

PetaVolts per meter Plasmonics*

**conductive materials - semiconductors, semi-metals, metals*

quantum electron gas

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PetaVolts per meter Plasmonics: introducing extreme
nanoscience as a route towards scientific frontiers

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Plasmonic experiment timeline

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timeline of expt. efforts - I

PAC 2020

Extreme plasmons - first expt. proposal

large-amplitude oscillations of Quantum electron gas
trends towards smaller bunch dimn.s – match with FACET

- **proposed** - metallic nanostructures (nonporous Au) to control the quantum electron gas properties
- relativistic, large-amplitude dynamics of Fermi electron gas
3D simulations of plasmons - 10TV/m fields
- 300 kA beam G. White's work [*Science meeting 2019*]

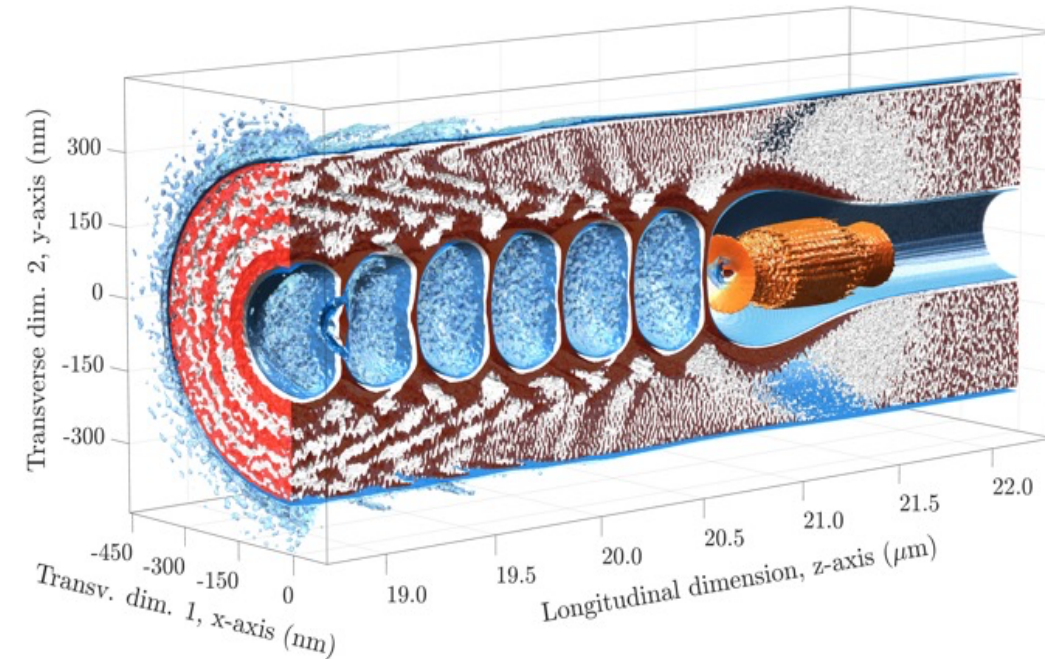
PAC feedback – develop near-term, realistic expt. plan to utilize KPP beam [*report - "few micron"*]

- need "ionization" vs. quantum electron gas (NOT understood)
- discussion of measurable expt. signature
- destruction of tubes

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sub- μm bunch: $\sigma_{\parallel} \sim 400\text{nm}$, $\sigma_r \sim 250\text{nm}$

plasmonic tube: $r_t \sim 100\text{nm}$, $n_t \sim 2 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

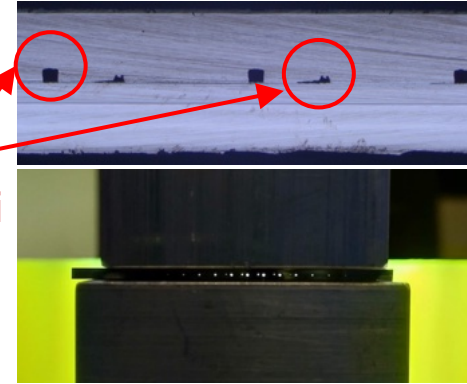
nearly matched: $\lambda_{\text{plasmon}} \simeq 250\text{nm}$

timeline of expt. efforts - II

Tunable plasmon – match with “few micron” FACET-II beam

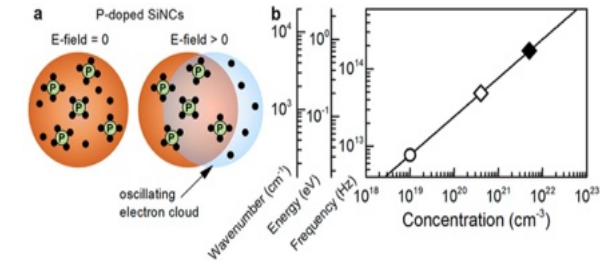
- doped Semiconductor tubes:
 tune quantum electron gas properties
 n-type **P-doped** Silicon
 Quantum e^- gas density $\sim 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3}$ ($\sim n_b$:KPP)
- tube radius: 100 μm , 30 μm
 $\lambda_{\text{plasmon}} \sim$ **tube dim.** \sim **10s of μm**
 large-fraction of beam particles – inside the tube
- 100 GV/m acceleration and focusing fields
 computationally demonstrated
- expt. ready Si tubes – designed and fabricated

100 & 30 μm
 rect. tubes
 fabricated in Si

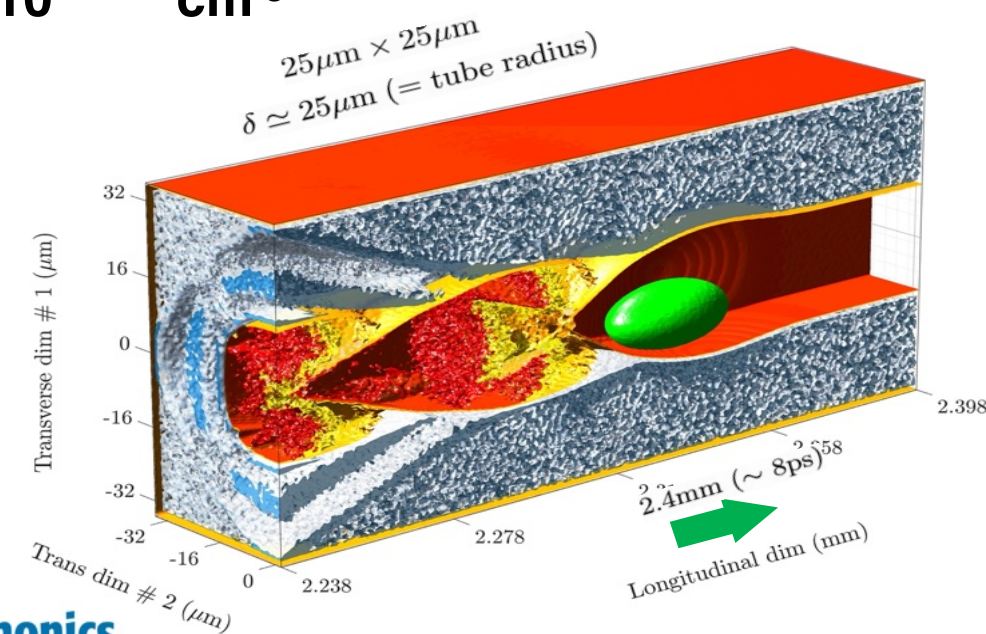


semiconductors:
 $n_t \sim 10^{12-21} \text{cm}^{-3}$

Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance in Semiconductor Nanocrystals



NANO LETTERS
 Phosphorus-Doped Silicon Nanocrystals Exhibiting Mid-Infrared Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance
Letter
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PAC feedback – develop extensive expt. plan

- ionization of media
- dielectric properties



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Tunable plasmons - measurements

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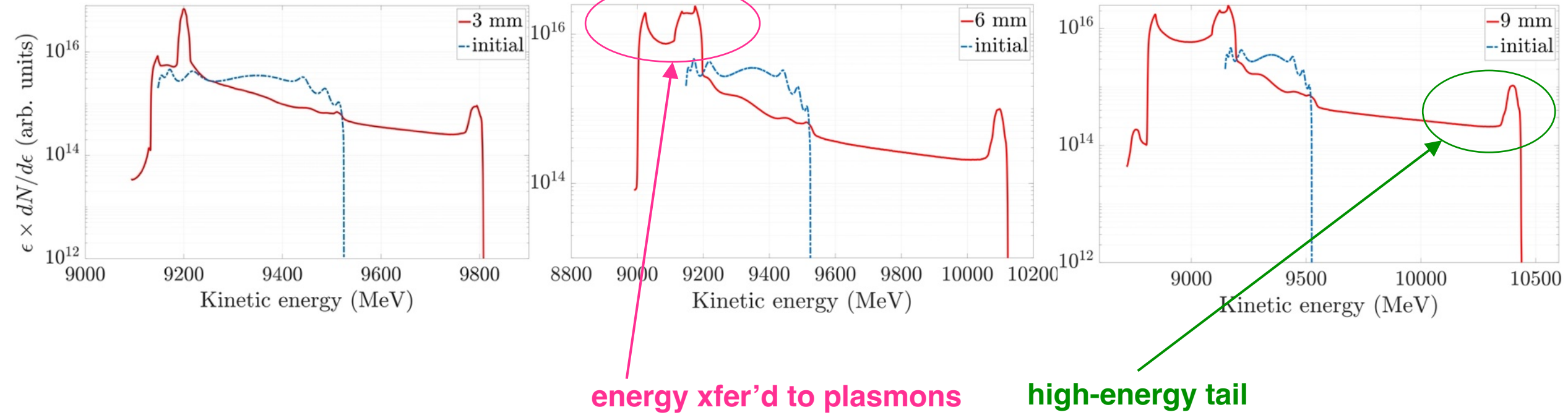
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plasmonic energy exchange with electron beam

$$r_t = 20\mu\text{m}, n_b = n_t \sim 10^{18}\text{cm}^{-3}$$

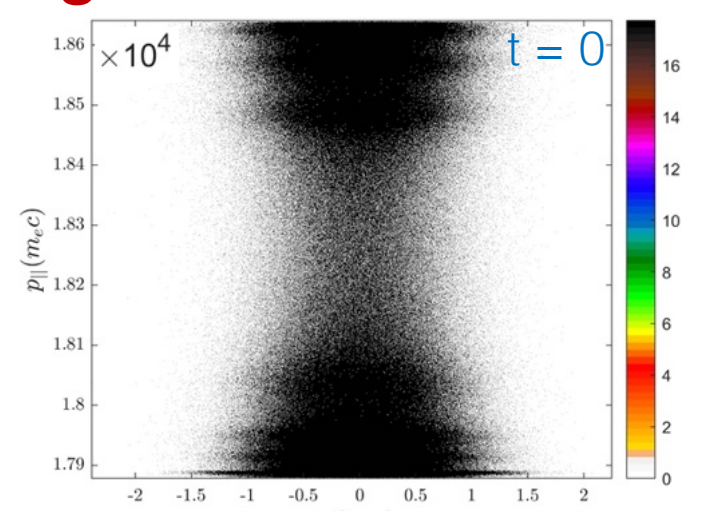
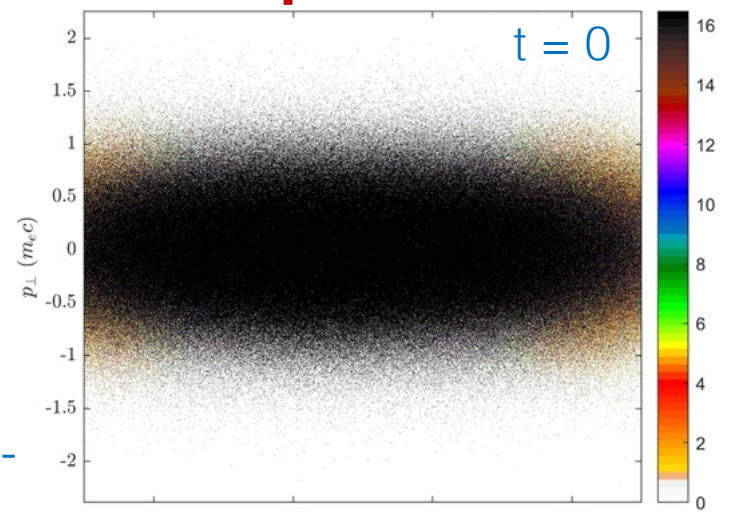


