

Laser Wake Field Acceleration



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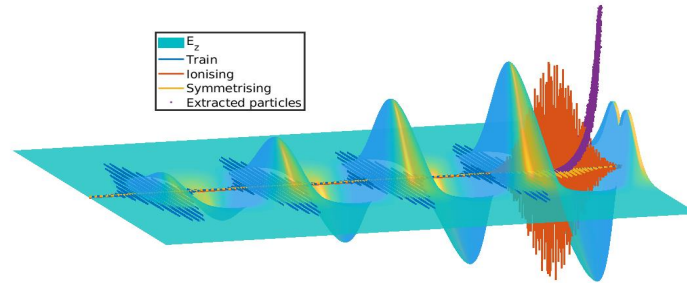


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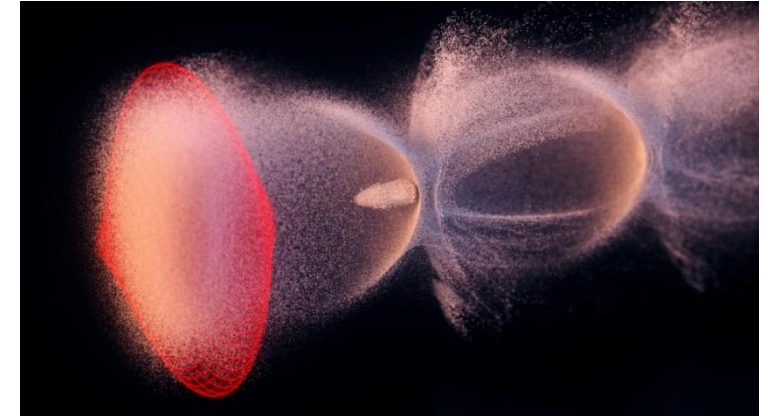






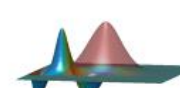
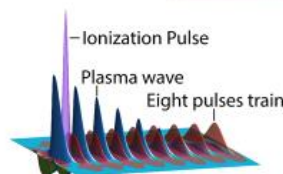






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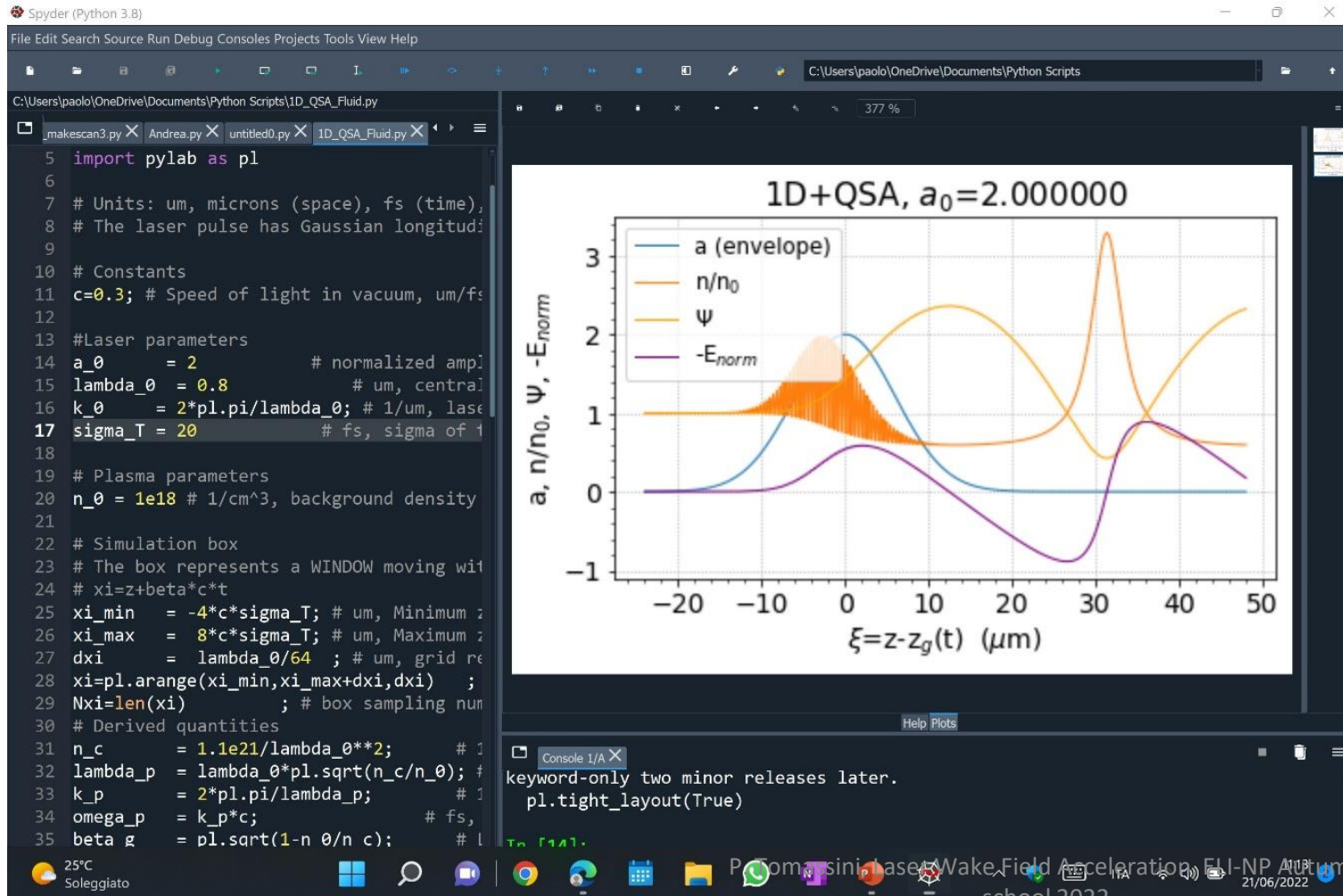


The lessons for the full master/Ph.D. course (40h) on LWFA are available upon request

The course in modules	The course	The course
<p>MODULE 1 Cold plasmas, Vlasov equations and plasma waves in underdense plasmas</p> 	<p>MODULE 4 Propagation of laser pulses into plasmas. Self-focusing and laser guiding</p> 	<p>MODULE 6 The simulation codes: fluid, hybrid and PIC</p> 
<p>MODULE 2 Ultra-intense laser pulses, radiation pressure and ponderomotive force.</p> 	<p>MODULE 5 Particle's injection into the plasma waves: bubble, downramp. Ionization injection and ReMPI</p> 	<p>MODULE 7 Design of a laser-plasma accelerator. Scale laws</p> 
<p>MODULE 3 Plasma waves excitation, laser-plasma accelerators. Linear and fully nonlinear regimes.</p> 	 <p>— Ionization Pulse Plasma wave Eight pulses train</p>	   

1D self consistent code for wakefield excitation and acceleration studies

Python code available for the attendees (very simple and fast)
Suitable to take contact with LWFA and for preparatory 1D simulations

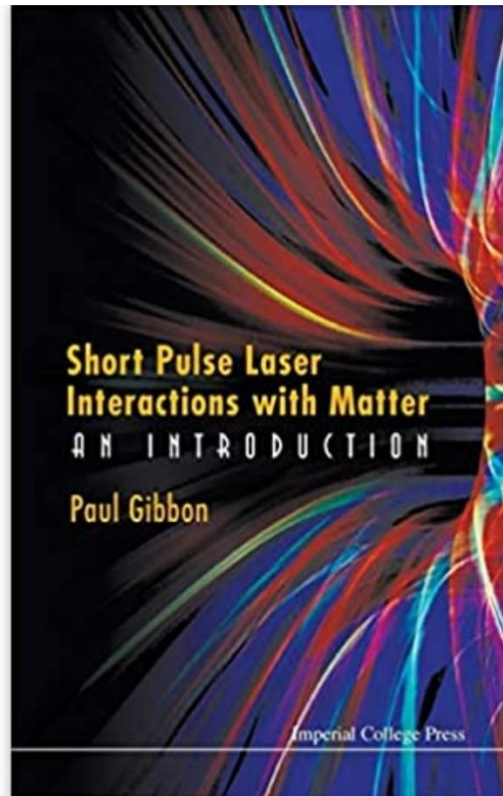


Note: Full simulations are usually performed with **2D or 3D PIC/Fluid/Hybrid codes**

See the lecture of D'Humieres on tomorrow

Basic and less basic references to start with

Paul Gibbon, Short Pulse Laser Interactions with Matter: An Introduction
ICP, ISBN-13: 978-1860941351



Eric Esarey et al., Physics of laser-driven plasma-based electron accelerators,
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Physics of laser-driven plasma-based electron accelerators

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Laser-driven plasma-based accelerators, which are capable of supporting fields in excess of 100 GV/m, are reviewed. This includes the laser wakefield accelerator, the plasma beat wave accelerator, the self-modulated laser wakefield accelerator, plasma waves driven by multiple laser pulses, and highly nonlinear regimes. The properties of linear and nonlinear plasma waves are discussed, as well as electron acceleration in plasma waves. Methods for injecting and trapping plasma electrons in plasma waves are also discussed. Limits to the electron energy gain are summarized, including laser pulse diffraction, electron dephasing, laser pulse energy depletion, and beam loading limitations. The basic physics of laser pulse evolution in underdense plasmas is also reviewed. This includes the propagation, self-focusing, and guiding of laser pulses in uniform plasmas and with preformed density channels. Instabilities relevant to intense short-pulse laser-plasma interactions, such as Raman, self-modulation, and hose instabilities, are discussed. Experiments demonstrating key physics, such as the production of high-quality electron bunches at energies of 0.1–1 GeV, are summarized.

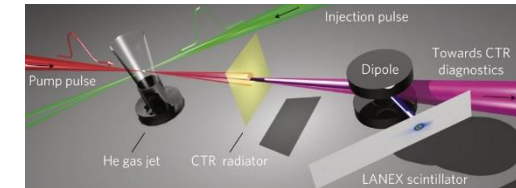
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Laser Electron Accelerator

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An intense electromagnetic pulse can create a wave of plasma oscillations through the action of the nonlinear ponderomotive force. Electrons trapped in the wake can be accelerated to high energy. Existing glass lasers of power density 10^{10} W/cm² shone on plasmas of densities 10^{18} cm⁻³ can yield gigaelectronvolts of electron energy per centimeter of acceleration distance. This acceleration mechanism is demonstrated through computer simulation. Applications to accelerators and pulsers are examined.

Collective plasma accelerators have recently received considerable theoretical and experimental investigation. Earlier Fermi¹ and McMillan² considered cosmic-ray particle acceleration by moving magnetic fields¹ or electromagnetic

the wavelength of the plasma waves in the wake:

$$L_t = \lambda_w / 2 = \pi c / \omega_p. \quad (2)$$

An alternative way of exciting the plasmon is to inject two laser beams with slightly different

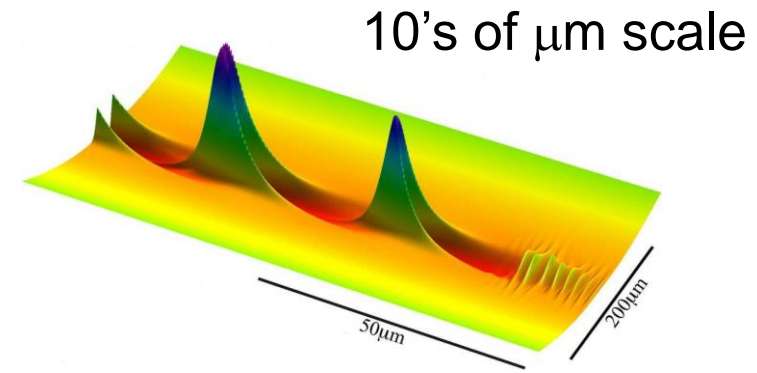
2+2 ingredients for a LWFA process

1. Ultraintense and ultrashort laser pulse

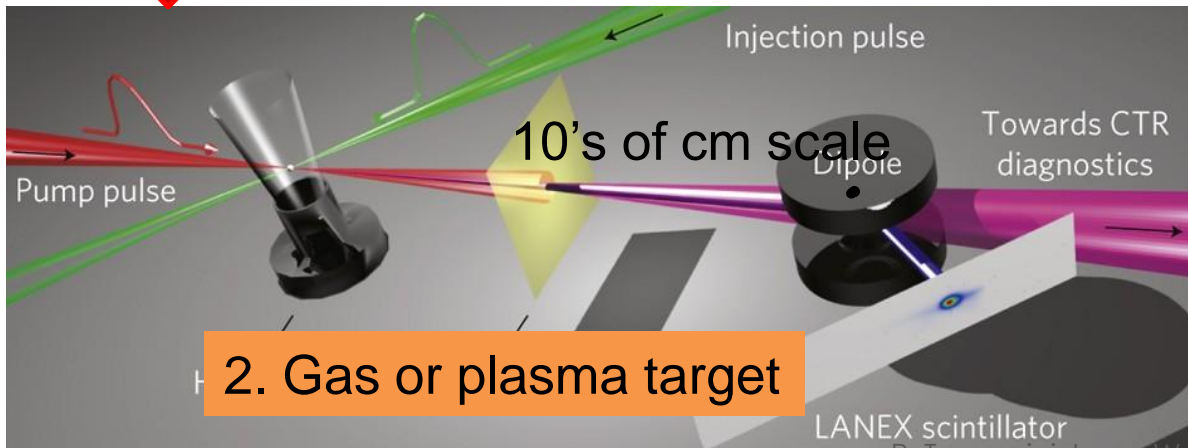
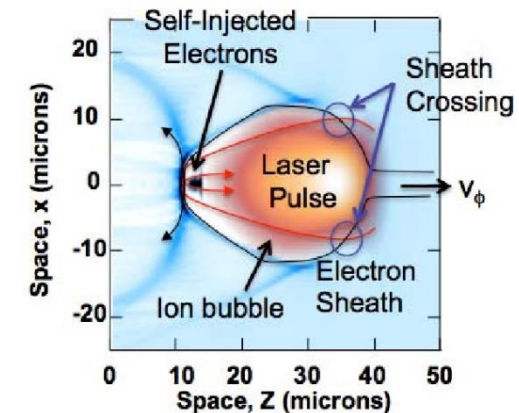


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3. Excitation of the plasma wave



4. Trapping and energy boosting of the particles



2. Gas or plasma target

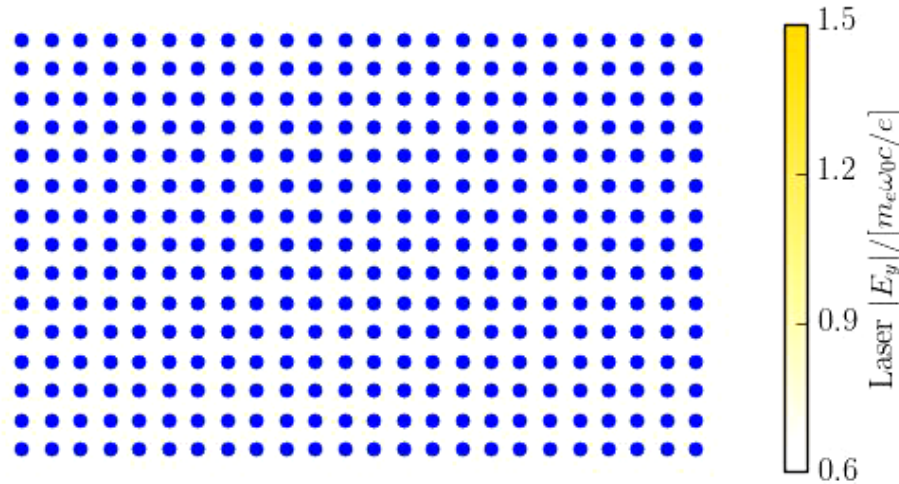
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- Sampled e^-
- Sampled ions +



Ions are (almost) immobile: we can focus on e^- dynamics

Electron density



We often need an High Beam Quality

- Compactness in phase-space (low energy spread, divergence...)
- High charge or high current
- Linear correlation in the transverse $x-u_x$ and $y-u_y$ planes (low emittance)

Normalized emittance

$$u = p/mc$$

$$\epsilon_n^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle \langle u_x^2 \rangle - (\langle x \cdot u_x \rangle)^2$$

Preserves the focusability

Normalized Brightness (5D)

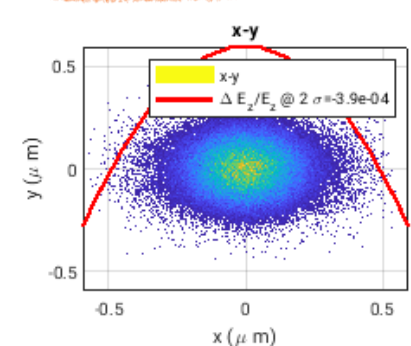
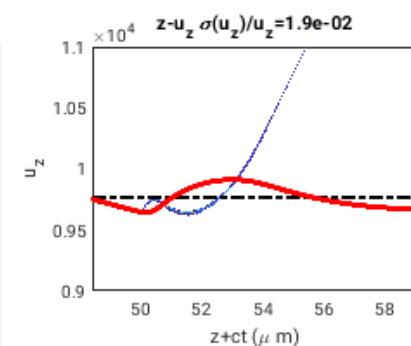
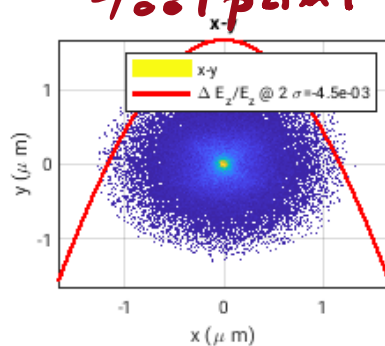
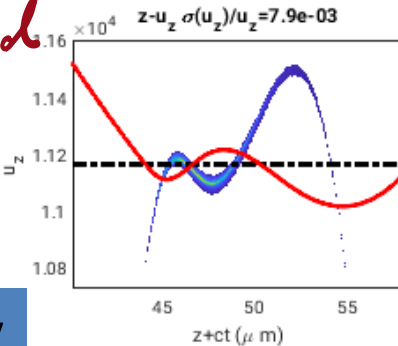
$$B_{n,5D} = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{I}{\epsilon_{n,x} \epsilon_{n,y}} A / (m \times rad)^2$$

Normalized Brightness (6D)

$$B_{n,6D} = \frac{B_{n,5D}}{\delta E / E / 0.1\%}$$

Energy spread

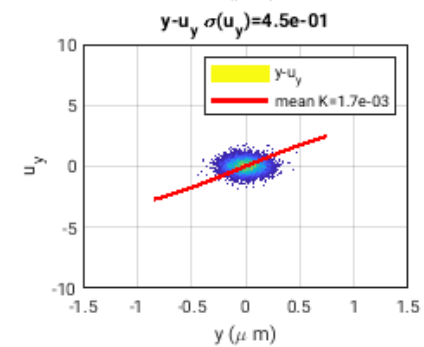
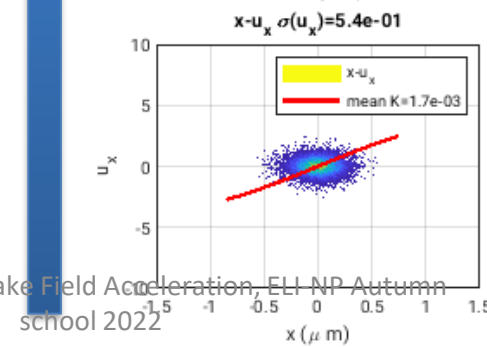
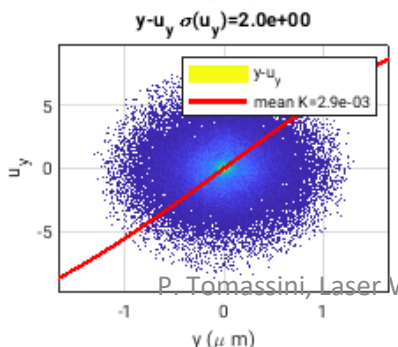
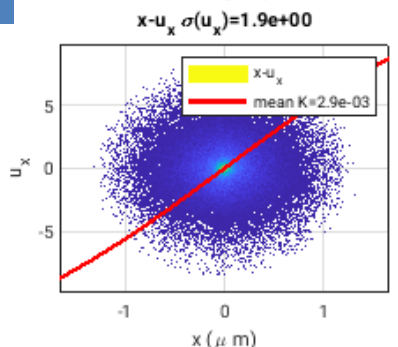
Longitudinal



Good Quality

Excellent Quality

Transverse

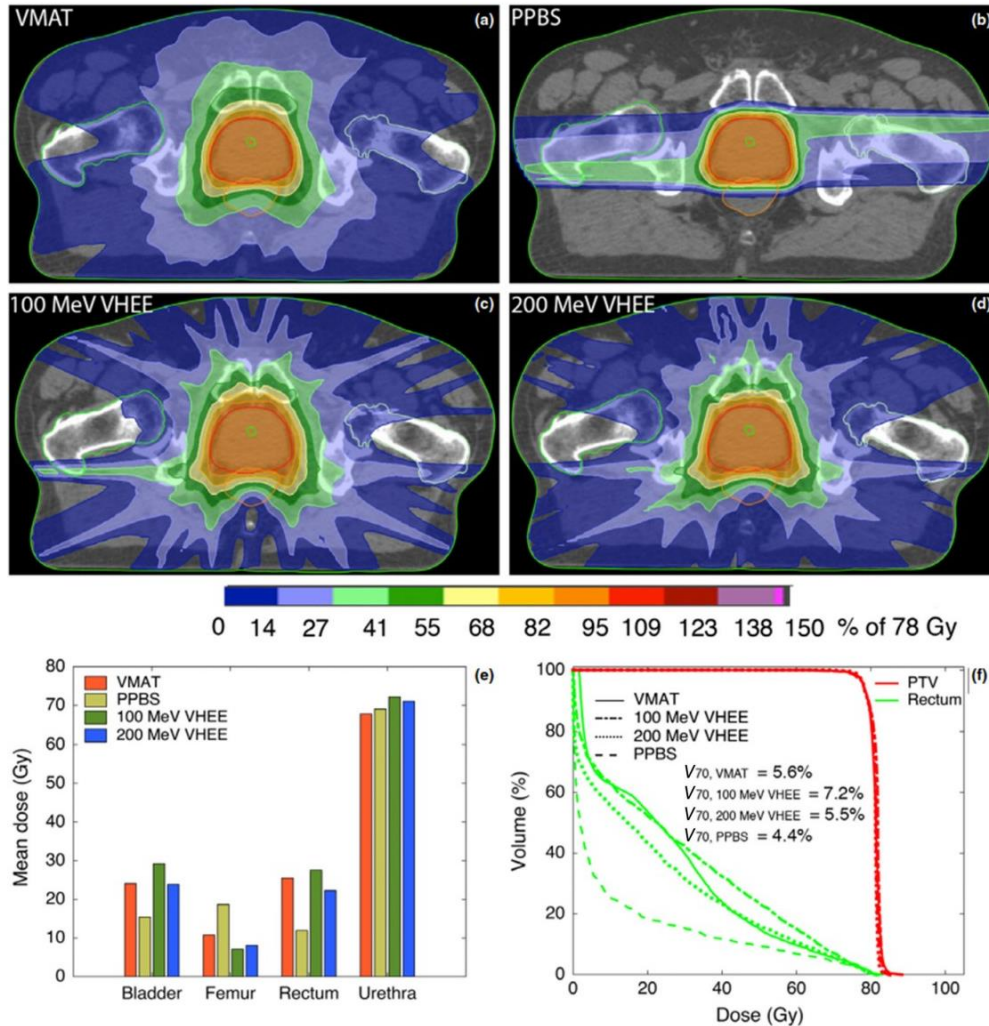


But for some application (e.g VHEE) the focus is on beam charge

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FLASH SYSTEMS



Ultra-high dose rate radiation production and delivery systems intended for FLASH, Jonathan Farr et al. Medical Physics 2021 DOI: 10.1002/mp.15659

More on the lectures from V. Patera on Friday

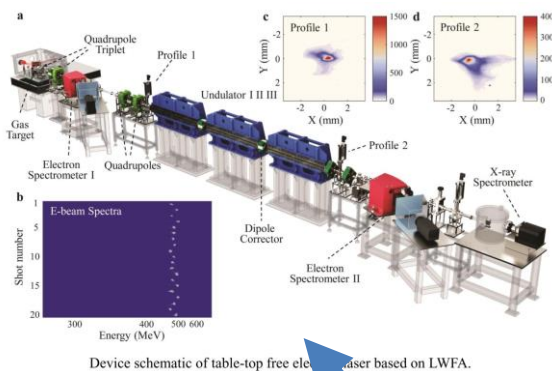
FIGURE 17 Comparison of treatment plans for prostate cancer. Treatment planning comparison between VMAT, PPBS, 100 MeV VHEE, and 200 MeV VHEE plans (a–d, respectively); (e) mean doses to the bladder, femurs, rectum, and urethra; (f) dose volume histogram for the planning target volume and rectum, together with the reported percent of prescription dose to 70% of the rectal volume (V_{70}). Adapted with permission from Schüller et al.¹⁰²

Small scale 0.5-10's GeV accelerator for X-ray FEL or Compton gamma radiation

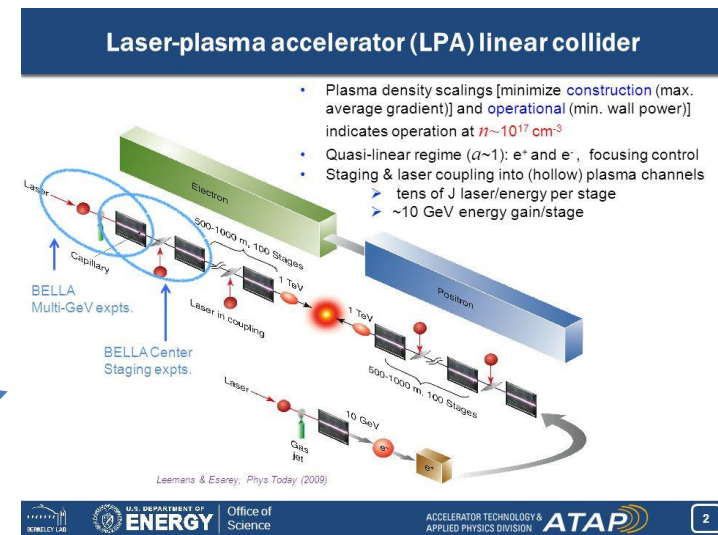
Small scale 10's GeV modules for TeV scale multistage acceleration



W. T. Wang, K. Feng, et al., Nature, 595, 561 (2021).



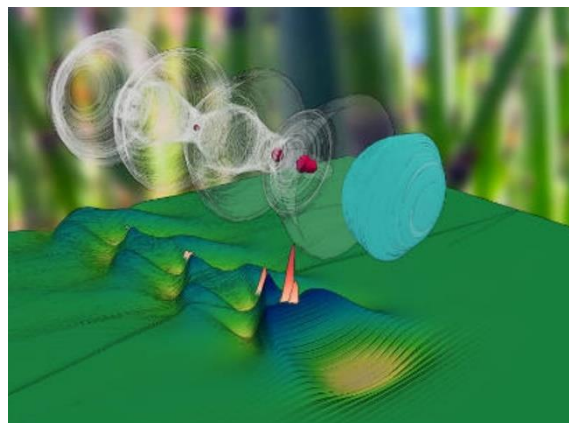
Device schematic of table-top free electron laser based on LWFA.



What can we do with LWFA?

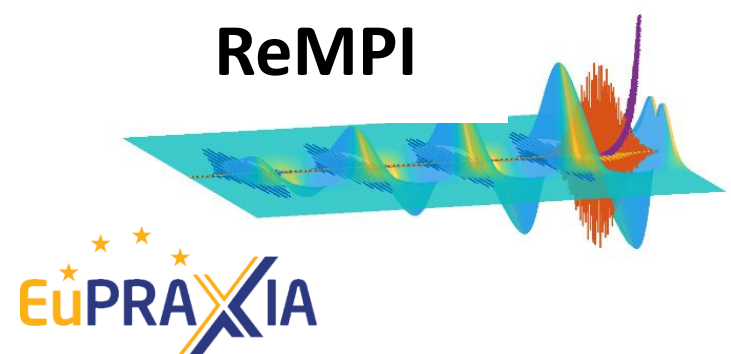
Table-Top 100's MeV accelerator For medical applications (VHEE, imaging)

High-Brightness accelerators and attosecond bunches generation



And more...

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Maxwell equations and particle dynamics chart (recap from CD and ED courses)

Maxwell Equations

MKS	$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2}$	CGS
$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$	$\epsilon_0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi}$	$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi\rho$
$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$		$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$
$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\partial_t \vec{B}$	$B \rightarrow B/c$	$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{B}$
$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{J} + \epsilon_0 \partial_t \vec{E})$	$\mu_0 \rightarrow 4\pi/c^2$	$\nabla \times \vec{B} = 4\pi \left(\frac{1}{c} \vec{J} + \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{E} \right)$
$d_t \vec{p} = q (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$	$B \rightarrow B/c$	$d_t \vec{p} = q \left(\vec{E} + \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \times \vec{B} \right)$

Dynamics

Normalised potentials, momenta and dynamics

$$\vec{a} \equiv \frac{e}{mc^2} \vec{A} \quad \varphi \equiv \frac{e}{mc^2} \phi$$

Hamiltonian of an e^-

$$\vec{u} \equiv \vec{p}/mc = \gamma \vec{v}/c = \gamma \vec{\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sqrt{1 + (\vec{\pi} + \vec{a})^2} - \varphi$$

Very useful description of e^- dynamics

$$\vec{\pi} \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \vec{\beta}} = \vec{u} - \vec{a}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial ct} \vec{\pi} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \vec{x}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial ct} \vec{\beta} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \vec{\pi}}$$

$$\frac{1}{c} d_t (\vec{u} - \vec{a}) = \vec{\nabla} (\varphi - \vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{a})$$

Conjugate momentum

Understanding the Ponderomotive Force (even in the relativistic regime)

Useful description of the plane-wave laser pulse

For an EM pulse ($\phi=0$) If the pulse is propagating towards $z+$

$$\vec{E}(z, t) = \hat{x} E_0 f(z - v_g t) \sin [k_0(z - v_\phi t)]$$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{A} \quad k_0 v_\phi = \omega_0$$

$T \gg \tau_0 = \lambda_0/c$ Many laser cycles/ pulse

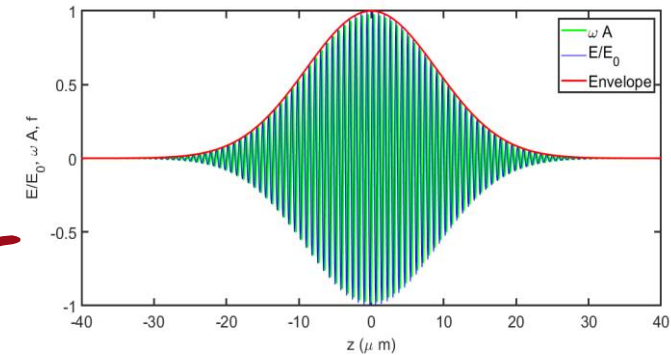
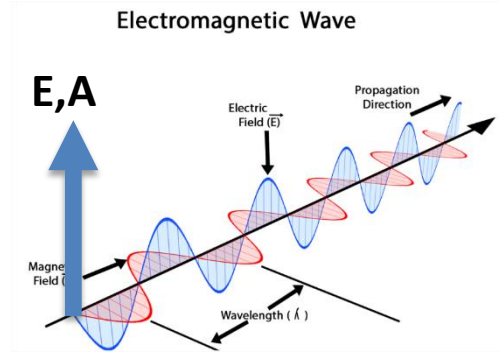
$$\vec{A}(z, t) \simeq \hat{x} \frac{1}{\omega_0} E_0 f(z - v_g t) \cos [k_0(z - v_\phi t)]$$

Envelope

Oscillating term

$$\vec{a}(z, r, t) \simeq \hat{x} a_0 f(z - v_g t, r) \cos [k_0(z - v_\phi t + \phi(z, r))]$$

$$a_0 = \frac{e}{mc^2} \max(A) = \frac{e}{mc^2 \omega_0} \max(E) \simeq 8.5 \cdot 10^{-10} \sqrt{I[W/cm^2] \lambda[\mu m]^2}$$



A obtained by exact integration of **E**

Key parameter in laser-electron interaction, we'll give a physical interpretation in a few slides

Understanding the Ponderomotive Force (even in the relativistic regime)

IN THE VACUUM ($\phi=0$) for pulse polarized along x

$$\vec{a} = \vec{x} a_0 f(z + ct) g(x, y)$$

Propagation through z

$$\frac{1}{c} d_t (\vec{u} - \vec{a}) = \vec{\nabla} (\varphi - \vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{a}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LONGITUDINAL} \\ \text{TRANSVERSE} \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{c} d_t (\vec{u}_{\perp} - \vec{a}_{\perp}) = -\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\perp} \vec{a} \\ \frac{1}{c} d_t (\vec{u}_{\parallel} - \vec{a}_{\parallel}) = -\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\parallel} \vec{a} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial t} = \frac{d\mathcal{H}}{dt} \quad \frac{1}{c} d_t \gamma = \frac{1}{\gamma} u_x \quad \frac{1}{c} d_t a$$

negligible

$$\nabla_{\parallel} = \partial_z$$

Quasistatic approximation

If the pulse depends on $(x, y, z+ct)$ solely (i.e. with a *rigid motion* within the selected time interval), by using $\frac{1}{c} \partial_t = \partial_z$ we get:

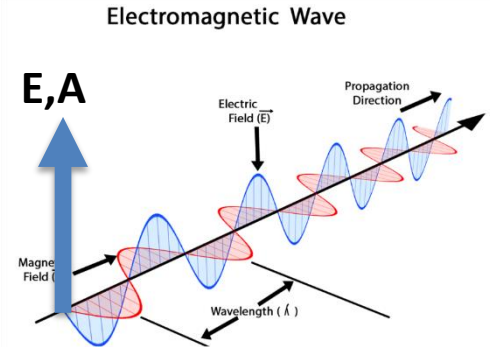
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{c} d_t u_z = -\frac{1}{\gamma} u_x \partial_z a \\ \frac{1}{c} d_t \gamma = \frac{1}{\gamma} u_x \frac{1}{c} d_t a \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow$$

$$d_t (\gamma + u_z) = 0 \rightarrow \gamma + u_z \equiv h_0 = \text{constant}$$

$$\frac{1}{c} d_t (\vec{u}_x - \vec{a}_x) = -\beta_x \cdot \partial_x a$$

$$\frac{1}{c} d_t (\vec{u}_y - 0) = -\beta_x \cdot \partial_y a$$

Transverse



Understanding the Ponderomotive Force (even in the relativistic regime)

$$d_t(\gamma + u_z) = 0 \rightarrow \gamma + u_z \equiv h_0 \quad \frac{1}{c} d_t(\vec{u}_x - \vec{a}_x) = -\beta_x \cdot \cancel{\partial_x a} \quad \frac{1}{c} d_t \vec{u}_y = -\beta_x \cdot \cancel{\partial_y a}$$

(Handwritten red annotations: ~ 0 with arrows pointing to the crossed-out terms)

The wide pulse case

If the **radial gradients** of a can be neglected (large waist) we get :

$$\dot{u}_x - \dot{a} \simeq 0 \rightarrow u_x - a \simeq \text{constant}$$

$$\dot{u}_y \simeq 0 \rightarrow u_y \simeq \text{constant}$$

$$\gamma + u_z \equiv h_0 = \text{constant}$$

$$u_x = u_{x;0} + (a - a_{;0}) \quad \sim \omega$$

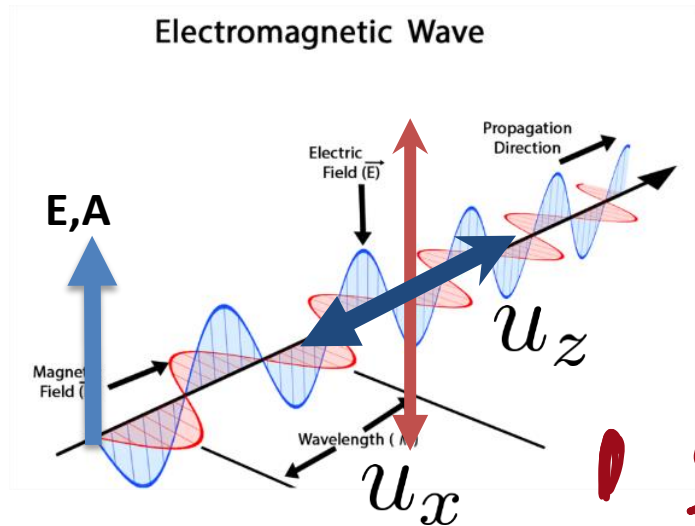
$$u_y = u_{y,0}$$

$$u_z = \frac{1}{2h_0} [h_0^2 - (1 + u_x^2 + u_y^2)]$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{2h_0} [h_0^2 + (1 + u_x^2 + u_y^2)]$$

(Handwritten blue annotations: $\sim \omega, 2\omega$ with arrows pointing to the equations)

Analytical solution of the dynamics for the momenta



Finally we got: the oscillation of the transverse momentum in a laser cycle **is the same of the normalized potential.**

Therefore a_0 gives the measure of the maximum transverse momentum acquired during one cycle.

If $a_0 \ll 1$ the quivering is nonrelativistic and u_z is almost constant

If $a_0 \sim 1$ the quivering is relativistic and u_z quivers (with a drift)

The Ponderomotive Force (LWFA)

The **effective** Hamiltonian for the **low-frequency phase-space**

The electromagnetic field is supposed to have a «low frequency» component and a «high-frequency» component (the laser pulse).

From now on we retain the low-frequency parts, leaving to the $\langle a^2 \rangle$ term the role of ponderomotive action

The average kinetic energy **including quivering**

$$\langle \gamma \rangle = \gamma_s = \sqrt{1 + u_s^2 + \langle a^2 \rangle}$$

The average total energy **including the potential**

$$E_s = \gamma_s - \phi = \sqrt{1 + u_s^2 + \langle a^2 \rangle} - \phi_s$$

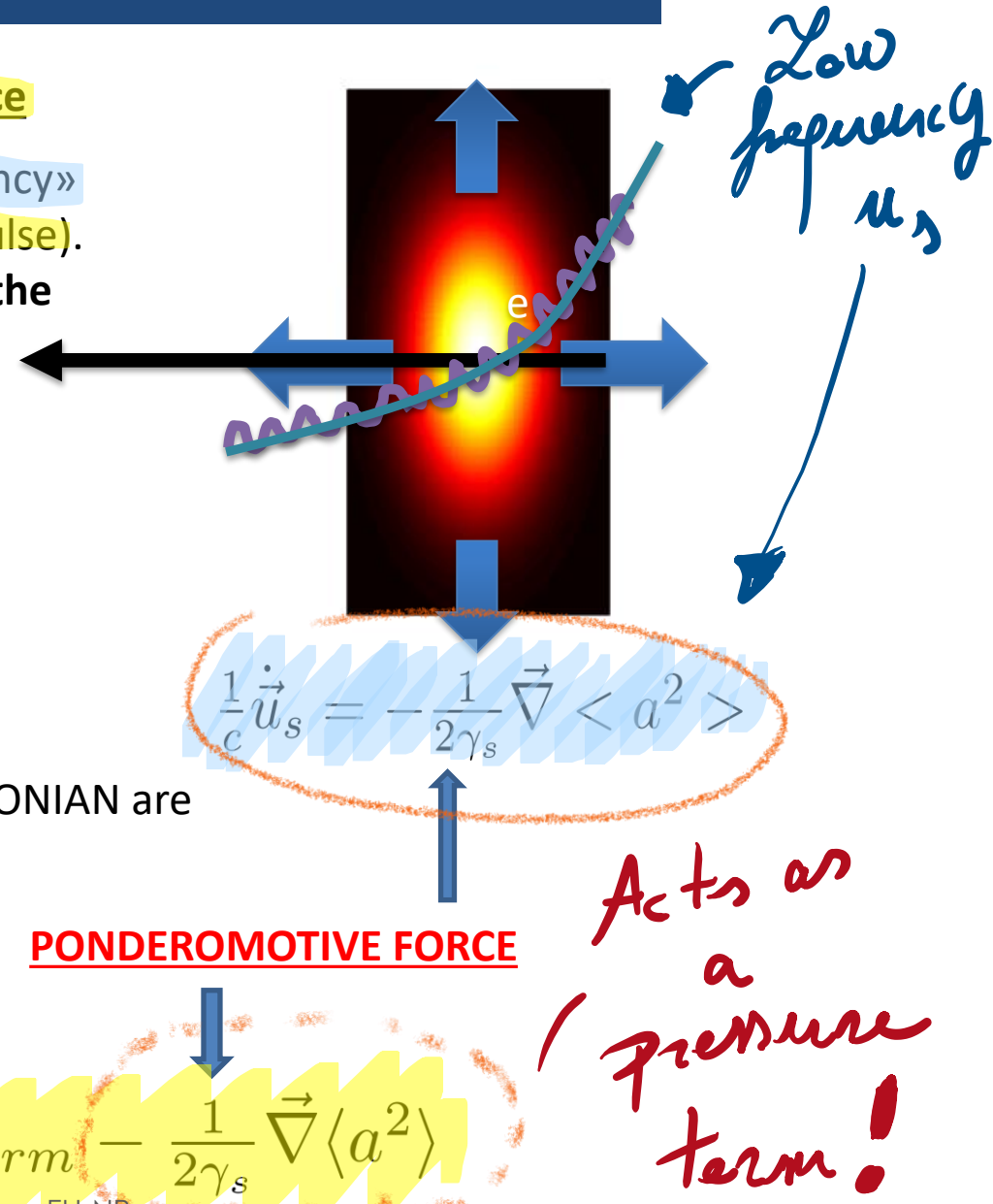
The canonical momentum and the EFFECTIVE HAMILTONIAN are

$$\pi \equiv u_s - a_s \Rightarrow u_s = \pi + a_s$$

$$\mathcal{H}_s = \sqrt{1 + (\pi + a)^2 + \langle a^2 \rangle} - \phi_s$$

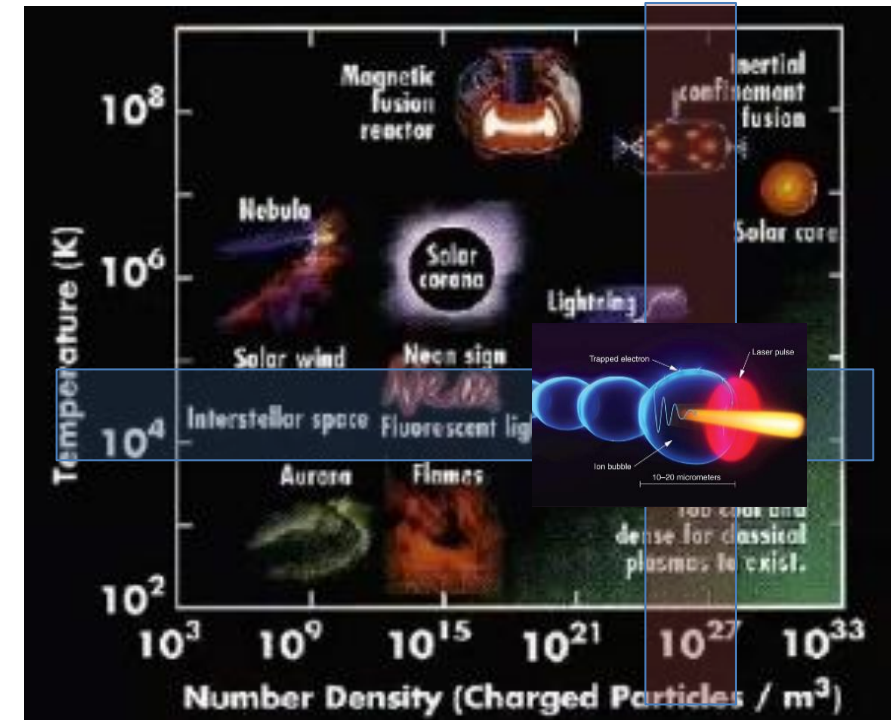
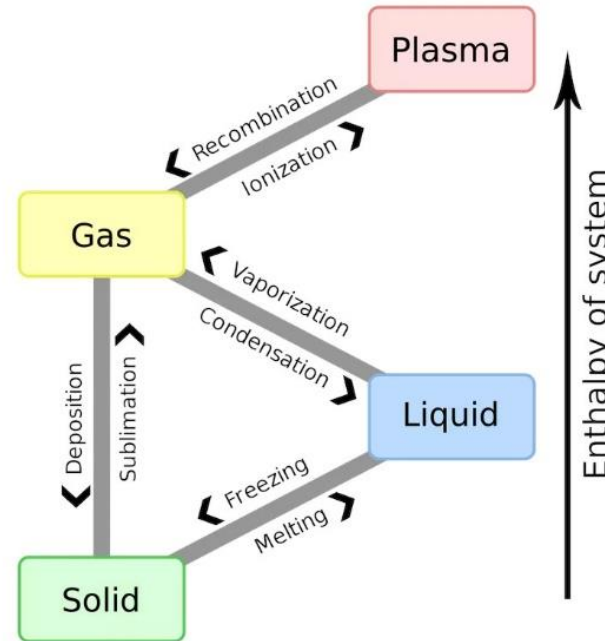
$$\frac{1}{c} d_t \vec{u}_s = - \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \vec{x}} = - \left(\vec{E} + \vec{\beta} \times \vec{B} \right) |_{s;norm} - \frac{1}{2\gamma_s} \vec{\nabla} \langle a^2 \rangle$$

Full dynamics for the cycle averaged (secular or low-frequency) trajectories





«**COLD**», Kin. En. In the range 1-10eV
 $E_c = 3/2 K_B T$ $T = 2/3 E_c / K_B = 10^4 - 10^5 K$



Rigorous definition of plasma:

plasma is an ionized gas...

globally neutral...

*that displays **collective** phenomena.*

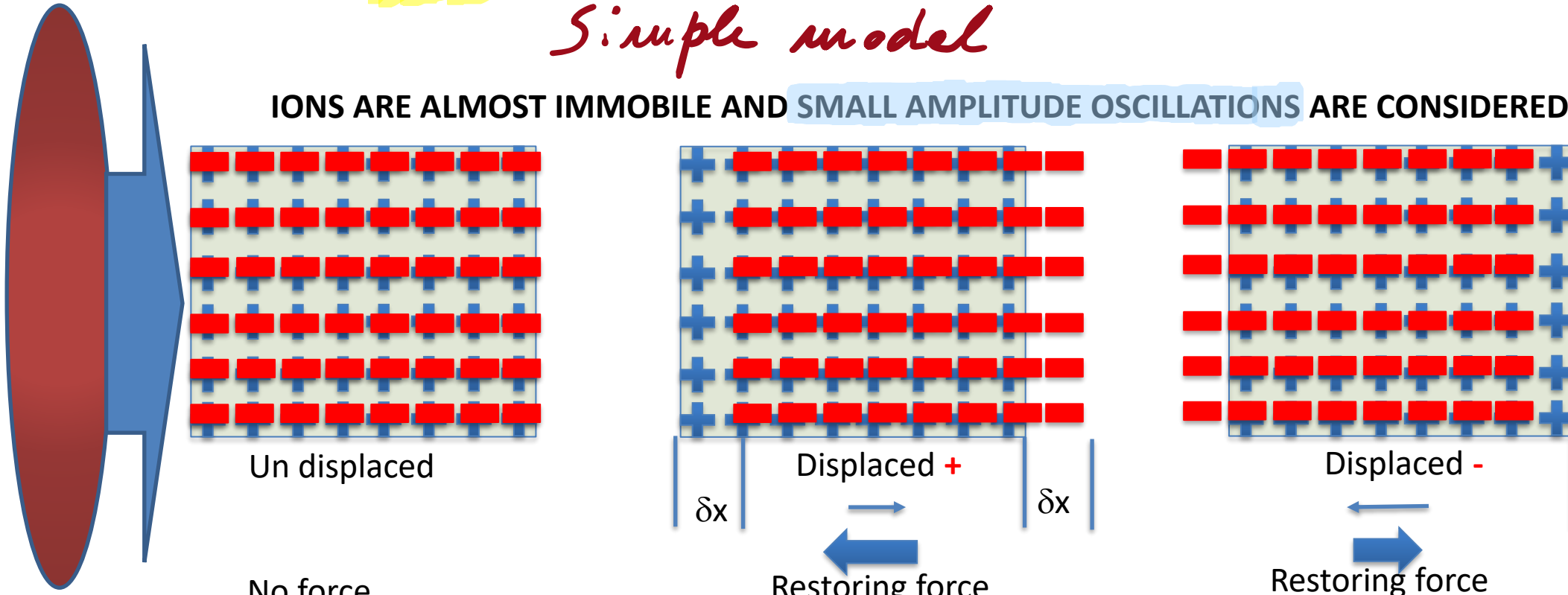
«**DENSE**» (it's confusing....it's called «**UNDERDENSE**» because light must propagate into it)

$n_e = 10^{22} - 10^{26}$ electrons/m³ i.e. $10^{16} - 10^{20}$ electrons/cm³

How does plasma responds to any attempt to displace positive (**heavy**) ions from negative (**light**) electrons?

Simple model

IONS ARE ALMOST IMMOBILE AND SMALL AMPLITUDE OSCILLATIONS ARE CONSIDERED



No force

Restoring force

Restoring force

$$E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{en_0\delta x}{\epsilon_0} \rightarrow m_e \frac{d^2 \delta x}{dt^2} = -eE = -\frac{e^2 n_0}{\epsilon_0} \delta x \rightarrow \frac{d^2 \delta x}{dt^2} + \omega_p^2 \delta x = 0$$

Capacitor model

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{n_0 e^2}{m_e \epsilon_0}}$$

$$\omega_p \propto \sqrt{n_0}$$

Understanding the plasma wave in the linear (small amplitude perturbations) regime

FLUID equations

Fluid momentum conservation

$$n_e \partial_t \vec{v} + n_e \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} = \frac{qn_e}{m} \left[\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \right] - \frac{1}{m} \nabla P$$

NEEDS TO BE MODELED with a closure (equation of state) term.

$$n_e \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{qn_e}{m} \left[\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \right] - \frac{1}{m} \nabla P$$

Pressure term

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \equiv \partial_t \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} \quad \text{Total (convective) derivative}$$

ORDER 2 CLOSURE (perfect gas)

$$P = \mathcal{I}p \quad P_{ij} = p\delta_{ij}$$

$$p = n_e k_B T$$

$$k_B T = m v_{th}^2$$

$$p = n_e m v_{th}^2$$

Compare with the ponderomotive force

$$F_p \sim -\nabla \langle a^2 \rangle \sim -\nabla \mathcal{I}$$

For a deeper understanding:

Understanding the plasma wave in the linear (small amplitude perturbations) regime

We are now going to get the **dispersion relations** for the interesting plasma waves (longitudinal [electrostatic] and transverse [electromagnetic] electron plasma waves.

Wake field

Laser pulse

Small-amplitude (linear regime) perturbations

$$n_e = n_0 + \delta n \quad \vec{v} = \delta \vec{v} \quad p = p_0 + \delta p \quad \vec{E} = \delta \vec{E} \quad \vec{B} = \delta \vec{B}$$

\equiv first order perturbations

$$n_e \partial_t \delta \vec{v} + n_e \delta \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \delta \vec{v} = \frac{qn_e}{m} \left[\delta \vec{E} + \delta \vec{v} \times \delta \vec{B} \right] - \frac{1}{m} \nabla \delta P$$

$\nabla p_0 = 0$

\equiv second order

$$\partial_t \delta \vec{v} = \frac{q}{m} \delta \vec{E} - \frac{1}{mn_0} \nabla \delta P$$

CLOSURE (perfect gas)

$$pV^\gamma = const. \rightarrow \delta p/p_0 = -\gamma \delta V/V = \gamma \delta n/n_0$$

$$\gamma = 3 \quad \text{1D perturbation}$$

Understanding the plasma wave in the linear (small amplitude perturbations) regime

Small-amplitude (linear regime) perturbations

MAXWELL EQUATIONS

Exact

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = q(n_e - n_0)/\epsilon_0 \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\partial_t \vec{B} \quad \nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{J} + \epsilon_0 \partial_t \vec{E})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \delta \vec{E} = q \delta n / \epsilon_0 \quad \nabla \cdot \delta \vec{B} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \delta \vec{E} = -\partial_t \delta \vec{B} \quad \nabla \times \delta \vec{B} = \mu_0 (q n_0 \delta \vec{v} + \epsilon_0 \partial_t \delta \vec{E})$$

1st order

$$\partial_t \delta n + n_0 \nabla \cdot \delta \vec{v} = 0 \quad \partial_t \delta \vec{v} = \frac{q}{m} \delta \vec{E} - \frac{1}{m n_0} \nabla \delta P \quad \delta p / p_0 = \gamma \delta n / n_0$$

$$(p_0 = n_0 m v_{th}^2)$$

Complete set of coupled linear terms

FOURIER DECOMPOSITION

$$f(\vec{x}, t) \simeq f(\vec{k}, \omega) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)} \quad \nabla \rightarrow i\vec{k} \quad \partial_t \rightarrow -i\omega$$

$$\nabla^2 \delta \vec{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2 \delta \vec{E} = \vec{S}$$

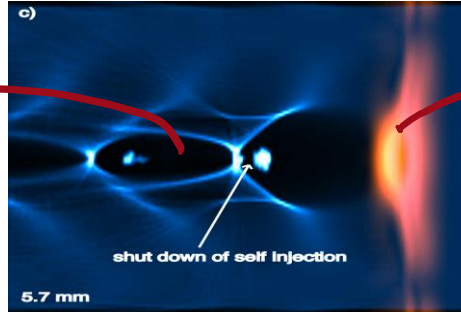
$$\vec{S} = \frac{\omega_p^2}{c^2} \delta \vec{E} - \left(1 - \gamma \frac{v_{th}^2}{c^2}\right) \vec{k} (\vec{k} \cdot \delta \vec{E})$$

Wave propagation

Source term due to the plasma response

LONGITUDINAL WAVES (wakefield)

$\delta B \sim 0$ Electrostatic



$$\delta \vec{v} \parallel \delta \vec{E} \quad \delta \vec{k} \parallel \delta \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{S} = \frac{\omega_p^2}{c^2} \delta \vec{E} - (1 - \gamma \frac{v_{th}^2}{c^2}) k^2 \delta \vec{E}$$

$$\left(-k^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \right) \delta \vec{E} = \frac{\omega_p^2}{c^2} \delta \vec{E} - (1 - \gamma \frac{v_{th}^2}{c^2}) k^2 \delta \vec{E}$$

$$(\omega^2 - \omega_p^2 - \gamma v_{th}^2 k^2) \delta \vec{E} = 0$$

Has nontrivial solution $\delta E \neq 0$ if

$$\omega^2 = \omega_p^2 + \gamma v_{th}^2 k^2$$

Relation dispersion for the longitudinal plasma wave

TRANSVERSE WAVES (laser)

$\delta B \neq 0$ Electromagnetic

$$\delta \vec{v} \parallel \delta \vec{E} \quad \delta \vec{k} \perp \delta \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{S} = \frac{\omega_p^2}{c^2} \delta \vec{E}$$

$$\left(-k^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \right) \delta \vec{E} = \frac{\omega_p^2}{c^2} \delta \vec{E}$$

$$(\omega^2 - \omega_p^2 - k^2 c^2) \delta \vec{E} = 0$$

Has nontrivial solution $\delta E \neq 0$ if

$$\omega^2 = \omega_p^2 + k^2 c^2$$

Relation dispersion for the transverse plasma wave

Phase velocity and group velocity

Phase velocity: wavefront velocity for each monochromatic component

$$f(z - v_\phi t) = f_0 \exp [i(kz - \omega t)] = f_0 \exp [ik(z - \frac{\omega}{k}t)]$$

$$v_\phi = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

How fast the phase fronts move

Group velocity: Envelope center-of-mass-velocity

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

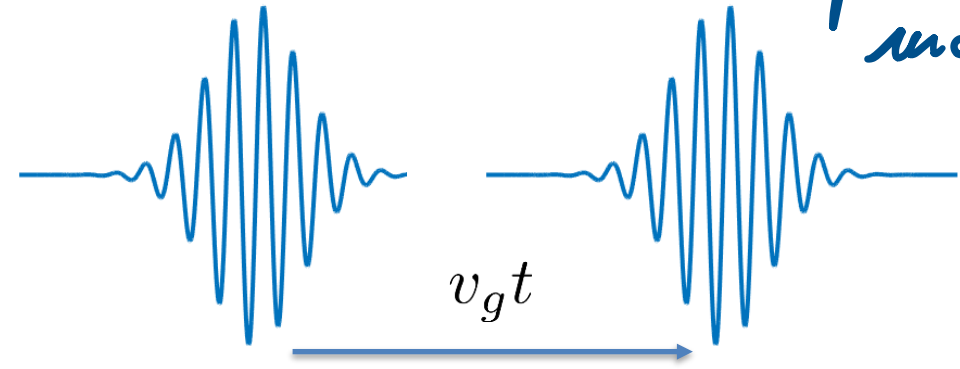
How fast the envelope (packet) moves

Wave packet $f(z, t)$

$$f(z, t) = \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} f(k, \omega) e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$

$\omega = \omega(k)$ Dispersion Relation

$$f(z, t) \rightarrow \int dk f(k, \omega(k)) e^{i(kz - \omega(k)t)}$$



If $f(k)$ is **almost monochromatic**

$$\omega(k) \simeq \omega_0 + \frac{d\omega(k)}{dk} (k - k_0)$$

$$f(z, t) \rightarrow \int dk f(k, \omega(k)) e^{i(kz - \omega(k)t)} \simeq e^{i(k_0 z - \omega_0 t)} \int dk f(k, \omega(k)) e^{i(k - k_0)(z - \frac{d\omega}{dk} t)}$$

Carrier speed $v_\phi = \frac{\omega}{k}$

Envelope speed $v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$

Small-amplitude PLASMA WAVES

LONGITUDINAL WAVES (wakefield)

$$\omega^2 = \omega_p^2 + \gamma v_{th}^2 k^2$$

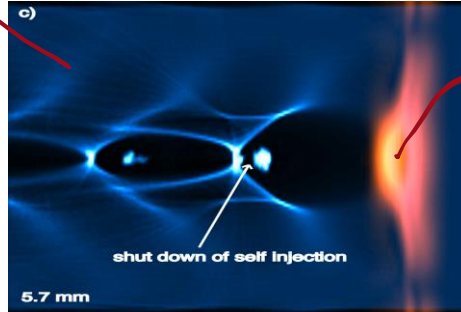
$$v_\phi = \frac{\omega}{k} \simeq \frac{\omega_p}{k} + \frac{3}{2} v_{th}^2 \frac{k}{\omega_p} \simeq \frac{\omega_p}{k}$$

Very small

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} \simeq 3v_{th}^2 \frac{k}{2\omega_p} = \frac{3v_{th}^2}{2v_\phi} \sim 0$$

The phase velocity of the plasma wave is the same of the source moving into the plasma.

