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High Density Laser Wakefield Accelerator(LWFA)

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Laser wakefield accelerator (LWFA) in high energies

→ nonrelativistic LWFA

1. **Wakefields**: collective fields in nature and laser-driven (LWFA)
2. High energy LWFA vs. **nonrelativistic** LWFA
3. Near **critical density** LWFA → **beat wave** approach
4. **Fiber laser** technology
5. **Endoscopic** fiber electron radiotherapy
(+ Nanomolecule **vectored** cancer therapy)

Wake acceleration



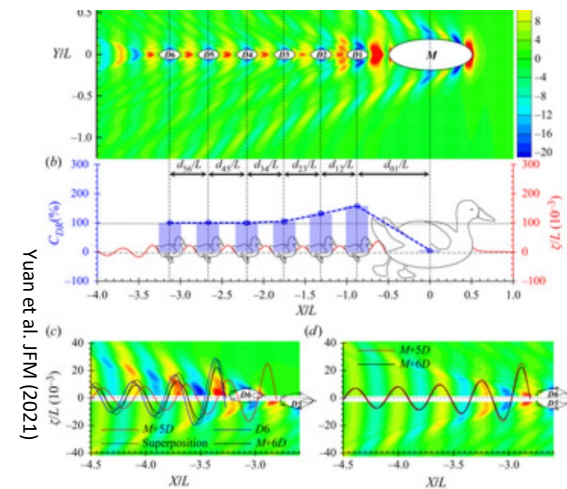
Bow and stern wakes

Nature (or mother duck) shows us.

[東大の学生時代の通学で、上野不忍池を通る時に鴨の後ろにできる波、航跡を眺めて、この波のなす不思議に啓発され、こうした現象に引き込まれた (1968)]

→ Rostoker's collective acceleration (1973)

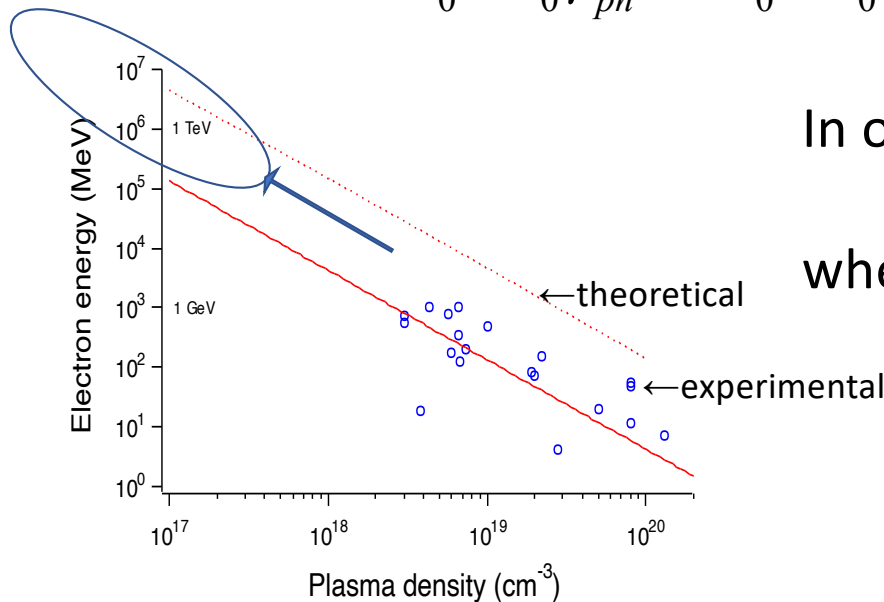
→ Tajima-Dawson's wakefield acceleration (1979)



Yuan et al. JFM (2021)

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

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

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

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

$$n_e = 10^{16} \text{ (gas)} \longrightarrow 10^{21}/\text{cc (porous solid)}$$

$$L_d = \frac{2}{\pi} \lambda_p a_0^2 \left(\frac{n_{cr}}{n_e} \right), \quad L_p = \frac{1}{3\pi} \lambda_p a_0 \left(\frac{n_{cr}}{n_e} \right),$$

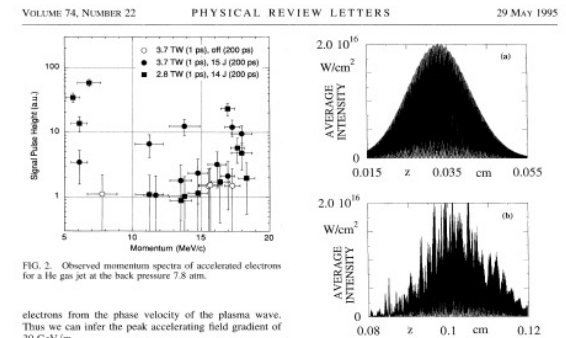
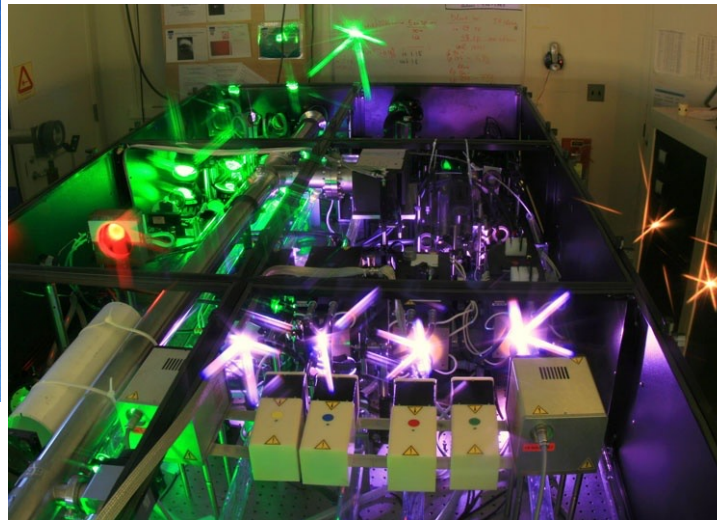
dephasing length

pump depletion length

Demonstration (1994), realization, and applications of laser wakefield accelerators



