

# Accelerator Physics at SLAC

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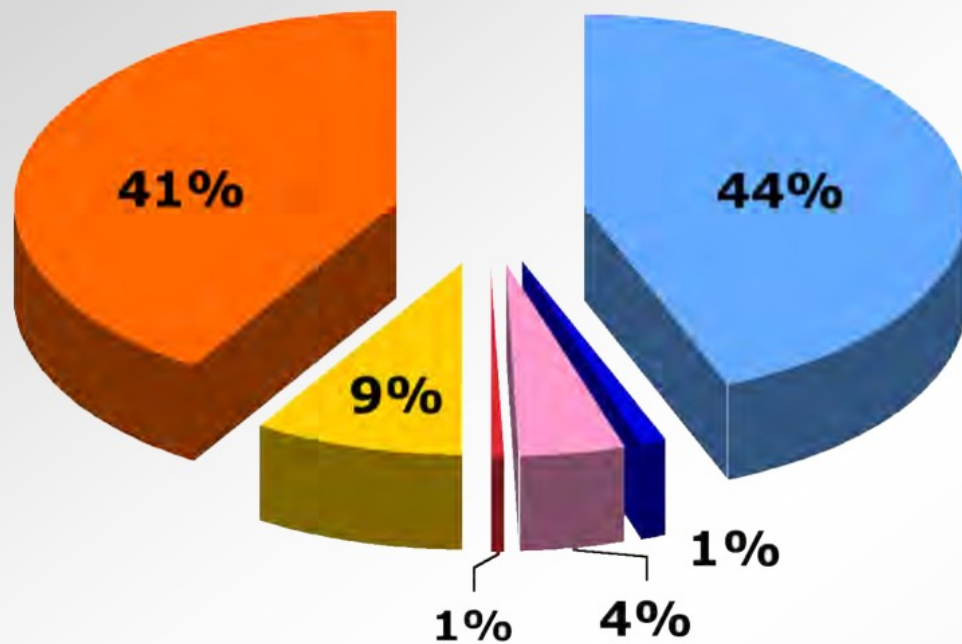


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**Number of accelerators worldwide  
~ 26,000**



■ Radiotherapy (>100.000 treatments/yr)\*

■ Medical Radioisotopes

■ Research (incl. biomedical)

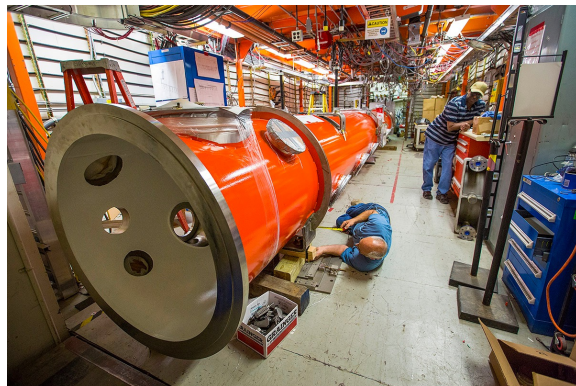
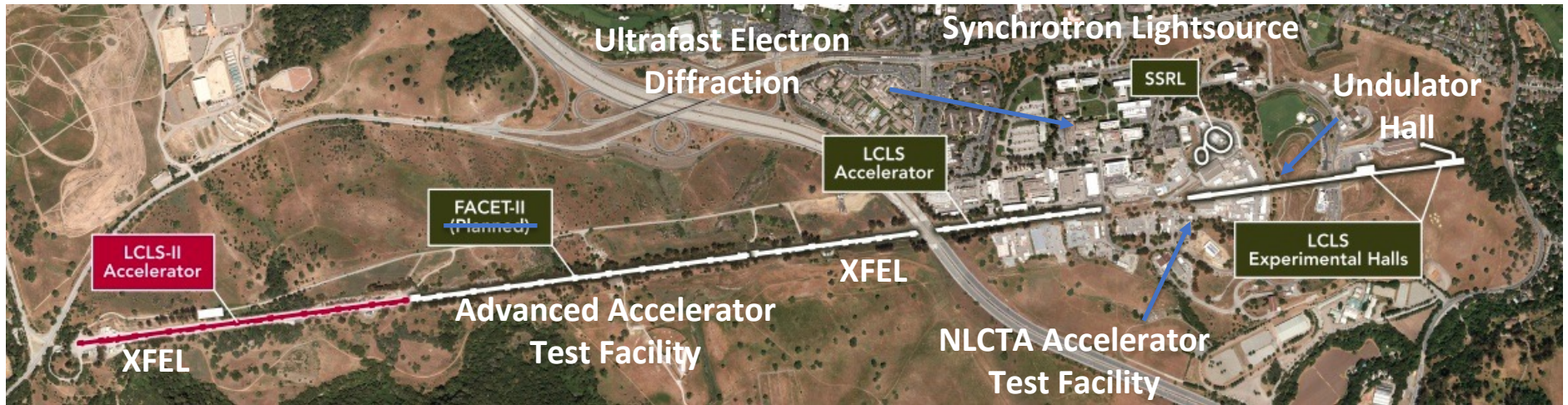
■ >1 GeV for research

■ Industrial Processing and Research

■ Ion Implanters & Surface Modification



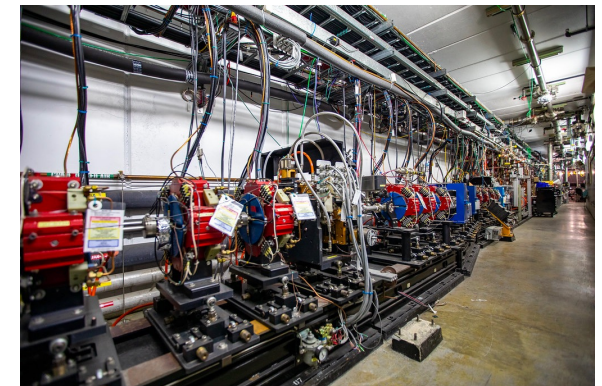
# Accelerators at SLAC



LCLS-II Cryomodule



LCLS-II Undulator Hall

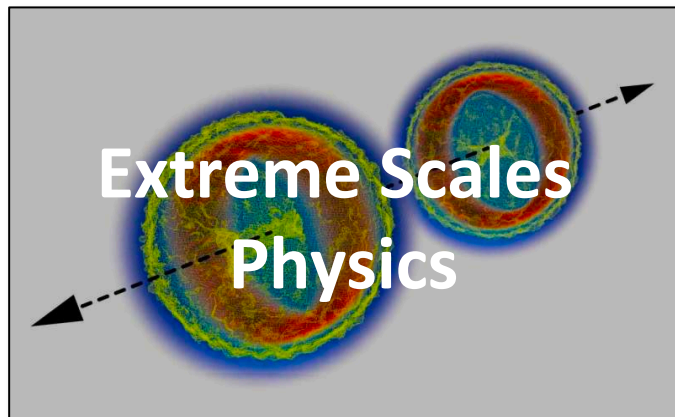
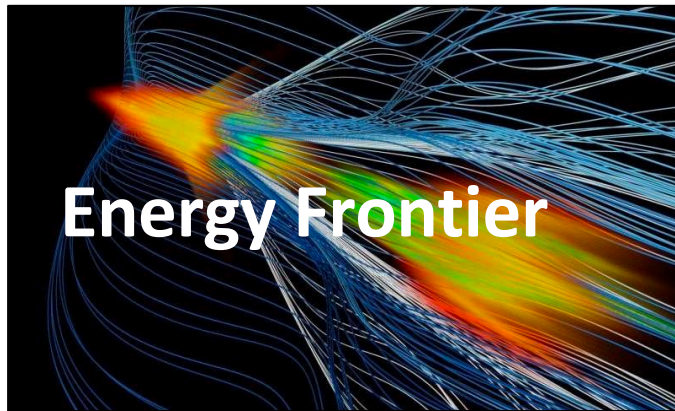


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# Accelerator Research at SLAC

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# Energy Frontier

Cost/size of high energy colliders beyond LHC unsustainable!

