

# Longitudinal phase space diagnostics for ultrashort bunches with a plasma deflector

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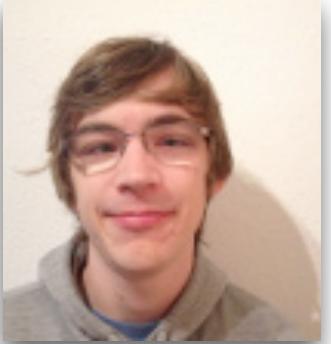
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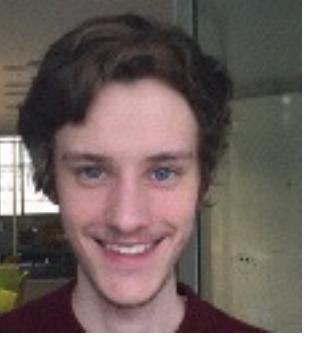
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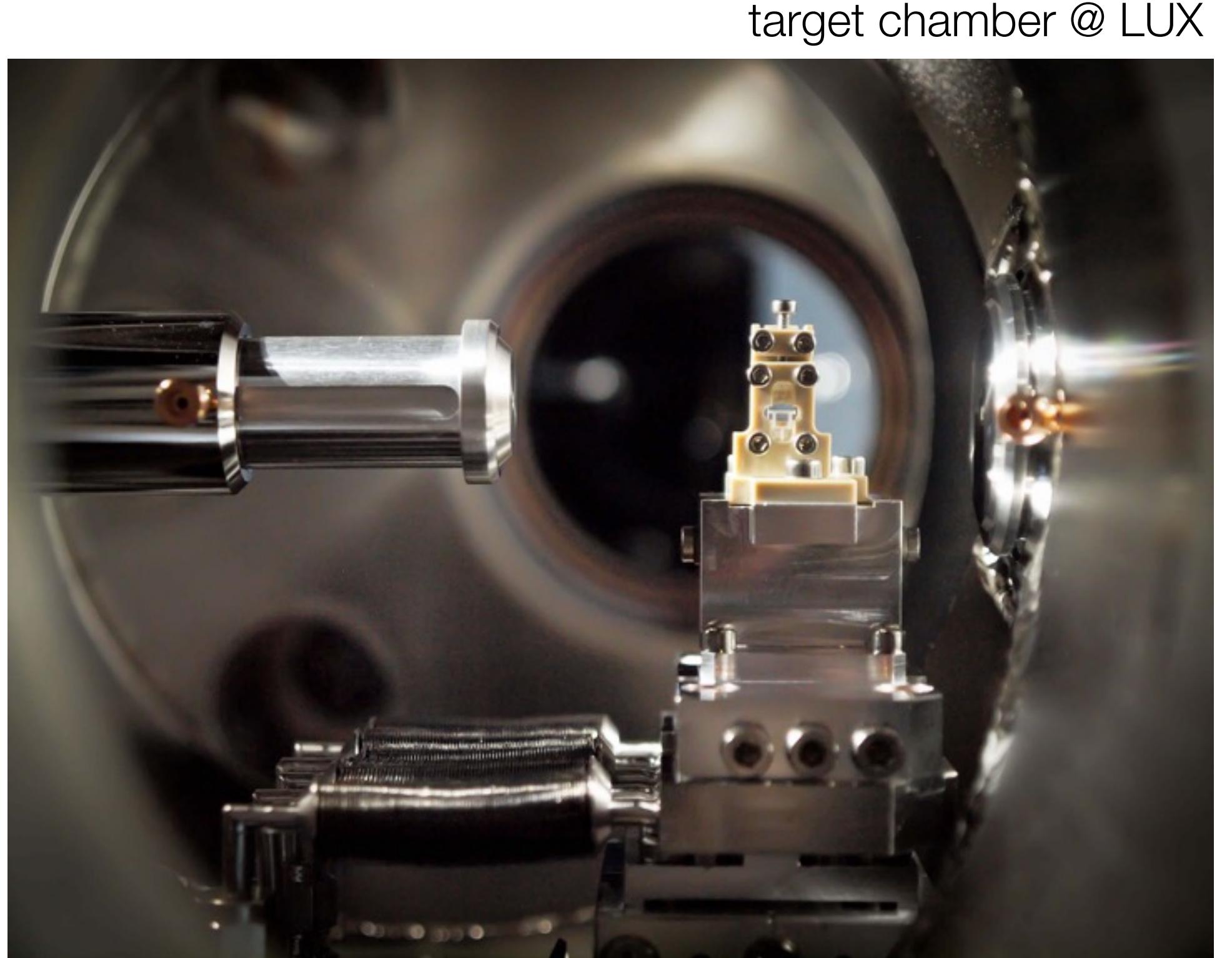
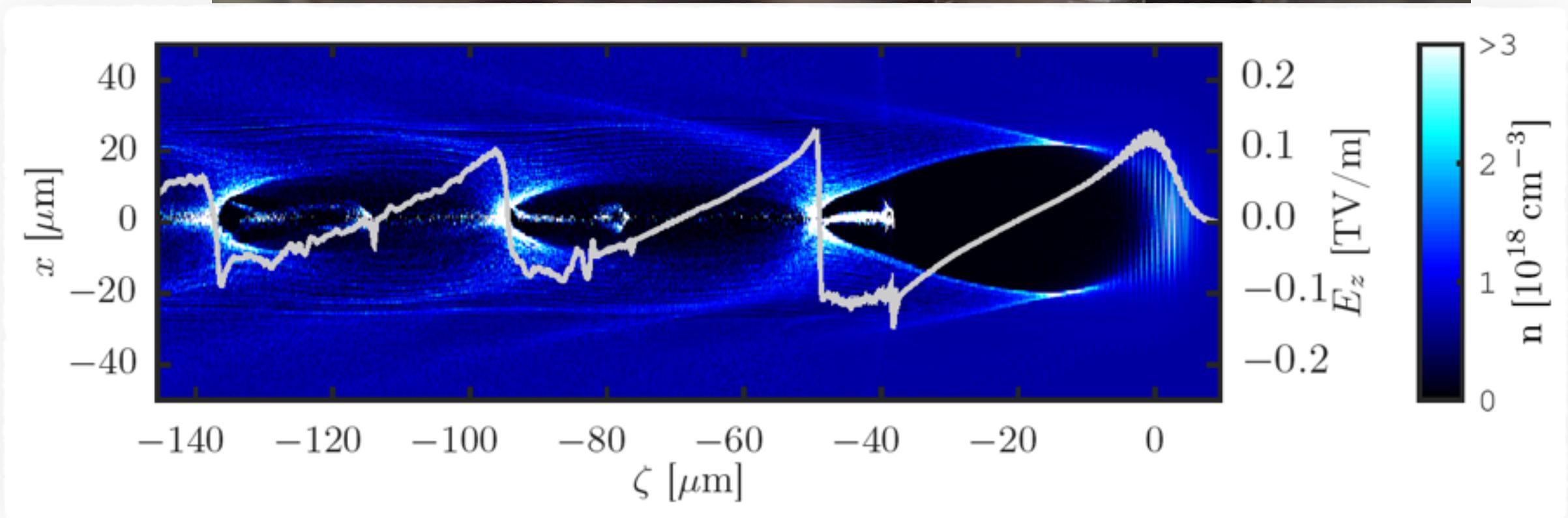
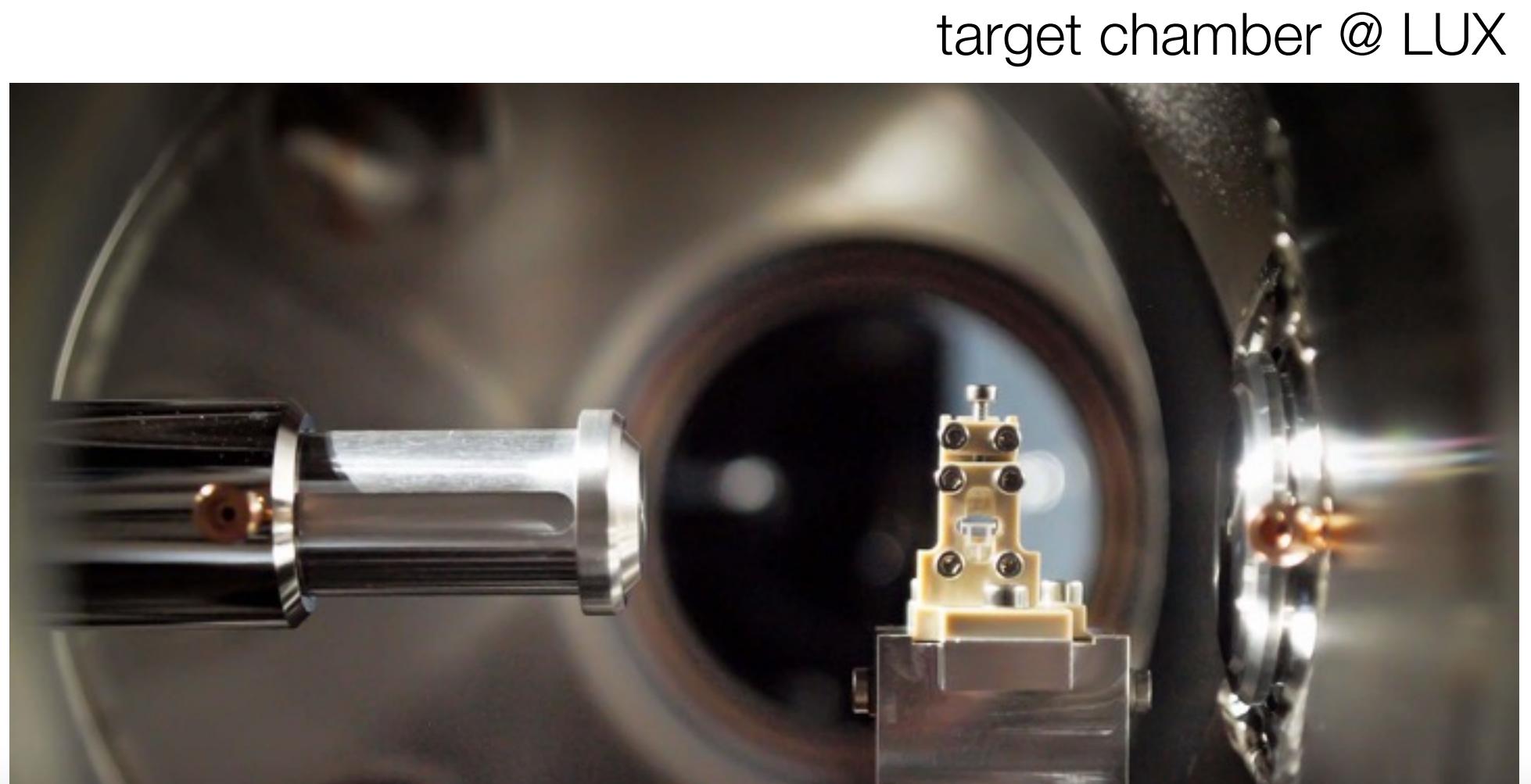


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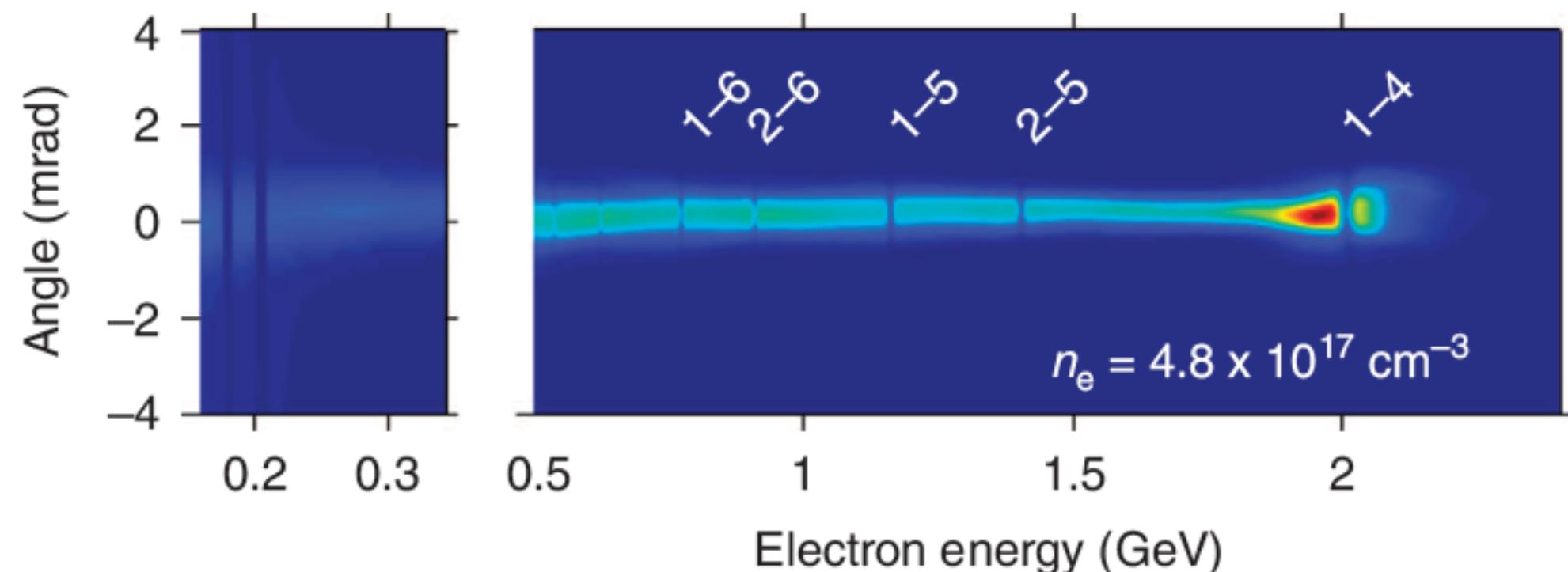
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  - ▶ typical scale: plasma wavelength 10 - 100  $\mu\text{m}$

