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*Slowing down atoms*

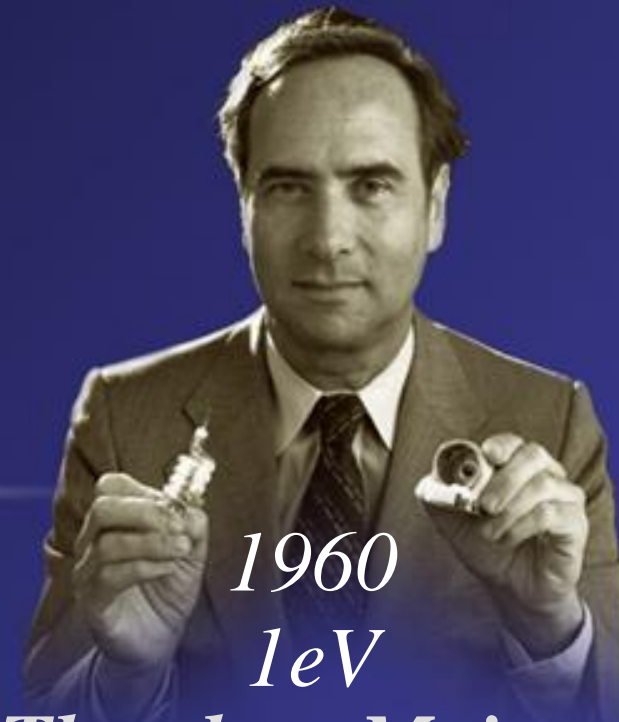
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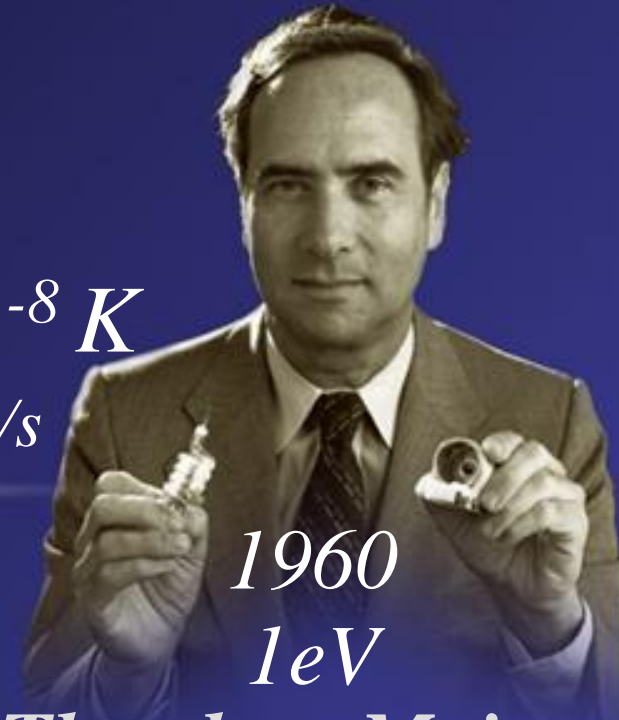
## *Quantum Optics*

$\mu\text{eV} - \text{peV}$  Temp. =  $10^{-8}$  K  
K Slowing down atoms to cm/s

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## *Atomic Molecular Optics*

- \* *cold atoms*
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## *Relativistic Optics*

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## *Relativistic and Ultra-relativistic Optics*

- \* *accelerator physics*
- \* *nuclear physics*
- \* *cosmology*
- \* *NL QED*
- \* *general relativity*
- \* *extradimension physics*



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## *How Extreme is Extreme?*

*1 PW is 1000 times the total power in  
the global grid, for  $10^{-15}$  s!*



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## *How Much Pressure Does a PW Laser Exert?*

*1 PW/1 $\mu$ m spot size  
corresponds to  $10^{23}$  w/cm<sup>2</sup>*

*That is the equivalent of the  
pressure of 10 million Eiffel  
Towers on the tip of your  
finger!!*

