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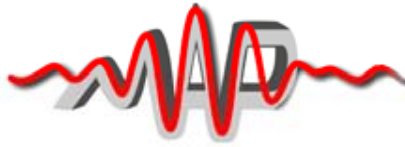
# High Field Science

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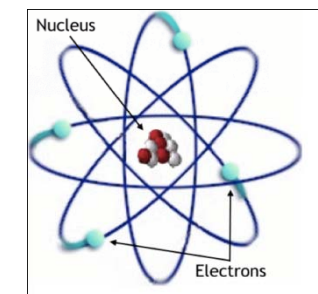
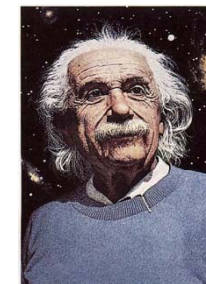
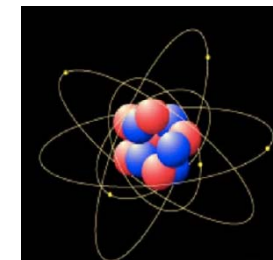
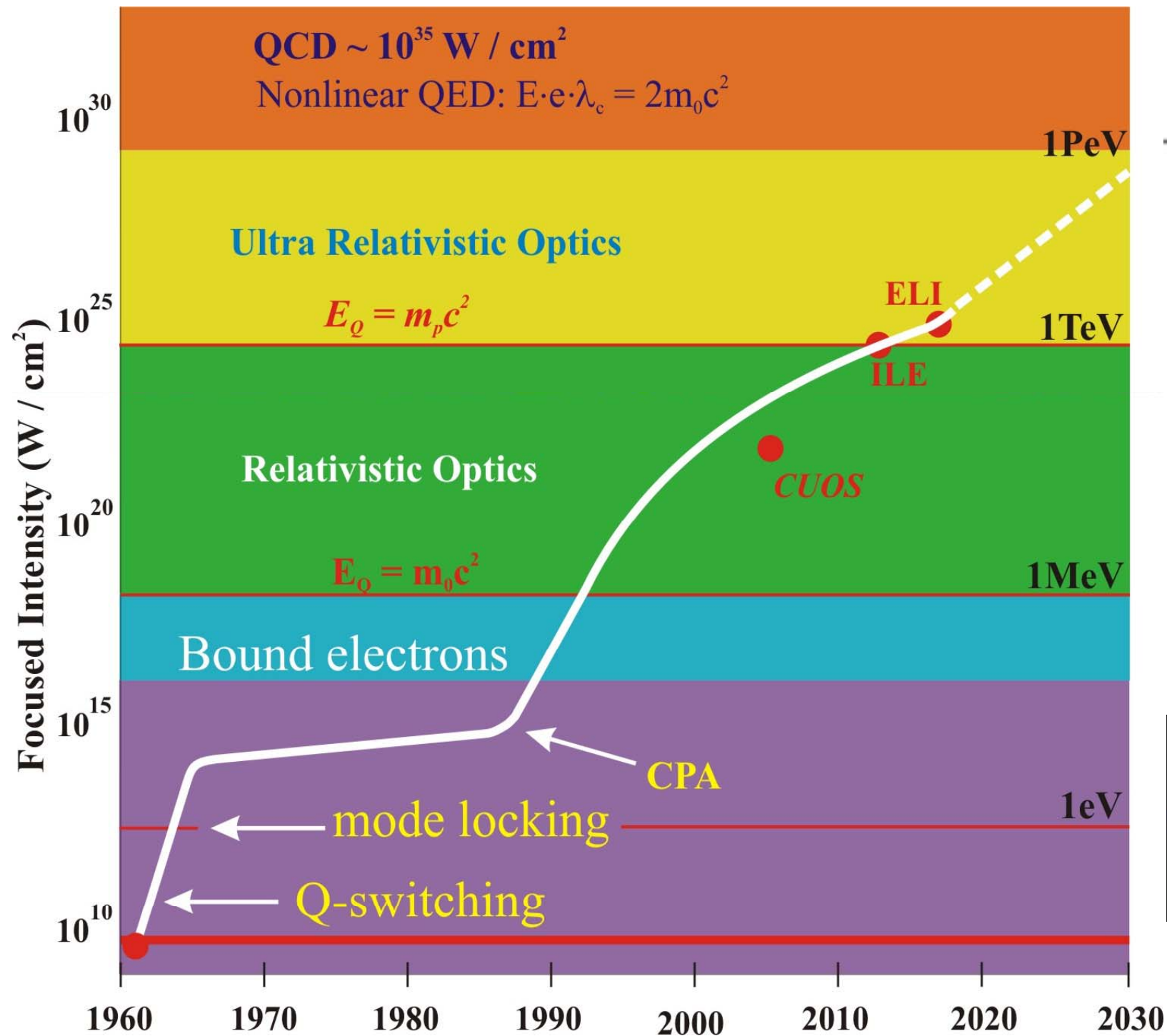
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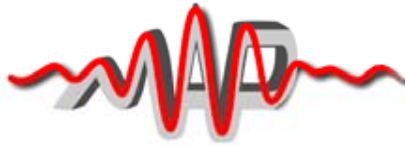
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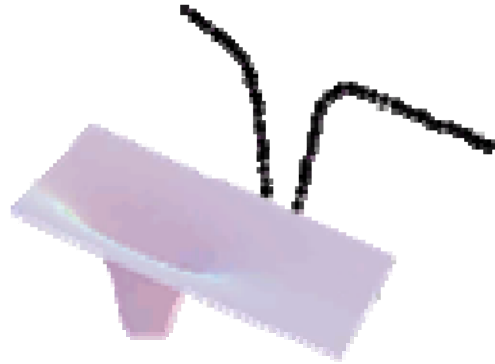
1. Laser intensity and nonlinearities
2. Relativistic Nonlinearity = Laser Wakefield Acceleration
3. Radiation Pressure Acceleration x LWFA toward TeV over cm
4. ICAN: toward fiber laser with 100MW @ 50%
5. Prof. Suzuki's Challenge:  
    1000 times higher energies, 1000 times shorter time scales
6. PeV acceleration to probe quantum gravity fluctuations
7. Ultrafast science: toward attosecond, zeptosecond,  
    yoctosecond(?)
8. Integration of high field science and ultrafast science
9. Exploration of vacuum
10. High field science as a tool to explore light-mass new fields (dark matter such as ALP and dark energy)



# Nonlinearities in atom, plasma, and vacuum



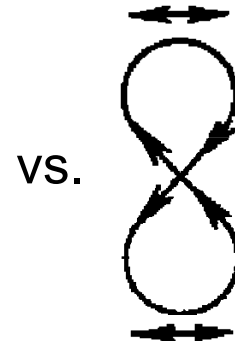
**Atomic**  
nonlinear potential



**Keldysh** field for  
laser atomic  
ionization

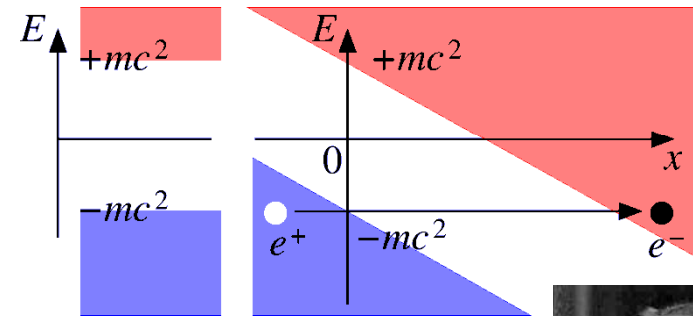
Compact high energy colliders  
Compact accelerator applications  
PeV acceleration for quantum gravity →

**Plasma** electron  
nonlinear  
relativistic motion



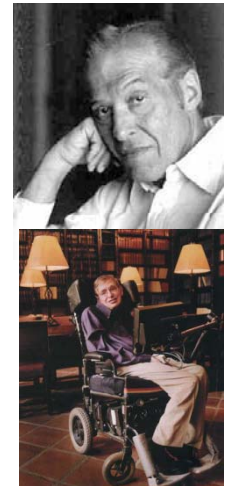
**Laser** wakefield

**Vacuum** nonlinearity

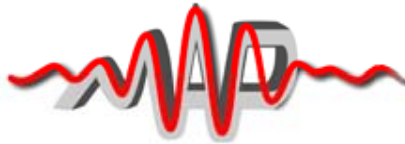


**Schwinger** field for  
vacuum breakdown

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



# Relativistic nonlinearity under intense laser



Plasma free of binding potential , but its electron responses:

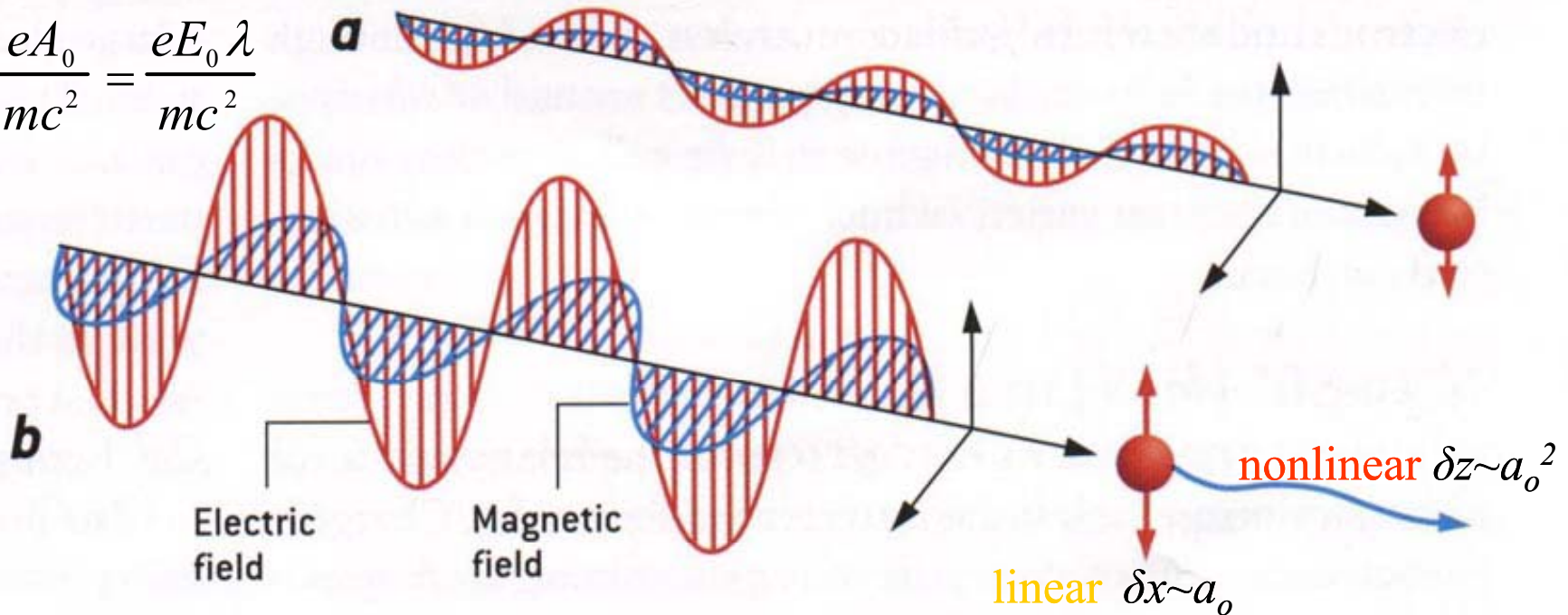
a) **Classical** optics :  $v \ll c$ ,

$a_0 \ll 1$ :  $\delta x$  only

b) **Relativistic** optics:  $v \sim c$

$a_0 \gg 1$ :  $\delta z \gg \delta x$

$$a_0 = \frac{eA_0}{mc^2} = \frac{eE_0 \lambda}{mc^2}$$

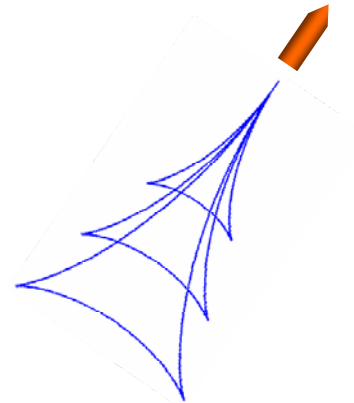




# Wakefield: a Collective Phenomenon



All particles in the medium participate = collective phenomenon



Kelvin wake

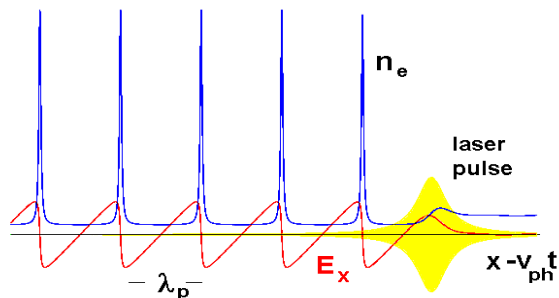
$$\omega = \sqrt{kg}$$

$$x = X_1 \cos^2 \theta \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos^2 \theta \right)$$