MEASUREMENT: first-ever signature of tens of GV/m acc. plasmonic fields

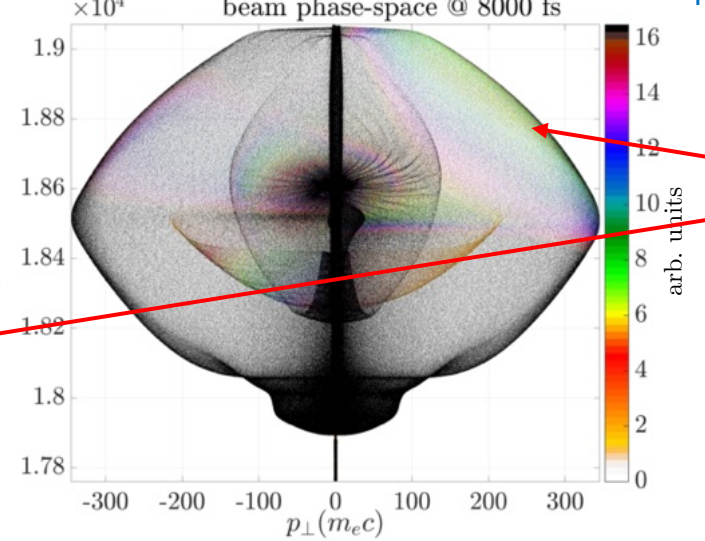
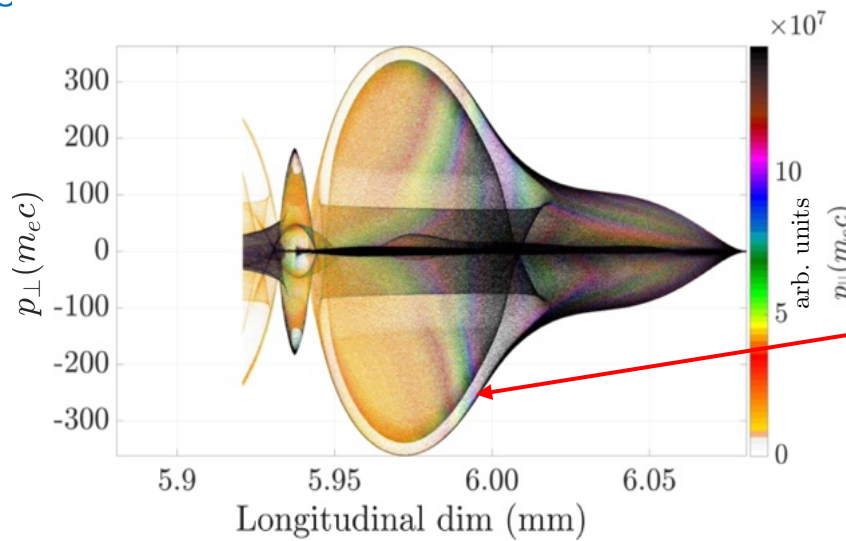
- 100s of MeV **energy loss** – large fraction of beam particles
 - 100s of MeV **acceleration** – significant frac. of beam particles
- } **Cerenkov air spectrometer**
Energy – dispersed (y) plane

plasmonic focusing of electron beam

transverse momentum-longitudinal space



transverse-longitudinal momentum phase-space



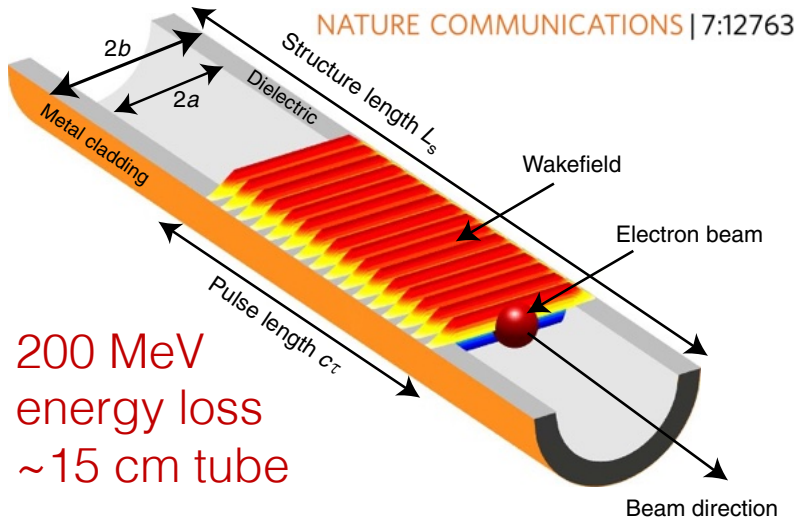
$p_{\perp} / p_{\parallel} = 320 / 19800 \approx 16 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad}$

MEASUREMENT: first-ever measurement of tens of GV/m focusing fields
Spectrometer - non-dispersed (x) plane - tens of mrad – opening angle

DIFF Cherenkov mechanism

INSULATOR

Cherenkov radiation & guided mode



200 MeV energy loss
~ 15 cm tube

TM₀₁ wavelength ~ 250 μm

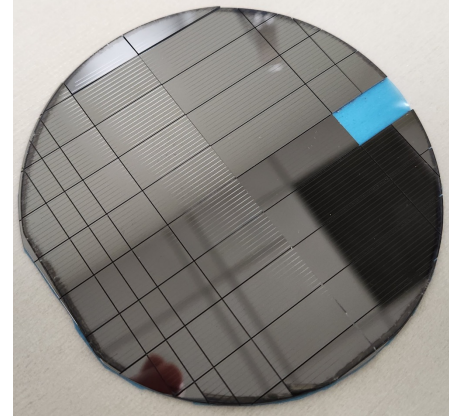
~ 1cm tube length

ONLY a **ten MeV energy loss** exp. couples to **Cherenkov rad.** (unguided)

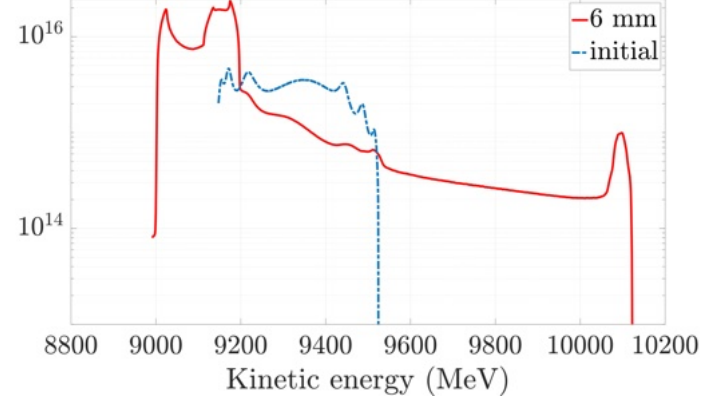
MEASUREMENT: differentiate plasmonic vs. dielectric vs. metallic modes

MATCHED PLASMON

matched dimension & density



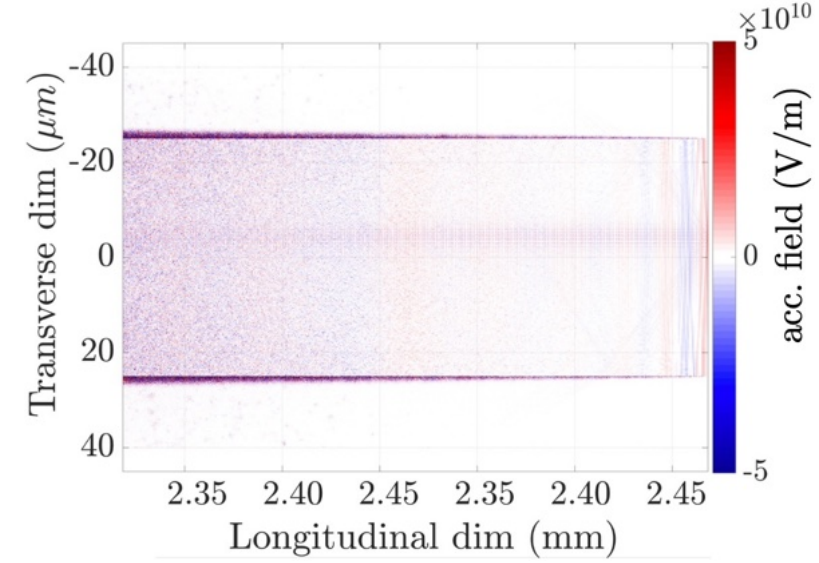
P-doped Si wafer with fabricated tubes



100s of **MeV energy loss** as well as **energy gain**

UNMATCHED METAL PLASMON

FACET-II run#1 beam - $n_i=2 \times 10^{22} \text{cm}^{-3}$

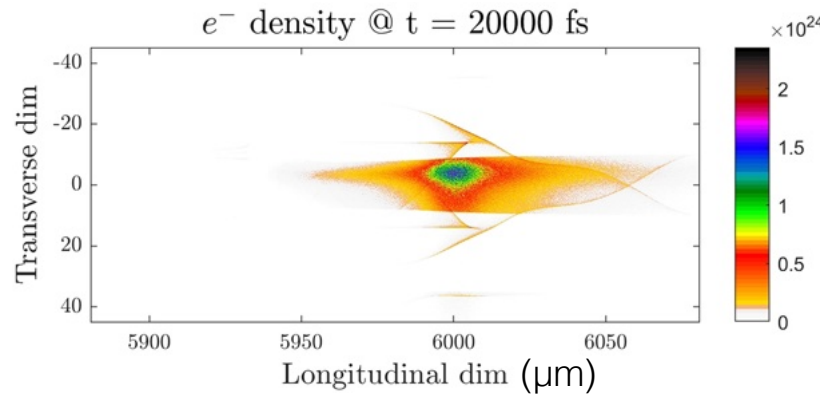
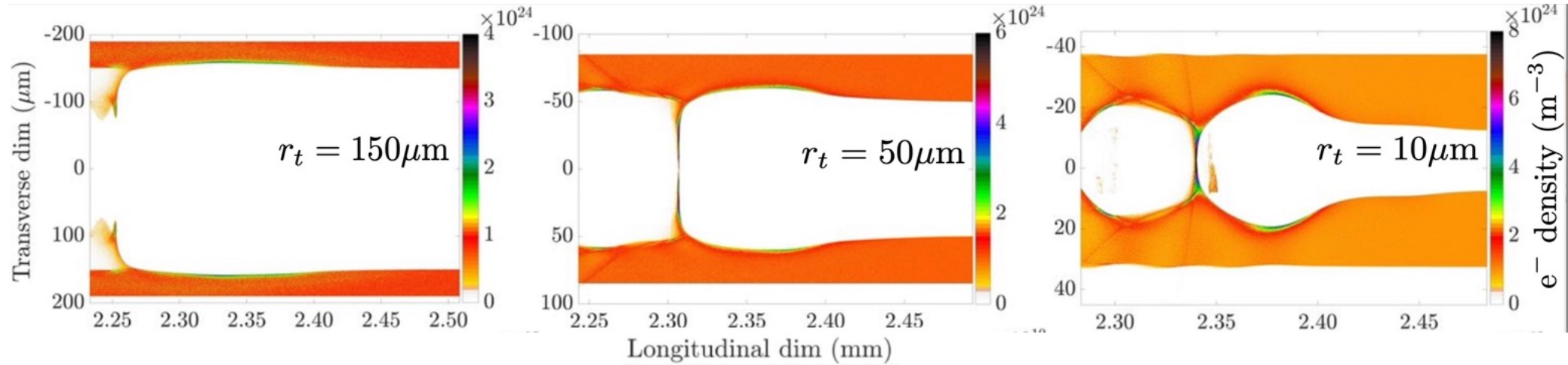


$$\lambda_{\text{plasmon}} (2 \times 10^{22} \text{cm}^{-3}) = 250 \text{nm}$$

run#1 beam: $\sigma_r \sim 5 \mu\text{m}$, $\sigma_z \sim 10 \mu\text{m}$

ONLY a **few MeV energy loss** exp.

