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acceleration

# Recent Studies on Plasma-based Acceleration at IHEP

Plasma electrons

Ion channel

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- ✓ IOP-IHEP LPA&R collaborated team
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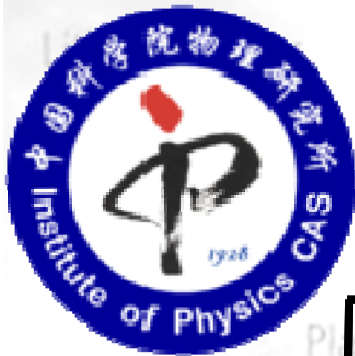
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# IOP-IHEP collaborated group on LPA&R



**Prof. L. M. Chen**

Laser-cluster interaction, X-ray,  
Nuclear physics, plasma physics

**Prof. J. Gao**

Conventional acceleration  
physics and technology



**Dr. D. Z. Li**

LPA e- acceleration, e- bunch  
optimization, e- and X-ray parameter  
measurement, PIC simulation studies

**Dr. K. Huang, Dr. M. H. Li**

X-ray measurement, K $\alpha$  X-ray, X-ray  
Laser, Ionization Injection

**Dr. W. C. Yan, Dr. J. Y. Mao, Dr. Y. Ma**  
e- acceleration, laser evolution, Laser-solid interaction

**Dr. J. R. Zhao, Dr. Y. F. LI**  
Neutron generation, simulation support

**Dr. L. Zhang, Dr. M. Z. Tao**

Laser-cluster interaction, laser propagation,  
laser-cluster e- acceleration

Since 2006, We are a young team...



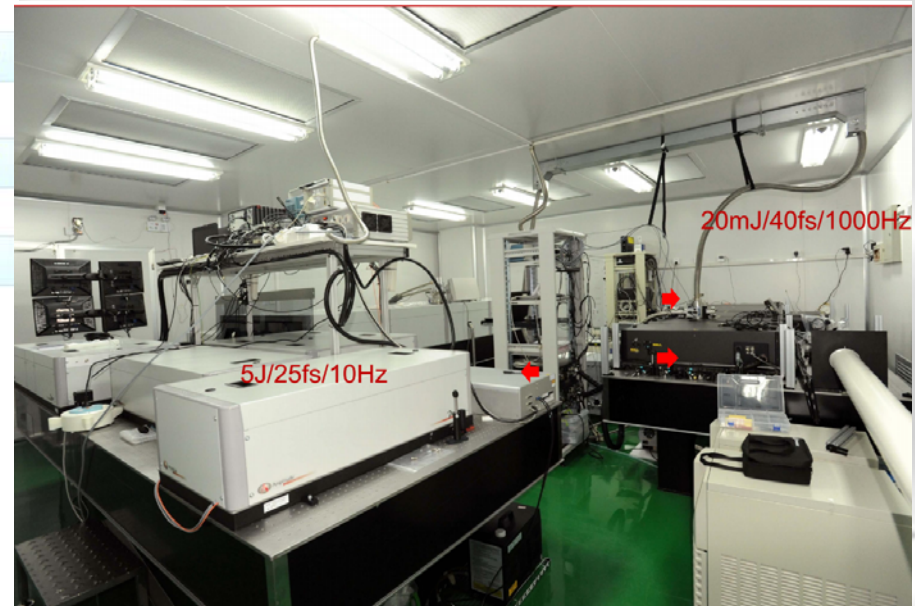
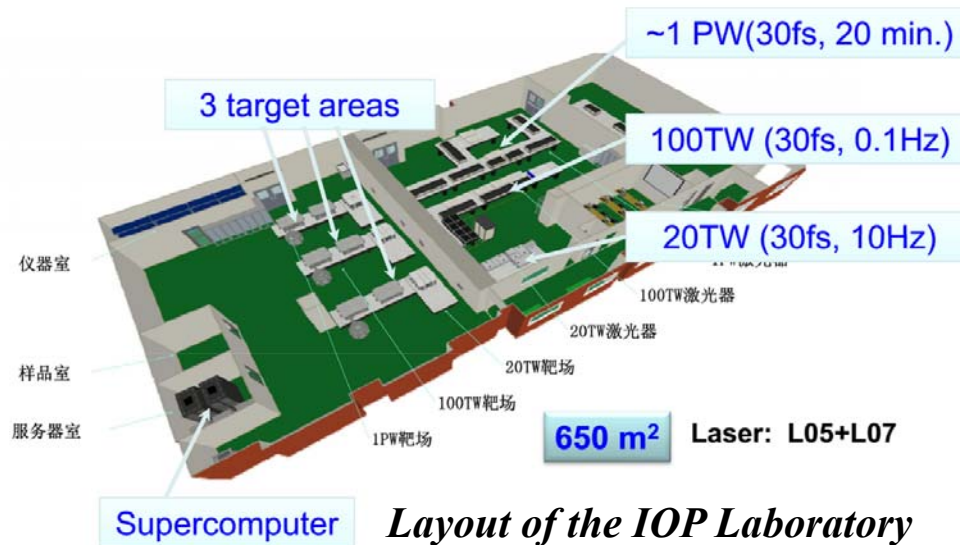
Pulse electrons

But with a lot of help!! 😊



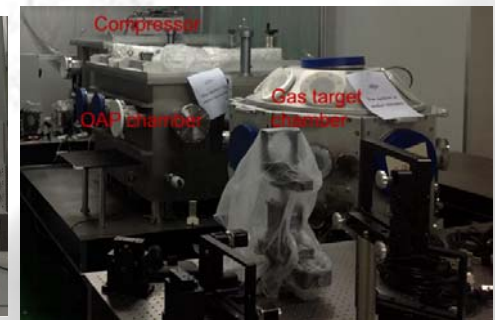
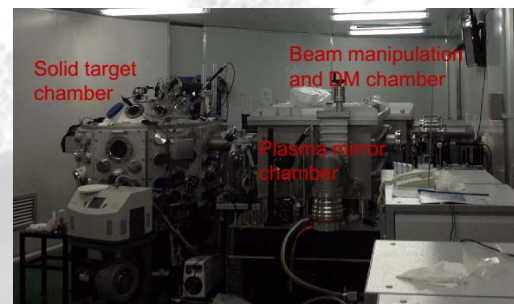


# What we do and what we have



*We are mainly interested in:*

- *Laser-driven e- acceleration*
- *Laser-driven betatron radiation during the electron acceleration*
- *K $\alpha$  X-ray source from laser-cluster/solid interactions*

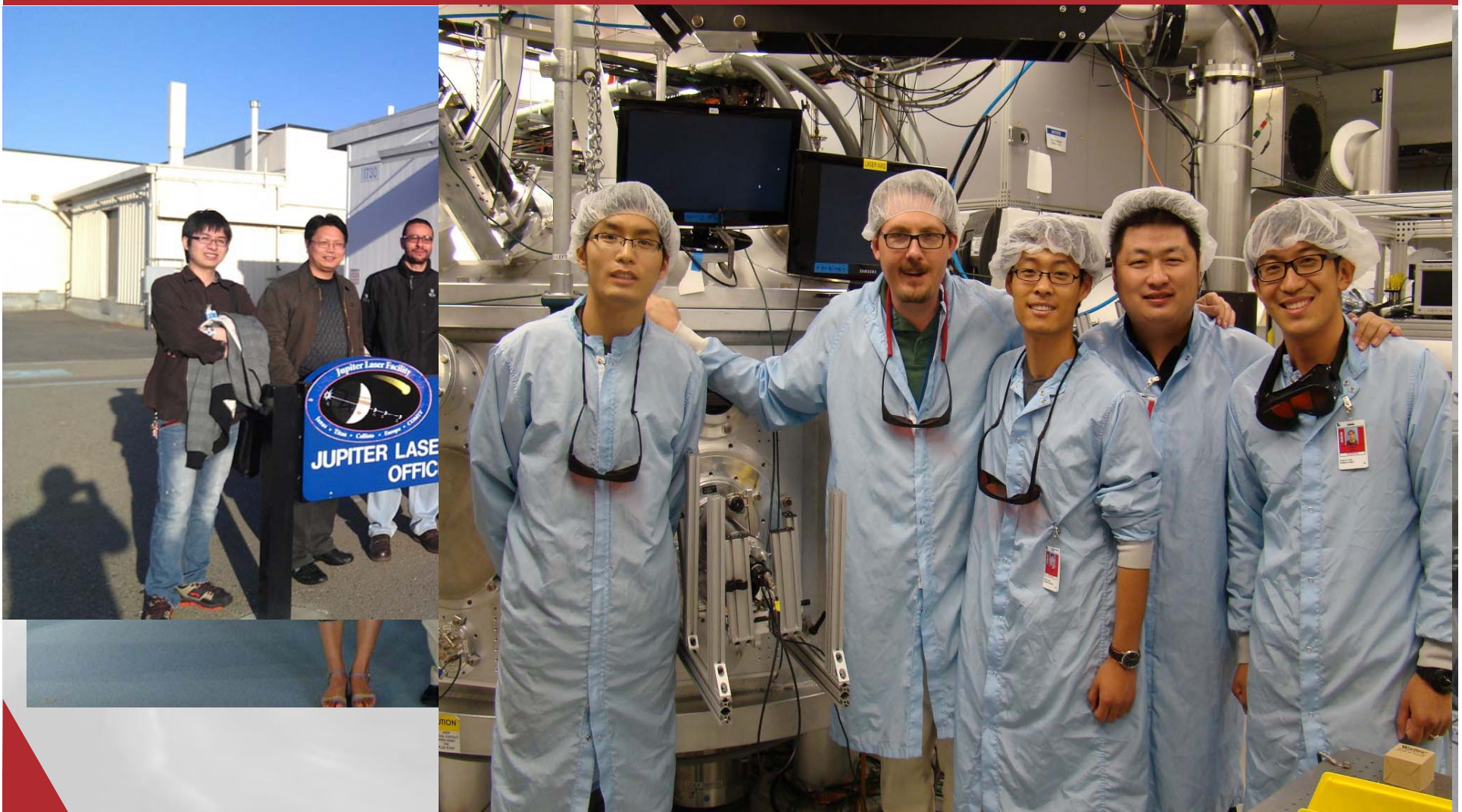


*SJTU Laboratory for laser plasma physics*





# In the Collaborated Experiments





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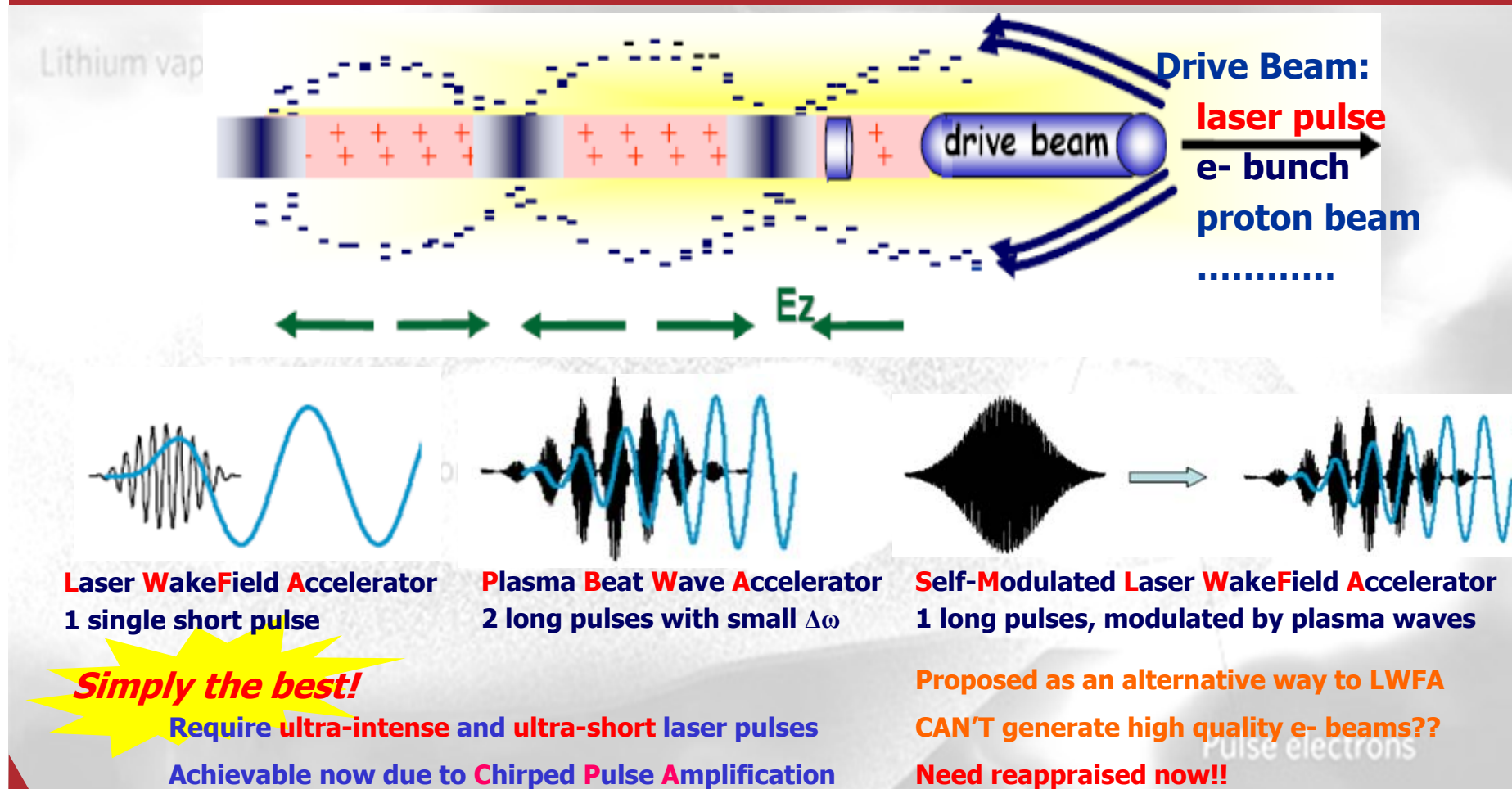
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# Principles of Plasma-Based Accelerators

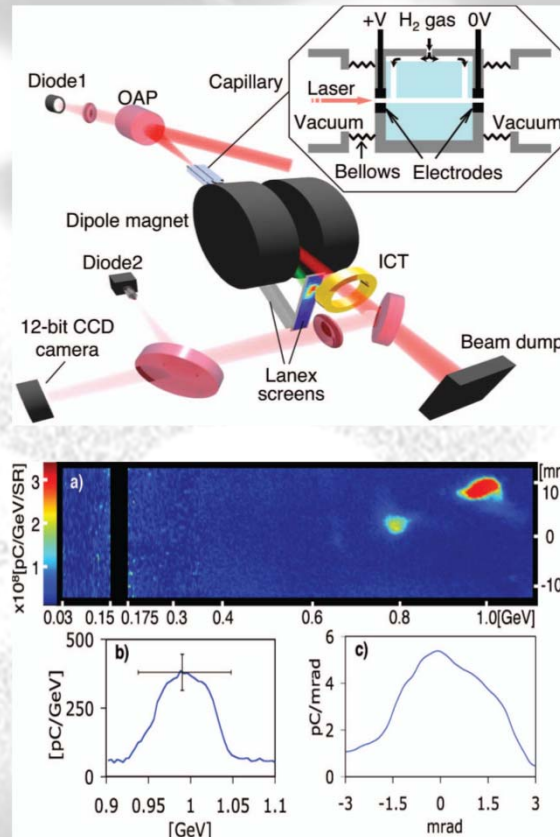




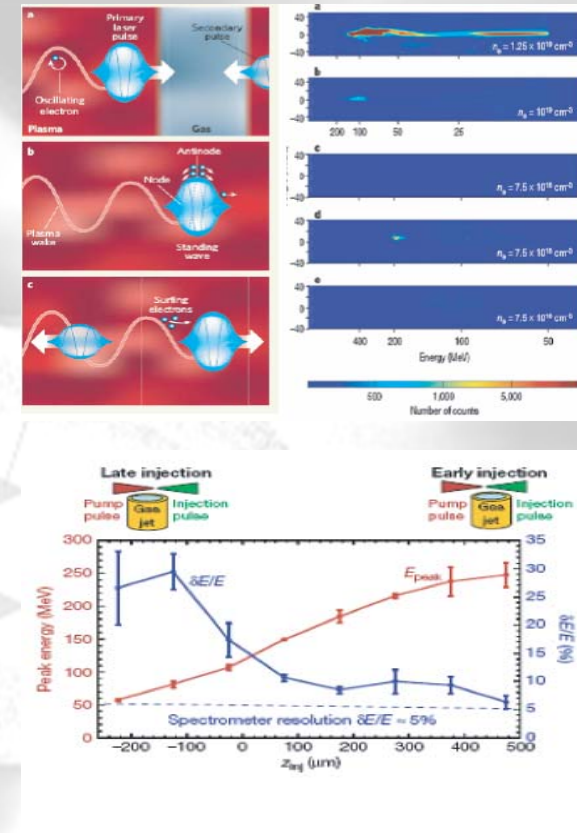
# LPA Milestones in the last 15 years



**2004-LBNL-LOA-RAL**  
**"Dream Beam"**



**2006-LBNL-GeV bunch**

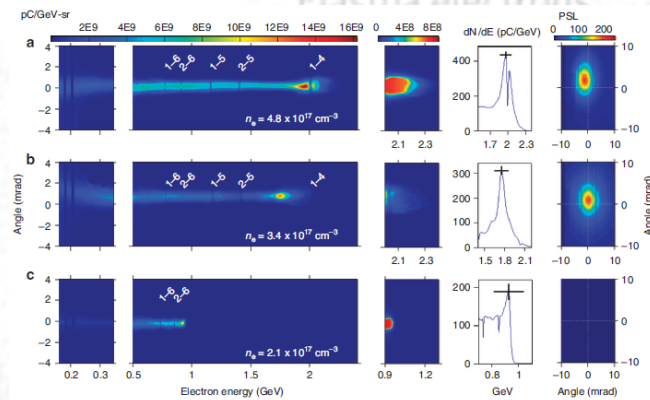
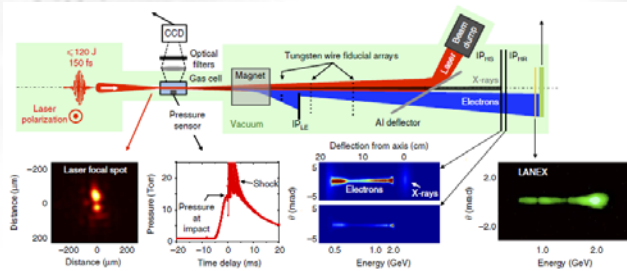


**2006-LOA**  
**Colliding Pulse Injection**

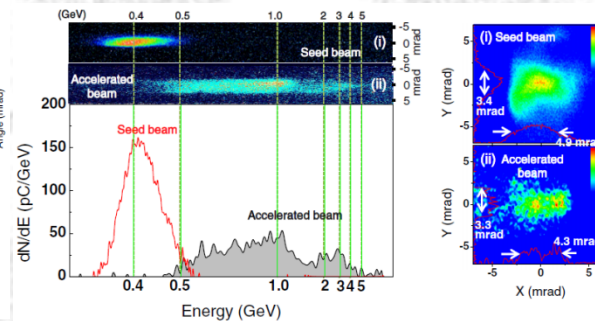
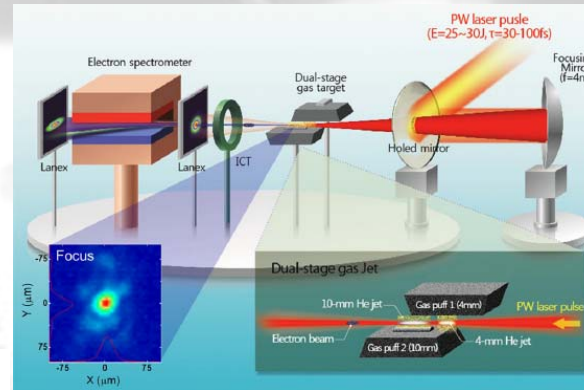




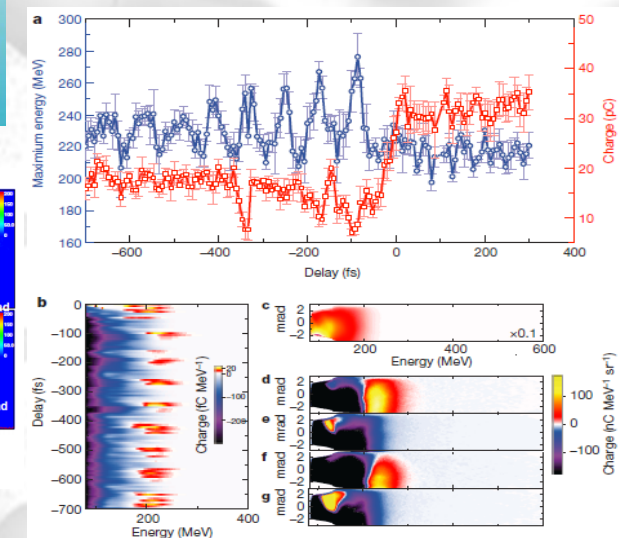
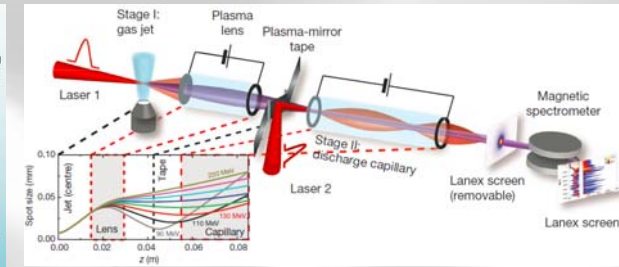
# LPA Milestones in the last 15 years



