

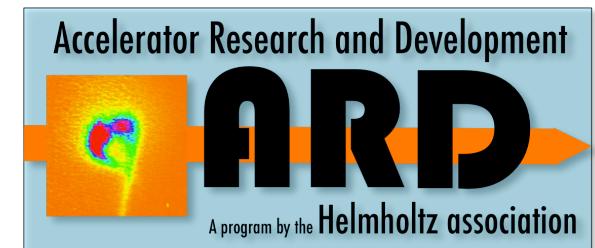
# ACCELERATOR PHYSICS CHALLENGES TOWARDS A PLASMA ACCELERATOR WITH USABLE BEAM QUALITY

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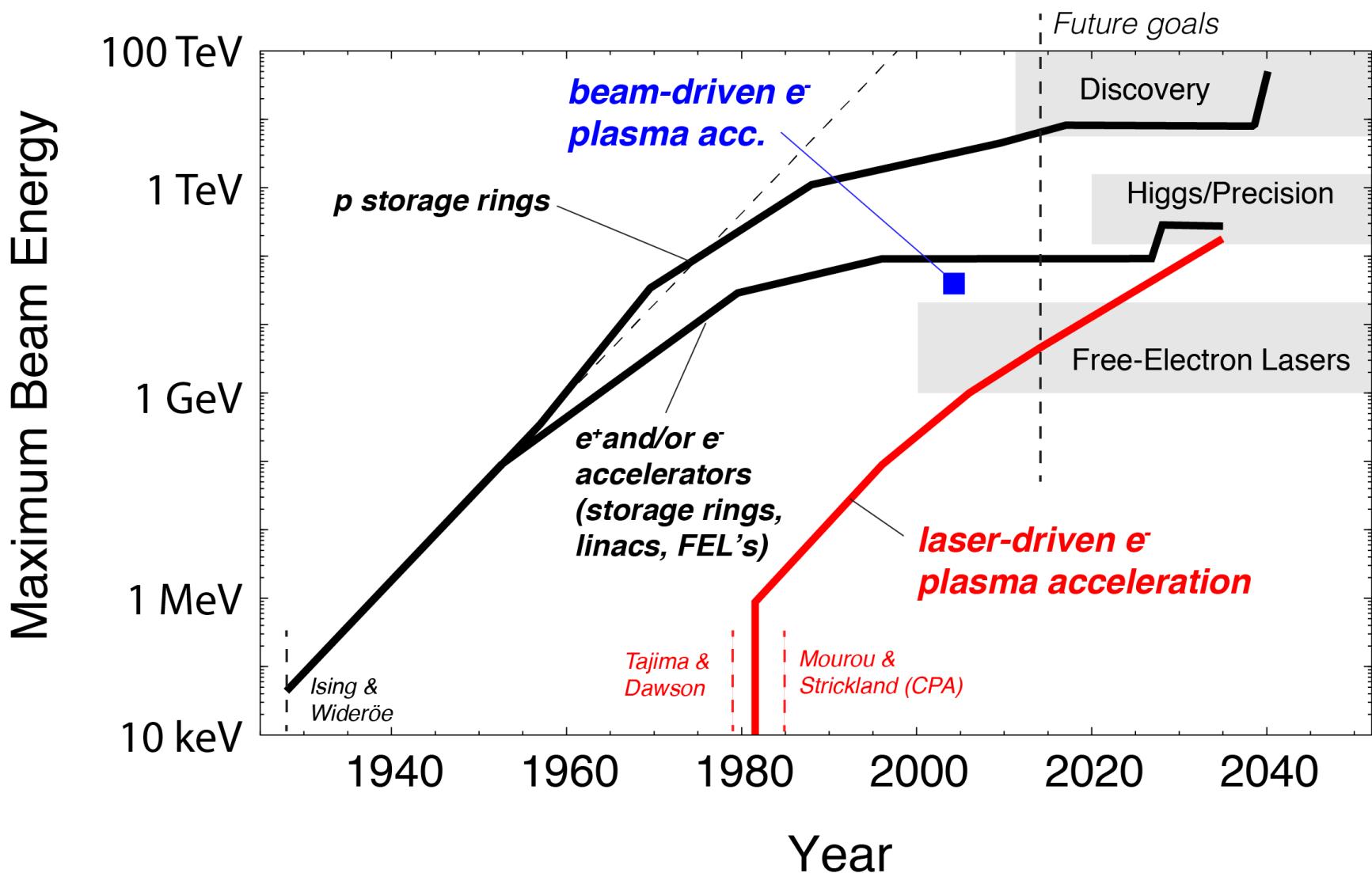


