

# Fellowship advice

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# About me

- Undergraduate Masters in Physics (MPhys) @ [The University of Manchester](#) (**4 years**)
- PhD in Physics – “exploring enzyme catalysis with terahertz” @ [The University of Manchester](#) (**4 years**)
- PDRAs in “terahertz particle accelerators” @ [The University of Manchester](#) & Cockcroft Institute (**7 years**)
- Ernest Rutherford Fellowship @ [The University of Manchester](#) & Cockcroft Institute (**2.5 years + counting**)
  - Only started applying after breakthrough result – lead author publication in Nature Photonics
  - First application unsuccessful – used as a baseline for second successful application

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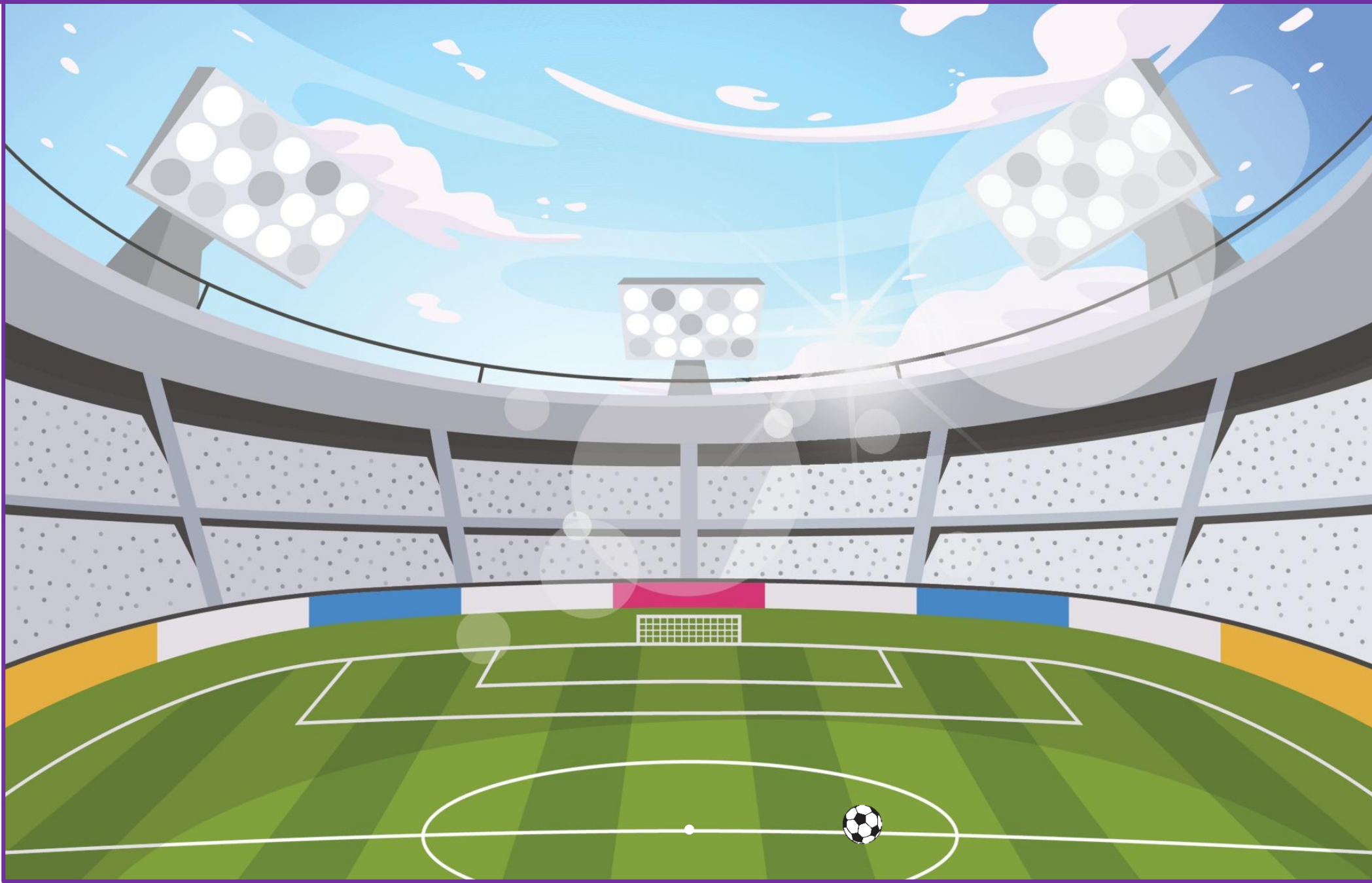
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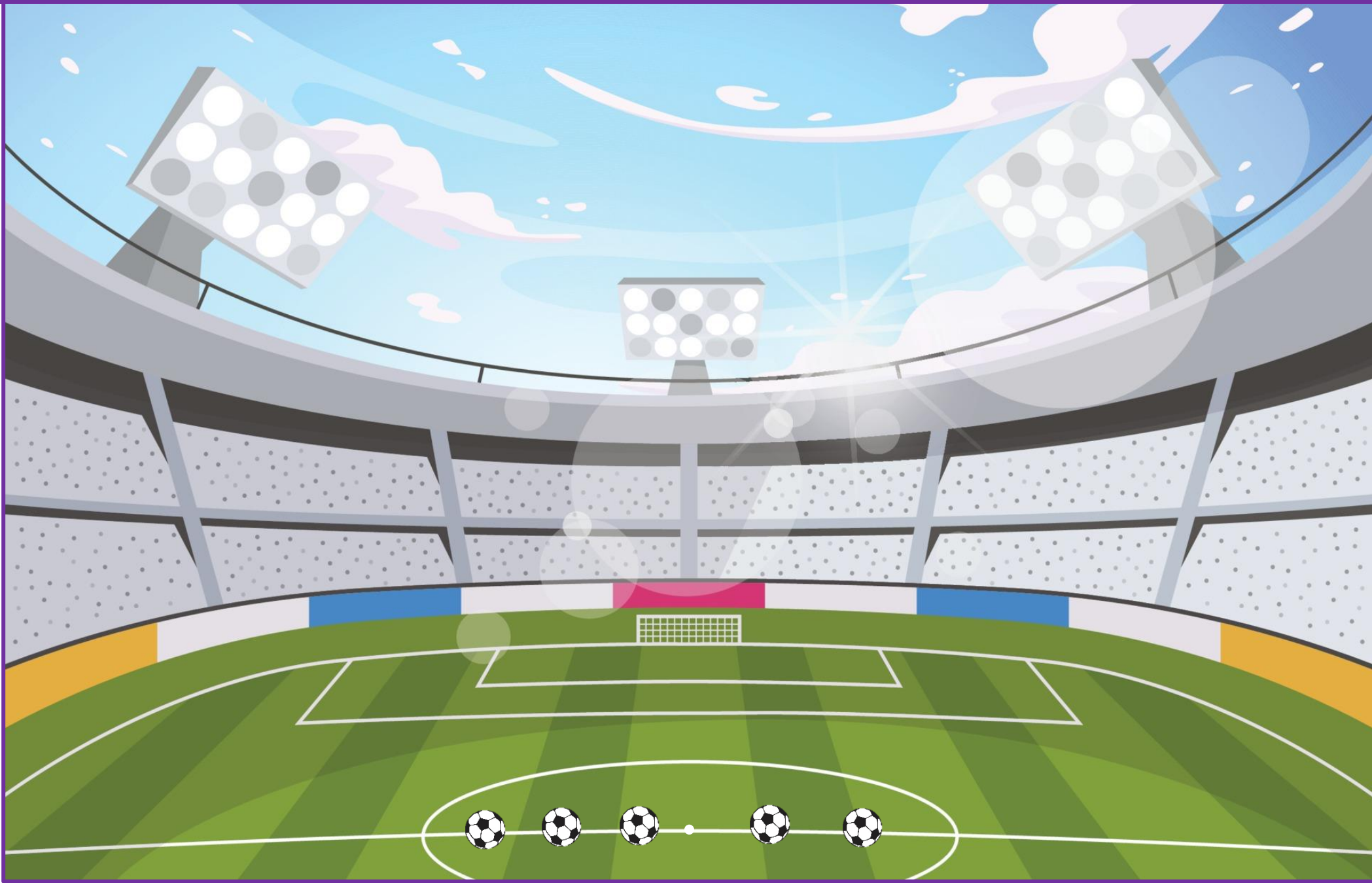
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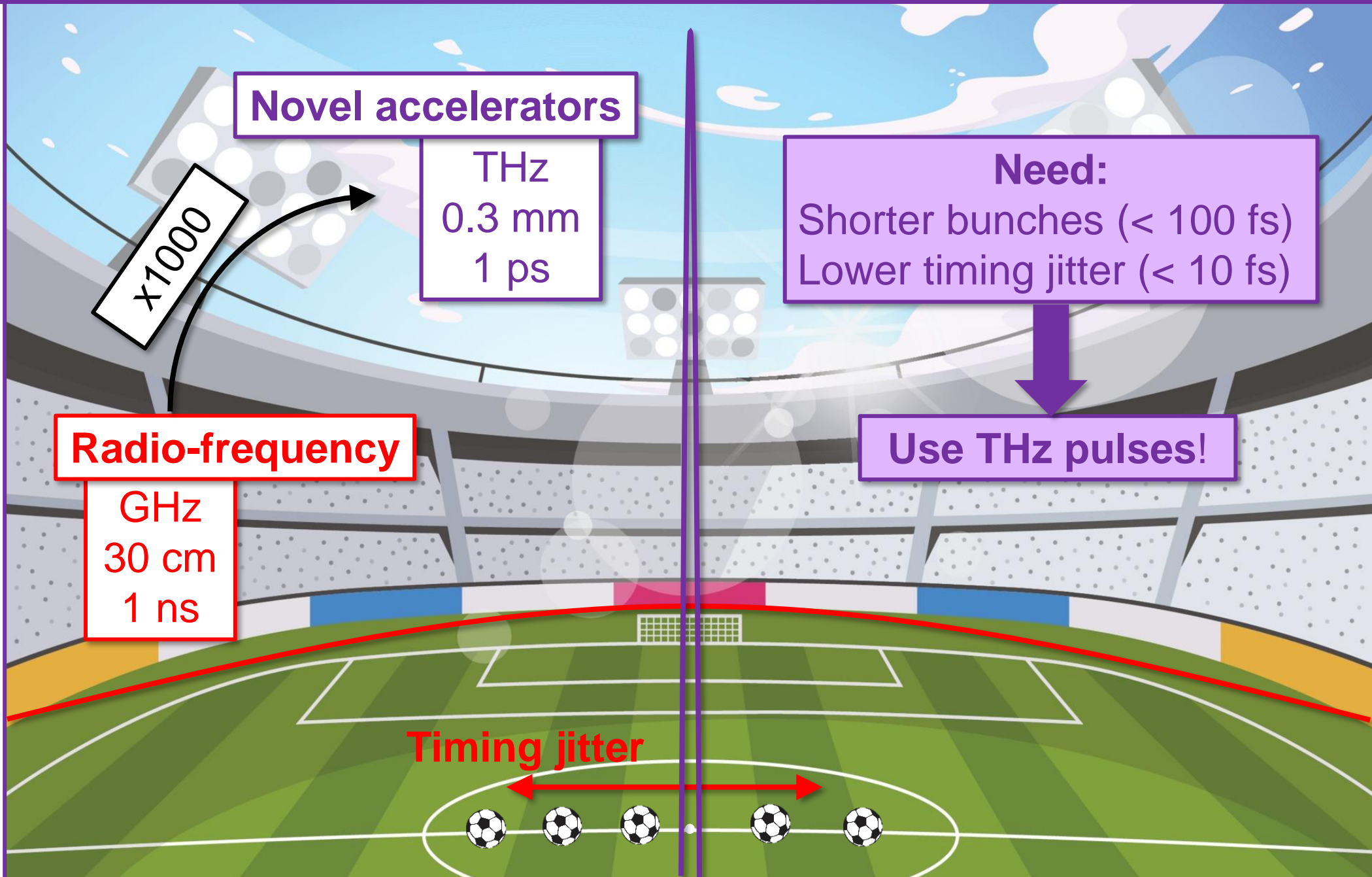
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