**2012-UT Austin**  
PW Laser, 2 GeV e- beam



**2013-GIST**  
PW Laser, dual-stage  
3 GeV tail in 4+10 mm



**2016-LBNL**  
Multi-Stage coupling



# LPA studies at IOP (Since 2013)



Performances Summary Specified (S) / Expected (E)	Specified	Measured during OSAT
Repetition rate (Hz) (S)	10Hz	10Hz
Central wavelength (nm) (S)	800 nm +/- 10 nm	800nm
Spectral width (nm) (E)		79nm
Pulse duration (fs) (S)	< 25 fs	24 fs
Energy before compression (E)		702mJ
Compressor Transmission (E)		80%
Energy after compression (E)		561mJ
Peak Power (S)	>20 TW	23.4 TW
Energy stability (RMS) (S)	Short term : 2% Long term : 2%	Short term : 1.78% Long term : 1.86%
Beam quality (S)	$M^2 < 1.5$ on both axis	$M^2_x = 1.48$ $M^2_y = 1.42$
Pointing stability (S)	< 30 $\mu$ rad	2.2 $\mu$ rad
Polarization (S)	1:100	1:100
Contrast ns (S)	< $10^{-8}:1$	$4.3 \cdot 10^{-9}$
Contrast ASE < -300 ps (S)	< $10^{-10}:1$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-10}$
Contrast ASE < -50 ps (S)	< $10^{-9}:1$	$5 \cdot 10^{-10}$
Contrast ps @ -20 ps (S)	< $10^{-7}:1$	$2 \cdot 10^{-8}$
Contrast ps @ -5 ps (S)	< $10^{-5}$	$6 \cdot 10^{-6}$
Contrast ps @ -1 ps (S)	< $10^{-3}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$



## LPA studies at IOP (Since 2013)

**Laser Condition:**

$\sim 500\text{mJ}/25\text{fs}/20\text{TW}$

$F/5, w_0 \sim 6\mu\text{m}, a_0 \sim 3$

**Nozzle:**

$1.2\text{mm} \times 4\text{mm}$

**Plasma Density:**

$0.1 \sim 3 \times 10^{19}\text{cm}^{-3}$

Optimized @  $6 \times 10^{18}\text{cm}^{-3}$

**Double or triple focal spots appear due to filamentation, which leads to double or triple accelerated e- bunches**

**Top-view CCD**

**Lens**

(c)

(d)

1

2

**DRZ**

**Laser**

**Gas jet**

**A**

**B**

(a)

(b)

**Lead**

**Magnet**

**e<sup>-</sup>**

**IP**

**DRZ**

**Mirror**

**Lens**

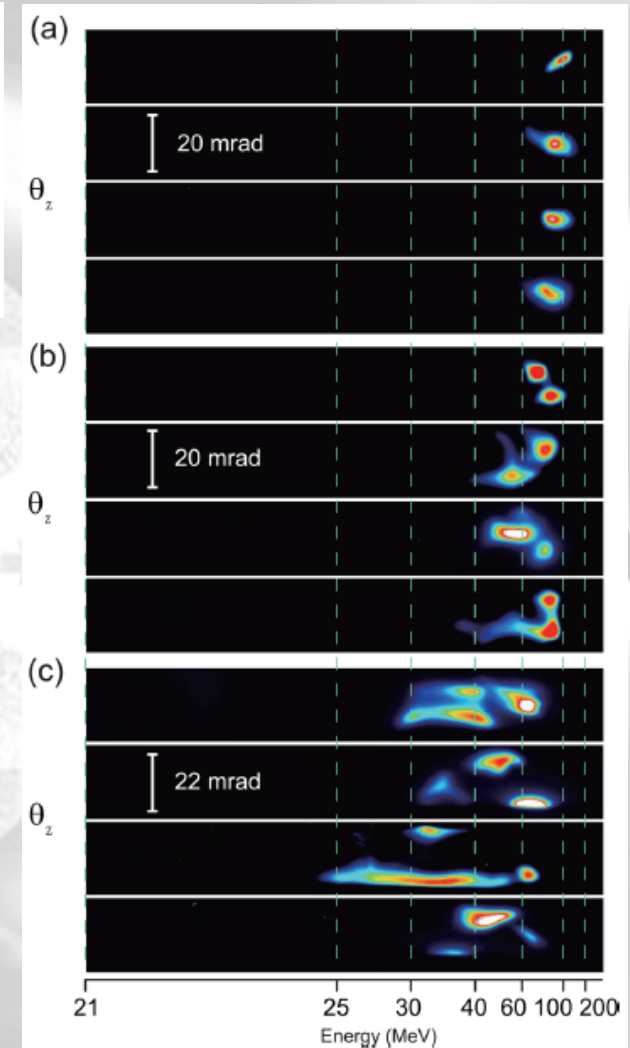
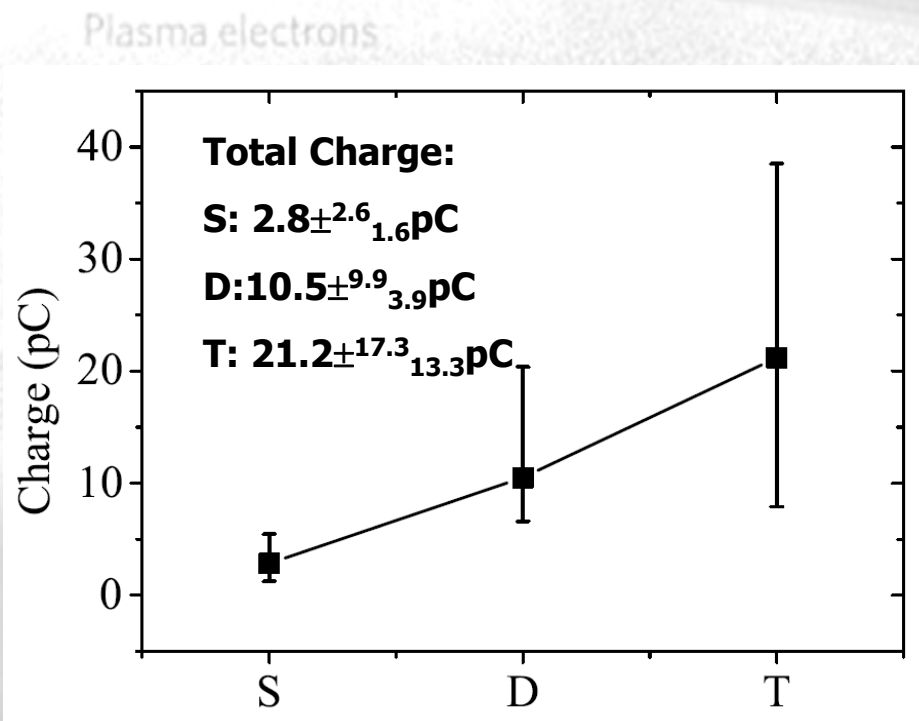
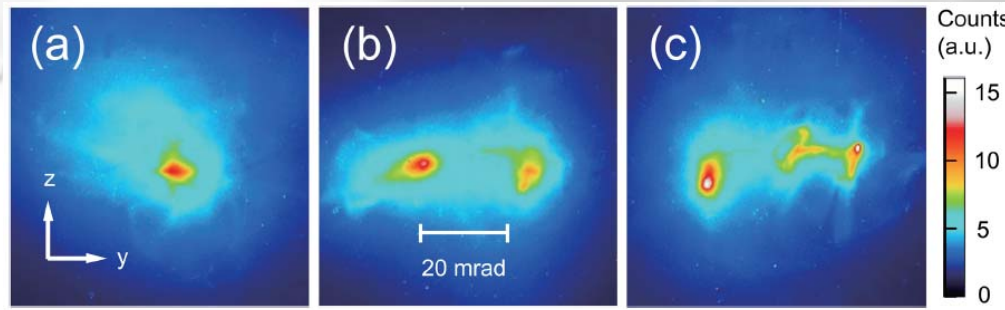
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Pulse electrons



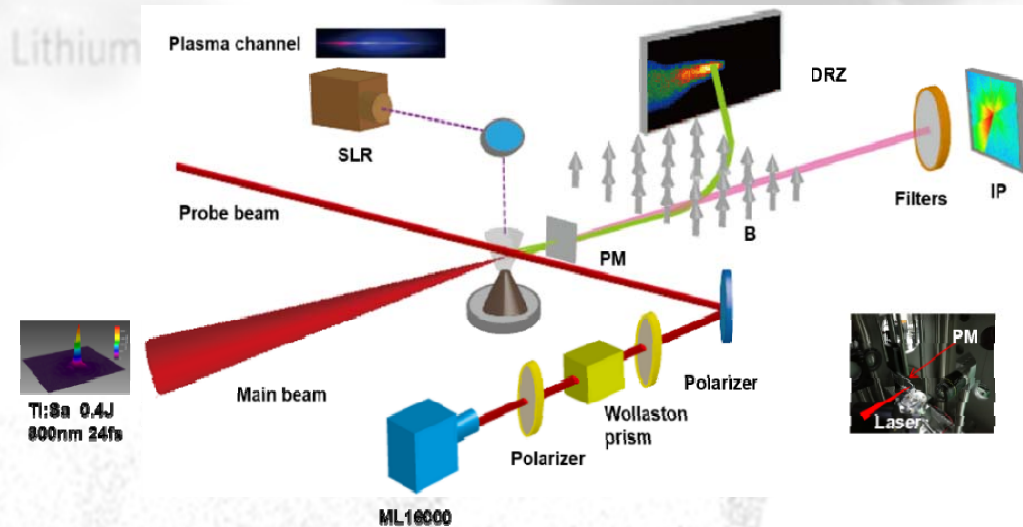


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Ti:Sa 0.4J  
800nm 24fs

ML16000

Laser on target:

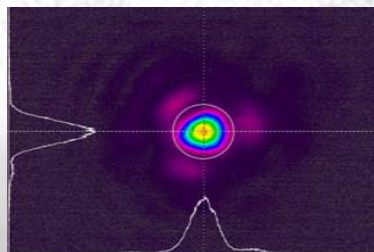
450mJ, 25fs @ 1.2mm × 4mm nozzle

Focal Spot:

$w_0 = 11\mu\text{m}$ ,  $Z_R = 470\mu\text{m}$

$w_{\text{FWHM}} = 11.2\mu\text{m}$  (31.4% Energy)

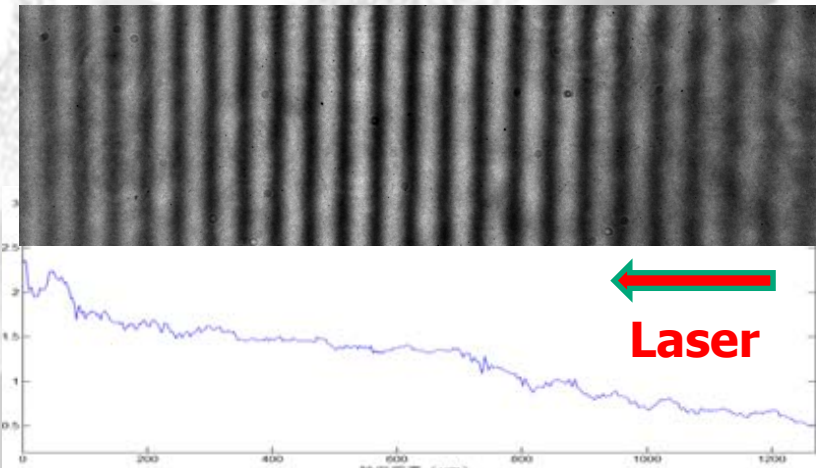
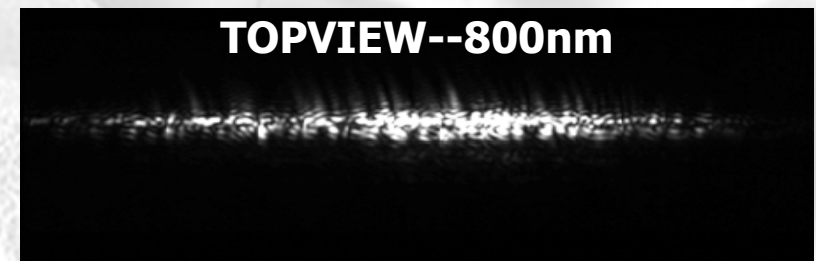
$I = 5 \times 10^{18} \text{ W/cm}^2$   $a_0 = 1.5$



TOPVIEW-without 800nm



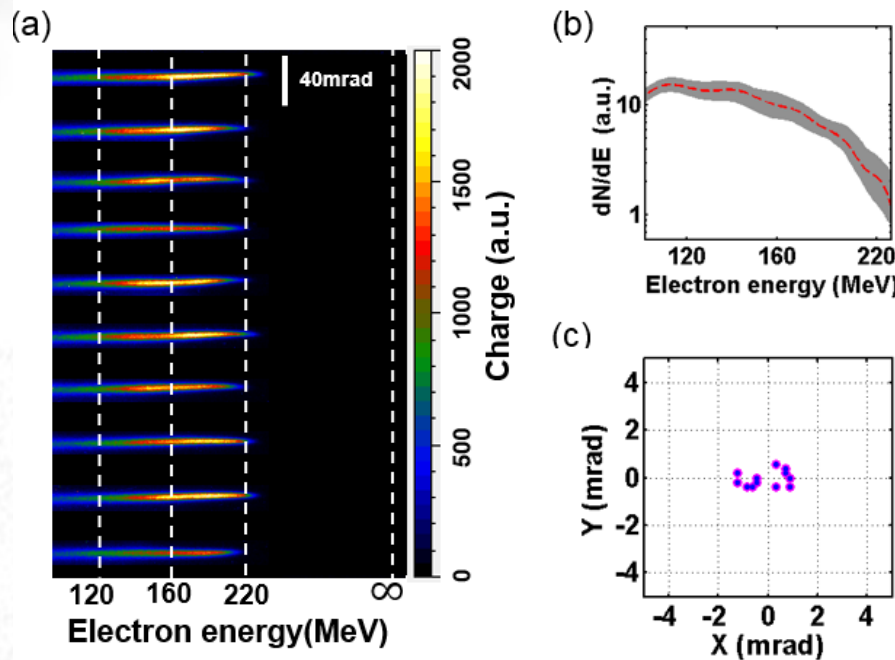
TOPVIEW--800nm





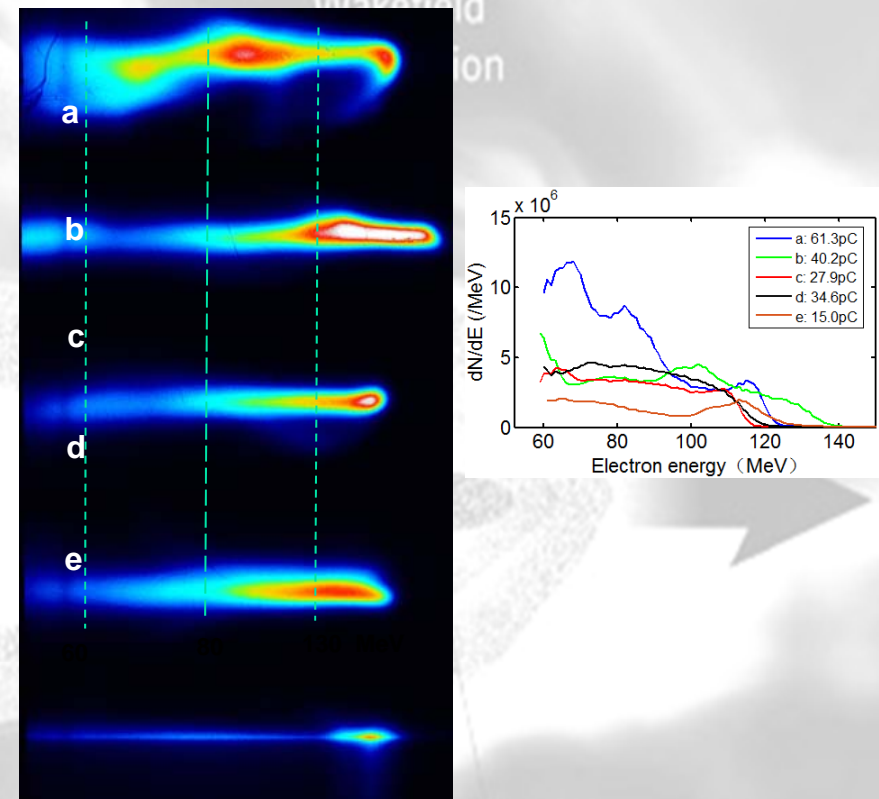
# Stable electron generation from nitrogen gas

Pure Nitrogen gas



**Divergence: 5.0 mrad**  
**Pointing: 0.5 mrad (30 shots)**

Pure Helium gas

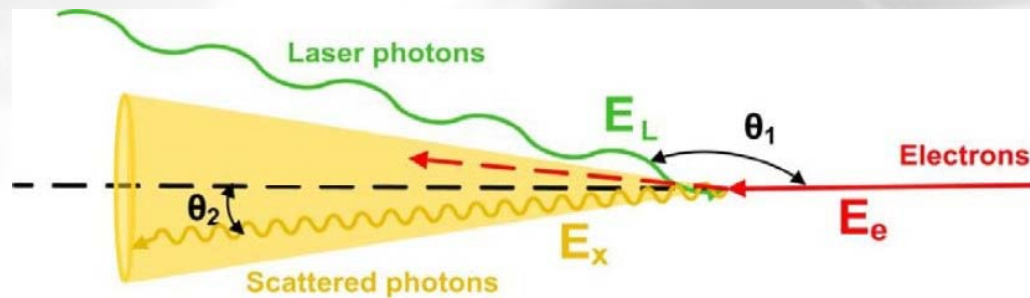


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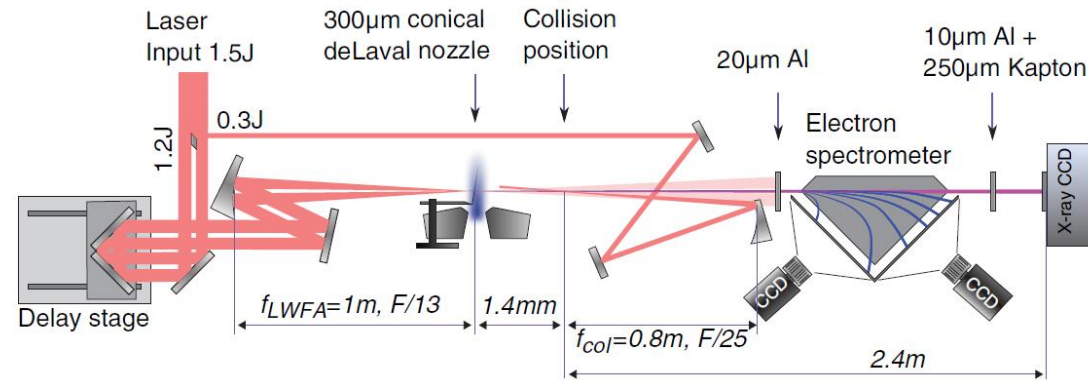


## 2 Methods of all-optical Thomson Scattering



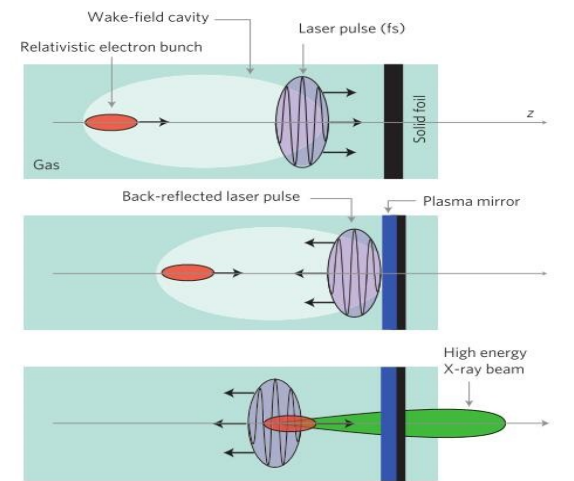
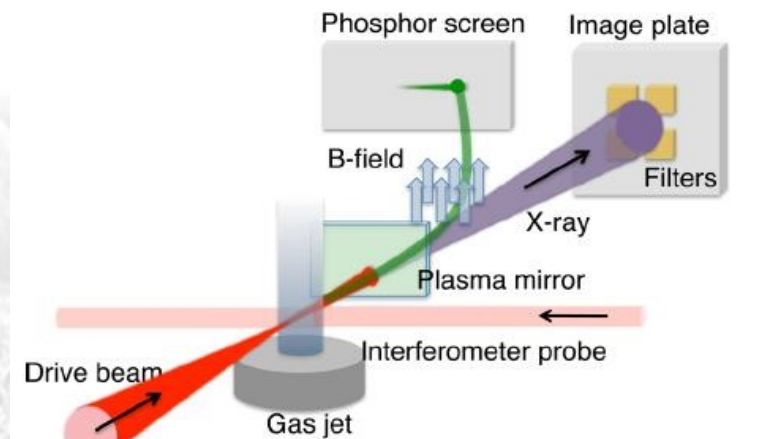
Thomson scattering scheme