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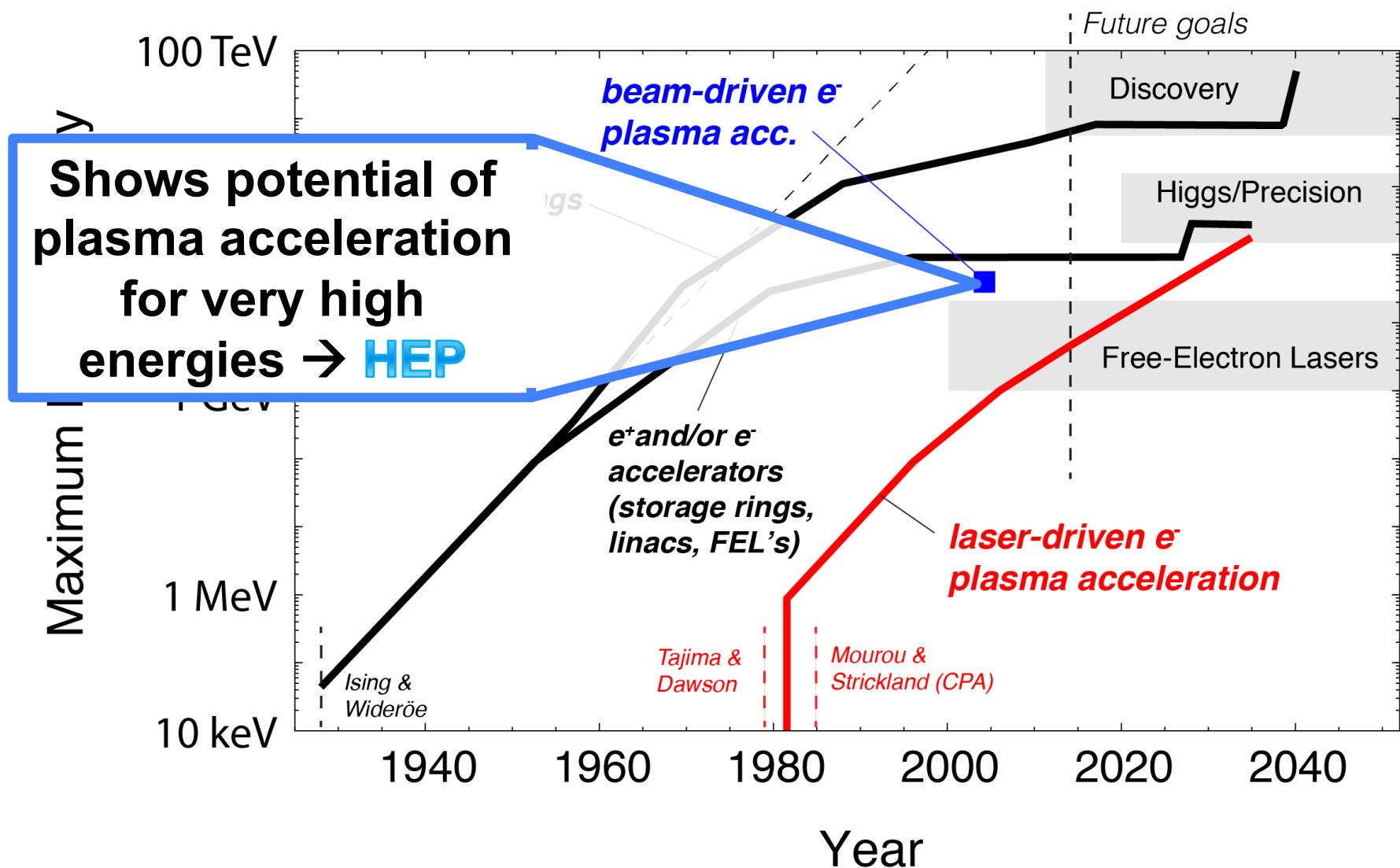
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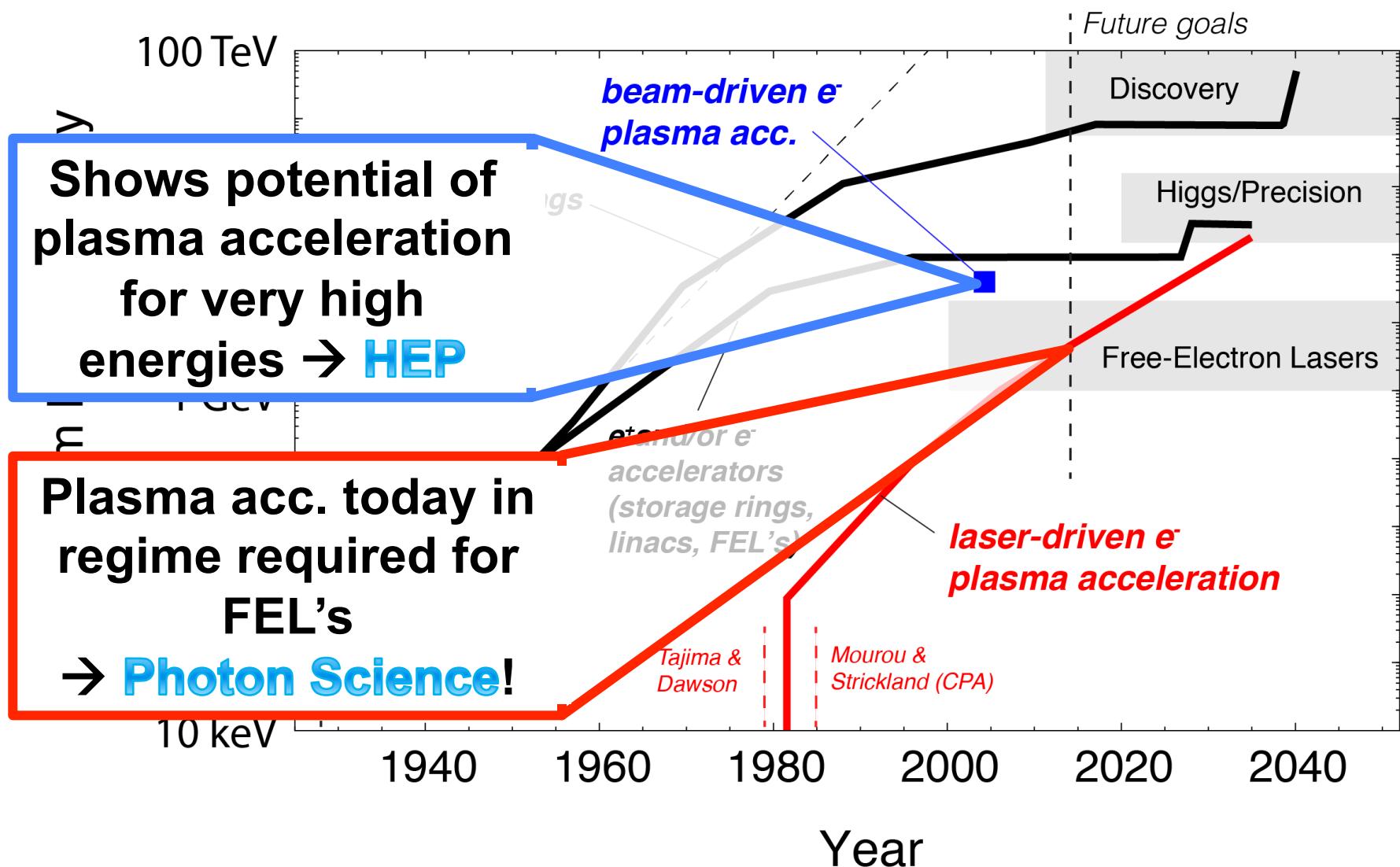
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# Status

- > Several – many **GeV beam energy indeed being produced** within a few cm to 1 m! Energy is compatible with user needs in photon science. Reproducible ...
- > Field is progressing rapidly, with an **exponential increase of beam energy versus time for laser-driven plasma acceleration** (driven by progress in high power lasers).
- > Then: **Why is there no user facility relying on plasma accelerator technology?**
- > Technical reasons: Low average power, low efficiency → being worked on e.g. in laser projects. Not discussed here.
- > Accelerator physics reasons: **Beam quality...**

