

# A Transverse Deflecting Structure for the PWFA experiment, FLASHForward

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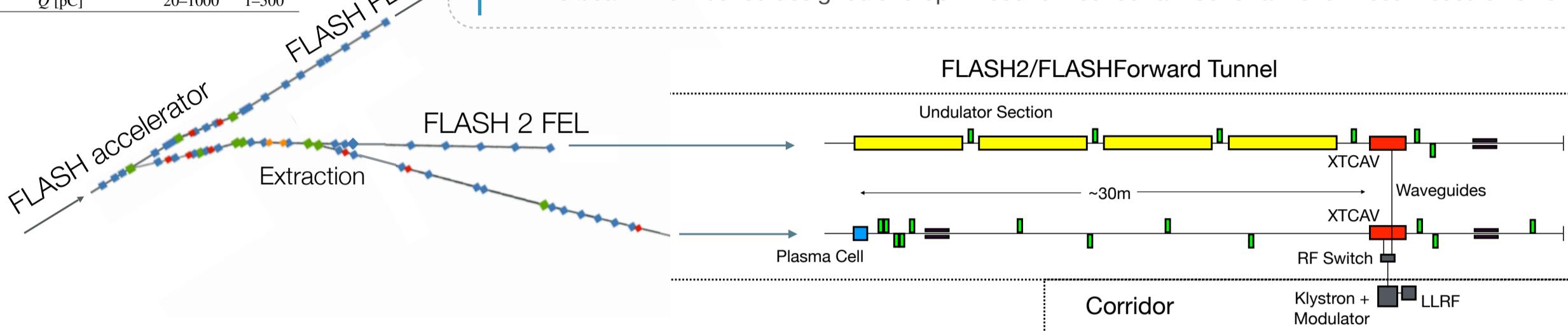
## 0. Motivation

- » FLASHForward aims to accelerate electron beams to GeV energies over a few centimetres of ionised gas. These accelerated beams must be of sufficient quality to be used in a free-electron laser
- » To optimise this acceleration process it is essential to know the longitudinal properties of the drive-beam, in order to mitigate negative plasma effects, such as hosing.
- » Equally as important is the ability to resolve the longitudinal properties of the witness-beam, both to determine the nuances of individual injection methods, as well as to study the quality for FEL use

Parameter	Driver	Witness
$E$ [GeV]	0.5–1.2	1.2–2.5
$\Delta E/E$ (uncorrelated) [%]	<0.1	1
$\epsilon_{n,(x,y)}$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	2–5	0.1–1
$\beta_{x,y}$ (in plasma) [mm]	20	1
$\sigma_t$ [fs]	50–500	1–100
$Q$ [pC]	20–1000	1–500

