A Story of Laser Wakefield Accelerators

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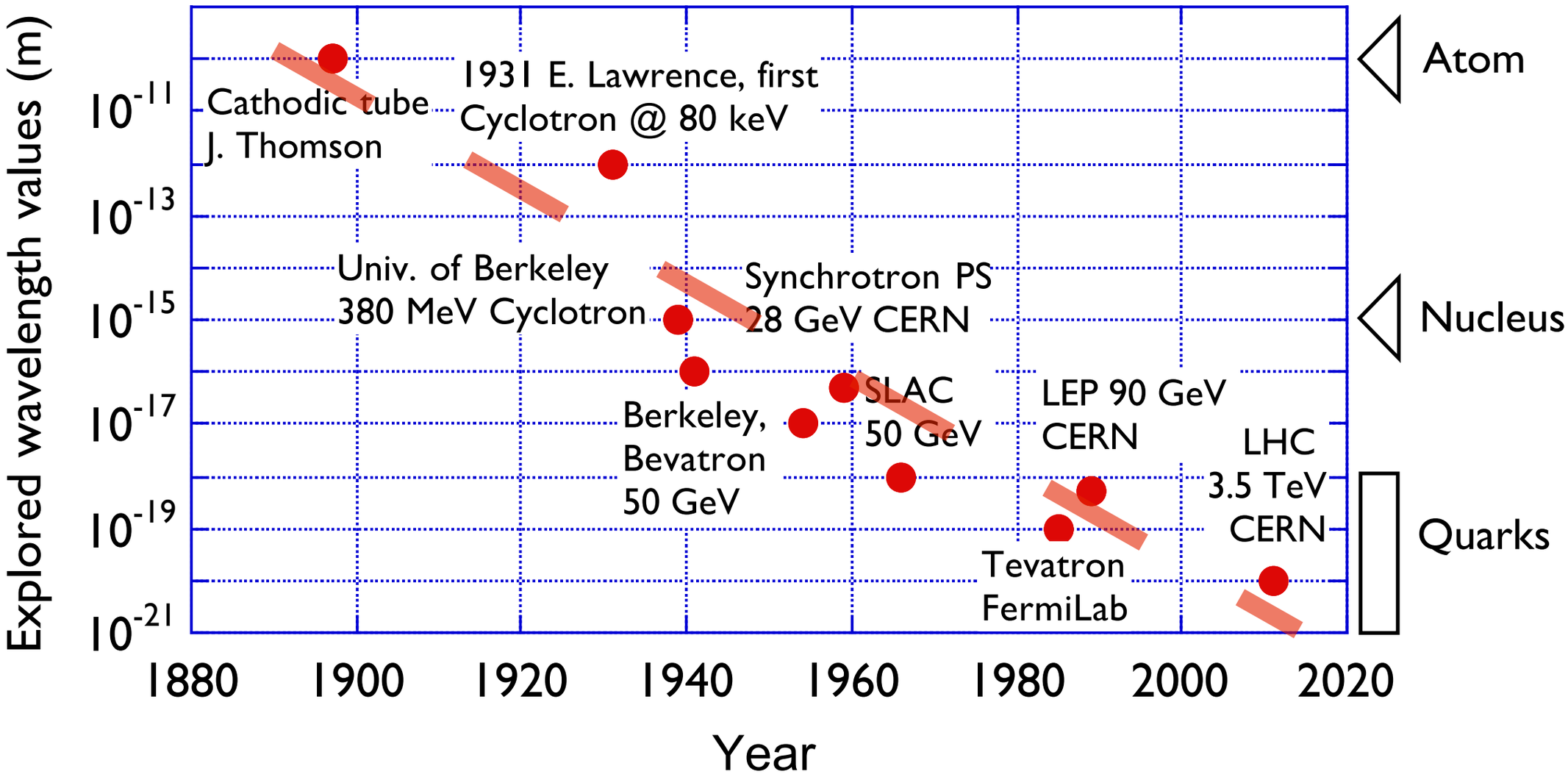
Industrial Market for Accelerators

The development of state of the art accelerators for HEP has lead to :
research in other field of science (light source, spallation neutron sources…)
industrial accelerators (cancer therapy, ion implant., electron cutting&welding...)

Application	Total systems (2007) approx.	System sold/yr	Sales/yr (M$)	System price (M$)
Cancer Therapy	9100	500	1800	2.0 - 5.0
Ion Implantation	9500	500	1400	1.5 - 2.5
Electron cutting and welding	4500	100	150	0.5 - 2.5
Electron beam and X rays irradiators	2000	75	130	0.2 - 8.0
Radio-isotope production (incl. PET)	550	50	70	1.0 - 30
Non destructive testing (incl. Security)	650	100	70	0.3 - 2.0
Ion beam analysis (incl. AMS)	200	25	30	0.4 - 1.5
Neutron generators (incl. sealed tubes)	1000	50	30	0.1 - 3.0
Total	**27500**	**1400**	**3680**	

Total accelerators sales increasing more than 10% per year

Accelerators : One century of exploration of the infinitively small



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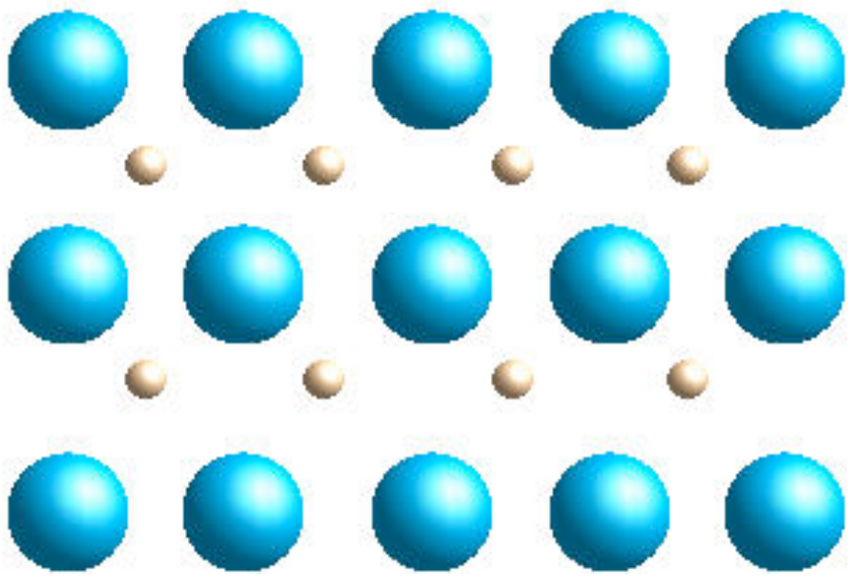

$$E_z\ (\mathrm{GV/m}) \approx \delta n/n \times \sqrt{n}$$

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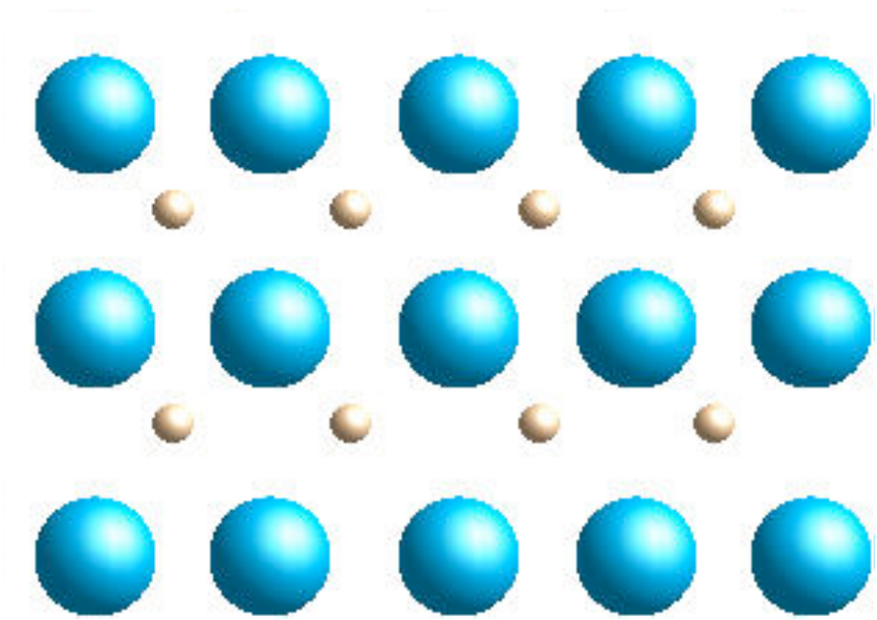

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1979 Relativistic plasma waves with Laser pulse

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Laser Electron Accelerator

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An intense electromagnetic pulse can create a weak of plasma oscillations through the action of the nonlinear ponderomotive force. Electrons trapped in the wake can be accelerated to high energy. Existing glass lasers of power density 10^{18}W/cm^2 shone on plasmas of densities 10^{18} cm^{-3} can yield gigaelectronvolts of electron energy per centimeter of acceleration distance. This acceleration mechanism is demonstrated through computer simulation. Applications to accelerators and pulsers are examined.

Such a wake is most effectively generated if the length of the electromagnetic wave packet is half the wavelength of the plasma waves in the wake:

$$L_t = \lambda_w/2 = \pi c/\omega_p . \qquad (2)$$

An alternative way of exciting the plasmon is to inject two laser beams with slightly different frequencies (with frequency difference $\Delta\omega \sim \omega_p$) so that the beat distance of the packet becomes $2\pi c/\omega_p$. The mechanism for generating the wakes

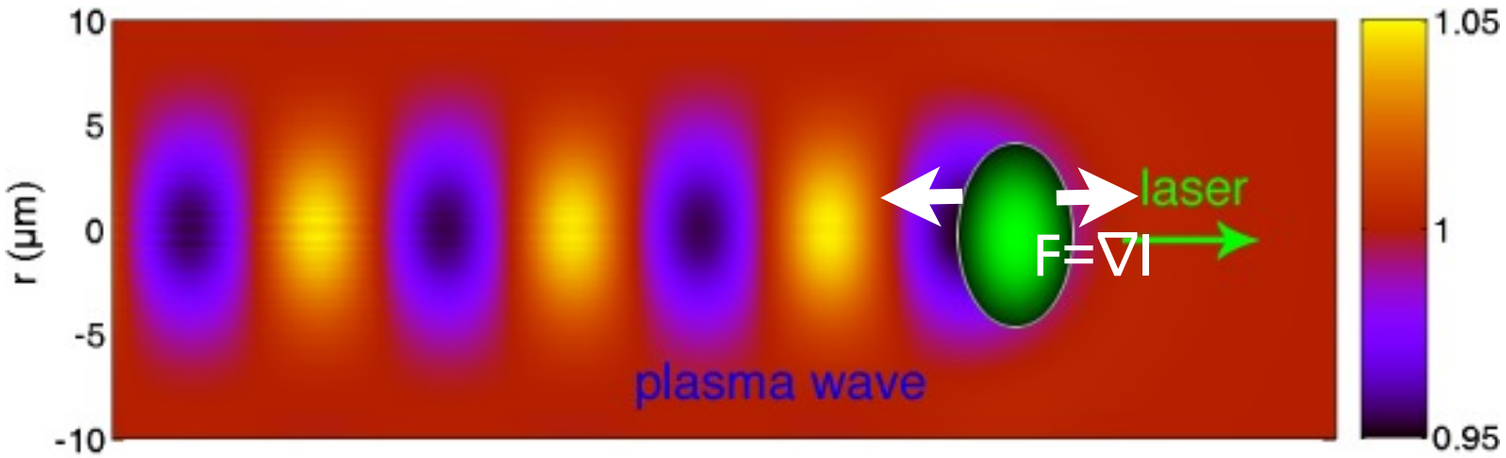
=> Laser wakefield

=> Laser beatwave

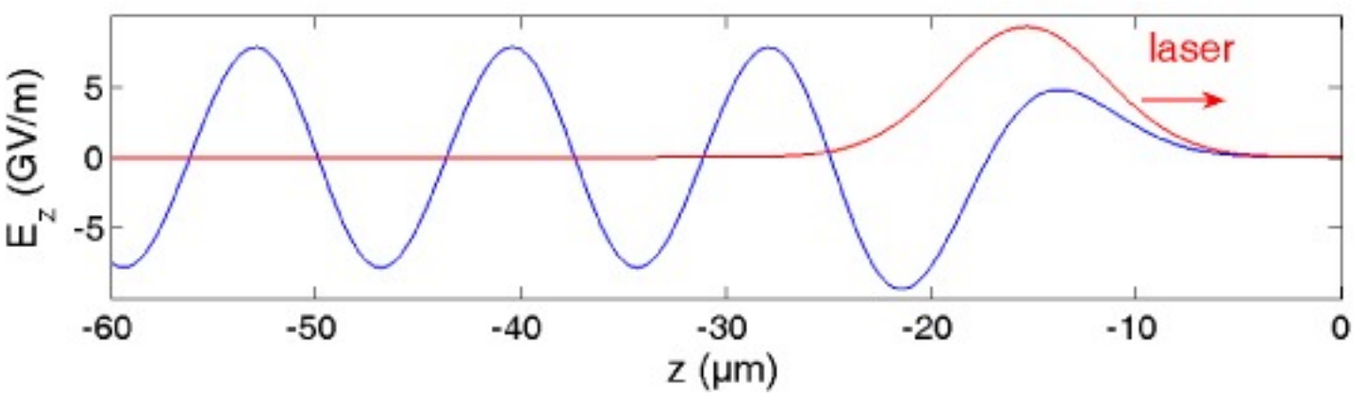
1979 How to excite a plasma wave ? the Laser Wakefield

1) The laser wake field : broad resonance condition $\tau_{laser} \sim T_p/2$ => short laser pulse

electron density perturbation and longitudinal wakefield



wave in the wake of a boat



$v_{phase}^{epw} = v_g^{laser} \sim c$

E_z = 0.3 GV/m for 1 % Density Perturbation at 10^{17} cc^{-1}

E_z = 300 GV/m for 100 % Density Perturbation at 10^{19} cc^{-1}

T. Tajima and J. Dawson, PRL **43**, 267 (1979)

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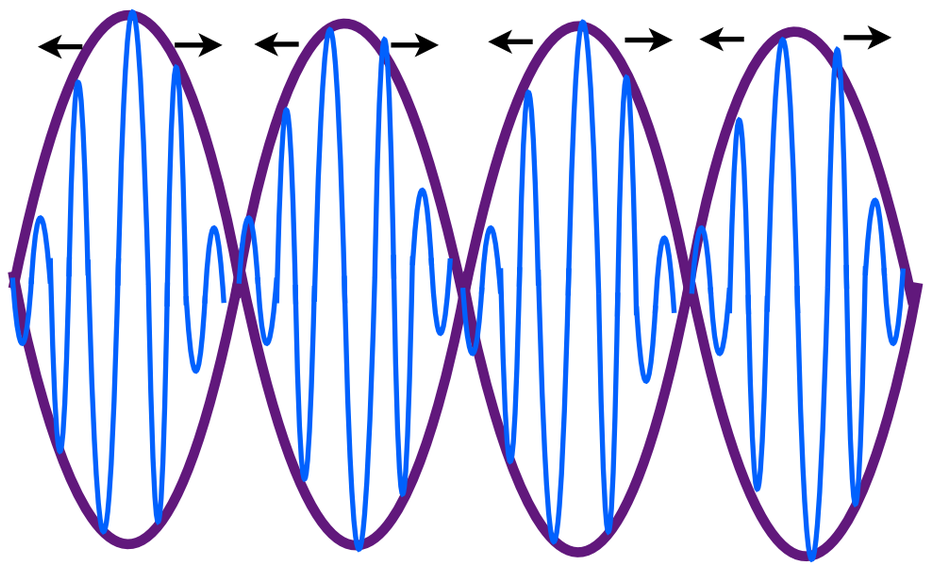
1985-1995 How to excite a plasma wave ? the Beat Wave

11) The laser beat waves : $\tau_L >> T_p$

$\mathbf{F} \approx - \nabla I$

$\omega_1, \mathbf{k}_1$

$\omega_2, \mathbf{k}_2$



Train of short resonant pulses

$$$$!

$\omega_1 - \omega_2 = \omega_p$

linear growth rate $\delta(t) = 1/4\ a_1 a_2 \omega_p t$

=> homogenous plasmas

saturation : relativistic, ion motion

Optical demonstration by Thomson scattering :

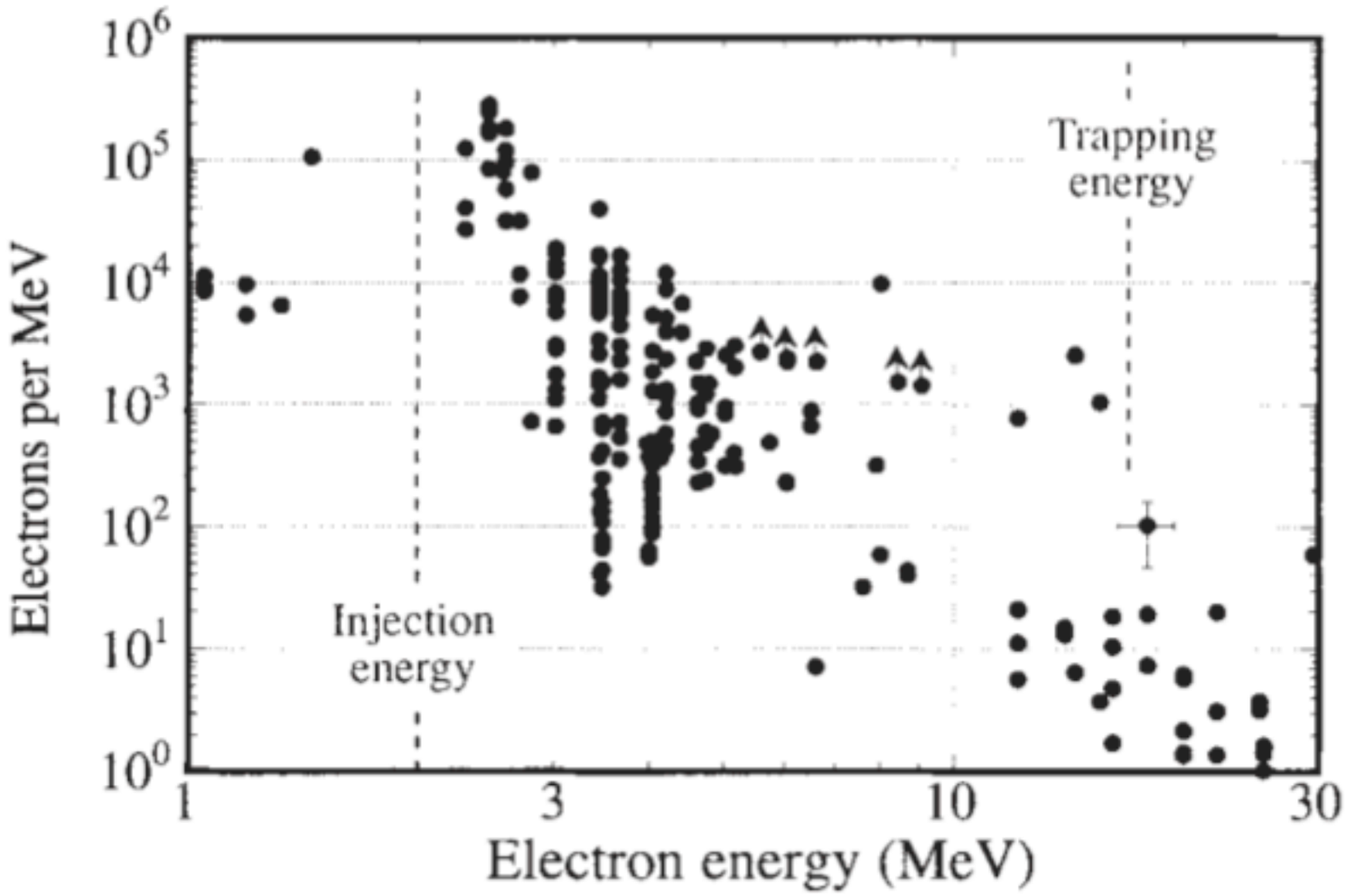
Clayton *et al.* PRL 1985, Amiranoff *et al.* PRL 1992, Dangor *et al.* Phys. Scrypta 1990

Chen, Introduction to plasma physics and controlled fusion, 2nd Edition, Vol. 1, (1984)

1992-1994 Accelerated electrons in LBWF

The 2-MeV electrons are accelerated up to ≈ 28 MeV

Electron spectra indicate an E_{field} of ≈ 2.8 GV/m



M. Everett *et al.*, Nature 1994

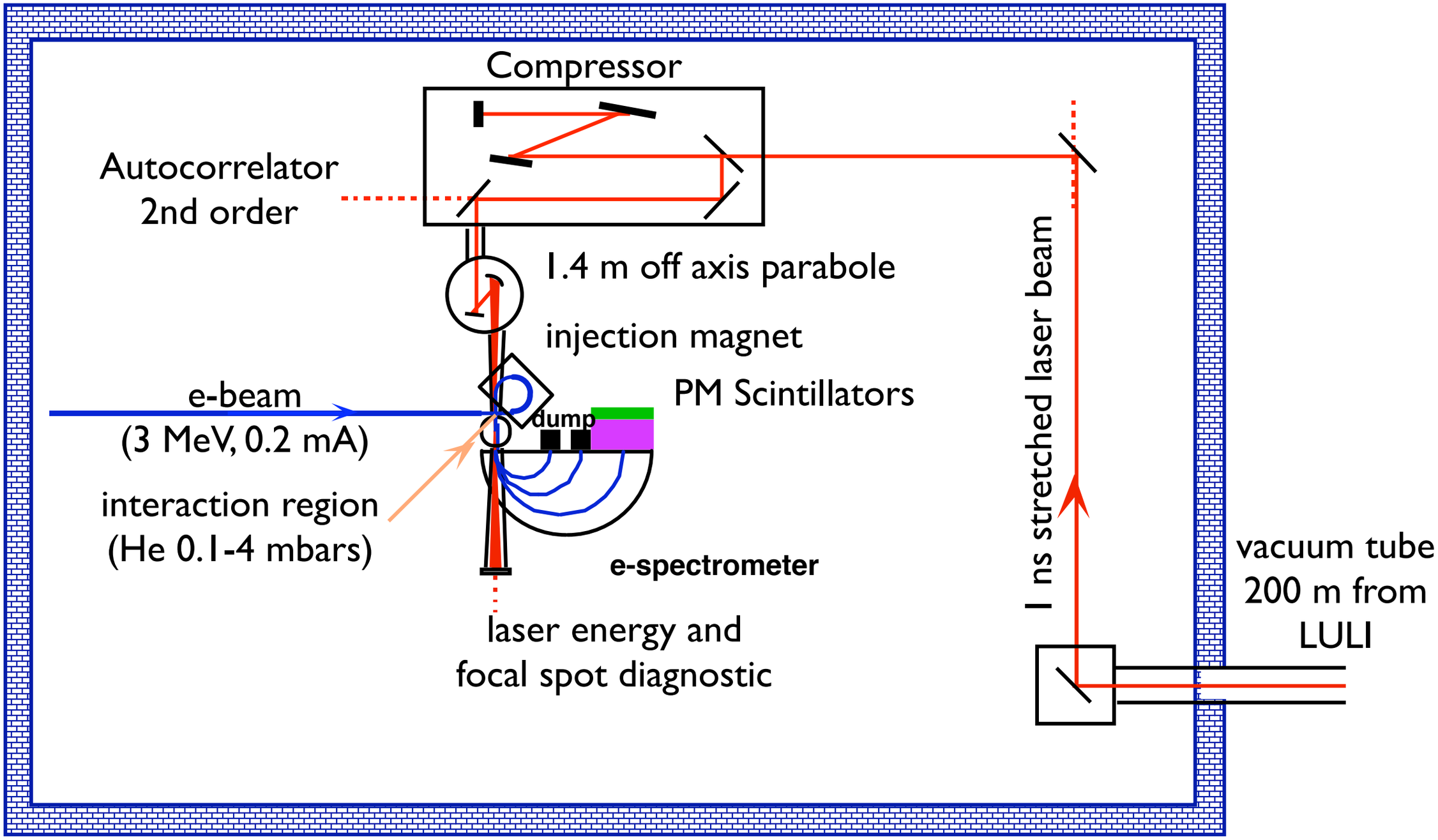
Electron gain demonstration Few MeV's:

Kitagawa *et al.* PRL 1992, Clayton *et al.* PRL 1993, N.A. Ebrahim *et al.*, J. Appl. Phys. 1994, Amiranoff *et al.* PRL 1995

1998 Accelerated electrons in LWF

LULI/LPNHE/LSI/IC

Electron spectra indicate an E_{field} of ≈ 1 GV/m

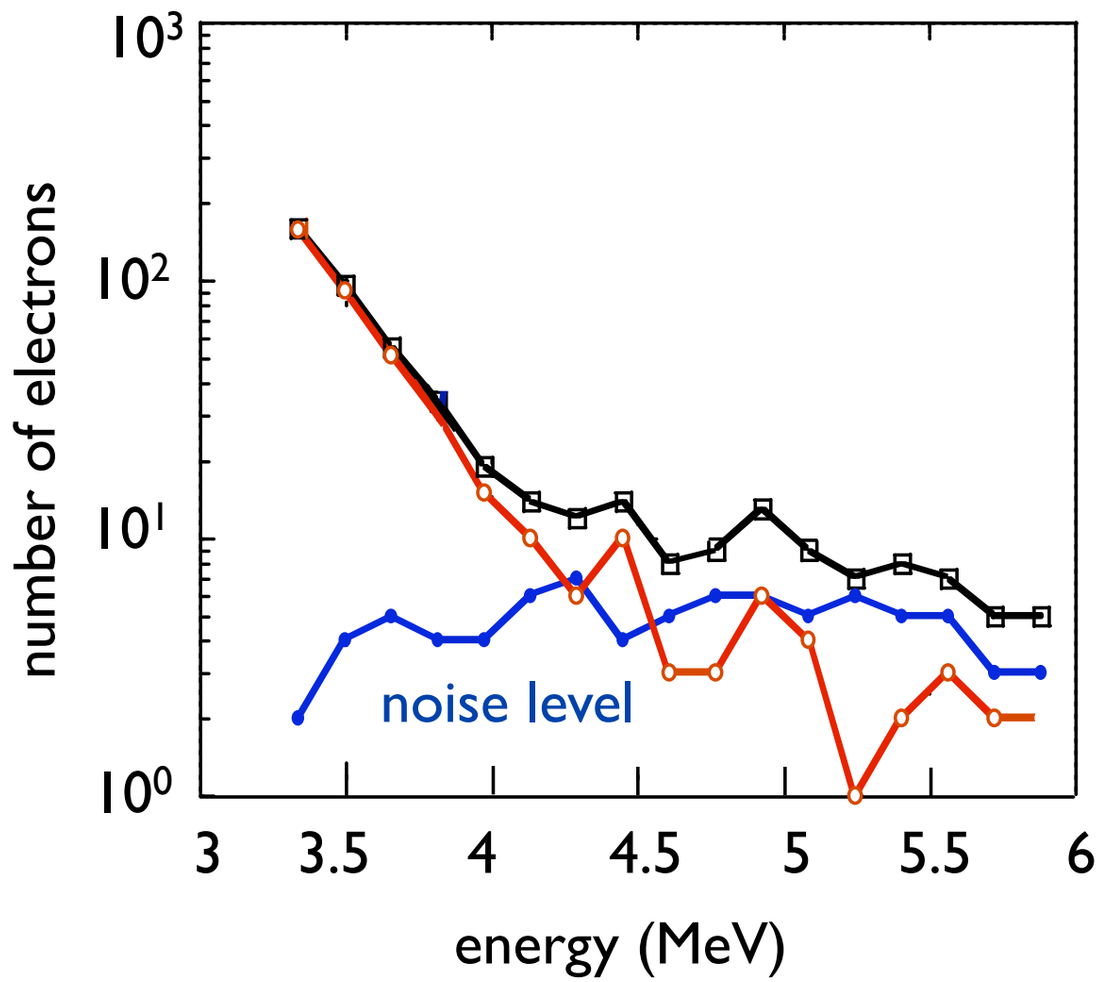


1998 Accelerated electrons in LWF

LULI/LPNHE/LSI/IC

The 3-MeV electrons are accelerated up to ≈ 4.5 MeV

Electron spectra indicate an E_{field} of ≈ 1.4 GV/m



2.5 J, 350 fs, 10^{17}W/cm^2, 0.5 mbar of He

F. Amiranoff *et al.*, PRL 1998

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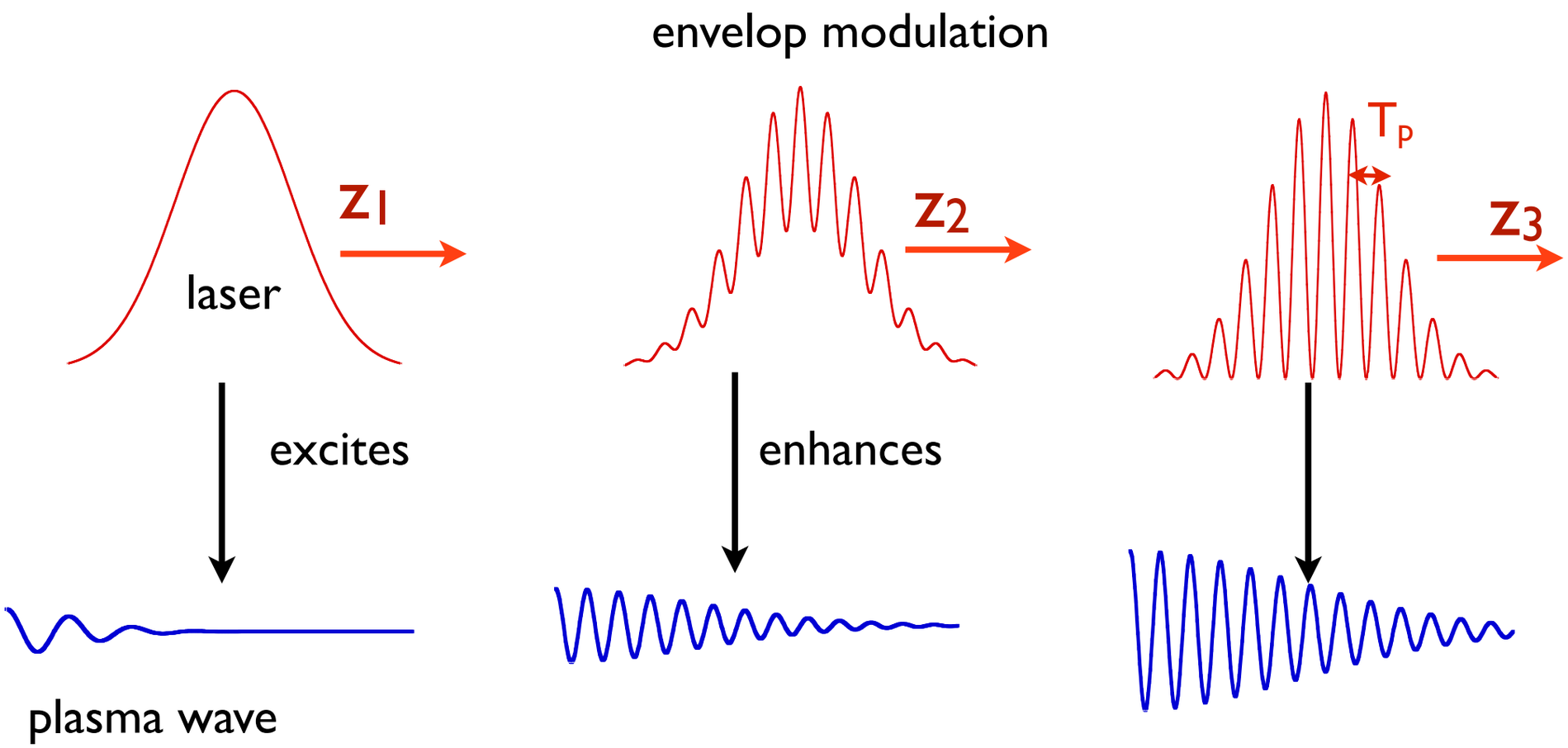
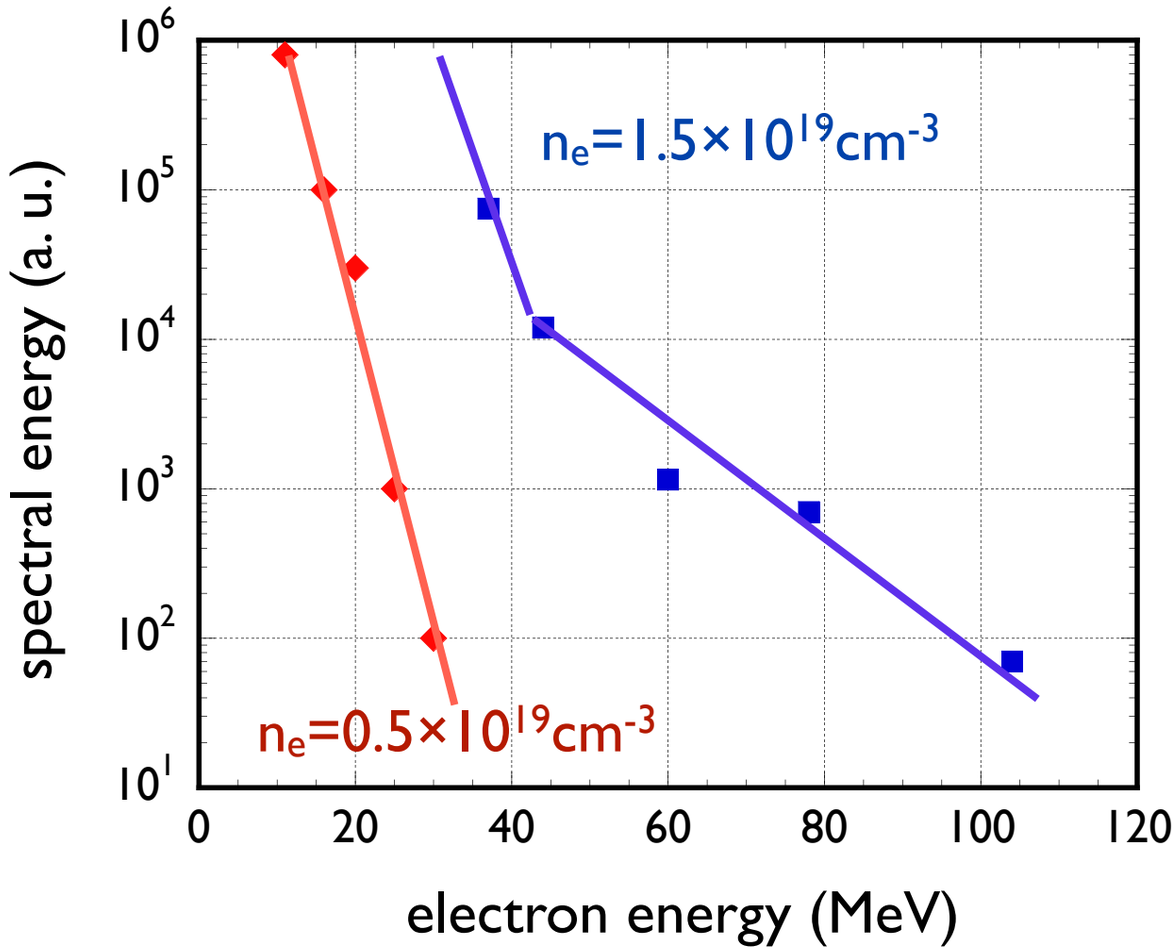
1992 How to excite a plasma wave: The SMLWF

