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## *Electro-Optical Methods for Multipurpose Diagnostics*



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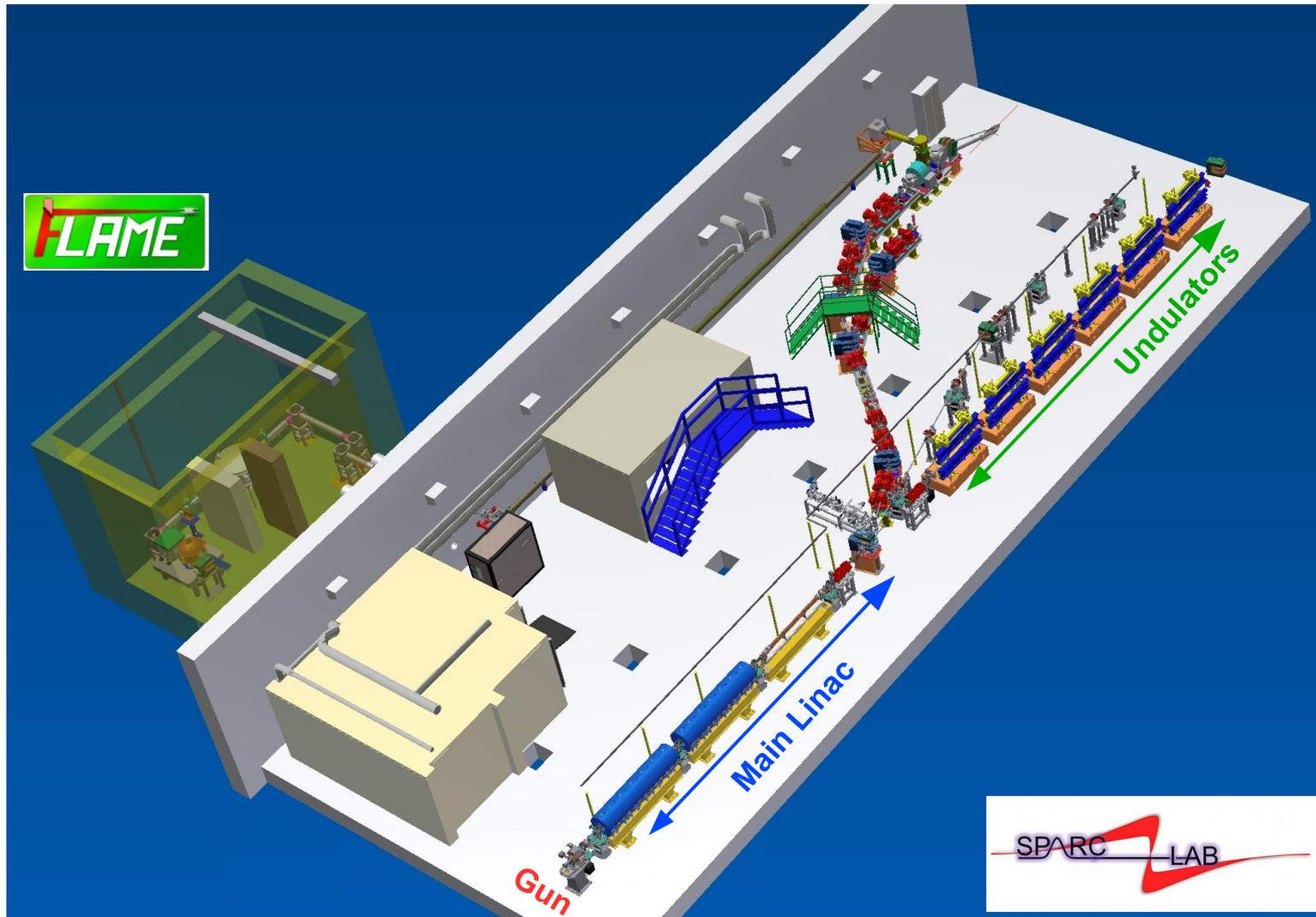
*on behalf of the SPARC\_LAB collaboration*



# Outline

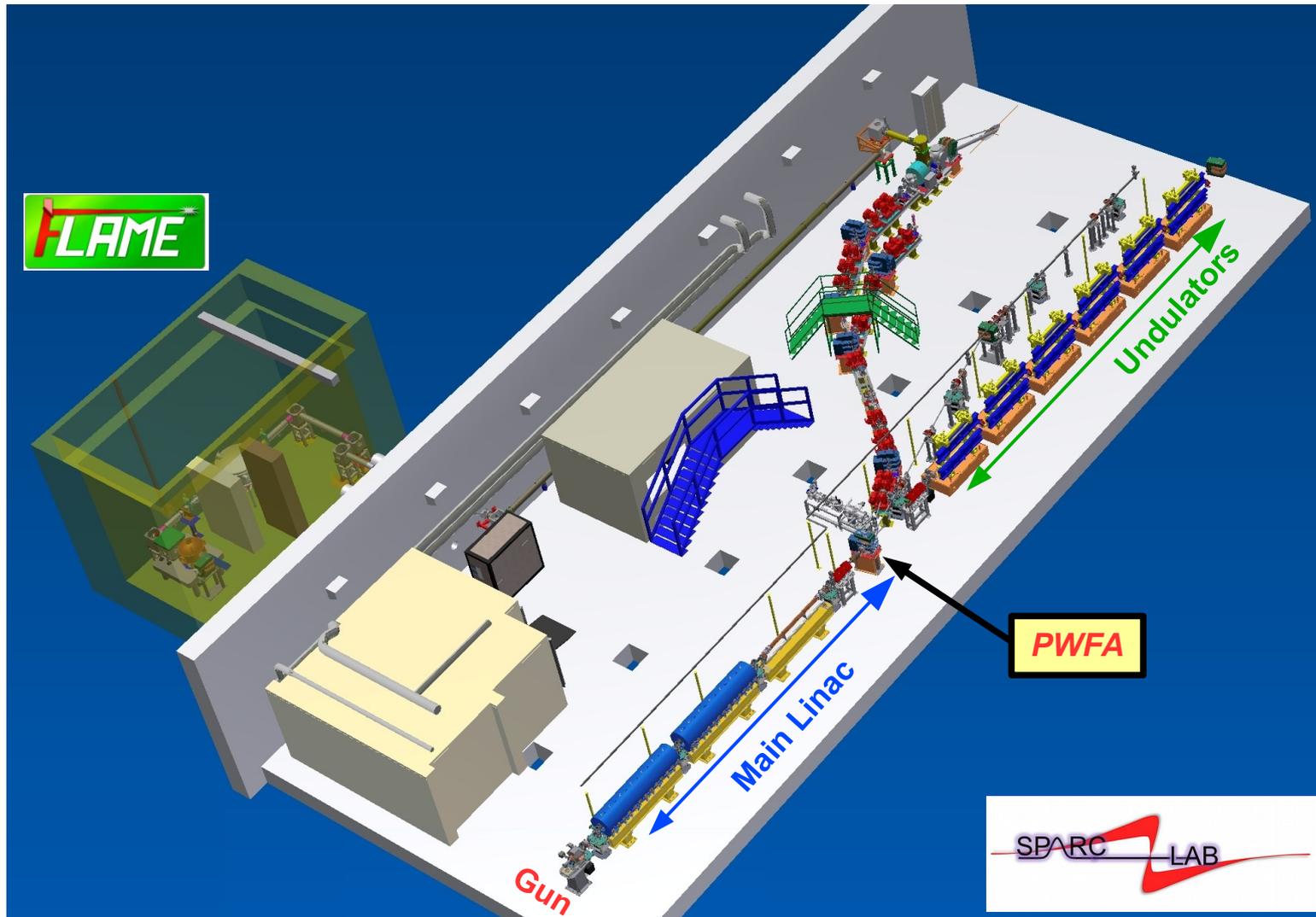
- The SPARC\_LAB test-facility
- Electro-Optical Sampling technique with spatial encoding
- Measurement of comb-like beams for Plasma Wakefield Acceleration
- Validation of timing-jitter reduction between lasers and ultra-short bunches
- Probe the Target Normal Sheath Acceleration for protons/ions with measurements in harsh environment

