e^-$ ),  $\sigma_i \leq 1/\omega_{pe}$ ,  $\sigma_r \sim c/\omega_{pe}$ , "resonant"



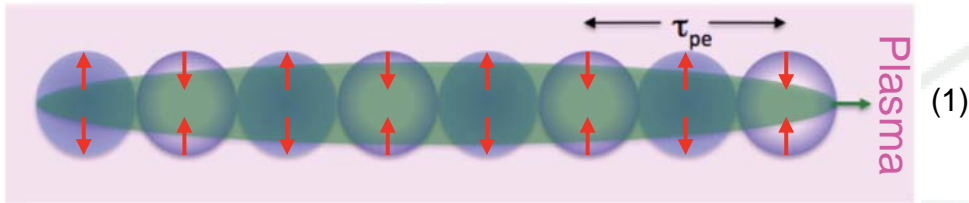
Short and narrow => long and narrow






# SELF-MODULATION

Long driver (p<sup>+</sup>),  $\sigma_t \gg 1/\omega_{pe}$ ,  $\sigma_r \sim c/\omega_{pe}$ , initially non-resonant



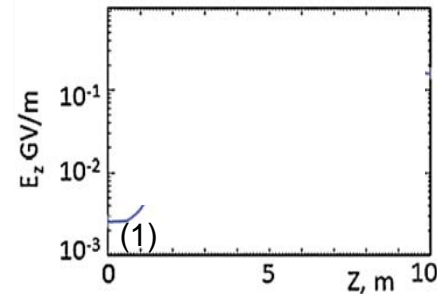
Initial (transverse) wakefields (1)  
  
 Periodic focusing/defocusing

$$\omega_{pe} = \left( \frac{n_{e0} e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e} \right)^{1/2}$$

Plasma e<sup>-</sup> angular frequency

✧ E<sub>z</sub>-field along the plasma

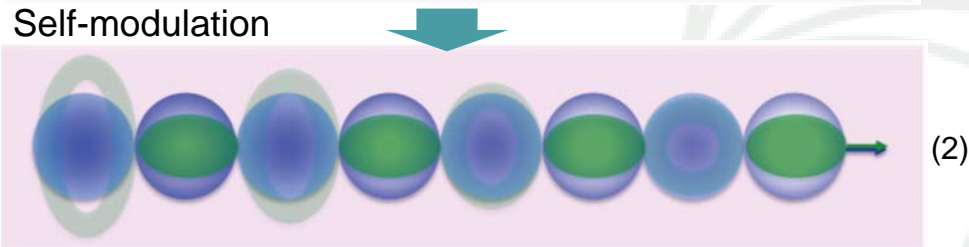
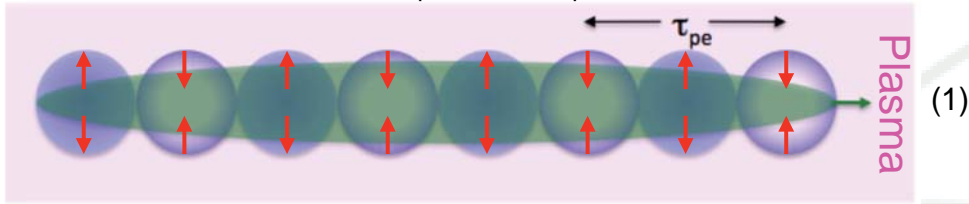
Pukhov, PRL107 145003 (2011)



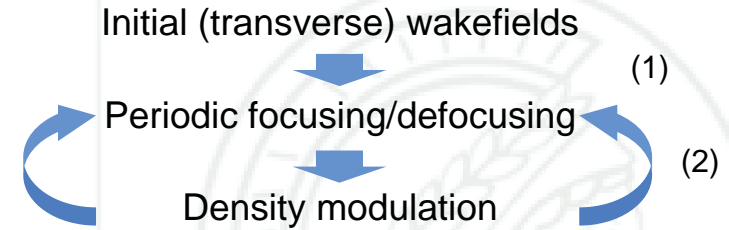
Relativistic particles do not (appreciably) dephase!  
 SM ⇔ transverse effect!

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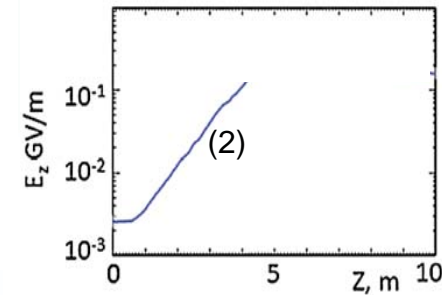
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Growth mechanism:



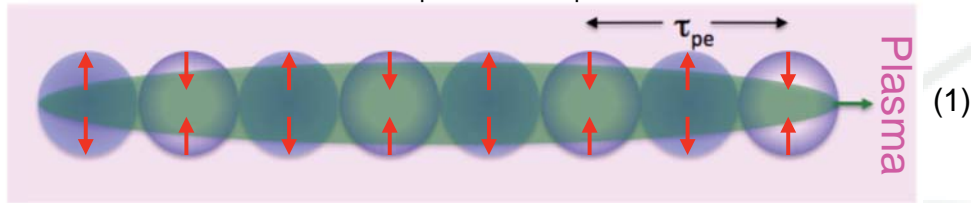
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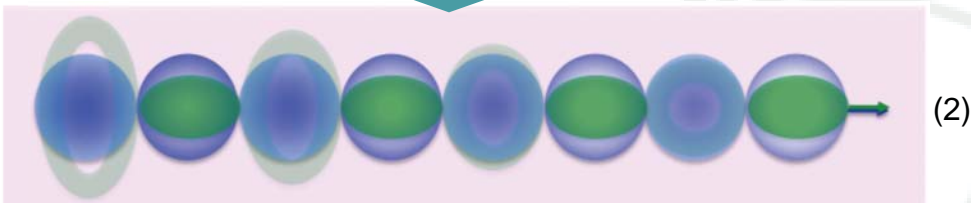
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Self-modulation



Self-modulated bunch

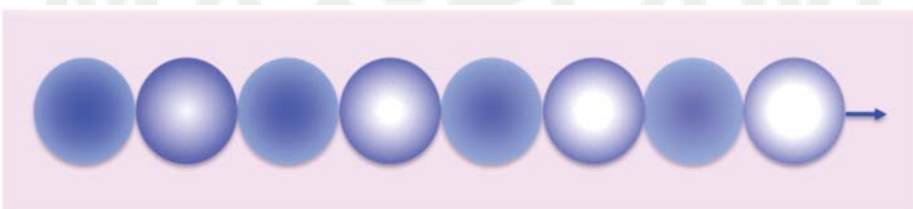
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$\mu$ bunch train

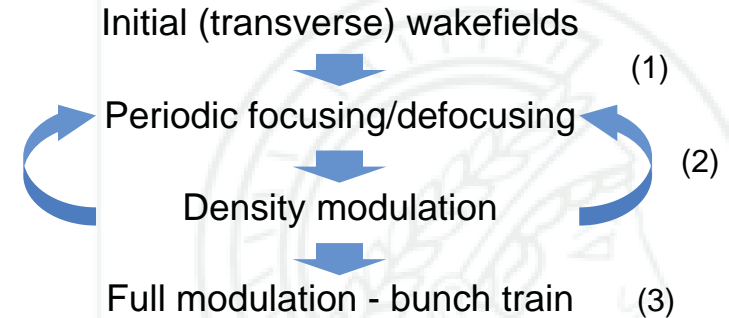


Plasma wakefields

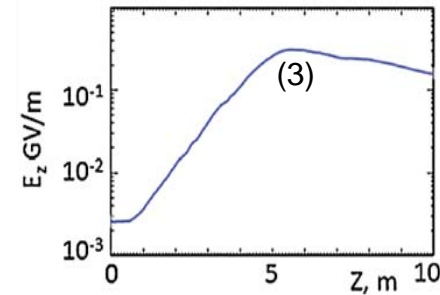
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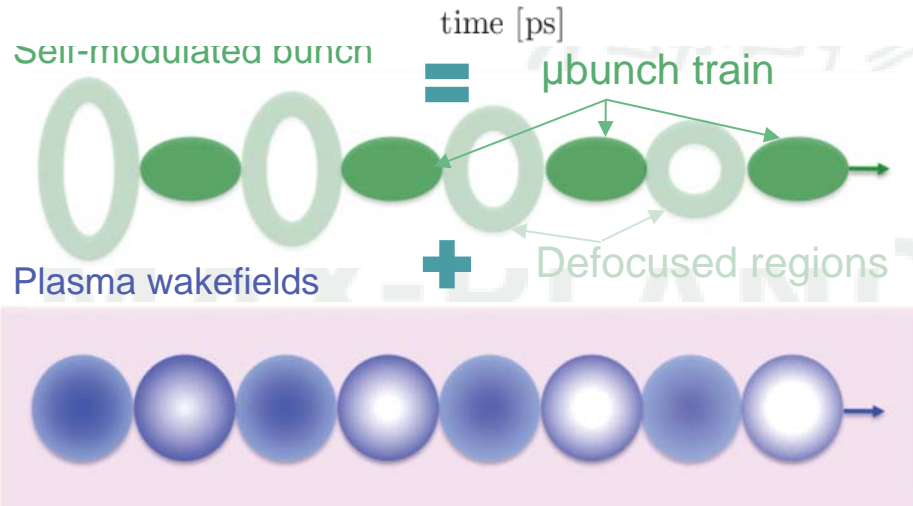
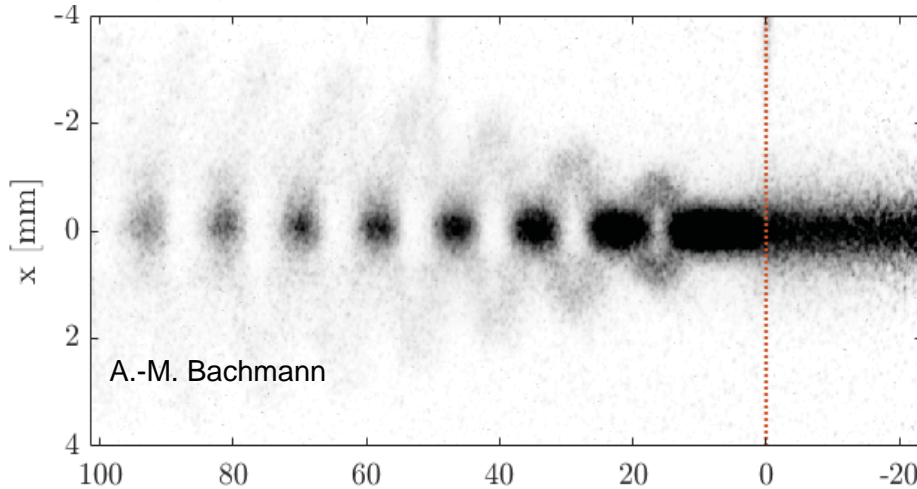


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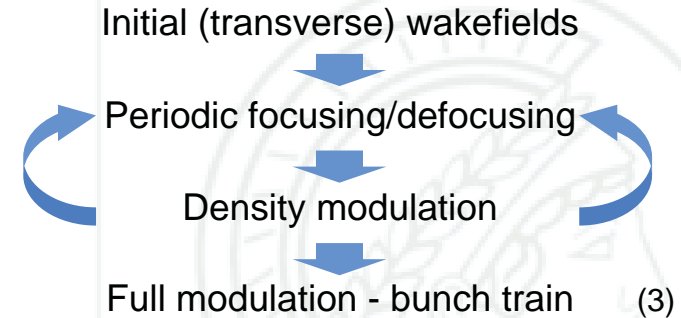


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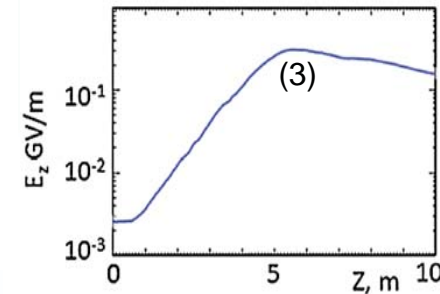
# SELF-MODULATION



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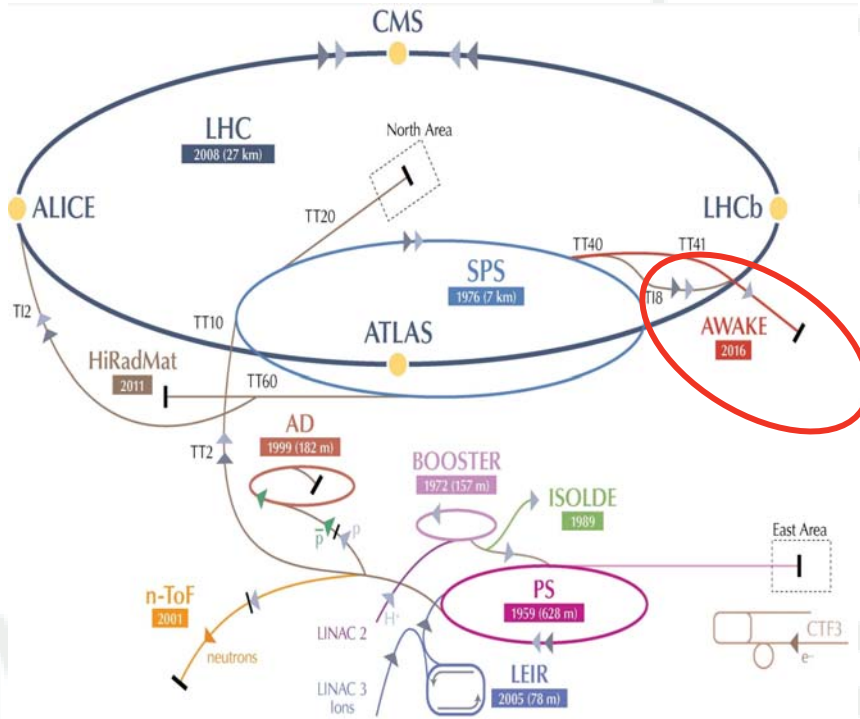