### Method one: driven laser+ collision laser



TS based on two laser system

### Method two: driven laser+ plasma mirror

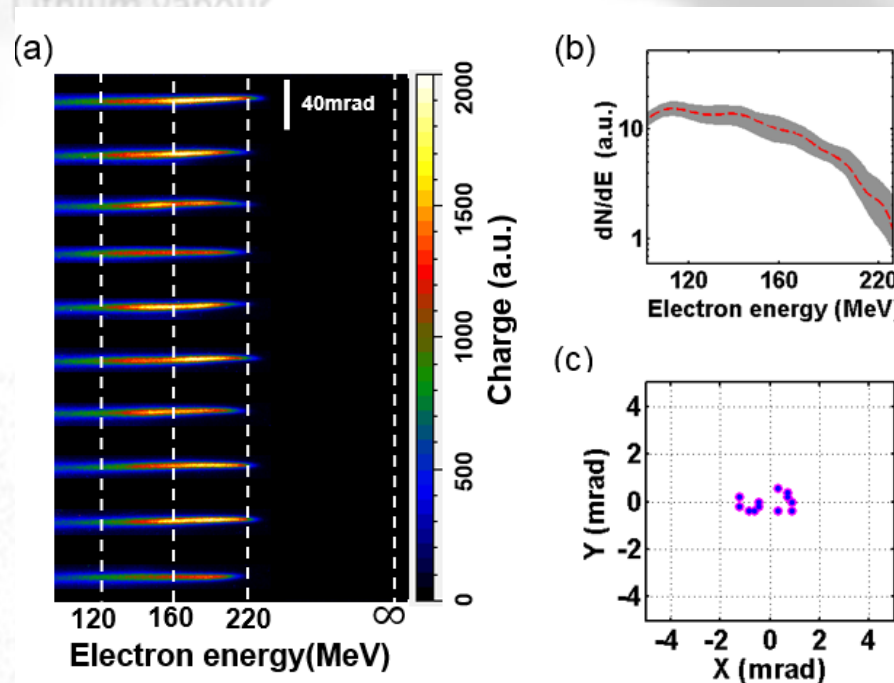


TS based on plasma mirror



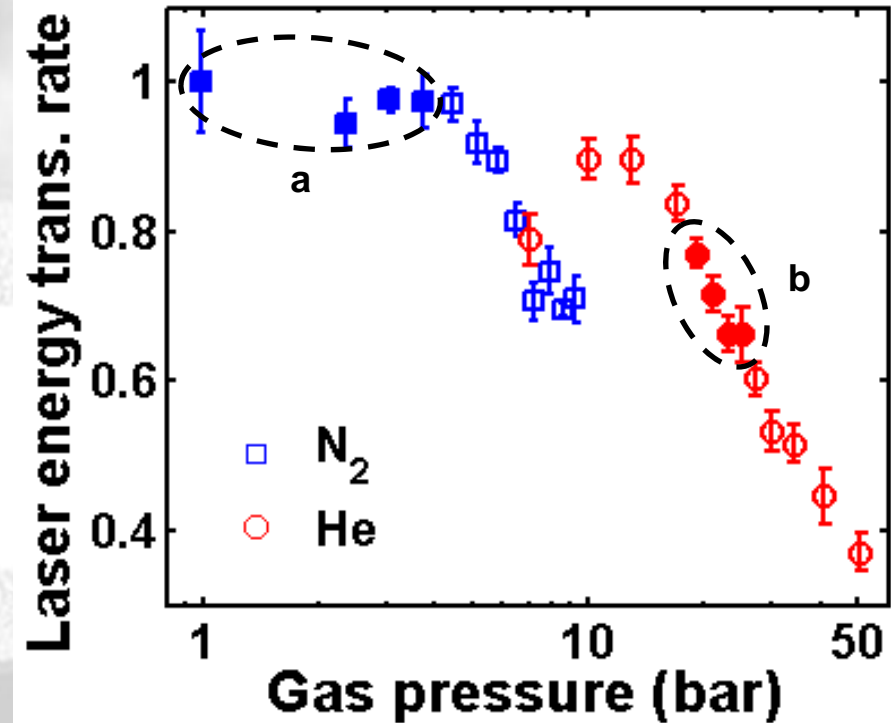
# More stable electrons and higher laser energy

Pure Nitrogen gas



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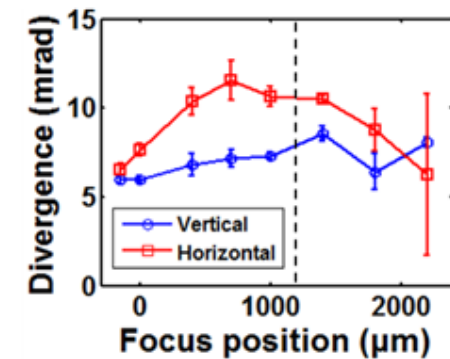
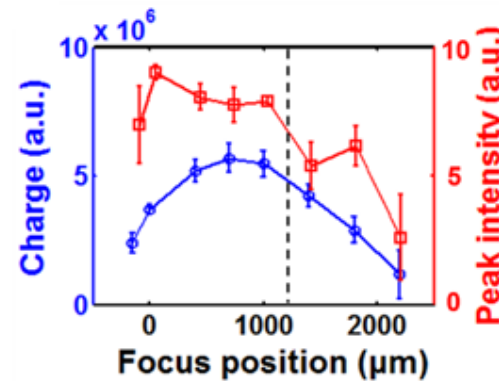
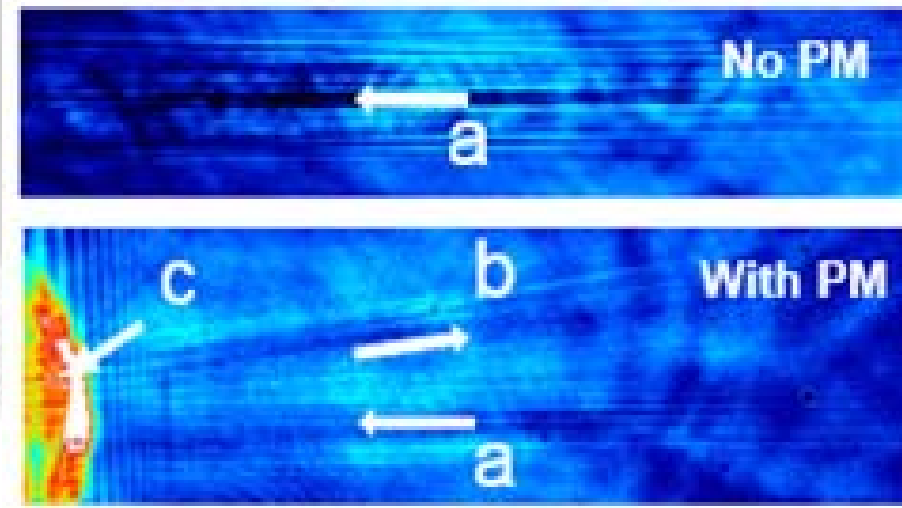
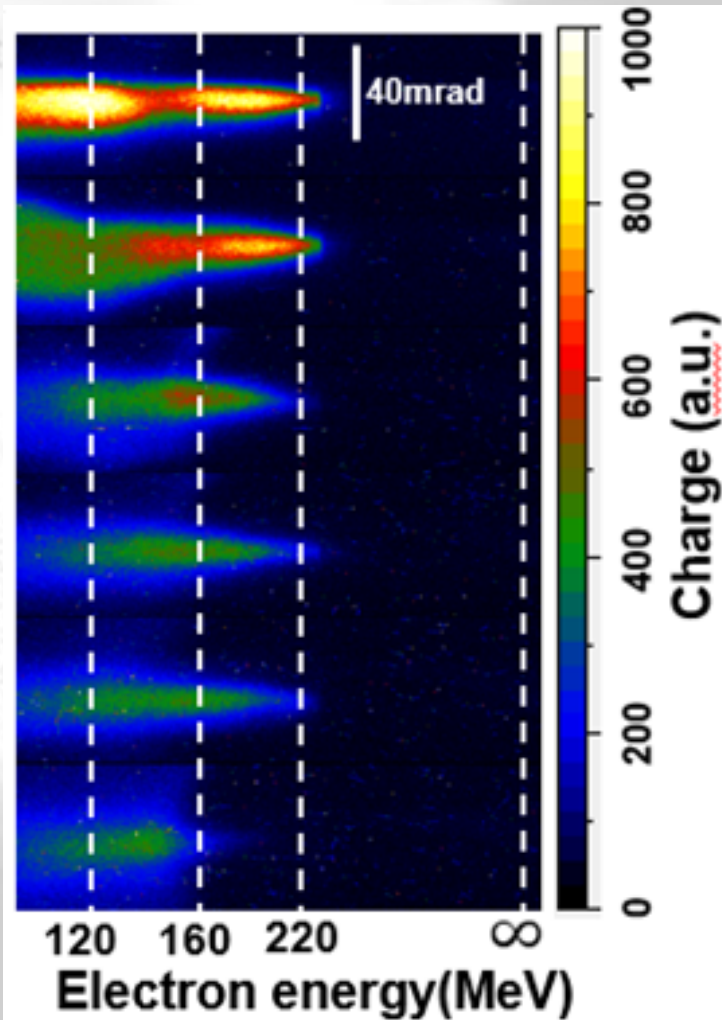
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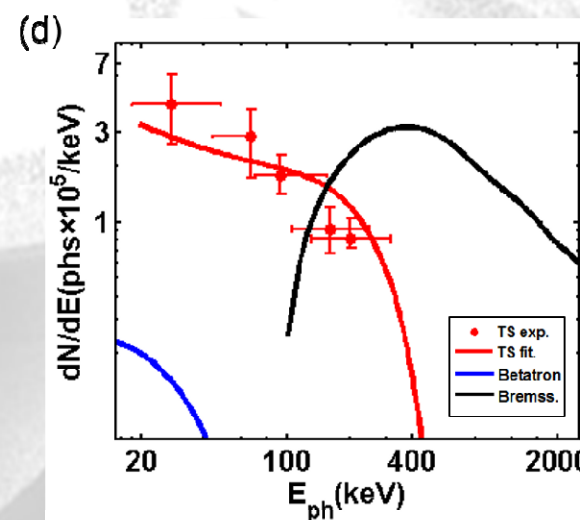
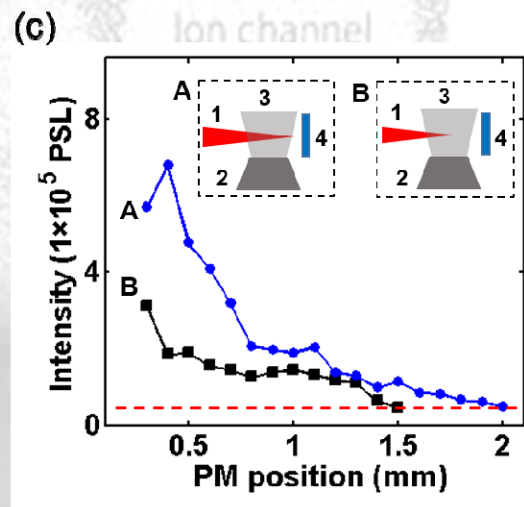
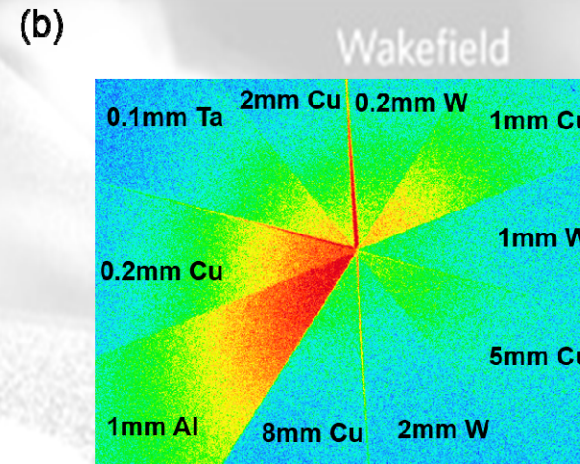
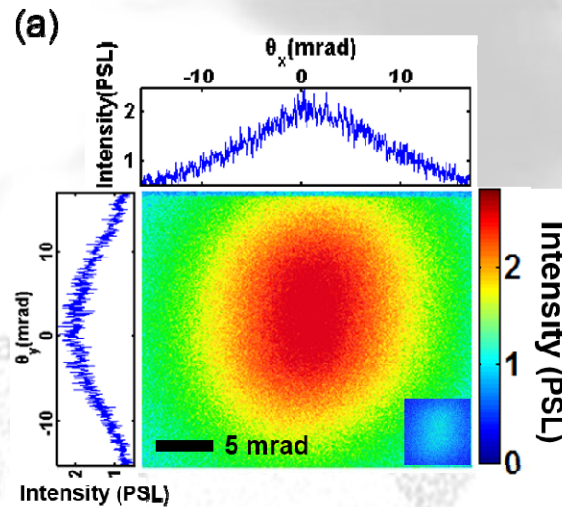
# Thomson Scattering by using plasma mirror





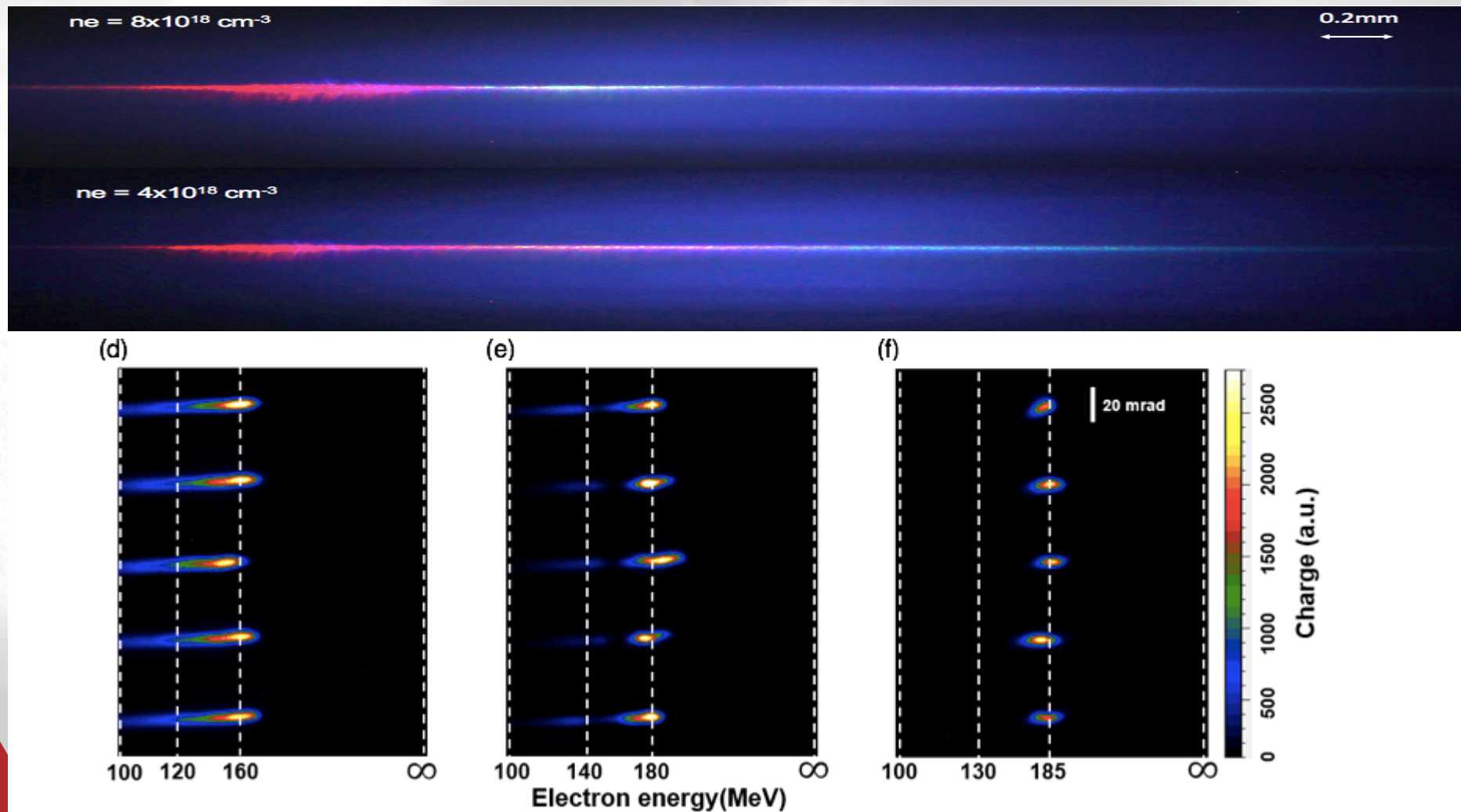


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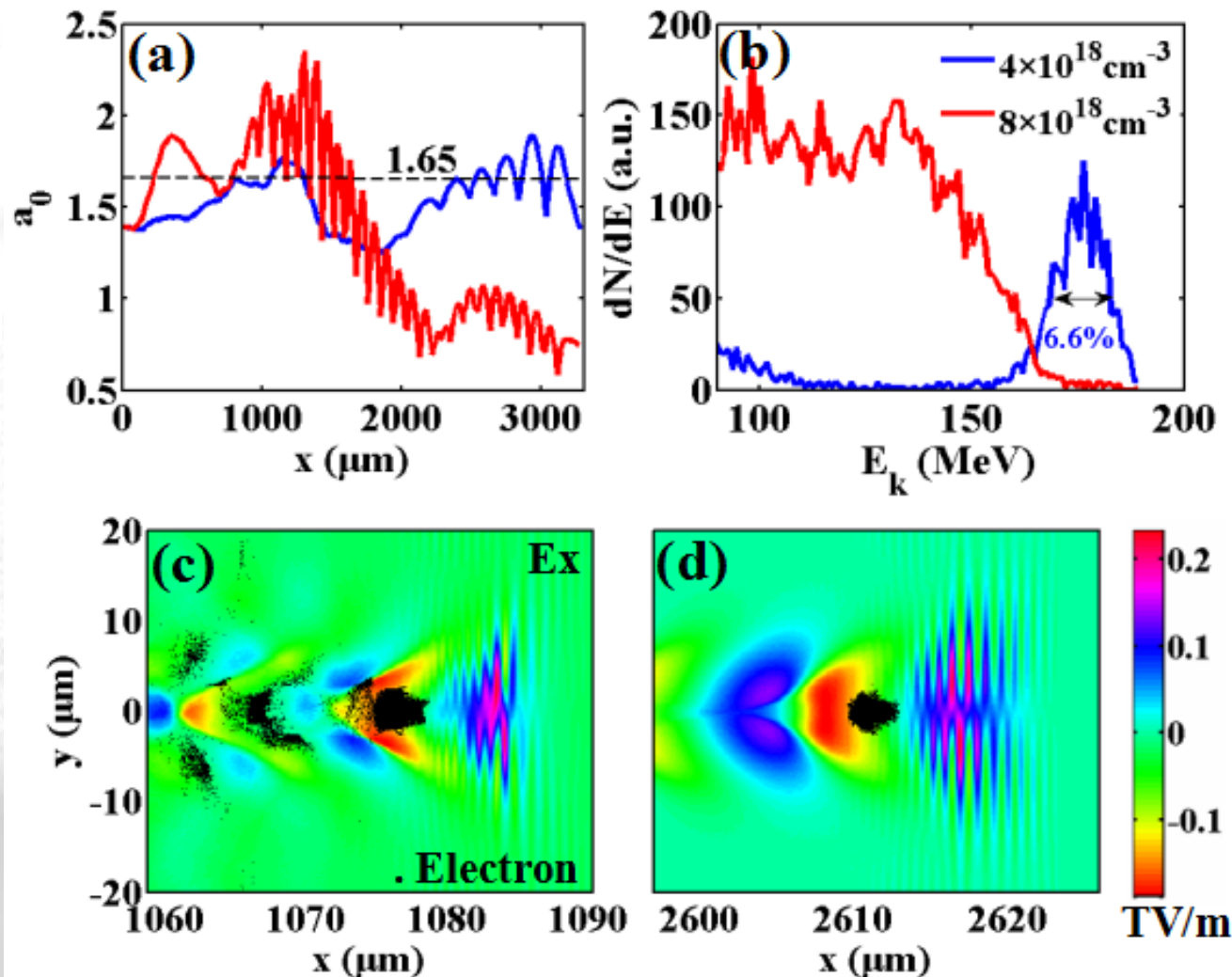


