

Coherent radiation from nonlinear plasma wakefields in the blowout regime

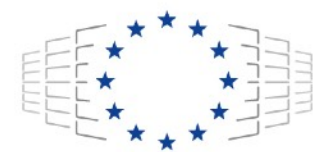
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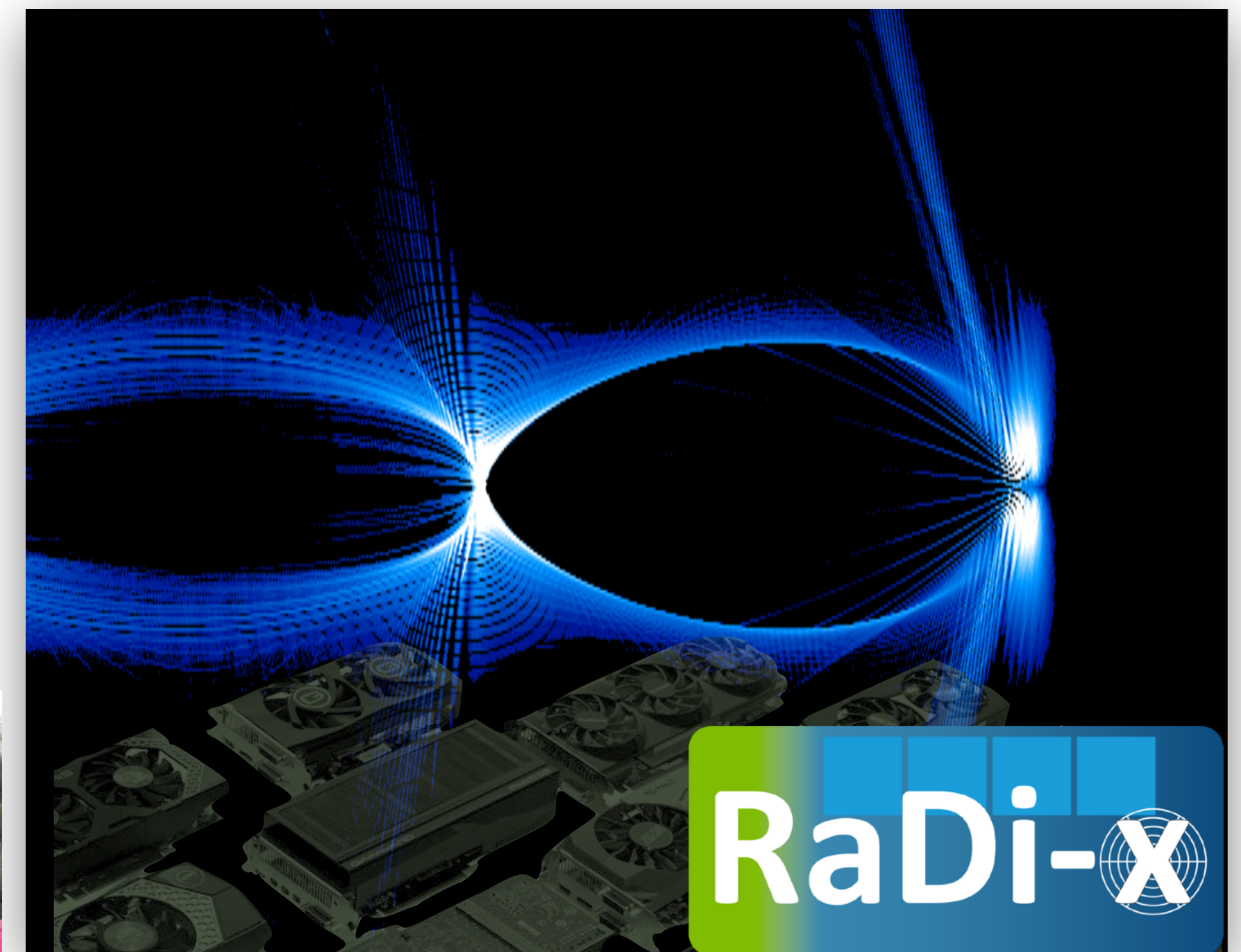
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RaDi-X

Accelerated with NVIDIA.

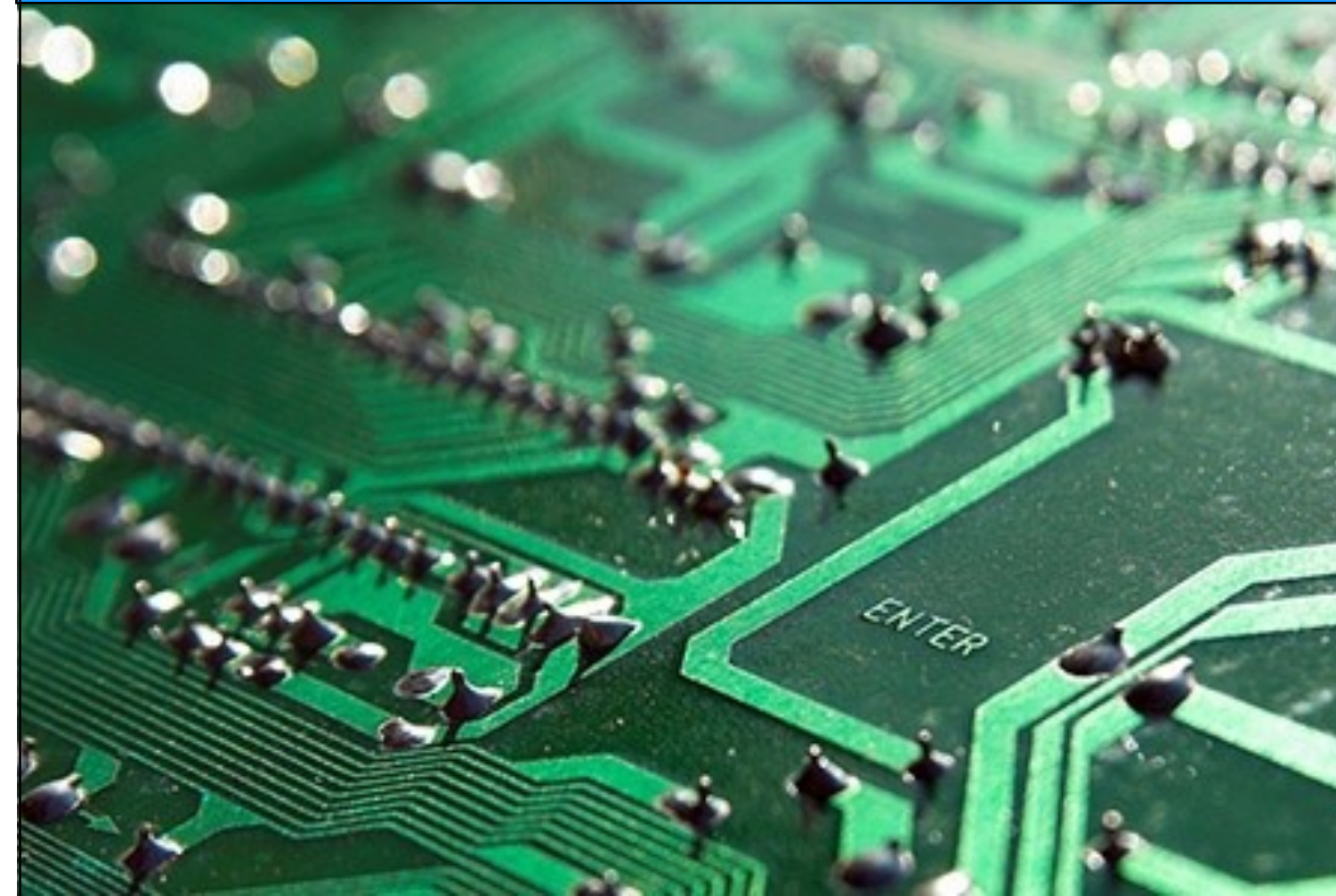
Why do we need light sources?

Harnessing sun's light



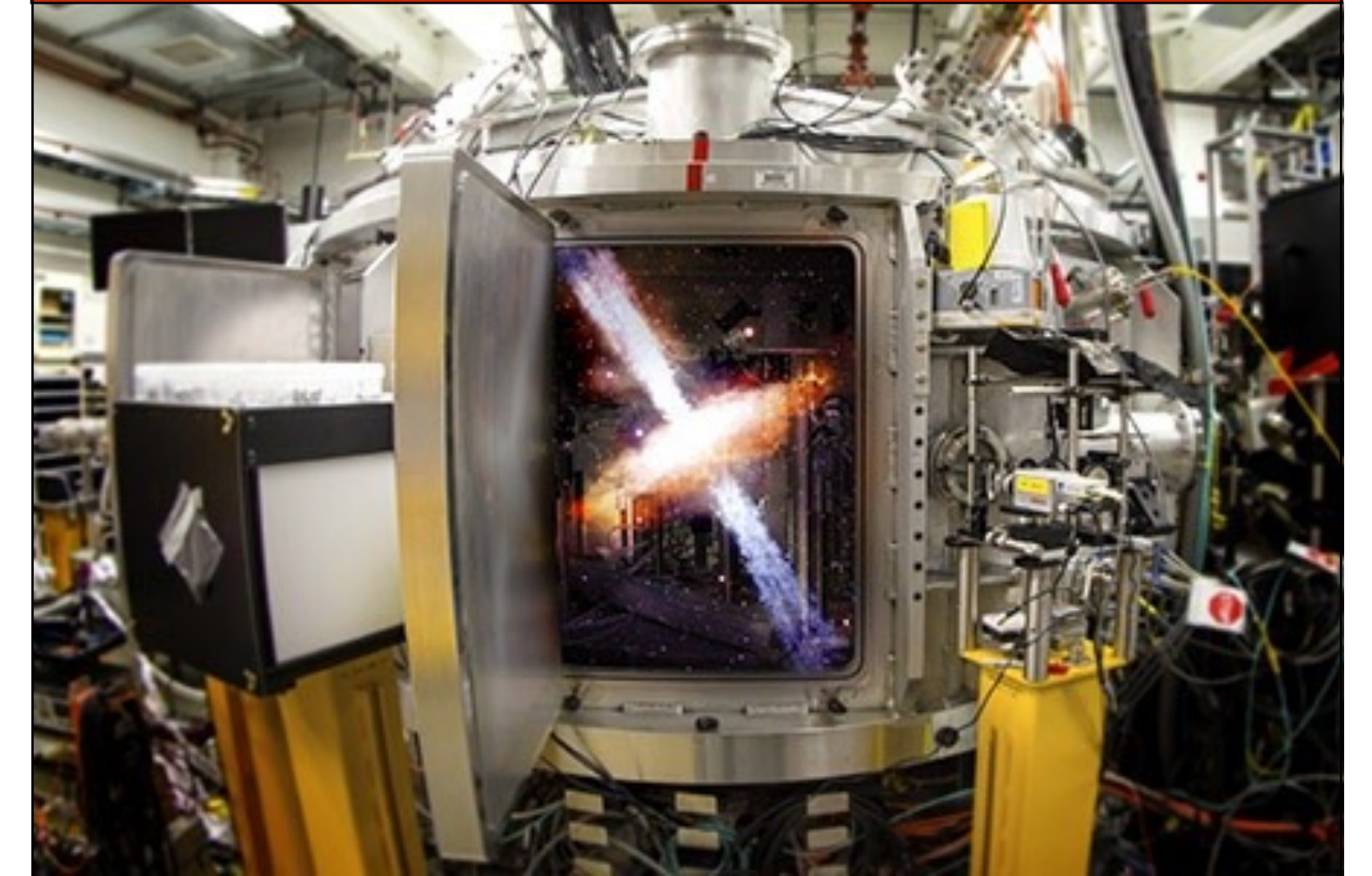
- Understand photo-synthesis
- Control chemical reactions

Future electronics



- Control magnetism and electronics
- Ultra-fast computers

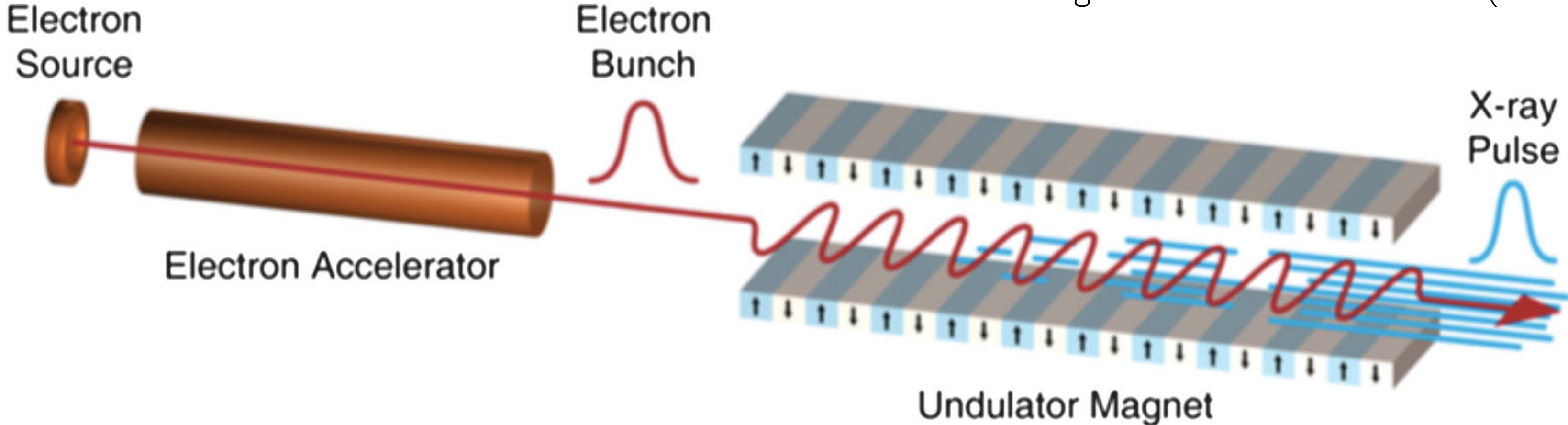
New materials and fusion



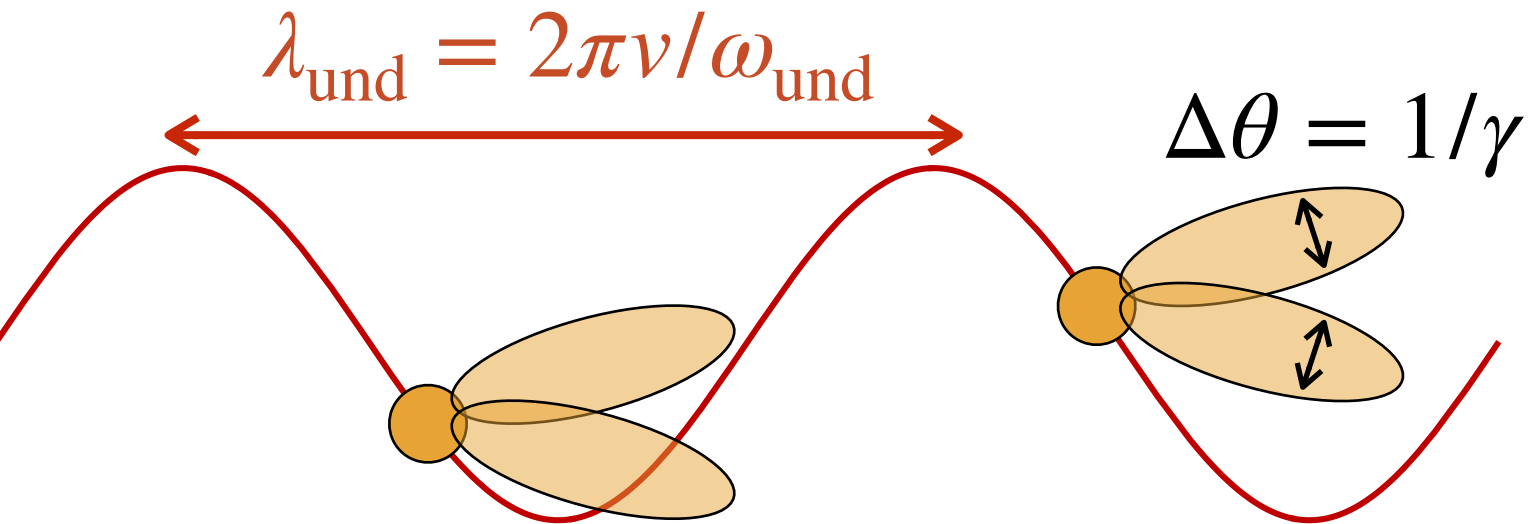
- Matter under extreme conditions
- Explore interior of stars

(superradiant) Free electron lasers are the brightest x-ray sources

Pellegrini et al. RMP **88** 015006 (2016).

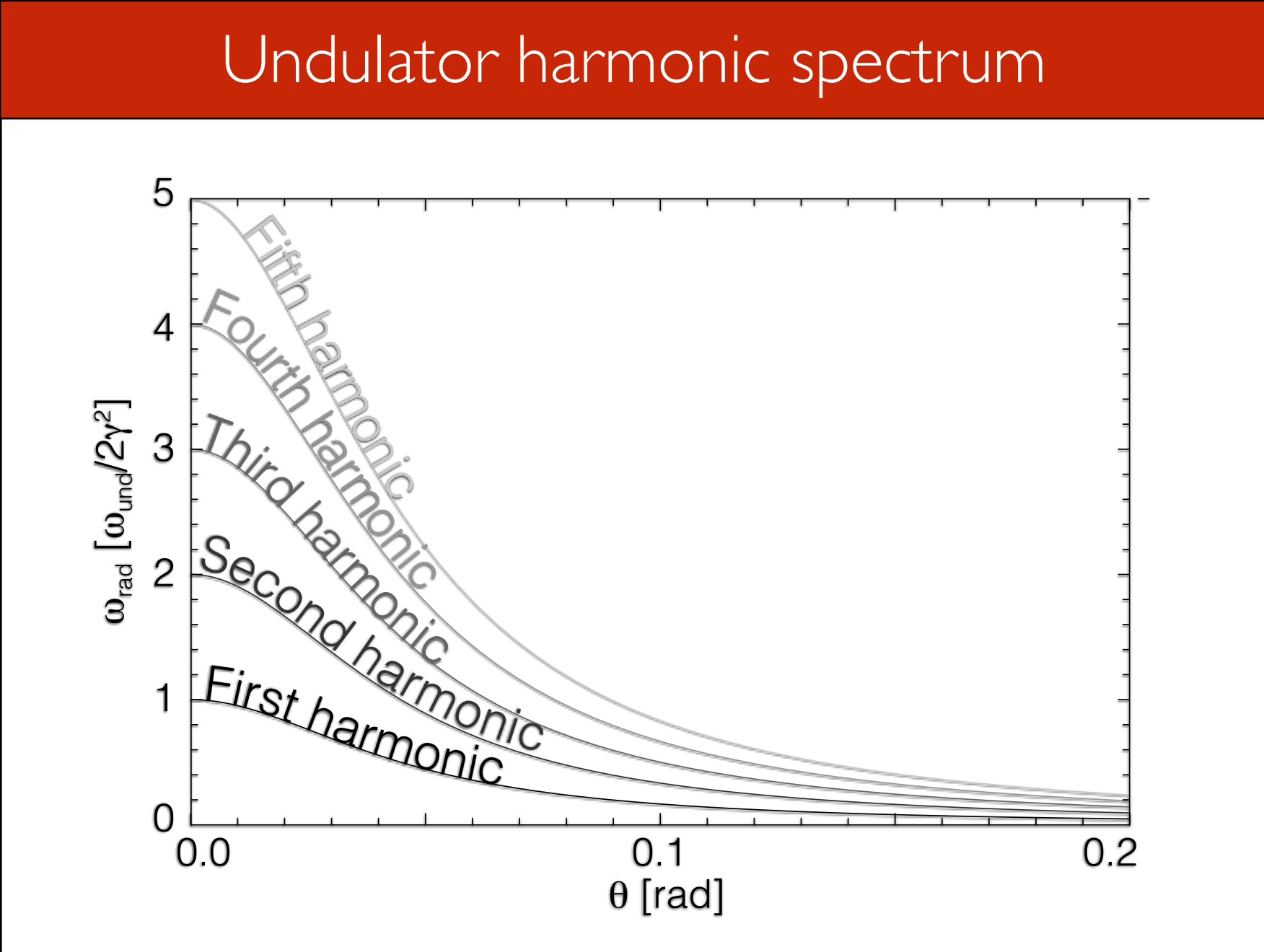


Basics



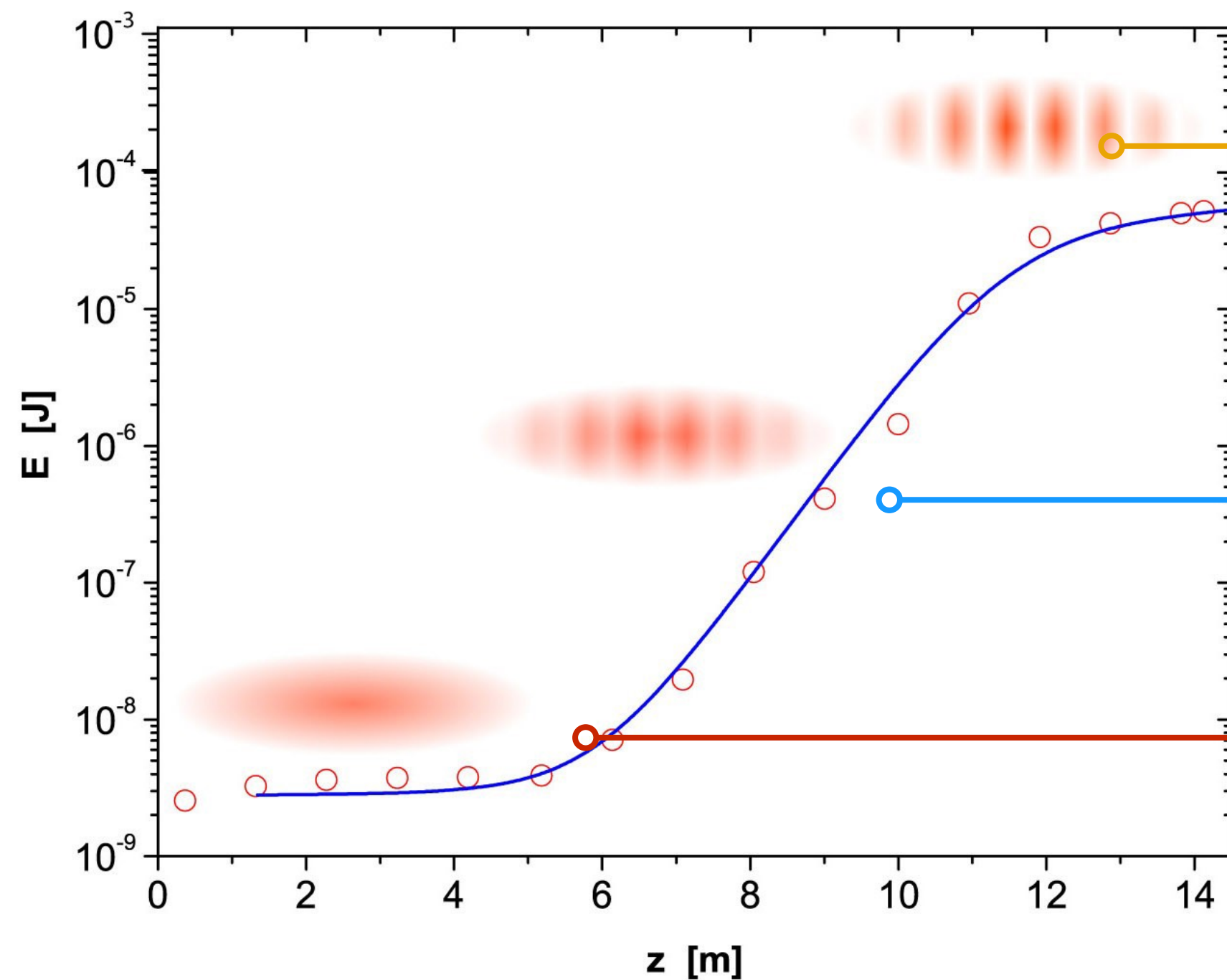
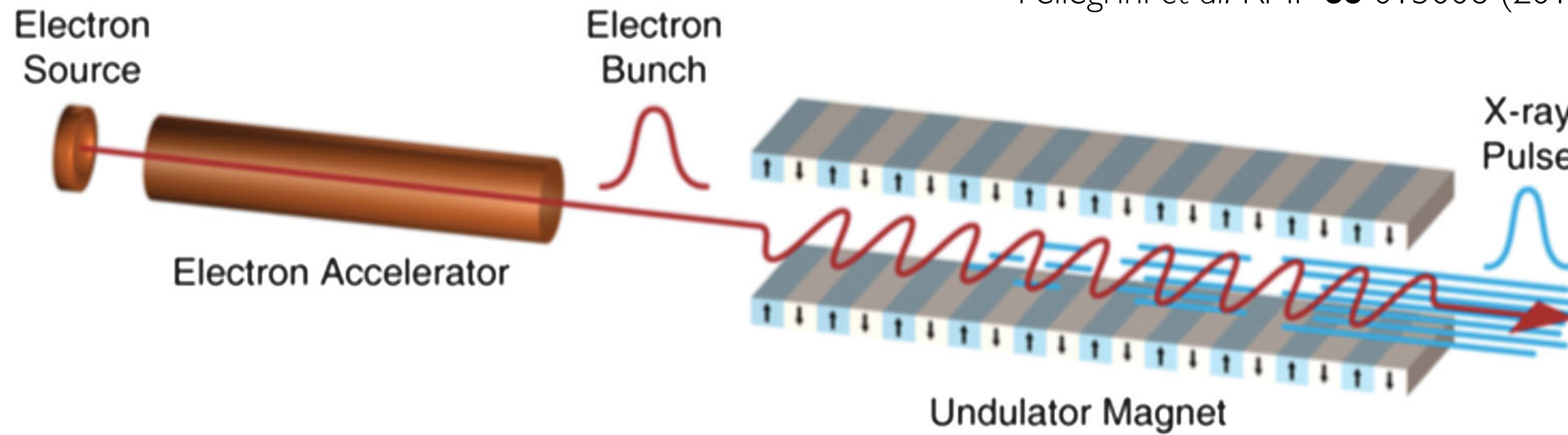
$$\lambda_{\text{und}} = 2\pi v / \omega_{\text{und}}$$

$$\Delta\theta = 1/\gamma$$

$$\omega_{\text{rad}} = \frac{n\omega_{\text{und}}}{1 - v/c \cos \theta} \xrightarrow{\theta=0} \omega_{\text{rad}} = 2n\gamma^2 \omega_{\text{und}}$$


Superradiance: what is it and how it works?

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Electrons in each micro bunch radiate in phase