The group velocity is usually negligible (longitudinal waves don't contribute to energy transfer)



TRANSVERSE EM WAVES

$$\omega^2 = \omega_p^2 + c^2 k^2$$

$$v_\phi = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}}} > c$$

$$v_g \simeq \frac{d\omega}{dk} = c \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}} < c$$

The phase velocity of the transverse EM wave is superluminal

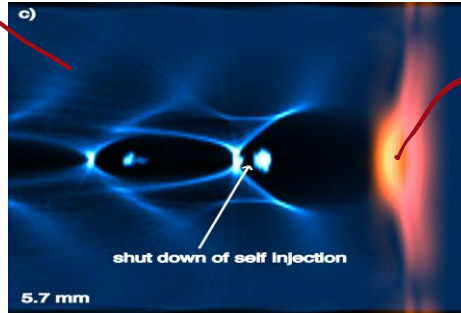
The group velocity can be very close to c, provided that

$$\omega_p / \omega \ll 1$$

The higher is the frequency, the faster is the wave.

Small-amplitude PLASMA WAVES

LONGITUDINAL WAVES (wakefield)



TRANSVERSE EM WAVES



$$v_{\phi} = \frac{\omega}{k} \simeq \frac{\omega_p}{k} + \frac{3}{2} v_{th}^2 \frac{k}{\omega_p} \simeq \frac{\omega_p}{k} = v_{DRIVER}$$

$$v_g \simeq 0$$

$$v_{\phi} = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}}} > c$$

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} \simeq c \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}} < c$$

Understanding the plasma wave in the linear (small amplitude perturbations) regime

What we learned about waves in cold, unmagnetized plasmas

Transverse plasma waves (Laser pulses for Laser WakeField Acceleration) can propagate in plasmas provided that

Remember:

$$v_g \simeq \frac{d\omega}{dk} = c \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}}$$

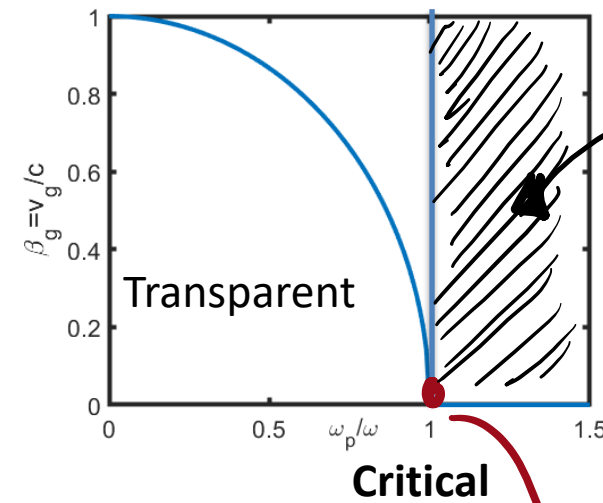
$$\beta_g > 0 \rightarrow \omega_p / \omega_0 < 1$$

The **critical density** of a plasma depends on the pulsation of the EM pulse propagating into it and **sets the boundary between transparent and opaque plasmas**

$v_g = 0 \rightarrow \omega_p^2 = \omega_0^2 \rightarrow \frac{n_0 e^2}{\epsilon_0 m} = \omega_0^2$

$$n_c [cm^{-3}] = \frac{\epsilon_0 m \omega_0^2}{e^2} \simeq 1.1 \cdot 10^{21} / \lambda_0 [\mu m]^2$$

$$n_c = \frac{\epsilon_0 m \omega_0^2}{e^2} \quad \text{MKS} \qquad n_c = \frac{m \omega_0^2}{4\pi e^2} \quad \text{CGS}$$



Opaque

$\mu_e = \mu_c$
 $\omega_0 = \omega_p$

Understanding the plasma wave in the linear (small amplitude perturbations) regime

What we learned about waves in cold, unmagnetized plasmas

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$$n_c [cm^{-3}] = \frac{\epsilon_0 m \omega_0^2}{e^2} \simeq 1.1 \cdot 10^{21} / \lambda_0 [\mu m]^2$$

Generally used carrier wavelength

$$\lambda_0 \simeq 0.8 \mu m$$

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi c / \lambda_0$$

$$\omega_0 = 2.4 \times 10^{15} rad/s$$

$$n_c [cm^{-3}] \simeq 1.6 \cdot 10^{21}$$

$$10^{-4} < n_0 / n_c < 10^{-2}$$

Our plasmas are well underdense!

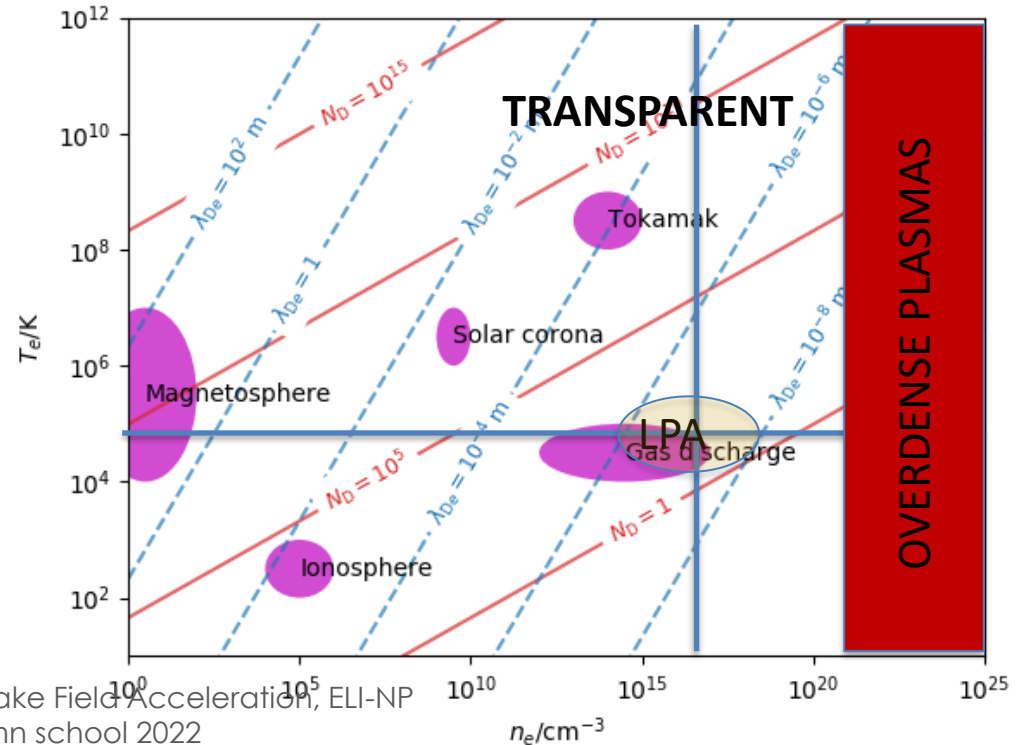
$$n_0 = 10^{16} cm^{-3} = 10^{22} m^{-3}$$

$$\omega_p = 5.6 \times 10^{12} rad/s$$

$$n_0 = 10^{18} cm^{-3} = 10^{24} m^{-3}$$

$$\omega_p = 5.6 \times 10^{13} rad/s$$

Infrared



Understanding the plasma wave in the linear (small amplitude perturbations) regime

What we learned about waves in cold, unmagnetized plasmas

Therefore in our range of densities

$$\left(\frac{\omega_p}{\omega_0}\right)^2 = \frac{n_0}{n_c} \approx 10^{-4} - 10^{-2}$$

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} \approx c \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}} < c$$

How close are we to c?

$$\beta_g = v_g/c = \frac{d\omega_0}{dk} \approx \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0^2}$$

We can define the Lorentz γ of the pulse as

$$\gamma_g = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta_g^2}}$$

$$\gamma_g = \frac{\omega_0}{\omega_p} = \sqrt{\frac{n_c}{n_0}}$$

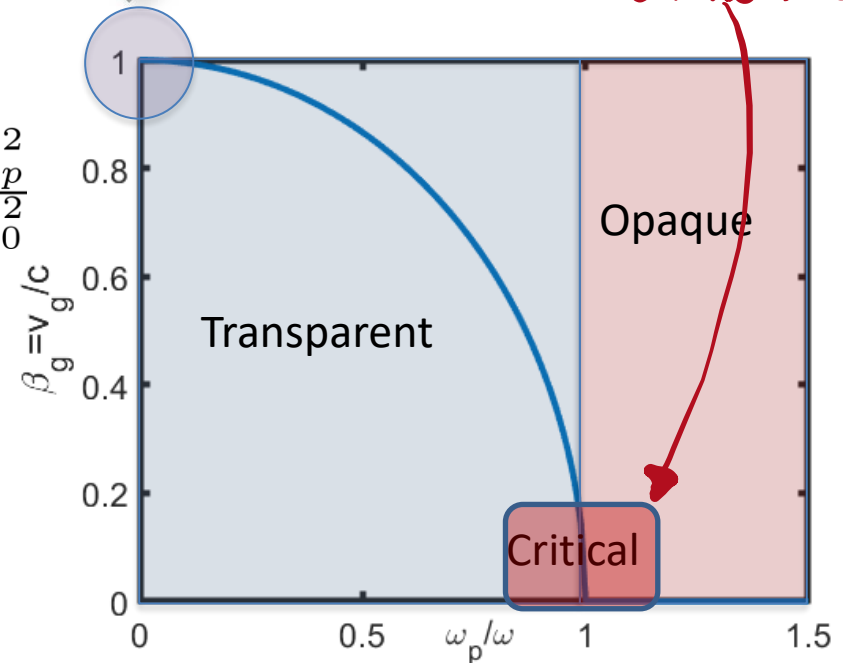
Very important wake field parameter

In our standard configuration $10 < \gamma_g < 100$ (not so large!!!)

We will come back on this later on)

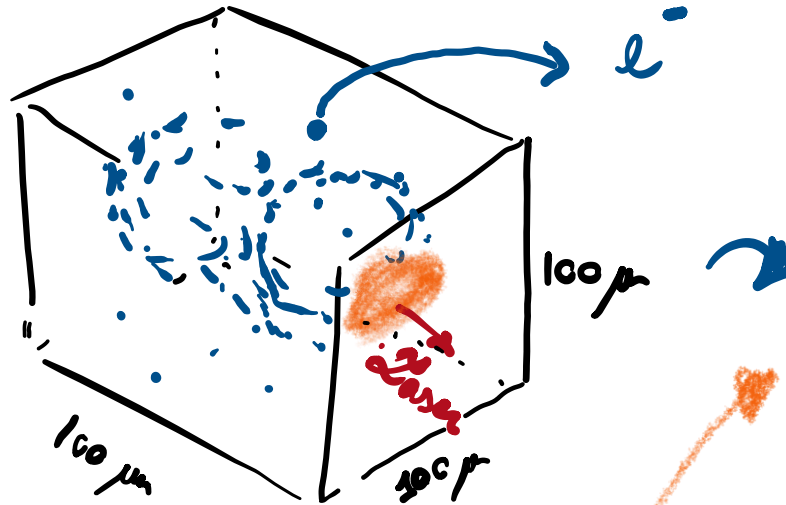
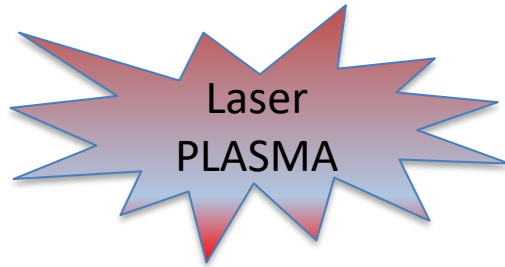


Near critical plasmas (Mc Kenna lecture)



Approximations map

It's impossible to fully model the dynamics of the plasma electrons in the dynamic volume of the interaction



We should model the interaction of

$$N \approx 10^{18} \frac{e^-}{\text{cm}^3} \cdot (100 \cdot 10^{-4})^3 \text{ cm}^3$$

! $N \approx 10^{12} e^-$!

We describe the **DISTRIBUTION** of the particles in the **POSITION** and **Momentum space**
Phase-space

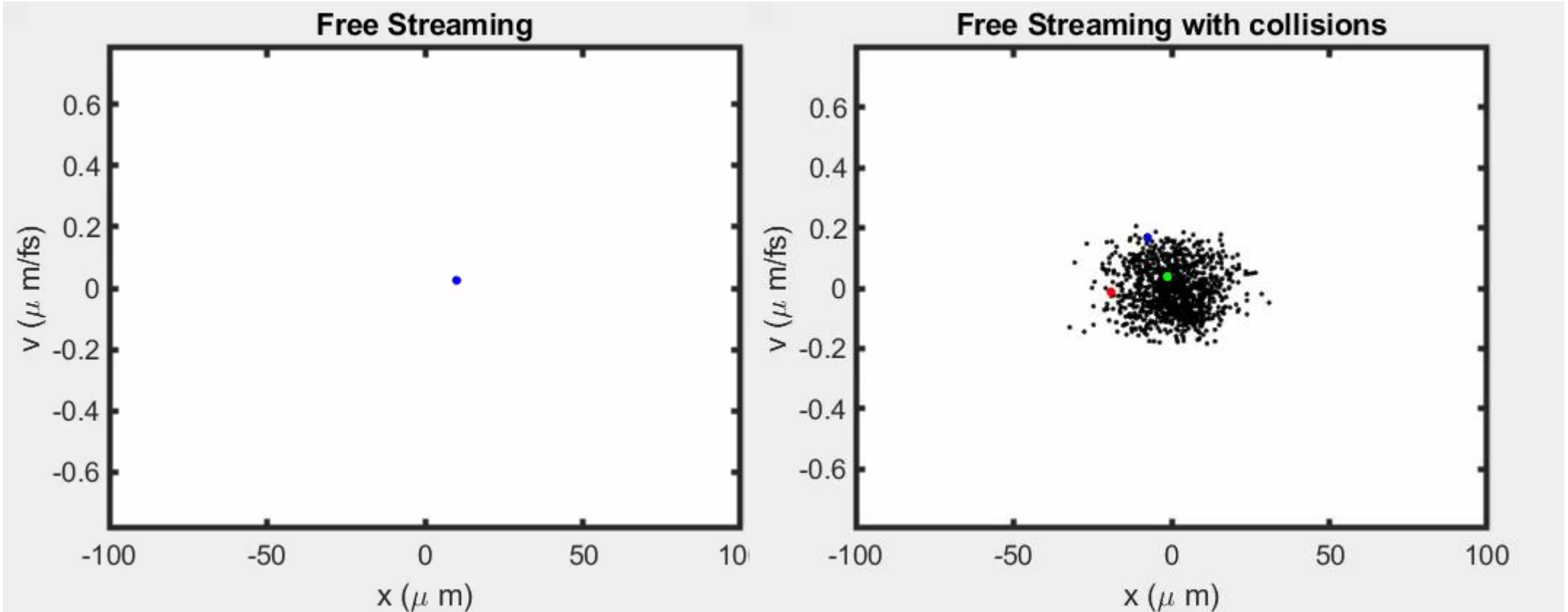
Approximations map

The Vlasov / Boltzman equations

Binary interactions

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f + v \frac{\partial}{\partial q} f + F \frac{\partial}{\partial p} f = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f + v \frac{\partial}{\partial q} f + F \frac{\partial}{\partial p} f = \partial_t f|_{\text{collisions}}$$



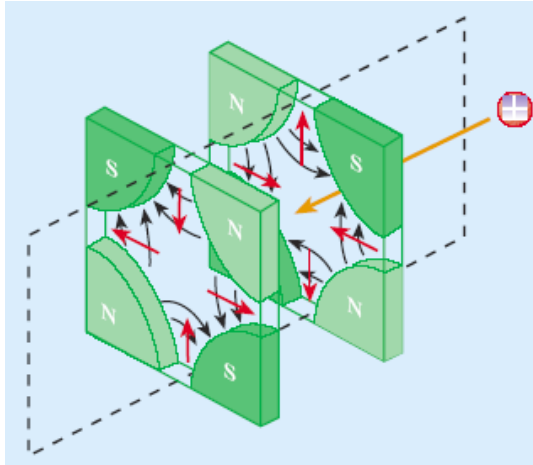
Vlasov

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Boltzmann

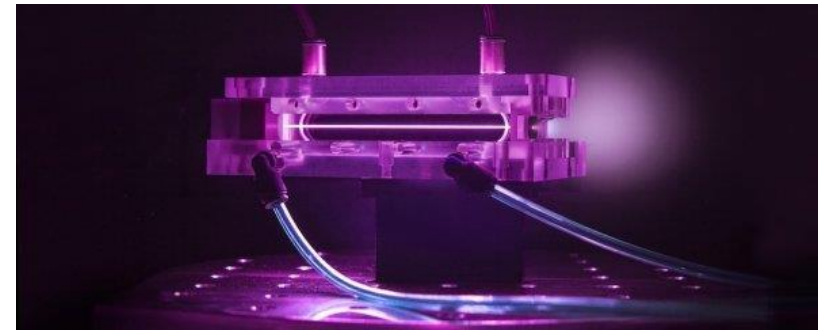
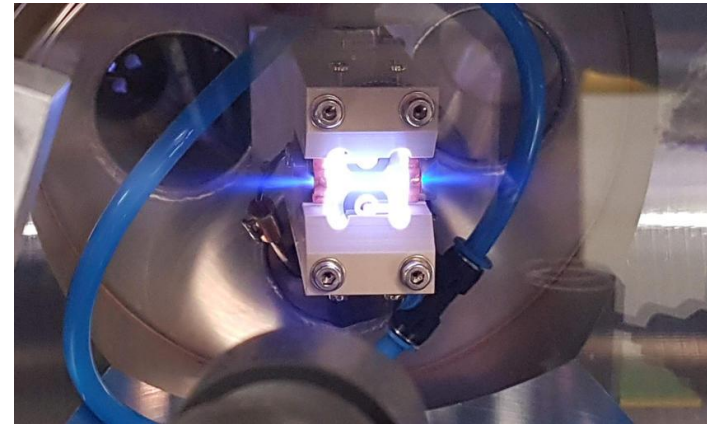
EXAMPLE Linear restoring force ($F=-kx$)

Standard magnetic quadrupoles



meter(s) scale

Plasma lenses

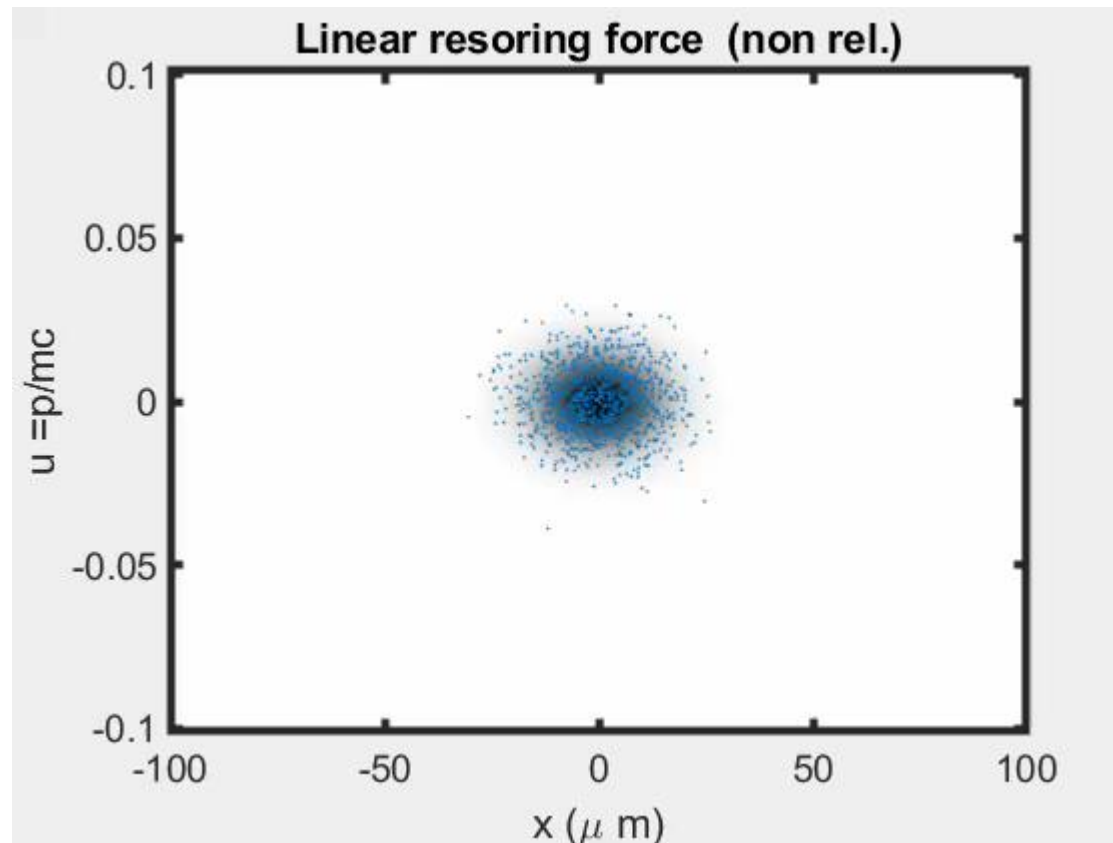


cm(s) scale

Solving the Vlasov equation with the «method of the characteristics»

EXAMPLE Linear restoring force ($F=-kx$)

$$f(x, p, t) = f(x \cos(\omega t) - \frac{v}{\omega} \sin(\omega t), v \cos(\omega t) + \omega x \sin(\omega t), 0)$$



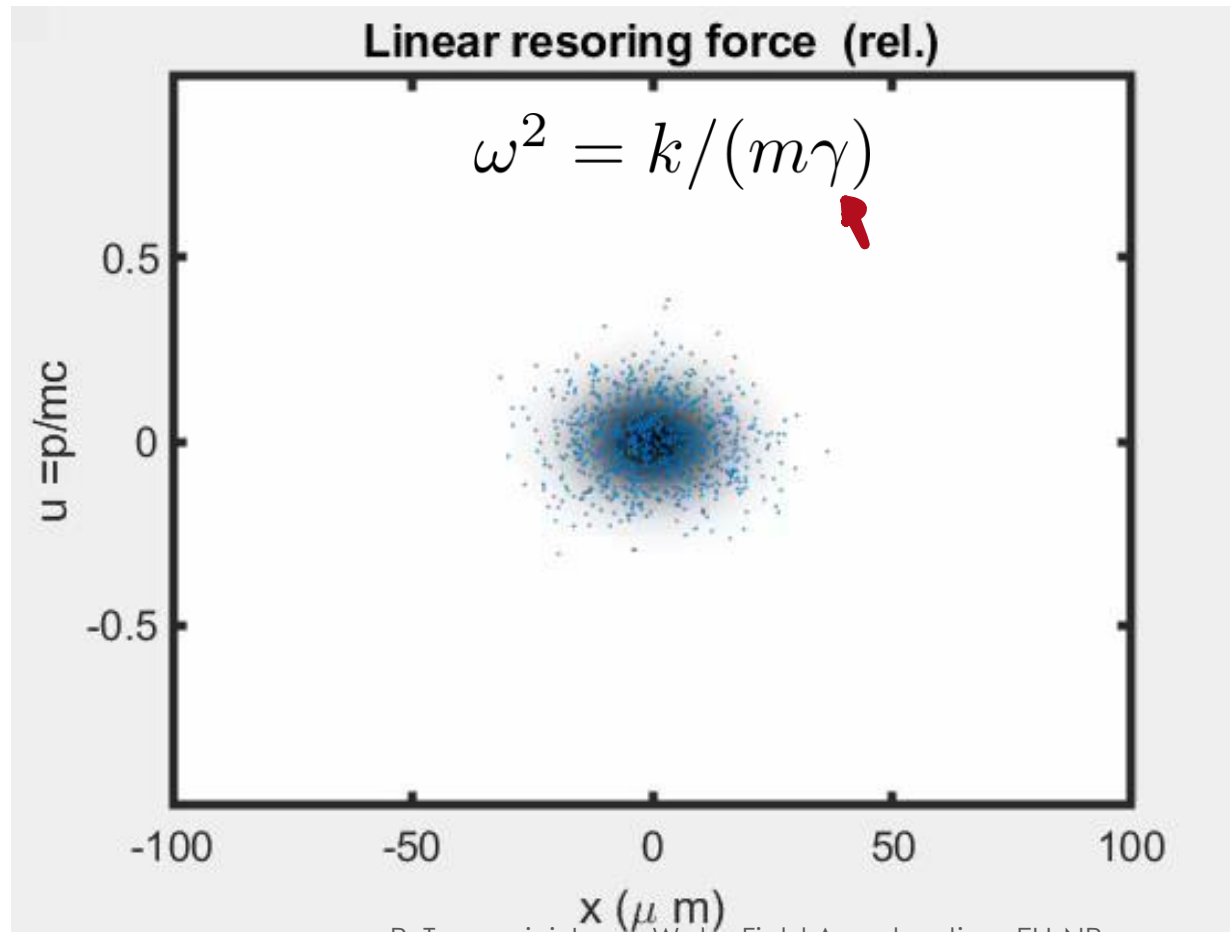
• Test particles
• distribution

Approximations map

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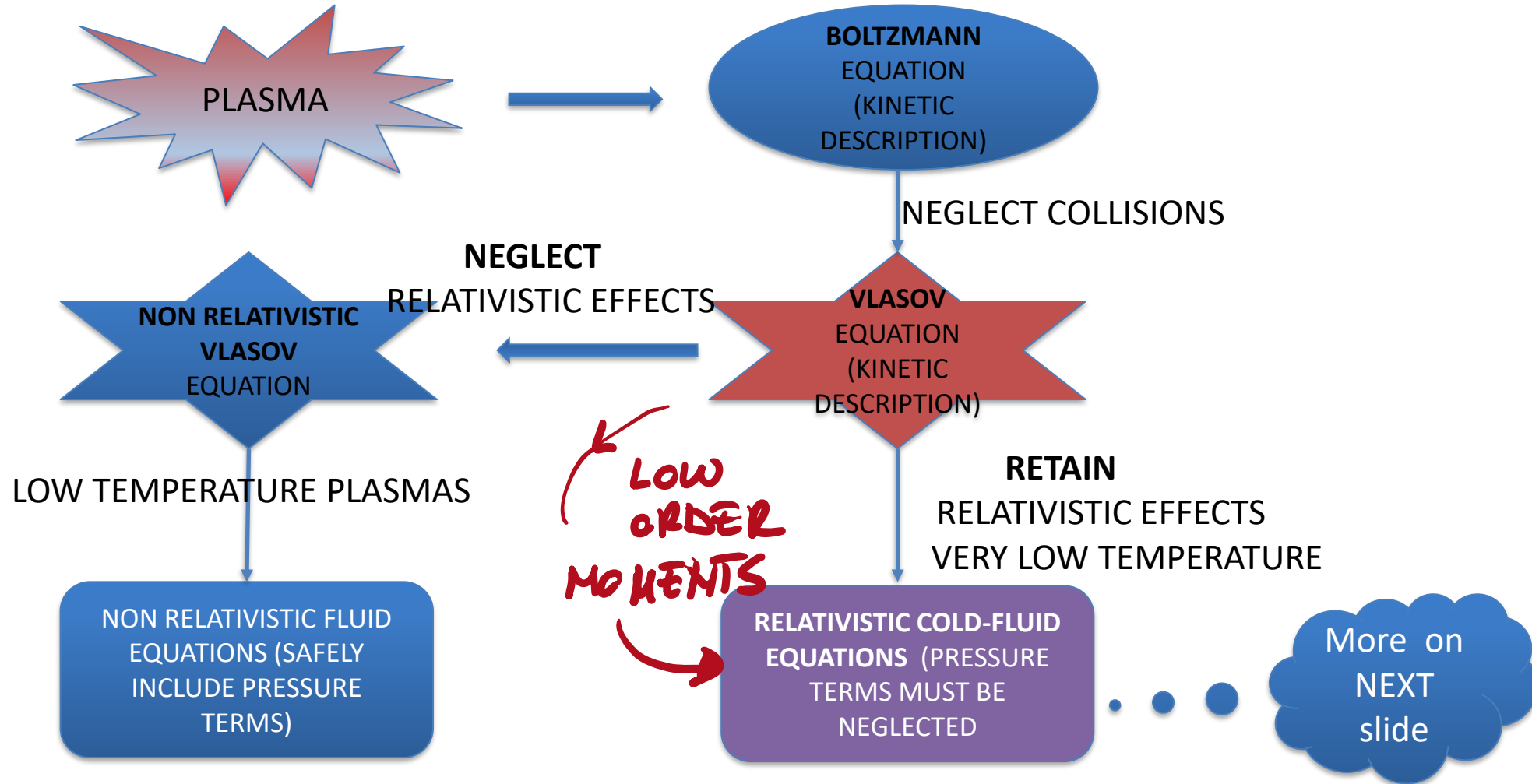
RELATIVISTIC EFFECTS ON



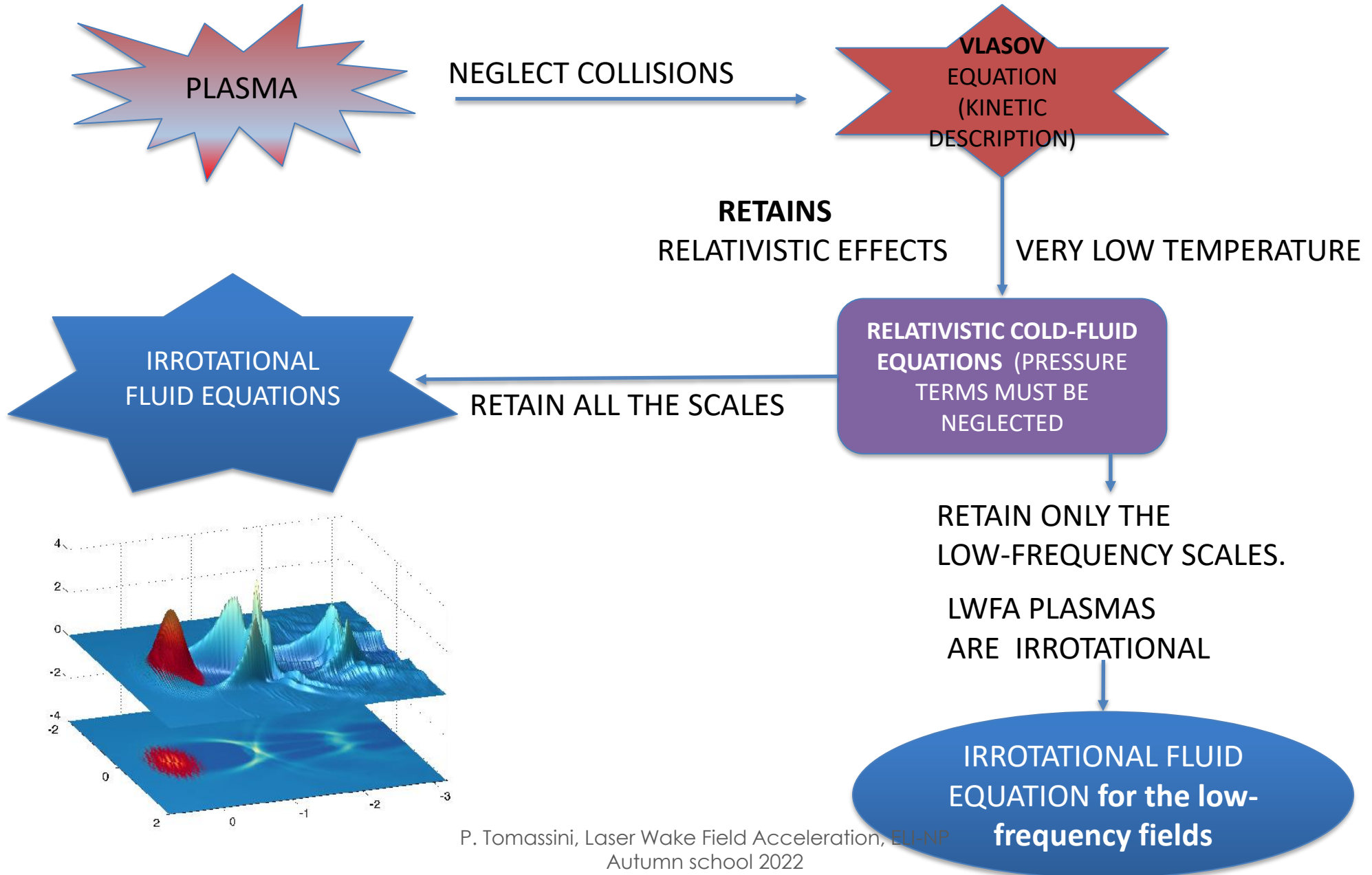
This phenomenon can happen in LWFA and it can degrade beam quality

Final Approximations map (1/2)

We start from a PLASMA STATE (we already know what this means)



Final Approximations map (2/2)



The EM field eqq. for the normalized ($\times e/mc^2$) potentials can be written as (see e.g Jackson)

$$\nabla^2 \varphi + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{a} = k_p^2 \left(\frac{n}{n_0} - 1 \right)$$

n_0 : background density

$$(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2) \vec{a} - \vec{\nabla} \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{a} + \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \varphi \right) = k_p^2 \frac{n}{n_0} \vec{\beta}$$

$k_p = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi n_0 e^2}{mc^2}}$: plasma wavenumber
 $\lambda_p = \frac{2\pi}{k_p}$: plasma wavelength

IF WE CHOOSE THE **COULOMB GAUGE** $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$ we get

Evaluation in the plasma

$$\nabla^2 \varphi = k_p^2 \left(\frac{n}{n_0} - 1 \right)$$

$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2 \right) \vec{a} = \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{\nabla} \varphi + k_p^2 \frac{n}{n_0} \vec{\beta}$$

POISSON Eq.

NO time derivative

1. Introduction to LWFA
2. Understanding the excitation and the structure of the plasma waves
3. ***The wide spot (1D and QSA) limiting case***
4. Limiting factors to high energy gain accelerators
5. 3D effects on
6. Downramp (or shock) injection
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9. High-Brilliance e-bunches

LWFA in the nonlinear 1D regime

In the 1D limit the radial motion of the plasma electrons can be neglected. **This happens more frequently than you are expecting now!**

If the radial spot of the laser pulse is «decently» large, the 1D nonlinear regime approximation reveals to be extreme powerful.

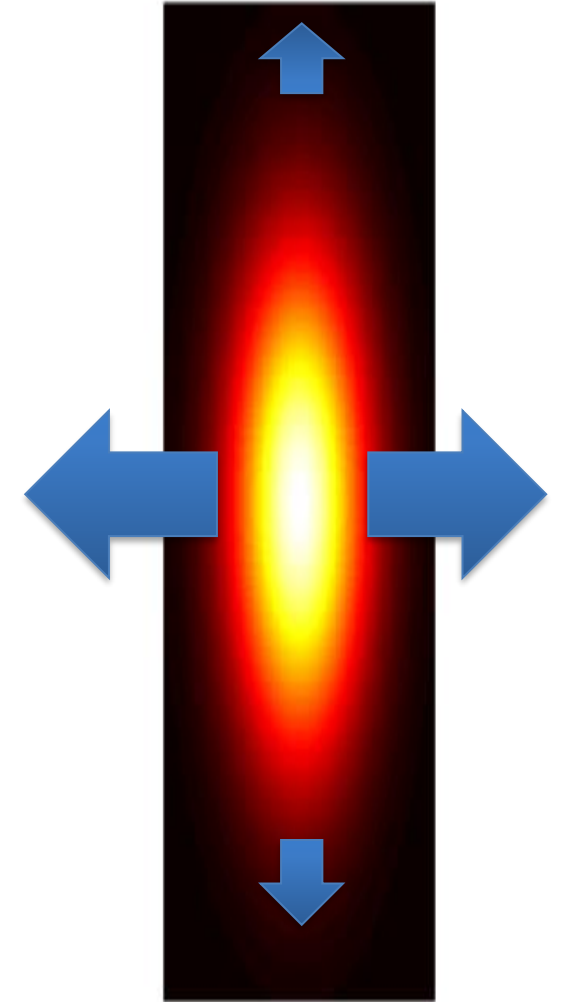
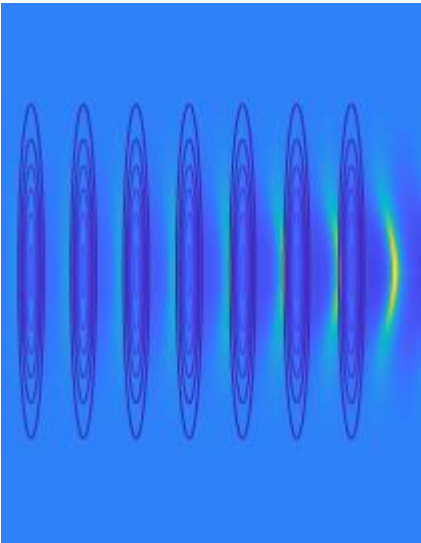
This regime holds when the **radial** ponderomotive force is **negligible** with respect to the **longitudinal** one, i.e when $cT \ll w$ and also when the transverse size of the pulse w is much higher than the plasma wavelength λ_p .

$$k_p w \gg 1 \quad (k_p = 2\pi / \lambda_p)$$

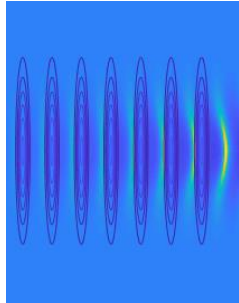
Transverse gradients are negligible

$$\nabla_{\perp} \ll \nabla_{\parallel}$$

$$\nabla_{\perp} \ll \frac{1}{c} \partial_t$$

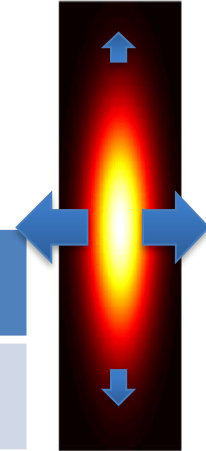


LWFA in the nonlinear 1D regime



$$k_p w \gg 1 \quad (k_p = 2\pi/\lambda_p) \quad \nabla_{\perp} \ll \nabla_{\parallel} \quad \nabla_{\perp} \ll \frac{1}{c} \partial_t$$

Transverse gradients are negligible



Continuity equation

$$\frac{1}{c} \partial_t + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (n\beta) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{c} \partial_t + \partial_z (n\beta_z) = 0$$

Fluid eq. for plasma momentum

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{u} - \vec{a}) = \vec{\nabla} (\varphi - \gamma)$$

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{u}_{\perp} - \vec{a}_{\perp}) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (u_z - a_z) = \partial_z (\varphi - \gamma)$$

Poisson eq. for φ

$$\nabla^2 \varphi = k_p^2 \left(\frac{n}{n_0} - 1 \right)$$

$$\partial_z^2 \varphi = k_p^2 \left(\frac{n}{n_0} - 1 \right)$$

Wave eq. for \vec{a}

$$(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2) \vec{a} = \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{\nabla} \varphi + k_p^2 \frac{n}{n_0} \vec{\beta}$$

$$(\partial_z^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2) \vec{a}_{\perp} = k_p^2 \frac{n}{n_0} \vec{\beta}_{\perp}$$

$$(\partial_z^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t^2) a_z = \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \partial_z \varphi + k_p^2 \frac{n}{n_0} \beta_z$$

Gauge

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

$$\partial_z a_z = 0$$

Useful descriptions/approximations

The Quasistatic regime

*If you are watching the system by a window that moves with a certain speed v and you see **almost nothing** happens...well you can safely employ the quasistatic approximation!*

(P. Sprangle et al., 1990)



Formal description of QSA:

- 1) Make the change in variables from the standard (z, ct) to the new (ξ, z_g)

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= z - z_g(t) \\ z_g(t) &= -c \int^t d\tau \beta_g(\tau) \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial ct} = \beta_g \quad \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial z} = 1 \\ \frac{\partial z_g}{\partial ct} = -\beta_g \quad \frac{\partial z_g}{\partial z} = 0 \end{array}$$

Jacobian

- 2) Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_z f &= \partial_\xi f \times \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial z} + \partial_{z_g} f \times \frac{\partial z_g}{\partial z} \quad \rightarrow \quad \partial_z f = \partial_\xi f \\ \frac{1}{c} \partial_t f &= \partial_\xi f \times \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial ct} + \partial_{z_g} f \times \frac{\partial z_g}{\partial ct} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{c} \partial_t f = \beta_g (\partial_\xi f - \partial_{z_g} f) \end{aligned}$$

EXACT!

- 3) Finally, if the case, neglect the z_g derivative to employ the QSA

$$\partial_z f = \partial_\xi f \quad \frac{1}{c} \partial_t f \simeq \beta_g \partial_\xi f$$

EXACT! APPROXIMATE

QSA!

LWFA in the nonlinear 1D+QSA regime

$$\xi = z + \beta_g ct$$

FULL	1D	1D+QSA
$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (n\vec{u}/\gamma) + \frac{1}{c}\partial_t n = 0$	$\partial_z(nu_z/\gamma) + \frac{1}{c}\partial_t n = 0$	$\partial_\xi(n\beta_z + \beta_g n) = 0$
$\frac{\partial}{c\partial t}(\vec{u} - \vec{a}) = \vec{\nabla}(\phi - \gamma)$	$\frac{\partial}{c\partial t}(u_z - a_z) = \partial_z(\phi - \gamma)$	$\partial_\xi(\gamma - \phi + \beta_g u_z) = 0$
$\nabla^2 \phi = k_p^2(n/n_0 - 1)$	$\partial_z^2 \phi = k_p^2(n/n_0 - 1)$	$\partial_\xi^2 \phi = -k_p^2 \frac{\beta_z}{\beta_g + \beta_z}$

$$\gamma_\perp^2 = 1 + \langle a^2 \rangle$$

$$n = n_0 \frac{\beta_g}{\beta_g + \beta_z}$$

$$\gamma + \beta_g u_z = 1 + \phi = \Psi$$

$$\Psi \equiv \phi + 1; \quad \partial_\xi^2 \Psi = k_p^2 \gamma_g^2 \left\{ \frac{\beta_g}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma_\perp^2}{\gamma_g^2 \Psi^2}}} - 1 \right\}$$

$$E_0 = mc^2 k_p / e \simeq 96 \sqrt{n_0} (cm^{-3}) V/m$$

«nonrelativistic» wave-breaking limit

$$E_z / E_0 = -\frac{1}{k_p} \partial_\xi \Psi$$

In the 1D+QSA limit everything is determined upon the pseudopotential ψ is found by solving the nonlinear ODE

BEFORE TO CONTINUE

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«nonrelativistic» wave-breaking limit

$$E_z / E_0 = -\frac{1}{k_p} \partial_\xi \Psi$$

Suppose (as usual) that we are able to excite waves with $E_z \approx E_0$ in a Plasma with density, say, of $10^{18} cm^{-3}$. In this case the accelerating gradient is:

$$E_z \approx 100 \sqrt{10^{18}} \approx 0.1 TV/m$$

This means that if we had the possibility to accelerate an electron for a distance of **10m** (and this is at the moment far to be true...) we had build a (many tables-top) **1TeV Accelerator**.

The effort of the scientific community is now on both the **beam-quality side** and the «**long acceleration**» side

LWFA in the nonlinear 1D regime

In a tenuous plasma

$$n_e \ll n_c \rightarrow \beta_{ph} \rightarrow 1$$

$$\psi = 1 + \phi$$

$$\partial_\xi^2 \psi = k_p^2 \gamma_p^2 \left\{ \frac{\beta_{ph}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma_\perp^2}{\gamma_{ph}^2 \psi^2}}} - 1 \right\}$$

$$E_z/E_0 = -\frac{1}{k_p} \partial_\xi \psi$$

$$\gamma_\perp^2 = 1 + u_\perp^2 = 1 + \bar{a}^2$$



$$2k_p^{-2} \partial_\xi^2 \psi \simeq \frac{1 + \bar{a}^2}{\psi} - 1$$

$$n/n_0 \simeq \frac{\gamma_\perp^2 + \psi^2}{2\psi^2}$$

$$u_z \simeq \frac{\gamma_\perp^2 - \psi^2}{2\psi}$$

$$\gamma \simeq \frac{\gamma_\perp^2 + \psi^2}{2\psi}$$

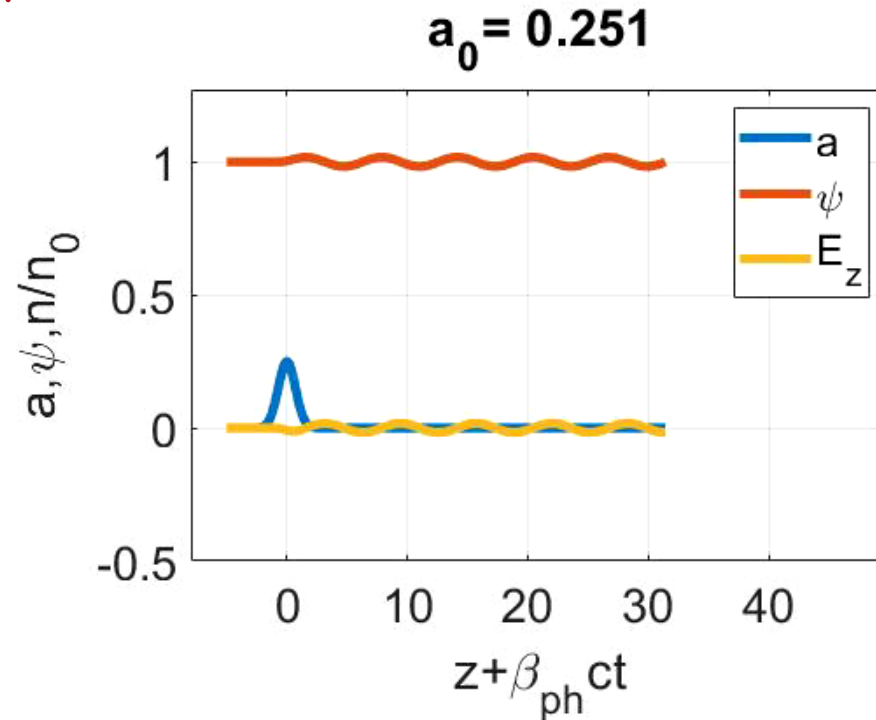
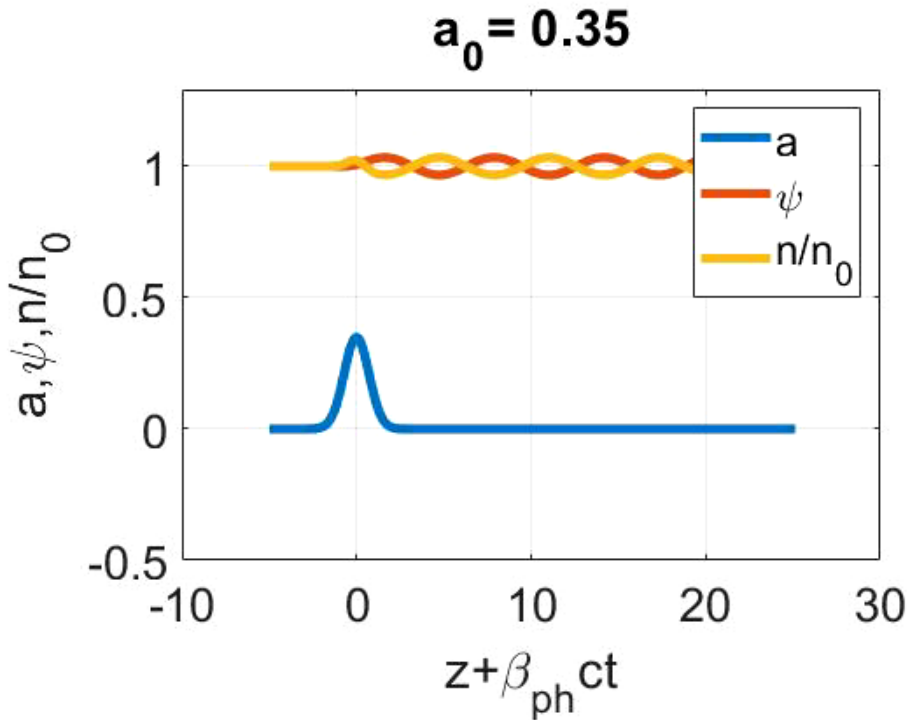
PLASMA FIELDS TEND TO DIVERGE WHEN

$$\psi \rightarrow 0$$

LWFA in the nonlinear 1D regime

$$E_z/E_0 = -\frac{1}{k_p} \partial_\xi \psi \quad \partial_\xi^2 \psi = k_p^2 \gamma_p^2 \left\{ \frac{\beta_{ph}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma_\perp^2}{\gamma_{ph}^2} \psi^2}} - 1 \right\} \quad \gamma_\perp^2 = 1 + u_\perp^2 = 1 + \bar{a}^2$$

What happens if a_0 increases

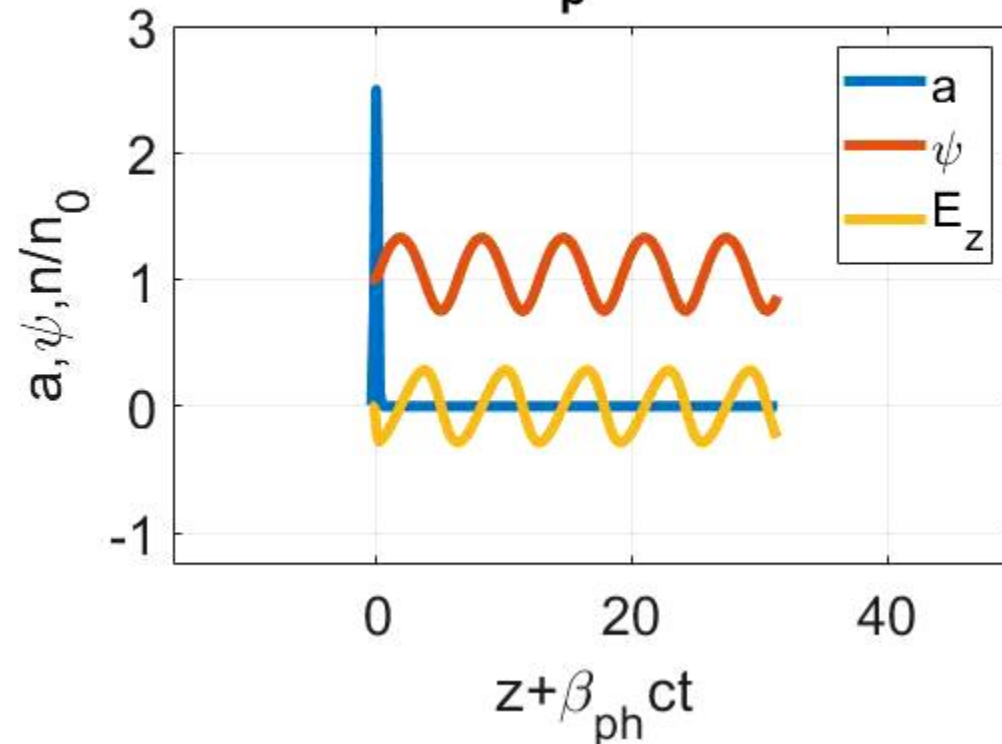


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What happens if cT varies ($a_0=2.5$ is constant)

$cT \cdot k_p = 0.15$



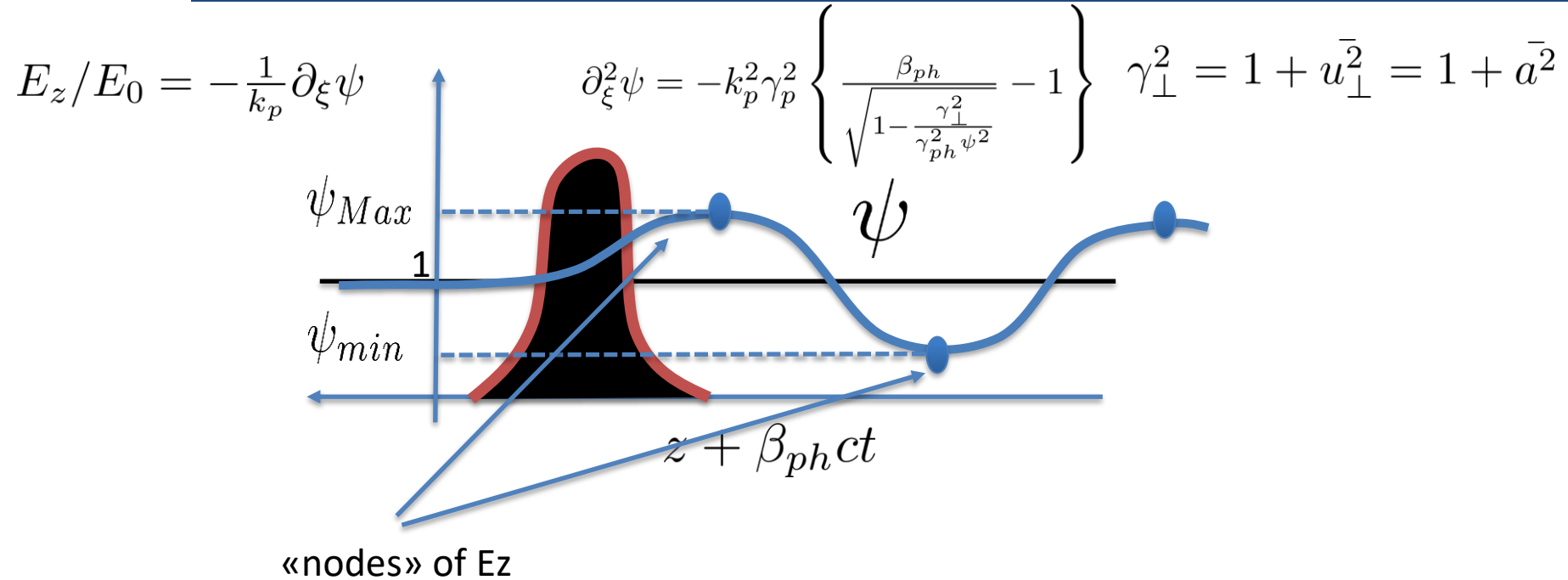
P. Tomassini, Laser Wake Field Acceleration, ELI-NP
Autumn school 2022

Handwritten notes:

$$k_p = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_p}$$

$$cT k_p = 2\pi \frac{cT}{\lambda_p}$$

LWFA in the nonlinear 1D regime



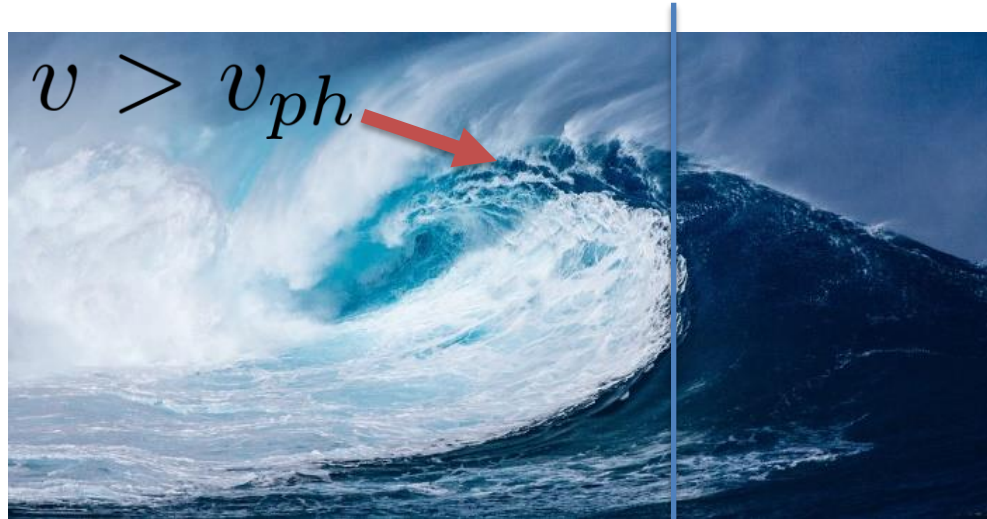
After straightforward algebraic manipulation we can find the **Max** and **min** values of the potential once the maximum value of the normalized electric field is known:

$$\psi_{Max, min} = \mathcal{F} \pm \beta_{ph} \sqrt{(1 + \mathcal{F})^2 - 1}$$

$$\mathcal{F} \equiv \frac{1}{2} (E_z/E_0)_{max}^2$$

This relation is useful to set the **wave-breaking** limit and to deal with particles **trapping** in the plasma wave.

