

Spin effects in strong laser and plasma fields

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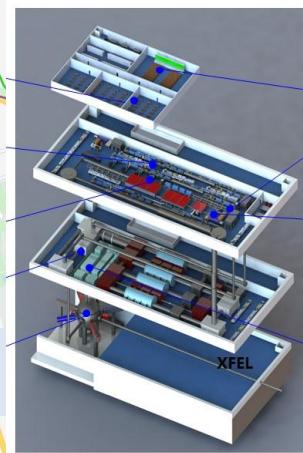
Shanghai Light Source



SULF 10PW



SEL 100PW



XFEL parameters:
e-beams: 8-10 GeV
Photons: 0.4-25 keV
Rep.rate:1MHz

Shanghai XFEL (SHINE)

ShanghaiTech University



Shanghai Ultra-short and ultra-intense laser facility (SULF, 10PW)



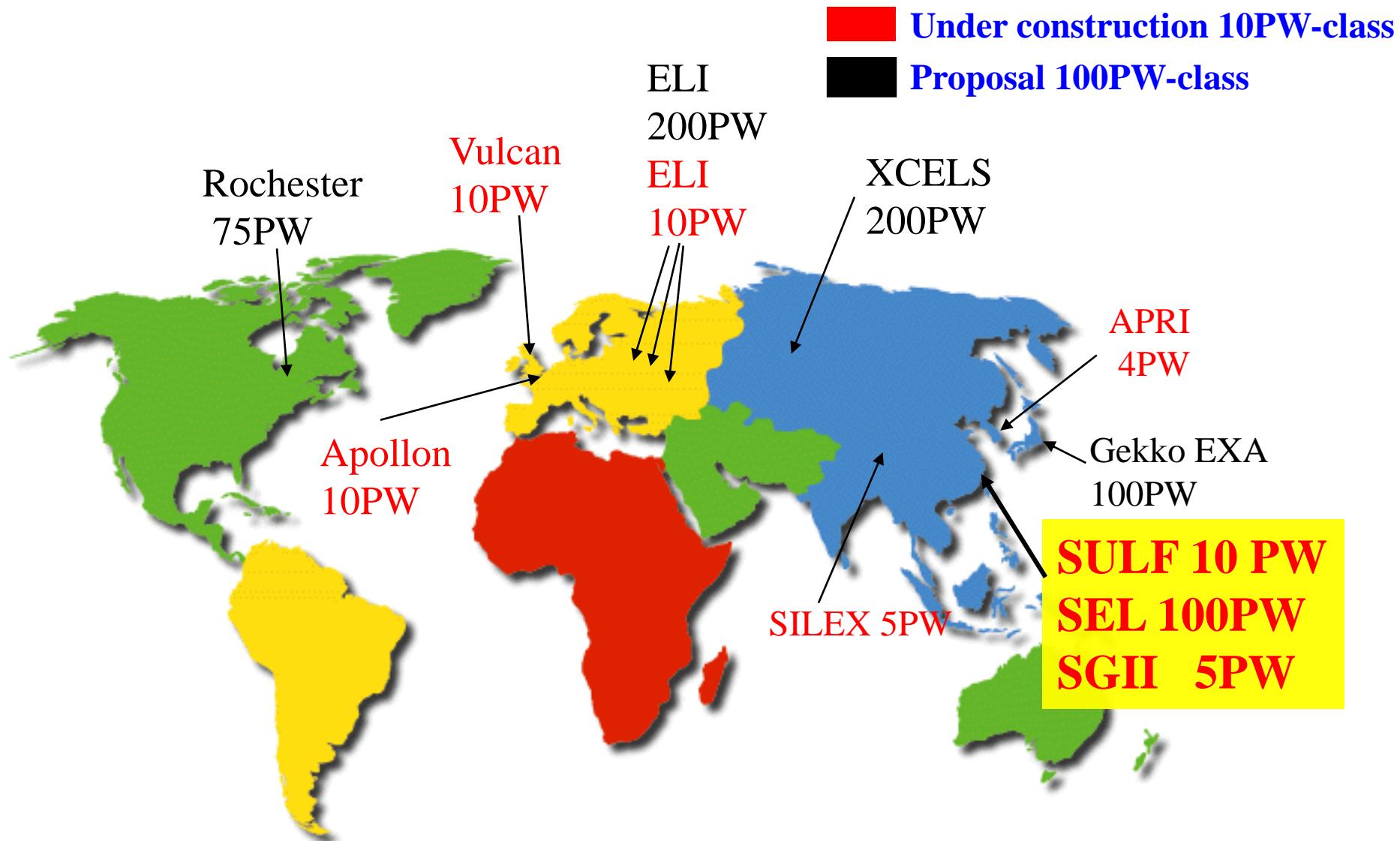
1PW beamline: 30J, 30fs, 0.1Hz

10PW beamline: 250J, 25fs

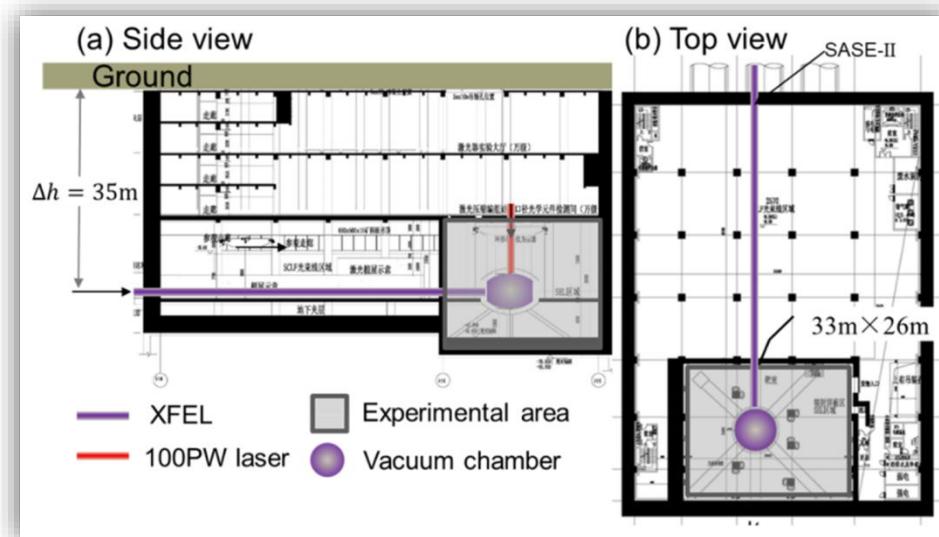
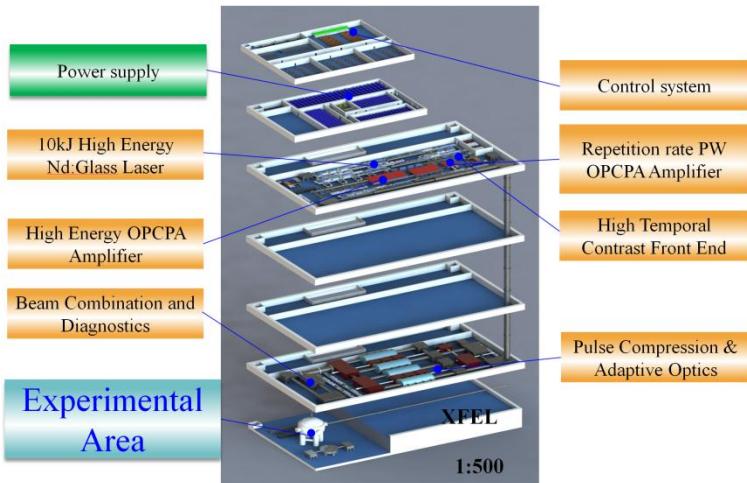
- **DMEC** : Dynamics of Materials under Extreme Conditions
- **USAP**: Ultrafast Sub-atomic Physics
- **MODEC** : Big Molecule Dynamics and Extreme-fast Chemistry



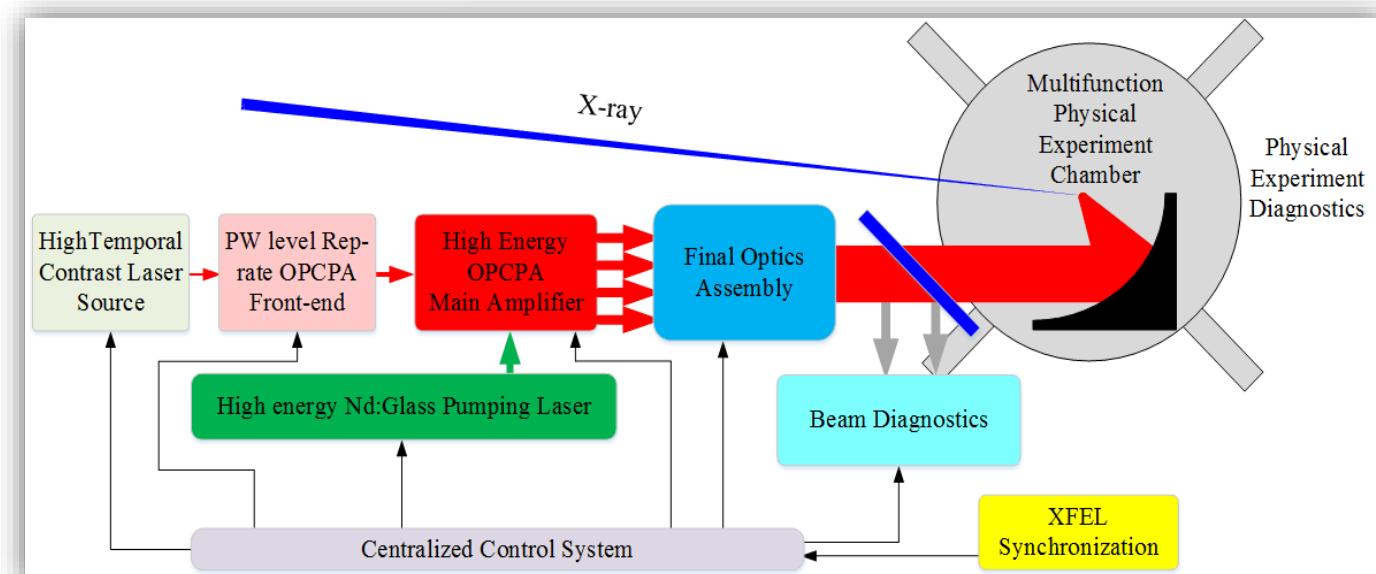
10PW-200PW laser facilities worldwide



Station of Extreme Light (SEL, 100PW)



- Located in the Farthest shaft
- 35 meters underground.
- Flexible interaction-angles



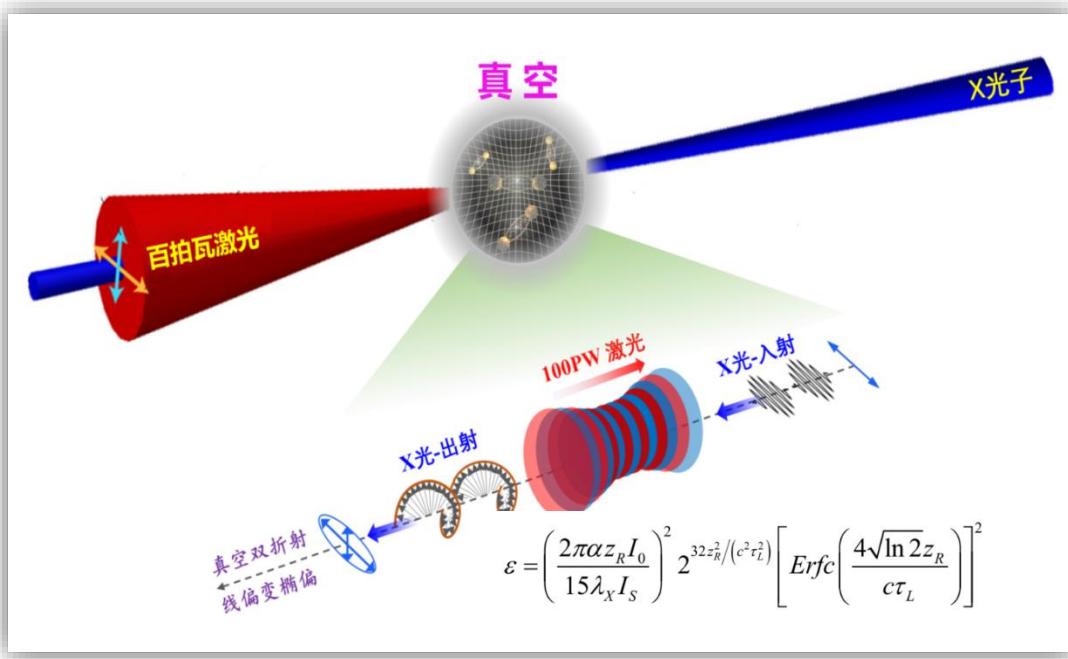
Parameters for proposed experiments in SEL

	Parameters	Nominal
X-ray	Photon Energy	3 - 15 keV
	Photons per pulse	10^{11-12}
	Pulse length	20- 50 fs
	beam spot size	0.2-5 um
Laser	Energy Resolution	0.6 eV
	Focused intensity	$1 \times 10^{23} \text{ W/cm}^2$
	Peak power	100 PW
	Repetition rate	1Hz@0.1-1PW Single shot@100PW

- Pulse energy 1500J; duration 15fs; Central wavelength 900nm;
Peak power 100 PW; Focused spot size 5μm; Intensity $>10^{23} \text{ W/cm}^2$; Contrast ratio $>10^{12}$

Station of Extreme Light (SEL, 100PW)

In SEL, the 100PW laser will collide with the XFEL beam, probing “vacuum birefringence” for the first time.



A circular loop with two external fields, E, B , at its vertices. The fields are represented by dashed lines with arrows. Below the loop, two wavy lines represent the fields k^μ, ε^ν and k^μ, ε^ν .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= \mathcal{F} + 2\xi\mathcal{F}^2 + \frac{7\xi}{2}\mathcal{G}^2 \\ \mathcal{F} &= -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}(E^2 - B^2) \\ \mathcal{G} &= -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}\end{aligned}$$

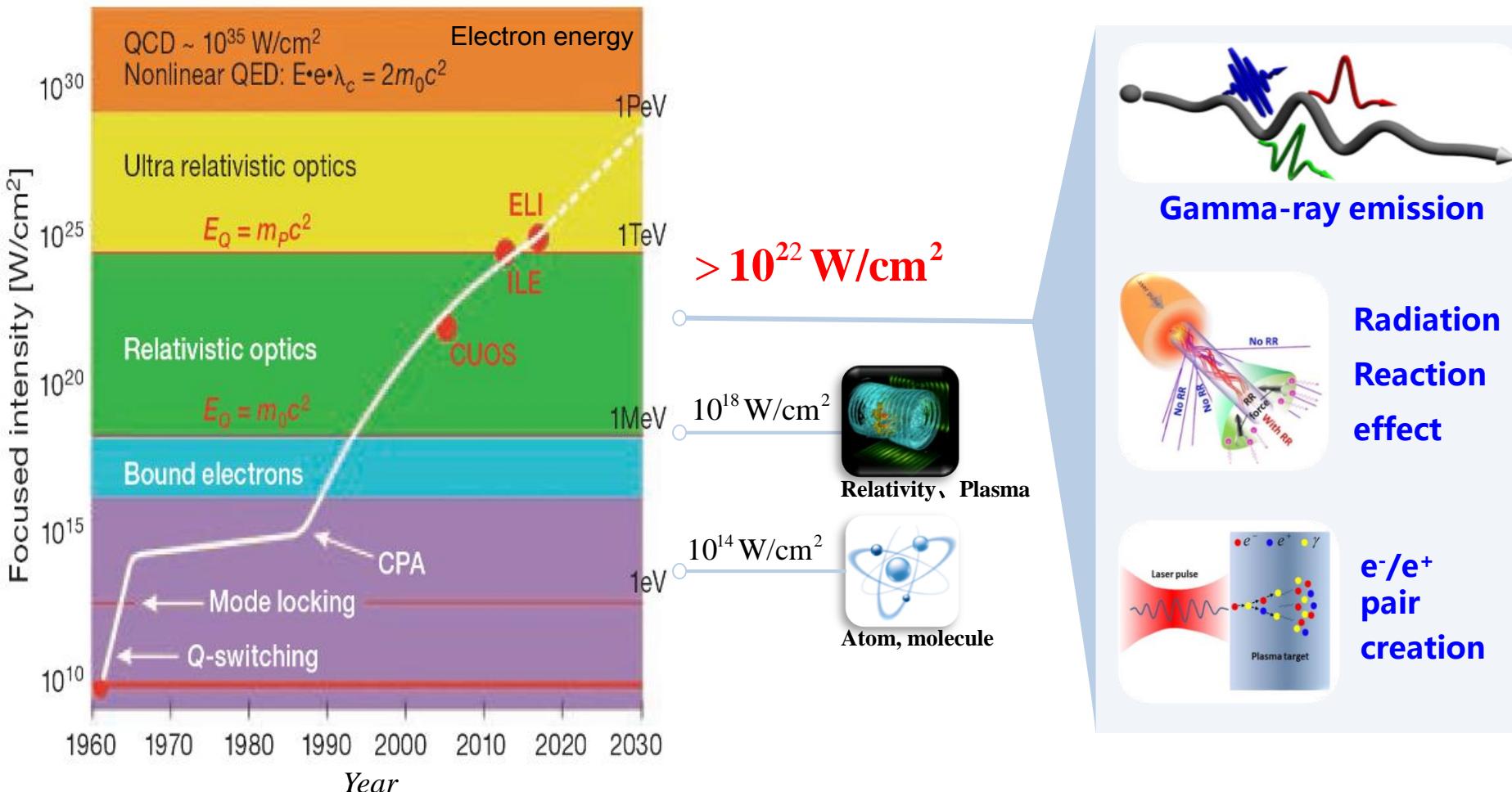
In QED, vacuum is full of virtual particle pairs that can mediate light-light interaction forbidden in classical theory.

