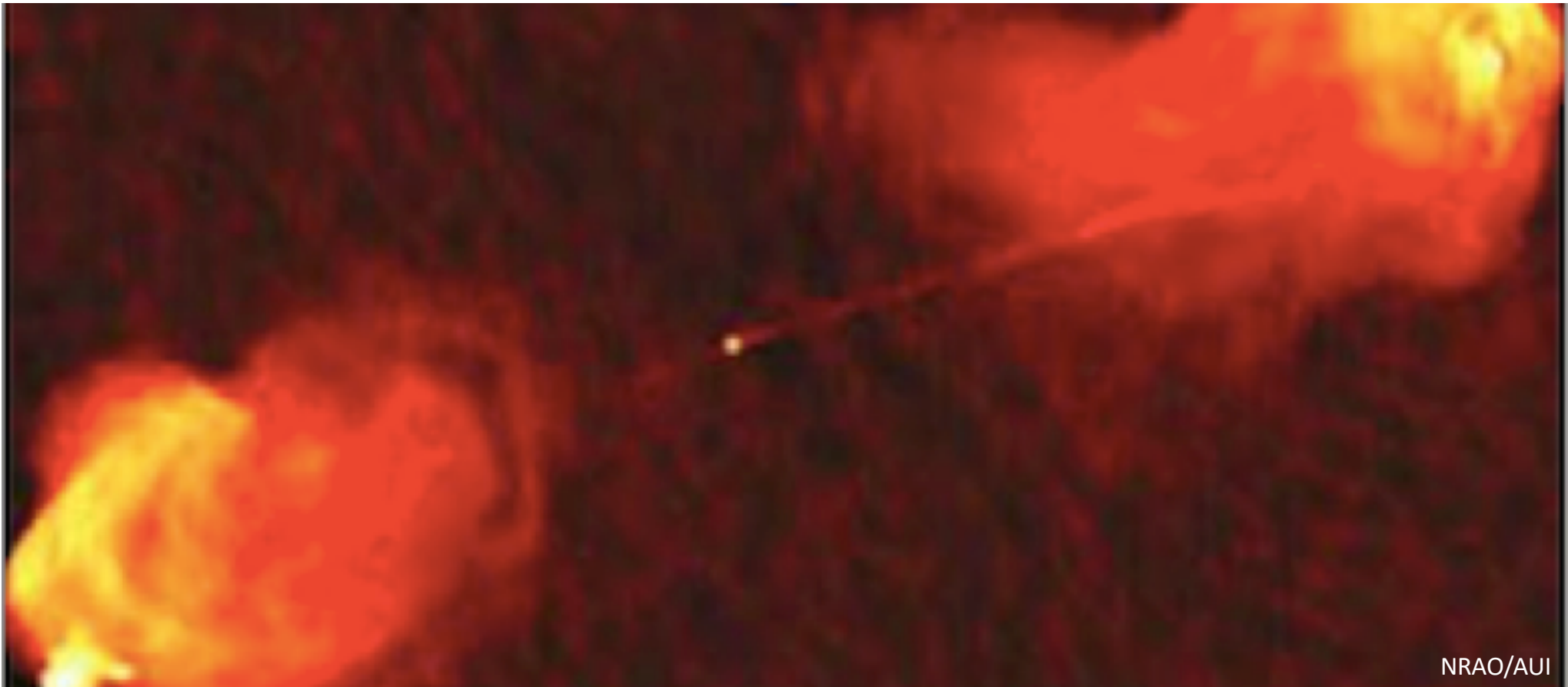


Plasma Accelerator Physics

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Class 1:PHY249 (2021Fall)



Syllabus (tentative)
PHY249: special topics in plasma physics (also remotely connected as [possibly UCLA
PHY250, UCSD PHY239], UCI #48510)

Plasma Accelerator Physics

(Fall Quarter 2021: TTh 12:30-2:00pm , UCI FRHall 4179
also connected by Zoom: personal ID number 743-986-9093:

<https://zoom.us/j/7439869093>

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I will connect laser accelerators with other fundamental fields of physics here. First to accelerator physics and high energy physics. Then to laser physics (such as CPA, CAL impact on laser cancer therapy. Finally we connect recent impact of WFA in high energy messenger astrophysics.

I. Introduction

Collective acceleration

Why plasma is unstable? How can plasma be not unstable?

II. Strong banging

intense lasers, intense beams

progress of laser intensity---CPA revolution (1985, Mourou* et al.)

introduction to laser matter interaction and nonlinear optics

atomic cohesion (quantum coherence), plasma amorphousness, and beyond

high field---breaks matter, yet can create order

relativistic coherence

relativistic optics

III. Wakefield Acceleration

Veksler-Rostoker problem (1956-1970's)

What are wakefields? Why are they so stable? Comparison with tsunamis

Tajima-Dawson theory and relativistic coherence

LWFA (laser wakefield acceleration, 1979, UCLA)

High Density LWFA

LWFA-driven nuclear physics

Laser Acceleration of Ions

CAN (coherent amplification network) laser (2013, Mourou* et al.)

ultrahigh energy accelerator with WFA

ultrafast medical laser surgery, laser-driven beam therapy of cancer

Plasma Accelerator Physics

PHY249 (UCI)

(Fall, 2021)

(I need to check the following)

<https://canvas.eee.uci.edu/courses/48510>

Now UCI Canvas Zoom number has been assigned:

Address: 48510-f21@classmail.eee.uci.edu

Archive: <https://classmail.eee.uci.edu/>

IV. Astrophysical plasma acceleration

Astrophysical jets and disks: coherent structures and engines in nature

EHECR (extreme high energy cosmic rays) and neutrino astrophysics (again UC Irvine's for ZeV neutrino physics and TeV gamma astrophysics

gravitational waves (LIGO by Barry Barish **) and gamma bursts from neutron star collisions

Overall reference:

T. Tajima, X. Q. Yan, and T. Ebisuzaki, *Rev. Mod. Plas. Phys.* **4**, 7 (2021).

Refs. (additional):

G. Mourou*, T. Tajima, and S. Bulanov, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **78**,309 (2006).

T. Tajima, K. Mima, and H. Baldis, eds. *High Field Science* (Kluwer/Plenum, NY, 2000).

(More to come)

Assignments:

To be discussed in the class: HW: 20%; Proposal for the term project: 20%; Term Report: 60%.

**) 2017 Nobel Laureate in Physics.

*) 2018 Nobel Laureate in Physics.

examples of the term projects in UCI_PHY249 (Winter 2014; Winter 2019):

C. Lau, P. C. Yeh, O. Luk, J. McClenaghan, T. Ebisuzaki, and T. Tajima, *Phys. Rev. STAB* **18**, 024401 (2015).

B.S. Nicks, S. Hakimi, E. Barraza-Valdez, K.D. Chestnut, G.H. DeGrandchamp, K.R. Gage, et al., *Photonics* **8**, 216 (2021).

In the Term Report, in addition to your term project work description, you have to identify what the instabilities indicated as to how and why we can avoid plasma instabilities in wakefields, or alternatively how to discover new mechanisms for stability.

Accelerators

- Conventional accelerators

electron (or ion) surrounded by a metal in vacuum

→ the upper field (below ionizational force on a metal \sim MeV /cm)

- Plasma accelerators

Veksler (1956),

Rostoker (in 1960's -70's)

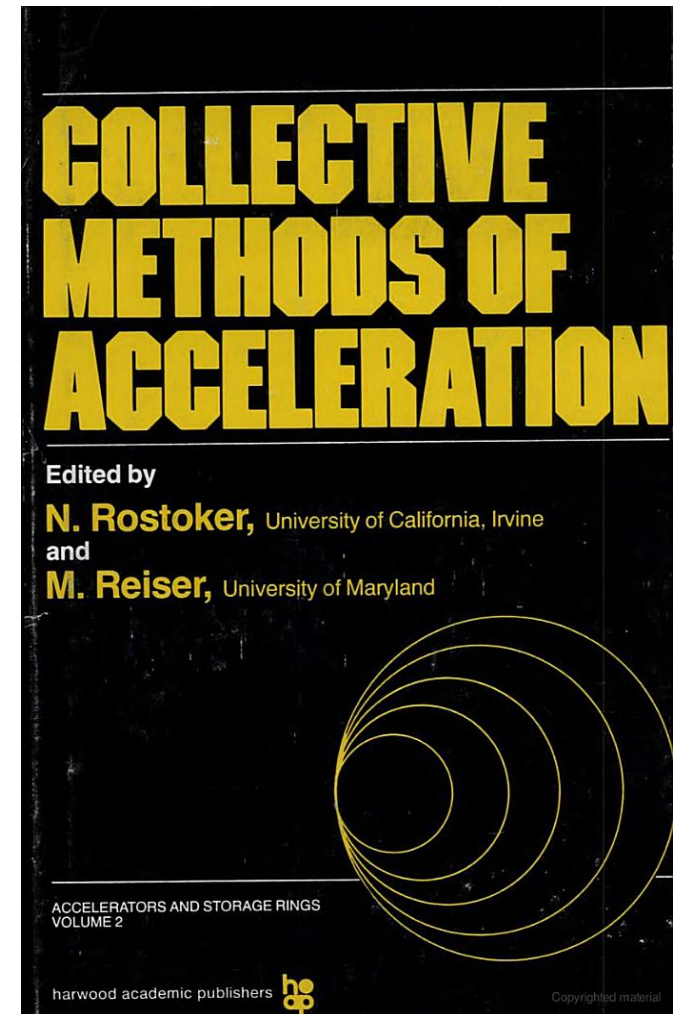
Tajima-Dawson (1979)

