

# Лазерное ускорение частиц.

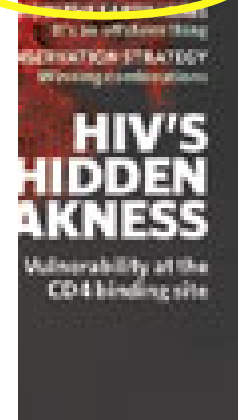
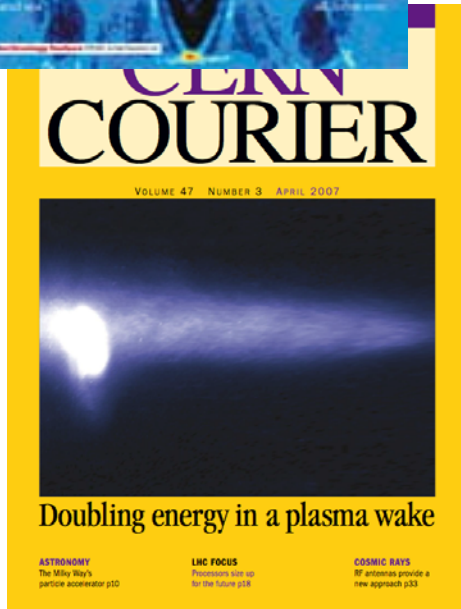
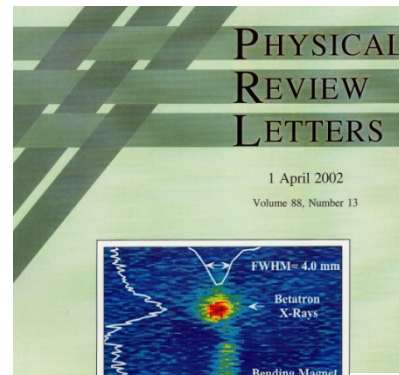
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Третьи Черенковские чтения  
«Новые методы в экспериментальной ядерной физике  
и физике частиц»  
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# Research program has put ultra short-pulse laser and beam physics at the Forefront of Science

Acceleration, Radiation Sources, Nuclear Applications, Medical Applications

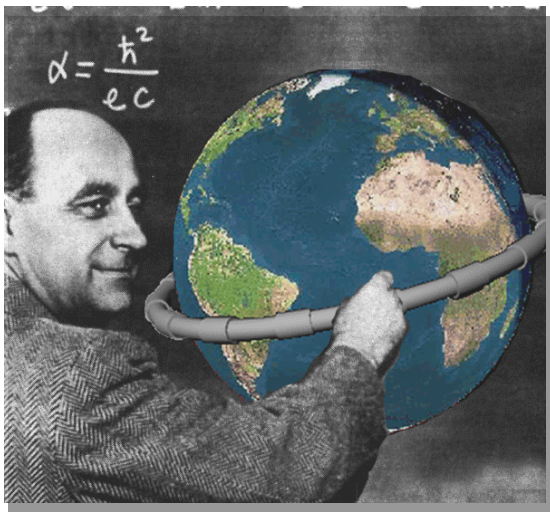


# Ускорение электронов

## Цели:

- Рекордные энергии. ГэВ-инжектор для стандартного ускорителя.
- Контролируемый источник высокоэнергичных электронов «на столе»
- ЛТС. Fast ignition
- Источники вторичного излучения (THz – gamma). ЛСВ «на столе»
- Электронная радиография
- Короткоживущие медицинские изотопы.
- Электронная терапия рака

# Fermitron

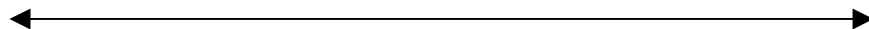


E. Fermi (1940s)

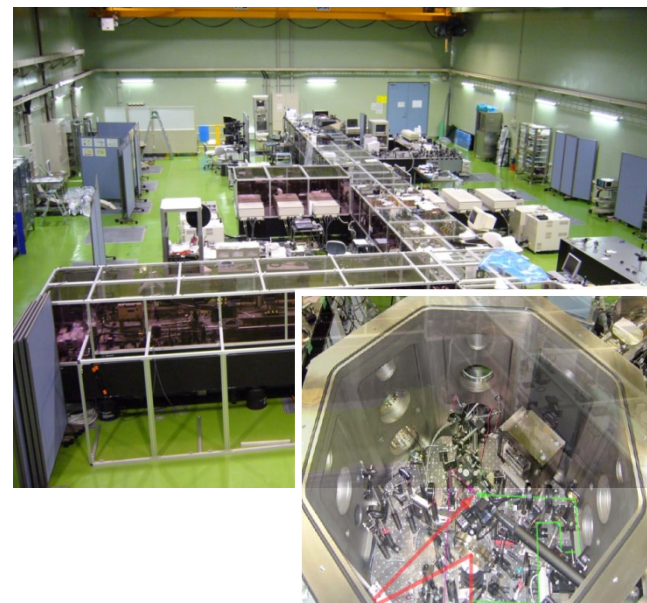
$$l_{acc} \approx 10^4 \text{ km}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_e = 10^{15} \text{ eV}$$

## Лазерный ускоритель



~ 460 m  
**SPring8**

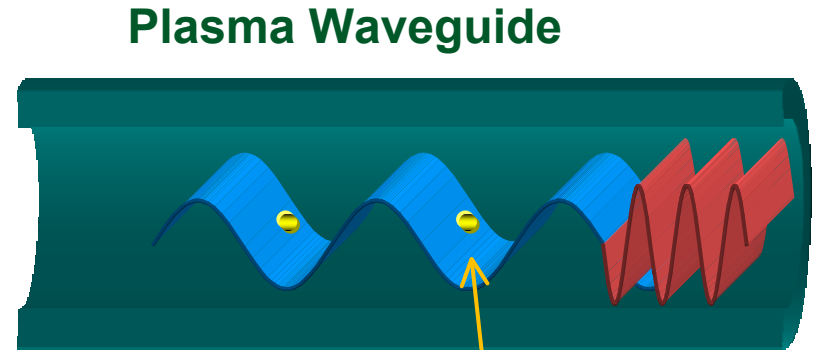
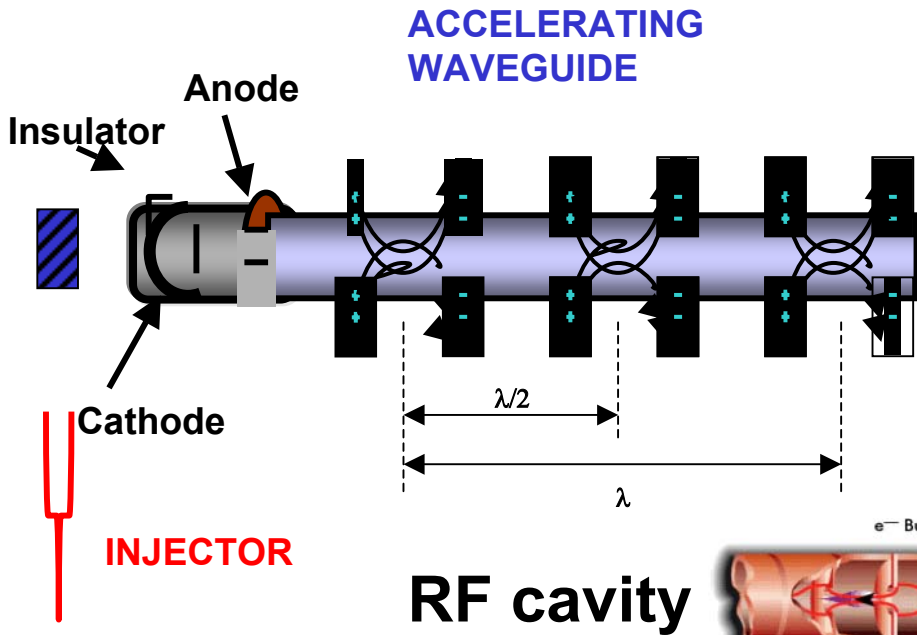


~ 1 m  
~ 1 cm

# Classical and LWF Accelerators

E-field<sub>max</sub> ≈ 10-100 MV/m  
 Material breakdown

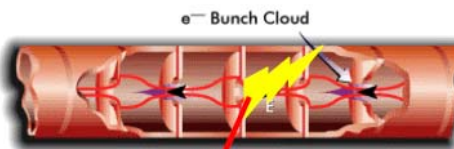
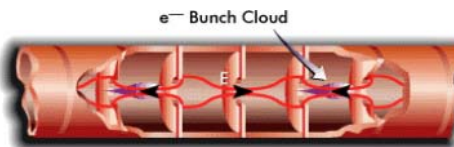
E-field<sub>max</sub> ≈ 10-100 GV/m



Plasma Wave

Laser Pulse

Electron Bunch



1/20,000,000,000 second later  
 (notice how far the bunches have moved)

*breakdown*

1 GeV ⇒ 0.1 km  
 30 GeV ⇒ 3 km (SLAC)  
 1 TeV ⇒ 100 km

Ultrahigh axial electric fields  
 Compact electron accelerators  
 Plasma wakefields:  
 fast waves  
 Plasma channel: Guides laser  
 Pulse and supports plasma wave



# Center for Ultrafast Optical Science

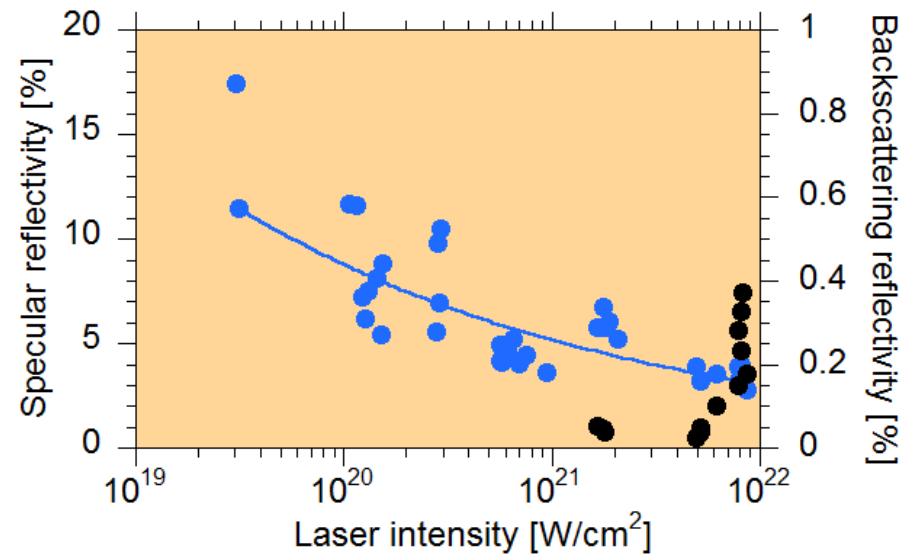
## CUOS

### NSF Physics Frontier Center “Frontiers in Optical, Coherent, and Ultrafast Science”

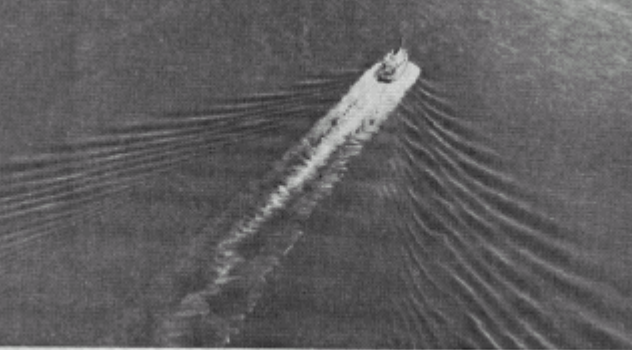
## FOCUS



**HERCULES laser at  
University of Michigan  
(up to 500 TW  
15 J, 30 fsec)**



↑  
**Experiments to intensities greater than  
10<sup>22</sup> W/cm<sup>2</sup> are being performed**



# LWA

T. Tajima and J. M. Dawson  
(1979)

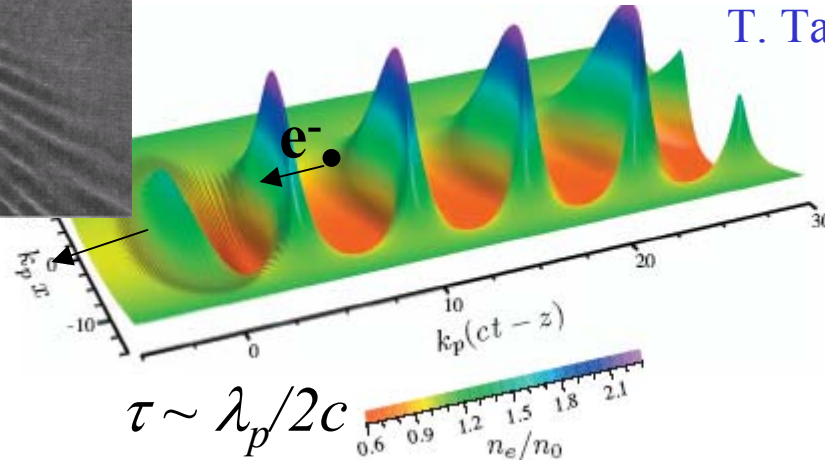


FIG. 2. (Color) Plasma density perturbation excited by Gaussian laser pulse with  $a_0=1.5$ ,  $k_0/k_p=20$ ,  $k_p L_{rms}=1$ , and  $k_p r_0=8$ . Laser pulse is traveling to the left.

$$\tau \sim \lambda_p / 2c$$

$$\lambda_p (\mu\text{m}) = 2\pi c / \omega_p = 3.3 \times 10^{10} [n_e (\text{cm}^{-3})]^{-1/2}$$

$$\nabla \cdot E \sim (\omega_p / c) E \sim 4\pi e n$$

$$eE \geq \sqrt{n [\text{cm}^{-3}]} \text{ eV/cm}$$

For  $n=10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $eE=100 \text{ GeV/m} \rightarrow \text{TeV collider in 10 m!}$

$V_p < c$   $V_e \rightarrow c$  расфазировка  $L_d$  – длина расфазировки

$$L_d \sim \gamma_p^2 \lambda_p, \quad \epsilon_e \sim eE L_d \sim 2\pi \gamma_p^2 mc^2 \gg mc^2,$$

$$\gamma_p = (1 - V_p^2 / c^2)^{-1/2} \approx \omega / \omega_p \gg 1$$

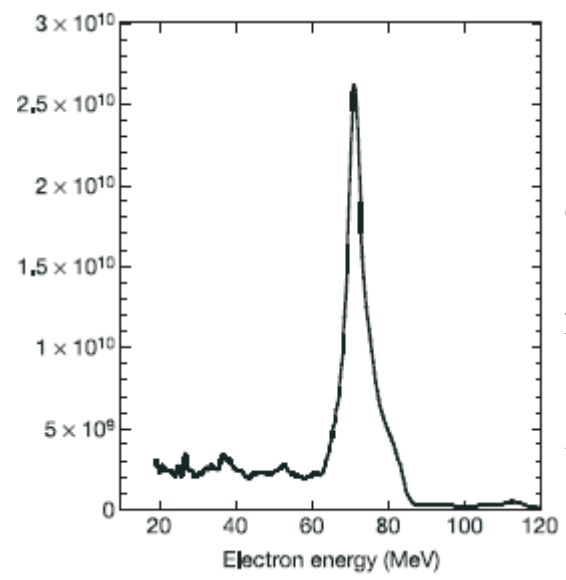
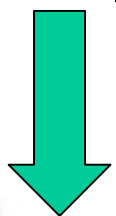
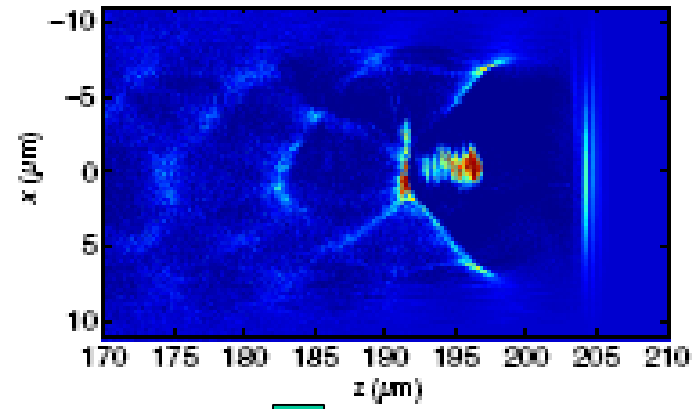
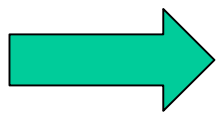
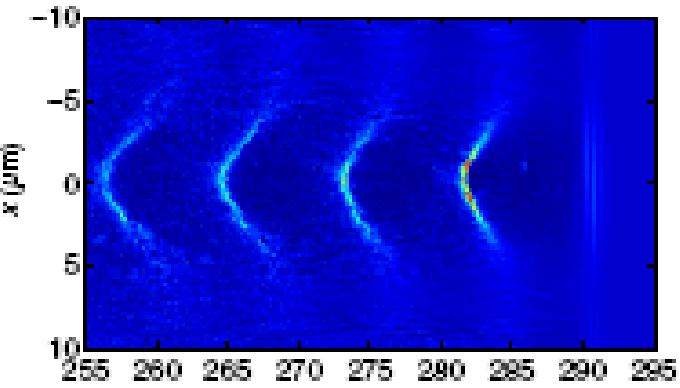
$$E = E_0 \cdot f(a, n)$$

$$a = eE_L / m\omega c$$

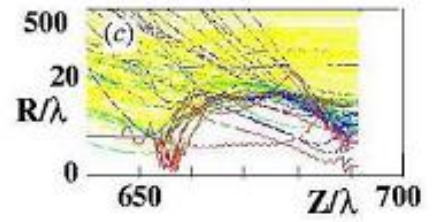
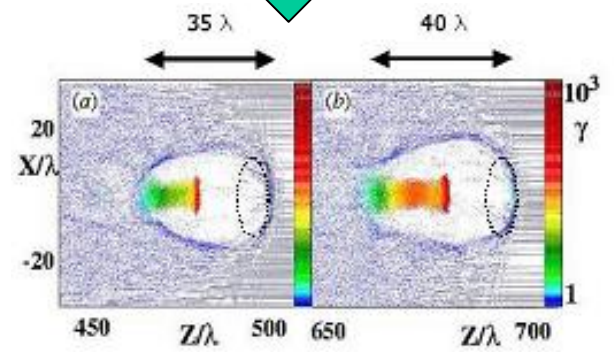
$$E_0 = (m/e)c \omega_p - \text{Tajima-Dawson field}$$



# Solitary bubble regime



$a=1.$   
 40fs,  
 $n=2 \cdot 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3}$   
 70 MeV  
 20-30 pC

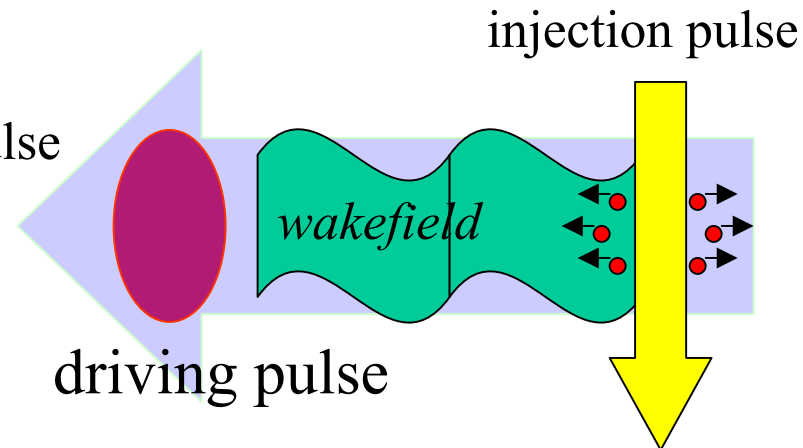
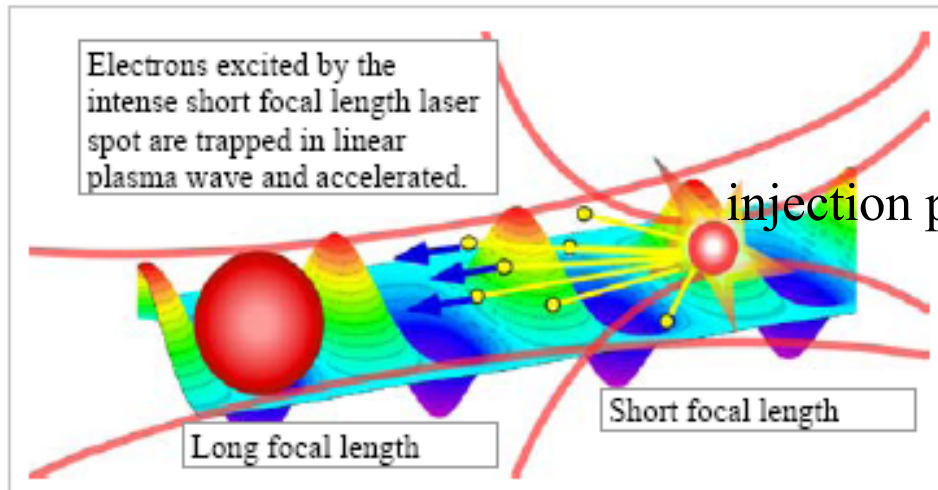


Plasma density:  
 $1.0 \times 10^{19} / \text{cm}^3$   
  
 Laser pulse :  
 33 fs  
 12 J  
 350 TW  
 $a=10$



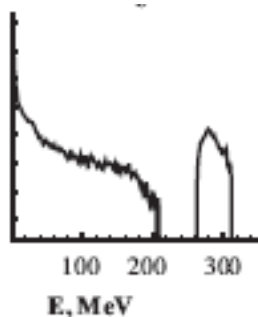
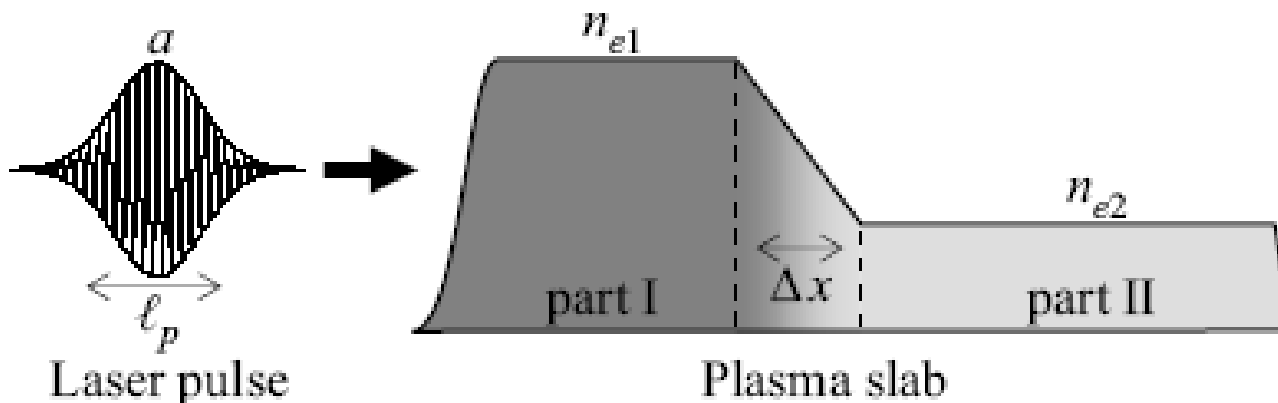
# Инжекция

1. Внешняя инжекция пучка
2. Самоинжекция (опрокидывание, поперечные эффекты, деформация лазерного импульса, стохастический нагрев электронов, деформация плазменной волны захваченными частицами ...) неконтролируемая
3. Самоинжекция контролируемая (профилирование плотности...)
4. Оптическая инжекция контролируемая (пондеромоторная  $\parallel$  и  $\perp$  сталкивающиеся импульсы...)