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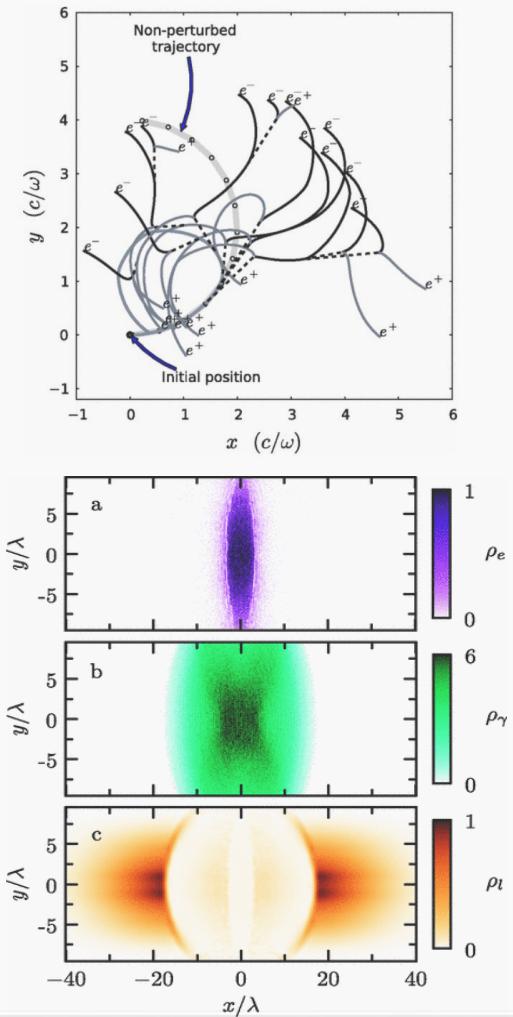
Laser intensity VERSUS interaction regimes

With **10-100PW** laser, light intensity reaches beyond **10^{22}W/cm^2** , light-matter interaction steps into the new **Radiation-dominated & QED** regime.



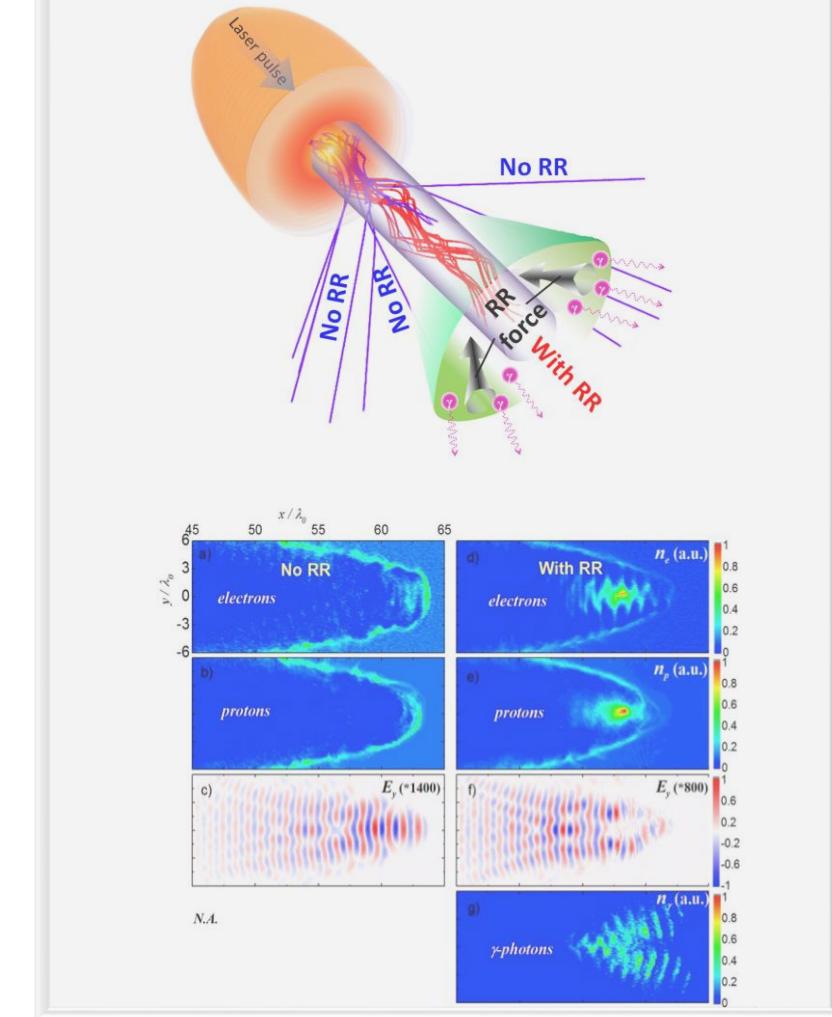
Extreme-field effects

QED cascade



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Radiation-reaction trapping



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Quantum behavior of relativistic particles in strong laser field

Landau-Lifschitz Equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dp}{dt} = & e(\mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \\ & + \frac{2e^3}{3mc^3} \gamma \left\{ (\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{v} \times (\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} \right\} \\ & + \frac{2e^4}{3m^2 c^4} \left\{ \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{v}) + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{E} (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{E}) \right\} \\ & - \frac{2e^4}{3m^2 c^5} \gamma^2 \mathbf{v} \left\{ (\mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} (\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{v})^2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

L.D. Landau & E.M. Lifshitz, 1971

Classical RR



x

Laser: $5 \times 10^{22} \text{ W/cm}^2$
Electron: 500 MeV

Stochastic Photon emission

Emitting intensity

$$W_{ph} = \frac{\alpha m_e^2 c^4}{3\sqrt{3}\pi\hbar c} \int_0^\infty dx \frac{5x^2 + 7x + 5}{(1+x)^3} K_{2/3}\left(\frac{2x}{3\chi}\right)$$

Emitting probability

$$I_{ph} = \frac{e^2 m_e c^4}{3\sqrt{34}\pi^2 \hbar^2} \int_0^\infty dx \frac{x(4x^2 + 5x + 4)}{(1+x)^4} K_{2/3}\left(\frac{2x}{3\chi}\right)$$

QED process

x

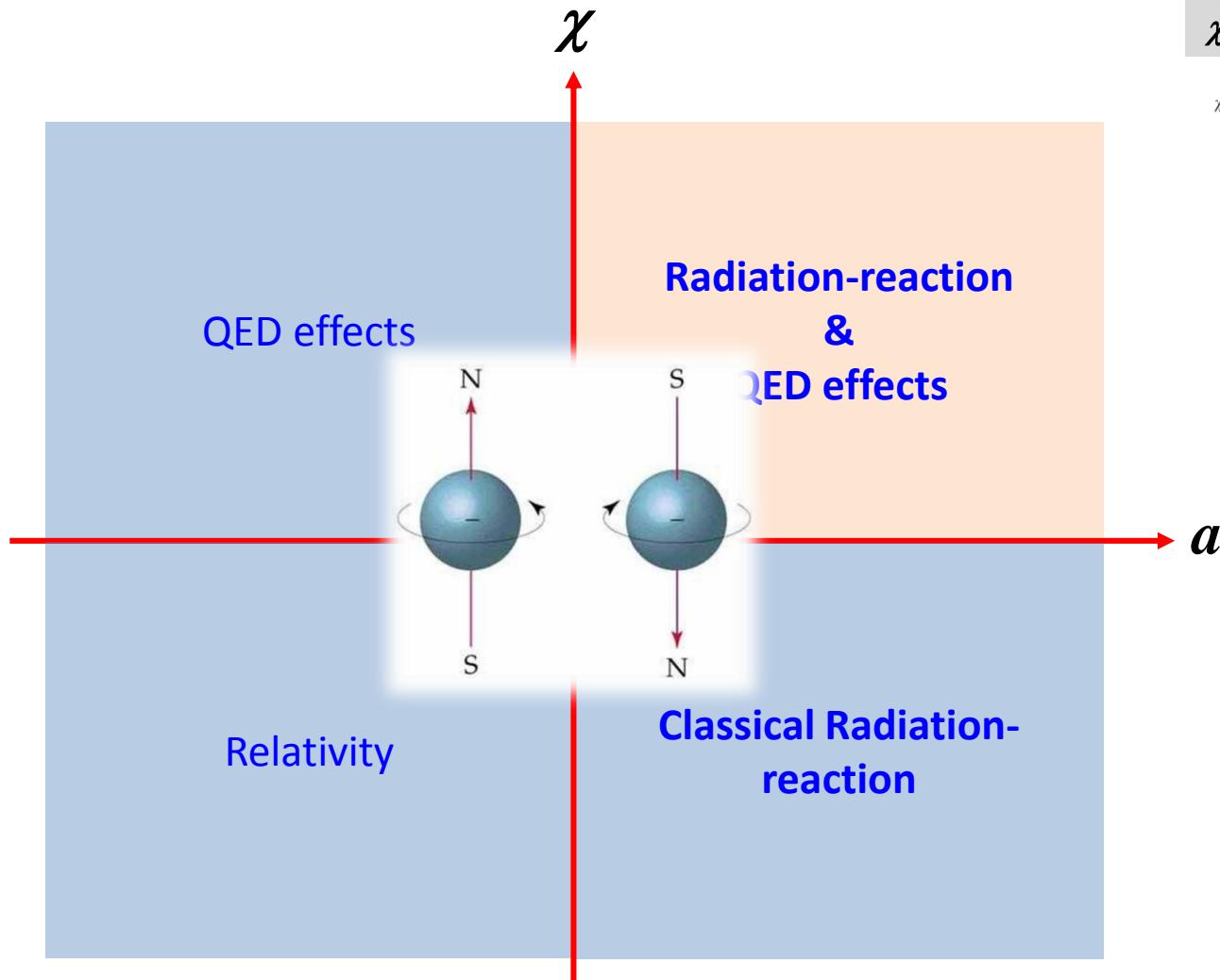
z

Spin effects arise in the new regime

a : dimensionless laser amplitude

χ : QED parameter

$$\chi = \frac{e\hbar}{m_e^3 c^4} \sqrt{\left(\frac{e\mathbf{E}}{c} + \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{H}\right)^2 - (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{E})^2}$$

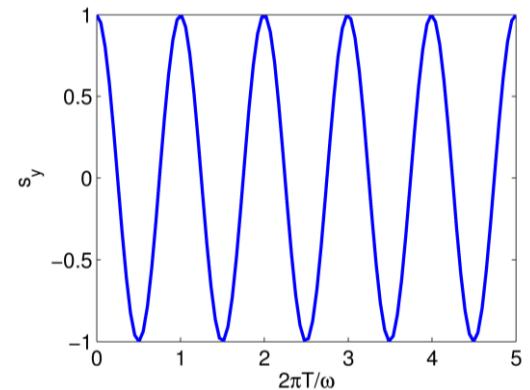
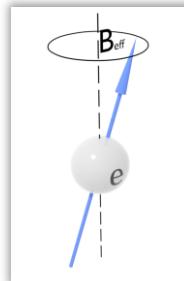


Spin dynamics: precession and deflection

Thomas-BMT equation

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{e}{m} \left[\left(a_e + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \mathbf{B} - \frac{a_e \gamma}{\gamma + 1} (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \boldsymbol{\beta} - \left(a_e + \frac{1}{\gamma + 1} \right) \boldsymbol{\beta} \times \frac{\mathbf{E}}{c} \right] \times \mathbf{s}$$

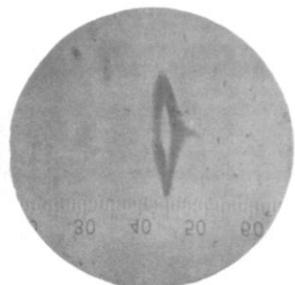
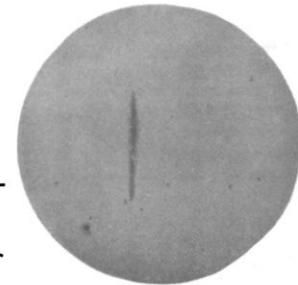
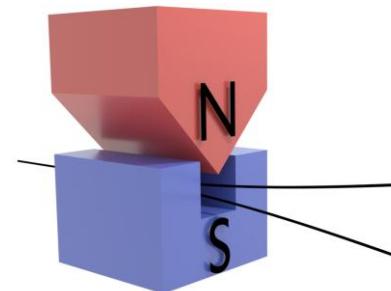
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Non-radiative

The Stern-Gerlach force

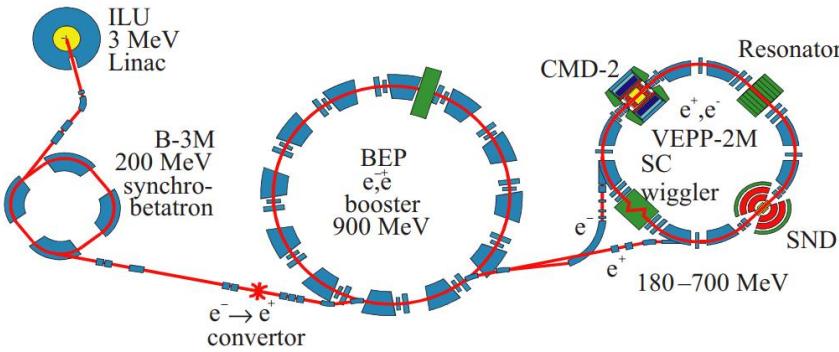
$$F_{SG} = \nabla(\mu \cdot \mathbf{B})$$