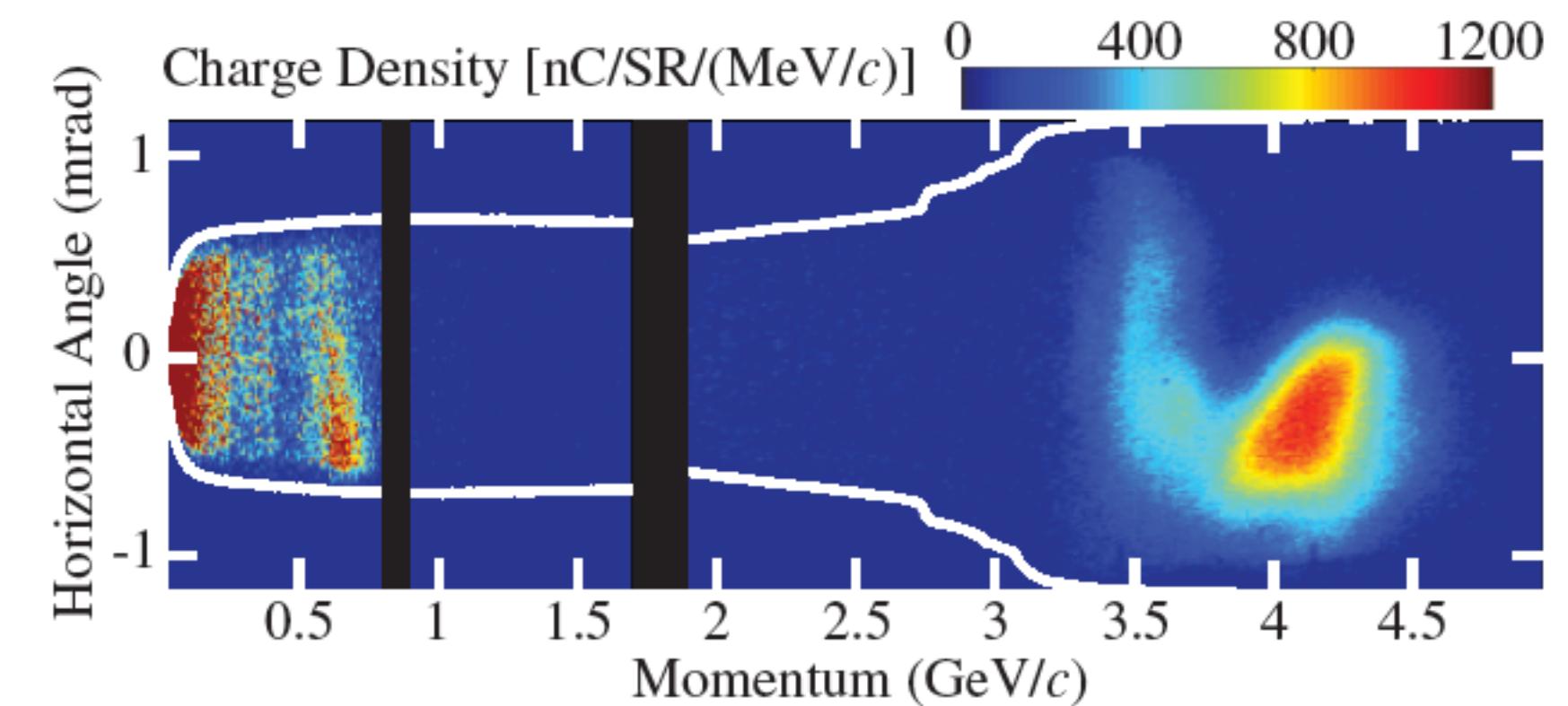


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X. Wang et al., Nat. Commun. 4, 1988 (2013)



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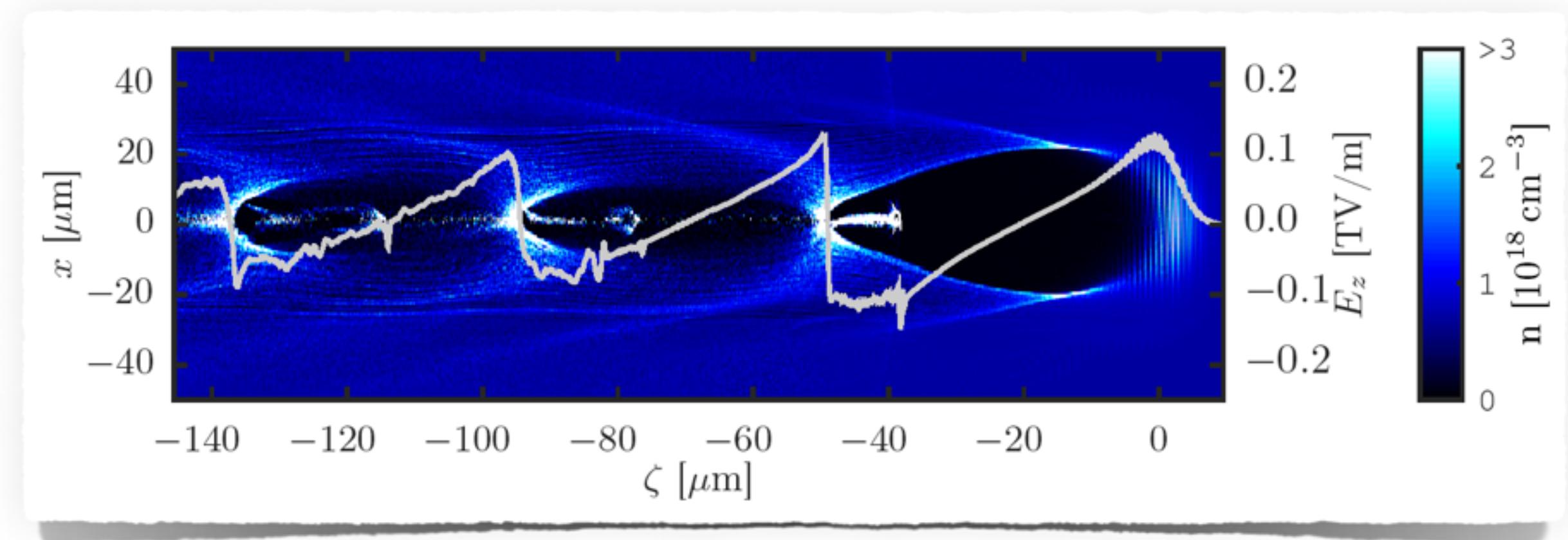
- ▶ University of Texas: 2 GeV over 7 cm

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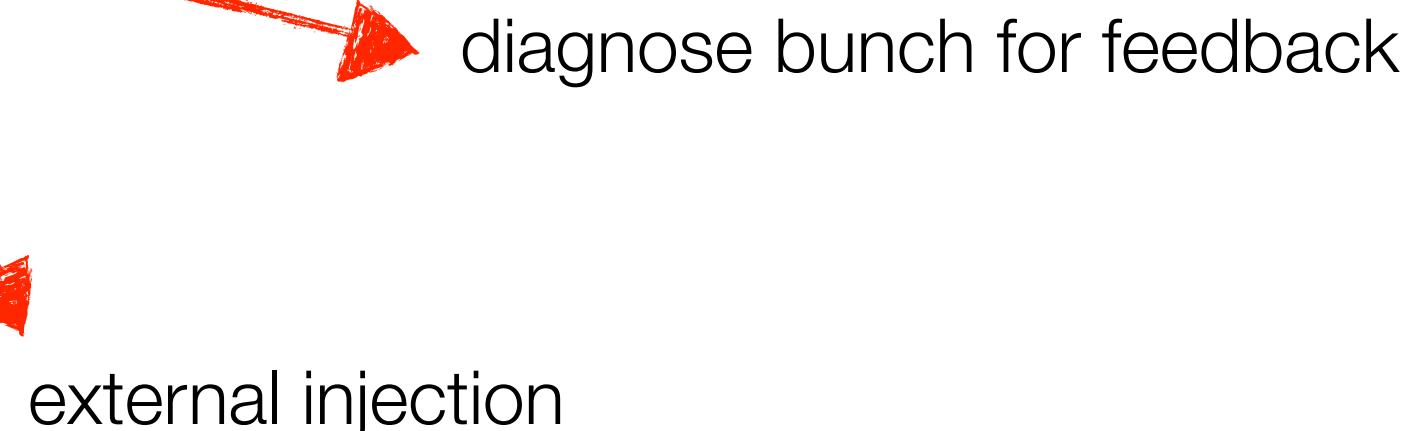
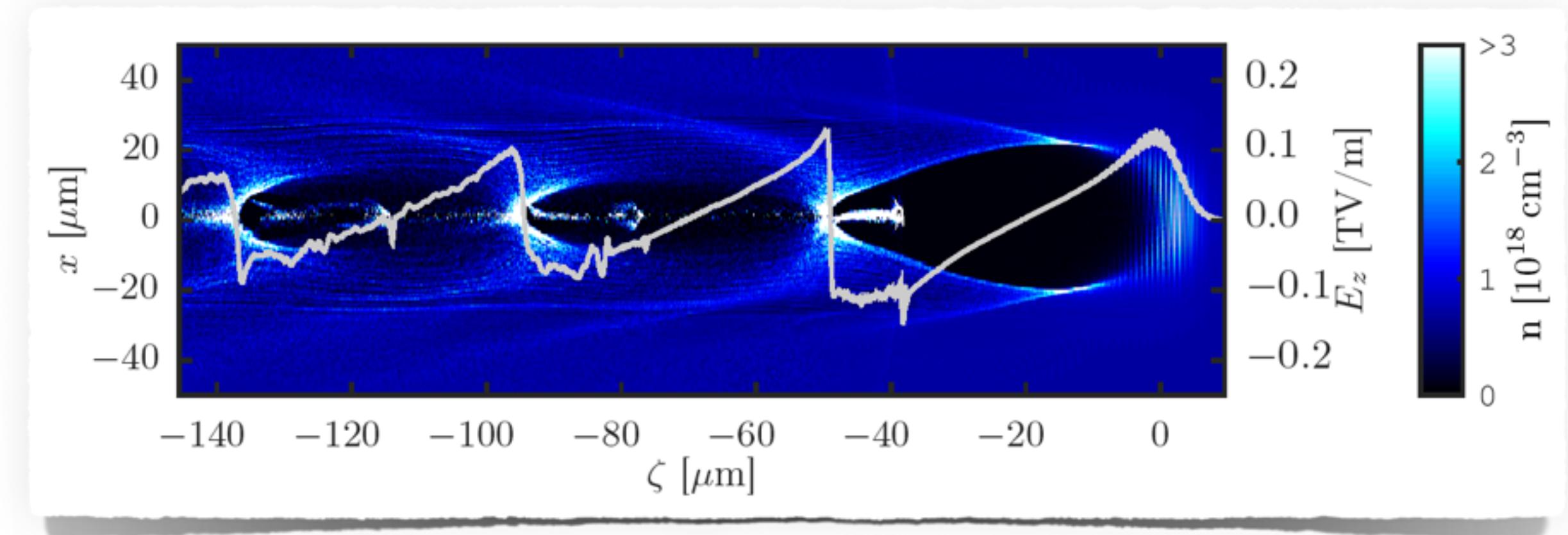
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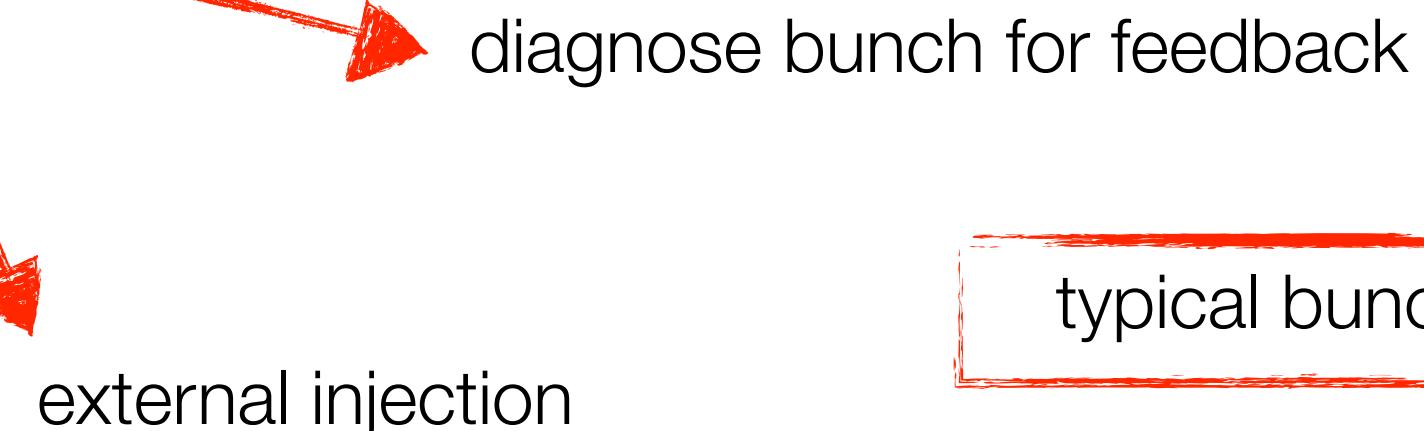
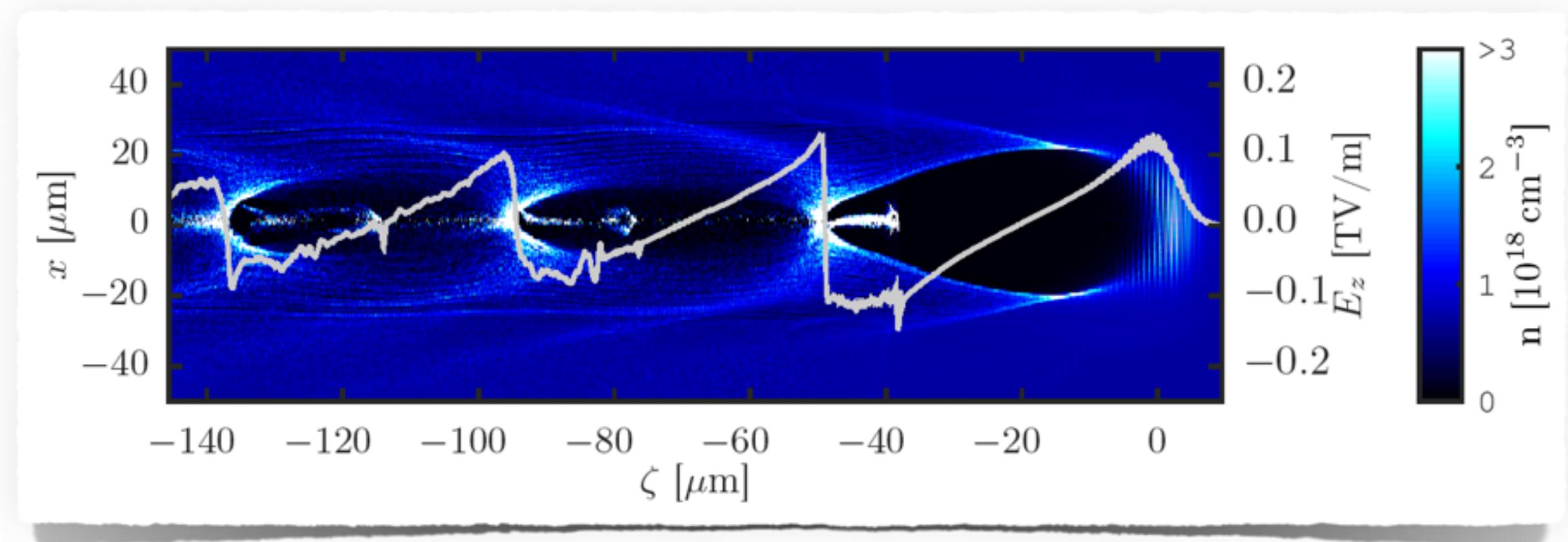
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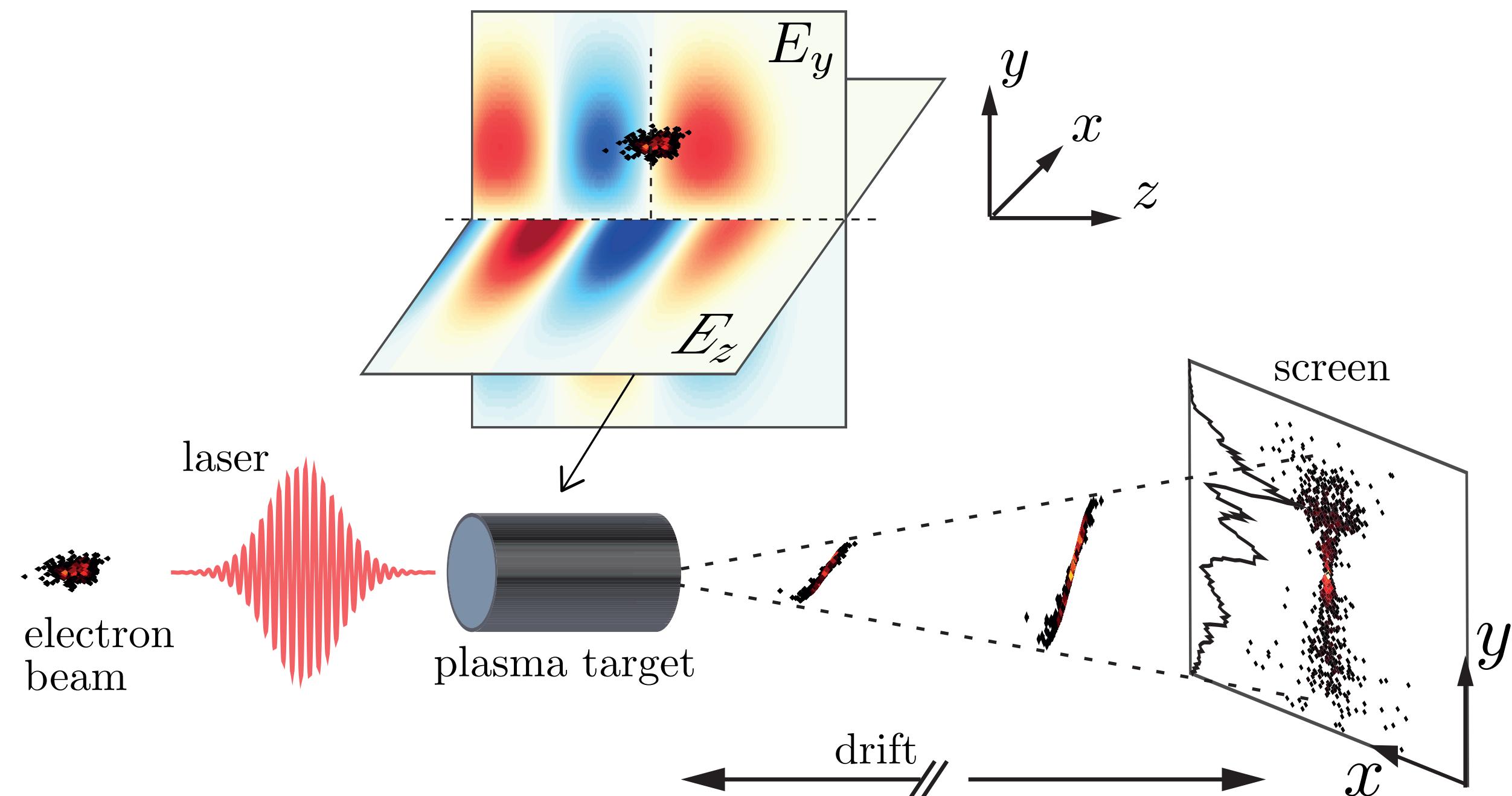
typical bunch length  $\approx 2$  fs rms [1,2]