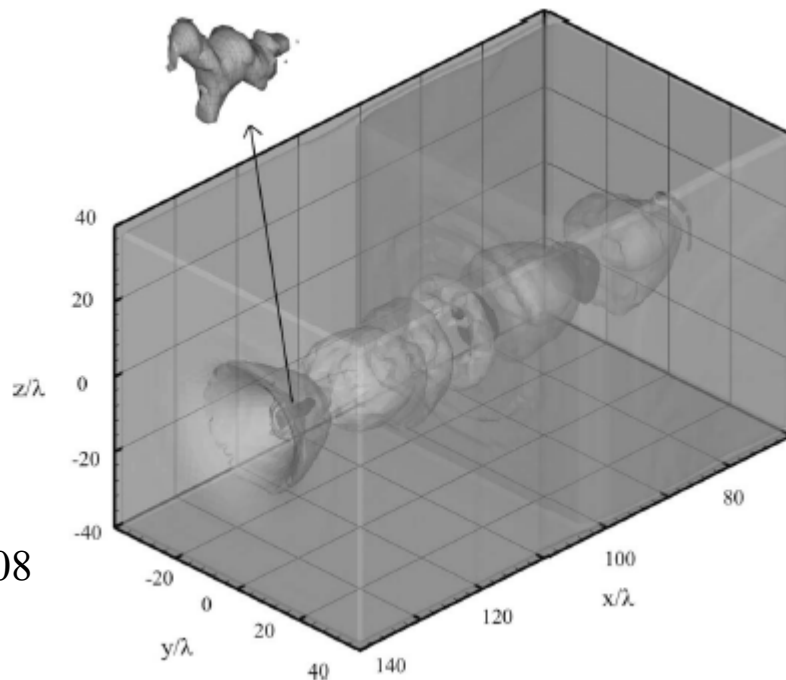


## 5. Ионизационная инжекция

# Контролируемая инжекция за счет неоднородности

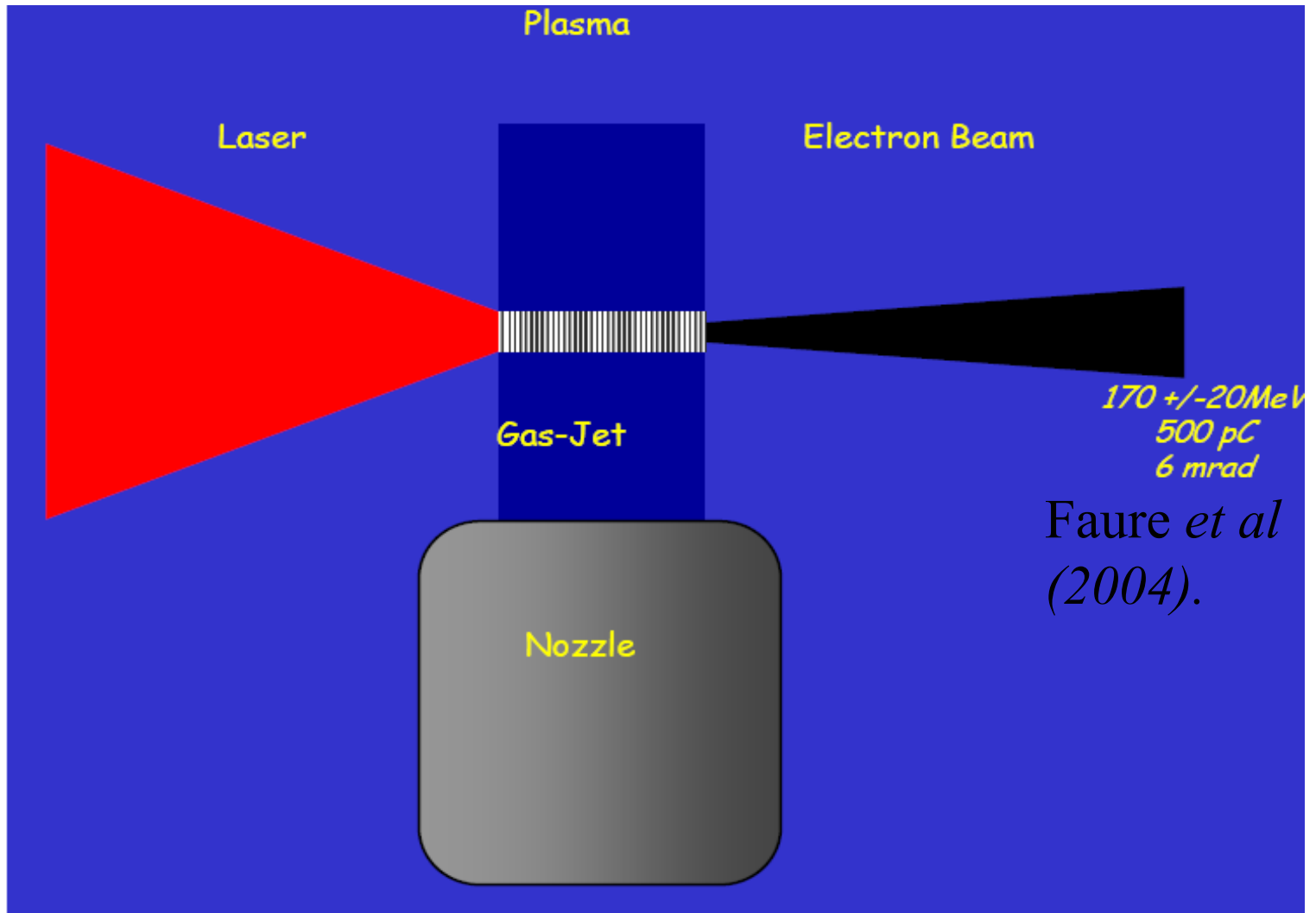


$$a=2$$
$$l_{\parallel}=10.5\lambda$$
$$l_{\perp}=20\lambda$$



A.V. Brantov et al.,  
PHYSICS OF PLASMAS **15**, 073111 2008

# Схема типичного эксперимента



# Near-GeV electrons from gas jet

S. Kneip et al., PRL 103, 035002 (2009)

“Astra Gemini” RAL,  $\lambda=800\text{nm}$ ,  $\tau=55\text{fs}$ ,  $I=2\times 10^{19}\text{W/cm}^2$  (10J,  $a=4$ ),  $D=22\mu\text{m}$

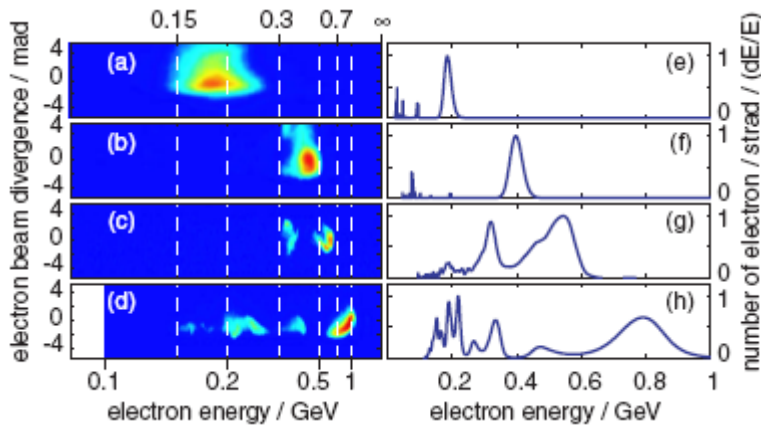


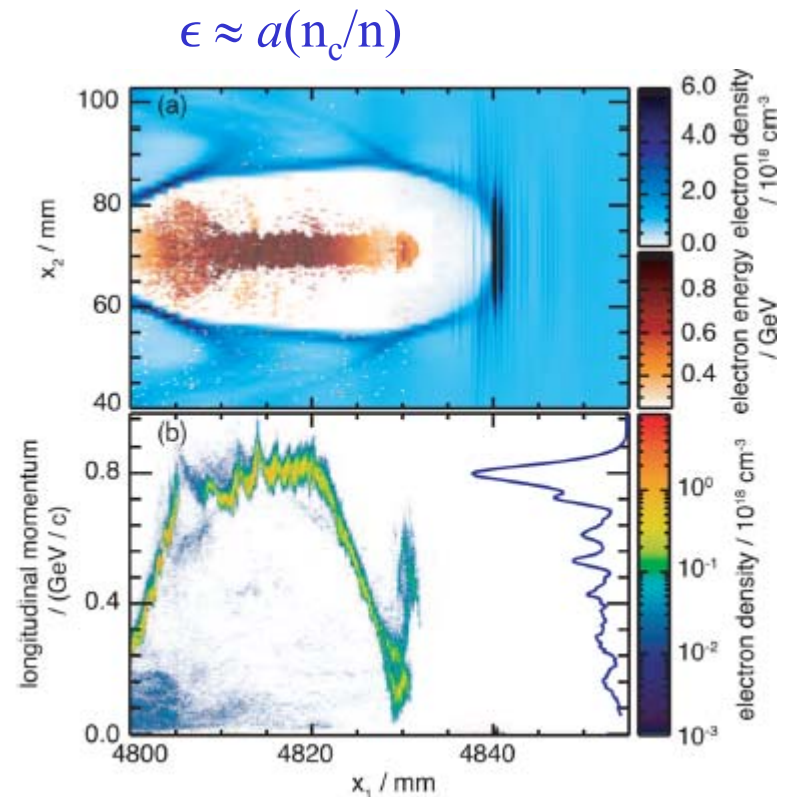
FIG. 1 (color online). Spectrally dispersed electron beams at the exit of the magnetic spectrometer for gas jet lengths (a) 3, (b) 5, (c) 8, and (d) 10 mm, at a plasma density of  $n_e = (5.7 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  with  $(10.0 \pm 1.5) \text{ J}$  of laser energy on target.

$$n=6 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}, L=1 \text{ cm}$$

$$\epsilon \approx 0.8 \text{ GeV}$$

$$Q=0.3-0.6 \text{ nC}$$

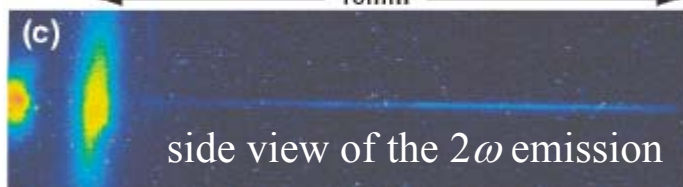
$$\text{Divergence}=3.6 \text{ mrad}$$



# Эксперименты с капилляром

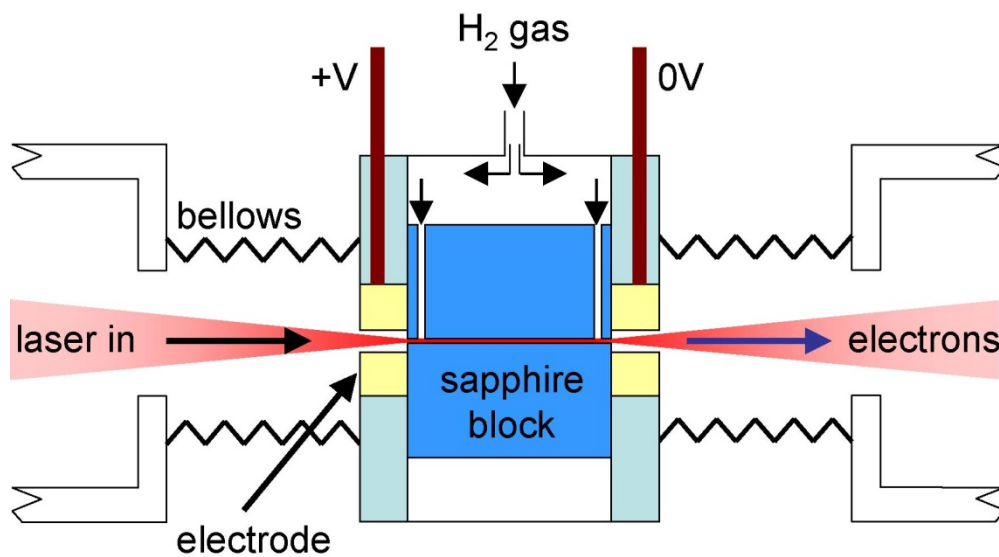


$D=60\ \mu\text{m}$



two prepulses 0.7 and 6.3 ns

Kitagawa et al., *PRL* Vol.92, No.20 (2004)

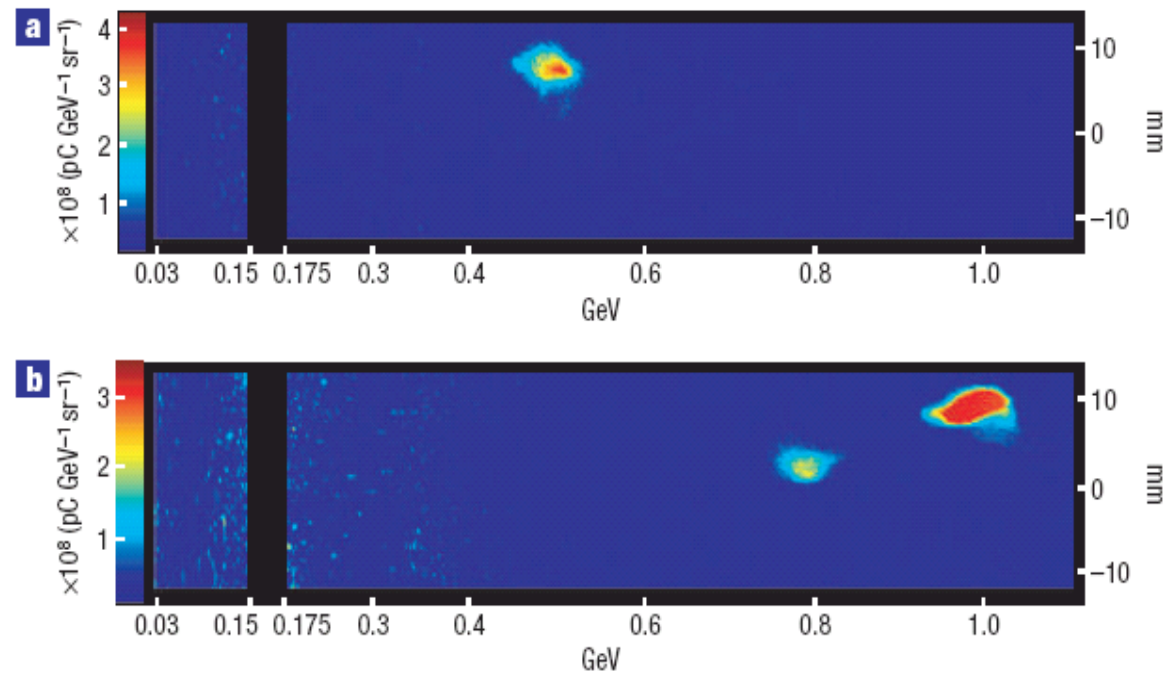


laser-machined capillary  
into sapphire  $D=190-310\ \mu\text{m}$

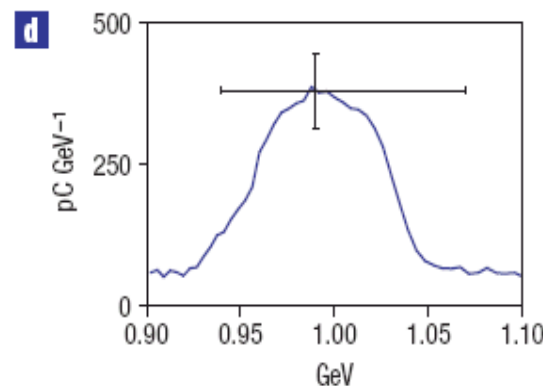
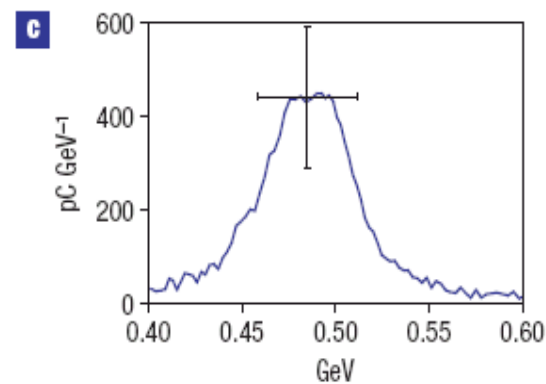
*Gas-Discharge Capillary*

W. P. LEEMANS et al.,  
*Nature Phys.* 2, 696 (2006)

# 1 GeV bunches by channelling 40 TW laser pulse in a 3-cm-long gas-filled capillary discharge waveguide



The horizontal axis is the beam energy and the vertical axis is the beam size. The 0.5 GeV (1.0 GeV) beam was obtained in the 225 (310)  $\mu\text{m}$  capillary with  $n = 3.5 \times 10^{18}$  ( $4.3 \times 10^{18}$ )  $\text{cm}^{-3}$  and laser power of 12 TW (40 TW).

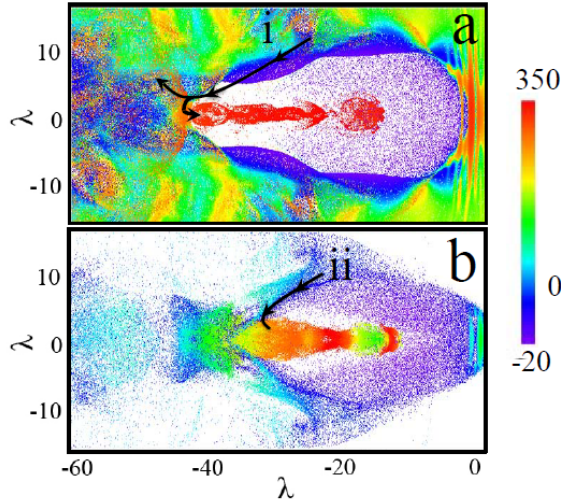


*W. P. LEEMANS et al.,  
Nature Phys. 2, 696 (2006)*

# Ionization during the interaction

Experiment+simulation(theory) = CUOS(MICHIGAN)+VNIITF+FIAN

Phys.Rev.Lett. 104, 025004 (2010)

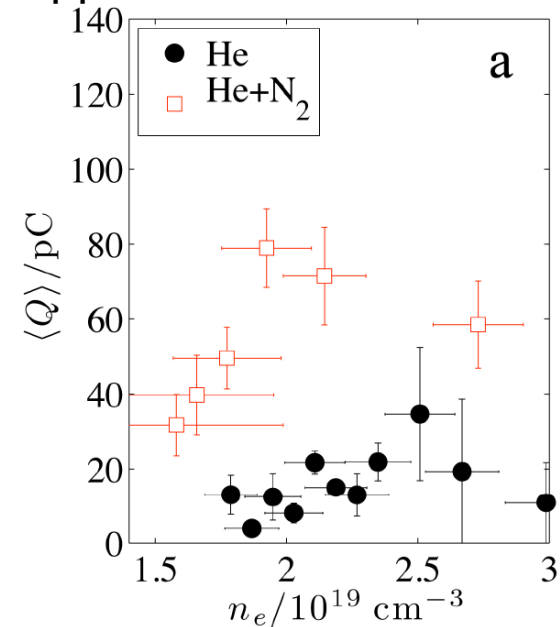
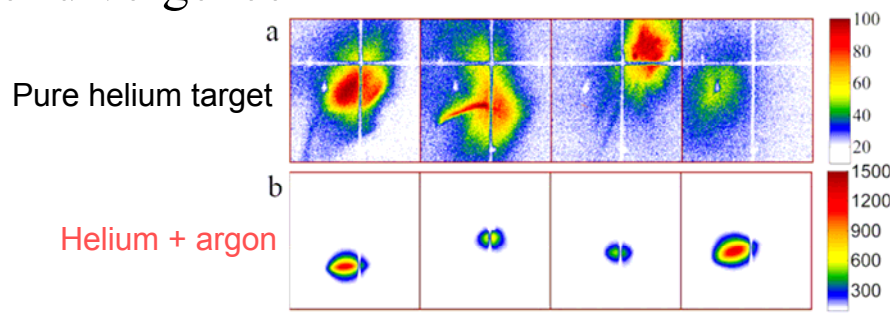


Simulation

a) Pre-ionized electrons are expelled by laser, most oscillate without trapping, few trapped

b) Electrons born near peak are more likely to become trapped

- Better injection → increased charge
- Lower divergence



# How far can laser-plasma acceleration go?

Wei Lu, "Generating multi-GeV electron bunches using single stage laser wakefield acceleration in a 3D **nonlinear** regime,"  
*Phys. Rev. Special Topics -Accelerators & Beams* **10**, 061301 (2007)