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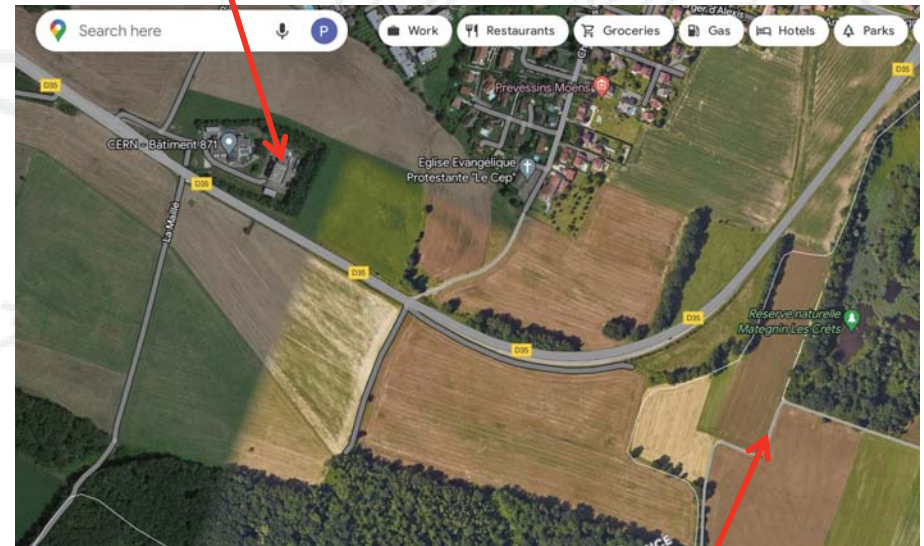


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## CERN Accelerator Complex



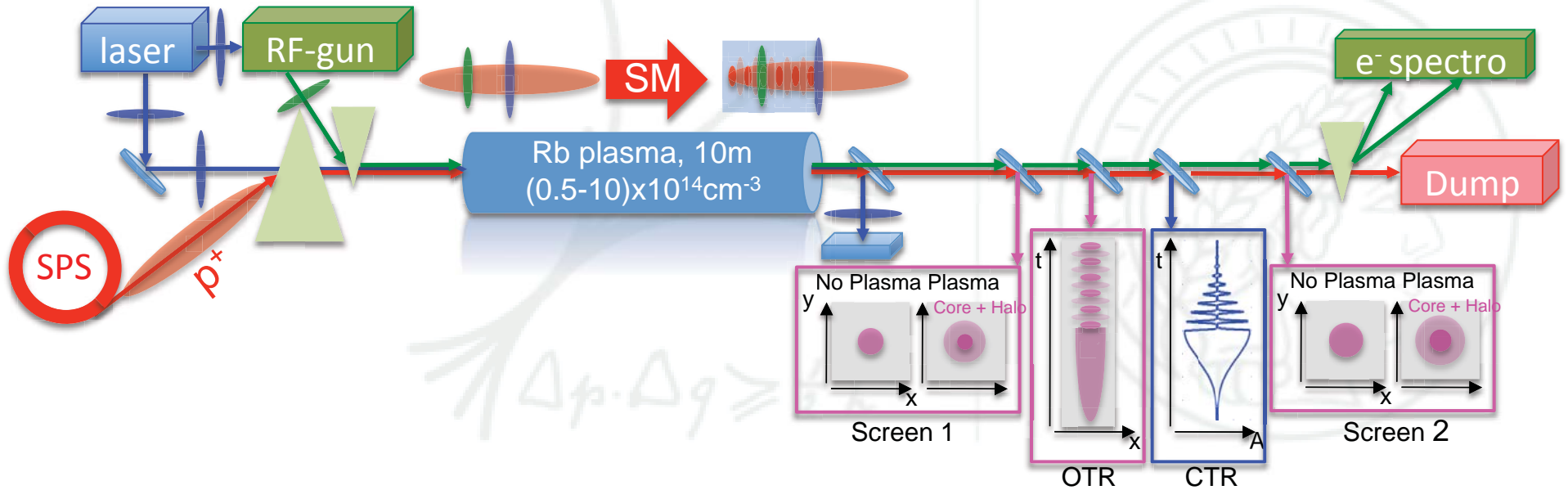
AWAKE Control Room  
(-60m)



AWAKE Plasma  
(-100m)

✦ AWAKE: 400GeV  $p^+$  bunch for the SPS, injector for LHC

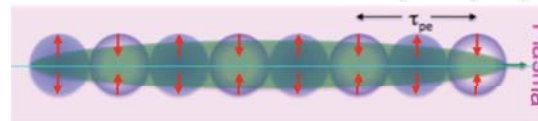
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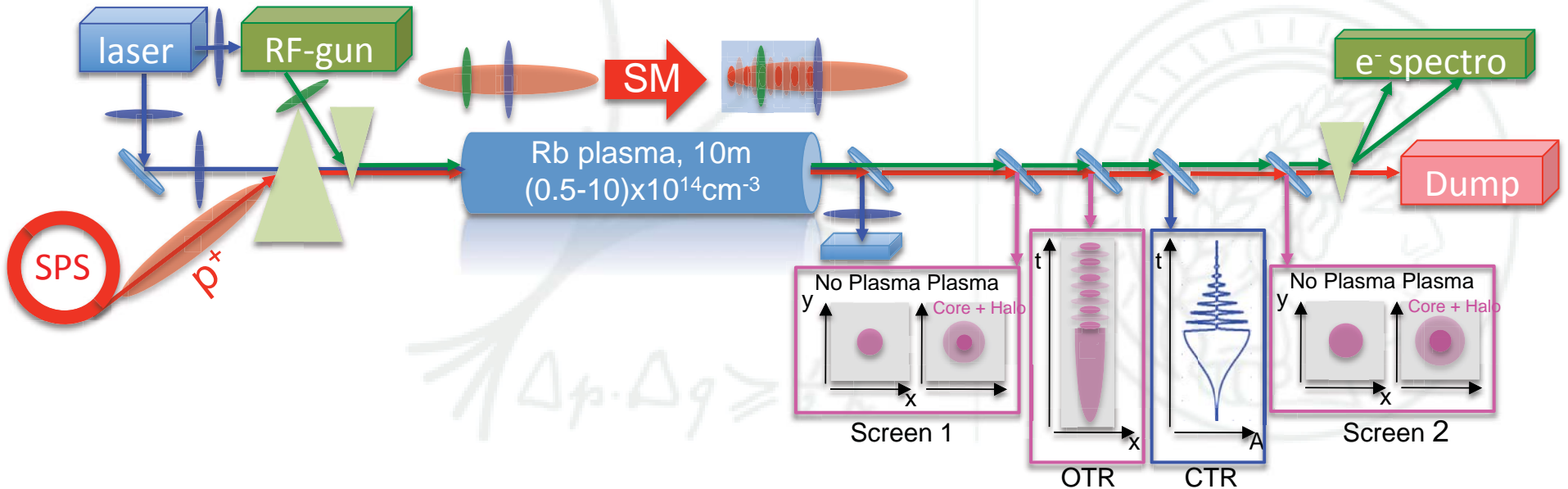
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 $\sigma_z=6\text{cm!!}$   
 Long

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 $\sigma_r=200\mu\text{m}$   
 Narrow

$\diamond$  Plasma density from  $\sigma_r$



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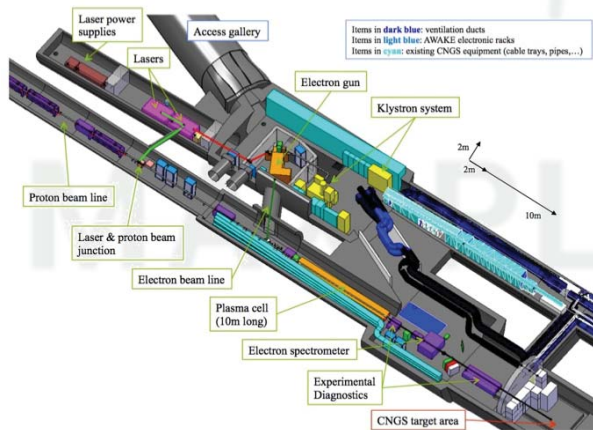
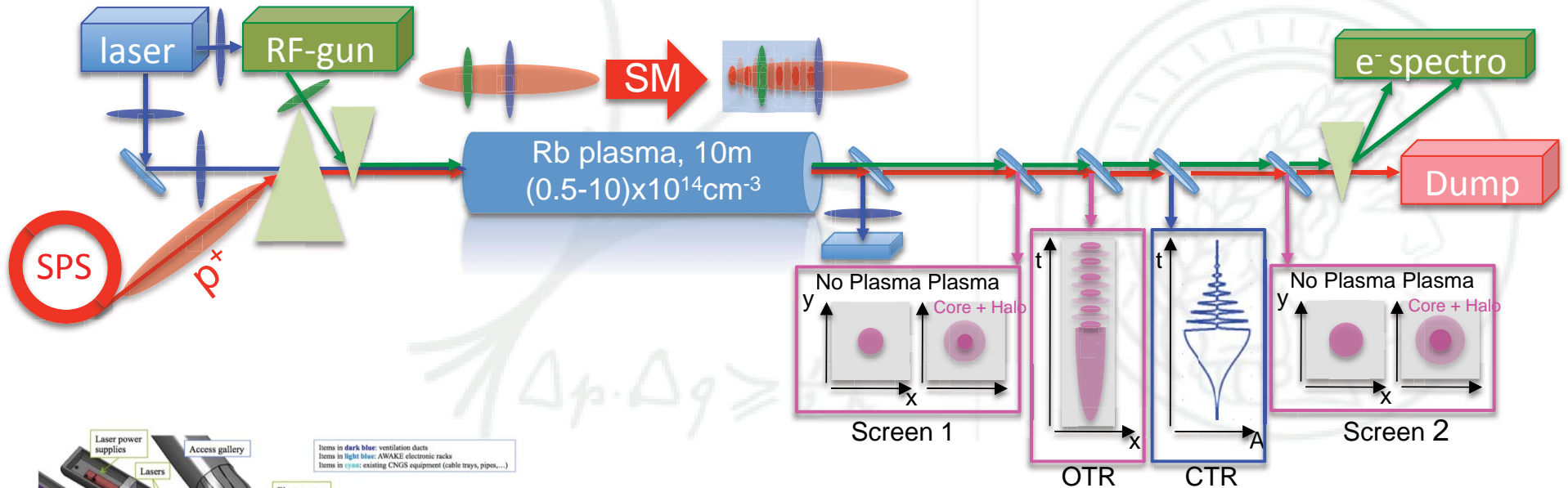
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 $\lambda_{pe} \sim 1.3\text{mm} \ll \sigma_z$   
 $f_{pe} \sim 240\text{GHz}$   
 $E_{WB} \sim 2.5\text{GV/m}$   
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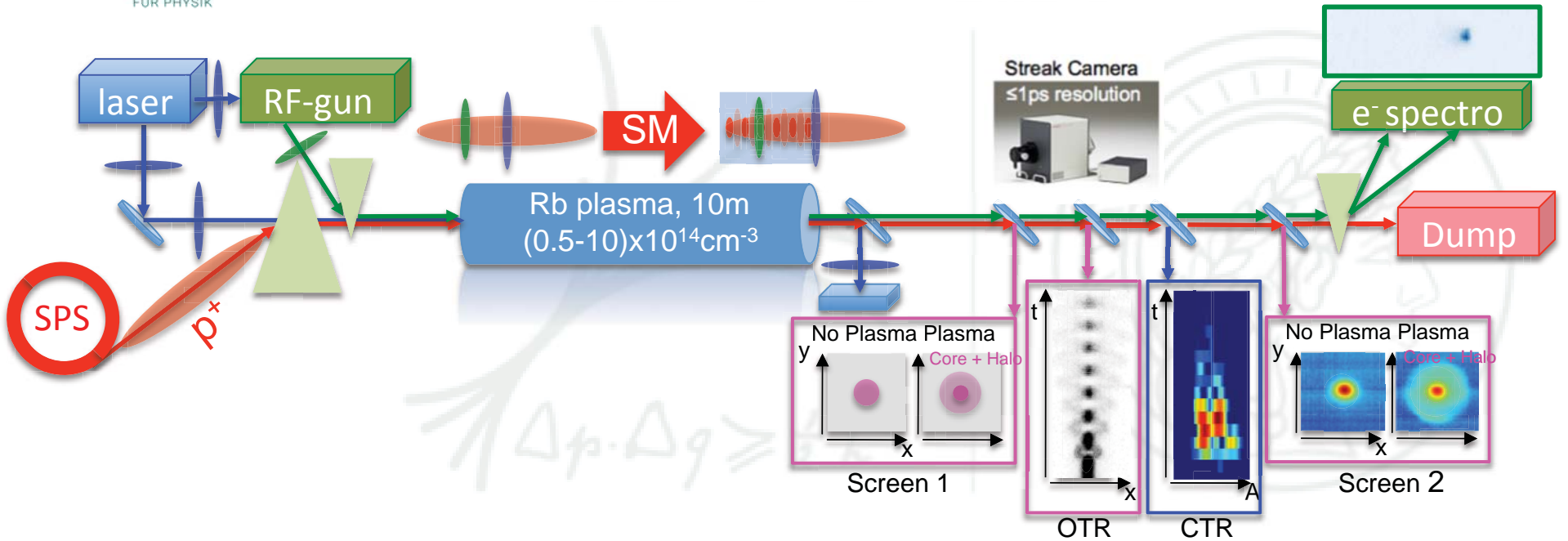
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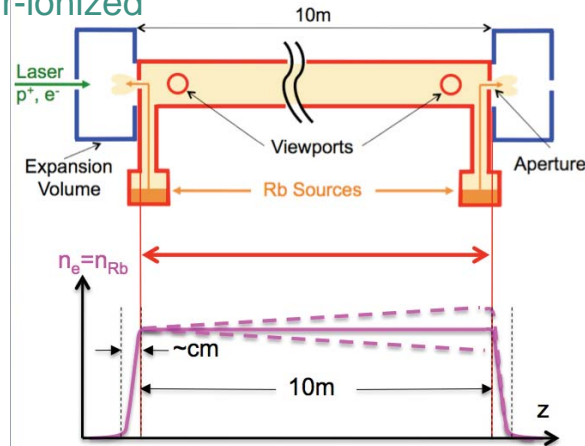