CPA laser (Mourou, Strickland,
1985)

First wakefield acceleration

(Nakajima,, Tajima, 1994)

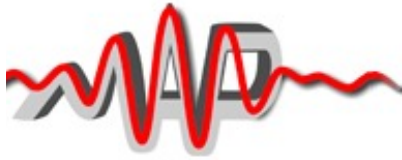
(UCI: one of the epicenters!)



Why is plasma unstable?

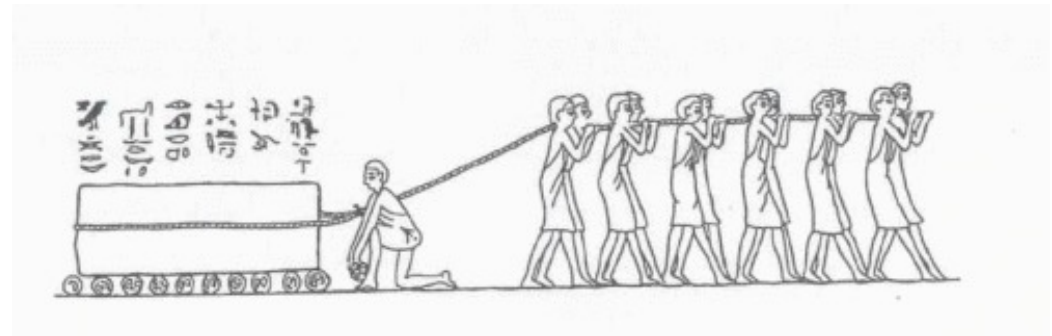
- Atoms and solids:
 - nucleus vs. bound electrons
 - (and applied large enough fields (\sim MeV/cm))
 - \rightarrow ionization \rightarrow plasma
 - no binding force^{*})**
 - solids: more than atomic forces \rightarrow
 - lattice forces, van der Waals force
- Gravitational system:
 - Sun vs. planets, asteroids and comets

^{*}) Additionally, **collective forces**



What is collective force?

How can a Pyramid have been built?



Individual particle dynamics → Coherent and collective movement

Collective acceleration (Veksler, 1956; Tajima & Dawson, 1979)

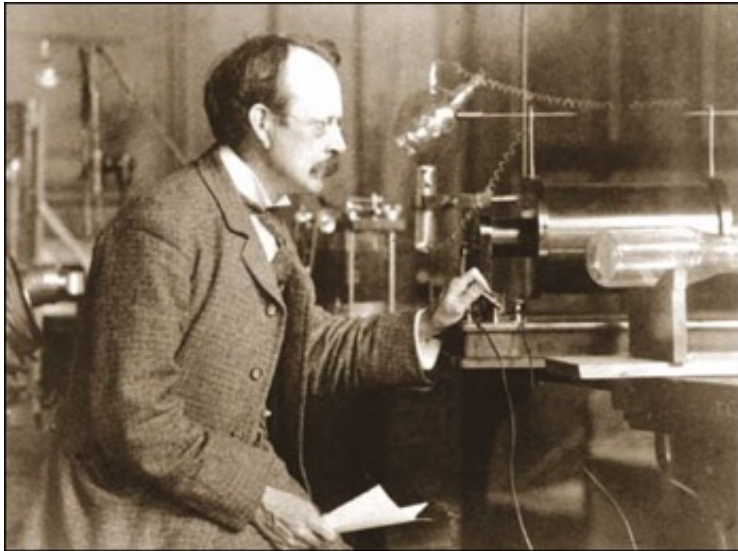
Collective radiation (N^2 radiation)

Collective ionization (N^2 ionization)

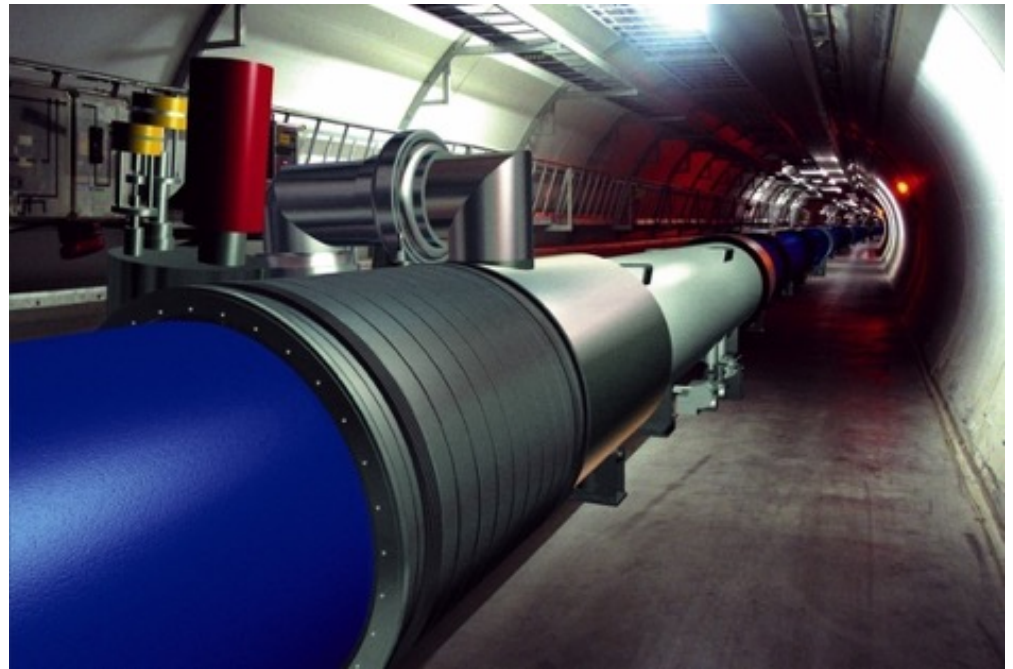
Collective deceleration (Tajima & Chao, 2008; Ogata, 2009)



20th Century, the **Electron** Century Basic Research Dominated by **Massive and Charged Particles**



J. J. Thomson

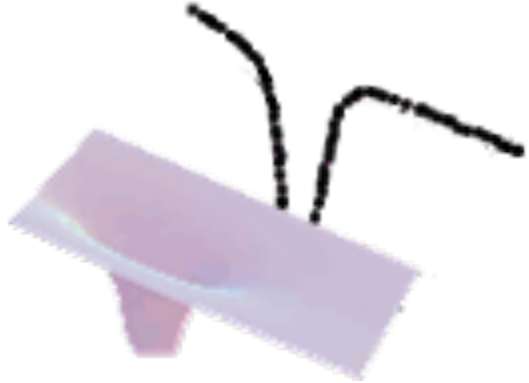


Wakefields = Collective force



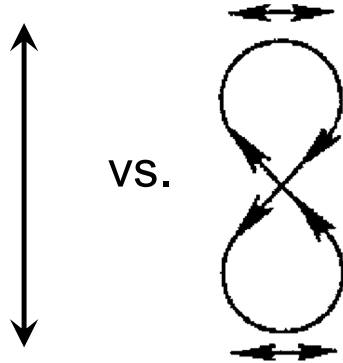
Nonlinearities in **atom**, **plasma**, and **vacuum**

