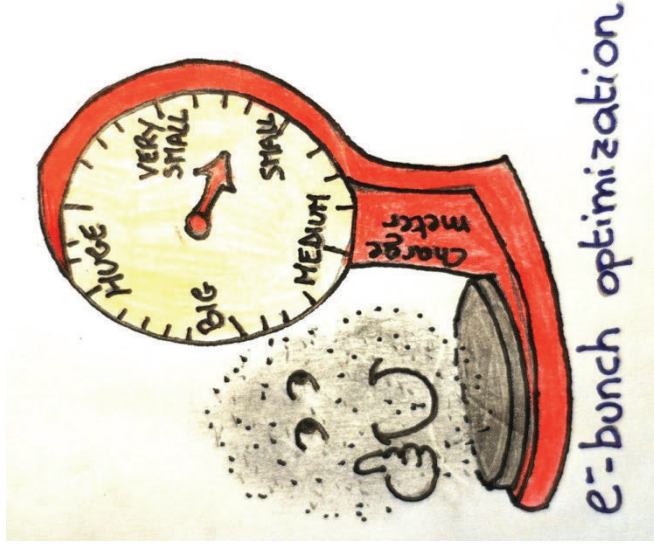


SHORT BUNCH, LOW CHARGE OPERATION AT THE EUROPEAN XFEL USING DIFFERENT LONGITUDINAL PHOTO-CATHODE LASER SHAPING DISTRIBUTIONS

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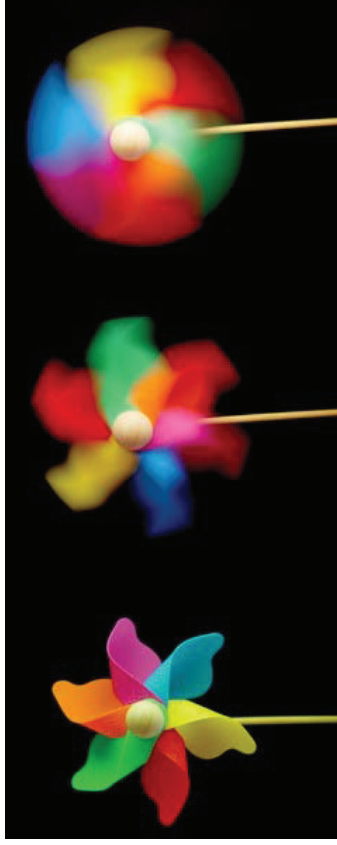


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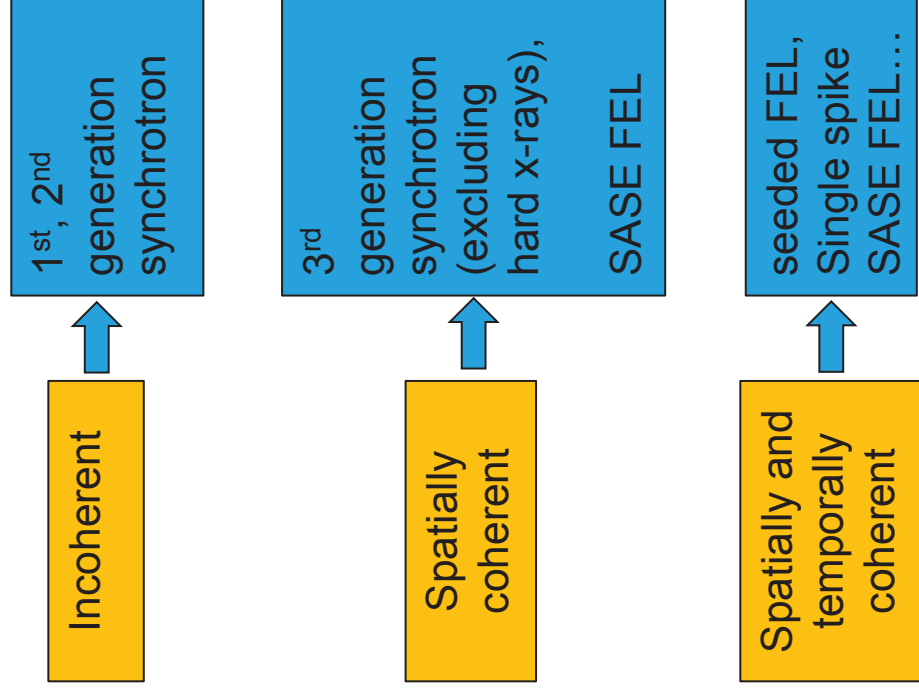


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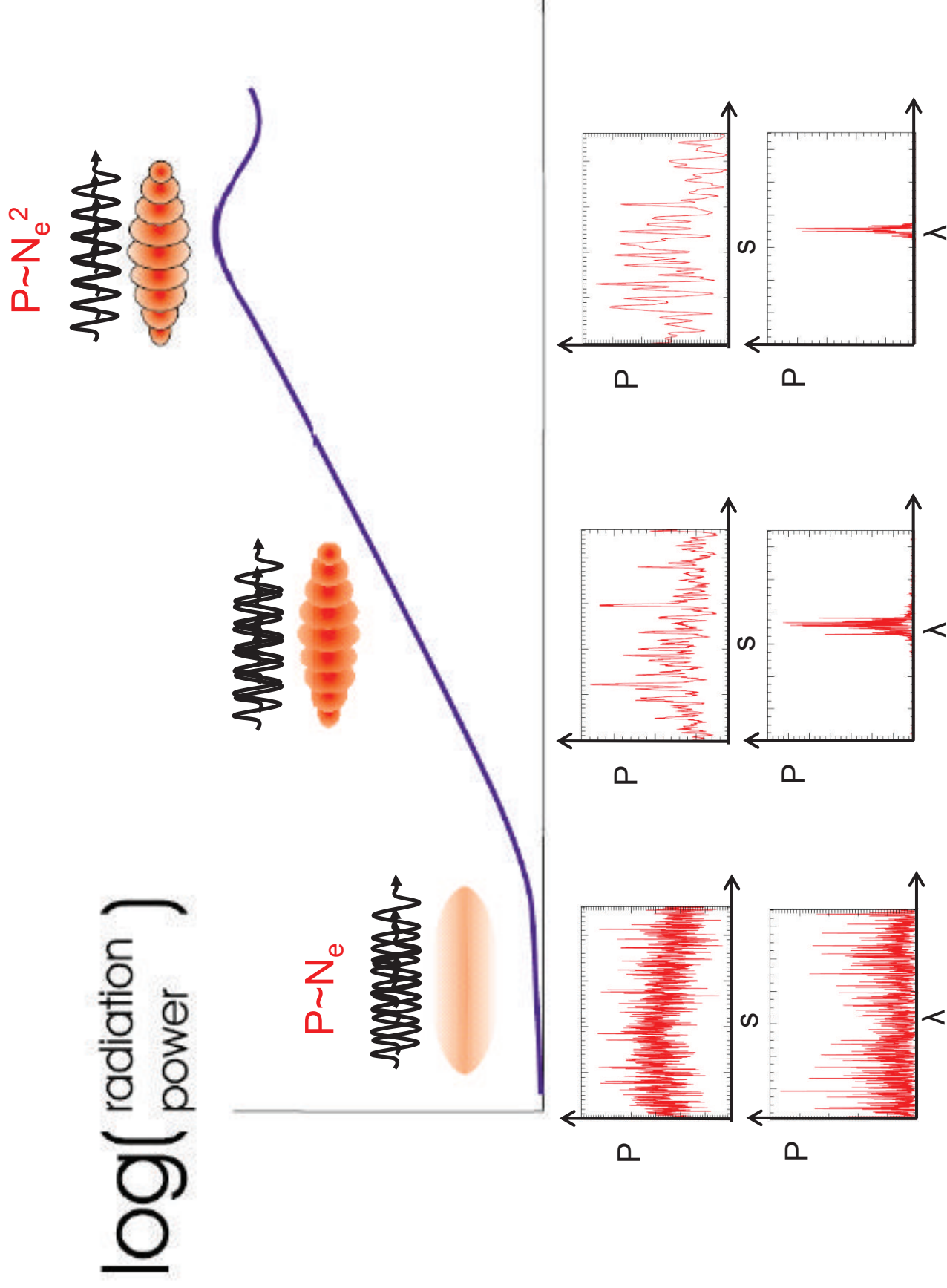


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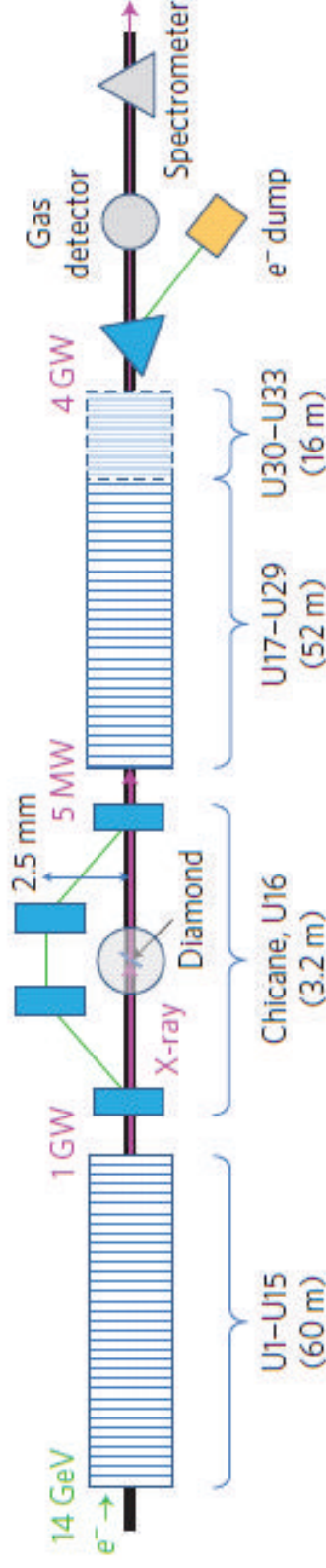