$$y = X_1 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta$$

$$-\pi/2 < \theta < \pi/2$$

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



← relativity  
regularize

$$\lambda_p = 2\pi / k_p \quad k_p v_{ph} = \omega_{pe}$$

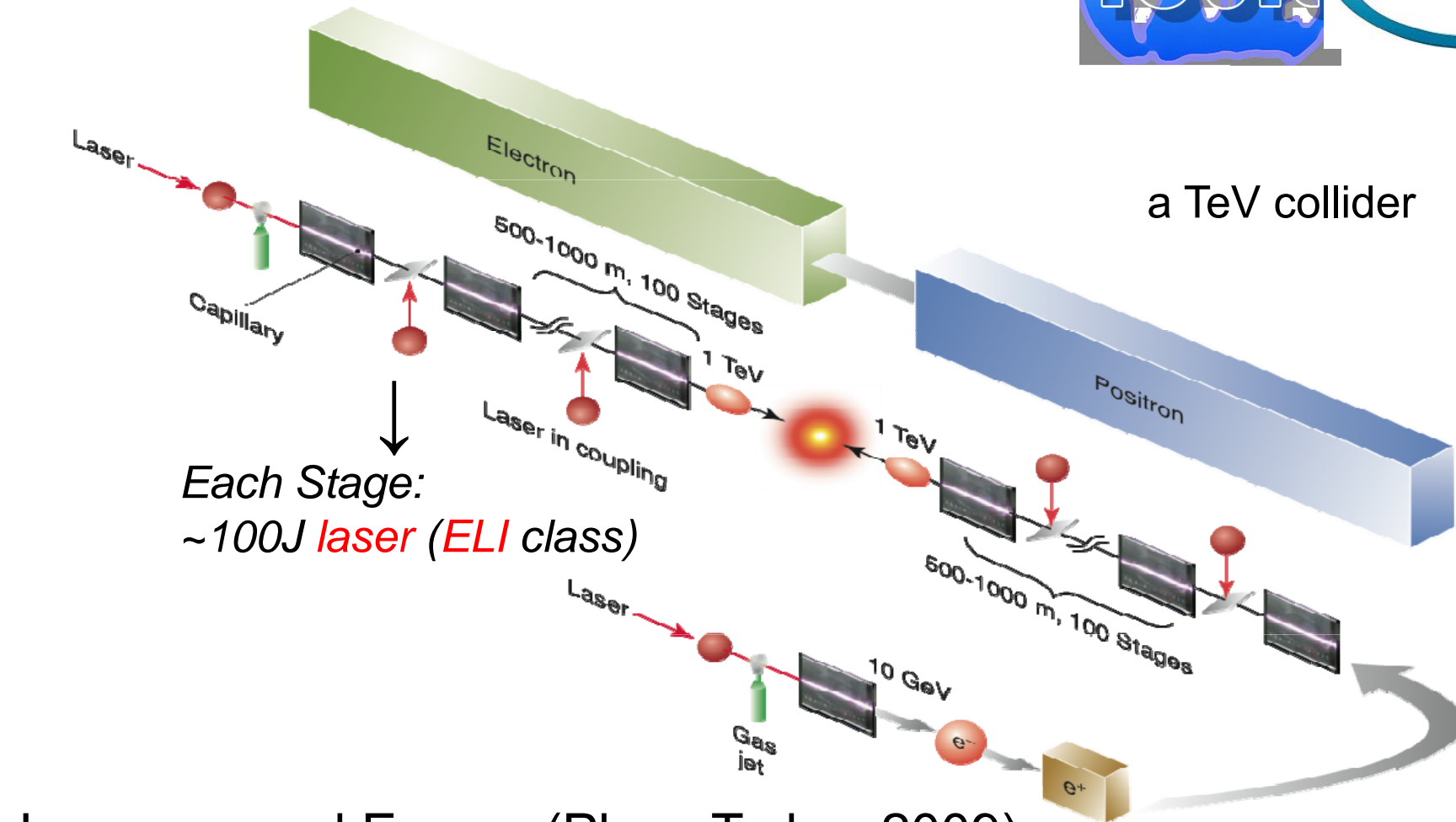
$$\omega_{pe} = \left( 4\pi n e^2 / m_e \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{(The density cusps. Cusp singularity)}$$

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



(Plasma physics vs. String theory?)

# Laser driven collider concept



Leemans and Esarey (Phys. Today, 2009)

ICFA-ICUIL JTF on Laser Acceleration (Darmstadt, 2010)



# ICFA-ICUIL Joint Task Force on **laser** acceleration (Darmstadt, 2010)



W. Leemans,  
Chair

Collider subgroup  
List of parameters  
(W. Chou)

Table 1  
Collider parameters

Case	1 TeV	10 TeV (Scenario I)	10 TeV (Scenario II)
Energy per beam (TeV)	0.5	5	5
Luminosity ( $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ )	1.2	71.4	71.4
Electrons per bunch ( $\times 10^9$ )	4	4	1.3
Bunch repetition rate (kHz)	13	17	170
Horizontal emittance $\gamma\epsilon_x$ (nm-rad)	700	200	200
Vertical emittance $\gamma\epsilon_y$ (nm-rad)	700	200	200
$\beta^*$ (mm)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Horizontal beam size at IP $\sigma_x^*$ (nm)	12	2	2
Vertical beam size at IP $\sigma_y^*$ (nm)	12	2	2
Luminosity enhancement factor	1.04	1.35	1.2
Bunch length $\sigma_z$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	1	1	1
Beamstrahlung parameter $\Upsilon$	148	8980	2800
Beamstrahlung photons per electron $n_\gamma$	1.68	3.67	2.4
Beamstrahlung energy loss $\delta_E$ (%)	30.4	48	32
Accelerating gradient (GV/m)	10	10	10
Average beam power (MW)	4.2	54	170
Wall plug to beam efficiency (%)	10	10	10
One linac length (km)	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	0.3





# ICFA-ICUIL JTF Conclusions



(April, 2010; Darmstadt)

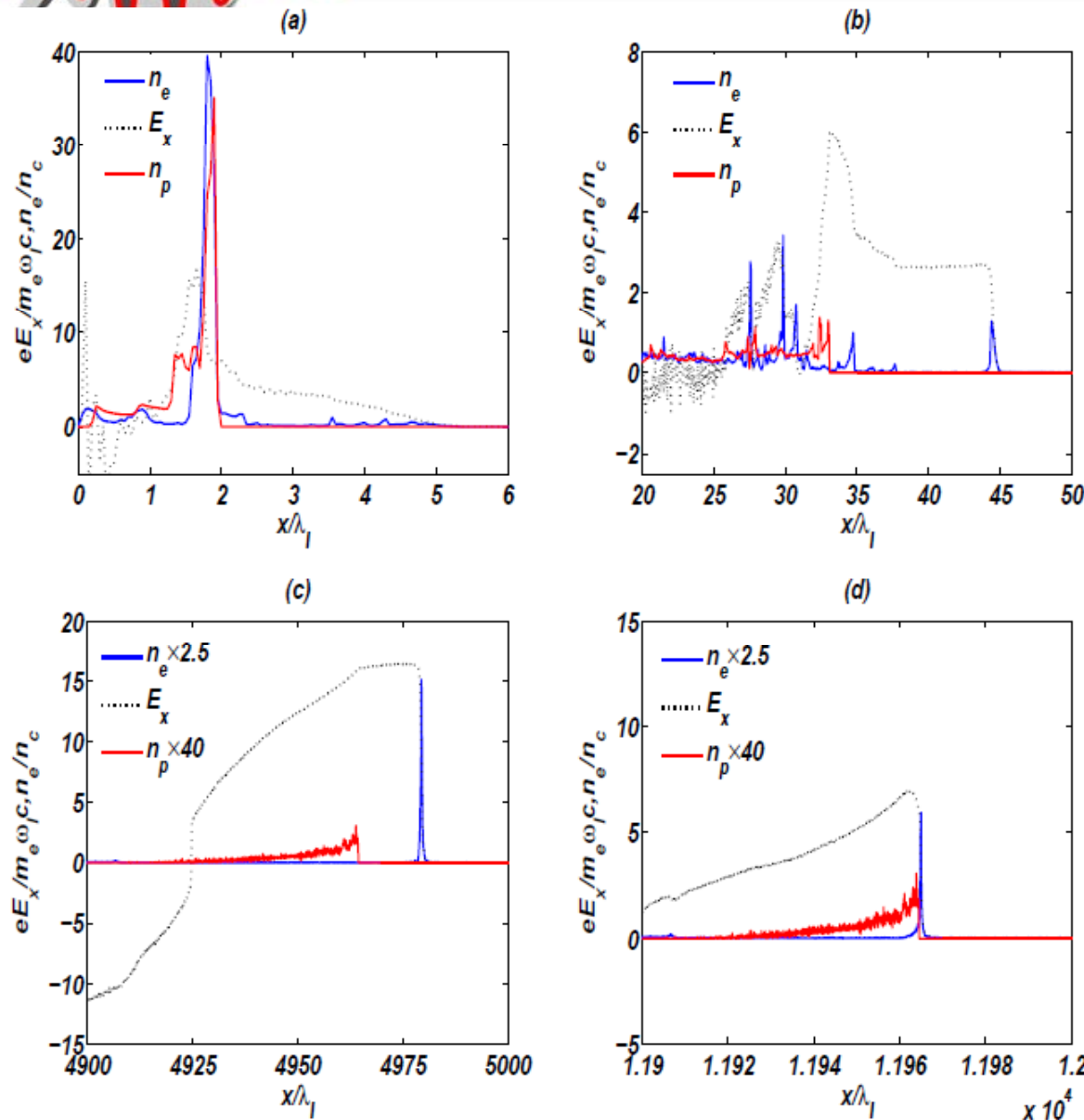
- Science of **LWFA** (US, Europe, Asia) matured to extend toward HEP accelerators
- **Laser** technology lacking suited for HEP accelerators: **laser efficiency, average power**
- Technologies to rectify emerging and credible:  
**1. thin disk; 2. ceramic; 3. fiber laser,..**
- *ICFA-ICUIL collaboration*: important guide of direction

→ Bridge Lab between HEP and Laser communities

“Symposium on Bridgelab for Laser Accelerator: Route toward Reality”

**L’orme (Paris), Jan. 14, 2011** (Organizers: Mourou, Tajima, ....)

# TeV ion acceleration in ELI regime



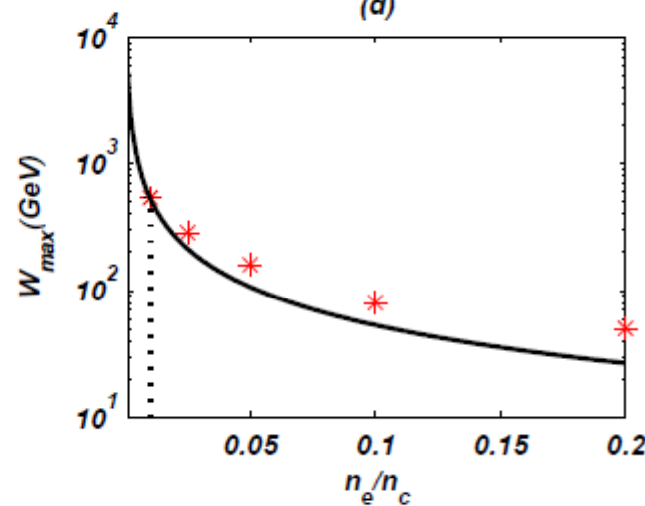
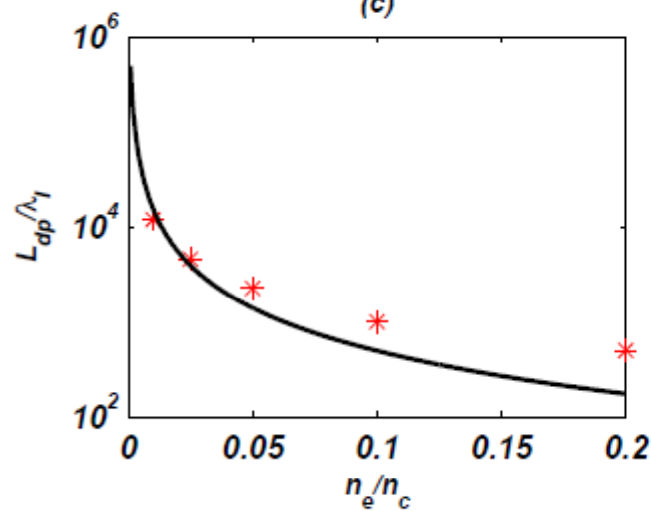
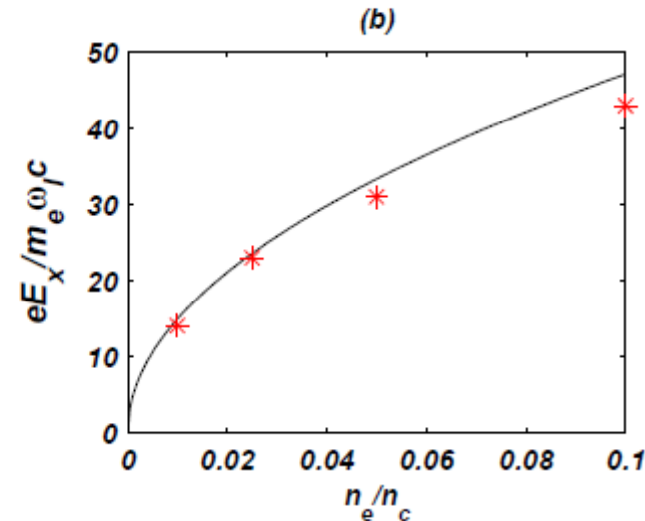
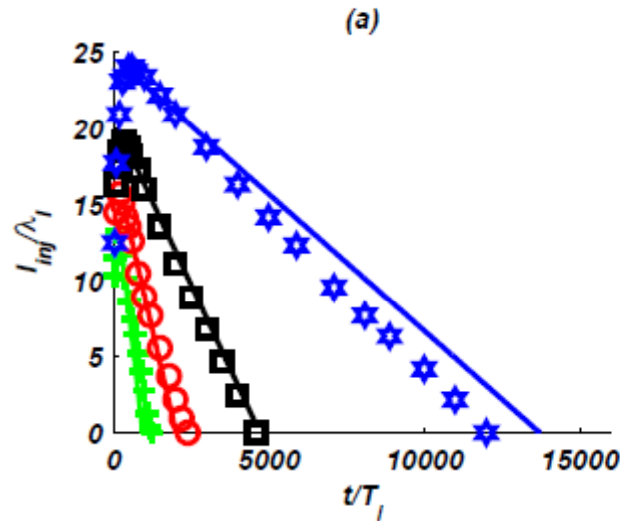
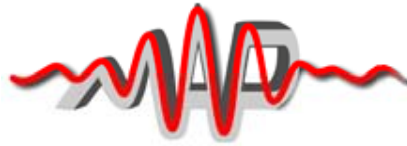
Snowplow **LWFA**  
of ions injected by **RPA**