# SPARC\_LAB test-facility



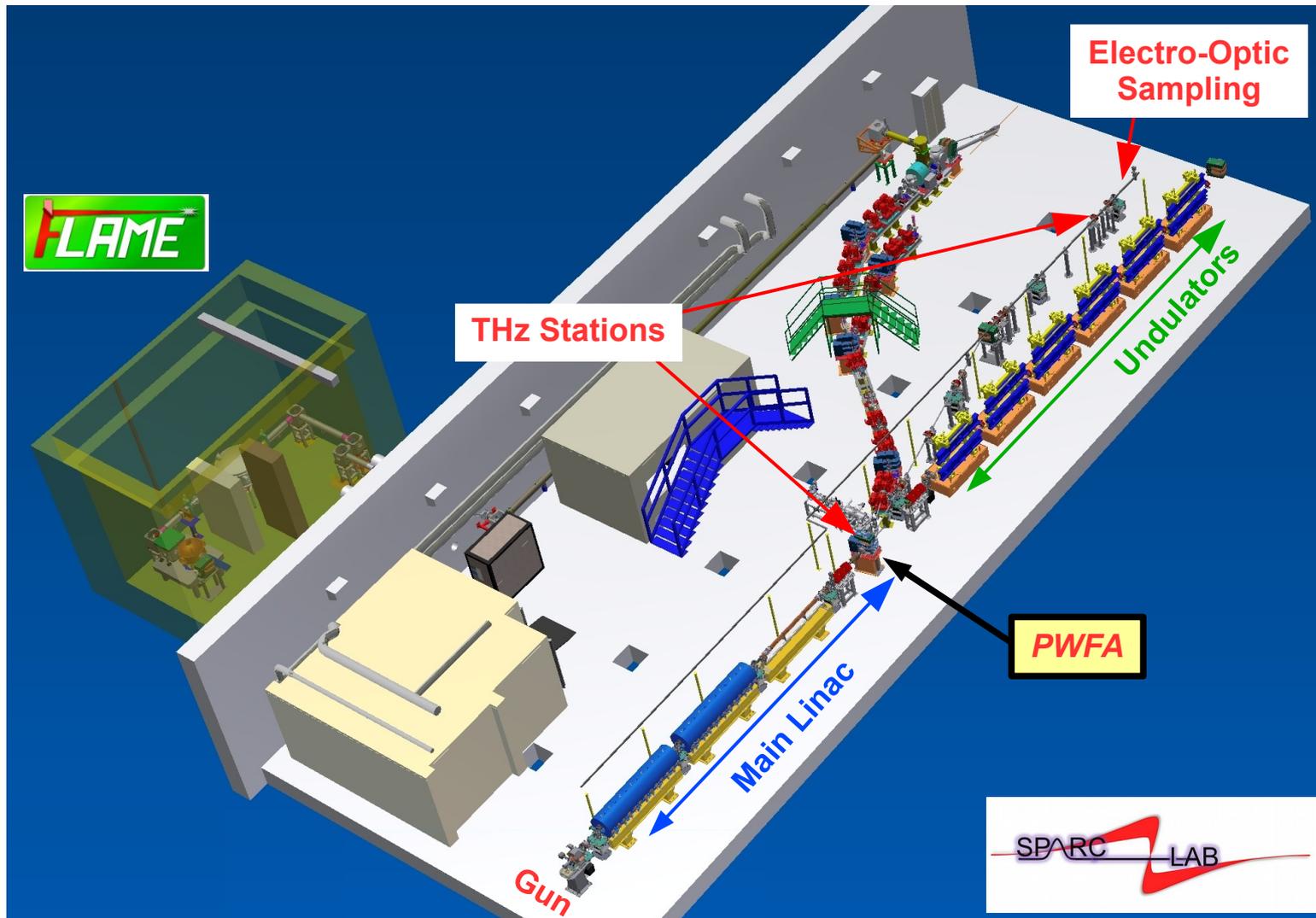
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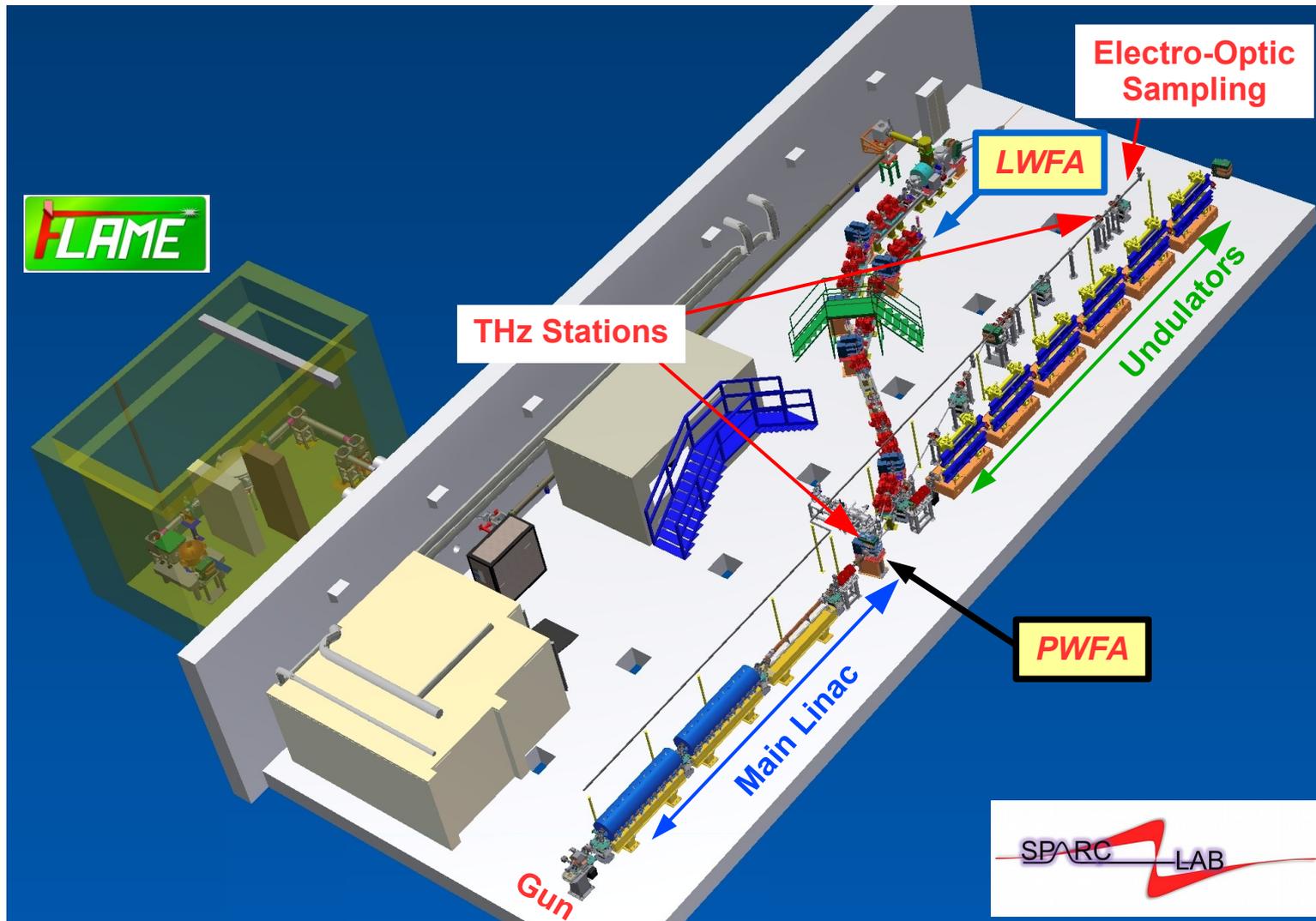
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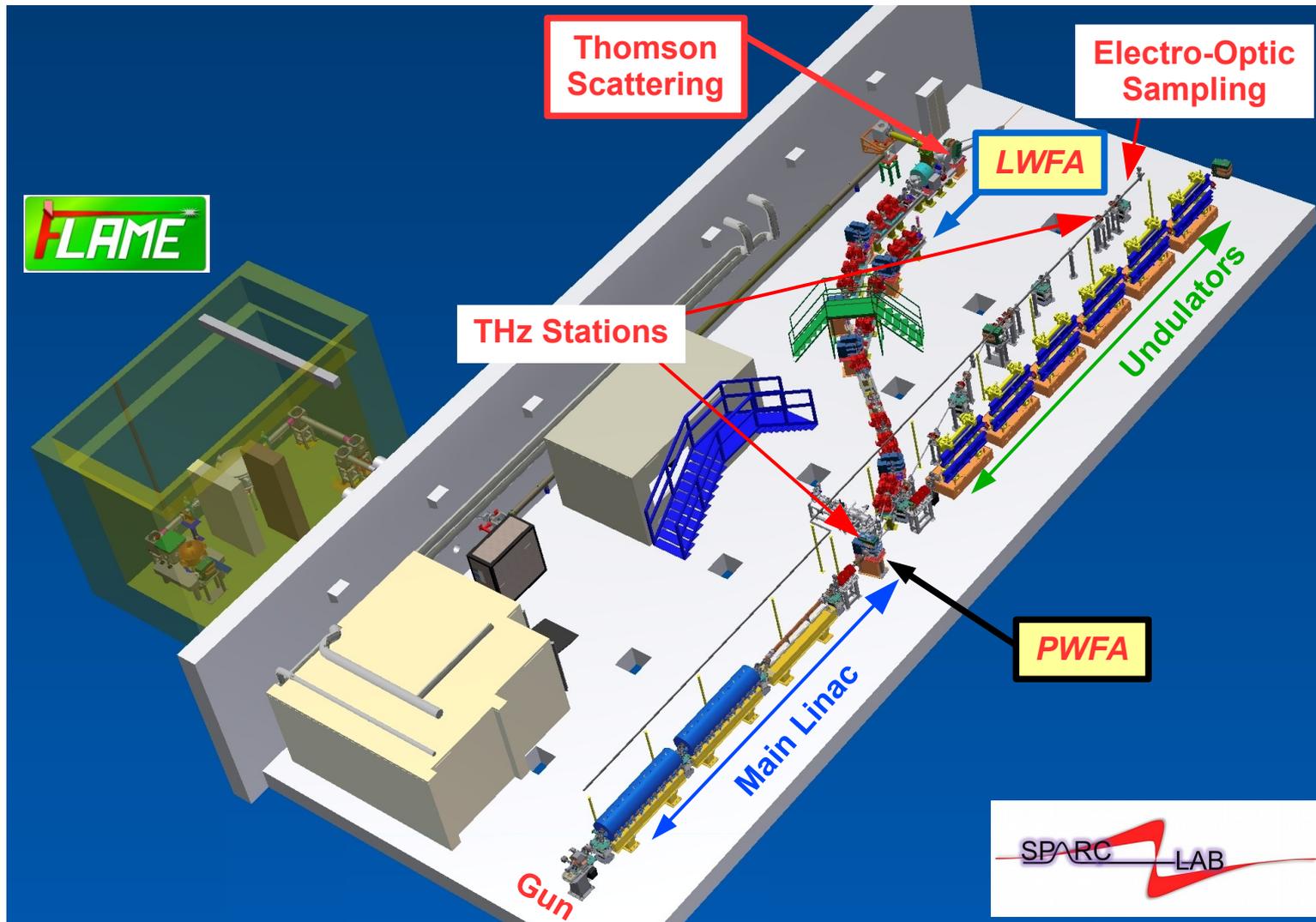
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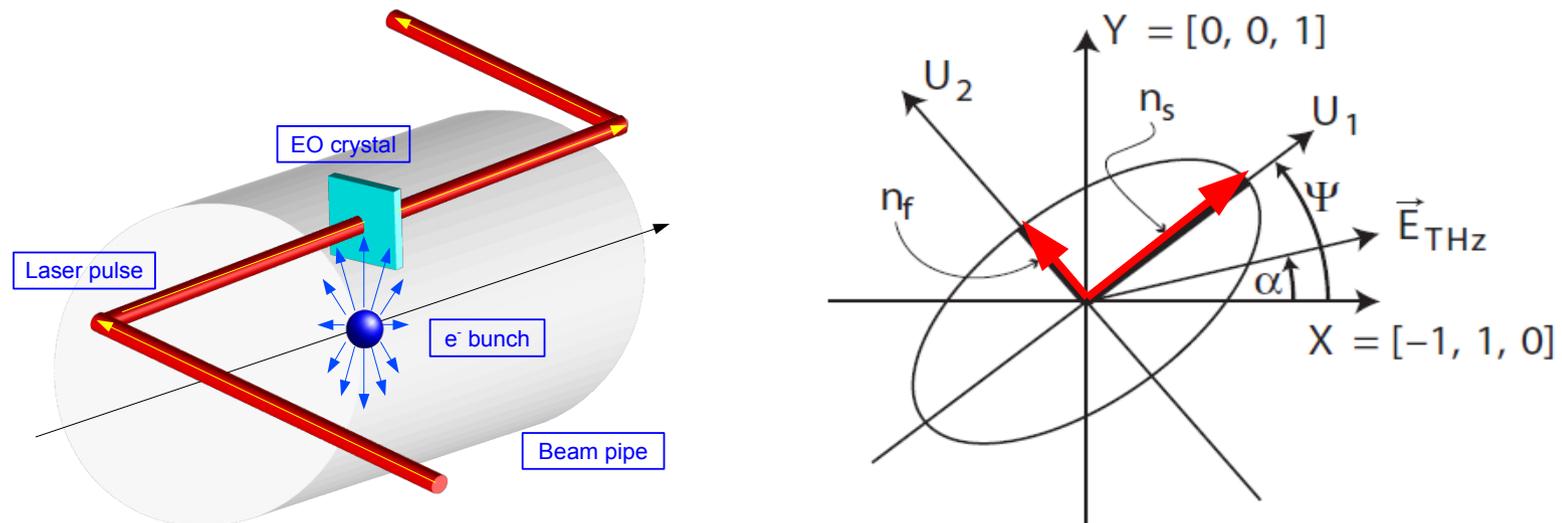
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# Electro-Optical Sampling