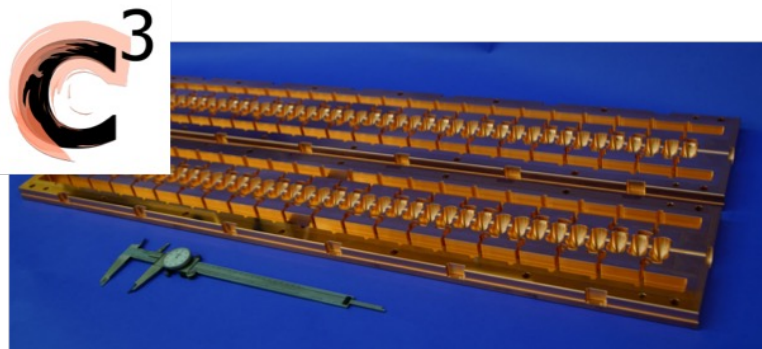


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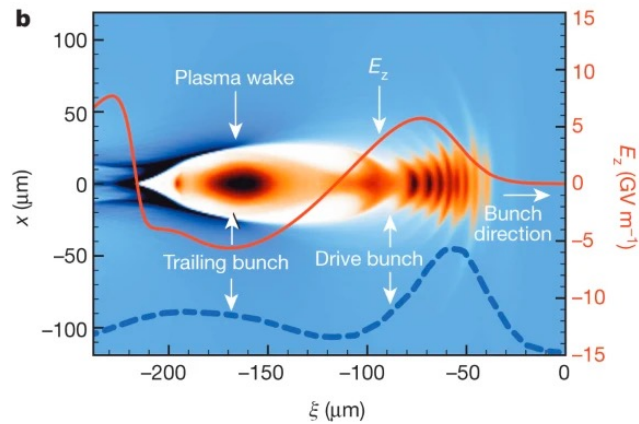


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Next generation of colliders will require radically new technology



**Cryo-cooled RF accelerators**  
10 x state of the art,  
based on existing technology...



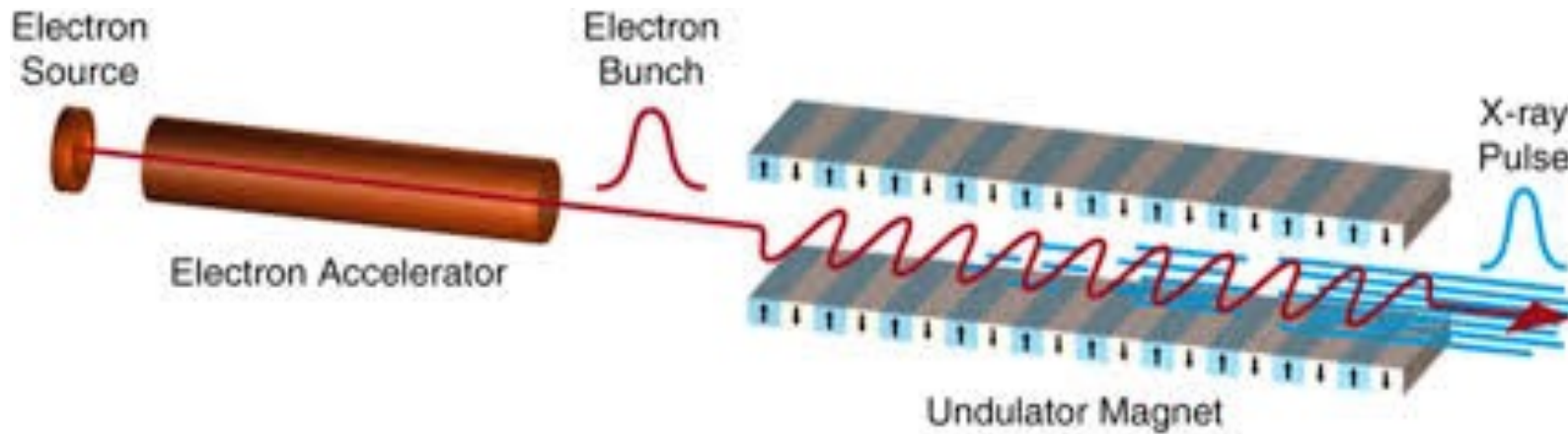
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**Plasma-wakefield accelerators**  
 $\sim 100$  x state of the art!  
Long-term research effort...

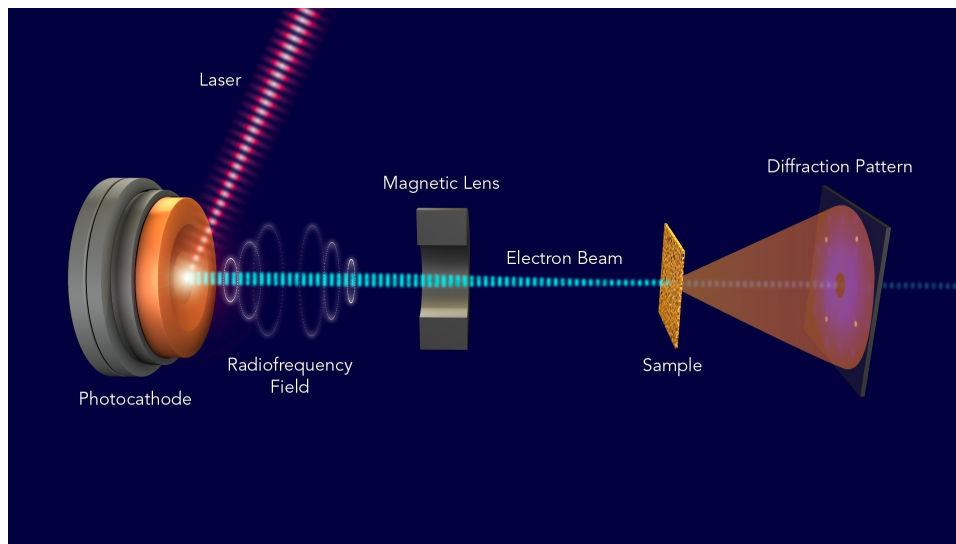


# Ultrafast Probes of Matter

## X-ray free-electron lasers



## Ultrafast electron diffraction

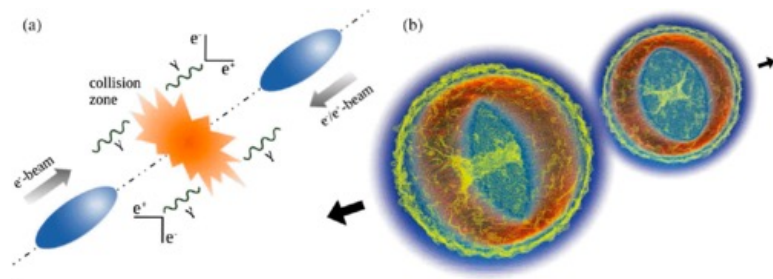


Atomic-scale diffraction  
~fs timescale  
Compact setup

# Extreme Scales Physics

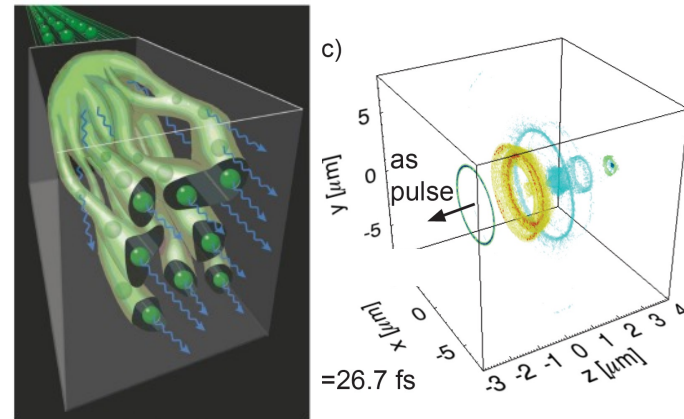
FACET-II e-beam  $\sim 10$  atomic units of field,  
Future upgrades could increase this number by  $\sim 100!$   
Combine all of this with a 200 TW laser...

