



Compact Charged Particle Accelerator for Applications

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Laser-Plasma Acceleration vs RF Acceleration

Energy = acceleration field strength x channel length

Current ~ input power x efficiency

Conventional RF acceleration

Acceleration by a **RF field** in an acceleration tube

Acceleration field strength limited by a vacuum discharge: **< 100 MV/m**

Long channel (km) and high input power (GW)

Laser - Plasma acceleration

Acceleration by **ES field** formed in a plasma due to space charge separation induced by a laser field

Acceleration field: **>100 GV/m**

Channel length limited by a sheath length (μm)

Low input power (100 W)

Low current, but, COMPACT & Ultrashort pulse

Lab of Laser-Plasma based Radiation at KAERI

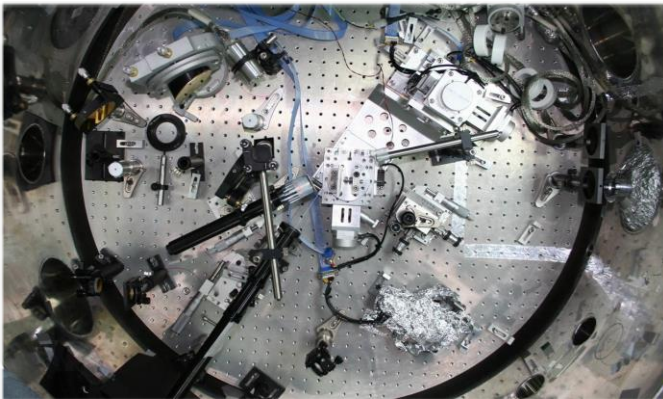
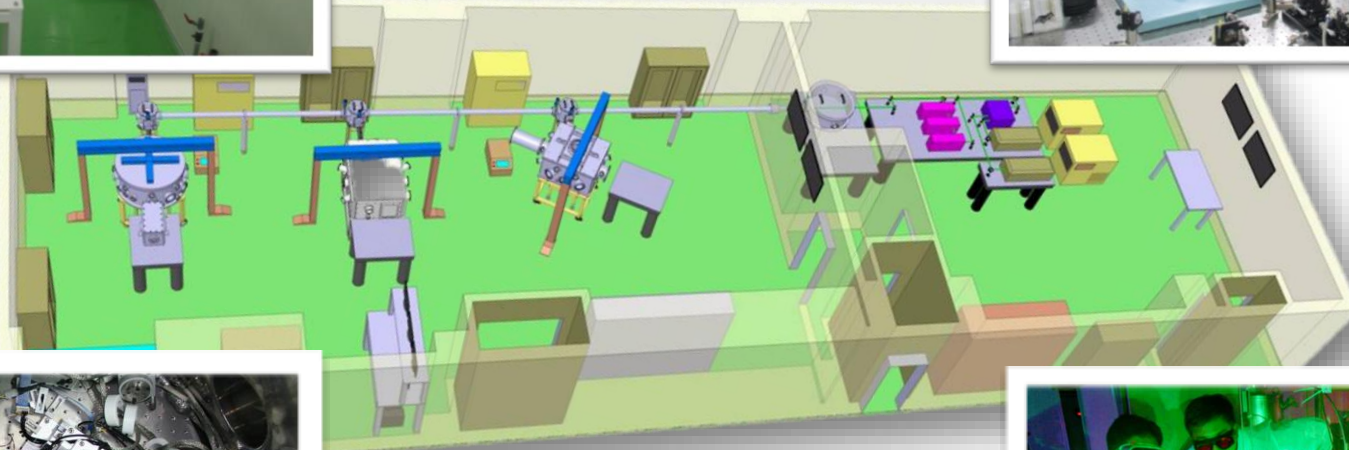
Facility on Laser Plasma-based Radiation



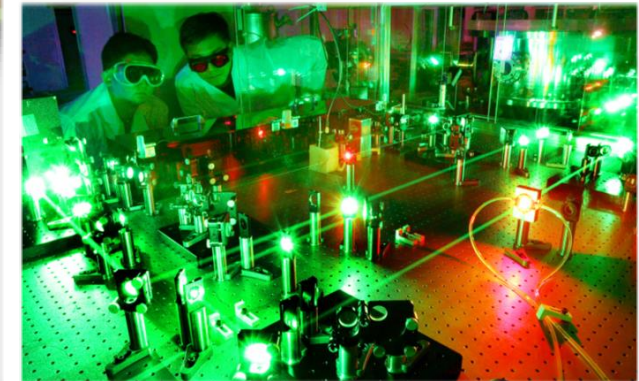
Laser acceleration Lab.



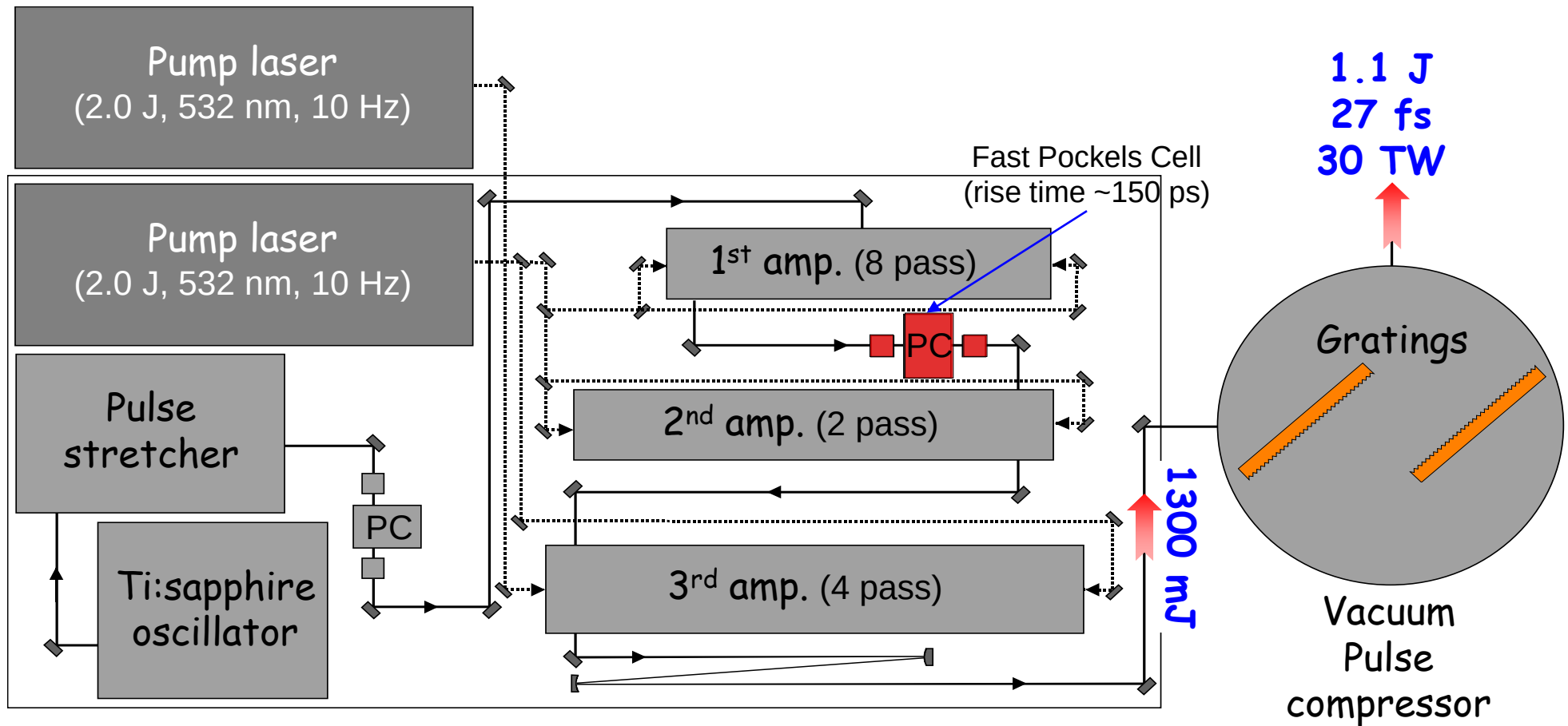
30 TW Laser Lab.



Laser Electron Accelerator
Laser Proton Accelerator
Laser Plasma-based X-ray laser

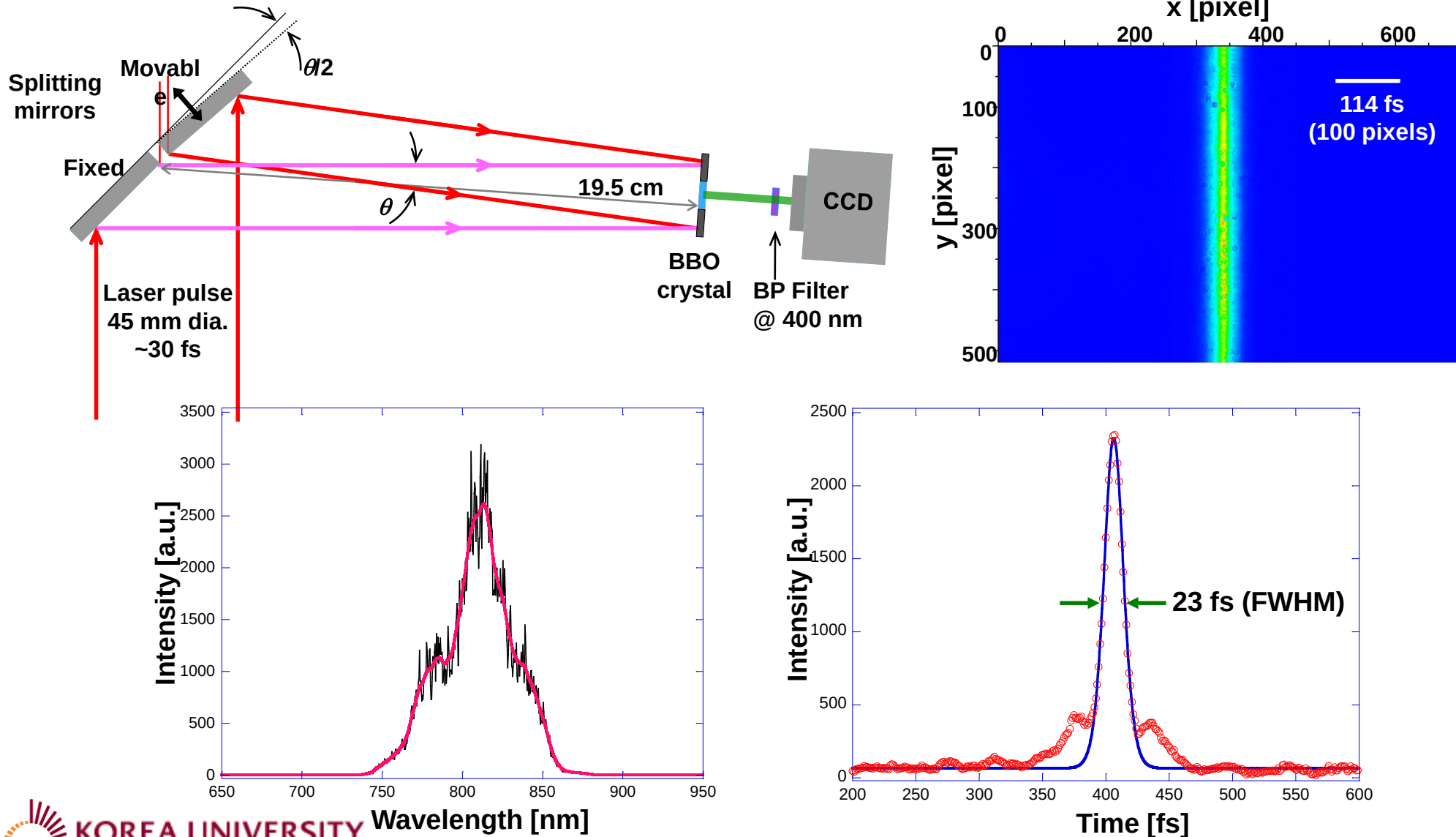


30 TW Ti:Sapphire Laser at KAERI



- Main pulse: 10 TW/ 30 TW
- ASE ratio : 10^{-7} - 10^{-8} in 200-300 psec
 $<10^{-10}$ over nsec

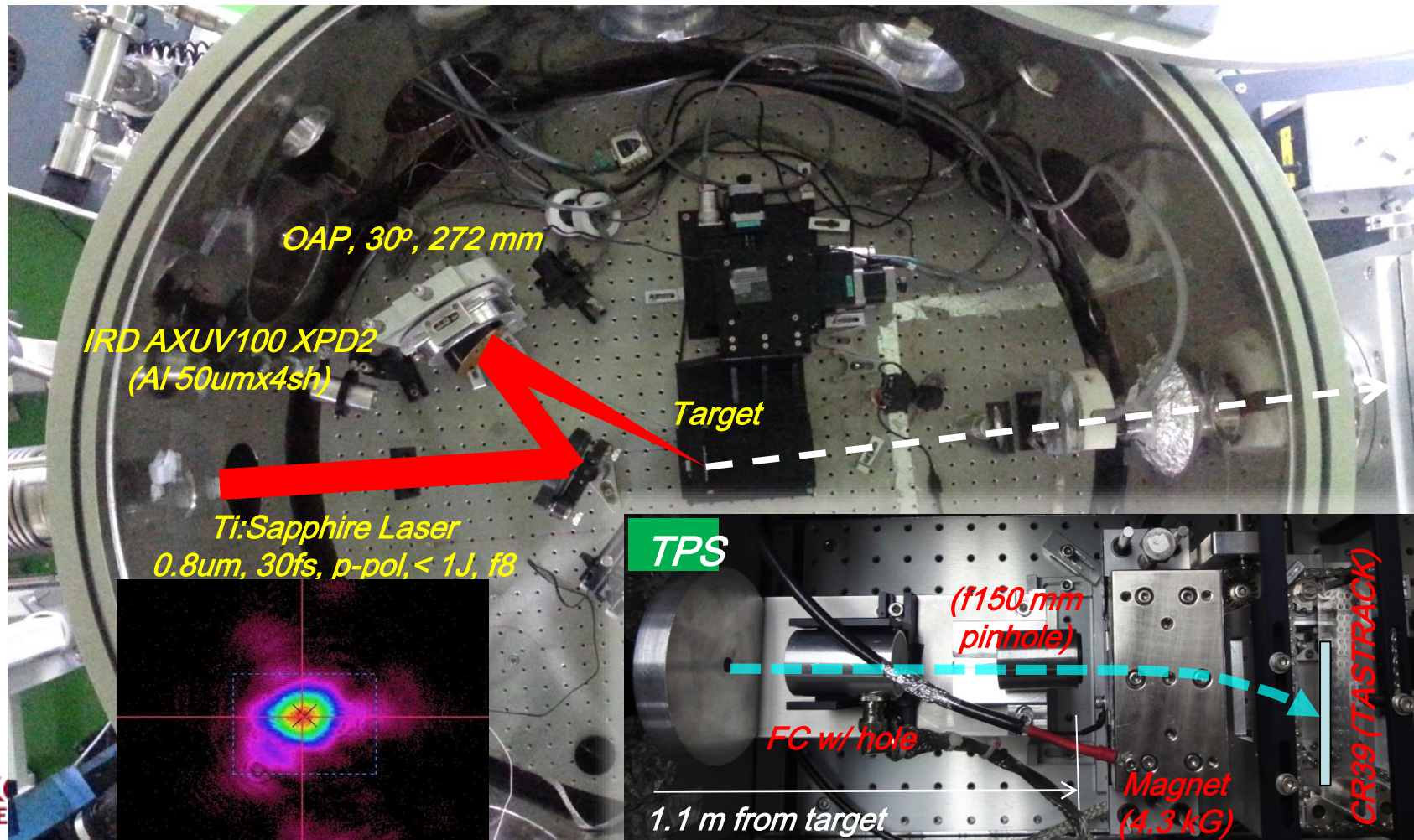
KAERI TW Laser: Temporal/Spatial width & ASE