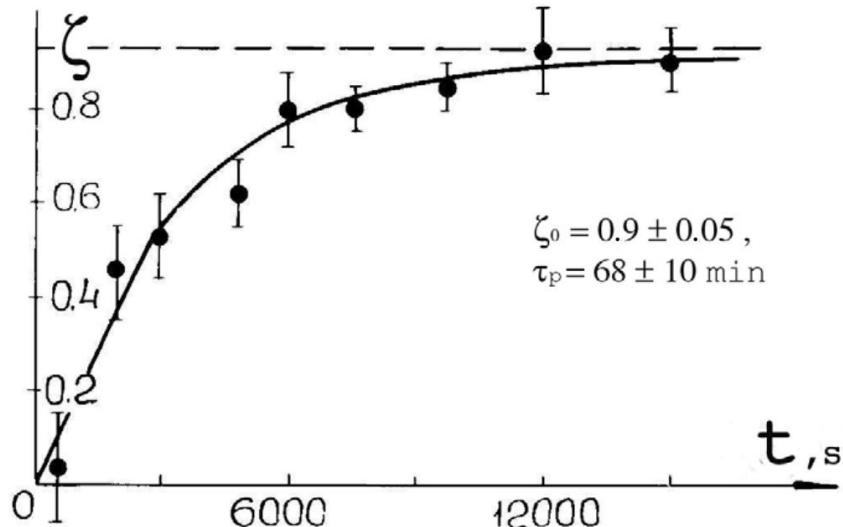
[1] Gerlach, Walther, and Otto Stern. 1922. *Zeitschrift für Physik* 9 (1): 349–52. <https://doi.org/10.1007/BF01326983>

The Stern-Gerlach experiment^[1]

Spin dynamics: The Sokolv-Ternov effect (radiative)



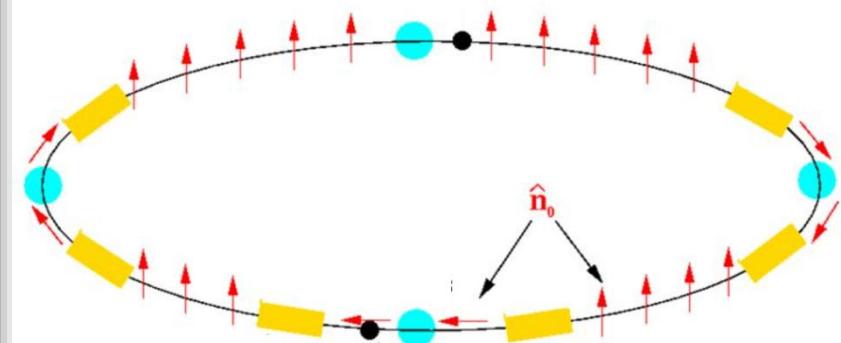
Schematic layout of VEPP-2M complex.



$$\tau_{\text{pol}}(\text{s}) \simeq 3654 \frac{(R/\rho)}{[B(\text{T})]^3 [E(\text{GeV})]^2}$$

$$P_{\text{ST}} = \frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}} \simeq 92.376\%$$

Radiative polarization



$$W_{\sigma}^{\uparrow\uparrow} = W^{\text{cl}} \left\{ \frac{7}{8} - \xi \left(\frac{25\sqrt{3}}{12} - \zeta \right) + \xi^2 \left(\frac{335}{18} + \frac{245\sqrt{3}}{48} \zeta \right) + \dots \right\},$$

$$W_{\sigma}^{\uparrow\downarrow} = W^{\text{cl}} \frac{\xi^2}{18},$$

$$W_{\pi}^{\uparrow\uparrow} = W^{\text{cl}} \left\{ \frac{1}{8} - \xi \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{24} + \xi^2 \frac{25}{18} + \dots \right\},$$

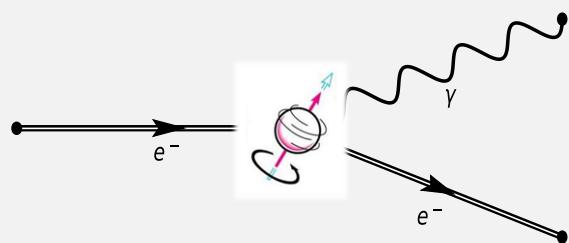
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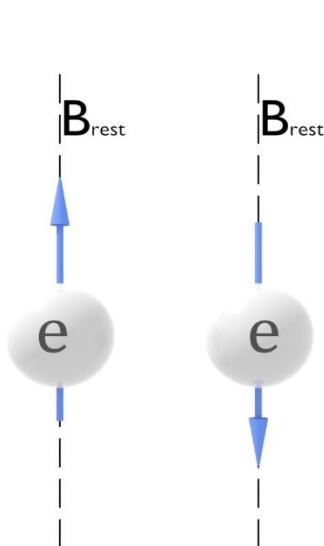
Spin dynamics in strong laser field

Non-linear Compton Scattering

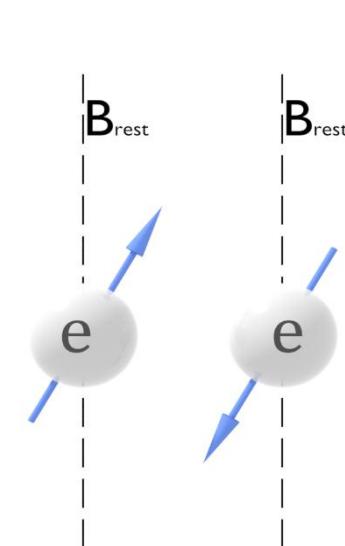


The radiation probability is dependent on the spin states [2]

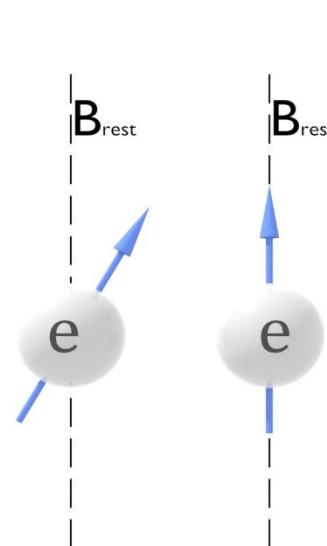
$$\frac{dP}{d\delta d\tau} = -\frac{\alpha}{2b} \left[2Ai_1(z) + g \frac{4Ai'(z)}{z} + s\zeta 2t \frac{Ai(z)}{\sqrt{z}} \right]$$



Sokolov-Ternov [1]



S-projection [2]



B-projection [3]

Spin parallel or anti-parallel to the B-field

No S-T effect

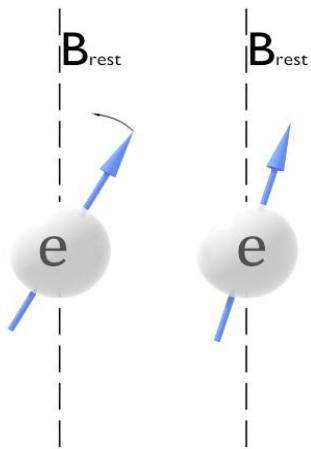
Loss of information

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[2] Seipt, D., D. Del Sorbo, C. P. Ridgers, and A. G. R. Thomas.. *Physical Review A* 98, 023417 (2018).

[3] Li, Yan-Fei, Rashid Shaisultanov, Karen Z. Hatsagortsyan, Feng Wan, Christoph H. Keitel, and Jian-Xing Li, *Physical Review Letters* 122, 154801(2019).

Generalized Sokolov-Ternov theory



Generalized S-T

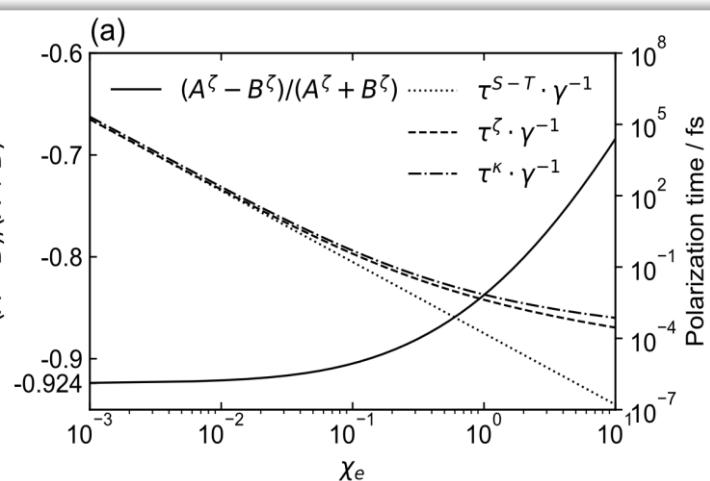
- Define the transition probability along a complete and orthogonal axis

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}^{\downarrow\uparrow}, \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^{\uparrow\downarrow}$$

- Build up Polarization along ζ, η, κ from spin flip rates

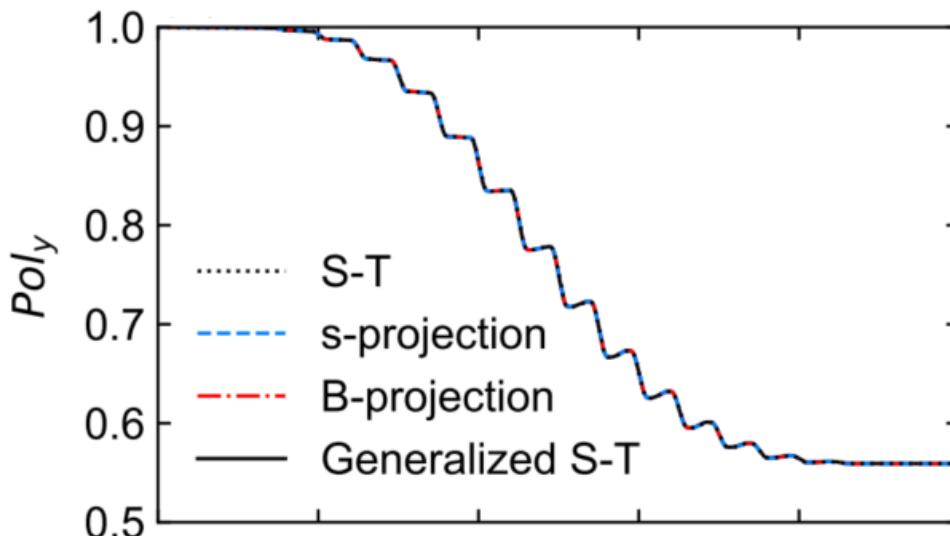
$$\mathbf{P}(t) =$$

$$\frac{A-B}{A+B} \left[1 - \exp \left(-\frac{t}{\tau} \right) \right] + P_0 \exp \left(-\frac{t}{\tau} \right)$$



Geng, X. S., Z. G. Bu, Y. T. Wu, Q. Q. Han, C. Y. Qin, W. Q. Wang, X. Yan, L. G. Zhang, B. F. Shen, and L. L. Ji. 2020. ArXiv:1912.03625 [Physics], March. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1912.03625>.

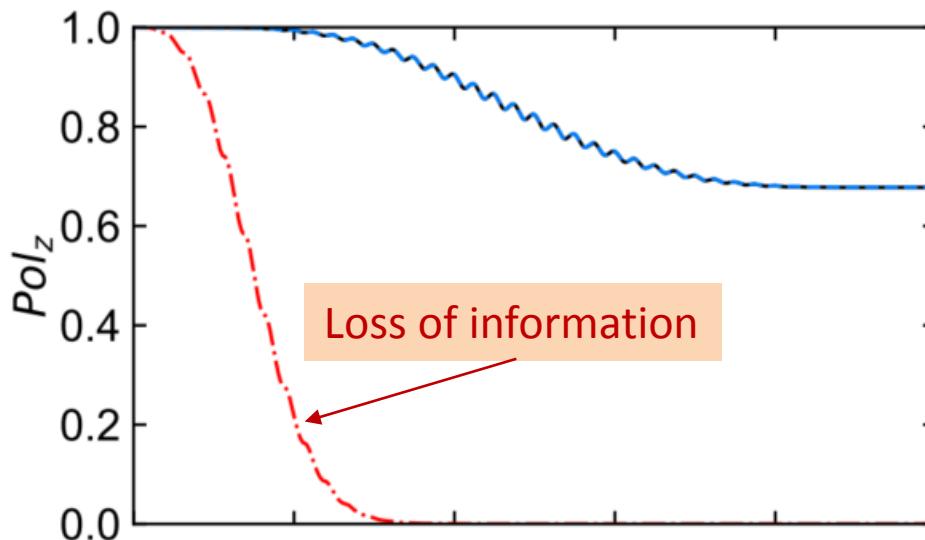
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Transverse polarization

Reproduced the S-T effect

(spin is parallel/antiparallel
to the B-field)

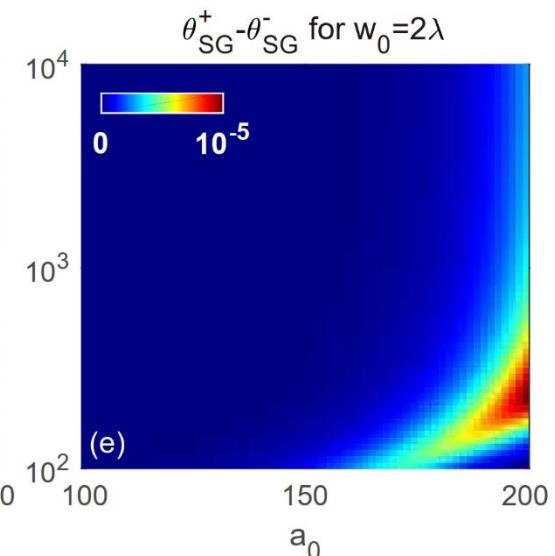
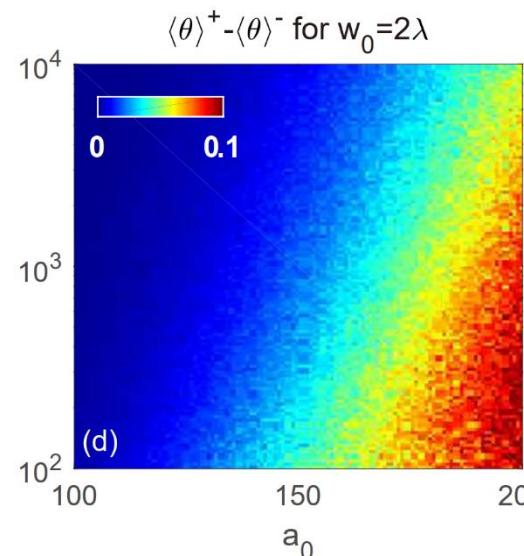
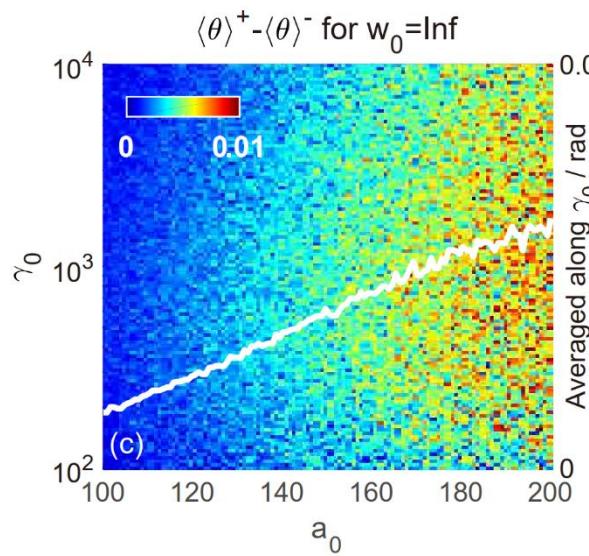
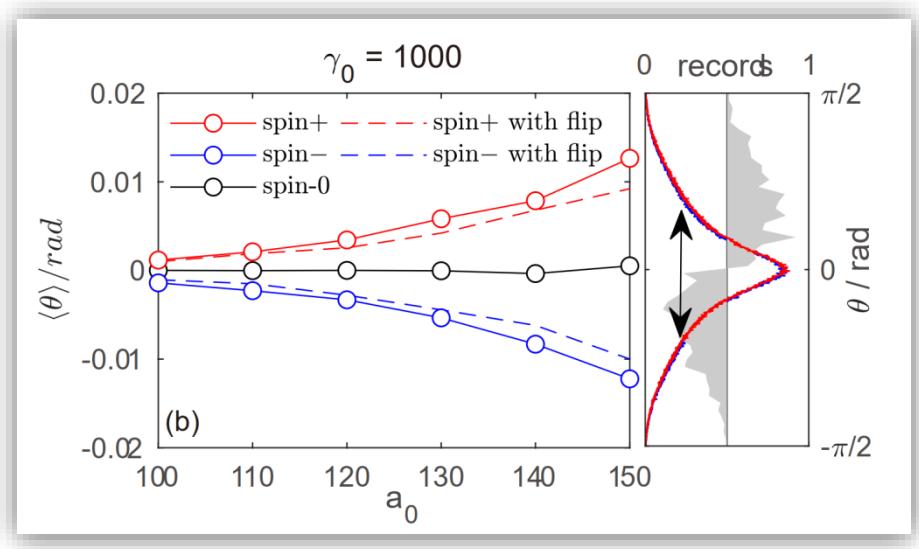
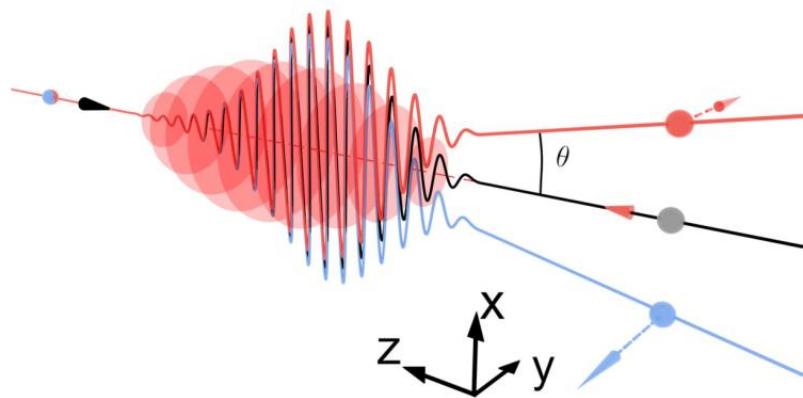


