

# Laser Acceleration – Towards Highest Gradients

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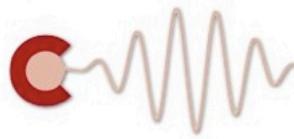
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## Grand Challenges in Accelerator Optimisation

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# Optimization of Particle Accelerators

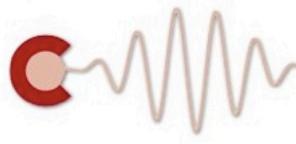
## Pulsed laser technology

### Extreme lasers

What do they offer to optimize particle acceleration

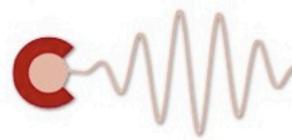
- Improve existing strategies
- New ideas



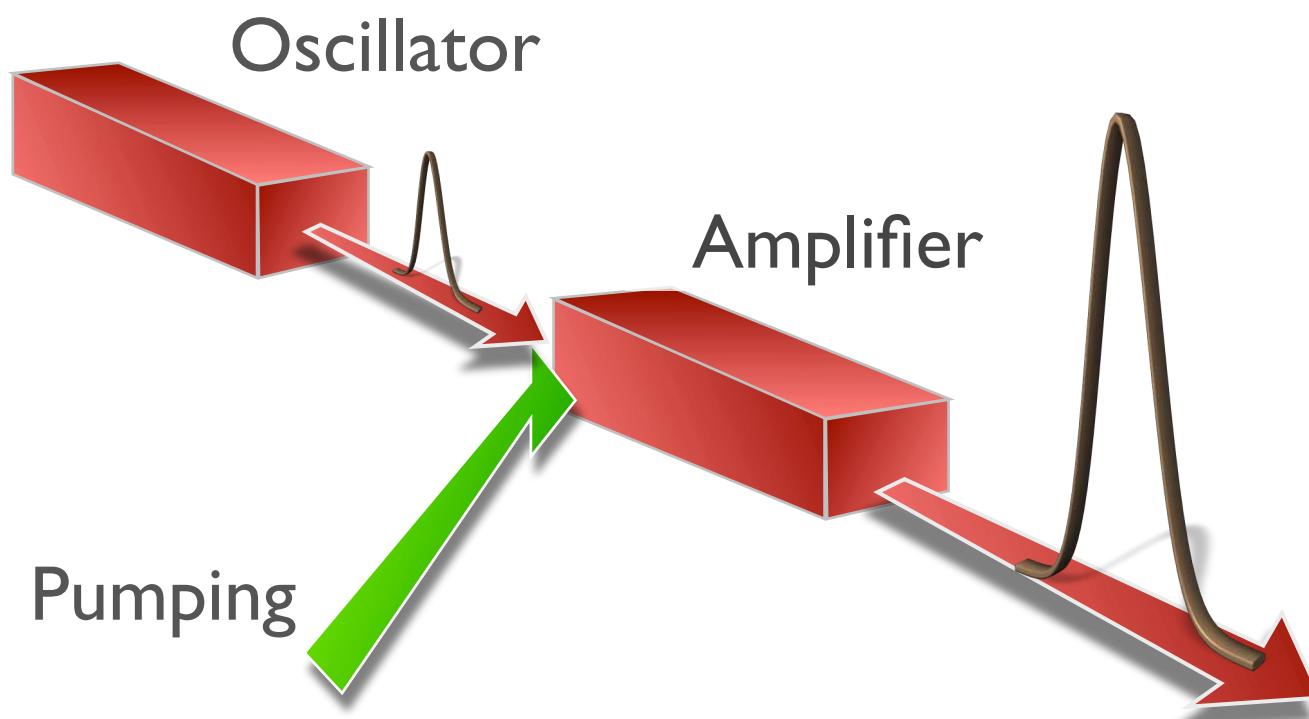


# Pulsed lasers

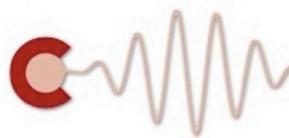
# Oscillator + Amplifier



Main limitation for amplification is  
damage threshold of the amplifier



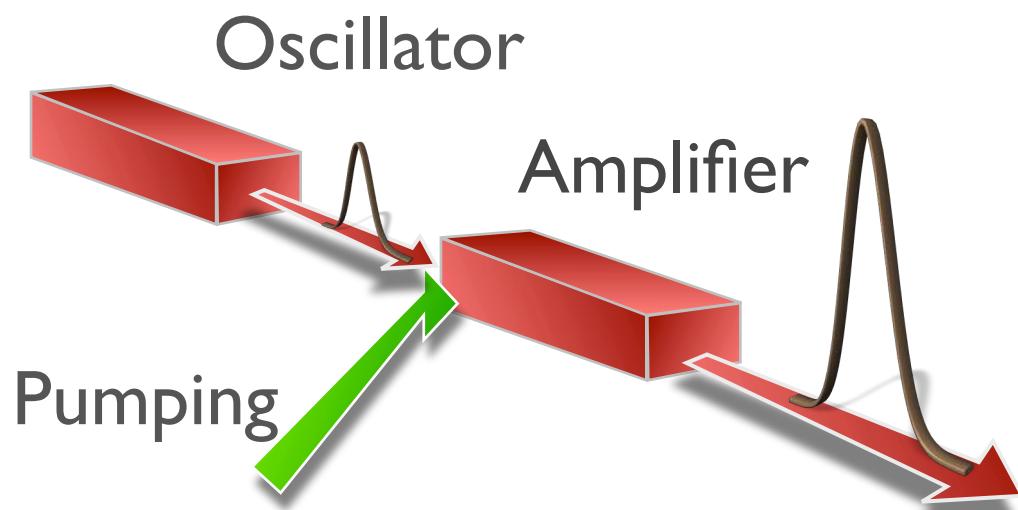
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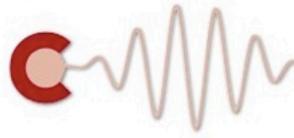
To avoid damage of the amplifier,  
there are two options:

Expand the beam in transversally  
... big crystals

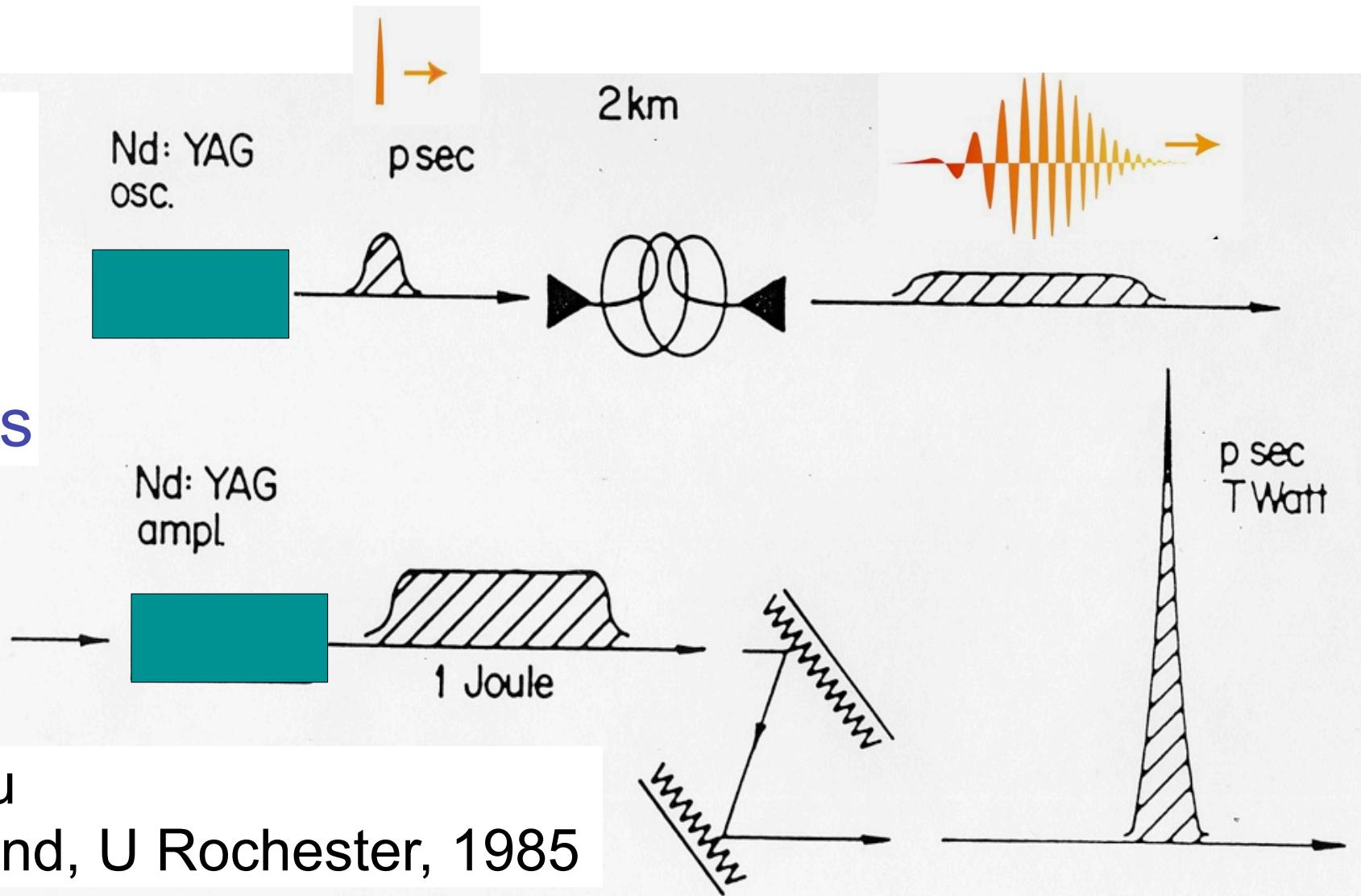
Expand the beam longitudinally  
i.e expand in time  
...stretch the pulse



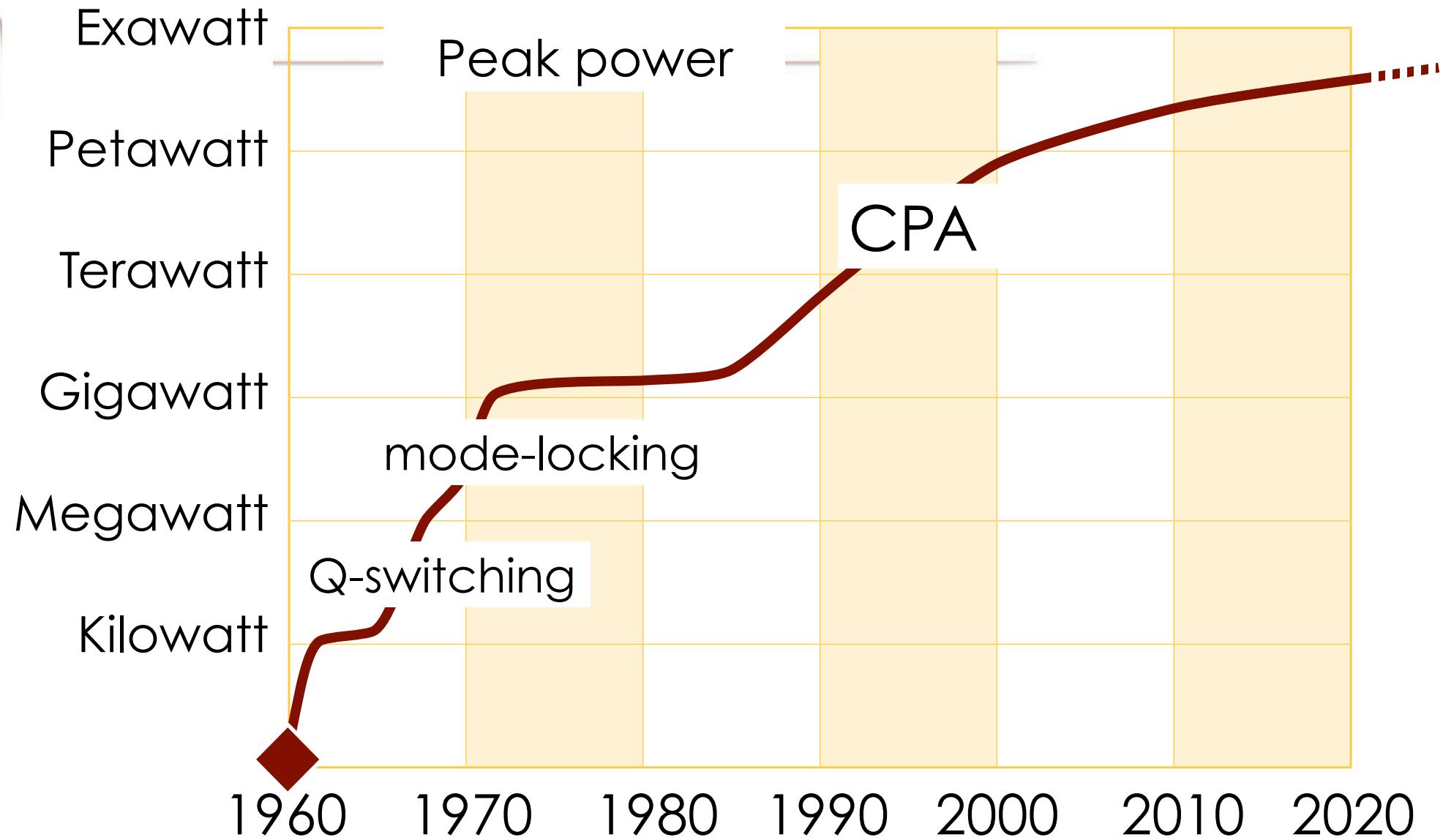
# Chirped Pulse Amplification, CPA



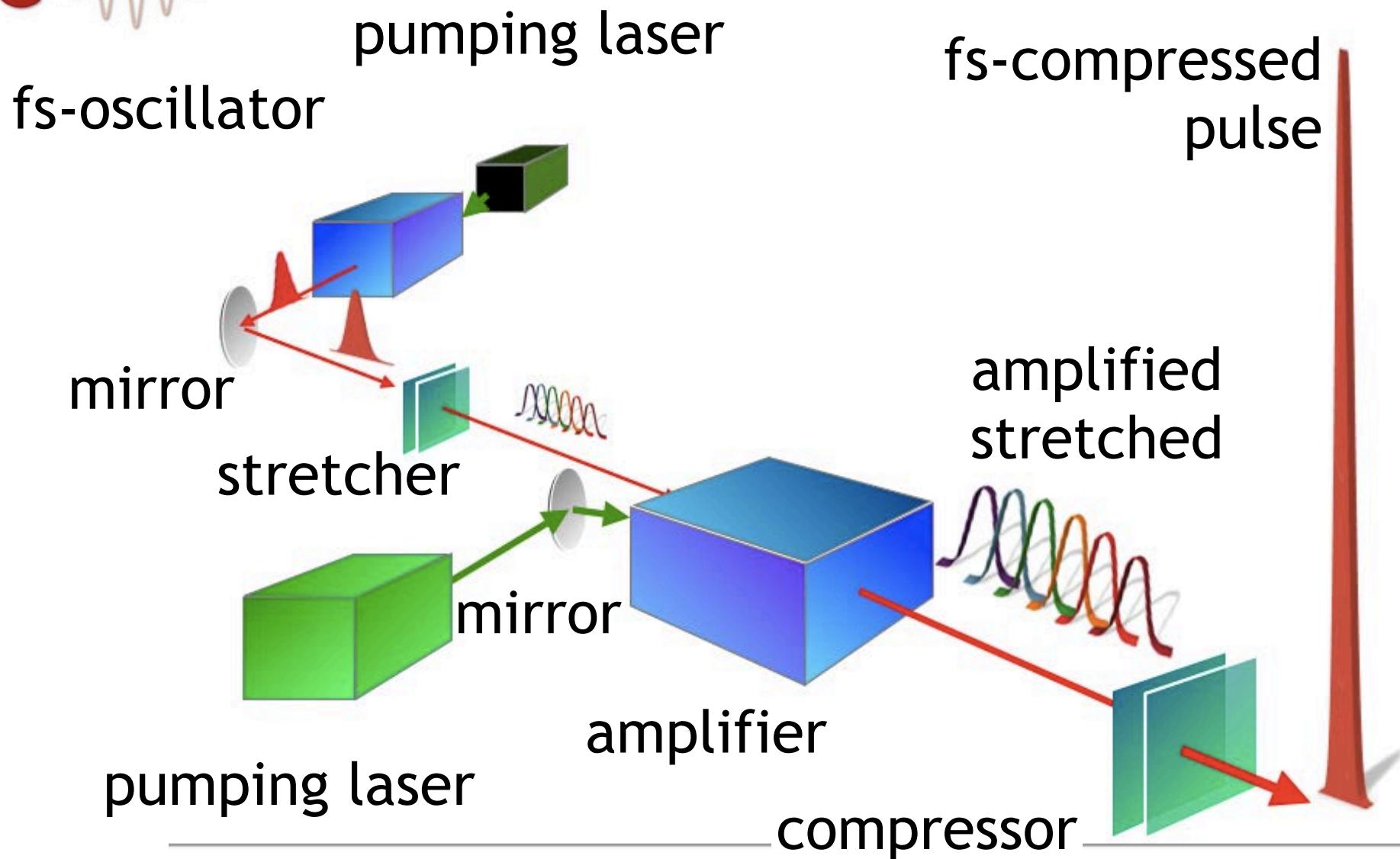
Three steps  
1.- stretch  
2.- amplify  
3.- compress



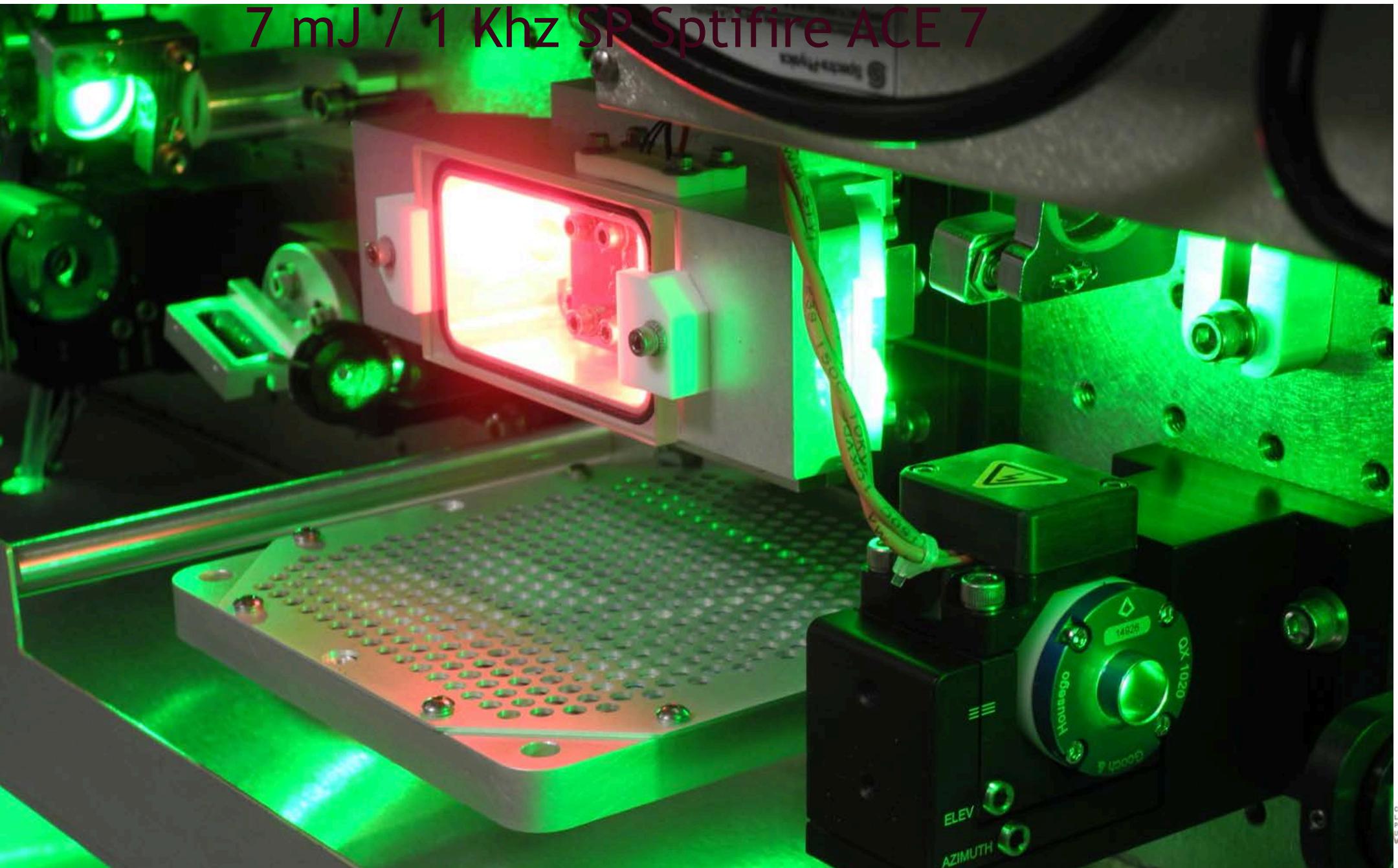
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Donna Strickland, U Rochester, 1985

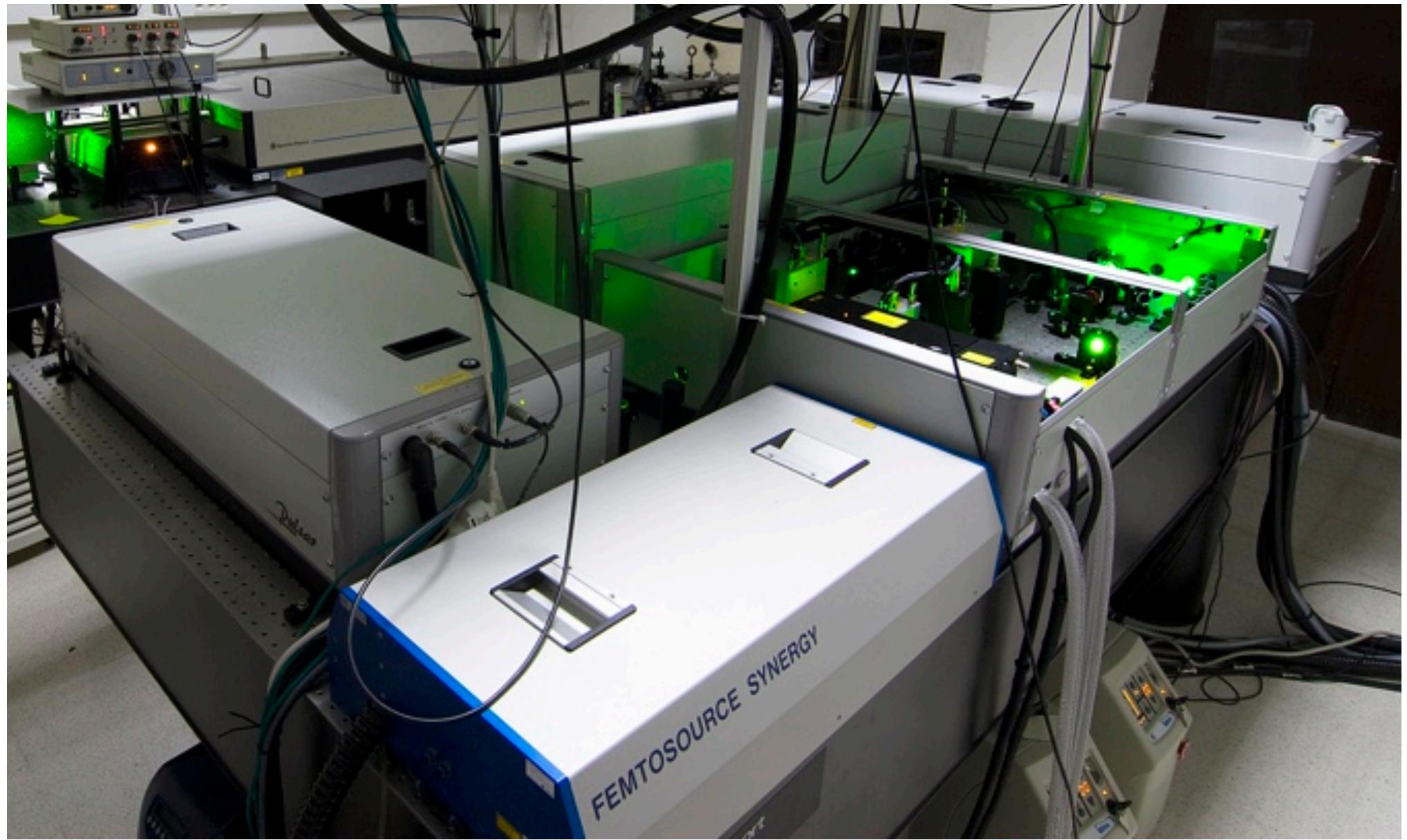


# CPA Chirped Pulse Amplification



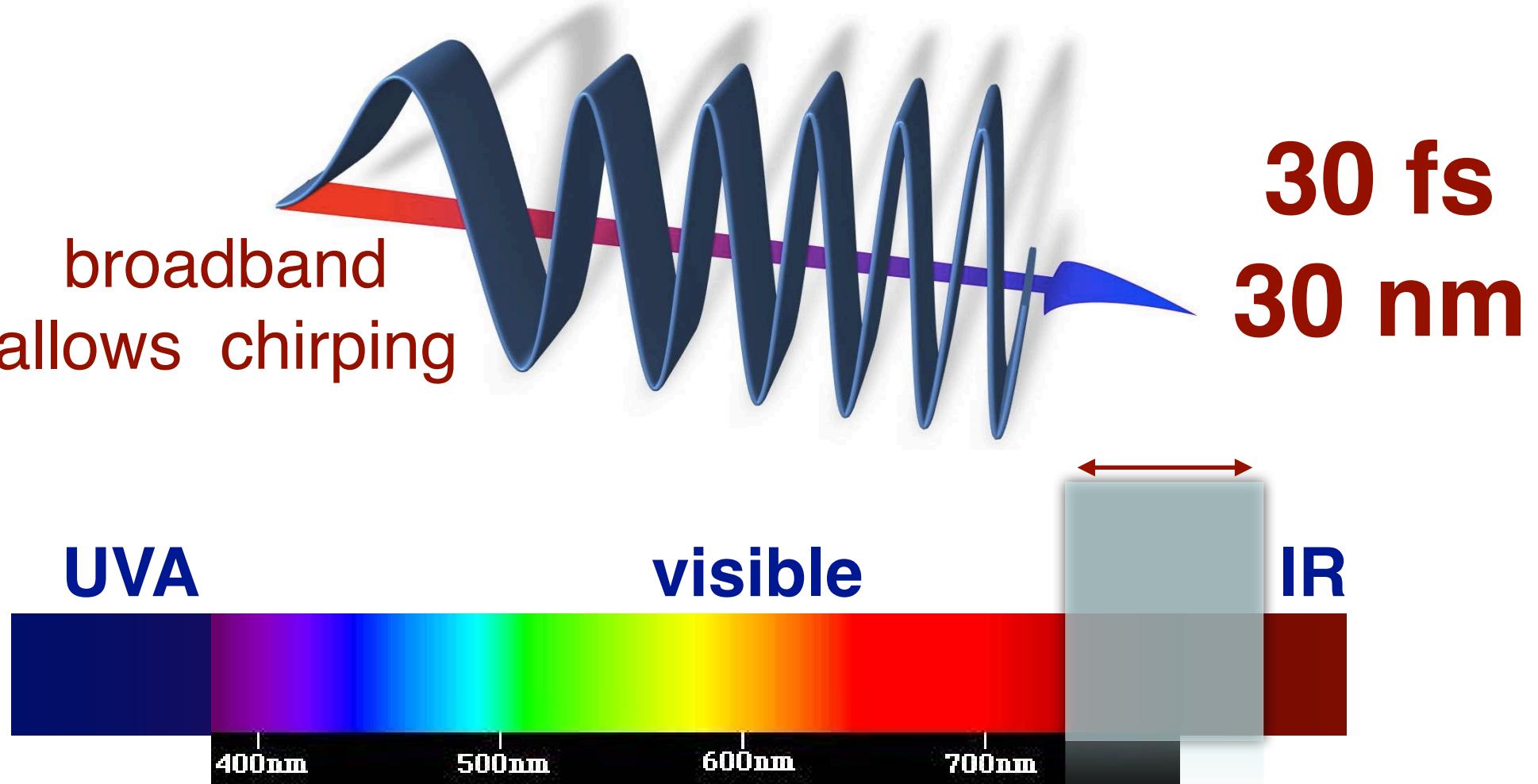
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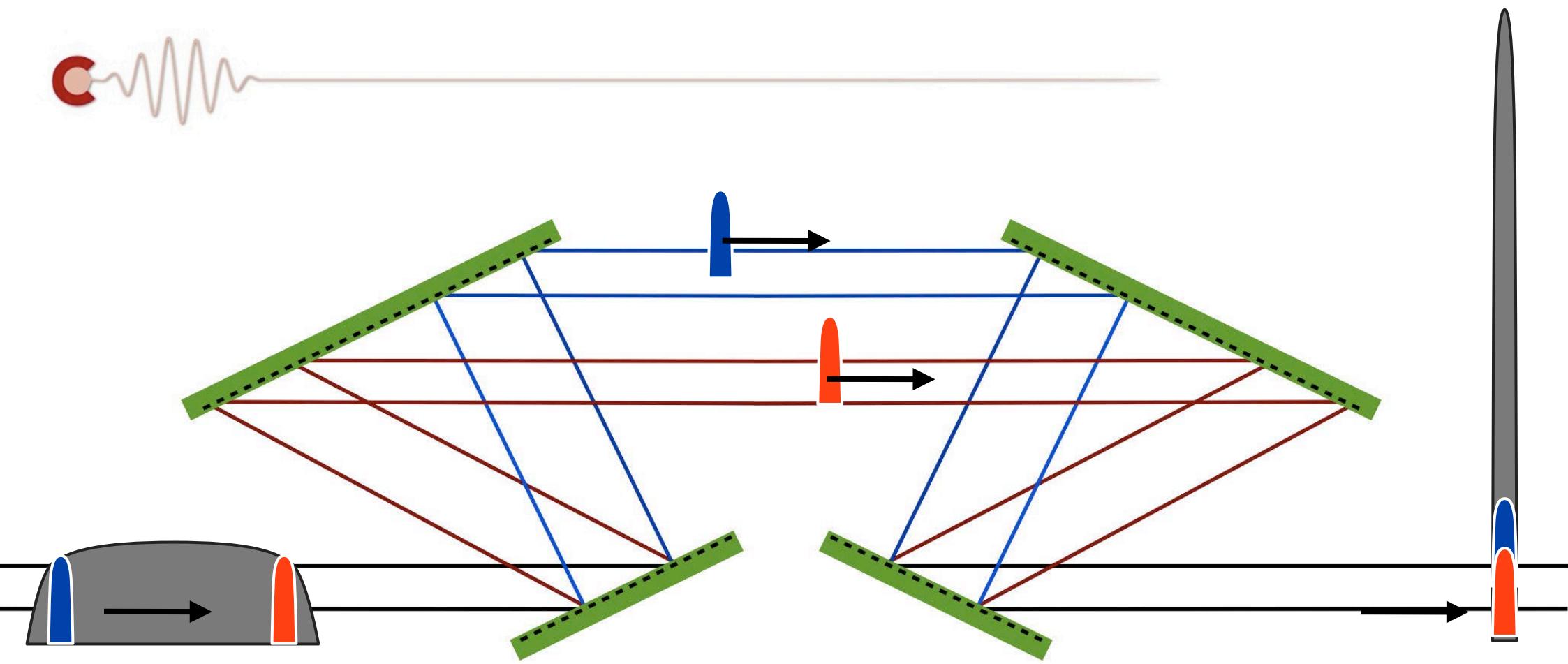