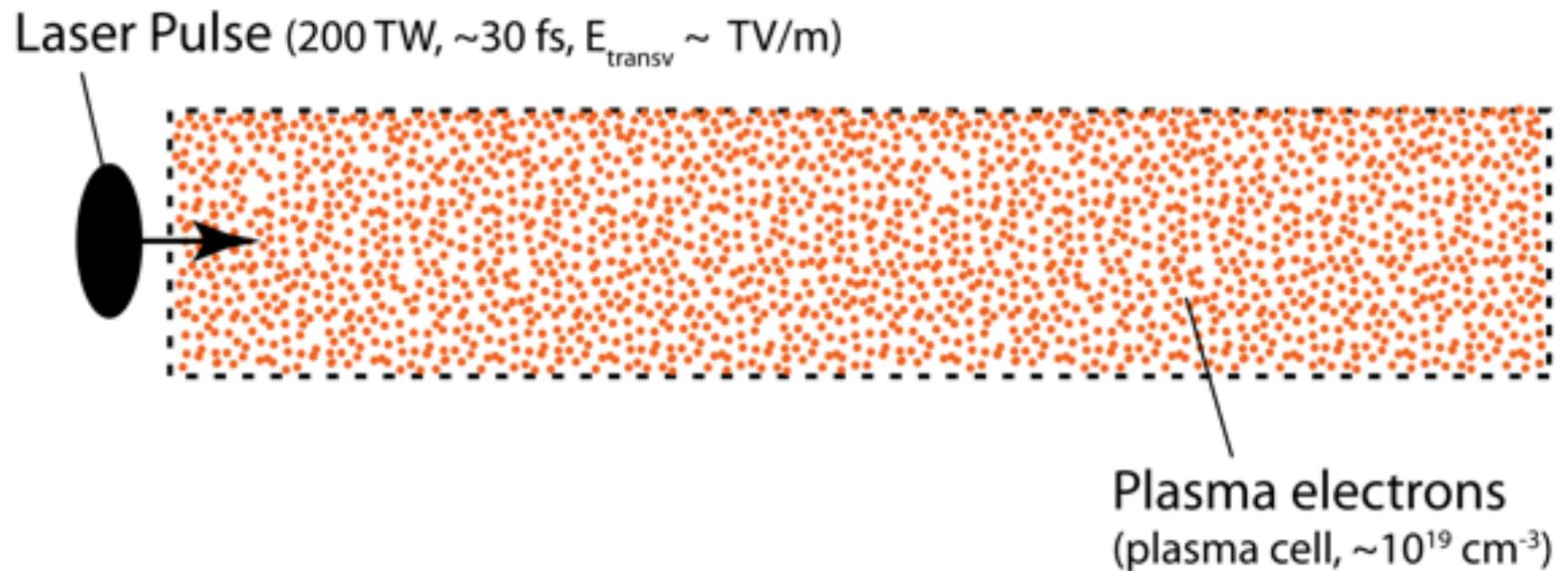


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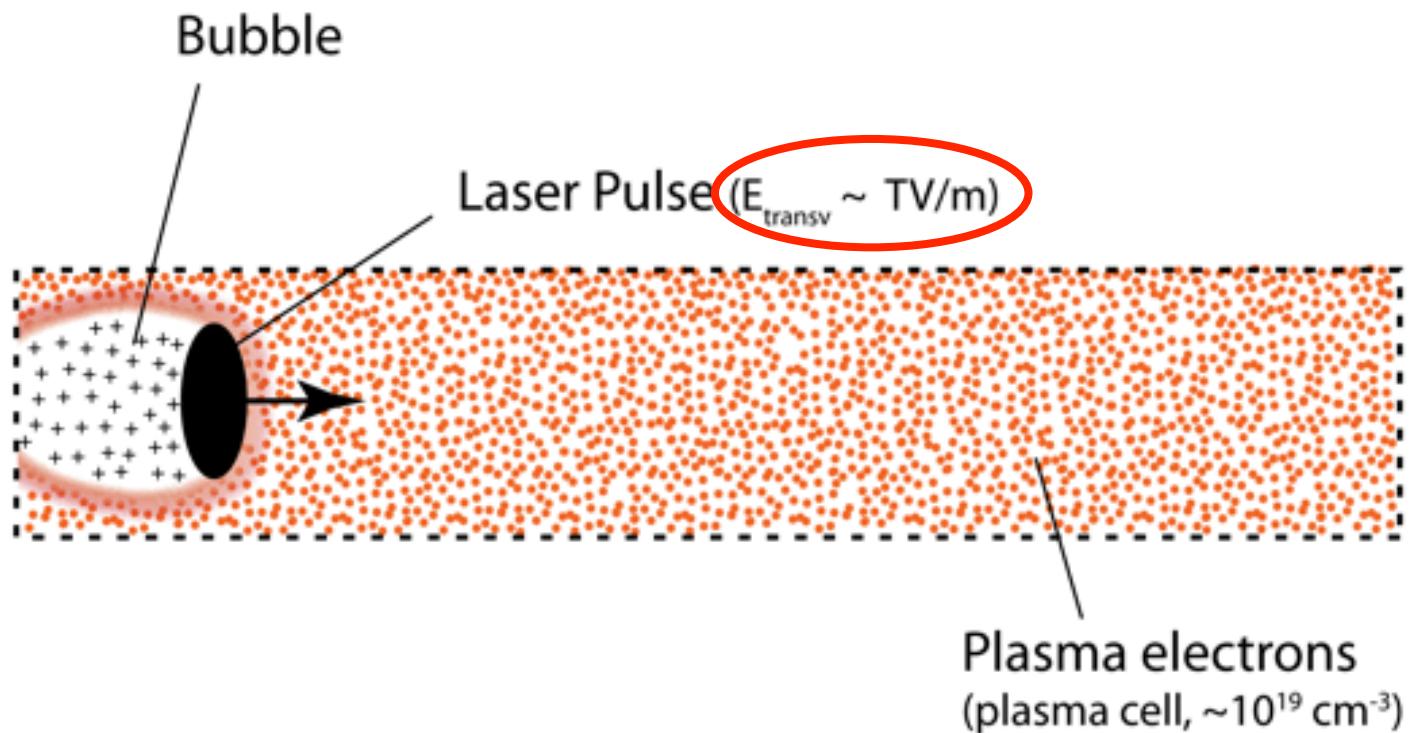
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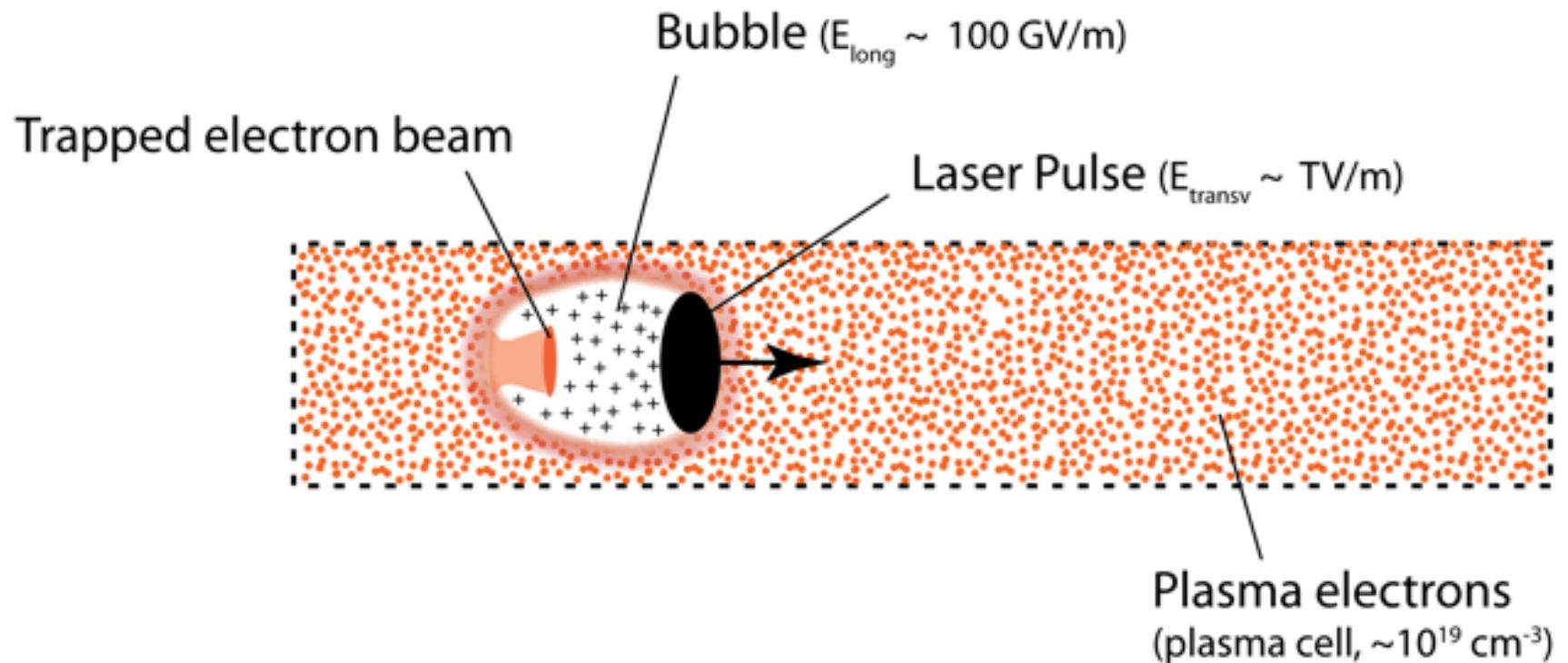
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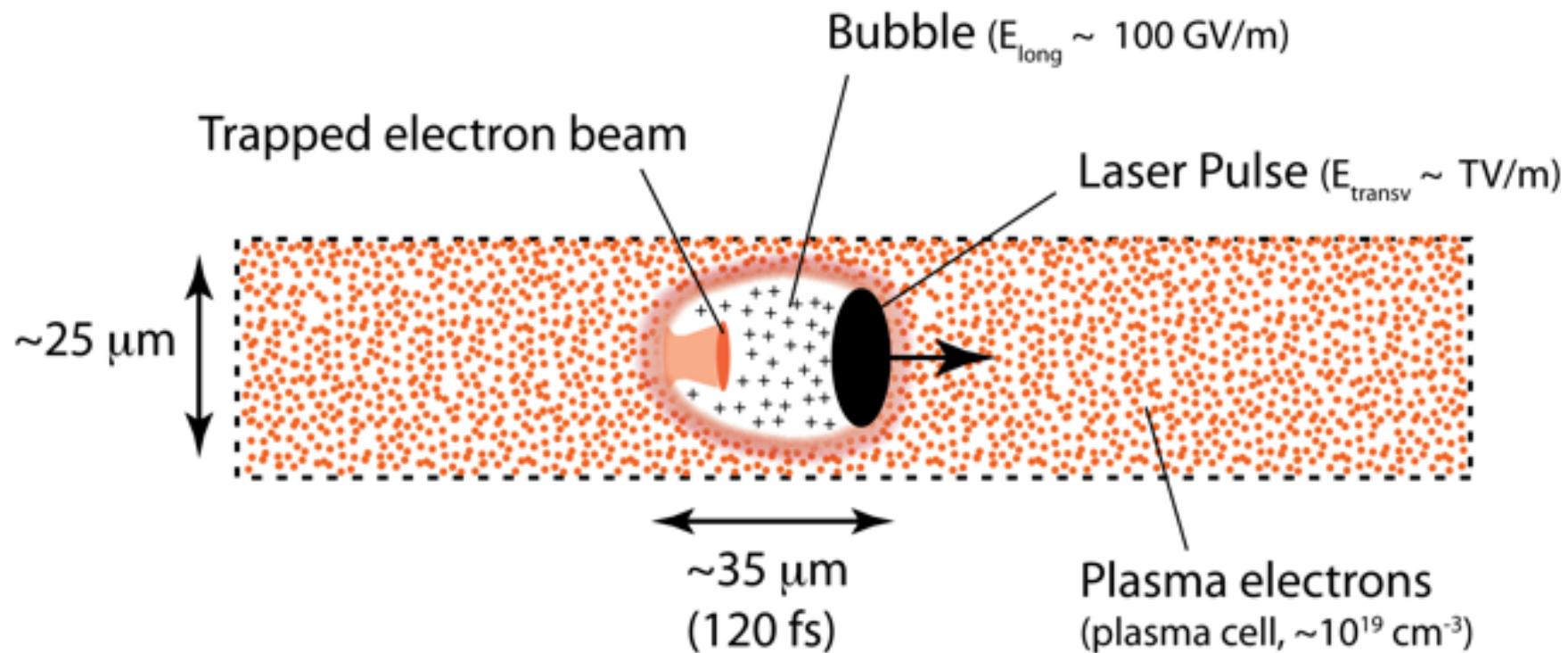
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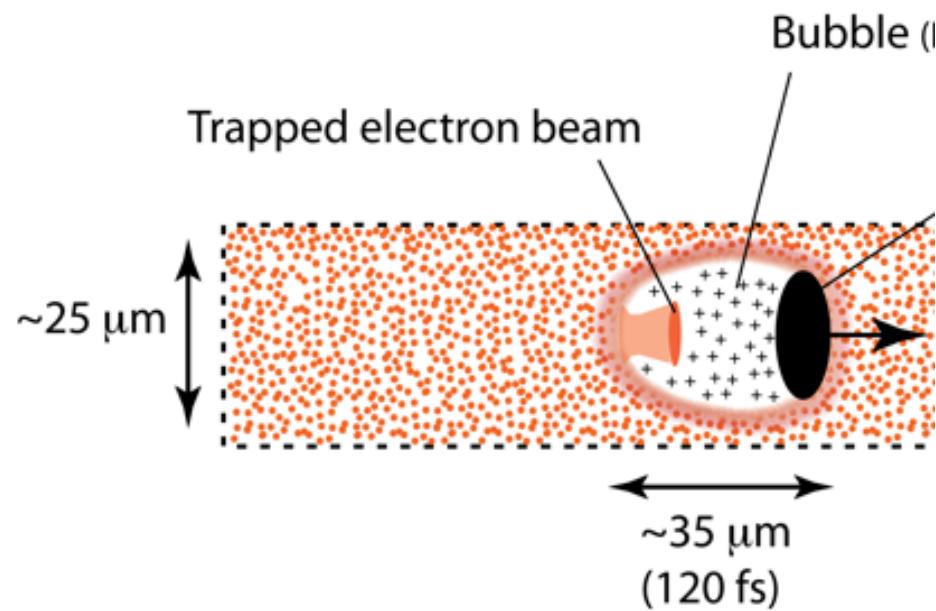