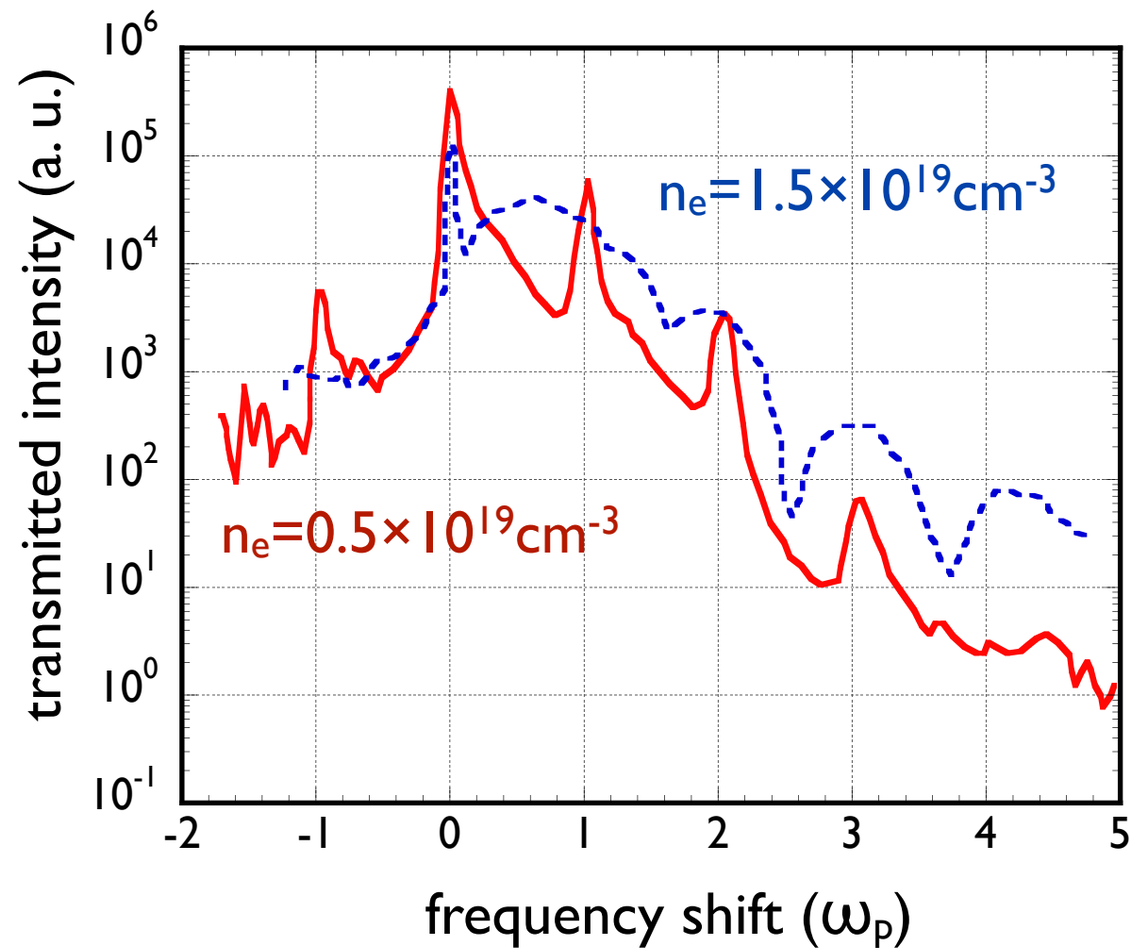
Self modulated laser wakefield scheme : $c\tau_{laser} >> T_p$
(Andreev *et al.*, Antonsen *et al.*, Sprangle *et al.* 1992)



$P_L > P_c(GW) = 17\ n_c/n_e$ then wavebreaking can occur

1995 Relativistic wave breaking (RAL/IC/UCLA/LULI)





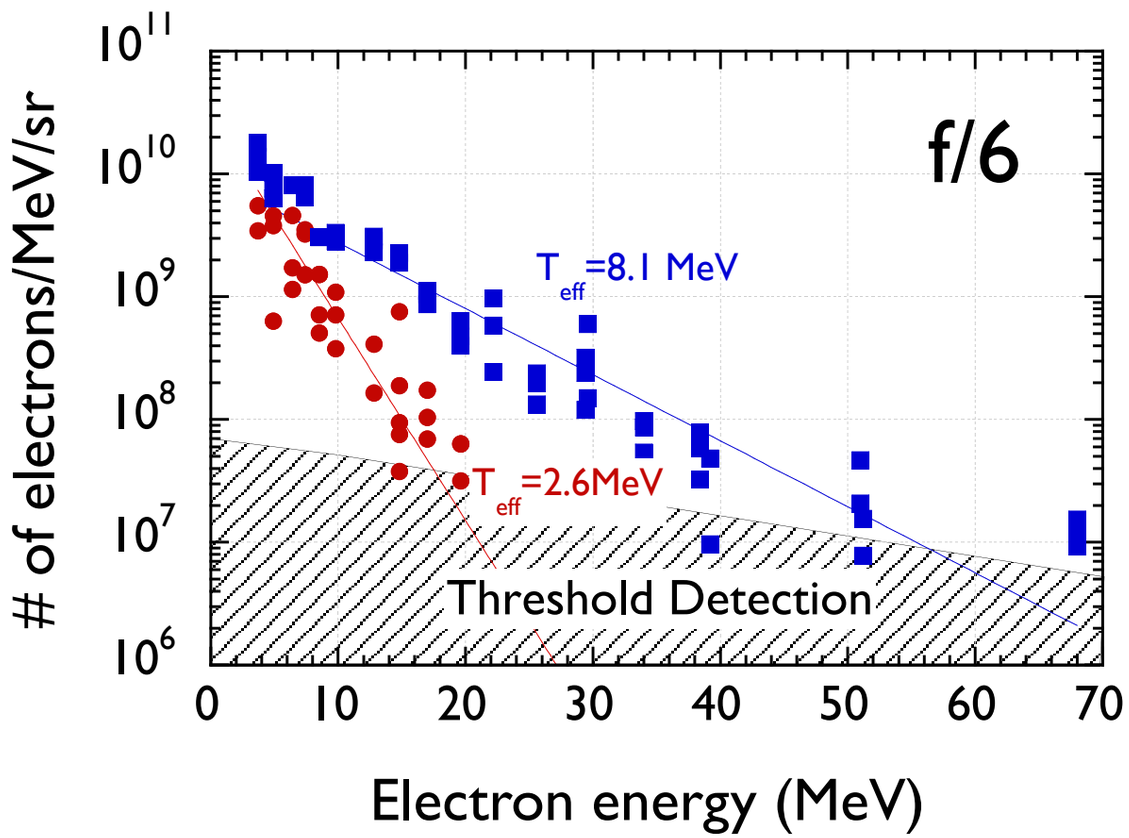
Multiple satellites : high amplitude plasma waves
Broadening at higher densities
Loss of coherence of the relativistic plasma waves

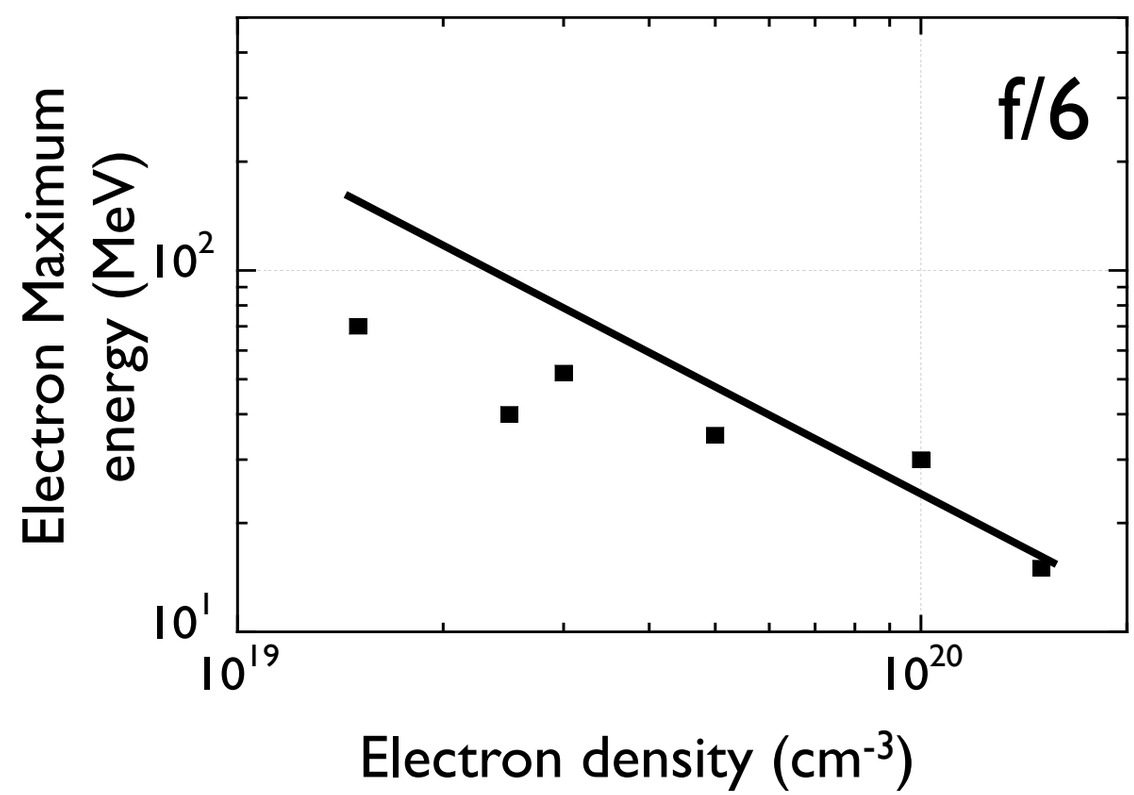
A. Modena *et al.*, Nature (1995)

2001 SMLWF with 10 Hz laser

Spectra : E_{max} increases when n_e decreases

Parameters: $n_e=5\times10^{19}cm^{-3}$ & $1.5\times10^{20}cm^{-3}$, $\tau_L=35fs$, $E=0.6J$, $I_L= 2\times10^{19}W/cm^2$





V. Malka et al., Phys. of Plasmas **8**, 6 (2001)

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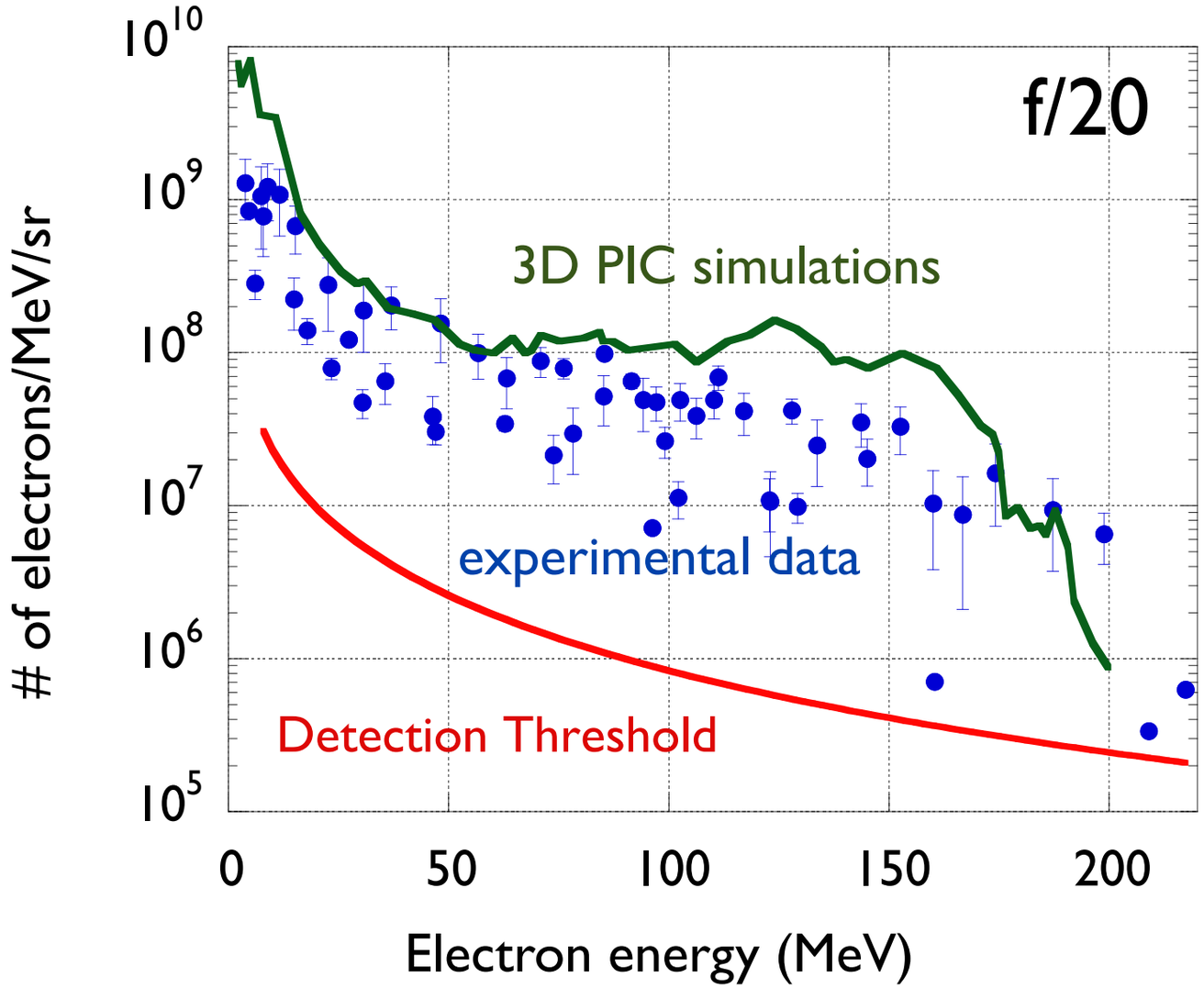
2002 The Forced Laser Wakefield

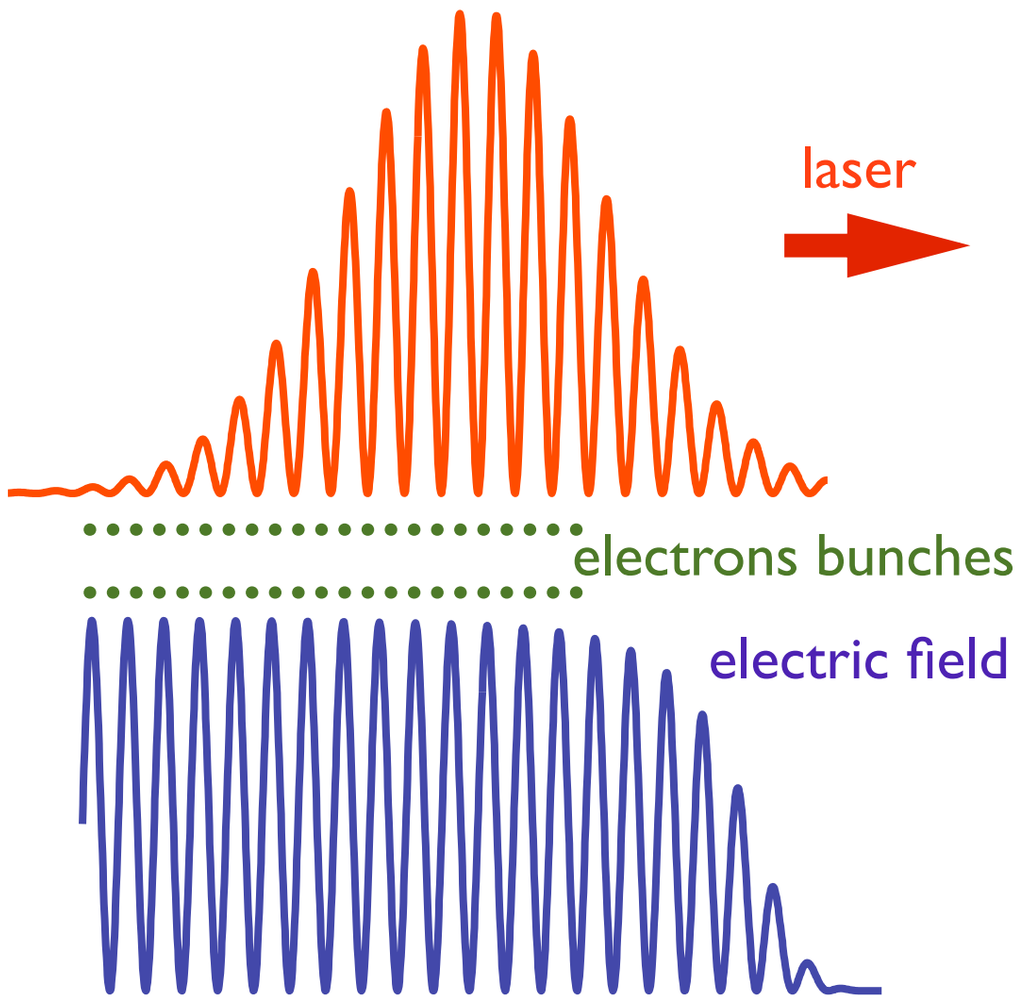
Parameters: $n_e=1.5\times10^{19}cm^{-3}$, $\tau_L=35fs$, $E=0.6J$, $I_L= 1\times10^{18}W/cm^2$ with $k_p w_0>1$



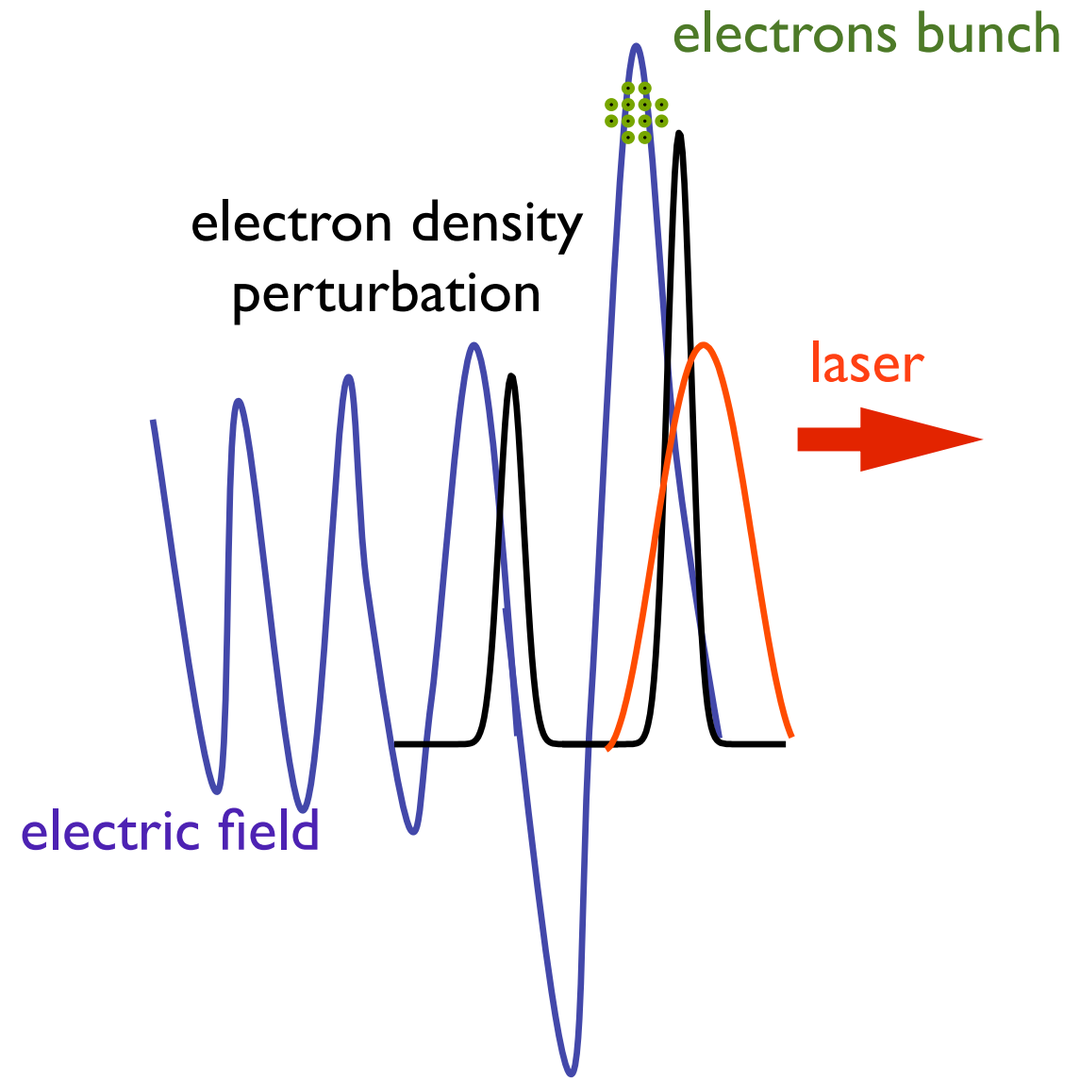
V. Malka *et al.*, Science **298**, 1596 (2002)

SMLWF / FLWF (ps/fs) :multiple/single bunch

SMLWF: $\omega_p \tau >> 1$

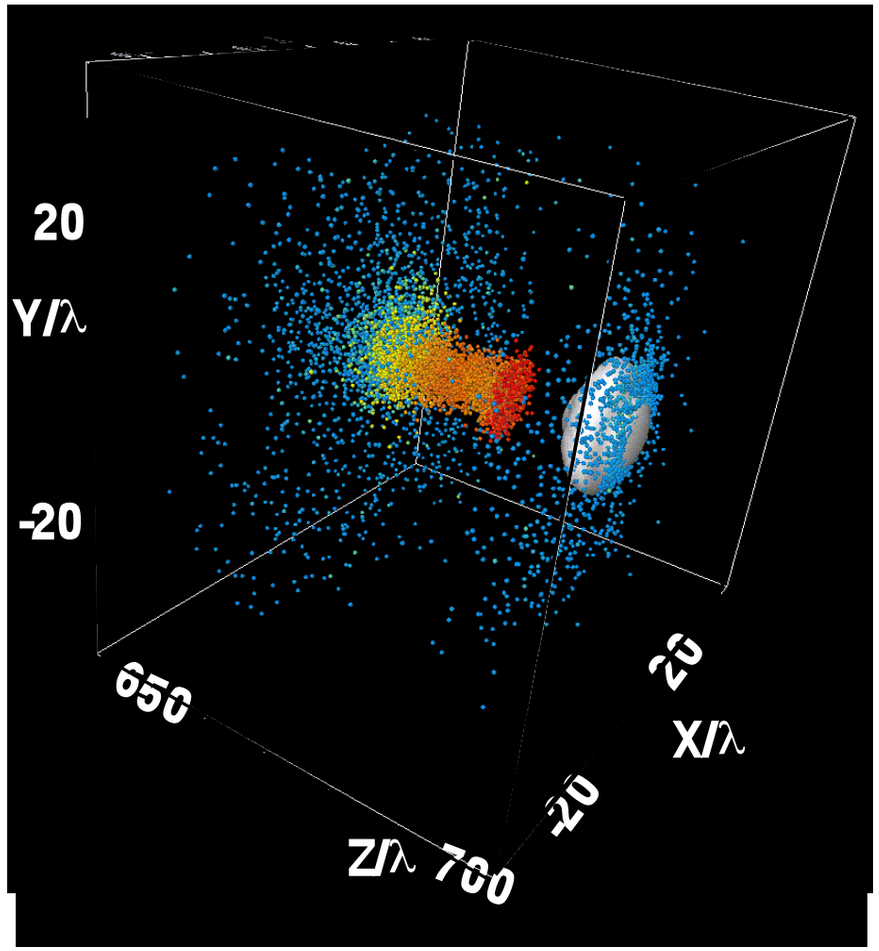


FLWF: $\omega_p \tau \approx 1$

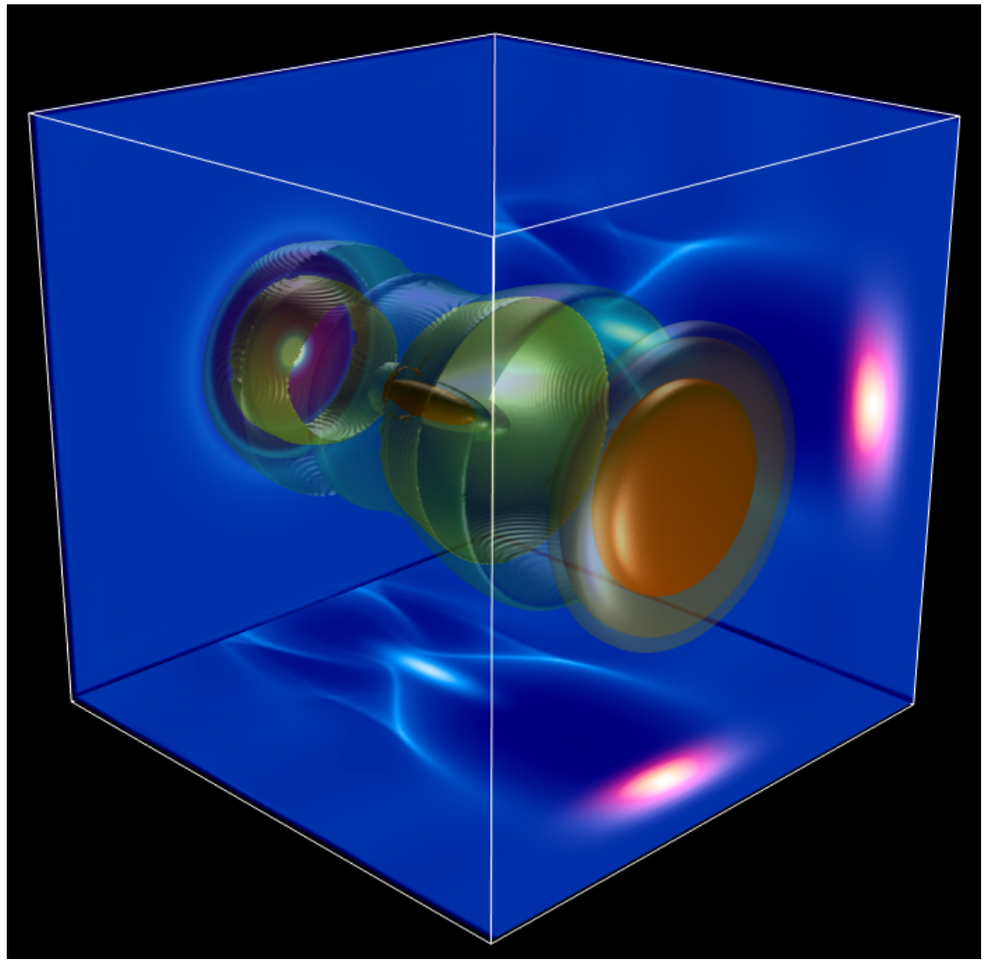


V. Malka *et al.*, Europhysics News, April (2004)

2002 The Bubble regime : QM energetic electron beam



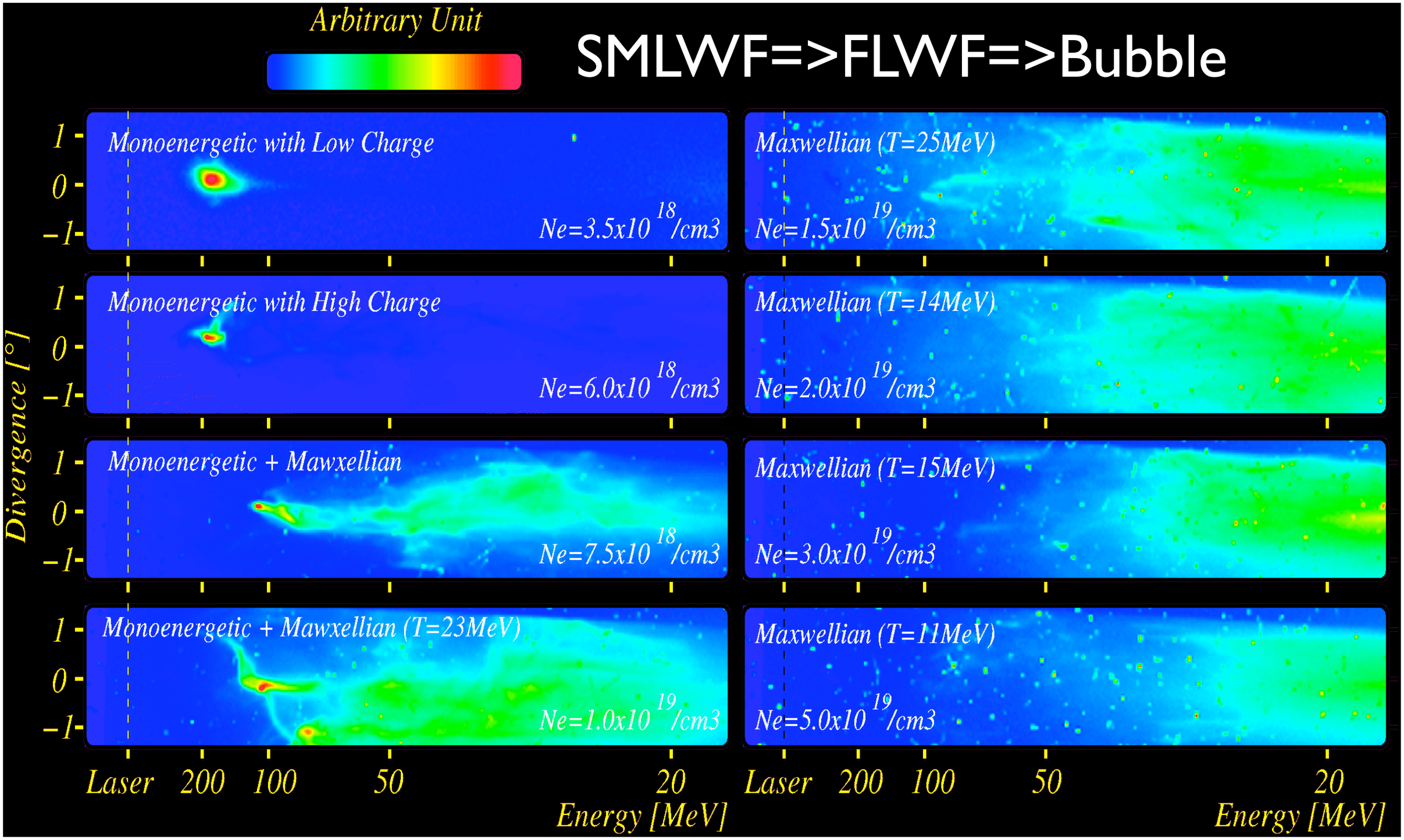
VLPL, courtesy of A. Pukhov



Golp, courtesy of L. Silva

A.Pukhov & J.Meyer-ter-Vehn, Appl. Phys. B, **74** (2002)

