



# Surfing Lightwaves: an Accelerator on a Chip

*Prospects for attosecond electron science*

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## **Abstract**

In 2015 the Moore Foundation accepted a proposal to fund an accelerator science program with the goal of demonstrating a laser driven accelerator on a chip. To date the international collaboration has demonstrated greater than 800MeV/meter gradient in a fused silica grating structure and has demonstrated the first accelerators based on silicon. The ACHIP collaboration is making progress toward a 100MHz repetition rate accelerator with attosecond electron bunches to enable applications to science and to medicine.

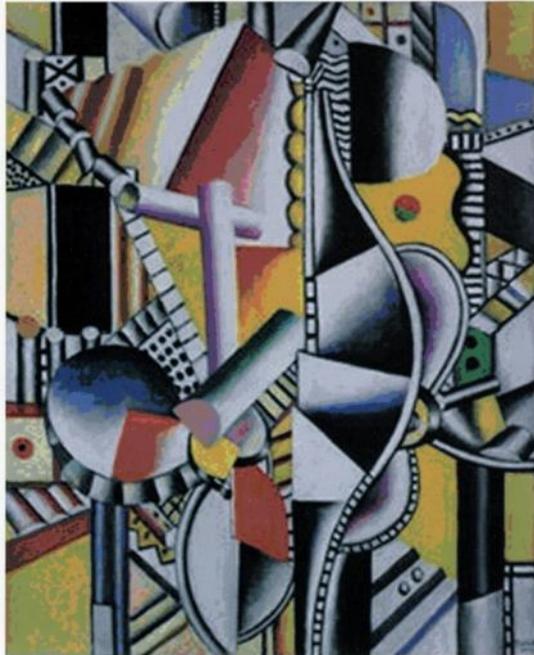
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# A Century of Particle Accelerators

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## ENGINES OF DISCOVERY



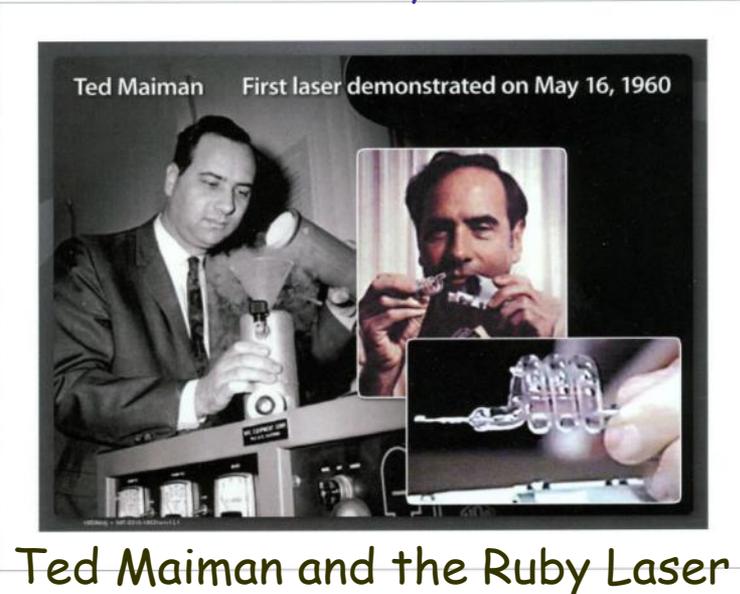
A Century of Particle Accelerators

Andrew Sessler • Edmund Wilson

First came accelerators



then came Lasers





## Laser Acceleration

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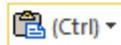
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- I. Introduction
- II. Laser compression
- III. LWFA scaling
- IV. Toward high energy acceleration with nonluminosity paradigms
- V. Ion acceleration
- VI. Zeptosecond science
- VII. Ultrahigh energy cosmic ray acceleration
- VIII. Application of LWFA to X-rays and gamma-ray sources
- IX. Application to medicine
- X. Conclusions





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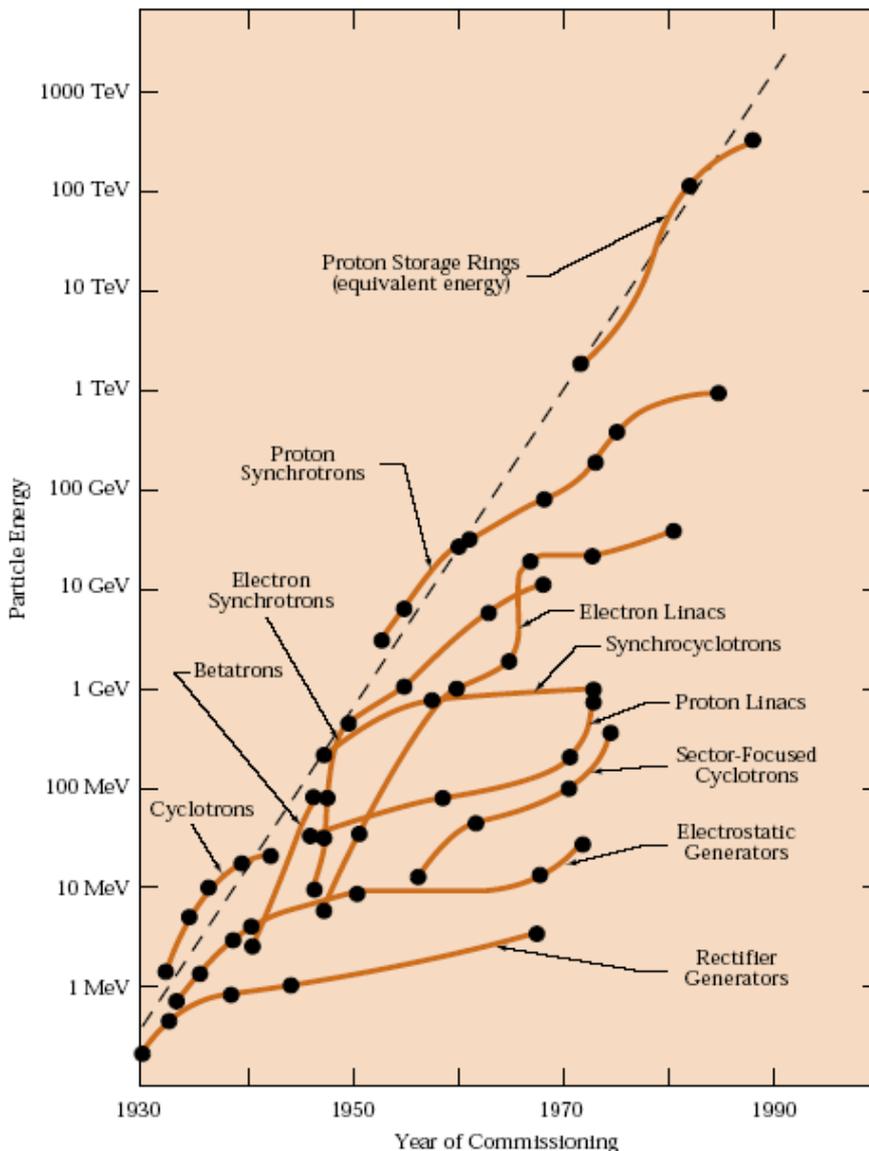
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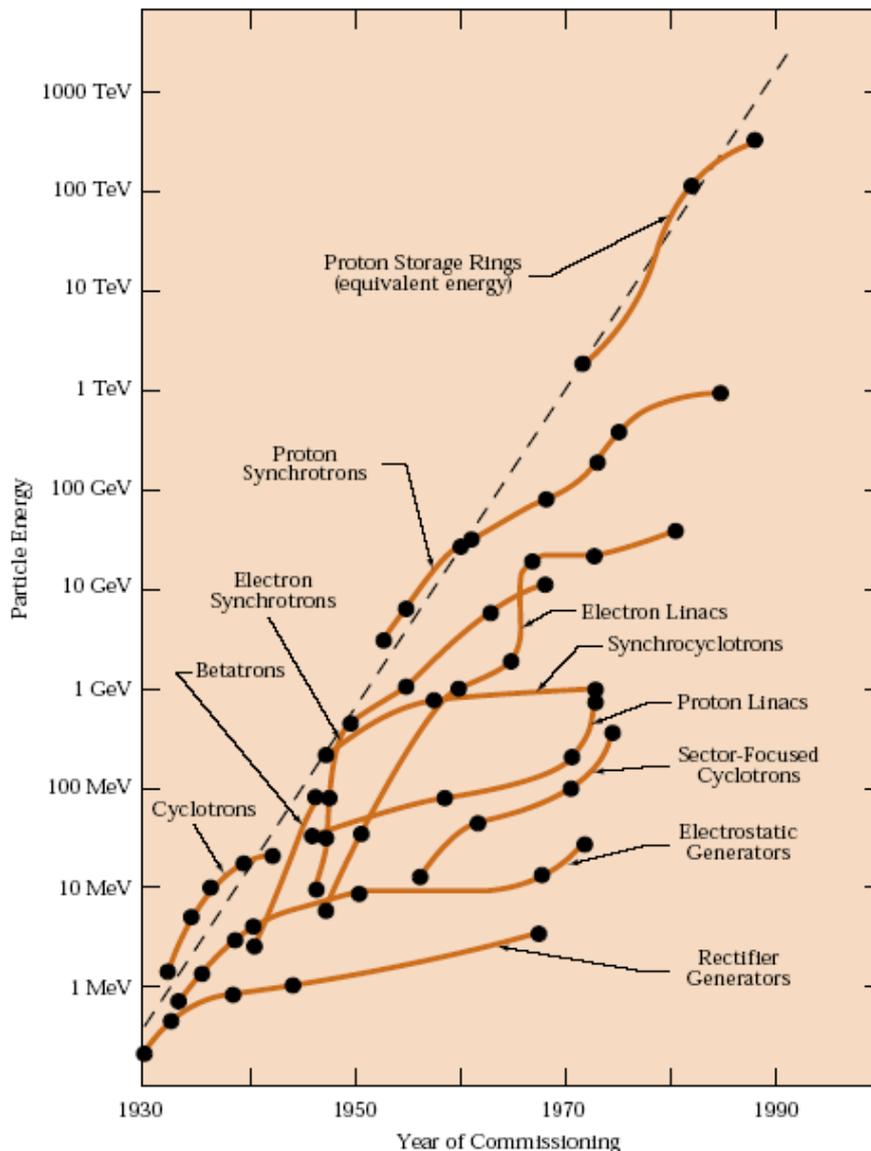
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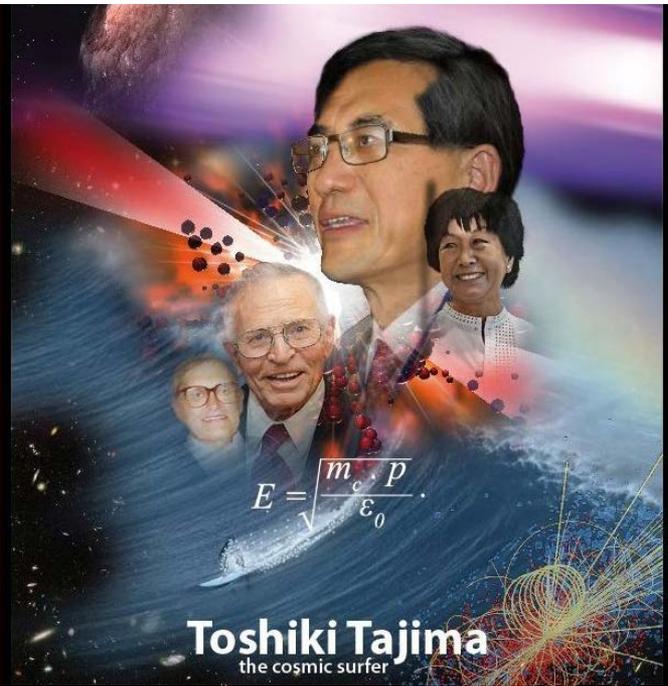
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YES! Moore Foundation





Introduction

*Early Progress in Laser Accelerators*

Success!

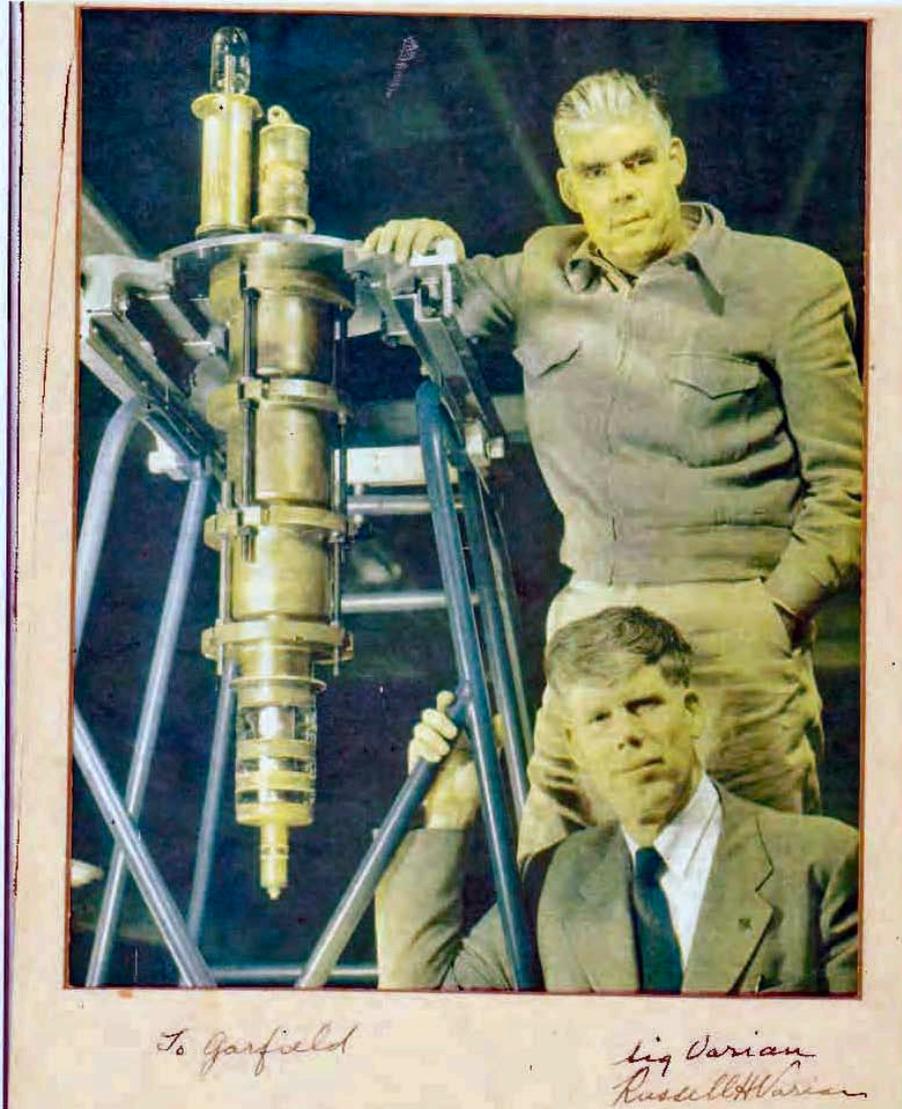
*Laser Acceleration in Dielectric Structures*

Current Activity

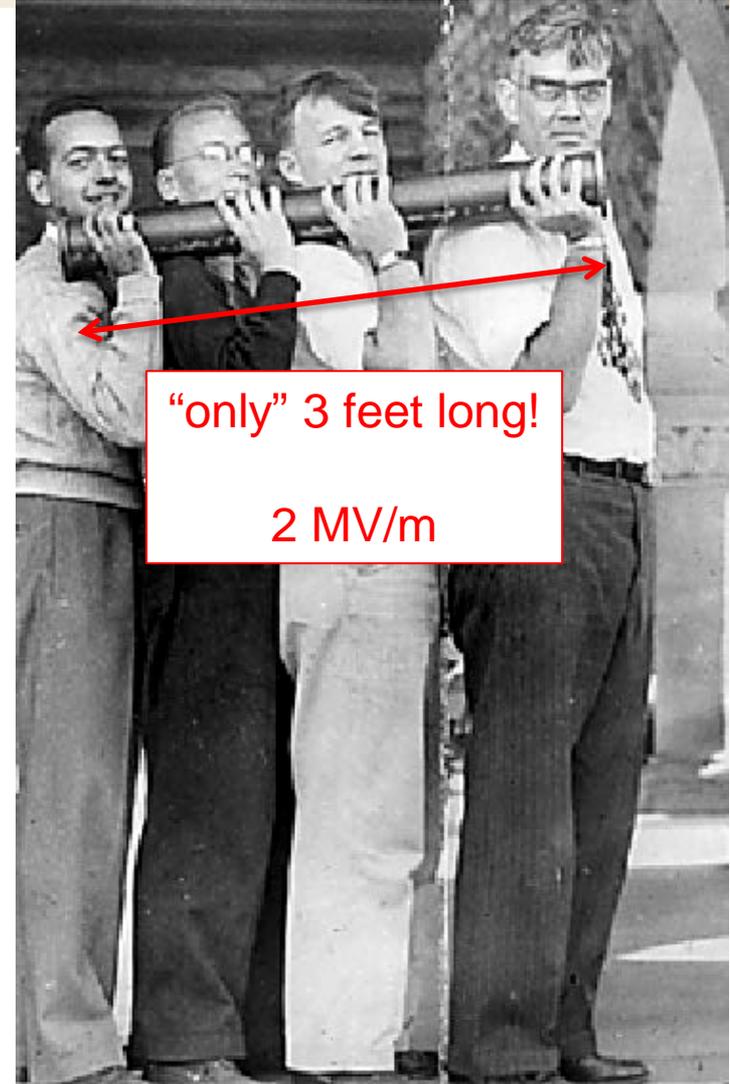
*Laser Acceleration on a chip: ACHIP*

# When the SLAC linac and microwave klystron were invented they were revolutionary developments

SLAC



Klystron invented 1937



Microwave linac invented 1948



## “Project M”

1955 first brainstorming and informal discussions

### SLAC CHRONOLOGY

April 1957	Proposal for two-mile accelerator submitted by Stanford University to Federal Government
September 1961	Project authorized by U. S. Congress
April 1962	Contract signed by U. S. Atomic Energy Commission and Stanford University
July 1962	Ground breaking; construction begins
July 1964	Start of accelerator installation
October 1, 1965	First "Users Conference," attended by 150 people from laboratories all over the world, to be made acquainted with SLAC.
December 1965	Installation of accelerator complete
February 12, 1966	Program Advisory Committee met, and approved and scheduled the first experiments to be performed with the two-mile beam
May 21, 1966	First beam transmitted over entire two-mile length of the accelerator
June 2, 1966	18.4 GeV of beam energy achieved
June 22, 1966	Second "Users Conference" held at SLAC
July 13, 1966	Positrons accelerated
October 17, 1966	First interlaced multiple beams of different energies and intensities accelerated
November 1966	Experiments begin with the beam in the end stations
January 10, 1967	20.16 GeV of beam energy achieved

## Palo Alto Times

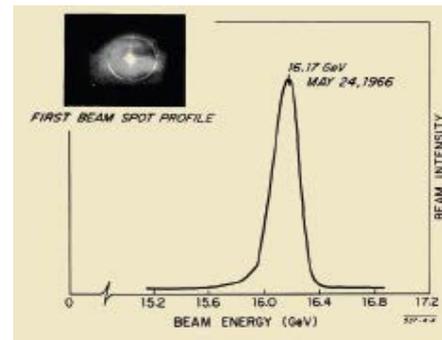
### Ike to ask \$100 million for Stanford A-smasher

Building time set 6 years

President Eisenhower will ask congress during the current session to approve one



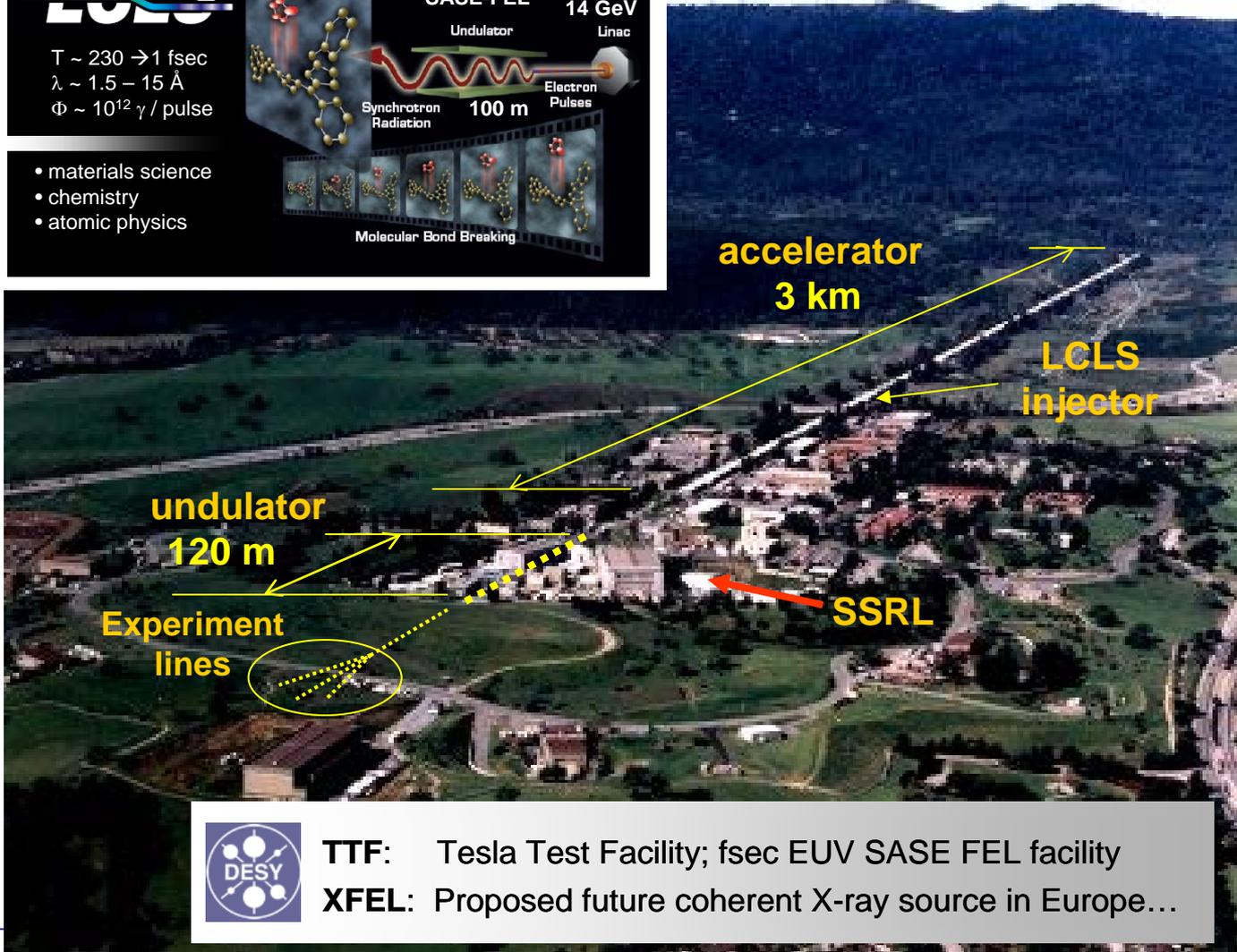
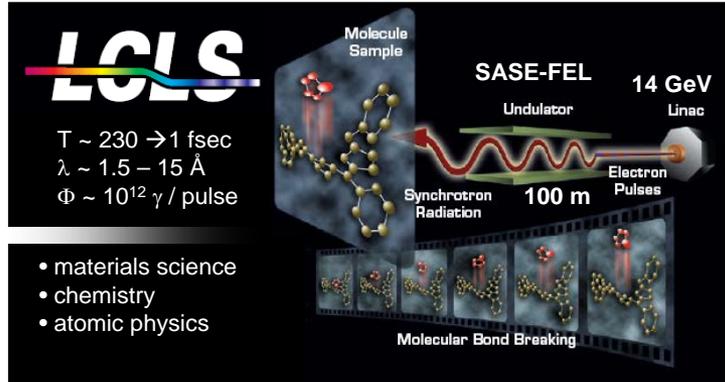
- \$100M proposal
- numerous studies and reports
- > 10 years of effort



First beam at SLAC, 1966



**RF-accelerator driven SASE FEL at SLAC - April 2009**



**LCLS properties**

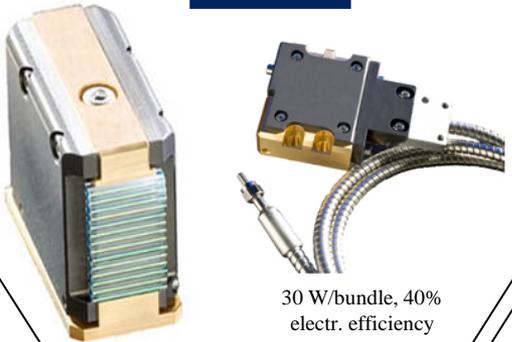
- 1 km-size facility
- microwave accelerator
- $\lambda_{RF} \sim 10 \text{ cm}$
- 4-14 GeV e-beam
- 120 m undulator
- 23 cm period
- 15-1.5 A radiation
- 0.8-8 keV photons
- $10^{14}$  photons/sec
- $\sim 77$  fsec
- **SUCCESS – April 09**
- **1mJ per pulse**
- **10 Hz**
- **8 keV X-ray photons**

 **TTF:** Tesla Test Facility; fsec EUV SASE FEL facility  
**XFEL:** Proposed future coherent X-ray source in Europe...

Leveraging investment in telecom

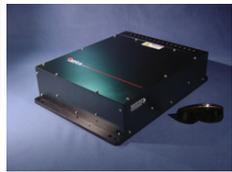
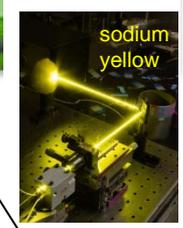
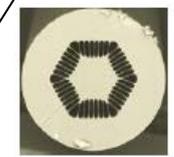
## efficient pump diode lasers

**nLIGHT**



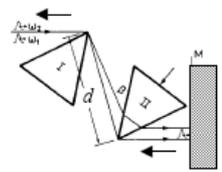
60 W/bar, 50% electr. efficiency  
30 W/bundle, 40% electr. efficiency

## high power fiber lasers

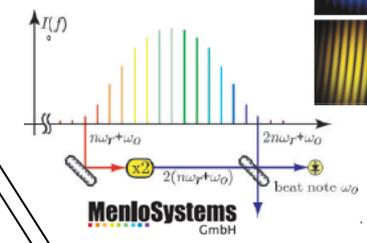
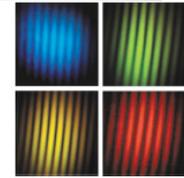


IMRA mJ 500 fsec laser

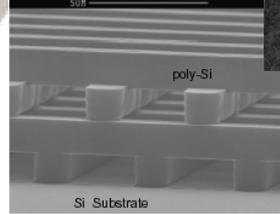
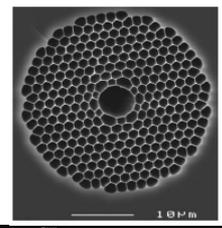
## ultrafast laser technology



< 10 fs



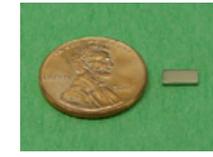
## nanotechnology



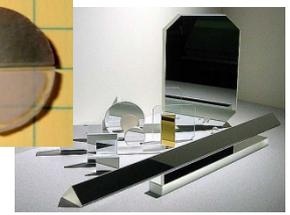
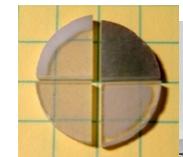
## new materials



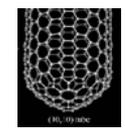
New ceramics



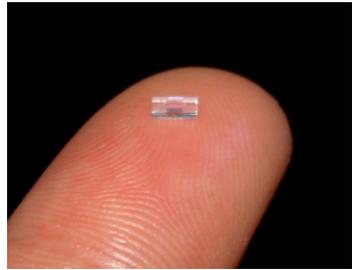
high strength magnets  
**Nd:Fe**



high purity optical materials and high strength coatings

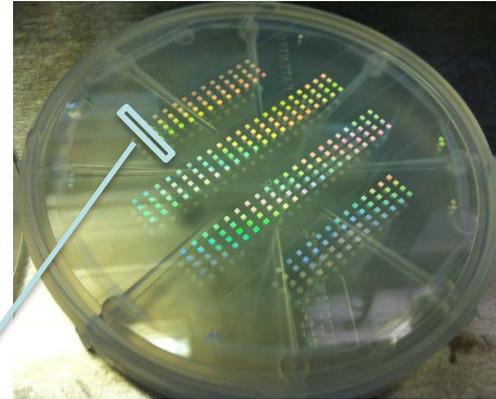


nano-tubes



- laser-driven microstructures
- **lasers:** high rep rates, strong field gradients, commercial support
  - **dielectrics:** higher breakdown threshold  $\rightarrow$  higher gradients (1-10 GV/m), leverage industrial fabrication processes

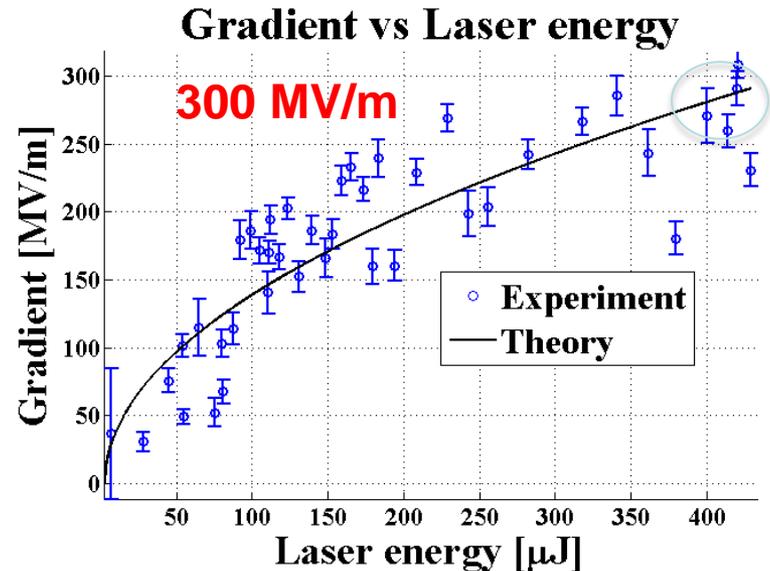
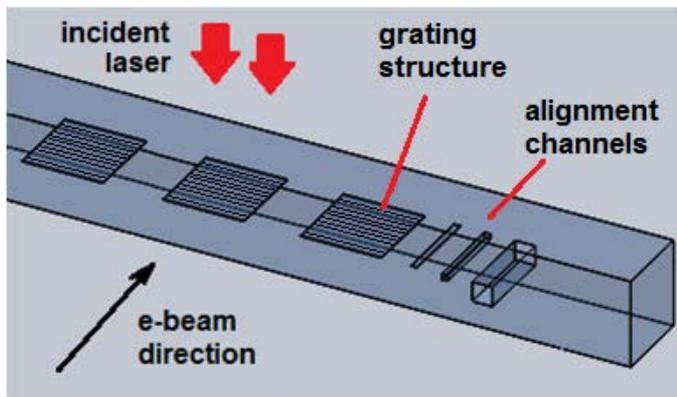
## "Accelerator-on-a-chip"



bonded silica phase reset accelerator prototypes fabricated at SLAC/Stanford

**Goal: lower cost, more compact, energy efficient, higher gradient**

Wafer is diced into individual samples for e-beam tests.



