

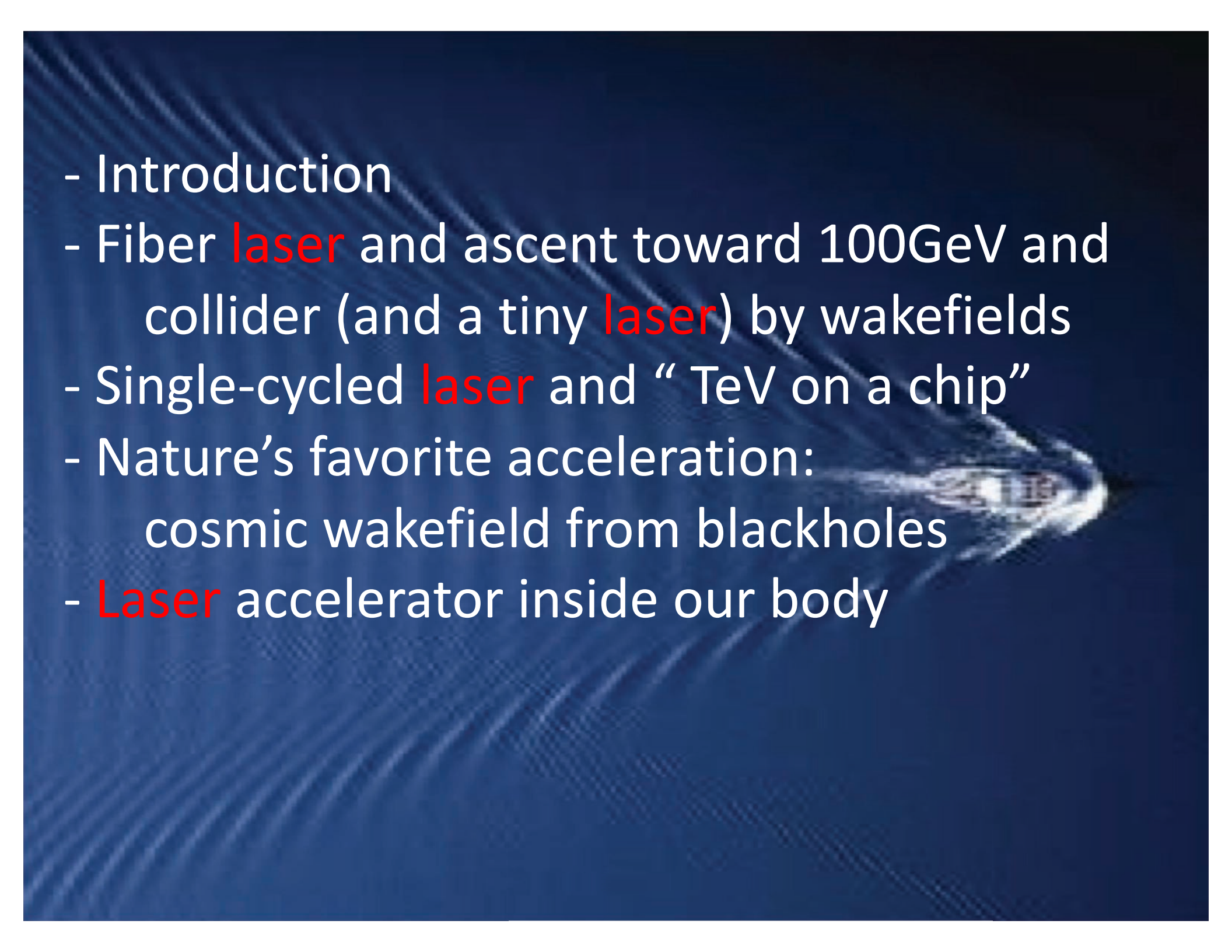
# **Laser** wakefields in plasma, nanostructures, and blackhole vicinities



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- Introduction
  - Fiber **laser** and ascent toward 100GeV and collider (and a tiny **laser**) by wakefields
  - Single-cycled **laser** and “TeV on a chip”
  - Nature’s favorite acceleration:  
cosmic wakefield from blackholes
  - **Laser** accelerator inside our body

# Fermi PeV Accelerator

$$\alpha = \frac{\hbar^2}{e c}$$

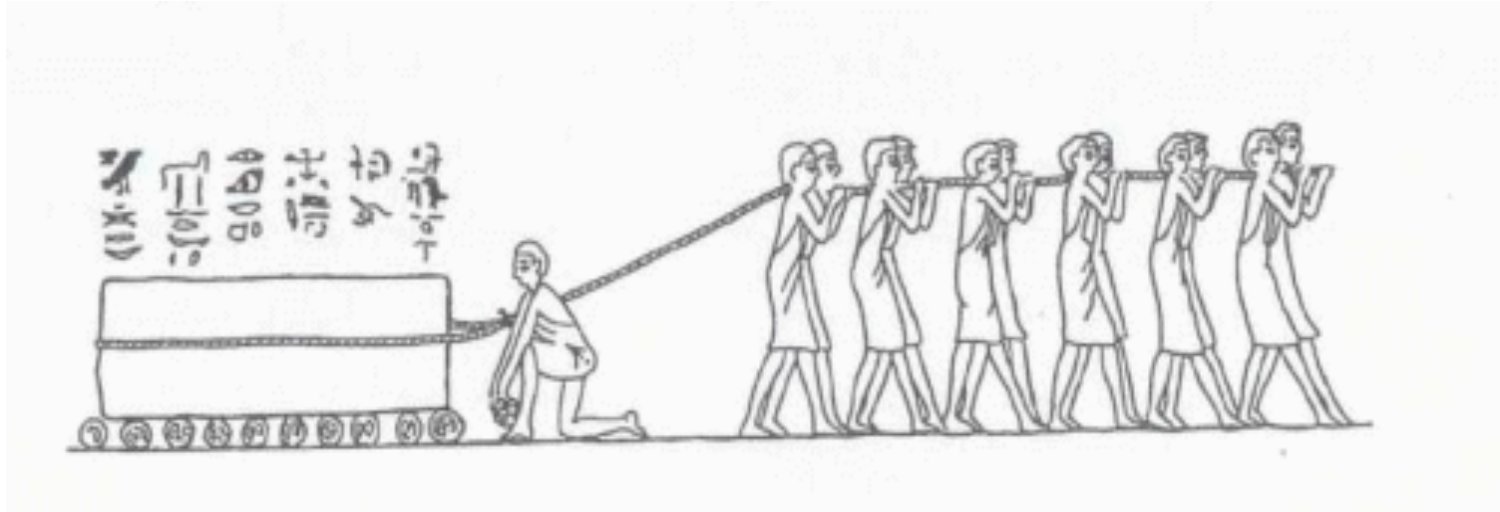


Also, Fermi's cosmic acceleration (1954): stochastic acceleration

# Plasma accelerator driven by beam/pulse

Collective force  $\sim N^2$  (nonlinear  $\leftarrow$  linear force  $\sim N$ )

