

# Experimental Results of a Plasma Wakefield Accelerator using Multiple Electron Bunches

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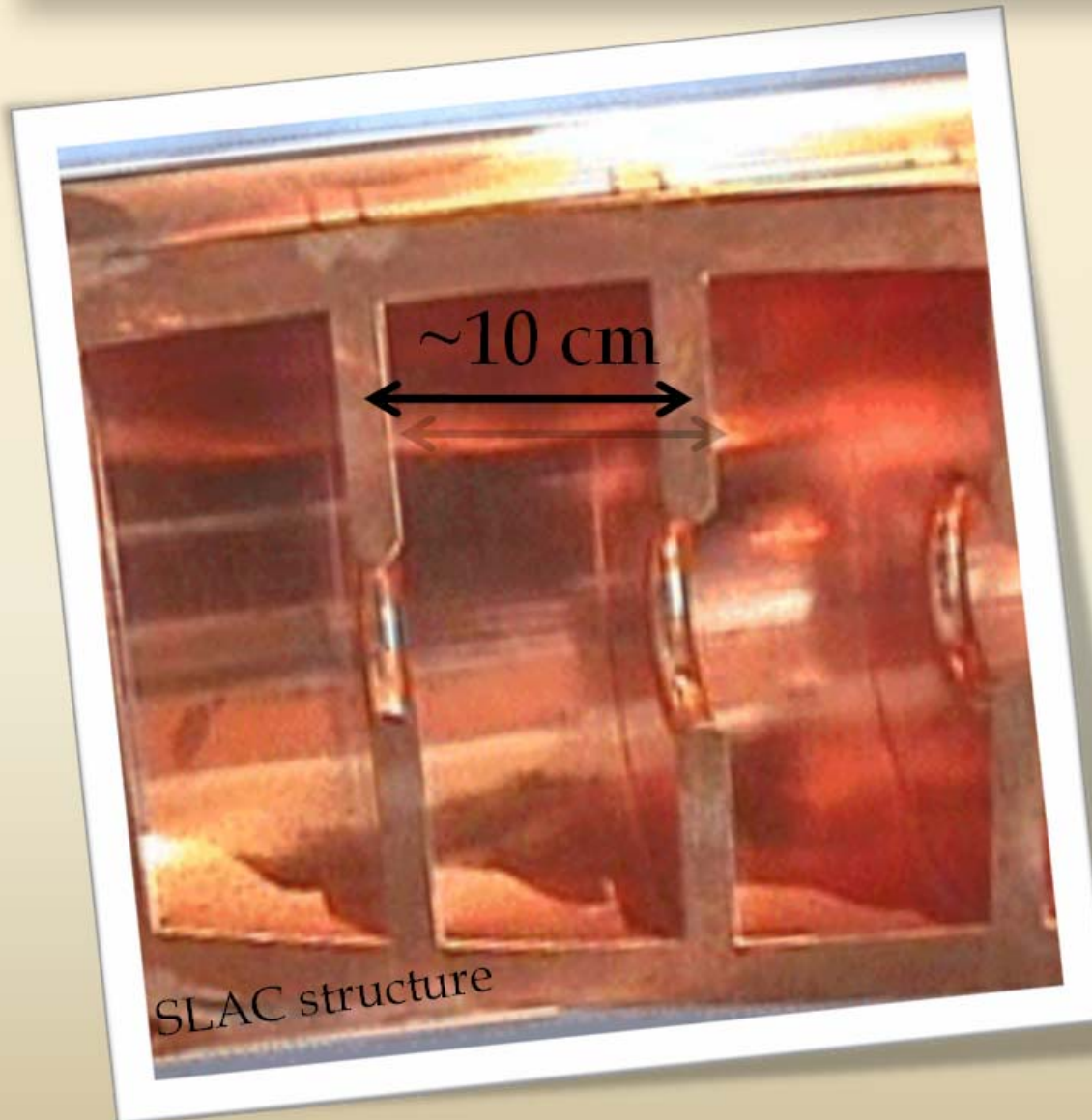
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- **Secondi Piatti**  
Simulations towards an energy multiplier

# Limits of Accelerators



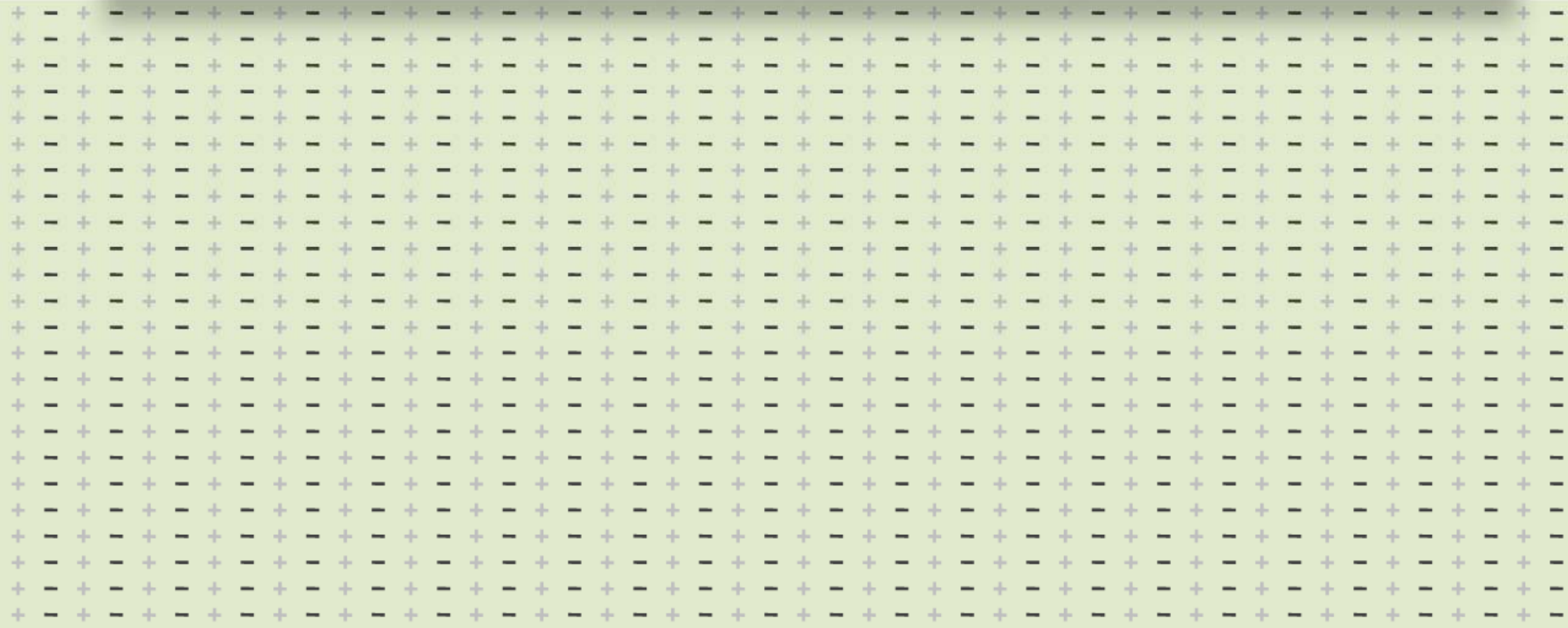
- Gradient of  
35 MeV/m (ILC)  
150 MeV/m (CLIC)
- Limited e.g. by  
wall breakdown\*
- Plasmas support  
10 – 100 GeV/m

\*Braun et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 2003



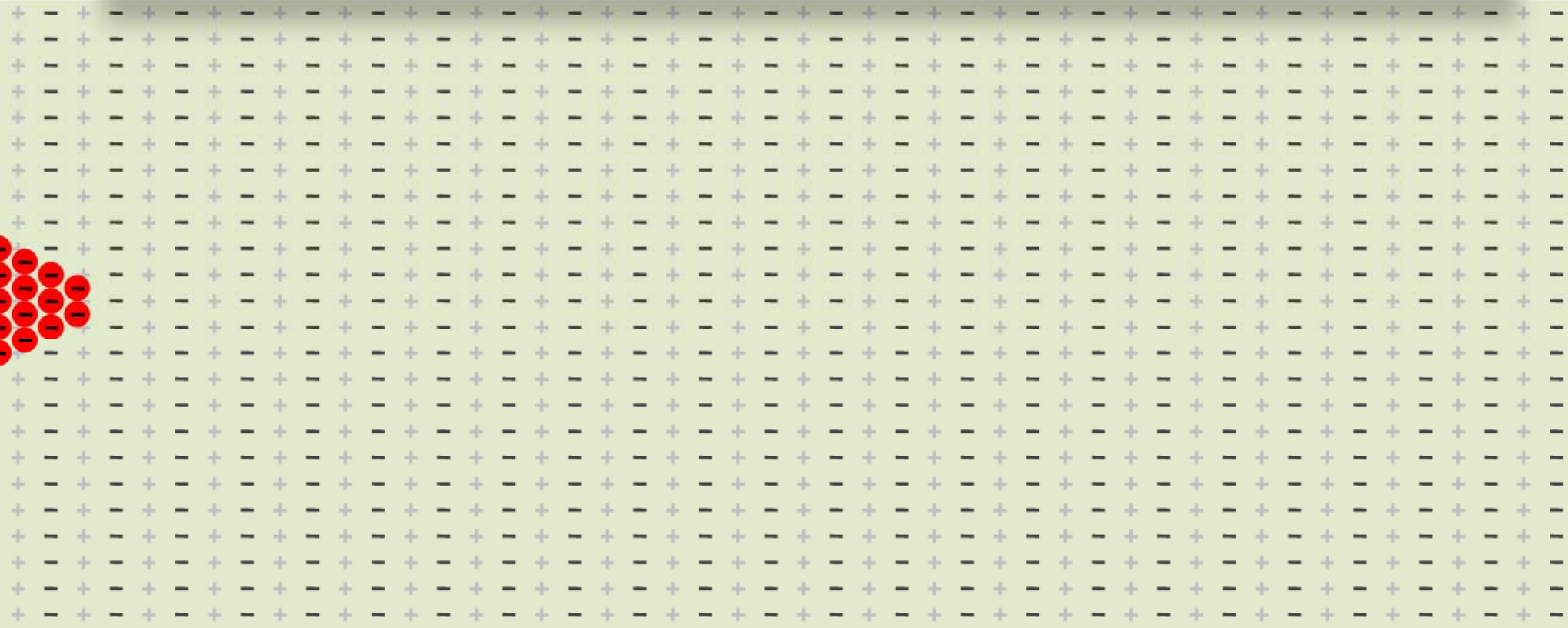
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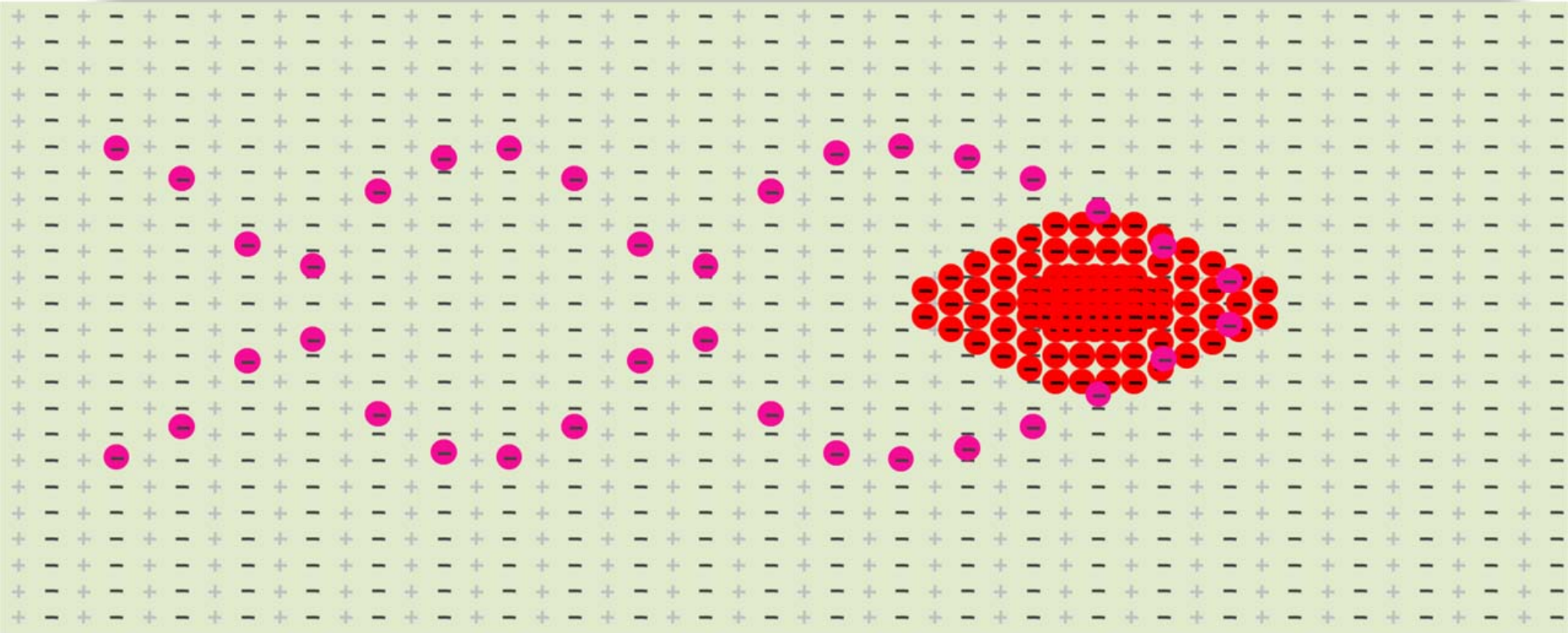
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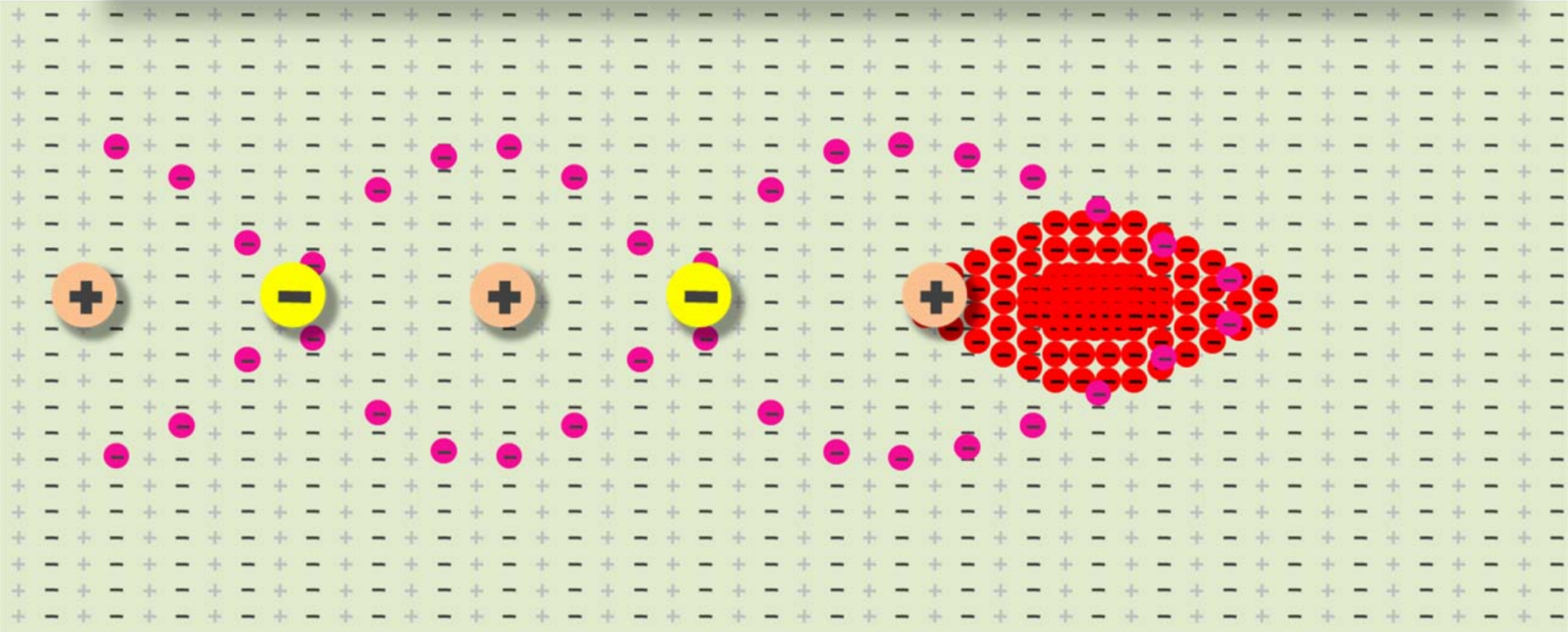
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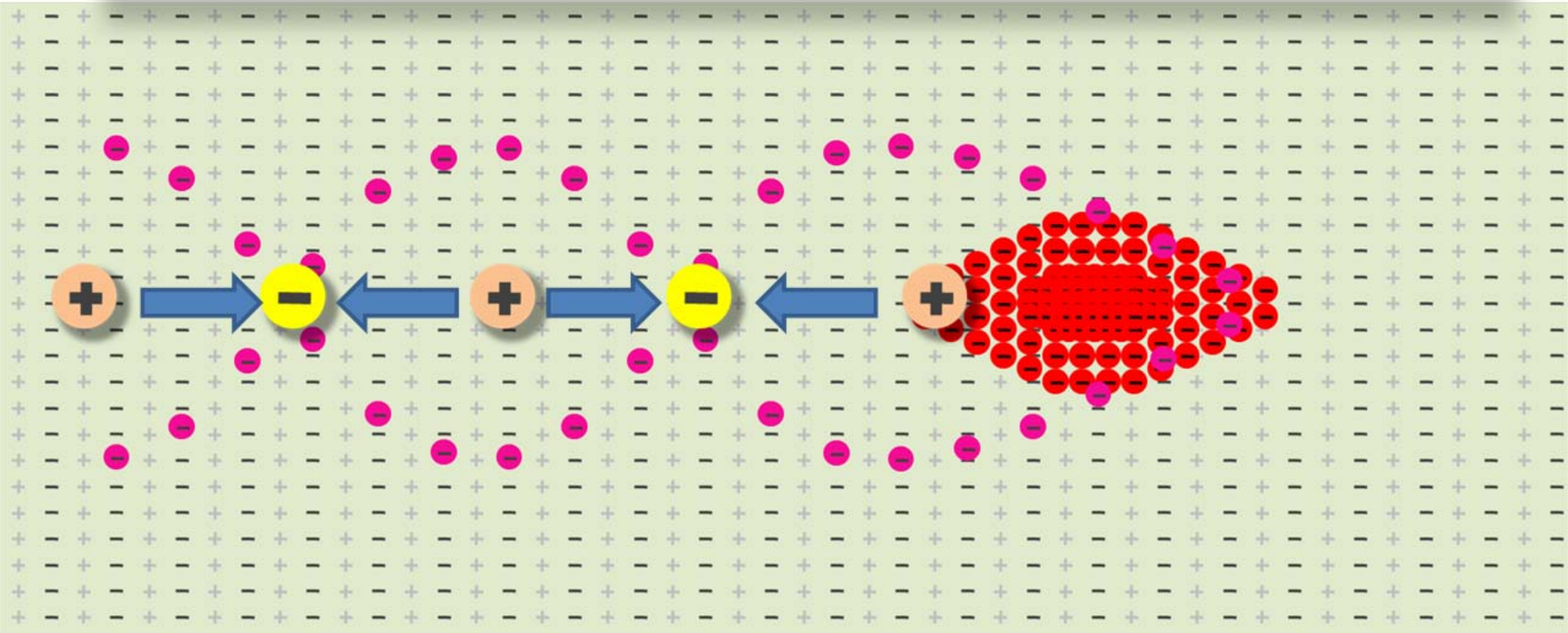
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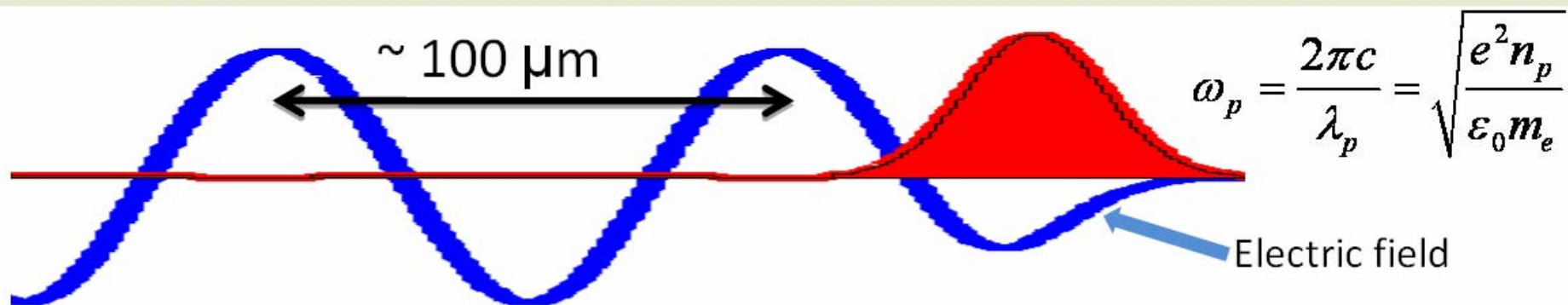
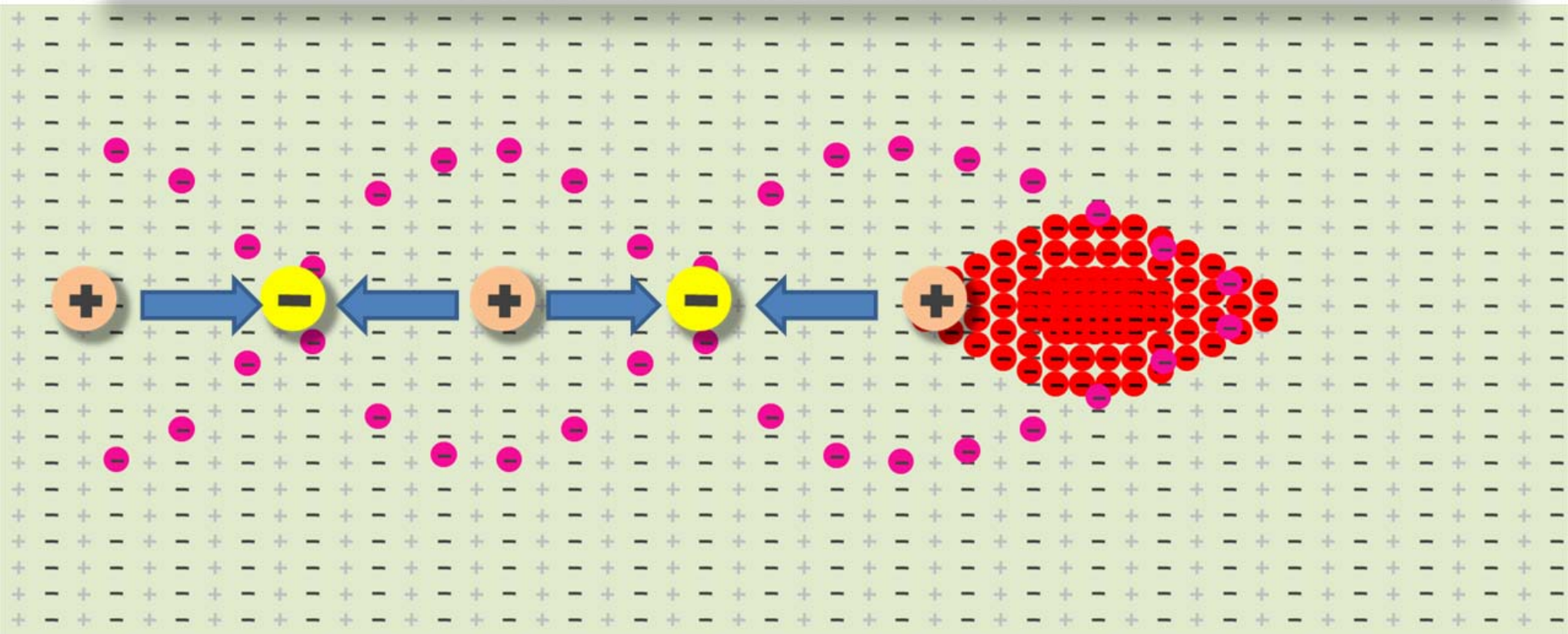
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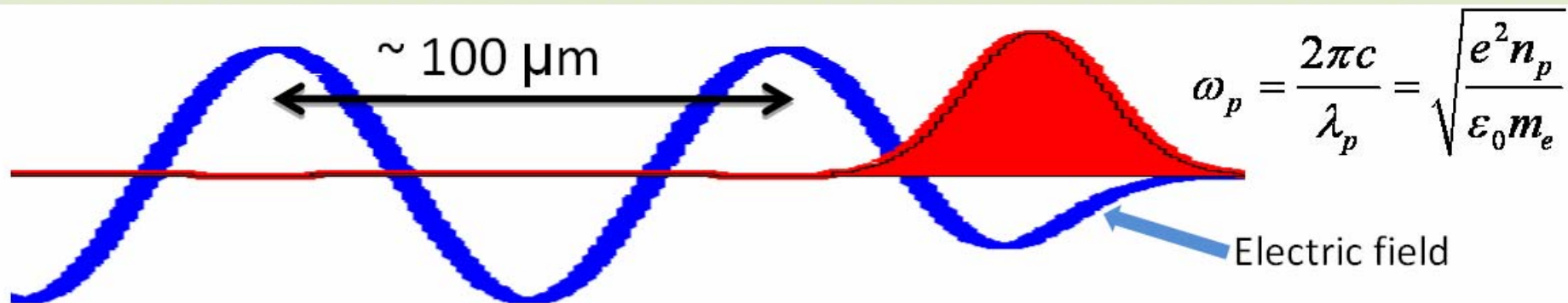
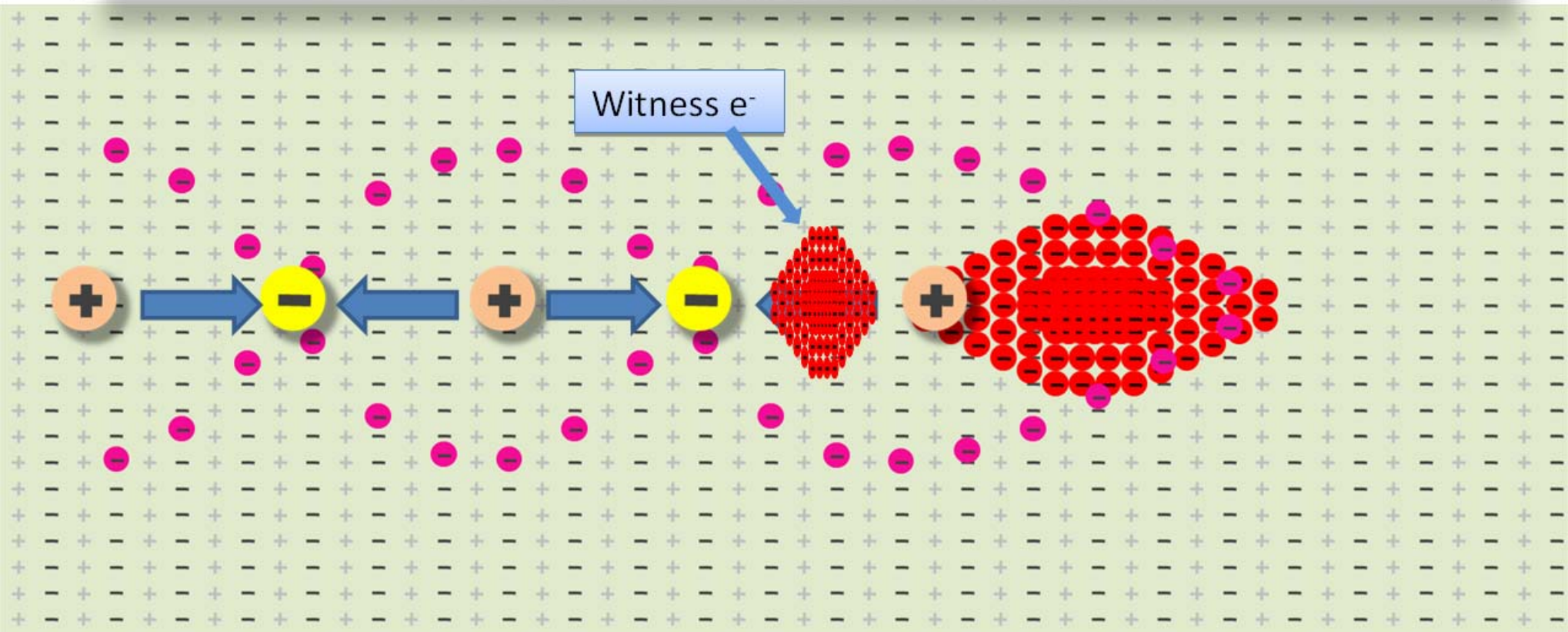
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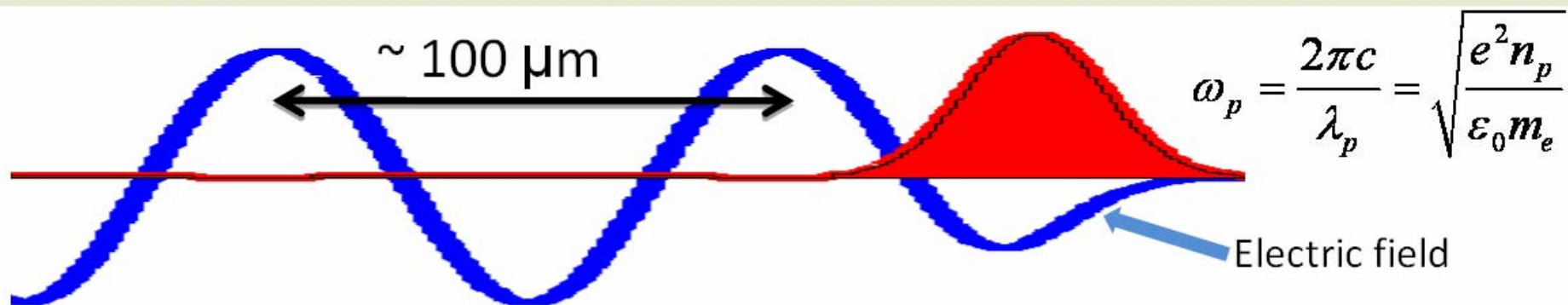
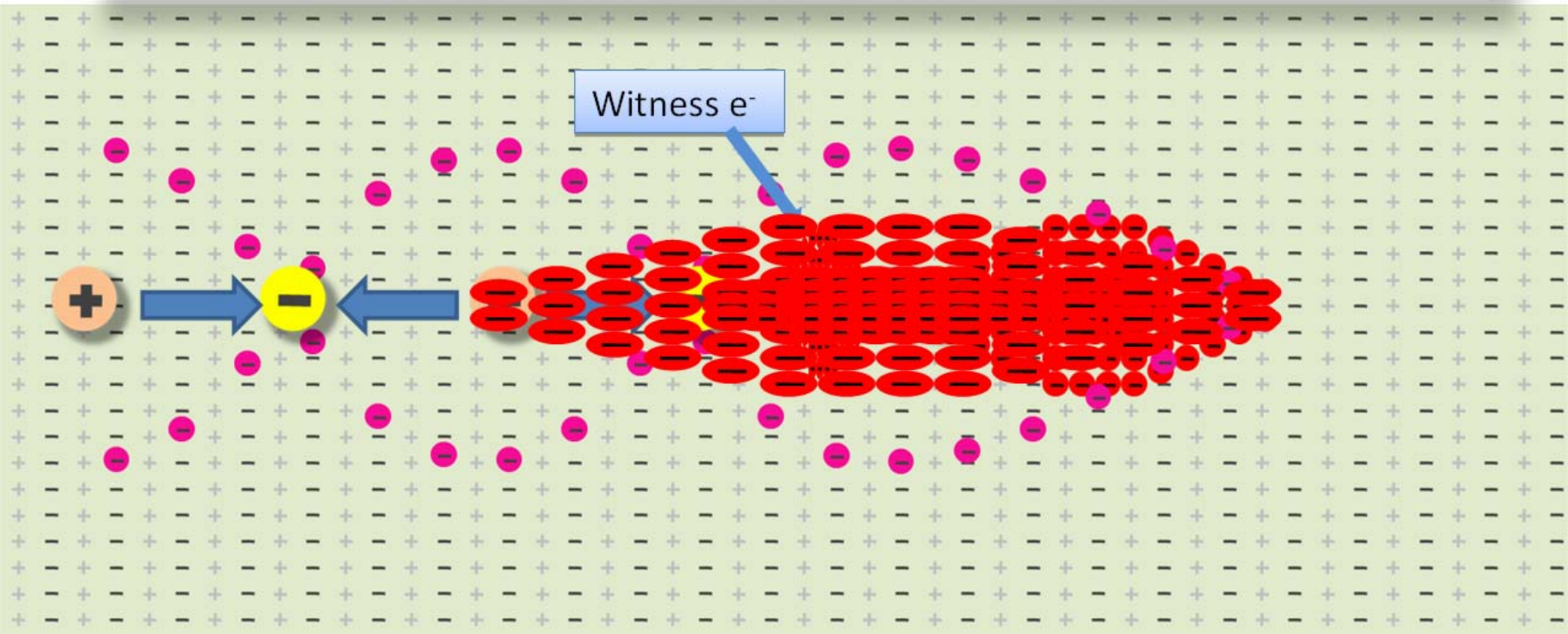
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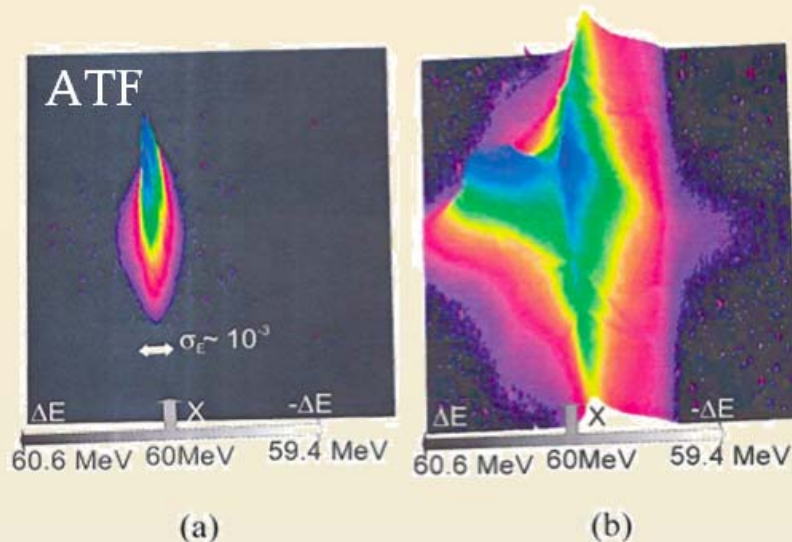
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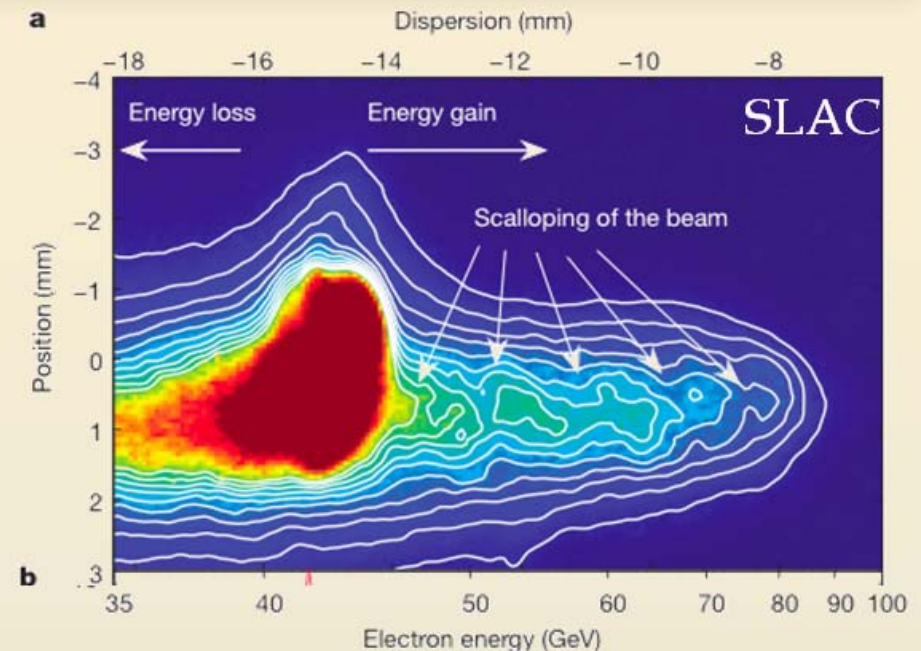
# Some Experimental Results

