

# Plasma Wakefield Acceleration in the FFTB (E-164X & E-167)

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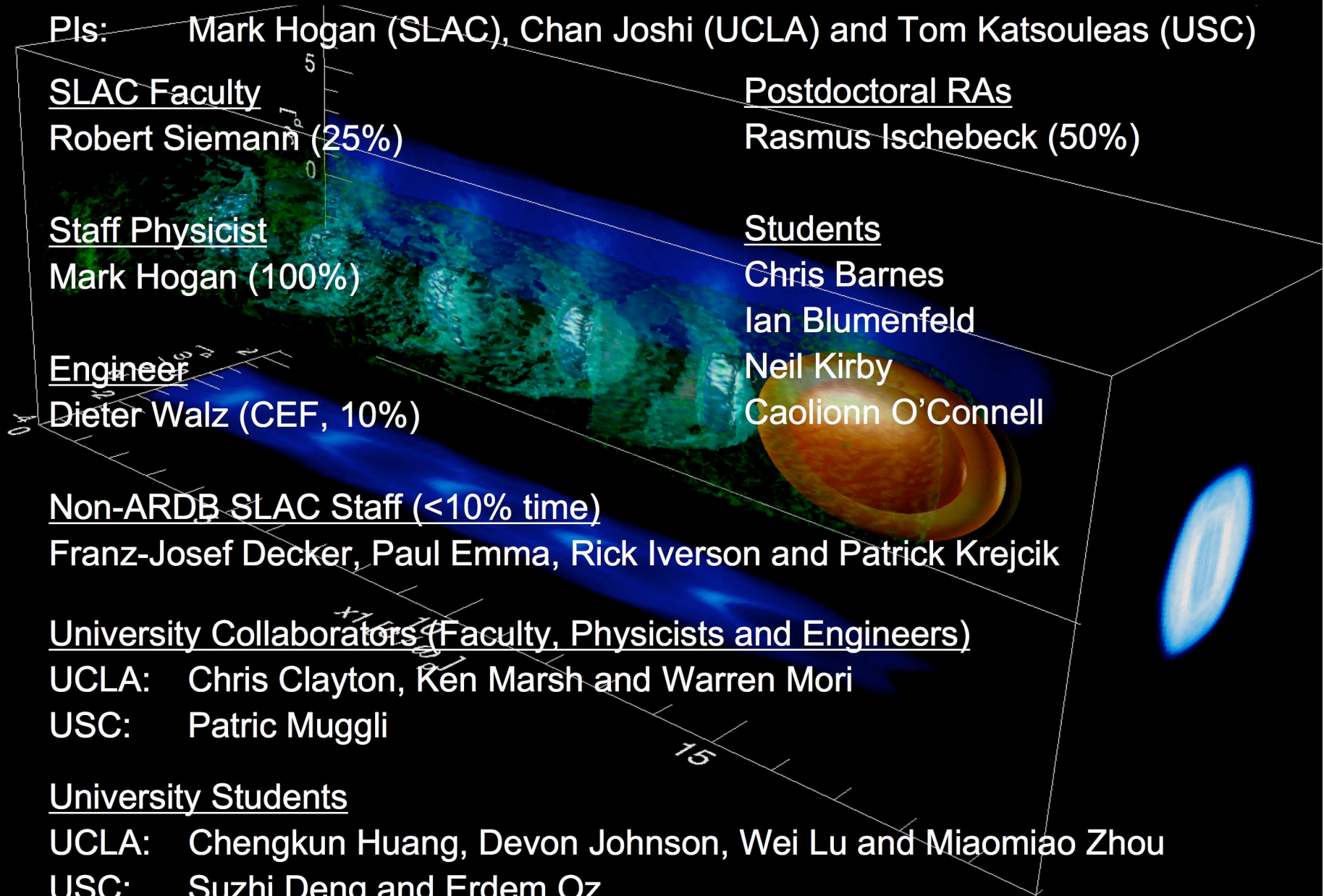
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# Outline



- **Introduction to PWFA**
- **Building on previous work**
- **Short bunches**
  - **How we make & measure them**
  - **Need a plasma to match them**
- **Phase space retrieval via LiTrack**
- **Multi-GeV energy gain**
- **Future directions**
- **Conclusion**

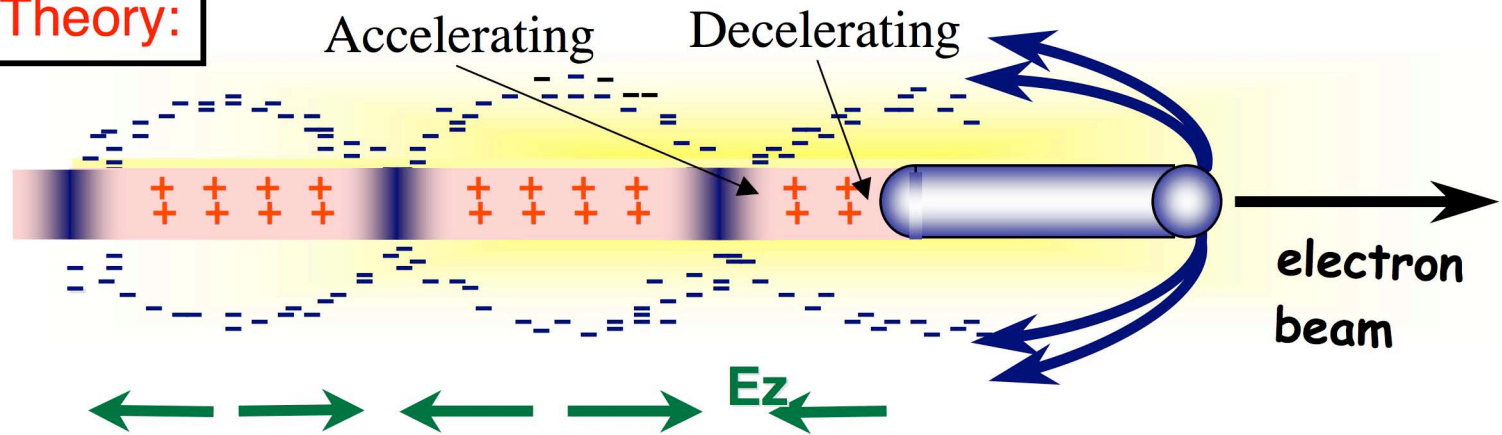


# PWFA: Plasma Wakefield Acceleration



- Looking at issues associated with applying the large focusing (MT/m) and accelerating (GeV/m) gradients in plasmas to high energy physics and colliders
- Built on E-157 & E-162 which observed a wide range of phenomena with both electron and positron drive beams: focusing, acceleration/de-acceleration, X-ray emission, refraction, tests for hose instability...

## Linear PWFA Theory:



$$\circ E_{z,linear} \propto \frac{N}{\sigma_z^2} \quad \Rightarrow \text{Short bunch!}$$

$$\circ \text{For } k_p \sigma_r \ll 1 \text{ and } k_p \sigma_z \cong \sqrt{2} \quad \text{or} \quad n_p \propto \frac{1}{\sigma_z^2}$$

$E_z$ : accelerating field  
 $N$ : # e<sup>-</sup>/bunch  
 $\sigma_z$ : gaussian bunch length  
 $k_p$ : plasma wave number  
 $n_p$ : plasma density  
 $n_b$ : beam density

- A single bunch from the linac drives a large amplitude plasma wave which focus and accelerates particles
- For a single bunch the plasma works as an energy transformer and transfers energy from the head to the tail



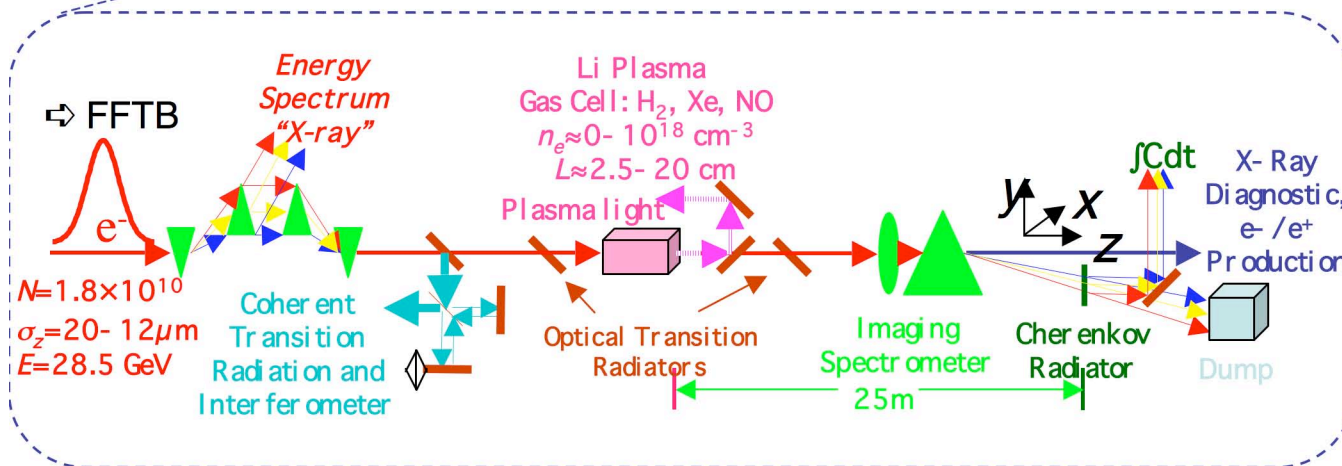
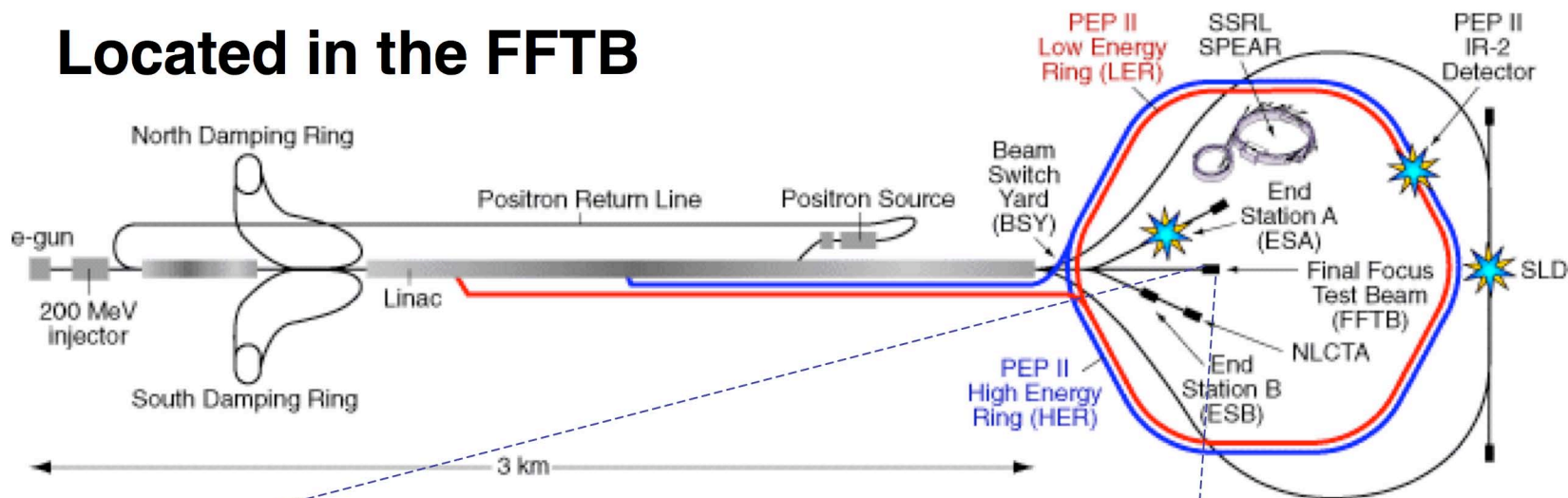