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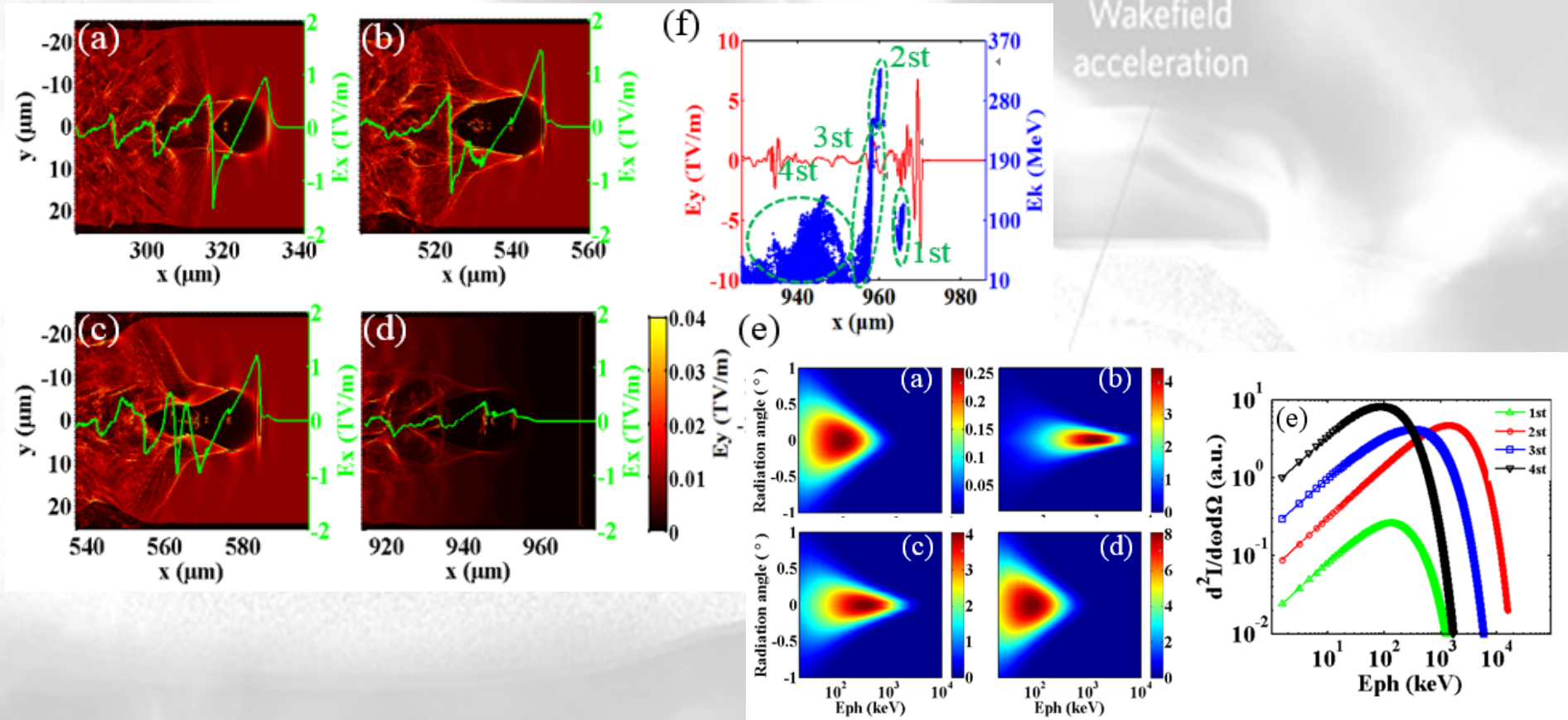
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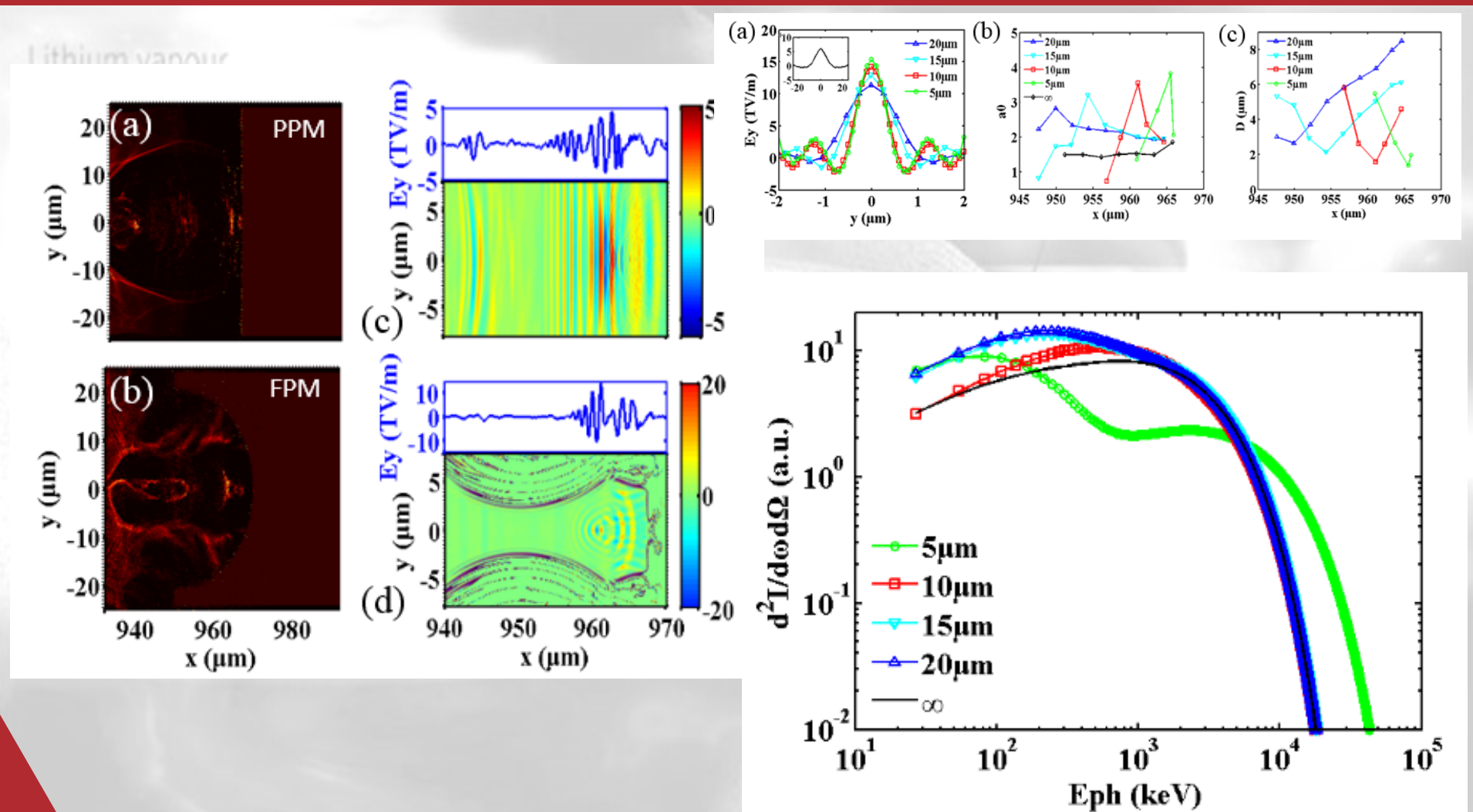


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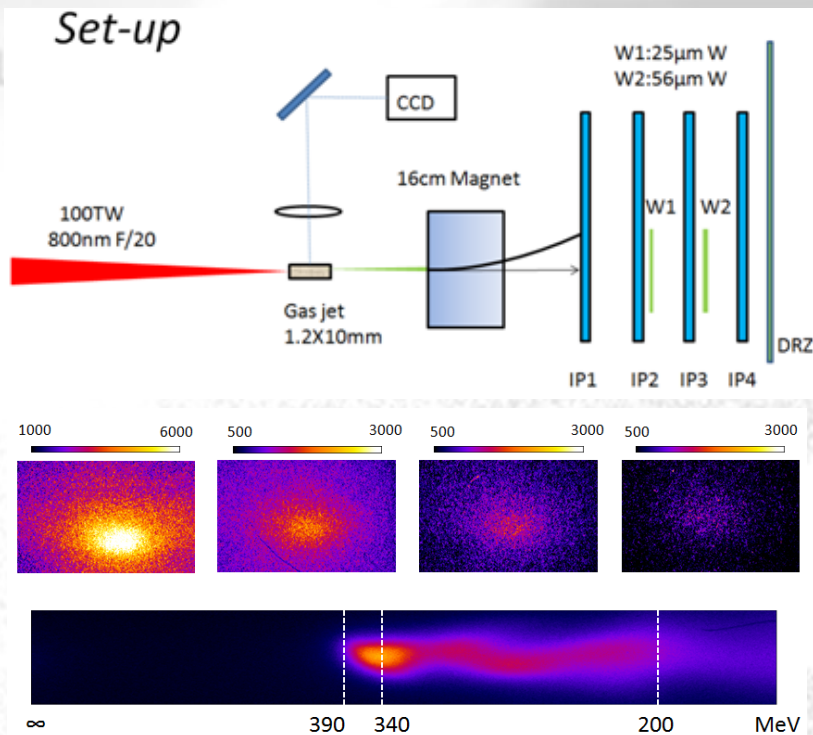
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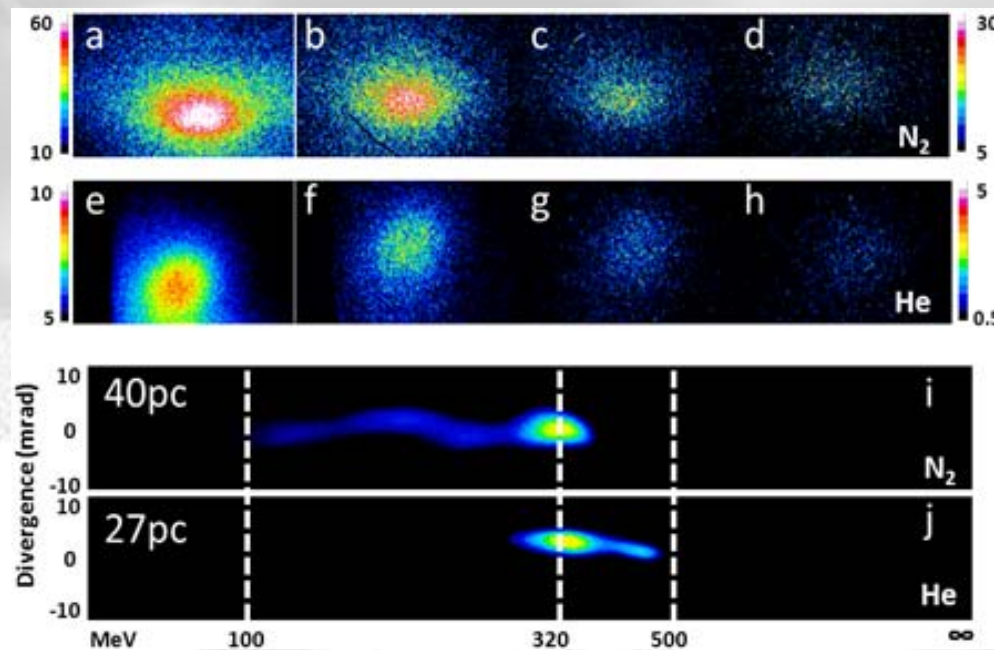
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# LPA studies at SJTU (since 2013)



IP	1	2	3	4
Photon energy	>7keV	>36keV	>52keV	>110keV
Photon number	$2.3 \times 10^8$	$6.5 \times 10^7$	$3.6 \times 10^7$	$2.3 \times 10^7$

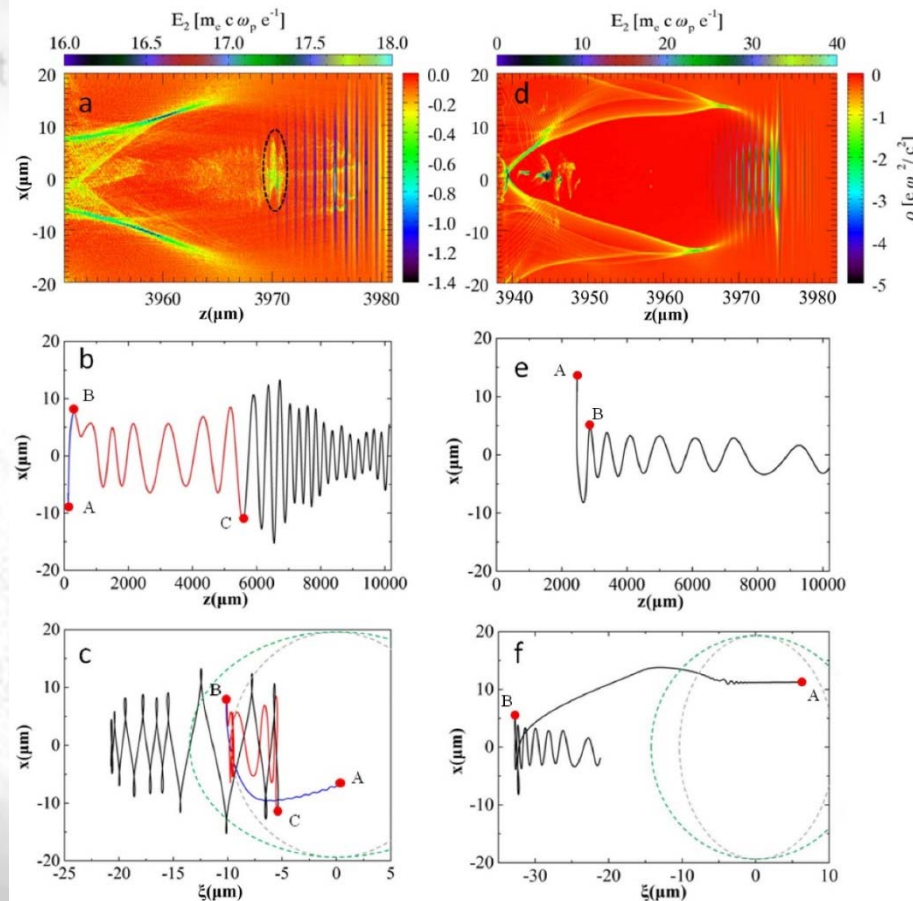


- $\sim 10^9$  hard x-rays with energy > 10 keV
- The critical energy is 75 keV
- $10^8$  X-rays with **energy > 110 keV**.

K. Huang, D. Z. Li, L. M. Chen\*, *Sci. Rep*, 6, 27633 (2016)



## LPA studies at SJTU (since 2013)



Time needed for injection (A→B):

0.66ps ( $N_2$ ) , 1.36ps ( $He$ )

Born Position in Laser frame (Point A):

$N_2$ : -10  $\mu m$ , middle of bubble

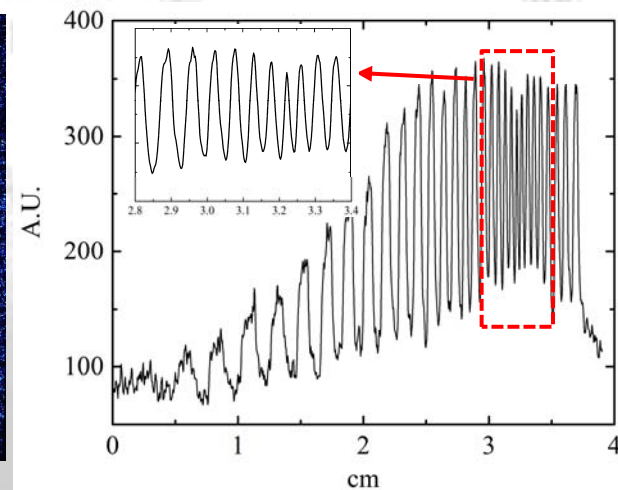
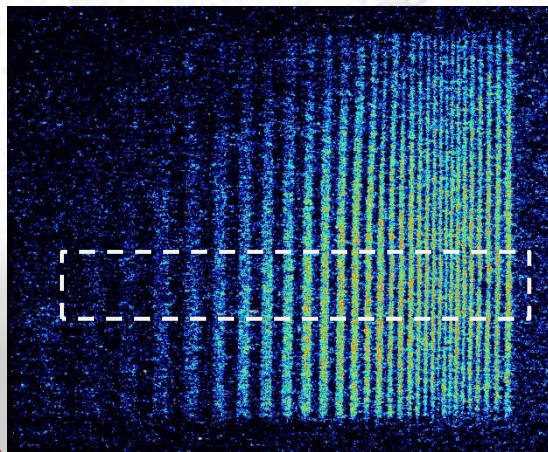
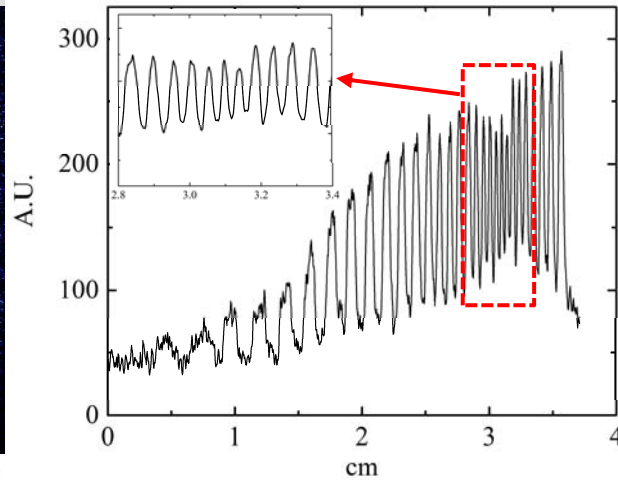
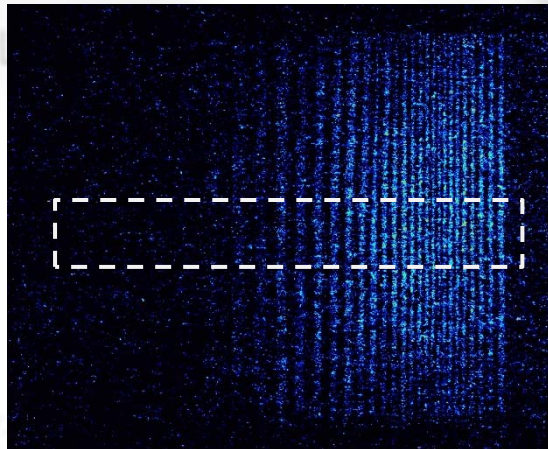
$He$ : -33  $\mu m$ , tail of bubble

It is demonstrated that the ionization injection scheme stimulated by nitrogen gas shortens the time for the injected electrons to catch up with the laser pulse, which increases the probability of resonant betatron oscillations.