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# PLASMA SOURCES

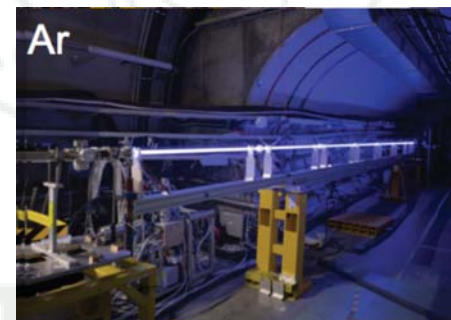
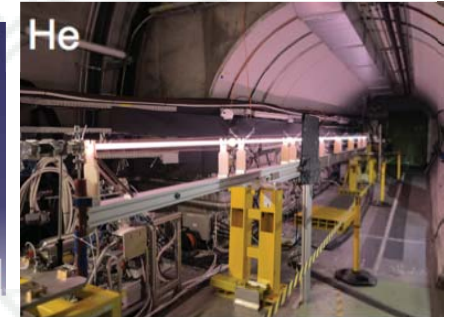
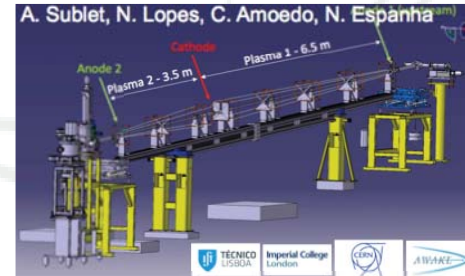
- ✧ Rubidium vapor source  $0.5 < n_{e0} < 10 \cdot 10^{14} \text{cm}^{-3}$
- ✧ Laser-ionized



Oz, Nucl. Instr. Meth. Phys. Res. A 740(11), 197 (2014)  
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- ✧ Discharge plasma source

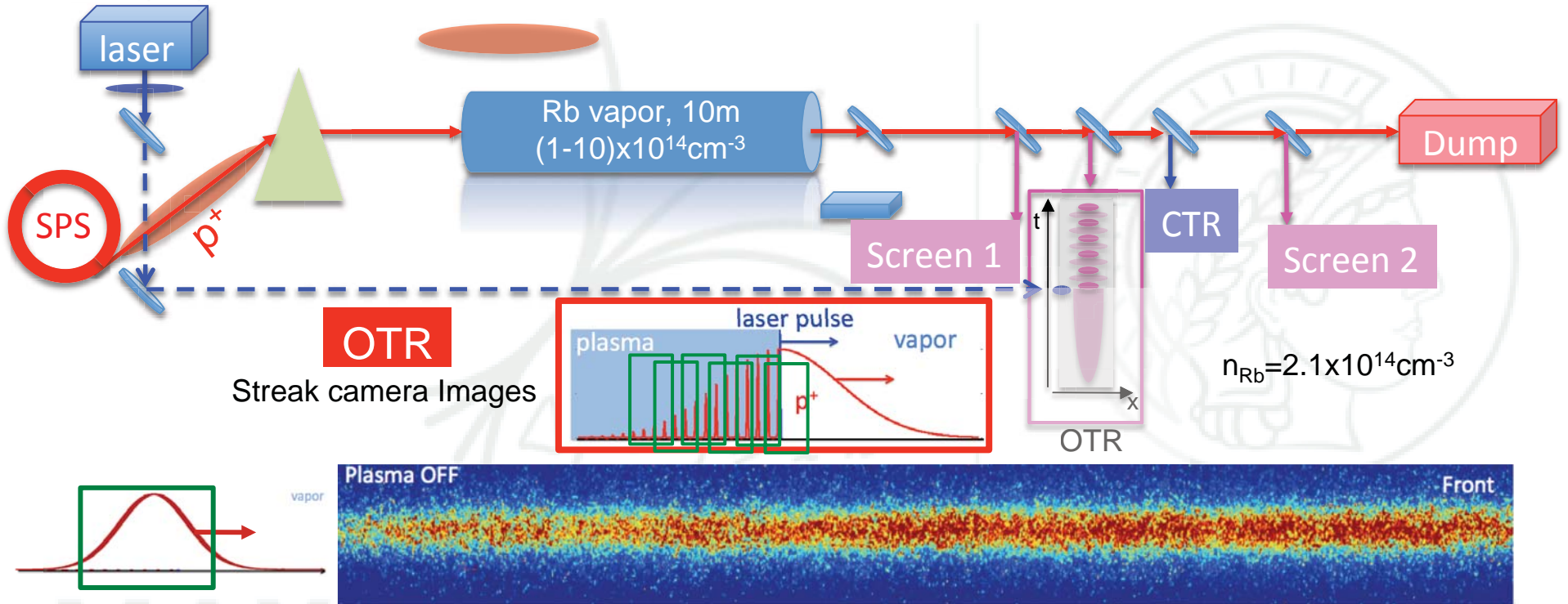


- ✧ Flexibility:

- ✧ Plasma length: 3.5, 6.5, 10m
- ✧ Density  $0.1 - 20 \times 10^{14} \text{cm}^{-3}$
- ✧ Gas-ion mass: He, Ar, Xe ( $\omega_{pi}$ )
- ✧ Access to plasma light

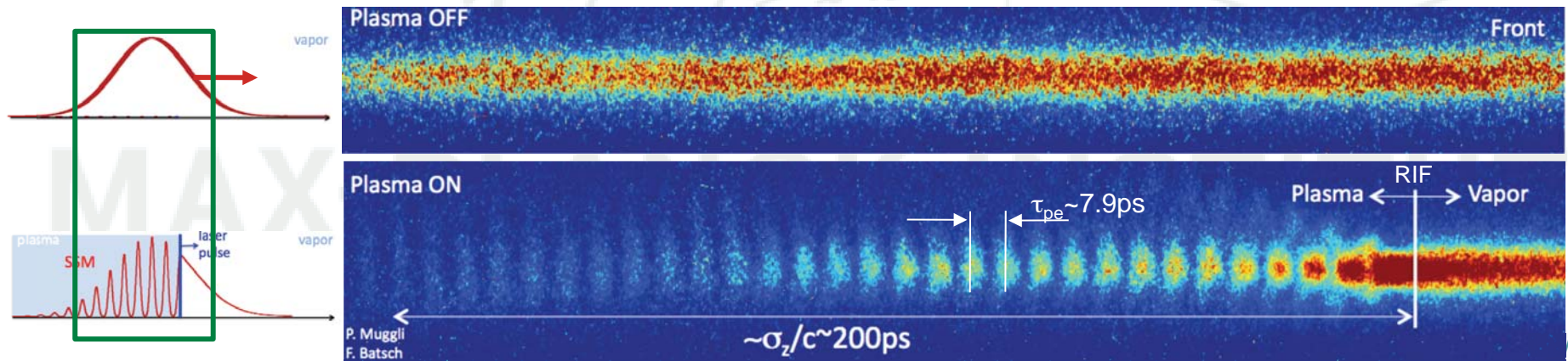
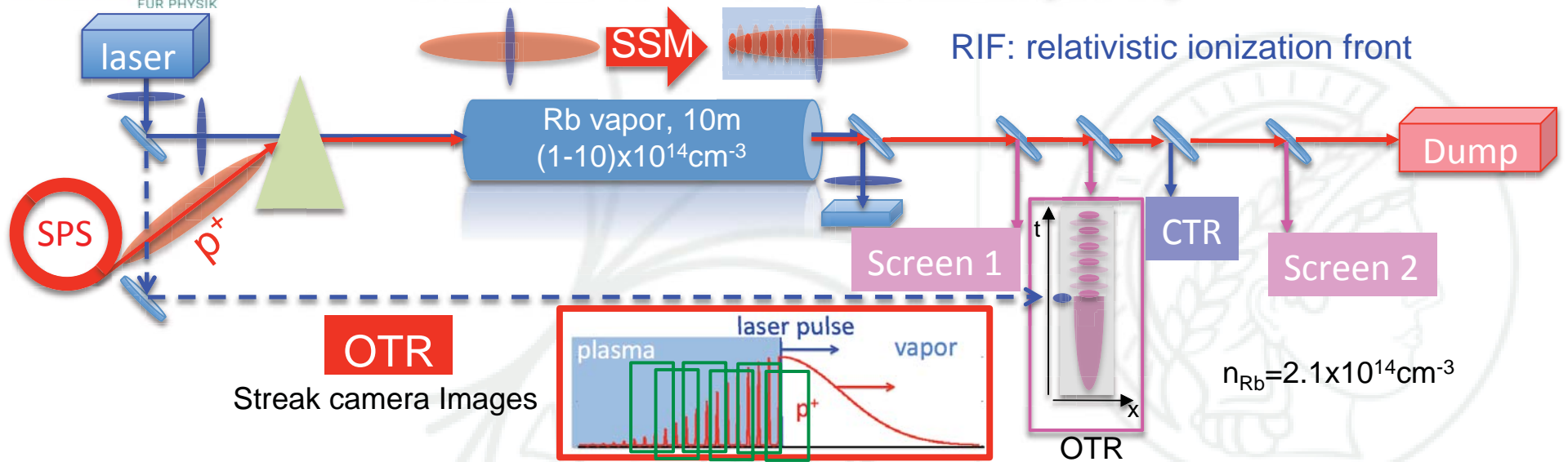
- ✧ Very uniform density uniformity:  $\Delta n_e / n_{e0} < 0.5\%$

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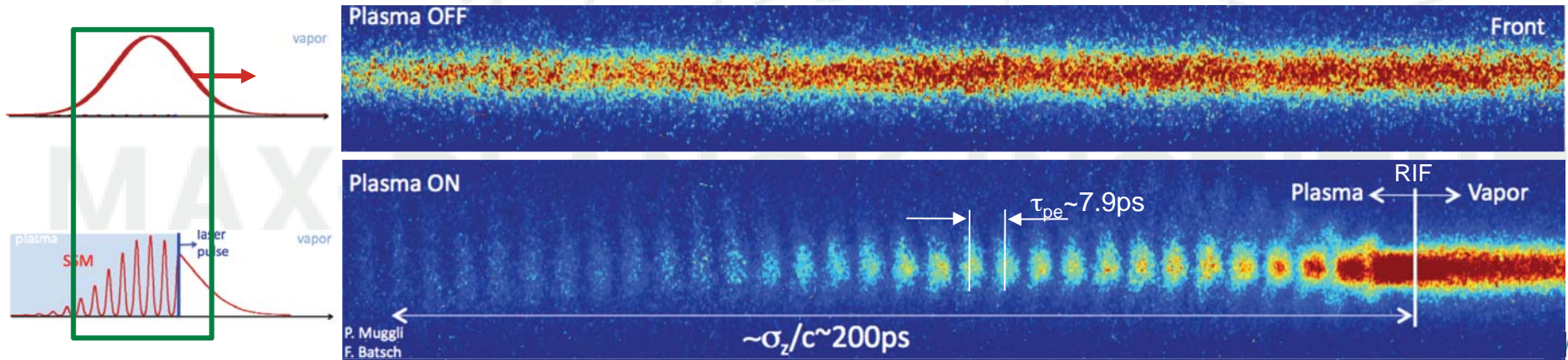
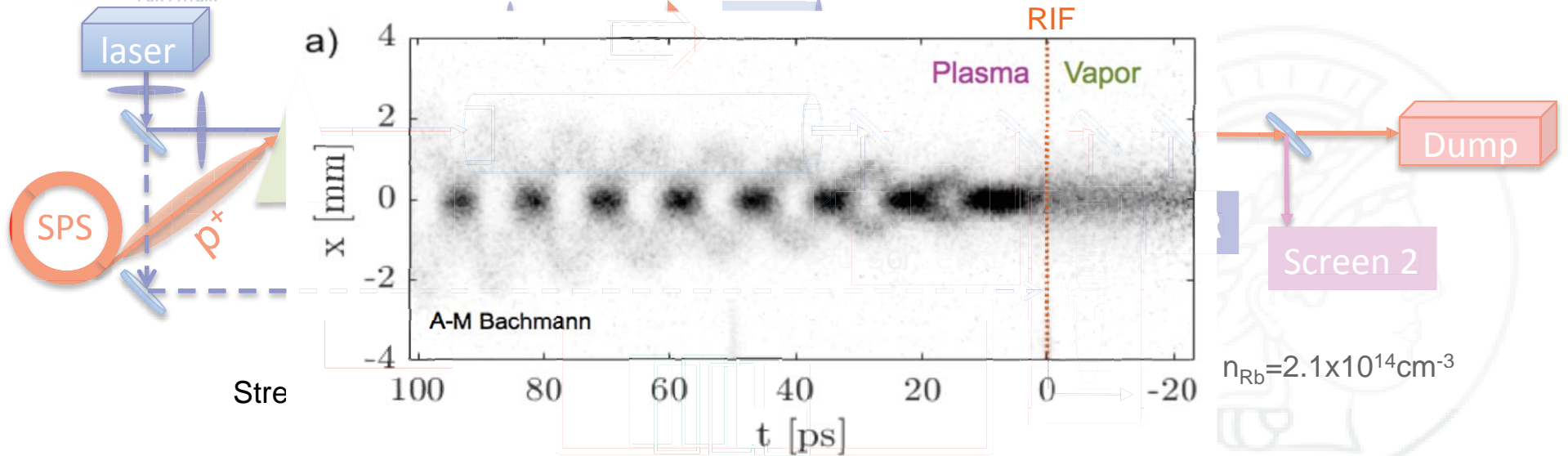