*Seriously extreme!*



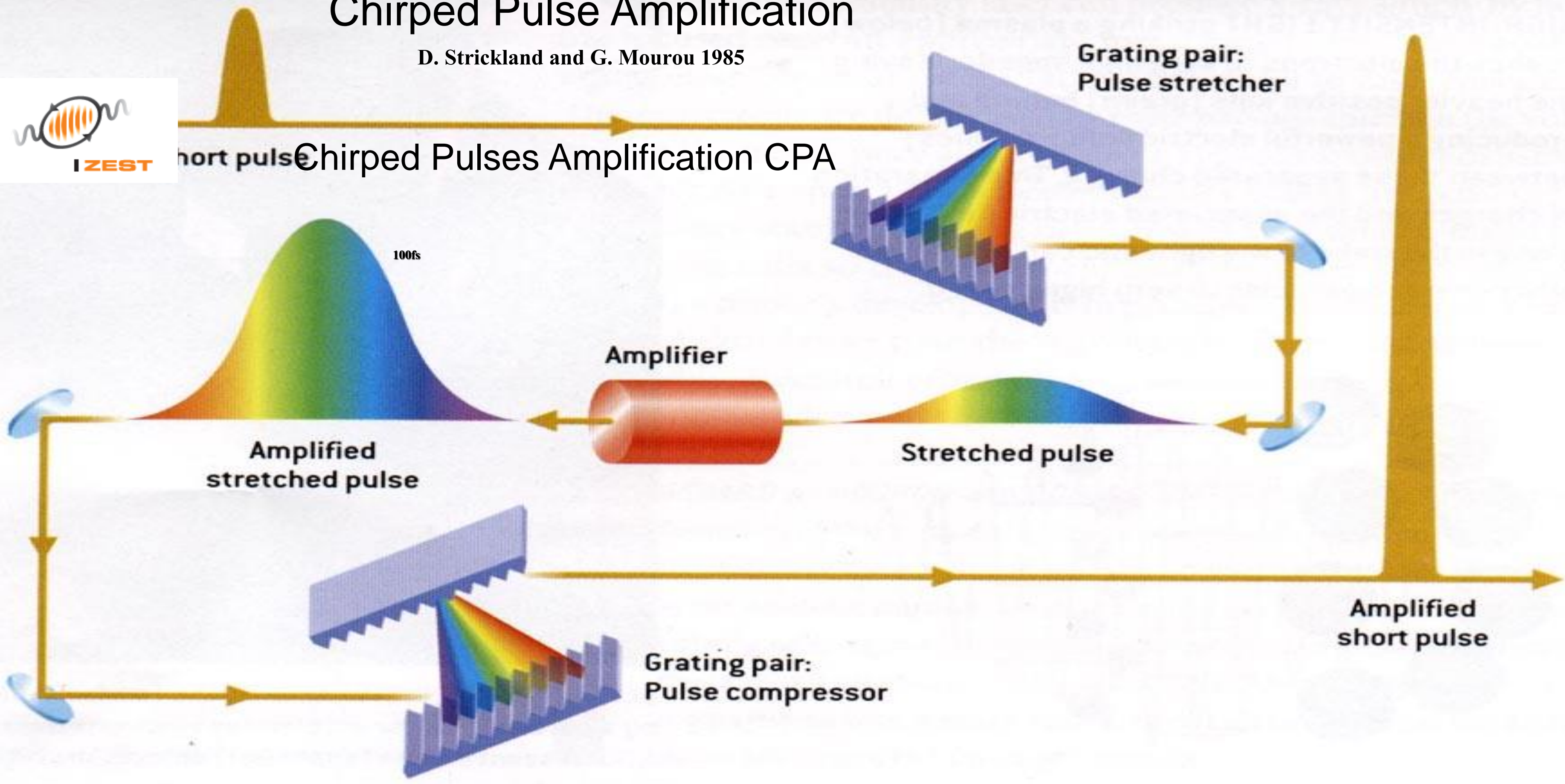


# Chirped Pulse Amplification

D. Strickland and G. Mourou 1985



## Chirped Pulses Amplification CPA



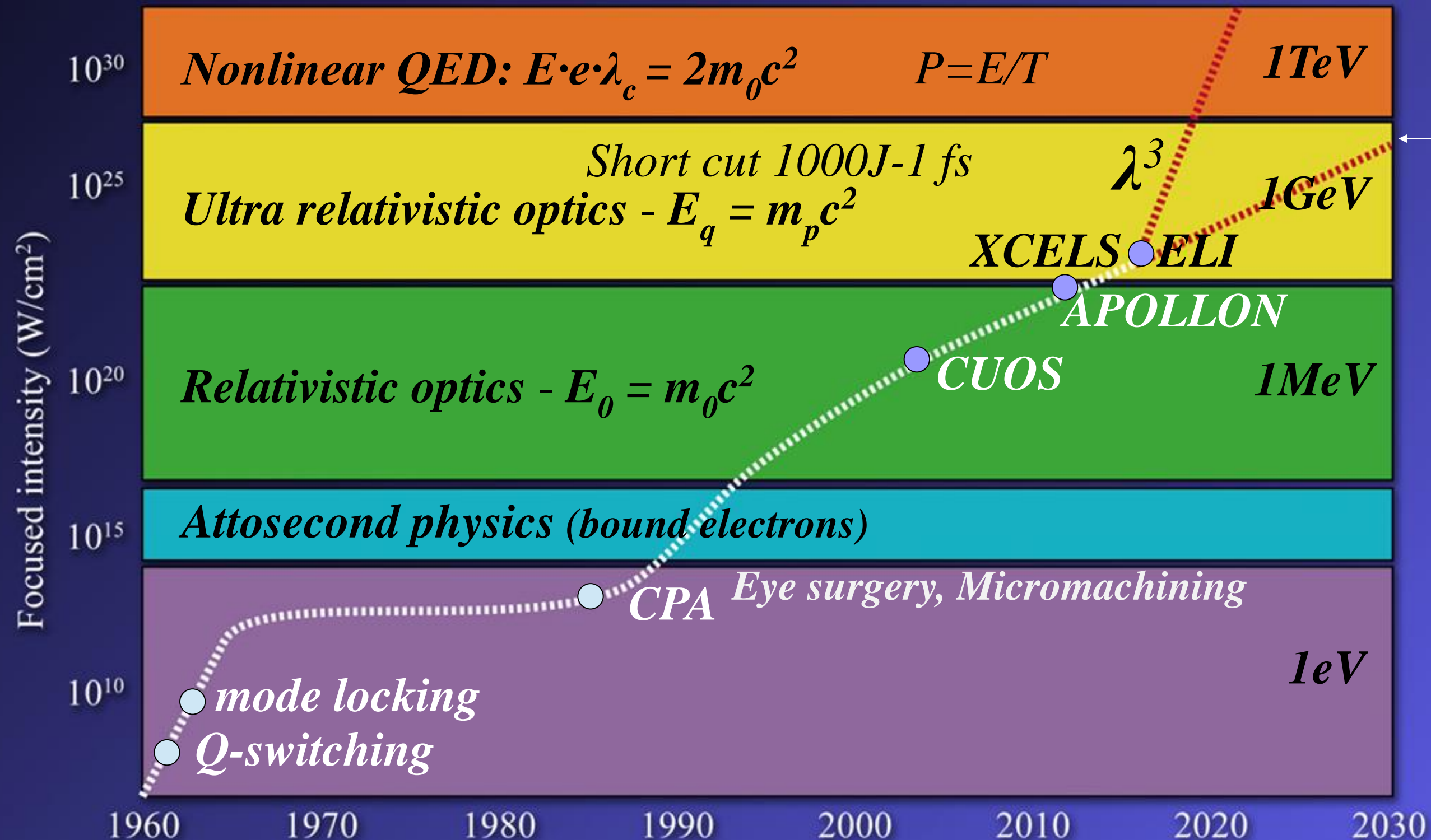


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## Extreme light roadmap and ultra high intensity shortcut

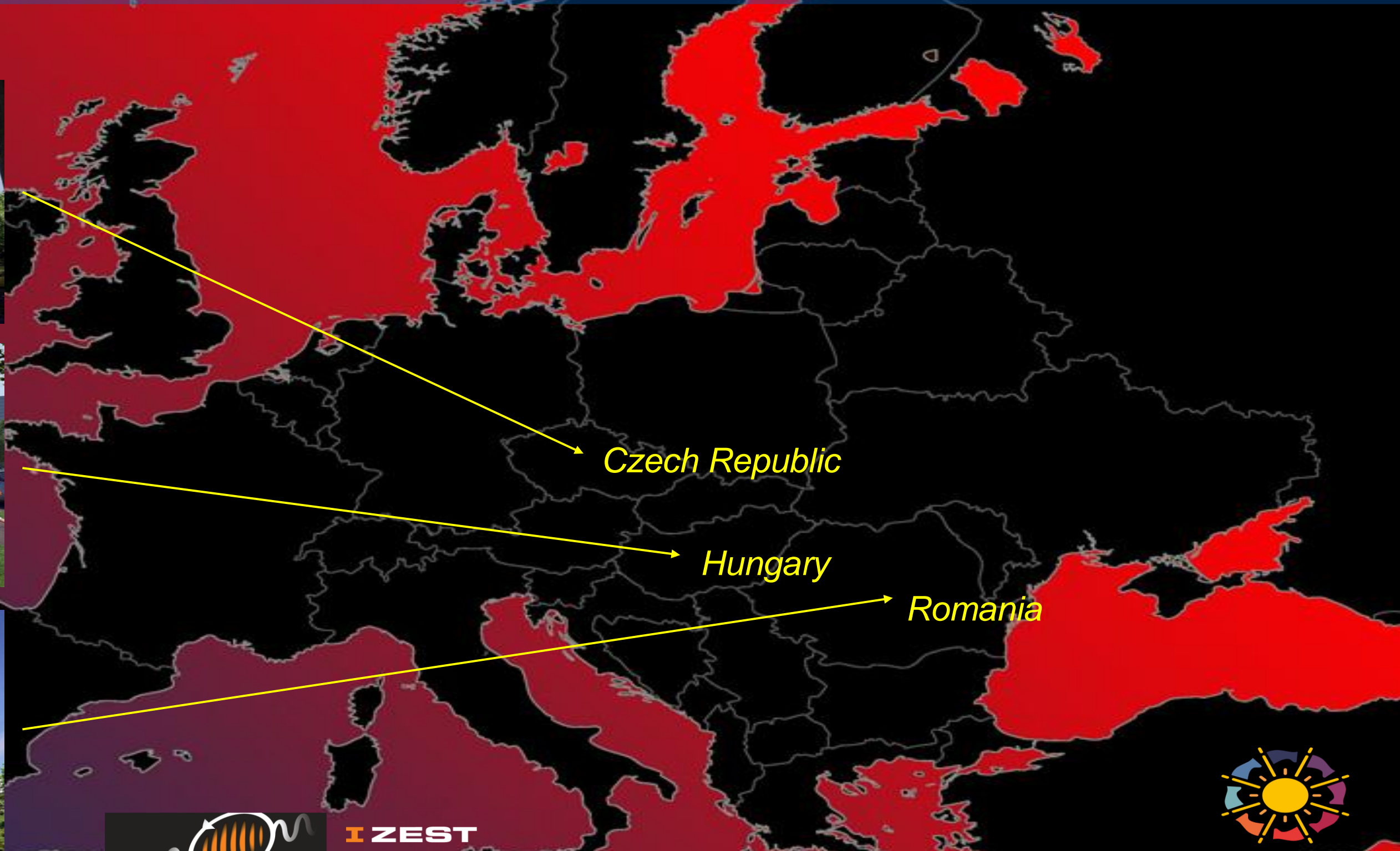


$$P = E/T$$



# Extreme Light Infrastructure - ELI

The Largest Civilian Laser Infrastructure  
Initiated and Coordinated (PP) by, G. Mourou (EP)  
ELI (Delivery Consortium) W. Sandners



*Czech Republic*

*Hungary*

*Romania*

04/05/17



Trondheim University



International  
Year of Light  
2015



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*Giant wakefield acceleration in gas and solid*

*Tajima et Dawson (1979)*

*A surfer riding down the face of a wave is accelerated by energy of the wave*



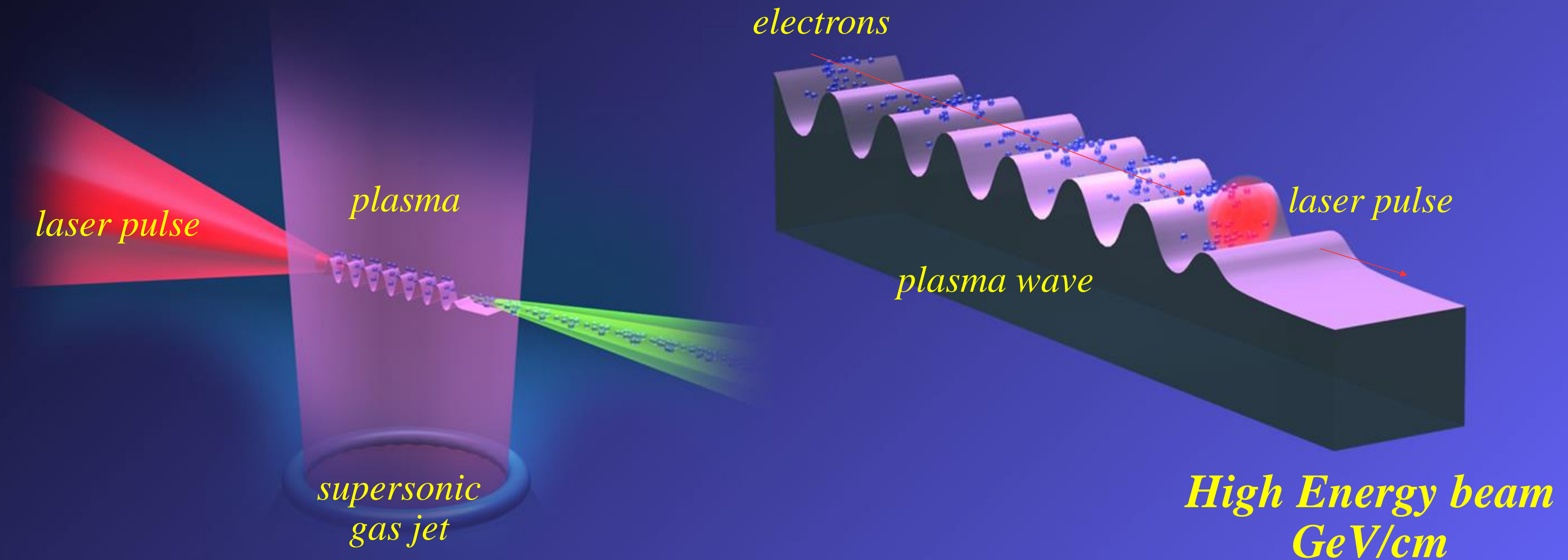
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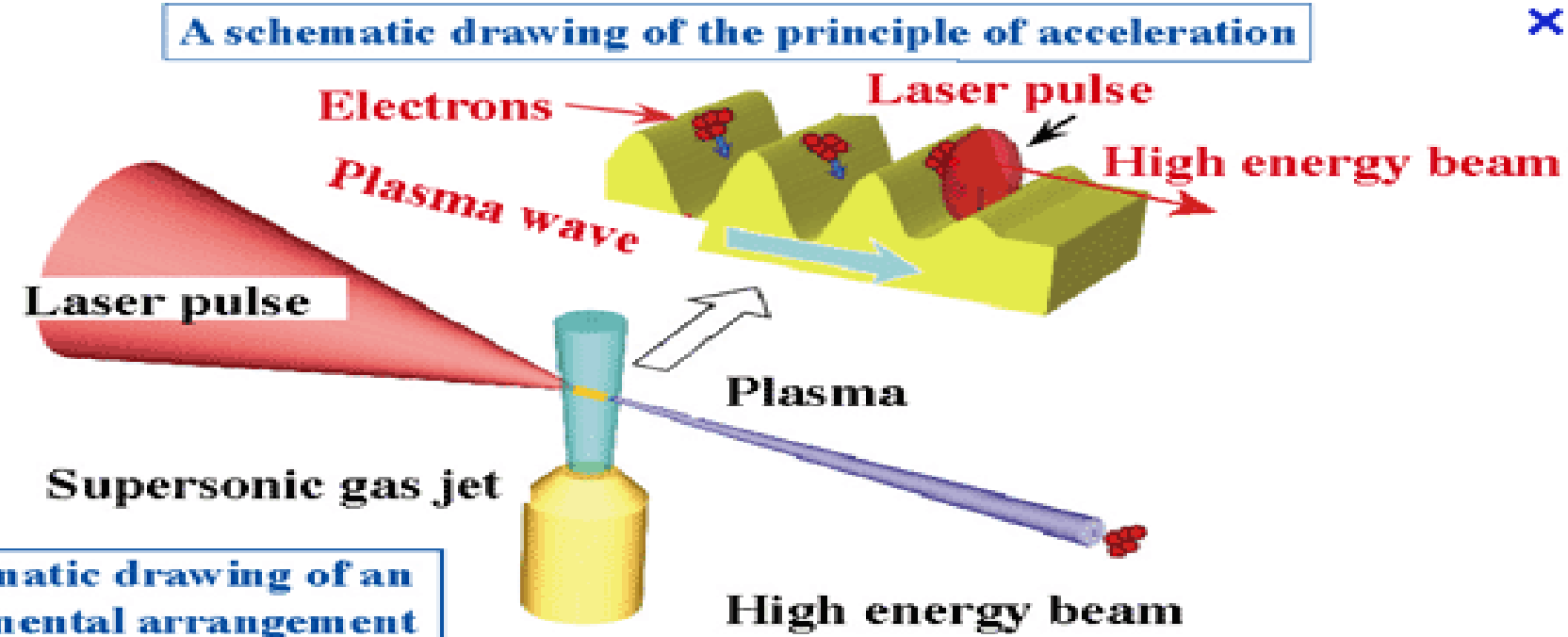
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# Giant Wake Field Acceleration in Gas and Solid