## 3D computer simulations increasingly guide development of future experiments

Laser Power [PW]	Pulse Duration [fs]	Plasma Density [cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	Spot Size [μm]	Int. Length [m]	e-charge [nC]	Energy Gain [GeV]	comments
<b>0.04</b>	30	1.5x10 <sup>18</sup>	14	0.011	0.25	<b>0.95</b>	channel-guided, self-injected Leemans (2006)
<b>1.0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>5x10<sup>17</sup></b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>self-guided, self-injected</b>
2.0	100	3x10 <sup>17</sup>	47	0.18	1.8	10.2	self-guided, self-injected
<b>2.0</b>	310	10 <sup>16</sup>	140	16.3	1.8	<b>99</b>	<b>channel-guided, externally injected</b>
40	330	4x10 <sup>16</sup>	146	4.2	8	106	self-guided, self-injected
20	1000	10 <sup>15</sup>	450	500	5.7	999	<b>channel-guided, externally-injected</b>

Texas Petawatt

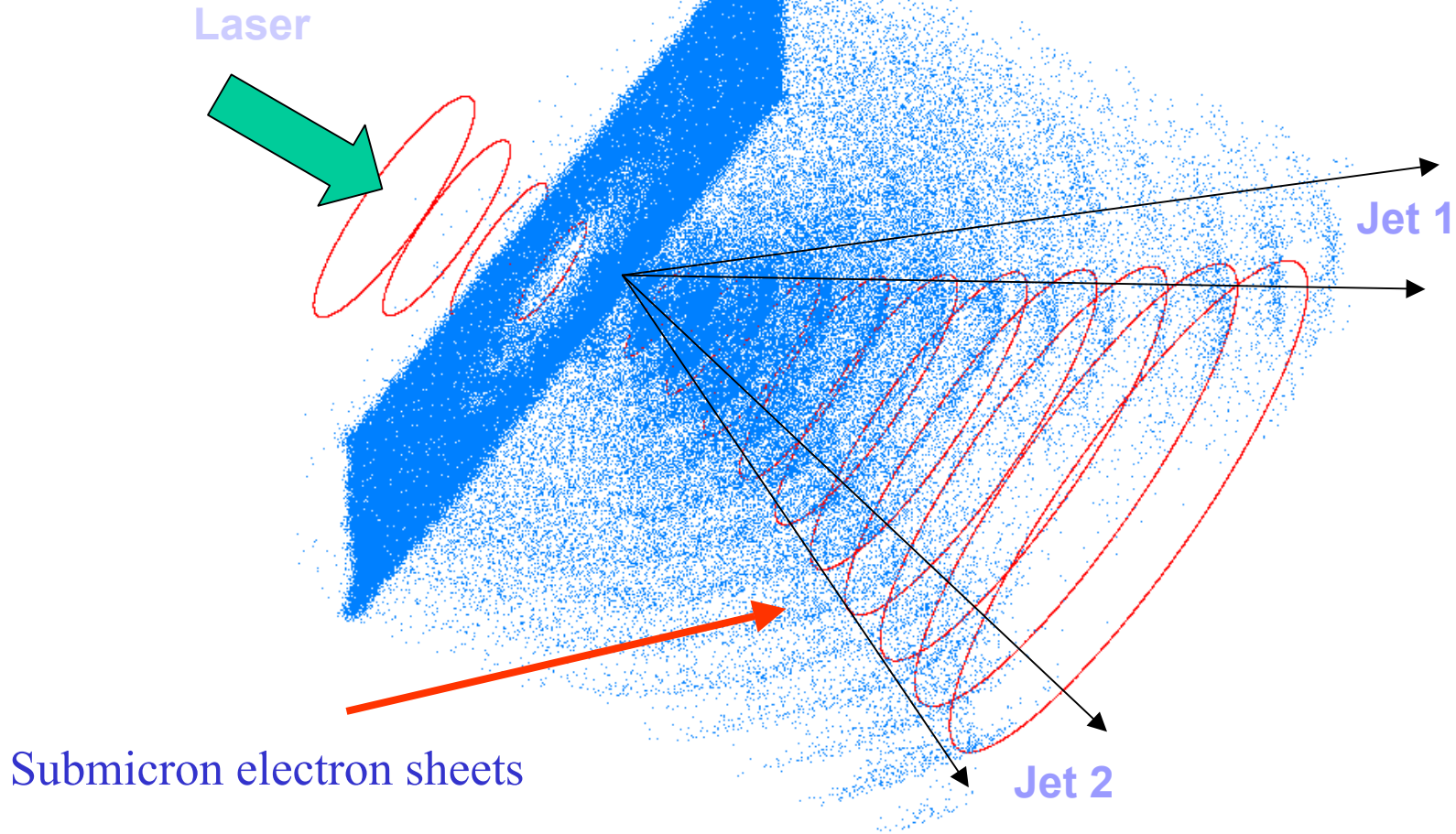
*Table entries feature:*

1. *stable plasma structure*
2.  *$L_{\text{dephasing}} = L_{\text{pump depletion}}$*
3. *balance between energy extraction & beam quality*



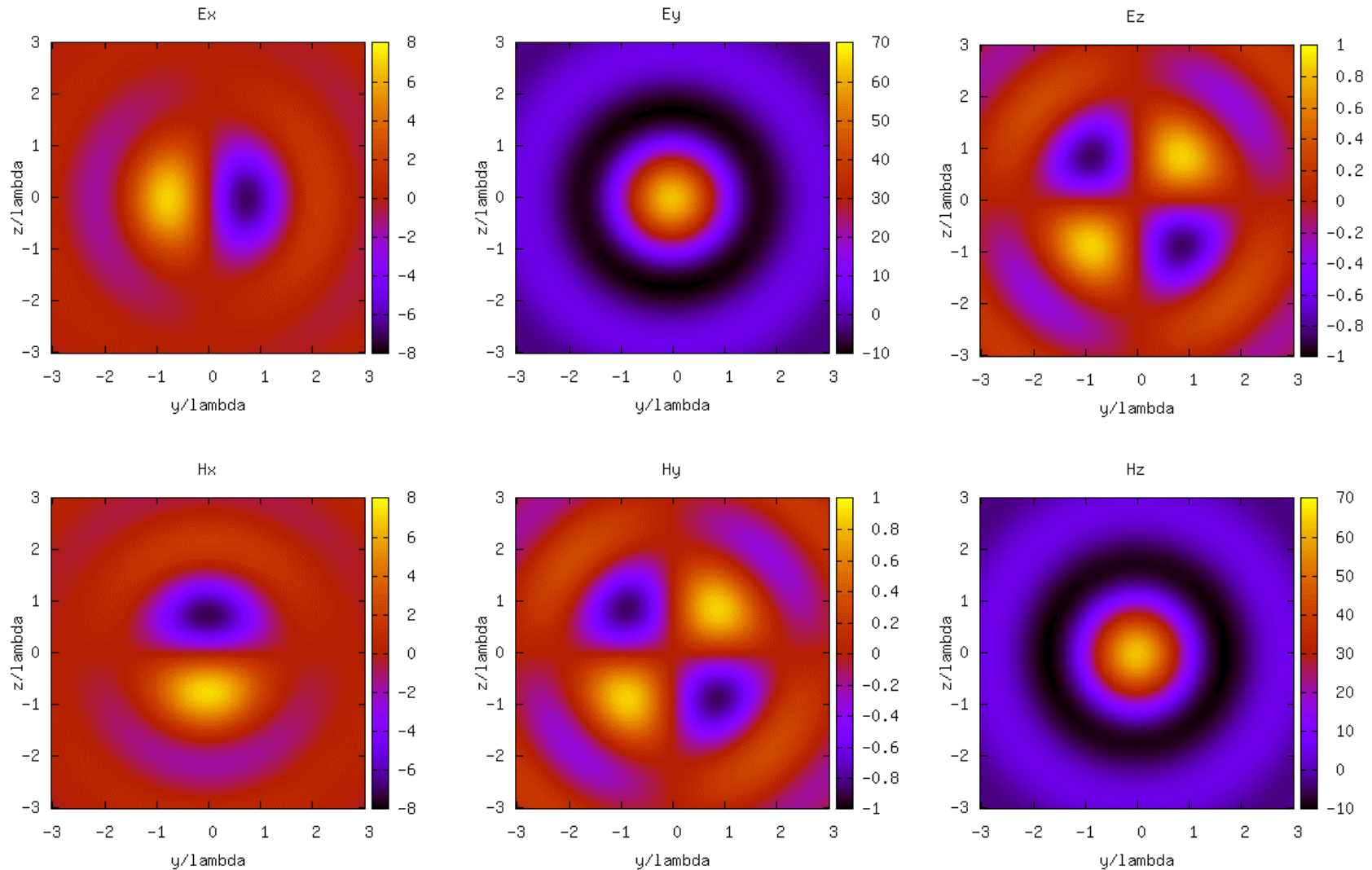
# Interaction with an ultrathin foil

Релятивистская наноплазмоника



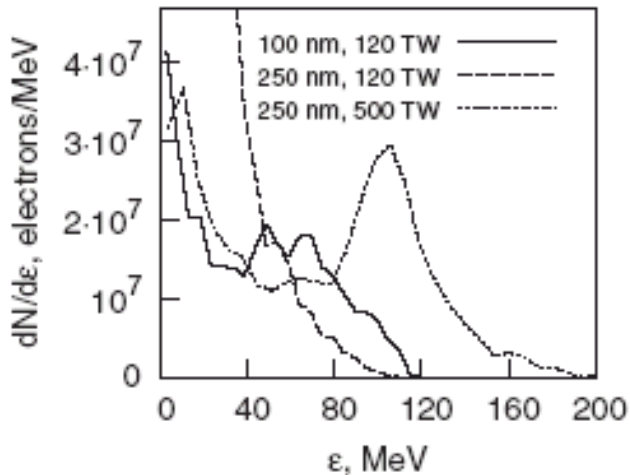
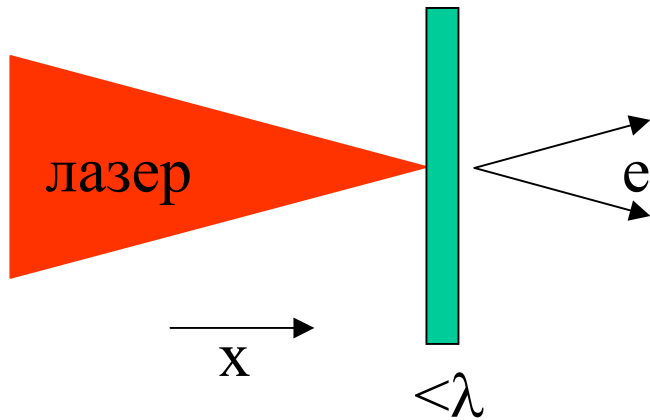
Typical foil parameters:  $n = 50 n_{cr}$ , foil thickness  $\delta \sim 80 - 120$  nm

# Electromagnetic field in the focus

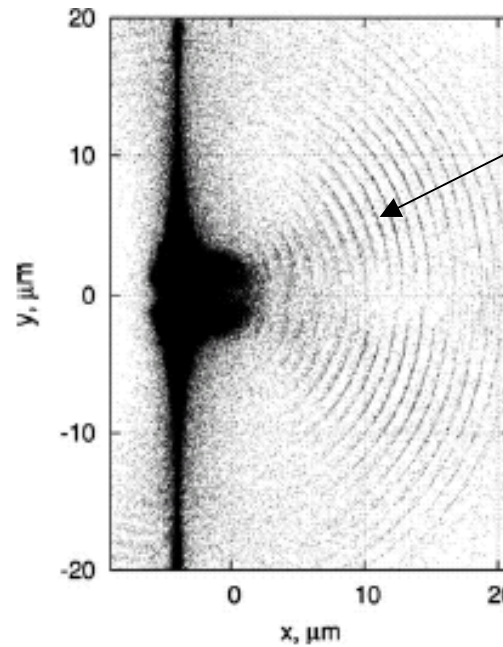


*Фокусировка на дифракционном пределе  $D \sim \lambda$*

# Электронны «вперед» из ультра-тонких пленок



квазимоноэнергетичность только для достаточно тонких фольг



3D PIC

Субмикронные слои (релятивистские зеркала for tunable ultra-short X-ray source)

$n = 100n_{cr}$   
 $\sim 30$  fs  
 120 TW  
 $f/1$

$$a(x, t) = a_0 \exp[-(x/c - t)^2 / \Delta T^2]$$

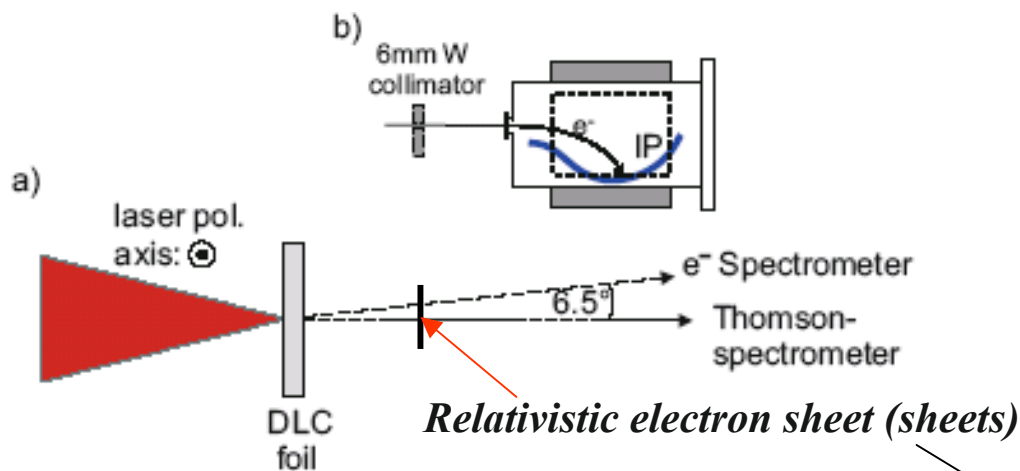
$$\delta t_n = \frac{T}{2\pi} \arccos\left(\frac{\exp[-(nT/\Delta T)^2]}{\exp[-((n-1)T/\Delta T)^2]}\right)$$

$$\Delta N \approx \frac{\Delta E_x R^2}{e} = \Delta a_x \frac{2\pi m c^2 R^2}{\lambda e^2}$$

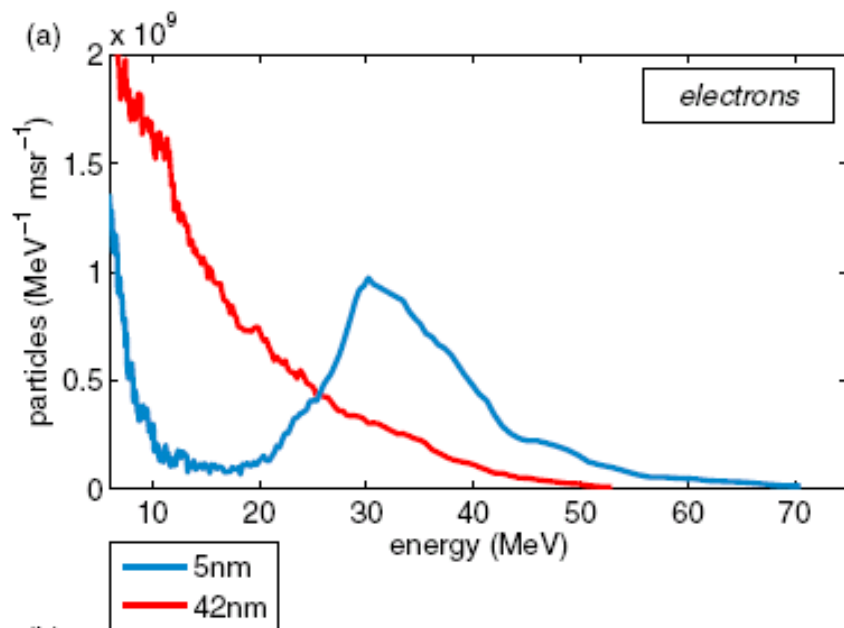
*K. I. Popov et al., PHYS. PLASMAS 15, 013108 (2008)*

*K. I. Popov et al., PHYS. PLASMAS 16, 053106 (2009)*

# Электронны из ультра-тонких пленок (эксп.)



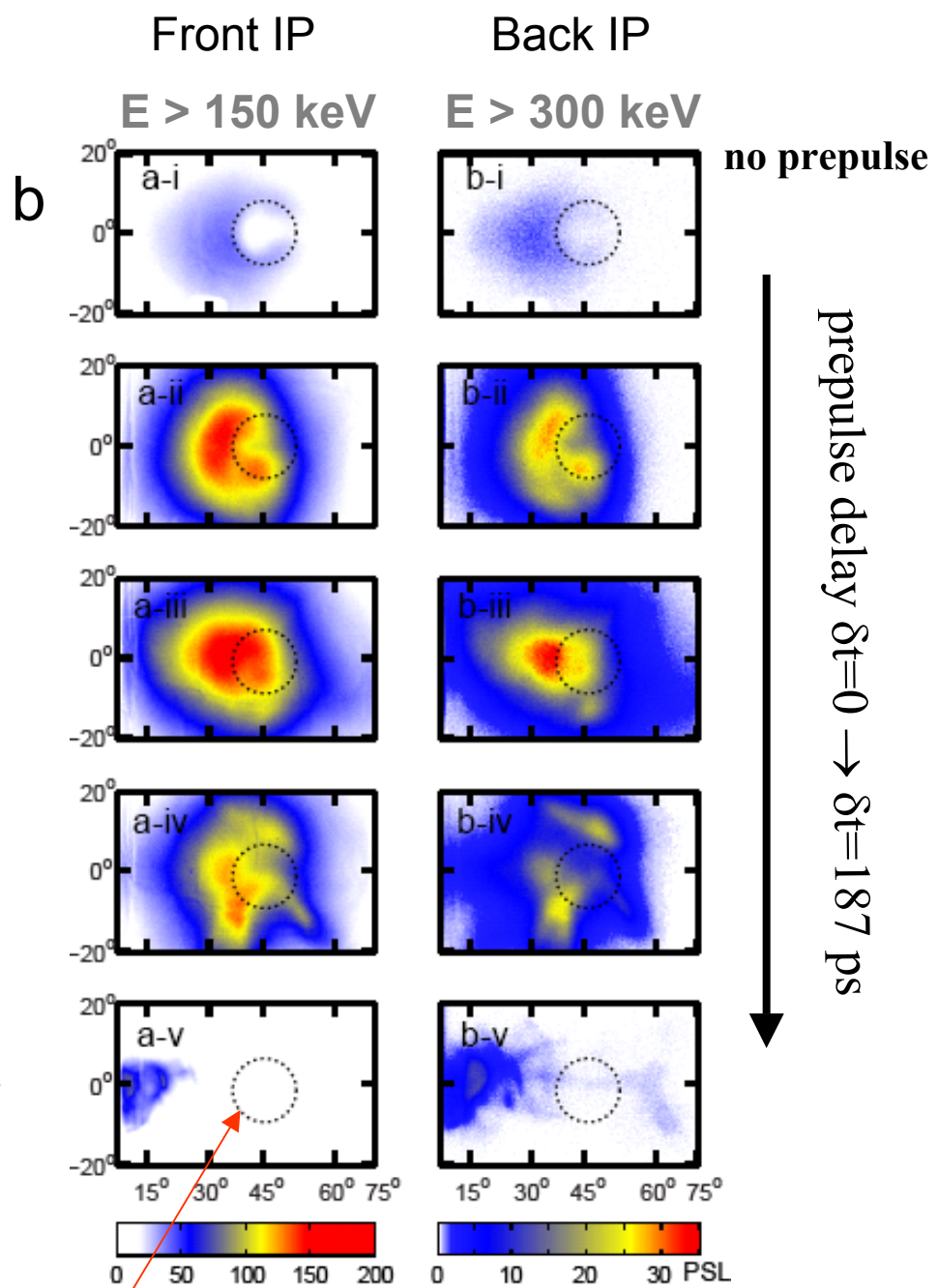
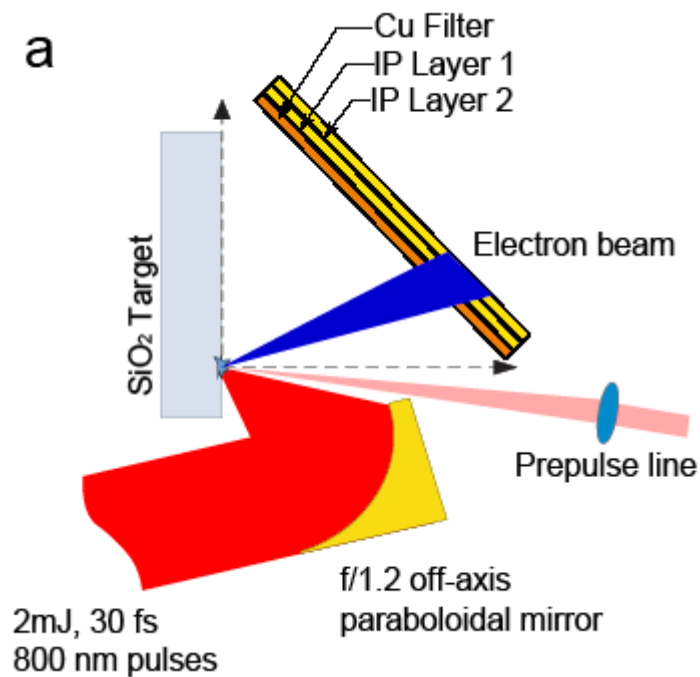
LANL, “Trident”,  
90J,  $\tau=500\text{fs}$ ,  
 $\lambda=1.053\mu\text{m}$ ,  $D=9\mu\text{m}$ ,  
 $I=2\cdot 10^{20}\text{W/cm}^2$ , ( $a=12$ )  
DLC targets