# DLA leverages advances in two major industries: solid state lasers + semiconductor fabrication

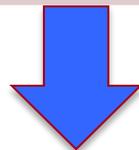
High average power,  
not high peak power lasers!

Fabricated using techniques of  
the integrated circuit industry.

Parameter	DLA Value
Wavelength	2 $\mu\text{m}$
Pulse Duration	100 fs
Pulse Energy	1 $\mu\text{J}$
Laser Power	100 W
Rep Rate	100 MHz
Laser Efficiency	30%
Cost/laser	\$300k



Solid-state laser

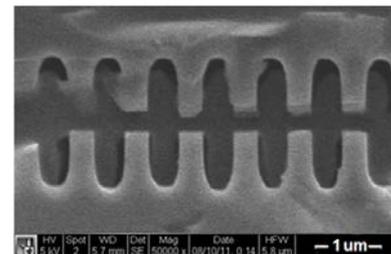


Available now  
“off the shelf”

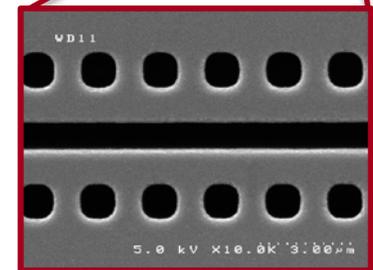
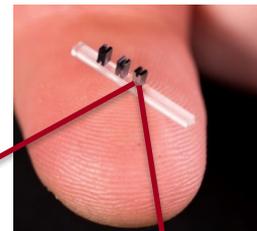


DLA structures are made by students in the Nanofabrication Facilities at partner universities.

SEM images of DLA prototypes tested at NLCTA



fused silica  
(UV photolithography)



silicon  
(DRIE)

# An initiative in particle acceleration using lasers was started by Bob Byer and Bob Siemann (1996)



R. L. Byer



R. H. Siemann

Stanford & SLAC Programs in laser-driven acceleration:

LEAP (1996-2015)

**E-163 (2005-present)**

DARPA AXiS (2011-2013)

ACHIP (2016-2020)

NSF-BSF (2016-2018)



T. Plettner



E. Colby

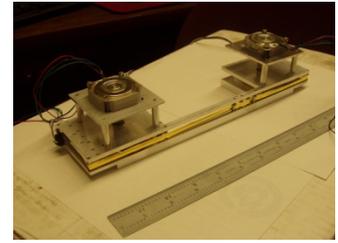
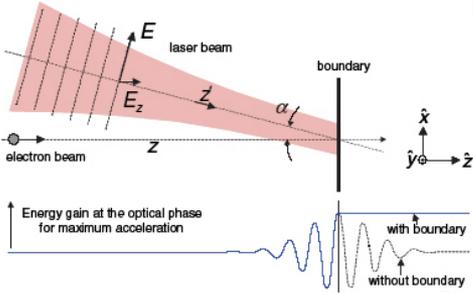


R. J. England

Postdocs and students (1996 – present)



## Laser driven particle acceleration 1996 - 2004



collaborators

### ARDB, SLAC

Bob Siemann\*, Bob Noble†, Eric Colby†, Jim Spencer†, Rasmus Ischebeck†, Melissa Lincoln‡, Ben Cowan‡, Chris Sears‡, D. Walz†, D.T. Palmer†, Neil Na‡, C.D Barnes‡, M Javanmarad‡, X.E. Lin†

### Stanford University

Bob Byer\*, T.I. Smith\*, Y.C. Huang\*, T. Plettner†, P. Lu‡, J.A. Wisdom‡

### ARDA, SLAC

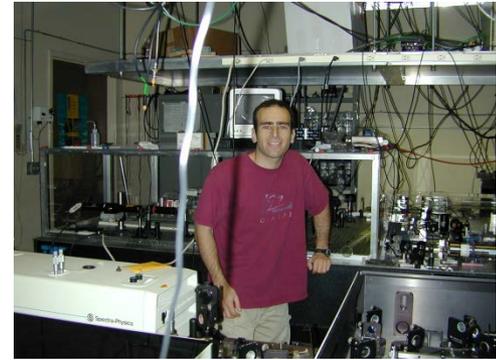
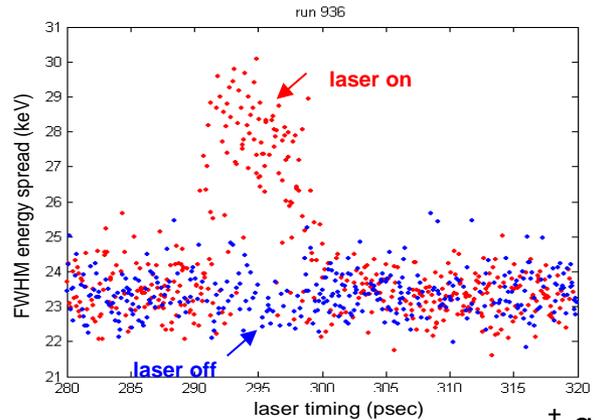
Zhiu Zhang†, Sami Tantawi†

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Levi Schächter\*

### UCLA

J. Rosenzweig\*

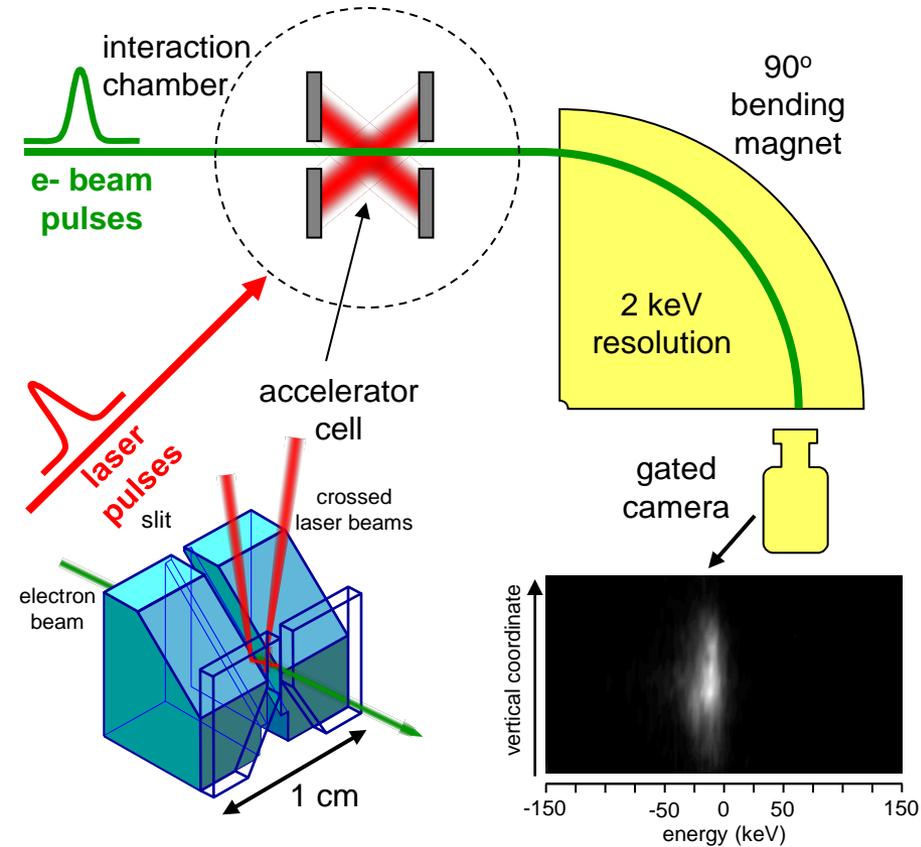


‡ grad students † postdocs and staff \* faculty

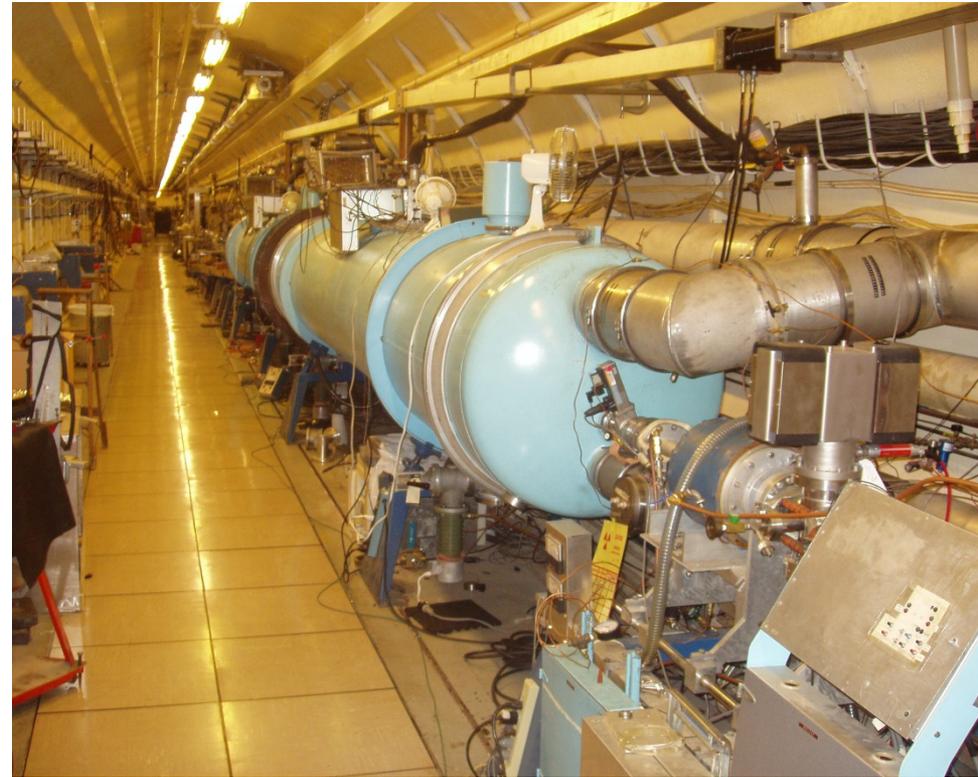


# Laser Electron Accelerator Program - LEAP Located in the Hansen Lab on Stanford Campus

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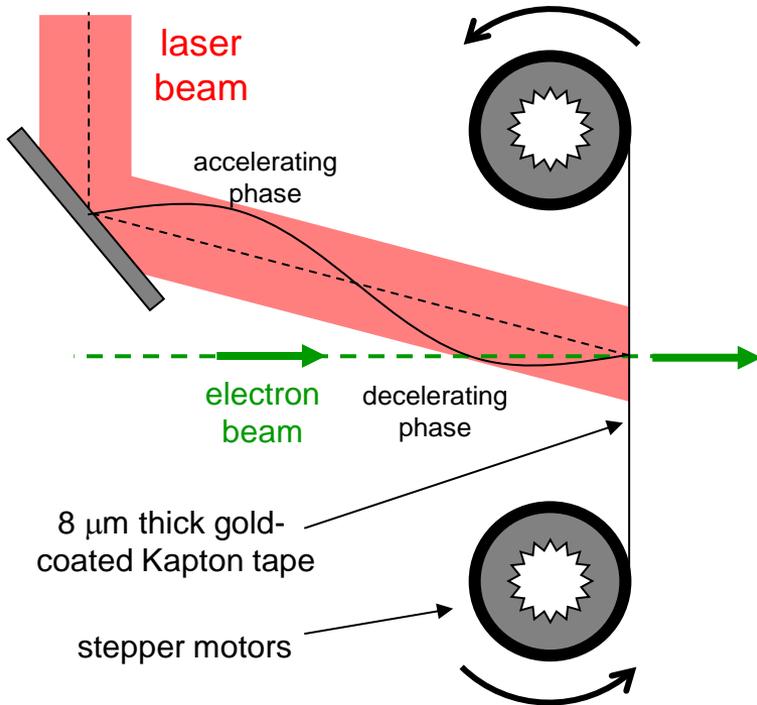


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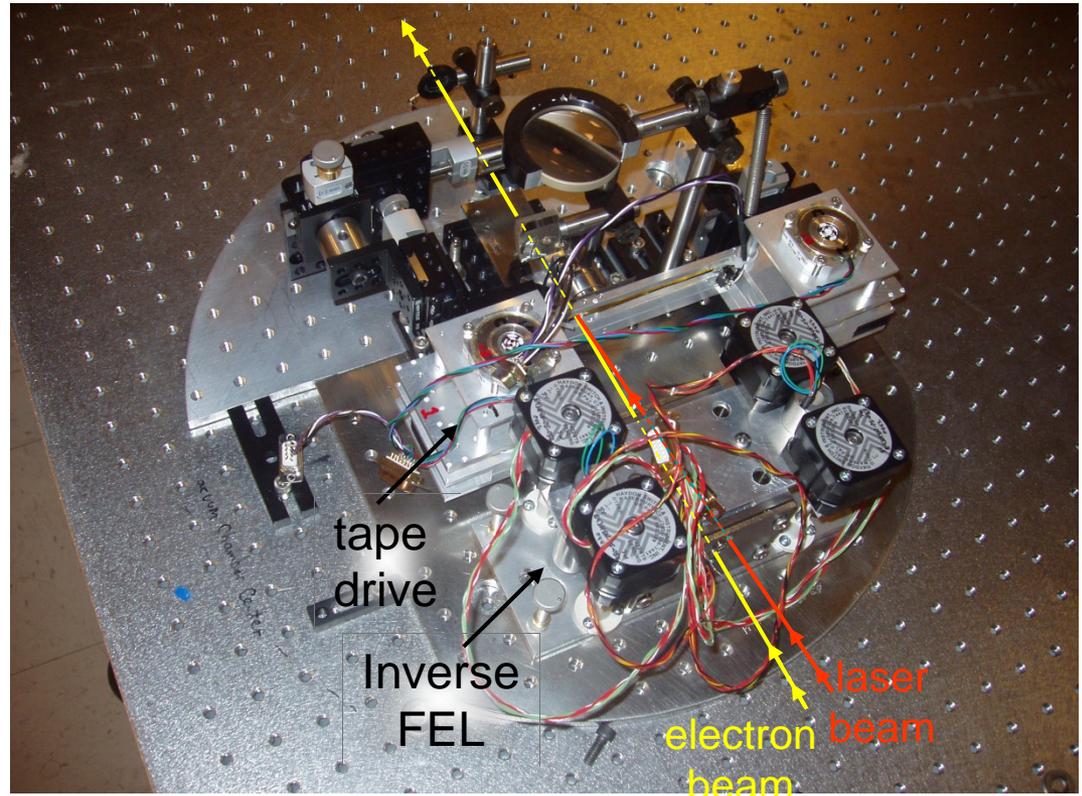
The crossed-beam laser accelerator Cell and magnet for electron beam energy measurements.

The view of the 30 MeV super-conducting linear accelerator in the underground tunnel on campus in the HEPL lab.

We have accelerated electrons with visible light!



Simplified single-stage  
Accelerator Cell -  
Gold coated Kapton tape  
to terminate the Electric field.

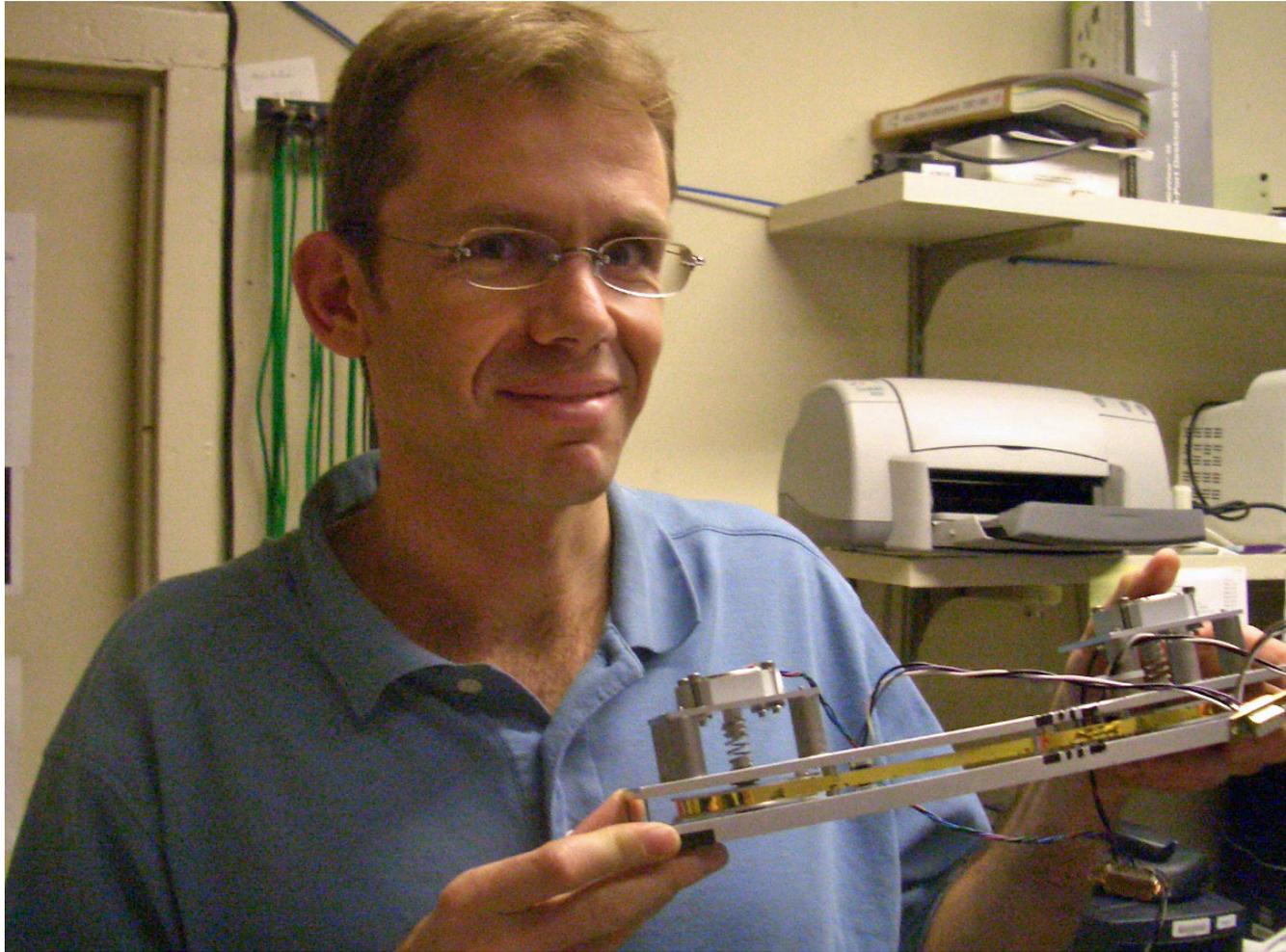


The LEAP experimental apparatus that  
Includes the LEAP single stage accelerator  
cell and the inverse FEL.



# Tomas Plettner and LEAP Accelerator Cell

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The key was to operate the cell above damage threshold to generate energy modulation in excess of the noise level.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Success: Accelerated electrons with visible light

## Phys Rev Letts - Sept 2005

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PRL 95, 134801 (2005)

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

week ending  
23 SEPTEMBER 2005

### Visible-Laser Acceleration of Relativistic Electrons in a Semi-Infinite Vacuum

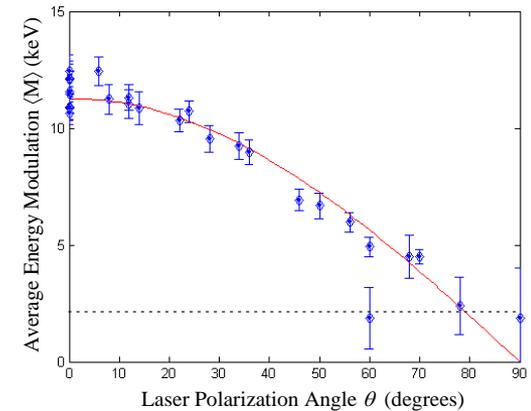
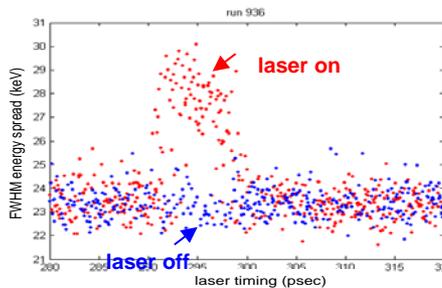
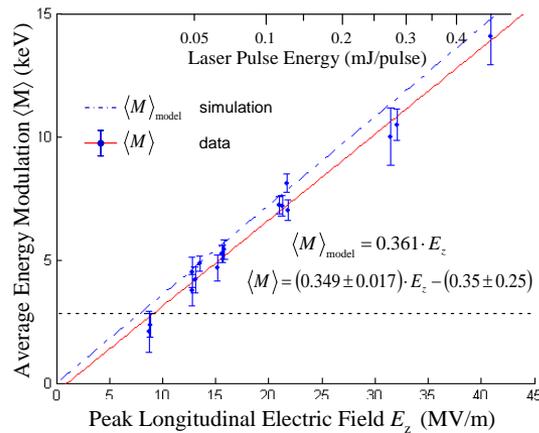
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Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305, USA

Colby, B. Cowan, C. M. S. Sears, J. E. Spencer, and R. H. Siemann

SLAC, Menlo Park, California 94025, USA

(Received 19 April 2005; published 22 September 2005)



- confirmation of the Lawson-Woodward Theorem
- observation of the linear dependence of energy gain with laser electric field
- observation of the expected polarization dependence

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} E_z dz = 0$$

$$\Delta U \propto |E_{\text{laser}}|$$

$$|E_z| \propto |E_{\text{laser}}| \cos \rho$$

laser-driven  
linear  
acceleration in  
vacuum

## High-Harmonic Inverse-Free-Electron-Laser Interaction at 800 nm

Christopher M. S. Sears, Eric R. Colby, Benjamin M. Cowan, Robert H. Siemann, and James E. Spencer  
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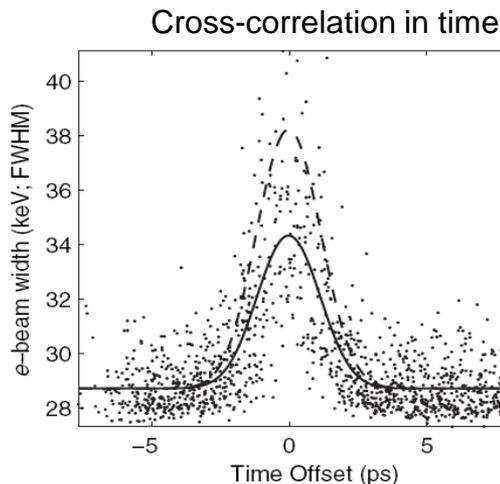


FIG. 2. Example data run with 1500 laser on events. The solid curve is the least squares fit to all data points and gives the mean interaction of 18 keV. The dashed curve is the maximum estimate and gives the peak interaction of 25 keV. The width of cross correlation is 2.2 ps rms.

## Observation of harmonic interaction

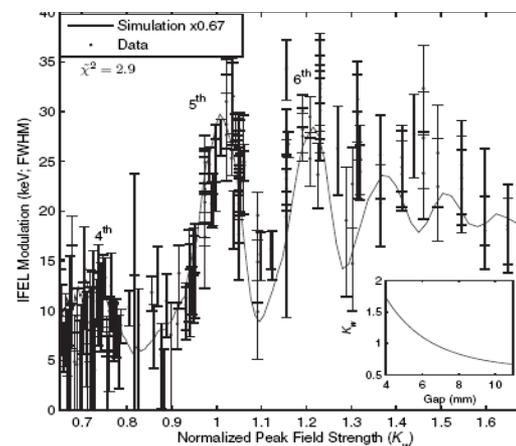


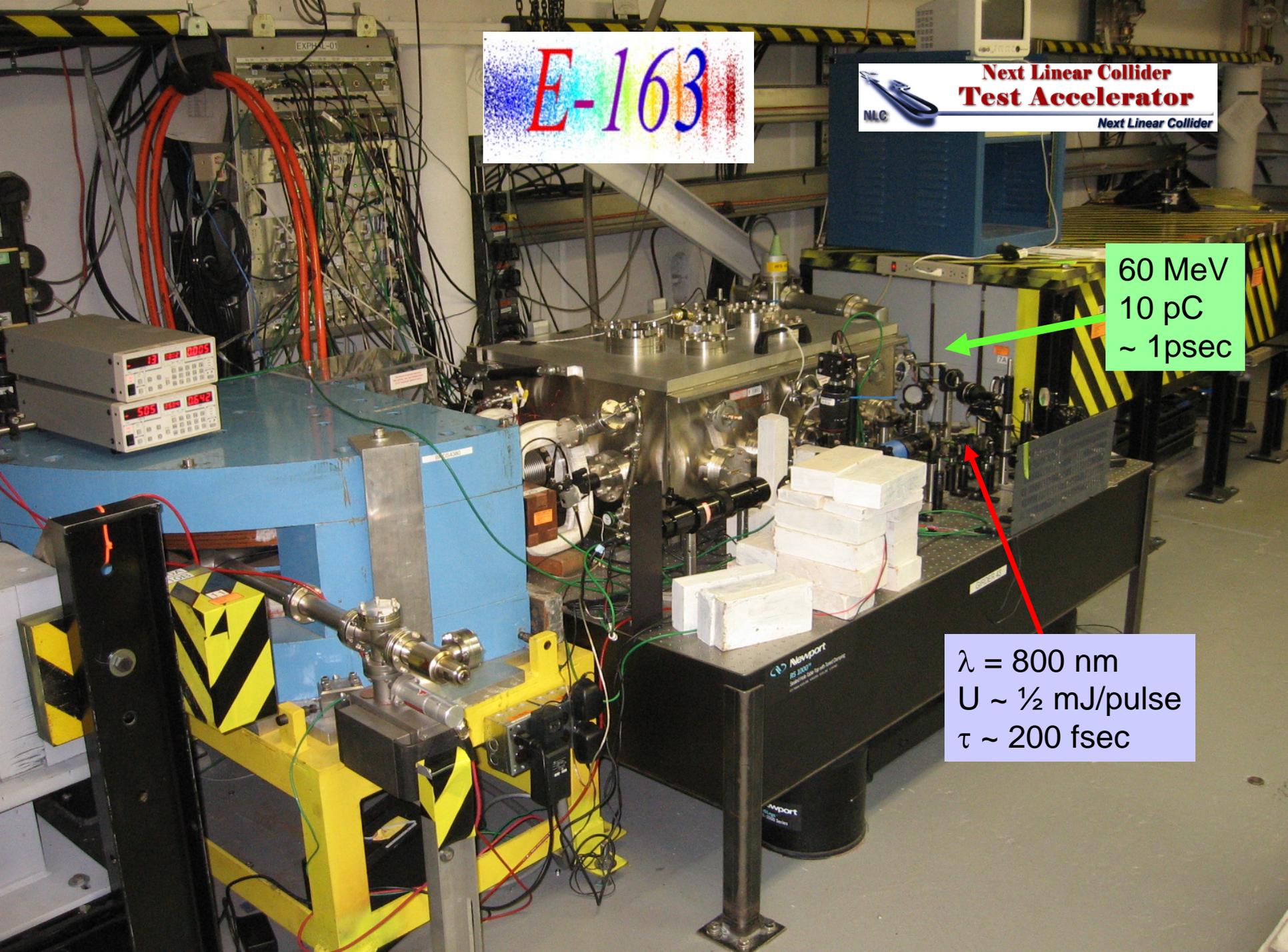
FIG. 4. IFEL gap scan data, with 164 runs total. Comparison to simulation (solid line) shows very good agreement to the shape and spacing of resonance peaks. The harmonic numbers are given next to each peak. Simulation has been rescaled vertically by 0.67 to better visualize overlap.

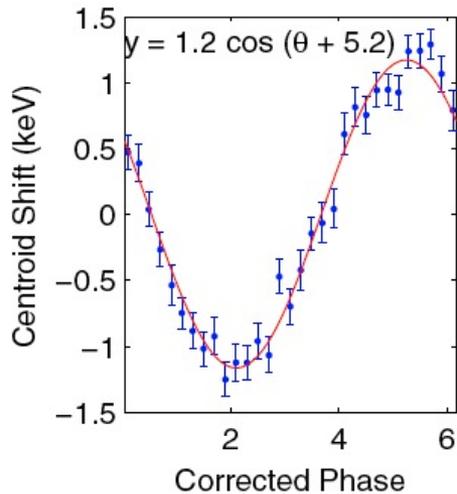
E-163

Next Linear Collider  
Test Accelerator  
NLC  
Next Linear Collider

60 MeV  
10 pC  
~ 1psec

$\lambda = 800 \text{ nm}$   
 $U \sim \frac{1}{2} \text{ mJ/pulse}$   
 $\tau \sim 200 \text{ fsec}$

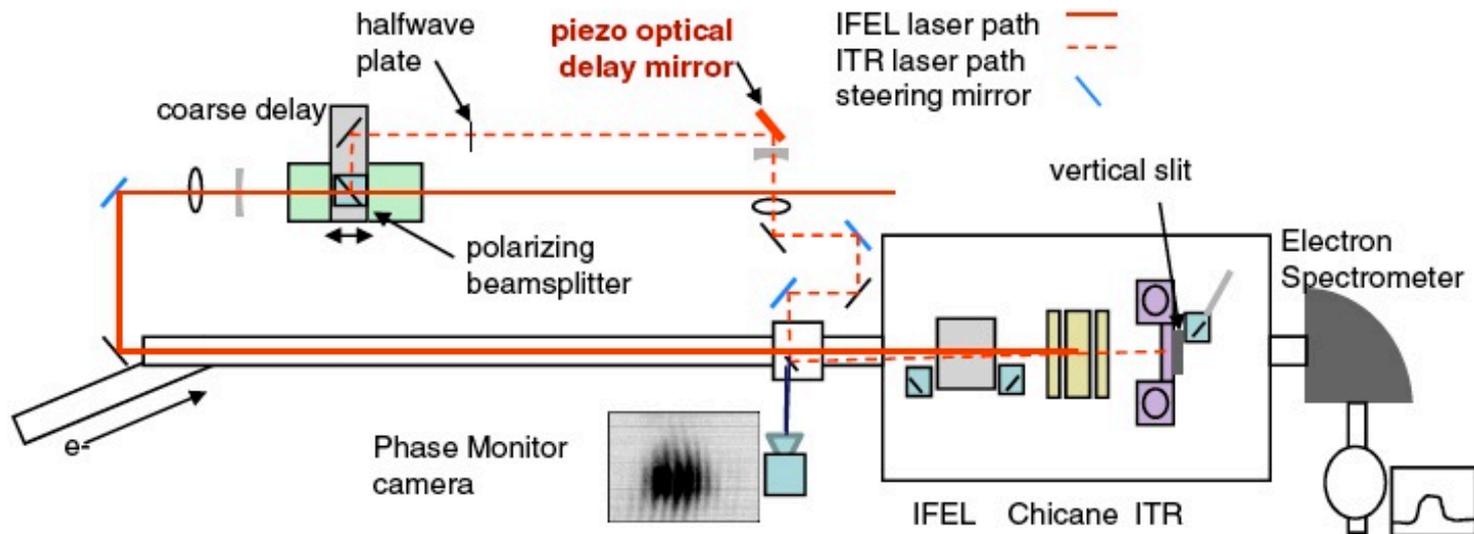




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# Since then a variety of successful demonstrations set the stage...