Femtosecond Visible Light Driver in Gas *Tajima et Dawson 1979*

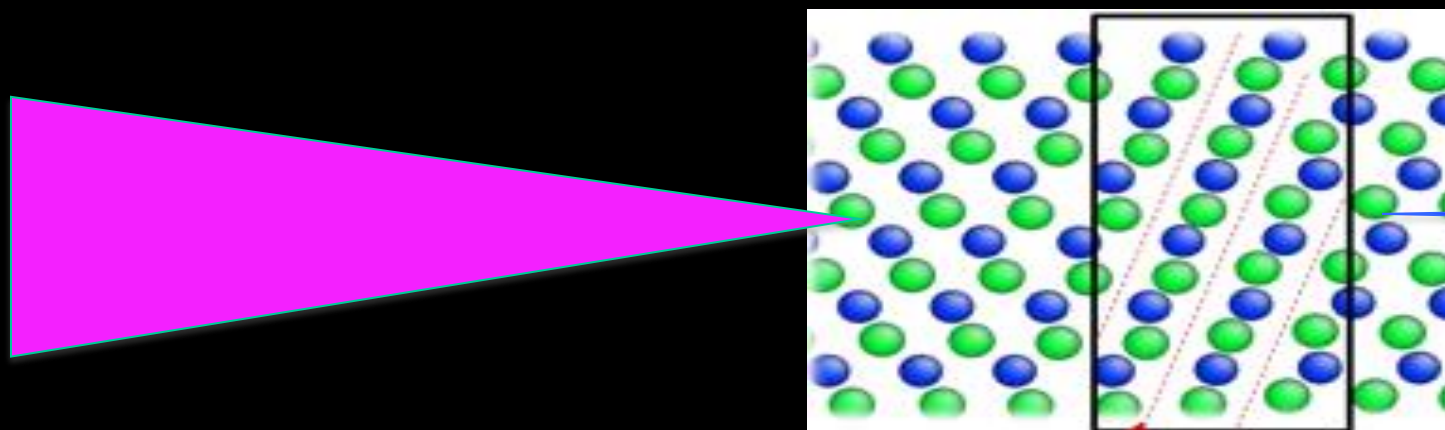


Plasma Acceleration Energy Gain  
 $G \propto n^{1/2} \text{ eV/cm}$

1eV light  $n_c \sim 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$n_{\text{gas}} = 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  ,  $G \sim 10^9, \text{ GeV/cm}$

Atto-zepto, X-ray Driver, Solid, *Tajima et Cavenago 1987*



$n_{\text{solid}} = 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  ,  $G \sim 10^{12} \text{ eV/cm, TeVcm}$

Drive pulse X-Ray, 600zs  
+ as electron pulse

Channeling lower the emittance  
Valid for electron, muons, heavy ions



# Thin Film Pulse Compression

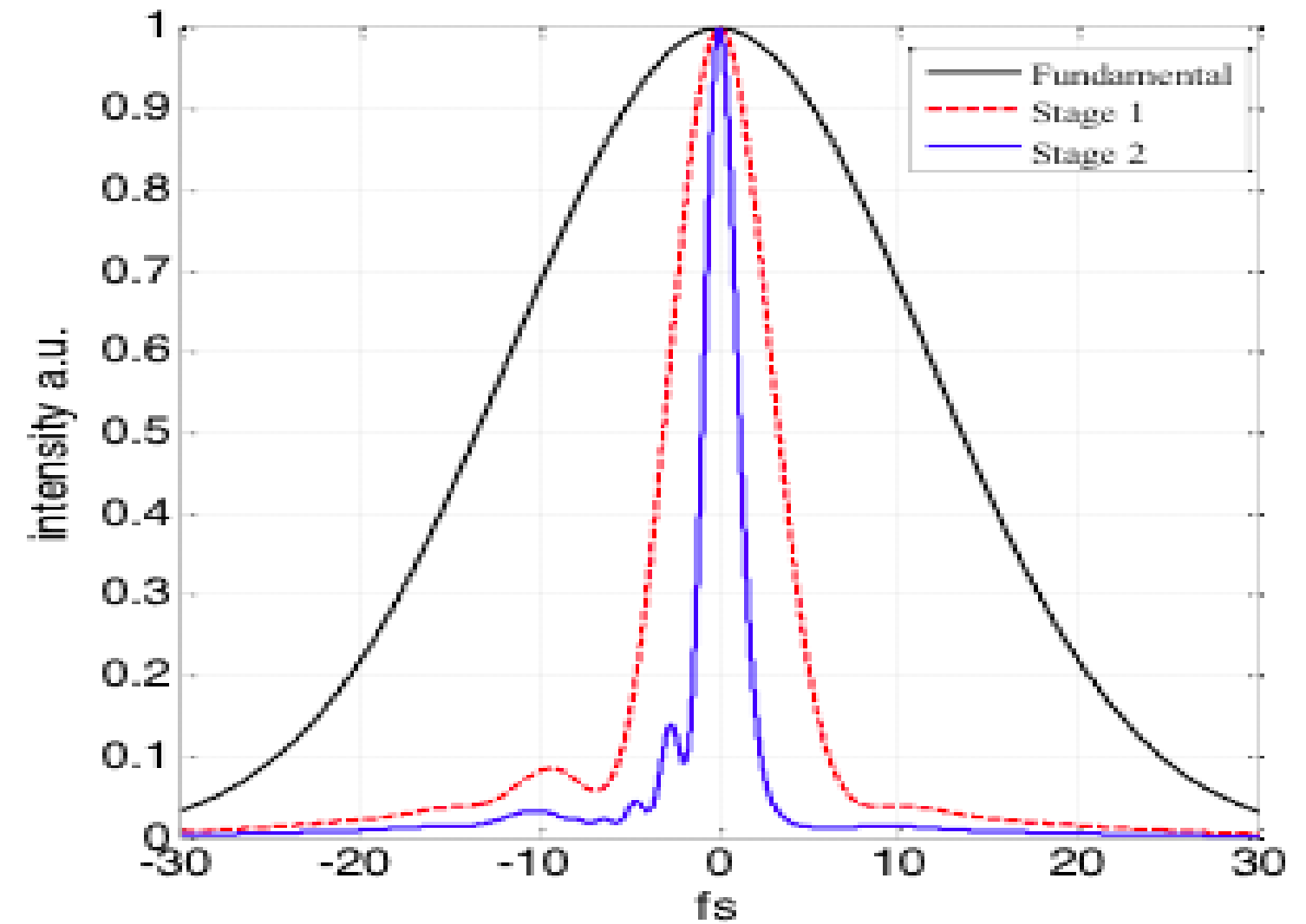
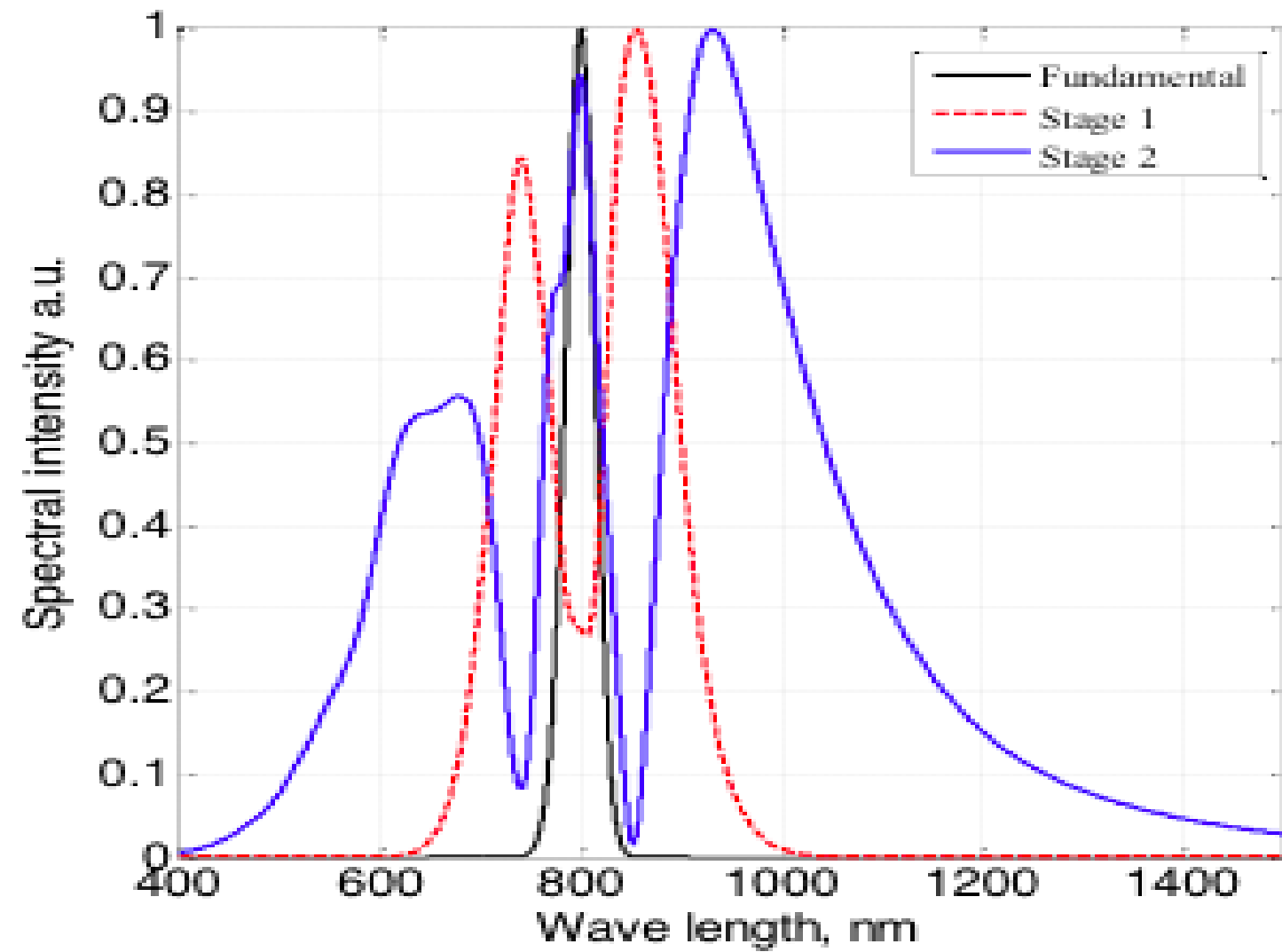