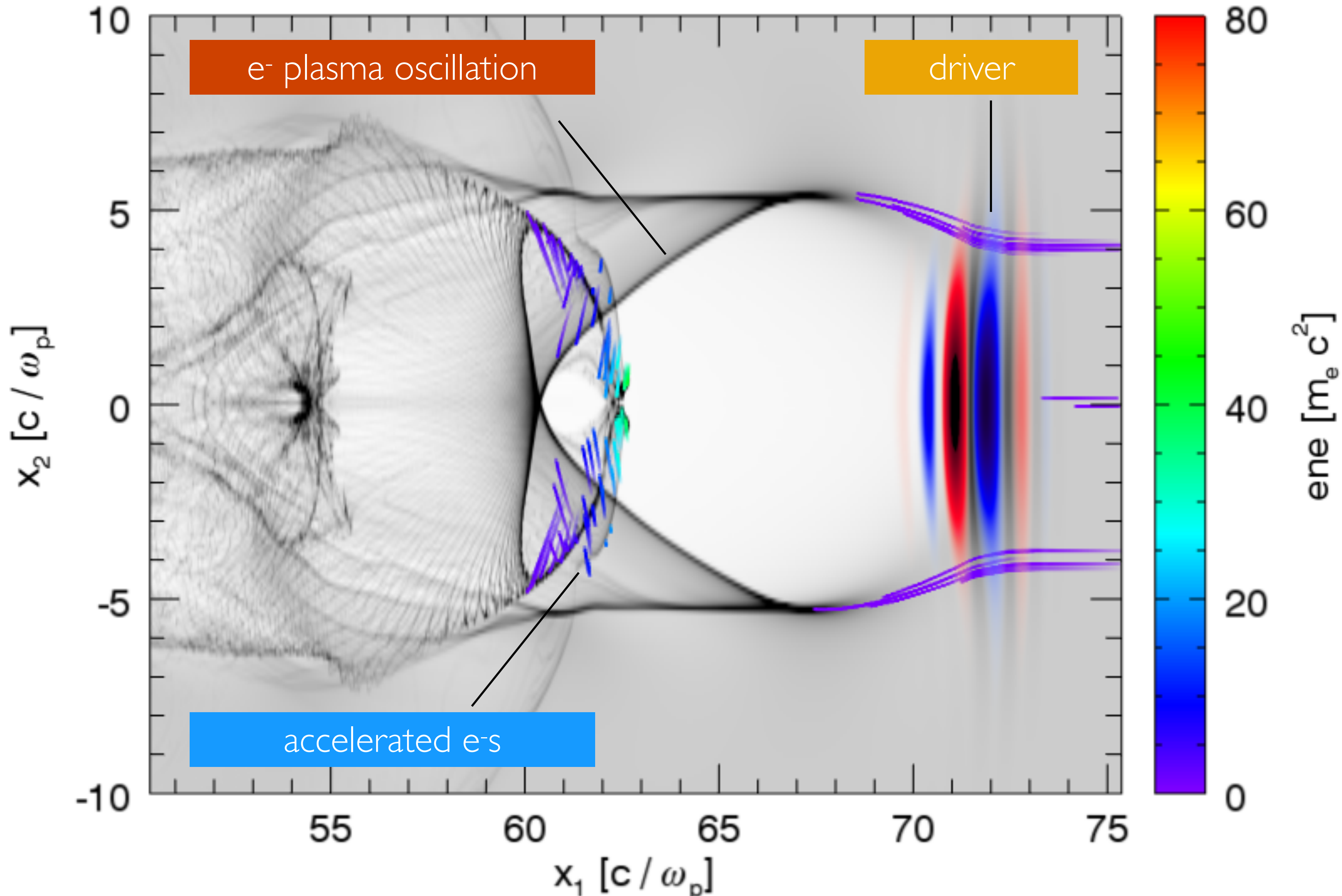
coherent
 $I \propto N^2$

Start micro-bunching at radiation wavelength

N electrons radiate out of phase

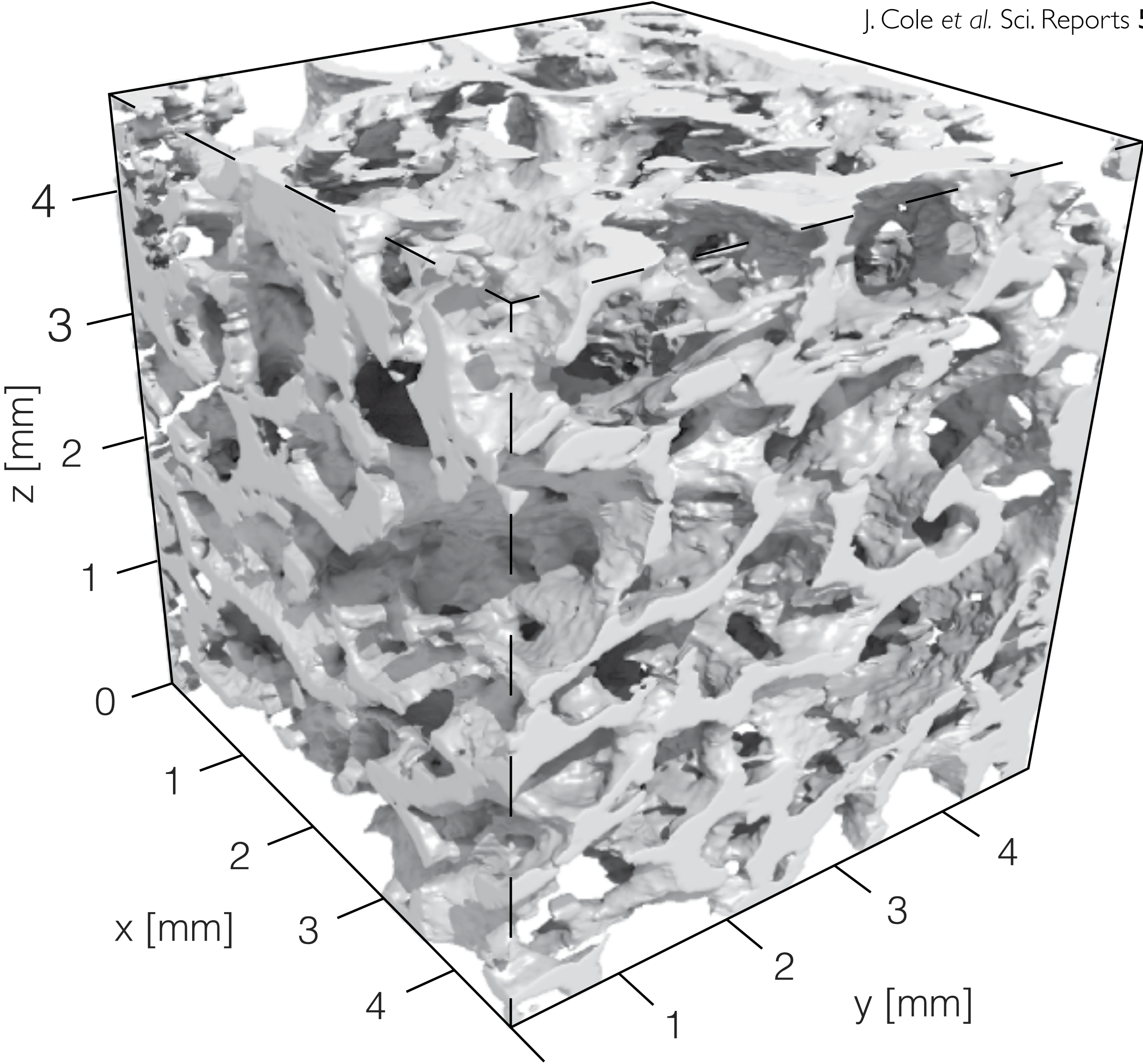
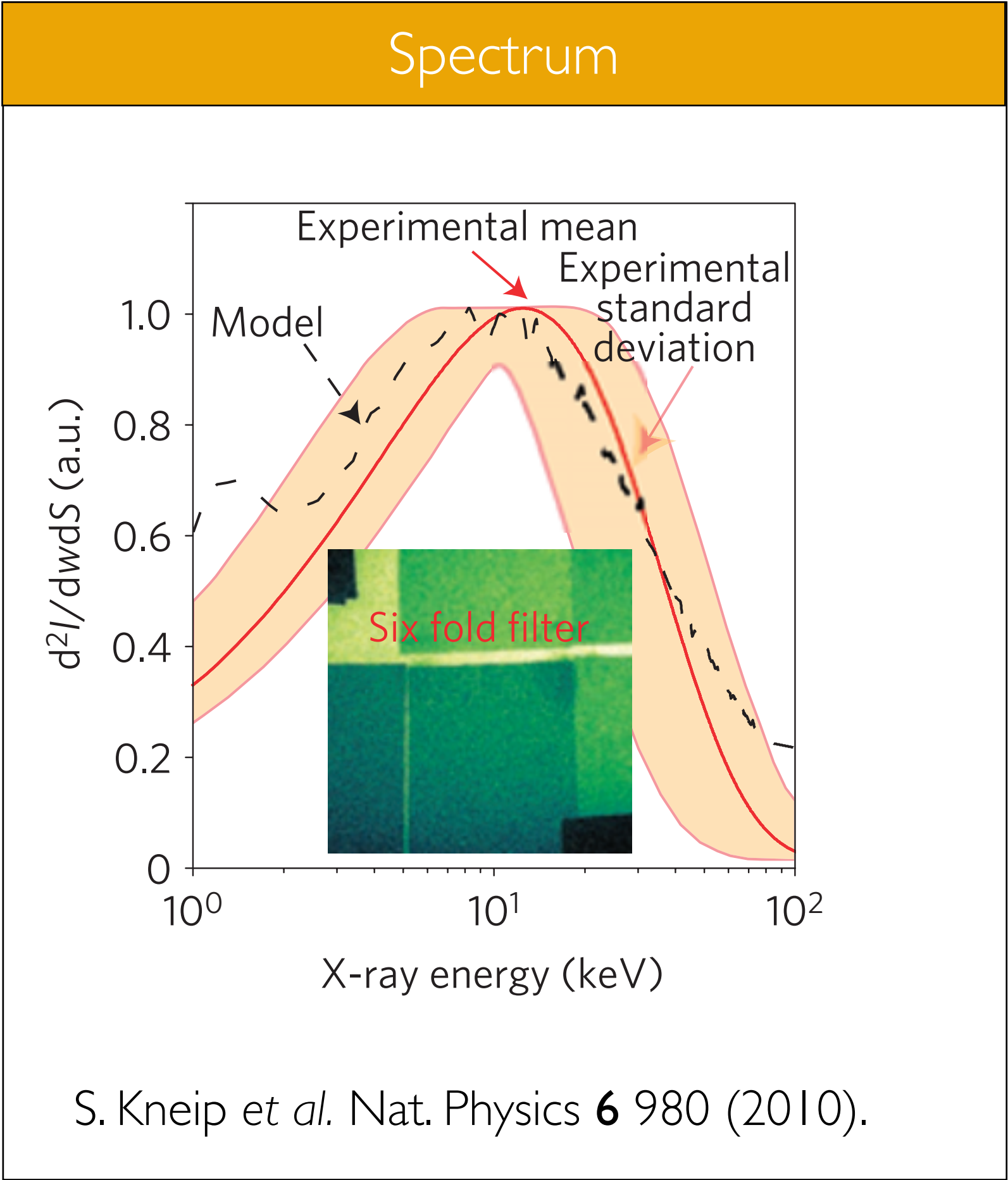
incoherent
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What is a plasma accelerator?

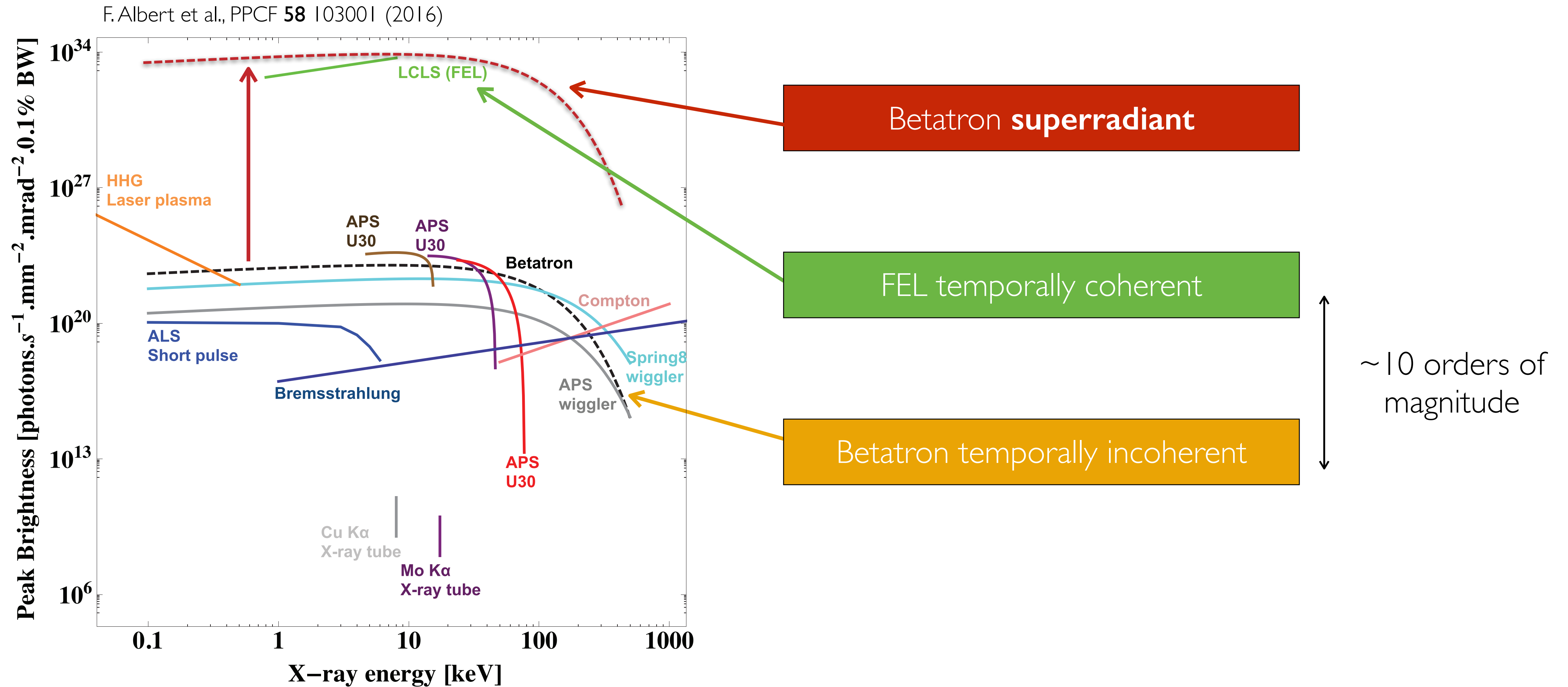


Tomographic reconstruction of a bone sample

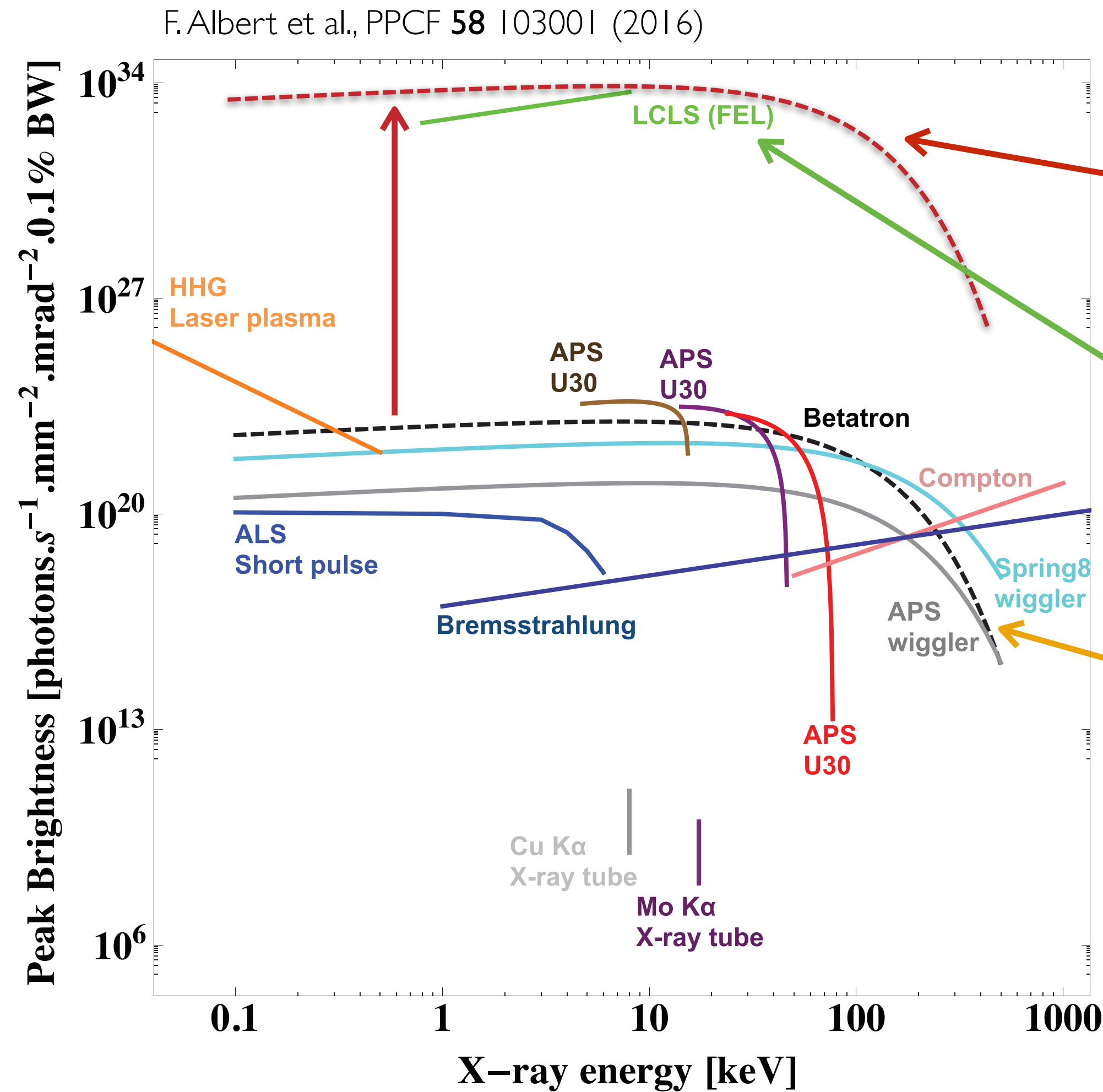
J. Cole et al. Sci. Reports 5 132244 (2015).



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OSIRIS open source available

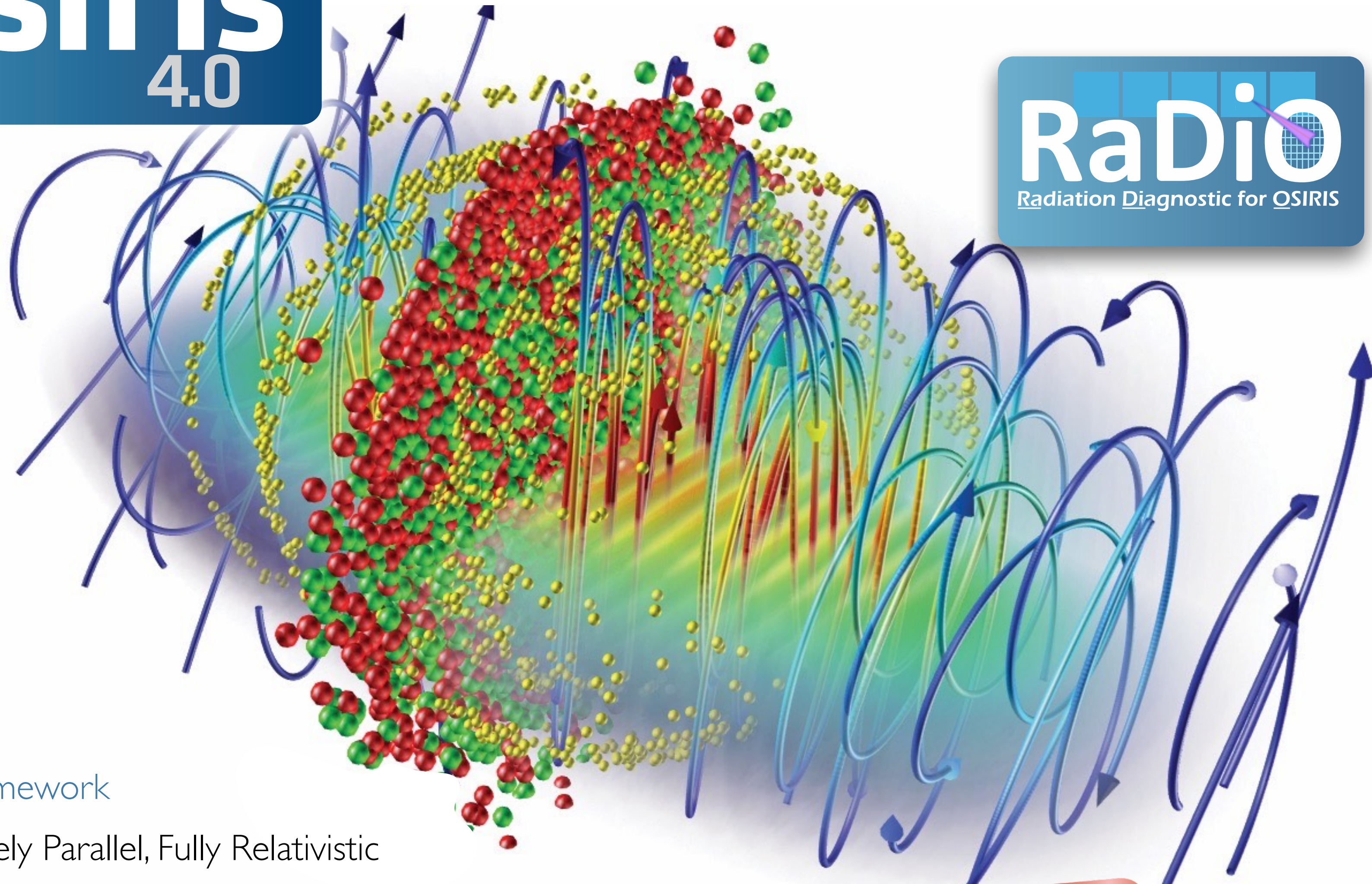
Open-source model

- 40+ research groups worldwide are using OSIRIS
- 300+ publications in leading scientific journals
- Large developer and user community
- Detailed documentation and sample inputs files available

Using OSIRIS 4.0

- The code can be used freely by research institutions
- Find out more at:

<https://osiris-code.github.io/epp.tecnico.ulisboa.pt/osiris>



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OSIRIS framework

- Massively Parallel, Fully Relativistic Particle-in-Cell Code
- Parallel scalability to 2 M cores
- Explicit SSE / AVX / QPX / Xeon Phi / CUDA support
- Extended physics/simulation models - **RaDiO**

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PIC Codes and Liénard-Wiechert Fields

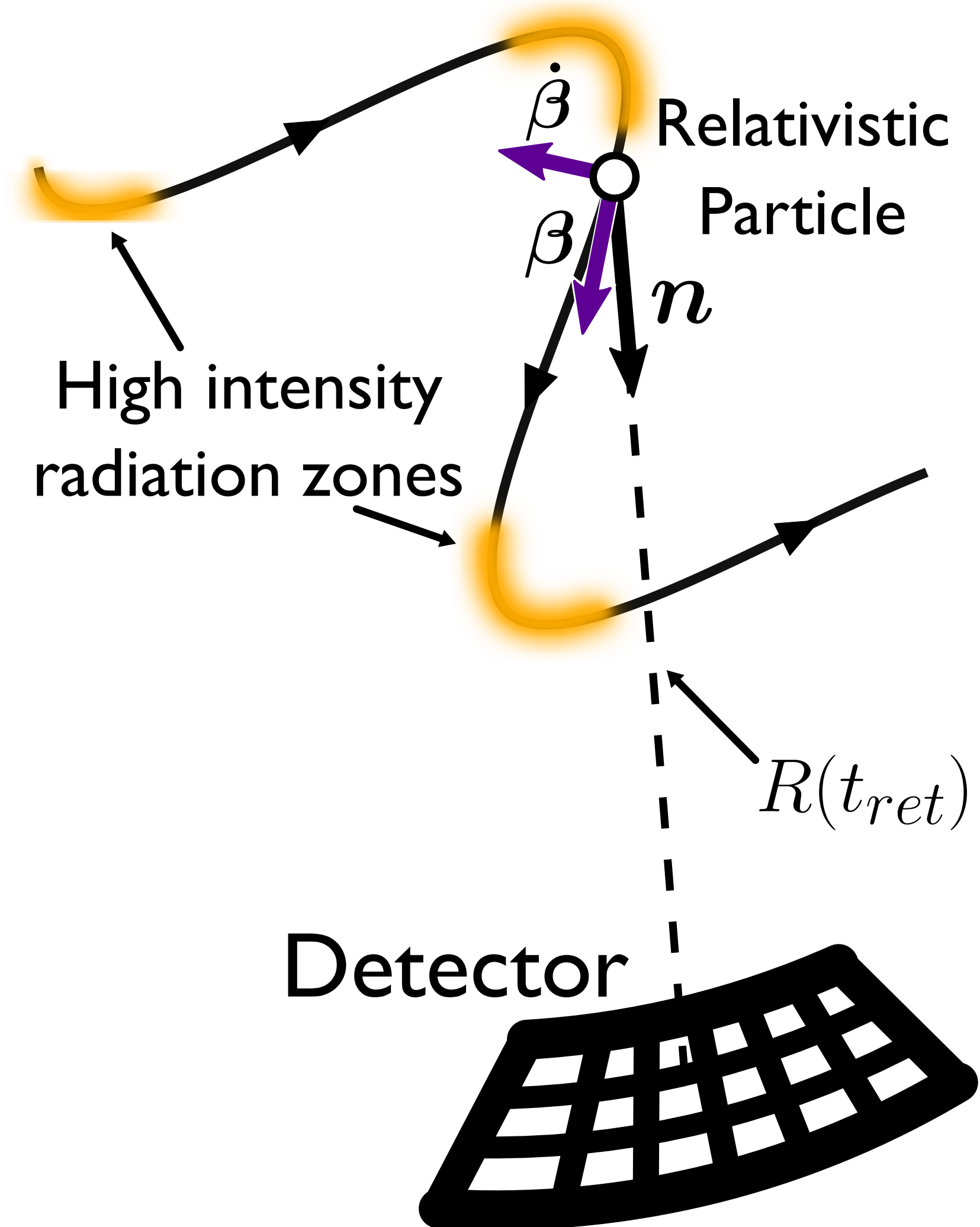
Particles exist in a **grid** which intermediates **EM interactions**.

The PIC grid resolves the particle's motion, **but** relativistic particles ($\gamma > 100$) **emit short wavelengths**

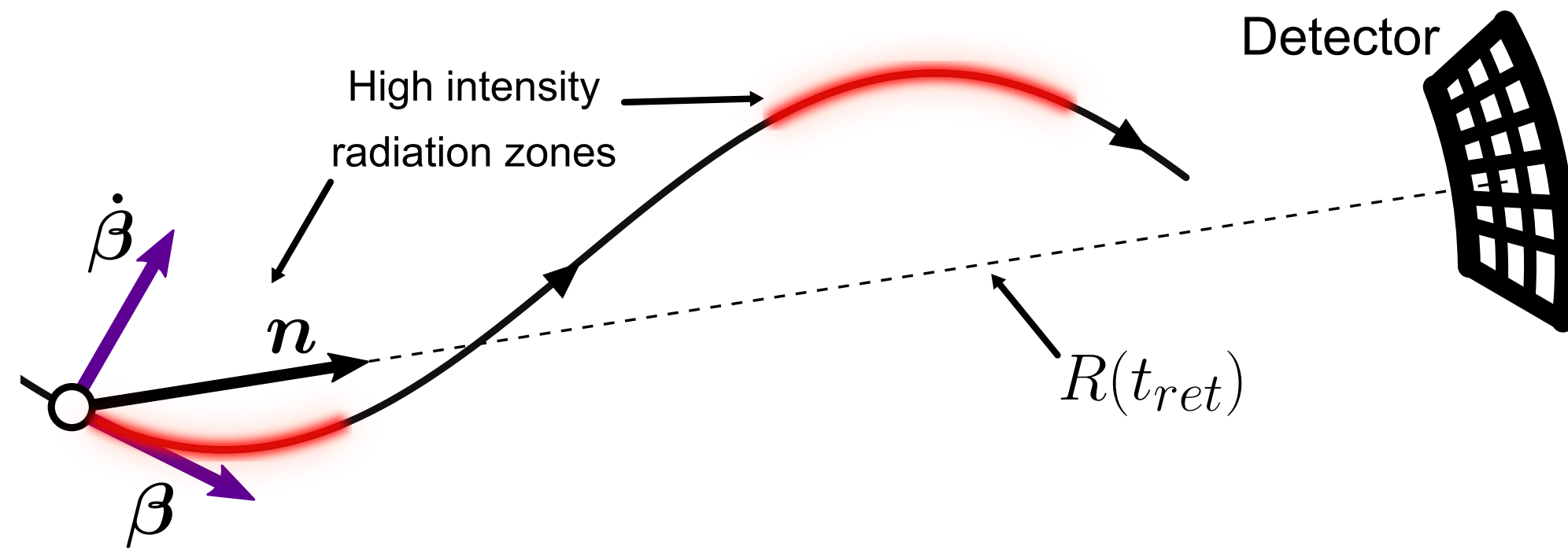
Resolving such wavelengths in the PIC grid would require $\sim \gamma^2$ **more cells**

The Liénard-Wiechert Potentials **allow us** to capture radiation **without increasing** the PIC resolution

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t_{det}) = \frac{q_e}{c} \left[\frac{\mathbf{n} \times [(\mathbf{n} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n})^3 R} \right]_{ret}$$

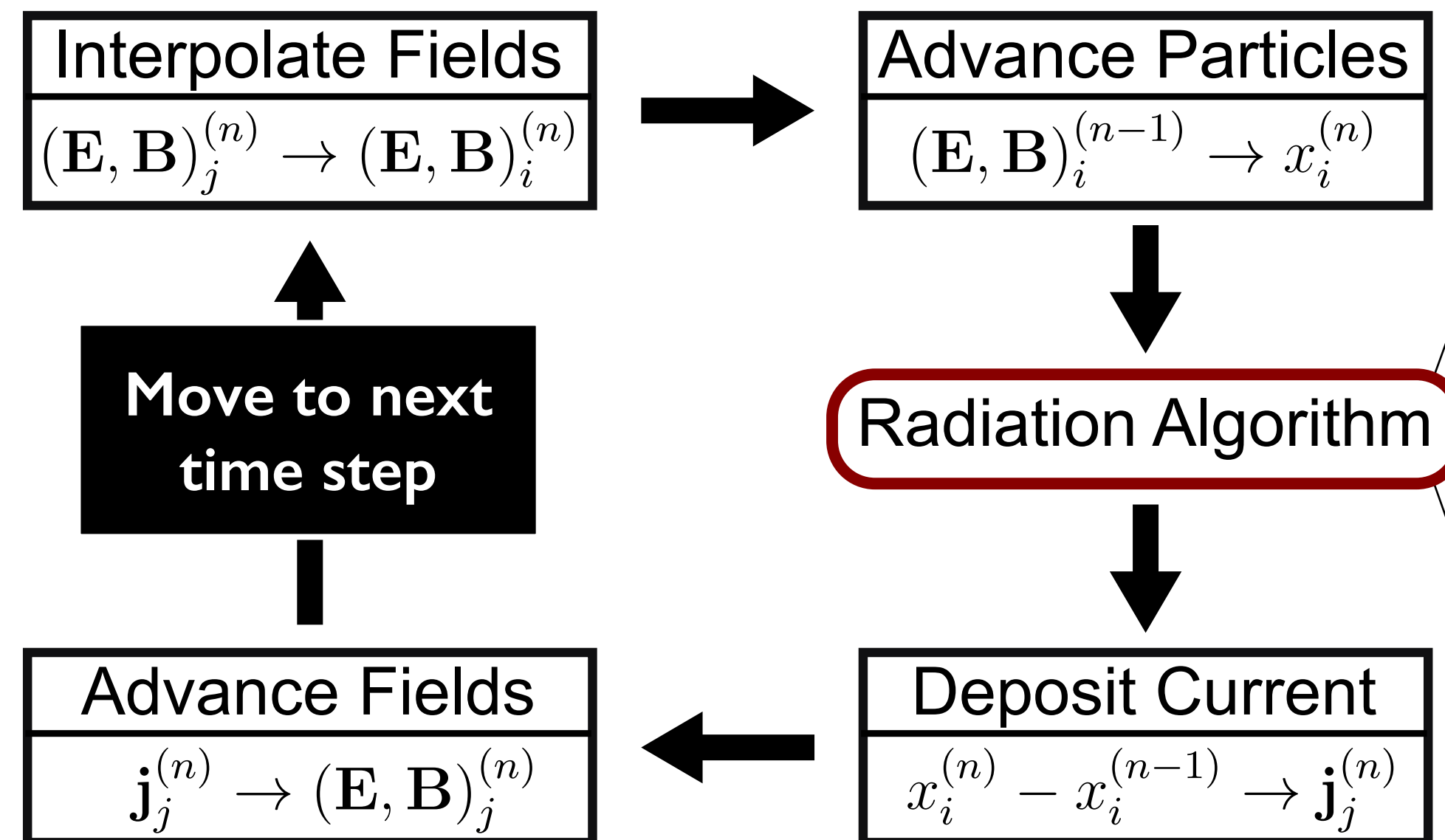


Spatiotemporal, Run-Time Algorithm



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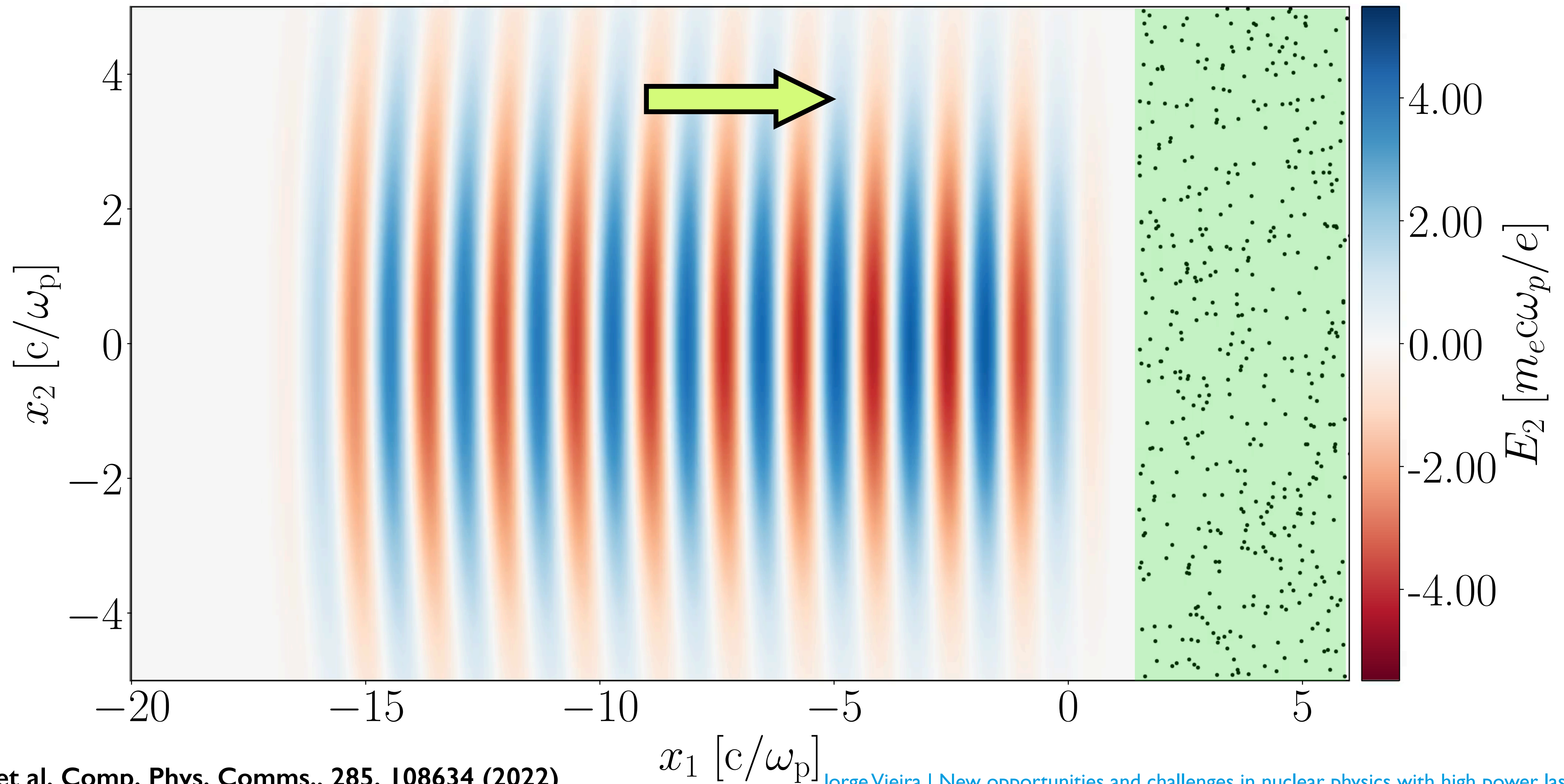
Increasing the temporal resolution does not affect the computational load