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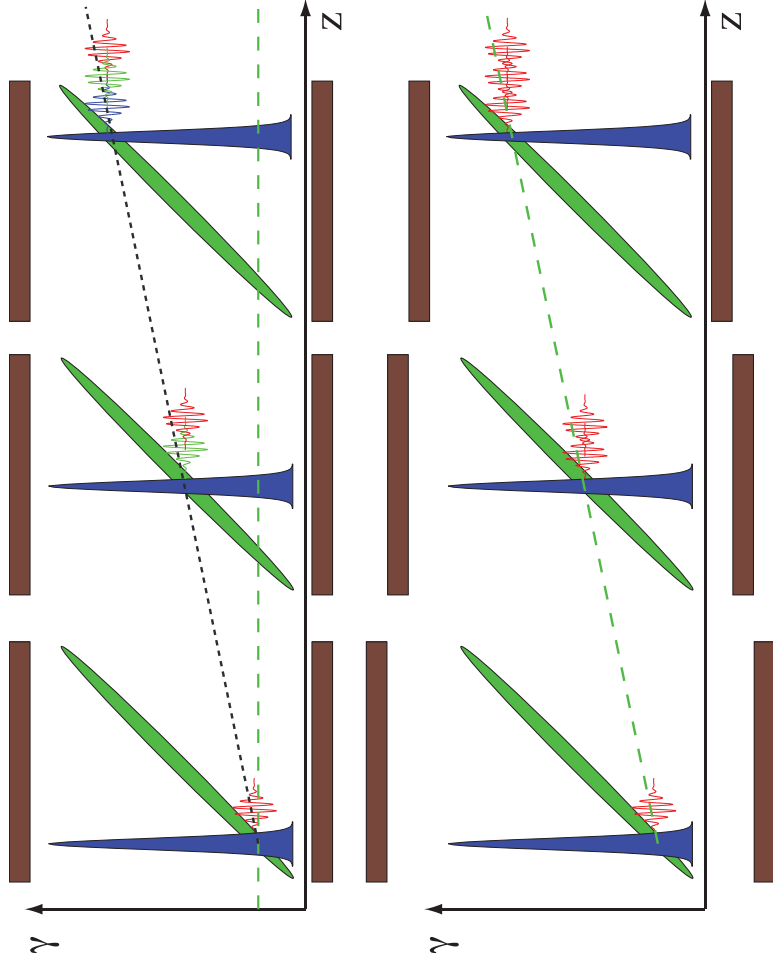
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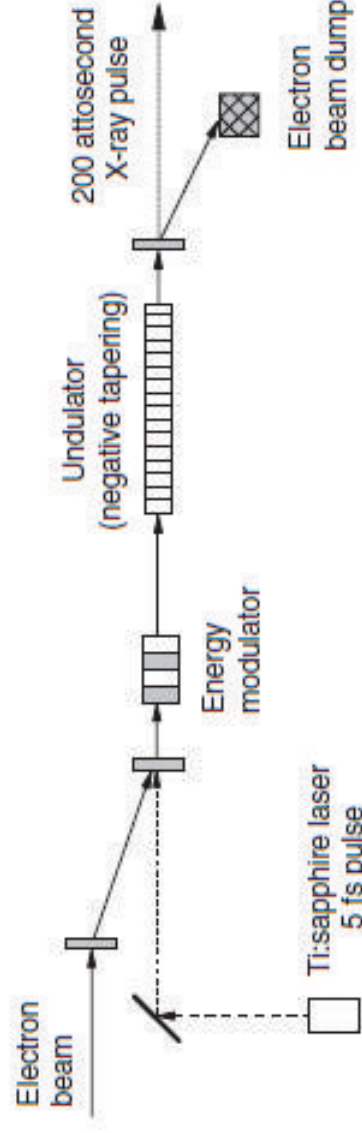
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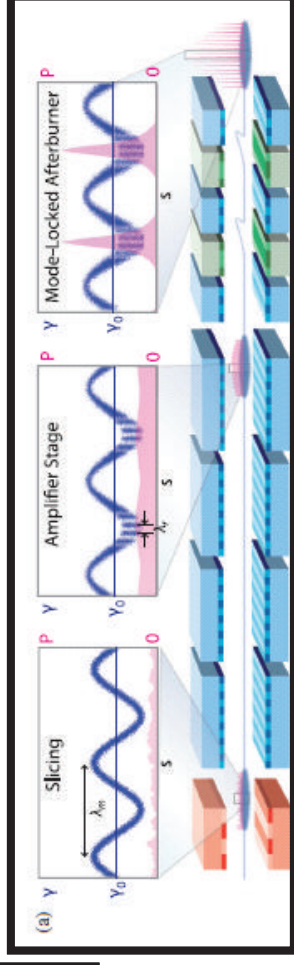
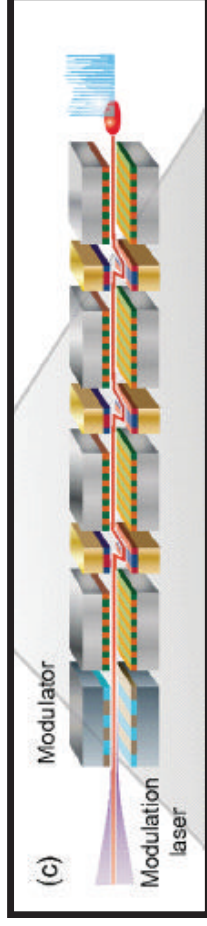


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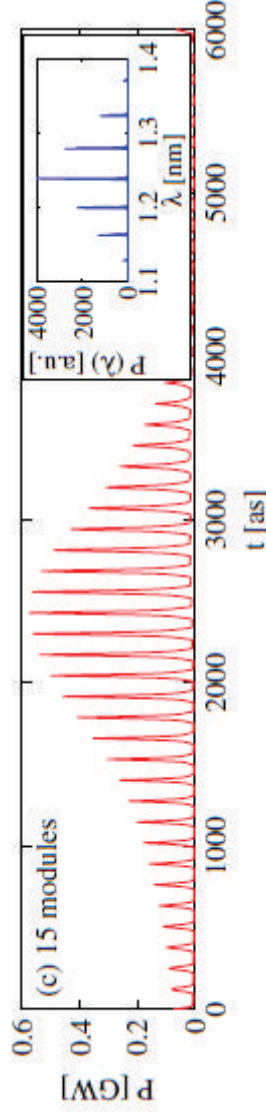
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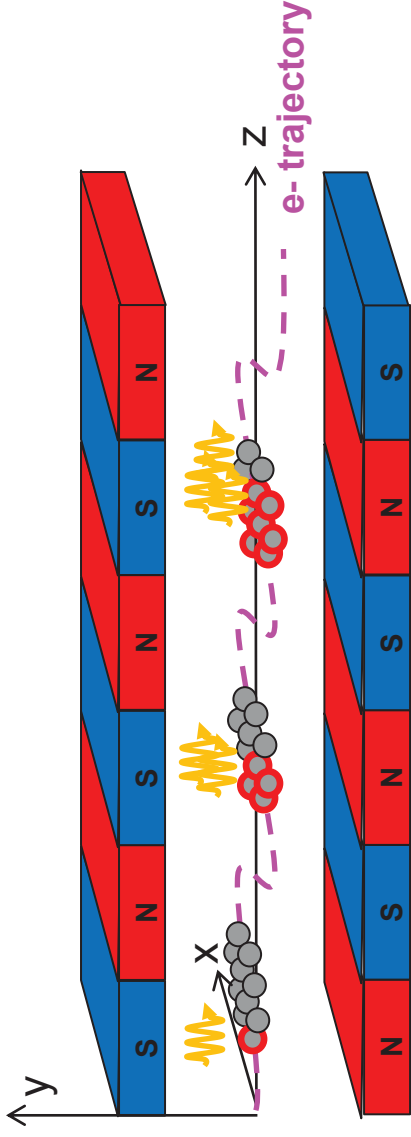
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Cooperation Length



N_w = number of undulator periods
 λ = resonant wavelength

The radiation propagates faster than the electron (it "slips" by λ per undulator period); thus electrons communicate with the ones in front only if their separation is less than the total slippage S :

$$S = N_w \lambda.$$

The Cooperation Length is defined as the slippage in one power gain length

$$L_c = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\rho}$$

ρ = Pierce parameter



Single spike condition in SASE FELs

$$L_b \leq 2\pi L_c \rightarrow \text{single spike regime}$$

$$L_b = \text{bunch length}$$

$$L_c = \text{cooperation length}$$

Number of the spikes:

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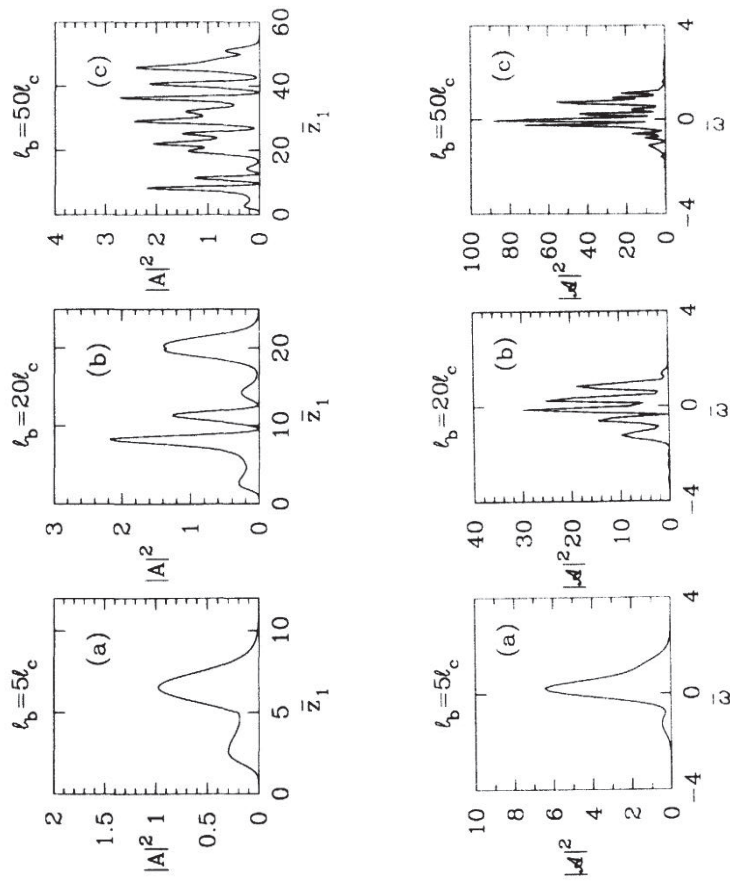
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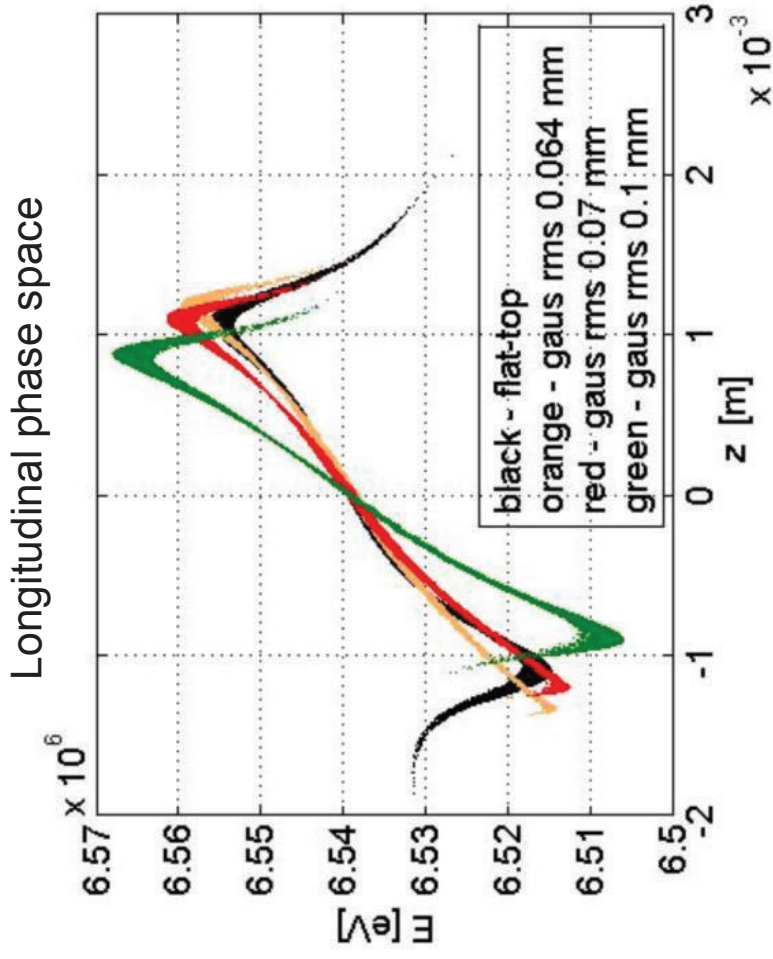
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Input beams



Flat top laser pulse

$2/5.4\sqrt{2}$ ps,

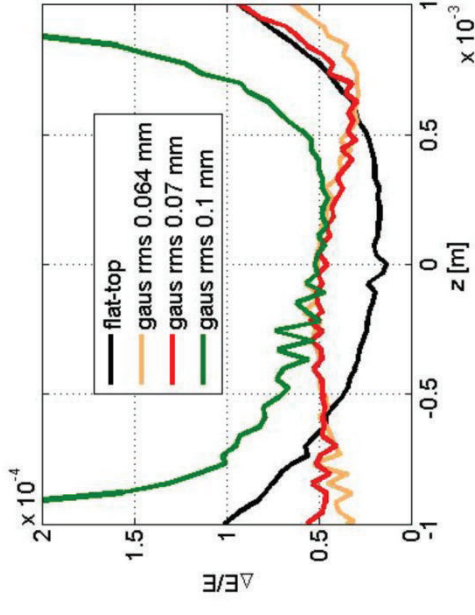
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Gaussian laser pulse

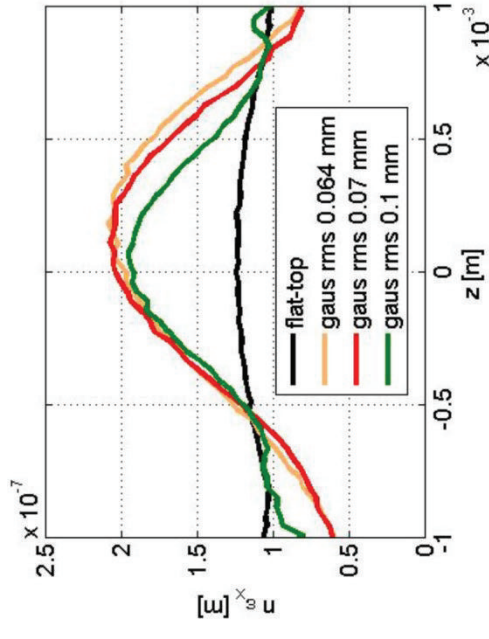
2.1 ps FWHM

transverse rms 0.1-0.07-0.064 mm

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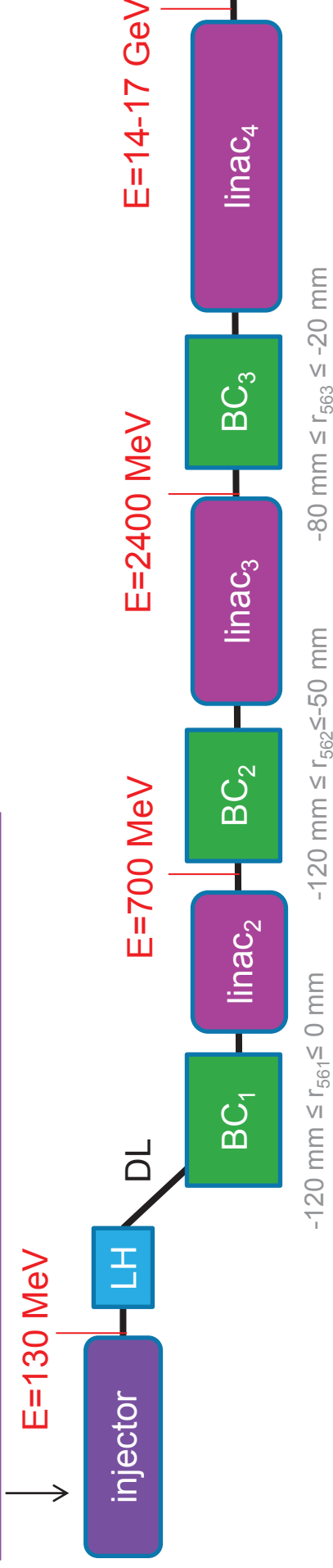


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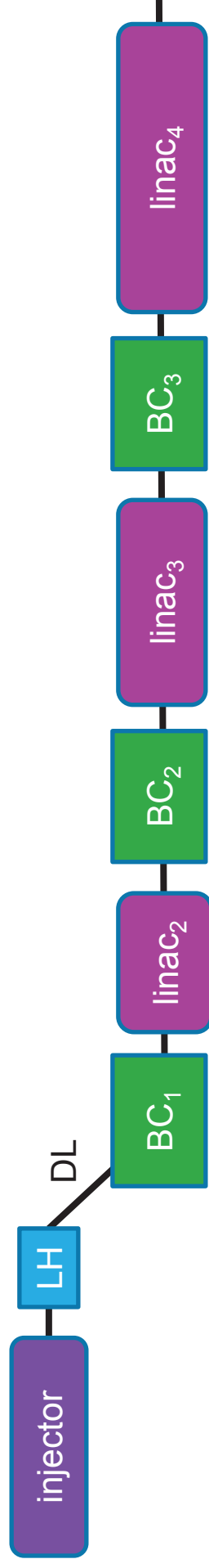