## Using electron bunches



- 35 MeV/m over 1.7cm of plasma

Can we multiply the energy?  
(thus reducing the length and cost)

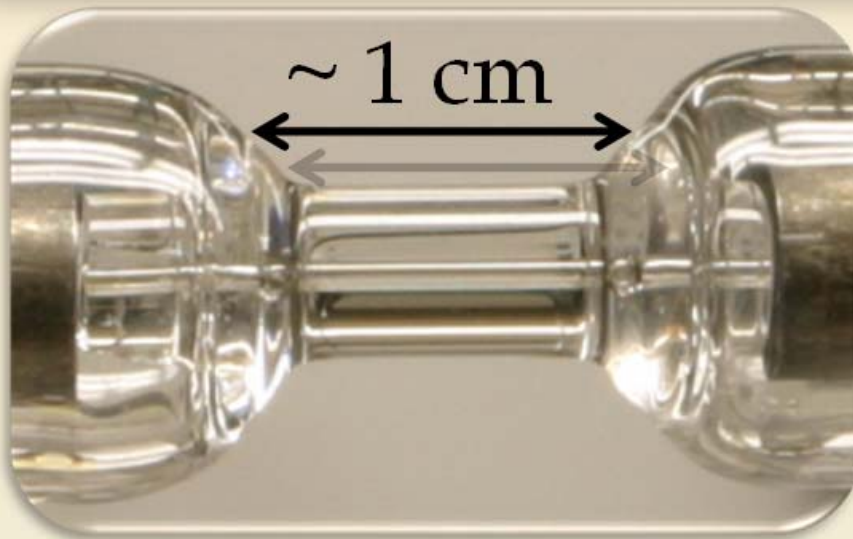


**Figure 2 | Energy spectrum of the electrons.** a, Energy spectrum of the electrons in the 35–100 GeV range as observed in plane 2. The dispersion

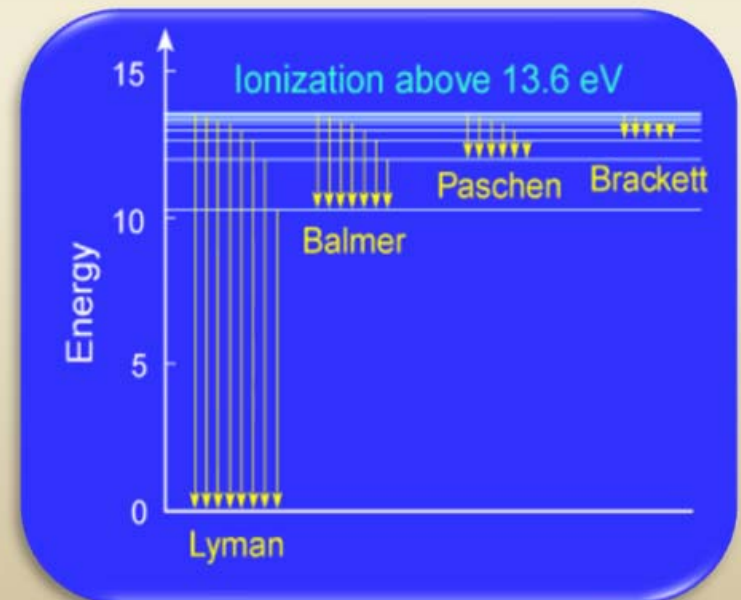
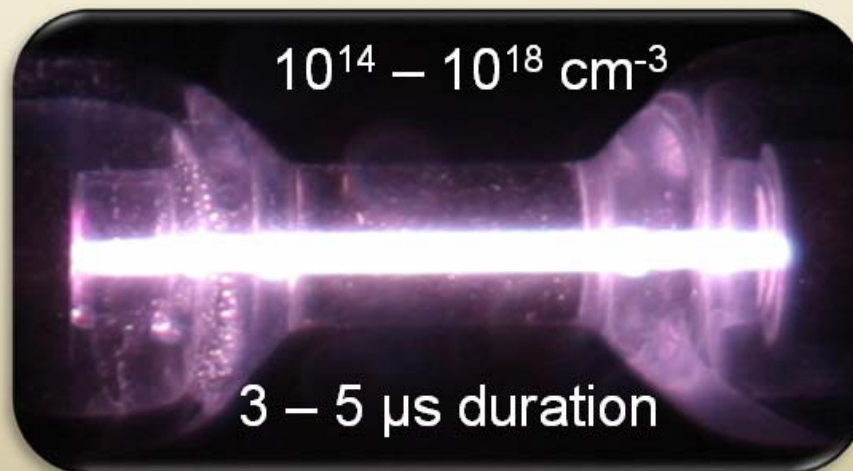
- 50 GeV/m over 85cm of plasma
- Energy doubling! (42 GeV  $\rightarrow$  84 GeV)

# Plasma Source

## An example of capillary discharge



- 0.1 – 1 atm  $\text{H}_2$
- 20 kV charging voltage
- Collect light to measure plasma density (Stark Broadening)

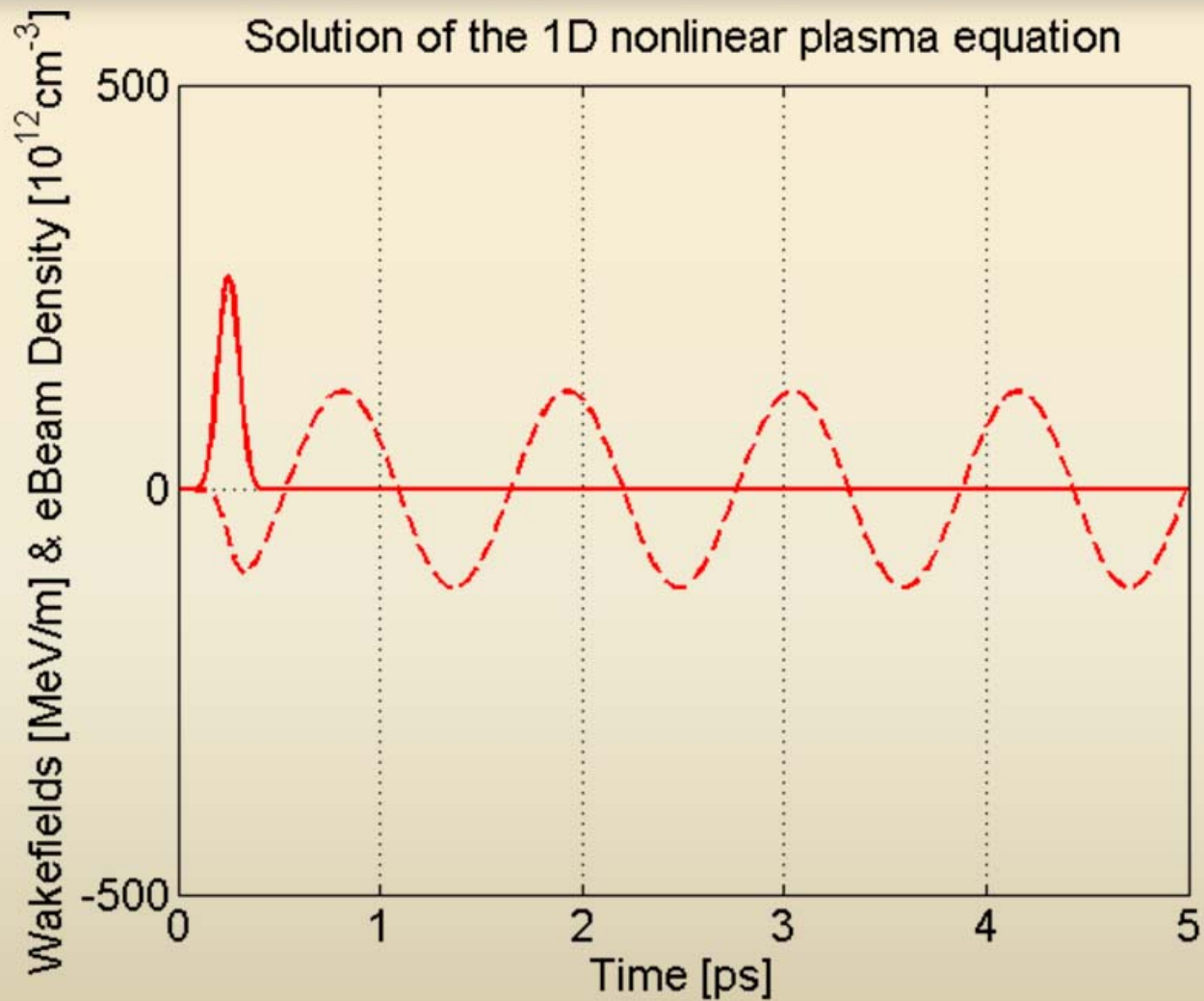


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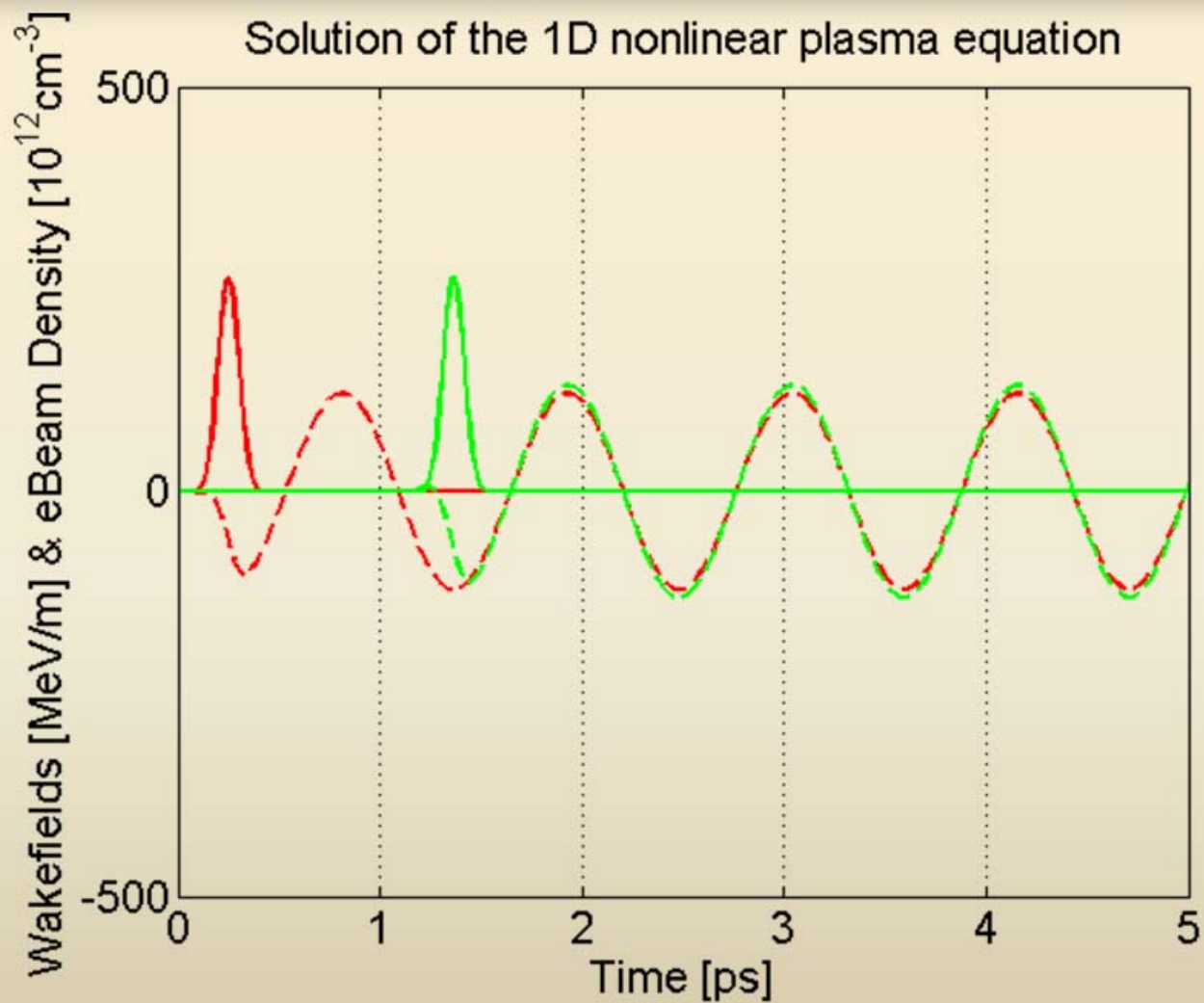
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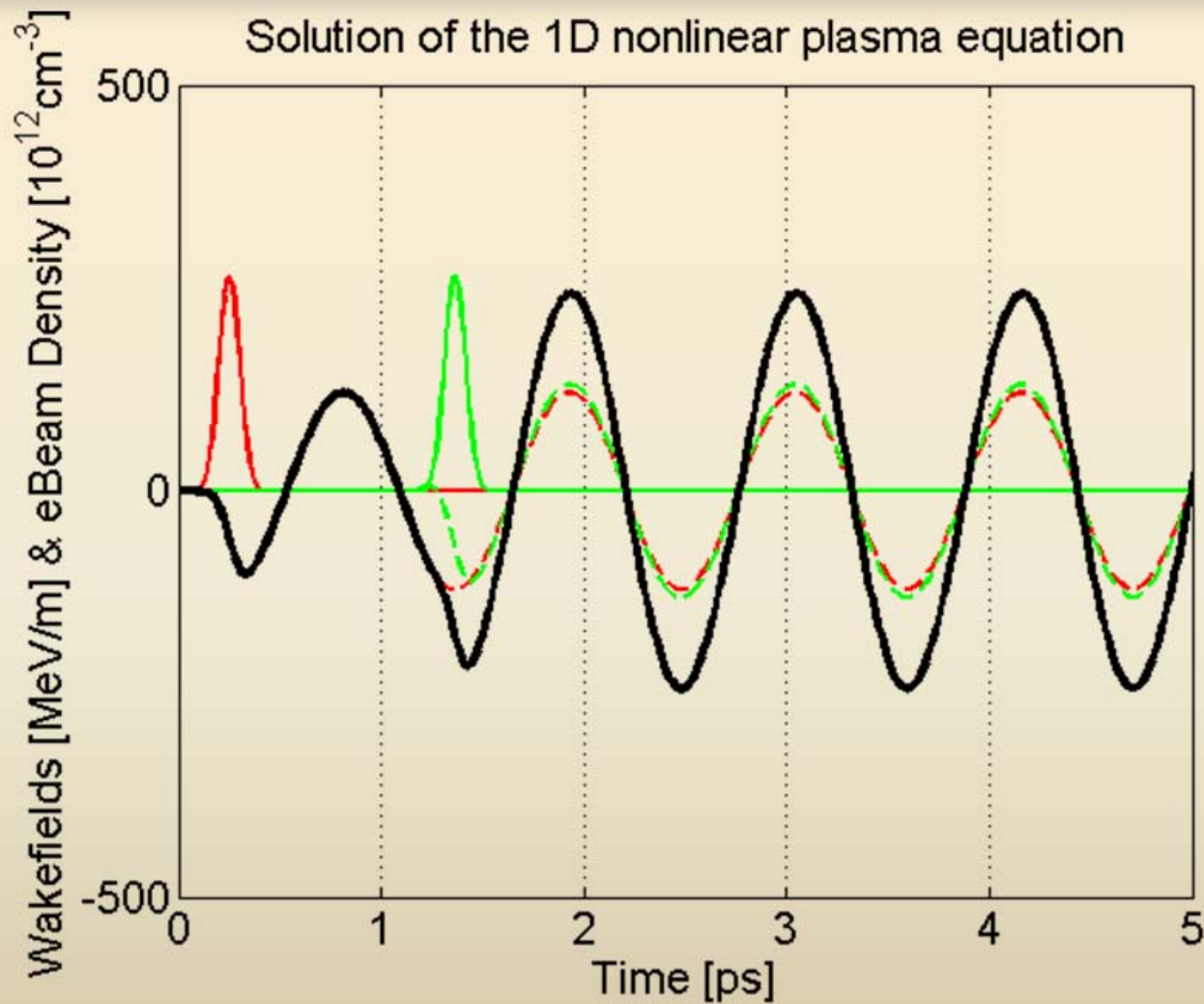
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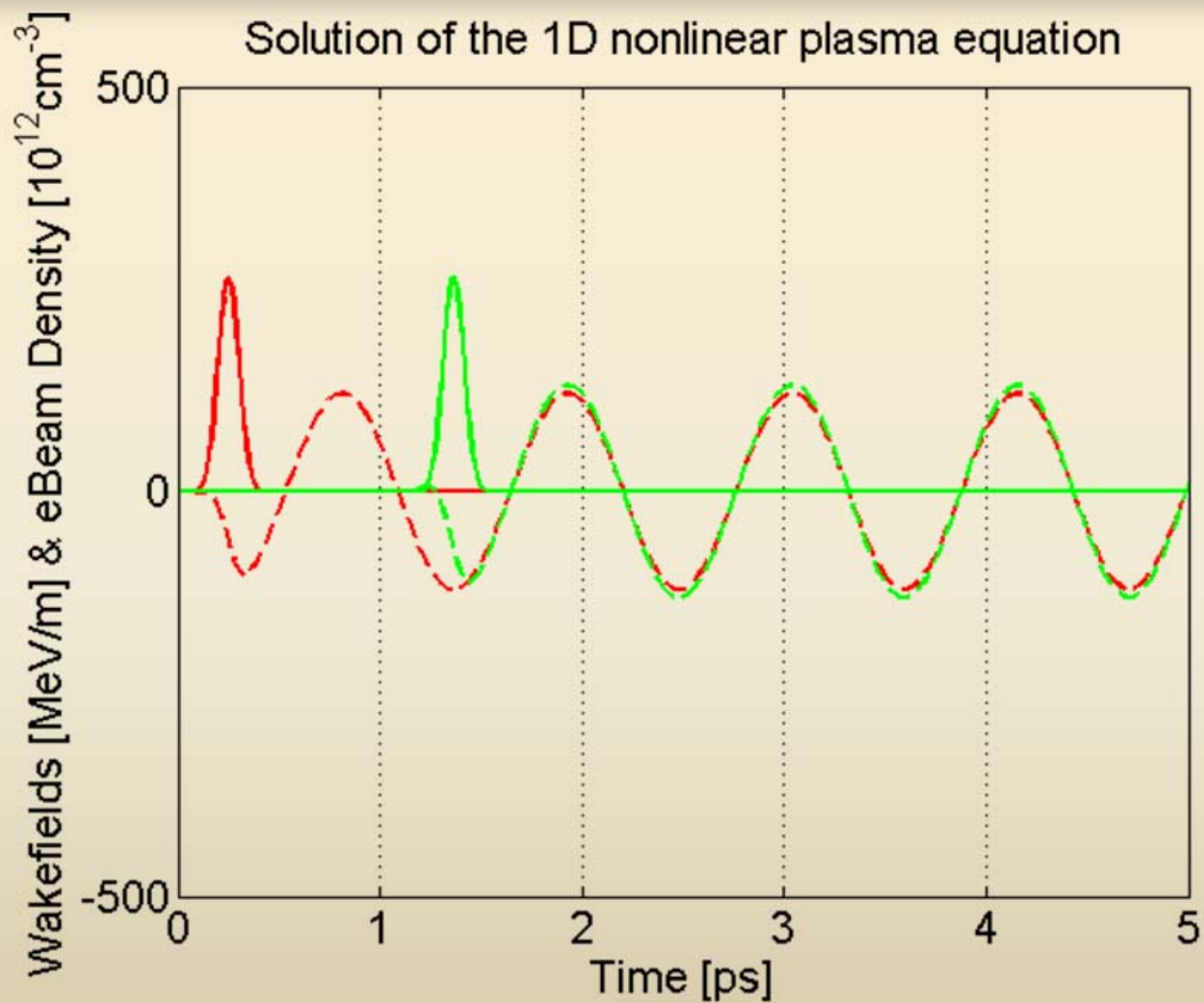


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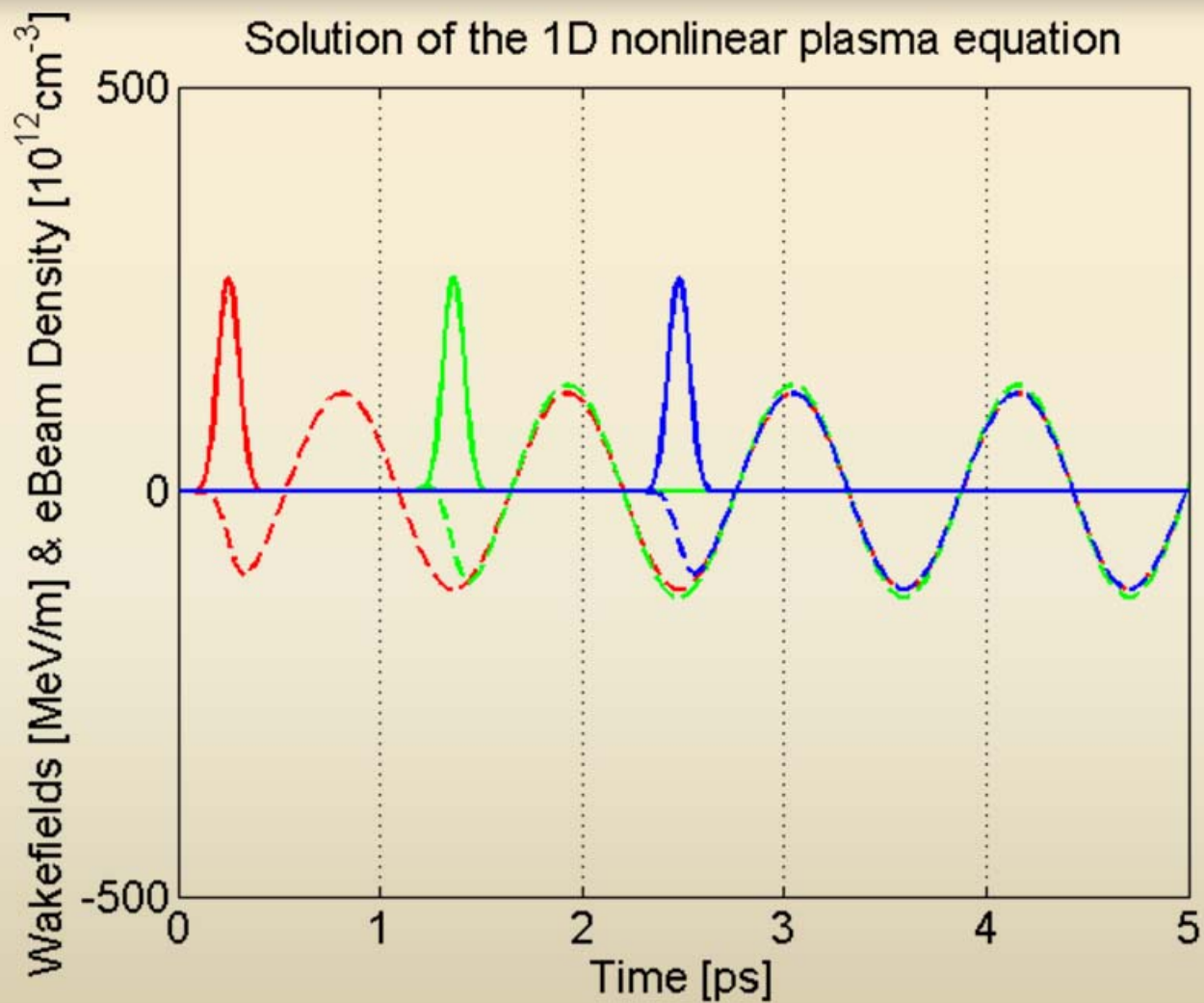




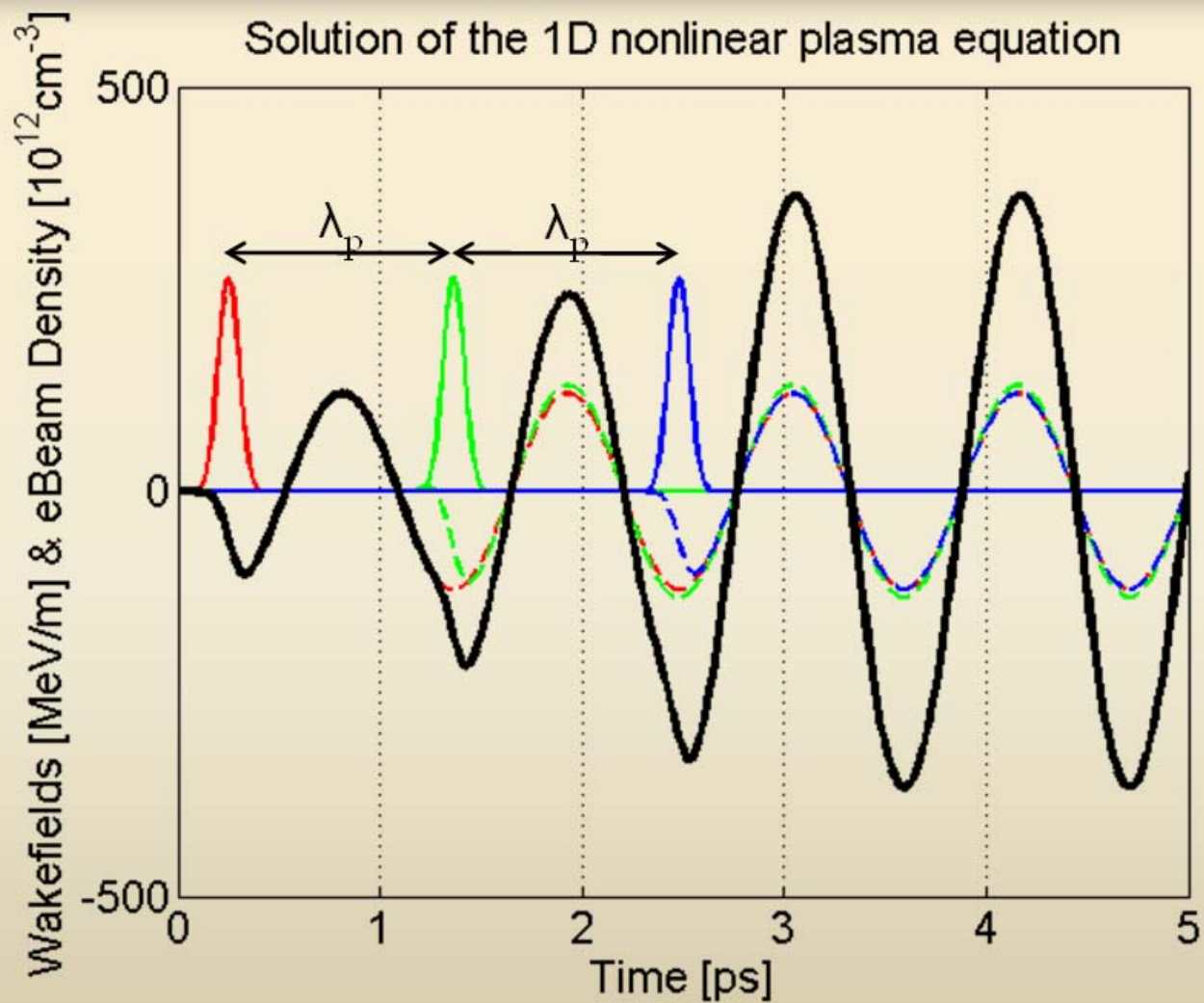
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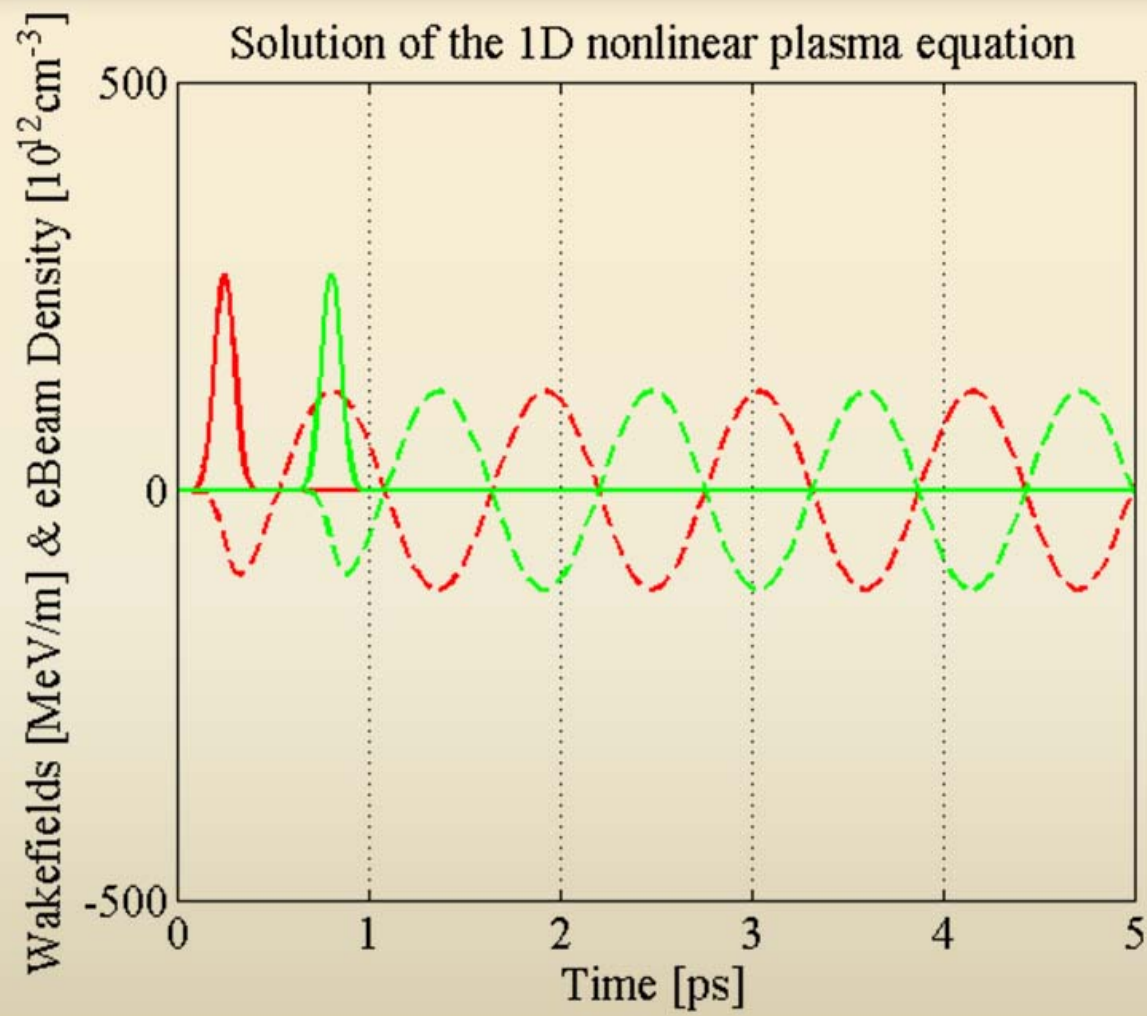