Wave breaking in the nonlinear 1D regime



Particles with $v > v_{ph}$ leave the plasma fluid WAVEBREAKING

A. I. Akhiezer and R. V. Polovin, Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 30, 915 (1956)
[Sov. Phys. JETP 3, 696 (1956)];

$$E_{WB} = E_0 \sqrt{2(\gamma_{ph} - 1)}$$

$$E_0 = mc^2 k_p / e \simeq 96 \sqrt{n_0 (cm^{-3})} V/m$$

$$n_e = 10^{17} cm^{-3}$$

$$\gamma_g = \omega_0 / \omega_p = \sqrt{n_c / n_e} \simeq 100$$

$$E_{WB} \approx 15 E_0$$

UNDERSTANDING Nonlinear Relativistic Wave breaking Threshold

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$$v > v_{ph}$$



EXACT solution of the fluid motion in 1D+QSA

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \gamma &= \gamma_g \left\{ \psi - \beta_g \sqrt{\psi^2 - \frac{\gamma_{\perp}^2}{\gamma_g^2}} \right\} \\ u_z &= \gamma_g \left\{ -\beta_g \psi + \sqrt{\psi^2 - \frac{\gamma_{\perp}^2}{\gamma_g^2}} \right\} \\ u/u_0 - 1 &= -\gamma_g^2 \left(1 - \beta_g \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma_{\perp}^2}{\gamma_g^2 \psi^2}}} \right) \end{aligned} \right.$$

@WB the term $1 - \gamma_{\perp}^2 / (\Psi \gamma_g^2)$ is null !

$$\beta_g \text{ (laser)} = \beta_{\phi} \text{ (wave)}$$

REMEMBER that $\gamma + \beta_g u_z - \Psi = 0$, therefore the (fluid) speed is_

$$\beta_z = u_z / \gamma = \frac{1}{\beta_g} (\Psi / \gamma - 1)$$

THEREFORE the wavebreaking is reached when $(-\beta_z \geq \beta_g \text{ laser moves to } z-)$

$$-\beta_z = -\frac{1}{\beta_g} (\Psi / \gamma - 1) \geq \beta_g$$

$$\rightarrow \beta_z (\psi = \psi_{wb}) = -\beta_g$$

(after some manipulation)

$$\Psi \leq \gamma_{\perp} / \gamma_g \rightarrow \Psi_{WB} = \gamma_{\perp} / \gamma_g$$

WB potential

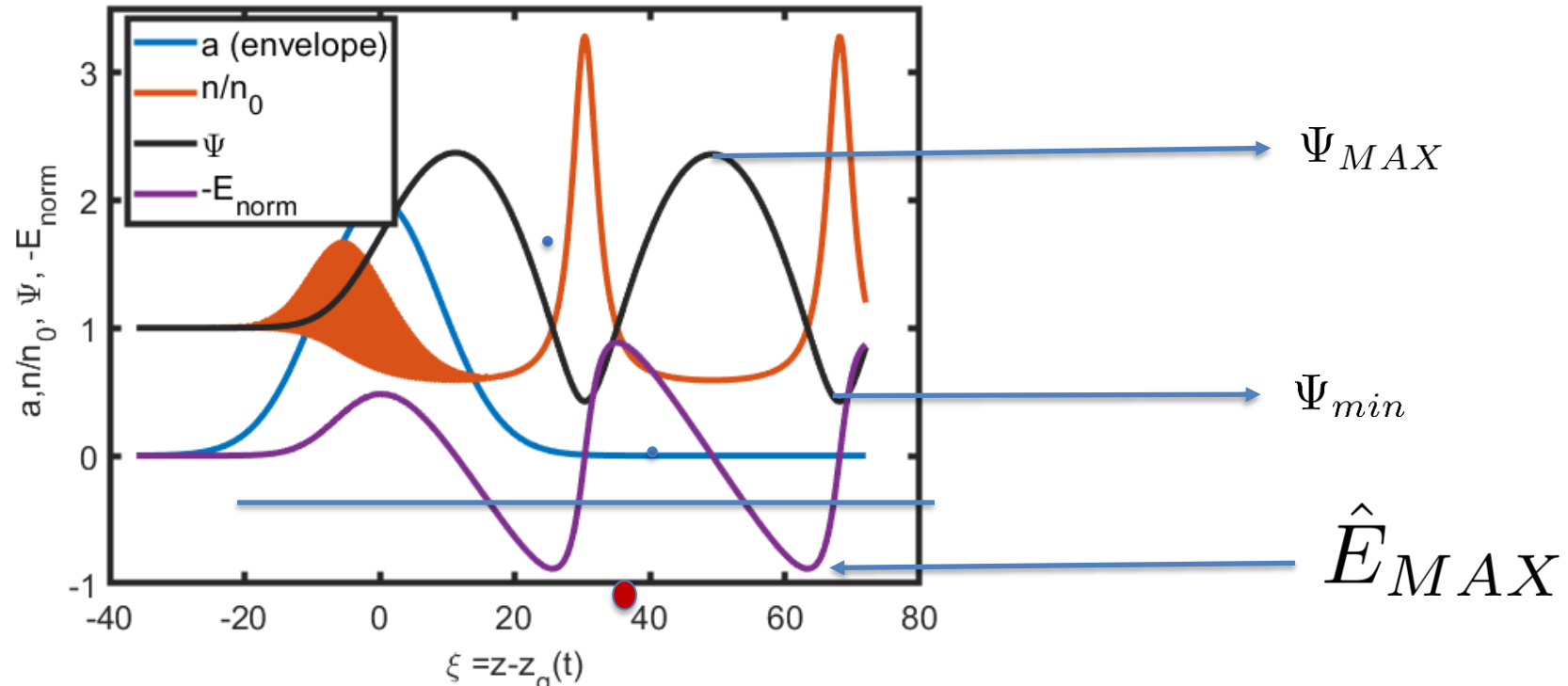
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This can be used to express the **maximum and minimum** values of Ψ as a function of the **MAXIMUM** accelerating gradient

$$\Psi_{MAX,min} = (\hat{E}_{MAX}^2/2 + \gamma_{\perp}) \pm \beta_g \sqrt{(\hat{E}_{MAX}^2/2 + \gamma_{\perp})^2 - \gamma_{\perp}^2}$$

FULL-FREQUENCY 1D+QSA, $a_0=2$



$\Psi = n/n_0$

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We found earlier that the fluid velocity reaches the plasma phase speed (WAVE BREAKING) when

$$\Psi_{WB} = \gamma_{\perp} / \gamma_g$$

This means that the MINIMUM potential satisfies (at WB)

$$\Psi_{min} = \gamma_{\perp} / \gamma_g$$

Therefore:

$$\Psi_{min} = (\hat{E}_{MAX}^2 / 2 + \gamma_{\perp}) - \beta_g \sqrt{(\hat{E}_{MAX}^2 / 2 + \gamma_{\perp})^2 - \gamma_{\perp}^2} = \gamma_{\perp} / \gamma_g$$

After some manipulation (and supposing $\gamma_{\perp} = 1$) we can find

$$\hat{E}_{MAX} = E_{WB} / E_0 = \sqrt{2(\gamma_g - 1)}$$

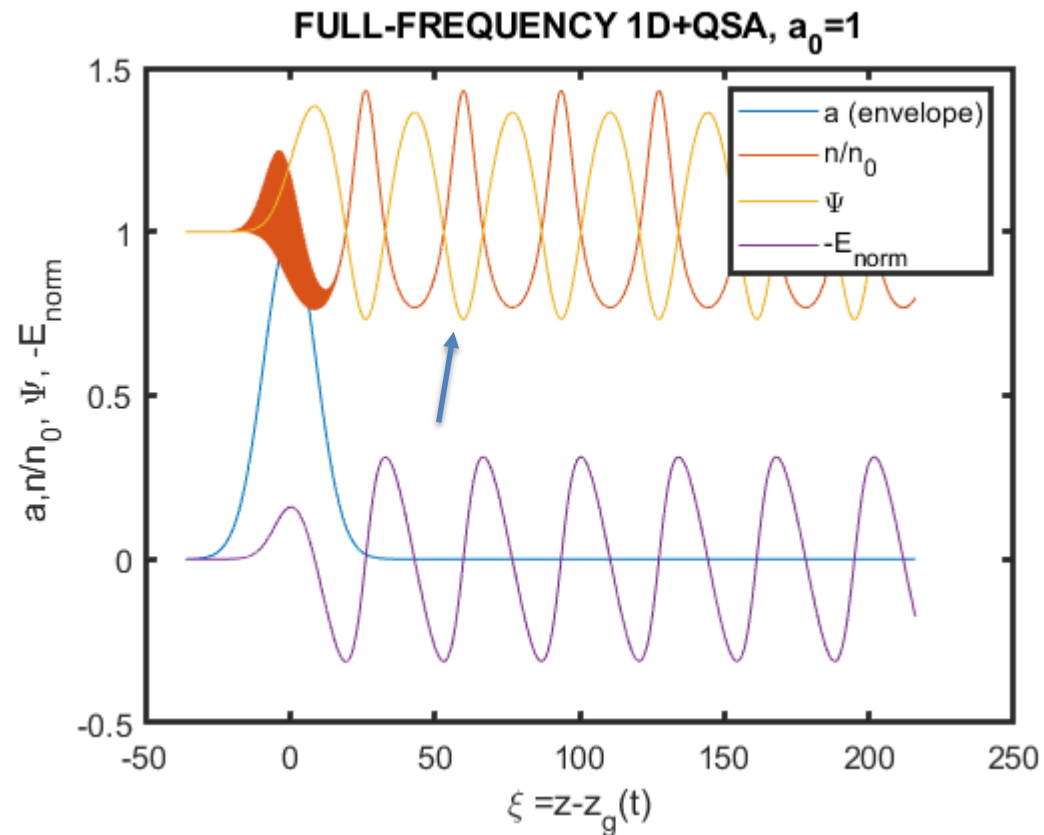
← Maximum \hat{E} that can be sustained by the wave

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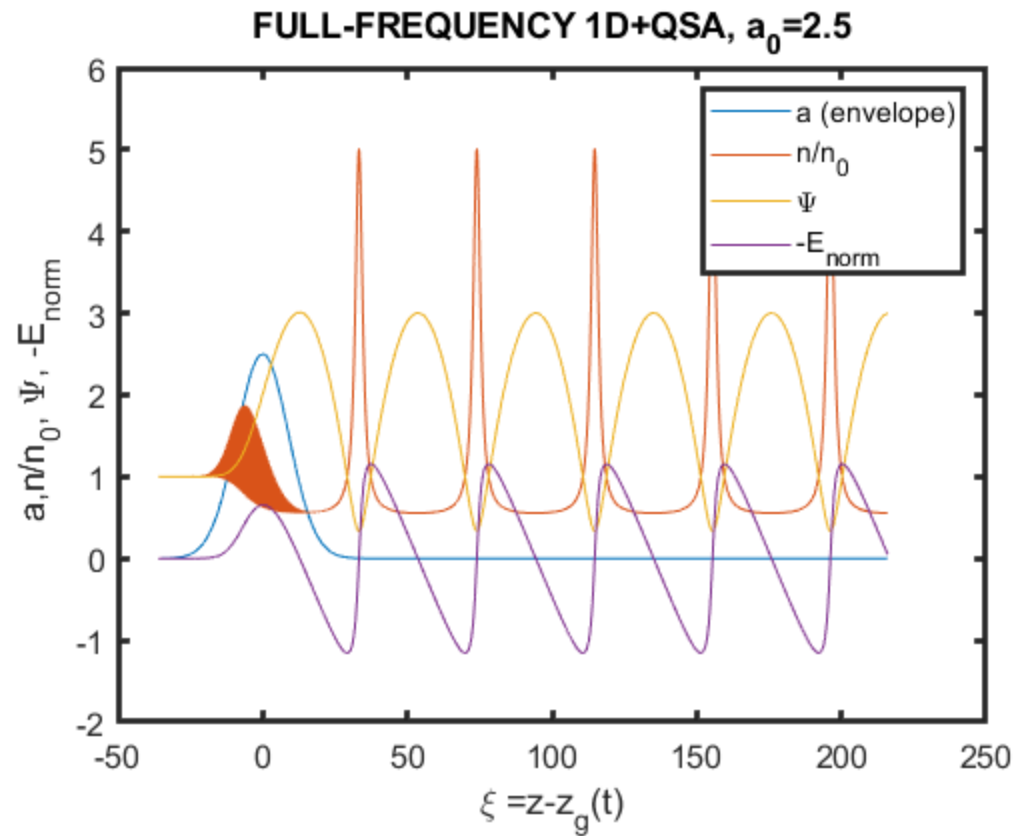
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As a_0 increases...



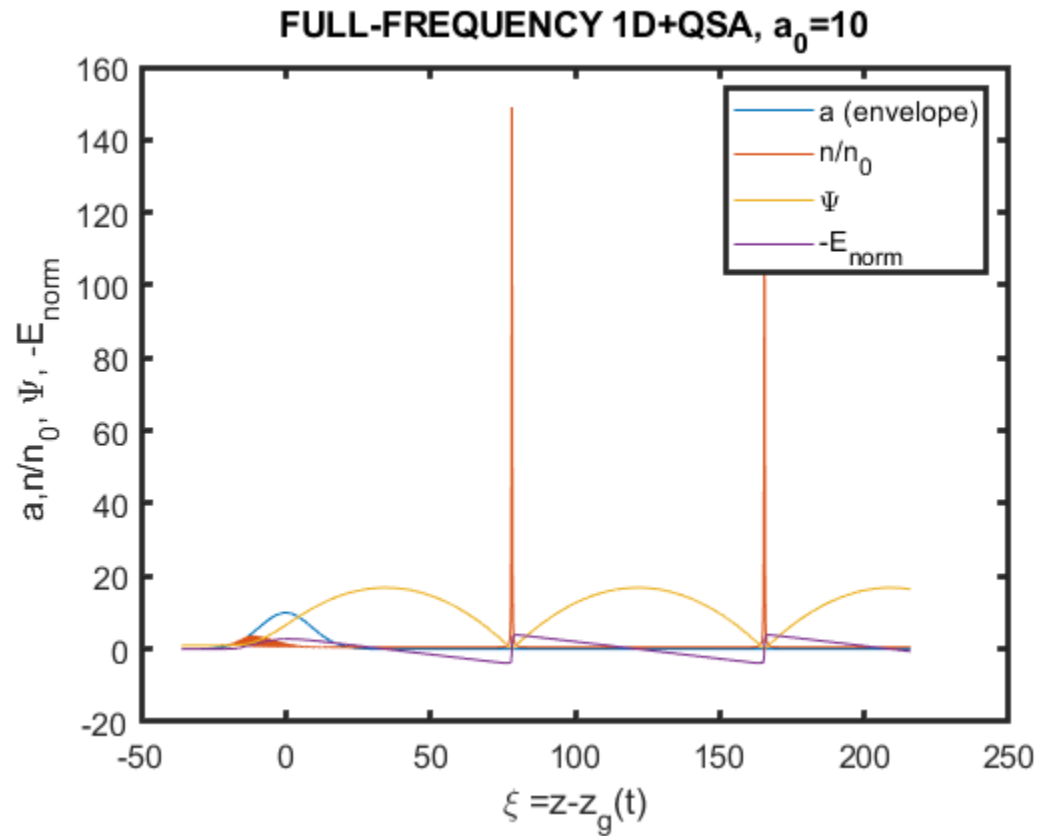
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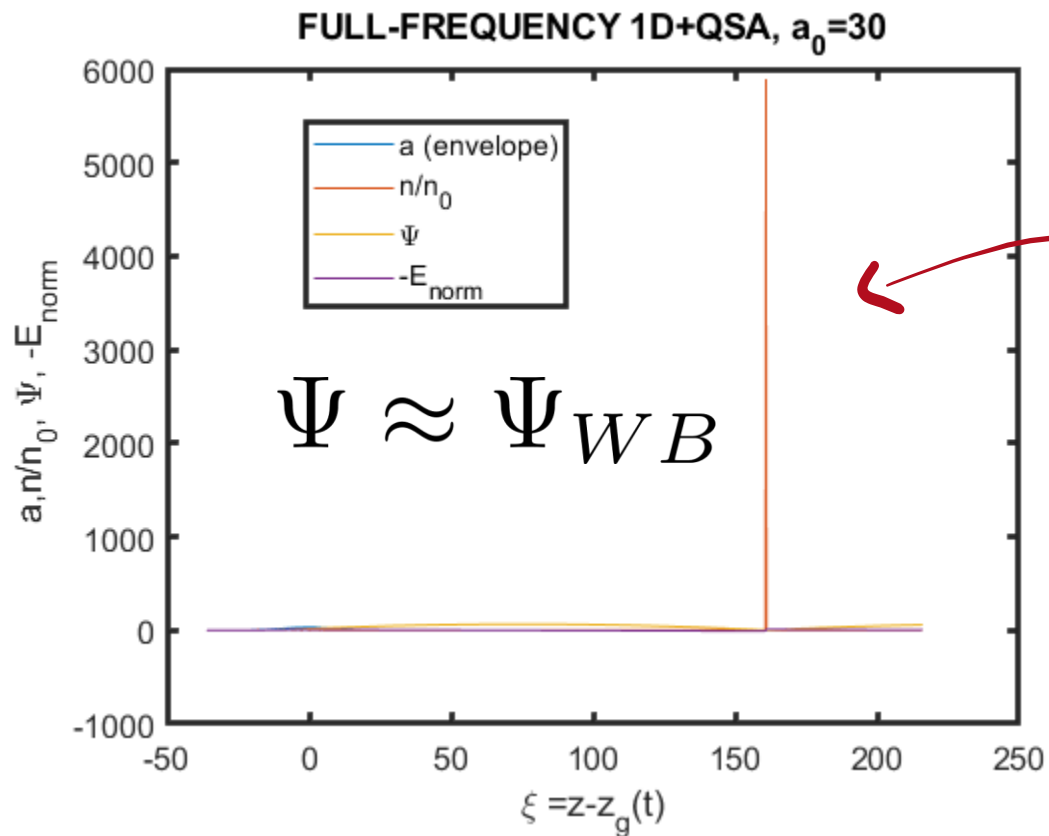
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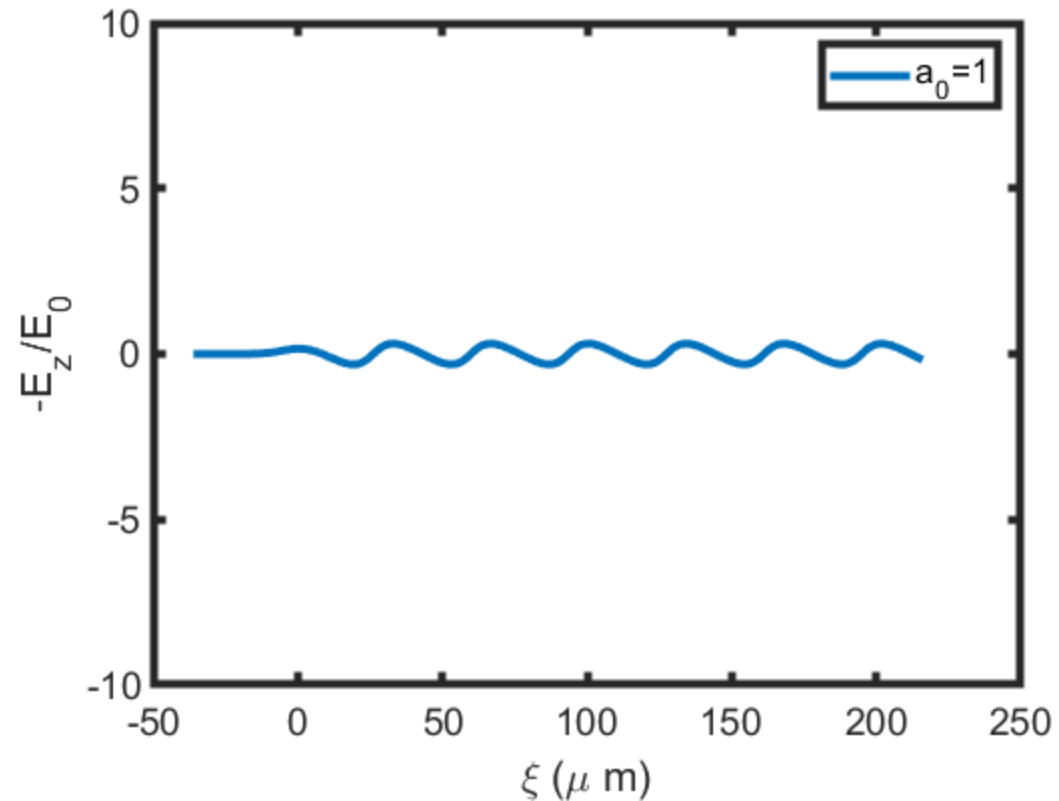
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*n tends to
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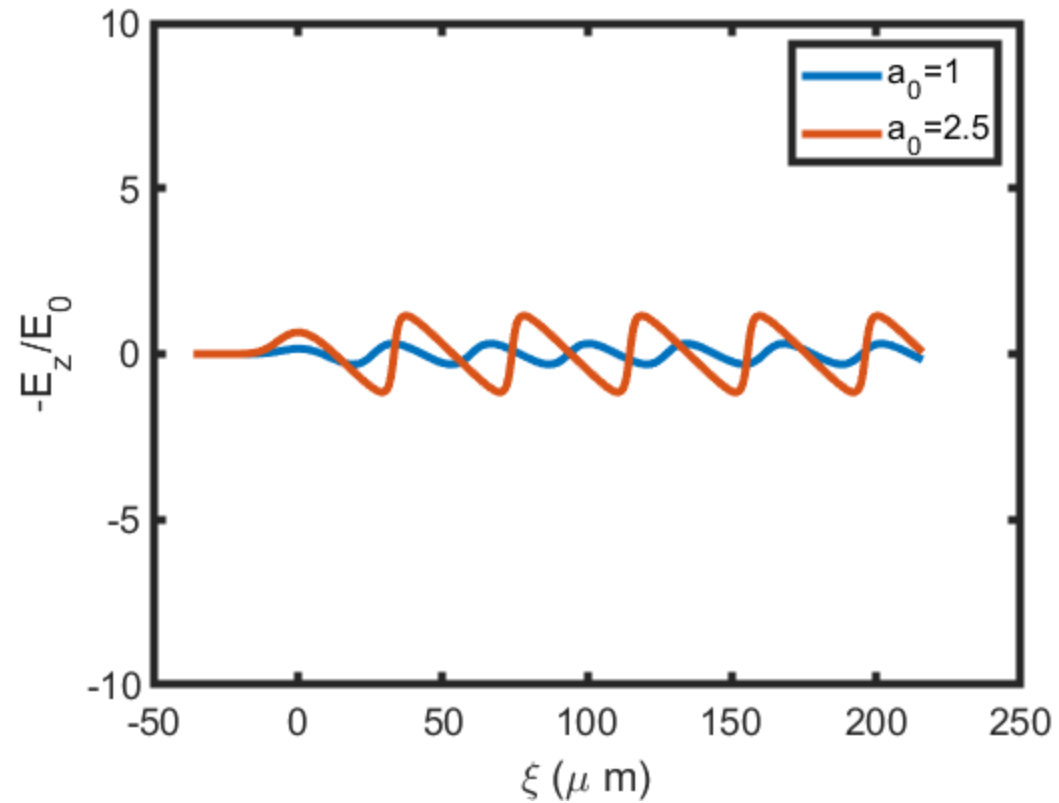
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What happens to the accelerating gradient as the wave approaches its nonlinear breaking?



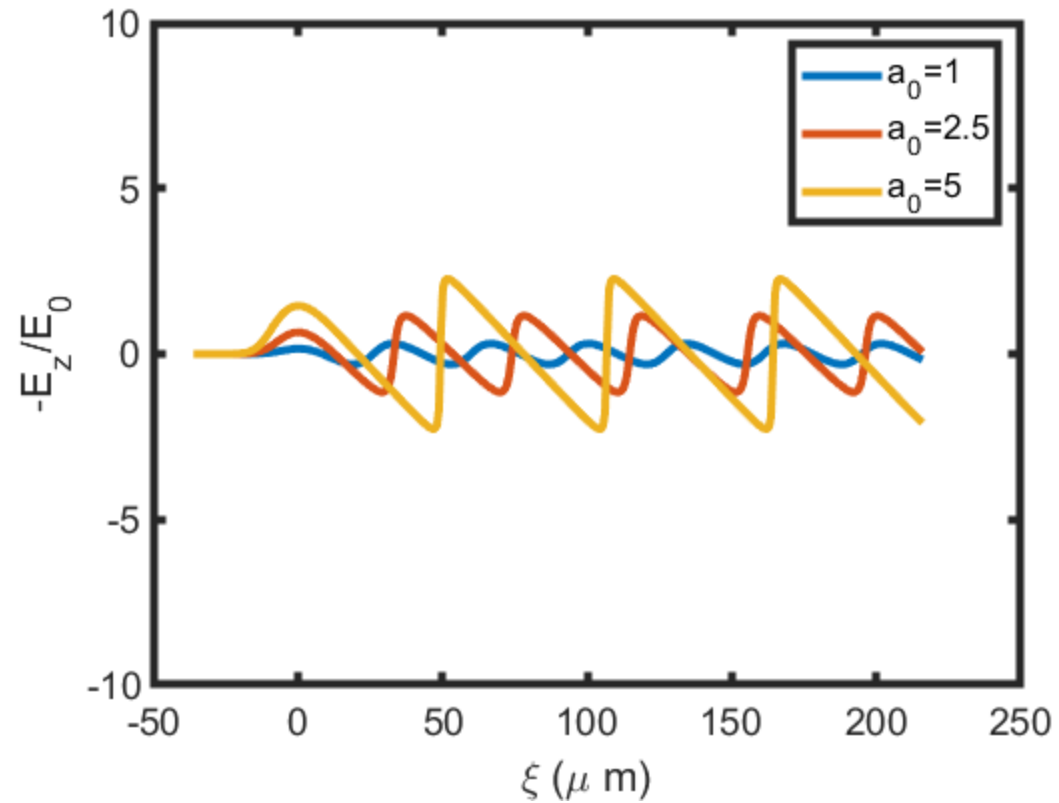
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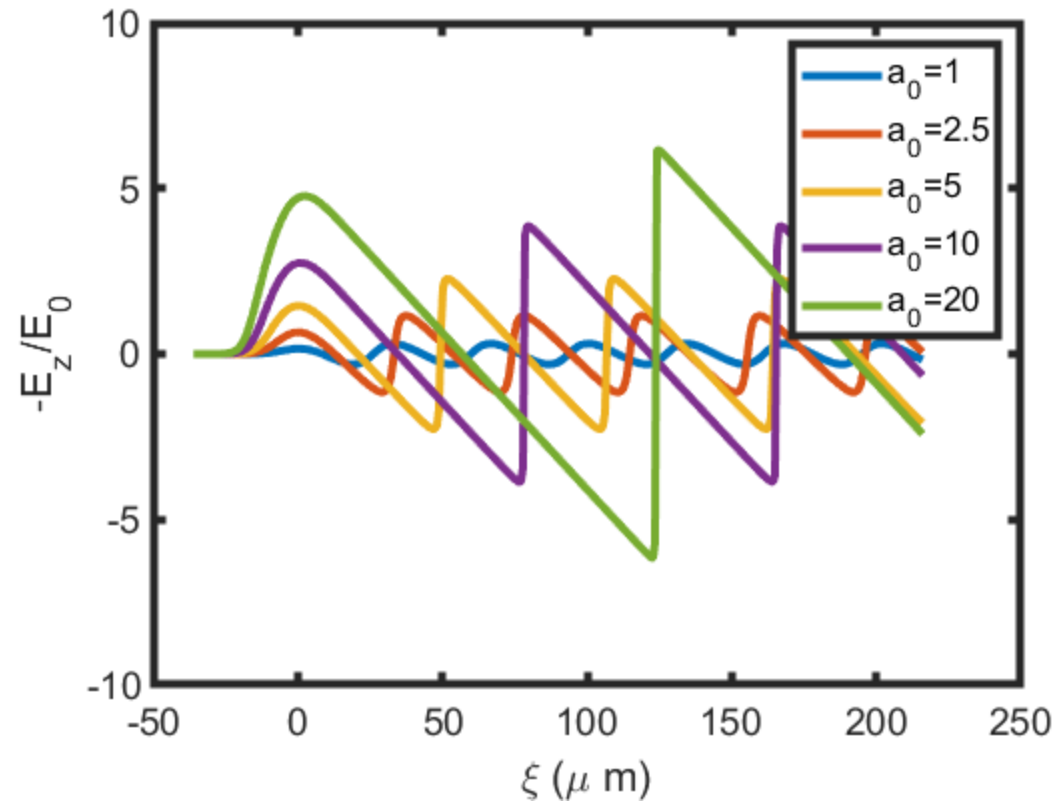
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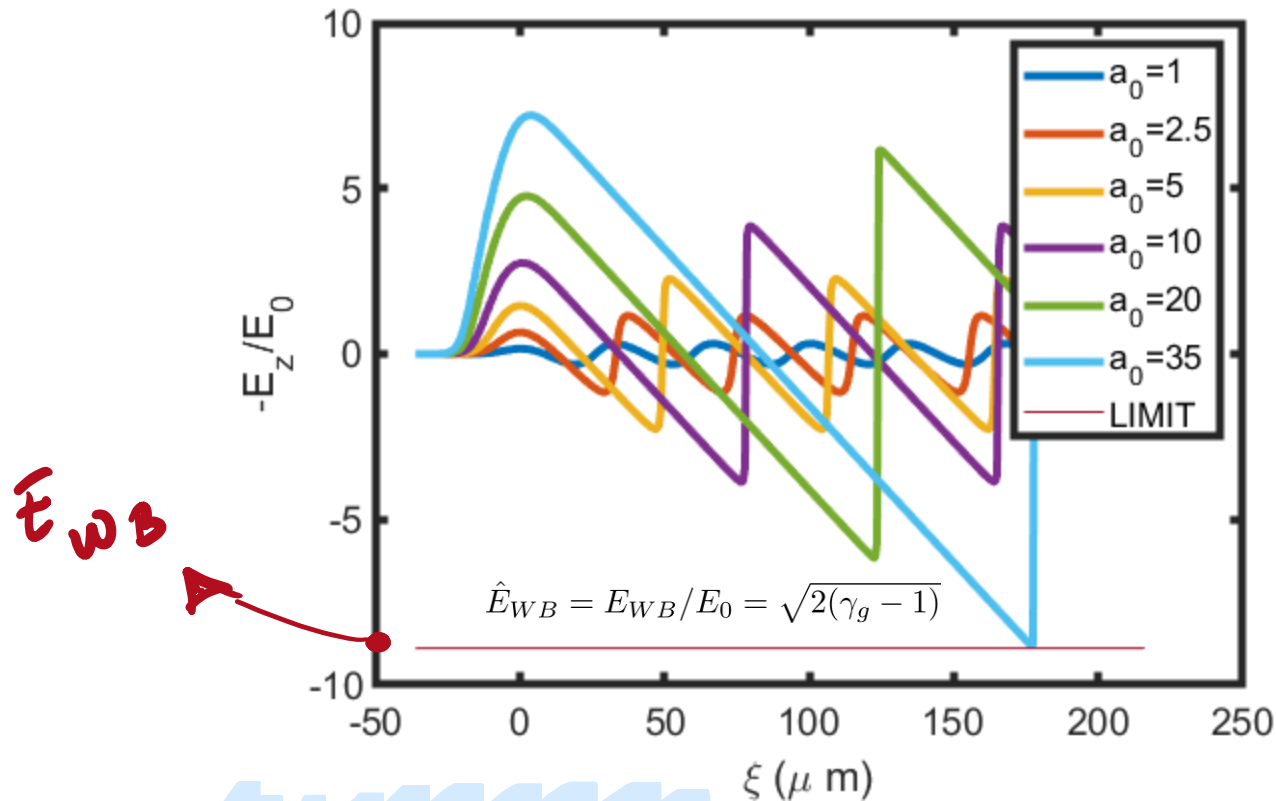
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AT Relativistic Wave breaking Threshold

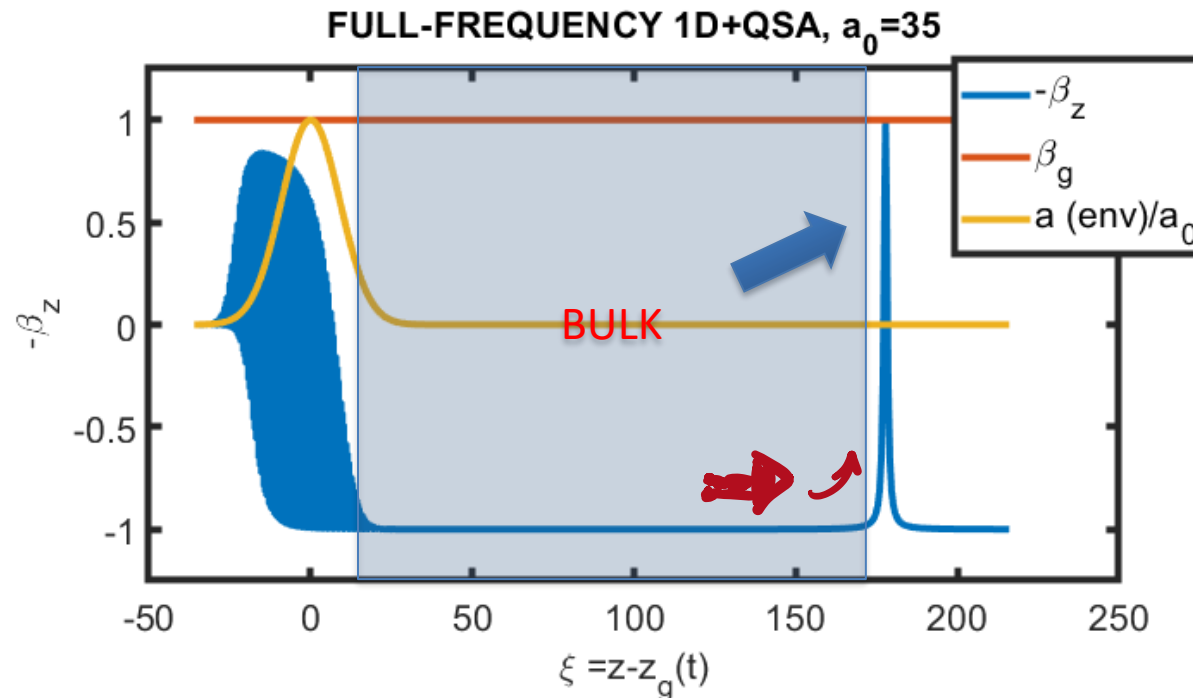
What happens to the accelerating gradient as the wave approaches its nonlinear breaking?



WE CANNOT GO FURTHER, from now on the wave is able to catch electrons from the plasma (on the top of the plasma spike)

Nonlinear Relativistic Wave breaking Threshold

What happens to fluid **speed** as the wave approaches its nonlinear breaking?

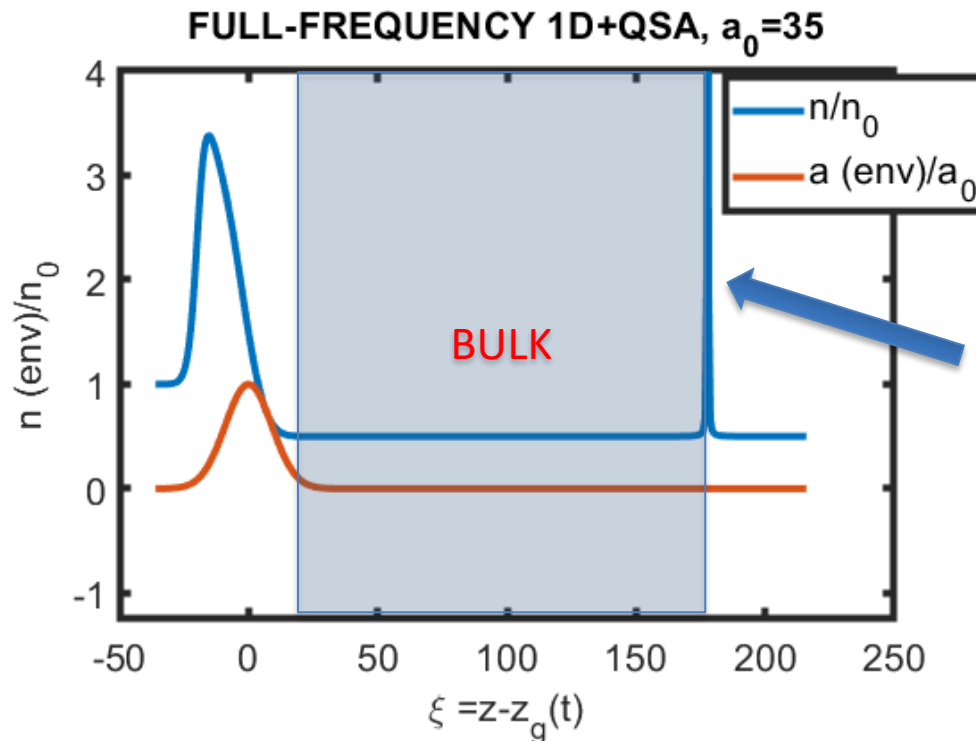


NOTE: in the bulk (up to just before the velocity peak) $\beta_z \simeq 1$
i.e. the plasma particles move at (about) the speed of light ON THE LASER PULSE OPPOSITE direction !!!

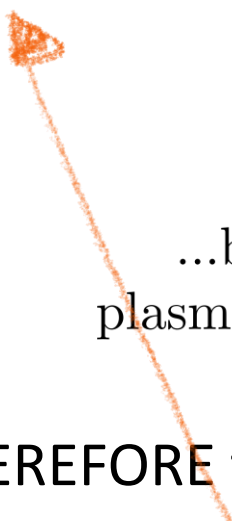
This means that IN THE BULK $(\beta_g + \beta_z) \simeq 2$

Nonlinear Relativistic Wave breaking Threshold

What happens to the **density** as the wave approaches its nonlinear breaking?



We need 3D effects on



Max(n/n_0) is about 40000
In the simulation

...but if IN THE BULK $(\beta_g + \beta_z) \simeq 2$, this implies that (there) the electron plasma density

$$n/n_0 = \beta_g / (\beta_z + \beta_g) \simeq 1/2$$

THEREFORE the electron plasma density never drops below $1/2$ of the background Value.

In 1D we have no chance to create a fully depleted zone

Trapping (and acceleration) theory in STABLE 1D+QSA wakefields

Approx: STABLE wakefield in 1D+QSA

LOOKING AT PARTICLE ACCELERATION, not fluid plasma evolution

Effective Hamiltonian for «**passive**» particle dynamics (**no plasma reaction**)

In a moving window

$$\xi = z + \beta_{ph}t$$

NO BEAM-LOADING

$$\vec{\pi} \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \vec{\beta}} = \vec{u} - \vec{a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_x &\equiv a(\xi); \\ a_y &= 0; \\ a_z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sqrt{1 + (\pi + a)^2} + \beta_{ph}\pi_z - \phi$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \xi &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \pi_z} \rightarrow \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \xi = \beta_z + \beta_{ph} \quad \leftarrow \text{Position} \\ \frac{1}{c} \partial_t \vec{\pi} &= -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \vec{x}} \rightarrow u_x = a; \quad \frac{1}{c} \partial_t u_z = -\partial_\xi (\gamma - \phi) \quad \leftarrow \text{Momentum} \end{aligned} \right.$$

GIVES «space-time» in the $(\xi(ct), u_z(ct))$ phase space plane

Also, the potential Ψ satisfies the Poisson equation

$$\partial_\xi^2 \Psi = -k_p^2 \gamma_p^2 \left\{ \frac{\beta_{ph}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma_1^2}{\gamma_{ph}^2 \Psi^2}}} - 1 \right\}$$

*To be solved
cna*

And must be solved numerically (but it's trivial to do it !!!)

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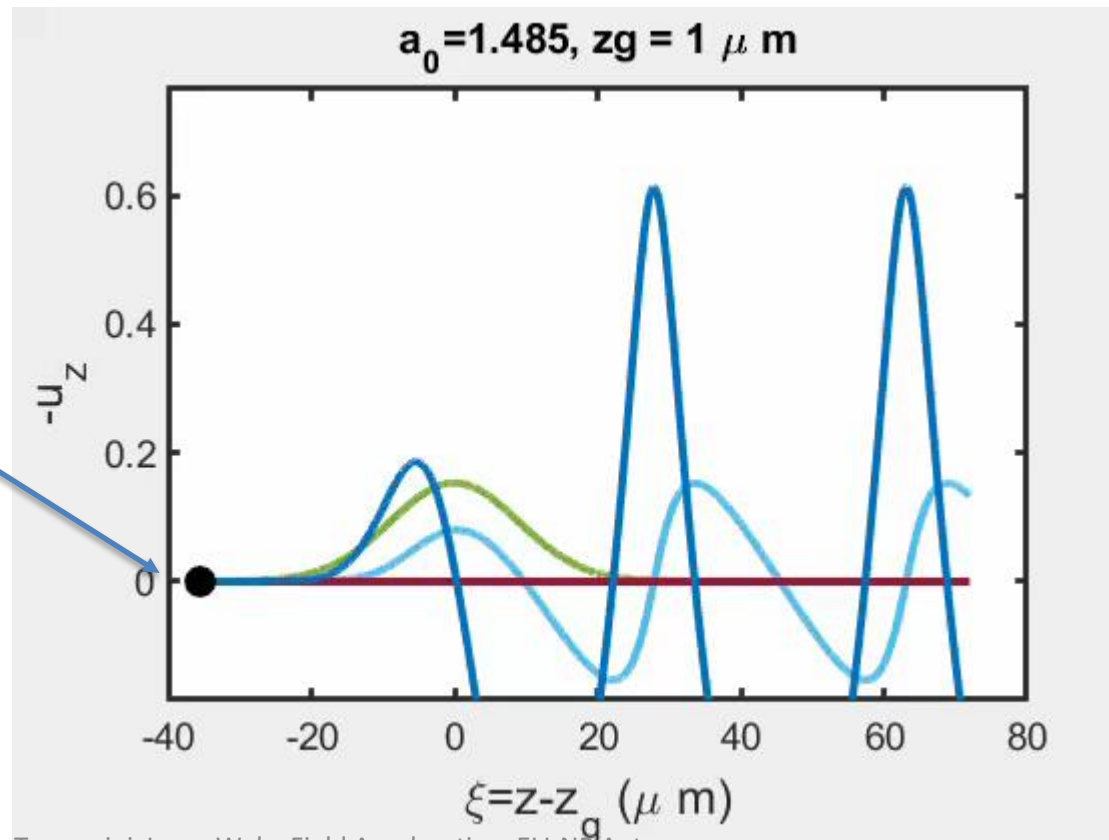
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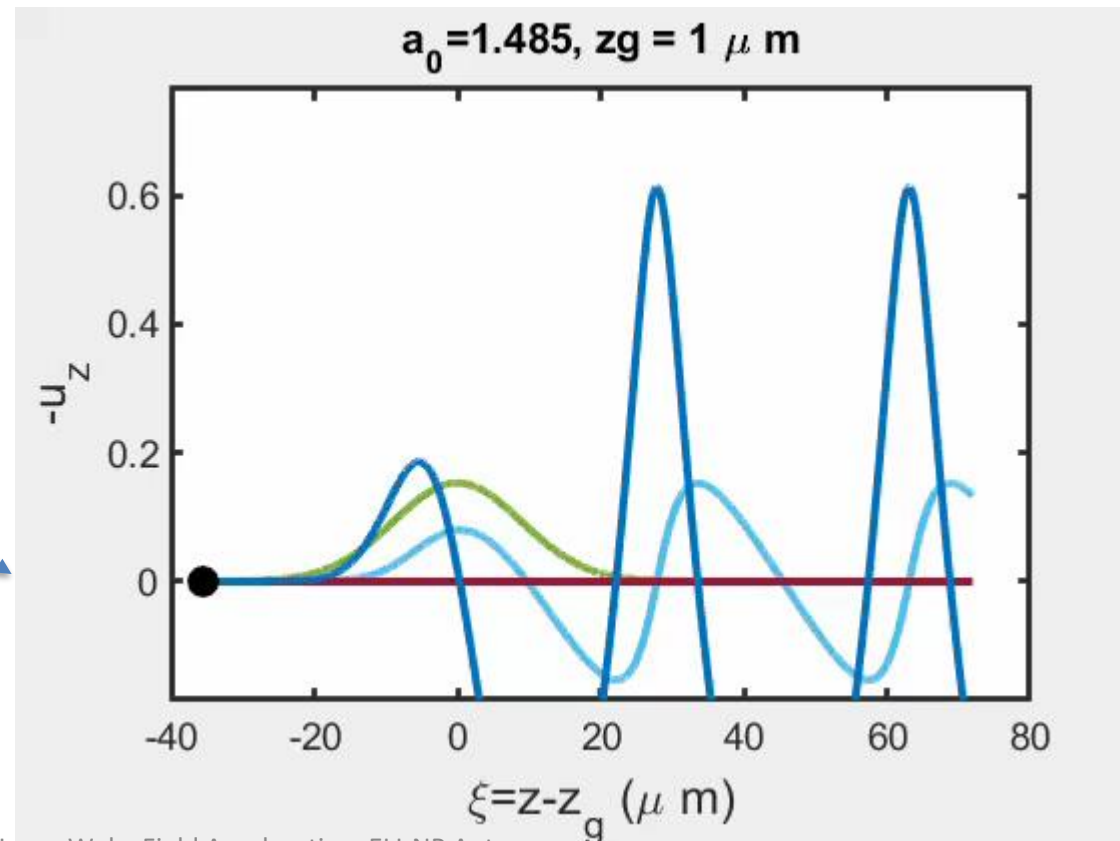
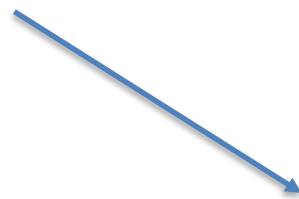
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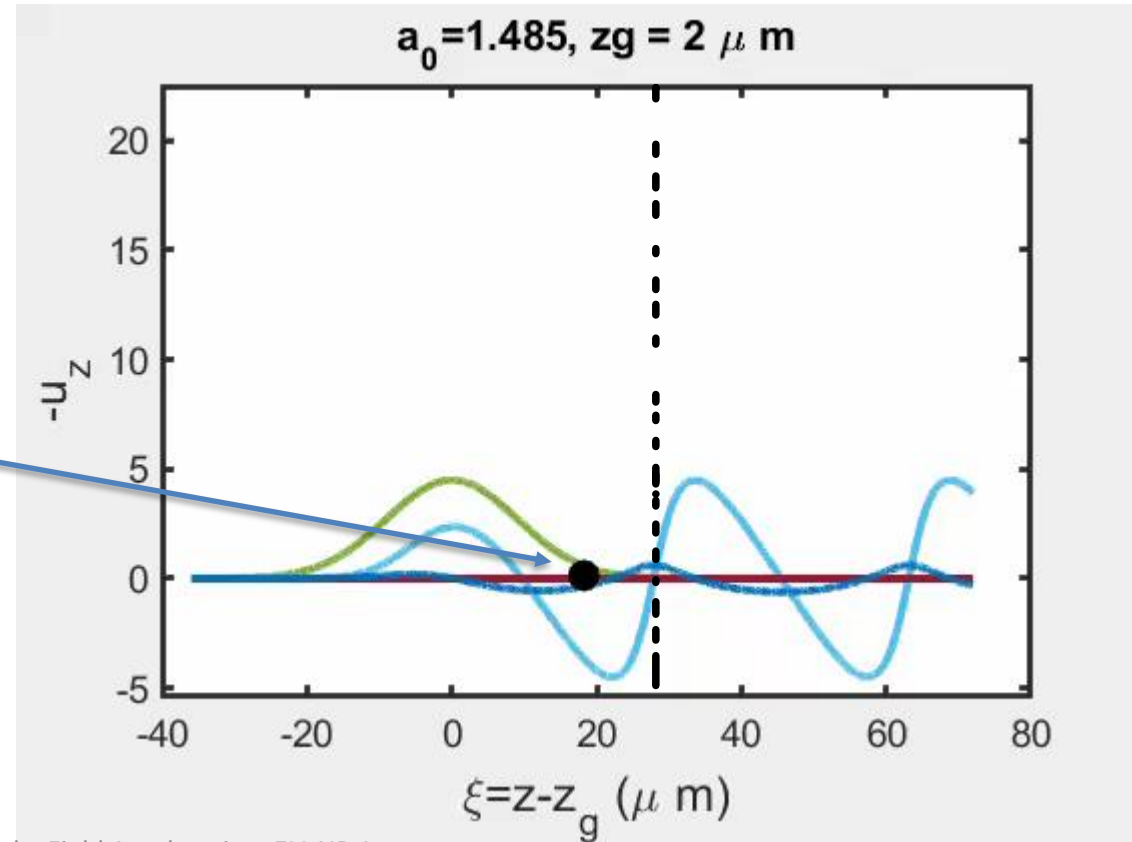
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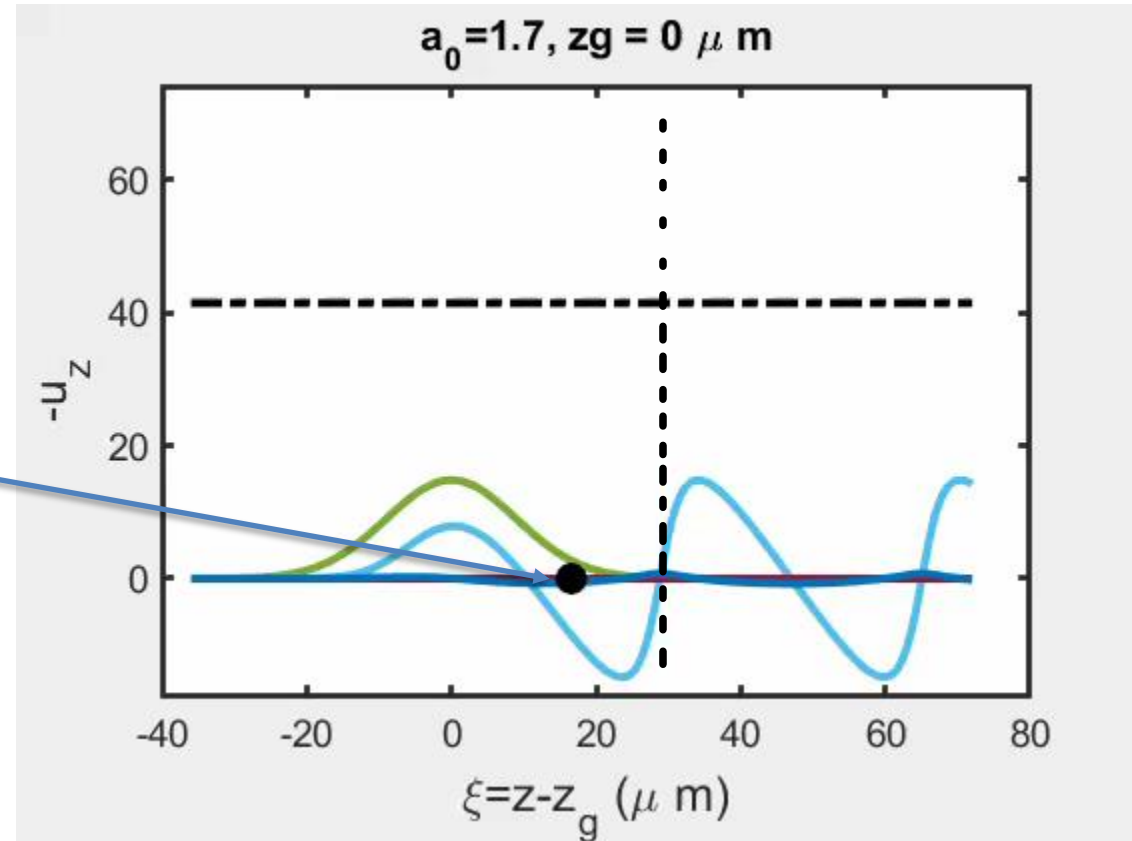
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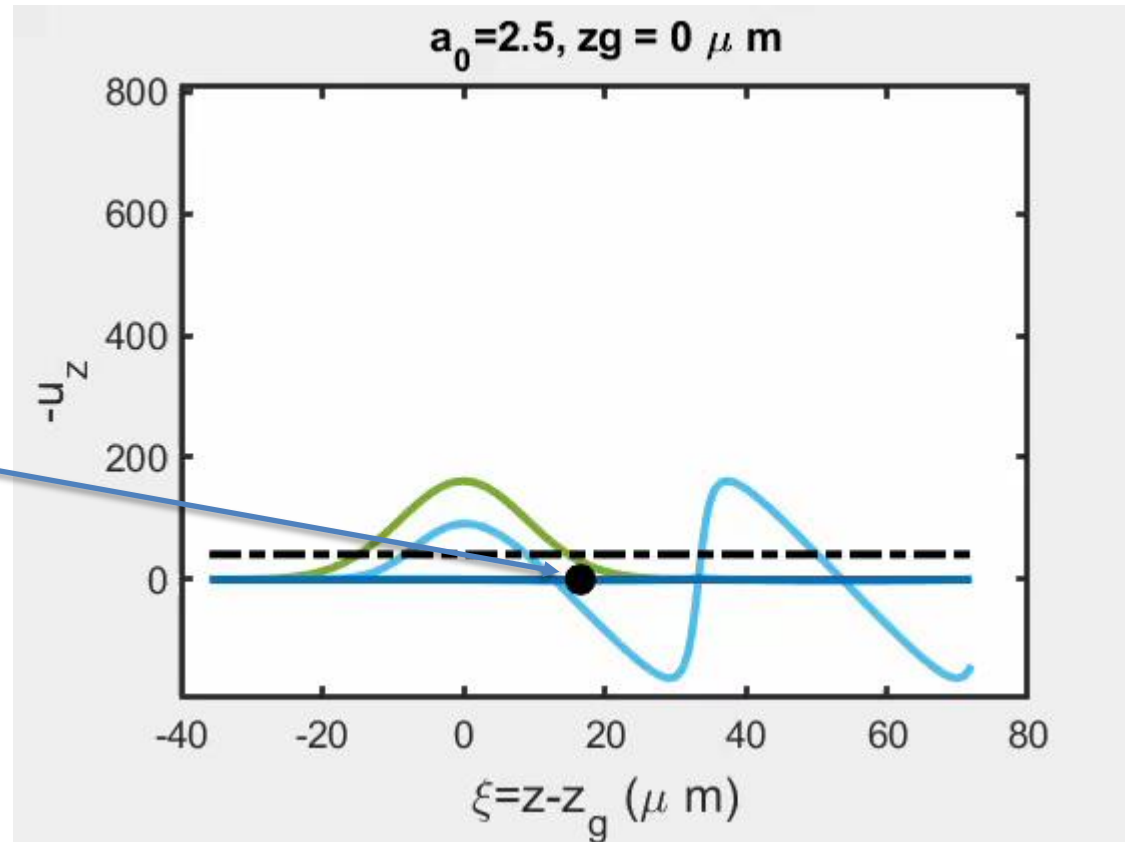
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PHASE-SPACE TRAJECTORIES

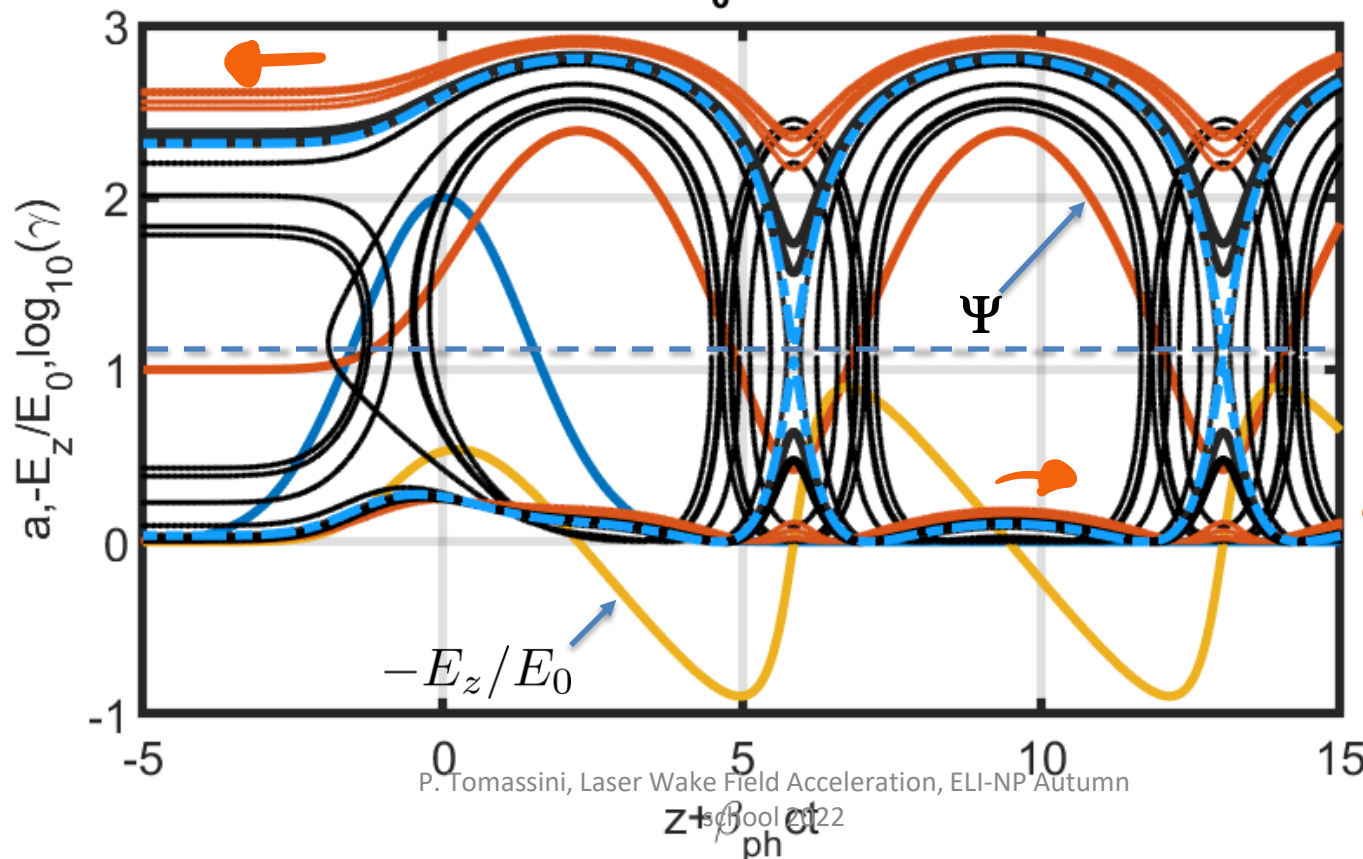
$$\vec{\pi} = \vec{u} - \vec{a}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sqrt{1 + (\pi + a)^2} + \beta_{ph} \pi_z - \phi$$

$$\mathcal{E}(ct) = \sqrt{1 + a^2(ct) + u_z^2(ct)} + \beta_{ph} u_z(ct) - \phi(ct) = \gamma(ct) + \beta_{ph} u_z(ct) - \phi(ct)$$

Canonical momentum

$a_0 = 2$



Branches

$\gamma_g = 12.5$

Trapping (and acceleration) theory in STABLE 1D wakefields

PHASE-SPACE TRAJECTORIES: Once the Ψ map is known, the (infinite) set of trajectories can be analytically found, **one trajectory for each value of the (constant) energy**

Despite the nonlinear behaviour of the plasma wave and of the relativistic effects on the particles, **conditions for trapping a surprisingly simple.**

$H = h_0$

$$d_t H = \partial_t H = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \gamma + \beta_{ph} u_z - \phi = (\gamma + \beta_{ph} u_z - \phi)_0 \equiv h_0$$

$$\gamma_{\perp}^2 = 1 + a^2/2; \quad \gamma^2 = \gamma_{\perp}^2 + u_z^2;$$

TRAJECTORIES in the (ϕ, u_z) plane (*found after some manipulation*)

$$u_z(\phi) = \gamma_{ph}^2 (h_0 + \phi) \left\{ -\beta_{ph} \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma_{\perp}^2}{\gamma_{ph}^2 (h_0 + \phi)^2}} \right\}$$

And with the aid of the $\phi(\xi) = \Psi(\xi) - 1$ map, **trajectories can be finally remapped in the (ξ, u_z) phase-space plane**

TWO branches!

$$u_z(\xi) = \gamma_{ph}^2 (h_0 + \phi) \left\{ -\beta_{ph} \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma_{\perp}^2(\xi)}{\gamma_{ph}^2 (h_0 + \phi(\xi))^2}} \right\}$$

SOUNDS FAMILIAR?

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PHASE-SPACE TRAJECTORIES: Once the Ψ map is known, the (infinite) set of trajectories can be analytically found, **one trajectory for each value of the (constant) energy**

In the case of a **generic plasma particle** (at rest before the arrival of the pulse)

...for a plasma particle trajectory (it is just **ONE** of the possible trajectories)

$$h_0 = (\gamma + \beta_{ph} u_z - \phi)_0 = 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{initial value}$$

$$u_z(\xi) = \gamma_{ph}^2 (h_0 + \phi) \left\{ -\beta_{ph} \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma_{\perp}^2(\xi)}{\gamma_{ph}^2 (h_0 + \phi(\xi))^2}} \right\}$$

SOUNDS FAMILIAR?