# PWFA Experiments @ SLAC

## Share Common Apparatus

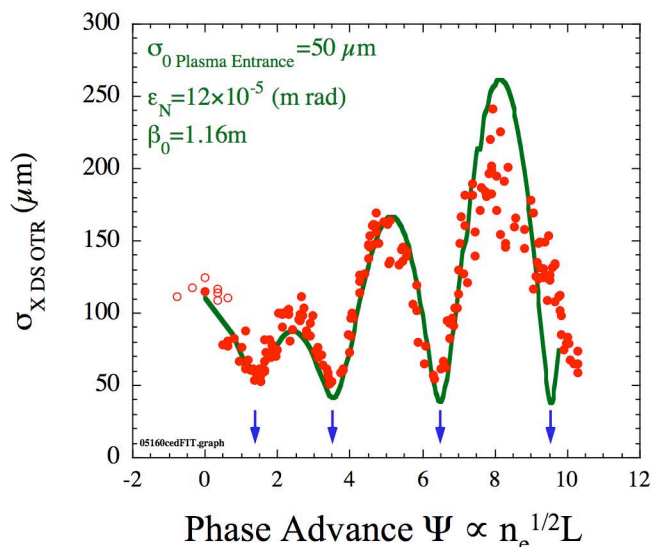


### Located in the FFTB



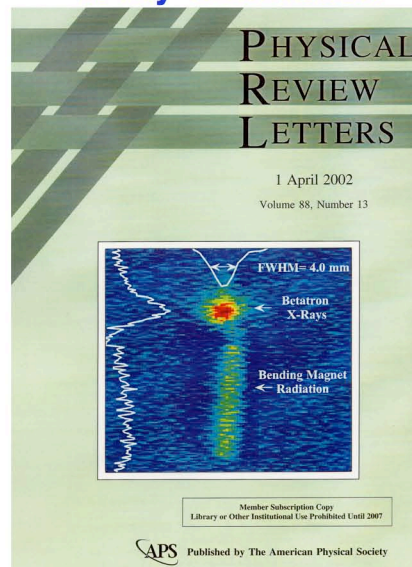
# Beam-Plasma Experimental Results (6 Highlights)

## Focusing e<sup>-</sup>



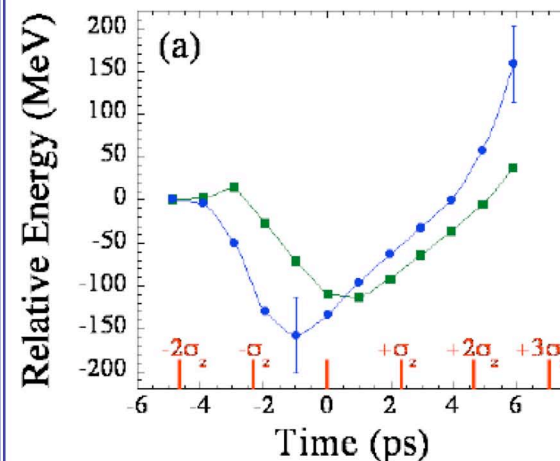
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## X-ray Generation



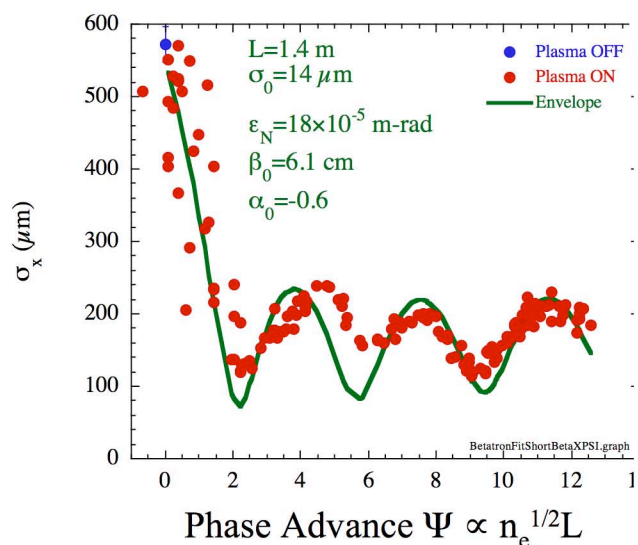
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## Wakefield Acceleration e<sup>-</sup>



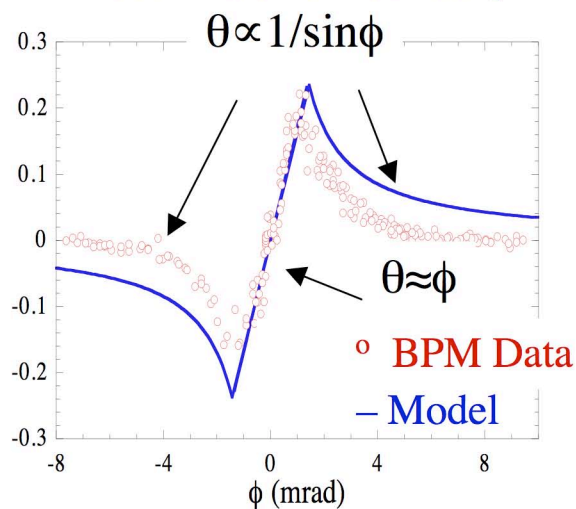
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## Matching e<sup>-</sup>



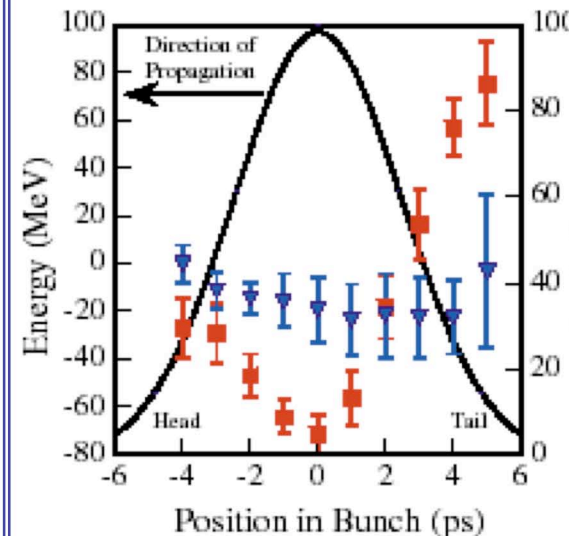
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## Electron Beam Refraction at the Gas-Plasma Boundary



*Nature* **411**, 43 (3 May 2001)

## Wakefield Acceleration e<sup>+</sup>



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# Numerical Simulations: Bunch Length Scaling E-157 to E-164X

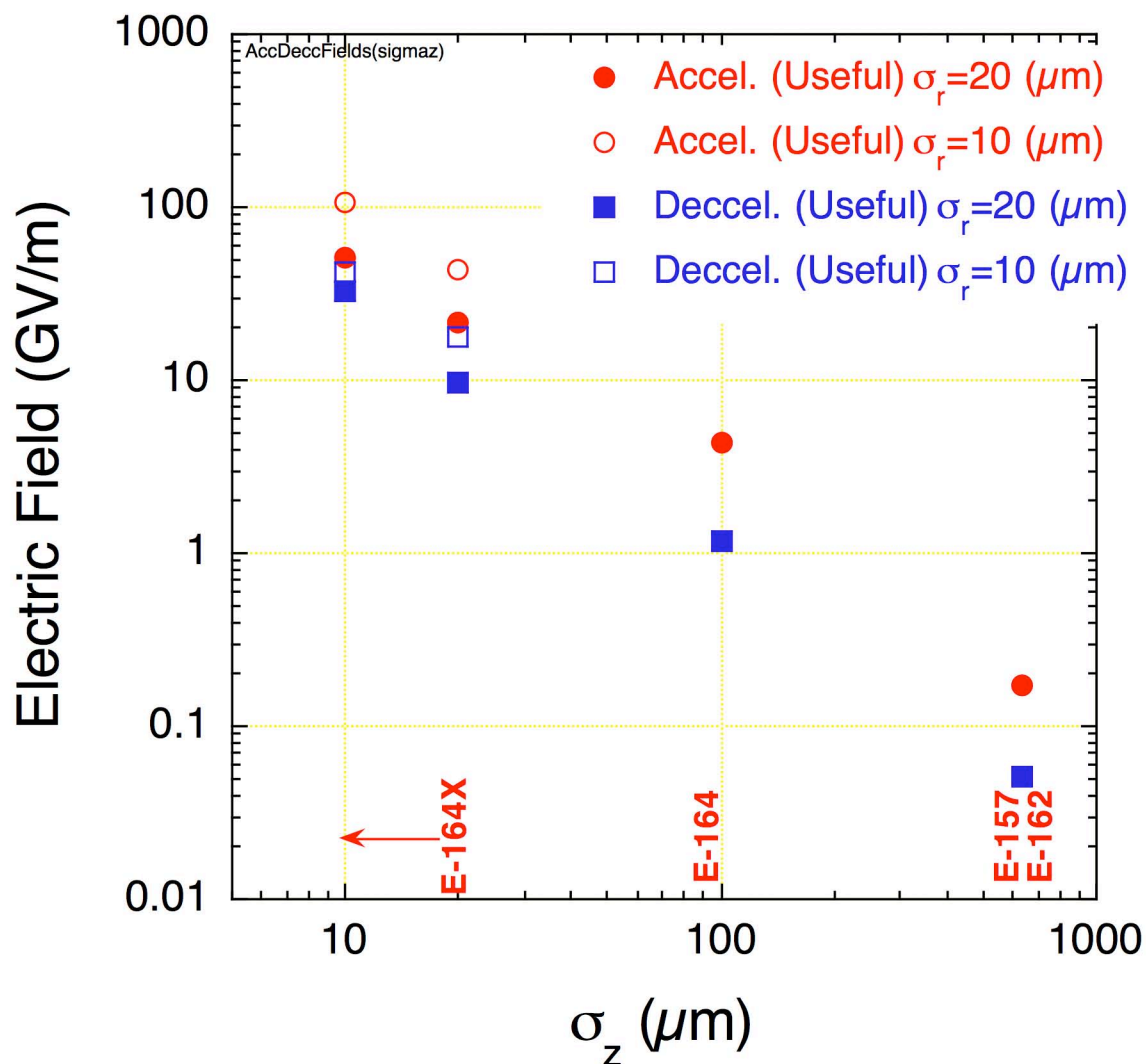


## E-164X:

$$\sigma_z = 10 - 20 \mu\text{m}$$

> 10 GeV/m gradient!