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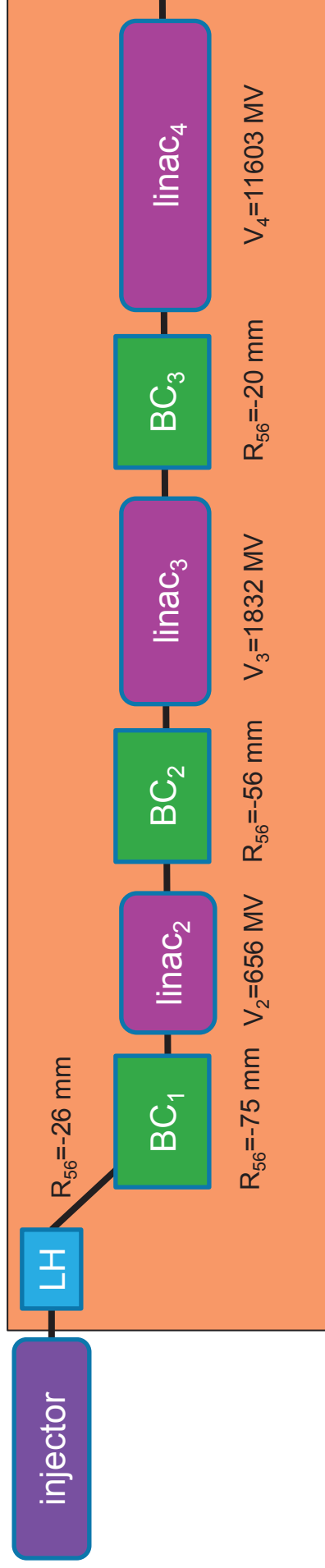
- Photocathode RF gun, 1.6 cell L-band normal conducting having 60 MV/m peak E_{field} at the Cs_2Te cathode
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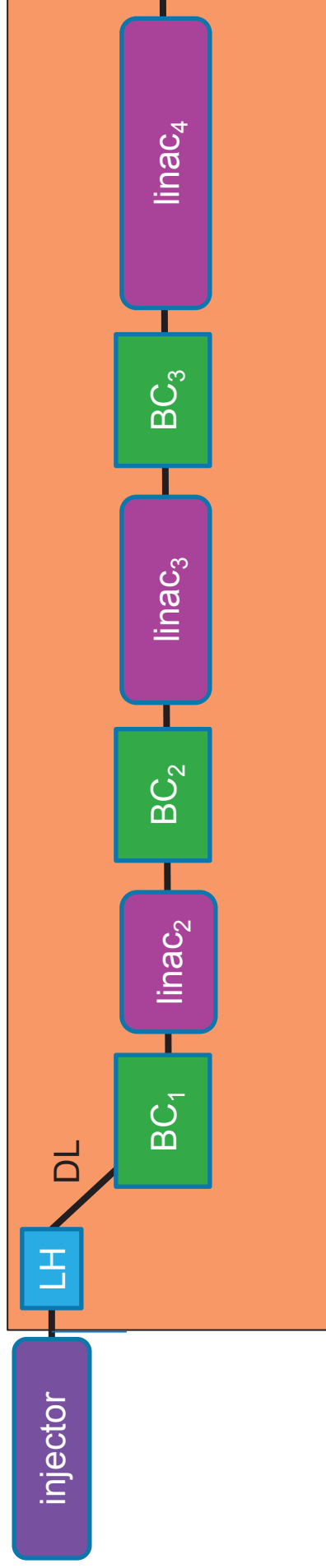
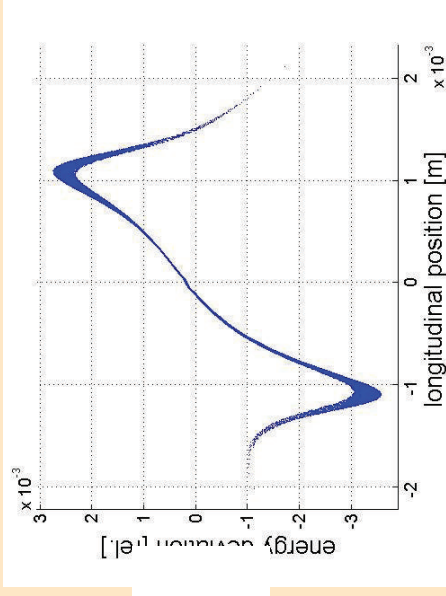
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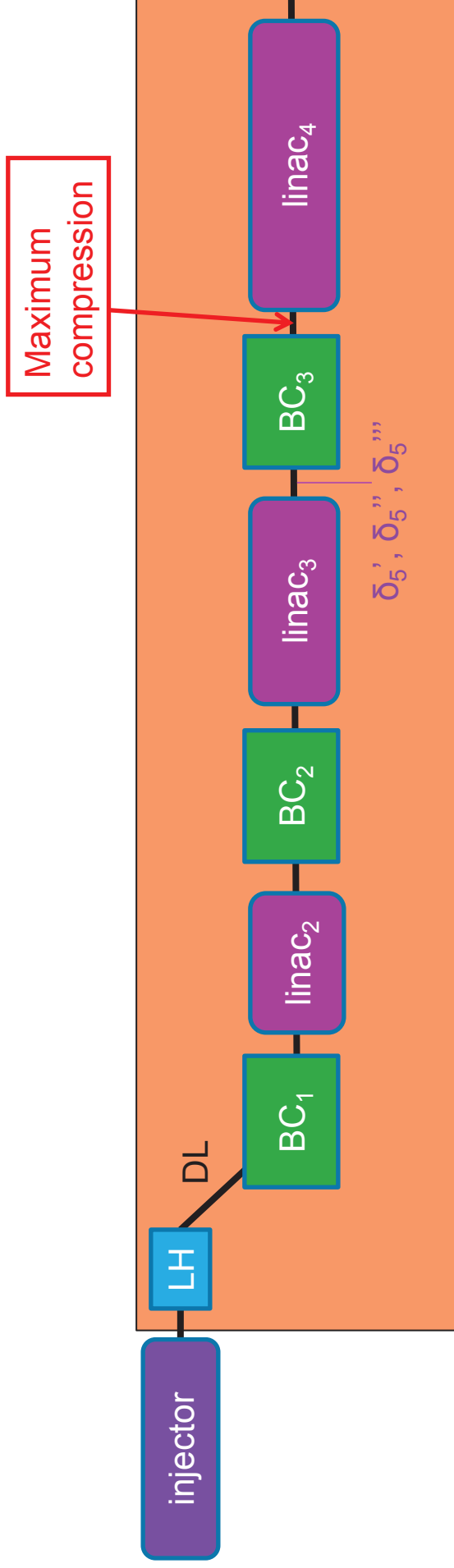
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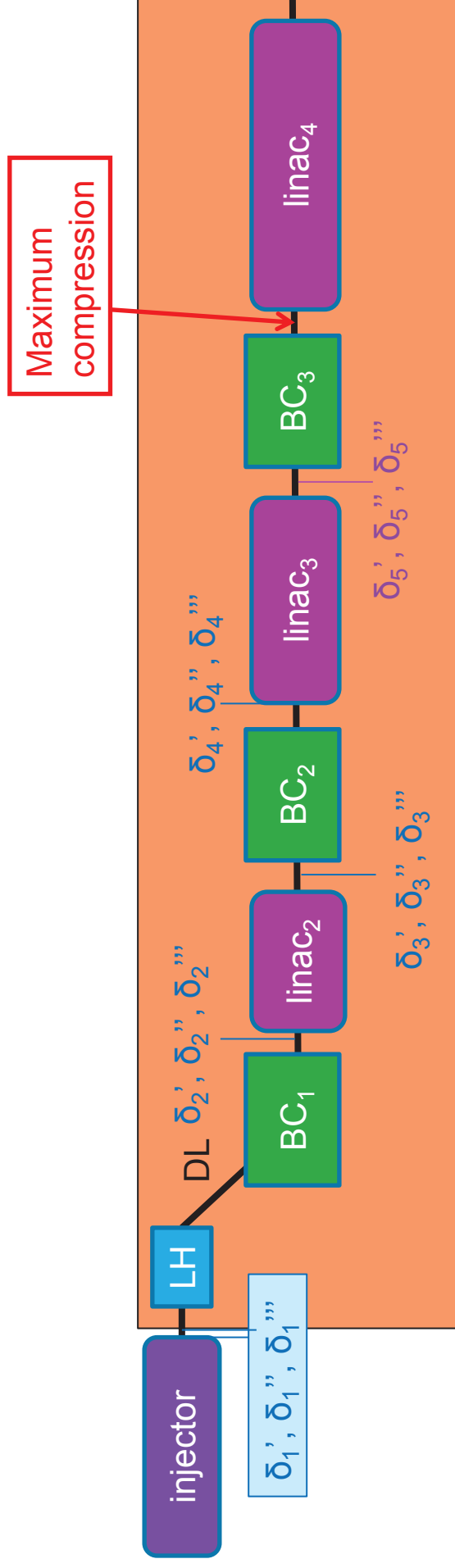
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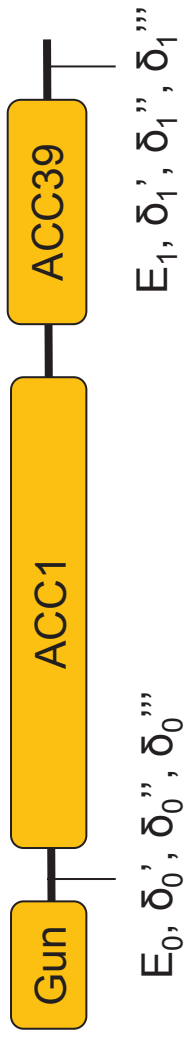
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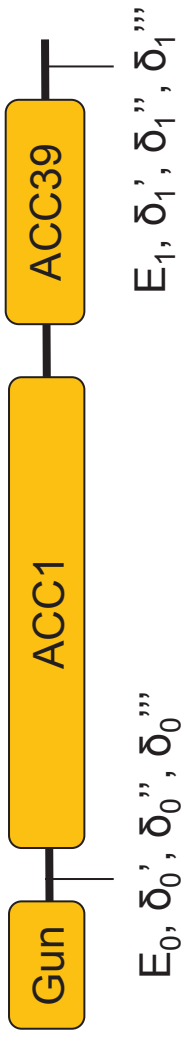
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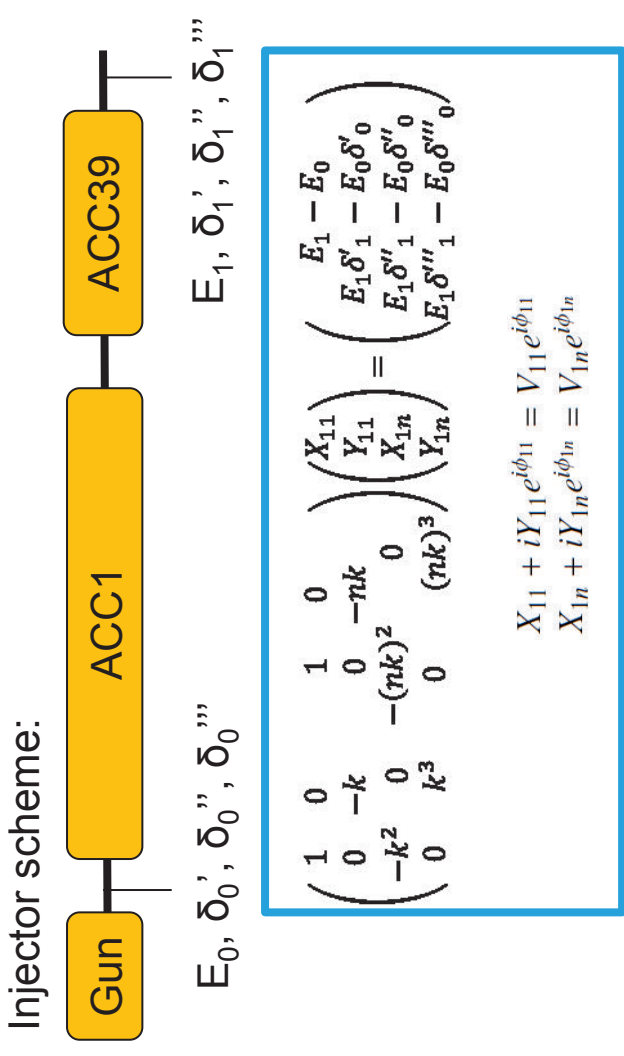