Describes
the fluid
plasma
momentum

$$u_z(\xi) = \gamma_{ph}^2 \Psi \left\{ -\beta_{ph} + \sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma_{\perp}^2(\xi)}{\gamma_{ph}^2 \Psi^2}} \right\}$$

Plasma
particle $h_0 = 1$

We saw this for the fluid plasma momentum

Trapping (and acceleration) theory in STABLE 1D wakefields

TRAPPING THEORY (1D+QSA, of course)

- We saw that trapping occurs when the particles reaches the wave's speed (in a still accelerating region)

$$\beta_z = -\beta_{ph}$$

- The **separatrix** between the closed (periodic) orbit and the open ones is found at the extremal point for the accelerating region, i.e when

$$u_{z,tr} = -\beta_{ph}\gamma_{tr} \rightarrow \gamma_{tr} = \sqrt{1 + \beta_{ph}^2\gamma_{tr}^2} \rightarrow \gamma_{tr} = \gamma_{ph}\gamma_{\perp,tr}$$

- Therefore, the particle gets trapped when

$$\gamma_{tr} = \gamma_{ph}\gamma_{\perp}$$

i.e. when

$$h_{0,separ} \equiv \gamma_{tr} + \beta_{ph}u_{z,tr} - \phi_{tr}$$

$$h_{0,separ} = \gamma_{\perp,tr}/\gamma_{ph} - \phi_{tr}$$

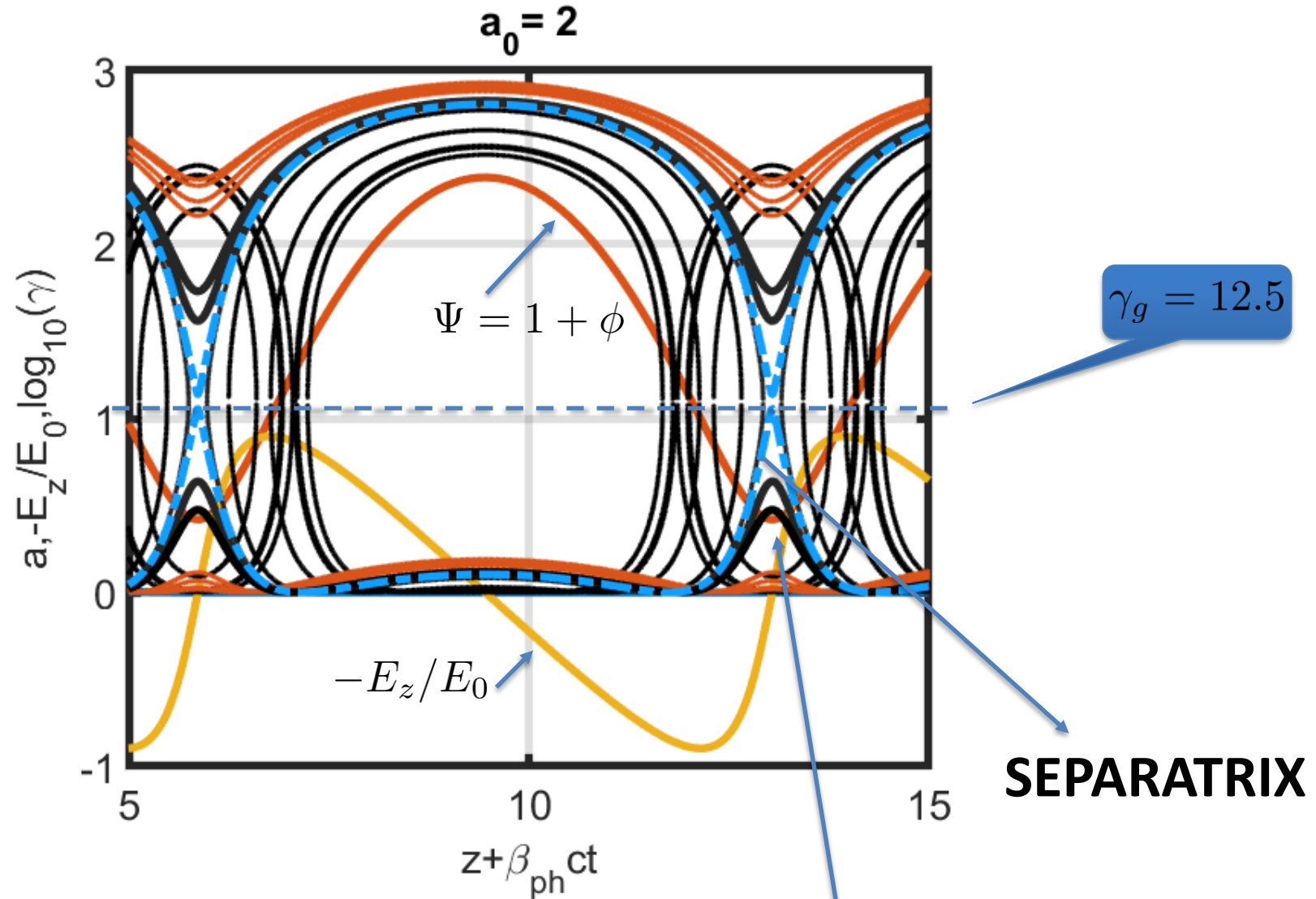
SEPARATRIX VALUE

AT THE END, particles initially having

$a_0 = a(t=0)$, are trapped if

$$h_0 \leq h_{0,separ} \rightarrow \gamma_0 + \beta_{ph}u_{z,0} - \phi_0 \leq \gamma_{\perp}/\gamma_{ph} - \phi_{tr}$$

Trapping (and acceleration) theory in STABLE 1D wakefields



$$h_{0, \text{trapping}} = \gamma_{\perp, \text{tr}} / \gamma_{\text{ph}} = \phi_{\text{min}}$$

Trapping (and acceleration) theory in STABLE 1D wakefields

Standard trapping «weak trapping» vs «strong trapping»

$$(1 + \phi_{Max,min}) = \mathcal{F} \pm \beta_{ph} \sqrt{(1 + \mathcal{F})^2 - 1}$$

$$\mathcal{F} \equiv \frac{1}{2} (E_z / E_0)|_{max}^2$$

- Standard «**weak trapping**» [E. Esarey et al.; Phys. Plasmas 2 (1995)]: the particles are trapped at the minimum of the potential (their trajectories lie in the **separatrix**), where the **electric field is null**.

$$\gamma_0 - \phi_0 \leq \gamma_{\perp} / \gamma_{ph} - \phi_{min}$$

$$2|\beta_{ph}| \sqrt{(1 + \mathcal{F})^2 - 1} \geq 1 - 1/\gamma_{ph}$$

Potential
@trapping position

- «**Strong trapping**»: P.Tomassini et al.; Phys. Plasmas 24 (2017)]: the particles are trapped where the potential is null (and the **accelerating field is maximum**).

$$\gamma_0 - \phi_0 \leq \gamma_{\perp} / \gamma_{ph} - 0$$

$$\mathcal{F} + |\beta_{ph}| \sqrt{(1 + \mathcal{F})^2 - 1} \geq 1 - 1/\gamma_{ph}$$

Trapping (and acceleration) theory in STABLE 1D wakefields

Conserved Hamiltonian in 1D+QSA

$$\mathcal{H}(\psi, \gamma) = \gamma(1 - \beta\beta_{ph}) - \phi(\psi)$$

$$\psi \equiv k_p(z - \beta_\phi ct)$$

[E. Esarey & M. Pillov, PoP 2 1432 (1995)]

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Weak (standard) trapping threshold

Strong trapping threshold

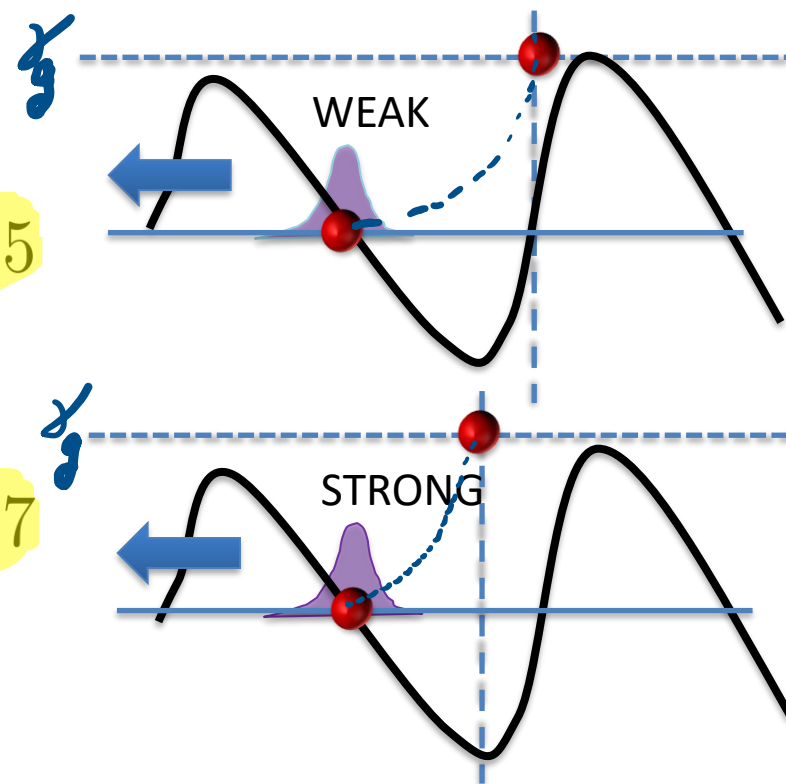
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[Tomassini et al.; Phys. Plasmas 24 (2017)]

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_{norm} = E_z/E_0; \quad E_0 = mc\omega_p/e \\ \mathcal{F} \equiv \frac{1}{2} E_{norm}|_{max}^2 \\ (1 + \phi_{Max,min}) = \mathcal{F} \pm \beta_{ph} \sqrt{(1 + \mathcal{F})^2 - 1} \end{array} \right.$$

$$E_{norm} \simeq 0.5$$

$$E_{norm} \simeq 0.7$$



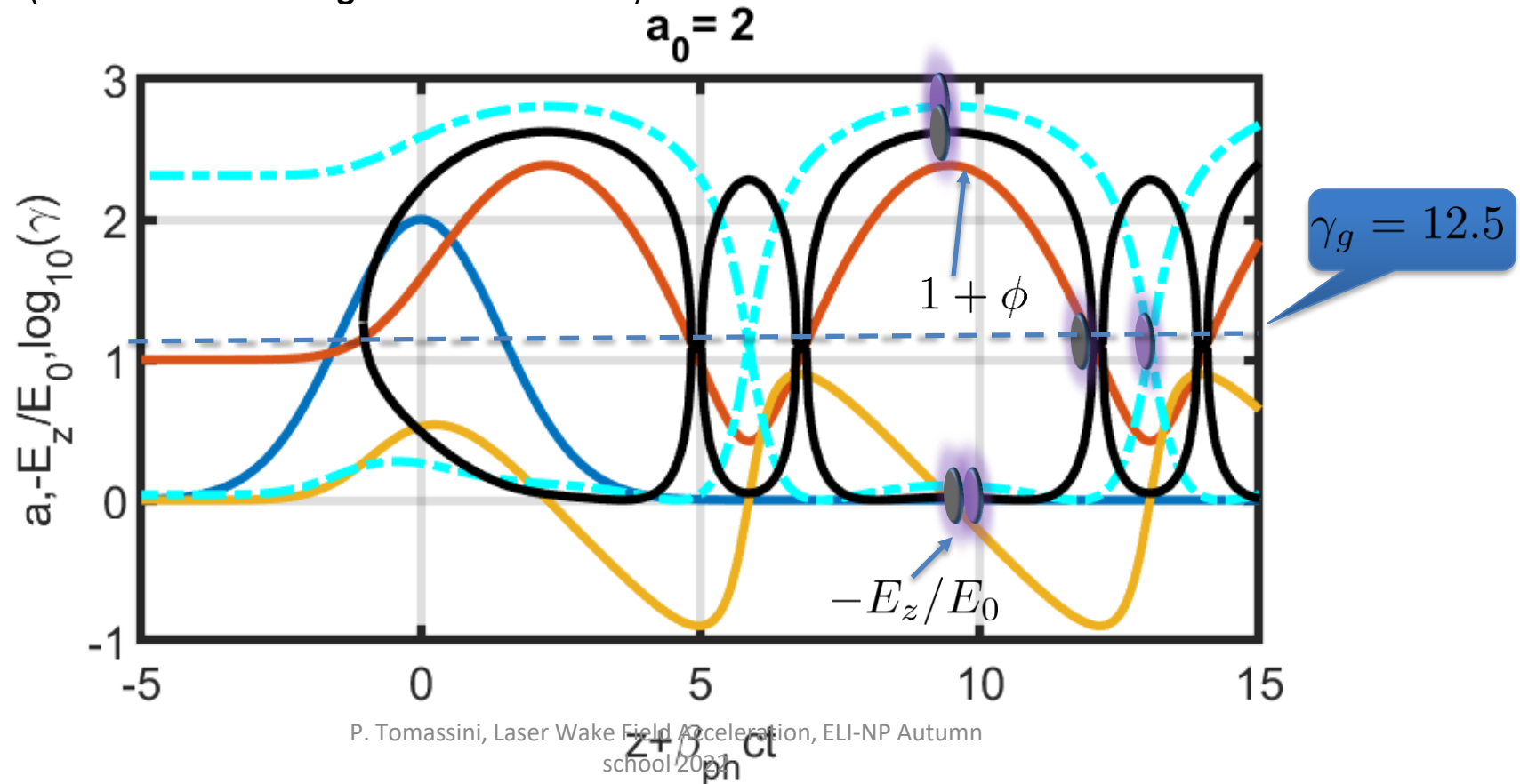
Strong trapping condition is more demanding than the standard «weaker» one

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Standard trapping «weak trapping» vs «strong trapping»

Standard «weak trapping» [E. Esarey et al.; *Phys. Plasmas* 2 (1997)]: the particles are trapped at the minimum of the potential (their trajectories lie in the separatrix), where the **electric field is null**.

«Strong trapping»: P. Tomassini et al.; *Phys. Plasmas* 24 (2017)]: the particles are trapped where the potential is null (and the **accelerating field is maximum**).



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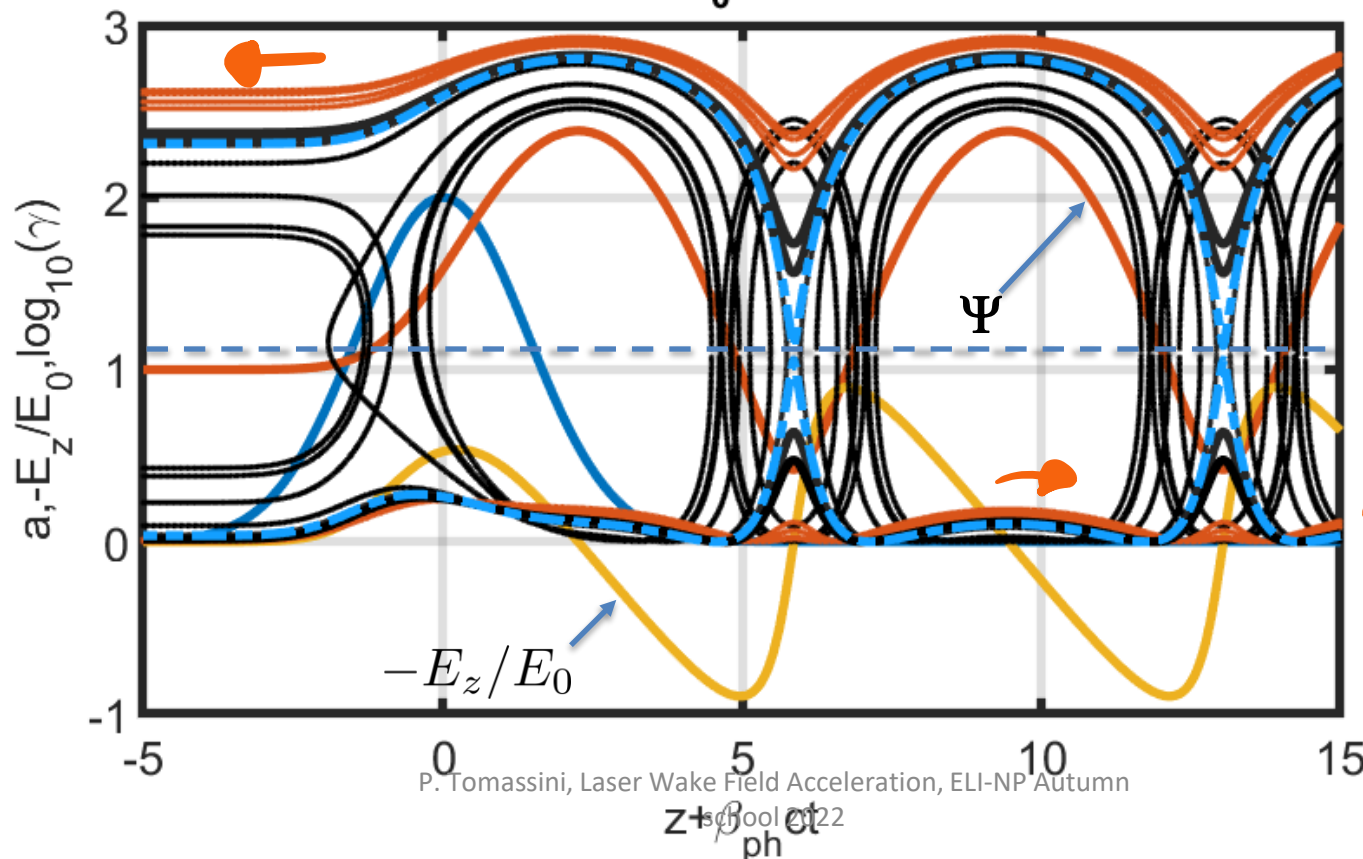
PHASE-SPACE TRAJECTORIES

$$\vec{p} = \vec{u} - \vec{a}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sqrt{1 + (P + a)^2} + \beta_{ph} P_z - \phi$$

$h_0 = \mathcal{H}(ct) = \sqrt{1 + a^2(ct) + u_z^2(ct)} + \beta_{ph} u_z(ct) - \phi(ct) = \gamma(ct) + \beta_{ph} u_z(ct) - \phi(ct)$
 Canonical momentum

$a_0 = 2$

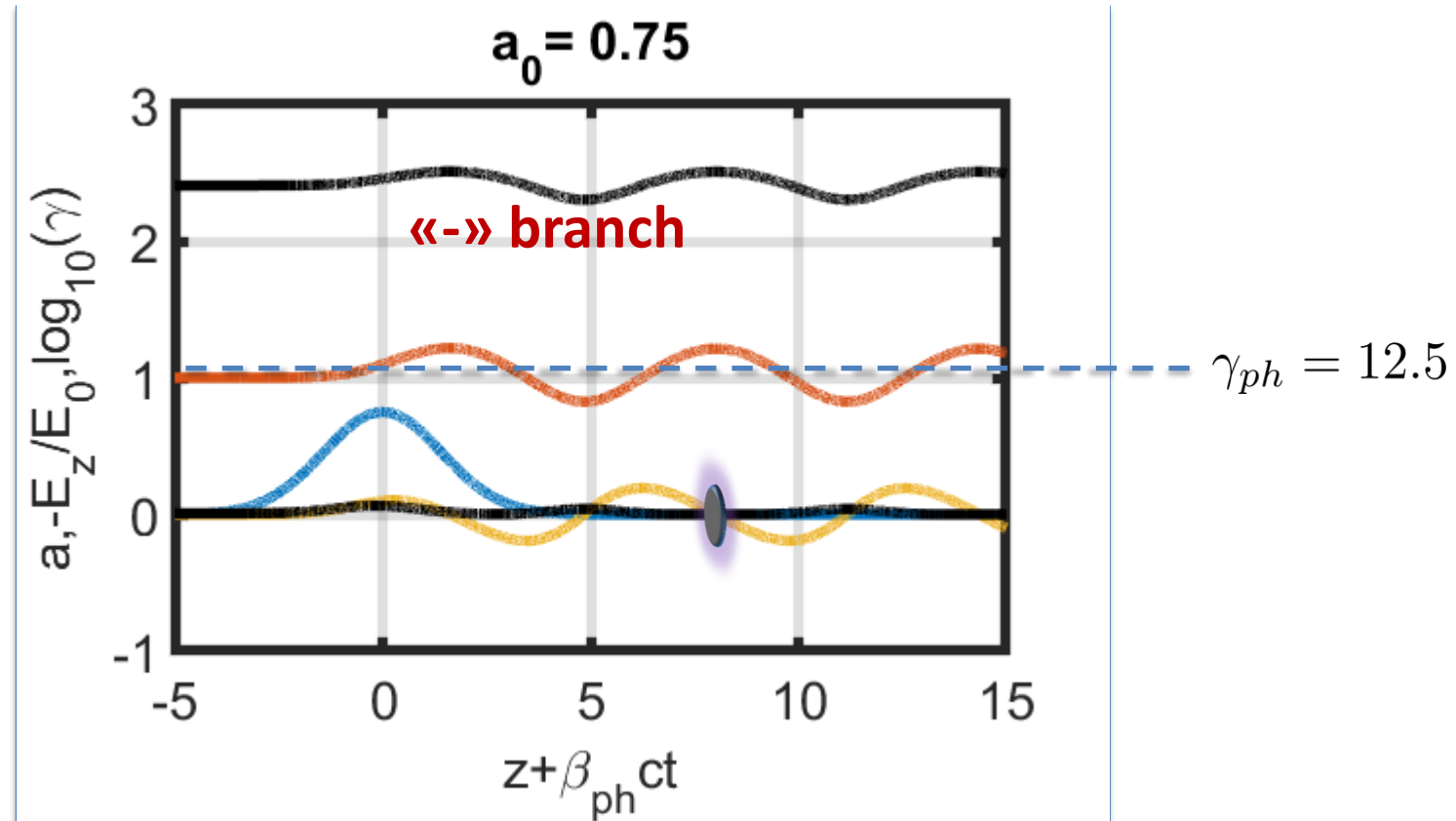


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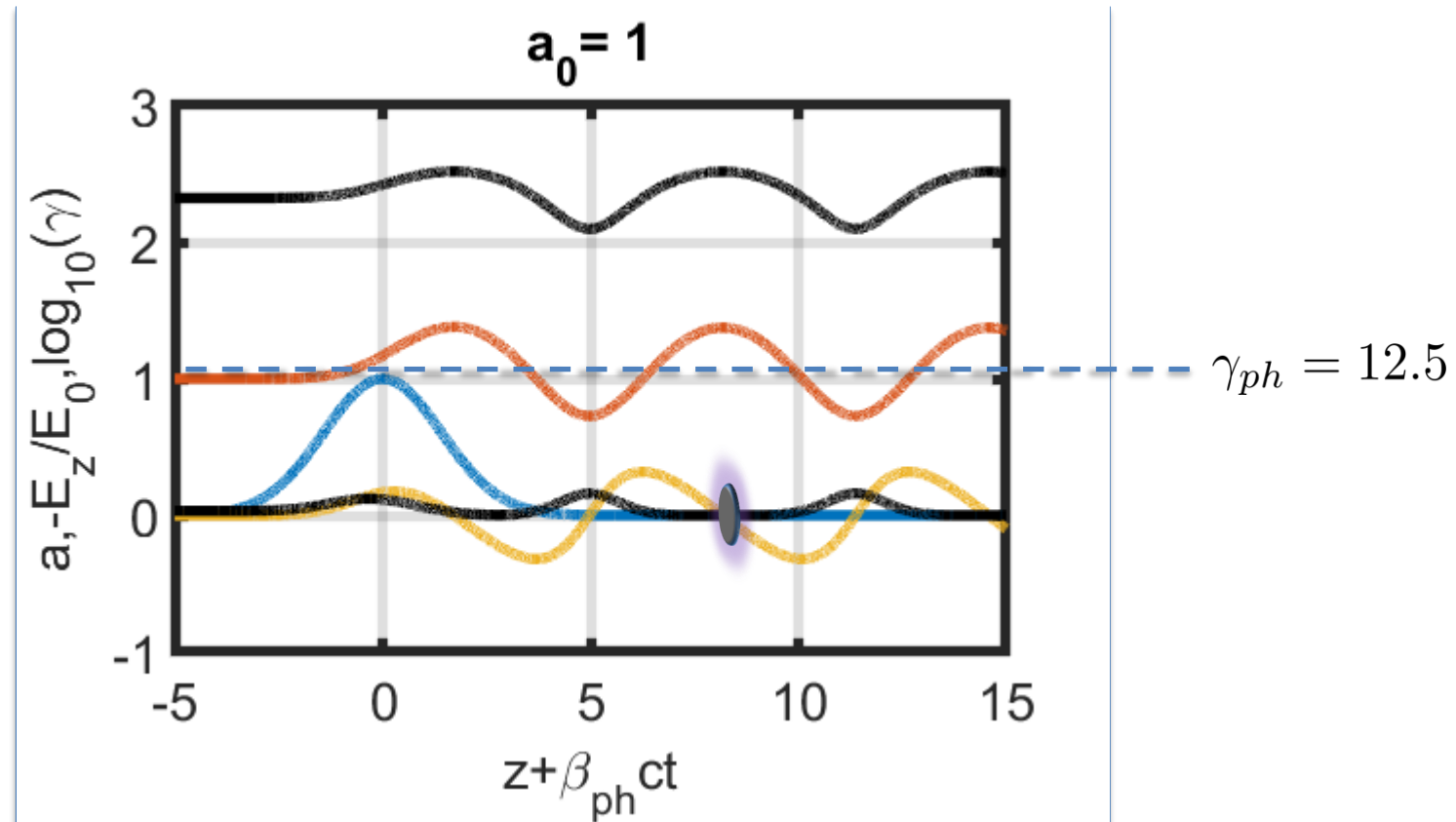
$\gamma_g = 12.5$

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$$u_z(\xi) = \gamma_{ph}^2 (h_0 + \phi) \left\{ -\beta_{ph} \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma_{\perp}^2(\xi)}{\gamma_{ph}^2 (h_0 + \phi(\xi))^2}} \right\}$$



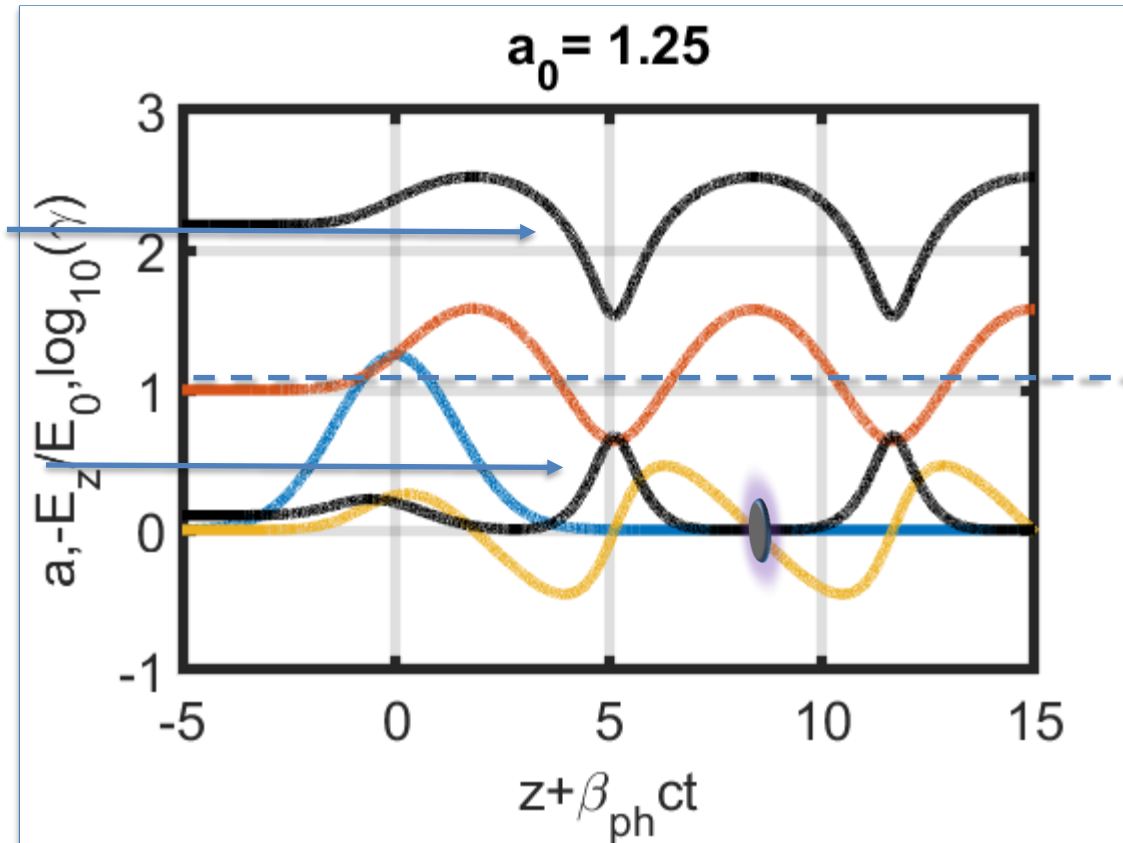
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«-» branch

• «+» branch

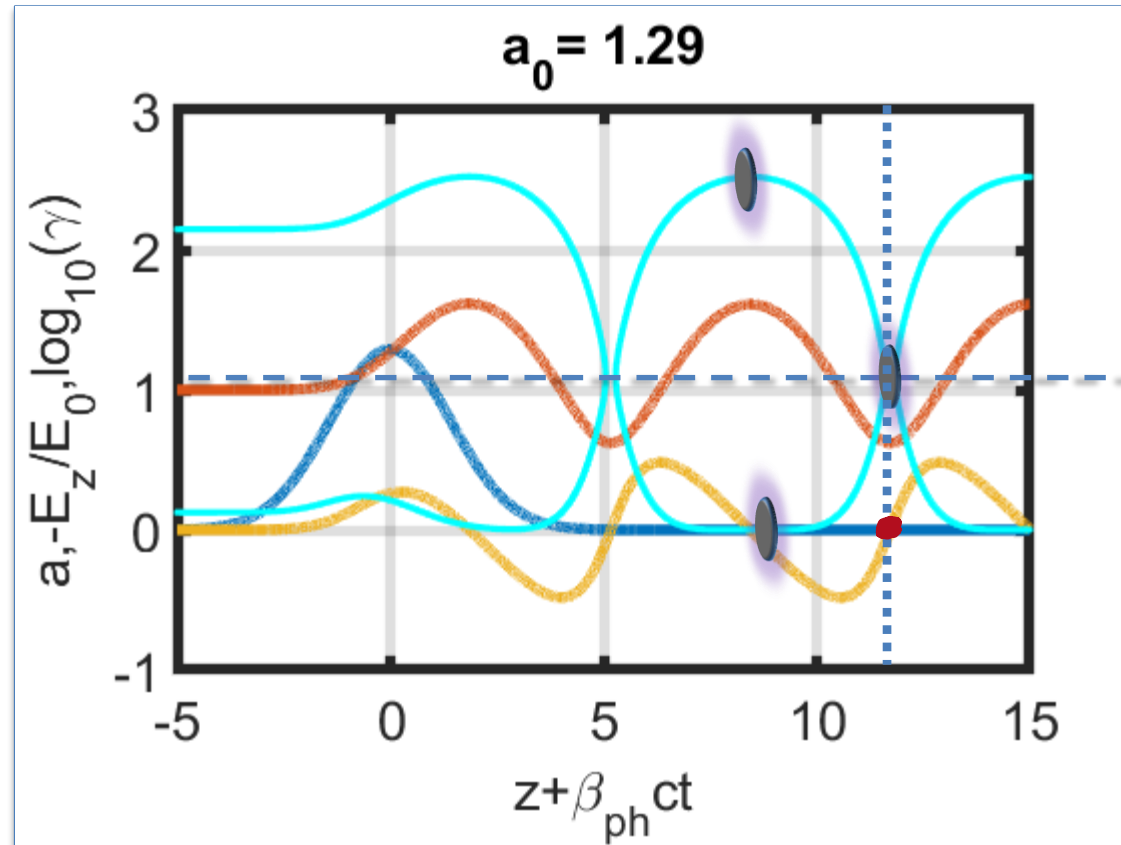


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Weak Trapping



Branches
merging

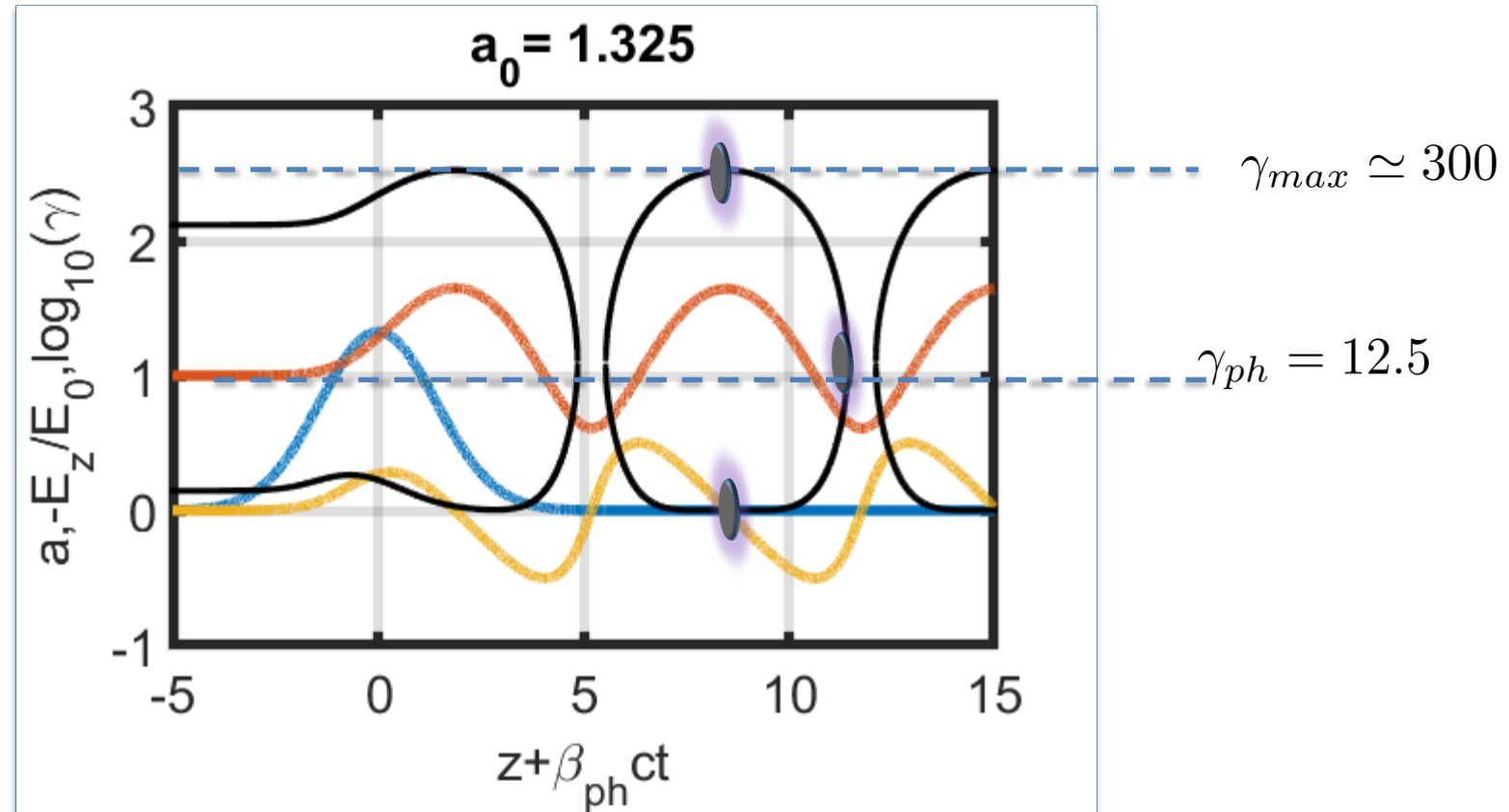
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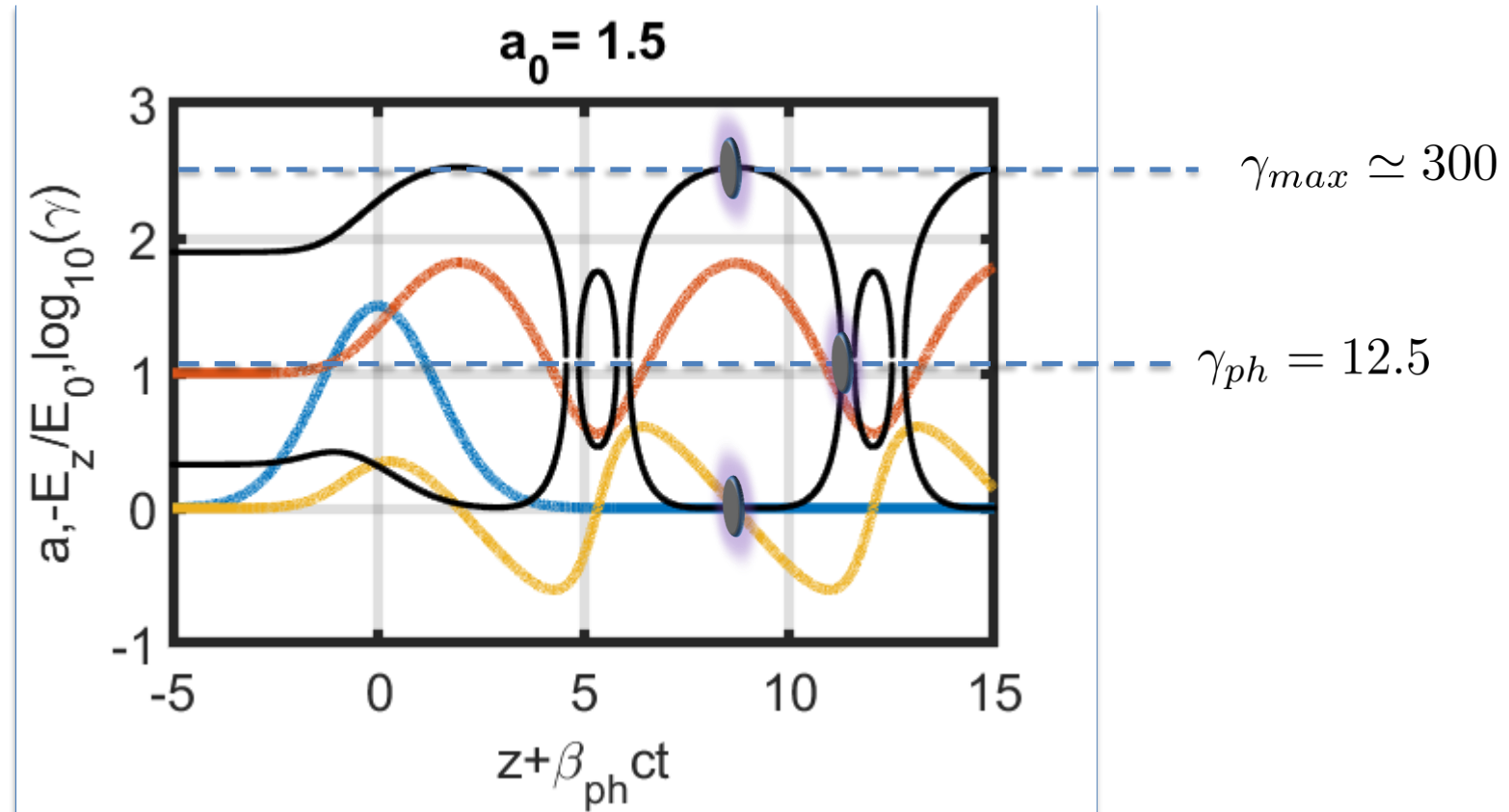
P. Tomassini, Laser Wake Field Acceleration, ELI-NP Autumn School 2022

The radical is zero!

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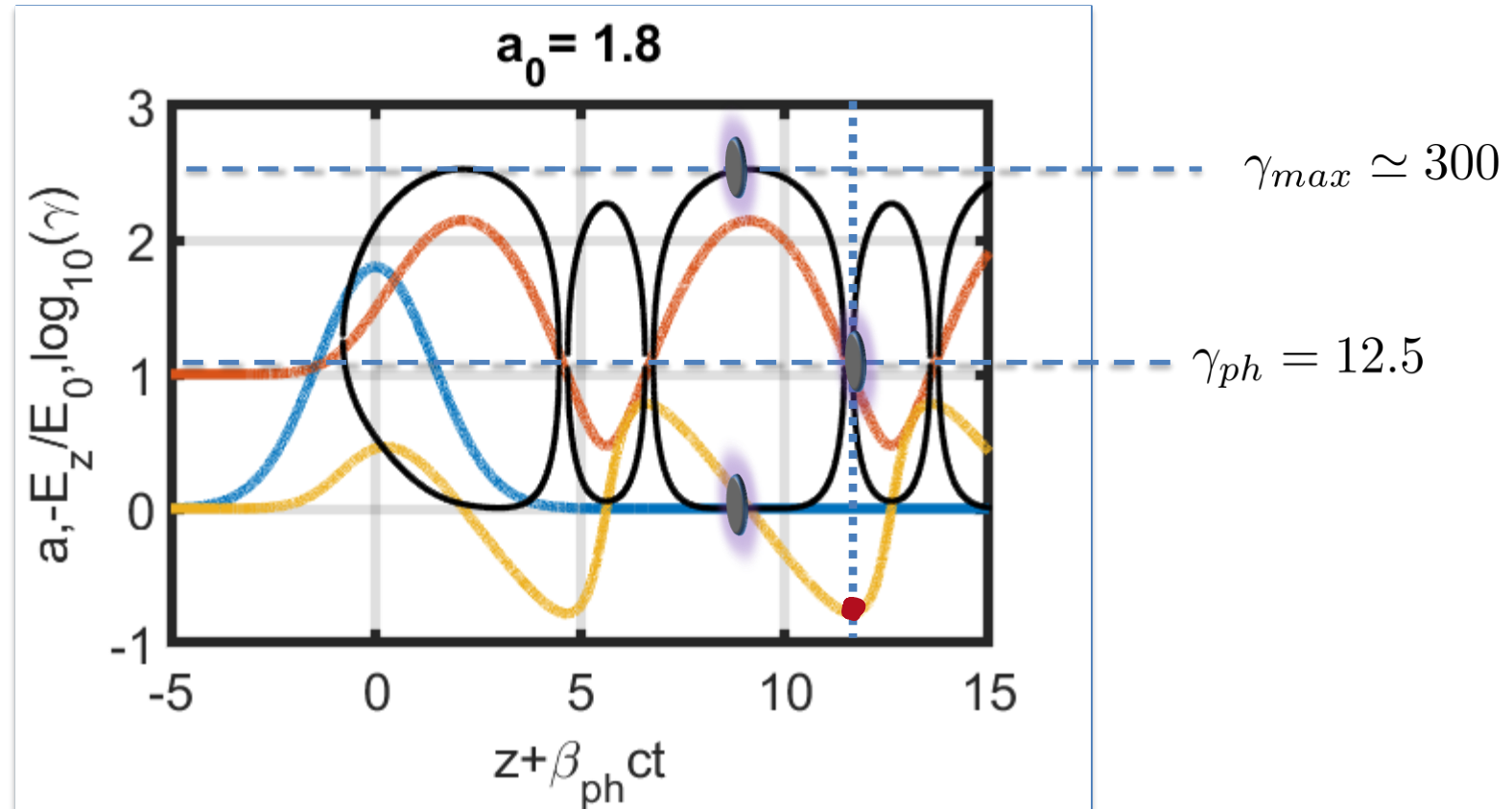


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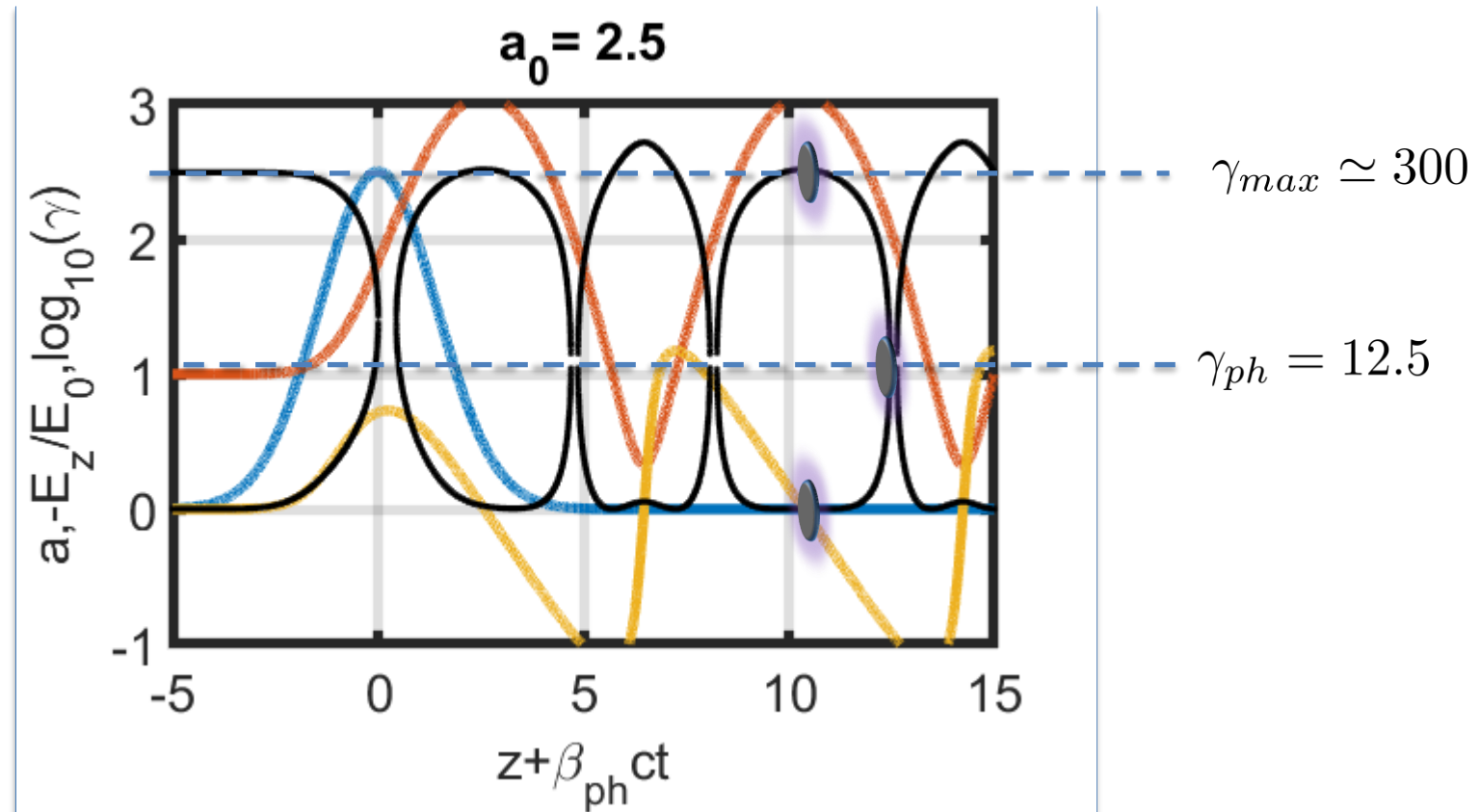


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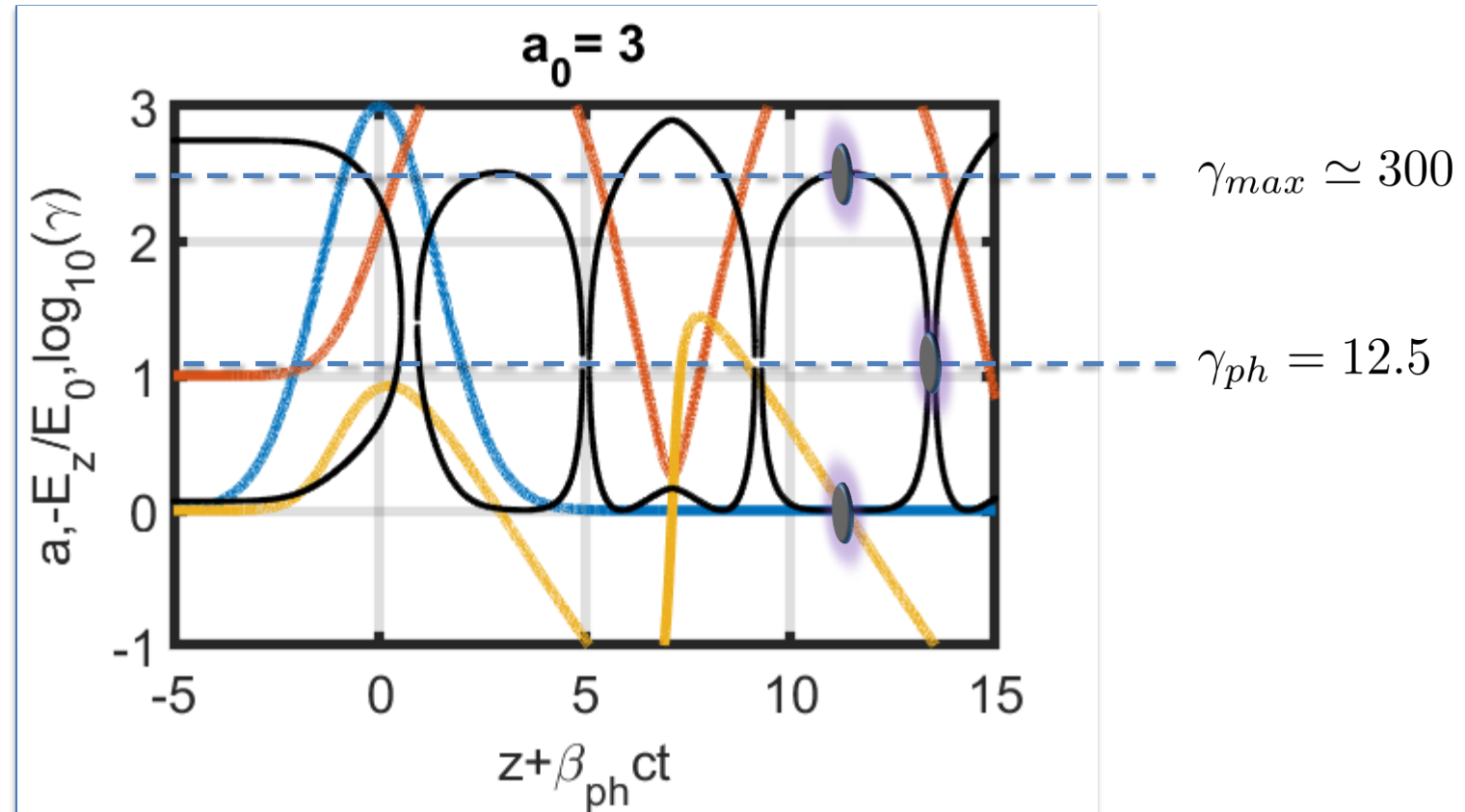
Strong Trapping



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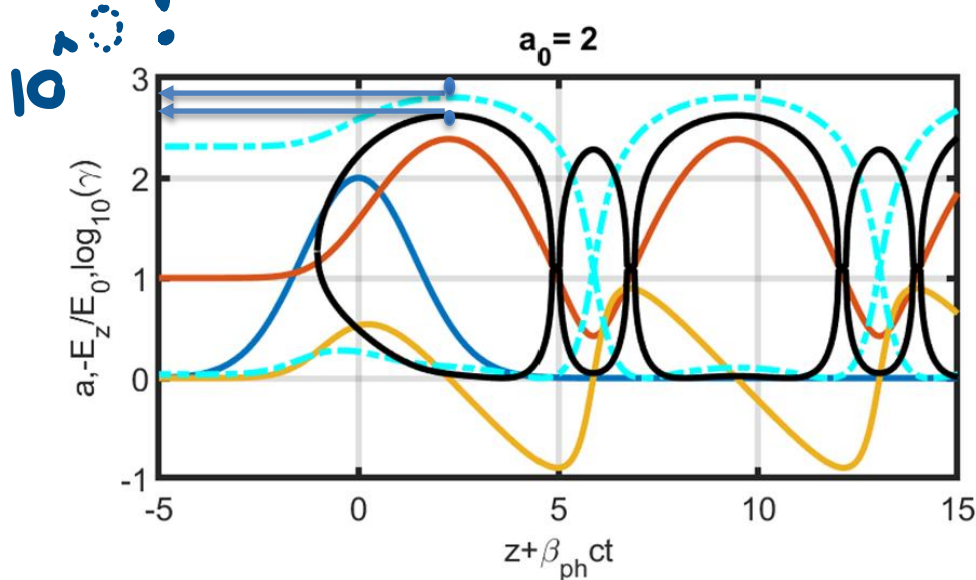
MAXIMUM ENERGY GAIN

Starting again with the **energy trajectory**:

$$\gamma(\xi) = \gamma_{ph}^2 (h_0 + \phi) \left\{ 1 \pm \beta_{ph} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma_{\perp}^2(\xi)}{\gamma_{ph}^2 (h_0 + \phi)^2}} \right\}$$

We got the maximum value (supposing $\eta_{ph} \gg 1$)

$$\gamma_{MAX} = \max \left(\gamma_{ph}^2 (h_0 + \phi) \left\{ 1 + \beta_{ph} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\gamma_{\perp}^2(\xi)}{\gamma_{ph}^2 (h_0 + \phi)^2}} \right\} \right)$$



It depends on the initial
conditions, of course

$$\gamma_{MAX} \simeq 2\gamma_{ph}^2 \max(h_0 + \phi)$$

$$\gamma + \beta_{ph} u_z - \phi = (\gamma + \beta_{ph} u_z - \phi)_0 \equiv h_0$$

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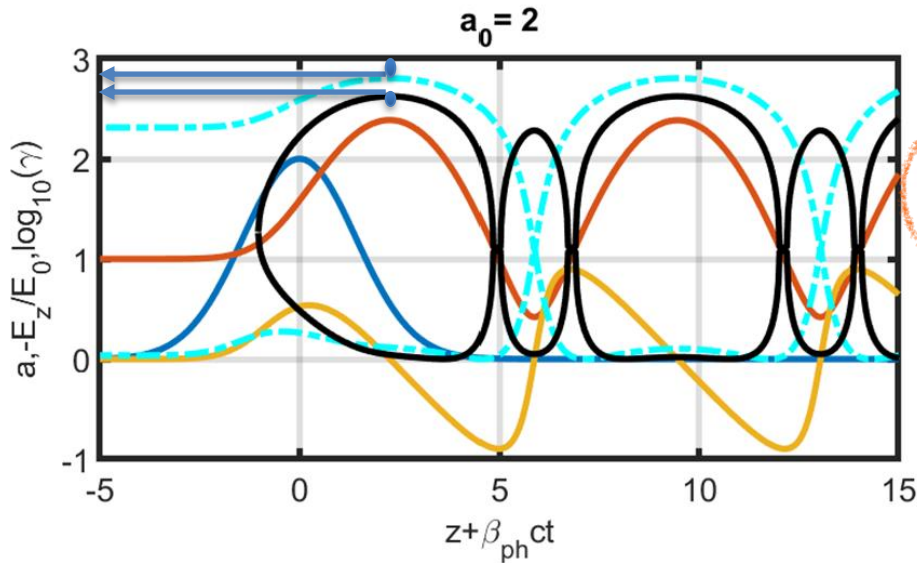
$$\gamma + \beta_{ph} u_z - \phi = (\gamma + \beta_{ph} u_z - \phi)_0 \equiv h_0$$

$$\gamma_{MAX} \simeq 2\gamma_{ph}^2 \max(h_0 + \phi) \leftarrow \phi_{MAX}$$

$$h_0 \leq h_{0,tr} = \gamma_{\perp} / \gamma_g - \phi_{min}$$

The maximum possible value, compatible with trapping

Therefore, the best trajectory is the separatrix



$$\gamma_{MAX} \simeq 2\gamma_{ph}^2 (\phi_{MAX} - \phi_{min})$$

Of course!
It takes advantage of all the
allowable potential difference

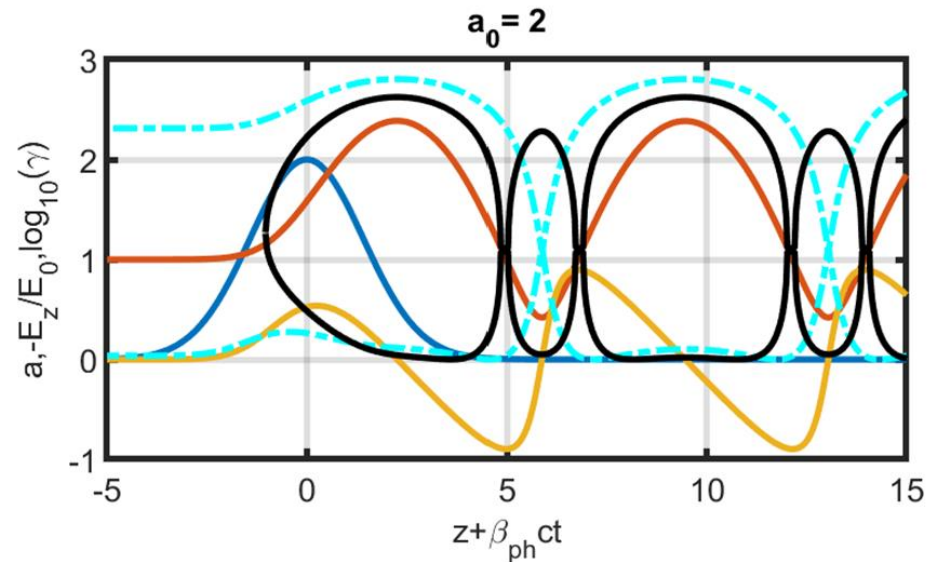
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MAXIMUM ENERGY GAIN

$$\Psi_{MAX} - \Psi_{min} = \phi_{MAX} - \phi_{min} = 2\beta_g \sqrt{(\hat{E}_{MAX}^2/2 + \gamma_{\perp})^2 - \gamma_{\perp}^2}$$

Therefore the maximum energy gain is

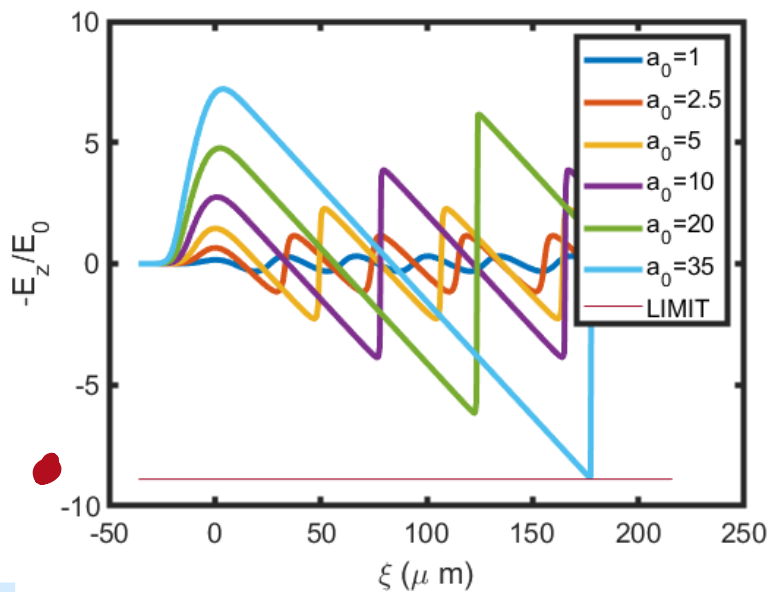
$$\gamma_{MAX} \simeq 4\gamma_g^2 \sqrt{(\hat{E}_{MAX}^2/2 + \gamma_{\perp})^2 - \gamma_{\perp}^2}$$



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THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE ENERGY GAIN

$$\hat{E}_{MAX} \gg 1 \quad \gamma_{MAX} \simeq 2\gamma_g^2 \hat{E}_{MAX}^2$$



@ wave breaking we have the highest E_z



$$\hat{E}_{MAX}^2 = 2(\gamma_g - 1)$$

1D wavebreaking limit

Unrealistic!

$$\gamma_{MAX} \simeq 4\gamma_g^3 \simeq 4 \cdot 10^6$$

$$\mathcal{E} \simeq 2\text{TeV}!$$

$$n_e = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$E_{WB} \approx 15E_0$$

$$\gamma_g = \omega_0/\omega_p = \sqrt{n_c/n_e} \simeq 100$$

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MAIN LIMING FACTORS FOR HIGH ENERGY GAIN

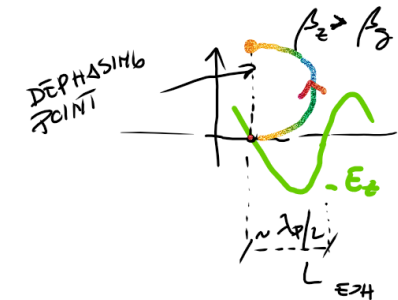
- The electric field cannot exceed the highest possible value sustainable by the wave without partial or complete wave breaking

$$E_{MAX} = E_0 \cdot \sqrt{2(\gamma_g - 1)}$$



- During the acceleration particles move advancing their position in the wake, after some while experiencing a decelerating field.