Longitudinal polarization

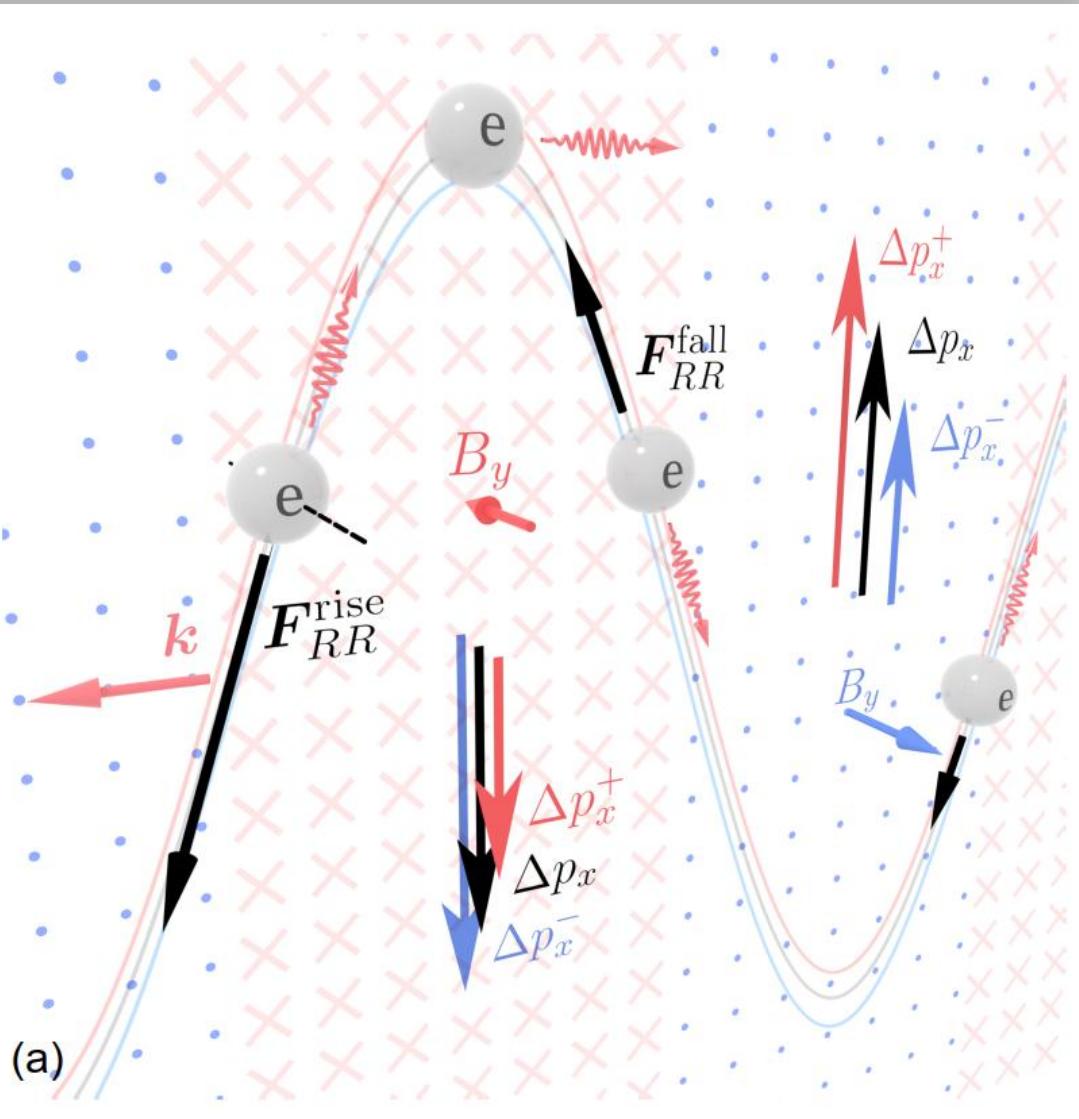
Avoid information loss

(spin is perpendicular to the
B-field)

Spin-dependent deflection in the SFQED regime



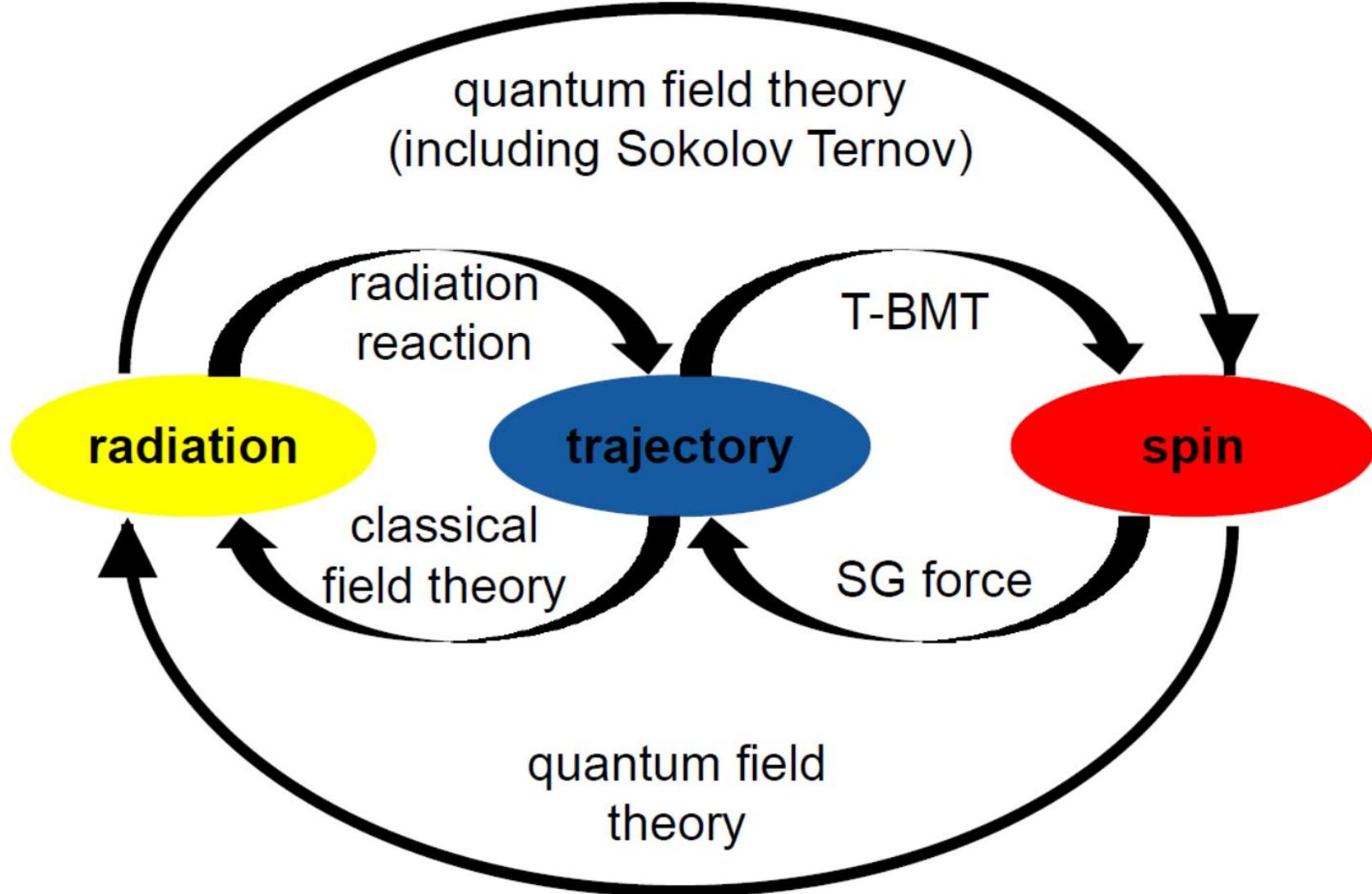
Spin effects manifestation in radiation-reaction



$$\left| \int_{\text{rise}} d\psi \mathbf{F}_{\text{RR}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}} \right| > \left| \int_{\text{fall}} d\psi \mathbf{F}_{\text{RR}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}} \right|$$

- **The radiation-reaction effect:**
electron loses energy due to
photon emission
- **The spin effect:**
Spin anti-parallel radiates
more energies than parallel.

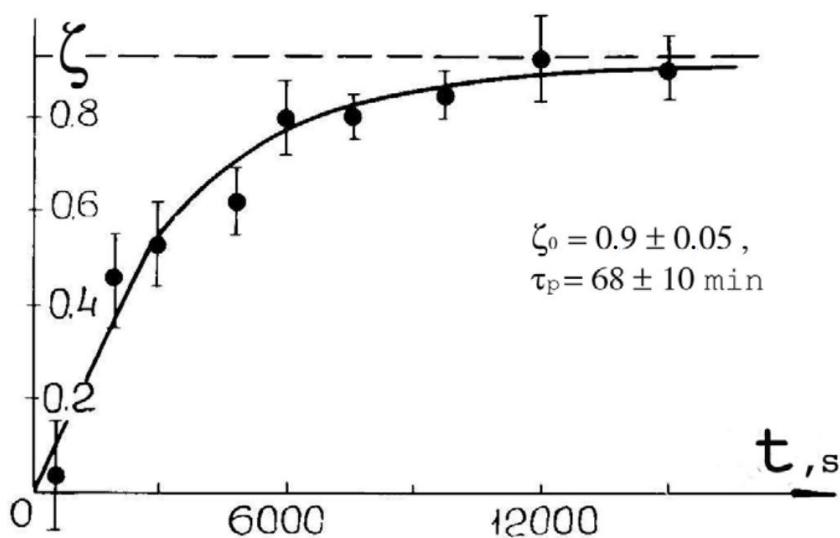
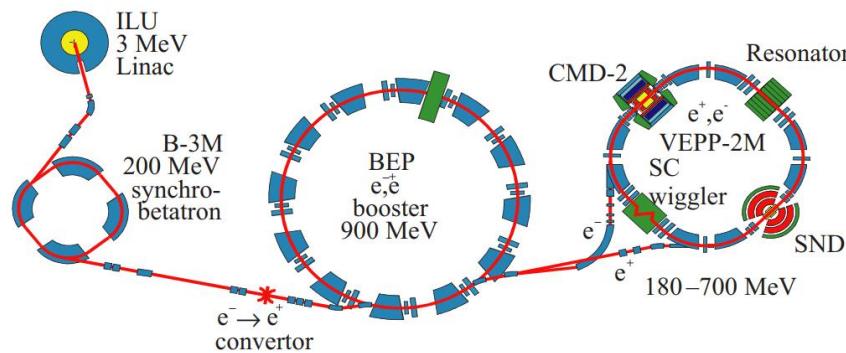
Symmetry is broken when both effects are coupled to each other.
A net momentum shift is induced along the $s \times k$ direction



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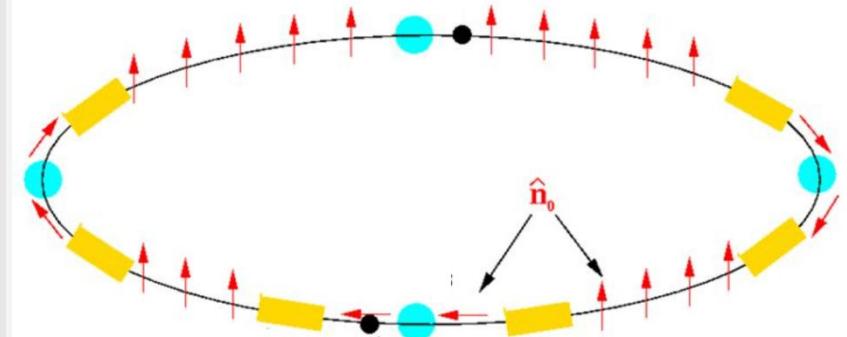
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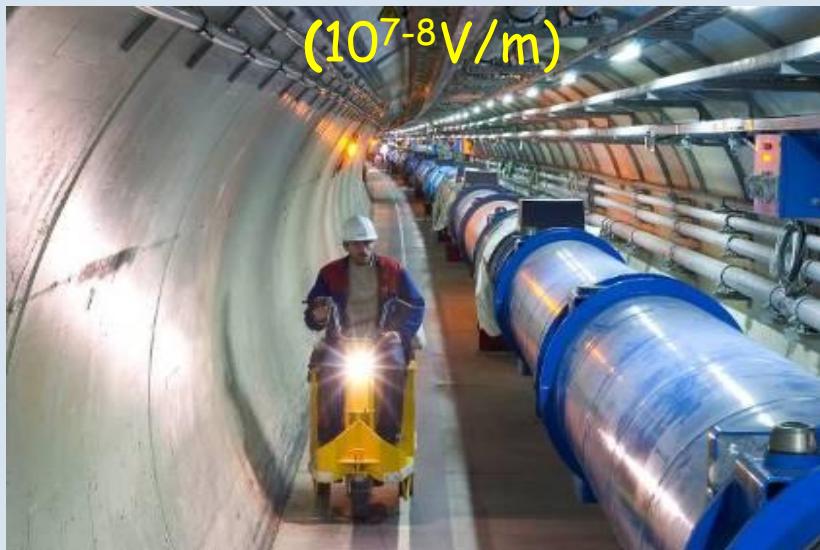
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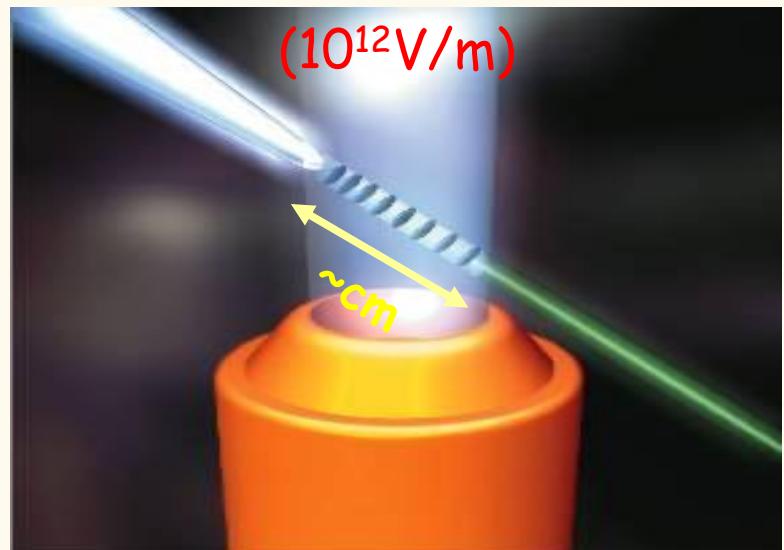
$$P(t) = P_{\text{ST}} (1 - e^{-t/\tau_{\text{pol}}})$$

Laser acceleration: High acceleration gradient

Conventional Accelerator (1km)



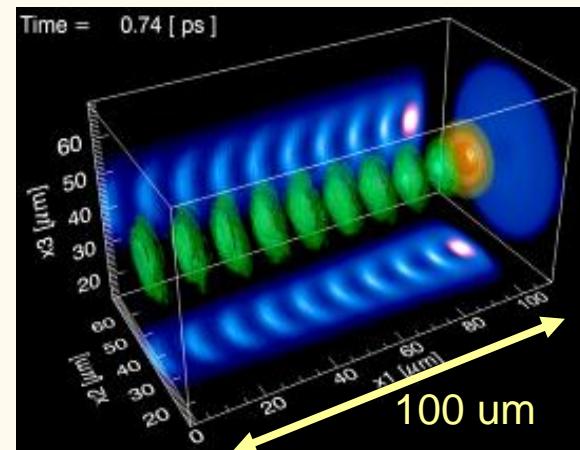
Laser Acceleration (1cm)



LHC,Higgs Boson, Nobel Prize(2013)



Radiofrequency cavity (1 m-long)



$$E_z = \frac{m_e c \omega_p}{e} \approx 300 \text{ GV/m} \quad (\text{for } n_e = 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3})$$

W. Mori & L. O. Silva

Is it possible to generate polarized electron in
laser-driven wakefield acceleration?

