



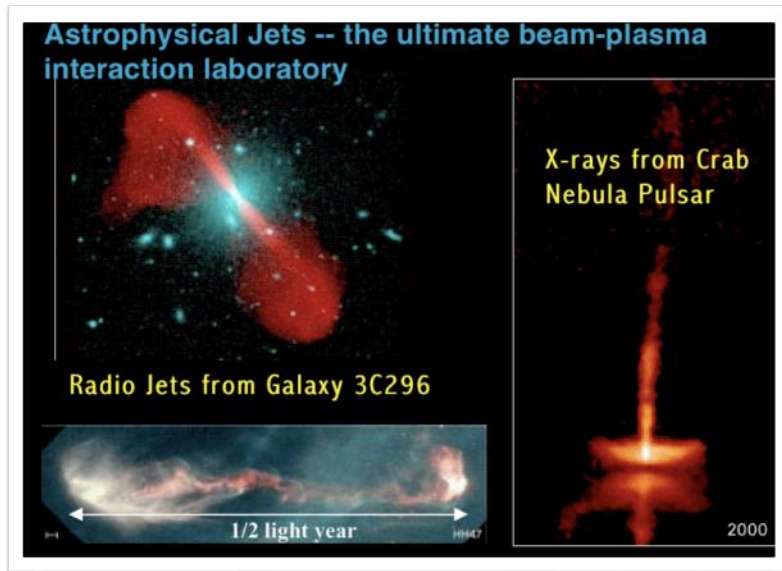
FACET-II E-305: Beam filamentation and bright gamma-ray bursts

Alexander Knetsch on behalf of the E-305 collaboration



Motivation

Relativistic streaming instabilities in astrophysics



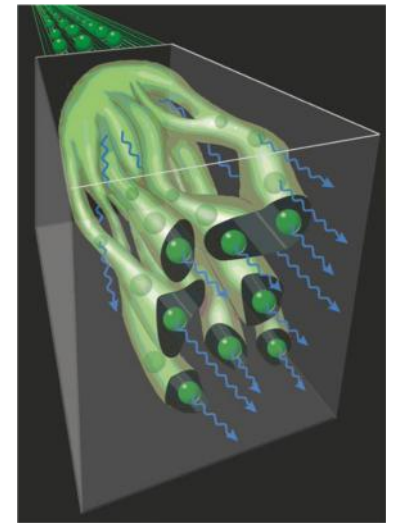
T. Katsouleas, role of Weibel instability in astrophysics and cosmic jets.

- They are thought to play a key role in **blazars**, cosmic magnetisation at interstellar and intergalactic scales and high-energy explosive transients (e.g. **GRB**).
- Are of fundamental importance as provide a mechanism for energy conversion from particles to EM fields and to **gamma rays**.

Motivation

Relativistic streaming instabilities in applications

- They set important limitations on the feasibility of experimental concepts such as **ICF** or a **plasma-based acceleration**.
- They can channel beam kinetic energy into γ -rays (*Benedetti, A., Tamburini, M. & Keitel, C.H. Giant collimated gamma-ray flashes. [Nature Photon 12, 319–323 (2018)]*)



Relativistic beam-plasma instabilities

See talk by P. San Miguel Claveria
Thursday WG3 8:45

Plasma electrons & Plasma ions

Particle Beam



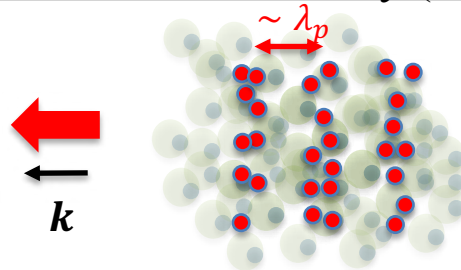
Unstable electromagnetic modes exponentially growing from noise

$$\alpha = n_b/n_p \quad \gamma_b = \text{beam Lorentz factor}$$

In the ultra-relativistic regime ($\gamma_b \gg 1$), oblique modes dominate the interaction

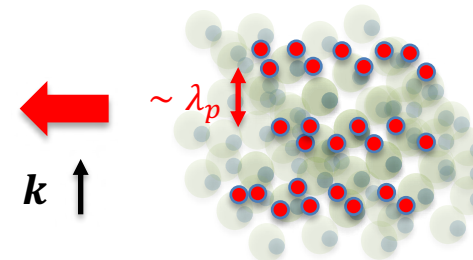
Depending on the orientation (\mathbf{k}) of the mode w.r.t. the beam propagation, there exist three types of beam-plasma instabilities

Two-Stream Instability (TSI)



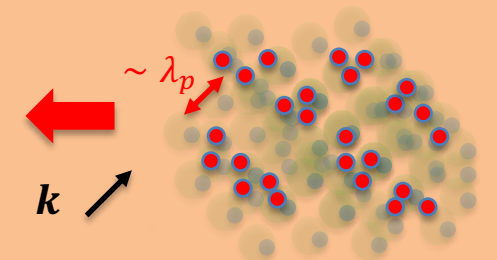
Electrostatic longitudinal mode

Current Filamentation Instability (CFI)



Electromagnetic transverse mode

Oblique Instability (OTSI)



Electrostatic oblique mode

A. Bret, L. Gremillet, and M. E. Dieckmann, Phys. Pla. 17, 120501 (2010).

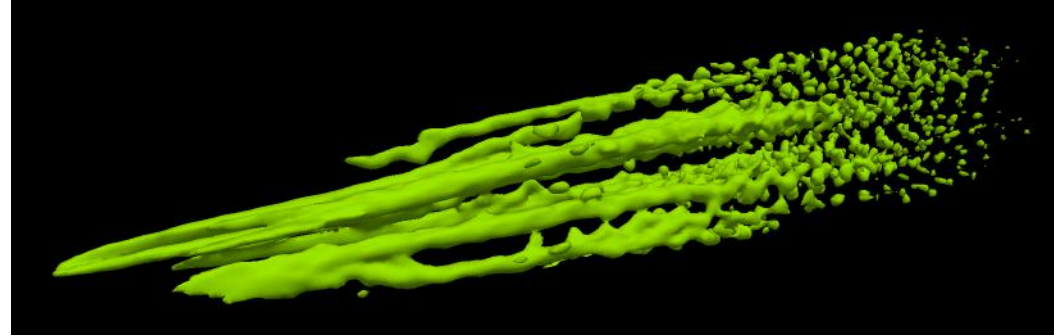
Maximum Growthrate (Kinetic theory for cold collisionless **unbounded** systems)

$$\Gamma_{\text{TSI}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2^{4/3}} \frac{\alpha^{1/3}}{\gamma_b} \omega_p$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{CFI}} = \beta \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\gamma_b}} \omega_p$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{Obl}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2^{4/3}} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\gamma_b}\right)^{1/3} \omega_p$$

Towards controlled experiments at SLAC - the E305 experiment



Simulated beam density at saturation of FACET-II beam propagating in an Al target (credits to G. Raj).

E-305 experiment at FACET-II facility at SLAC with the goals of:

- ▶ Study relativistic beam-plasma instabilities with plasma densities in the range $10^{18-24} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, by sending [FACET-II 10 GeV electron beams into gaseous or solids targets](#).
- ▶ Characterize resulting γ -ray radiation
- ▶ Study the interplay of different modes in the nonlinear stage
- ▶ Investigate additional physics such as collisional effects in exotic nonequilibrium warm dense matter states (solid), **finite bunch length and finite beam size effects, and competition with plasma wakefields** (gas)