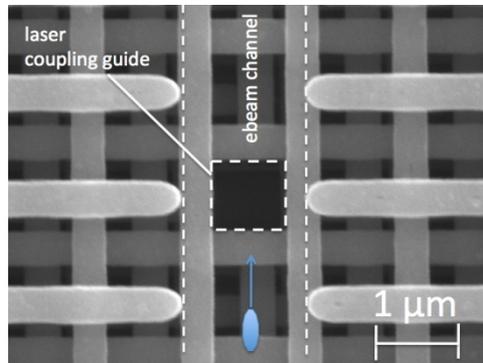
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**3D Photonic crystal fabrication** with complex multi-layer designs suitable for efficient power coupling

Staude, McGuinness, et al. Opt. Exp. **20**, 5607 (2012)

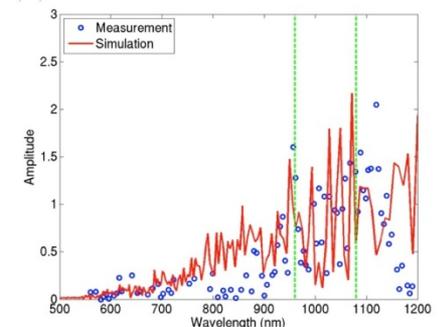
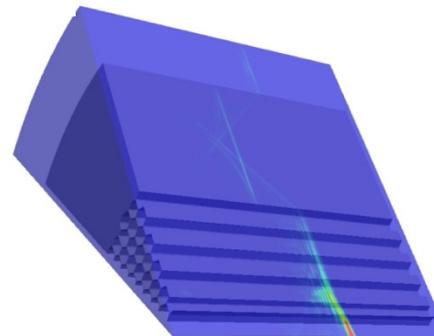


## Excitation of TM modes

In photonic crystal fibers via wakefield stimulation with 60 MeV electrons

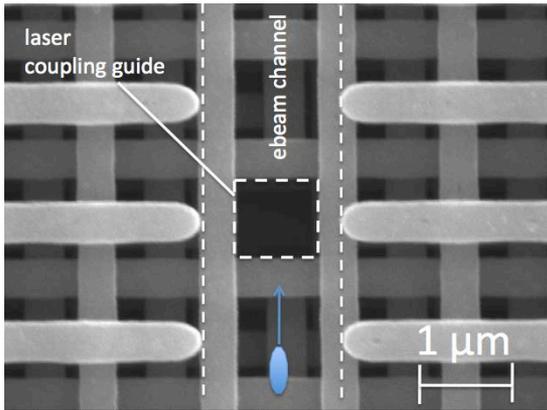
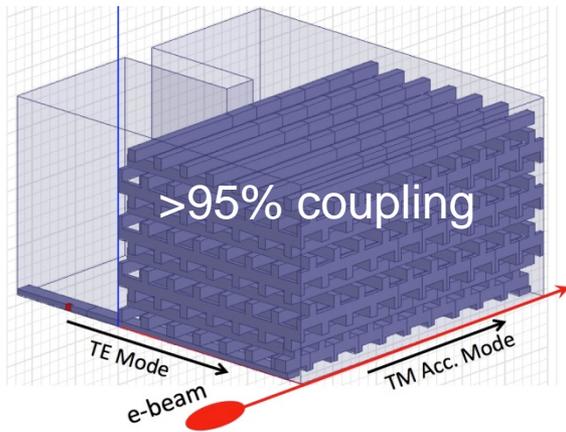
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# ... including development of concepts for compatible accelerator subcomponents.

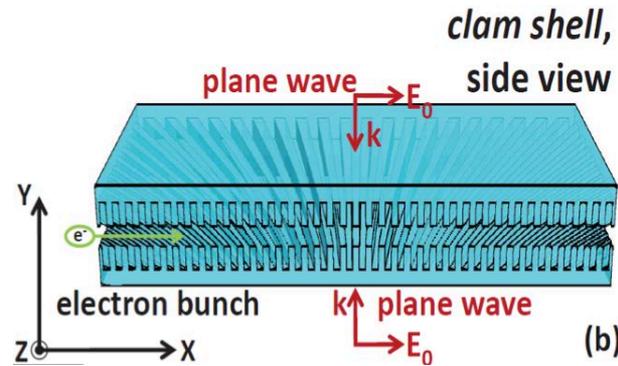
## Efficient Coupler Designs



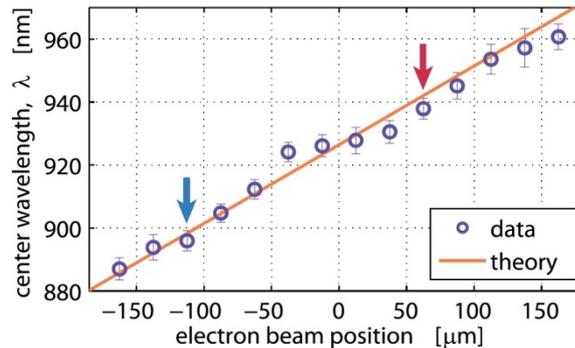
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## Beam Position Monitor

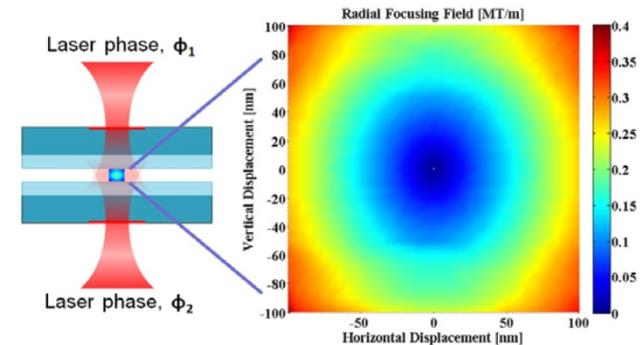
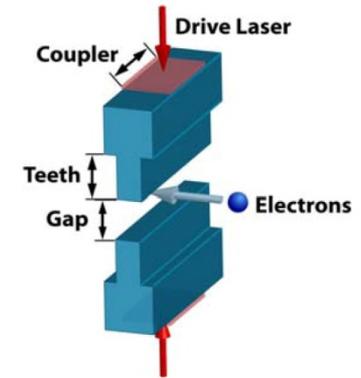


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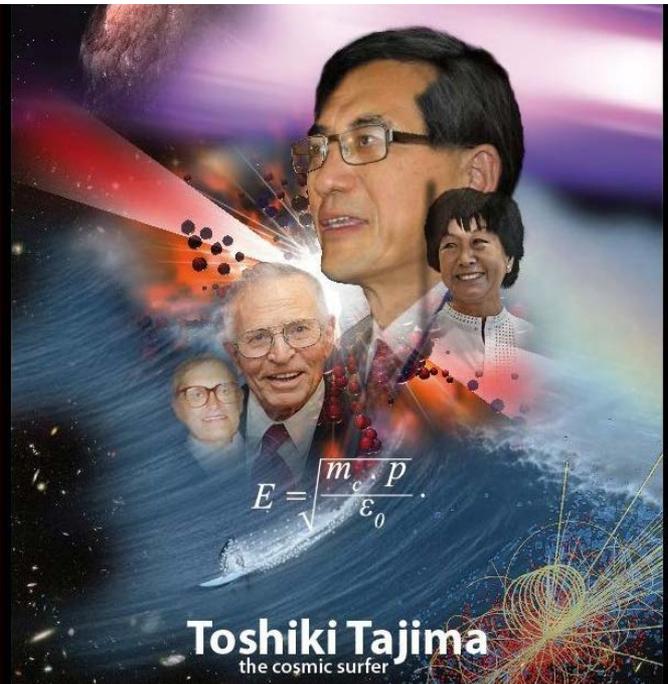


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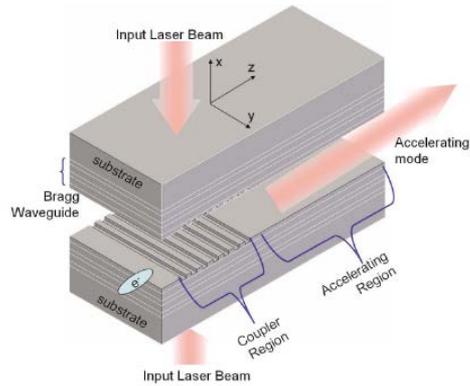
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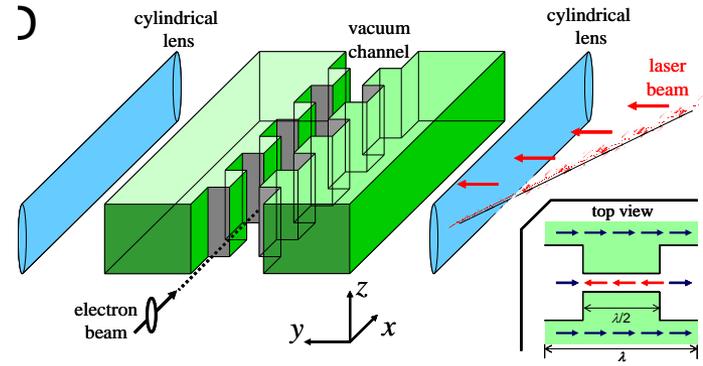
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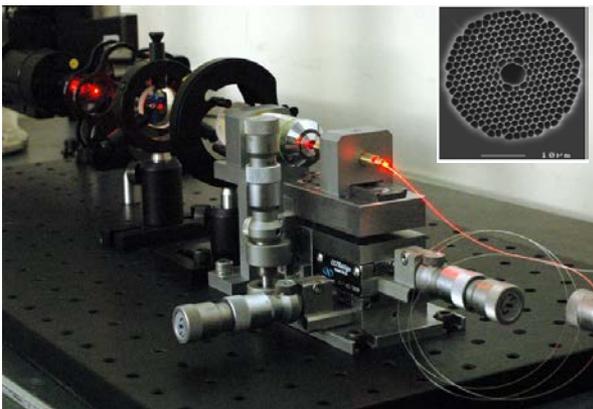
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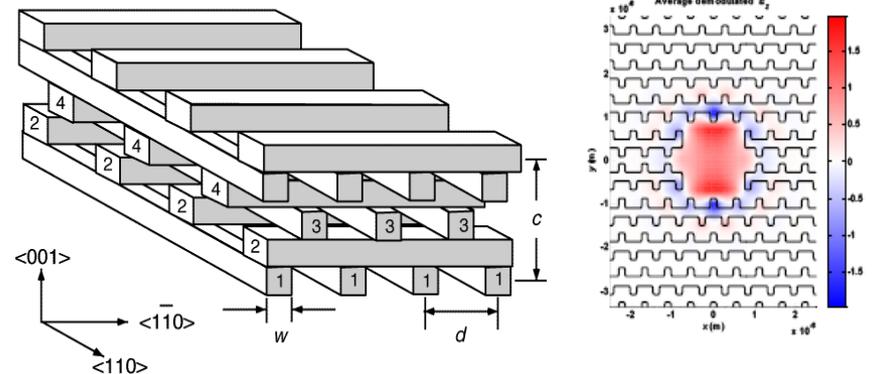


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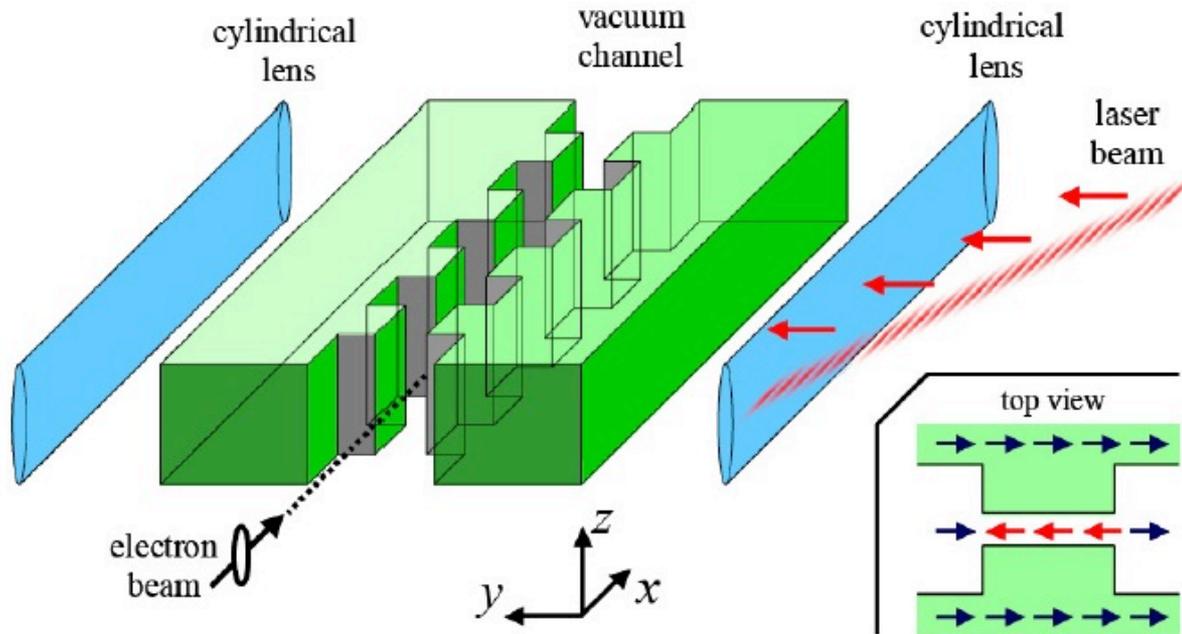


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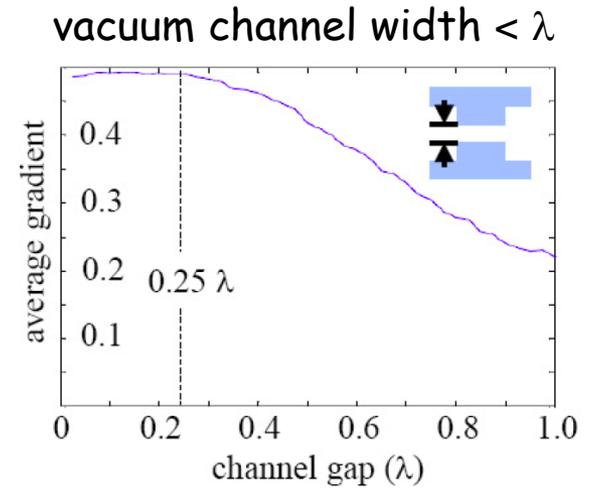
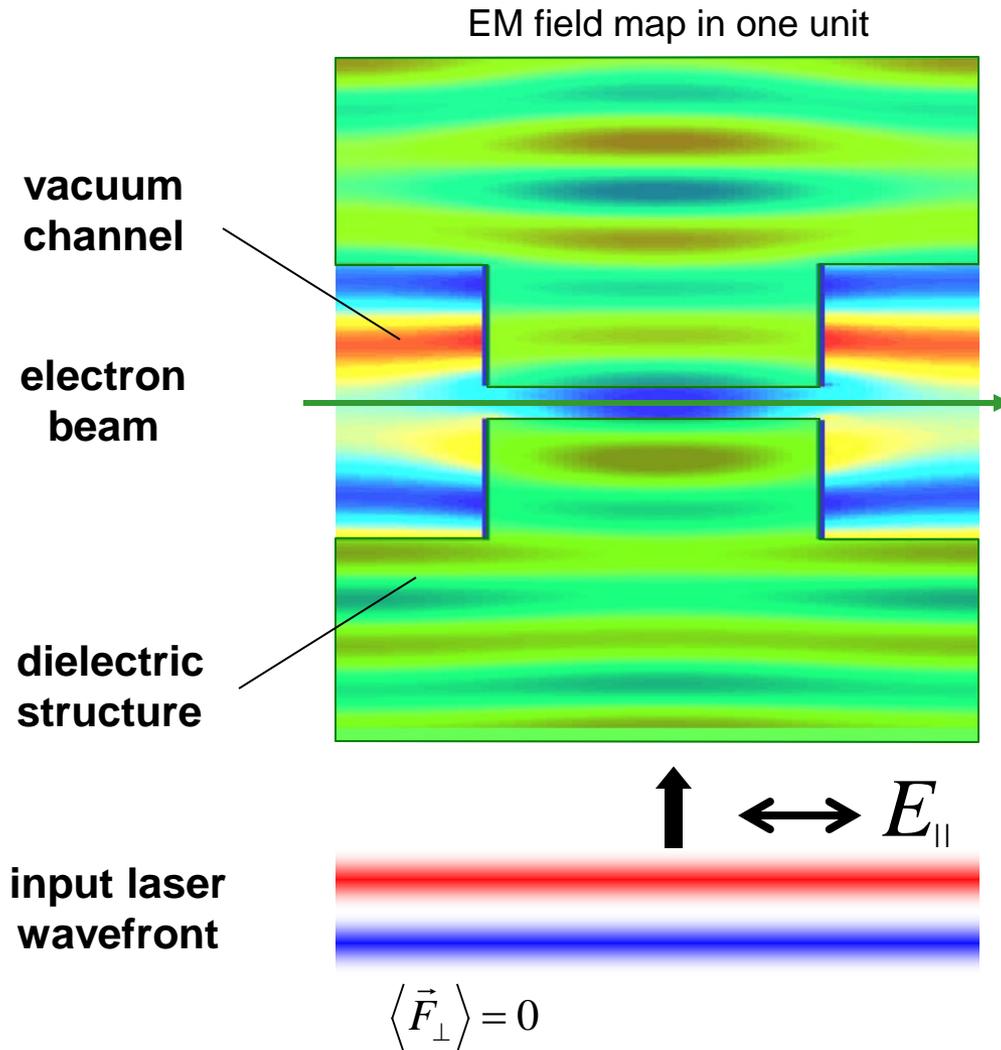
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... for several reasons:

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2. We have working prototypes built at Stanford.
3. They have been experimentally tested.
4. It illustrates some of the basic operating principles.



$$\langle \vec{E}_\parallel \rangle \sim \frac{1}{2} E_{laser}$$

**1 J/cm<sup>2</sup> fluence**

**~10 fsec pulses**

$$\langle G_{unloaded} \rangle \sim 4 \text{ GeV/m}$$

$$G_{loaded} \sim 2 \text{ GeV/m}$$

Relatively inexpensive and commercially developed!



Dielectrics are highly resilient to damage

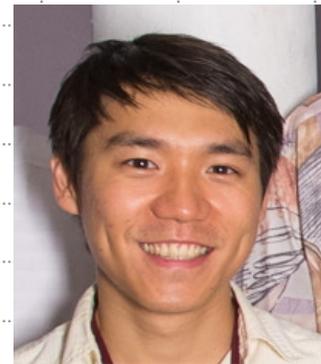
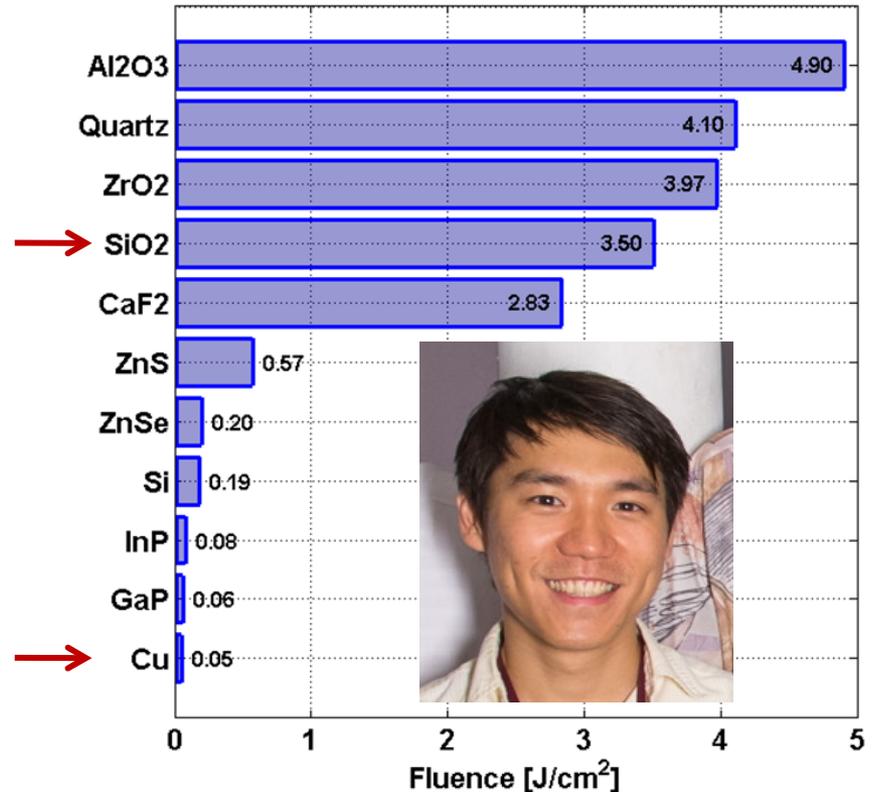
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### EXPERIMENTAL DETERMINATION OF DAMAGE THRESHOLD CHARACTERISTICS OF IR COMPATIBLE OPTICAL MATERIALS\*

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Damage Threshold Fluence at 800 nm, 1 ps





# First prototype Fused Silica structures have been made at Stanford Nanofabrication Facility

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**SIDE**

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1. Pattern Cr alignment marks on fused-silica substrate



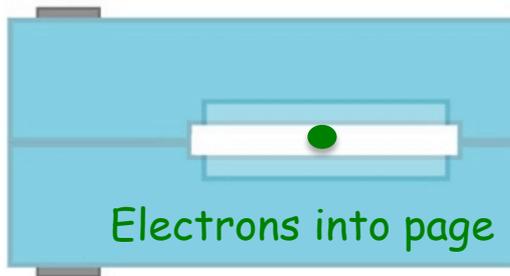
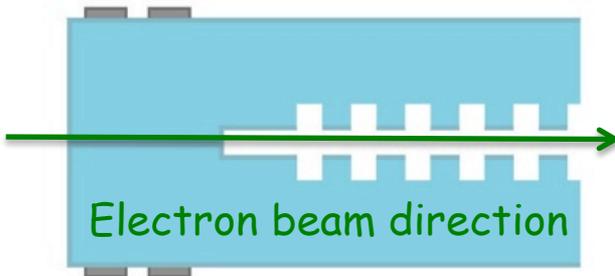
2. Etch trenches to define structure half-gap



3. Etch gratings inside trench



4. Align and bond two such wafers



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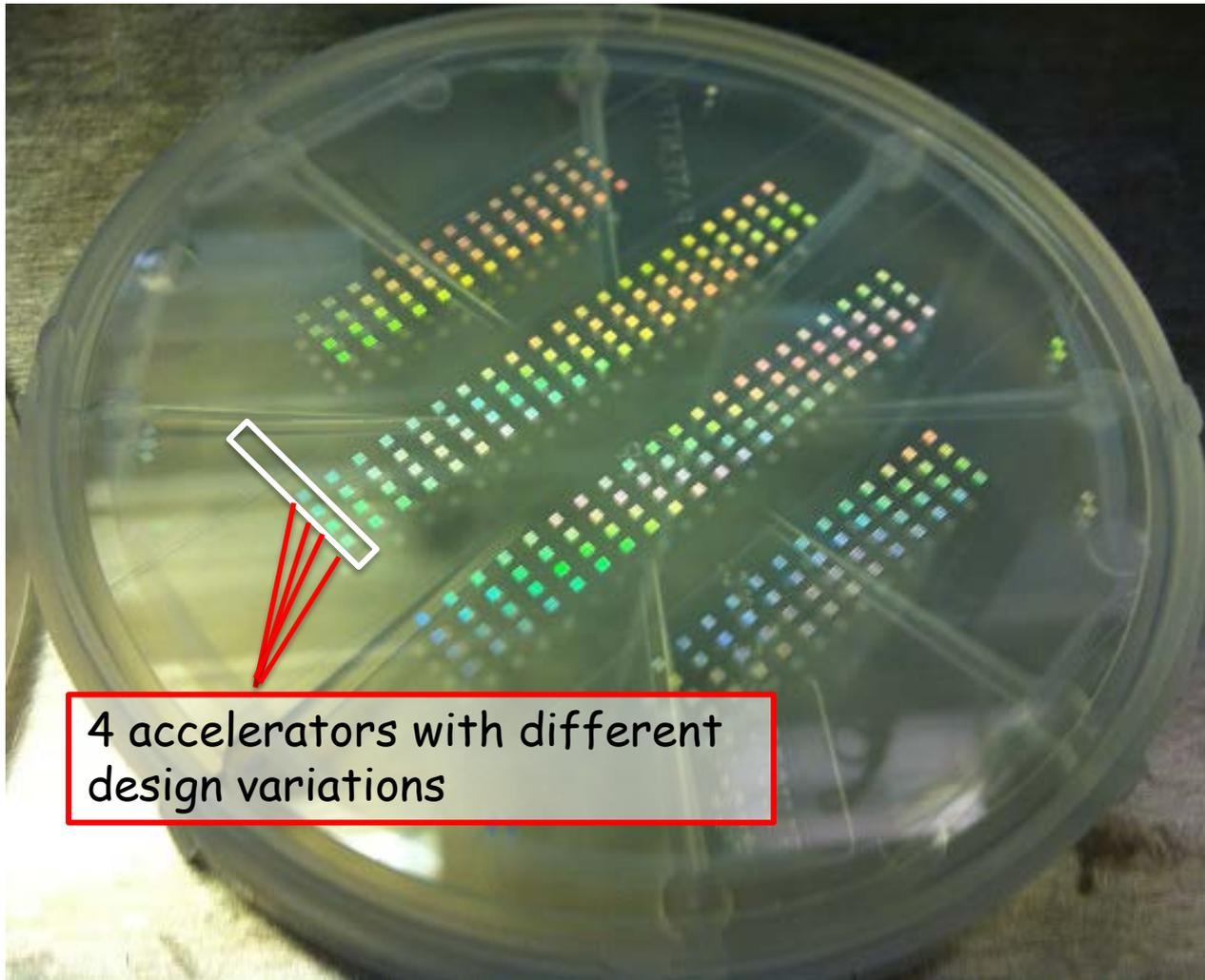
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# A single bonded wafer pair contains over 200 individual accelerator structures

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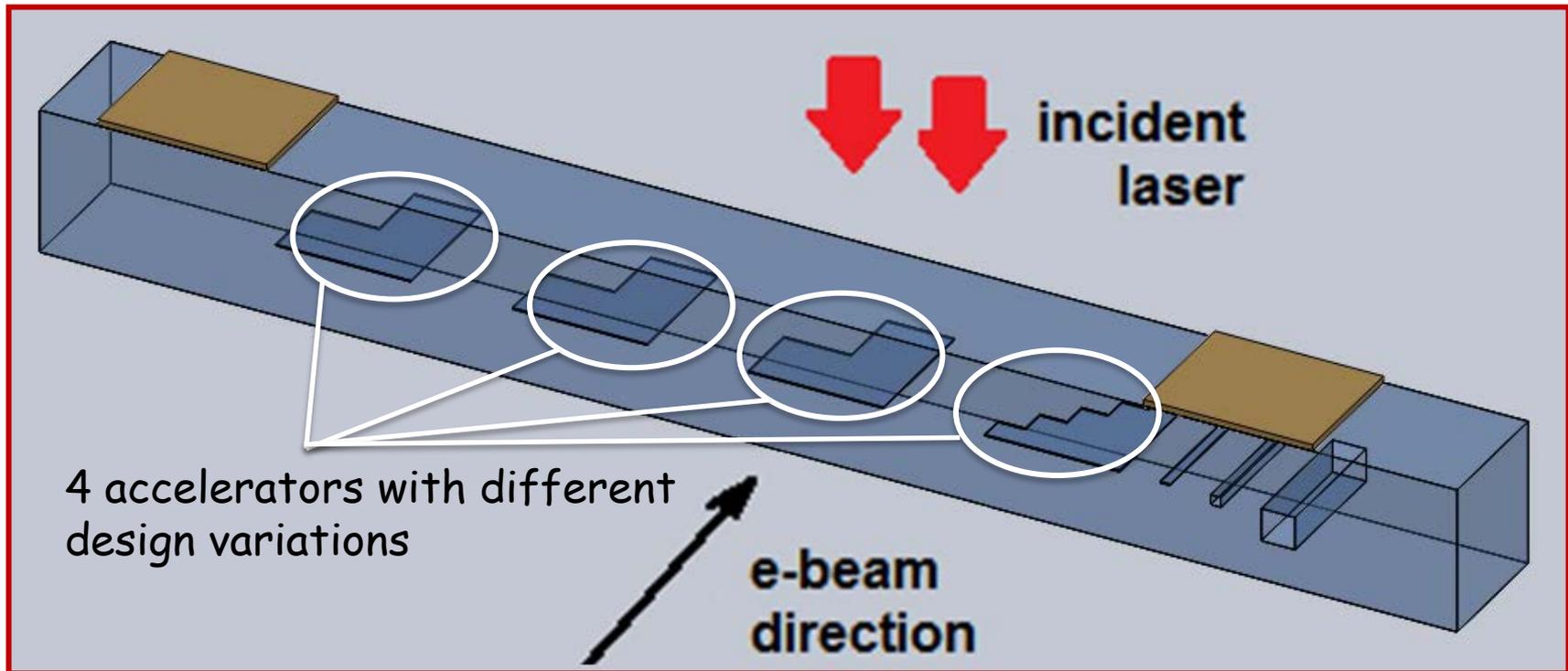
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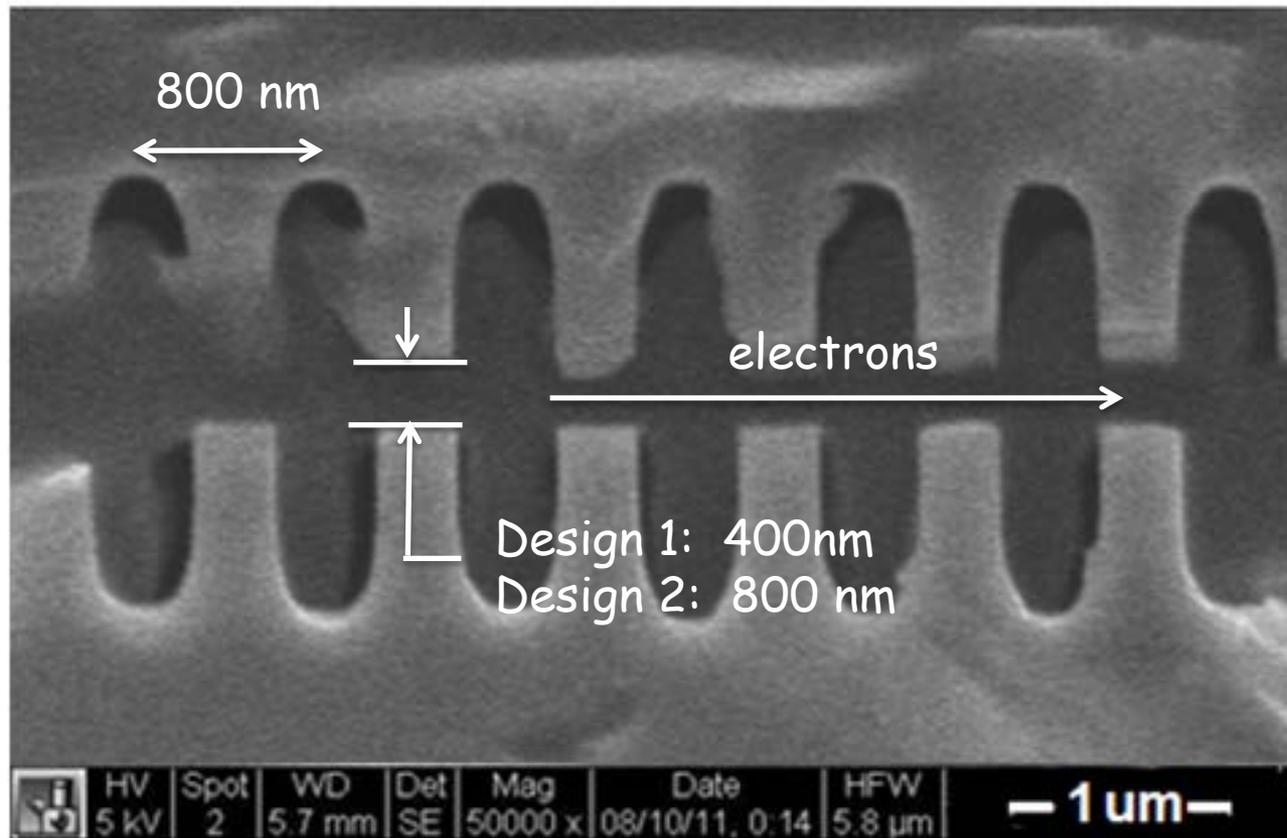
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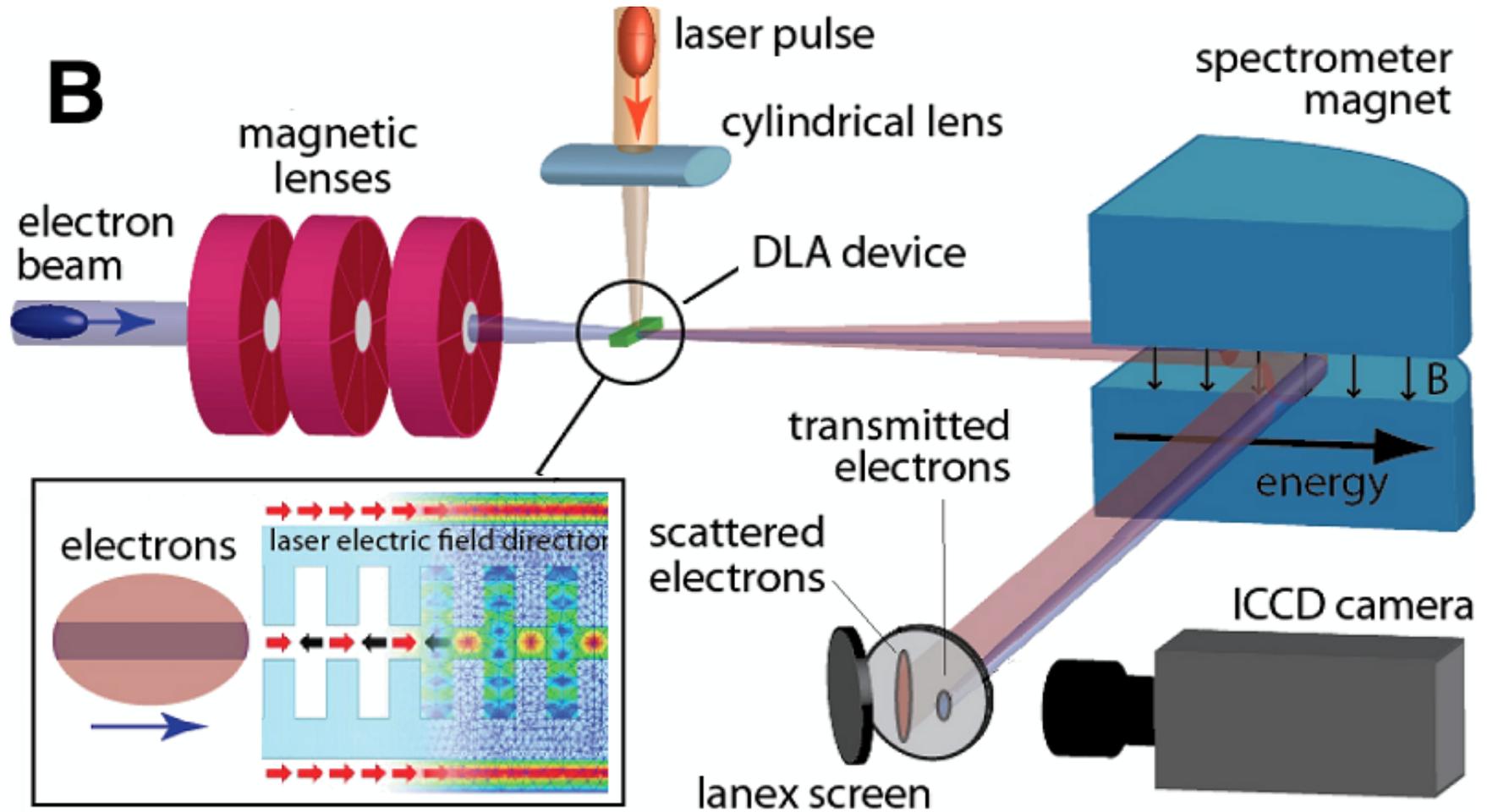
Rows of these are diced into test samples.