Polarized electron acceleration: the S-T effect

- Accelerate and then polarize in Storage rings due to Sokolov-Ternov Effect

Sov.Phys. J. 10, 39–47 (1967)

- Extract from polarized atoms/photocathodes and accelerate in Linacs

J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 295, 012151(2011). Appl.

Phys.Lett. 26, 670(1975)

- Spin filters & Beam splitters

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$$T_{\text{pol,electron}}^{-1} = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{8} \hbar \frac{e^5 F^3 \gamma_e^2}{m_e^5 c^8}$$

For typical LWFA

$\gamma_e \sim 10^3$ and $F \sim 10^{16} \text{ V/m.}$

One finds $T_{\text{pol,S-T}} \sim 1 \mu\text{s}$

>> acceleration duration (~ns scale)

Phys. Rev. ST-AB 23, 064401(2020)

Polarized electron acceleration: spin splitter

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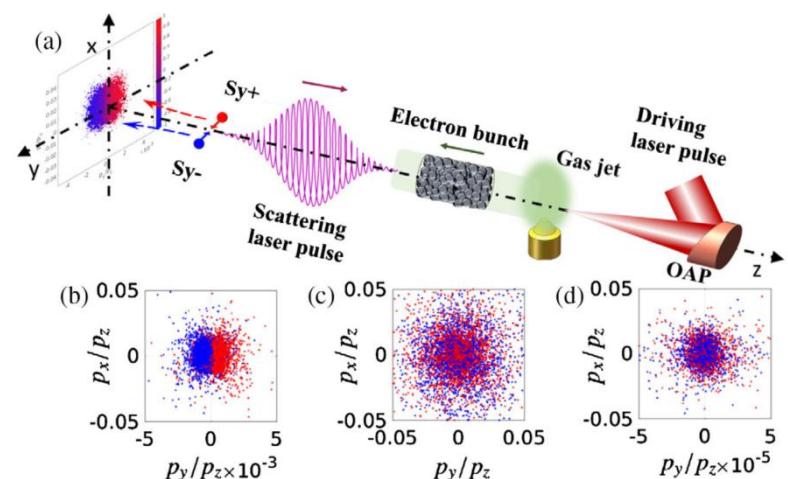
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$$|F_{SG}/F_L| \sim |\nabla(S \cdot \mathbf{B})/\gamma_e^2 c B m_e| \sim \hbar/\lambda m_e c \gamma_e^2 \ll 1$$

The Stern-Gerlach Force is negligible compared to laser-plasma fields

PRST-AB, in preparation

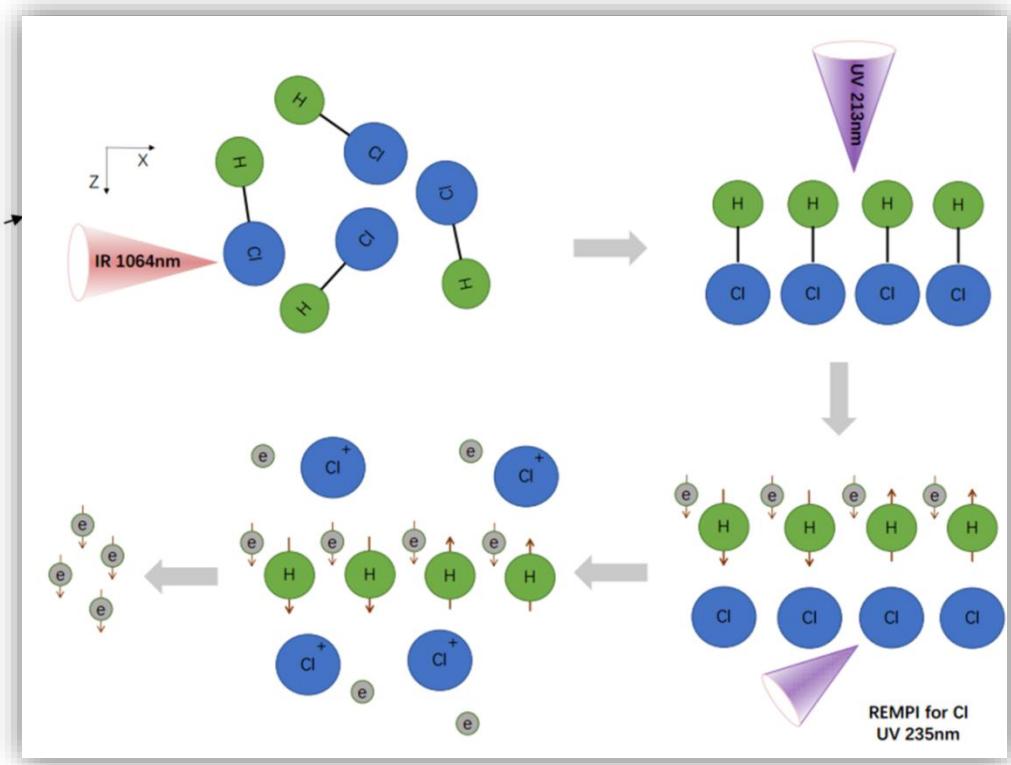
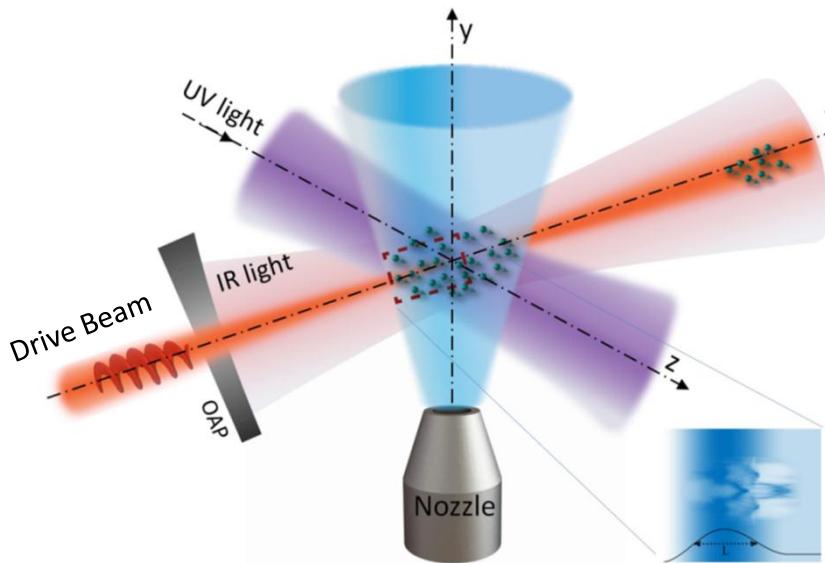


Colliding a 10 PW laser with multi-GeV electrons to split electrons of different spin states (spin-flip rates depending on the states)

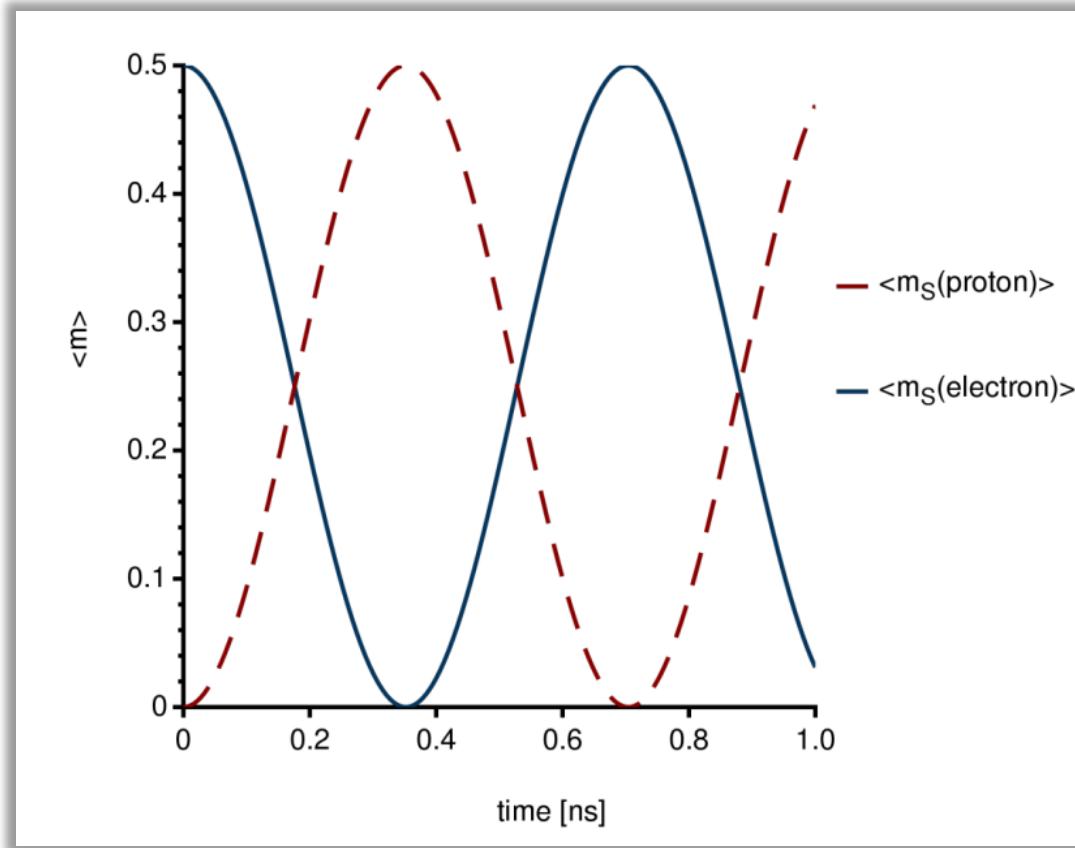
Pre-polarization + LWFA

- How to prepare a 100% polarized electron target?
- Is it possible to preserve the beam polarization during LWFA?

100% pre-polarized electron target is feasible



Pre-polarization + LWFA



Particle spin in PIC simulations

Particle-In-Cell

$$\frac{ds^n}{dt} = \frac{ds_{\perp}^n}{dt} = -\boldsymbol{\Omega}^n \times \mathbf{s}^n = -\boldsymbol{\Omega}^n \times \mathbf{s}_{\perp}^n$$

$$\mathbf{s}_{\parallel}^n = \frac{\boldsymbol{\Omega}^n \cdot \mathbf{s}^n}{|\boldsymbol{\Omega}^n|} \frac{\boldsymbol{\Omega}^n}{|\boldsymbol{\Omega}^n|}, \mathbf{s}_{\perp}^n = \mathbf{s}^n - \mathbf{s}_{\parallel}^n$$

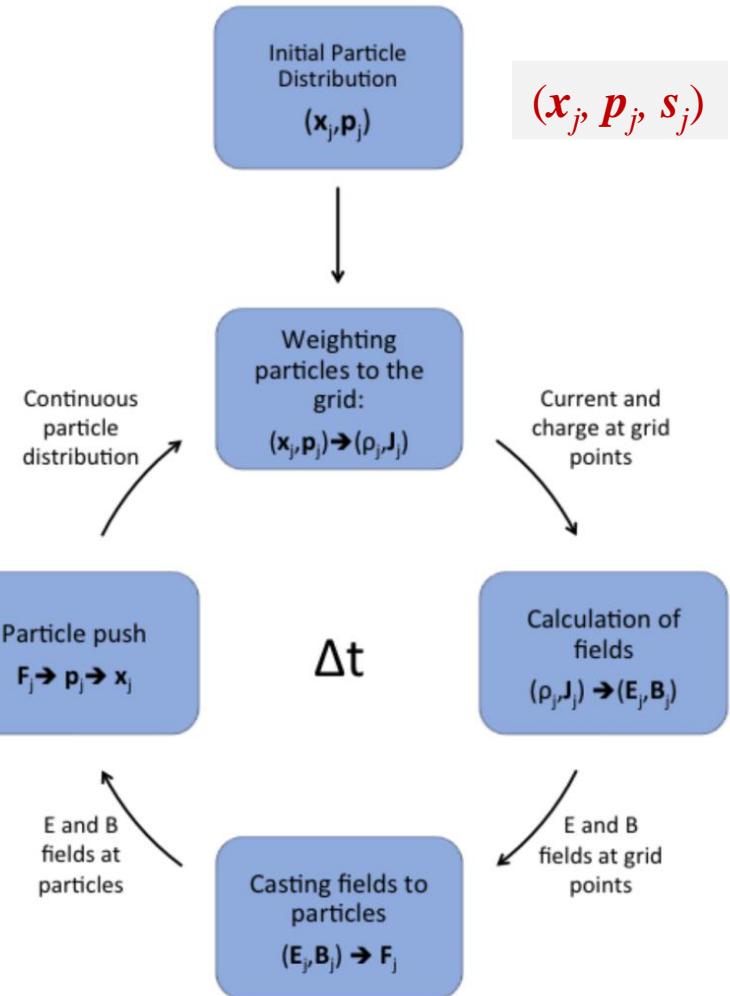
$$\mathbf{r}^n = \frac{-\boldsymbol{\Omega}^n \times \mathbf{s}_{\perp}^n}{|\boldsymbol{\Omega}^n|}$$



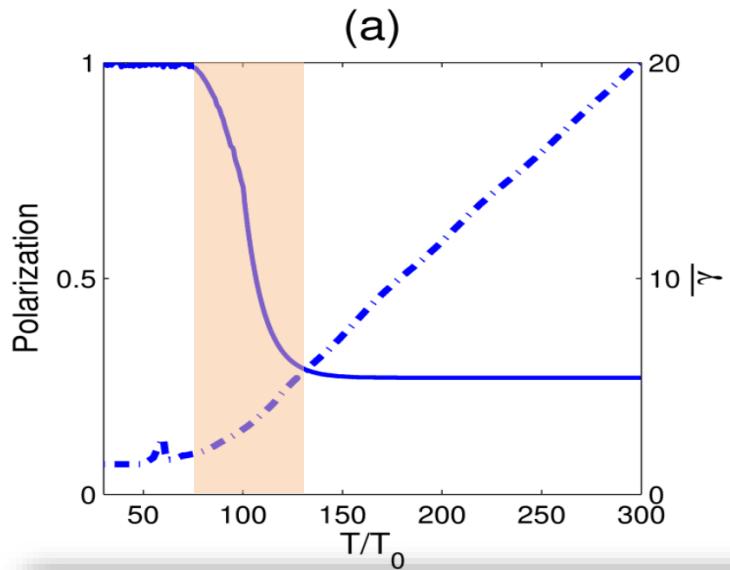
$$\theta^n = |\boldsymbol{\Omega}^n / \Delta t$$

$$\mathbf{s}_{\perp}^{n+1} = \mathbf{s}_{\perp}^n \cos(\theta^n) + \mathbf{r}^n \sin(\theta^n)$$