( $\sigma_r$  dependent!  $k_p \sigma_r \approx 1$ )



$f_p=2.8 \text{ THz}$ ,  $W=3 \text{ MT/m}$  @  $n_e=10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

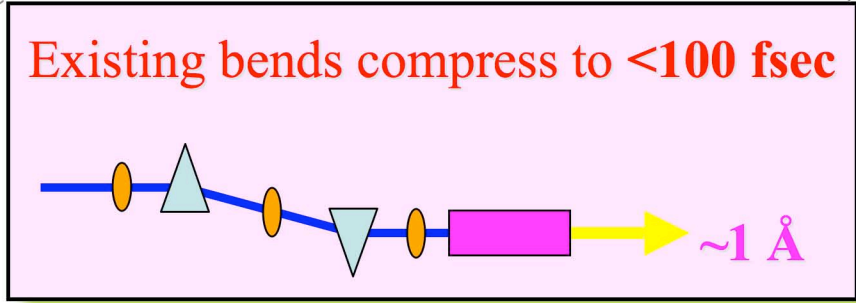
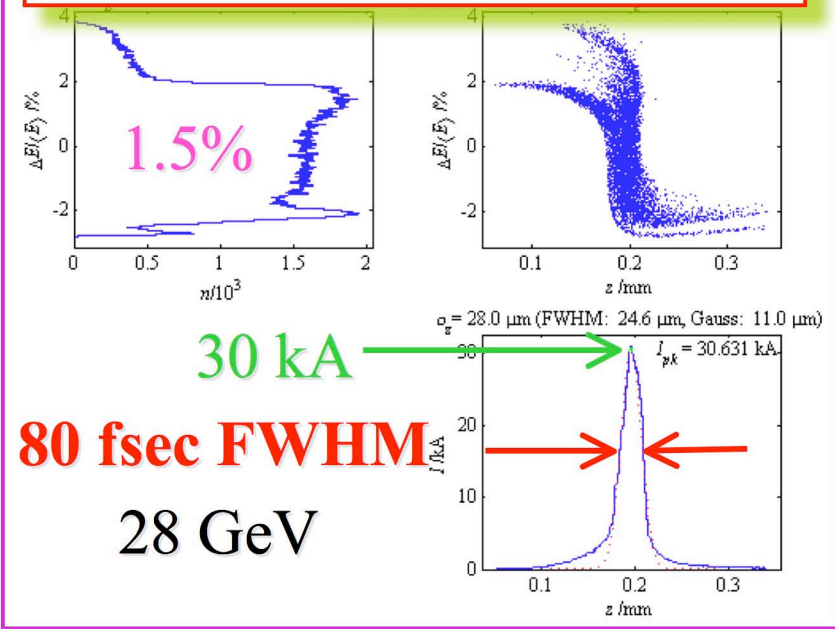




# Short Bunch Generation In The SLAC Linac

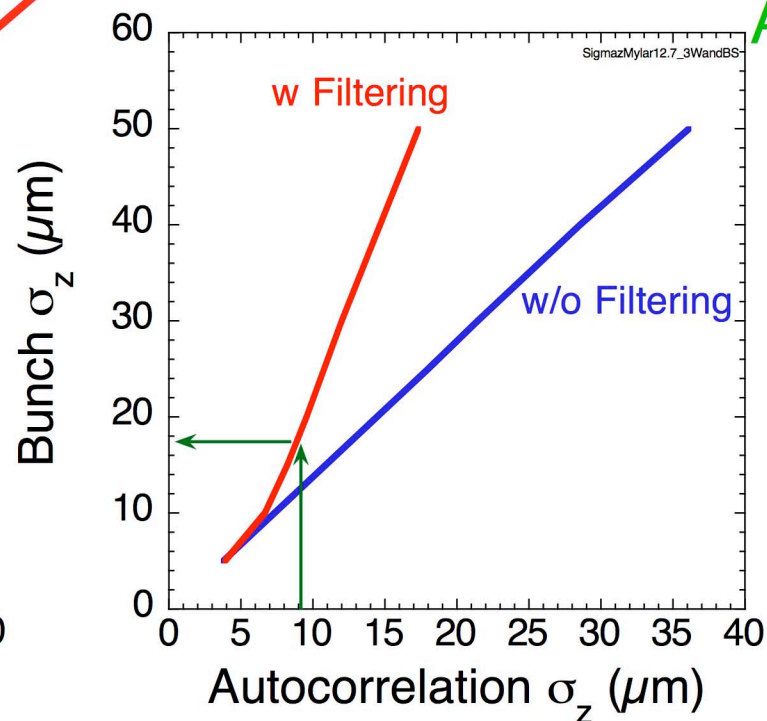
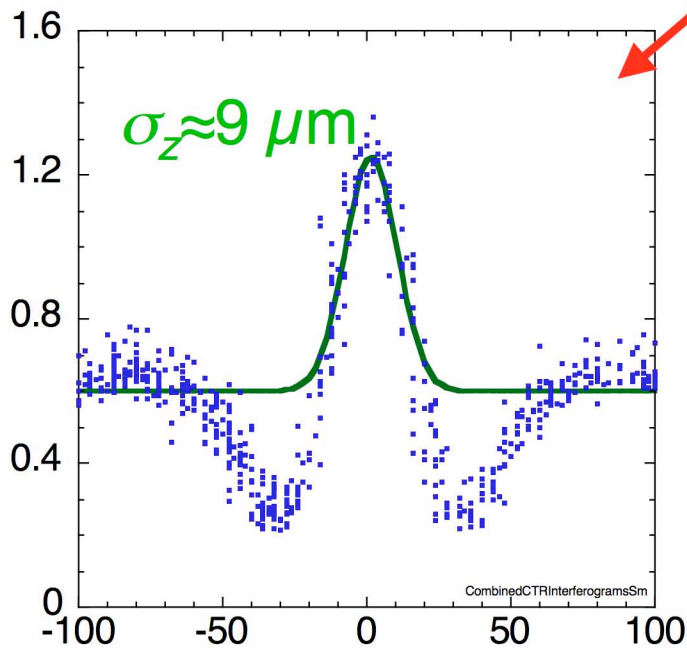
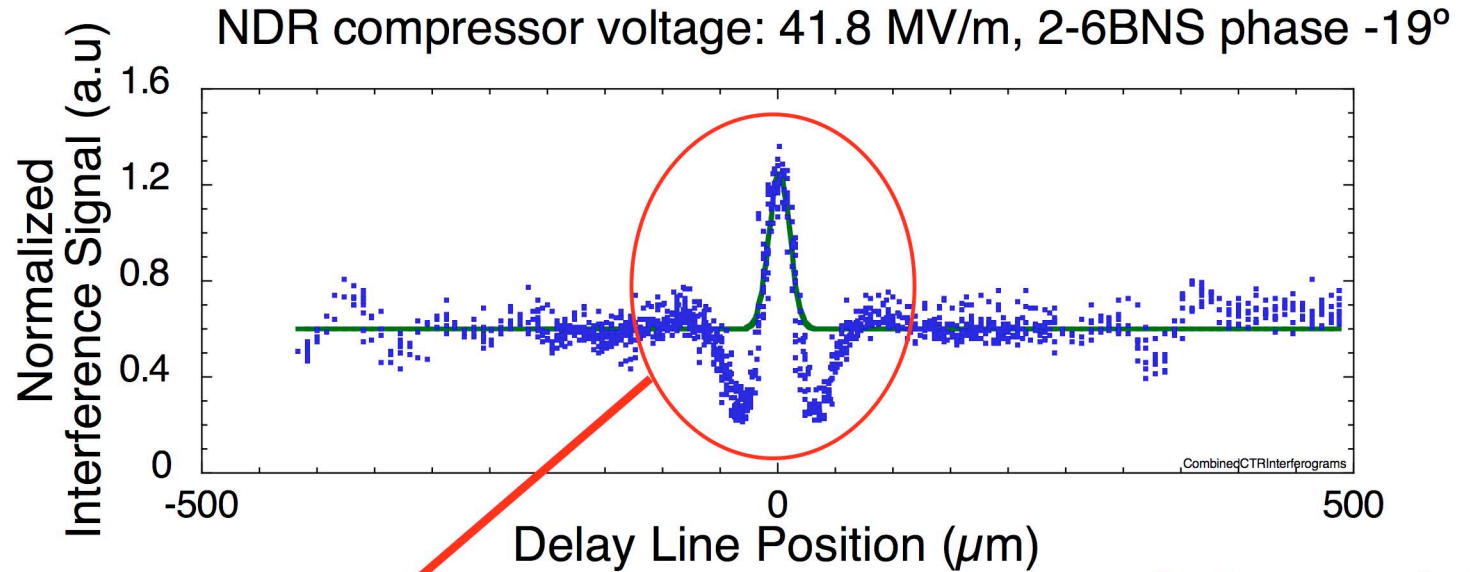


Add 12-meter chicane compressor in linac at 1/3-point (9 GeV)



- Bunch length/current profile is the convolution of an incoming energy spectrum and the magnetic compression
- Dial FFTB R<sub>56</sub>, measure incoming energy spectrum.