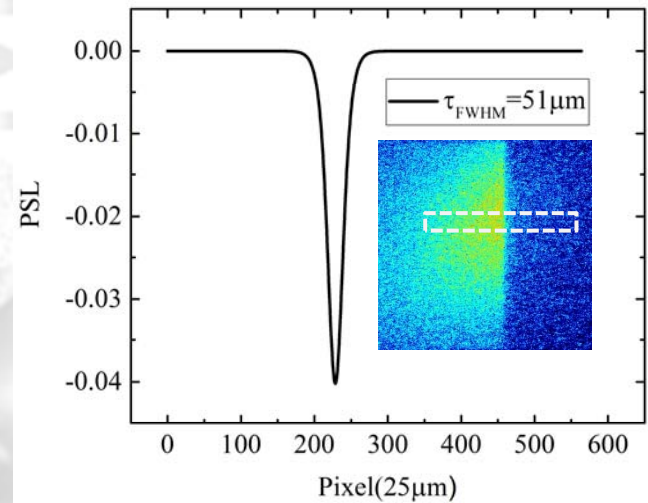
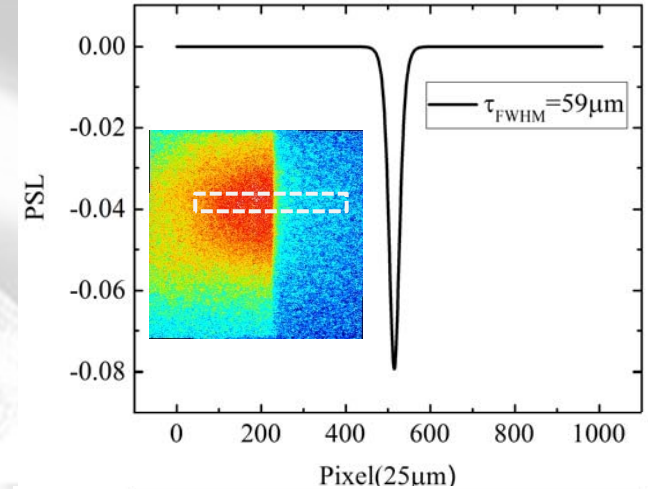




# Betatron radiation source size measurement



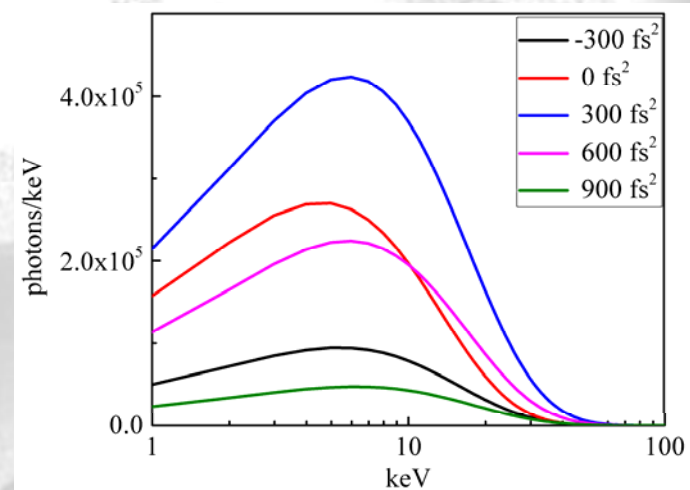
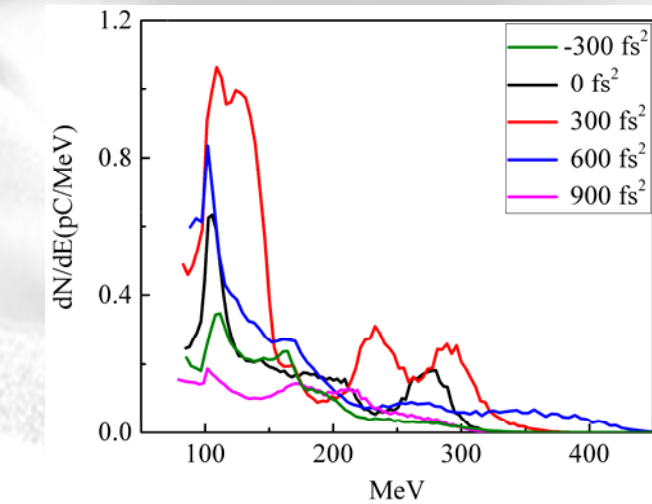
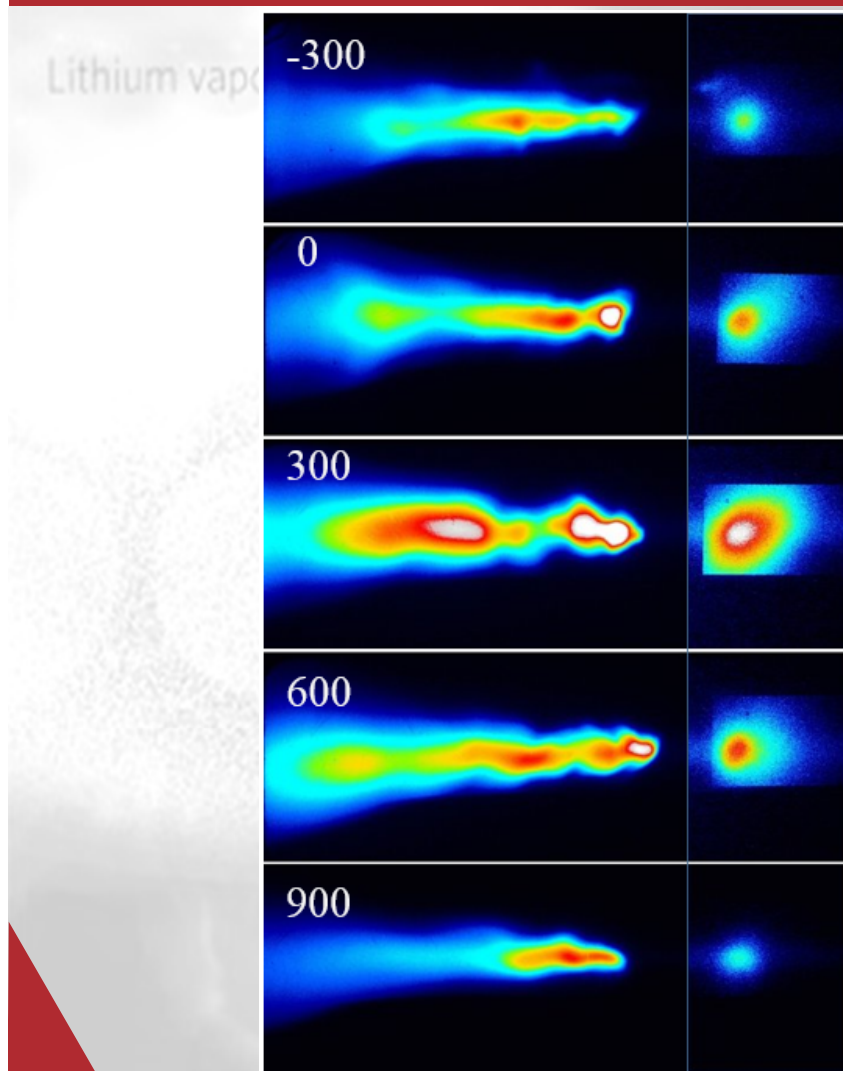
Line pair method: size  $\leq 50 \mu\text{m}$



Knife edge method: size  $\sim 50\text{-}70 \mu\text{m}$

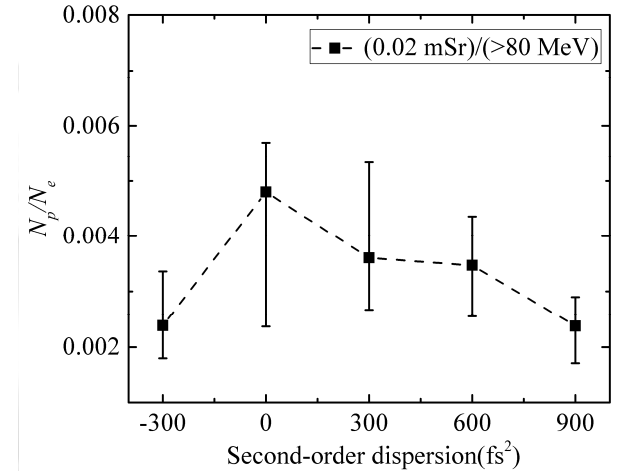
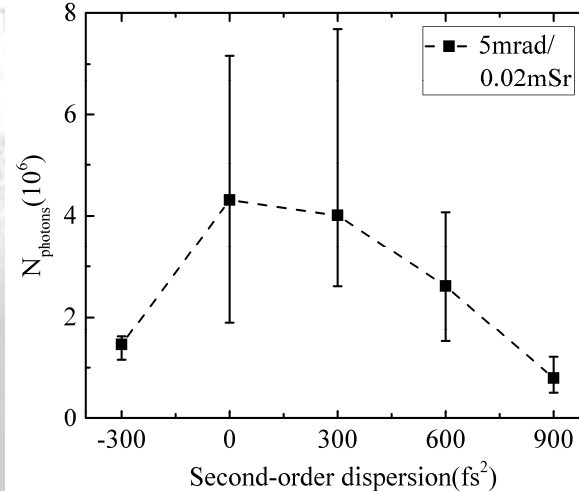
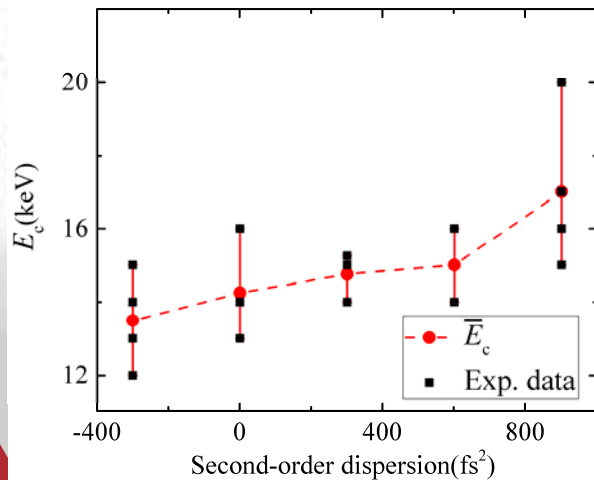
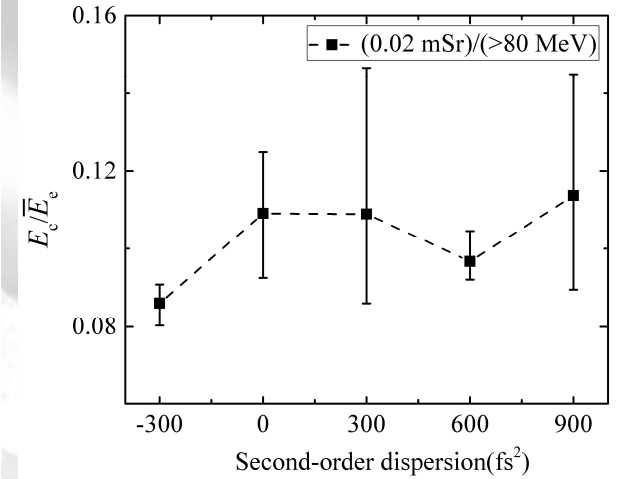
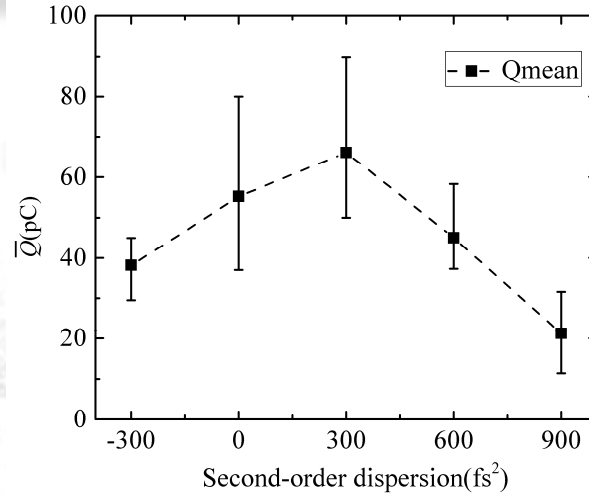
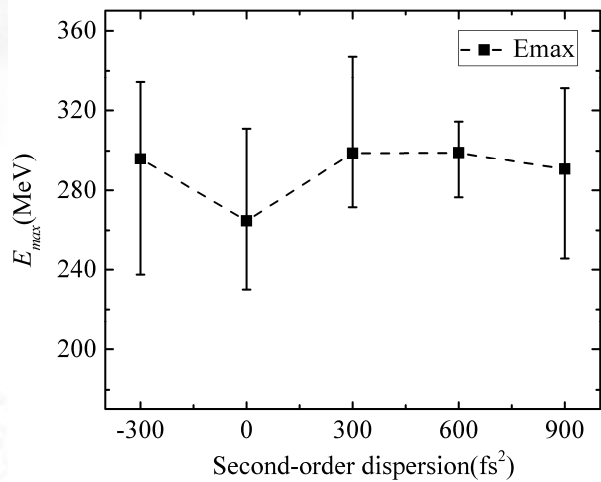


## e- and X-ray evolving with the Chirp





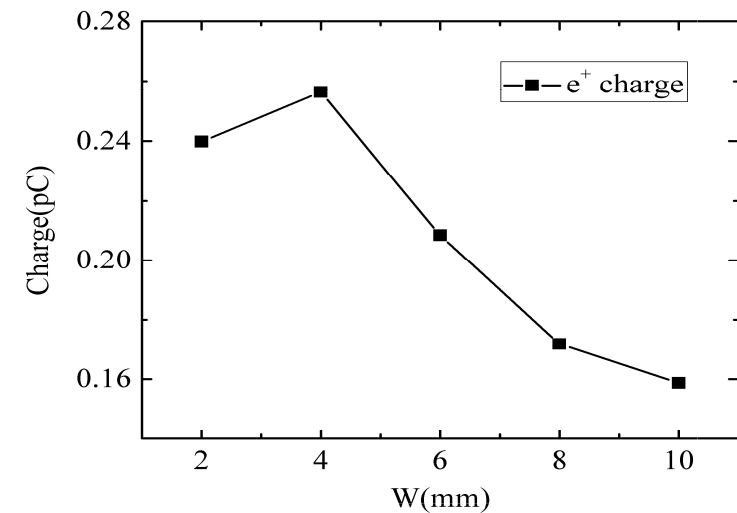
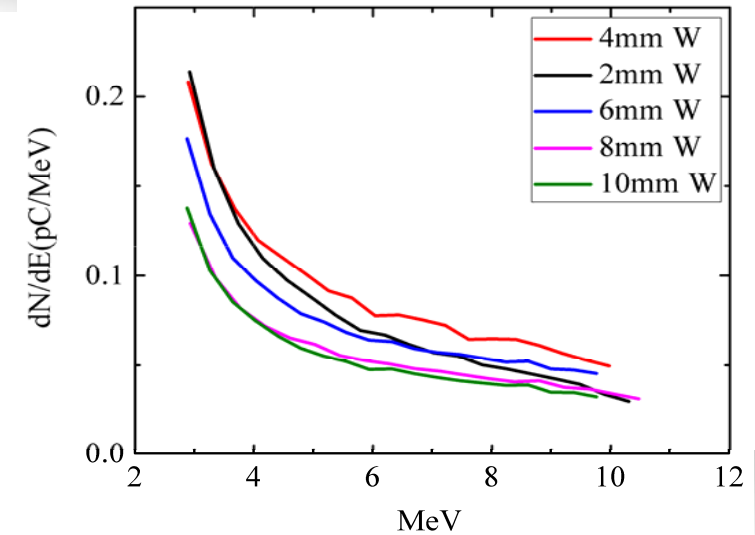
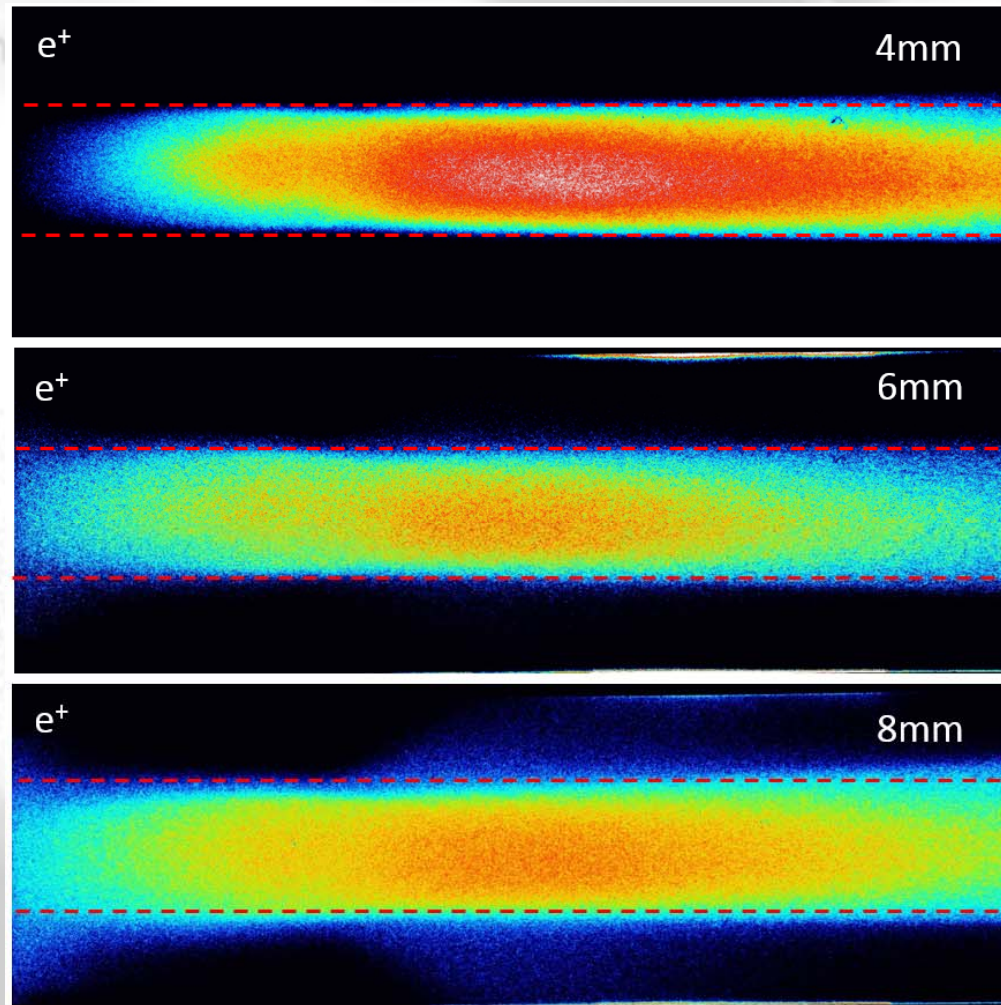
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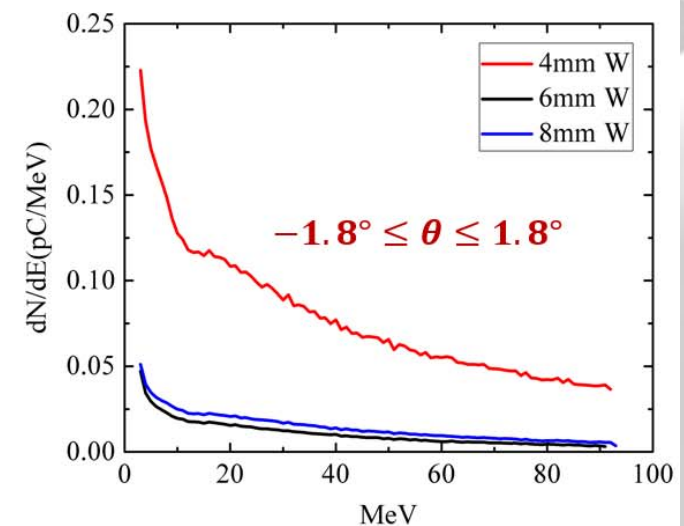
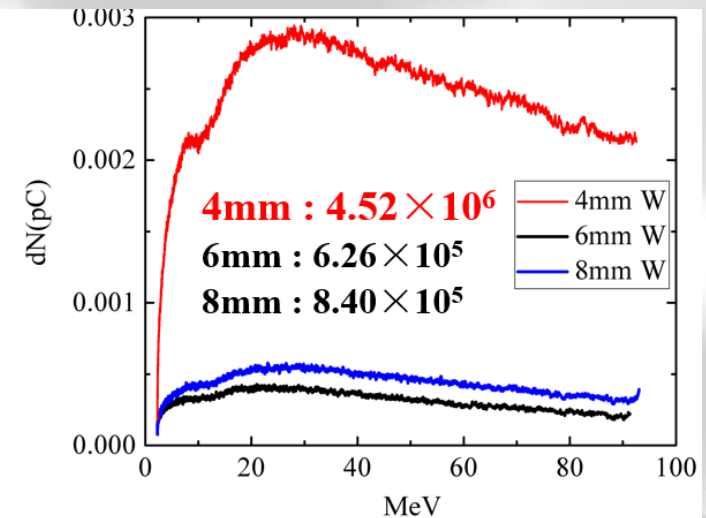
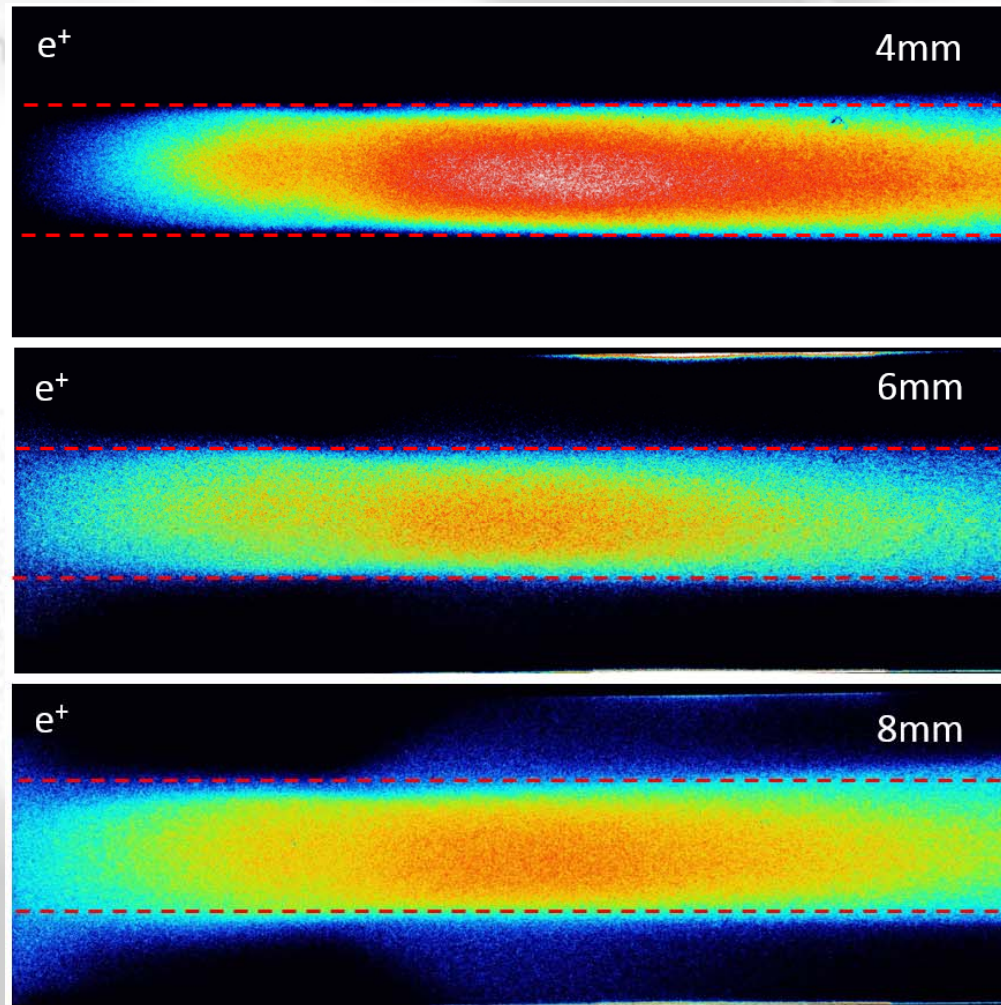