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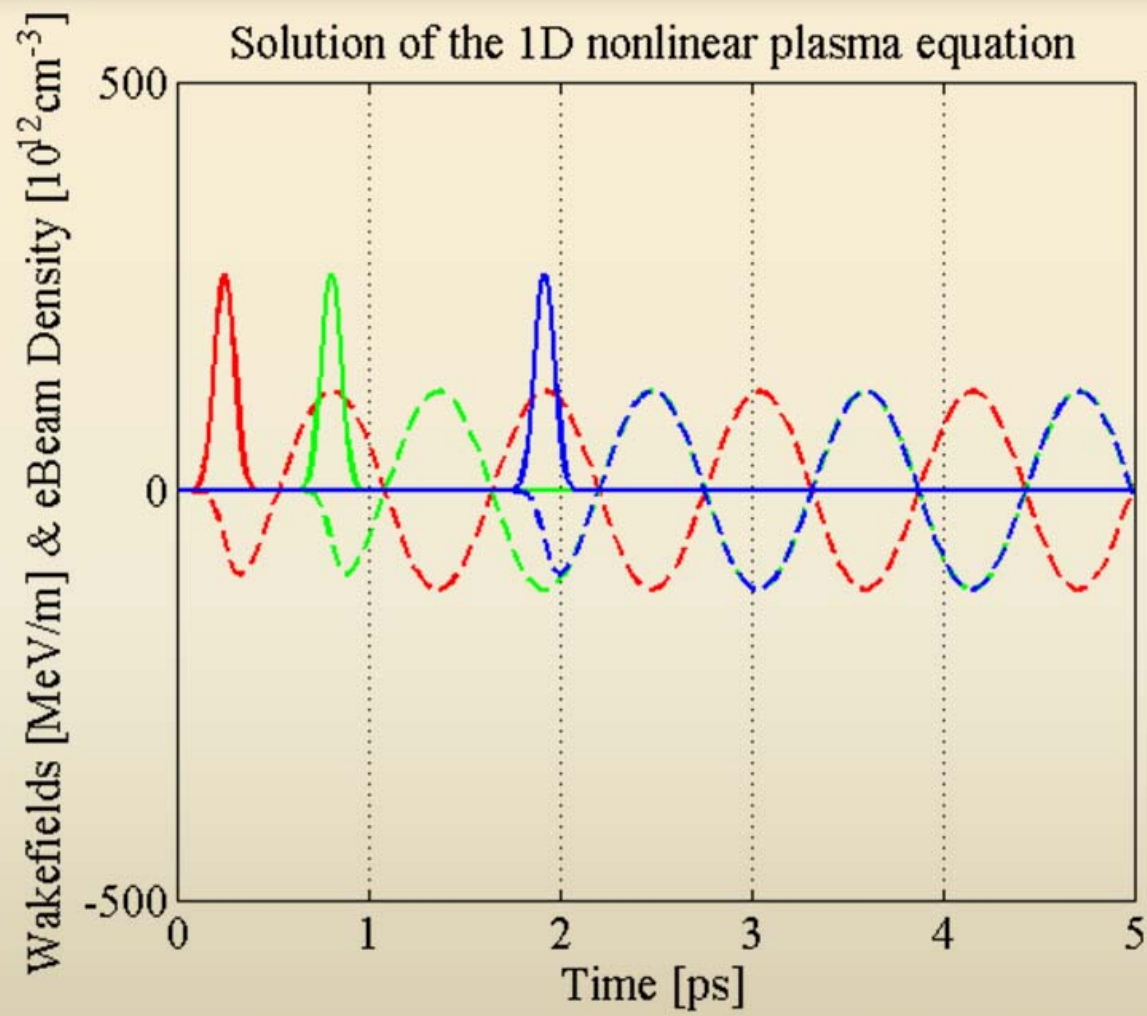




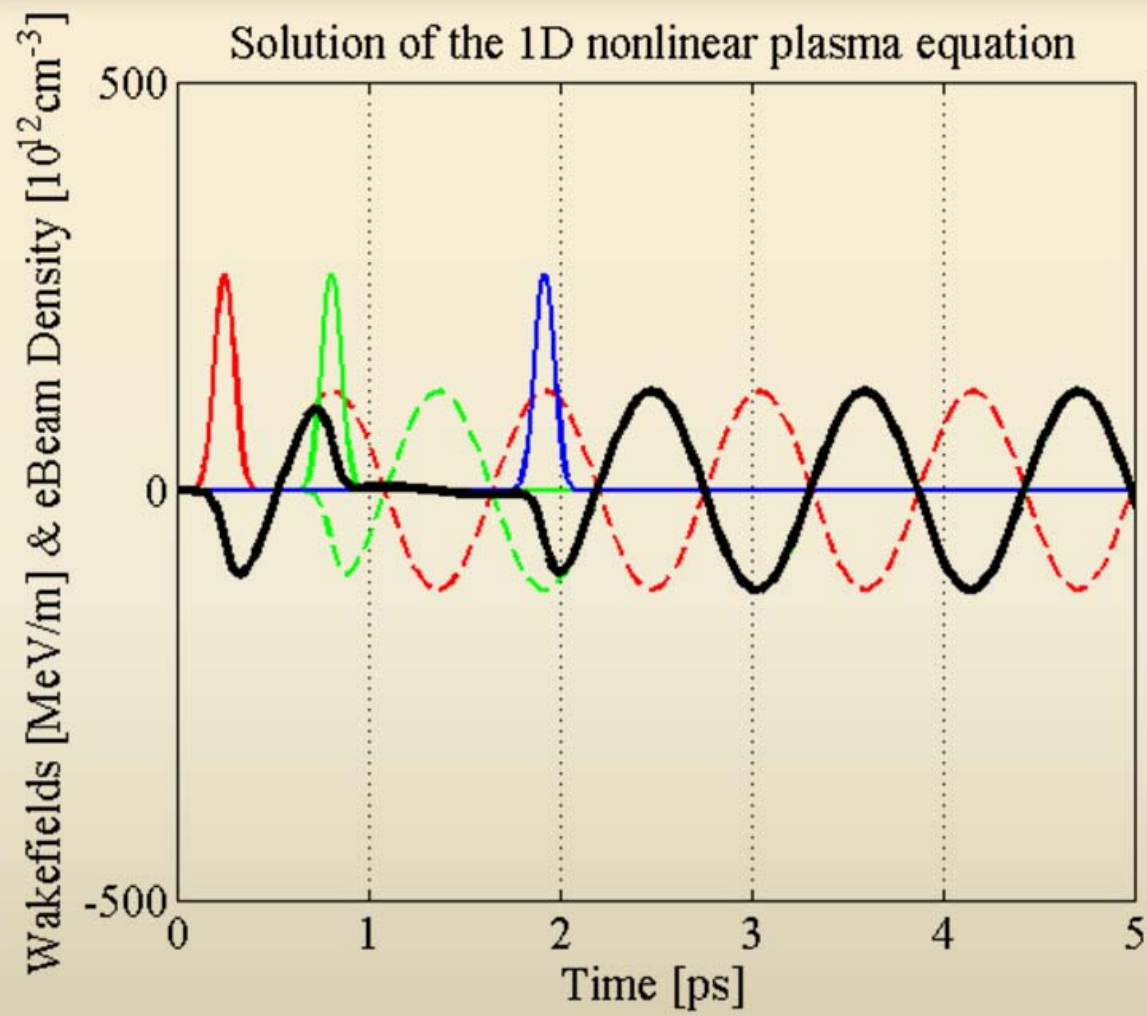
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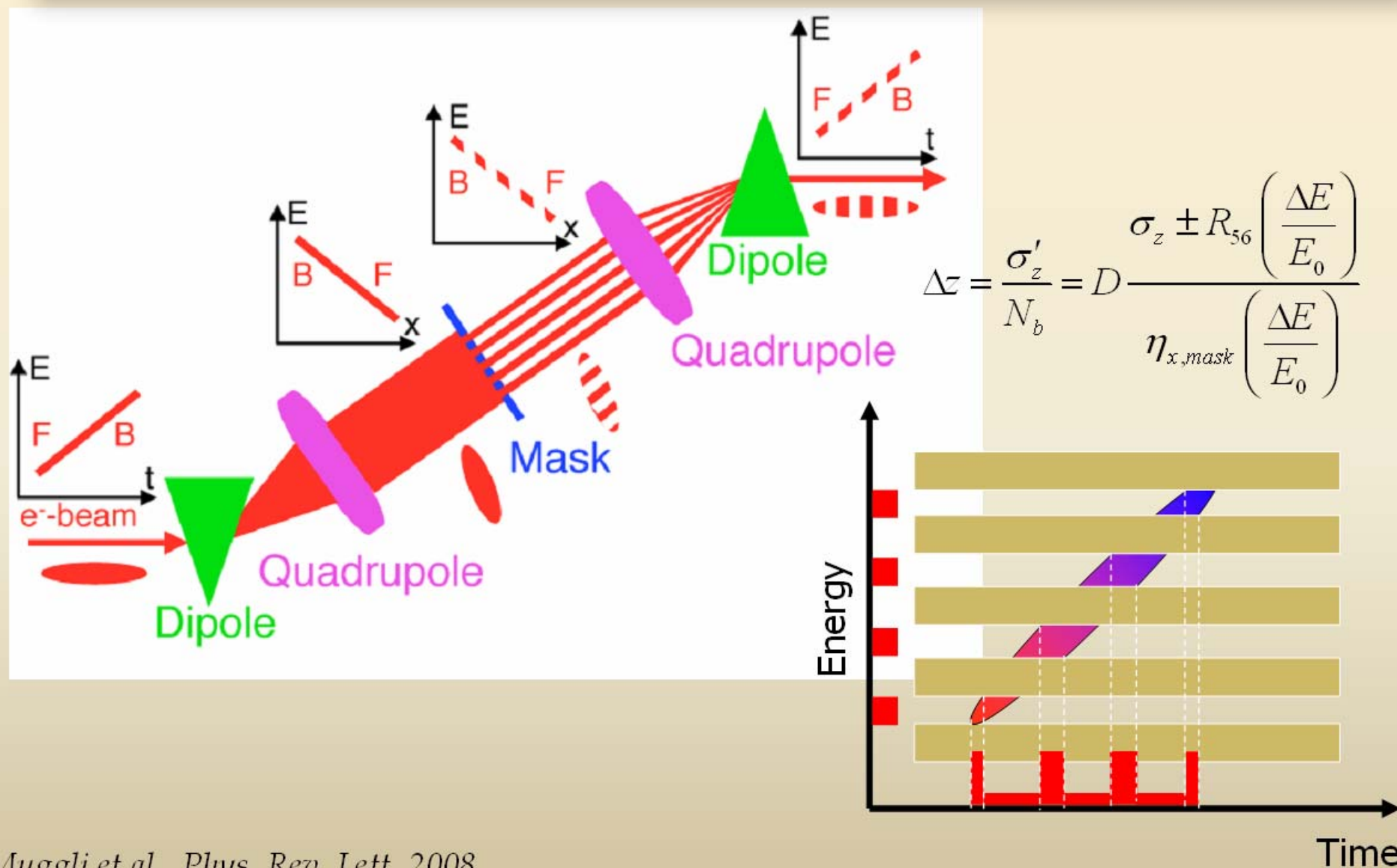


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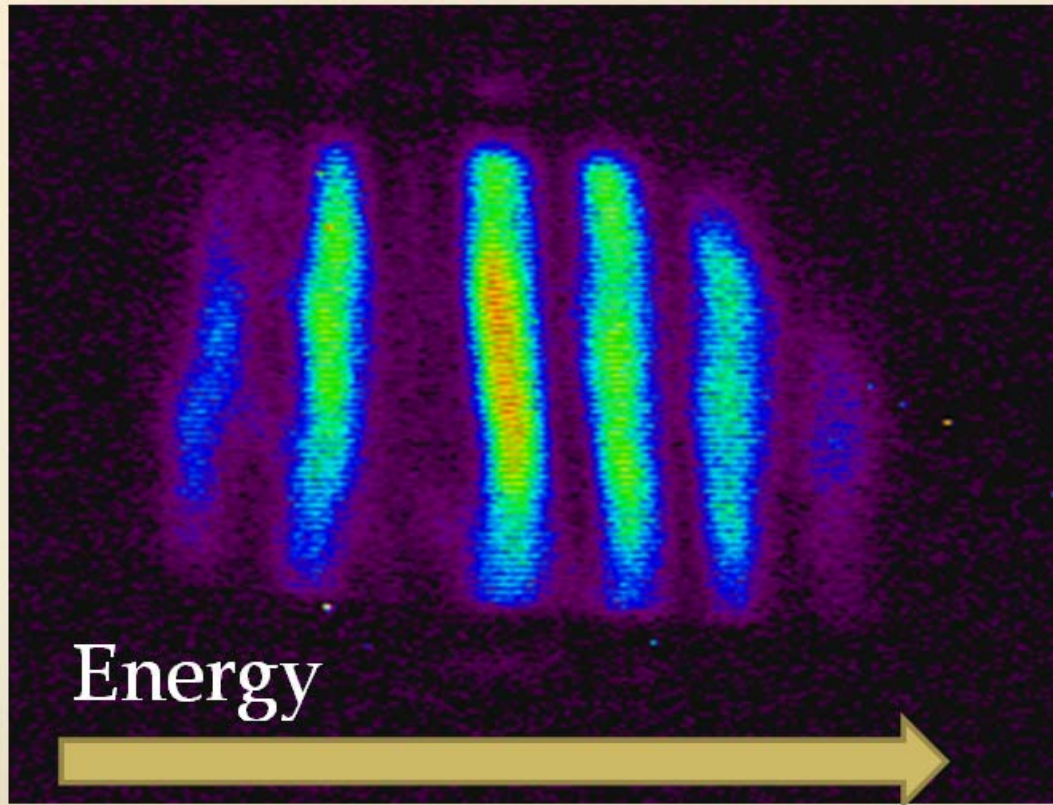




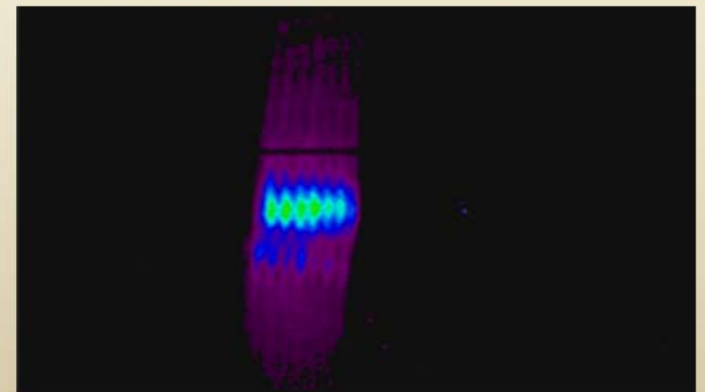
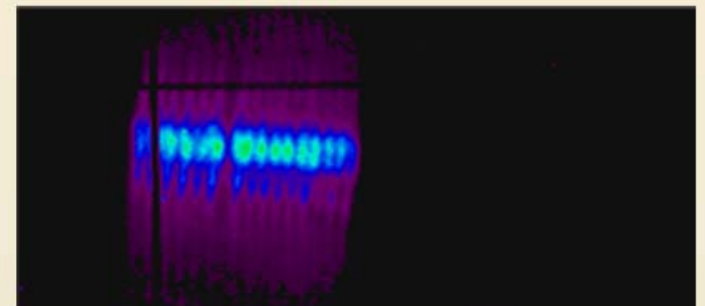
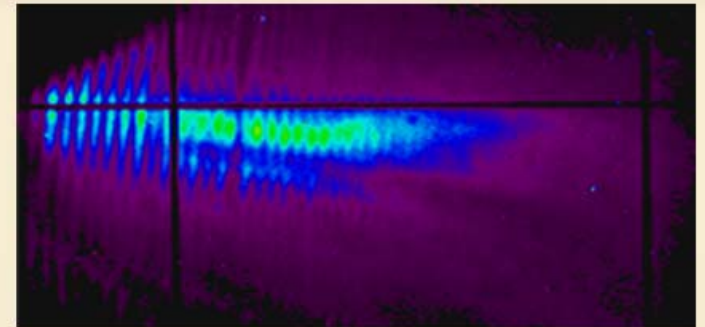
# Generating Microbunches by dispersing the energy



# Examples of microbunches

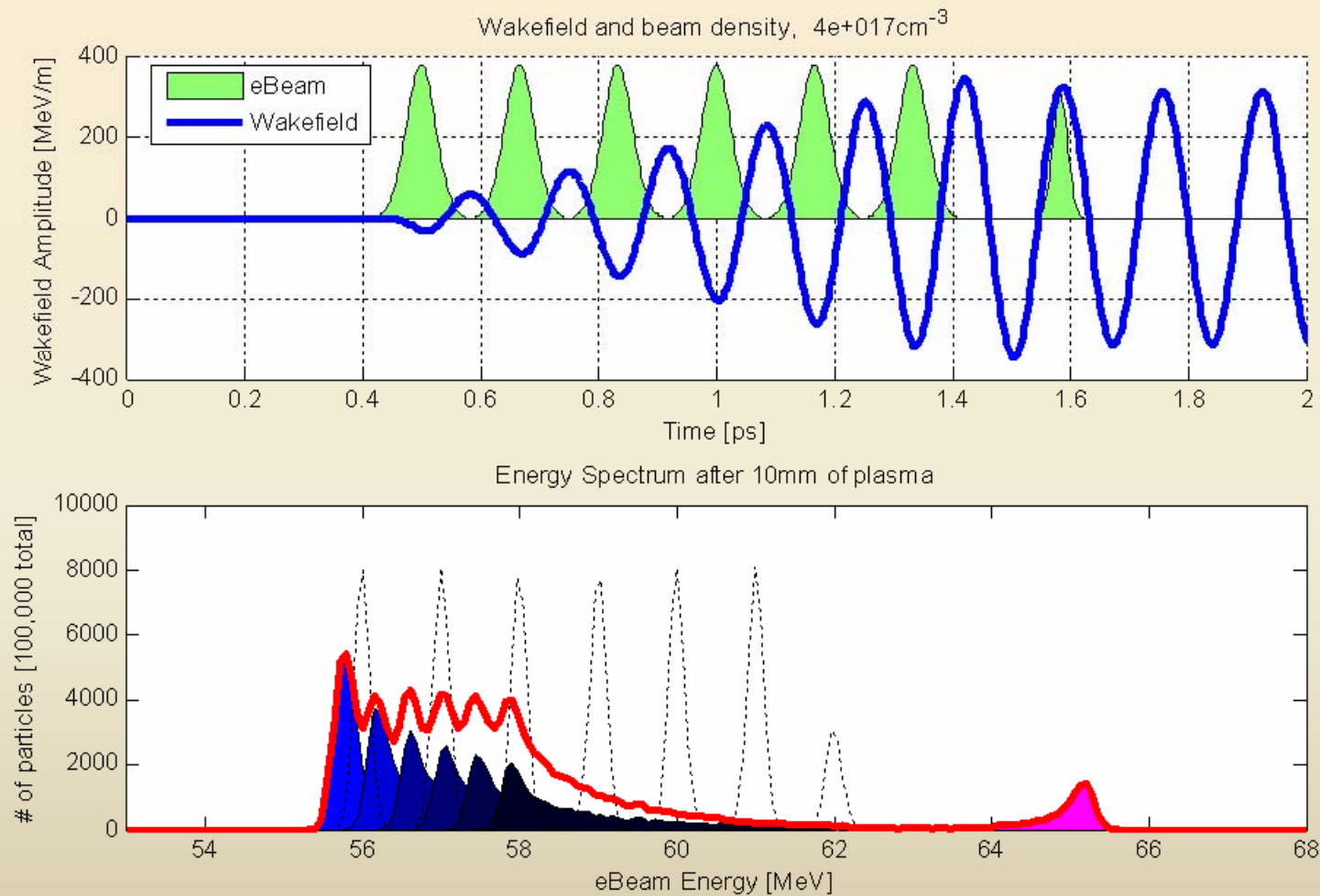


- 150-200 pC after the mask
- 100 – 300  $\mu\text{m}$  period
- Resonant at  $10^{16}$  –  $10^{17}$   $\text{cm}^{-3}$



# 7 Bunches

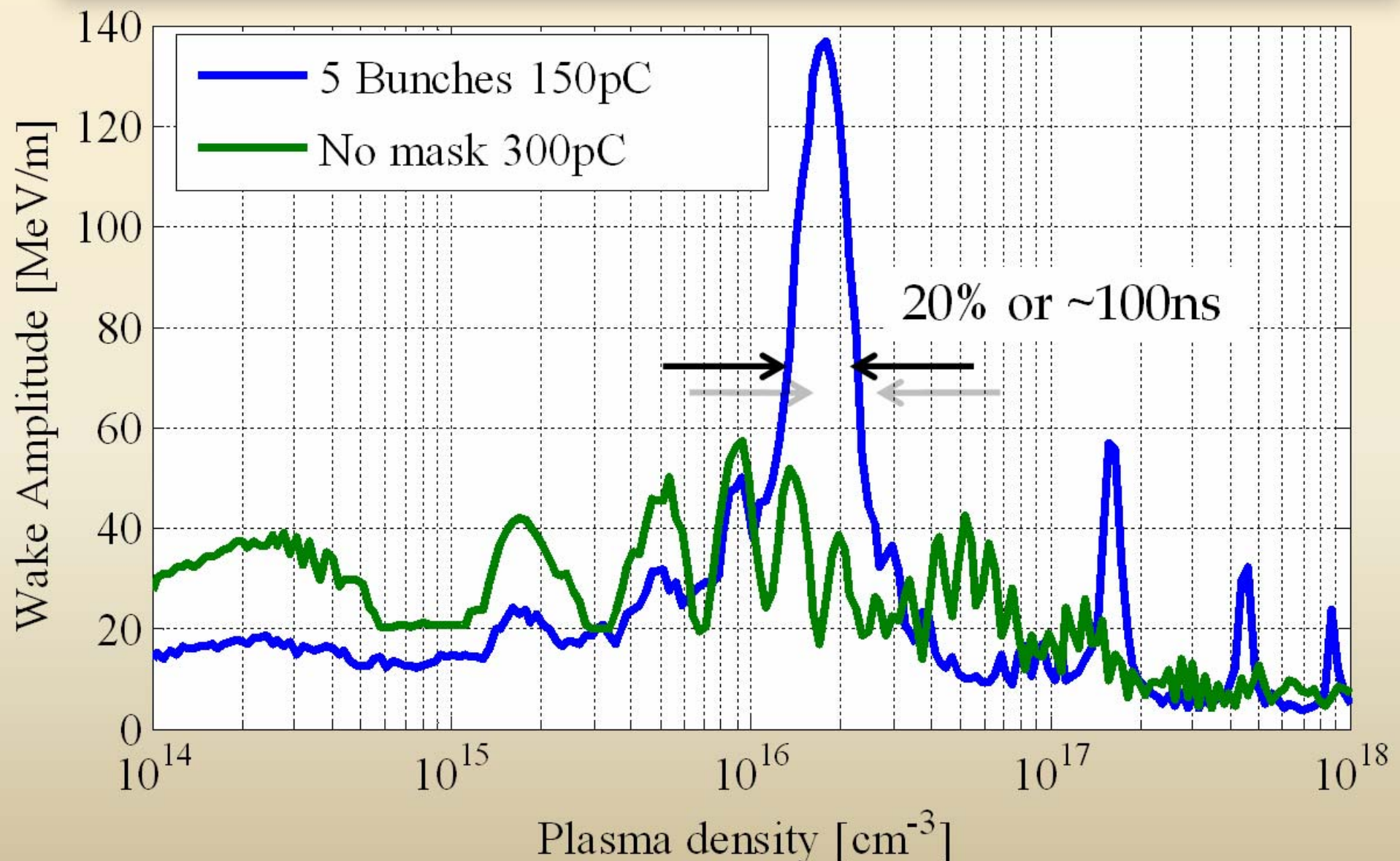
## Resonant Plasma Density





# Wakefield Amplitude

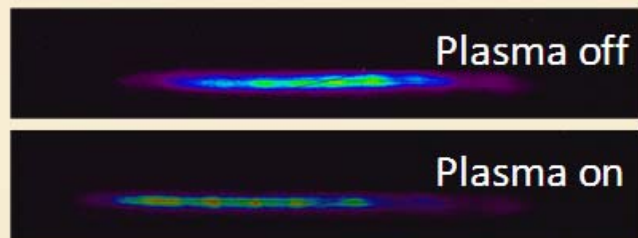
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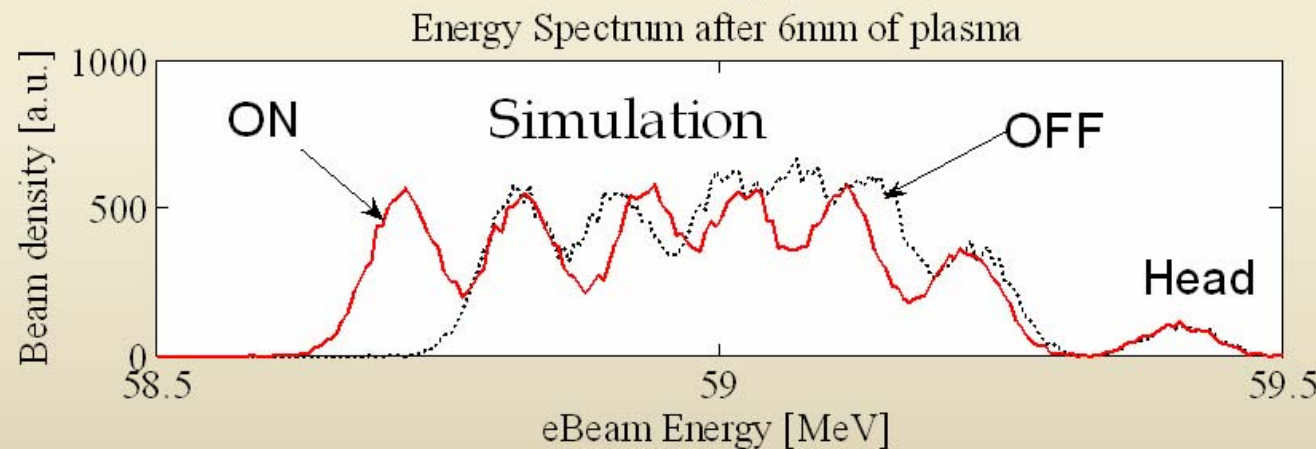
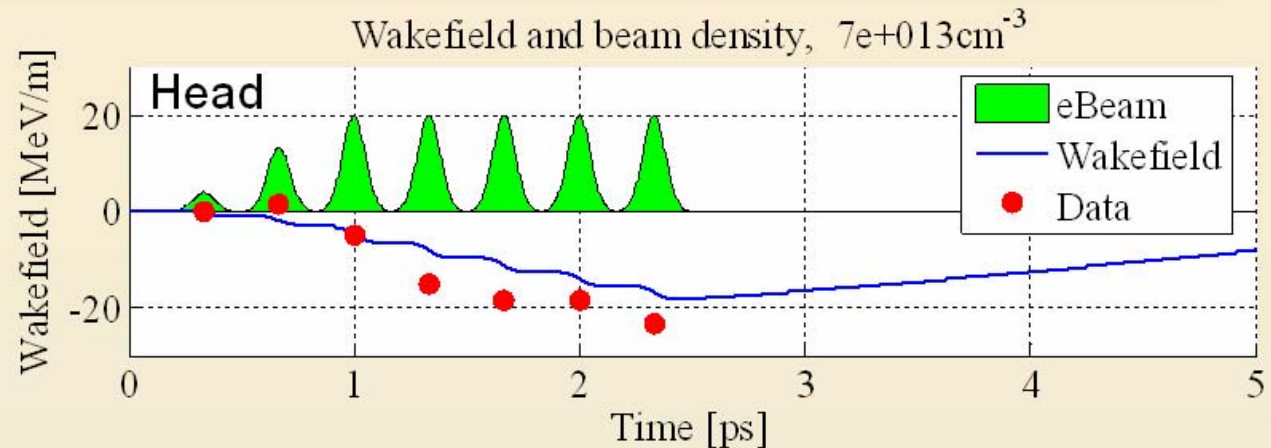
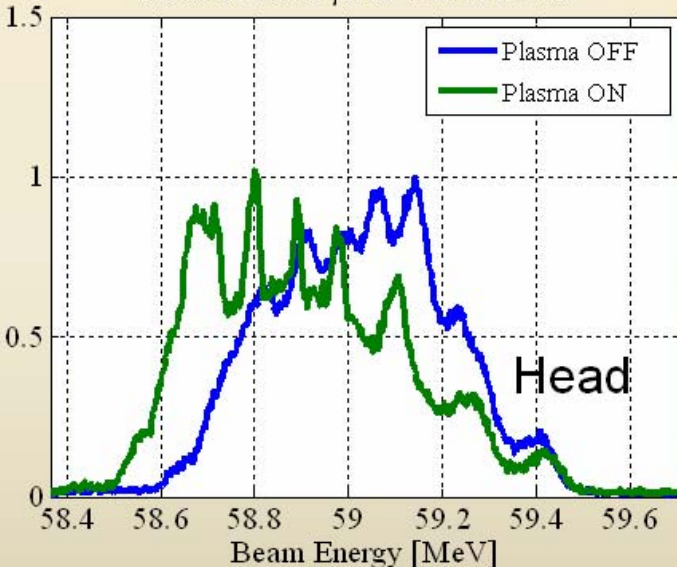
# Results at low plasma density

59 MeV, 400 pC beam

## Experiment



Shots at 2.368  $\mu\text{s}$  or  $7.2 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



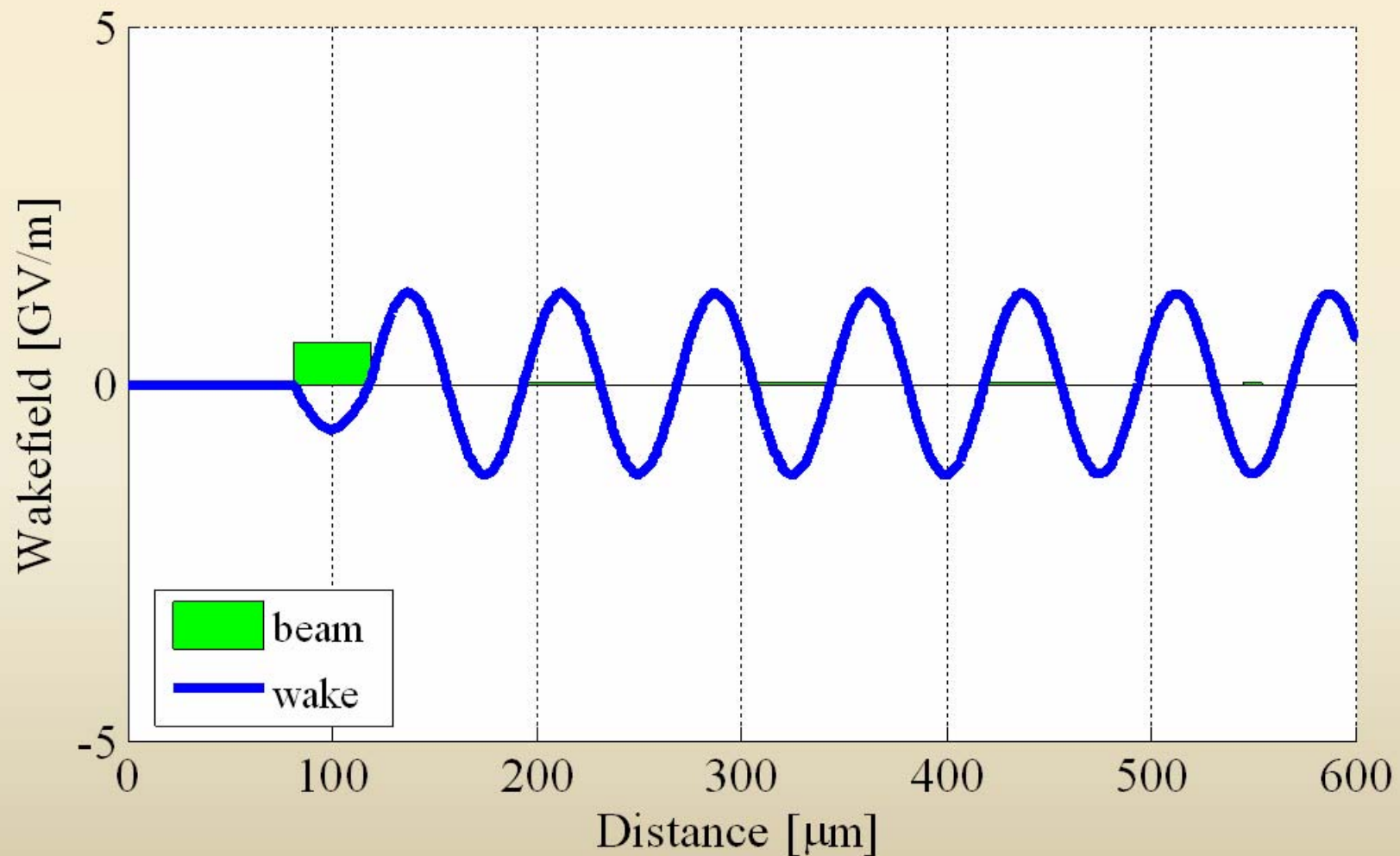
- whole bunch: 35 MeV/m
- microbunches: 22 MeV/m after 6 mm of plasma @  $7 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