Atomic
nonlinear potential



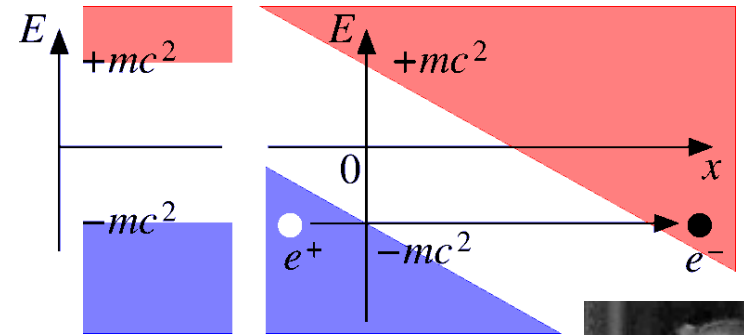
Keldysh field for
laser atomic
ionization

Plasma electron
nonlinear
relativistic motion



Laser wakefield

Vacuum nonlinearity



Schwinger field for
vacuum breakdown



Compact high energy colliders
Compact accelerator applications
PeV acceleration for quantum gravity →

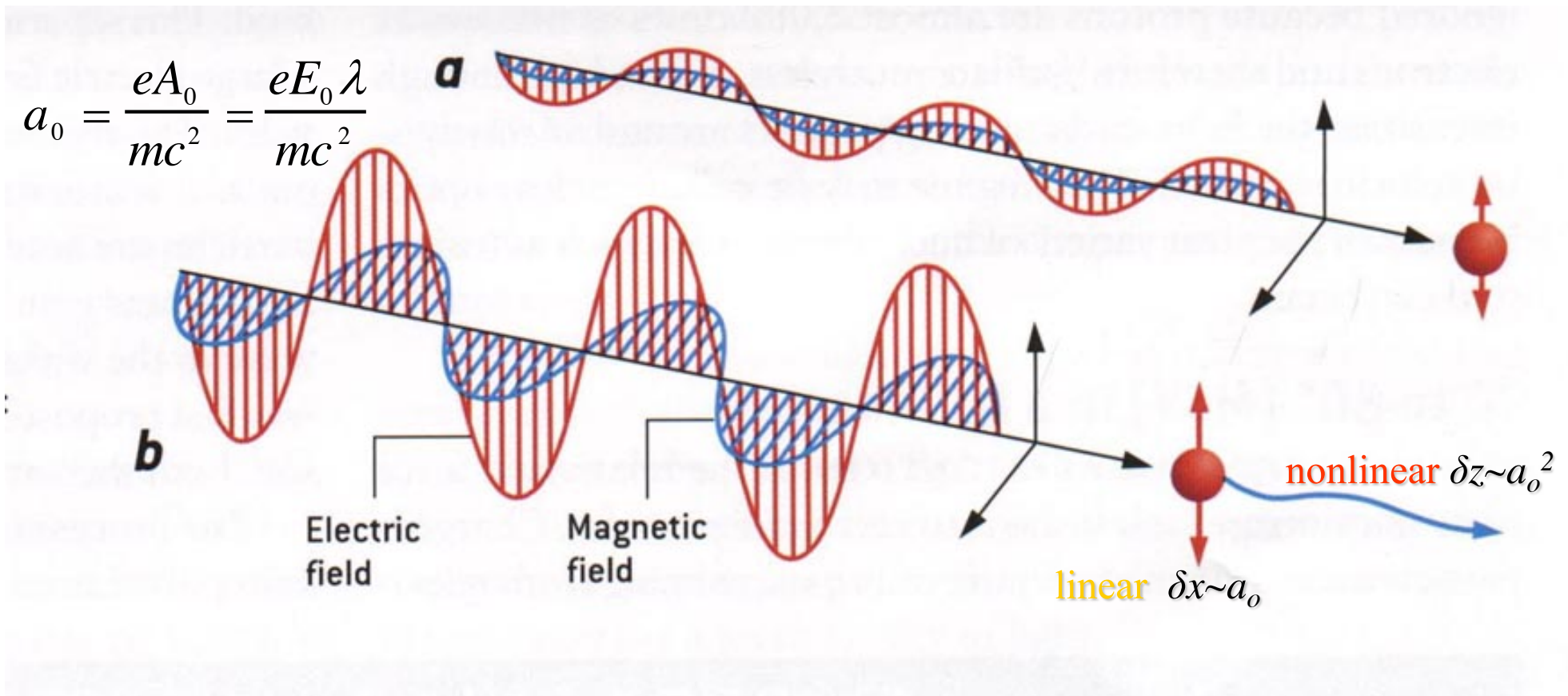
Nonlinear QED fields
General relativistic effects
Vacuum probe (s.a. Dark energy)

Relativistic nonlinearity under intense **laser**

Tajima-Dawson suggested this
to erect a robust construct **Wakefields**

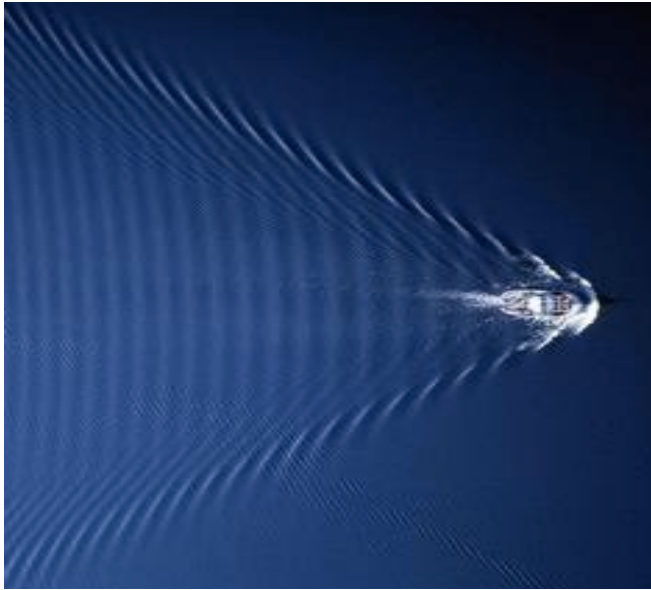
a) **Classical** optics : $v \ll c$,
 $a_0 \ll 1$: δx only

b) **Relativistic** optics: $v \sim c$
 $a_0 \gg 1$: $\delta z \gg \delta x$



Laser Wakefield (LWFA) (1979):

Wake phase velocity \gg water movement speed
maintains **coherent** and **smooth** structure



Tsunami phase velocity becomes ~ 0 ,
causes **wavebreak** and **turbulence**

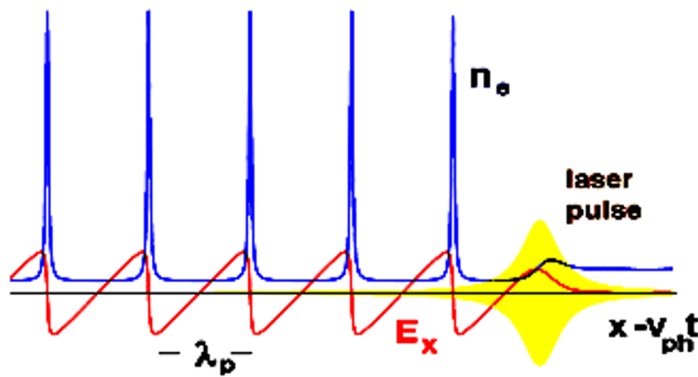


VS

Strong beam (of **laser** / particles) drives plasma waves to saturation amplitude: $E = m\omega v_{ph} / e$

No wave breaks and wake **peaks** at $v \approx c$

Wave **breaks** at $v < c$



← relativity
regularizes
(*relativistic coherence*)



Relativistic coherence enhances beyond the Tajima-Dawson field $E = m\omega_p c / e$ (\sim GeV/cm)