Laser-Plasma Proton Acceleration

Conversion Efficiency

→ ILEA target – New Acceleration Scheme

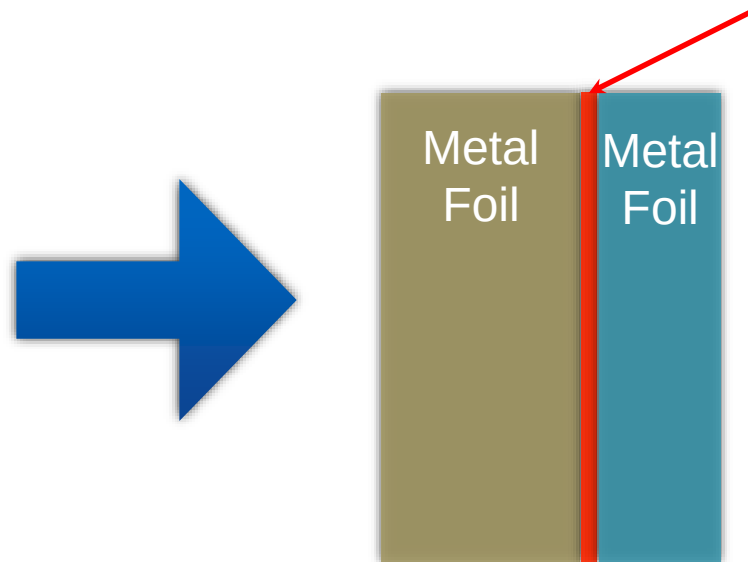


Ion Acceleration: ILEF Target

K. N. Kim et al., POP 23, 033119 (2016)

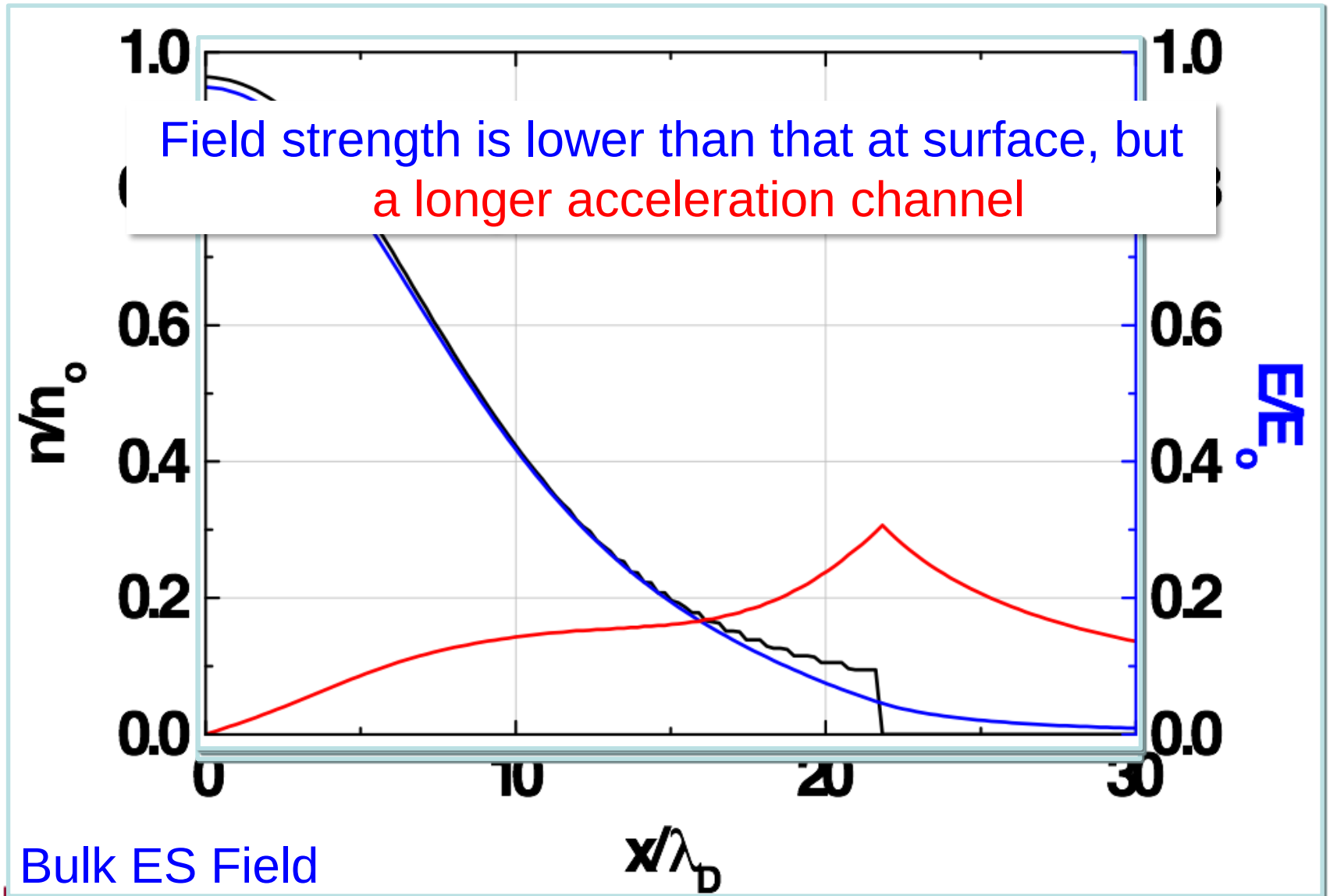
Single Layer Embedded Foil

Ion Source



Ion Acceleration: ILEF Target – 1D fluid simulation

$$\omega t = 0$$



Ion Acceleration: ILEF Target – 2D PIC simulation

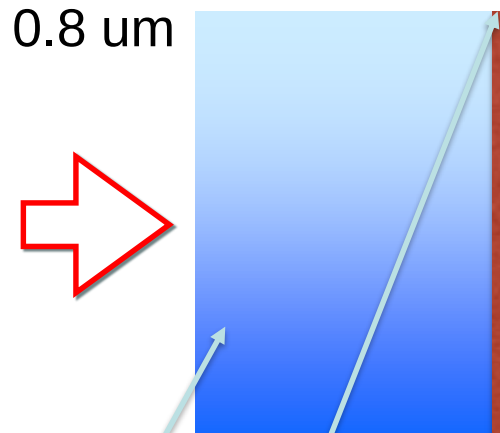
Energy Spectrum
on *layer position*

$2 \times 10^{19} \text{ W/cm}^2$

27 fs

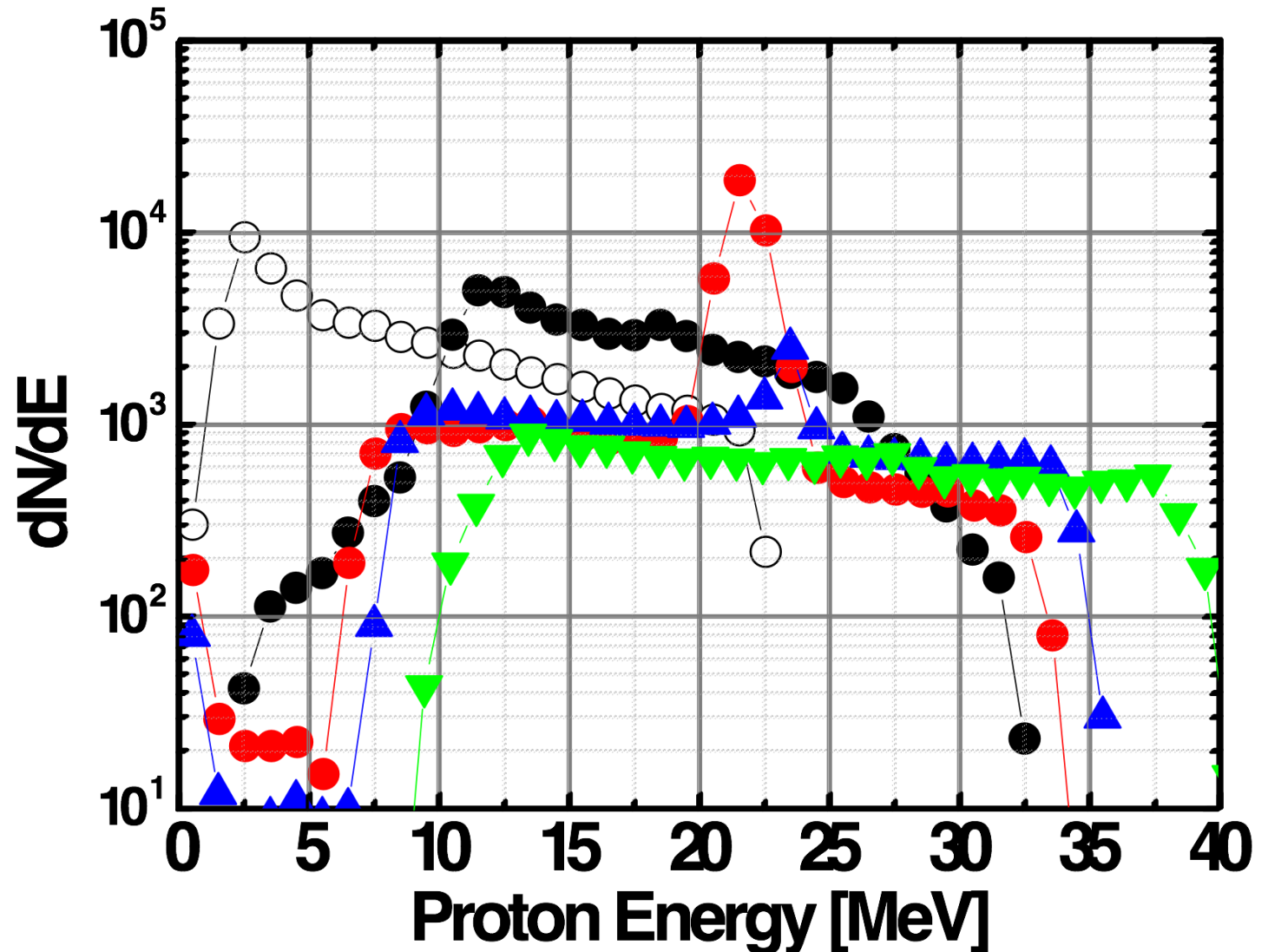
0.8 μm

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Cu 3+, 2.4 μm

Proton Layer 30 nm



Neutron Generation

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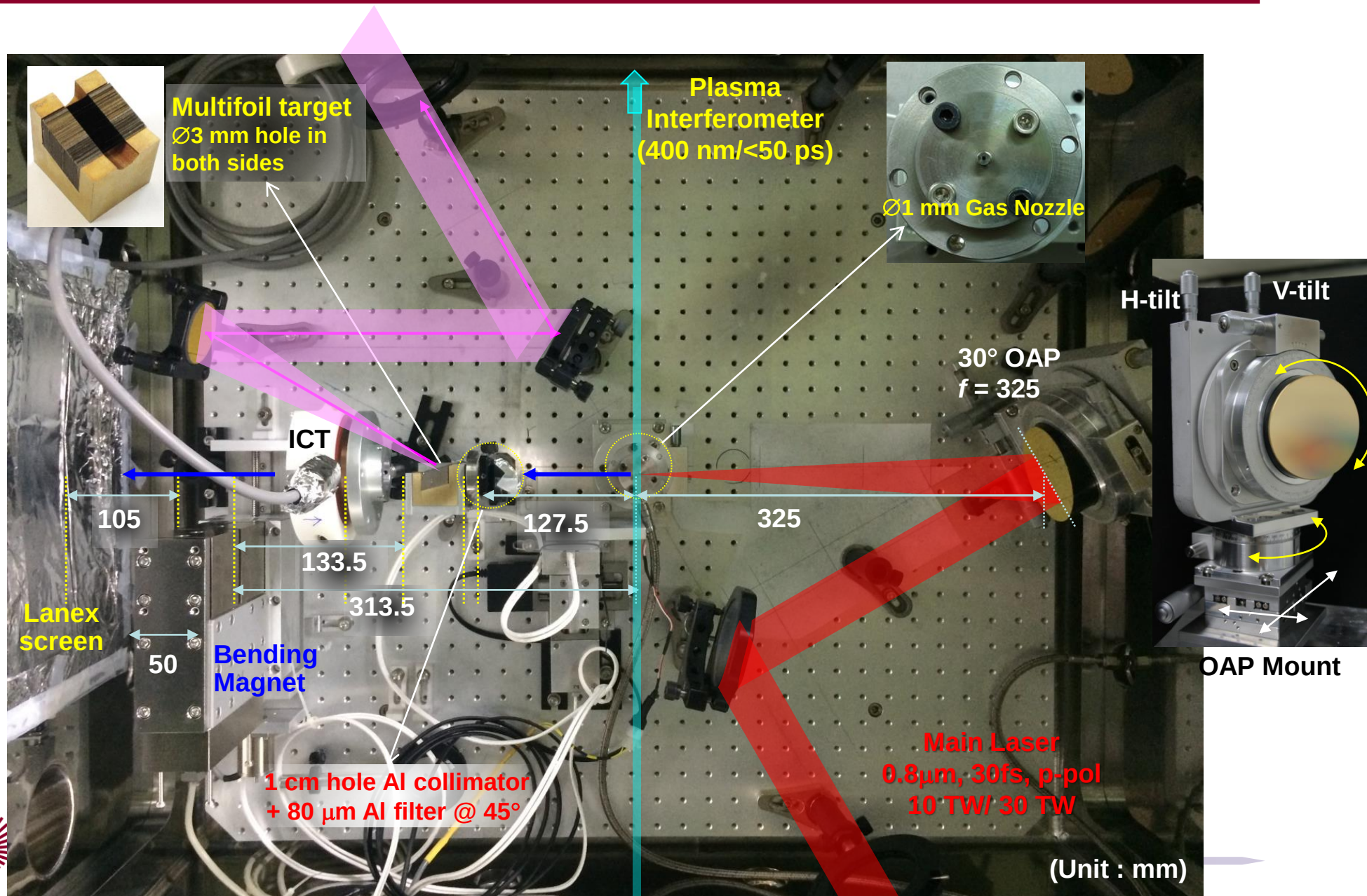
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Neutron Flux from different targets