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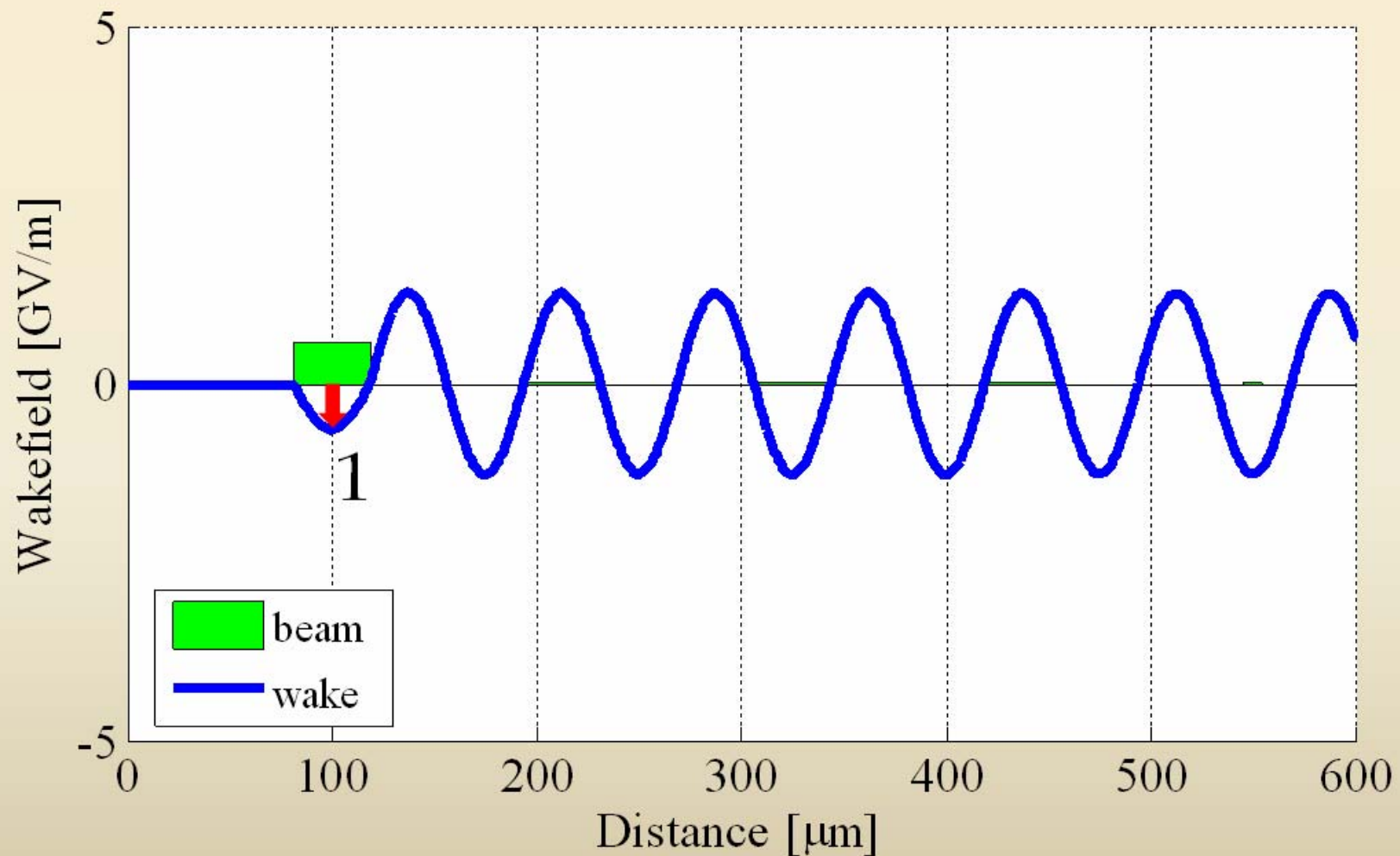
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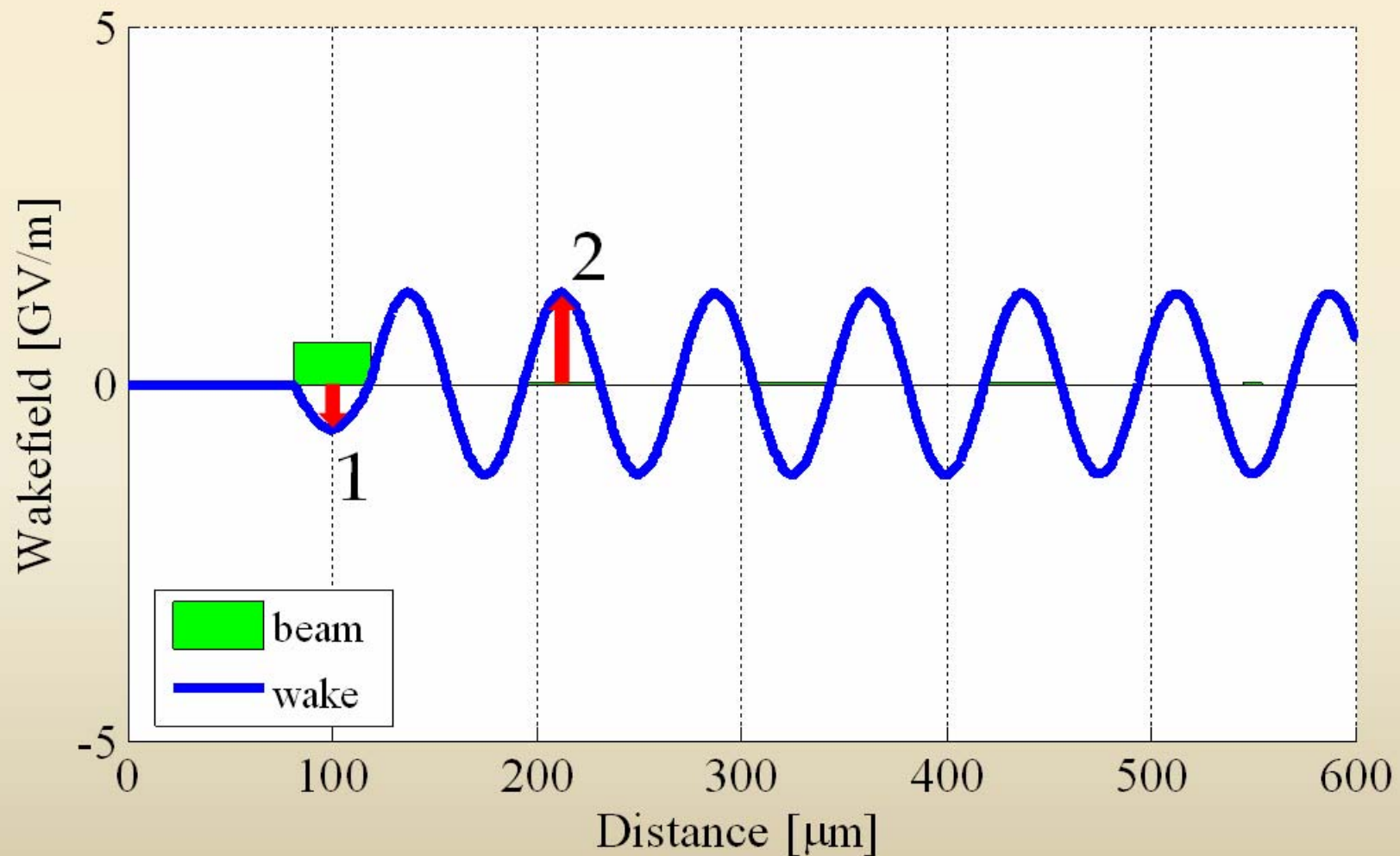
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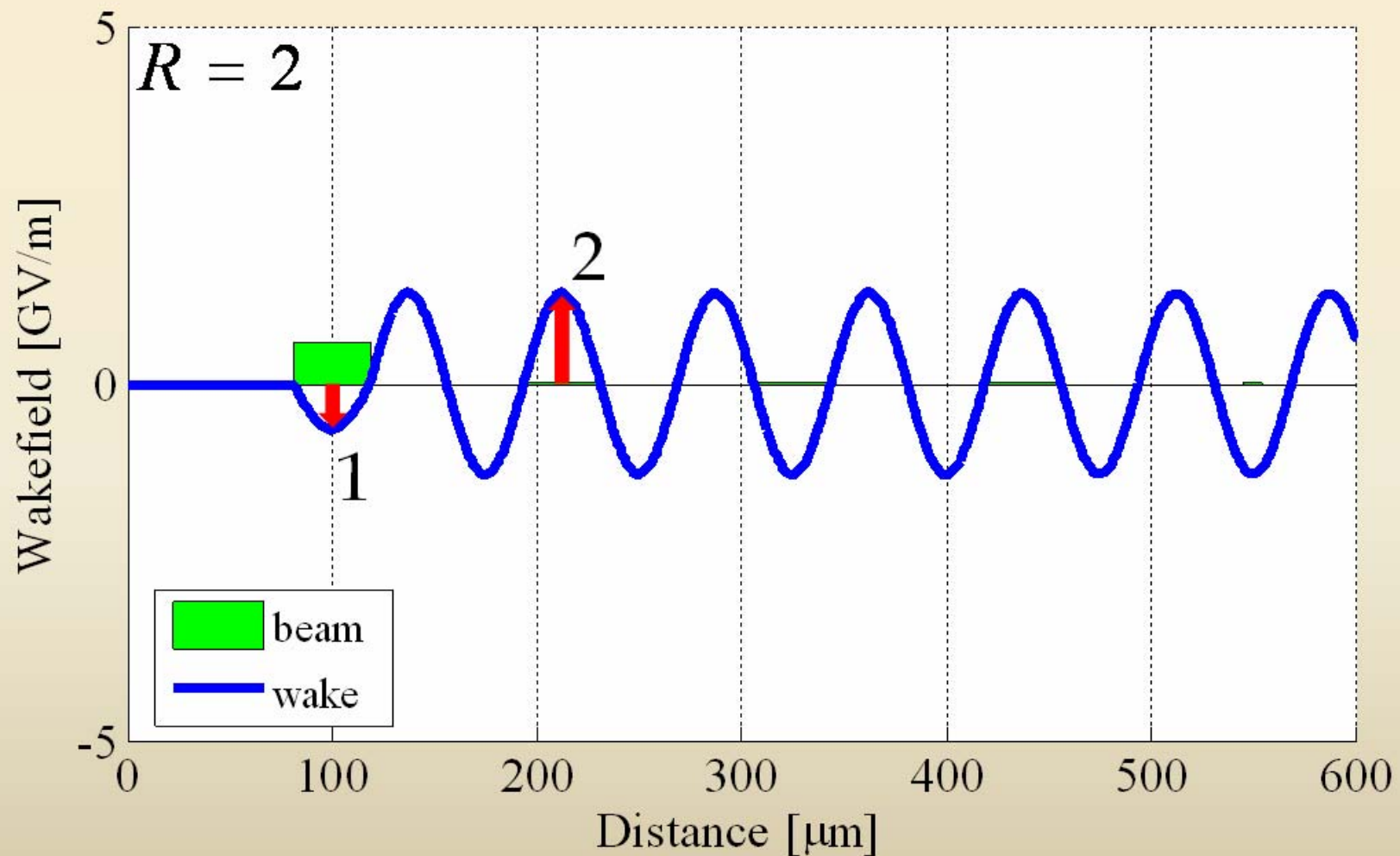


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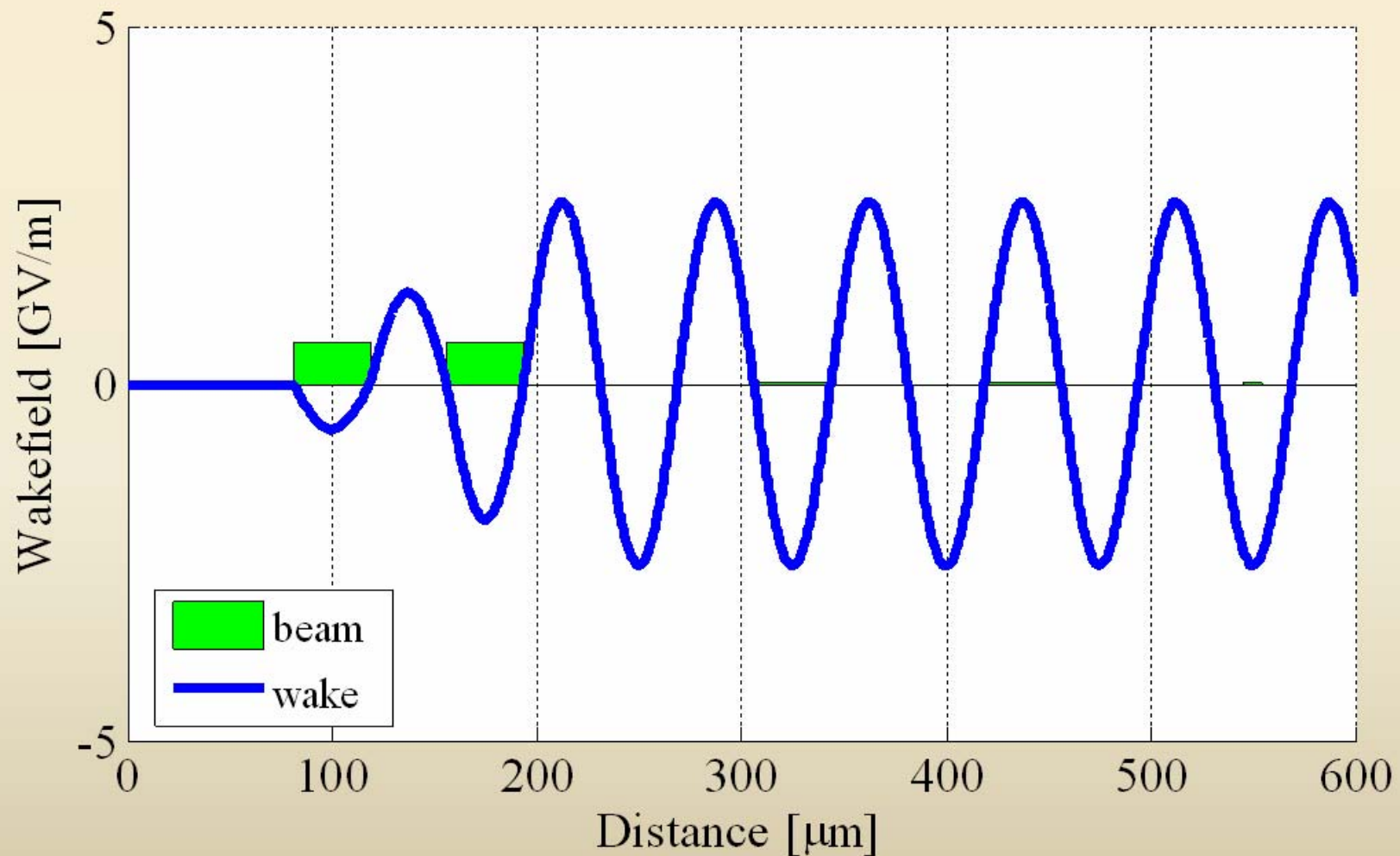




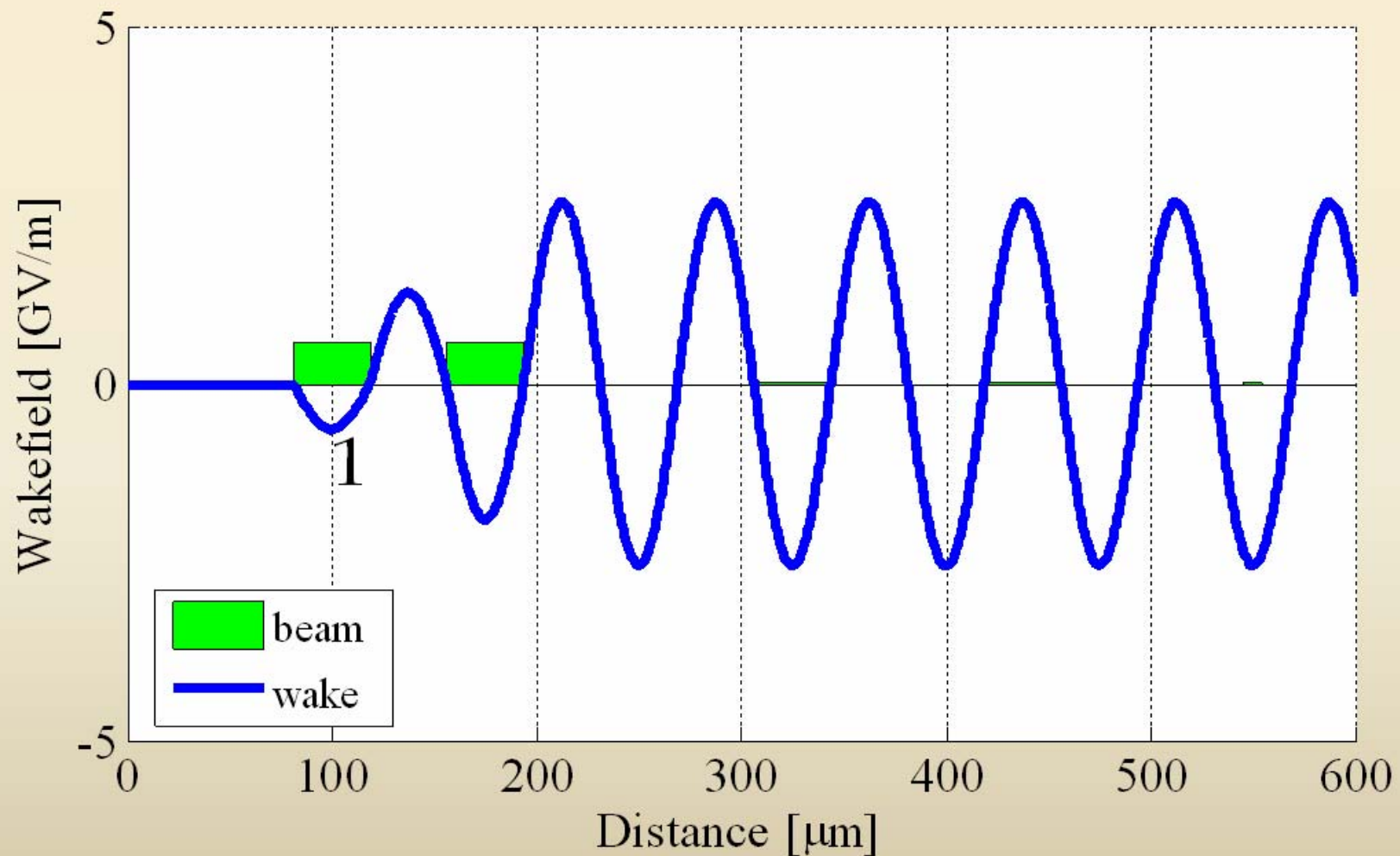
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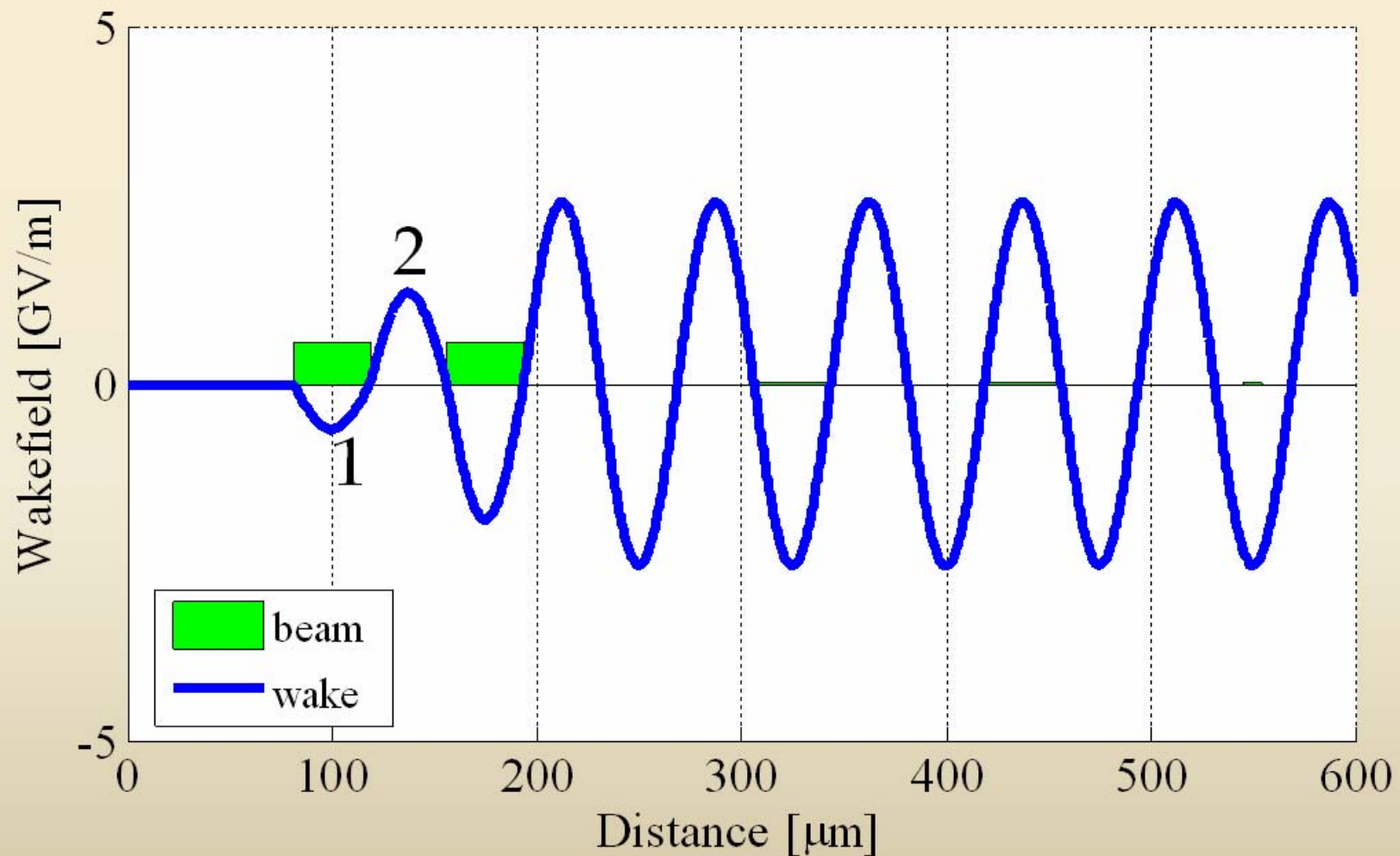


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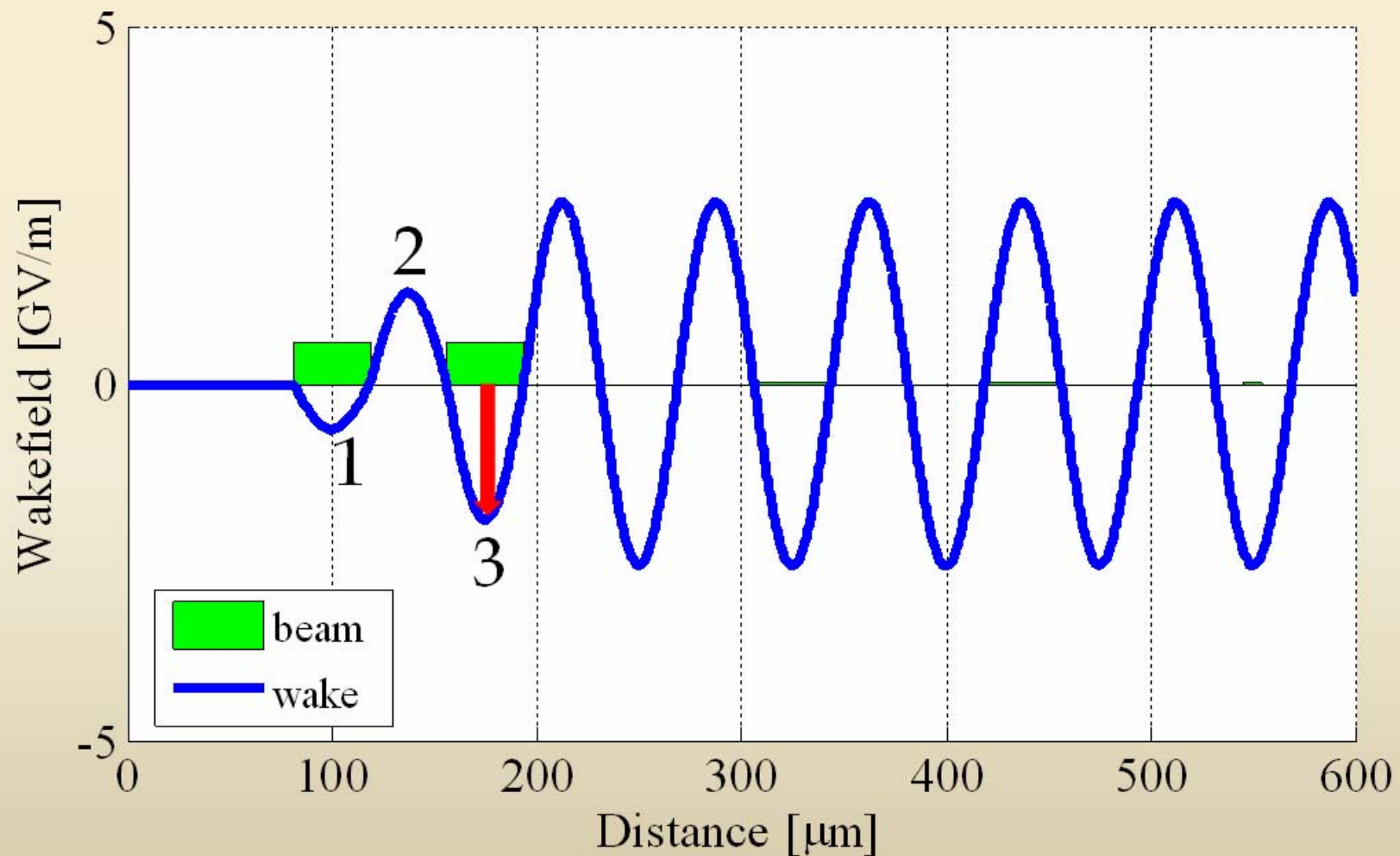




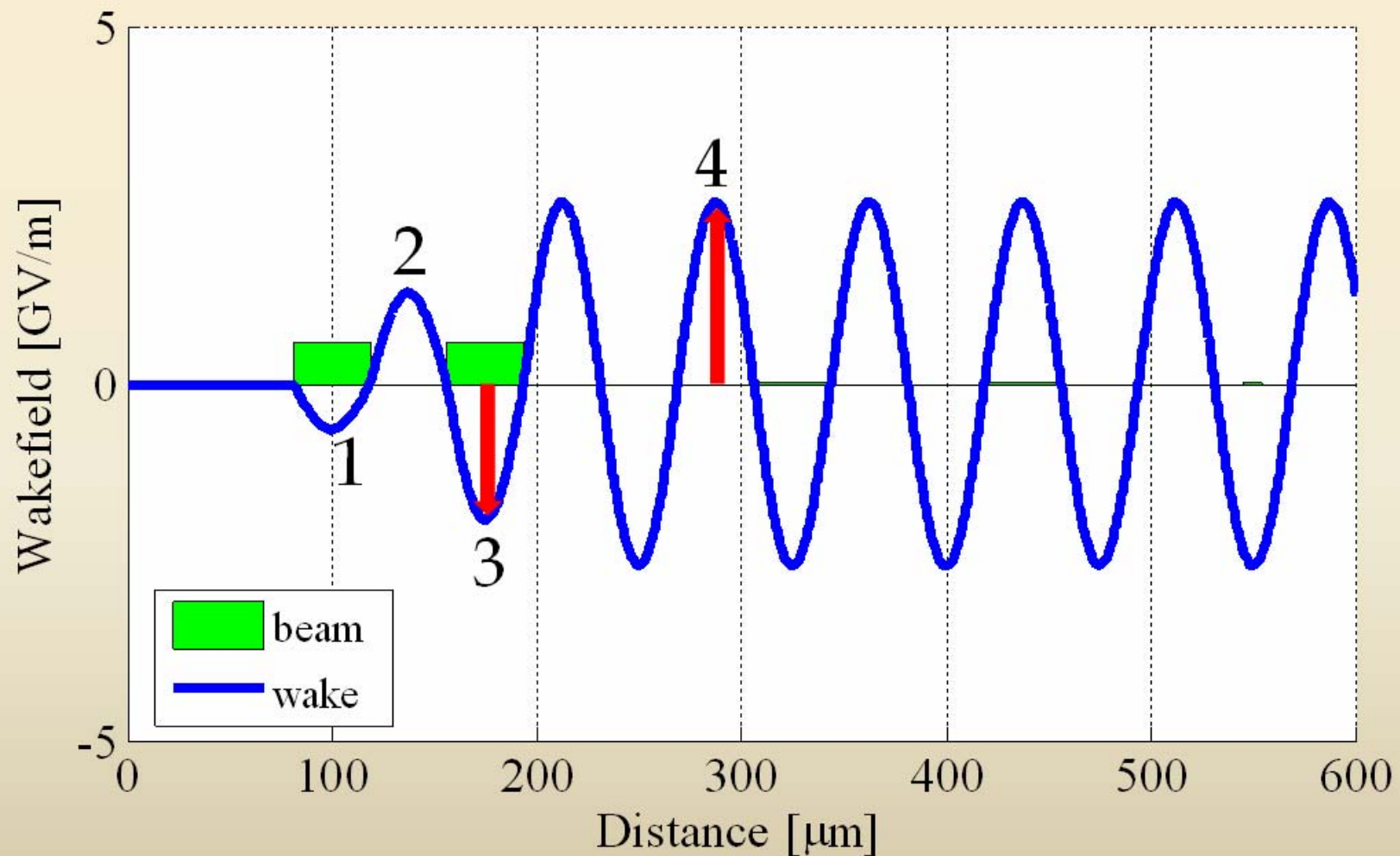
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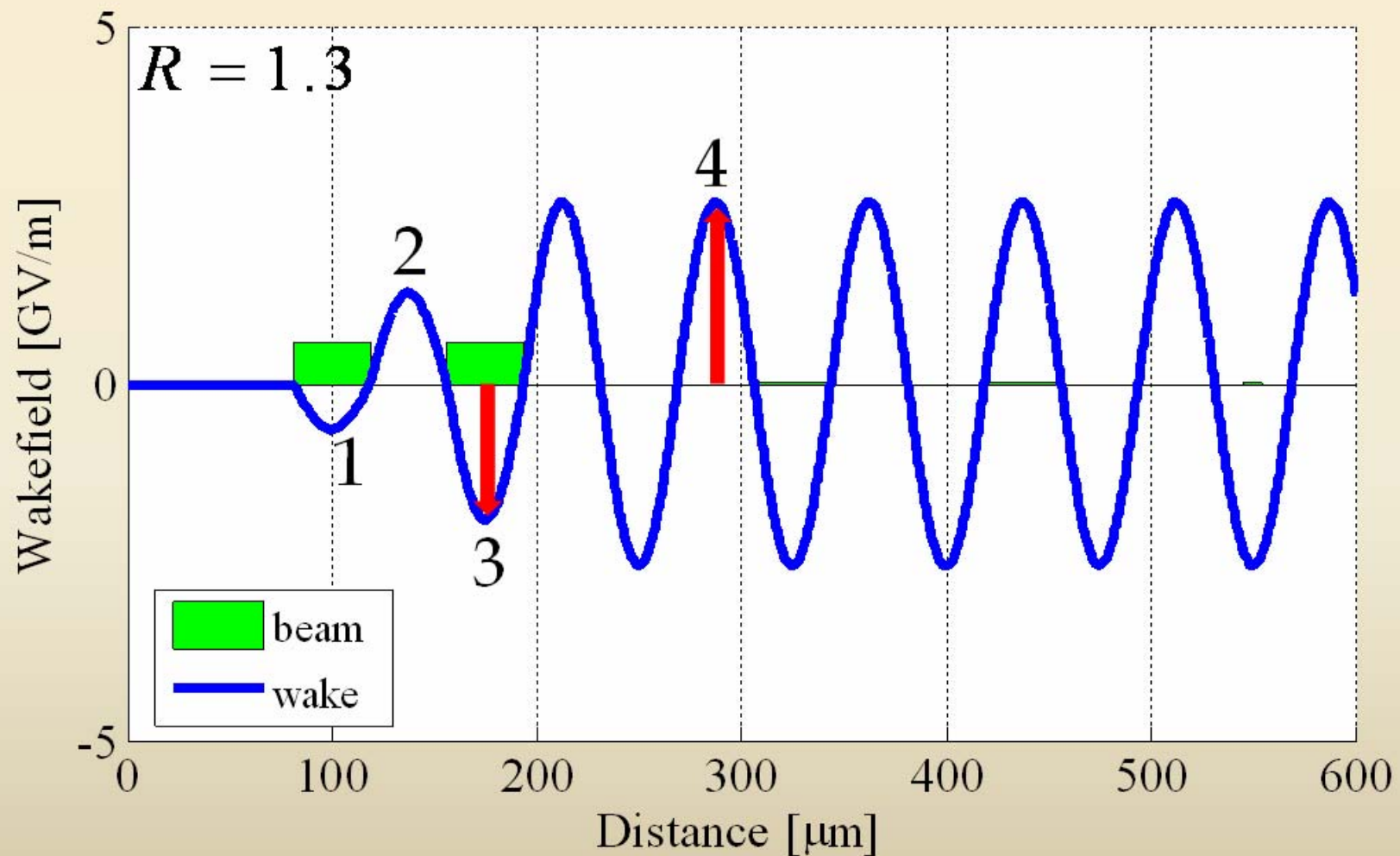