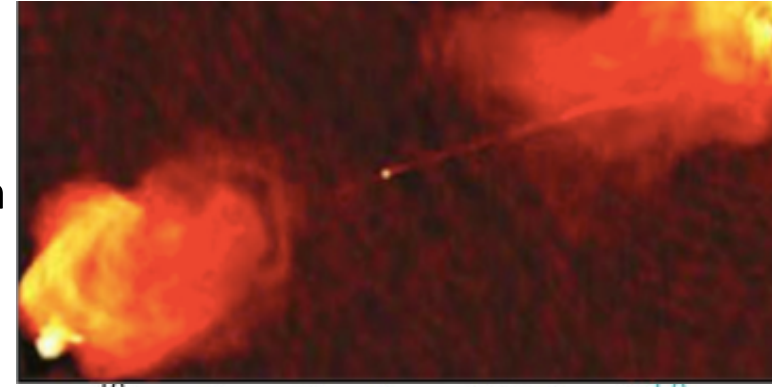
Universal Universe of Wakefields



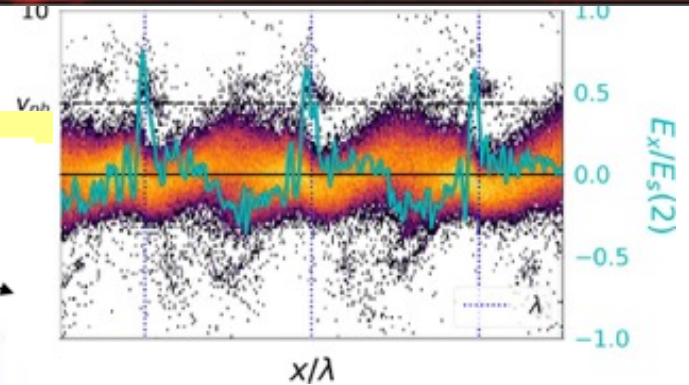
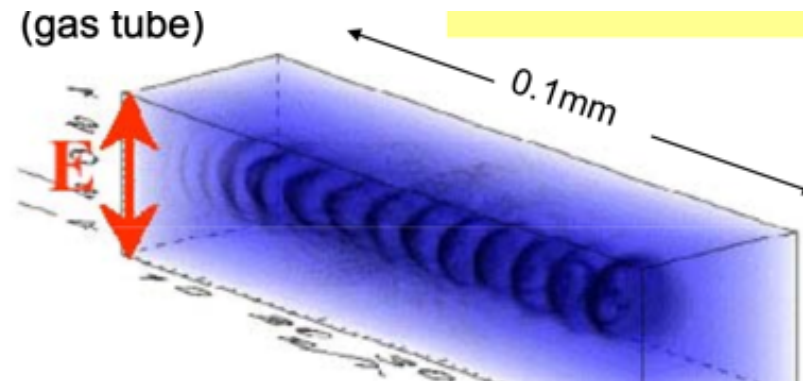
Ranges of wakefields

$\lambda : 10^{-13} \text{ cm} \leftarrow \rightarrow 10^{19} \text{ cm}$

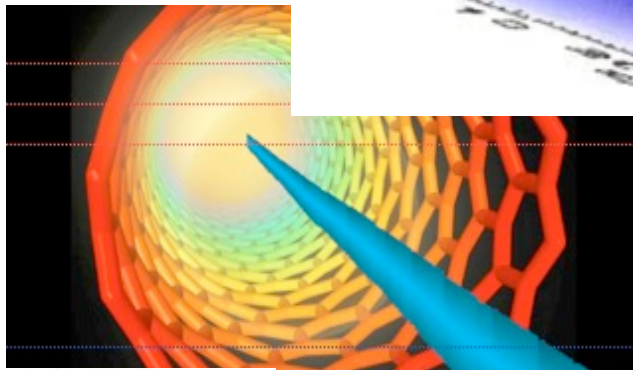
$\lambda = 10^{19} \text{ cm}$
(AGN jets)



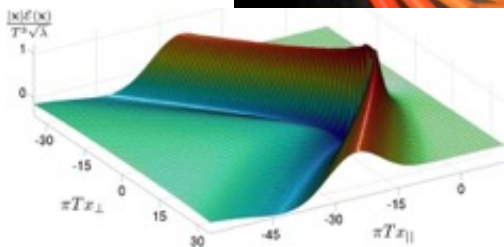
$\lambda = 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$
(gas tube)



$\lambda = 1 \text{ cm}$ (fusion plasma)



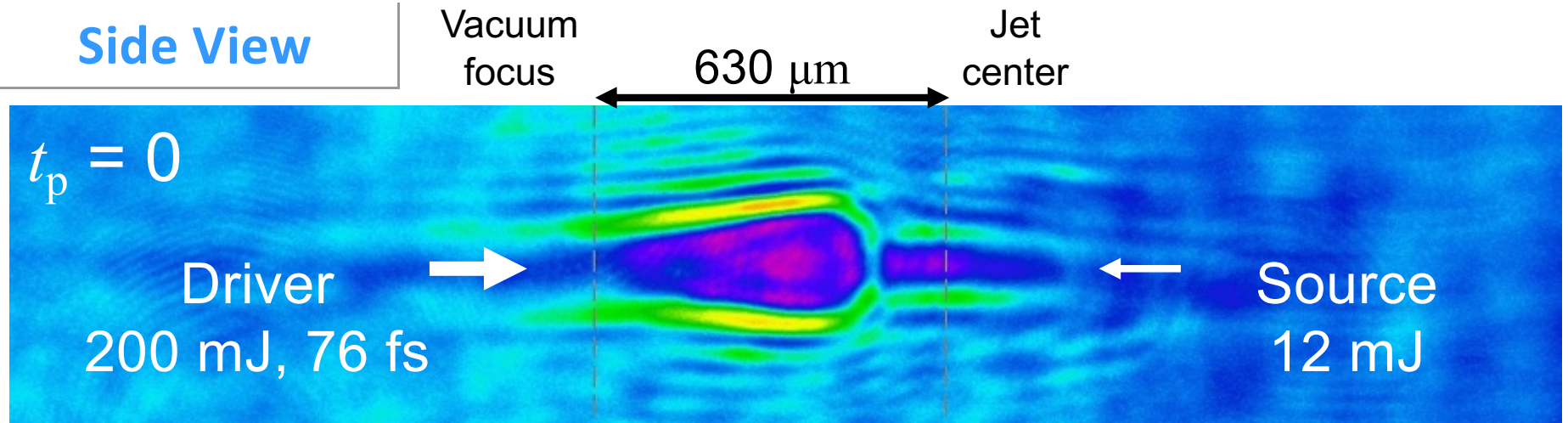
$\lambda = 10^{-7} \text{ cm}$
(nanotube)



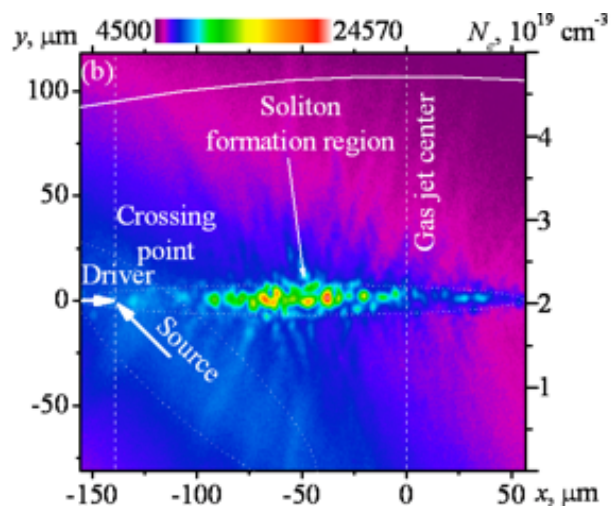
$\lambda = 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$ (nuclear QCD plasma)

Space-Time Overlapping of Driver and Source pulses

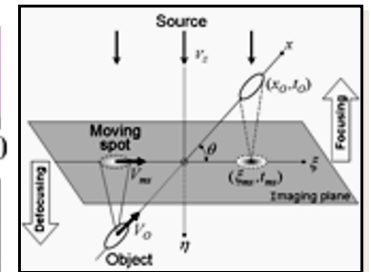
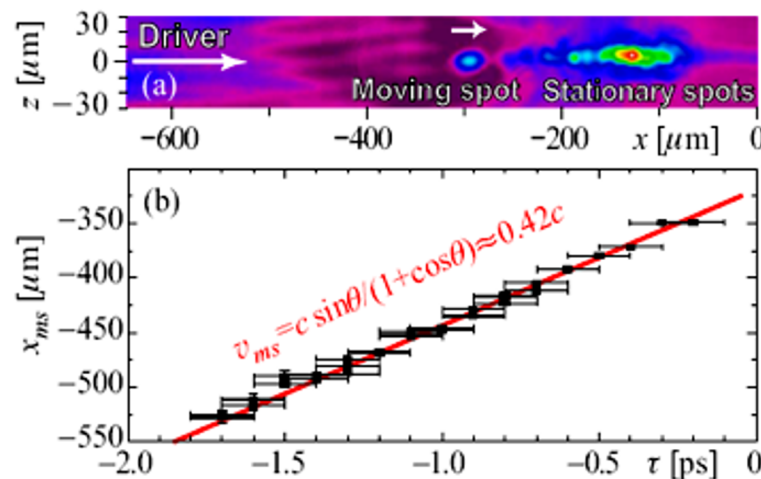
Side View



Top View



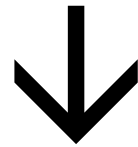
Relativistic Microlens



(Kando et al

Paradigm Shift in Plasma Physics

- Instabilities dominant in plasma science
(*something to despise*)



- Structure formation via nonlinear dynamics (e. g. structure called wakefields)

new organizational principle

Philosophy espoused in

Tajima et al., RMPP 4, 7 (2020)

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s41614-020-0043-z>

[Also in the textbook; T. Tajima and K. Shibata, “Plasma Astrophysics” (Addison-Wesley, 1997)]

Instabilities vs Played-out Structures

Examples:

- **Two-stream instability** (see p. 334 T. Tajima, Computational Plasma Physics, 1989) (or bump-in-tail instabilities, or drift wave instabilities)
- Wakefield driven by a pulse of laser
 - Wakefield**
 - “hide-and-seek”
 - Jets** (astrophysical, largest structure of the world)

The late Prof. Abdus Salam



At ICTP Summer School (1981), Prof. Salam summoned me and discussed about **laser wakefield** acceleration.