[1] A. Buck et al., Nat. Phys. 7, 543 (2011)

[2] O. Lundh et al., Nat. Phys. 7, 219 (2011)

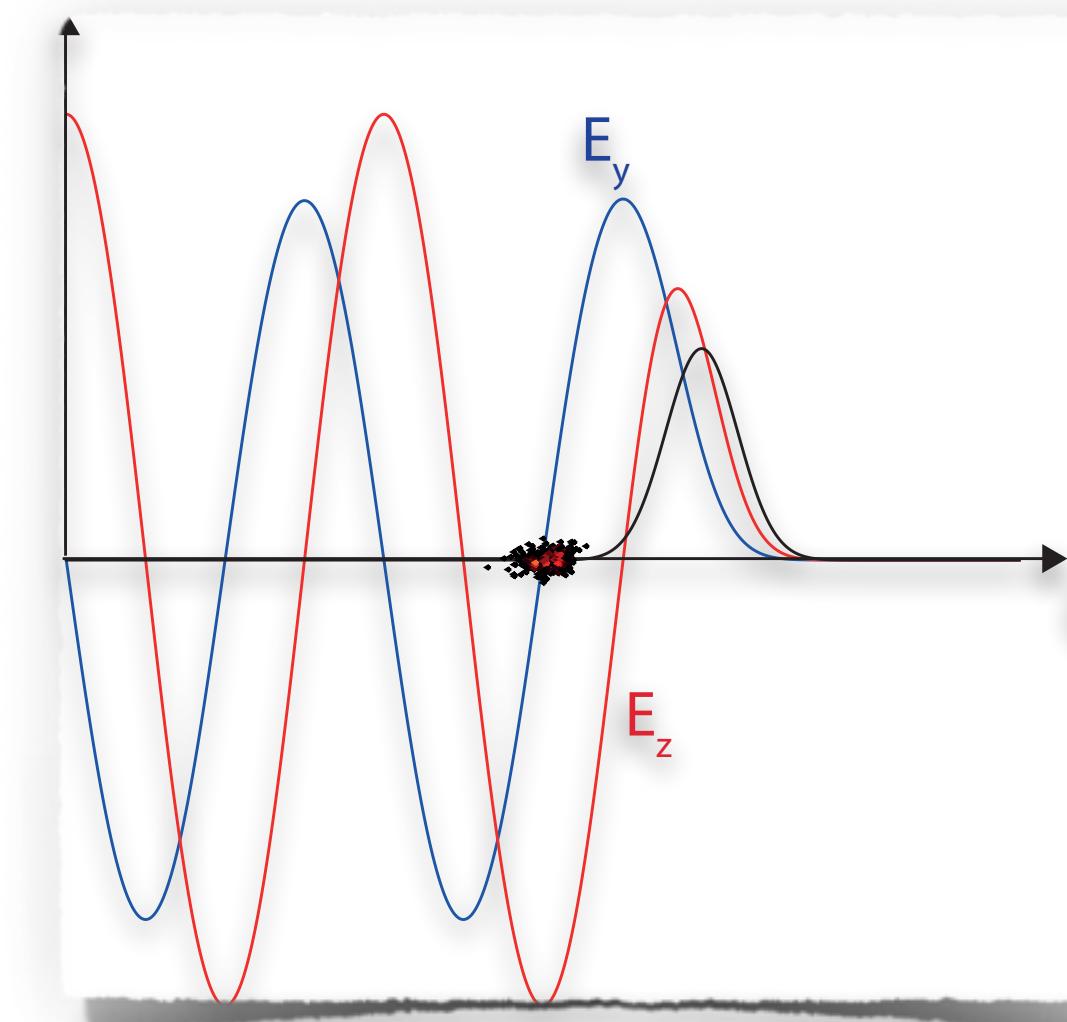
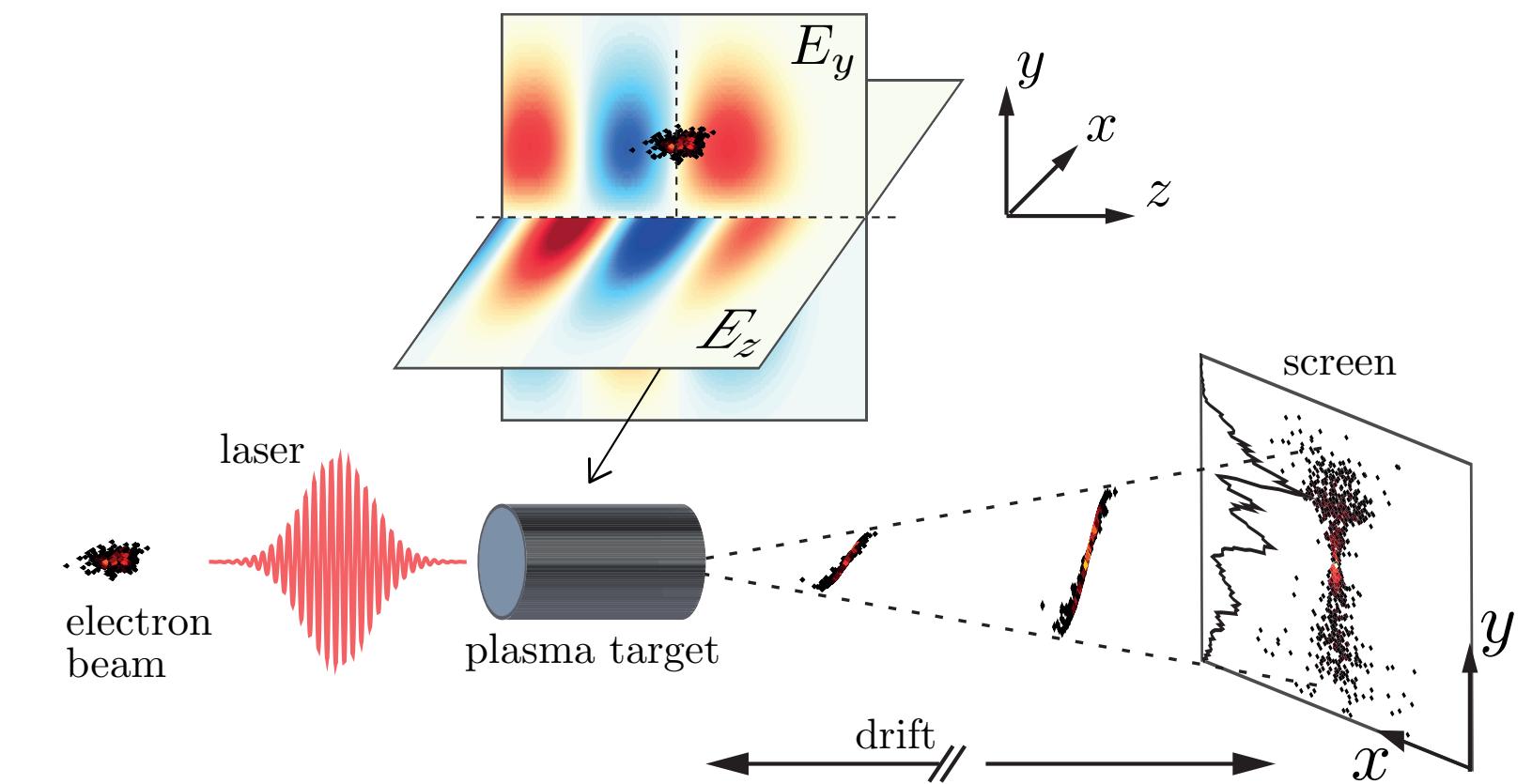
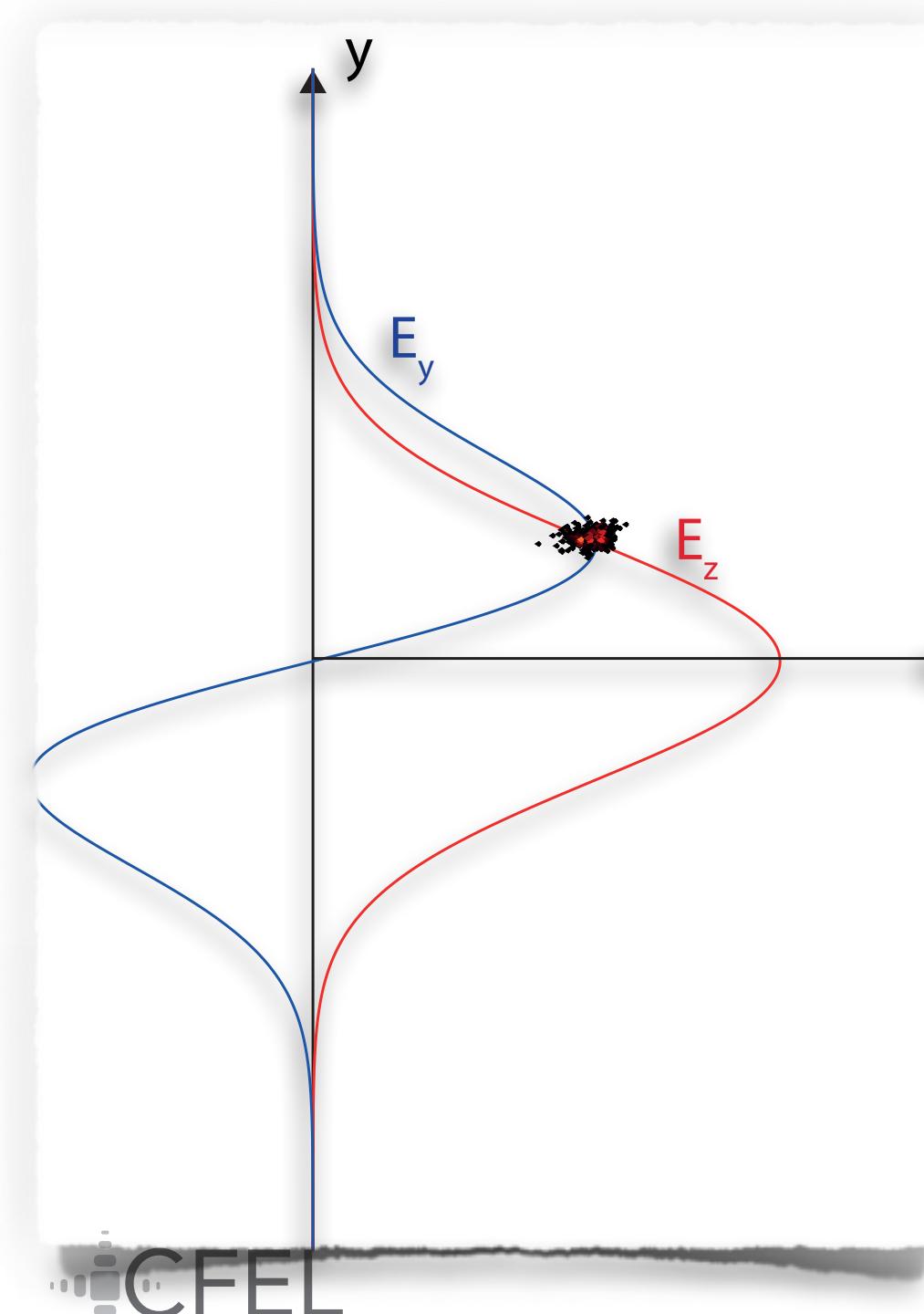
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- ▶ laser drives linear wakefield
- ▶ inject electron bunch off-axis in y
- ▶ experiences streaking field
- ▶ advantages:
  - ▶ strong fields
  - ▶ short (plasma) wavelength
  - ▶ short target