## Non-linear QED



V. Yakimenko et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. **122**, 190404

## Extreme light sources from Beam-plasma interaction



Nature Photon.  
12, 314 (2018)

X. Xu *Physical Review Letters* 126.9 (2021):  
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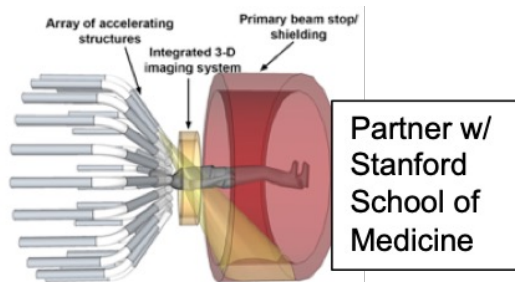
# Societal Applications

## Medical Accelerators

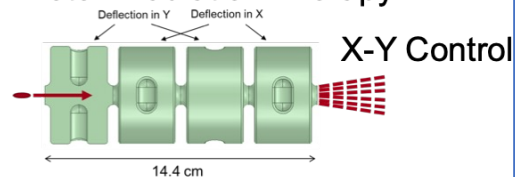
Accelerators for high dose radiation therapy and medical imaging

Research involves:

- Accelerator physics
- Radio-Biology



Rapid 3D Scanner for Proton Radiation Therapy



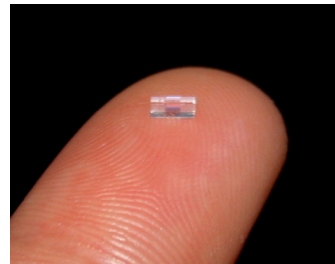
- 3D *RF control* of dose deposition over <1 s

## Compact Accelerators

Laser-driven acceleration in dielectric microstructures

Research involves:

- Photonic structures
- Nanofabrication
- Electron beam optics

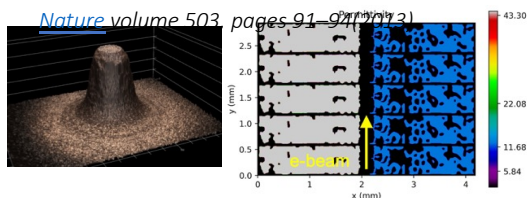


[Nature](#) volume 503, pages 91–94(2013)

## THz Accelerators

Research involves:

- Photonic structures
- Nonlinear optics
- Electron beam dynamics

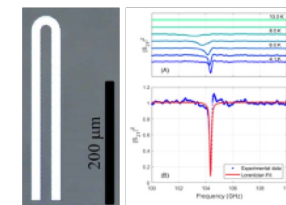


## Quantum Information Science

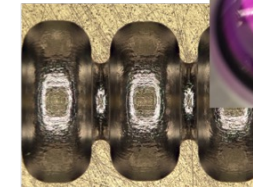
Research involves:

- Photonic structures
- Nanofabrication
- Superconducting RF cavities

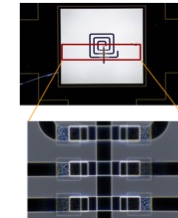
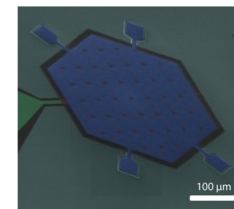
First mm-wave superconducting resonators



3D SRF Cavities w/ Thin Films



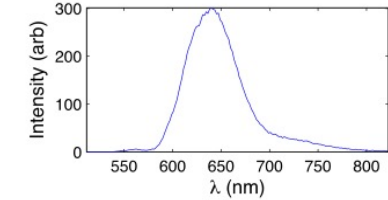
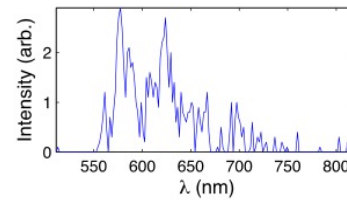
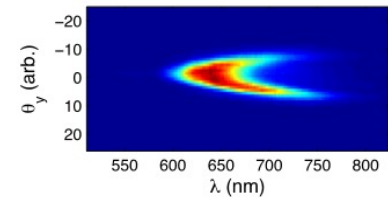
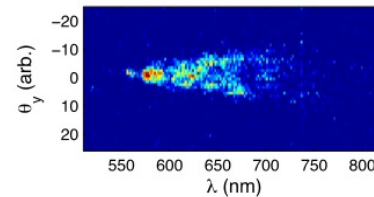
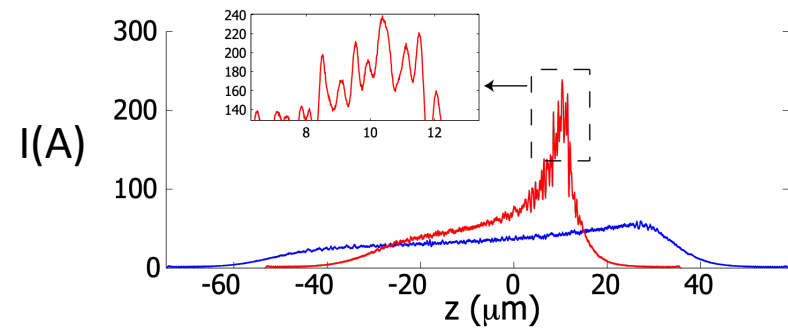
Developing microwave vacuum-gap capacitor and spiral inductors



## Working in Accelerator Physics at SLAC

- Working with small groups at large facilities: engage in theory, simulation, and experimental results

$$\left(\frac{1}{D^2}\nabla_{\perp}^2 - 1\right)E_z = -\int E_z(\vec{X}')\Pi(\vec{X},\vec{X}')d^2\vec{X}'$$





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### ARTICLES

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41566-019-0549-5>

nature  
photonics

## Tunable isolated attosecond X-ray pulses with gigawatt peak power from a free-electron laser

Joseph Duris<sup>1,2</sup>, Siqi Li<sup>1,2,12</sup>, Taran Driver<sup>1,3,4</sup>, Elio G. Champenois<sup>3</sup>, James P. MacArthur<sup>1,2</sup>, Alberto A. Lutman<sup>1</sup>, Zhen Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Philipp Rosenberger<sup>1,3,5,6</sup>, Jeff W. Aldrich<sup>1</sup>, Ryan Coffee<sup>1</sup>, Giacomo Coslovich<sup>1</sup>, Franz-Josef Decker<sup>1</sup>, James M. Glownia<sup>1</sup>, Gregor Hartmann<sup>7</sup>, Wolfram Helml<sup>6,8,9</sup>, Andrei Kamalov<sup>2,3</sup>, Jonas Knurr<sup>3</sup>, Jacek Krzywinski<sup>1</sup>, Ming-Fu Lin<sup>1</sup>, Jon P. Marangos<sup>4</sup>, Megan Nantel<sup>1,2</sup>, Adi Natan<sup>3</sup>, Jordan T. O'Neal<sup>2,3</sup>, Niranjana Shivaram<sup>1</sup>, Peter Walter<sup>1</sup>, Anna Li Wang<sup>3,10</sup>, James J. Welch<sup>1</sup>, Thomas J. A. Wolf<sup>3</sup>, Joseph Z. Xu<sup>11</sup>, Matthias F. Kling<sup>1,3,5,6</sup>, Philip H. Bucksbaum<sup>1,2,3,10</sup>, Alexander Zholents<sup>1</sup>, Zhirong Huang<sup>1,10</sup>, James P. Cryan<sup>1,3\*</sup> and Agostino Marinelli<sup>1\*</sup>

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C. Pellegrini  
2015 Fermi Award

Among others:

2009, 2012, 2014, 2019 FEL Prize  
2011-15, 2019 Young FEL Prize  
2013 Wilson Prize  
2014 Frank Sacherer Prize  
2016/2019 M. Oliphant Prize  
12 APS thesis prizes!!  
(Siqi Li most recent winner)