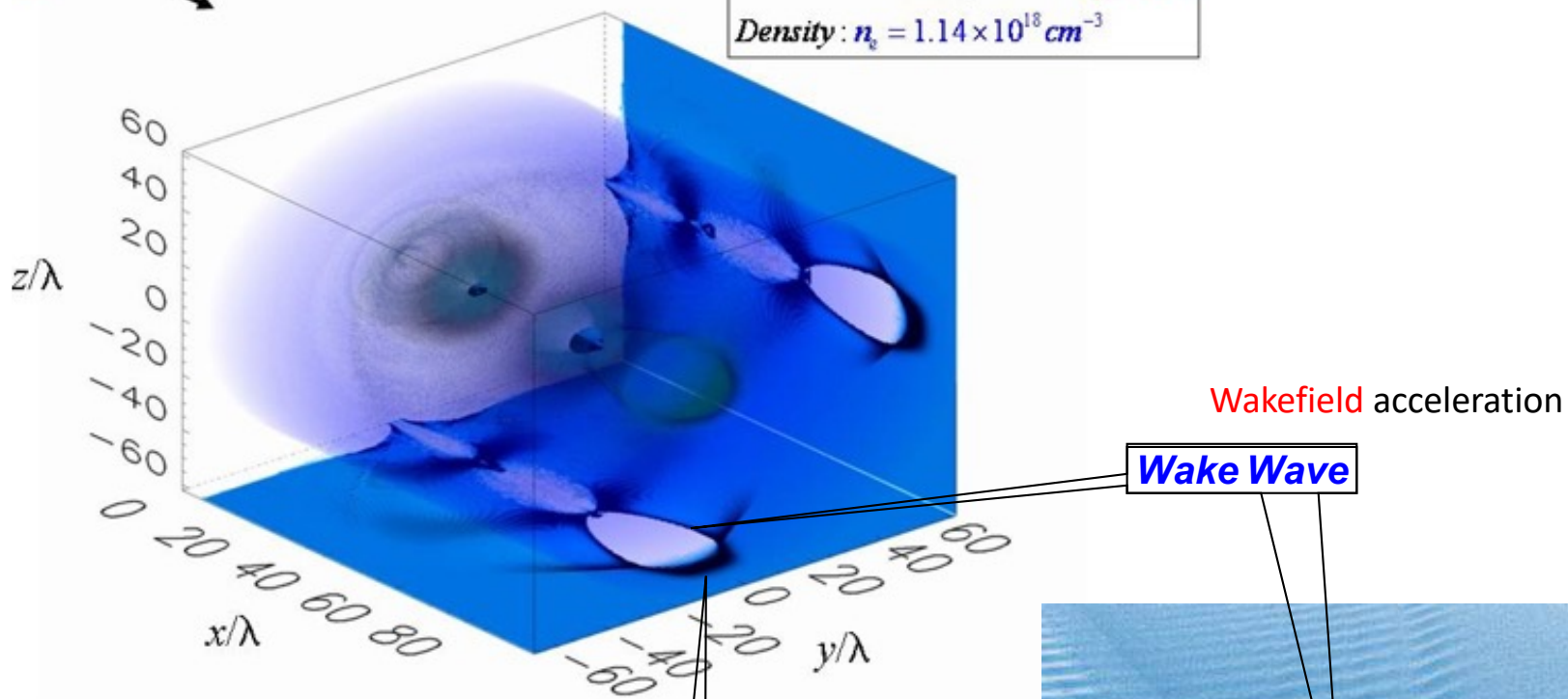
Salam: *‘Scientists like me began feeling that we had less means to test our theory. However, with your laser acceleration, I am encouraged’*. (1981)

He organized the Oxford Workshop on **laser wakefield** accelerator in 1982.

Effort: many scientists over many years to realize his vision / dream
High field science: spawned

(NB: Prof. C. Rubbia et al.
discovered his bosons at CERN, 1983)

Laser-driven Bow and Wake



(Bulanov, Esirkepov)





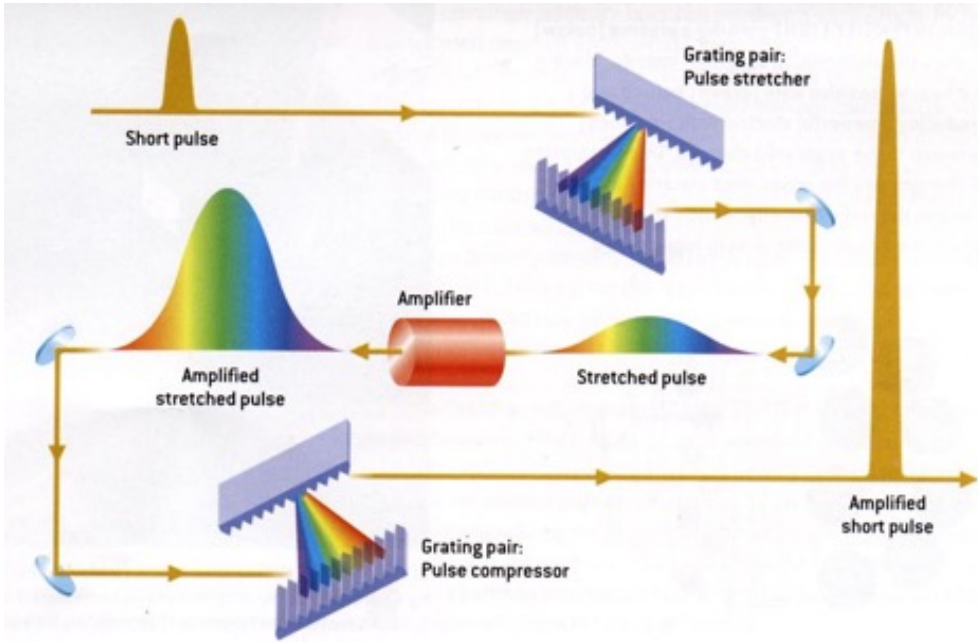
21st Century; the **Photon** Century
Could basic research be driven
by the massless and chargeless particles; **Photons**?