Beam bunching and coherent photon production



10s of microns – spatial features due to beam particle trajectories in the focusing fields

$$hc \frac{2\gamma_b^2}{\lambda_{osc}}$$

Tens of MeV photons

diff. bremsstrahlung vs. coherent photons – detect and tune photon spectral features

Plasmonics fundamentals

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ionic lattice

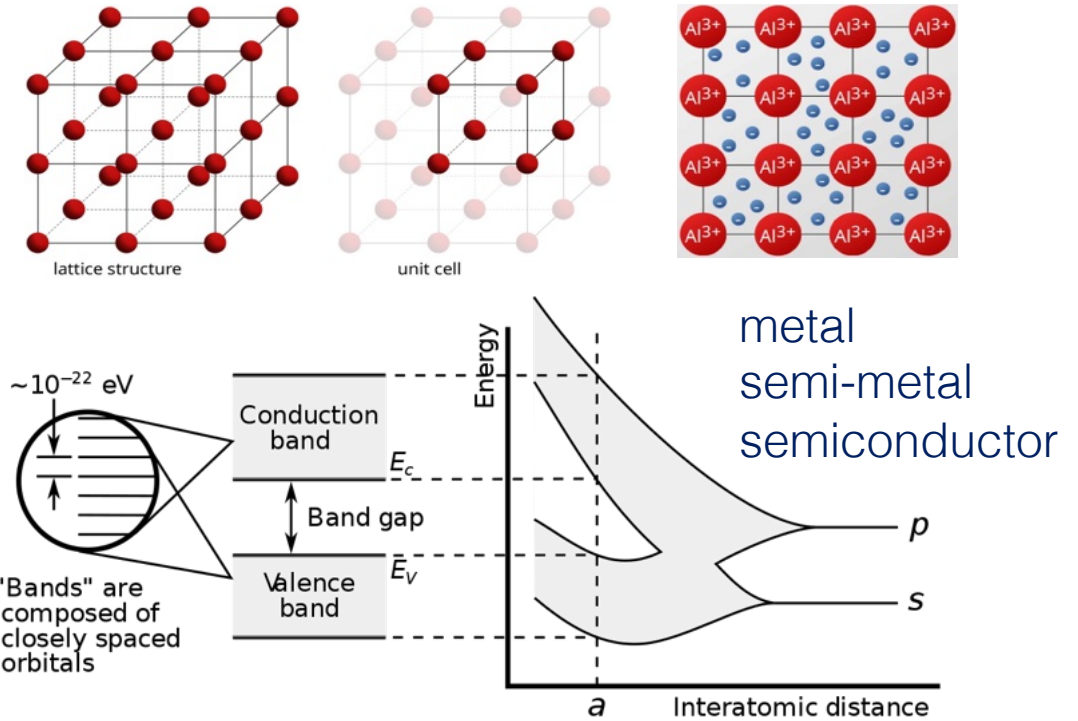
periodic potential is **PRESENT**
over plasmonic timescale (*strained under high fields*)

energy band structure

lattice structure – Bloch's theorem : **QUANTUM**
electrons - specific occupancy states (k-space)
near-continuum Energy levels – **energy BANDS**
energy band-gap – characterizes media

non-interacting Fermions

Pauli's exclusion principle : **QUANTUM**



Quantum electron gas: conduction band e^- - conductive media – highest terrestrial e^- density
delocalized, free to move around the entire lattice

PLASMON – Quantum e^- gas oscillations in response to EM excitation

$$\lambda_{\text{plasmon}} = 33 (n_0 [10^{24} \text{cm}^{-3}])^{-1/2} \text{ nm} \quad \text{NANO-ELECTROMAGNETICS}$$

Large-amplitude Plasmons

Perturbative
(conventional)

$$\delta = \theta(2\pi)^{-1} \lambda \ll \lambda$$

" θ " - angular disp. of collective e^- osc.

$$\Delta n_e \ll n_0$$

trajectory

e^- density

Large-amplitude
(unexplored)

$$\delta \simeq \lambda$$

amplitude

$$\Delta n_e \simeq n_0$$

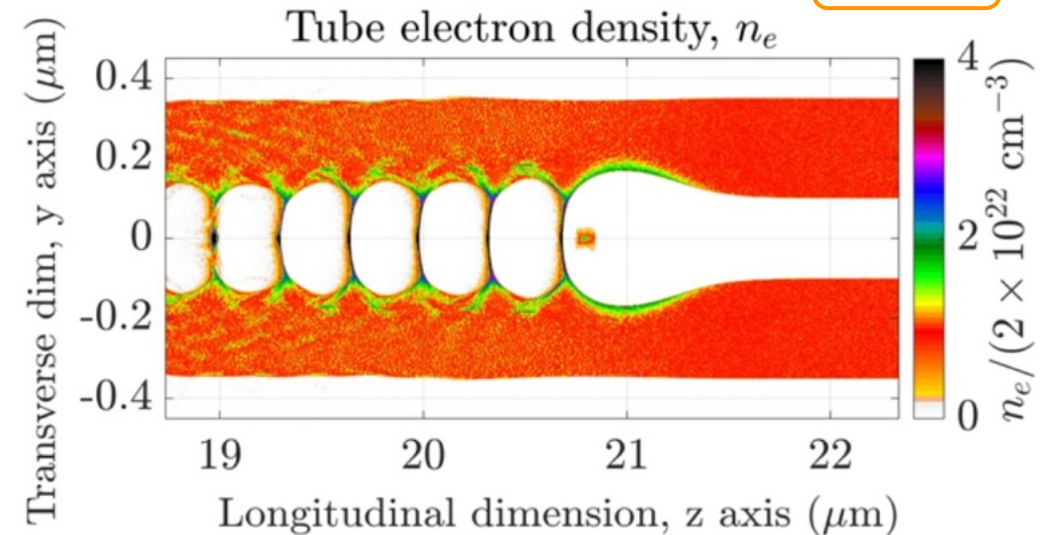
displacement

Quantum coherence limit

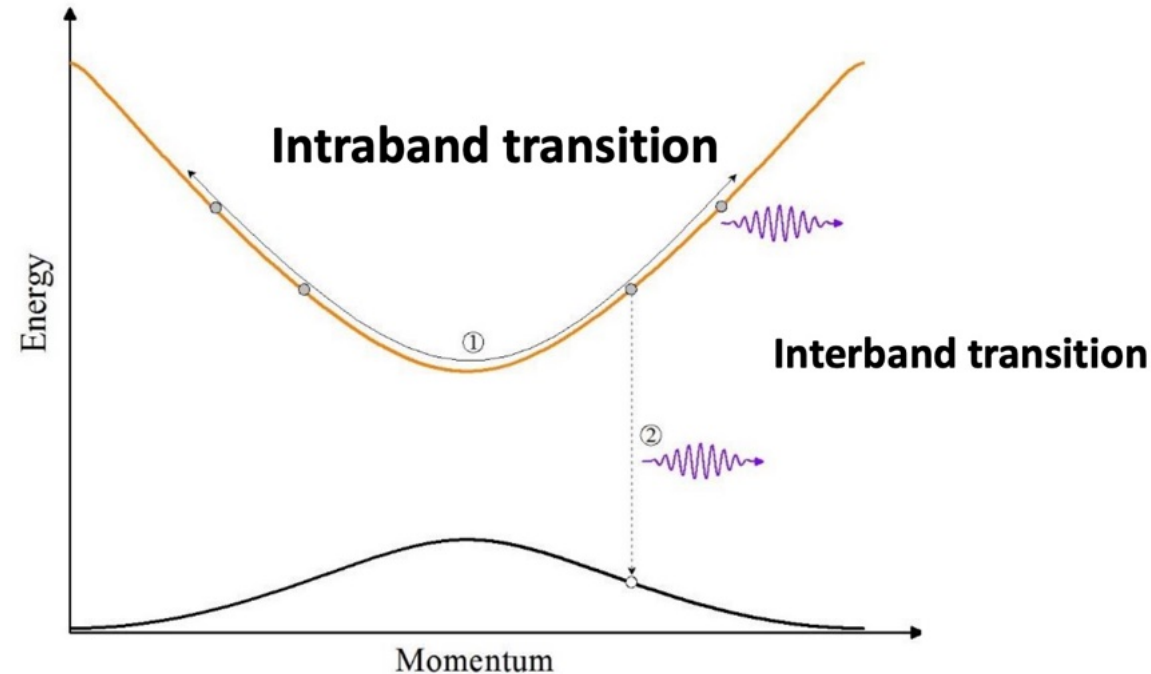
$$E_p = \frac{m_e c^2}{e} \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_{\text{plasmon}}} \simeq 0.1 \sqrt{n_0 [10^{24} \text{cm}^{-3}]} \text{ PVm}^{-1}$$

- large-amplitude, relativistic plasmons
radial motion driven by collective beam fields
- large-scale e^- ionic-lattice displacement
strongly electrostatic plasmon
- RELATIVISTIC e^- - kinetic energy > surface potential
surface e^- – **go across the surface**
- particle-tracking sim.** – highly localized e^- density

$$\delta \simeq \lambda$$



Inter- and Intra-band transitions ~~ionization~~ - Quantum electron gas



- while ion-lattice exists: electrons in specific energy states (quantum)
- high-field – result in intra- and inter-band transitions
- but, need empty states to accommodate transitioning VB electrons

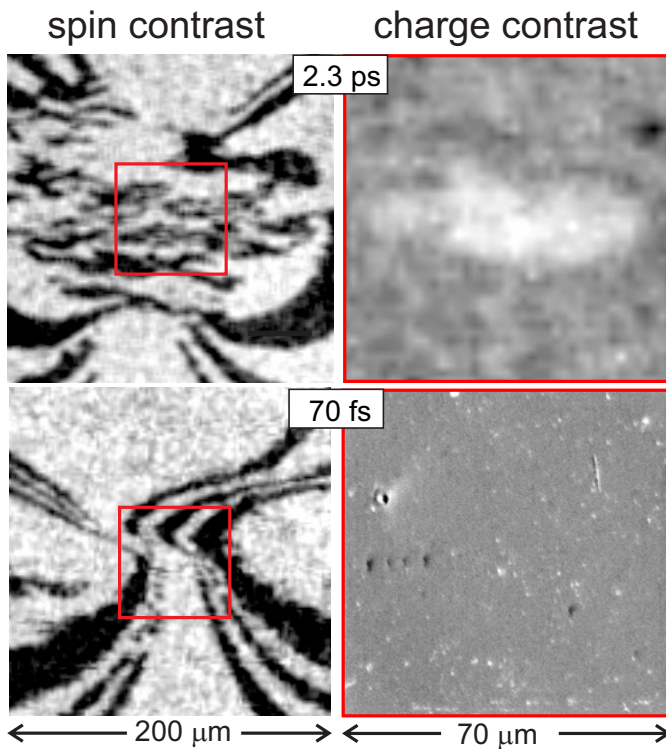
“lasik”-like transition – target damage

- **OBSERVED: “lasik”-like effect** at FFTB (predecessor of FACET)

