

Ion acceleration by shock waves and pulse-recycling TNSA

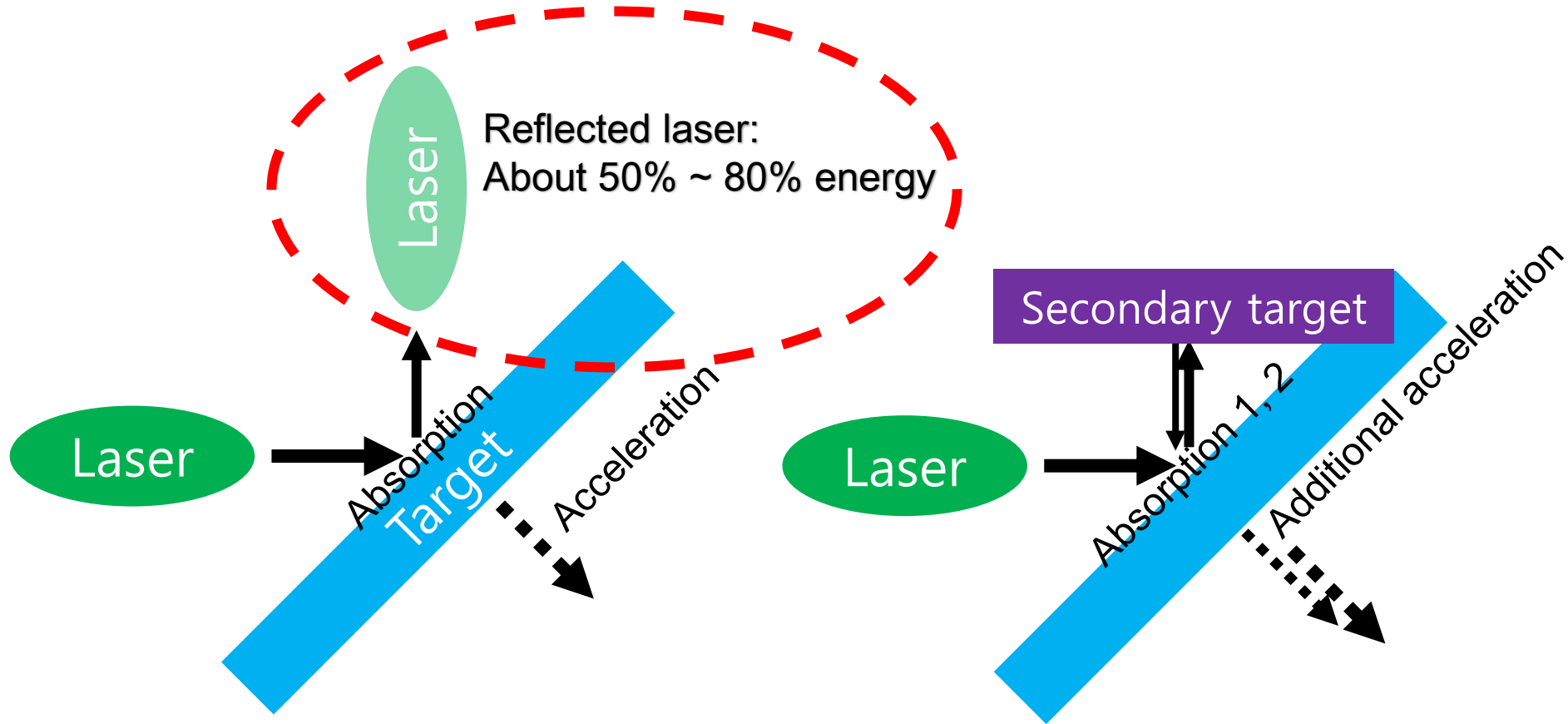
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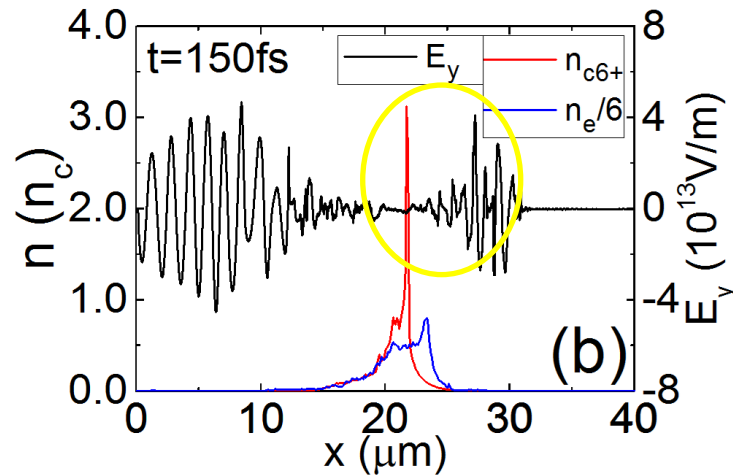
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We want to reuse reflected laser pulse.