The effective acceleration length is named **DEPHASING LENGTH**

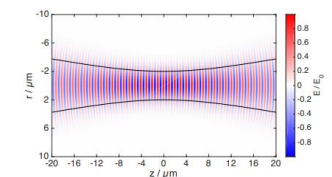


This is fully included in the 1D model

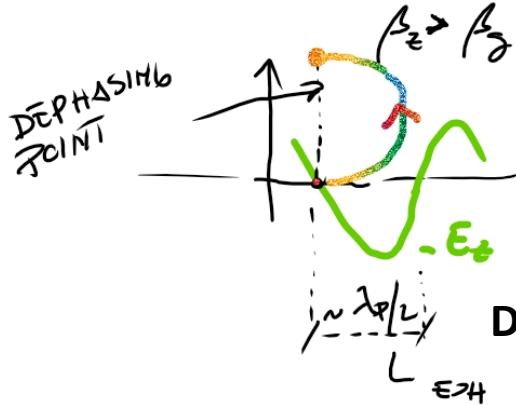
- The laser pulse propagates into the plasma and continuously delivers part of its energy on it after exciting the plasma wave. The energy decay length is named **PUMP DEPLETION LENGTH**

This is fully included in the 1D model that faces with the 1D pulse evolution [not shown in this lecture]

- The pulse diffracts and/or experience a series of linear and nonlinear 3D effects [more on next slides]



DEPHASING LENGTH



$$L_{DEPH} = c t_{DEPH} ; \Delta z \approx -\frac{\lambda_p}{2} = (\beta_g + \beta_z) \cdot c t_{DEPH}$$

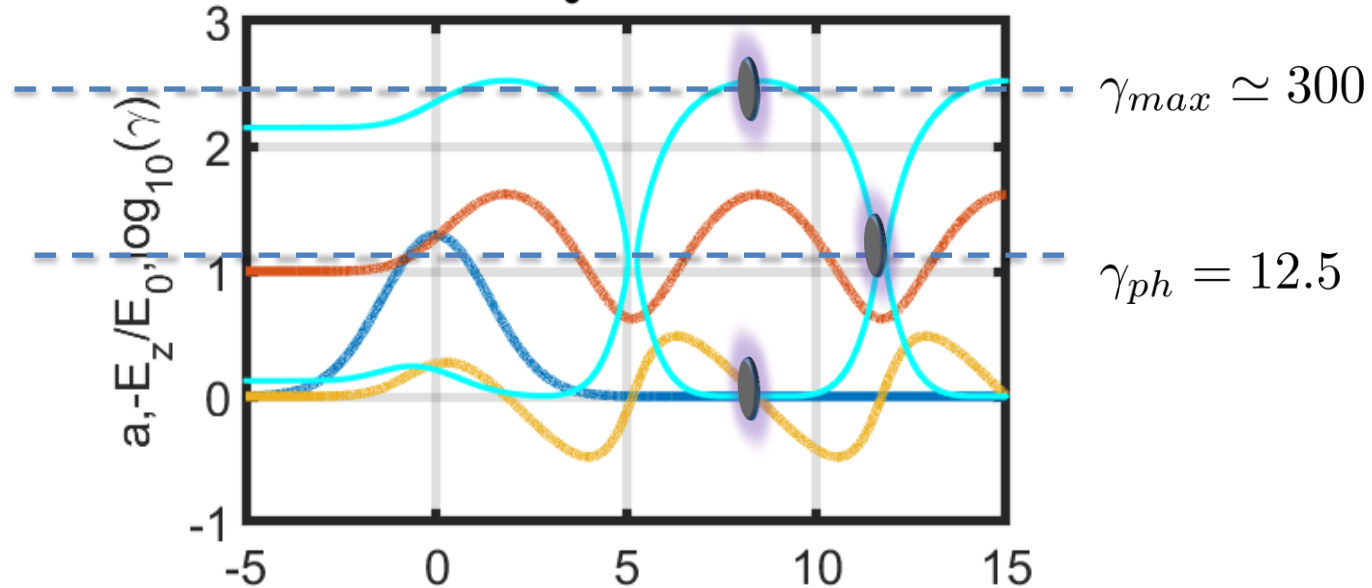
$$\rightarrow L_{DEPH} \approx \frac{\lambda_p}{2(-\beta_z - \beta_g)}$$

Dephasing length

$$L_D \approx \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_p^2} \lambda_p \approx \gamma_{ph}^2 \lambda_p \propto n_0^{-3/2}$$

In our example $n_e \approx 1.7 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (quite a large density) $\lambda_p = 10 \mu\text{m}$; $\rightarrow L_D \approx 2 \text{ mm}$

$a_0 = 1.29$

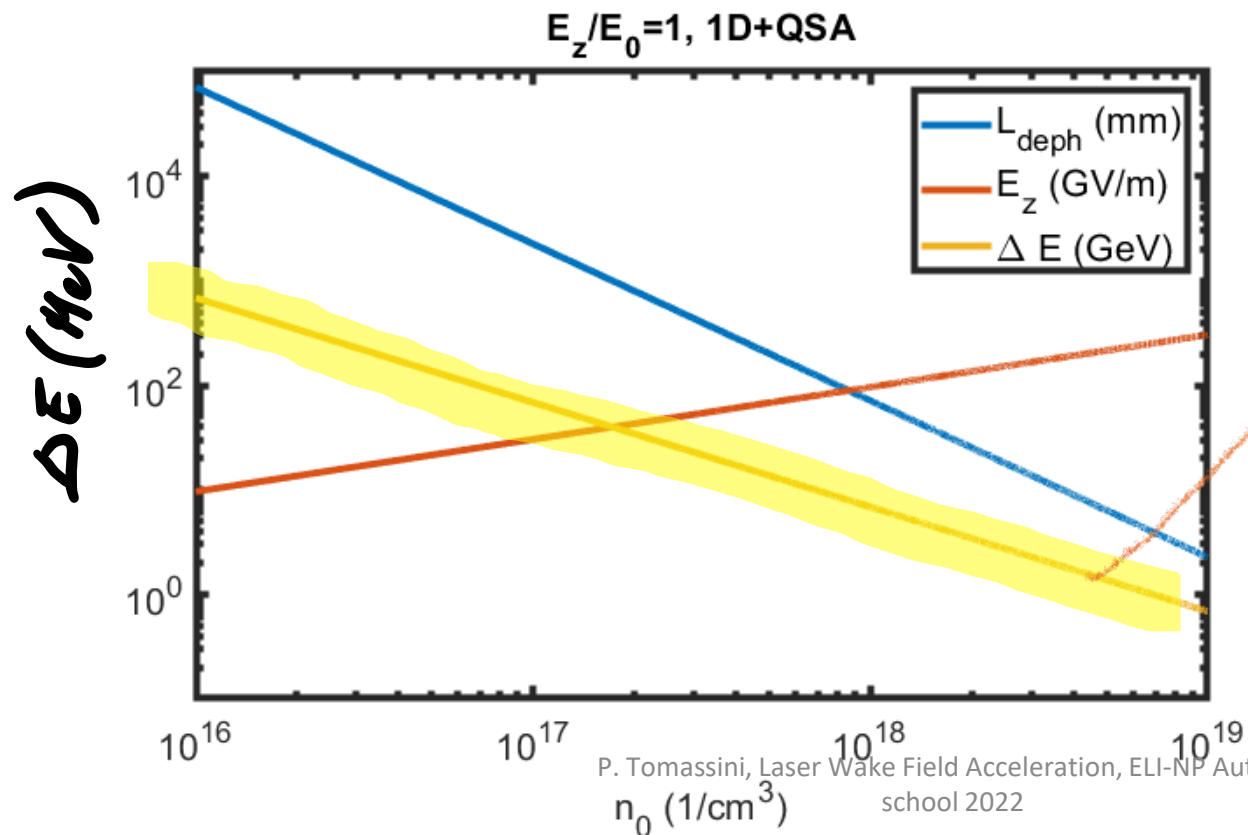


DEPHASING as a limiting factor to high energy gain

Dephasing length $L_D \approx \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_p^2} \lambda_p \simeq \gamma_{ph}^2 \lambda_p \propto n_0^{-3/2}$

Dawson field E_0 : $E_0 [GeV] \simeq 96 \sqrt{n_0 [10^{18} cm^{-3}]}$

Energy gain (supposing a very realistic mean field $E_z \approx E_0$)

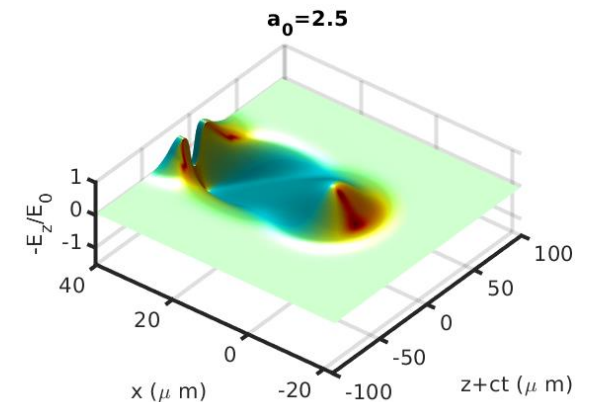


So, at the very end

$\Delta E \propto n_0^{-1}$

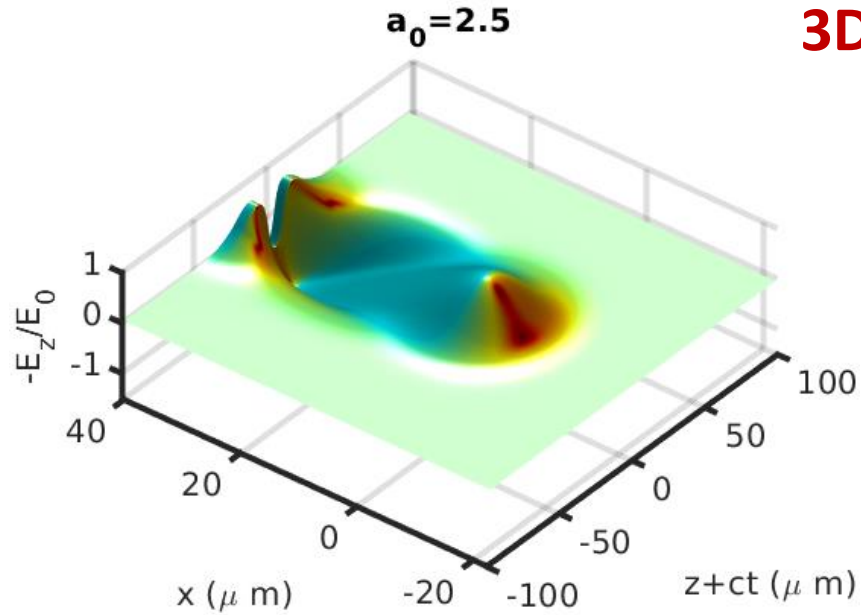
The final energy gain is just prop. to n_0^{-1} if the pulse propagated in a stable way!

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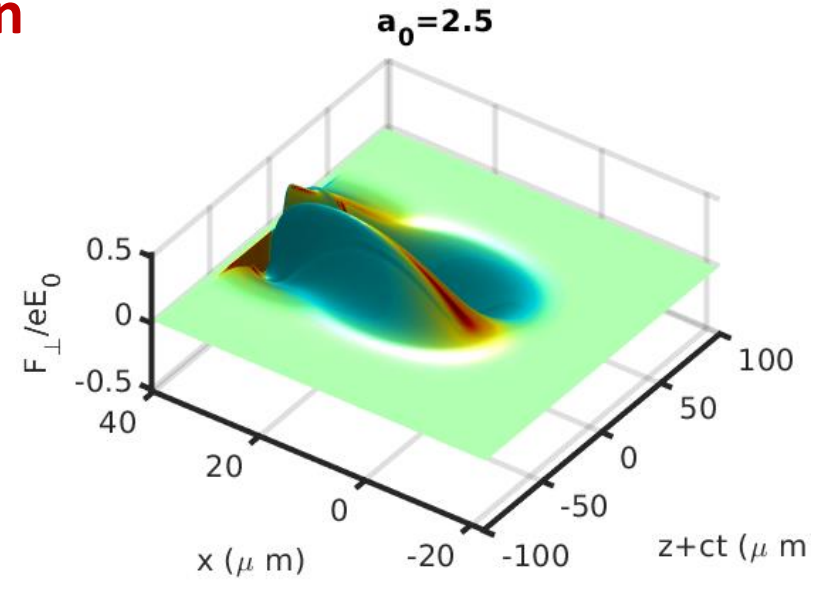


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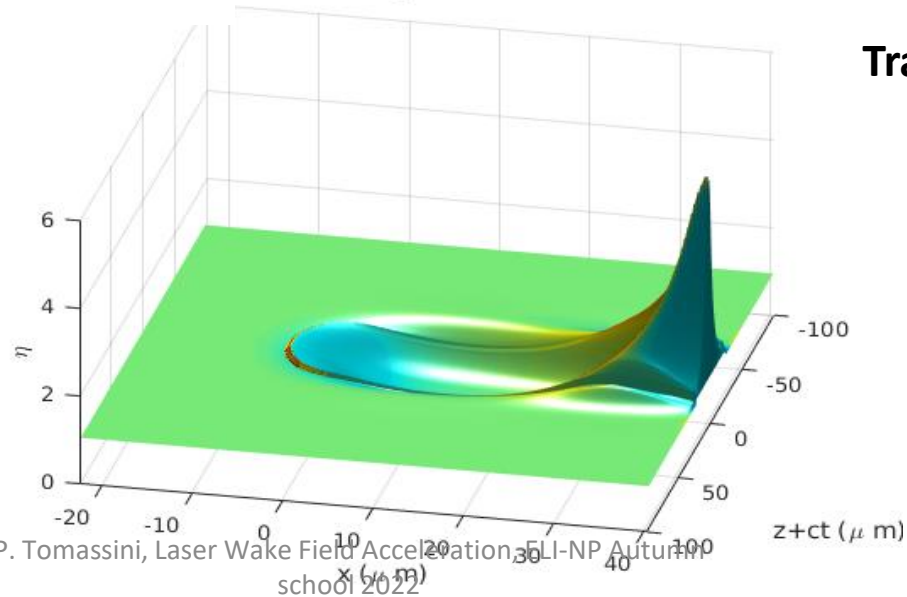


Longitudinal E



Transverse force

Plasma response



3D Effects on laser pulse propagation

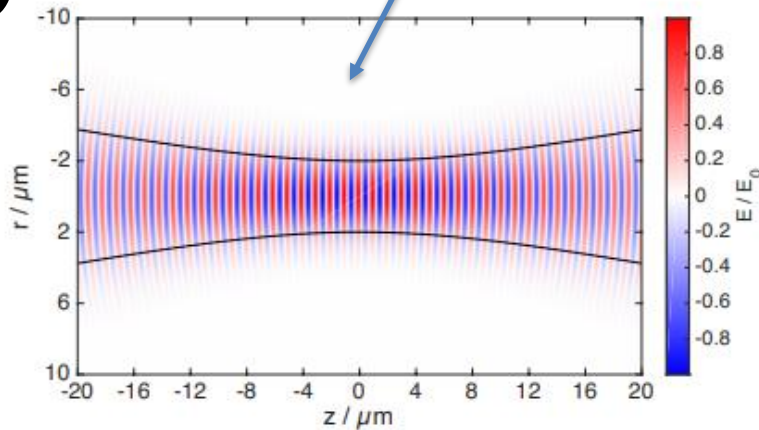
Plasma
response
[current]

$$\xi = k_0(z - z_g)$$

$$\xi = \frac{u}{c\delta}$$

Basically
3D

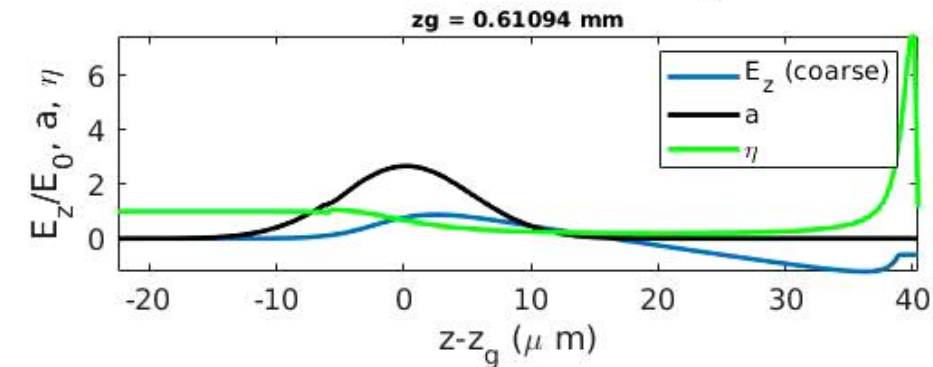
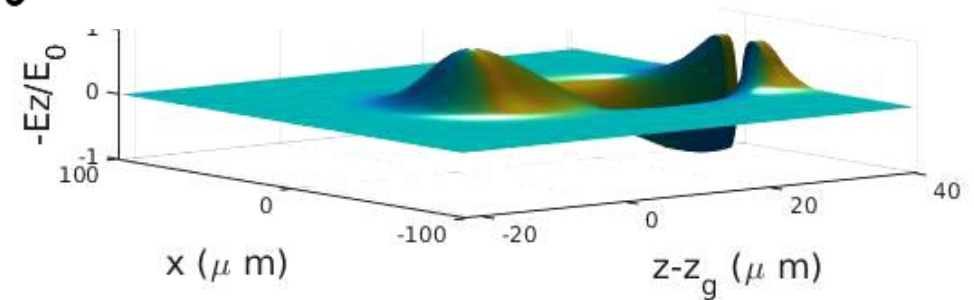
$$\left\{ \nabla_{\perp}^2 + \frac{1}{r_g^2} \partial_z^2 + 2\beta_g^2 \partial_z \partial_{z_g} - \beta_g^2 \partial_{z_g}^2 \right\} a = k_p^2 \eta a$$



$$Z_R = \pi w_0^2 / \lambda$$

$$w(z) = w_0 \sqrt{1 + (z/Z_R)^2}$$

$$I(z) = I_0 \frac{1}{1 + (z/Z_R)^2}$$

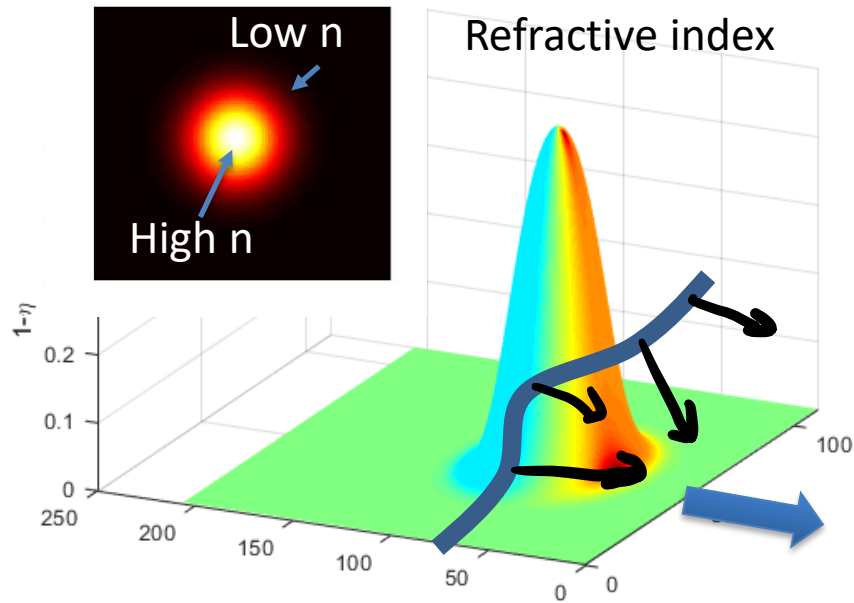


NOTE:

From now on simulations are performed in a moving window with $v=-c$

RELATIVISTIC SELF-FOCUSING

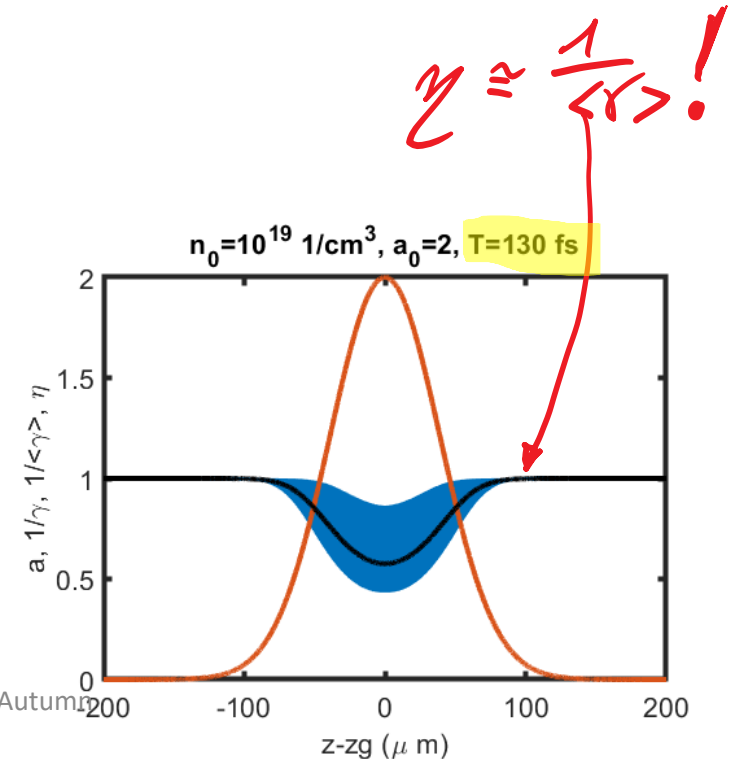
A nonlinear plasma response can arise from the «relativistic mass increase» caused by quivering. This, in turn, generates a **POSITIVE** lens effect...



$$\eta = n/(n_0\gamma) \simeq 1/\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 + a^2/2}$$

$$n = c/v_\phi = \sqrt{1 - \frac{n_e}{\gamma n_c}}$$

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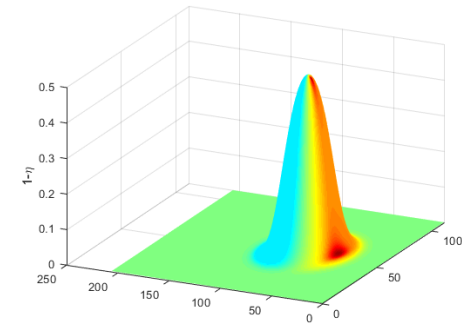


3D effects on

RELATIVISTIC SELF-FOCUSING

$$\eta = n/(n_0\gamma) \simeq 1/\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 + a^2/2}$$

$$\left(\nabla_{\perp}^2 - k_p^2 \delta z \right) a \simeq 0$$



Relativistic Power Threshold

Since $k_p = k_0/\gamma_g$ and $P_{crit} = 0.545 (a_0 \omega k_0)^2$ we get :

$$P_{CRIT} [\text{GW}] \simeq 17 \cdot \gamma_g^2 = 17 \left(\frac{\mu_c}{\mu_0} \right)$$

It's a matter of **POWER**, not INTENSITY!

STABLE 3D PROPAGATION
for matched relativistic self focusing

$$P_C (\text{TW}) = 1.7 \cdot 10^{-2} \gamma_{ph}^2$$

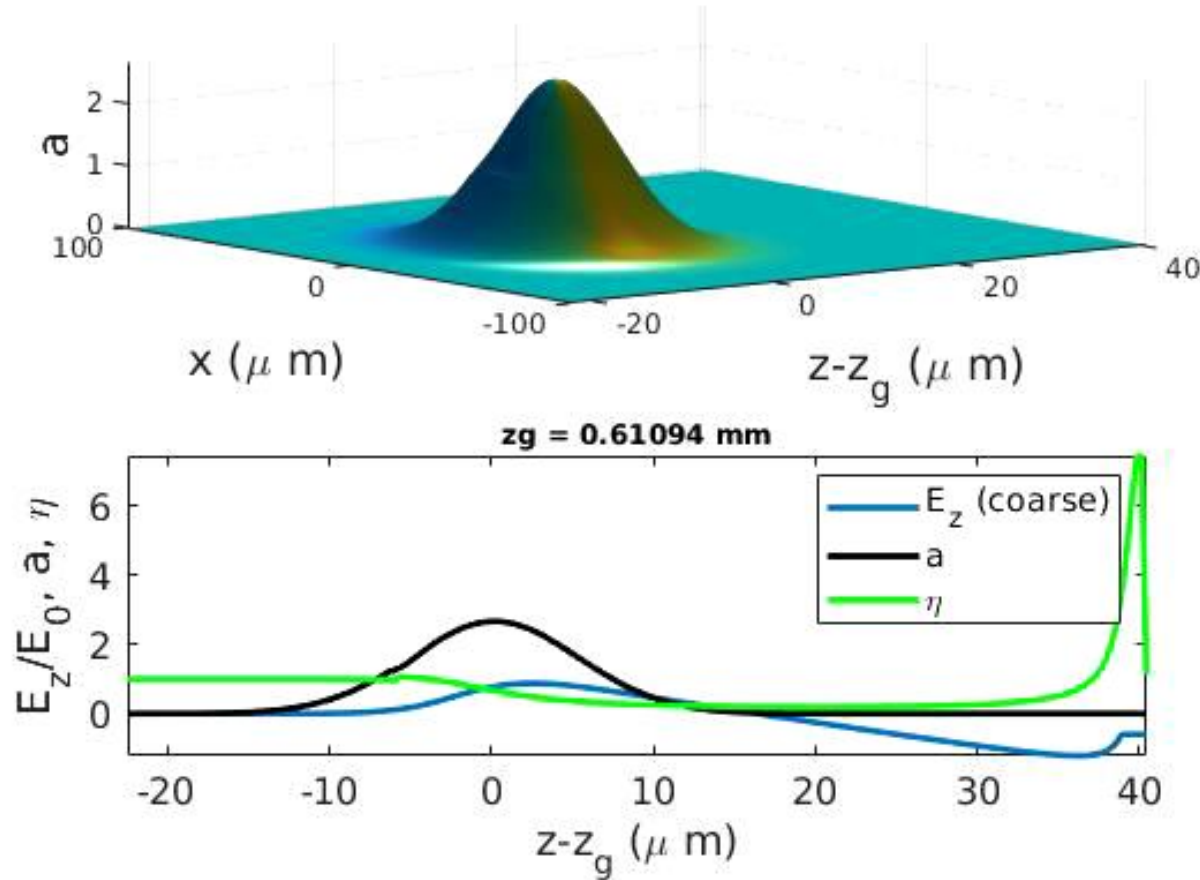
Example

$$n_e \simeq 1.7 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3} \quad \gamma_{ph} = 12.5$$

$$P_C (\text{TW}) \simeq 2.5 \text{ TW}$$

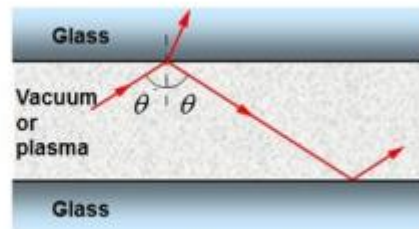
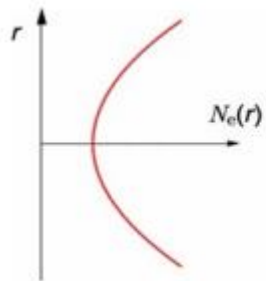
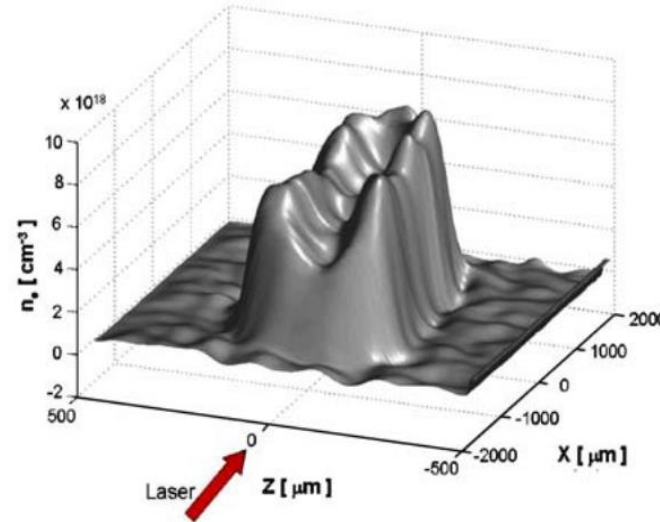
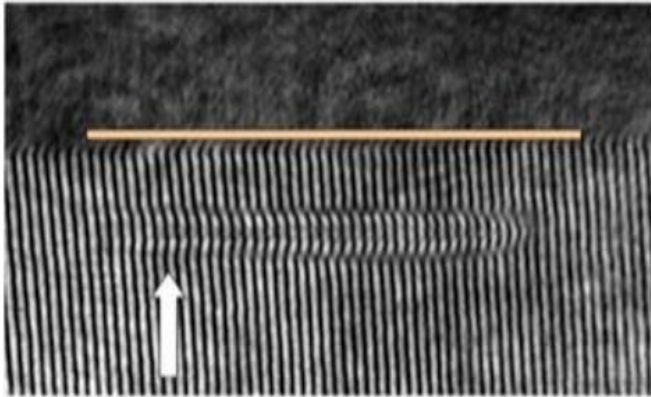
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RELATIVISTIC SELF-FOCUSING+ PONDEROMOTIVE CHANNEL FOCUSING



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PREFORMED CHANNEL FOCUSING



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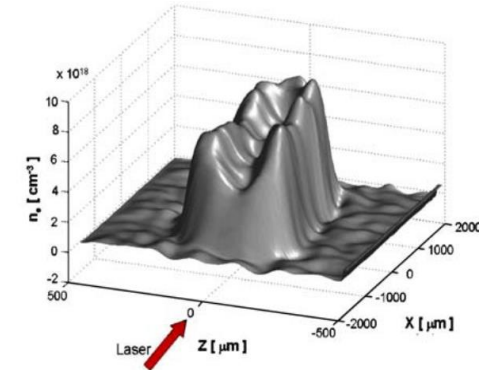


Preformed channels or capillaries act as a positive lens with **parabolic decrease** of the refraction index leaving the axis

PREFORMED CHANNEL FOCUSING

We have seen that the diffractive term acts as a **PARABOLIC** function on a Gaussian pulse,

$$\nabla_{\perp}^2 a = -\frac{4}{w^2} \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{w^2}\right) a$$



therefore, to compensate it we need a parabolic profile of the refractive index, too, which results in a radial density profile as

$$n(r) = n_0 \left(1 + \Delta \cdot \frac{r^2}{w^2}\right)$$

↳ DEPTH TO BE MATCHED!

$$n = \frac{n}{n_0} \approx 1 + \Delta \frac{r^2}{w^2} \Rightarrow \delta n = \Delta \frac{r^2}{w^2}$$

Matching occurs when

$$\frac{4}{w^2} \cdot \frac{r^2}{w^2} = k_p^2 \Delta \frac{r^2}{w^2} \Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{4}{k_p^2 w^2}$$

MATCHED CHANNEL

A.j. Gonsalves et al.,

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Laser power
 $P=800\text{TW}$
(0.8PW)

8GeV in 20cm,
(40 GeV/m)

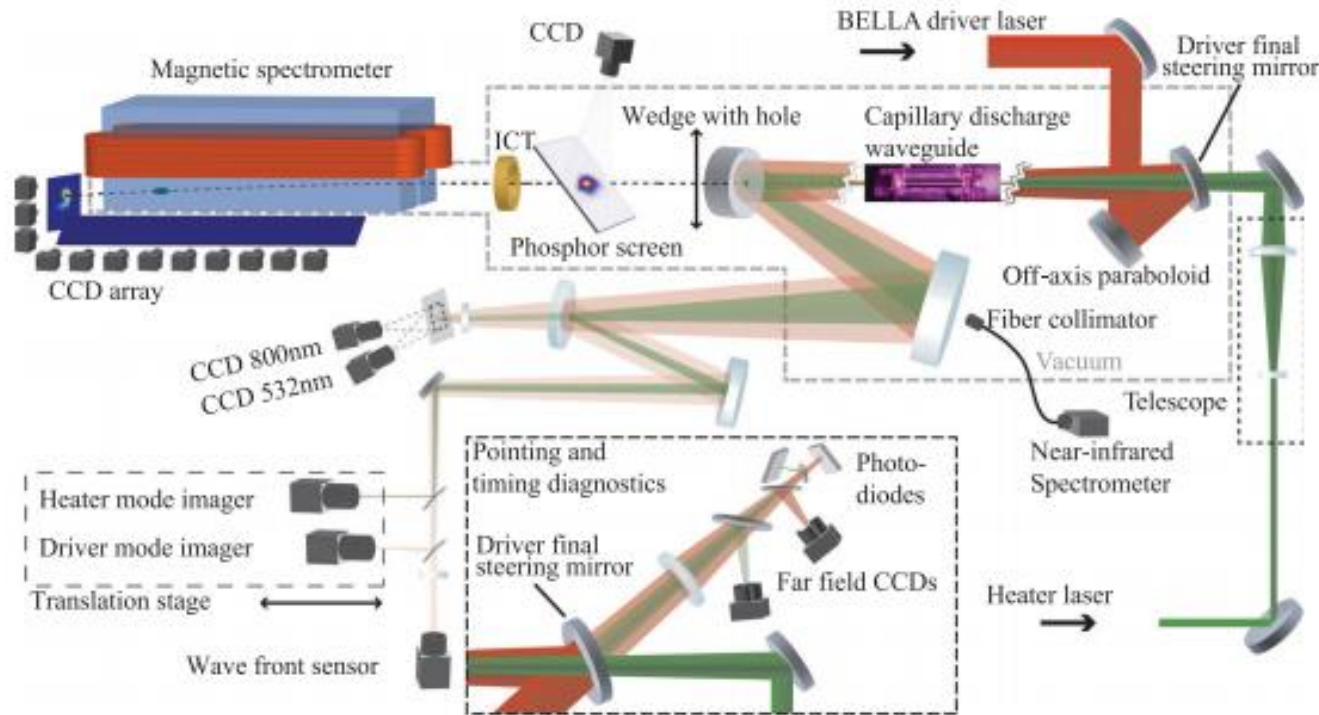
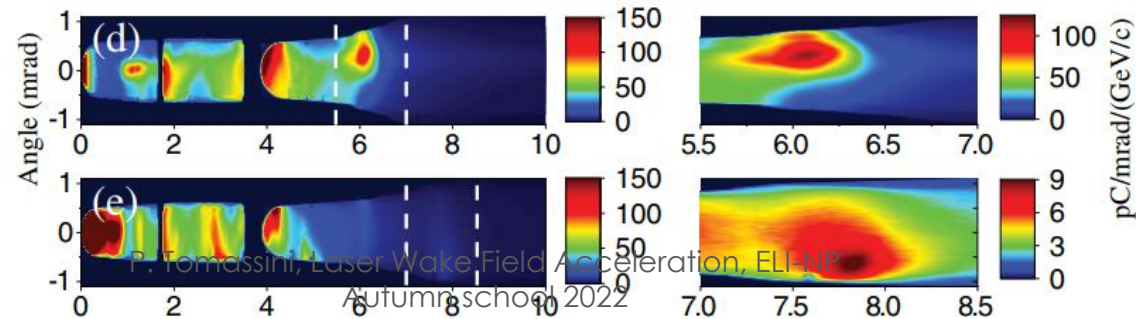
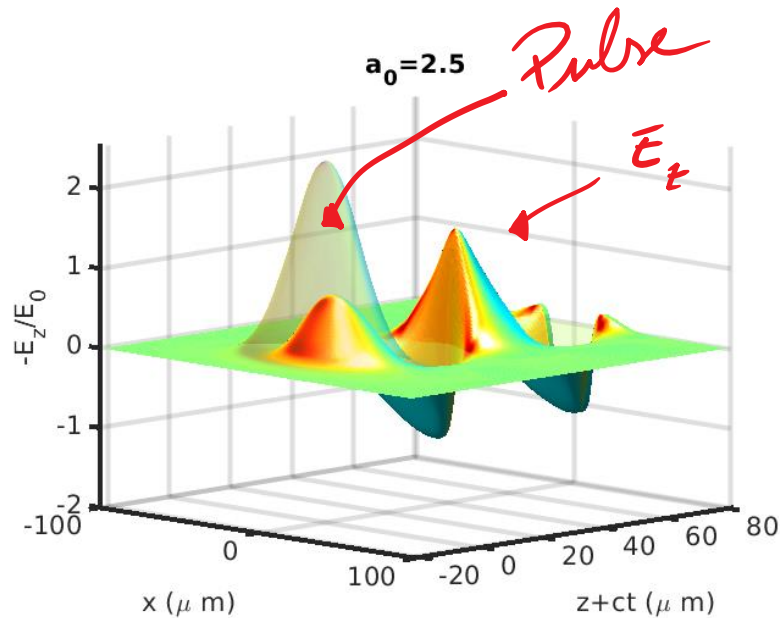


FIG. 2. Schematic layout of the BELLA LPA, including the heater laser system for enhancing the capillary discharge waveguide.

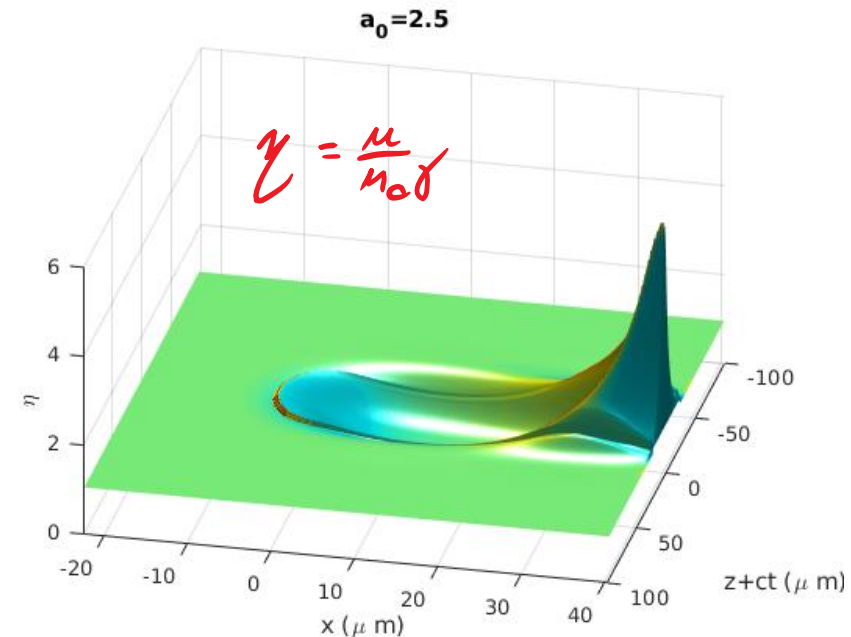


The equations of motion for the plasma are generally solved by means of simulations (there's an analytical solution, but the linear case solely).

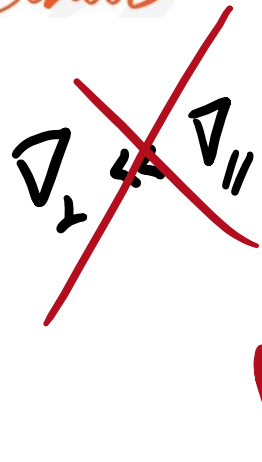
This is because longitudinal and transverse motions do mix together **nonlinearly**.



What accelerated electrons see



What laser pulses see

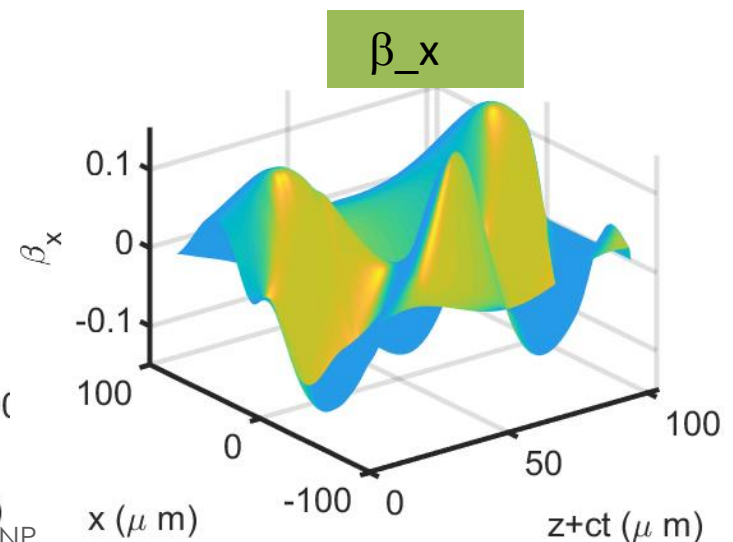
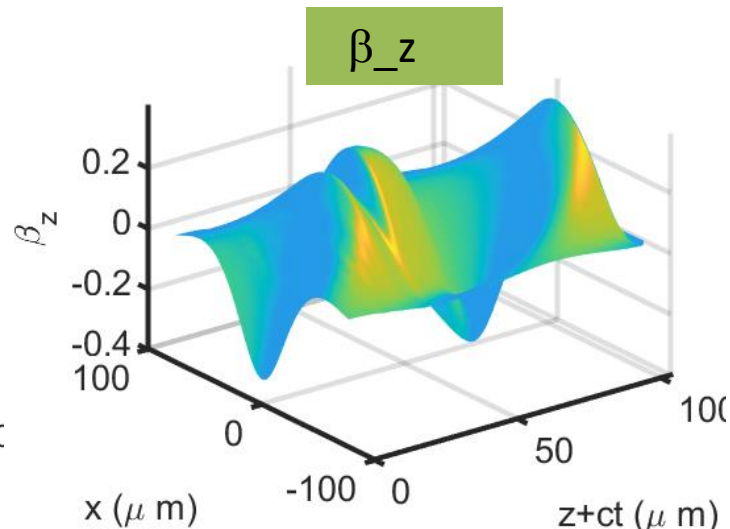
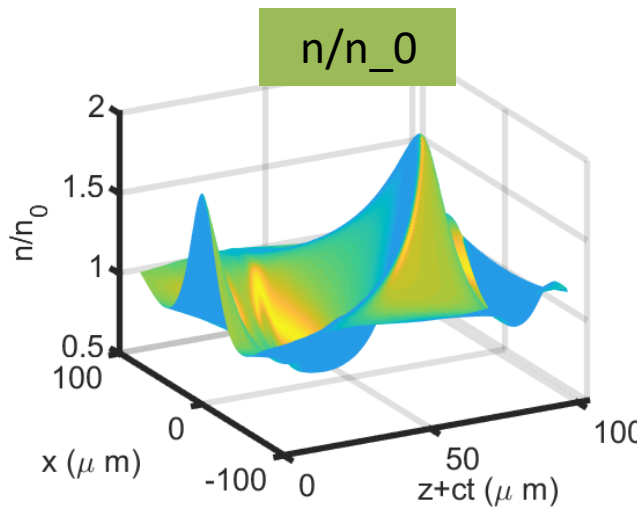


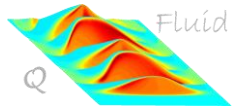
$$\frac{\partial}{c\partial t} (\vec{u} - \vec{a}) = \vec{\nabla}(\phi - \gamma) \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot (n\vec{u}/\gamma) + \frac{1}{c}\partial_t n = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{c\partial t} (\vec{u}_{\perp} - \vec{a}_{\perp}) = \vec{\nabla}_{\perp}(\phi - \gamma) \quad \vec{\nabla}_{\perp} \cdot (n\vec{u}_{\perp}/\gamma) + \partial_z(nu_z/\gamma) + \frac{1}{c}\partial_t n = 0$$

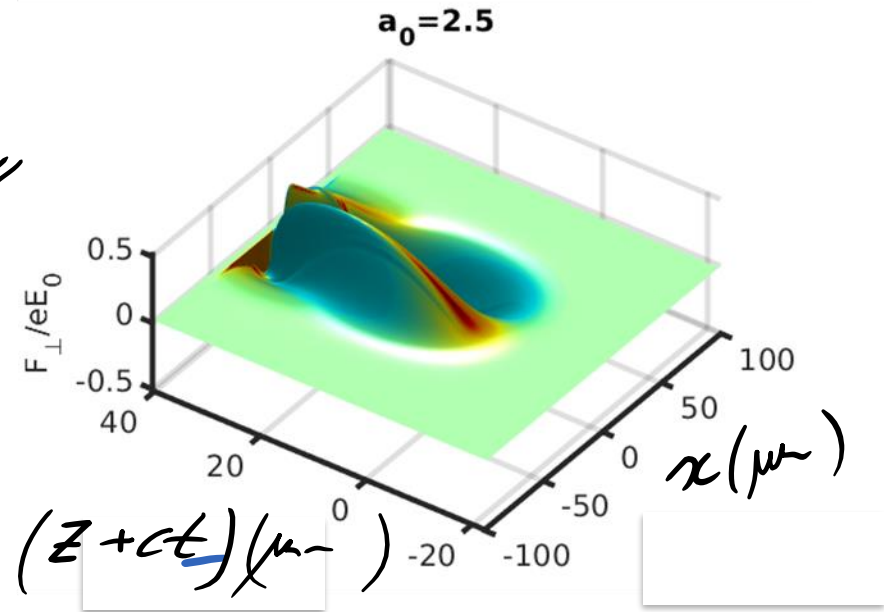
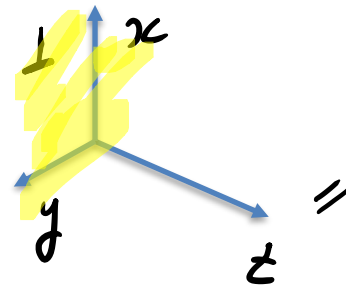
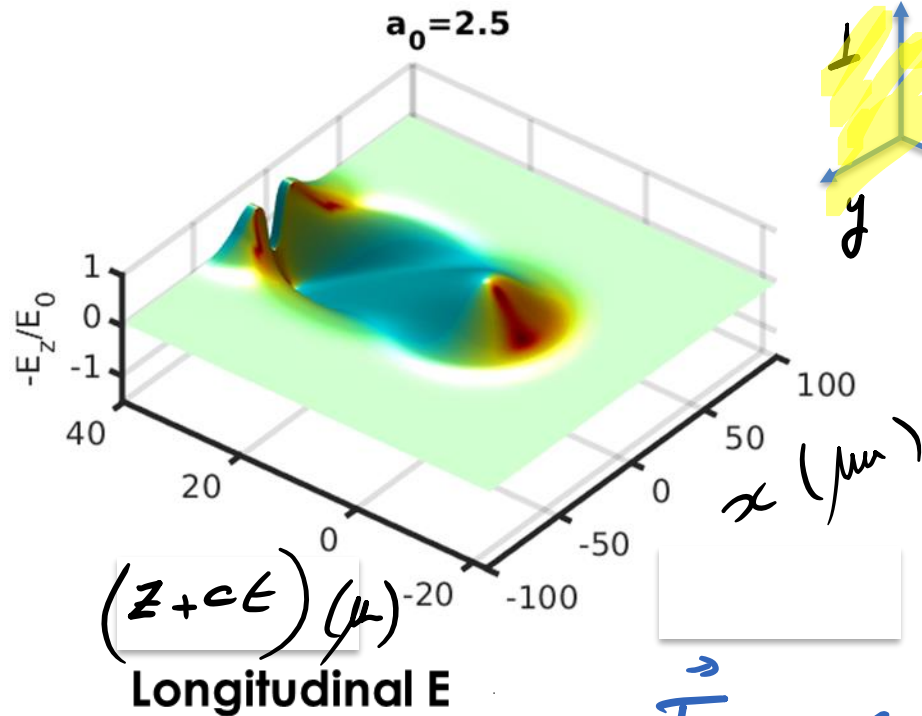
~~$(\vec{u}_{\perp} - \vec{a}_{\perp}) = (\vec{u}_{\perp} - \vec{a}_{\perp})_0$~~ *No more curveded!*

WHEN $k_p w_0 < 1$ A NUMERICAL APPROACH IS NECESSARY





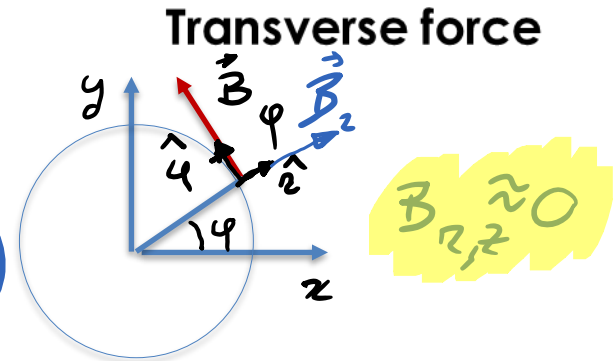
The (basically) 3D effect we never faced with is the **TRANSVERSE FORCE** (focusing/defocusing)



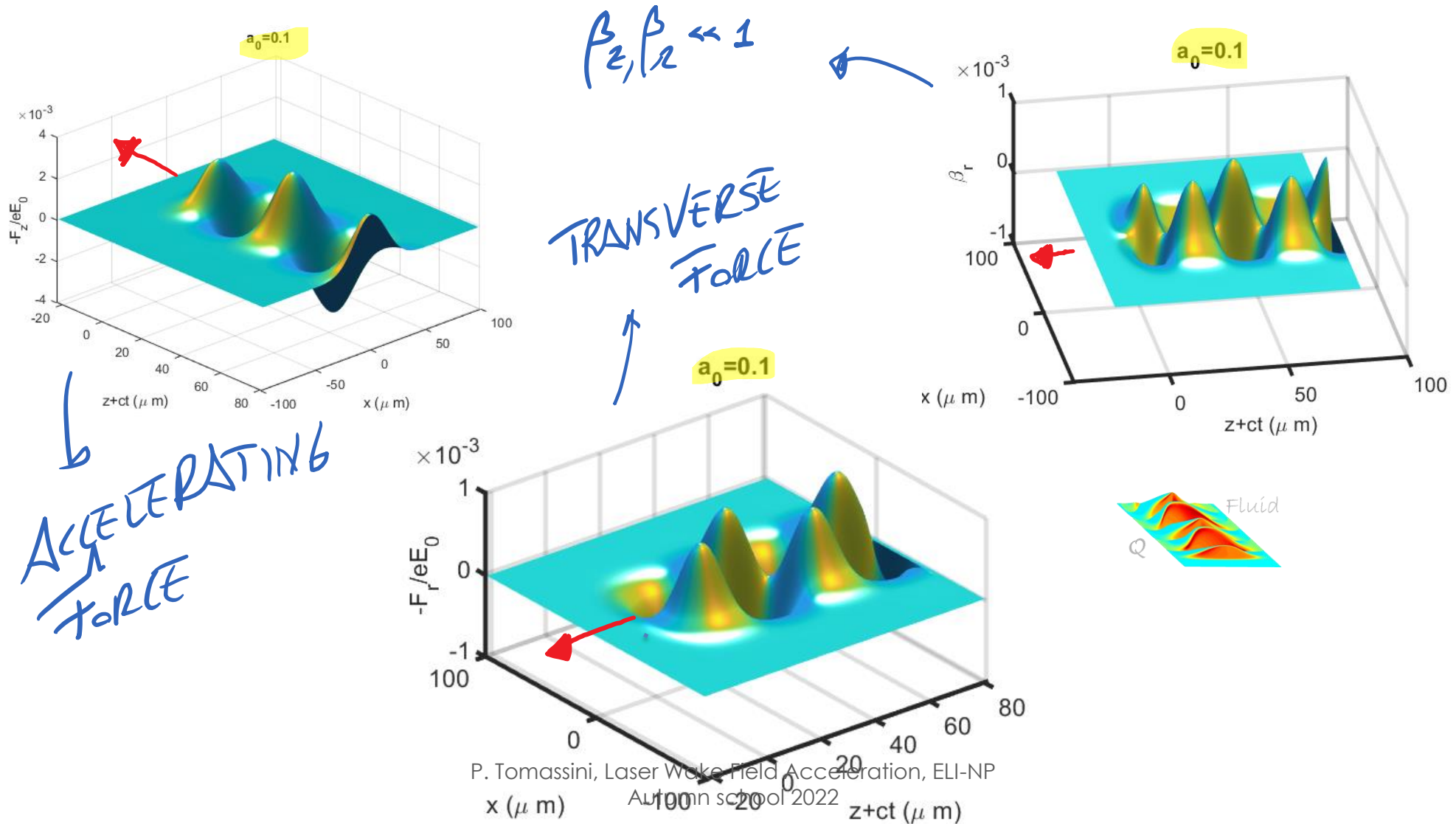
$(\hat{r}, \hat{\phi}, \hat{z})$

$$\vec{F}_{\perp} = -e(\vec{E} + \vec{\beta} \times \vec{B})_{\perp}$$

$$\begin{cases} F_r = -e(\bar{E}_r + \beta_{\phi} B_z - \beta_z B_{\phi}) \approx -e(\bar{E}_r - \beta_z B_{\phi}) \\ F_{\phi} = -e(\bar{E}_{\phi} + \beta_z B_r - \beta_r B_z) = 0 \end{cases}$$

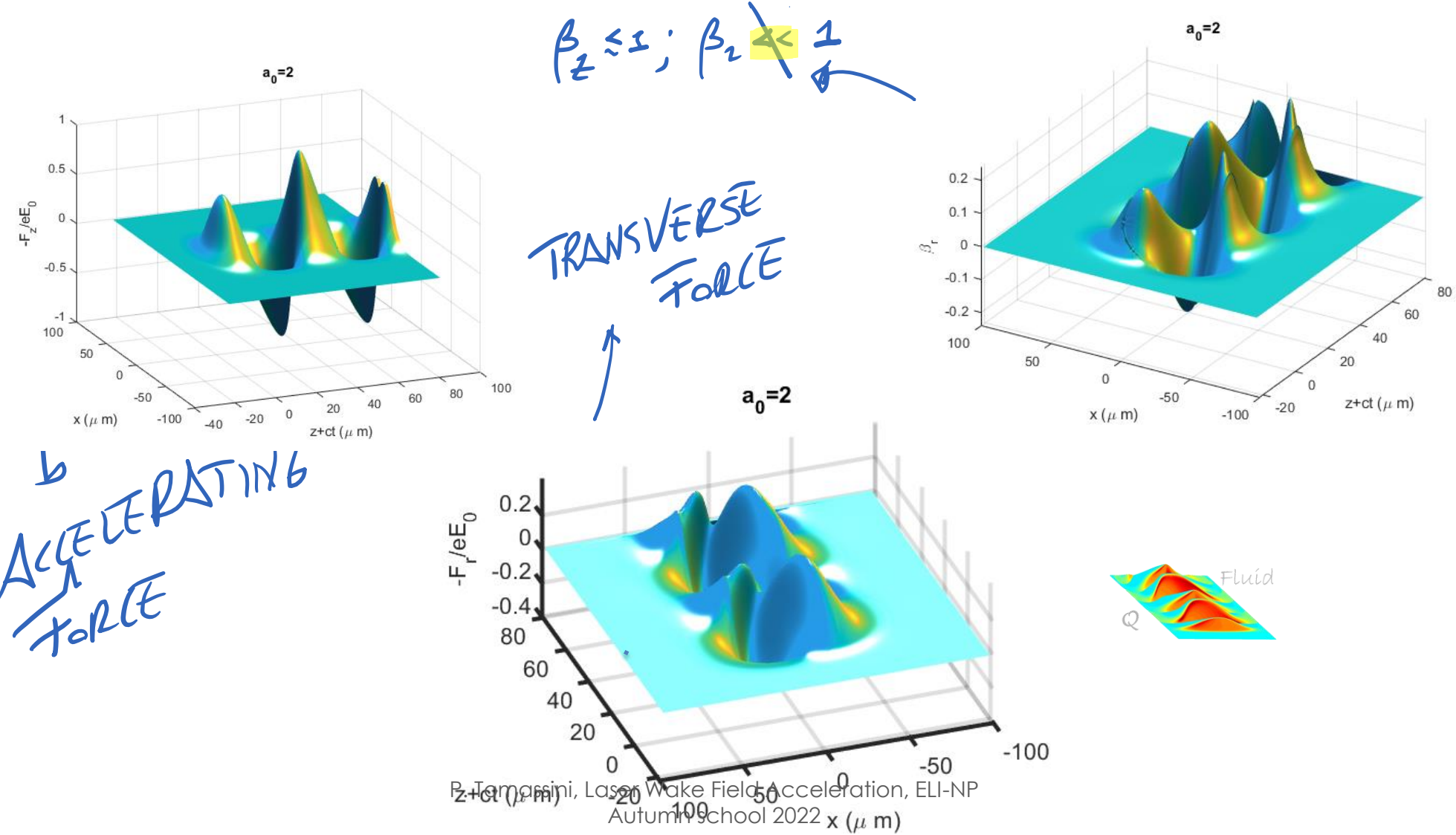


In a **LINEAR REGIME** the longitudinal profile is sinusoidal and plasma velocities are nonrelativistic

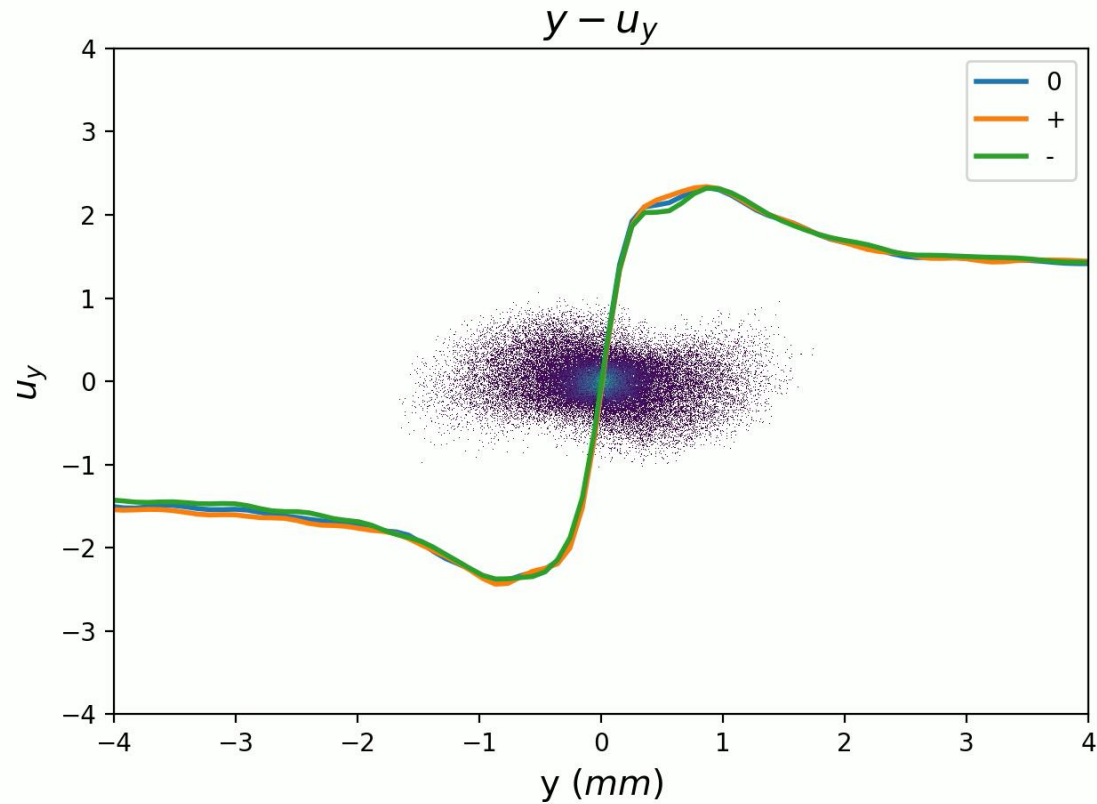


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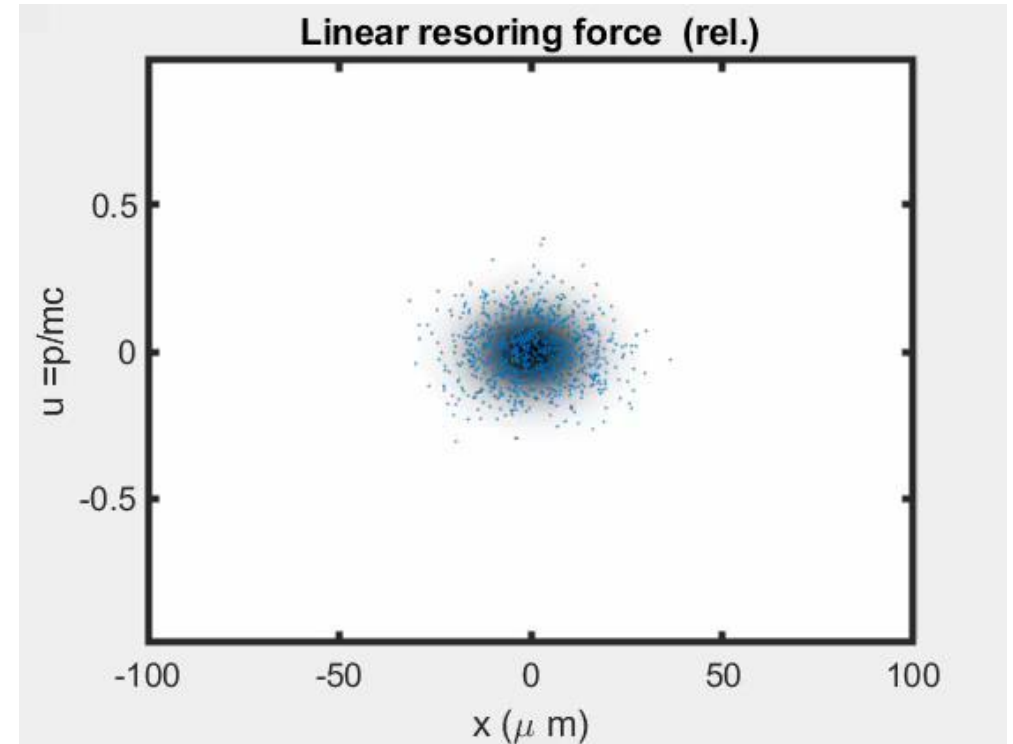
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Transverse dynamics (PIC simulation)



EXAMPLE Linear restoring force ($F=-kx$)



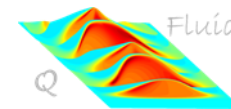
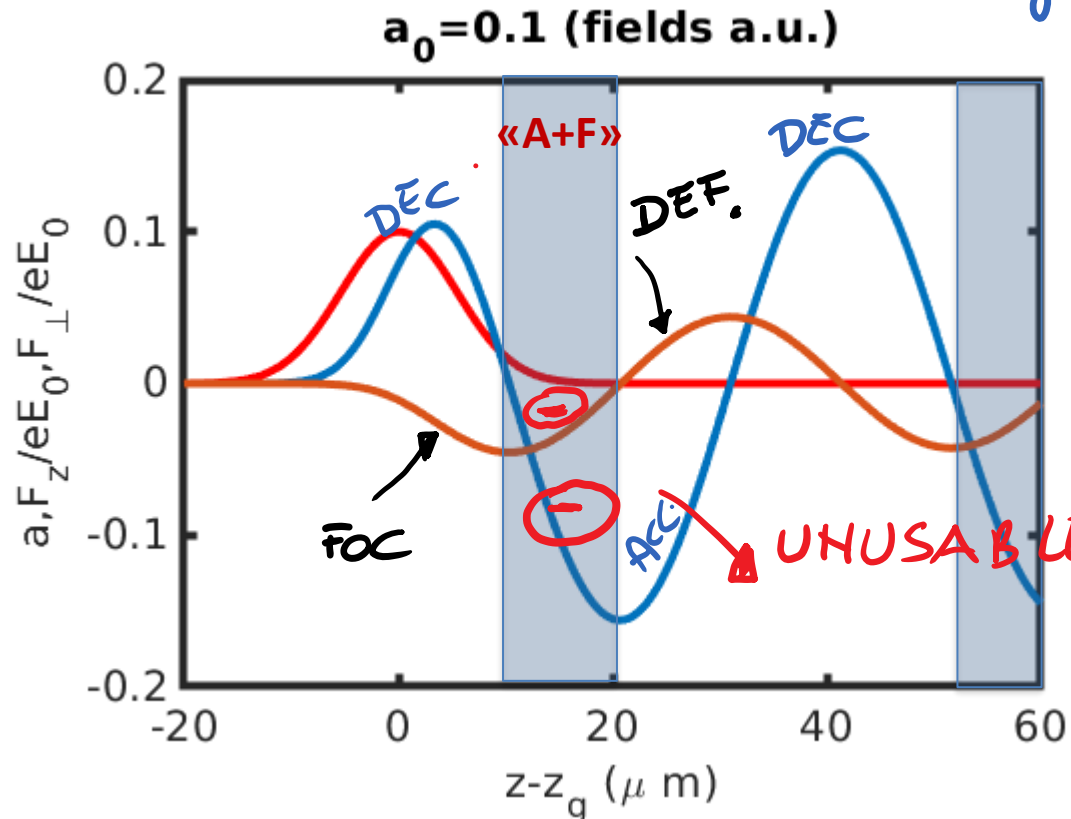
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The «A+F» portion of the wave strongly depends on the regime!