Electric Field Induced Magnetic Anisotropy in a Ferromagnet

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- ultrafast magnetic switching expt. (Cobalt-Iron alloy)
2.3ps, few micron e⁻ bunch ~ 2nC: **TOP**
70fs, few micron e⁻ bunch ~ 2nC: **BOTTOM**



PRL **102**, 217201 (2009)

- **NO DAMAGE:** monocrystalline media → **relativistically induced ballistic transport**

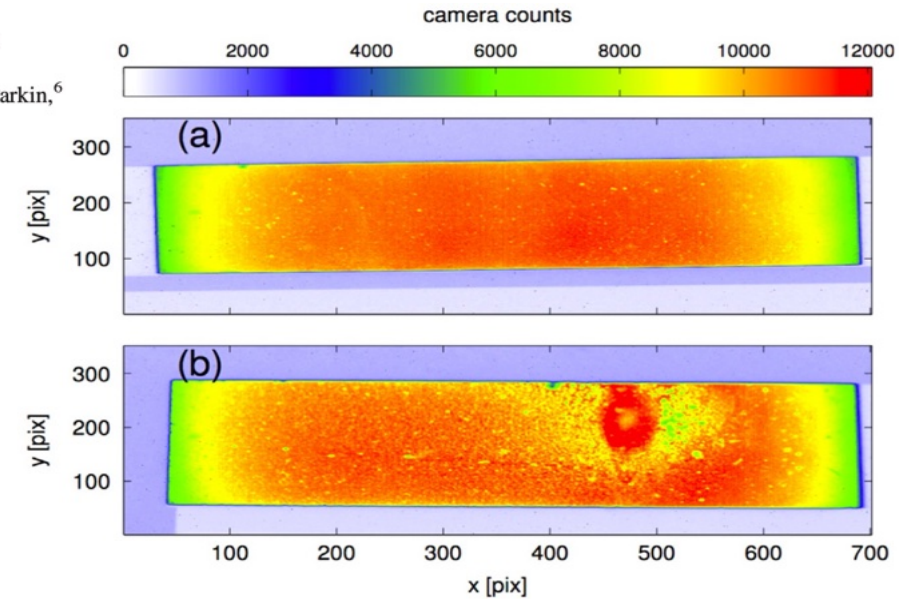


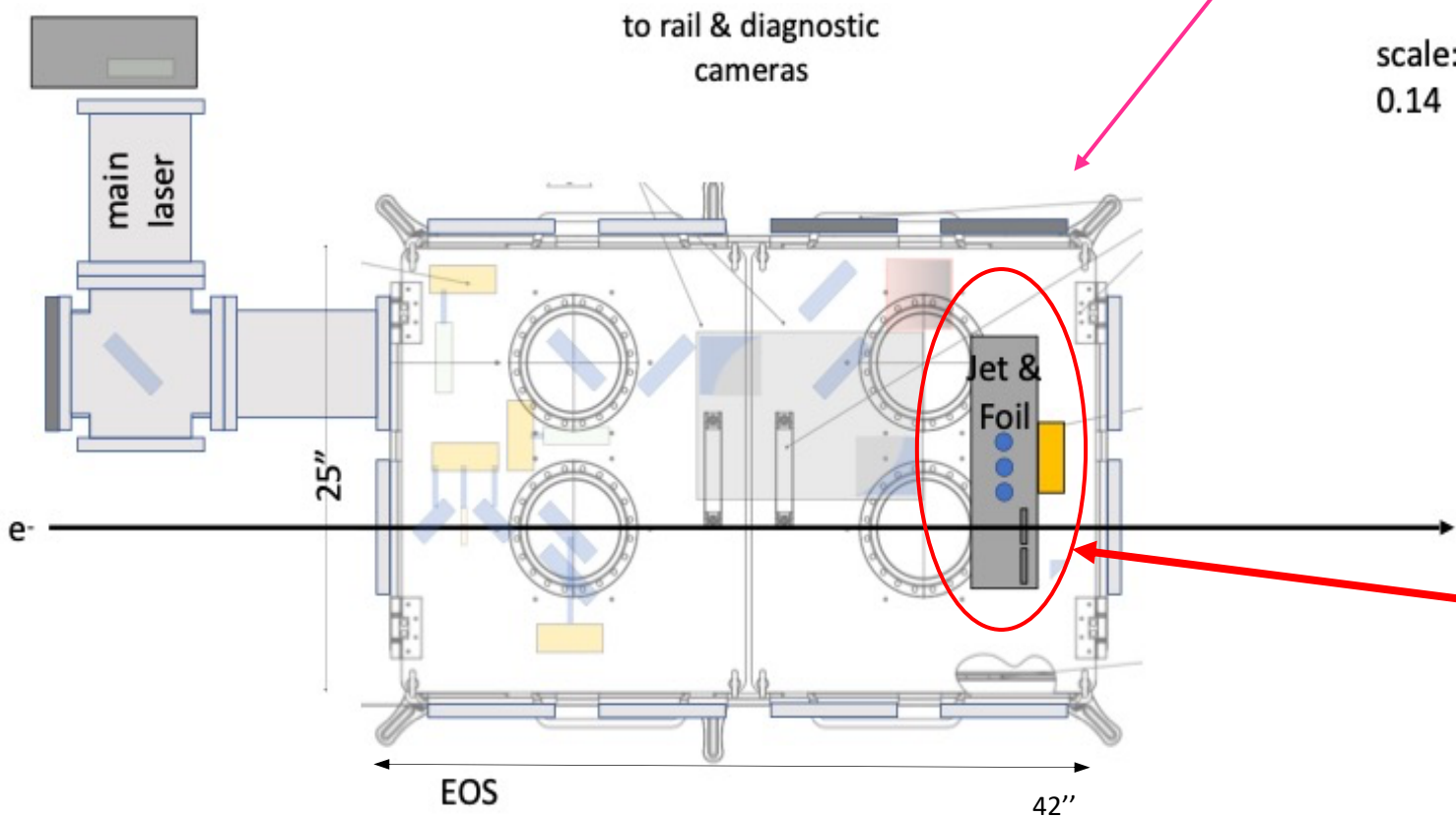
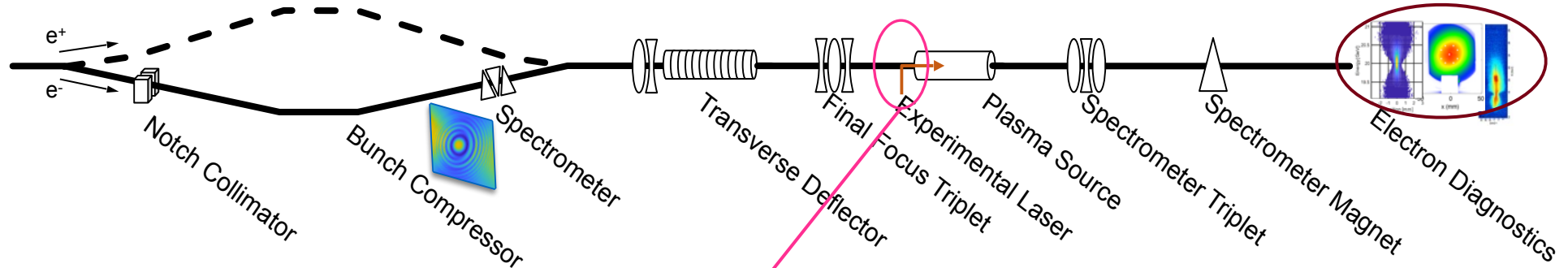
Fig. 10. (a) Reflection of diffuse light off silicon wafers used for the FACET experiments in 2013. These wafers were exposed to a few times 10^5 pulses of up to 2×10^{10} electrons, and show no visible sign of degradation. (b) Reflection of diffuse light off silicon wafers which have been in the beam line during all of the FACET commissioning in 2013. These wafers were exposed to a few times 10^7 pulses of up to 2×10^{10} electrons, and shows significant degradation, which translates to reduced light yield in the affected areas.

Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 783 (2015) 35–42
Cherenkov light-based beam profiling for ultrarelativistic electron beams

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Technical design

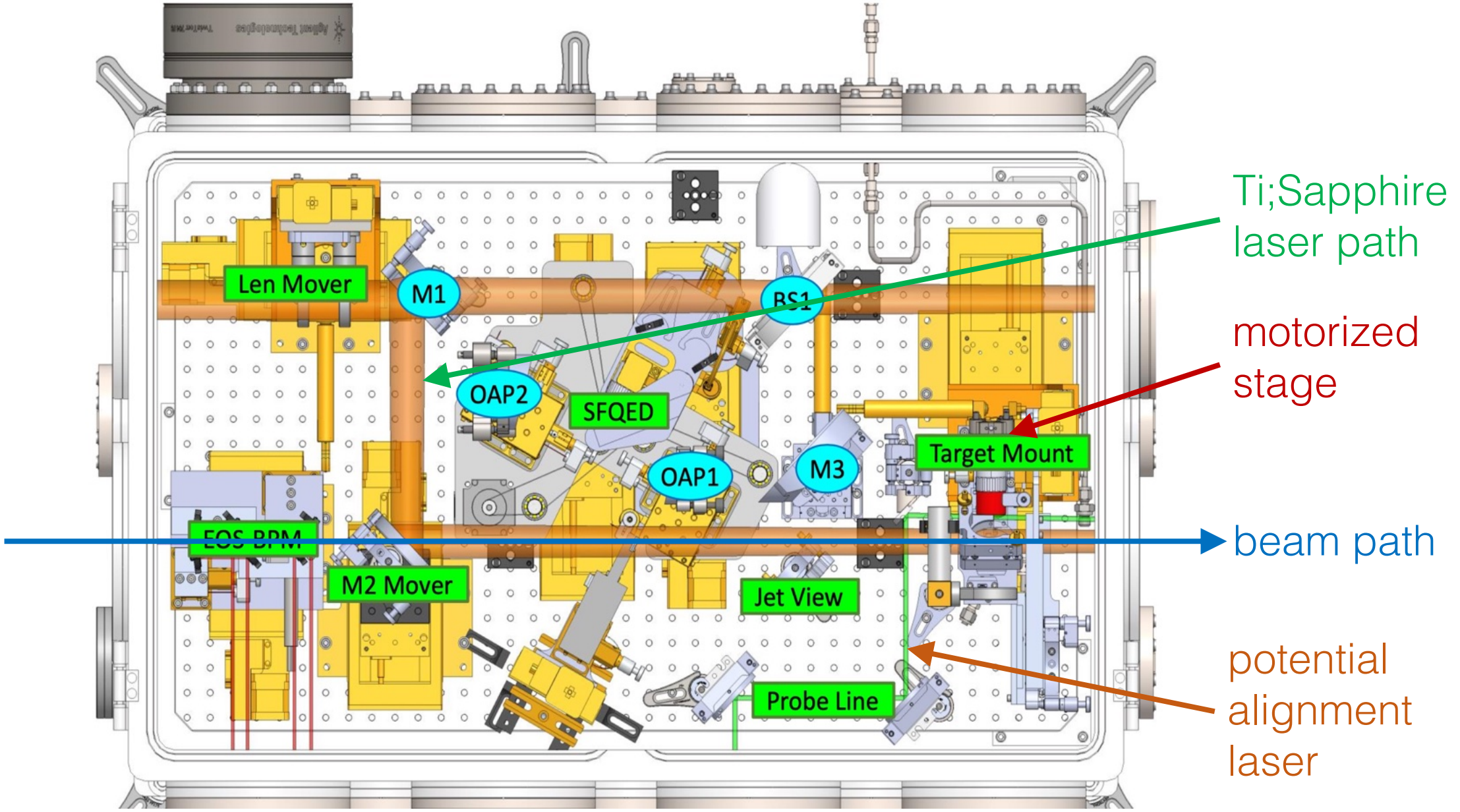
expt area schematic & picnic-basket chamber