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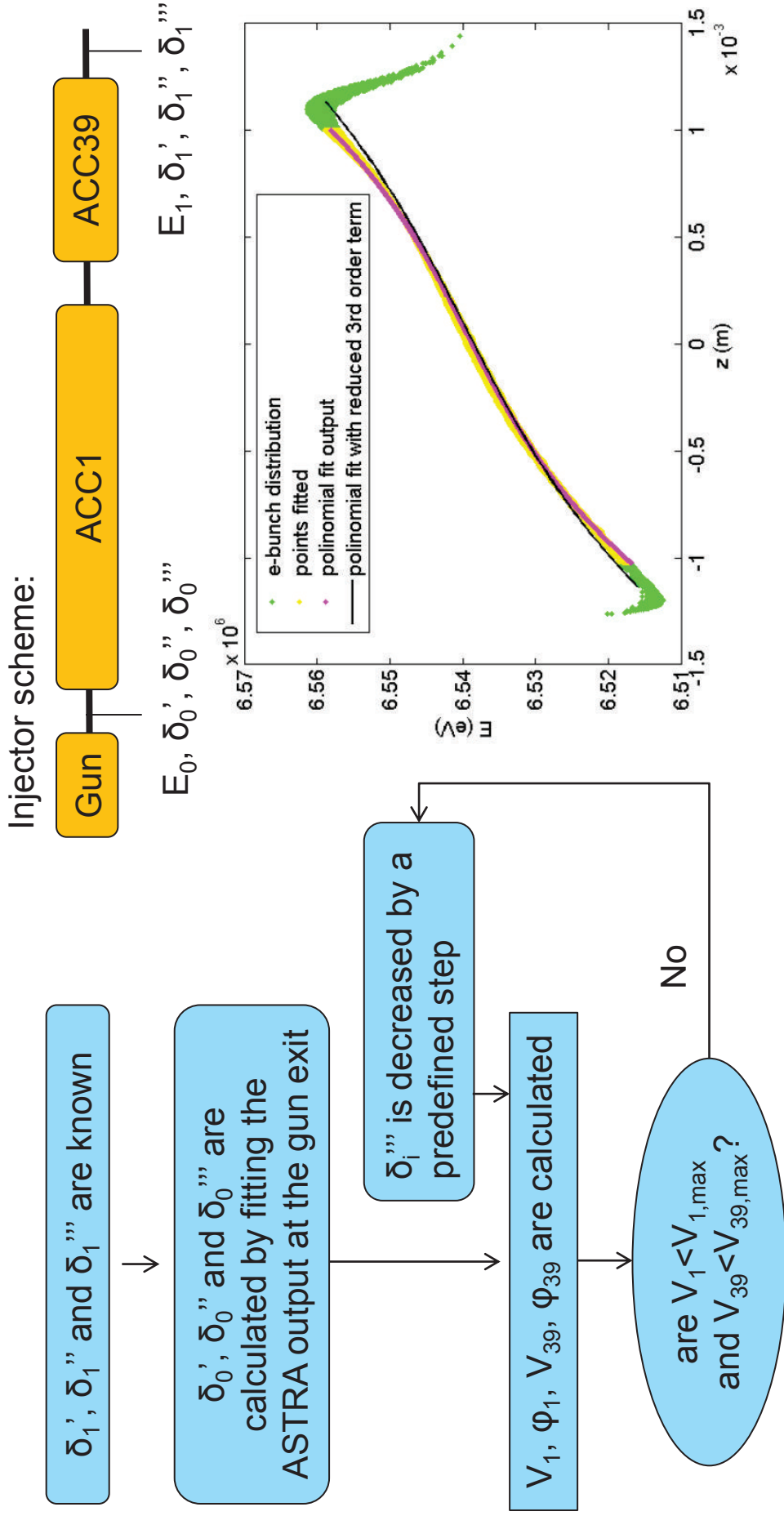
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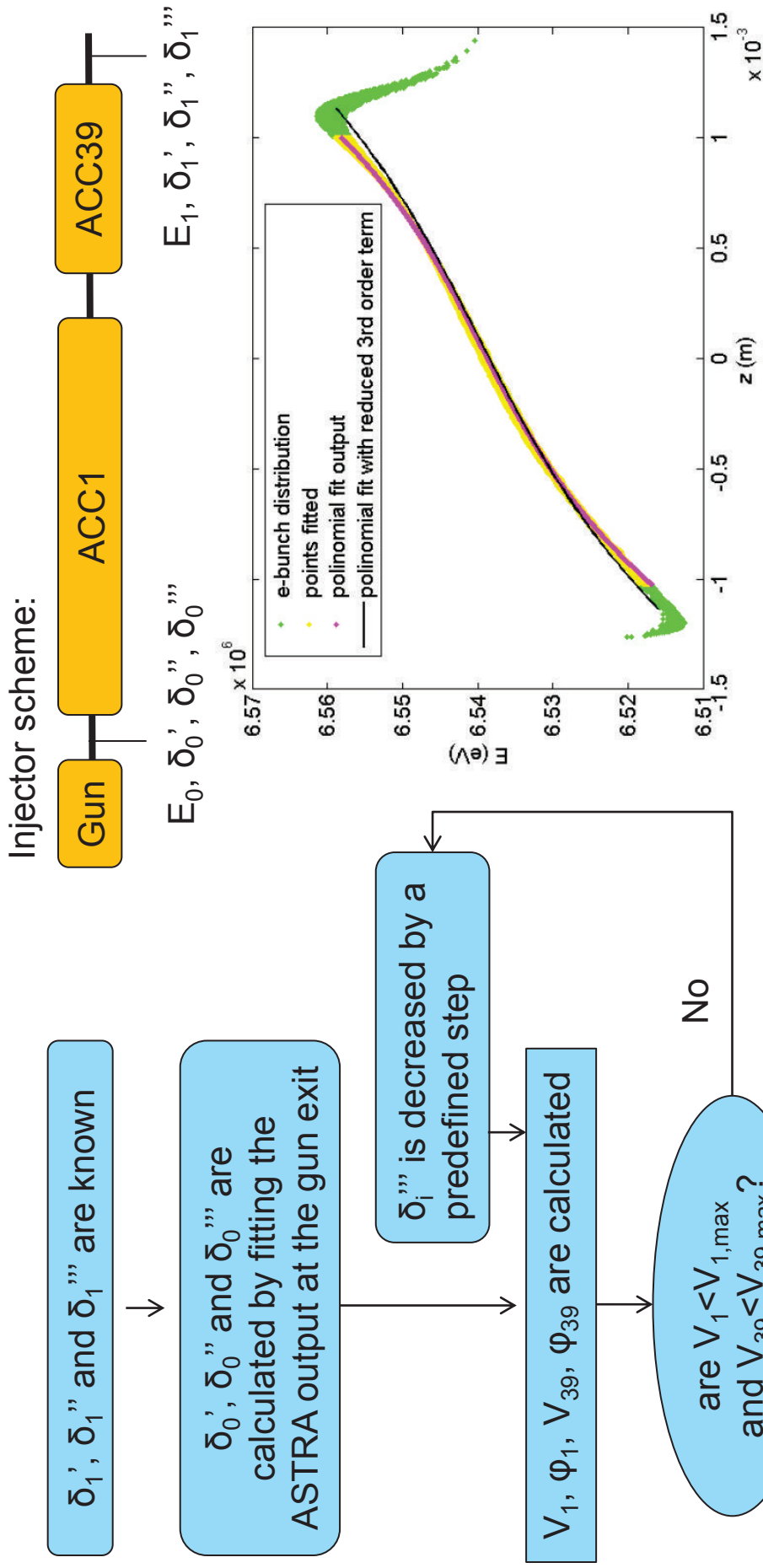
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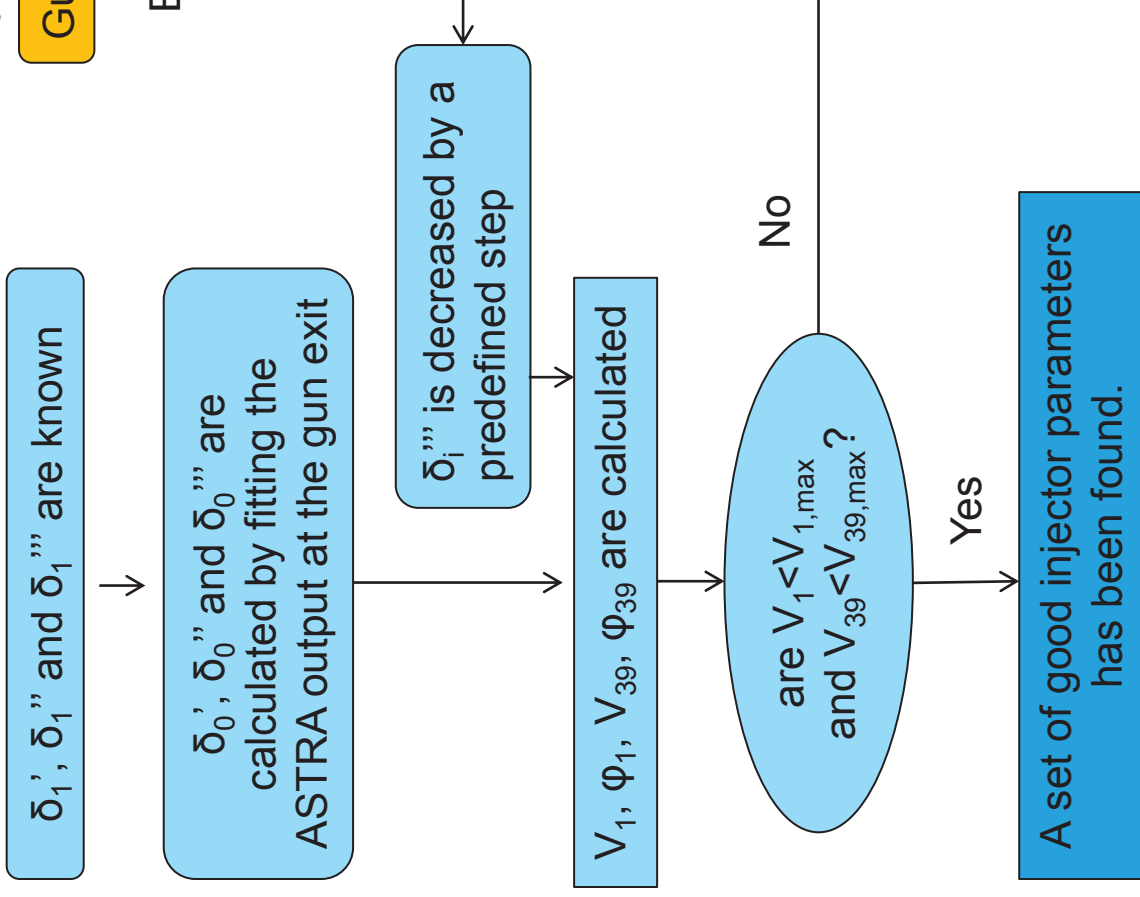
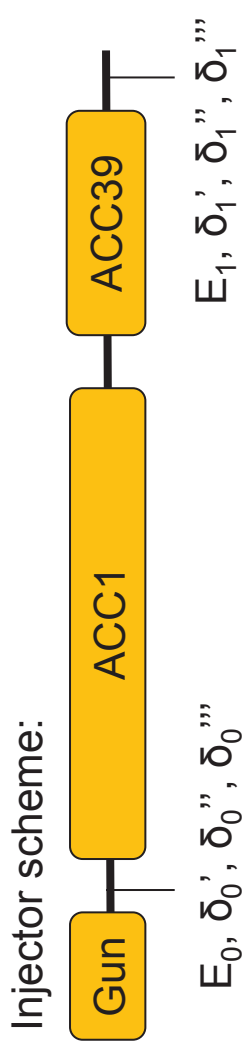