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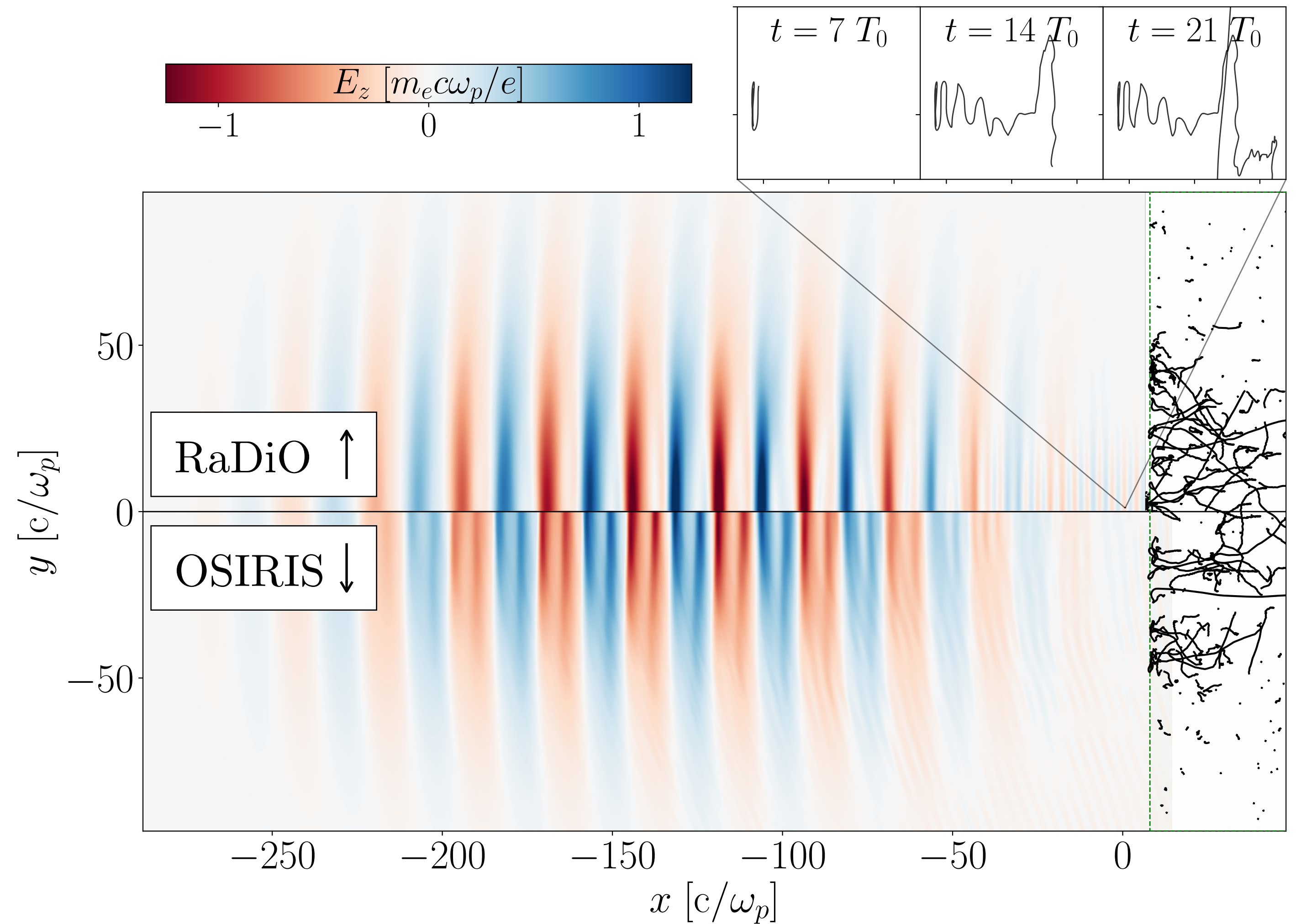
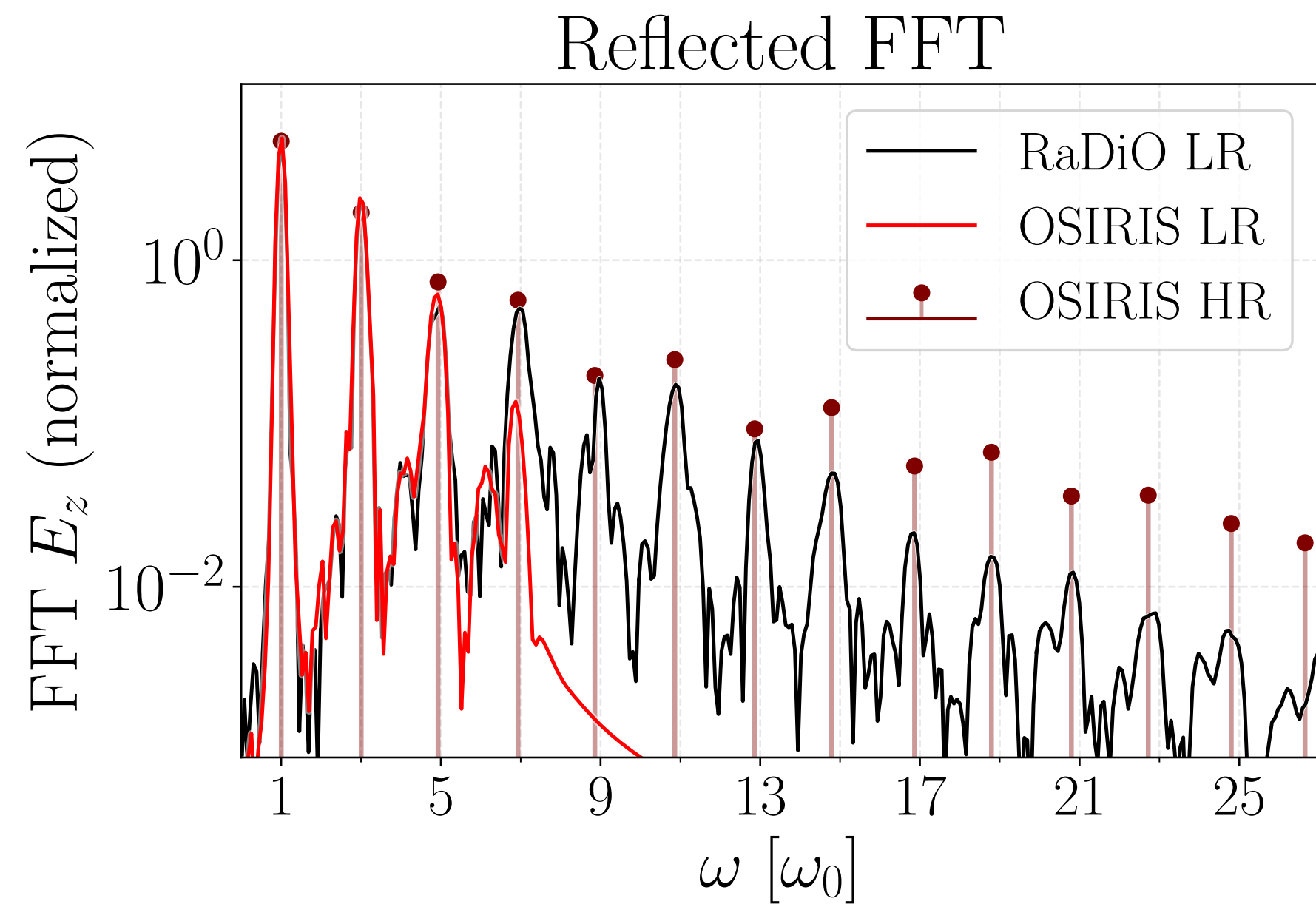
1: procedure RADIATIONCALCULATOR
2:   for all particle in simulation do
3:      $\boldsymbol{\beta} \leftarrow \text{velocity}(\text{particle}) = \mathbf{p} / \sqrt{|\mathbf{p}|^2 + 1}$ 
4:      $\dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \leftarrow \text{acceleration}(\text{particle}) = (\boldsymbol{\beta} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_{prev}) / dt$ 
5:     for all cell in detector do
6:        $R \leftarrow \text{distance}(\text{particle}, \text{cell}) = |\mathbf{x}_{part} - \mathbf{x}_{cell}|$ 
7:        $\mathbf{n} \leftarrow \text{direction}(\text{particle}, \text{cell}) = (\mathbf{x}_{part} - \mathbf{x}_{cell}) / R$ 
8:        $t_{det} \leftarrow R/c + t$ 
9:        $t_{det,prev} \leftarrow R_{prev}/c + t - dt$ 
10:      if  $t_{det,prev} < t_{det} < t_{det,max}$  then
11:        RADIATIONINTERPOLATOR( $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{n}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$ ,  $t_{det}$ ,  $t_{det,prev}$ )
    
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HHG Radiation from a Plasma Mirror

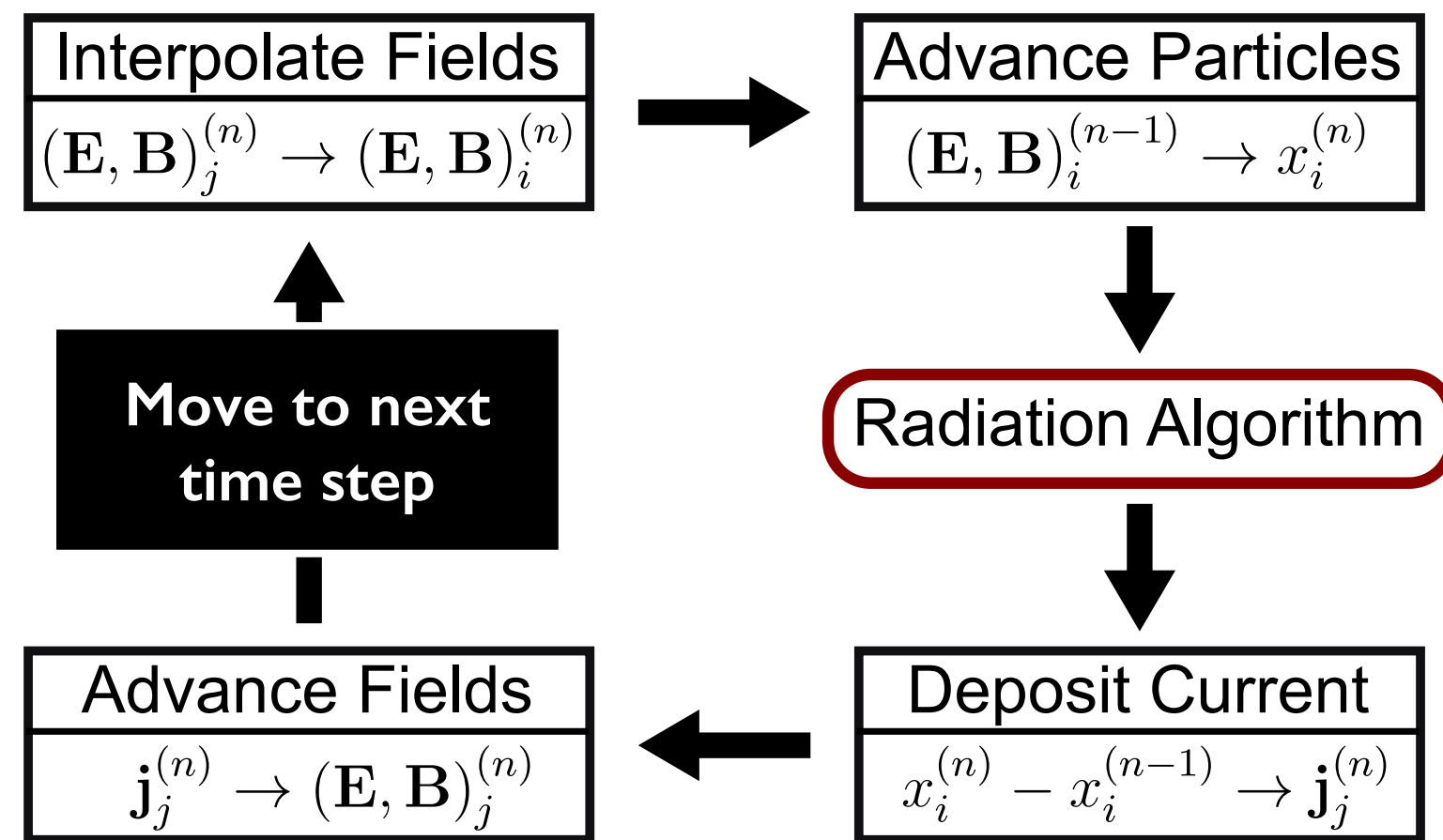


HHG Radiation from a Plasma Mirror

- ▶ **Radiation** from $> 10^6$ plasma **particles**;
- ▶ Time resolution $> 5 \times$ **PIC resolution**;
- ▶ Much **more harmonics** in the spectrum;

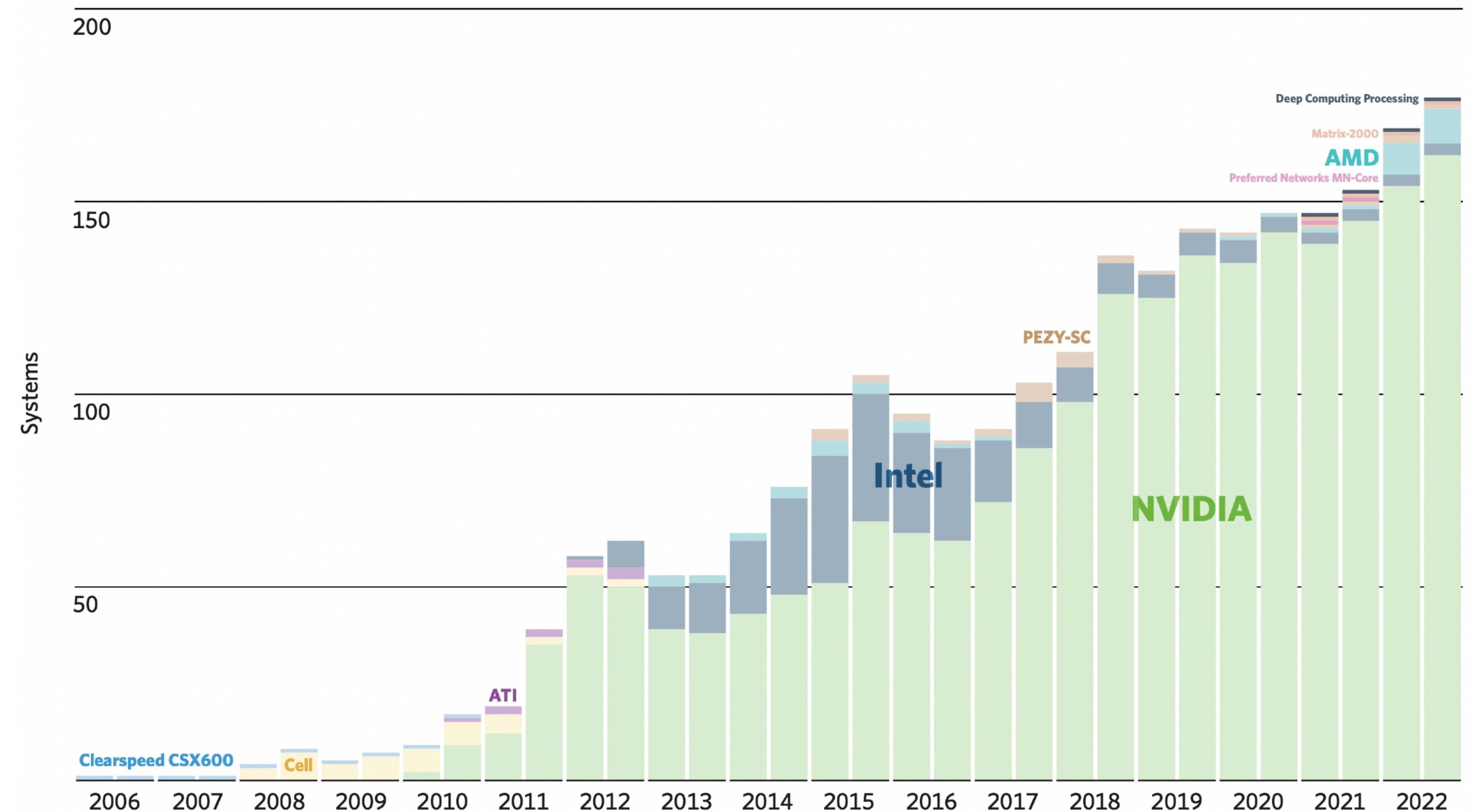


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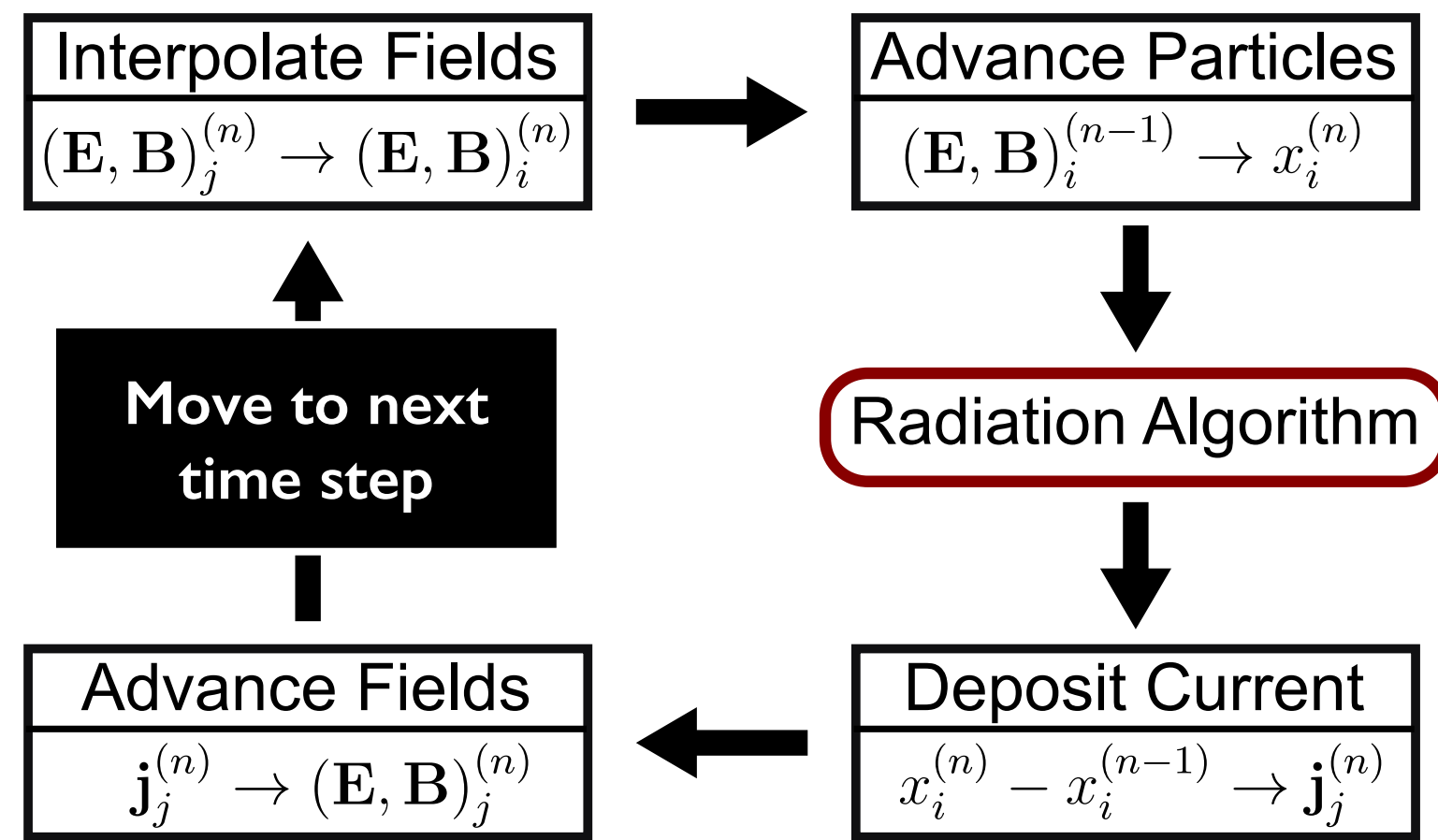
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ACCELERATORS/CO-PROCESSORS



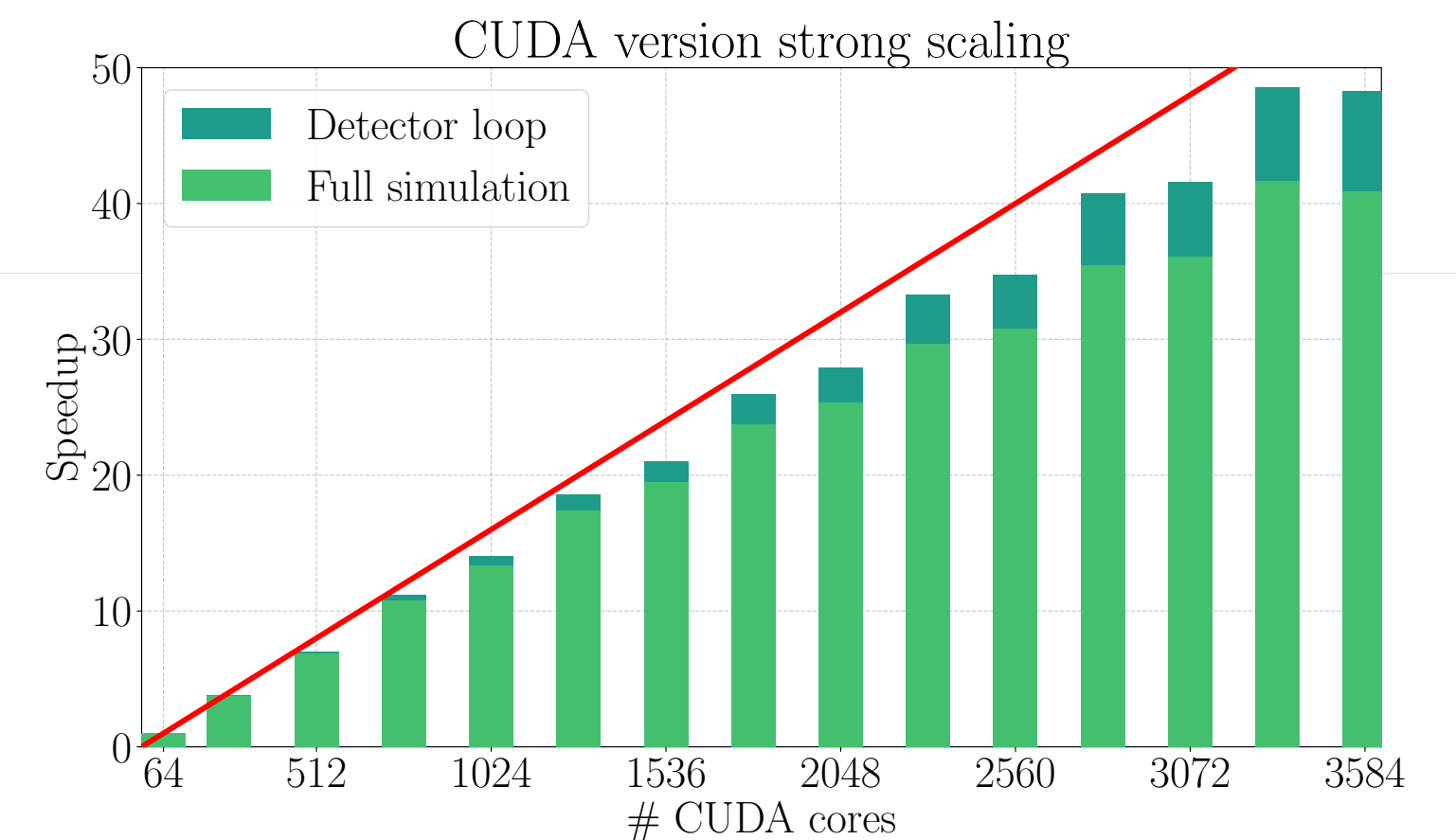
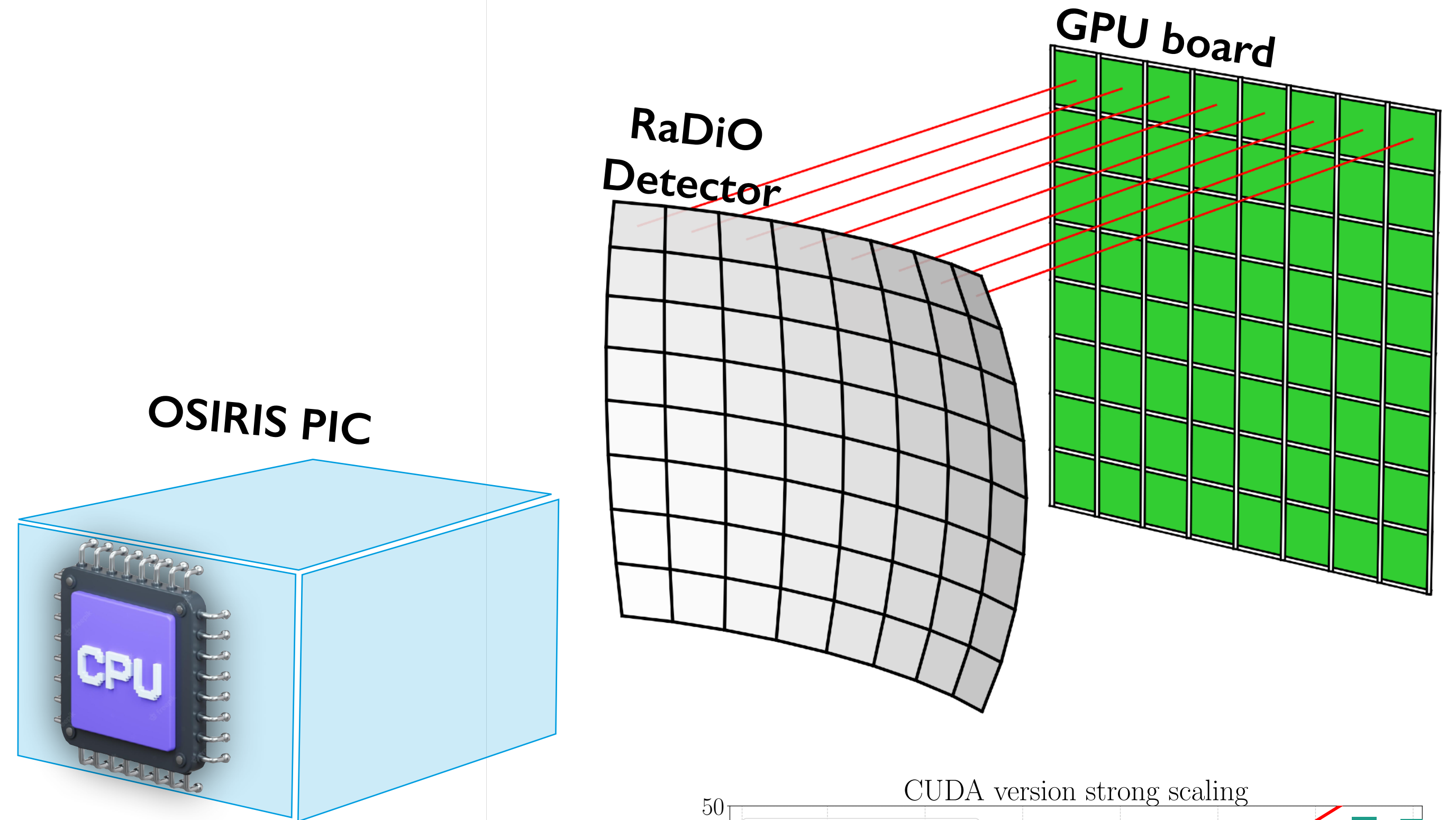
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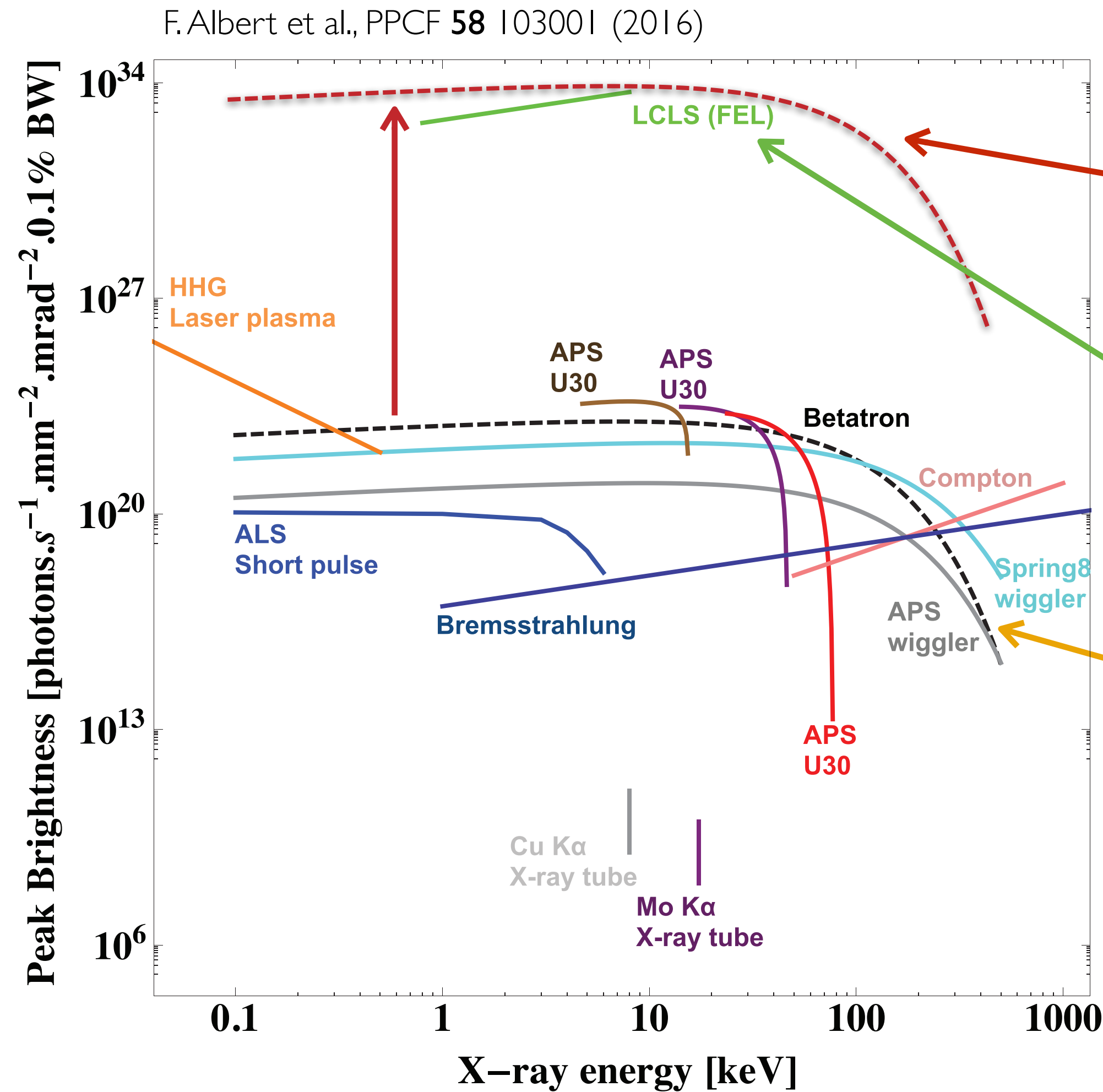