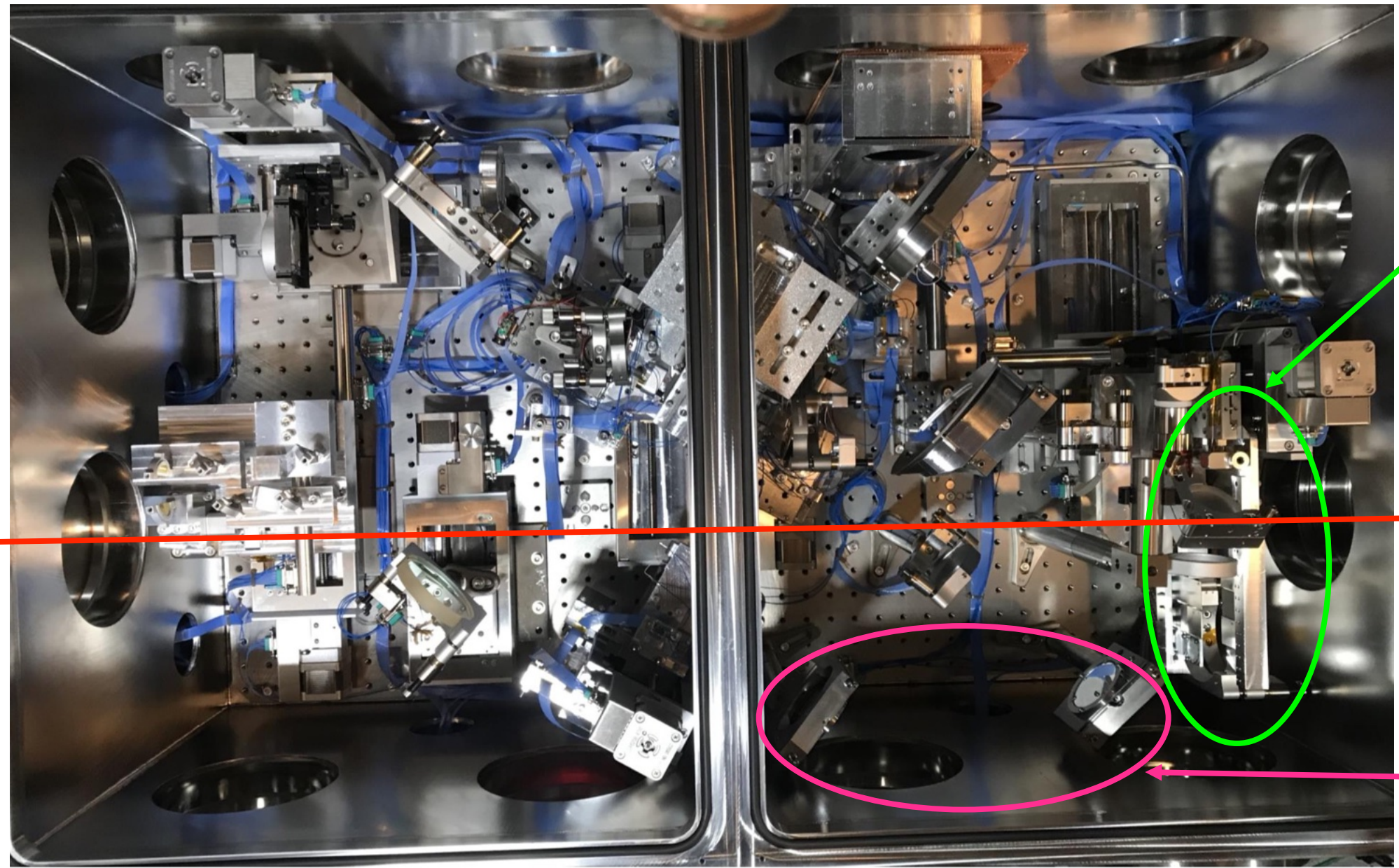
Picnic basket plasmonic sample placement

M. Hogan, Expt. area, Sci. meeting 2019

picnic-basket chamber schematic



picnic-basket chamber – top-view



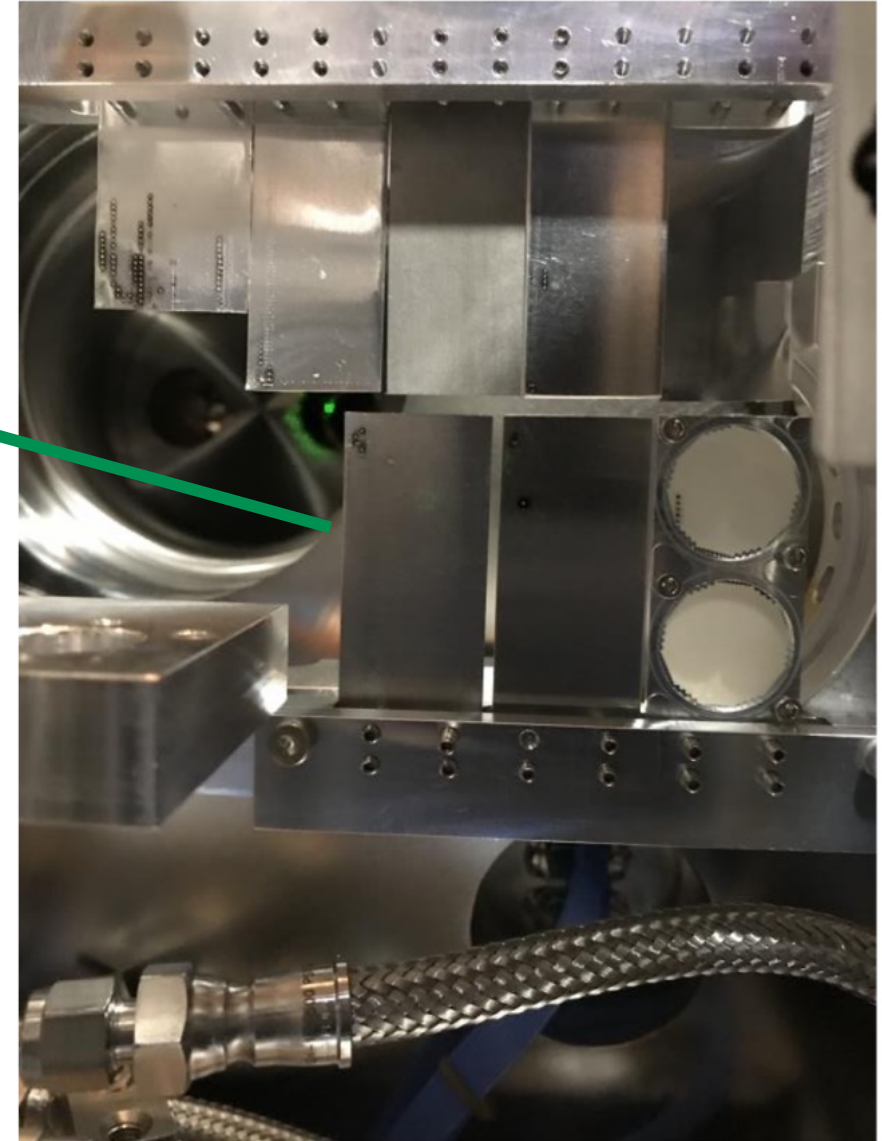
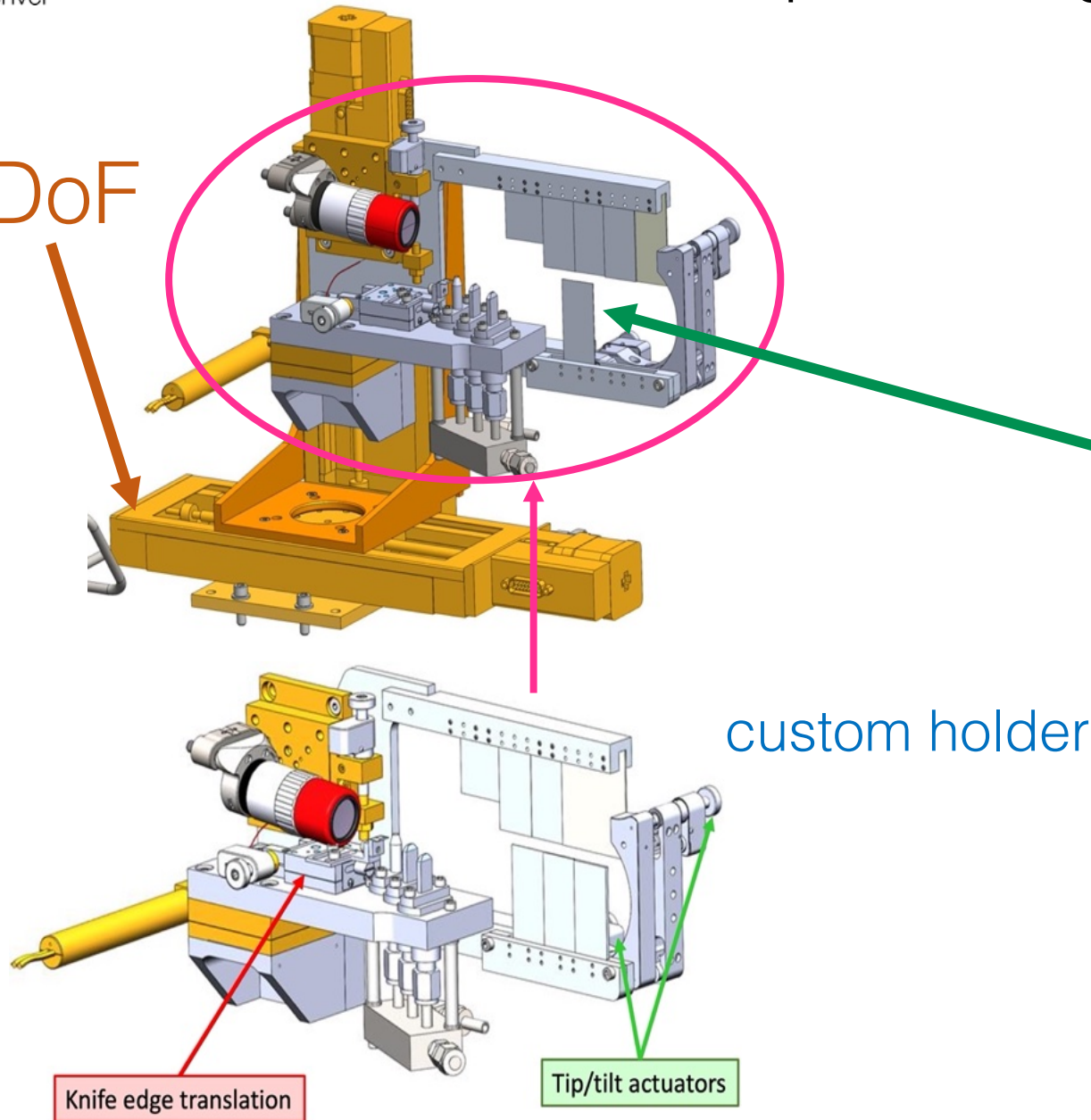
target mount
assembly