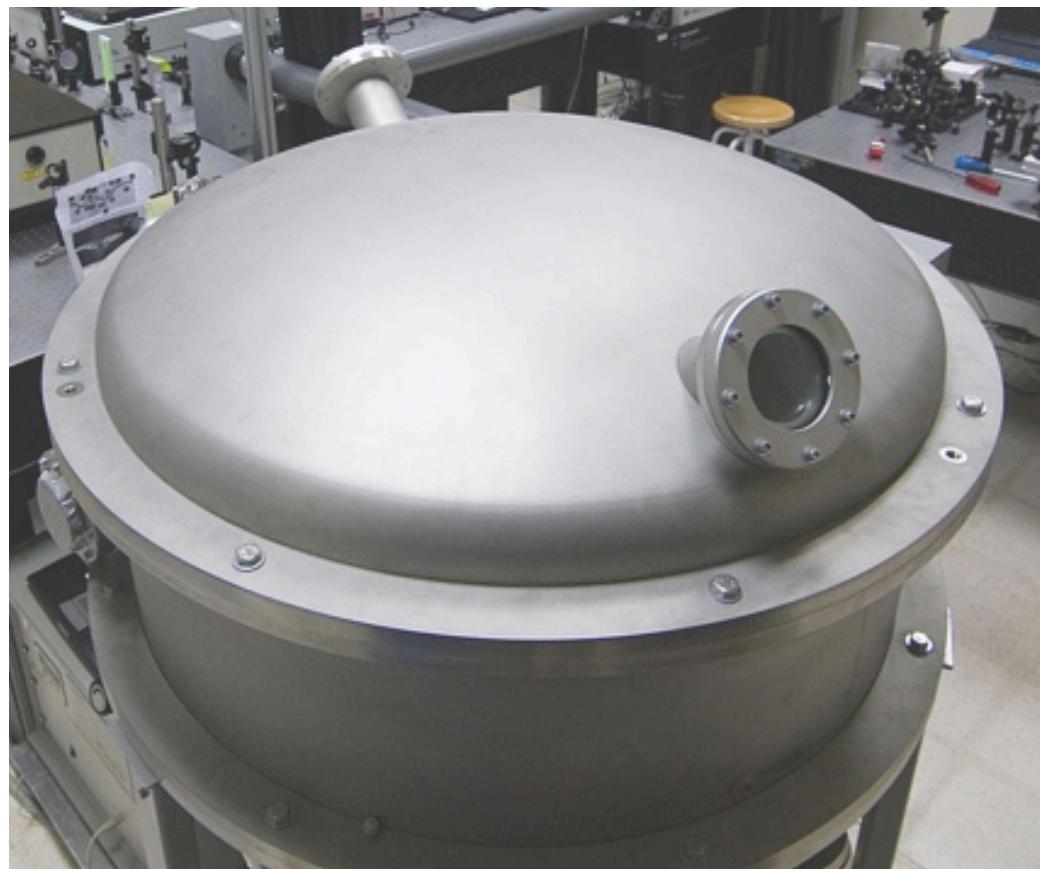


**short pulse = broadband laser**

broadband  
allows chirping







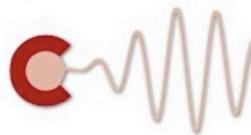


# Technology limits



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# Table Top Terawatt T<sup>3</sup>



# ULTRAHIGH-INTENSITY LASERS: PHYSICS OF THE EXTREME ON A TABLETOP

Over the past ten years, laser intensities have increased by more than four orders of magnitude<sup>1</sup> to reach enormous intensities of  $10^{20}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup>. The field strength at these intensities is on the order of a teravolt per centimeter, or a hundred times the Coulombic field binding the ground state electron in the hydrogen atom. The electrons driven by such a field are relativistic, with an oscillatory energy of 10 MeV. At these intensities, the light pressure,  $P = I/c$ , is extreme, on the order of giga- to terabars. The laser interacting with matter—solid, gas, plasma—generates high-order harmonics of the incident beam up to the 3 nm wavelength range, energetic ions or electrons with mega-electron-volt energies (figure 1), gigagauss magnetic fields and violent accelerations of  $10^{21} g$  ( $g$  is Earth's gravity). Finally, the interaction of an ultraintense beam with superrelativistic

By stretching, amplifying and then compressing laser pulses, one can reach petawatt powers, gigagauss magnetic fields, terabar light pressures and  $10^{22} \text{ m/s}^2$  electron accelerations.

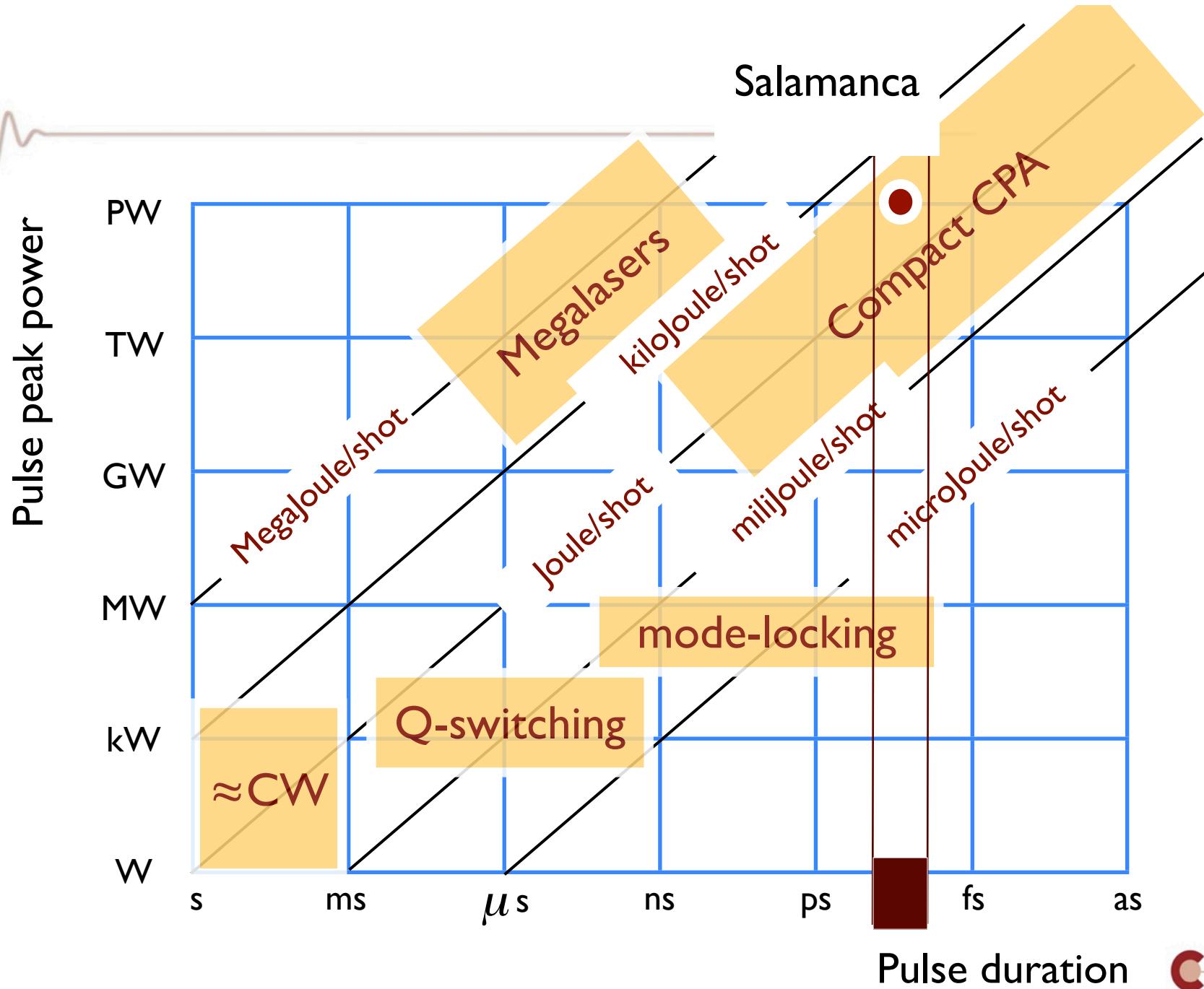
Gérard A. Mourou, Christopher P. J. Barty  
and Michael D. Perry

time-resolved x-ray experiments in the femtosecond range, or at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) to test nonlinear quantum electrodynamics by the interaction of the high-intensity pulses with super-relativistic electrons.

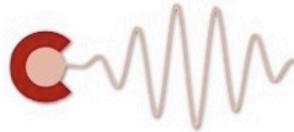
Some of the new tabletop-laser principles have been implemented on existing large laser systems built

for laser fusion. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (CEA) in Paris, the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in the UK and the Institute of Laser Engineering in Osaka, Japan, have all added subpicosecond pulse capabilities to their nanosecond lasers, pushing their peak power by three orders of magnitude from 1 terawatt to 100–1000 TW.

Figure 2 presents the focused intensity of lasers as a



# Ultraintense lasers



$$\text{power} = \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{time}}$$

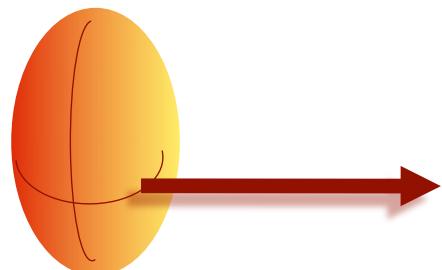
$$\text{watt} = \frac{\text{joule}}{\text{sec}}$$

Ultrashort pulses  
**femtosecond**

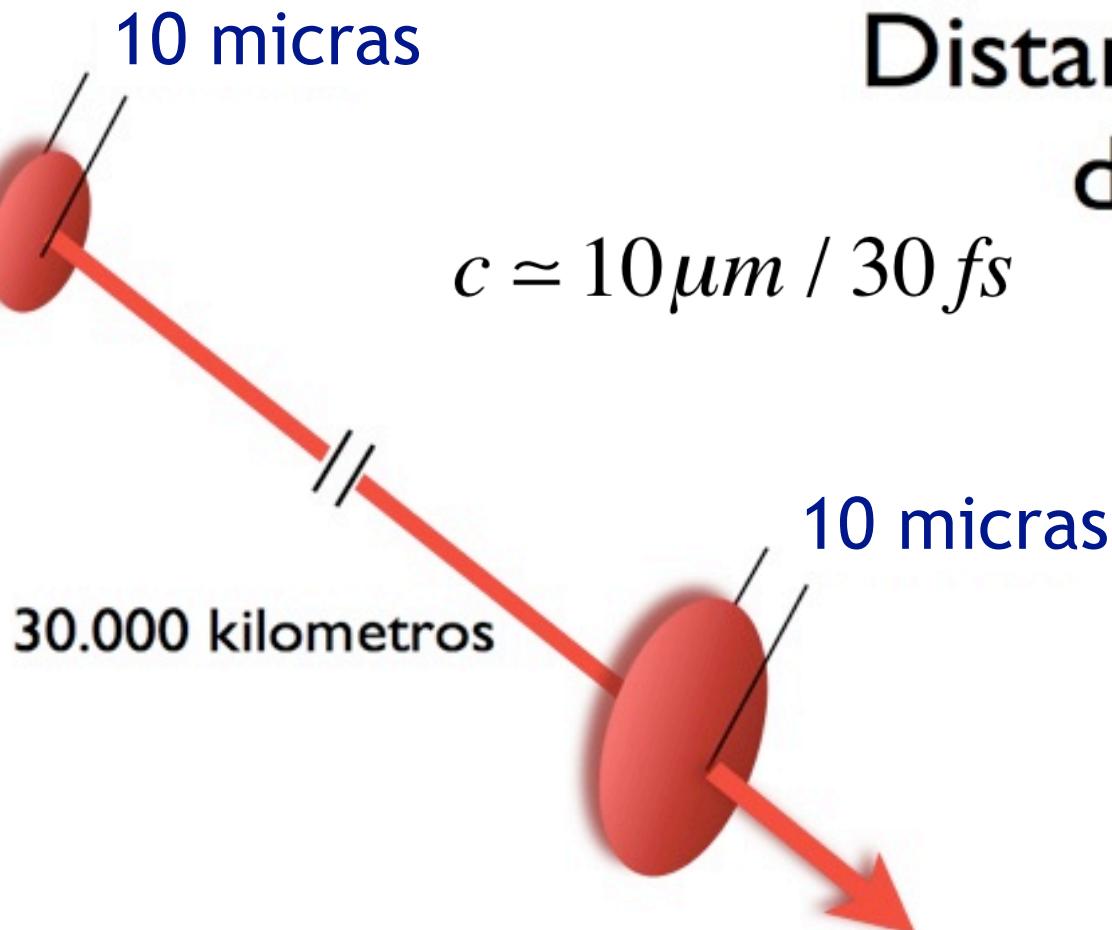
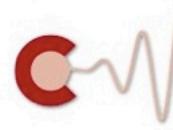
$1 \text{ fs} = 0.000\ 000\ 000\ 001 \text{ second}$

Temporal concentration of energy

True light  
bullets



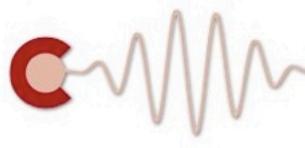
Not a beam



Distancia entre  
dos pulsos

$$c \approx 10\mu m / 30 fs$$

# Intensity is the key parameter



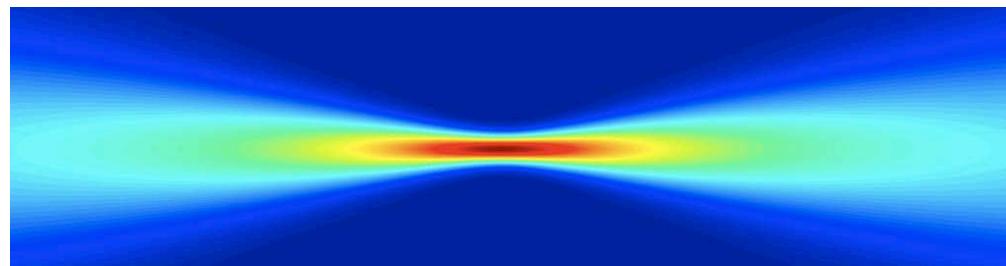
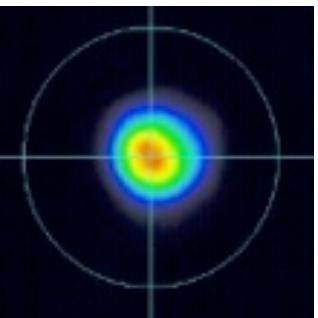
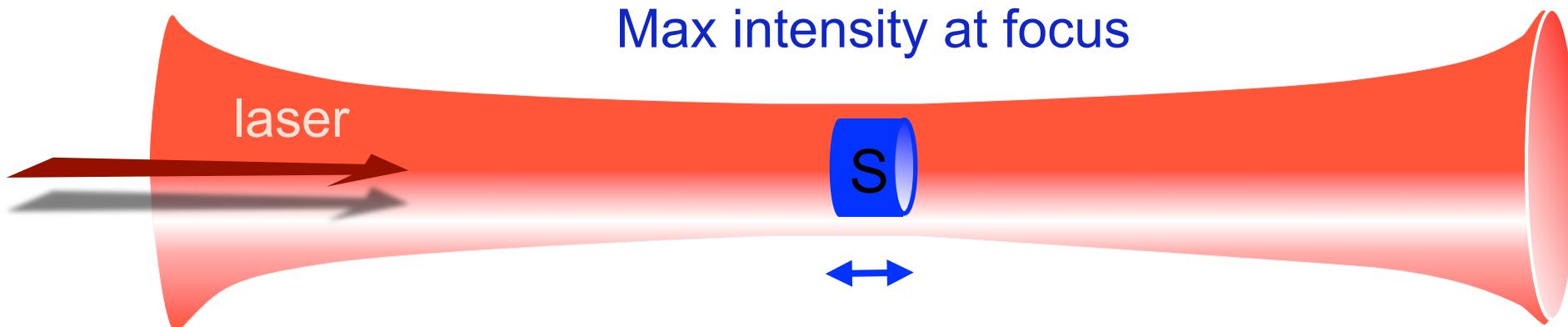
$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{power}}{\text{surface}}$$

World Record

W/cm<sup>2</sup>

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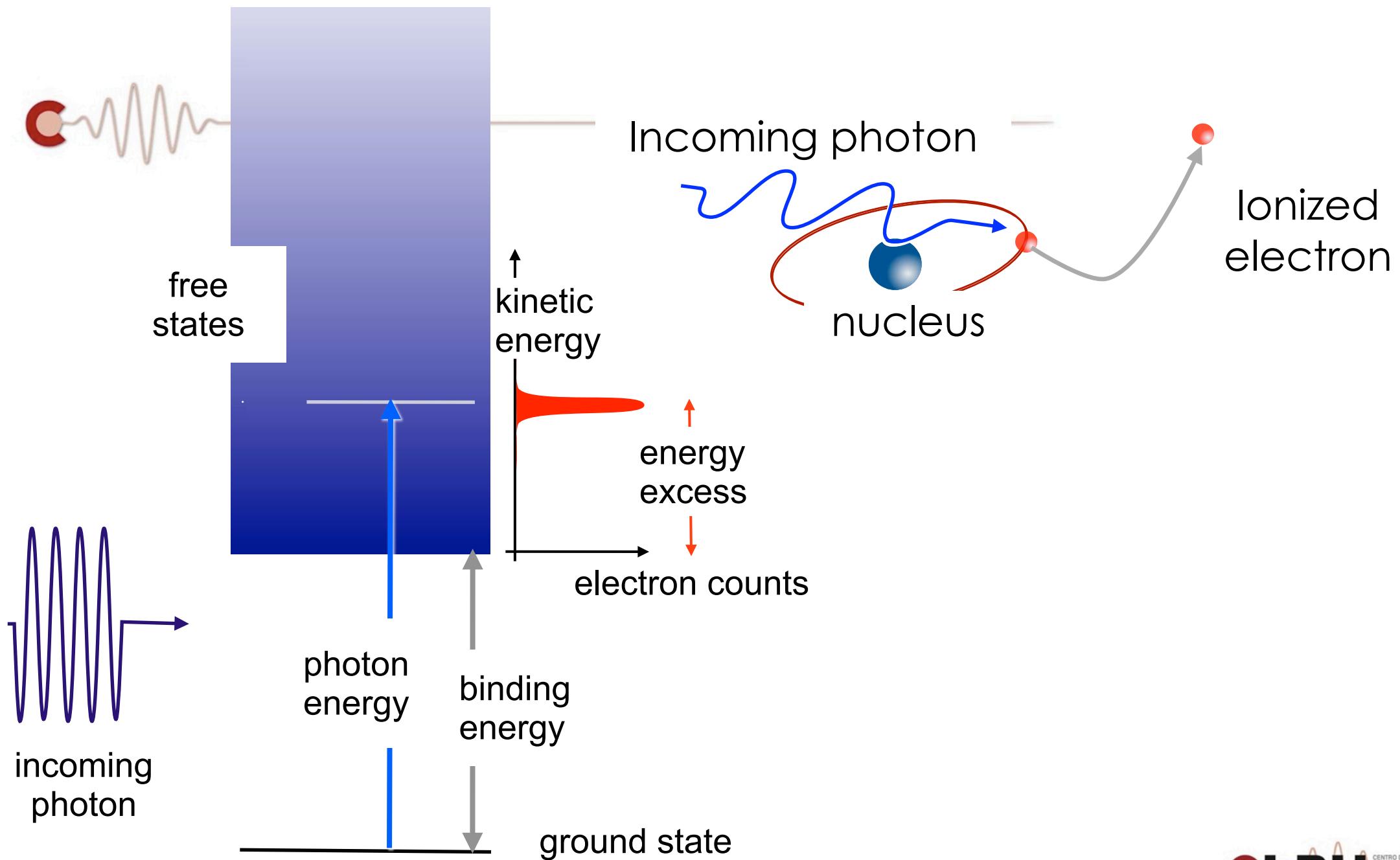
Max intensity at focus

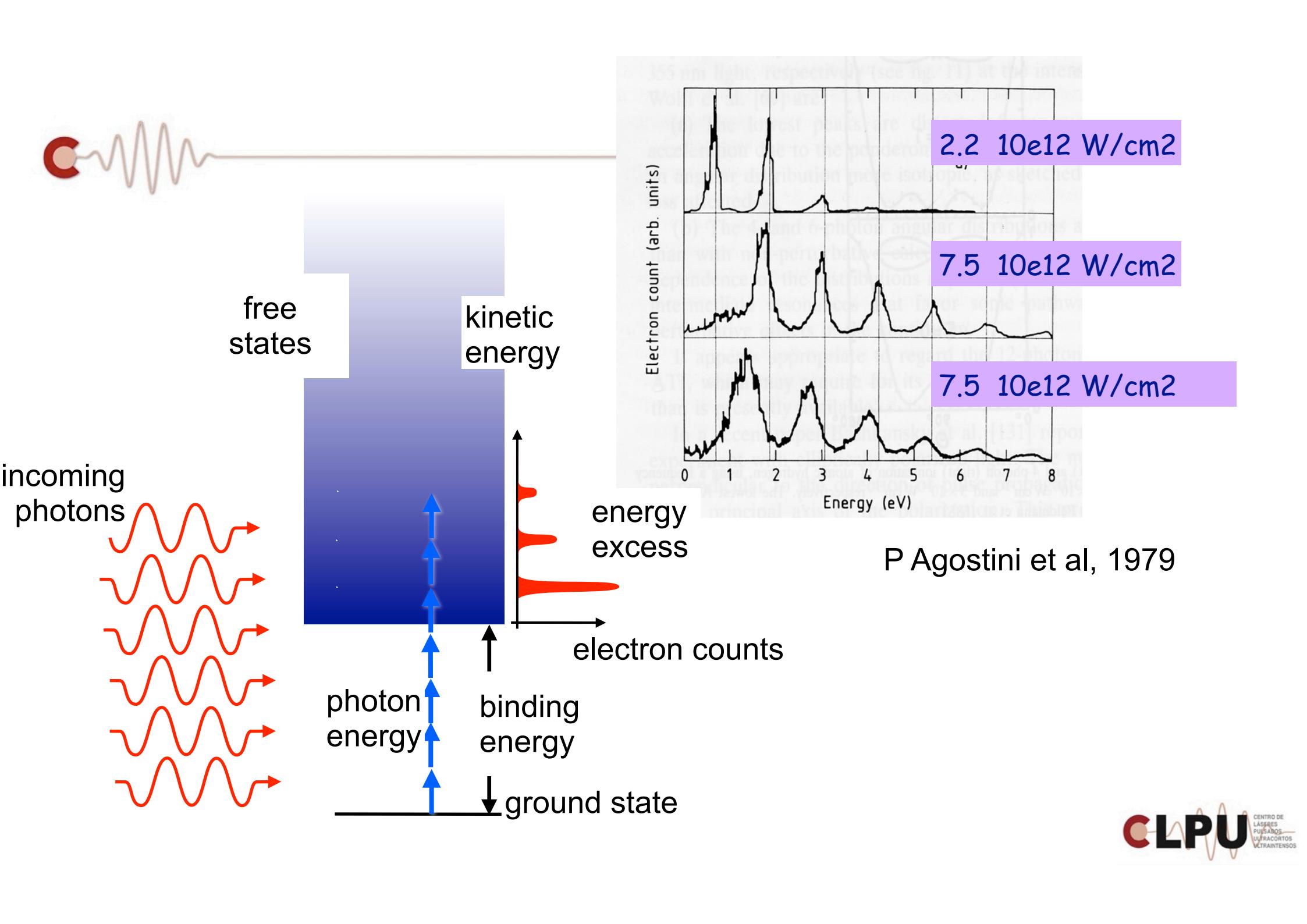


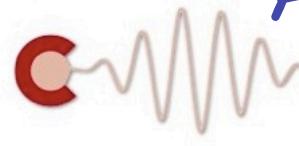
Non linear effects depend mostly on peak intensity



# Photo- ionization

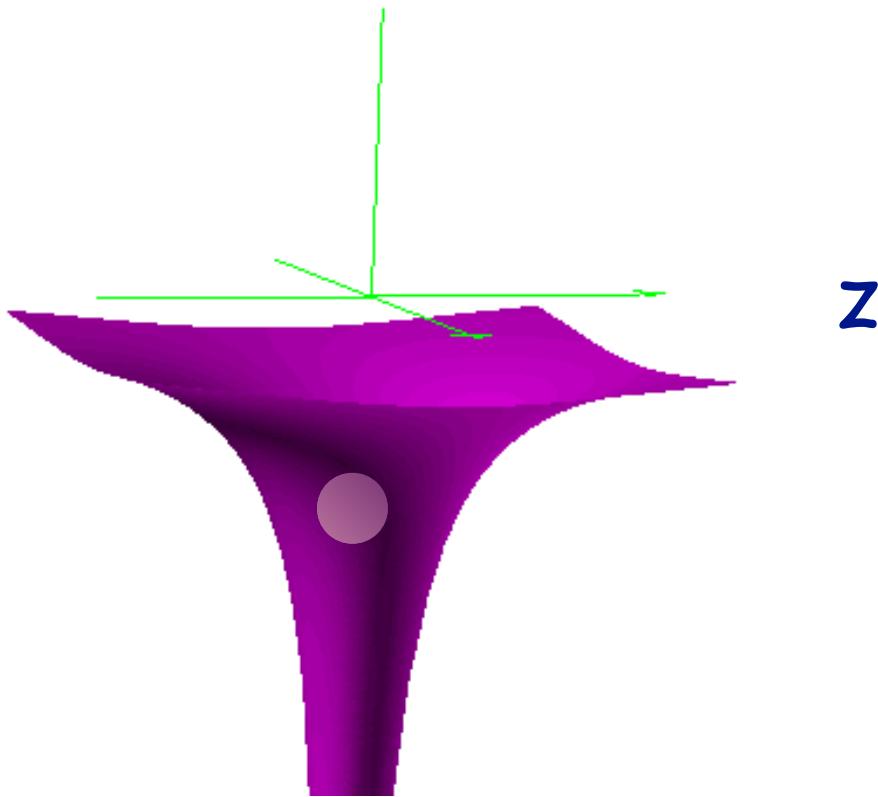
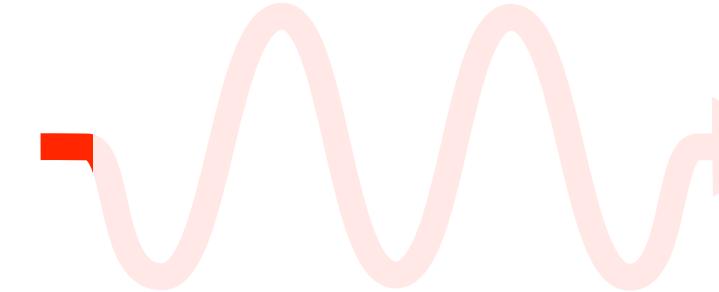


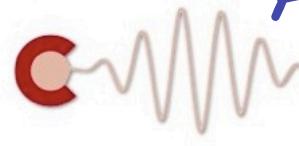




Atomic unit of intensity  $3,4 \times 10^{16} \text{ W/cm}^2$

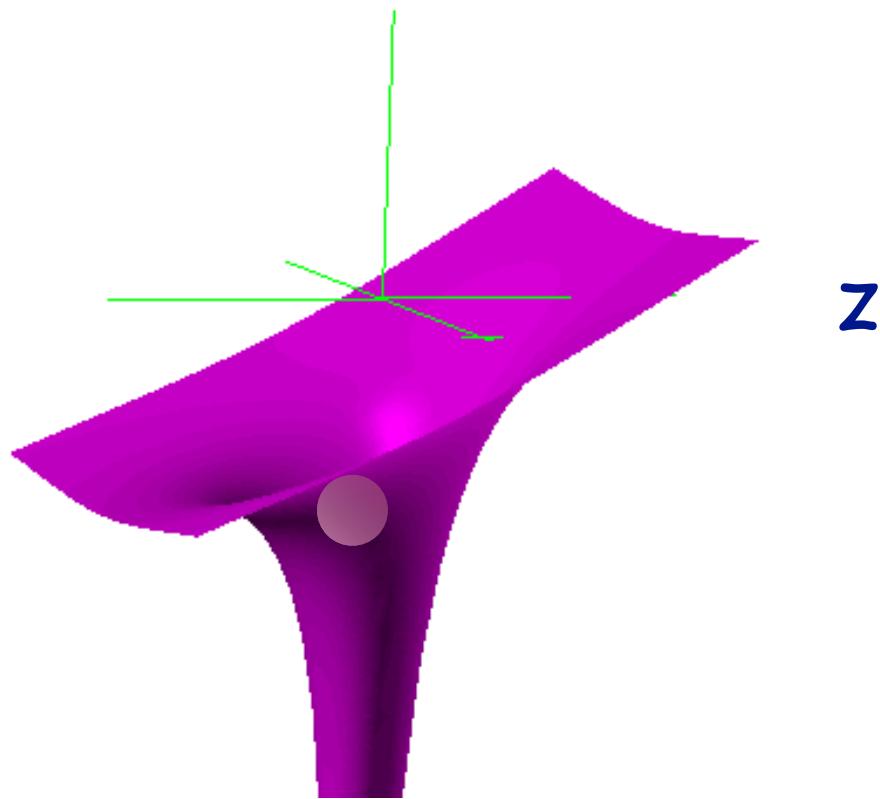
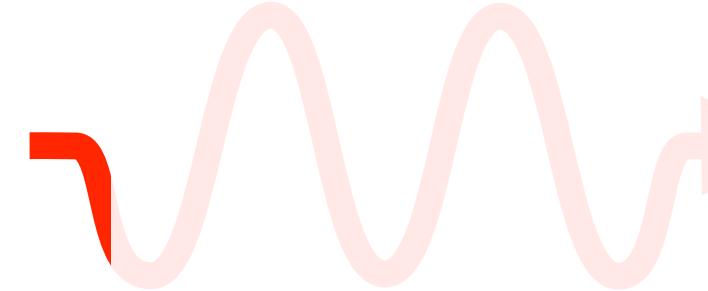
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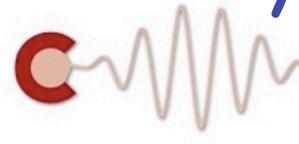