2005 The Bubble regime : distribution quality improvement



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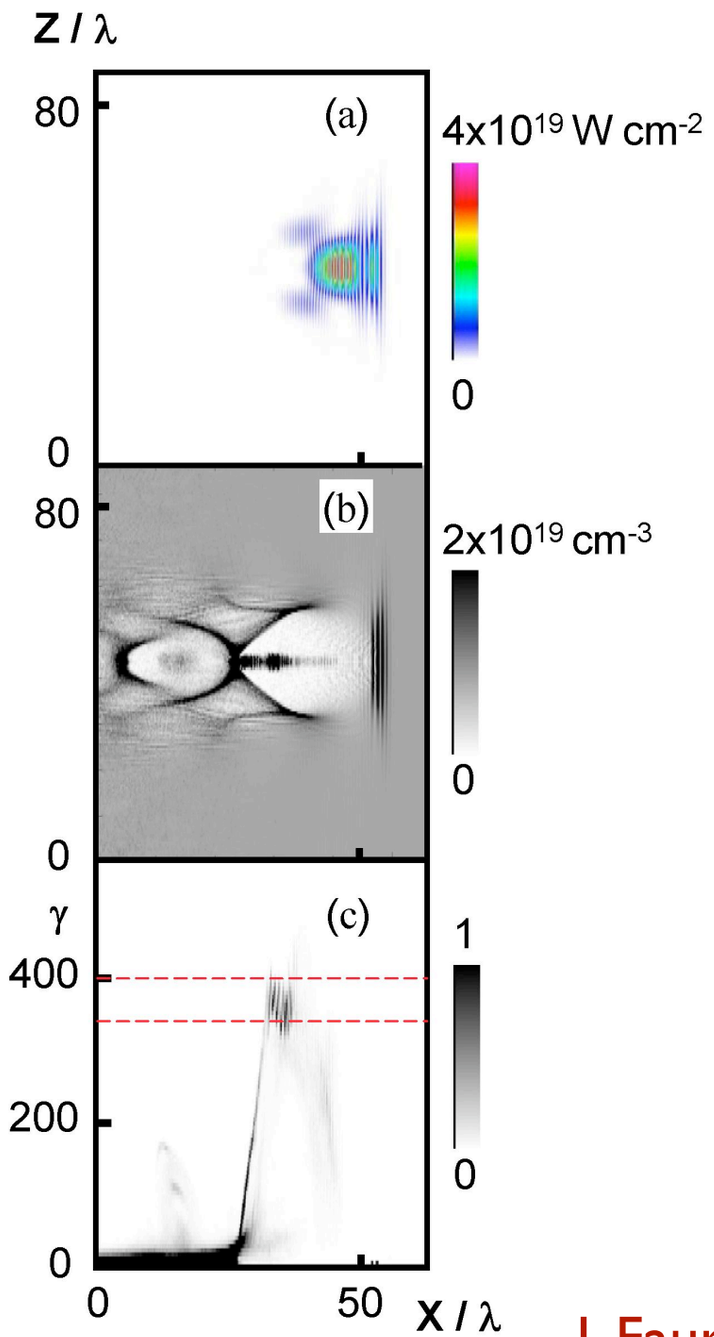
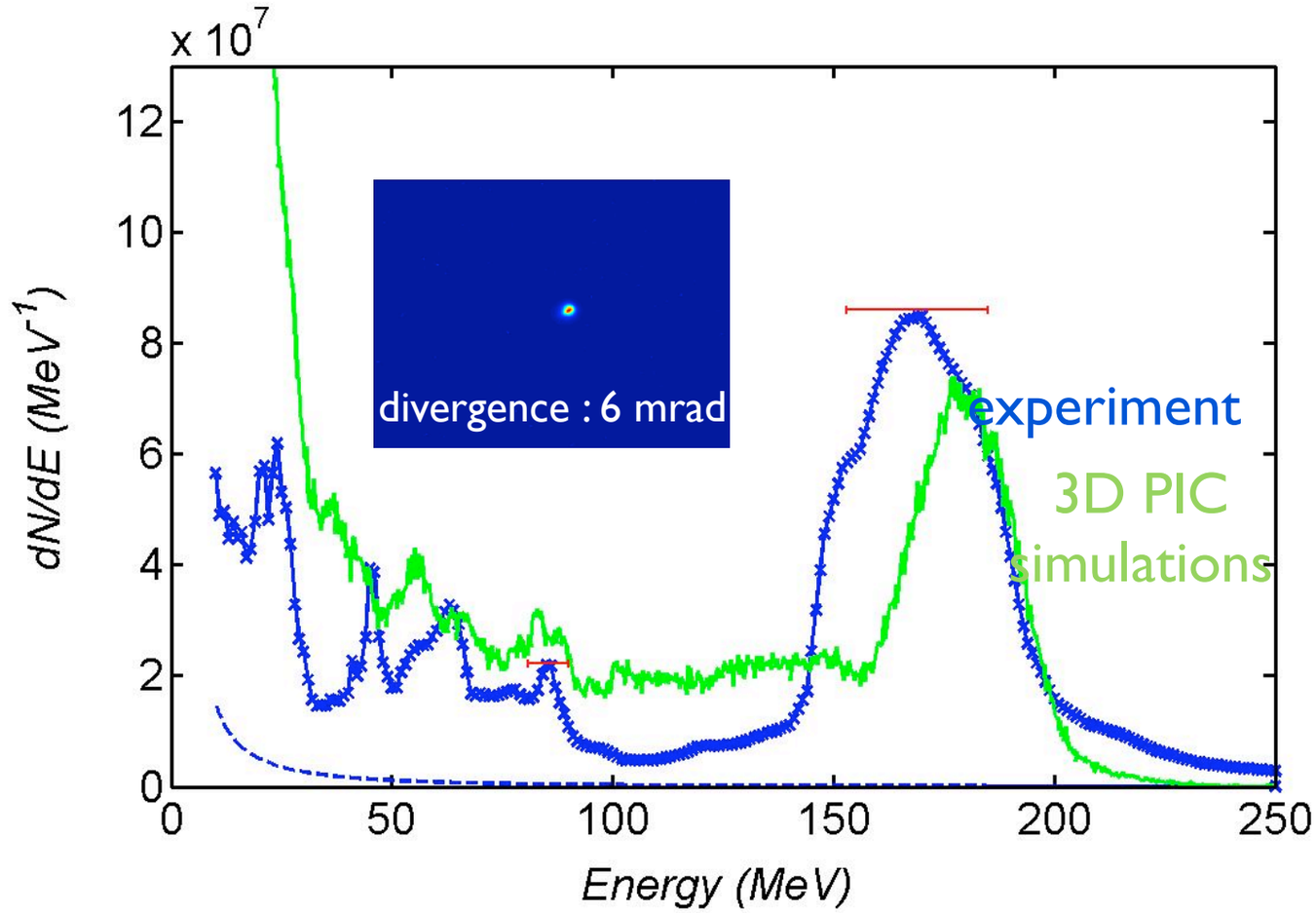
2005 The Bubble regime : theory/experiments





Experimental parameters : E=1J, τ_L=30fs, λ_L=0.8µm, I_L=3.2×10^{19}W/cm^2, n_e=6×10^{18}cm^{-3}

J. Faure *et al.*, Nature **431**, 7008 (2004)

2005 The Dream Beam

Monoenergetic beams of relativistic electrons from intense laser–plasma interactions

S. P. D. Mangles[1], C. D. Murphy[1,2], Z. Najmudin[1], A. G. R. Thomas[1], J. L. Collier[2], A. E. Dangor[1], E. J. Divall[2], P. S. Foster[2], J. G. Gallacher[3], C. J. Hooker[2], D. A. Jaroszynski[3], A. J. Langley[2], W. B. Mori[4], P. A. Norreys[2], F. S. Tsung[4], R. Viskup[3], B. R. Walton[1] & K. Krushelnick[1]

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High-quality electron beams from a laser wakefield accelerator using plasma-channel guiding

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A laser–plasma accelerator producing monoenergetic electron beams

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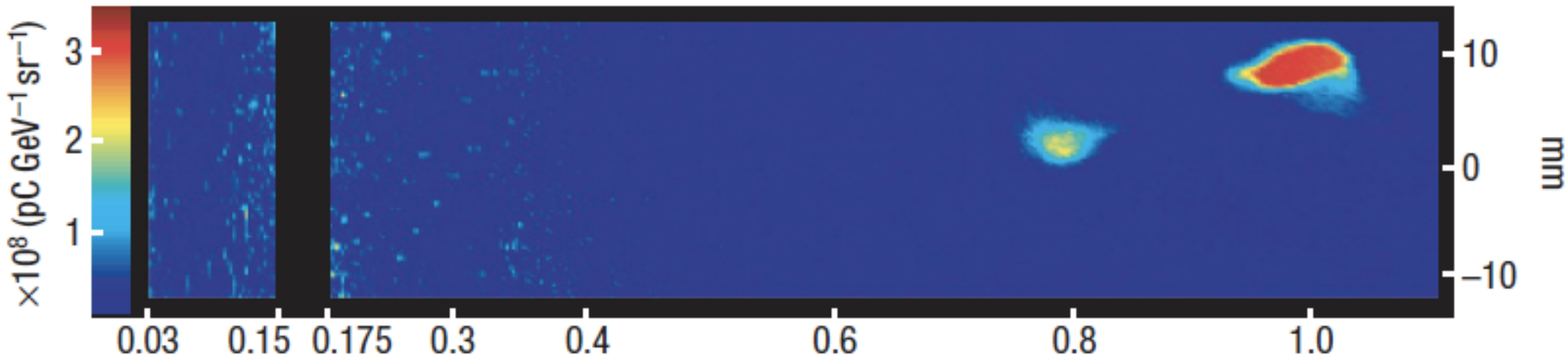
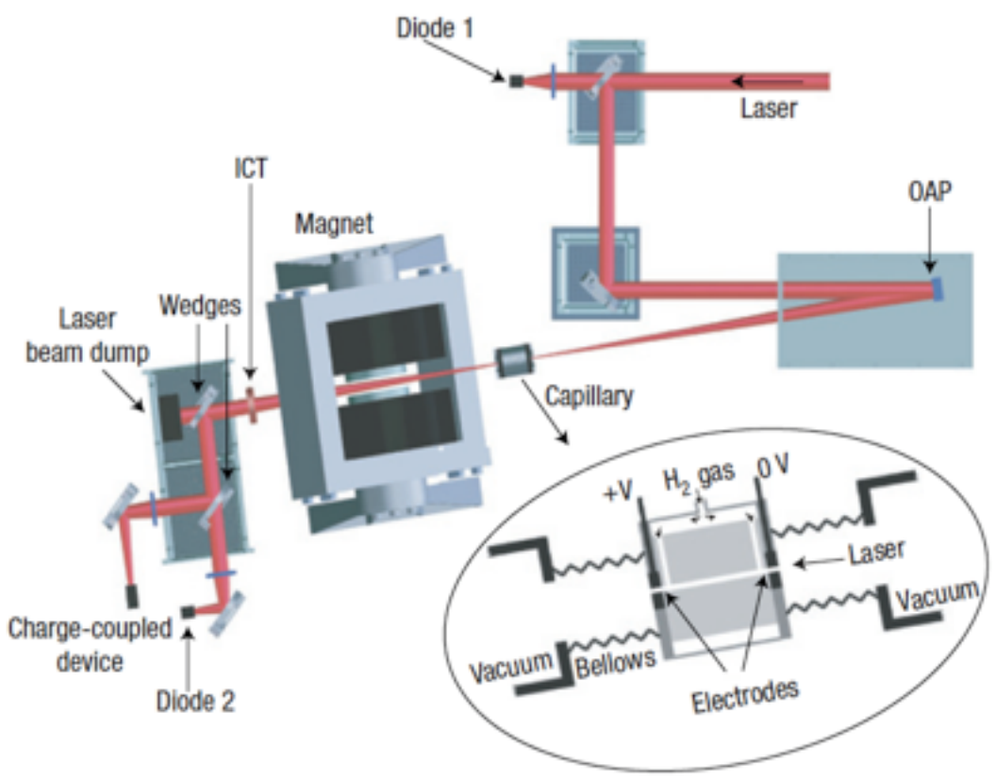
Some reports on quasi monoenergetic electron beam

Name	Ref.	Year	Lab	Energy (MeV)	DE/E	Charge (pC)	N_{e18}	I_{18}	t_L/T_p	Remarks
Mangles	Nature	2004	RAL	73	6	22	20	2,5	1,6	
Geddes	Nature	2004	L'OASIS	86	2	320	19	11	2,2	channel
Faure	Nature	2004	LOA	170	25	300	6	3	0,7	
Hidding	PRL	2006	JETI	47	9	0,32	40	50	4,6	
Hsieh	PRL	2006	IAMS	55		336	40		2,6	
Hosokai	PRE	2006	U.Tokyo	11	10	10	80	22	3,0	preplasma
Miura	APL	2005	AIST	7	20	0,004	130	5	5,1	
Hafz	PRE	2006	KERI	4	93	200	28	1	33,4	
Mori	PRE	2006	JEARI	20	24	0,8	50	0,9	4,5	
Mangles	PRL	2006	LLC	150	20		20	5	1,4	

2006 GeV electron beams from "cm scale" accelerator





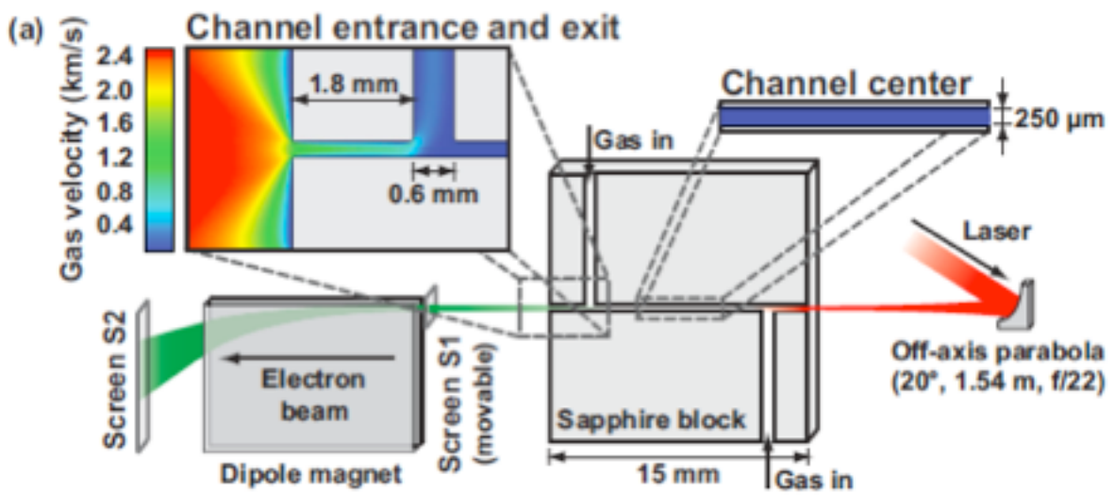
310-µm-diameter channel capillary

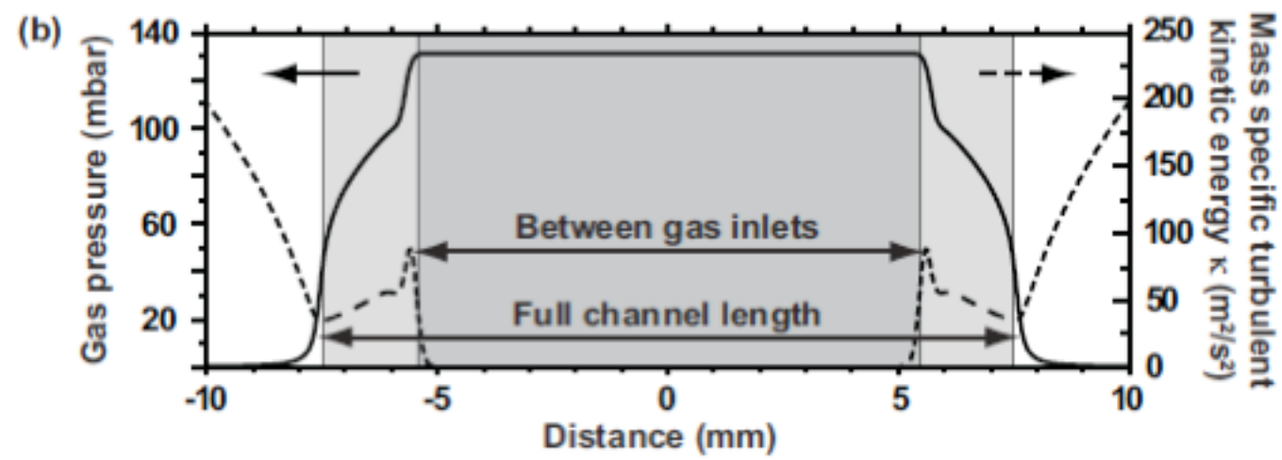
P = 40 TW

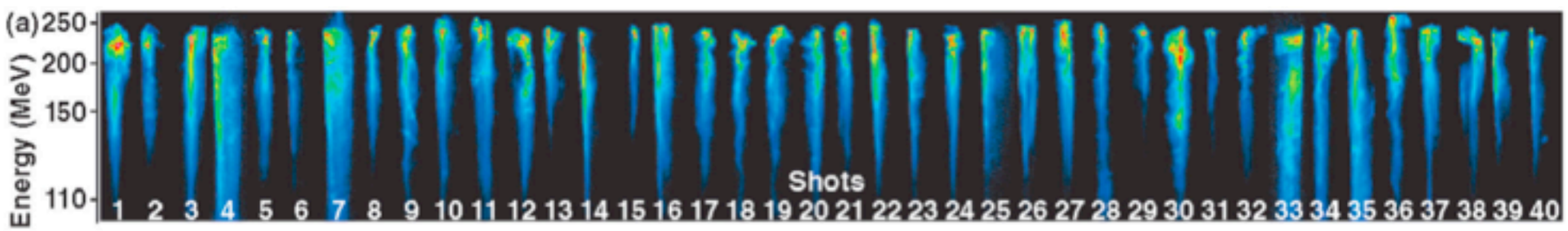
density 4.3×10^{18} cm^{-3}

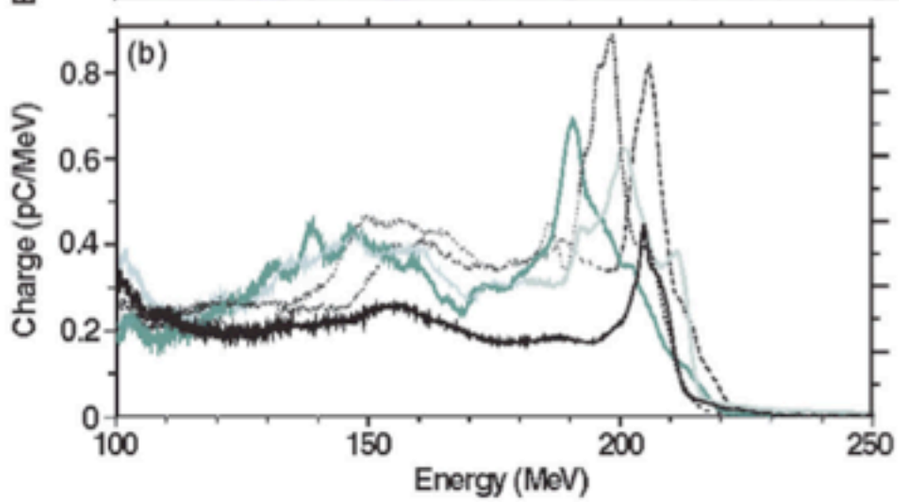
W. Leemans *et al.*, Nature Physics, september 2006

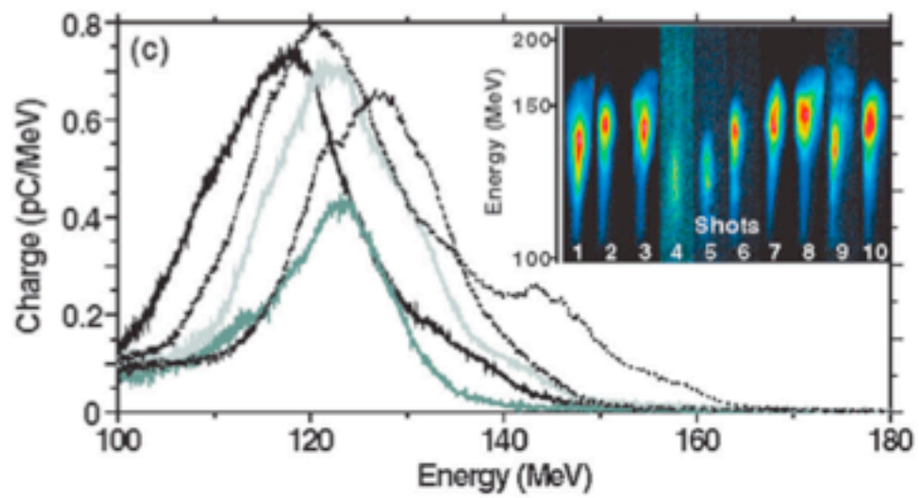
2009 Gas cell experiments at MPQ







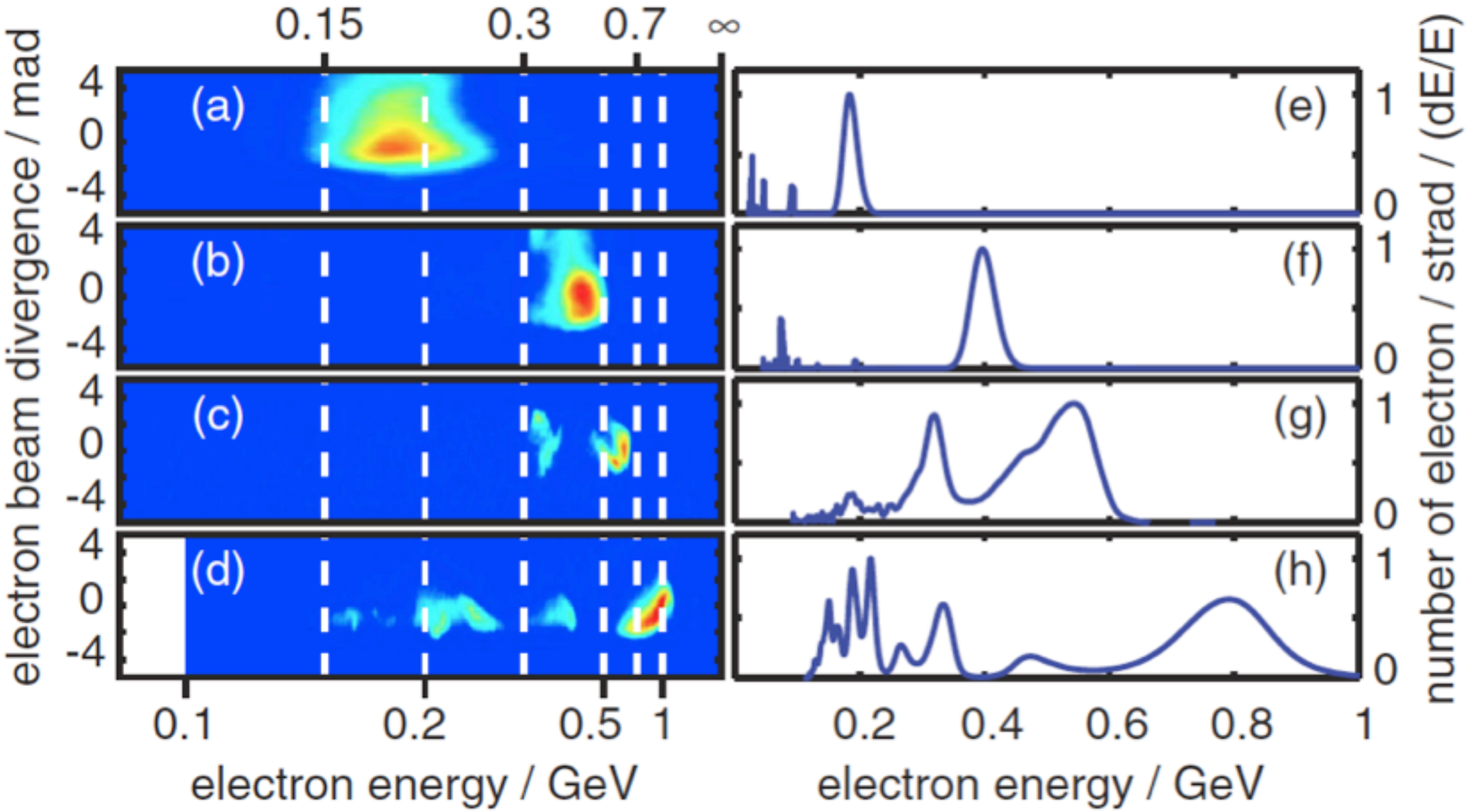




Laser : 20 TW
1cm gas cell target
0.8J, 40 fs, a_0=0.9
n_e=7x10^{18}cm^{-3}
Stable e-beam :
10 pC
220 MeV
Div = 2 mrad
DE/E = 8%

J. Osterhoff et al., PRL 101, 085002 (2008)

2009 GeV electron beams from "cm scale" accelerator



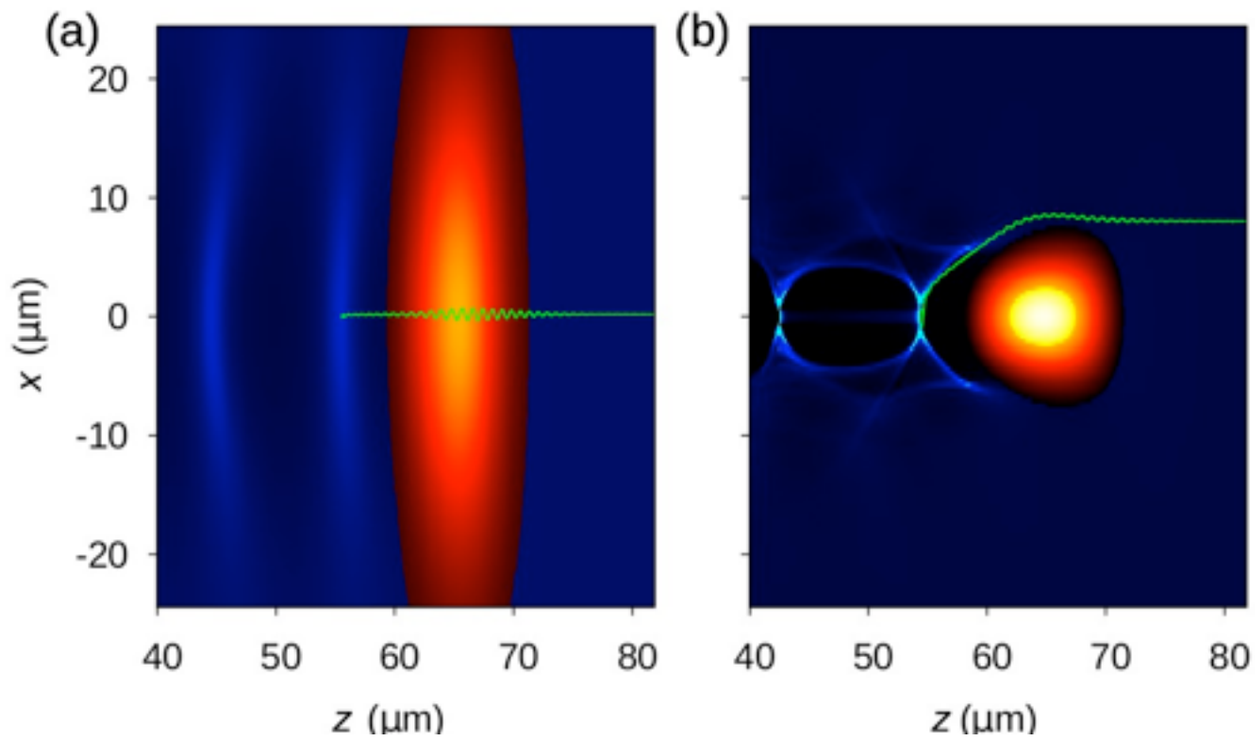
Astra Gemini laser RAL :
11J, 55fs, a=3.9, 1cm gas jet target, density 5.7×10^{18} cm^{-3}
0.8 GeV, >ten % relative energy spread, 300 pC

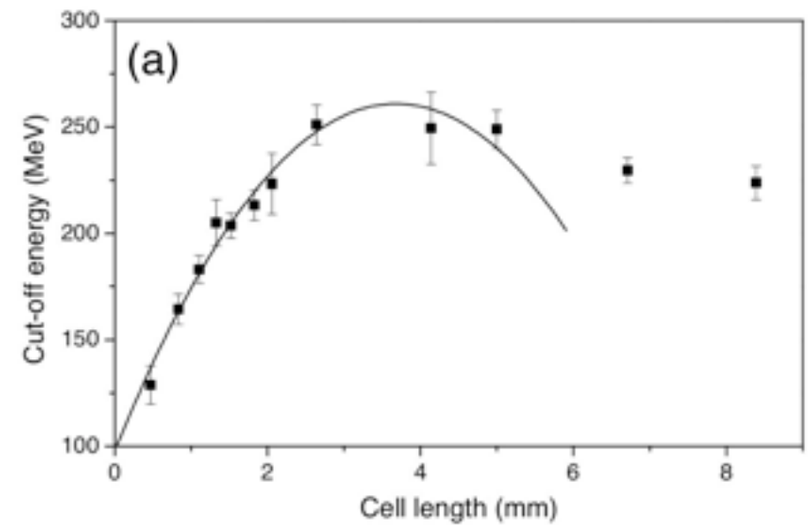
S. Kneip *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 035002 (2009)

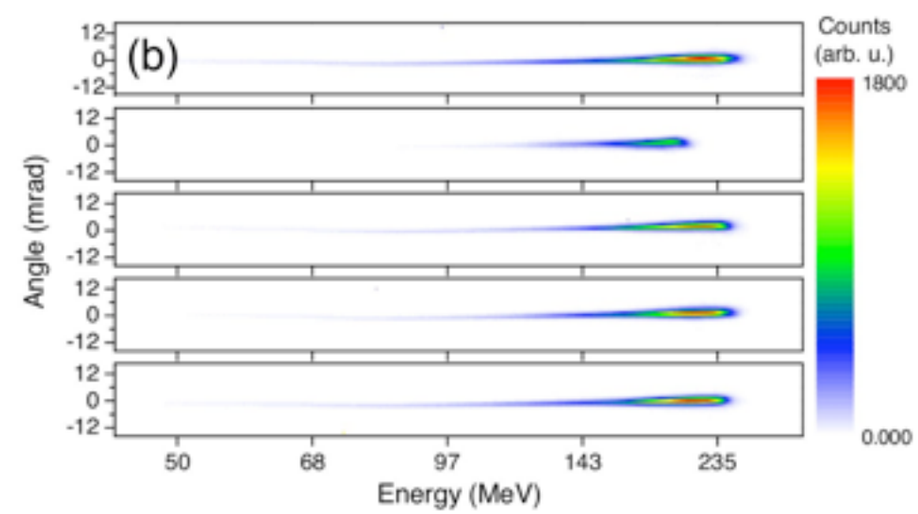
2013 Longitudinal injection

Two different self-injection mechanisms take place :

- At lower plasma density transverse injection is prevented
- Only one bunch is injected (longitudinal injection)