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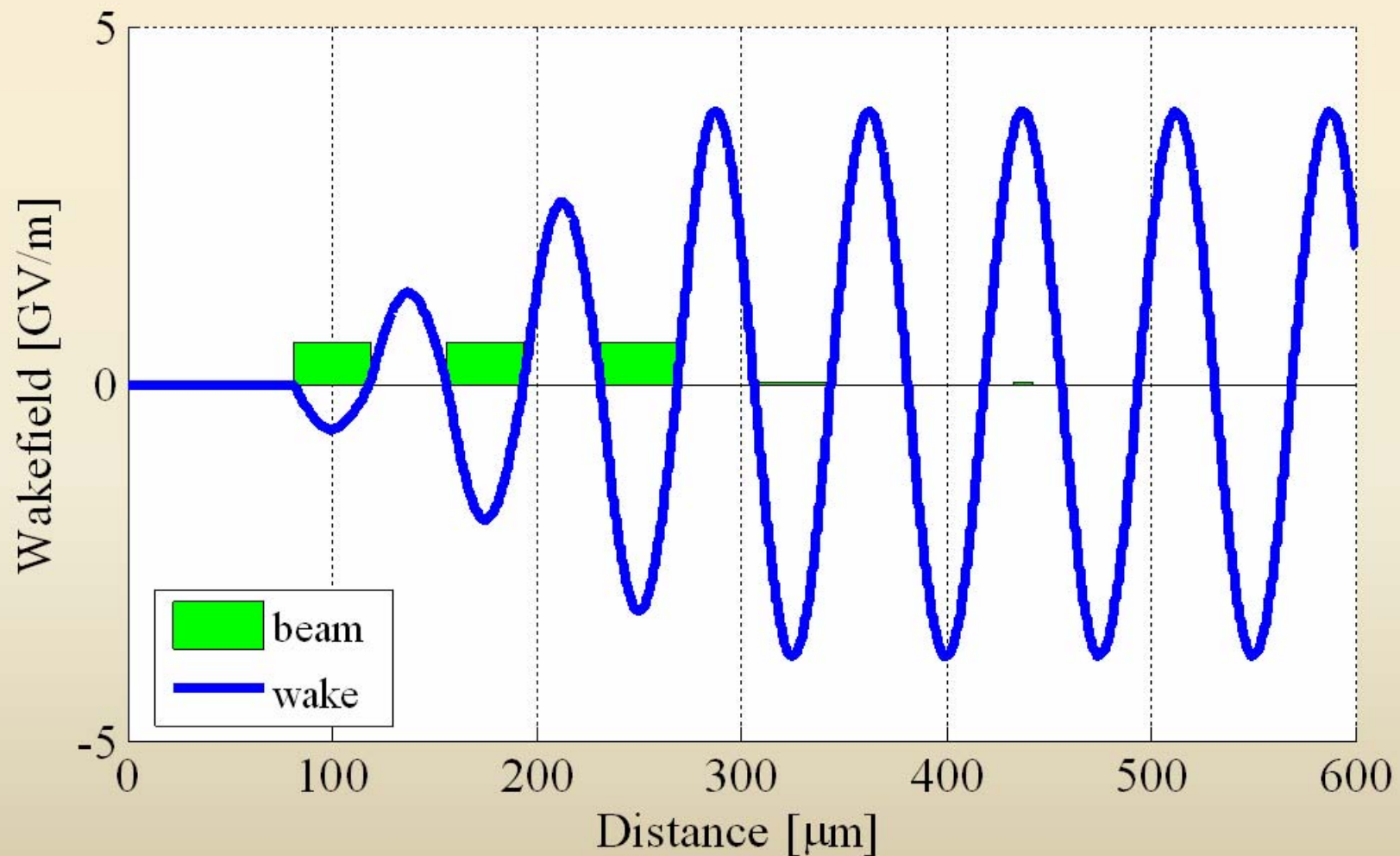




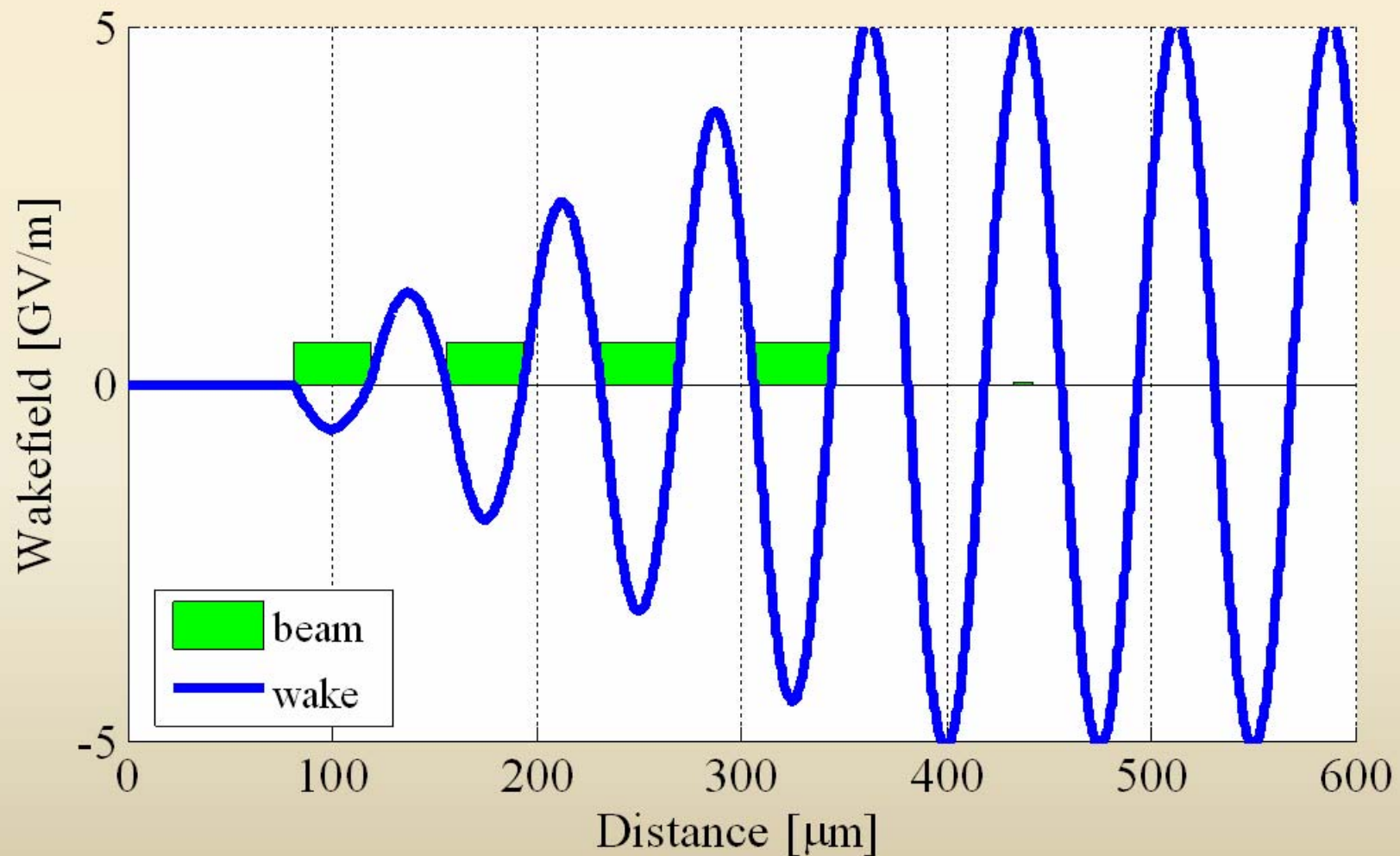
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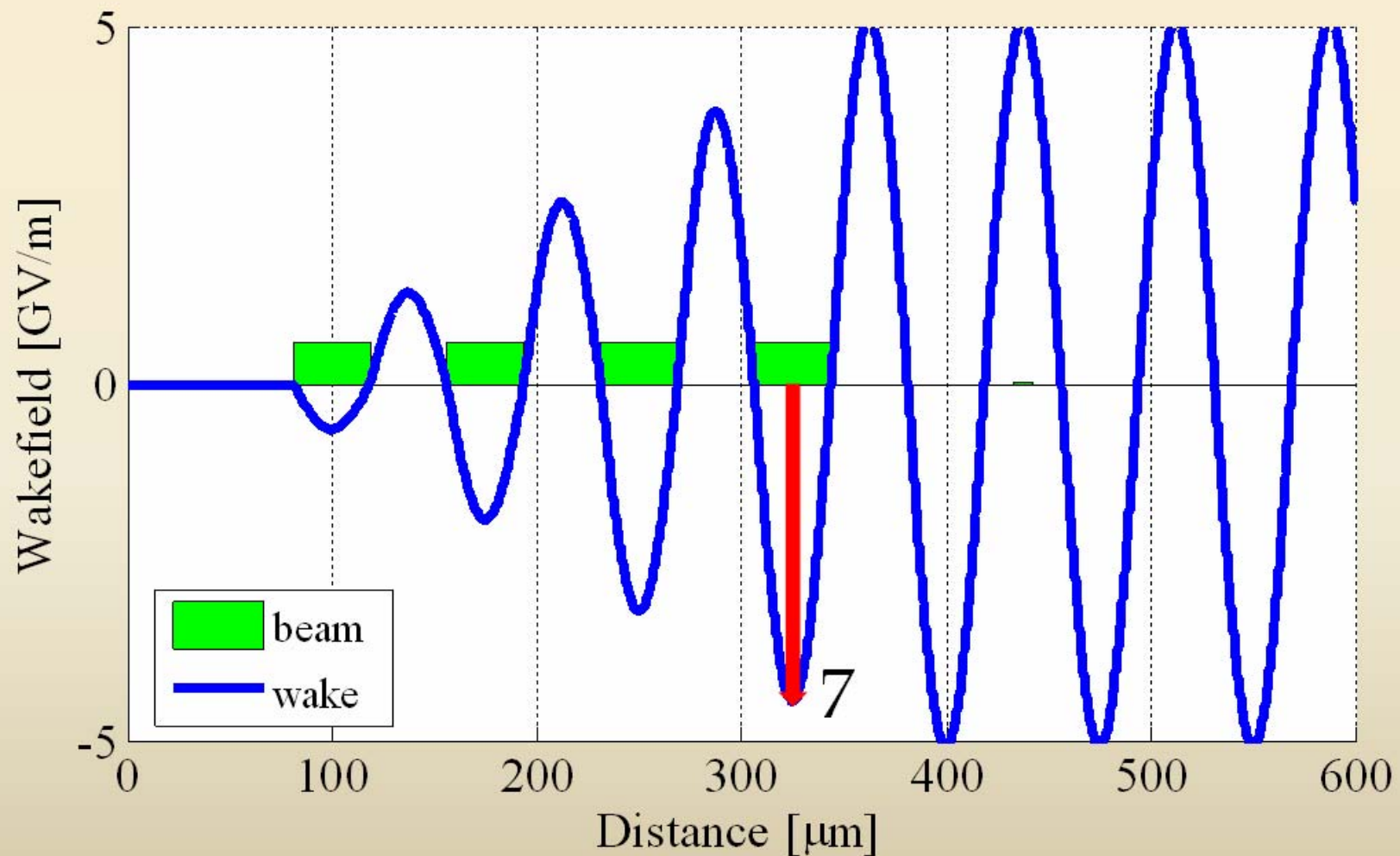


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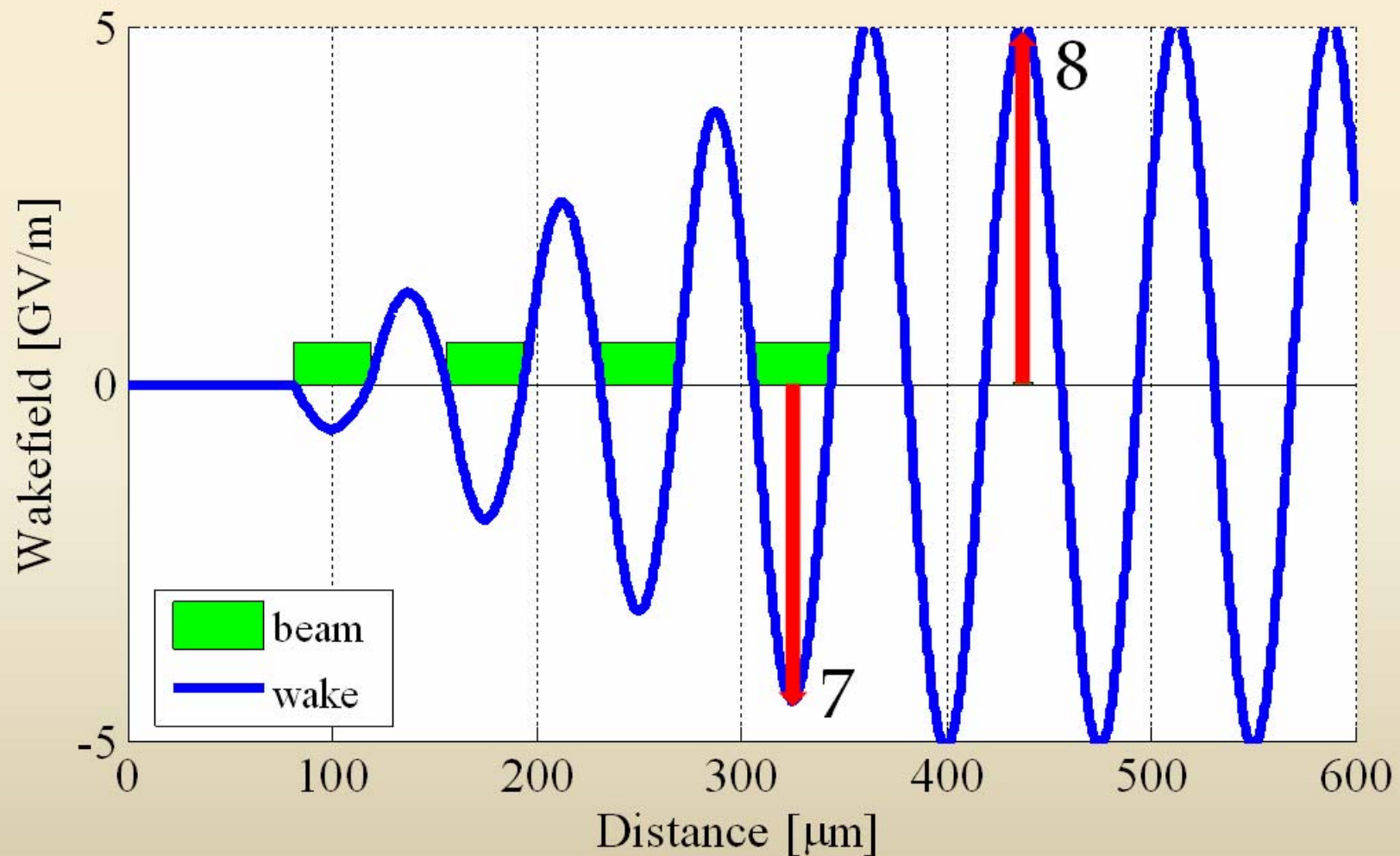




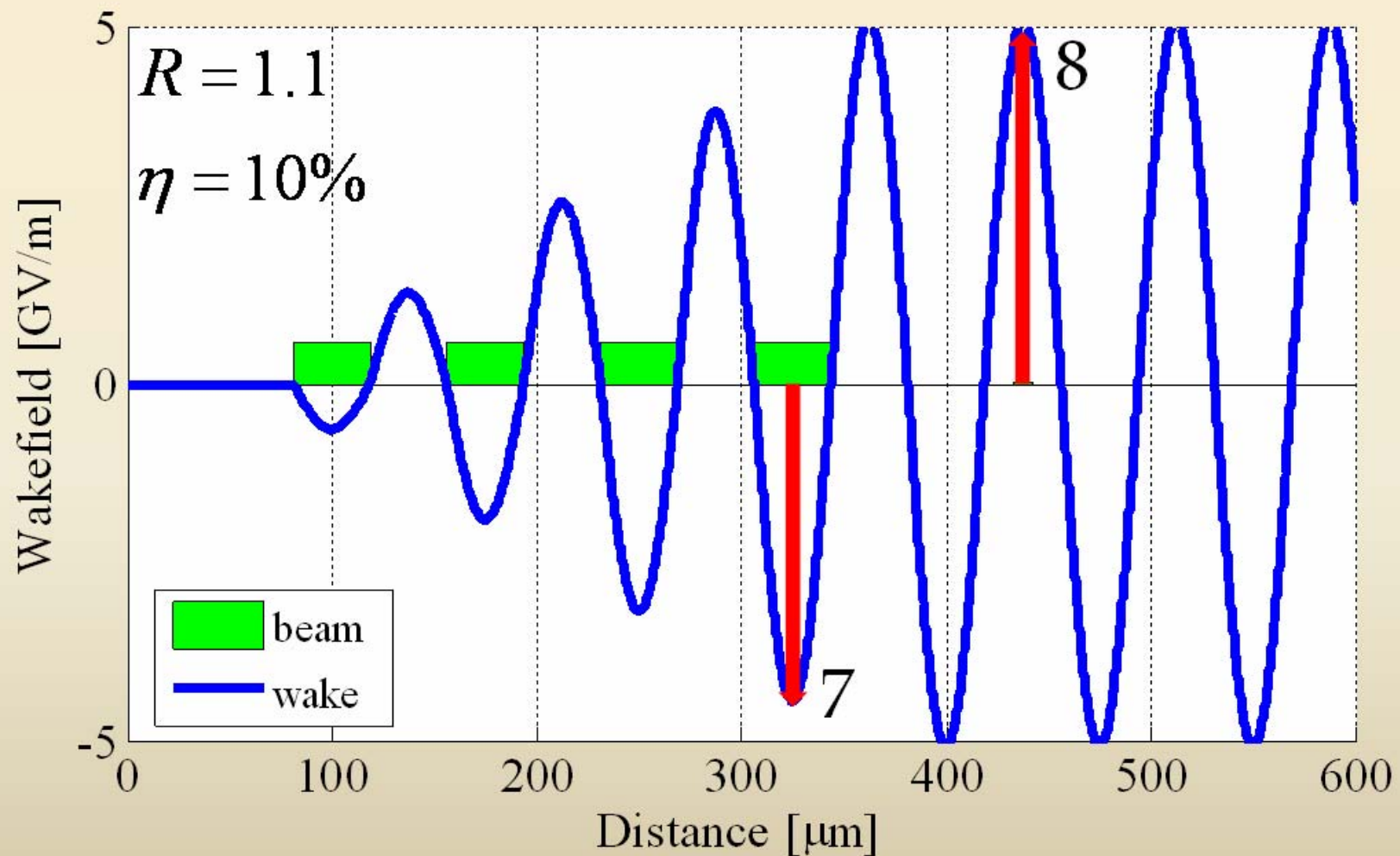
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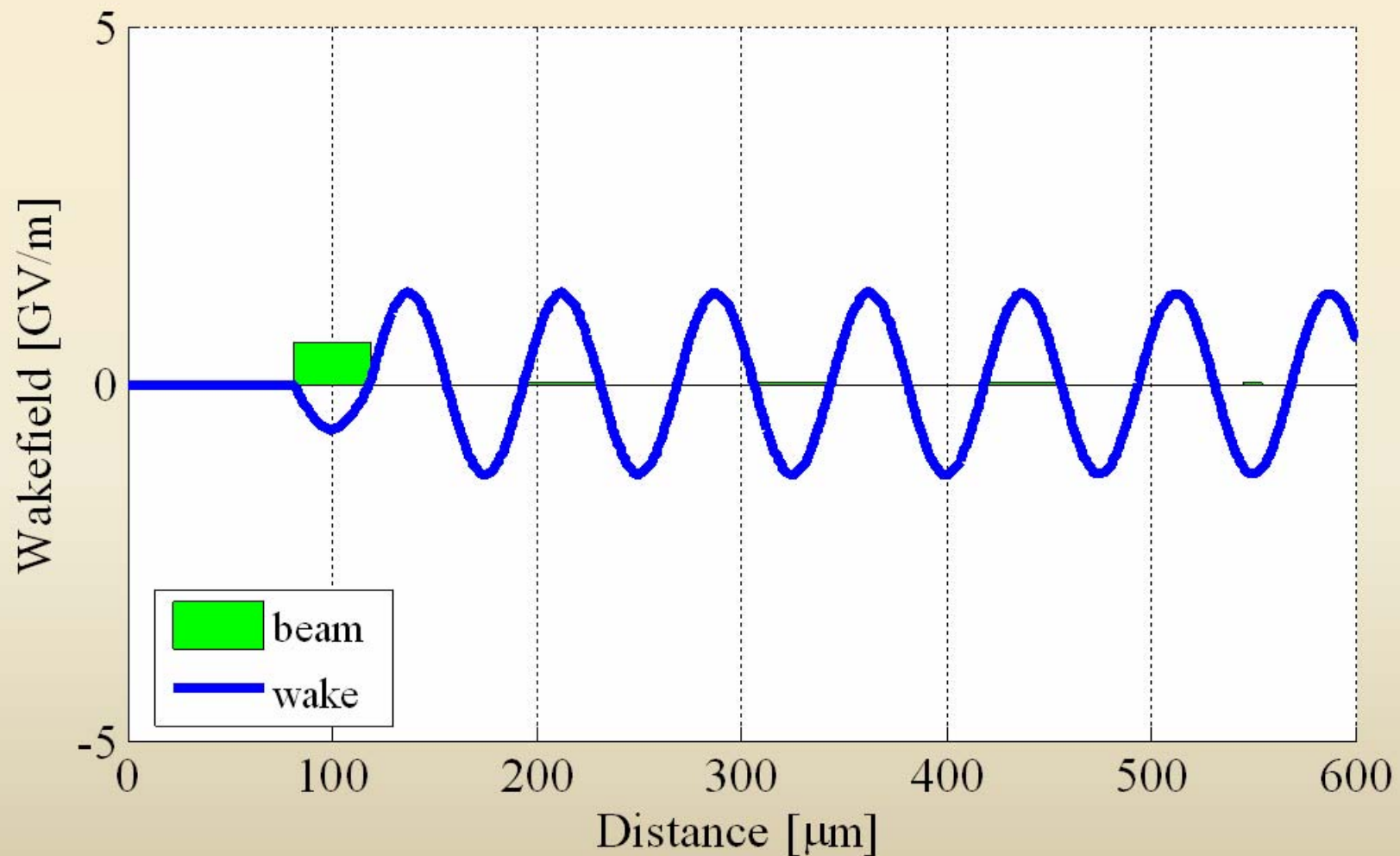


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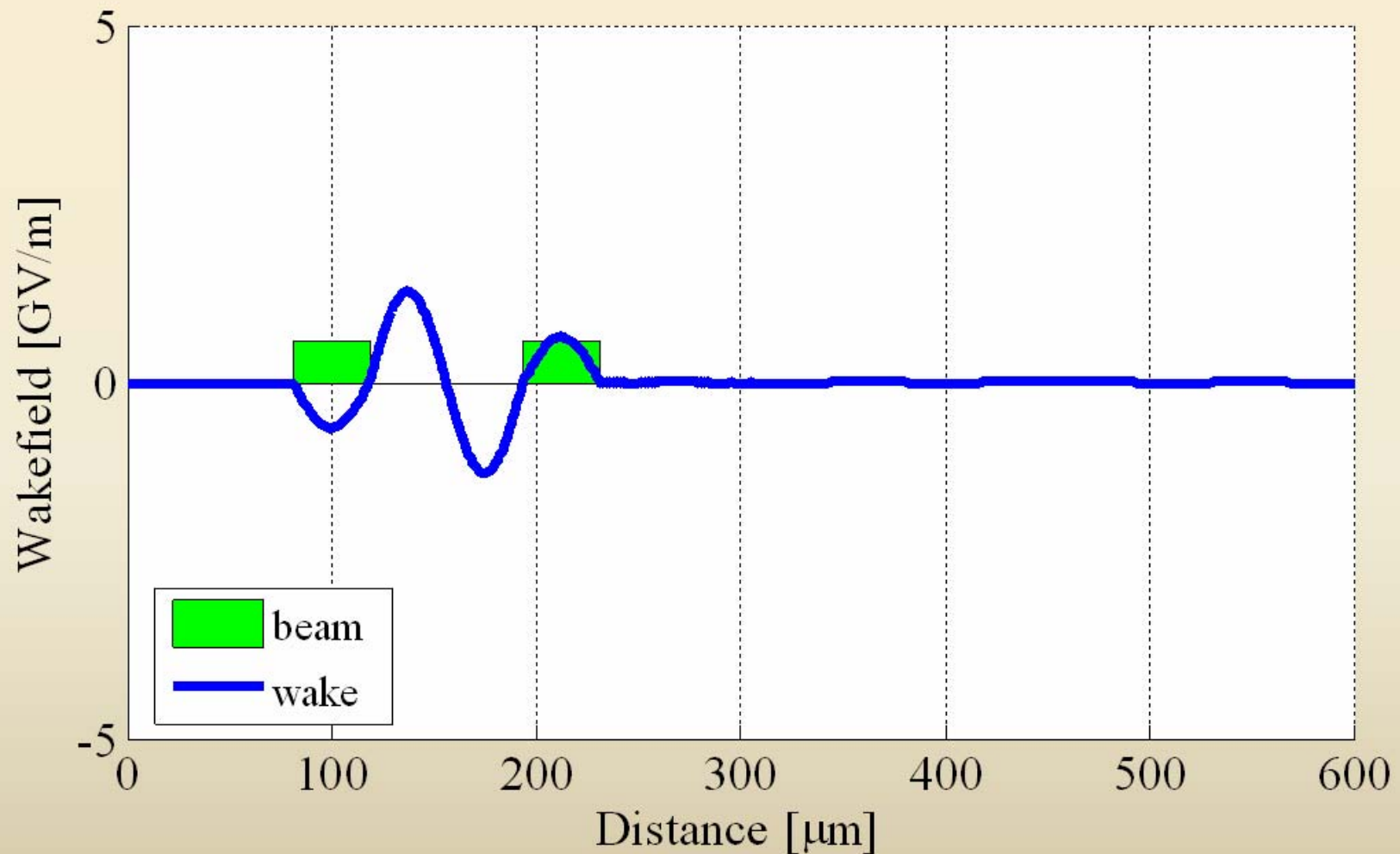




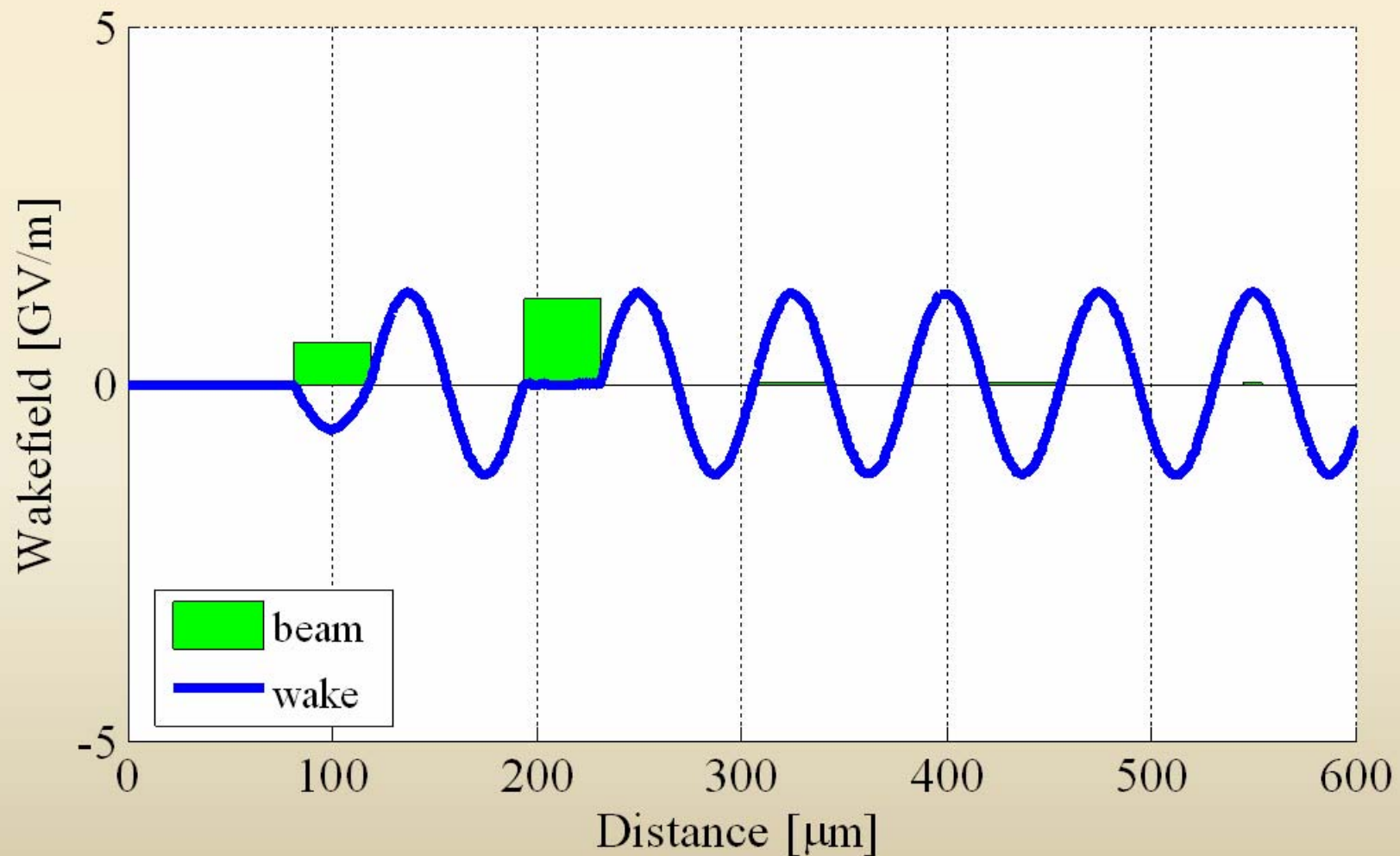
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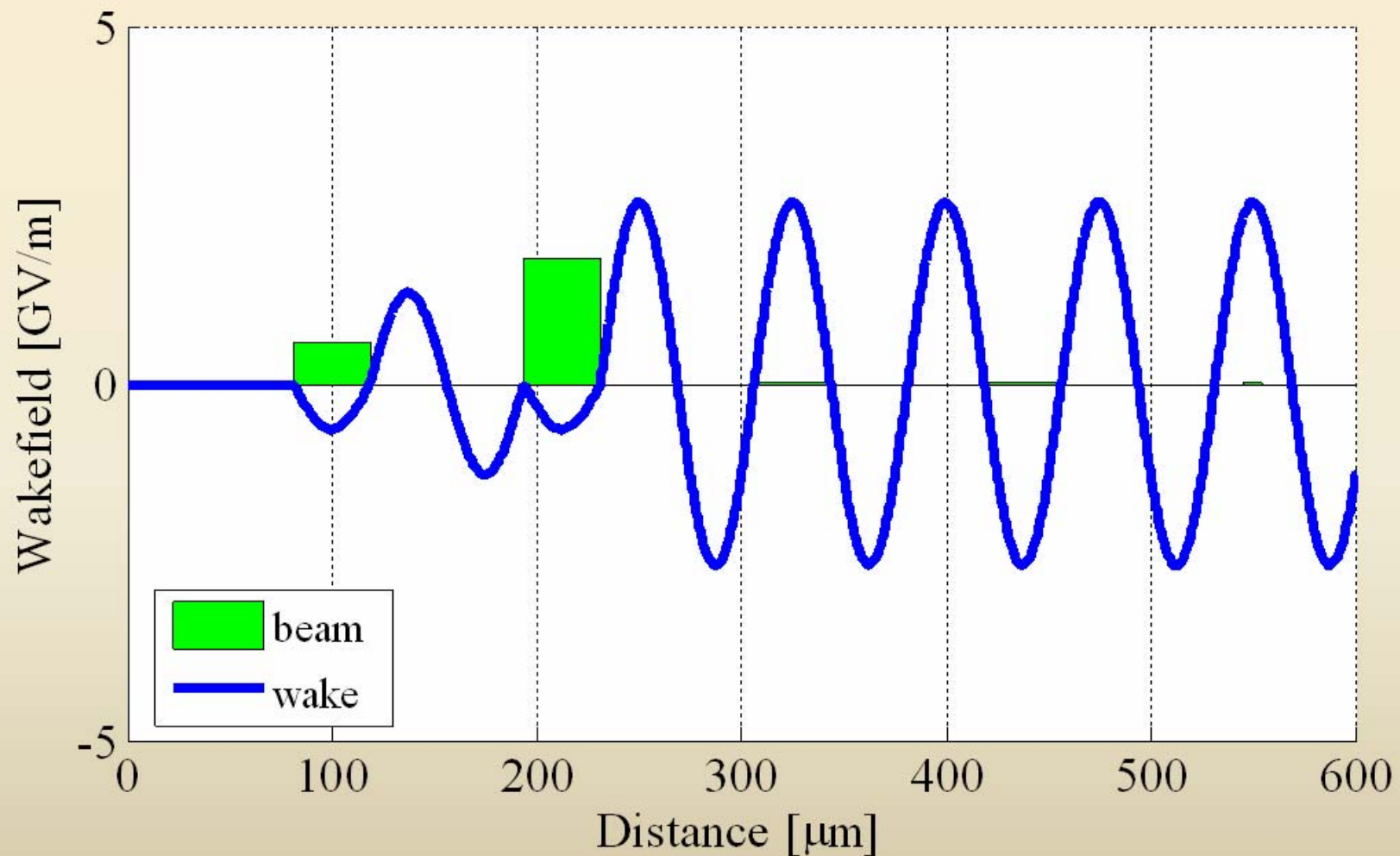