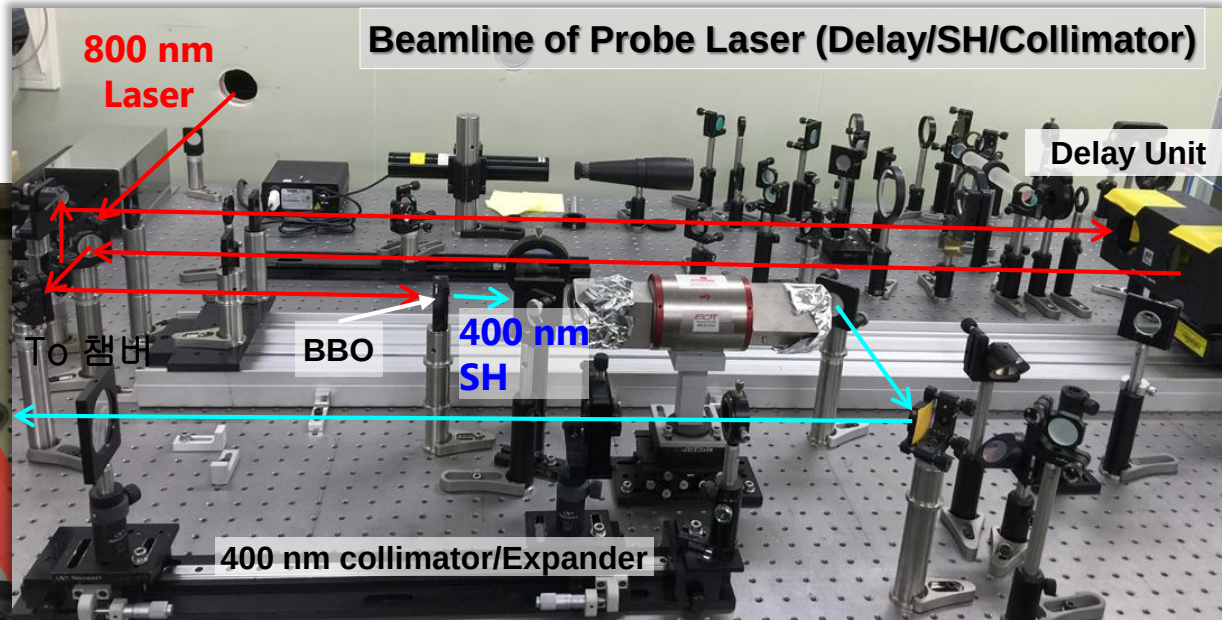
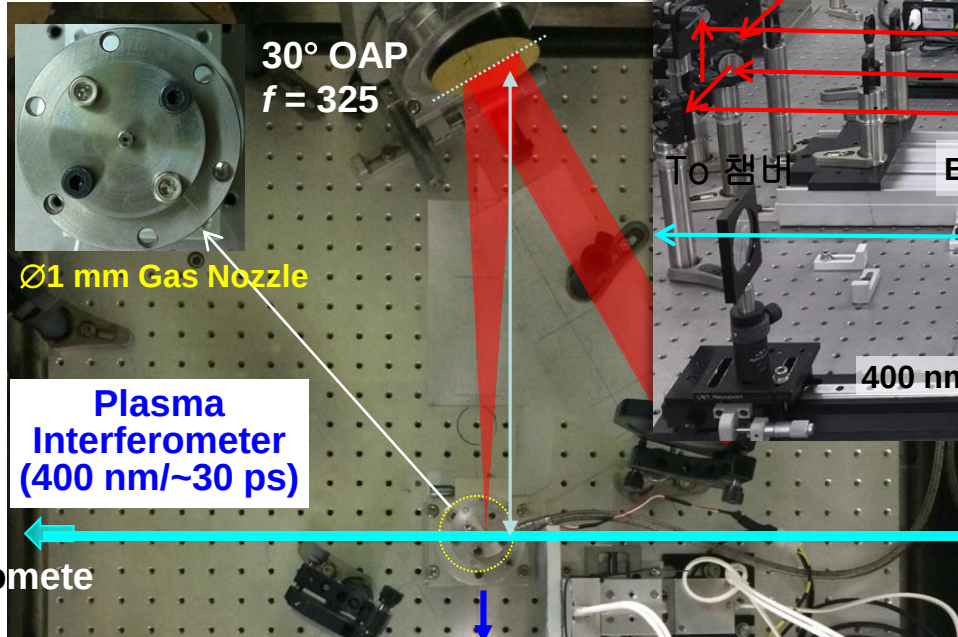
Isotope	Threshold energy [MeV]	Accelerated energy [MeV]	Neutron yield [#/sec/mA]	Maximum n energy [MeV]	Target
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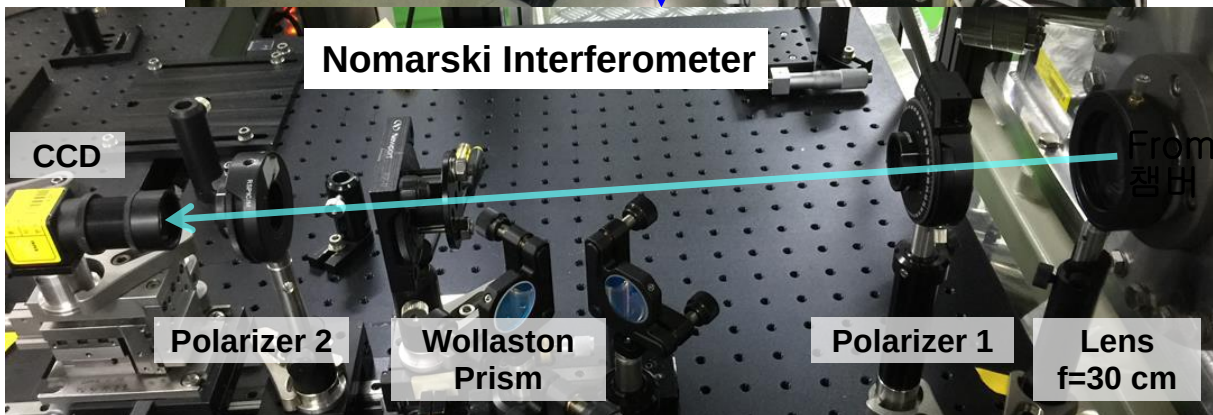
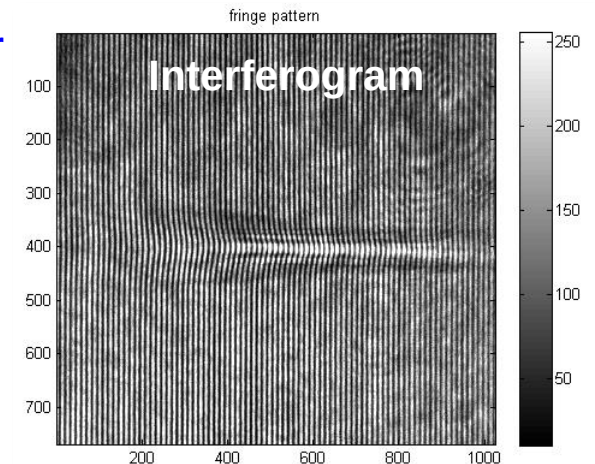


Plasma Diagnostics : Nomarski Interferometer

Circular target
Main Laser
0.8 μ m, 30fs
p-pol, 30 TW

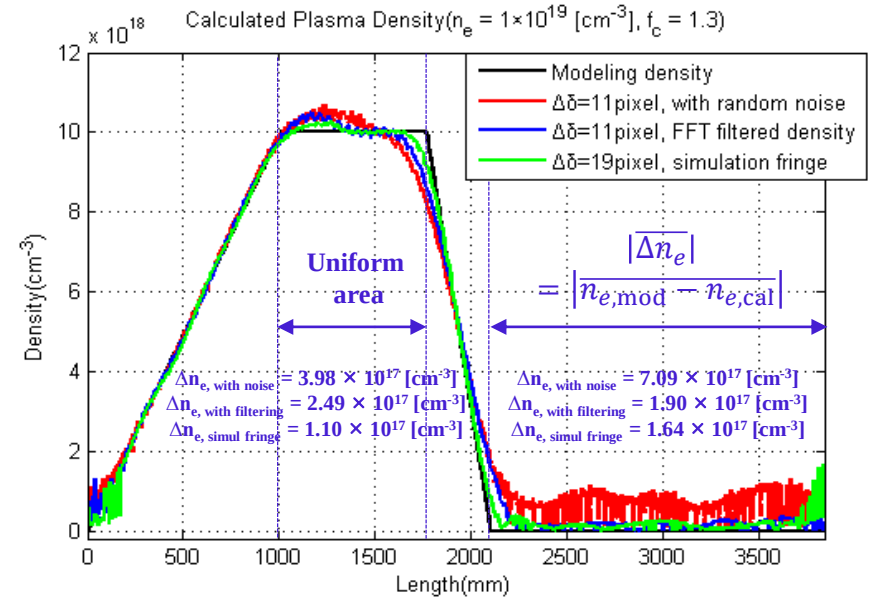


Probe Laser



Plasma Density : Nomarski interferometer

Line-profile of calculated plasma densities

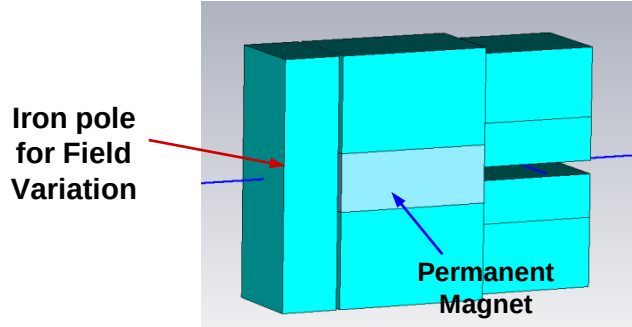


Optimal condition of plasma density calculation

	Distance (x_p , [mm])	Fringe spacing ([pixel])	Center frequency (f_c)	Wavelet scale	Error(%) (Uniform)
With noise	$x_1 = 60$, $x_2 = 240$	11 (42.64 [μm])	1.3	35	3.98
FFT filtering					2.49
Modified fringe	$x_1 = 40$, $x_2 = 260$	19 (69.29 [μm])	1.3	35	1.10

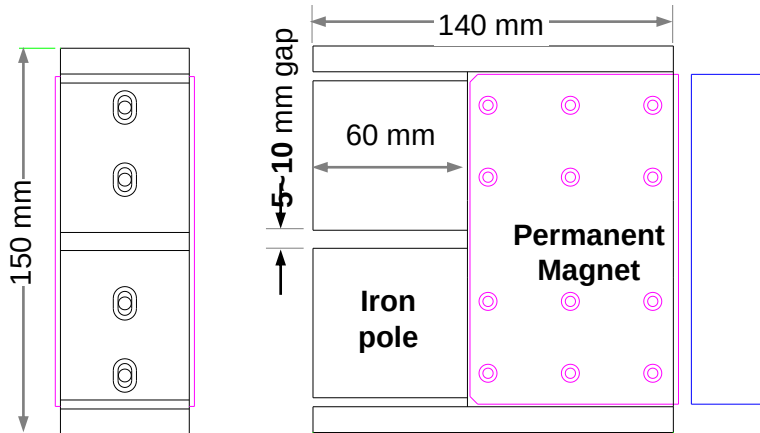
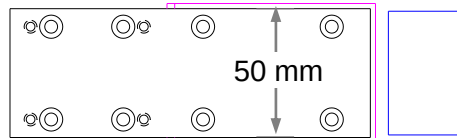
Energy spectrometer : Bending magnet

B-field Area: 60x50x10c :



Top View

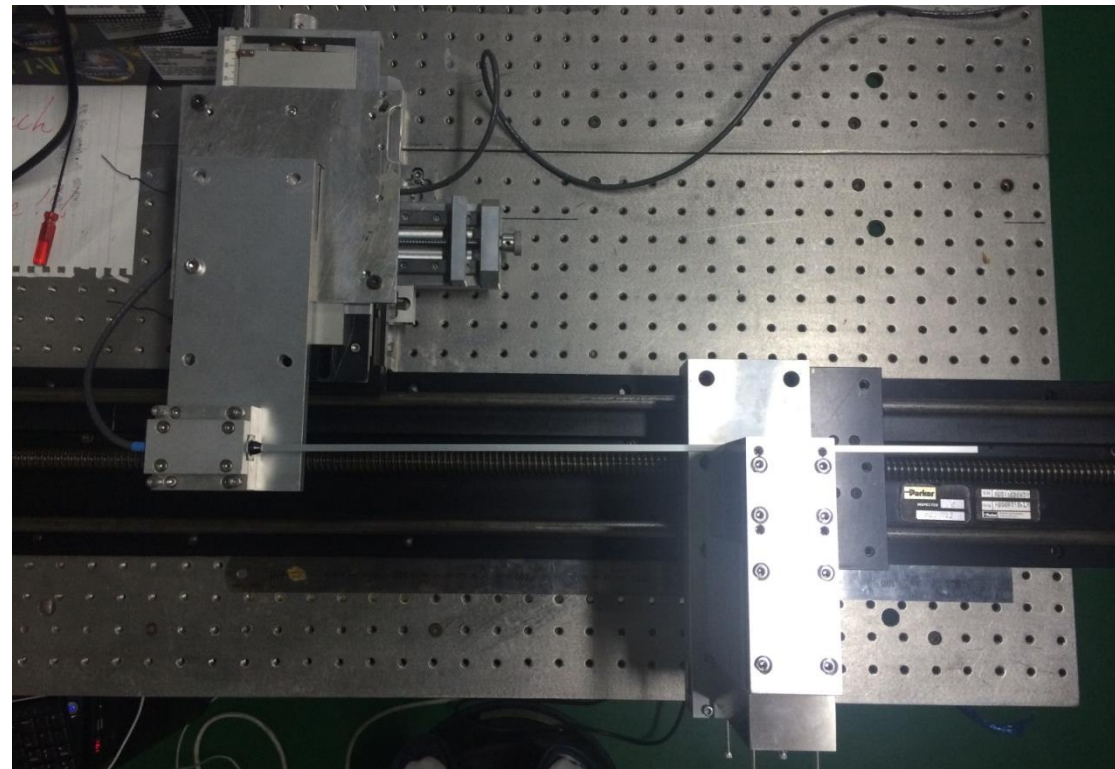
Gap : 5~10 mm
Area : 60x50 mm²
B field : 0.3~0.8
Tesla



Side View

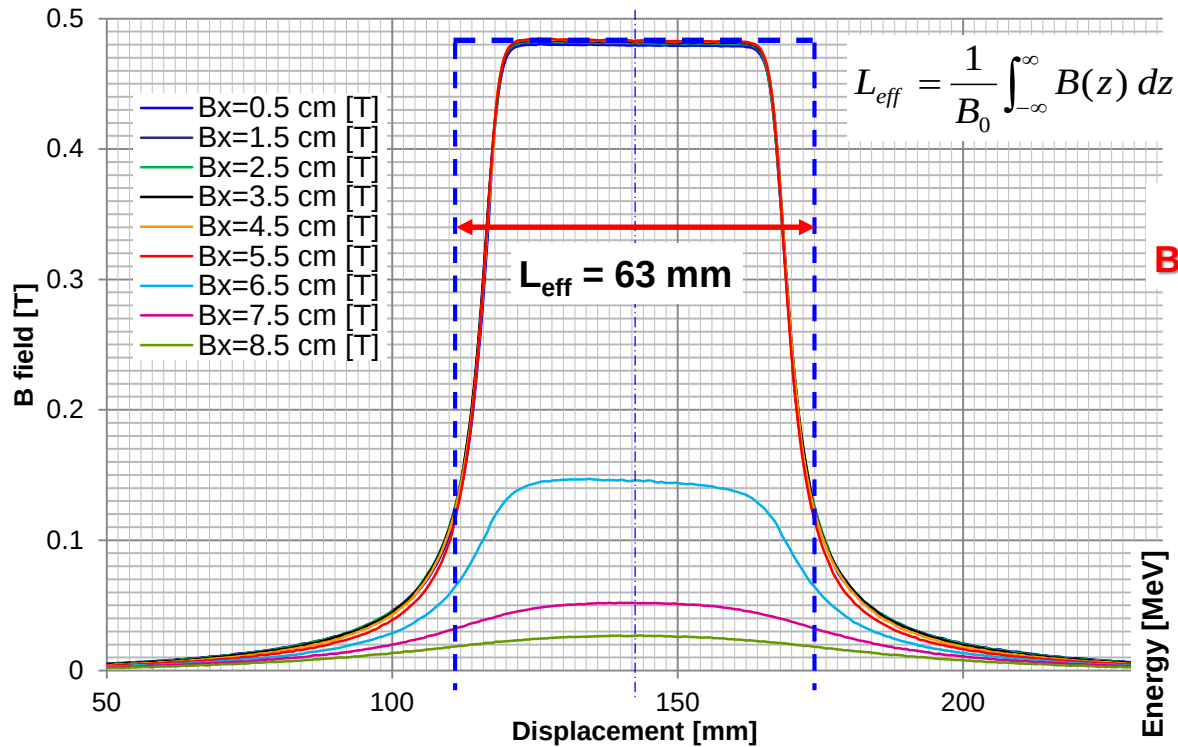
Front View

B Field Measurement Set-up



Energy spectrometer : B_0 & L_{eff} :, E_e vs x

B field
at $y=0$ (the center plane of the gap)