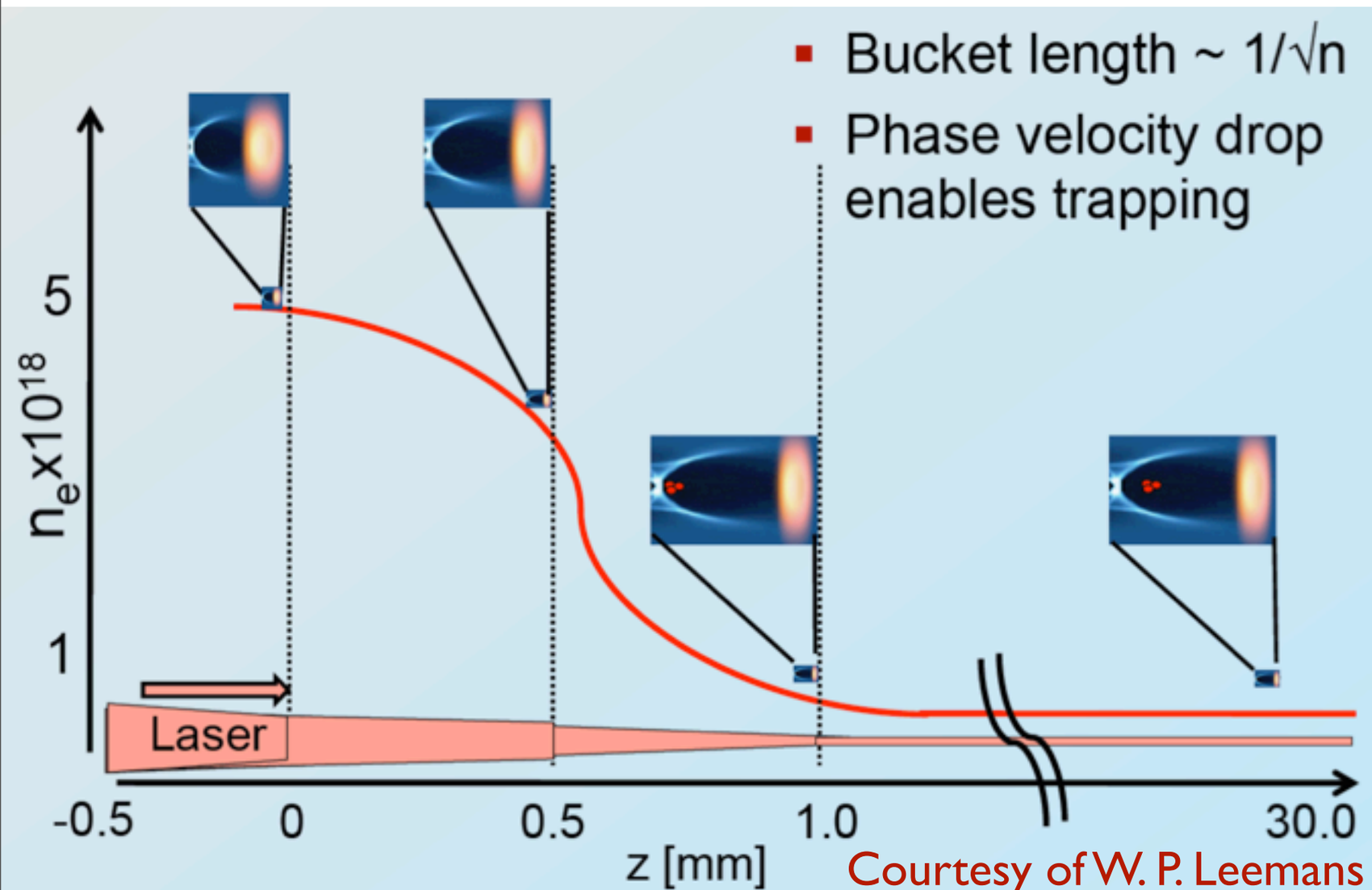




longitudinal injection improves
- the stability of the electron beam
and
- reduces the divergence of the electron beam

S. Corde *et al.*, Nature Communications (2013)

2005-2008 Density ramp injection



Courtesy of W. P. Leemans

$$v_p/c = \left(1 + \frac{\zeta}{k_p}\frac{dk_p}{dz}\right)^{-1}$$

where, $\zeta = z - ct$ and $k_p(z)$

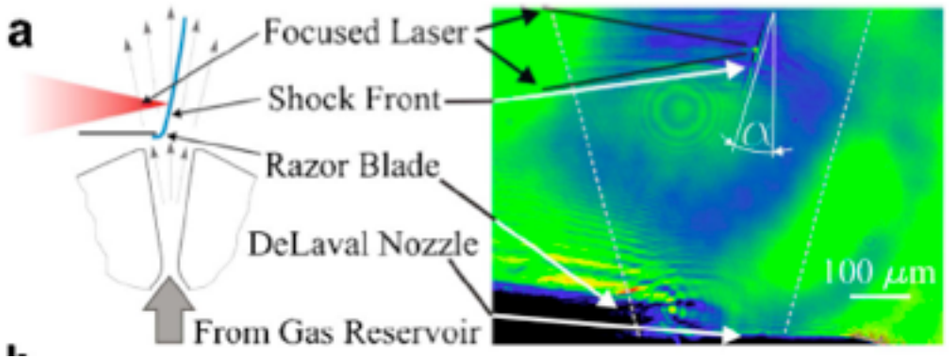
which depends on z through on density

$$\frac{k_p}{dz} = \frac{k_p}{2n_e}\frac{dn_e}{dz}$$

For a downward density, the wake phase velocity slow down facilitating electrons trapping

S. Bulanov *et al.*, PRE **58**, R5257 (1998), H. Suk *et al.*, PRL **86**, 1011 (2001), T.-Y Chien *et al.*, PRL **94**, 115003 (2005), T. Hosokai *et al.*, PRL **97**, 075004 (2006), C. G. R. Geddes *et al.* PRL **100**, 215004 (2008), J. Faure *et al.*, Phys. of Plasma **17**, 083107 (2011)

2010 Sharp density ramp injection : shock in gas jet



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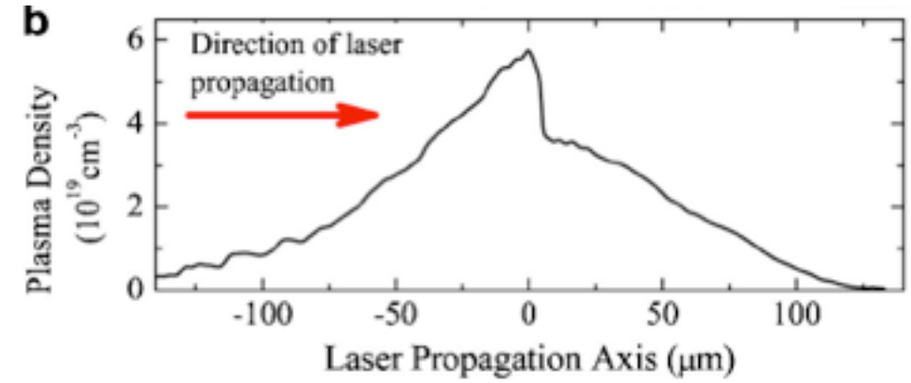
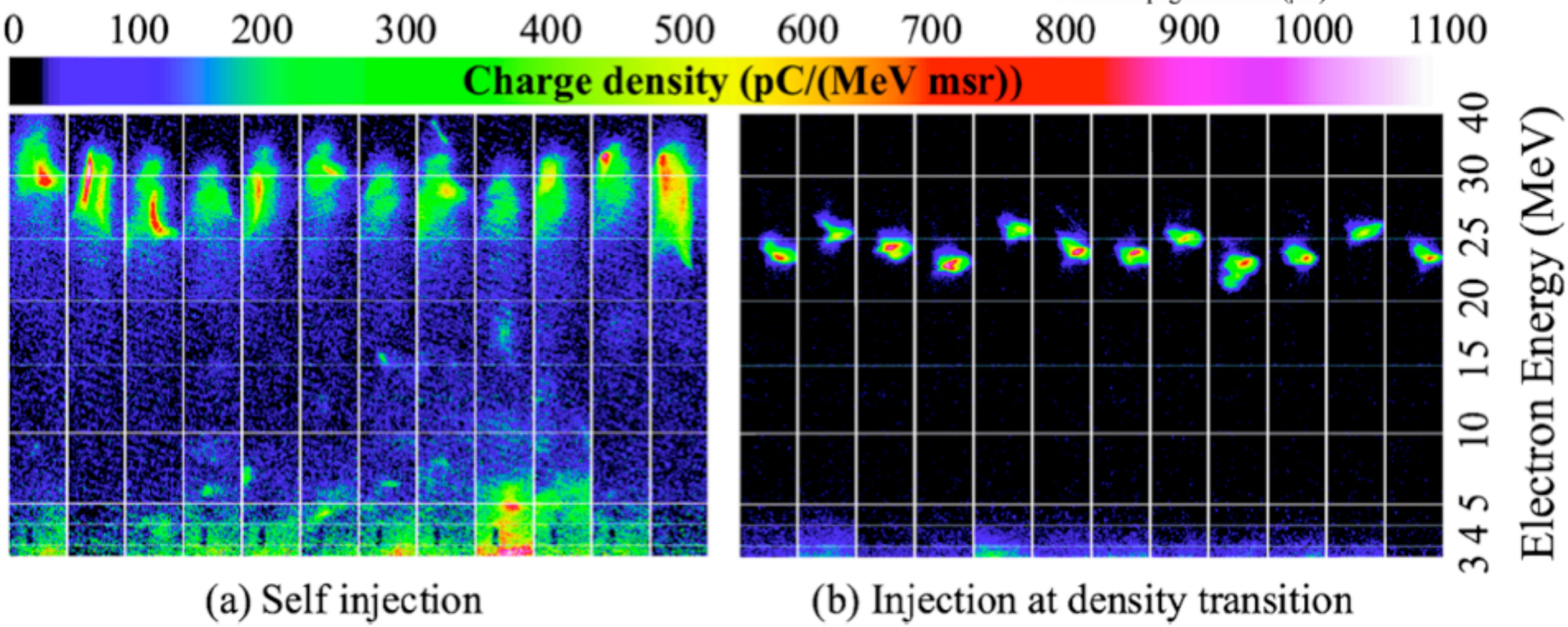
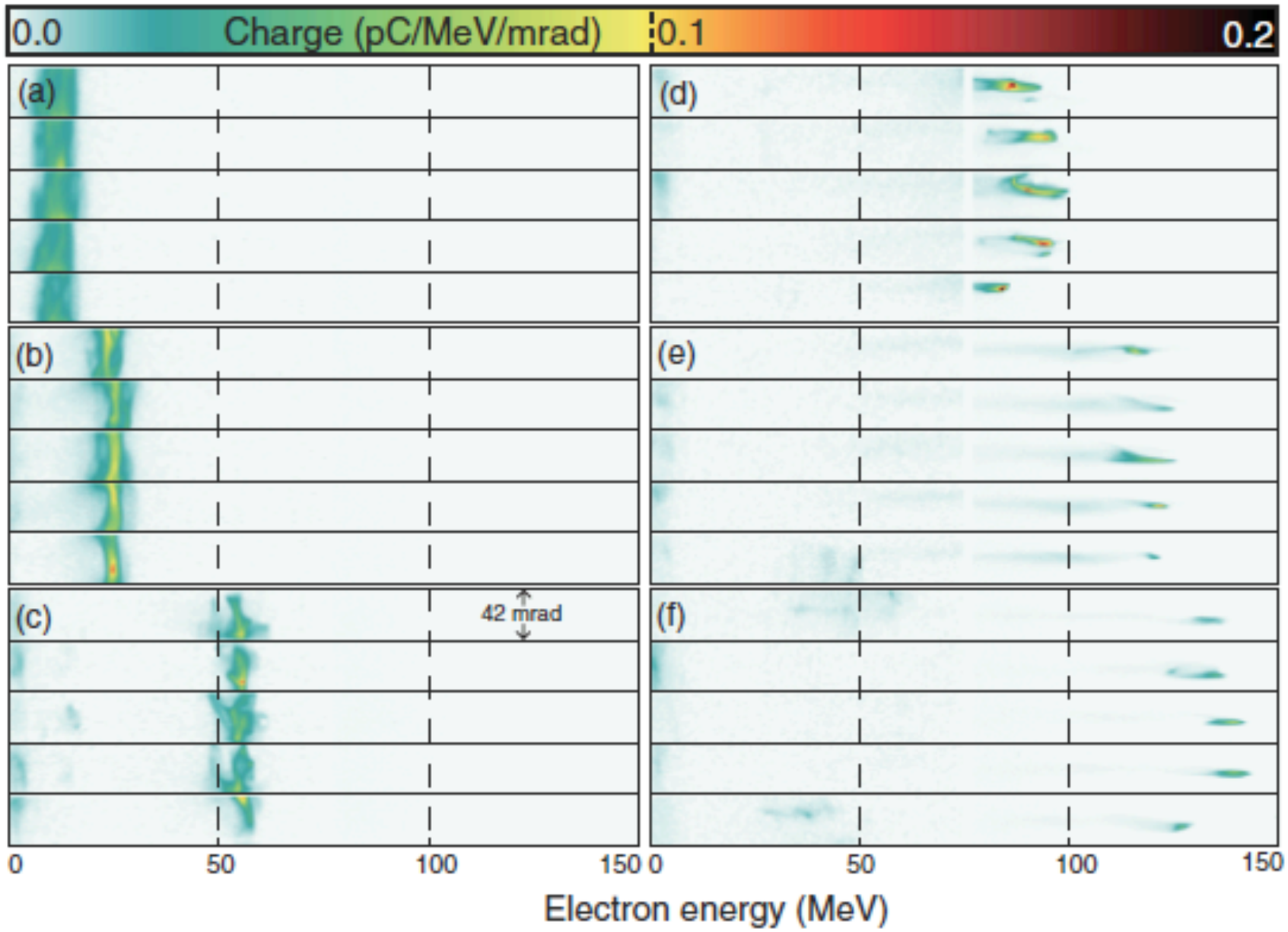
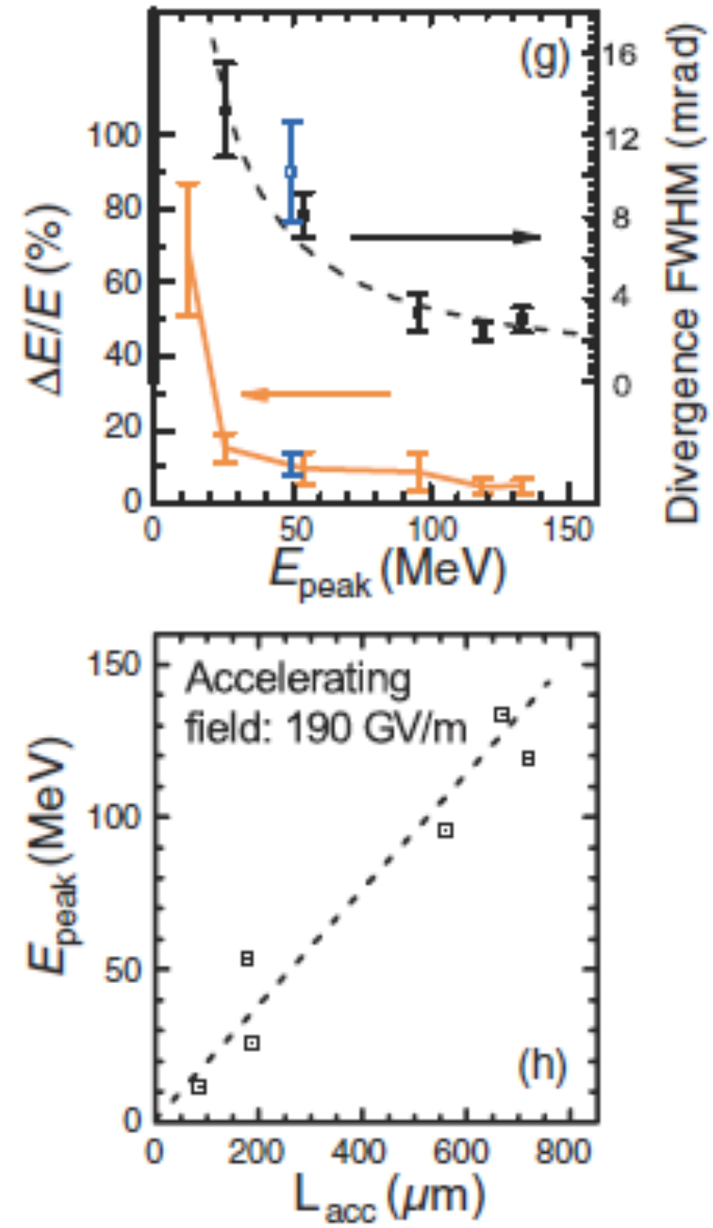




K. Schmid et al., PRSTAB 13, 091301 (2010)

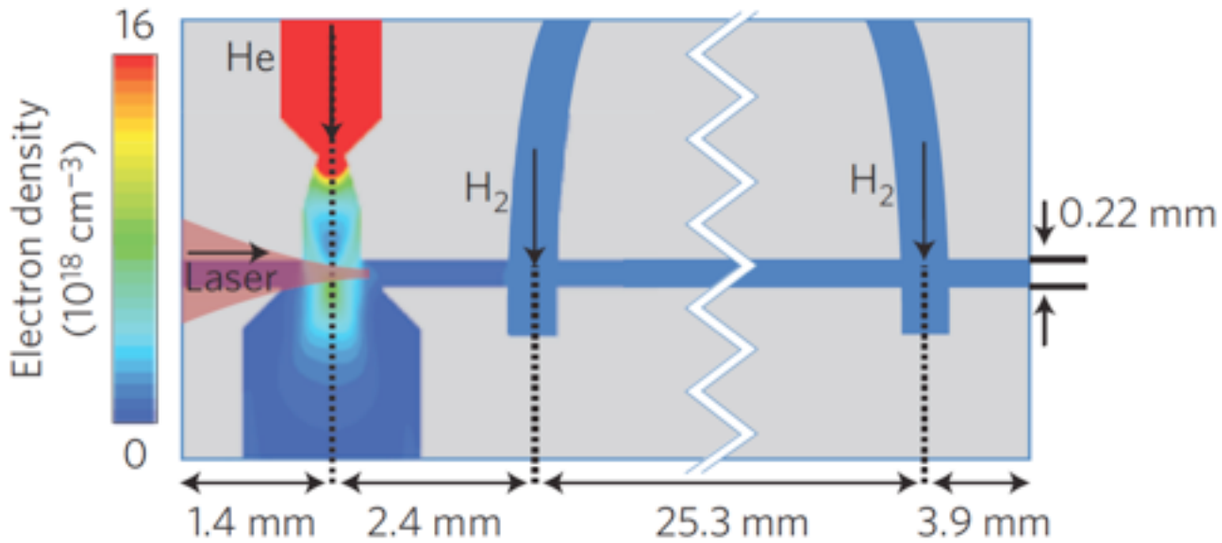
2013 Shock front injection

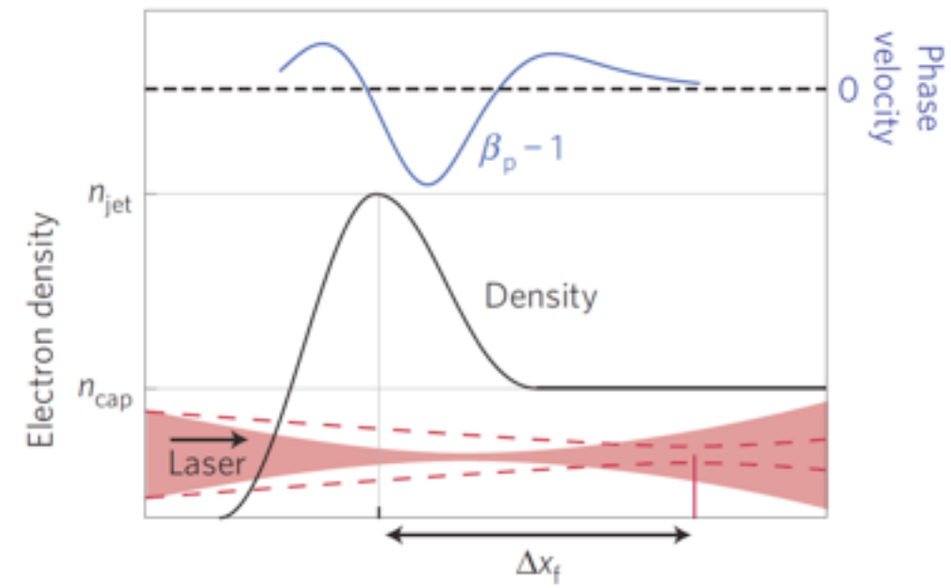


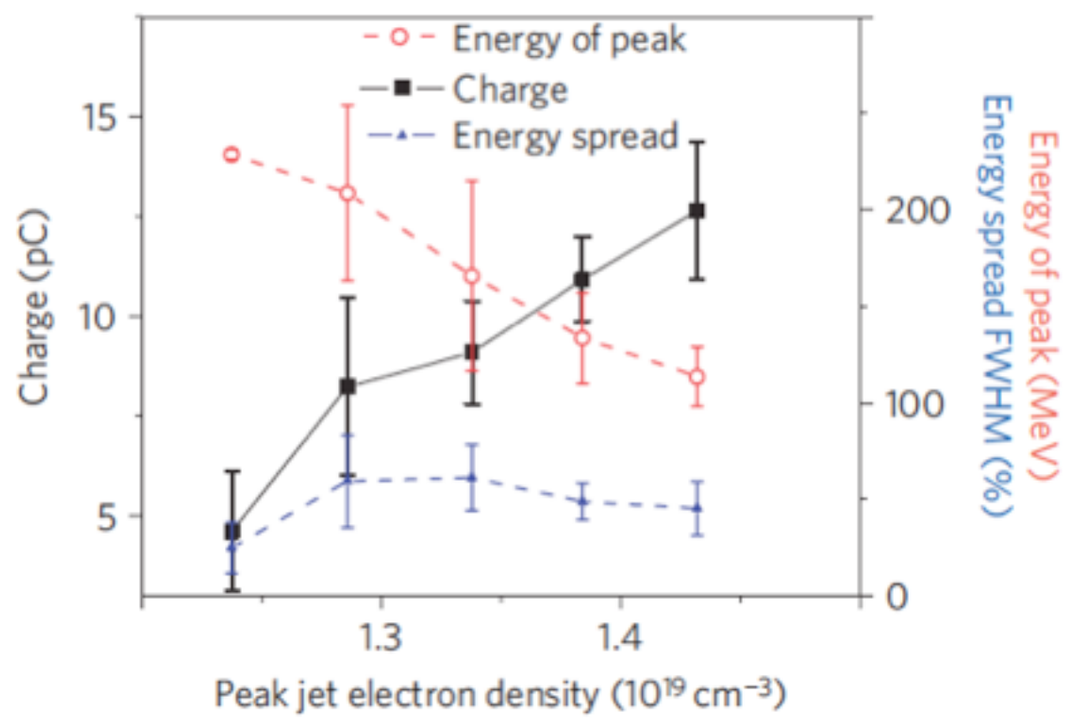


A. Buck *et al.*, PRSTAB 13, 091301 (2010)

2011 Density ramp + phase velocity control





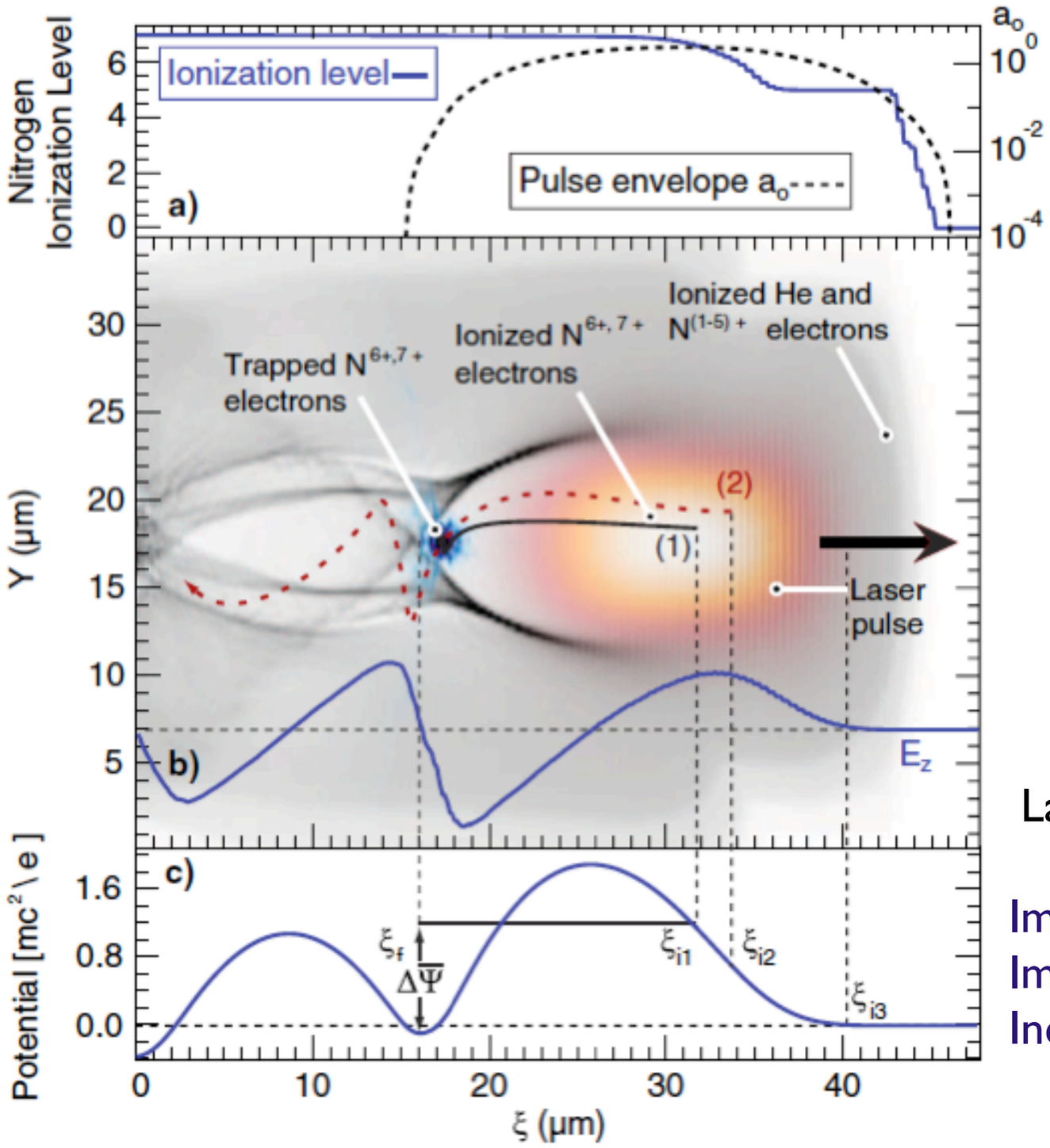


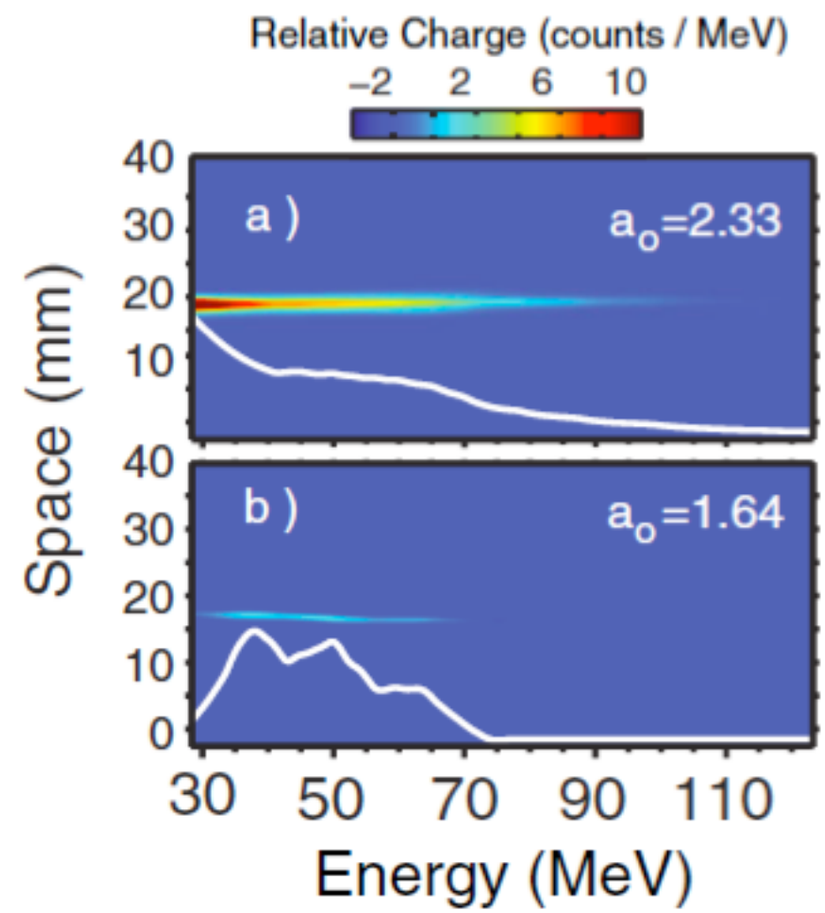
Laser : 20 TW
0.8J, 40 fs, a_0=0.9
n_e=7x10^{18}cm^{-3}

Stable e-beam :
1-10 pC
100-400 MeV
Div = 2 mrad
DE/E> a few %

A. J. Gonslaves *et al.*, Nature Physics, August 2011

2010 Ionization Induced Trapping



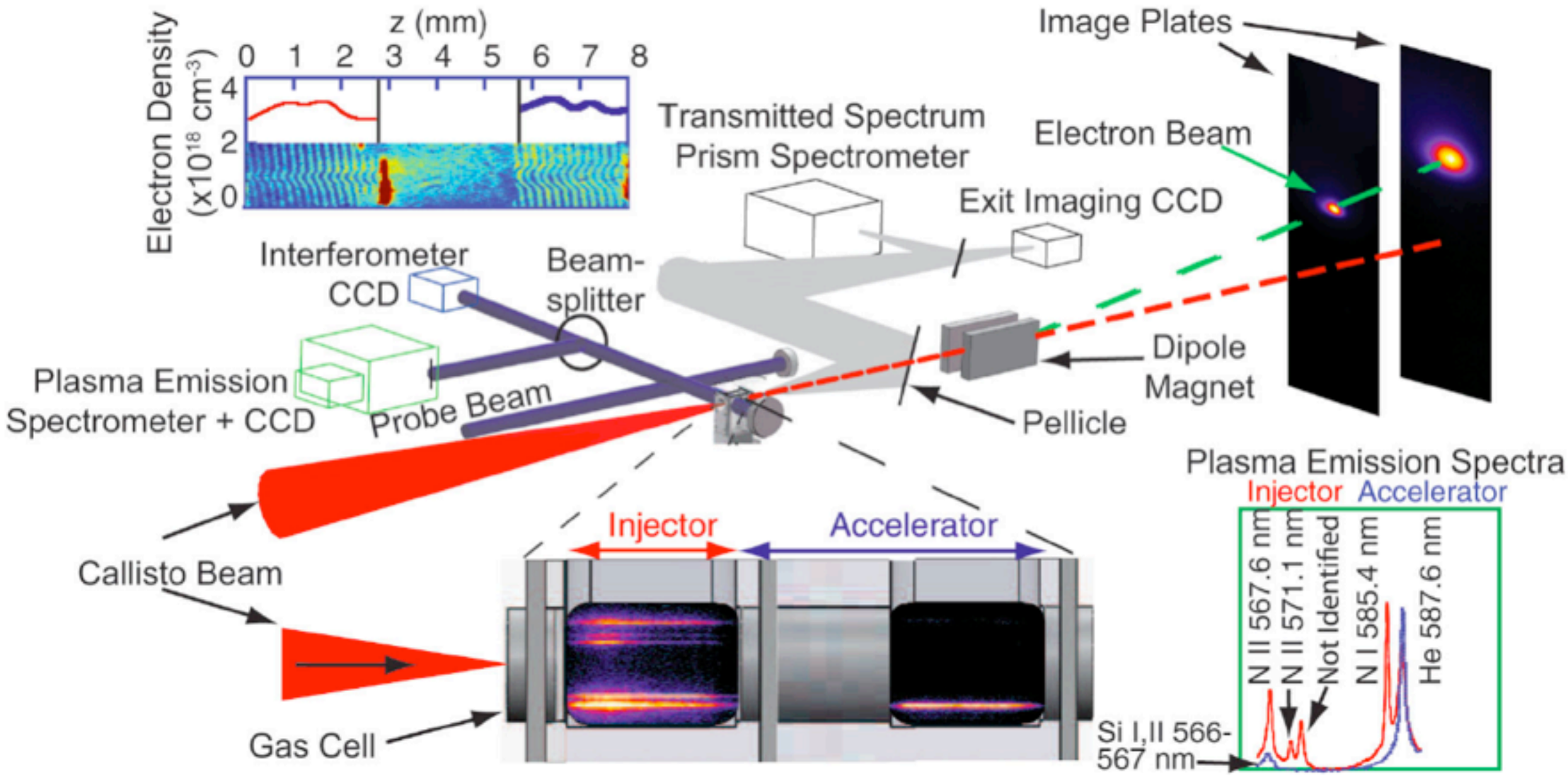


Laser: 10 TW, 0.8J, 45 fs, $a_0 \approx 2$, $n_e = 1.4 \times 10^{19} cm^{-3}$

Improve the energy spread at low laser intensity
Improve the stability
Increase the charge

A. Pak et al., PRL 104, 025003 (2010), C. McGuffey et al., PRL 104, 025004 (2010)

2010 Ionization Induced Trapping : 2 stage plasma acc.



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B. B. Pollock et al., PRL 107, 045001 (2011)