Coherent and smooth structure (not stochastic)



## Plasma accelerator driven by **laser** (coherent photons)

$\leftarrow$  [*Fermi's* challenge for PeV accelerator]

compactification by  $10^3 - 10^4$  ( even by  $10^6$  )  $\gg$  conventional accelerators

enabled by **laser** technology (intense ultrafast laser compression (Mourou et al.1985. 2013))

[particle beam-driven case: similar (if a bit lower)]

# Acceleration by plasma **wake** waves: History



V. Veksler

## Collective acceleration suggested:

Veksler (1956, CERN)

Driven by electron beam

(ion energy)~ (M/m)(electron energy)

**Many experimental attempts of plasma acceleration** (~60's -'70s, Rostoker's lab UCI included)

led to no such amplification

(ion energy)~ (2 $\alpha$ +1)x(electron)



N. Rostoker

**Mako-Tajima (UCI) analysis** (1978;1984)

sudden acceleration, ions untrapped, electrons return, while some run away

→ #1 **gradual acceleration necessary**

→ **Tajima-Dawson (1979, UCLA) wakefield**

#2 **electron acceleration** possible

with **trapping** (with the Tajima-

**Dawson field**) with **laser**, **more tolerant** for

sudden process



J. Dawson

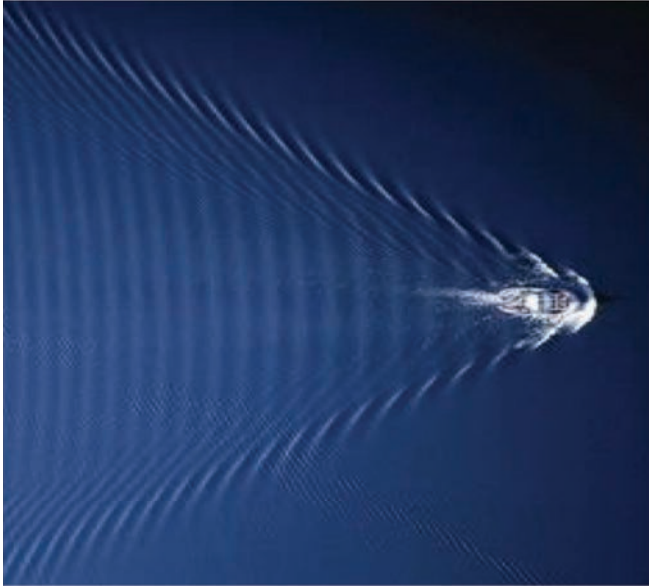
**Target Normal Sheath Acceleration**

**laser**-driven ion acceleration (LLNL,2000)

sudden acceleration, ions untrapped

# Laser Wakefield (LWFA):

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



Tsunami phase velocity becomes  $\sim 0$ ,  
causes **wavebreak** and **turbulence**

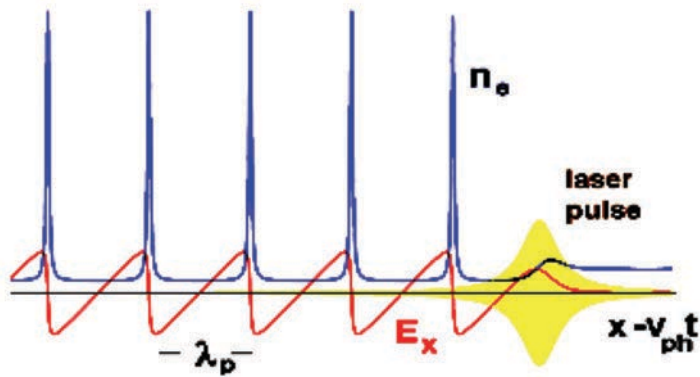


VS

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*)