C. Townes (laser invention) →

G. Mourou (Inst. Zetta- Exawatt
Science and Technology)

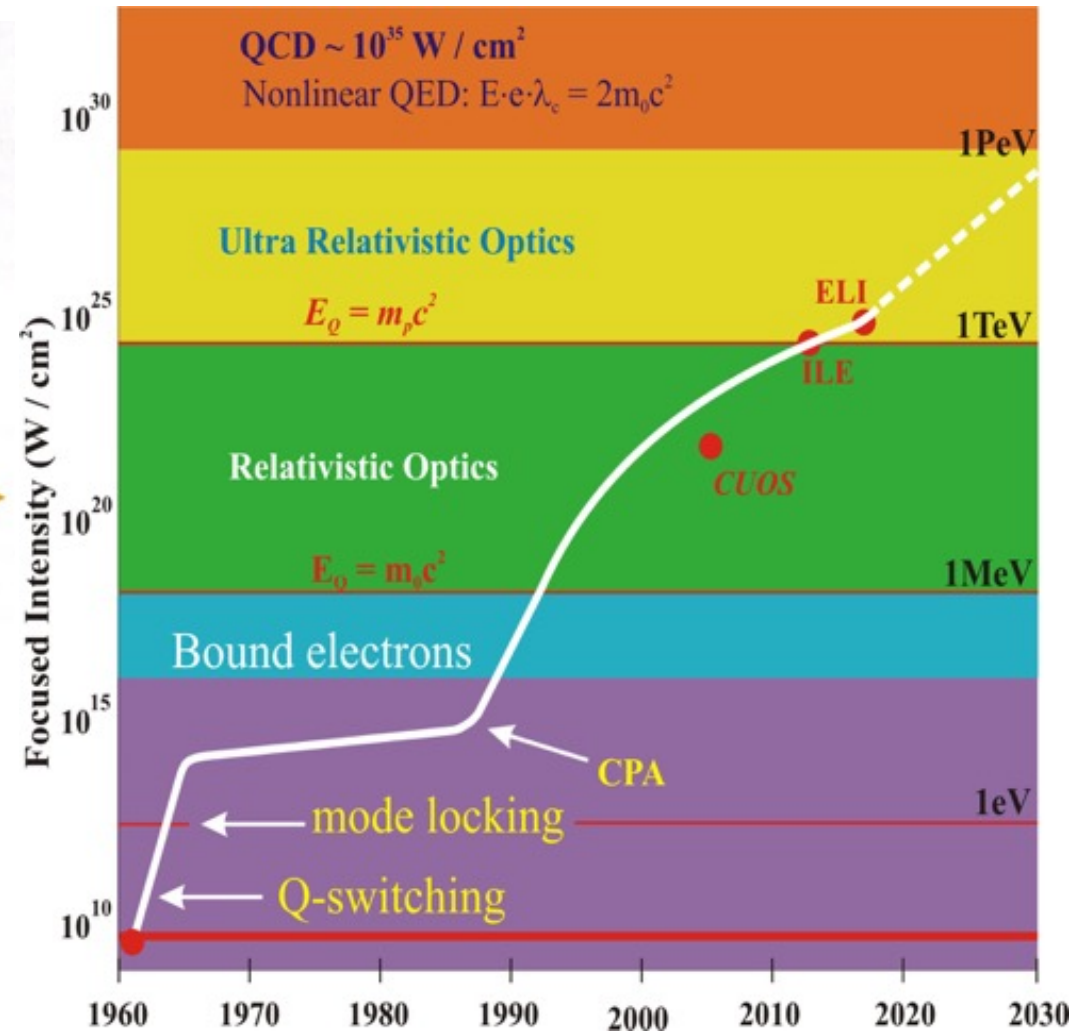
Enabling technology: **laser** revolution



G. Mourou invented **Chirped Pulse Amplification** (1985)

Laser intensity exponentiated since,

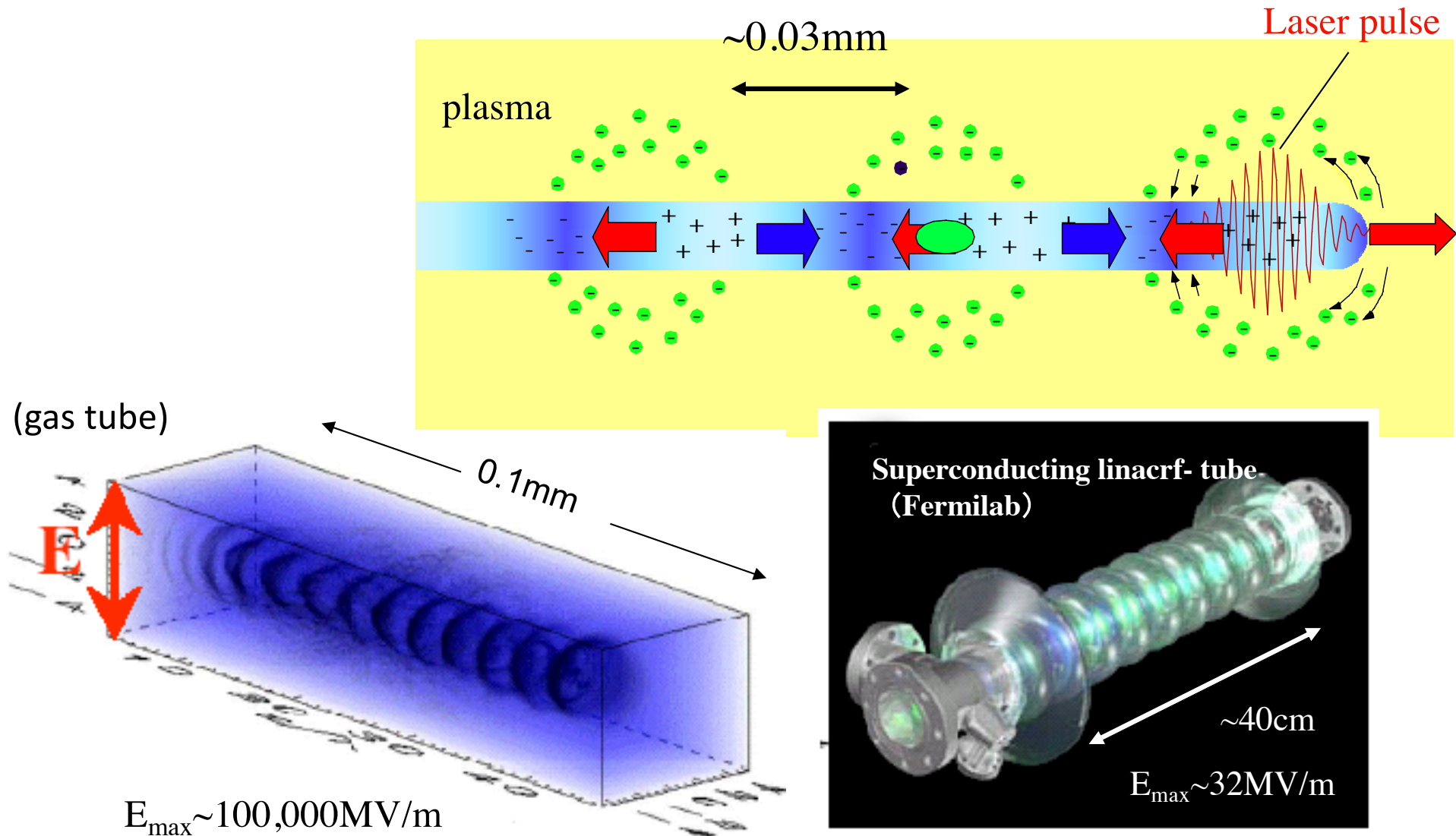
to match the required intensity for Tajima-Dawson's **LWFA** (1979)



Thousand-fold Compactification

Laser wakefield: thousand folds gradient (and emittance reduction)