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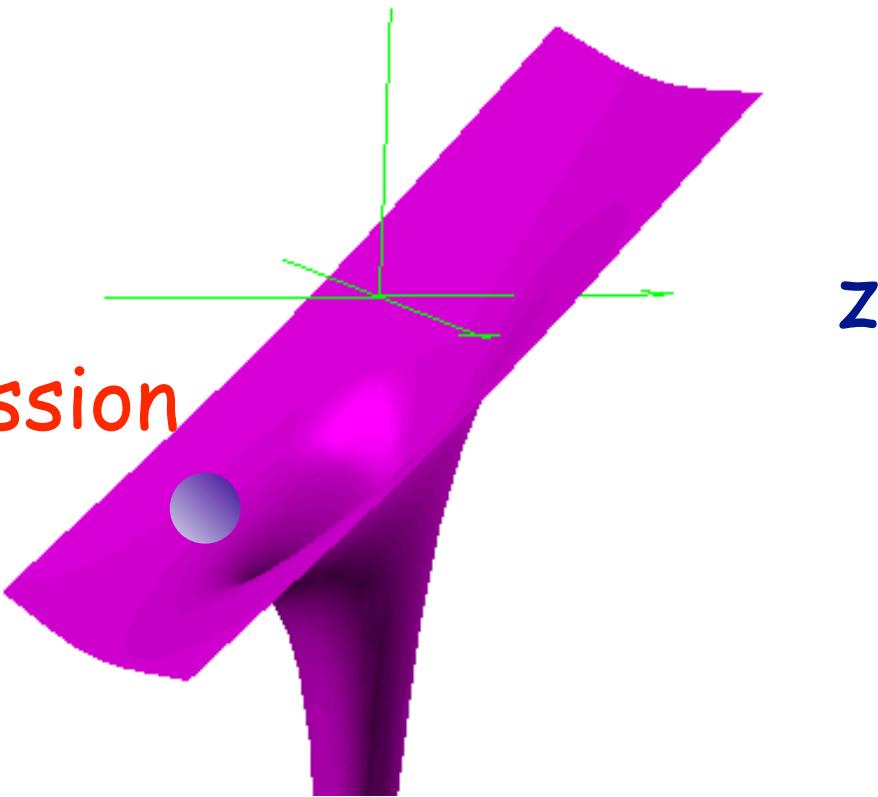
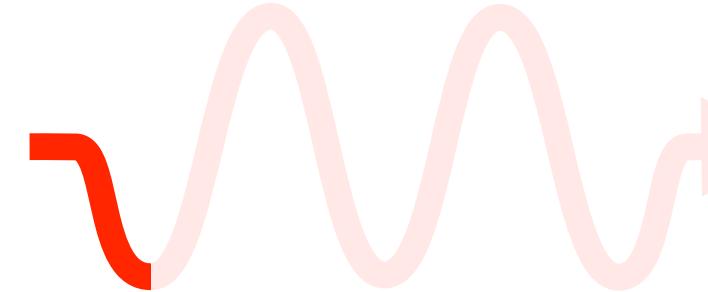
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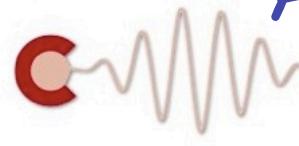


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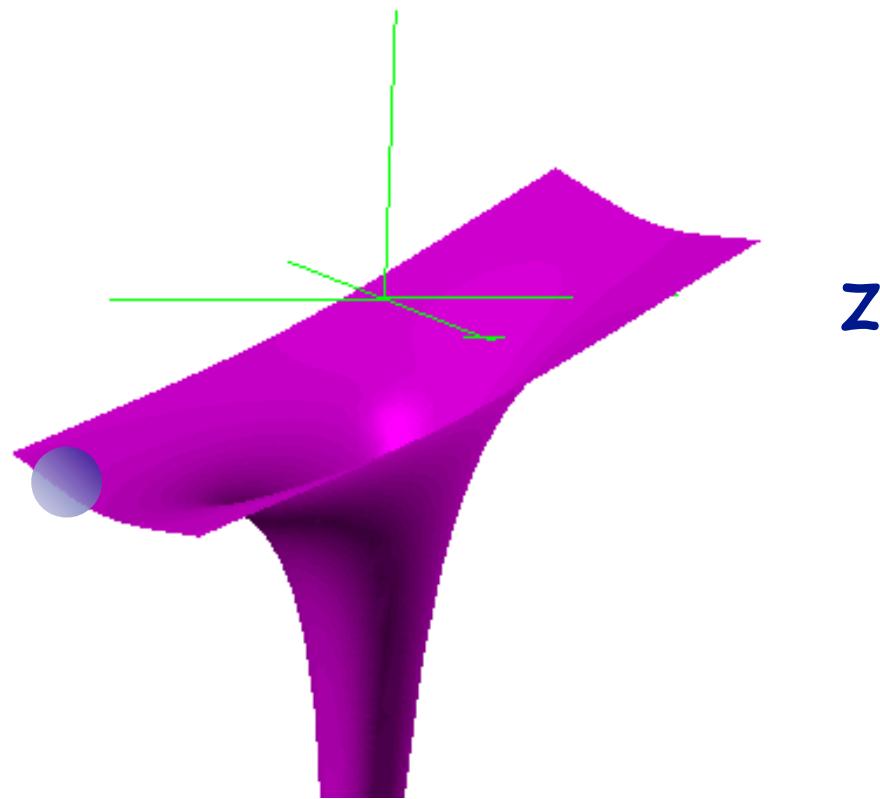
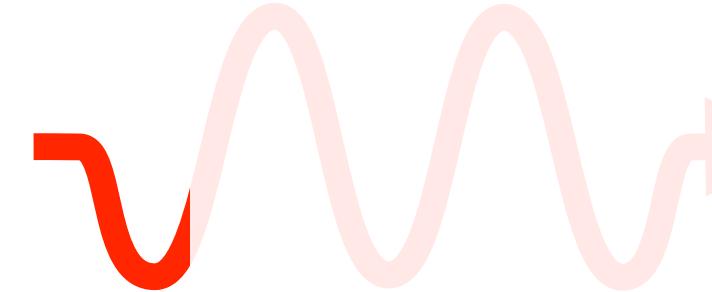


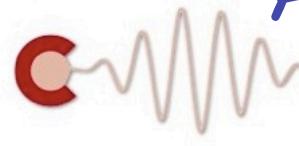
barrier suppression



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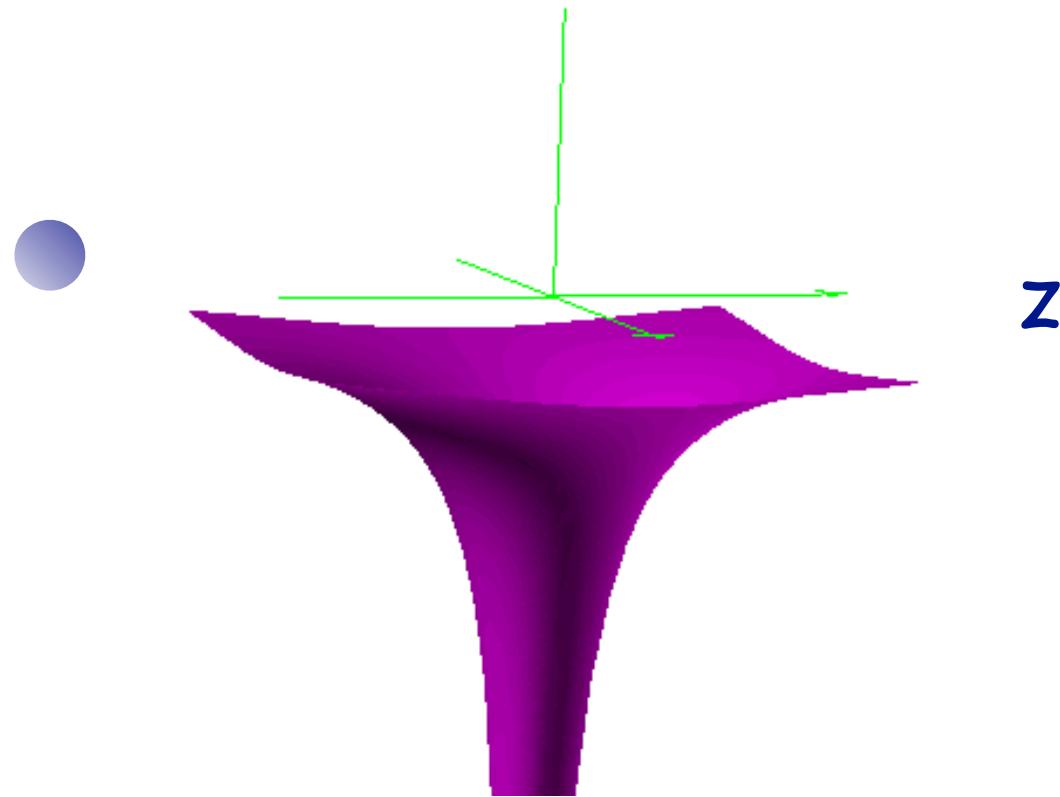
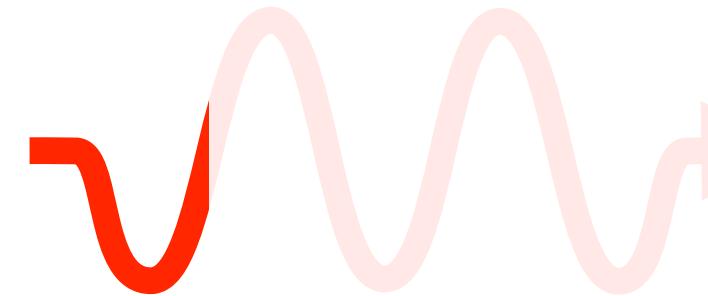
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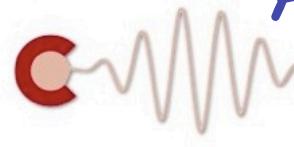




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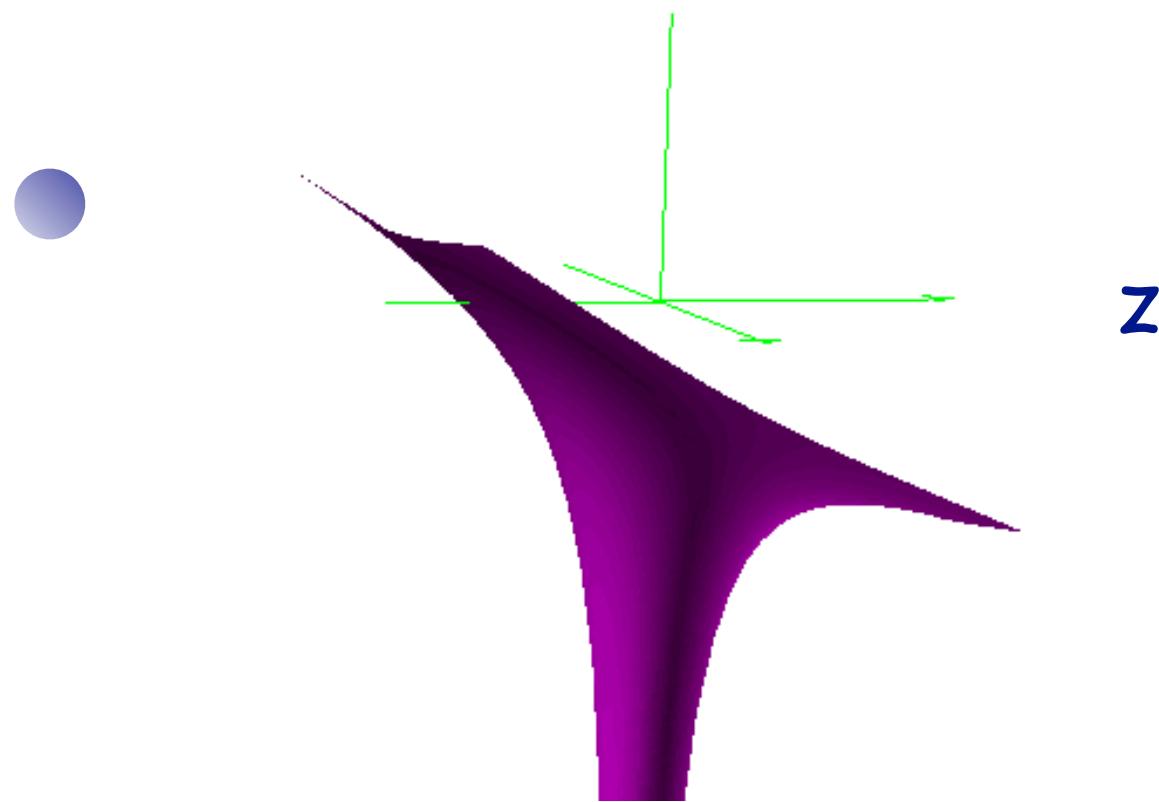
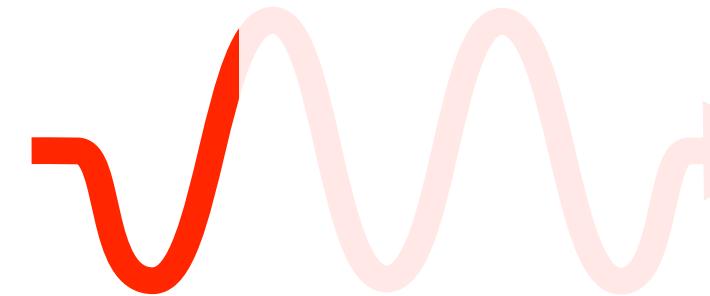
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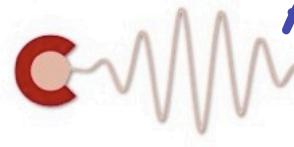




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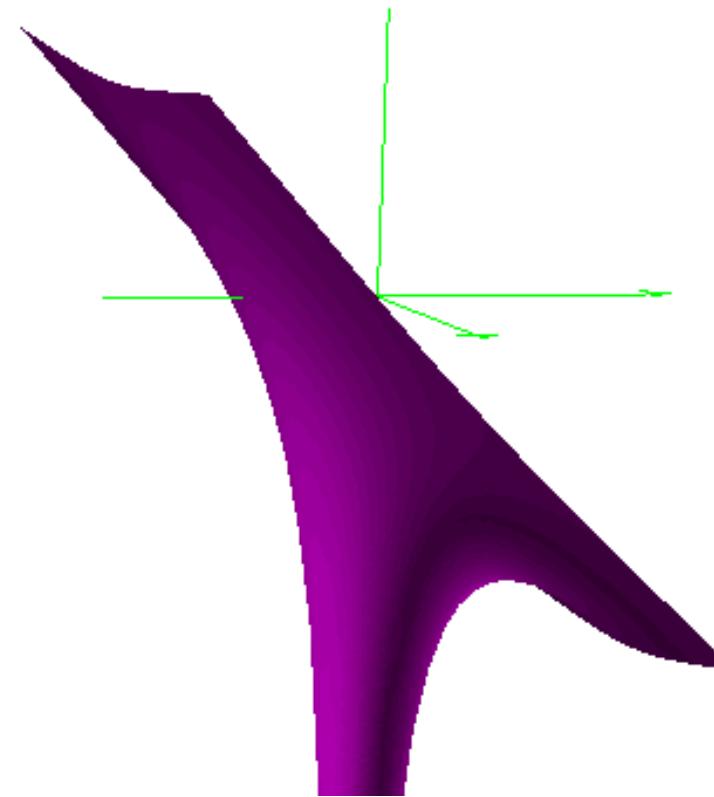
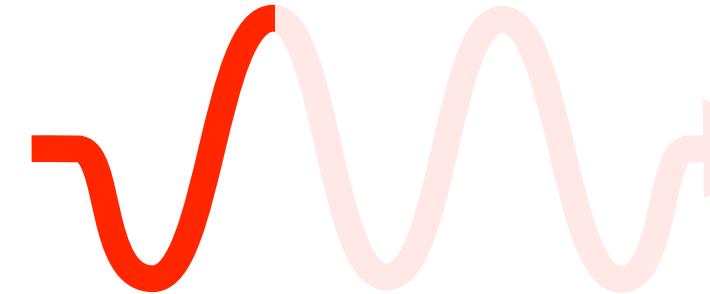
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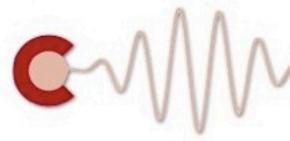




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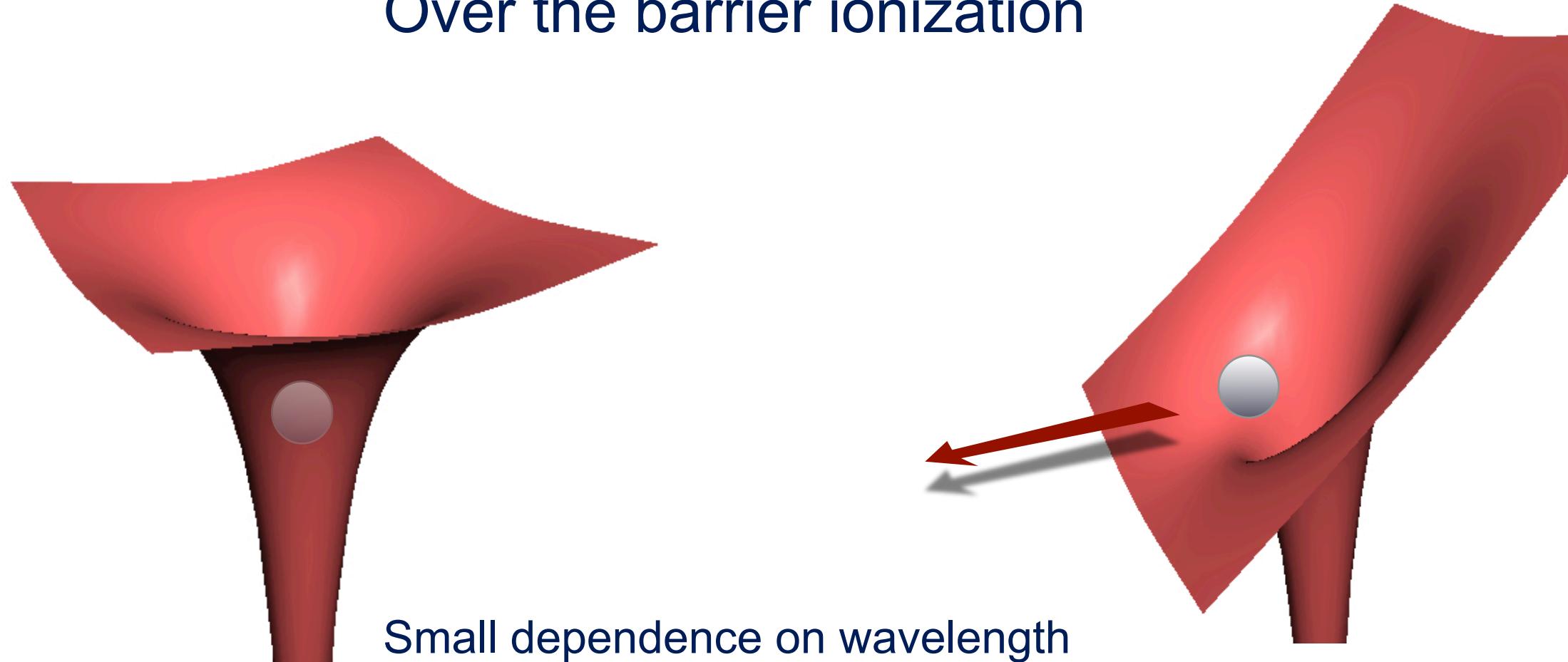
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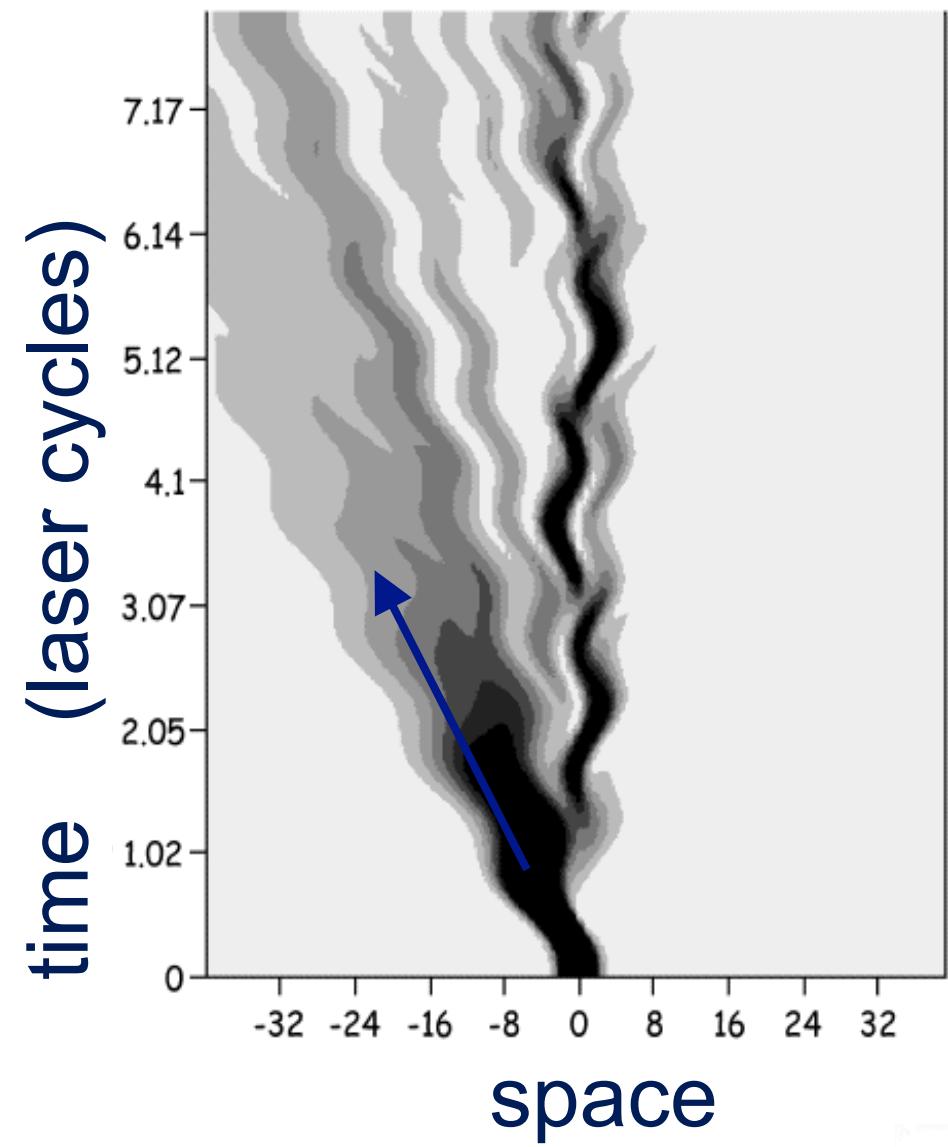
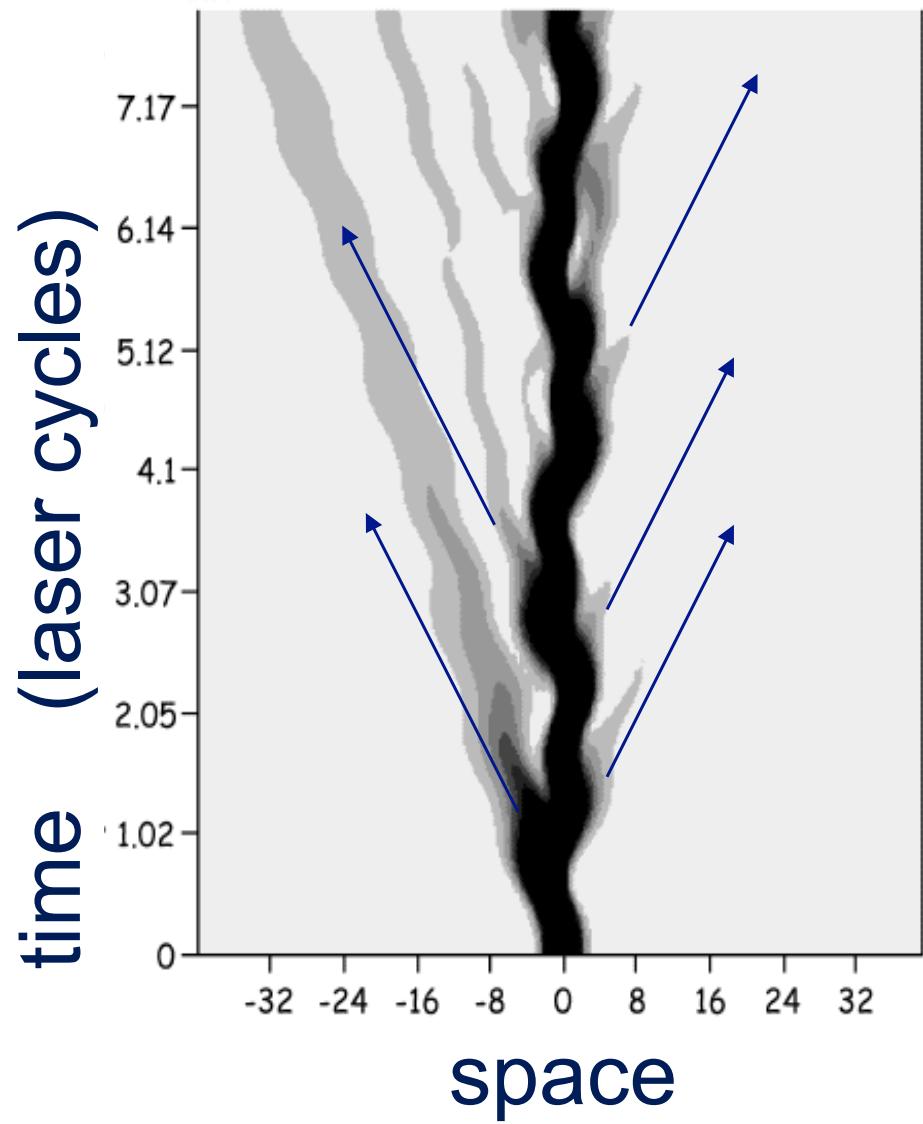
# Ionization at $10^{16} \text{ W/cm}^2$

## Over the barrier ionization



Small dependence on wavelength  
Laser period accounts only for  
the time that “the cage door” is opened.

# Over the barrier ionization $10^{16} \text{ W/cm}^2$



Atomic unit of intensity  $3,4 \times 10^{16} \text{ W/cm}^2$

10e24

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W/cm<sup>2</sup>

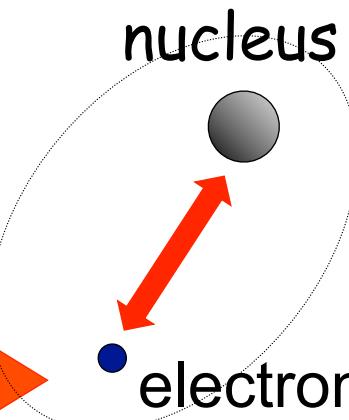
laser

Intensity

$3,4 \times 10^{16} \text{ W/cm}^2$

Electric field

$5,1 \times 10^9 \text{ V/cm}$



Interaction:  
electron-nucleus  
electron-laser  
of same strength

Atom loses its meaning  
beyond atomic unit of intensity ... plasma

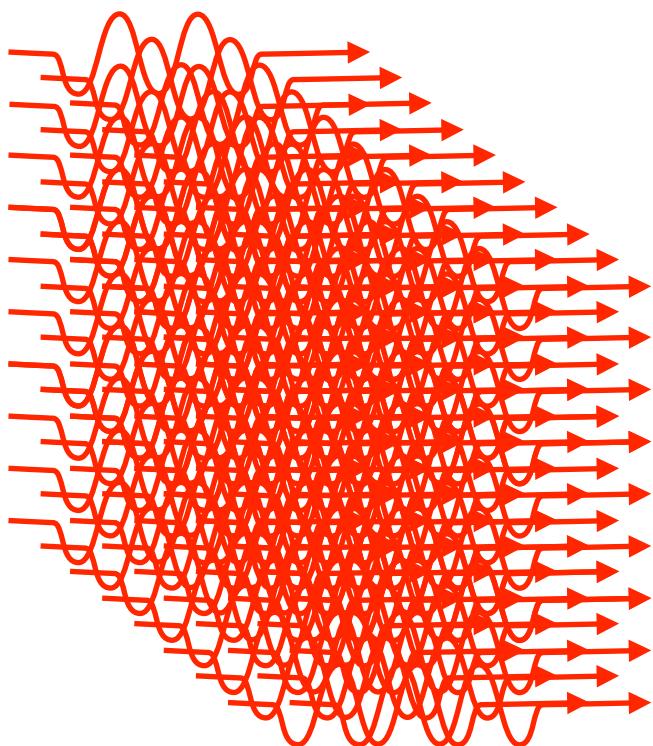
W/cm<sup>2</sup>



# One basic question

Photons are bosons,  
a laser is a collection on bosons in the same  
quantum state.

How many can we pack?  
Is there any fundamental limit?