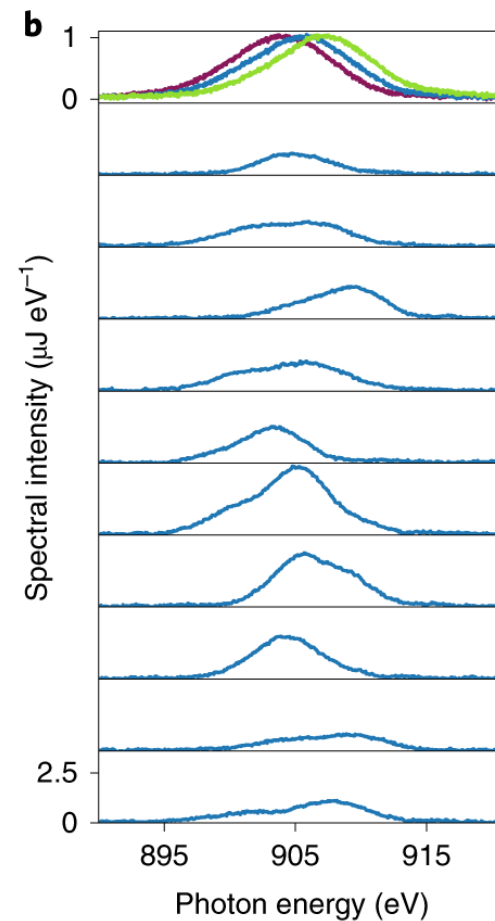
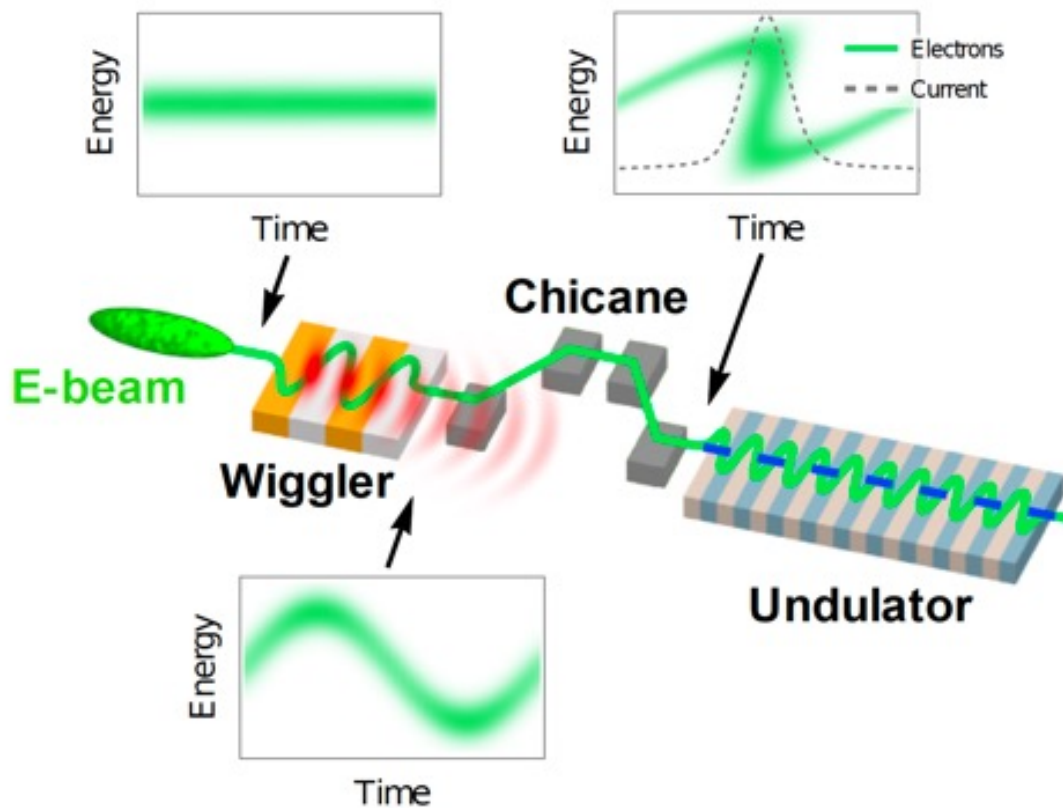
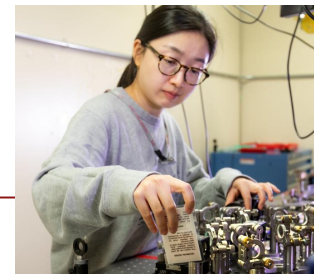
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- Large availability of funding in and beyond graduate school!

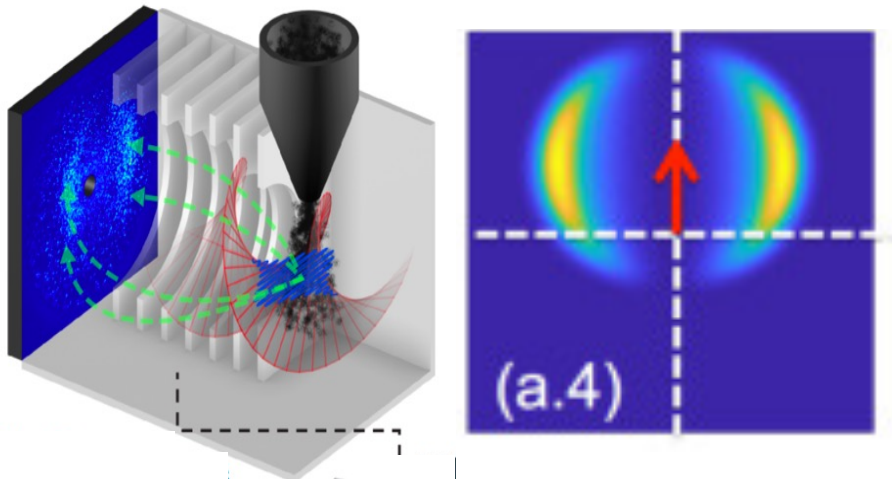
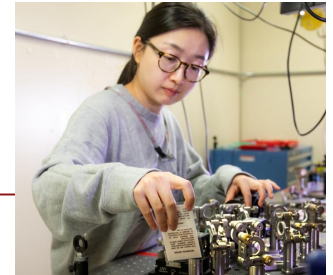


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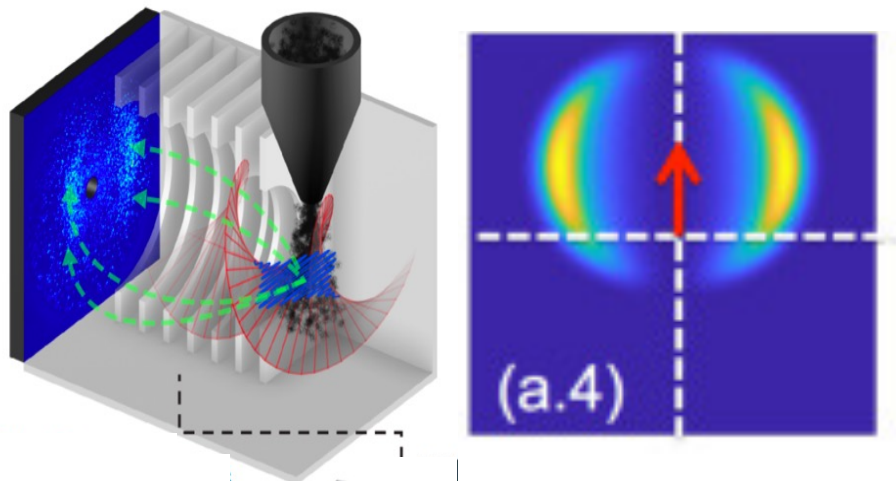
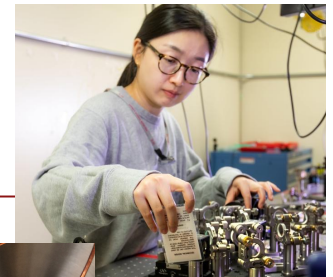