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Electron microscope image of the bonded structure.  
Rough edges are due to damage from sawing the structure in half in order to image the interior.



### Getting the 60MeV e-beam through the structure

1psec e-beam – 30  $\mu\text{m}$  best focus!  
However, we have a 400 nm aperture

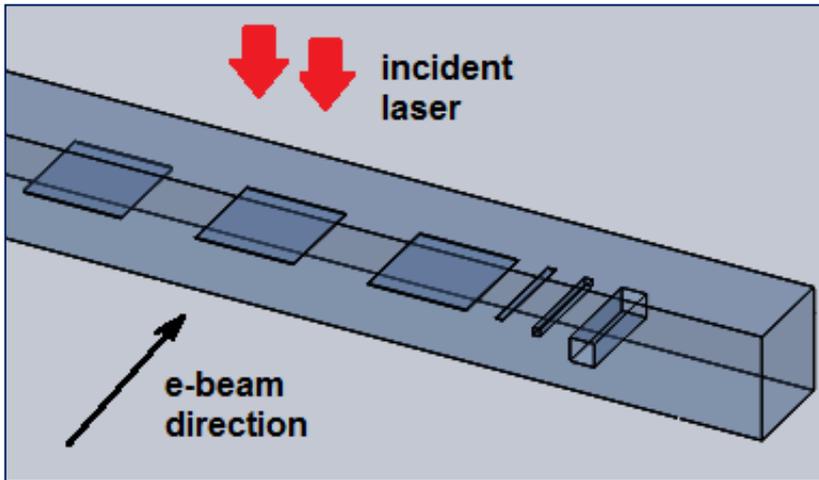
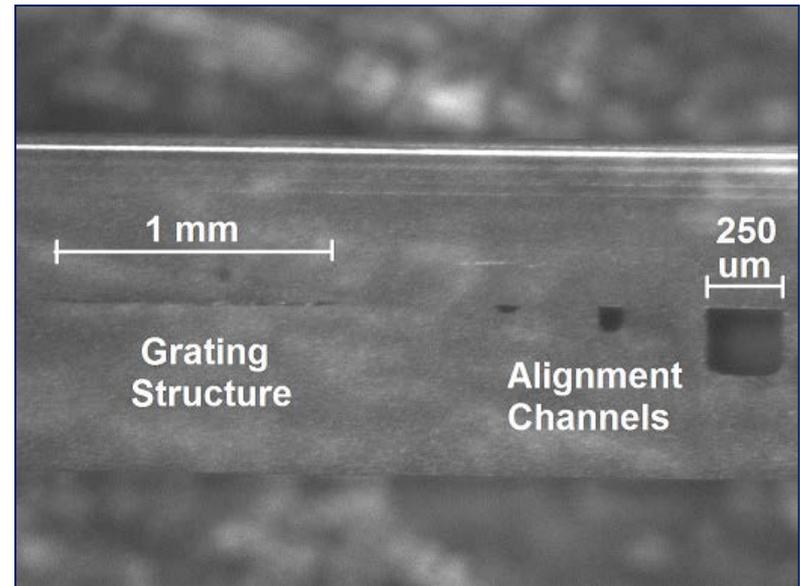


Diagram of test sample

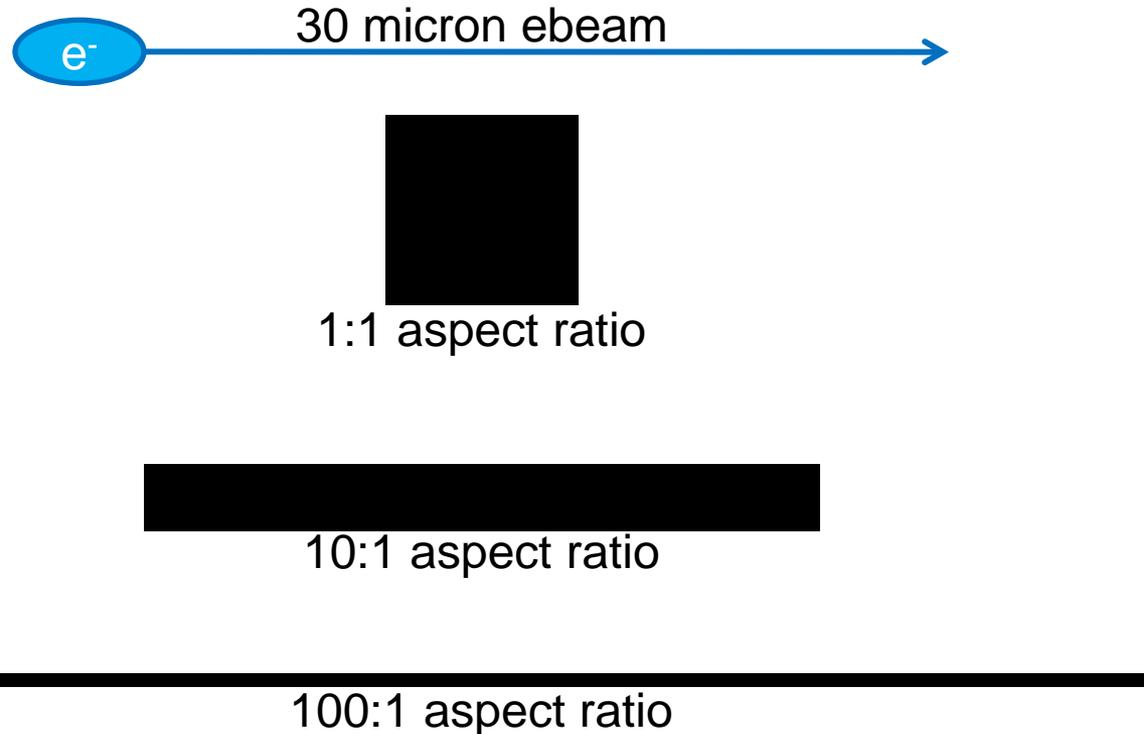


Microscope image of test sample



# Experimental Challenge

How hard is it to transmit through a 1000:1 aspect ratio channel?  
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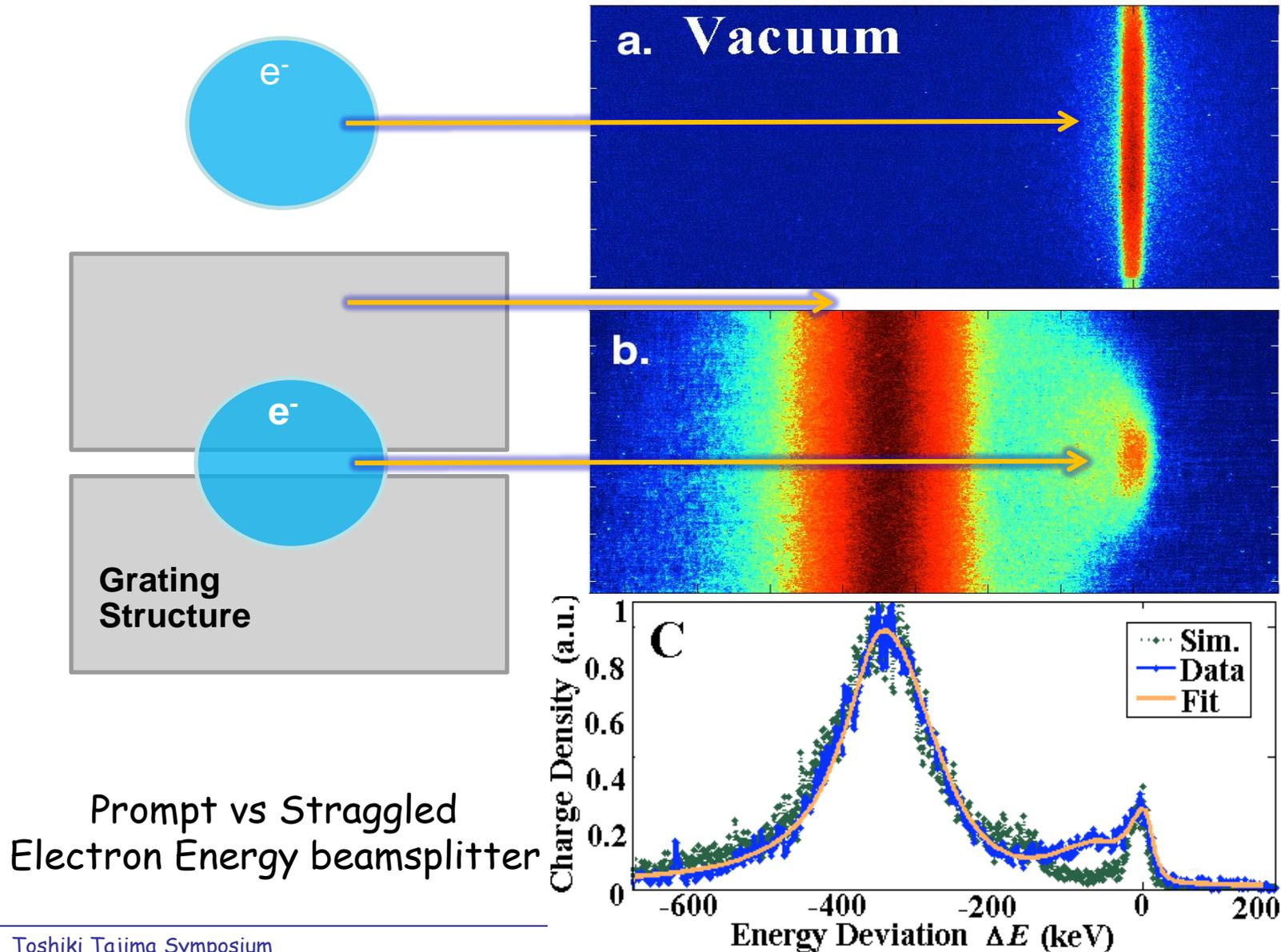


1000:1 aspect ratio – 540 optical periods long  
(our structures)



# 60 MeV Electron Beam Transmission (400nm wide channel, 0.5mm or 540 optical wavelengths long)

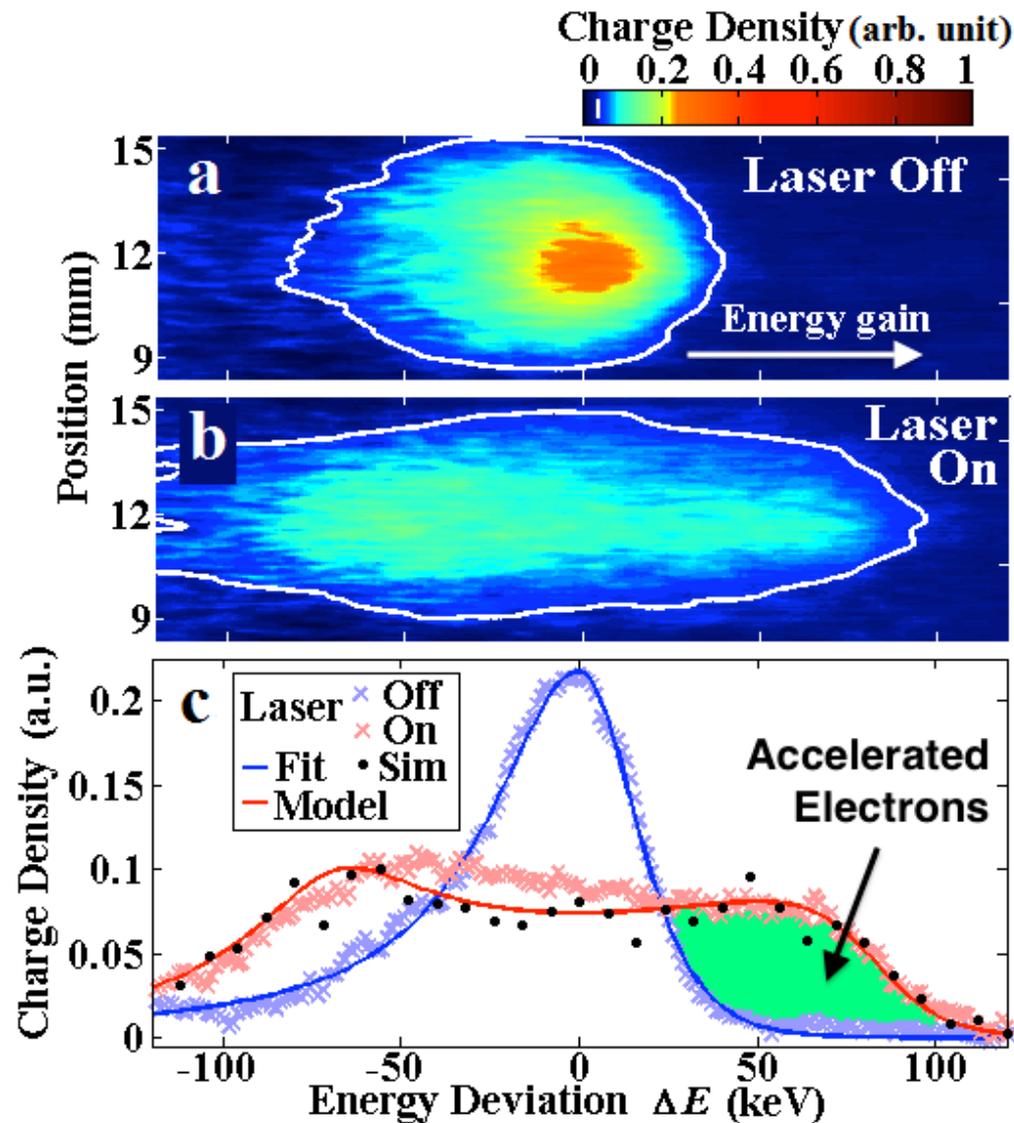
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We measure the gradient by observing the resultant energy broadening.

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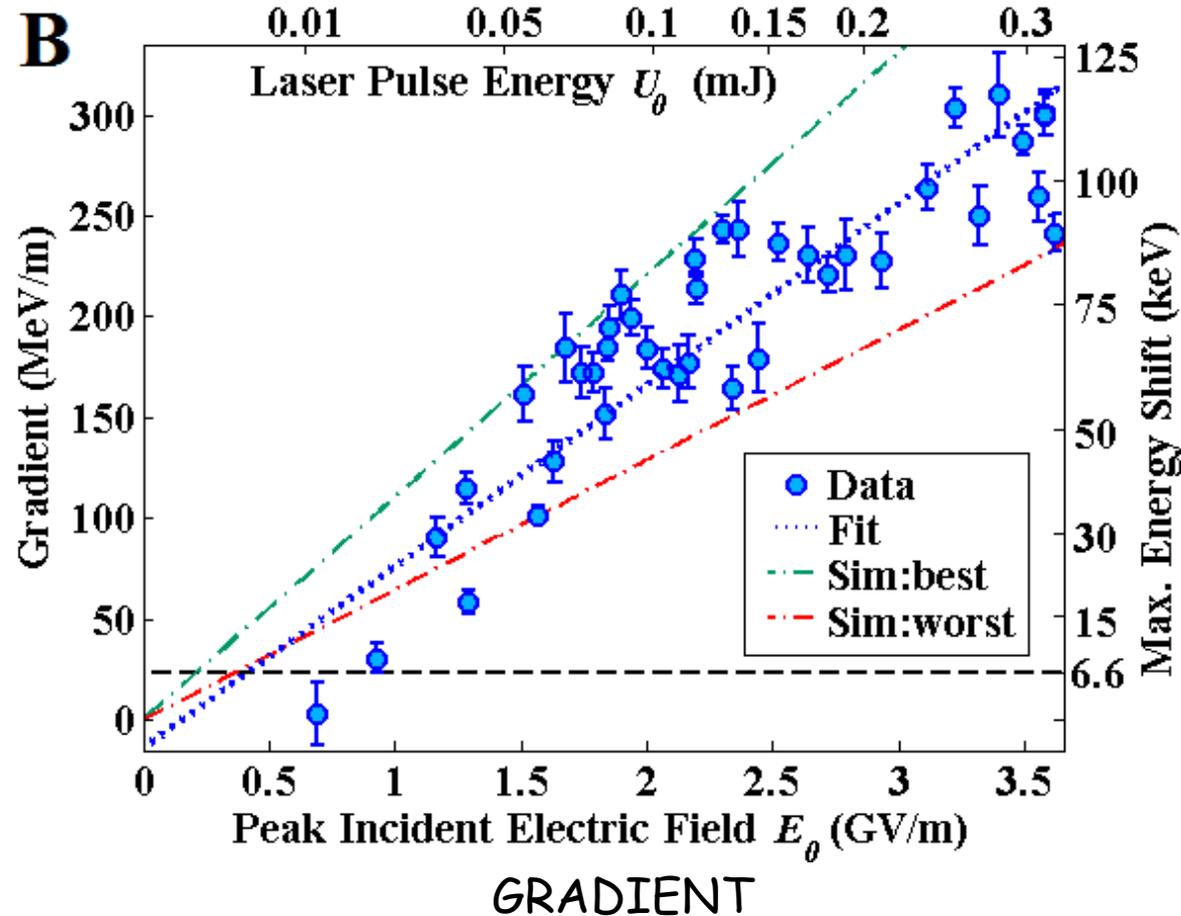
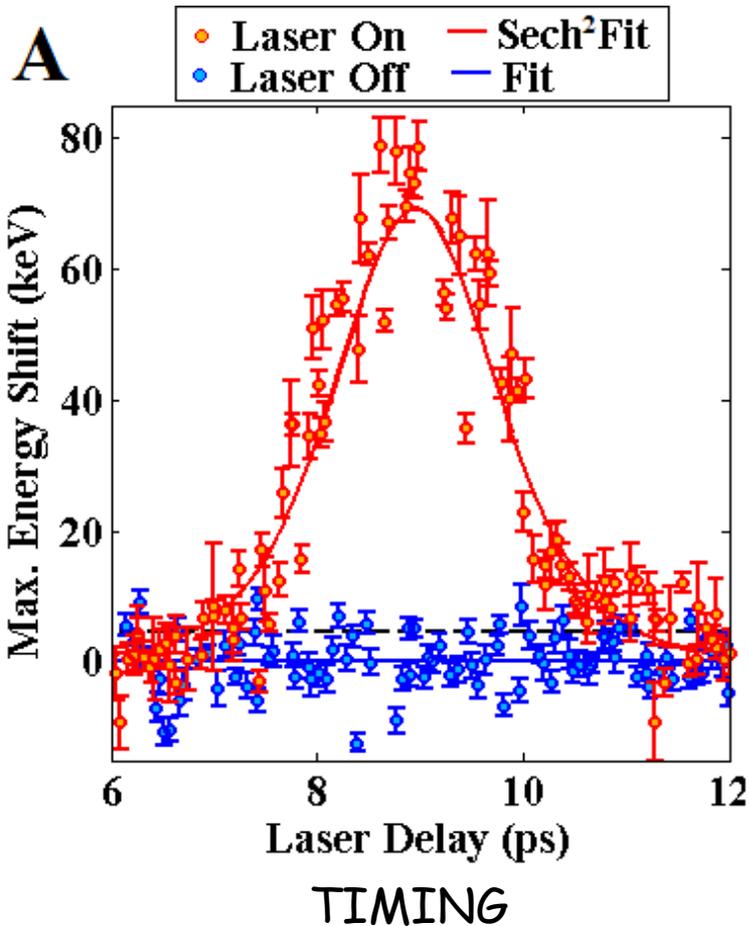




A) Cross correlation of electron and laser pulses in time  
B) Measured acceleration gradient vs Peak Electric Field

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Measured: 300MeV/m gradient in fused silica structure



Upper and lower dashed lines (B) are calculated for aligned and misaligned structures  
Fused silica structure damaged (gracefully) above 0.25mJ incident energy as expected



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## Demonstration of electron acceleration in a laser-driven dielectric microstructure

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The enormous size and cost of current state-of-the-art accelerators based on conventional radio-frequency technology has spawned great interest in the development of new acceleration concepts that are more compact and economical. Micro-fabricated dielectric laser accelerators (DLAs) are an attractive approach, because such dielectric microstructures can support accelerating fields one to two orders of magnitude higher than can radio-frequency cavity-based accelerators. DLAs use commercial lasers as a power source, which are smaller and less expensive than the radio-frequency klystrons that power today's accelerators. In addition, DLAs are fabricated via low-cost, lithographic techniques that can be used for mass production.

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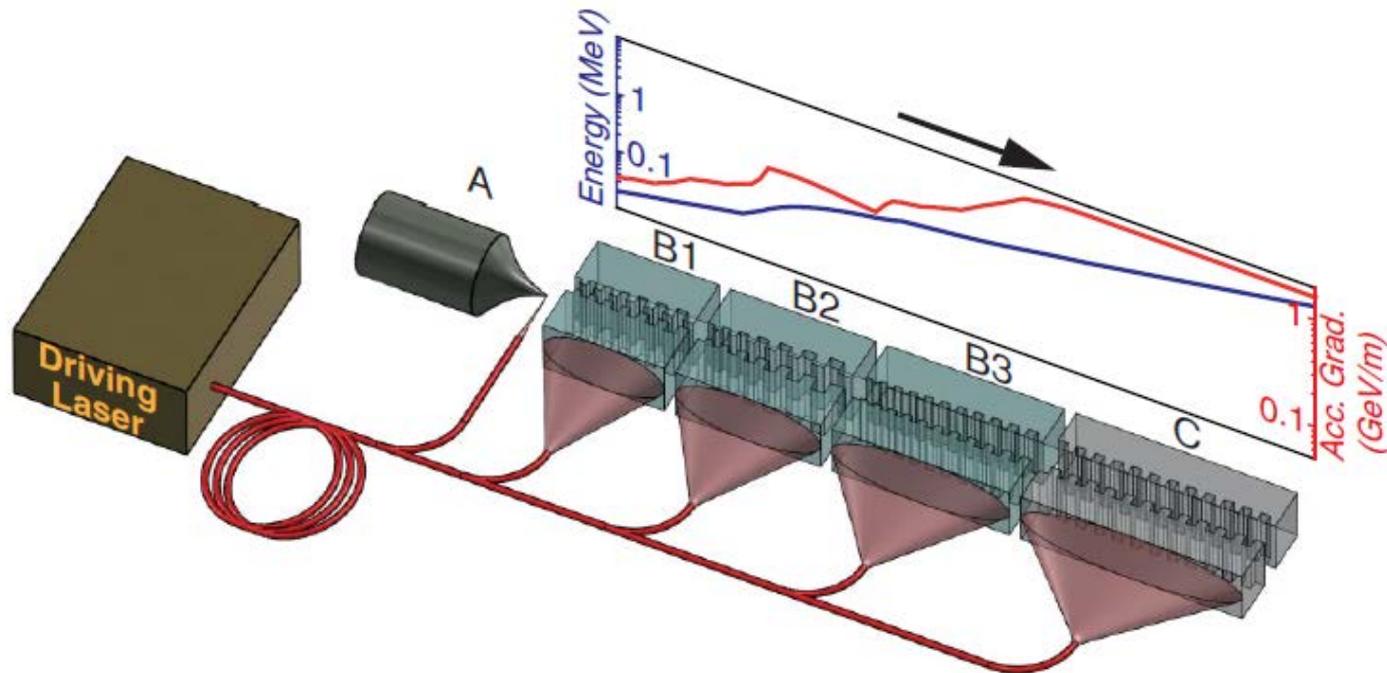
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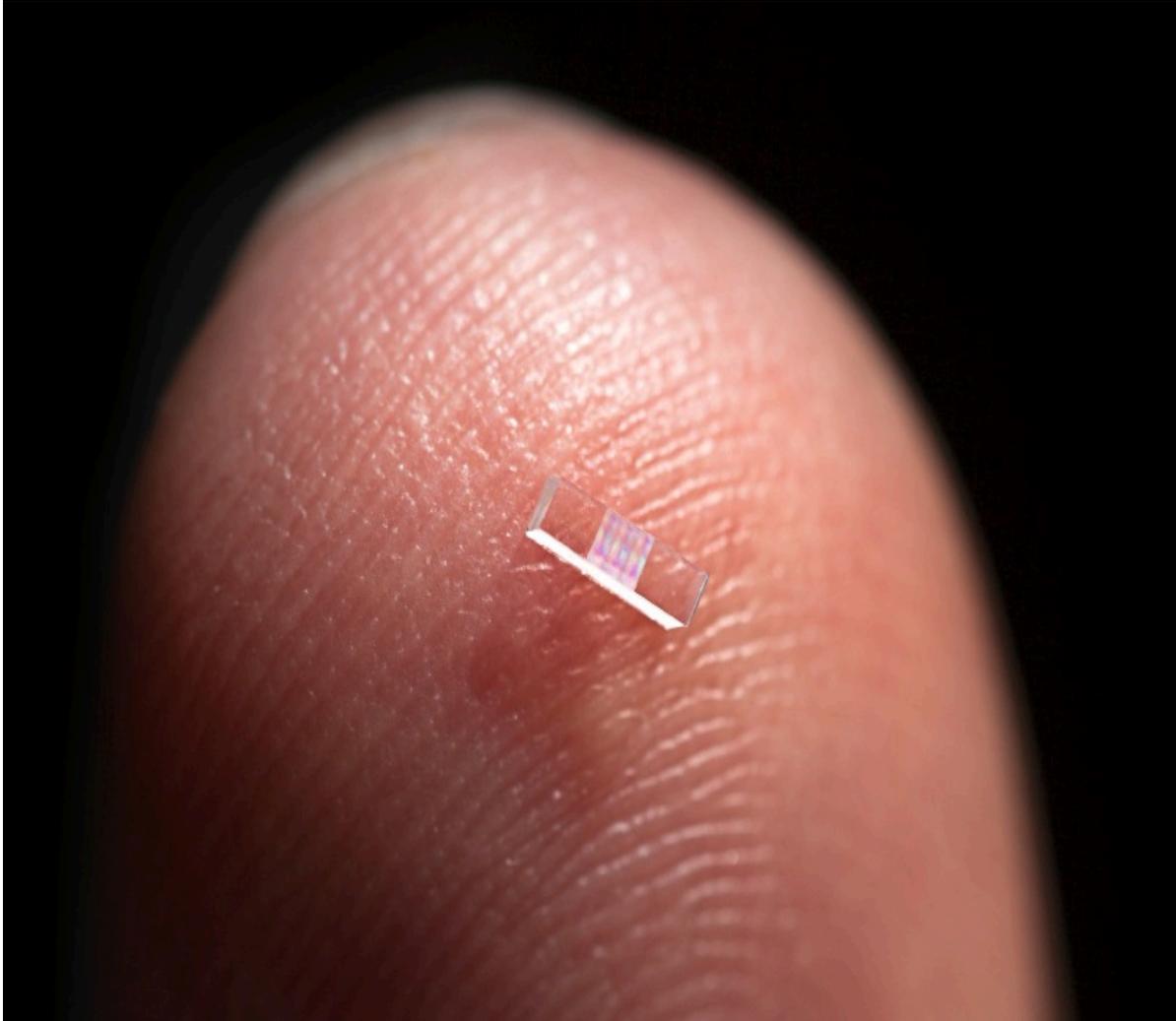
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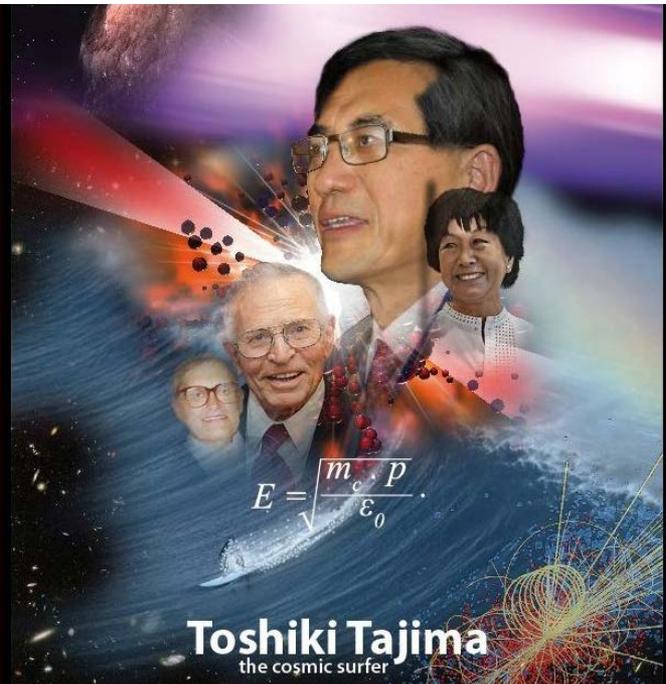




So we've demonstrated acceleration on a chip.  
What's next?