Tunable ultra-short  
X-ray source

# Толстая SiO<sub>2</sub> мишень,

## электроны «назад»

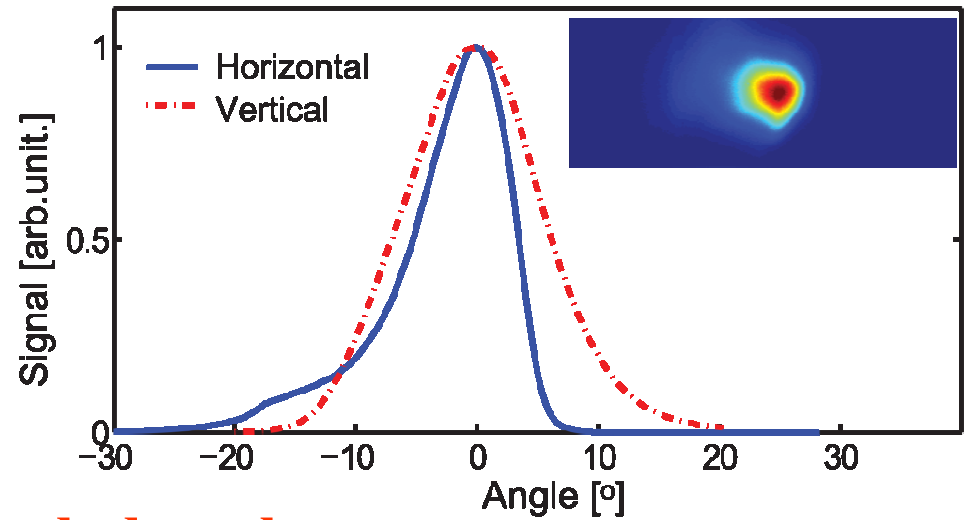


Laser specular cone

- I. Well collimated e<sup>-</sup> beam between specular and normal
- II. Electron signal increases with  $\delta t$  to a max at  $\sim \lambda/2$ ; For  $> \lambda/2$  scale-length the beam broke up, toward normal
- III. Electrons evacuated along the laser axis: direct acceleration of femtosecond e<sup>-</sup> bunch

# Beam Profile

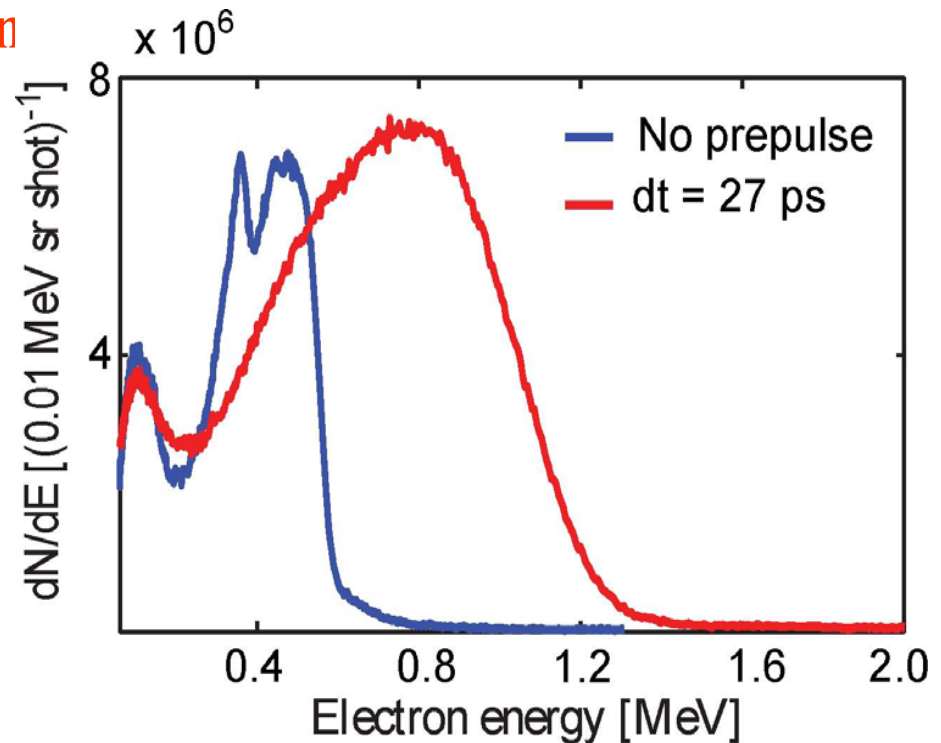
- For  $E > 300$  keV, FWHM intensity of the e- beam has a divergence of  $\sim 15^\circ$
- Total charge in the beam  $\sim 7$  pC



## Energy Distribution and Scale-length:

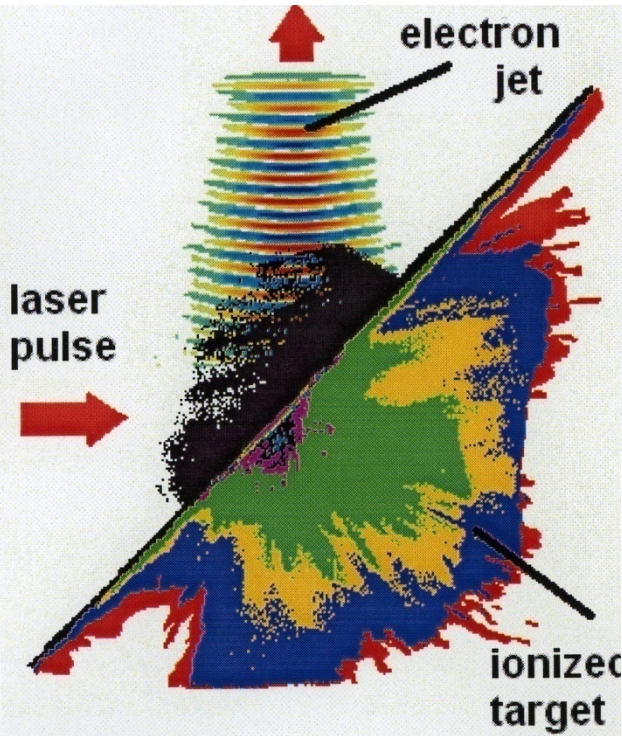
### “Quasimonoenergetic” Beam

- Non-Maxwellian spectra with a double-peaked structure for short and intermediate scale-length
- High-energy peak becomes hotter with increasing scale-length to a max at  $\lambda/2$
- At  $L_n \approx \lambda/2$ ,  $E_{peak} = 780$  keV
- For long scale-length, distribution is close to a Maxwellian



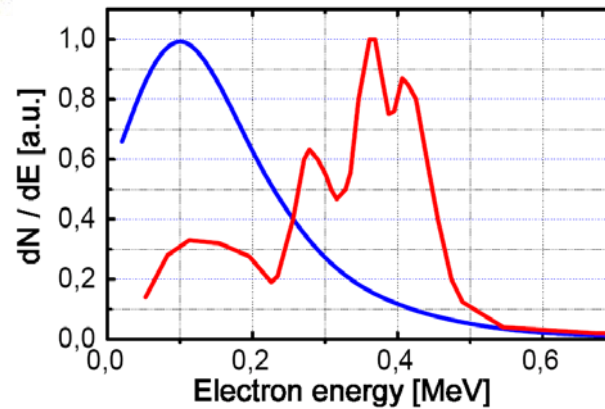
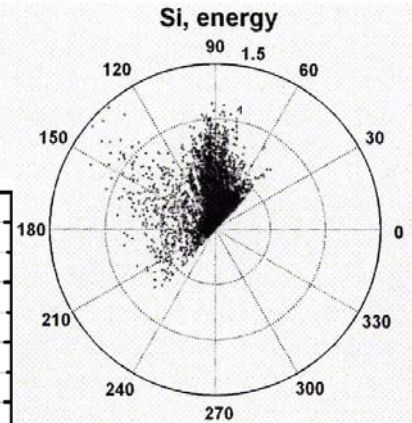
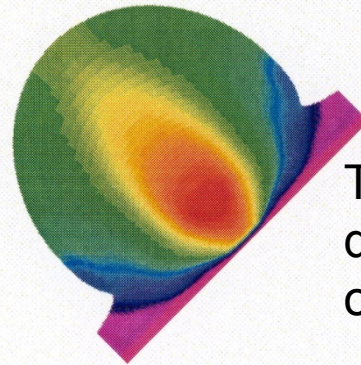
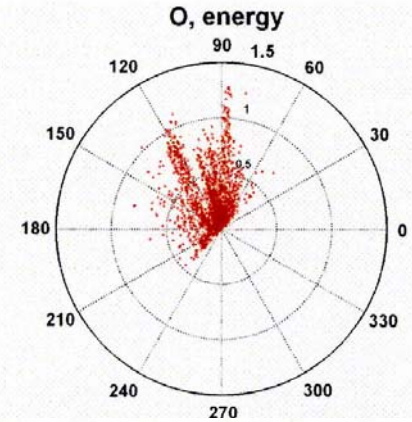
Averaged over up to 250 laser shots

# Collimated relativistic electron jets from field ionization



3 mJ, 32 fs pulse  
 $R_f = 1.2 \mu\text{m}$   
P-Polarization  
 $\text{SiO}_2$  massive target

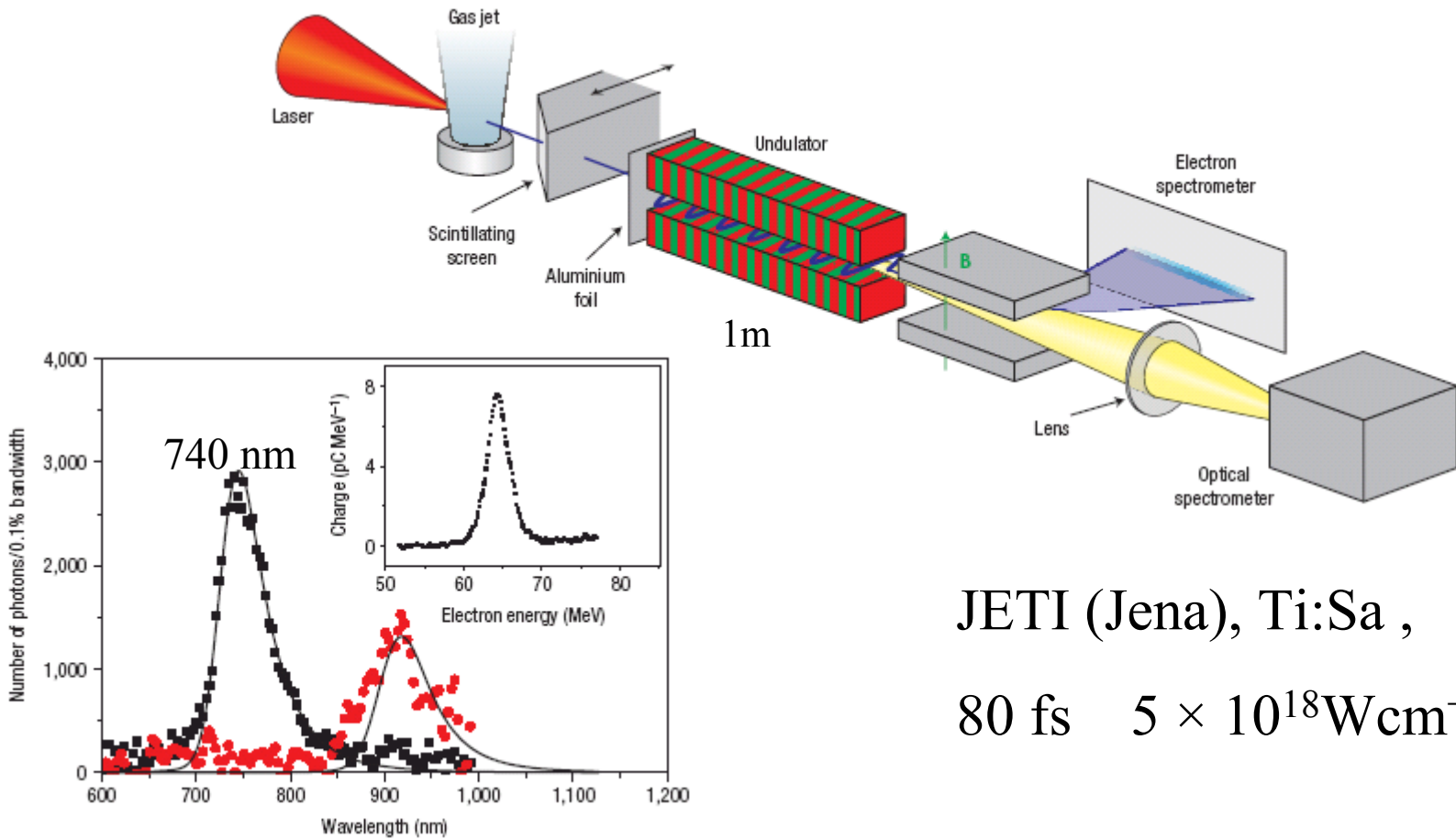
$e^-$  bunches from  
O and Si



2D Hybrid Code PICNIC  
(RFNC-VNIITF, Russia,  
I. Glazyrin et al.)

Experiment+simulation(theory)  
CUOS(MICHIGAN)+VNIITF+FIAN  
Phys.Rev.Lett. 235001 (2009)

# Compact synchrotron radiation source



JETI (Jena), Ti:Sa ,

80 fs  $5 \times 10^{18} \text{Wcm}^{-2}$

Undulator radiation spectrum and corresponding electron spectrum

Black – from 64 MeV, 28 pC electron bunch

Red – from 58 MeV, 14 pC electron bunch.

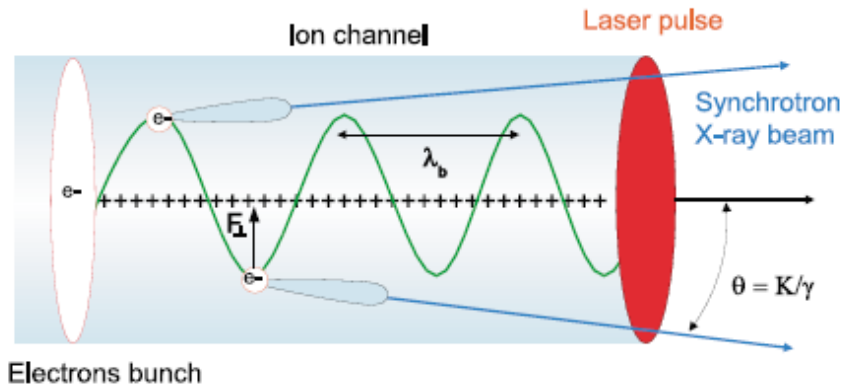
H.-P. SCHLENVOIGT et al., Nature physics 4 130 (2008)



# Betatron Motion in LWFA Plasma

Kneip et al. Proc. SPIE 7359 73590T (2009)

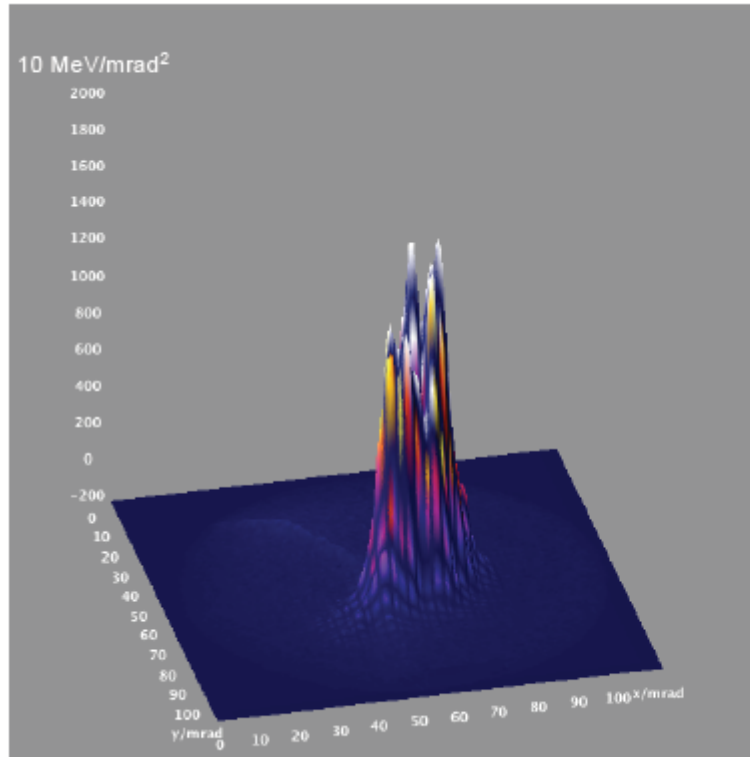
Betatron motion in ion channel



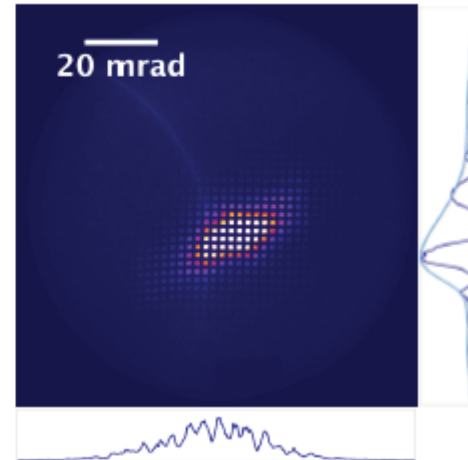
Significant size reduction can be achieved by using LWFA plasma as a source for x-ray beam



A narrow x-ray beam ( $\theta_x < 4$  mrad) is observed.

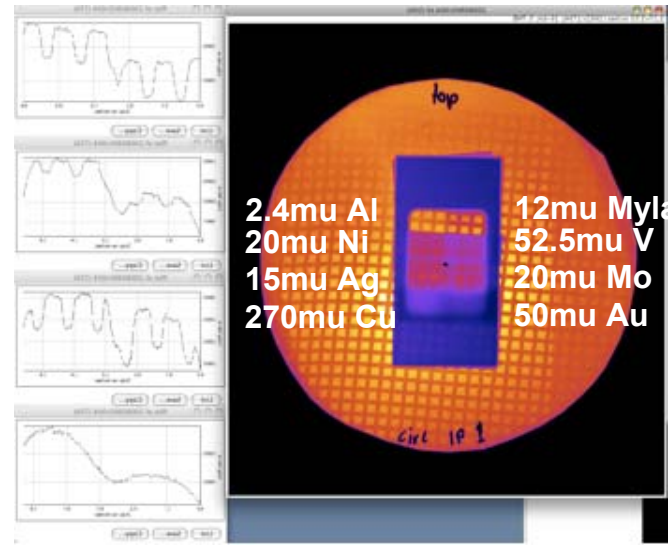
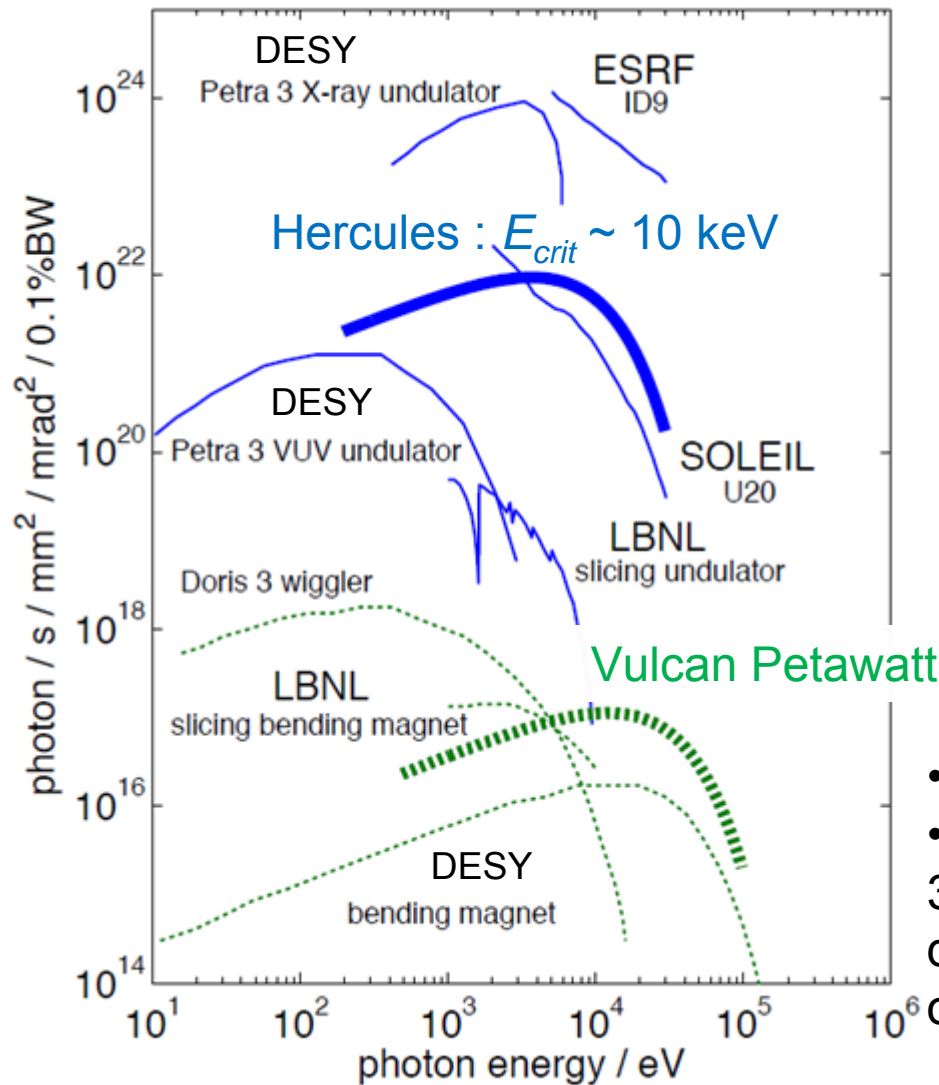


Nozzle dia. 5 mm  
 $N_e = 5 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$   
 $a_0 \sim 5$