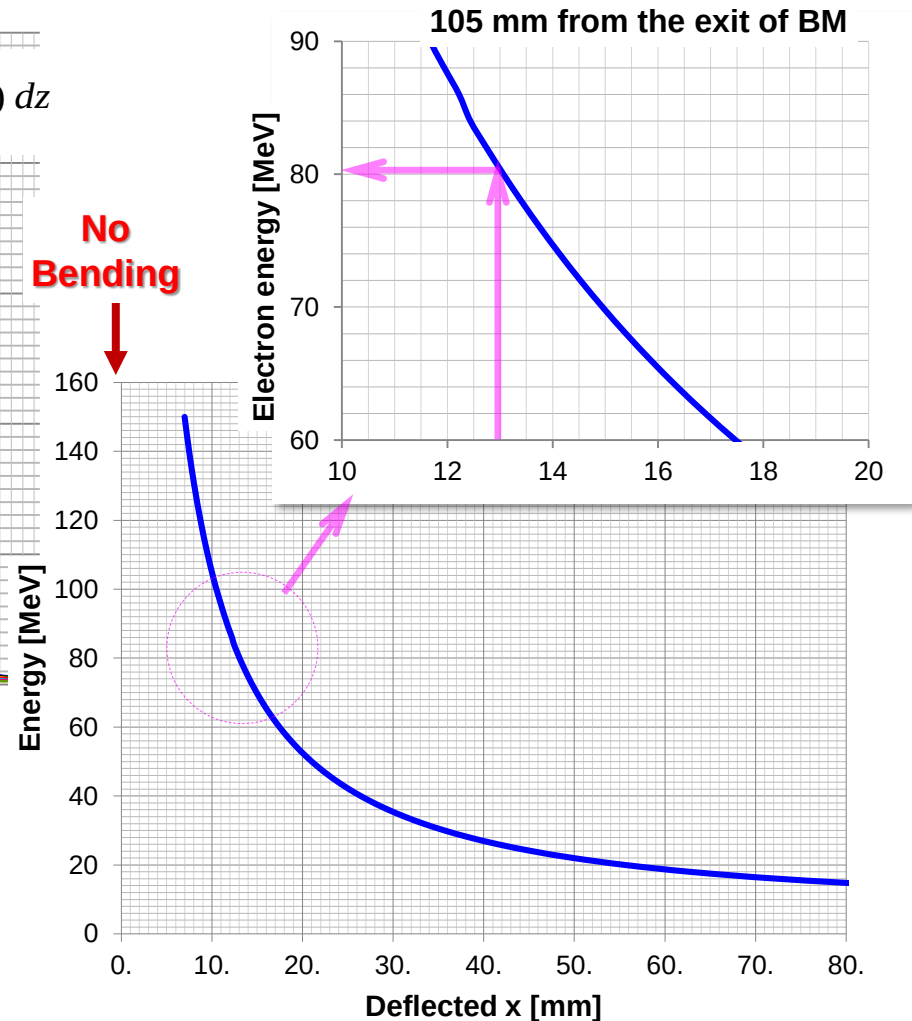
$$B_0 = 0.483 \text{ T} \pm 0.0015$$

$$L_{\text{eff}} = 63 \text{ mm}$$

$$E_e = 70 \text{ MeV for } x = 14.95 \text{ mm}$$

$$\rightarrow E_e = 80 \text{ MeV for } x = 13.06 \text{ mm}$$

Electron energy vs. deflected x on Screen



Gas & Metallic target

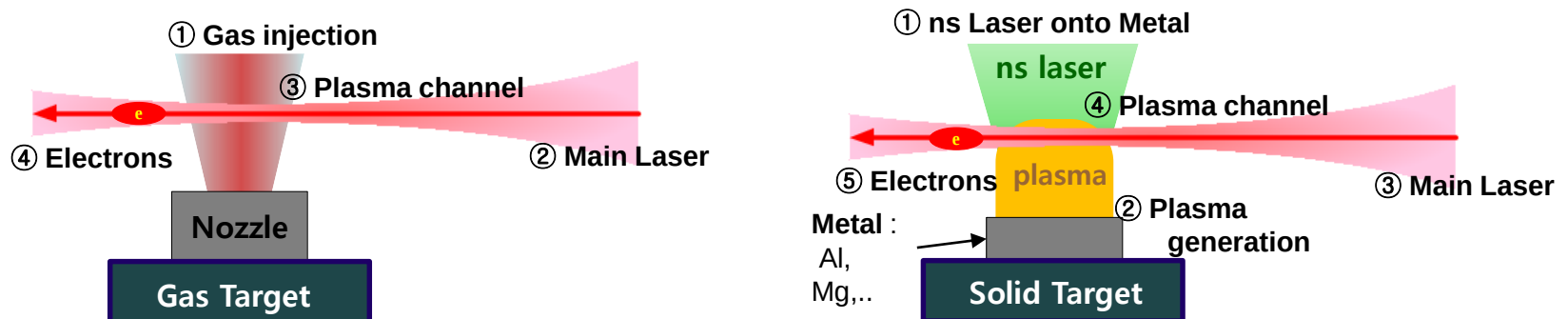
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Interaction Process for different targets



Laser-Plasma Electron Acceleration : He gas

Parameters of Laser accelerated Electron Beam

Laser : 20 TW, 27 fs, 800 nm ($\phi 40$ mm)

Focal spot : $9.0 \mu\text{m}_{\text{FWHM}}$,

Rayleigh range : $Z_R \sim 170 \mu\text{m}$

Gas jet target : He, 1 mm dia. nozzle,
distance from nozzle $\Delta l = 4$ mm
650 psi backing pressure

Plasma: density $n \sim < 1 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

wavelength $\lambda_p \sim 8.5 \mu\text{m}$

dephasing length, $\lambda_{\text{deph}} \sim 800 \mu\text{m}$

Electron beam:

Energy : $\sim 62 \text{ MeV}$

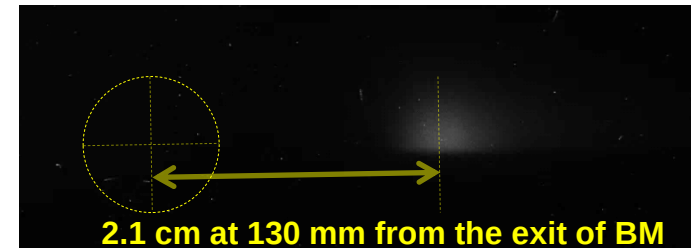
Energy spread : $\sim 23\%$

Charge : $< 200 \text{ pC}$

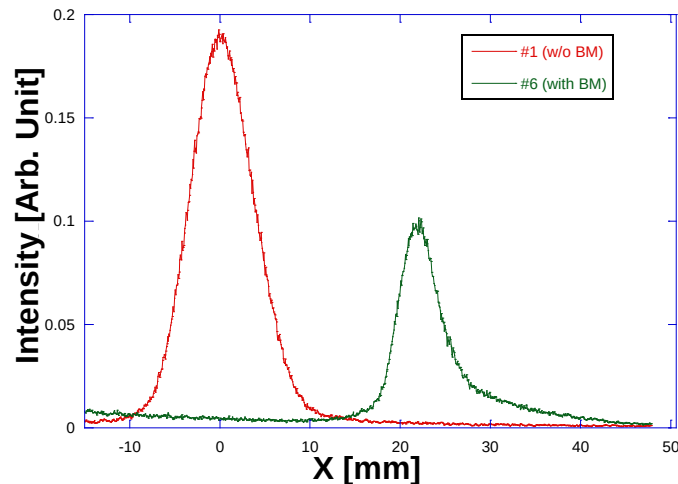
Divergence : $\sim 4 \text{ mrad}$

Images in Lanex screen

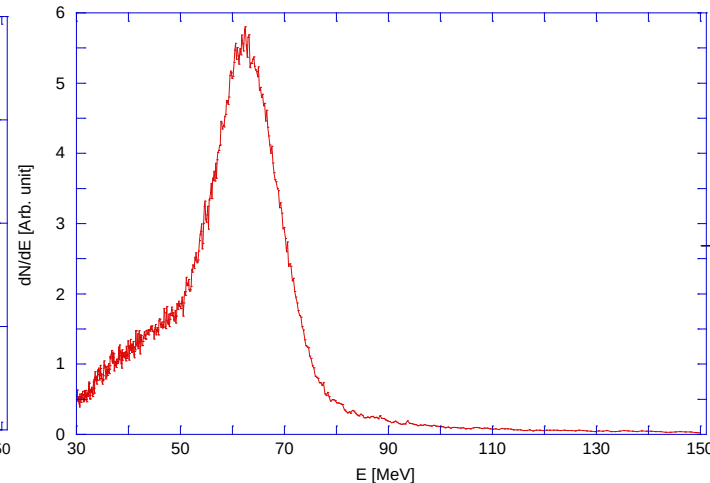
Electron beam density w/o BM



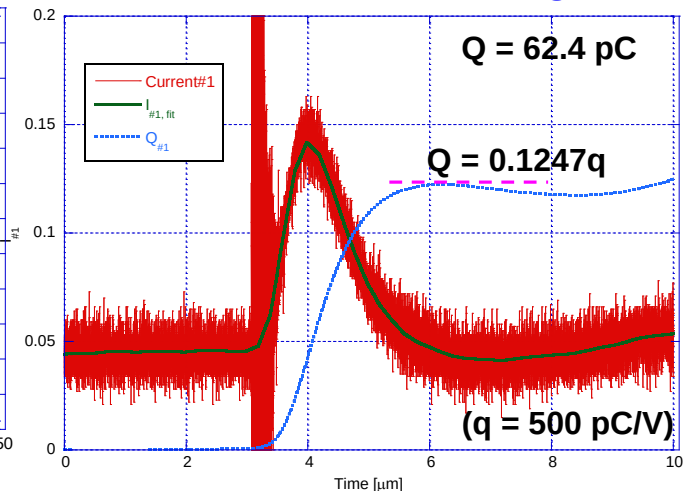
Density distribution



Energy Spectrum



Electron Beam Charge



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Rayleigh range : $Z_R \sim 170 \mu\text{m}$

Gas jet target: He, 2x3 mm rectangular nozzle,

distance from nozzle $\Delta l = 4$ mm

900 psi backing pressure

Plasma: density $n \sim 1 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

wavelength $\lambda_p \sim 8.5 \mu\text{m}$

dephasing length, $\lambda_{\text{deph}} \sim 1$ mm

Electron beam:

Energy : ~ 110 MeV

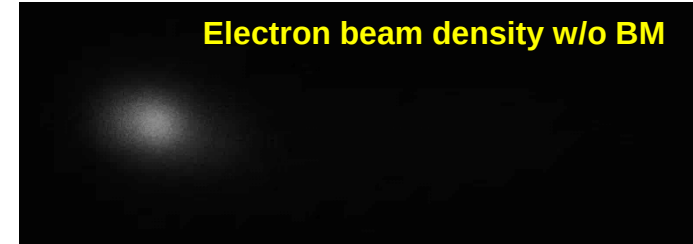
Energy spread : $\sim 30\%$

Charge : ~ 50 pC

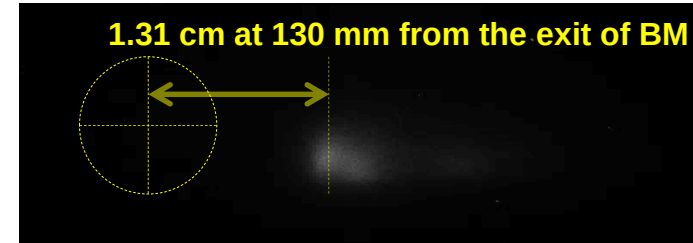
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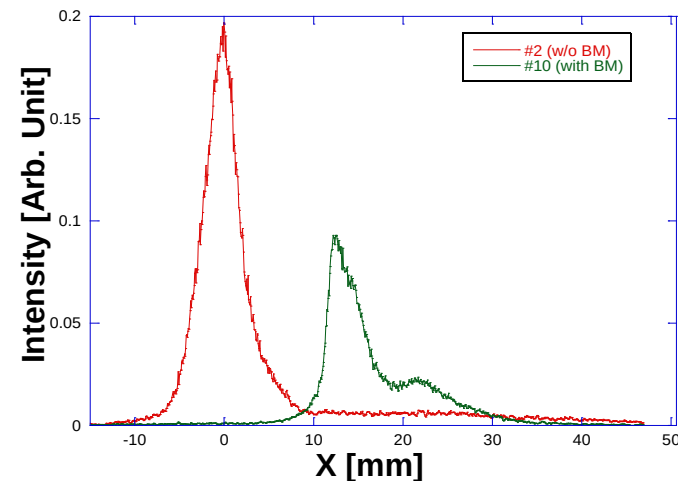
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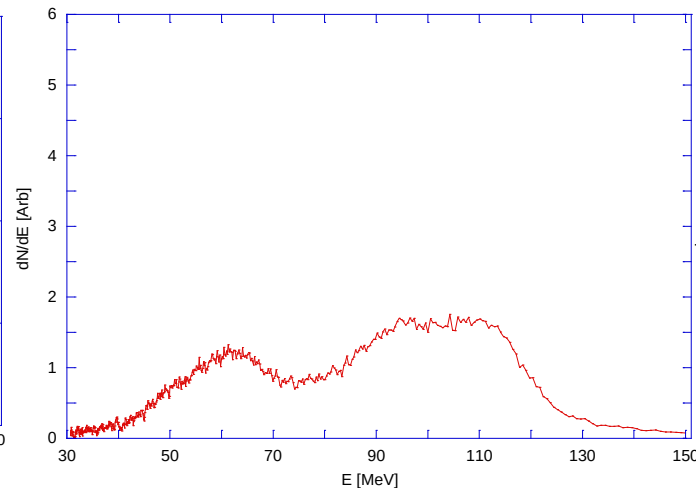
1.31 cm at 130 mm from the exit of BM



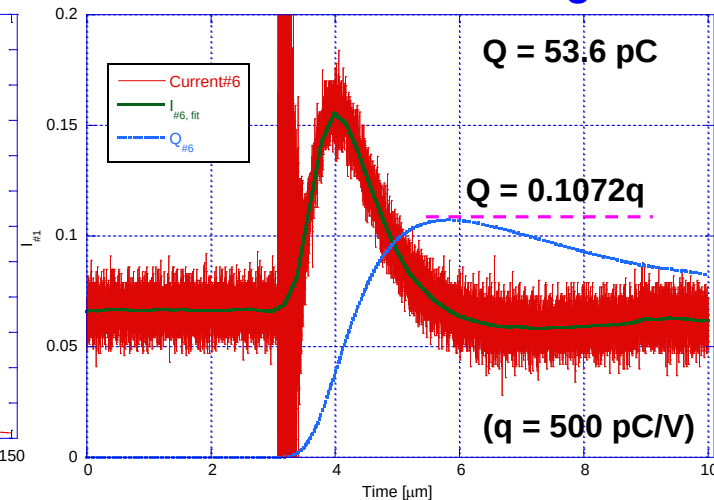
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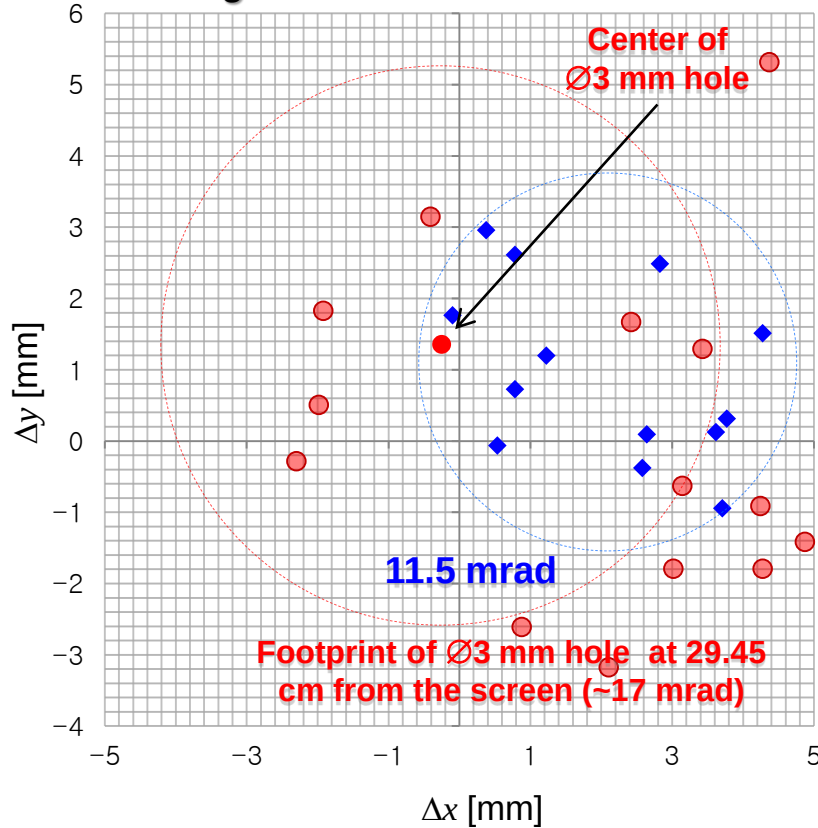


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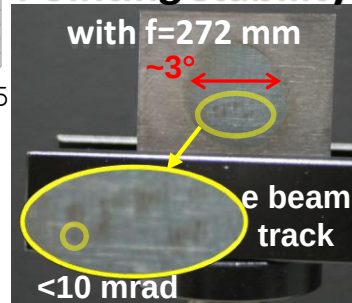
Shot-to-Shot Variation : Pointing Jitter