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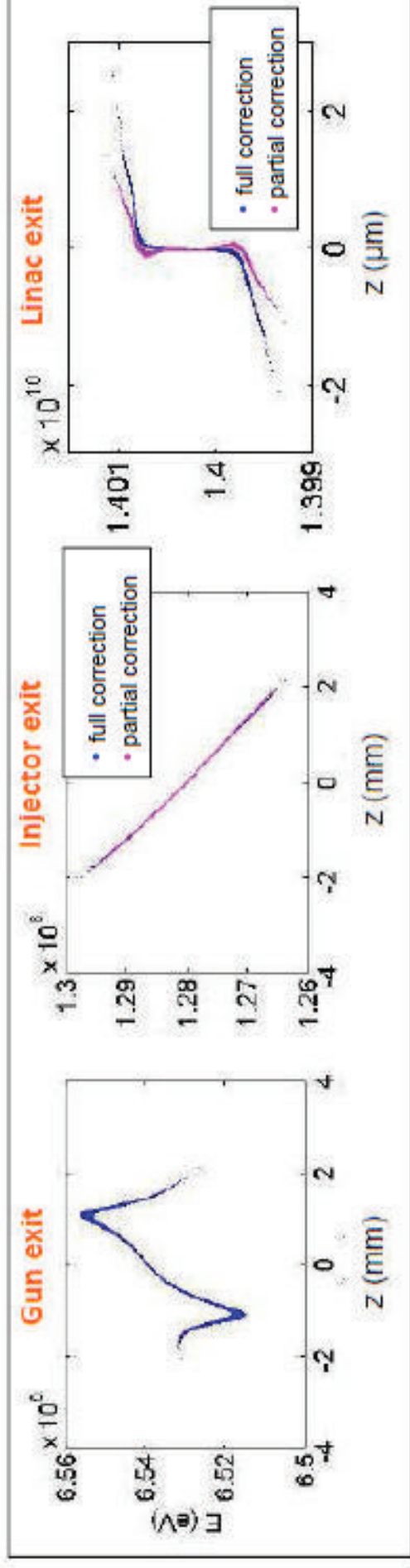
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Calculation of the setup of the injector



Fast 3D simulations procedure

- **ASTRA** (tracking with 3d space charge, DESY, K. Flöttmann) in the **injector**;
- **CSRtrack** (tracking through dipoles, DESY, M. Dohlus, T. Limberg) in the **LH, DL and BCs**
- **Linear transport matrices multiplication in the linac sections**;
- **RF-wakefields and longitudinal space charge along the linac sections have been added analytically** (I. Zagorodnov, M. Dohlus, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 14, 014403 (2011)).



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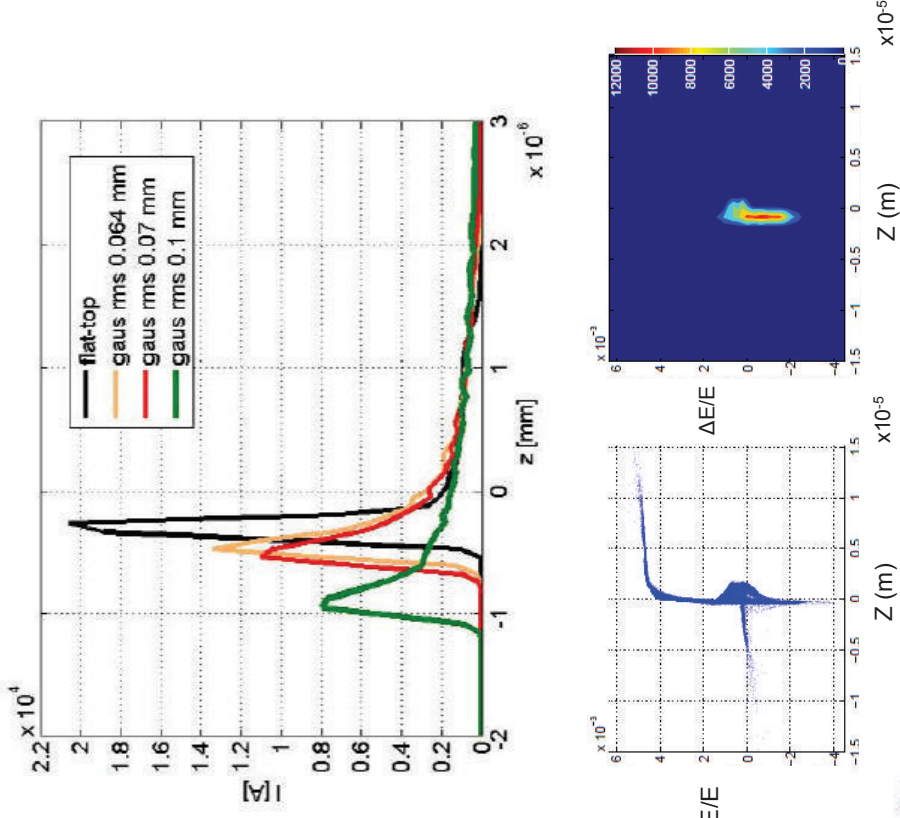
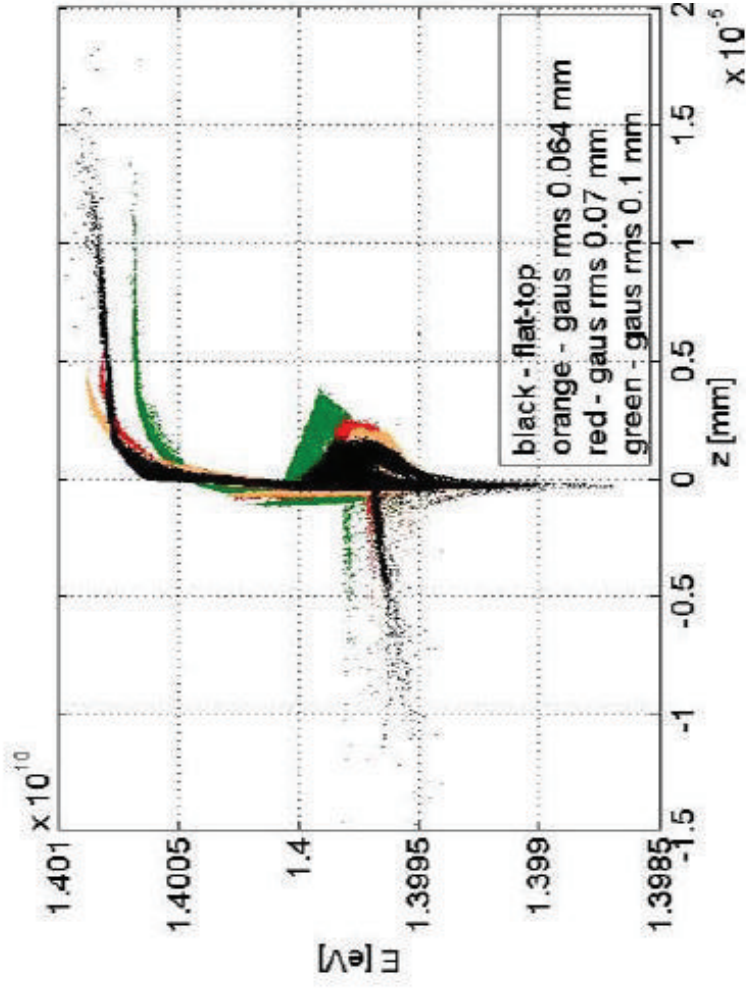


Table 2. Summary of the projected parameters at the exit of the linac for the different input distributions.