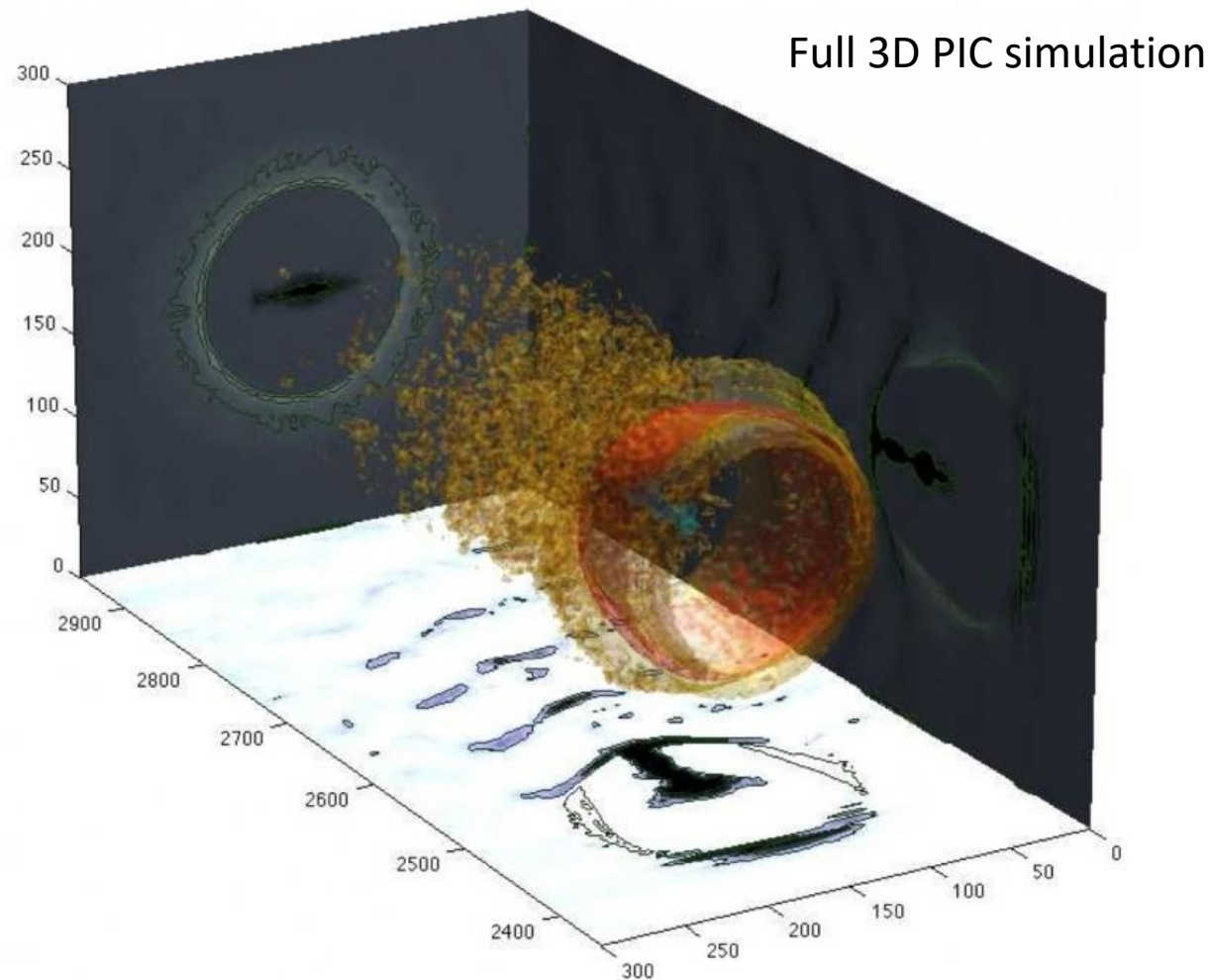
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Linear regime

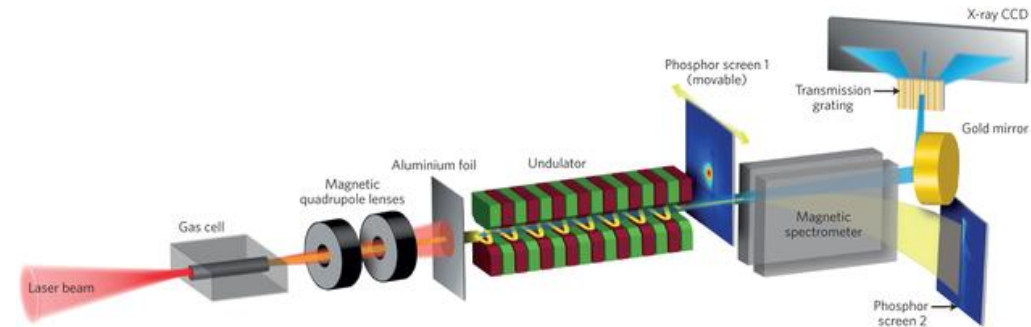


A typical scenario:

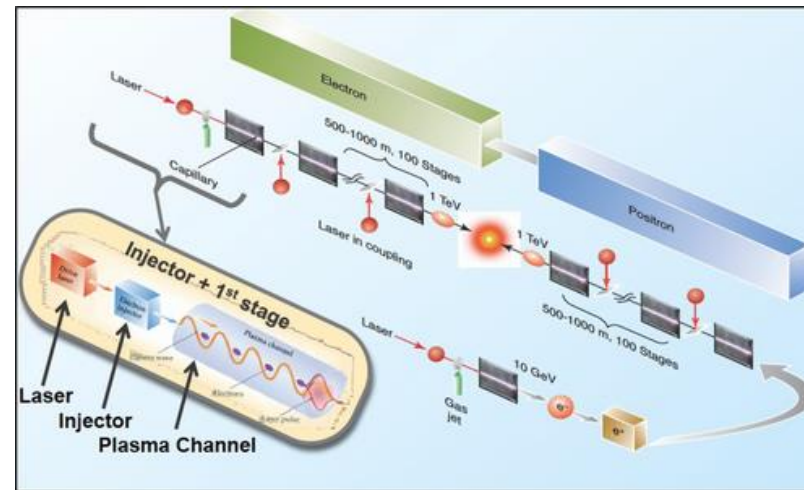


When is beam quality crucial?

1. DRIVER FOR FREE ELECTRON LASER
(lasing requires **very demanding** quality)



2. STAGING, i.e. MULTIPLE PLASMA ACCELERATION MODULES TO OBTAIN VERY LARGE FINAL ENERGIES (TeV?)



3. STABLE or **Monochromatic Compton/Thomson Scattering sources** or direct use of beams for medical purposes...

- Colliding pulses injection (E. Esarey et al., 1997; M.Chen et al, 2014) by ponderomotive assisted trapping

E. Esarey et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **79**, 2682 (1997)

M. Chen et al., Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams **17**, 051303 (2014)

Malka et al., PoP, DOI:10.1063/1.3079486 (2014)

M. CHEN *et al.*



- Density downramp injection (S. Bulanov et al., 1998). Inj decrease of the wave speed and this is obtained with a su plasma density. First 2D PIC simulations (P. Tomassini et : very low emittances ($\epsilon_{ps_n}=0.2$ mm mrad) can be obtain

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Free-electron lasing at 27 nanometres based on a laser wakefield accelerator

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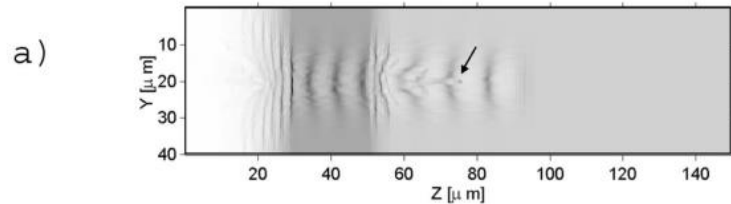
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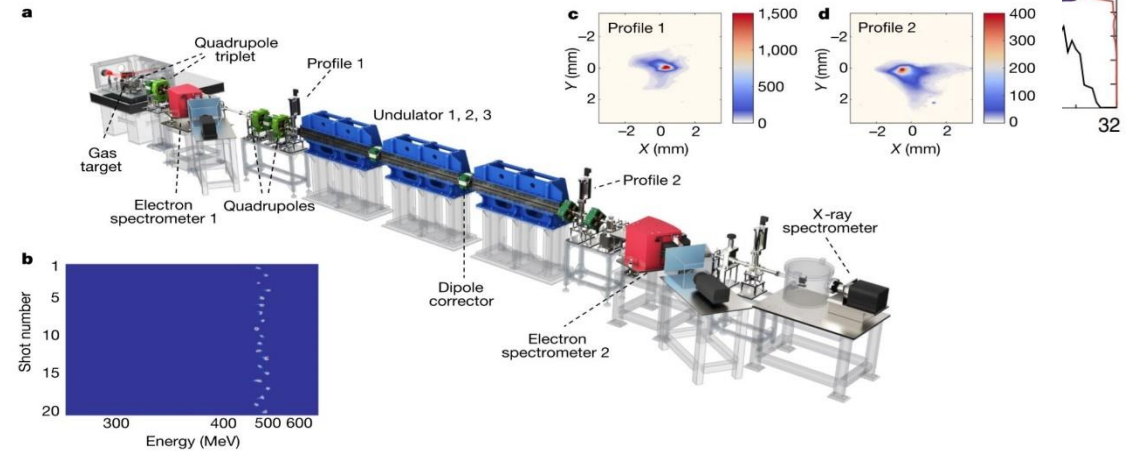
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P. TOMASSINI *et al.*

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New
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- Two Color and ReMPI injection (L. L. Yu et al., 2014, P. Tomassini,2017) look very promising (more on next slides).

Trapping in the bubble regime

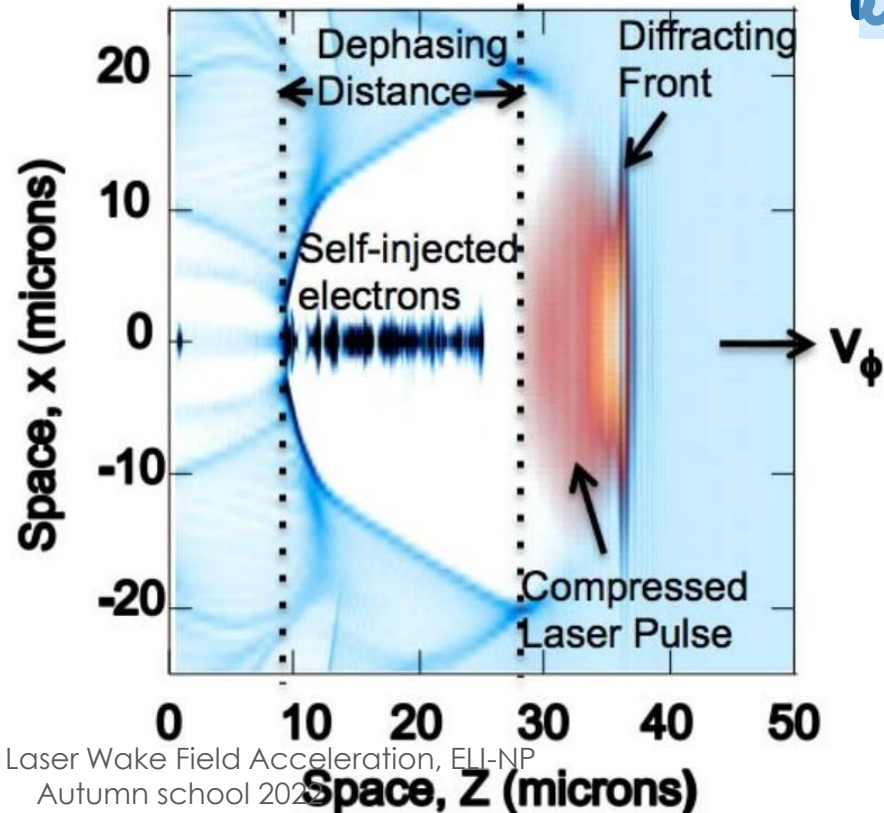
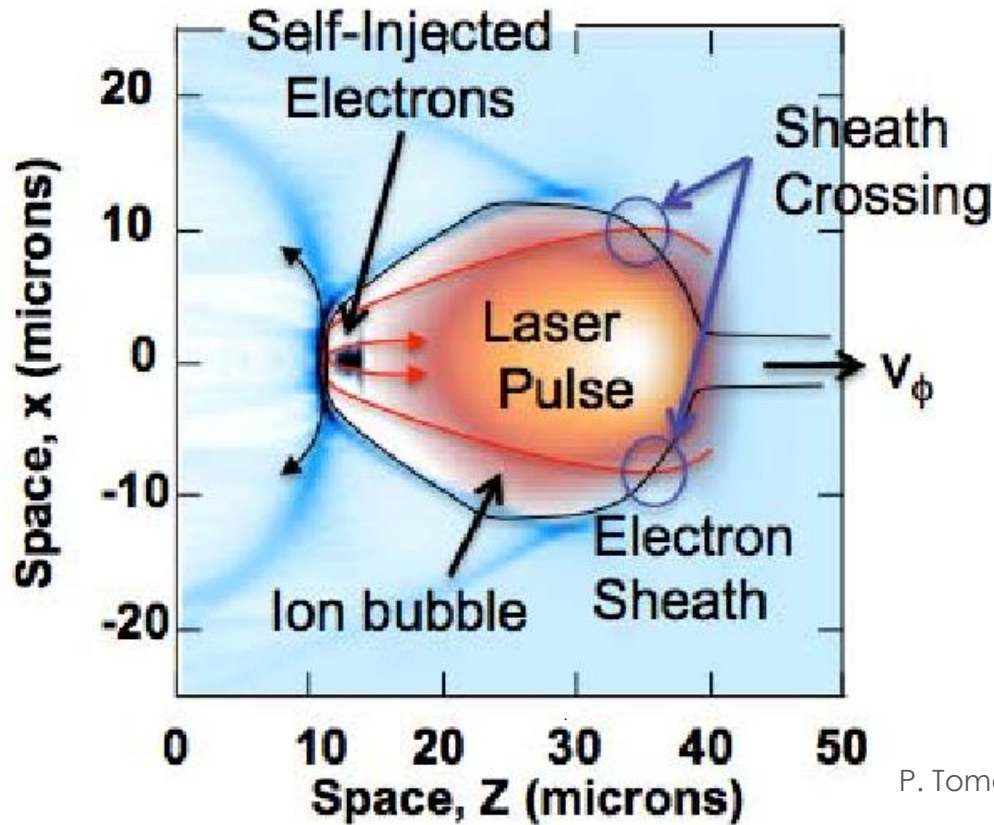
Pros : Automatic process, once the threshold is reached.

Cons Usually the beam quality (energy spread, normalized emittance...) is poor

Normalized emittance

$$\epsilon_n^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle \langle u_x^2 \rangle - (\langle x \cdot u_x \rangle)^2$$

C. Joshi, IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON PLASMA SCIENCE, VOL. 45, NO. 12, DECEMBER 2017



Particles are trapped

when

$$v_e \approx v_\phi$$

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Density downramp injection (S. Bulanov et al., 1998).

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Particle injection into the wave acceleration phase due to nonlinear wake wave breaking

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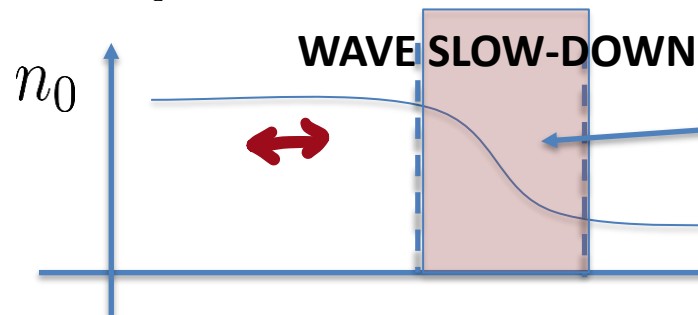
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- **Density downramp** Injection is caused by a local decrease of the wave speed and this is obtained with a sudden decrease of the plasma density.

*Reminder: electrons in the plasma
wake have an OSCILLATING
VELOCITY v*

$$\omega \simeq \omega_p$$



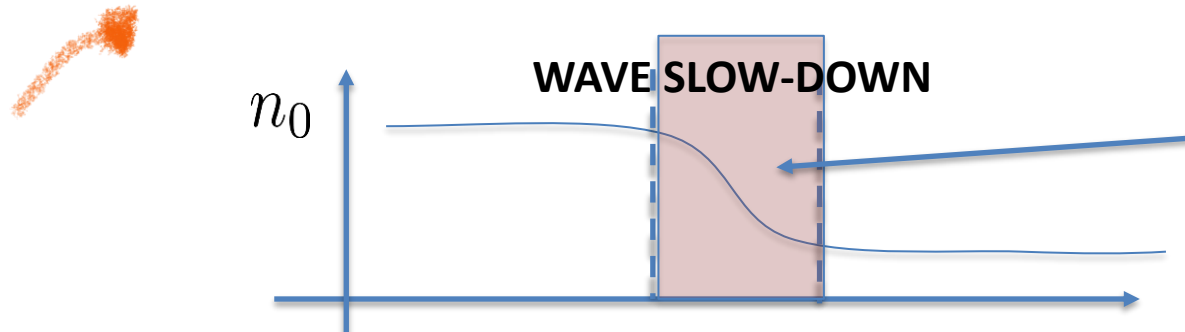
*Particles are trapped
when they get $v \gtrsim v_\phi$*

$$v_{ph}(z, t) = \omega(z, t) / k(z, t)$$



Density downramp injection (S. Bulanov et al., 1998).

G. B. Whitham, Linear and Nonlinear Waves ~Wiley, New York, 1974



? why?

- Slowly varying envelope (but generic dispersion relation)

$$u(z, t) = A(z, t)e^{i\phi(z, t)}$$

"RAY OPTICS"

$$|\partial A| \ll |A\partial\phi|$$

$$L \gg \lambda_p$$

Uniform medium:

$$\phi = kz - \omega t = k(z - \Omega(k)t)$$

We can define local ω, k

$$\omega(z, t) \equiv -\partial_t \phi(z, t)$$

$$k(z, t) \equiv \partial_z \phi(z, t)$$

$\omega = \Omega(k)$
 DISPERSION RELATION

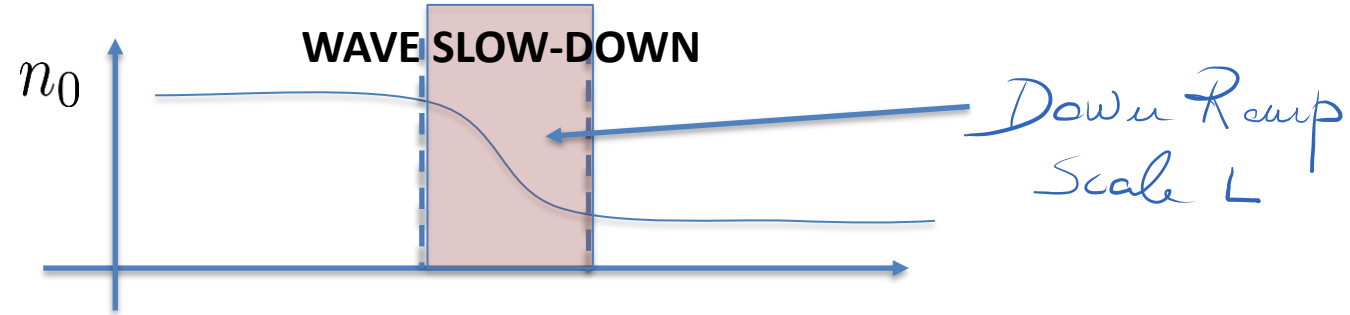
By taking the cross-gradients we get

$$\partial_t k(z, t) = -\partial_z \omega(z, t)$$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_z \omega(z, t) \equiv -\partial_z \partial_t \phi(z, t) \\ \partial_t k(z, t) \equiv \partial_t \partial_z \phi(z, t) \end{cases}$$

This is independent from the current dispersion relation!

Density downramp injection (S. Bulanov et al., 1998).



- Eikonal approximation for the plasma wave

For $v_{ph} \ll c$

$$L \gg \lambda_p \quad \partial_t k(z, t) = -\partial_z \omega(z, t)$$

$$\omega = \Omega(k) \simeq \omega_p(z)$$

$$\omega_p = \omega_0 \sqrt{n(z)/n_c}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t k(z, t) \simeq -\frac{\omega_0}{2n_c \omega_p(z)} \partial_z n(z) \quad \uparrow \\ v_{ph}(z, t) \simeq \omega_p(z)/k(z, t) \quad \downarrow \uparrow \end{array} \right.$$

Density downramp injection (S. Bulanov et al., 1998).

WAVE SLOW-DOWN

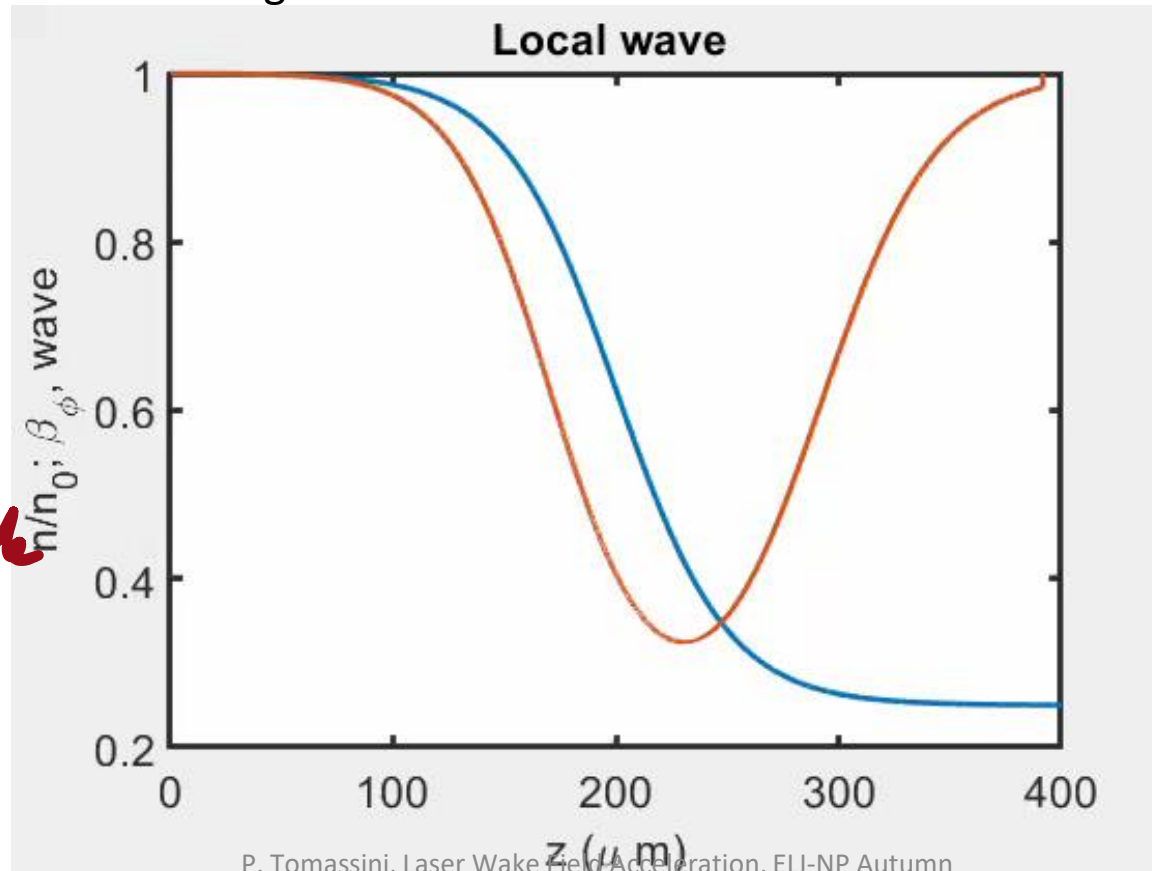
$$L \gg \lambda_p \quad \omega_p = \omega_0 \sqrt{n(z)/n_c}$$

$$2n(z) = (n_0 + n_1) + (n_0 - n_1) \tanh(z/L)$$

$$n_0 = 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}; n_1 = n_0/4; \lambda_p \approx 10 - 20 \mu\text{m}$$

And the wave phase oscillating contribution is

NOTE:
We solved
the equations
for the PHASE,
also the amplitude
will change.

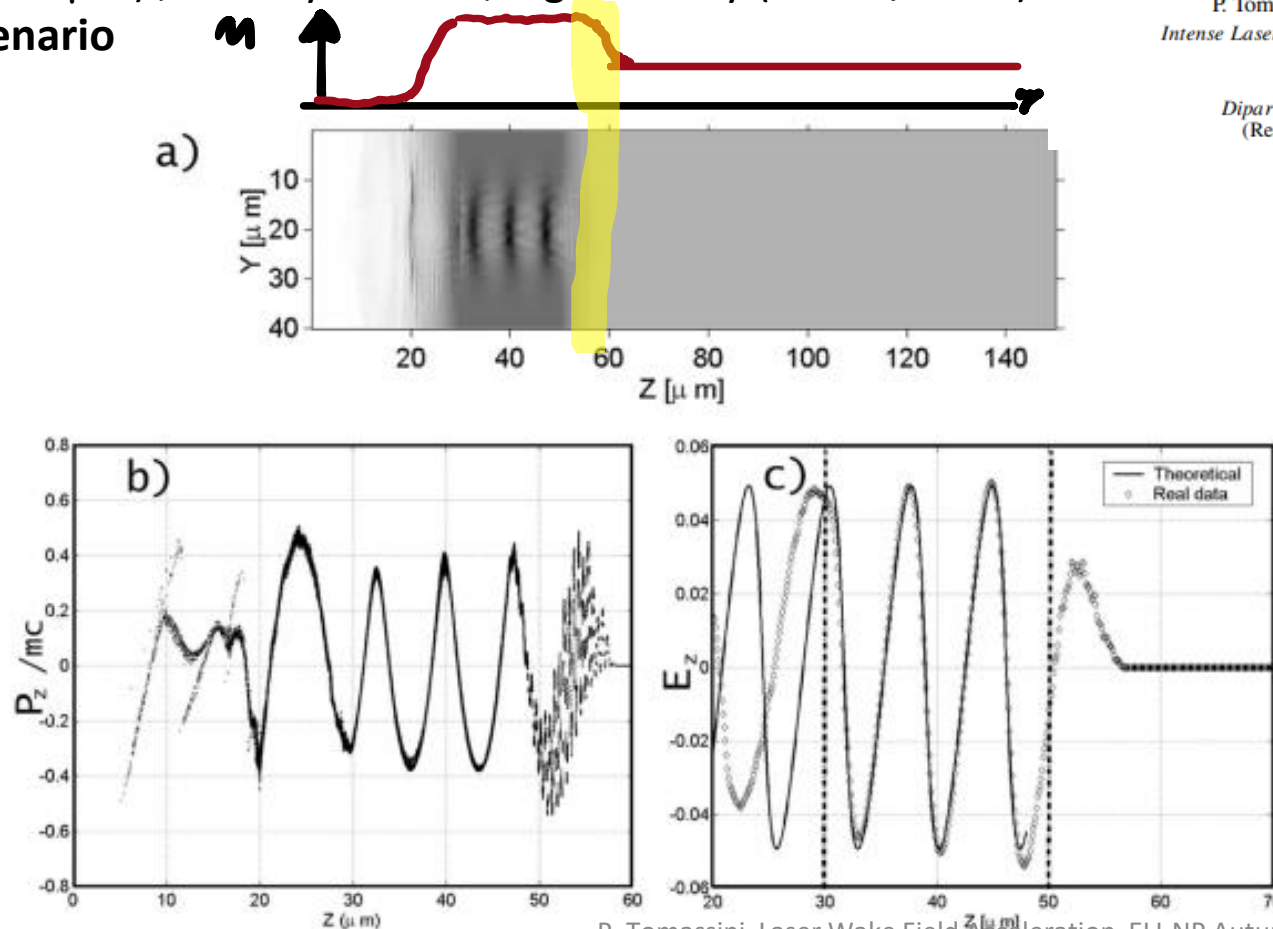


P. Tomassini, Laser Wake Field Acceleration, ELI-NP Autumn school 2022

Density (sharp) downramp: first 2D PIC simulations

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Moderate pulse intensity ($a_0=1.3$), sharp transition
(scale of about $2 \mu\text{m}$), density ratio: 2, high density ($10^{19}/\text{cm}^3$).
QUASI 1D scenario



Production of high-quality electron beams in numerical experiments of laser wakefield acceleration with longitudinal wave breaking

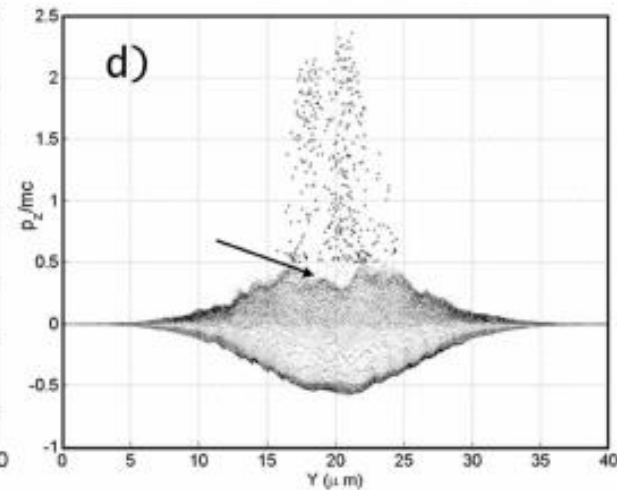
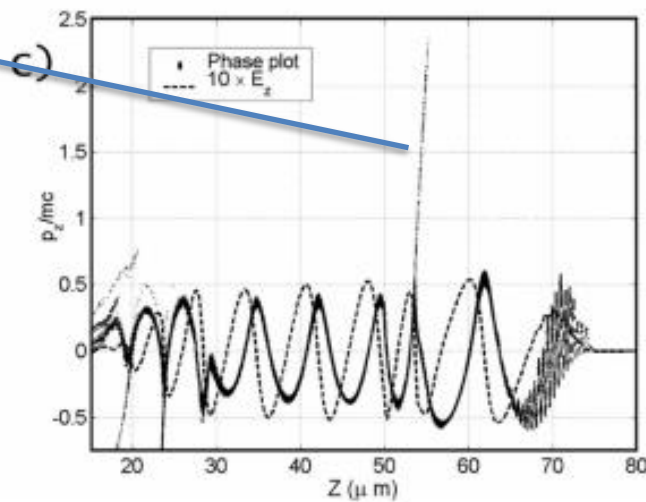
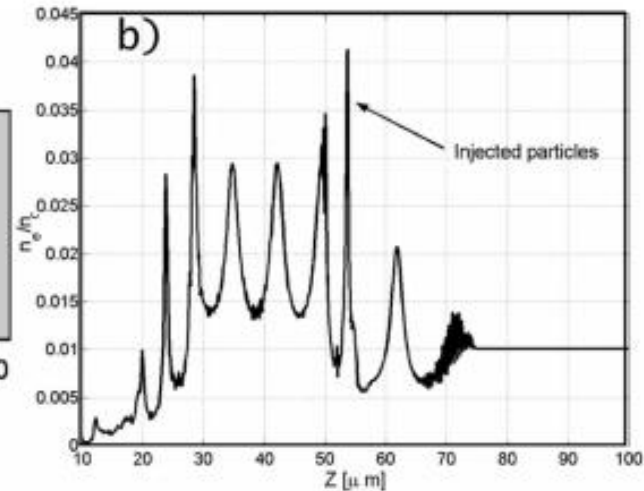
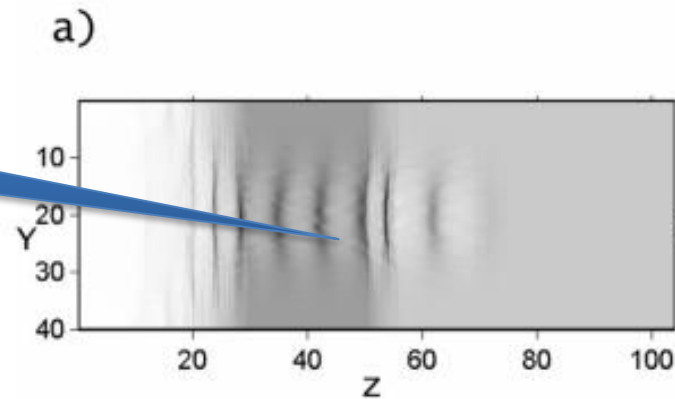
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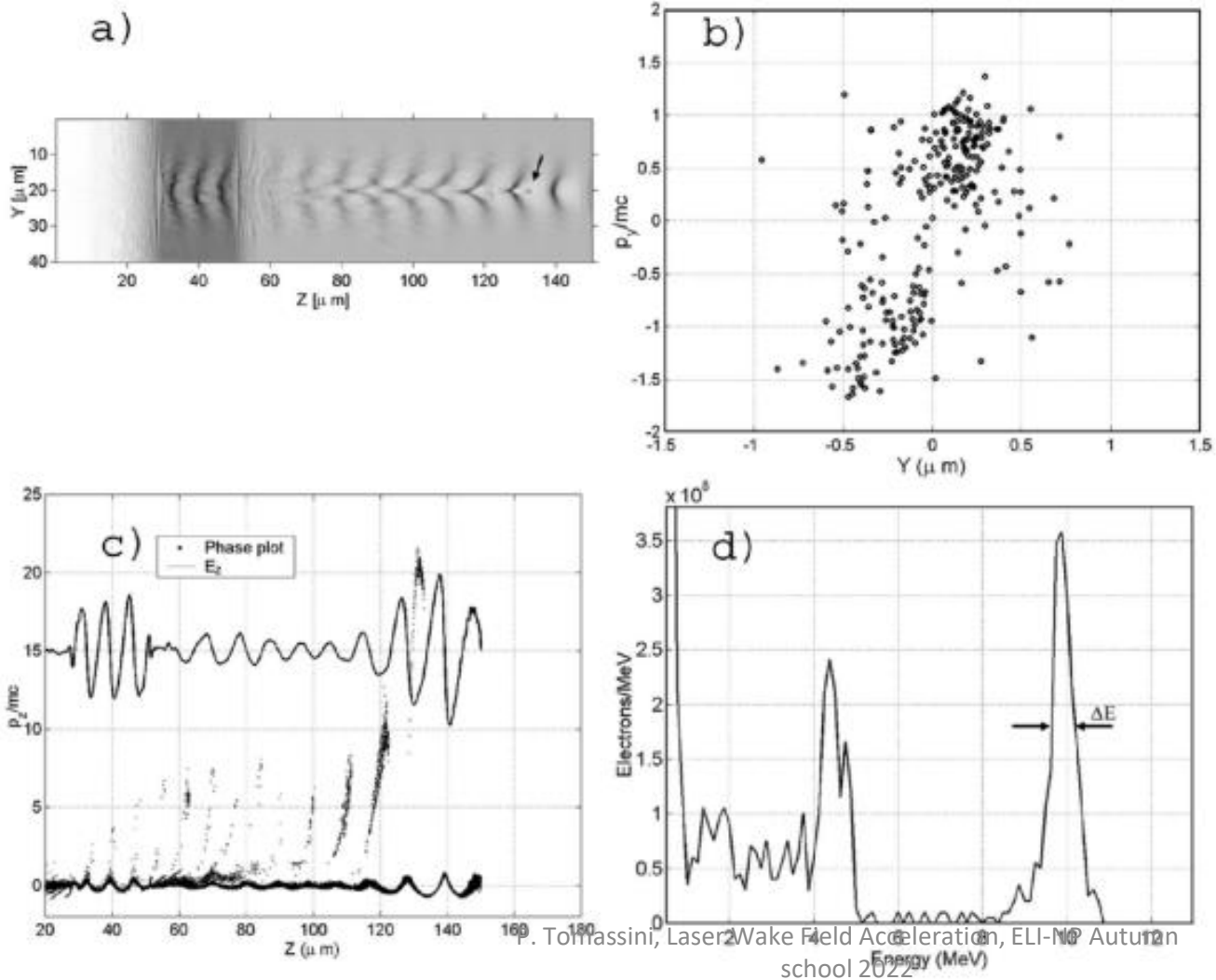
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PRODUCTION OF HIGH-QUALITY ELECTRON BEAMS ...

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$$E \simeq 10\text{MeV}$$

$$\sigma(E)/E \simeq 3\%$$

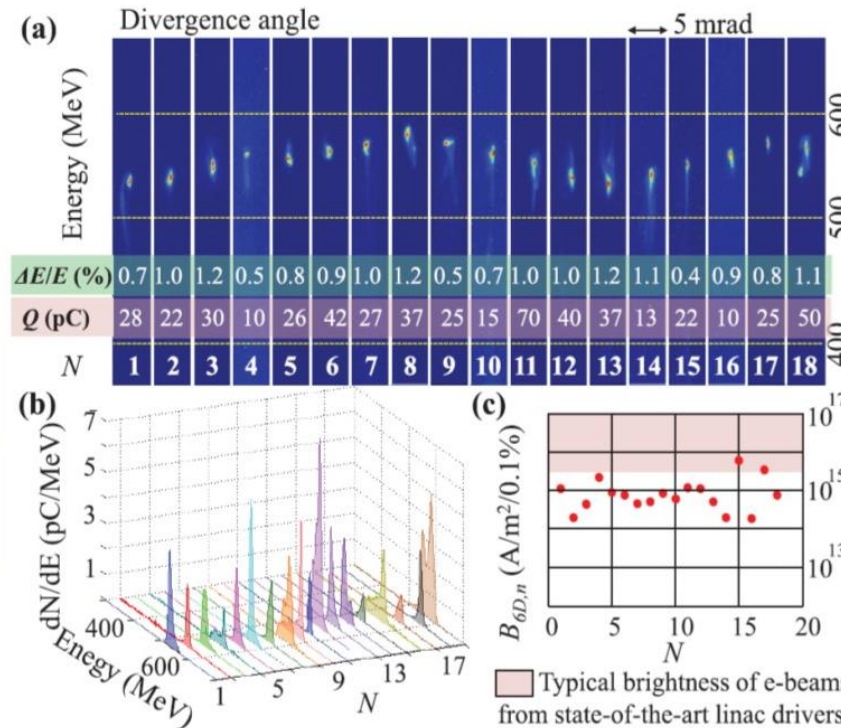
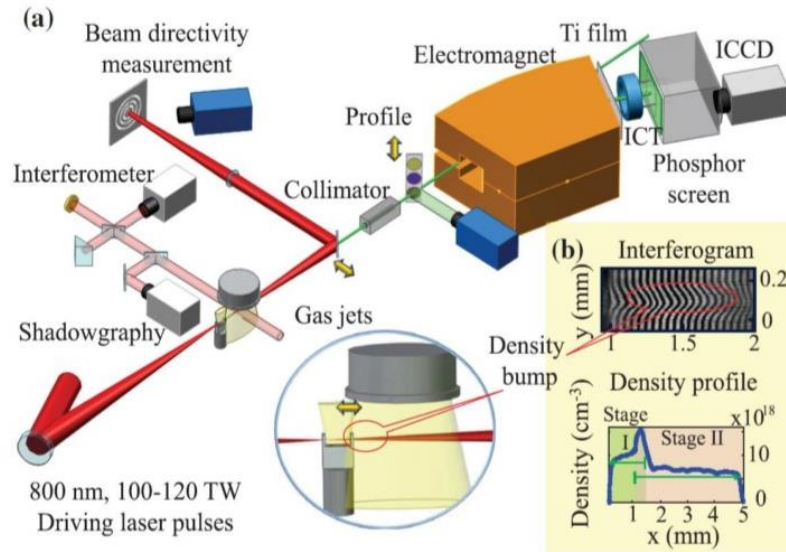
$$\epsilon_n \simeq 0.2\text{mrad}$$

$$Q \simeq 10\text{pC}$$

$$\sigma(z) \simeq 5\mu\text{m}$$

$$\sigma(x) \simeq 1\mu\text{m}$$

High brightness e beam generation



The all-round properties of e beams is estimated by 6D brightness:

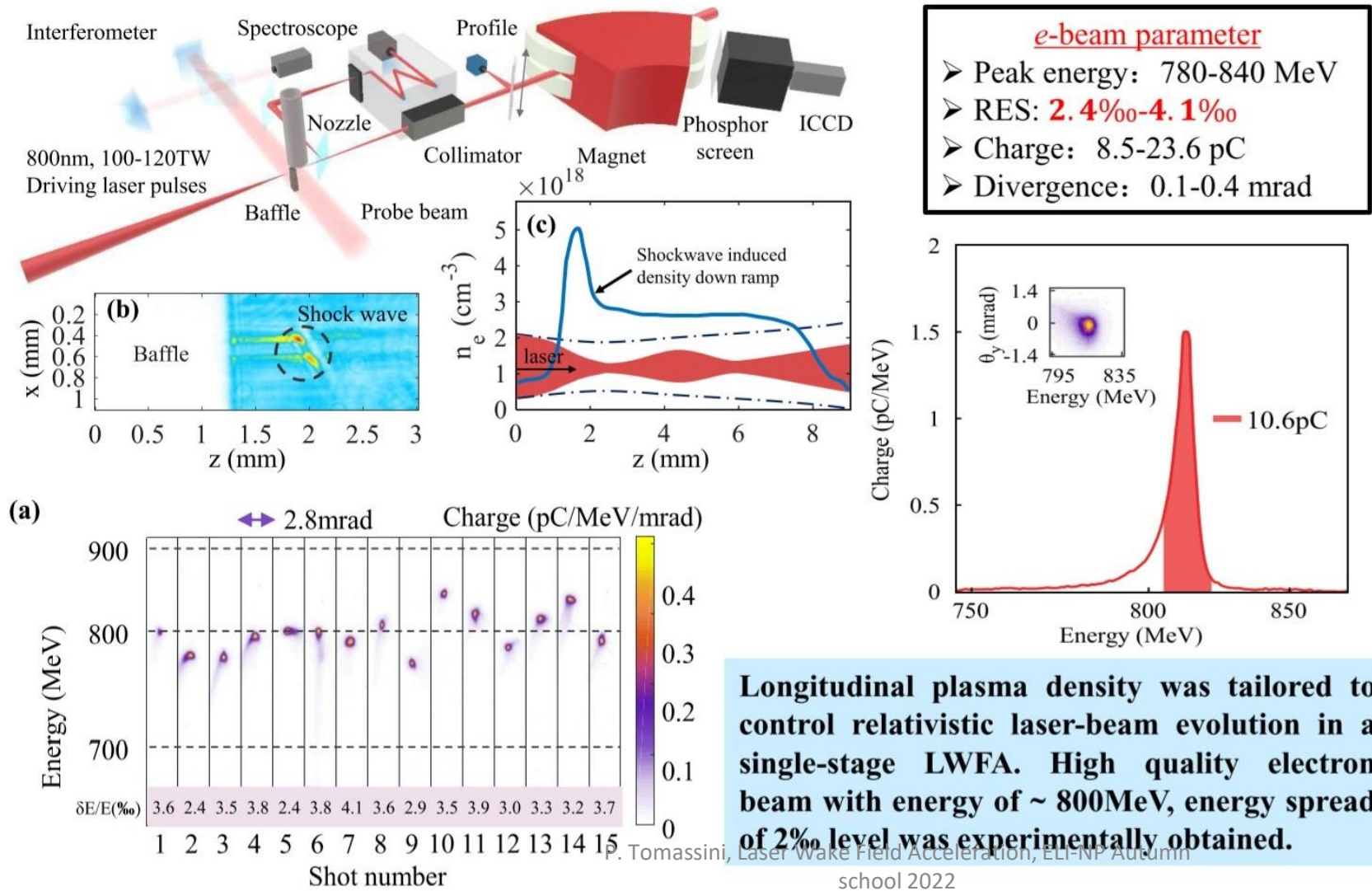
$$B_{6D} = \frac{I_p \cdot 0.1\%}{\epsilon_{nx} \epsilon_{ny} \sigma_\gamma}$$

Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 124801(2016).

- High-quality e beam was experimentally generated (peak energy of **200-600 MeV**, rms energy spread of **0.4%-1.2%**, charge of **10-80 pC** and rms divergence of **~ 0.2 mrad**).
- The maximum 6D brightness is estimated as **$\sim 6.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ A/m}^2/0.1\%$** , which is close to the typical brightness of e beam from state-of-the-art linac drivers.

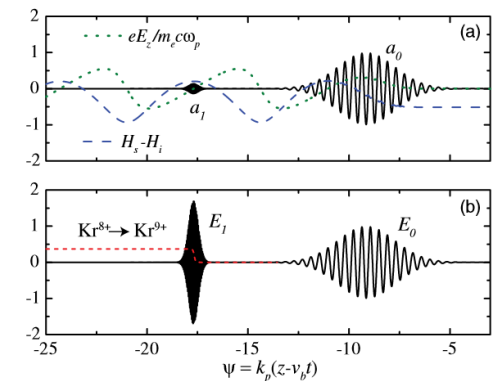
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Near-GeV, 2‰-level e beam generation



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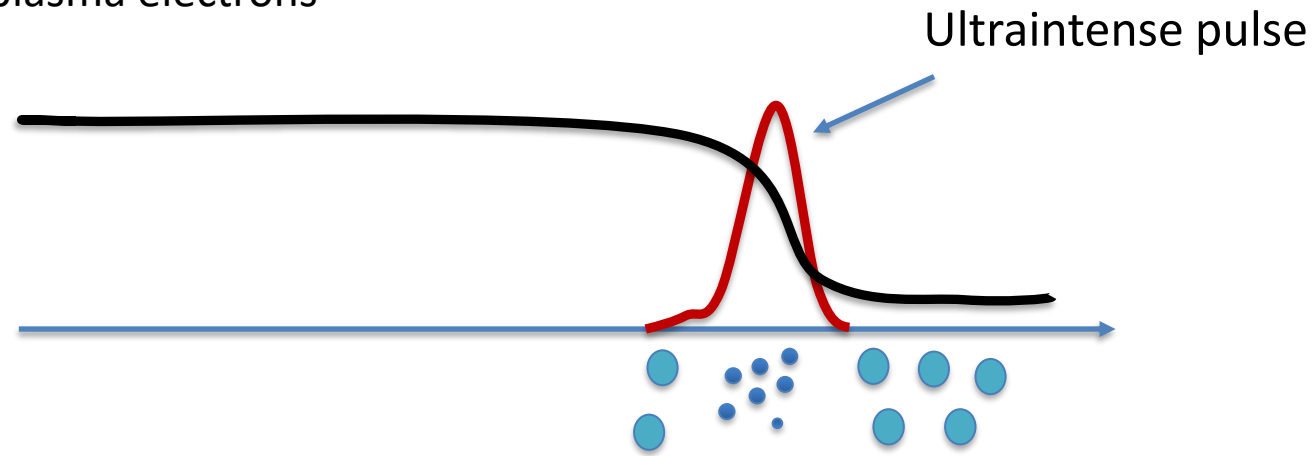
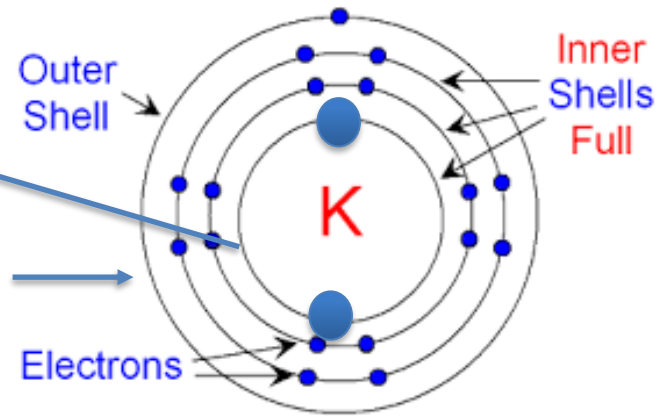


Ionization Injection

Inner electrons can be extracted
by a very large electric field

Outer electrons need a very
low intensity electric field to be ionized

They constitute the plasma electrons



New electrons, «born inside the pulse core»

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Two-Color Laser-Ionization Injection

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A method is proposed to generate femtosecond, ultralow emittance ($\sim 10^{-8}$ mrad), electron beams in a laser-plasma accelerator using two lasers of different colors. A long-wavelength pump pulse, with a large ponderomotive force and small peak electric field, excites a wake without fully ionizing a high-Z gas. A short-wavelength injection pulse, with a small ponderomotive force and large peak electric field, copropagating and delayed with respect to the pump laser, ionizes a fraction of the remaining bound electrons at a trapping wake phase, generating an electron beam that is accelerated in the wake.

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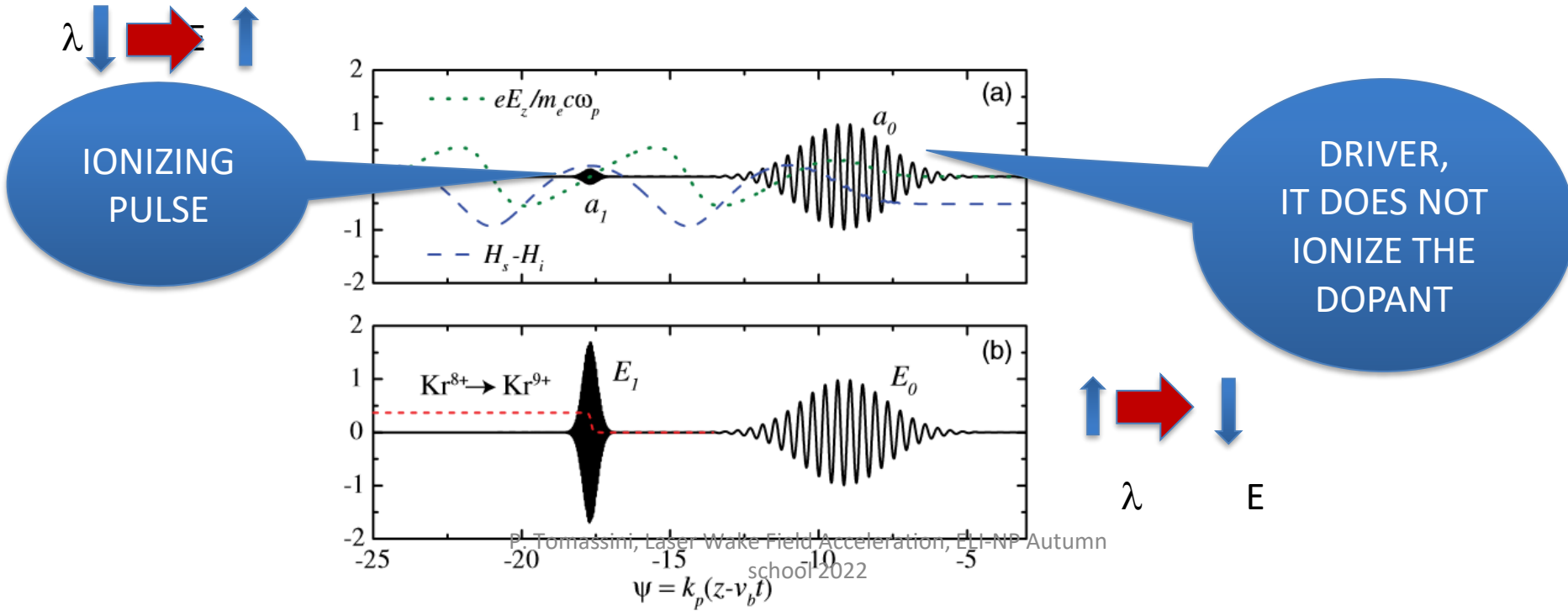
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- It uses two lasers systems.