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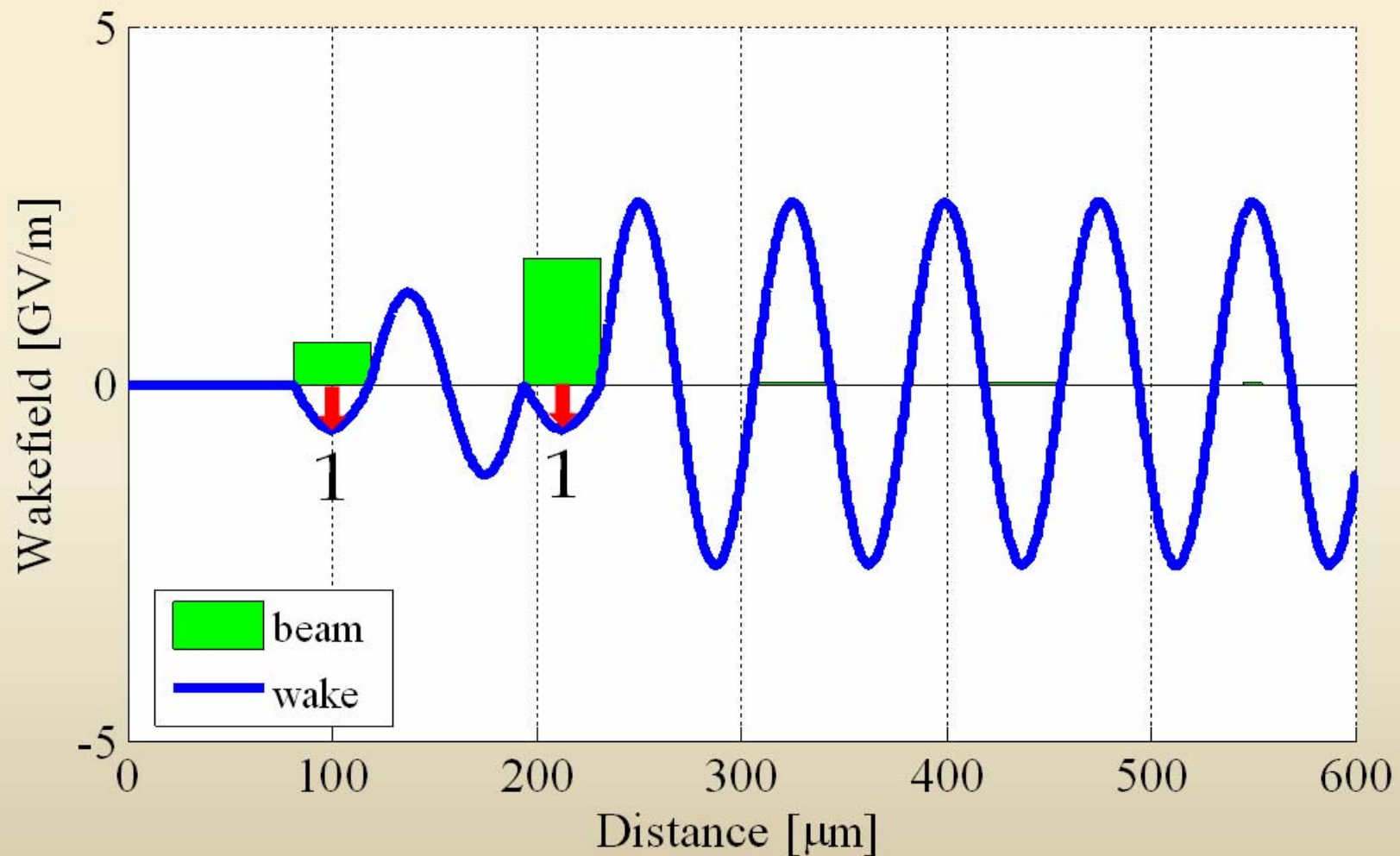




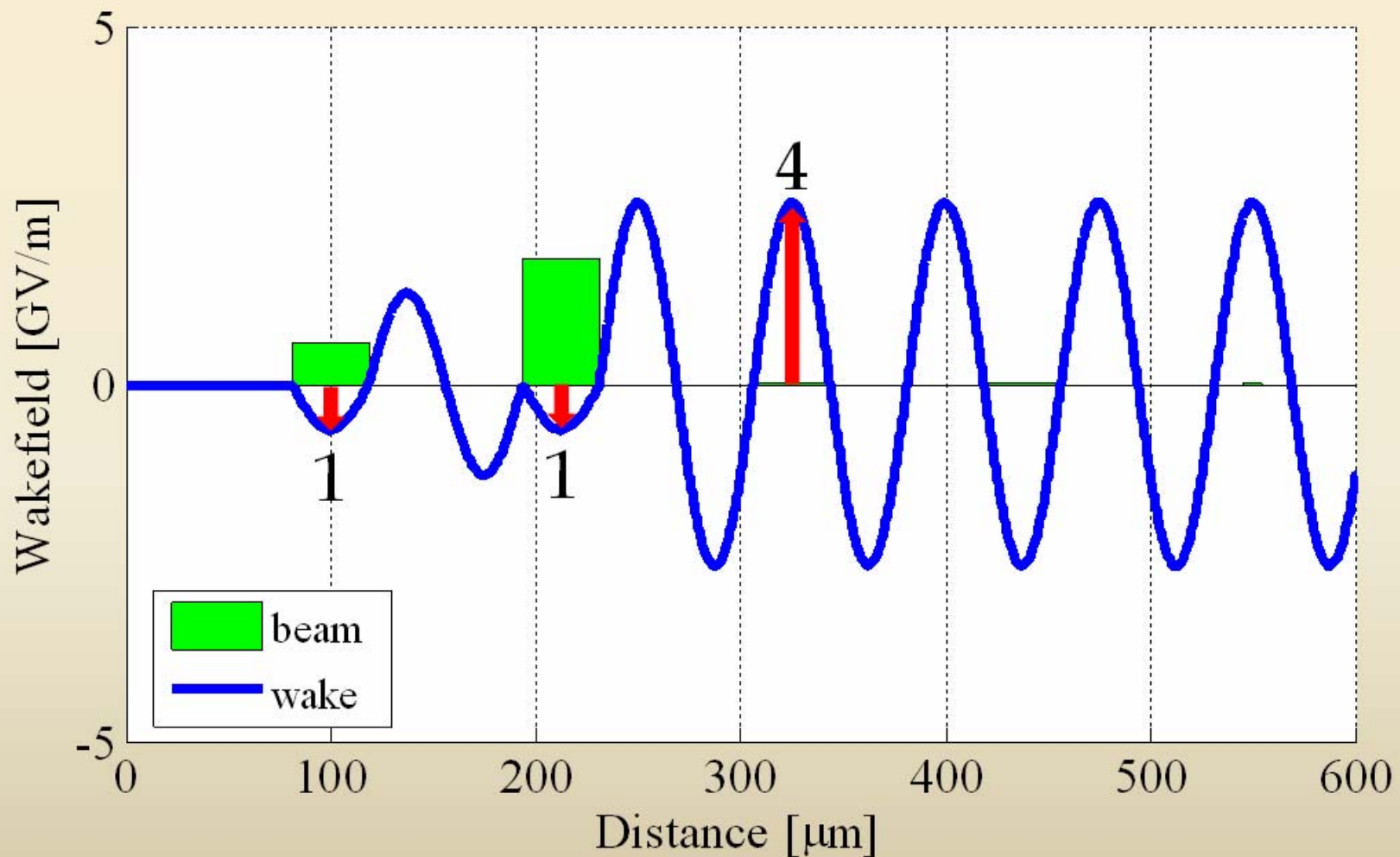
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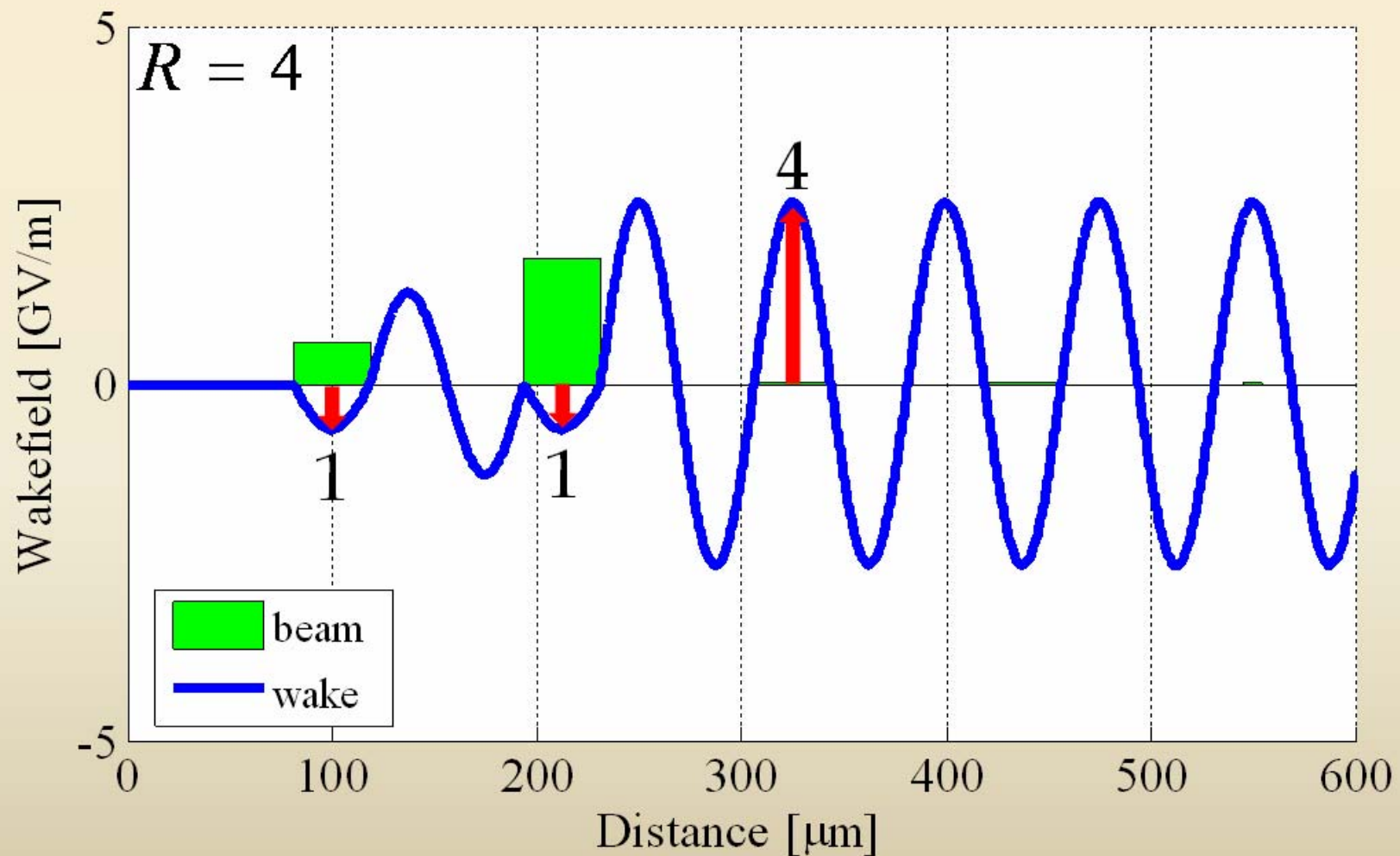


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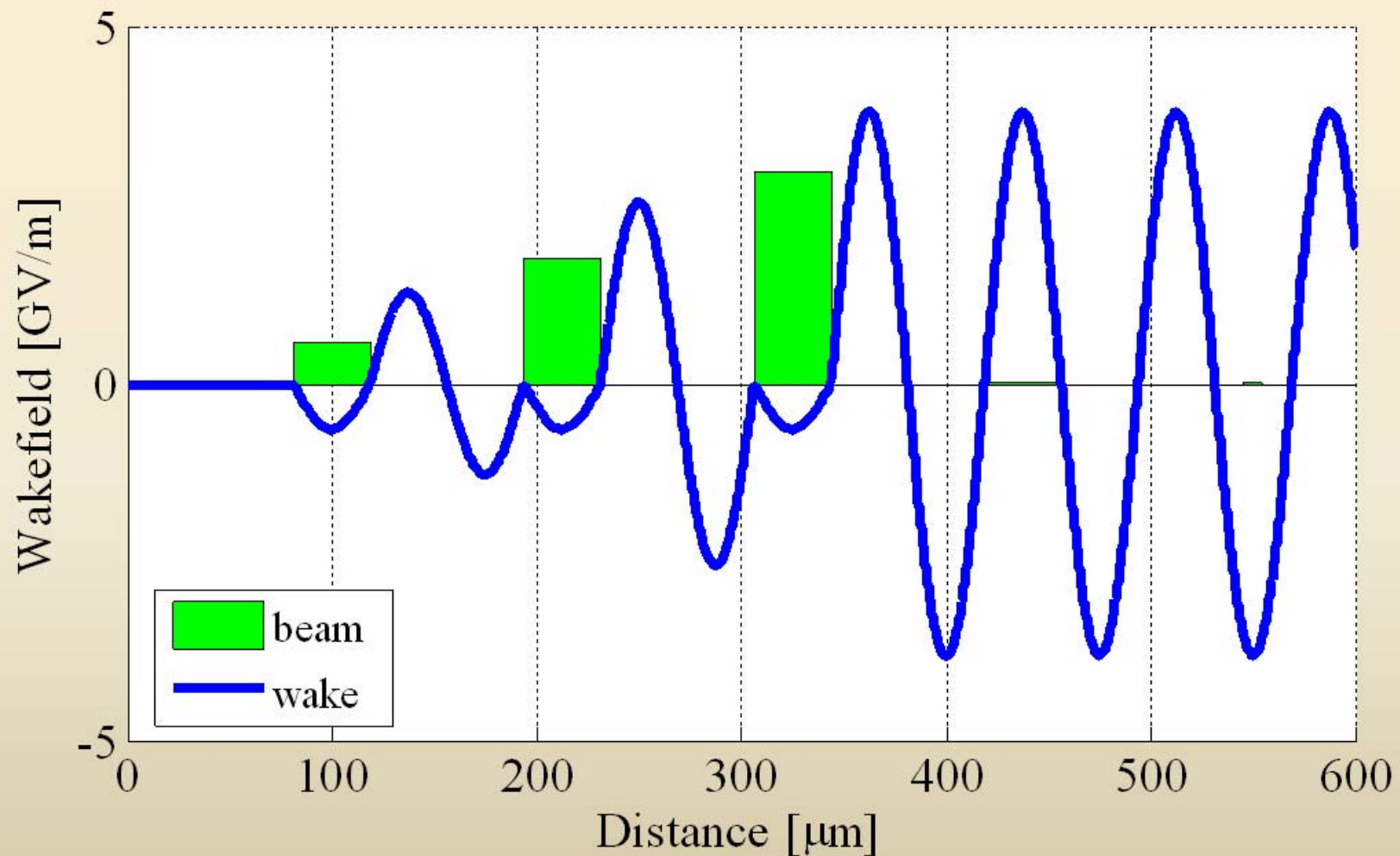




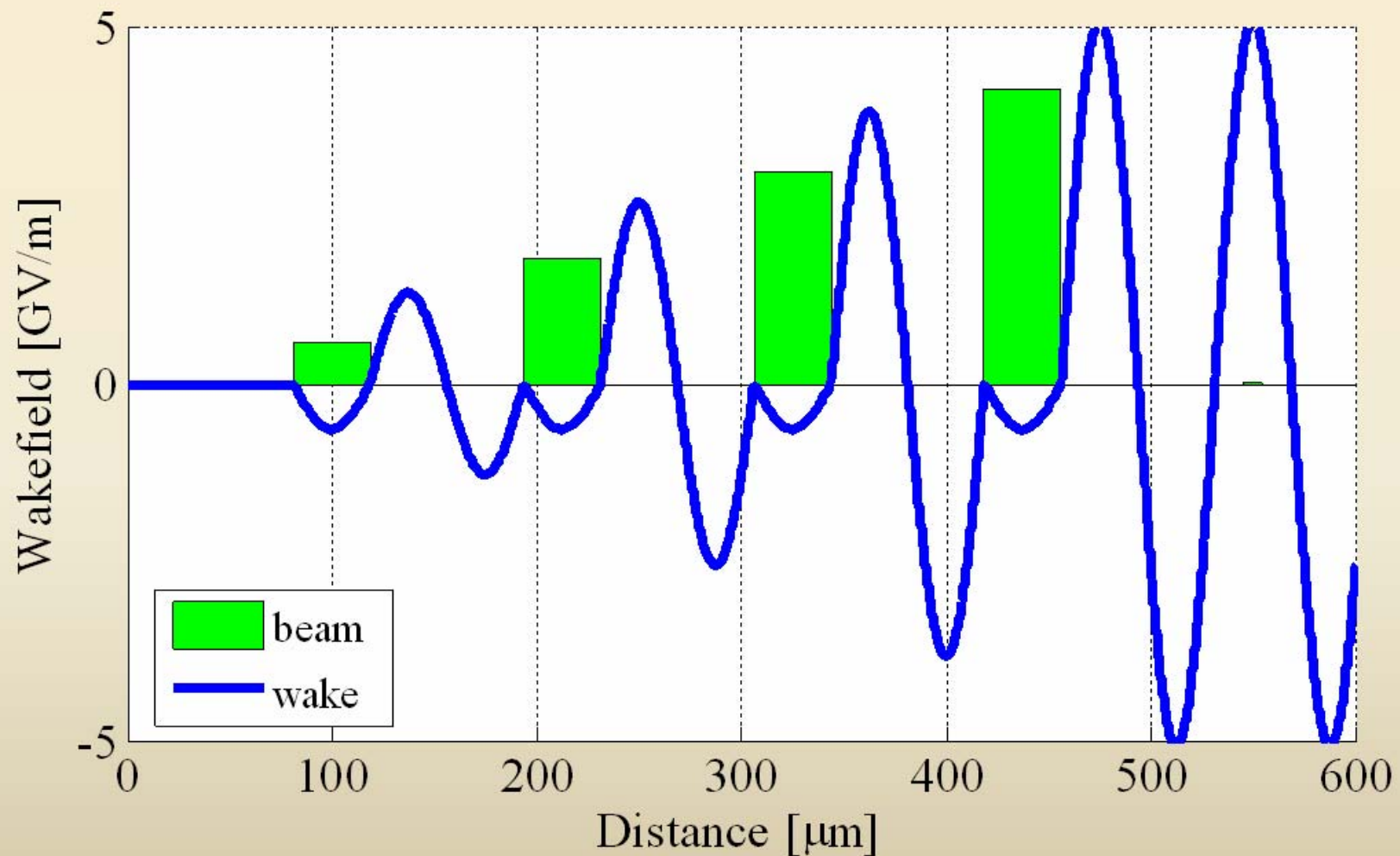
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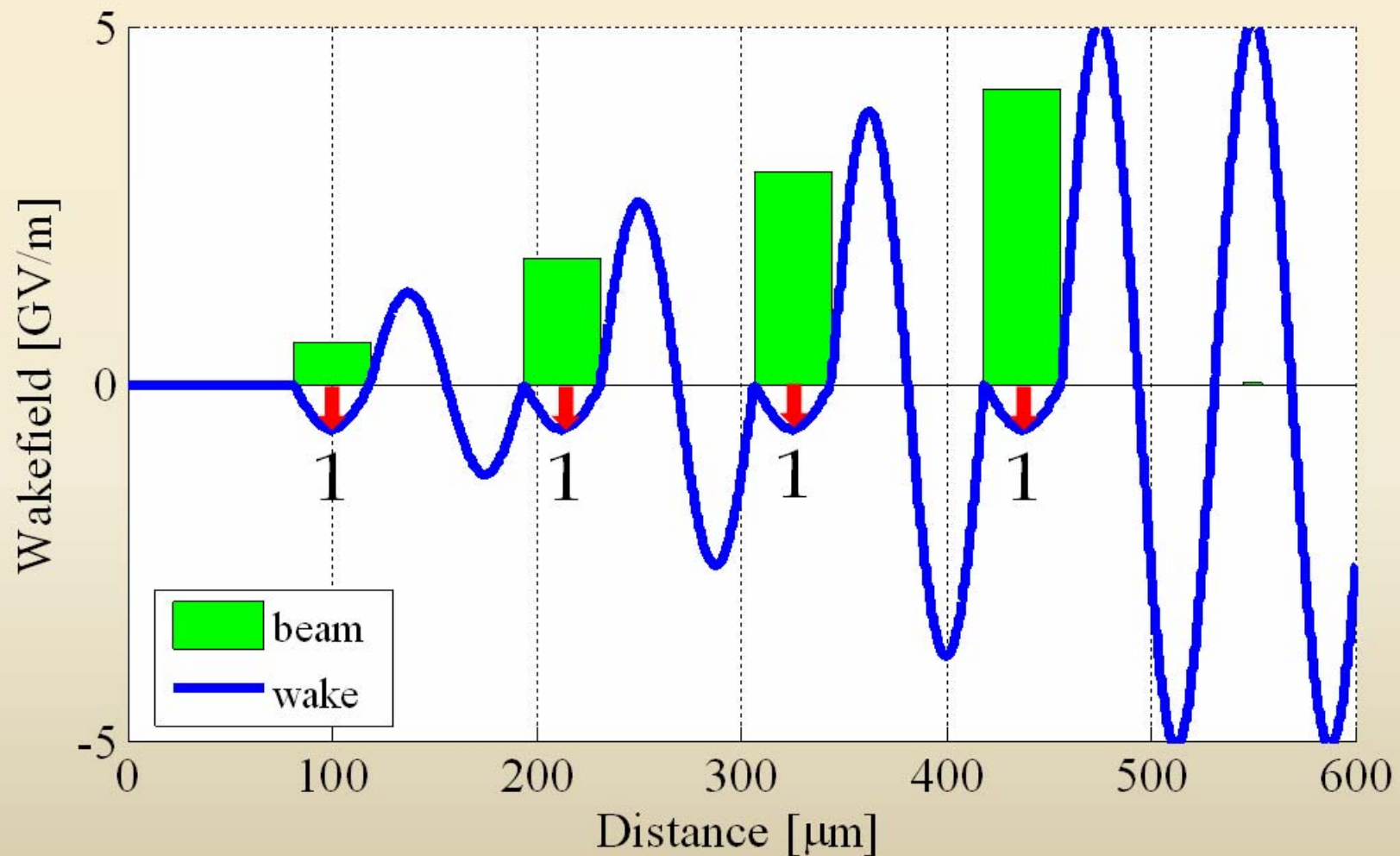


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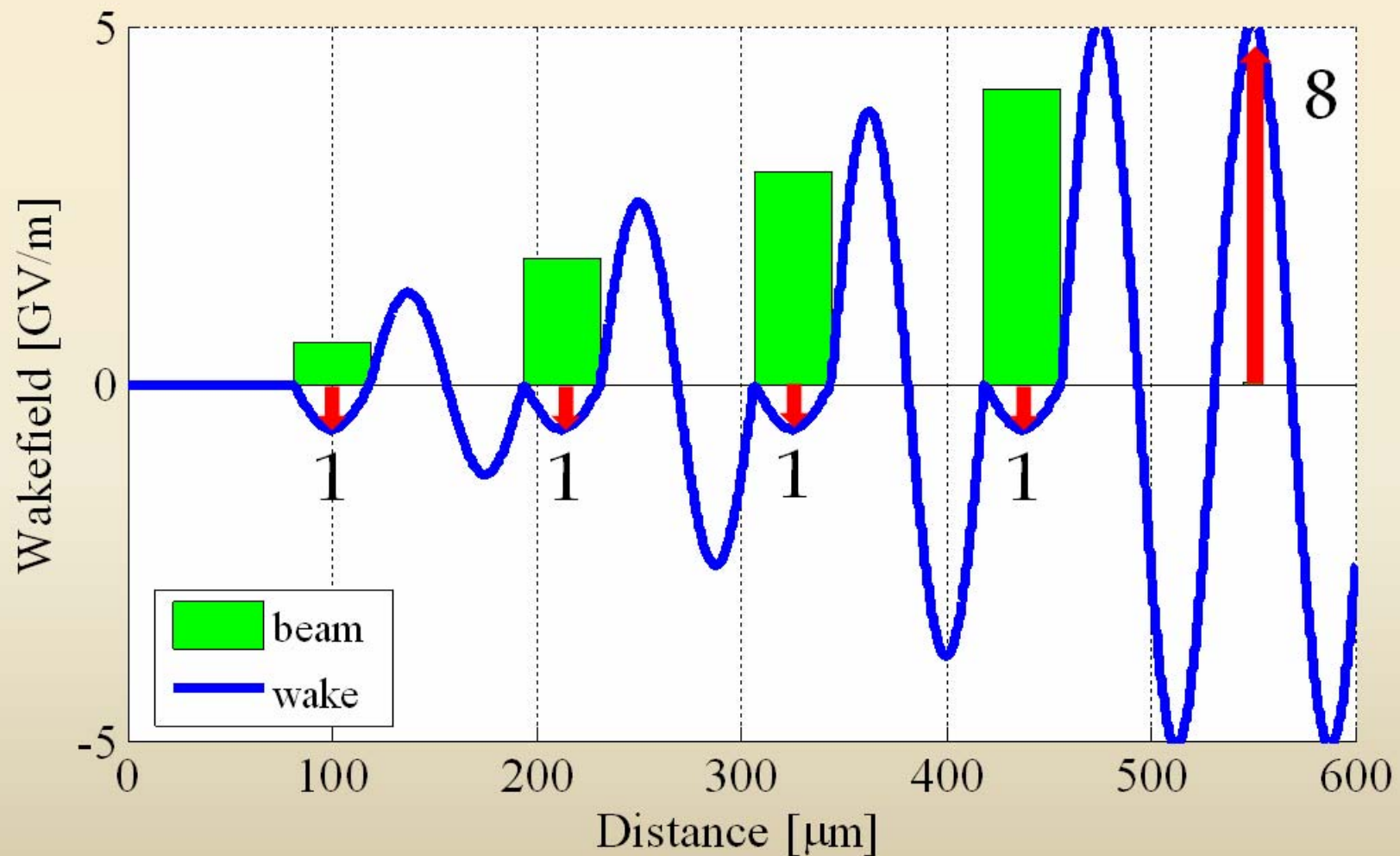