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*Early Progress in Laser Accelerators*

Success!

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**Moore Foundation**

Recent Progress in the  
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# Moore Foundation ACHIP Collaboration - October 2015

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# Moore Foundation Awards \$13.5m for accelerator science

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DRAFT press release for accelerator grant announcement  
October 22, 2015

## **\$13.5M Awarded to Stanford University from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to Advance the Technology of Particle Accelerators**

*International effort aims to demonstrate working prototype of "accelerator-on-a-chip"*

PALO ALTO, Calif. November XX, 2015 — The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation awarded \$13.5 million to Stanford University and its international partners to take an innovative particle accelerator design dubbed the "accelerator-on-a-chip" and make it into a fully functional and scalable working prototype. This laser-driven particle accelerator could have a major impact on the physics community and on science in general by providing new particle and photon sources that are less expensive to build, addresses current infrastructure challenges and provides broader access to the scientific community.

The international effort to demonstrate a working prototype of an accelerator is based on experiments published in 2013 by the project's two principal investigators, Dr. Robert Byer of Stanford University in [Nature](#) and Dr. Peter Hommelhoff of Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg in [Physical Review Letters](#).

Dr. Byer's team showed that after firing high-energy relativistic electrons into a tiny device made from silica glass, a pulse of laser light fired at gratings in the device could cause the electrons to accelerate at a rate 10 times higher than that achieved in today's conventional accelerators. Dr. Hommelhoff's team, in a parallel approach, demonstrated that a laser could also be used to accelerate lower-energy, non-relativistic electrons. Both results taken together open the door to a compact particle accelerator. See how accelerator-on-a-chip works in this brief [video](#).



# Peter and Bob - Co-Directors Moore Foundation ACHIP program

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# A new 5-Year initiative in DLA has been approved by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

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## ACHIP: Accelerator on a Chip International Program



**\$13.5M / 5 years**

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FOUNDATION

### **Structure Design & Fabrication**

Stanford: Byer, Harris,  
Solgaard  
Erlangen: Hommelhoff

### **Simulations**

Tech-X: Cowan  
U Darmstadt: Boine-  
Frankenheim

### **Scientific Advisors**

UCLA Chan Joshi  
SLAC: Lia Meringa  
DESY: R. Brinkman

### **Sub-Relativistic DLA experiments**

Stanford: Harris, Solgaard  
Erlangen: Hommelhoff

### **Systems Integration (Core DLA Groups)**

Stanford: Byer, Harris,  
Solgaard  
Erlangen: Hommelhoff

### **Relativistic DLA experiments**

SLAC: England, Tantawi  
DESY/UnivHH: Assmann,  
Kaertner, Hartl  
PSI/EPFL: Ischebeck, Frei

### **Electron source**

UCLA: Musumeci  
Erlangen: Hommelhoff  
Stanford: Harris, Solgaard

### **Light Coupling**

Stanford: Fan, Vuckovic  
Purdue: Qi

# Milestones for the ACHIP Moore Foundation Program

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- ✓ Optical microbunching. (SLAC, Sears 2008)
- ✓ Demonstrate position monitoring. (SLAC, Soong 2014)
- ✓ Single-staged DLA with  $\sim 0.8$  GV/m gradient. (SLAC/UCLA 2016)
  - Net acceleration, multi-stage operation, and MeV-level energy gains.
  - Demonstrate elements for focusing, deflection, and undulator radiation.
  - Develop a suitable laser-triggered field emission source.\*
  - Develop DLA structures for sub-relativistic bunching & acceleration to  $\sim 1$  MeV.\*
  - Develop high-efficiency optical guide networks to enable up to 8 stages.
  - Integrate electron source/injector, couplers, and DLA accelerator.

\* Asterisked items conducted primarily through university collaboration.

particle source  
(Demonstrated at MPQ)

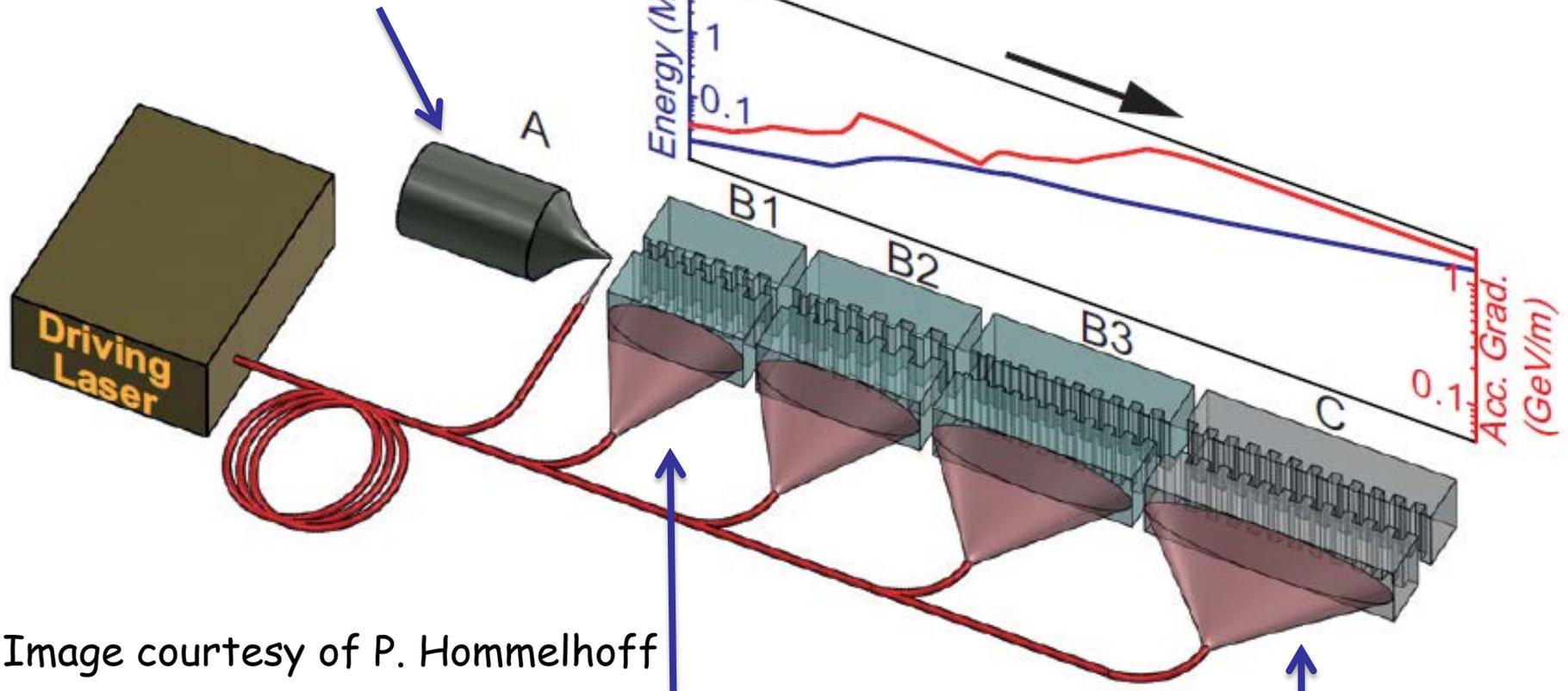
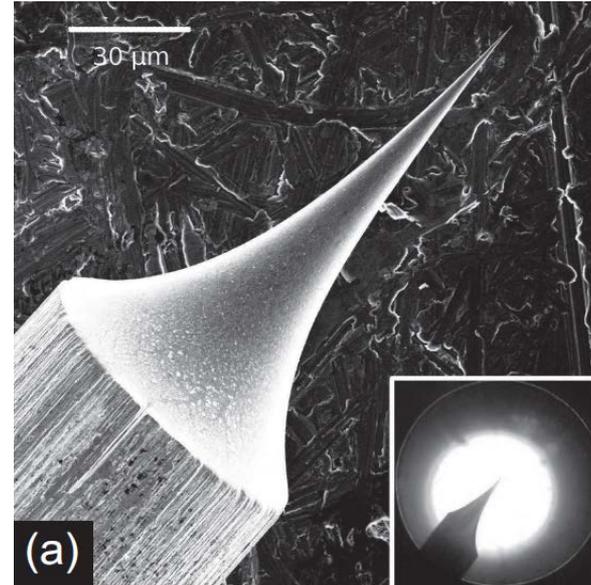
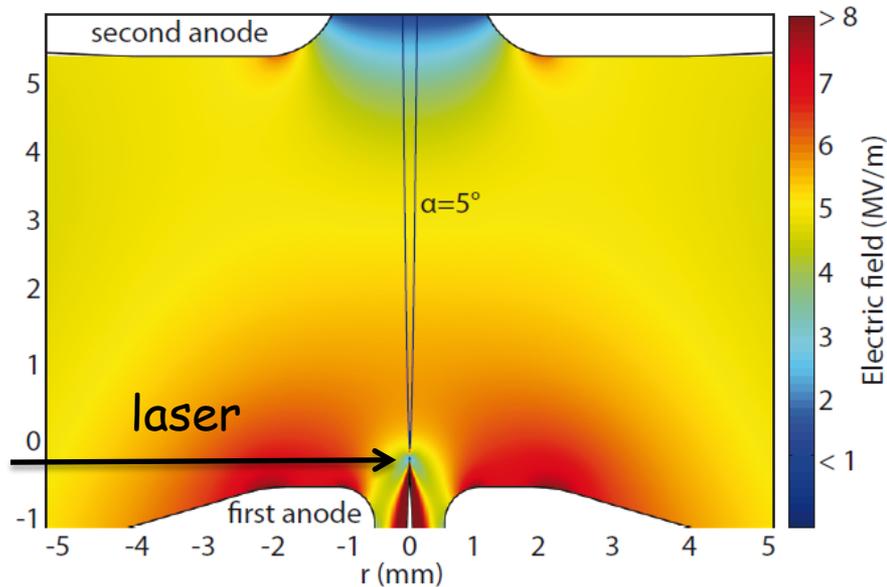


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injector  
(Demonstrated at MPQ)

speed of light accelerator  
(Demonstrated at SLAC)

Dr. Peter Hommelhoff, Johannes Hoffrogge, (Erlangen)



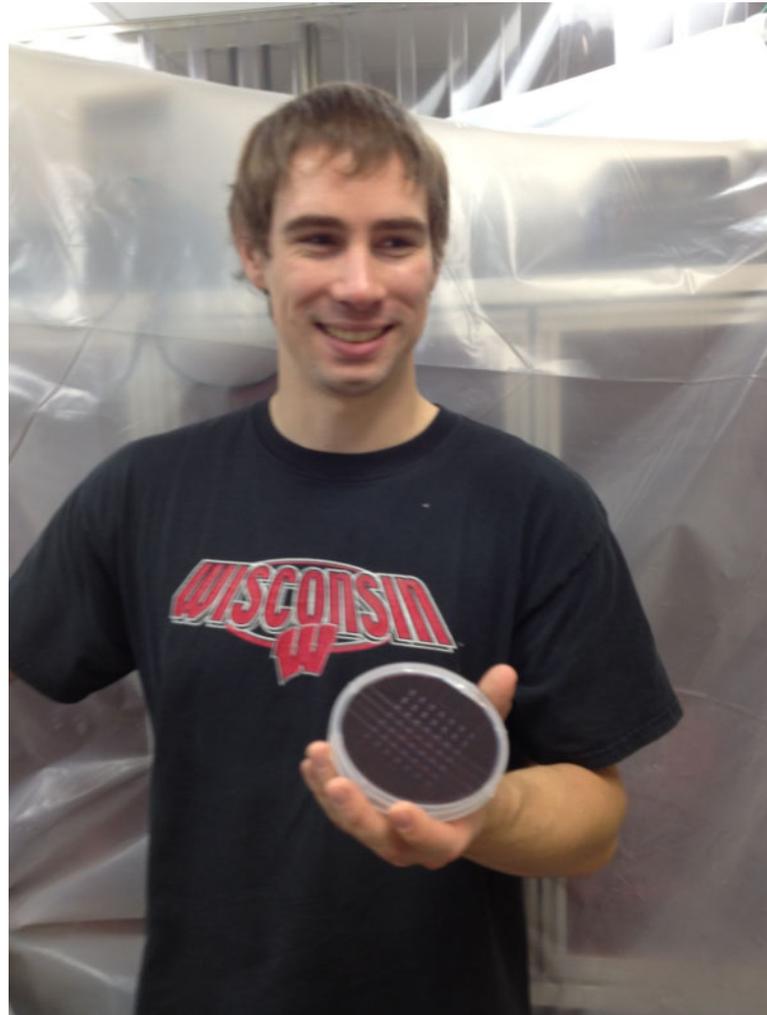
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# Ken Leedle holding first Silicon Accelerator wafer

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## Optics Letters

### Dielectric laser acceleration of sub-100 keV electrons with silicon dual-pillar grating structures

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We present the demonstration of high-gradient laser acceleration and deflection of electrons with silicon dual-pillar grating structures using both evanescent inverse Smith–Purcell modes and coupled modes. Our devices accelerate subrelativistic 86.5 and 96.3 keV electrons by 2.05 keV over 5.6  $\mu\text{m}$  distance for accelerating gradients of 370 MeV/m with a 3 nJ mode-locked Ti:sapphire laser. We also show that dual pillars can produce uniform accelerating gradients with a coupled-mode field profile. These results represent a significant step toward making practical dielectric laser accelerators for ultrafast, medical, and high-energy applications. © 2015 Optical Society of America

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accelerating mode at subrelativistic energies. Previous demonstrations at subrelativistic energies were based on single gratings similar to [4] that produce a skewed acceleration profile.

A scalable, dielectric laser-accelerator architecture should be capable of monolithically integrating the accelerator structures and the optical power-distribution system fed by fiber or other laser systems [5]. A variety of different silicon-accelerator structures have been proposed, including woodpile structures, photonic crystal slabs, and buried-grating structures [6–8]. These structures have the potential to demonstrate GeV/m accelerating gradients with relativistic electrons and sub-100-fs drive laser pulses.

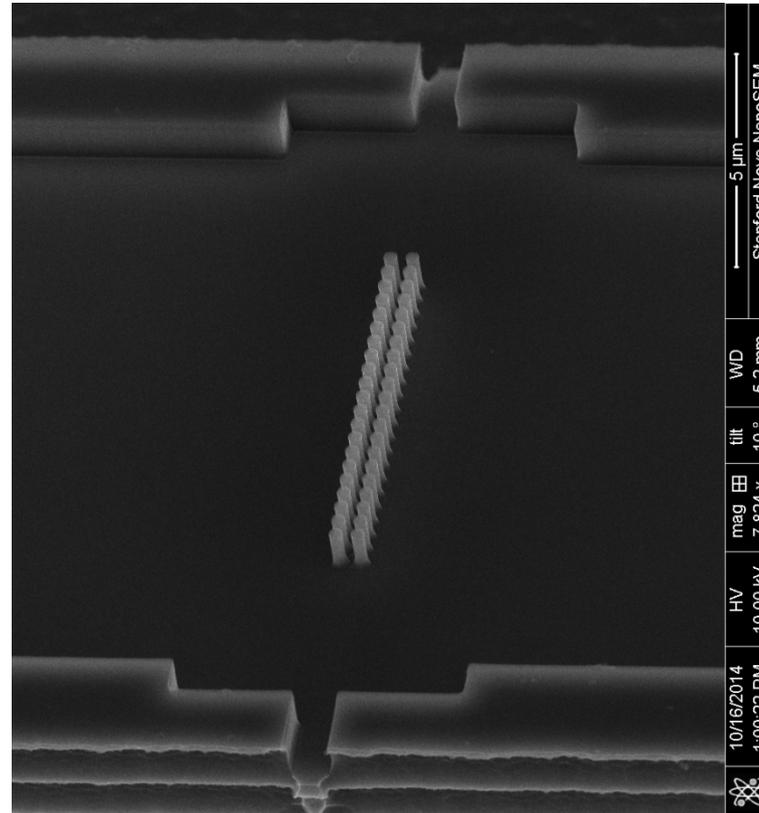
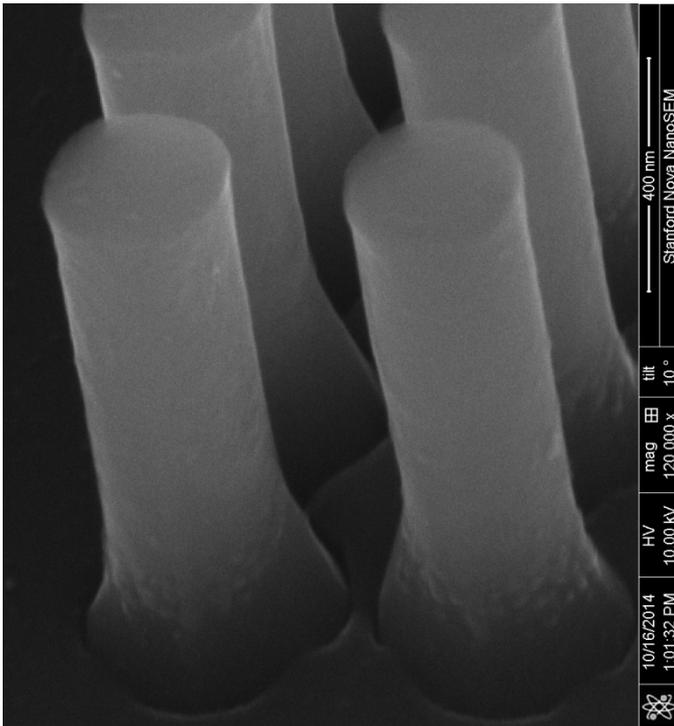
We opt instead for a minimalist geometry based on two rows of pillars, first proposed for the RF regime [9]. Using the dual-pillar geometry forgoes the need for any macroscopic assembly or complex fabrication procedures by etching the gratings directly out of a monolithic single-crystal silicon slab.

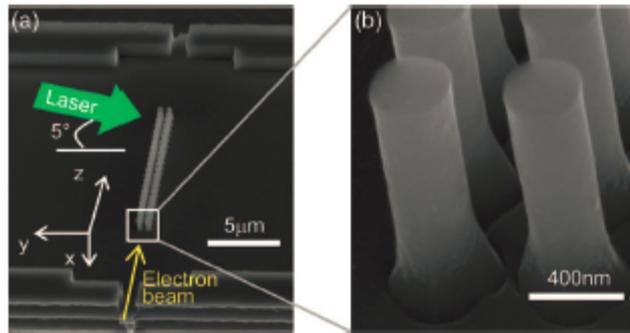


# Silicon Dual Pillar Accelerators

Elegant and simple but very effective structure

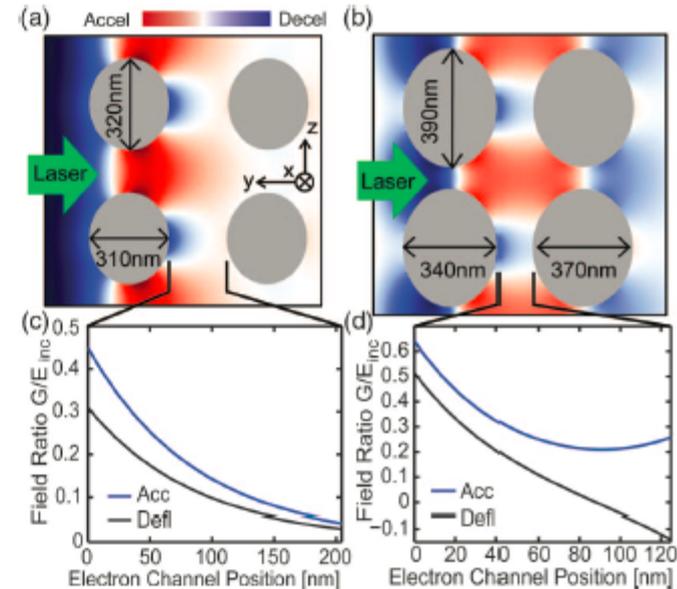
- Simple geometry; ok thermal characteristics
- Good field ratios:  $G_0 > 0.4 E_0$  possible
- Driven at glancing angle:  $4.5^\circ$  the half angle of drive beam





**Fig. 1.** Scanning electron micrographs of the dual-pillar accelerator structures. (a) Mesa layout with a 10.5 μm long grating on the 25 μm wide mesa. A wall on either side of the mesa helps block stray electrons from upstream in the electron-beam column. The electron-beam trajectory and laser trajectory are superimposed. (b) Detailed inset of the evanescent-mode pillar structure.

Figure 1 shows the silicon dual-pillar grating structures used in this experiment. The pillars are fabricated from 5 to 10 ohm-cm phosphorus-doped silicon. The pillars are slightly elliptical in shape, written via electron-beam lithography using a JEOL EBX-6300, and etched to 1.2 μm tall using reactive ion etching. The inverse Smith–Purcell evanescent-mode grating had pillar width of 320 nm in the  $z$  dimension, 310 nm thickness in the  $y$  dimension, and electron-channel gap of 205 nm. Our coupled-mode grating was asymmetrical across the electron-beam channel. It had pillar width of 390 nm ( $z$  dimension), the illumination side had  $y$ -dimension thickness of 340 nm, the far grating pillars had  $y$ -dimension thickness of



**Fig. 2.** (a) Inverse Smith–Purcell dual-pillar  $E_z$  electric-field profile. (b) Off-center cosh-mode  $E_z$  electric-field profile that exhibits even acceleration gradient and minimal deflection near the far side of the channel. (c) Model's maximum acceleration and deflection-gradient field ratio  $G/E_{inc}$  of the inverse Smith–Purcell mode versus position in the channel. (d) Model's maximum acceleration and deflection field ratio versus position in the channel for the cosh mode.

$$F_{acc} = \frac{qc}{\beta\gamma} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\gamma} (C_S \cosh(k_y y) + C_C \sinh(k_y y)) \cos(\varphi) \\ (C_S \sinh(k_y y) + C_C \cosh(k_y y)) \sin(\varphi) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

## Dielectric laser acceleration of electrons with $0.69 \text{ GV m}^{-1}$ accelerating gradient

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Dielectric laser acceleration of electrons is a promising technology for the miniaturization of particle accelerators. In this work, experimental results are presented of  $0.69 \text{ GV m}^{-1}$  accelerating gradient of relativistic electrons. This is a record-high accelerating gradient for dielectric laser accelerator technology, more than doubling the previous record gradient [E. A. Peralta *et al.*, *Nature (London)* **503**, 91 (2013)]. The present experiment employs 70 fs duration laser pulses in order to reach higher acceleration gradients.

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### Introduction

Dielectric laser accelerator concept [1]. Dielectric laser accelerator theory [2, 3]. Recent experimental results [4–6].

Dielectric accelerator structure – design and fabrication

### Accelerator arrangement

The experiment was performed using the NLCTA linear accelerator at SLAC. The experimental arrangement is illustrated in Fig. 1.

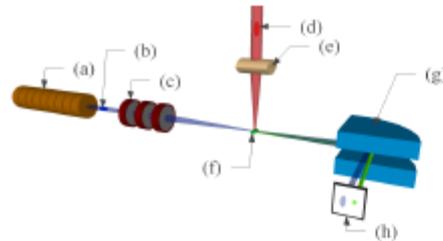


FIG. 1. Schematic of experimental setup at NLCTA. (a) Linear accelerator. (b) Electron beam. (c) Magnetic lens. (d) Laser pulse. (e) Cylindrical lens. (f) Dielectric laser accelerator. (g) Spectrometer. (h) Detector, indicating the straggled and transmitted (accelerated) electron beam populations.

### Laser arrangement

The temporal profile of the laser pulse was measured using a GRENOUILLE apparatus employing the Frequency-Resolved Optical Gating (FROG) technique [7, 8].

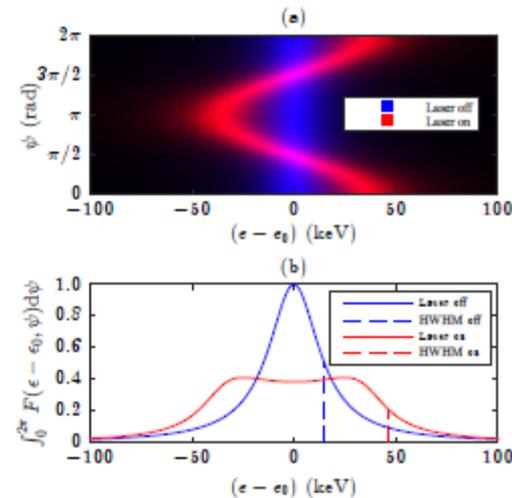
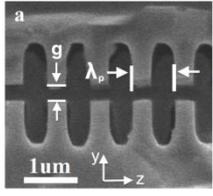
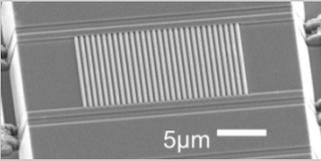
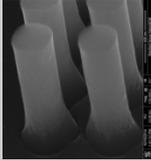
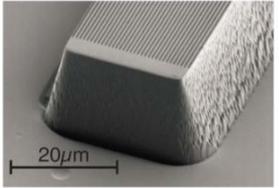


FIG. 2. Numerical model of electron beam energy response to laser-driven microstructure. (a) For an electron beam longer than a laser optical cycle, the transmitted population energy distribution is constant in time with the laser off, and modulated sinusoidally in time with the laser on. (b) Integration of (a) over  $\psi$ , illustrating the change in the transmitted population energy distribution with the laser on and off. The half-width at half-maximum (HWHM) of the transmitted population is evaluated as a figure of merit.



# DLA Experiment Comparison

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	SLAC (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	Single Grating	Dual Pillars	Hommelhoff (SiO <sub>2</sub> )
				
$E_0$	60 MeV	96.3 keV	86.5keV	30 keV
$\beta$	0.9996	0.54	0.52	0.33
$E_{\text{pulse}}$	330 $\mu\text{J}$	5.2 nJ	3.0 nJ	160 nJ
$t_p$	1.1 ps	130 fs	130 fs	110 fs
$L_{\text{int}}$	~360 $\mu\text{m}$	5.6 $\mu\text{m}$	5.6 $\mu\text{m}$	11 $\mu\text{m}$
Pk Field	3.5 GV/m	1.65 GV/m	~1.8 GV/m*	2.85 GV/m
Max $\Delta E$	100 keV	1.22 keV	2.1 keV	0.275 keV
$G_{\text{max}}$	690 MeV/m	220 MeV/m	375 MeV/m*	25 MeV/m
$G_{\text{max}}/E_p$	~0.1	~0.13	~0.2*	~0.01

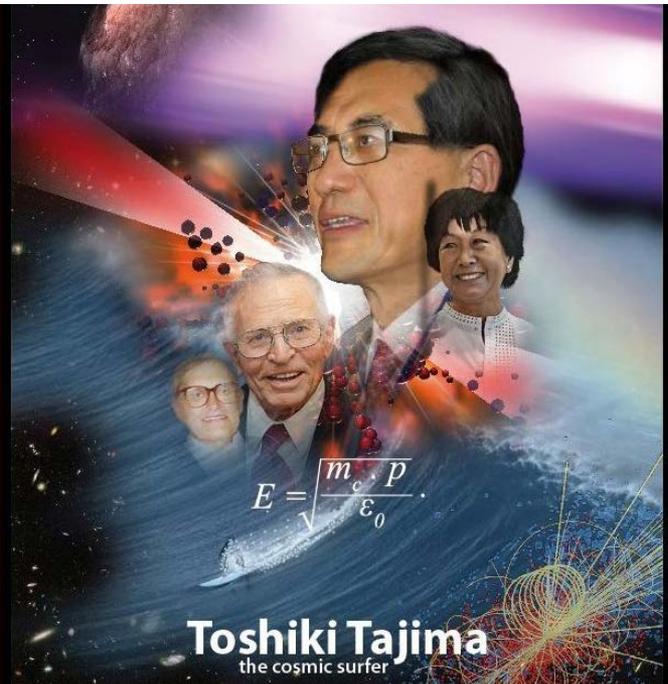
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Introduction

*Early Progress in Laser Accelerators*

Success!