E305 Collaboration

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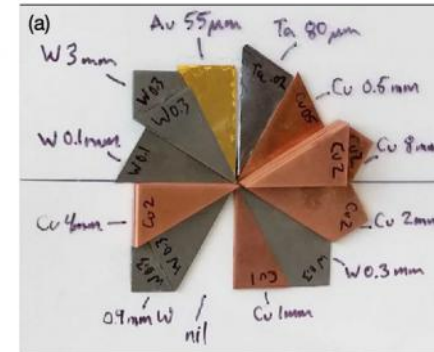
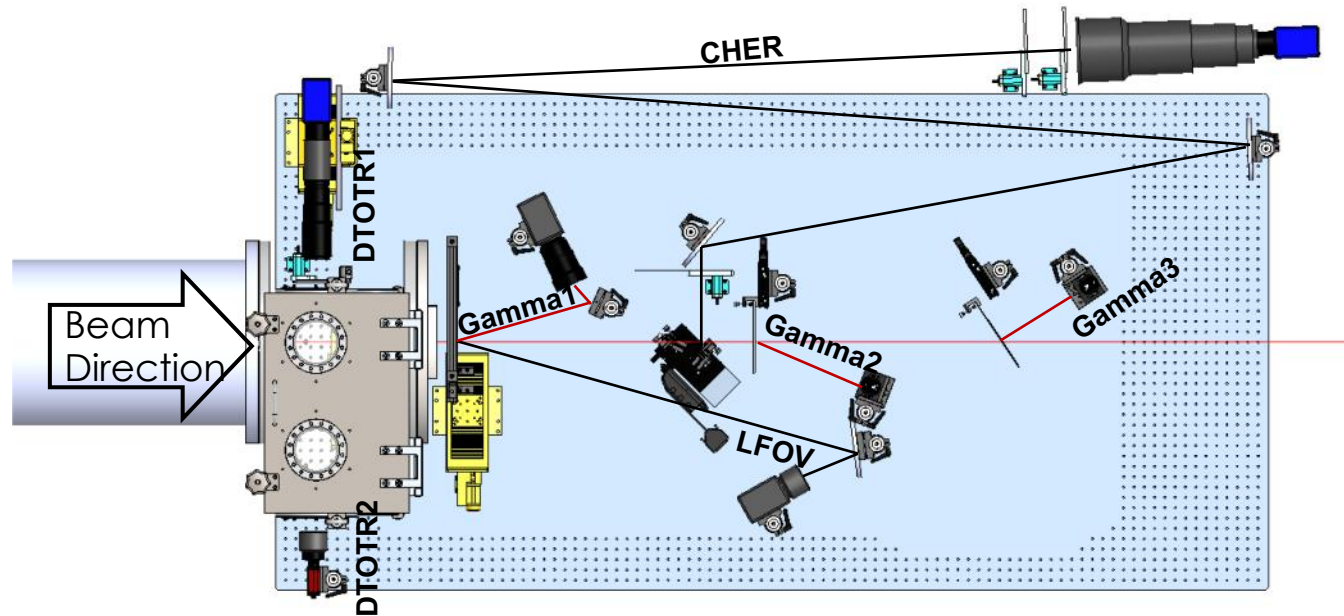
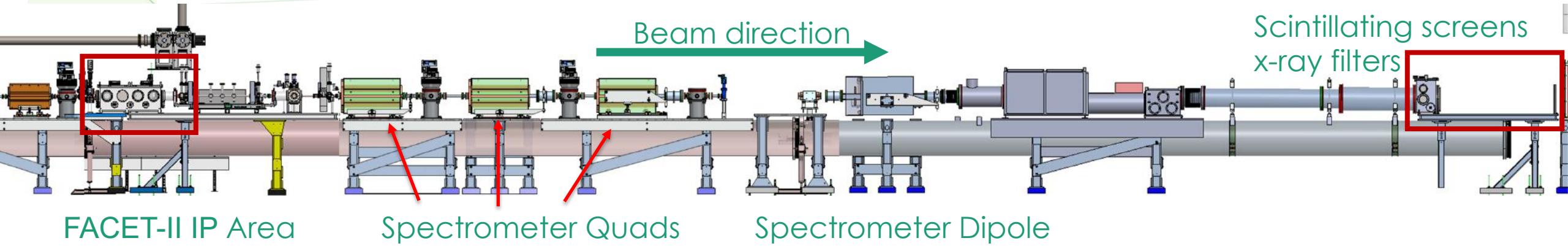
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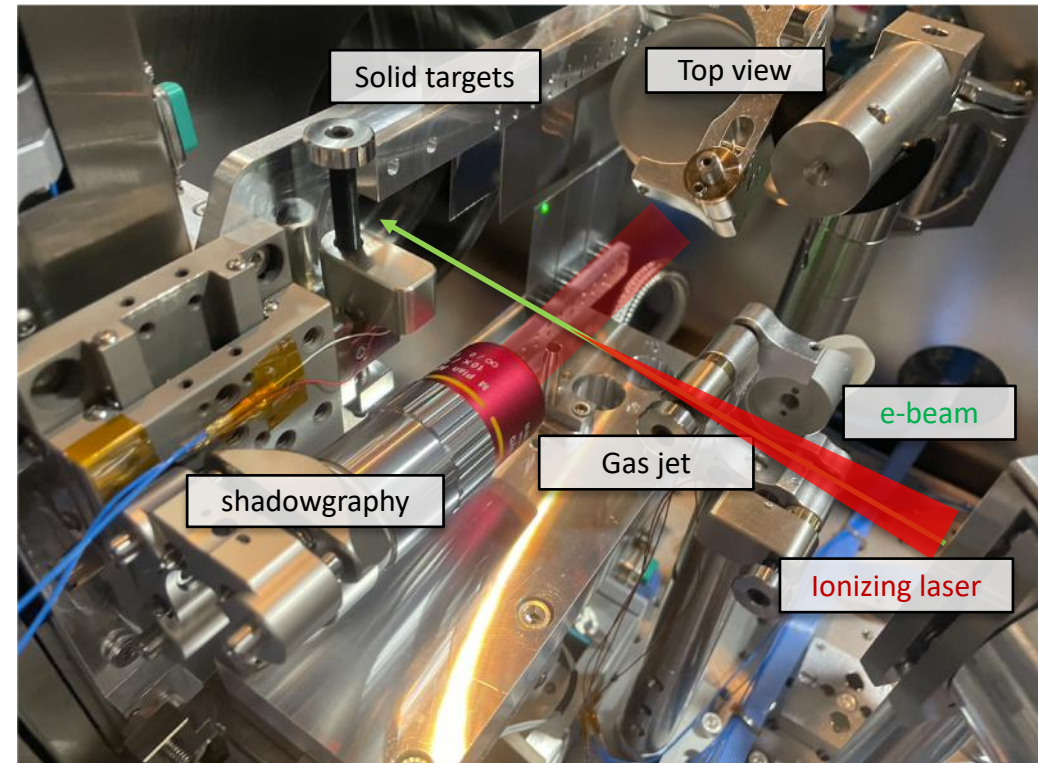
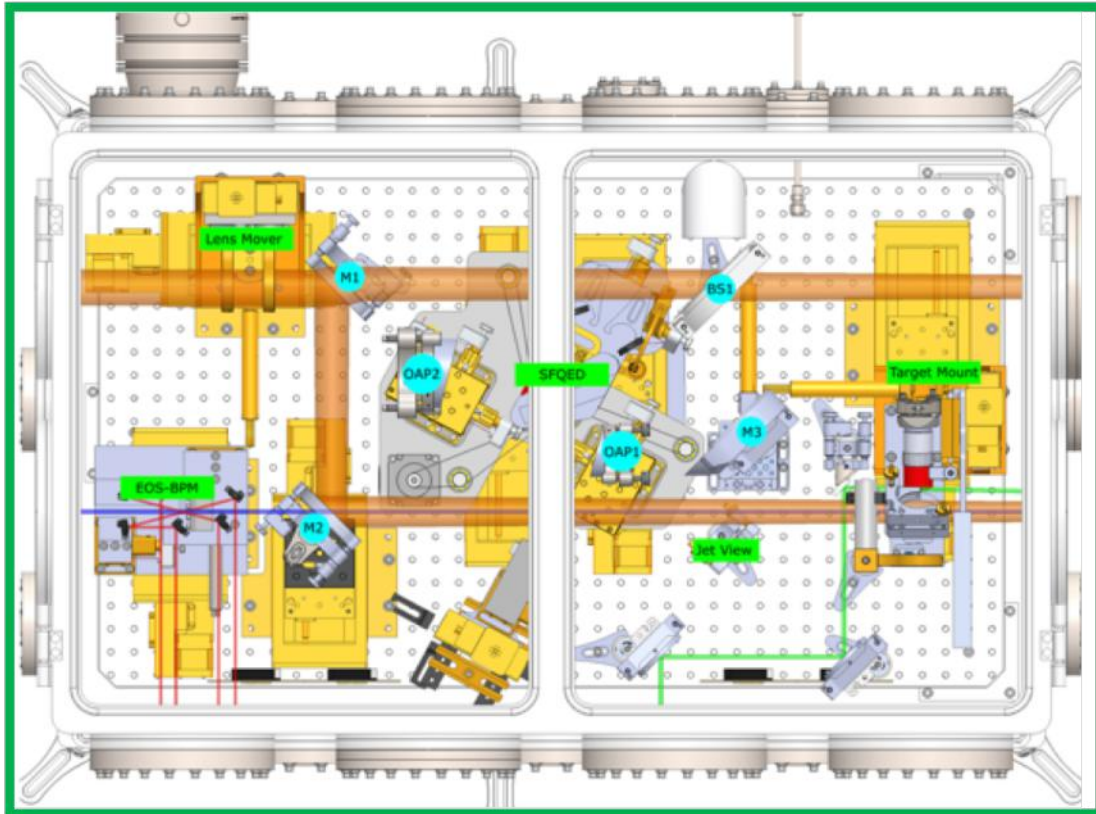
Setup and relevant diagnostics