1) LP → **CP** CP pulse piles up higher density spike.

2) Hot electron re-circulation → **R.T**

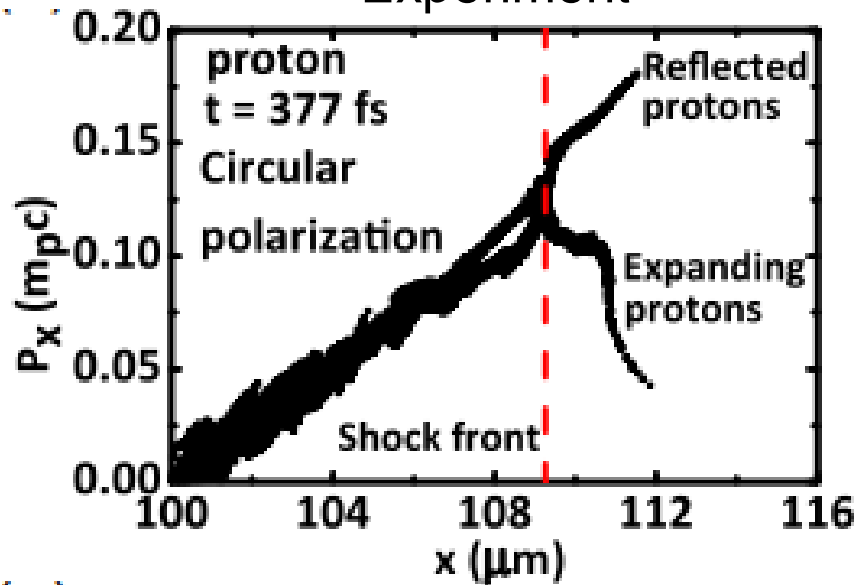


Background(upstream) electron heats up during the R.T.

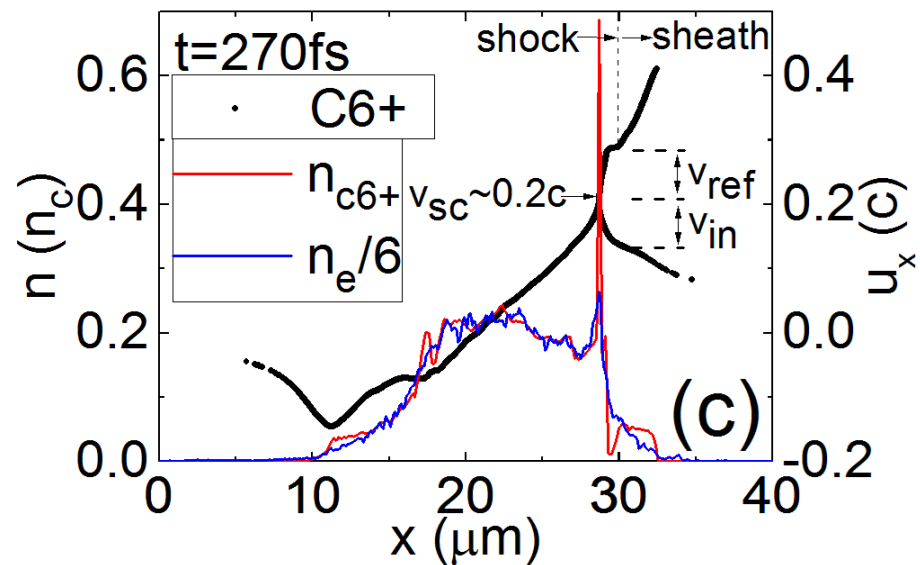
3) Opaque plasmas → **semi-transparent density**

H. Zhang et al., **Collisionless Shock Acceleration** of High-Flux Quasimonoenergetic Proton Beams Driven by **Circularly Polarized** Laser Pulses, PRL 119, 164801 (2017).

Exploded target, CP.
Experiment



PIC simulation



Note: These used different laser and plasma parameters.

A secondary target is efficient to increase energy, charge, and efficiency. This target is easy to understand and easy to apply to experiment.

CP-driven shock is efficient for ion acceleration due to interaction in low density plasmas.

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