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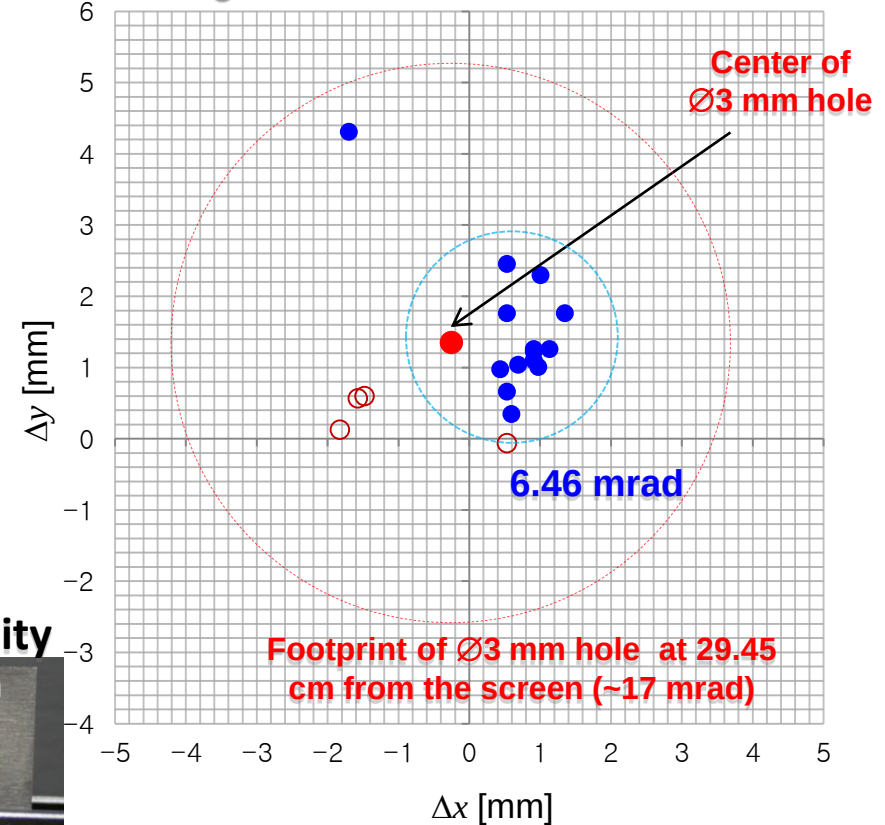


Alignment laser position : (0, 0)
Open red circle at $h = 3.0$ mm
Solid blue disk at $h = 3.0$ mm

Pointing stability



Pointing Jitters at 47 cm from the nozzle



Alignment laser position : (0, 0)
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Solid blue disk at $h = 4.0$ mm

Laser Pointing & Power jitter $\rightarrow$ Peak energy jitter in electron beam $\rightarrow$ More reduction needed!

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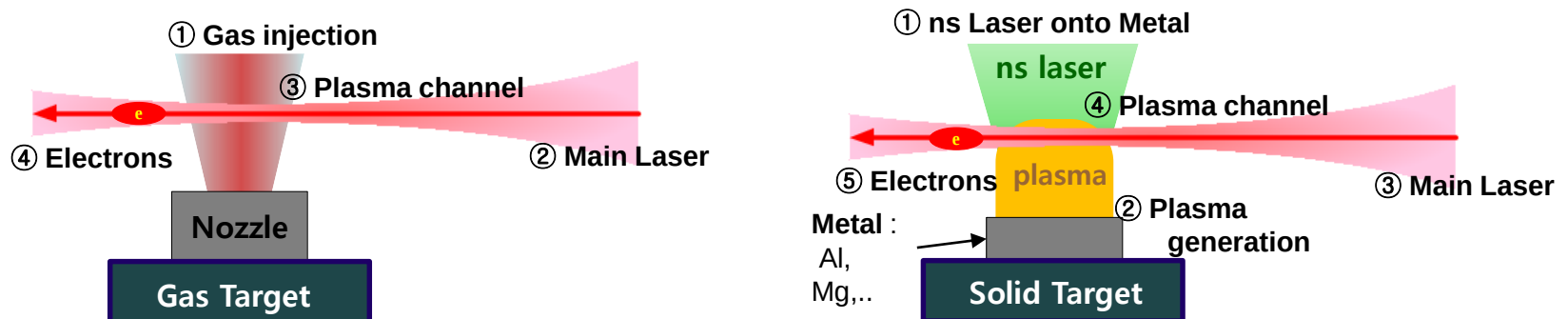
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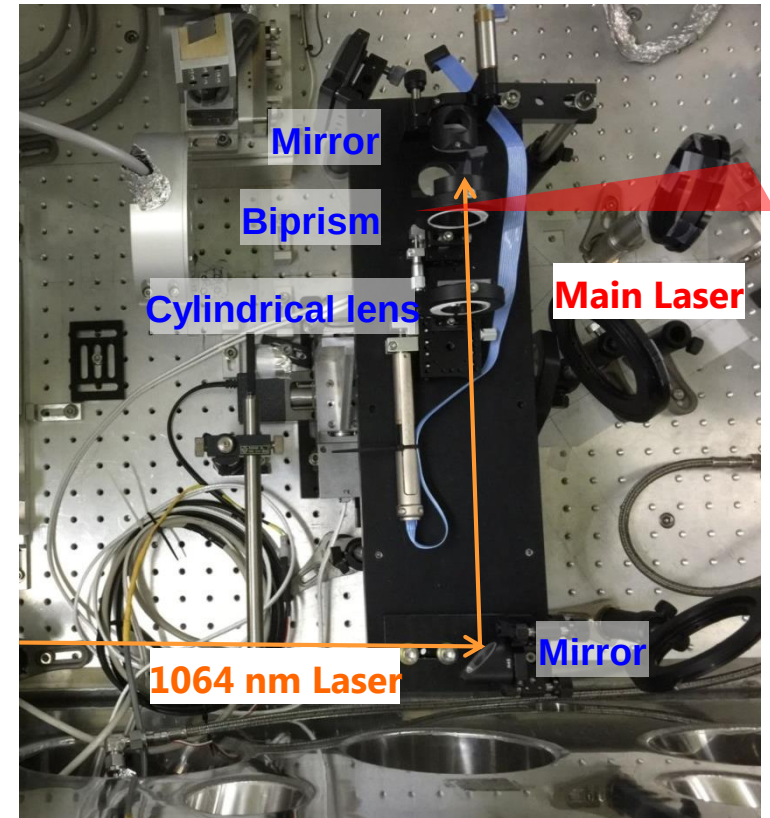
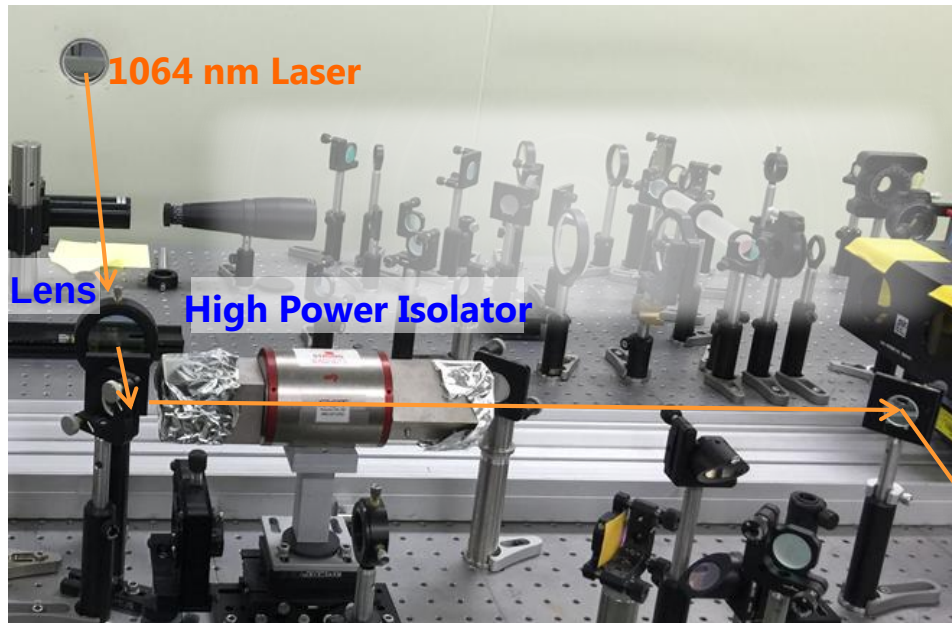
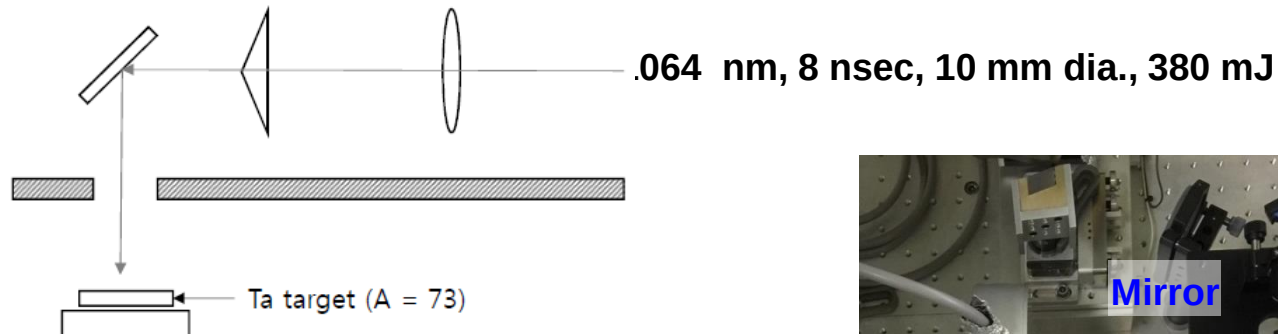
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IR Beamline for Metallic Plasma

H.P. IR Laser Beamline for Metallic Plasma Generation



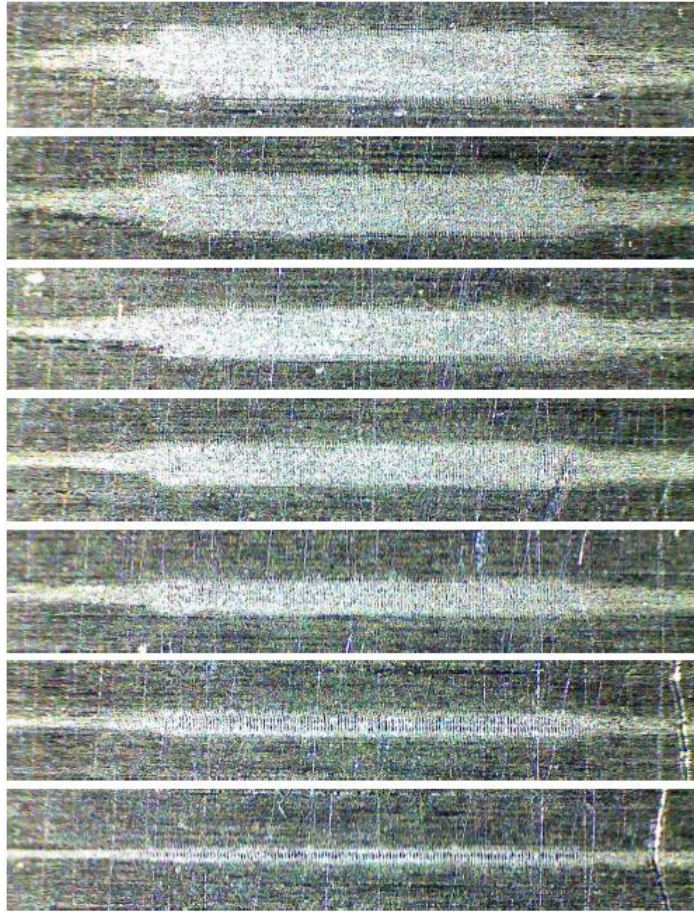
ns Nd:YAG Laser Beamline for Metallic Plasma

Laser Beam Shaping Optics

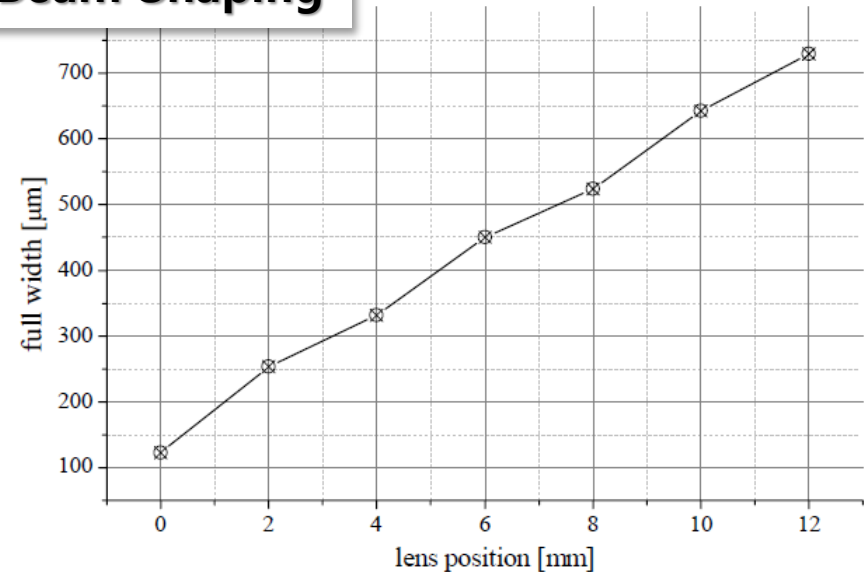
Laser Beam Shaping and Plasma Density

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Pre-Plasma Analysis depending to Laser Beam Shaping