Fig. 4 shows the successive spectra and pulse durations corresponding to the laser out put, after the first stage and second stage. After the first stage the pulse 6.4fs, after the second stage the pulse is shrunk to 2.1 fs



# Relativistic Compression

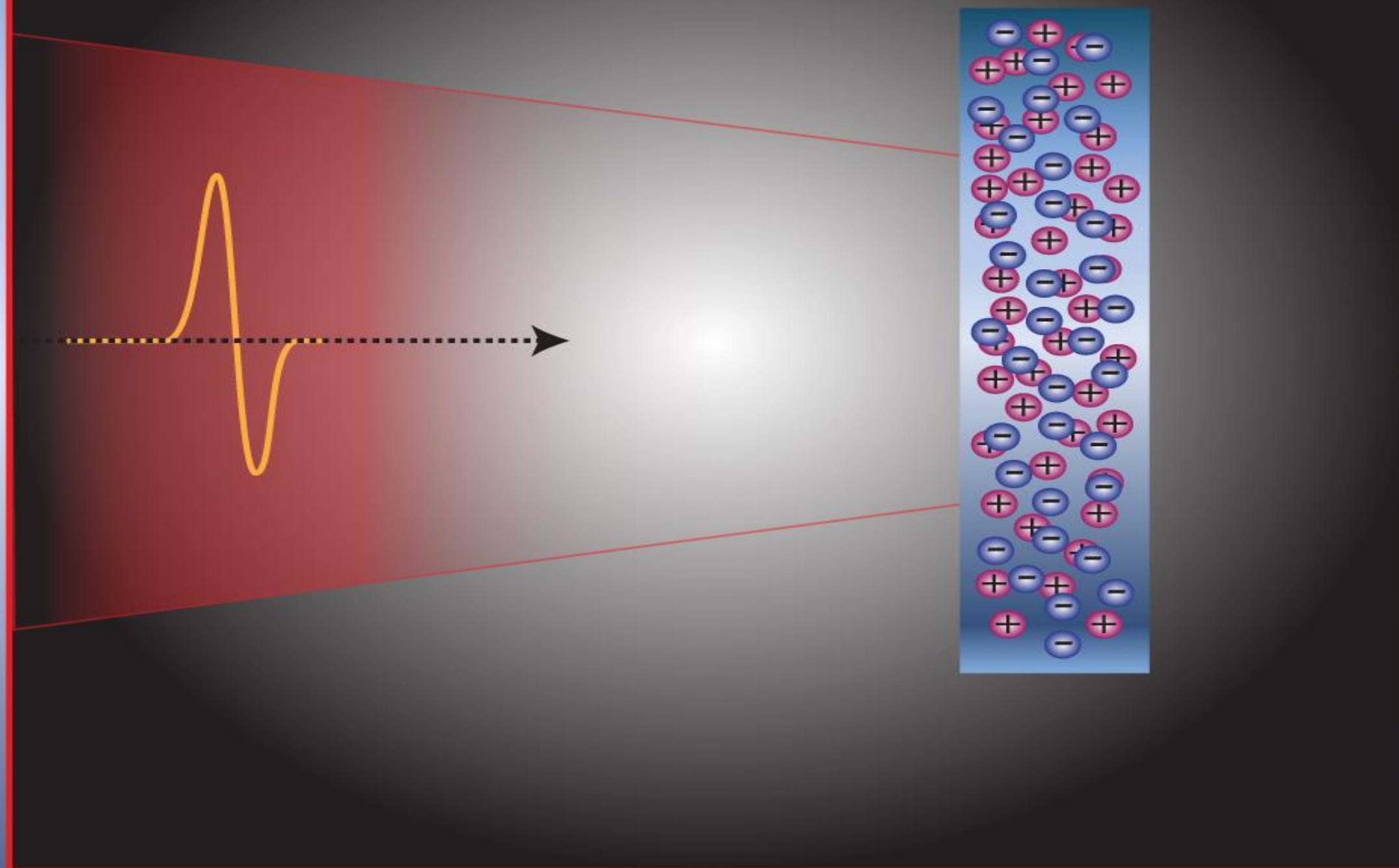
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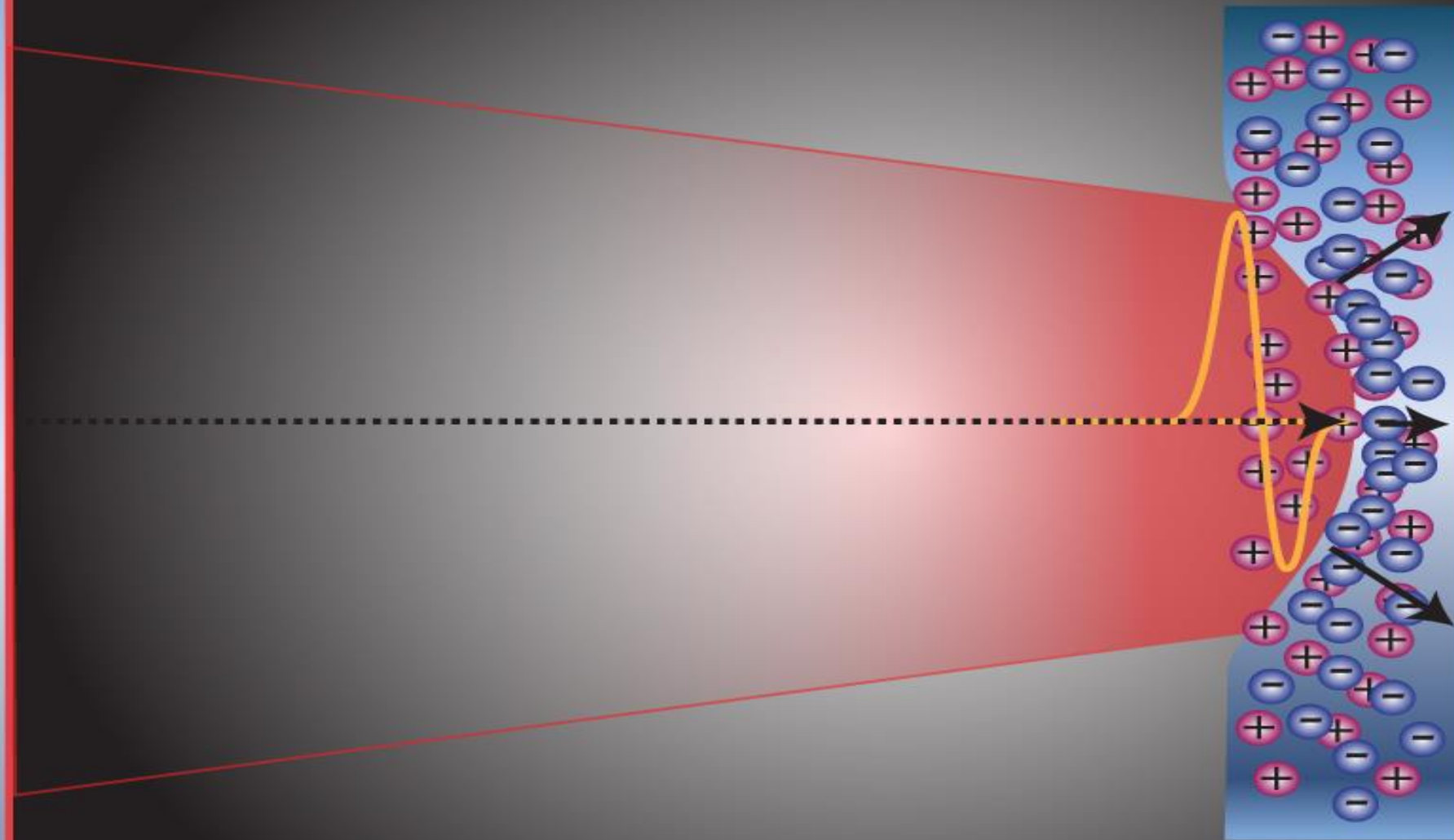