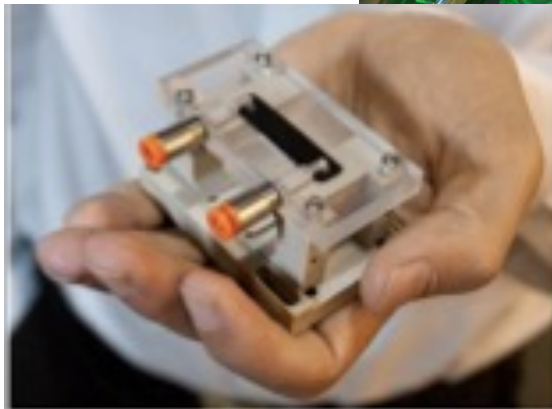
(2004)



(Michigan)

Nakajima, et al (1994, 1995)

Using ILE laser



4 GeV laser accelerator LBL

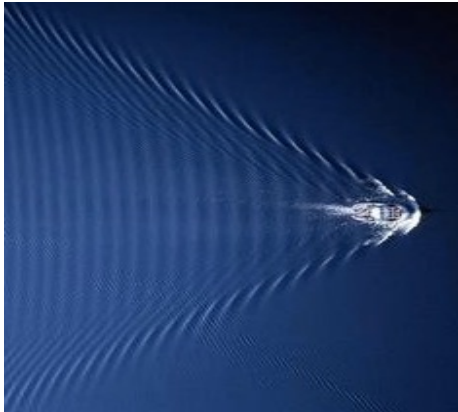


3GeV Synchrotron SOLEIL



Laser Wakefield (LWFA):

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



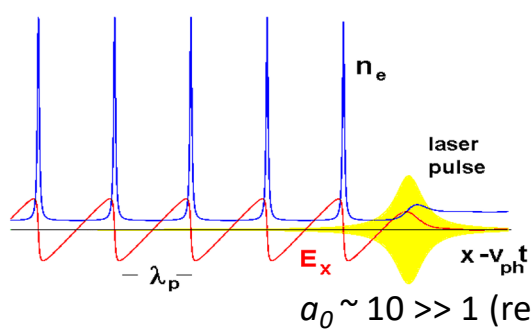
VS

Tsunami phase velocity becomes ~ 0 ,
causes **easier trapping** and **acceleration of more #**



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

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



← relativity
regularizes
(*relativistic coherence*)

$a_0 \sim 10 \gg 1$ (relativistic wave)

Tajima-Dawson field $E = m\omega_p c / e$ (\sim GeV/cm)

Multiple of waves at $v < c$



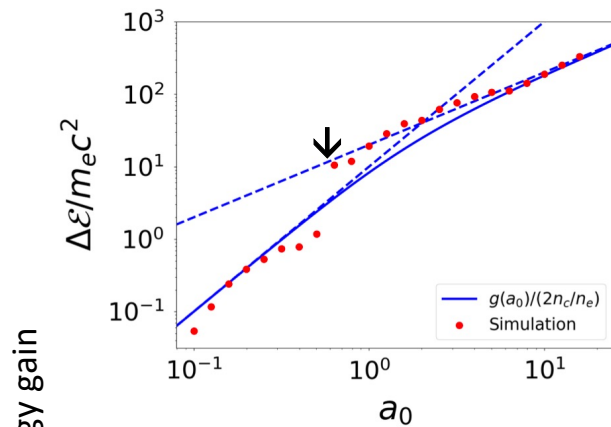
With low phase velocity
More particle trapping

Transition to near-critical density $n_e \sim n_{cr}$

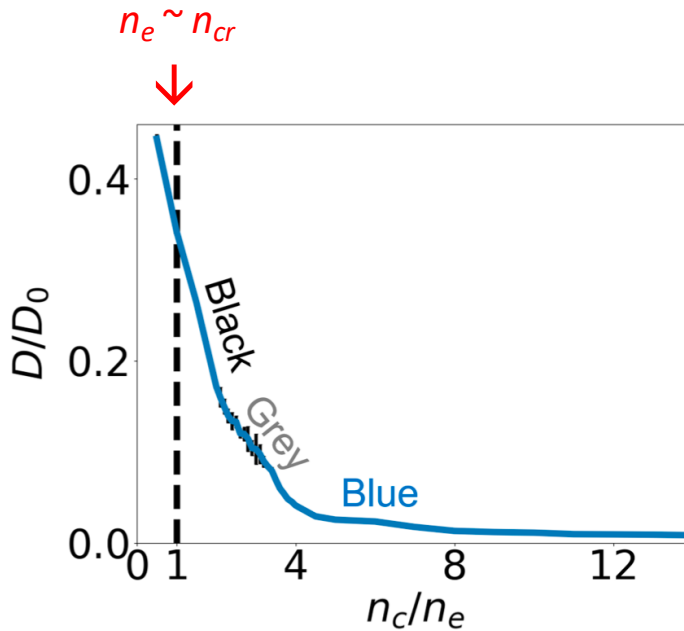
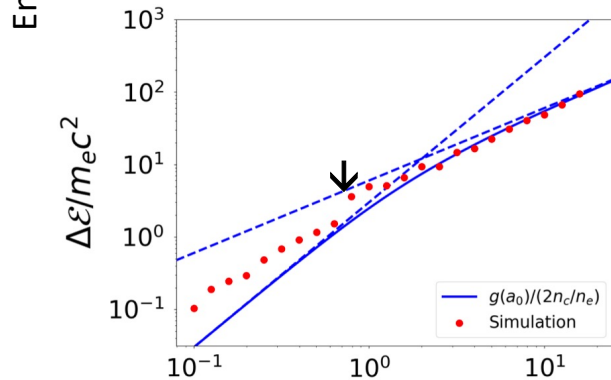
Transition to $a_0 < 1$ regime