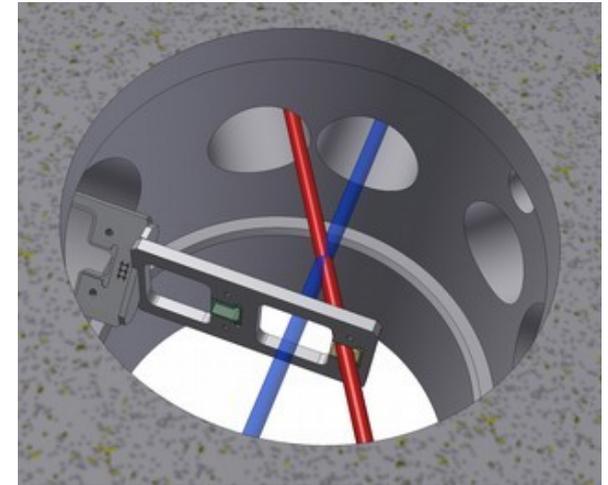
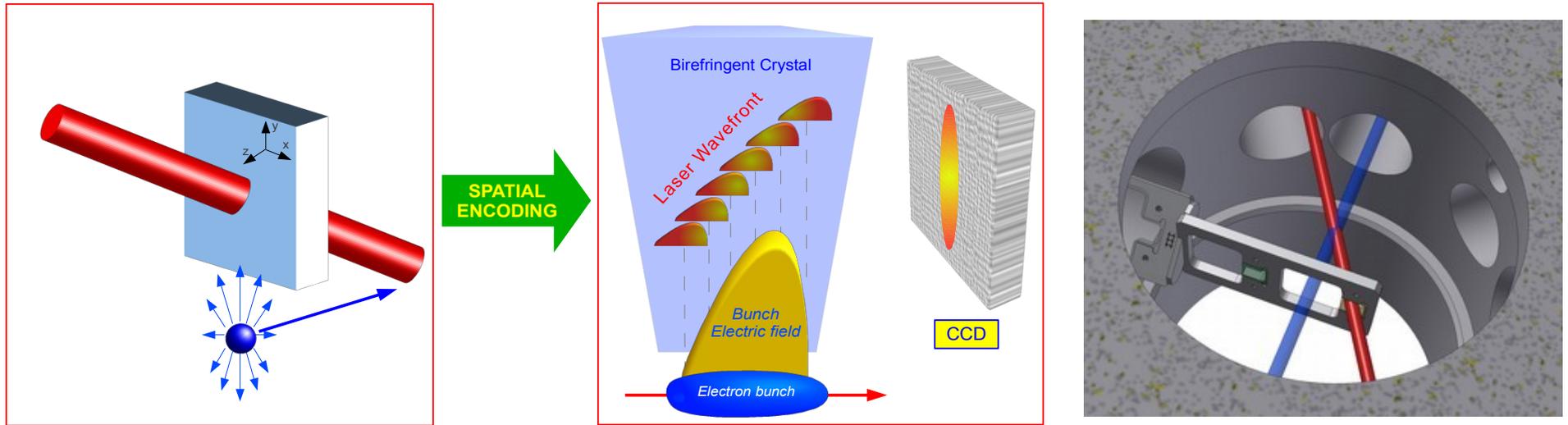
- Induced phase-delay by the electro-optic effect

$$\Gamma(t) = \frac{\omega d}{c} (n_1 - n_2) = \frac{\omega d}{2c} n_0^3 r_{41} E_{\text{bunch}}(t) \sqrt{1 + 3 \cos^2 \alpha}$$

- Single shot, non-intercepting, 50 fs (rms) resolution

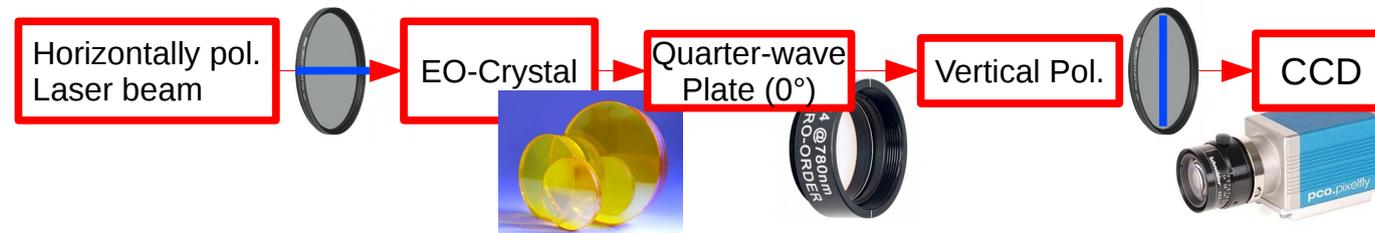
B. Steffen et al., Physical Review Special Topics-Accelerators and Beams 12, 032802 (2009).

# Spatial encoding



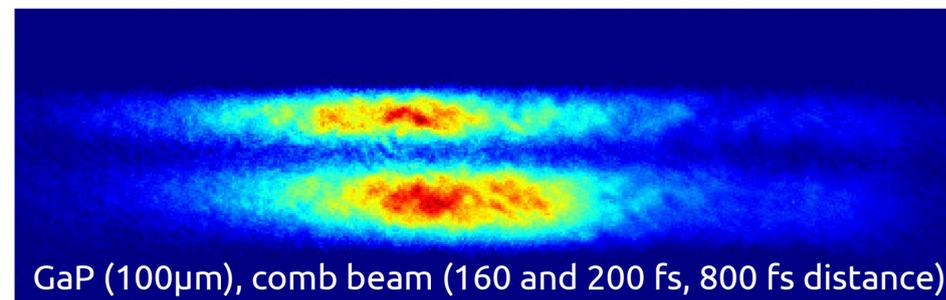
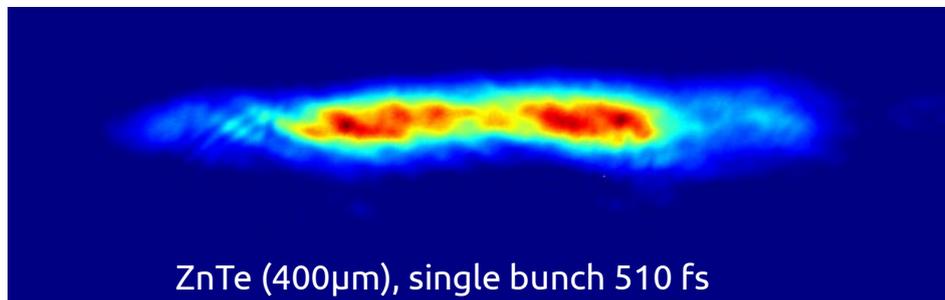
- Laser crosses the crystal with an angle (30°)
- Polarization modulation → transferred to intensity modulation by means of linear polarizer

$$I_{det} = I_{laser} \sin^2 \Gamma \propto E_{THz}^2$$

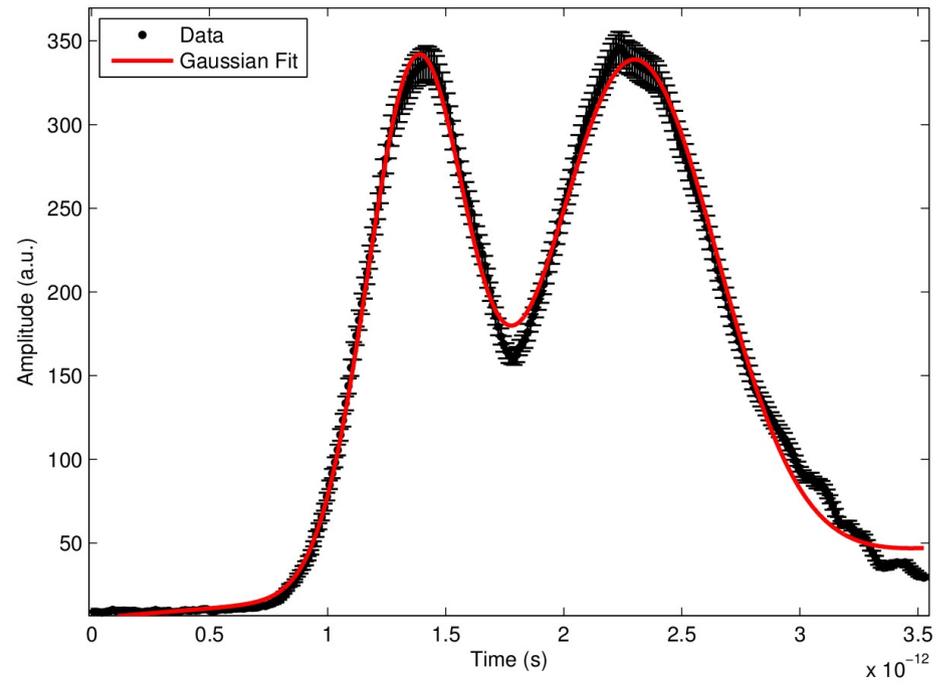
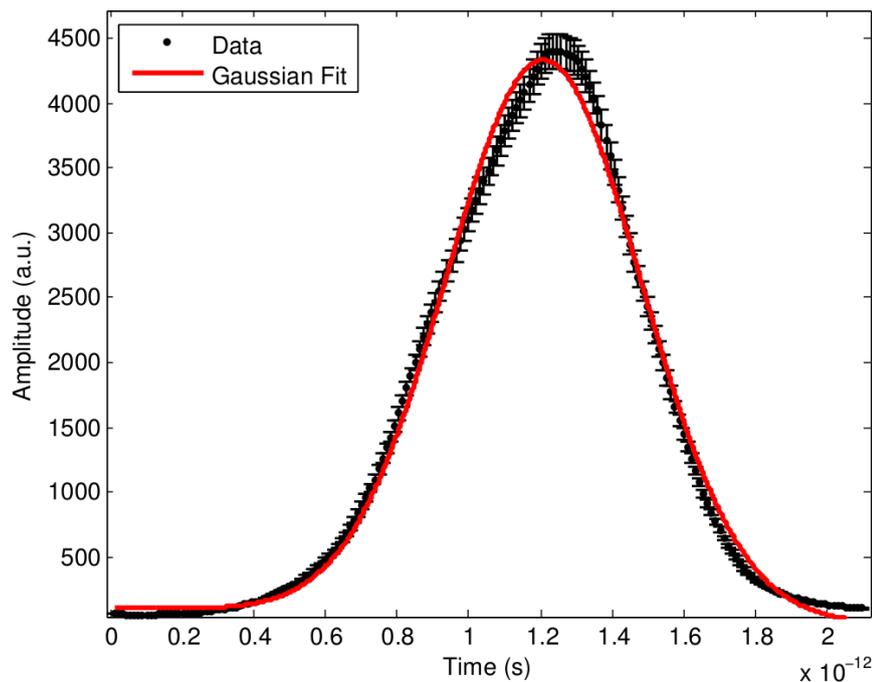


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# Multi-bunch trains with THz separation