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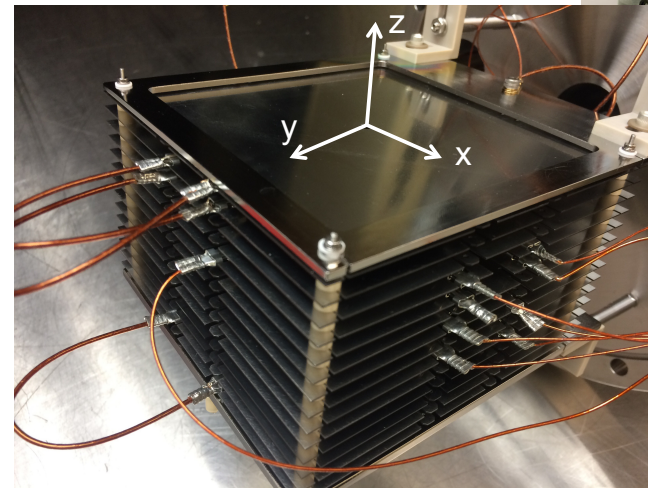


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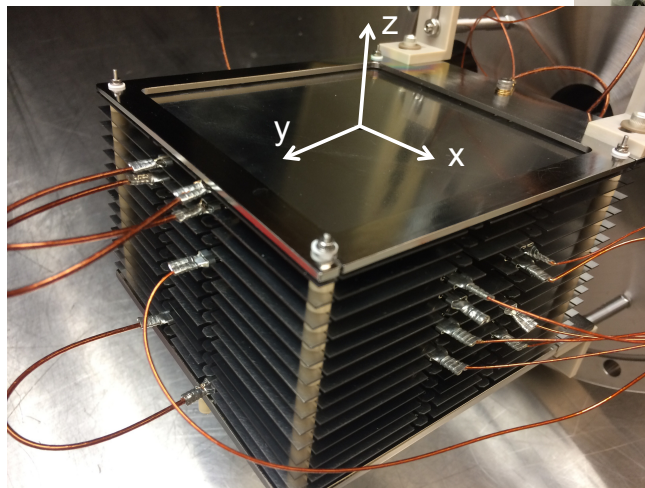
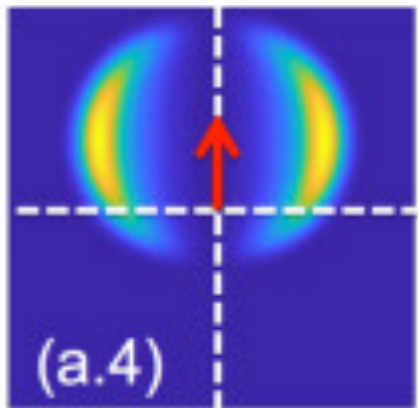
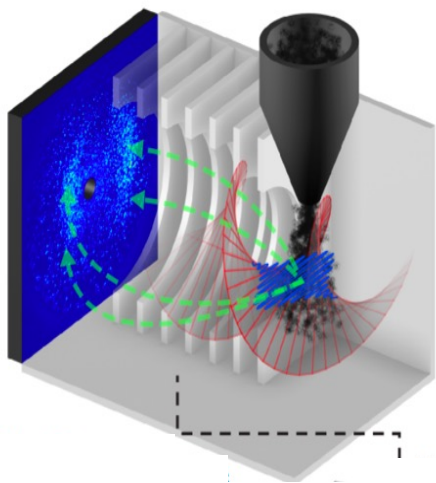
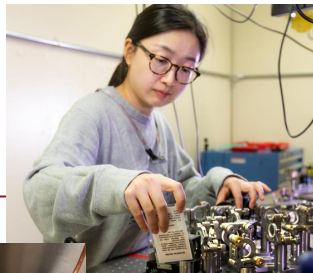