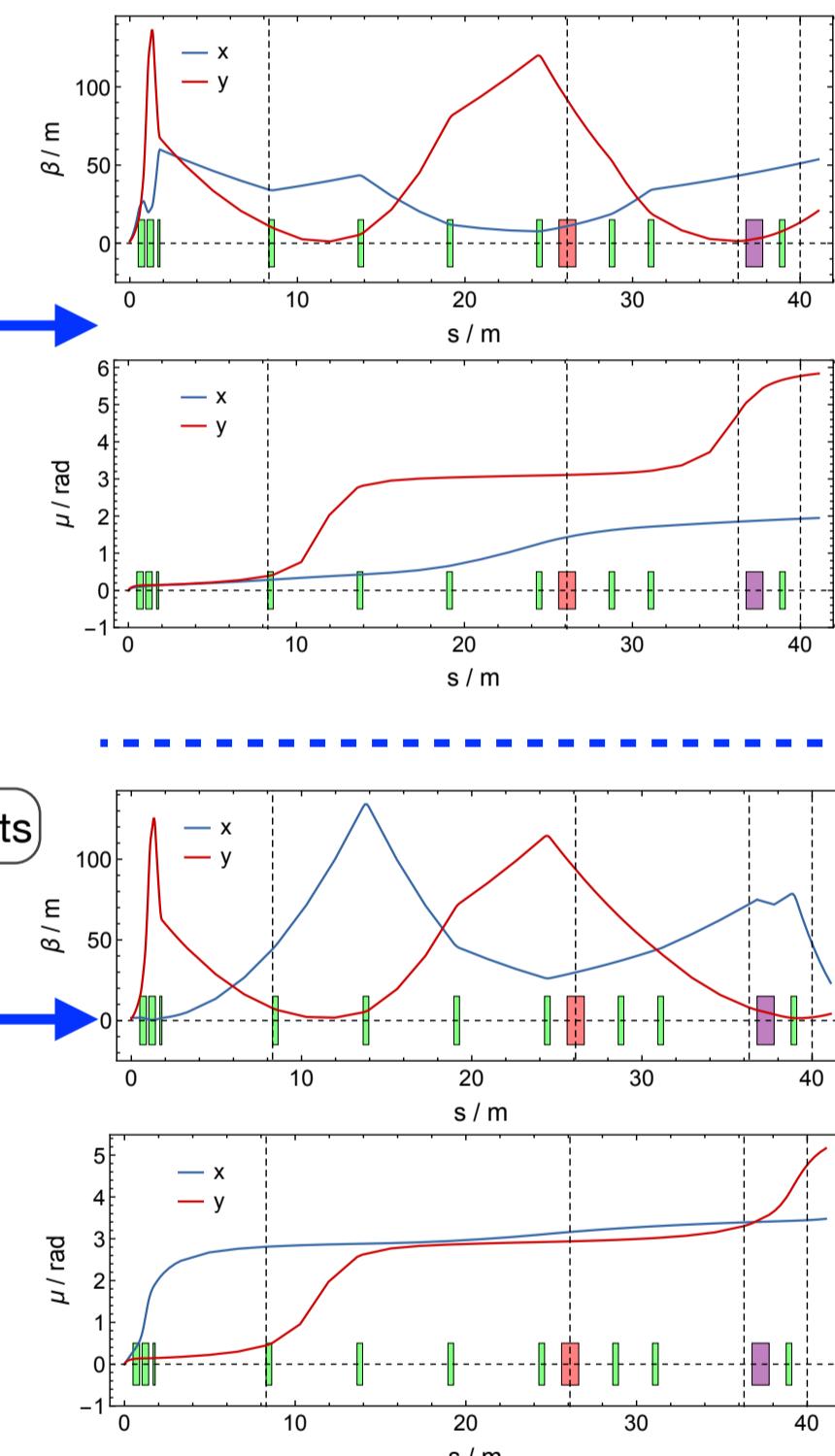
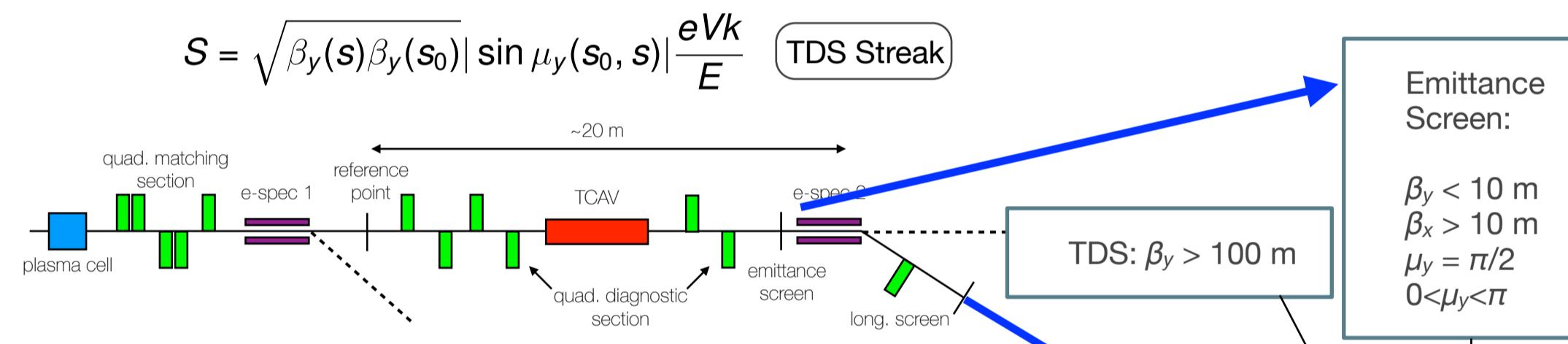
## 1. The FLASHForward Facility

- » The FLASHForward PWFA experiment is driven by beams generated by and extracted from FLASH
- » The beam line must be designed and optimised to meet certain constraints for these measurements



## 2. Beam Line Design and Linear Matching

- » Two measurements are desired: transverse slice emittance measurements and longitudinal phase space measurements
- » The optics constraints are dependent on the TDS streak and slice emittance scan phase advance



- » There are five constraints in each case. Therefore at least five quads are required. Due to availability six quads are added between the reference point and emittance screen. An additional quadrupole is added in the dispersive section for additional flexibility.

$$R_z = \frac{\sigma_y}{S} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_y(s)}{\beta_y(s_0)}} \frac{1}{|\sin \mu_y|} \frac{E}{eVk} \quad | \quad R_\delta = \frac{\sigma_x}{|D_x|} = \sqrt{\epsilon_x} \frac{\sqrt{\beta_x}}{|D_x|} \quad \text{TDS: } \beta_y > 100 \text{ m}$$

### Optimisation Constraints

Emittance Screen:  
 $\beta_y < 10 \text{ m}$   
 $\beta_x > 10 \text{ m}$   
 $\mu_y = \pi/2$   
 $0 < \mu_x < \pi$