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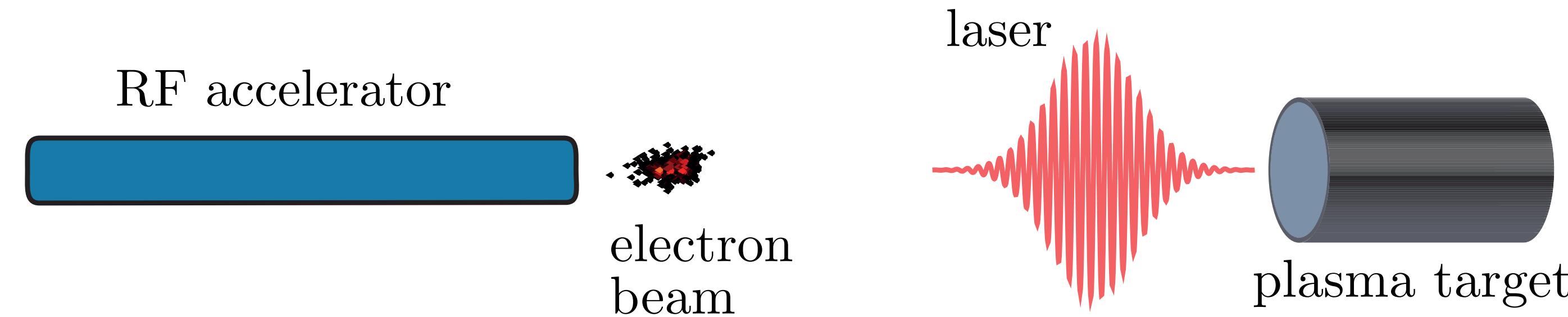


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- ▶ external injection setup
  - ▶ diagnose bunch at injection position

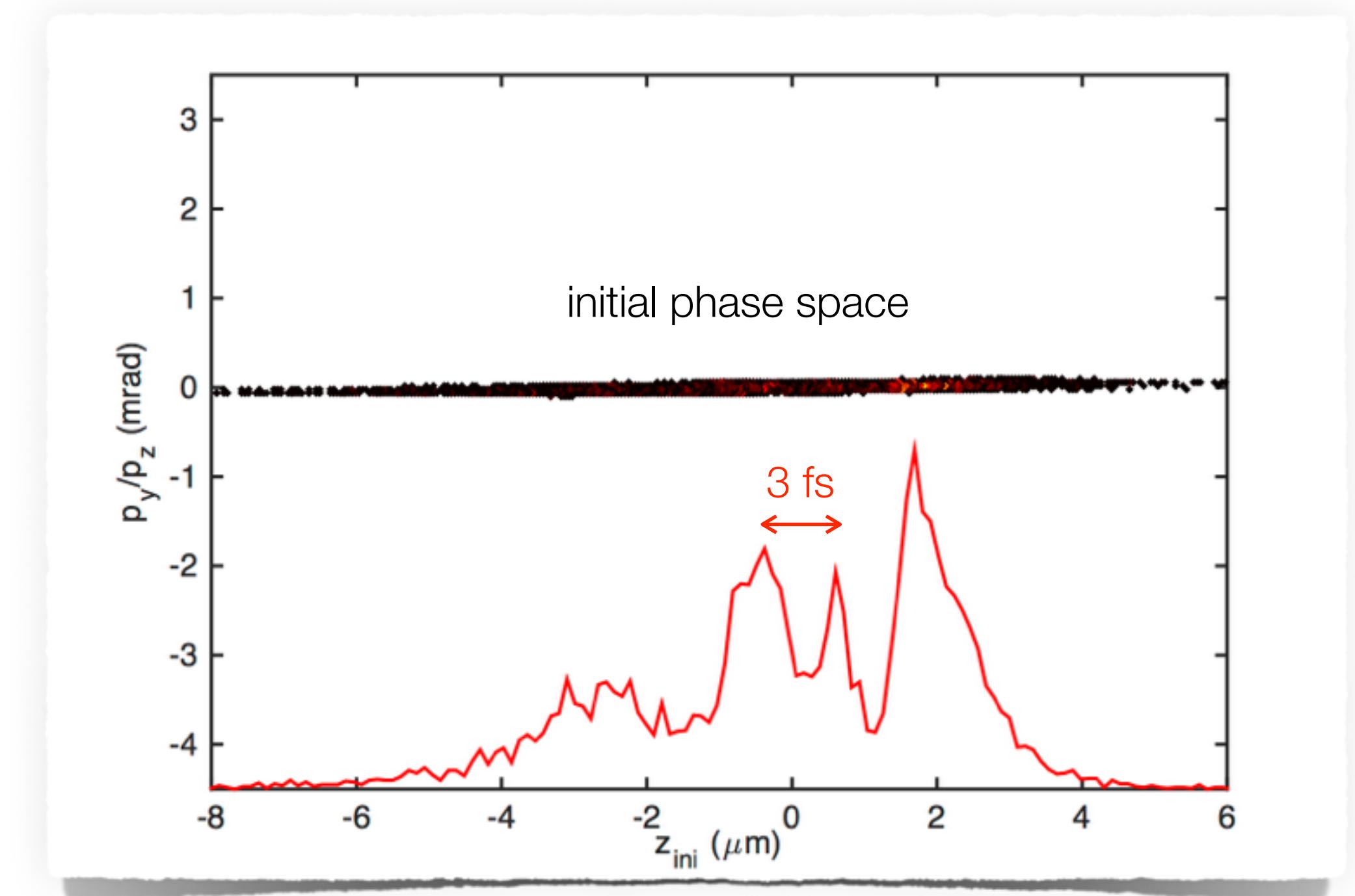


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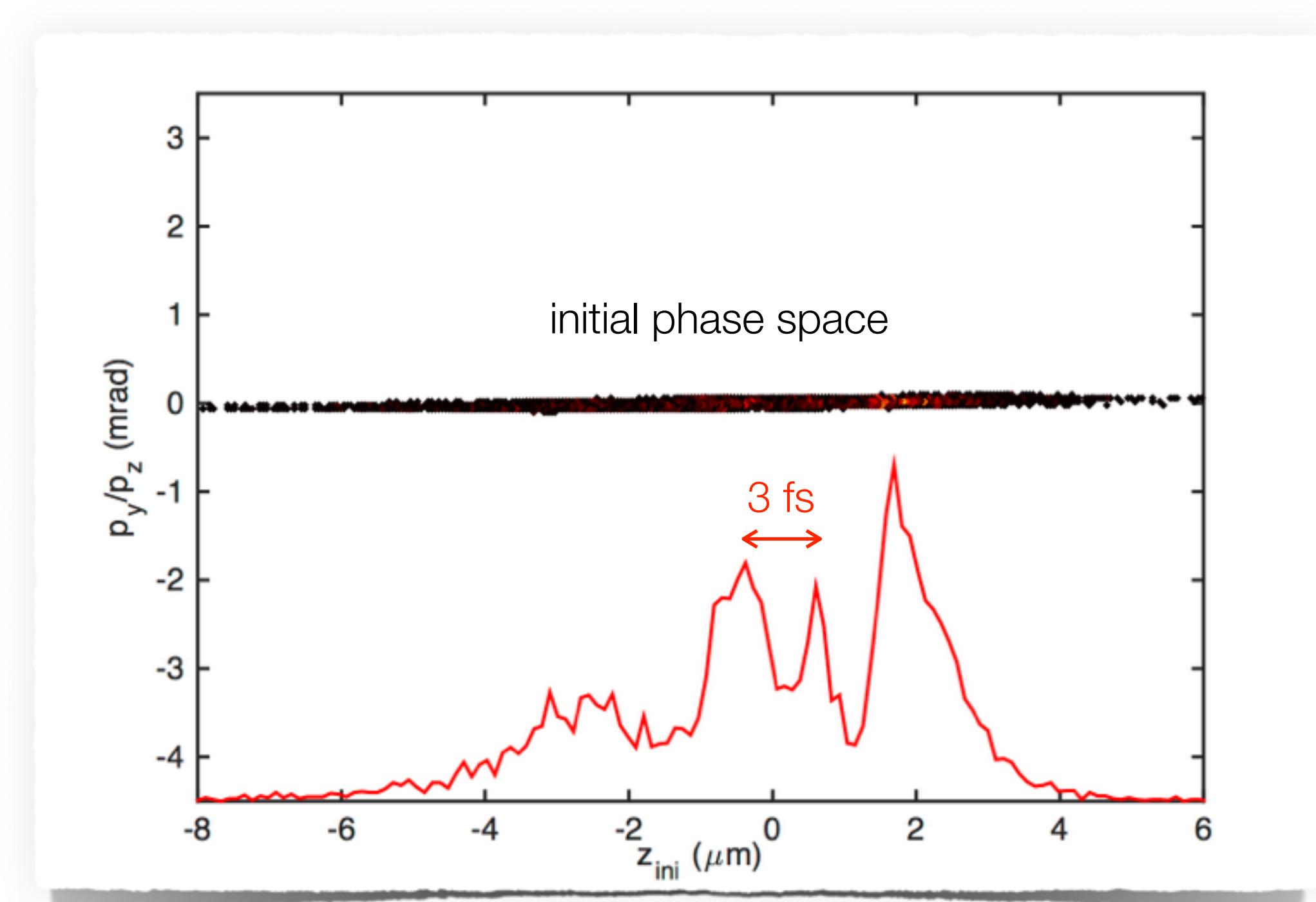
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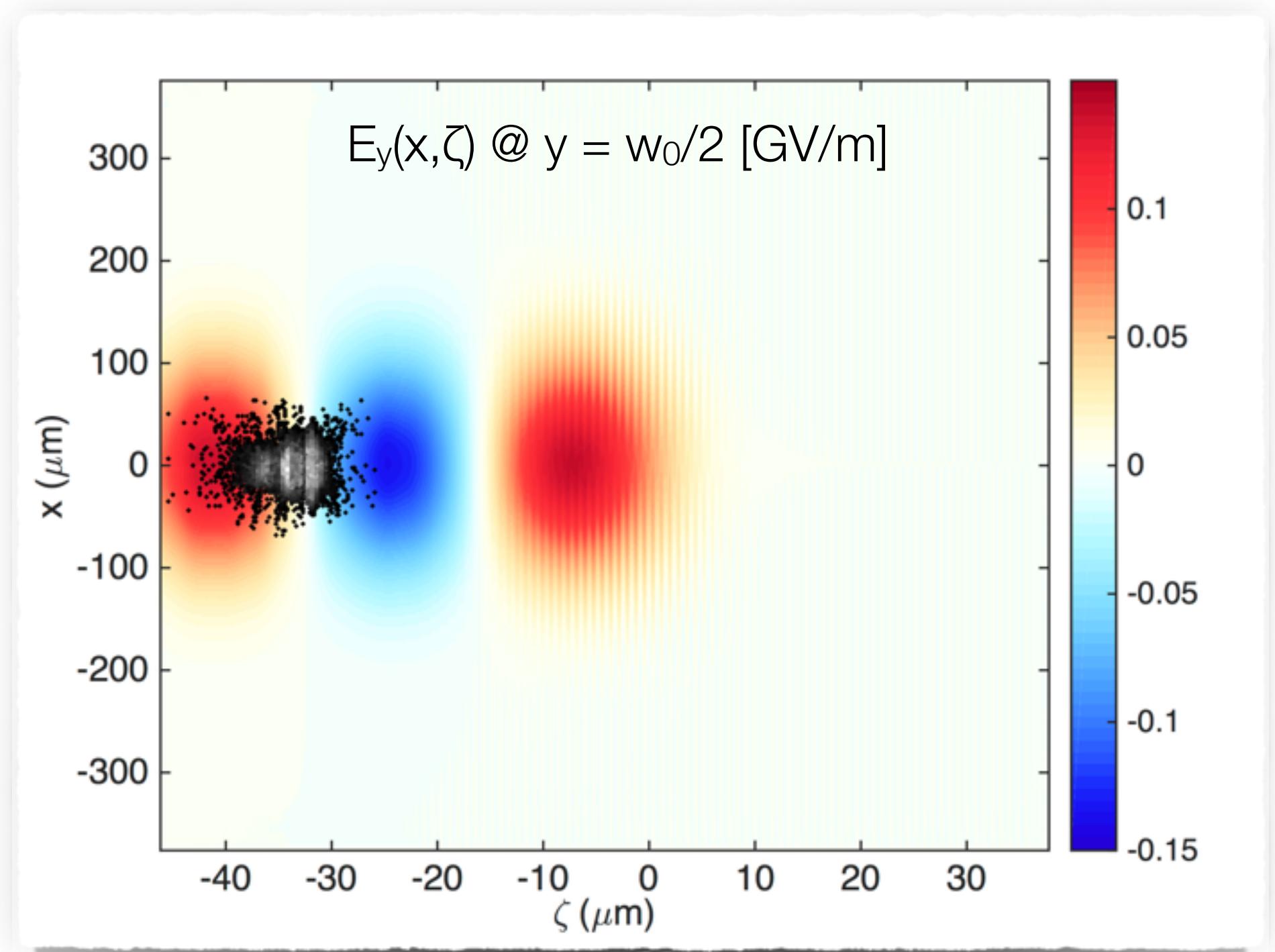
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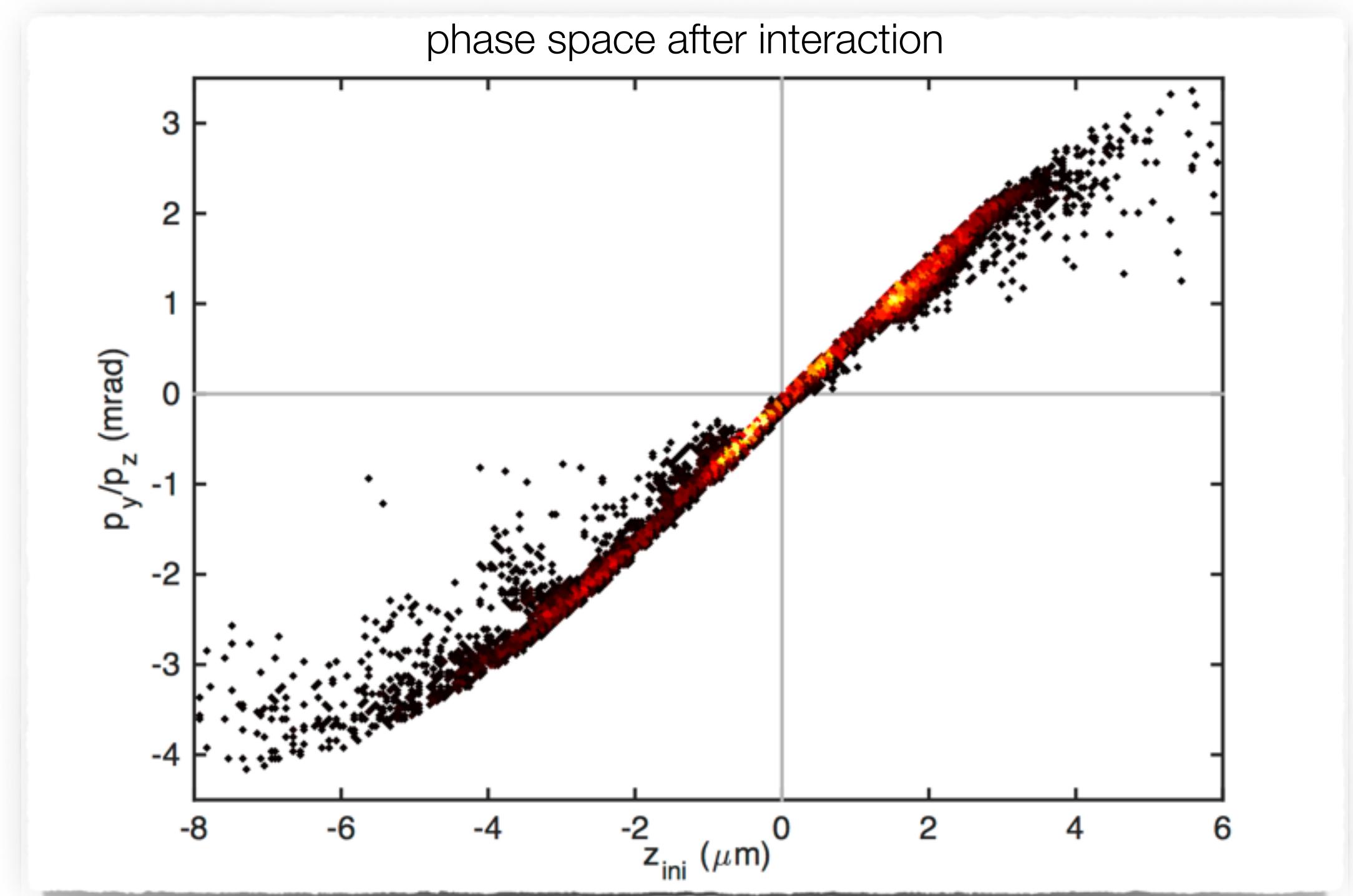
- ▶ using WARP\* in the boosted frame ( $\gamma_{\text{boost}} = 10$ )