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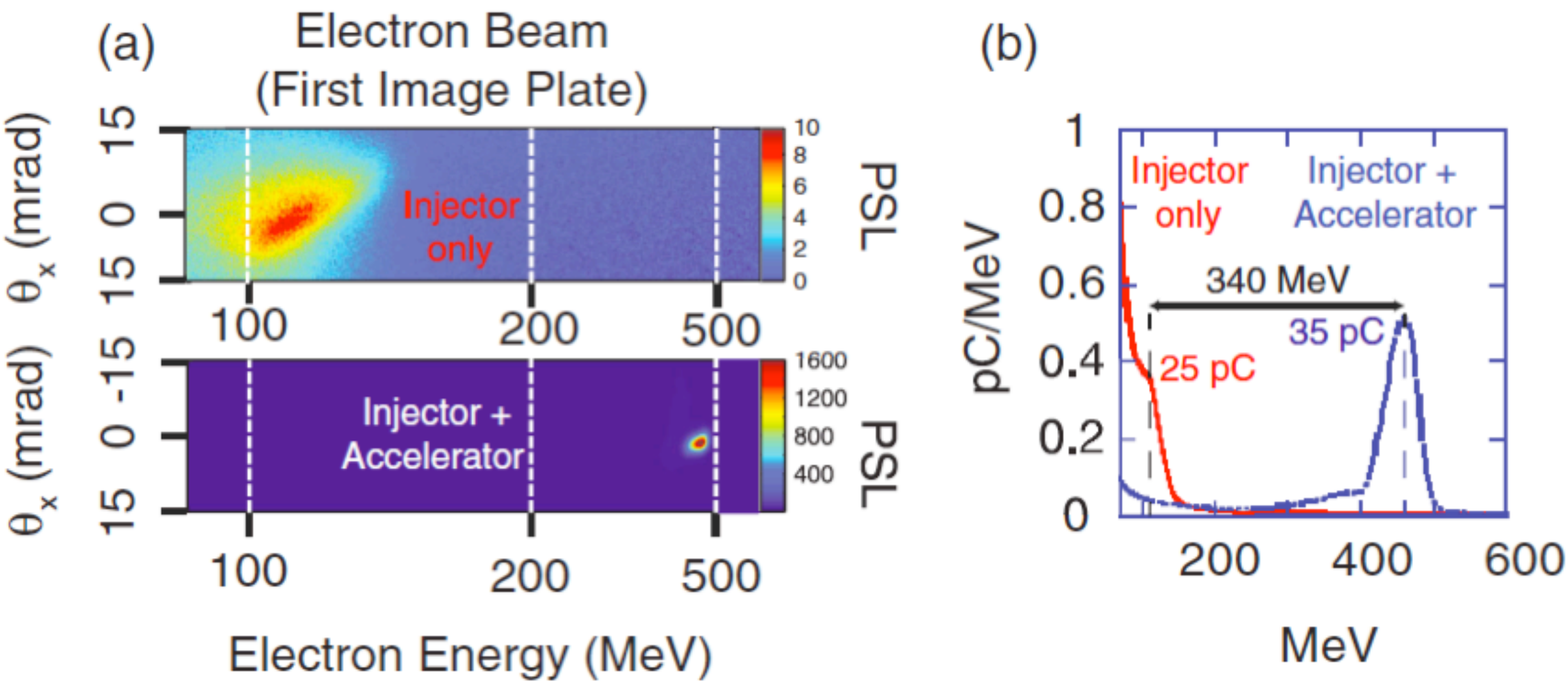

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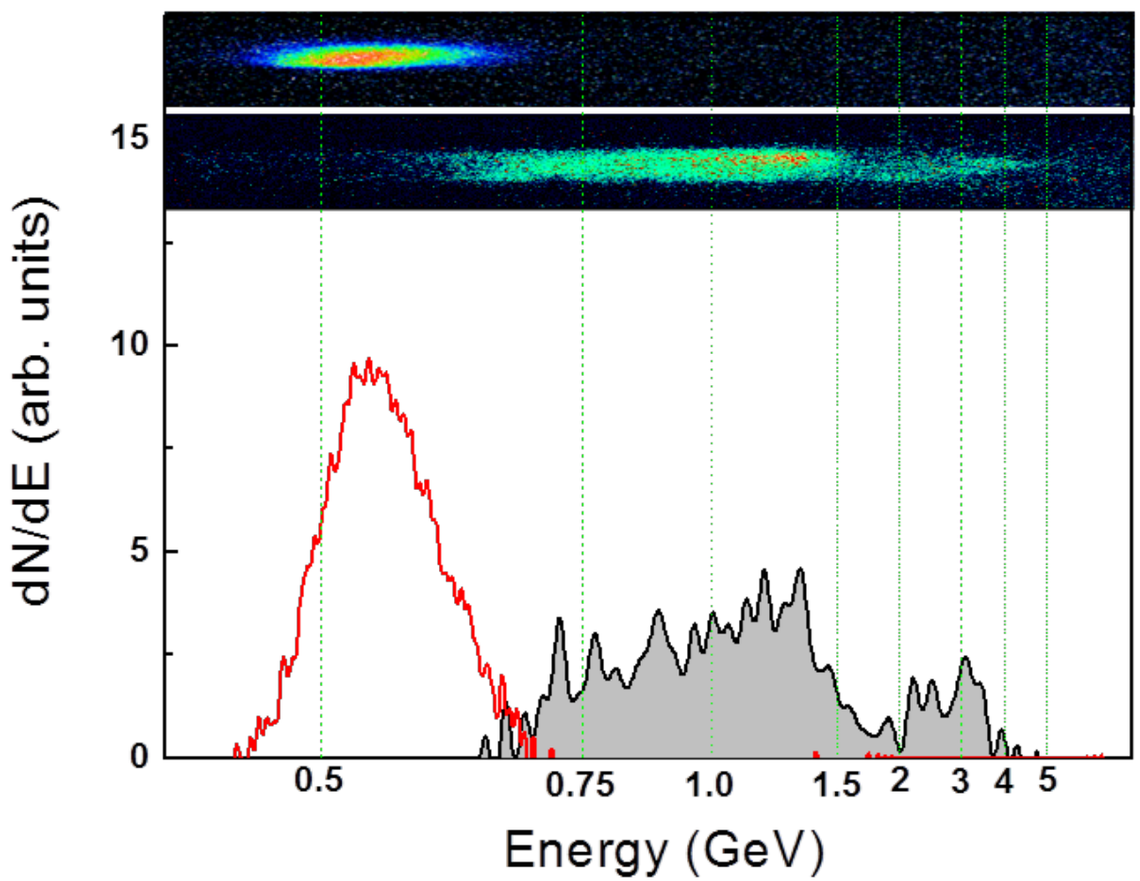
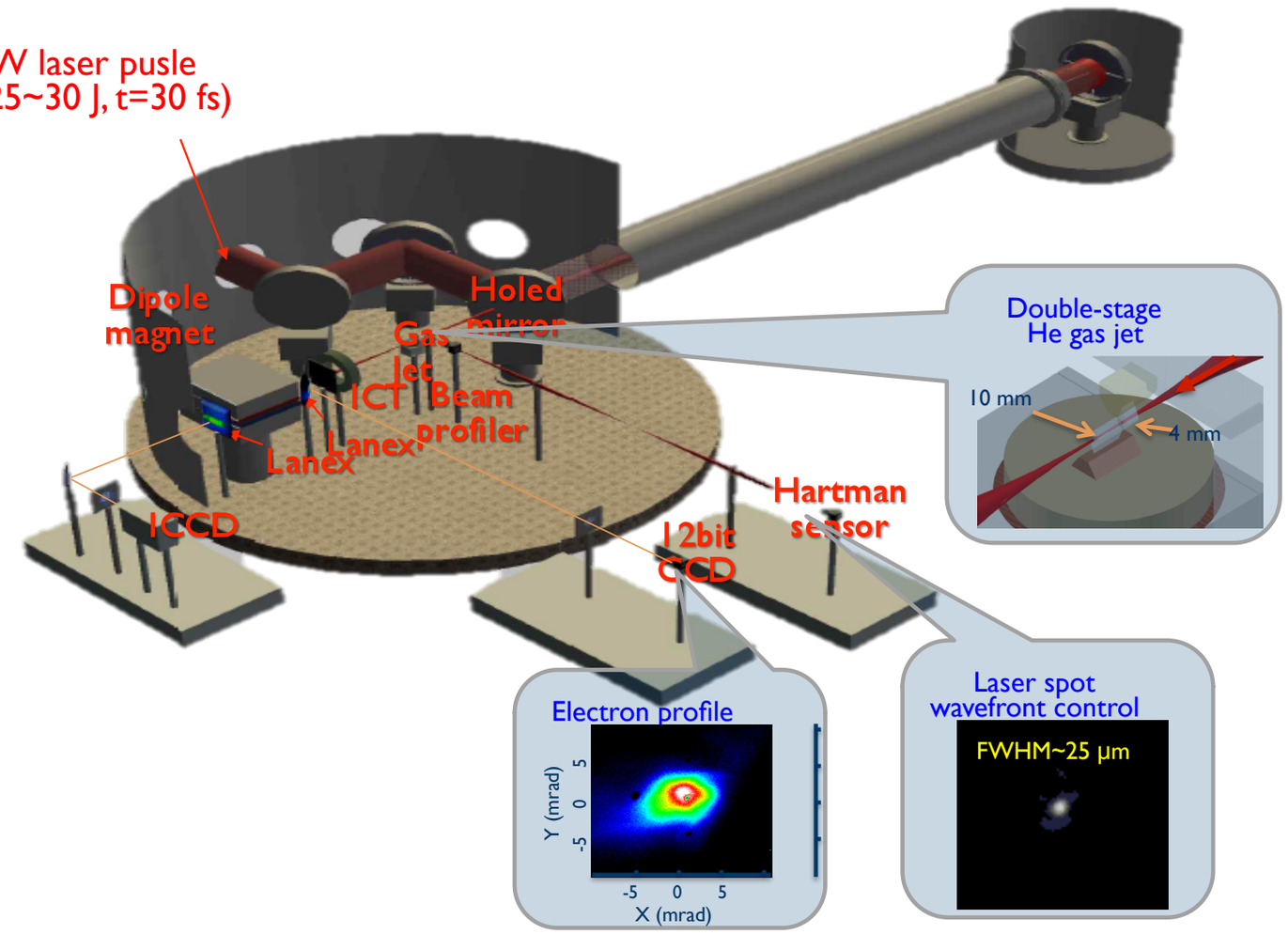
Double gas jet with PW laser : 3 GeV @ GIST-APRI

Double He gas jet : $d_e = 2.1 \times 10^{18}$ cm^{-3} (4 mm) $d_e = 0.7 \times 10^{18}$ cm^{-3} (10 mm)

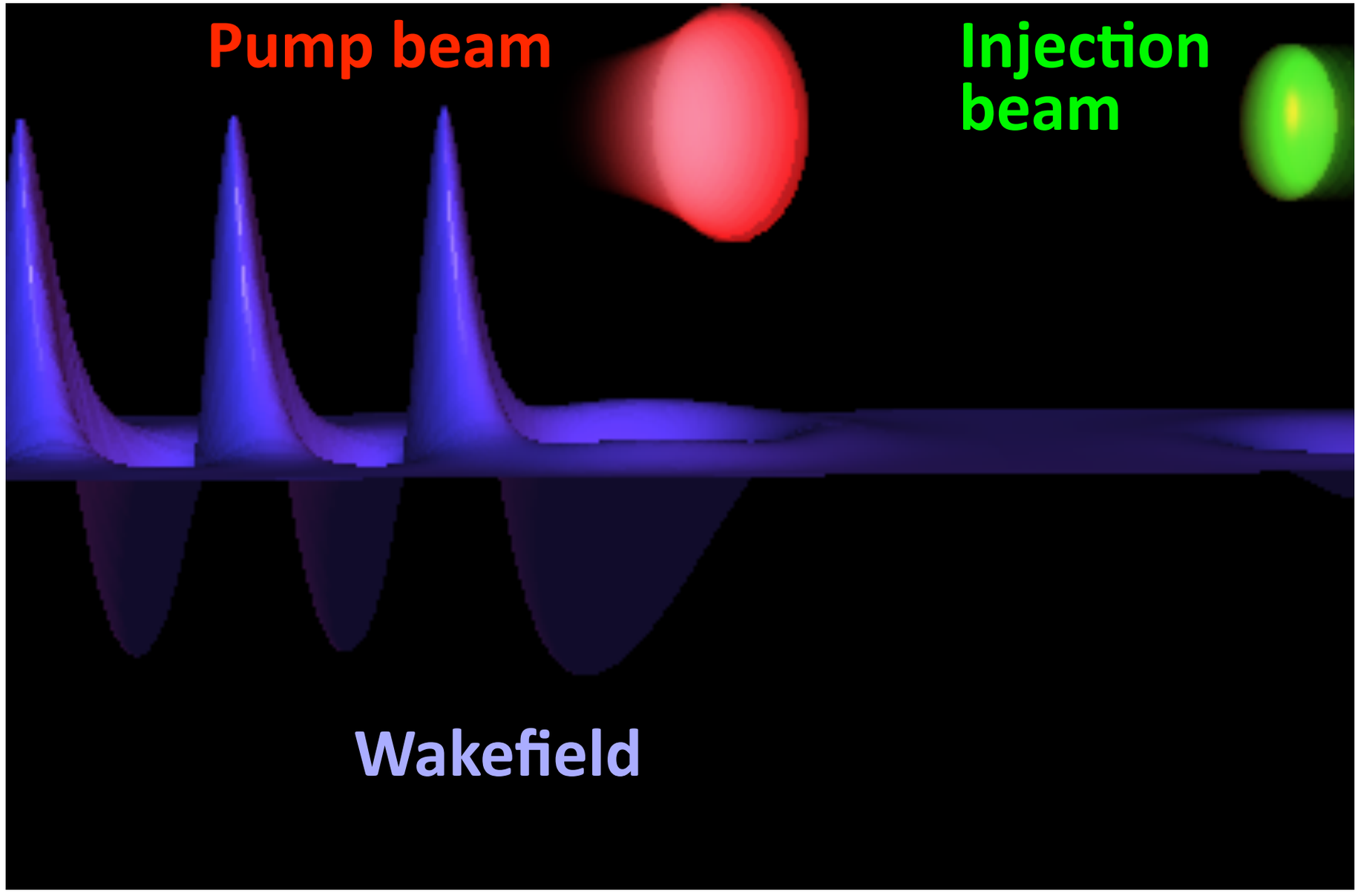




Courtesy of Hyung Taek Kim

Colliding Laser Pulses Scheme

The first laser creates the accelerating structure, a second laser beam is used to heat electrons



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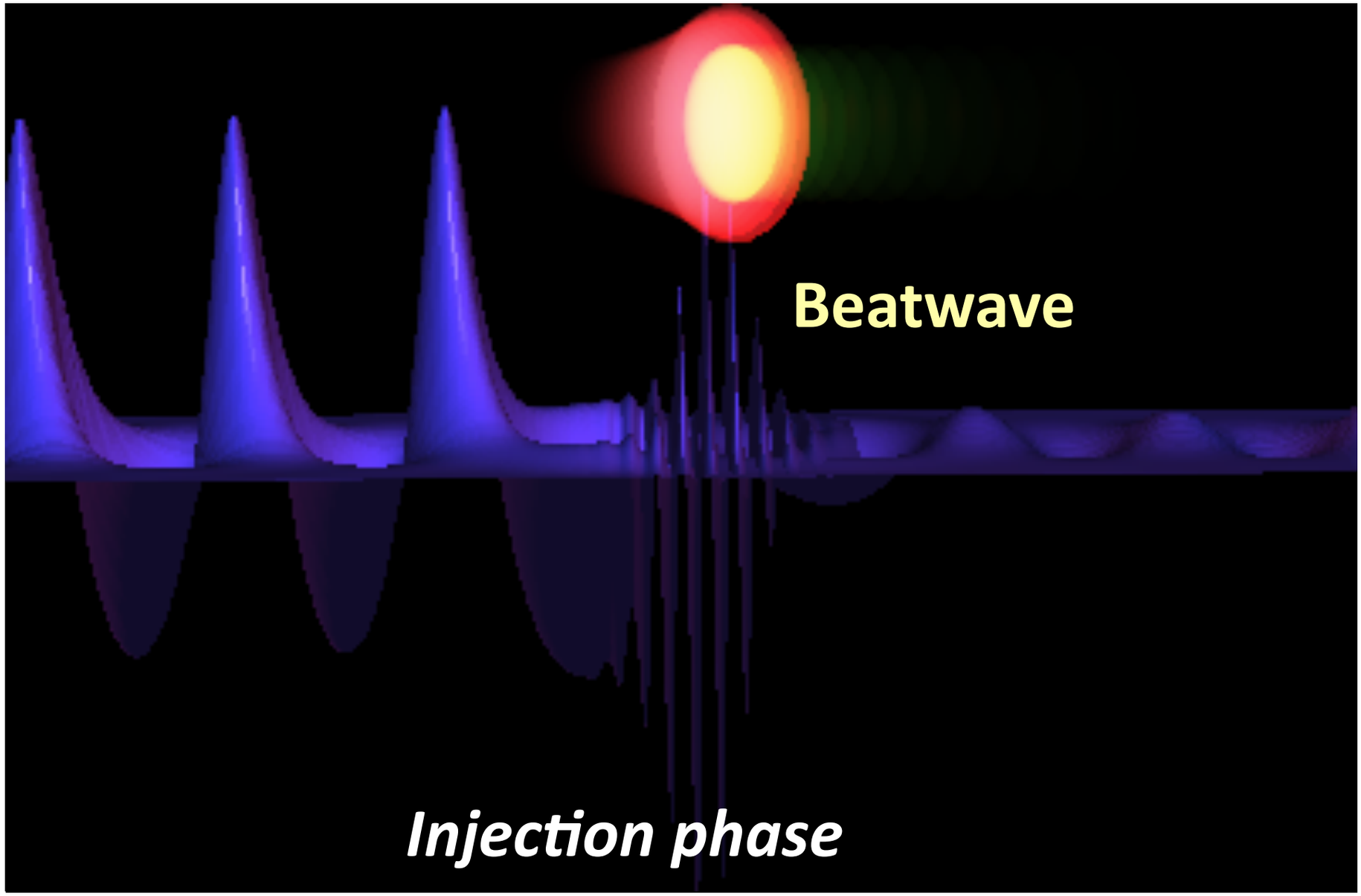

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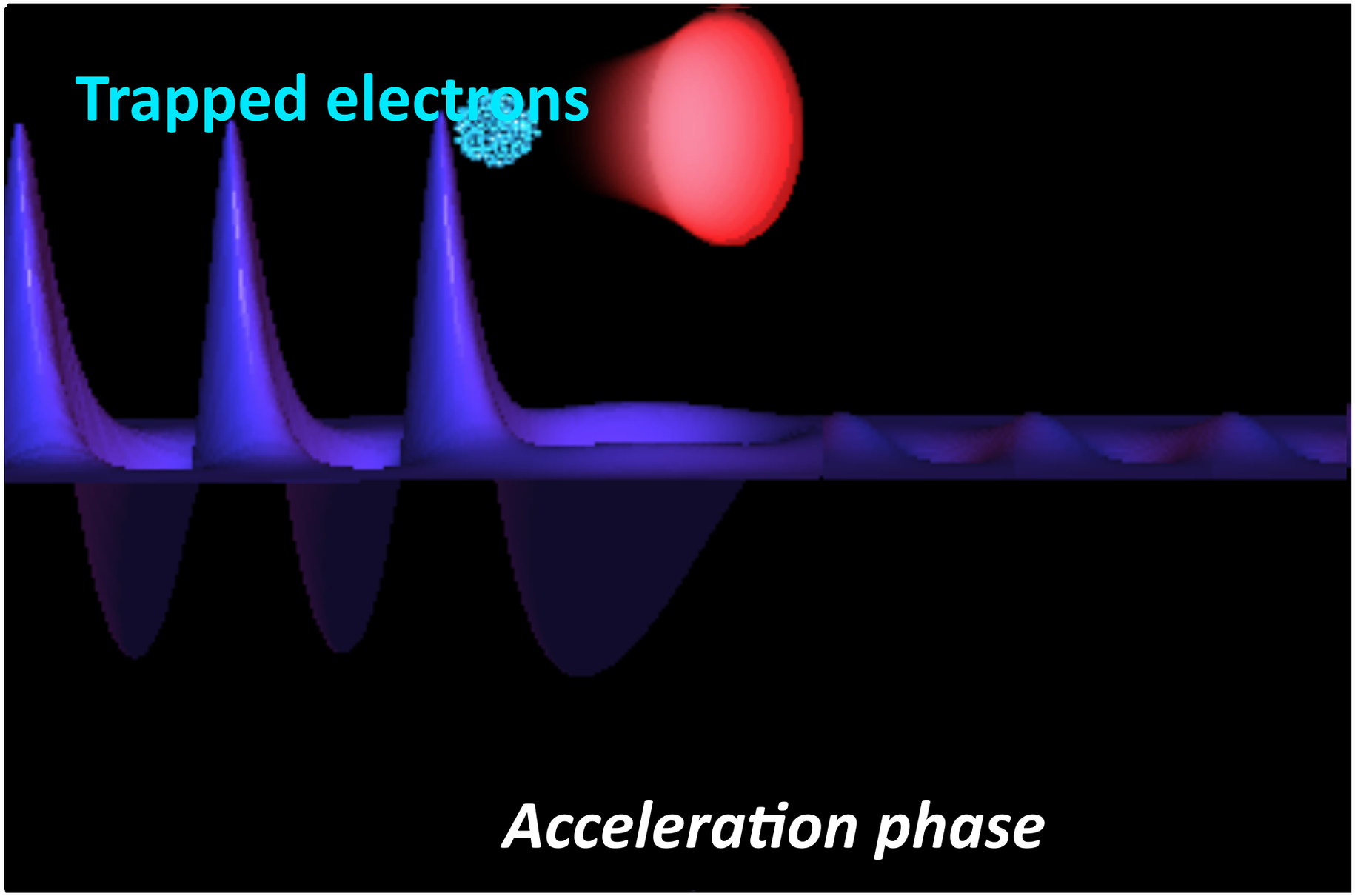

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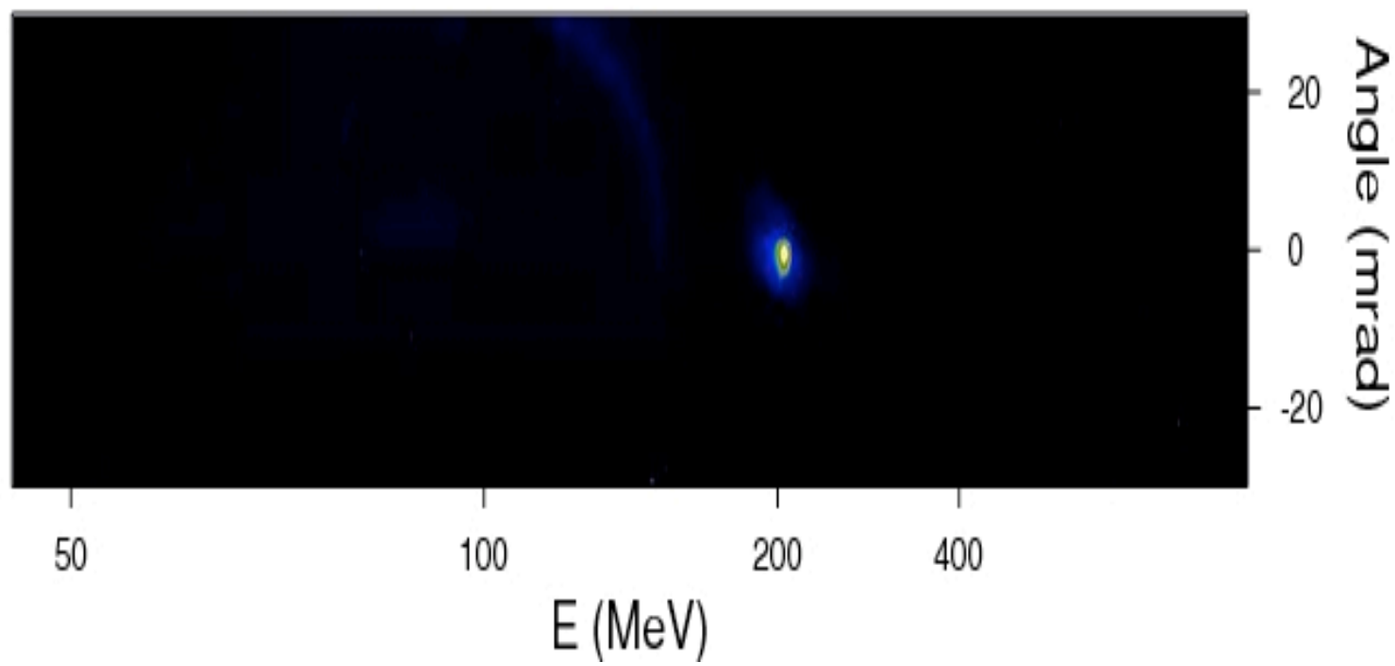

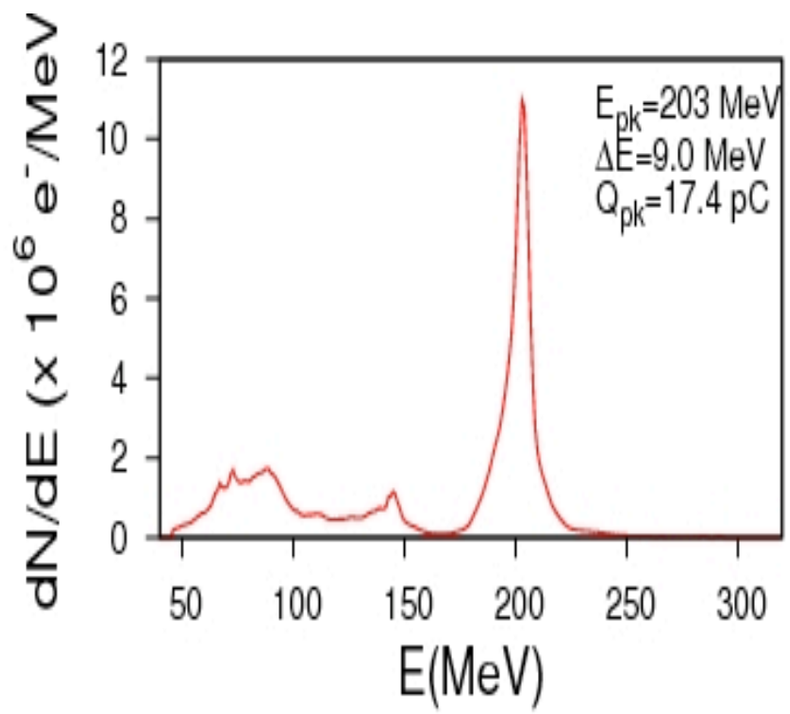

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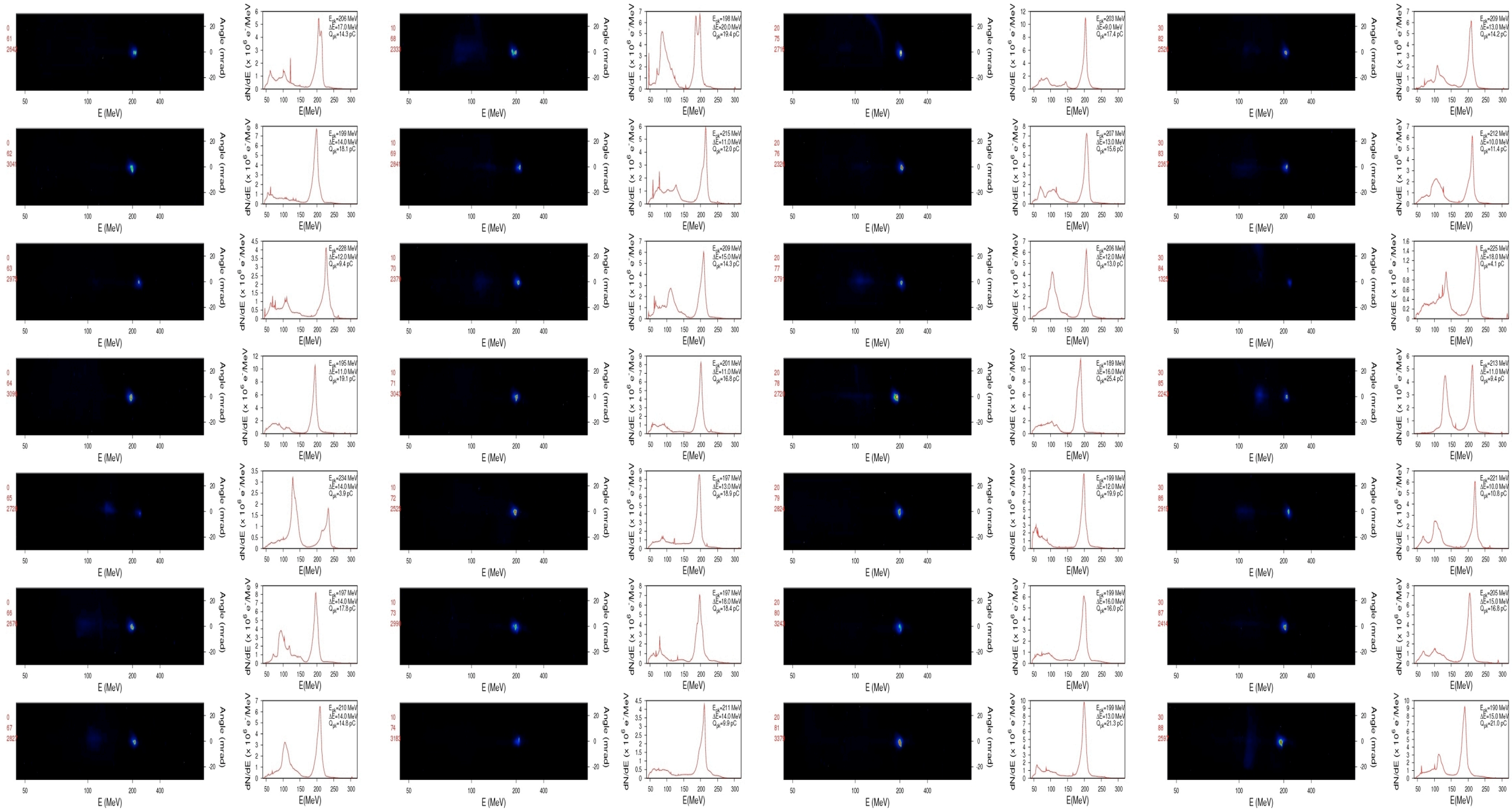
Series of 28 consecutive shots with : a_0=1.5, a_l=0.4, n_e=5.7×10^{18}cm^{-3}



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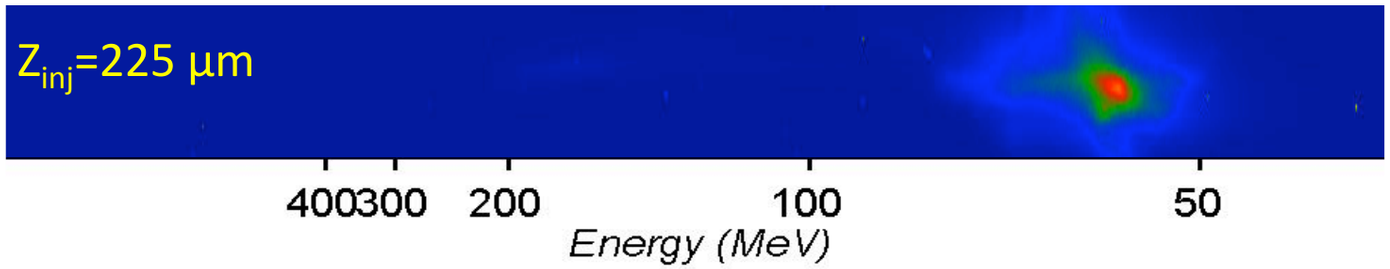

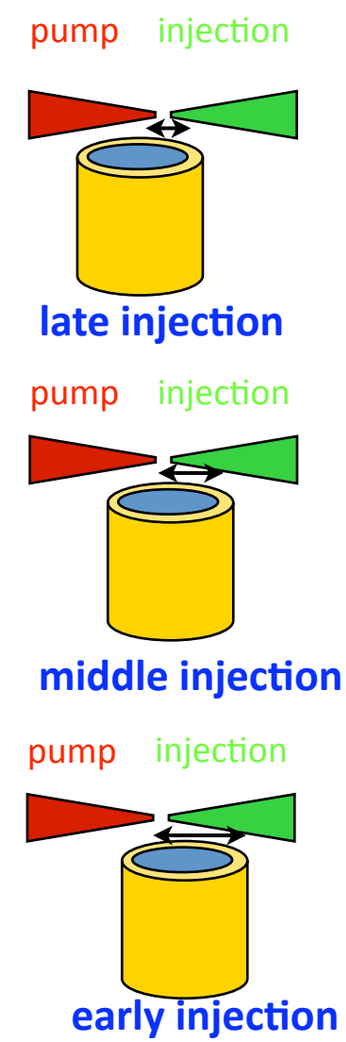

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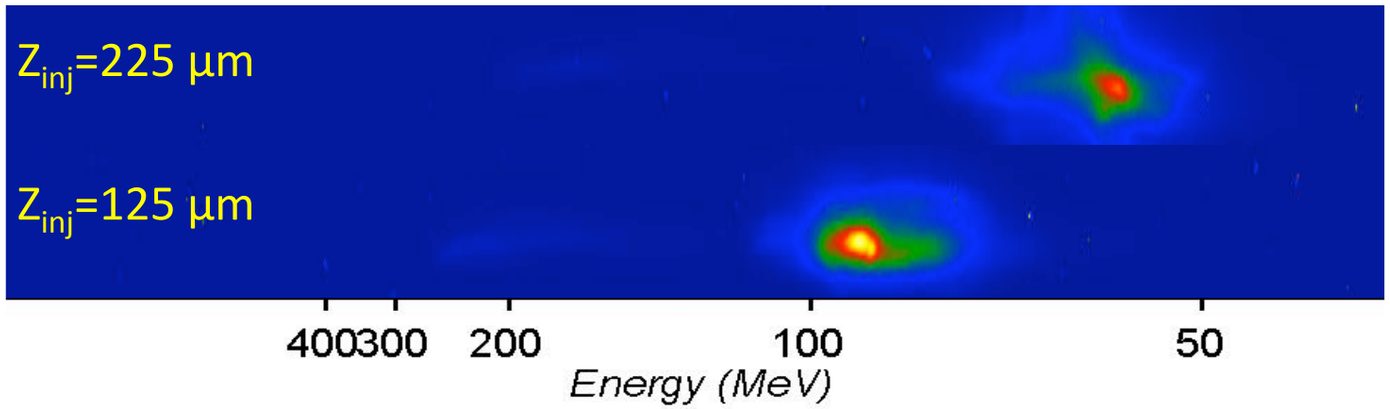