# First Measurement of SLAC Ultra-short Bunch Length!



Autocorrelation

$\sigma_z \approx 9 \mu\text{m}$



Gaussian Bunch

$\sigma_z \approx 18 \mu\text{m}$

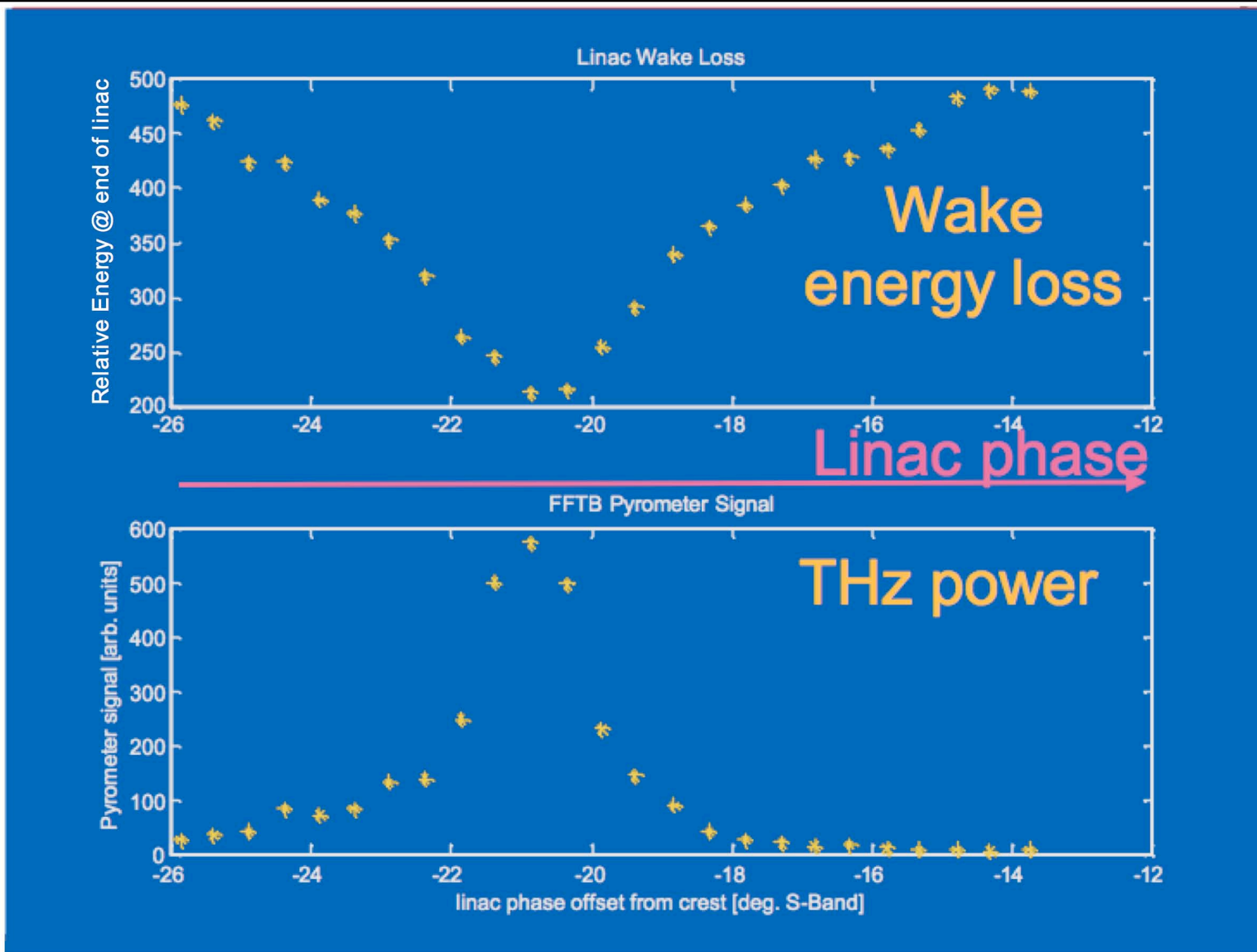
or

$\tau \approx 60 \text{ fs}$





# CTR Energy Correlates with Bunch Length





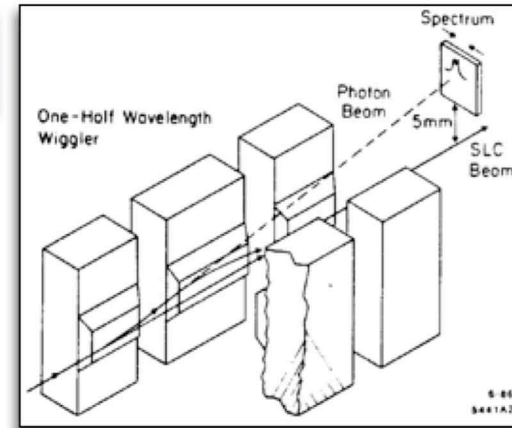
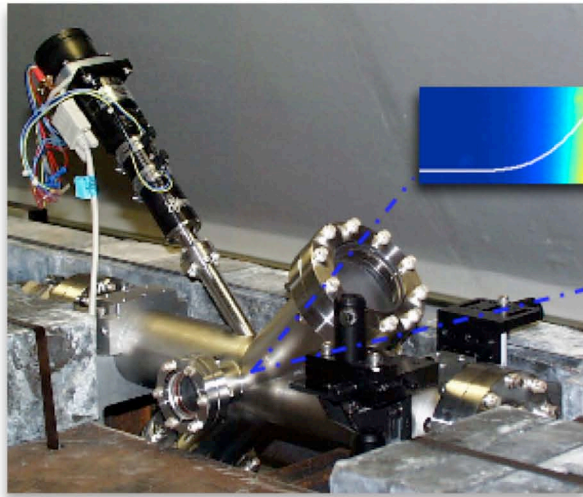
# Non-Invasive Energy Spectrometer Upstream of Plasma



## SLC ENERGY SPECTRUM MONITOR USING SYNCHROTRON RADIATION\*

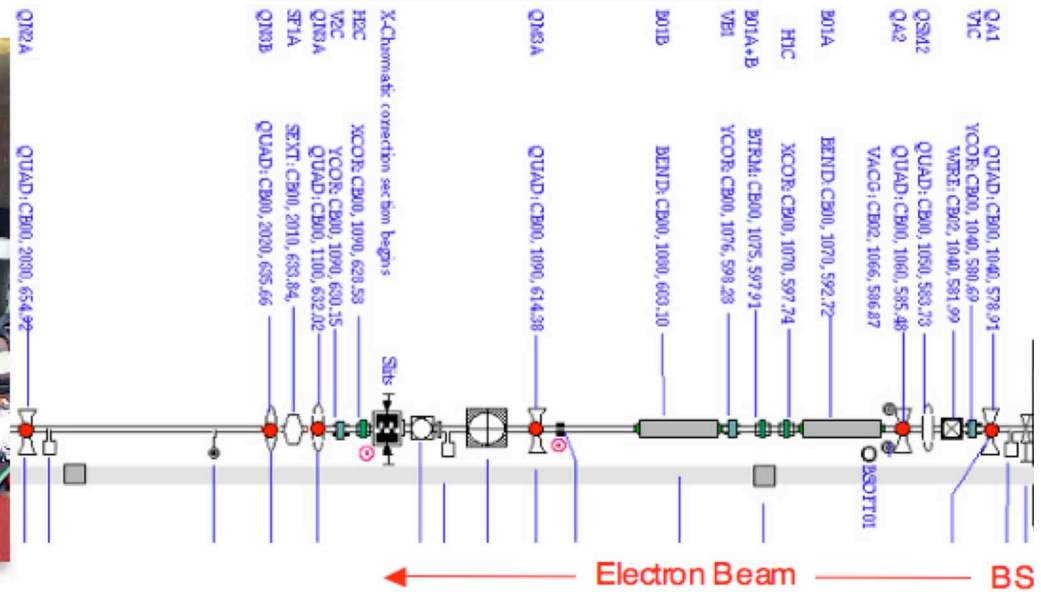
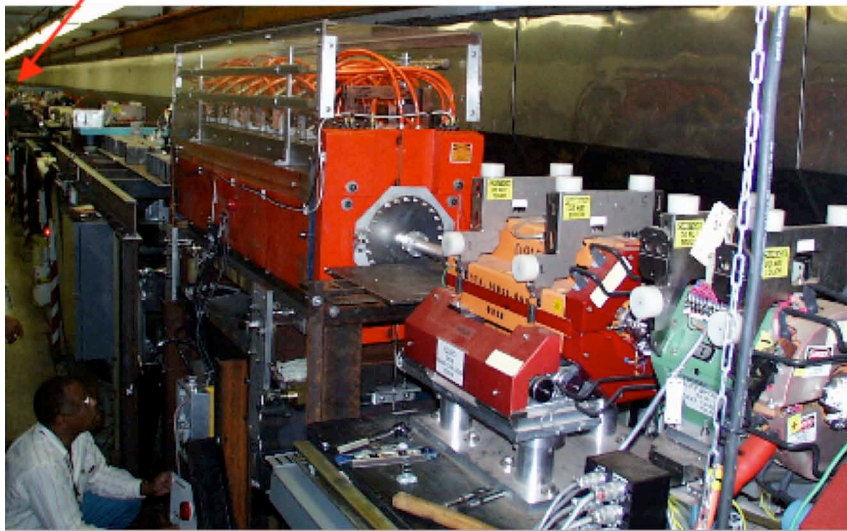
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Plasma



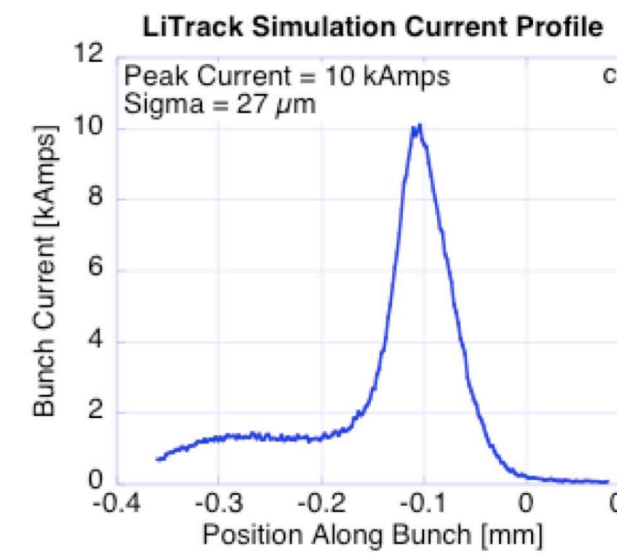
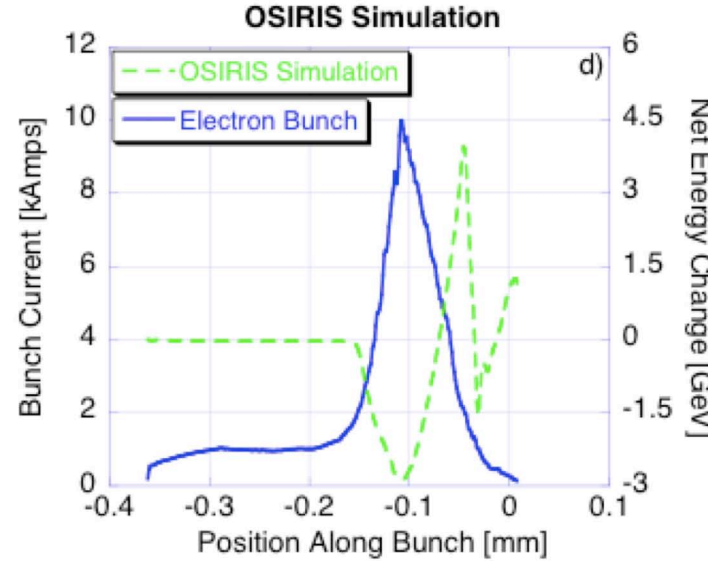
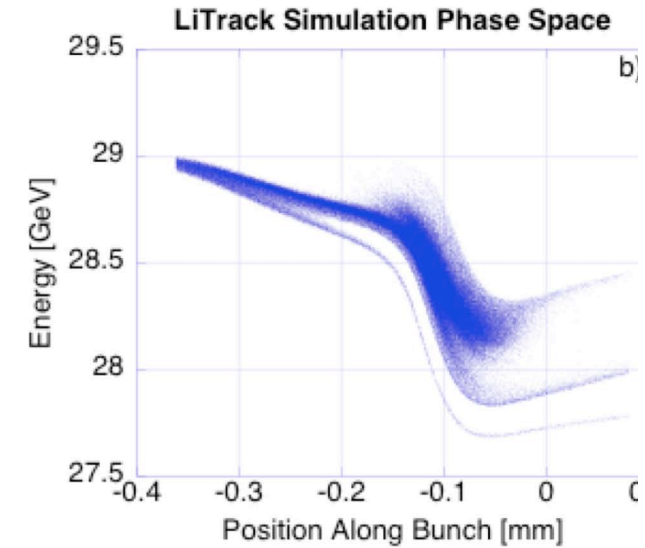
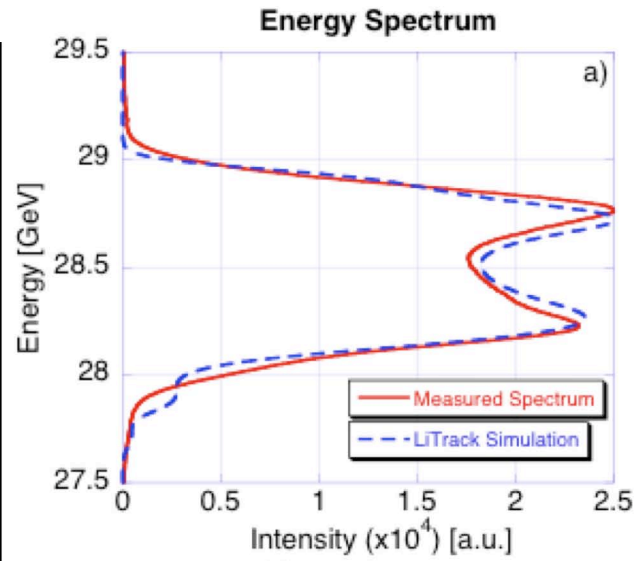


# Phase Space Retrieval via LiTrack\*

\*K. Bane & P. Emma



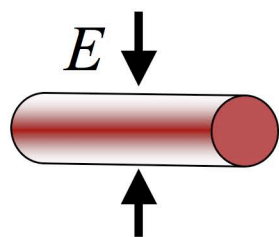
- Extension of previous work on SLC
- More compression stages
- More free parameters
- Shorter bunches
- Requires good measurements, good intuition or really good guessing!
- Not automated (yet!)
- Single shot and non-destructive!