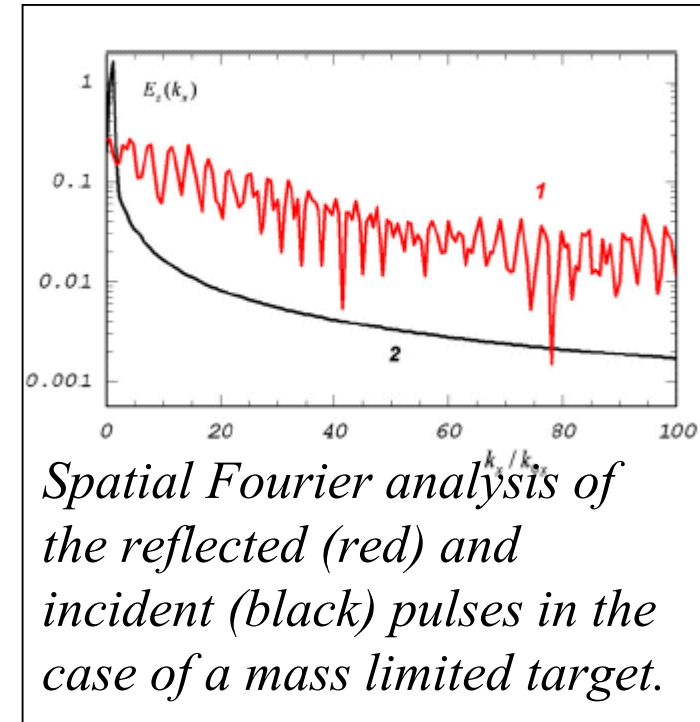
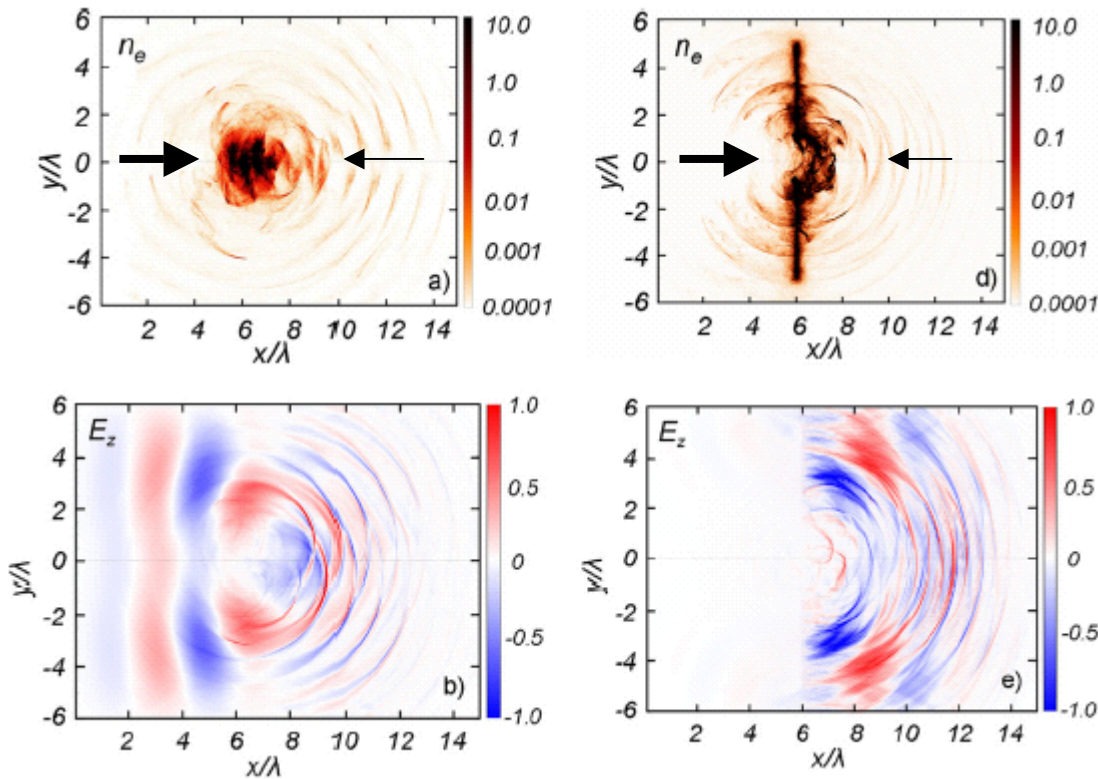
- $\theta_x = 12 \text{ mrad}$
- $\theta_y = 4 \text{ mrad}$
- Electrons: 220 MeV  $\gamma = 440$
- $K = \gamma\theta$
- $K_x = 5, K_y = 1.5$
- $\sim 10^9$  photons at 1 keV

# Peak brightness comparable to 3rd generation light sources.



- Some shots show  $E_{crit} \sim 40$  keV
- The brightness is calculated by assuming 30 fs duration of x-ray pulse which is the duration of 400 MeV electron beam observed

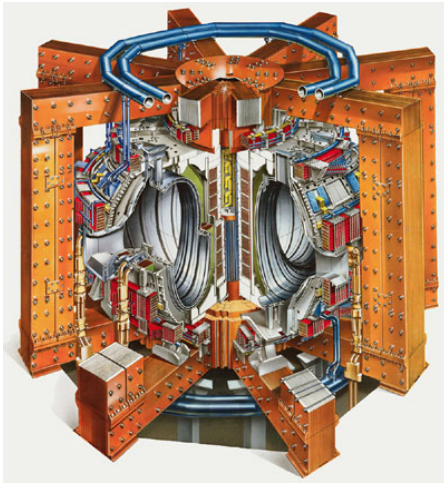
# X-ray source with relativistic mirrors



*A mass limited target (a, b) and a thin foil (d, e).  
The electron density distribution and the distribution  
of counterpropagating pulse electric field after reflection.*

# Positron Creation Using Ultra-intense Lasers

## Tokamaks



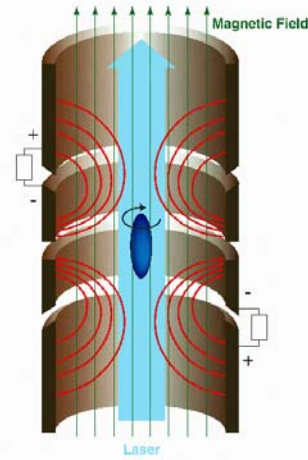
Theory only

$$N_{e^+} \sim 8 \times 10^{14}$$

$$V \sim 2.7 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$3.3 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

## Penning-Malmberg Traps



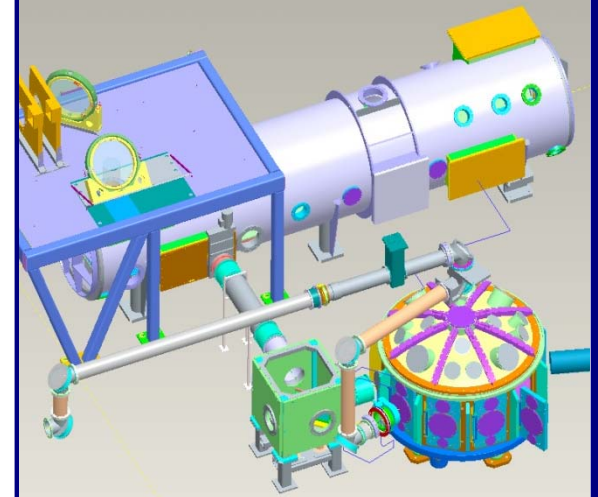
Experimental

$$N_{e^+} \sim 8 \times 10^7$$

$$V \sim 6 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ mm (D.)}$$

$$4 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

## Ultra-intense Lasers



Titan laser

$$N_{e^+} \sim 10^{11}$$

$$V \sim 1 \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ mm (D.)}$$

$$1 \times 10^{14-15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

Could lasers create the highest density of positrons in the laboratory, by creating a large number in a short time ( $\sim$  picosecond) ?

# Two main processes involved in laser positron creation in the presence of high-Z nucleus

1. Direct (Trident) pair production  

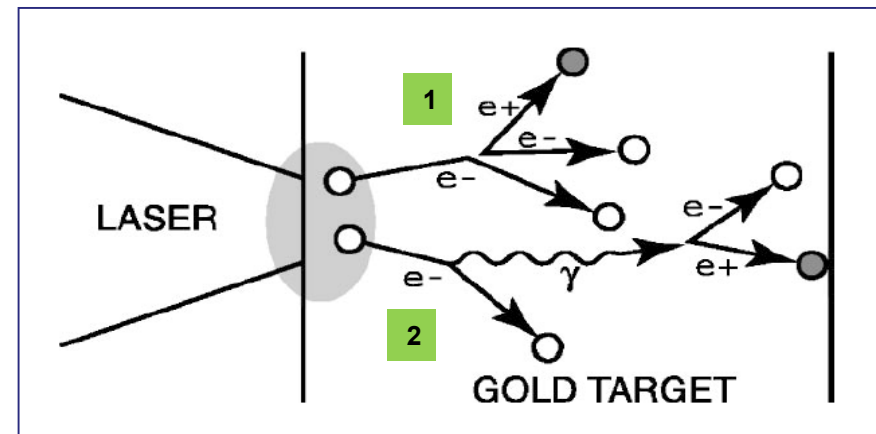
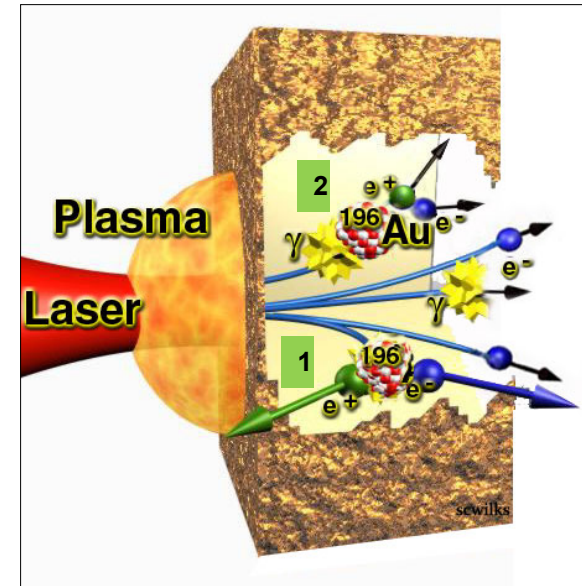
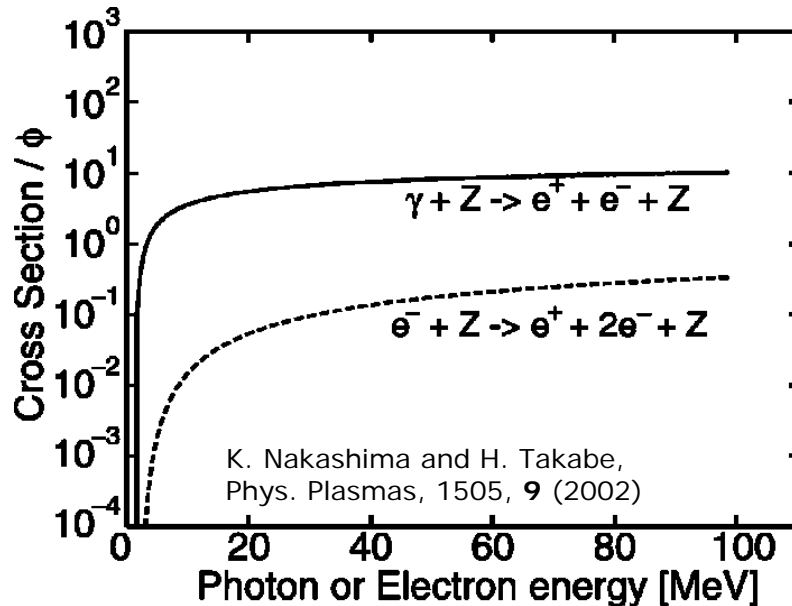
$$e^- + Z \rightarrow 2e^- + e^+ + Z$$

(Z: nucleus)
2. Indirect (Bethe-Heitler) pair production:  

$$e^- + Z \rightarrow \gamma + e^- + Z$$

$$\gamma + Z \rightarrow e^- + e^+ + Z$$

( $\gamma$ : Bremsstrahlung)

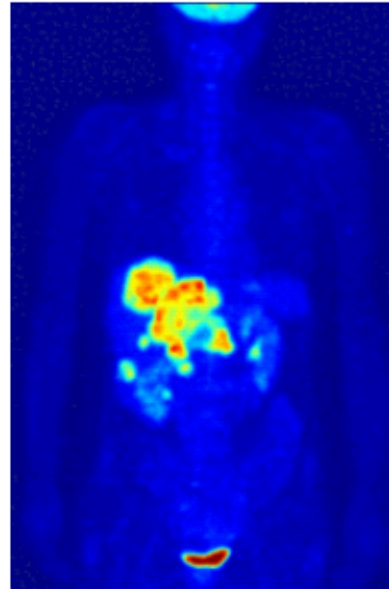
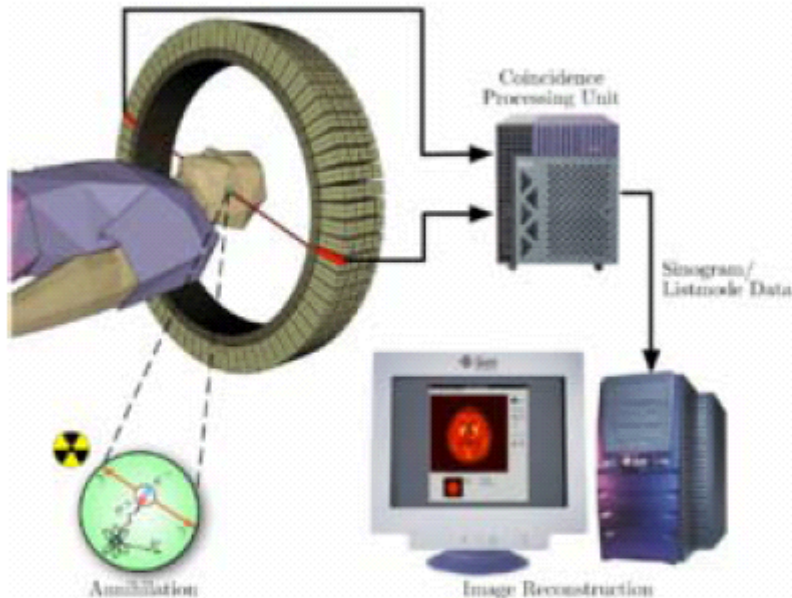


High energy (>MeV, relativistic)  $e^-$ s are the key to both processes

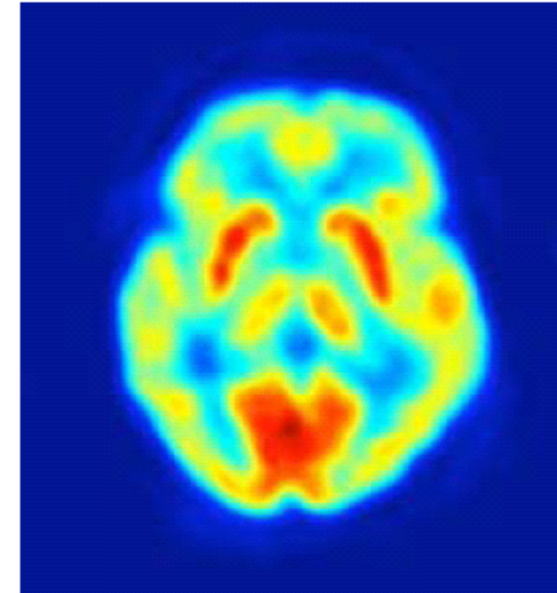
# On-site production of short-lived isotopes for medical imaging

Limitations to the widespread use of PET arise from the *high costs of cyclotrons* needed to produce the short-lived radionuclides for PET scanning .... *Few hospitals and universities are capable of maintaining such systems* ... - Wikipedia -

## Positron Emission Tomography



$^{18}\text{F}$  PET scan of tumor

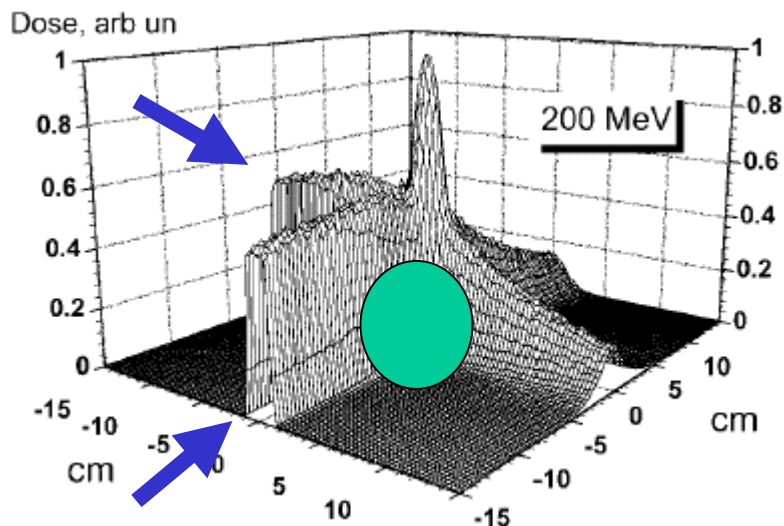


$^{15}\text{O}$  PET scan of human brain

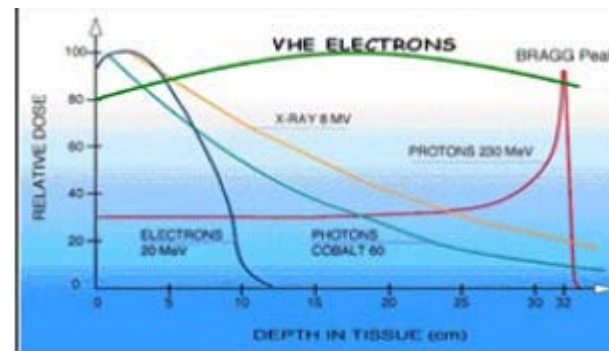
radiotracer	activation reaction	half-life	medical use
$^{15}\text{O}$	$^{16}\text{O}(\gamma, n)^{15}\text{O}$	<b>2 minutes</b>	neuro-imaging
$^{11}\text{C}$	$^{12}\text{C}(\gamma, n)^{11}\text{C}$	<b>20 minutes</b>	neuro-receptor-specific brain imaging
$^{18}\text{F}$	$^{19}\text{F}(\gamma, n)^{18}\text{F}$	110 minutes	clinical oncology

} **on-site production essential**

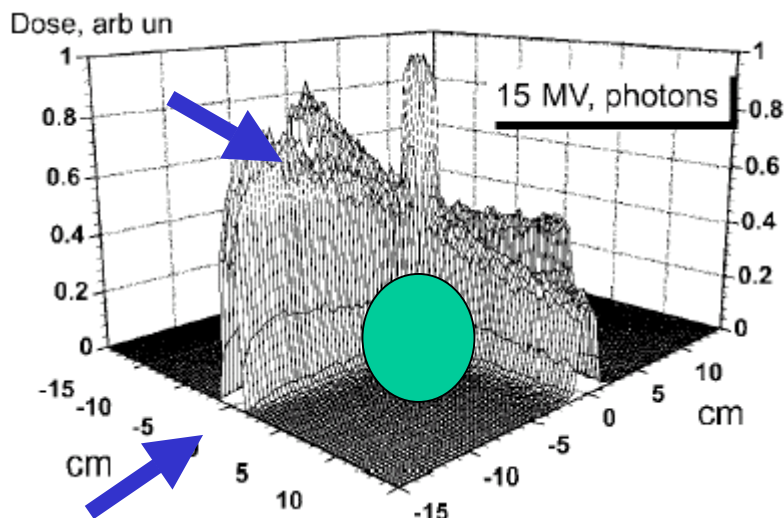
# Electron beams in radiation therapy



Electron beam



Dose deposition



15 MV clinical accelerator

x-ray beam



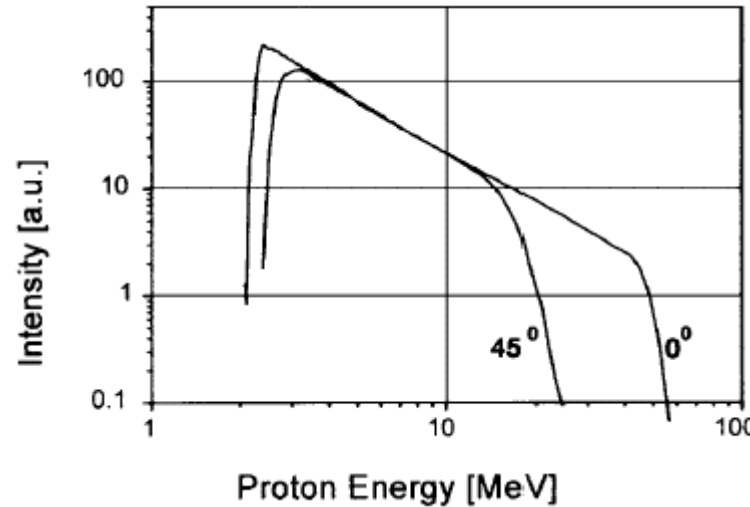
# Ускорение ионов

## Цели:

- Контролируемый источник высокоэнергичных ионов «на столе»
- ЛТС. Ion fast ignition
- Производство короткоживущих изотопов
- Вещество в экстремальных состояниях
- Радиография
- Инжектор для ионного ускорителя
- Адронная терапия
- Ядерная физика
- Астрофизика «на столе»
- Нейтронный источник
- Ионная имплантация

# No significant increase in particle energies since first demonstrations

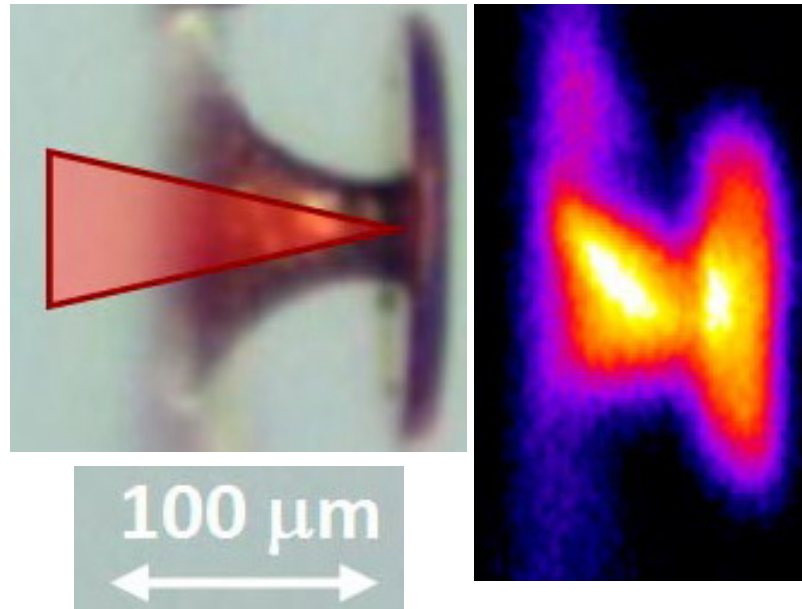
1 PW LLNL, 500 fs  
450J,  $3 \times 10^{20} \text{ Wcm}^{-2}$   
100- $\mu\text{m}$  CH target