# $e^+$ generation $e^-$ -tungsten interaction





# e<sup>+</sup> generation e<sup>-</sup> tungsten interaction





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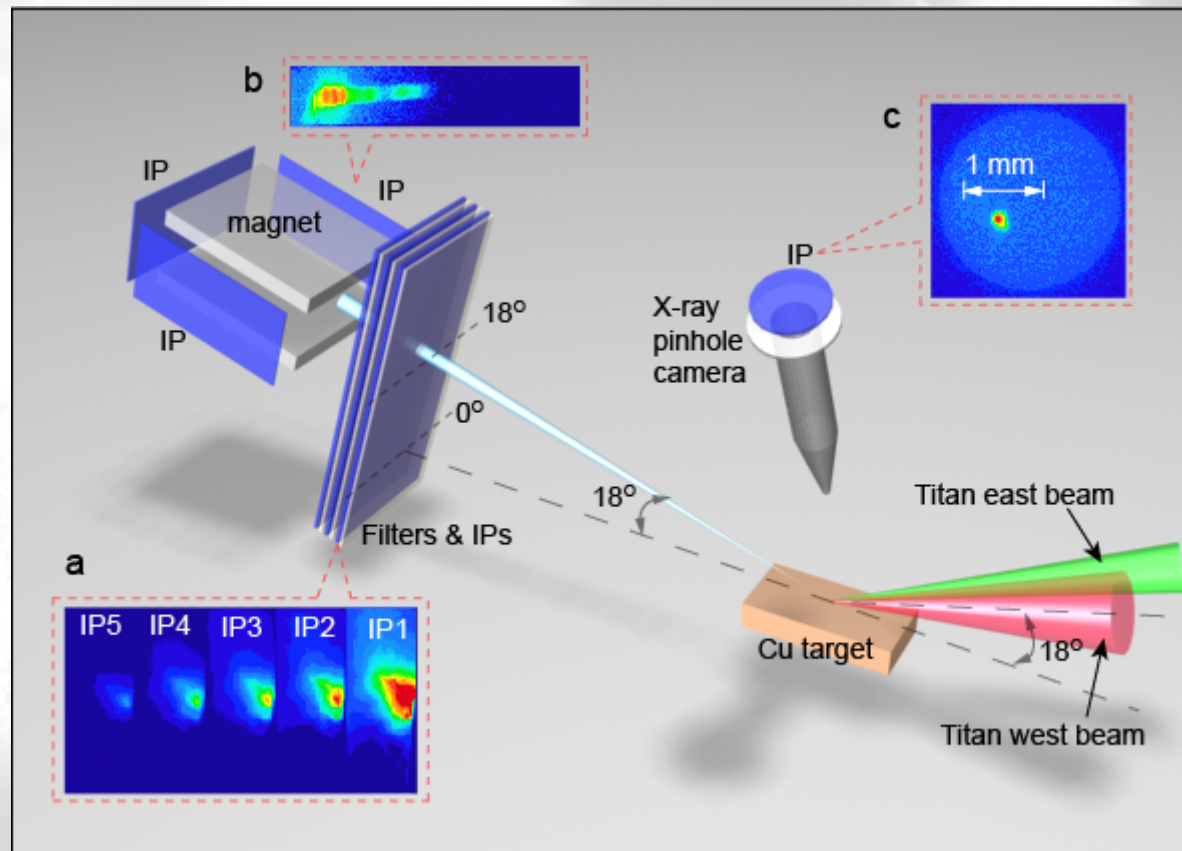
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# High charge bunch from 100J Titan laser



Titan Laser @ Jupiter laser facility, LLNL

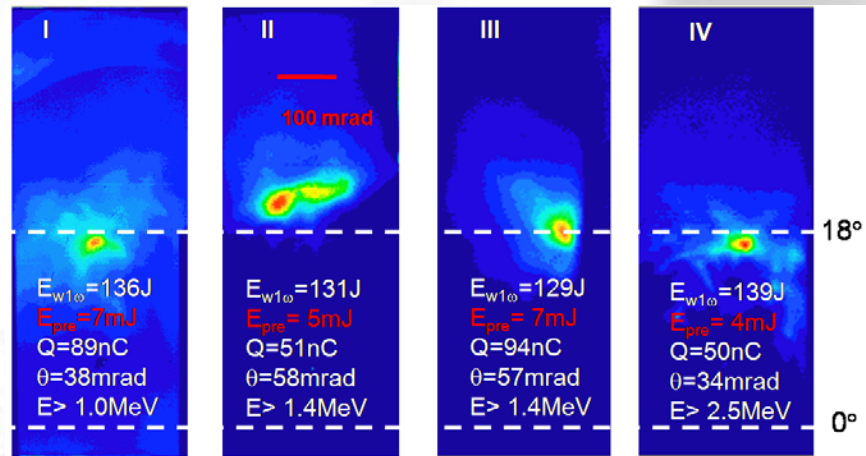
**Laser:**  
 Titan west beam (Main)  
 E: 140J (1 $\omega$ ), **30J (2 $\omega$ )**  
 $\tau$ : 700fs  
 P: 200TW  
 $w_0$ : 7 $\mu$ m  
 I:  $2.6 \times 10^{20} \text{W/cm}^2$  ( $a_0=14$ ) ( **$a_0=3.4$** )  
 $E_{\text{pre}}$ : 5mJ ( $1 \times 10^{16} \text{W/cm}^2$ )  
 **$E_{\text{pre}}$ : 0.2 $\mu$ J (2 $\omega$ ) ( $4 \times 10^{11} \text{W/cm}^2$ )**  
 Titan east beam (2 $\omega$ )  
 E: 220J,  $\tau$ : 1ns,  $w_0$ : 38 $\mu$ m  
 I:  $1 \times 10^{16} \text{W/cm}^2$



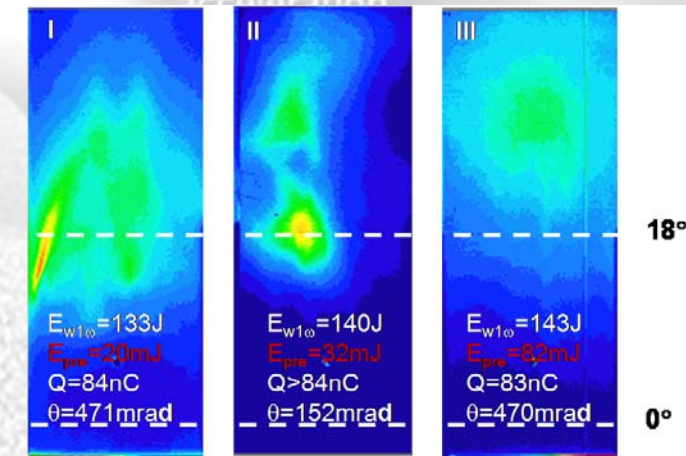
# Ultrahigh bunch charge was obtained

West  $1\omega$  only

$E_{pre} \sim 5$  mJ



Increase the prepulse energy



Main results:

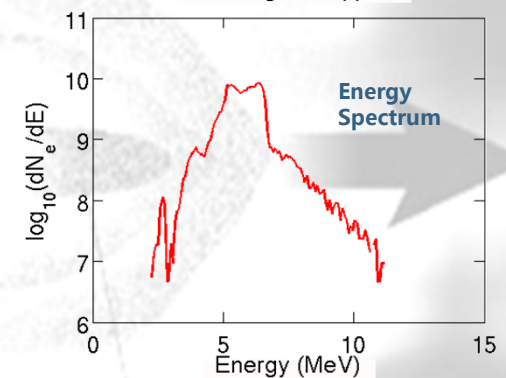
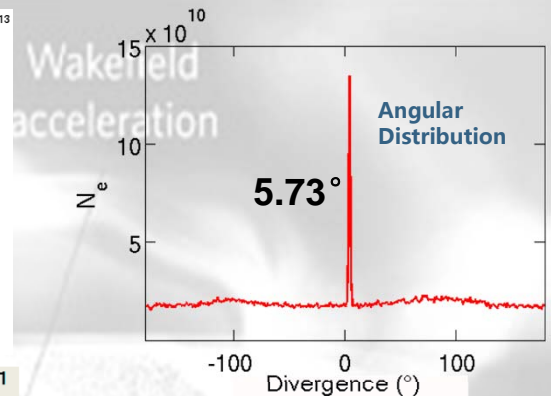
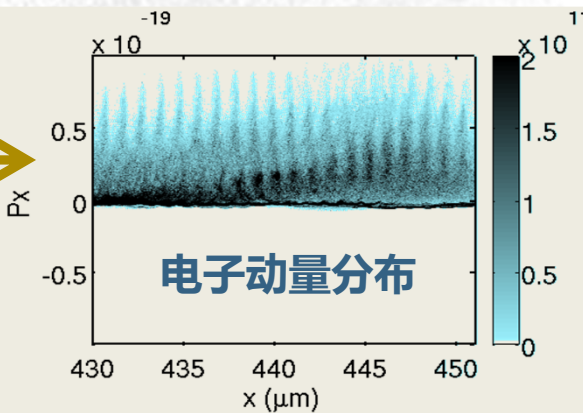
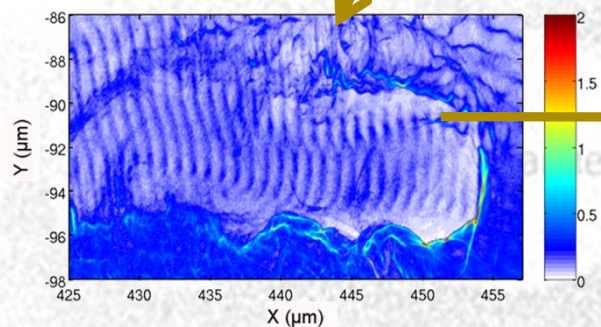
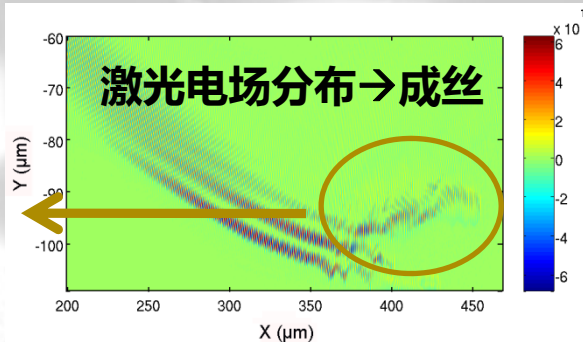
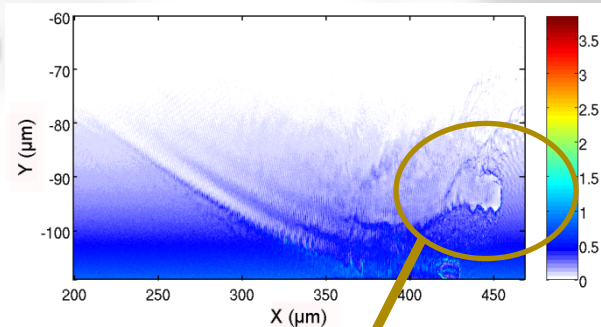
- Tightly Focused: 2-3°
- Well collimated: **laser specular not target surface**
- Ultrahigh bunch charge: 50~94 nC, Energy conversion efficiency  $\sim 10^{-3}$

**We may set a record!!!**





# Simple simulation for this interaction



**Laser filamentation**

- Strong focusing force
- Collimated

**Direct laser acceleration**

- Phase locking
- Quasi-monoenergetic

**Injection in several  $\lambda_p$**

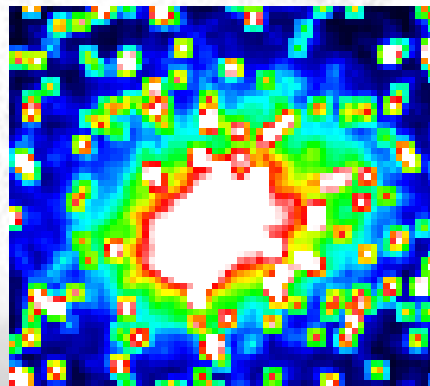
- Less beam-loading effects
- High bunch charge

**KEY POINT: the scale and density profile of the pre-plasmas**

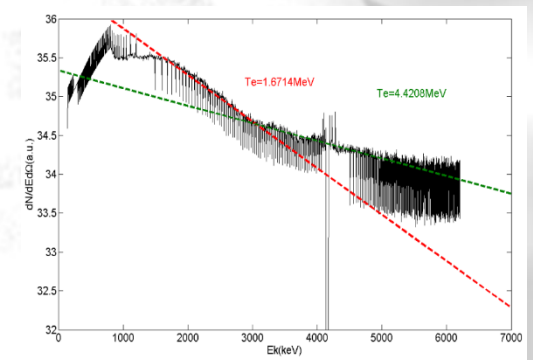
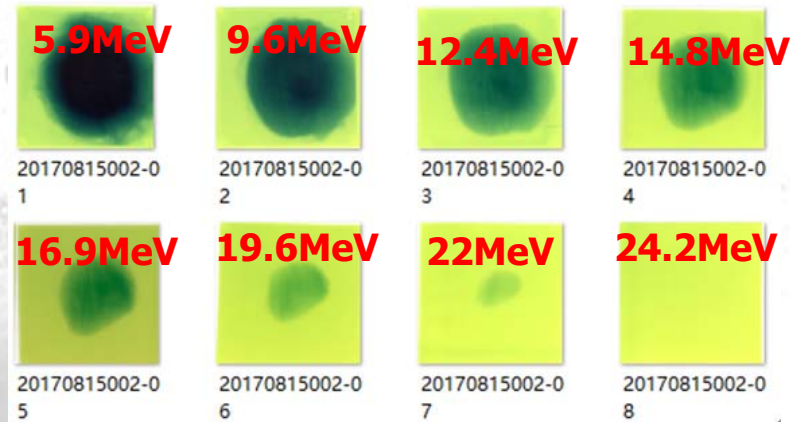


# Experimental results at SILEX-III (test shots)

Shot No.	Laser Energy	Pulse Duration	Contrast	Focal Spot (FMHW, $\mu\text{m}$ )	Electron temperature	Proton Energy
20170814001t	115 J	0.86 ps	$8.0 \times 10^7$	N/A	T1=1.3 MeV T2=4.3 MeV	$E_{\text{max}} > 15\text{MeV}$
20170815002t	110 J	0.95 ps	$5.1 \times 10^7$	$58.3 \times 72.0$	T1=2.1 MeV T2=3.8 MeV	$E_{\text{max}} > 22\text{MeV}$
20170815003t	124 J	0.86 ps	$8.5 \times 10^7$	$58.2 \times 62.8$	T1=1.6 MeV T2=4.4 MeV	$E_{\text{max}} > 17\text{MeV}$



58.2 $\mu\text{m}$  x 62.8 $\mu\text{m}$

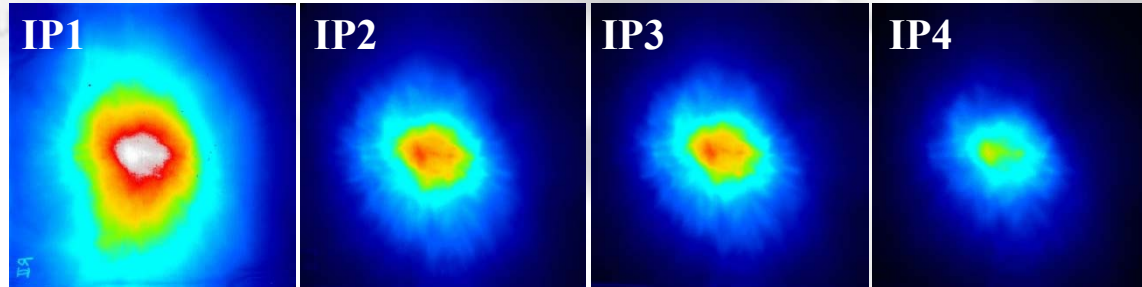


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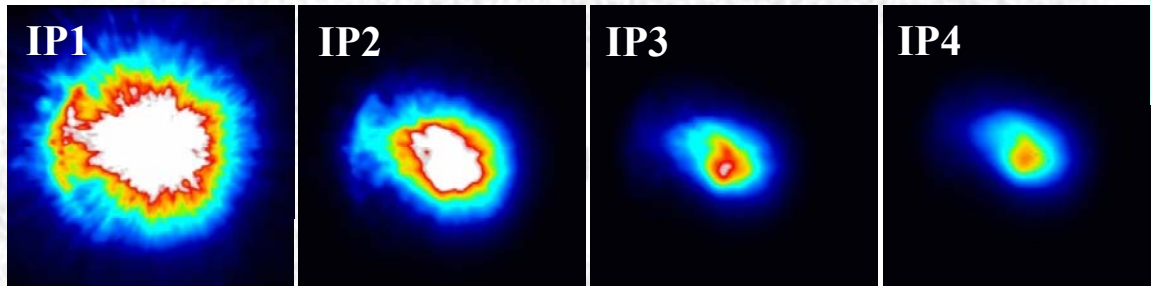
# Electron profile measurement

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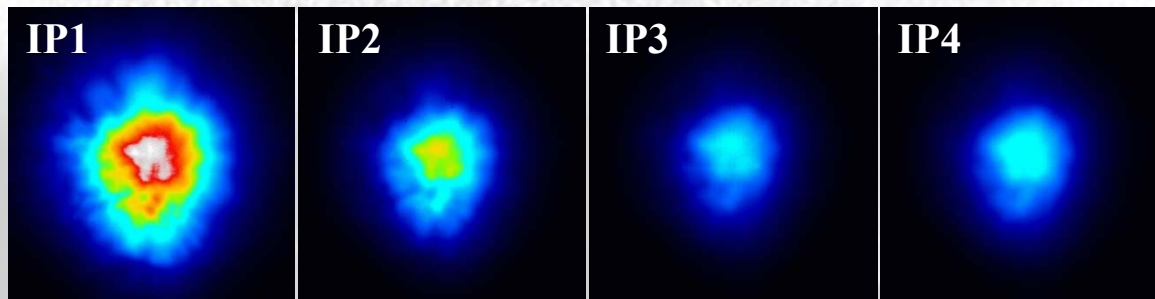
Wakefield  
acceleration

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Bunch Charge (shot No.5):  
 $Q \sim 450 \text{ pC}$  ( $5 \text{ MeV} < E_e < 5.5 \text{ MeV}$ )