# Below 100 $\mu\text{m}$ Bunch Length At Threshold For Self-ionization



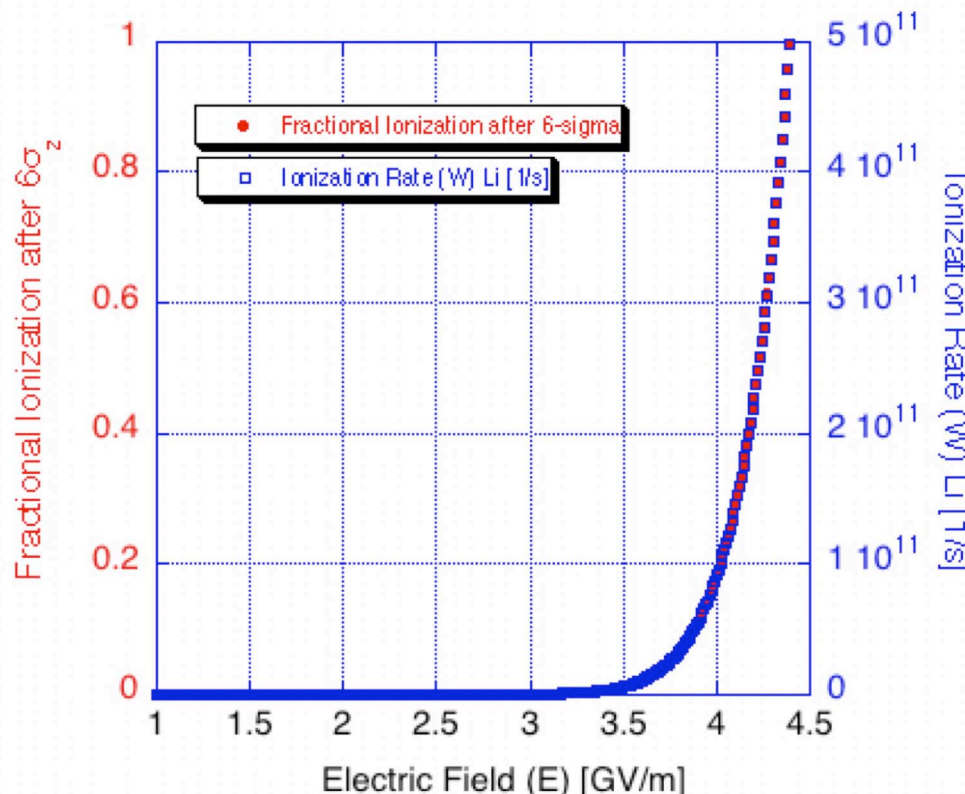
Peak Field For A Gaussian Bunch

$$E = 6GV/m \frac{N}{2 \times 10^{10}} \frac{20\mu}{\sigma_r} \frac{100\mu}{\sigma_z}$$

Ionization Rate for Li

$$W_{Li} [s^{-1}] \approx \frac{3.60 \times 10^{21}}{E^{2.18} [GV/m]} \exp\left(\frac{-85.5}{E [GV/m]}\right)$$

See D. Bruhwiler et al, Physics of Plasmas 2003

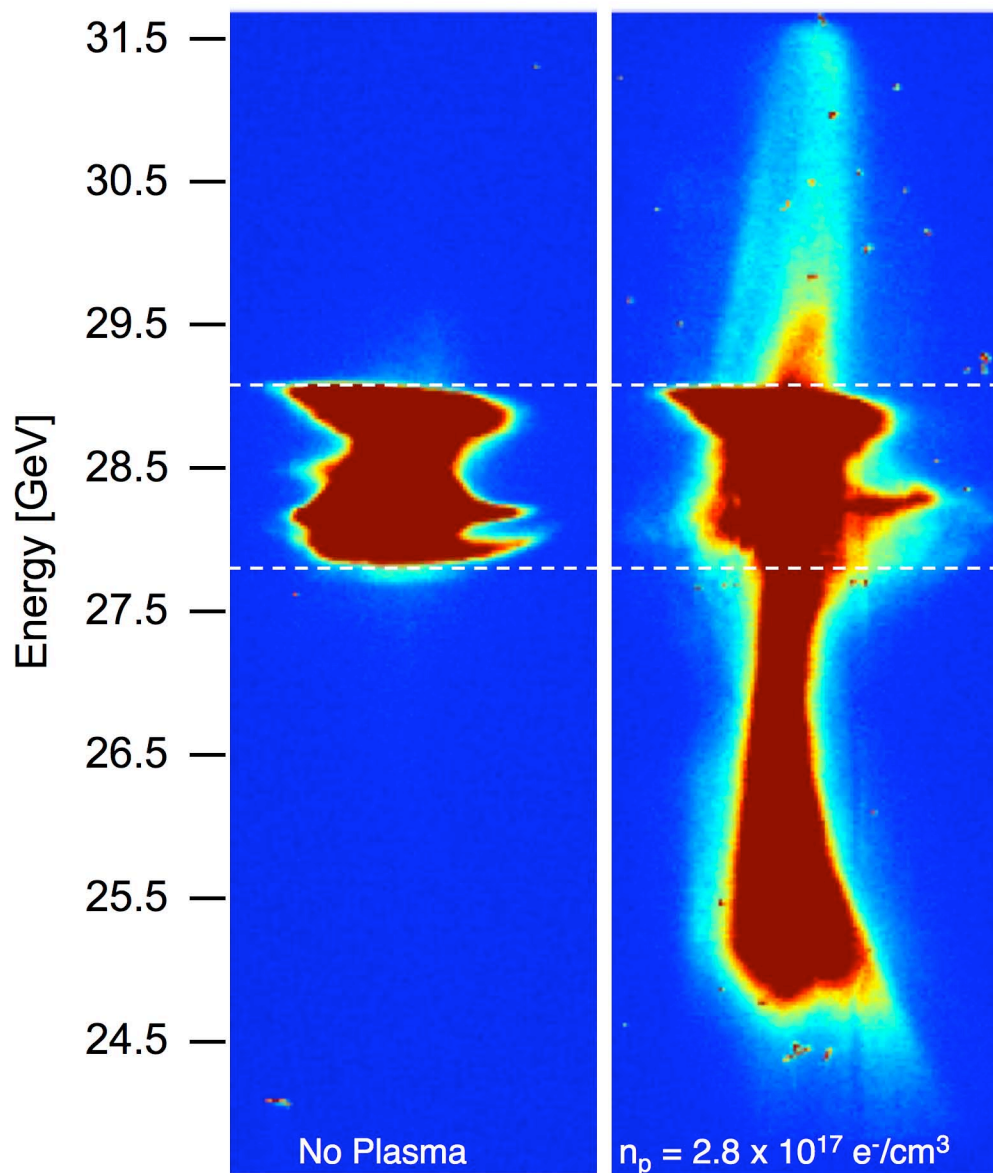


**Space charge fields are high enough to field (tunnel) ionize - no laser!**

- No timing or alignment issues
- Plasma recombination not an issue
- However, can't just turn it off!
- Ablation of the head



# Accelerating Gradient > 27 GeV/m! (Sustained Over 10cm)



- Large energy spread after the plasma is an artifact of doing single bunch experiments
- Electrons have gained > 2.7 GeV over maximum incoming energy in 10cm
- Confirmation of predicted dramatic increase in gradient with move to short bunches
- First time a PWFA has gained more than 1 GeV
- Two orders of magnitude larger than previous beam-driven results
- Future experiments will accelerate a second “witness” bunch

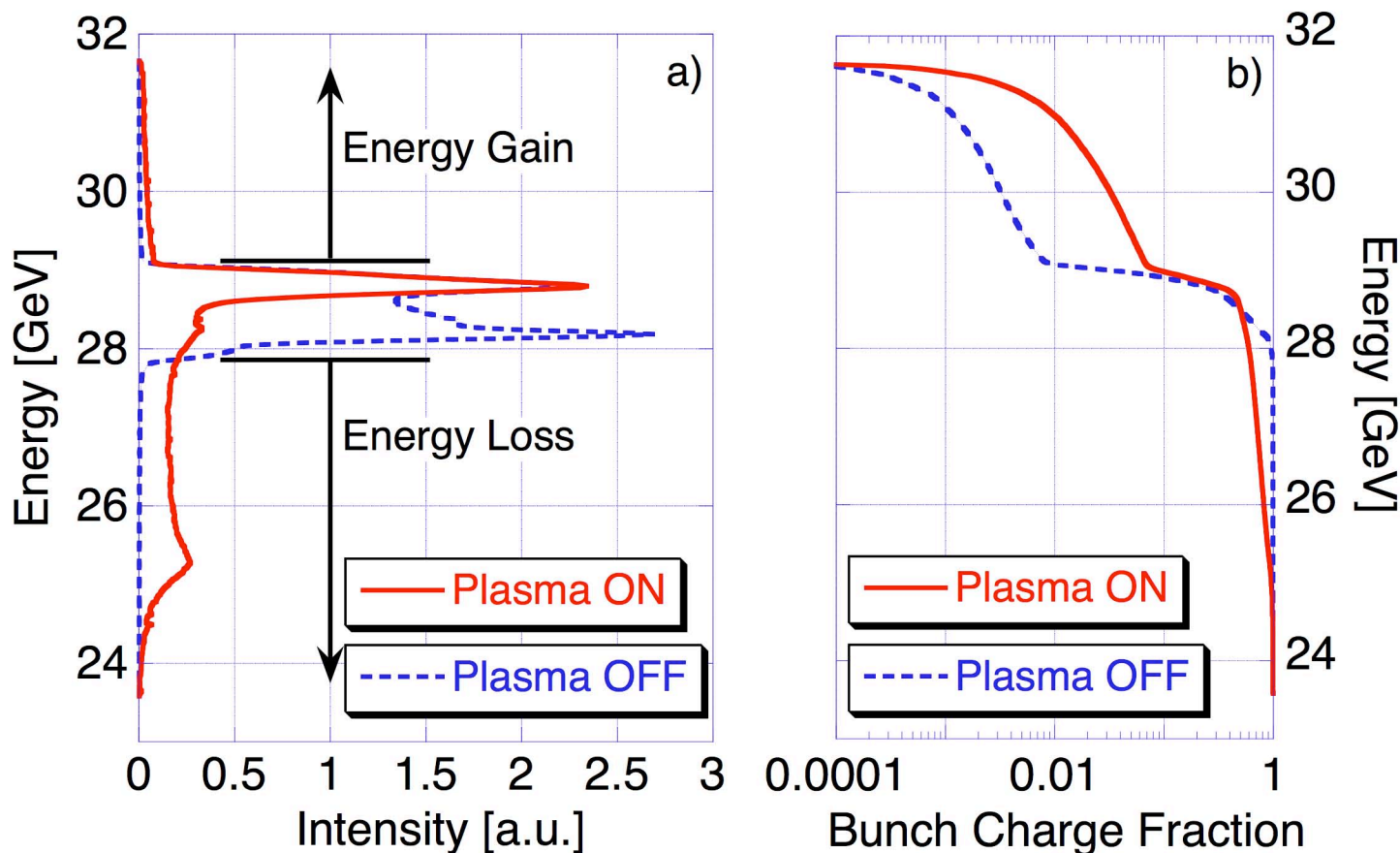
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## How We Quantify The Data



- No longer have time resolution
- Must quantify particles with energies above maximum incoming energy



**Note:** The head of the bunch (25% of the highest energy electrons in the plasma off case) is below ionization threshold and not affected by the lithium vapor.