80 fs temporal resolution



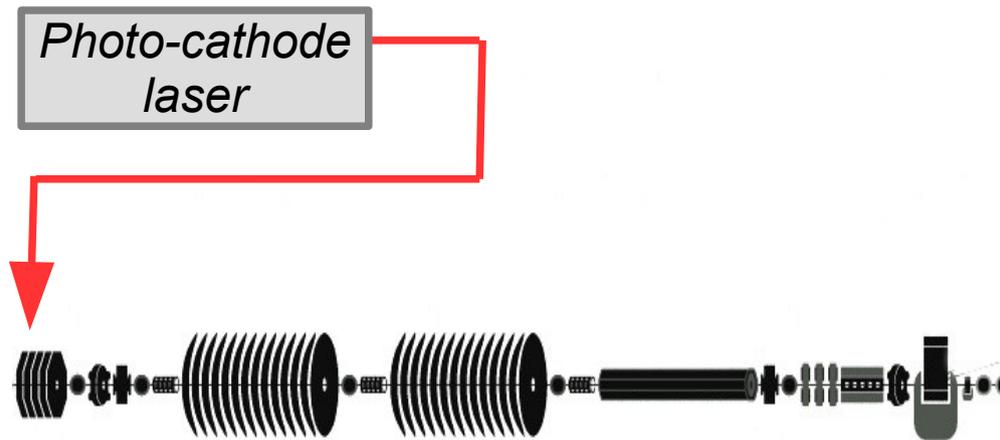
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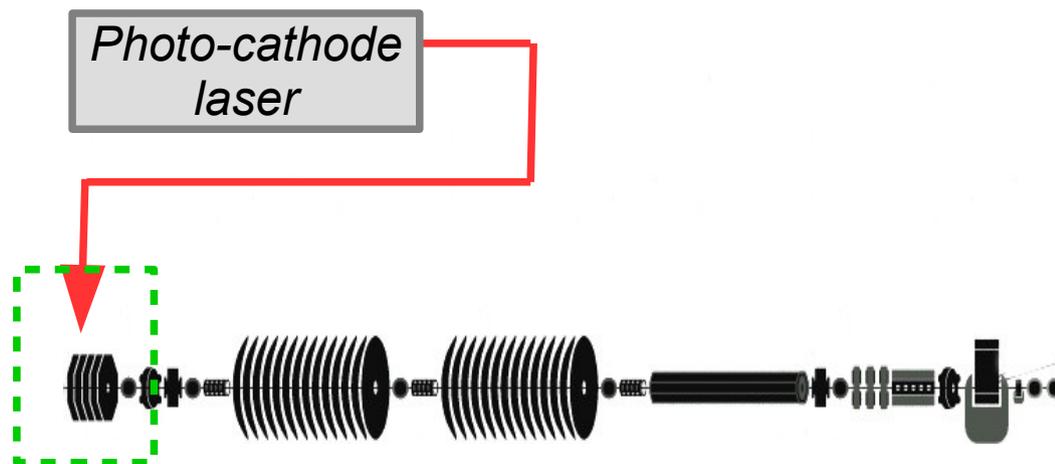
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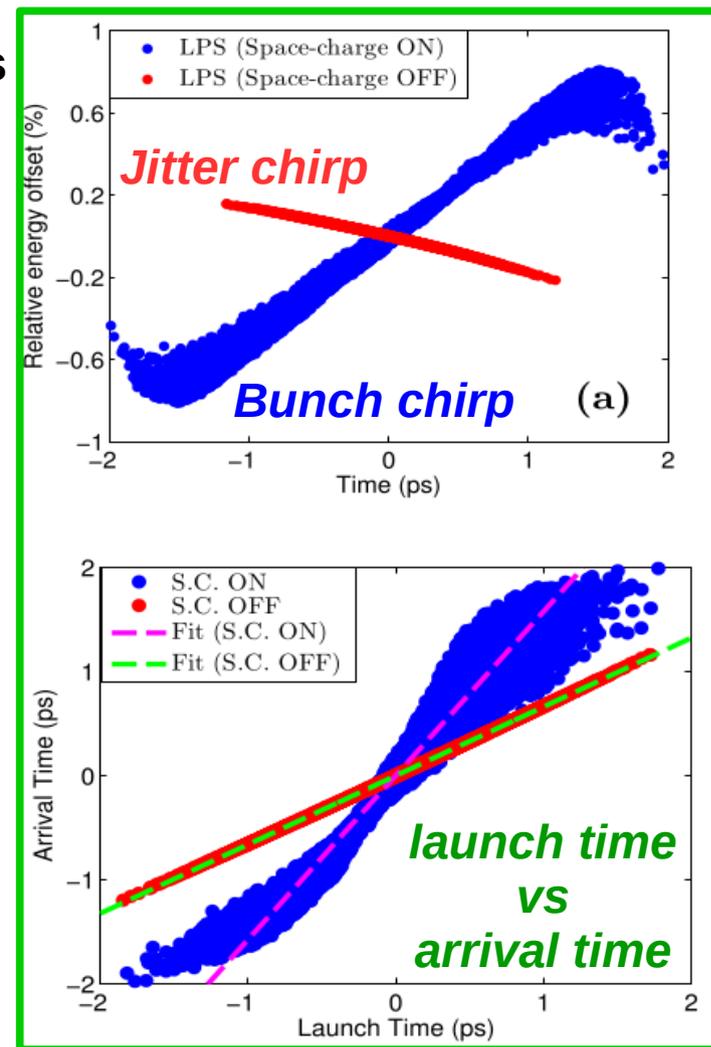
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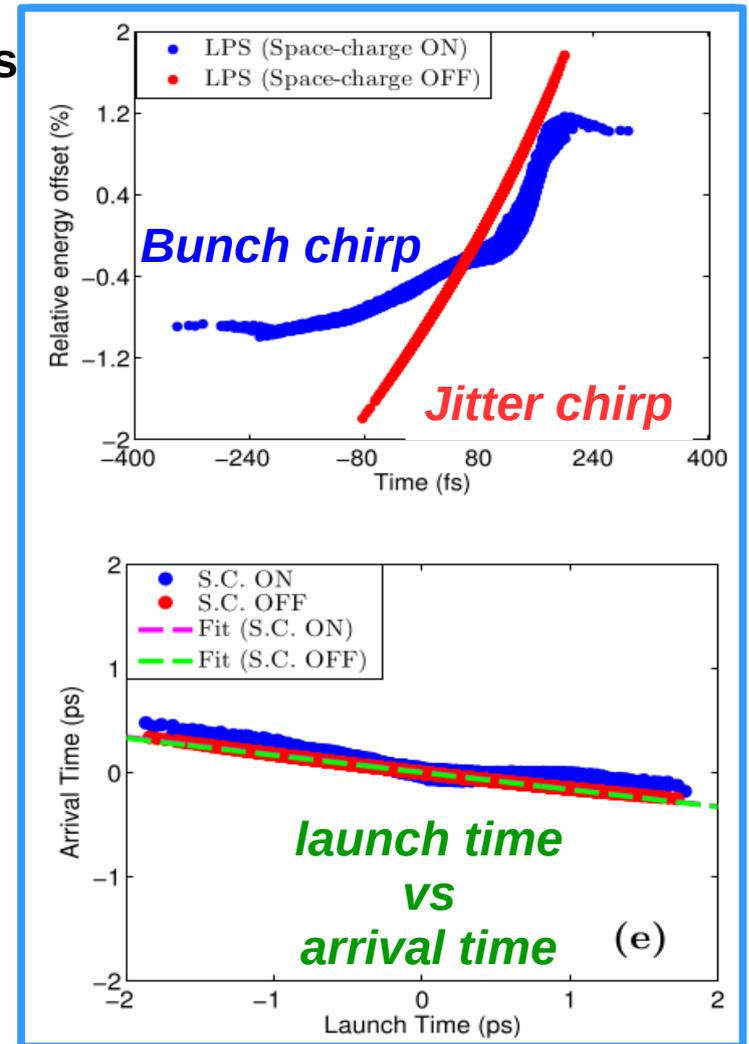
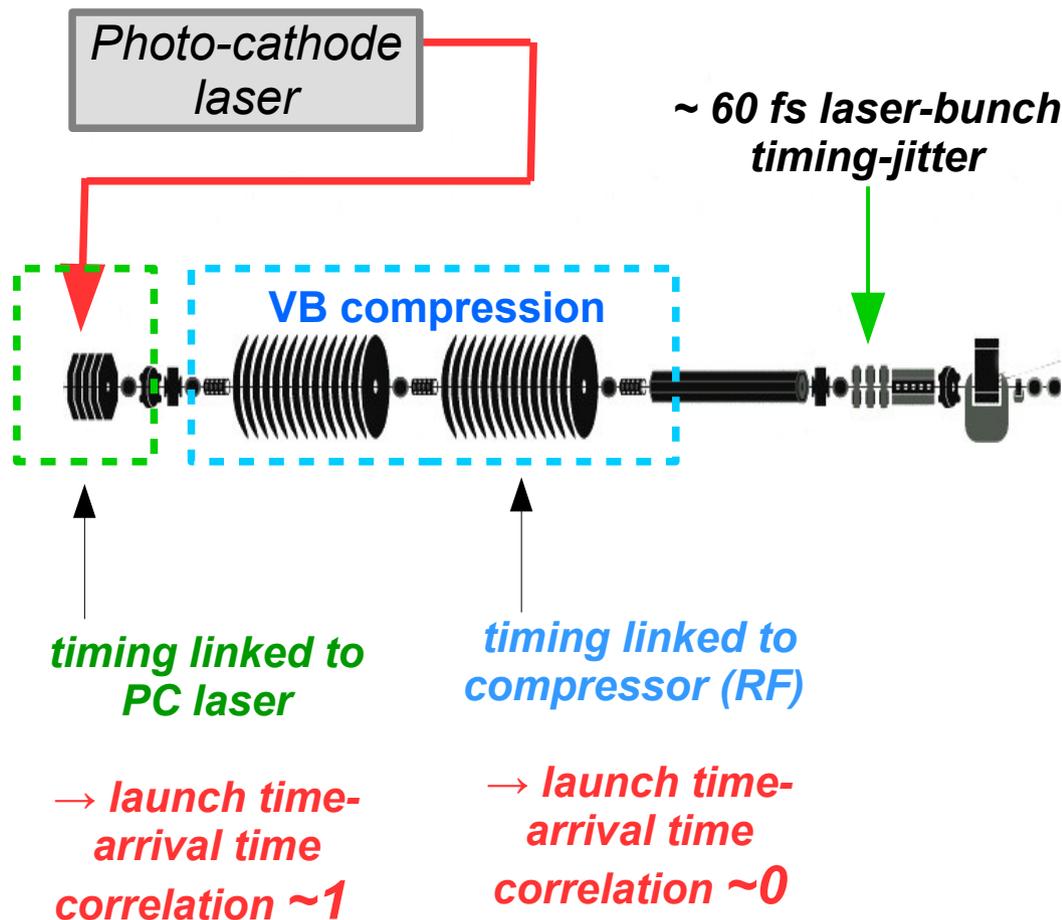
timing linked to  
PC laser