- ❖ No plasma
- ❖ No density modulation
- ❖ No centroid position oscillation

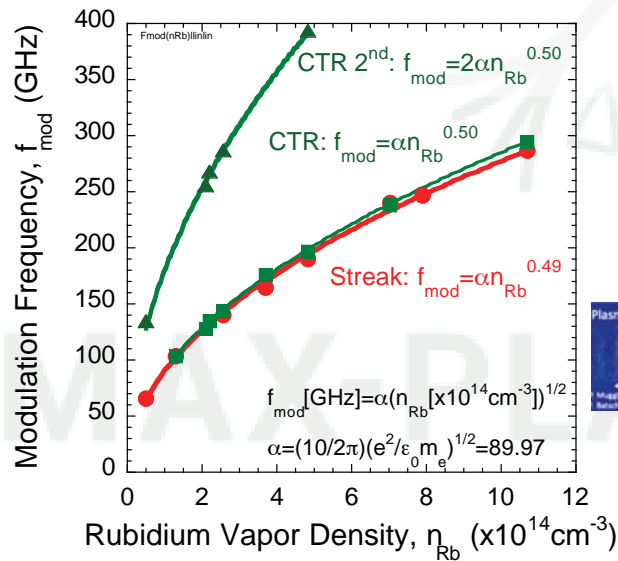
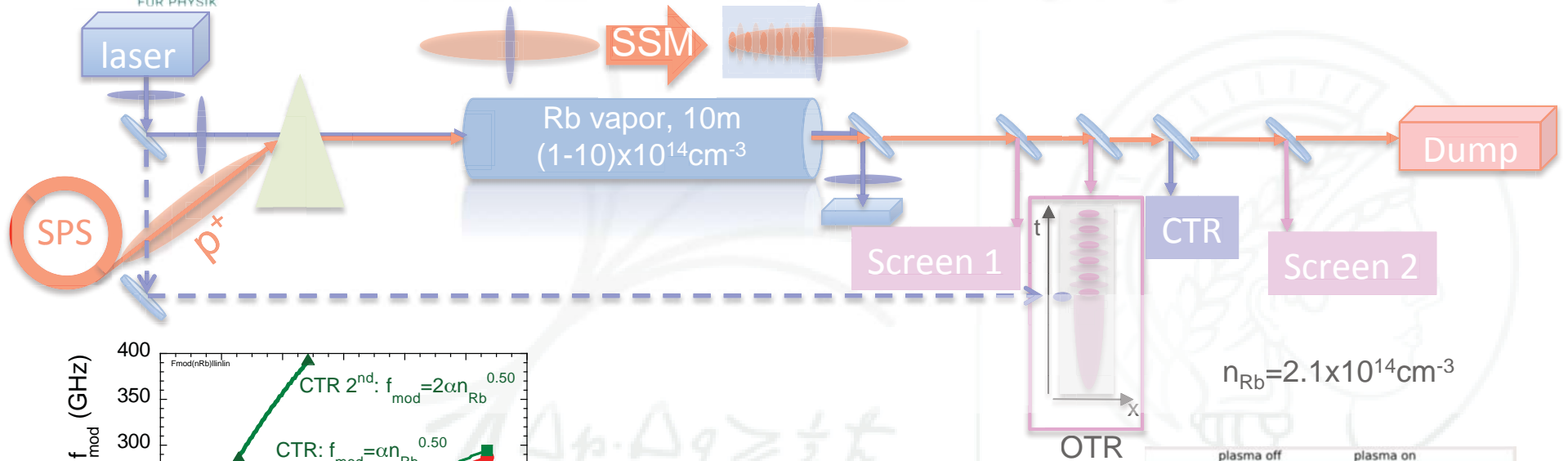
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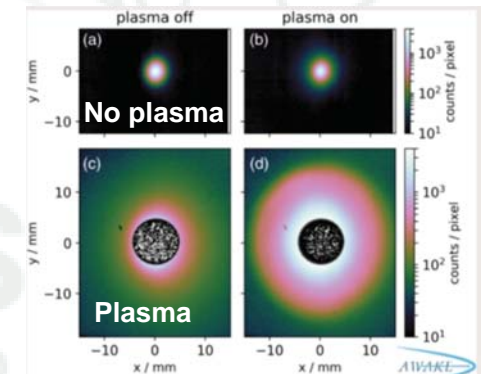
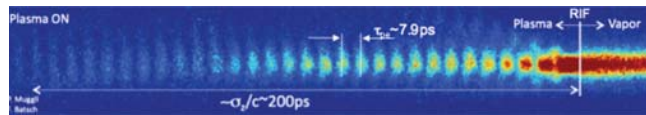
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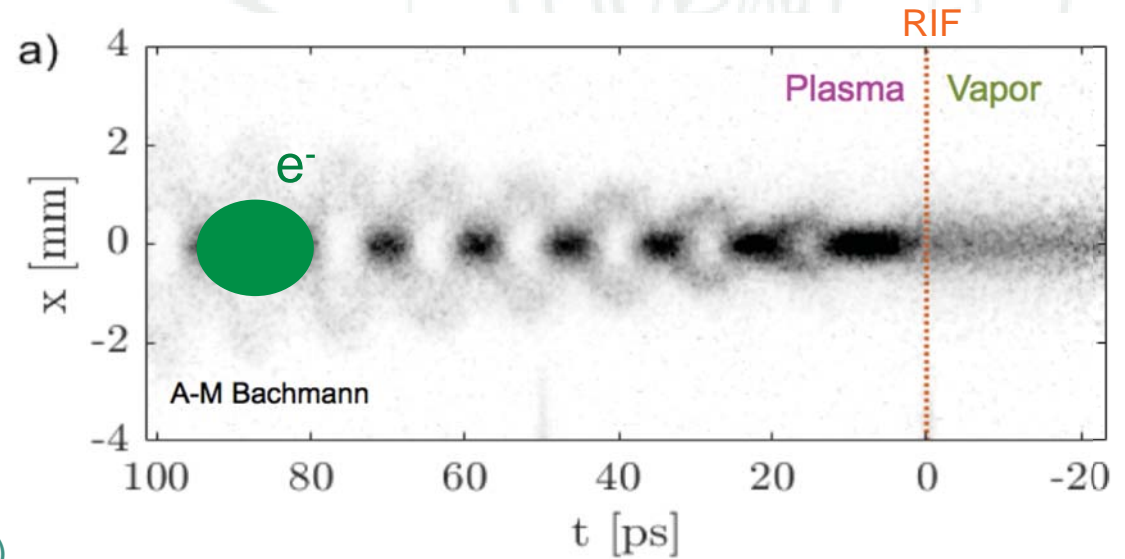
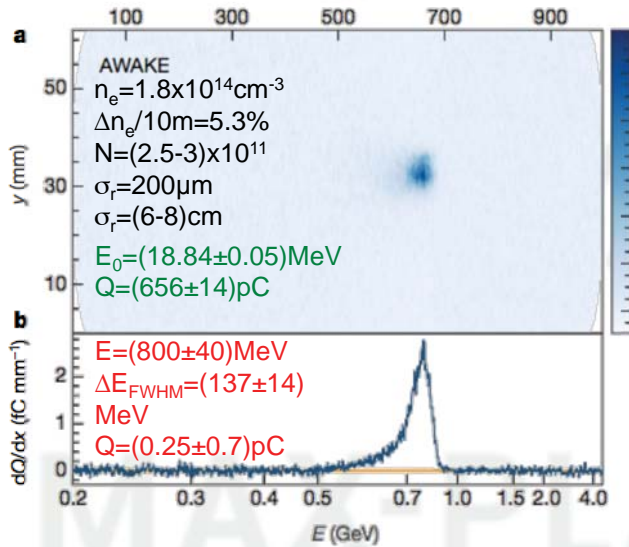
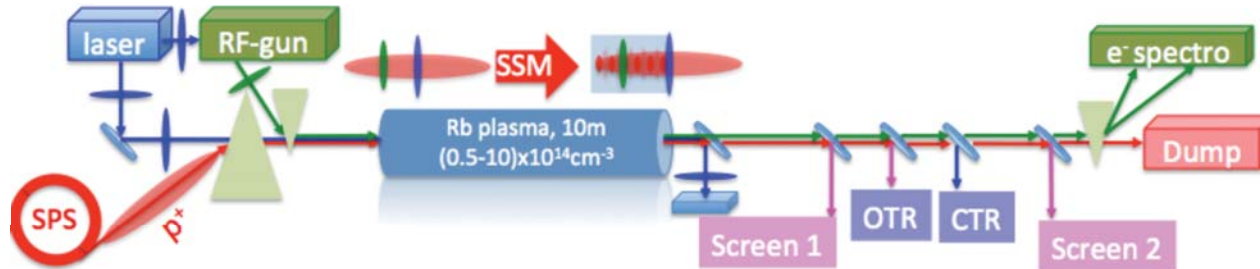


✧ Modulation frequency =  $f_{pe}$



✧ SSM ⇔ halo 14/22

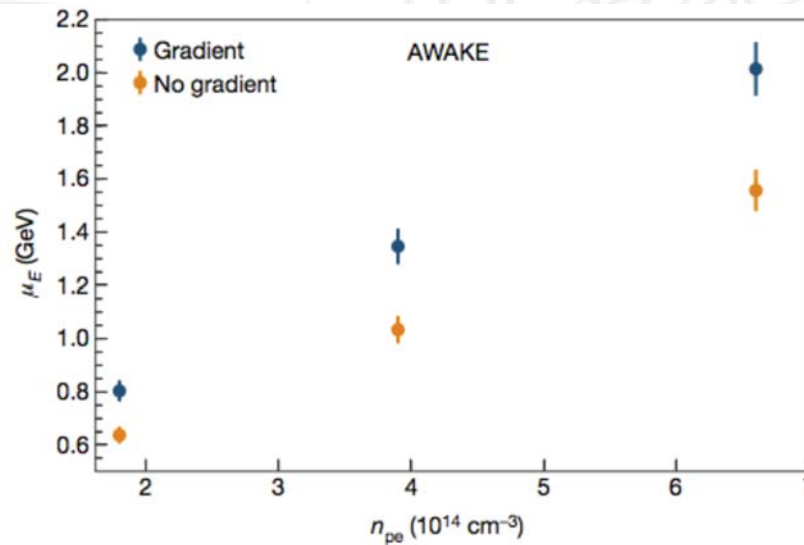
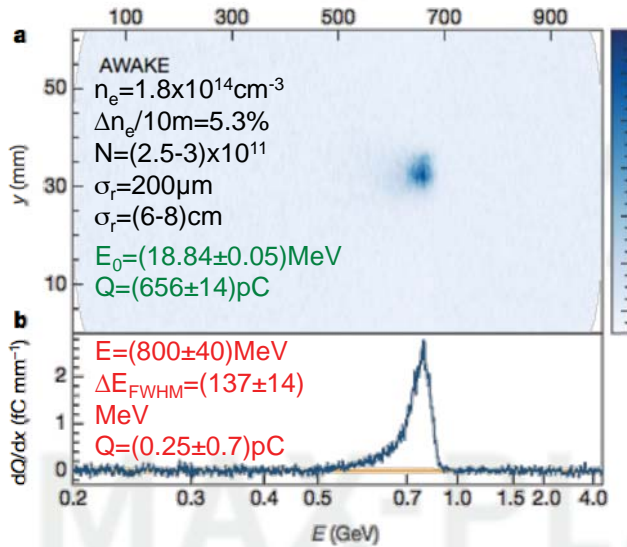
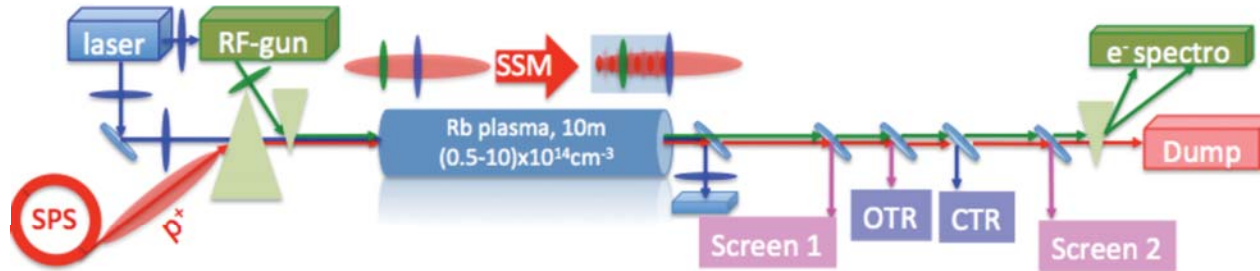
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- ✧ Injection test  $e^-$  at an angle ( $\sim 1-3 \text{ mrad}$ )
- ✧ Finite  $\Delta E/E$

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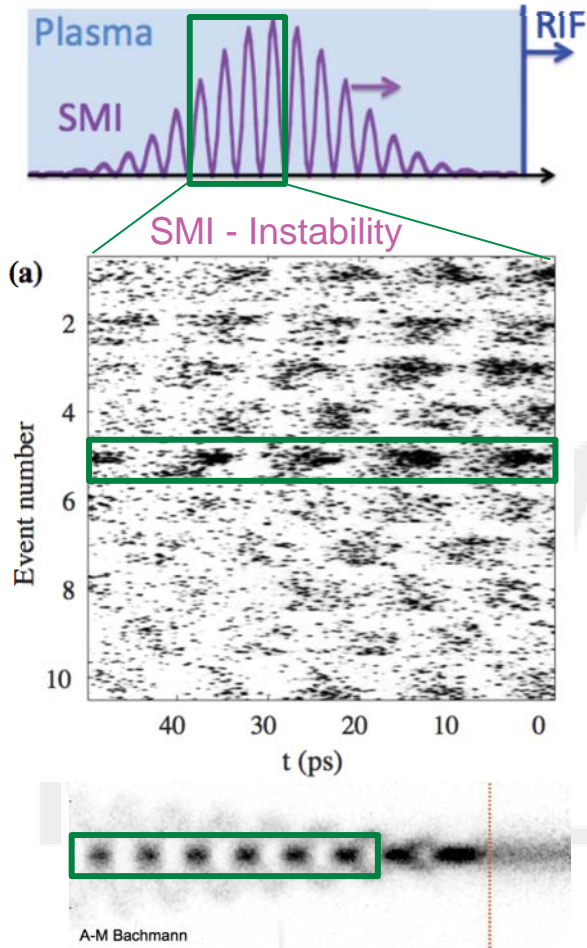
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- ✧ Up to 2 GeV energy gain (from  $\sim 19 \text{ MeV}$ )
- ✧ Captured charge:  $\sim \text{pC}$