Protons with  
 $E_{\text{max}} = 58 \text{ MeV}$

R. A. Snavely et al.,  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* **85**,  
2945 (2000)

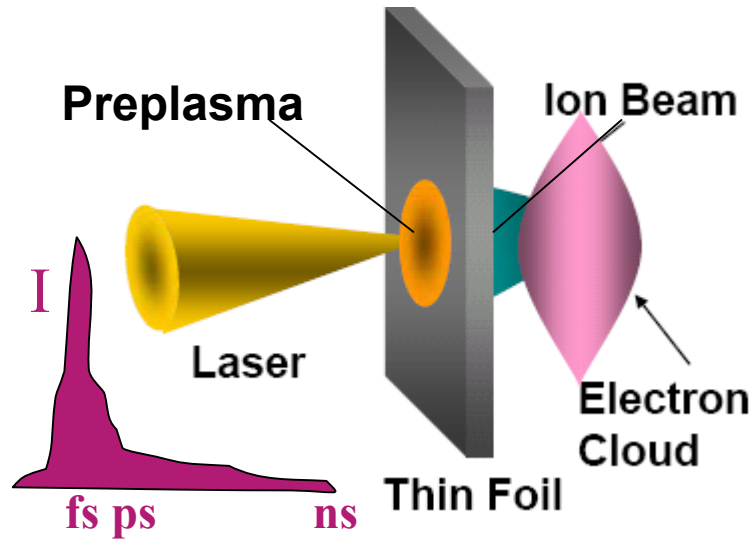
Newest result (APS  
DPP meeting 2009):  
“Trident”, LLNL  
150 TW, 500 fs  
80J,  $10^{20} \text{ Wcm}^{-2}$



Protons with  
 $E_{\text{max}} = 67 \text{ MeV}$

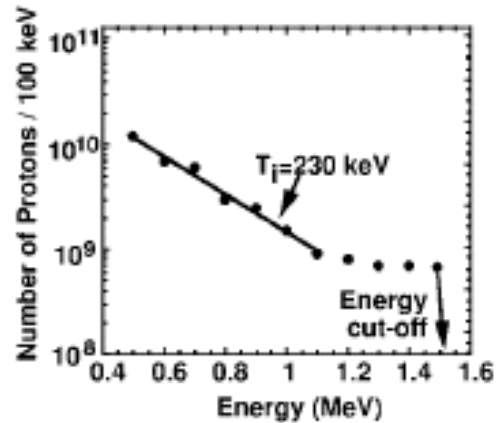
# Электростатический механизм ускорения

- Квазинейтальный разлет
- Двойной слой
- Кулоновский взрыв



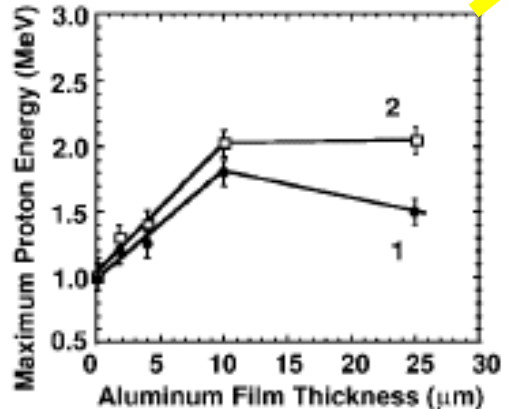
**Thin targets give higher ion energies but laser prepulse destroy the target!**

Типичный спектр протонов «вперед» при невысоком контрасте ( $<10^8$ )

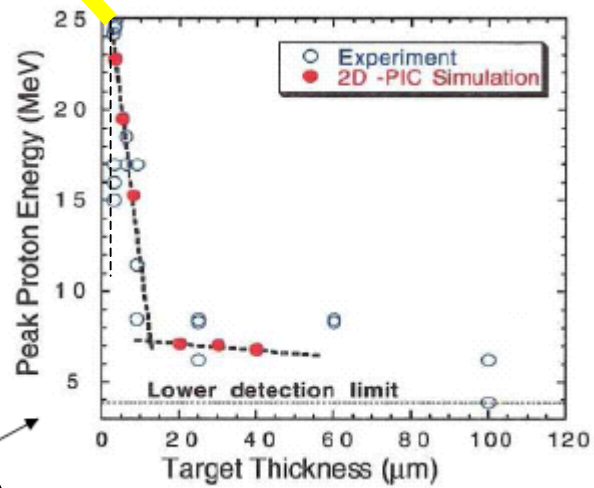
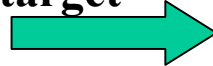


A.Maksimchuk et al., Phys.Rev.Lett 84, 4108 (2000)

Улучшенный контраст

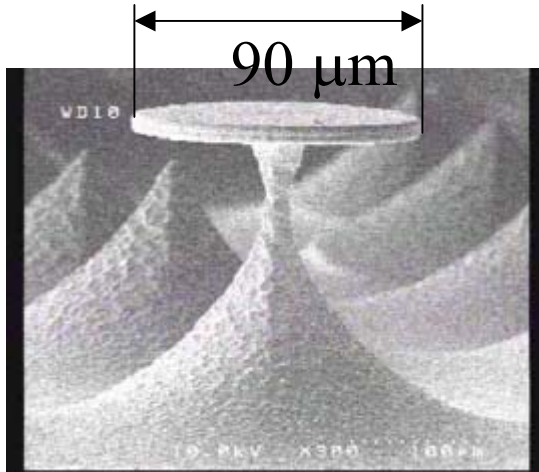


**The higher contrast the thinner target**

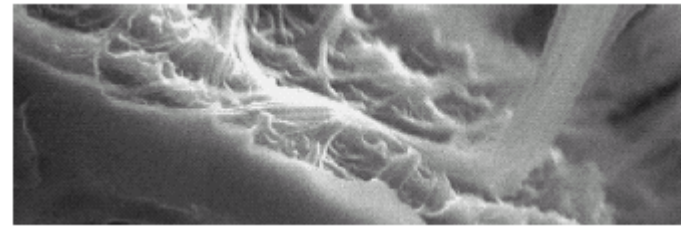


A.J. Mackinnon et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 88, 215006 (2001)

# Very sophisticated targets



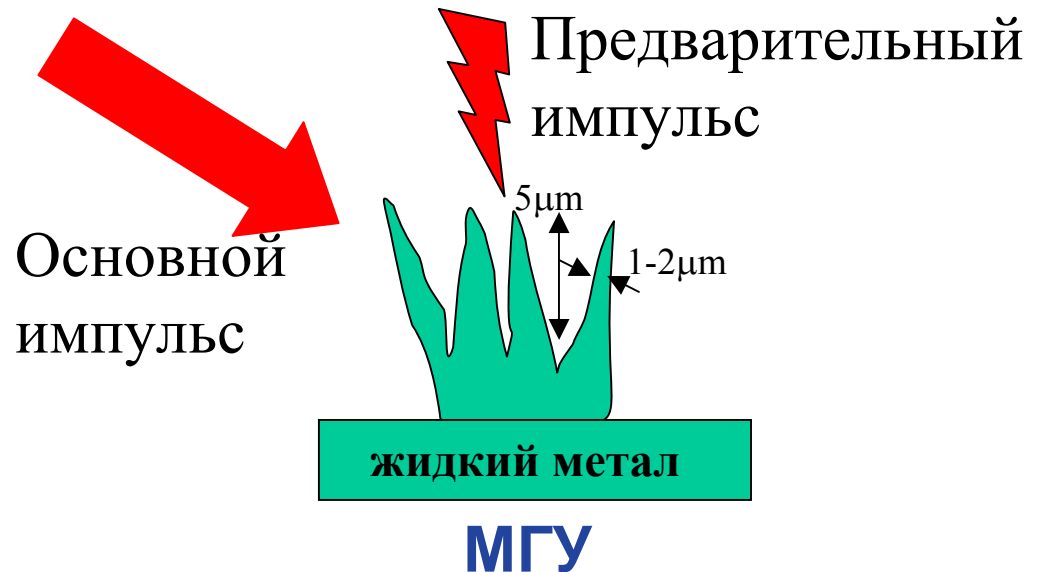
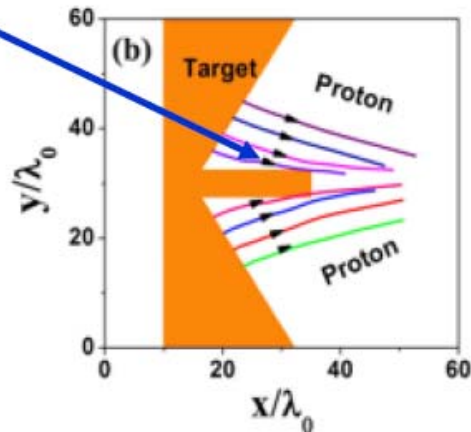
Pizza-Top Cone Target  
«Trident» LLNL



Poly tetra-fluoroethylene  
(PTFE) film with micro tips

Hamamatsu Photonics

Proton Track

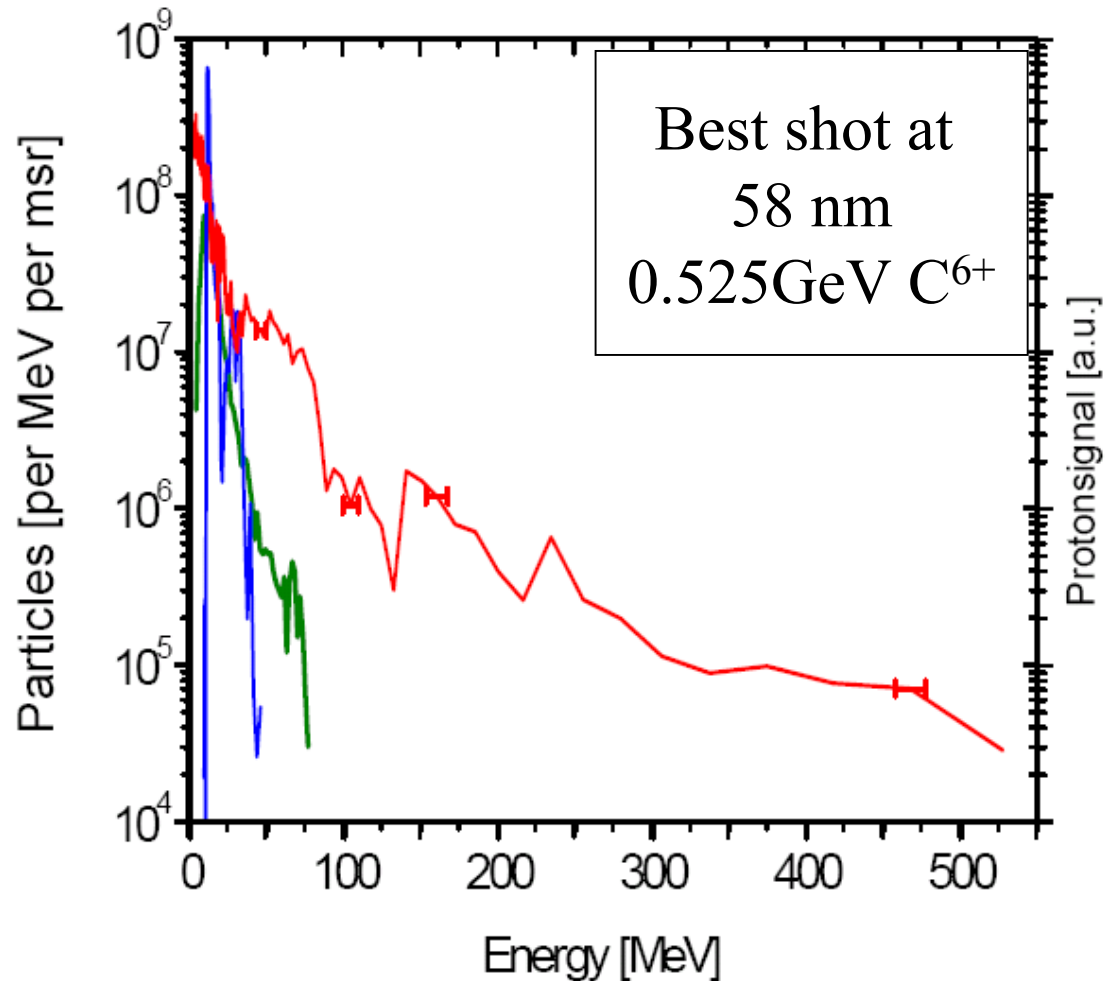


Y.Y. Ma, et al., Phys. Plasmas  
16, 034502 (2009)

# Most energetic ions from nm foils



- Surface cleaning*
- 1. Heating*
  - 2. Laser ablation*



$E_{\text{target}} = 90.1\text{J}, t=540\text{fs}$   
 $I = 2 \times 10^{20} \text{ W/cm}^2$

Short Prepulses  $\Rightarrow$  Contrast ( $I_{\text{pp}} / I_{\text{ave}}$ )  $< 5 \times 10^{-10}$   
Pedestal  $\Rightarrow$  Contrast ( $I_{\text{ped}} / I_{\text{ave}}$ )  $< 2 \times 10^{-12}$

# Optimal foil thickness

There is an optimal thickness for given density and laser intensity

Relativistic transparency:

$$\frac{n_e l}{n_c \lambda} \ll a$$



$$\frac{n_e l}{n_c \lambda} = 3 + 0.4a$$

$$a = 0.85 \sqrt{I \lambda^2 10^{-18}}$$

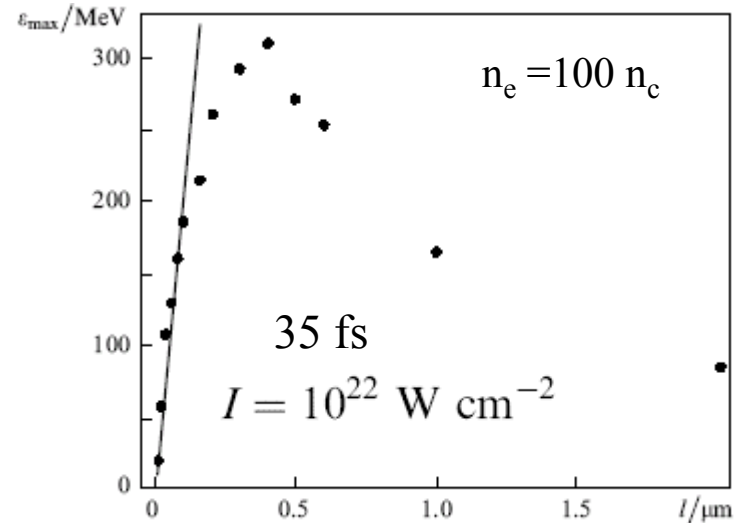
$$a > \pi \frac{n_e l}{n_c \lambda}$$

Condition of Coulomb explosion

Esirkepov et al., PRL **96**, 105001 (2006)

2D PIC simulation

Proton energy from H-foil target



Brantov et al., Quantum Electronics **37** 863 (2007)

$$E_{\max} = \pi Z n_i e^2 l d \quad \left| \quad \text{Maximum ion energy} \right.$$

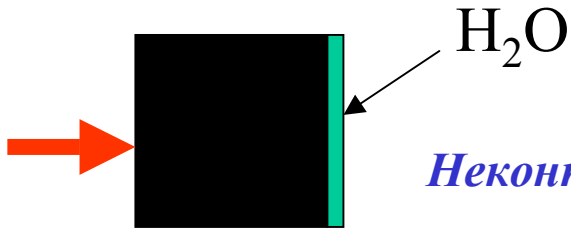
# Quasimononoenergetic ions.

## Optimization of laser-target parameters

- Target thickness/density
- Target composition/design/shaping
- Mass limited target / foil
- Laser intensity/duration/polarization/focusing
- Laser hot spot Gaussian/Flat-top(super-Gaussian)

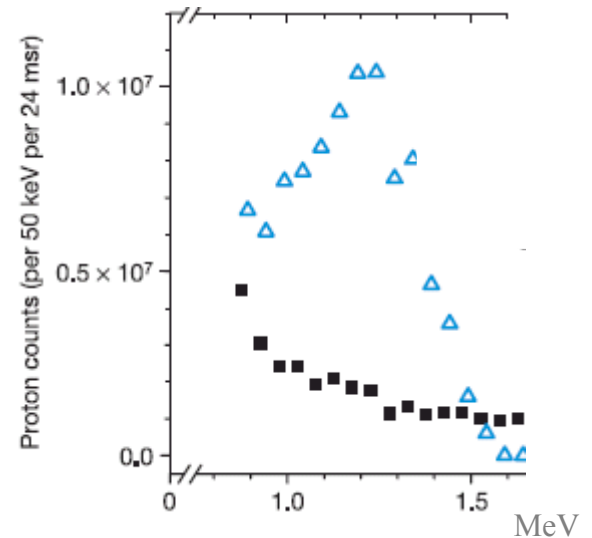
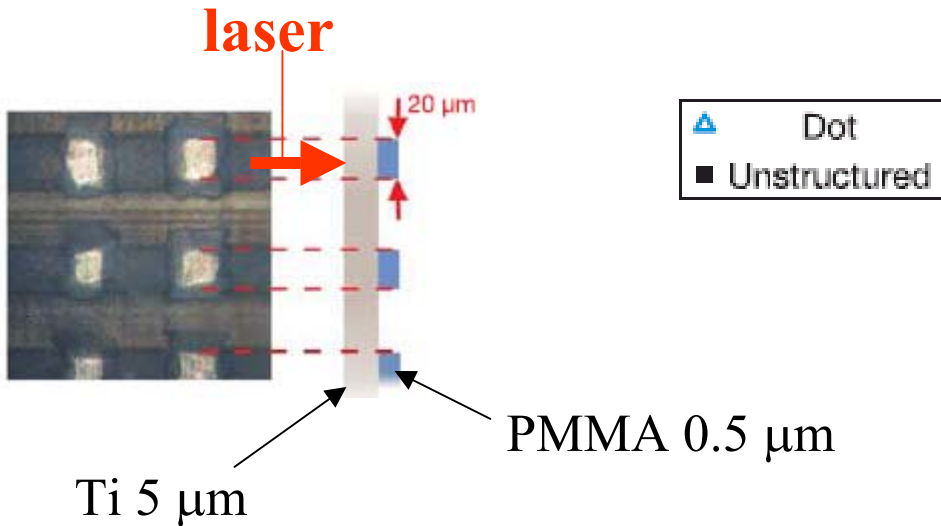
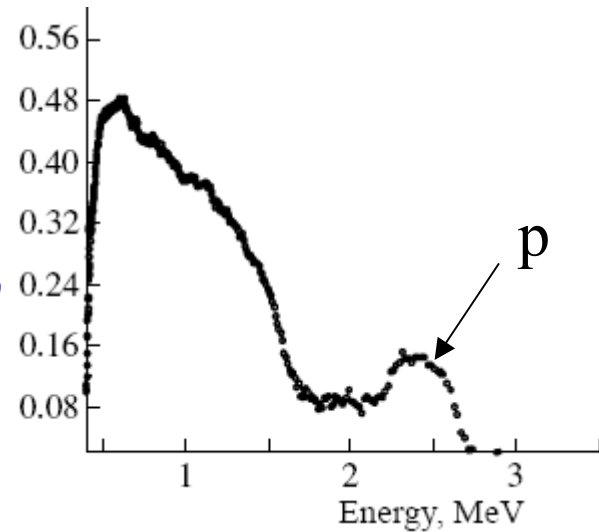
# Двуслойные фольги

Естественное загрязнение



*Неконтролируемый спектр*

Максимчук и др., Физика плазмы **30**, 514 (2004)

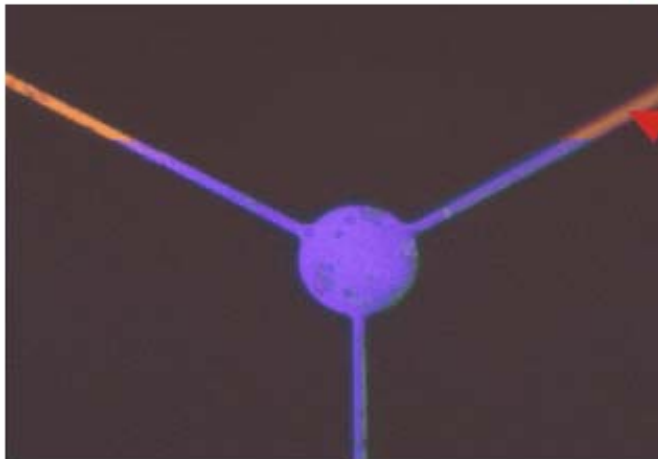
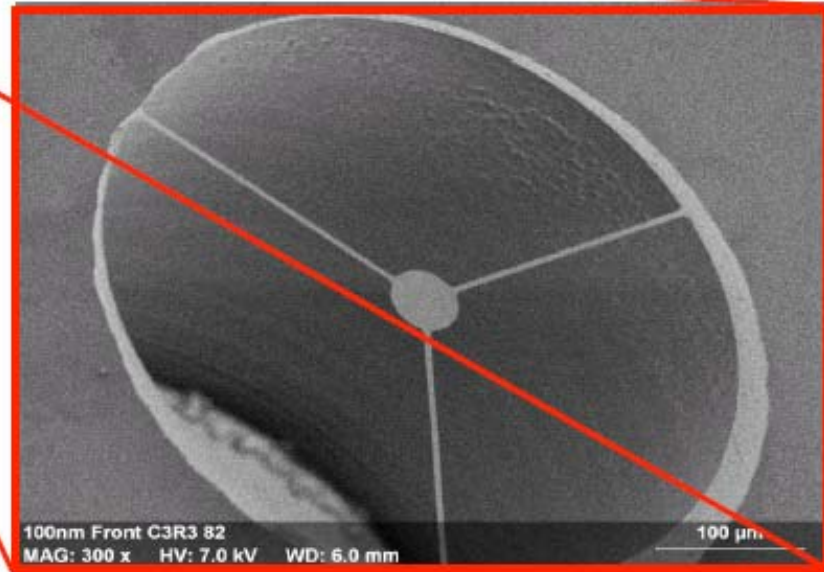
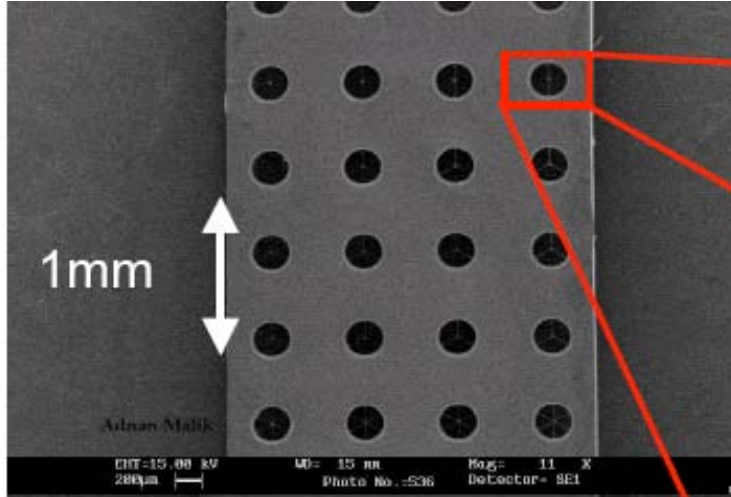
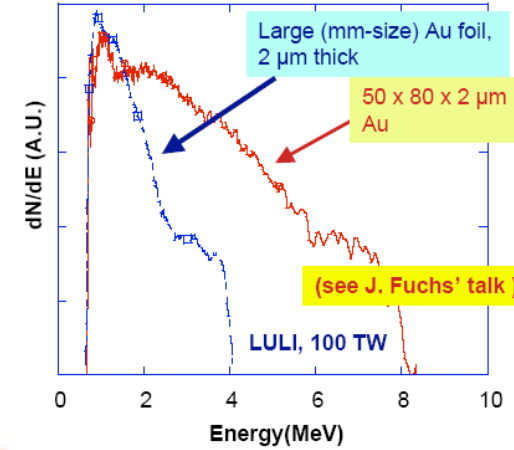


H. Schworer et al., NATURE **439**,445 (2006)



# Mass-limited targets

RAL



Disks: 32 $\mu$ m diameter, 40nm thick SiN membranes

Supporting wires: 1 $\mu$ m wide, 40 nm thick

Hole etched through 400 $\mu$ m thick Si.