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500x faster than serial



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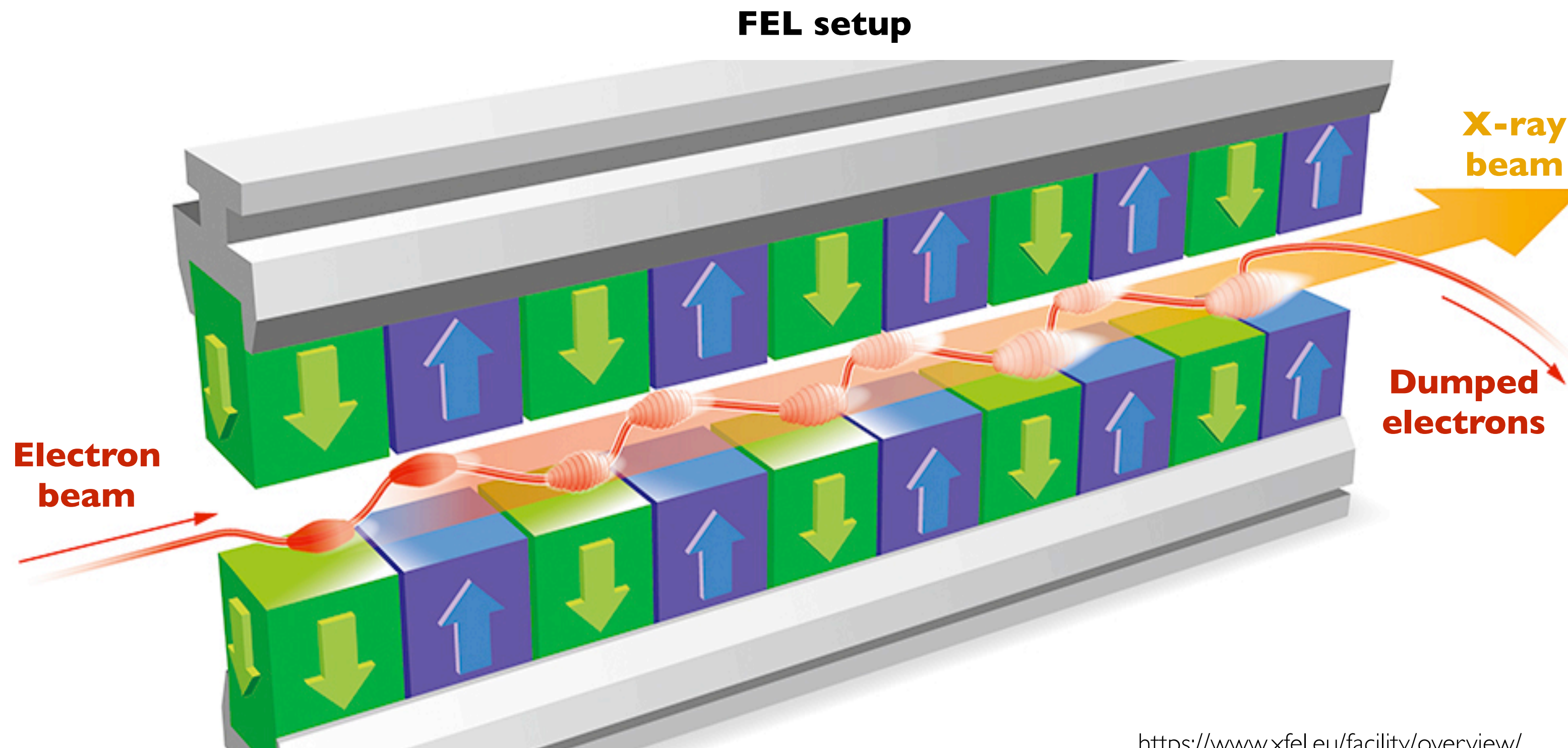
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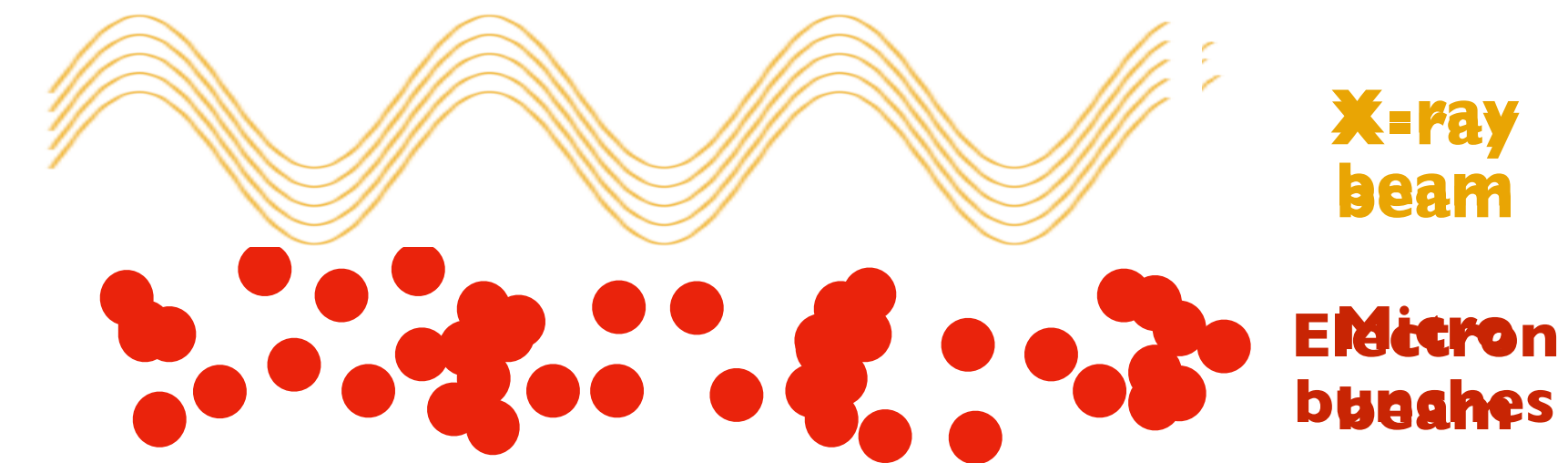
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Collective motions explain the high brightness in an free electron laser (FEL)



<https://www.xfel.eu/facility/overview/>

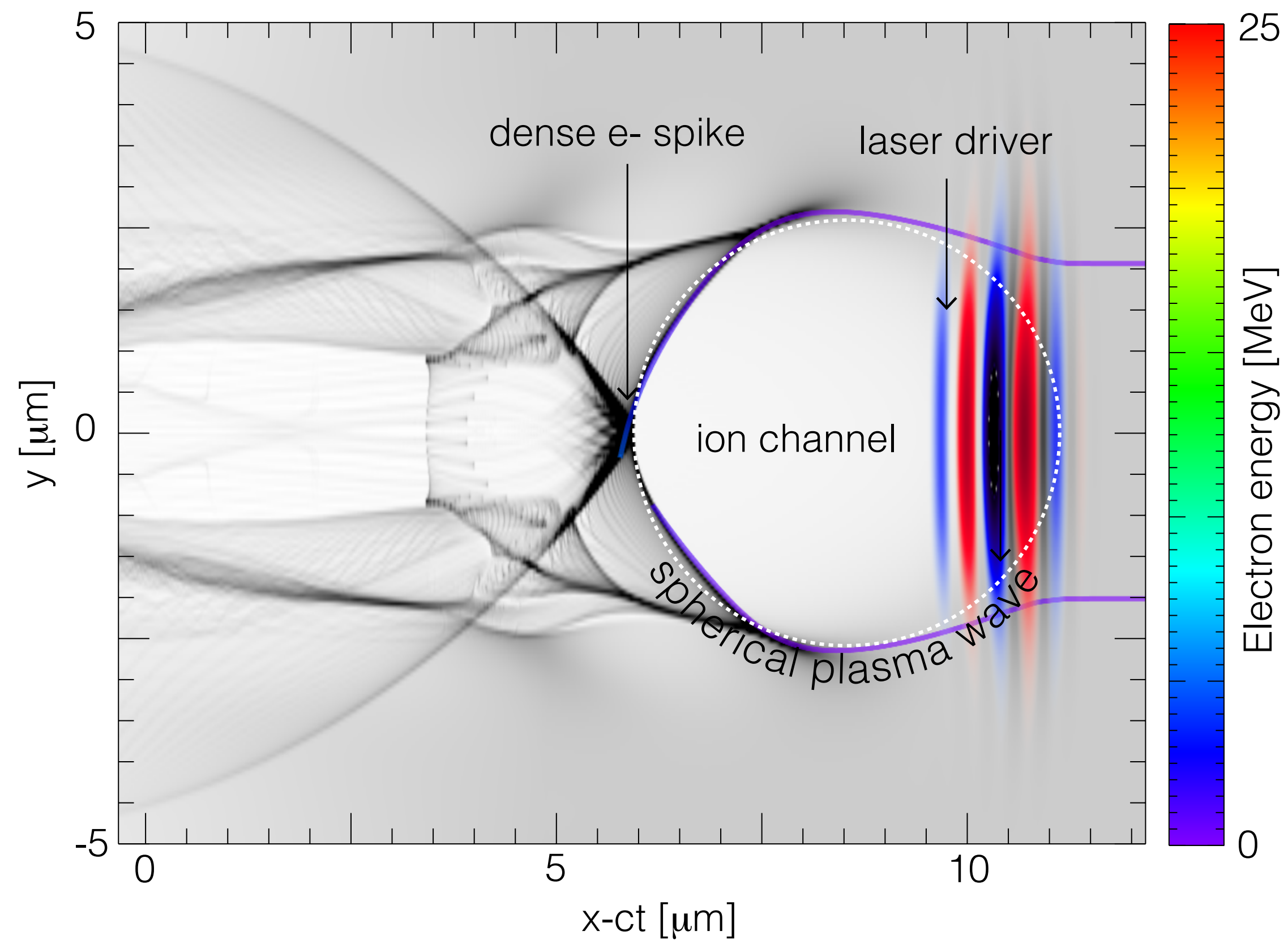


In the FEL every microbunch emits like a single finite-sized particle

The collective trajectory and single particle trajectory are the same

But there are other light-emitting systems where these trajectories are **completely decoupled**

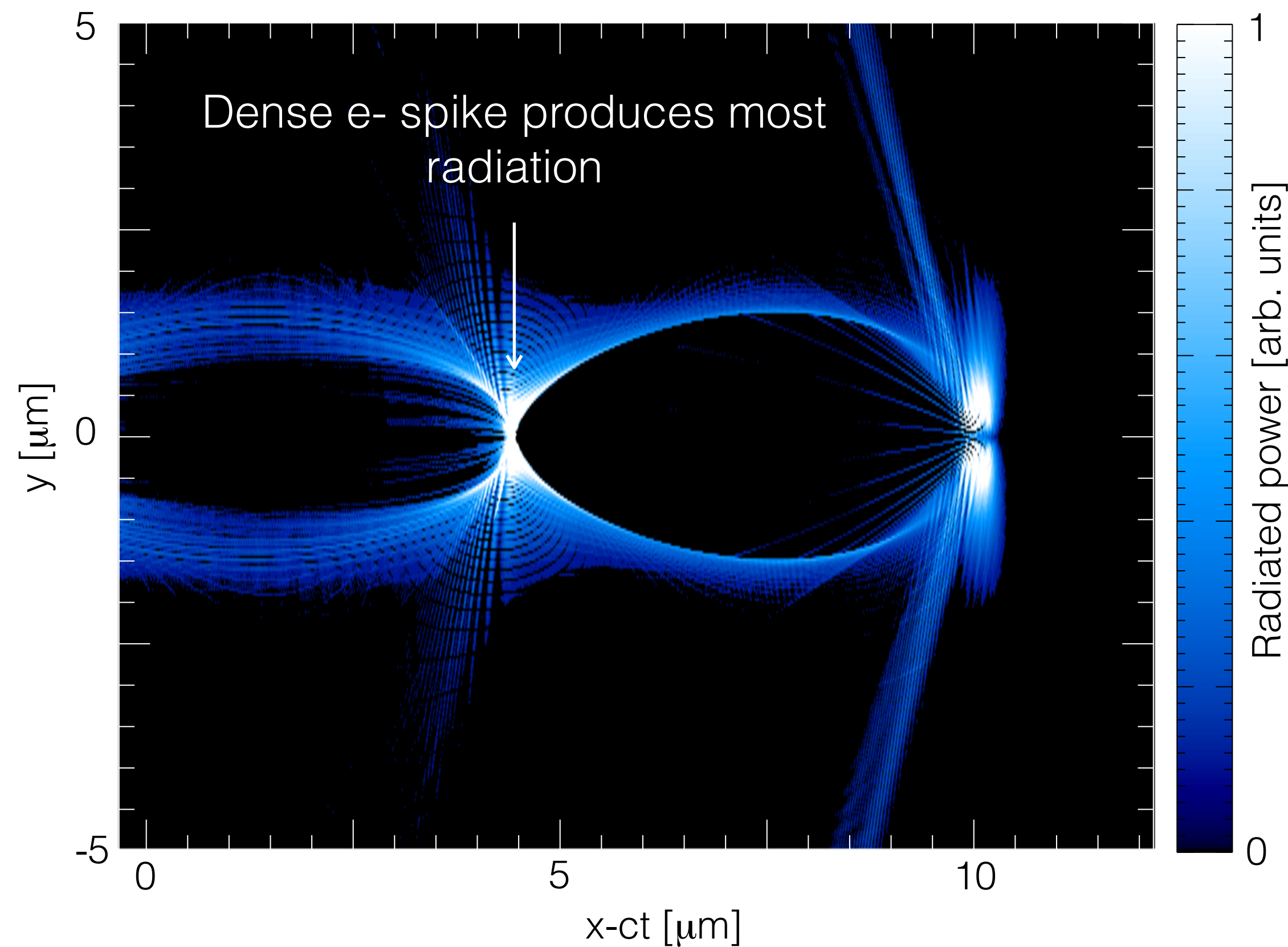
Nonlinear plasma wakefields



Single e- and wake trajectories are decoupled

- Wakefield moves **forward in x** at the driver velocity
- Plasma electrons travel **sideways** and **forward/backward** and **radiate!**

Nonlinear plasma wakefields radiate

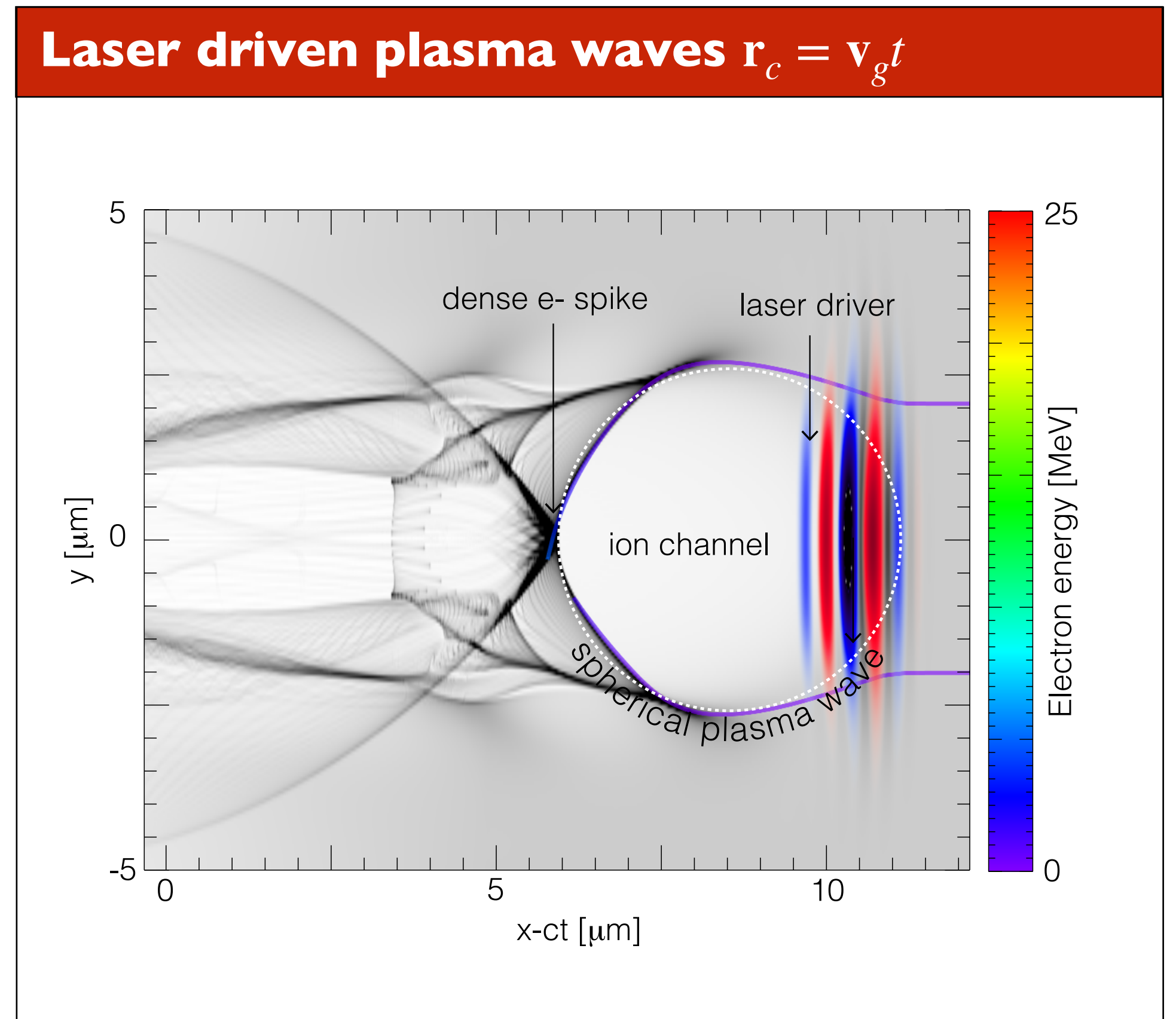


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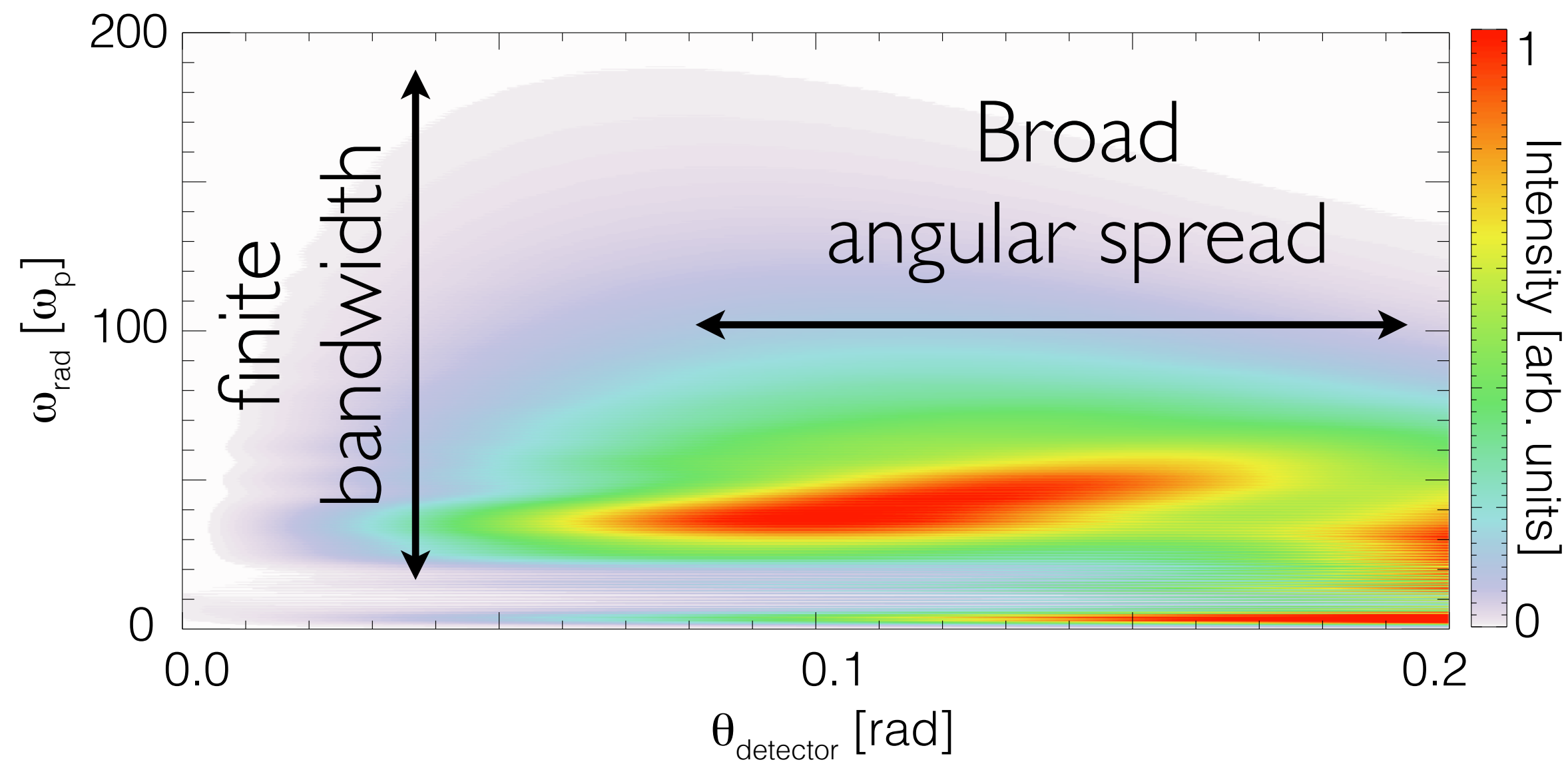
What are the new radiation phenomena emerging from collective effects?

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{\omega^2}{4\pi^2 c^3} \left| \int d\mathbf{r} dt \mathbf{n} \times \{ \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{j}[\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_c(t)] \} e^{i\omega[t - \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r}/c]} \right|^2$$



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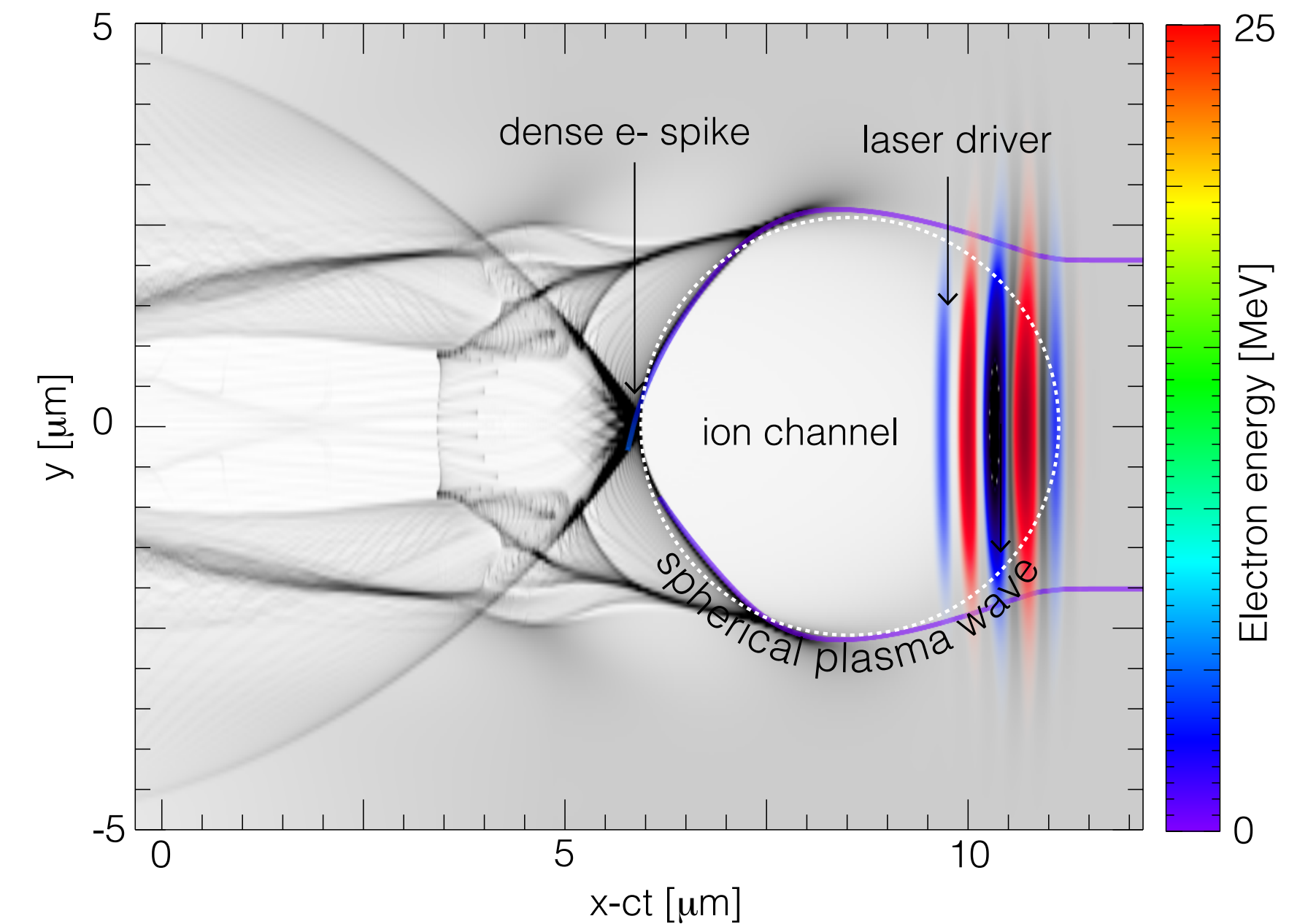
Shape factor



$$\mathcal{S} = \int d\xi \mathbf{n} \times [\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{j}(\xi)] e^{-i\omega \mathbf{n} \cdot \xi / c} \quad \xi = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_c(t)$$



Laser driven plasma waves $r_c = v_g t$



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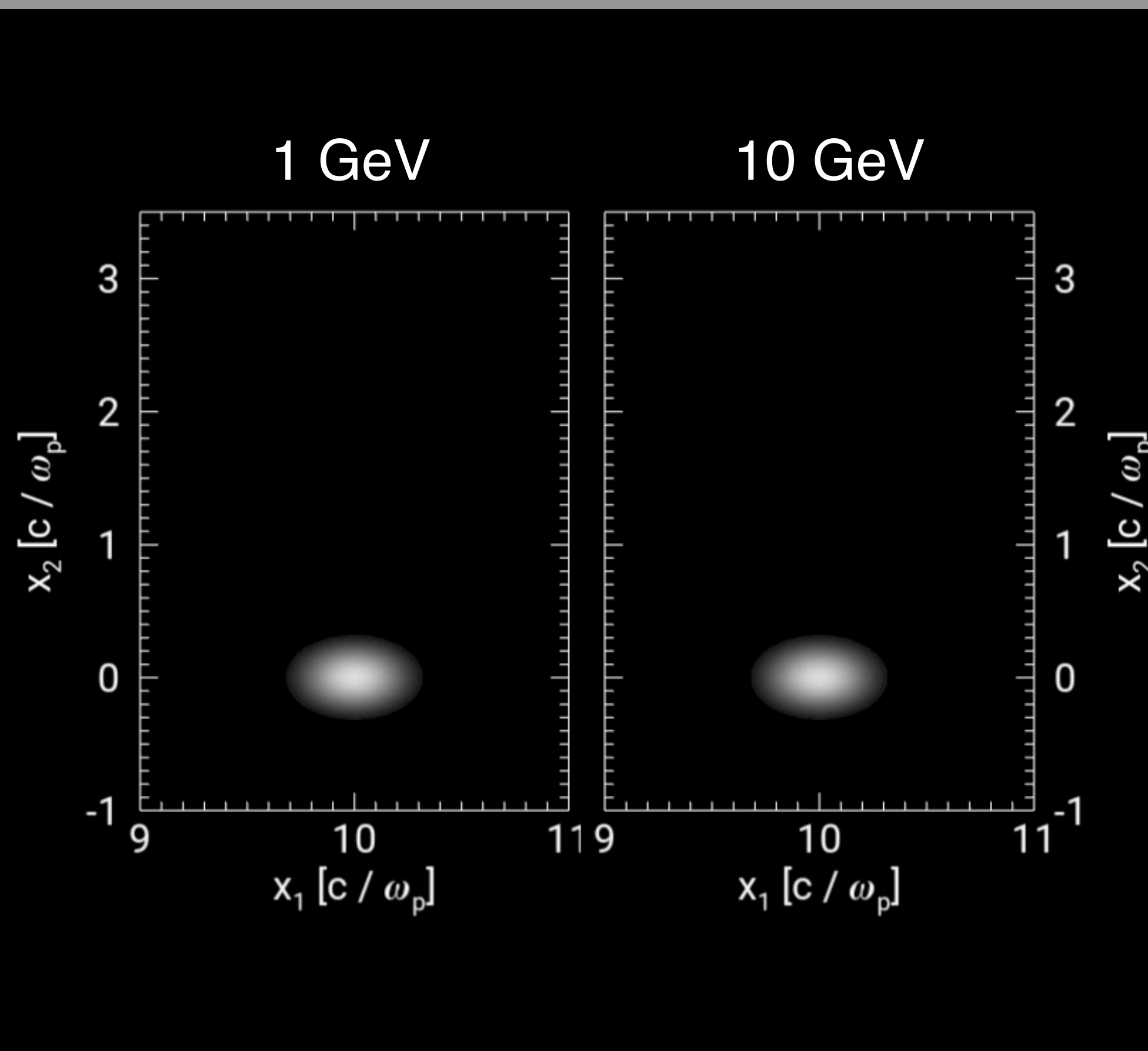
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Single electron

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Relativistic electron bunch in external B