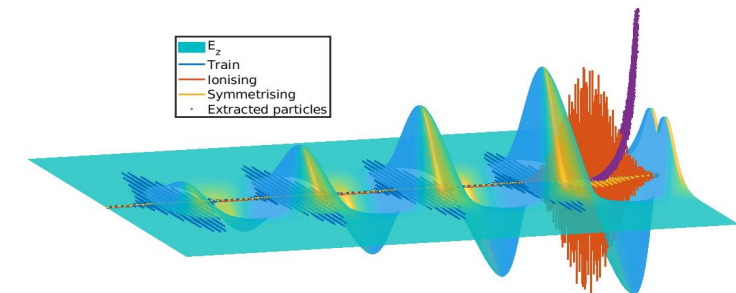
A long wavelength ($\lambda > 5 \mu\text{m}$) pulse excites the plasma wave and the short wavelength one ($\lambda < 0.4 \mu\text{m}$) extracts electrons by field ionization from an high-Z dopant.

It allows for very low emittance bunches.

However, to date, its experimental feasibility is limited from the lacking of commercial high power, ultrashort and long wavelength laser systems.



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The Resonant Multi-Pulse Ionisation Injection

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The resonant multi-pulse ionization injection

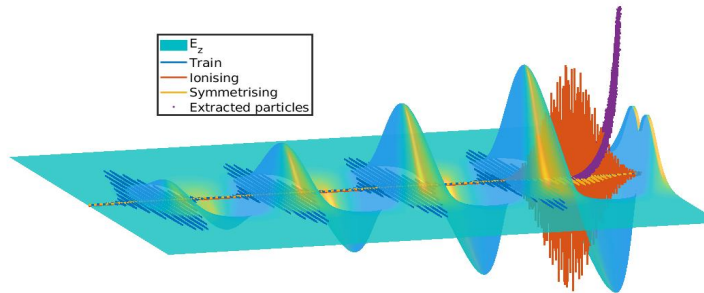
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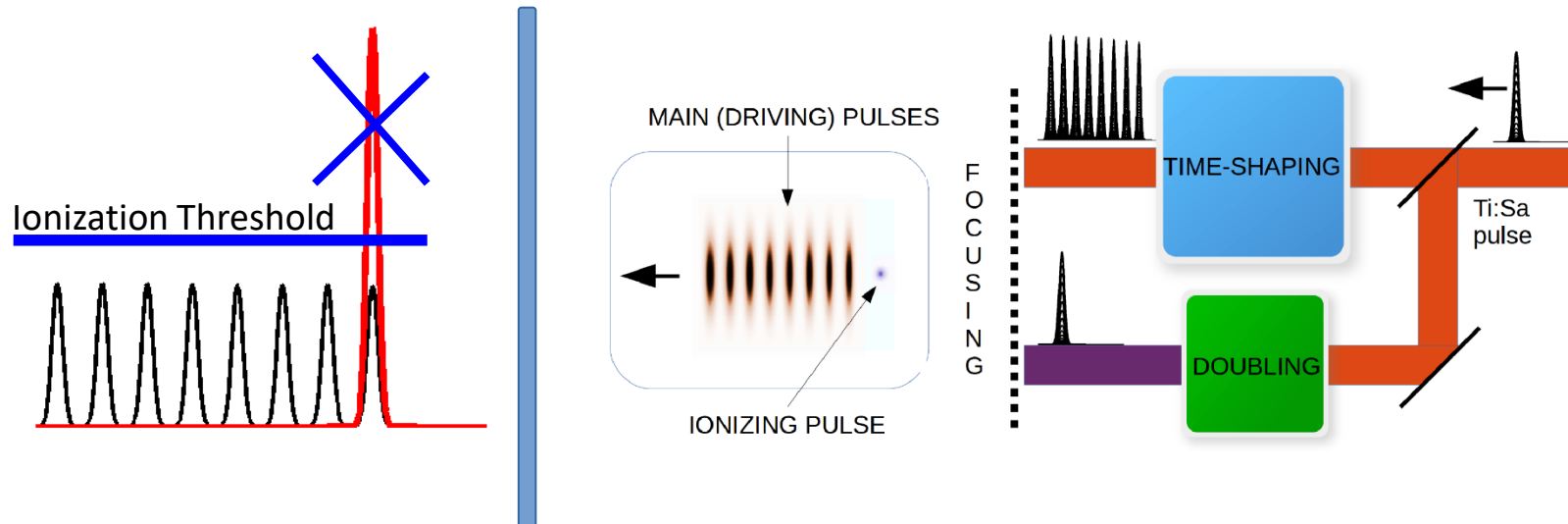
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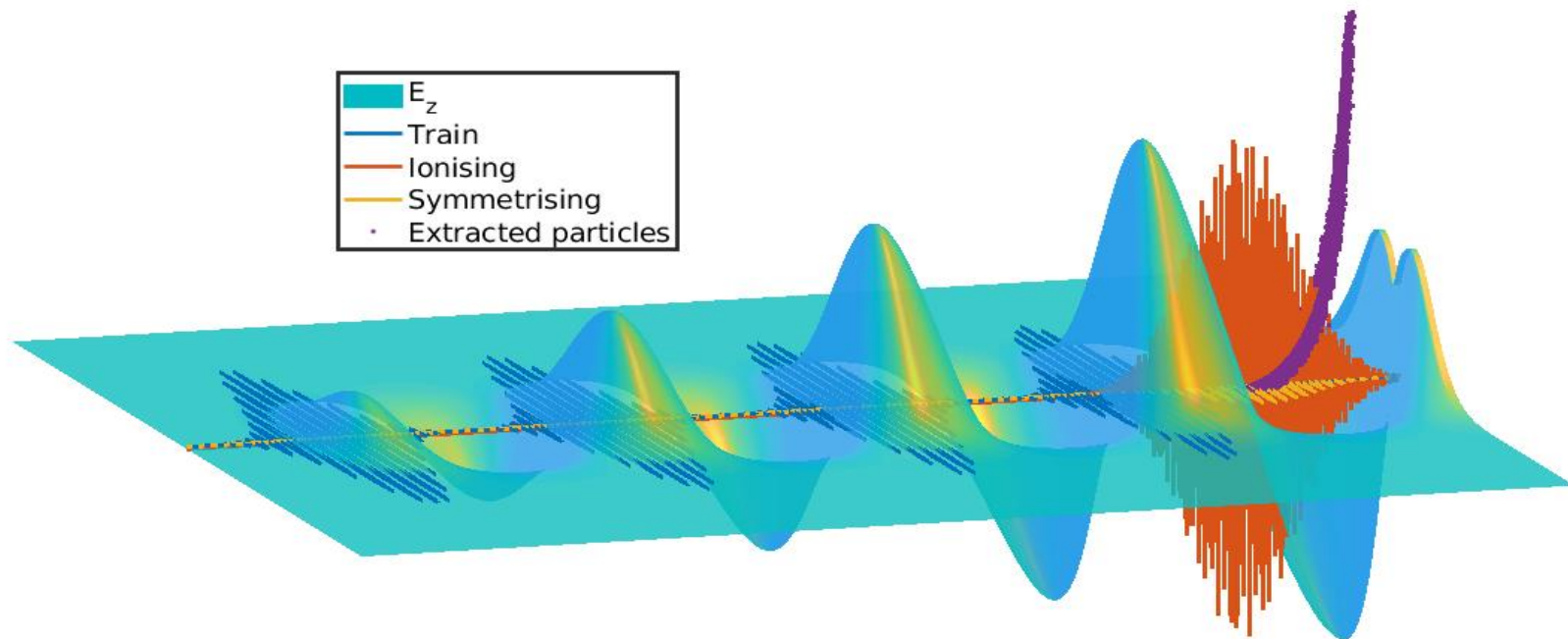
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- ReMPI **requires one** short-pulse (e.g Ti:Sa) laser system. It works also with multiple lasers systems
- Since a unique very large-amplitude Ti:Sa pulse would fully ionize the atoms (Ar⁸⁺ in our selected example), **the pulse is shaped as a resonant sequence** of sub-threshold amplitude pulses.



ReMPI at a glance



Injector for multistage LWFA

30pC, 150MeV, 1.6% , 0.23 μ mrad

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High quality electron bunches for a multistage GeV accelerator with resonant multipulse ionization injection

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Single stage 5GeV accelerator

30pC, 5GeV, 1% (proj) , 0.04% (slice) 0.08 μ mrad

High-quality 5 GeV electron bunches with resonant multi-pulse ionization injection

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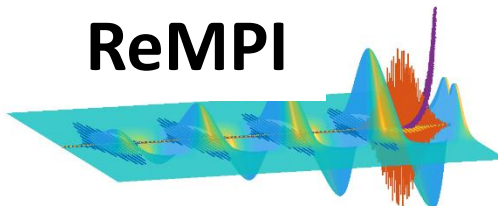
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ReMPI



Beams for FEL or Thomson backscattering X/gamma

30pC, 4.5GeV, 0.9% (proj) , 0.03% (slice) 0.08 μ mrad

Brilliant X-ray Free Electron Laser driven by Resonant Multi Pulse Ionization Injection accelerator, P. Tomassini et al. Proc. FEL conference 2022

Attosecond high-brightness beams

1-10pC, 0.2-5GeV, 1-2%, 0.08 μ mrad, 200as

Sub femtosecond high-brighthness electron bunches with the Resonant Multi Pulse Ionisation injection. P. Tomassini, ELI-NP report 2022.

High-brightness attosecond electron bunches with the Resonant Multi-Pulse Ionisation injection. P. Tomassini et al, in preparation

Examples of (projected) Beam Brightness performances <https://pwfa-fel.phys.strath.ac.uk>

$$B_{n,5D} = \frac{I}{\epsilon_{n,x}\epsilon_{n,y}} \quad B_{n,6D} = \frac{B_{n,5D}}{\delta E/E/0.1\%}$$

The final beam brightness is

$$B_{n,5D} \approx 2 \times 10^{18} \text{ A/m}^2$$

$$B_{n,6D} \approx 2 \times 10^{17} \text{ A/m}^2/0.1\%$$

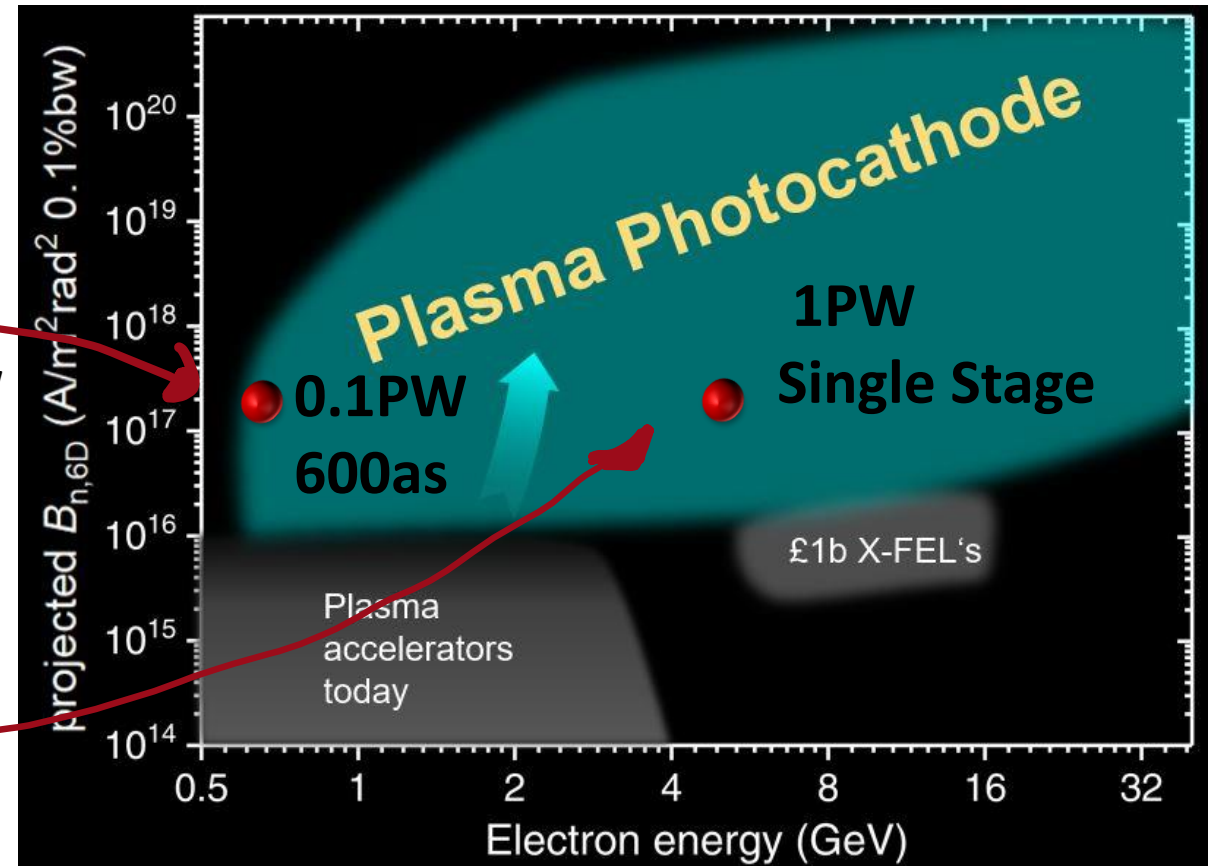
600as high-brighthness
0.6GeV beam with 100 TW
Ti:Sa laser

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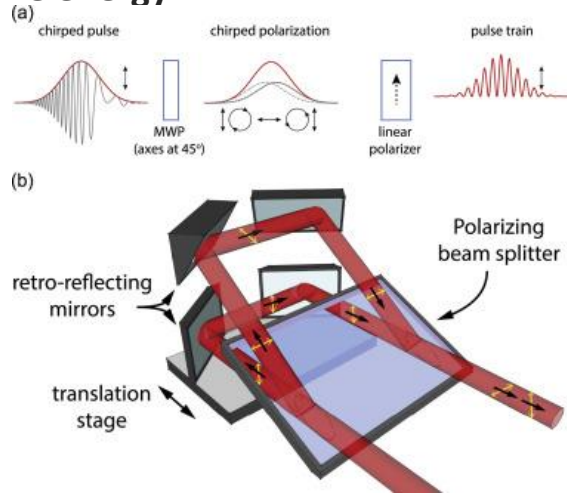
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3fs high-brighthness
5GeV beam with 1PW TW
Ti:Sa laser



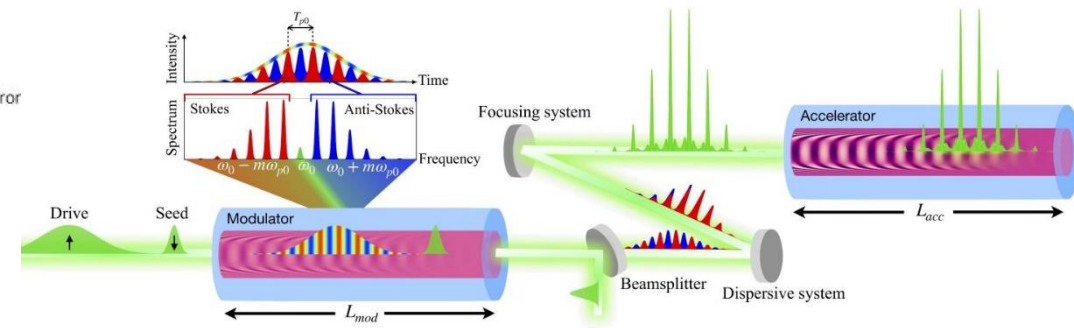
- The multi-pulse approach to LWFA has been proposed so far [D. Umstadter et al, PRL 72, (1994)]. A multi-pulse train can generate plasma waves with larger amplitude than those driven by a single pulse with the same energy.

Three possible pulse-shaping schemes have been proposed very recently



[J. Cawley et al, PRL 2017]
[R.J. Shallow et al, NIM A 2016]

[O. Jakobsson, et al. PRL **127** (2021)]



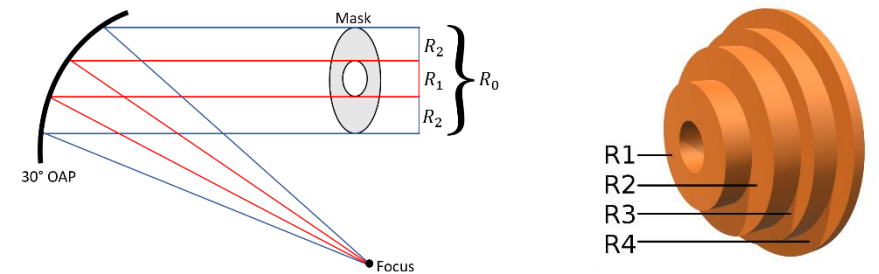
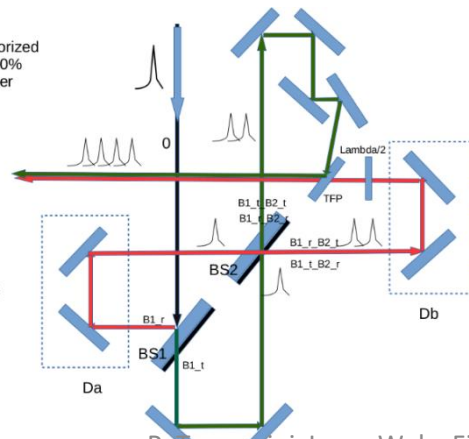
Older methods include either multiple beam-splitters setup or phase masks

LEGEND
Da,b: Delay line, motorized
B1,2: Beam Splitter 50%
TFP: Thin film polarizer

Ref: C.W. Siders et al., Appl. Opt. 37, 22 (1998)

Requirements:
2 Beam Splitters 50%
10 mirrors
1 Thin Film Polarizer
1 lambda/2
2 motorized movements

EFFICIENCY >90%



[G. Vantaggiato et al., NIMA 2018]

[A. Marasciulli et al., CLEO conf. 2021]

[W. Siders et al., Appl. Opt, 37 (22) 1998]

Extracted beam by tunnel ionisation

Current model based on ADK rate

Theory of beam emittance from field ionisation has been cast by C. Schroeder et al.
[Thermal emittance from ionization-induced trapping in plasma accelerators, PRAB 10130 (2014)]

There, the key parameter is $\Delta_0 = \left(\frac{2E_{0,x}}{3E_a}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{U_H}{U_I}\right)^{3/4} \ll 1$ and **far from ionisation saturation**, the leading order estimation of the *rms* transverse size and momentum i

$$\sigma_{u_x} \approx \Delta_0 a_0 \quad \sigma_{u_x} \approx 0 \quad \sigma_x \approx \sigma_y \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Delta_0 w_0$$

Notably, ponderomotive force affects the single size and momentum values, but being the ponderomotive force (mostly) linear, normalised emittance is still evaluated as

$$\epsilon_{nx} \approx \sigma_{u_x} \cdot \sigma_x \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Delta_0^2 a_0 w_0$$

$$\epsilon_{ny} \approx \sigma_{u_y} \cdot \sigma_y \approx 0$$

Though σ_{u_x} contains Δ_0^2 corrections, theory for the beam emittance is only first order in Δ_0 and **doesn't take into account saturation effects**

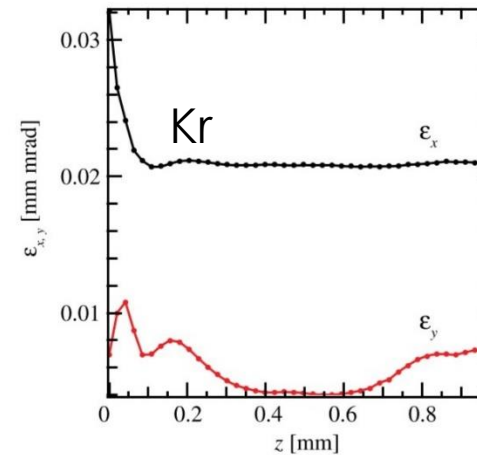


FIG. 9. The normalized emittance evolution in the laser polarization plane ϵ_x (black curve) and orthogonal to the laser polarization plane ϵ_y (red curve). (Two-color ionization injection parameters are the same as Fig. 1.)

Extracted beam by tunnel ionisation

New model based on ADK rate

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Accurate electron beam phase-space theory for ionization-injection schemes driven by laser pulses

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Highly accurate modeling of the 6D phase-space for tunnel-ionisation extracted electrons (ADK theory).
Single-cycle detailed description of the phase-space and whole bunch emittance
Also valid in the deep-saturation regime

$$\rho \equiv \frac{3E}{2E_a} \left(\frac{U_H}{U_I} \right)^{3/2} = a/a_c = \Delta^2$$

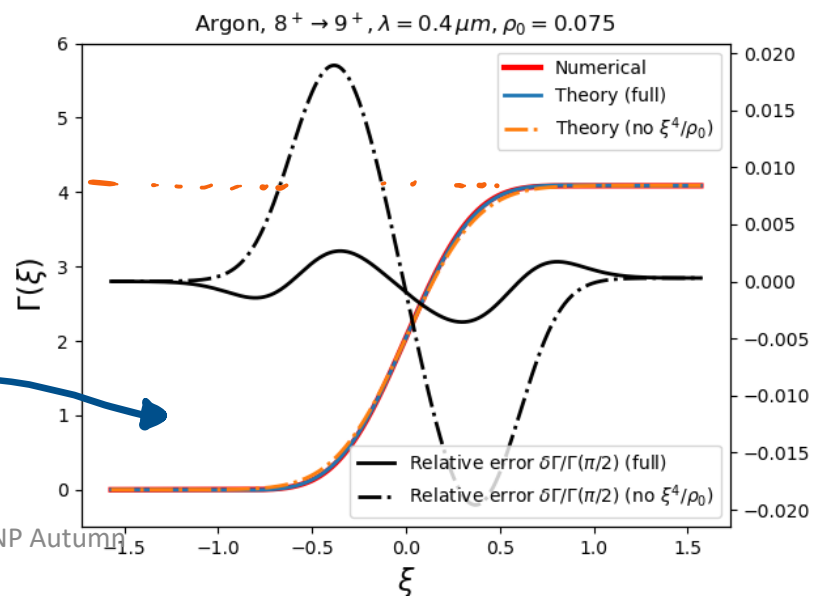
$$W = C \times \rho^\mu e^{-\frac{1}{\rho}} \quad \rho = \rho_0 |\cos(\xi)|$$

ADK rate rewritten as in [P. Tomassini et al., PoP 24, 103120 (2017)]

$$\frac{1}{n_{0,i}} \frac{dn_e}{d\xi} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} e^{-\Gamma(\xi)}$$

$$\Gamma(\xi) \equiv \frac{1}{k_{0,x}} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\xi} dx W(x)$$

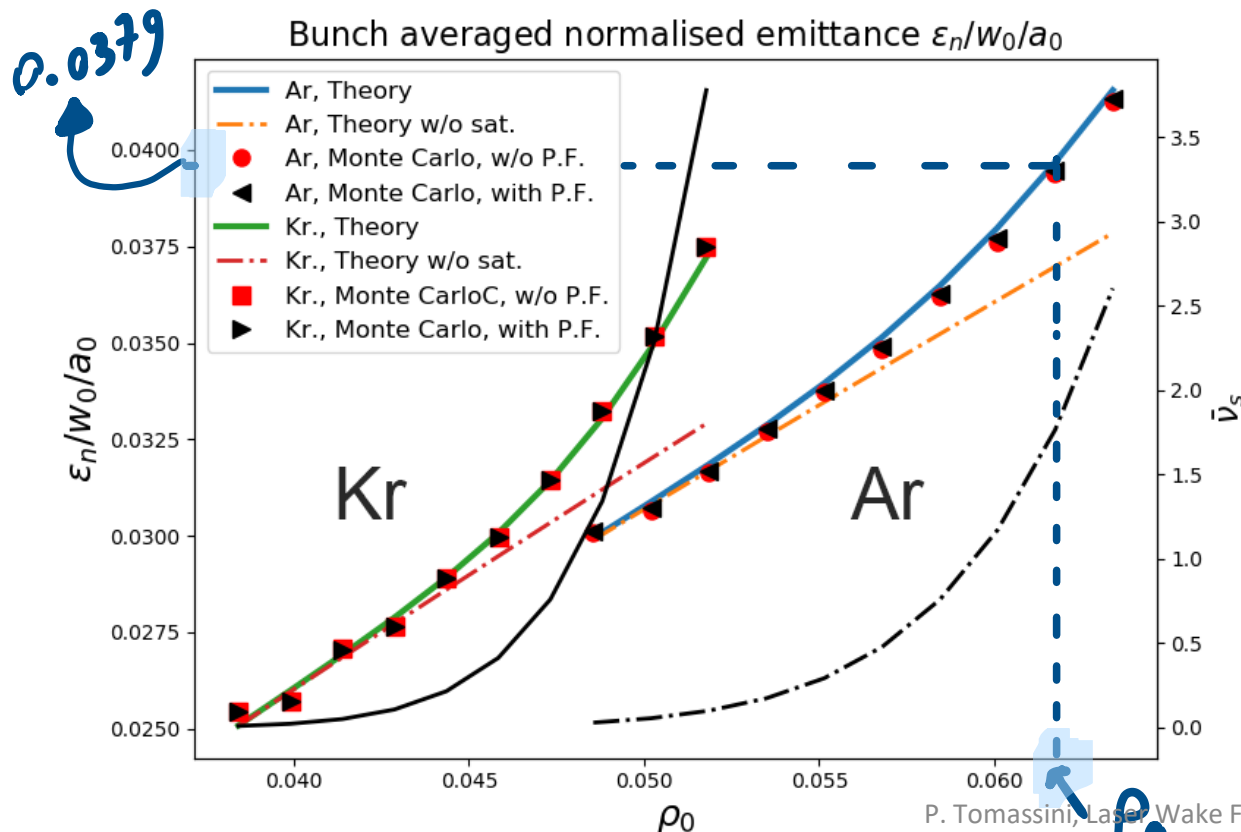
$$= \frac{k_{ADK}}{k_0} \rho_0^\mu \int_{-\pi/2}^{\xi} dx (\cos x)^\mu e^{-\frac{1}{\rho_0 \cos x}} = \nu_s(\rho_0) g\left(\frac{\xi}{\sqrt{2\rho_0}}\right)$$



Extracted beam by tunnel ionisation New model based on ADK rate

$$\rho \equiv \frac{3E}{2E_a} \left(\frac{U_H}{U_I} \right)^{3/2} = a/a_c = \Delta_0^2$$

Minimum obtainable «thermal»
normalised emittance



$Ar^{8+ \rightarrow 9+}$

$$\rho_0 = a_{0,i}/a_c = 0.062$$

$\lambda_i = 0.4 \mu m$
 $a_c = 7.41$
 $a_{0,i} = 0.46$
 $w_0 = 4.0 \mu m$

$\lambda_i = 0.2 \mu m$
 $a_c = 3.71$
 $a_{0,i} = 0.23$
 $w_0 = 4.0 \mu m$

$\epsilon_n|_{th} = 72 \text{ nm rad}$
Thermal

$\epsilon_n(\text{min}) = 37 \text{ nm rad}$
Thermal

Conserved Hamiltonian in 1D+QSA

$$\mathcal{H}(\psi, \gamma) = \gamma(1 - \beta\beta_{ph}) - \phi(\psi)$$

$$\psi \equiv k_p(z - \beta_\phi ct)$$

[E. Esarey & M. Pillov, PoP 2 1432 (1995)]

$$2|\beta_{ph}| \sqrt{(1 + \mathcal{F})^2 - 1} \geq 1 - 1/\gamma_{ph}$$

Weak (standard) trapping threshold

Strong trapping threshold

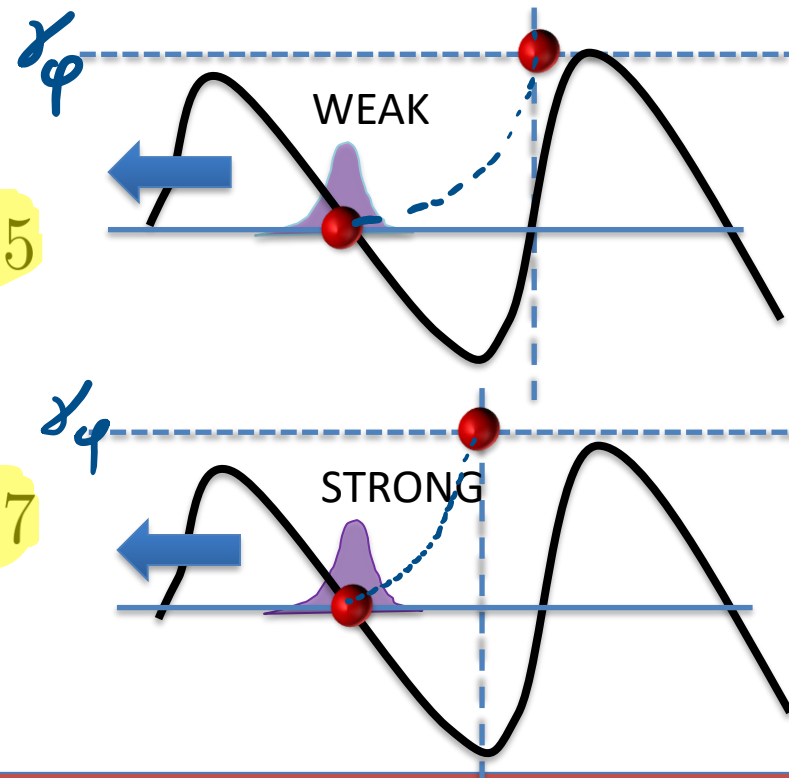
$$\mathcal{F} + |\beta_{ph}| \sqrt{(1 + \mathcal{F})^2 - 1} \geq 1 - 1/\gamma_{ph}$$

[Tomassini et al.; Phys. Plasmas 24 (2017)]

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} E_{norm} &= E_z/E_0; \quad E_0 = mc\omega_p/e \\ \mathcal{F} &\equiv \frac{1}{2} E_{norm}|_{max}^2 \\ (1 + \phi_{Max,min}) &= \mathcal{F} \pm \beta_{ph} \sqrt{(1 + \mathcal{F})^2 - 1} \end{aligned} \right.$$

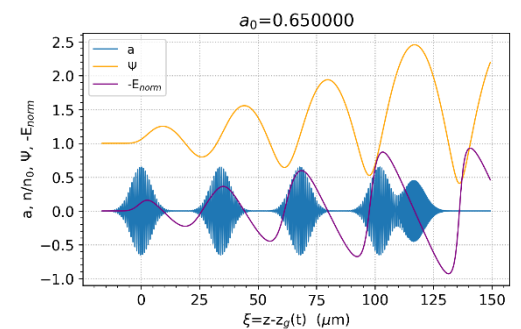
$$E_{norm} \simeq 0.5$$

$$E_{norm} \simeq 0.7$$

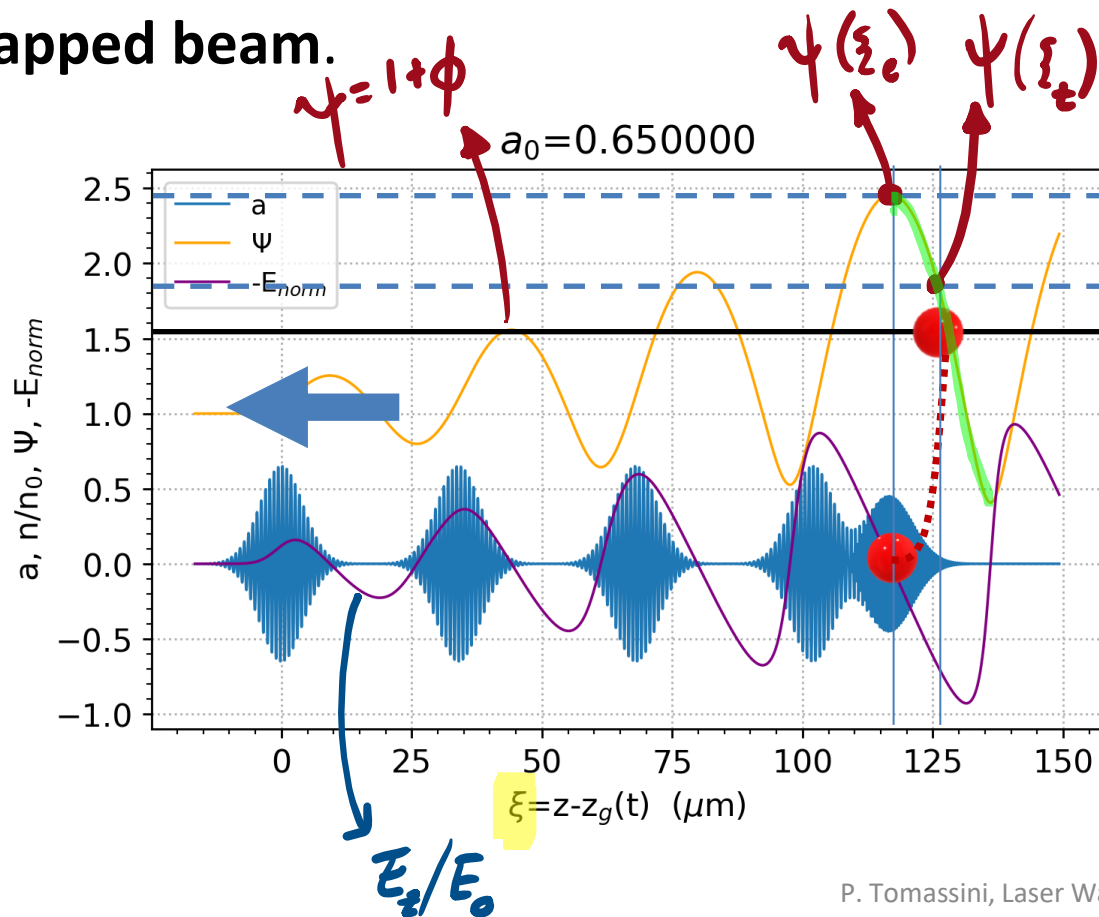


Strong trapping condition is more demanding than the standard «weaker» one

1. Introduction to LWFA
2. Understanding the excitation and the structure of the plasma waves
3. *The wide spot (1D and QSA) limiting case*
4. Limiting factors to high energy gain accelerators
5. 3D effects on
6. Downramp (or shock) injection
7. Two-Color injection
8. The Resonant Multi-Pulse Ionisation Injection
9. **High-Brilliance e-bunches**



In Two Color and ReMPI ionization injection schemes the extraction of the electrons from the dopant occurs in a controlled way. **By tuning the distance between the node of the accelerating gradient and the peak of the ionization pulse we can vary the length of the trapped beam.**



$$\mathcal{H}(\eta, \gamma) = \gamma(1 - \beta\beta_{ph}) - \phi(\eta) \quad \text{1D QSA}$$

$$\eta = k_p(z - z_g) = k_p \cdot \xi \quad \text{(phase)}$$

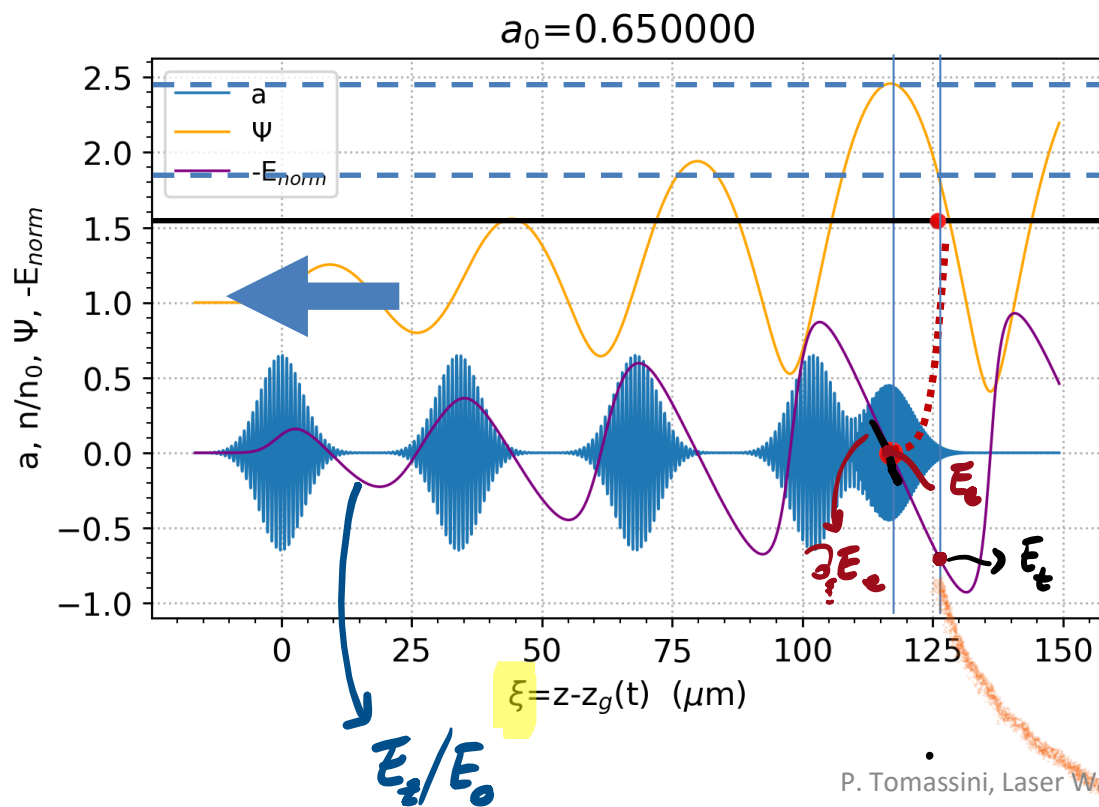
$$\gamma_{\perp}^2 = 1 + u_{\perp}^2 = 1 + (a - a_{ex})^2 \quad \text{@ extr.}$$

$$\phi(\xi_{tr}) = \phi(\xi_{ex}) - 1 + \gamma_{\perp}(\xi_{ex})/\gamma_{\phi}$$

↳ @ trapping → @ extraction

$$\xi_{tr} = \phi^{-1}(\phi(\xi_{ex}) - 1 + \gamma_{\perp}(\xi_{ex})/\gamma_{\phi})$$

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$$E_{norm} = E_z / E_0 = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \eta}$$

We consider the electrons extracted by field ionization by the pulse of FWHM length cT . In the case of unsaturated regime the extraction coordinate is a random gaussian variable of variance

$$\sigma_{\xi_e} \simeq cT \sqrt{\frac{\rho_0}{4 \log 2}}$$

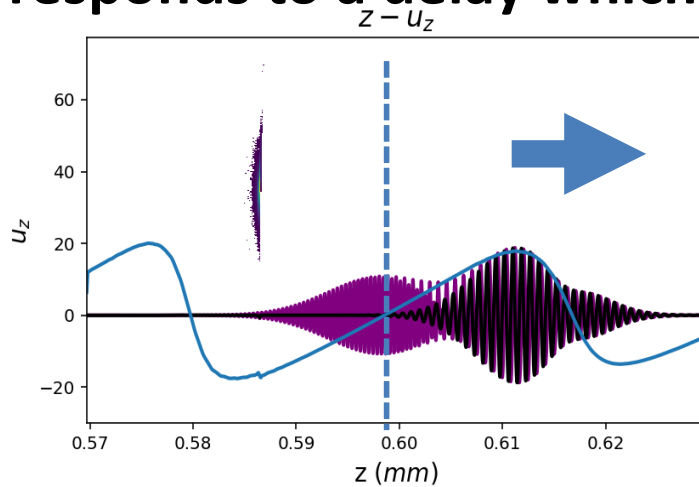
The rms trapping positions can be evaluated in the limit

$$\sigma_{\xi_t} \simeq \sigma_{\xi_e} \frac{1}{E_t} \sqrt{E_e^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\xi} E|_e)^2 \sigma_{\xi_e}^2}$$

average field strongly depends on ξ_e (handwritten note pointing to E_e)

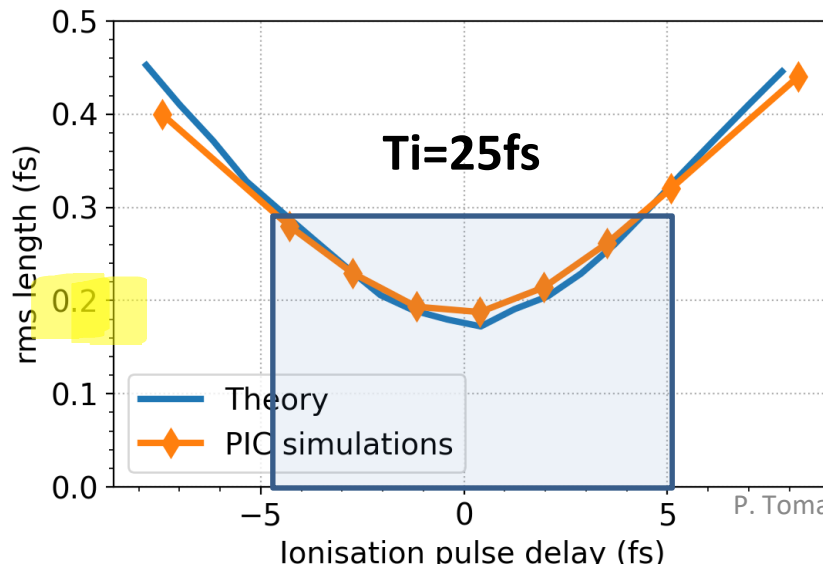
depends on the regime (handwritten note pointing to the square root term)

Scan of the beam length as a function of the ionization pulse position. The “zero position” corresponds to a delay which places the pulse on the node of the accelerating gradient

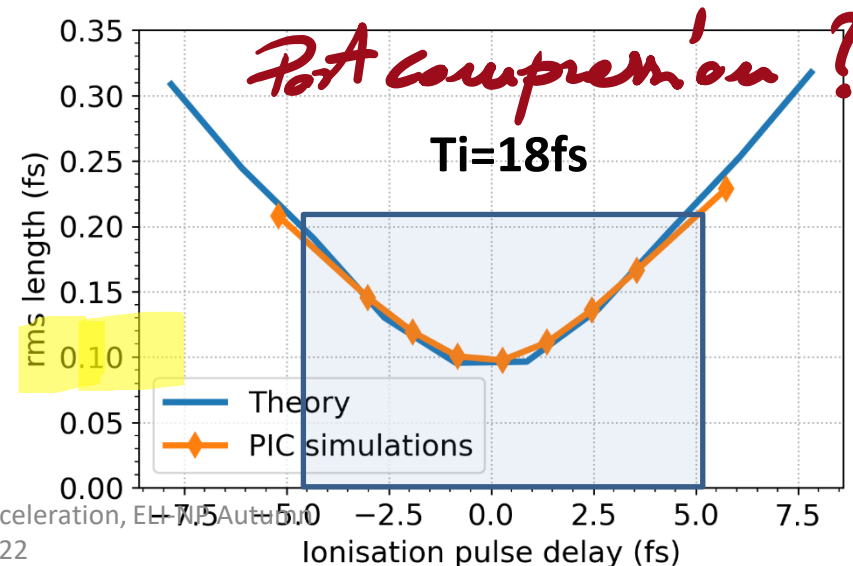


- SINGLE Ti:Sa 200TW laser system, Circularly Polarised pulses
- 4x 23fs FWHM pulses, $w_0=45 \mu\text{m}$, total 5J on TEM00,
- 1x 25fs or 18fs FWHM ionization pulse in II harmonics, $w_0=3.5 \mu\text{m}$
- 100%Ar (8+) plasma, $n_0=5e17 \text{ 1/cm}^3$

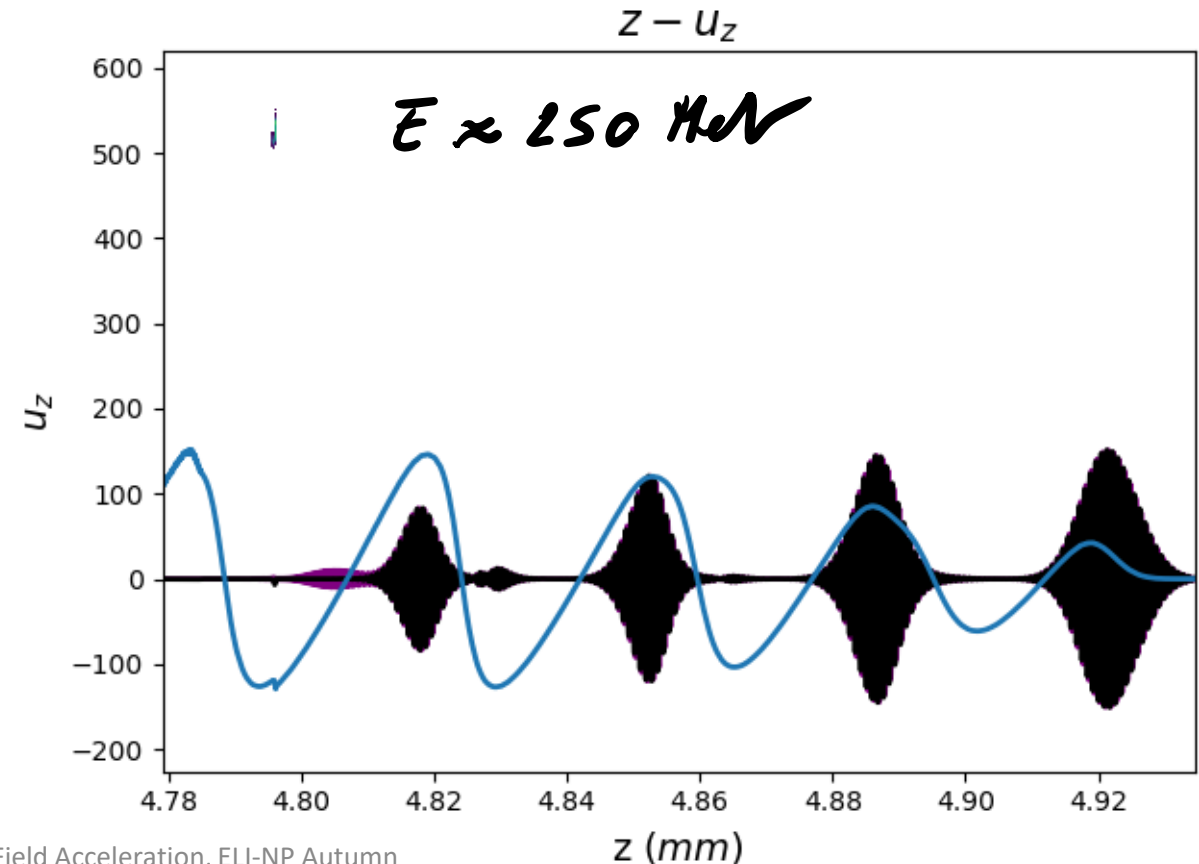
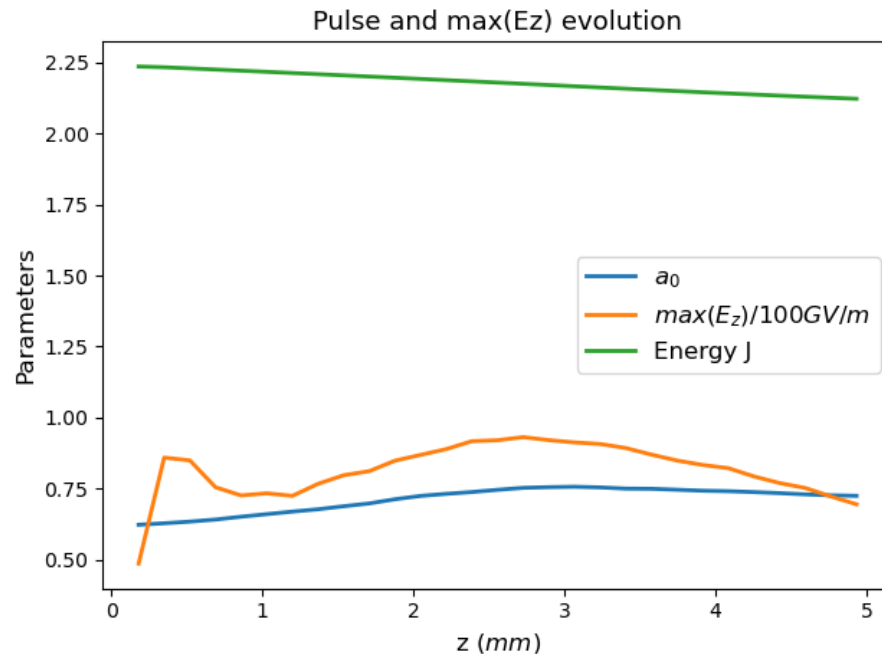
- PIC simulations with the quasi-3D FB-PIC code. Resolution $\lambda_i/24$ and $\lambda_i/8$ in the longitudinal and transverse directions



Timing jitter below 3fs rms



- **SINGLE Ti:Sa 100TW laser system, Circularly Polarised pulses**
- 4x 23fs FWHM pulses, $w_0=30 \mu\text{m}$, total 2.3J on TEM00,
- 1x 25fs FWHM ionization pulse in Π harmonics, $w_0=3.5 \mu\text{m}$, on TEM00
- 100%Ar (8+) plasma, $n_0=1e18 \text{ 1/cm}^3$, 5 mm plate
- **NO guiding needed**

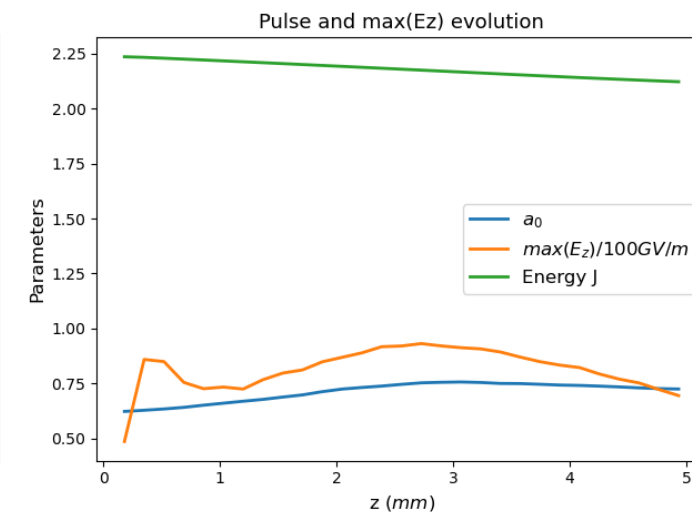
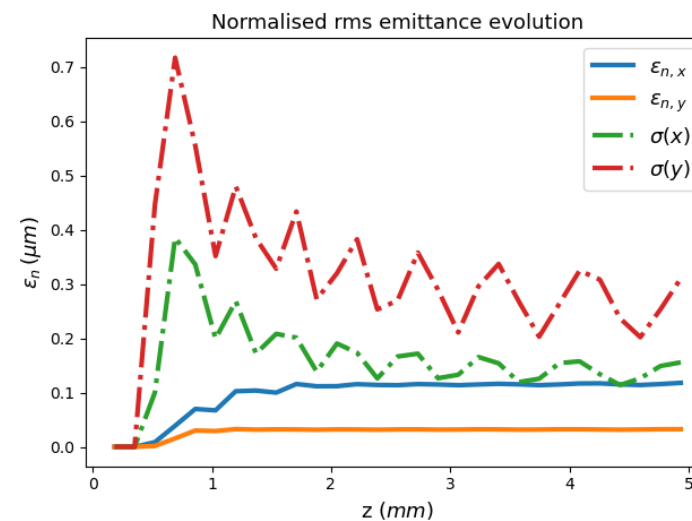
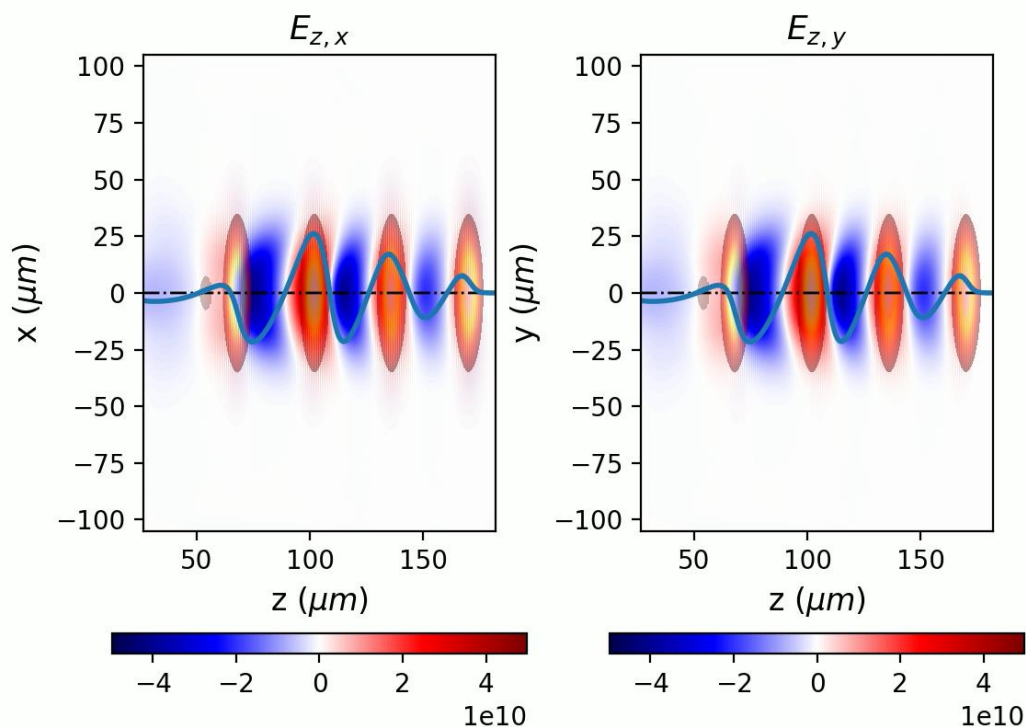


Charge	Energy	Energy spread	Duration	Norm emittance	Current
5 pC	250 MeV	1.6% rms	400as	30 nm rad 110 nm rad	8kA

The final beam brightness is

$$B_{n,5D} \approx 3 \times 10^{18} A/m^2$$

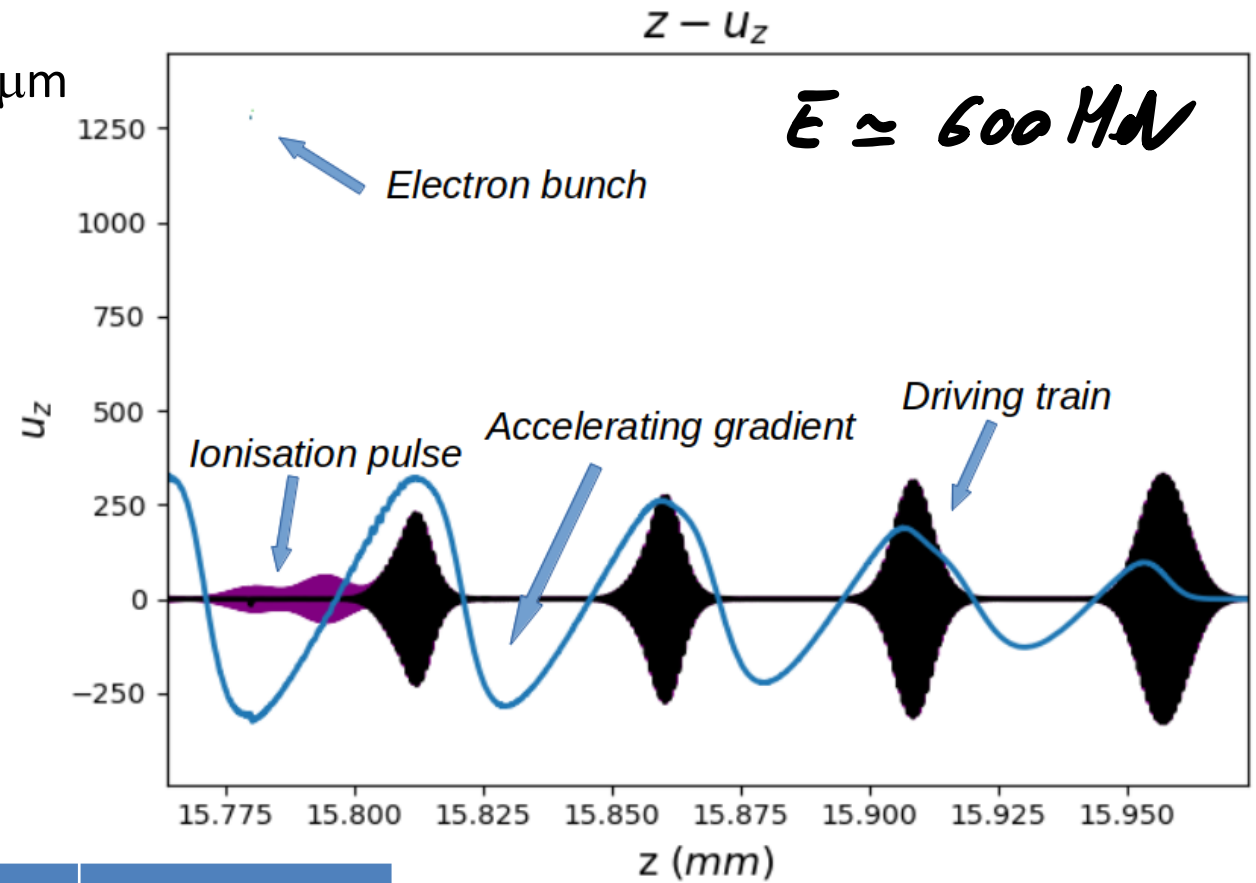
$$B_{n,6D} \approx 1 \times 10^{17} A/m^2/0.1\%$$



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- 1x 25fs FWHM ionization pulse in II H, $w_0=3.5 \mu\text{m}$
- 100%Ar (8+) plasma, $n_0=1\text{e}18 \text{ 1/cm}^3$ 16 mm
- **Parabolic Guiding**

The final beam brightness is

$$B_{n,5D} \approx 2 \times 10^{18} \text{ A/m}^2$$

$$B_{n,6D} \approx 2 \times 10^{17} \text{ A/m}^2 / 0.1\%$$


Charge	Energy	Energy spread	Duration	Norm emittance	Current
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5 pC	600 MeV	0.8% rms	600as	35 nm rad 120 nm rad	6kA
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This Conceptual Design Report (CDR) presents the worldwide first high energy plasma-based accelerator that can provide industrial beam quality and user areas. It is the important intermediate step between proof-of-principle experiments and ground-breaking, ultra-compact accelerators for science, industry, medicine or the energy frontier.