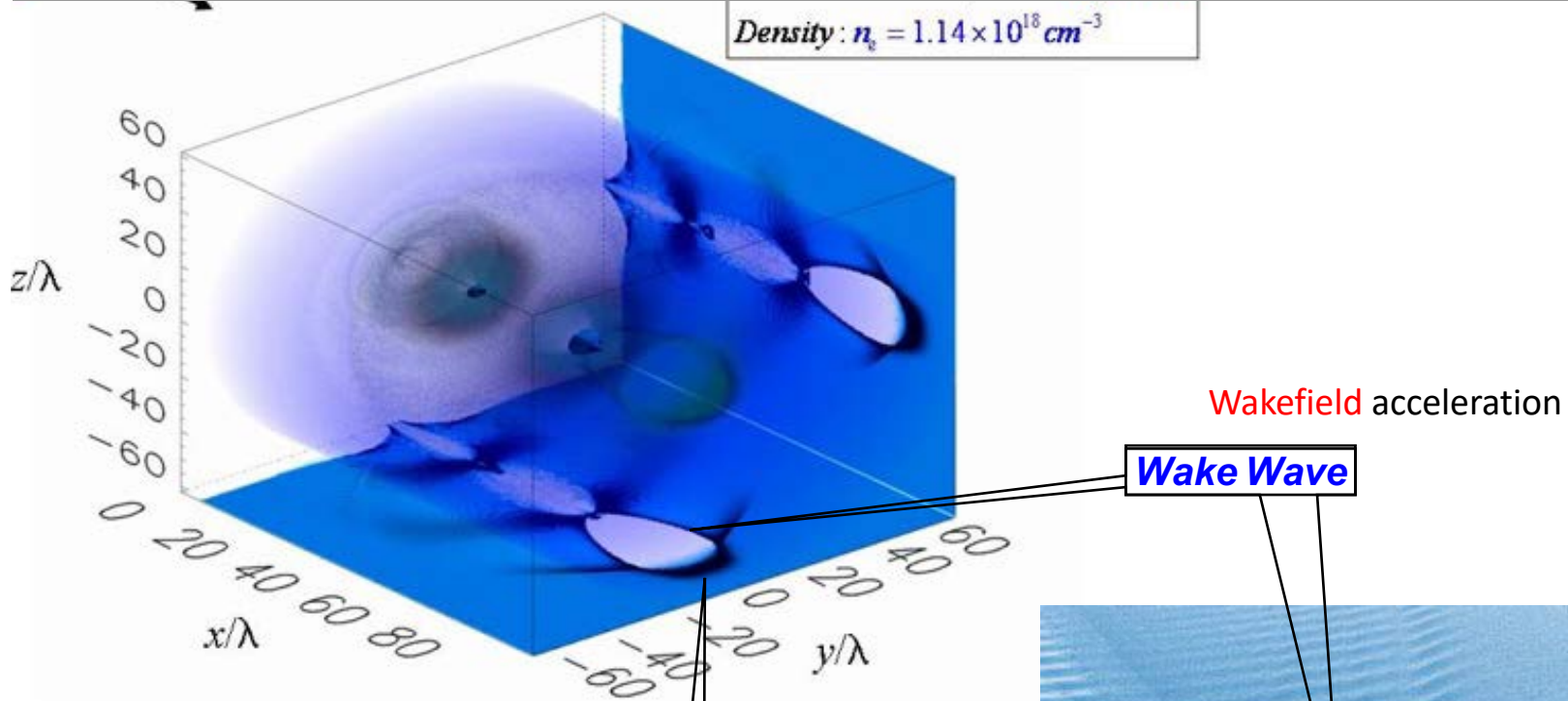


**Relativistic coherence** enhances beyond the Tajima-Dawson field  $E = m\omega_p c / e$  ( $\sim$  GeV/cm)

# High phase velocity paradigm

Low phase velocity	High phase velocity
Plasma tends to be unstable	Stable state exists (Landau-Ginzburg state)
$v_{ph} \sim v_{th}$	$v_{ph} \gg v_{th}$
Mode interacts with bulk plasma (Landau resonance)	Mode insulated from bulk plasma
Mode-mode coupling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ More modes</li> <li>→ More turbulence</li> </ul>	Mode maintains coherence
Strongly nonlinear regime (large Reynolds' number) → strong turbulence	Strongly nonlinear regime → strongly coherent Relativistic effects further strengthen coherence
Plasma fragile → anomalous transport, structure disintegration	Plasma cannot be destroyed, structures are formed. Violence tolerated
Trapping: $v_{tr} \lesssim v_{th} \sim v_{ph}$ $x_{tr} = \sqrt{\frac{cE}{B} \frac{L_s}{k_y v_{\parallel}}} \quad 22$	Trapping: $v_{tr} = \sqrt{qE/mk} \quad 13$ <p>If wave pumped, <math>v_{tr}</math> increases until <math>v_{tr} \sim v_{ph} \gg v_{th} \rightarrow</math> acceleration or injection</p> <p>Tajima-Dawson saturation:  <math display="block">E_{TD} = \frac{m\omega_p c}{e}</math> </p>
Characteristic structure: Sheath	Characteristic structure: Wake
Energy gain: by coherent accumulation of electron charges of the sheath (energy amplification of sheath charge accumulation $2\alpha + 1$ (coherence parameter $\alpha$ ) <sup>18</sup>	Energy gain: by energy amplification over the trapping width $v_{tr} \sim v_{ph}$ (Lorentz transform factor $2\gamma^2 = 2 n_{cr} / n_e$ )

# Laser-driven Bow and Wake



(Bulanov, Esirkepov)