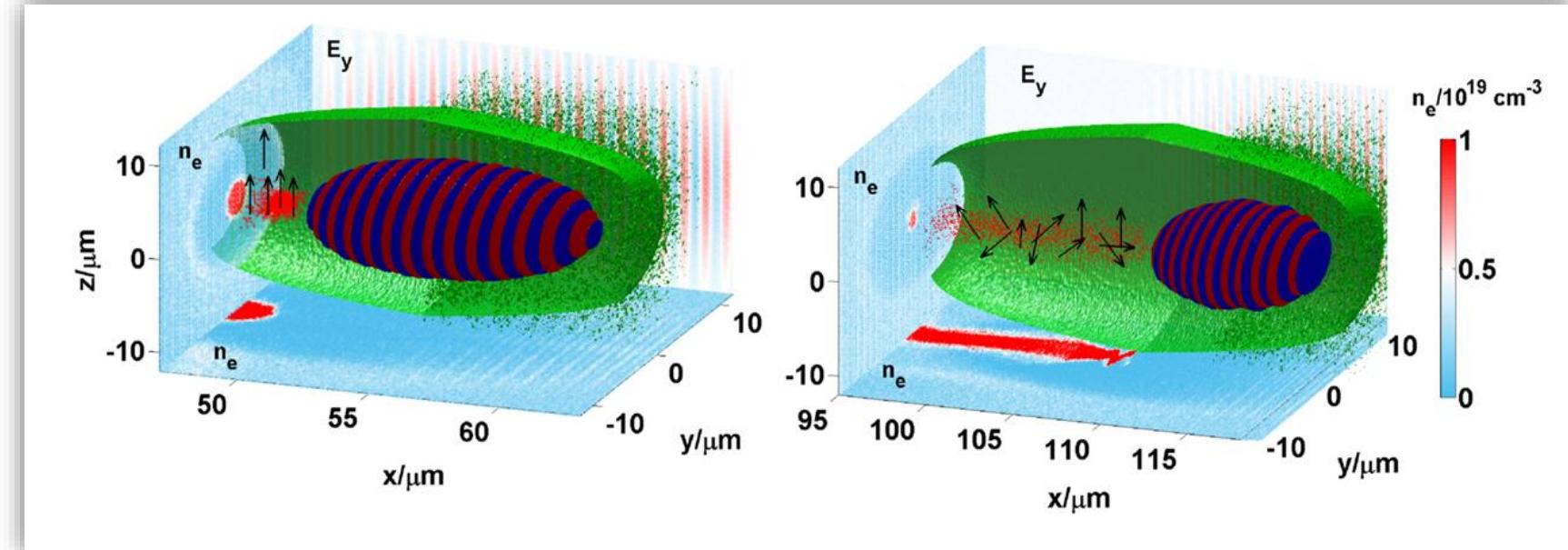
$$\mathbf{s}^{n+1} = \mathbf{s}_{\perp}^{n+1} + \mathbf{s}_{\parallel}^n$$



Polarization in LWFA



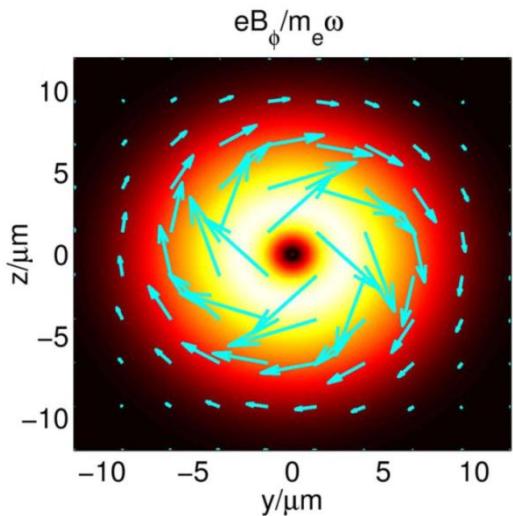
- Stage I: Laser-electron interaction
- Stage II: Injection (depolarization)
- Stage III: Acceleration



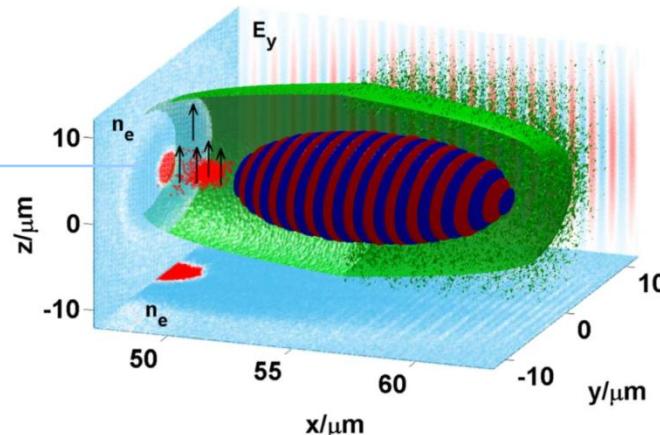
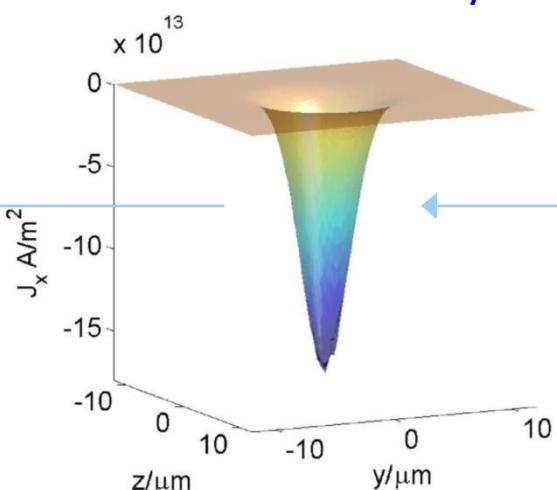
$8.6 \times 10^{18} \text{ W/cm}^2$, 21.4 fs, 10um, $n_0 = 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

Depolarization : self-generated fields

Azimuthal B-field



Current density



Spin precession frequency

$$a_e = (g - 2)/2 \approx 1.16 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} = \frac{e}{m} \left(\frac{\mathbf{B}}{\gamma} - \frac{1}{\gamma + 1} \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c^2} \times \mathbf{E} \right) + a_e \frac{e}{m} \left(\mathbf{B} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma + 1} \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c^2} (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B}) - \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c^2} \times \mathbf{E} \right)$$

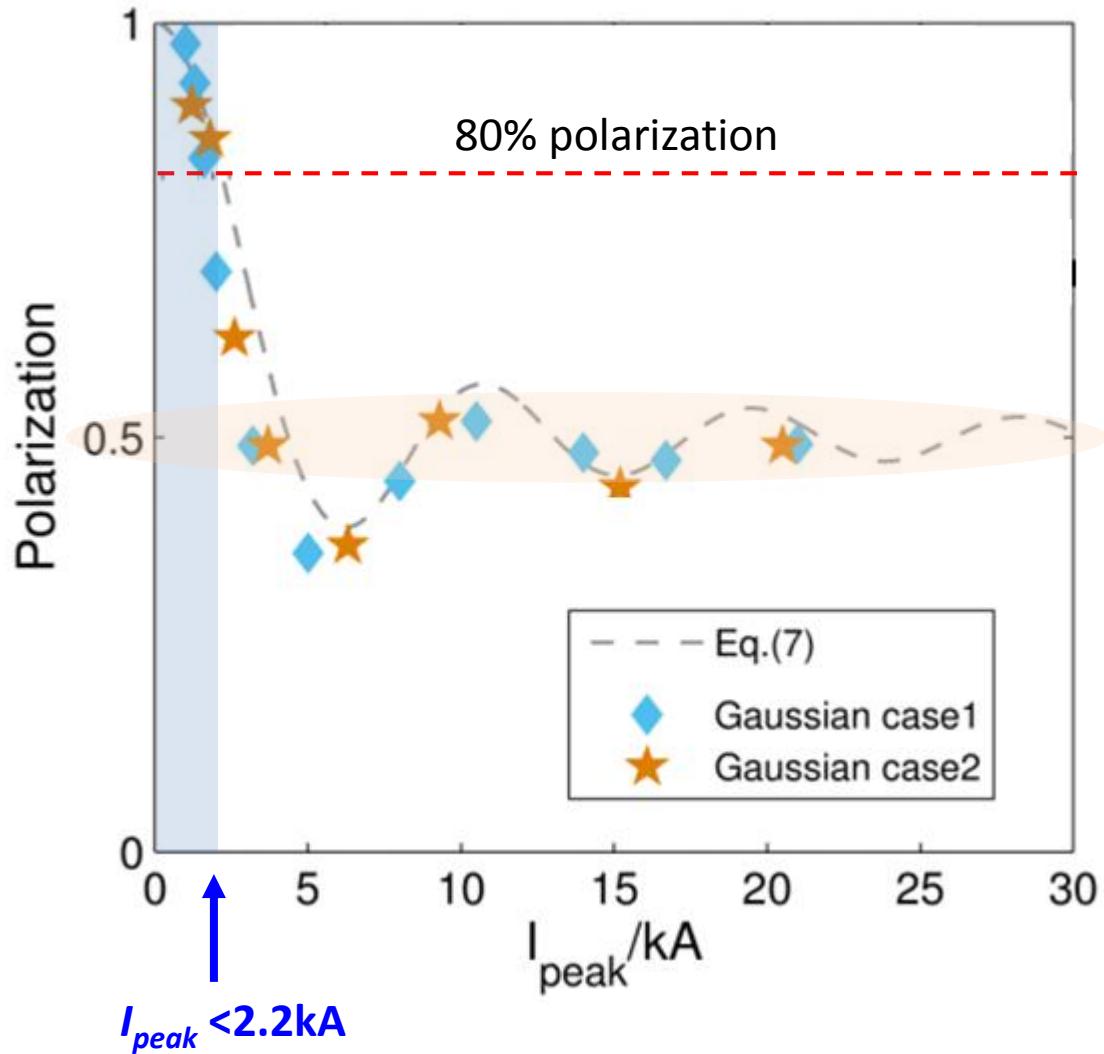
$$B \sim B_\phi, E_r \sim -B_\phi$$



$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} \approx eB_\phi(2 + \beta_x)/2me_\phi$$

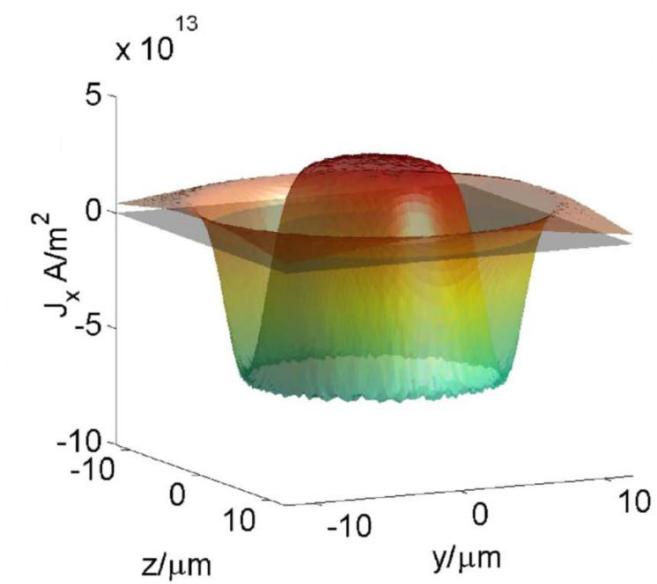
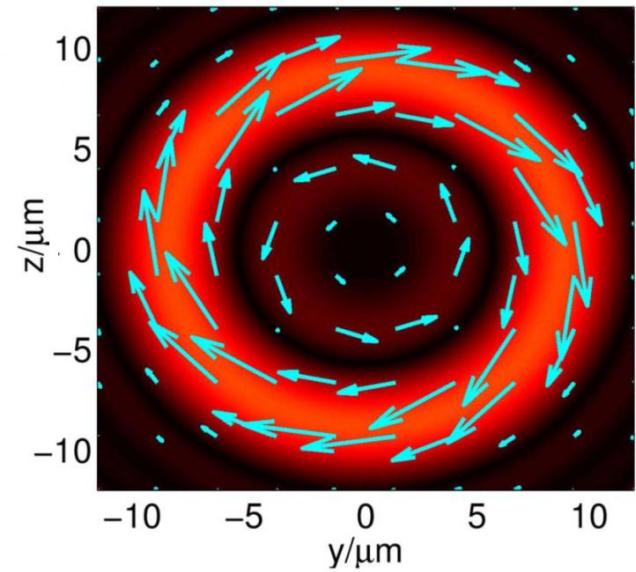
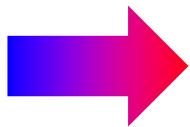
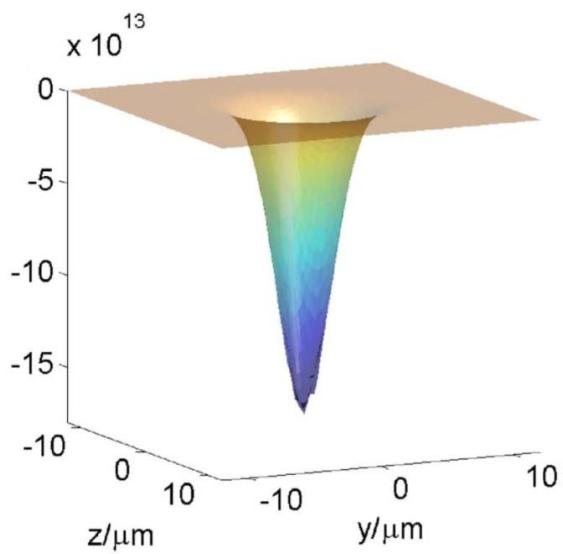
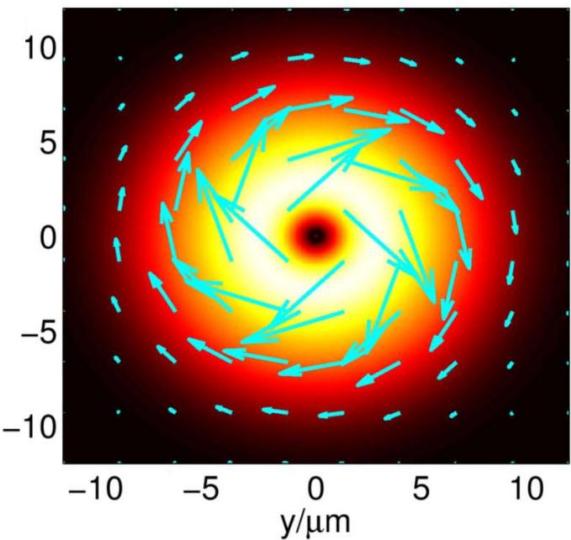
Strong restriction on beam flux to preserve polarization

$$P \approx 0.5 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\Delta r} \cos[\pi e n_p c a r^2] dr^2 / \Delta r^2 = \frac{1 + \text{sinc}(\alpha I_{peak})}{2}$$