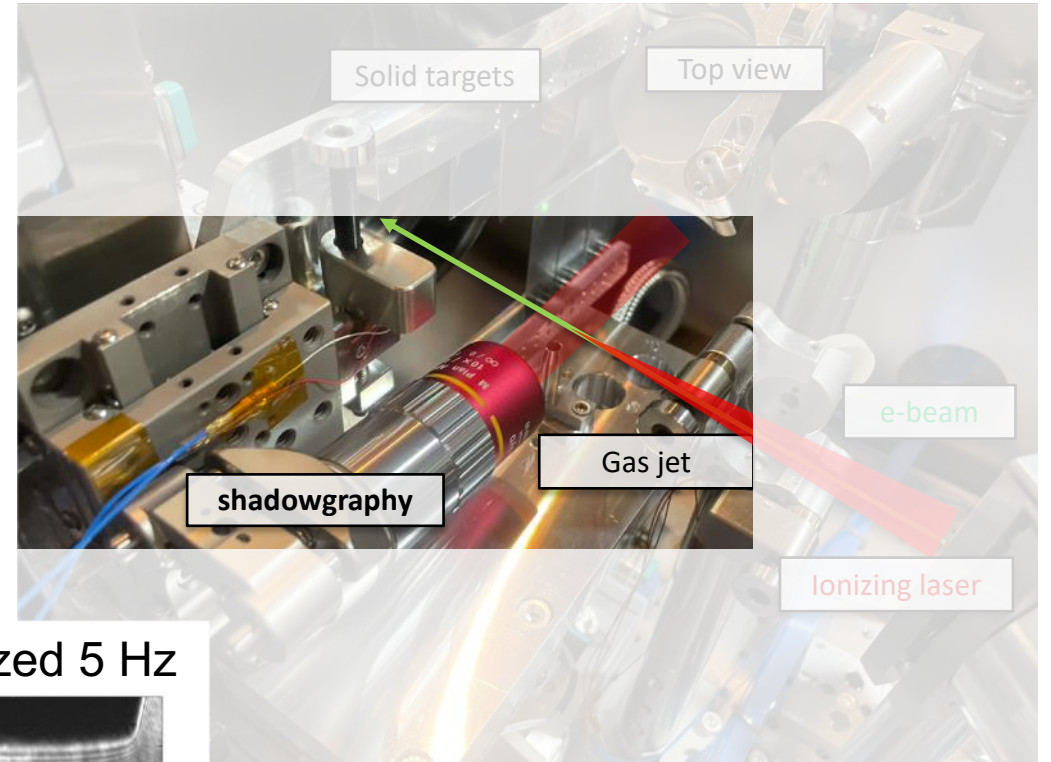
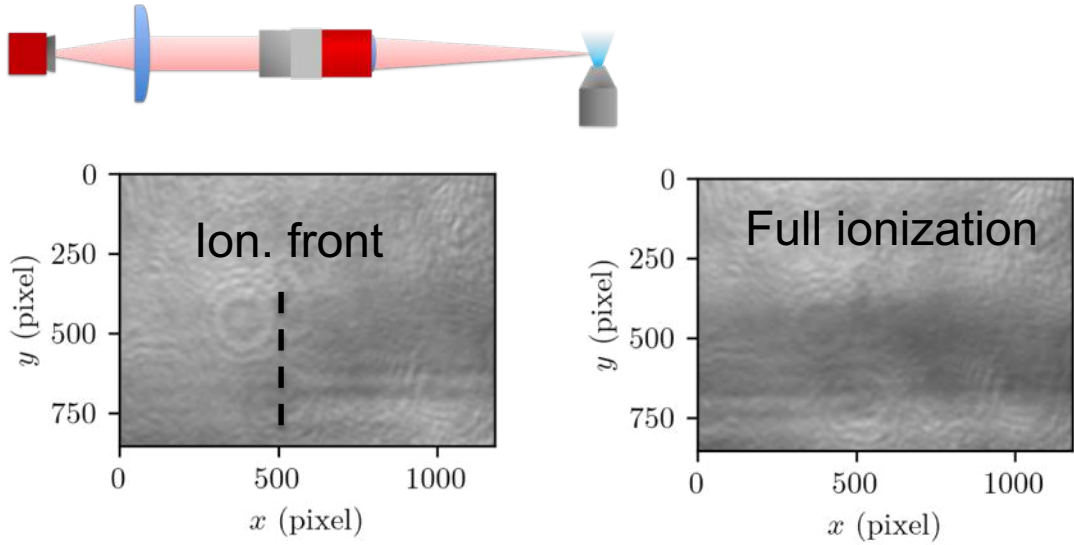
See talk by P. San Miguel Claveria
Wednesday WG4+7 13:50 (next talk)

- Imaging electron spectrometer
- High-resolution screens (DTOTR1/2)
- Gamma ray diagnostics

The IP: An overview



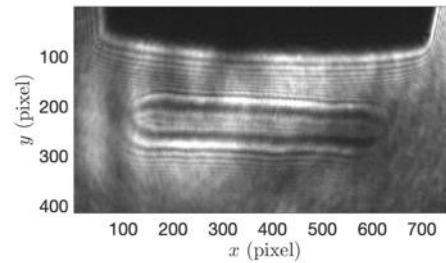
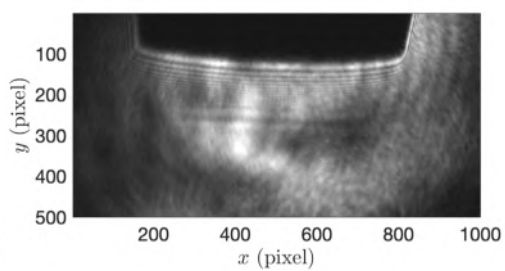
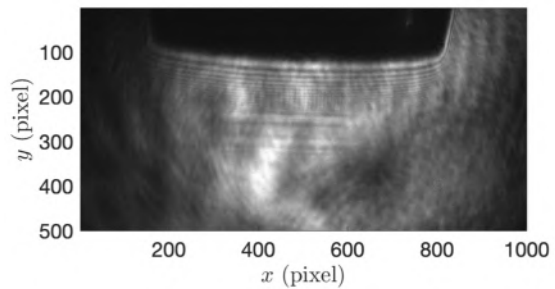
The IP: Shadowgraphy