\* thanks to the WARP team: J.-L. Vay, R. Lehe (LBNL),  
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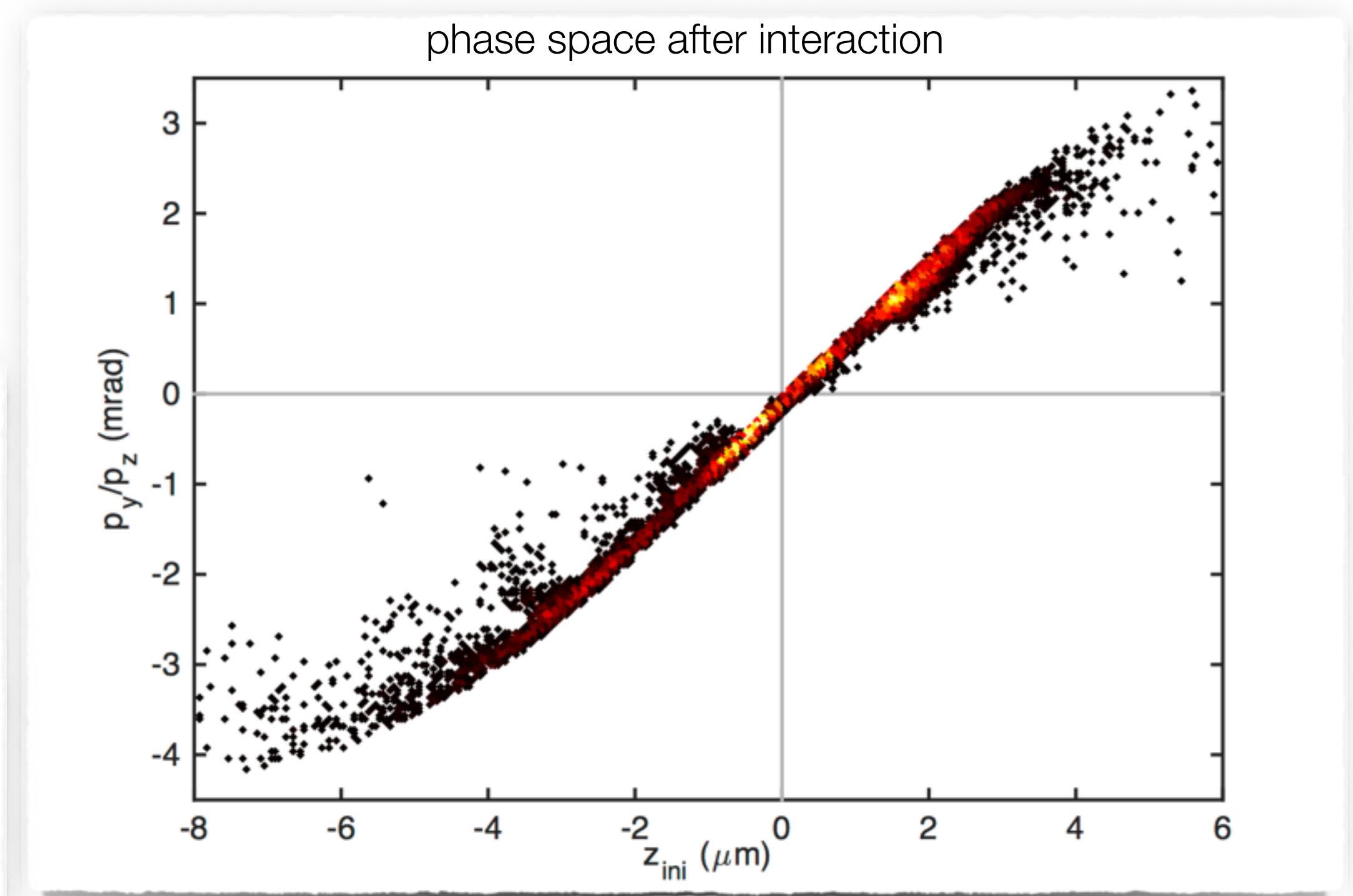
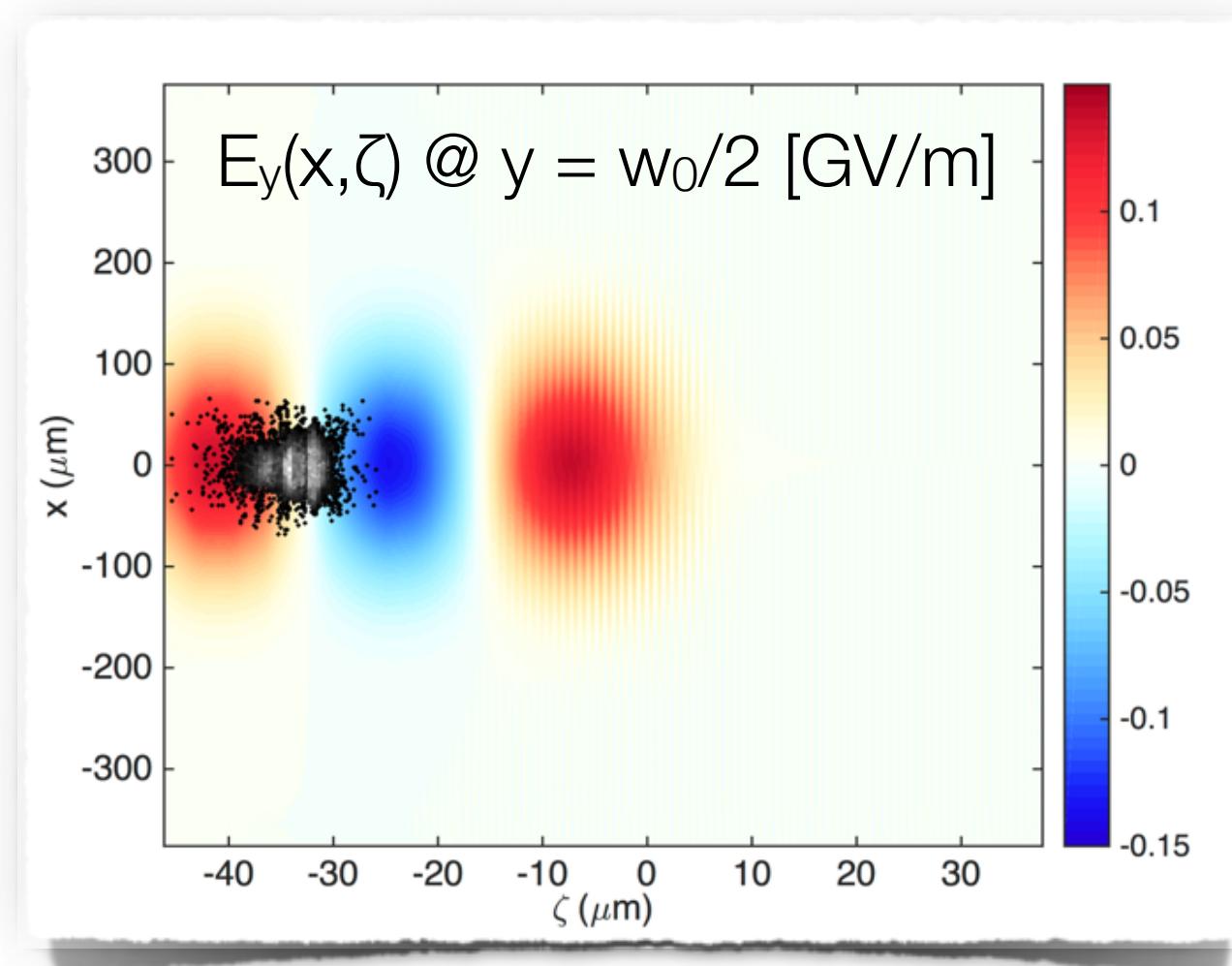
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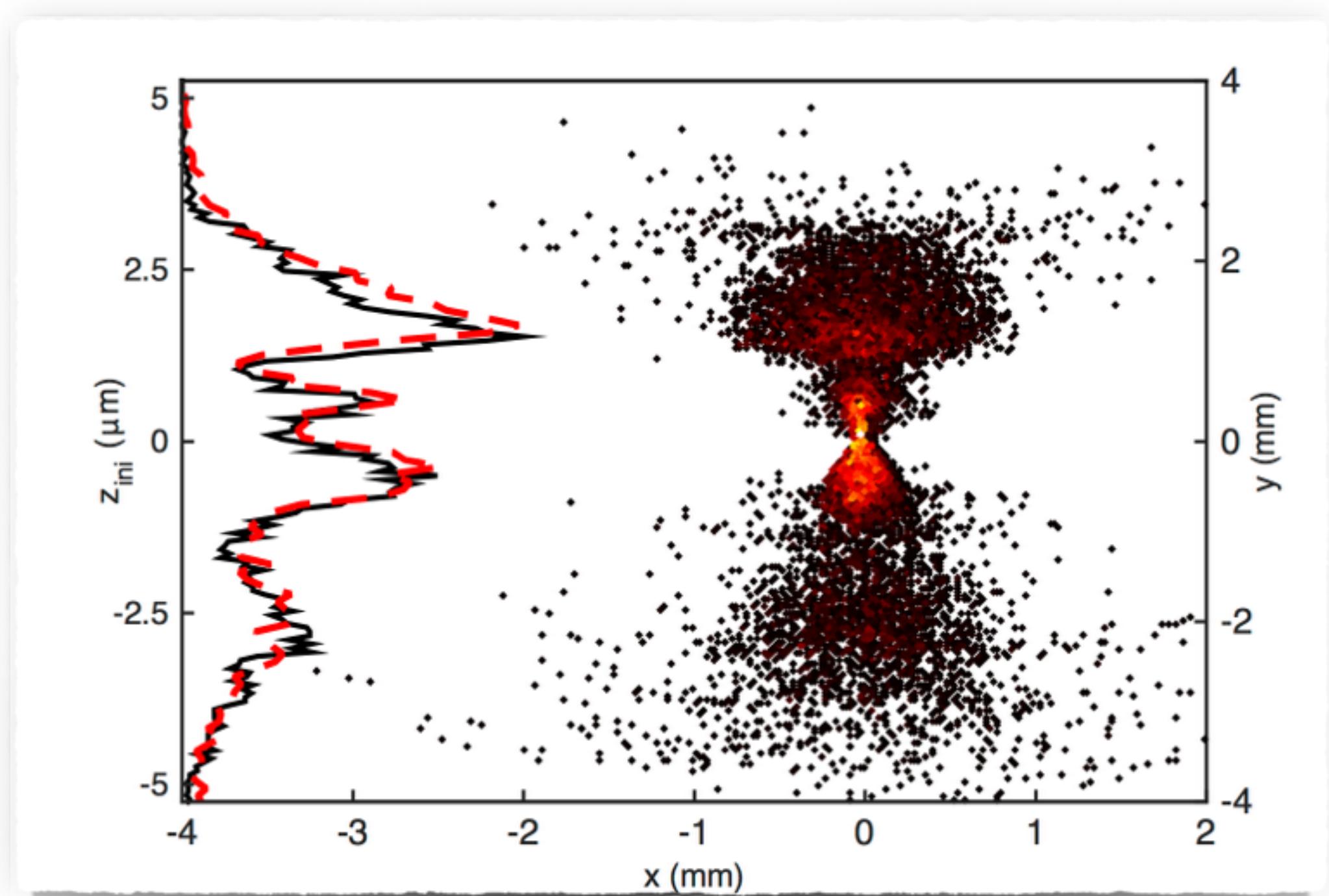
- ▶  $E_y$  is curved in x and y
- ▶ streaking gradient smears over wide bunch
- ▶ independent of plasma length