**Wake Wave**

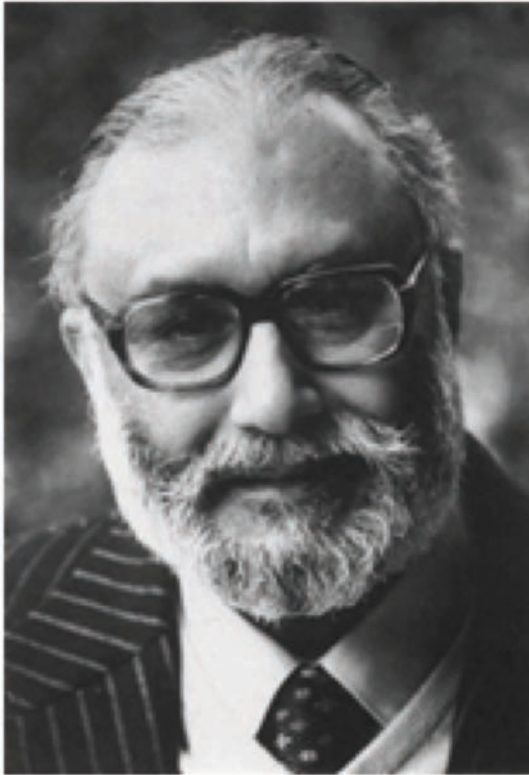
**Bow Wave**

Ponderomotive acceleration

Wakefield acceleration



# The late Prof. **Abdus Salam**



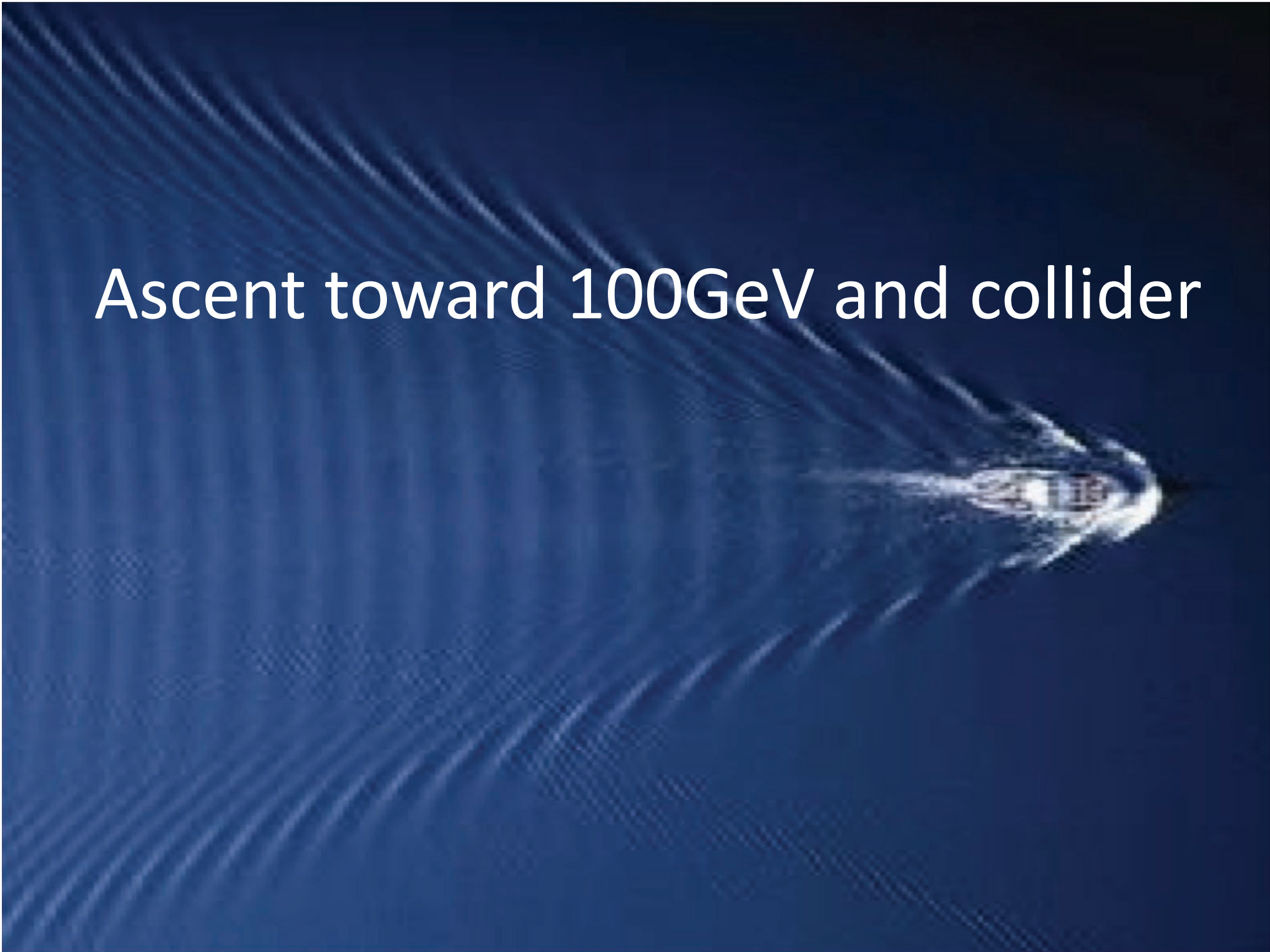
At ICTP Summer School (Trieste, 1981), Prof. **Abdus Salam** summoned me and discussed about **laser wakefield** acceleration.

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

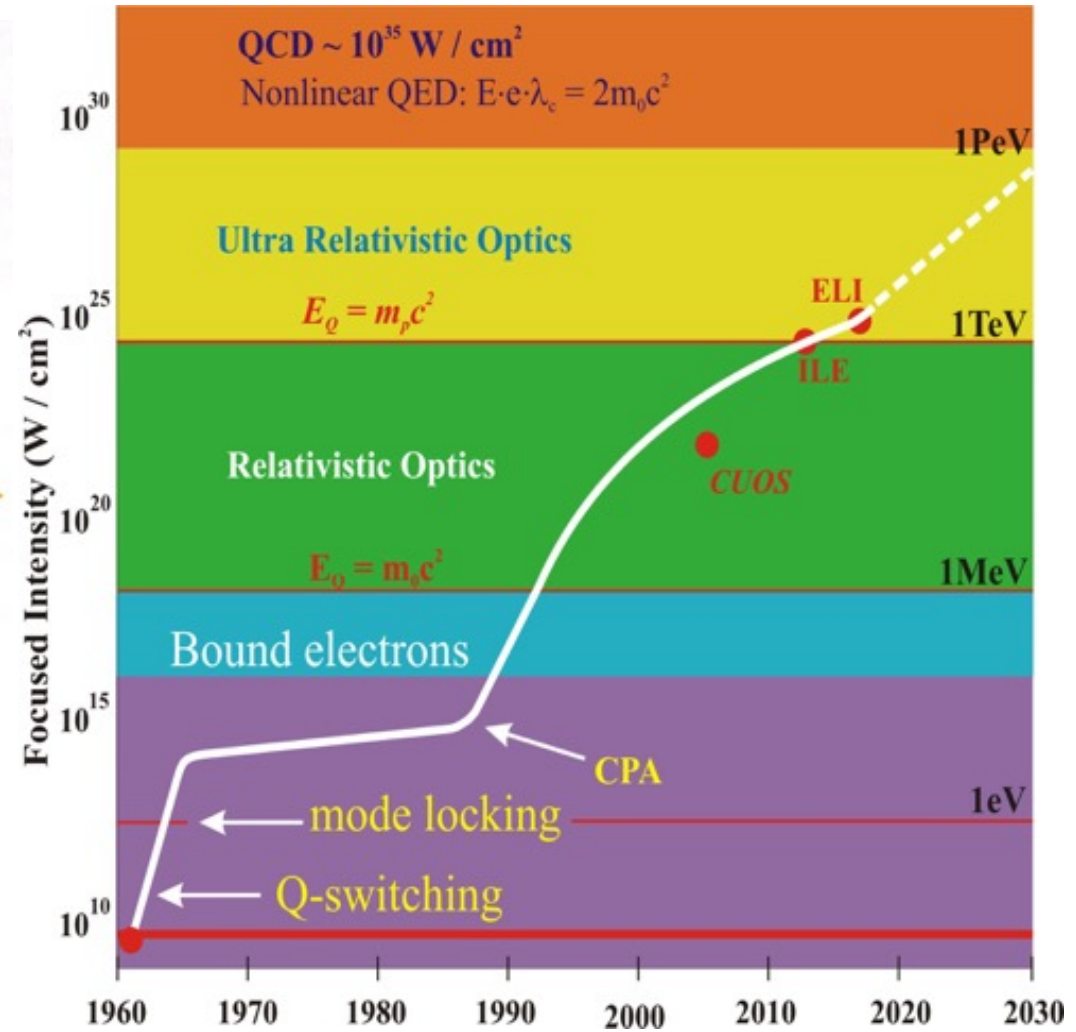
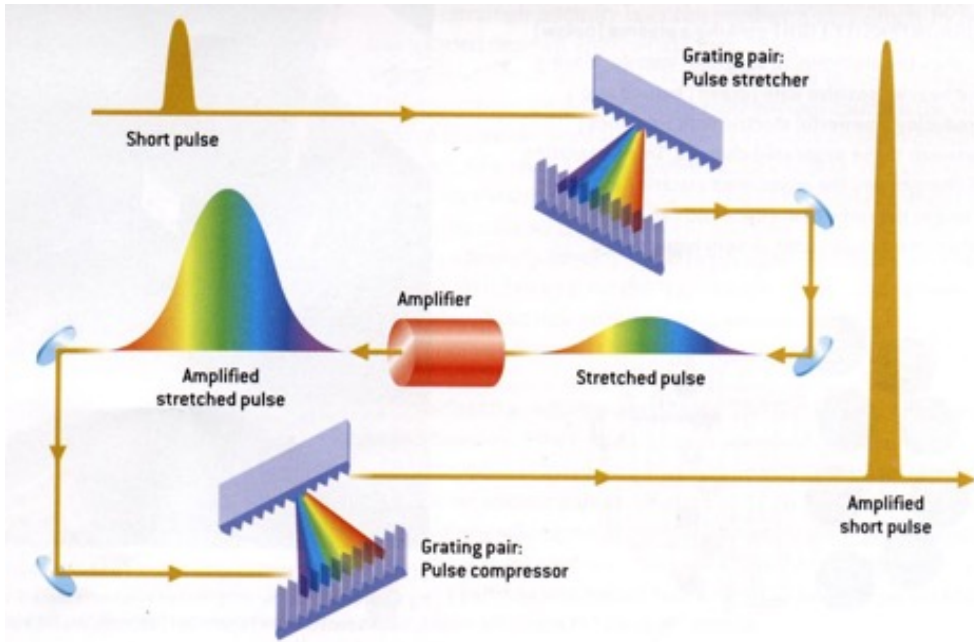
He organized the Oxford Workshop on **laser wakefield** accelerator in 1982.