$$\varepsilon_i = (1/6) a_0^2 (n_c/n_e) mc^2$$

0.5TeV over  
dephasing length of 1cm

Zheng et al., 2010

# TeV Ion Energy Scalings (RPA x LWFA)

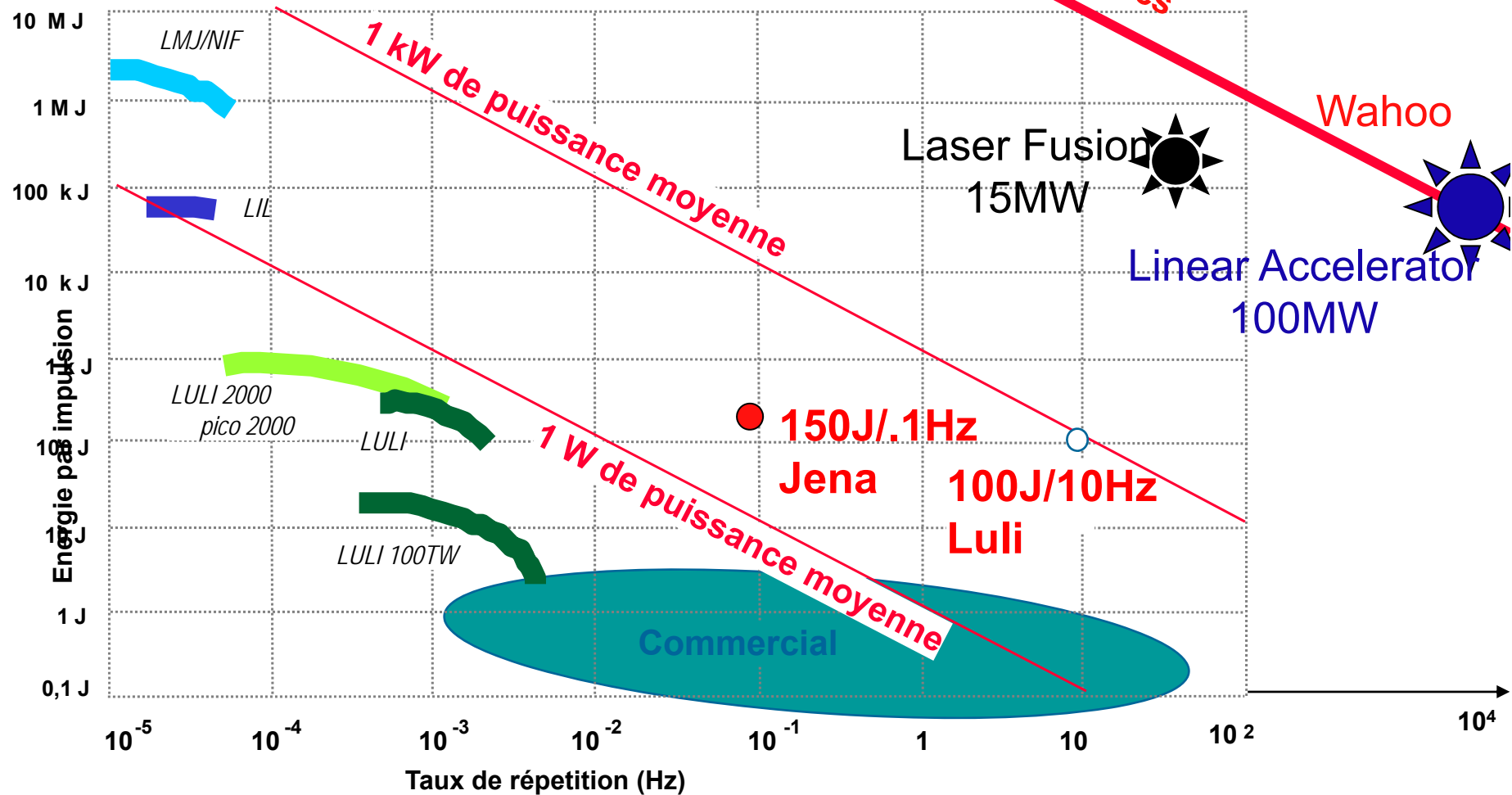


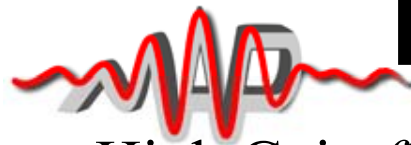
TeV over cm @  $10^{23} \text{ W/cm}^2$

(Zheng et al. 2010)

# Etat de l'Art

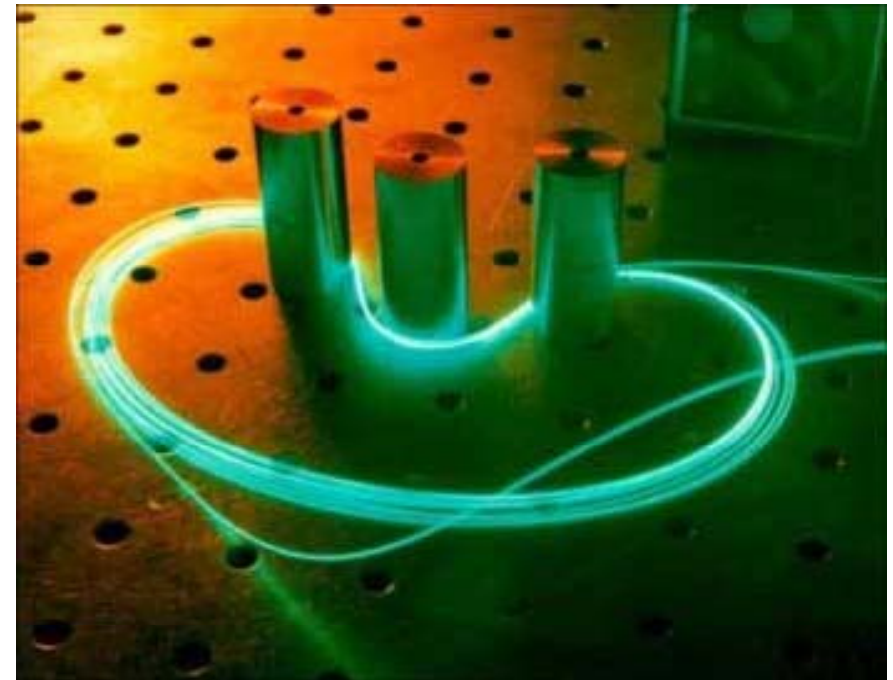
## 2005 HEEAUP 2005





# Fiber vs. Bulk Lasers

- High Gain *fiber* amplifiers allow ~ 50% total plug-to-optical output efficiency
- Single mode *fiber* amplifier reached multi-kW optical power.
- large bandwidth (100fs)
- immune against thermo-optical problems
- excellent beam quality
- efficient, diode-pumped operation
- high single pass gain
- can be mass-produced at low cost



(G. Mourou)

→ **ICAN Consortium formed (Nov. 25, 2010)**

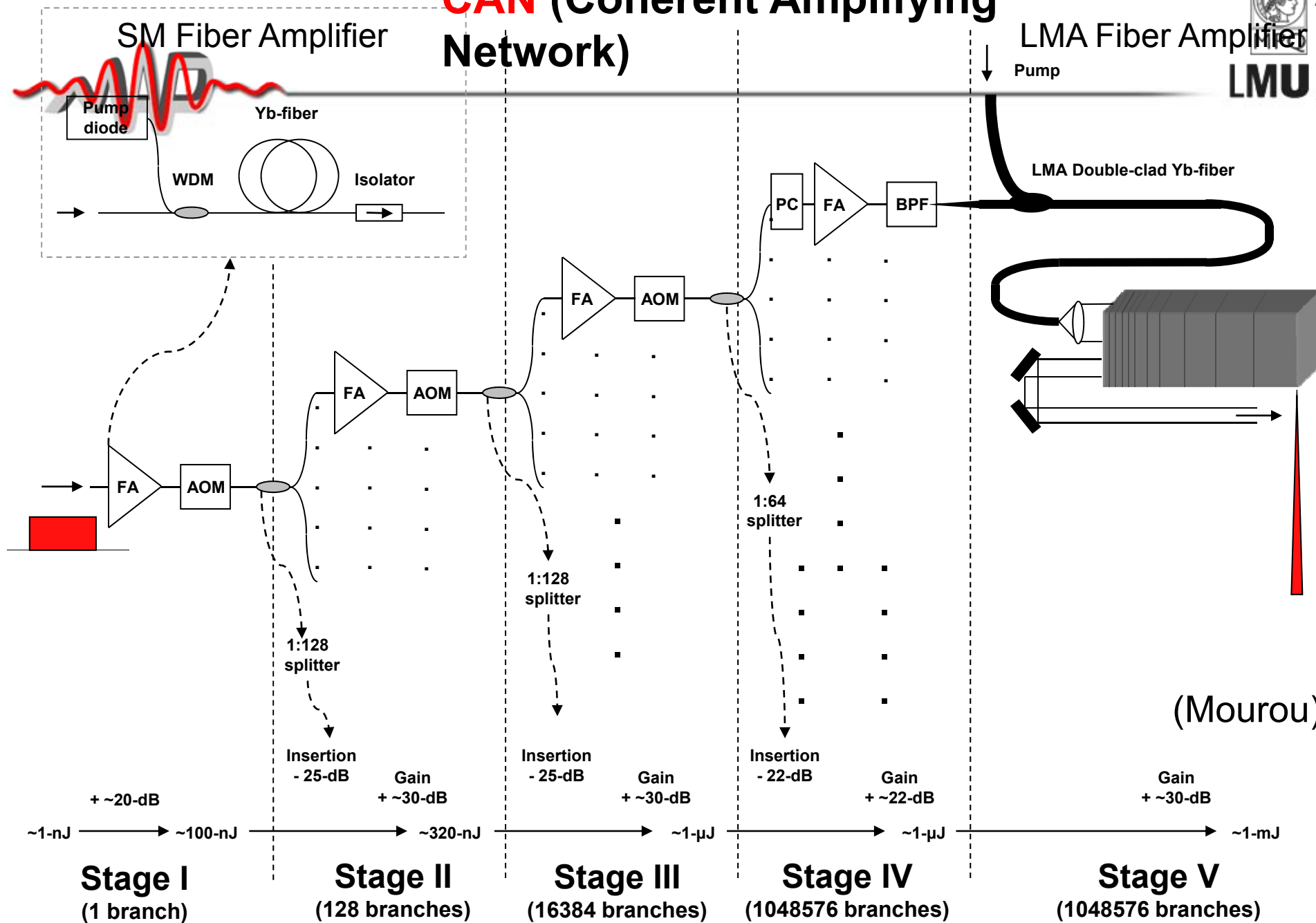


# CAN (Coherent Amplifying Network)



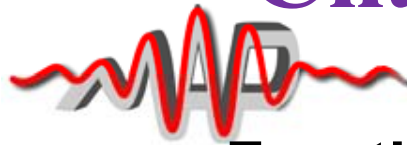
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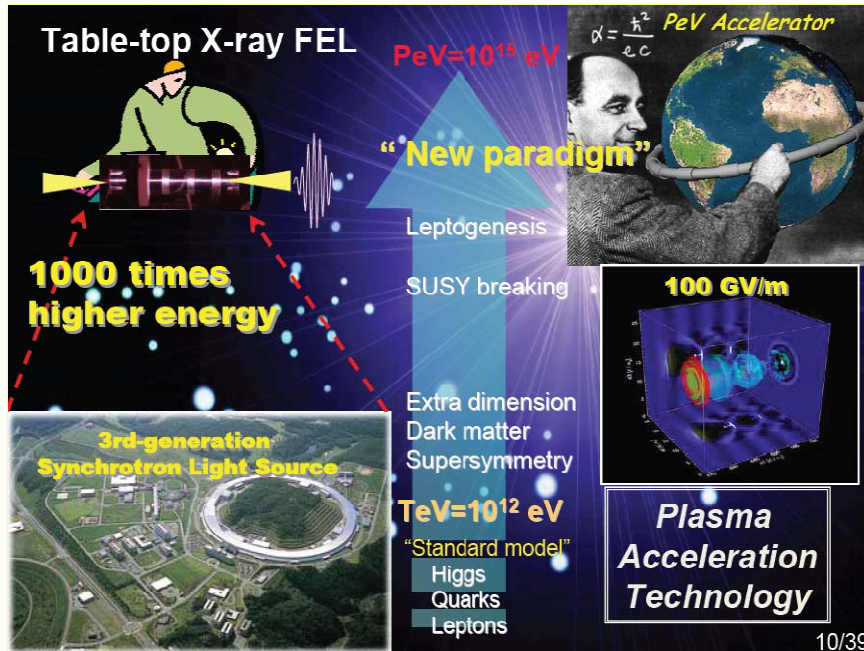


(Mourou)

# Challenge Posed by DG Suzuki



## Frontier science driven by advanced accelerator



**Table-top X-ray FEL**  
1000 times higher energy

**PeV=10<sup>15</sup> eV**  
PeV Accelerator  
 $\alpha = \frac{\hbar^2}{e c}$

**“New paradigm”**

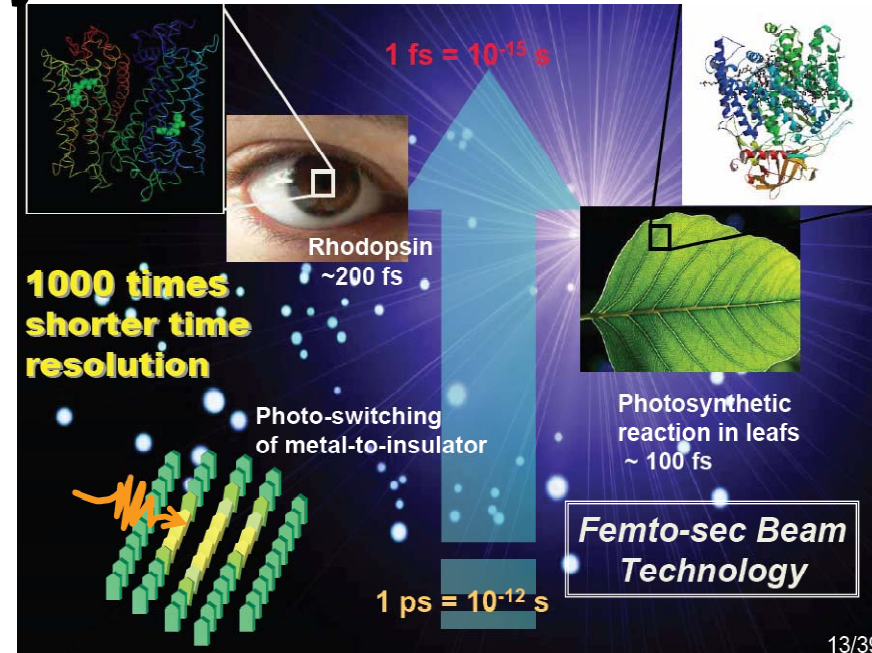
- Leptogenesis
- SUSY breaking
- Extra dimension
- Dark matter
- Supersymmetry

**TeV=10<sup>12</sup> eV**  
“Standard model”  
Higgs  
Quarks  
Leptons

**100 GV/m**  
Plasma Acceleration Technology

3rd-generation Synchrotron Light Source

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**1 fs = 10<sup>-15</sup> s**