v_g (group velocity of photon) = v_p (phase velocity of plasma wave) $\ll c$

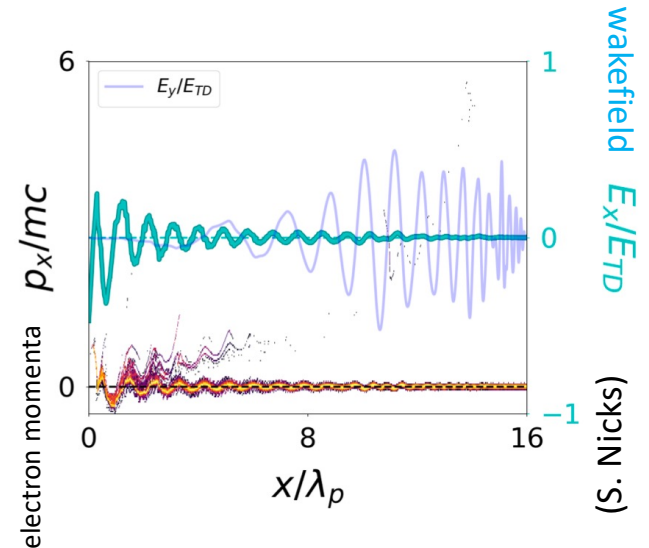
$v_{tr} = \text{sqrt}(eE/mk)$ (trapping width), self-injection easy



(a) E_{max} vs a_0 for fixed density ratio of 10



$D \sim$ specific entropy / efficiency of coupling



wakefield E_x/E_{TD} (S. Nicks)

Laser Wakefield Acceleration near critical density

Near critical density $\sim n_e = 10^{21} / \text{cc}$

gaseous plasma \rightarrow **solid nanotube**

Excitation of electron acceleration possible with $I \sim 10^{14} \text{ W} / \text{cm}^3$

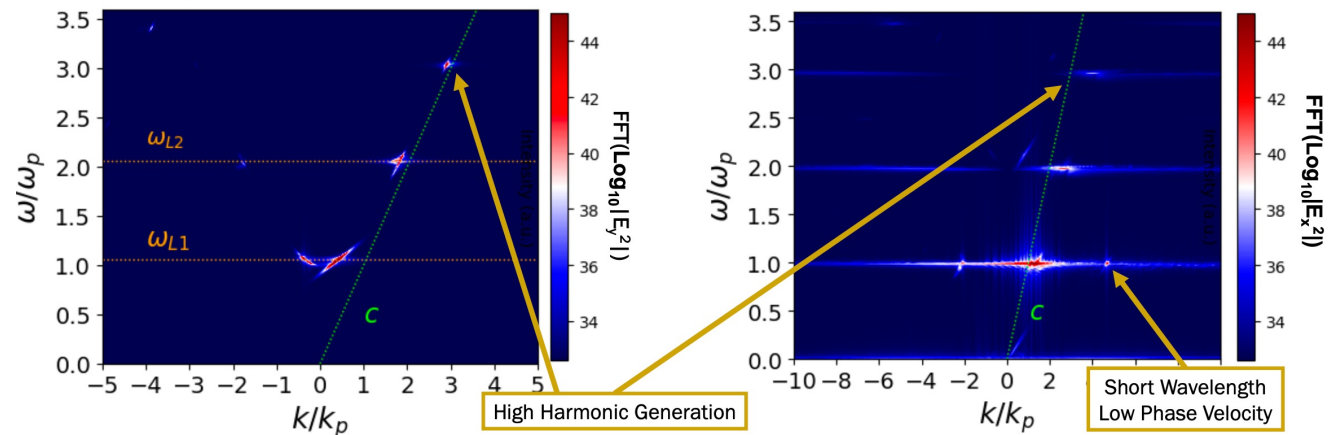
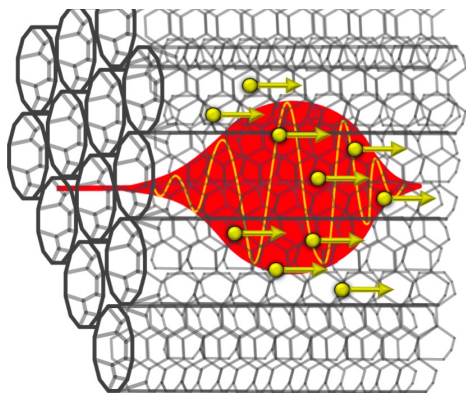
Coupling gets **stronger** near $n_e = 10^{21} / \text{cc}$