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

Ascent toward 100GeV and collider



# Enabling technology: **laser** revolution

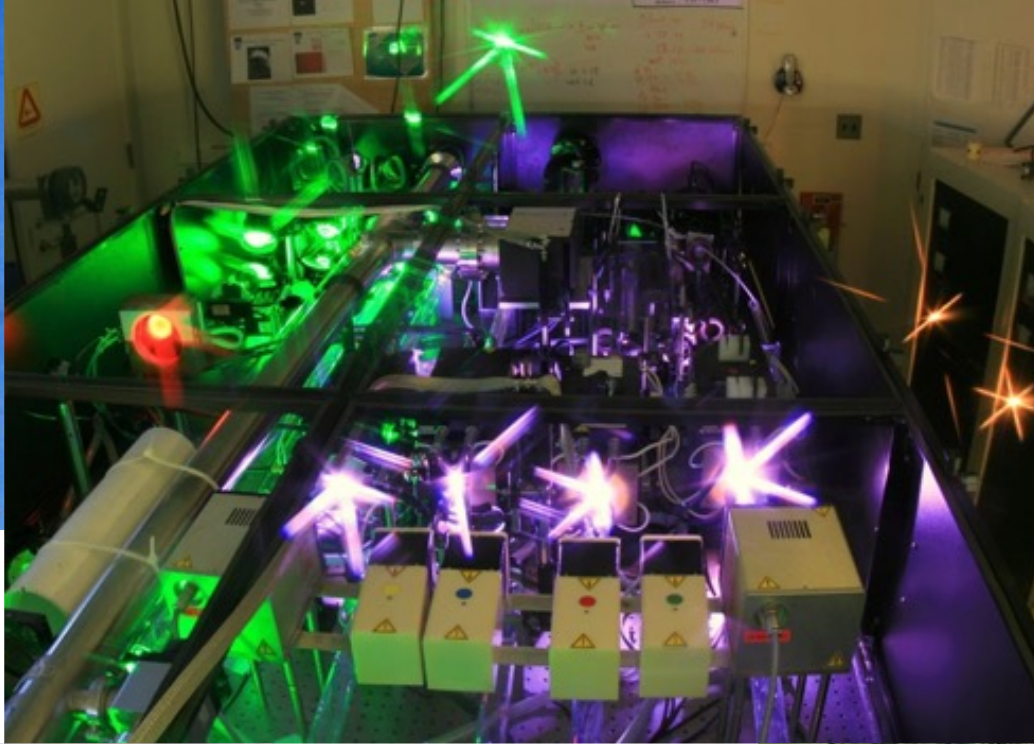


G. Mourou-D. Strickland invented **Chirped Pulse Amplification** (1985)

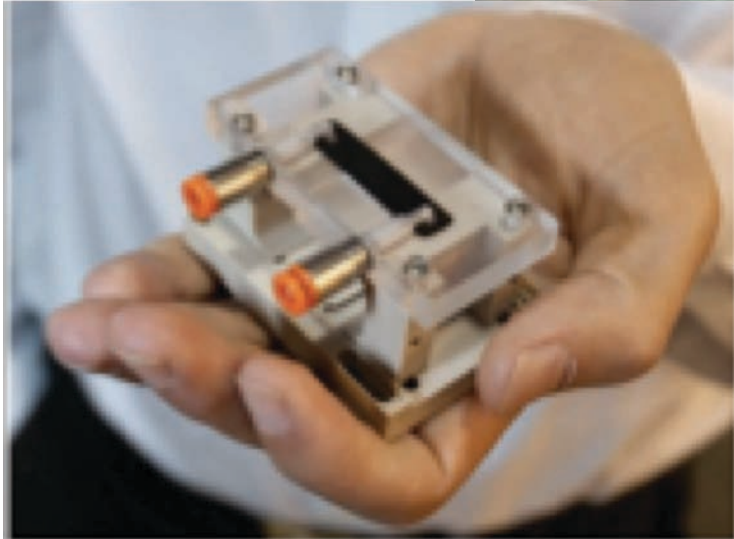
**Laser** intensity exponentiated since,

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

# Demonstration, realization, and applications of **laser wakefield** accelerators



(Michigan)