→ launch time-  
arrival time  
correlation  $\sim 1$

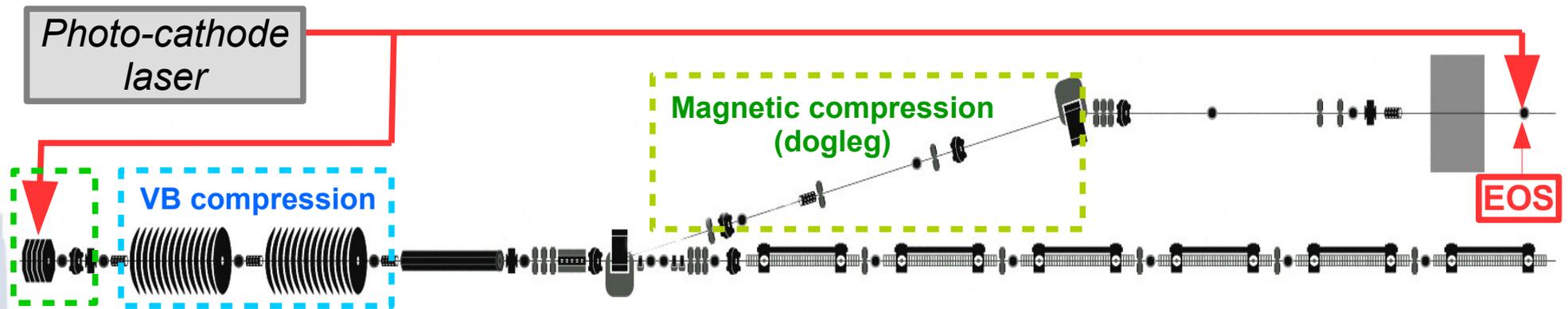


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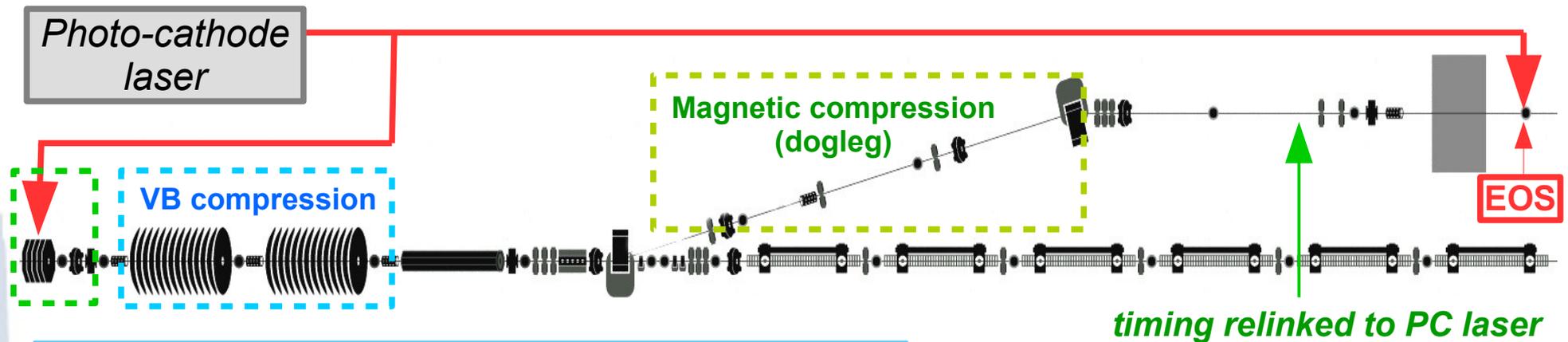
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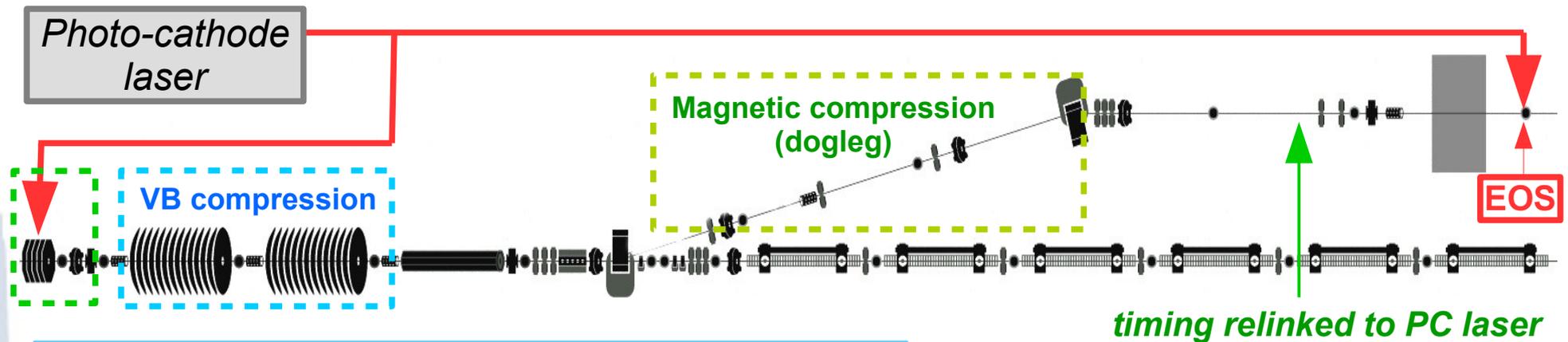
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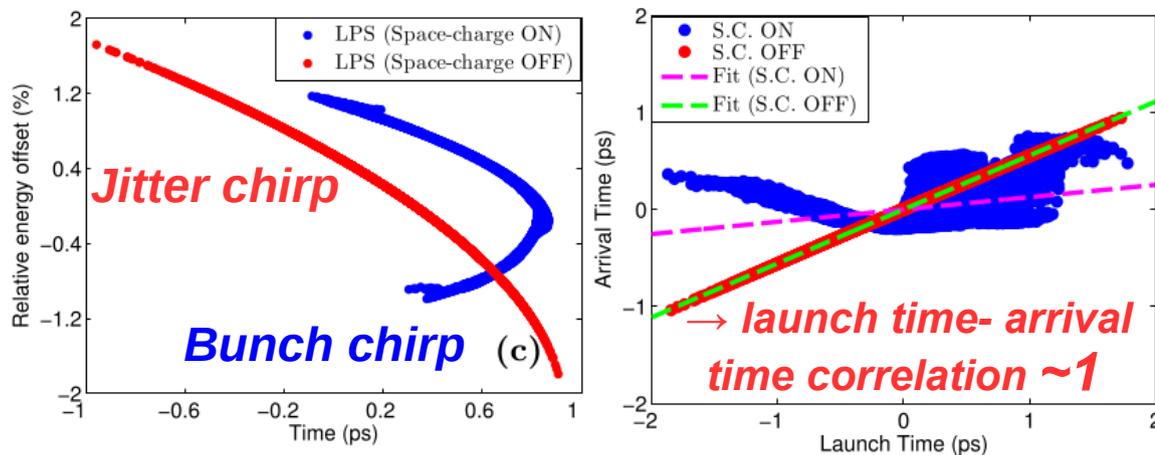
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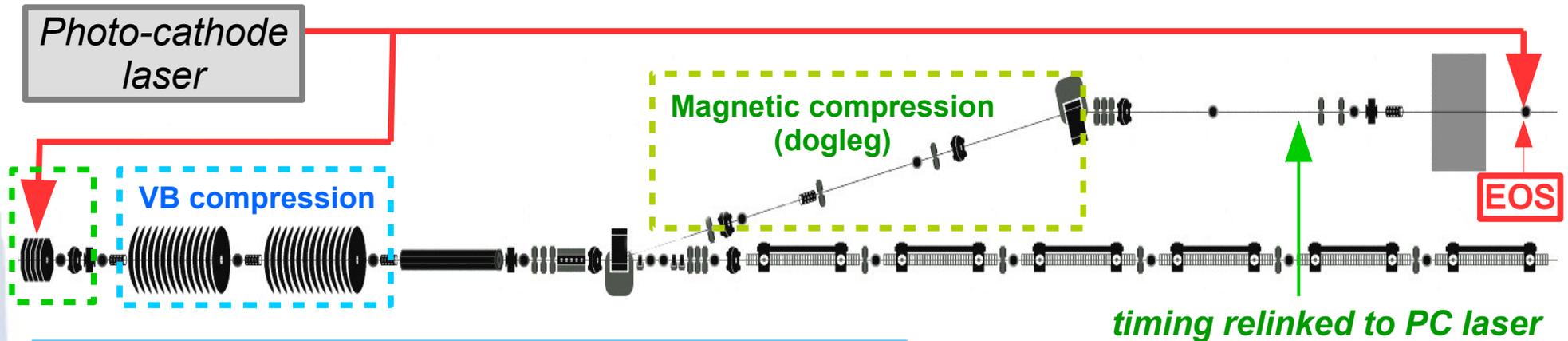


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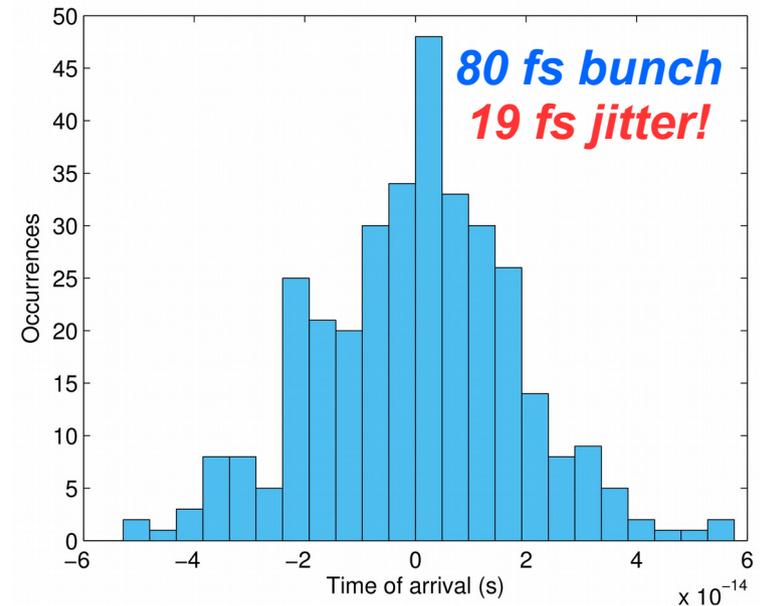
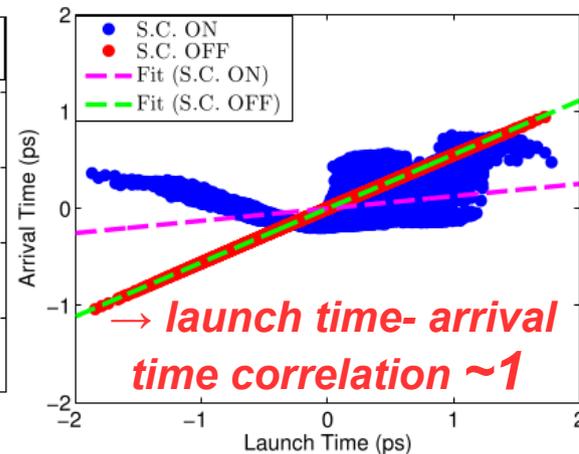
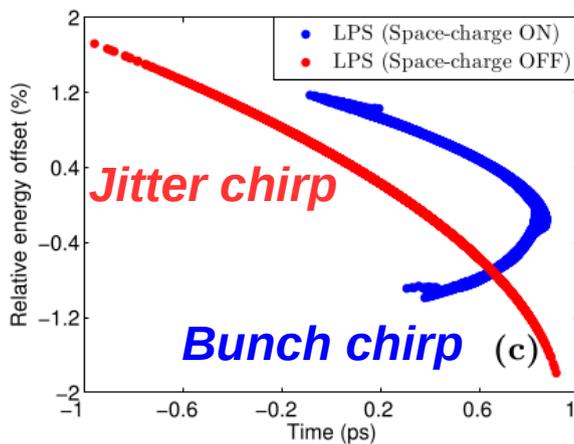