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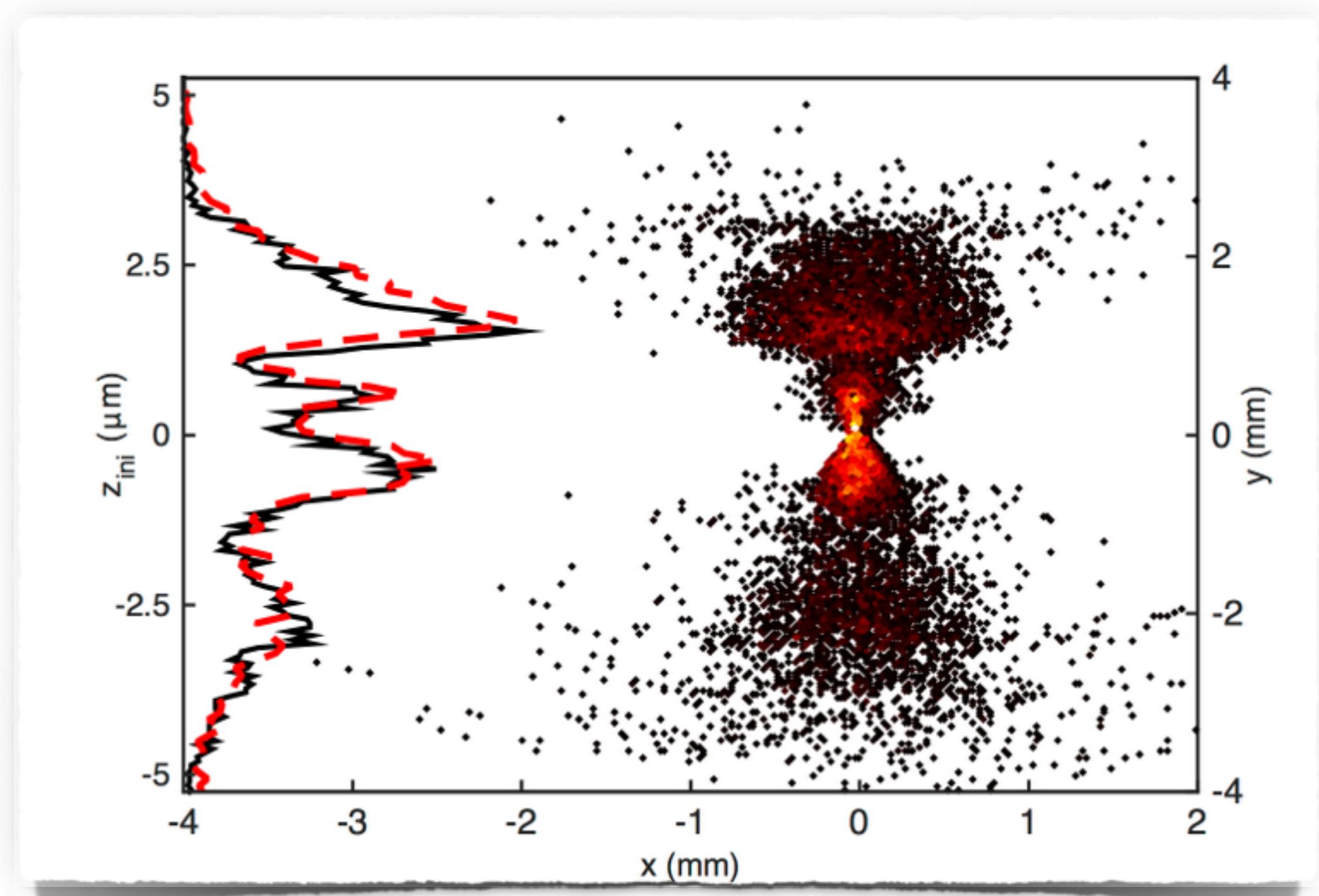


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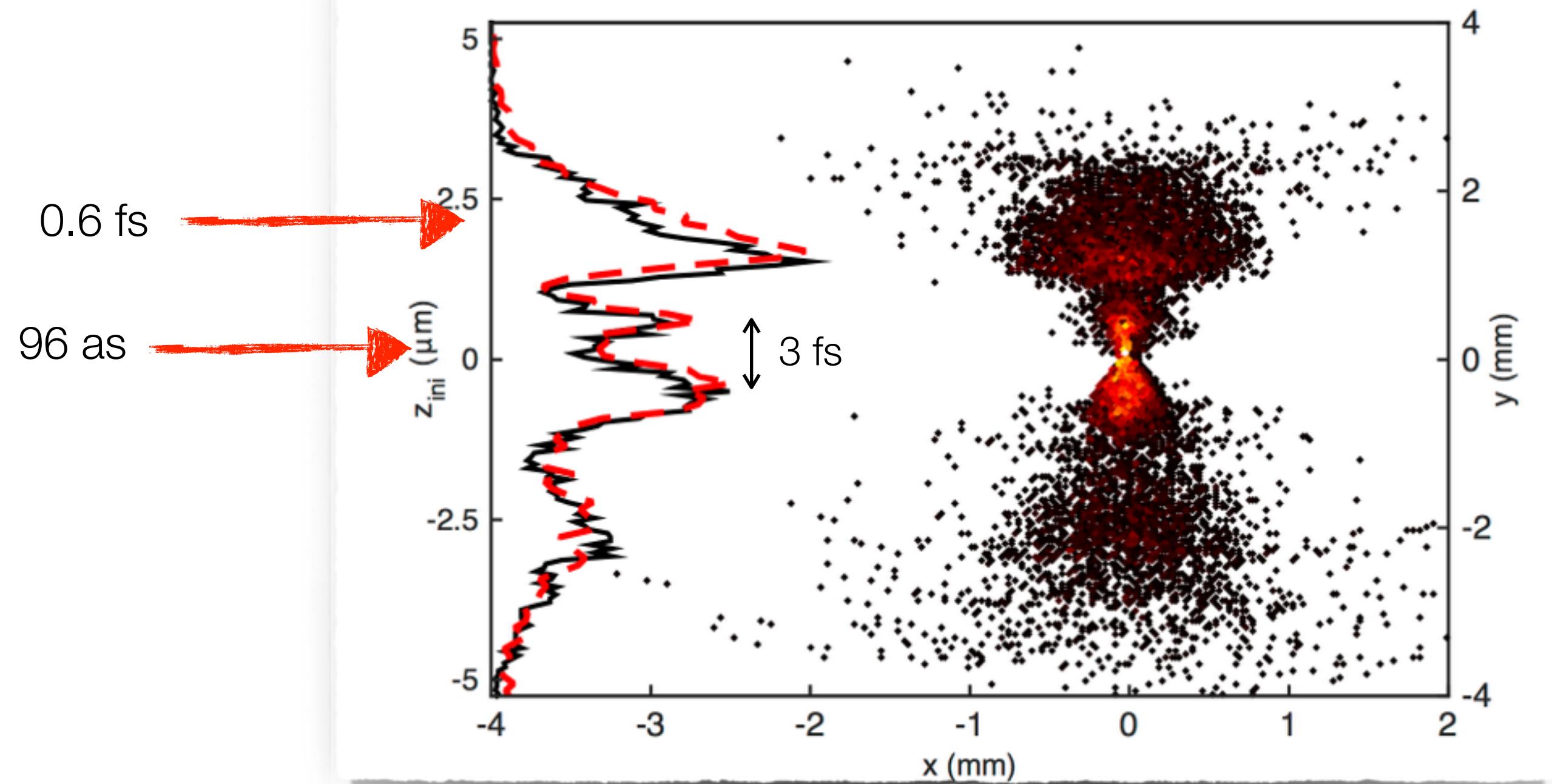
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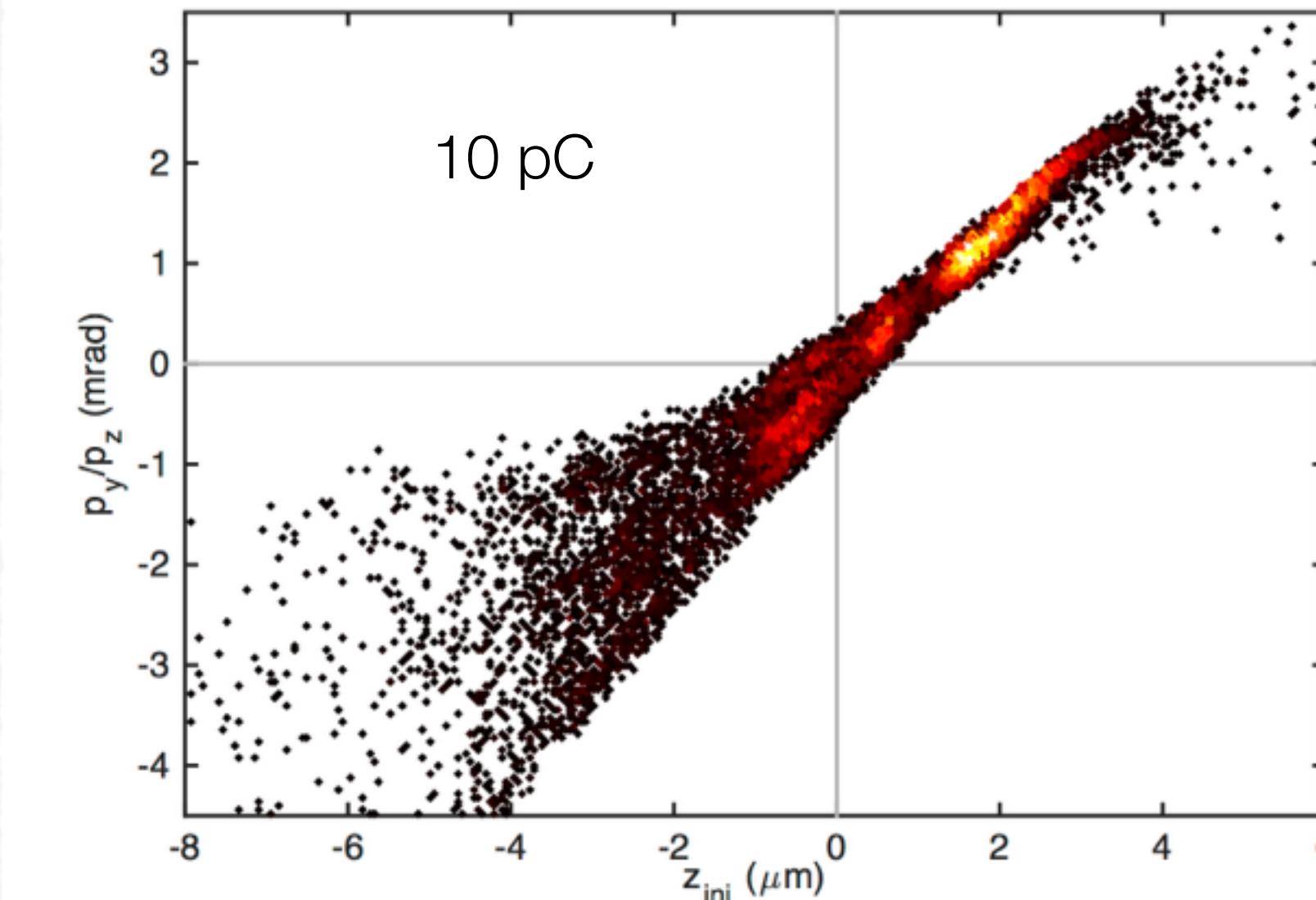
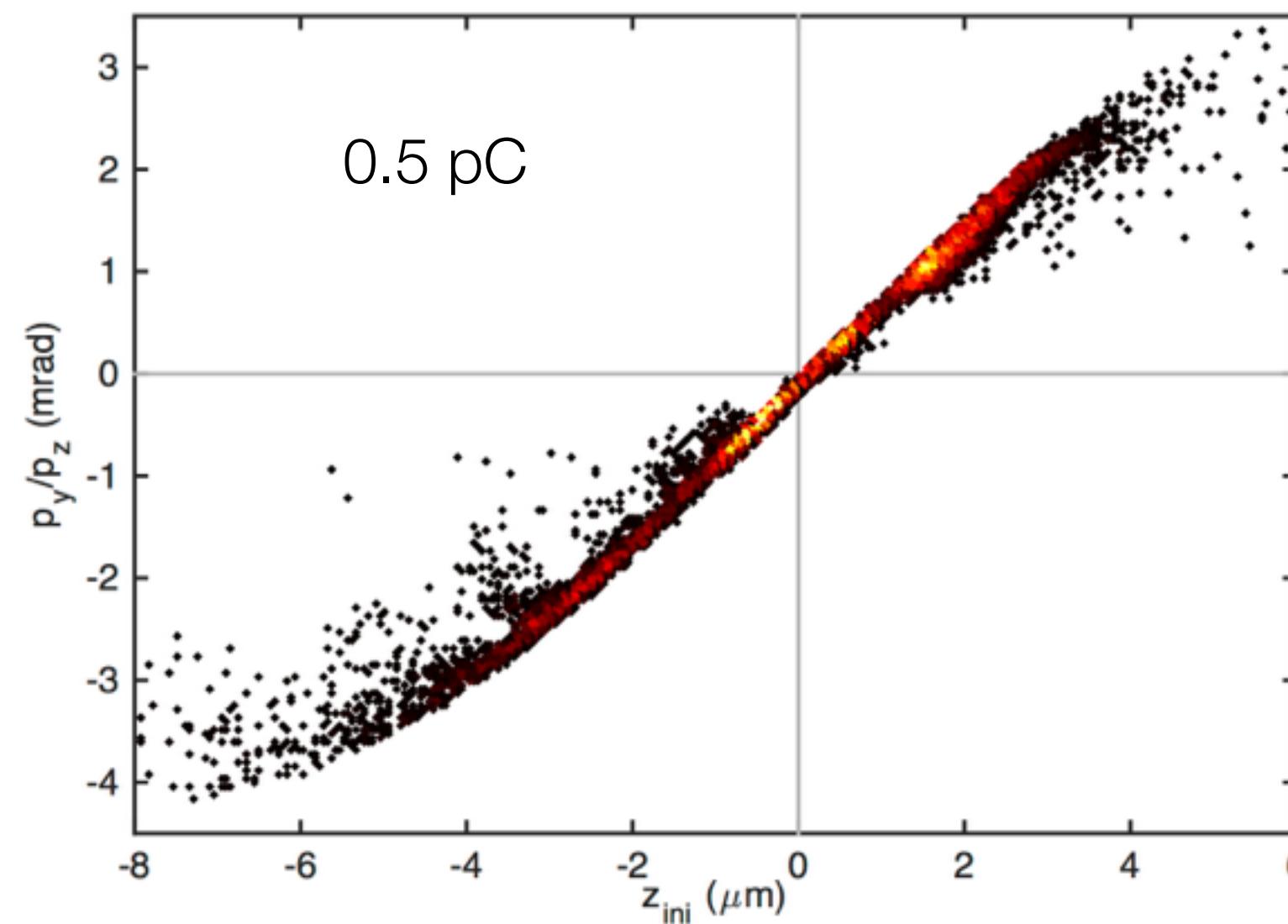
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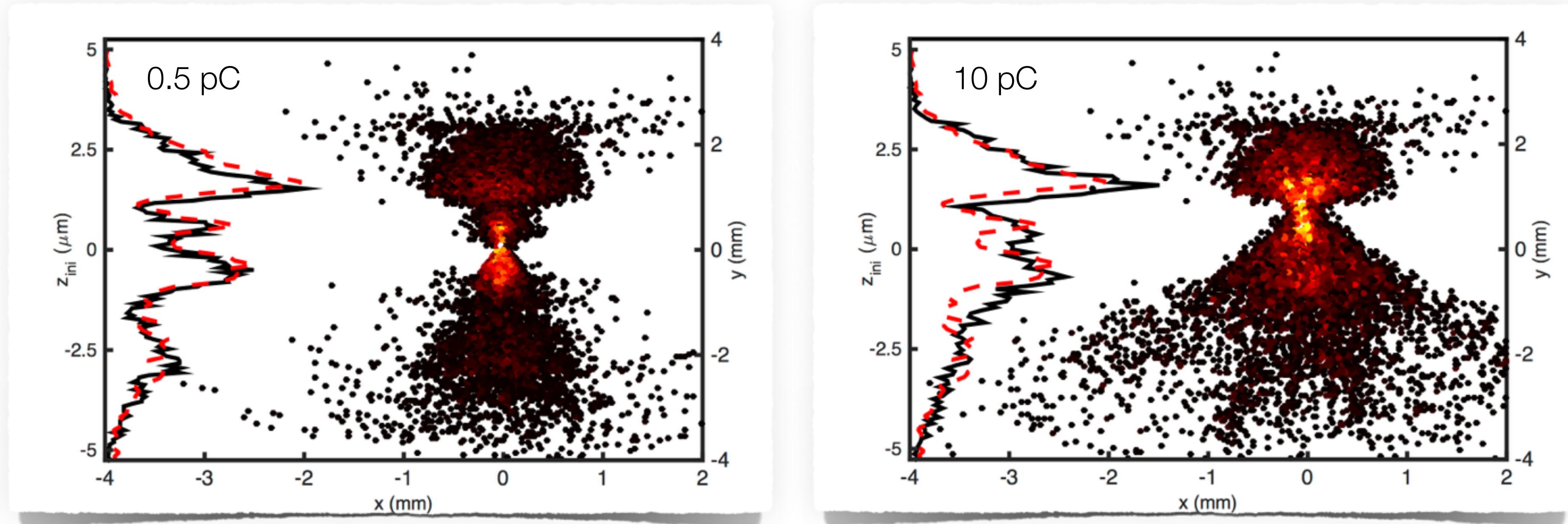
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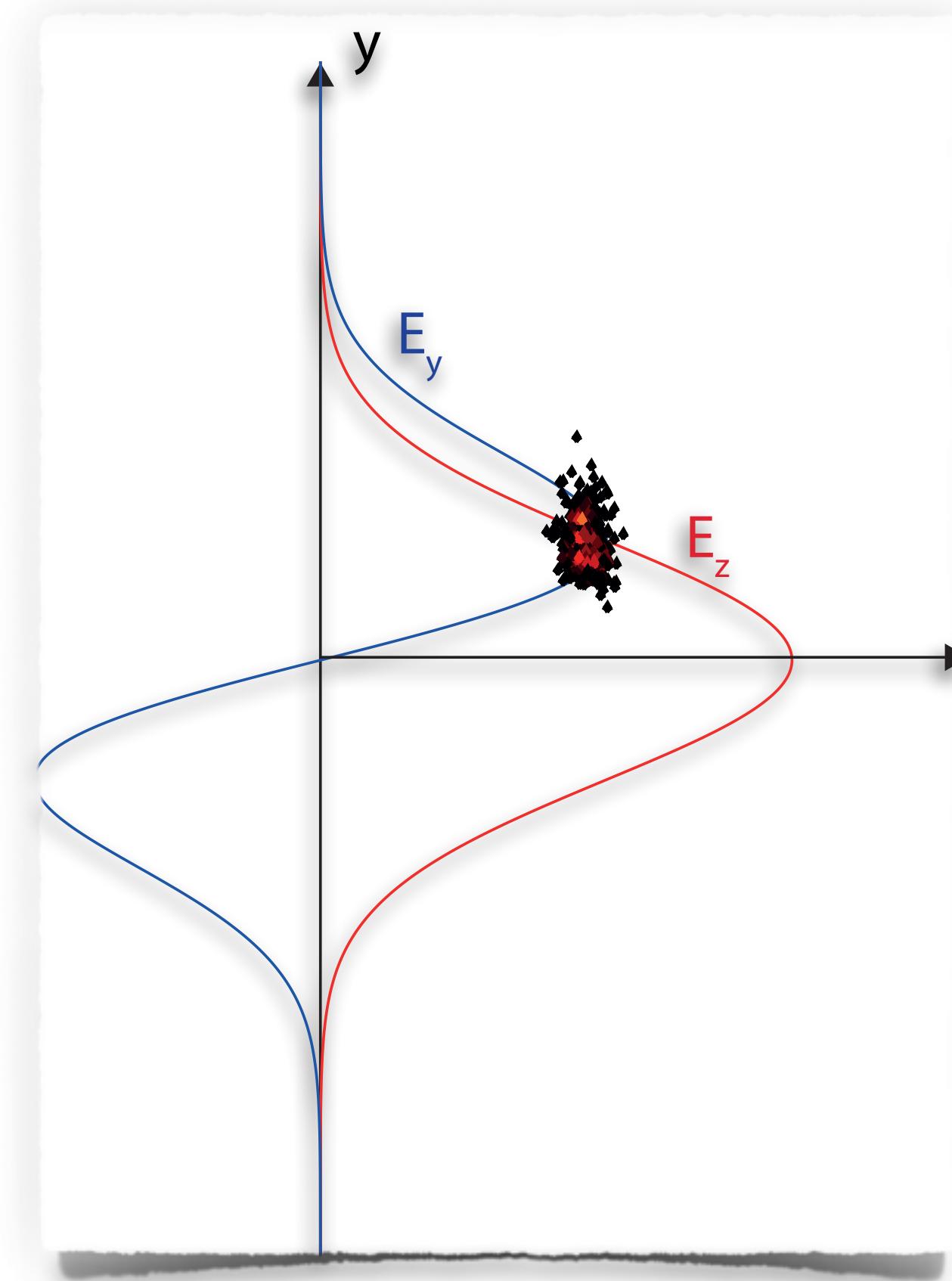
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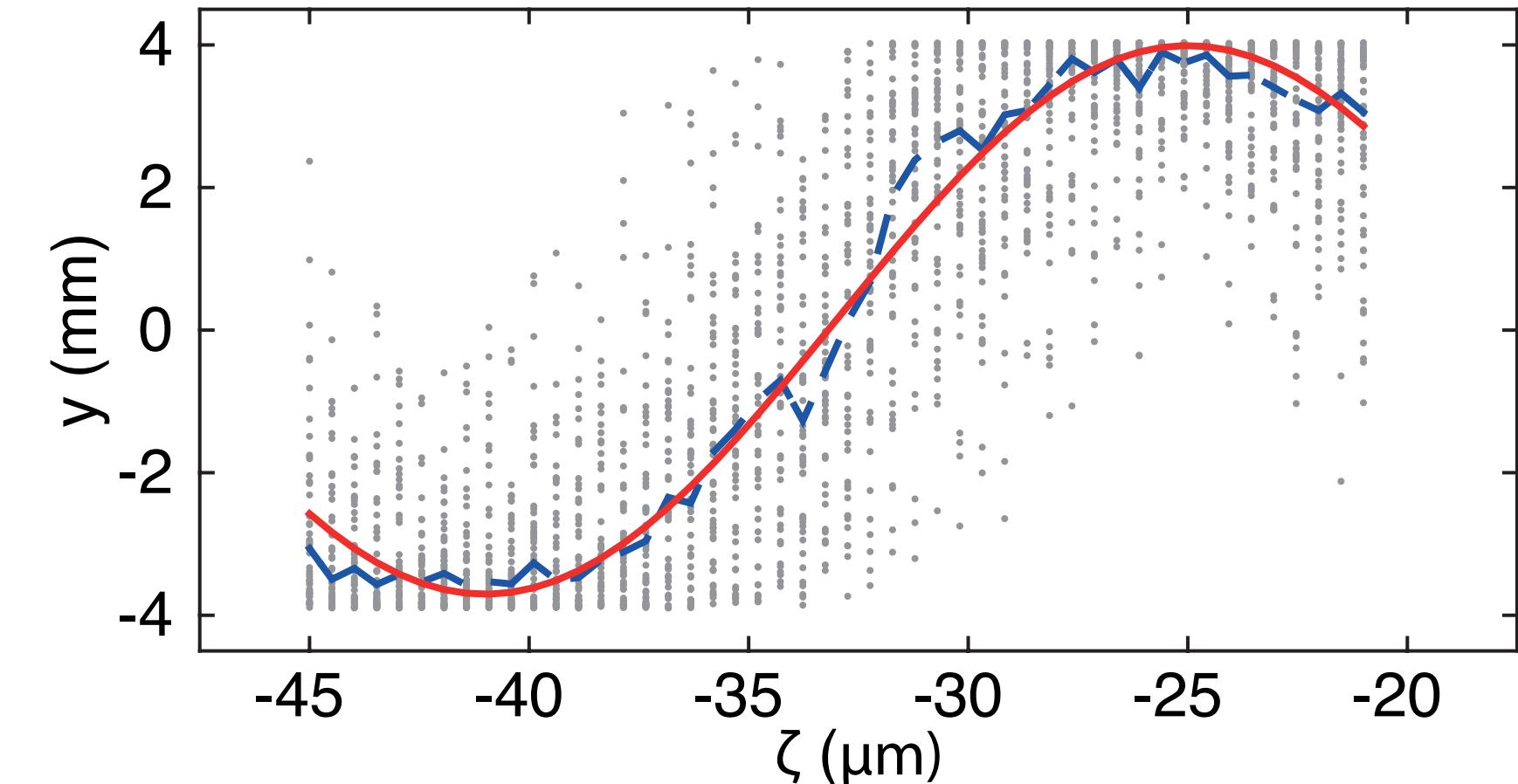
- ▶ slope of  $E_z$
- ▶ like in TDS: induced energy spread
  - ▶ high temporal resolution  $\Leftrightarrow$  low energy spread resolution
- ▶ here: accumulated 1.4 % energy spread