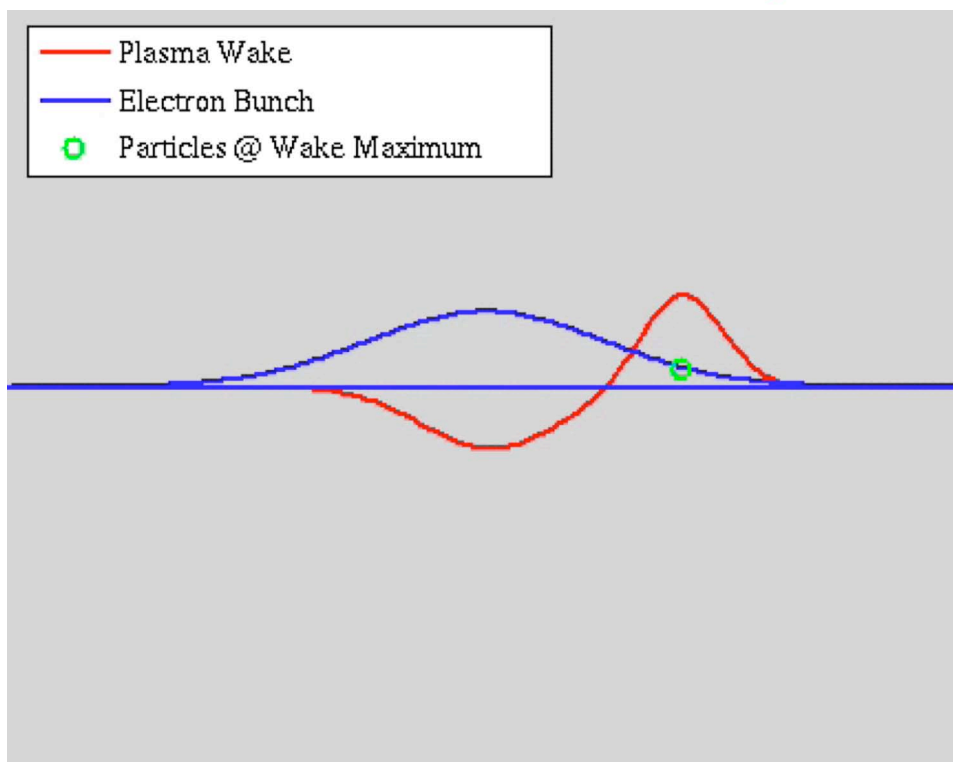




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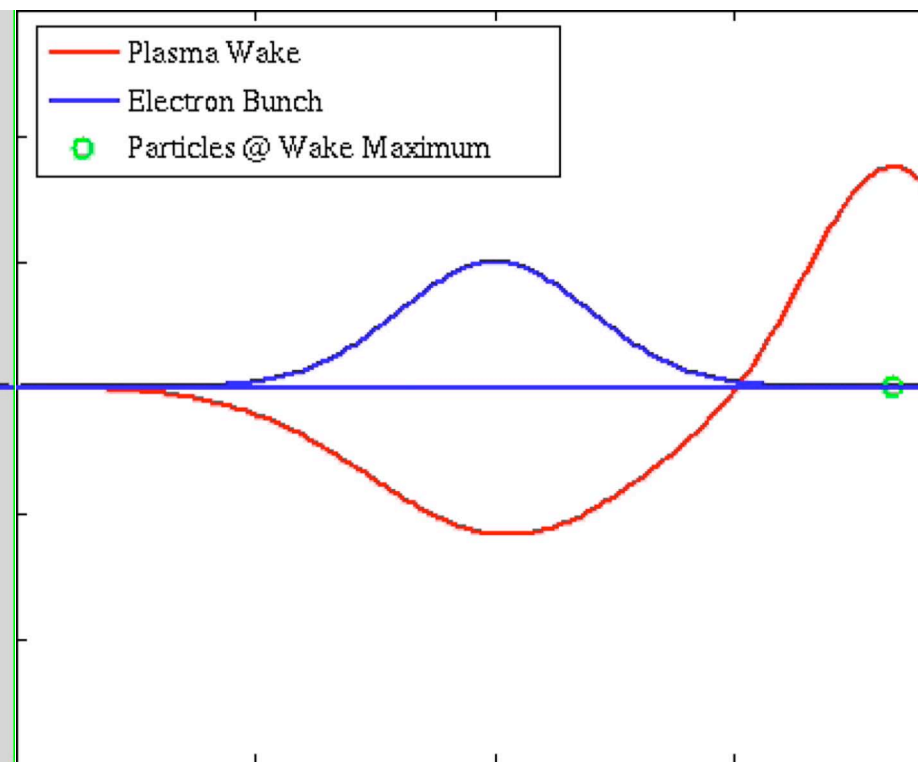


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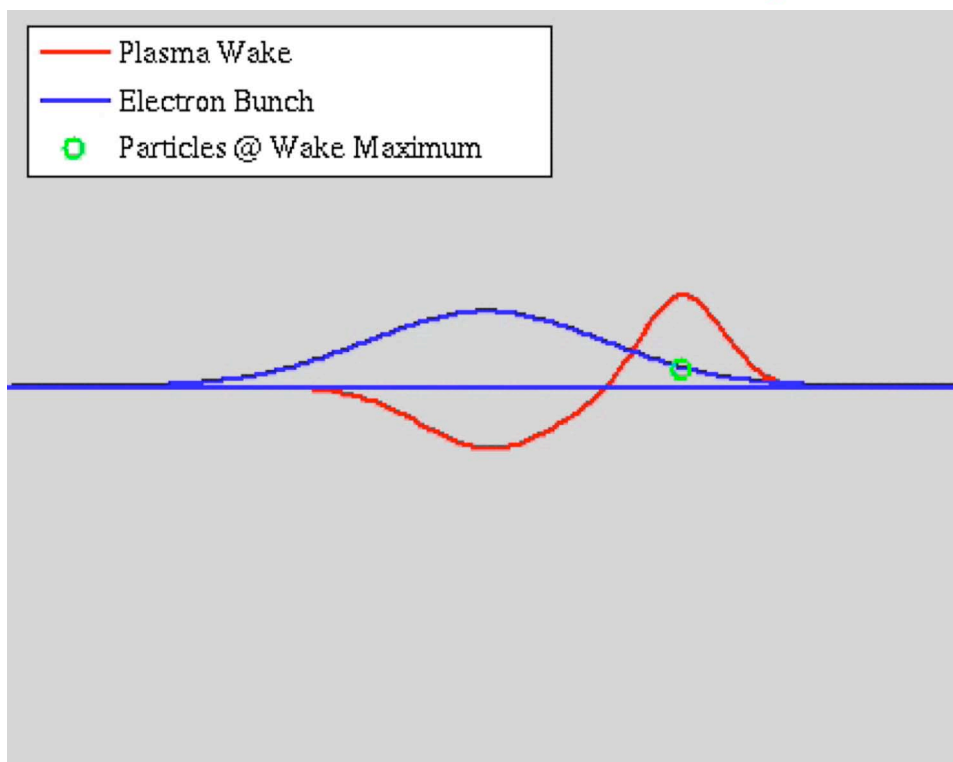
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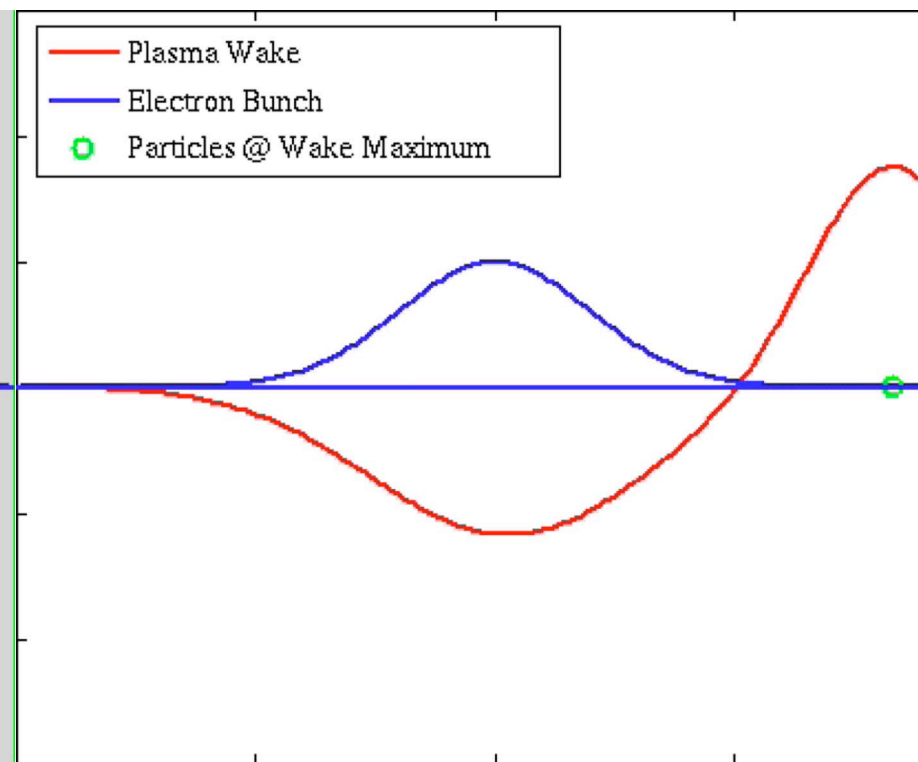