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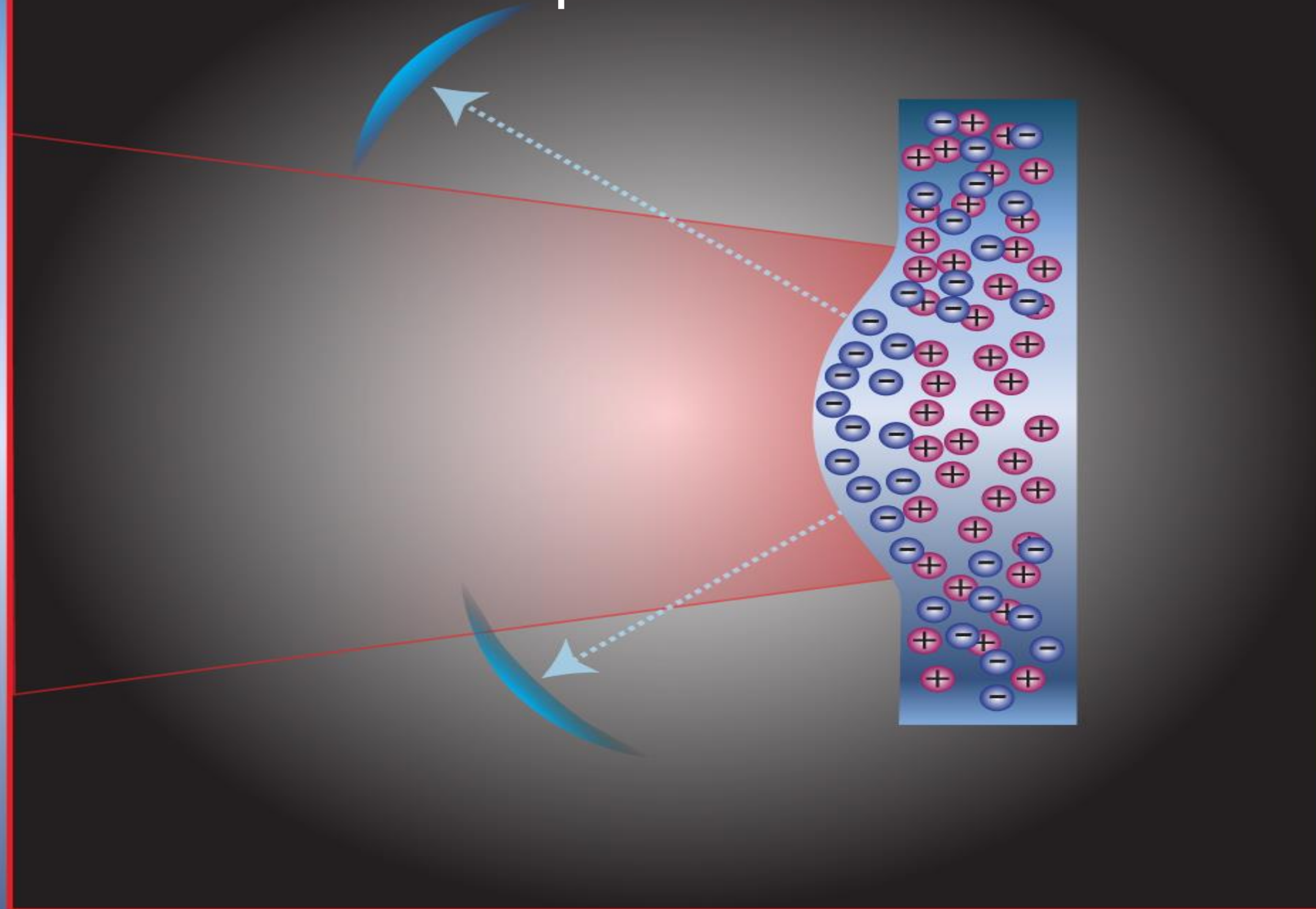


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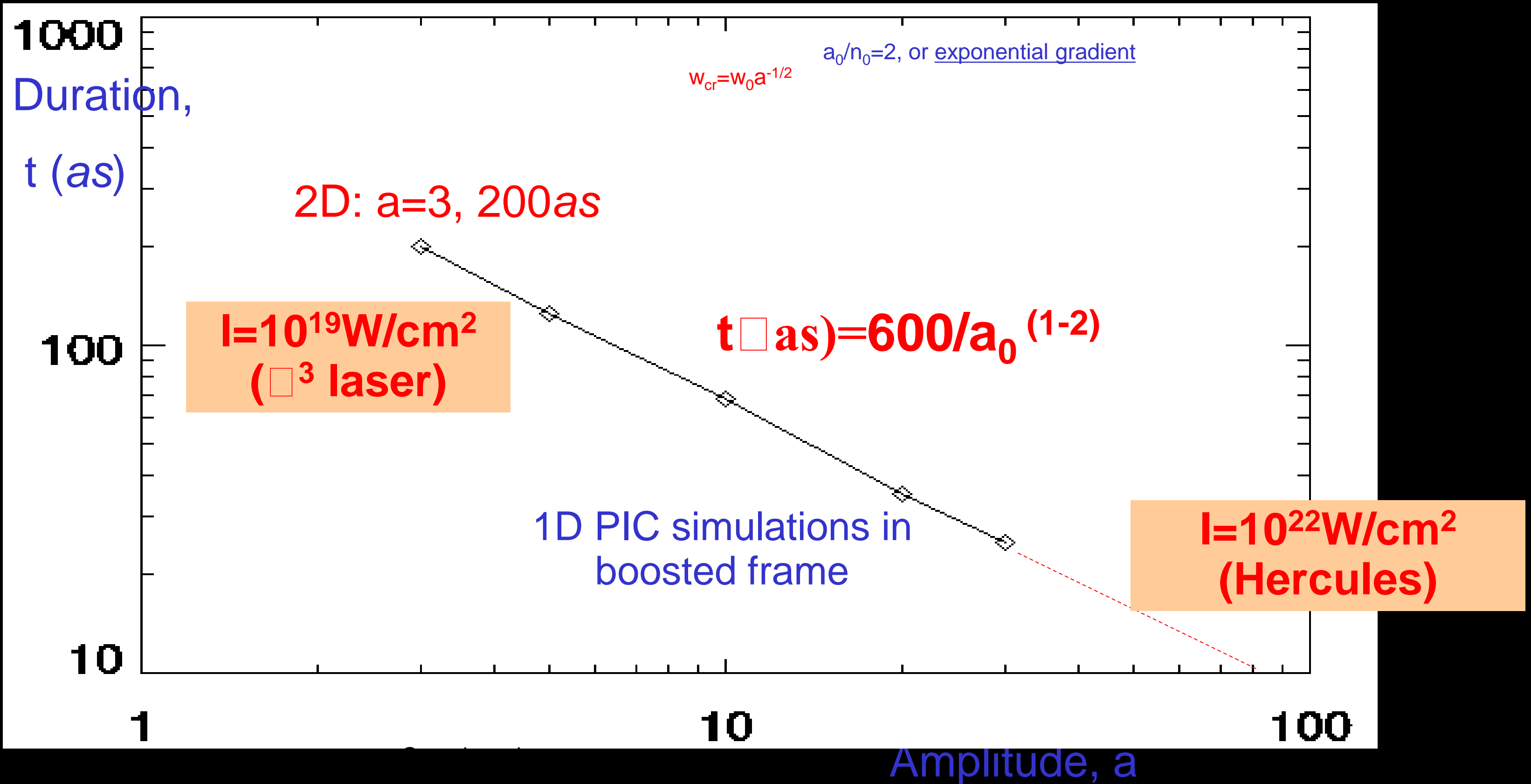
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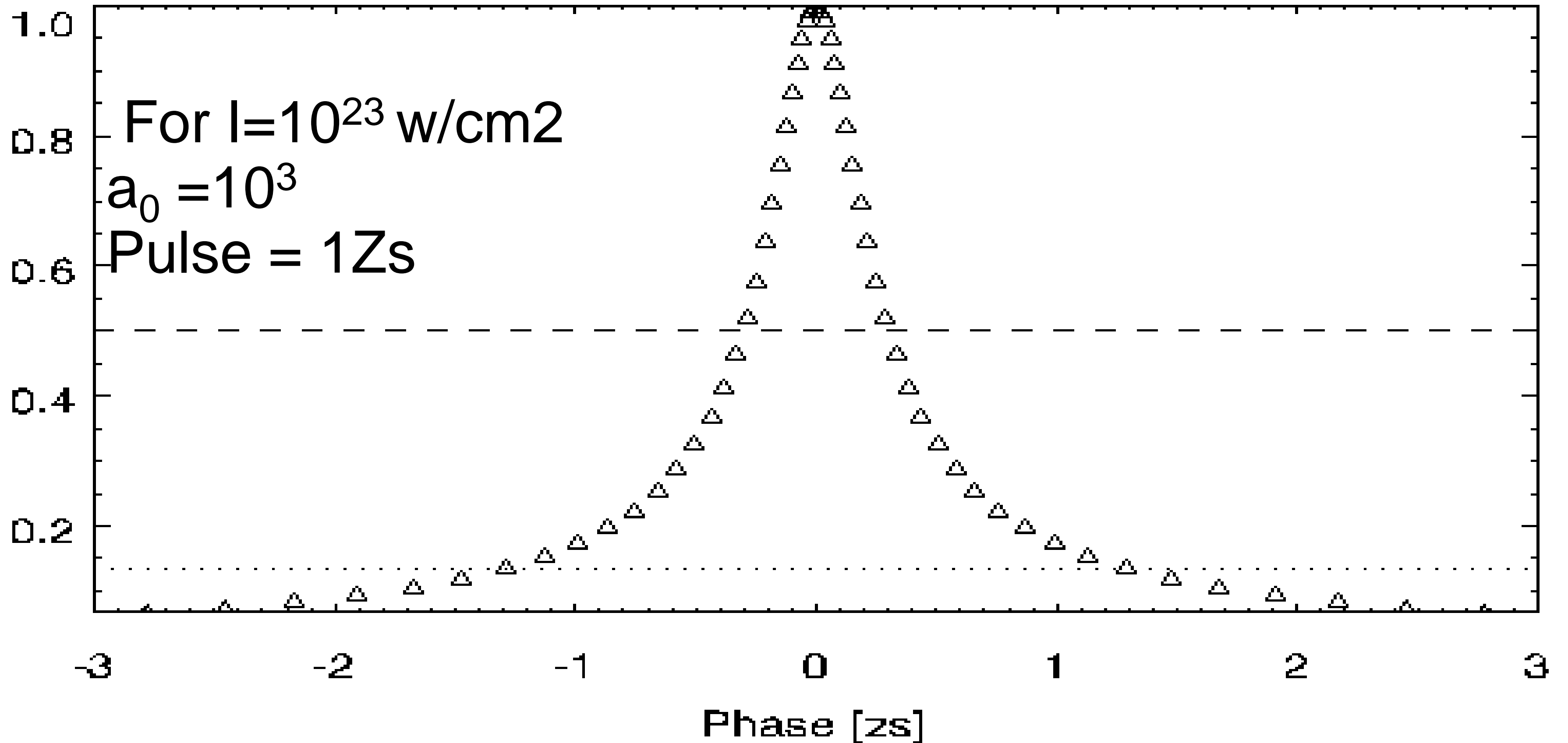