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This accelerator fits into a human hair!

# Reminder: Plasma-Acceleration (Internal Injection)



- This proved highly successful with electron bunches of **up to 4.5 GeV produced over a few cm.**
- Small dimensions involved → few **micron tolerances!**
- Highly compact but also **highly complex** accelerator: generation, bunching, focusing, acceleration, (wiggling) all in one small volume.
- Energy spread and stability at the few % level.

# External Injection

Electron beam

Laser Pulse (200 TW, ~25 fs,  $E_{\text{transv}} \sim \text{TV/m}$ )

Plasma electrons  
(plasma cell,  $\sim 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )



Electron beam

Plasma cavity ( $E_{\text{long}} \sim 10 \text{ GV/m}$ )

Laser Pulse ( $E_{\text{transv}} \sim \text{TV/m}$ )

$\sim 70 \mu\text{m}$

$\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$   
(330 fs)

Plasma electrons  
(plasma cell,  $\sim 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )

Can we do better with  
external injection?

# Plasma Accelerator Physics I

- A plasma of density  $n_0$  (same density electrons - ions) is characterized by the **plasma frequency**:

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

- This translates into a **wavelength** of the plasma oscillation:

$$\lambda_p \approx 1\text{mm} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{10^{15}\text{cm}^{-3}}{n_0}}.$$

**0.3 mm for  $n_0 = 10^{16}\text{cm}^{-3}$**

- The wavelength gives the longitudinal size of the plasma cavity...  
Lower plasma density is good: larger dimensions.



# Plasma Accelerator Physics II

- The plasma oscillation leads to **longitudinal accelerating fields** with a gradient of (higher plasma densities are better):

$$W_z = 96 \cdot \frac{V}{m} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n_0}{\text{cm}^{-3}}} \quad \text{9.6 GV/m for } 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

- The **group velocity of the laser in a plasma** is as follows ( $\omega_p \ll \omega_l$ . Note:  $\omega_l$  is laser frequency):

$$v_g = c \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_l^2}}$$

- The laser-driven wakefield has a lower velocity than a fully relativistic electron → slippage and dephasing. Lower densities are better.

# Electrons, Plasma and Laser: Parameters

## e- beam for injection

Parameter	Unit	Value
Energy	MeV	100
Charge	pC	0.5 – 12
Energy spread	%	0.1
Norm. emittance	mm- mrad	0.3
Transv. size	µm	5
Bunch length	µm	3 – 12

## Laser (Thales)

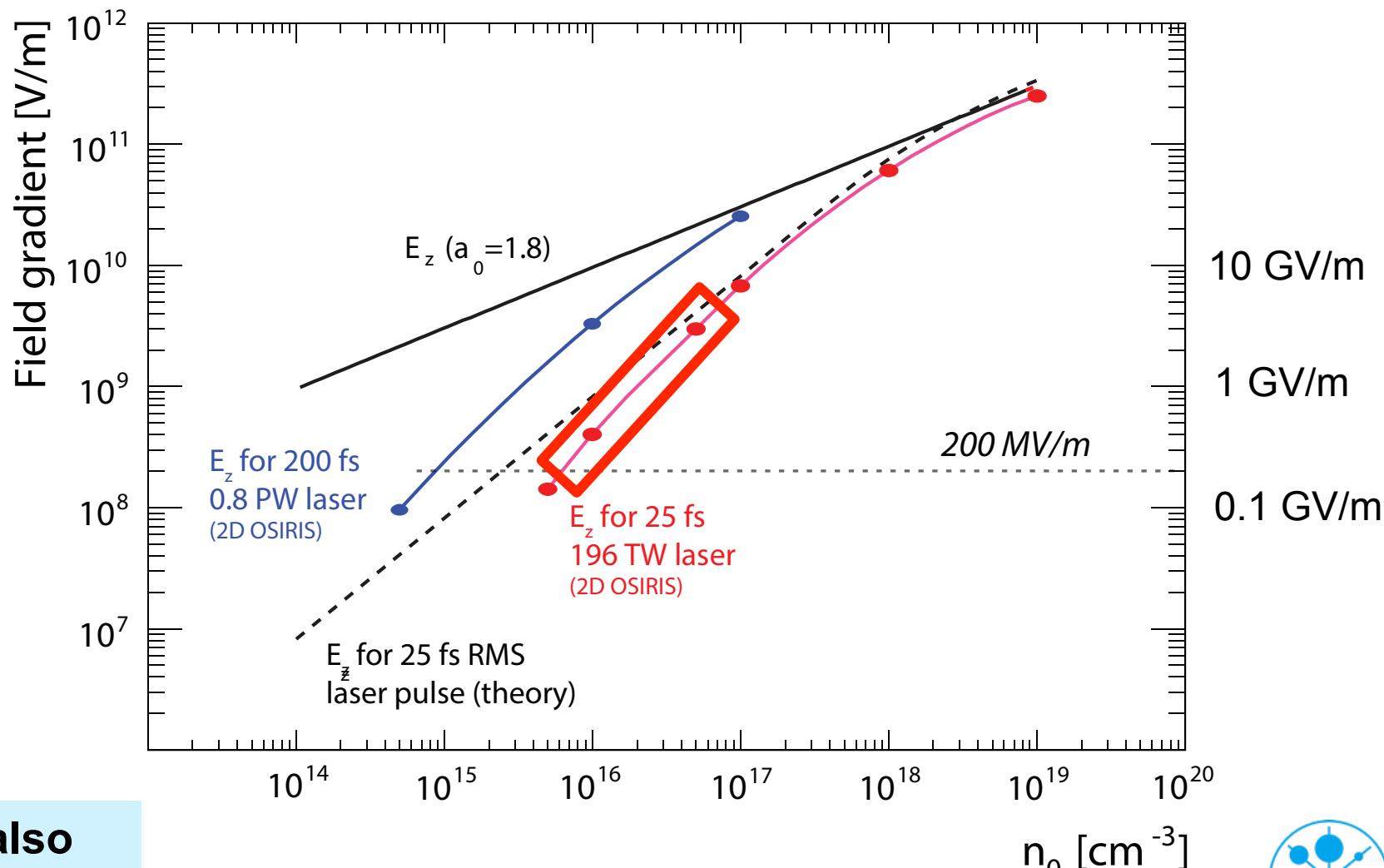
Parameter	Unit	Value
Wavelength	nm	815
Pulse length	fs	25
Spot size	µm	50
Energy	J	5
Peak power	TW	200
Pointing stability	µrad	3
Energy stability	%	1.5