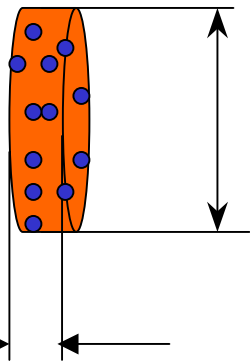
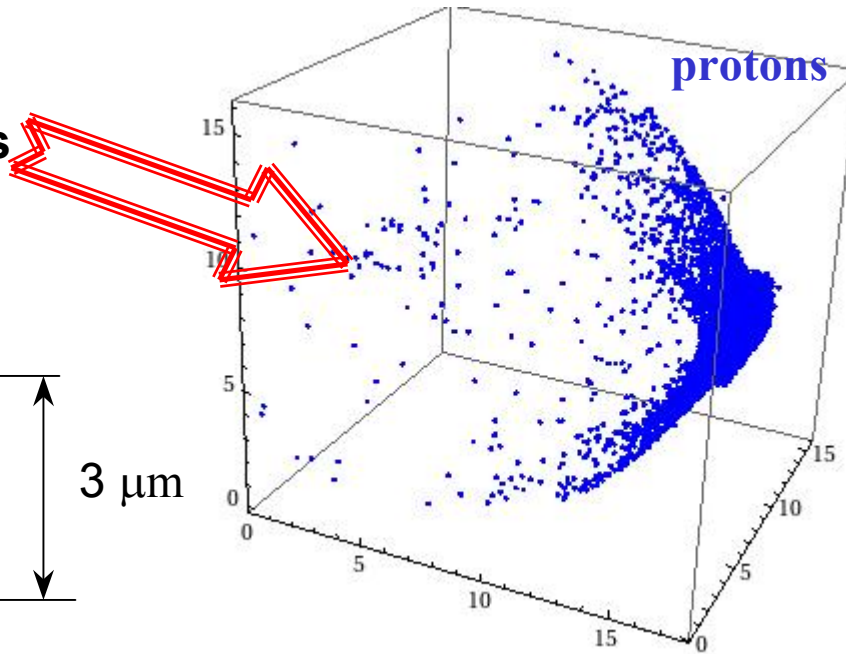
**Potential for further miniaturization !**

# 3D simulation of directed Coulomb explosion of mass-limited target

$I = 5 \cdot 10^{21} \text{ W/cm}^2$

$\text{FWHM}_{\perp}(D) = 4 \mu\text{m}$

$\text{FWHM}_{\parallel}(\tau) = 30 \text{ fs}$



•• Impurity (protons),  
 $Z=1, M=m_p, n$

$\mu = ZM_1/Z_1M = 2,$   
 $n_1 = 10n = 20n_c$

■ Heavy ions  
 $Z_1, M_1, n_1$

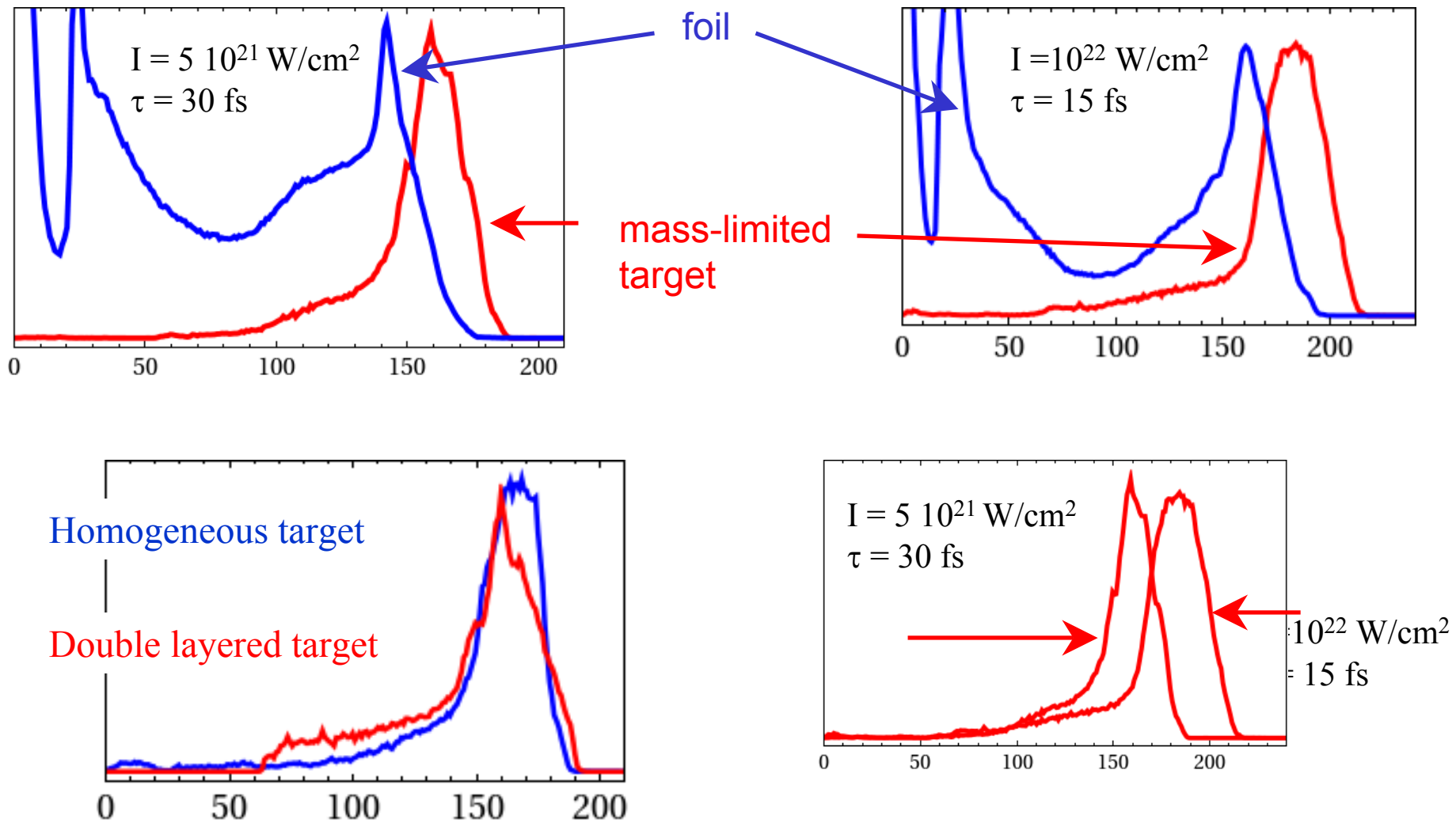
**Моноэнергетичность**  
 +  
**высокая энергия ионов**  
 ↓

• ультра-тонкая фольга  
 • ограниченная мишень  
 • легкая примесь

• высокий контраст  
 • радиальное сглаживание пучка

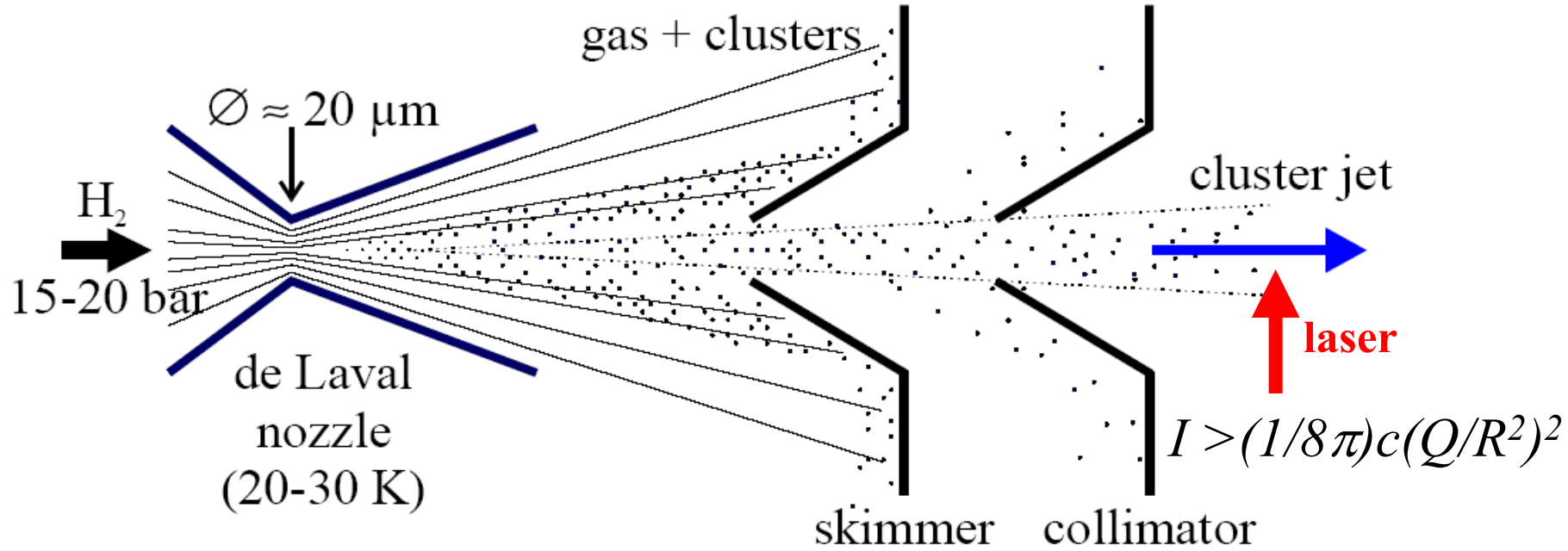
• радиальная поляризация  
 • ультракороткий импульс

# Proton energy spectrum

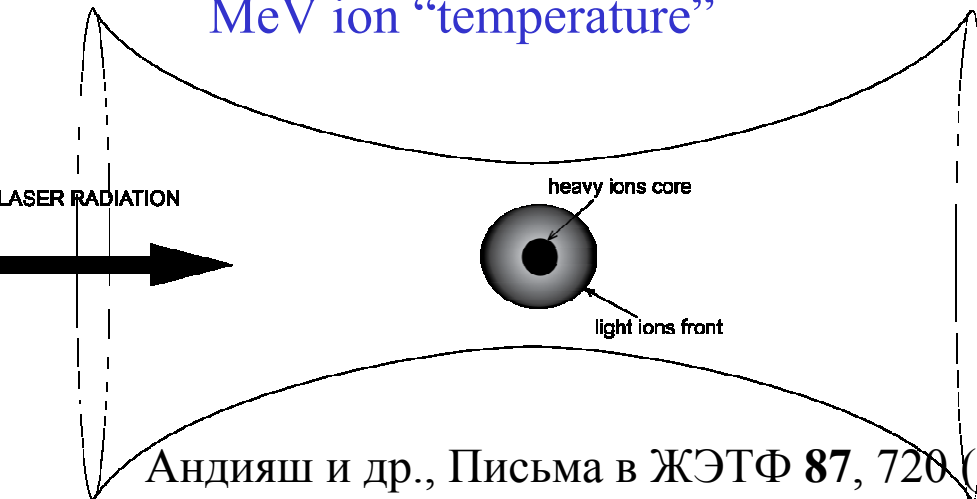


Нет преимущества от двуслойной мишени ! Более простая двух-компонентная однородная фольга работает не хуже !

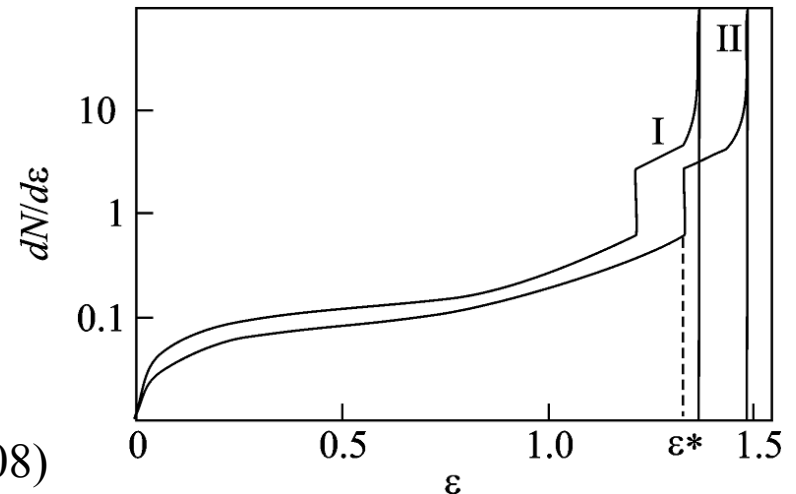
# Кластерная плазма. Кулоновский взрыв



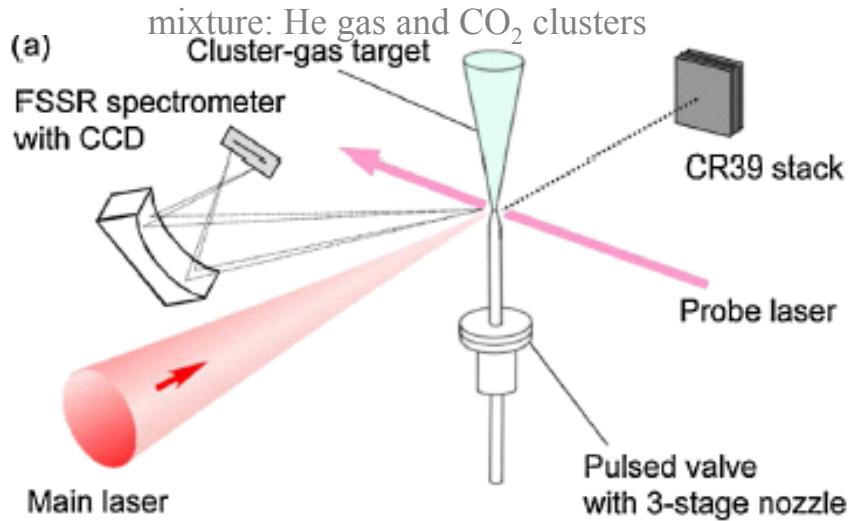
micro plasma with MeV ion "temperature"



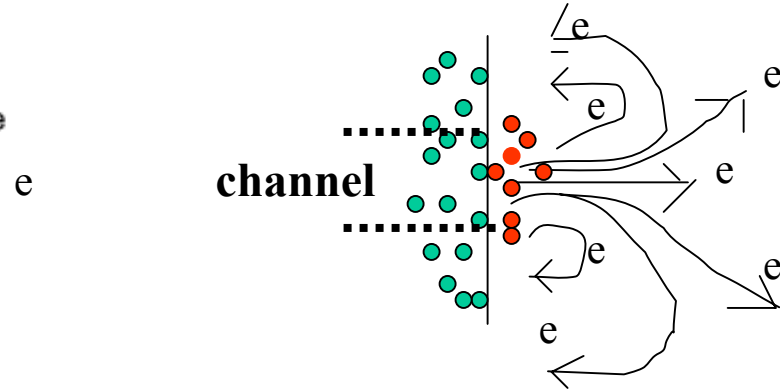
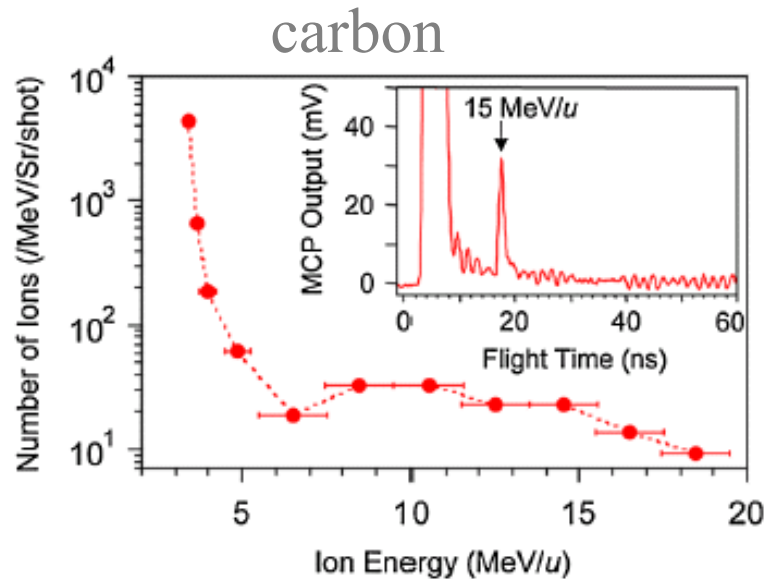
$$\varepsilon_{\max} = \frac{eQ_1}{2R}(3\mu - 1) \sim \frac{eQ_1}{R} \quad \varepsilon^* = \frac{eQ_1}{R}\mu$$



# Ионы из газовой мишени



4-TW Ti:sapphire laser at JAEA-KPSI  
 $n_e \sim 0.1 n_c$ ,  $I = 7 \times 10^{17} \text{ W cm}^{-2} \Rightarrow \text{self-focusing}$

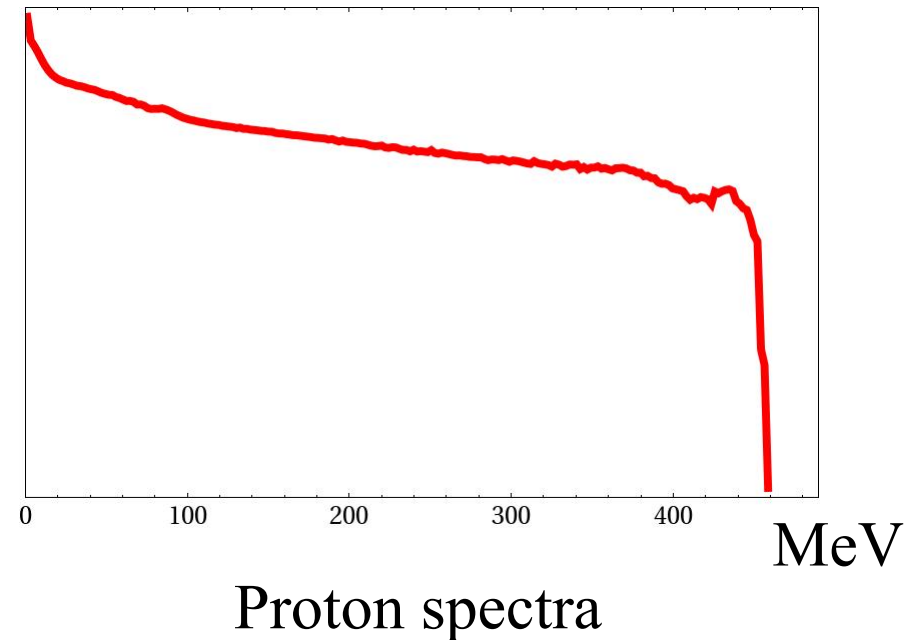
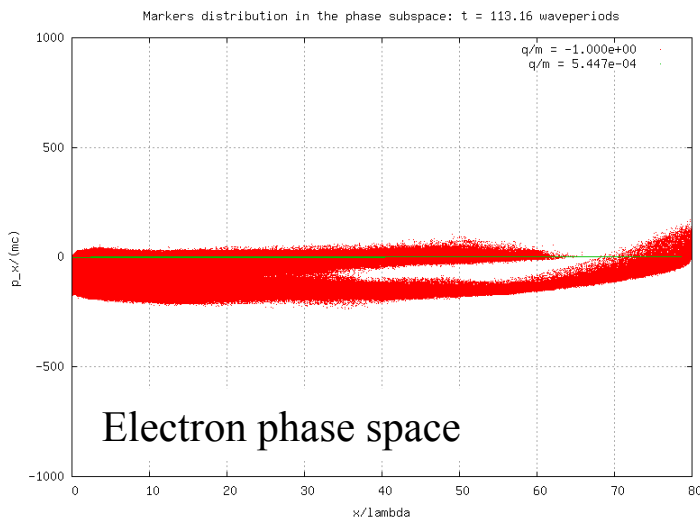
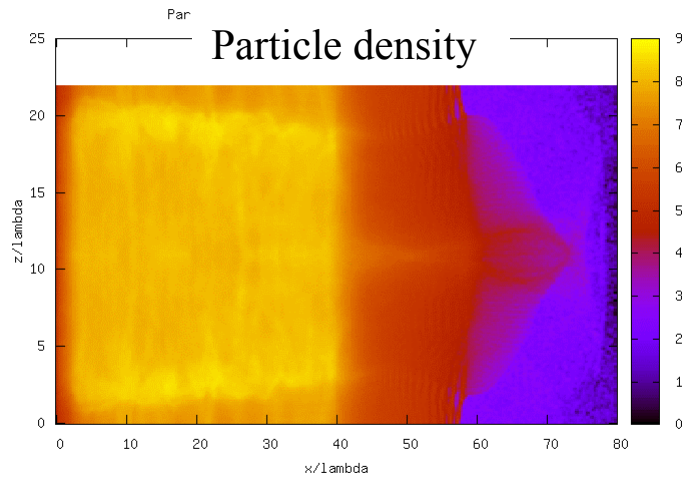