Input distr.	$n\epsilon_x$ (μm)	$n\epsilon_y$ (μm)	Energy spread (relative)	FWHM (fs)
Flat-top	0.16	1.11	$2.53 * 10^{-4}$	0.74
Gaus rms 0.064 mm	0.224	0.964	$2.67 * 10^{-4}$	0.934
Gaus rms 0.07 mm	0.21	0.92	$2.33 * 10^{-4}$	1.14
Gaus rms 0.1 mm	0.19	0.804	$1.44 * 10^{-4}$	1.44



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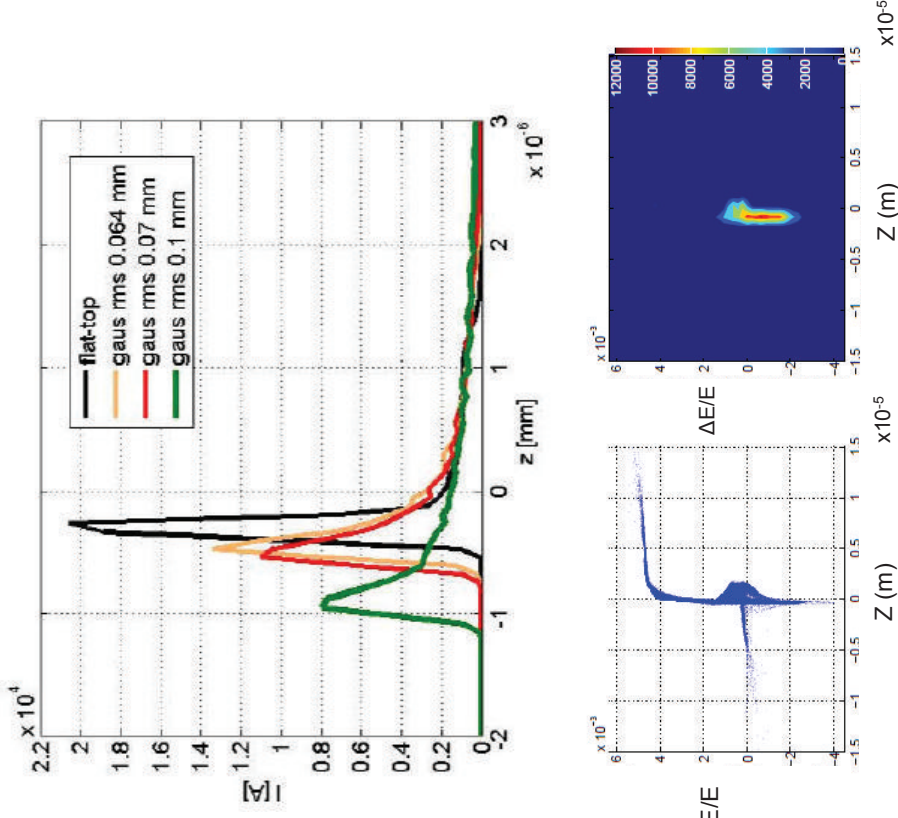
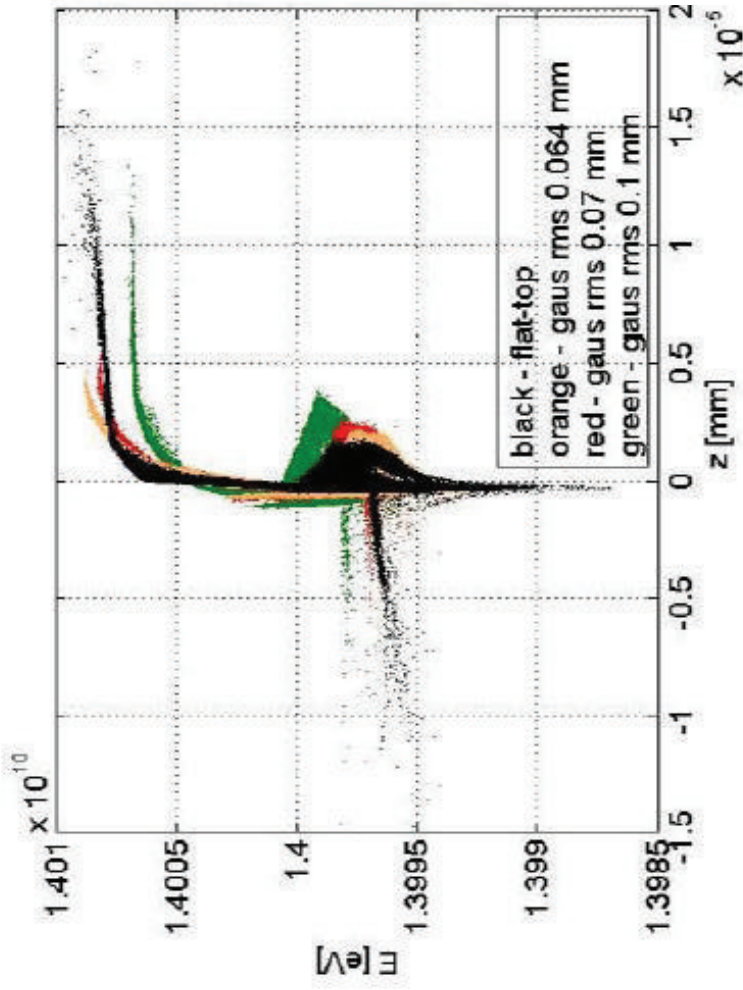
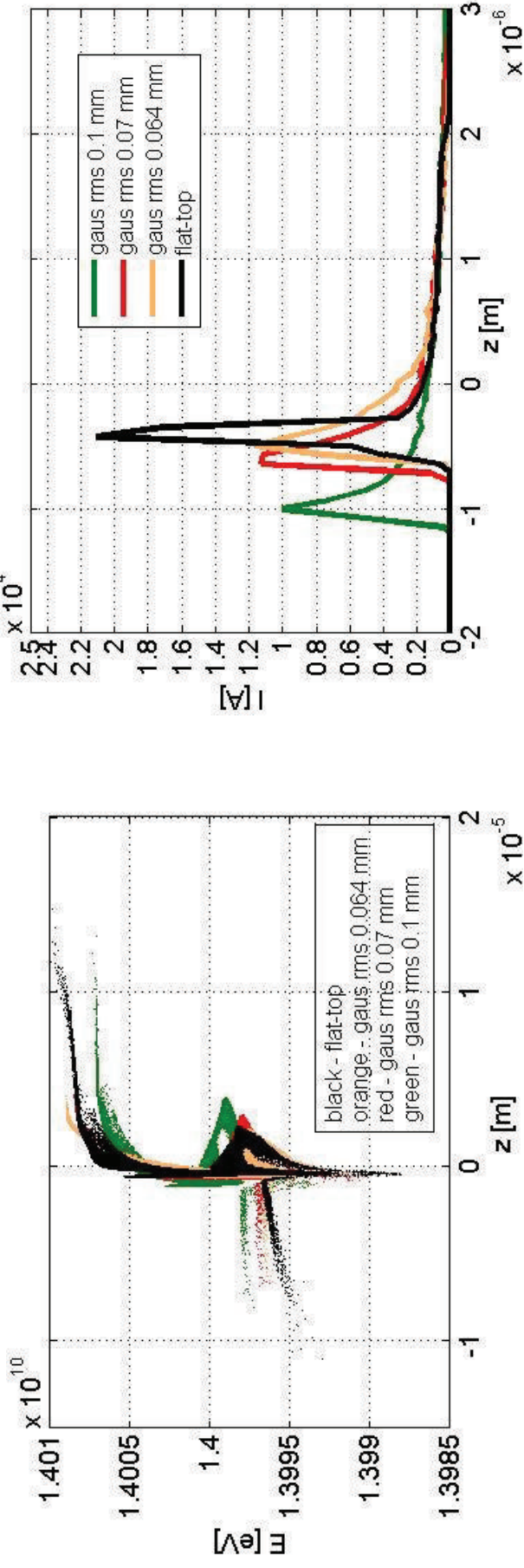


Table 1. Summary of the partial compression factors for the different input distributions.

Input distr.	DL	BC_0	BC_1	BC_2
Flat-top	1.3	2.8	7	329
Gaus rms 0.064 mm	1.3	2.1	9.5	259
Gaus rms 0.07 mm	1.3	2.1	9.6	195
Gaus rms 0.1 mm	1.3	2.1	9.6	122



Results (maxV₁=150 MV, maxV₃₉=30 MV)