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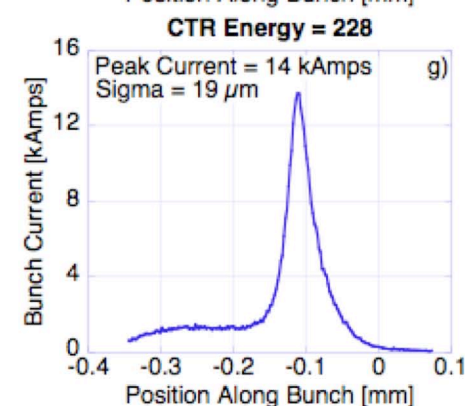
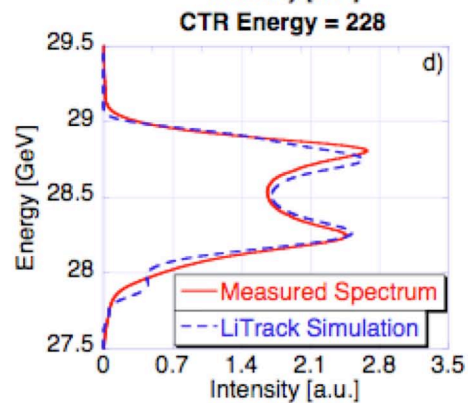
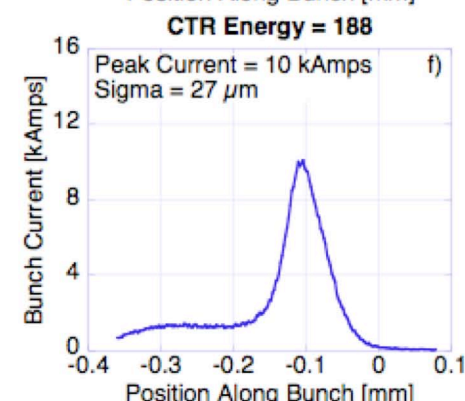
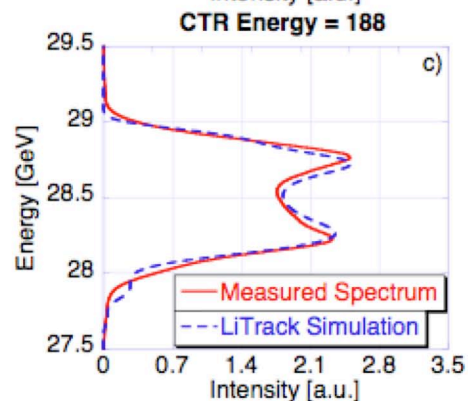
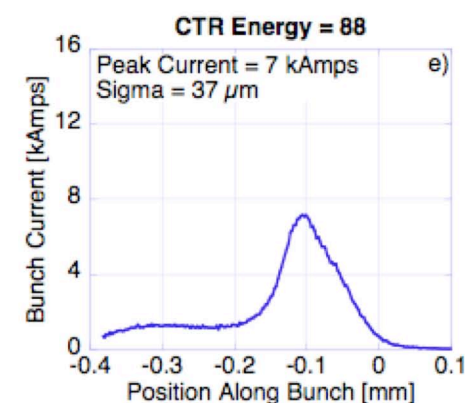
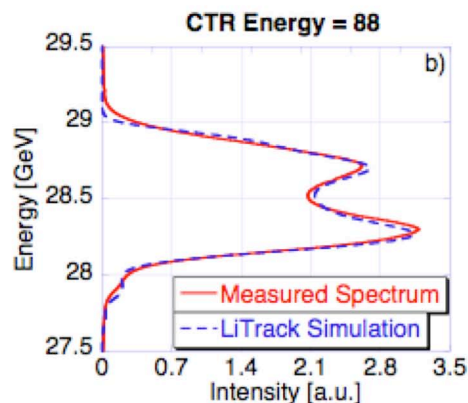
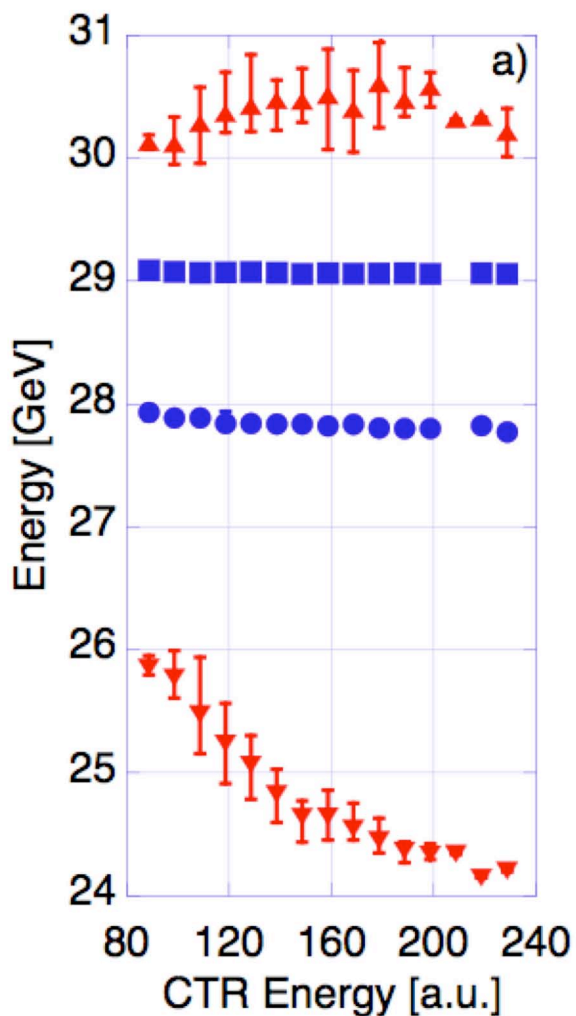
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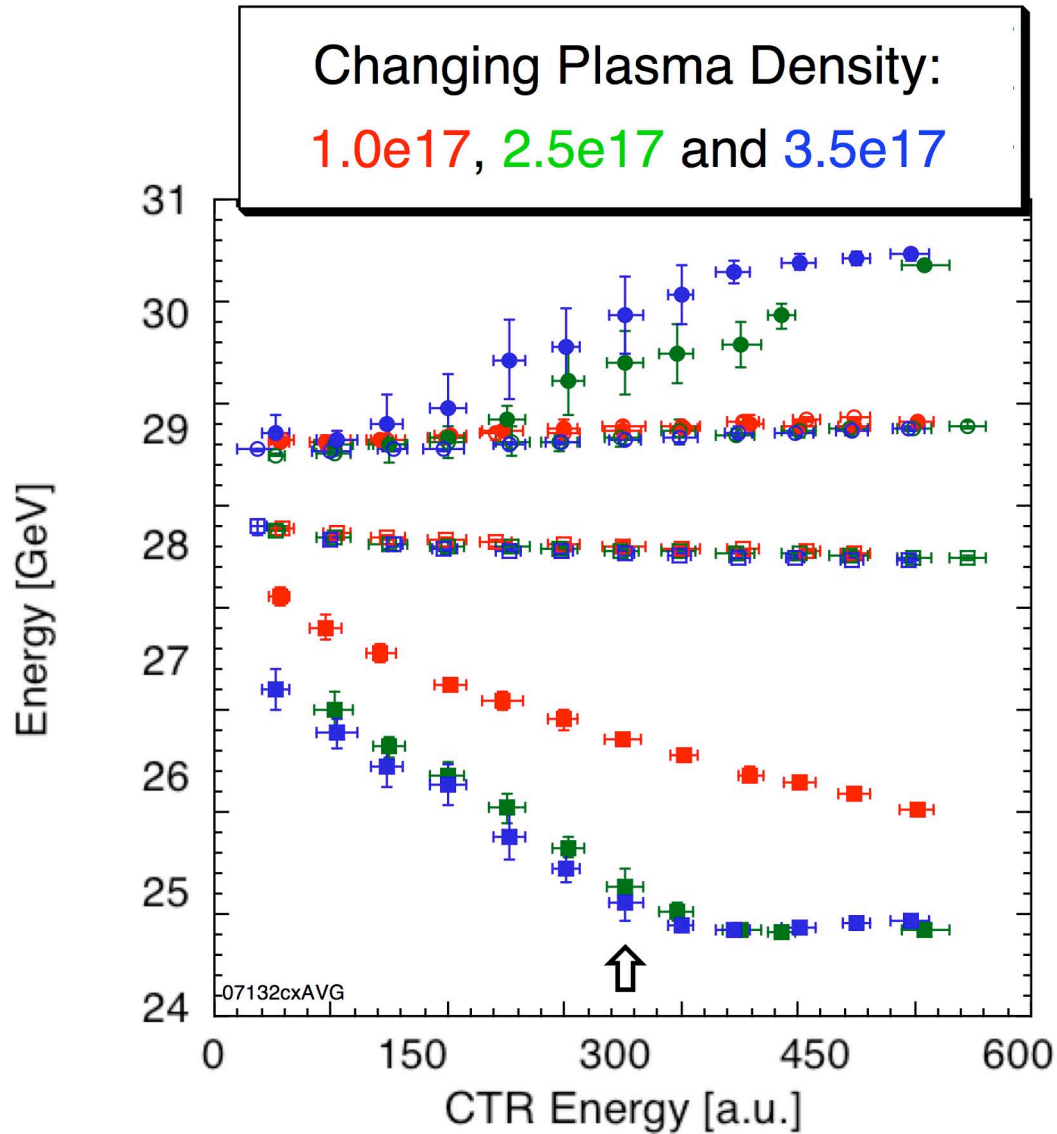
- 1% Charge Fraction - No Plasma
- 99% Charge Fraction - No Plasma
- ▲ 1% Charge Fraction - Plasma ON
- ▼ 99% Charge Fraction - Plasma ON







# Maximum Energy Gain (at fixed $\sigma_z$ ) is Plasma Density Dependent



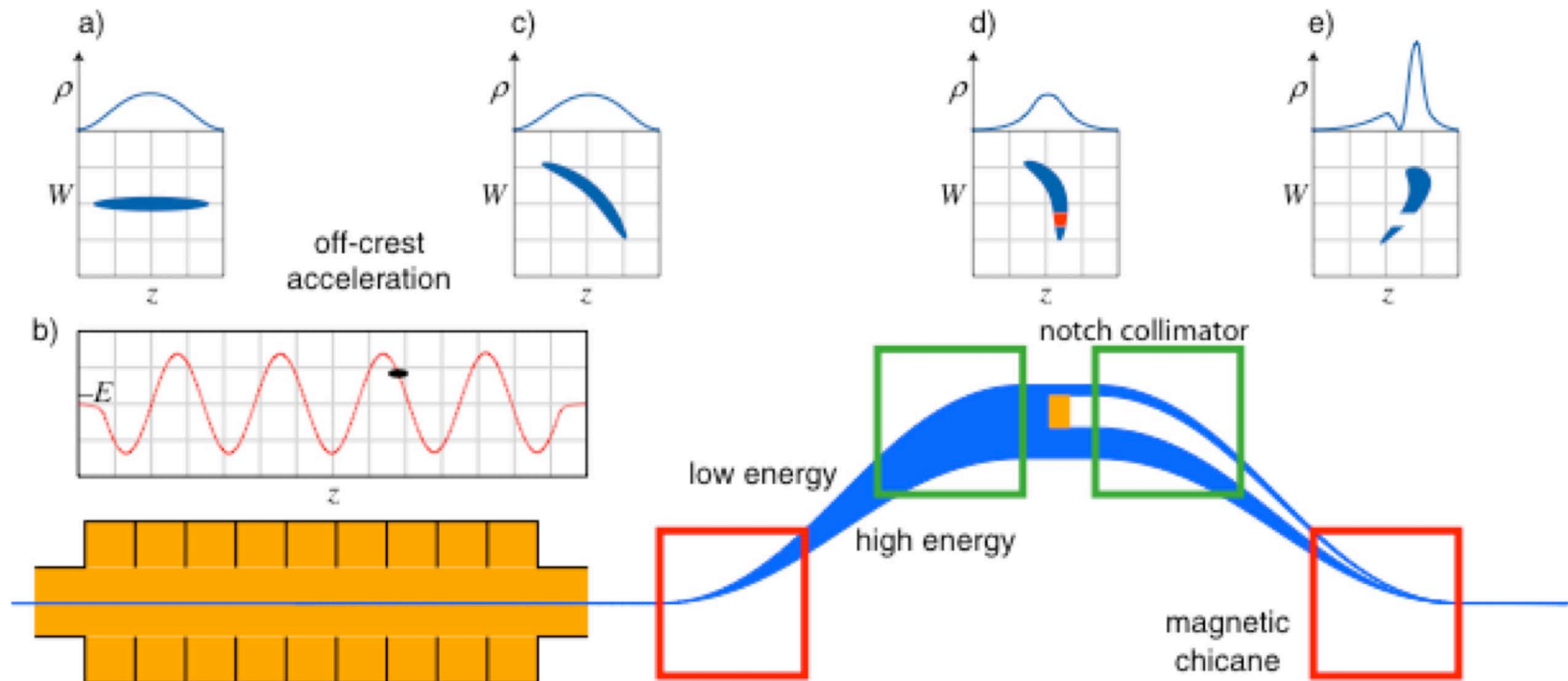
Energy  
Spread is  
filling the pipe!