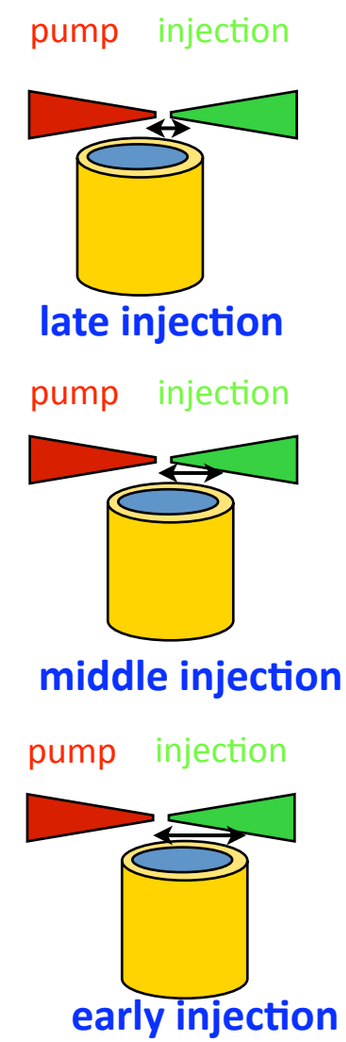

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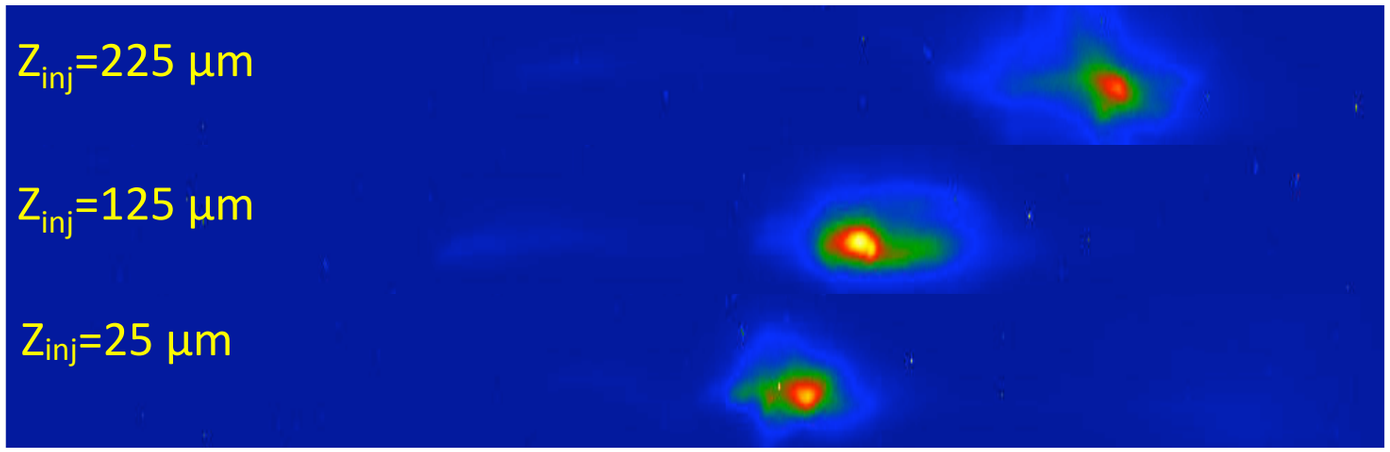

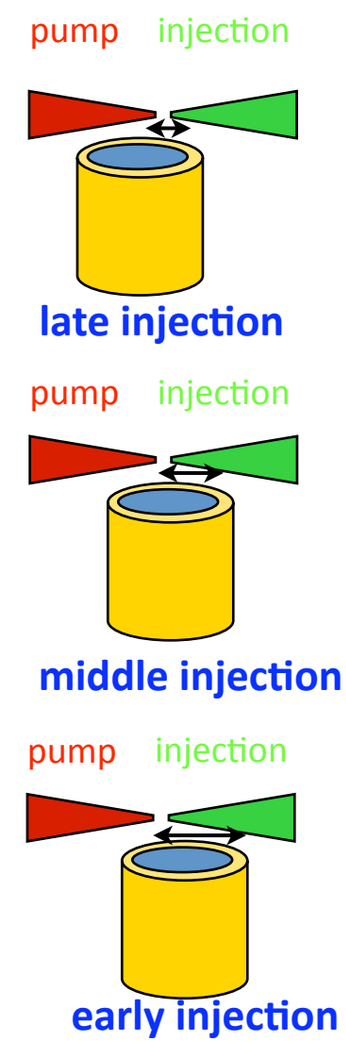

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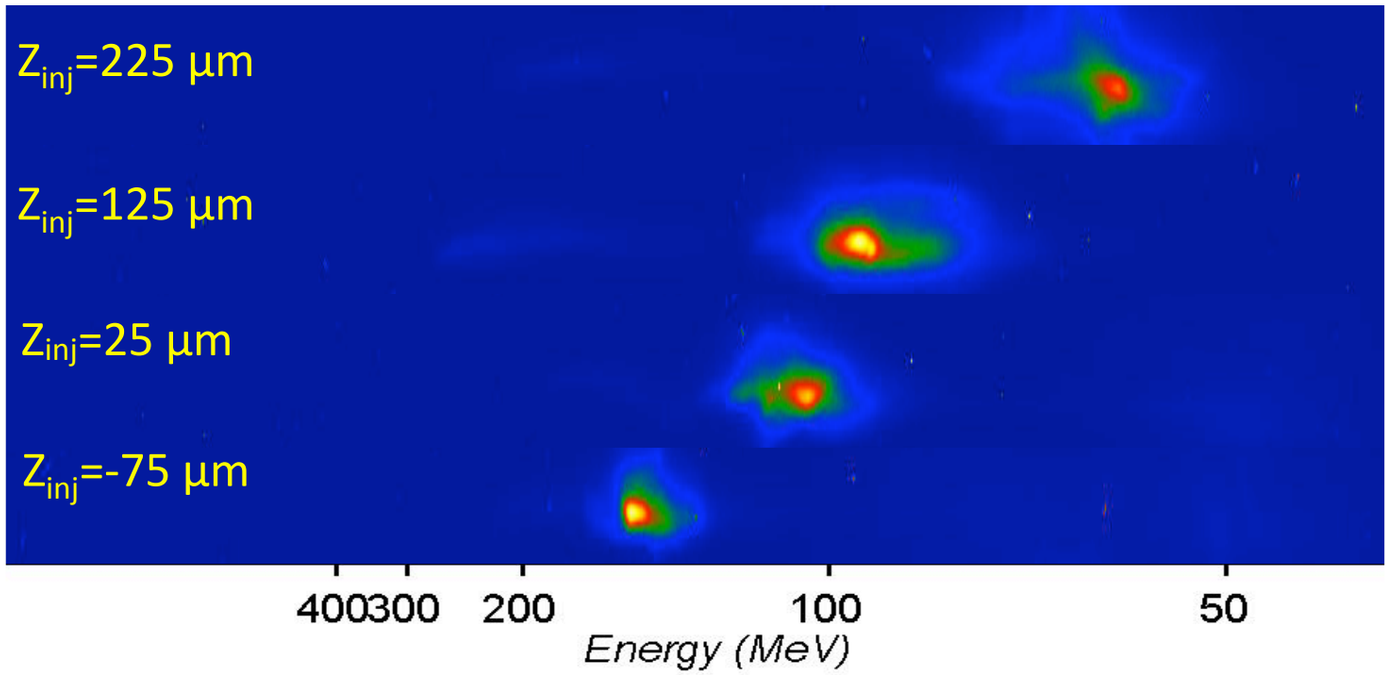

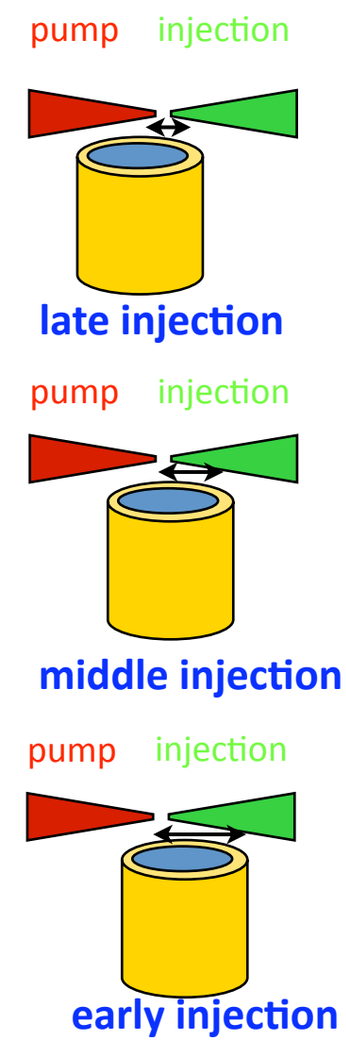

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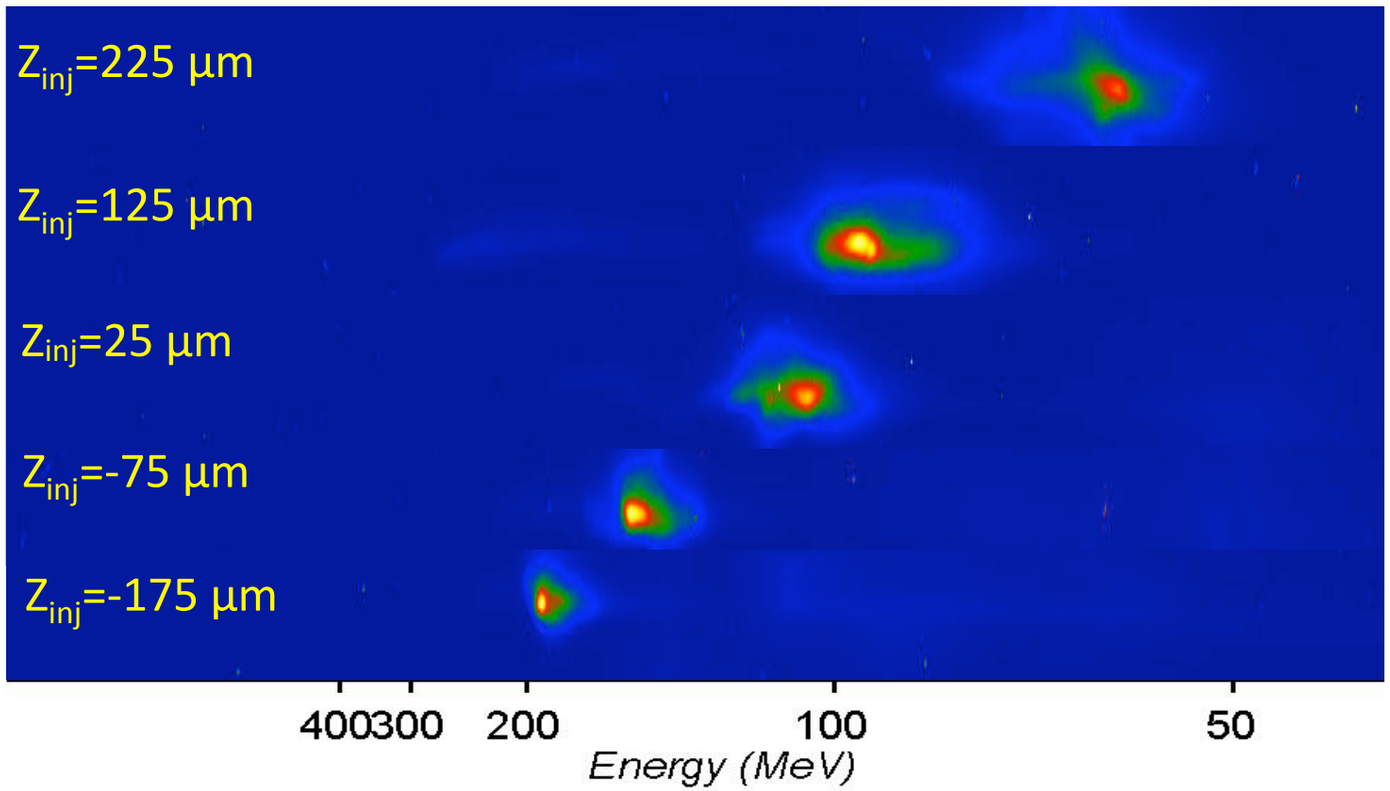

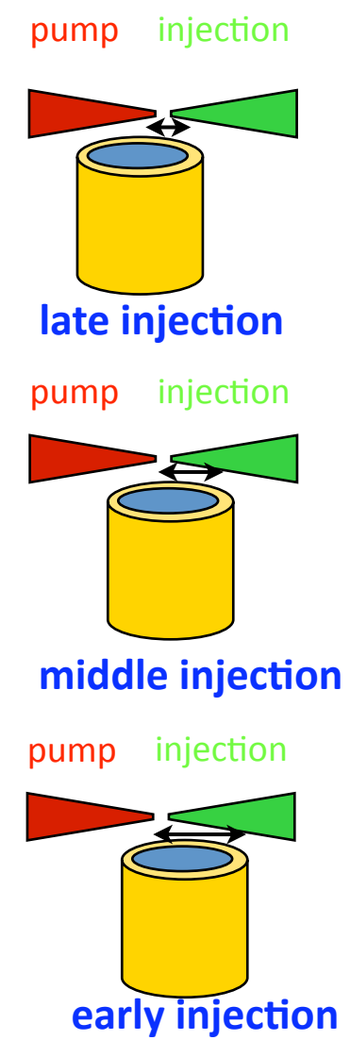

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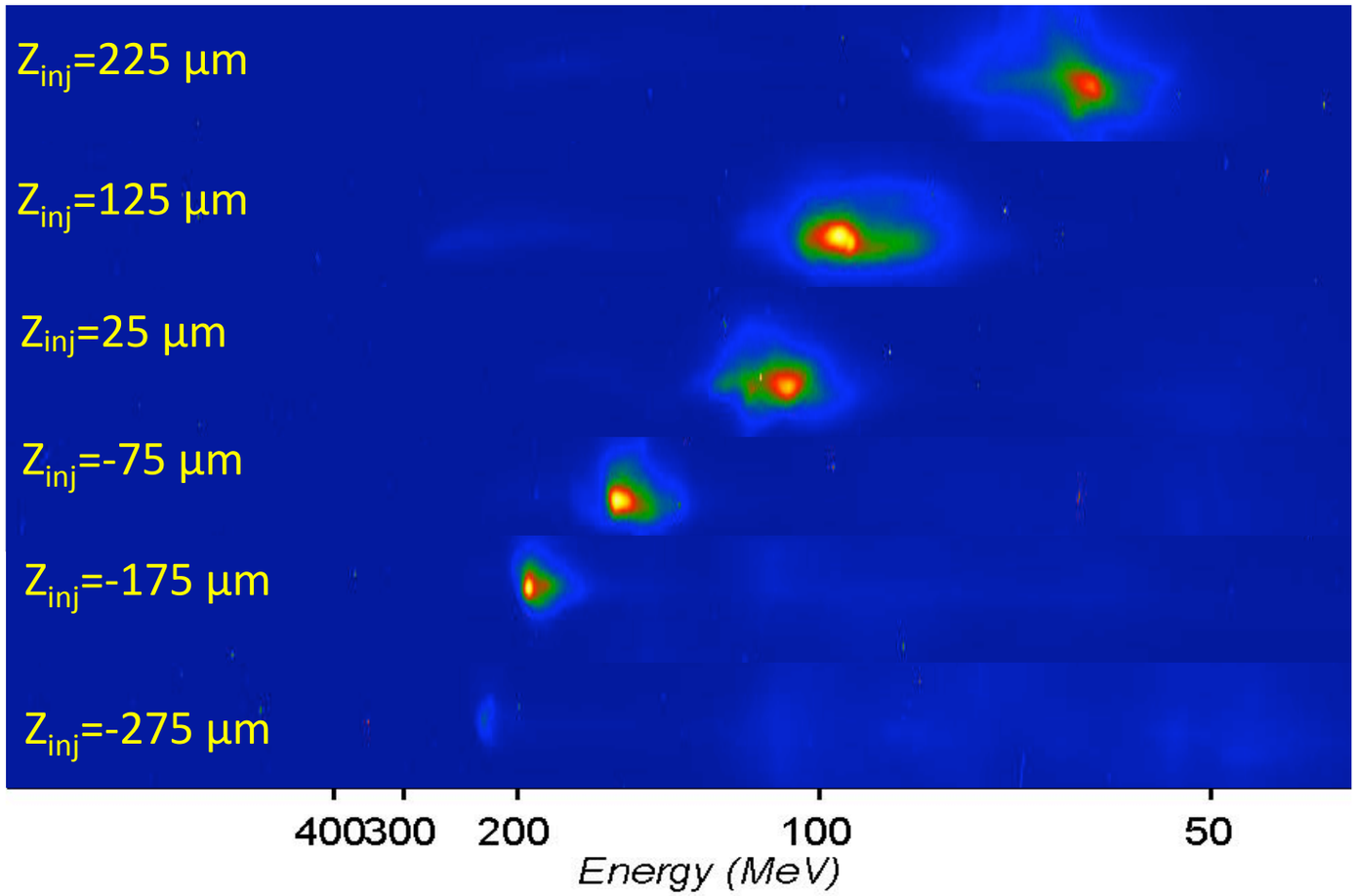

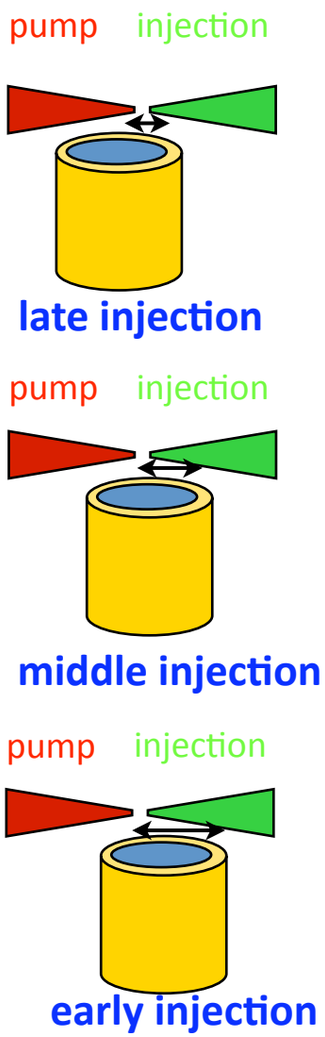

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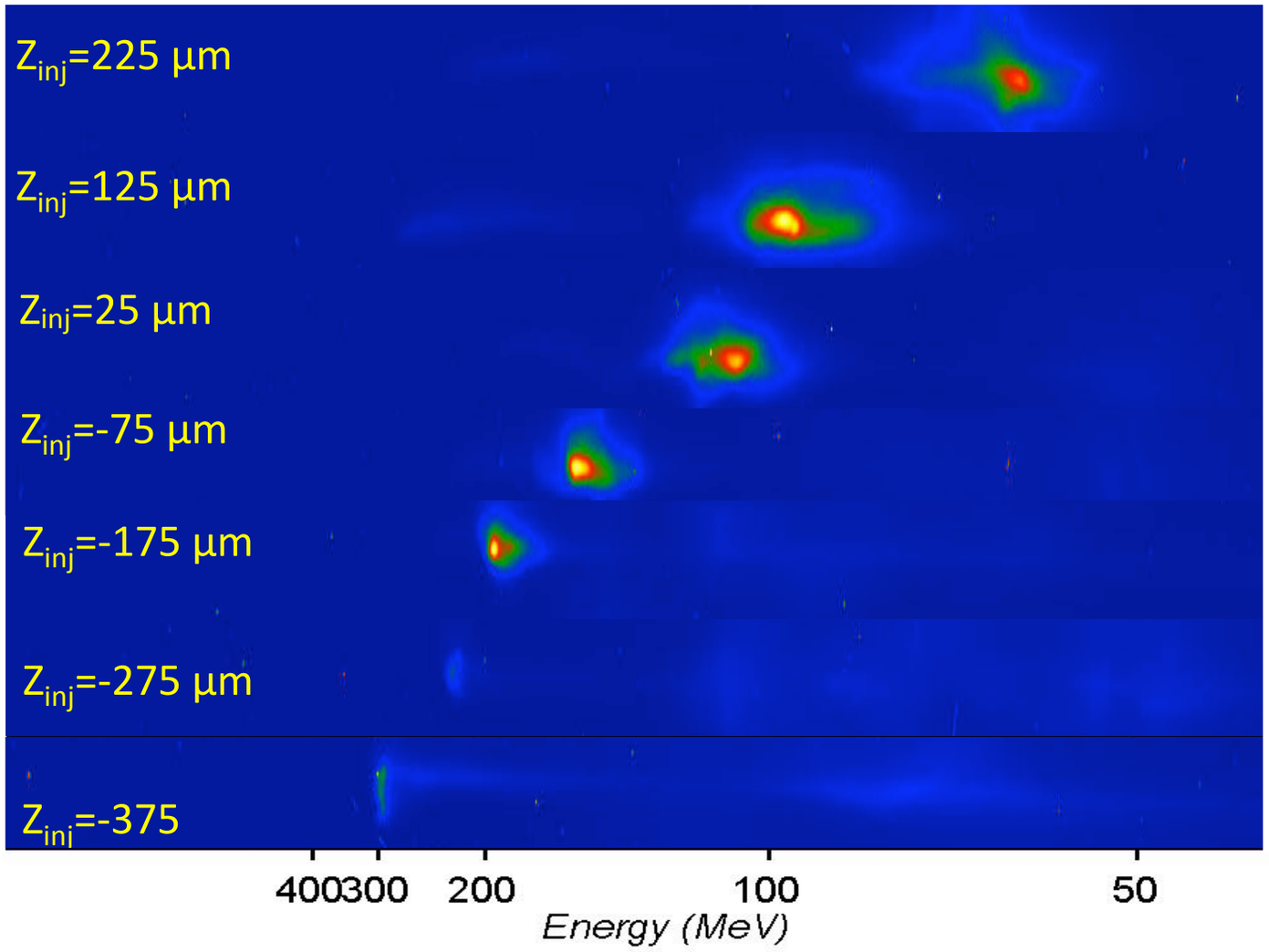

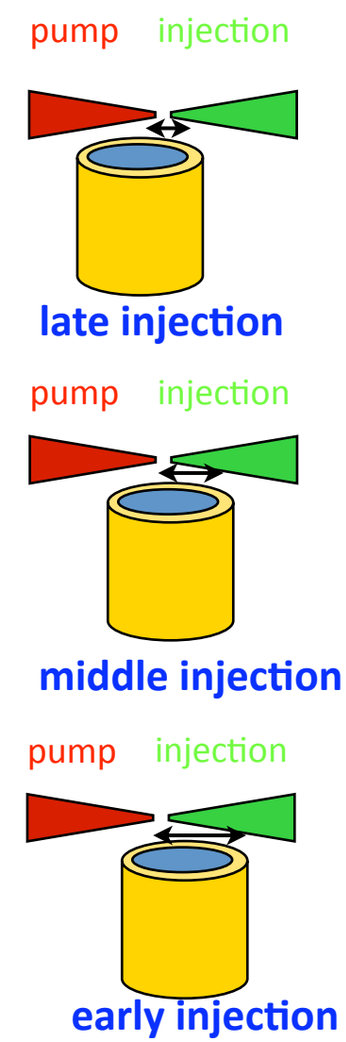

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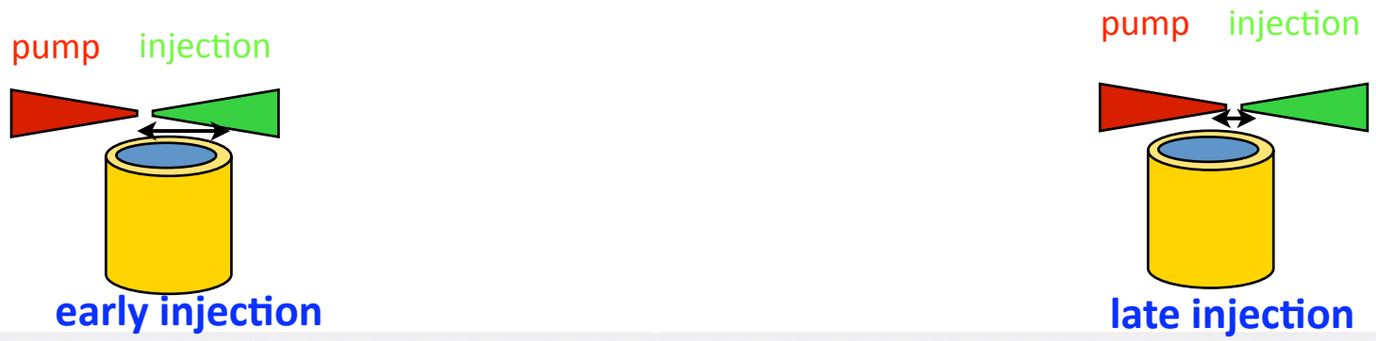
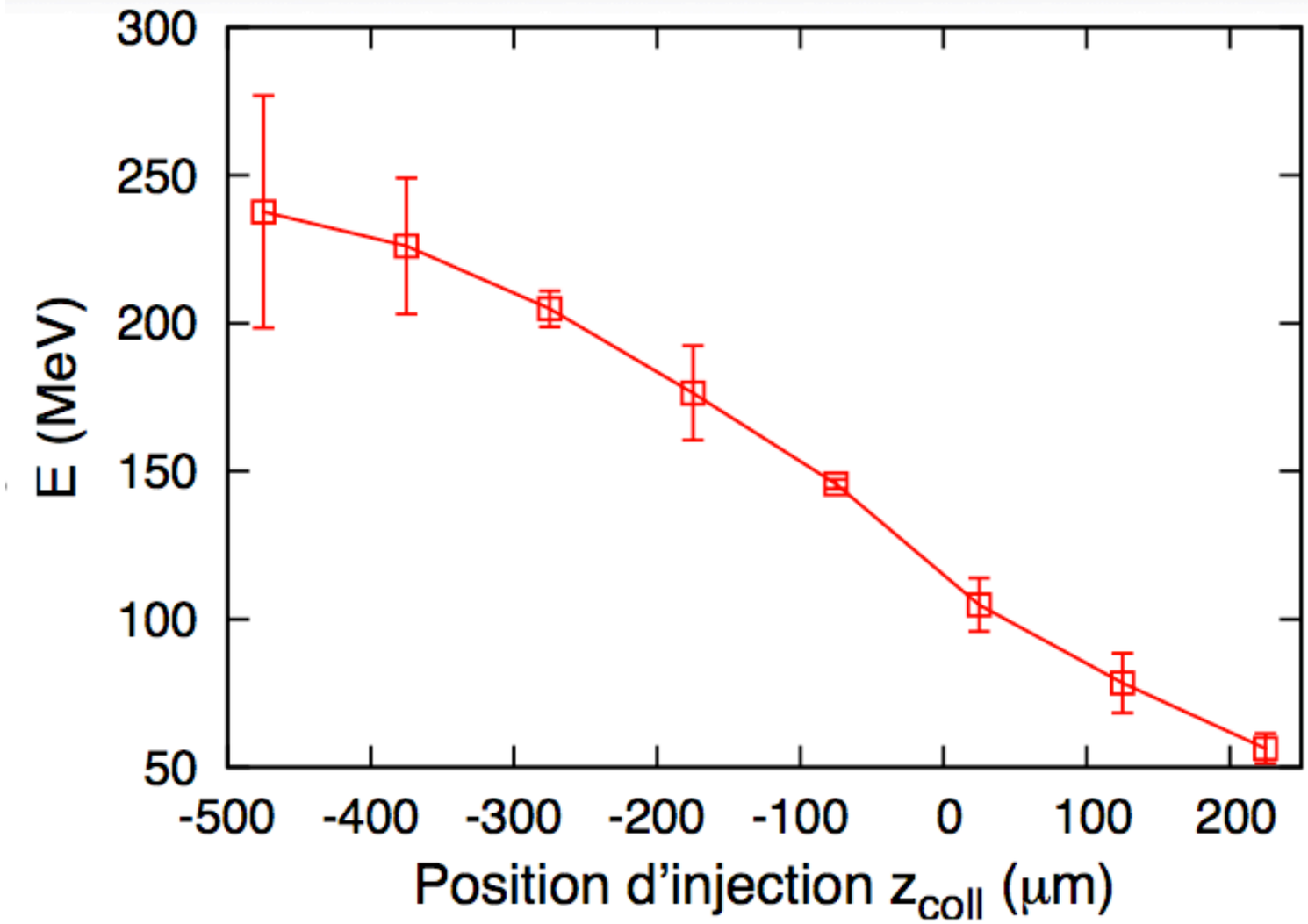
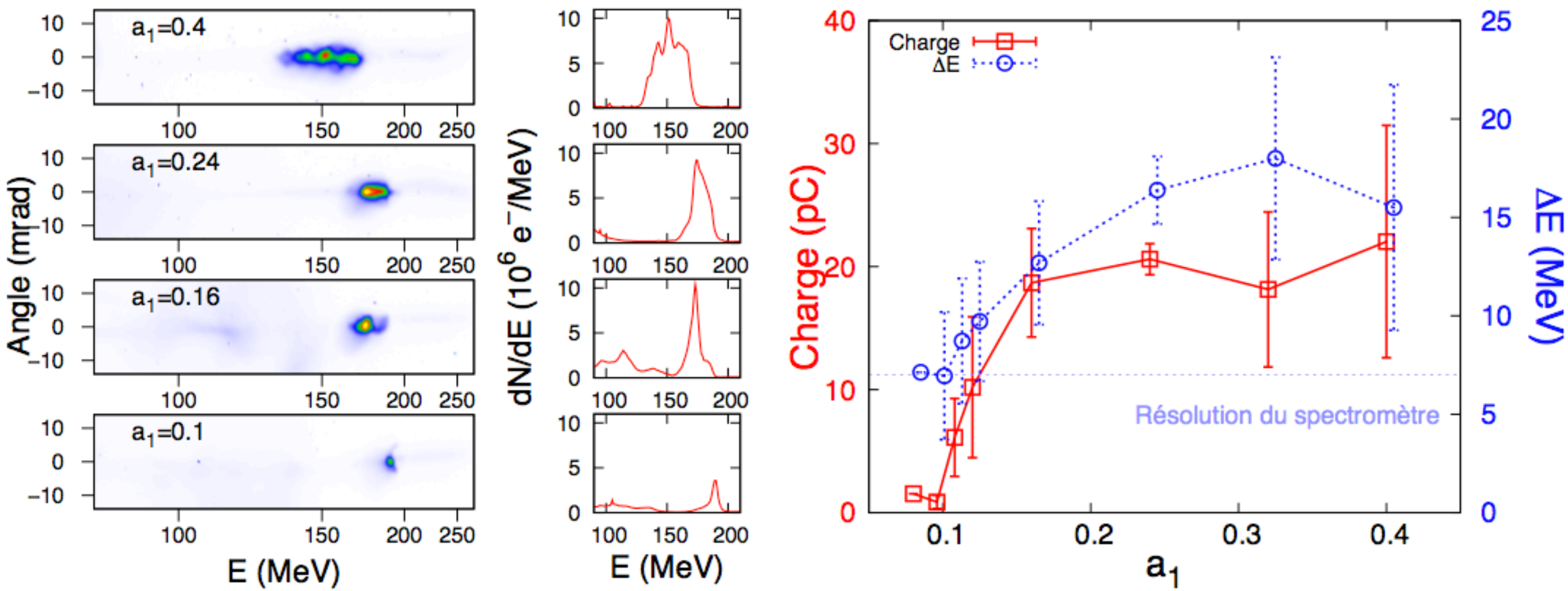