4 GeV laser accelerator LBL

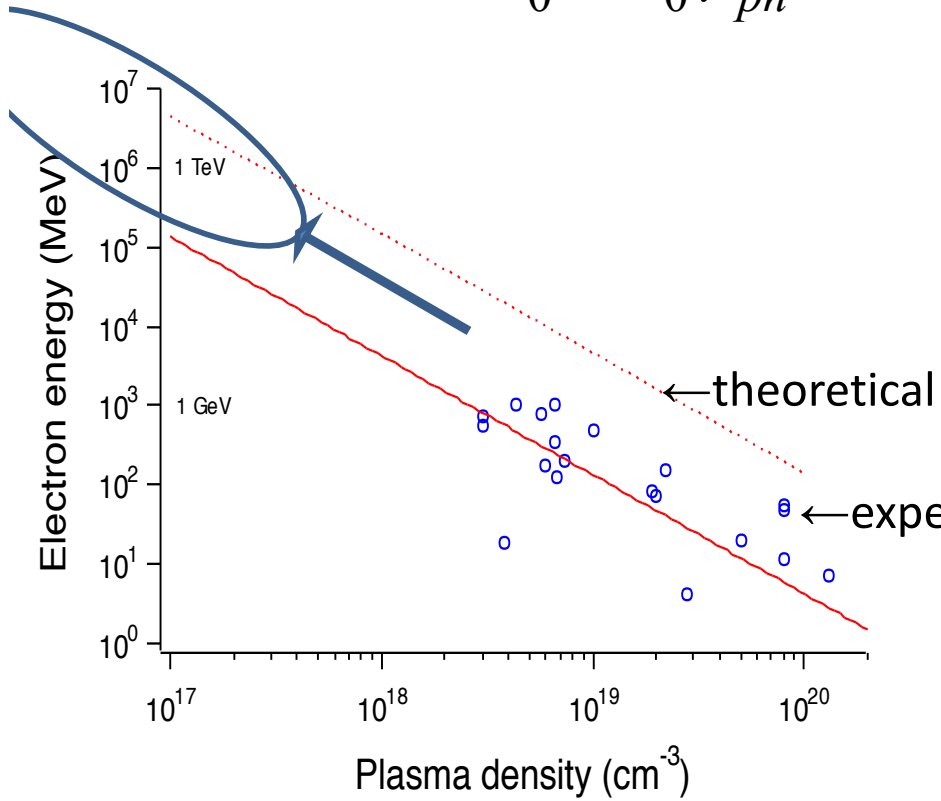


3GeV Synchrotron SOLEIL



# Theory of **wakefield** toward extreme energy

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



In order to avoid wavebreak,

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

where

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

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

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

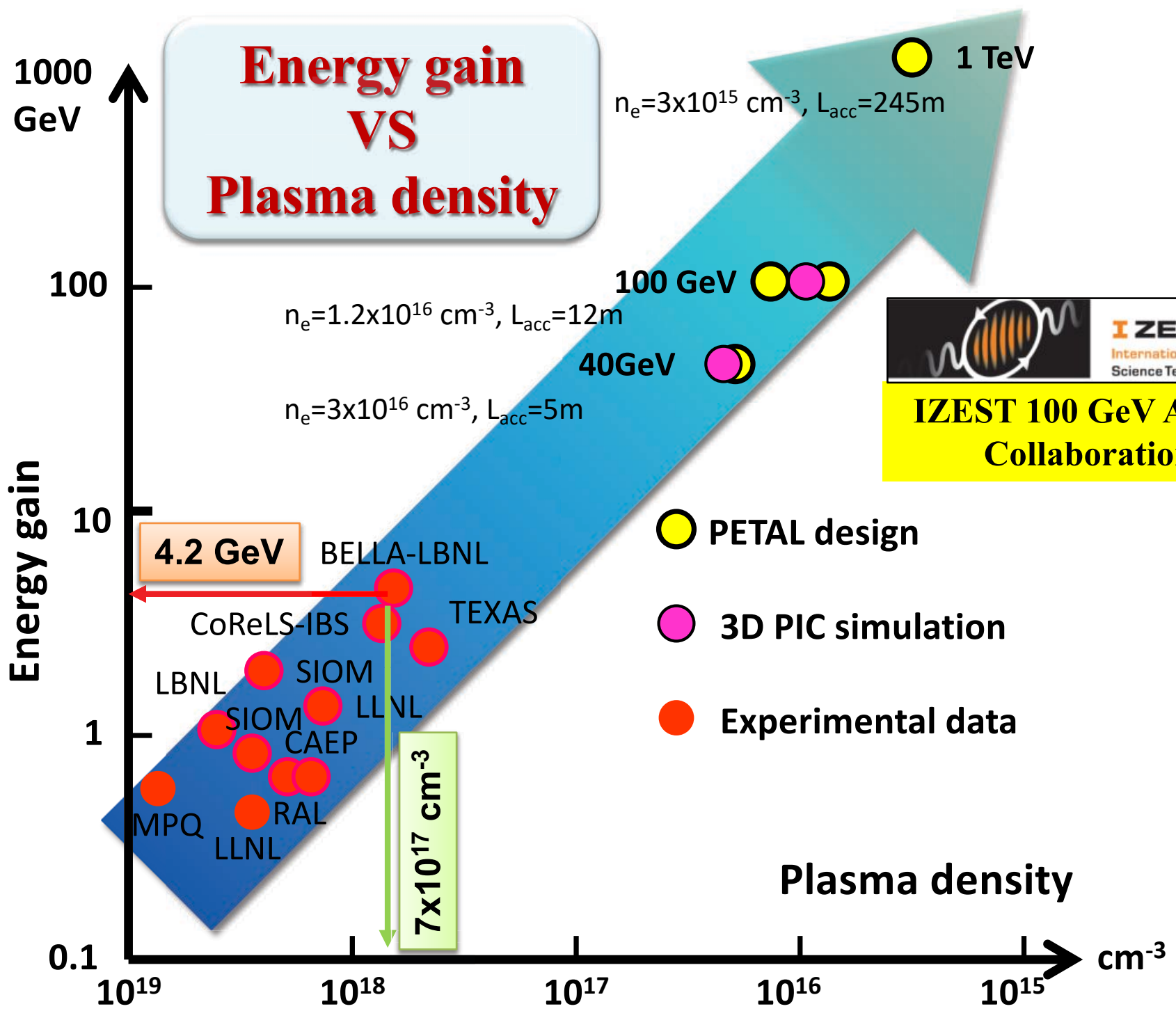
$$n_e = 10^{16} \text{ (gas)} \rightarrow 10^{23} \text{ (solid)}$$