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# Laser-Wake-Field Acceleration Gas/Light vs Solid/ X-Ray

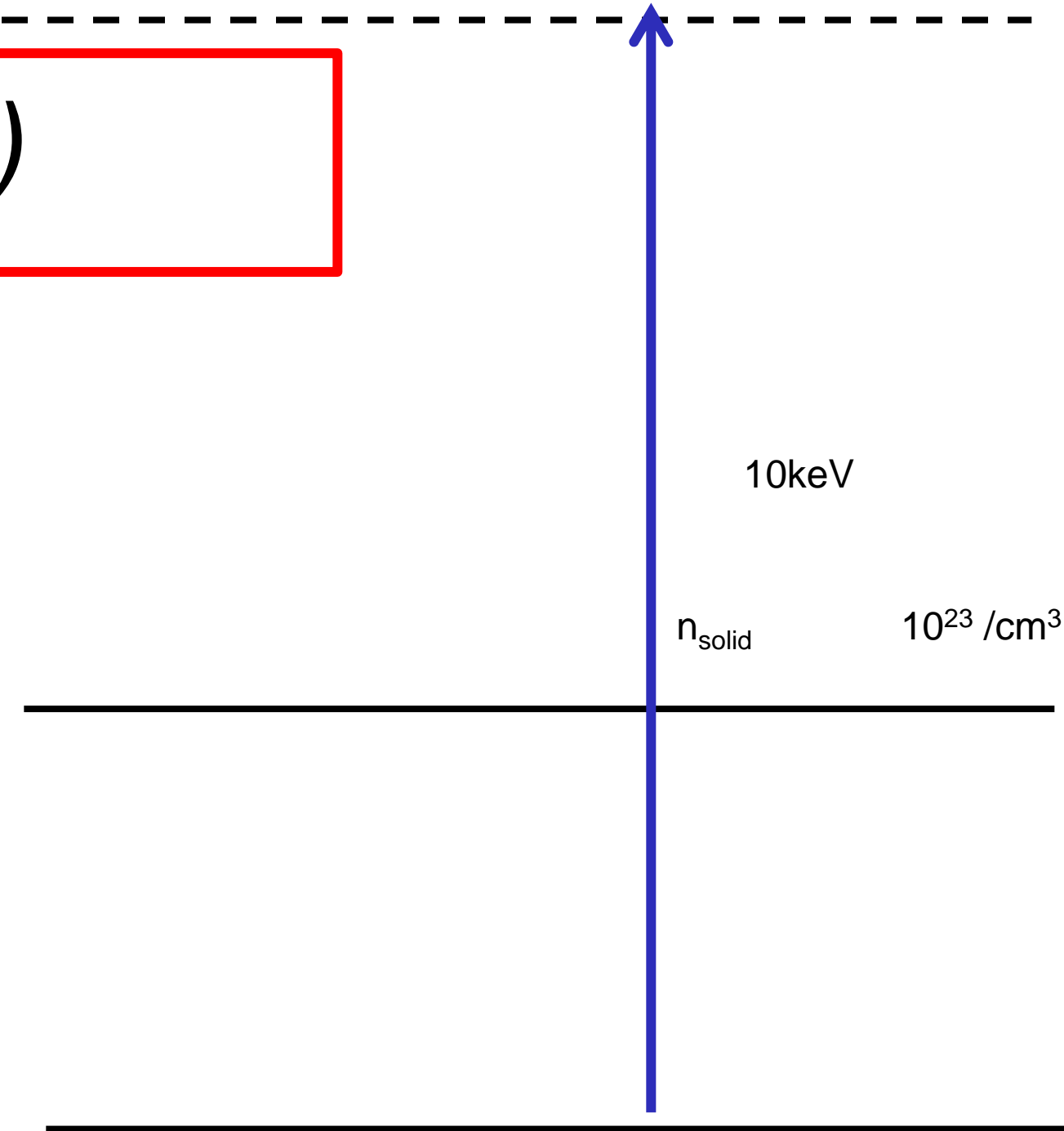
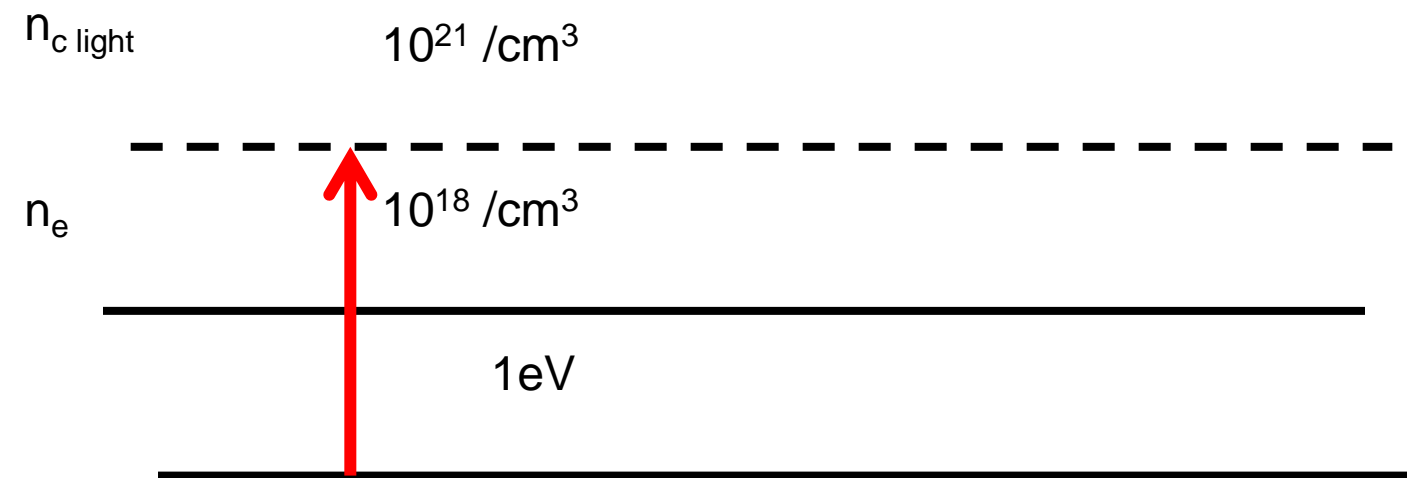
Serendipity at its best