Tuning charge & energy spread with the inj. laser intensity



Charge from 60 pC to 5 pC, ΔE from 20 to 5 MeV

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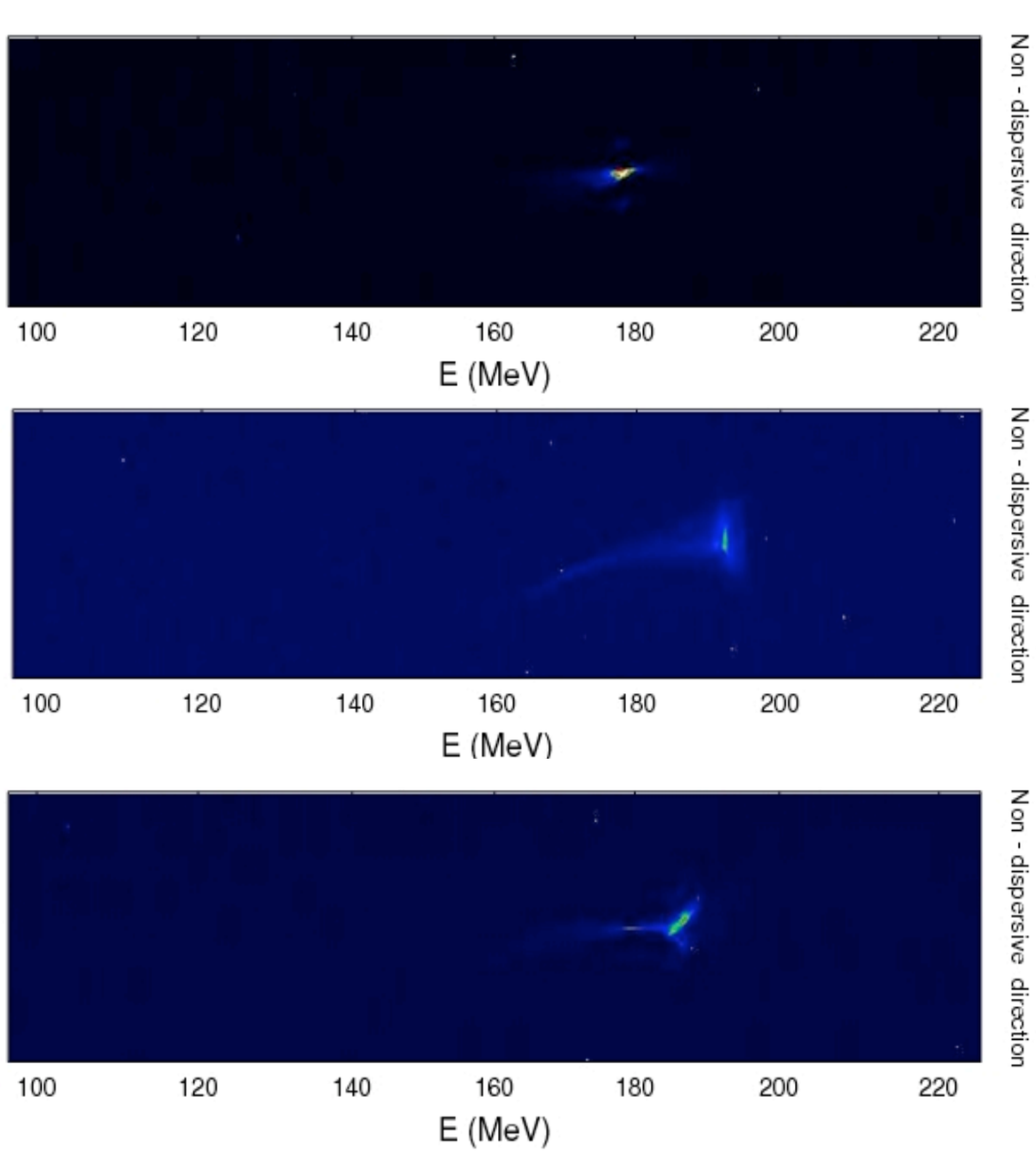
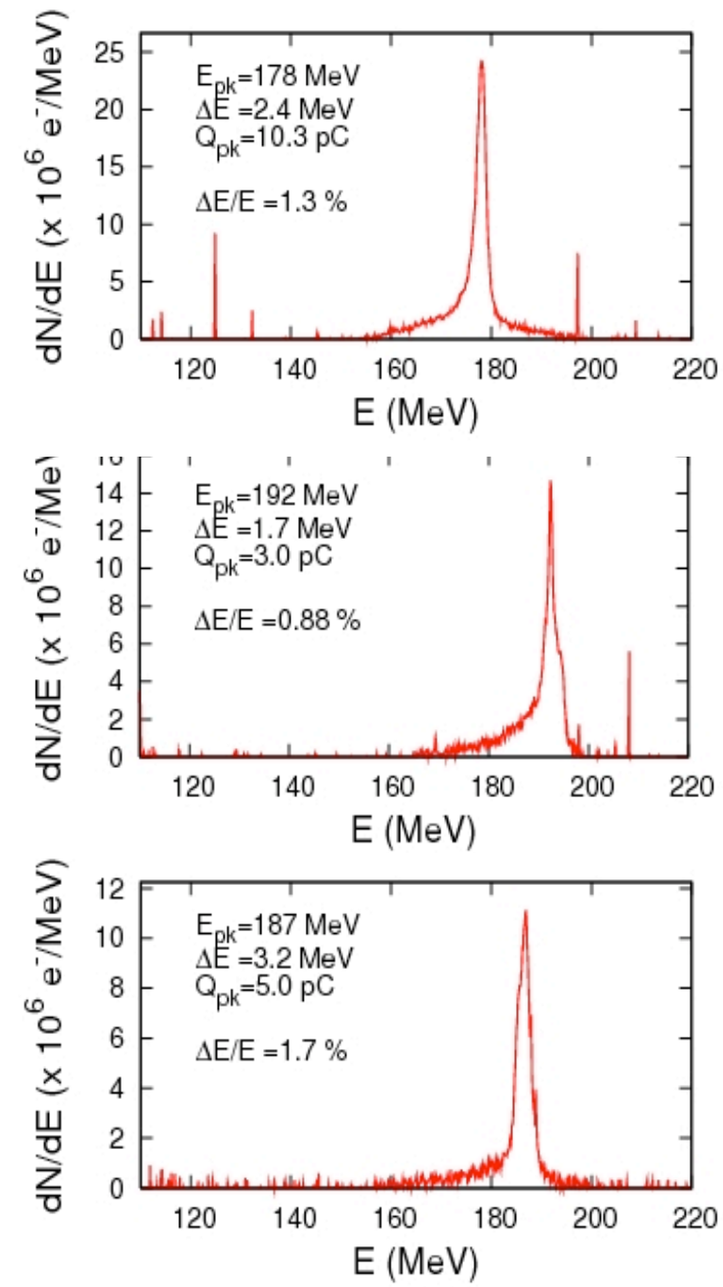
1% relative energy spread





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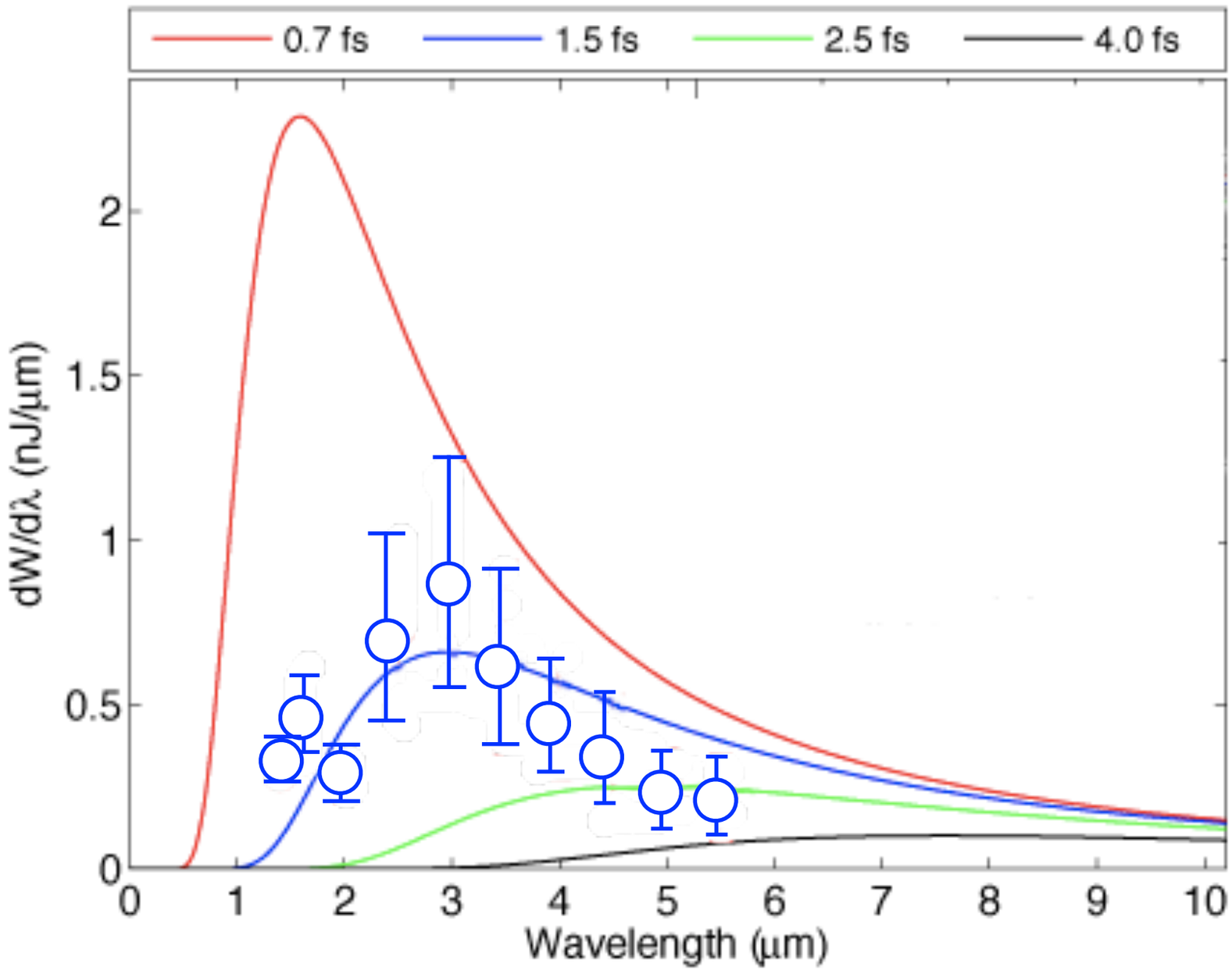
1.5 fs RMS duration : Peak current of 4 kA



Analytic CTR model

Gaussian pulse shape

Measured e-beam :

- Charge
- Energy
- Divergence

Bunch duration

Peak wavelength

Peak intensity

Spectral features

Peak at 3 μm

Coherent

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O. Lundh et al., Nature Physics, **7** (2011)

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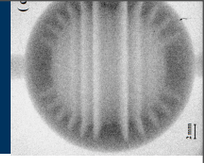
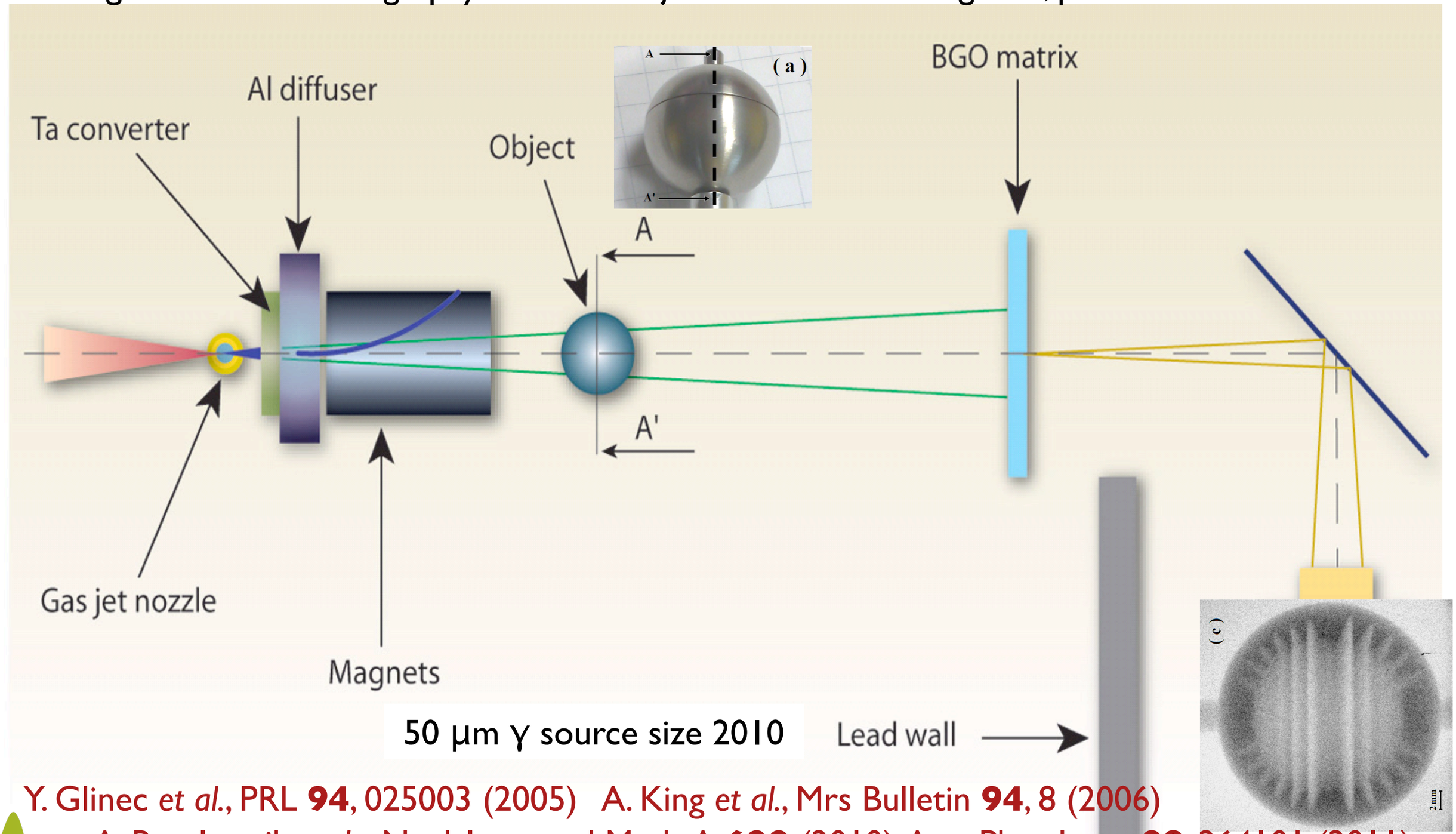


Non destructive dense matter inspection

High resolution radiography of dense object with a low divergence, point-like electron source

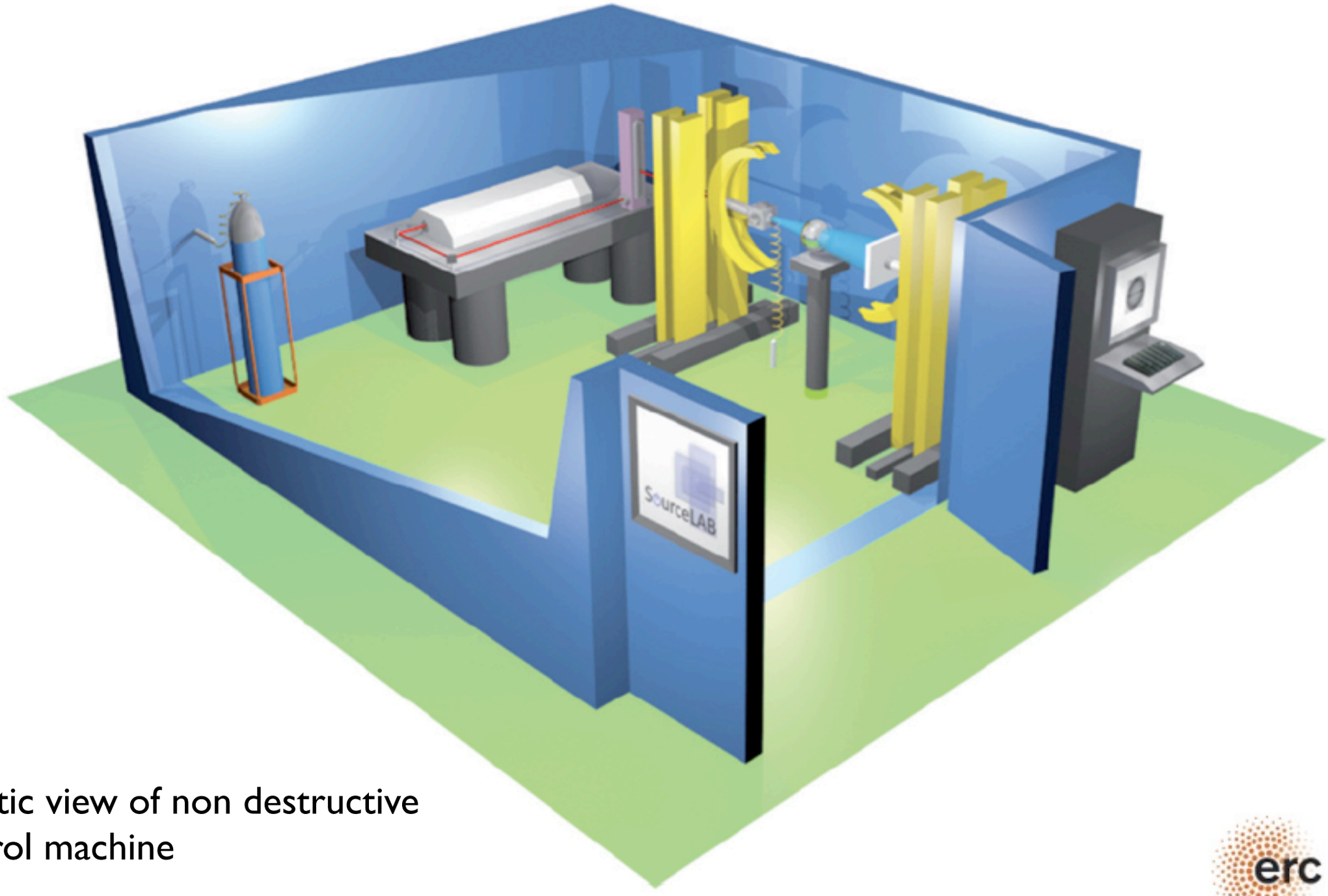


50 µm γ source size 2010

Y. Glinec *et al.*, PRL **94**, 025003 (2005) A. King *et al.*, Mrs Bulletin **94**, 8 (2006)

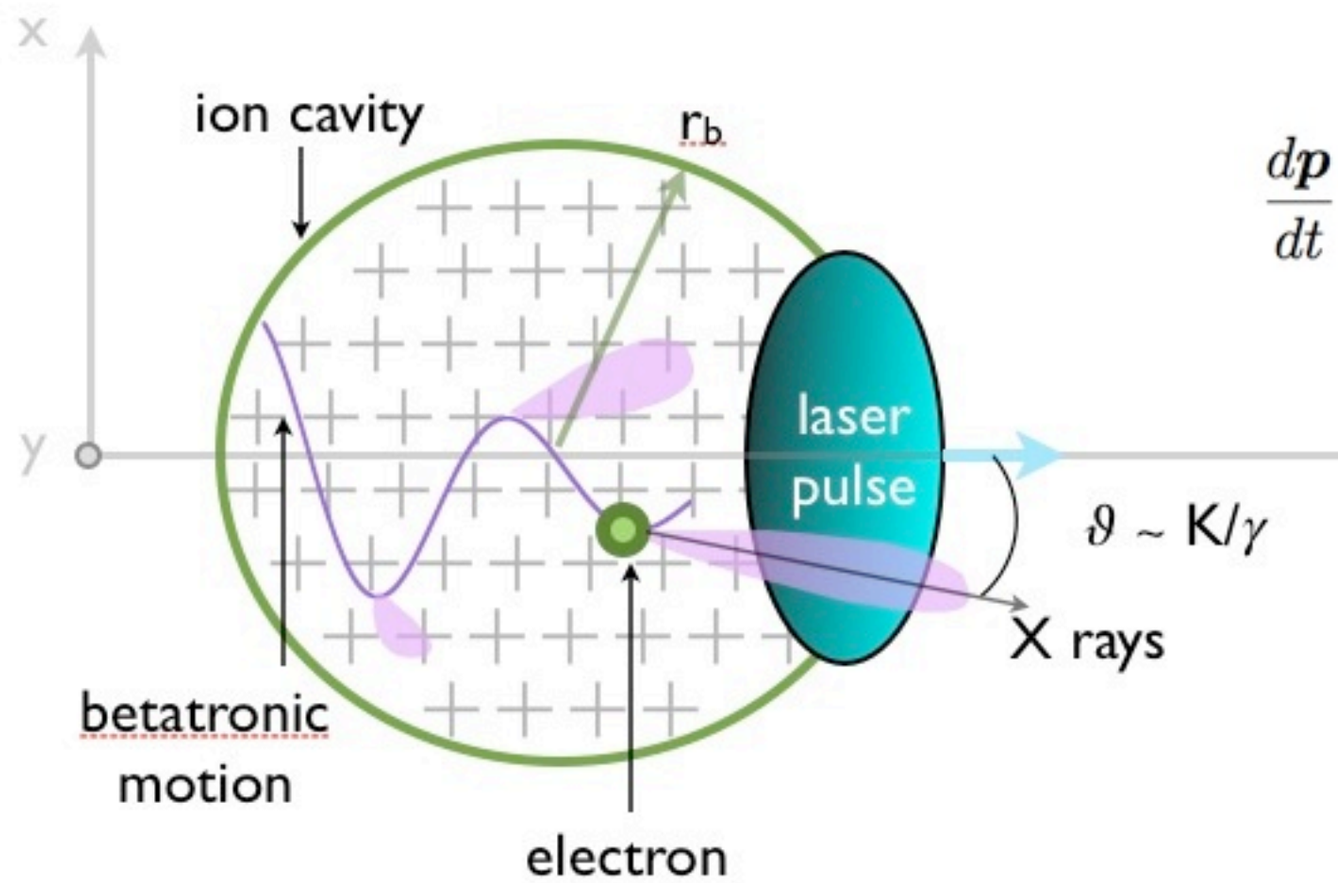
A. Ben-Ismail *et al.*, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A **629** (2010), App. Phys. Lett. **98**, 264101 (2011)

Some examples of applications : Non Destructive Control



Artistic view of non destructive control machine

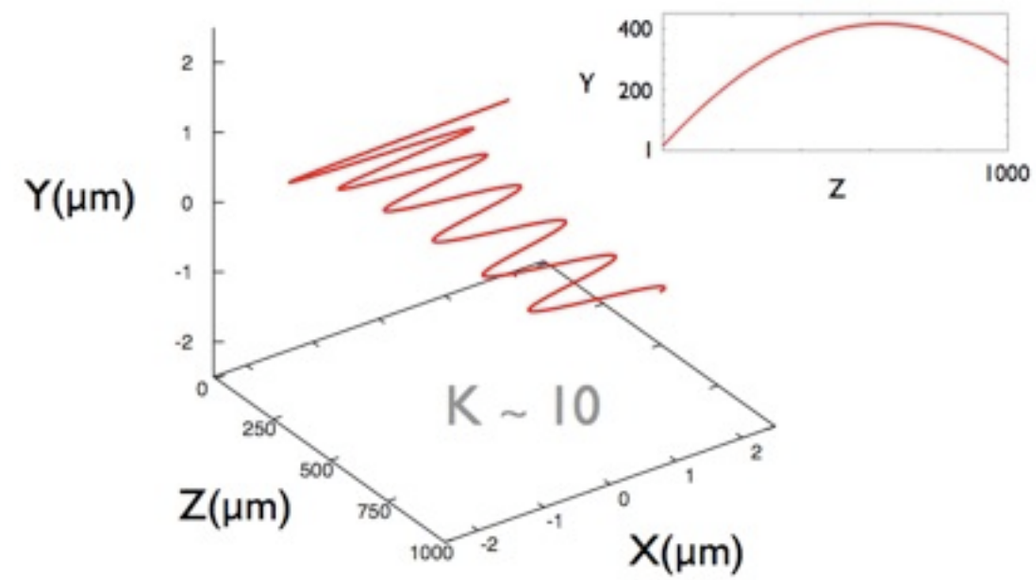
Betatron radiation properties



Transverse force

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{p}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{F}_{\parallel} + \boldsymbol{F}_{\perp} = -\frac{m\omega_p^2}{2}\zeta\hat{\boldsymbol{z}} - \frac{m\omega_p^2}{2}\left(x\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} + y\hat{\boldsymbol{y}}\right)$$

Longitudinal Force



Betatron oscillation properties:

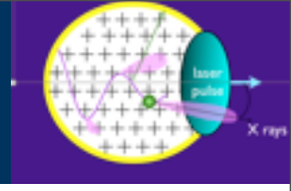
$$\lambda_u = \sqrt{2\gamma}\lambda_p \qquad K = r_\beta k_p \sqrt{\gamma/2}$$

$$\xrightarrow[r_\beta \sim 1\ \mu\mathrm{m}]{\sim 100\ \mathrm{MeV}} \qquad \lambda_u \sim 200\ \mu\mathrm{m} \qquad K \sim 5$$

$$n_e \sim 10^{19}\ \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$$

A. Rousse *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**, 135005 (2004)

A more precise source size estimation



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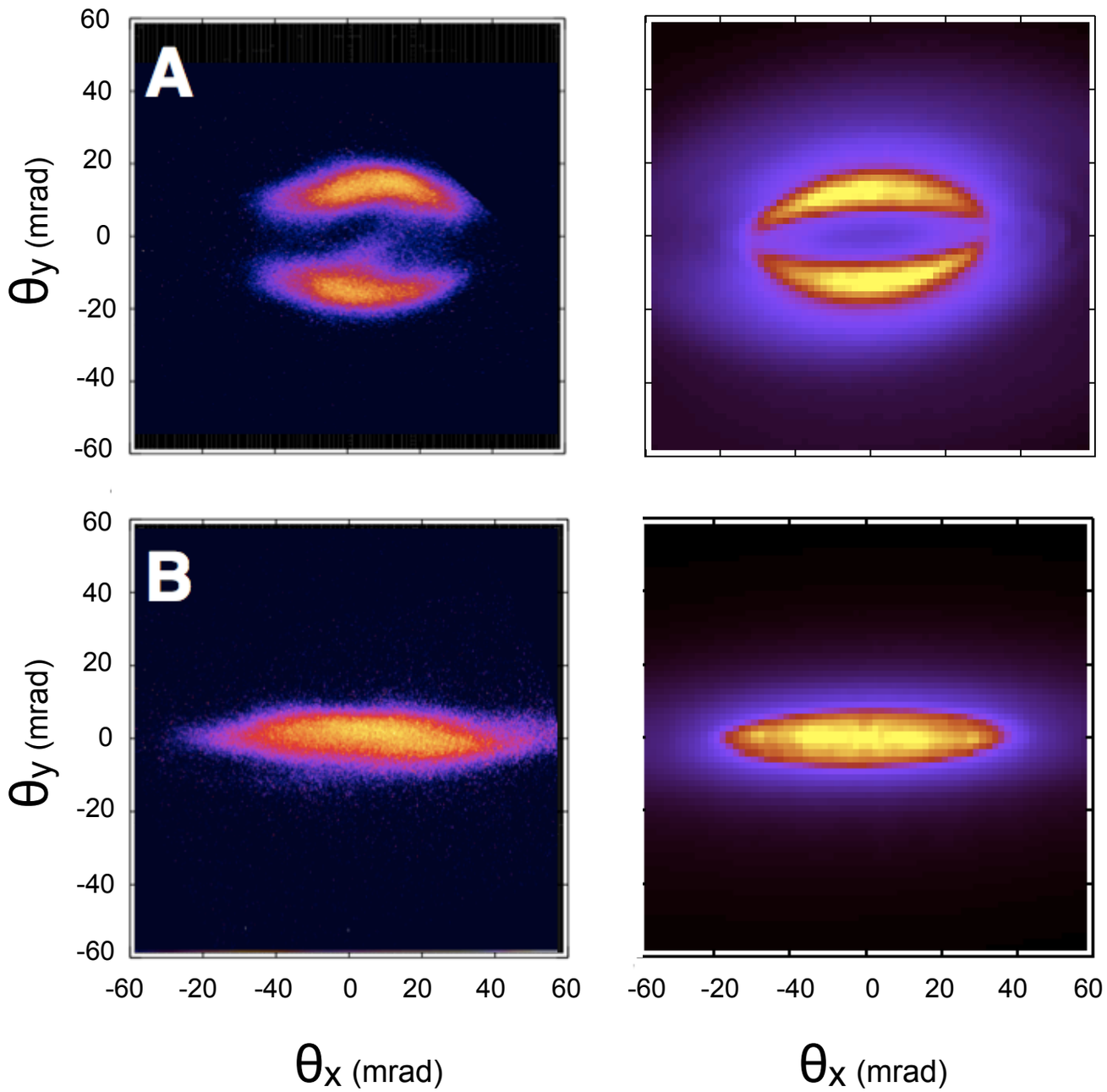

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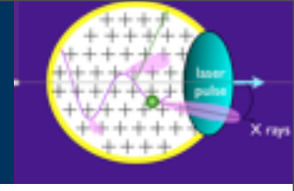

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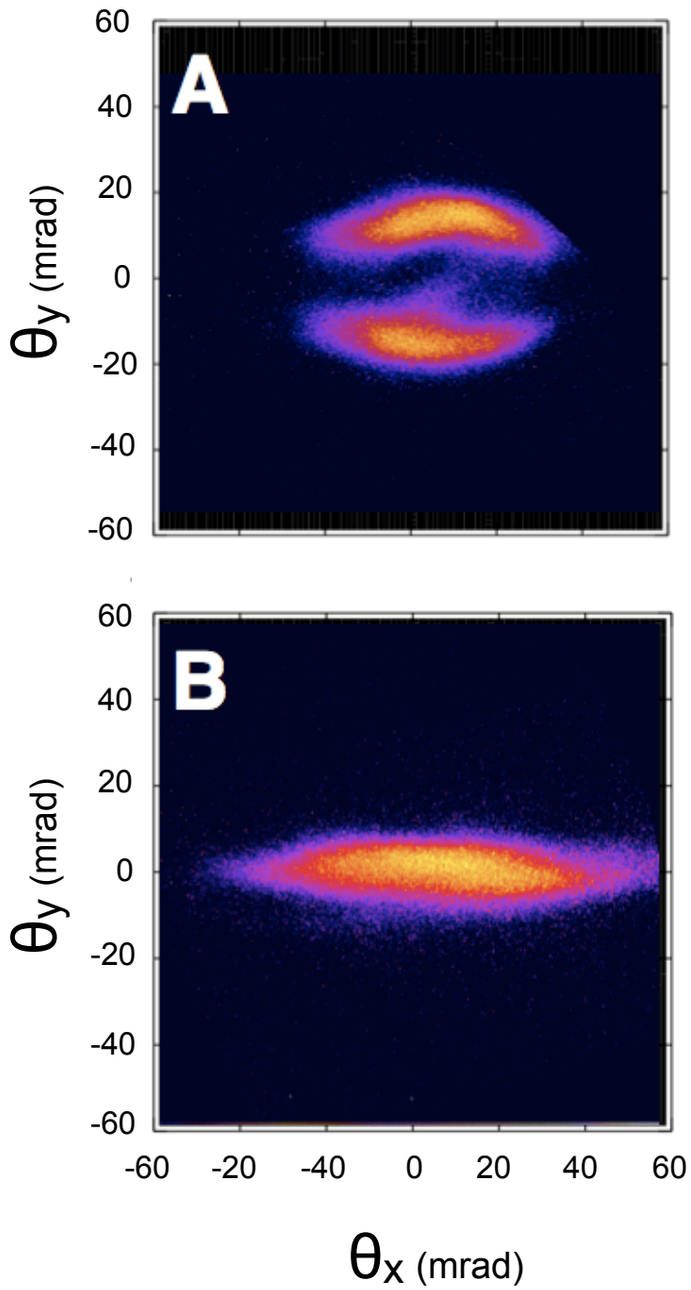

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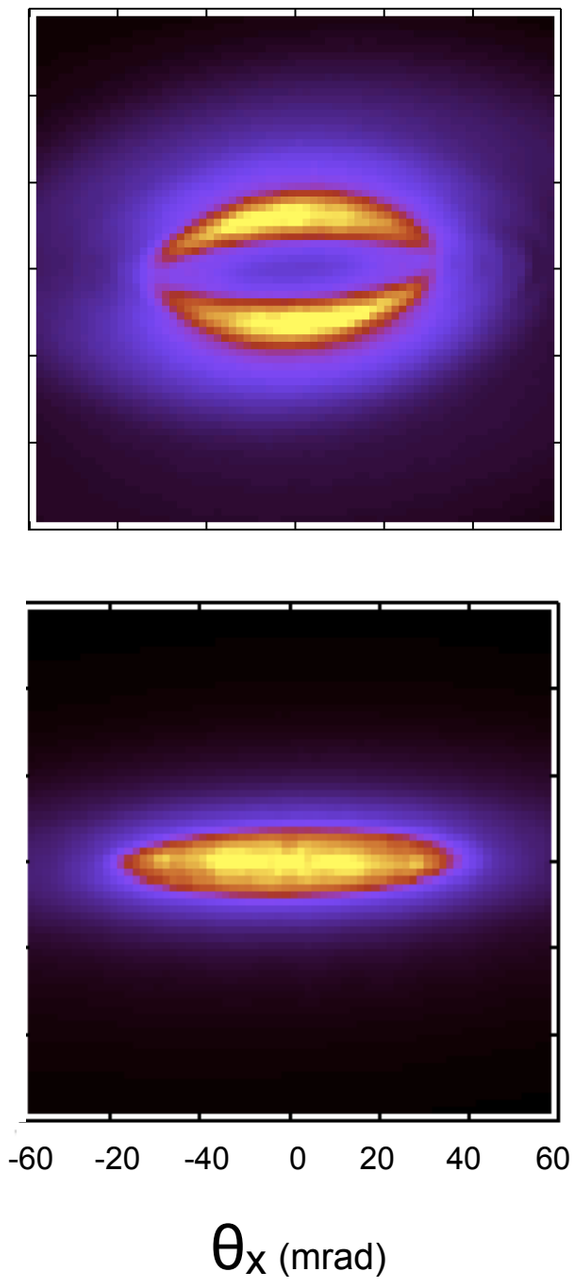