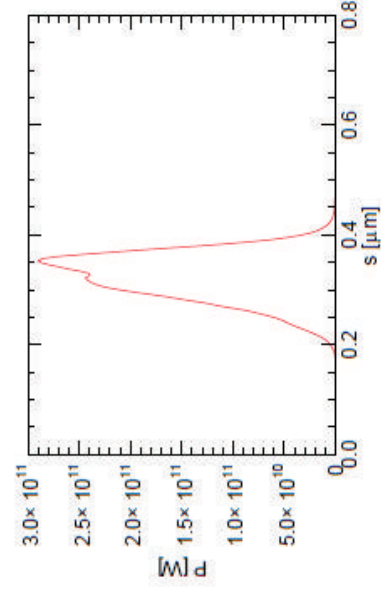
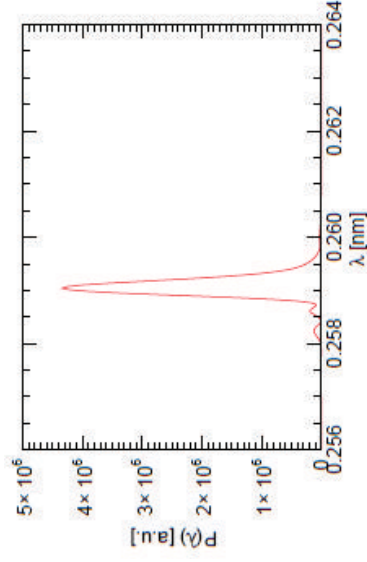
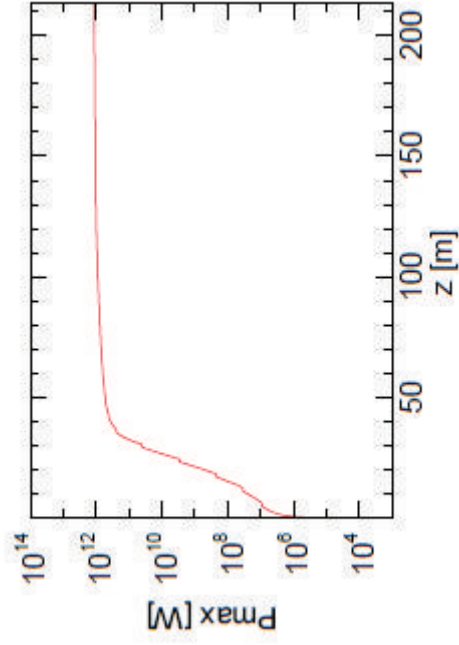
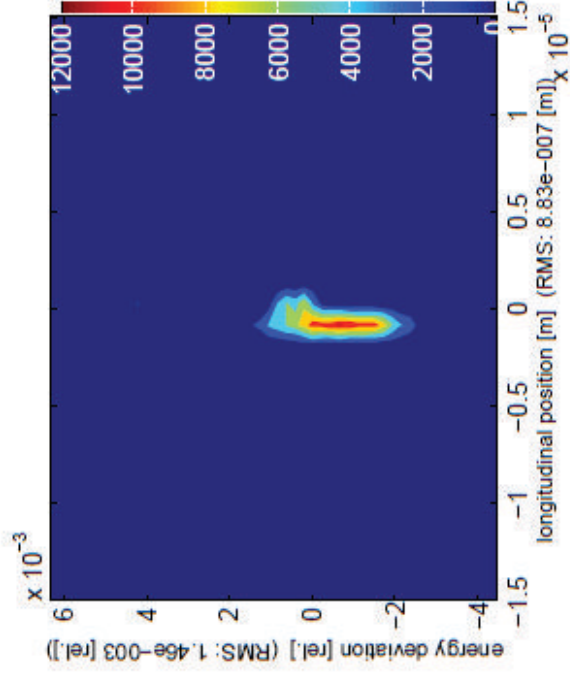
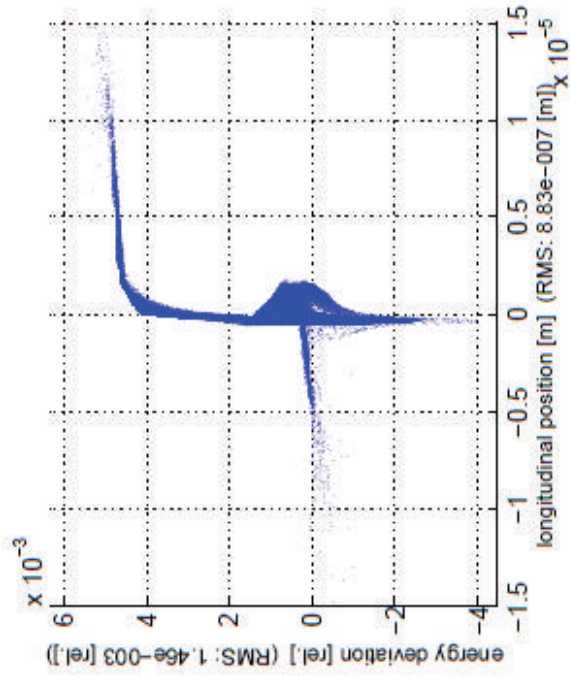


	$n\mathcal{E}_x$ [mm*mrad]	$n\mathcal{E}_y$ [mm*mrad]	ΔE [rel]	Long. FWHM [fs]
Flat-top	0.29	0.94	2.29*10 ⁻⁴	0.43
Gauss 0.064 mm	0.31	0.77	2.67*10 ⁻⁴	1.13
Gauss 0.07 mm	0.29	0.73	2.12*10 ⁻⁴	1.05
Gauss 0.1 mm	0.28	0.67	1.36*10 ⁻⁴	1.11



Radiation

Period [mm]	40
Magnetic Field [T]	1.14
K	4.27
E-bunch energy	14
Wavelength [nm]	2.6

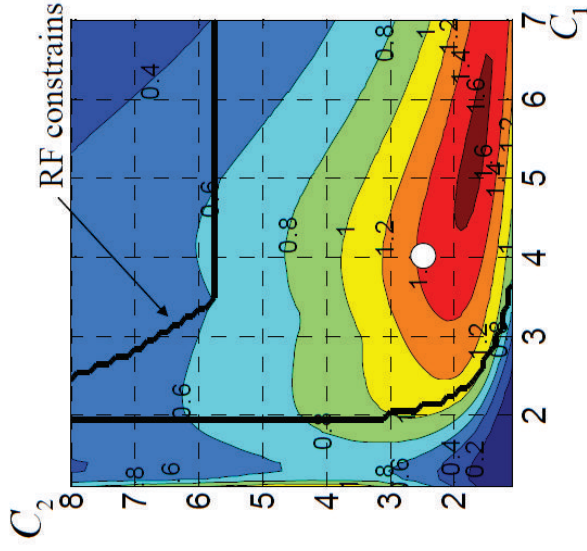


RF tolerances

The RF-jitter that affects most the compression comes from ACC1.

Tolerances on jitter of ACC1 to have 10% variation of the compression factor using a 20ps long flat-top (20pC charge):

$$\frac{|\Delta v_{1,1}|}{V_{1,1}} 10^5$$



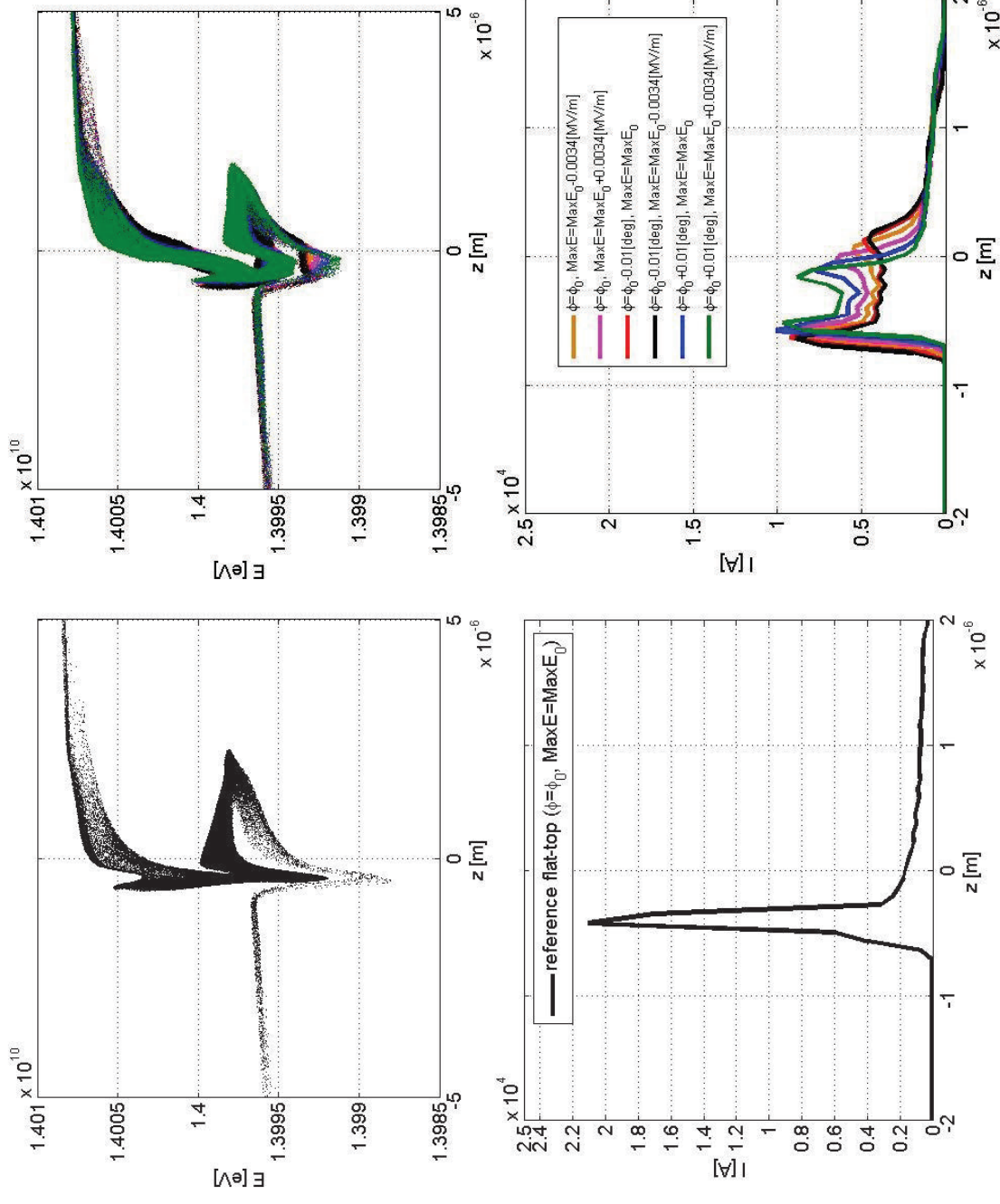
Tolerances on jitter of ACC1 for the simulated short flat-top:

$$\frac{|\Delta v_{1,1}|}{V_{1,1}} = 5.4e-005$$

RF tolerances – effect of the jitter of ACC1

Instability in the current profile for:

$\Delta\phi = \pm 0.01$ deg
 $\Delta\text{max}E = \pm 0.01\%$



Limits of the presented simulations

- The transverse space charge in the linac1 has not been yet included.
- The transport between the exit of linac3 and the entrance of the undulator has been neglected
- In the simulations using Genesis the wakefields in the undulator and the longitudinal SC have not been included.



Conclusions and outlook

- A working point for the European XFEL delivering a single spike radiation pulse at 0.26 nm wavelength has been discussed using fast 3D start to end simulations. This configuration presents an e-bunch already fairly short at the gun exit in order to relax the RF tolerances.
- Full 3D simulations are foreseen using this setup in order to confirm or correct the result. In particular we expect that the inclusion of the 3D space charge force in the linac may impact the total emittance and the slice energy spread of the beam.
- In order to tune the machine settings the full characterization of the electron bunch at the gun exit (in particular the knowledge of its longitudinal phase space distribution) is crucial. Experimental measurements to characterize the e-bunch properties at the exit of the gun are feasible at the PITZ facility at DESY, Zeuthen site, where the same laser and gun of the XFEL facility are present together with the possibility to fully characterize the electron bunch both in the transverse and longitudinal phase space.



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