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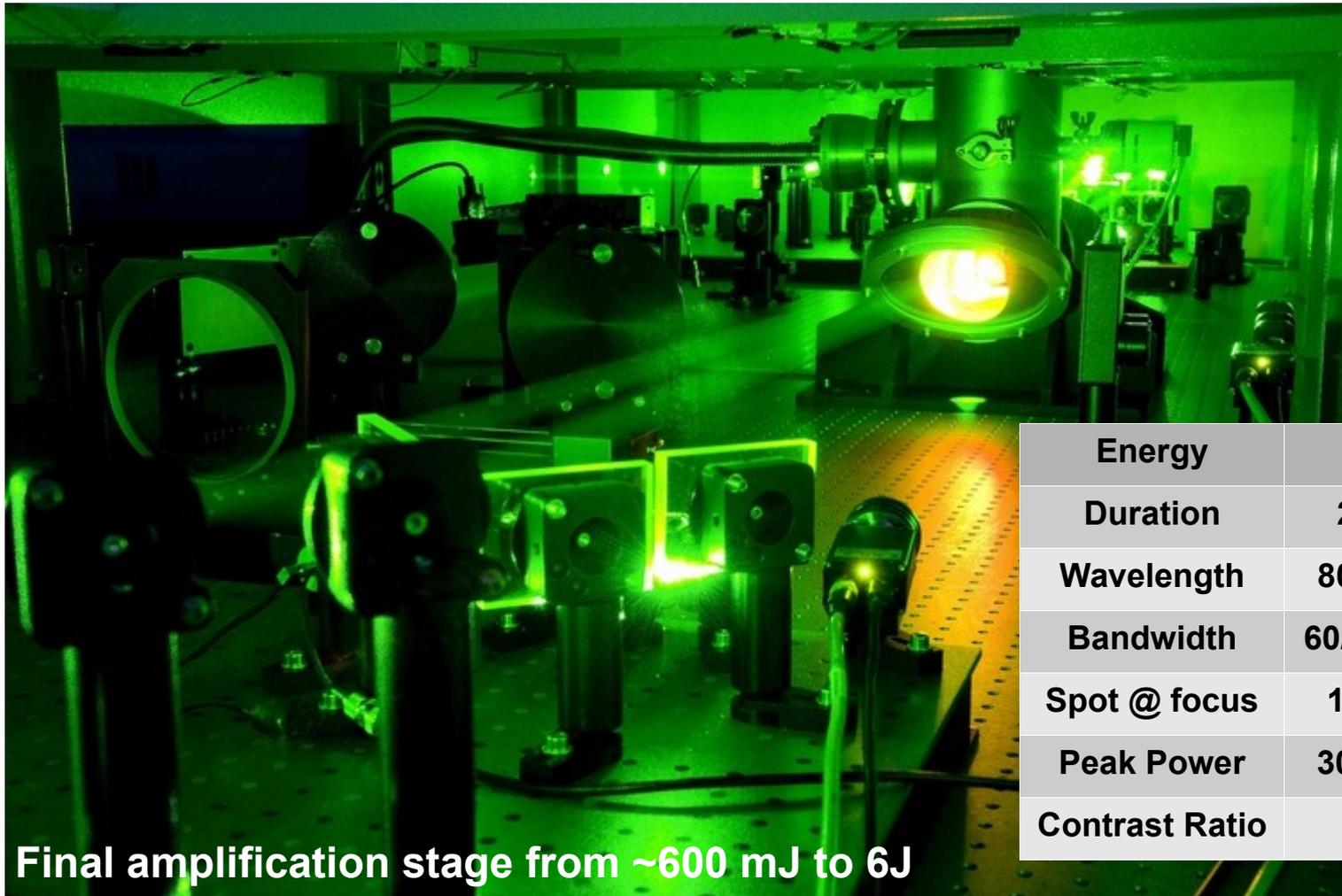


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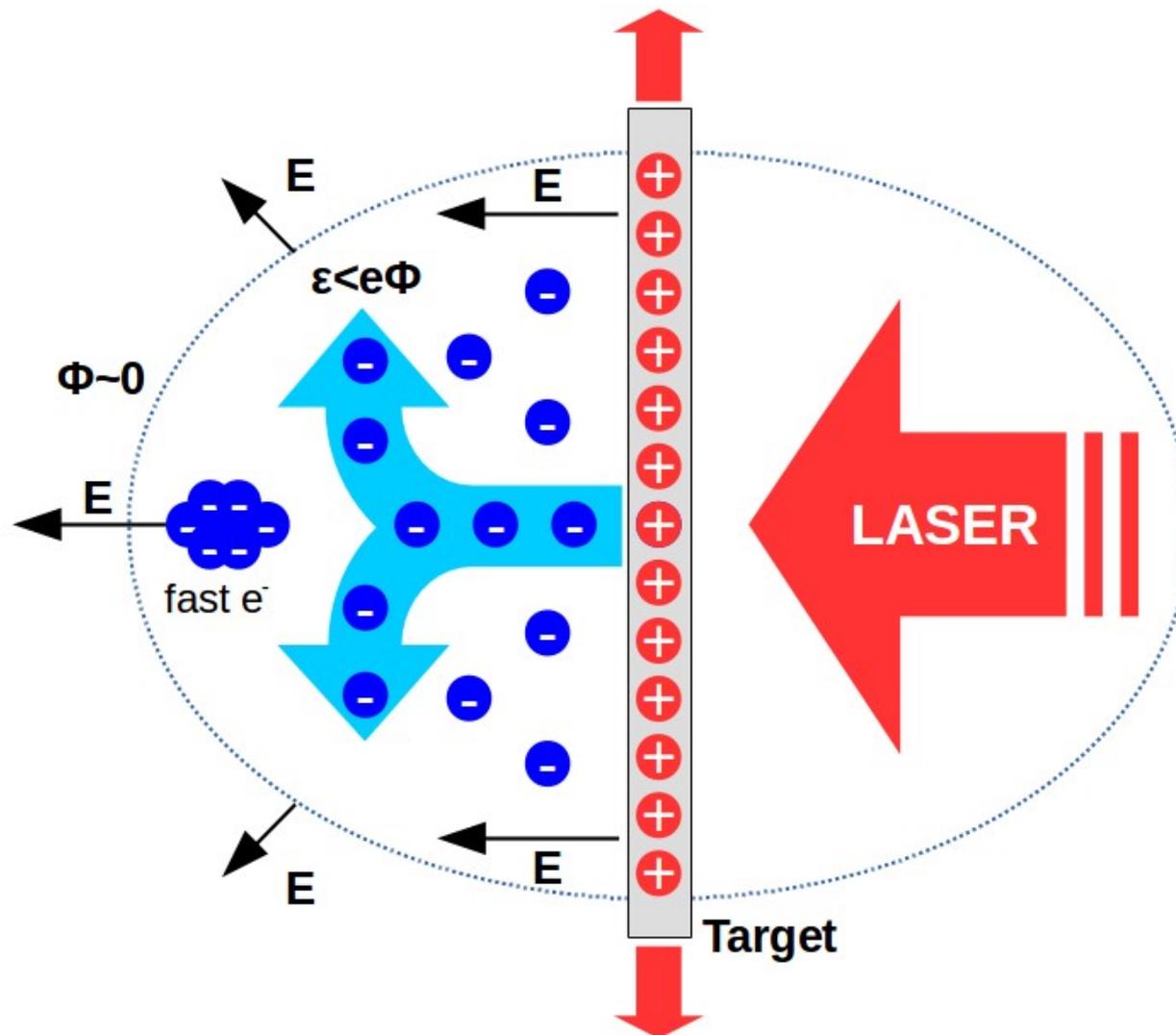
# ***FLAME laser facility***



**Final amplification stage from ~600 mJ to 6J**

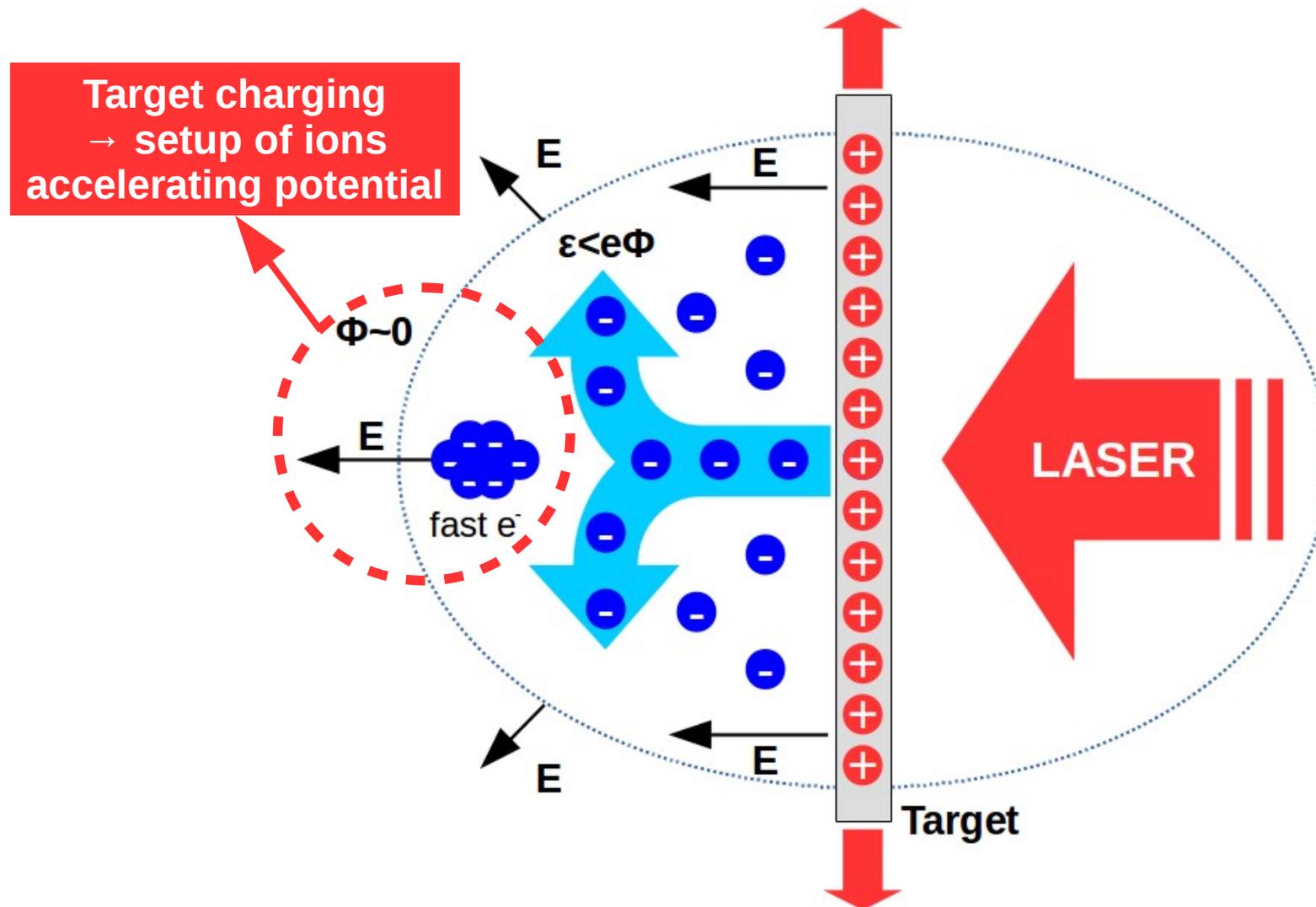
<b>Energy</b>	<b>6 J</b>
<b>Duration</b>	<b>23 fs</b>
<b>Wavelength</b>	<b>800 nm</b>
<b>Bandwidth</b>	<b>60/80 nm</b>
<b>Spot @ focus</b>	<b>10 <math>\mu</math>m</b>
<b>Peak Power</b>	<b>300 TW</b>
<b>Contrast Ratio</b>	<b><math>10^{10}</math></b>