## Plasma

Density      cm<sup>-3</sup>       $0.5 \times 10^{16}$ - $10^{18}$

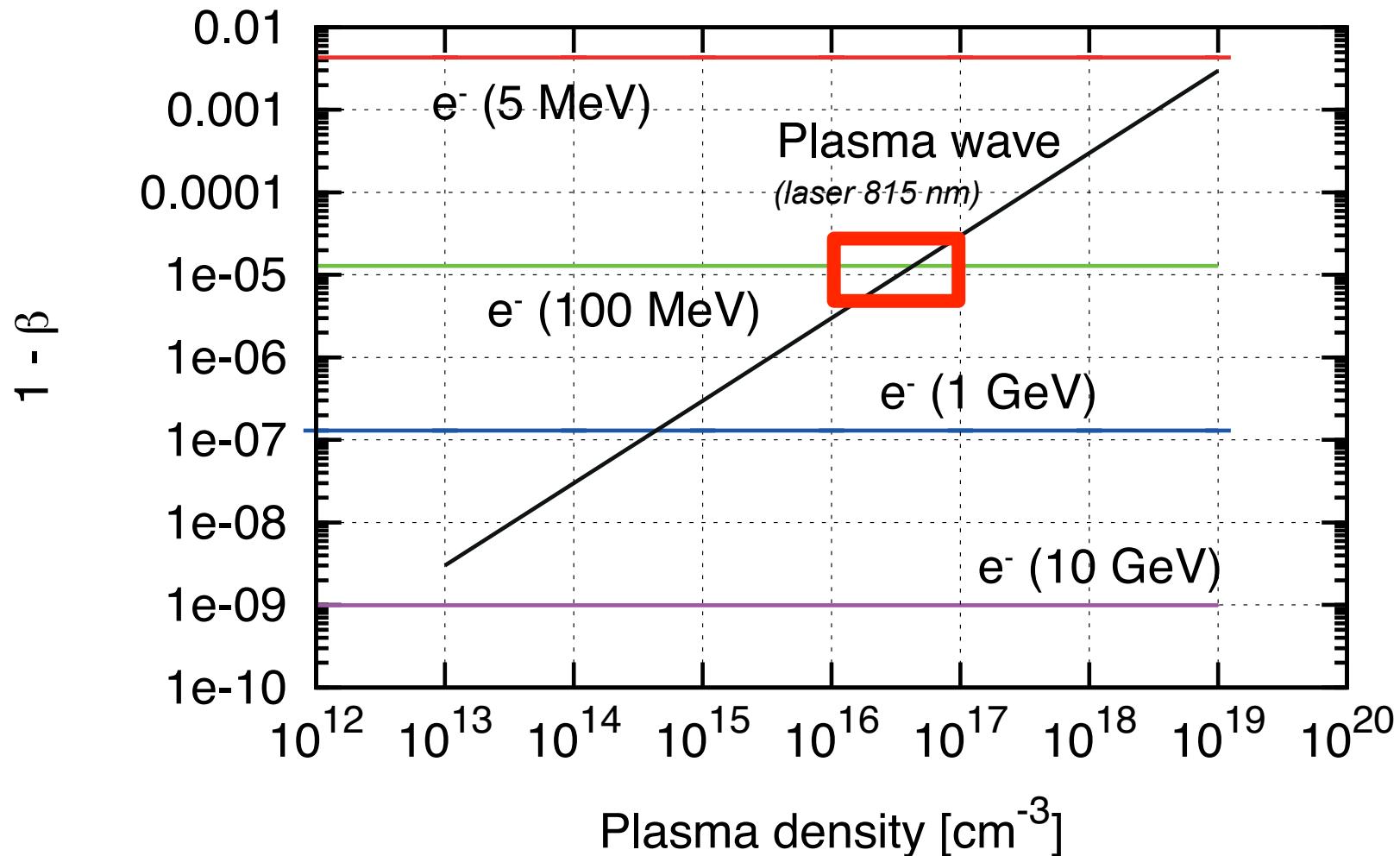
# Minimum Useful Plasma Density

- Depends on technology to excite plasma. **Here we consider laser-driven...**



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# Beam Energy for Injected Electron Bunch



# Electrons, Plasma and Laser: Parameters

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# Plasma Accelerator Physics III

- The ion channel left on axis, where the beam passes, induces an **ultra-strong focusing field**. In the simplest case:

$$g = 960 \pi \cdot \left( \frac{n_0}{10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right) \text{ T/m}$$

**300 kT/m for  $10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$**

- This can be converted into a **optical beta function** (lower density is better , as beta function is larger)::

$$k_\beta^2 = 0.2998 \frac{g}{E} \quad \beta = \frac{1}{k_\beta}$$

**$\beta = 1.1 \text{ mm for } 100 \text{ MeV}$**

- The **phase advance** in the plasma channel is rapid:

$$\psi(s) = \int k_\beta s \, ds \propto \sqrt{E}$$

# Plasma Accelerator Physics IV

- The **matched beam size** in the ion channel is small:

$$\sigma_0 = \sqrt{\beta\varepsilon}$$

$$\sigma_0 = 1.3 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \text{ for } \gamma\varepsilon = 0.3 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