Variation of Laser Beam Shape at the metal surface



Laser Beam Size vs Position of Focal Point

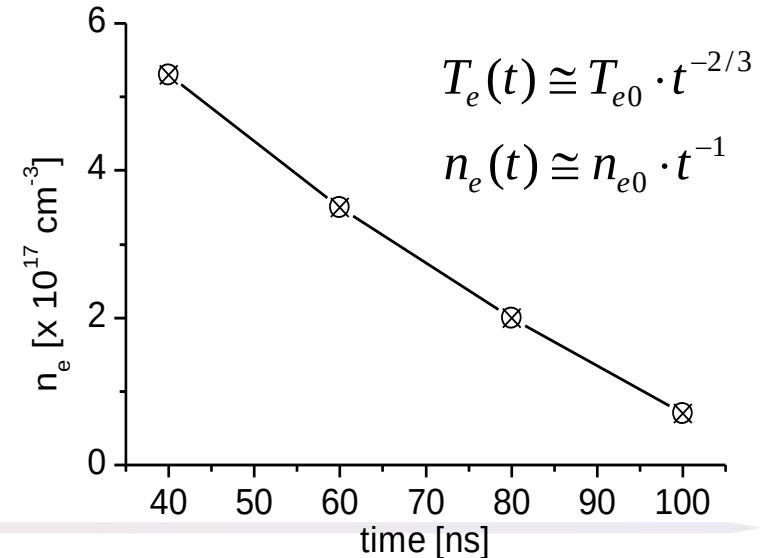
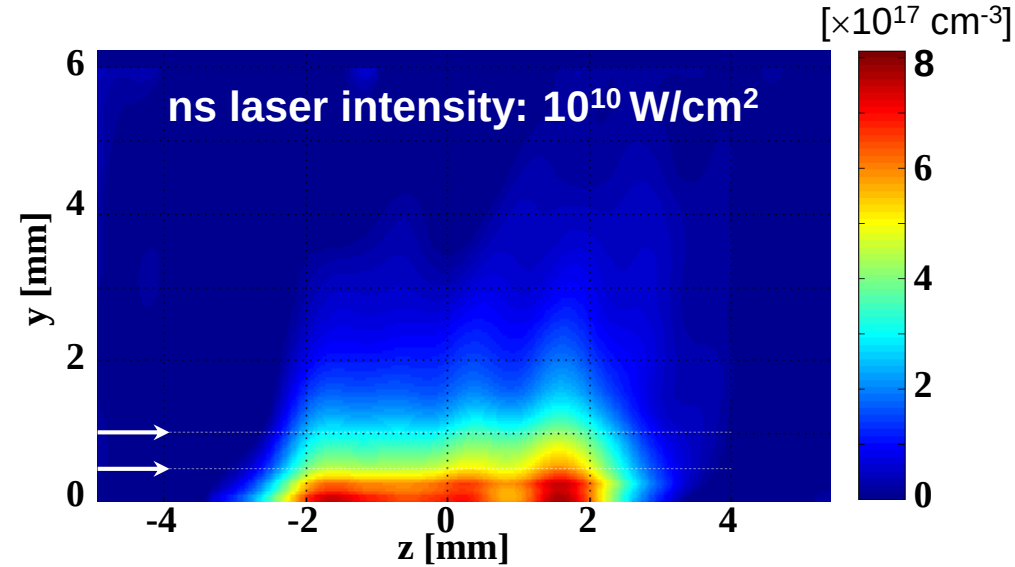
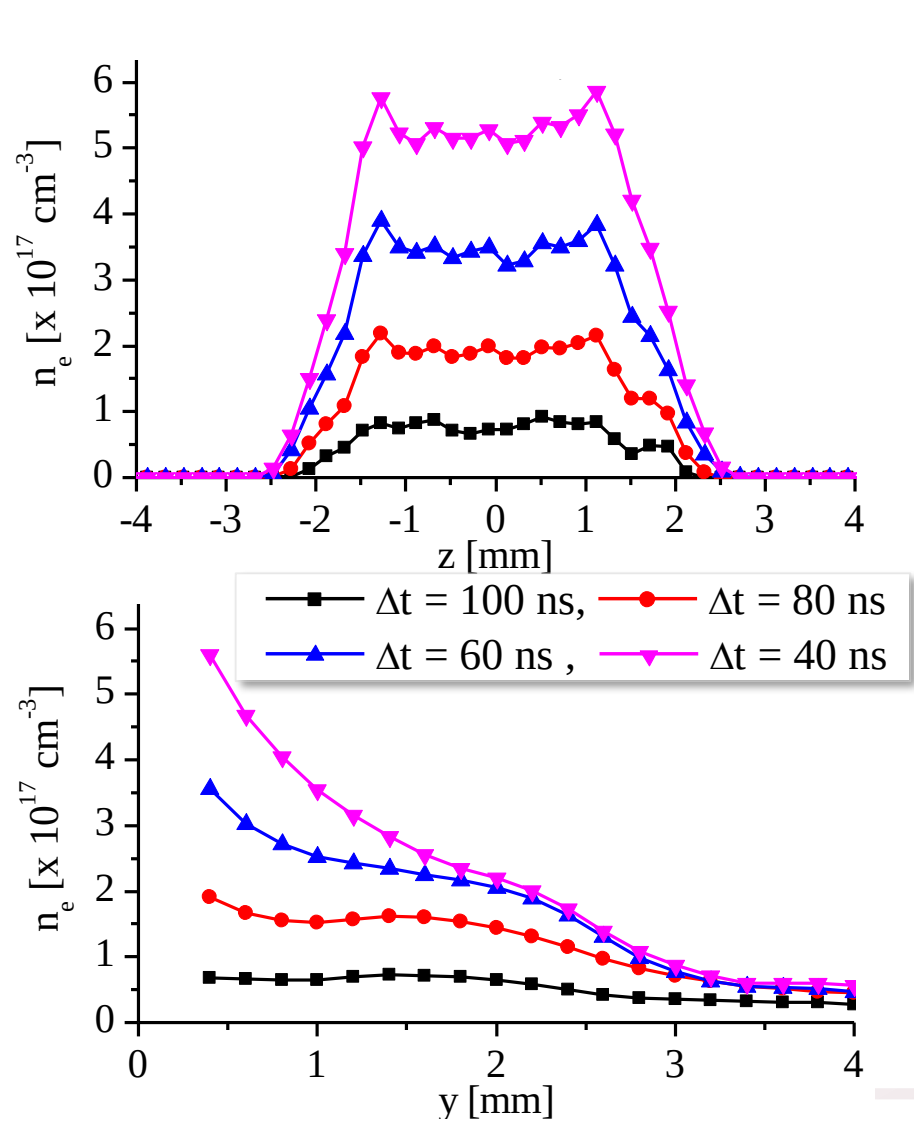
Density of Pre-plasma depending on the Beam size

Lens [mm]	Line width [μm]	Phase at 0.65 mm	Density @0.65 mm (x10 ¹⁷ cm ⁻³)
0	122	0.57	2.5
2	253	1.65	7.2
4	332	1.38	6.0
6	450	1.85	8.1
8	524	2.80	12
10	642	4.33	19
12	730	4.2	18

Plasma Density : Al target

J. Kim (KERI)

Control of Plasma density: Laser Intensity, Time delay, Distance from the target surface



Applications : Radiotherapy

Gamma/X-ray radiotherapy : 6 - 18 MV photons

- Widely used
- Multiple-angle irradiation

Low energy electron radiotherapy : 5 - 20 MeV electrons

- Superficial tumour , skin cancers
- Well-defined cut-off point in a few cm

Hadron therapy : 100 – 300 MeV/u protons, heavy ions

- Well-defined cut-off range in matter
- Spread-out Bragg peaks

High Energy Electron Beam Therapy : 50 – 250 MeV Electrons

- Reach to deep-seated tumour
- High dose rate (compared to photons) : VHEE vs. VMRT
- More reliable beam delivery around inhomogeneous media
- Multiple-angle irradiation

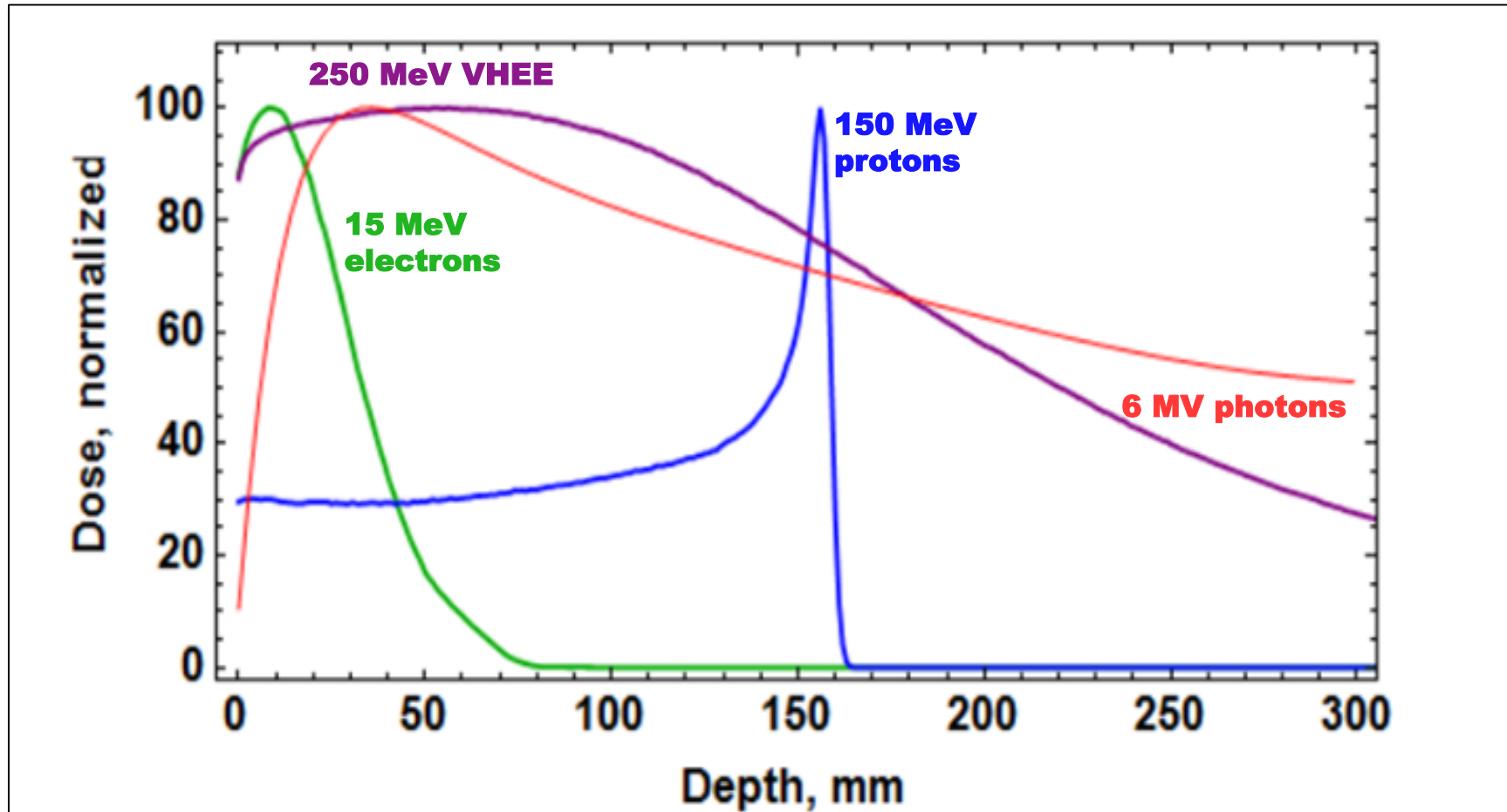
Boron Neutron Capture Therapy: Epithermal neutrons + Boron : Proton → Neutron

- Head and neck tumour, Brain,

Absorbed dose along penetration depth

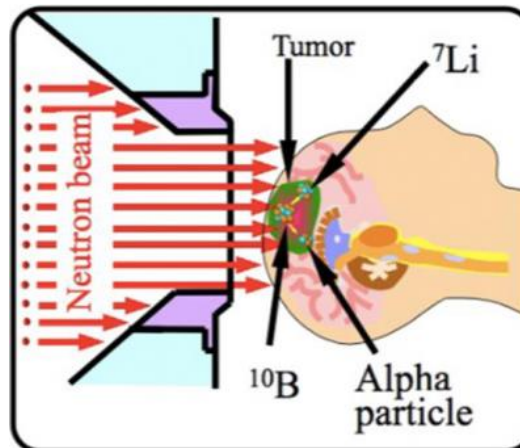
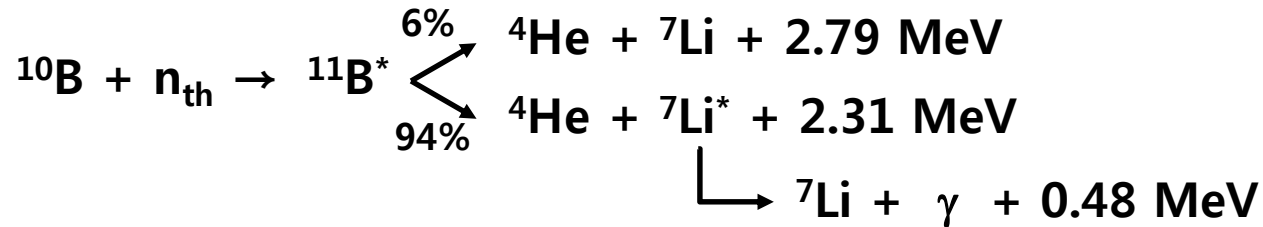
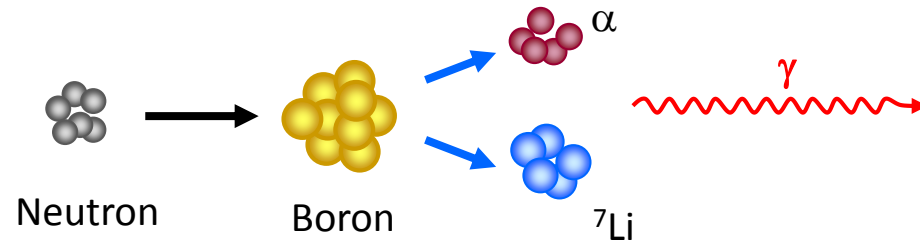
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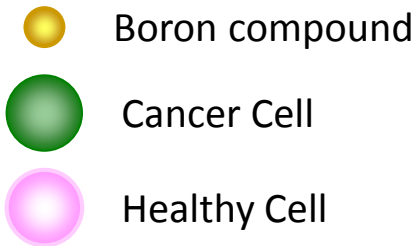


Boron Capture Neutron Therapy

- **High LET (Linear Energy Transfer) : ${}^7\text{Li}$ – 175 keV/ μm and α – 150 keV/ μm :**



**Short path length in tissue
of ^4He and ^7Li : 6~10 μm**



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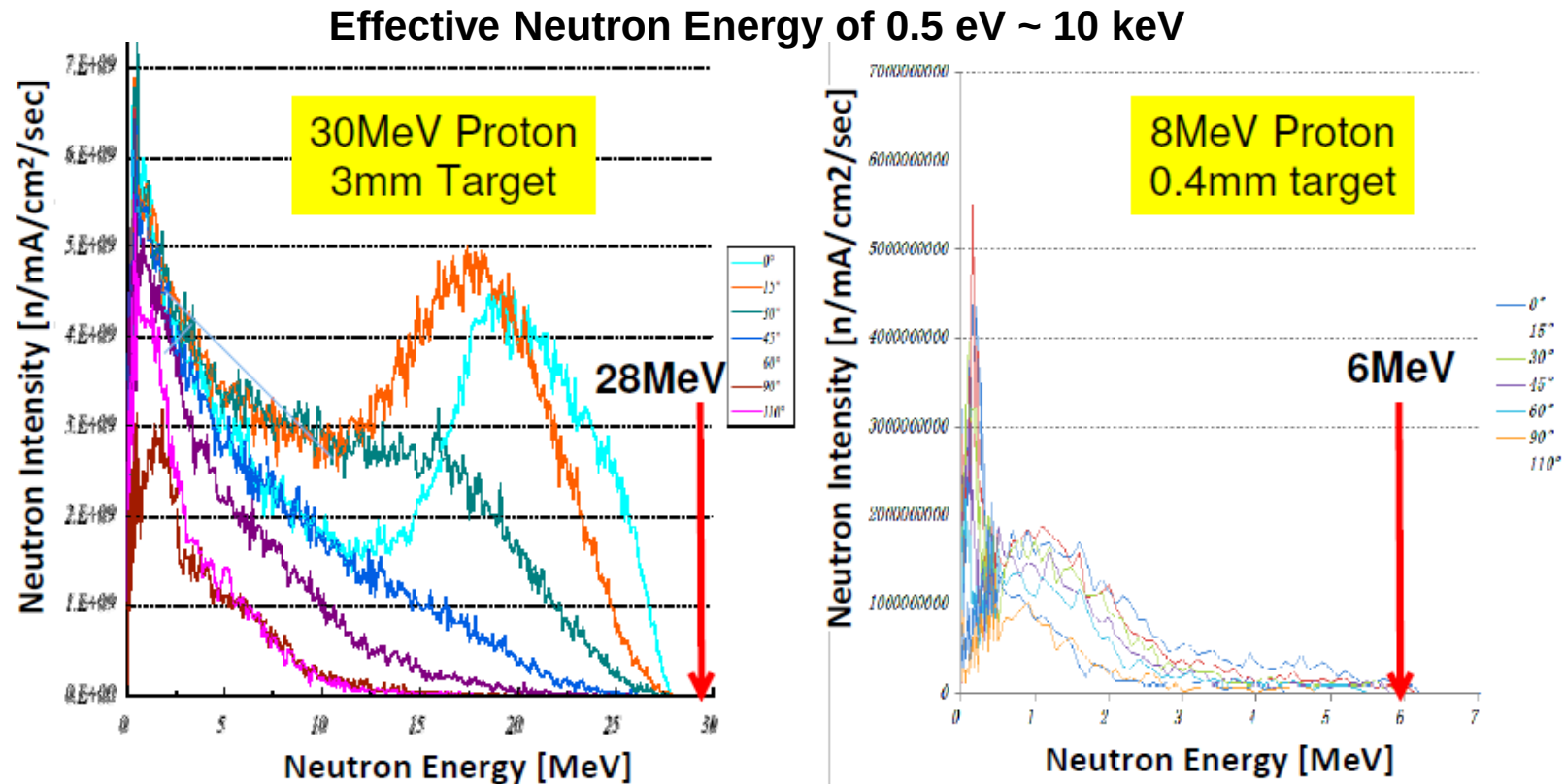
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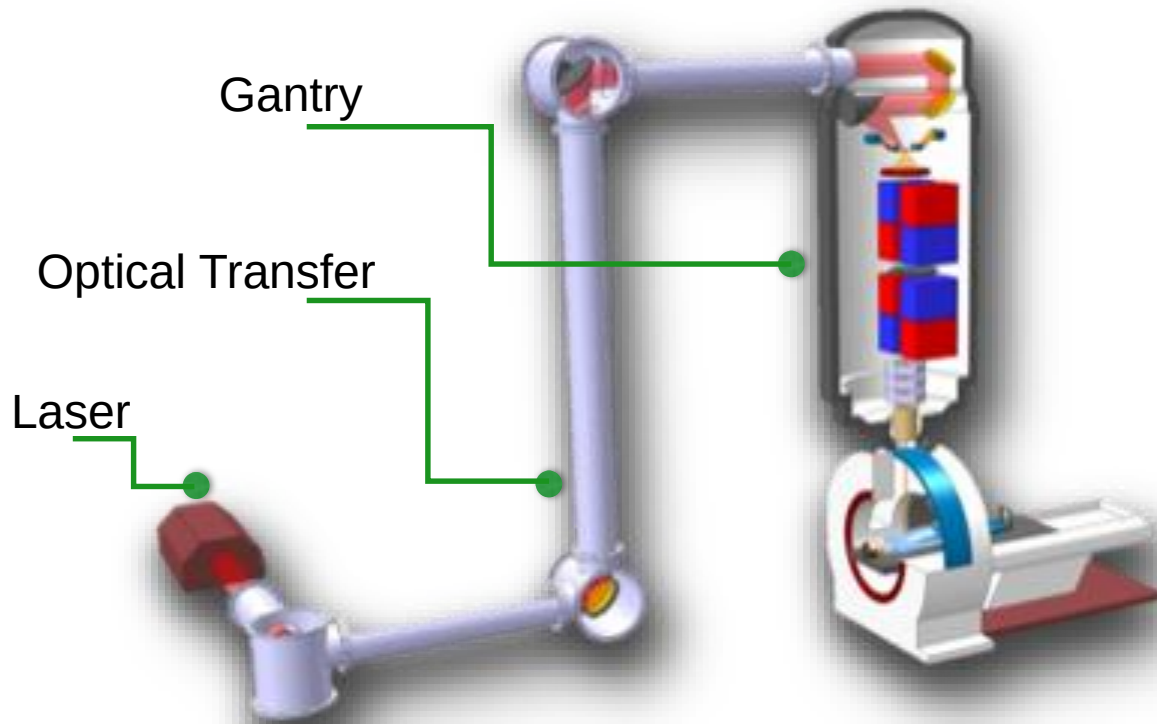
- Neutron generation : 10^9 n/cm²/s, 0.5 eV ~ 10 keV
- Target : Be – ${}^9\text{Be}(p,n){}^9\text{B}$