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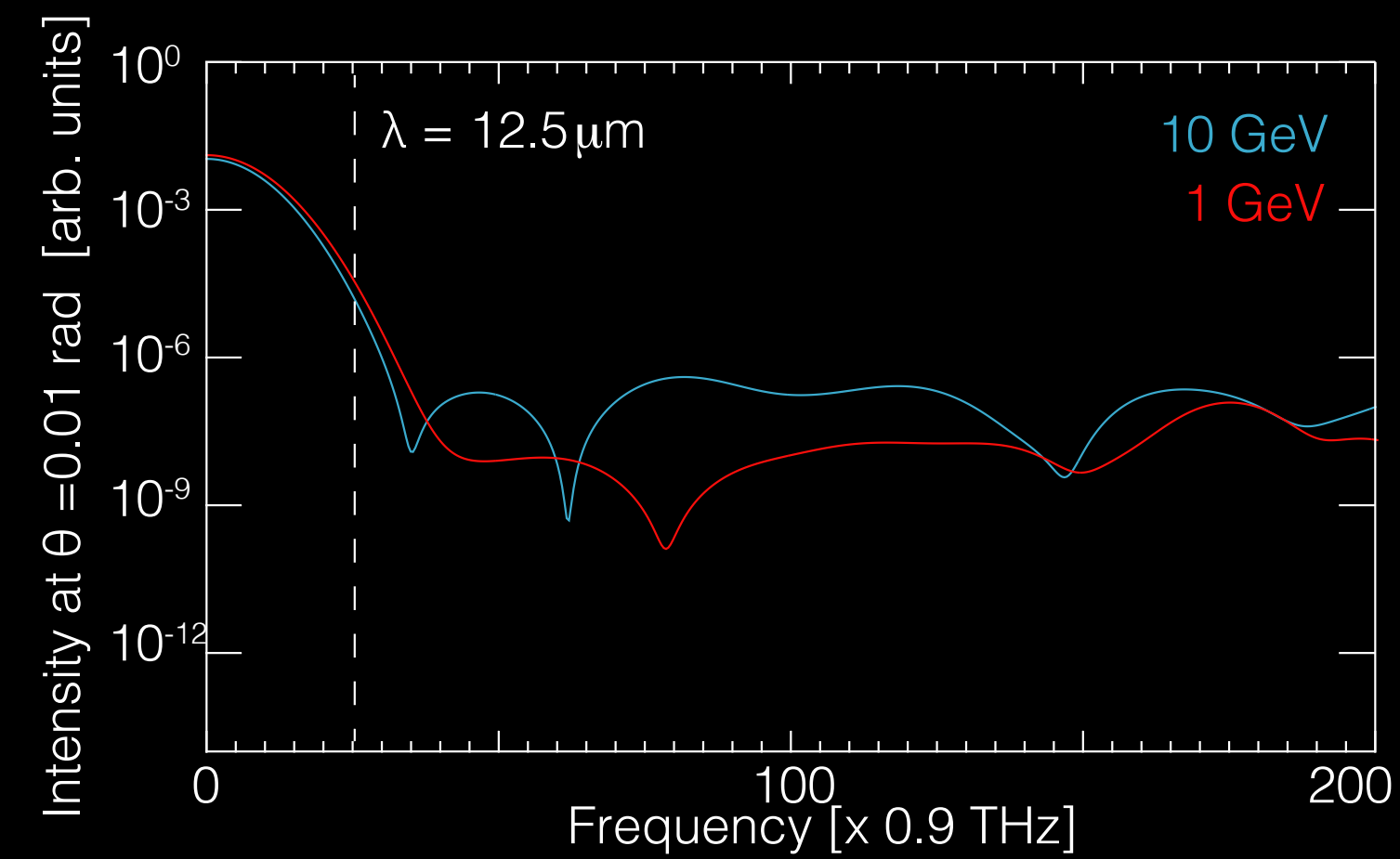
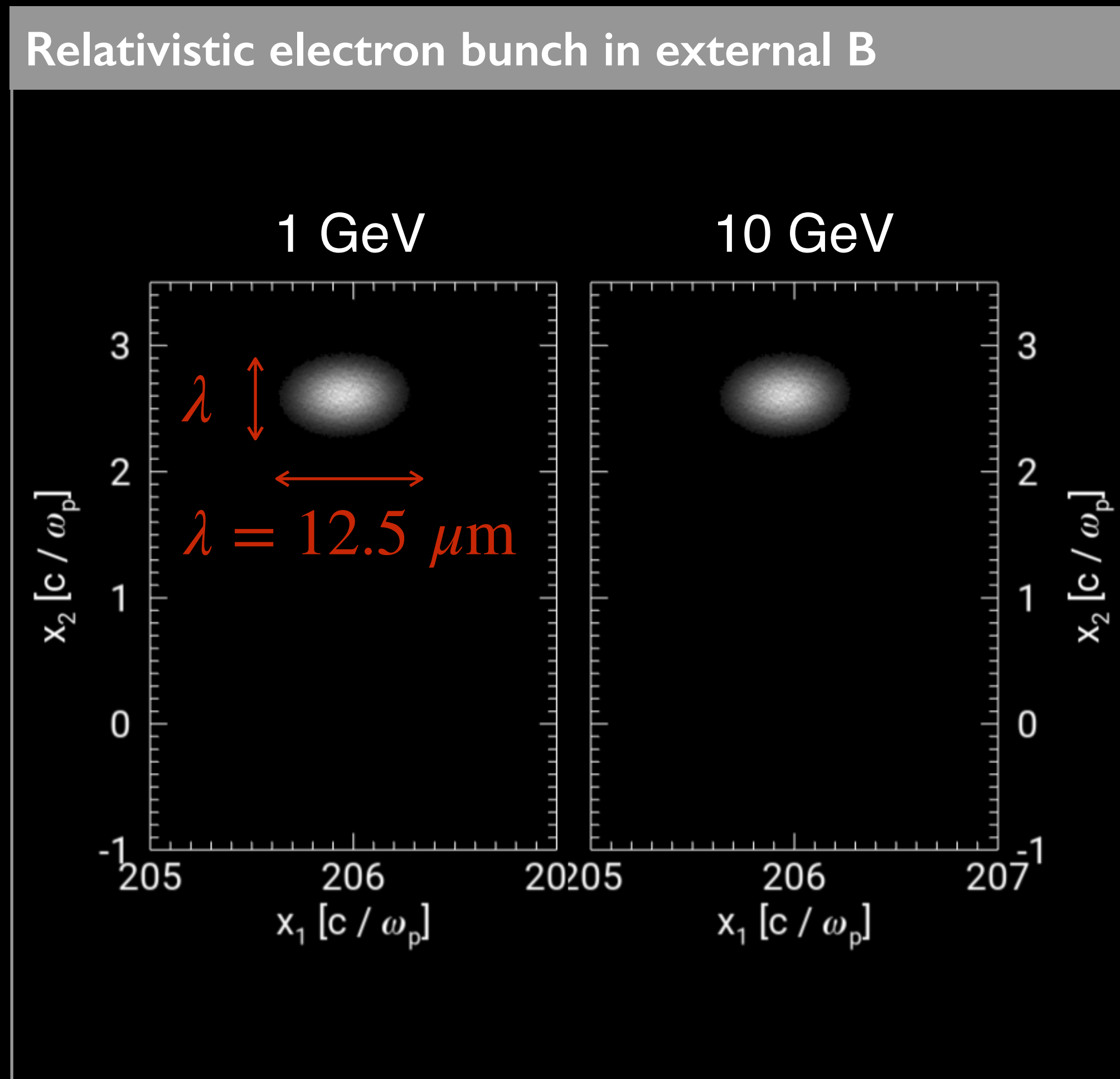
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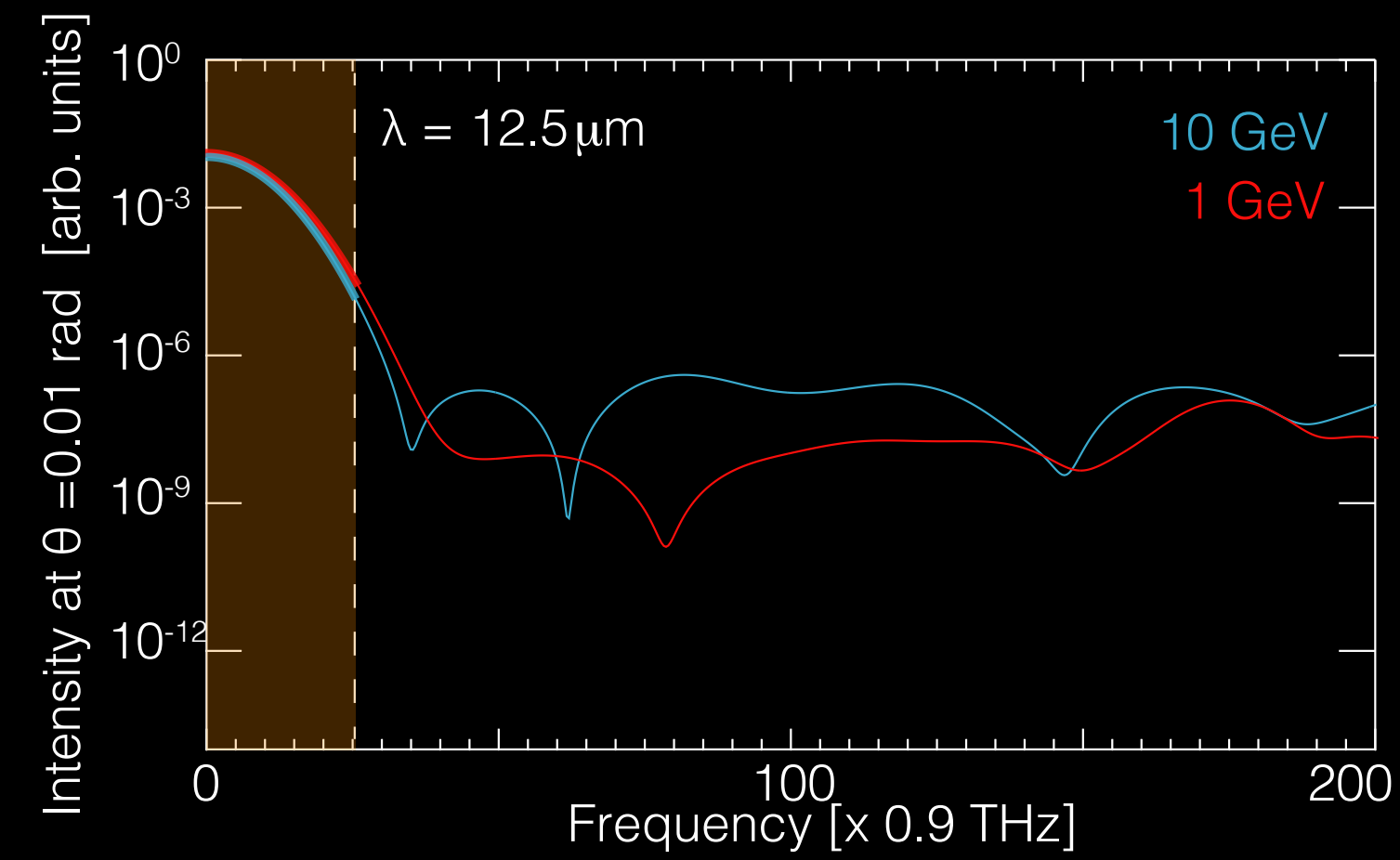
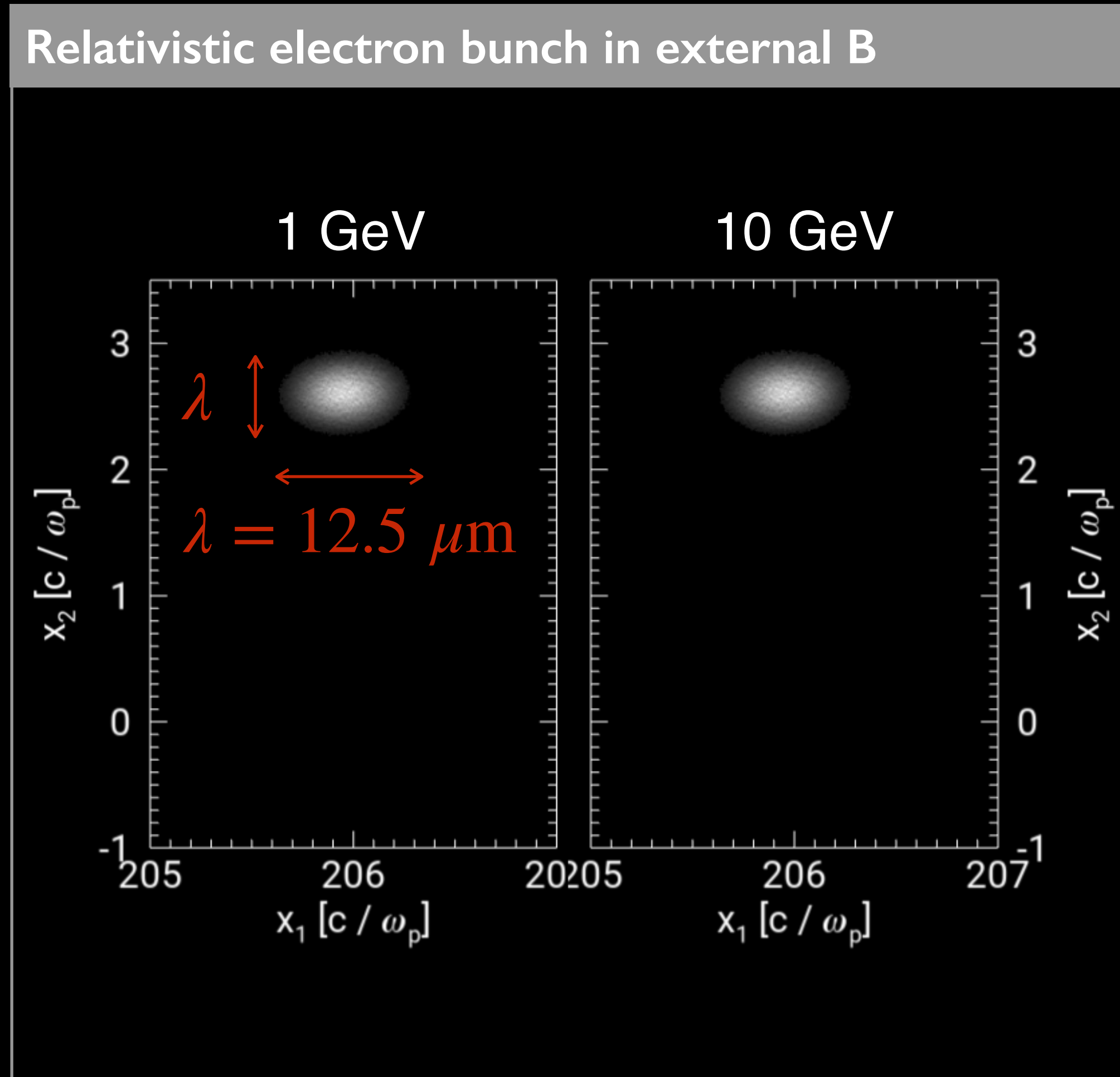
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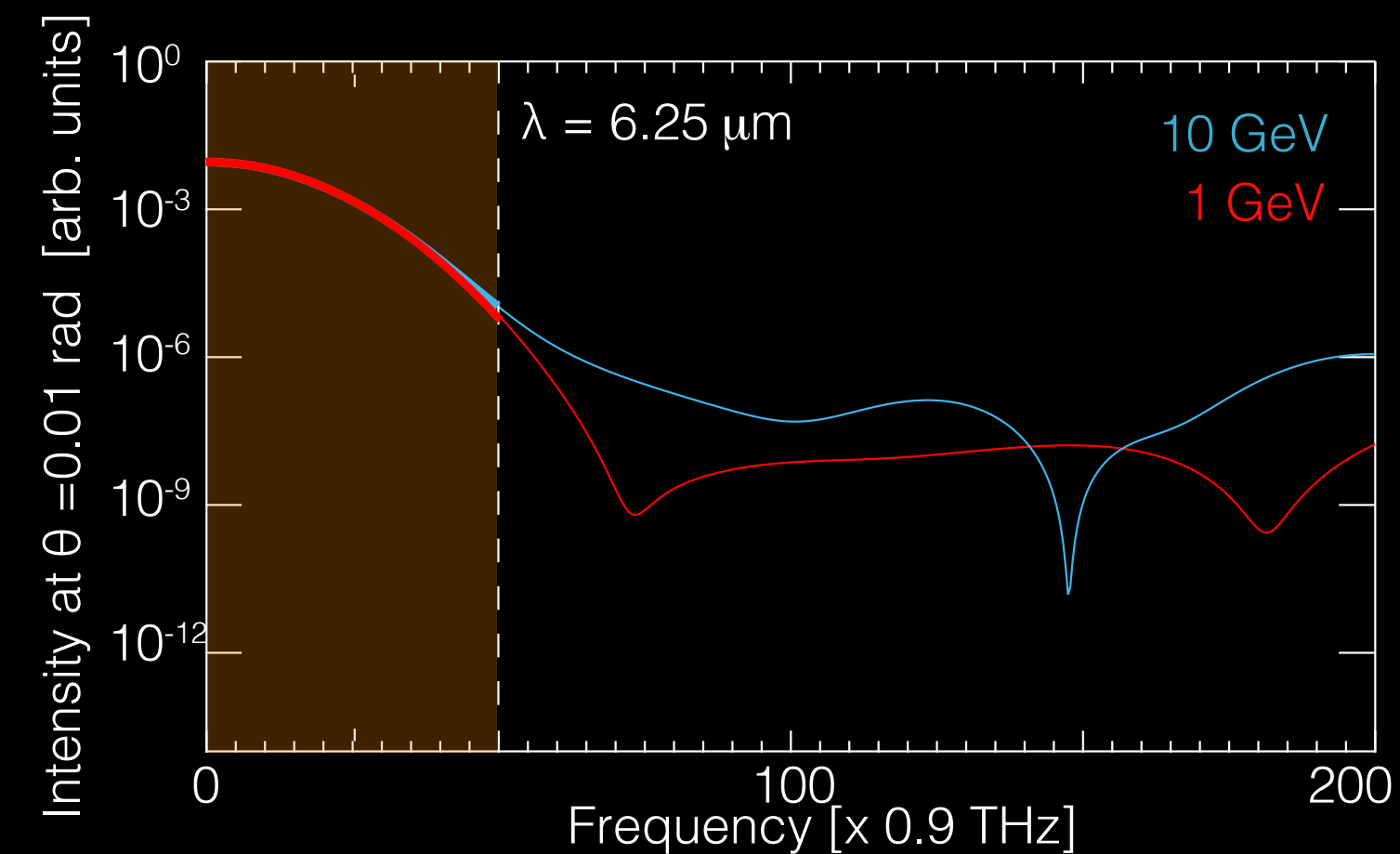
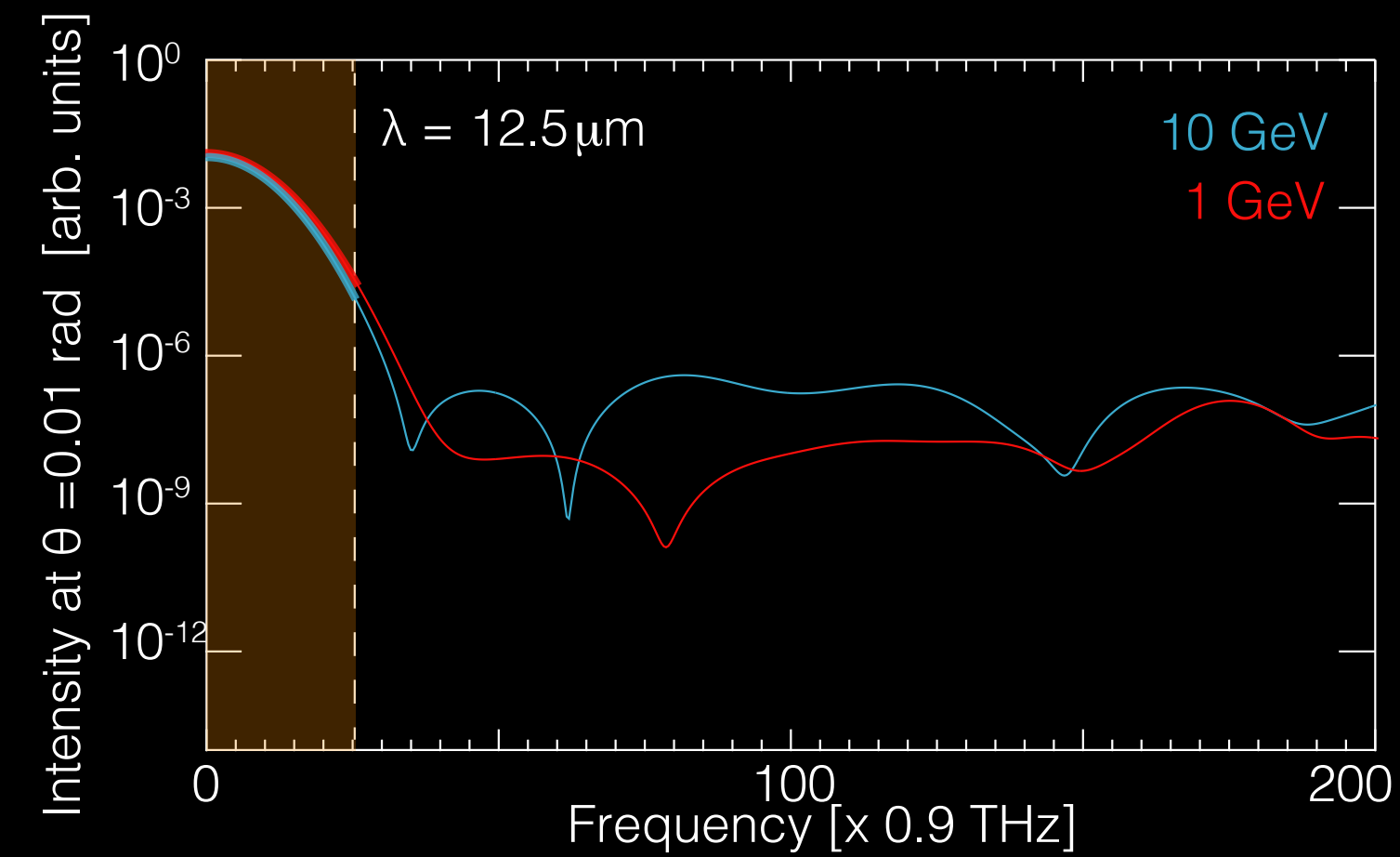
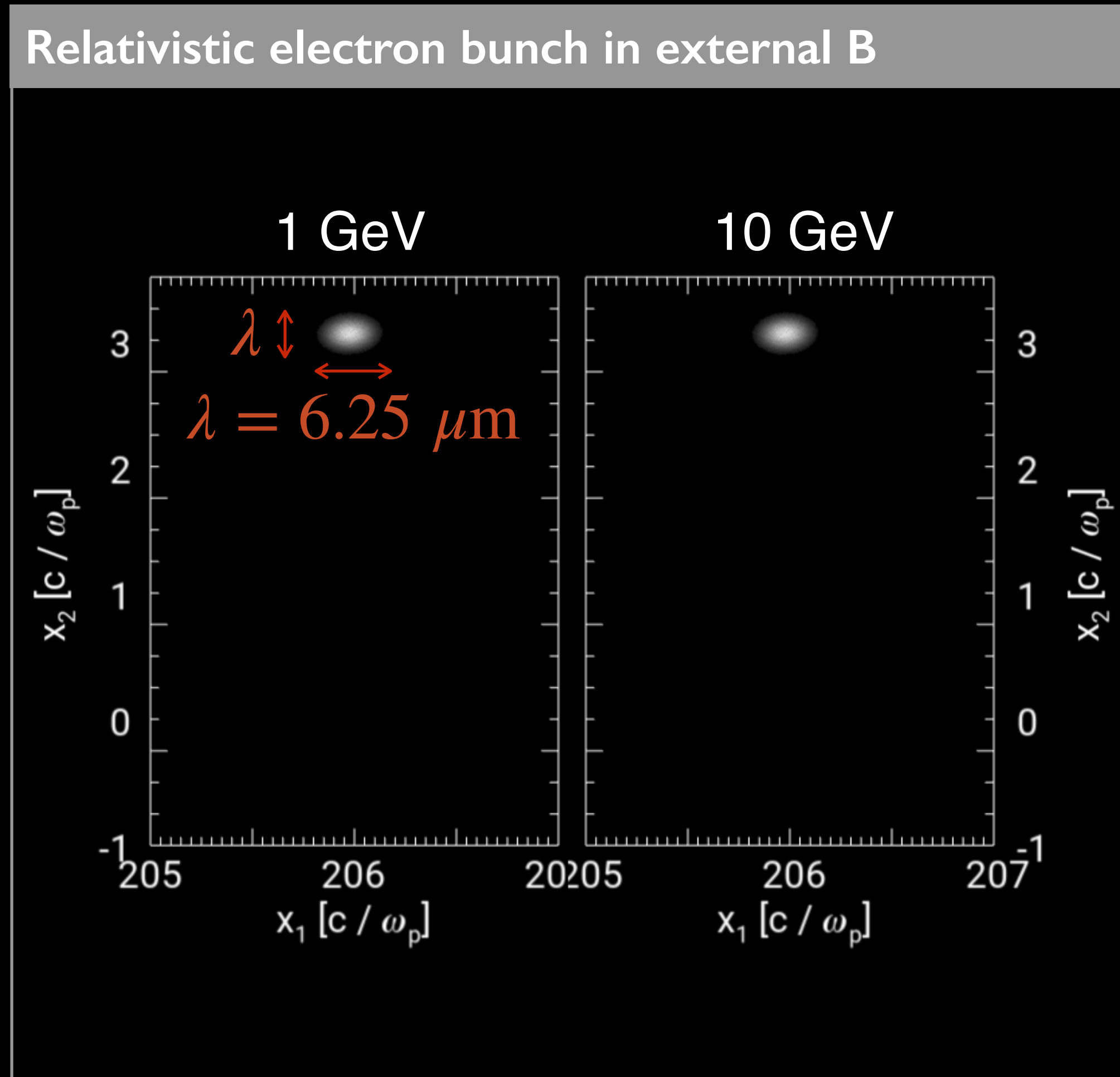


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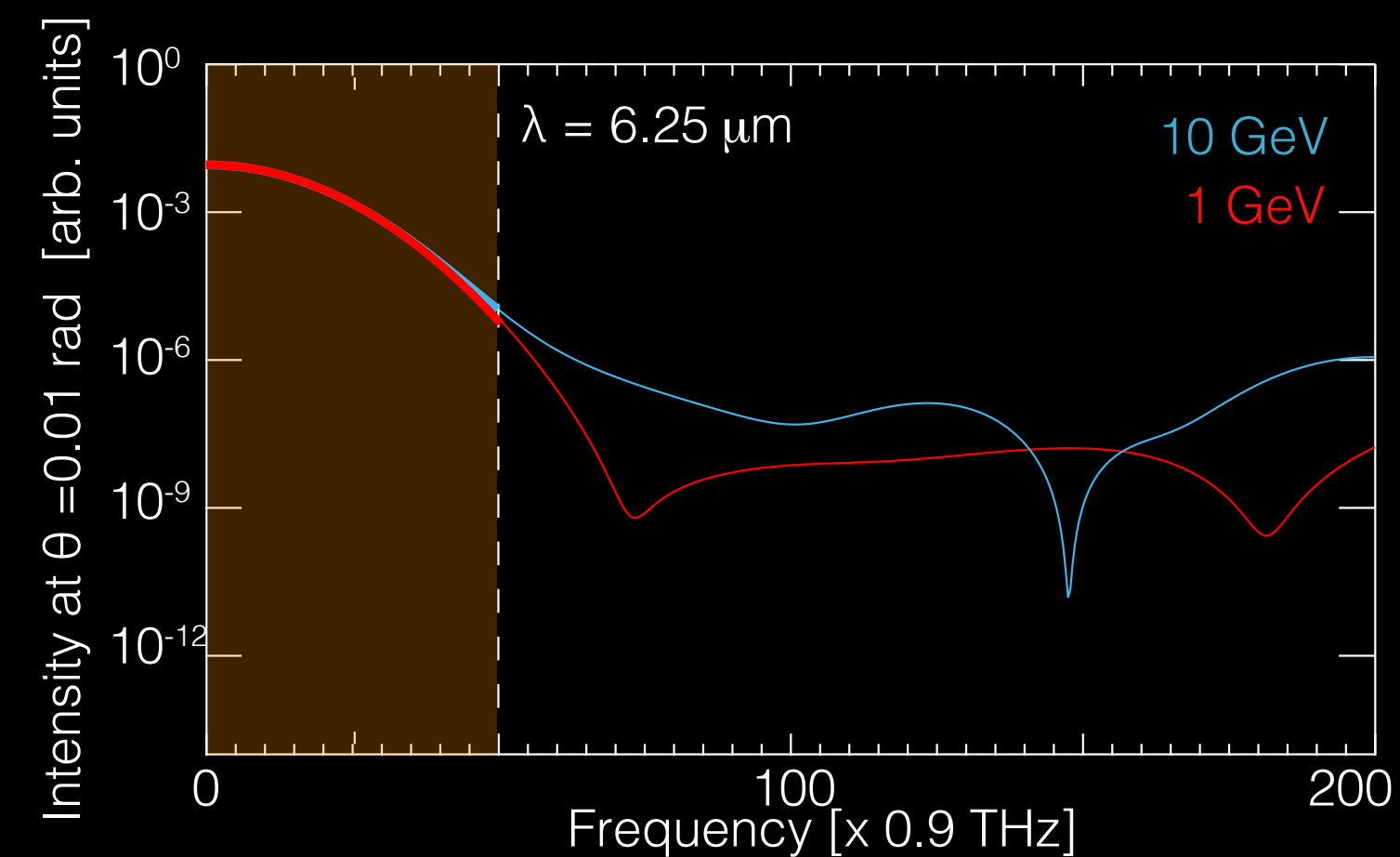
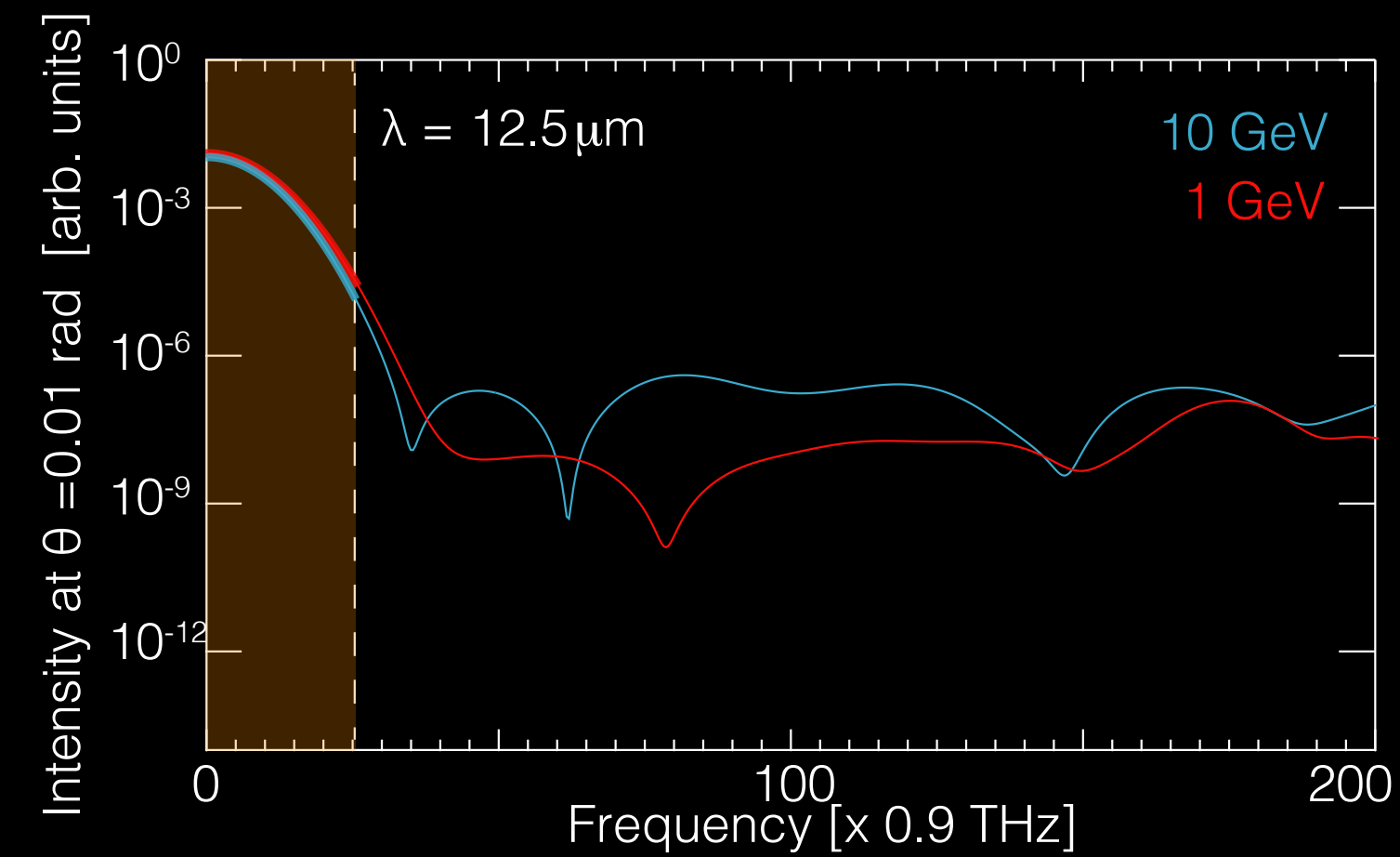
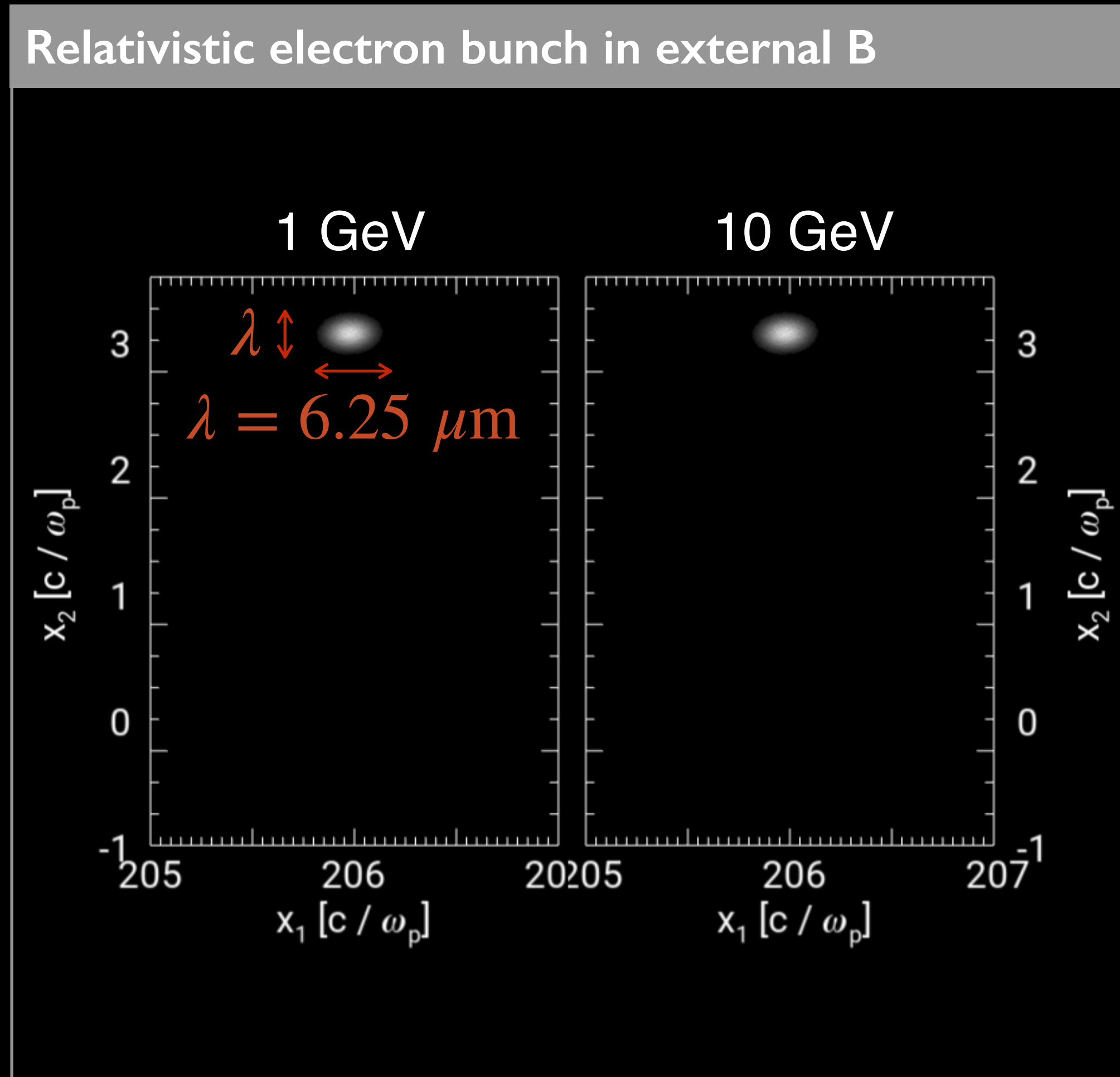
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A quasiparticle radiates like a finite-sized **single** particle for radiation wavelengths **longer** than its size, **regardless** of microscopic e- trajectories