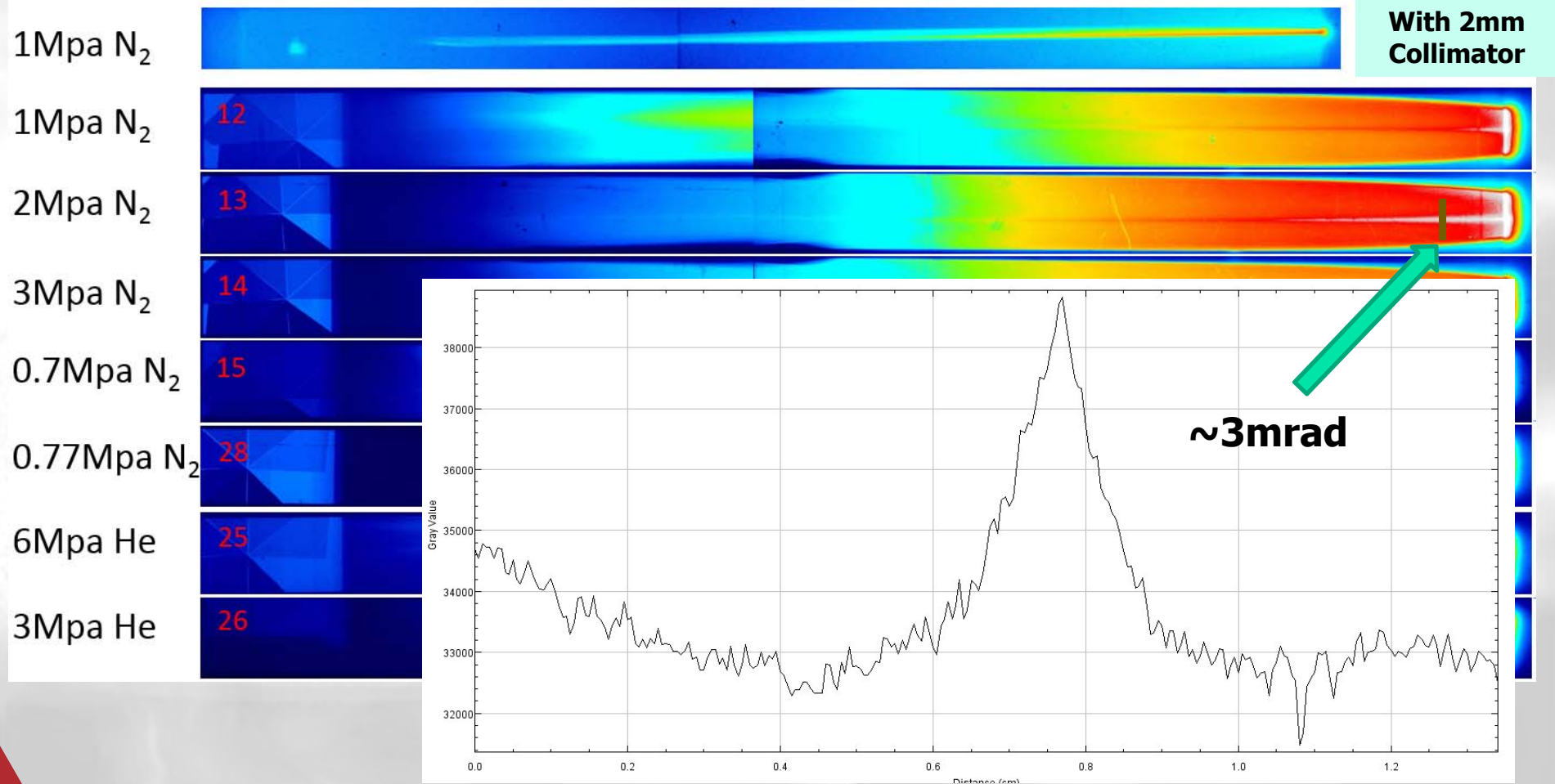
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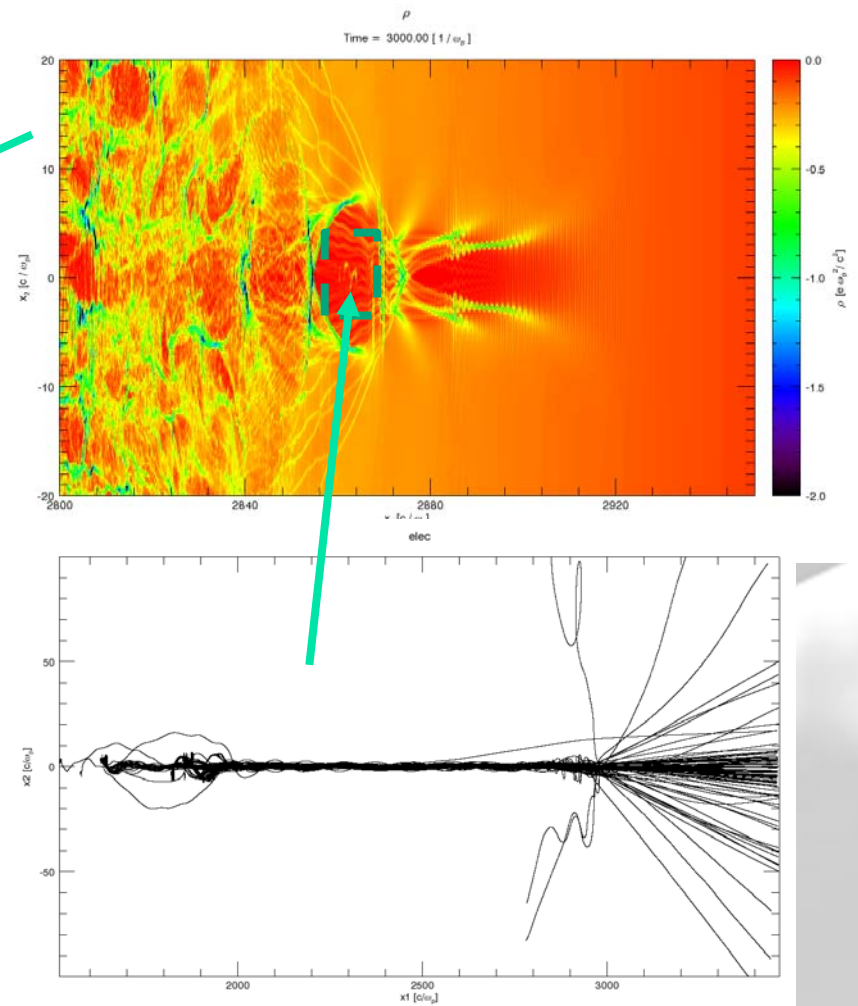
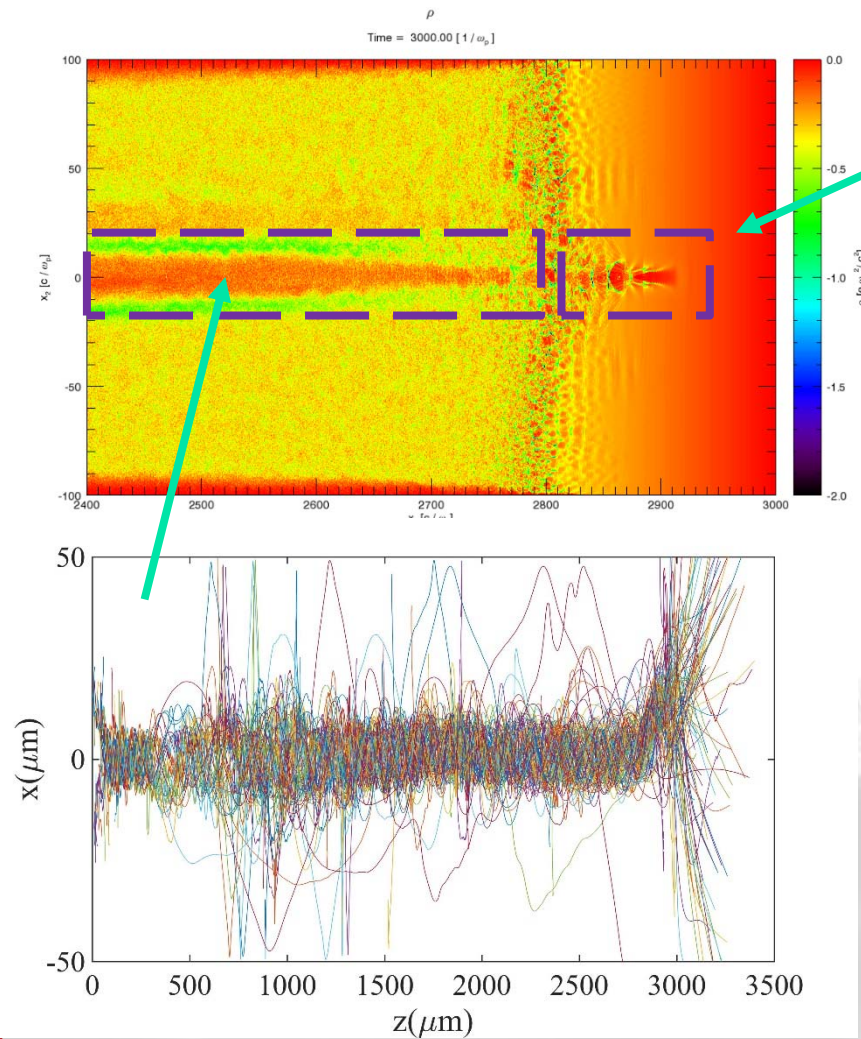
# Electron energy spectrum measurement





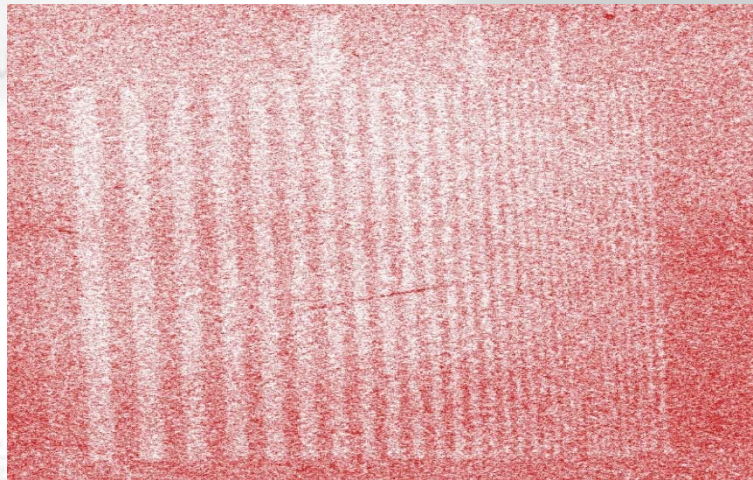


# Simulation analysis for e- energy spectrum

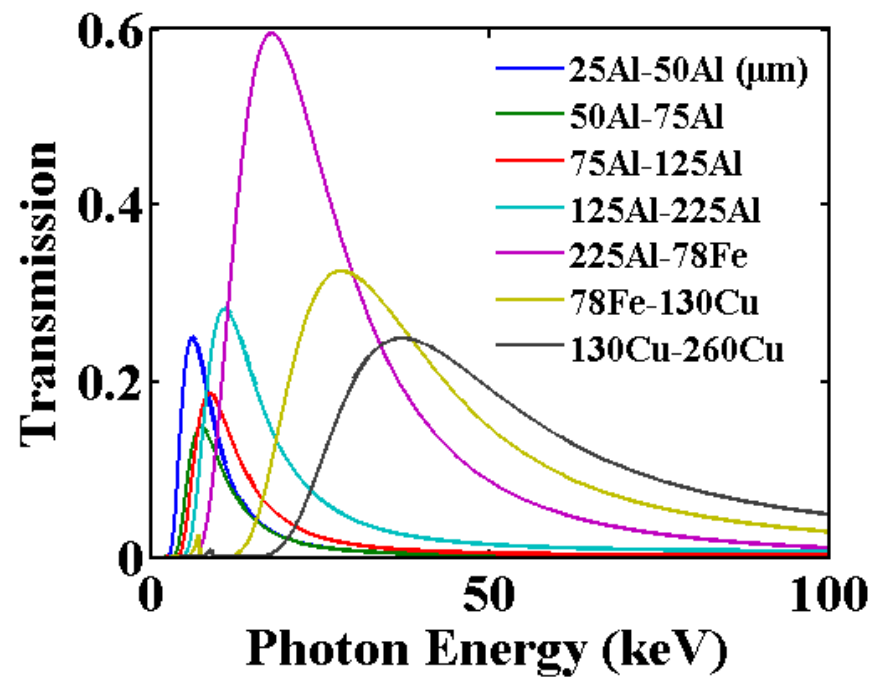
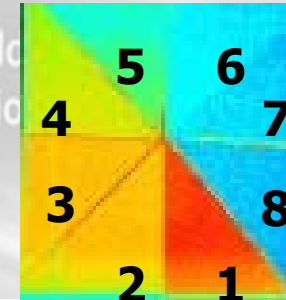
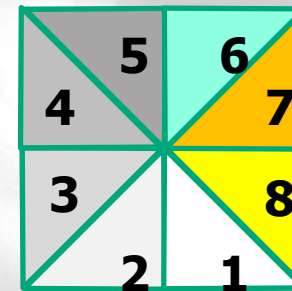
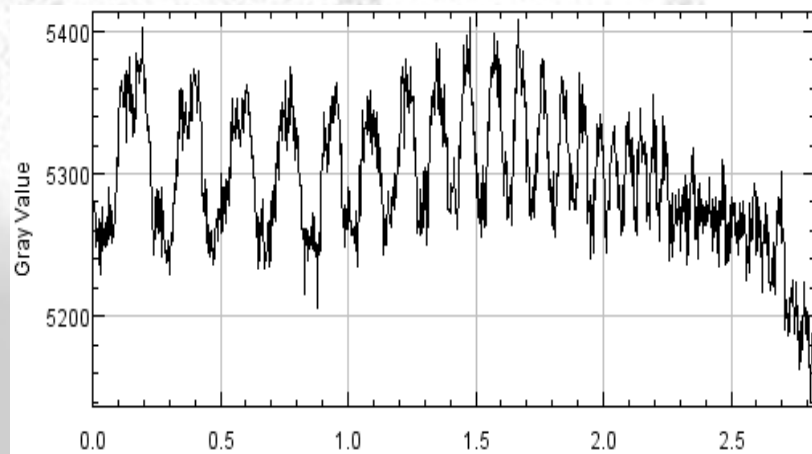




# Radiation source size and spectrum measure

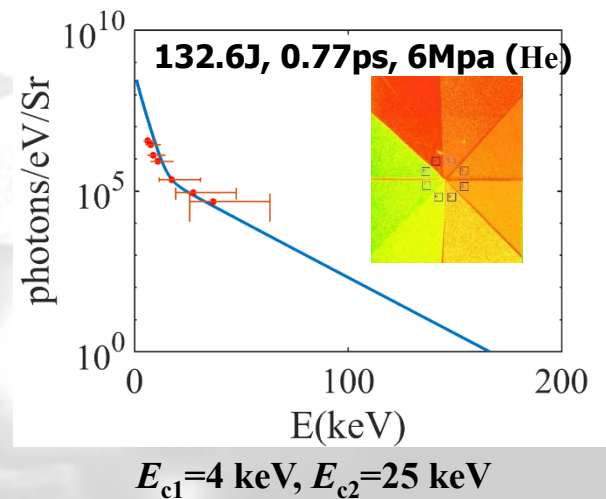
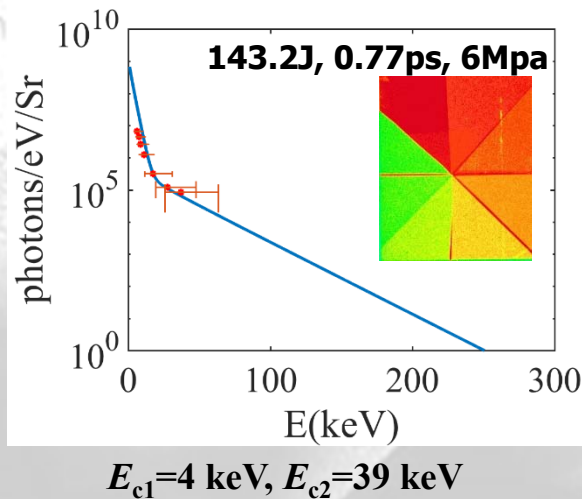
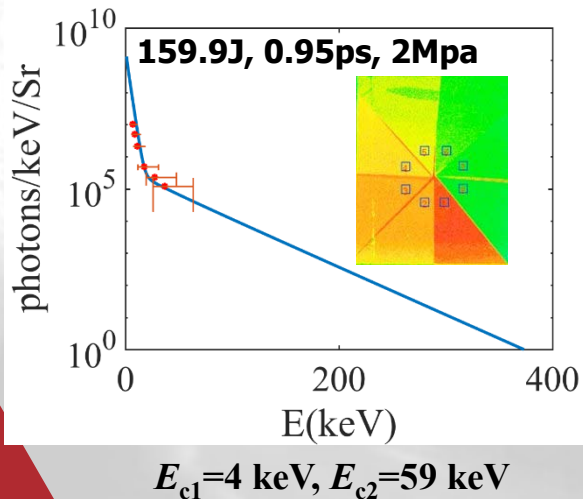
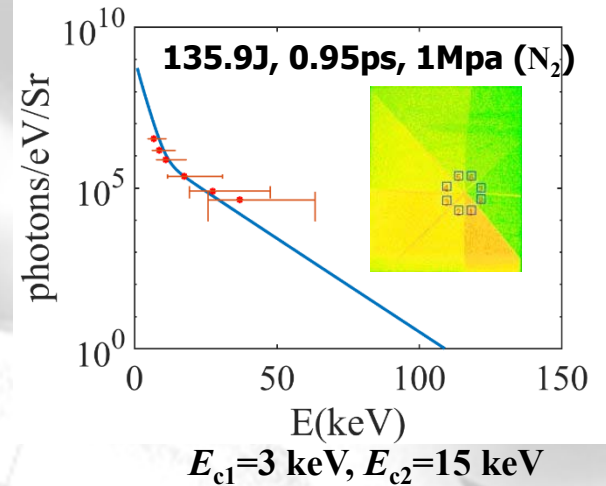
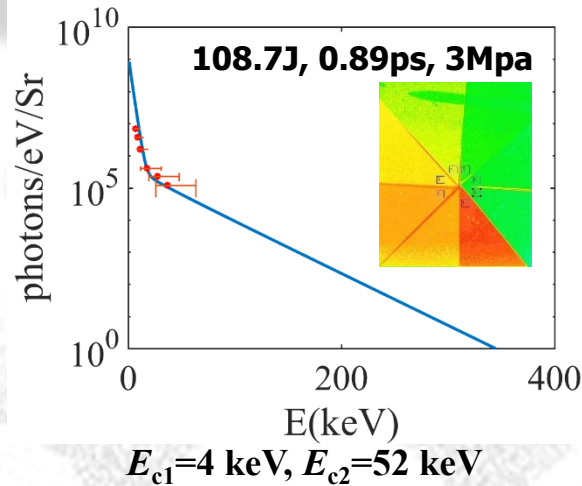
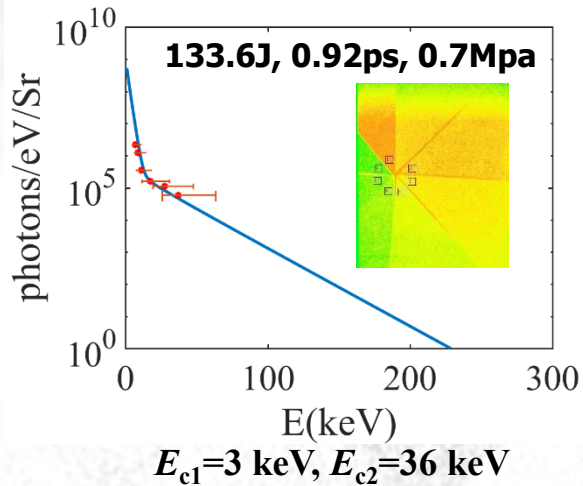


9.1/mm,  $< 62.5\mu\text{m}$





# Betatron radiation spectrum measure







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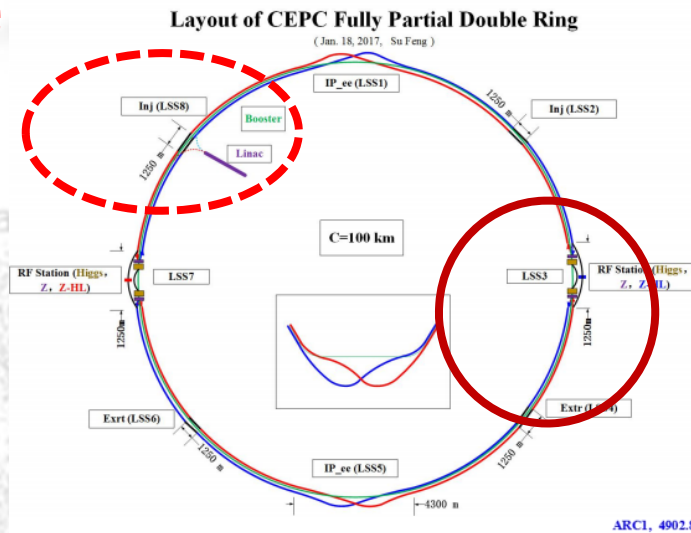
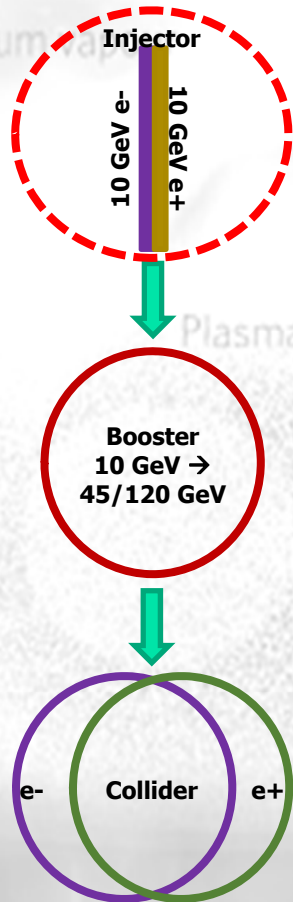
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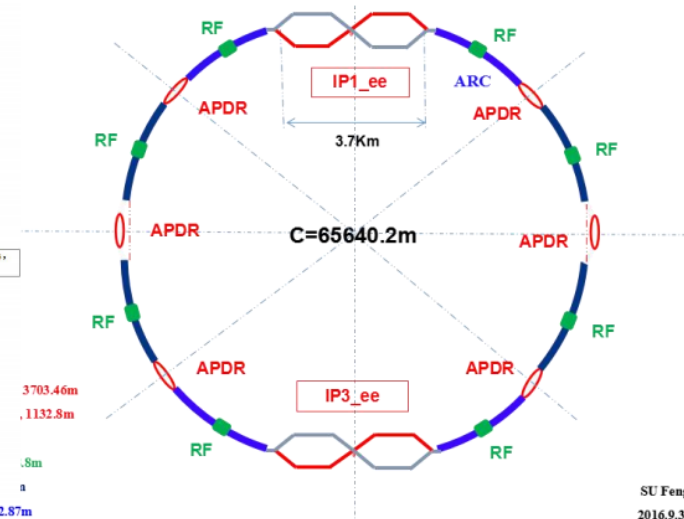
# Conceptual design for CEPC



## CEPC Baseline Design

Better performance for Higgs and Z compared with alternative scheme, without bottle neck problems, but with higher cost

## Wakefield CEPC Advanced Partial Double Ring Option II



## CEPC Alternative Design

Lower cost and reaching the fundamental requirement for Higgs and Z luminosities, under the condition that sawtooth and beam loading effects be solved



## CEPC CDR/Pre-CDR linac requirement

Parameter	Symbol	Unit	Pre-CDR	CDR
<b><math>e^-/e^+</math> beam energy</b>	$E_{e^-}/E_{e^+}$	GeV	6	10
<b>Repetition rate</b>	$f_{\text{rep}}$	Hz	50	50
<b><math>e^-/e^+</math> bunch population</b>	$N_{e^-}/N_{e^+}$		$2 \times 10^{10}$	$6.25 \times 10^9$
		nC	3.2	1.0
<b>Energy spread (<math>e^-/e^+</math>)</b>	$\sigma_E$		$< 1 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 2 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>Emittance (<math>e^-/e^+</math>)</b>	$\epsilon_r$	mm·mrad	$< 0.3$	$< 0.3$
<b><math>e^-</math> beam energy on Target</b>		GeV	4	4 (2)
<b><math>e^-</math> bunch charge on Target</b>		nC	10	10





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- The diagram illustrates the SuperKEKB electron-positron collider. It shows the acceleration path for both electron (blue) and positron (red) beams. The electron beam starts at a Gun, passes through a Solenoid, SHB, and a Buncher, then through a series of accelerating tubes (A0, 27 MV/m, 18 MV/m, 11(2) klys. 22 accel. tube) to reach 1.1 GeV. The positron beam starts at a Gun, passes through a Solenoid, SHB, and a Buncher, then through a series of accelerating tubes (A0, 27 MV/m, 18 MV/m, 3 klys. 6 accel. tube) to reach 4 GeV. Both beams are then accelerated to 10 GeV in the main rings (42 (4) klys. 84 accel. tube). The beams are then directed to a Beam dump or a Booster. The diagram also shows a Damping Ring and a 200 MeV section.