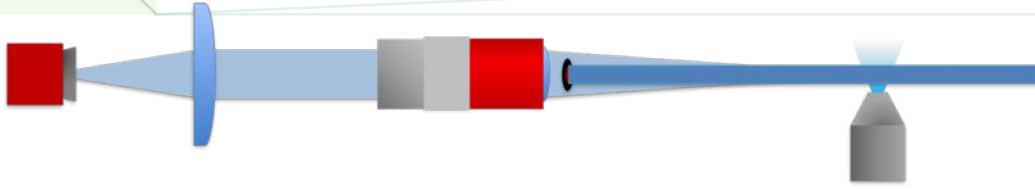
Laser ionized

Beam ionized 1 Hz

Beam ionized 5 Hz

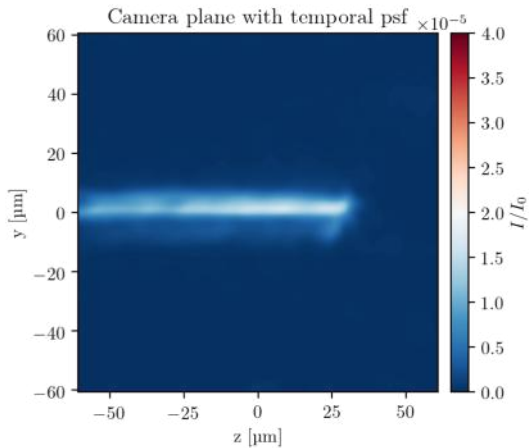


The IP: Shadowgraphy – future upgrades

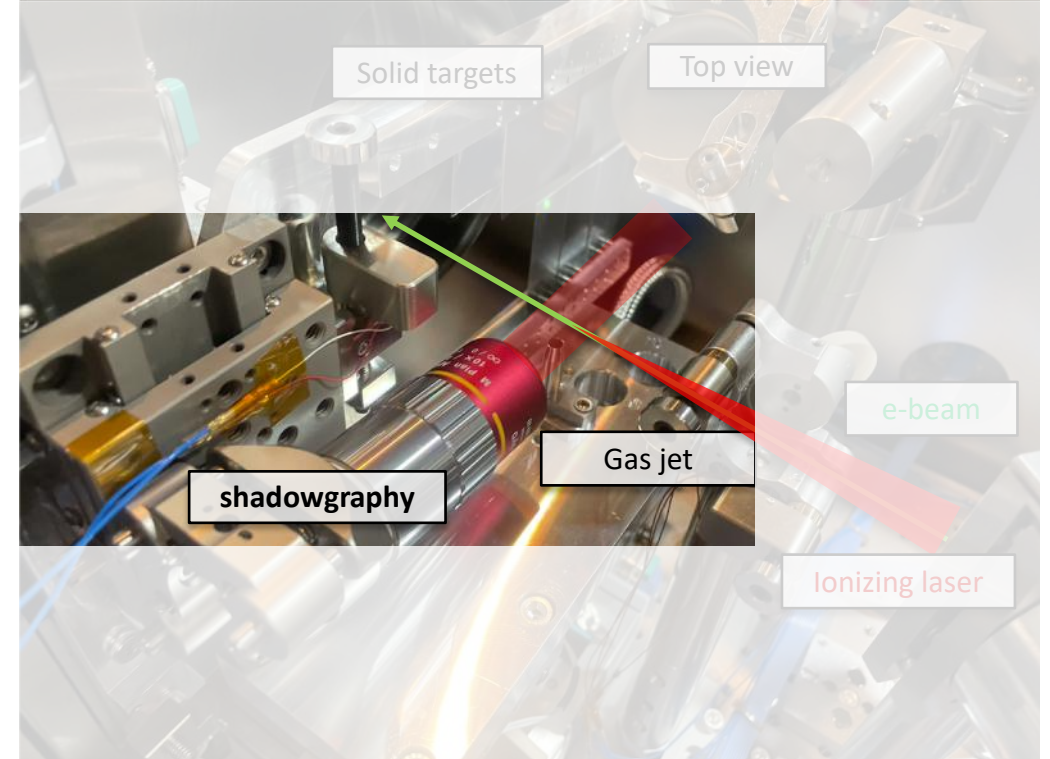
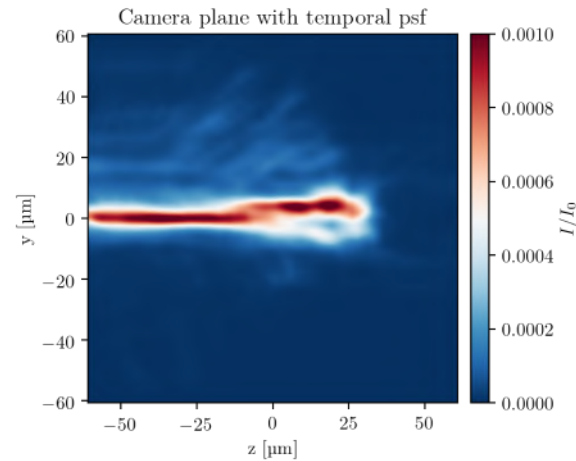


- Spatial filter for Darkfield shadowgraphy
- Frequency-doubling to 400 nm to increase SNR

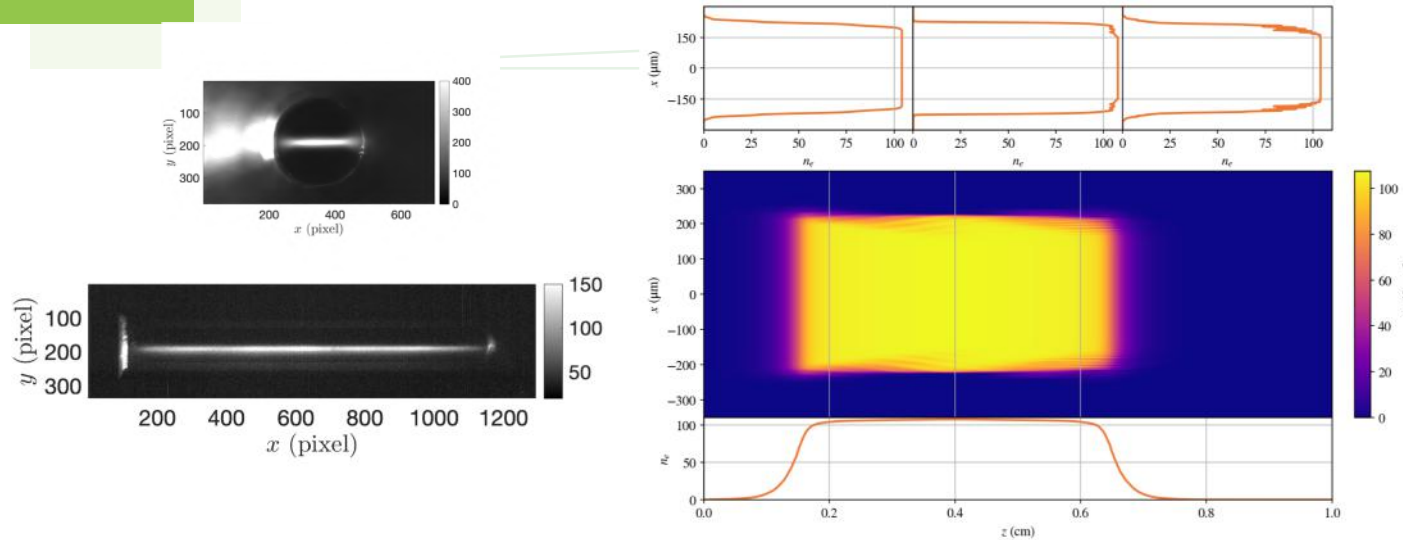
Filamentation



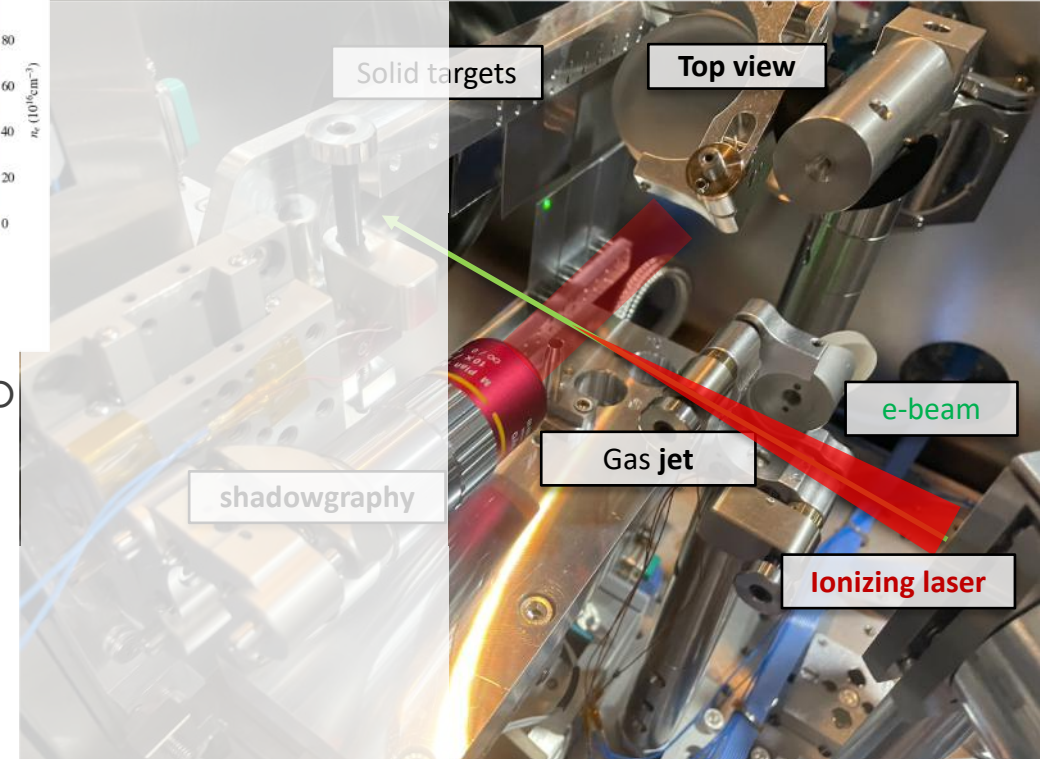
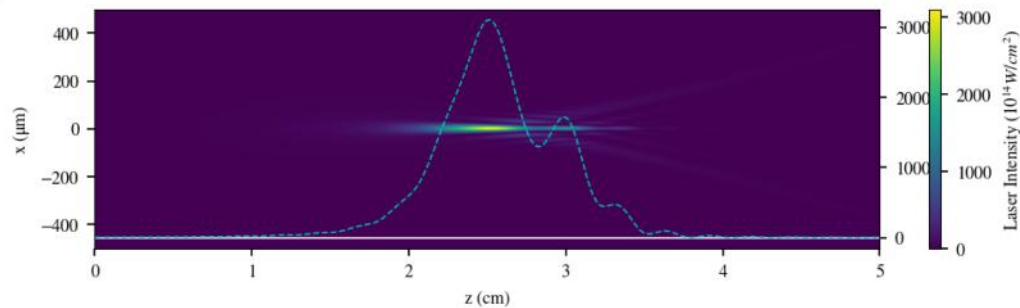
Blowout