# Limitations - Arrival Time Jitter

- ▶ timing jitter:
  - ▶ shifts beam in phase of wake
  - ▶ remain at 10 % of plasma wavelength
    - ▶ 10 fs rms
- ▶ synchronization: SASE FEL pulse to IR laser @ FLASH
  - ▶ 28 fs rms
  - ▶ limited by bunch duration
- ▶ S. Schulz et al. Nat. Commun. 6:5938 (2015)
- ▶ also: seeded FEL @ FERMI
  - ▶ 6 fs rms
  - ▶ M. B. Danailov et al., Opt. Express 22, 12869 (2014)

- ▶ ASTRA simulations
- ▶ 10 fs rms jitter
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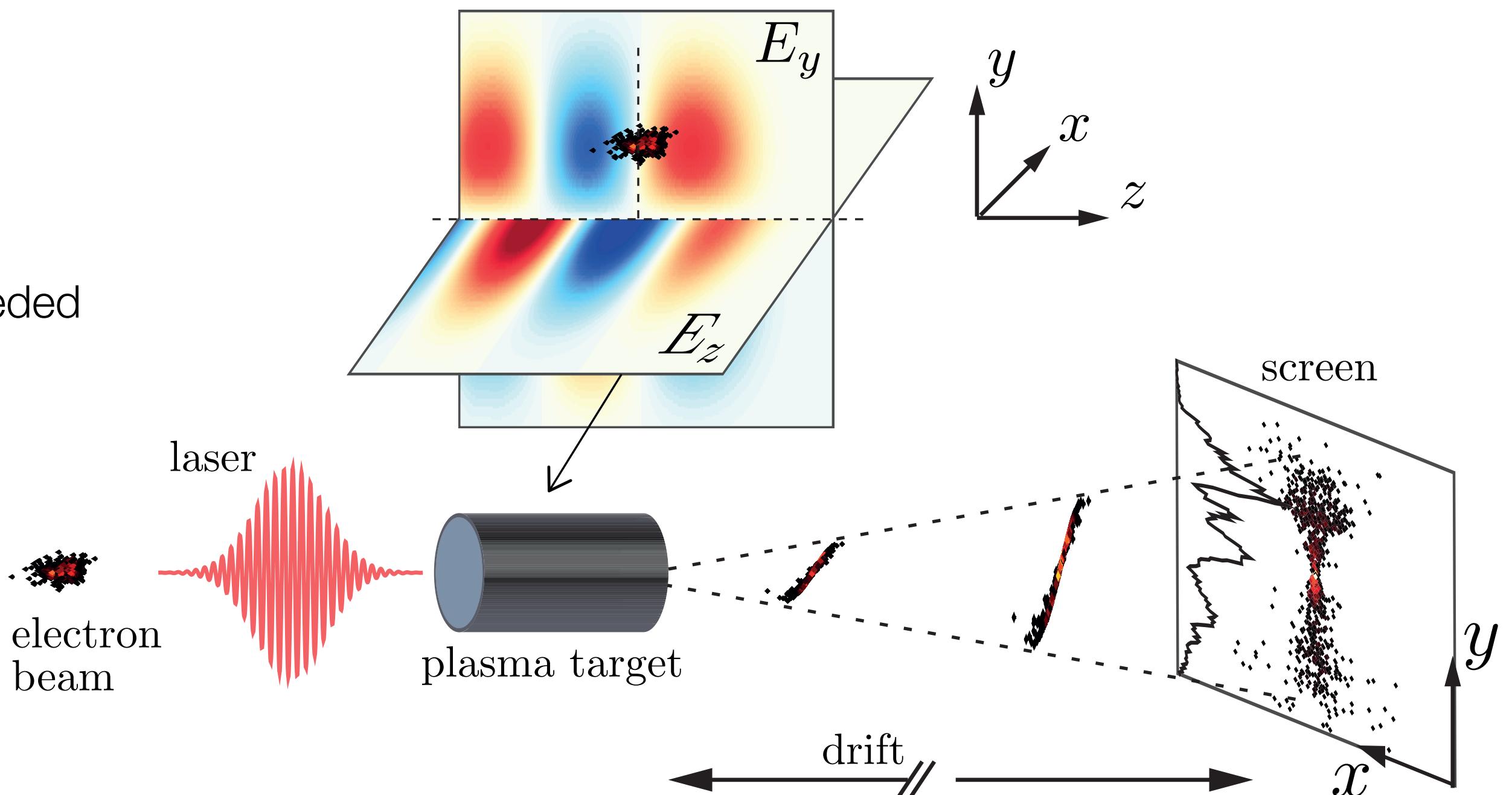
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**ugly:** no demonstration yet

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# Conclusion

- ▶ use plasma wakefield for bunch streaking
- ▶ strong fields and short wavelength
- ▶ temporal resolution below 1 fs
- ▶ high power laser system & synchronization needed
- ▶ well suited for laser plasma acceleration