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

dephasing length

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

pump depletion length



# IZEST 100 GeV Ascent Plan

K. Nakajima

at CEA-Bordeaux

**PETAL laser**

**3.5 kJ, 500fs, 7 PW**

LMJ target chamber

10m diameter

PETAL Laser 7 PW

CEA-LMJ

Plasma Waveguide ~30 m

Beam diagnostics

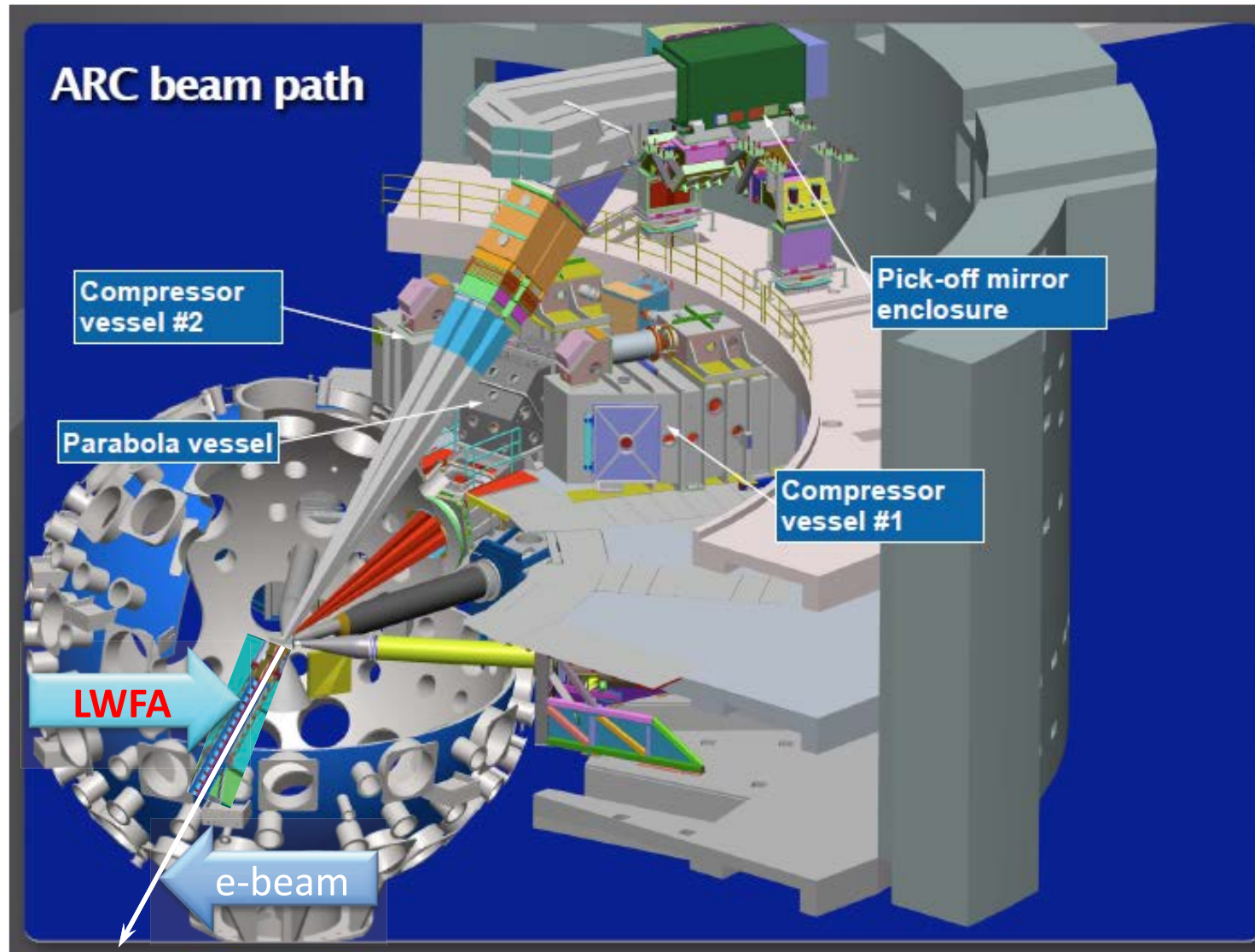
Experiment parameters	
Energy gain [GeV]	100
Plasma density [ $10^{15}$ cm $^{-3}$ ]	12
Accelerator length [m]	12
Normalized field $a_0$	3
Spot radius [ $\mu$ m]	110
Pulse duration [fs]	500
Peak power [PW]	2.1
Pulse energy [kJ]	1