*Laser Acceleration in Dielectric Structures*

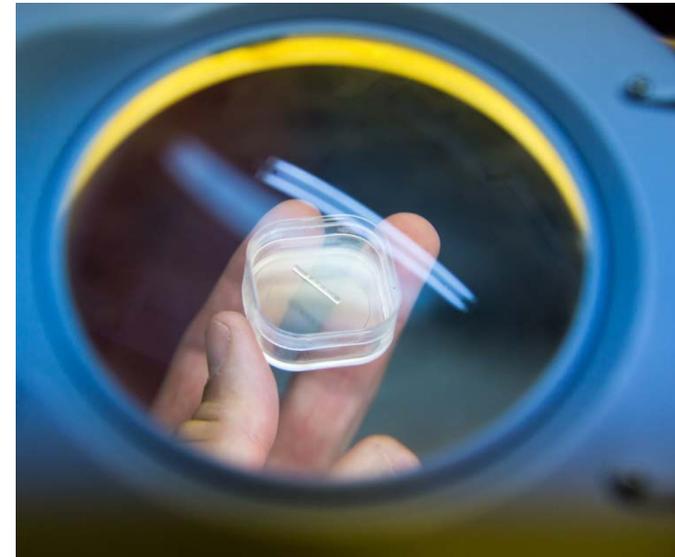
**Moore Foundation:** *Laser acceleration on a chip: ACHIP*



# Accelerator on a Chip Program

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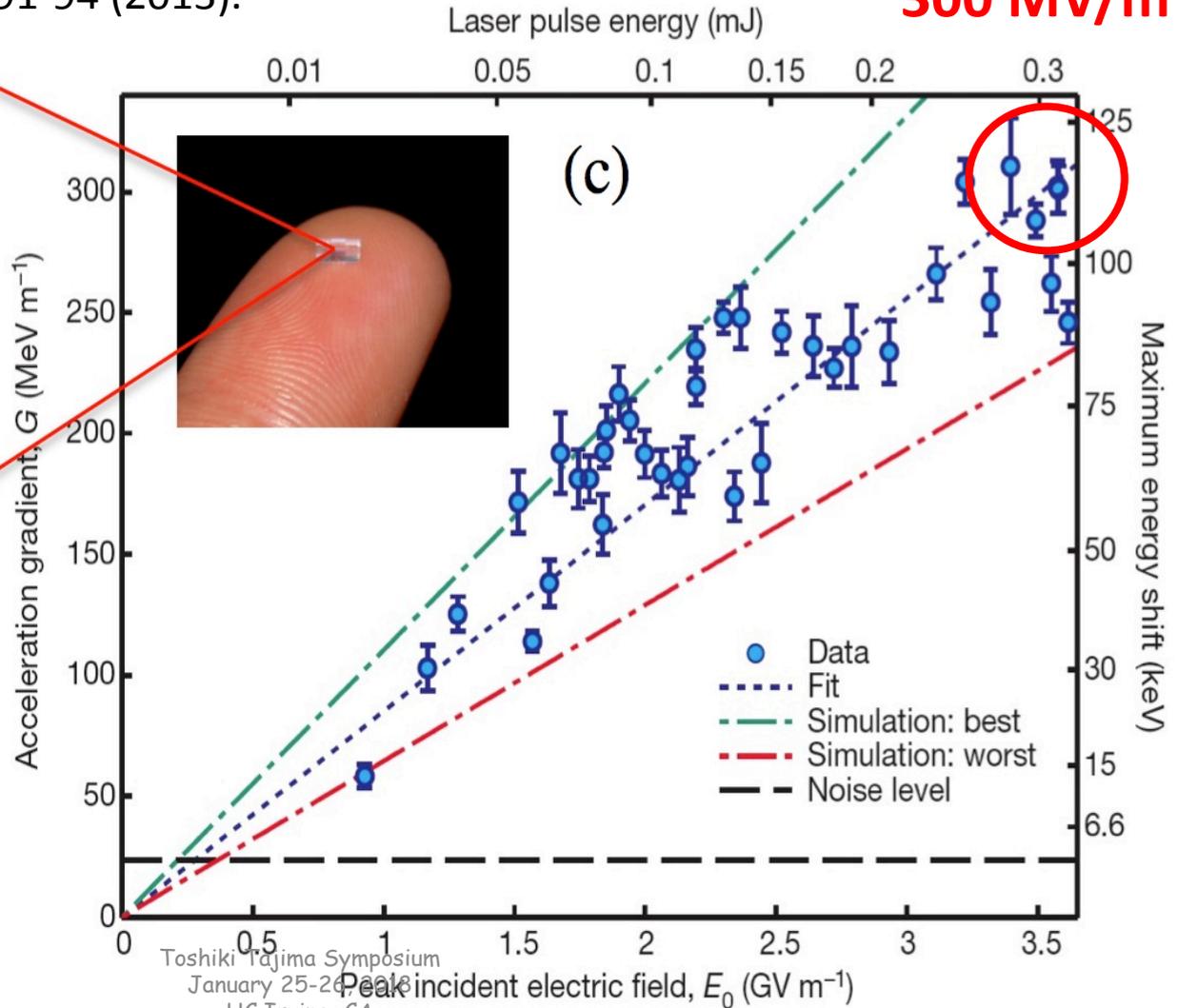
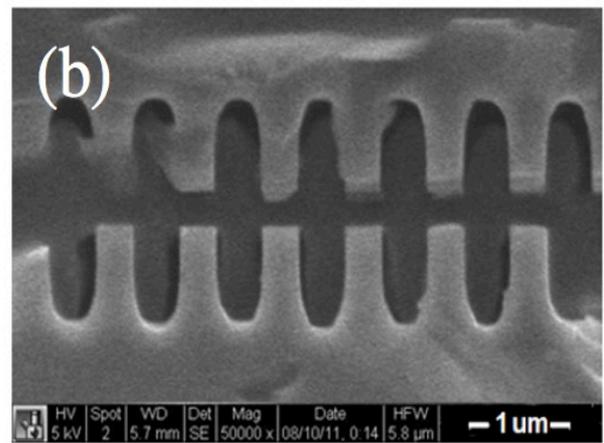
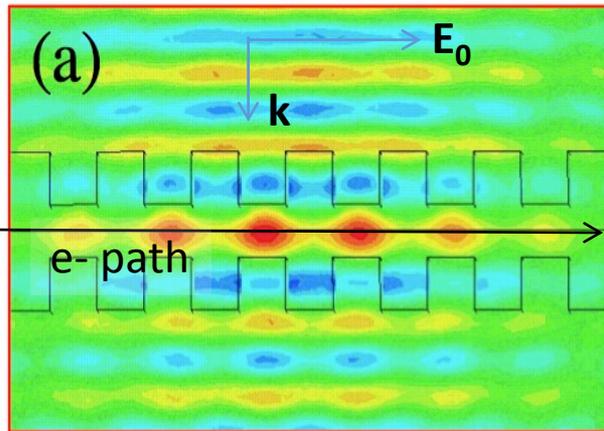
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# First gradients observed were 10 times higher than the main SLAC linac...

Peralta, et al., *Nature* **503**, 91-94 (2013).

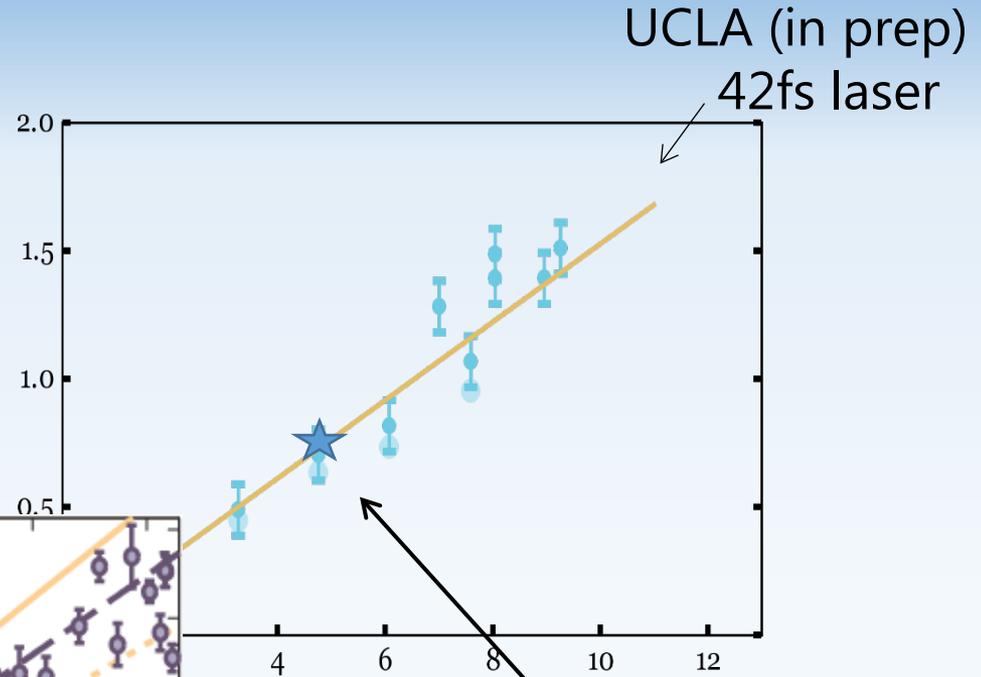
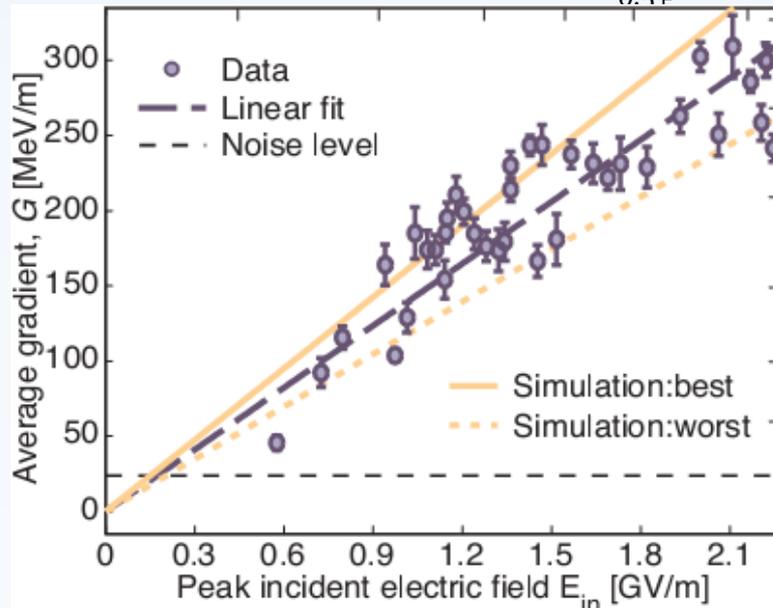
**300 MV/m**



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# GeV/m gradients measured with standard femtosecond lasers

E.Peralta (Nature 2013)  
1.24ps laser

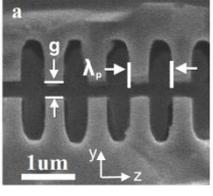
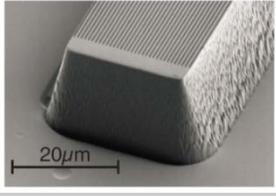
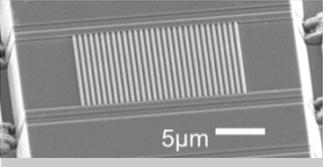
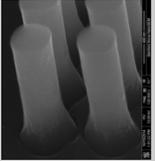


K.Wootton (Optics Letters 2016)  
64fs laser

Next: Pulse front tilted drive for 1mm interaction length – 1 MeV energy gain

# Comparison of Recent DLA Acceleration Experiments

SLAC

	SLAC & UCLA	Hommelhoff Erlangen	Stanford (Grating)	Stanford (Pillars)
				
Electron Energy	8 MeV	30 keV	96.3 keV	86.5keV
Relativistic $\beta$	0.998	0.33	0.54	0.52
Laser Energy	150 $\mu$ J	160 nJ	5.2 nJ	3.0 nJ
Pulse Length	40 fs	110 fs	130 fs	130 fs
Interaction Length	$\sim$ 20 $\mu$ m	11 $\mu$ m	5.6 $\mu$ m	5.6 $\mu$ m
Peak Laser Field	3.5 GV/m	2.85 GV/m	1.65 GV/m	$\sim$ 1.1 GV/m
Max Energy Gain	20 keV	0.275 keV	1.22 keV	2.05 keV
Max Acc Gradient	<b>0.85 GV/m*</b>	25 MeV/m	220 MeV/m	<b>370 MeV/m</b>
$G_{\max}/E_p$	$\sim$ 0.18	$\sim$ 0.01	$\sim$ 0.13	$\sim$ 0.4

## Elements of a dielectric laser accelerator

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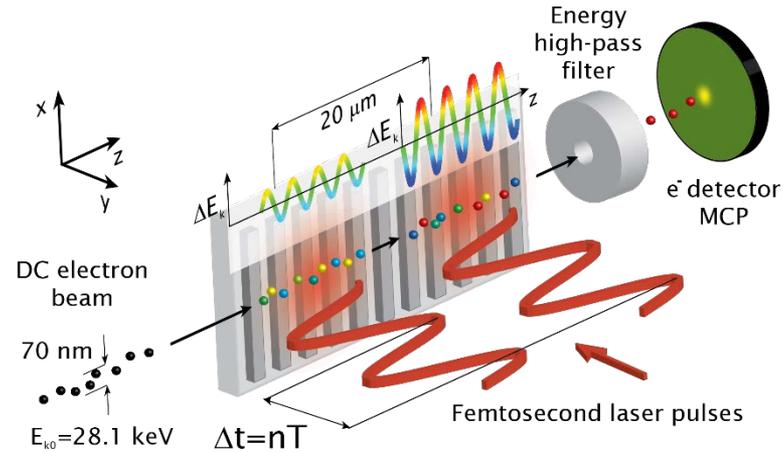
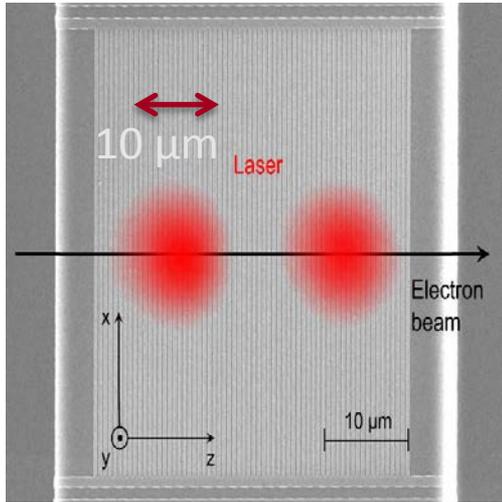
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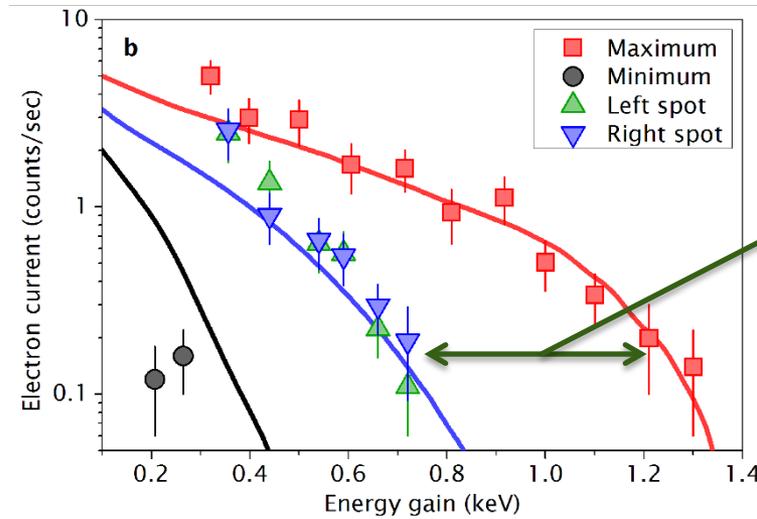
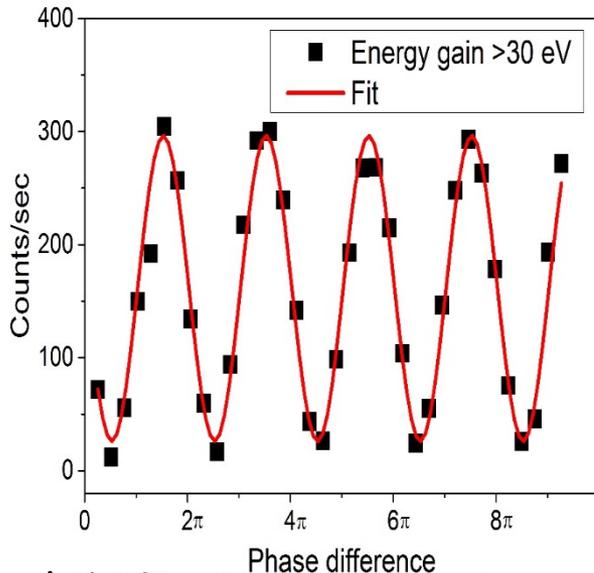
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The widespread use of high energy particle beams in basic research<sup>1-3</sup>, medicine<sup>4,5</sup> and coherent X-ray generation<sup>6</sup> coupled with the large size of modern radio frequency (RF) accelerator devices and facilities has motivated a strong need for alternative accelerators operating in regimes outside of RF. Working at optical frequencies, dielectric laser accelerators (DLAs) – transparent laser-driven nanoscale dielectric structures whose near fields can synchronously accelerate charged particles – have demonstrated high-gradient acceleration with a variety of laser wavelengths, materials, and electron beam parameters<sup>7-11</sup>, potentially enabling miniaturized accelerators and table-top coherent x-ray sources<sup>9,12</sup>. To realize a useful (i.e. scalable) DLA, crucial developments have remained: concatenation of components including sustained phase synchronicity to reach arbitrary final energies as well as deflection and focusing elements to keep the beam well collimated along the design axis. Here, all of these elements are demonstrated with a subrelativistic electron beam. In particular, by creating two interaction regions via illumination of a nanograting with two spatio-temporally separated pulsed laser beams, we demonstrate a phase-controlled doubling of electron energy gain from 0.7 to 1.4 keV (2.5% to 5% of the initial beam energy) and through use of a chirped grating geometry, we overcome the dephasing limit of 25 keV electrons, increasing their energy gains to a

# Hommelhoff Group has recently demonstrated phased 2-stage acceleration with 28 keV electrons



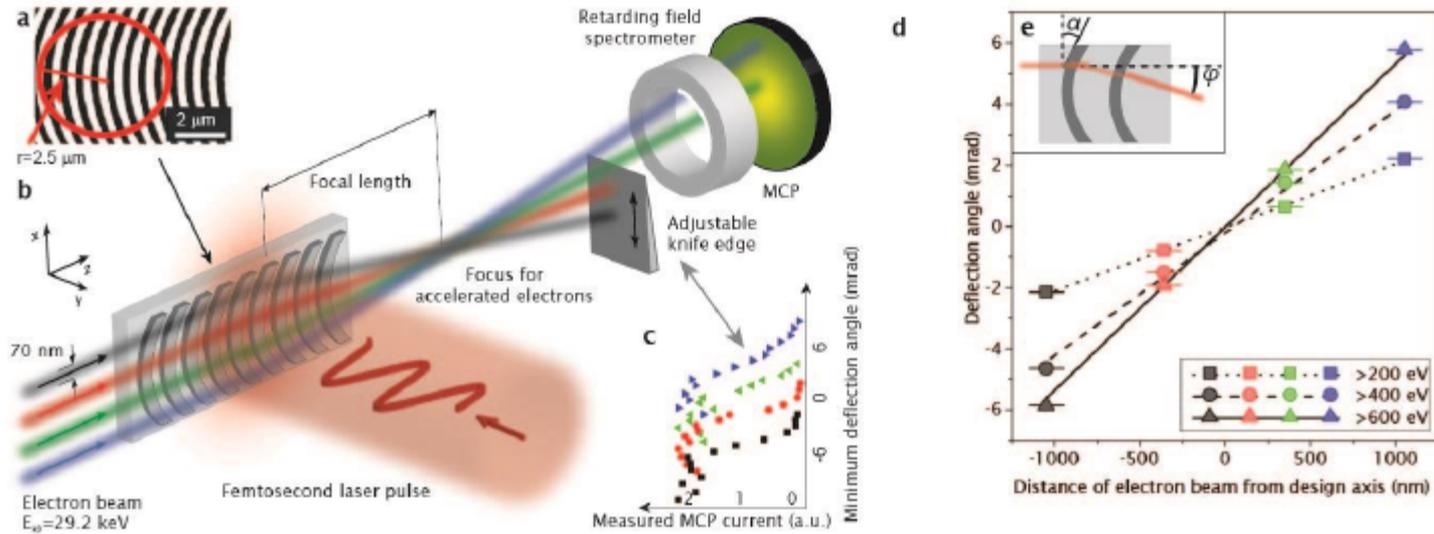
M. Kozák et al., arXiv:1512.04394v1



Factor x2 increase for 2 stage vs. 1 stage (linear scaling)

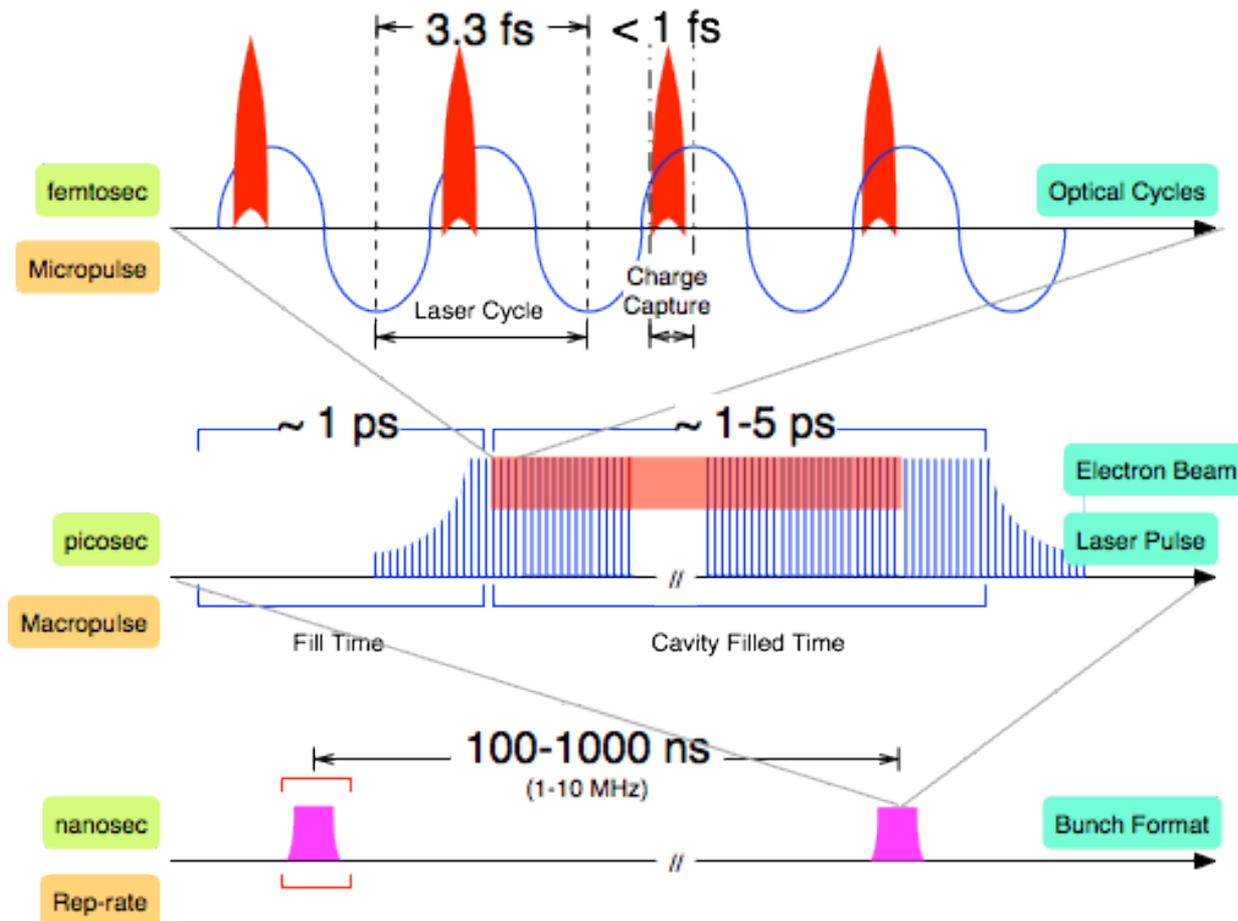
# Focusing Structure

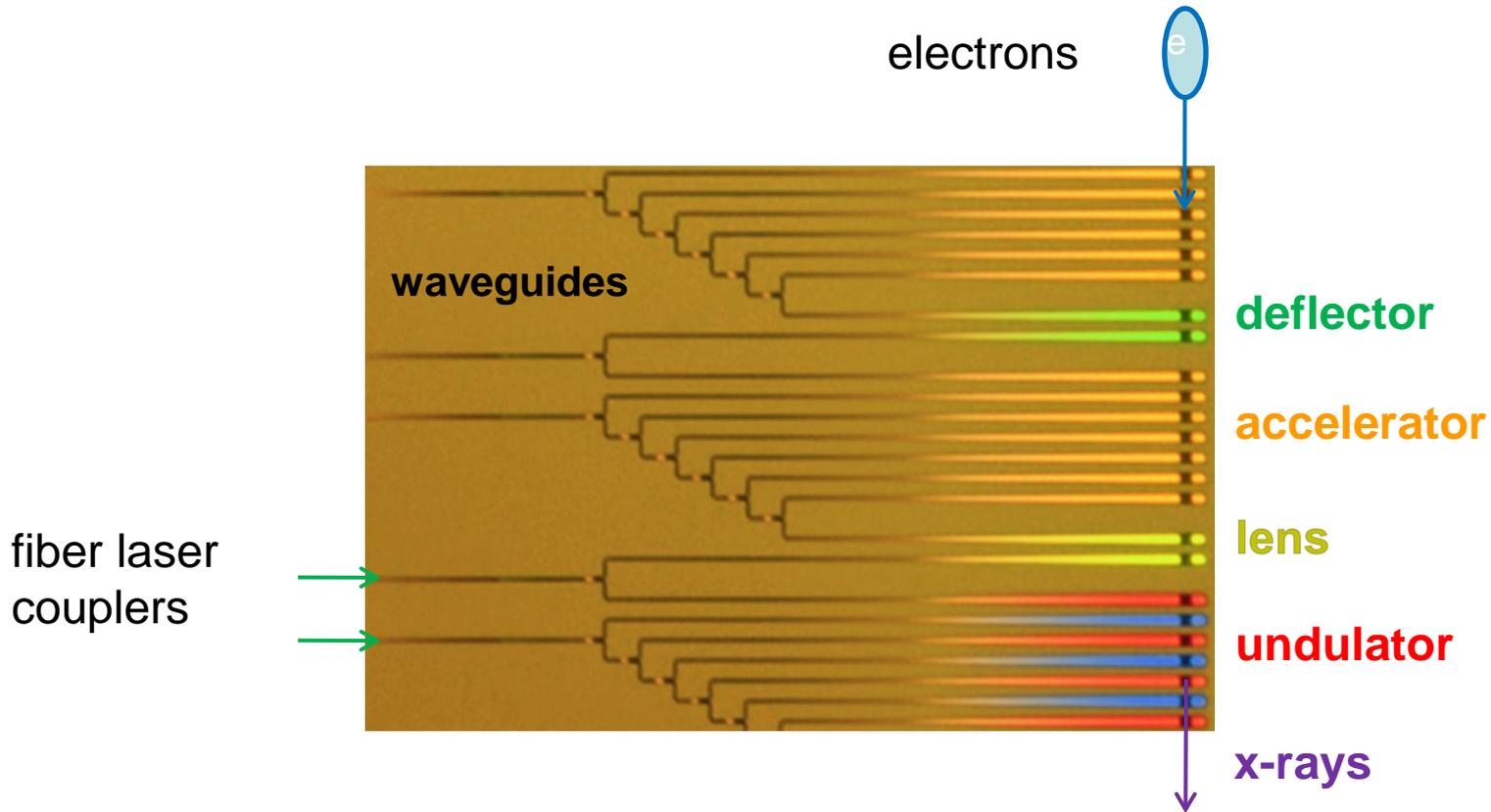
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**Figure 4. Demonstration of a dielectric laser focusing structure.** a. A scanning electron microscope image of the dielectric laser focusing element, with parabolic grating teeth fabricated from Si. The radius of curvature at the vertex of the parabola,  $2.5\ \mu\text{m}$ , is indicated. b. The characterization of focusing performance: accelerated electrons that traverse the lens above the parabolic vertex are deflected downwards and those that traverse below the vertex are deflected upwards. The grating curvature angle  $\alpha$  and electron beam deflection angle  $\phi$  are shown in inset e. The spatial profile of the accelerated electrons as a function of  $x$  is measured with a knife edge scan, sample results of which are shown in c. d. The position of the centroid of the accelerated spatial distribution at the location of the knife edge as a function of  $x$ , with linear fits for each energy setting. Due to the chromaticity of the lens, electrons that are accelerated strongly are also focused strongly, and thus the measured focal distance depends on the electron energy gain.