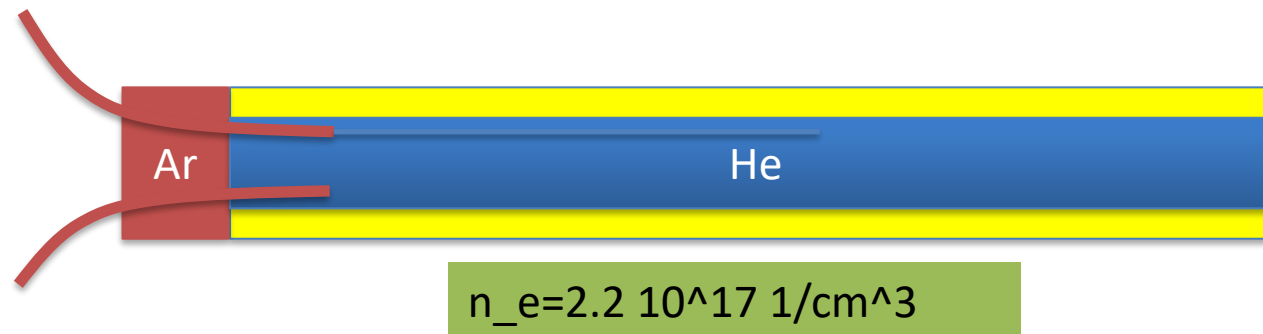
The EuPRAXIA CDR is the result of a 4-year-long design study, funded by the European Union within the Horizon 2020 programme.

Motivation: Within the EuPRAXIA project we aimed at generating 5GeV bunches with FEL quality

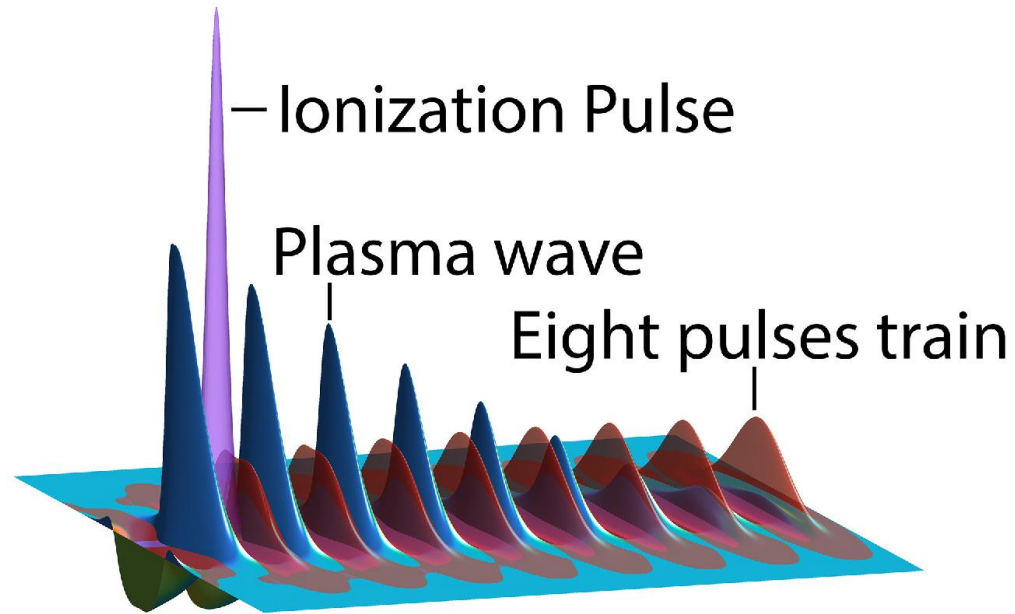
GOAL:

$\delta E/E$ SLICE	ε_n SLICE	Q	I peak
<0.1%	<0.1 mmmrad	>30 pC	>2kA

- As in any high-energy bunch (>>1GeV) setup a PW laser system is required.
- The train of **LP 8** pulses, **55 fs** long, delivers about **900 TW** of power and are focused with a waist of **90 μm** .
- The target is a sequence gas-cell+capillary, being the gas-cell filled with a mixture Argon+Helium for injection. The capillary guides the pulse for about 20cm



P. Tomassini et al., High-quality 5GeV electron bunches with the resonant multi-pulse ionization injection, PPCF P 62 (2020) 014010



Ionization pulse, 4th harmonics of the Ti:Sa pulse

Wavelength	Energy	Duration	Waist
0.2 μm	0.06J	45 fs	4 μm

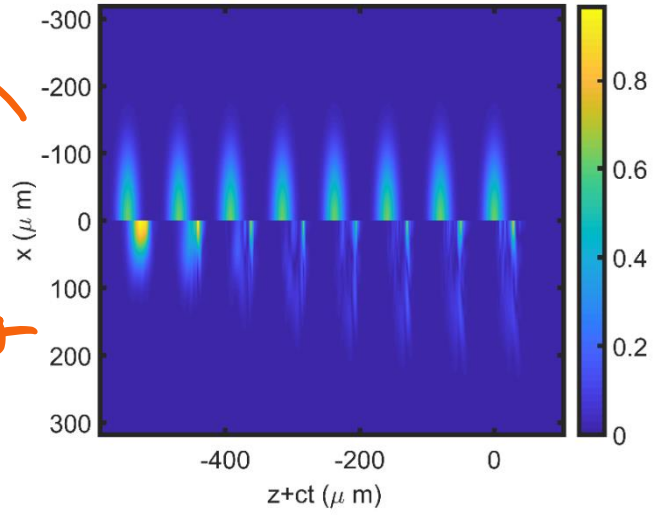
«Injector» gas jet (50%He,50%Ar)

Up/Down ramps	Plateau	Background plasma density
2mm	5mm	2.2 10 ¹⁷ 1/cm ³

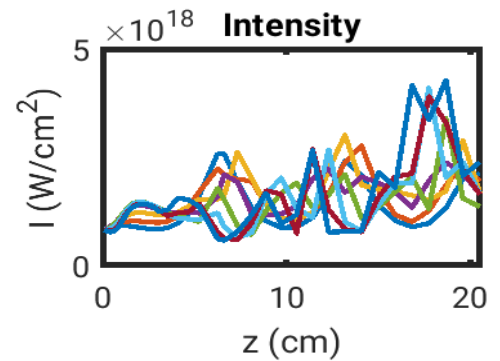
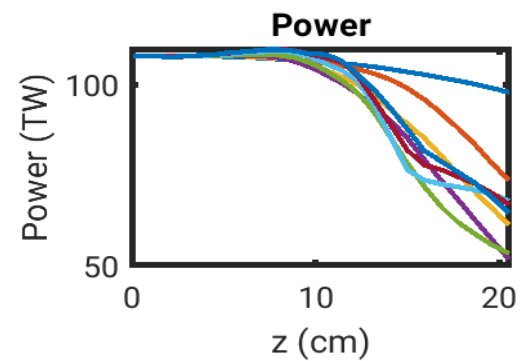
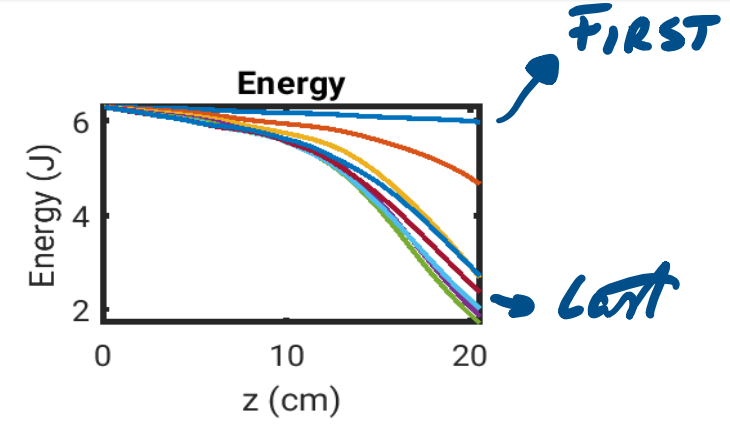
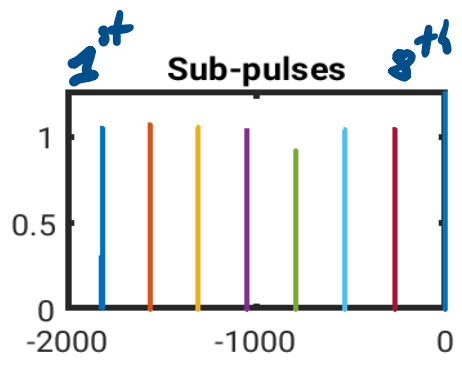
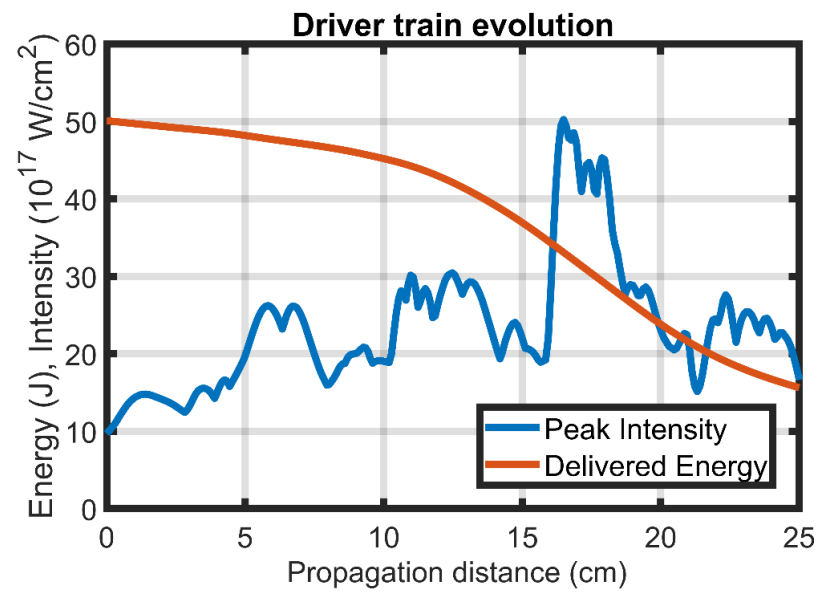
«booster» capillary (100% He)

Up/Down ramps	Plateau	Background plasma density	Channel depth for guiding
2mm	22 cm	2.2 10 ¹⁷ 1/cm ³	90% of the matched value

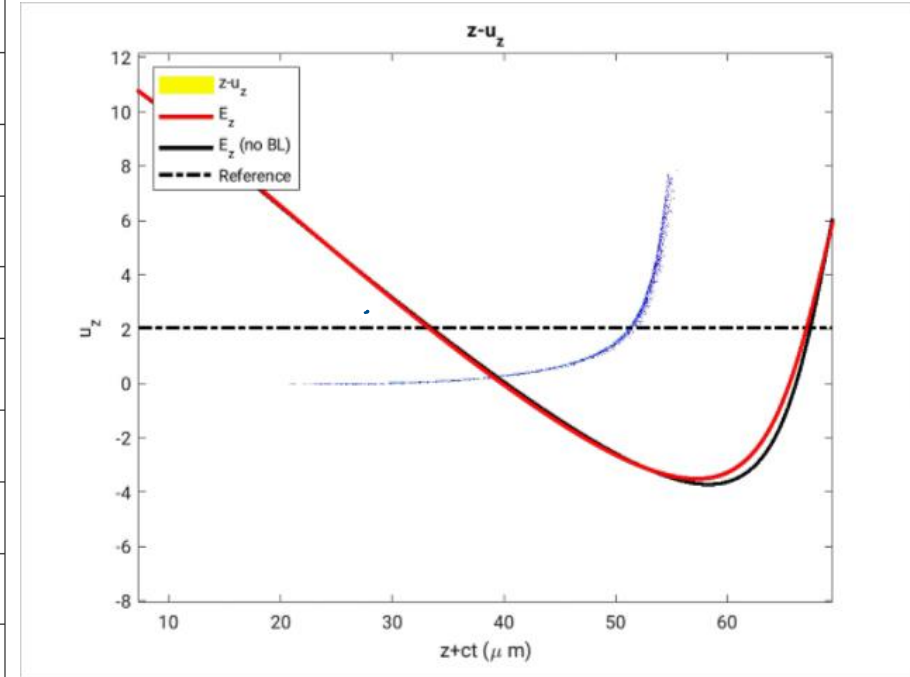
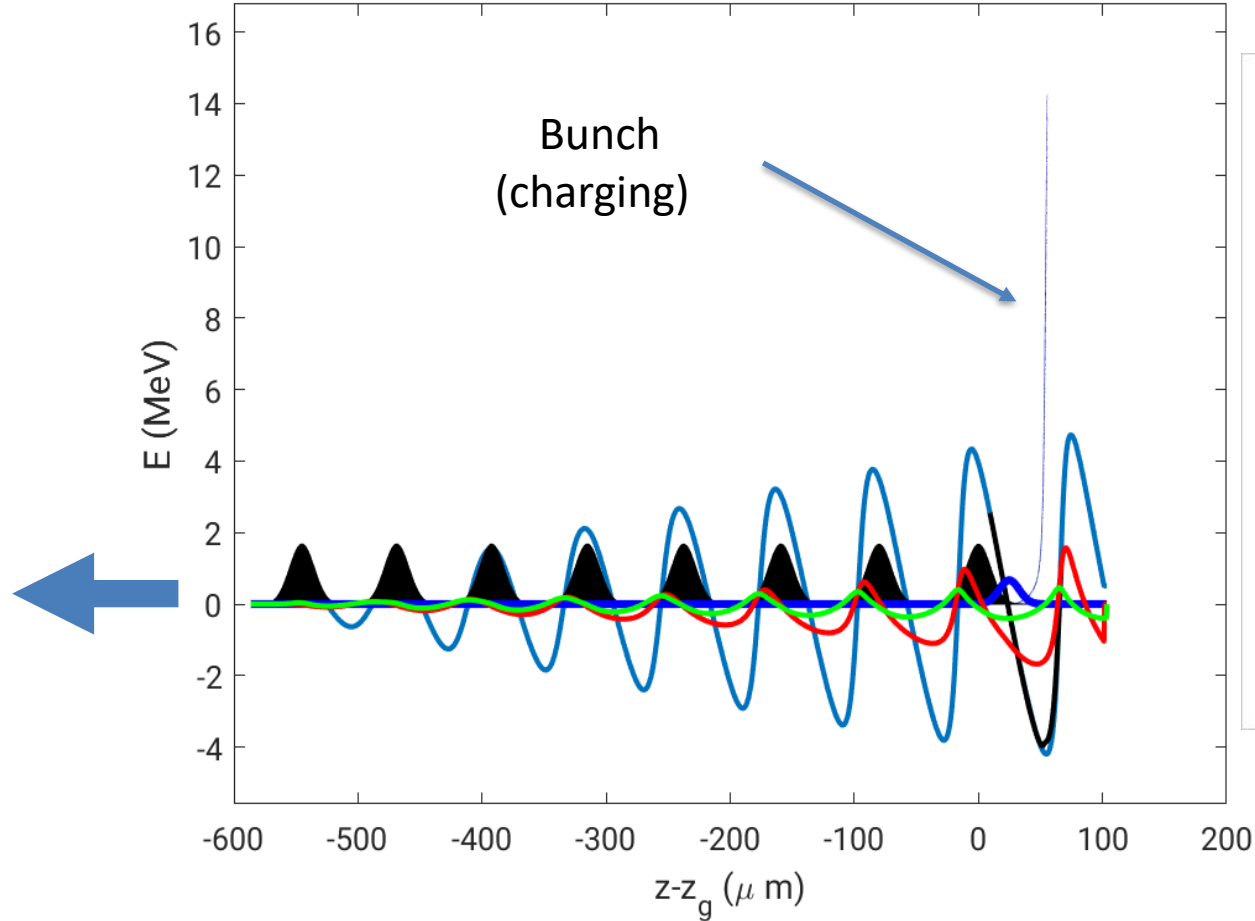
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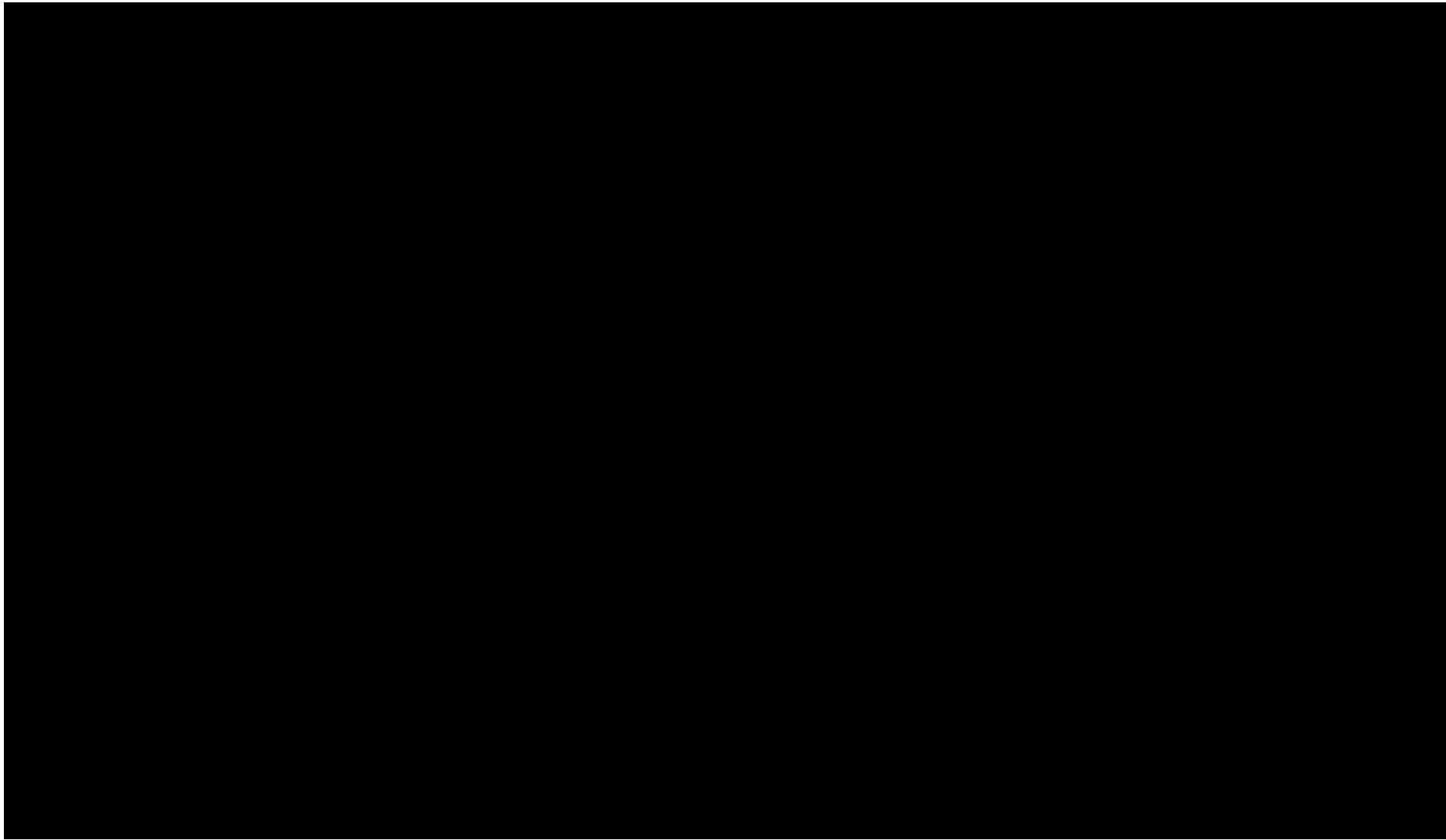


- Complex evolution of the pulses on the tail due to their propagation in a **perturbed background plasma**.
- An overall pump depletion of 70% is observed

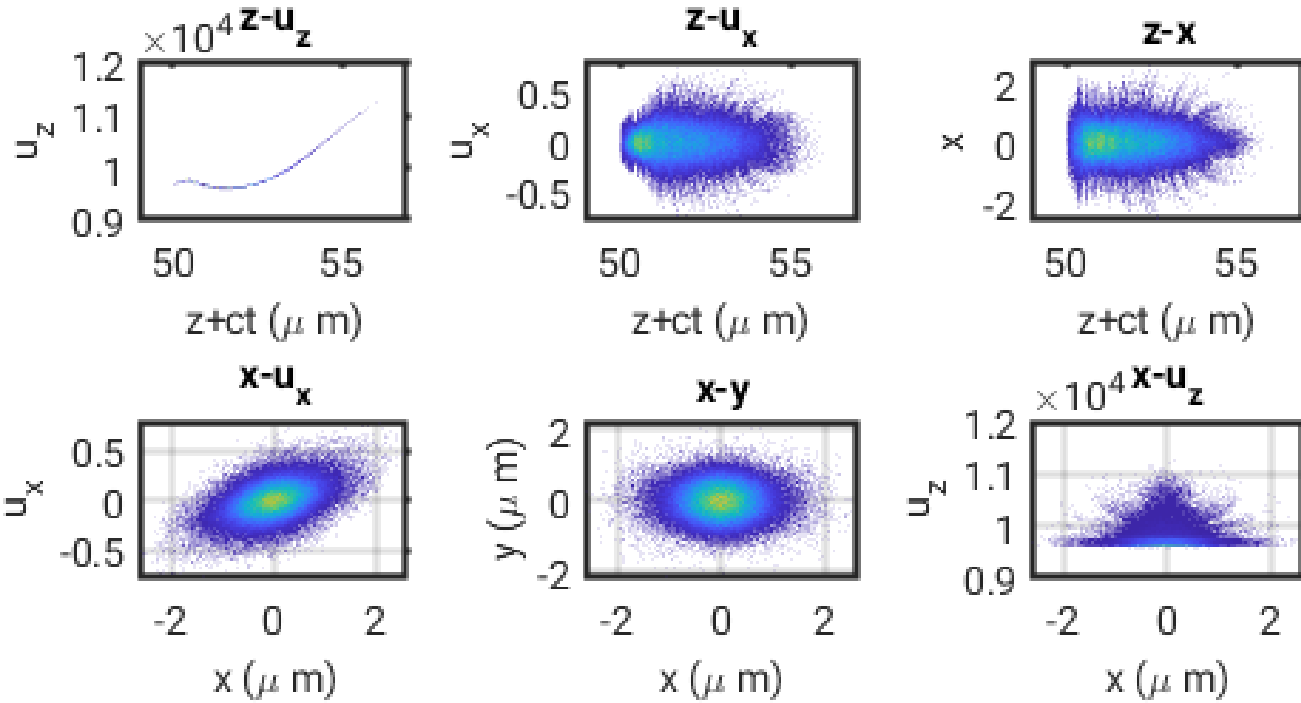


$n_0 = 20 \times 10^{16} \text{ 1/cm}^3$, $z = -4 \times 10^2 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$, $\sigma_z = 6.02 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$, $Q = 11.7598 \text{ pC}$, $\sigma_E = 73.4142\%$

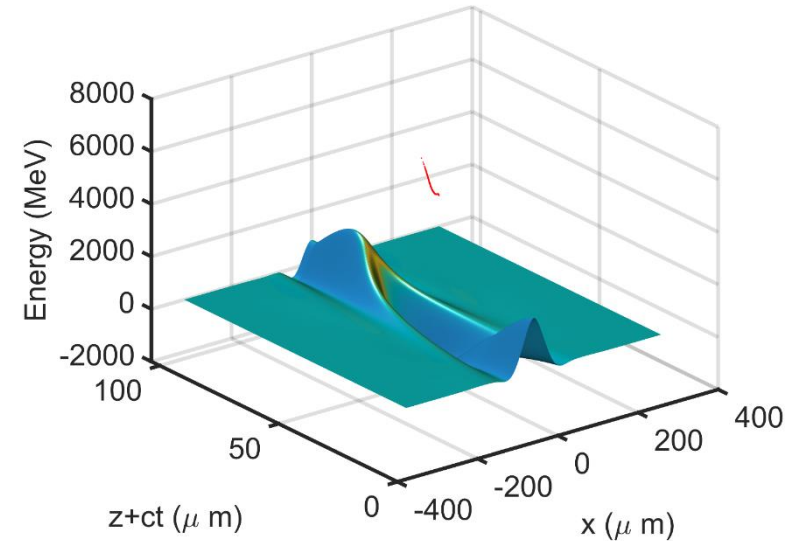




Projected beam quality



The accelerator fully complies with the requirements.
The final beam 6D brightness is
 $B_{n,6D} \approx 4 \times 10^{19} \text{ A/m}^2$
 $B_{n,6D} \approx 4 \times 10^{16} \text{ A/m}^2 / 0.1\%$



dE/E	ϵ_n	Q	I peak
0.9% (92% of the charge) 1.8 % (tail included)	0.085 mm mrad	32 pC	3.5 kA

Slice analysis

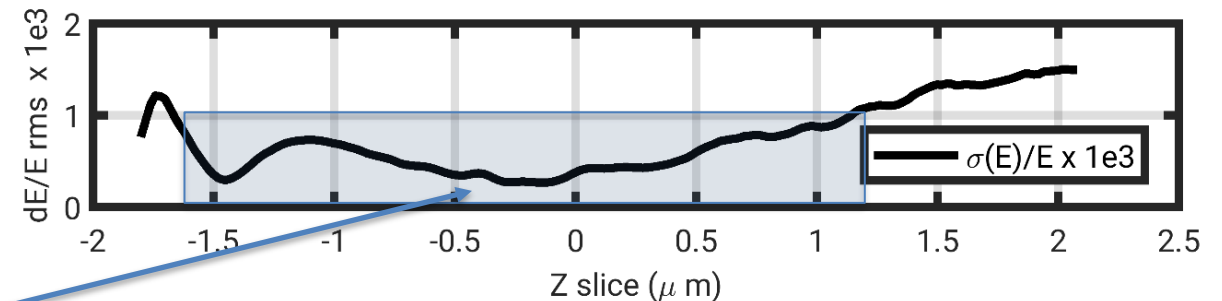
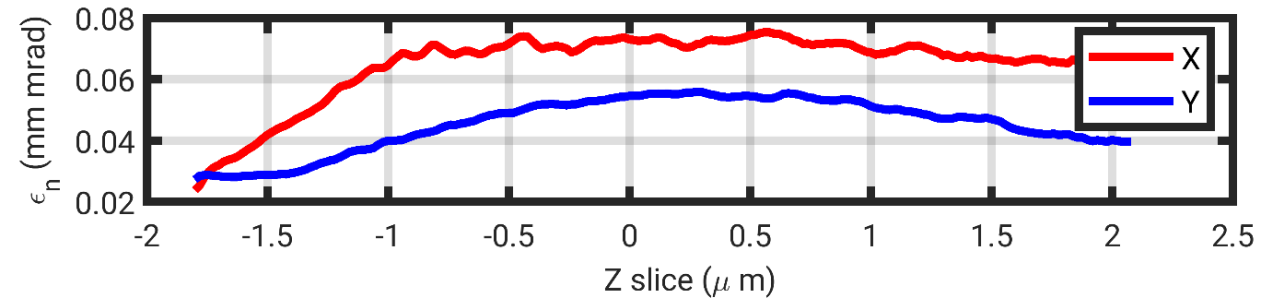
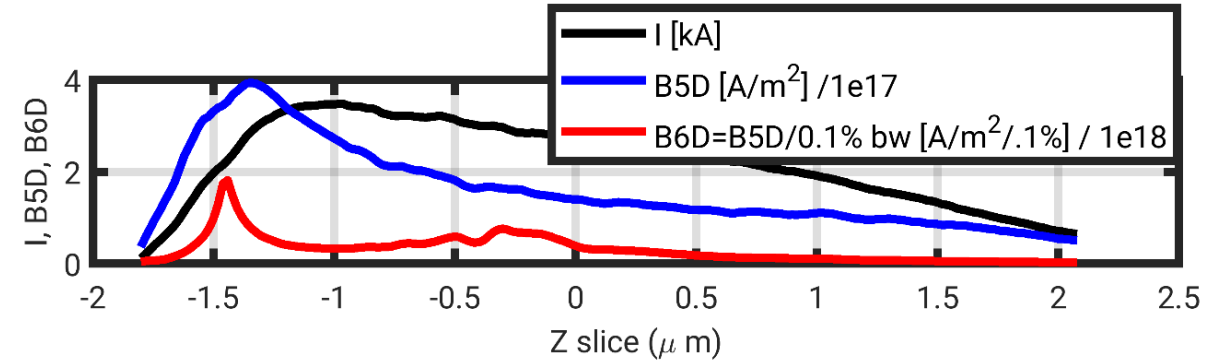
dE/E SLICE	ϵ_n SLICE	Q	I peak
0.05% (min)	<0.08 mmmrad	30 pC	3.5 kA

The slice analysis is FEL oriented and reveals outstanding peak values

$$B_{n,5D} = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{I}{\epsilon_{n,x} \epsilon_{n,y}}$$

$$B_{n,6D} = \frac{B_{n,5D}}{\delta E/E} \quad B_{n,6D}|_{peak} \approx 2 \times 10^{21} \text{ A/m}^2$$

$$B_{n,6D} = \frac{B_{n,5D}}{\delta E/E/0.1\%} \quad B_{n,6D} \approx 2 \times 10^{18} \text{ A/m}^2/0.1\%$$



About 90% of the slices
have $\sigma(E)/E < 0.1\%$

PROJECTED 6D brightness

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$$B_{n,6D} \approx 4 \times 10^{16} \text{ A/m}^2 / 0.1\%$$

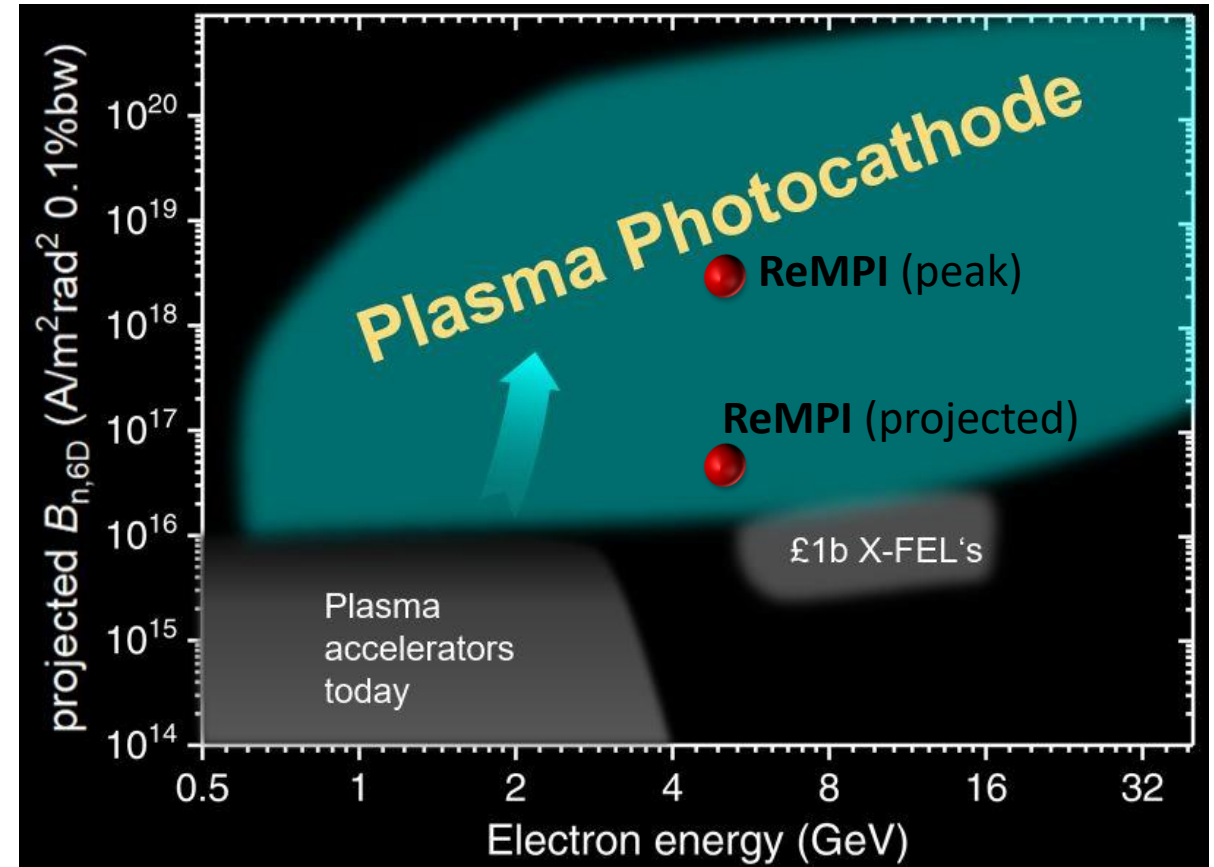
SLICE 6D PEAK Brightness

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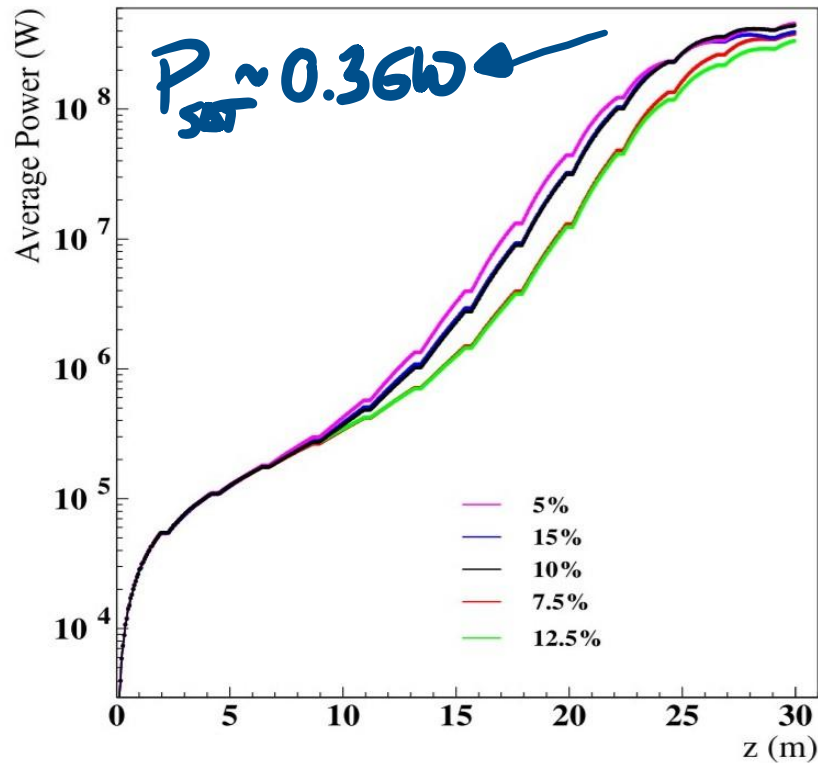
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<https://pwfa-fel.phys.strath.ac.uk>



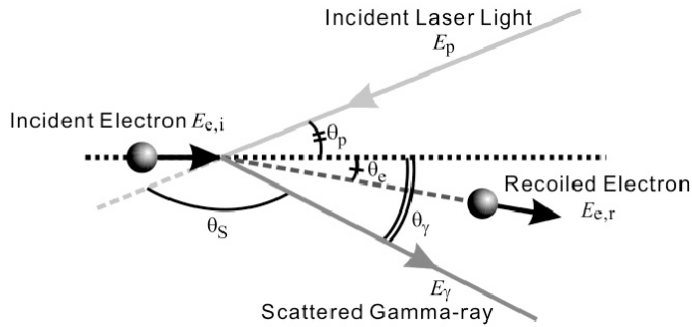
Start-to-end simulations from the ReMPI accelerator, the beam transport (**A. Giribono**) and the undulator (**F. Nguyen and L. Giannessi**). **Density-jitter** (in the downramp) **study**



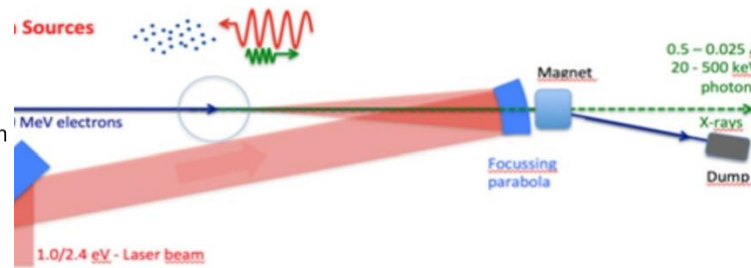
Genesis 1.3 simulations.

e-beam	L_G [m]	$E_p(z_{exit})$ [μ J]	λ_{exit} [nm]	N_γ /pulse [10^{10}]	N_γ /sec [10^{23}]
7.5%	1.753	9.28	0.152619	0.714	2.92
15%	1.781	9.60	0.152533	0.739	3.02
5%	1.912	11.15	0.152546	0.858	3.50
12.5%	1.756	8.22	0.152574	0.632	2.58
10%	1.791	10.78	0.152568	0.829	3.39

COMPTON SCATTERING



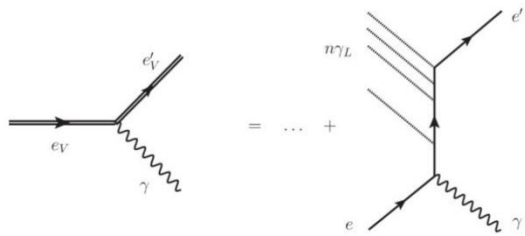
Thomson backscattering X ray source



THOMSON BACK-SCATTERING

If **recoil is negligible**, quantum effects can be neglected and a classical description of the fields can be done

$$\lambda_c / \gamma \ll \lambda_0 / 4\gamma^2 \Rightarrow \lambda_0 \gg \gamma \lambda_c$$



Courtesy of Luca Serafini INFN

$$\lambda_\gamma \simeq \lambda_0 \frac{1}{4\gamma^2} + \frac{h}{mc\gamma}$$

For a backscattered radiation

Example: Ti:Sa laser $\gamma \ll \lambda_0 / \lambda_c \simeq 10^5$

$\lambda_0 = 0.8 \mu m$

$$E_{electron} \leq 10^5 \text{ of GeV}$$

$$E_e = \gamma mc^2$$

$$\lambda_c = h/mc \simeq 2.4 \cdot 10^{-6} \mu m$$

$$\lambda_\gamma = \lambda_0 \frac{1 - \beta \cos \theta_S}{1 + \beta} + \frac{h}{mc\gamma} \frac{1 + \cos \theta_S}{1 + \beta}$$

Quantum recoil

Linear Thomson/Compton processes have been proposed as X/γ sources in the early 60's

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Nonlinear (flat-top) regime

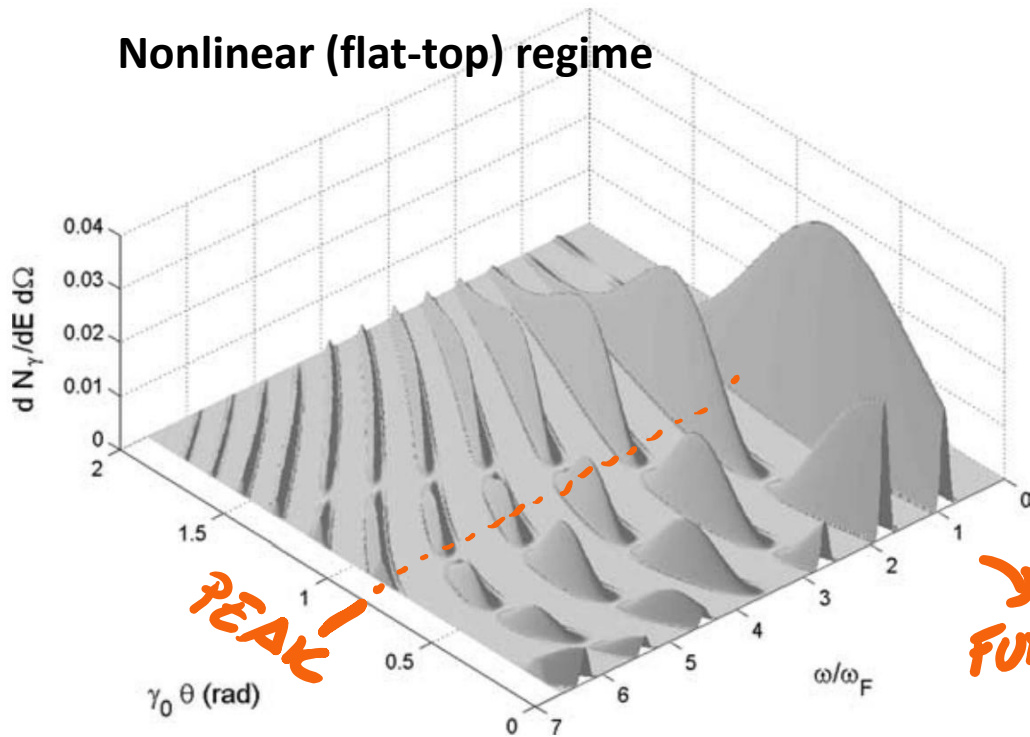


FIGURE 5 Spectral and angular distribution of the photons emitted by the head-on collision between a 5-MeV electron ($\gamma_0 = 10$) with an *off-axis* \vec{v} vector ($\theta_e = 50$ mrad, $\phi_e = \pi/2$) and a laser pulse of amplitude $a_0 = 1.5$, wavelength $\lambda_0 = 1 \mu\text{m}$ and duration $T_2 = 20$ fs. The radiation is collected at the azimuthal angle $\phi = \pi/2$ and the scattered-photon pulsation is shown in units of the fundamental frequency $\omega_F = \omega_0/\rho_0$ at ($\theta = \theta_e, \phi = \phi_e$)

$$K = a_0 = 1.5$$

$$\gamma = 10$$

$$\omega_{Res,n} \simeq 4\gamma^2 n \omega_0 / (1 + \gamma^2 \tilde{\theta}^2 + a_0^2/2)$$

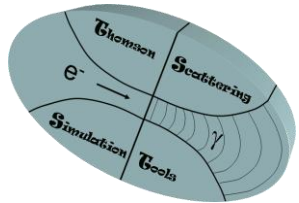
$$\tilde{\theta}^2 = \theta^2 + \theta_e^2 - 2\theta\theta_e \cos(\phi - \phi_e)$$

Angle between the emission direction and particle speed

Several (well separated) harmonics are produced.

The bandwidth of each harmonic is very low and they are well separated.

An increasing complexity with n of the angular distribution is found

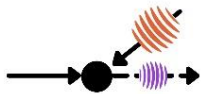


Thomson Scattering Simulations Tools (TSST) [P. Tomassini, 2005-]

Semi-analytical tool, particularly suitable for **very long pulses**. Uses analytical results from P. Tomassini et al., APB 80 (2005). TEM00 modes allowed with arbitrary longitudinal profiles. Perfect (or quasi-perfect) backscattering with the beam is supported.

* Thanks to D. Dreghici for the nice logo

ReINTS



Relativistic Nonlinear Thomson Scattering (ReINTS) [P. Tomassini, 2021-]

(**Brand new**) Fully numerical code, suitable for not-so-long pulses. **Structured** laser pulses and arbitrary incidence angles allowed. Fully parallelised

NOTE: the time distribution of the collected radiation is linked to the time distribution of the electron bunch by the simple kinematic relation (backscattering)

$$\sigma(t_X) \simeq \sigma(t_b) + T/(4\gamma^2)$$

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Beam

Pulse

«VERY Good bunches»

The photons energy spread is dominated by boost variation at different angles, **NOT** by energy spread and divergence of the bunch

$$\Psi \equiv \gamma \cdot \theta_c$$

Normalized acceptance

EXTREMELY USEFUL parameter

Angularly integrated spectrum

$$S(\omega) = (\mathcal{F}N_e) \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha}{64} \frac{T a_0^2}{\omega_0^2 \gamma^6} (\omega^2 - 4\omega\omega_0\gamma^2 + 8\omega_0^2\gamma^2) \\ \text{if } \frac{4\gamma^2\omega_0}{1 + \gamma^2\theta_{\text{Max}}^2} \leq \omega \leq 4\gamma^2\omega_0, \\ 0, \text{ otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\delta\omega/\omega \simeq \Psi^2(1 + \Psi^2/2); \text{ if } \Psi \ll 1 \Rightarrow \delta\omega/\omega \simeq \Psi^2$$

$$N_{\text{Acc}}(\psi) = (\mathcal{F}N_e) \frac{1}{2} \alpha \omega_0 T a_0^2 \psi^2 \frac{(1 + \psi^2 + 2\psi^4/3)}{(1 + \psi^2)^3}.$$

OVERLAP
factor

$$\propto Q$$

$$N_\gamma \propto \mathcal{E}/\omega_0^2$$

$$\text{if } \Psi \ll 1 \Rightarrow N_{\text{Acc}}(\Psi) \simeq \delta\omega/\omega \simeq \Psi^2$$

USEFUL RELATIONS for a «DECENT» BUNCH

«Decent bunches»

The bunch has **energy spread well below 100%**

Also, transverse momentum **u** does not exceed unity

$$\Psi \equiv \gamma \cdot \theta_c$$

Normalized acceptance

EXTREMELY USEFUL parameter

$$\psi_e = \sigma(|\vec{u}_\perp|) \approx \gamma \sigma(\theta_e) \quad \rightarrow \quad \sigma(\psi_e) < 1, \quad \sigma(\gamma)/\gamma \ll 1$$

Estimation of the final collected photons energy spread

$$\delta\omega/\omega \approx \Psi^2 + \sigma(u_\perp)^2 + 2\frac{\delta\gamma}{\gamma} + a_0^2/2$$

NOTE: some authors quote **WRONG** expressions as $(\epsilon_n/r)^2$ as for a bunch with **correlated** (x, u_x)

$$\epsilon_n/r < \sigma(u_\perp)$$

NOTE: IT IS USELESS TO REDUCE Ψ BELOW:

$$\Psi_{min}^2 \approx \sigma(u_\perp)^2 + 2\frac{\delta\gamma}{\gamma} + a_0^2/2$$

Energy Spread

$$(\delta\omega/\omega)_{min} \approx \sigma(u_\perp)^2 + 2\frac{\delta\gamma}{\gamma} + a_0^2/2$$

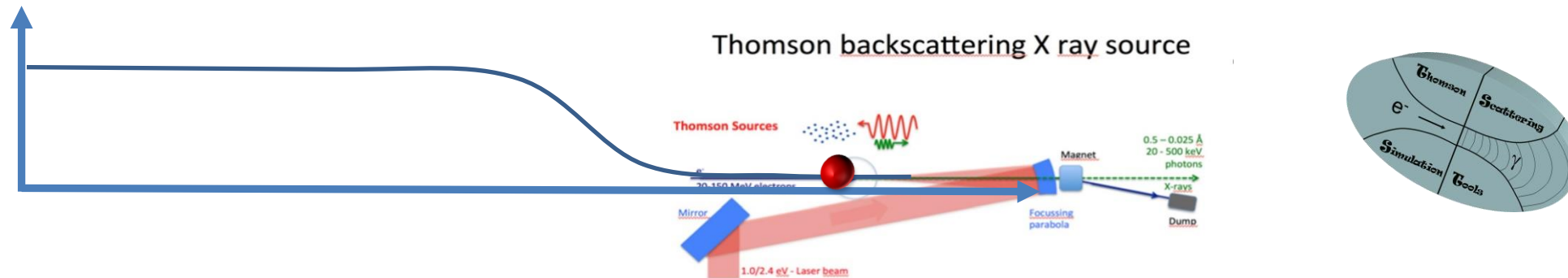
This means that it is useless to reduce the acceptance Ψ below the value dictated by beam quality

Projected beam quality @ downramp

dE/E	Q	$\sigma(u \text{ perp.})$	$\sigma(x \text{ perp.})$	$\sigma(x \text{ long.})$
0.9%	32pC	0.12	0.75 μm	1 μm

$$(\delta\omega/\omega)_{min} \simeq \sigma(u_{\perp})^2 + 2\frac{\delta\gamma}{\gamma} + a_0^2/2$$

$$(\delta\omega/\omega)_{min} \approx 5\%$$



Counterpropagating pulse Yb:YAG (1.053 μm)

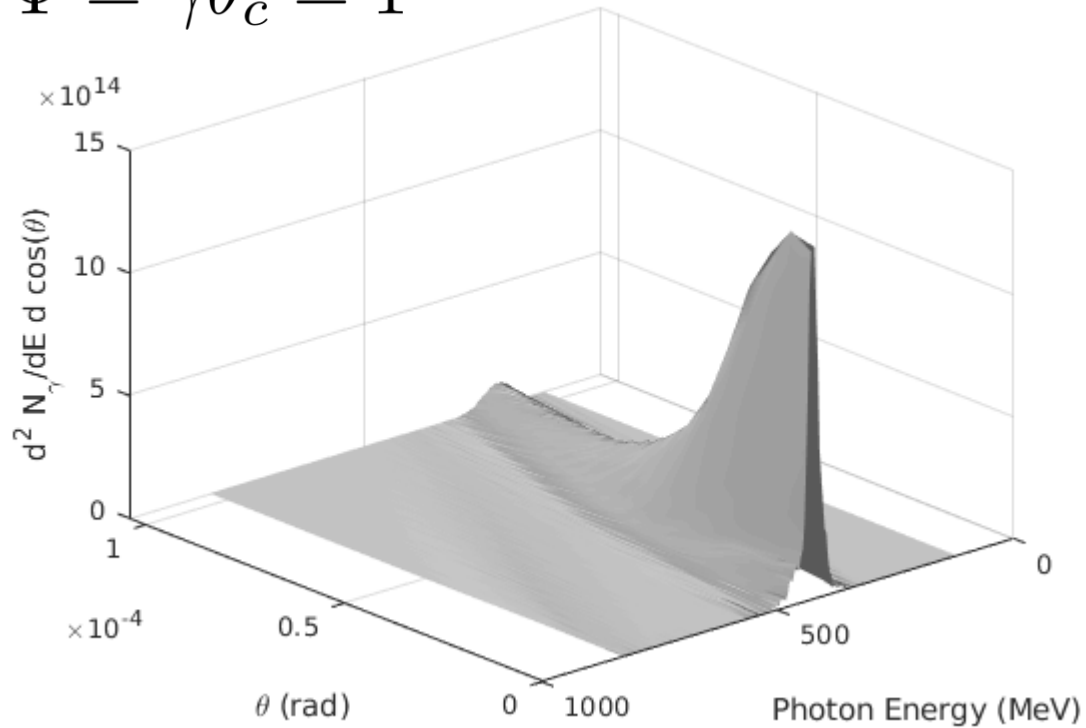
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Energy	Duration	w0	a0
1J	2ps	12.5 μm	0.2

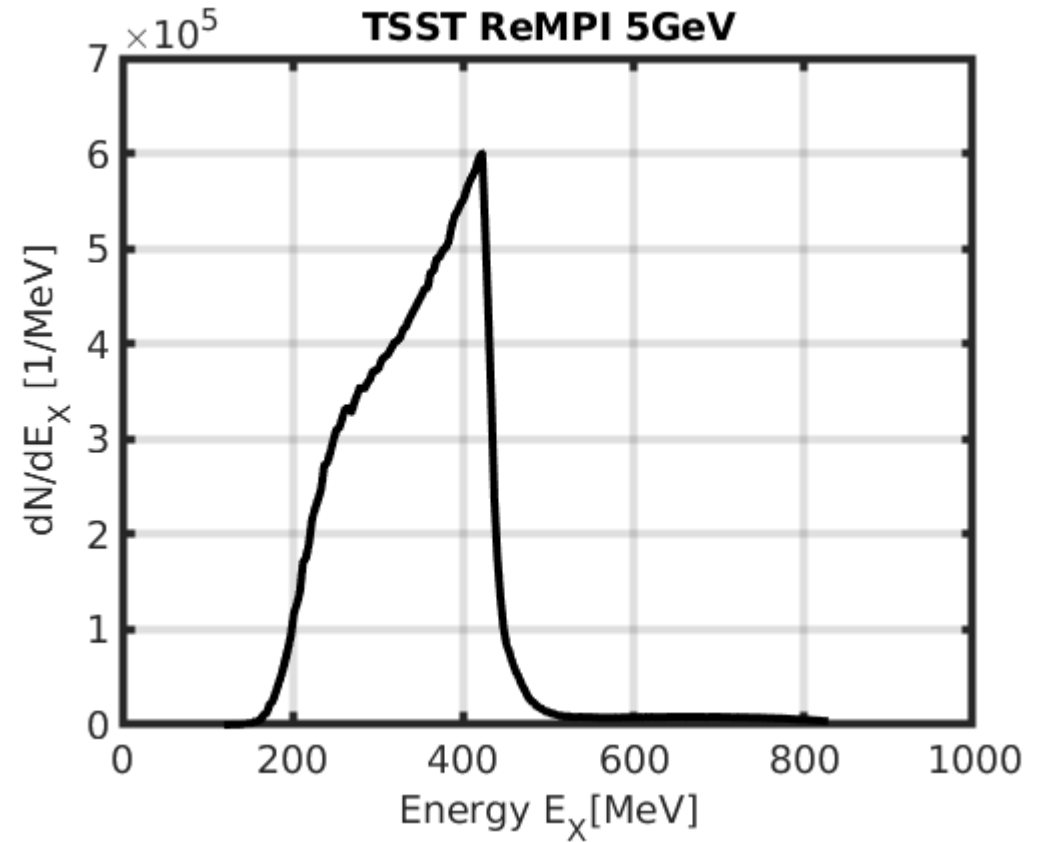
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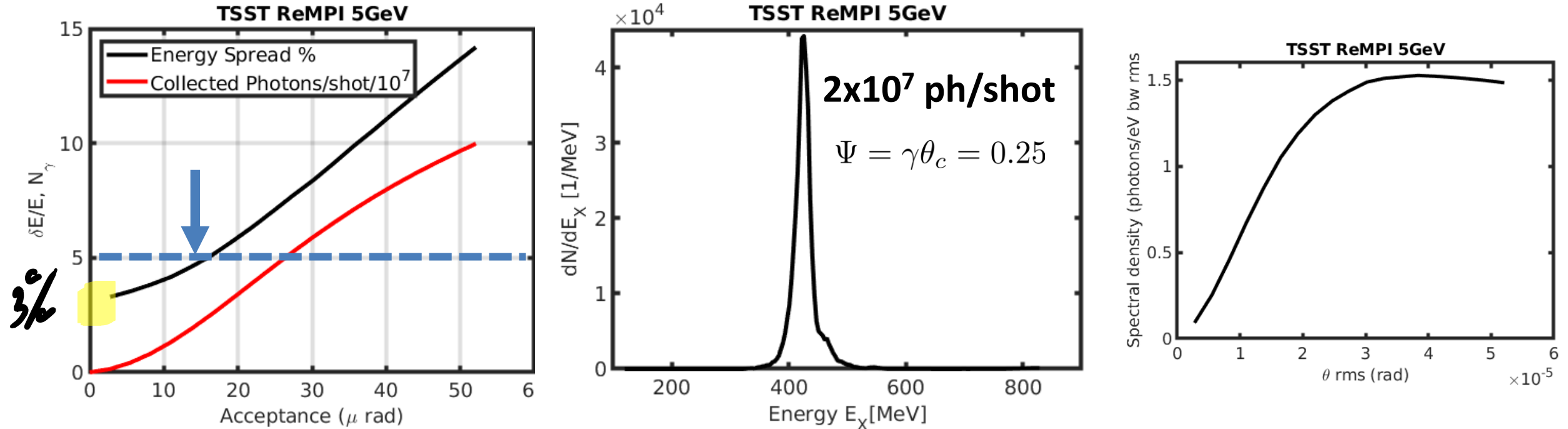
Large acceptance yield

$$\Psi = \gamma \theta_c = 1$$



1.0×10^8 ph/shot



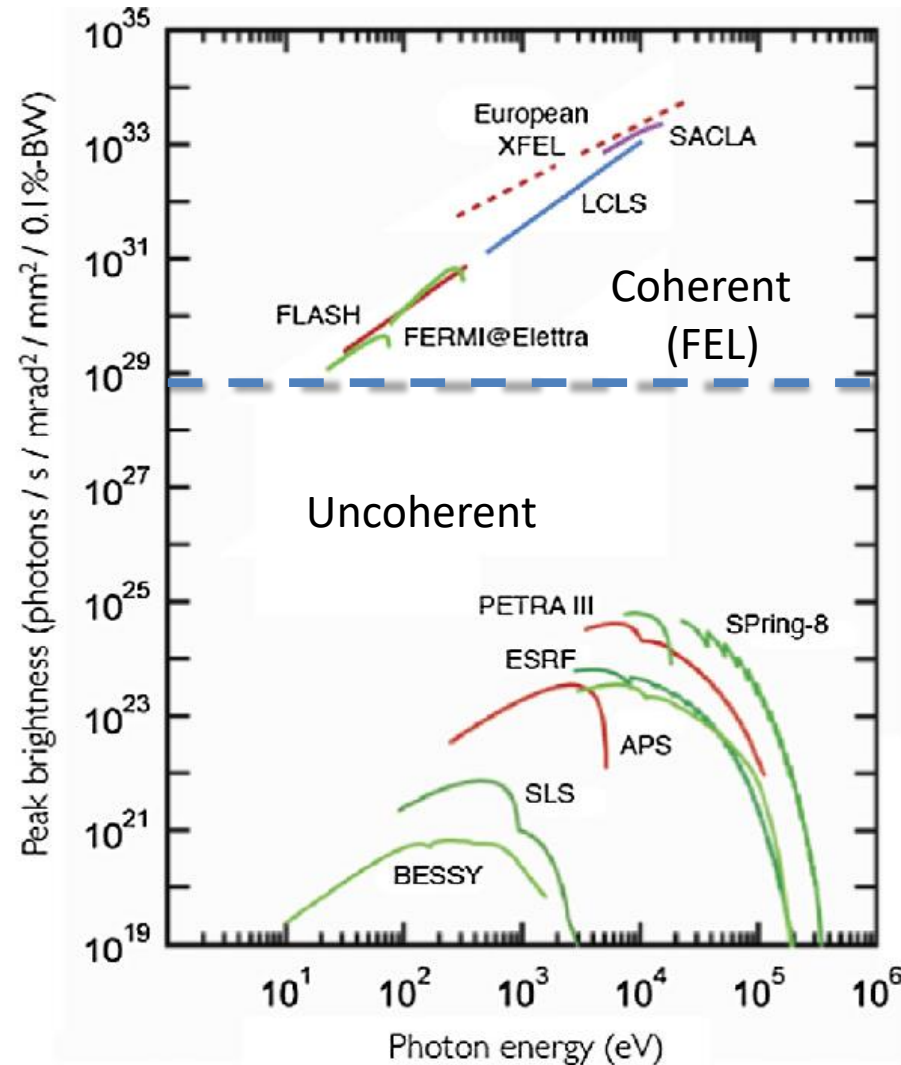


3%

Selecting a normalised acceptance of $\Psi = \gamma\theta_c = 0.25$ a quasi monochromatic source (FWHM energy spread of 5%) 2×10^7 ph/shot can be obtained.

$$B = \frac{N_{ph} \%obw}{\delta t_\gamma (s) S (mm^2) \theta_{max}^2 (mrad^2)} = 2 \cdot 10^{28} \text{ ph}/(s \cdot mm^2 \cdot mrad^2 \cdot \%obw)$$

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Thank you for your attention