**1000 times shorter time resolution**

Rhodopsin ~200 fs

Photo-switching of metal-to-insulator

Photosynthetic reaction in leaves ~ 100 fs

**Femto-sec Beam Technology**

**1 ps = 10<sup>-12</sup> s**

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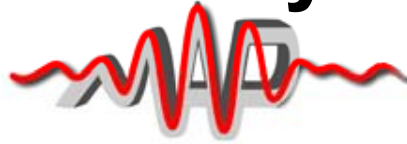
compact, ultrastrong a

atto-, zeptosecond

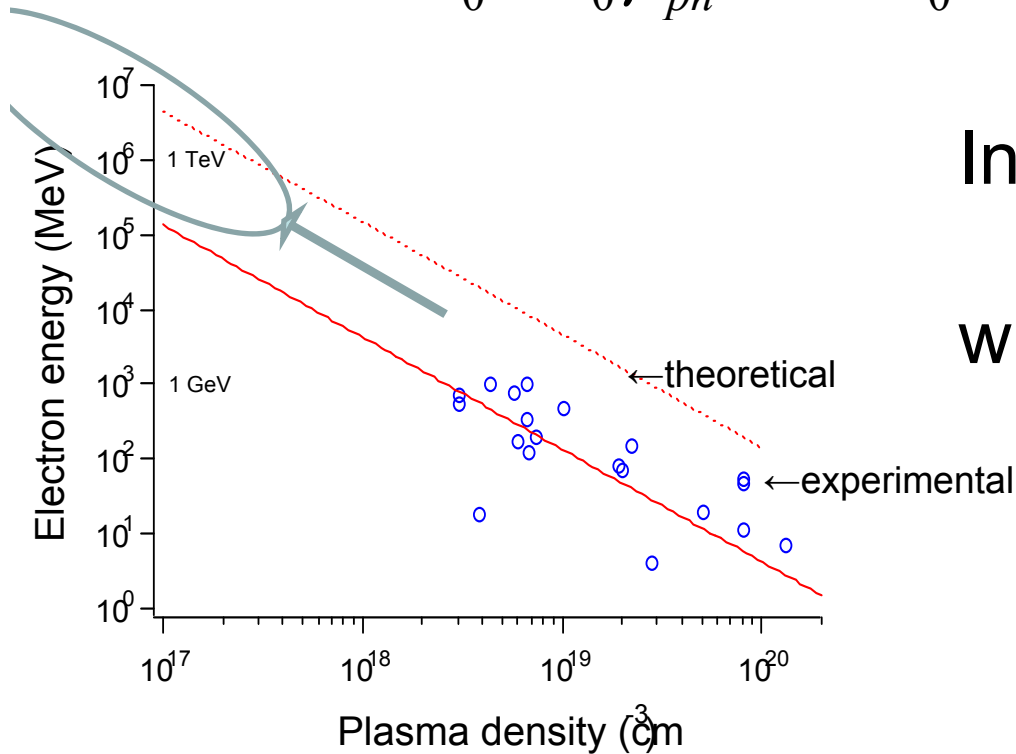
*Can we meet the challenge?*

A. Suzuki @KEK(2008)

# Theory of **wakefield** toward extreme energy



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



In order to avoid wavebreak,

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

where

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

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

dephasing length

pump depletion length

Adopt:

**NIF laser (3MJ)**

→ **0.7PeV**

(with Kando, Teshima)

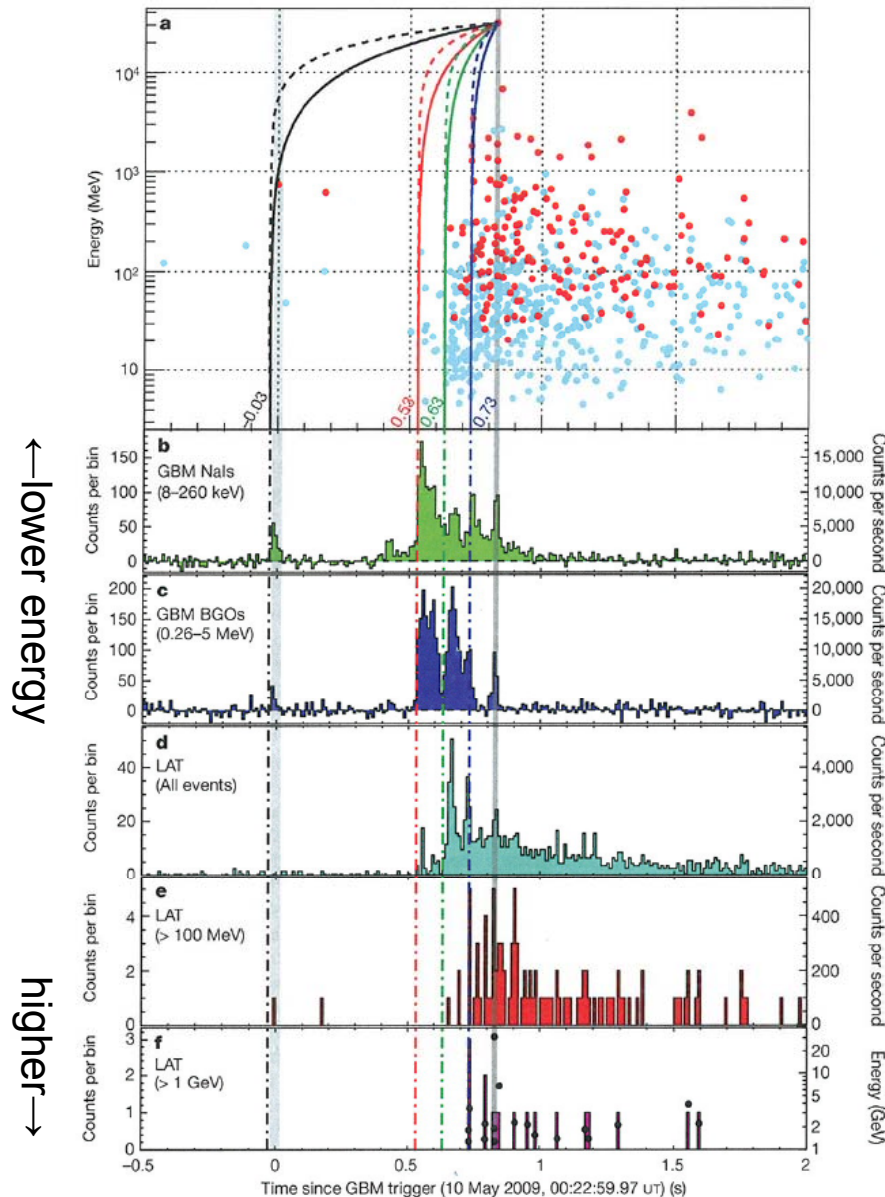
# $\gamma$ -ray signal from primordial GRB

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(Abdo, et al, 2009)



← lower energy

higher →

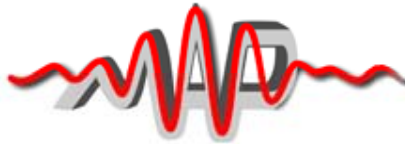
*Energy-dependent*  
photon speed ?  
**Observation of primordial  
Gamma Ray Bursts (GRB)**  
(limit is pushed up  
close to Planck mass)

Lab PeV  $\gamma$  (from e-)  
can explore this  
with control

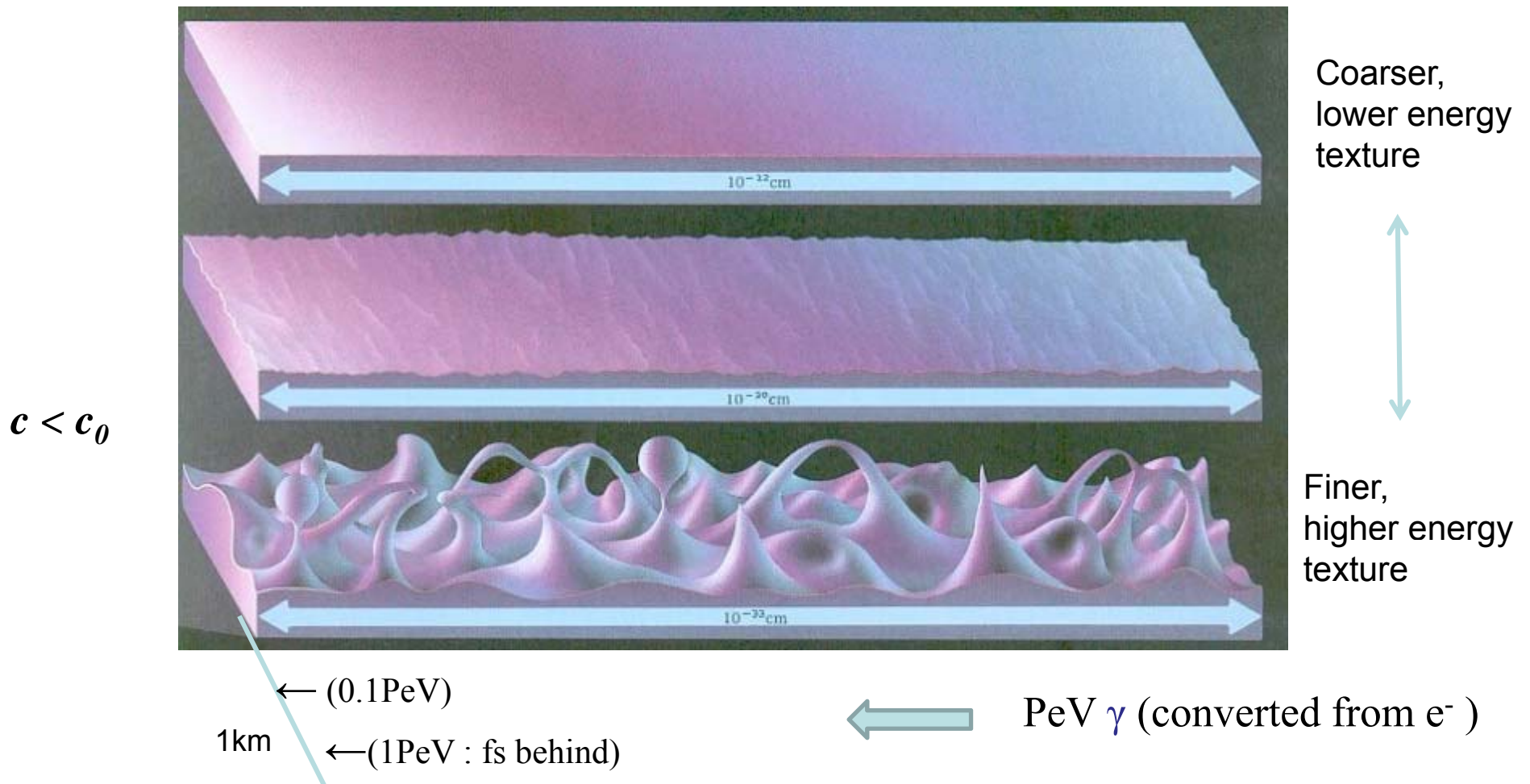
Figure 1 | Light curves of GRB 090510 at different energies. a, Energy lowest to highest energies. f also overlays energy versus arrival time for each



# Feel vacuum texture: PeV energy $\gamma$



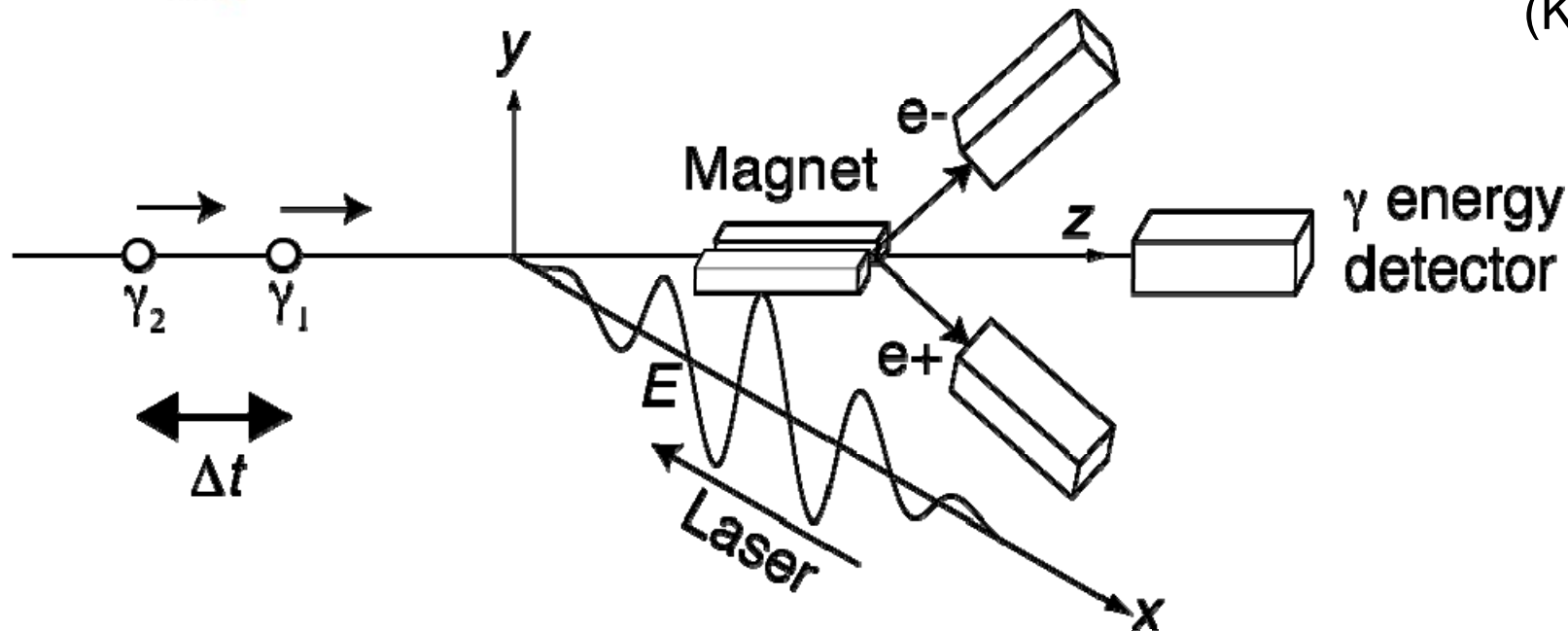
Laser acceleration  $\rightarrow$  controlled laboratory test to see quantum gravity texture on photon propagation (Special Theory of Relativity:  $c_0$ )



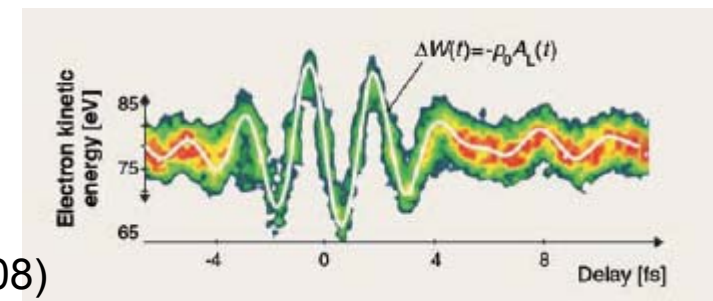


# Attosecond Resolution of PeV $\gamma$ Arrivals

(Kando, 2010)