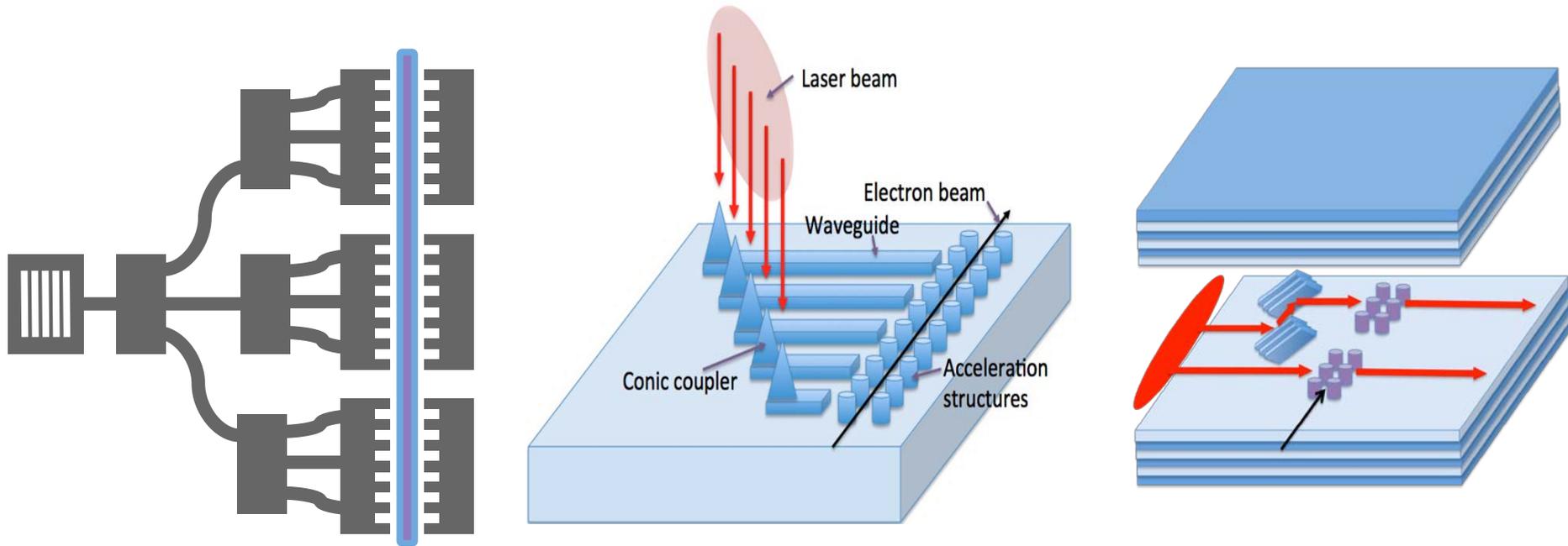
# Optical structures naturally have **attosec** time scales and favor **high-repetition** rate operation





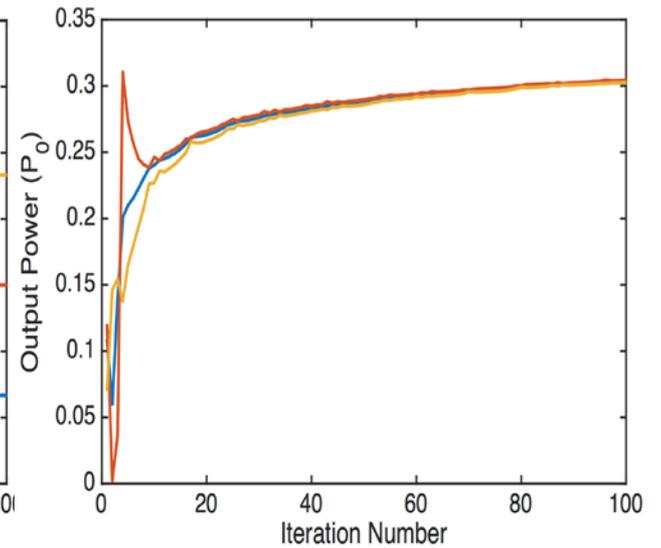
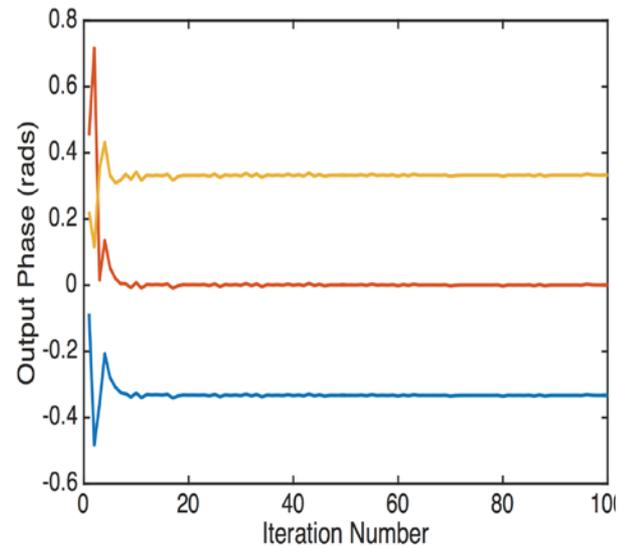
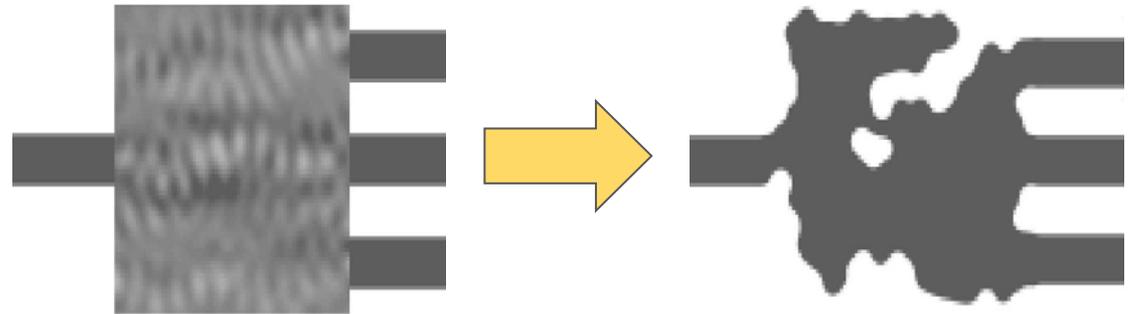
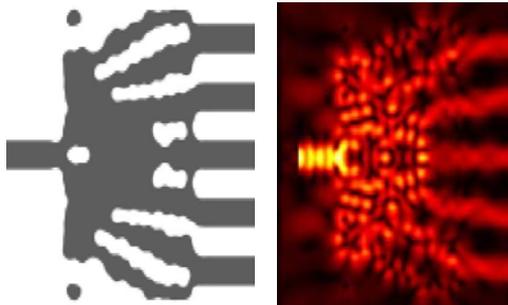
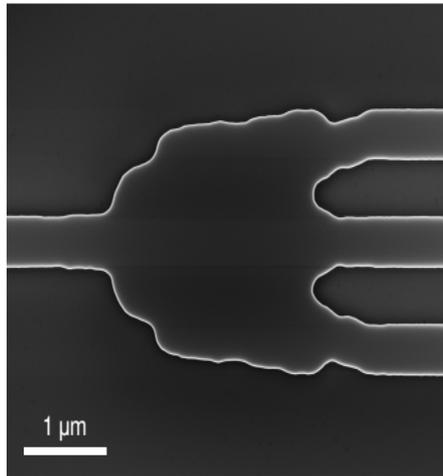
**Goal:** all components necessary for building an accelerator are compatible with planar lithographic processing!

# Design Prototypes: How to get laser power onto the chip with proper phase and timing?

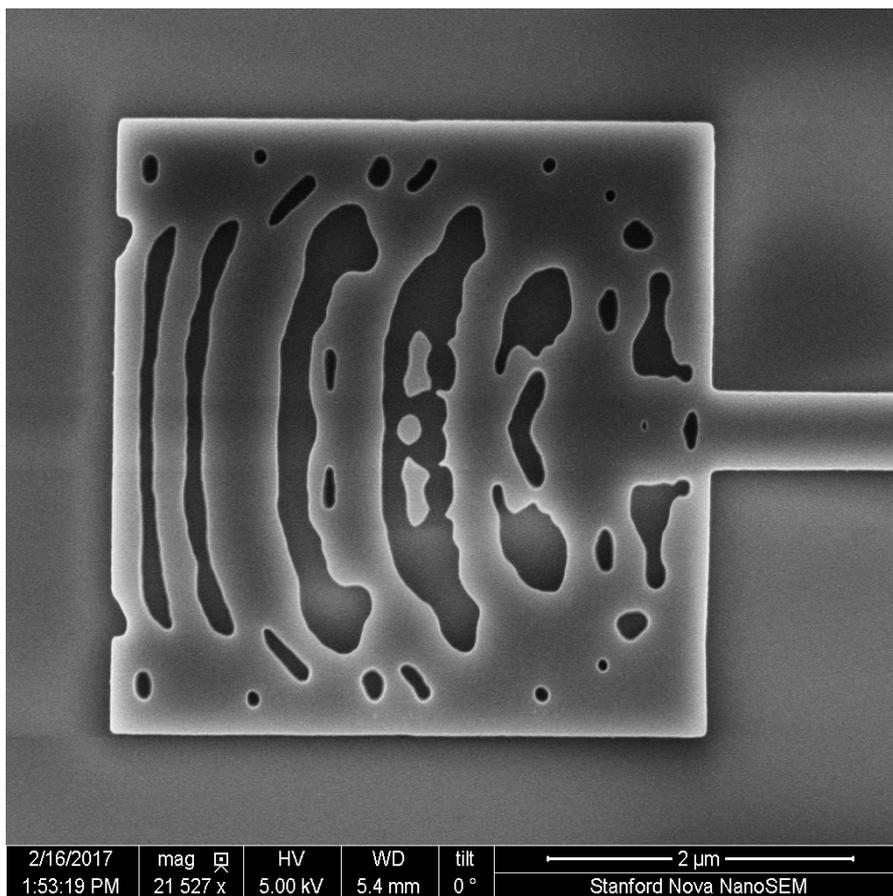


Use “Inverse design” or “Adjoint Design” to invent new structures that meet all of the requirements

# Splitters (multi-port and phase control)



# Grating Coupler (Fabrication)



Fabrication of grating couplers using e-beam lithography and plasma etcher



## On-Chip Laser Power Delivery System for Dielectric Laser Accelerators

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(Dated: September 11, 2017)

We propose an on-chip optical power delivery system for dielectric laser accelerators based on a fractal ‘tree-branch’ dielectric waveguide network. This system replaces experimentally demanding free-space manipulations of the driving laser beam with chip-integrated techniques based on precise nano-fabrication, enabling access to orders of magnitude increases in the interaction length and total energy gain for these miniature accelerators. Based on computational modeling, our laser delivery system is estimated to provide 21 keV of energy gain over an acceleration length of 192  $\mu\text{m}$  with a single laser input, corresponding to a 108 MV/m acceleration gradient. The system may achieve 1 MeV of energy gain over a distance less than 1 cm by sequentially illuminating 49 identical structures. These findings are verified by detailed numerical simulation and modeling of the subcomponents and we provide a discussion of the main constraints, challenges, and relevant parameters in regards to on-chip laser coupling for dielectric laser accelerators.

### I. INTRODUCTION

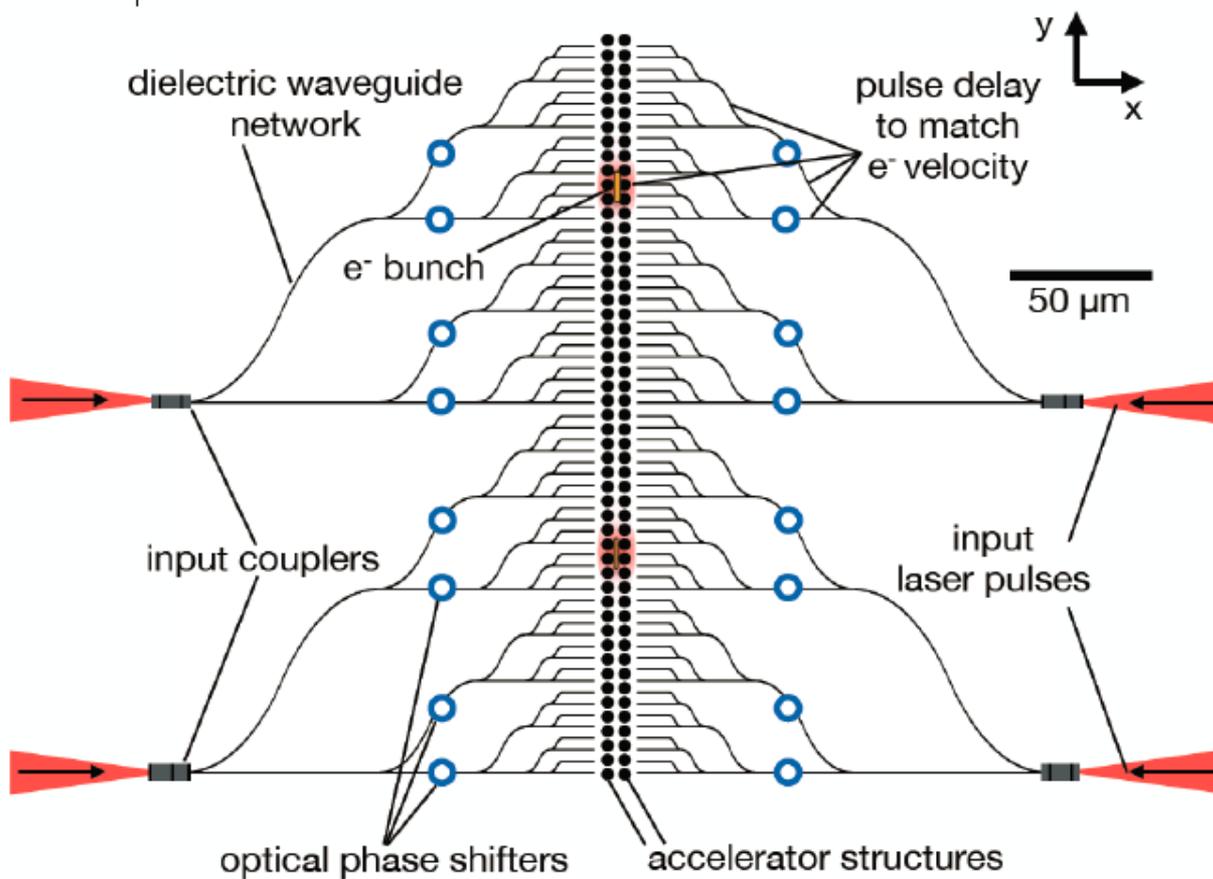
In recent years, dielectric laser accelerators (DLAs) have demonstrated acceleration gradients (energy gain per unit length) approaching 1 GV/m [1–7], several orders of magnitude higher than those attainable by conventional linear accelerator systems based on microwave-driven metal waveguide structures [8]. This breakthrough is made possible by the advent of advanced nano-fabrication techniques [9–13] combined with the fact that dielectric materials may sustain electric fields close to 10 GV/m when illuminated by ultra-fast NIR laser pulses [14–16]. High acceleration gradients may allow DLAs to accomplish significant energy gains in very short lengths, which would enable numerous opportunities in fields where compact and low-cost accelerators would be useful, such as medical imaging, radiation therapy, and industrial applications [17–19].

Since DLA structures are already driven at their own delivery system would allow for orders of magnitude increases in the interaction lengths and energy gains achievable from DLA by replacing free-space manipulation with precise nano-fabrication techniques.

In designing any laser power delivery system for DLA, there are a few major requirements to consider. (1) The optical power spatial profile must have good overlap with the electron beam side profile. (2) The laser pulses must be appropriately delayed along the length of the accelerator to arrive at the same time as the moving electron bunches. (3) The optical fields along each section of the accelerator must be of the correct phase to avoid dephasing between the electrons and incoming laser fields. To accomplish all three of these requirements, we introduce a method for on-chip power delivery, which is based on a fractal ‘tree-branch’ geometry introduced in Fig. 1. In this paper, we provide a systematic study of the structure’s operating principles, the optimal range of operat-



## Tree-Branch Structure

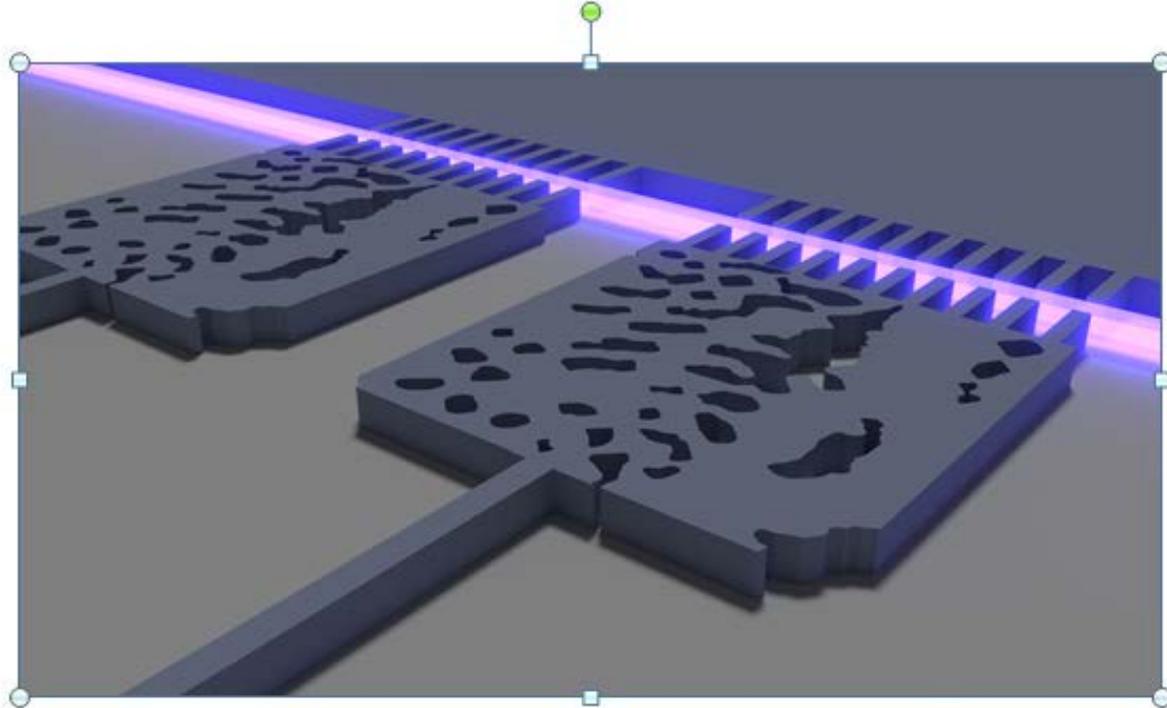


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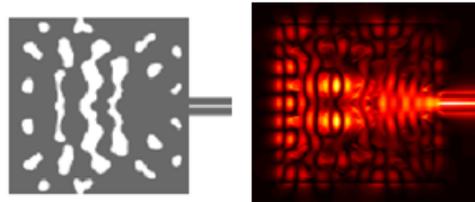
## Using Inverse Design to Engineer Solutions

### Laser delivery and phase control



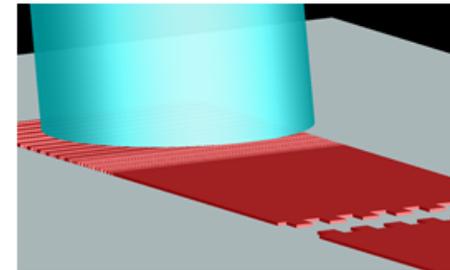
Additional development in inverse design software has allowed for integration of more advanced optimization algorithms and features to enable design of phase-controlled power splitters in 3D simulations.

### Avoiding nonlinear effects



Coupling to slot-waveguides may provide advantages in avoiding nonlinear effects and power-handling increases are being investigated

### Fiber-coupled accelerators with hollow-core fibers

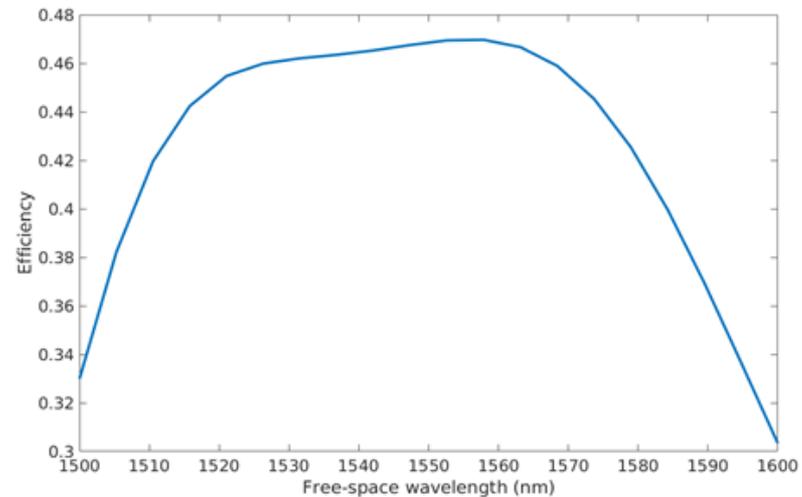
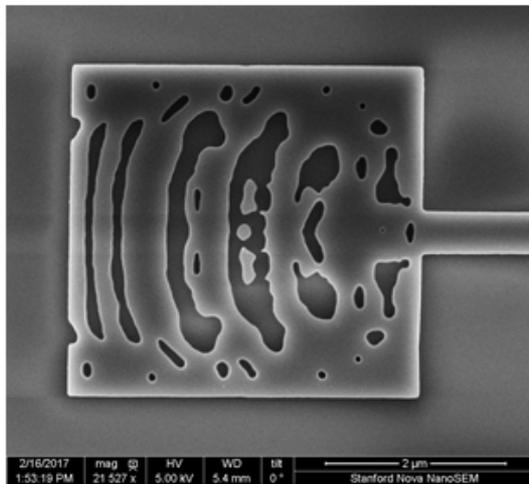


New efficient and broadband grating couplers designed to interface with commercial hollow-core fibers have opened up the possibility for an easily integrated fiber-coupled accelerator to be tested.

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## Free-space broadband vertical couplers



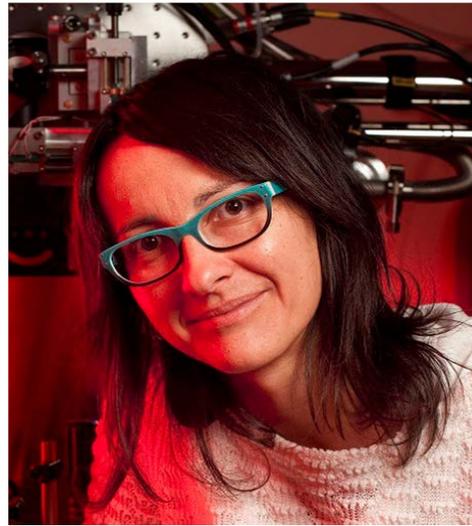
Previously shown, we use inverse design to design ultra-compact and broadband vertical couplers. Design scalable to 2 $\mu$ m wavelength.

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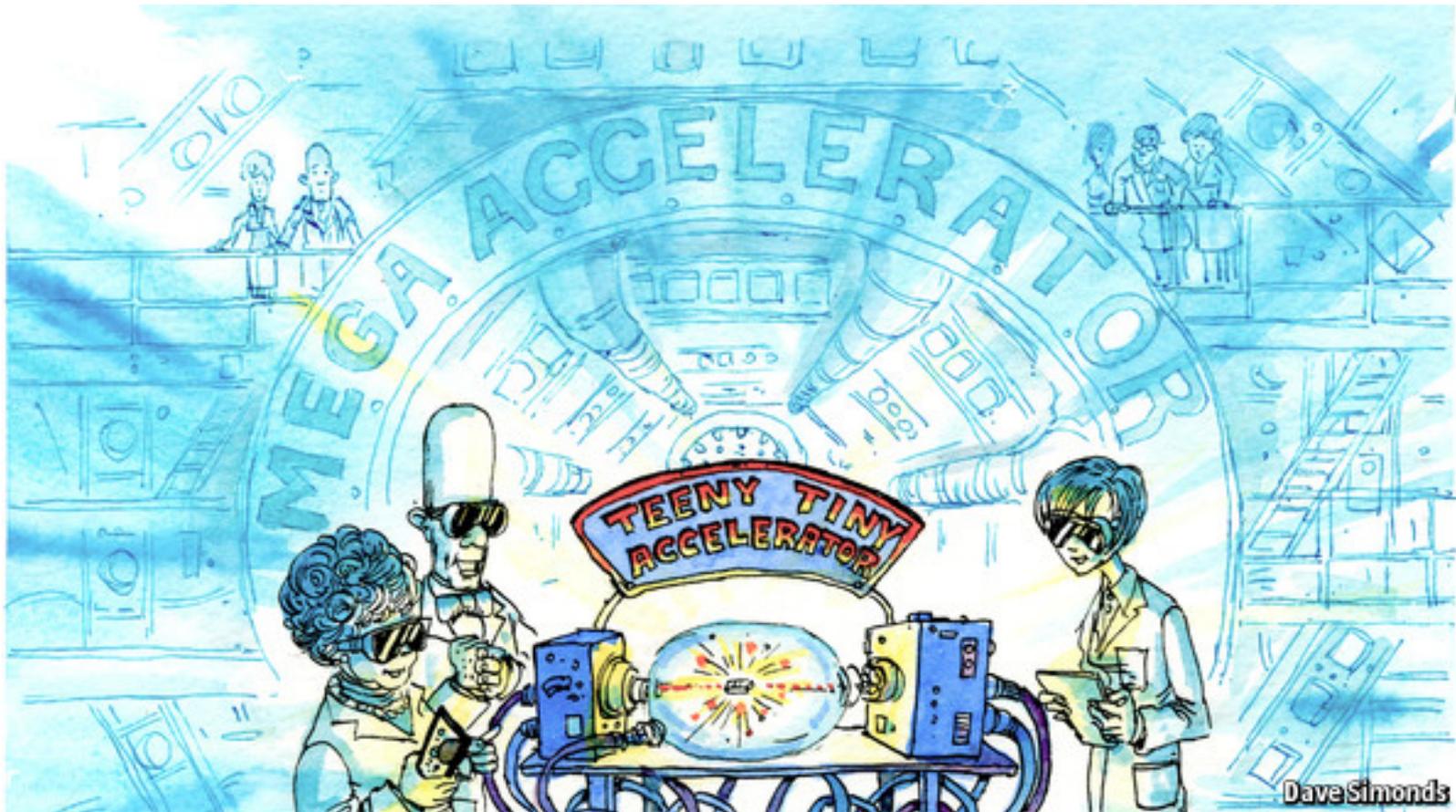
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## Dielectric Laser-driven Accelerators (DLA)



Dave Simonds

\*The Economist, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 2013



# 55 Scientists attend ACHIP meeting in Erlangen (September 2016)

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# Injector Group Update (January 17, 2018 ACHIP Telecon)

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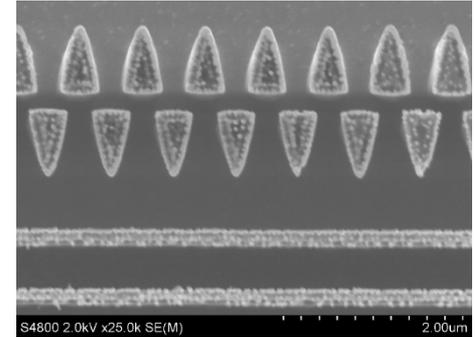
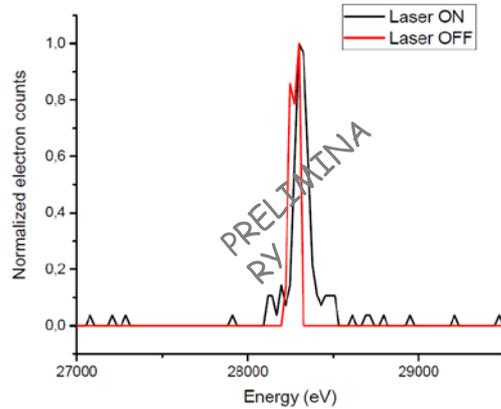
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Outline:

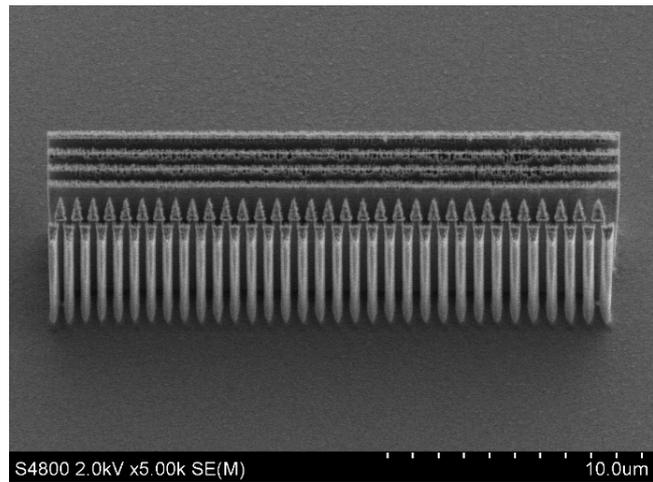
- Stanford Update
- DESY THz Update
- FAU Update
- Research Plans for Year 3
- Shoebox Test Platform Overview



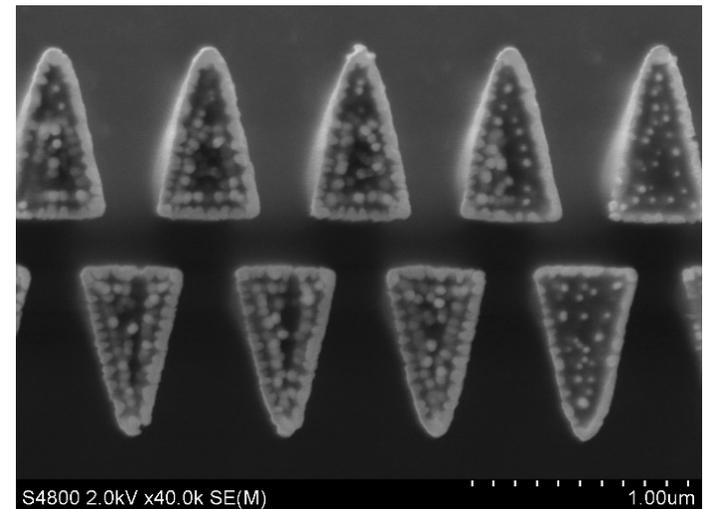
Simulations indicated 700 MeV/m gradient possible, but only <100 MeV/m measured, likely due to gap size smaller than design



Old structure with too small gap - the chirp design reduces the tolerance since desired gradient must be reached to match chirp

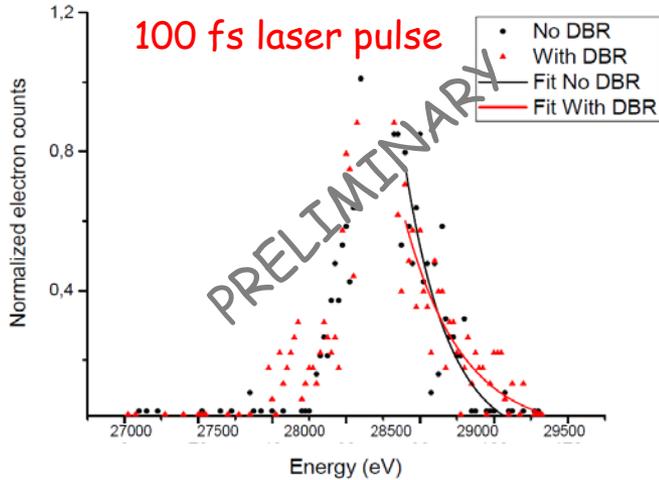


New structures fabricated with refined oxygen plasma cleaning process after lithography, correct gap size achieved





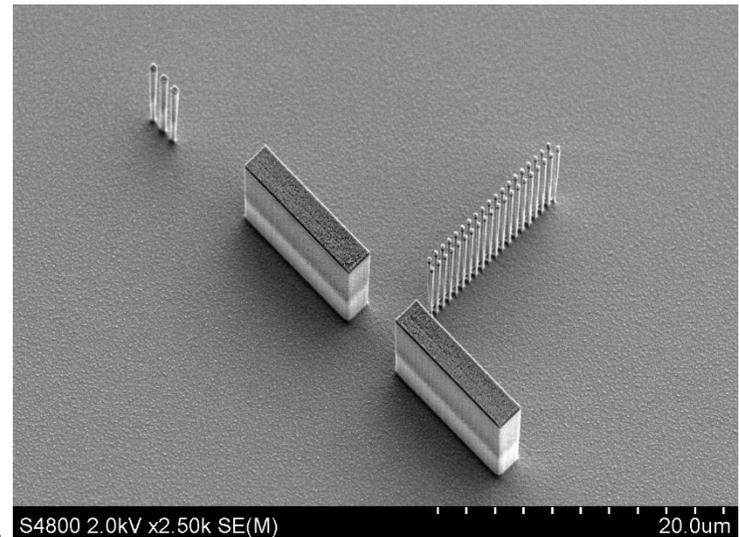
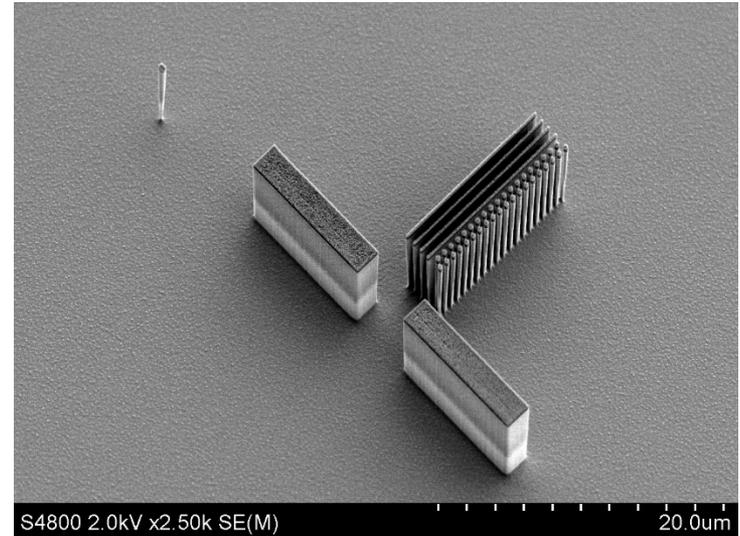
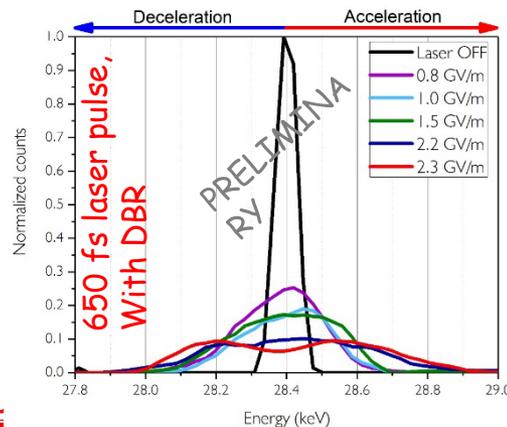
# Dual Pillar with and without DBR Comparison