# SEEDED SELF-MODULATION (SSM)



$\mu$ -bunches  
 @ varying times

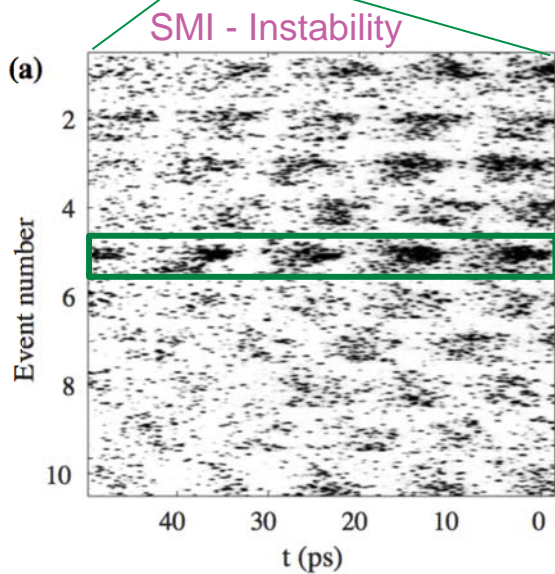
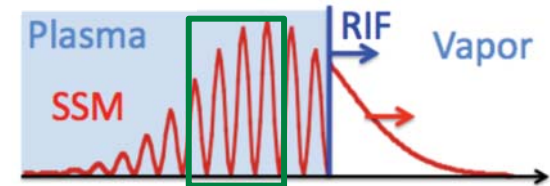
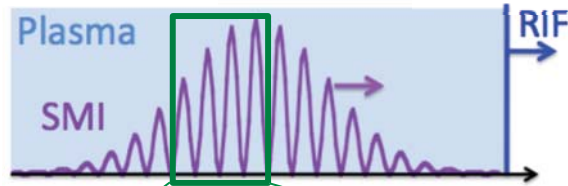
10 events

$$n_{e0} = 10^{14} \text{cm}^{-3}$$

$$N_{p+} = 3 \times 10^{11}$$

$$\Delta p \cdot \Delta q \geq \frac{1}{2} h$$

# SEEDED SELF-MODULATION (SSM)



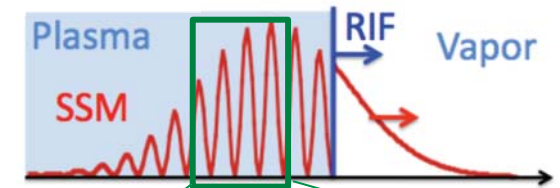
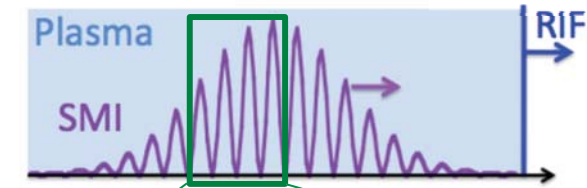
Wakefields  
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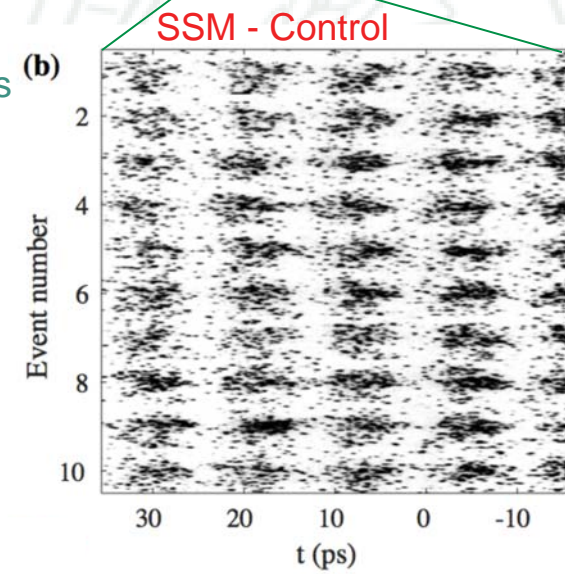
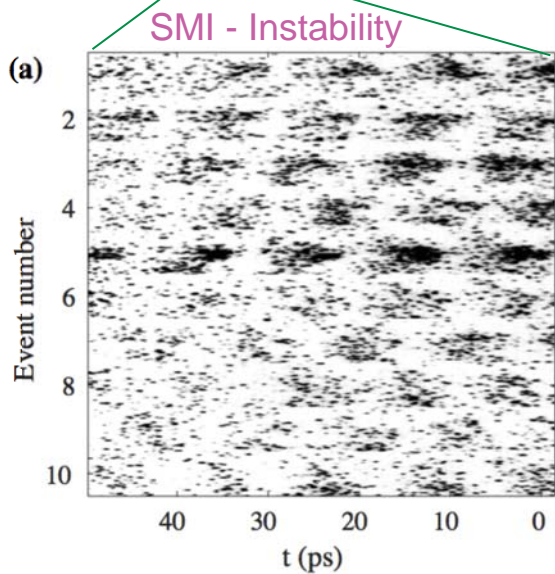
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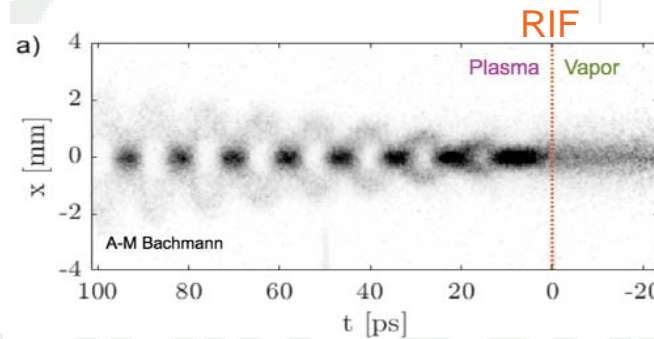


Relativistic Ionization Front  
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Seeding

$\mu$ -bunches @ varying times  $\rightarrow$   $\mu$ -bunches @ fixed times



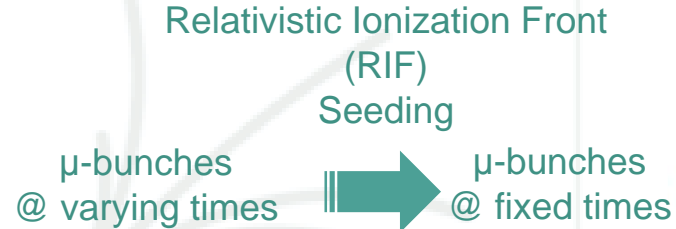
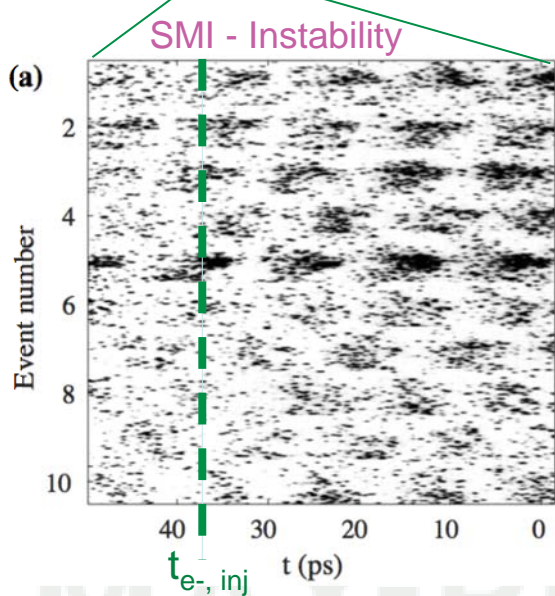
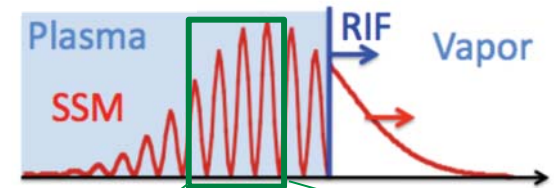
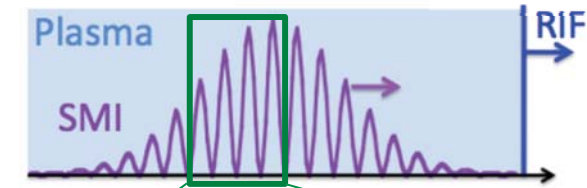
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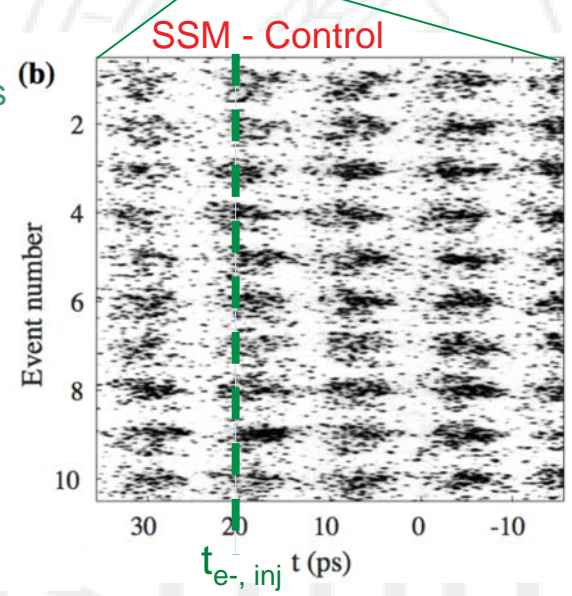
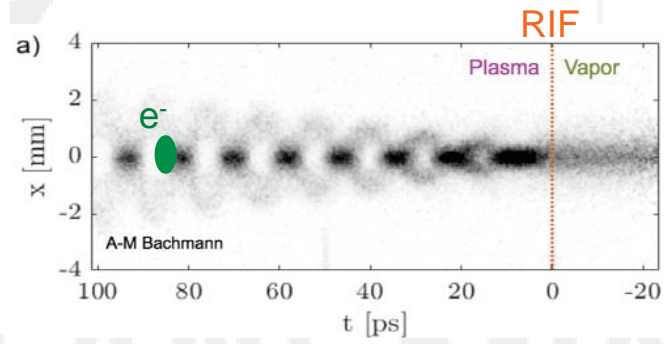
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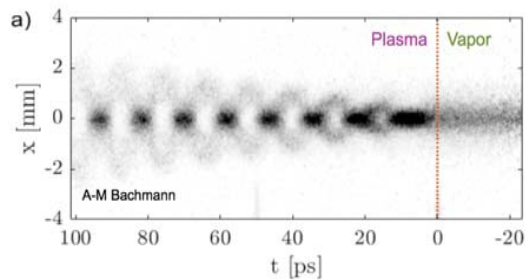
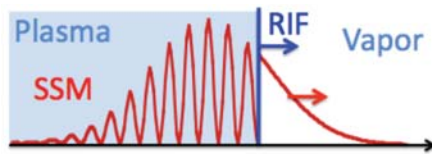


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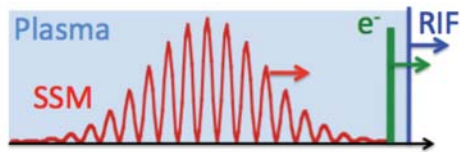
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Abrupt start of the plasma ( $\ll 1/\omega_{pe}$ ) to seeds wakefields

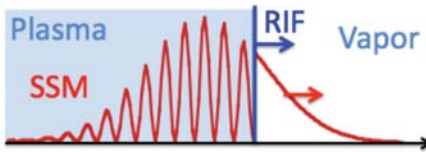
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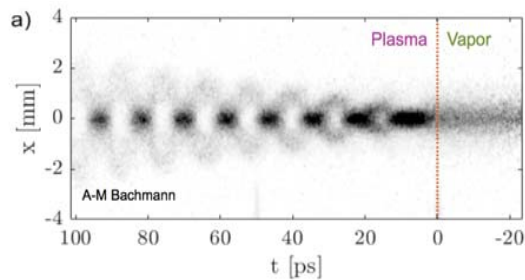


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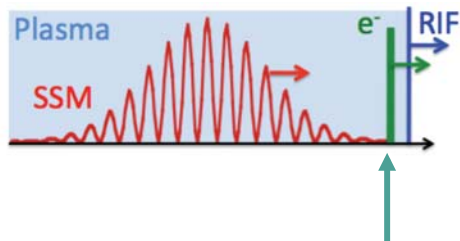