Thermal neutrons: 3~4 cm

Epithermal neutrons: ~8 cm

Realistically – VHEE, BNCT



Accelerator	Laser acceleration Energy: 250 MeV e^- 3~10 MeV p Current: ~? nA Pulsed Size: 5 x 5 m ²
Gantry	Isocentric gantry Size : Diameter: ~ 1m Length: ~1 m Weight: <a few ton
Cost	Low

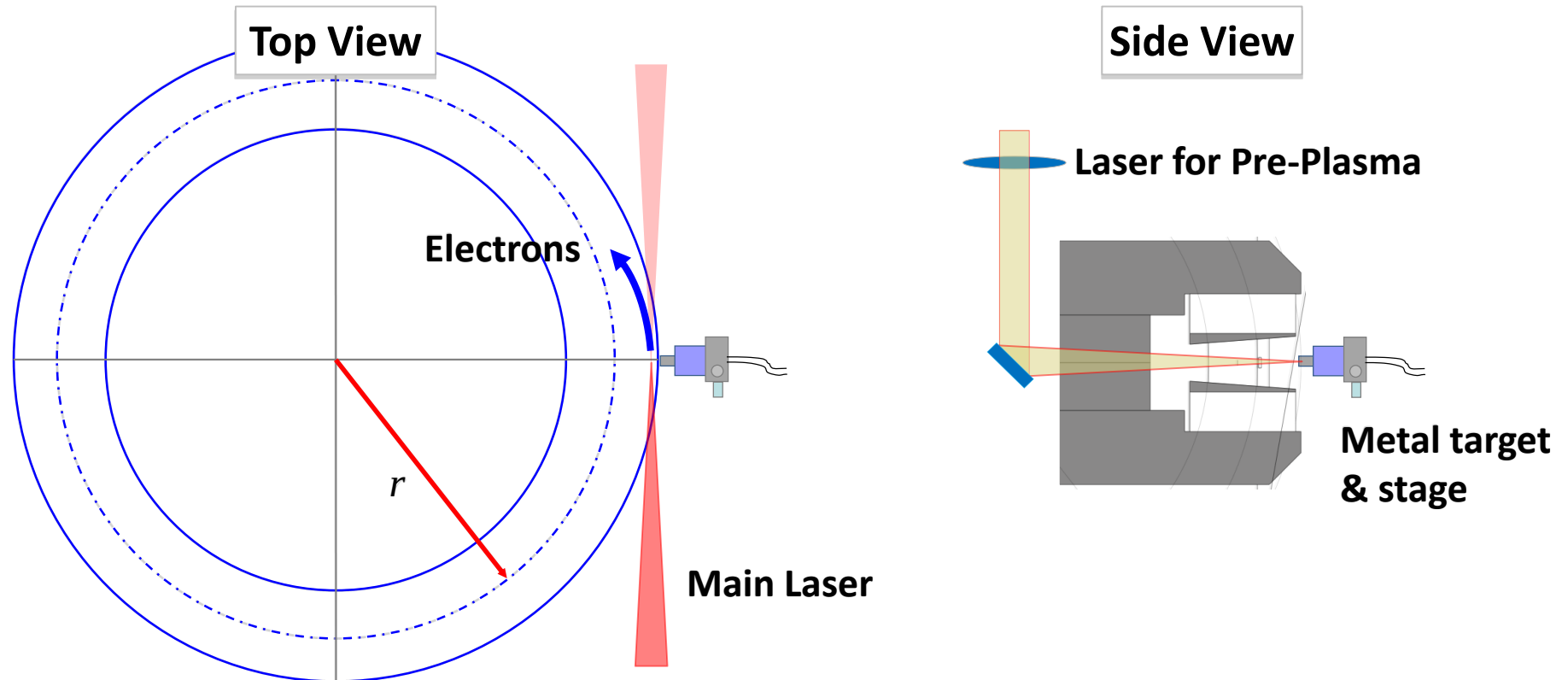
- Energy : $\Rightarrow$ **Possible!**
- Energy spread: < 1% $\Rightarrow$ Needs improvements
- Current: $\Rightarrow$ Need more R&Ds! **Total dose vs. Peak Dose**
- Stability $\Rightarrow$ Getting better with real-time beam diagnosis

Applications : Radiation sources

- **Compact Storage Ring**
- **Gamma ray generation**

Scheme for Compact Storage ring

All-in-one Compact Storage Ring



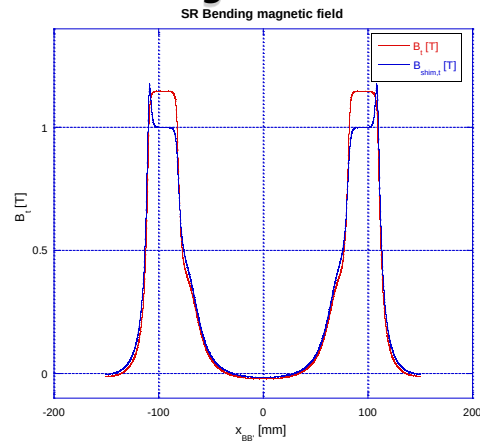
Critical Issues :

- E-beam energy: < 100 MeV at 0.5~1 T for Compactness
- Control of beam quality : **Beam pointing, Energy spread, Divergence**
- Need to study Pre-plasma density under Magnetic field

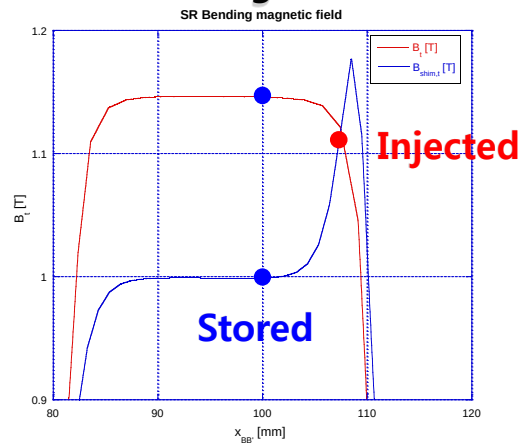
Design for Compact SR using permanent magnet

B-fields

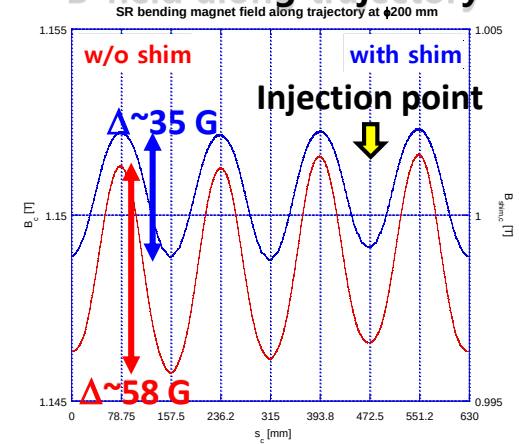
B-field along section xx' or yy'



B-field along section xx'



B-field along trajectory



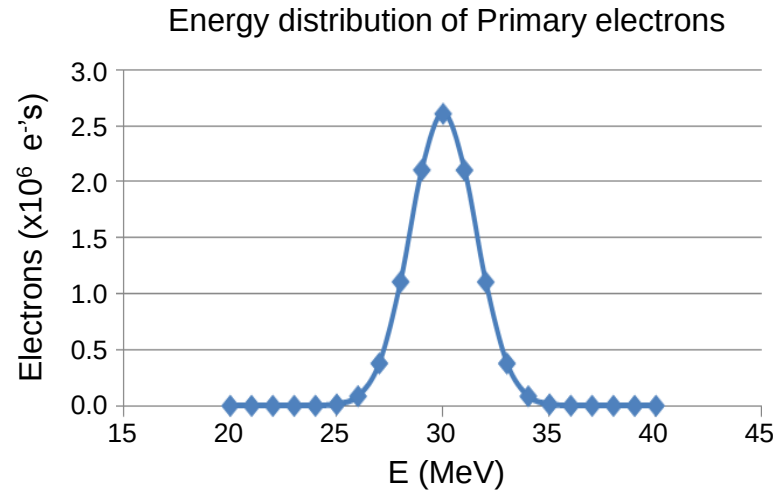
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Bending radius & Radiation losses for different energy of electron beam at 1 Tesla Bending Magnet

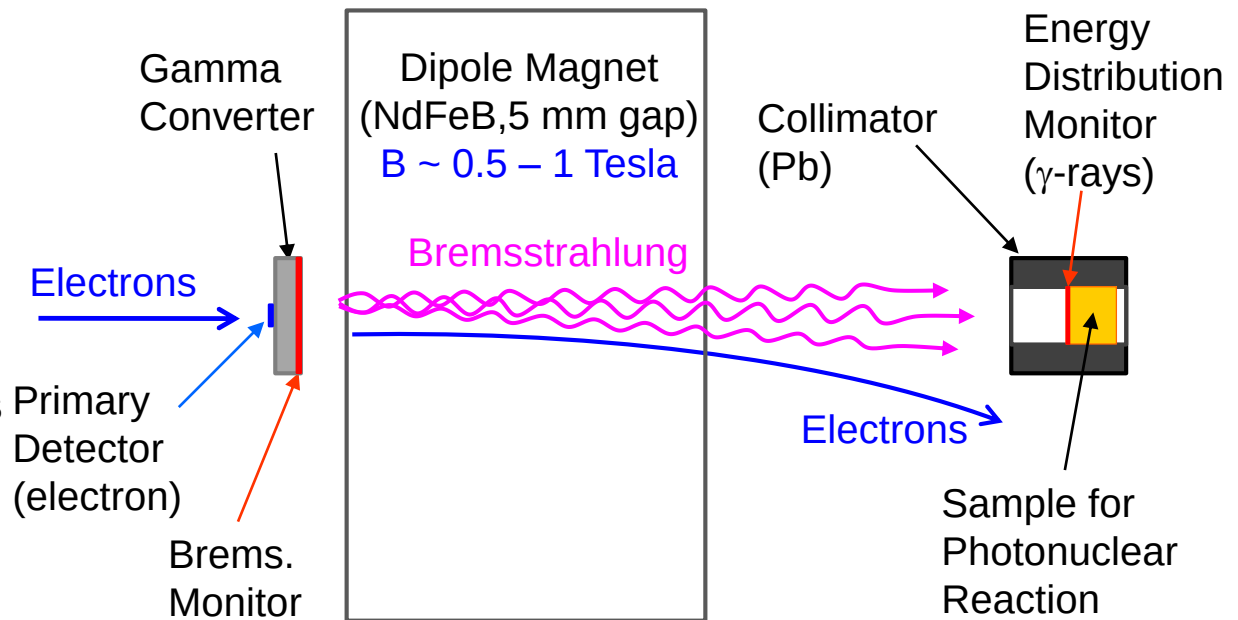
Electron Beam	E	[MeV]	150	100	80	50	30
	γ		293.5	195.7	156.6	97.8	58.7
Bending Magnet	B	[Tesla]	1	1	1	1	1
	Bρ	mag. rigidity	0.500	0.334	0.267	0.167	0.100
	ρ	[cm]	50.034	33.356	26.685	16.677	10.005
rev. time	T₀	[ns]	10.486	6.991	5.593	3.495	2.097
Energy loss/turn	U₀	[eV]	89.566	26.538	13.587	3.317	0.717
Damping time	τ	[ms]	17.562	26.343	32.929	52.6878	87.632
Radiation at Bend	ϵ_c	[eV]	14.96	6.65	4.26	1.66	0.60
	λ_c	[nm]	82.87	186.45	291.33	745.80	2071.66

Bending Magnet	B	[Tesla]	0.483	0.483	0.483	0.483	0.483
	Bρ	mag. rigidity	0.500	0.334	0.267	0.167	0.100
	ρ	[cm]	103.591	69.060	55.248	34.529	20.715
rev. time	T₀	[ns]	21.711	14.474	11.579	7.237	4.342
Energy loss/turn	U₀	[eV]	43.260	12.818	6.563	1.602	0.346
Damping time	τ	[ms]	75.280	112.920	141.149	225.831	376.350
Radiation at Bend	ϵ_c	[eV]	7.23	3.21	2.06	0.80	0.29
	λ_c	[nm]	171.57	386.02	603.16	1544.10	4289.16