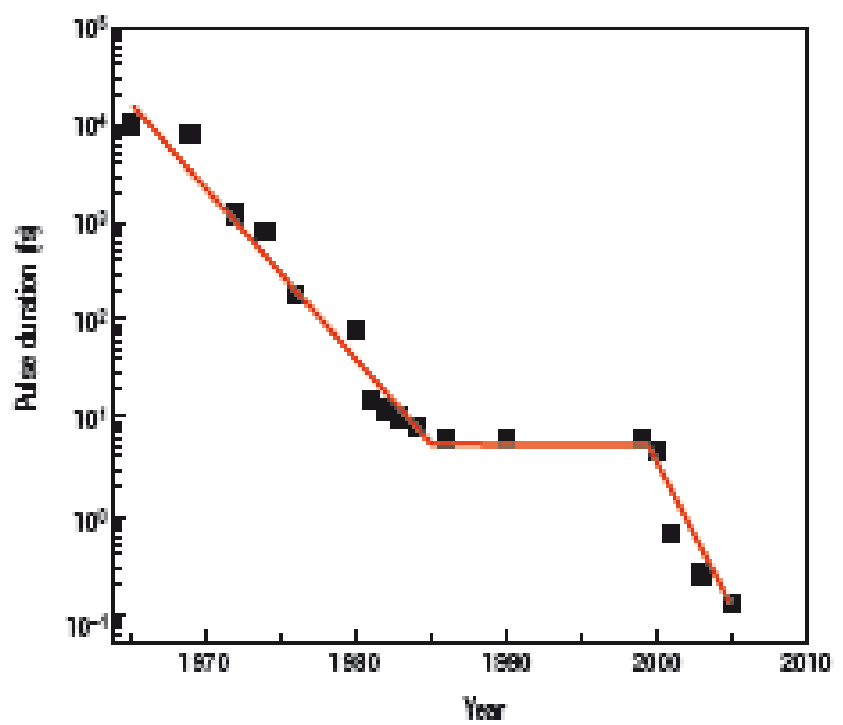
High energy  $\gamma$ - induced Schwinger breakdown (Narozhny, 1968)  
CEP phase sensitive electron-positron acceleration  
Attosecond electron streaking  
 $\gamma$ - energy tagging possible



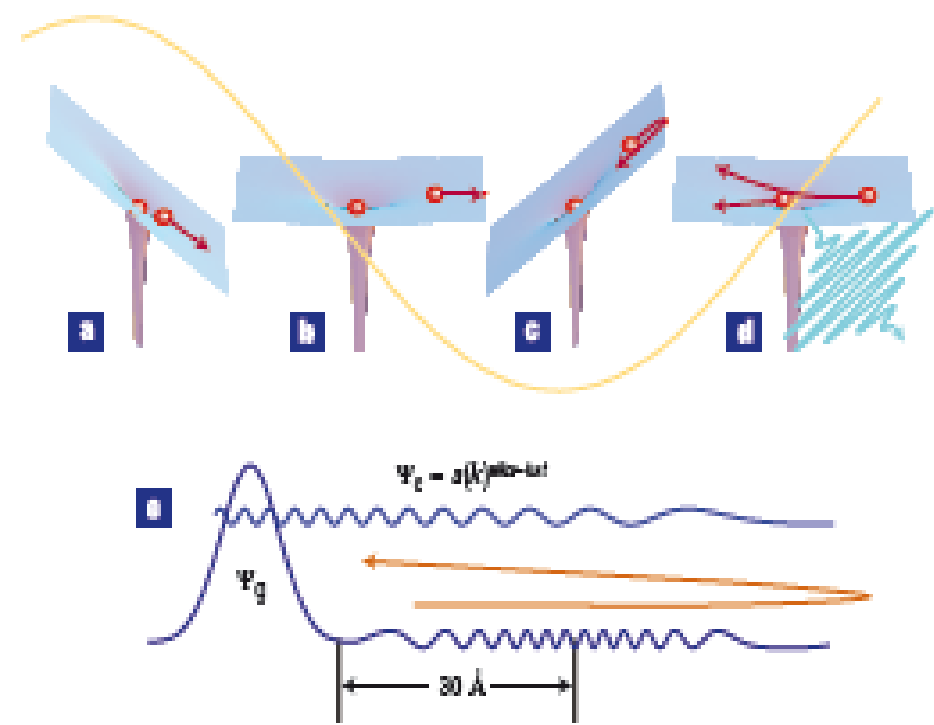
Goulielmakis(2008)

# Pulse Progress from fs to as

Corkum and Krausz (2007)



**Figure 1** Shorter and shorter. The minimum duration of laser pulses fell continually from the discovery of mode-locking in 1964 until 1986 when 6-fs pulses were generated. Each advance in technology opened new fields of science for measurement. Each advance in science strengthened the motivation for making even shorter laser pulses. However, at 6 fs (three periods of light), a radically different technology was needed. Its development took 15 years. Now attosecond technology is providing radically new tools for science and is yet again opening new fields for



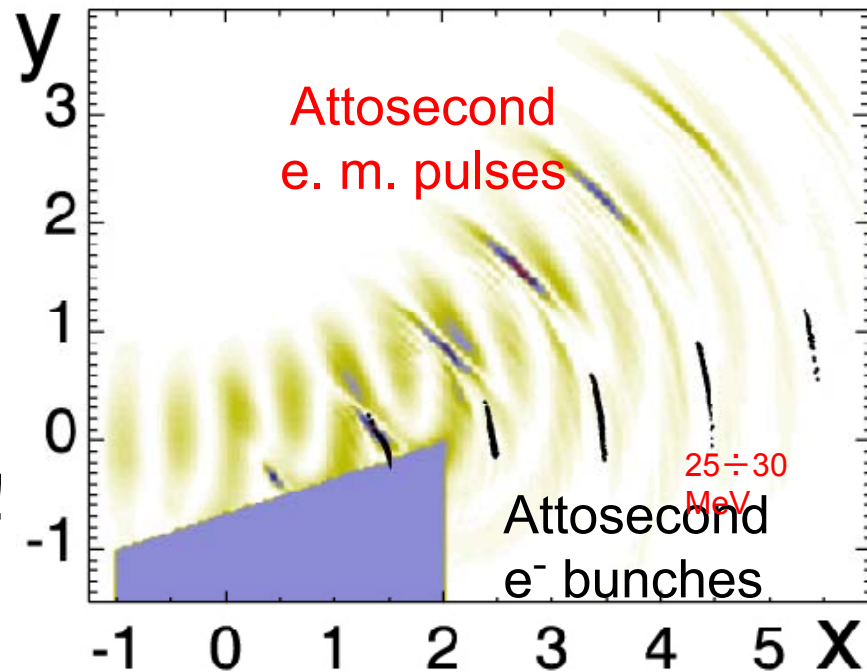
**Figure 2** Creating an attosecond pulse. a–d, An intense femtosecond near-infrared or visible (henceforth: optical) pulse (shown in yellow) extracts an electron wavepacket from an atom or molecule. For ionization in such a strong field (a), Newton's equations of motion give a relatively good description of the response of the electron. Initially, the electron is pulled away from the atom (a, b), but after the field reverses, the electron is driven back (c) where it can 'recollide' during a small fraction of the laser oscillation cycle (d). The parent ion sees an attosecond electron pulse. This

# Electron ejection is synchronized with attosecond pulse generation

Escaped relativistic electrons

- compress the reflected radiation into attosecond pulses and
- inherit a peaked density distribution.
- Complete modulation of e.m. field occurs. This is relativistic microelectronics!

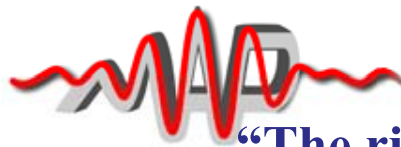
Efficiency of attosecond phenomena: ~15% converted to attosecond pulses, ~15% to electron bunches.



Naumova *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2004)

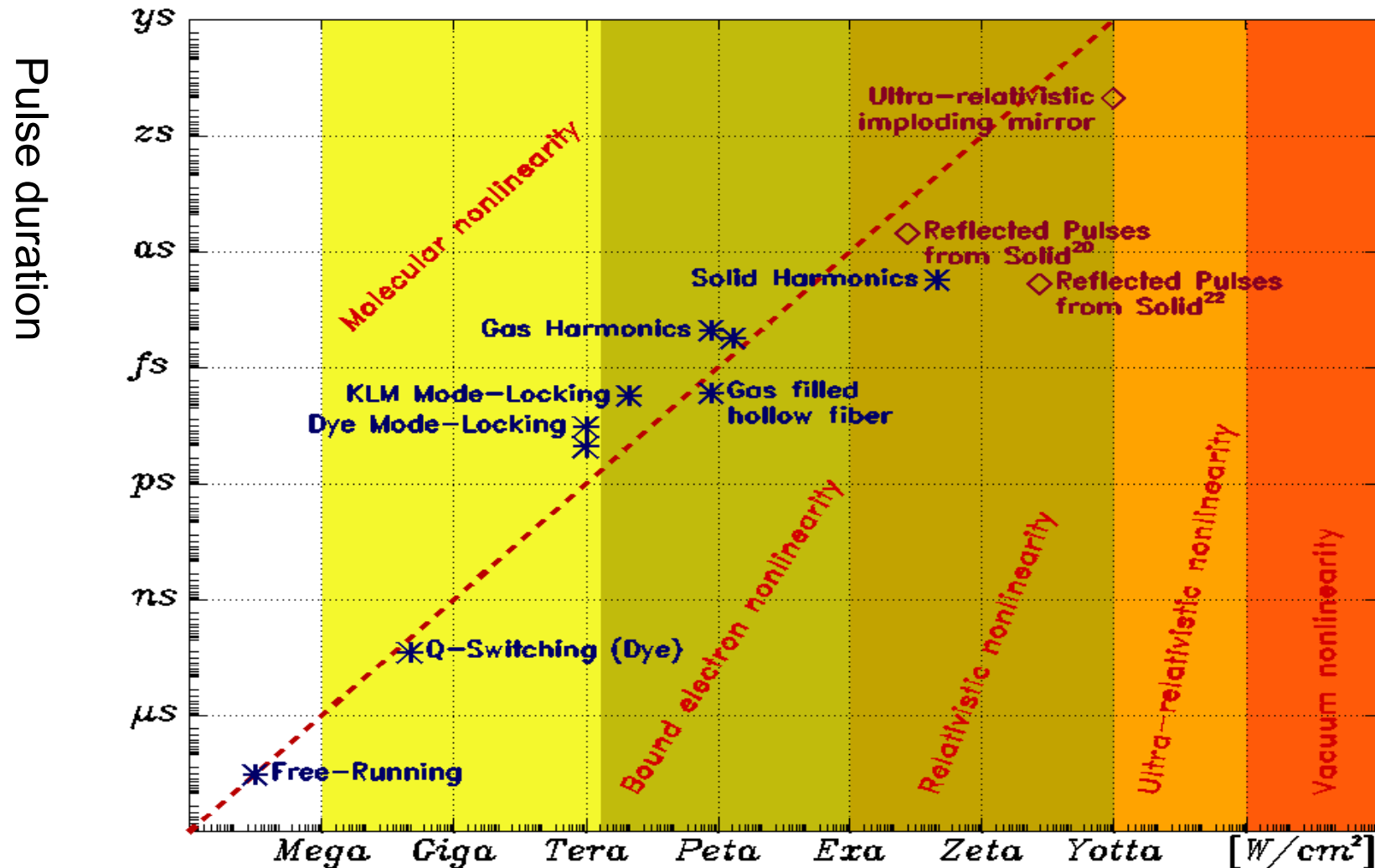
$a=10, 15\text{fs}, f/1,$   
 $n=25n_{cr}$

# The Mourou Conjecture



(← physics: “Matter is nonlinear”)

“The rigider nonlinearity, the more intense to manipulate it” )

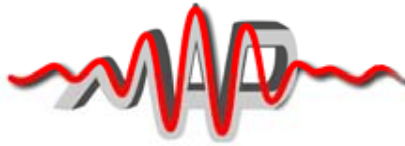


(Mourou / Tajima, 2001)

$$P = E/T$$

Pulse intensity →

# Yoctosecond coherent $\gamma$ -beam



The Mourou-Tajima Conjecture tells us

that ys coherent **gamma pulse**

may be generated by Yottawatt/cm<sup>2</sup>

Go beyond 10KeV coherent **X-rays**: solid is not dense enough

How can one make an Einstein mirror

that can backscatter **gamma rays** (several 100MeV)?

Suggest: the imploded ultra-relativistic shell

to increase the density by 10 x 10 x 10.

The relativistic flying object with  $\gamma = 100$ . The lab frame density enhanced by 10<sup>5</sup>

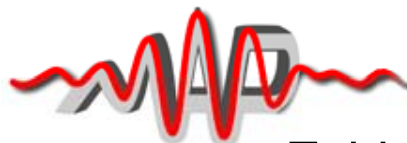
Takes **large** energy ~MJ, Yottawatt/cm<sup>2</sup>

→ yielding 100ys coherent **gamma rays**

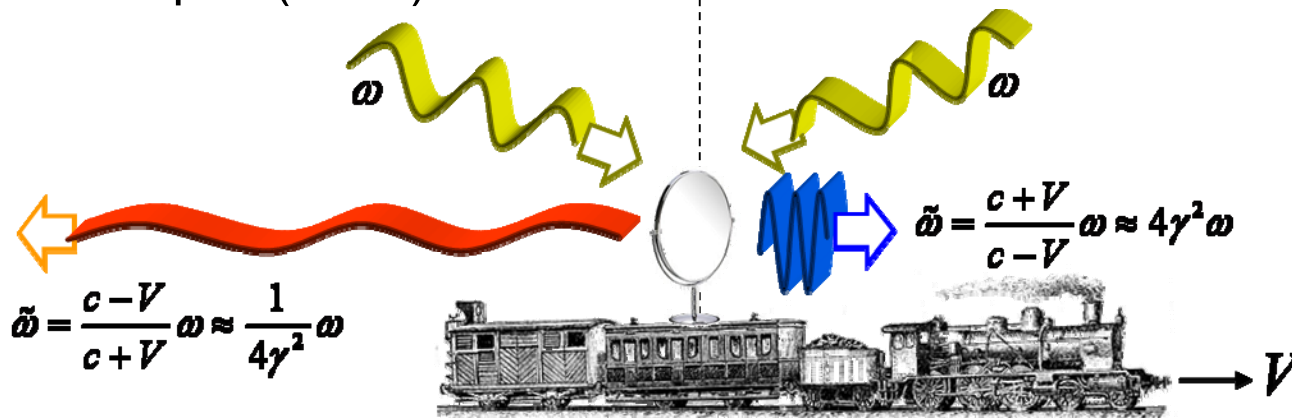
*Can we streak a nucleus with this gamma beam? :  
**Photonuclear Physics.** (Any other new physics?)*