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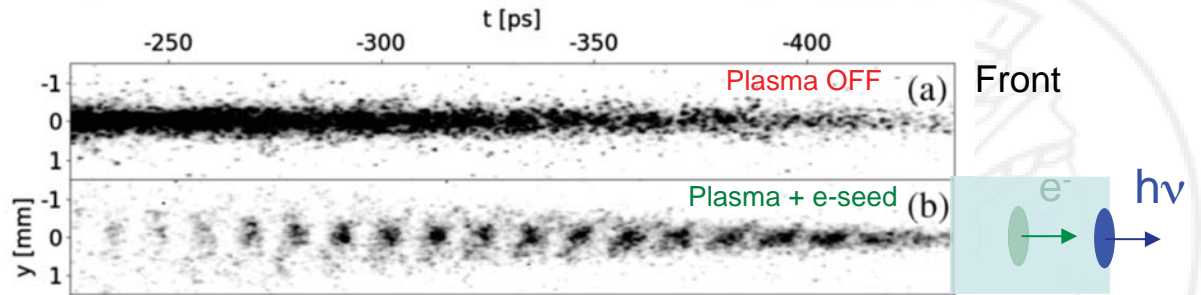
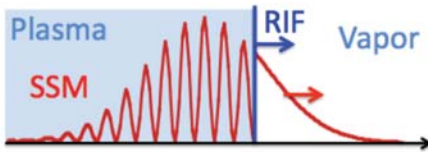
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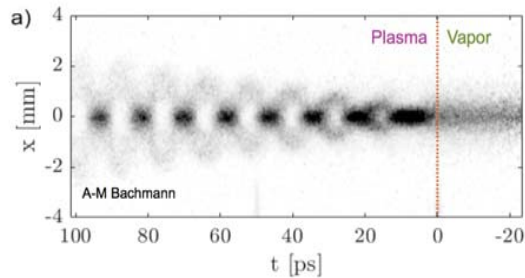
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$E=19\text{MeV}$   
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 $\sigma_r=200\mu\text{m}$   
 $\sigma_t=3\text{-}5\text{ps}$   
 $n_{e0}=10^{14}\text{cm}^{-3}$

✧ SM is reproducible (summed image)

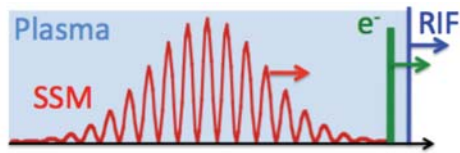


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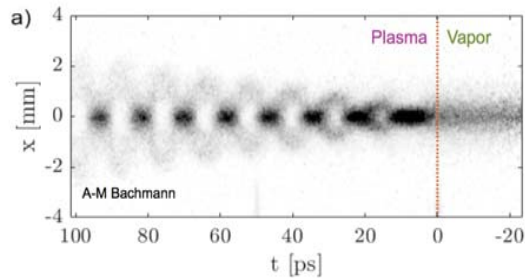
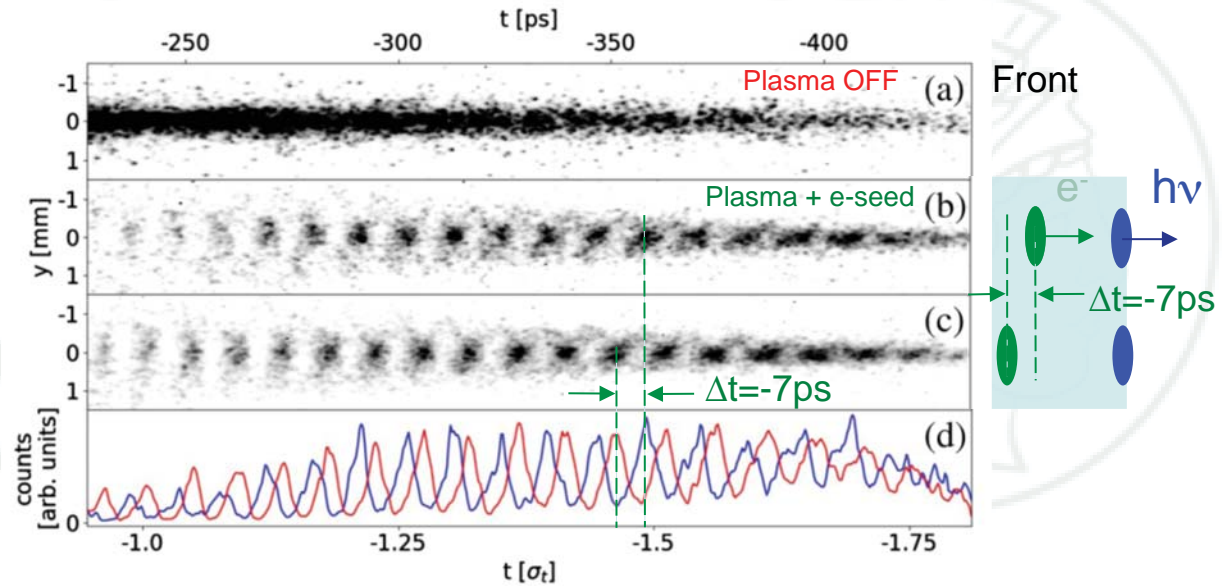
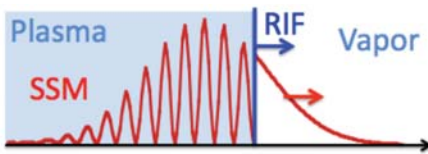
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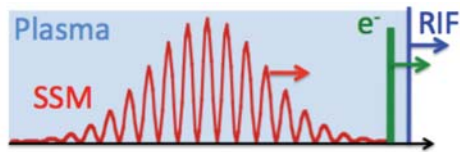


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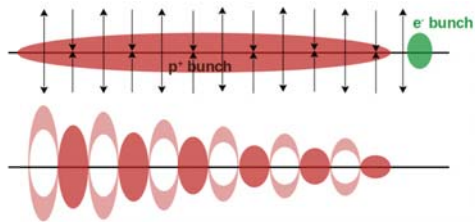
✧ SM is seeded by the (wakefields driven by the) e<sup>-</sup> bunch, e-SSM



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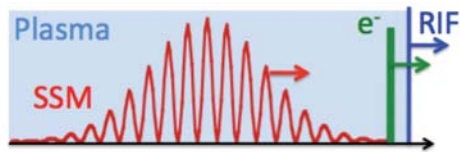
✧  $e^-$  and  $p^+$  aligned ...



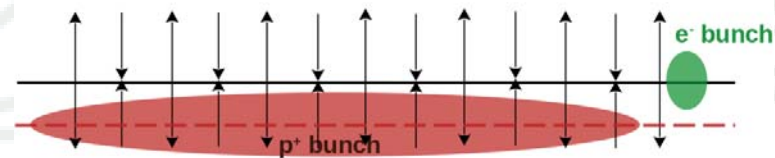
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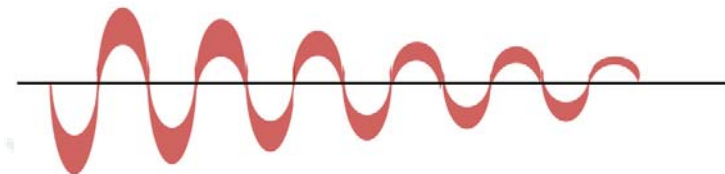
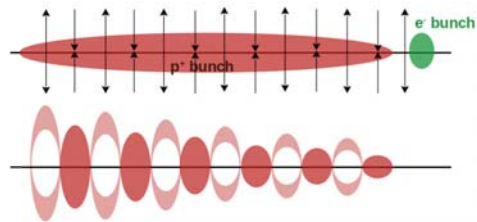
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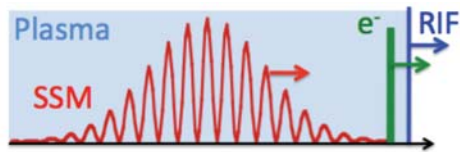


- ✧ ... non-axi-symmetric hosing (mis-alignment plane)
- ✧ ... and SM in the perpendicular plane ("no misalignment" plane)

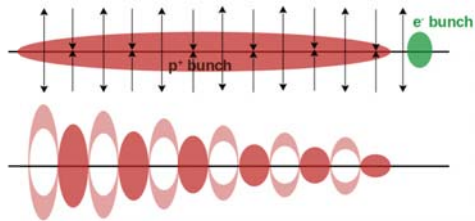
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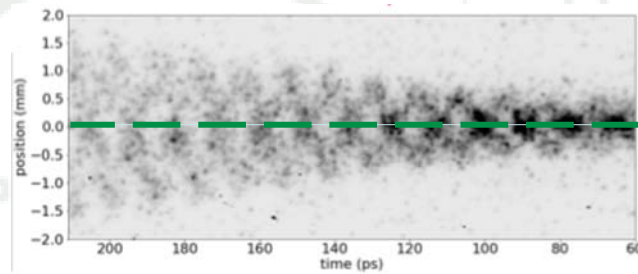
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Front

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- ✧ Self modulation
- ✧ Symmetric

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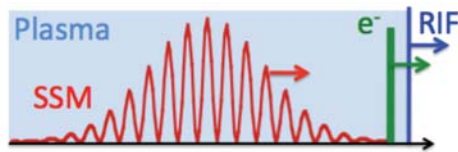
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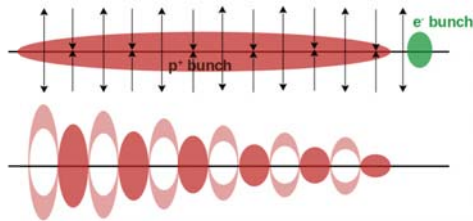
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# HOSING

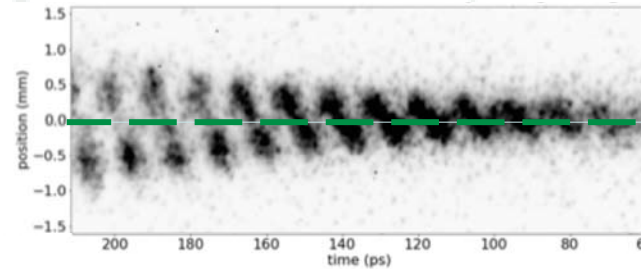
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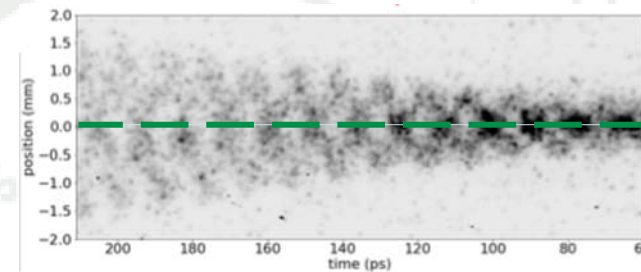
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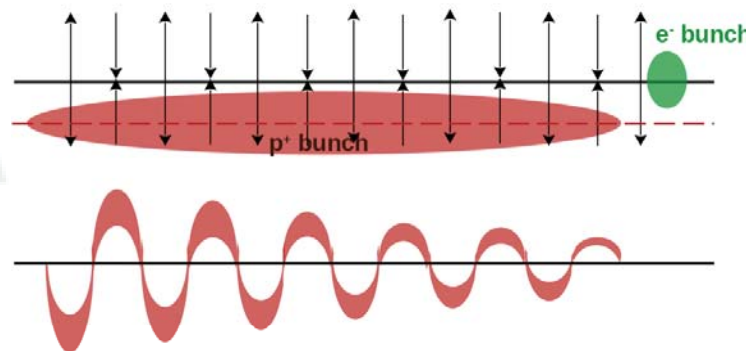
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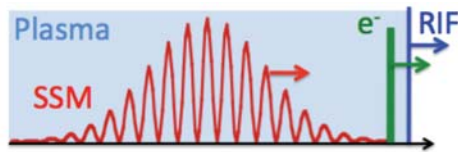


- ✦ SM and HI together
- ✦  $f_{HI} \sim f_{SM} \sim f_{pe}$
- ✦ Induced by wakefields

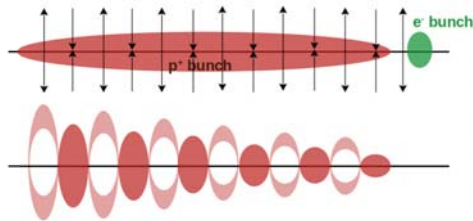
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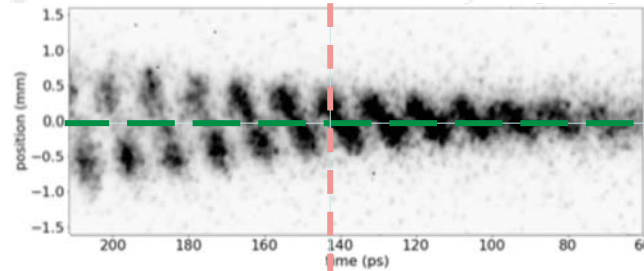


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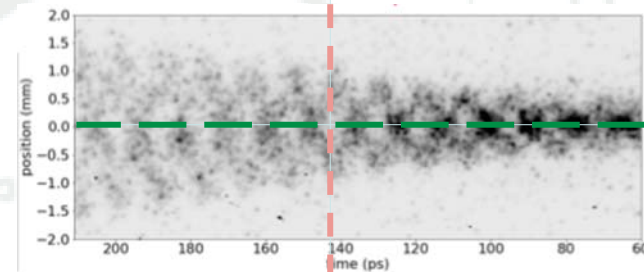


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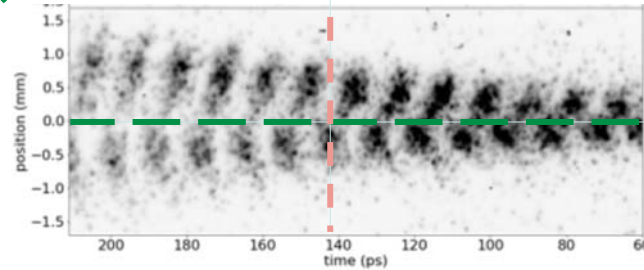
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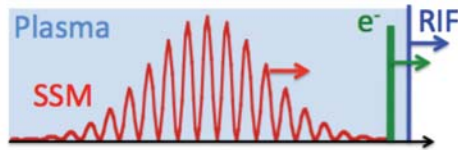
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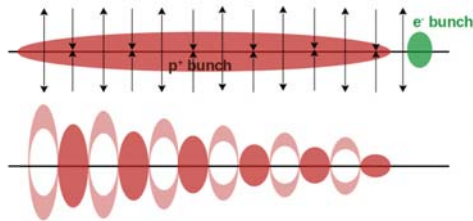
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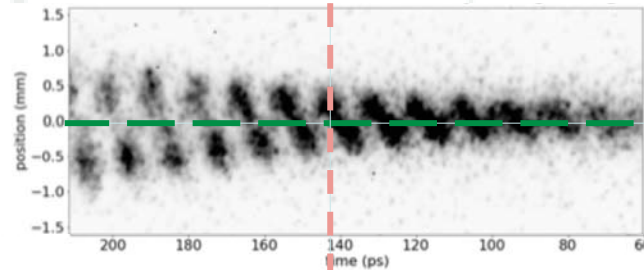