# TNSA process



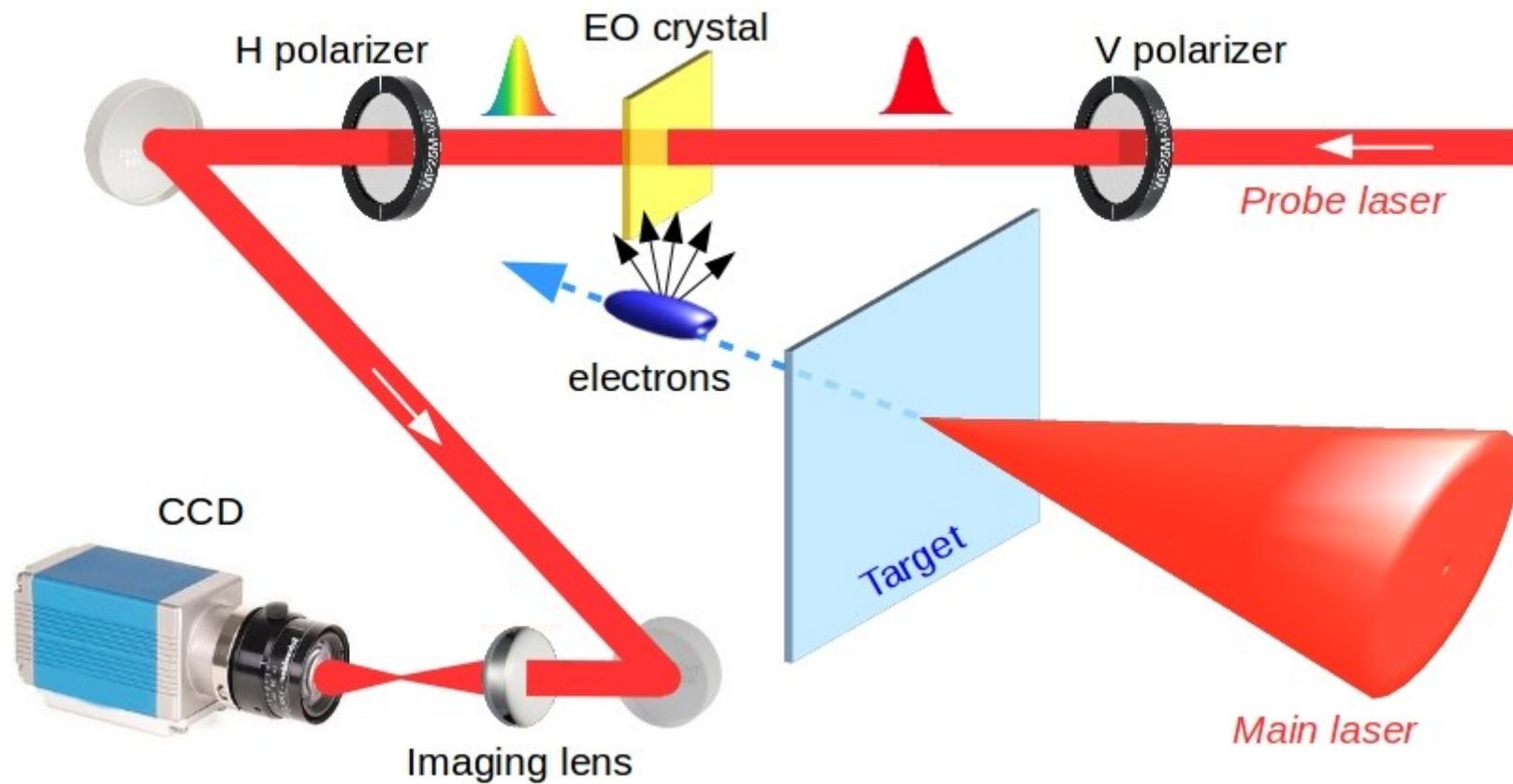
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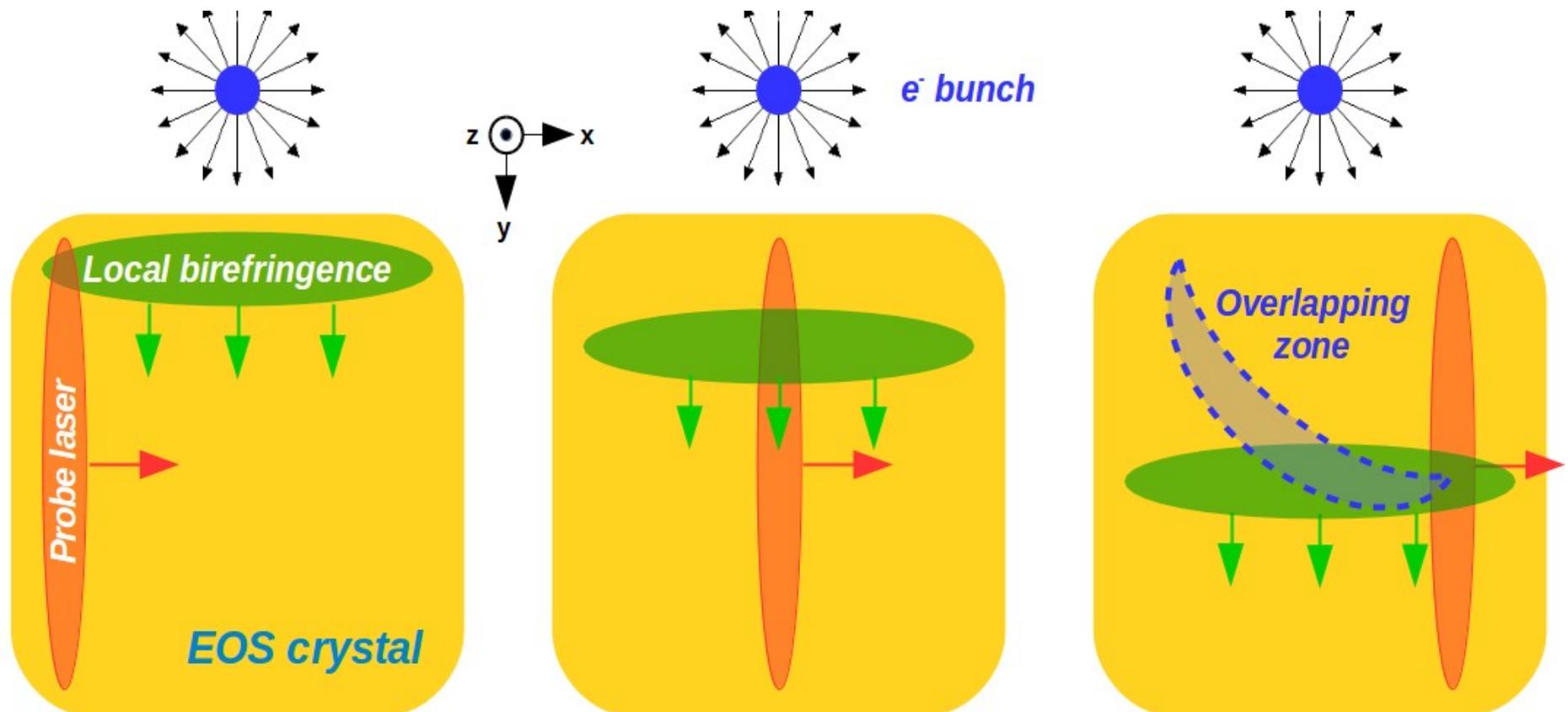
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# Experimental setup

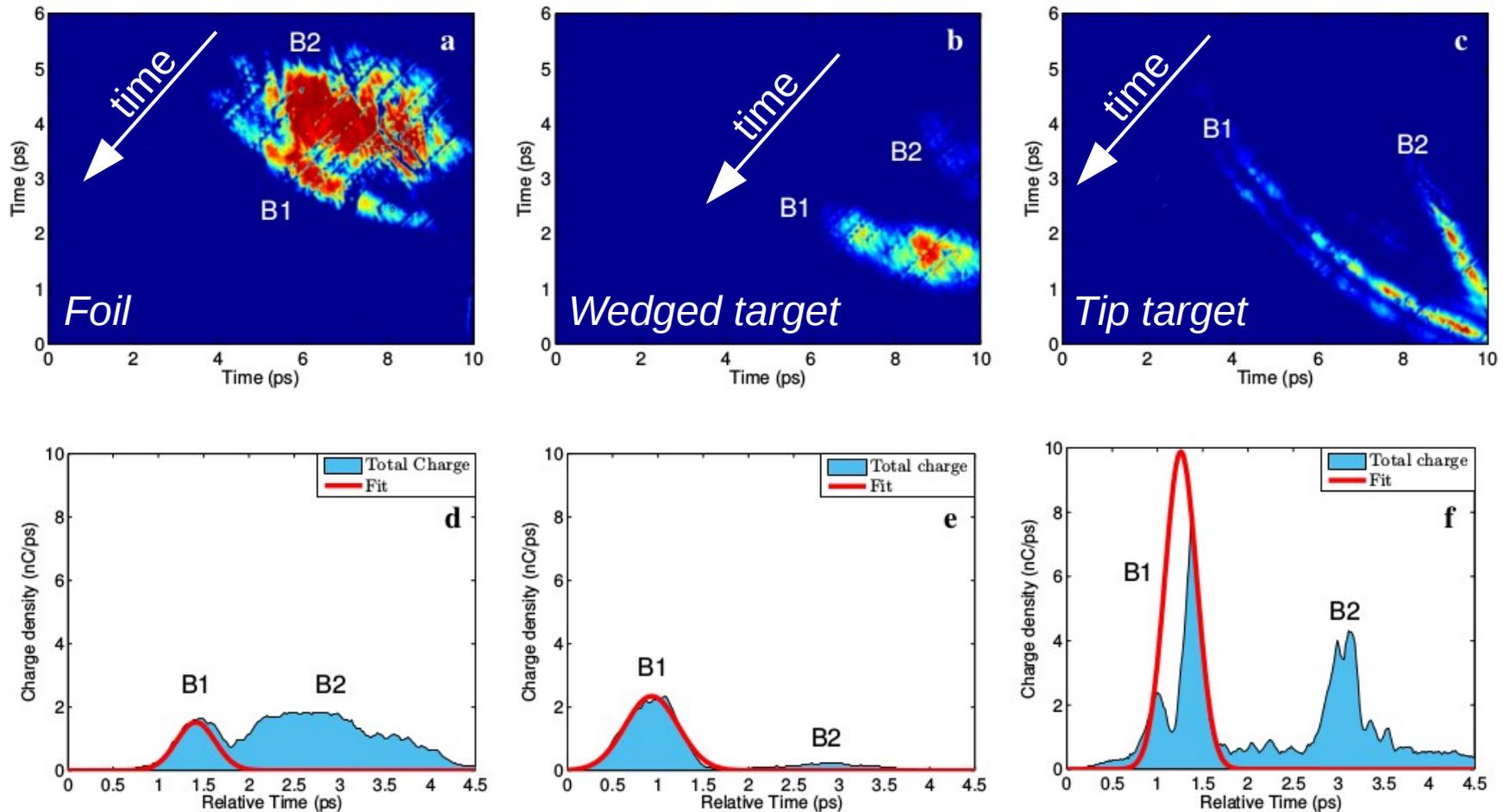


# Detection of electro-optic signals

- Picosecond time-window → particle selection by changing the probe delay
  - *Detection only of emitted fast electrons (no protons/ions, gammas, late electrons)*
- Encoding process results in curved signals