Gamma-ray generation: Geometry

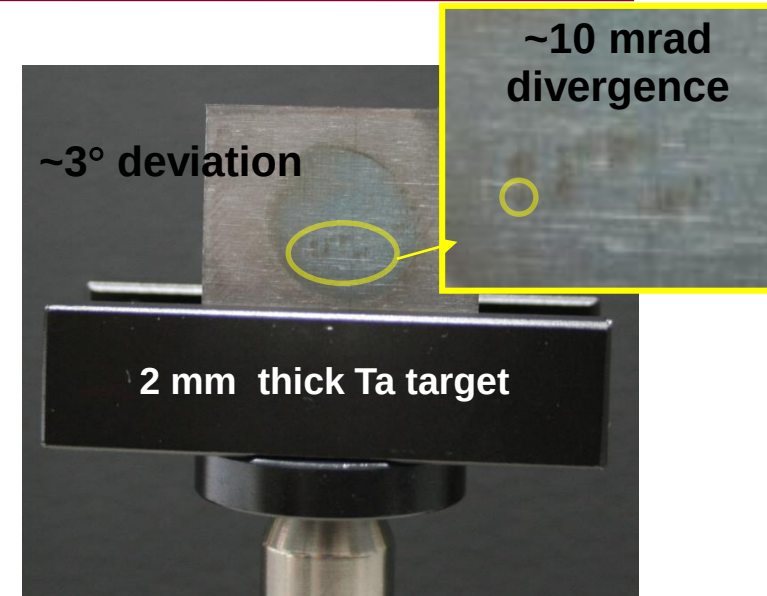
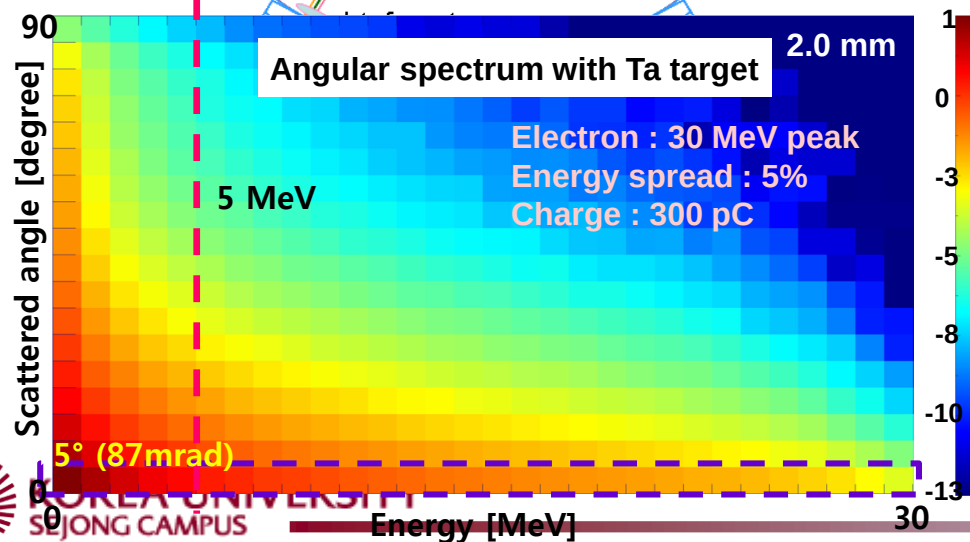
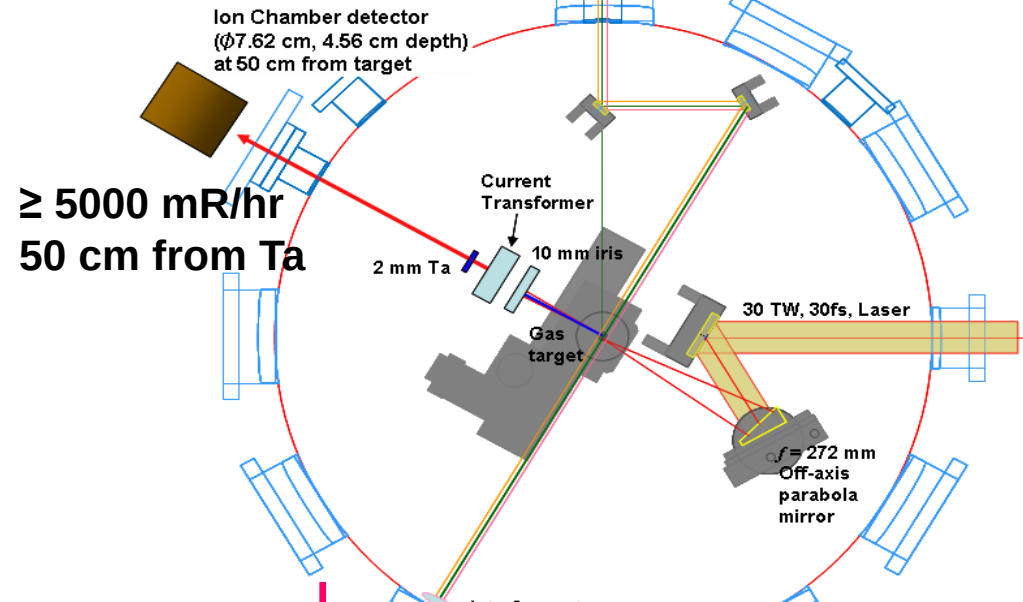


- $N_e = 10^7$
- $E_{e, \text{peak}} = 30 \text{ MeV}$
- $\Delta E/E = 5\% \text{ or } 10\%$
- Gaussian distribution



Bremsstrahlung generation : preliminary test

Experimental set-up



5000 mR/hr

$\rightarrow > 6 \times 10^7$ ph/cm² @ 50 cm

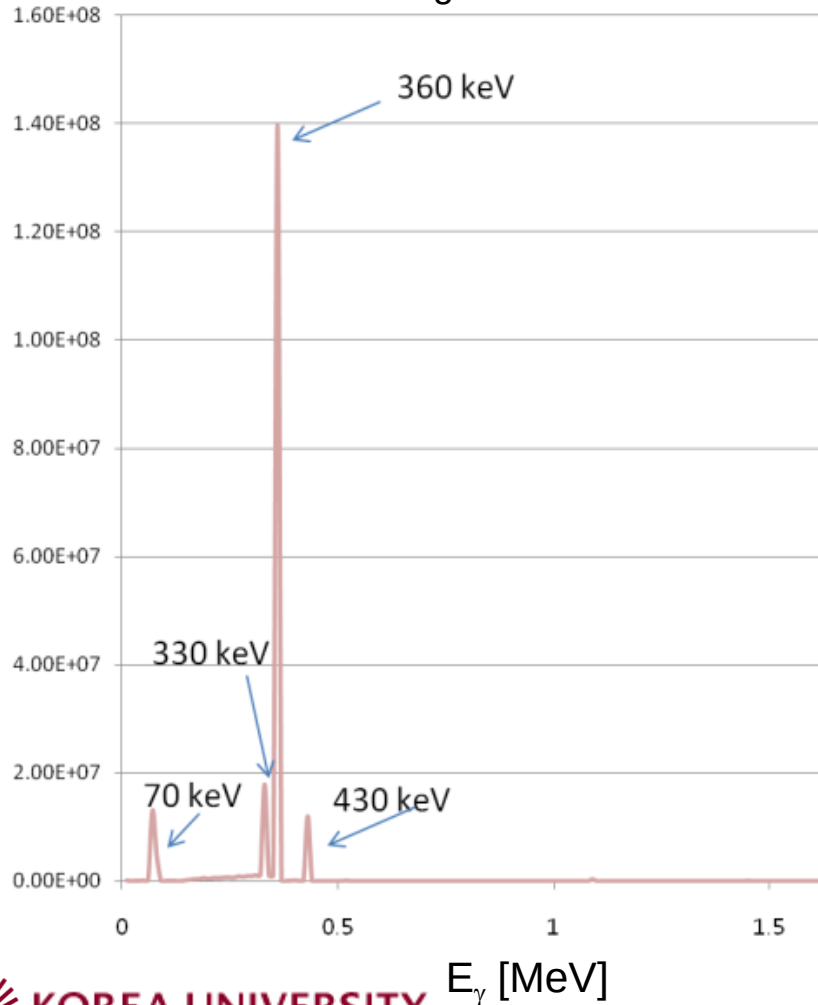
Specification of Detector

- Response time to 90% : 5 sec
- Detectable energy : ≤ 7 MeV
- Detectable volume : 208 cm³
($\phi 72.6$ mm dia. $\rightarrow 72.6$ mrad)

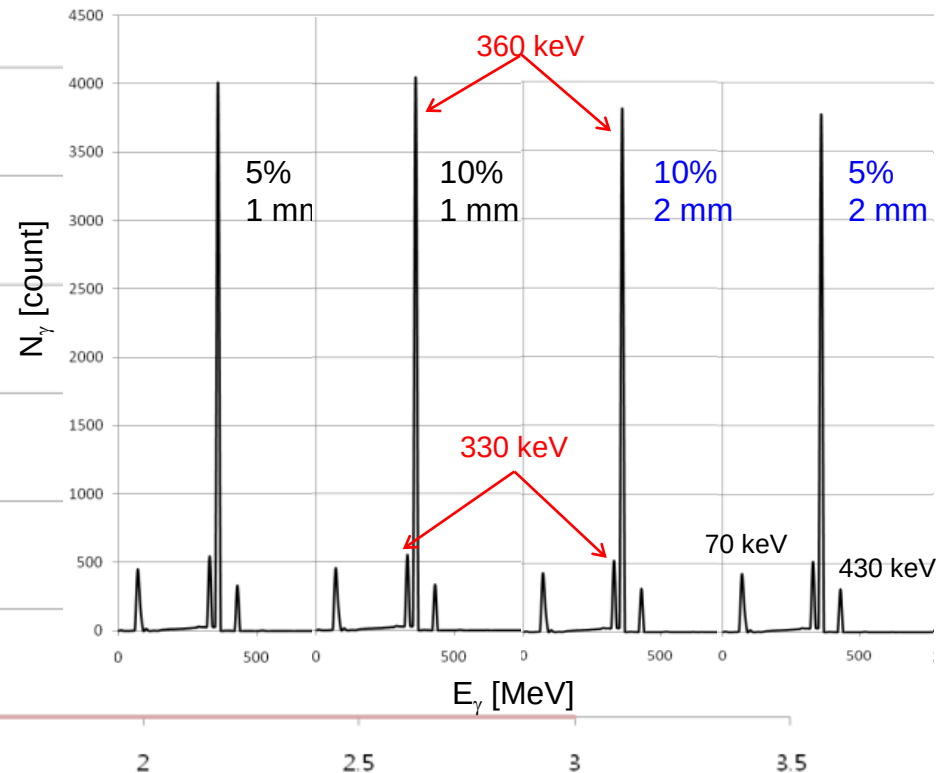
cf. 1 mR = 2.083×10^6 ion pairs/cm³

Gamma spectrum of activated ^{197}Au , i.e., ^{196}Au

^{196}Au Gamma spectrum
10⁷ monoenergetic Electrons

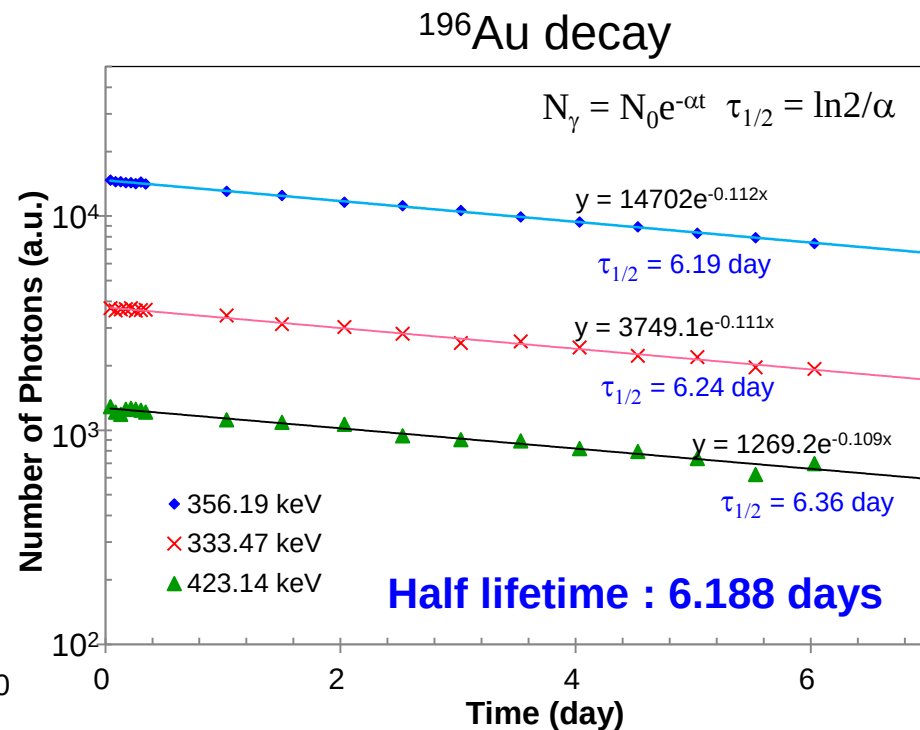
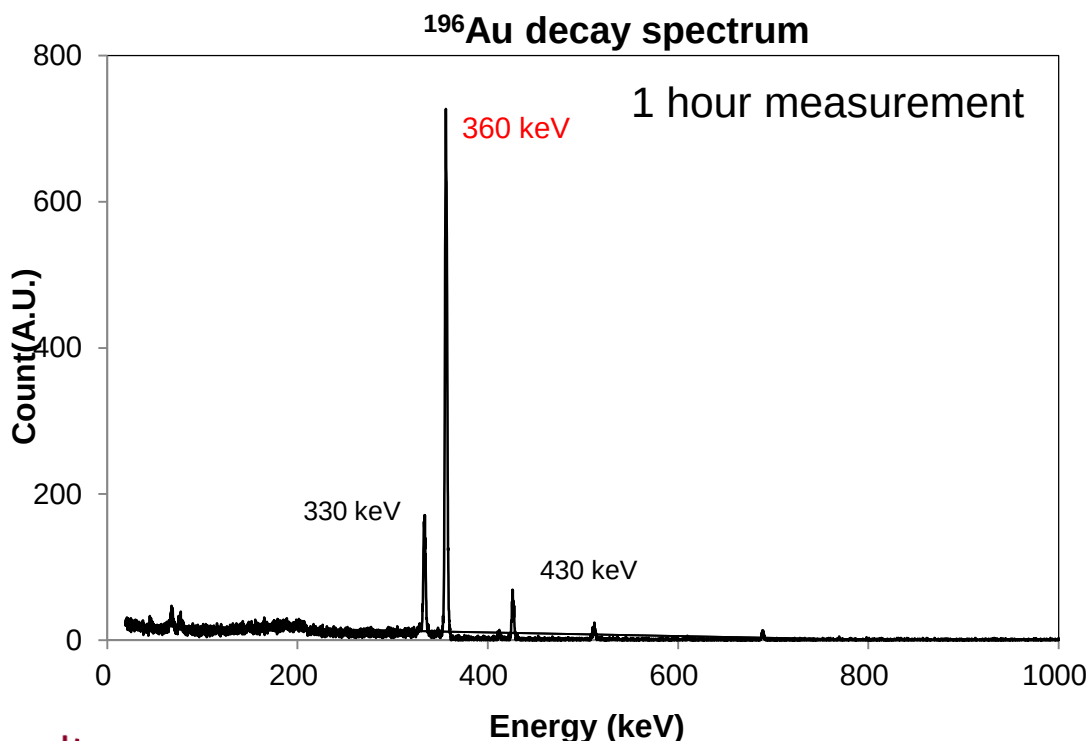


Au decay spectrum
(1 or 2 mm thick Ta; $E_{e,\text{peak}} = 30 \text{ MeV}$, 5%; $N_e = 10^9$)



Decay spectrum of $^{197}\text{Au}(\gamma, n)^{196}\text{Au}$ reaction

- Laser : 650 mJ, $\sim 8 \mu\text{m}$ spot size (FWHM) with 35 mm dia. iris
- Gas target : He, 1 cm dia., 650 psi, 1.35 mm from nozzle
- Electron : 25~30 MeV
- Bremsstrahlung : 2 mm Ta converter
- Activation : Gold (1 cm dia.x 4 mm), 2000 shots



Estimation of Compton γ -rays

With RF Linac

LASER	Wavelength [nm]	800
	Average Power [Watt]	0.25
	Wavelength bandwidth [%]	~10
	Rep. rate [Hz]	100
	Rayleigh range [cm]	~20
ELECTRON	Energy [MeV]	20 ~ 30
	Charge [pC]/pulse	~200
	Energy spread [%]	~ 1
	Norm. emittance [mm·mrad]	2π
	Rep. rate [Hz]	100
γ -ray	Energy [keV]	9.5 – 21.3
	Flux [#/sec]	$> 10^5$
	Energy spread [%]	~10%

With Laser Accelerator

LASER	Wavelength [nm]	400
	Average Power [Watt]	0.1
	Wavelength bandwidth [%]	~1
	Rep. rate [Hz]	10
	Rayleigh range [cm]	3
ELECTRON	Energy [MeV]	200-300
	Charge [pC]/pulse	~100
	Energy spread [%]	< 5
	Norm. emittance [mm·mrad]	5π
	Rep. rate [Hz]	10
γ -ray	Energy [MeV]	1.8 – 4.2
	Flux [#pulse]	$> 10^5$
	Energy spread [%]	~ 5%

Total Flux of scattered beam

$$N_{scatt} = \frac{1}{e \cdot f_r} \cdot I_e [A] \cdot \frac{\sigma_{tot}}{A_{eff}} \cdot N_{ph}$$

f_r : rep. rate
 A_{eff} : Effective area

Summary

- **Laser Plasma Acceleration : Proton**
- **Laser Electron Acceleration : Electron**
- **Compact Storage Ring**
- **Gamma ray generation**

Thank you for attention!