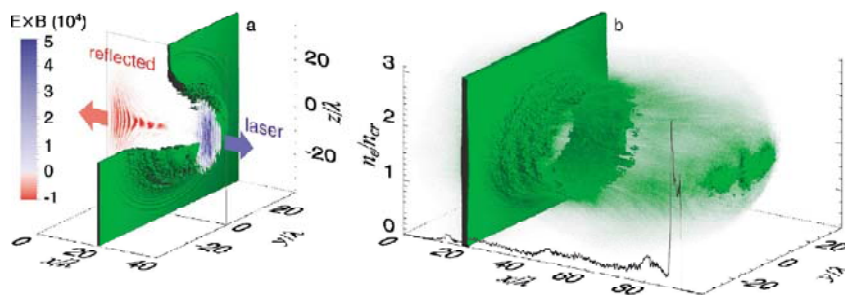
# Relativistic flying mirror and shorter pulses



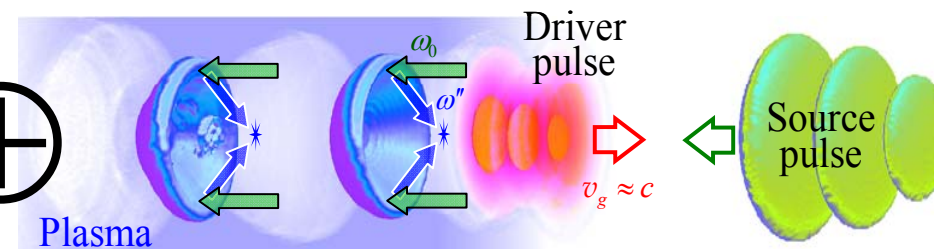
Esirkepov (2010)



## Laser Piston

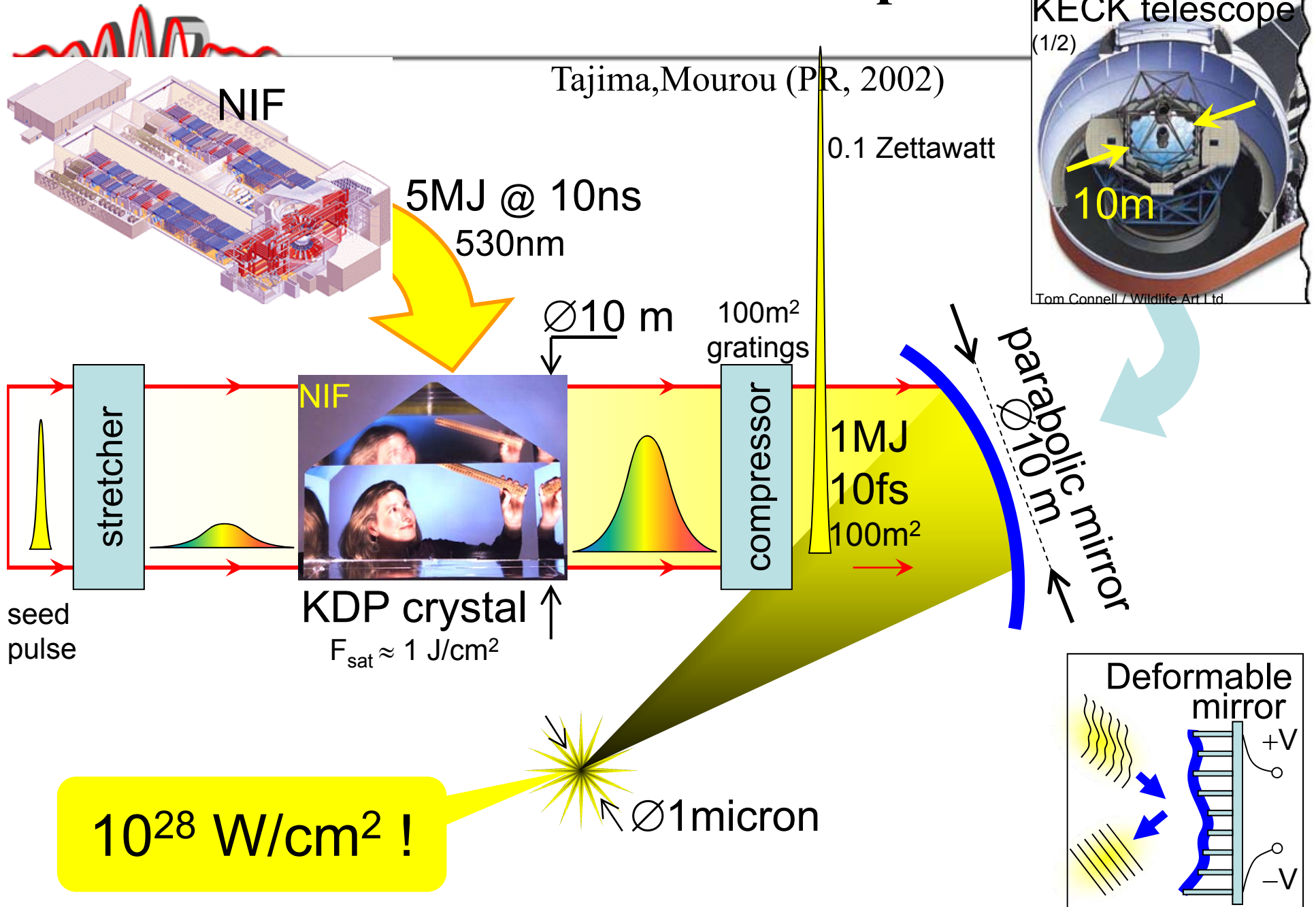


## Flying Mirror



Tajima/Mourou/Moses(2010): use NIF ---ultra-relativistic imploding mirror → ys!

# MJ laser → Zettawatt → ultrashort pulse



# Nuclear Wake?



- Broadened and maybe double humped structure on the away-side in 2-particle correlations.
- Could be caused by:
  - Large angle gluon radiation (Vitev and Polsa and Salgado).
  - Deflected jets, due to flow (Armesto, Salgado and Wiedemann) and/or path length dependent energy loss (Chiu and Hwa).
  - Hydrodynamic conical flow from mach cone shock-waves (Stoecker, Casalderrey-Solanda, Shuryak and Teaney, Renk, Ruppert and Muller).
  - Cerenkov gluon radiation (Dremin, Koch).
- Jet quenching: collective deceleration by wakefield?

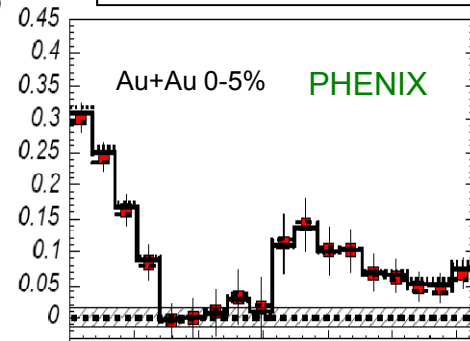
8 Aug 2007

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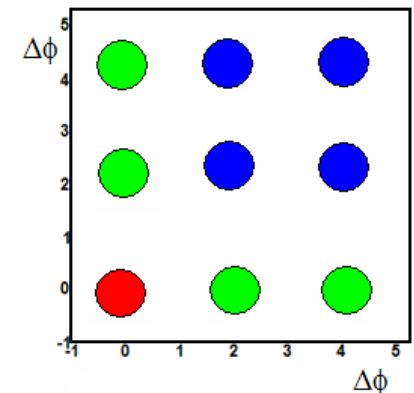
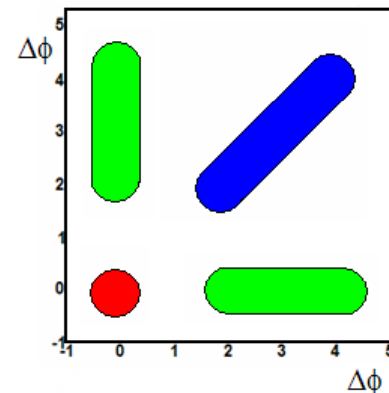
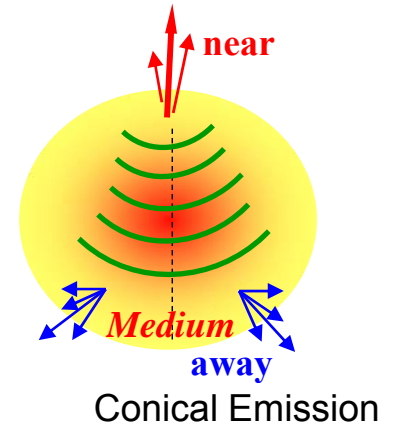
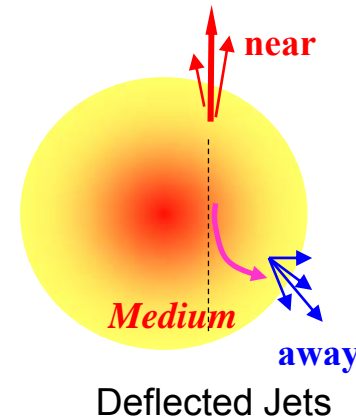
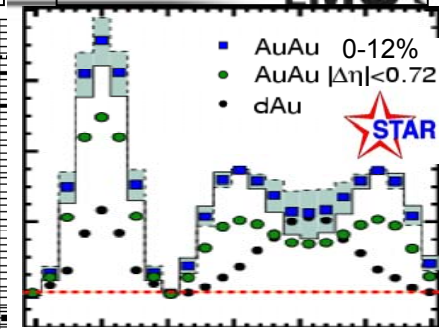
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Horner (STAR) QM2006

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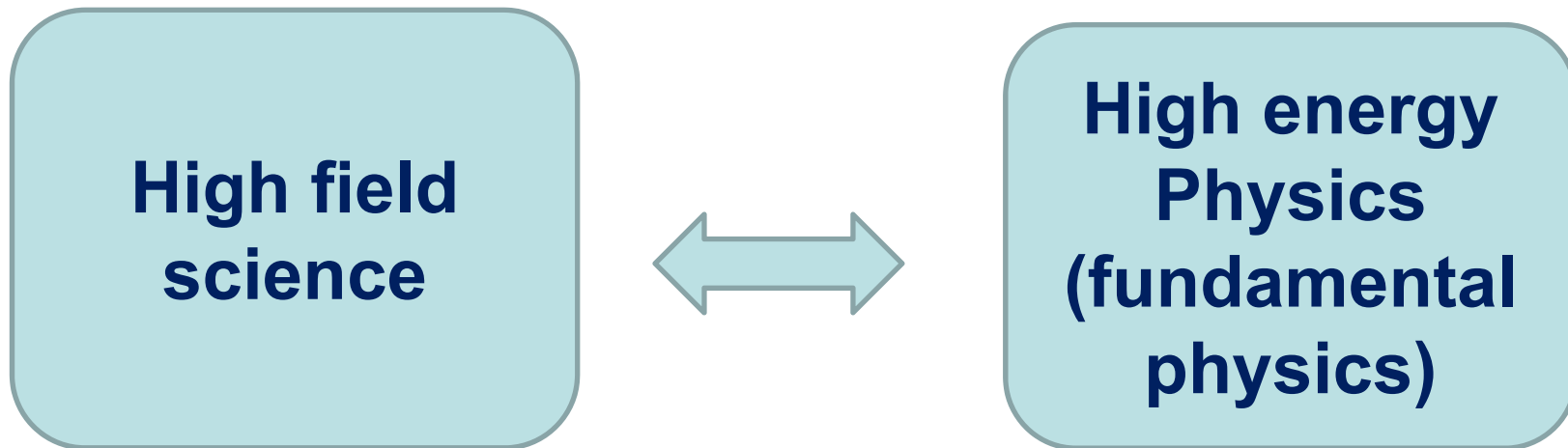


- LWFA method, or Maldacena method?

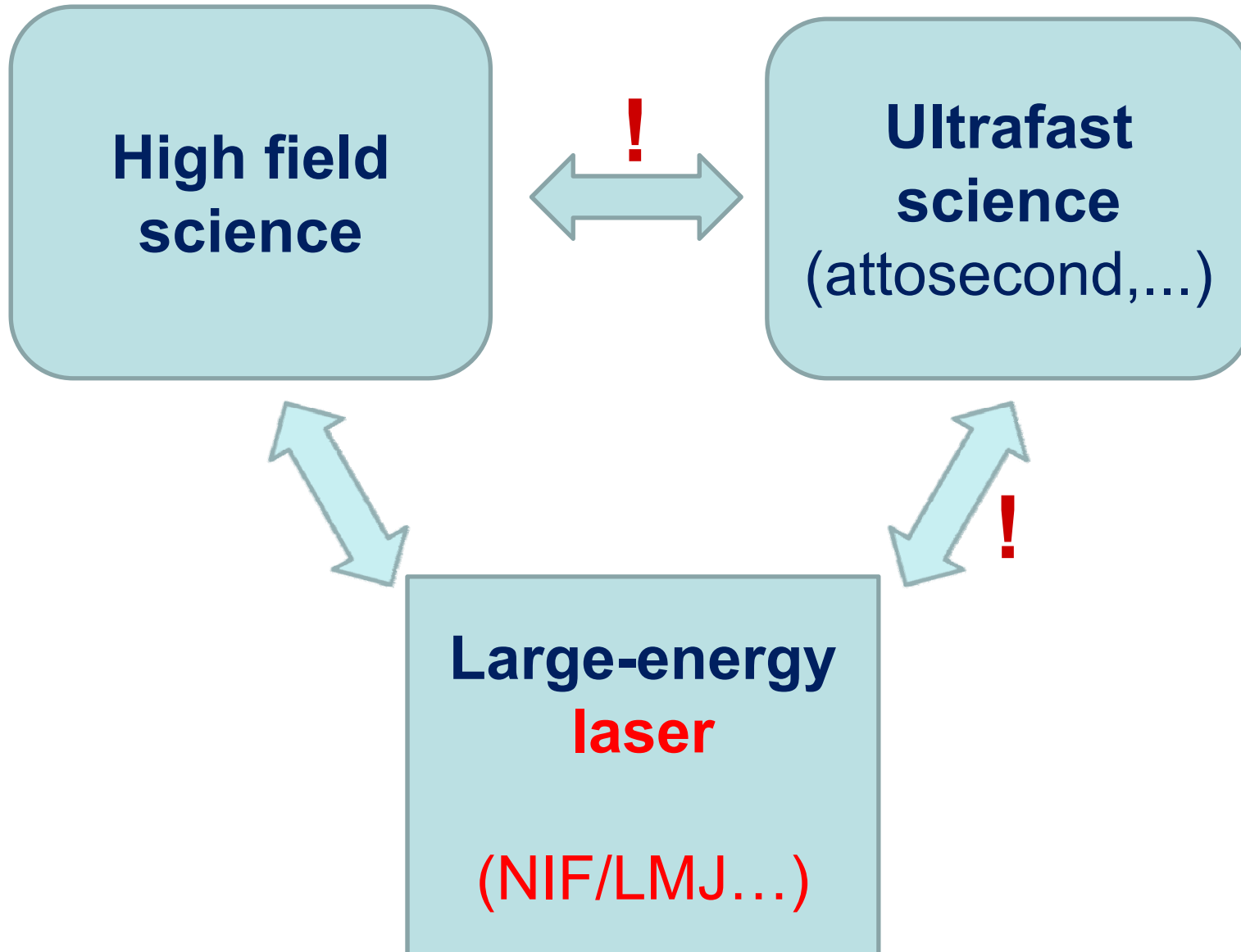
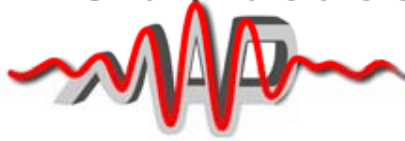
# High energy physics ← High field science, high intensity

laser

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Ultrafast science ← High field science, Large-energy **laser**