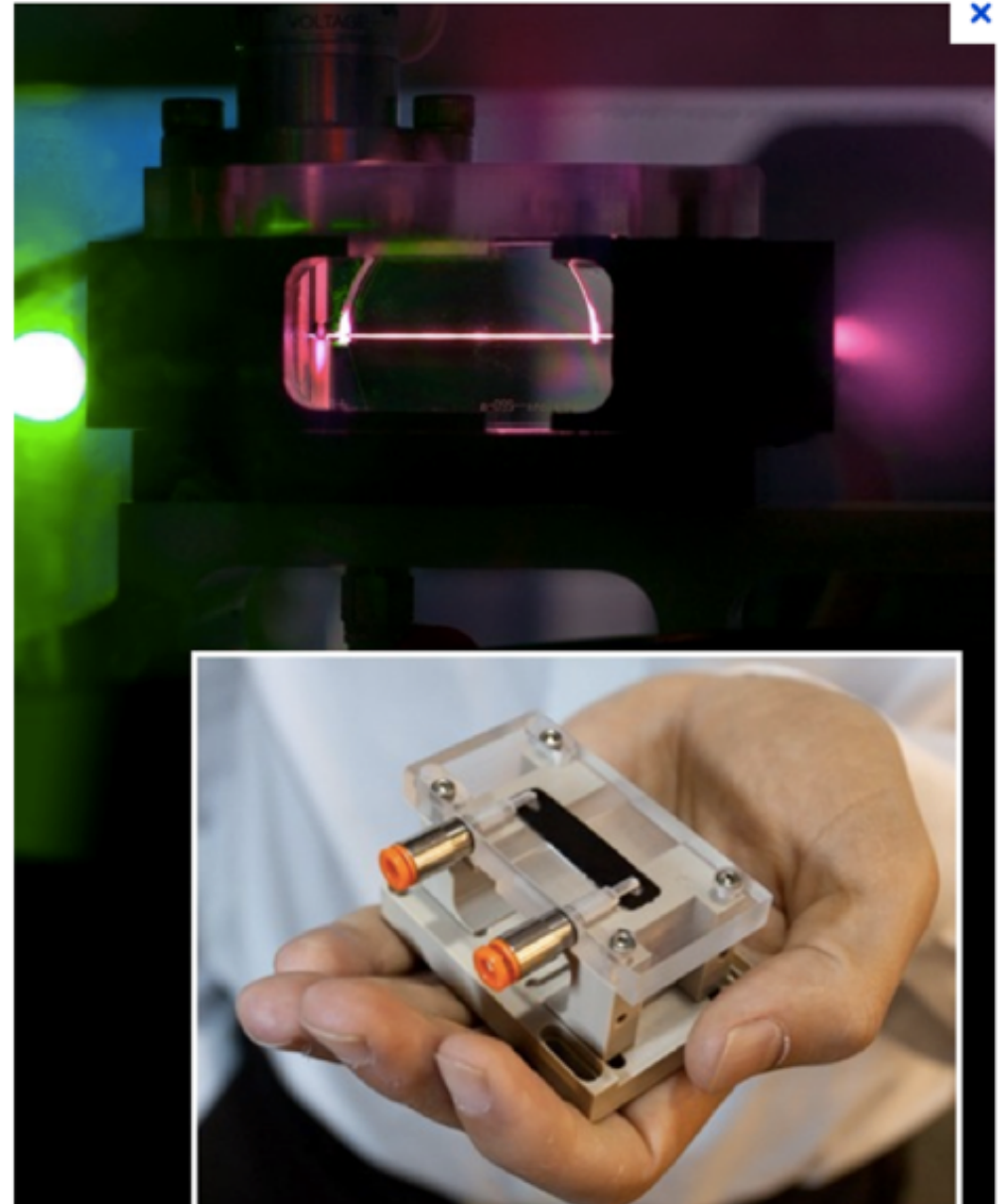
First experimental realization: Nakajima,....., Tajima, (1994)





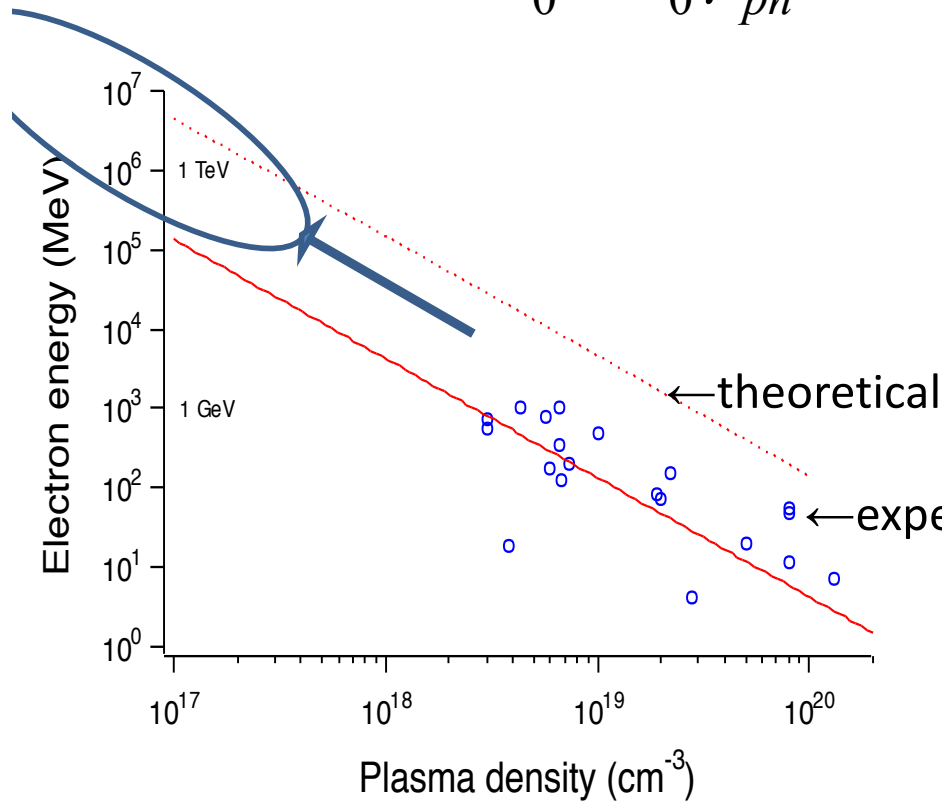
GeV in the Palm

First GeV on few cm
(W. Leemans et al)



Theory of **wakefield** toward **extreme energy**

$$\Delta E \approx 2m_0c^2 a_0^2 \gamma_{ph}^2 = 2m_0c^2 a_0^2 \left(\frac{n_{cr}}{n_e} \right), \quad (\text{when 1D theory applies Tajima / Dawson, 1979})$$



In order to avoid wavebreak,

$$a_0 < \gamma_{ph}^{1/2},$$

where

$$\gamma_{ph} = [n_{cr}(\omega) / n_e]^{1/2}$$

$$n_{cr} = 10^{21}/\text{cc (1eV photon)}$$

$$\rightarrow 10^{29} \text{ (10keV photon)}$$

$$n_e = 10^{16} \text{ (gas)} \rightarrow 10^{23} / \text{cc (solid)}$$

$$L_d = \frac{2}{\pi} \lambda_p a_0^2 \left(\frac{n_{cr}}{n_e} \right),$$

dephasing length

$$L_p = \frac{1}{3\pi} \lambda_p a_0 \left(\frac{n_{cr}}{n_e} \right),$$

pump depletion length

Wakefields

nonlinear optics even in nuclear QCD plasma



Kelvin wake

Maldacena (string theory) method:
QCD **wake** (Chesler/Yaffe 2008)



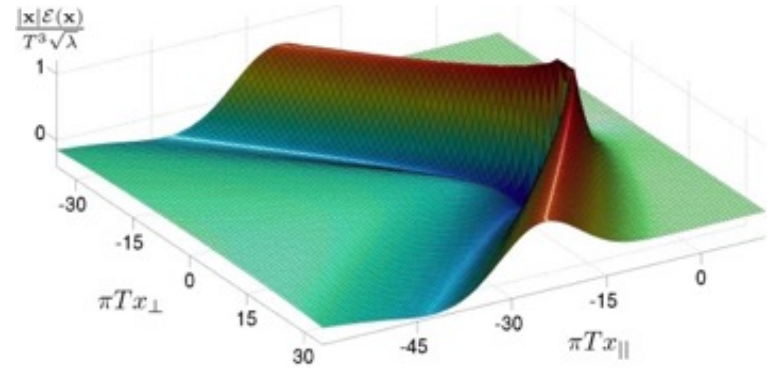
Hokusai



(Plasma physics vs.
String theory)



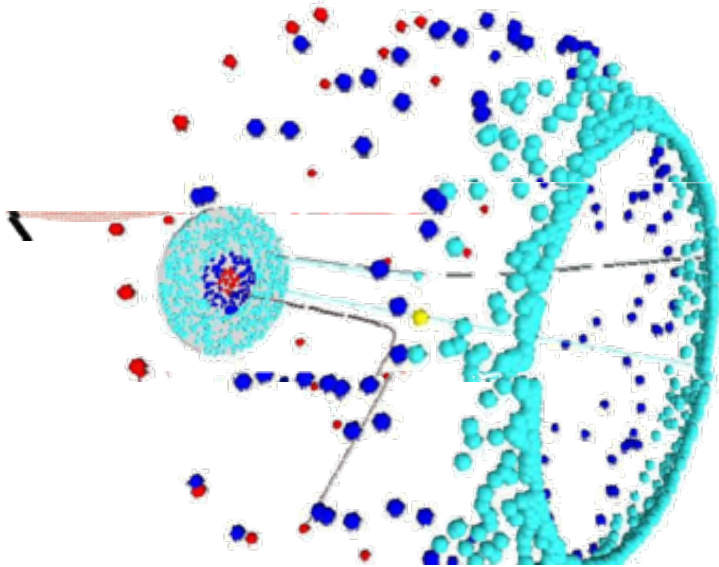
Maldacena



Traditional approaches :