1.2 keV (~100 MeV/m) energy gain with DBR, 0.8 keV (~66 MeV/m) without

Better statistics needed for comparison to simulations -  
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With a stretched pulse (650 fs), more electrons interact with laser pulse (necessary for upcoming bunching experiments) -----  
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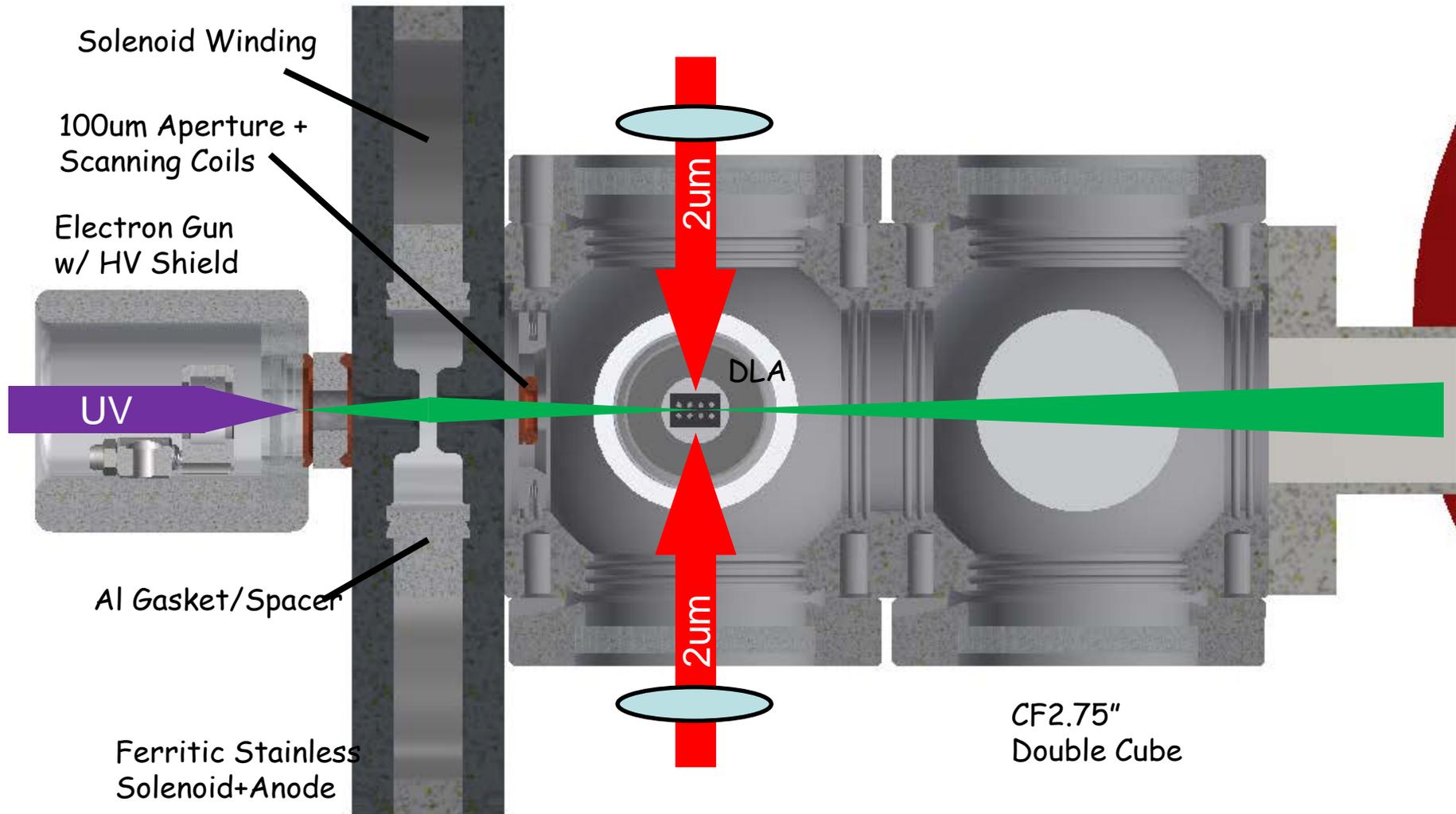


- Goal: A modular test platform for ACHIP Shoebox Demonstration
- Platform Provides:
  - All necessary electron optics for any electron gun on a CF2.75(CF40) flange
    - Focusing, imaging, spectrometer, divergence setting
    - Provide maximum flexibility as electron gun performance improves
    - Electron guns will be interchangeable without changing any other part of the system
    - Solenoid lens works up to over 100keV
      - Uses interchangeable pole pieces for different configurations
    - Spectrometer works from 15keV to 10MeV
    - Scanning transmission electron imaging for maximum contrast, speed, flexibility
      - Uses existing STEM controls and interface
  - DLA Hexapod platform
    - Interchangeable samples on standard SEM mounts
    - 6-axis nanometer-scale positioning
  - Free space optics will be located outside vacuum chamber
  - Waveguide optics will be located inside chamber with external alignment
  - Vibration-free UHV system
  - Entire system will fit on optics table



# Shoebox Testing Chamber 30cm length Electron Source Concept, Solenoid, Main Chamber

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# DLA is a promising new approach to particle acceleration

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## ACHIP Collaboration Meeting 6

14-16 March 2018 *TU Darmstadt*

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The Accelerator-on-a-Chip International Program (<https://achip.stanford.edu>) is a consortium of seven universities, three national research laboratories and one company, that has been formed with the goal to develop a micrometer-scale accelerator which is driven by the electromagnetic fields of a laser.

We are pleased to announce the biannual collaboration meeting in March 14-16, 2018, which will be organized by the DLA group of Technical University Darmstadt, and which will be held at the old university main building. This meeting is intended to share progress at the different partners, and to discuss collaboration efforts.

The workshop will start with the working groups on March 14. The plenary sessions will start on March 15.

Registration for this workshop is free of charge, but participation is subject to invitation.

**Dates:** from 14 March 2018 05:00 to 16 March 2018 09:30

**Timezone:** America/Los\_Angeles

**Location:** *TU Darmstadt*  
Altes Hauptgebäude  
Hochschulstraße 1  
64289 Darmstadt  
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# Integration Group Report

Quarterly Reports Teleconference: Nov 15, 2017

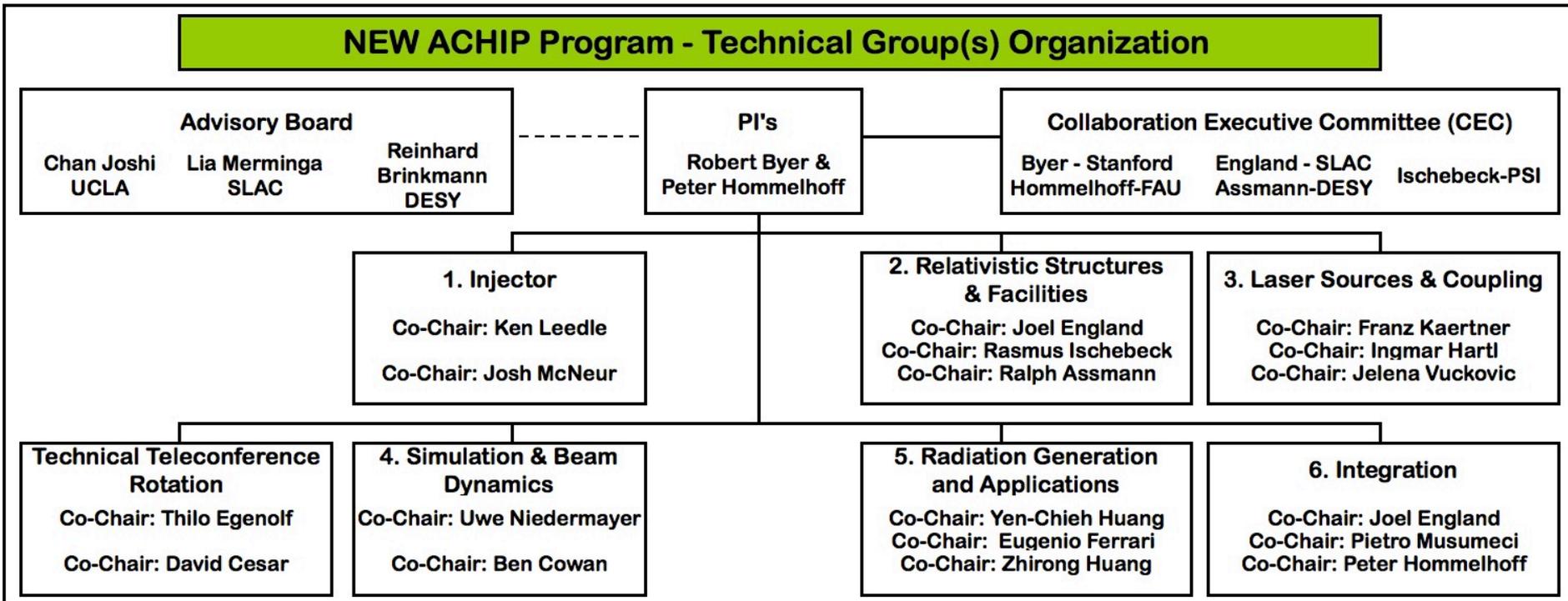
## Accelerator on a Chip International Program (ACHIP) Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Co-leads: R. Joel England, P. Musumeci,  
P. Hommelhoff



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# Org Chart Year 3 – New Group Structure



Co-leads for all technical groups have now been finalized.

# Stretch Goals

The stretch goals of the program, as stated on Page 2 of the ACHIP proposal:

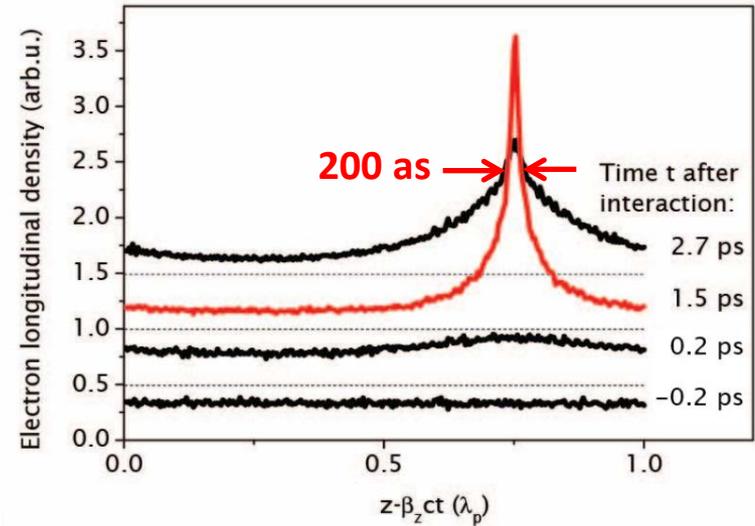
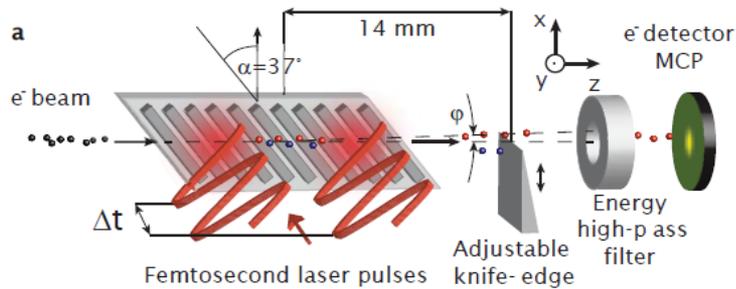
**Goal 1:** Demonstrate acceleration with an integrated multi-stage DLA with GV/m peak gradients and energy gain  $\geq 1$  MeV for sub-relativistic and relativistic electrons.

**Goal 2:** Exploration of capabilities enabled by the transverse fields in DLA structures, including X-Ray and EUV production, focusing, and sub-fs-level diagnostics.

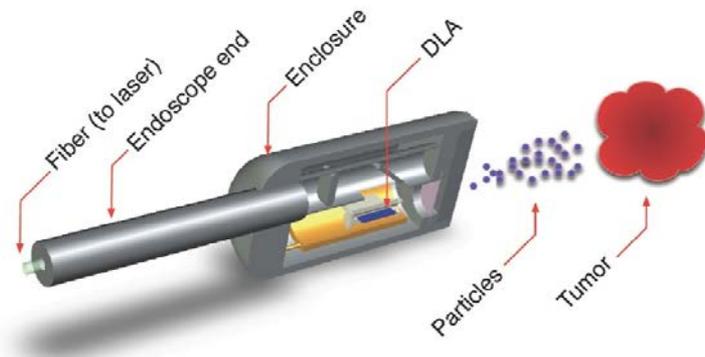
We note that Goal 1 is most strongly tied to the activities of the [Integration Group \(Group 6, and by extension to groups 1-4\)](#), while Goal 2 is most closely aligned with the [Radiation Generation and Applications group \(Group 5\)](#). We also note that pursuant to prior discussion, focusing was deemed to be such an intrinsically critical need that it spans all technical groups and is not limited to any particular one.

# Some Potential Applications

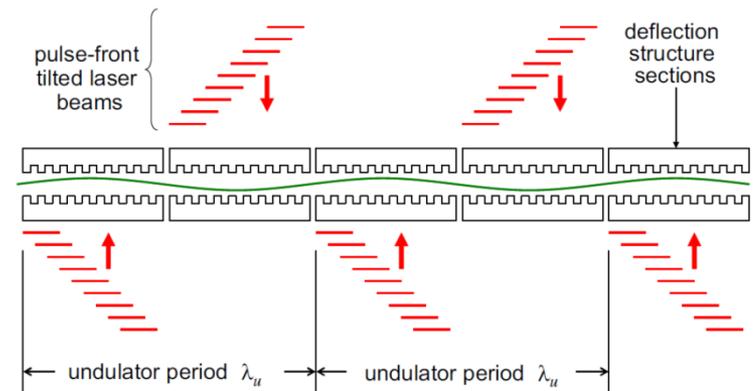
## Attosecond Streak Camera



## Medical Radiation Therapy Devices



## FEL on a Chip



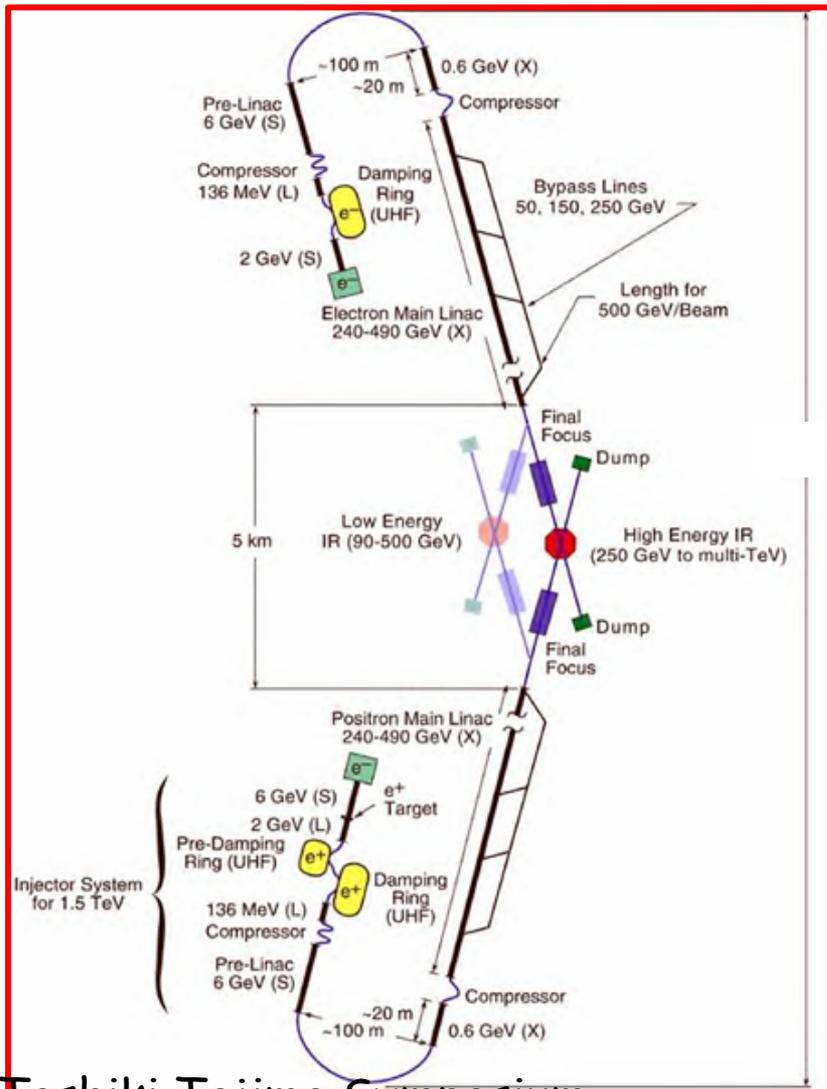
# 10 TeV Collider Parameters

	Traditional RF	DLA
Source	Klystron (Microwaves)	Commercial $\mu$ J Class IR Laser
Wavelength	2-10 cm	1-10 $\mu$ m
Bunch Length	1-5 ps	1-100 attosec
Bunch Charge	1-4 nC	1-10 fC
Required Emittance	0.1-1 $\mu$ m	1-10 nm
Rep Rate	1-1000 Hz	1-10 MHz
Confinement of Mode	Metal Boundaries	Photonic Crystal (1D, 2D, 3D)
Material	Metal	Dielectric
Max Unloaded Gradient	30-100 MV/m	0.5-2 GV/m
Power Coupling Method	Critically-coupled Metal WG	Free-space /Silicon WG
Luminosity ( $\text{cm}^{-2}/\text{s}$ ) *	1.70E+35	1.05E+36
Beamstrahlung E-loss (%) *	<b>53</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Wall Plug Power (MW) *	540	390

\* For 10TeV c-o-m collider scenario, based on numbers from Report of ICFA-ICUIL 2010 Joint Task Force on Ultra-High Intensity Lasers, Ch. 1. RF numbers extrapolated from ILC parameters scaled to higher luminosity.

# Future high energy physics facilities could be smaller and more affordable.

## International Linear Collider

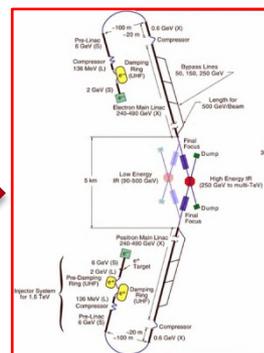


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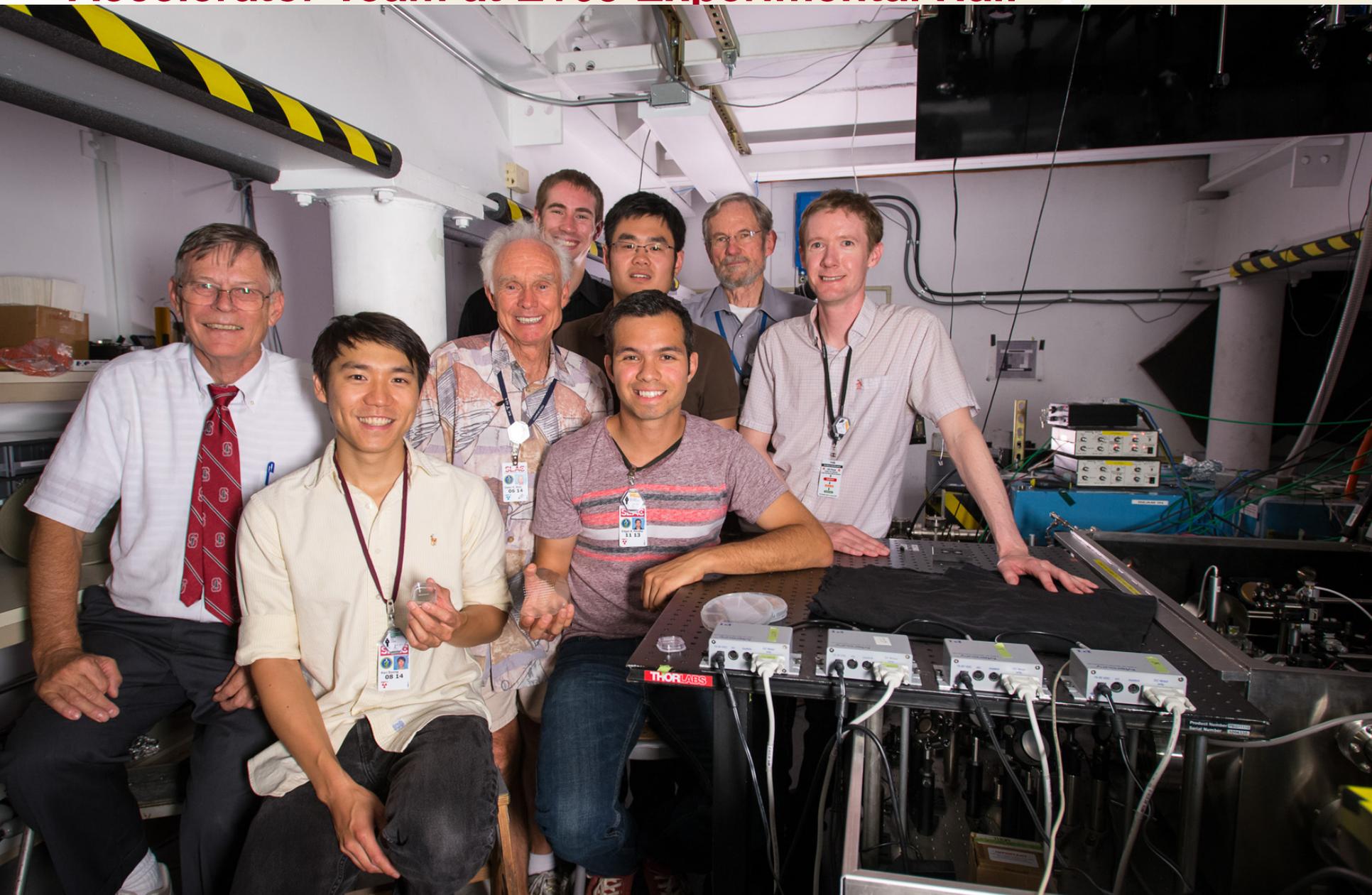
12.5 km

1.6 km

168 m



# Accelerator Team at E163 Experimental Hall



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# Stanford Laser Accelerator Laboratory



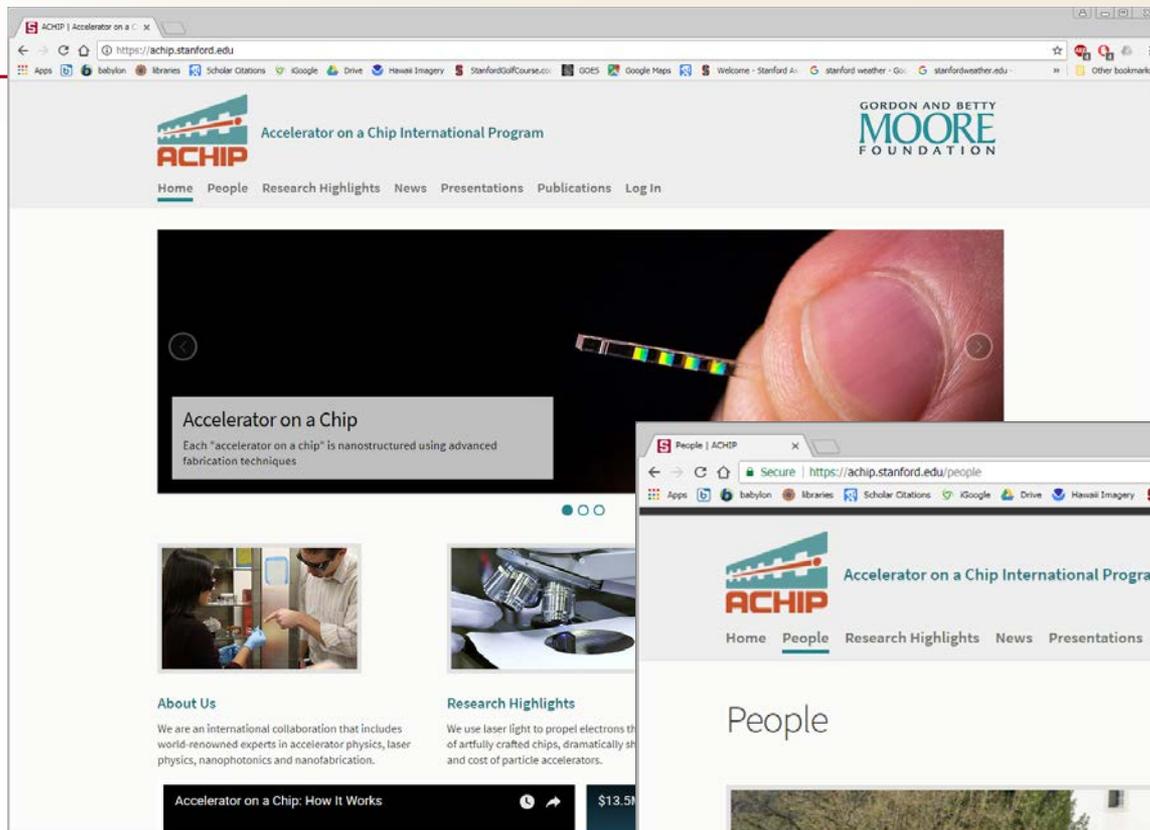
# SLAC - Stanford Laser Accelerator Laboratory



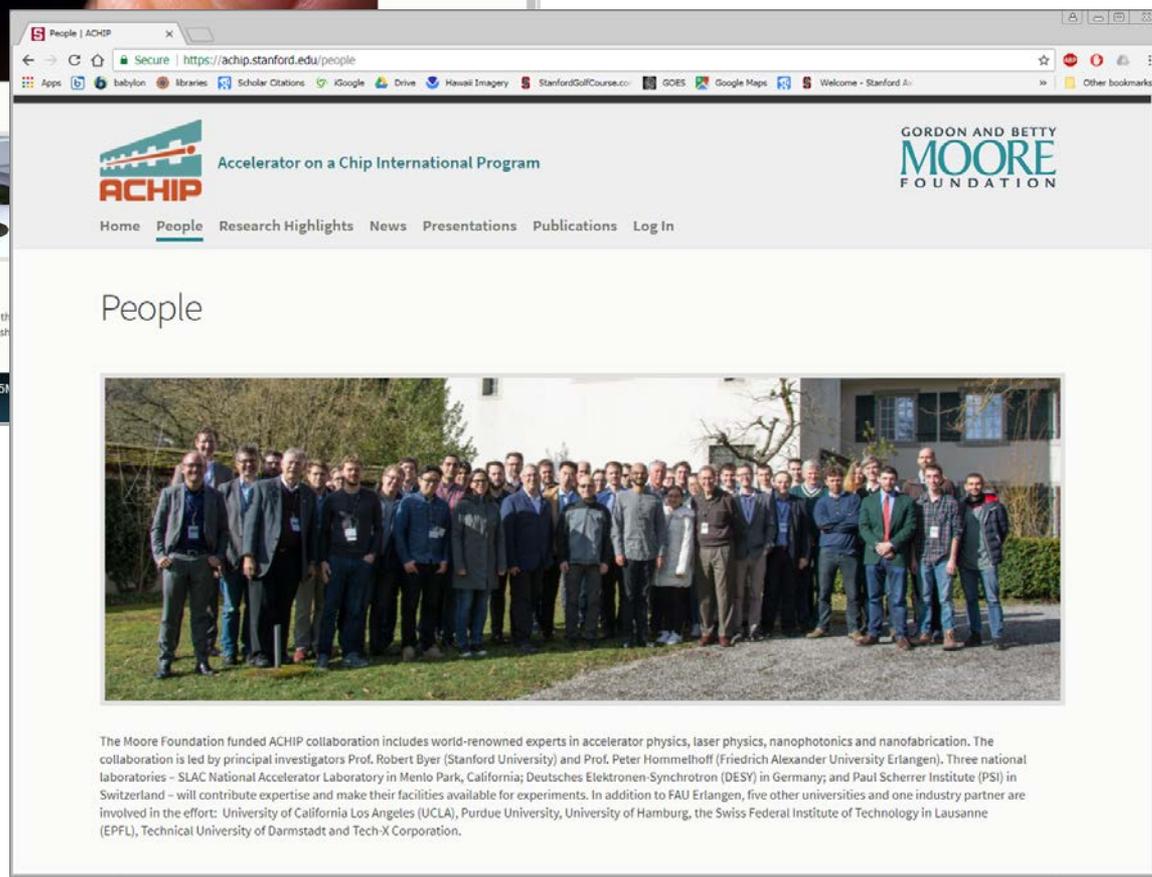
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# ACHIP.stanford.edu - Web Site

SLAC



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Accelerator on a Chip International Program (ACHIP). The browser address bar displays <https://achip.stanford.edu>. The page features the ACHIP logo on the left and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation logo on the right. A navigation menu includes Home, People, Research Highlights, News, Presentations, Publications, and Log In. The main content area has a large image of a microchip with a rainbow spectrum overlaid. Below the image is a text box with the heading "Accelerator on a Chip" and the subtext "Each 'accelerator on a chip' is nanostructured using advanced fabrication techniques." To the left, there is an "About Us" section with a photo of two people in a lab and a brief description. To the right, there is a "Research Highlights" section with a photo of a lab setup and a brief description. At the bottom, there is a dark blue button labeled "Accelerator on a Chip: How It Works" with a price tag of "\$13.5k".



The screenshot shows the "People" page of the ACHIP website. The browser address bar displays <https://achip.stanford.edu/people>. The page features the ACHIP logo on the left and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation logo on the right. A navigation menu includes Home, People, Research Highlights, News, Presentations, Publications, and Log In. The main heading is "People". Below the heading is a large group photo of the ACHIP collaboration members. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text describing the collaboration and its funding by the Moore Foundation.

The Moore Foundation funded ACHIP collaboration includes world-renowned experts in accelerator physics, laser physics, nanophotonics and nanofabrication. The collaboration is led by principal investigators Prof. Robert Byer (Stanford University) and Prof. Peter Hommelhoff (Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen). Three national laboratories - SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park, California; Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY) in Germany; and Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI) in Switzerland - will contribute expertise and make their facilities available for experiments. In addition to FAU Erlangen, five other universities and one industry partner are involved in the effort: University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), Purdue University, University of Hamburg, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL), Technical University of Darmstadt and Tech-X Corporation.

Toshiki Tajima Symposium

# ACHIP Publications

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## Publications

A selection of relevant papers published prior to the start of the ACHIP Collaboration:

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