# Self-focusing in air to vacuum

Critical power for self-focusing in matter / plasma / vacuum:

$\chi_3$  nonlinearity

$$P_{cr} = \lambda^2 / (2\pi n_0 n_2) \sim \text{GW}$$

relativistic plasma nonlinearity

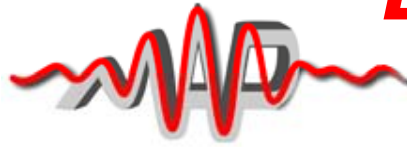
$$P_{cr} = mc^5 / e^2 (\omega / \omega_p)^2 \sim 17 (\omega / \omega_p)^2 \text{ GW}$$

vacuum nonlinearity

$$P_{cr} = (90/28) c E_S^2 \lambda^2 / \alpha \sim 10^{15} (\lambda / \lambda_{1\mu})^2 \text{ GW}$$

e.g. X-ray of 10keV,  $P_{cr} \sim 10\text{PW}$

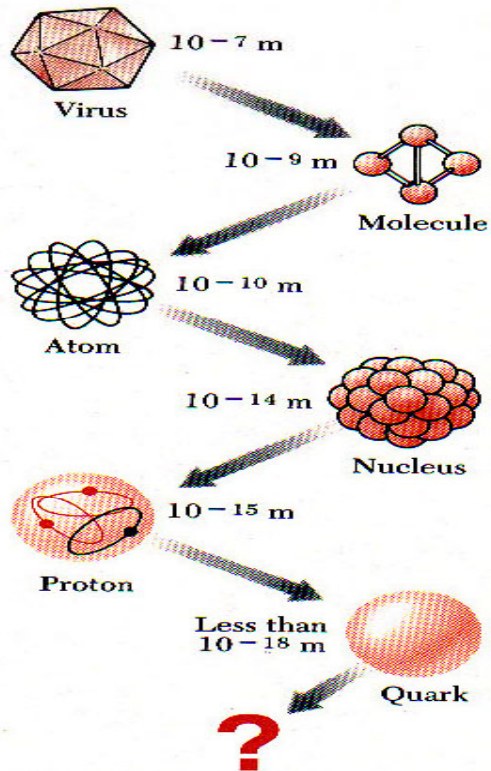




# 'ELI Long-term Ambition' =

## Studying the Atomic Structure to the Vacuum Structure

(Mourou)



**Vacuum structure**

### Does the atomic world repeat itself in vacuum?

Keldysh field

Keldysh parameter

$$\gamma_K = \omega \sqrt{2m\Phi} / eE,$$

$$\text{Schwinger intensity} / \text{Keldysh intensity} = \alpha^{-6} \sim 10^{14}$$

$$\text{Vacuum self-focusing} / \chi_3 \text{ self-focusing power} \sim \alpha^{-6} \sim 10^{15}$$

Vacuum parameter

$$\gamma_V = 1/a_0.$$

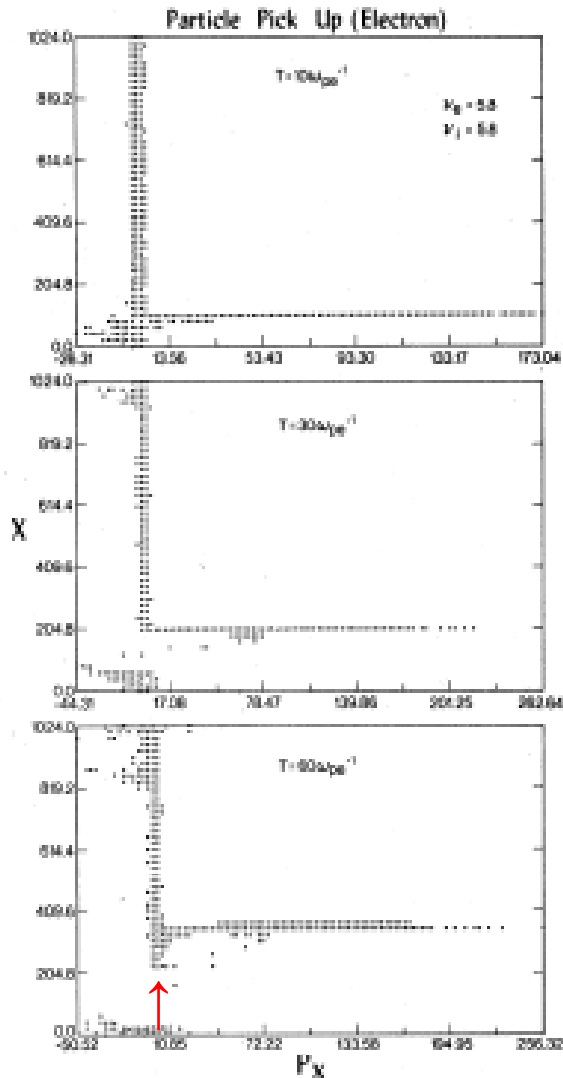
$$\gamma_V \geq 1.$$

Schwinger field

**= Path toward superSchwinger**

# Self-focusing and **laser** acceleration in vacuum

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on the piston, and pressure balance yields

$$2\langle n \rangle_w \langle p_x \rangle_w v_p = \frac{1}{2} [(E_w^2 + B_w^2)/8\pi], \quad (10)$$

where  $v_p$  is the piston (wave-front) velocity, the subscript  $w$  indicates that the fields, momentum, and density are to be evaluated in the moving frame of the interface, and  $\langle n \rangle$  and  $\langle p_x \rangle$  are, respectively, the average density and momentum at the leading edge of the pulse (over a length  $c/\omega_{pe}$  in the laboratory frame). Lorentz transformations from the moving to the lab frame yield

$$2v_p \langle n \rangle_L / \gamma_p \langle p_x \rangle_L / 2\gamma_p = \frac{1}{2} E_L^2 / \gamma_p^2, \quad (11)$$

where the subscript  $L$  denotes laboratory frame variables and the relativistic factor  $\gamma_p = [1 - (v_p^2/c^2)]^{-1/2}$ .

Our simulations show that  $\langle p_x \rangle_L \approx \frac{1}{2} p_x^m$  and  $\langle n \rangle_L \approx \frac{1}{2} n_{max}$ , with  $n_{max} \approx 20n_0$  (twenty times the original density) at saturation, so that

$$p_x^m = 2(c/v_p) [\omega^2 / \omega_{pe}^2(n_0)] [\omega_{pe}^2(n_0) / \omega_{pe}^2(n_{max})] v^2 mc. \quad (12)$$

With  $\omega^2 / \omega_{pe}^2(n_0) \approx 10$  and  $\omega_{pe}^2(n_0) / \omega_{pe}^2(n_{max}) \approx \frac{1}{20}$ , we obtain

$$P_x^m \approx (c/v_p) v^2 mc \approx v^2 mc, \quad (13)$$

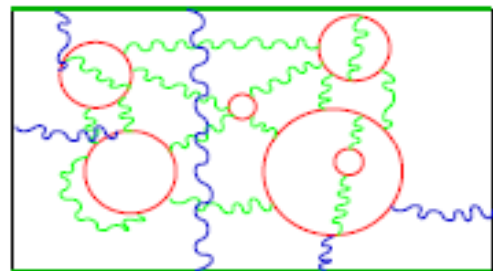
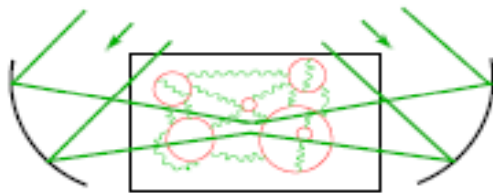
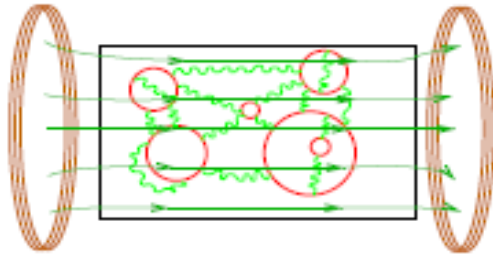
→ **Laser** acceleration in vacuum by self-focused **X-ray** crossed with **laser** ?

Can we repeat LWFA and plasma physics in vacuum?

**Laser** vacuum acceleration with 'snowplow'

# Why quantum vacuum physics?

## Vacuum nonlinearities



- Heisenberg-Euler/Casimir in mathematical physics
  - QFT in strong fields or with boundaries
  - functional determinants
- applied quantum vacuum physics
  - quantum fluctuations as a building block
  - dispersive forces in micro/nano machinery [DEKIEVIET @ THISWORKSHOP]
- fundamental effect of QFT
  - ( $\sim$  Lamb shift,  $g - 2, \dots$ )
- fundamental physics
  - search for new physics
  - new particles or forces

H. Gies (2008)

# Light Propagation in a $B$ field.

▷ quantum Maxwell equation for a “light probe”  $f^{\mu\nu}$

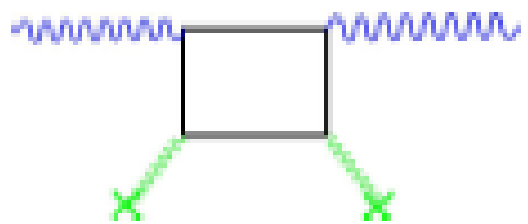
$$0 = \partial_\mu f^{\mu\nu} - \frac{8}{45} \frac{\alpha^2}{m^4} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu f^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{14}{45} \frac{\alpha^2}{m^4} \bar{F}_{\alpha\beta} \bar{F}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu f^{\alpha\beta}$$

↑ vacuum nonlinearity ↑

## Phase and group velocity

$$v_{\parallel} \simeq 1 - \frac{14}{45} \frac{\alpha^2}{m^4} B^2 \sin^2 \theta_B$$

$$v_{\perp} \simeq 1 - \frac{8}{45} \frac{\alpha^2}{m^4} B^2 \sin^2 \theta_B$$



(TOLL'54)  
(BAIER, BREITENLOHNER'87; NARODNIK'88)  
(BIALYNICKA-BIRULA, BIALYNICKI-BIRULA'96)  
(ADLER'71)

⇒ magnetized quantum vacuum induces birefringence

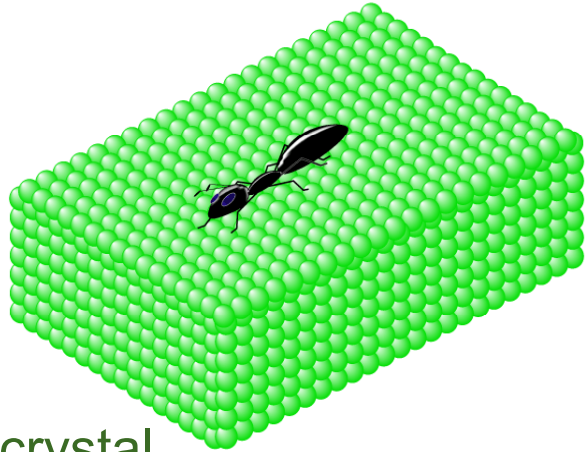
[DiPiazza @ ThisWorkshop]

▷ detection schemes: PVLAS, BMV, Q&A, OSQAR, TR18-B7

Self-focusing:  $P_{cr} = (90/28) c E_S^2 \lambda^2 / \alpha \rightarrow P_{cr} \approx 10^{24} (\omega_I \text{ (at } 1\mu) / \omega)^2 \text{ W}$   
(Mourou/Tajima/Bulanov (2006))



# What is vacuum?

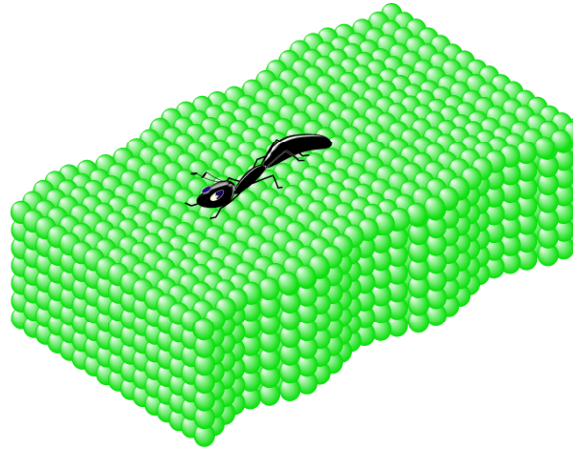


crystal

An observer (bug) in crystal looks at vacuum

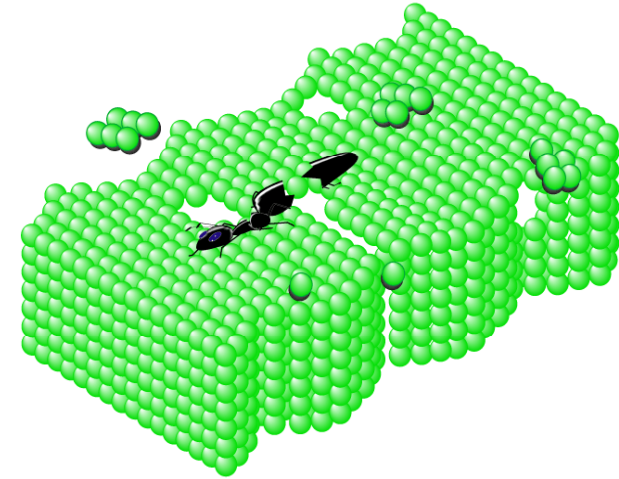
vacuum

「真(true)空(nothing)」



Phonon : excitation of vacuum

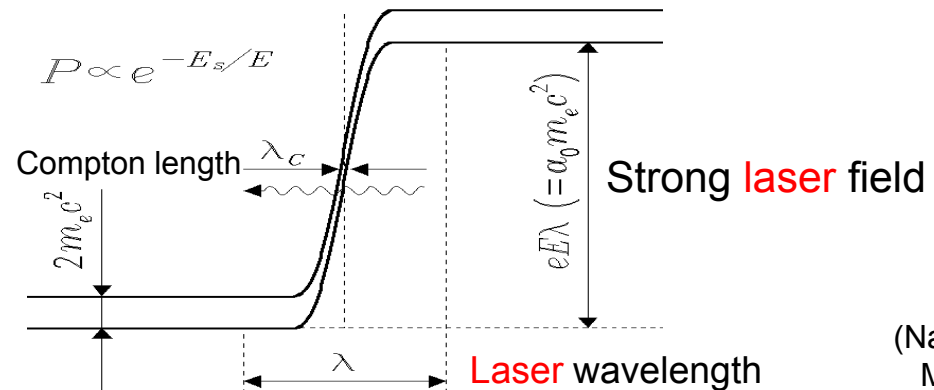
Photon : distortion of vacuum  
「色=(即是)空」