The IP: Gas jet plasma target



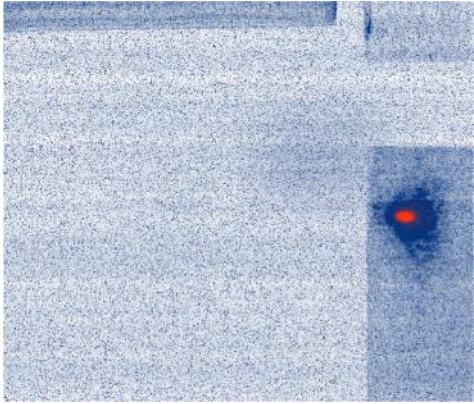
Simulation and design by R. Ariniello



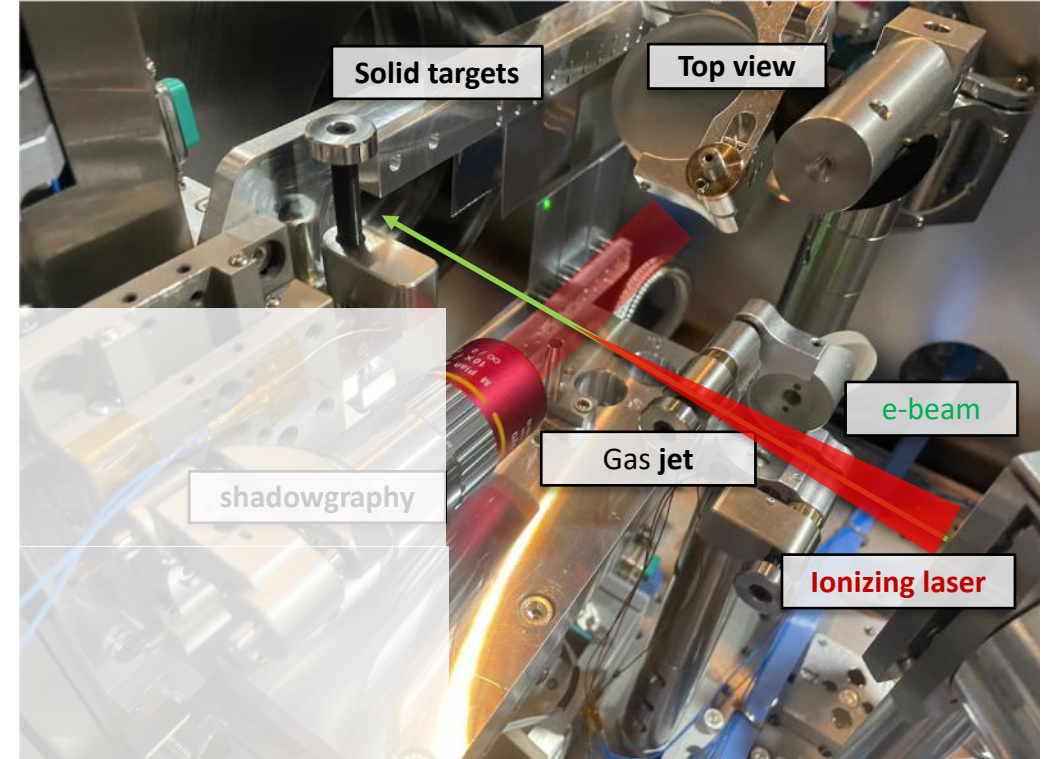
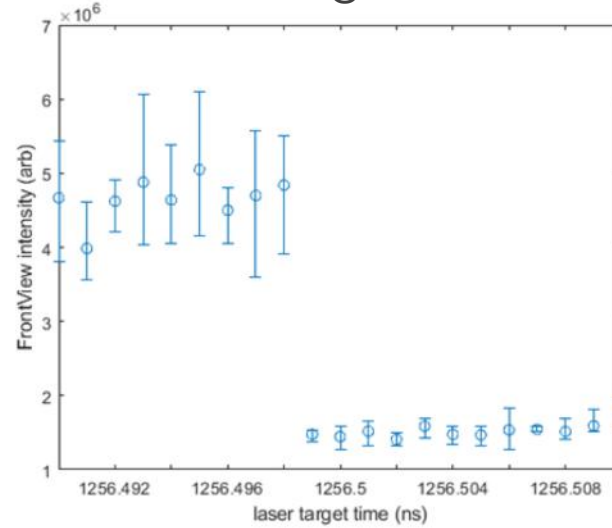
- Transition from 5 mm round to 15 mm slit nozzle
- Axilens as focusing element
- Successful gas load tests for backing pressure range: 5 Hz up to 200 psi and 1 Hz up to 1250 psi

The IP: Alignment and Synchronization

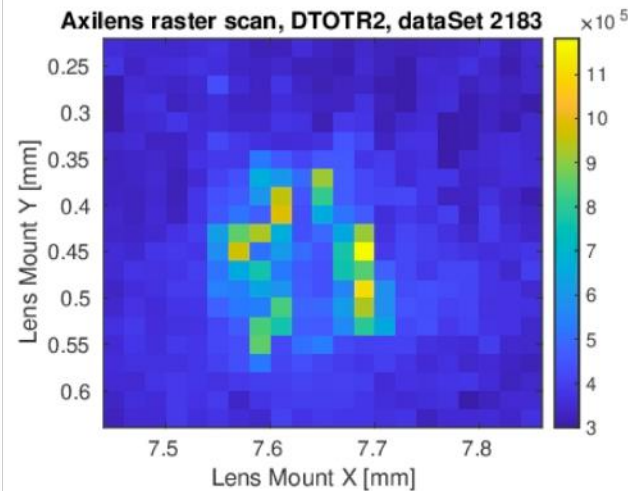
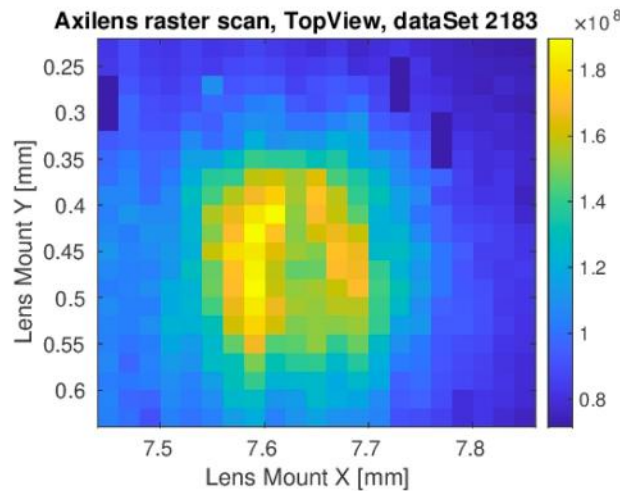
Solid targets as OTR screens



Plasma afterglow

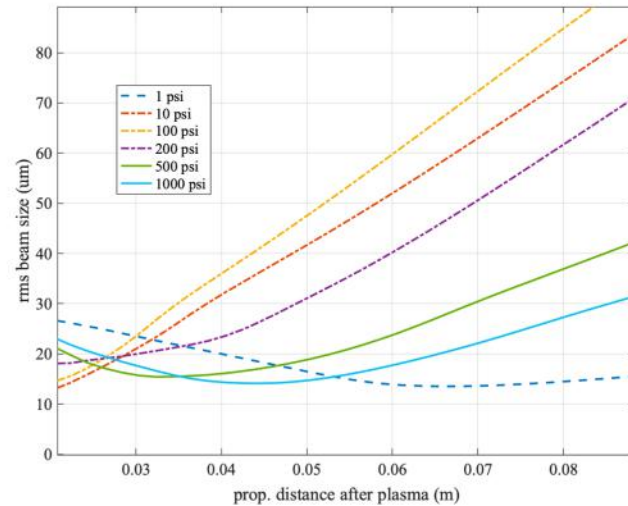


2D raster scans



First attempt on a full measurement: pressure scan 1 psi – 1250 psi

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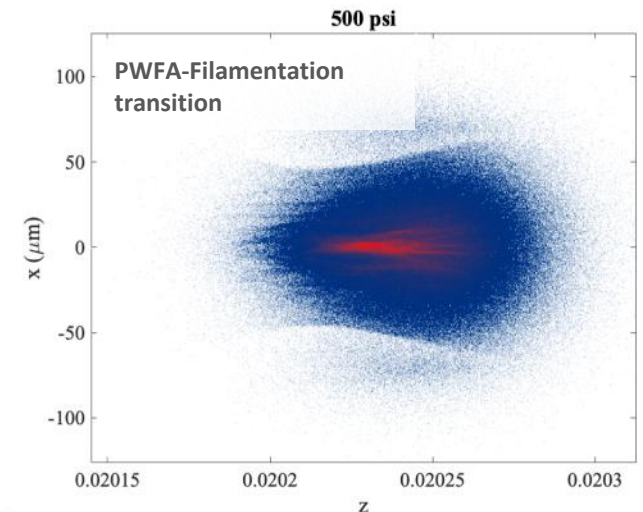
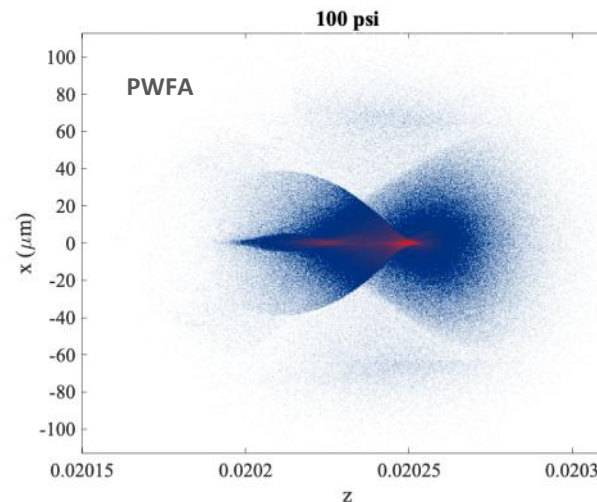
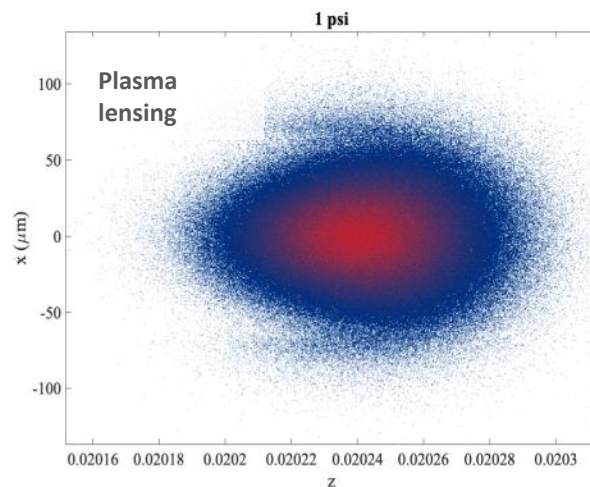
Beam parameters