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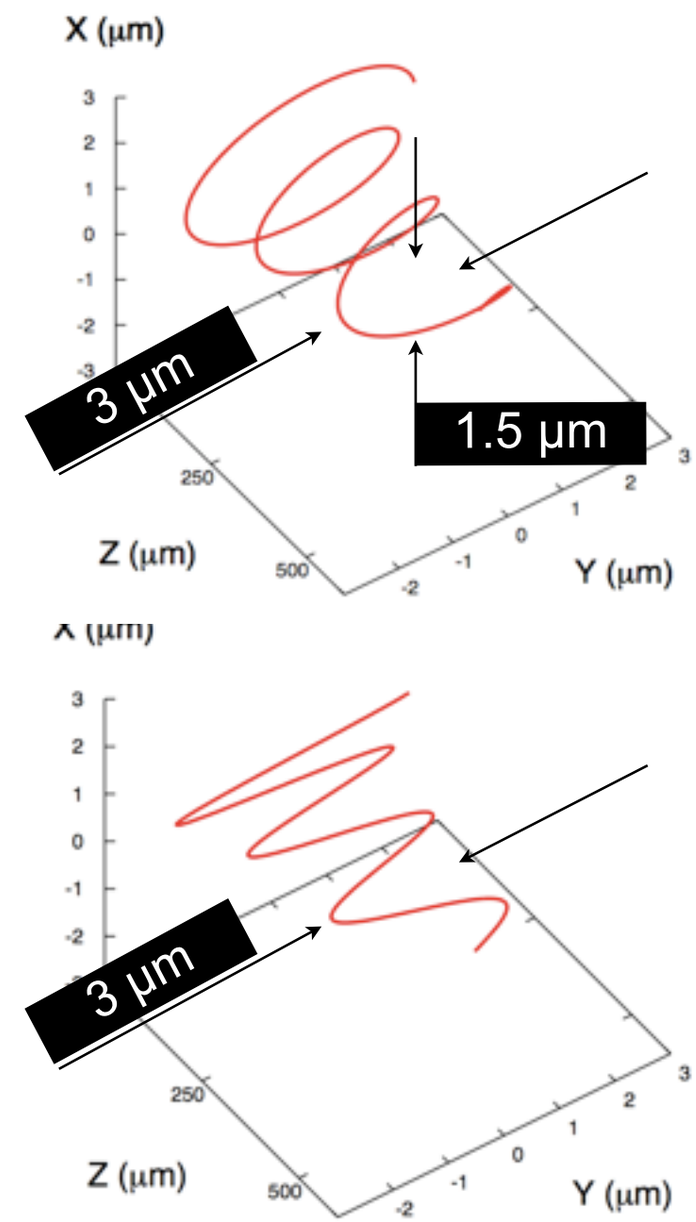

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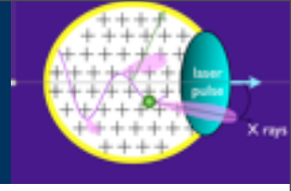
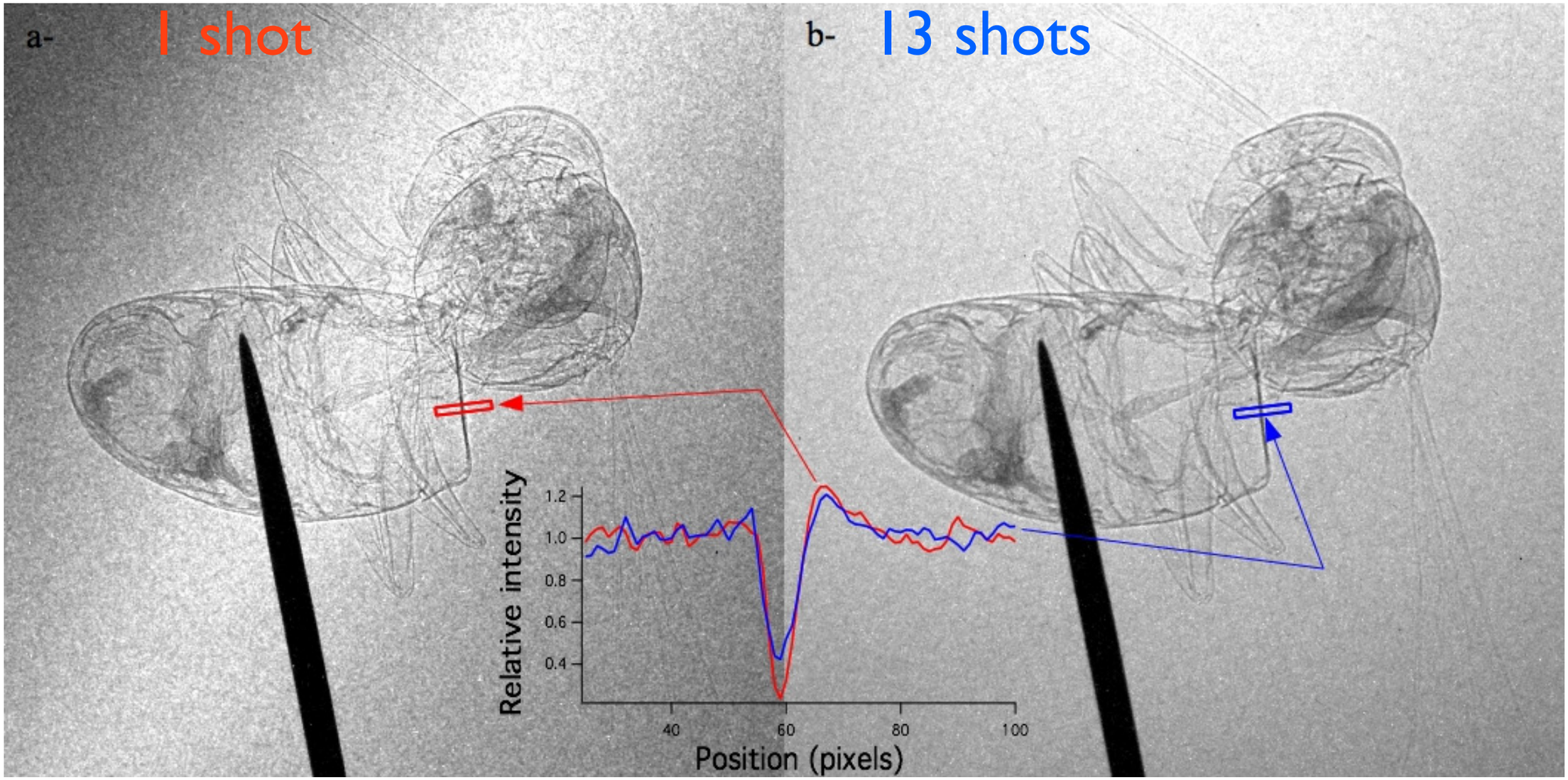
Phase contrast imaging : results



Bee contrast image :

- Contrast of 0.68 in single shot.
- Very tiny details can be observed in single shot that disappear in multi shots.



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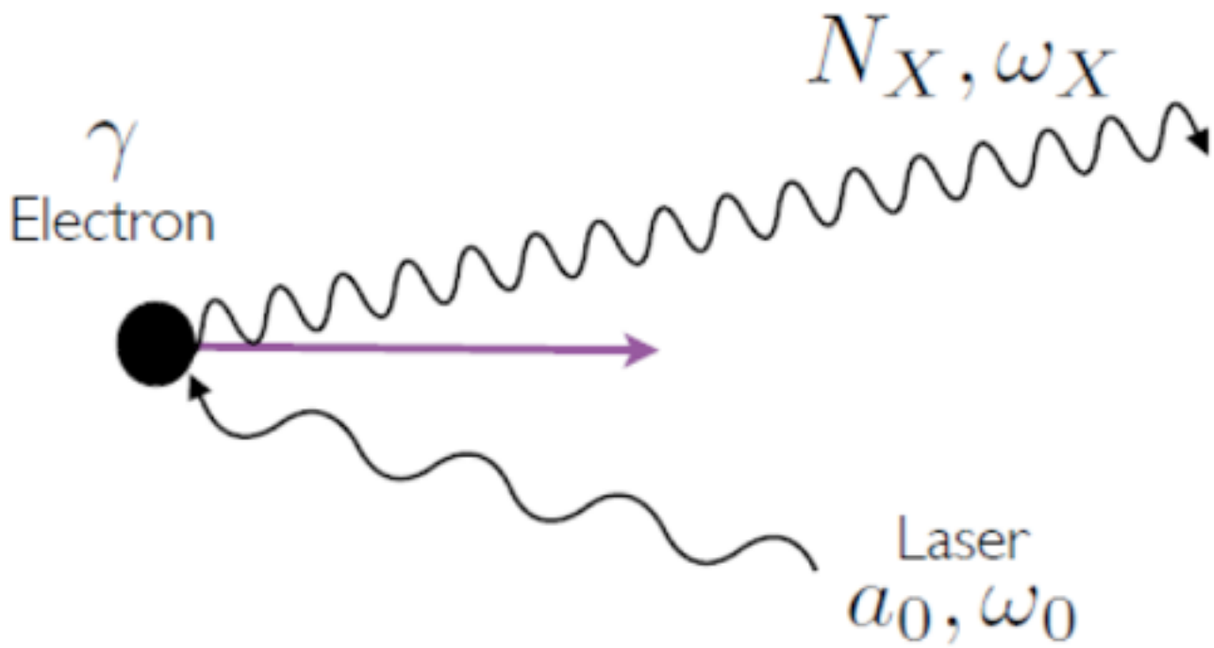
Inverse Compton Scattering



Doppler upshift : high energy photons with modest electrons energy : $\omega_x = 4\gamma^2\omega_0$

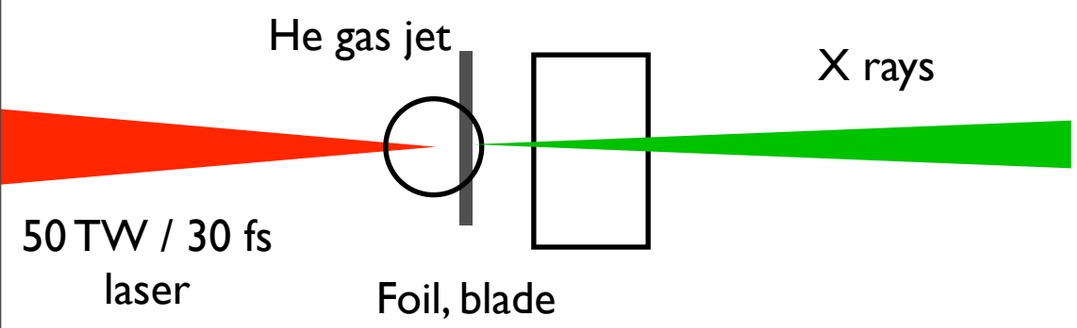
For example : 20 MeV electrons can produce 10 keV photons
200 MeV electrons can produce 1 MeV photons

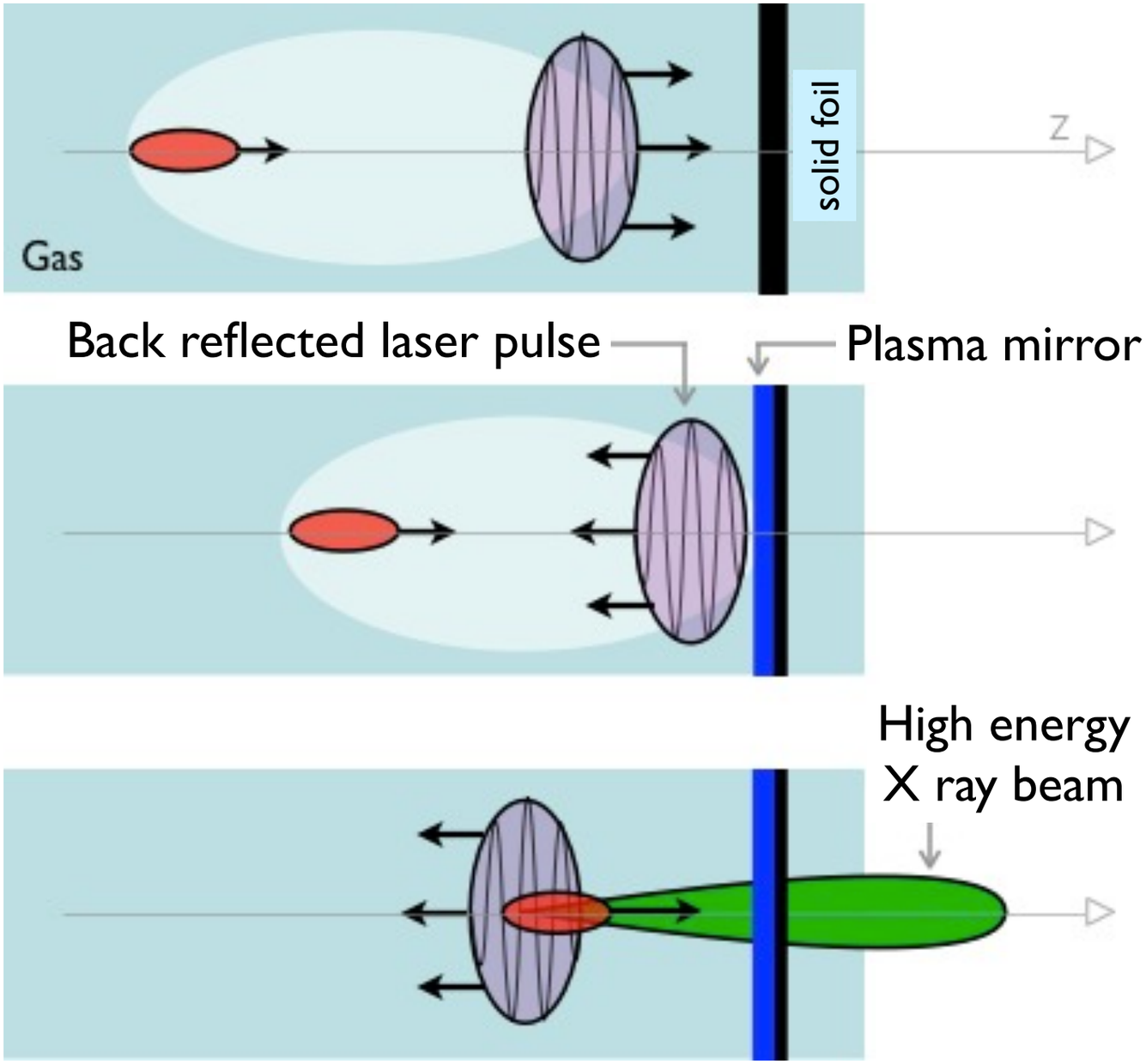
The number of photons depends on the electron charge N_e and a_0^2 : $N_x \propto a_0^2 \times N_e$

Duration (fs), source size (µm) = electron bunch length and electron beam size

Spectral bandwidth : $\Delta E/E \propto 2\Delta\gamma/\gamma, \gamma^2\Delta\theta^2$

Inverse Compton Scattering : New scheme





A single laser pulse

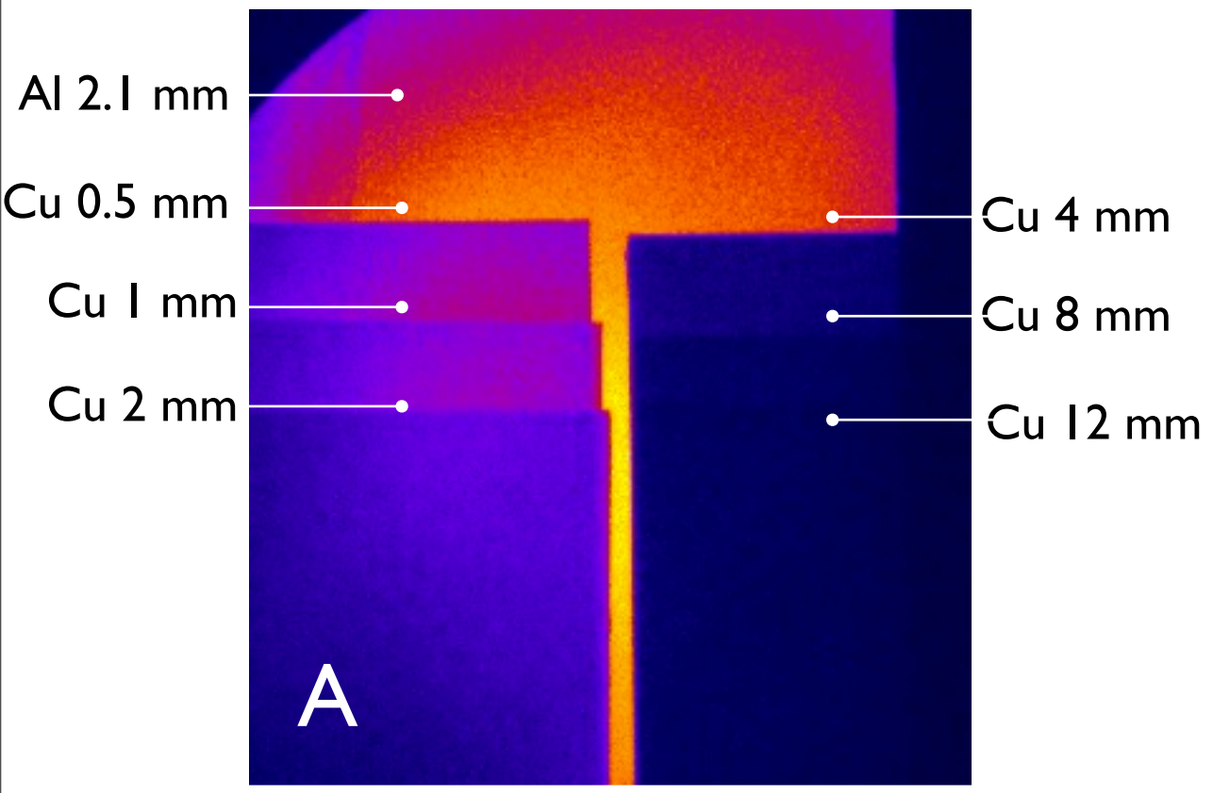
A plasma mirror reflects the laser beam

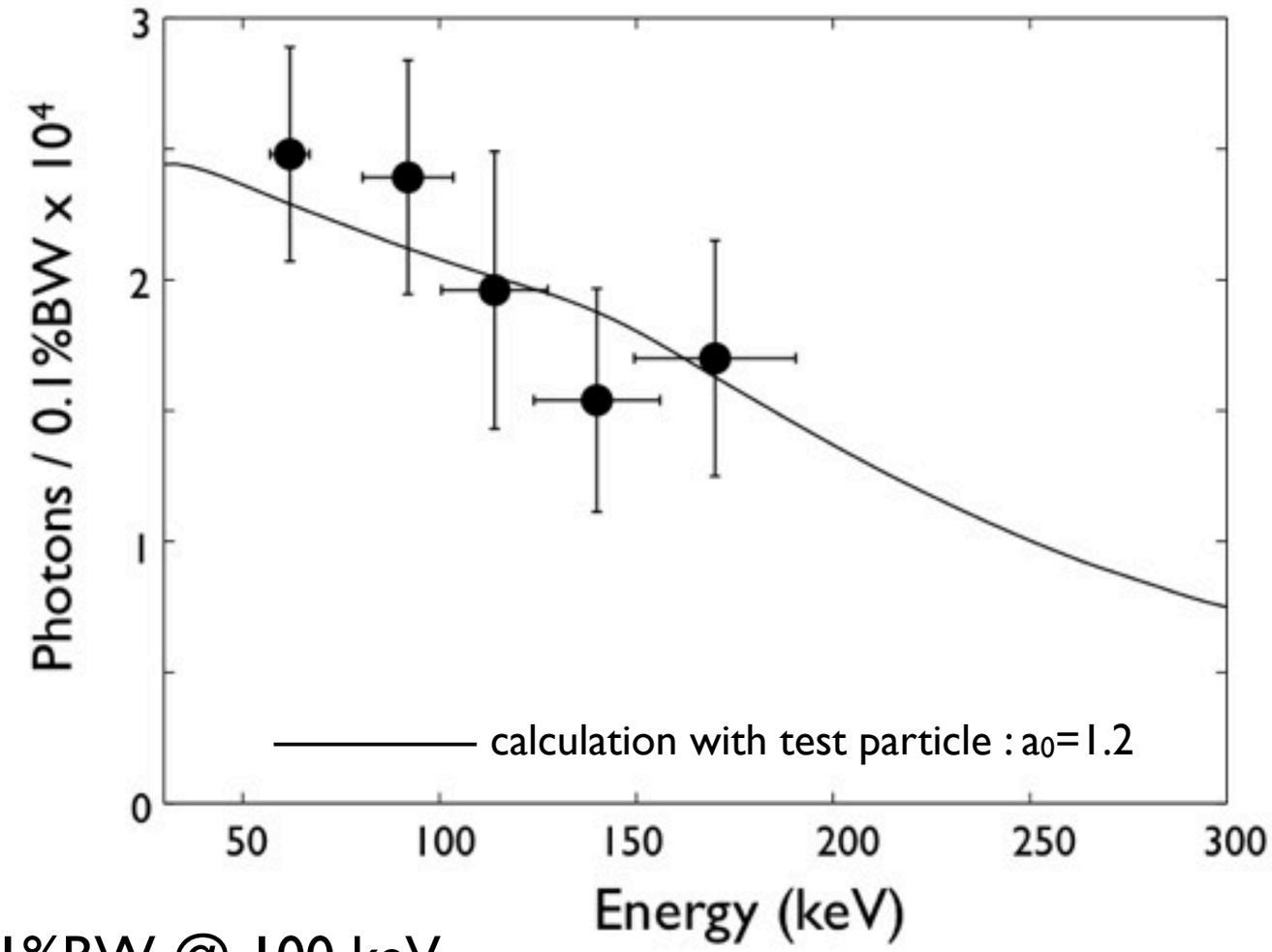
The back reflected laser collides with the accelerated electrons

No alignment : the laser and the electron beams naturally overlap

Save the laser energy !

Inverse Compton Scattering : Compton Spectra

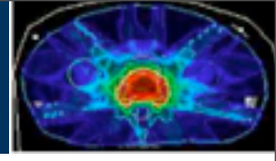


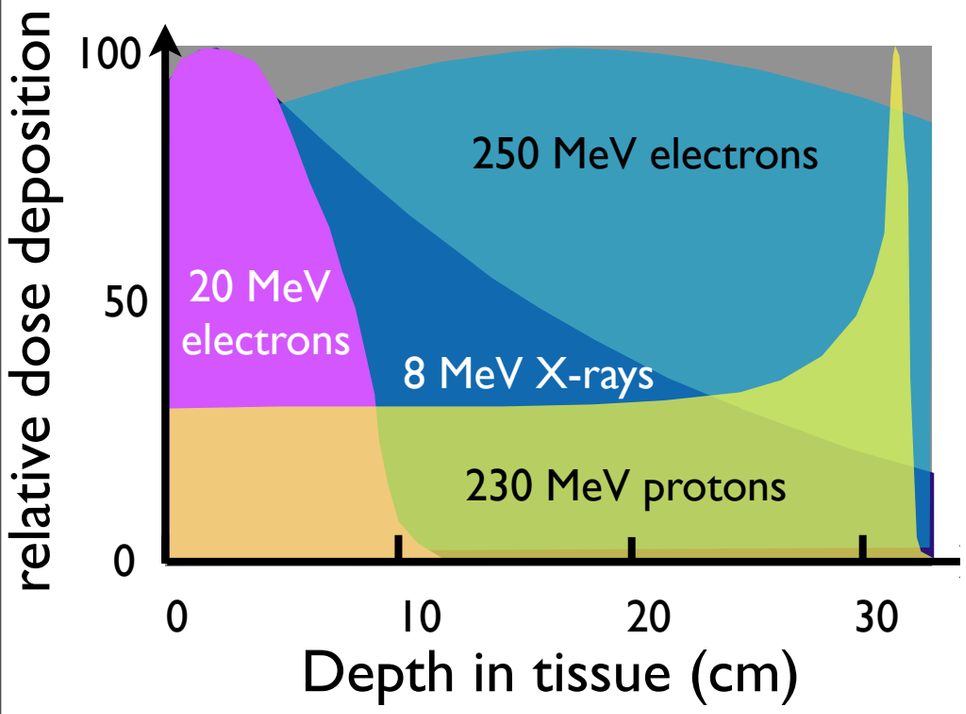


- About 10^8 ph/shot, a few 10^4 ph/shot/0.1%BW @ 100 keV
- Broad electron spectrum => broad X ray spectra
- Brigthness: 10^{21} ph/s/mm^2/mrad^2/0.1%BW @100 keV

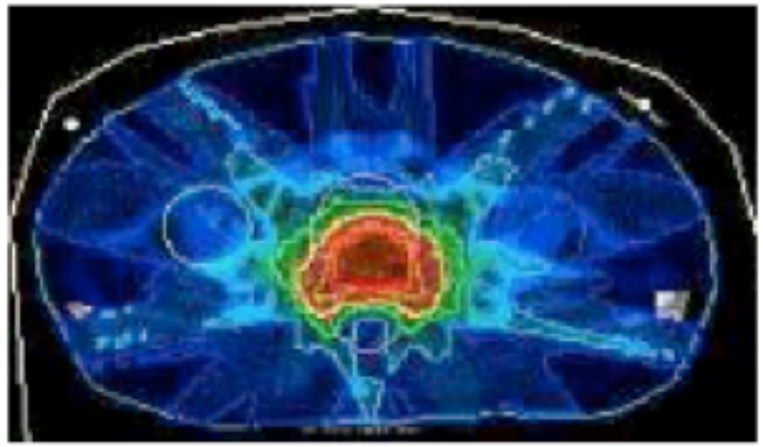
K. Ta Phuoc *et al.*, Nature Photonics **6** (2012)
S. Karsh's talk on Monday WG1

Some examples of applications : radiotherapy

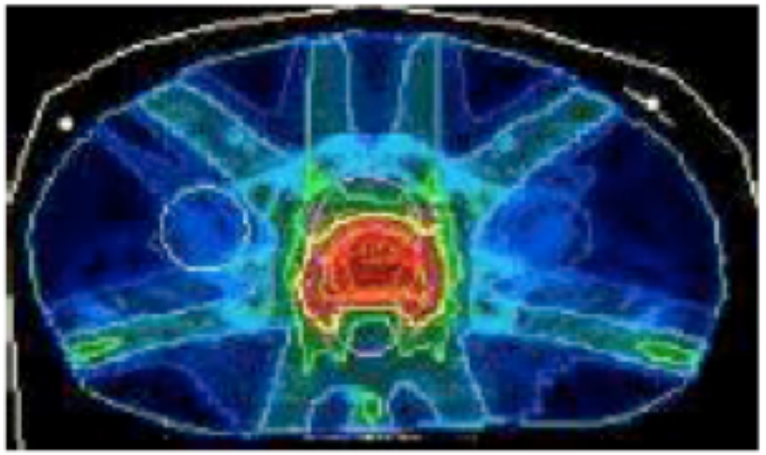




simulations of prostate cancer with 7 irradiation beams



250 MeV electrons



X rays IMRT

A comparison of dose deposition with 6 MeV X ray an improvement of the quality of a clinically approved prostate treatment plan. While the target coverage is the same or even slightly better for 250 MeV electrons compared to photons the dose sparing of sensitive structures is improved (up to 19%).

T. Fuchs *et al.* Phys. Med. Biol. **54**, 3315-3328 (2009), in coll. with DKFZ

Y. Glinec *et al.* Med. Phys. **33**, 1, 155-162 (2006),

O. Lundh *et al.*, Medical Physics **39**, 6 (2012)

Outline

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Conclusions

Accelerators point of view :

Good beam quality & Monoenergetic dE/E down to 1 % √

Beam is very stable √

Energy is tunable: up to 400 MeV √

Charge is tunable: 1 to tens of pC √

Energy spread is tunable: 1 to 10 % √

Ultra short e-bunch : 1,5 fs rms √

Low divergence : 2 mrad √

Low emittance[1-3] : < π.mm.mrad √

With PW class laser : peak energy at 3 GeV √

[1]S. Fritzler *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **92**, 165006 (2004), [2]C. M. S. Sears *et al.*, PRSTAB **13**, 092803 (2010)
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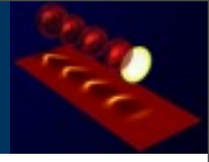

New ideas for controlling the injection ?

Cold injection scheme[1]

Magnetic control of injection[2]

Control phase of the electric field[3]

Transverse injection scheme[4]...

New numerical code/scheme for long accelerating distance runs ?

Boost Frame, Fourier decomposition codes, moving frames

New schemes to reduce artificial Cerenkhov effect and/or emittance growth, etc..

New diagnostics ?

New diagnostics such as betatron[4,5], magnetic field[6,7], interferometry in the frequency-time[8], etc...

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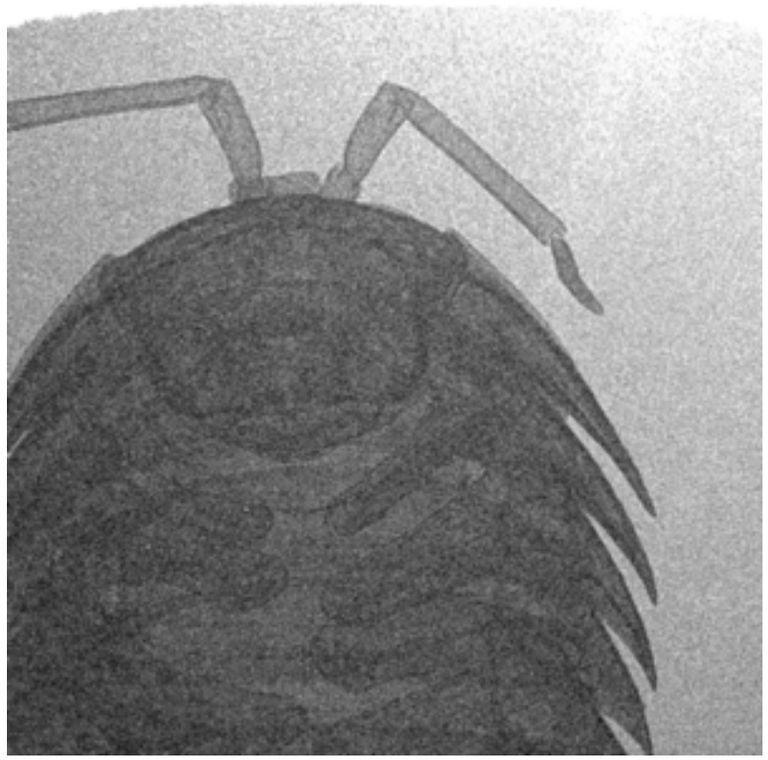

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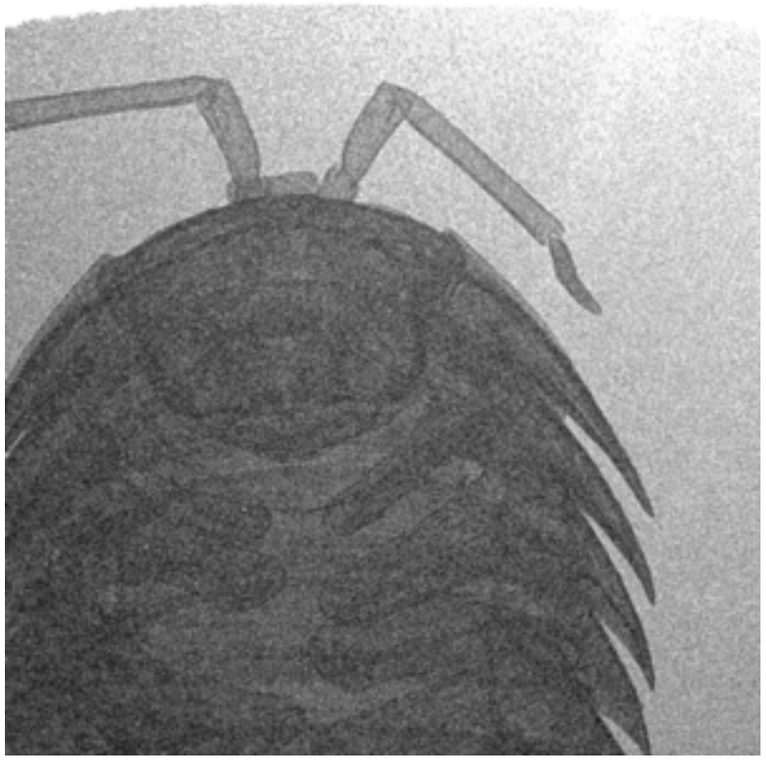

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