electron
beam path

probe laser
mirrors

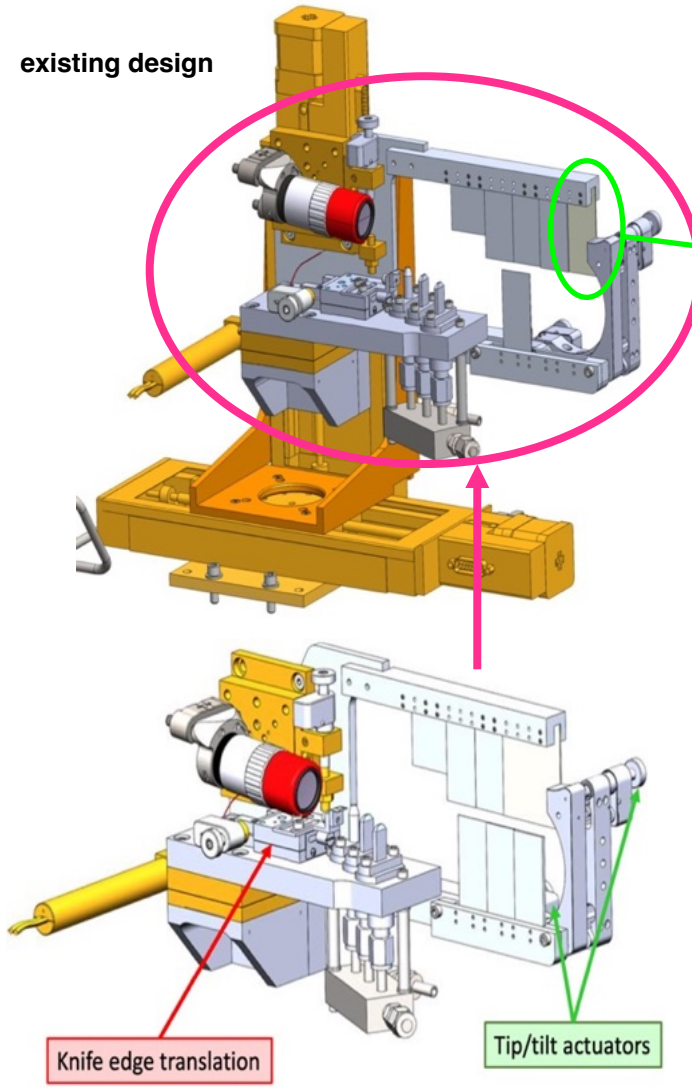
motorized optical stage & custom holder

4 DoF

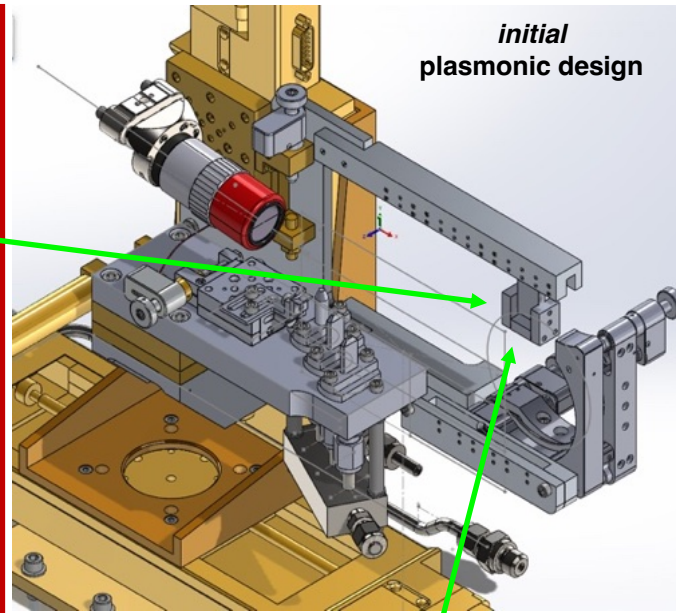


plasmonic sample holder assembly

existing design



initial
plasmonic design

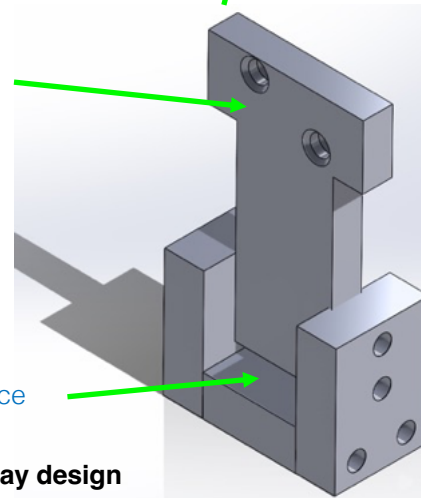


Left top: existing solid target holder assembly,

Right top:

modified target assembly with plasmonic sample holder design compatible with existing solid sample holder,

screw holes

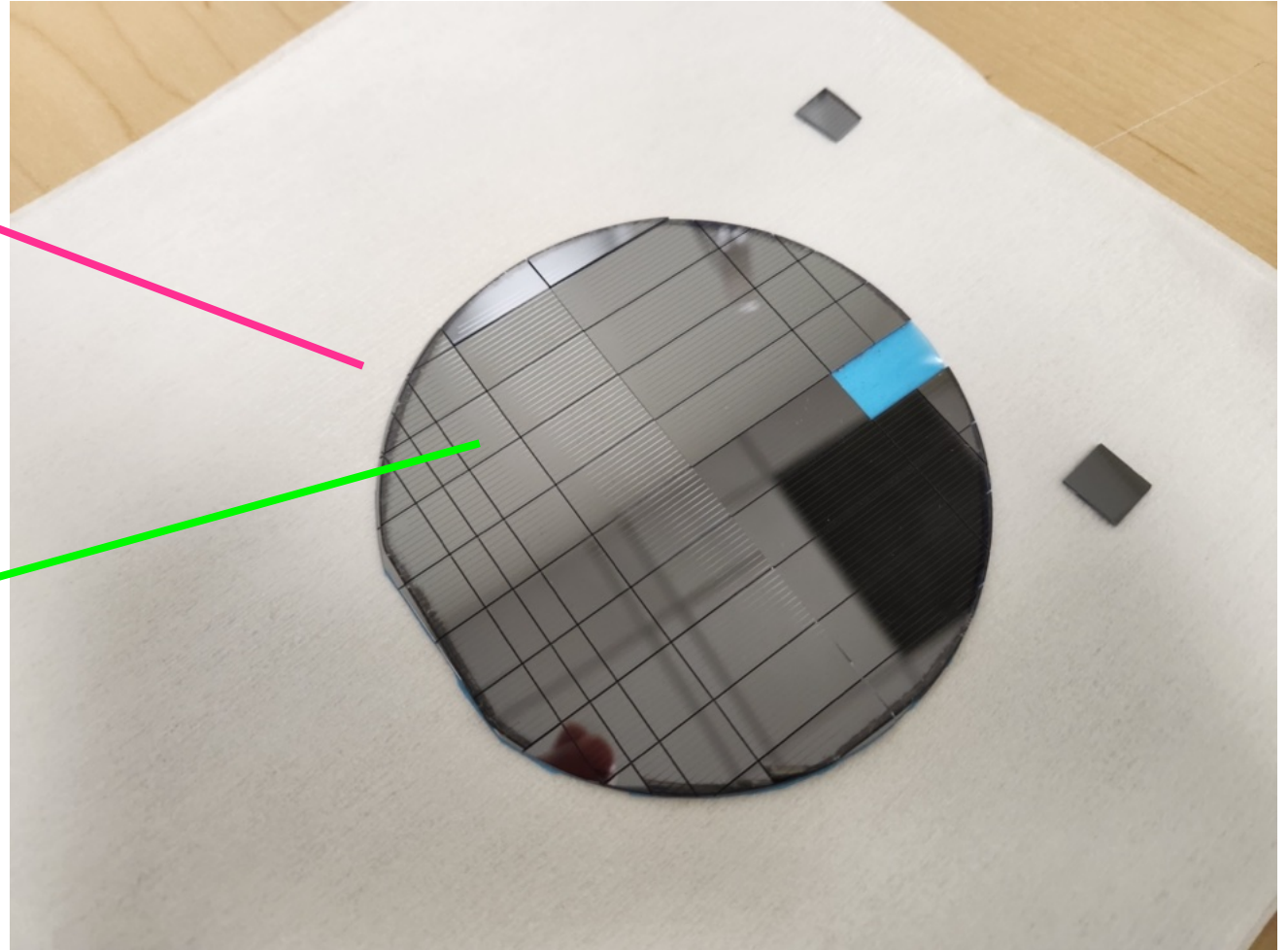
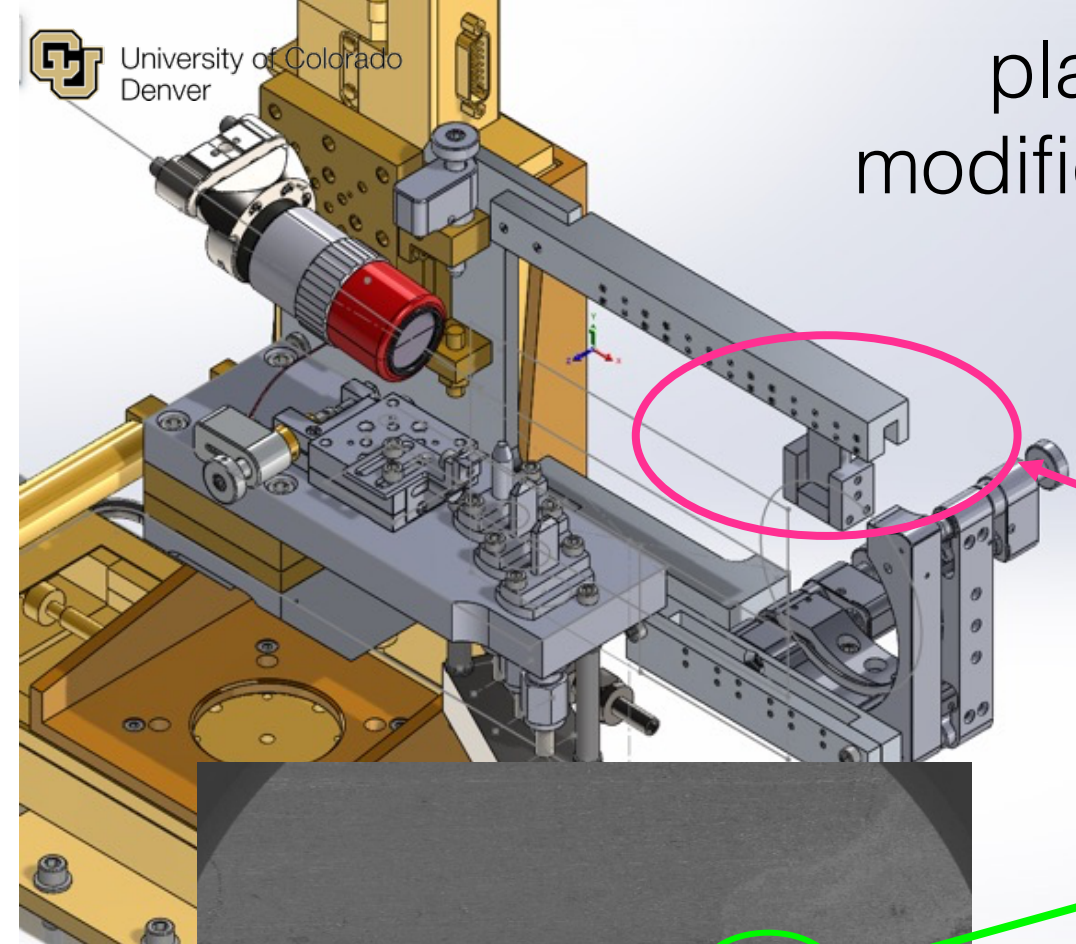