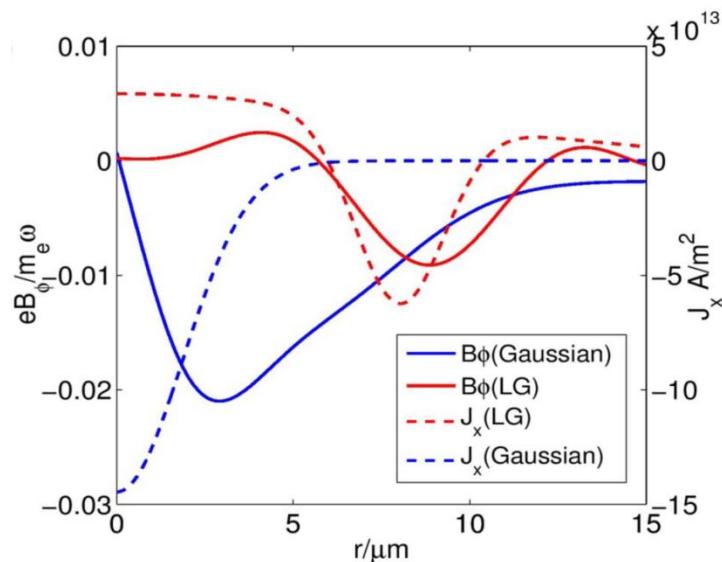


Preserving the beam
polarization imposes
strong restriction on
the loaded beam
charge / flux

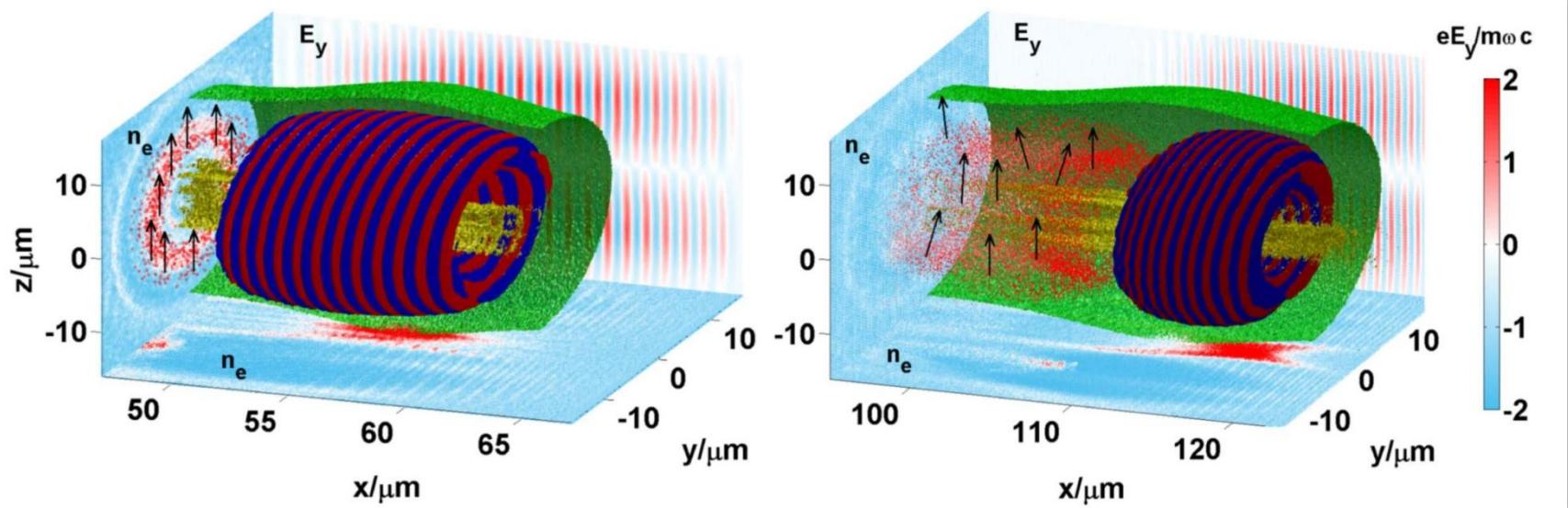
Preserving polarization: new geometry?



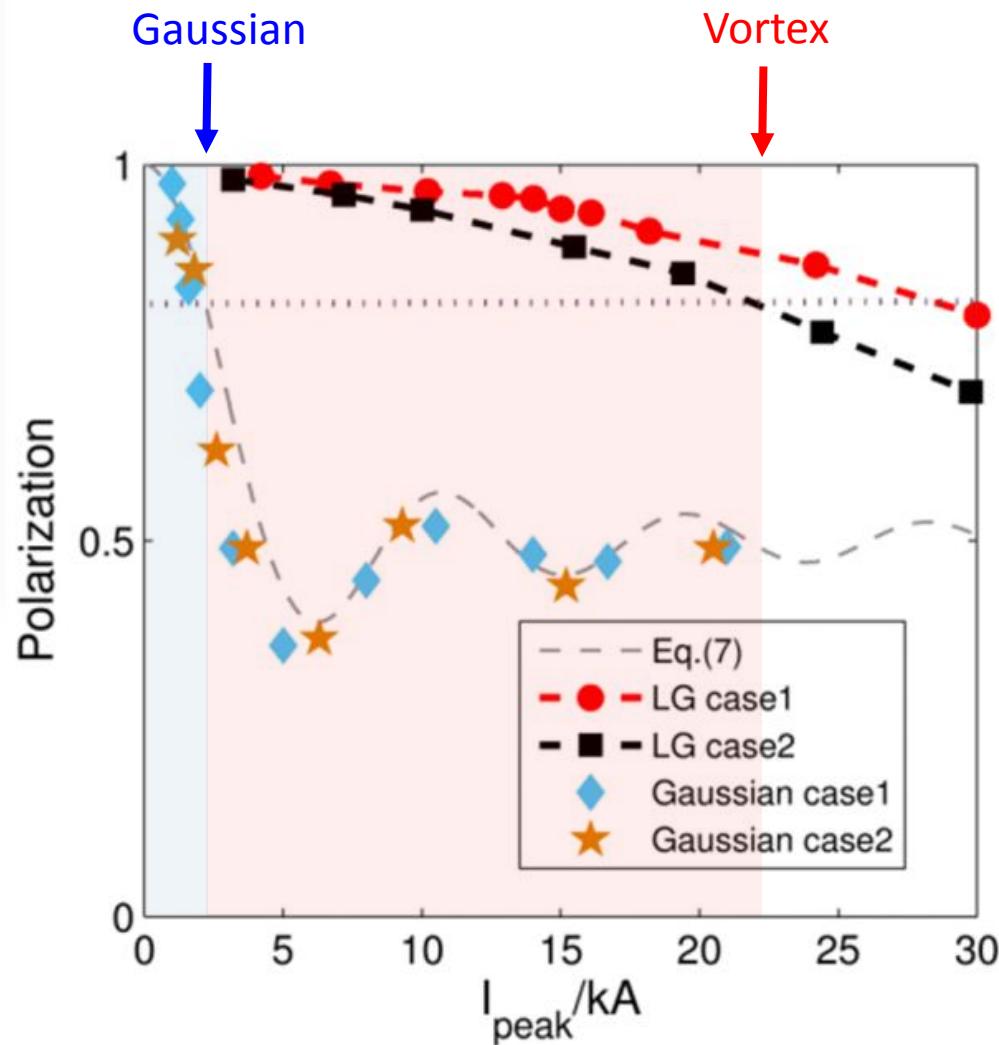
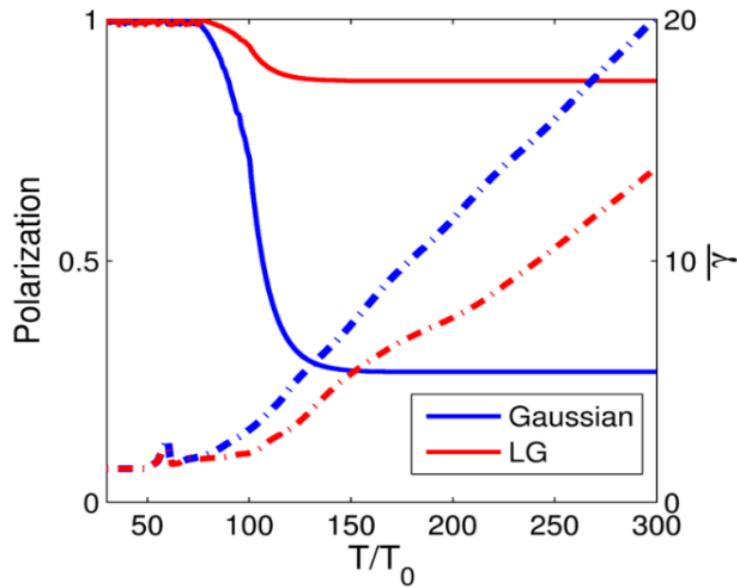
Vortex LWFA: high beam charge but low current density



- Peak current density and B-field are **1/3** of the Gaussian beam driver.
- The region of magnetic field is significantly reduced.



Polarized electron acceleration: vortex LWFA

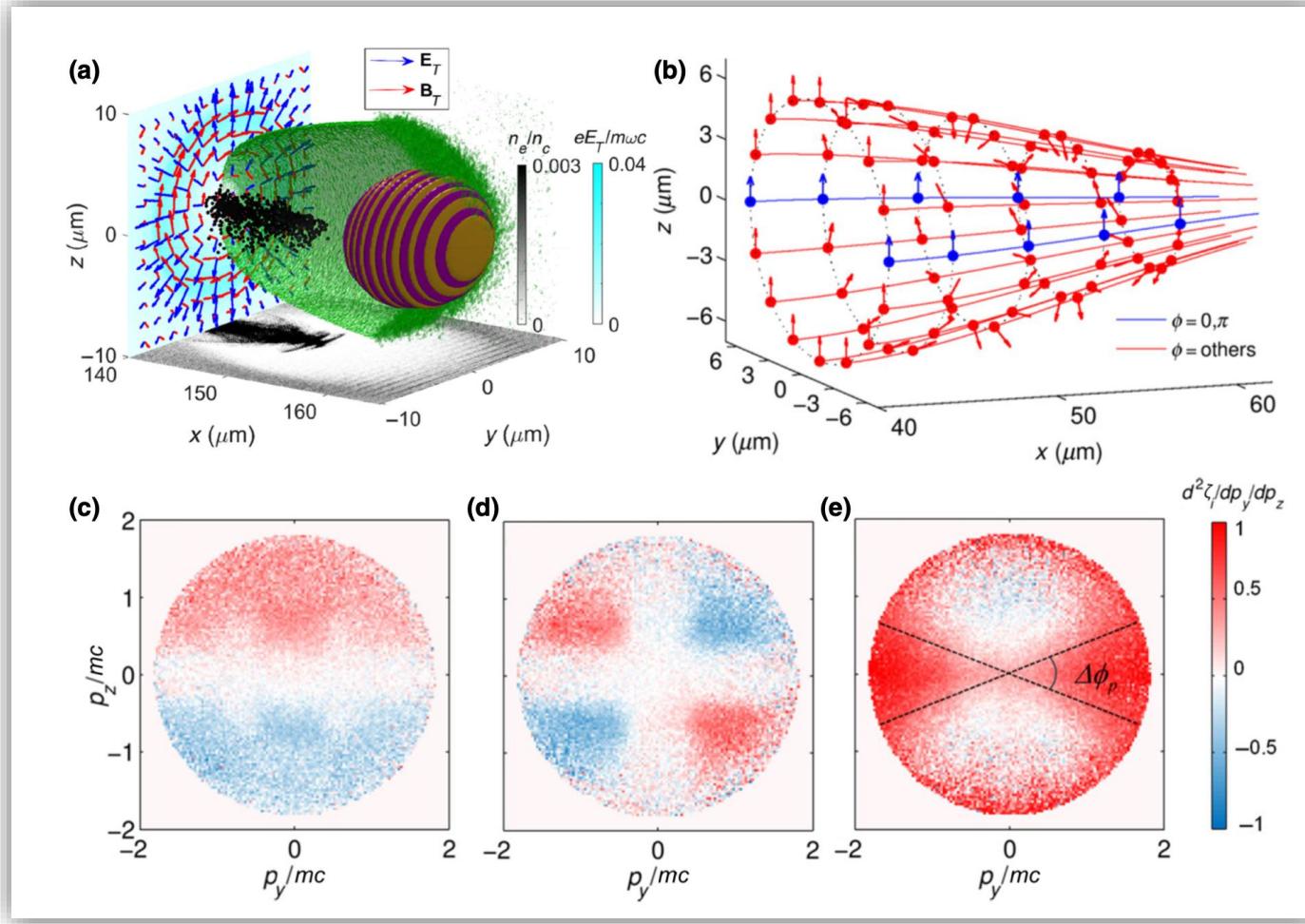


- Vortex LWFA preserves the beam polarization at very high beam charge/flux
- 10* enhancement at 80% polarization

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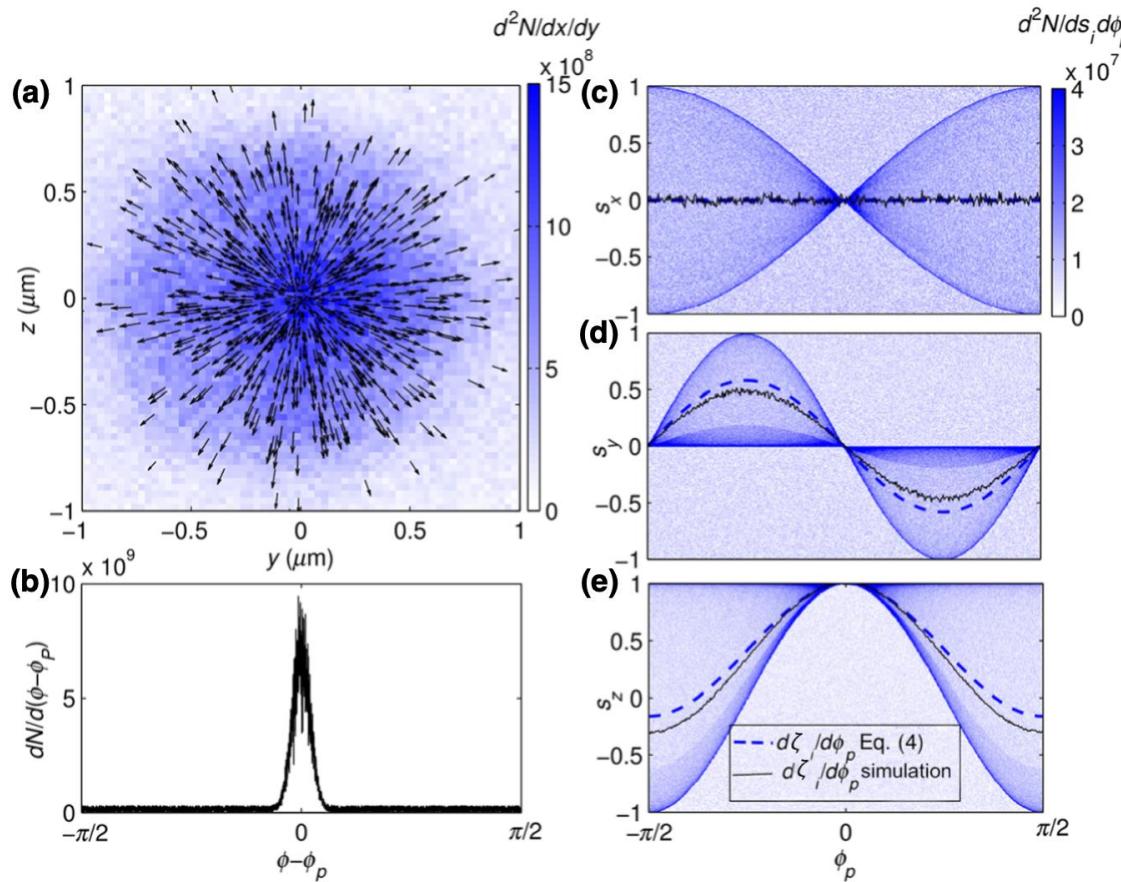
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Polarized electron acceleration: spin filter



- Spin precession is dependent on the azimuthal angle
- Precession is significantly suppressed when spin is parallel/anti-parallel to the magnetic field