\leftarrow overlap of **plasma waves** with different v_p

\leftarrow curved laser $\omega(k)$, varied v_g

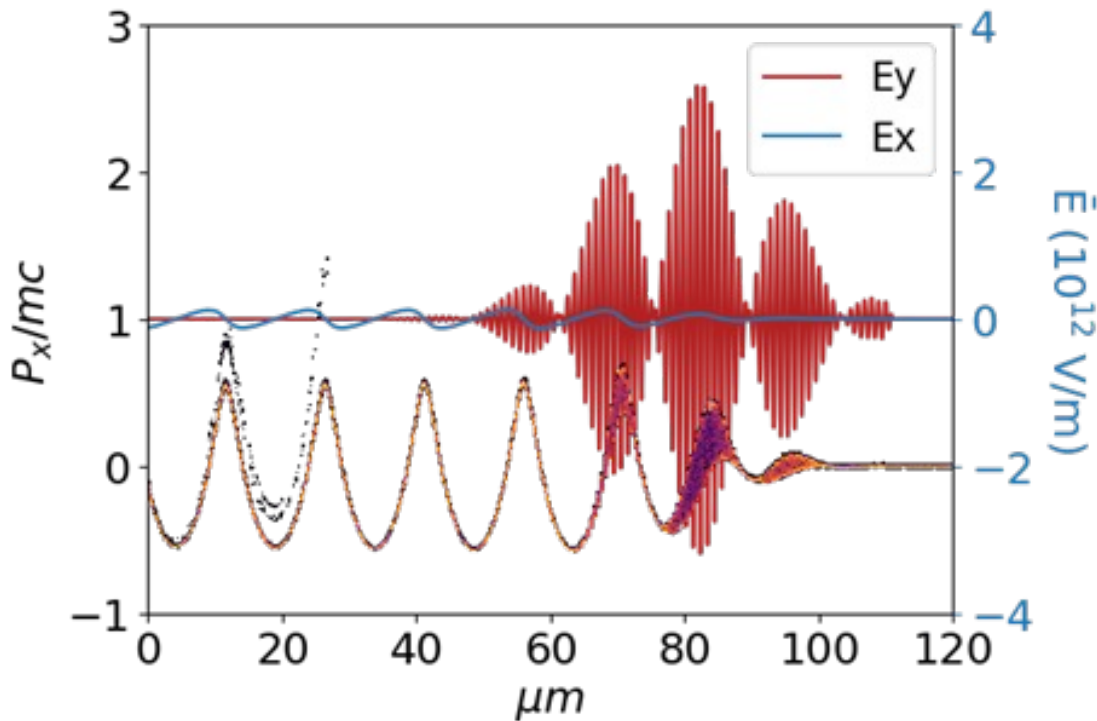
Dispersion Relation: FFT(Log₁₀E)

- High Harmonic Generation
- Short Wavelength and Low Phase Velocity Electrostatic Waves allow for more efficient particle acceleration



Laser beat wave excitation of wakefield

Beat of two **lasers** (ω_0, k_0) (ω_1, k_1) to match with the **plasma** eigenmode ($\omega_p, k_0 - k_1$),
 → **wakefield**



laser

$$v_{ph} = \frac{\omega_p}{k_p} = \frac{\omega_0 - \omega_1}{k_0 - k_1} \quad v_g = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 - n_e/n_c}}$$

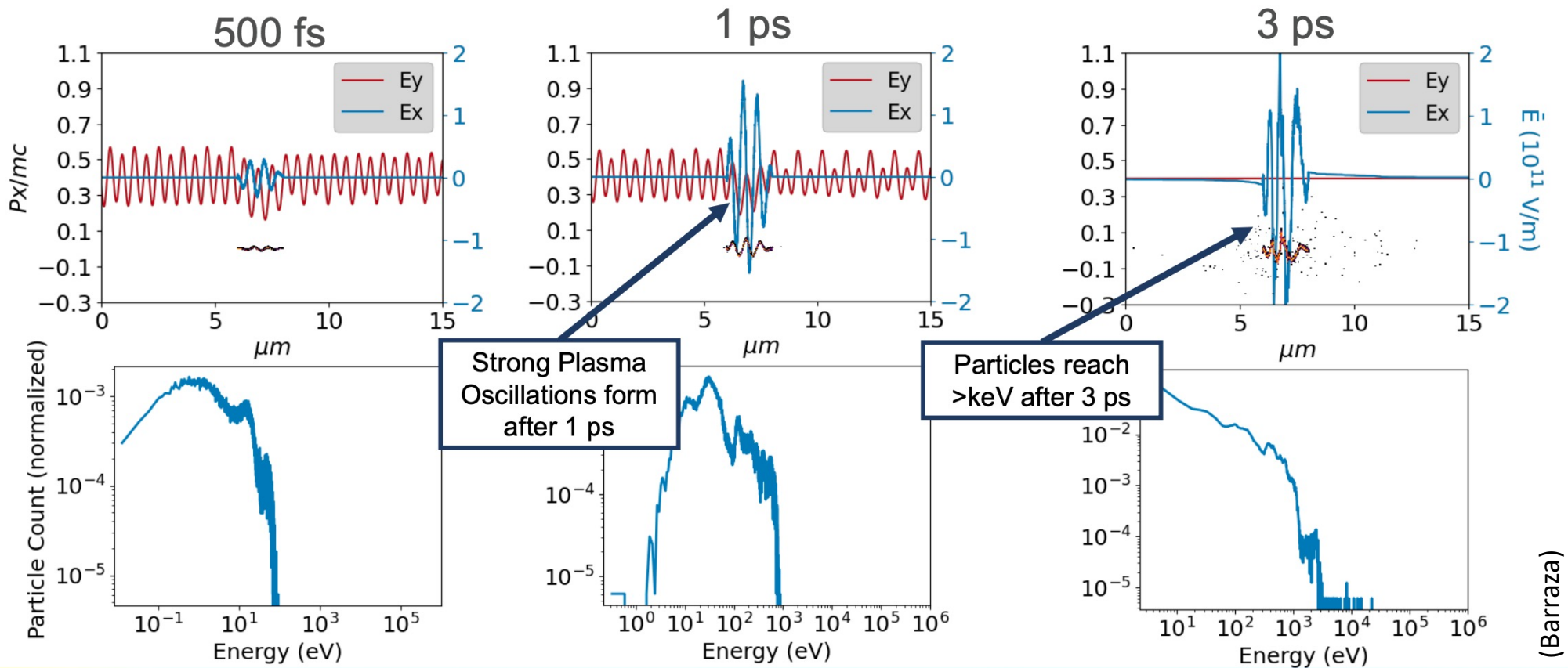
wakefield energy gain

(Nonrelativistic limit of energy gain by single pulsed EM wave [NB: beat wave can enhance this; also there are more subtle density dependences near critical density])

$$W_{max} = (\pi/2) mc^2 (\omega_0 / \omega_p)$$

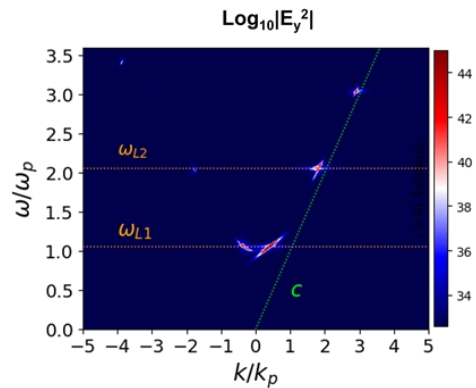
Target Foil Simulations in time:

$a_0 = 0.007 \rightarrow 10^{14} \text{ W/cm}^2$ with $2 \mu\text{m}$ Target

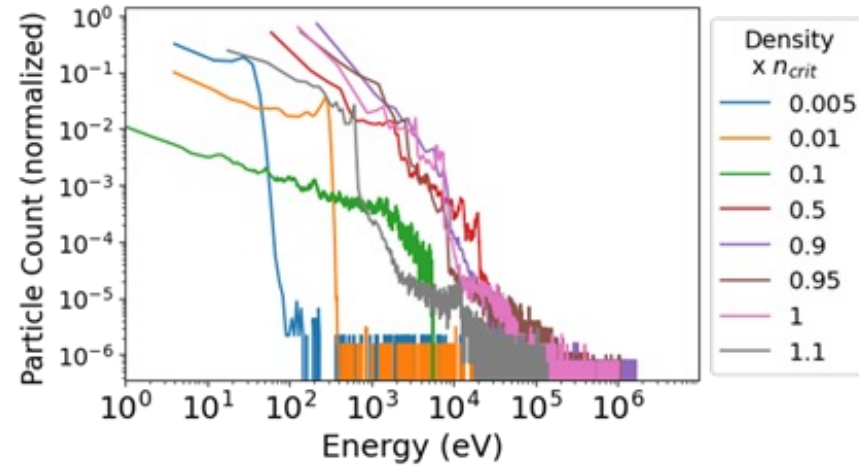
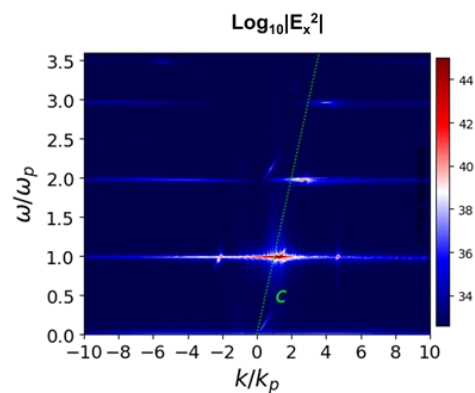