Rms beam size on target x,y

136.1 um x 36.7 um

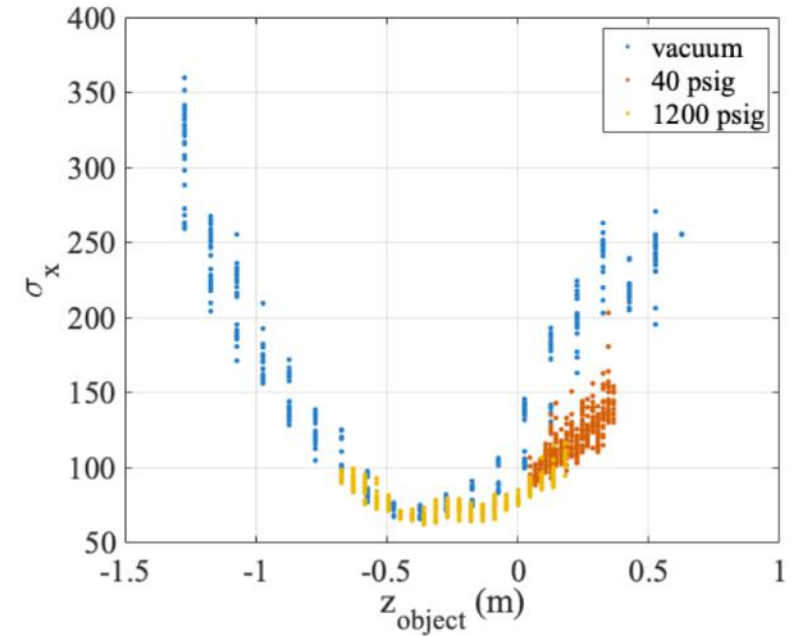
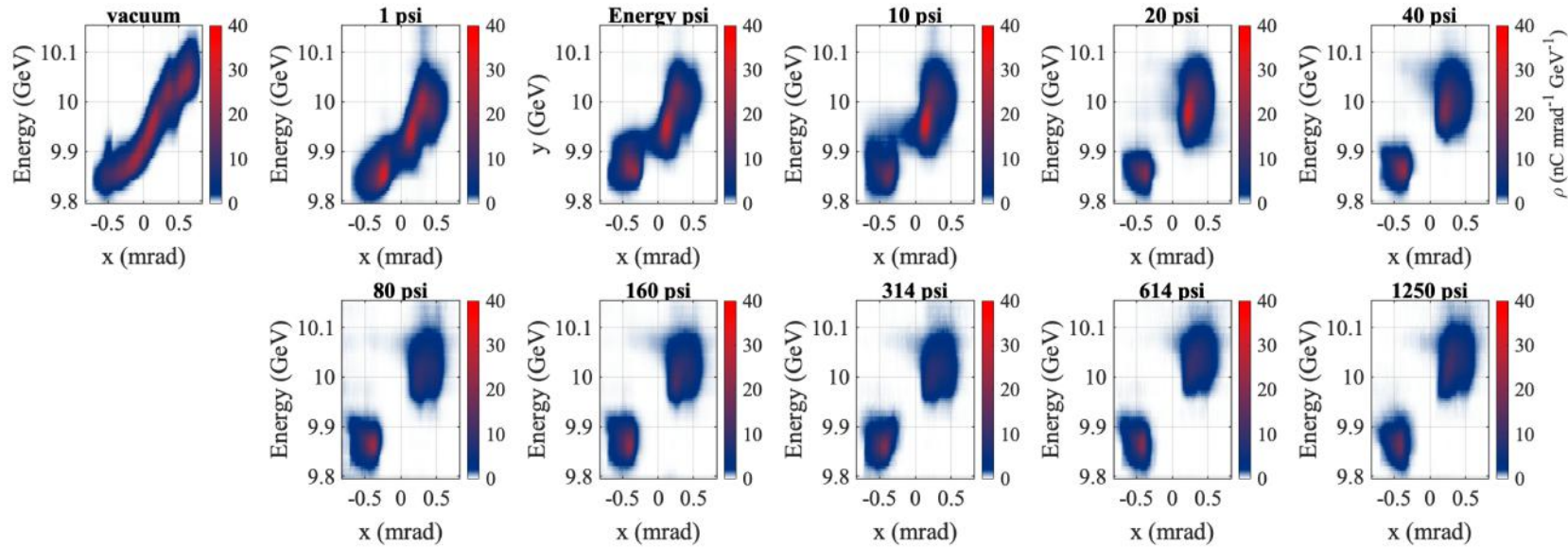
Charge

1.6 nC



Electron Spectrometer

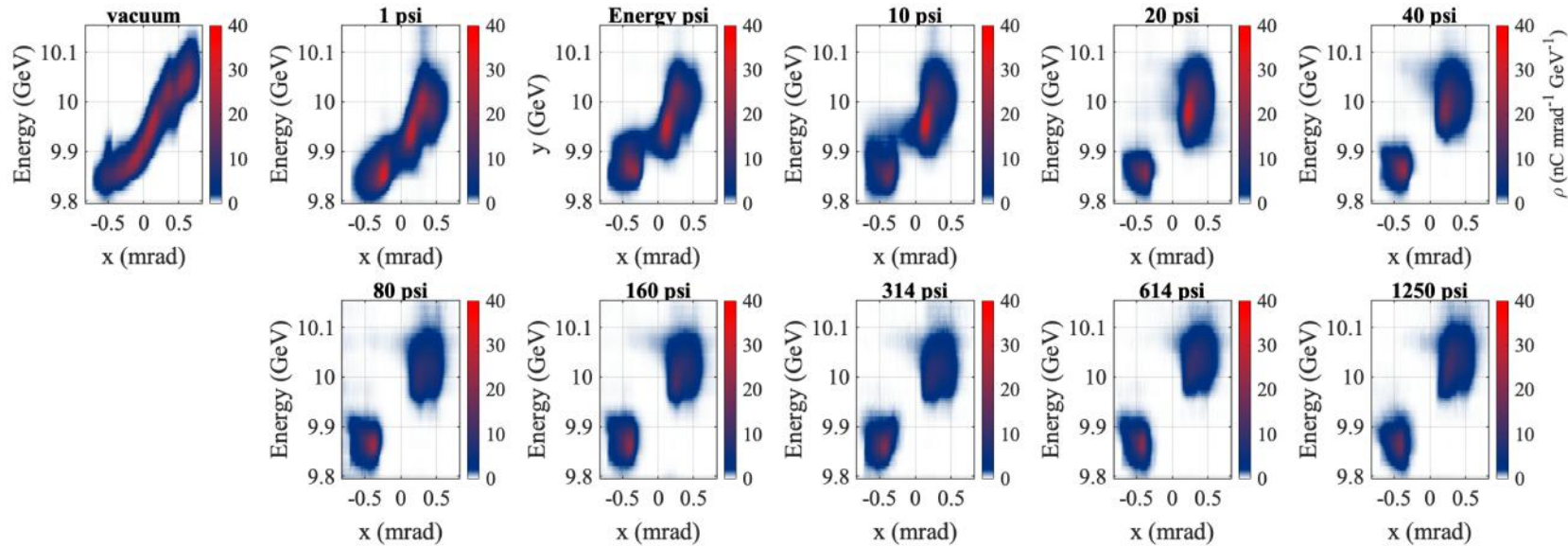
Divergence-sensitive measurement M12=10 m