$n_c$  for X-ray  $10^{29} / \text{cm}^3$

$$\text{Energy Gain } E = a_0^2 m_0 c^2 (n_c / n_e)$$

In the visible  $n_c = 10^{21} / \text{cm}^3$  Low gaz density

In the X-ray,  $n_c = 10^{29} / \text{cm}^3$  **Solid** density

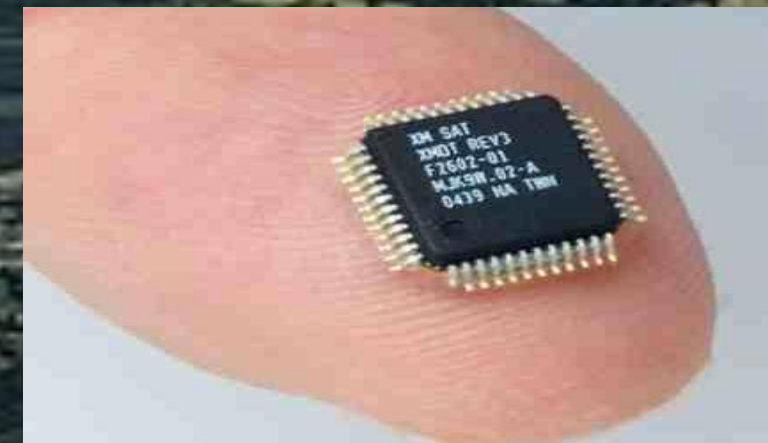
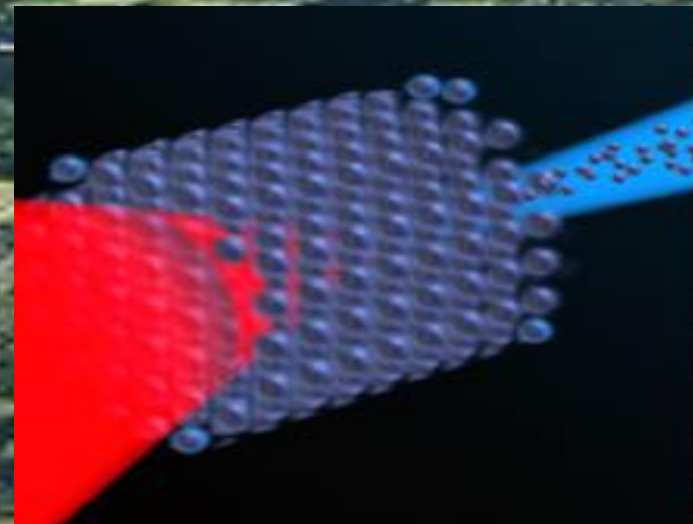