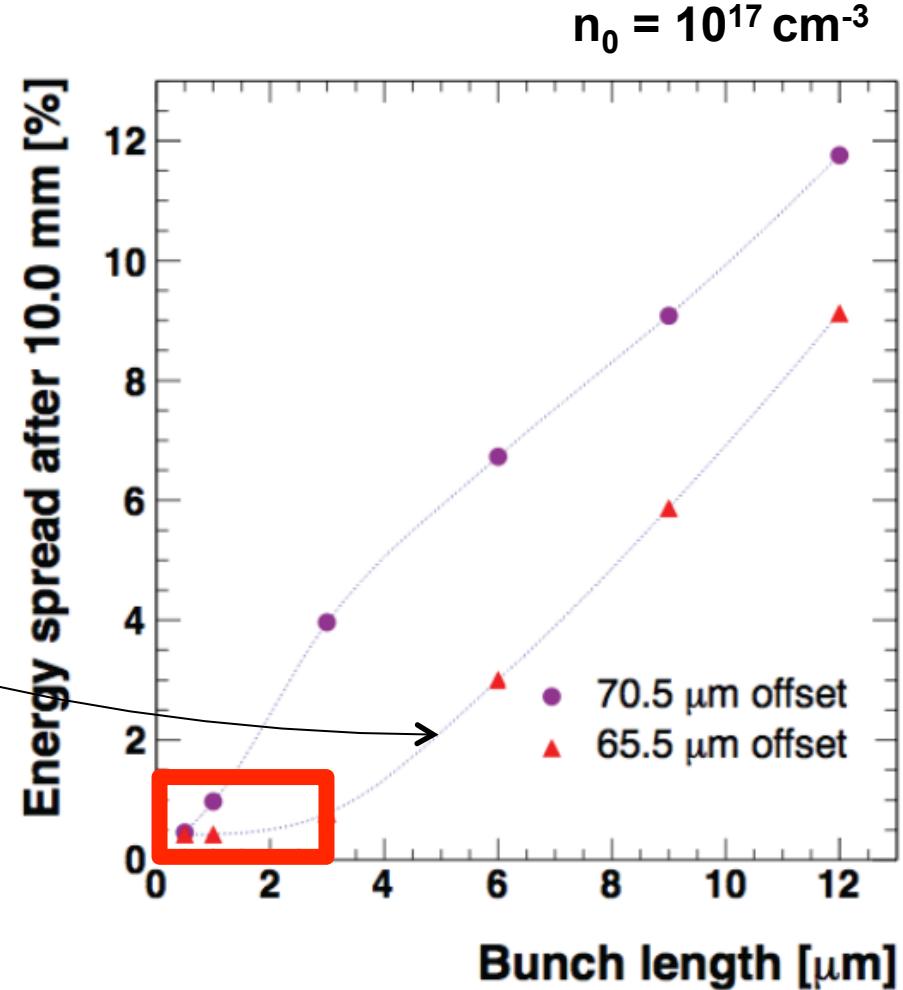
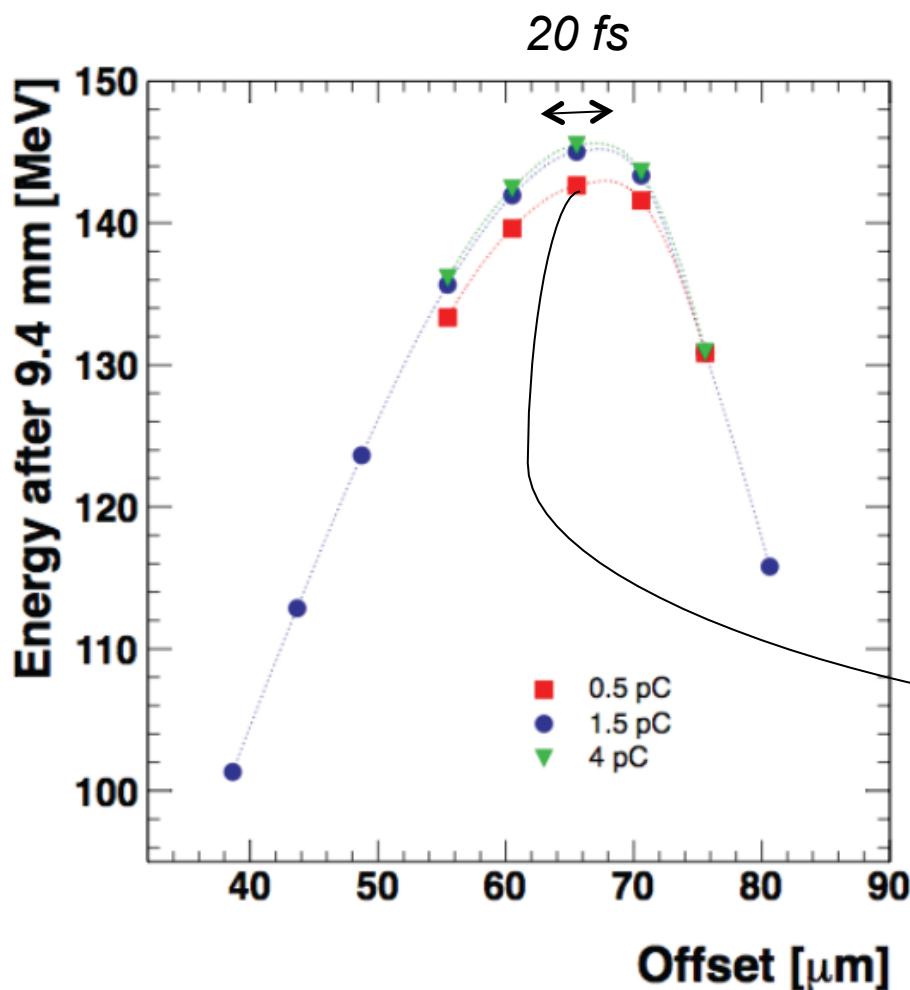
- Offsets between laser and beam centres will induce betatron oscillations. Assume: full dilution into emittance growth (energy spread and high phase advance).
- Tolerances for **emittance growth** due to offsets  $\Delta x = \sigma_x$ :

$$\frac{\Delta\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0} = \left( \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_0} \right)^2$$

$$100\% \text{ for } 1.3 \text{ } \mu\text{m offset}$$

- Lower plasma density better: larger matched beam size, bigger tolerances.

# Energy + Energy Spread after $\approx 1$ cm Plasma



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# Beam Loading to Flatten Wakefield

S. van der Meer – T. Katsouleas

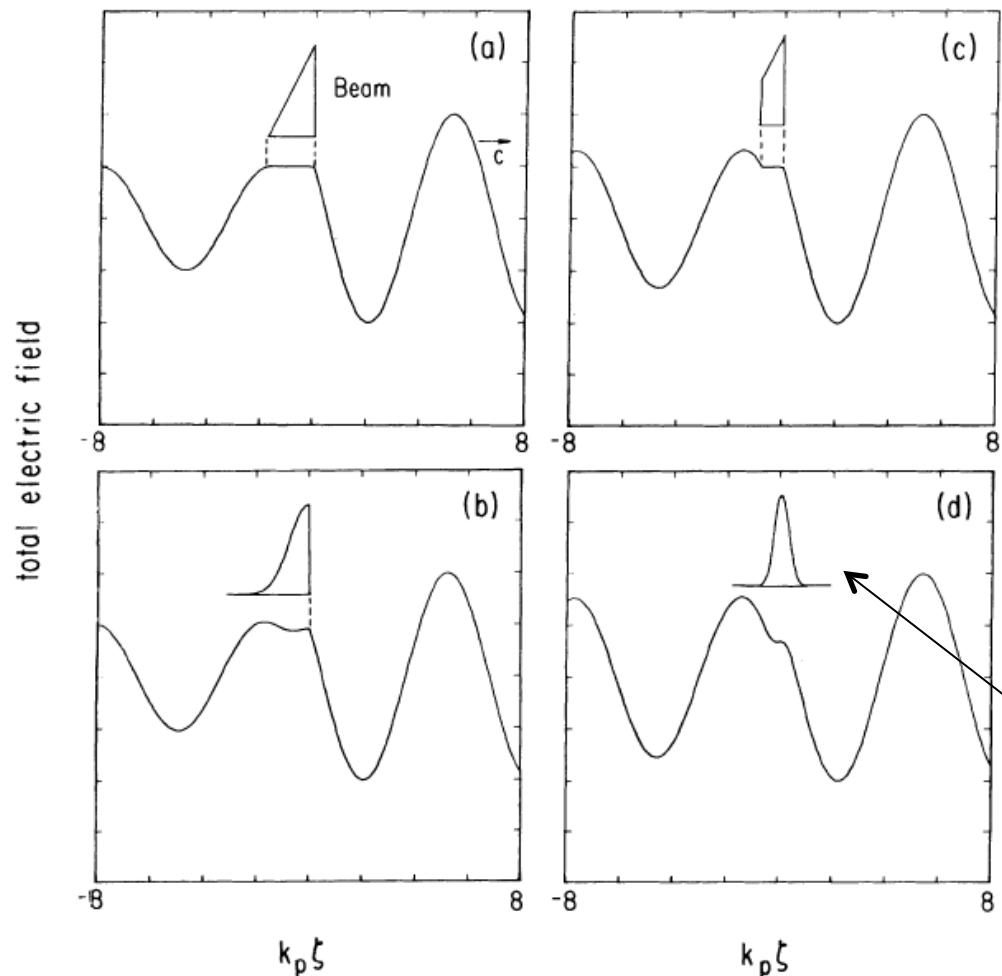


FIGURE 4 Total electric field for various beam shapes: (a) triangle [Eq. (22),  $N = 3N_0/4$ ,  $k_p \zeta_0 = \pi/3$ ], (b) half-Gaussian of same number of particles, (c) truncated triangle ( $N = 9N_0/16$ ), and (d) Gaussian of same number as (c).