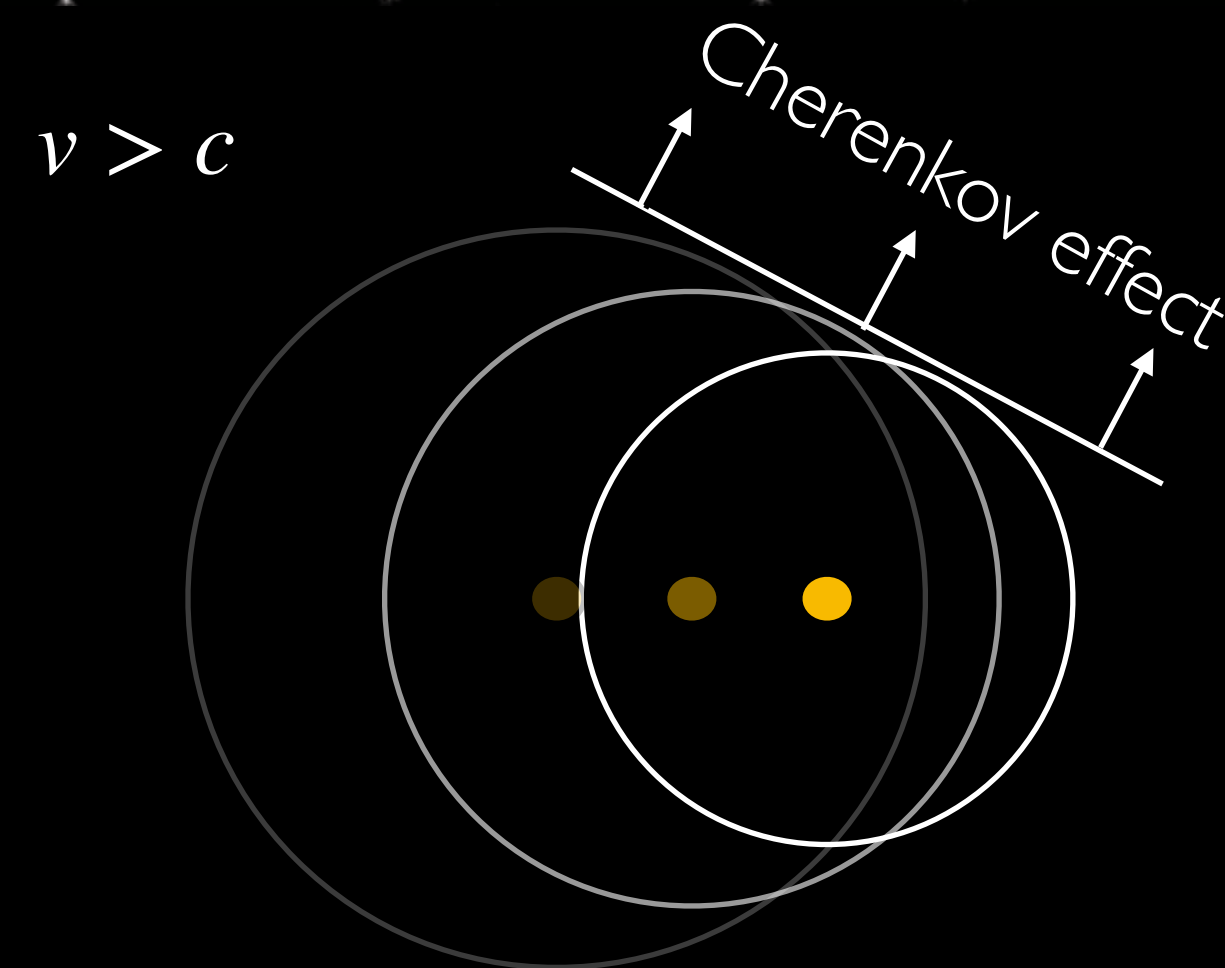
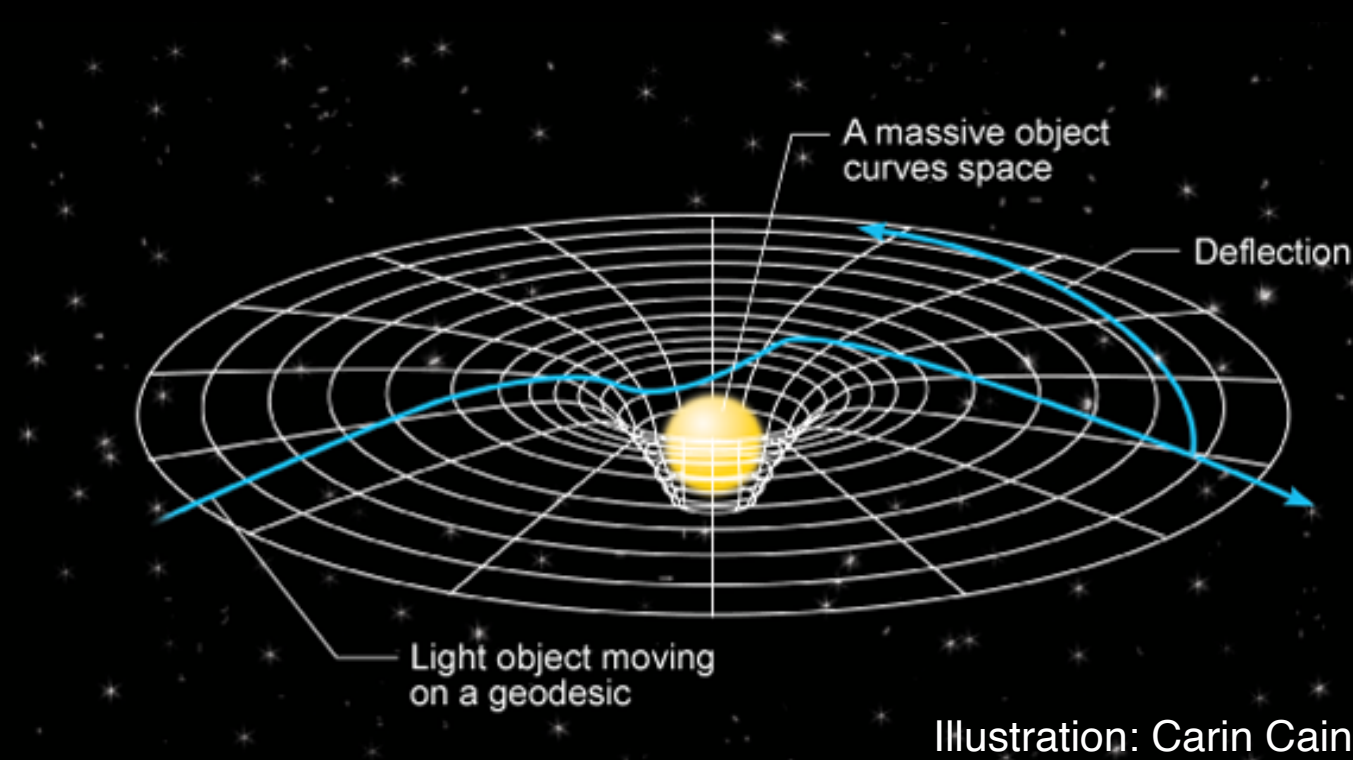
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Controlling the quasiparticle trajectory will allow us to **obtain superradiance and temporal coherence in new conditions**



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Quasiparticles suggest new forms of radiation

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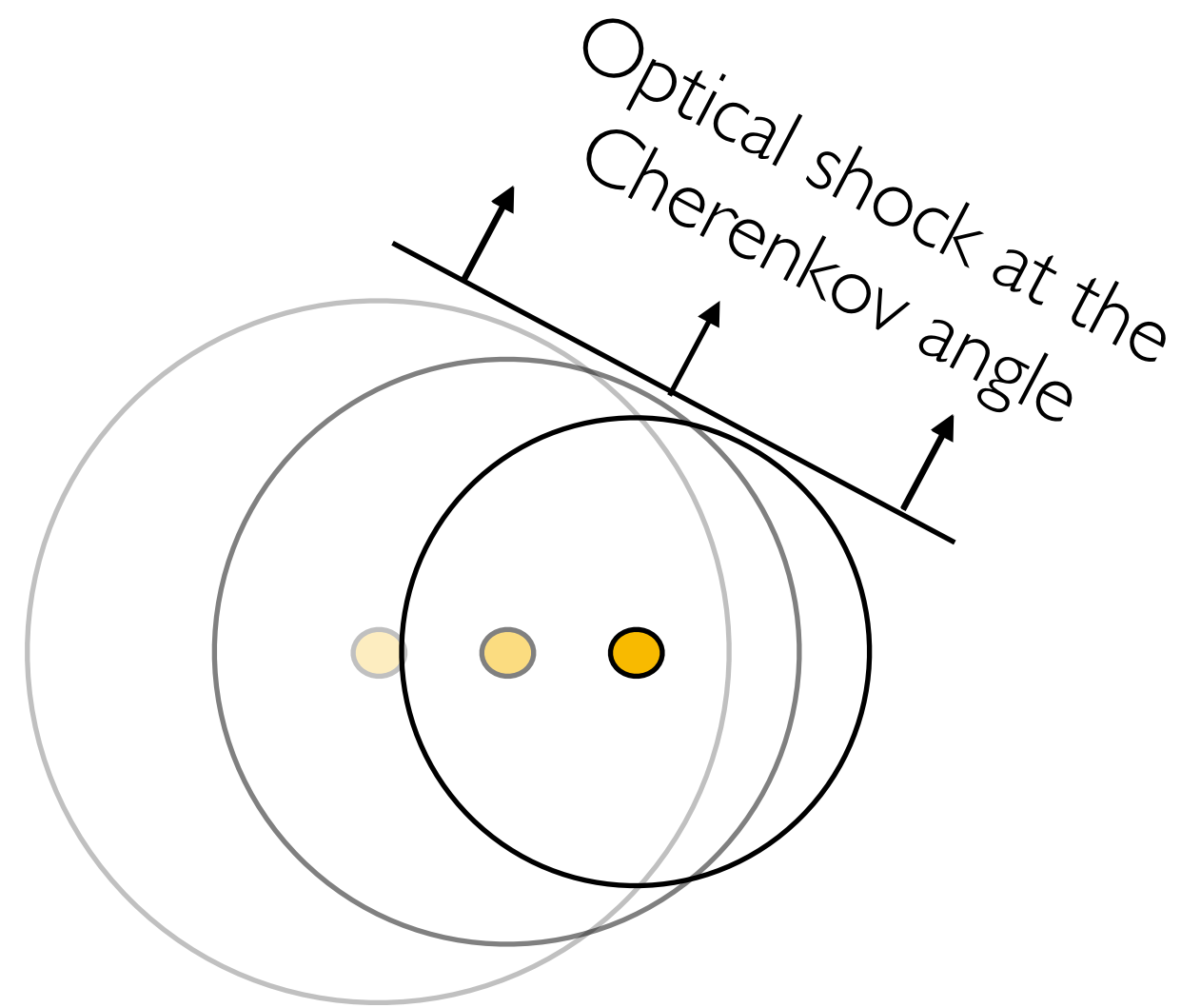
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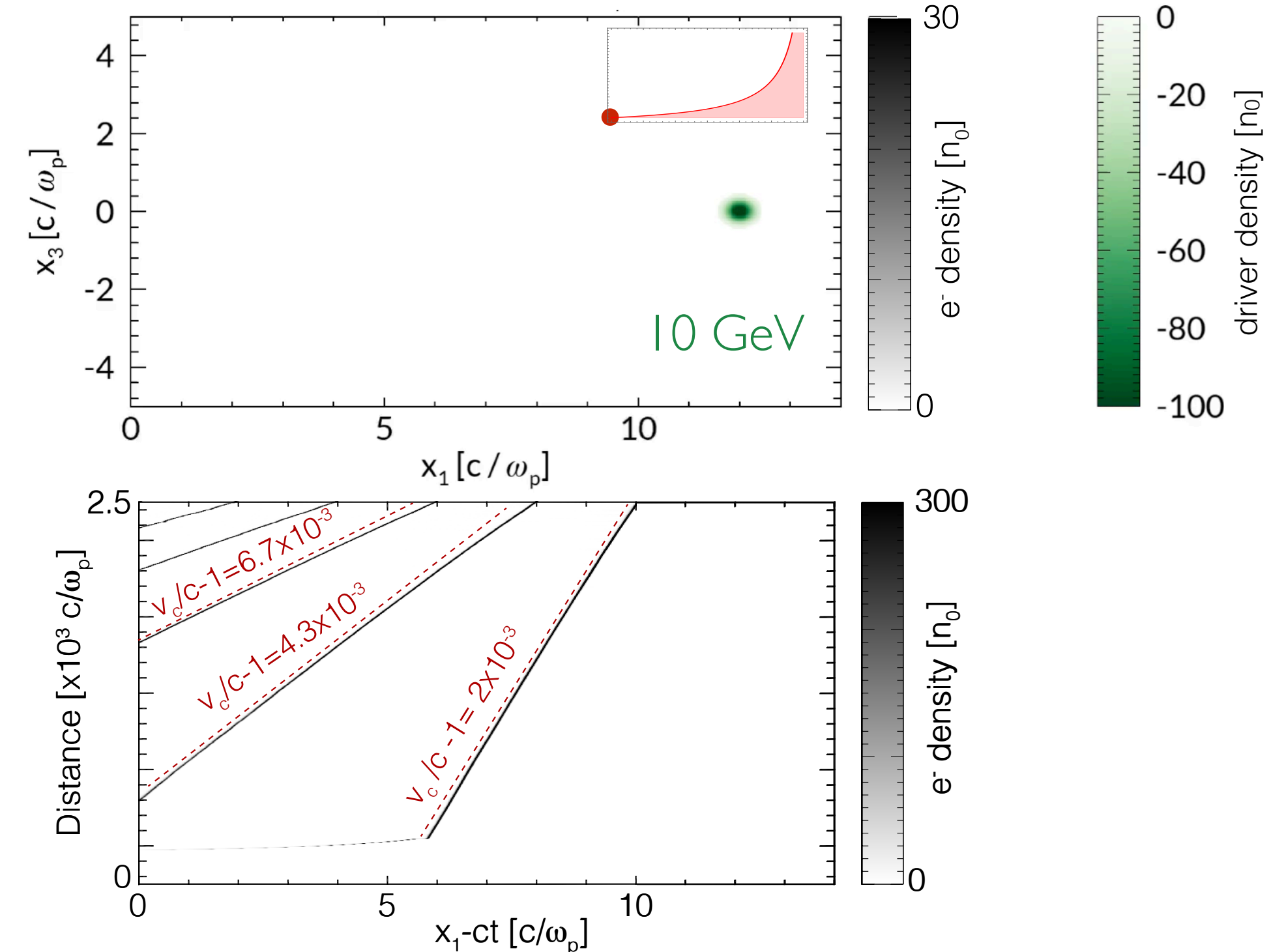


This requires $v_p > c$, which is usually impossible :(
But if we use quasiparticles...

Quasiparticle velocity control with density ramps

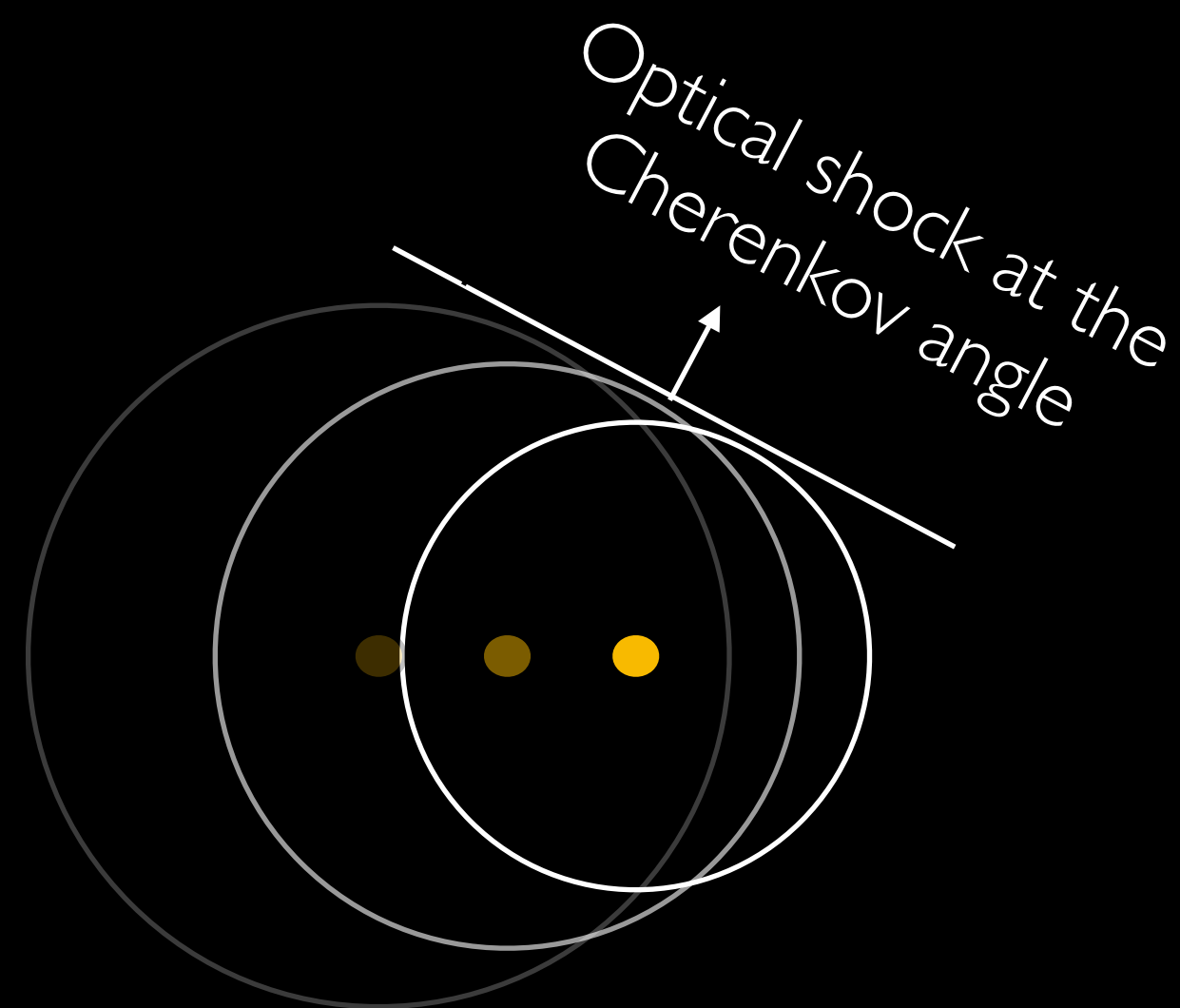
Engineered ramp
(constant speed)

$$\frac{n(x)}{n_0} = \frac{\lambda_{p0}^2}{[\lambda_{p0} - (v/c - 1)x]^2}$$



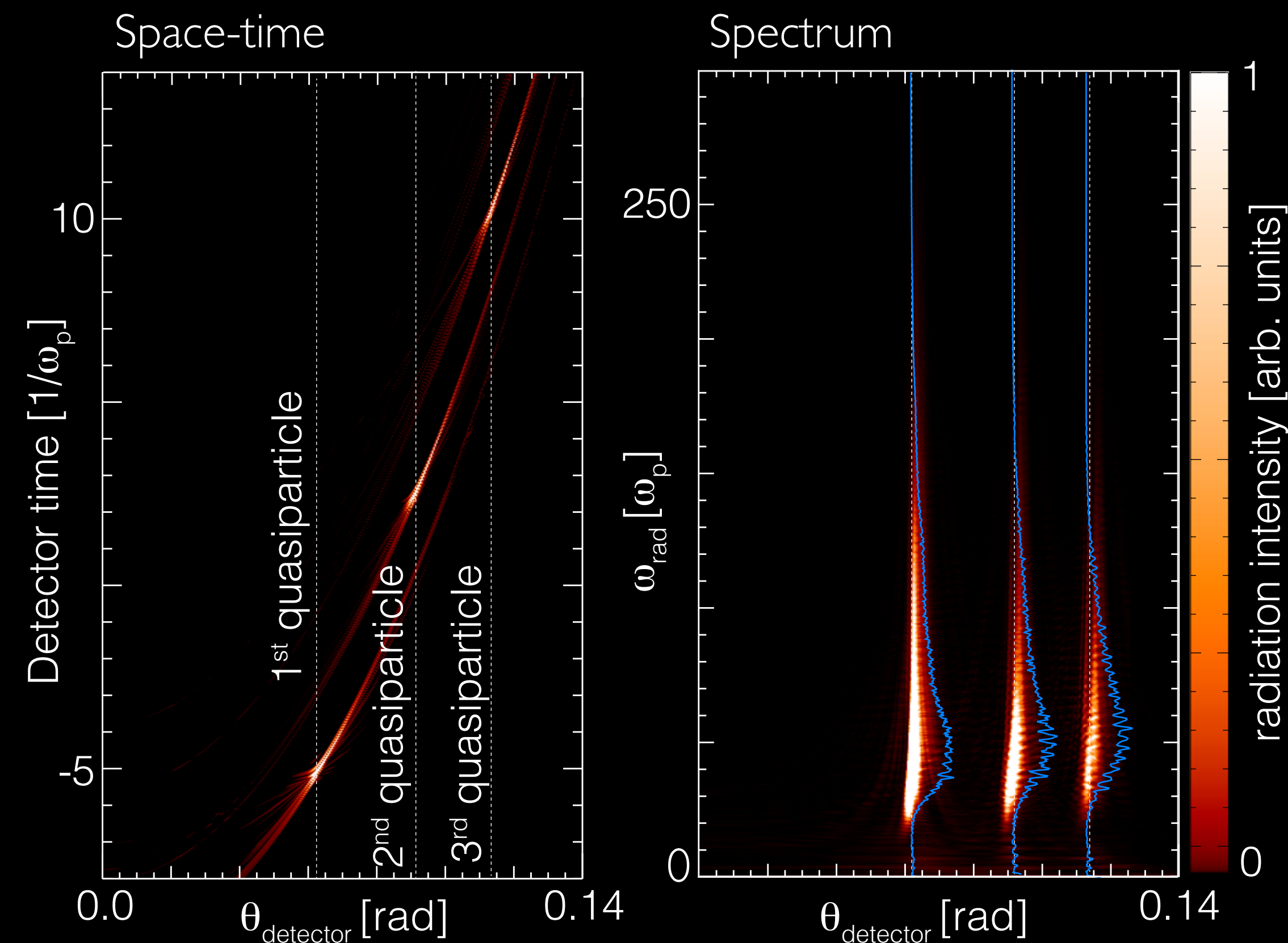
Quasiparticle Cherenkov superradiance

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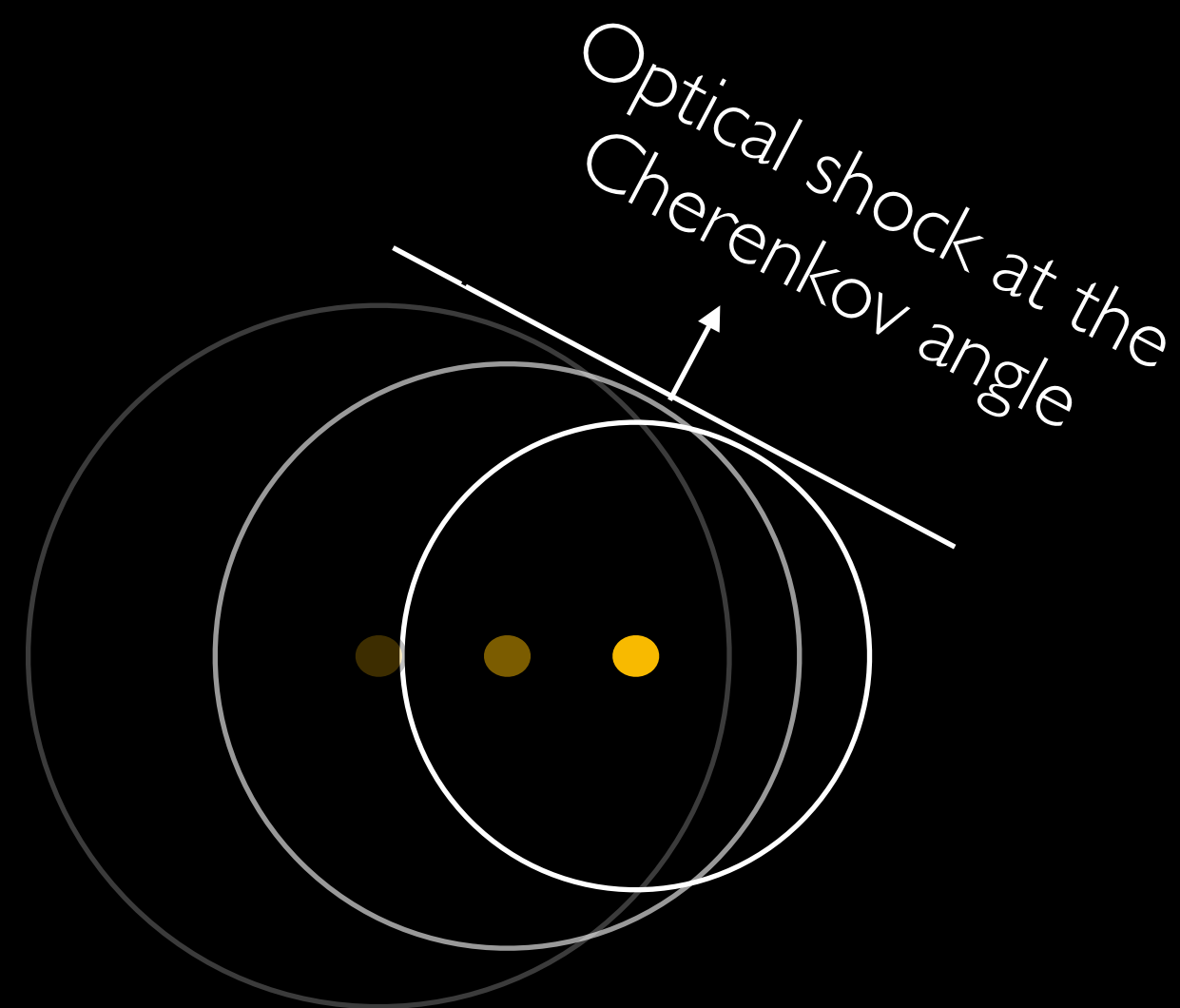


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Spatiotemporal and spectral radiation features

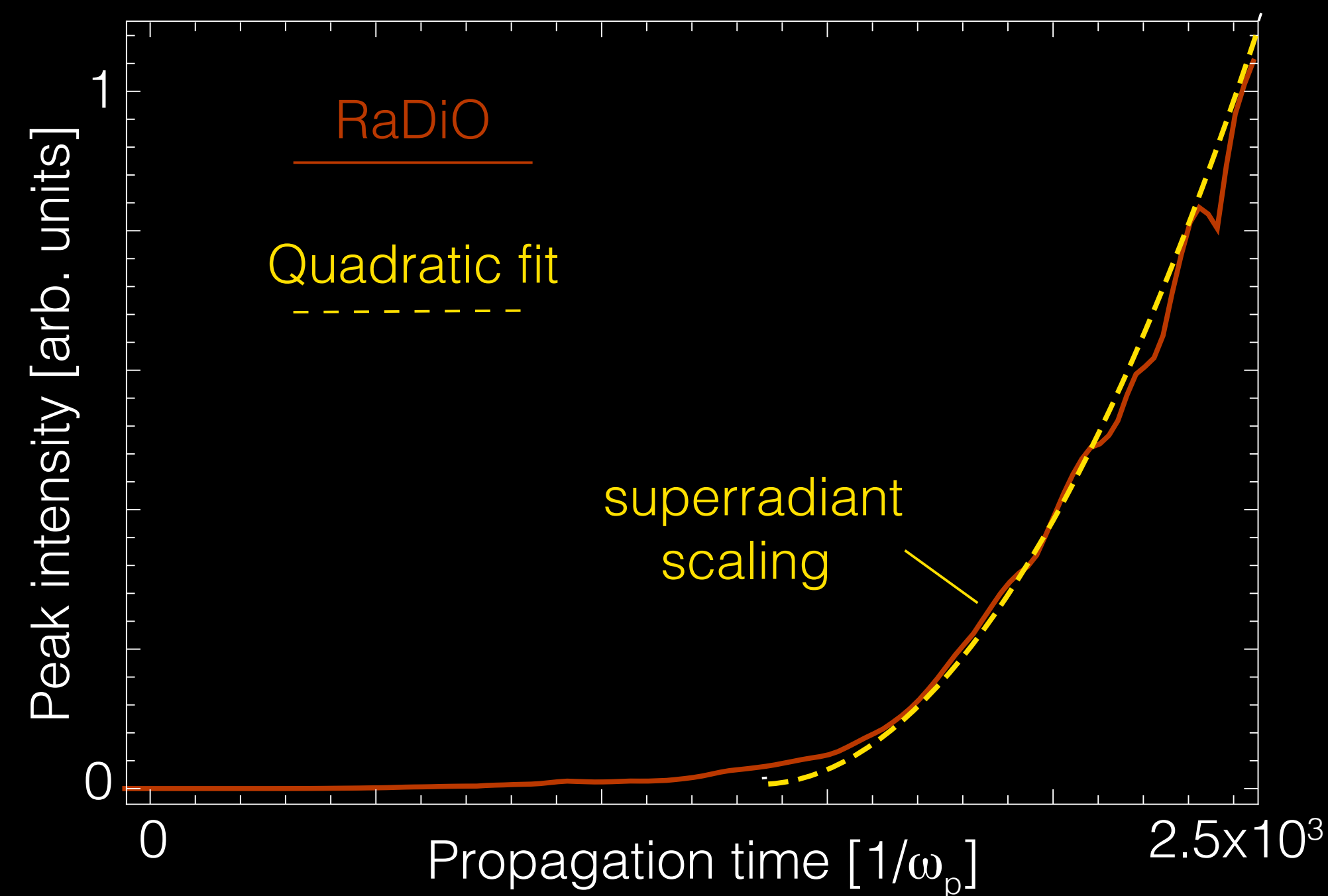


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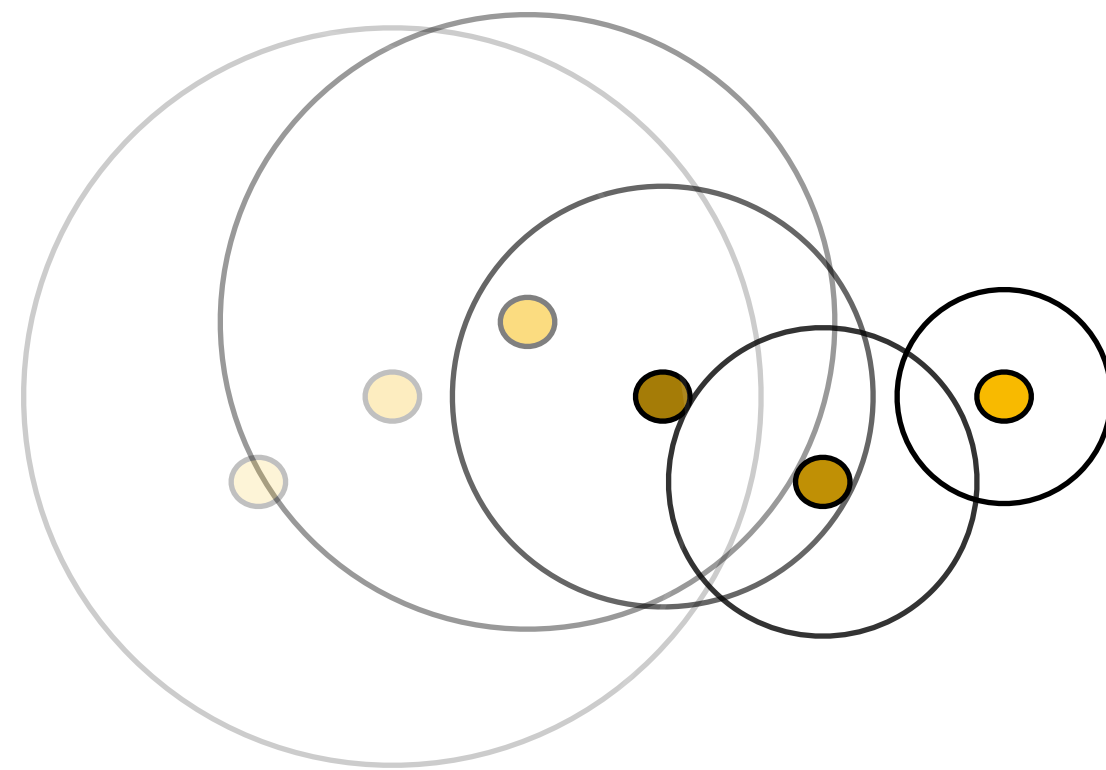
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Quadratic peak intensity growth at Cherenkov angle