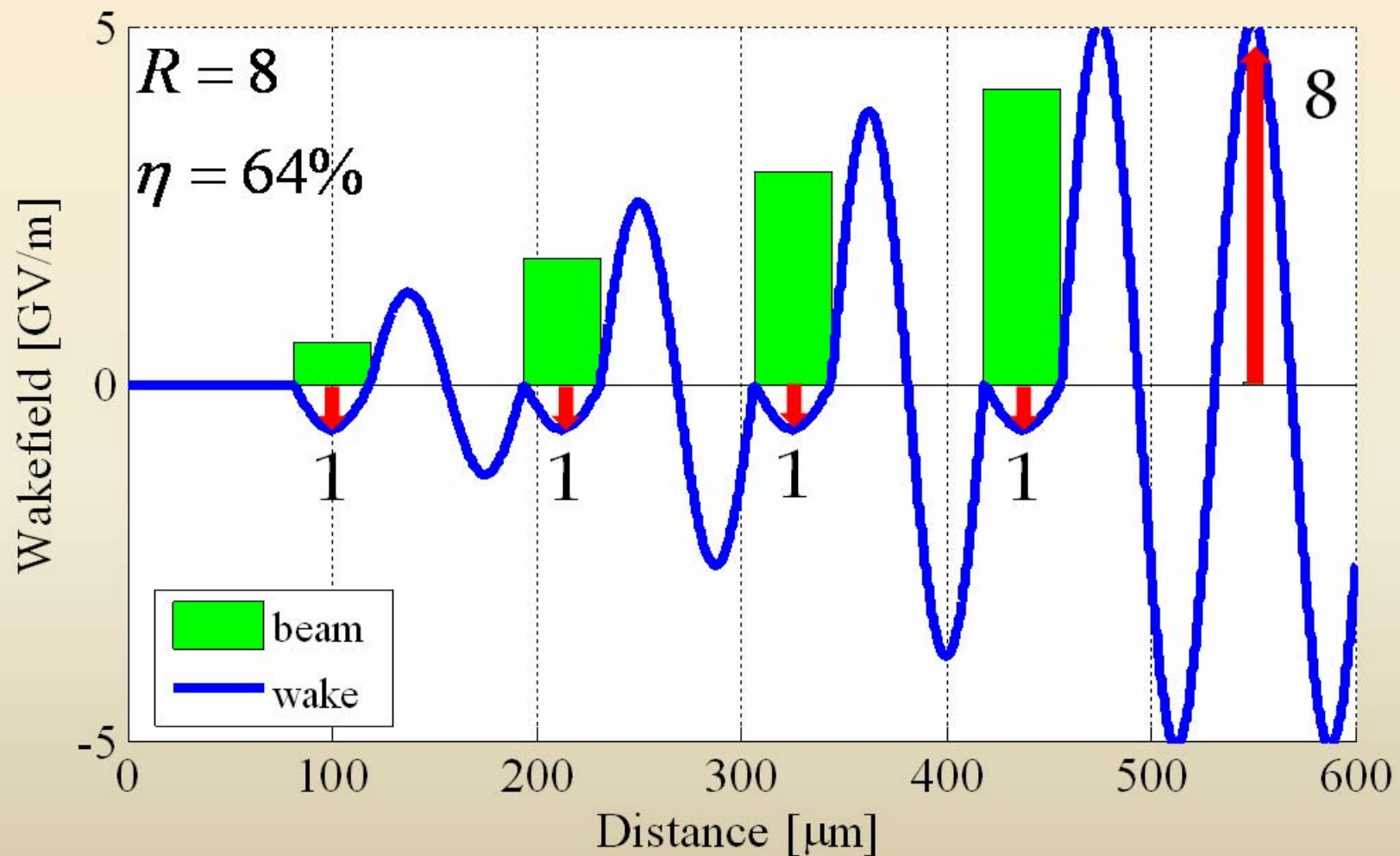
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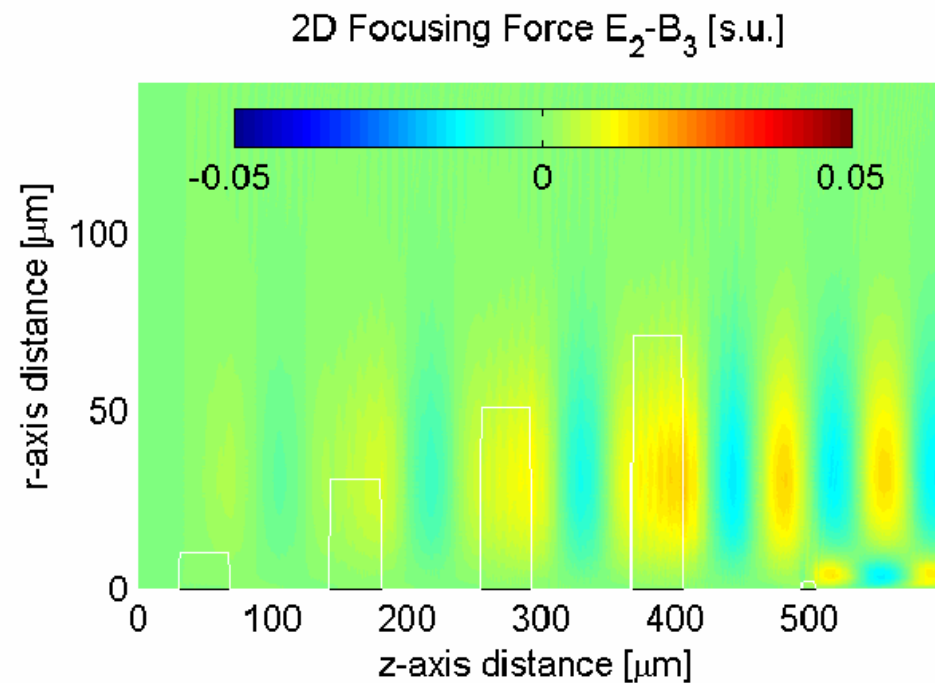
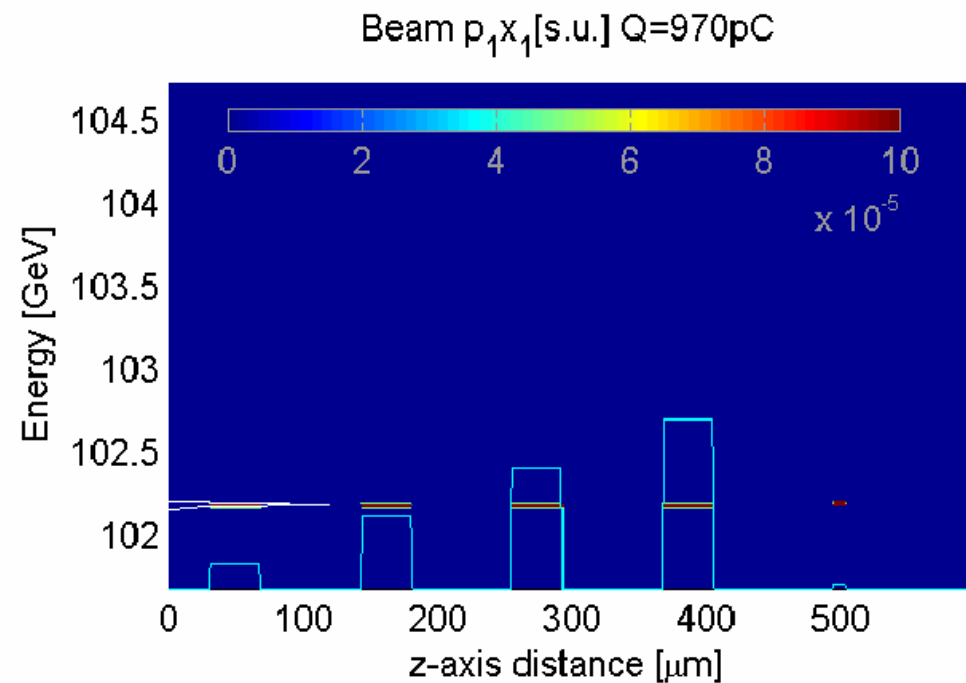
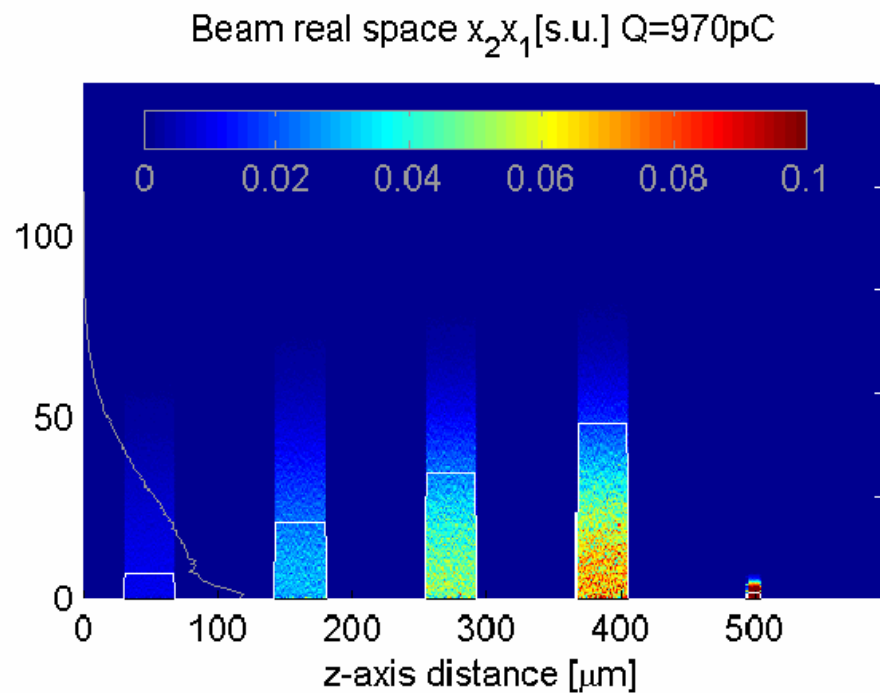
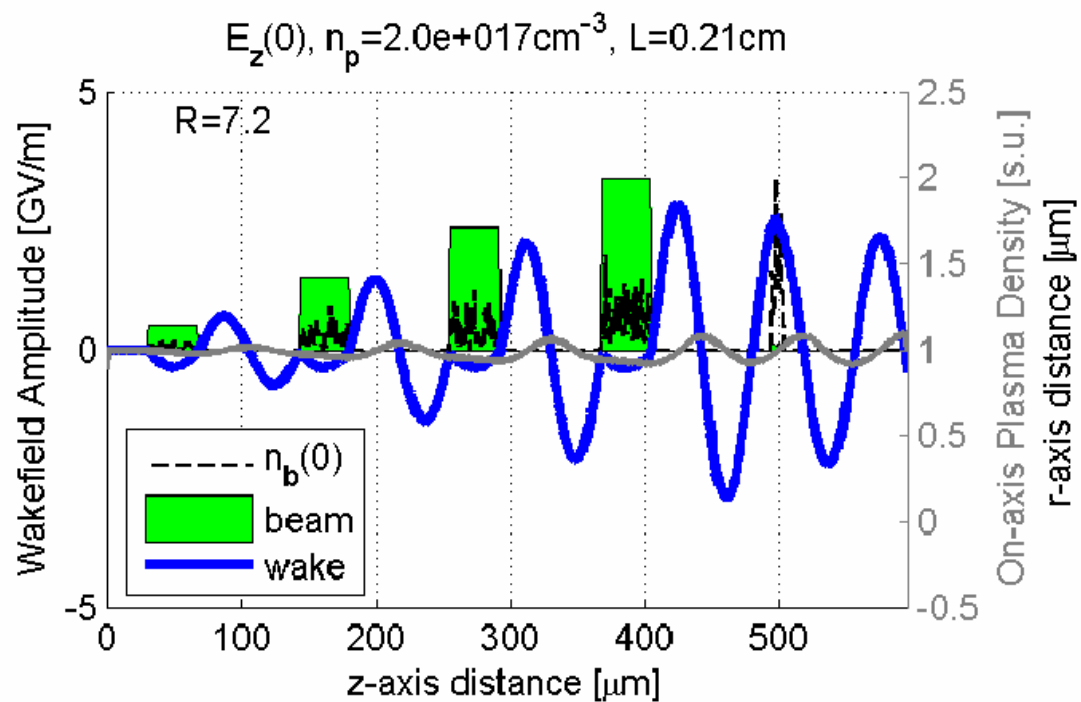
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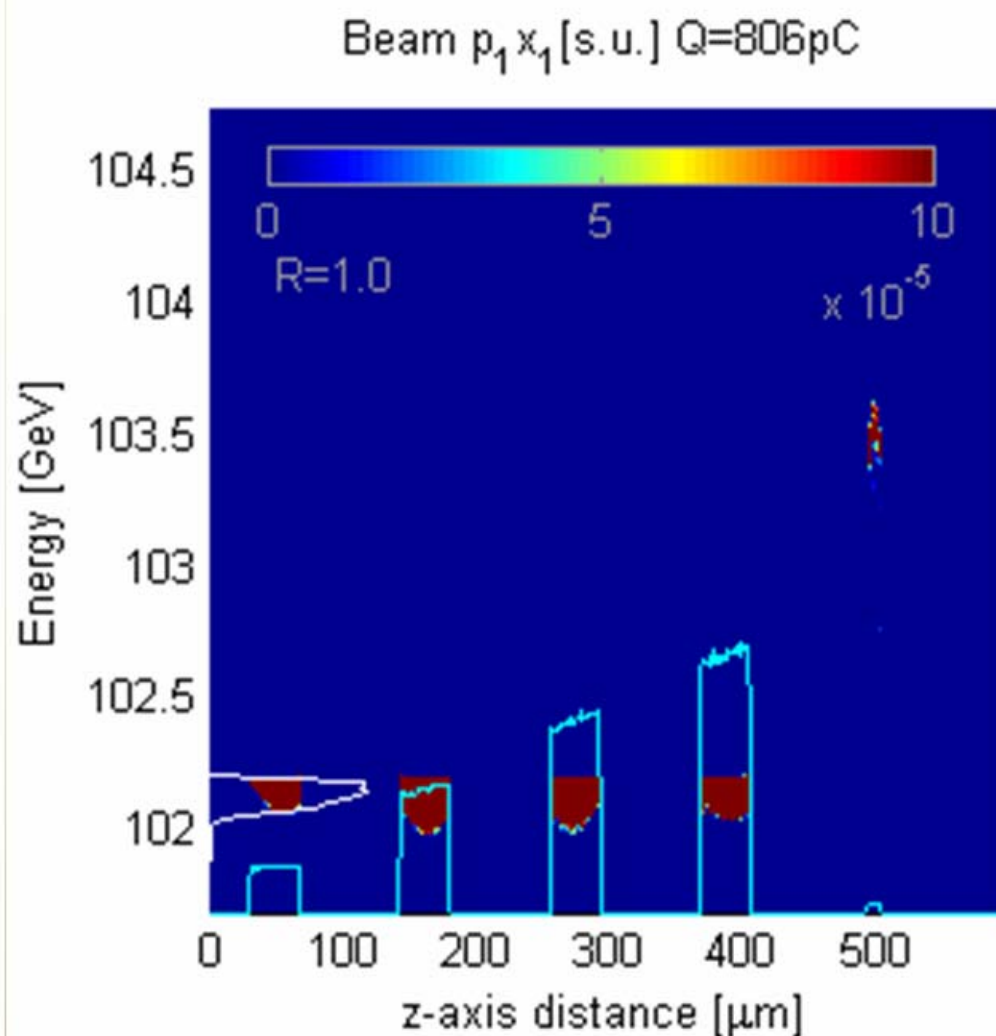
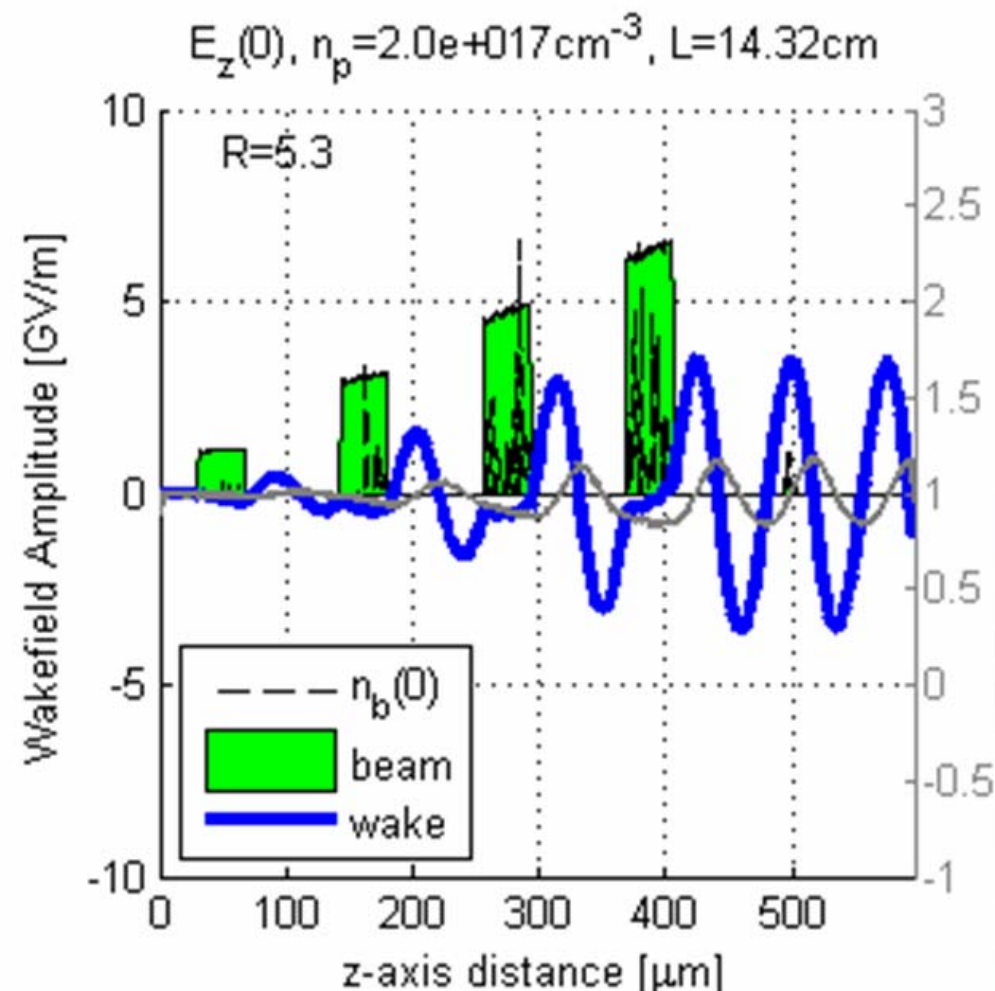






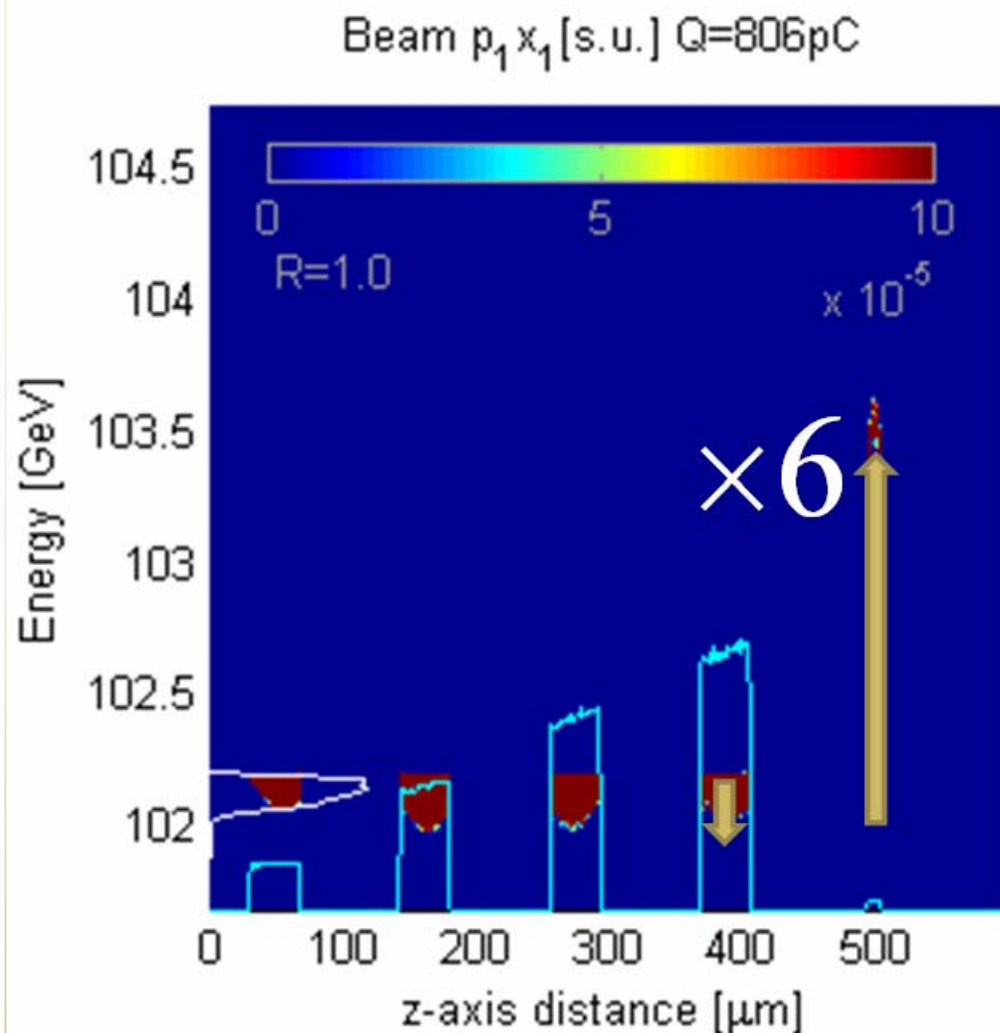
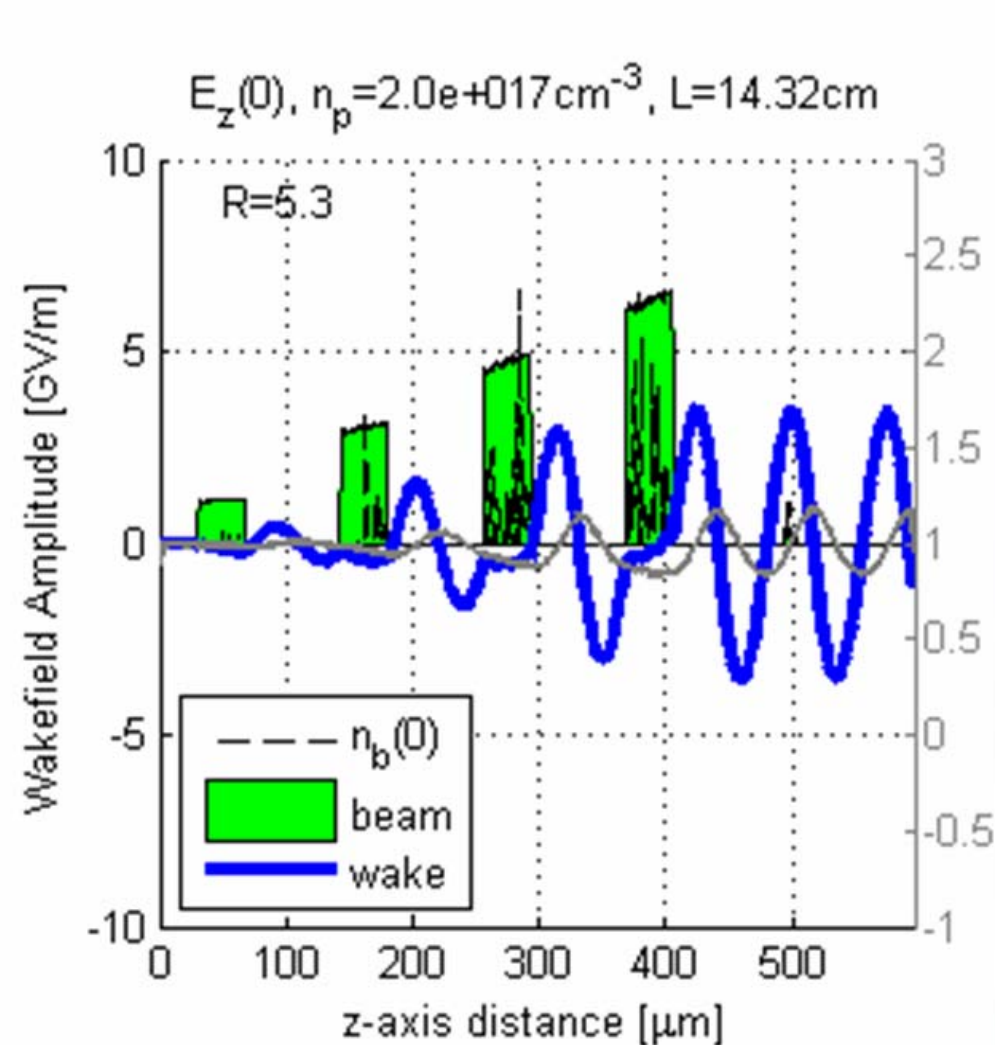
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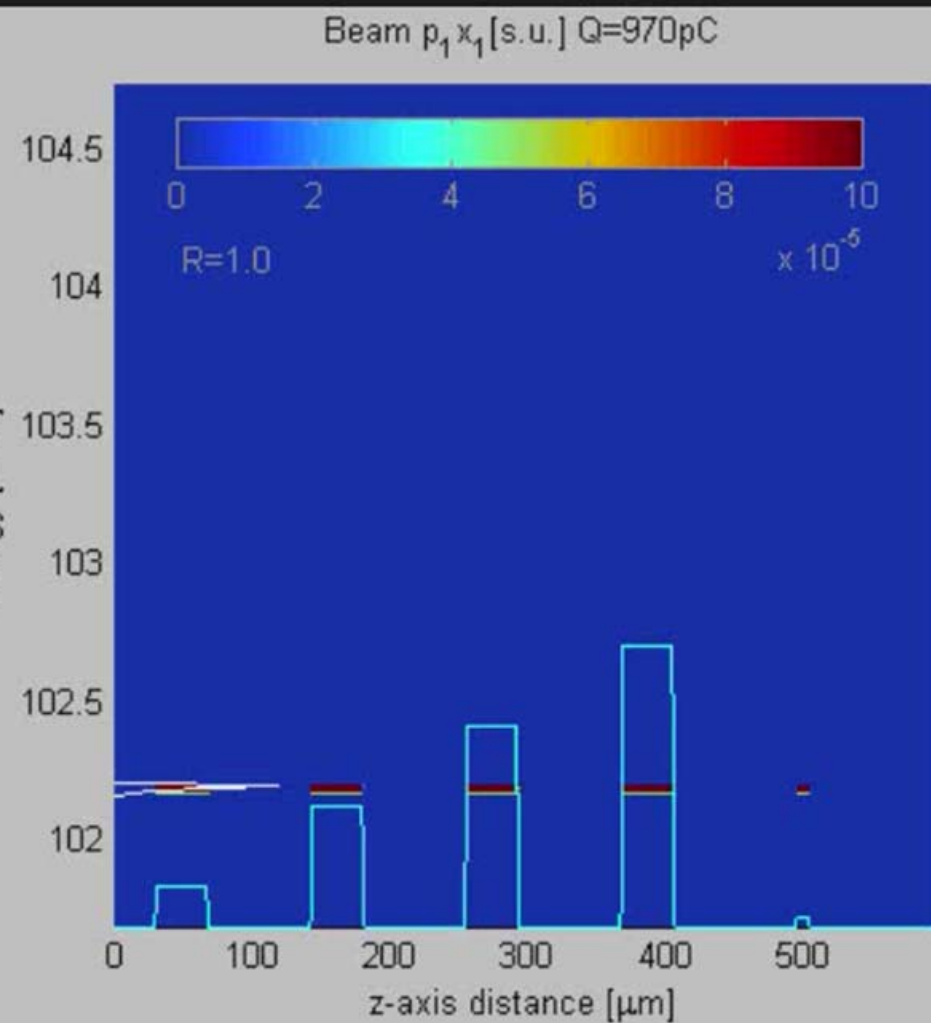
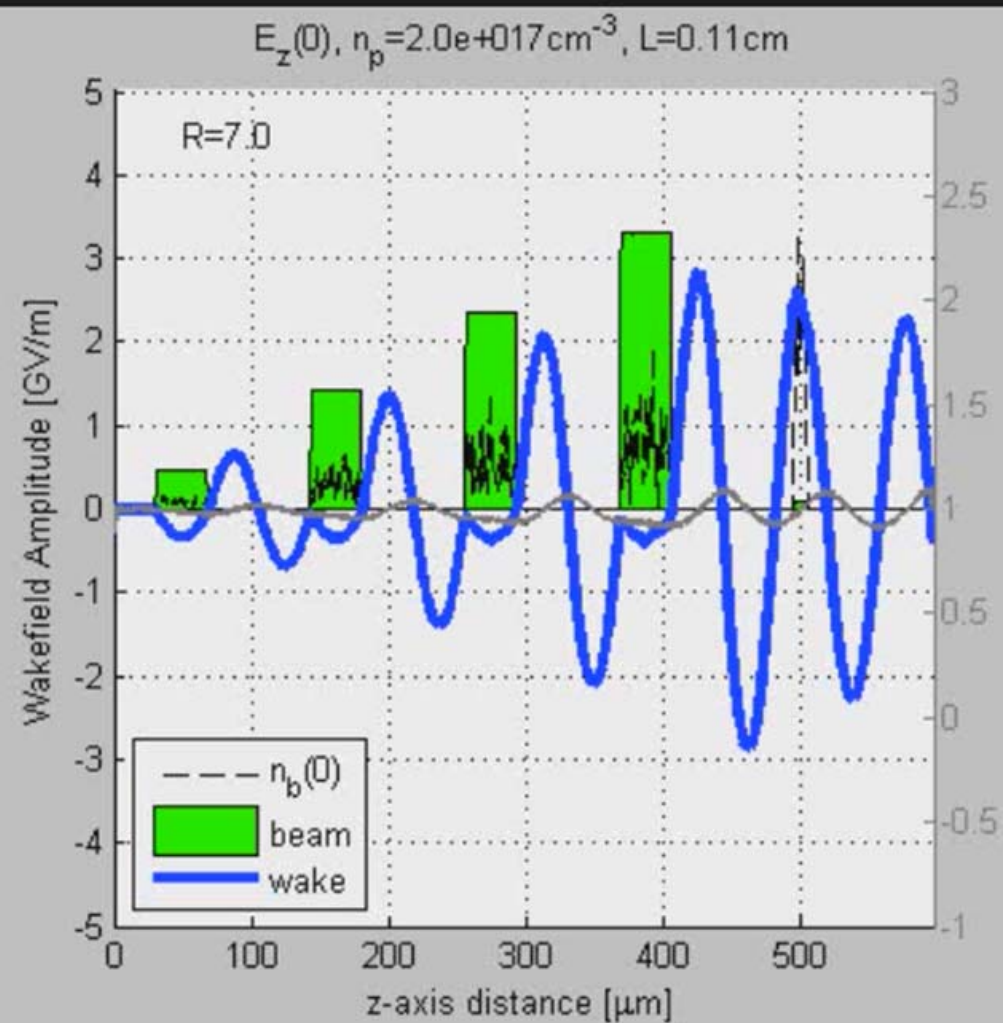


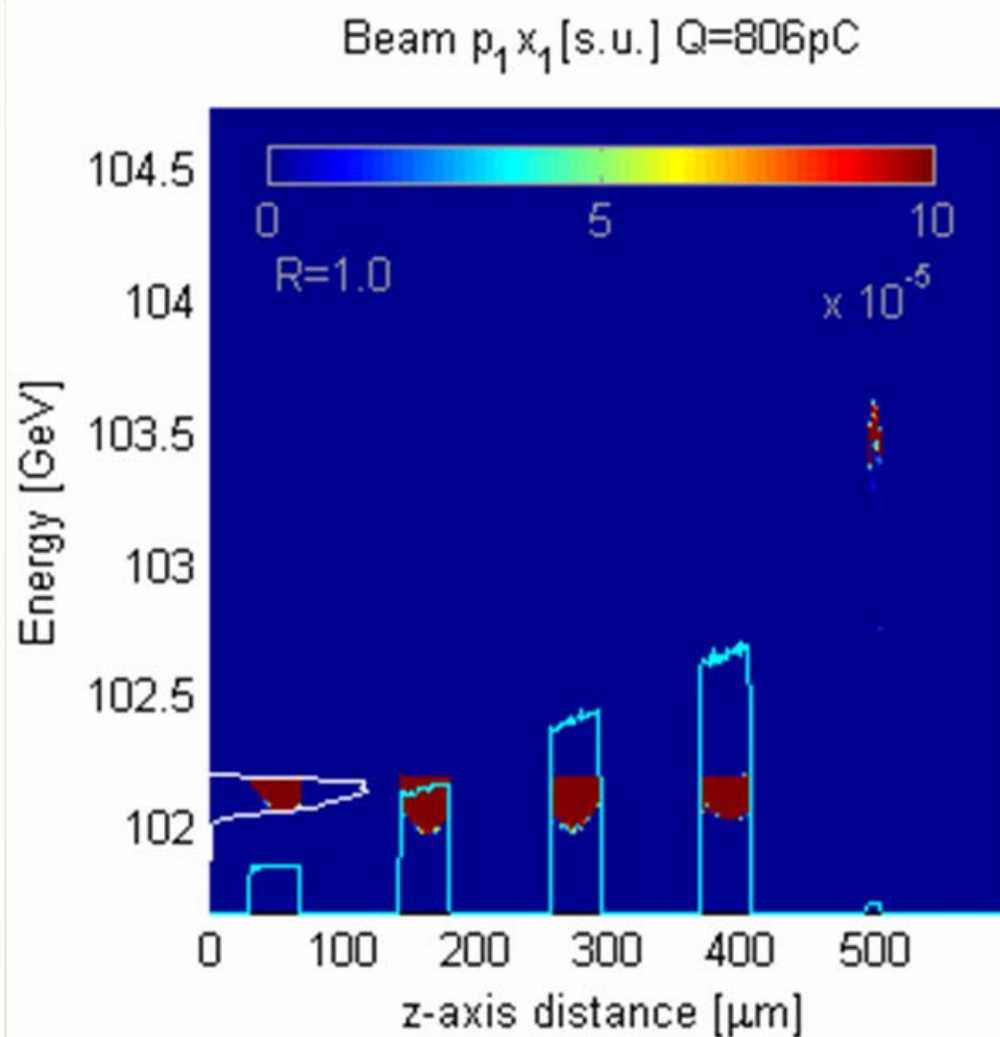
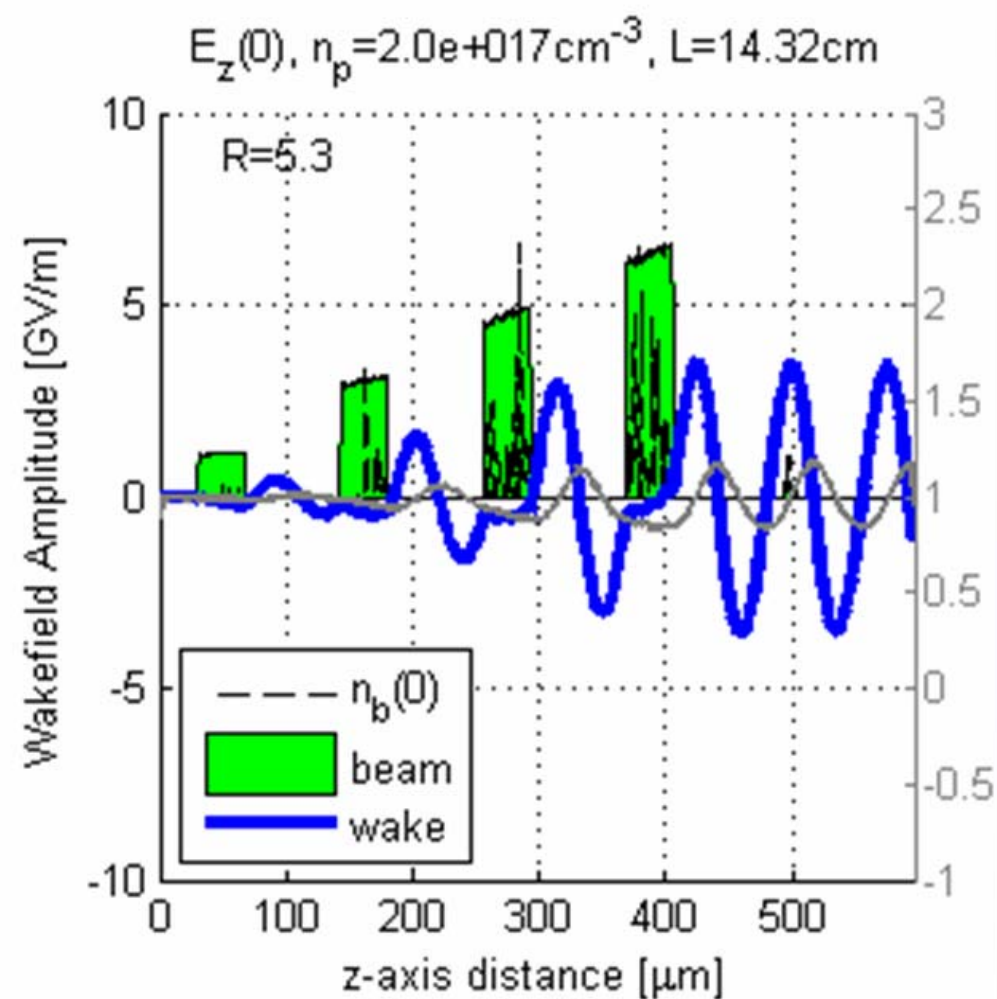