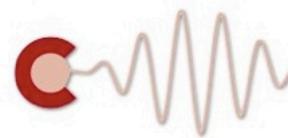


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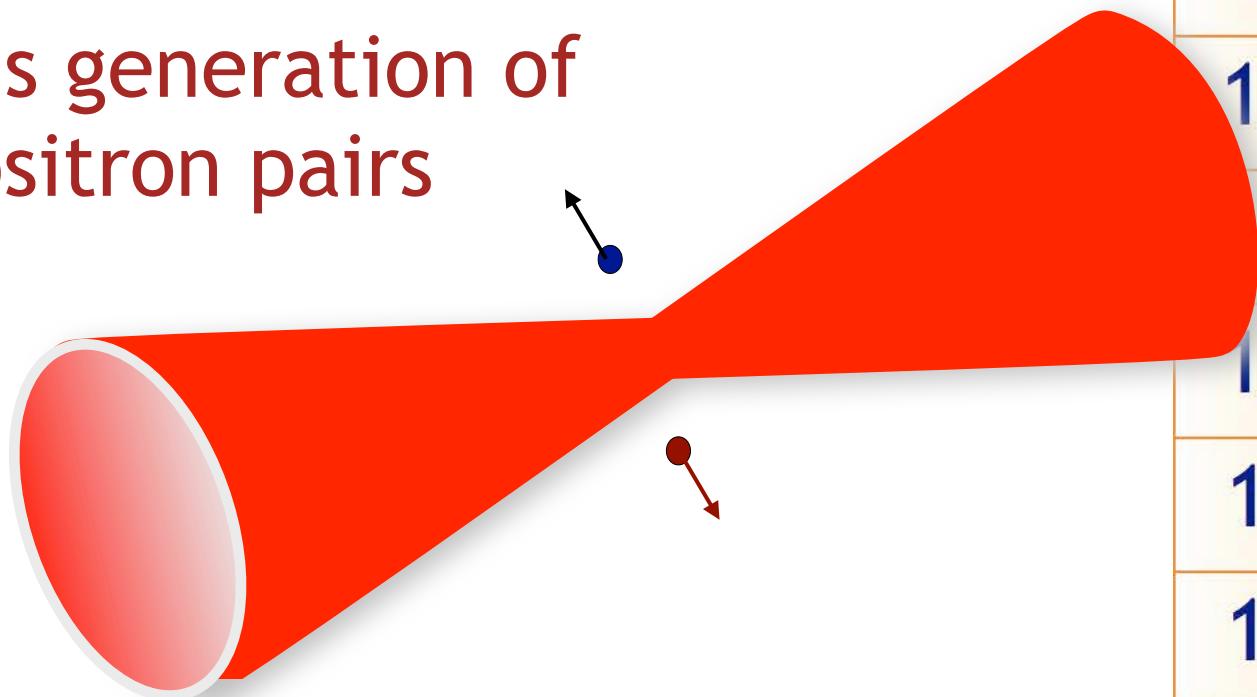
Schwinger limit



# Vacuum annihilation: Schwinger



Spontaneous generation of electron-positron pairs

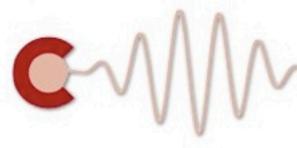


Non-linear QED

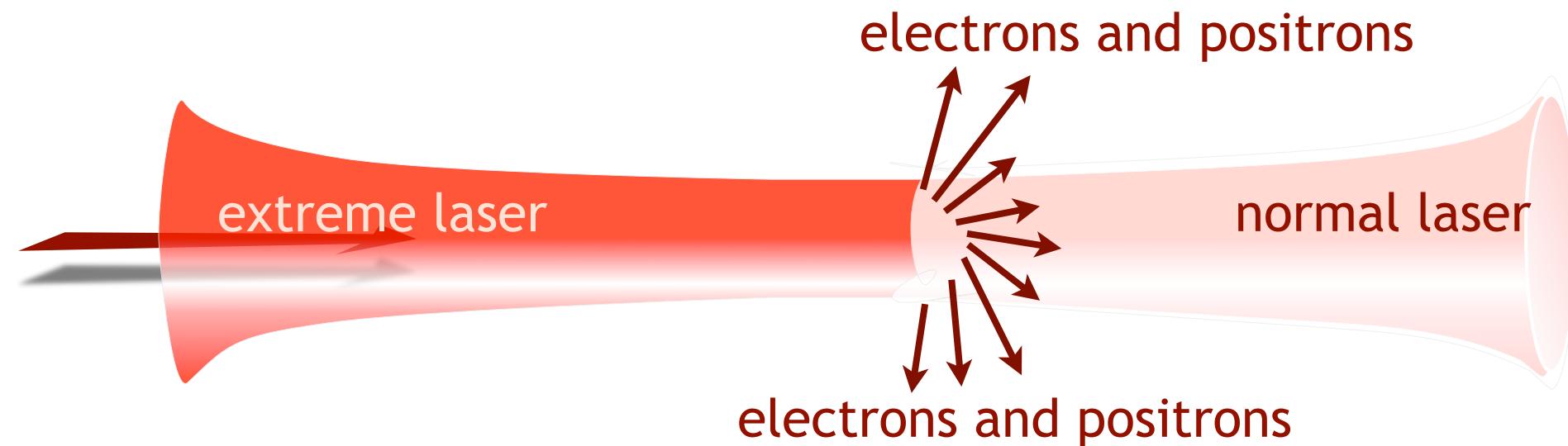
Beyond  $10^{29} \text{ W/cm}^2$  vacuum seems to be unstable

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$10^{30} \text{ W/cm}^2$
$10^{31} \text{ W/cm}^2$

# Is this an absolute barrier???



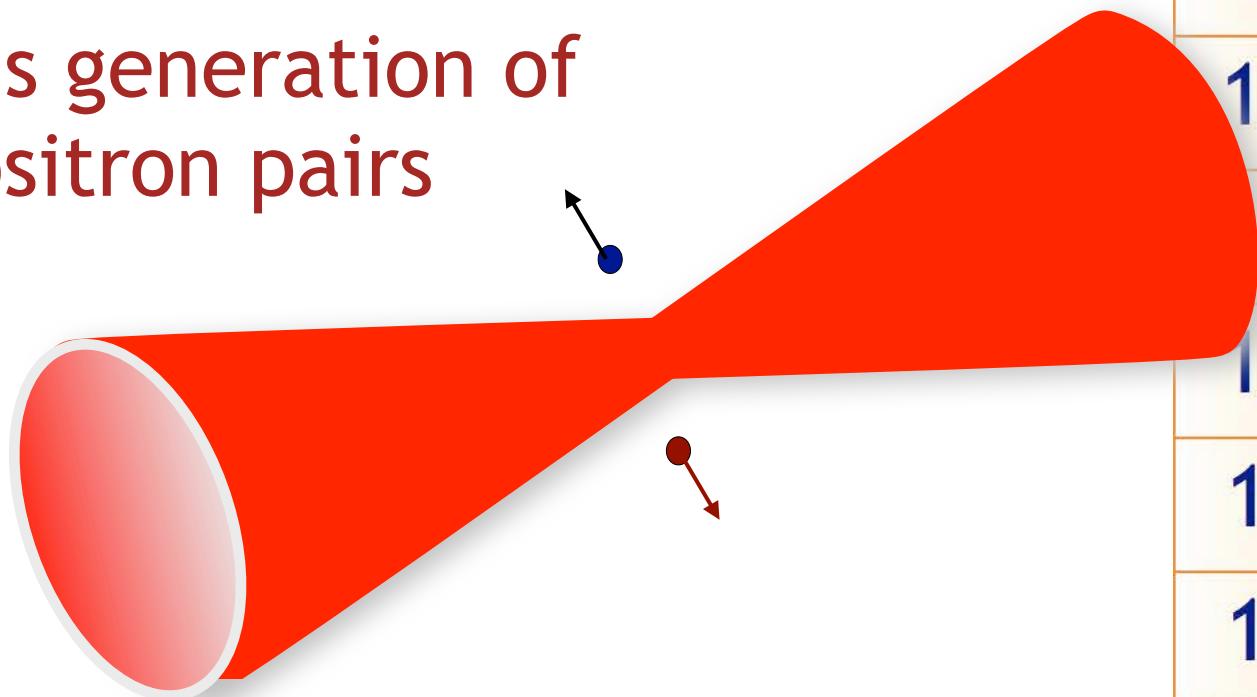
energy density	laser intensity
$3 \text{ mJ/nm}^3$	$10^{29} \text{ W/cm}^2$
$3 \text{ MJ/microm}^3$	



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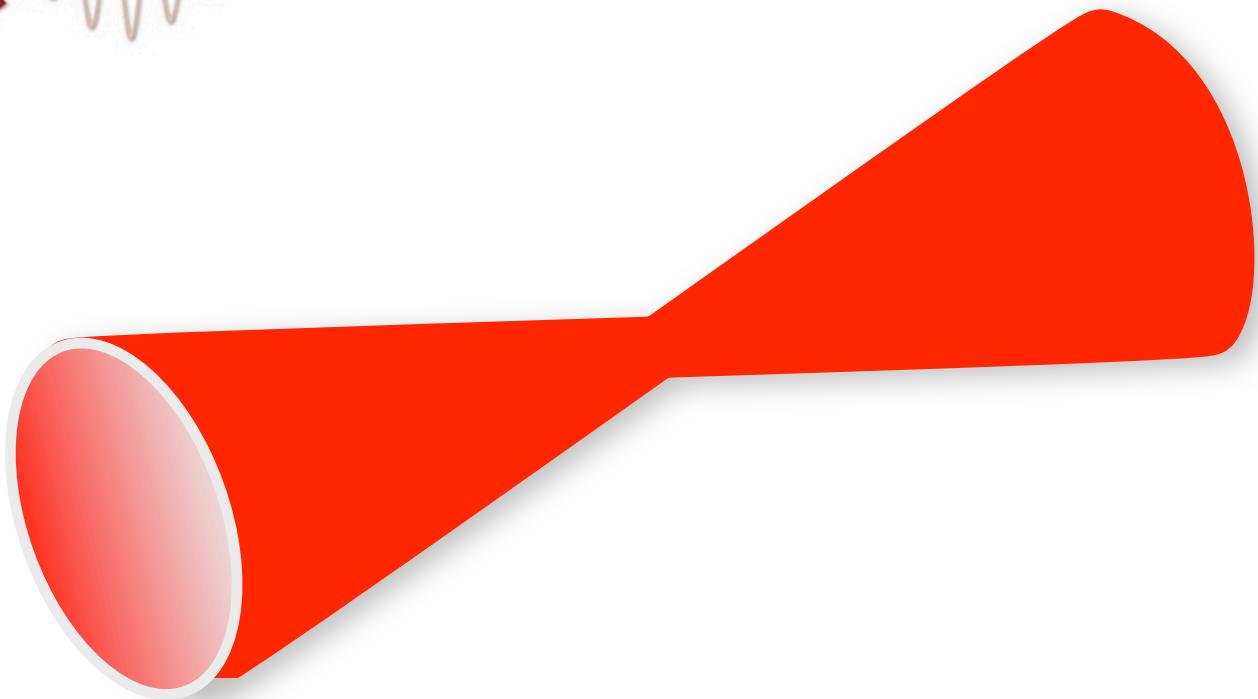
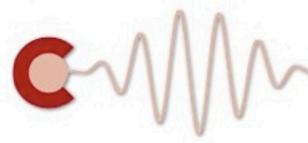


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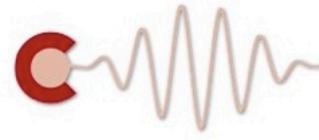
# The present



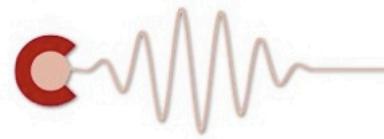
World record



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| $10^{16} \text{ W/cm}^2$ |
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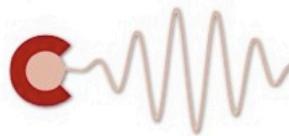
# Charge acceleration



atomic  
unit

Schwinger  
limit

	Intensity	Electric field	Year
	$10^{16} \text{ W/cm}^2$	$2.8 \cdot 10^9 \text{ V/cm}$	1990
	$3.5 \cdot 10^{16}$	$5.14 \cdot 10^9 \text{ V/cm}$	1990
	$10^{18} \text{ W/cm}^2$	$2.8 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ V/cm}$	1990
	$10^{20} \text{ W/cm}^2$	$2.8 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ V/cm}$	2000
	$10^{22} \text{ W/cm}^2$	$2.8 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ V/cm}$	2007
	$10^{23} \text{ W/cm}^2$	$\sim 10^{13} \text{ V/cm}$	2013
	$10^{29} \text{ W/cm}^2$	$\sim 10^{16} \text{ V/cm}$	???



# Origins ...

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## Classical Theory of the Scattering of Intense Laser Radiation by Free Electrons

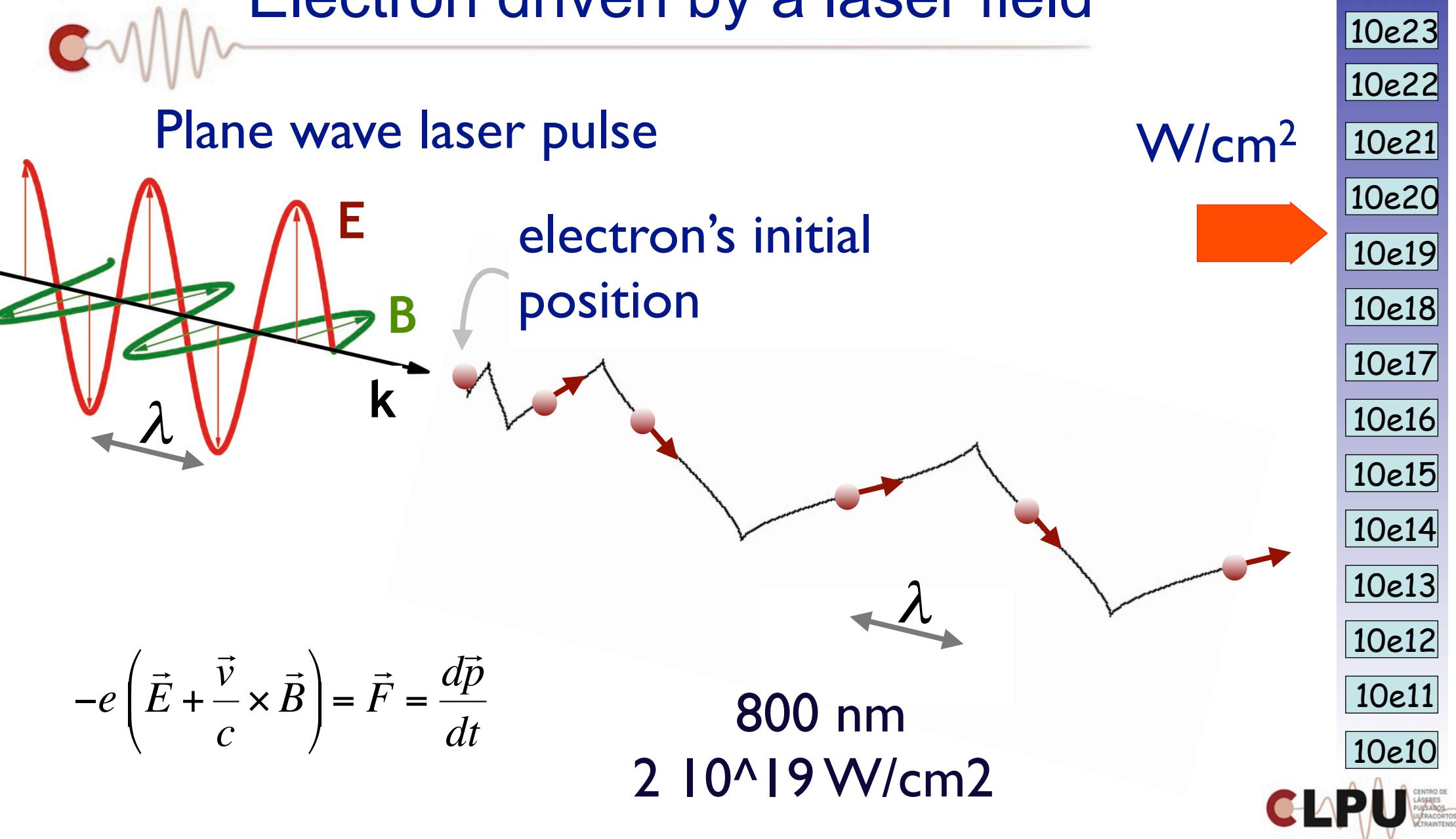
E. S. SARACHIK AND G. T. SCHAPPERT

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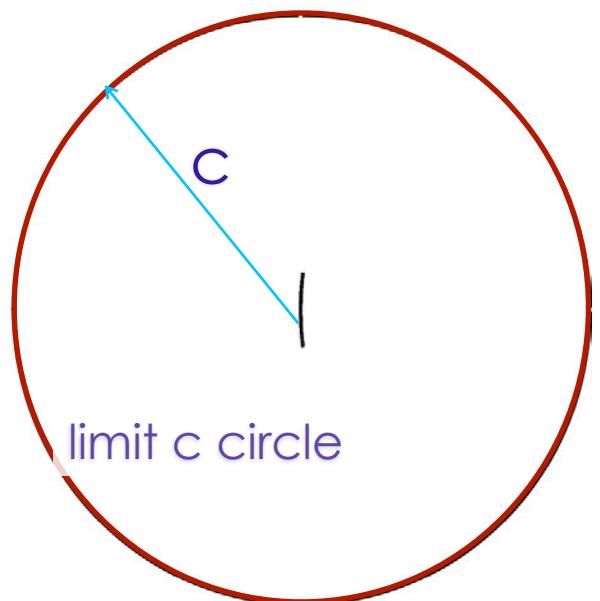
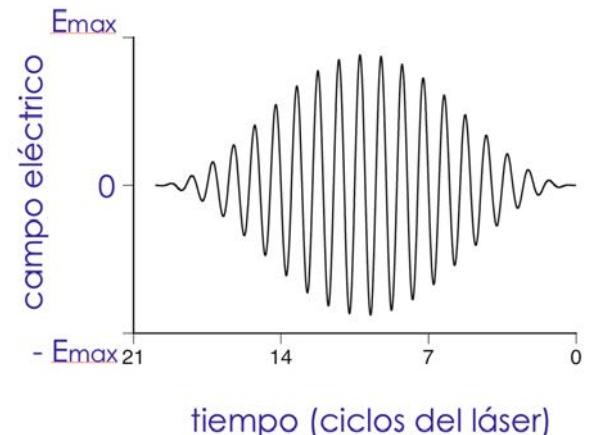
A complete discussion of the classical theory of high-intensity Thomson scattering by free electrons is presented. Neglecting the radiation reaction, the equations of motion for an electron in an arbitrarily intense, elliptically polarized, plane electromagnetic wave can be solved exactly. From the solutions for the electron motion, the radiated power, momentum, and harmonics are calculated in two special Lorentz frames: the laboratory frame and the frame in which the electron is on the average at rest. The difference between the radiated power measured by an observer and that emitted by the electron is discussed for each frame. A sum rule for the radiated harmonics is derived. The limitation due to the neglect of radiation reaction is considered. Finally, the high- and low-intensity behavior of the spectrum and angular distribution of the radiation is analyzed in both frames.

# Electron driven by a laser field

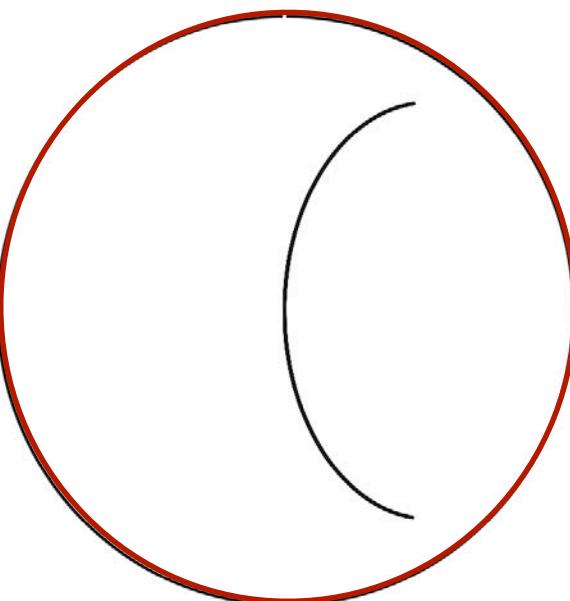




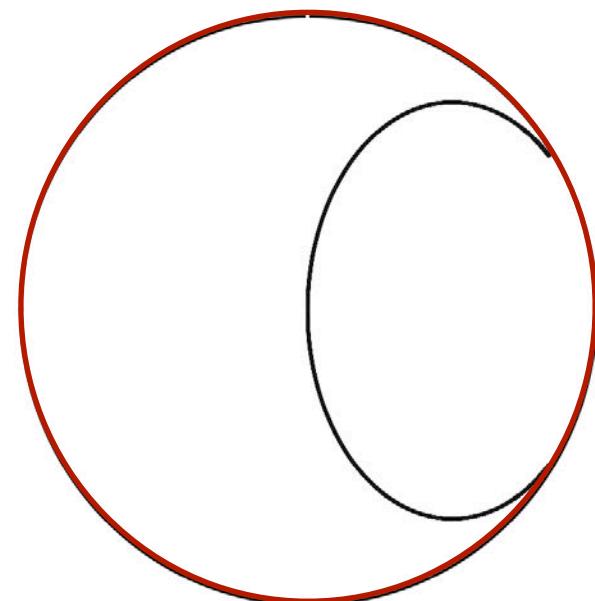
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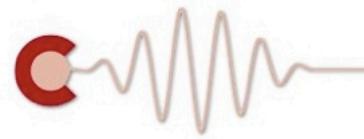
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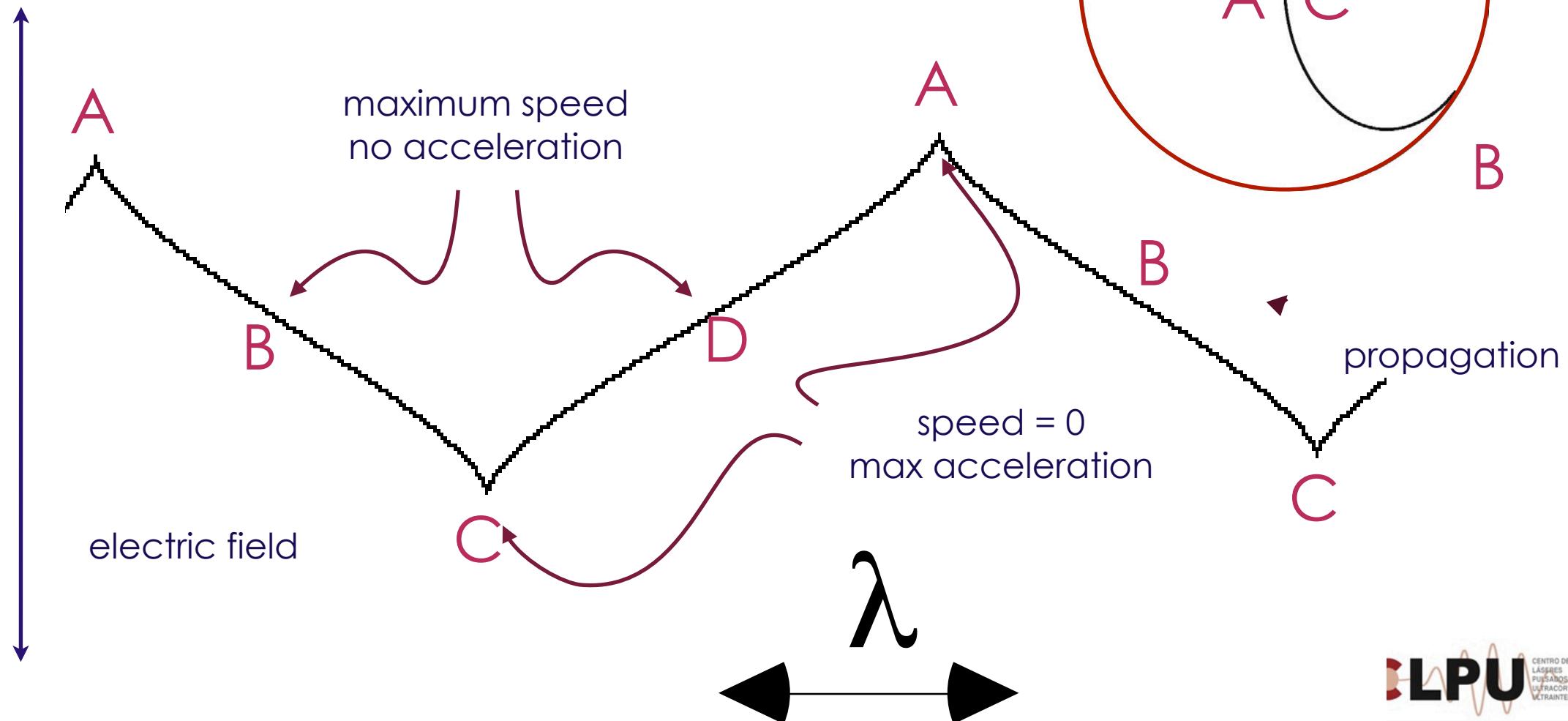
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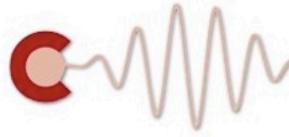
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## Plane wave laser pulse

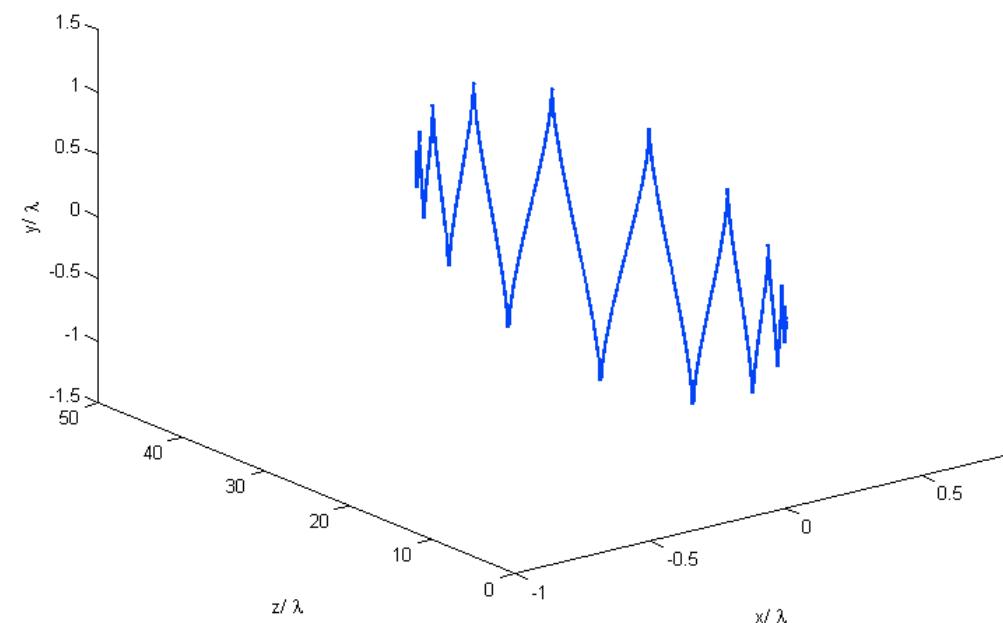


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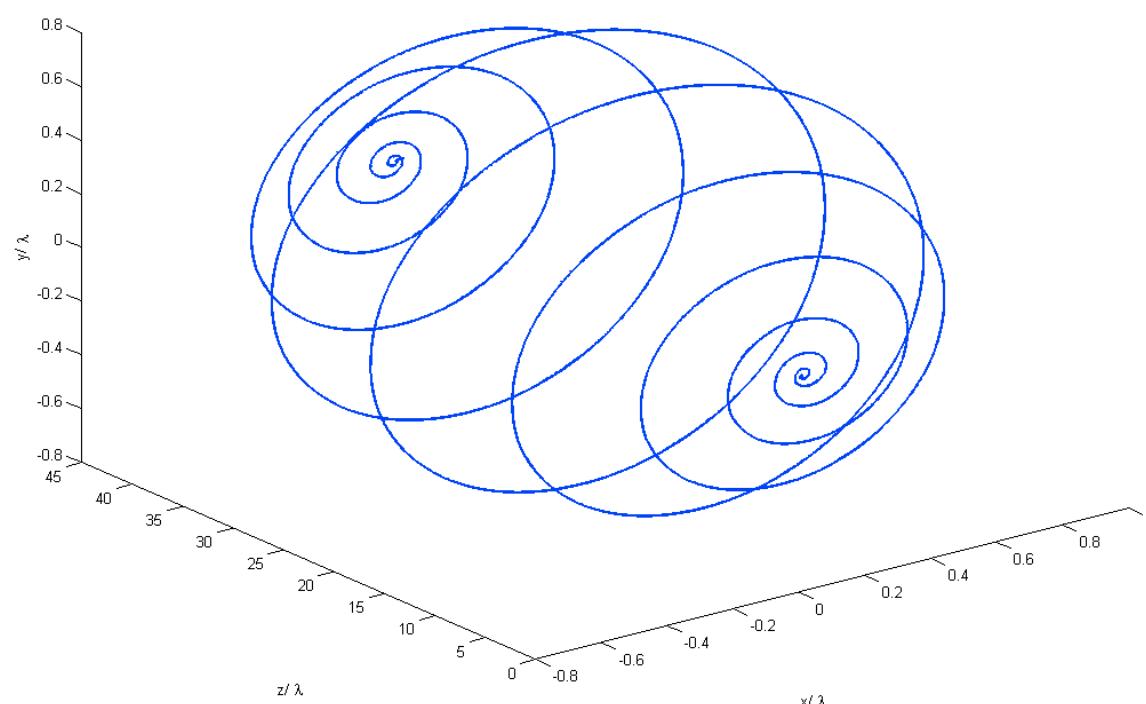


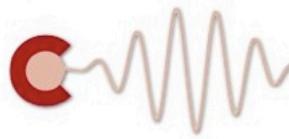
Plane wave laser pulse

Linear



Circular





# Coupling laser-charge

The max energy of a charged particle inside a laser field is:

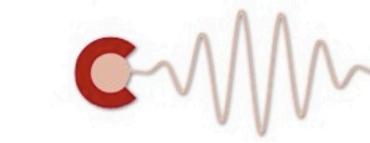
$$E_{\max} = mc^2 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{q^2}{m \omega^2} I$$

charge  
mass

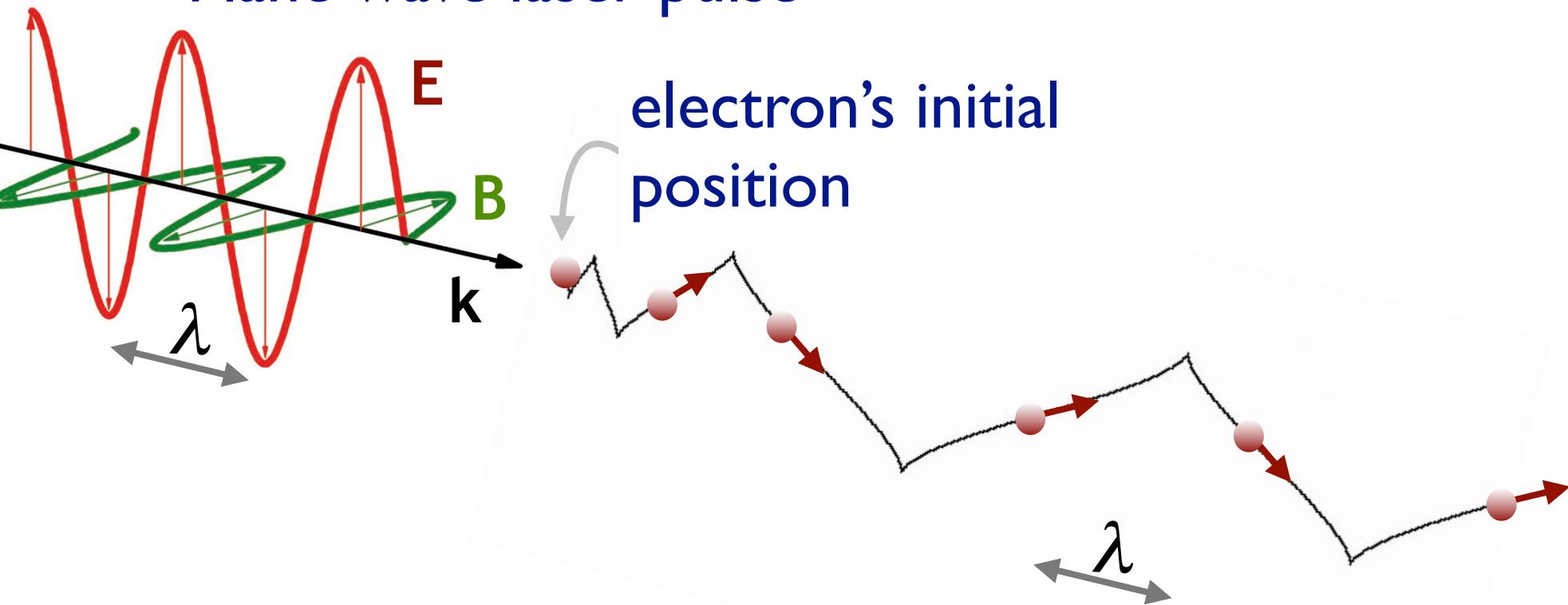
intensity

Plane wave laser pulse

This is the typical figure-of-eight motion

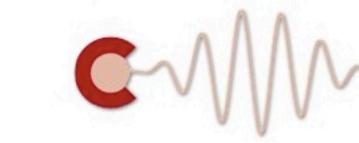


Plane wave laser pulse

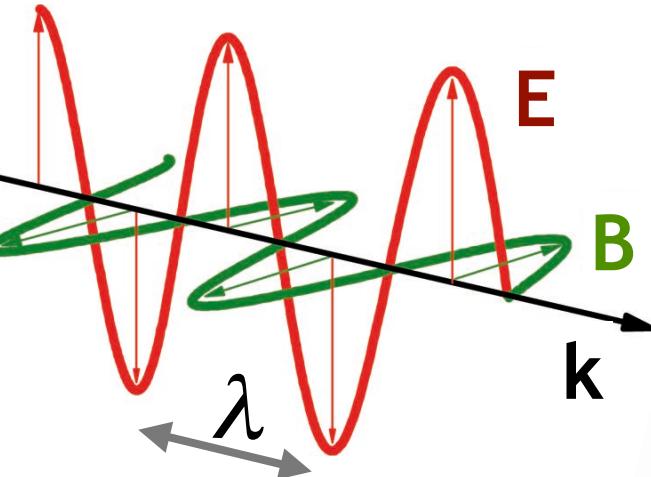


$$-e \left( \vec{E} + \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \times \vec{B} \right) = \vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

# Electron driven by a laser field



Plane wave laser pulse

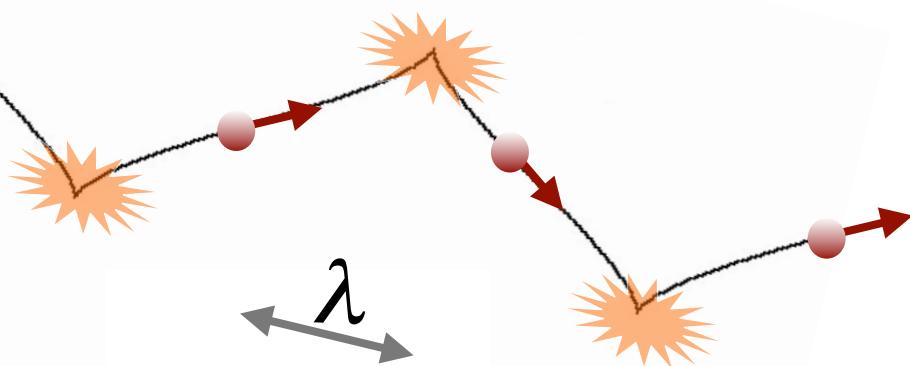


electron's initial  
position

Looking for:  
acceleration or  
celerity ?