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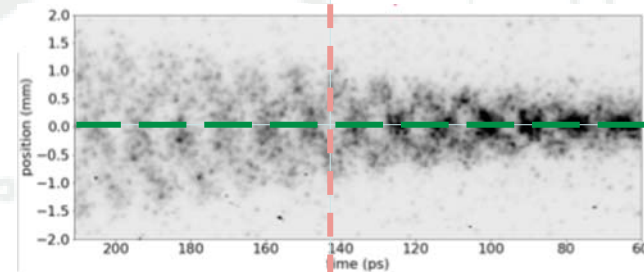


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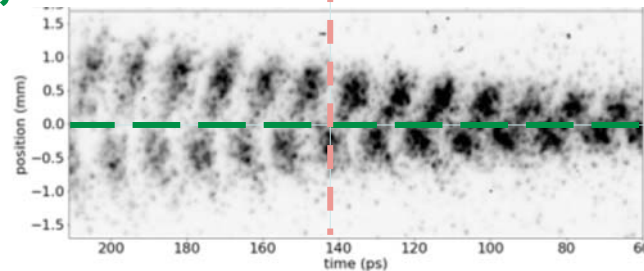
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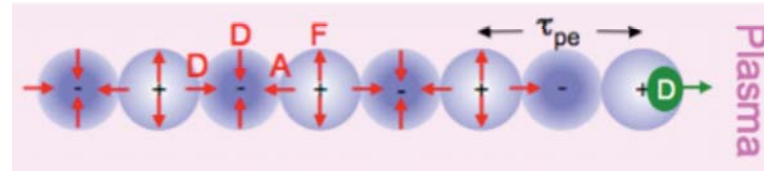
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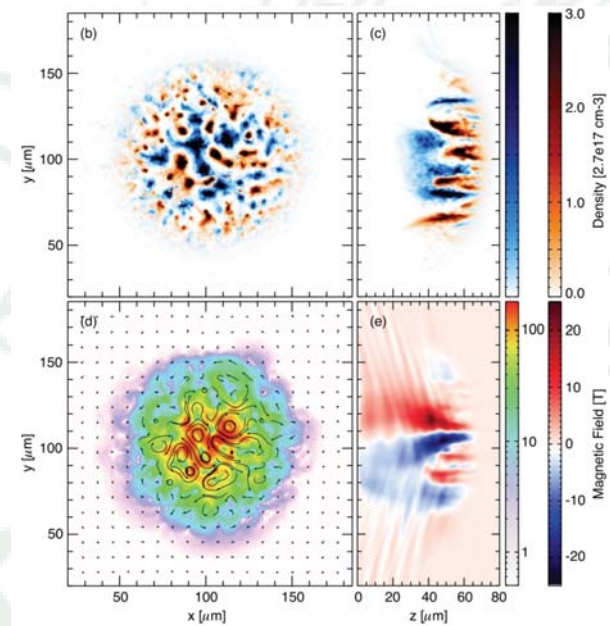
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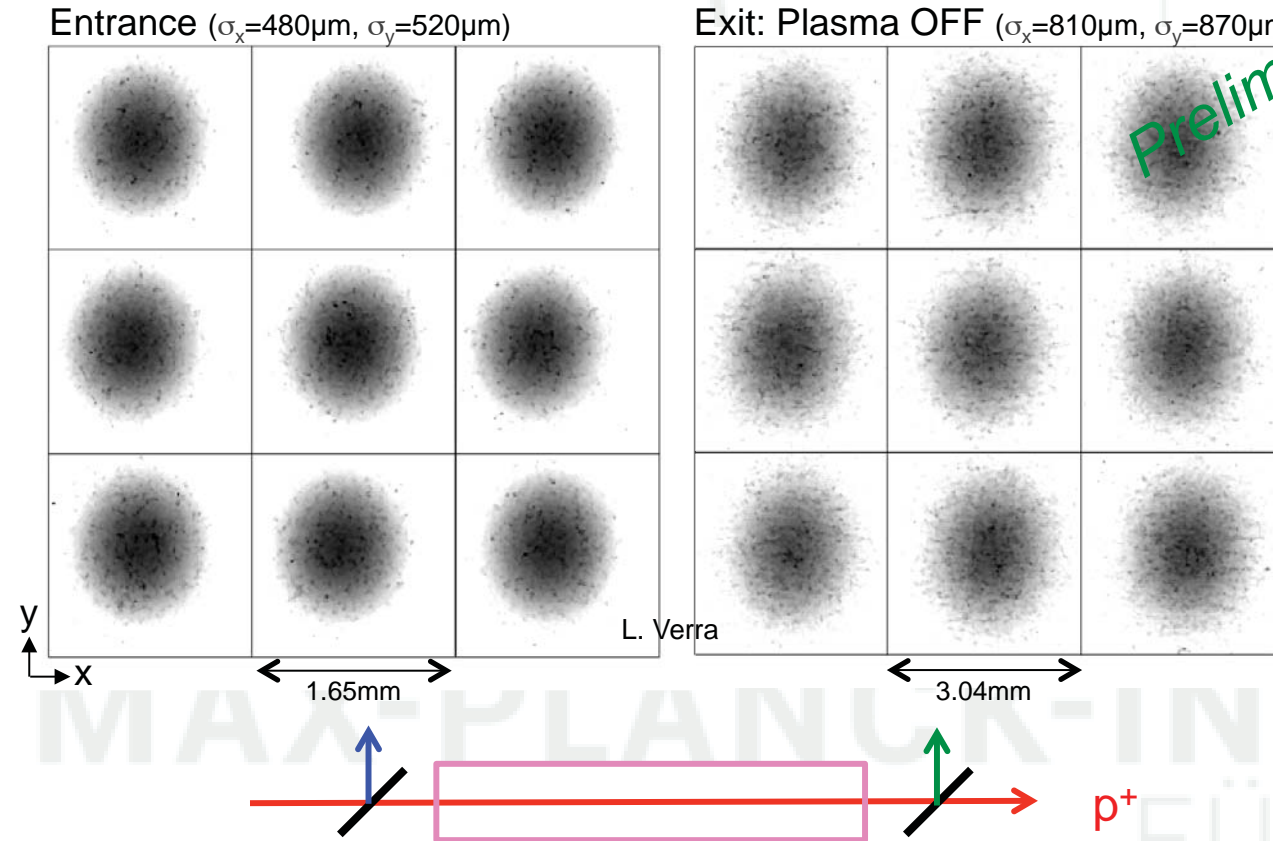
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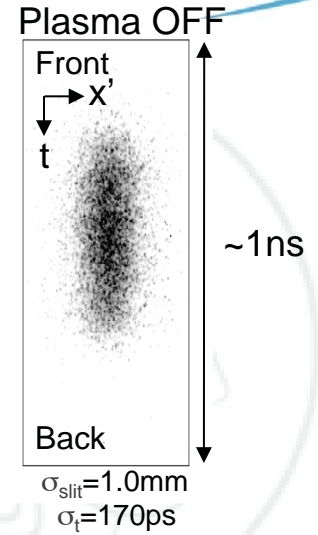
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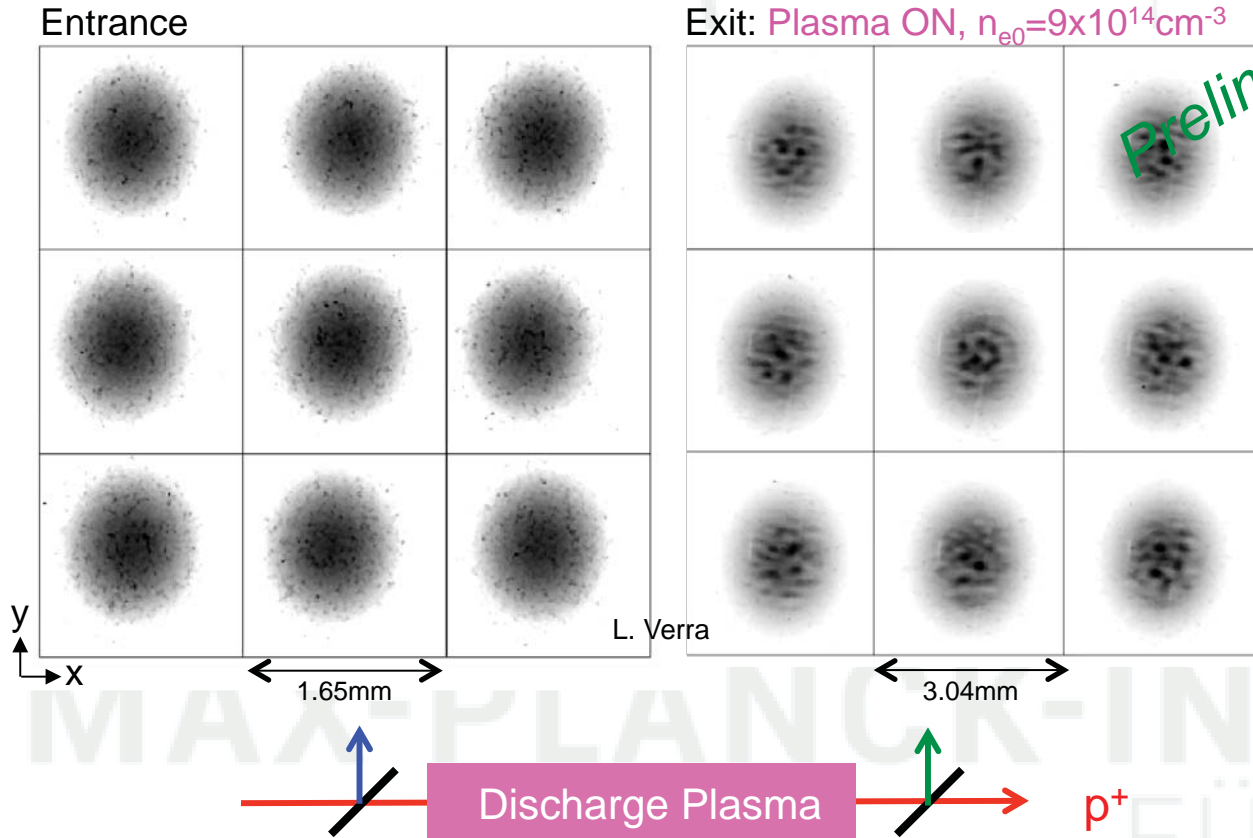


◇ Incoming bunch without transverse features (Gaussian)

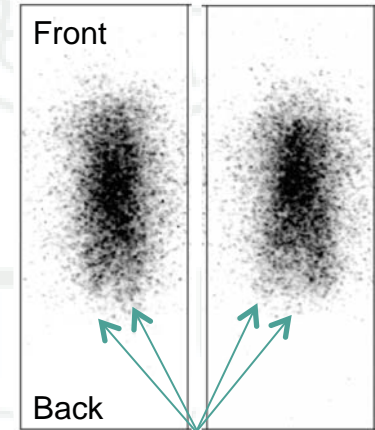
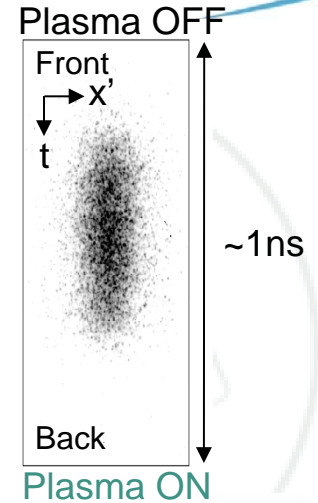
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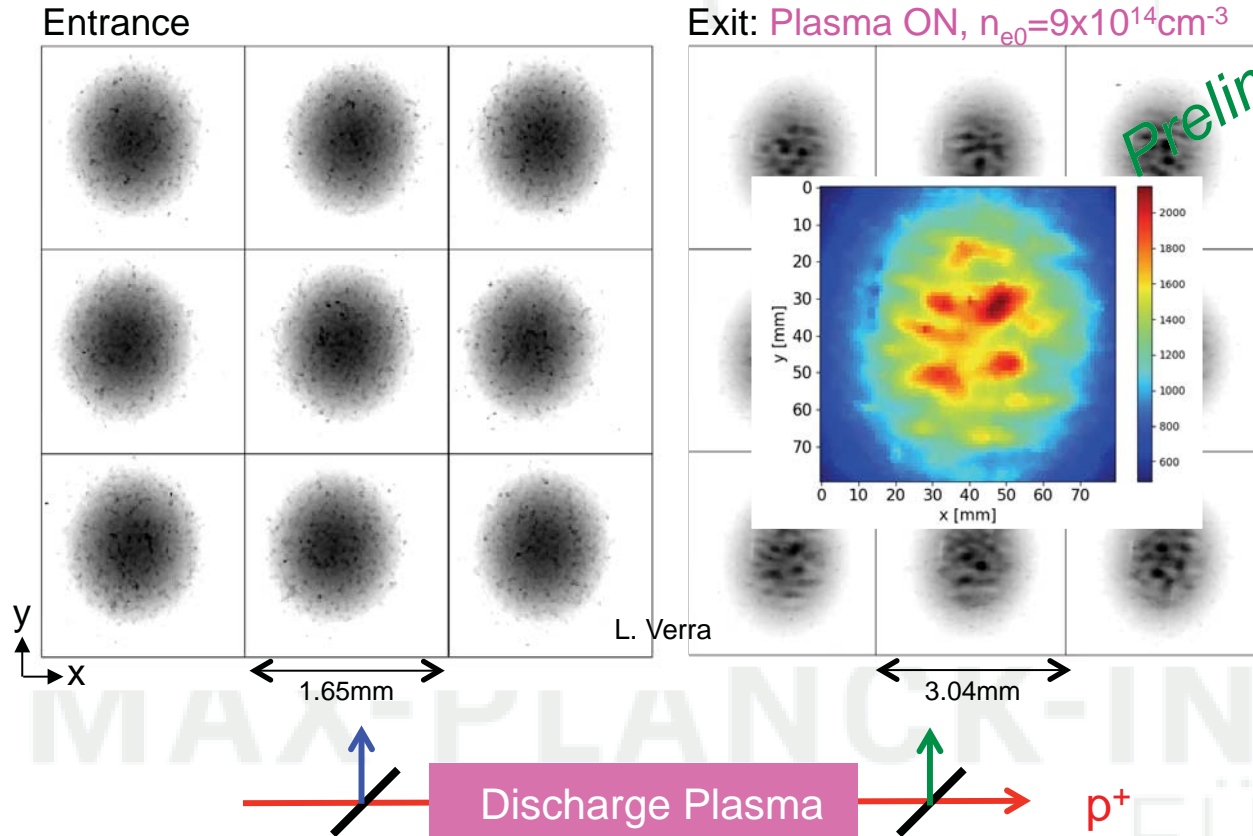