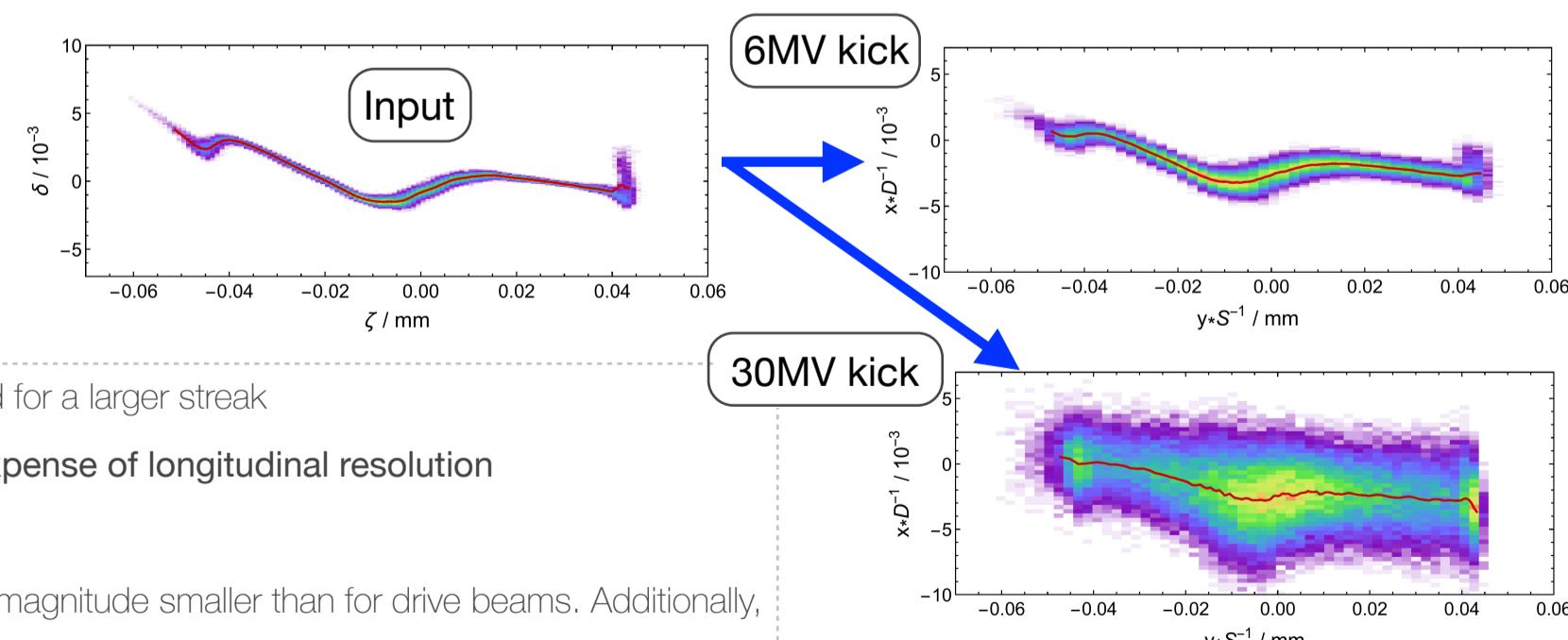
Dispersive Screen:  
 $\beta_y < 10 \text{ m}$   
 $\beta_x < 10 \text{ m}$   
 $D_x > 0.5 \text{ m}$   
 $\mu_y = \pi/2$

- » Beam line simulations and matching were performed in elegant
- » The beam line was matched in both cases, with the quadrupole strengths and locations as matching variables
- » The resolution in each of these matched cases (for a FLASHForward drive beam with  $E=1\text{GeV}$  &  $\epsilon_n=2\mu\text{m}$ , and an X-band deflecting cavity with  $V=30\text{MV}$  &  $f=11.99\text{GHz}$ ) is:

$$R_z=1.37\text{fs} \text{ and } R_\delta=2\times 10^{-4}$$

## 3. Particle Tracking

- » A full 3D simulation from the FLASH gun to the FLASHForward plasma cell was used for particle tracking in elegant
- » The longitudinal distribution indicates potentially harmful collective effects from e.g. space charge, coherent synchrotron radiation in the bunch compressors, etc.
- » The TDS maps ( $\delta, \zeta$ ) before the TDS onto ( $x, y$ ) at the imaging screen
- » Energy spreads can be seen in the reconstructed distribution, with a larger spread for a larger streak
- » The effect can be decreased but only with a decrease in cavity voltage i.e. at the expense of longitudinal resolution
- » Energy spread induced by a TDS is defined as  $\sigma_\delta = \frac{eVk}{E} \sigma_y$
- » This effect will be diminished for witness beams (with emittances up to an order of magnitude smaller than for drive beams. Additionally, experimental observation and quantification will aid in offline corrective methods)



## 4. Summary

- » A post-plasma beam line, with the inclusion of a TDS system for transverse and longitudinal diagnostics, has been designed for FLASHForward
- » Both linear optics and particle tracking demonstrate successful TDS operation
- » The simulation package has indicated a need for compromise between the energy and longitudinal resolution when operating with typical FLASHForward drive beams. However, experimental benchmarking should help mitigate these limitations
- » Longitudinal resolutions as low as ~1fs have been demonstrated for an X-band RF system with this optics scheme