Radiation reaction  
beyond  $10^{23} \text{ W/cm}^2$

$\text{W/cm}^2$



10e24
10e23
10e22
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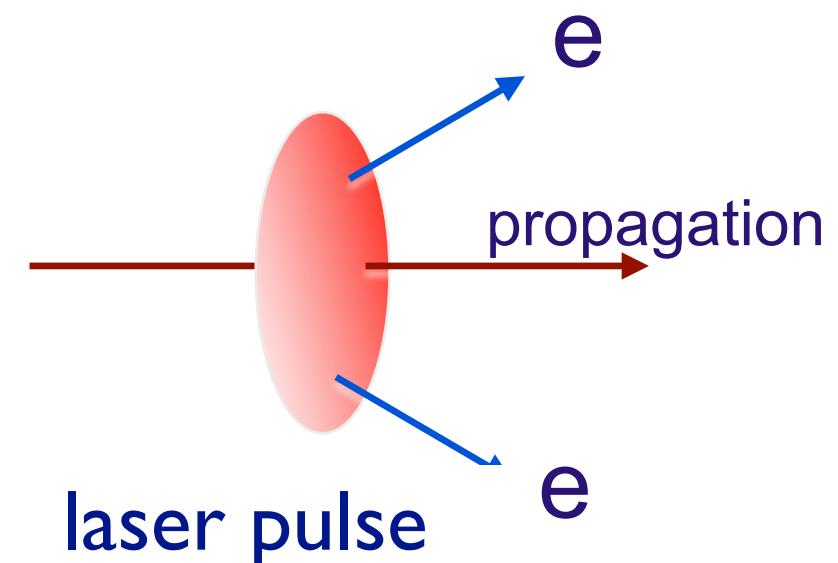


# Coupling laser - electron

Very efficient

Intensity	Max energy of an electron inside this field
$10^{16} \text{ W/cm}^2$	1 KeV
$10^{19} \text{ W/cm}^2$	1 MeV
$10^{20} \text{ W/cm}^2$	10 MeV
$10^{21} \text{ W/cm}^2$	100 MeV
$10^{22} \text{ W/cm}^2$	1 GeV
$10^{23} \text{ W/cm}^2$	10 GeV

$$E_{\max} = mc^2 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{q^2}{m \omega^2} I$$



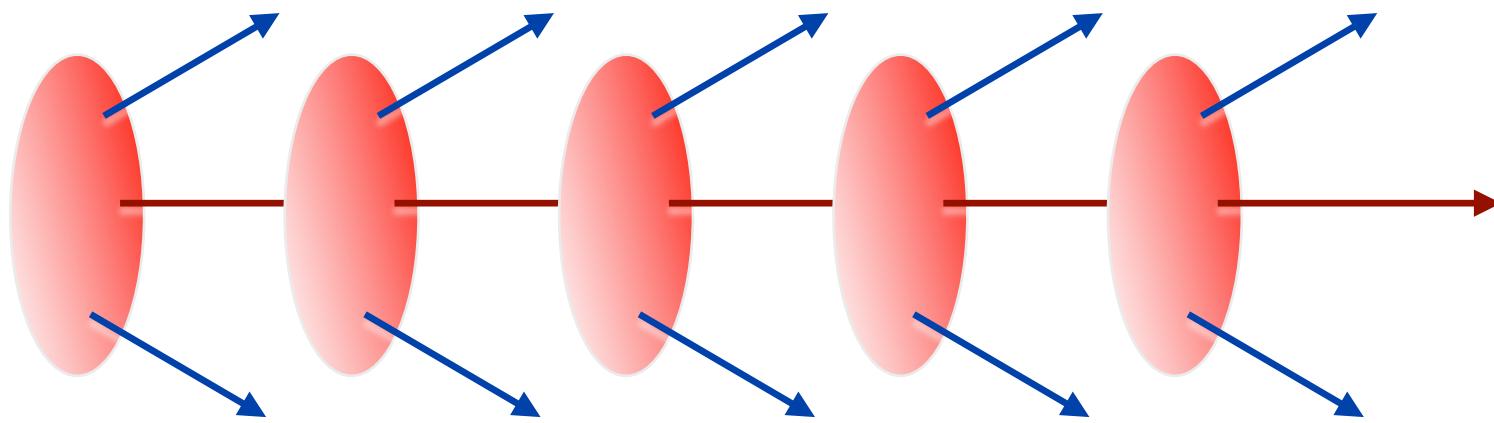


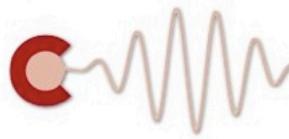
# Coupling laser - electron

Coupling is very efficient

$$E_{\max} = mc^2 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{q^2}{m \omega^2} I$$

One big problem:  
magnetic field push the trajectory at an angle

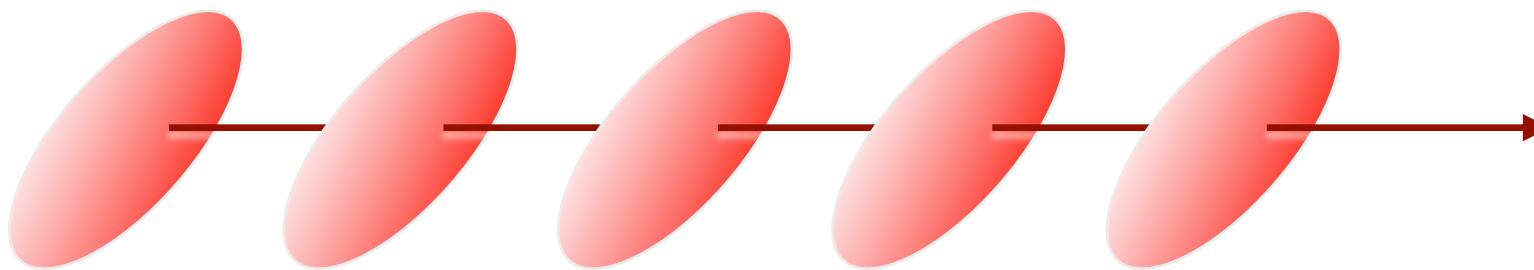


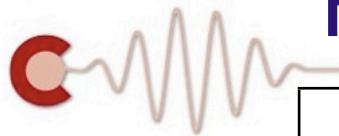


# Acceleration in the forward direction

Two possibilities:

- Tailor the laser pulses (phase and intensity in different directions)
- Use plasma effects to compensate (collective motion in the forward direction)

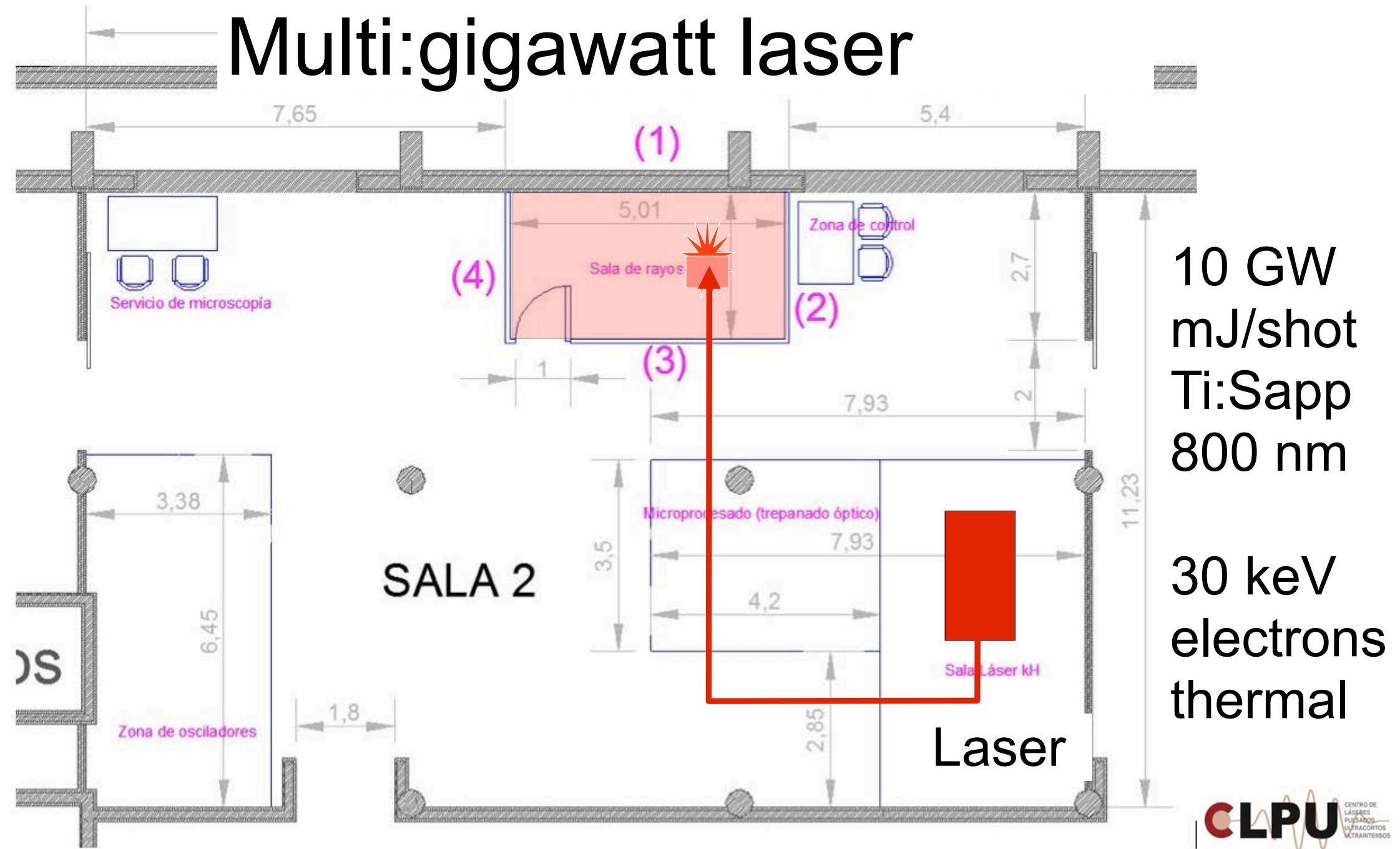




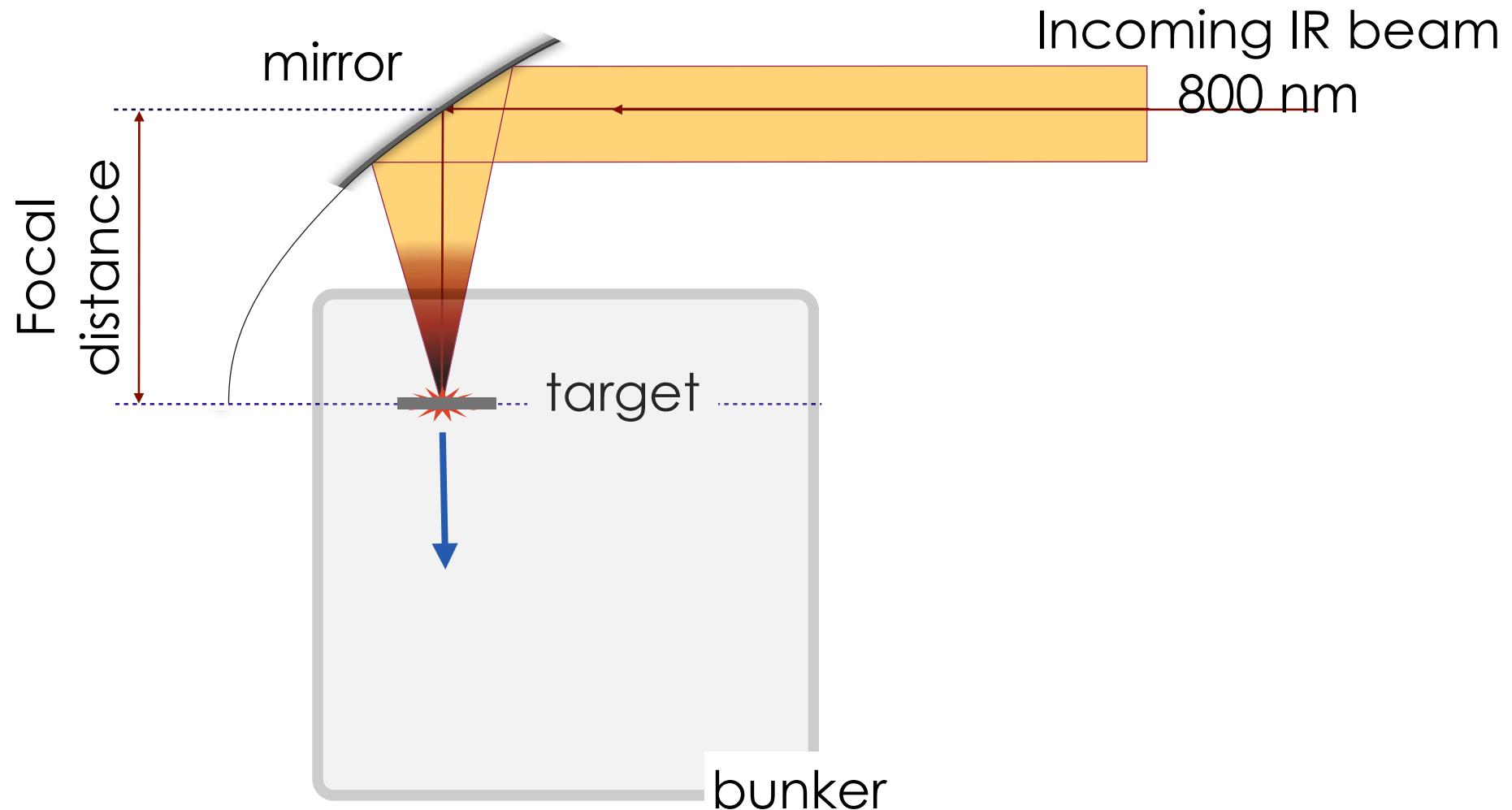
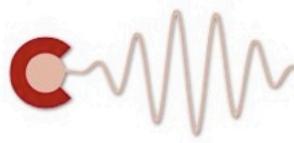
# Realistic limits

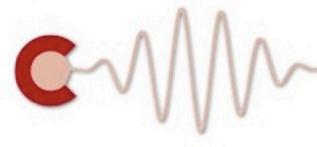
Peak power	Focal spot waist microns	Intensity	Electron energy max
10 GW	$w_0 = 1$	$3 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ W/cm}^2$	30 kev
1 TW	$w_0 = 1$	$3 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ W/cm}^2$	3 MeV
100 TW	$w_0 = 1$	$3 \cdot 10^{21} \text{ W/cm}^2$	300 MeV
	$w_0 = 10$	$3 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ W/cm}^2$	3 MeV
1 PW	$w_0 = 1$	$3 \cdot 10^{22} \text{ W/cm}^2$	3 GeV
	$w_0 = 10$	$3 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ W/cm}^2$	30 MeV
10 PW	$w_0 = 1$	$3 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ W/cm}^2$	30 GeV
	$w_0 = 10$	$3 \cdot 10^{21} \text{ W/cm}^2$	300 MeV
Not soon !!!	$w_0 = 1$	$3 \cdot 10^{29} \text{ W/cm}^2$	30 PeV

# Multi:gigawatt laser



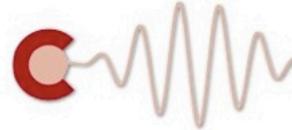
# Radioprotection





# Plasma effects

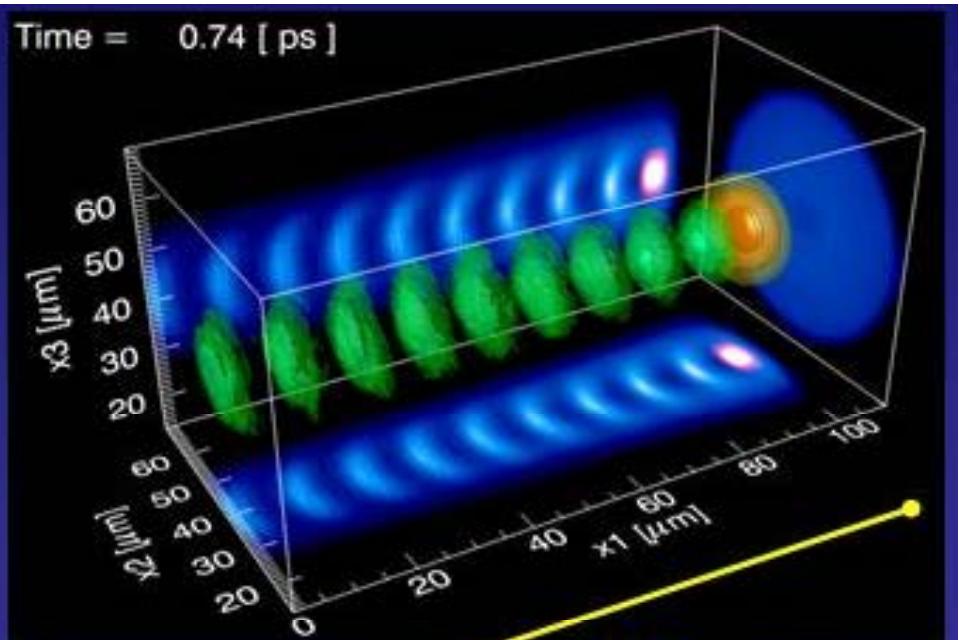
# Aceleradores



## Conventional



RF cavity



100 μm

Plasma cavity

From Victor Malka

# Plasma accelerators

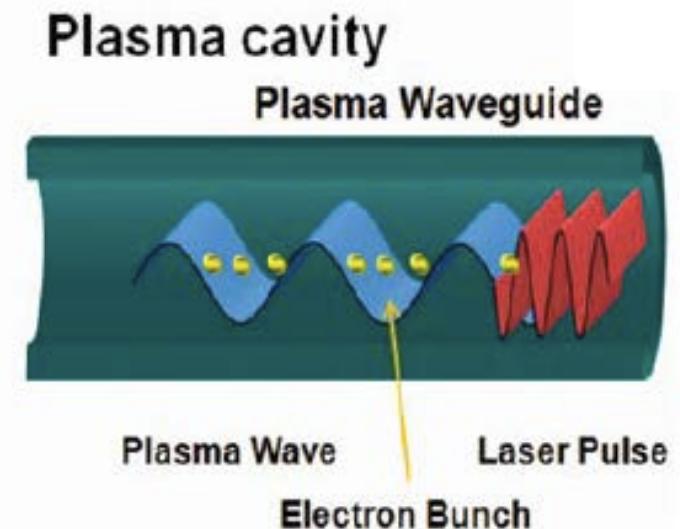
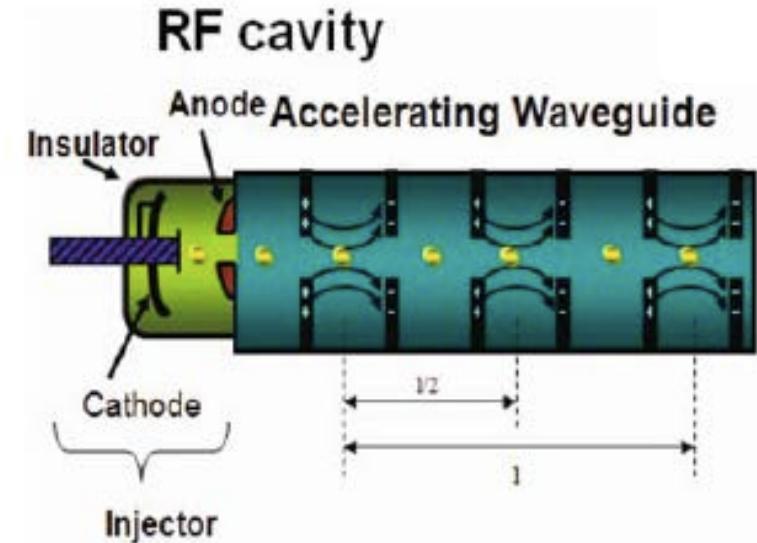


Idea from:  
T Tajima and J N Dawson  
Phys Rev Lett 1979

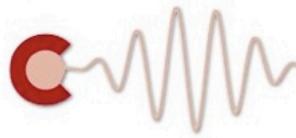
An intense electromagnetic pulse can create a wake of plasma oscillations.

Electrons trapped in the wake can be accelerated to high energy.

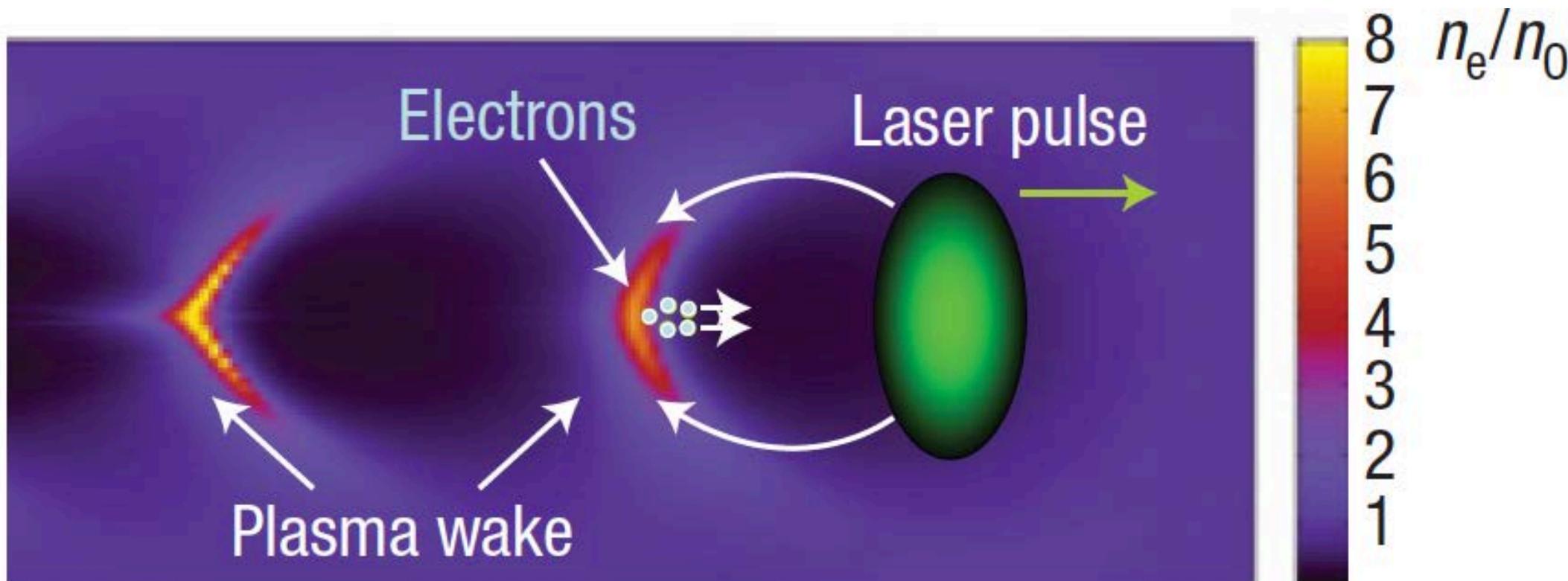
GeV/cm



Bulanov et al.  
Eur Phys Jour D 2009

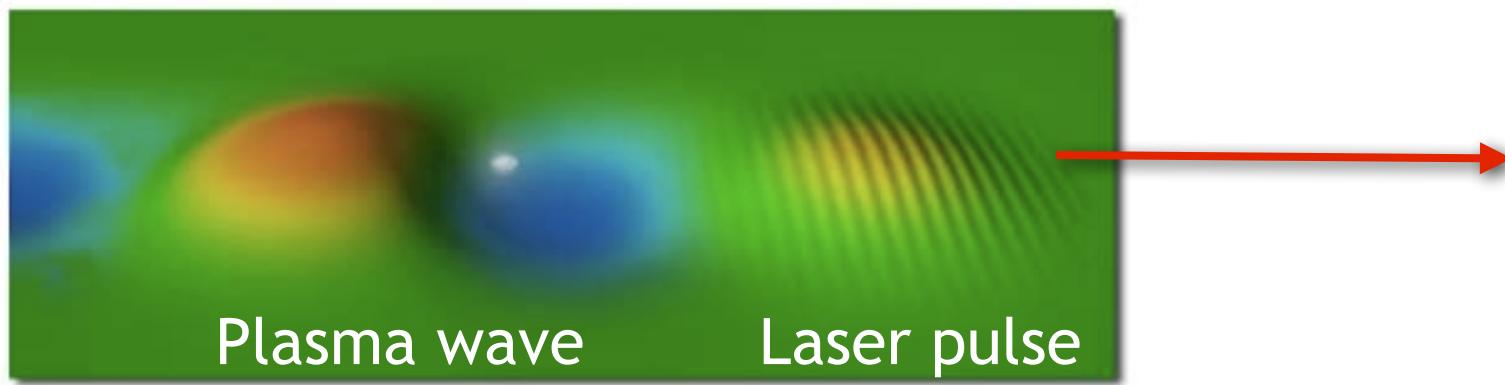
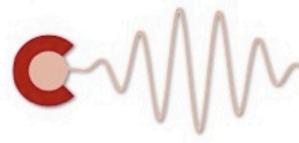


# Laser induced acceleration



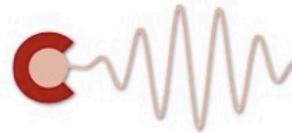
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# Laser wakefield acceleration



from W Leemans Berkeley

# Laser Electron Accelerator



Nature 431, 541-544 2004

A laser–plasma accelerator producing  
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J. Faure et al

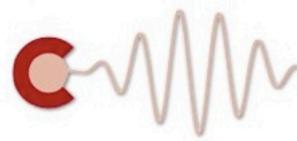
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**Laser accelerators  
100 GeV/m**

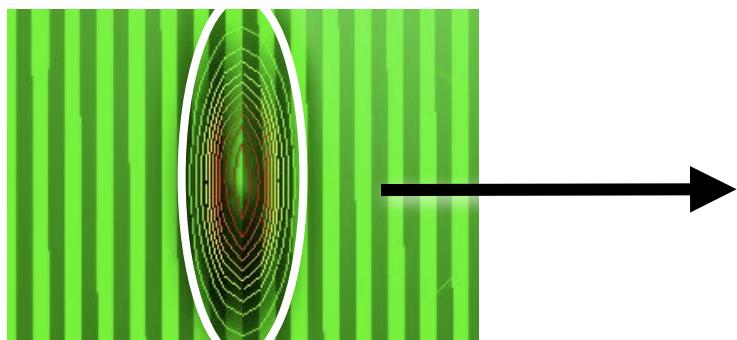
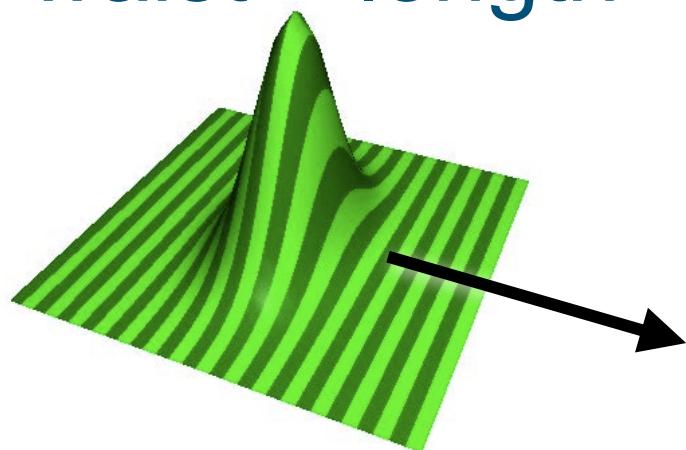
*The resulting electron beam is extremely collimated and quasi-monoenergetic, with a high charge of 0.5 nC at 170 MeV.*