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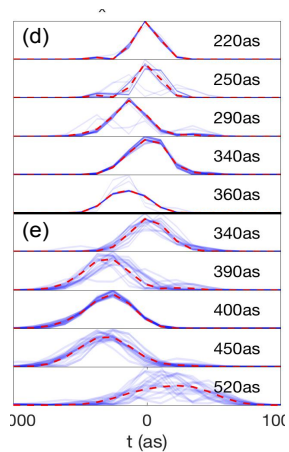
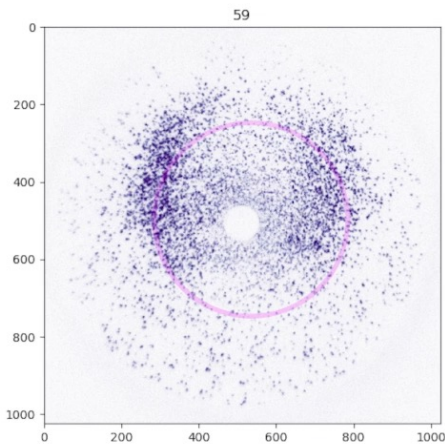
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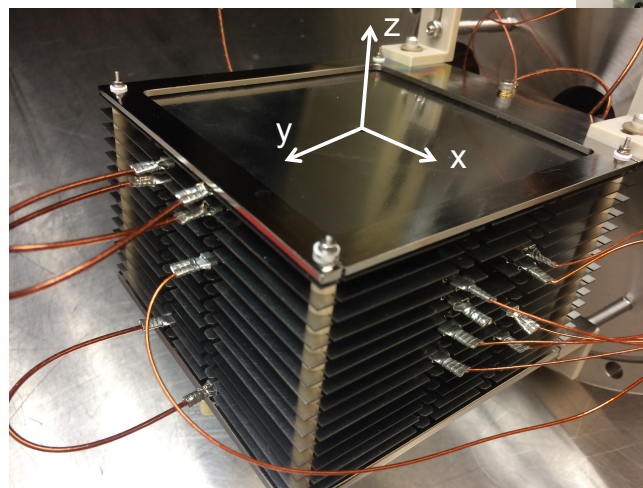
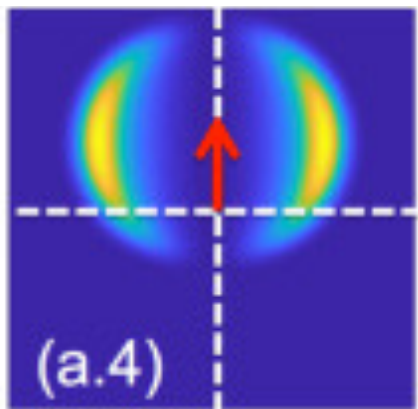
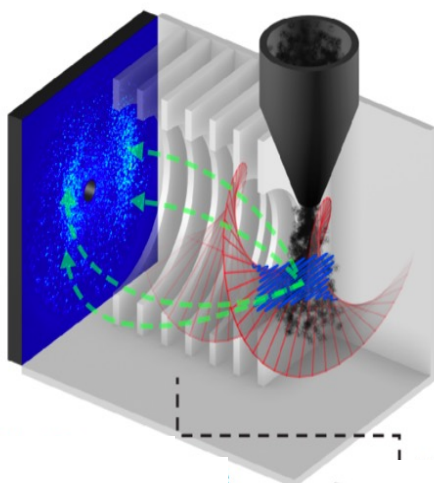
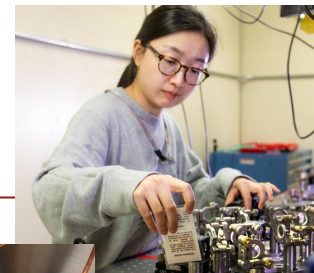
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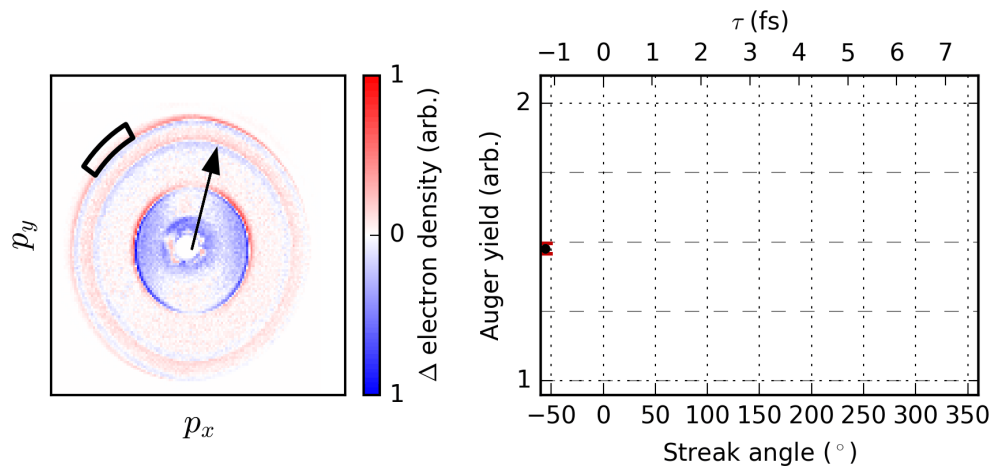
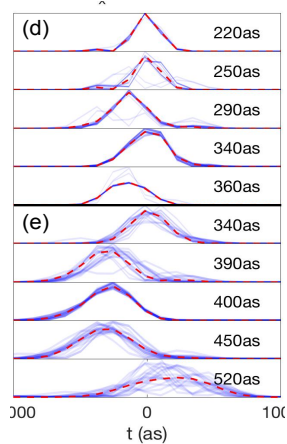
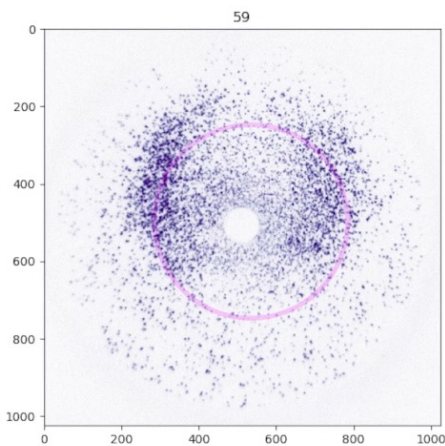
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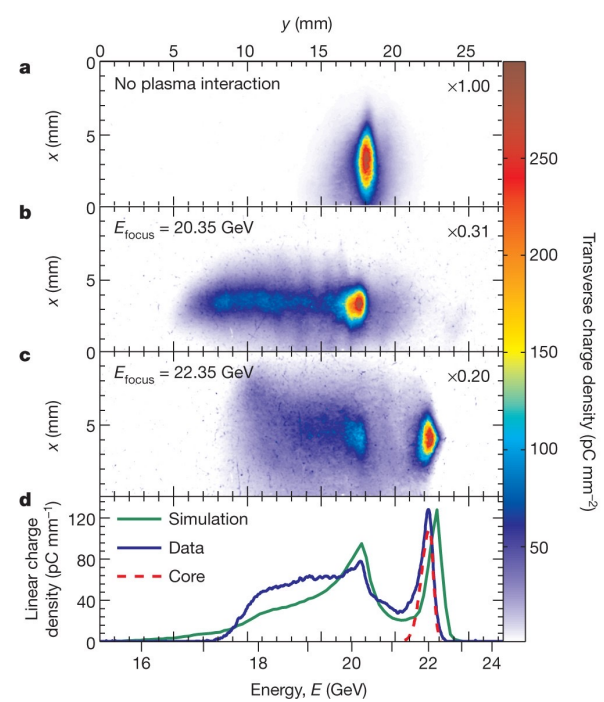
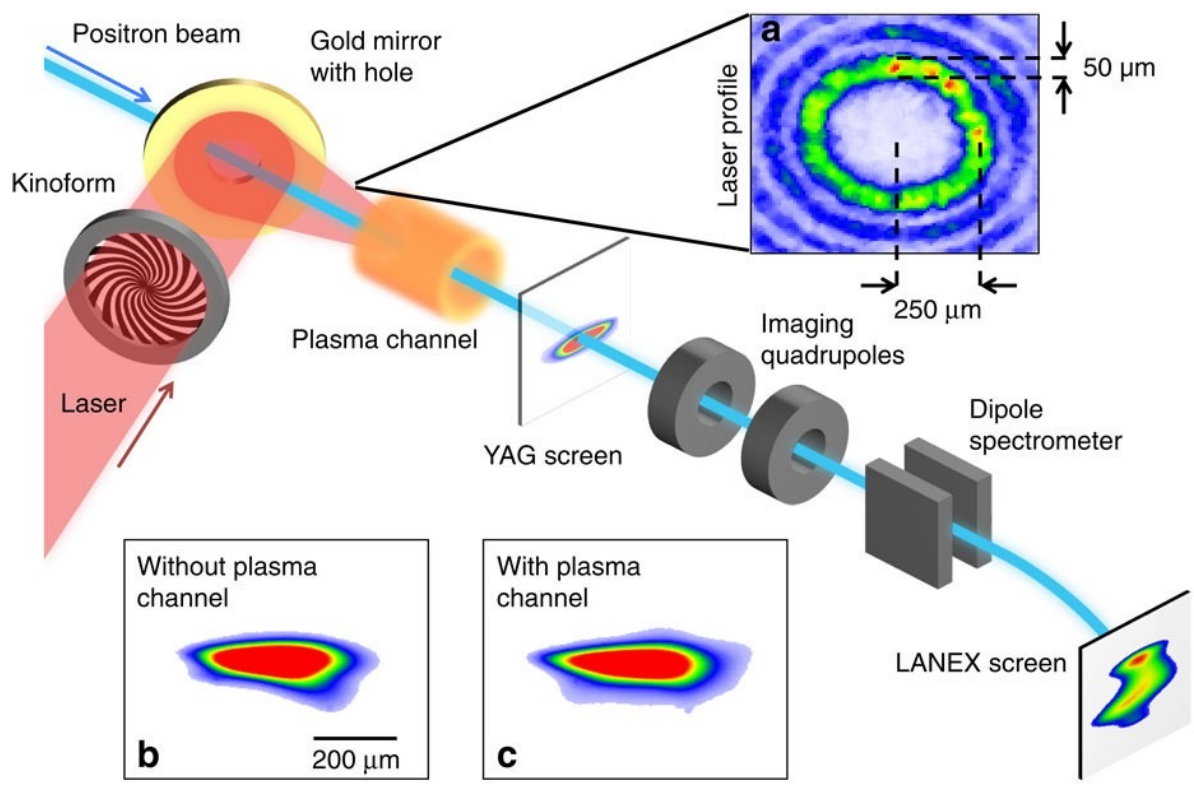


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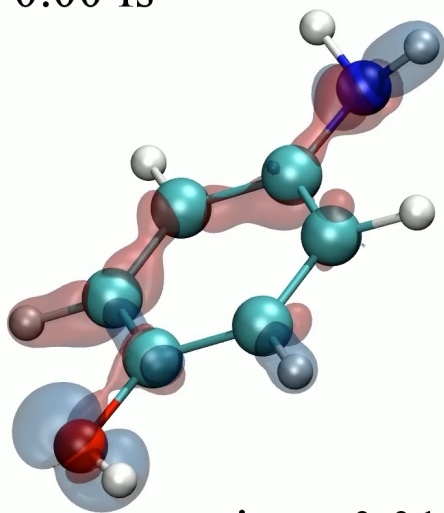
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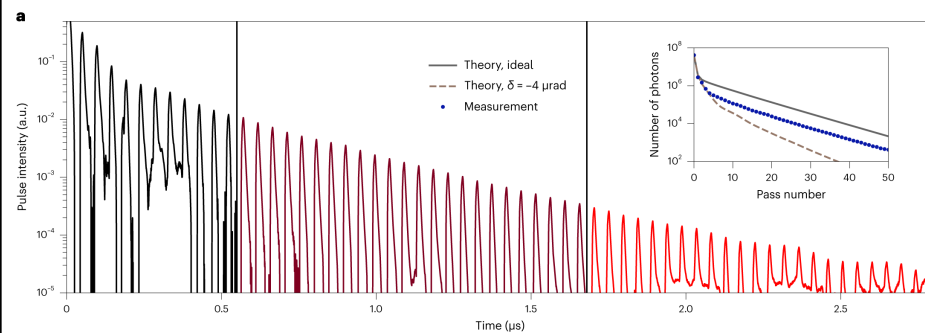
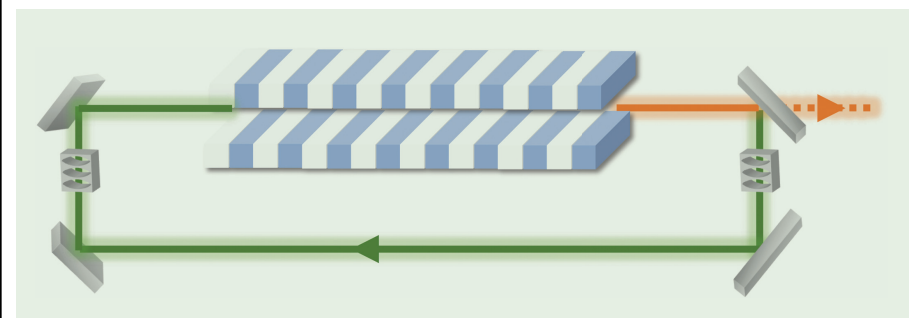
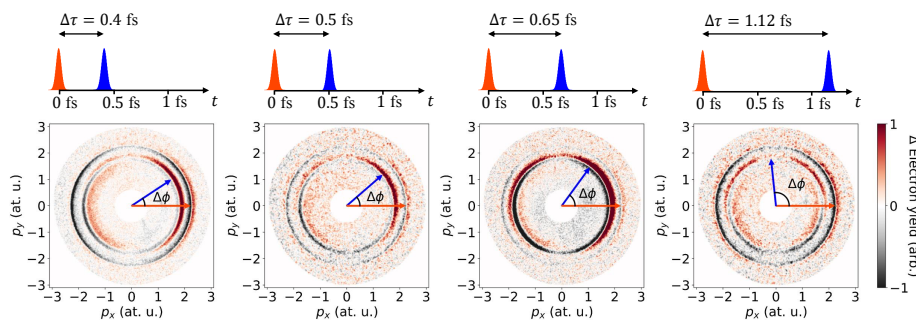