Left bottom:
custom screw rail

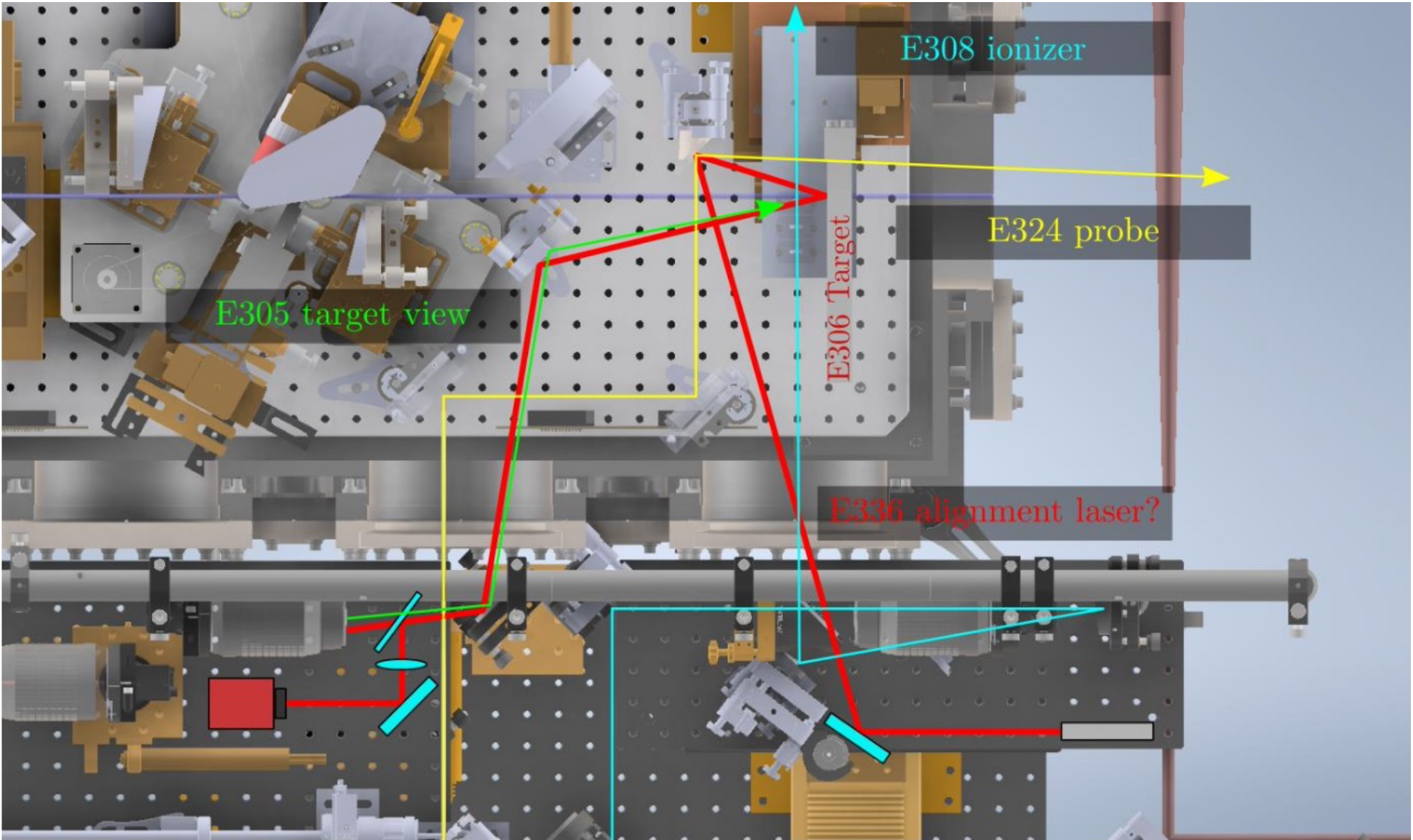
Right bottom:
zoomed-in drawing of the tray-based plasmonic target holder

single-tray design

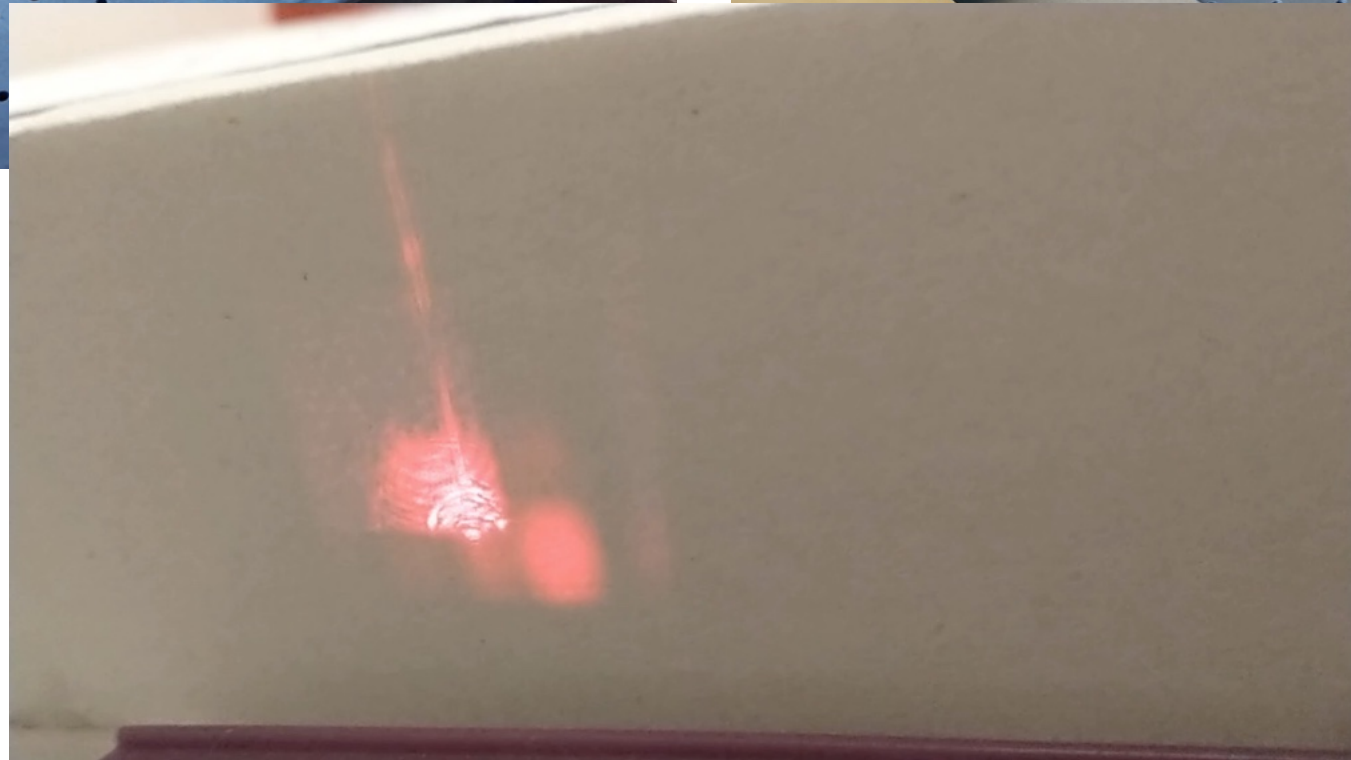
plasmonic sample holder modified for flat plasmonic tubes