Energy gain and efficiency of High Density-LWFA

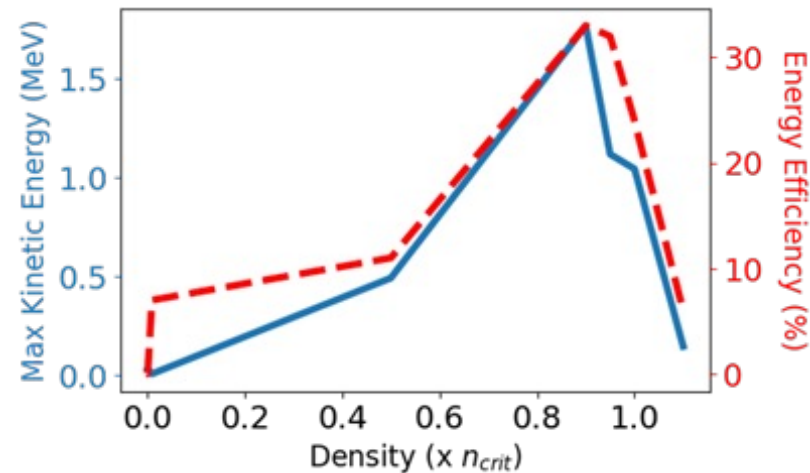
Dispersion relation of photons



Dispersion relation for plasmons



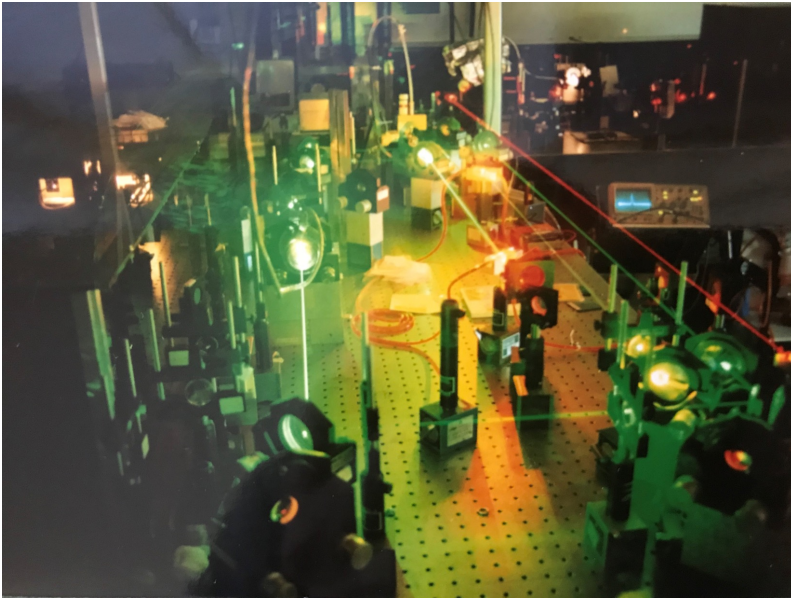
$$a_0 = 0.1$$



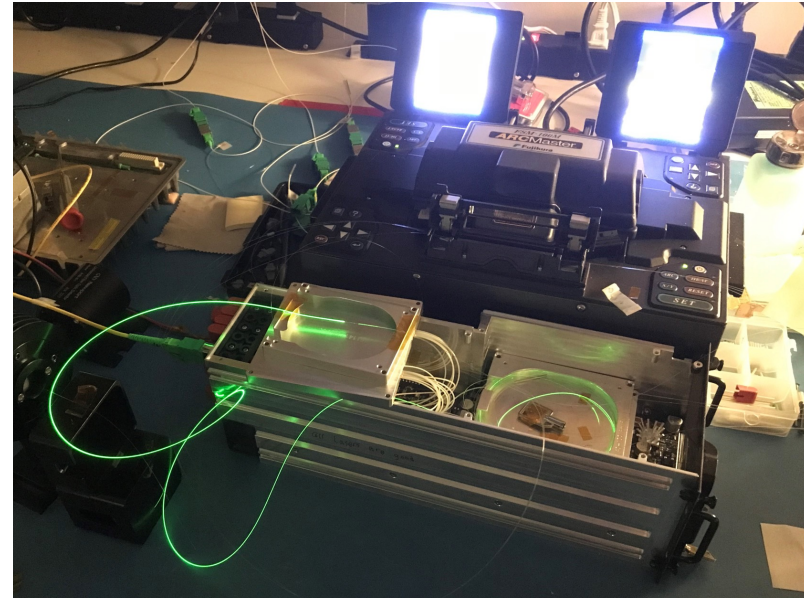
(Barraza)

Free-Space Laser vs. Fiber Laser

$a_0 \geq 1$



$a_0 \ll 1$



Fiber laser technology

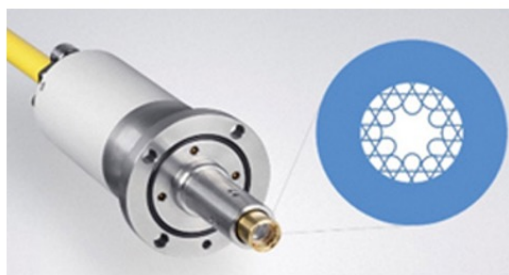
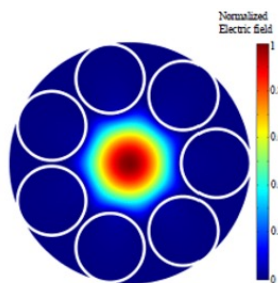
Application	Average Power	Pulse Width	Peak Power	Spatial Mode	Focused Intensity
Metal cutting (heat)	1 to 100 kW	Continuous	same as average	MM	10^7 W/cm^2 (CW)
Semiconductor Processing	10 to 1000 W	1 to 100 ns	MW (10^6 W)	MM/SM	10^9 W/cm^2 (peak)
Glass cutting (cold ablation)	> 10 W	$\leq 0.5 \text{ ps}$	Hundreds of MW	SM	10^{13} W/cm^2 (peak)
Portable LWFA (>10 keV electrons)	1 to 10 W	$\leq 1 \text{ ps}$	$\geq \text{GW}$ (10^9 W)	SM	$\geq 10^{14} \text{ W/cm}^2$ (peak)



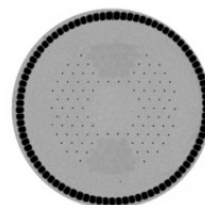
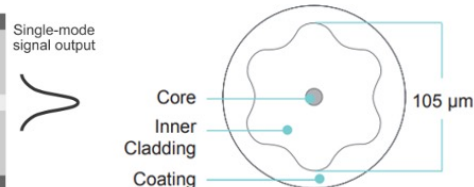
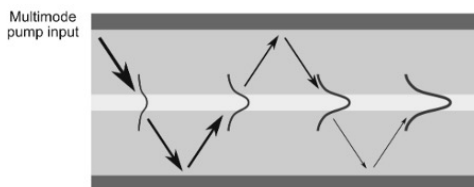
MM: multi-mode (spatial)

SM: single mode

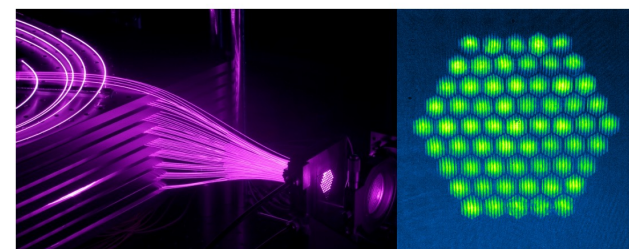
Under the collaboration with Dr. Donna Strickland on going



hollow fiber laser



CAN fiber lasers



Conventional electron accelerator (and X-ray) for Therapy

← 5-10m

(next room) →

Electron energies by accelerator: 6-20MeV

→ X-rays

LWFA could provide high dose “FLASH” therapy

Furthermore, much tinier with **fiber**

$L_e \sim 1 \text{ cm} / 10\text{MeV} \rightarrow 10 \text{ micron} / 10\text{keV}$