Katsouleas, T., et al. Beam Loading in Plasma Accelerators. Particle Accelerators, 1987, Vol. 22, pp. 81-99 (1987)

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- Idea: Simon van der Meer – CLIC Note No. 3, CERN/PS/85-65 (AA) (1985).
- Shape the electron beam to get optimized fields in the plasma, e.g. minimize energy spread.
- Study: Tom Katsouleas.

This case we simulated.  
Other cases to come.

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# Plasma Accelerator Projects

## > Our **vision for going towards user capabilities**:

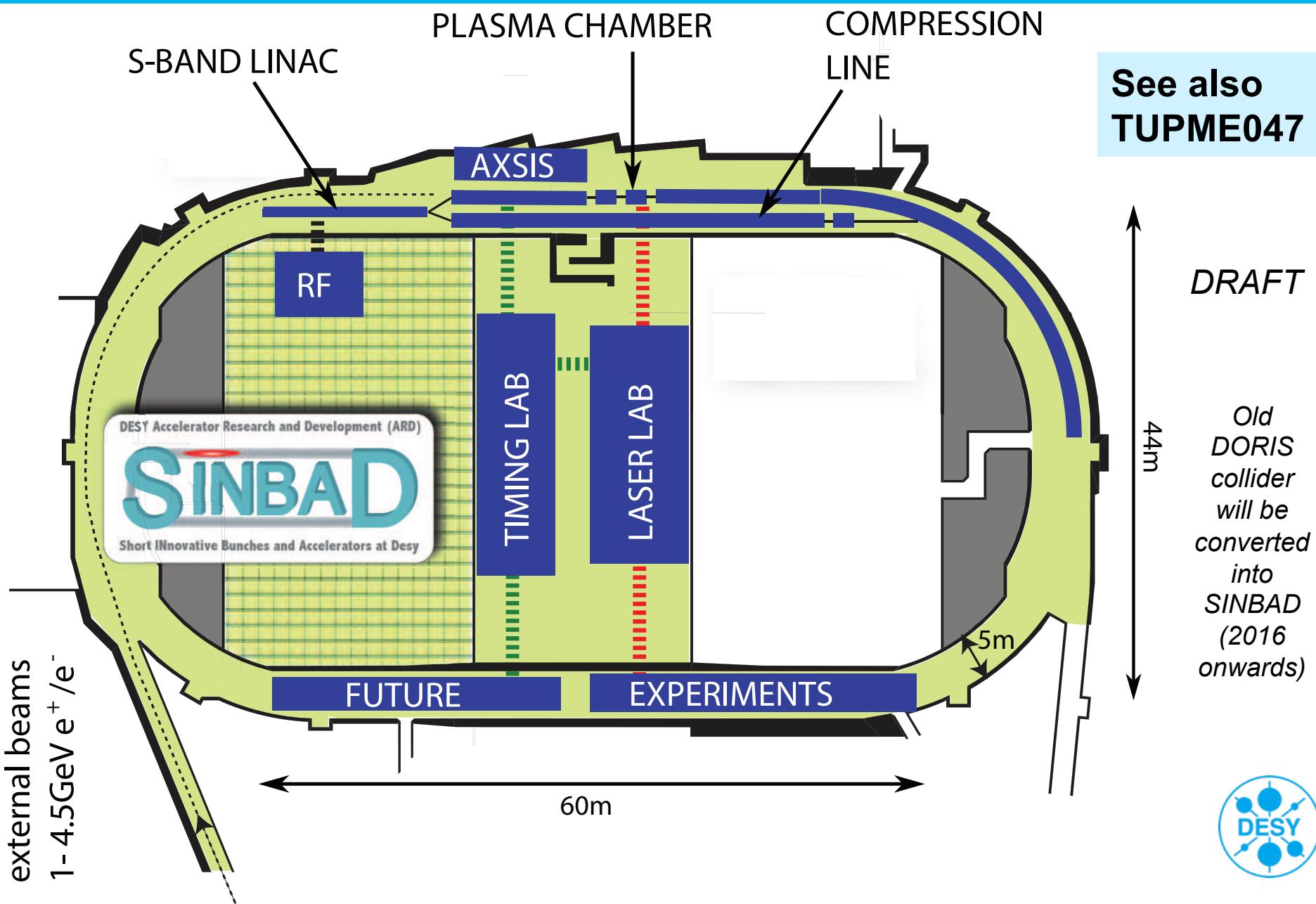
- Prepare external injection. Advantages: known beam in, measure the transfer function of the plasma, scans possible (Q, offset, length), can be staged,... Disadvantages: tolerances
- Generate short injected bunch ( $\leq 10$  fs), shaping of bunch shape (van der Meer), small emittance (photo injector), fs synchronization (photon science), small beta function (HEP squeeze). We think we can get close or match the requirements with latest technology.
- As low as possible plasma densities to start in most simple conditions. Larger matched beam size, relaxed tolerances, ... Adiabatic matching into plasma (Whittum, 1989).
- The success will be all in accuracy, tolerances, precision! We mastered this in conventional accelerators.

## > Now: **Build the suitable e<sup>-</sup> injector for plasma...**

Some projects (not complete overview – many more)...



# SINBAD – Short Innovative Bunches & Accelerators at DESY

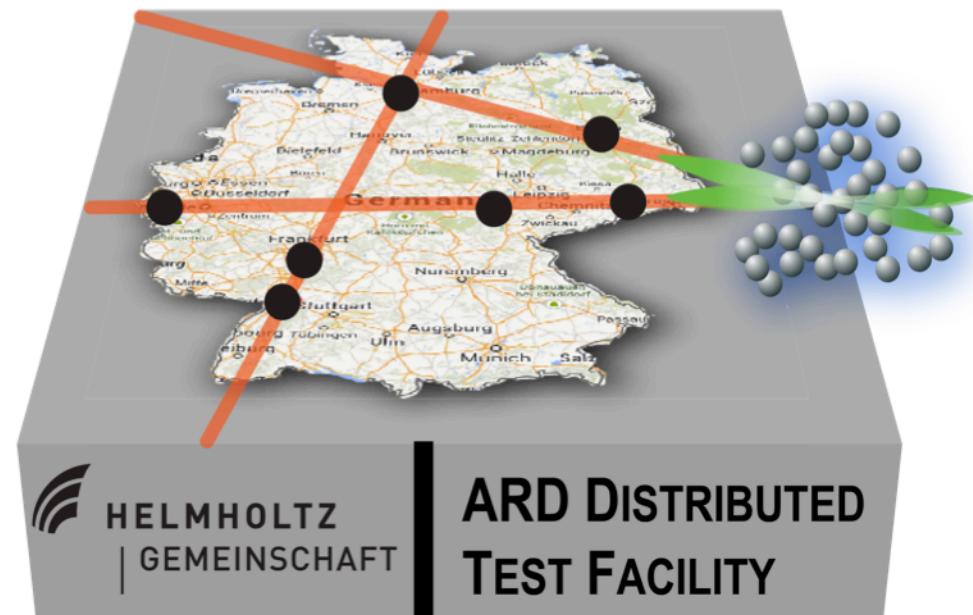


# SINBAD: Concept and Idea

- > SINBAD **multi-purpose accelerator R&D** facility (PL: U. Dorda).
- > Presently  $\approx$  half the space distributed for projects:
  - ARES: Ultra-short and dense electron bunches (PL: B. Marchetti).
  - AXSIS: THz driven waveguides for atto-second science (EU ERC funded)
  - **PLASMA(a): Use ARES beam for injection into laser-driven plasma accelerator.**
  - PLASMA(b): Use ARES beam for driving beam-driven plasma wakefields.
- > Quality goes first: **ARES built for maximum quality**. No major compromise allowed.
  - Still considering different RF technologies: what gives best quality?
- > Focus is on stability and quality. No new energy records.
- > Medium term: FEL applications. Long term: HEP.



# Proposal: Helmholtz Distributed ARD Test Facility – Germany



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## > Theme 1: **Collaboration**

Networking of existing research infrastructure.

## > Theme 2: **Synergy**

Extension of facilities for common usage.

## > Thema 3: **Leadership**

2 – 3 flagship projects for internationally leading research with the **aim of ultra-compact accelerators and radiation sources** (plasma acceleration major player).