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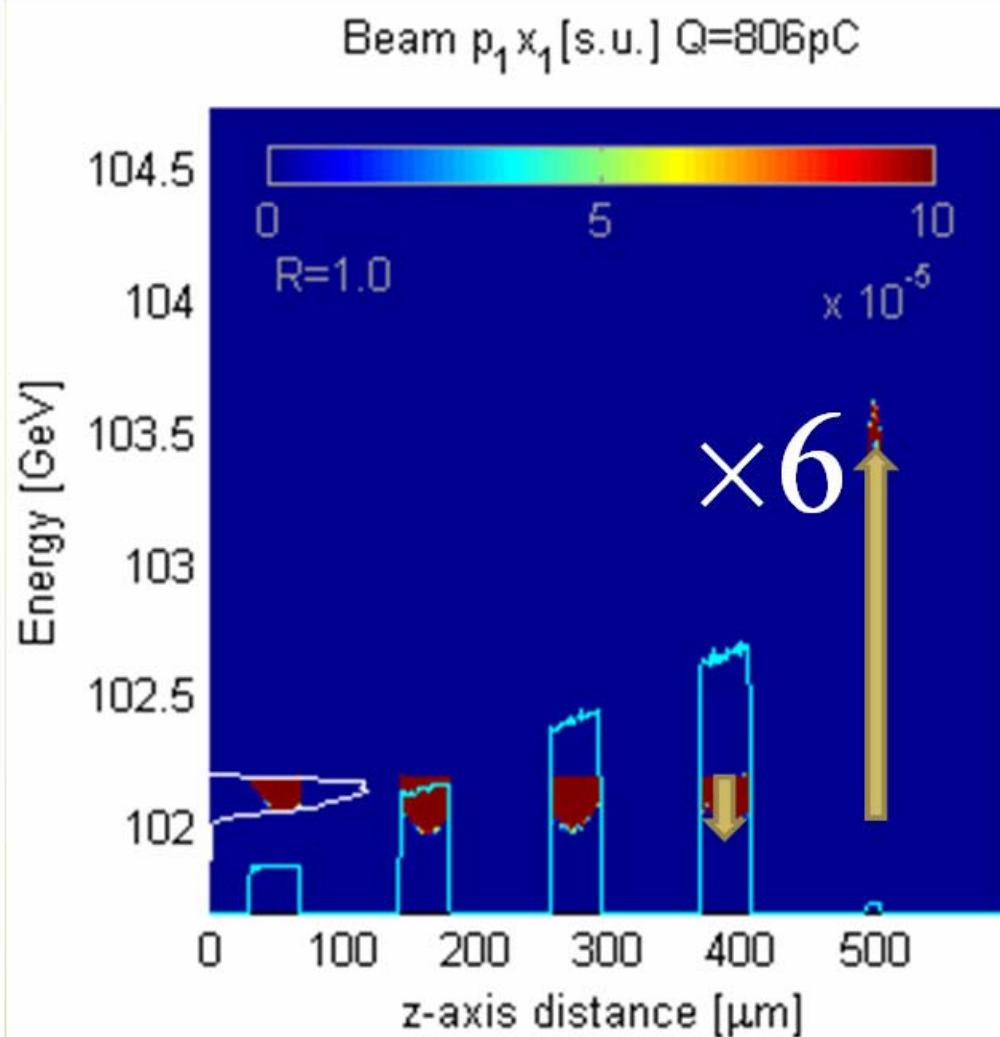
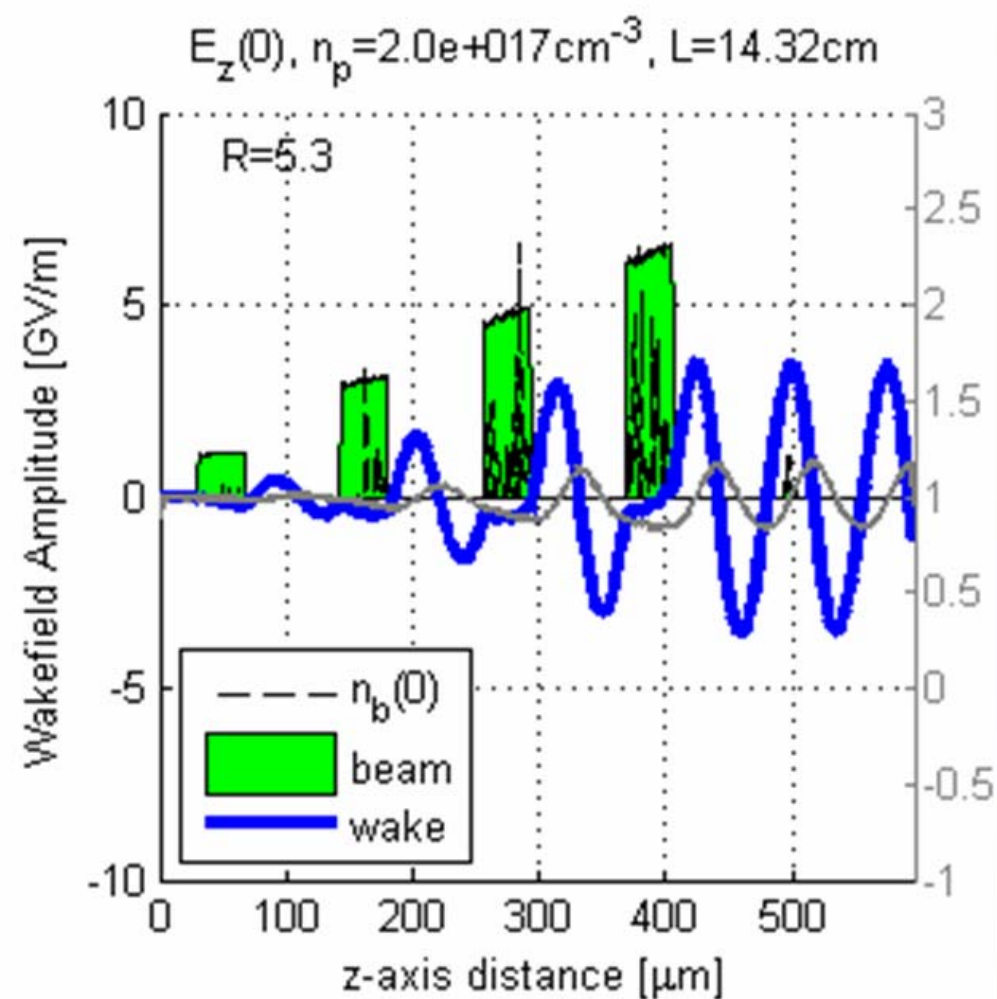
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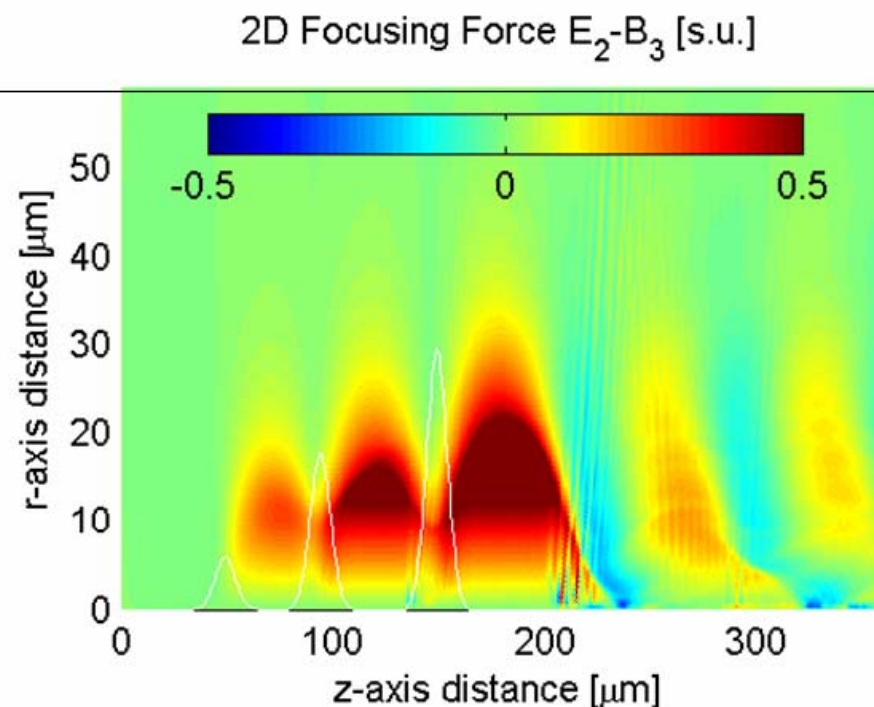
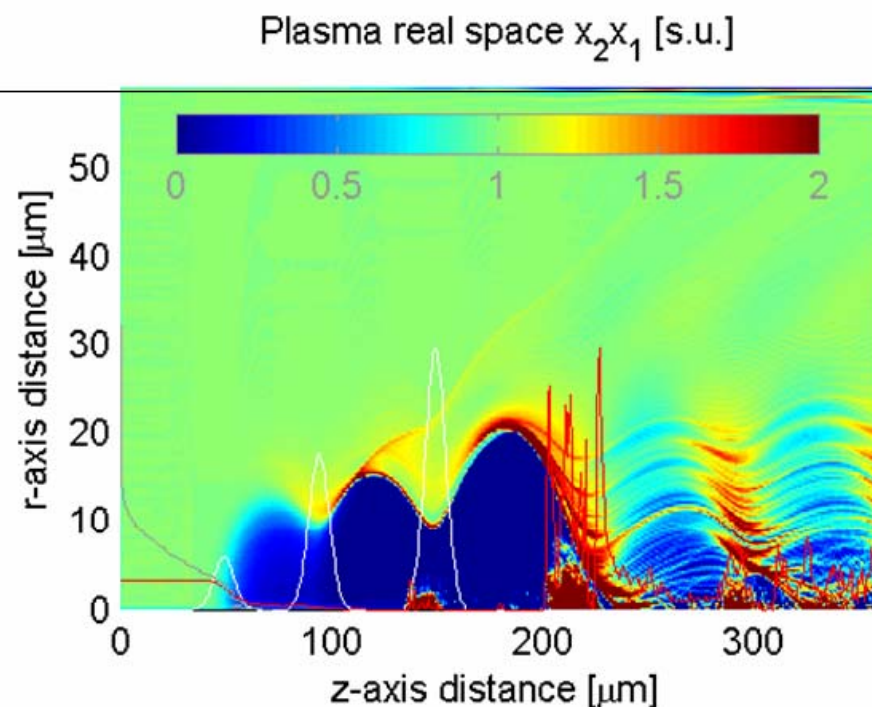
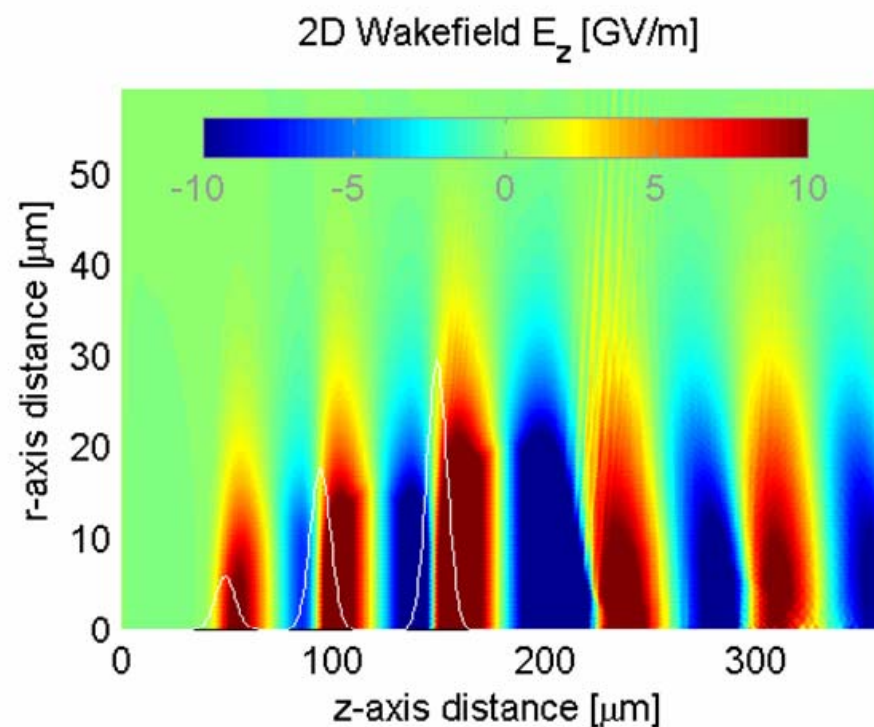
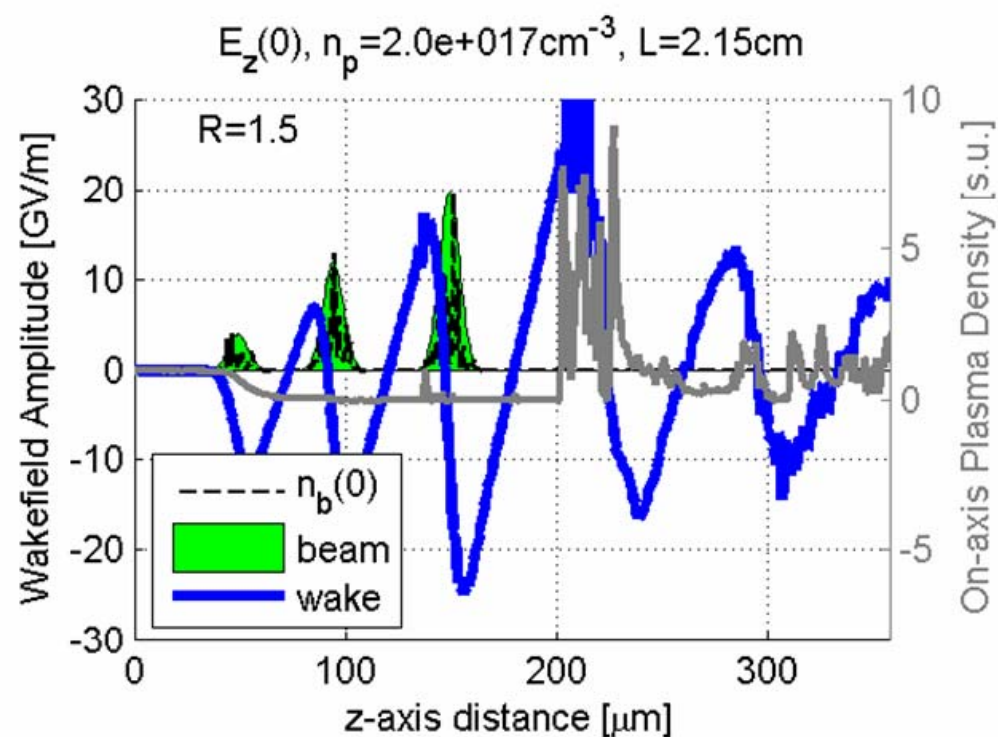
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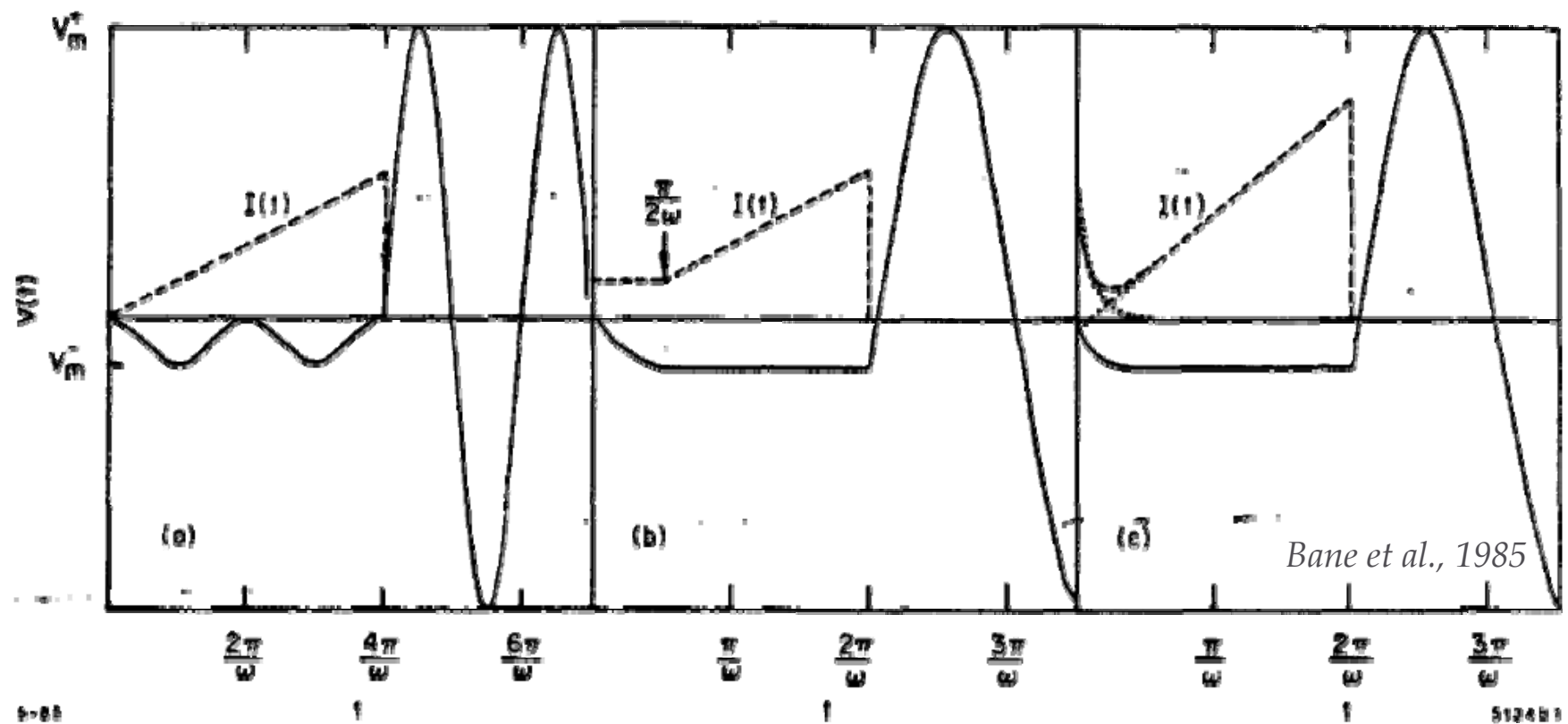






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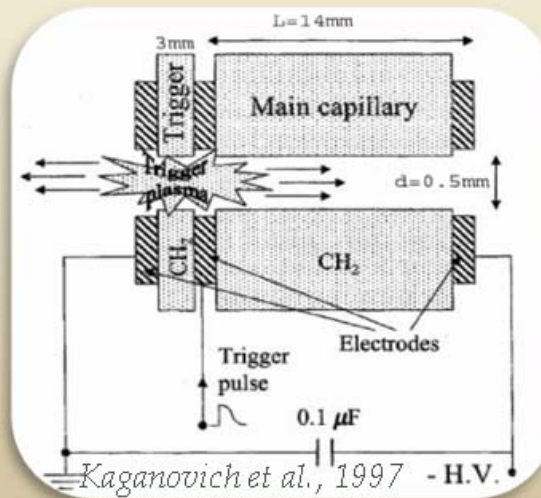
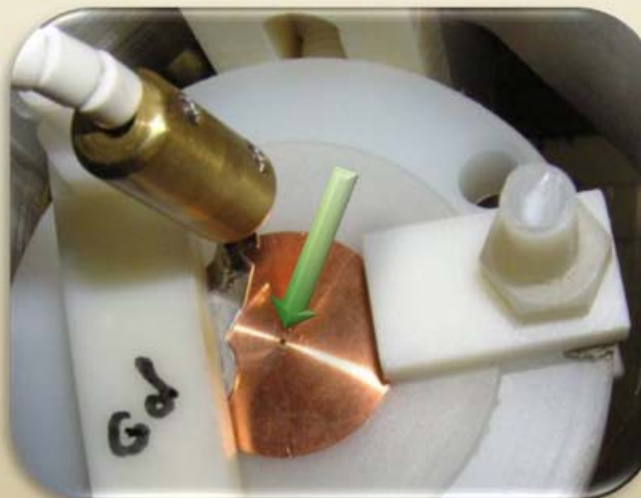
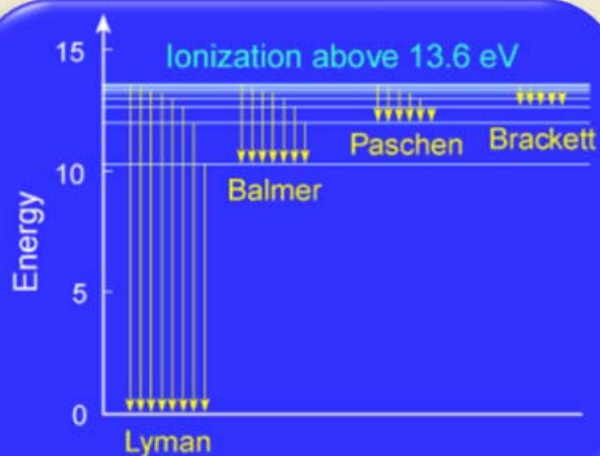
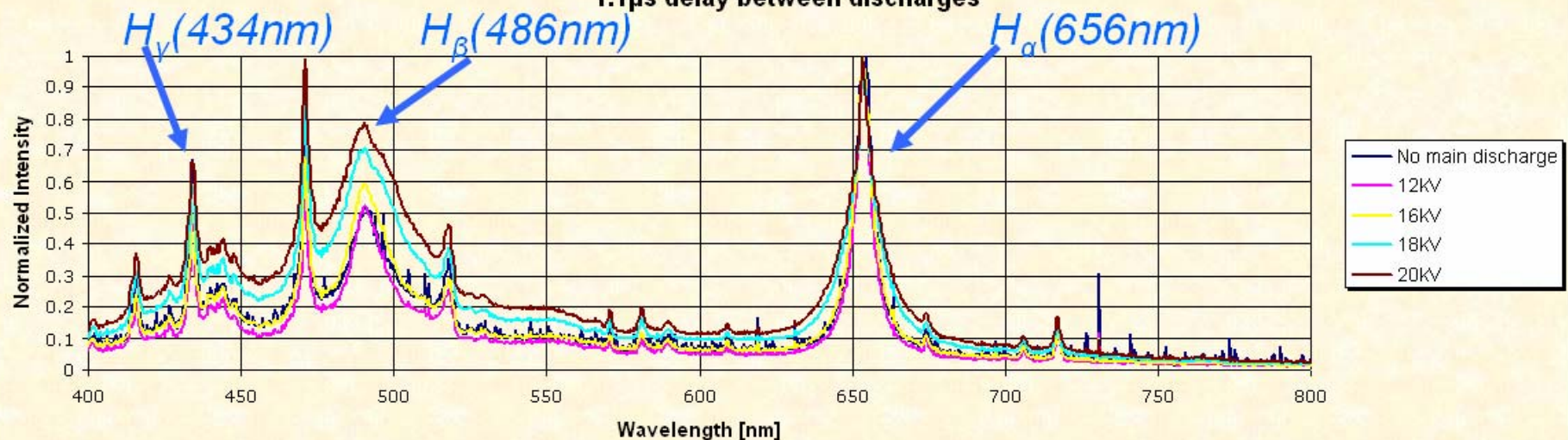


- The transformer ratio is  $2\pi$ -times proportional to the number of plasma wavelengths under the beam
- Not trivial to create these beams!



# The Plasma Source and Stark Broadening

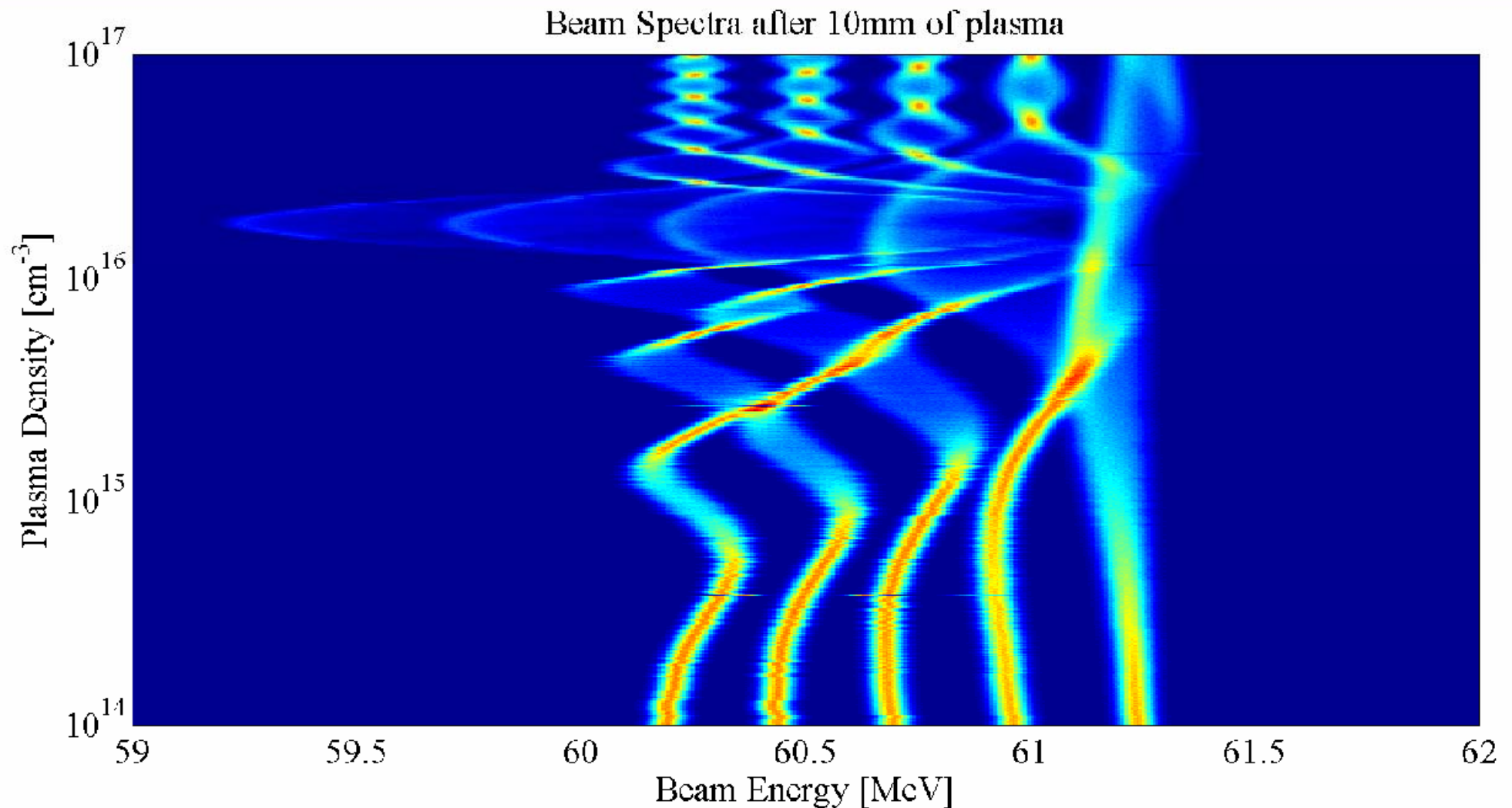
Time Integrated Intensity of plasma light versus discharge voltage of 0.5mm capillary -  
1.1 $\mu$ s delay between discharges



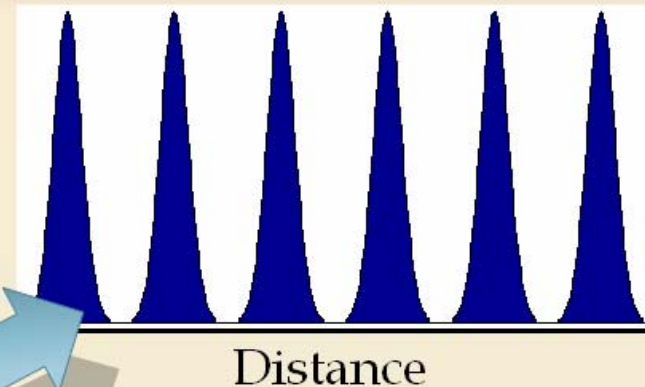
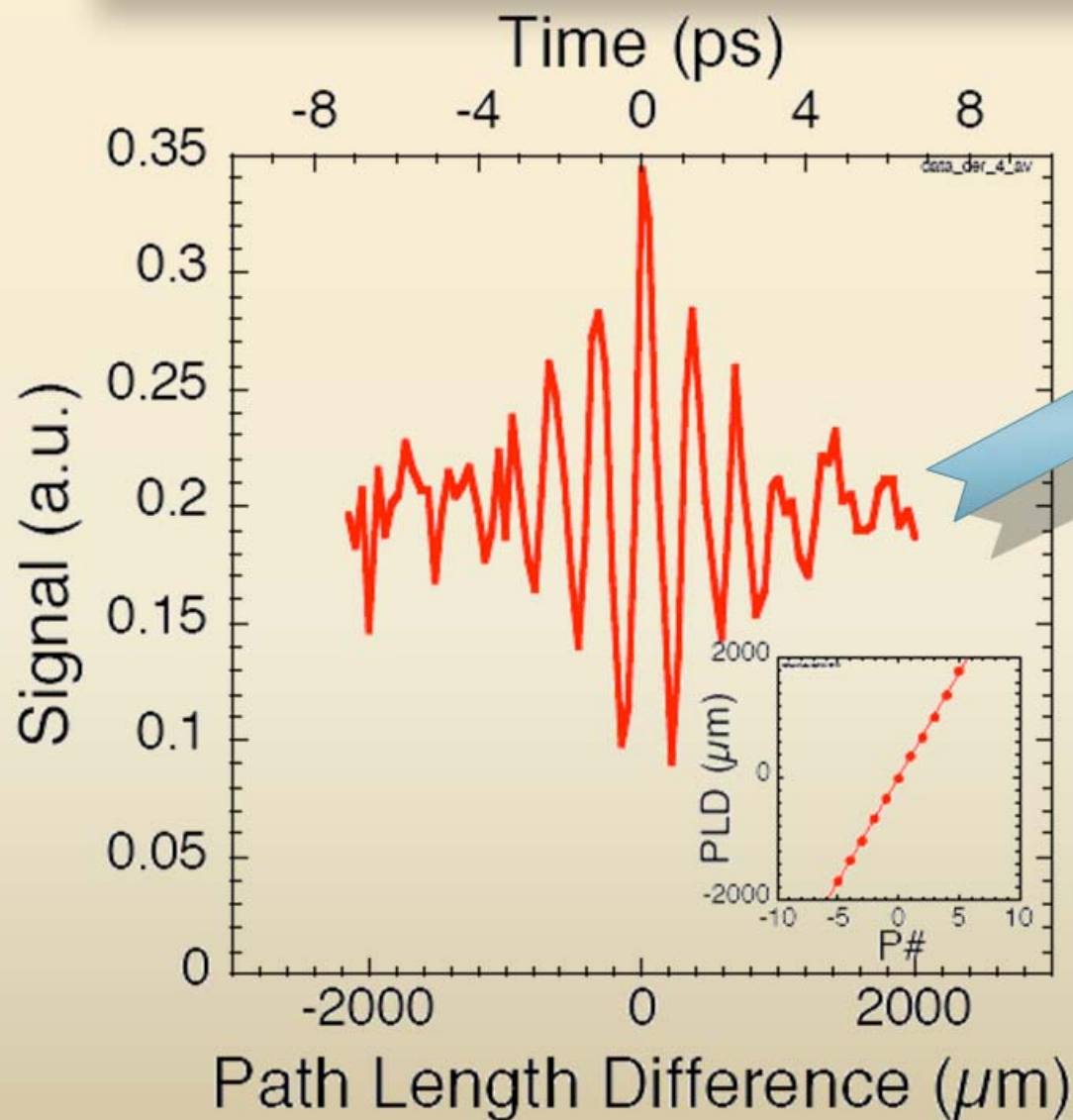


# Energy Shifts

predicted, vs. Plasma Density



# Diagnosing the microbunches



- 150 – 400  $\mu\text{m}$  period
- 200 pC total charge