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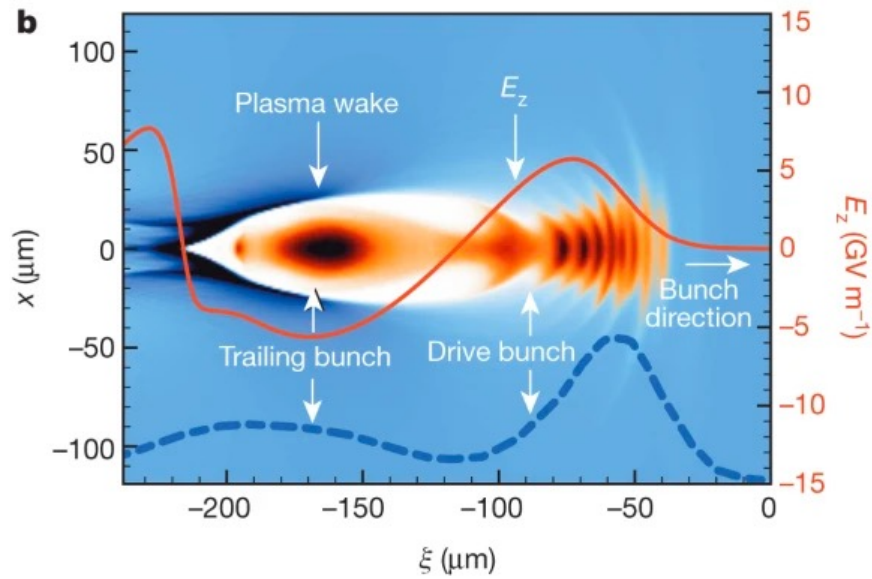


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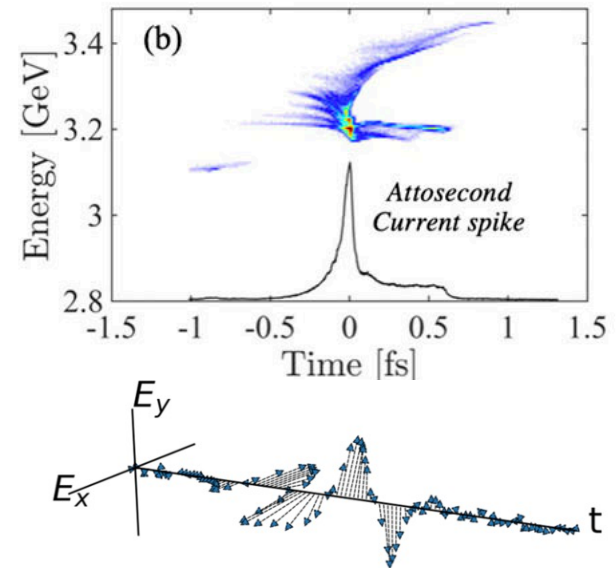


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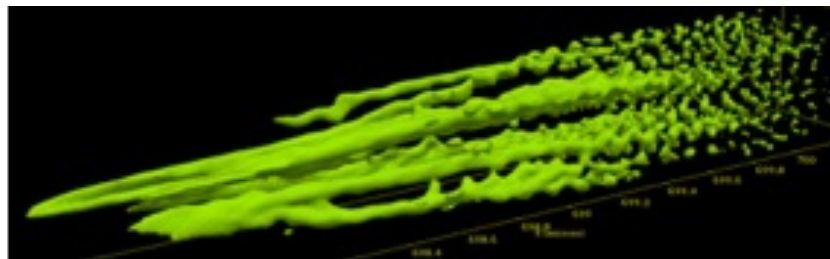
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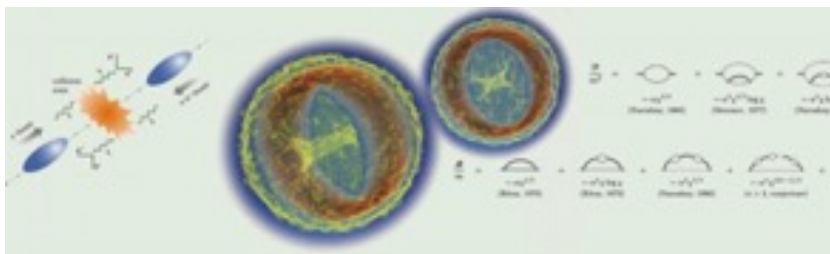
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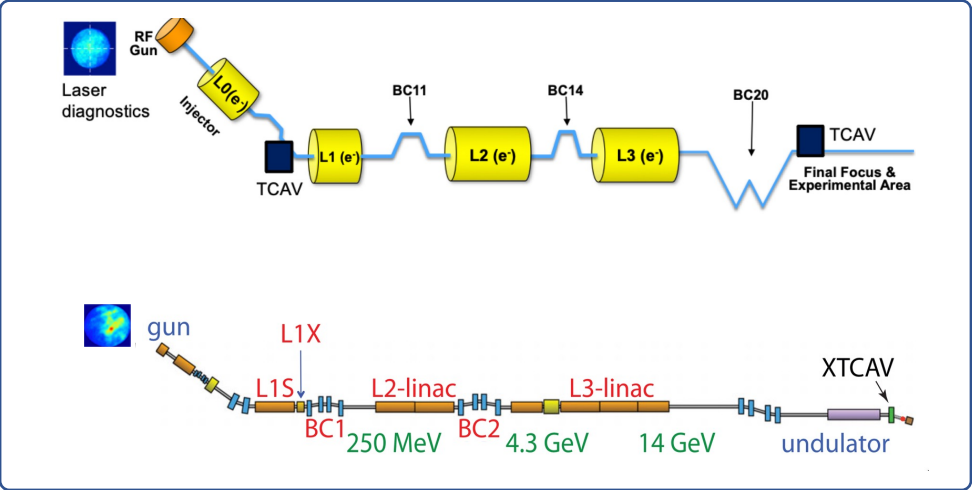
Plasma-based light-sources