**TUPME047**

**ARD Spitzforschung im alten DORIS Komplex**

durch optimale Nutzung der Infrastruktur

**Kompakte Alto-Sekunden Lichtquelle**  
50 as, ICS  
ERC Synergy Grant, DESY, Uni HH, Arizona

**Ultrakurzer Elektronenpuls**  
< 1 fs mit konventioneller Antriebsphysik  
ARD, DESY, Uni HH, KIT

**Project Phasen**

1. Band Injector

2. Beamline for 100-1000 fs

3. Multi-structure (kinetics, MHD)

4. Matching Diagnostic

5. Timing

6. Lab

7. Compression and Scaling Study Line

Experiment 1a & 1b  
Matched beam (kinetics, electric)

Matching, Diagnostic/FEL

Compression and Scaling Study Line

Experiment 1c

Nutzbarkeitsstudien, Plasmasbeschleuniger, Skalierbarkeit  
> 1 GeV/m, nutzbar Strahlqualität, FEL?  
LAOLA, ARD, DESY, Uni HH

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**bERLinPro centre for high power cw beams in sc accelerators**

**bERLinPro** = Berlin Energy Recovery Linac Project  
100 mA / low emittance technology demonstrator

beam dump  
6.5 MeV, 100 mA - 650 kW

linac module  
44 MeV

booster  
4.5 MeV

merger dogleg

srf-gun  
1.5-2 MeV

beam zone (kW)

high virtual beam power zone  
(microwave instability driven radiation generation)

**MOPRO106**

The slide features a central portrait of Markus Büscher, a man with glasses and a striped shirt, positioned over a background collage. The collage consists of several elements: a top right corner with the Jülich Forschungszentren logo; a large blue banner across the top with the text "Jülich Short-Pulse Particle and Radiation Centre"; a map of the facility's layout; a "Particle physics" simulation showing a particle trajectory; a "Synchrotron radiation" illustration with colorful particles and light rays; and a "Material research" visualization showing a grid of spheres.

- Principle: manipulation of laser-accelerated ions
  - 1. Laser-driven ion acceleration
  - 2. beam conditioning (collimation)
  - 3. drift line and phase-space rotation
- Current results:
  - initial experimental proof of principle: duration at 100 MeV diagnosis continues in POF III

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ions  
to GSI's SIS accelerator  
ments (repetition rate and

transverse beam size [mm]

The slide features the KIT logo at the top right. The title "FLUTE: ARD-Forschung am KIT" is at the top left, followed by a large blue banner with the text "MOPRO066". Below the banner, there's a list of research topics in German, a photograph of a woman, and a diagram of the FLUTE experimental setup.

**FLUTE: ARD-Forschung am KIT**

**MOPRO066**

- Ultrakurze
- Grosser Br
- Kohärente
- Anwendungen
- Entwicklung/Testen von Kurzpuls-Strahldiagnose und Instrumentierung
- Kooperation KIT, PSI, DESY

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FLUTE, a Linac-Based THz Source at KIT

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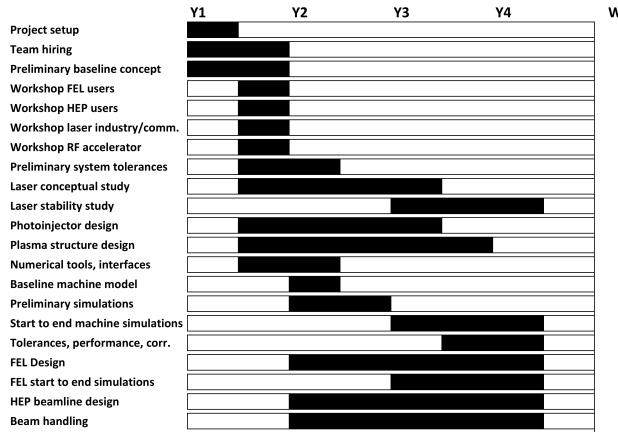
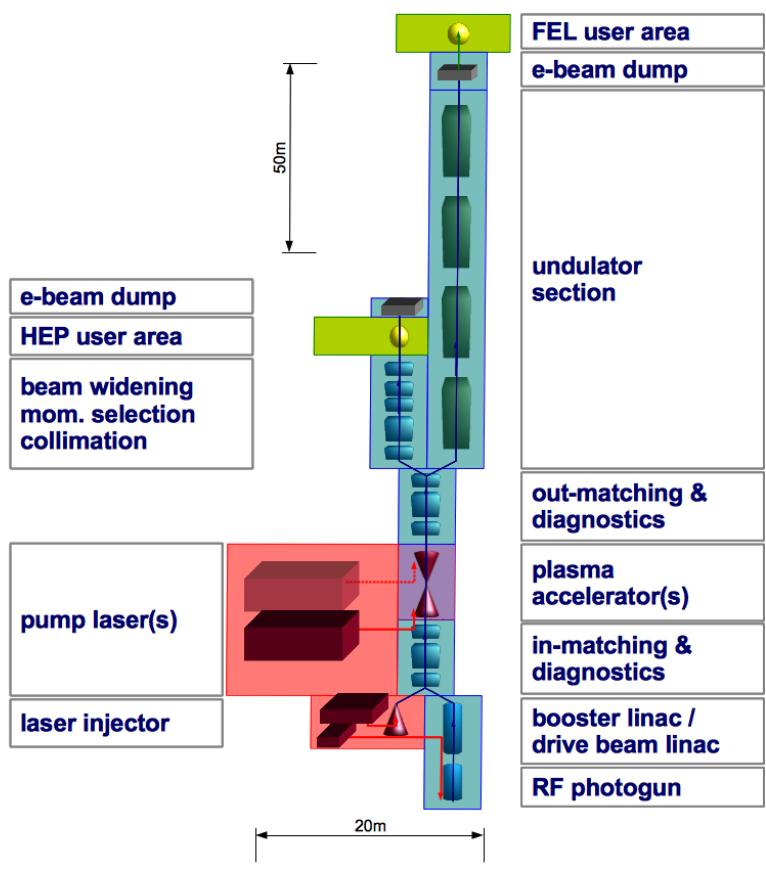
- A large photograph of the Helmholtz-Institute Jena's experimental hall.
- A portrait of a smiling man with glasses.
- A 2D heatmap showing intensity distribution versus x (mm) and y (μm).
- A 3D surface plot of intensity versus relative z-position (μm) and y (μm), showing concentric ring-like patterns.
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- Citation: "W. Schubert et al., Applied Phys. Lett. (2013)"
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# EuPRAXIA – EU Design Study Proposal

- EuPRAXIA = **European Plasma Research Accelerator with eXcellence In Applications**
- Planning a proposal as EU design study to the EU in September.
- If successful, then this could result in a **European construction project (Large Infrastructure) by the early 2020's.**
- Involved institutes: About **20 European labs and universities**.
  - Bringing together research infrastructure, expertise, brainpower
  - Build one European plasma accelerator at one location.
  - Distribute the resources and the work (like a big particle physics detector).
- Foresee some associate institutes from US, Asia, Russia.



# EuPRAXIA



Today

Multi GeV e- bunches  
in plasma acc. (30 m)

EuPRAXIA 5 GeV FEL  
& HEP test beam  
250 m

2020's

Plasma Linear Coll.  
3000 – 5000 m

2030's

Ultra-Compact FEL  
10 – 100 m

Ultra-Compact e-  
medical accelerator

# Conclusion

- > Plasma-based accelerators have made very nice progress. The **achieved beam energy follows an exponential function** (Livingston).
- > Beam **quality is still insufficient** for users. Plasma cavities are small and have ultra-strong fields. Interesting accelerator physics...
- > Conventional **accelerator physicists can help: Build the best possible injector** for a laser-driven plasma accelerator.
- > Pick up on the work of famous accelerator physicists, e.g. van der Meer who suggested **specially shaped e- bunches** for injection into plasma.
- > Requirements are being defined. Present status presented.
- > We think we can master the challenges.
- > Several **projects are being set up** along the lines discussed. I have mentioned SINBAD at DESY, Helmholtz ARD Distributed Facility and EuPRAXIA (EU design study).



# Thank you for your attention...