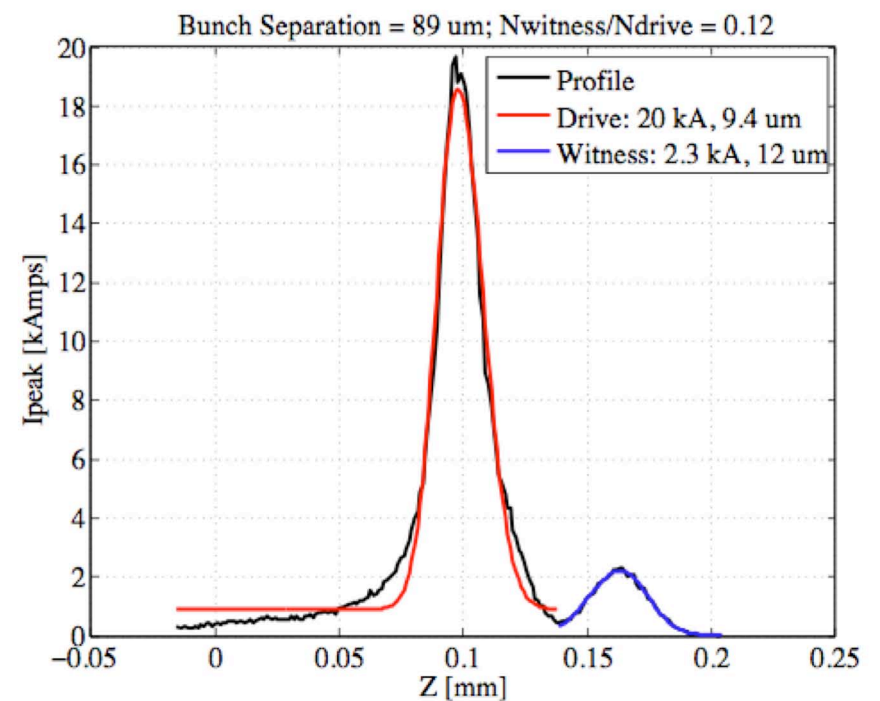
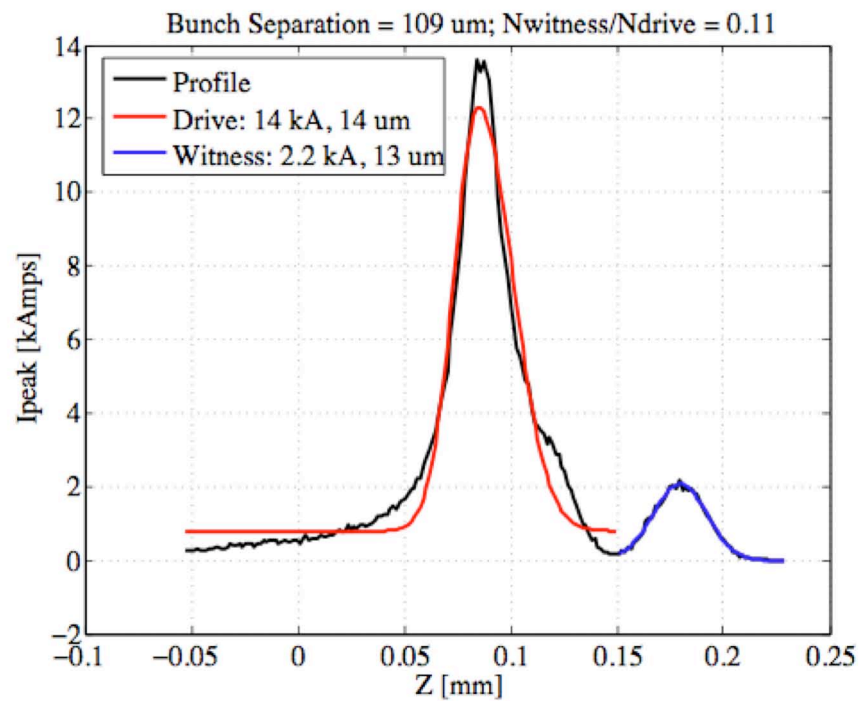
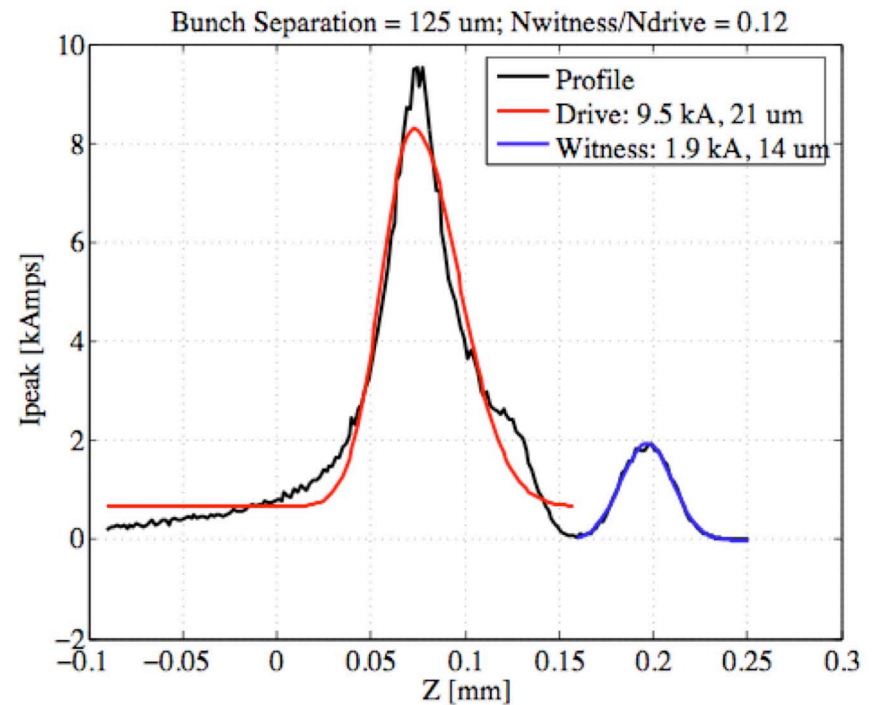
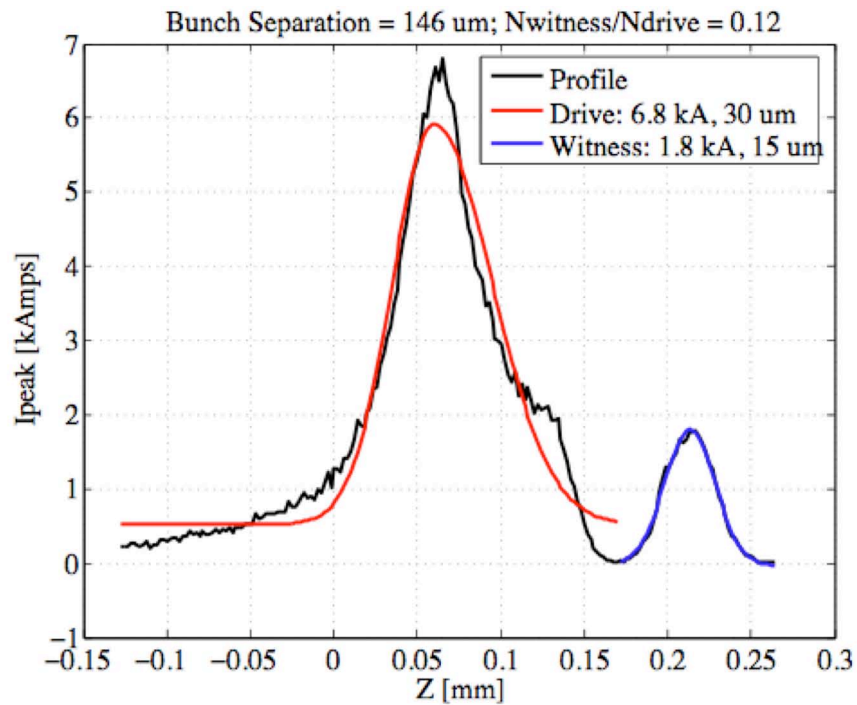


# Future Experiments



- **Increased energy aperture in the FFTB (Summer 2005)**
  - Try for 10GeV energy gain!
  - Test for instabilities (electron hose etc...)
- **Two bunches via notch collimator in linac chicane or FFTB (Early 2006)**









# Plasma Wakefield Accelerator Research Summary

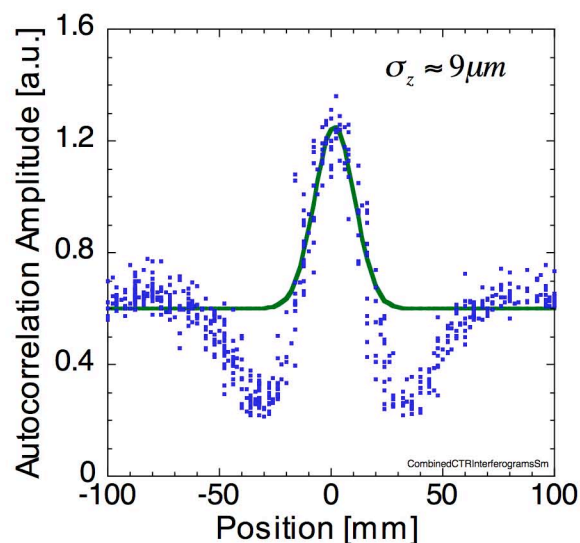


## Over the past 5 years

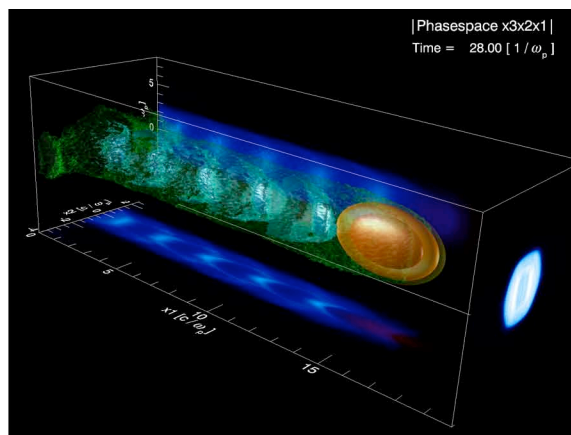
**20 Peer reviewed publications** covering all aspects of beam plasma interactions:  
Focusing ( $e^-$  &  $e^+$ ), Transport, Refraction, Radiation Production, Acceleration ( $e^-$  &  $e^+$ )

## This years accomplishments

First measurement of  
the SLAC Ultra-short  
Bunch Length



Demonstration of Field  
Ionized Plasma Source



Measured Accelerating  
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