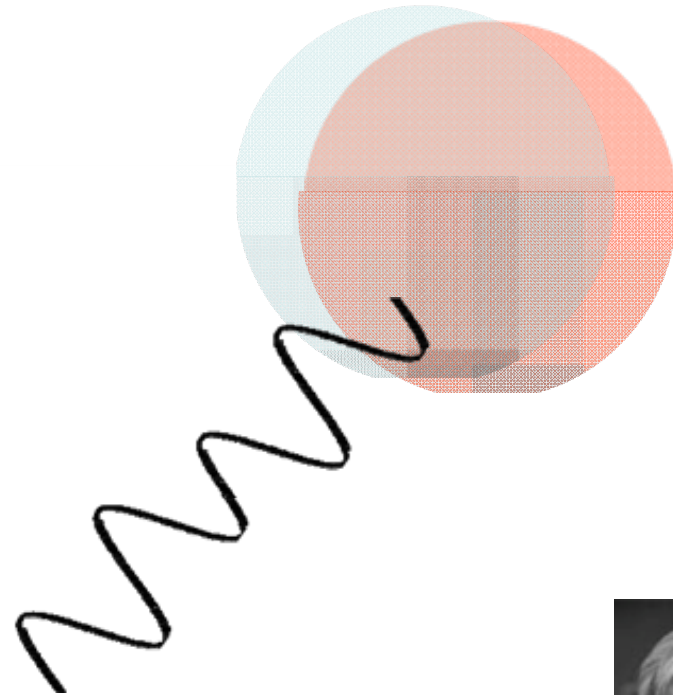
conventional accelerator vs. conventional laser spectroscopy

Accelerator (Rutherford) approach



Rutherford

vs. Nonlinear optics Spectroscopy



Franken



Bloembergen

We ignited world-wide interest: s.a. IZEST

IZEST (International Center for Zepto- and Exawatt science
and Technology)

(G. Mourou, Director; T. T., Deputy Director): since 2010-
working with the wishes of

High Energy Physic (and intense **laser)**

Supporters: s. a.



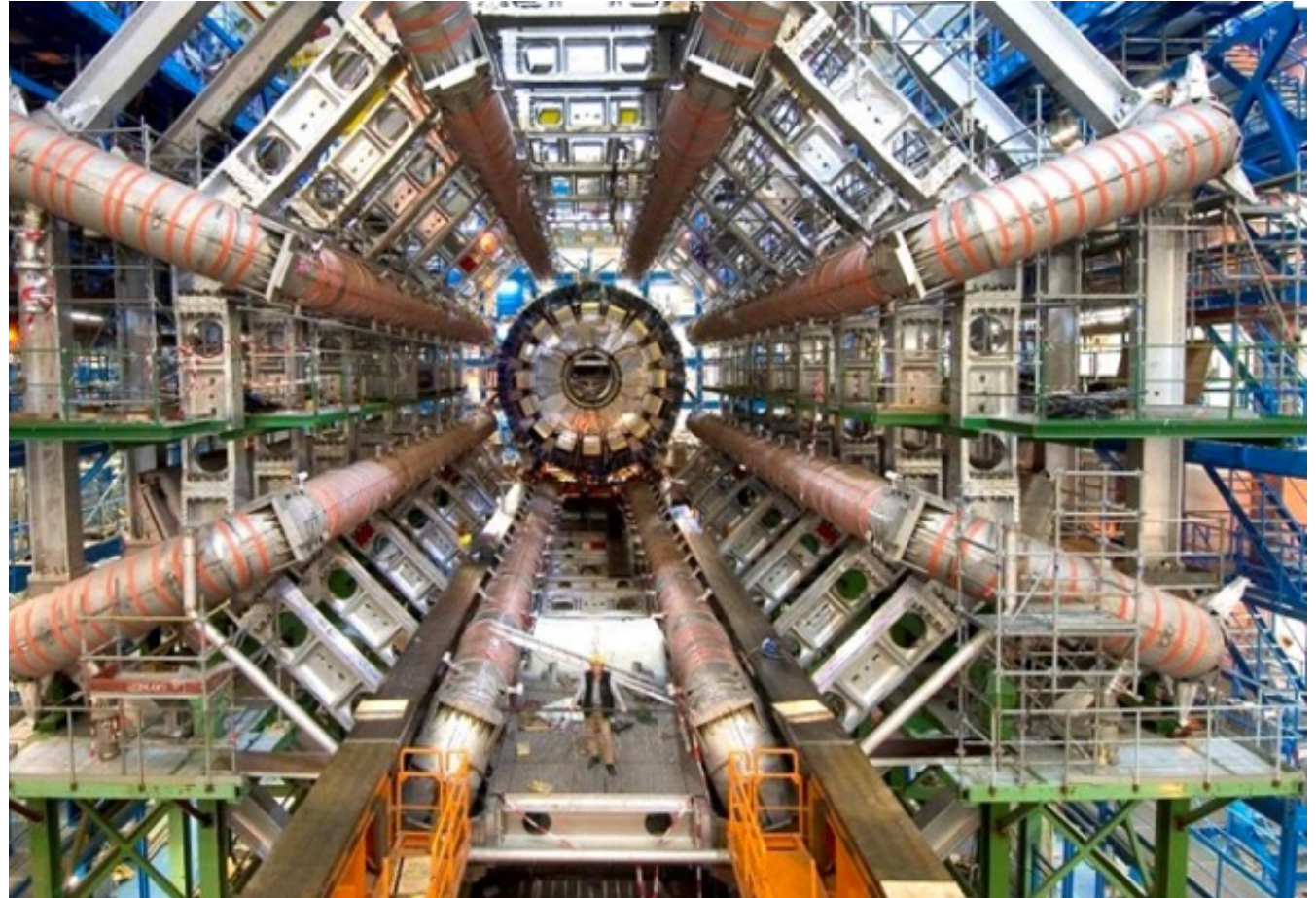
Young-Kee Kim
Then-Fermilab Deputy Director
Now Vice President, APS



Fermilab



CERN



Rolph Heuer
CERN then-Director General

ELI (2010), now Mega Project on Extreme Laser (2011)

Extreme Light Infrastructure: EU decided (2010) at Czech, Hungary, and Romania
Now, Russia announced July 5, 2011: 6 Mega Projects (3-4B Euro) include **Extreme Laser**

Beyond Exawatt
Beyond 10kJ

ELI: serving Chair, Scientific
Advisory Committee
Extreme Laser Mega Project
(in budget negotiation):
Chief Scientific Advisor/
Mega Grant Honorary Director
(suggested)
International team being formed:
IZEST (International Center for
Zetawatt / Exawatt Science and
Technology)



<http://strf.ru/>



Евразийский открытый институт, используя обучение через интернет, реализует 18 программ ба..

По диаметру отверстия можно определить и веществ у ..

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Σ Стерлигов Иван

Правительственная комиссия по высоким технологиям и инновациям: Обсуждение

Обсуждение

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Сверхмощный лазер как интегратор науки

В числе **меганаучных проектов**, которые будут реализованы на территории России, – Международный центр исследований экстремальных световых полей на основе сверхмощного лазерного комплекса в Нижнем Новгороде. Руководит центром всемирно известный физик **Жерар Муру** при поддержке Минобрнауки России. **STRF.ru** подробно рассказывал об этой работе в статье «**Российские учёные строят сверхмощный лазер**». Насколько значим этот проект для мировой науки, мы выяснили у **Тосики Тадзимы**, заведующего кафедрой физического факультета Университета Людвига Максимилиана в Мюнхене, председателя Международного комитета по сверхмощным лазерам (**International Committee on Ultra-High Intensity Lasers, ICUIL**).



Справка STRF.ru:

Международный комитет по сверхмощным лазерам – подразделение Международного союза фундаментальной и прикладной физики, основанное в 2003 году. Задача ICUIL – продвижение науки и технологии сверхмощных лазеров и координация исследований и разработок в этой области. Под сверхмощными лазерами в комитете понимают лазеры с интенсивностью 10^{19} ватт на $см^2$ и мощностью около 10 тераватт

На Ваш взгляд, что примечательного произошло в области сверхмощных лазеров в последнее время?

– Прошлый год стал эпохальным для нас благодаря решению Евросоюза о запуске проекта **Extreme Light Infrastructure [ELI]**, включает целый ряд сверхмощных лазеров в нескольких регионах Европы], а также началу реальной работы **National Ignition Facility** в США – альтернативный токамакам проект термоядерной энергетики, основанный на лазерном нагреве и инерционном удержании плазмы. Мы предполагаем, что развитие сверхмощных лазеров и сопутствующих областей науки значительно ускорится, и стараемся способствовать

Тосики Тадзима не терпится поучаствовать в российском мегапроекте по созданию сверхмощного лазера