Strong field breaks vacuum

vacuum produces e+e- pair  
「空=(即是)色」

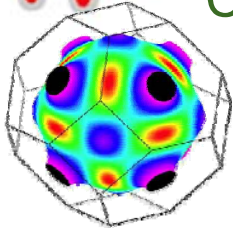
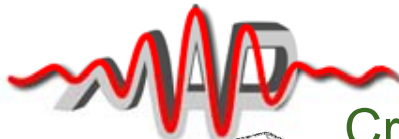
QED vacuum breakdown



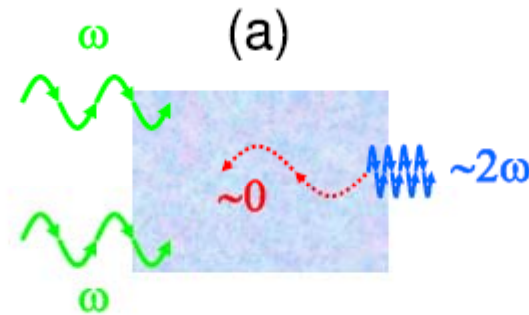
(Naumova Mourou)



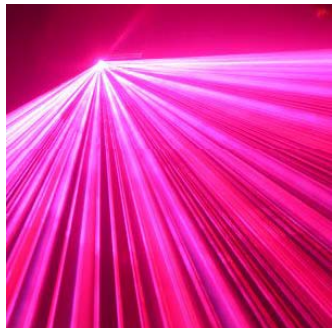
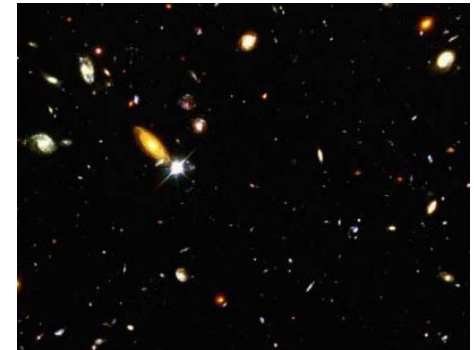
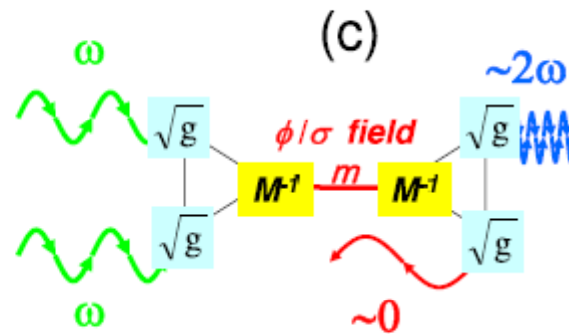
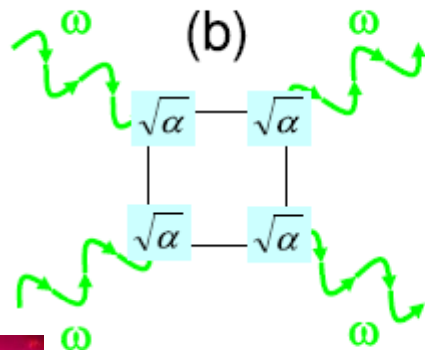
# Intense **laser** probes **matter** / **vacuum** nonlinearity



Crystal nonlinearity →  
second harmonic generation (Franken et al)



Learn from **Nonlinear Optics** of **matter** for **vacuum**:



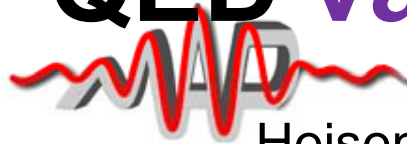
QED nonlinearity

Vacuum nonlinearity by light- mass field (dark energy, axion,..)

→ second harmonic



# QED vacuum probe by intense laser

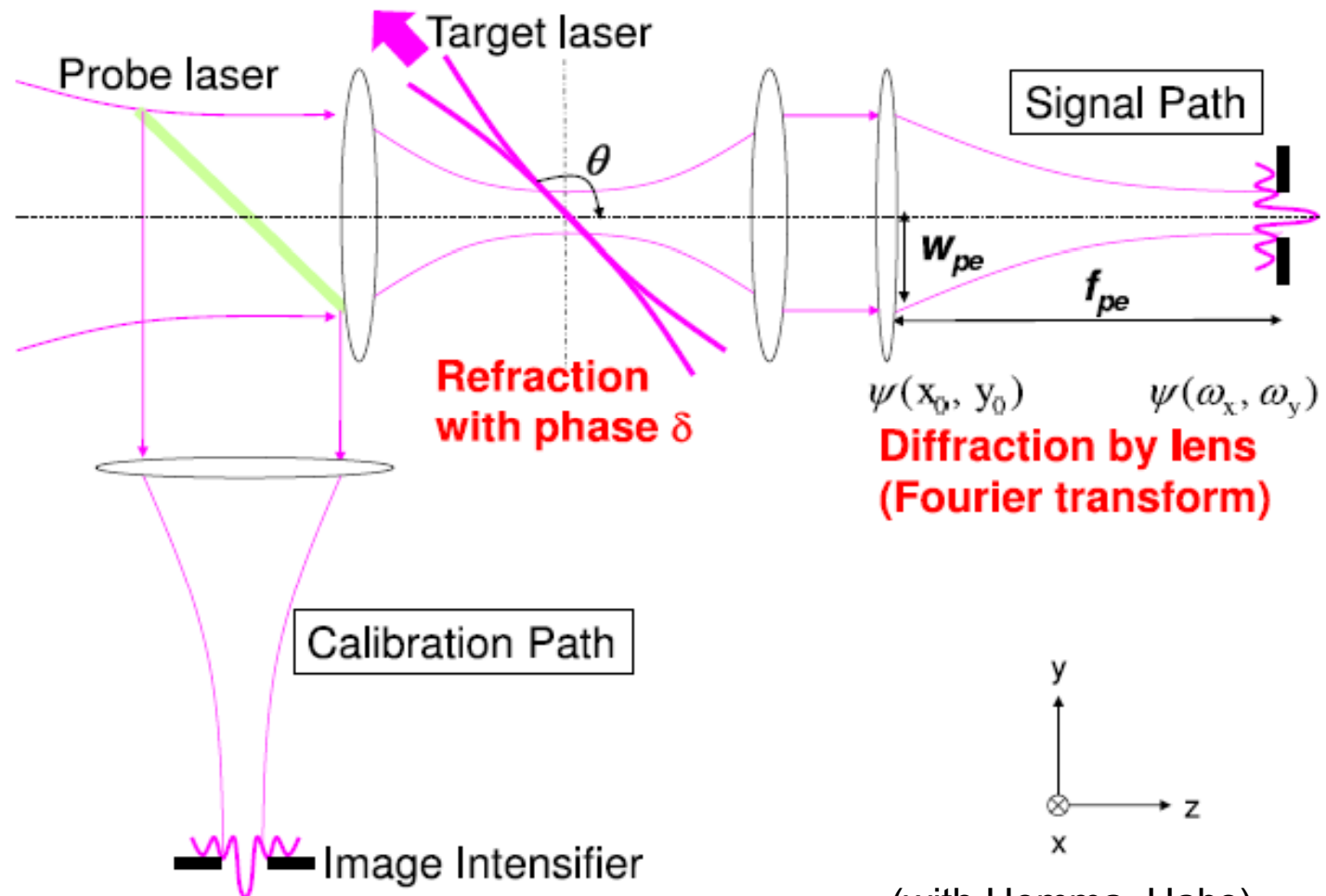


Heisenberg-Euler Lagrangian: tiny nonlinearity, never observed

→ intense laser needed; sensitive probe, avoid blinding laser

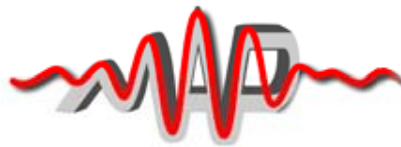


**Phase contrast imaging** (refractive index → diffraction, noise reduction)



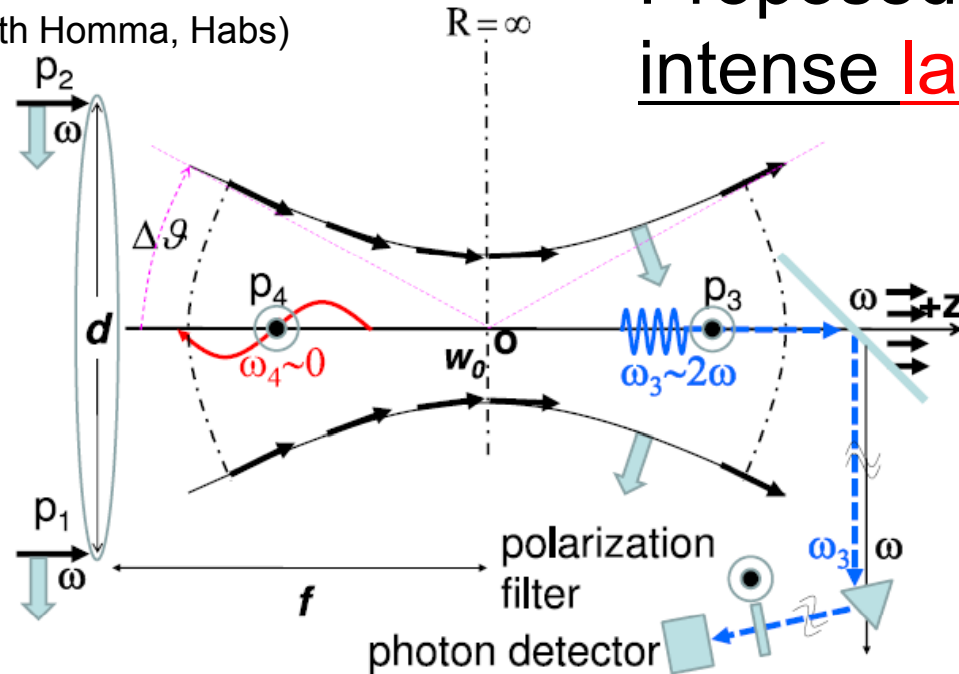
(with Homma, Habs)

# Learning from **laser** parametric scattering: low energy (meV - neV) **fields (vacua)**



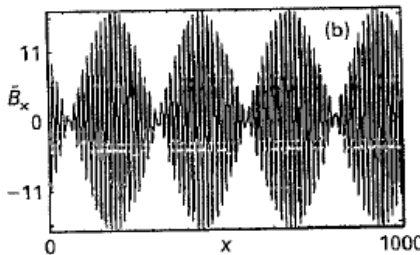
## Proposed scheme of co-parallel intense **laser** probe of **vacuum**

(with Homma, Habs)



Many orders of magnitude gain  
in resonant coupling and  
sensitivity over long interaction:  
Nonlinearity of **vacuum**

$$\omega + \omega \rightarrow 2\omega \text{ (SHG a la Franken)}$$

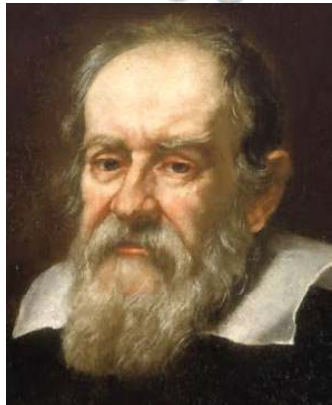
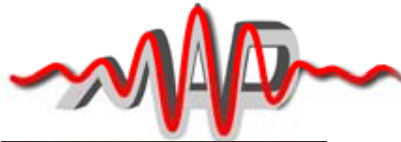


cf. Brillouin forward scattering beat / optical  
parametric excitation = phonon mediating  
(Nambu-Goldston boson)

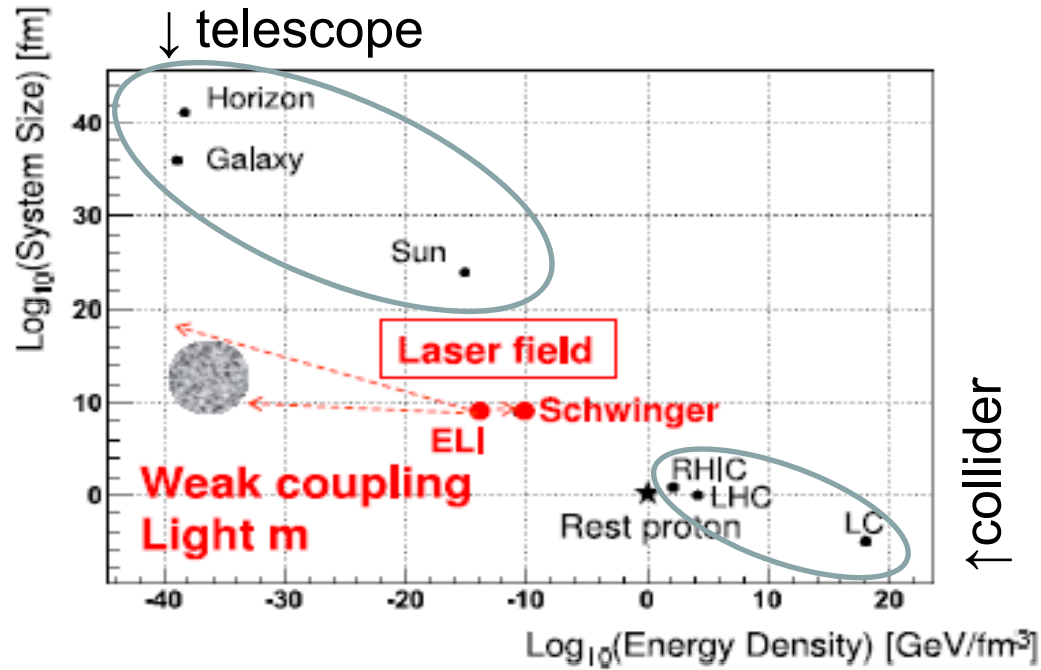
Mass of light fields(dark energy fields, axion-like fields) resonates  
with specific crossing angle of co-propagating **lasers**



# Scope of High Field Science vs traditional approaches



Weak coupling  
Cosmological observation  
 $m=0$



Strong coupling  
Heavy  $m$   
High energy collider



(with Homma, Habs)





(Mourou, 2010)