**Record energy per nucl.  
 for so low laser intensity !**

# 3D simulation of proton acceleration from dense gas

Laser - 10 fsec,  $10^{22}$ W/cm<sup>2</sup>, focus 5  $\mu$ m  
linear polarization

Target – dense gas plasma 40  $\mu$ m  
electrons + protons  
density  $10^{21}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>

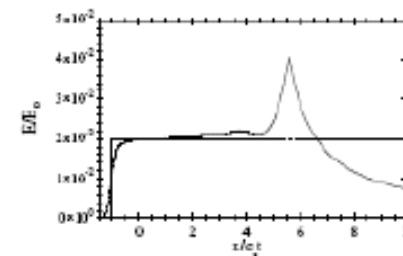
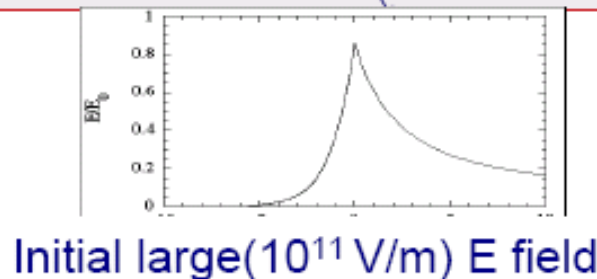
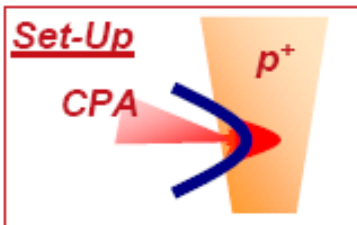
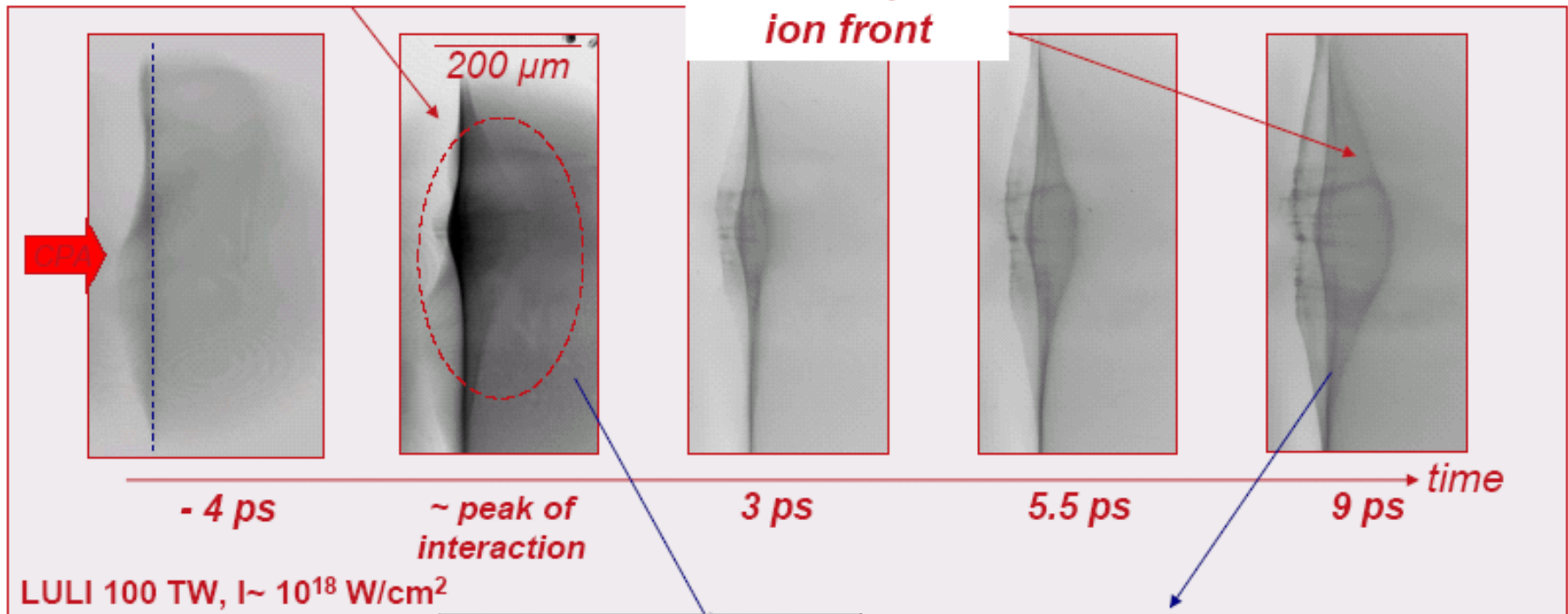


# Detections of fields driving protons acceleration

L.Romagnani et al,  
Phys Rev Lett,  
95,195001(2005)

Short-lived ( $\sim$ ps) deflection  
at peak of interaction

Expansion of  
bell-shaped  
ion front



E field at  
ion front  
(Mora, PRL03)

# Diagnosis of electron transport inside dense-matter (Weibel-driven filaments?)

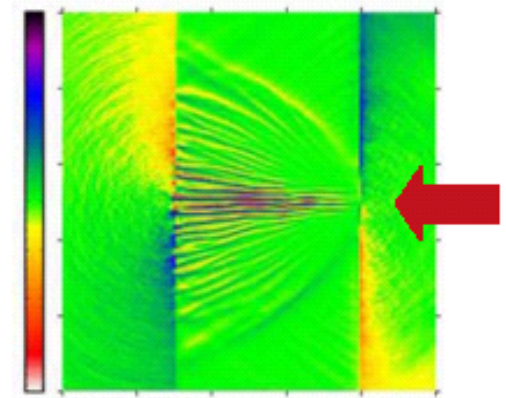
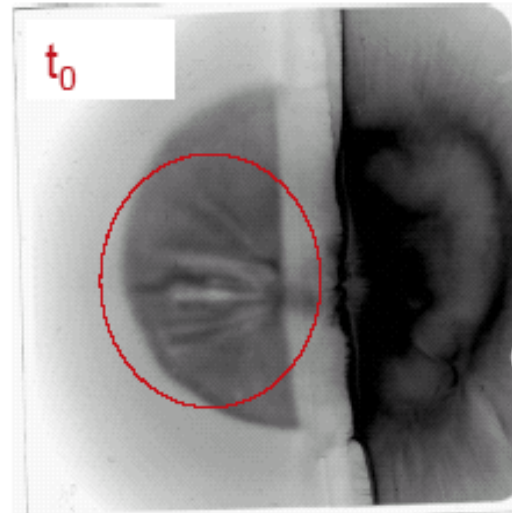
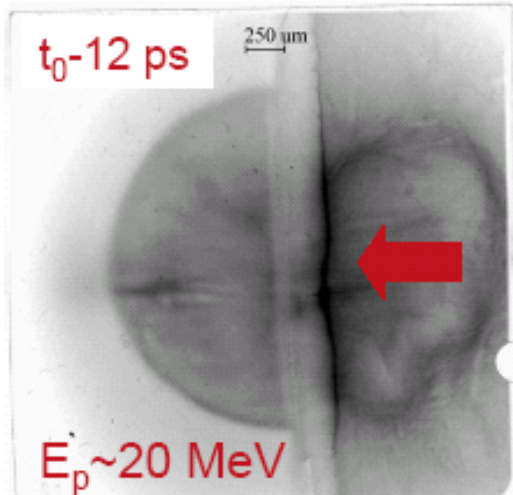
RAL PW

50mg/cc triacrylate foam, 30%  
Br doping, Au coating at front

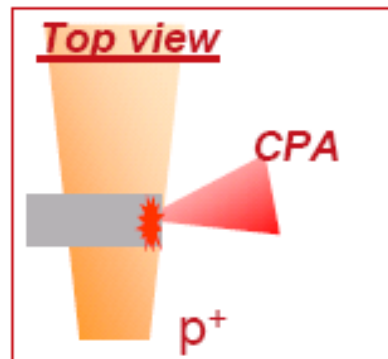
$$n_e = 10^{22}-10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

Interaction: 500 fs,  $\sim 10^{19} \text{ W/cm}^2$

Proton driver:  $\sim 500 \text{ fs}$ ,  $> 10^{20} \text{ W/cm}^2$ .



$B_z$  for CH density 250mg/cc



Filaments appear near the peak  
of irradiation pulses within a  $\sim 45^\circ$  cone  
Large MeV current ( $\sim 100 \text{ kA}$ ) is injected  
into target and is unstable to Weibel-like  
instabilities



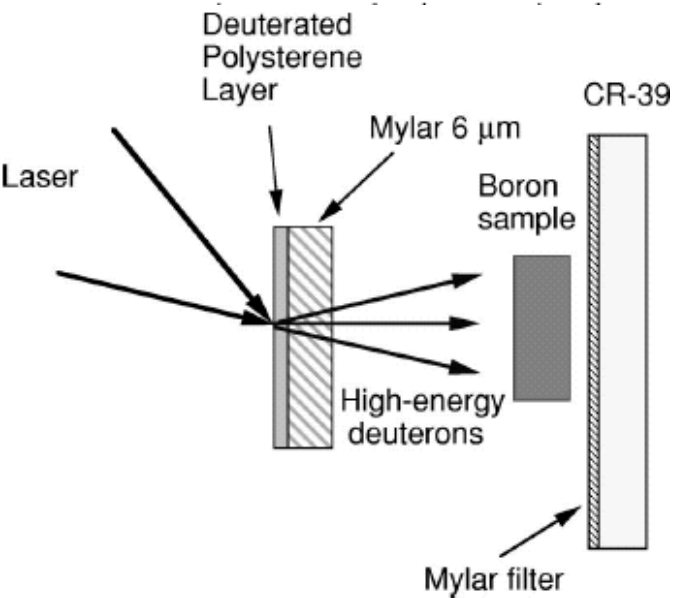
# Medical Isotope Production using Proton Beams

ПОЗИТРОННО-ЭМИССИОННАЯ  
ТОМОГРАФИЯ

RAL, Vulcan  
 $5 \times 10^{19} \text{ Wcm}^{-2}$   
 200 kBq per shot

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Nuclear reaction	Half-life	Q (MeV)	Peak cross-section (mb)	Radiation measured
$^{11}\text{B}(p,n)^{11}\text{C}$	20.34 mins	2.76	430	$\beta^+$ 99%
$^{14}\text{N}(p,\alpha)^{11}\text{C}$	20.34 mins	2.92	250	$\beta^+$ 99%
$^{16}\text{O}(p,\alpha)^{13}\text{N}$	9.96 mins	5.22	140	$\beta^+$ 100%
$^{15}\text{N}(p,n)^{15}\text{O}$	123 seconds	3.53	200	$\beta^+$ 100%
$^{18}\text{O}(p,n)^{18}\text{F}$	109.7 mins	2.44	700	$\beta^+$ 97%



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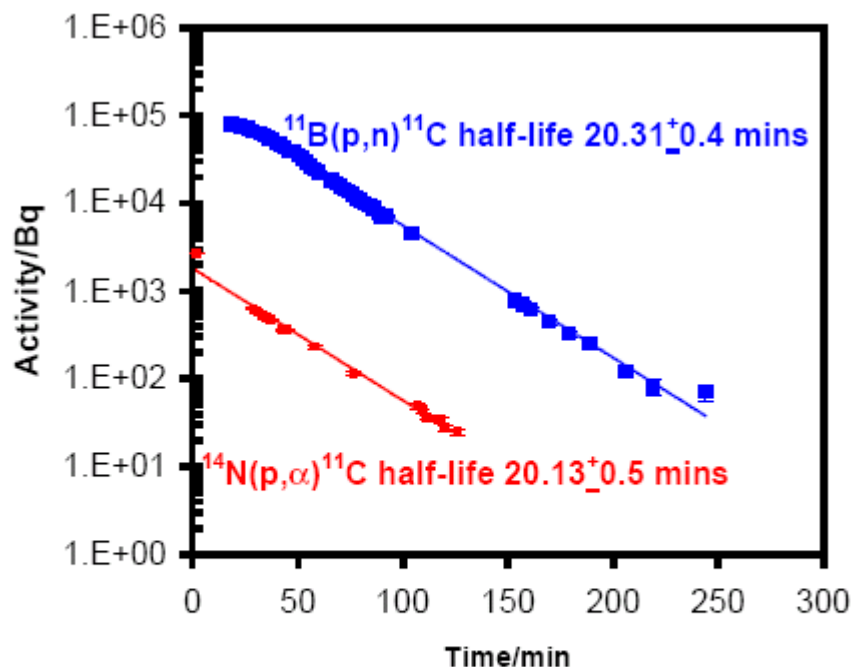
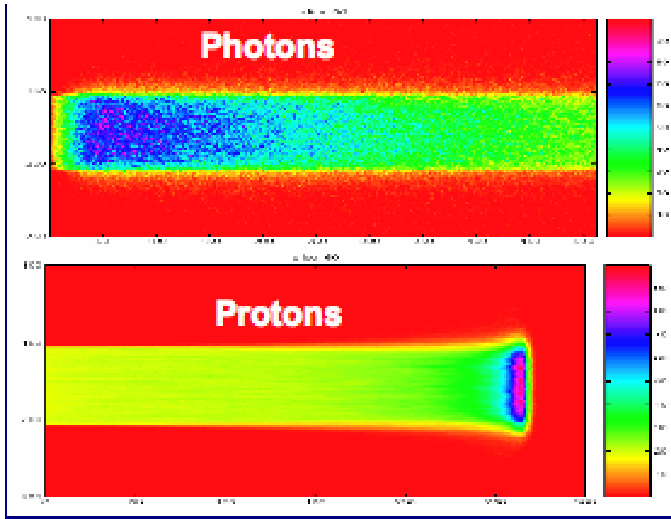


Figure 4. Decay curves for the activated boron and silicon nitride samples, showing that the isotope  $^{11}\text{C}$  was produced via the reactions  $^{11}\text{B}(p,n)^{11}\text{C}$  and  $^{14}\text{N}(p,\alpha)^{11}\text{C}$ .

# Hadron therapy. Proton therapy



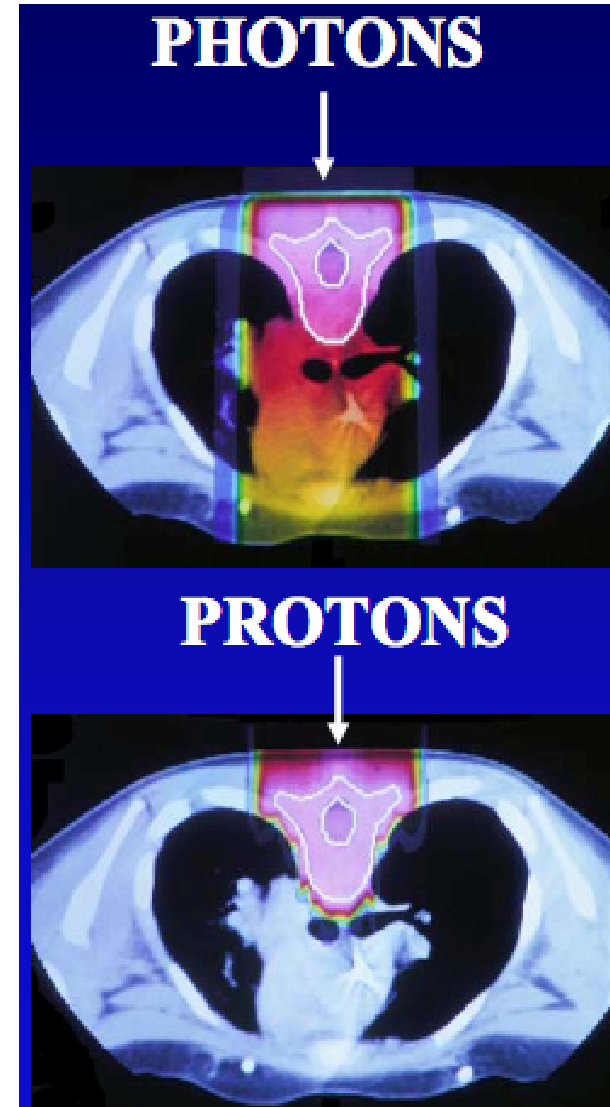
**Photons don't stop**  
**Protons Stop**

$$10^9 - 10^{10} \text{ C}^{-1}$$

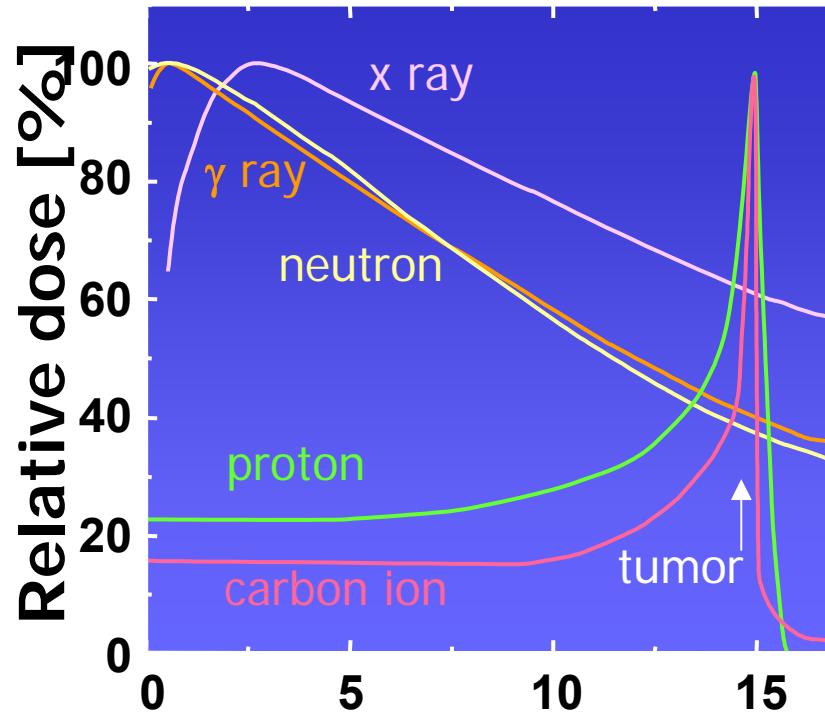
$$\Delta\varepsilon/\varepsilon < \text{few } \%$$

P: 200-250 MeV

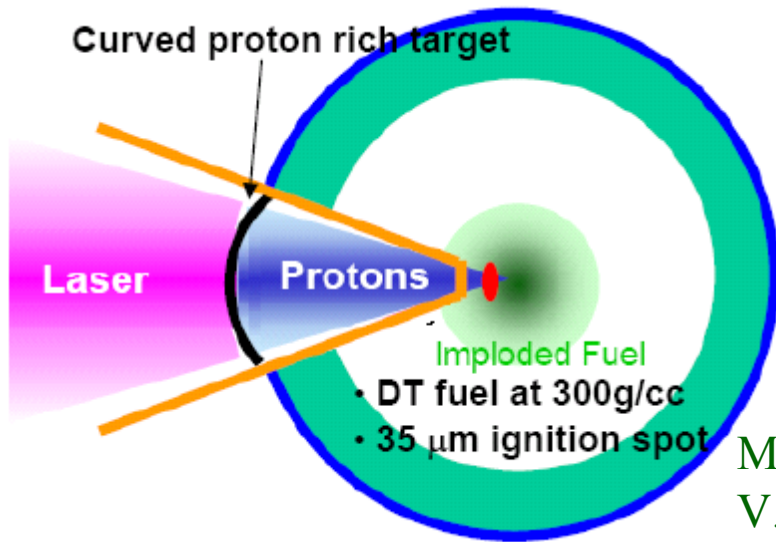
C: 300-350 MeV/n



The « optimum » dose distribution Delivers 100% dose to the tumour target and not to normal tissues. This should result in improved clinical outcomes when proton beams are used.



# Fast Ignition using protons (ions)



## Requirements:

$$E_{\text{protons}} (3 \text{ to } 10 \text{ MeV}) \sim 15 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\rightarrow E_{\text{Laser}} \sim 100 \text{ kJ (for } \eta_{\text{Laser} \rightarrow \text{proton}} \sim 15\%)$$

$$\rightarrow I_{\text{Laser}} \sim 10^{20} \text{ W.cm}^{-2}$$

$$t_{\text{protons}} < 20 \text{ ps}$$

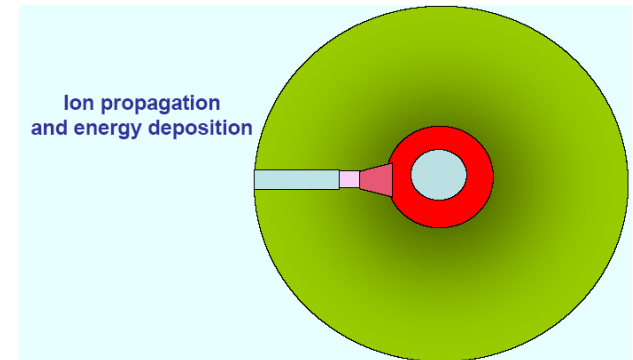
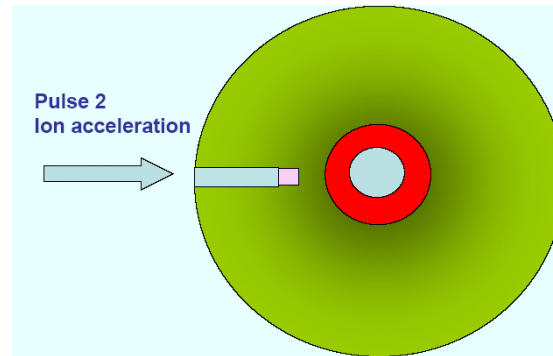
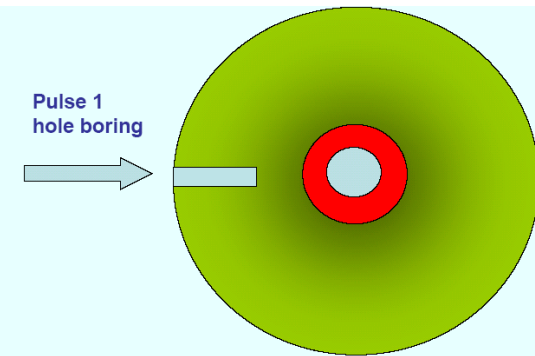
$$\Phi_{\text{protons}} \sim 35 \mu\text{m} \rightarrow \text{focusing}$$

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## Fast ignition with hole boring



possibility of fuel ignition at the 30 PW & 100 kJ level

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