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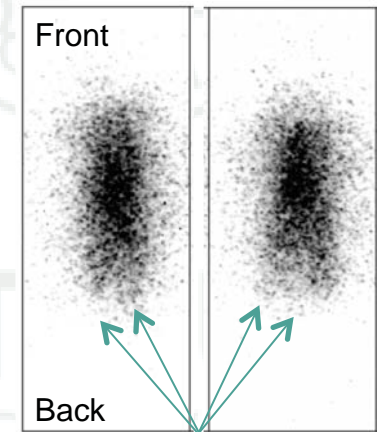
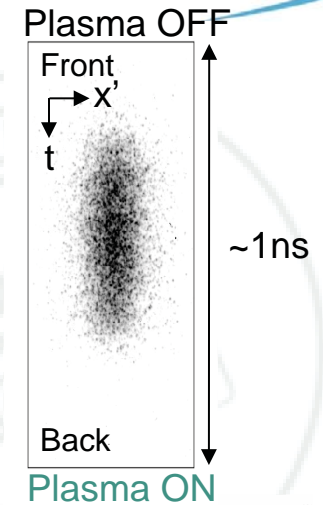
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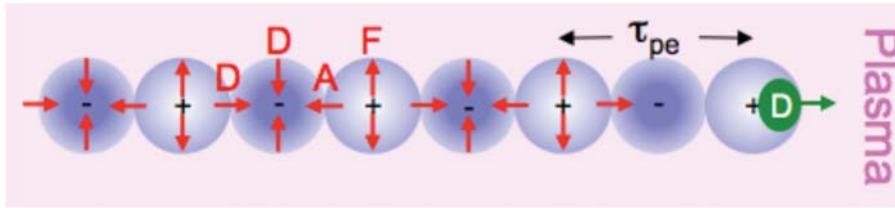
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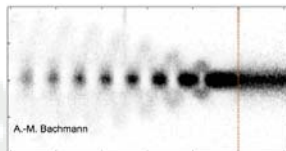
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D=driver

- ◇ Relativistic Bunch ⇔ Radial Space Charge Field ⇔ Plasma Screening
  - ⇔ Azimuthal Magnetic Field ⇔ Plasma Return Current
- ◇ High Frequency Regime ⇔ Time  $\sim 1/\omega_{pe}$  ⇔ Space  $\sim c/\omega_{pe} = 1/k_{pe}$ ,  $\lambda_{pe} = 2\pi/k_{pe}$ ,  $v_b \sim c$ ,  $\gamma \gg 1$ ,  $(\omega_{pi})$
- ◇ Screening ⇔ Plasma Wakefields (Langmuir Wave,  $E_z$ ) ⇔ Self-Modulation and Hosing Instabilities ⇔ Accelerators
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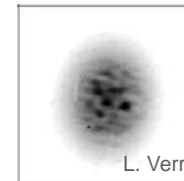
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CFI



Main motivation:

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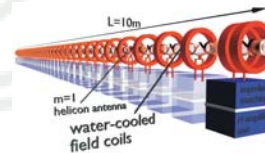
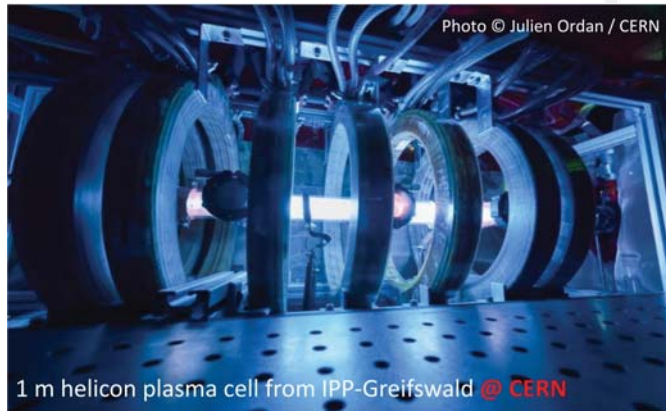


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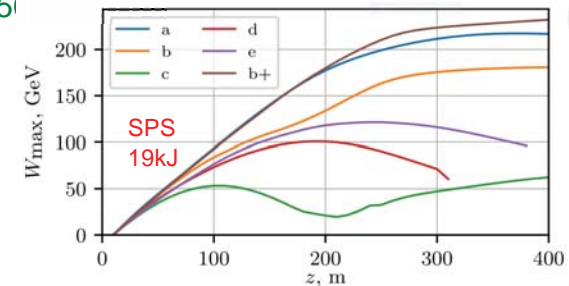
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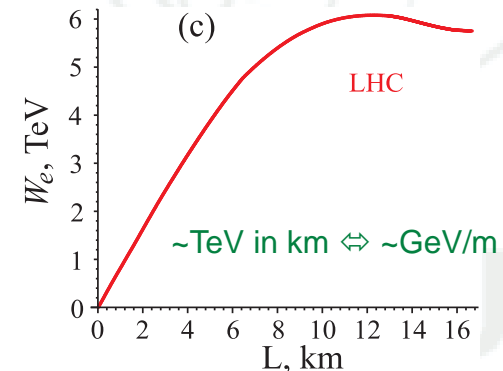
- ✧ Laser ionization does not scale to long plasma lengths (100m-1km): laser pulse energy depletion!
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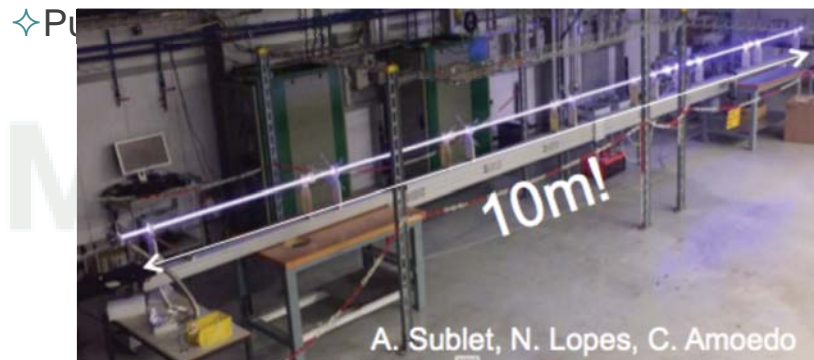
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Challenge: plasma density uniformity!

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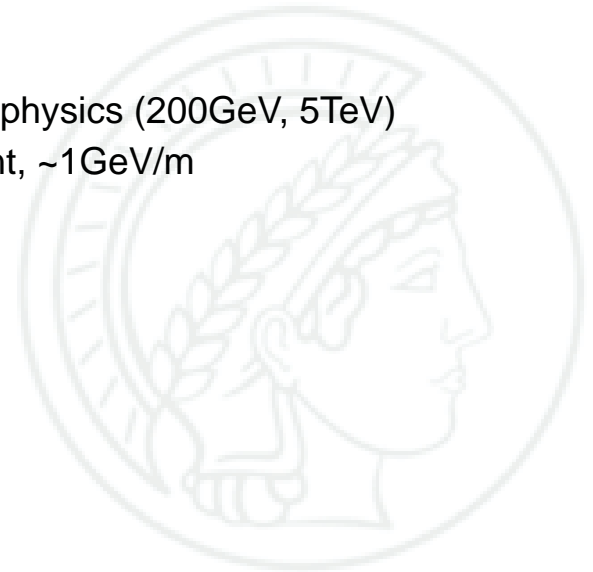
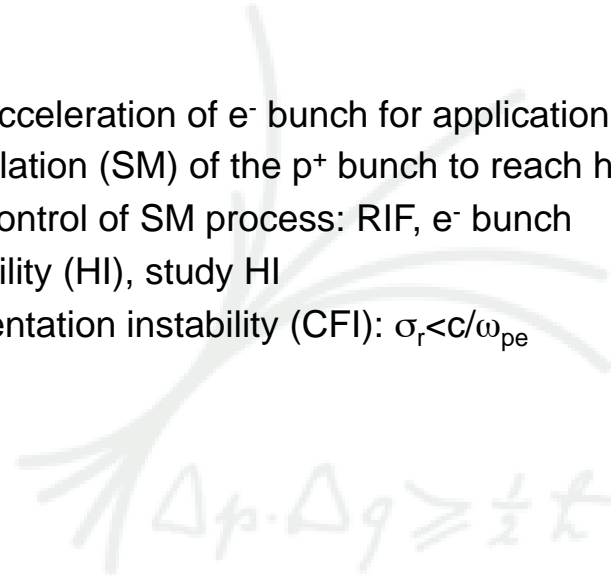
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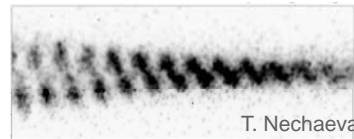
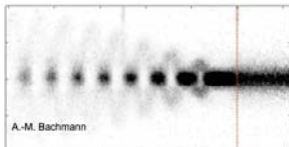
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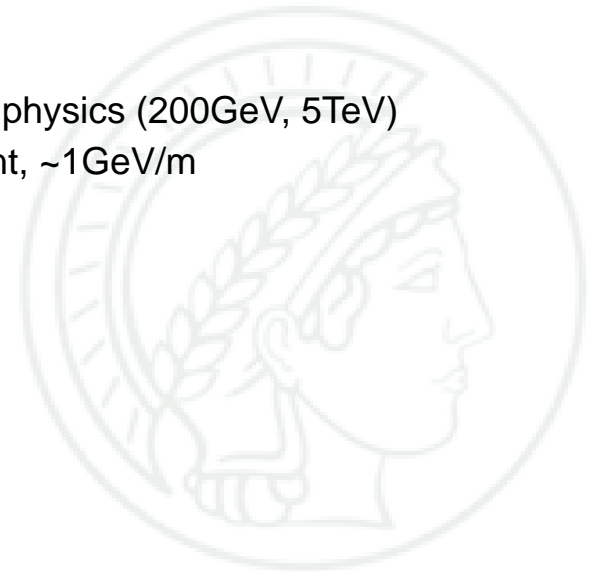
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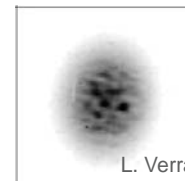
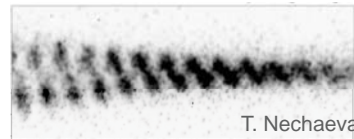
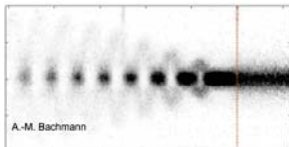
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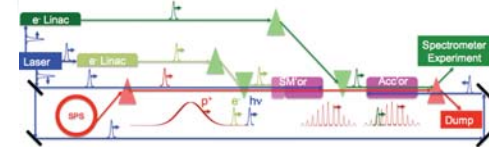


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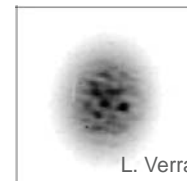
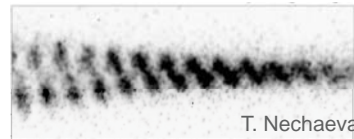
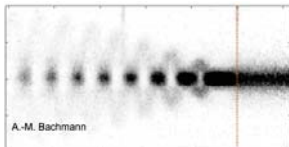


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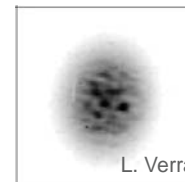
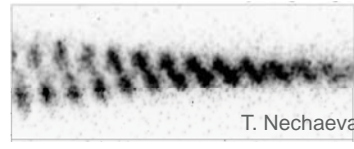
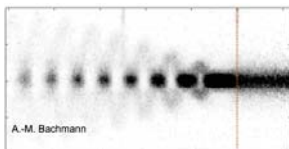
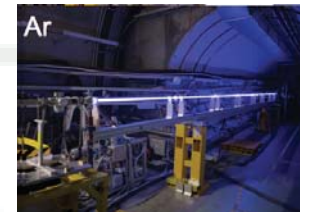
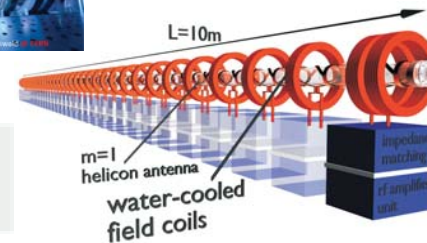
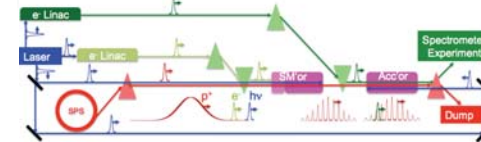
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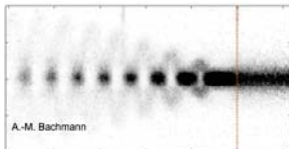


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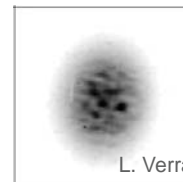
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