High-intensity gamma-rays

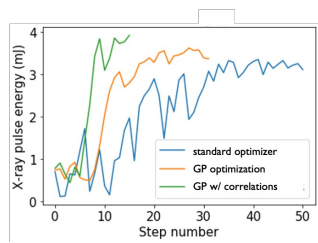


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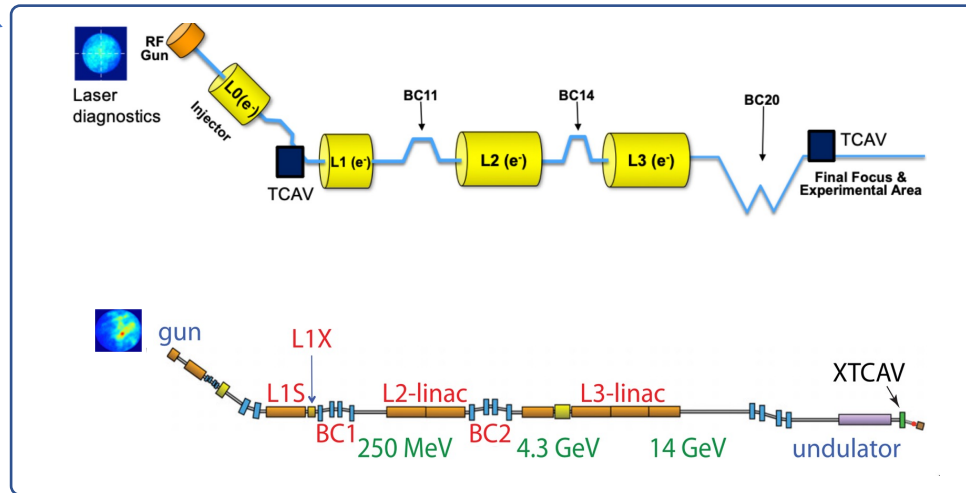
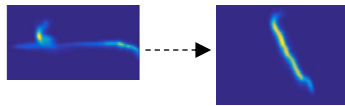


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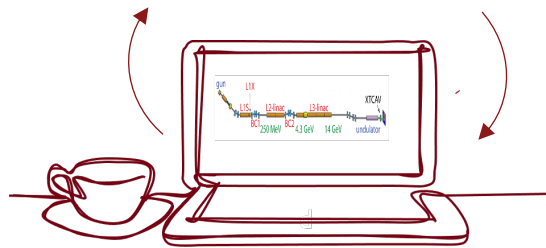
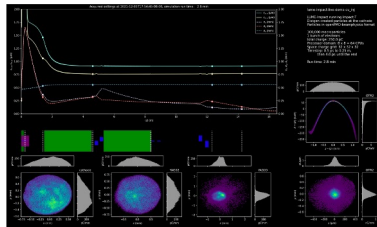
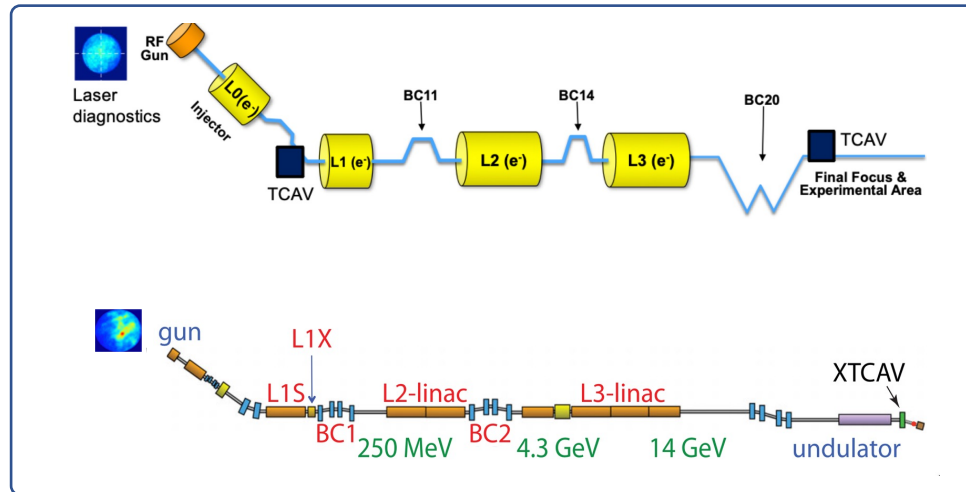
automated control  
+ optimization



*J. Duris  
et al.,  
PRL,  
2020*

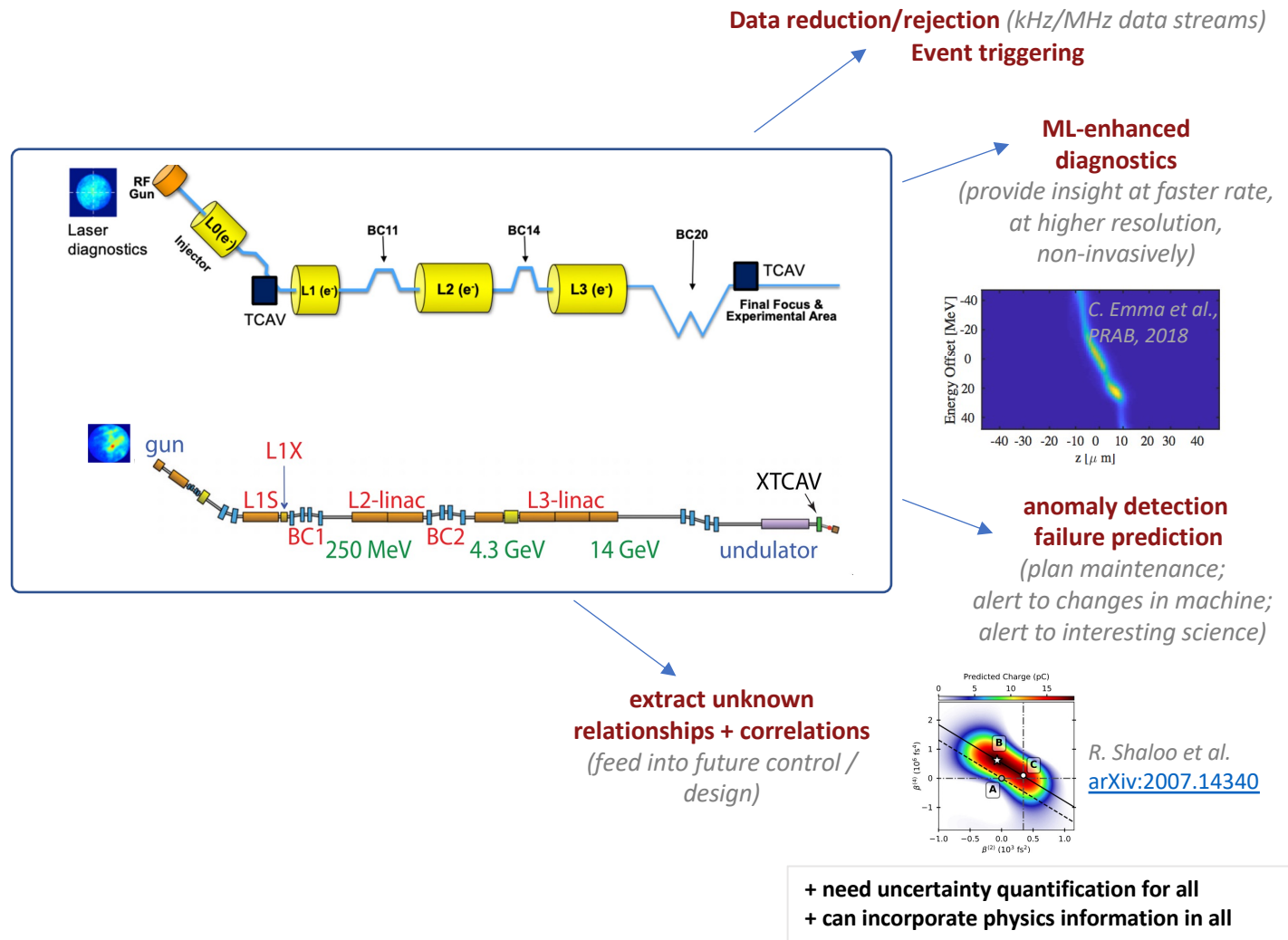






**digital twins + online modeling**

*(fast sims, differentiable sims, model calibration, model adaptation)*



## Who Are We?

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### Accelerator Physics Faculty



Ago Marinelli



Zhirong Huang



Emilio Nanni



Sami Tantawi

### Some of the staff scientists you will work with...



Auralee Edelen



Spencer Gessner



Mark Hogan



Brendan O'Shea



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