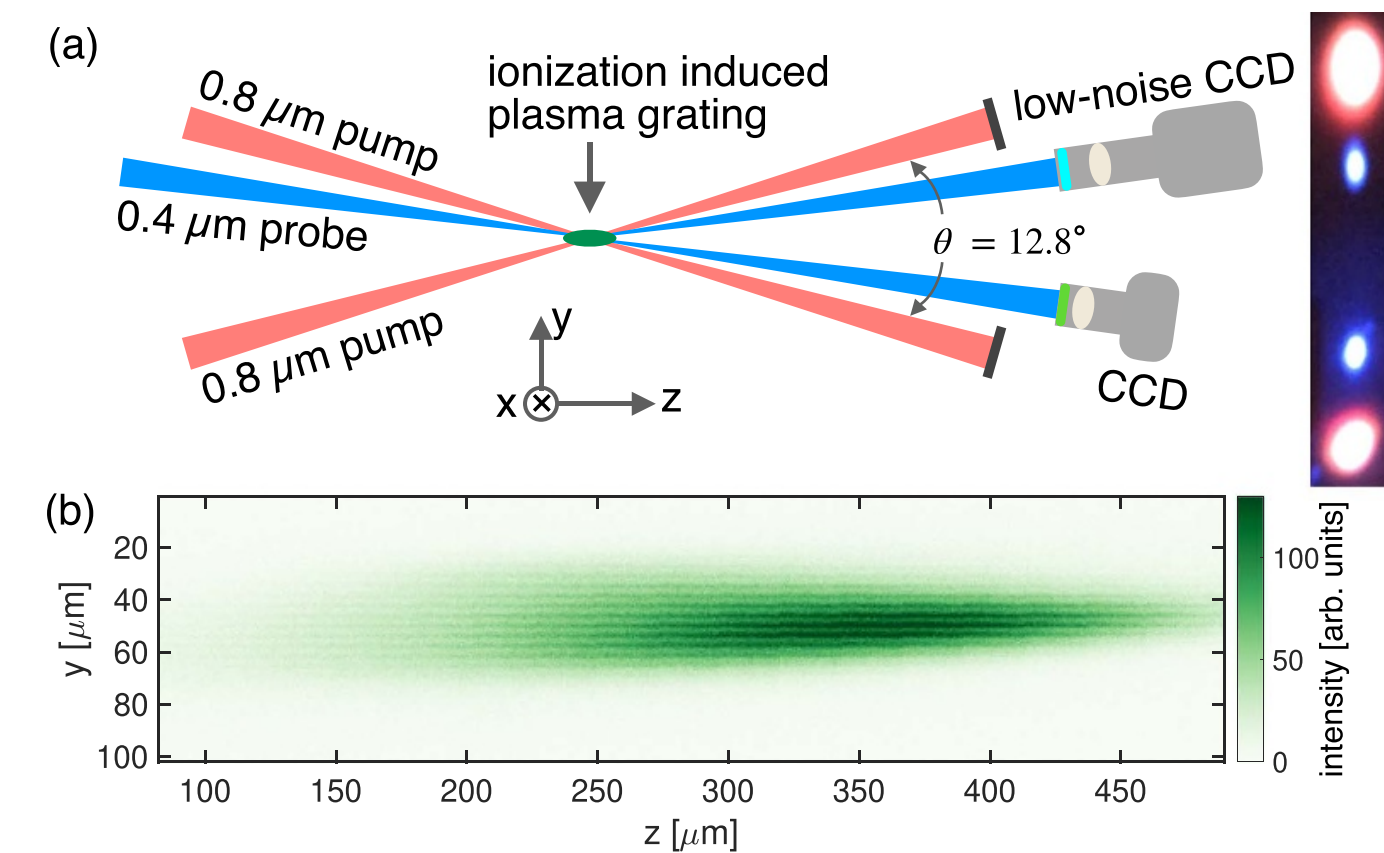
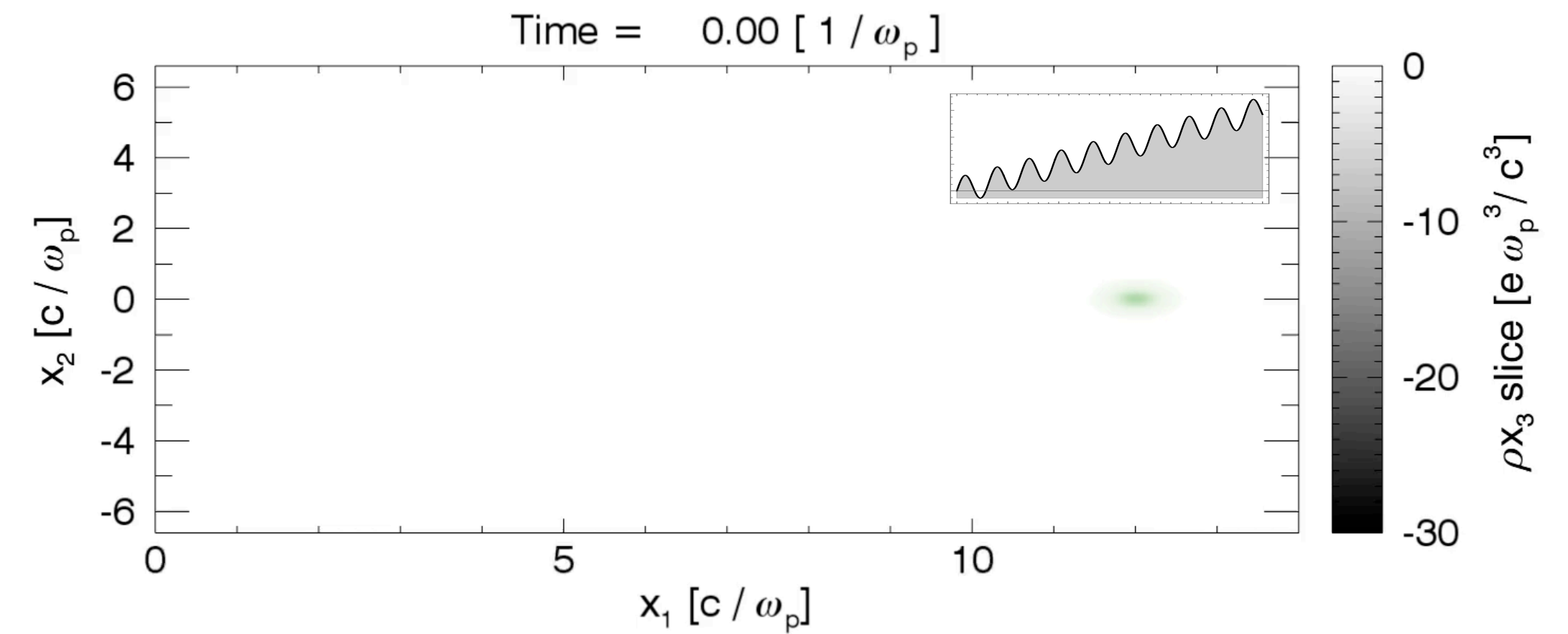


- Same in LWFA
- more **realistic** density profiles (e.g. linear ramp)

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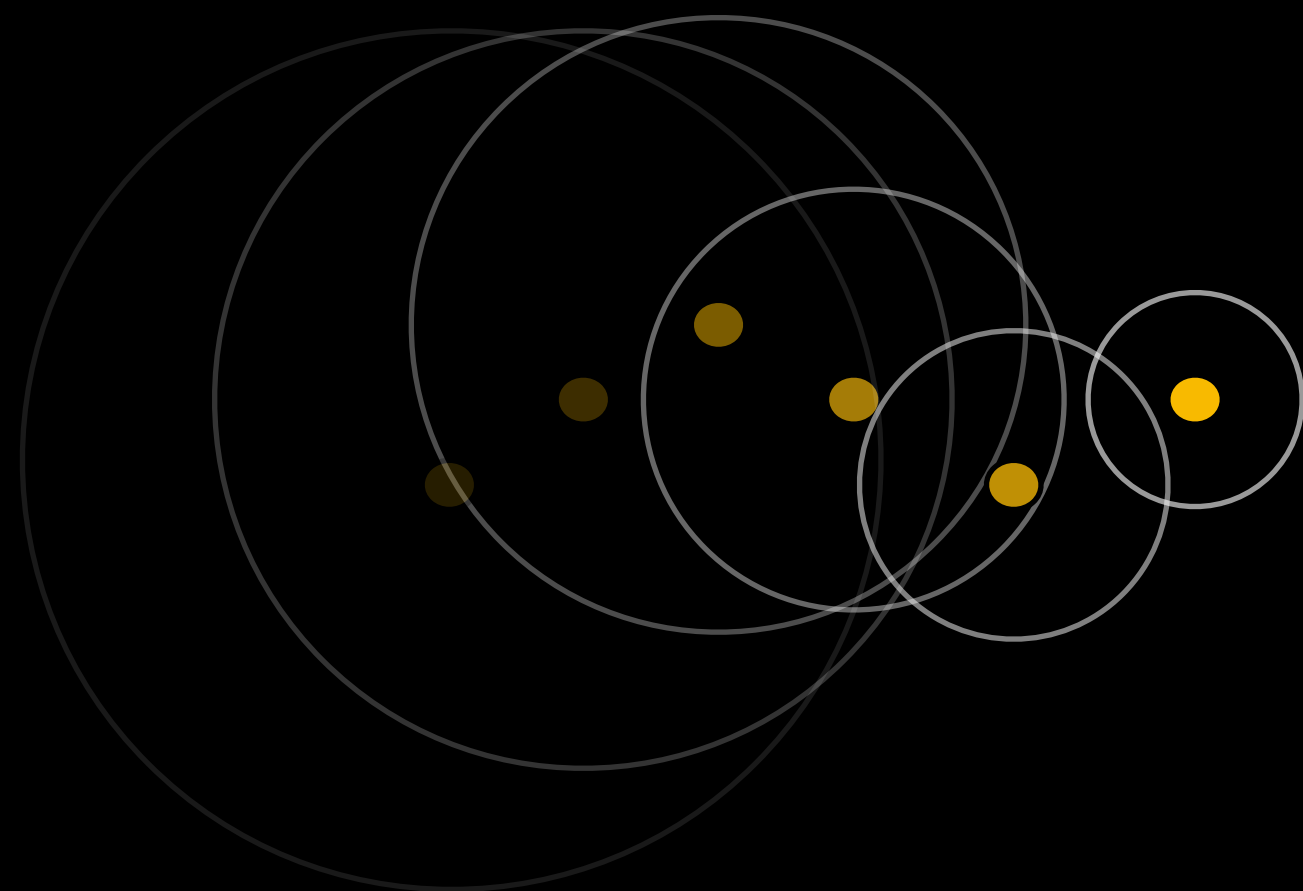


Quasiparticle undulator radiation



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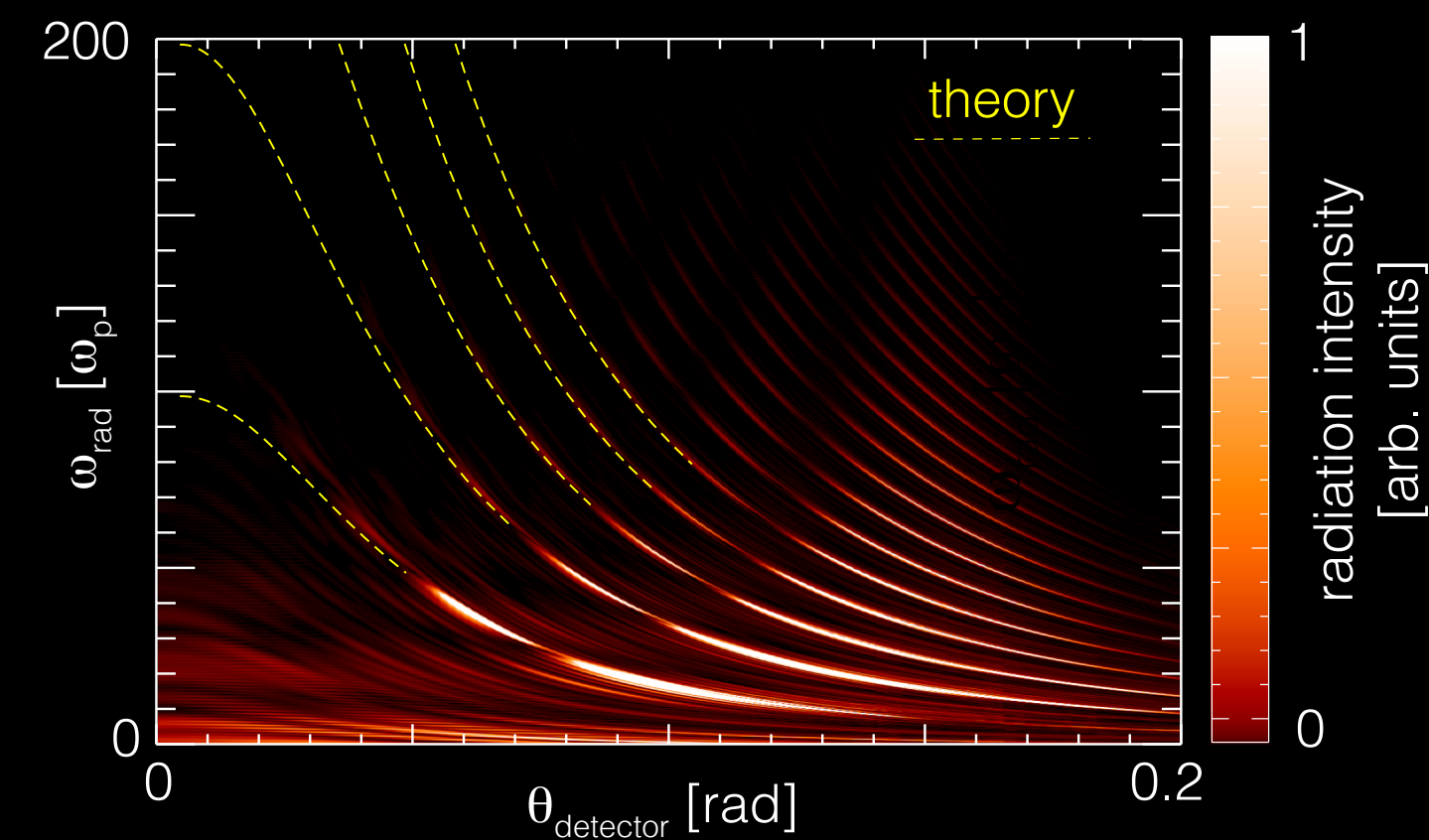
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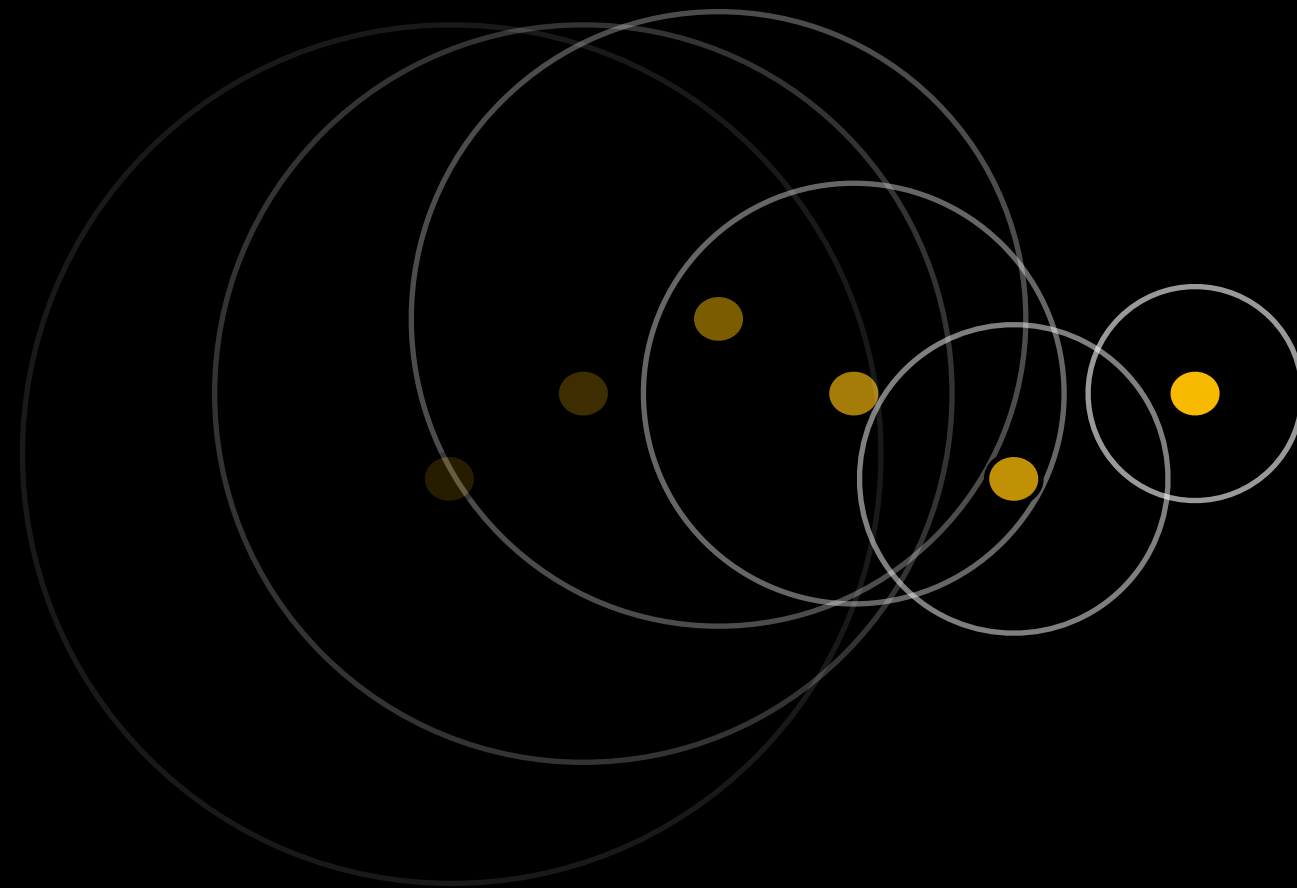
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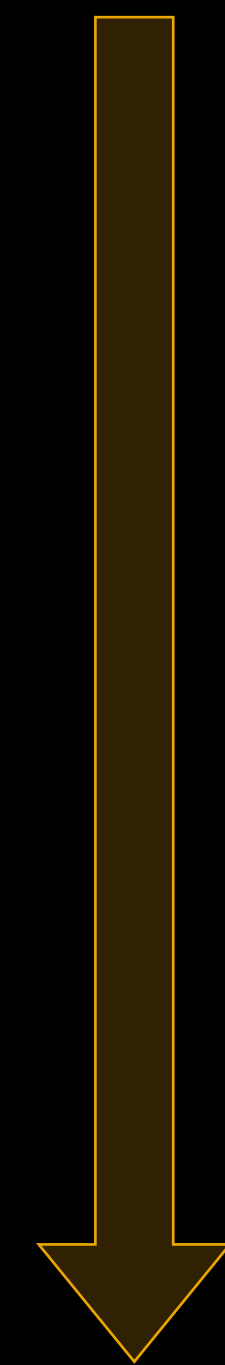


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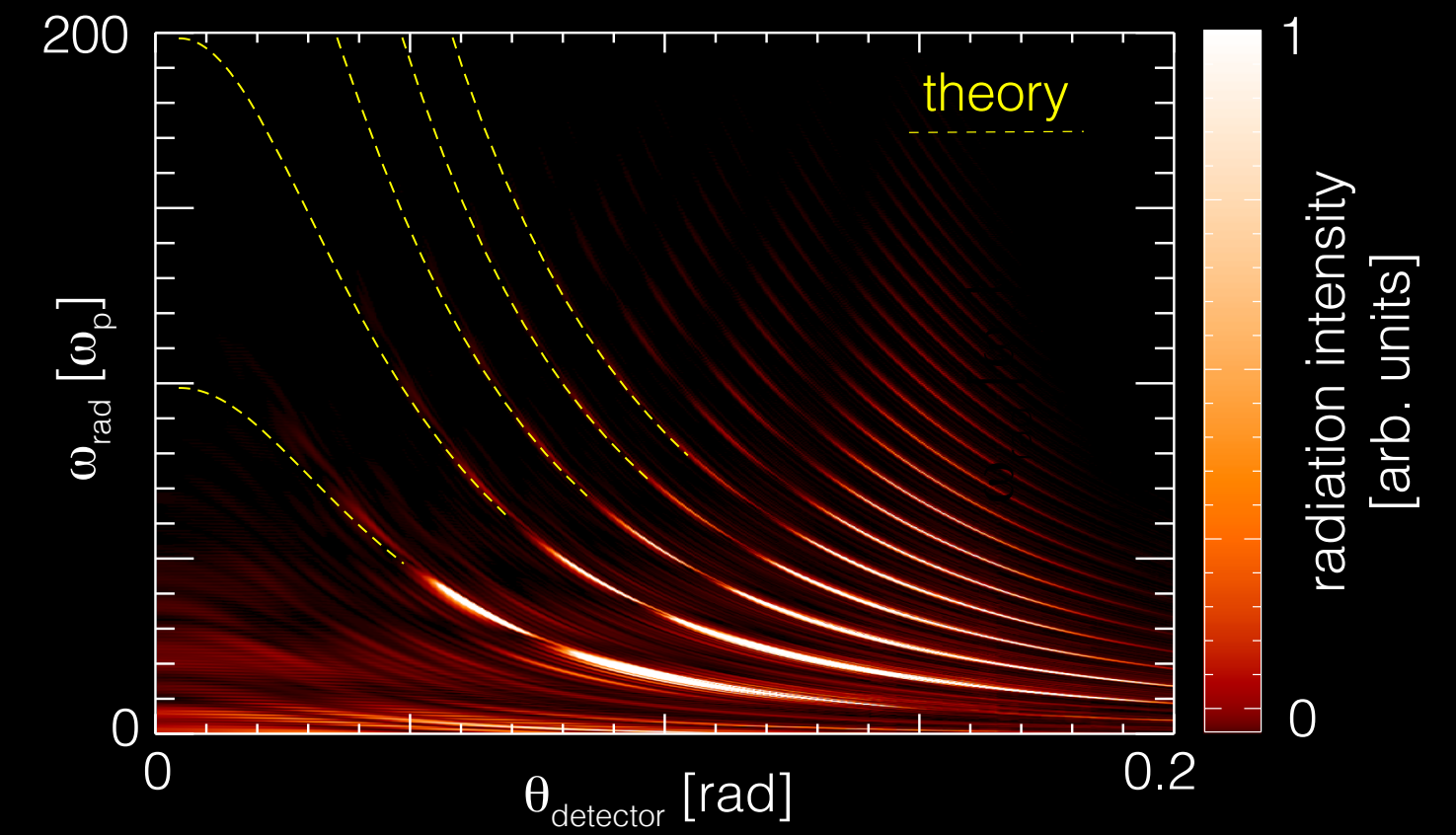


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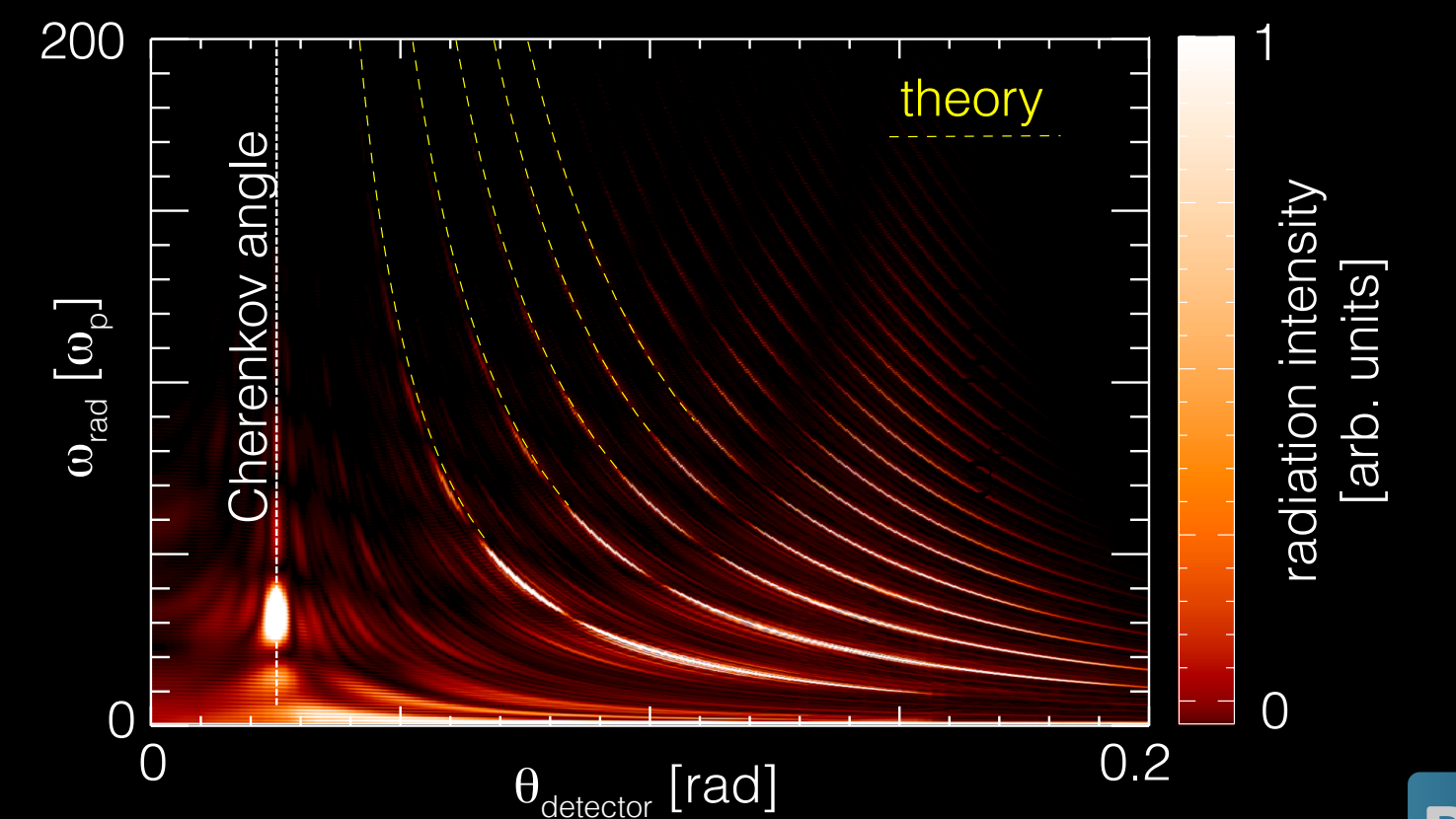
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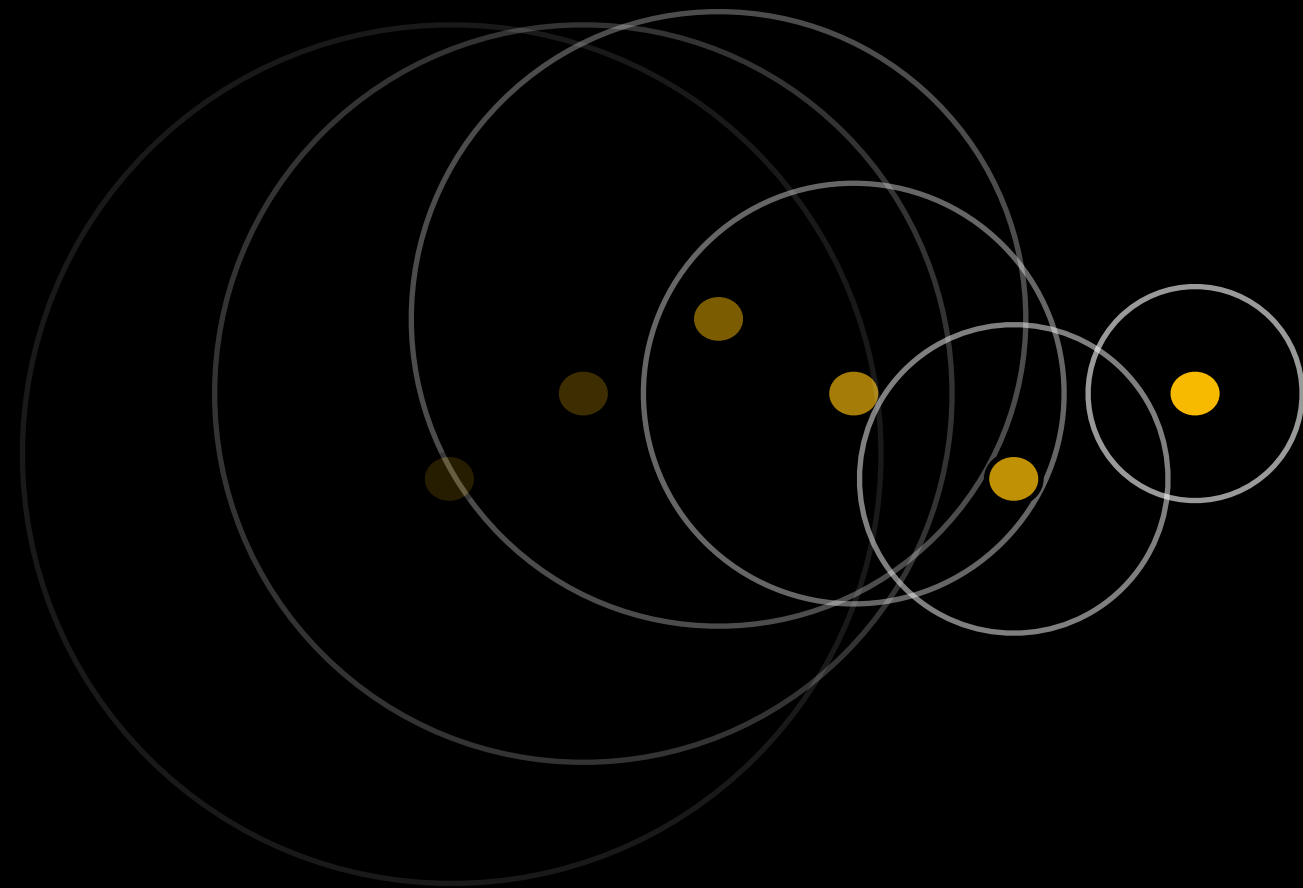
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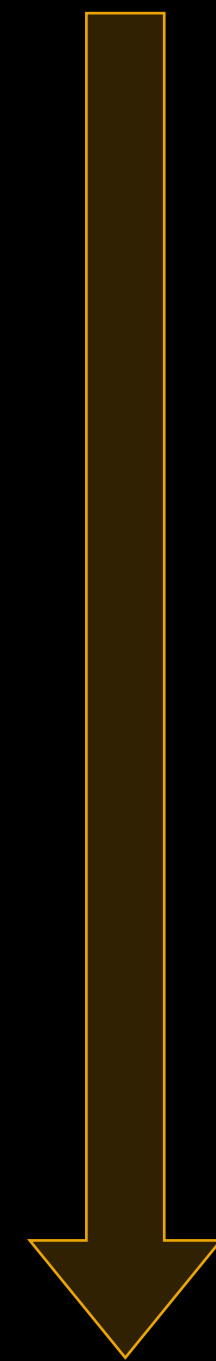