# Plasma-based Wakefield Acceleration

Lithium vapour

- Trailing beam

- Laser or beam Pulse



Wake



**Huge gradient ( $\sim 100\text{GV/m}$ ) + Tiny structures ( $\sim 10\text{-}100\mu\text{m}$ )**

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

**LWFA**

P.Chen, J.M. Dawson et.al. PRL (1983)

**PWFA**



# Understanding the physics on plasma-based acceleration

## Theory

- Wake excitation and beam loading (PRL06, PRL 08)
- Electron hosing instability (PRL 07)
- Laser plasma matching and guiding (POP06, PRSTAB07)
- Phenomenological framework of LWFA in the blowout regime (PRSTAB07)
- Injection dynamics and high brightness beams ( PRL 13, PRL 14, PRL 16b, PRAB 14, PPCF 16)
- Perfect staging using plasma structure (PRL 16a)
- Physics of radiation pressure ion acceleration instability ( PRL 16c)

## Simulation

- Development of the capability of large scale parallel PIC simulation
- 3D simulations of LWFA stage from GeV-100GeV
- 3D modeling of PWFA experiments and proposed TeV stages
- Boosted frame simulations ( Nat. Phy. 2010, CPC 2011, 2013, 2015)



# Understanding the physics on plasma-based acceleration

## Experiment

- **1-100GeV level PWFA: acceleration and focusing (PRL05, Nature07)**
- **Betatron X-ray and positron production (PRL02, PRL08)**
- **Matched self-guiding of short pulse laser (PRL09a)**
- **GeV level self-guided LWFA with self-injection (PRL 09b)**
- **Ionization induced injection (PRL07, PRL10a)**
- **Self-guided LWFA with ionization injection beyond 1GeV (PRL10)**
- **Two stage LWFA ( PRL 11)**
- **High efficiency acceleration of  $e^+/e^-$  ( Nature 14,15, Nat. Comm. 16a, 16b, 16c)**
- **Wakefield imaging using electron snapshot ( Sci. Rep.16 for theory)**
- **Controlled injection with very low energy spread ( IPAC 14)**



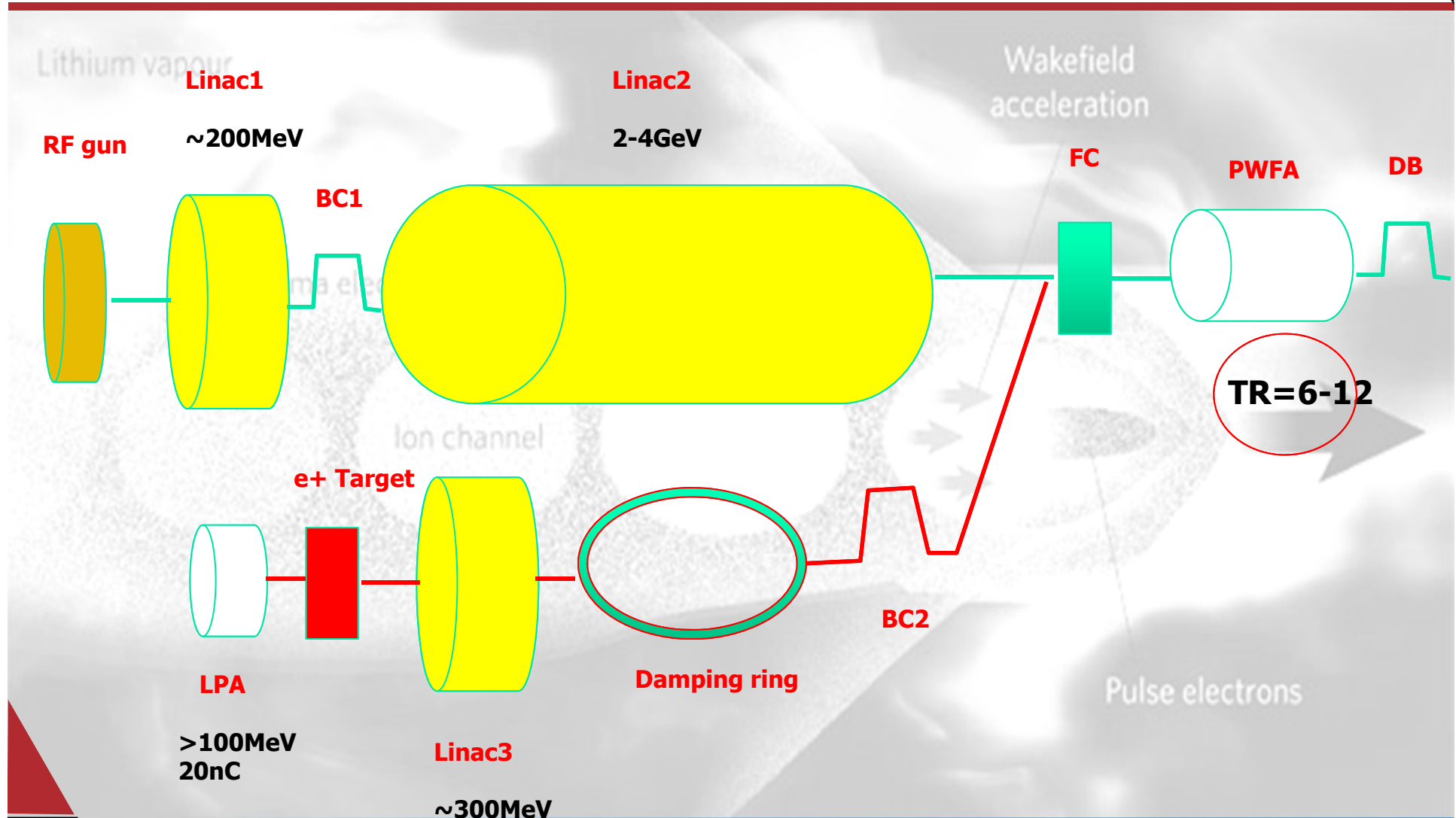
## Boundary condition for CEPC plasma linac

- Beam average power (**kW 100Hz**)
- Beam charge per-bunch ( **nC**)
- Beam energy spread (**0.2-1%?**)
- Beam geometric emittance (**<0.3mm mrad**)
- Positron generation





# Conceptual design for CEPC plasma linac (Ver. 1.0)





# Conceptual design 1.0 ---- Cascaded HTR PWFA

## ■ The 1<sup>st</sup> stage

- Two shaped bunches (**5ps 25nC, 1ps 5nC**)
- TR=2 or 3
- Efficiency (**60%**)

## ■ The 2<sup>nd</sup> stage

- Controlled injection for e (**200fs 1nC or 2nC**)
- TR=2 or 3
- Single stage efficiency (**60%**)
- Overall **TR=(1+TR1)\*TR2**

■ Overall efficiency  **$Q3(1+TR1)*TR2/(Q1+Q2)=40\%$**

## ■ The positron stage

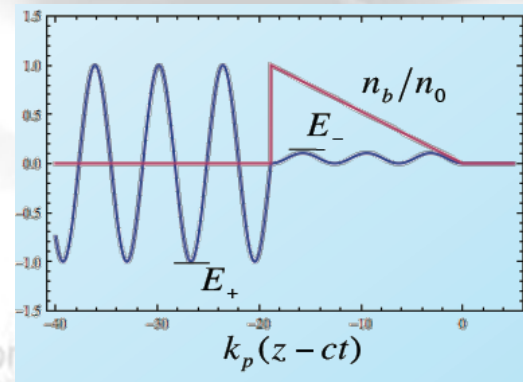
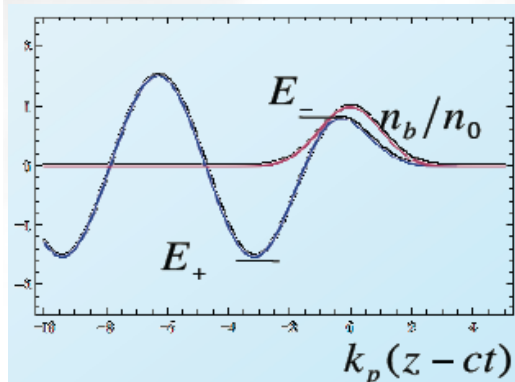
- Combining e<sup>+</sup> with e<sup>-</sup> (**200fs 1nC**)
- TR=1 Single stage efficiency (**~50%**)
- Overall efficiency for positron **20%**

Wakefield  
acceleration

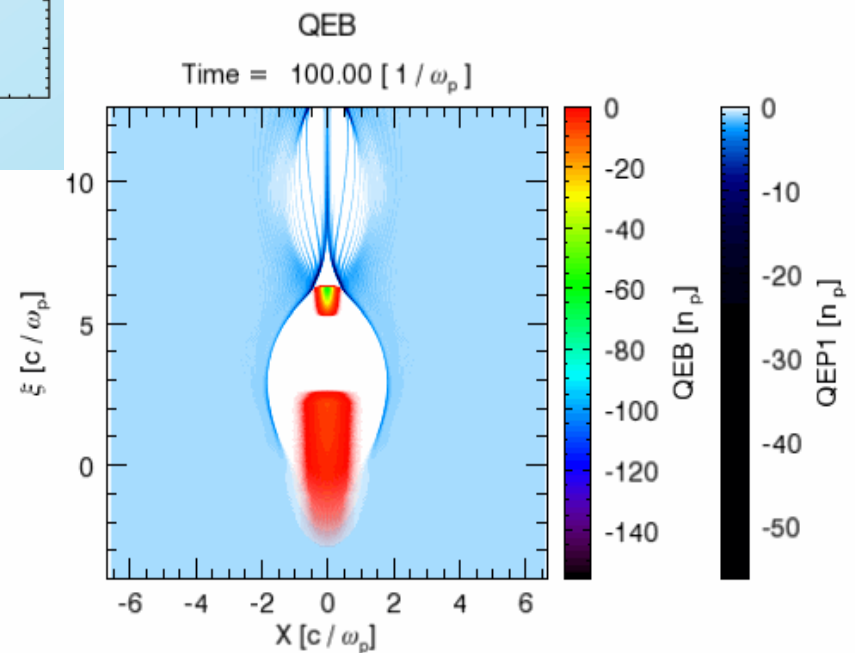
Pulse electrons



# Ideal high TR ( $\sim 3$ ) PWFA Stage for electrons



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Driver pulse	5ps
Driver charge Q1	25nC
Driver energy	2GeV
Trailer pulse	0.5ps
Trailer charge Q2	5nC
Trailer energy	2GeV
Final energy	8GeV
Average TR	3
Efficiency	$\sim 60\%$

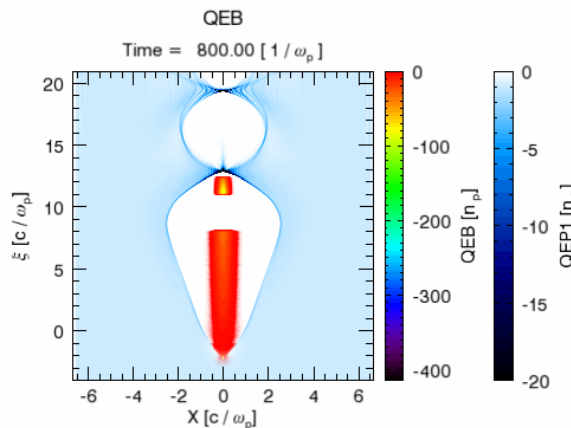
**Parameters of Stage I**



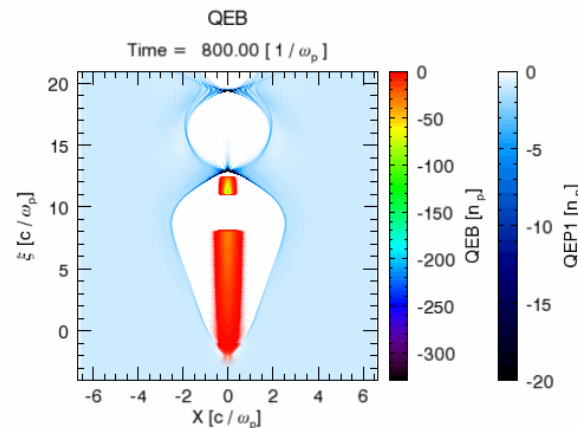
# Conceptual design 2.0 -- Single stage HTR PWFA

$E_{driver}$	10GeV
$E_{trailing}$	2GeV $\rightarrow$ 40.5GeV
TR	3.8
Energy spread	1.8%
efficiency	58.8%

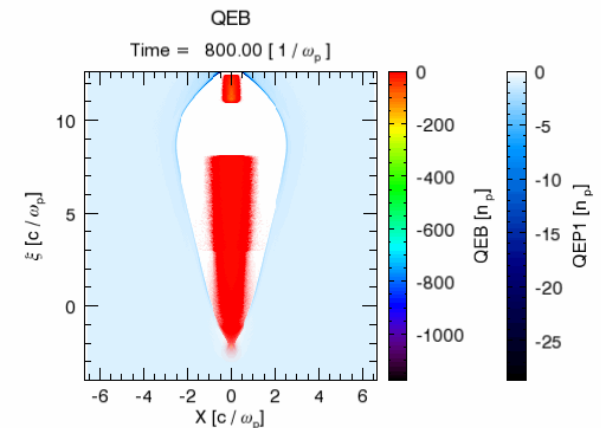
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Without tilt, perfect injection



With 1μm tilt



With 1μm tilt, wide beam

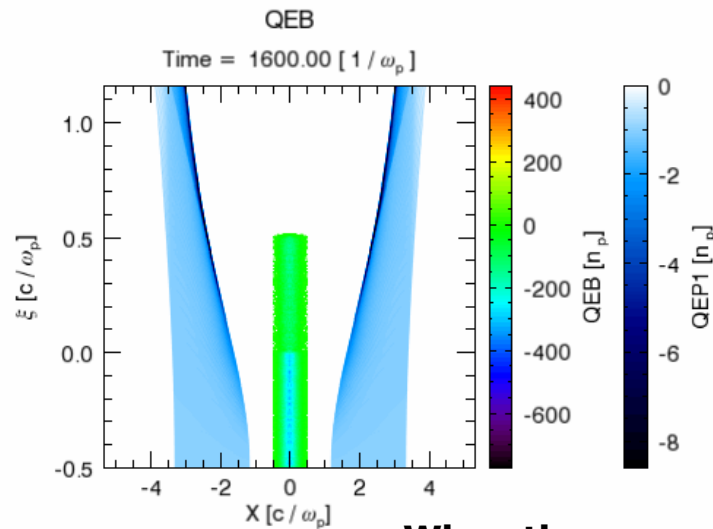




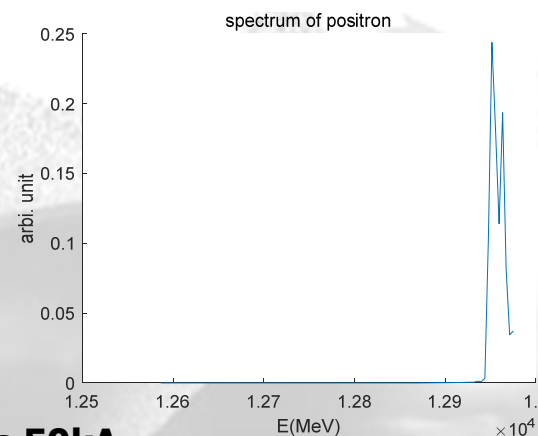
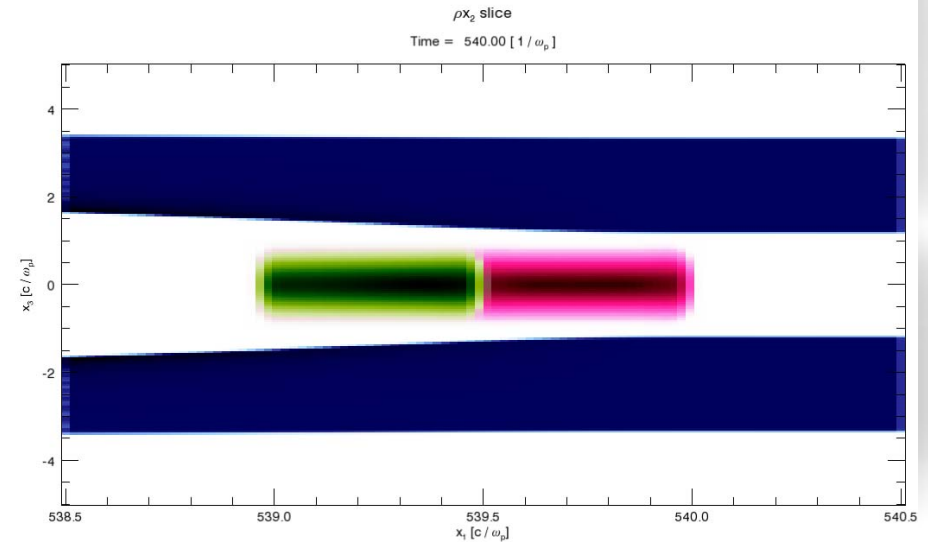
# Conceptual design ---- Positron acceleration

## Advantages

- Extremely low energy spread ( $\sim 0.1\%$ )
- Nearly 100% efficiency
- $TR = 1$  Plasma electrons
- The shortest electron + positron length



When the current is 50kA



$$E_e = 15 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_p = 3 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta E_p = 9.9 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\eta = 19\%$$

$$\frac{\delta E}{E} = 0.07\%$$



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- ***Stable e- beam and Thomson scattering X-ray generated from 20 TW laser @ IOP***
  - ✓ *Studies on ionization injection begins and will be continued (e.g. mixture gases)*
  - ✓ *Focusing Plasma mirror (plasma lens) may increase the scattering according to simulation*
  - ✓ *Try to fulfill and improve the beam measurement this year ( $Q$ ,  $\varepsilon_n$ ,  $\sigma_{x,y,z}$  etc.)*
- ***Intense X-ray even  $\gamma$ -ray radiation needs 100TW to PW laser system***
  - ✓ *Further studies on Thomson or laser-Compton scattering at SJTU and SECUF (Huairou)*
  - ✓ *Chirp-dependent LPA e- quality needs more studies (Seems good for radiation)*
- ***Hundreds J, sub-ps lasers generate extremely high  $Q$  (collimated) bunches***
  - ✓ *NCD nozzle or clusters target may also be suitable (simulation under discussion)*
  - ✓ *Measurement for ultrahigh charge and large divergence e- and X-ray need to be improved*
- ***Studies on Plasma-based acceleration as an alternative method for CEPC injector***
  - ✓ *Single-stage high TR mode (TR~4) is preferred till now*
  - ✓ *More experimental studies are needed especially on positron acceleration and cascaded acceleration*



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Lithium vapour

Wakefield  
acceleration

Plasma electrons

*Thank you !*

Ion channel

Pulse electrons