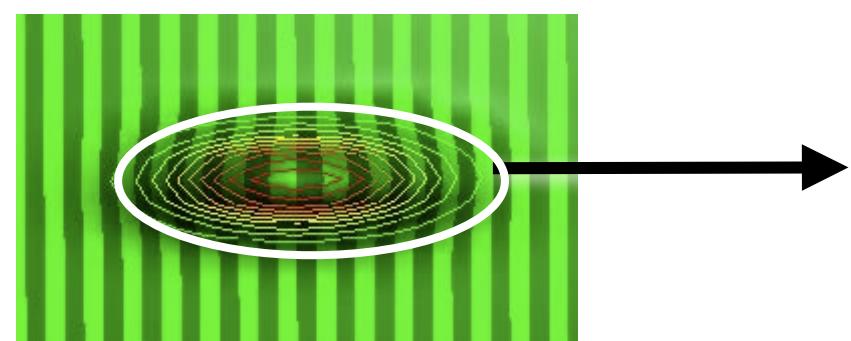
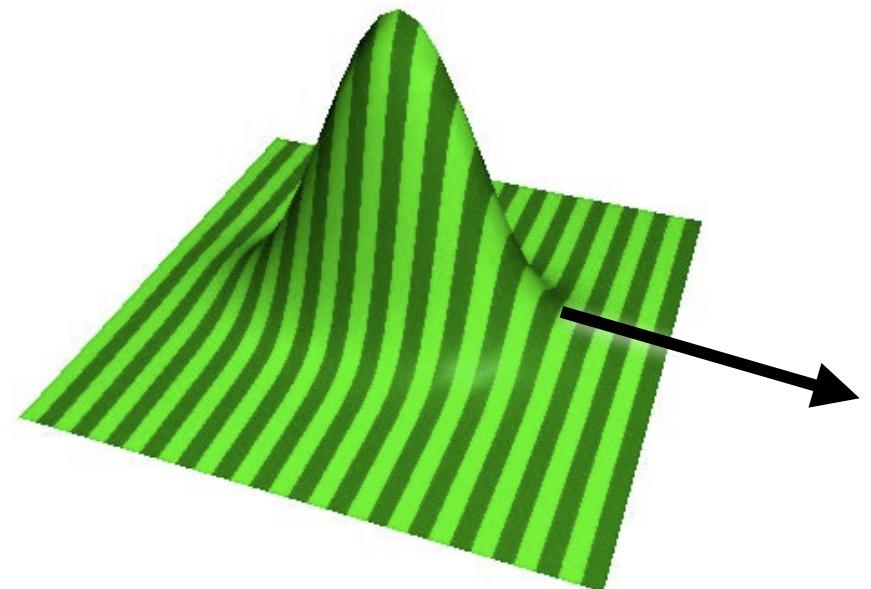
# Bubble Electron Acceleration



waist > length

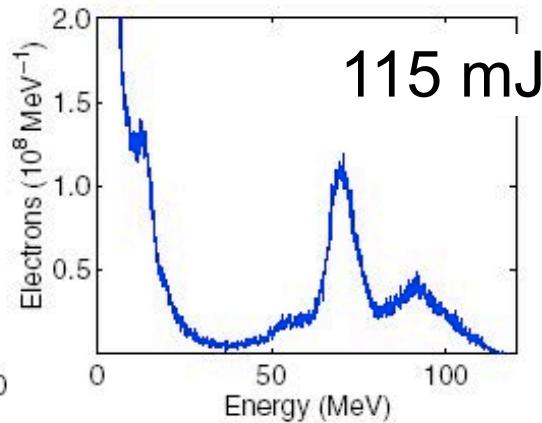
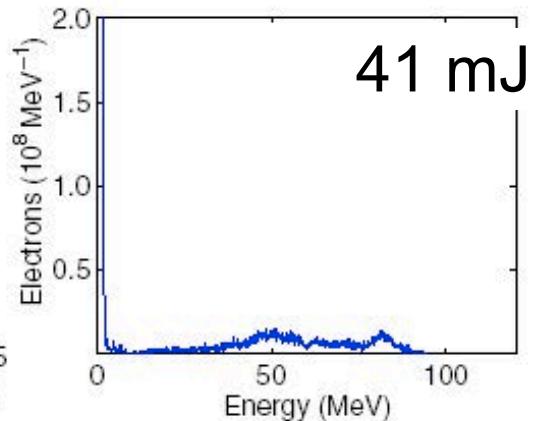
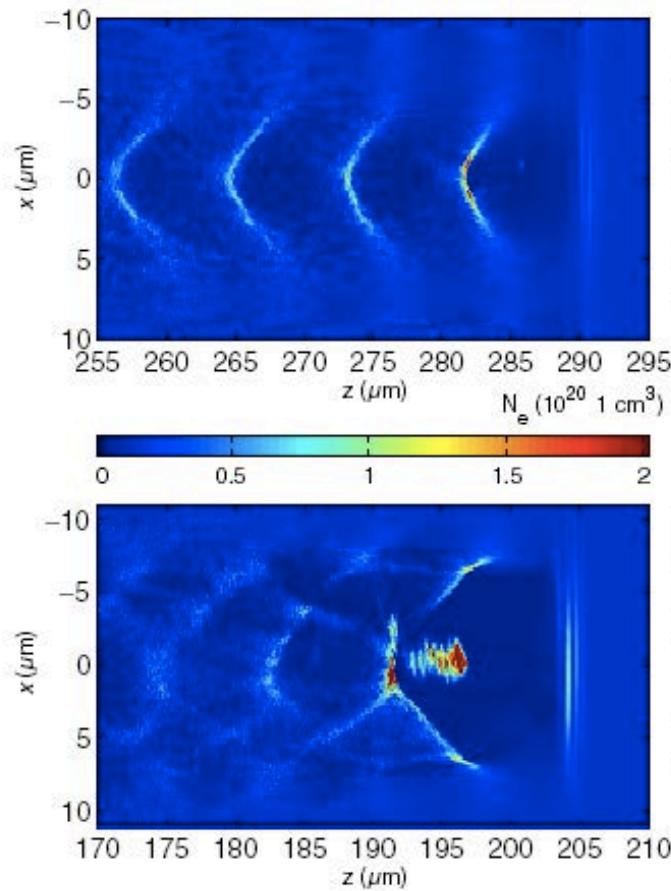


Bubble



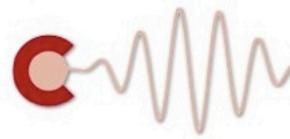
Wakefield

# Bubble Electron Acceleration



Simulation for  
5 fs pulse

M Geissler, J Schreiber, and J Meyer-ter-Vehn New J. Phys. 8 (2006) 186  
Bubble acceleration of electrons with few-cycle laser pulses



# Laser induced acceleration

Max energy over a very short distance

Compact accelerator

New concepts

New safety regulations

Average current (hours)

Instant current (seconds)

Peak current (femtoseconds)

W/cm<sup>2</sup>

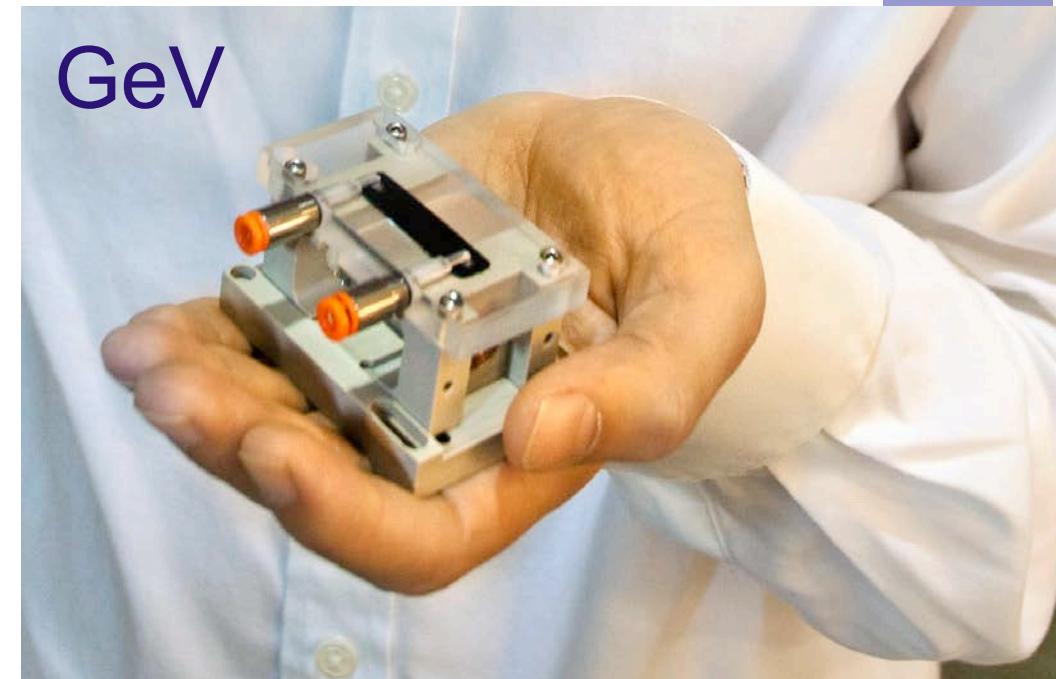
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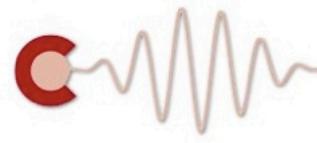
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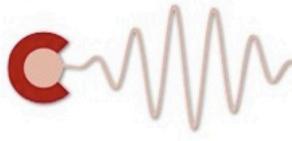
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Wim Leemans, Berkeley

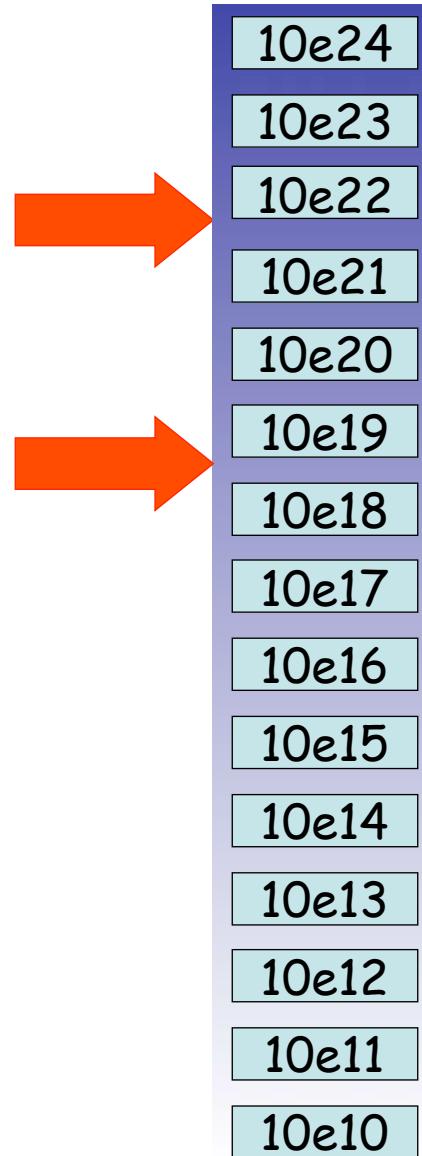


# Proton / ion acceleration



# Direct laser acceleration

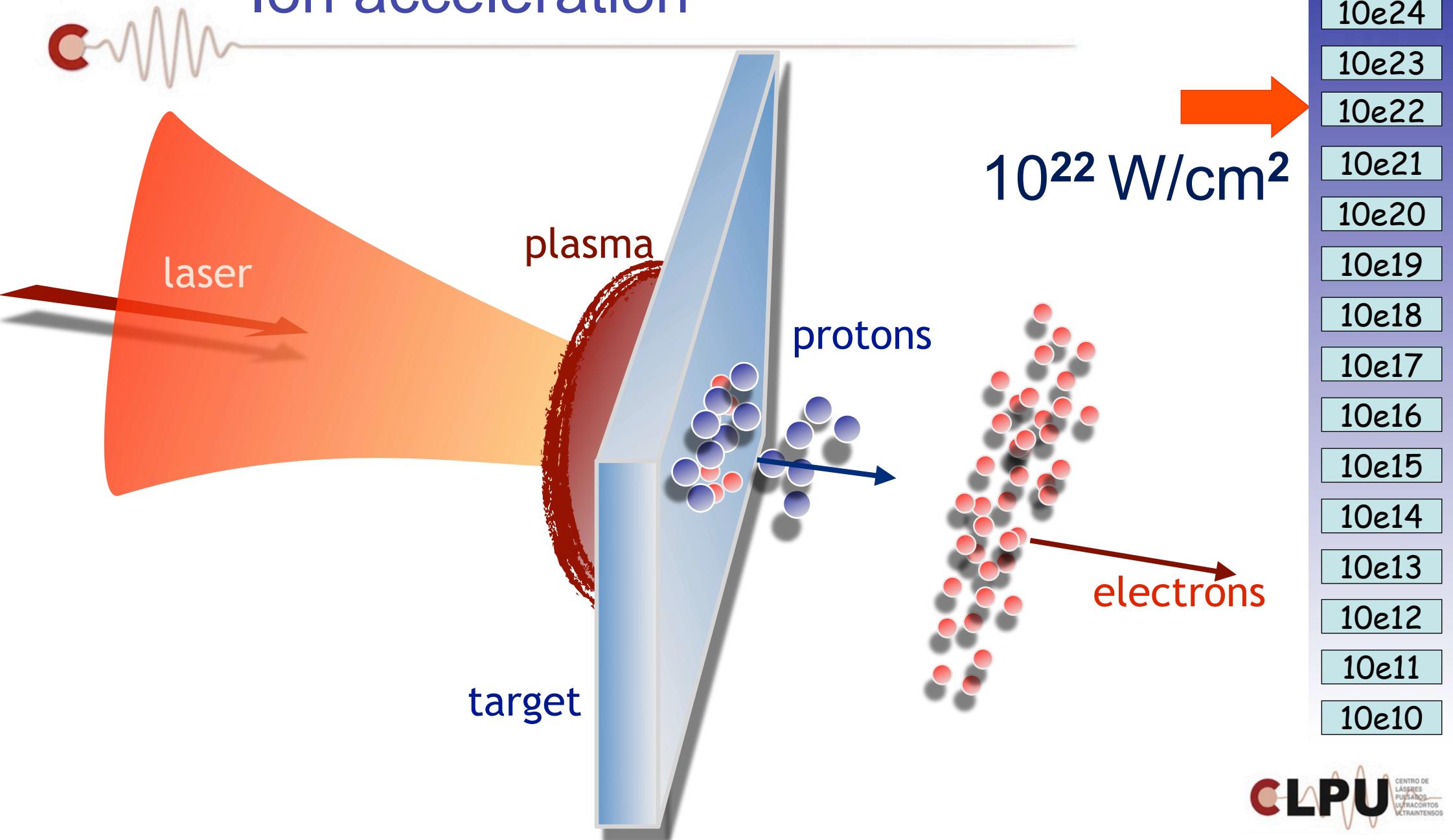
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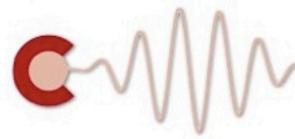


Due to the small mass,  
electrons couple much more efficiently to  
laser !!!

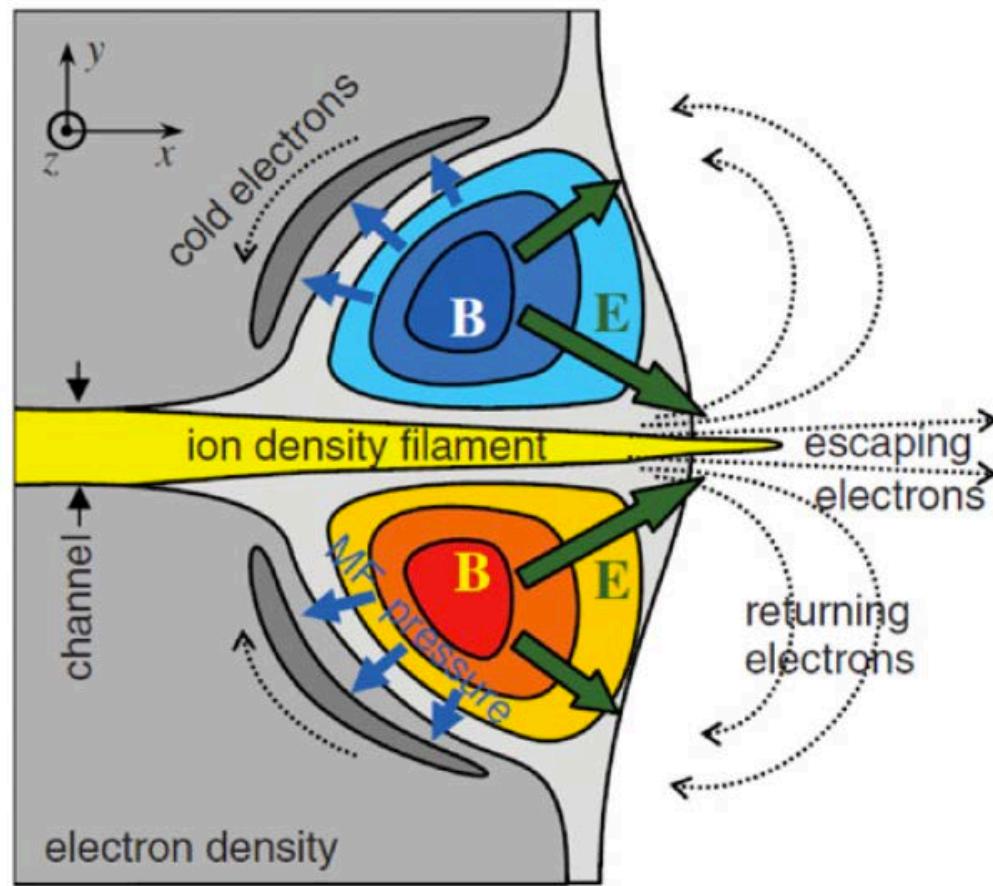
Direct electron acceleration is the goal ...  
Direct proton acceleration is less efficient ...

# Ion acceleration

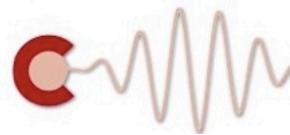




# Laser induced acceleration



Daido et al, Rep Prog Phys, 75 (2012) 056401



# Laser induced acceleration

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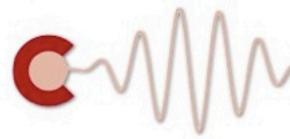
## Review of laser-driven ion sources and their applications

**Hiroyuki Daido<sup>1,2,4</sup>, Mamiko Nishiuchi<sup>3</sup> and  
Alexander S Pirozhkov<sup>3,4</sup>**

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# Particle accelerators

Short distances and high g levels

Radiofrequency fields < 100 MVolt /m

Laser fields > 100 GVolt /m

possibility to get TeV in a few meters !!!

ideal for short lived particles such as:

- charged pions (lifetime of 26 ns)
- taus (lifetime of 290 fs)

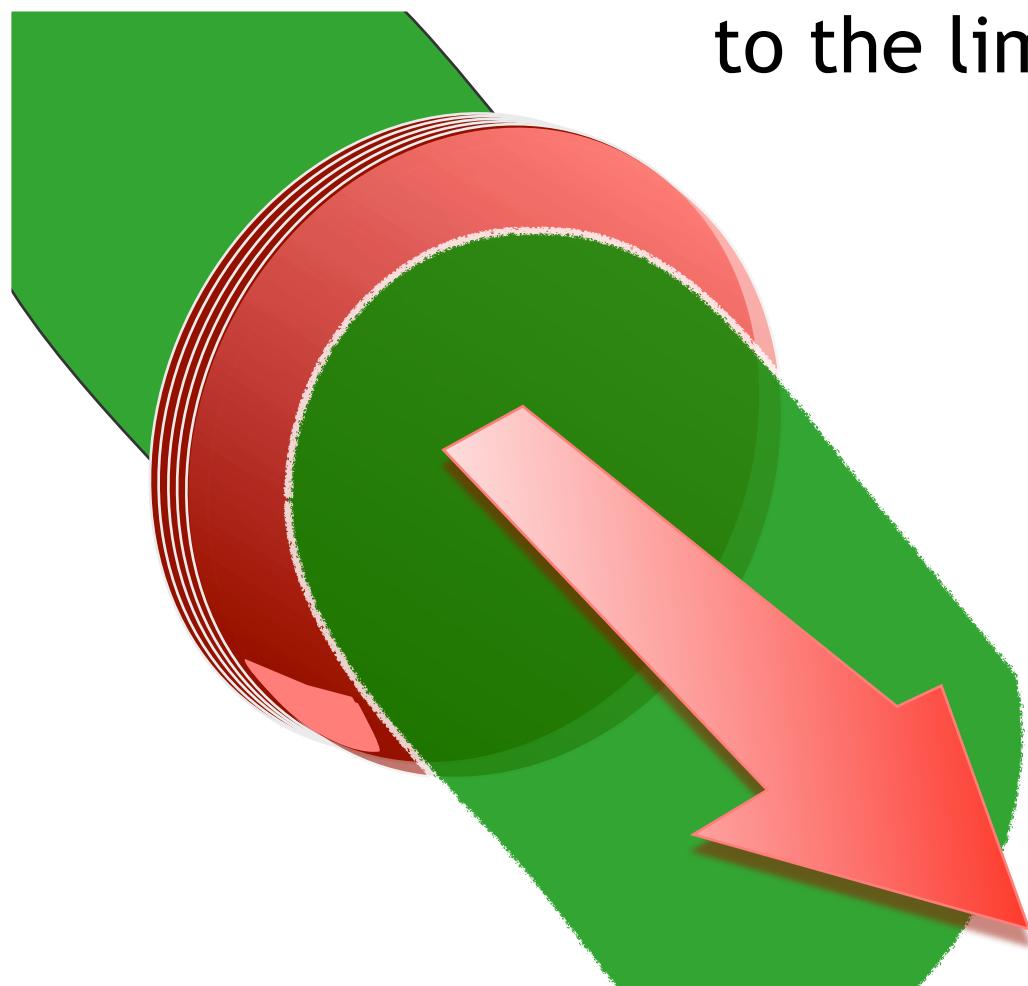
That can live much longer in lab time.

Conventional accelerators have not time to accelerate them!



# A bit more of lasers

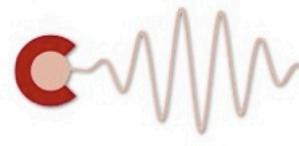
# Petawatt



Technology  
to the limit



$$PW = \frac{MJ}{ns} = \frac{kJ}{ps} = \frac{30 J}{30 fs} = \frac{\text{joule}}{\text{fs}}$$



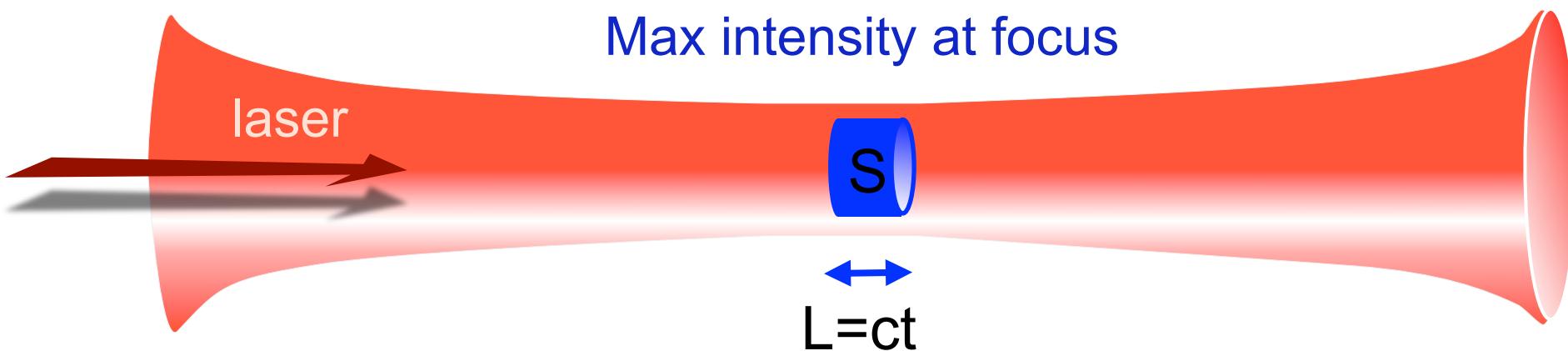
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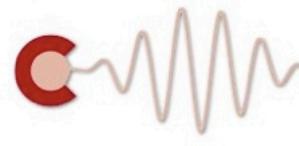
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For acceleration the key is to concentrate energy in space and time

Good optical quality

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{power}}{\text{surface}}$$





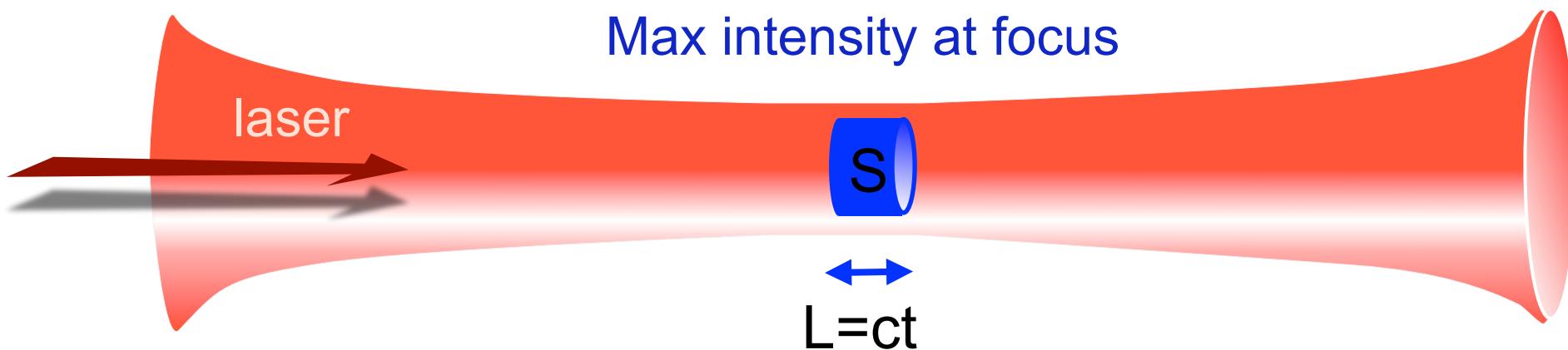
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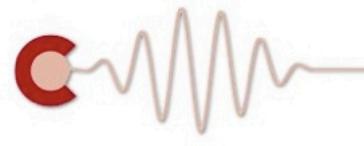
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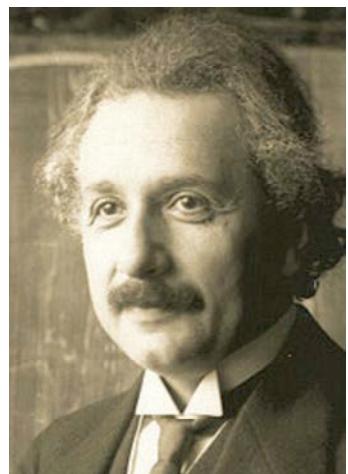
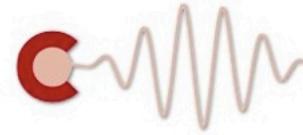


Pulse energy confined in a volume  $SL$



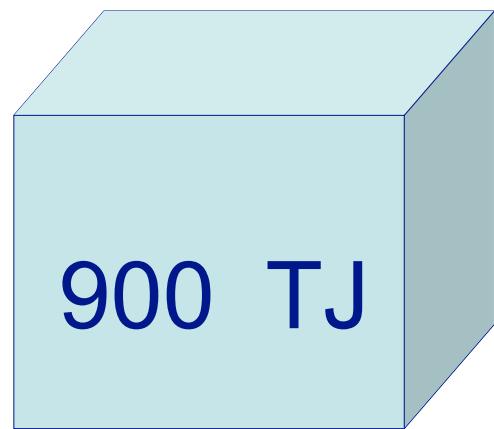
# Energy concentration

# Energy and mass



$$E=mc^2$$

$$E=8.9876 \times 10^{16} \text{ J/kg}$$



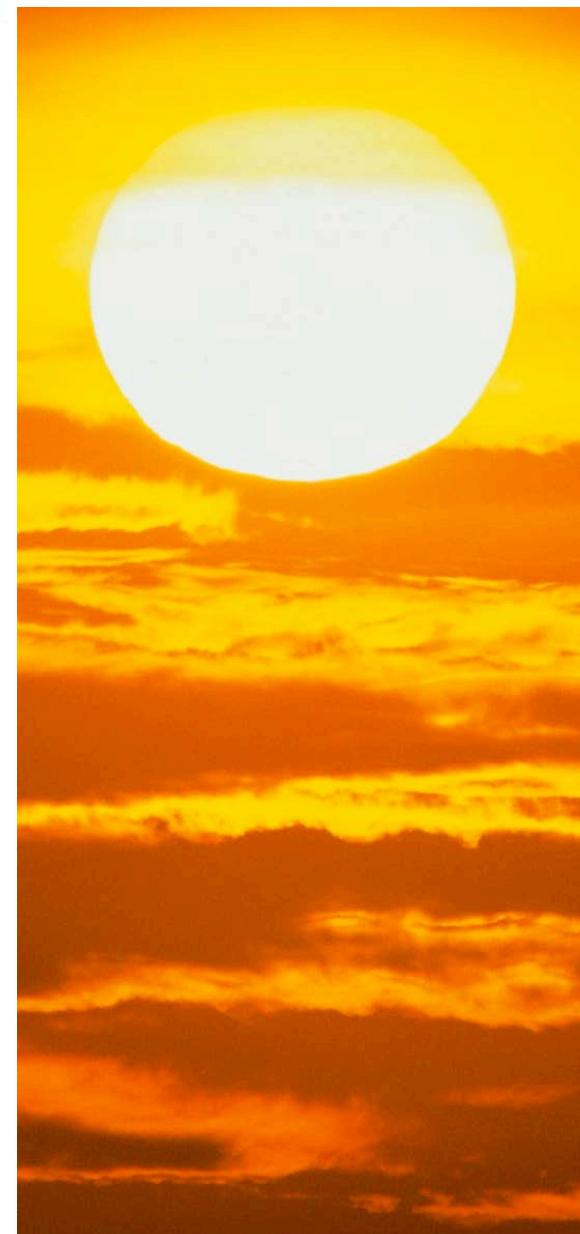
1 cm

90 Joule

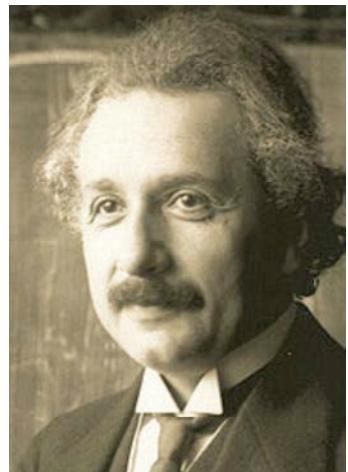
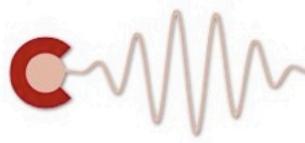