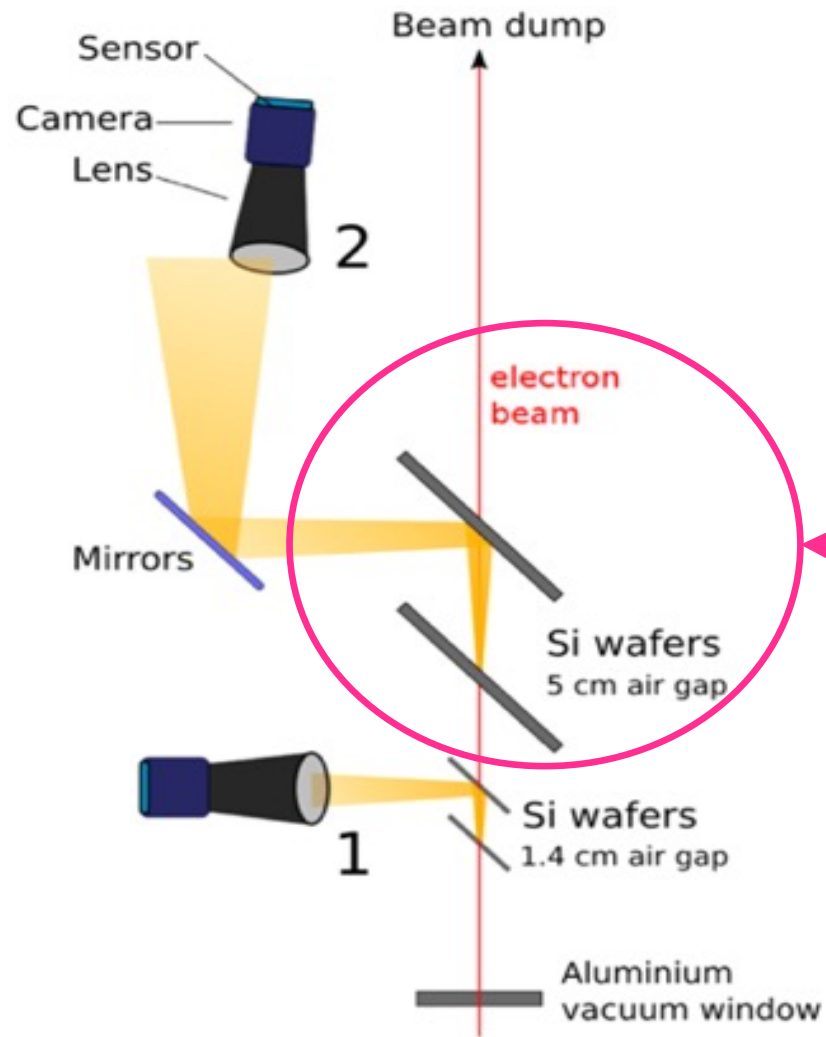


Picnic-basket – possible alignment laser paths



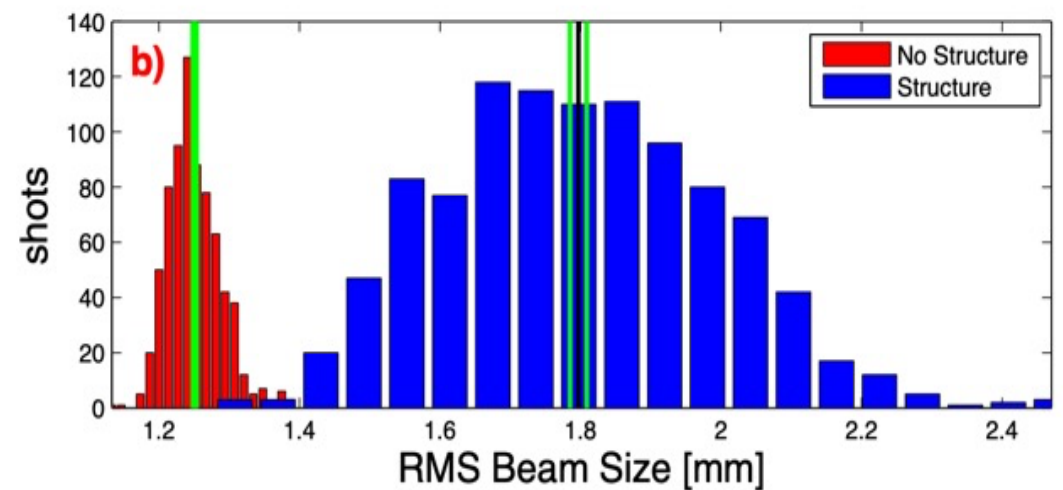
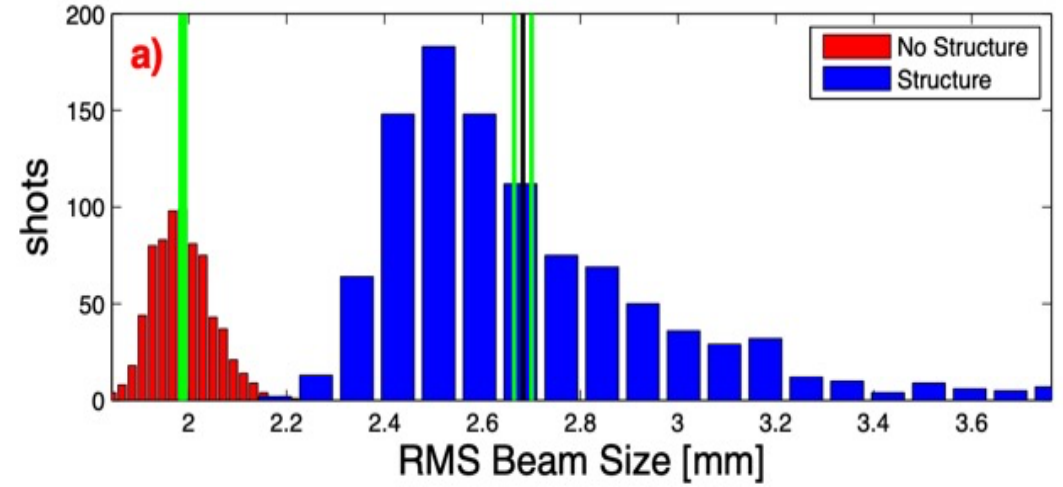
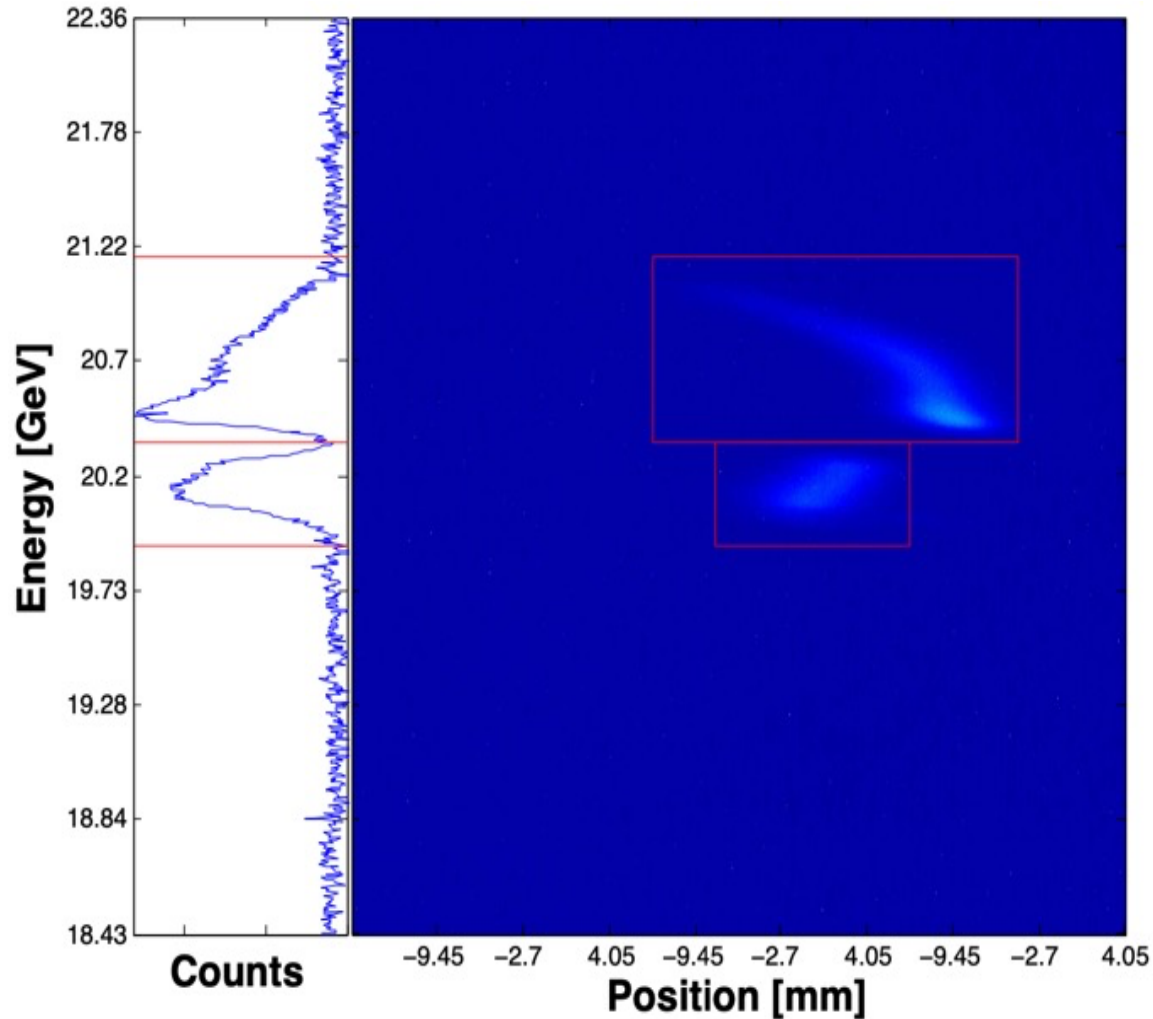
plasmonic tube alignment – prototyping effort





Cherenkov light-based beam transverse profile monitor and energy spectrometer, reproduced from published work.

diagnostics - II



Left, raw spectrometer image obtained using Cherenkov radiation with vertical footprint representing the energy profile and horizontal footprint the transverse profile. **Right**, estimated RMS beam-size.

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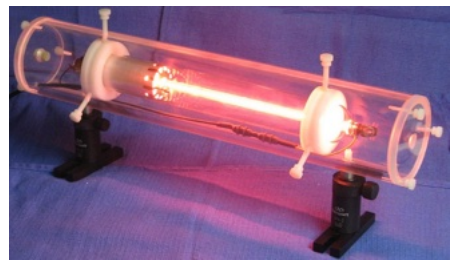
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Extreme field frontier - gas vs solid excitations

excitations in gases

excitations in solids

discharge arc active media
Gaseous lasers



solid-state active media
solid-state lasers

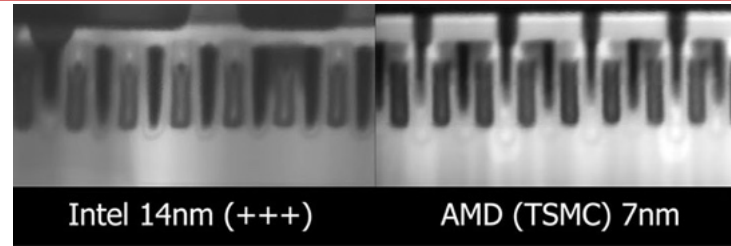
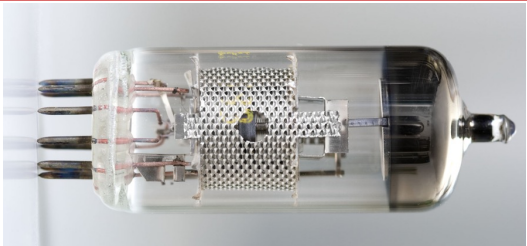
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CFL lamps



solid-state active media
LED lamps

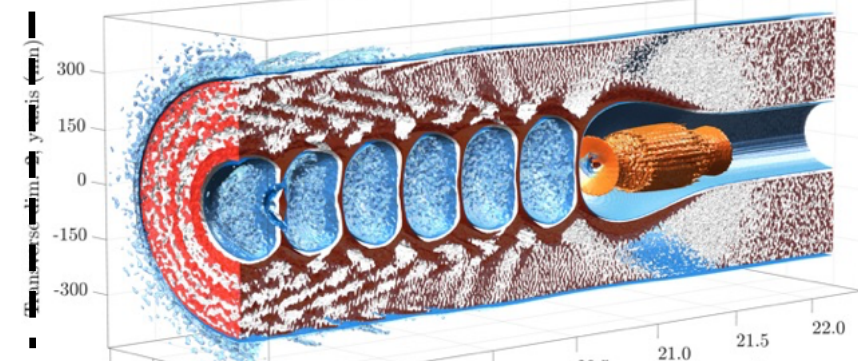
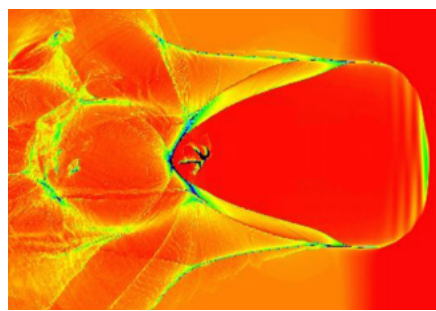
SILICON VALLEY

control e⁻ flow in gas
vacuum tubes

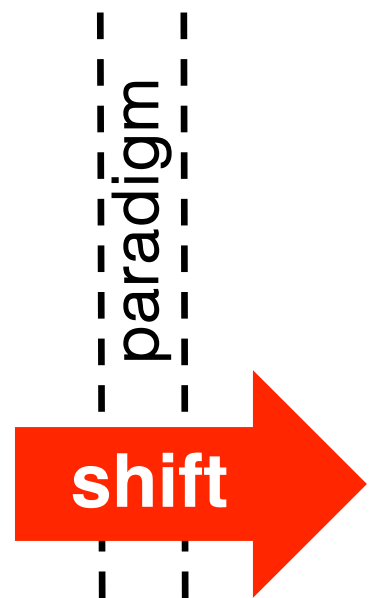


conduction e⁻ control transistor
VLSI chip

gaseous plasma collective mode
Plasma Acc.



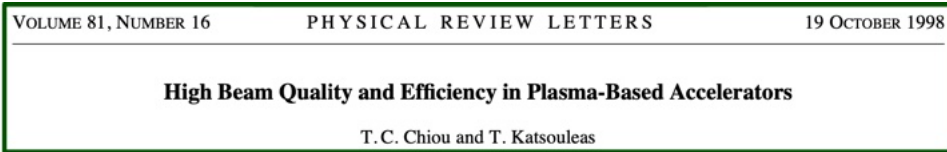
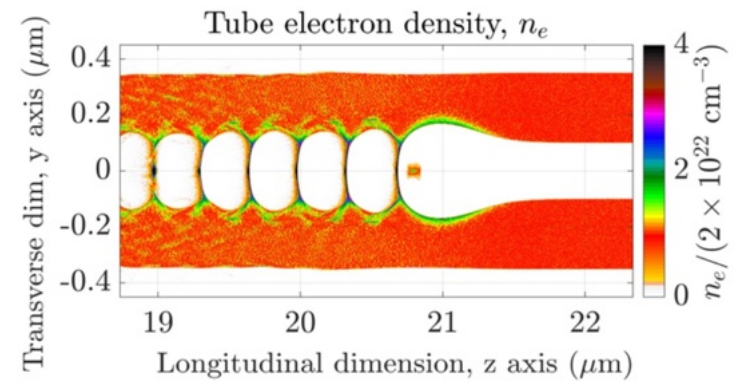
conduction electron collective mode
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Theoretical efforts crunch-in mode

2014-15 proposed new mode in a tube – “*crunch-in mode*”
published in 2015 (IPAC) and 2017 (PRAB)
violates the **well known** and **expt. characterized** “hollow-channel mode”



The focusing force is zero inside the channel for a very relativistic particle. The spikes at the channel walls are

experience strong transverse forces that may disrupt the beam quality. Hollow plasma channels have been proposed as a technique for generating accelerating fields without transverse forces. Here we demonstrate a method for creating an extended hollow plasma

2018-19 put forth *extreme plasmonics* – using Quantum electron gas to prototype the crunch-in mode and make use of its advantageous char. consequence – Fermi gas densities – 10^{24} cm^{-3}

$$0.1 \sqrt{n_0 [10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-3}]} \text{ PVm}^{-1}$$

PV/m EM field frontier

2019 invited talk at Fermilab XTALs workshop
Mar 2020 invited talk at CERN workshop

preliminary publication → Intl. Jour. Modern Phys. A, **34**, 1943009 (2019)
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