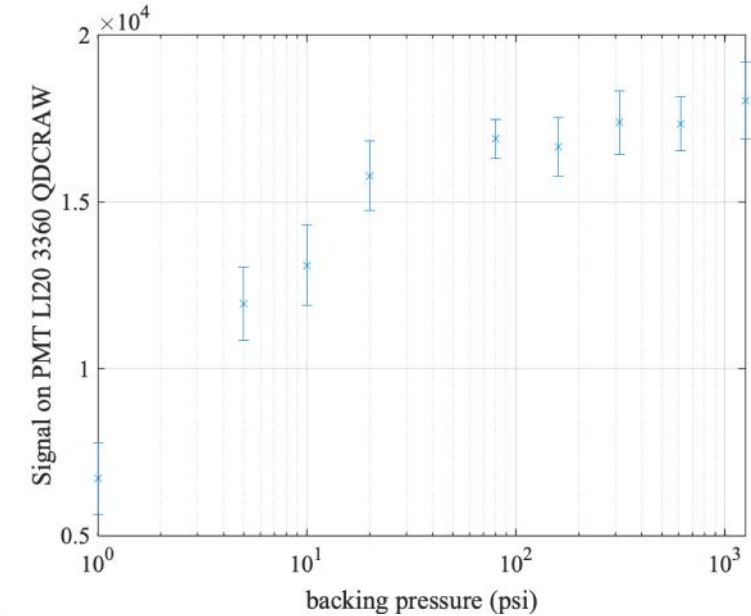
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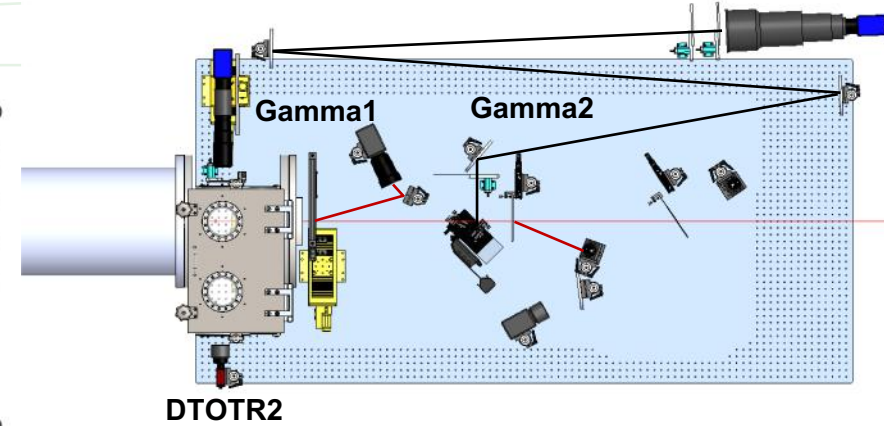
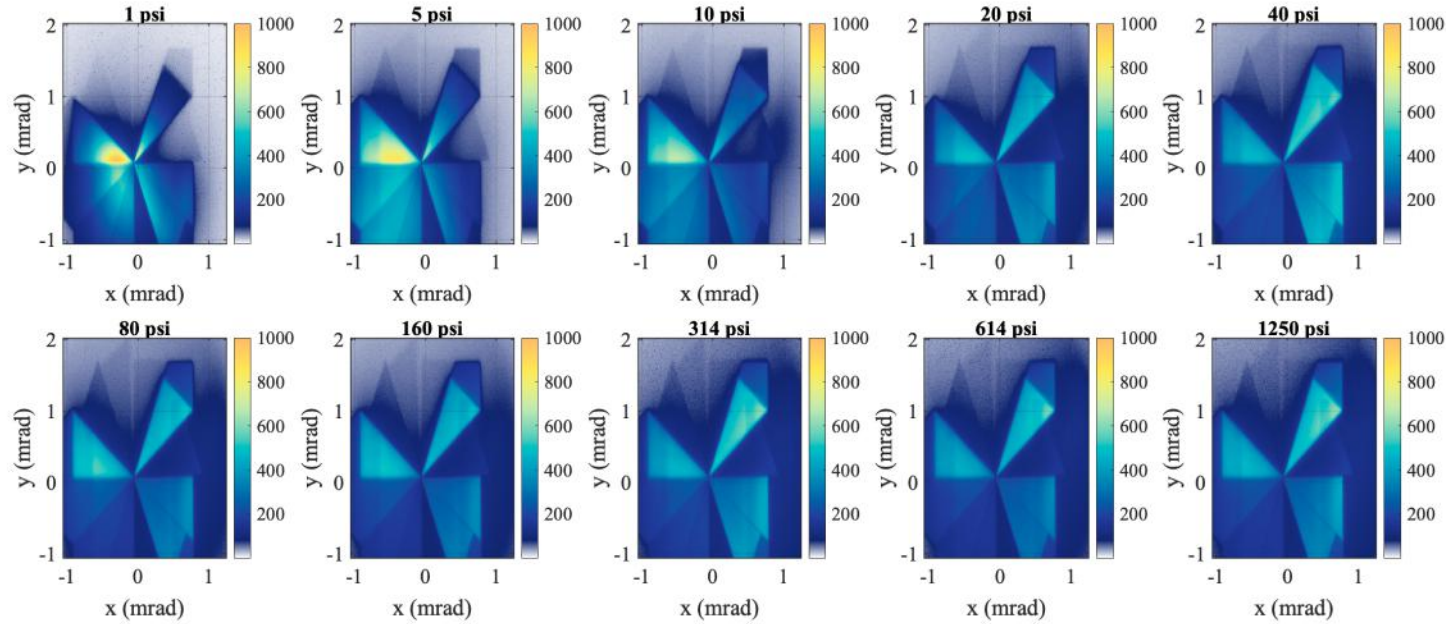


Beam losses

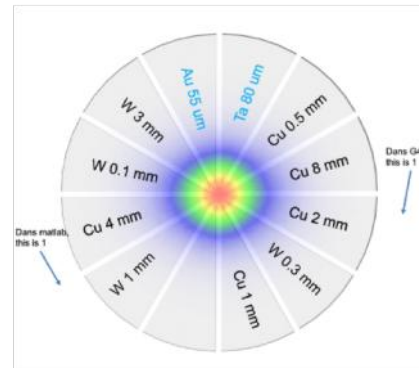
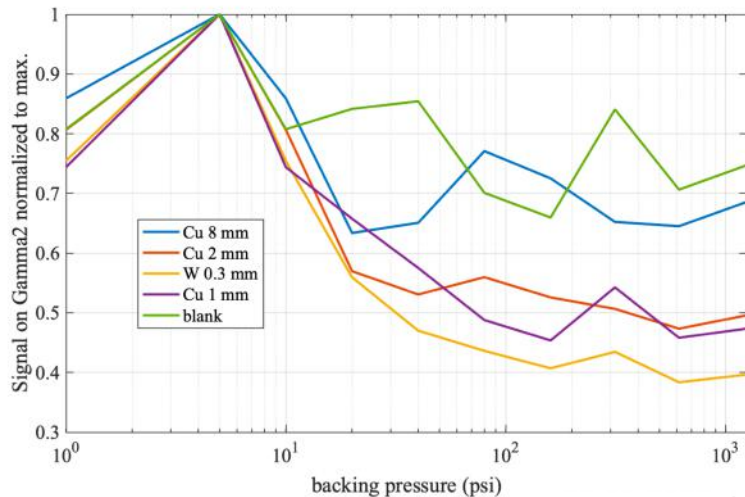


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- Higher losses with increased backing pressure indicates perturbed charge is not imaged

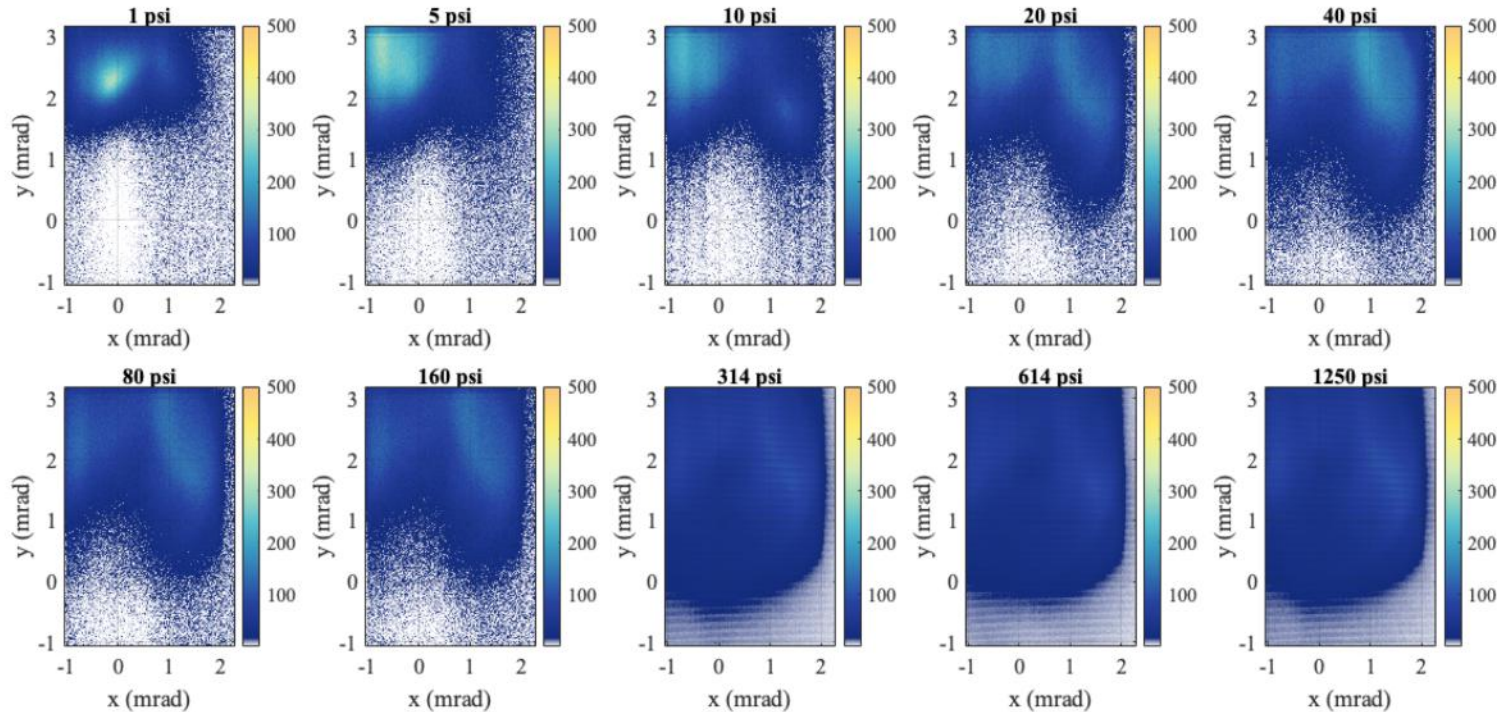
Gamma 2 diagnostic:



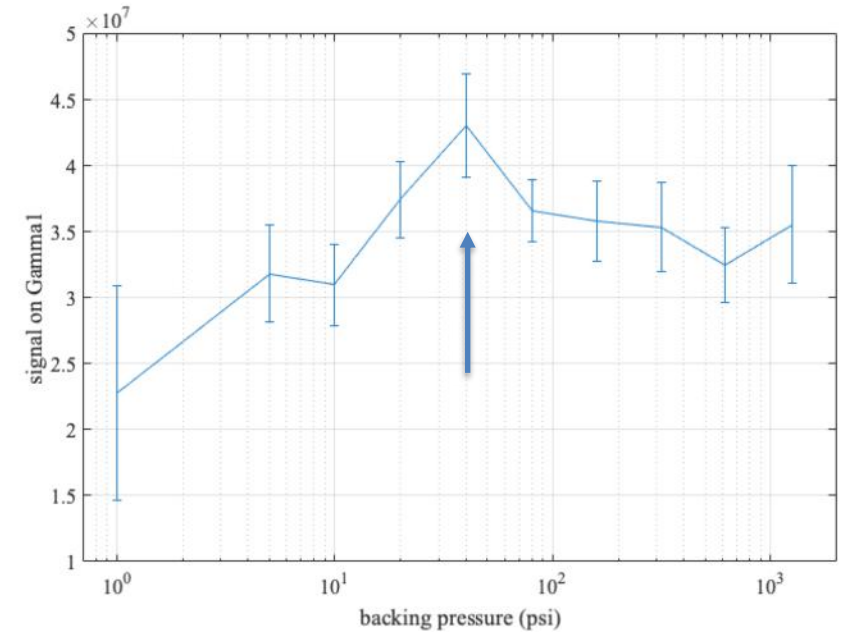
- Strong dependence of pointing on plasma density



Signal on Gamma 1 diagnostic (no filter)



For $p > 300$ psi CsI was used, result corrected by sensitivity

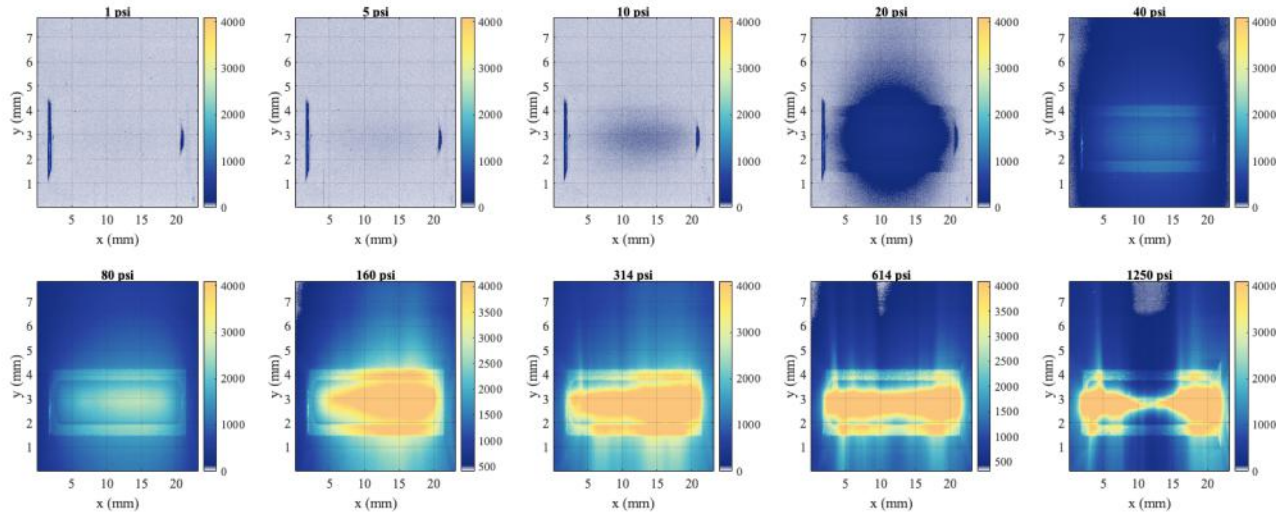


- Pressure-dependent features observable
- Maximum at 40 psi
- beyond 40 psi reduced signal

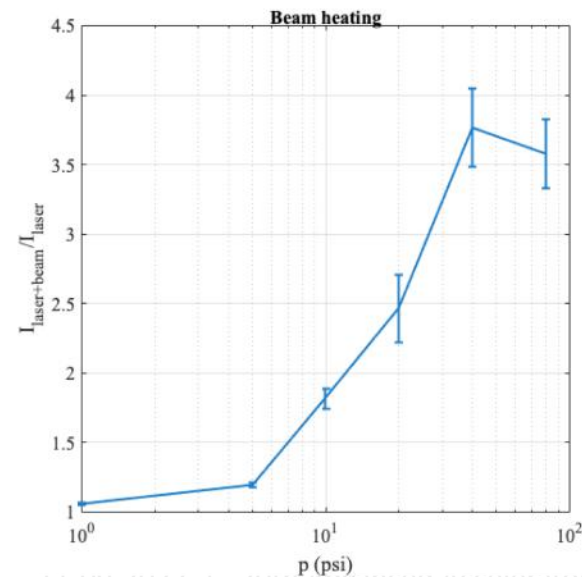
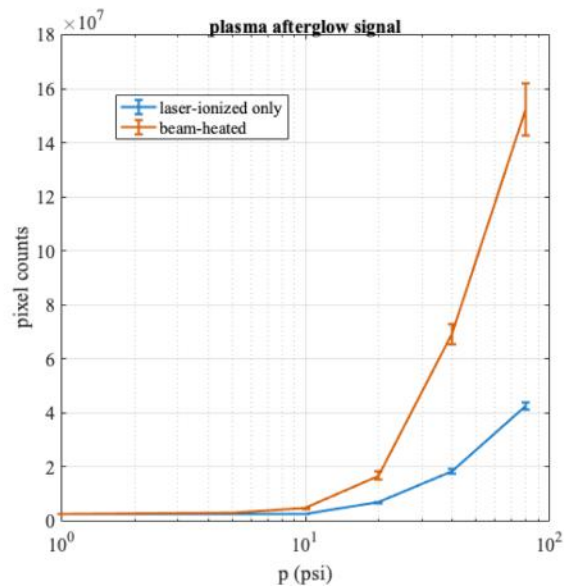
Plasma afterglow

See talk by A. Sutherland
Thursday 13:30 WG 5

See also poster by P. Muggli



- Beam-heated plasma afterglow signal is sensitive to energy deposition into plasma
- In the transition from PWFA to filamentation a drop in energy deposition is expected.
- Drop in additional signal strength at 40 psi hints at decreased energy deposition
- Higher dynamic range of plasma afterglow light collection necessary



Summary

- Good progress in setup commissioning
 - Gas jet operation
 - Low-resolution/high-resolution shadowgraphy
 - Imaging spectrometer
 - Alignment and synchronization
- First complete dataset collected
- More improvements upcoming
 - Darkfield shadowgraphy
 - High-resolution imaging with OTR screen
 - Plasma afterglow with higher dynamic range
- Repetition with improved beam parameters, improved ionization
- Experiments with chirped beams to study spatio-temporal behavior of filamentation



Thank you for your
attention