1 micron

water density 1 gram/cm<sup>3</sup>



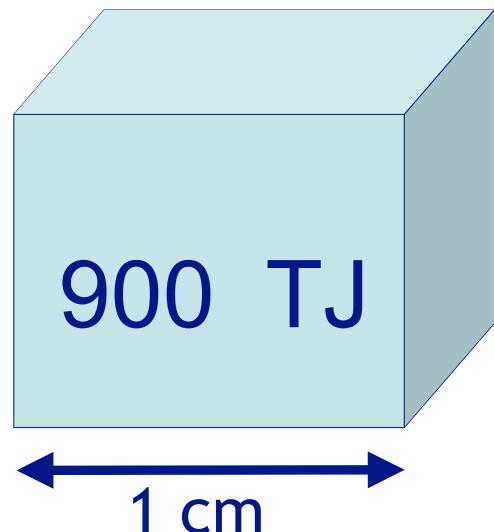
# Energy and mass



$$E = m c^2$$

$$I = \rho c^3$$

water density 1 gram/cm<sup>3</sup>



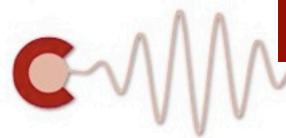
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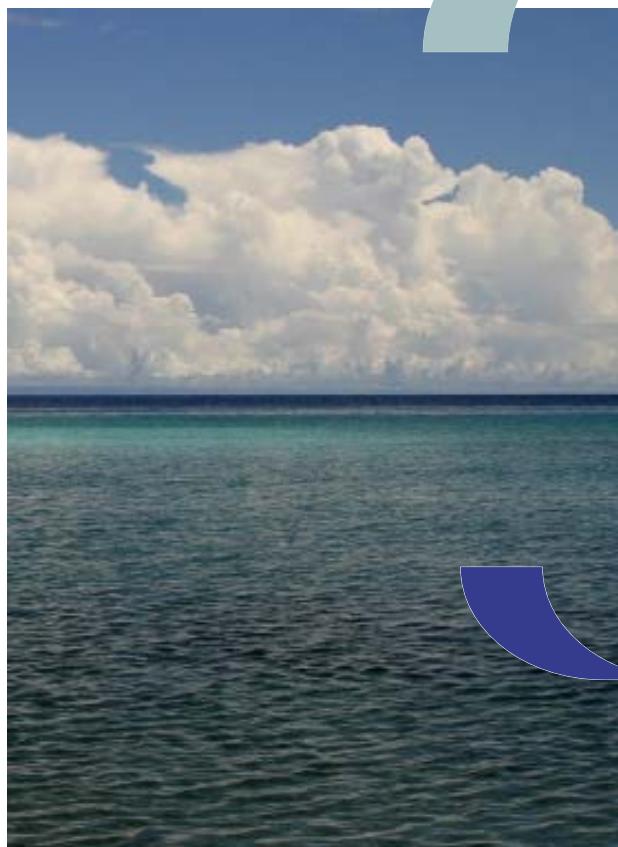
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# Intensity

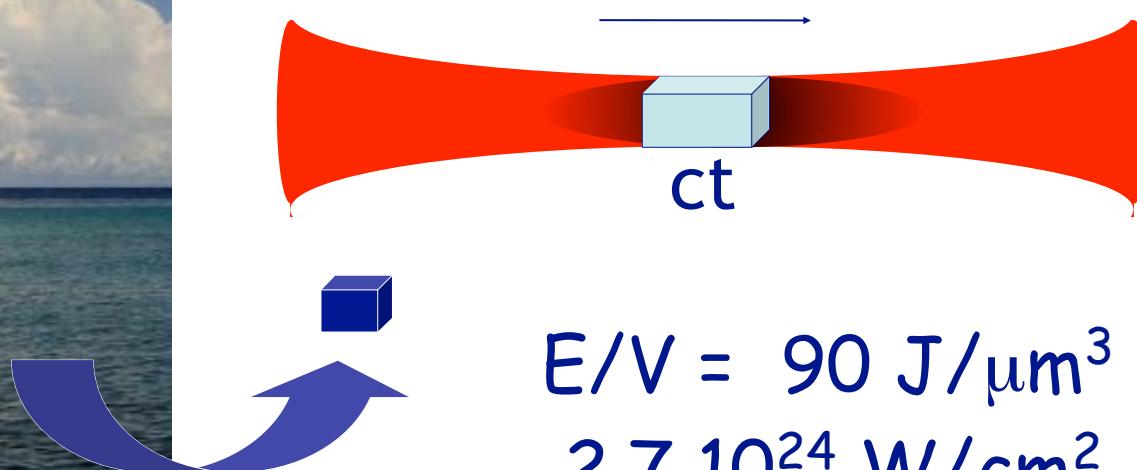


$$E=mc^2$$



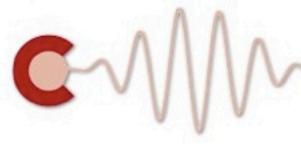
Air ... 1 mgr/cm<sup>3</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} E/V &= 90 \text{ mJ}/\mu\text{m}^3 \\ &= 2.7 \cdot 10^{21} \text{ W}/\text{cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

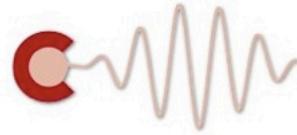


$$\begin{aligned} E/V &= 90 \text{ J}/\mu\text{m}^3 \\ &2.7 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ W}/\text{cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Water ... 1 gr/cm<sup>3</sup>



# The ideal laser?



# Wavelength

800 nm Titanium:Sapphire ... my favourite now

1040 - 1080 nm Ytterbium in some crystals

1050 nm Nd glass for longer pulses (ps)

and

1 micron CO<sub>2</sub> lasers  
Terawatt CO<sub>2</sub> lasers

$$E_{\max} = mc^2 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{q^2}{m \omega^2} I$$



# Parameters for laser induced acceleration

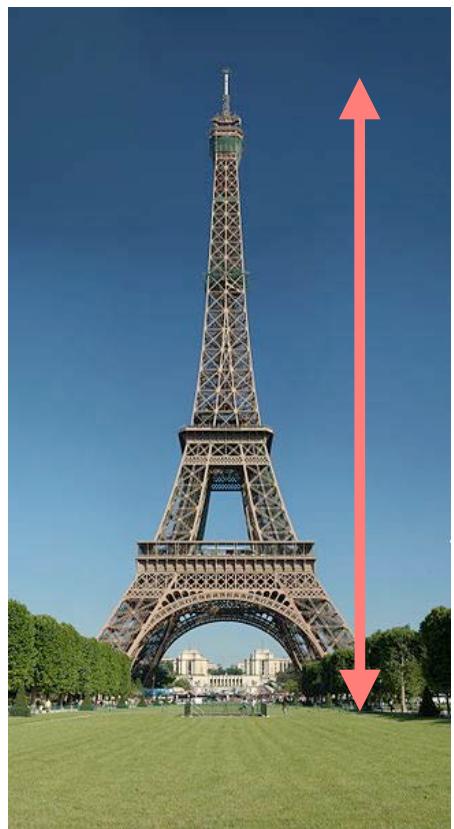
Peak intensity	$10^{22}$ W/cm <sup>2</sup>
Duration	50 fs (sub ps)
Wavelength	800 nm - 10 microns
Repetition rate	1 shot/sec ... 10 shot/sec
Contrast	$10^8 : 1$ $10^{10} : 1$

# Contrast

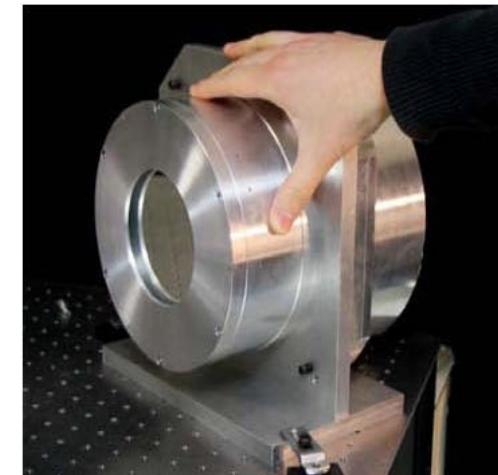


peak intensity

contrast better than  $10^8$



3,24 microns

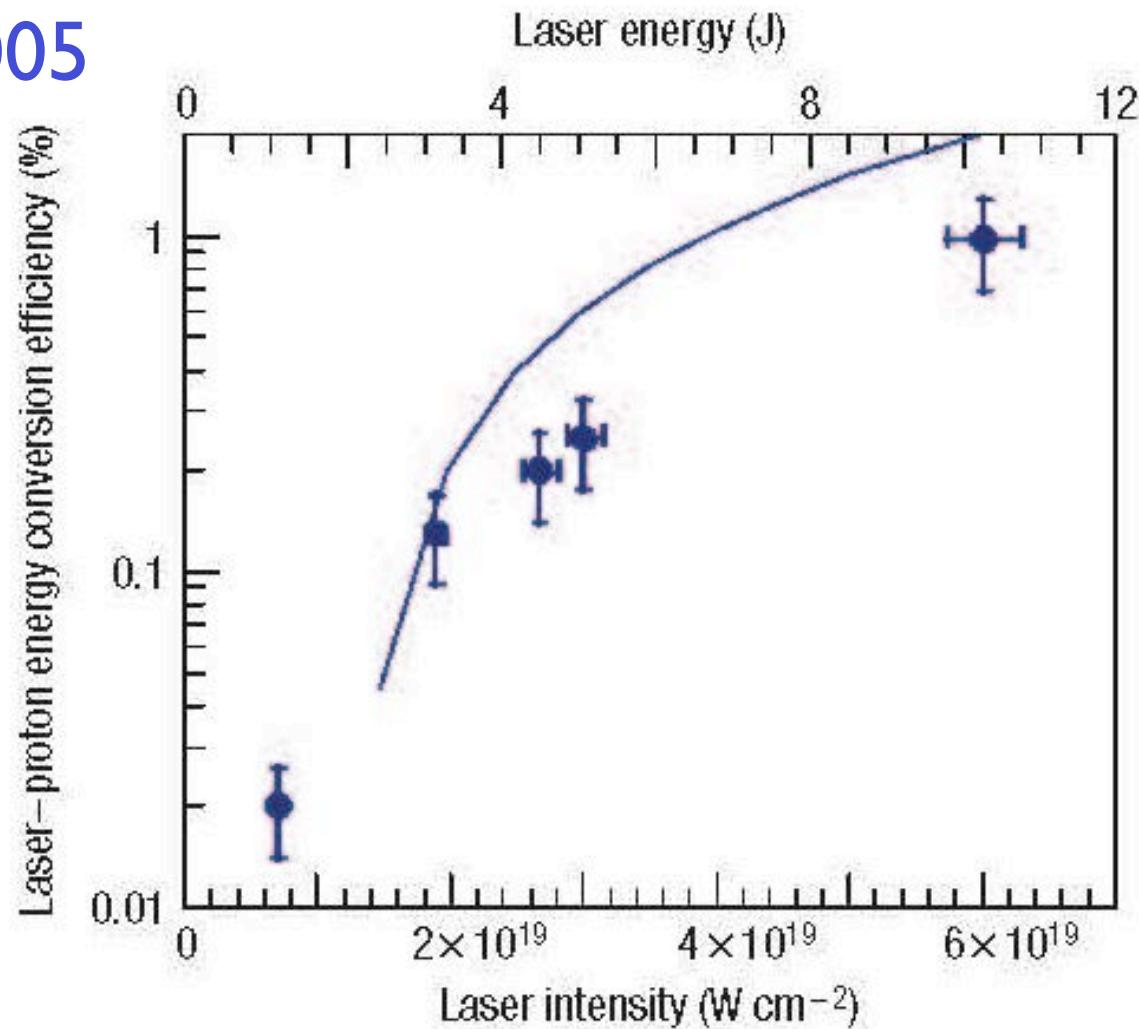
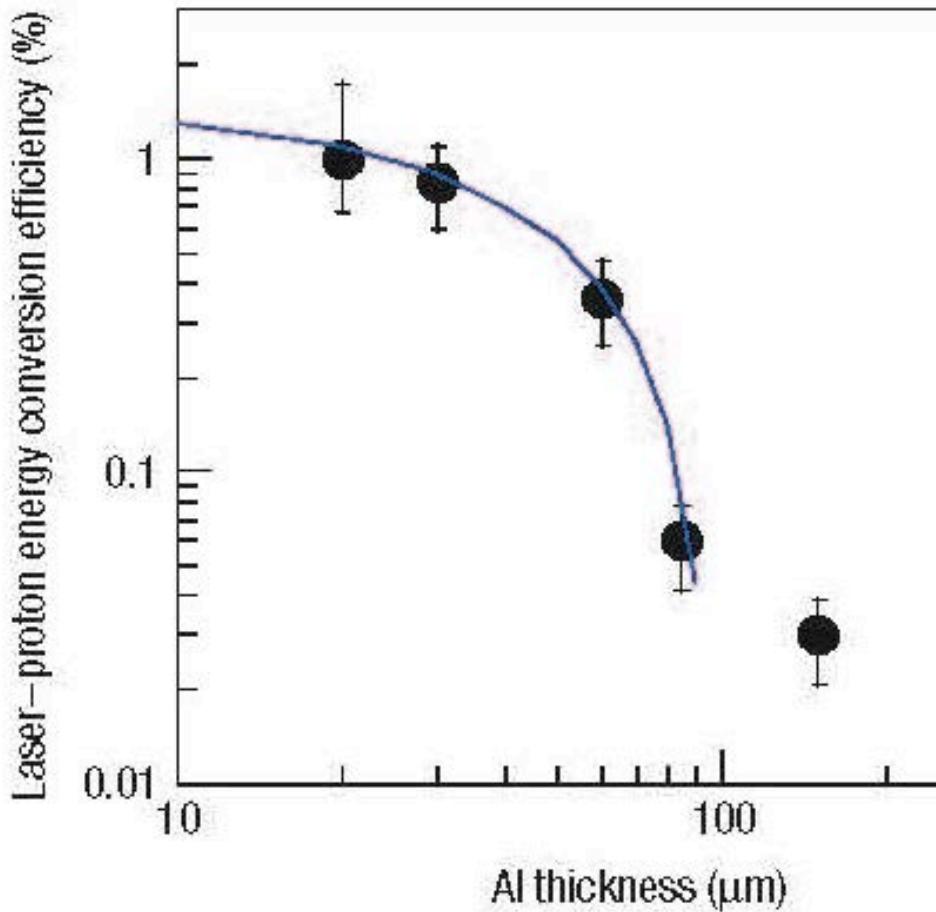


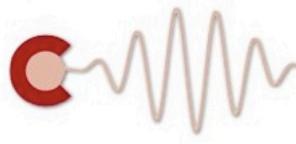
pre-pulse

# Conversion efficiency



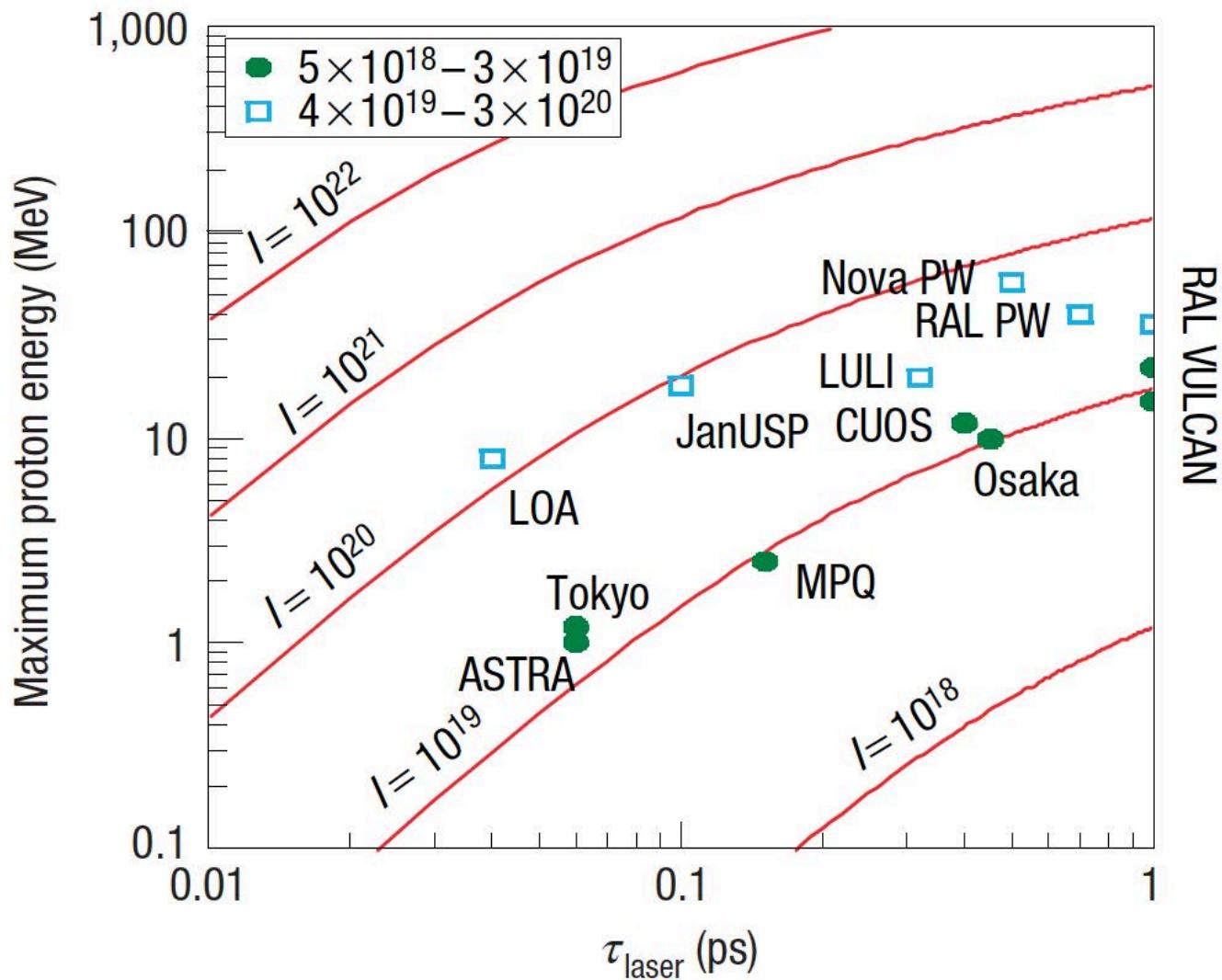
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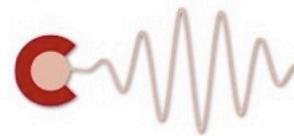




# Laser induced acceleration

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Nature Physics  
2005...





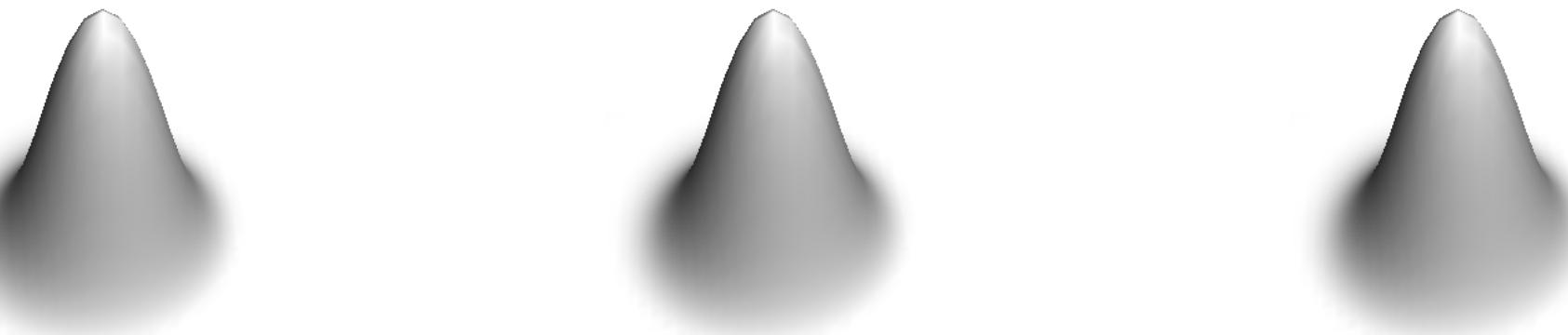
# Proton flux for 30J/30fs

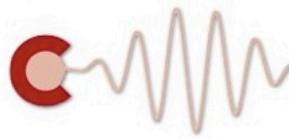
200 MeV       $3 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ J}$

30 J at 1 percent efficiency = 0,3 J of protons

$10^{-10}$  protons/shot at 200 MeV

In 30 fs --- kiloAmp!!! peak currents possible





# Laser acceleration

## Pros

- Compact
- Radioprotection just before focal point
- Suitable for carbon ions
- Rapid advance, tech far from limit
- Monoenergeticity possible

## Cons

- Flux, average. Need of higher rep rates
- Conversion efficiency
- Need to fine control of laser parameters
- Need of target developments (clusters)
- Tech in progress



# RF vs laser

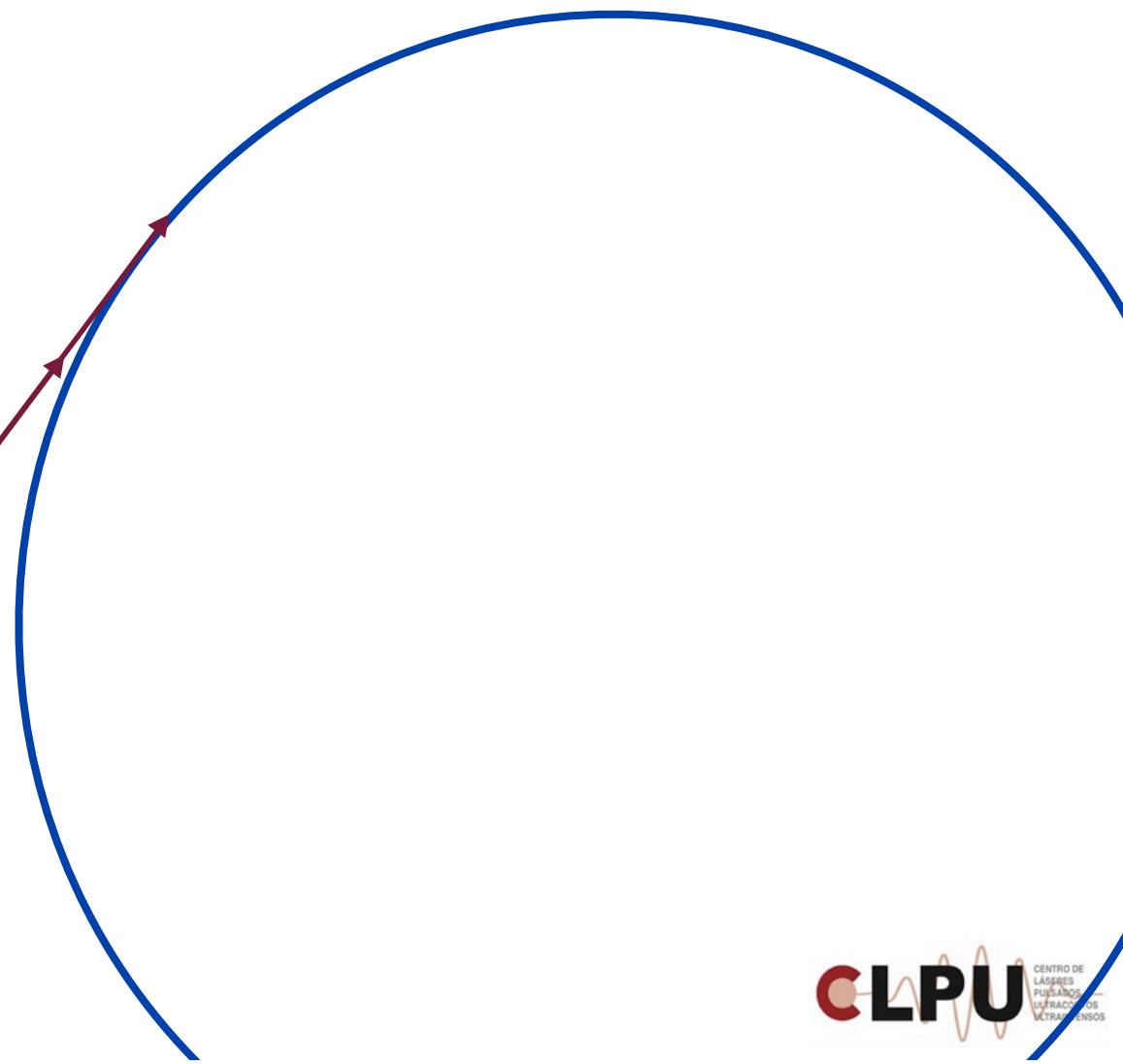
## Combined techniques

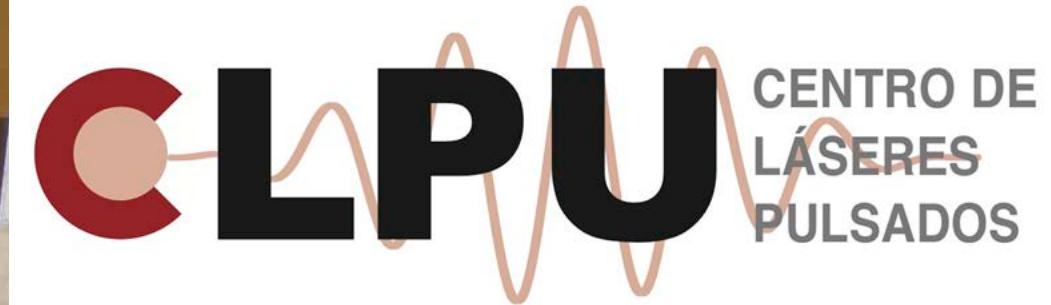
Laser peak power

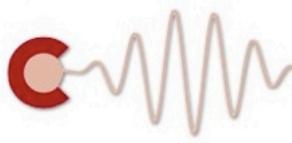
Pulse tailoring

Coherent control

laser







# Pulsed Lasers Center Salamanca, Spain

Consortium signed December 2007,

Partners	Percent
Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad	50
Junta de Castilla y León	45
Universidad de Salamanca	5



## MAPA DE INSTALACIONES CIENTÍFICAS Y TÉCNICAS SINGULARES



Buque de Investigación Oceanográfica Hespérides



Reserva Científica de Doñana



Gran Telescopio CANARIAS



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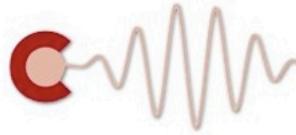


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# Pulsed Lasers Center, CLPU, Salamanca

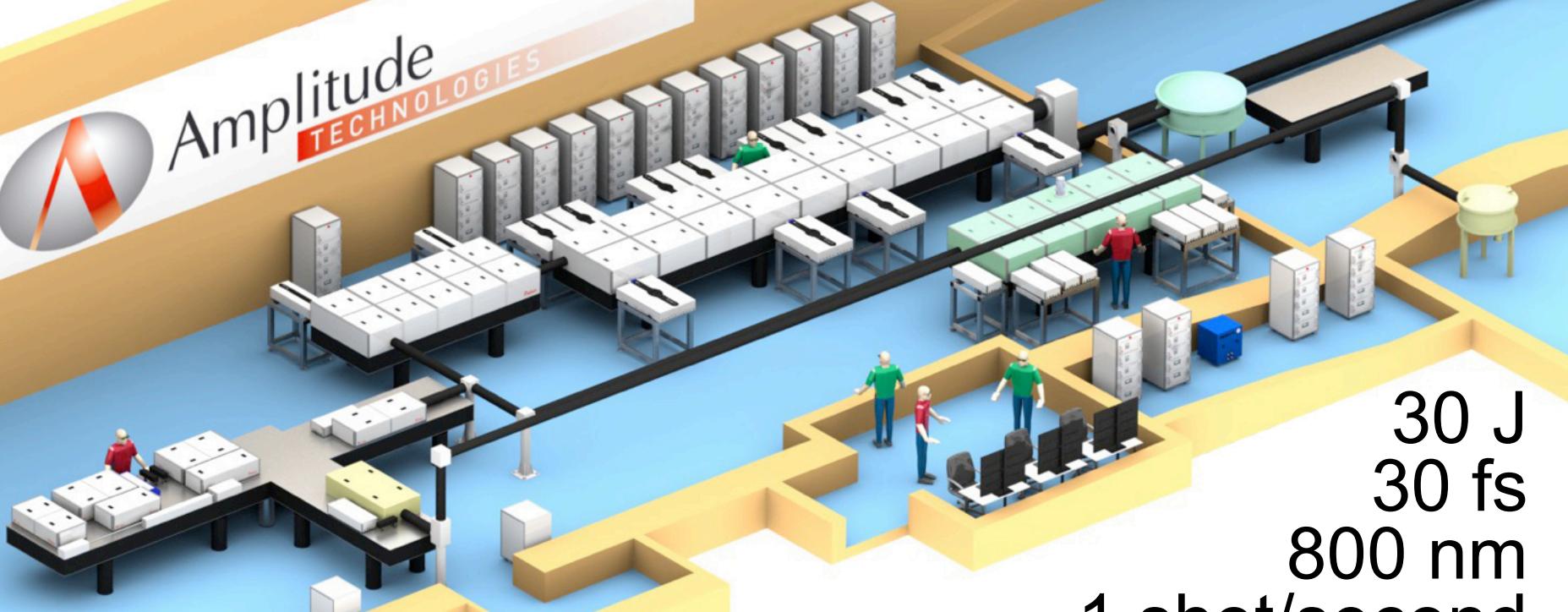
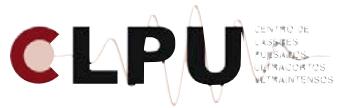