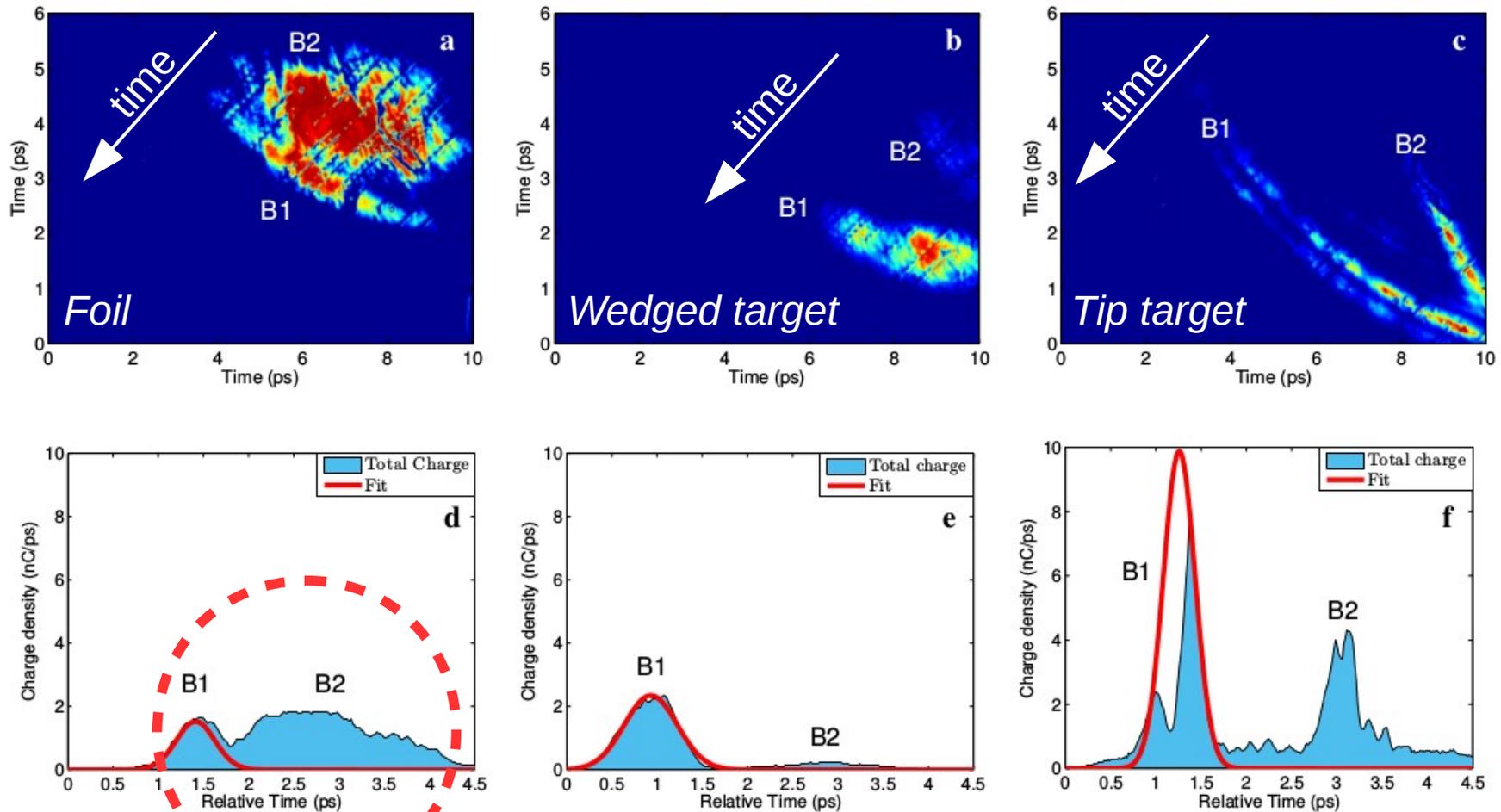


# Results



**Figure 2. Snapshots with different target shapes.** Signatures of the escaping electrons from (a) planar, (b) wedged and (c) tipped targets. The emitted charges are, respectively, (a) 1.2 nC (B1) and 3 nC (B2); (b) 2 nC (B1) and 0.3 nC (B2); (c) 7 nC (B1) and 3 nC (B2). The gaussian envelopes represent the extrapolated charge profiles of each bunch. (d-f) Corresponding longitudinal charge profiles. A  $10^2$  neutral density filter has been used in (b) and (c) to avoid saturation of the CCD camera.

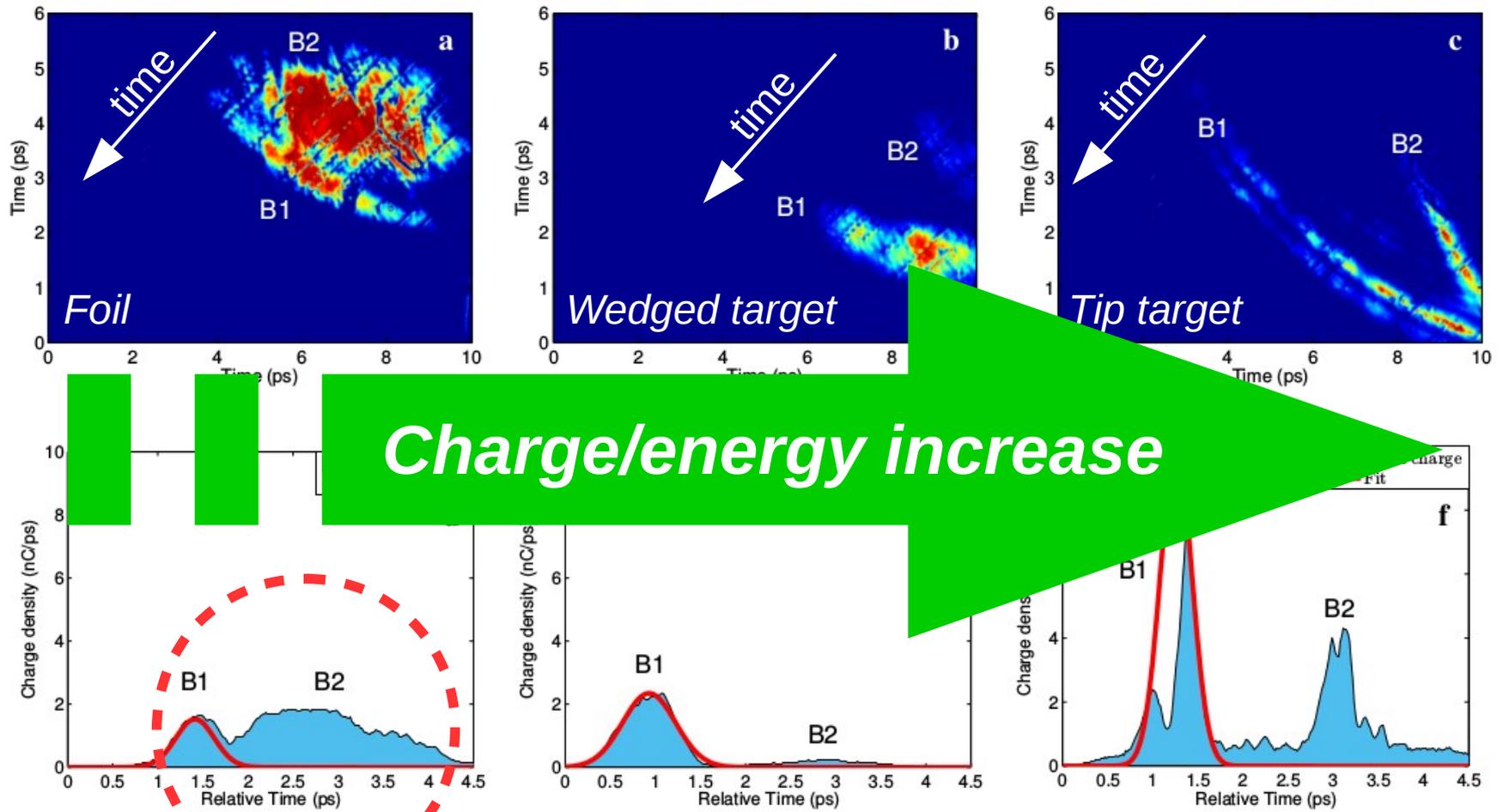
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**Temporal evolution of the TNSA electrostatic potential**

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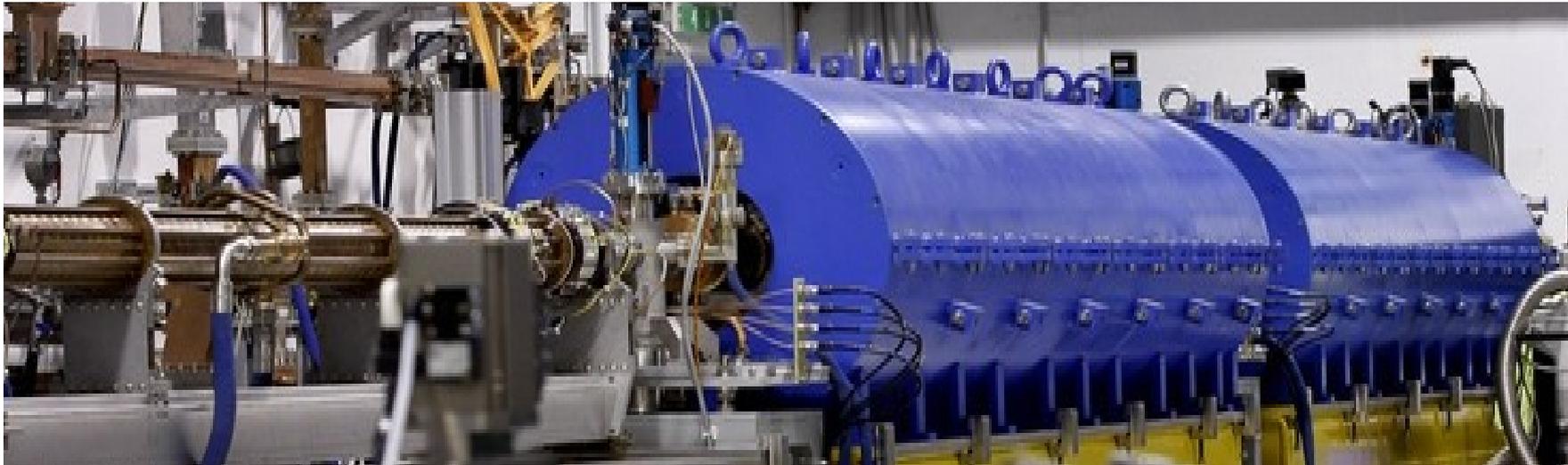


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# Conclusions

- We presented results about the use of EOS technique for several kind of experimental activities
- Accelerator facilities
  - *Longitudinal beam monitor for THz-spaced bunch trains*
  - *Time-of-arrival monitor used to demonstrate the hybrid compression scheme for ultra-short bunches with ultra-low timing-jitters with respect to the PC laser system*
- Laser-target interactions
  - *Test of the field enhancement conjecture*
  - *Probe the temporal evolution of proton/ion acceleration*
  - *First time-resolved measurements ever done probing the emitted fast electrons*
  - *Experimental evidence of nonlinear temporal evolution of the induced accelerating potential in TNSA processes*

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