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Body penetration

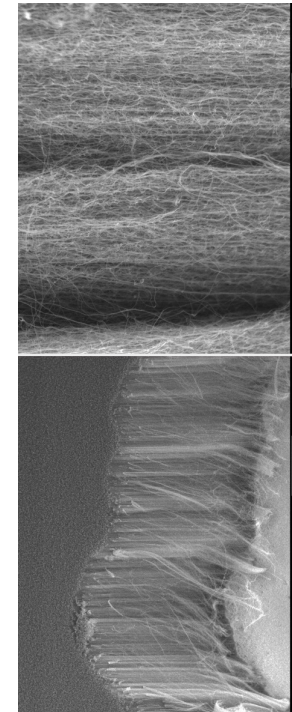
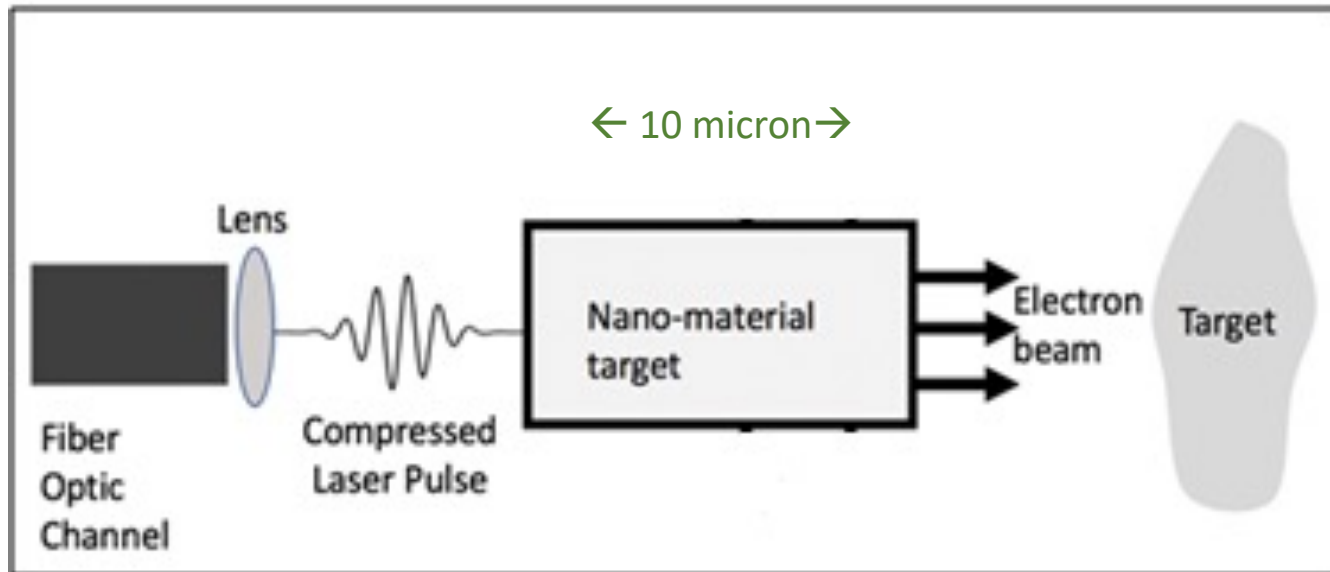
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Cancer cell size

(Varian)



In situ / endoscopic fiber delivery of electron radiotherapy of cancer

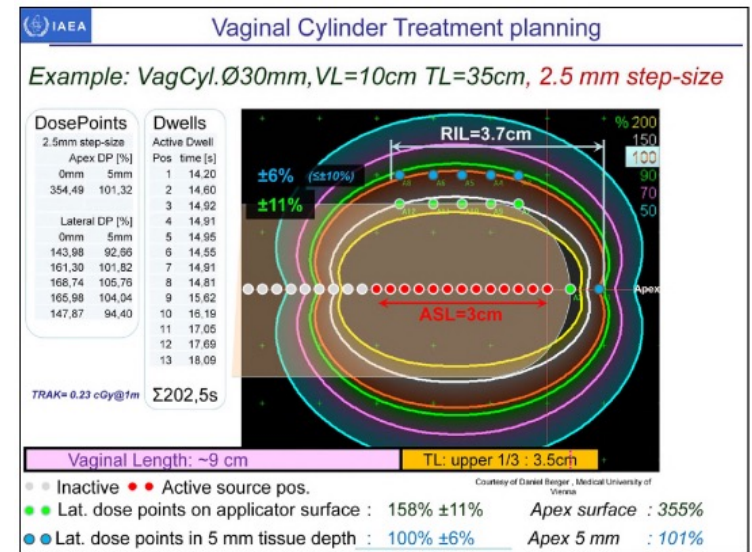
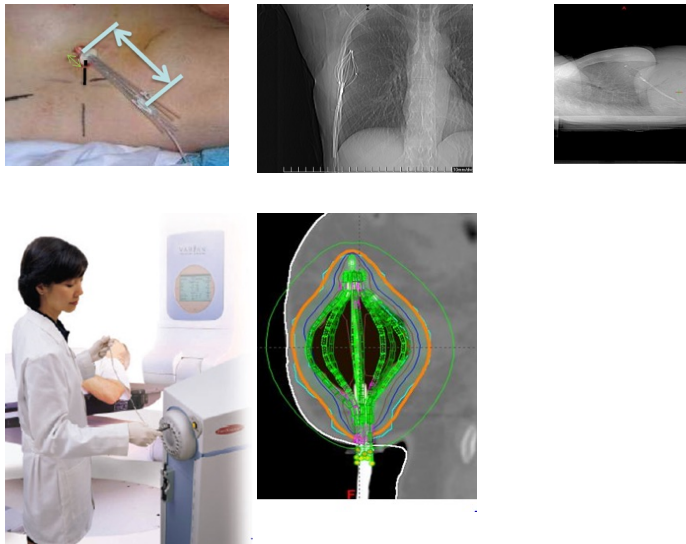


(Nano-lab)

Fiber laser drives *in situ* **nanotube** target
in front of **cancer cells**

→ **Compactification, accurate** (no collateral damage), and **cheap**

Current treatment applications (from skin, vagina, uterine, breast, etc.)