# Outlook for Laser-Particle acceleration TeV

Microwave cavity

Laser wakefield X-ray, 1cm

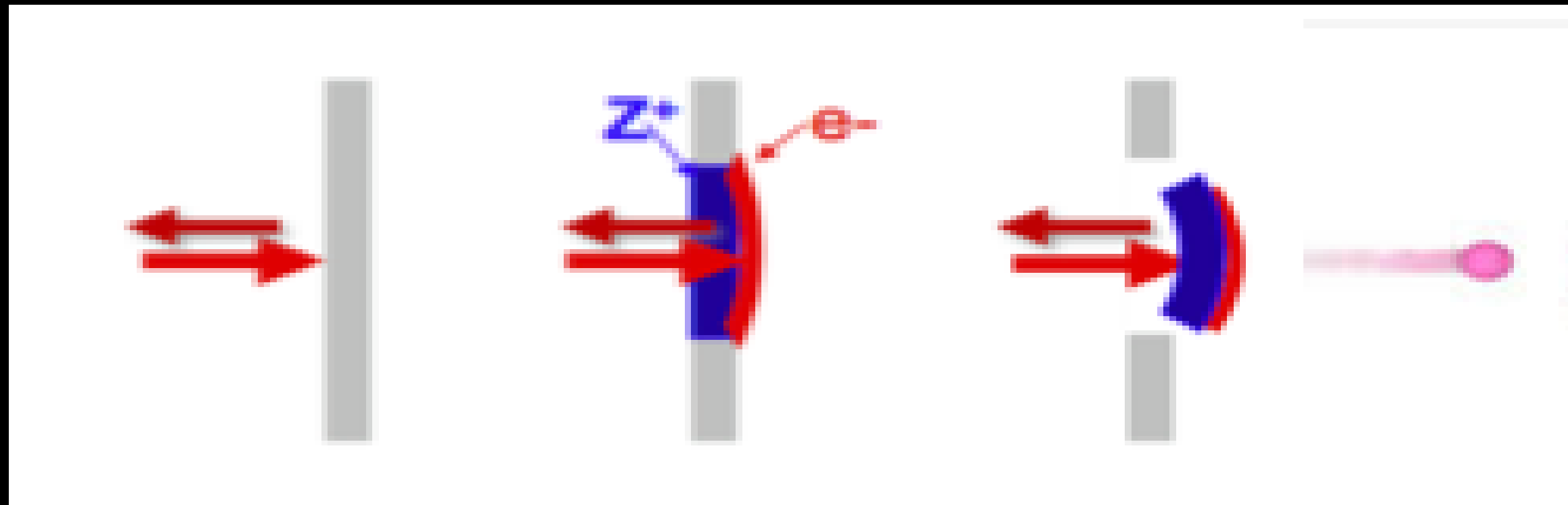


Laser wakefield Visible 100m

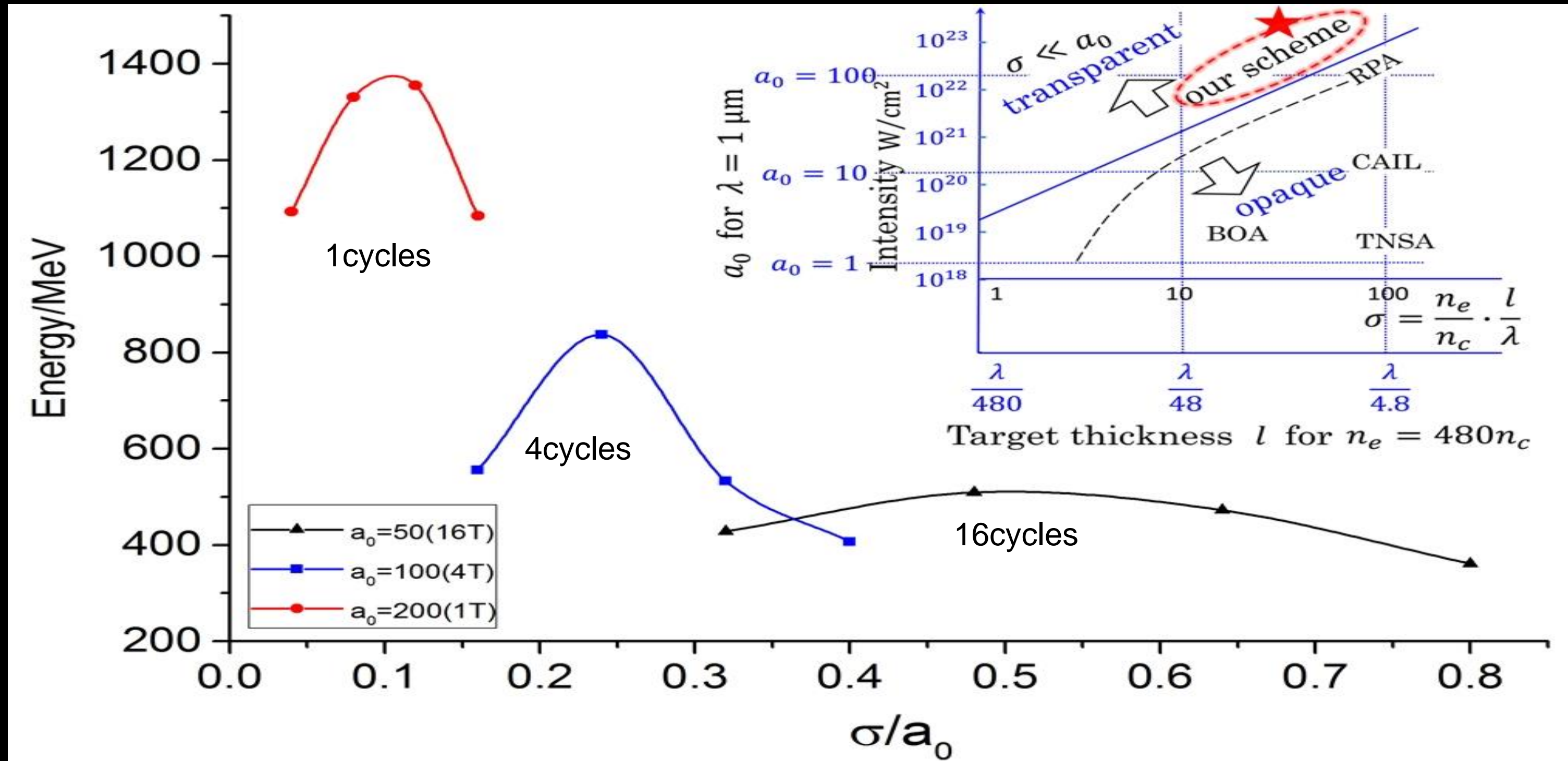


# *Low Hanging Fruit: High Energy Proton Generation*

GeV Proton Generation



# Applications of Single Cycle to Proton Generation vs $a_0$



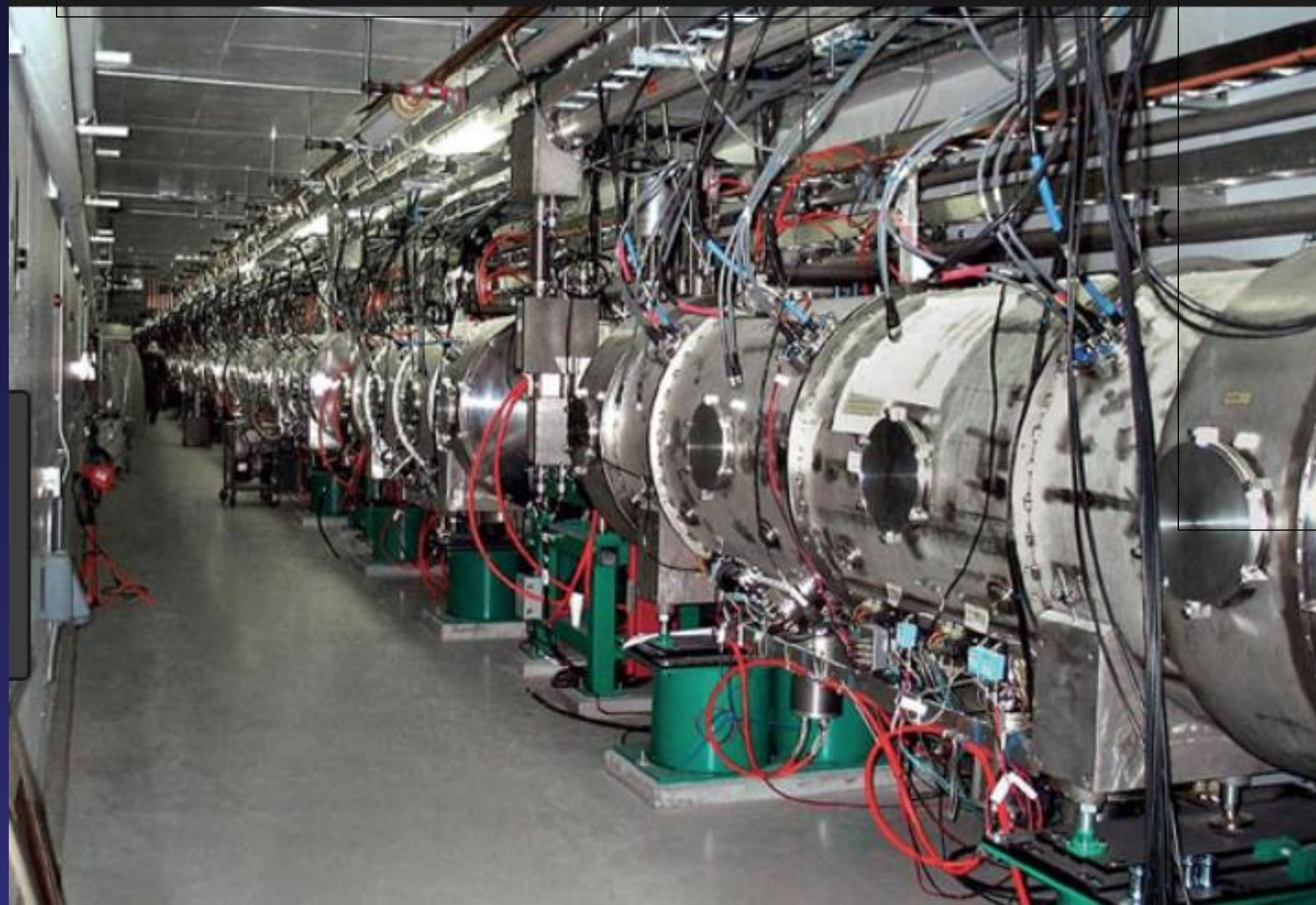


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## **RELATIVISTIC PROTON ACCELERATOR for TRANSMUTATION**



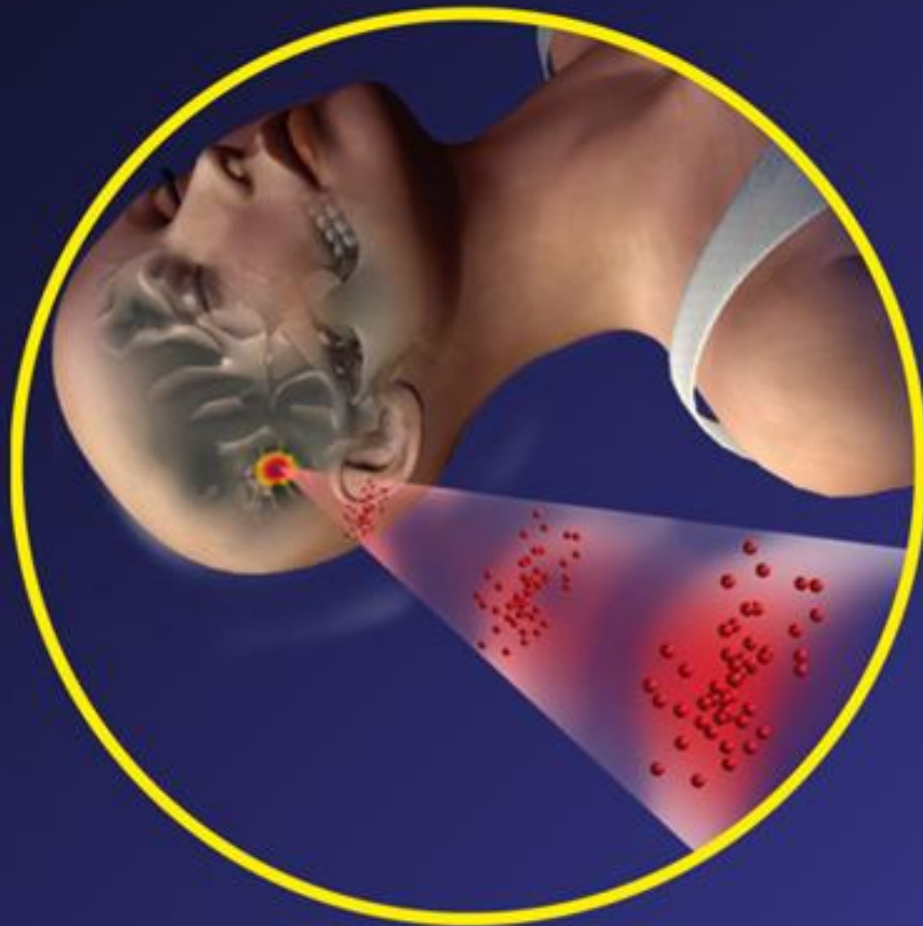
**Projet MYRRHA**





## *CPA in Nuclear Medicine*

### *Proton therapy*



*Extreme light technology will be tens of times more compact, more precise and less expensive*

### *Nuclear therapy*



*Radionuclides are used to implant radioactive pellets directly into a tumour*

### *Nuclear diagnostics*



*When a scanner needs a radioisotope, extreme laser acceleration in the clinic would make this fast and safer*



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## *CPA Mitigating Nuclear waste*





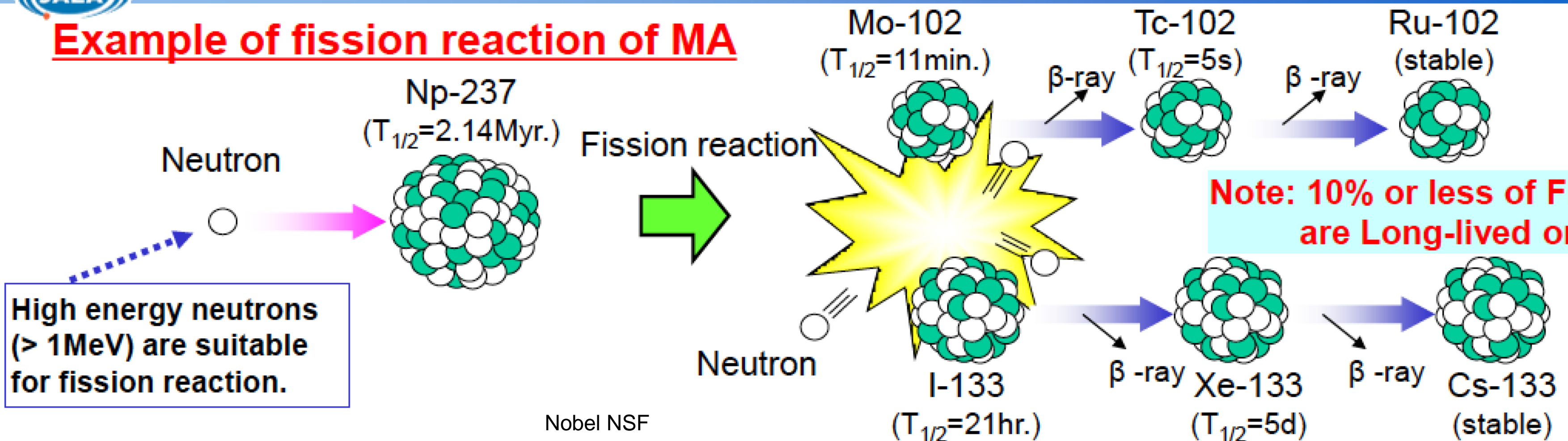


# NUCLEAR TRANSMUTATION CONCEPT

## How to Transmute MA and LLFP



### Example of fission reaction of MA





# Extreme Light Grand Challenges: Scientific and Societal Applications

## Scientific Applications

*Laser Astrophysics and Cosmology*

*Polarization of Vacuum, Materialization of Light*

*Beyond the Standard Model*

*Higgs Factory*

*Dark Matter*

## Societal Applications

*Transmutation of Nuclear Waste*

*Under Critical Reactor*

*Nuclear Pharmacology*

*Proton Therapy*

*Orbital Debris Elimination by Deorbitation*



**IZEST**  
International Zeta-Exawatt  
Science Technology



International  
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*In conclusion, extreme light is capable of generating the largest fields, largest accelerations, the largest temperatures and the largest pressures*

*It carries the best hopes and opportunities for the future of science and society*



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*The best is yet to come!*







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*Thank you!!!*