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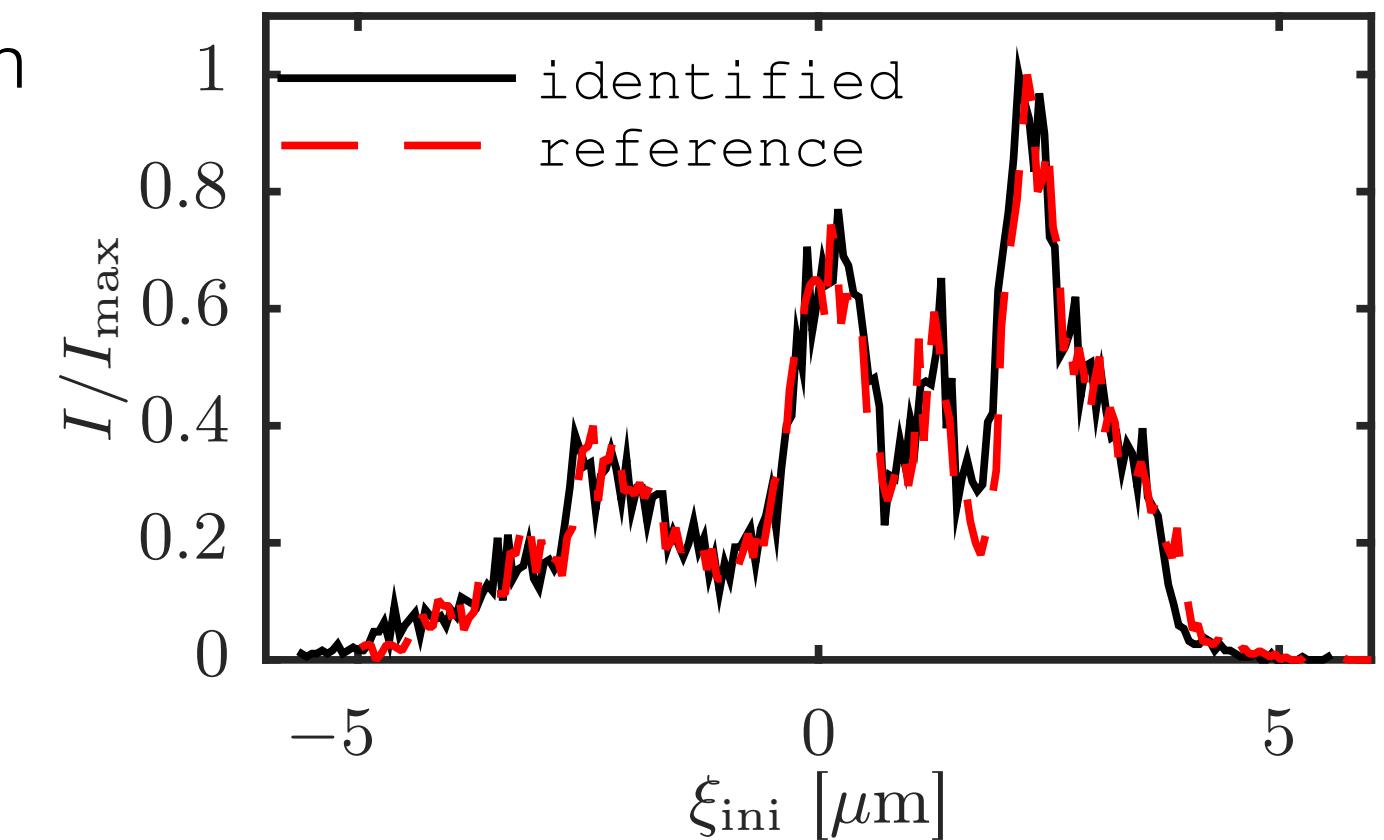
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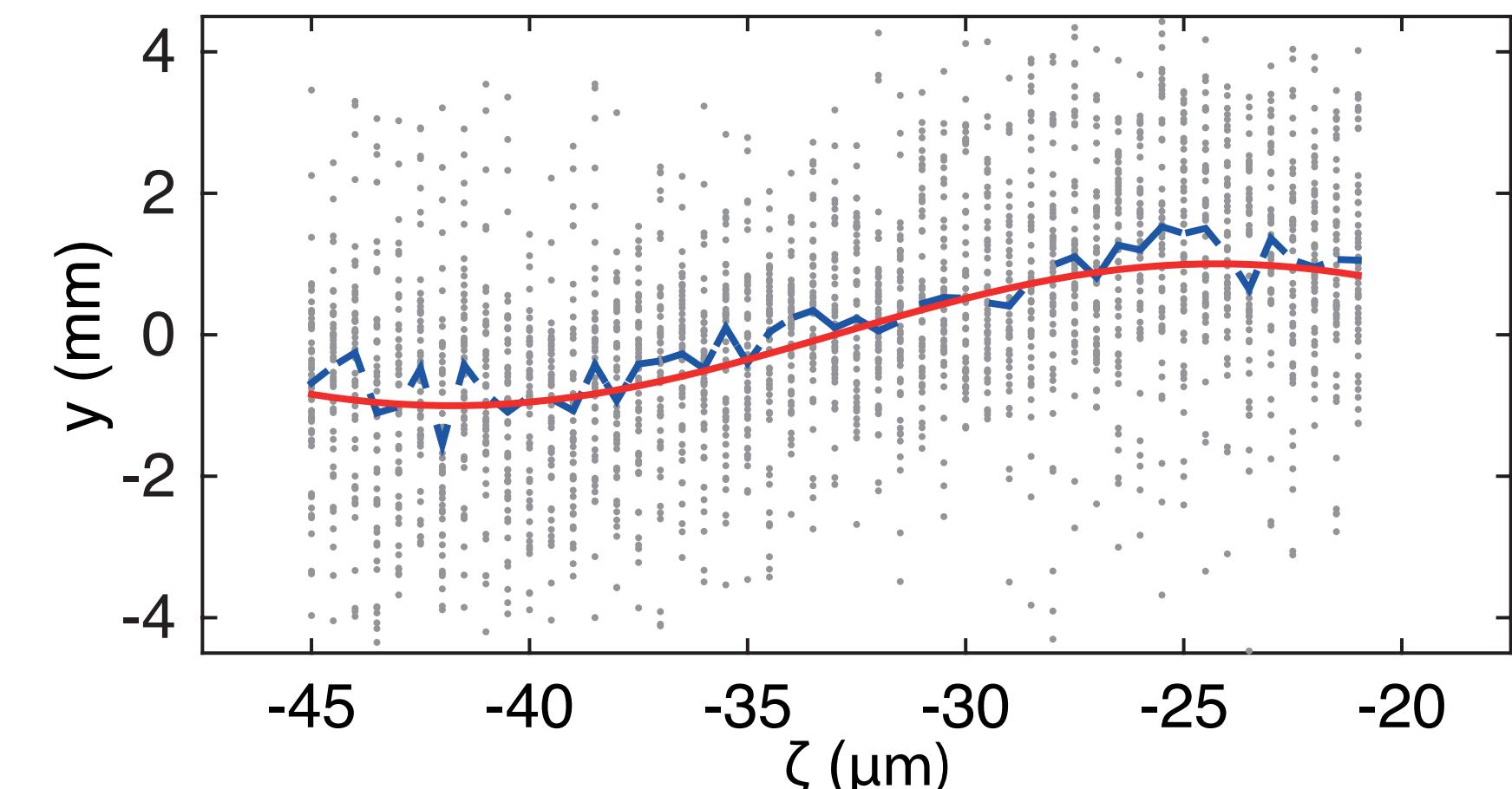
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- ▶ jitter in angle and offset:
  - ▶ shifts beam w.r.t. laser
  - ▶ streaking voltage drops
- ▶ laser stability at LUX
  - ▶ before compressor: 2  $\mu\text{rad}$  rms pointing
  - ▶ after 40 m beam transport & focused:  
40  $\mu\text{rad}$  pointing, 6  $\mu\text{m}$  offset

- ▶ good shot identification
  - ▶ center of screen
  - ▶ large extent in y



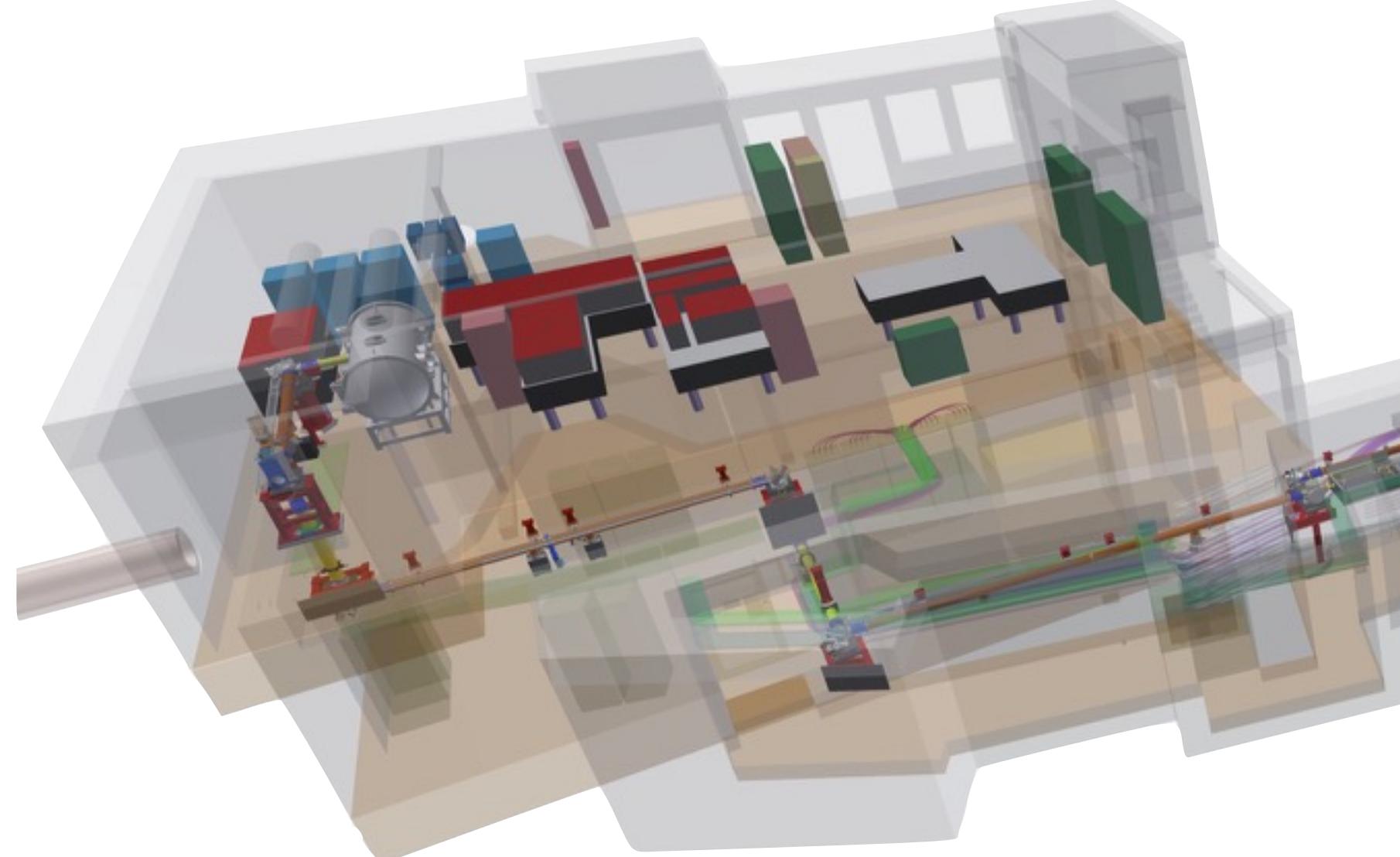
- ▶ ASTRA simulations:
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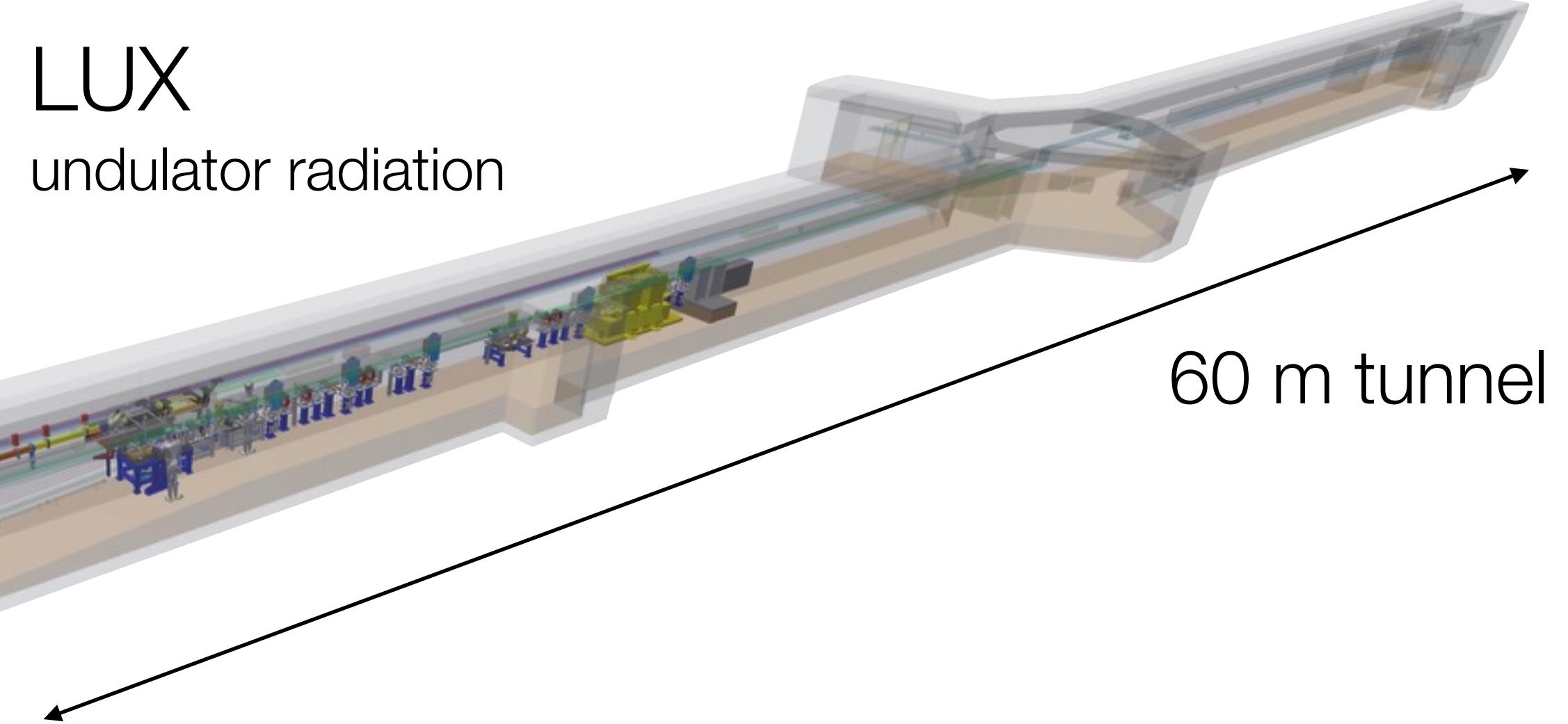
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new 200 TW laser



LUX

undulator radiation



60 m tunnel

see also [lux.cfel.de](http://lux.cfel.de)



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# More longitudinal phase space diagnostics

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- ▶ TDS cavities
  - ▶ down to 1 fs
- C. Behrens et al., Nat. Commun. 5, 3762 (2014)
- ▶ coherent transition radiation
  - ▶ depending on charge, no hard resolution limit
  - ▶ no unique reconstruction
- ▶ electro-optical monitors
  - ▶ around 50 fs
- R. Pompili et al., NIM A 740, 216 (2014)  
G. Berden et al., PRL 99, 164801 (2007)
- ▶ Faraday rotation
  - ▶ few fs
  - ▶ need strong magnetic field (high current density)
- A. Buck et al., Nat. Phys. 7, 543 (2011)
- ▶ passive streaker
  - ▶ depending on charge, fs range
- S. Betttoni et al., PRAB 19, 021304 (2016)