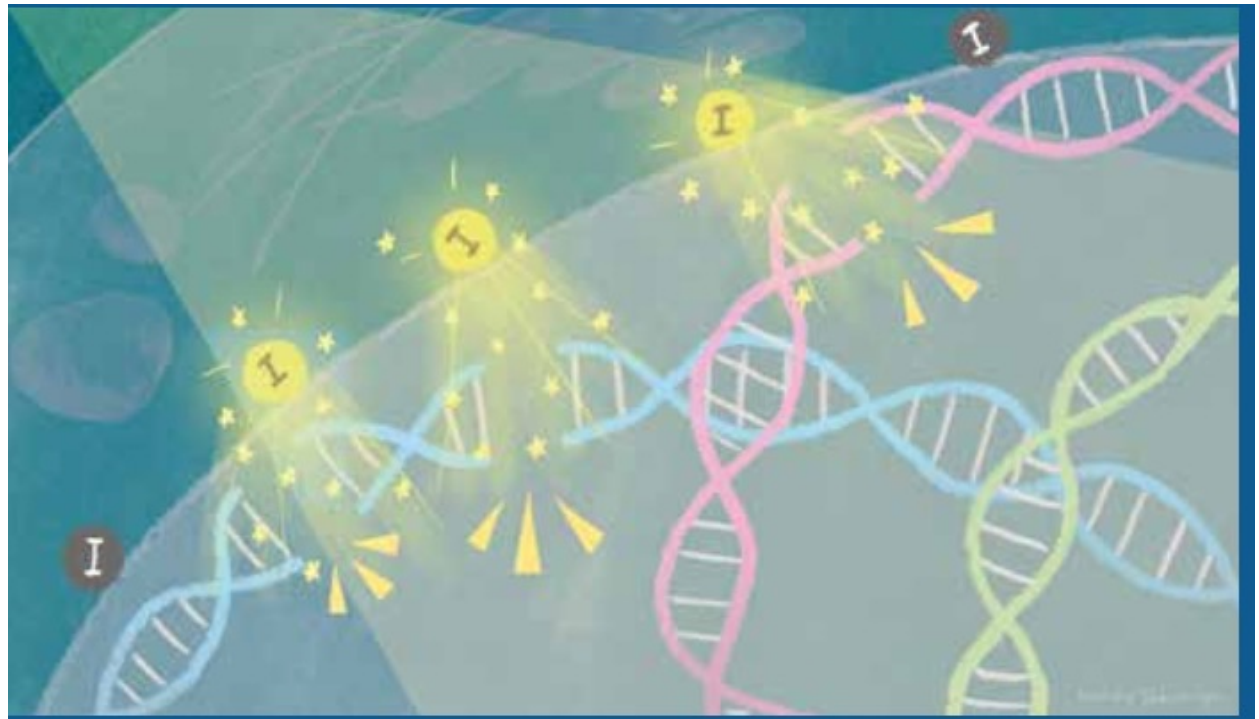


→ Much smaller, **endoscopic** in ours

(D. Roa)

Vector nanomolecule with high-Z metal to target cancer cells for electron radiotherapy

High-Z: stop **electrons**
Nanomolecule **vector**:
attached to cancer cell



Nanomolecular vector medicine, (after F. Tamanoi, 2022)

Enhanced efficiency

Laser Ion Acceleration with the critical density trap

At near critical the group velocity of laser

$$v_g \rightarrow 0$$

Phase velocity plasma wave

$$v_p \rightarrow 0$$

“Shinkansen” stops to pick up heavy ions, whose trapping velocity

$$v_{tr ion} = \text{sqrt}(eE / M k) \ll v_{tr e} = \text{sqrt}(eE / m k)$$

→ Efficiency: up by 2 orders of magnitude!

Table 1. Summary of the most successful runs based on laser-to-proton energy efficiency conversion. Parameter varied are in columns 2–8 are shown in Figure 1. The last two rows display the extreme cases of tailor region only and foil-only.

Run #	L_1	L_2	L_3	n_{e1}	n_{e2}	n_{e3}	Foil Thickness [nm]	Pulse Length [T_L]	Sigma	Effi. [%]
35	0.7	1.4	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.95	320	5	3.2	75
	0.7	1.4	0.3	0.45	0.4	0.43	320	5	3.2	6.2
	0.8	2.8	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.95	320	5	3.2	65
	0.5	0.5	0.15	0.9	0.8	0.95	320	5		4.5
	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.95	320	5		57
186	0.7	1.4	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.95	320	16		5.1
184	0.7	1.4	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.95	320	4		71.0
	0.7	1.4	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.95	320	8		42
233	0.2	1.4	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.95	320	8		4.4
34	0.7	1.4	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.95	160	5	1.6	70.1
48	0.7	1.4	0.3	0.95	0.8	0.9	640	5	6.4	59.9
Tailor only	0.7	1.4	0.3	0.95	0.8	0.9	0	5	0	38
Foil only	-	-	-	-	-	-	320	5	3.2	0.5

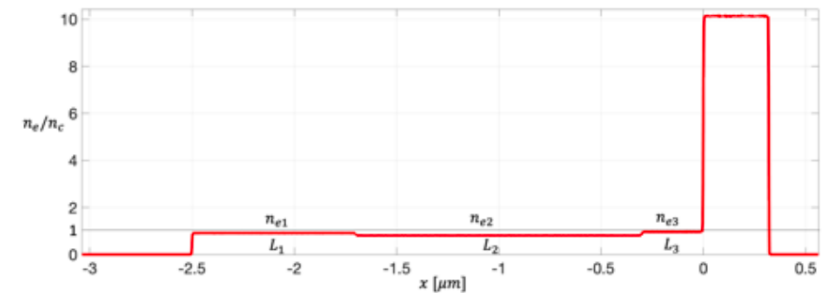


Figure 1. Density profile showing the shape of the tailor region and the foil. Inset shows the 6 free parameters to vary in addition to the foil density and thickness. The value of parameters shown is for the best-case scenario.

(Necas)

Summary

1. Near **critical density** (e.g. nanotube material) → low phase velocity LWFA
2. Low energy electrons ($> 10\text{keV}$, $< \text{MeV}$), large amount with modest laser power (using Raman forward process)
3. **Fiber laser** technology (s.a. hollow fiber laser)
4. **Endoscopic** (through fiber) delivery of electrons for radiotherapy
5. Low phase velocity applicable to ions as well

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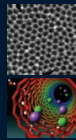
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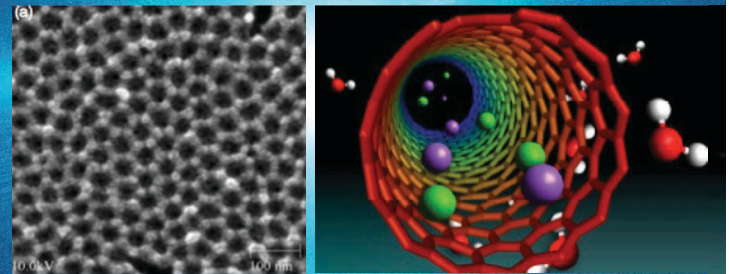


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