**Facility** open to the domestic and international scientific community.

Objectives:

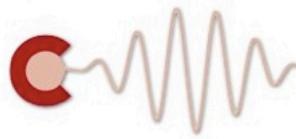
- to operate a **Petawatt Laser**
- to develop ultra-short-pulse technology in Spain
- to **promote the use of such technology** in new fields





30 J  
30 fs  
800 nm  
1 shot/second



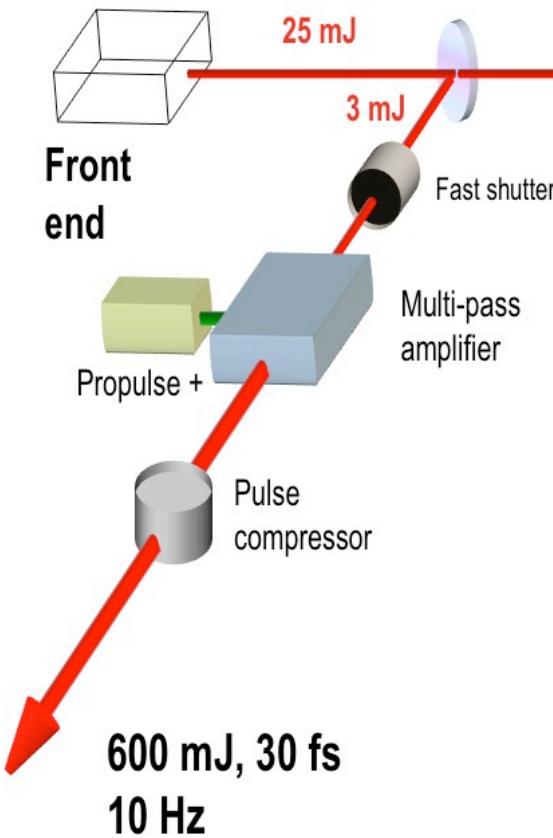


# The VEGA laser

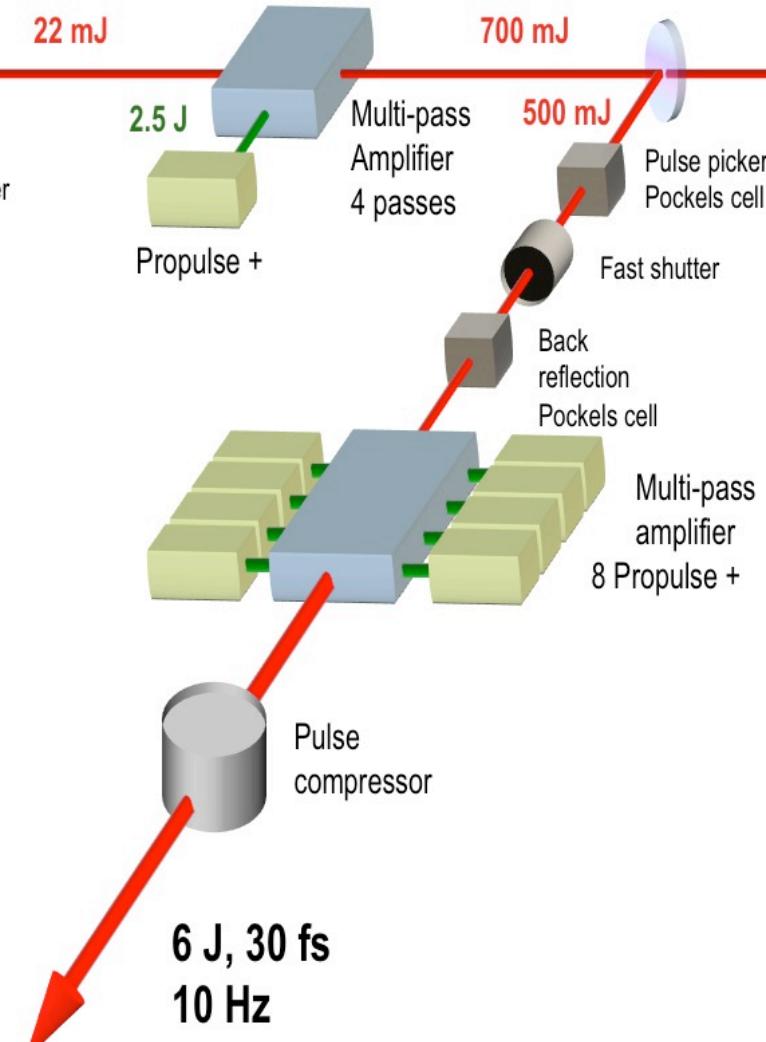
Titanium:sapphire technology  
800 nm central wavelength

VEGA	power	energy	duration	rep rate	status
VEGA 1	20 TW	600 mJ	30 fs	10 / sec	2007
VEGA 2	200 TW	6 J	30 fs	10 / sec	2013
VEGA 3	1 PW	30 J	30 fs	1 /sec	2014

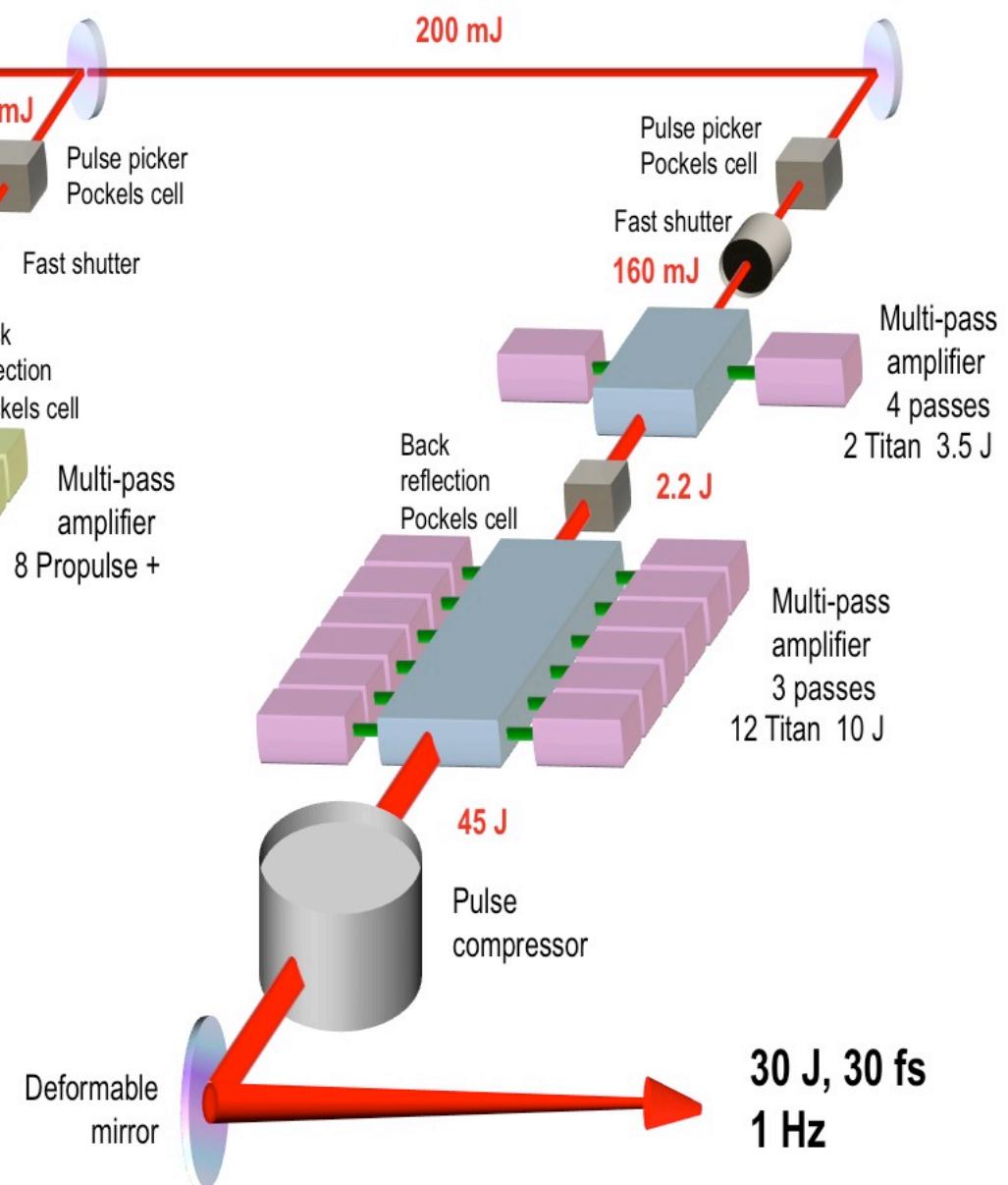
### Phase I – 20 TW



### Phase II – 200 TW

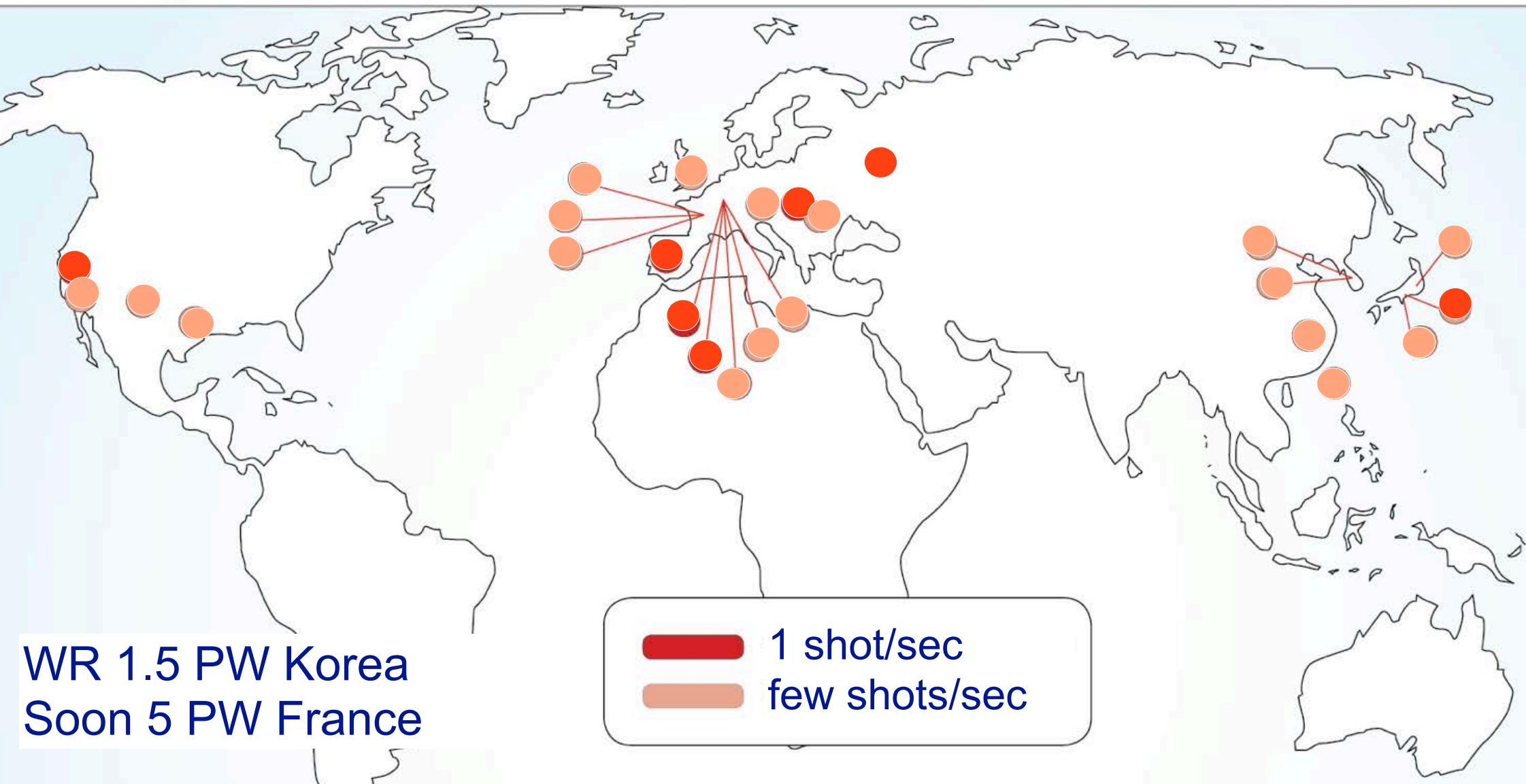
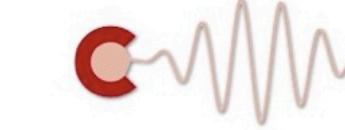


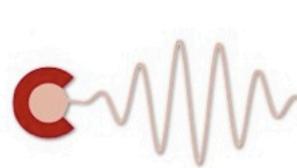
### Phase III – 1 PW



VEGA system

# Petawatt lasers around the world





# Trends

Good optical quality

1 - 0.1 PW max intensity now with sub PW lasers

Repetition rate

Few shots/day VULCAN at RAL, Texas PW

Few shots/min

One shot/sec BELLA, Berkeley

Extremely short pulses

5 fs PW (Petawatt Field Synthesizer at MPQ Garching)

Attosecond PW ... ???

Energy pulses of much longer duration ... ps, ns, ...

National Ignition Facility

Laser Megajoule

high density plasmas

# HiPER

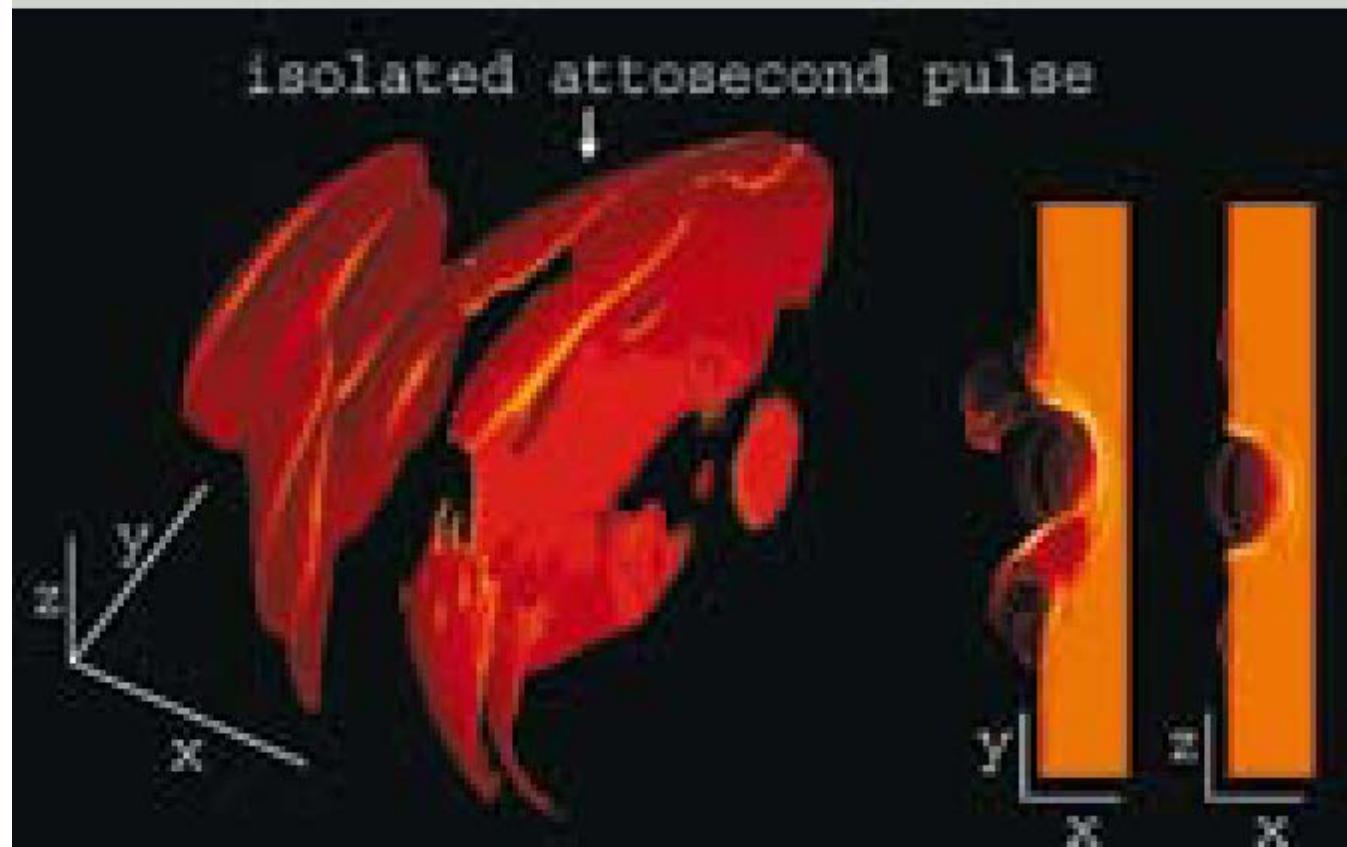
## The facility

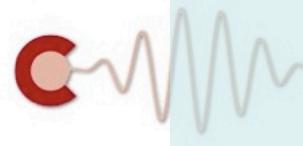
**HiPER will be a large scale laser system designed to demonstrate significant energy production from inertial fusion, whilst supporting a broad base of high power laser interaction science. This is made feasible by the advent of a revolutionary approach to laser-driven fusion known as “Fast Ignition”. HiPER will make use of existing laser technology in a unique configuration, with a 200 kJ long pulse laser combined with a 70 kJ short pulse laser.**



## The facility

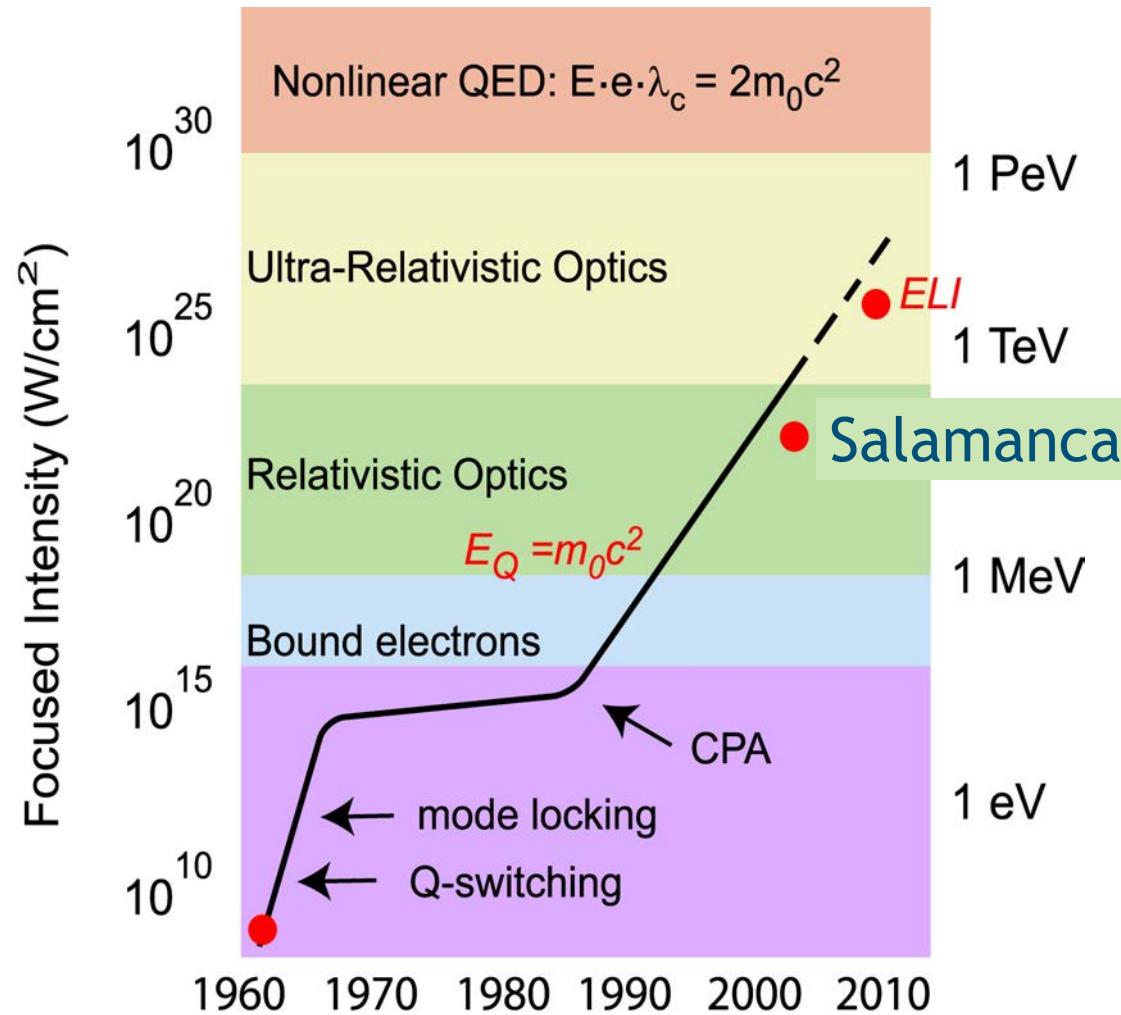
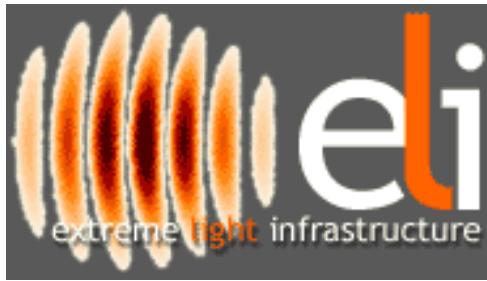
ELI will be a research infrastructure open to European scientists dedicated to the investigation and applications of laser matter interaction at the highest intensity level, i.e. more than 36 orders of magnitude higher than today's state of the art. ELI will comprise three branches: Ultra High Field Science that will explore laser matter interaction up to the nonlinear QED limit, Attosecond Laser Science will make possible temporal investigation at the attosecond scale of the electron dynamics in atoms, molecules, plasmas and solids and the High Energy Beam Facility devoted to the development of dedicated beam lines of ultra short pulses of high energy particles up to 100 GeV and radiation for European users. ELI will have a large societal benefit in medicine, material sciences and environment.





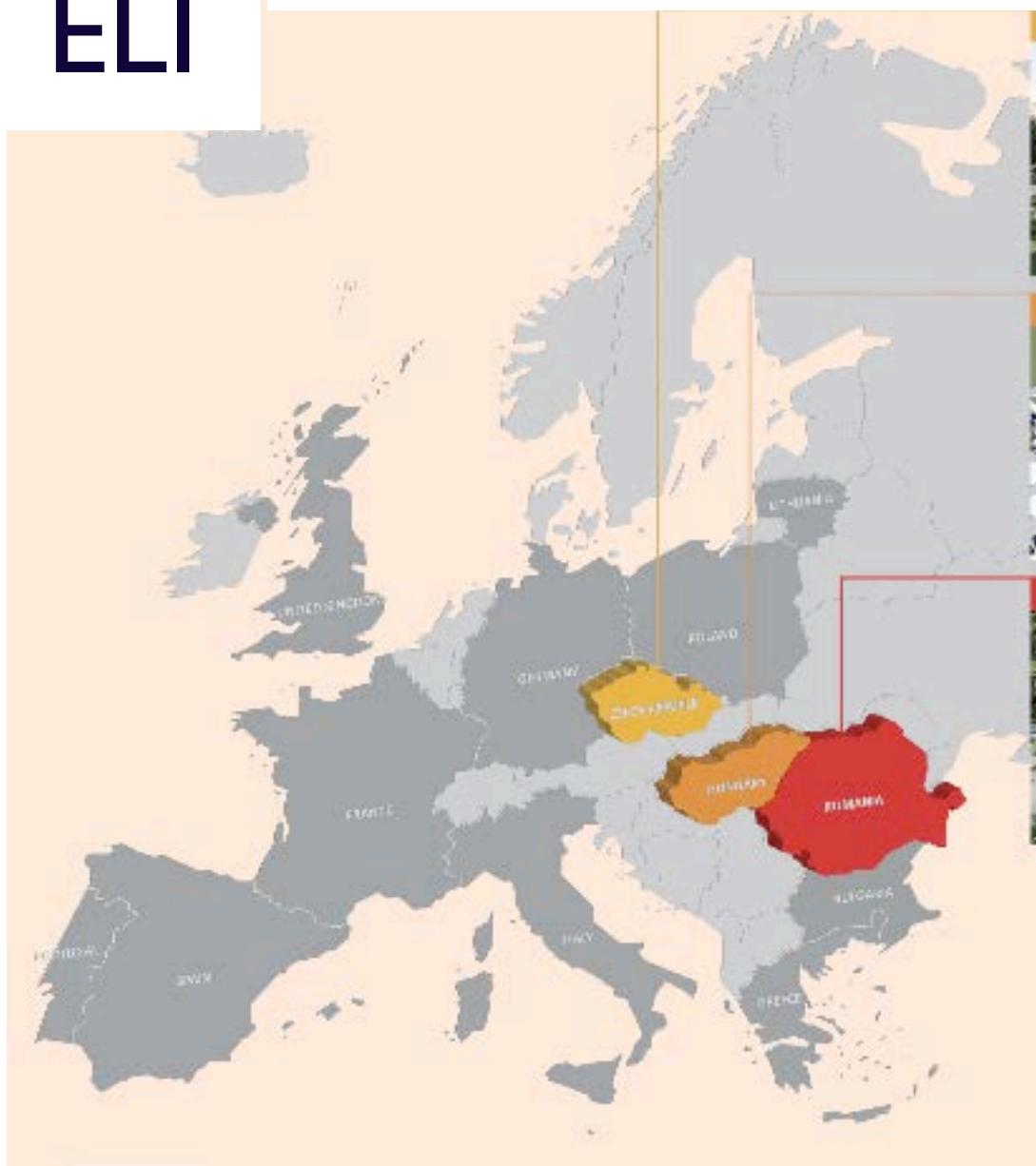
# Extreme Light Infrastructure

## 10 PW      100 PW



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high fields



attoseconds



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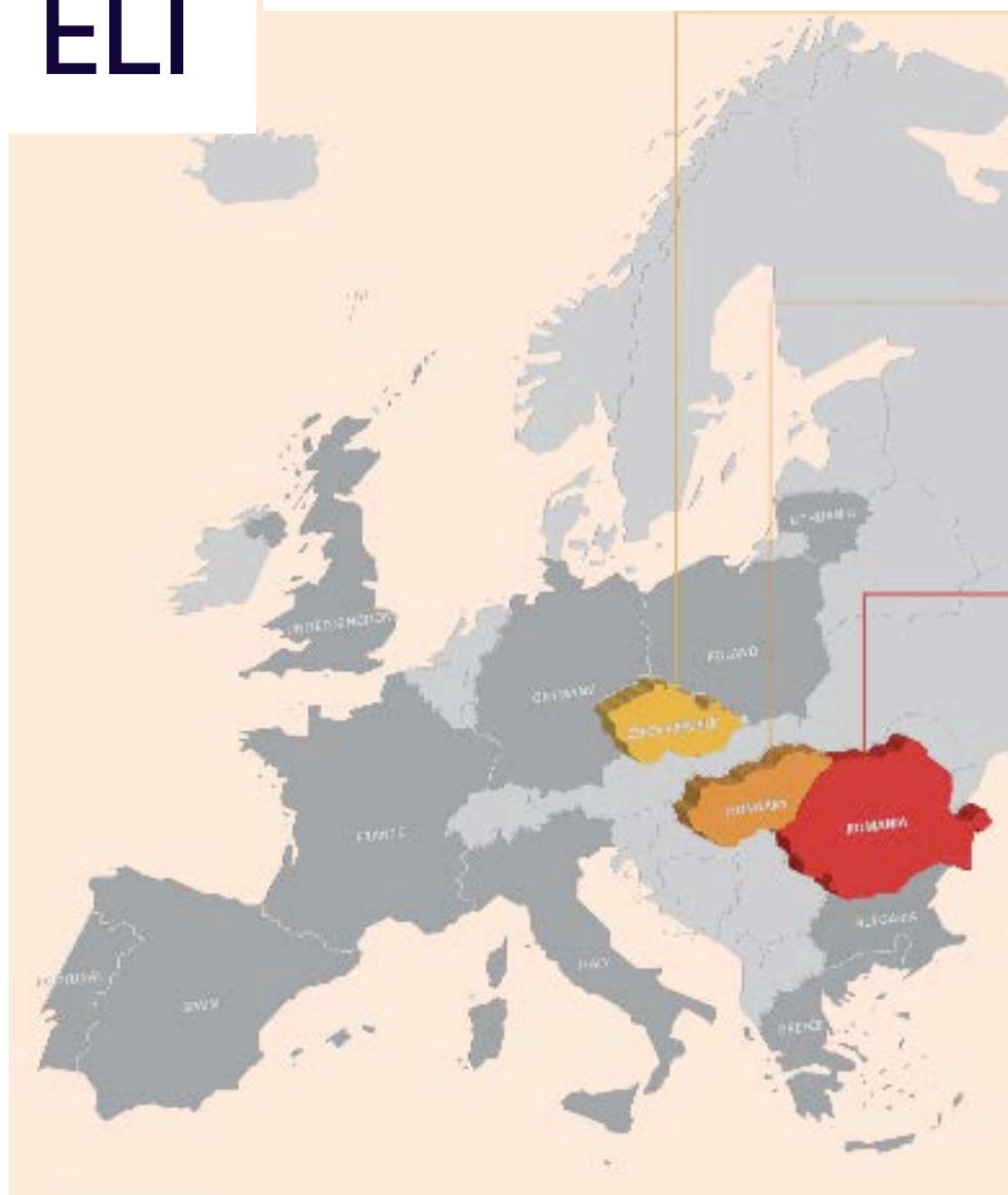
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10 PW

The Extreme Light Infrastructure  
European Project

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ELI



high fields



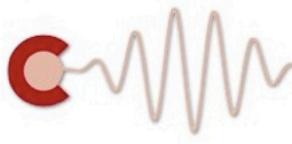
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4th pillar  
100 PW

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# Technology Limits

10 PW feasible.-  
Bottlenecks well established

Big crystals  
Large diffraction gratings  
Expensive pumping lasers

...



## 100 PW Extreme Light Infrastructure

## New schemes for Exawatt and Zetawatt systems

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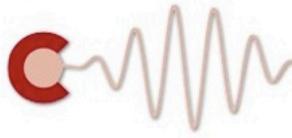
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# Conclusions

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Present are linacs, cyclotrons, ...

Accelerators are  
at CERN

And also in our  
everyday life  
- Security  
- Medicine  
- Food processing





# Conclusions



Present are linacs, cyclotrons, ...

Future are laser  
accelerators.

Electrons	GeV
Protons / Ions	100 MeV/n
X-ray incoherent	MeV
X-ray laser	KeV





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