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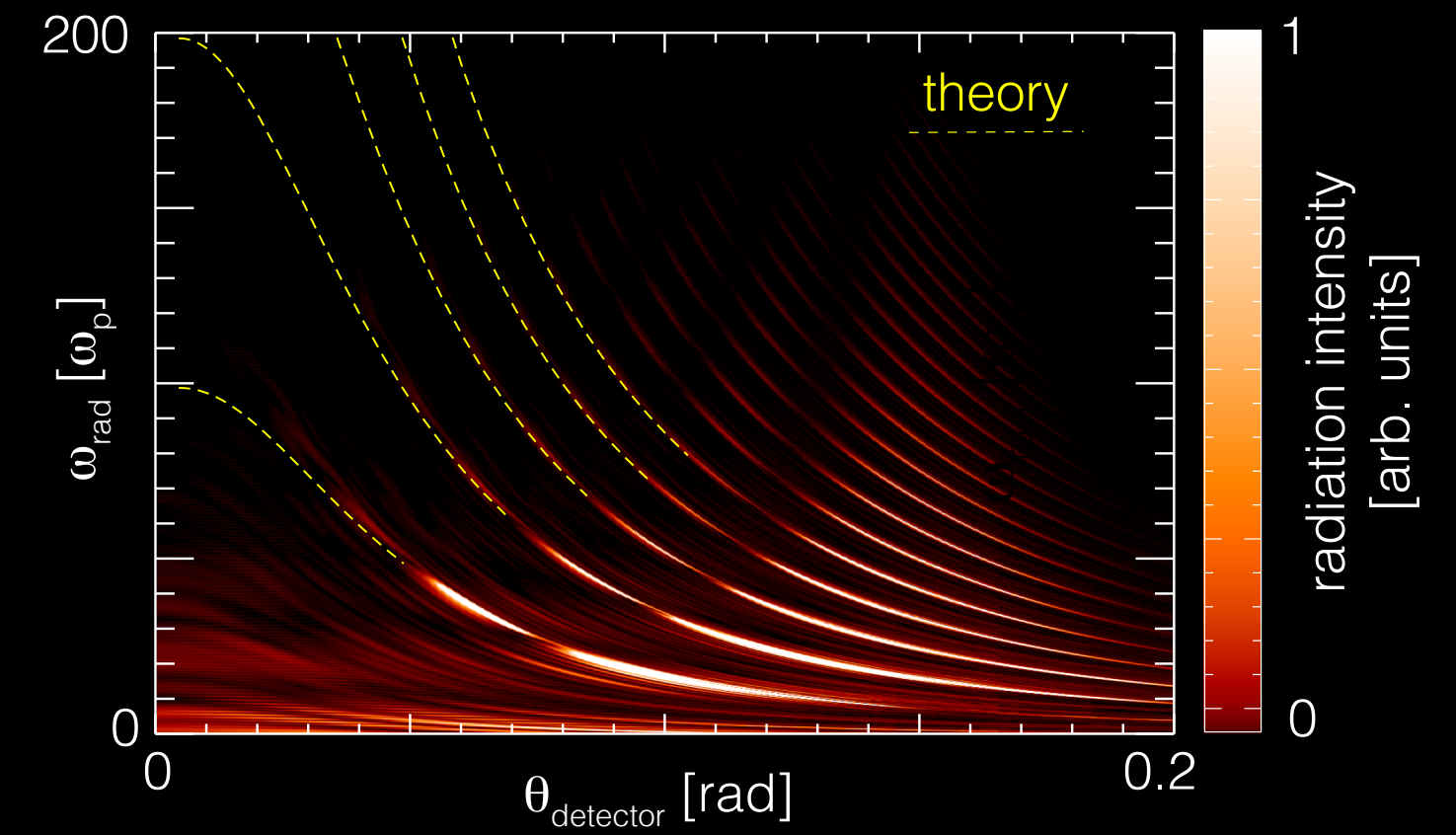


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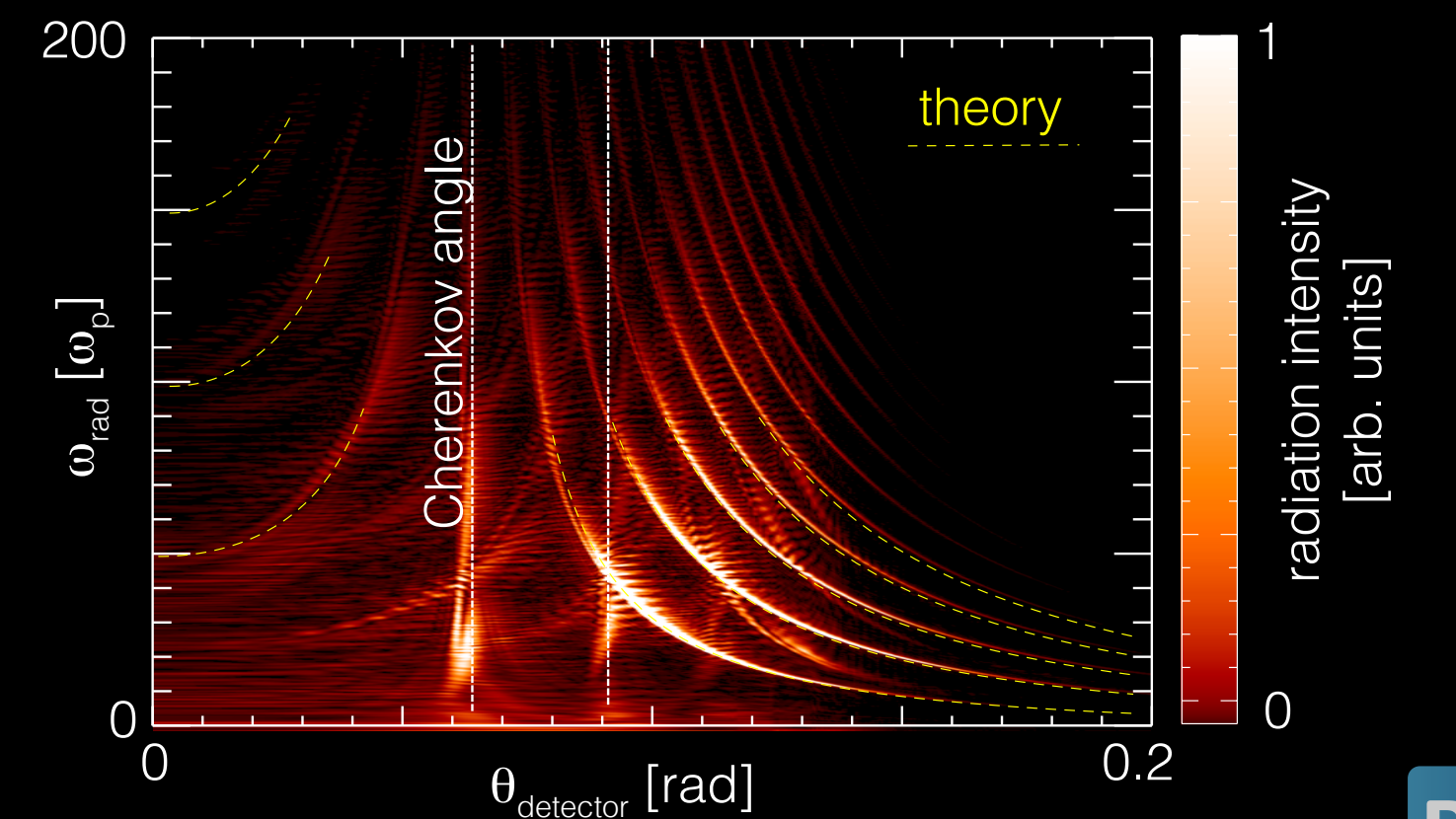
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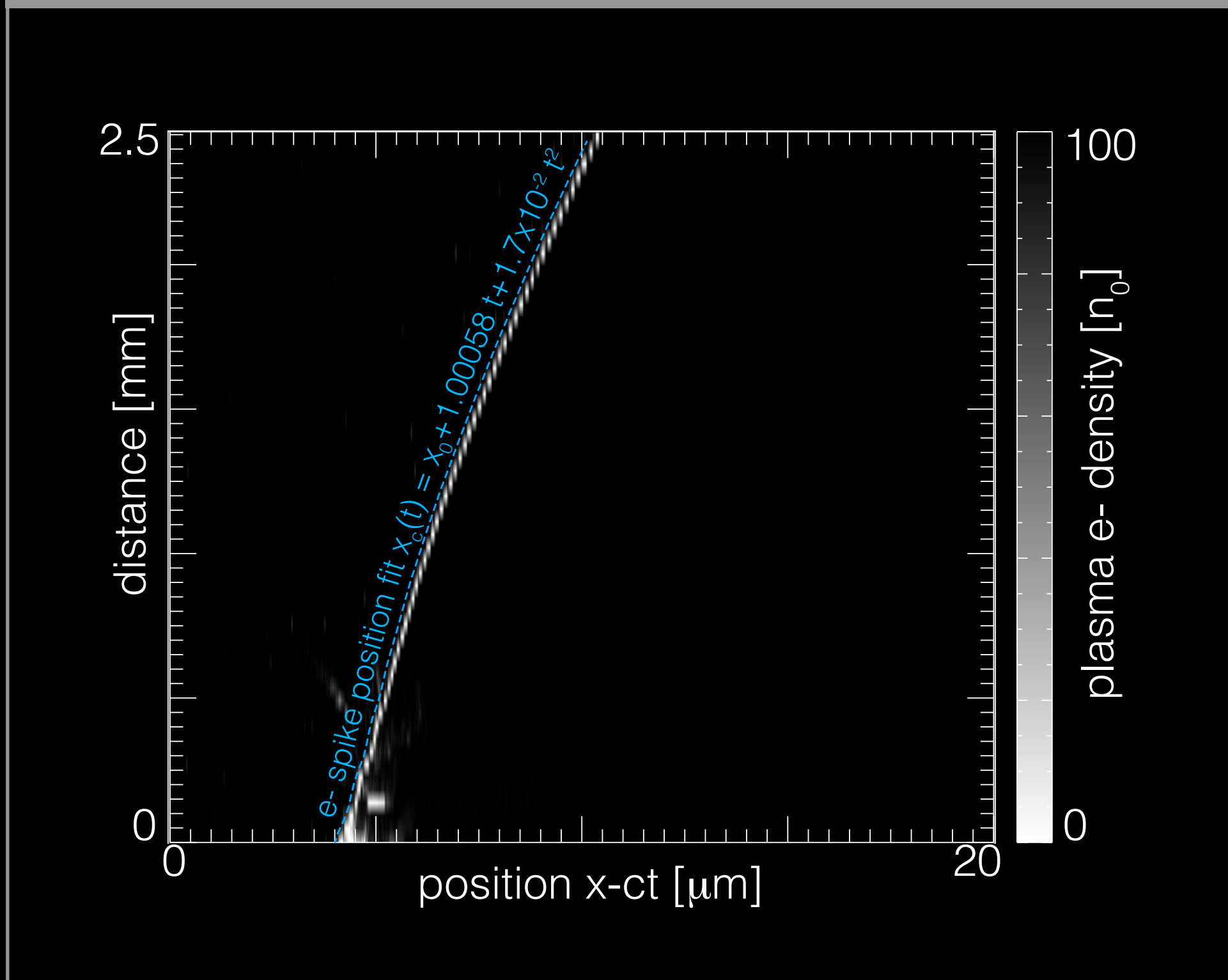


More Superluminal

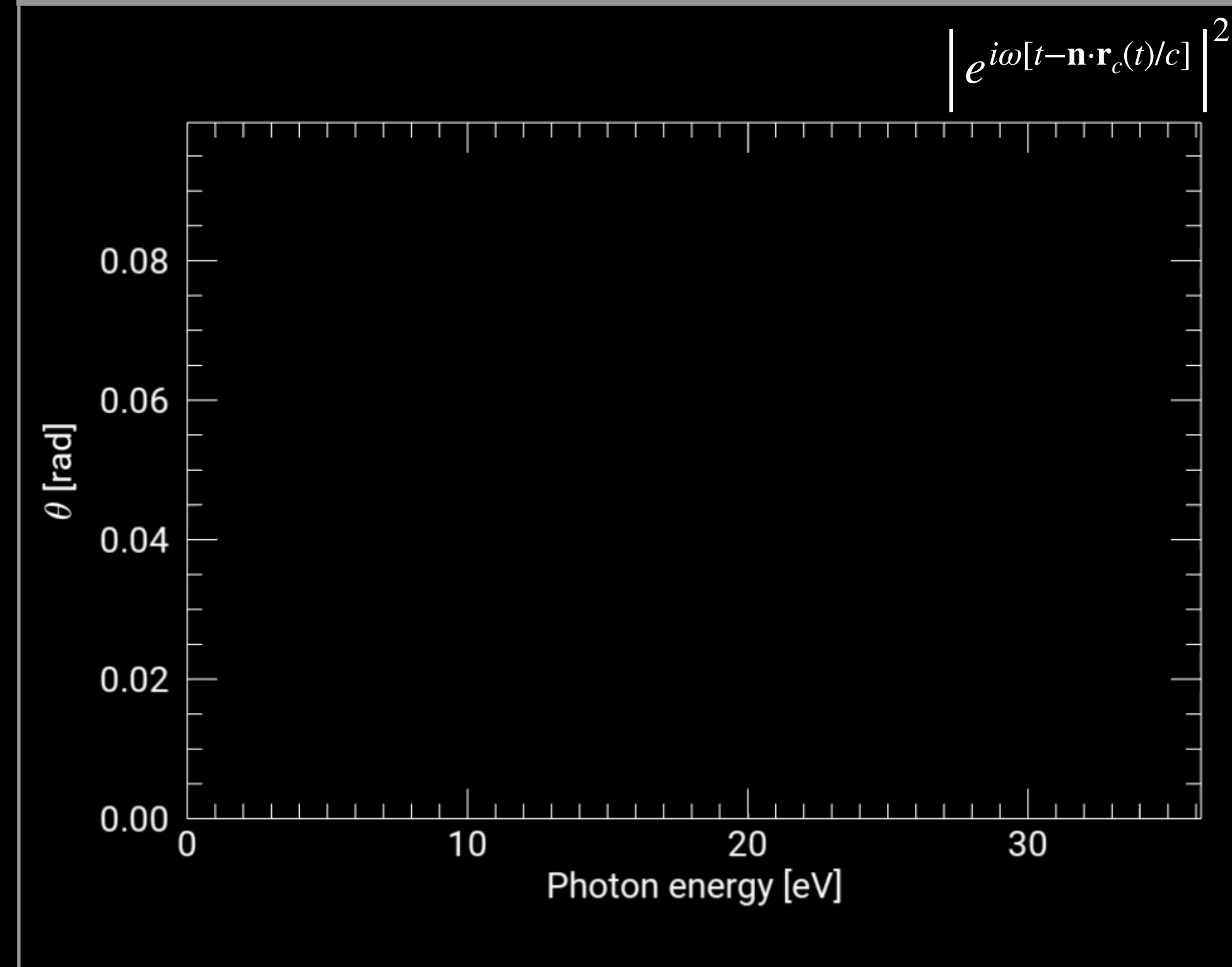


$$B \text{ [ph/s/mm}^2\text{/0.1 \% BW/mrad}^2\text{]} \simeq \frac{\alpha(c[\text{cm/s}])}{4\pi^2 \times 10^{11}} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_p}\right)^2 \left(\frac{c}{\omega_p}\right)^3 (n_{\text{qp}}[\text{cm}^{-3}])^2 \left(T[\omega_p^{-1}]\right)^2 \left(\sigma_{\perp}[c/\omega_p]\right)^2 \left(\sigma_{\parallel}[c/\omega_p]\right) \sin^2 \theta$$

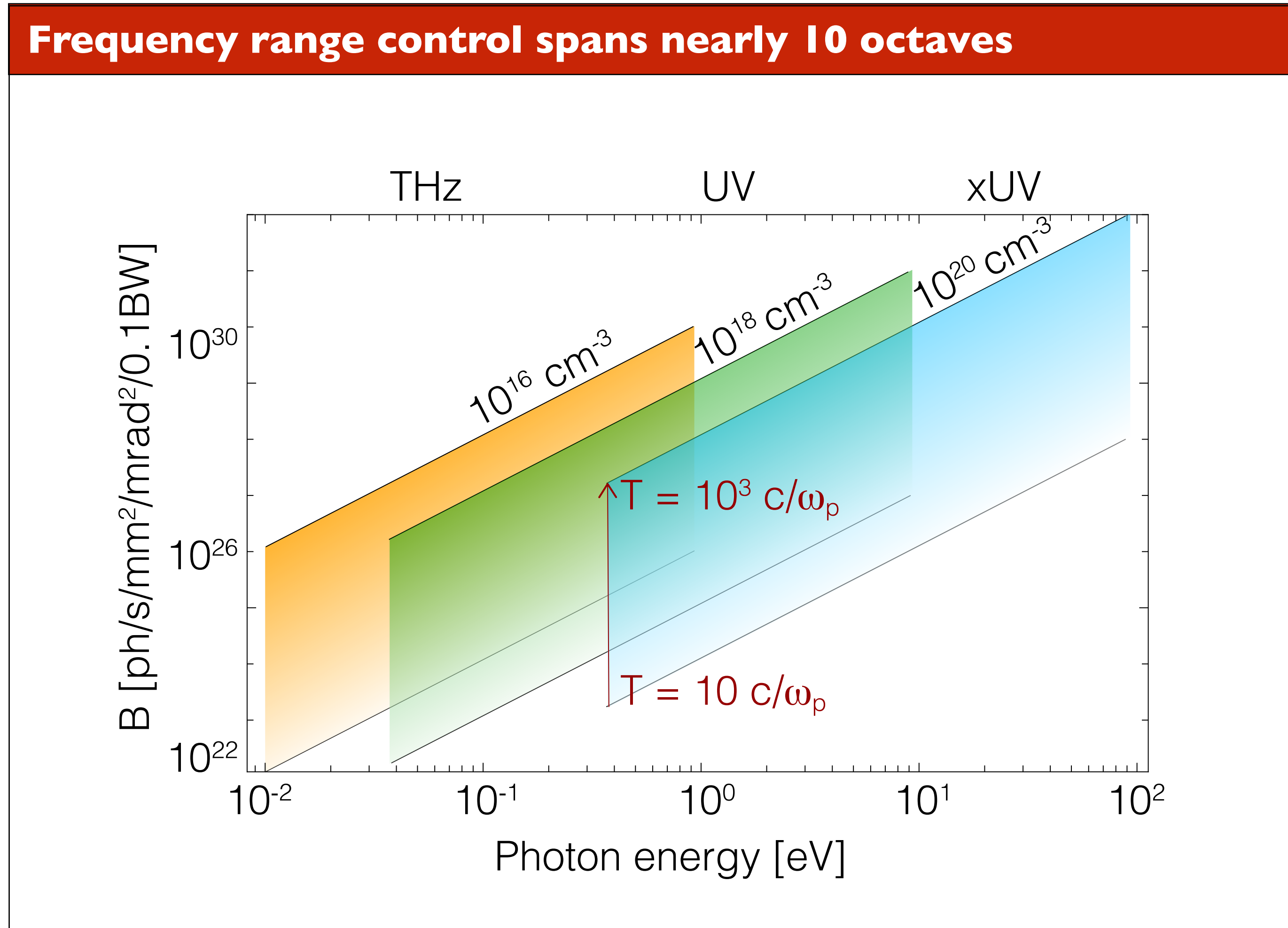
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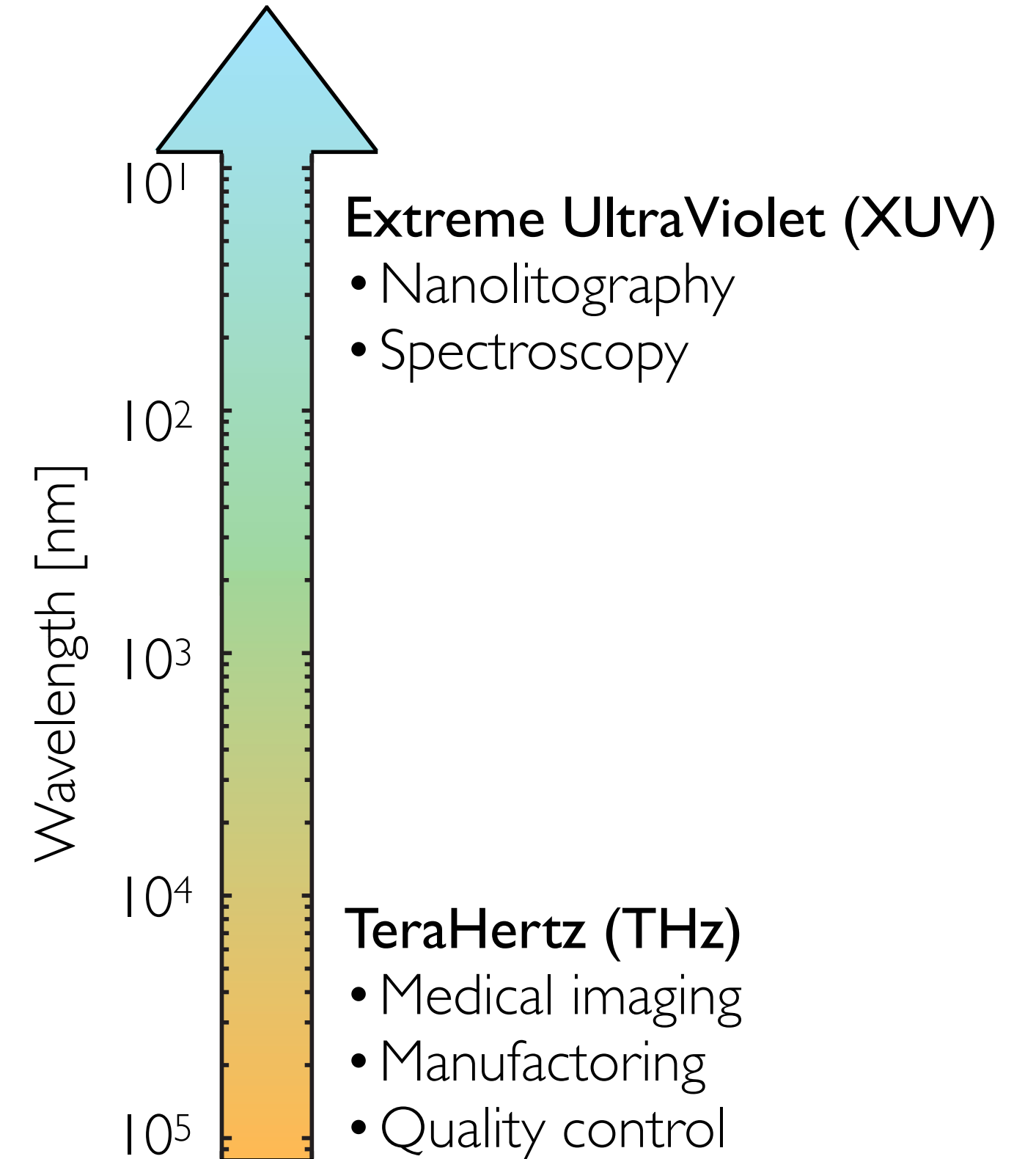
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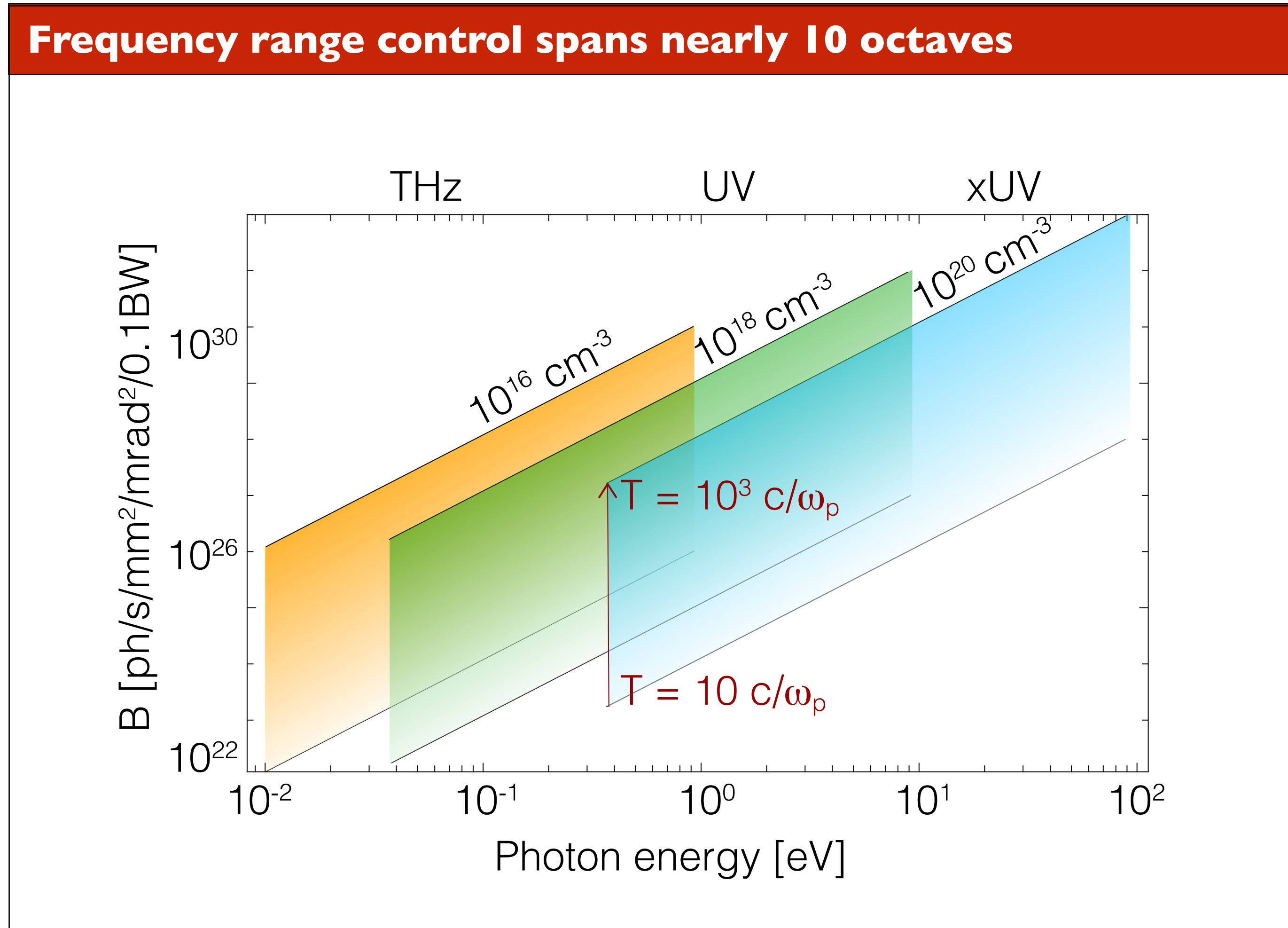
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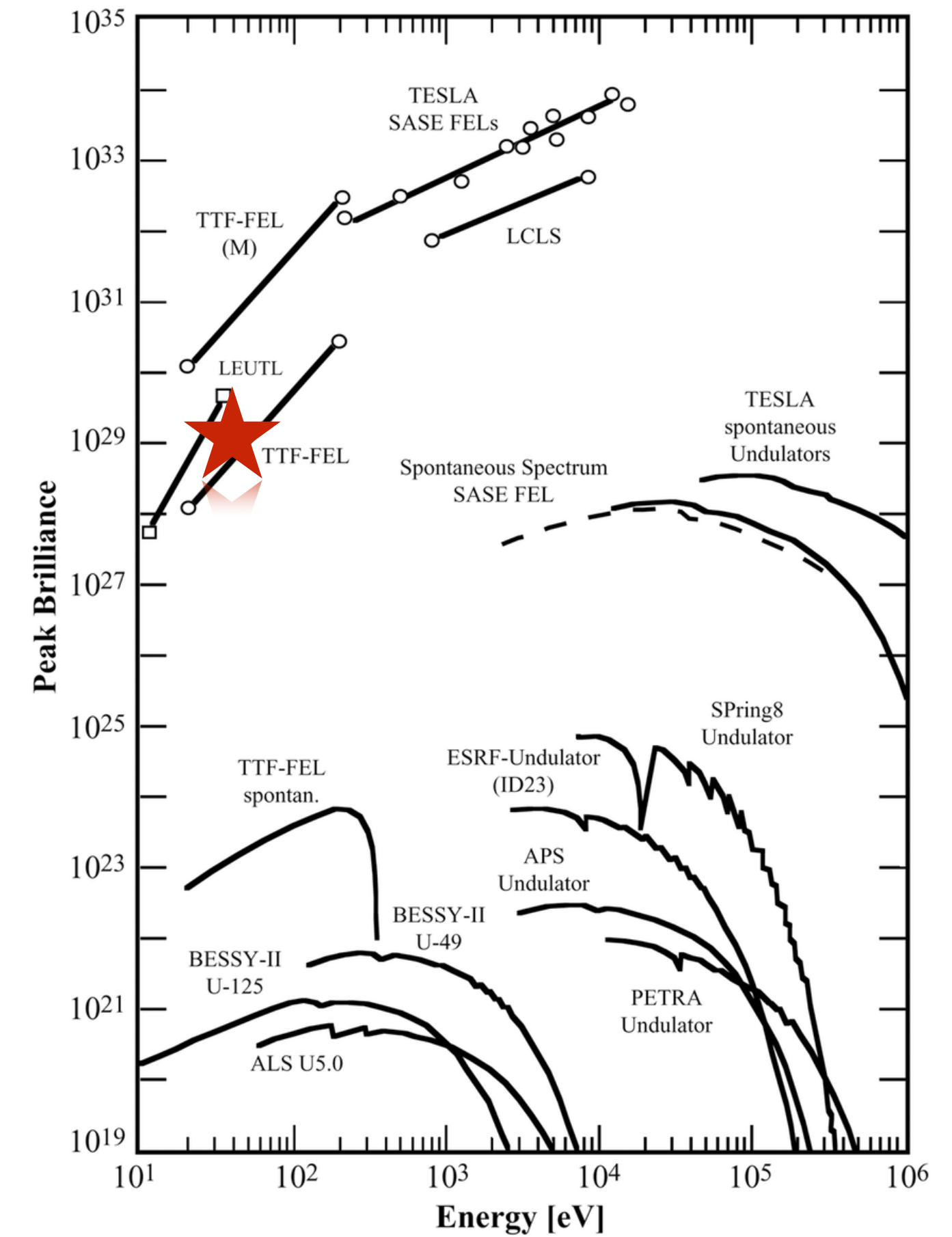
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Conclusions



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Many other examples

Thank you!