Polarized electron acceleration: spin filter

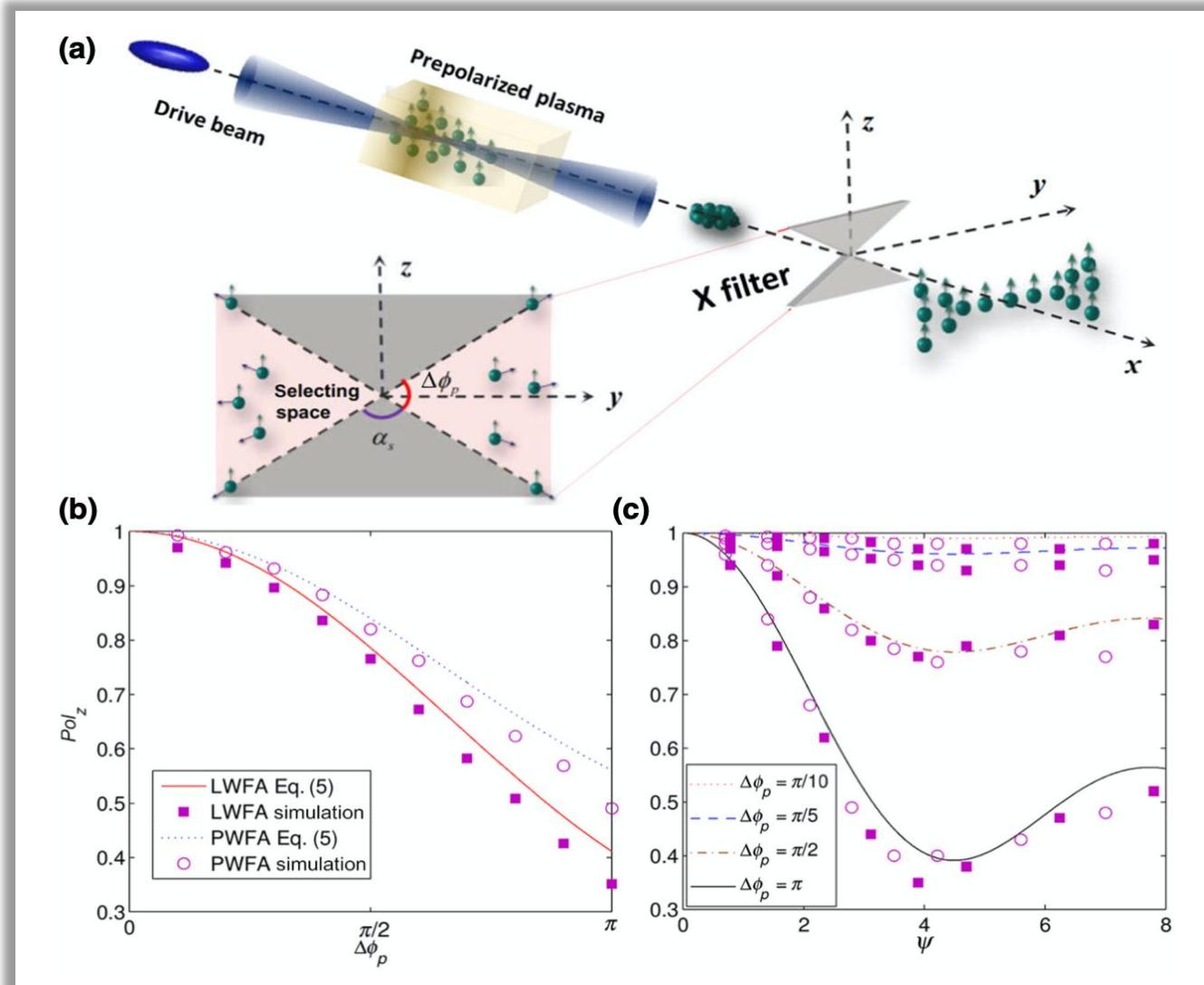


- Due to the symmetric bubble structure, the azimuthal angle is locked with the angle where electrons are emitted.
- High polarization purity observed at certain angles

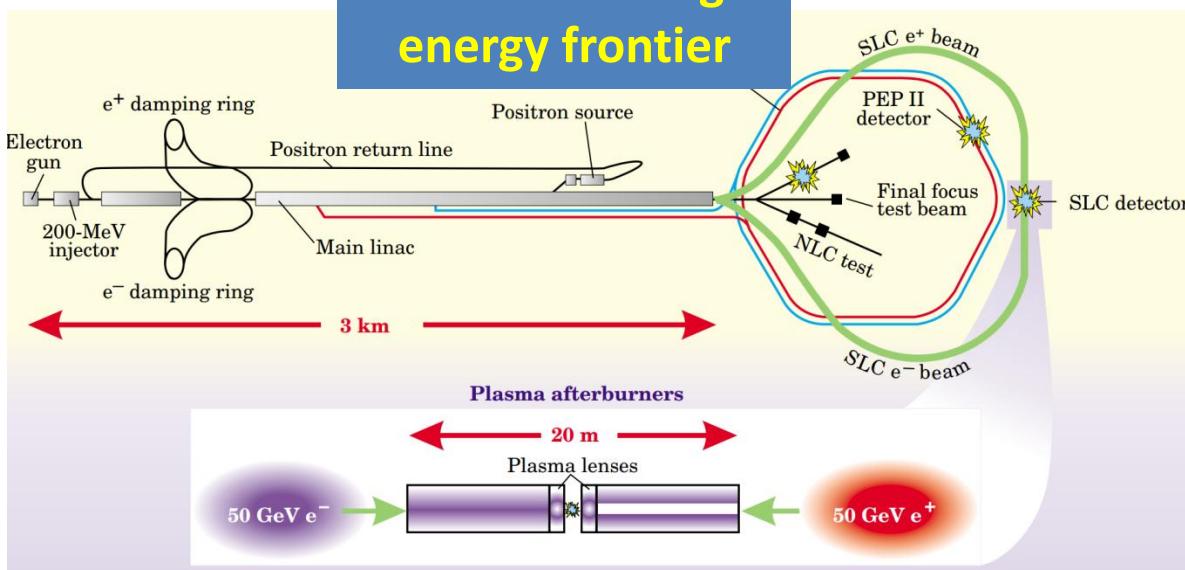
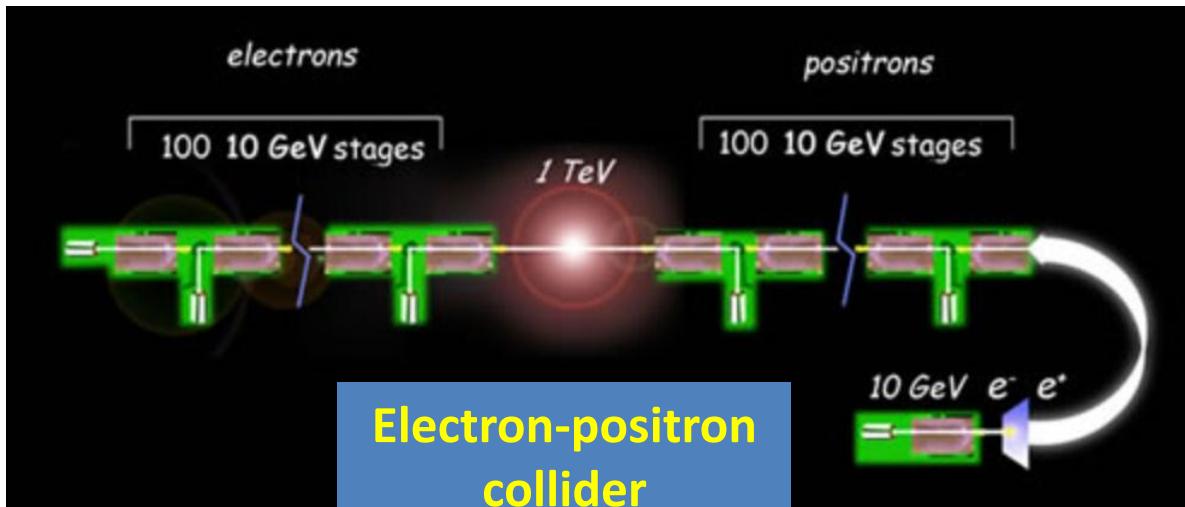
Spin filter is possible by identifying electrons located in certain azimuthal angle region

Polarized electron acceleration: spin filter

An X-shaped
spin filter
purifies
electron
polarization
at any
injected beam
charge.



LWFA towards the high energy frontier



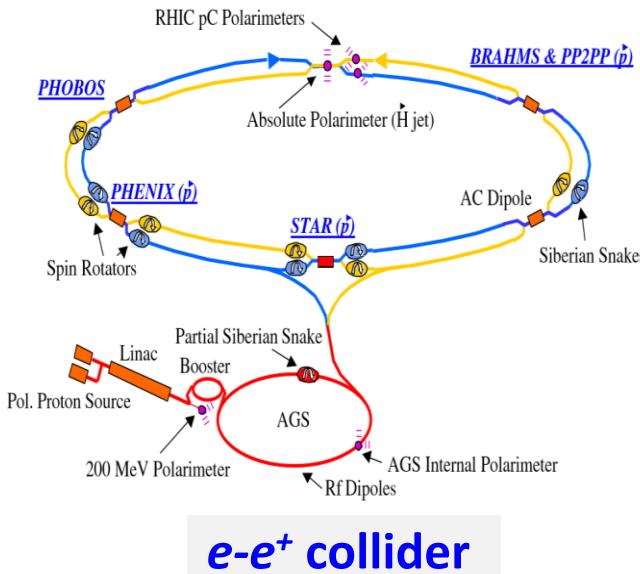
Multi-staged
LWFA or PWFA
towards 100GeV

High beam
polarization
for e-e⁺ collider

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = \frac{r_0^2}{16\gamma^2} \beta_\mu [2 - \beta_\mu^2 \sin^2 \theta [1 - |P_1||P_2| \cos(2\phi)]],$$
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-) = \frac{r_0^2}{16\gamma^2} \left(\frac{3 + \cos^2 \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \right)^2 \left\{ 1 + \frac{|P_1||P_2| \sin^4 \theta}{(3 + \cos^2 \theta)^2} \cos(2\phi) \right\},$$
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \frac{r_0^2}{4\gamma^2(1 - \beta_e^2 \cos^2 \theta)} \{1 + \cos^2 \theta + |P_1||P_2| \sin^2 \theta \cos(2\phi)\},$$

High energy polarized particle beam

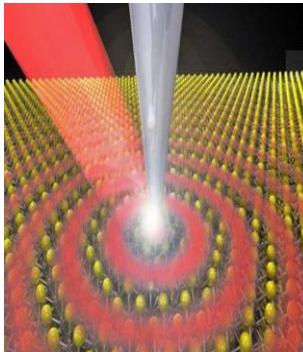
Particle physics, nuclear physics and material science



Nuclear physics



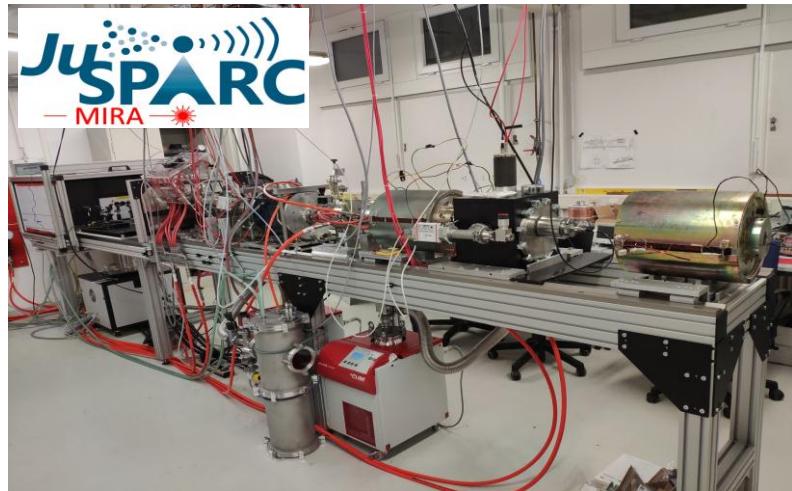
Material science



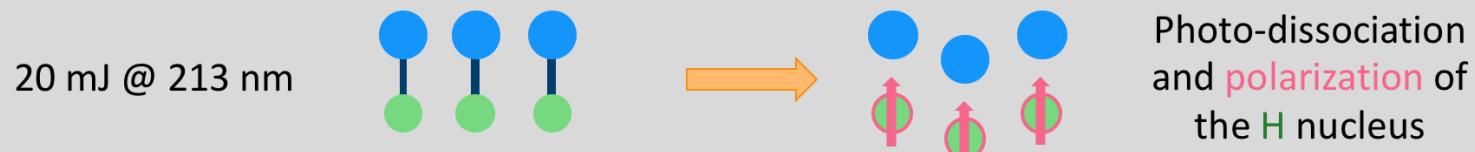
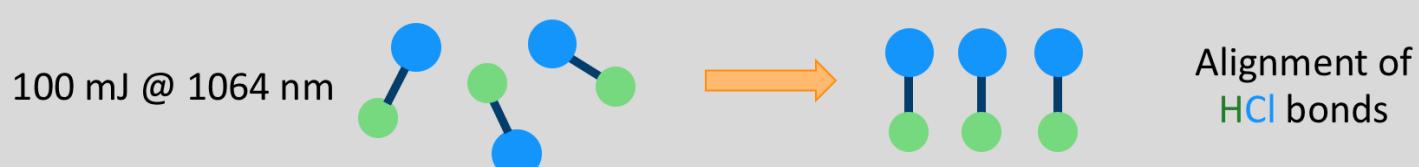
Institution	Location	Machine	Acronym
ANL	Argonne, IL, USA	ZGS	Zero Gradient Synchrotron
Berlin	Berlin, Germany	BESSY-I, II	—
BINP	Novosibirsk, Russia	VEPP-(2, 2M, 3, 4)	Colliding Electron–Positron Beams
BNL	Upton, NY, USA	AGS	Alternating Gradient Synchrotron
CERN	Geneva, Switzerland	RHIC	Relativistic Heavy–Ion Collider
Cornell	Ithaca, NY, USA	LEP	Large Electron–Positron Project
DESY	Hamburg, Germany	CESR	Cornell Electron Storage Ring
		DORIS	(Doppel Ring Speicher)
		HERA	Hadron–Elektron Ring Anlage
		PETRA	Positron–Electron Tandem Ring Accelerator
ELSA	Bonn, Germany	ELSA	Electron Stretcher Accelerator
IUCF	Bloomington, IN, USA	IUCF Cooler	Indiana University Cyclotron Facility Cooler
KEK	Tsukuba, Japan	KEK-B	KEK B-Factory
		KEK-PS	KEK Proton Synchrotron
		TRISTAN	(Tri-Ring Intersecting Storage Accelerators at Nippon)
LBNL	Berkeley, CA, USA	ALS	Advanced Light Source
MIT-Bates	Middleton, MA, USA	SHR	South Hall Ring
NIKHEF	Amsterdam, Netherlands	AmPS	Amsterdam Pulse Stretcher
Orsay	Gif-sur-Yvette, France	ACO	Anneau de Collisions d'Orsay
PSI	Villigen, Switzerland	SLS	Swiss Light Source
Saclay	Gif-sur-Yvette, France	SATURNE	—
SLAC	Palo Alto, CA, USA	PEP-2	PEP B-Factory
		SLC	Stanford Linear Collider
		SPEAR	(Stanford Positron Electron Asymmetric Rings)
TJLab	Newport News, VA, USA	CEBAF	Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility

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Preparing 100% pre-polarized electron target



Courtesy of M. Bluescher



Conclusions

- The world-leading 10-100PW laser facilities (SULF and SEL) in China take strong-field QED research as one of the major science cases.
- Spin is a new degree of freedom manifesting the essence of strong-field QED.
- Laser-driven wakefield acceleration is promising in providing compact polarized particle sources.

Thank you for your attention!