**IZEST**  
International Zeta-Exawatt  
Science Technology

**IZEST 100 GeV Ascent  
Collaboration**

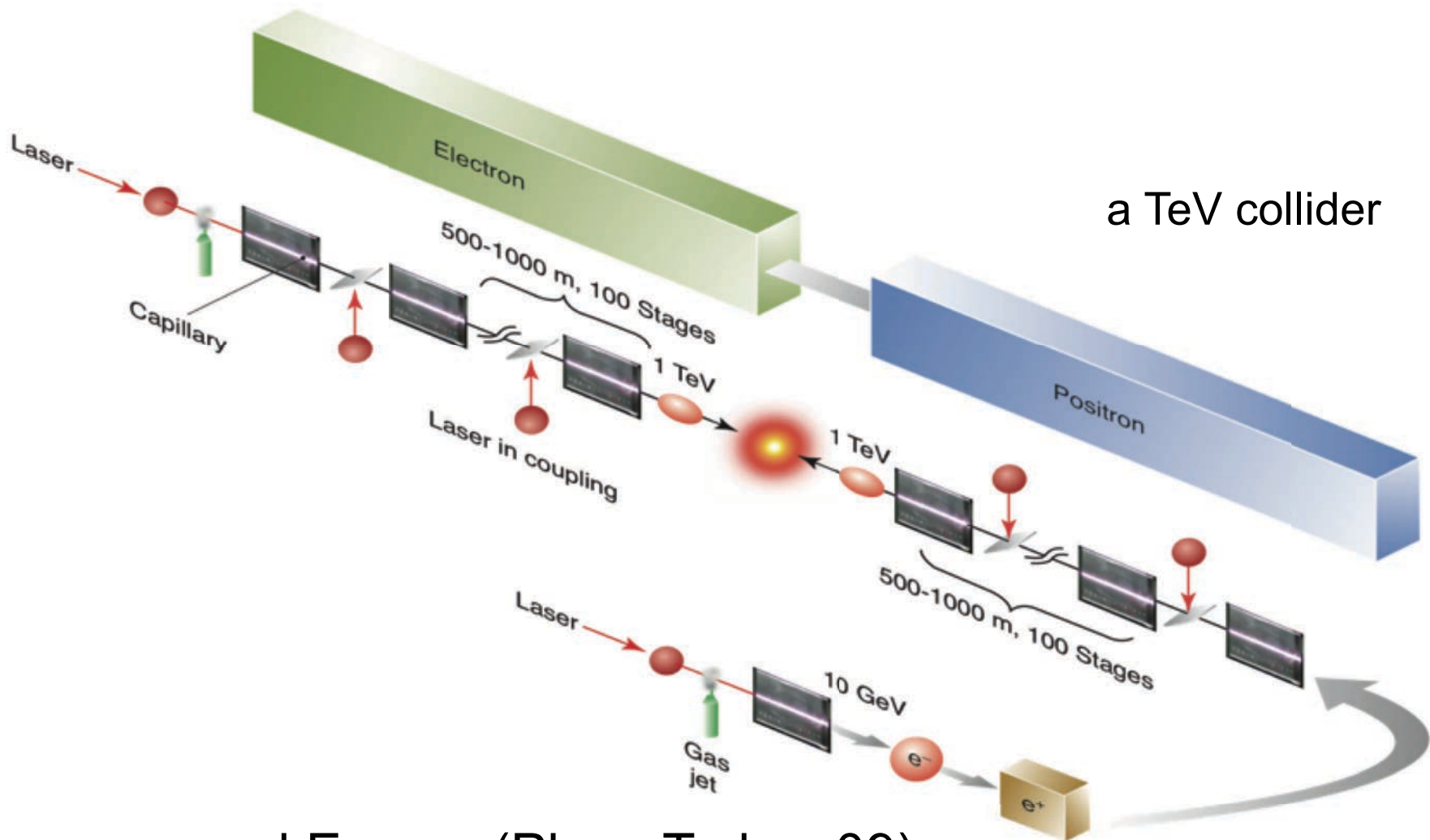
# 100 GeV UV LWFA experiment at LLNL ARC



by courtesy of C.P.J. Barty



# Laser driven collider concept



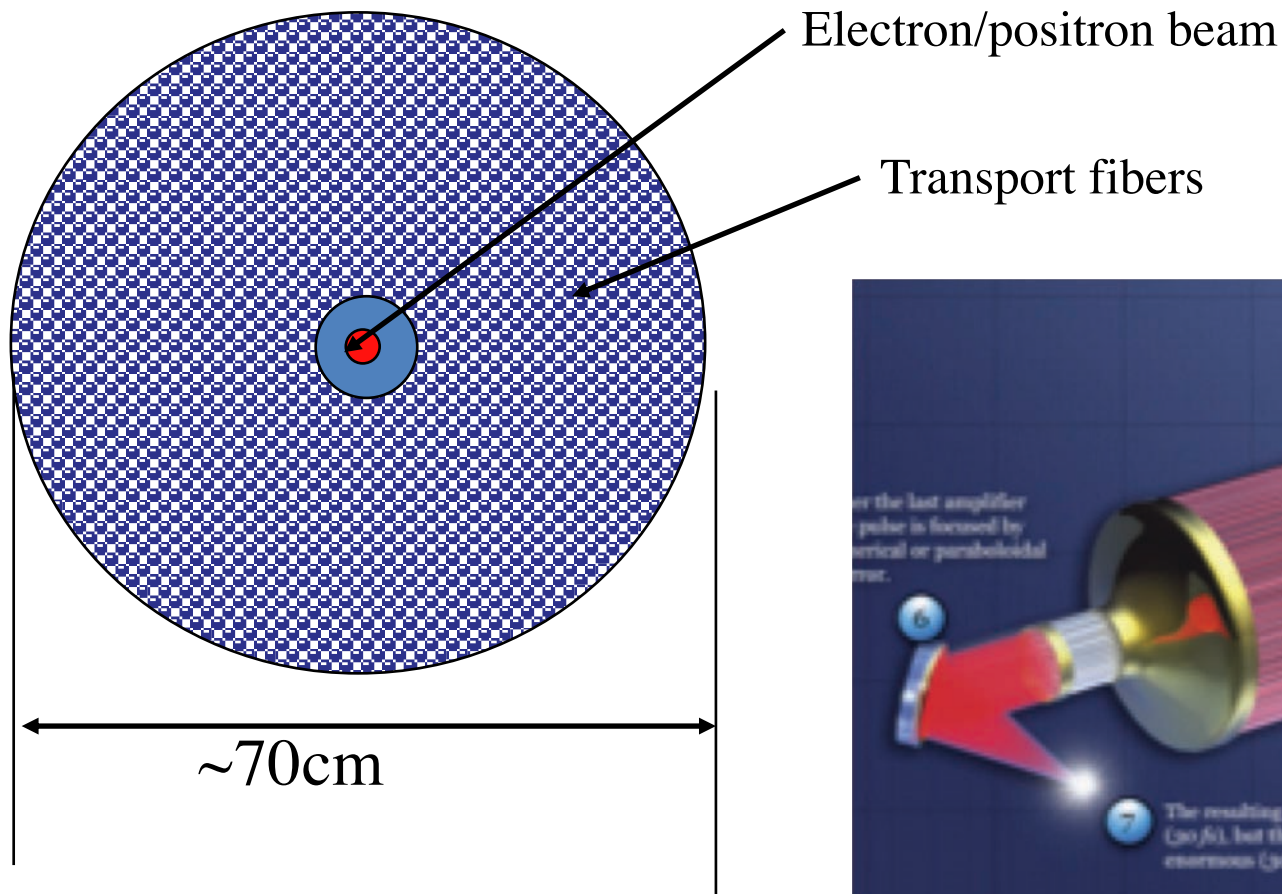
Leemans and Esarey (Phys. Today, 09)

ICFA-ICUIL Joint Task Force on Laser Acceleration (Darmstadt, 10)

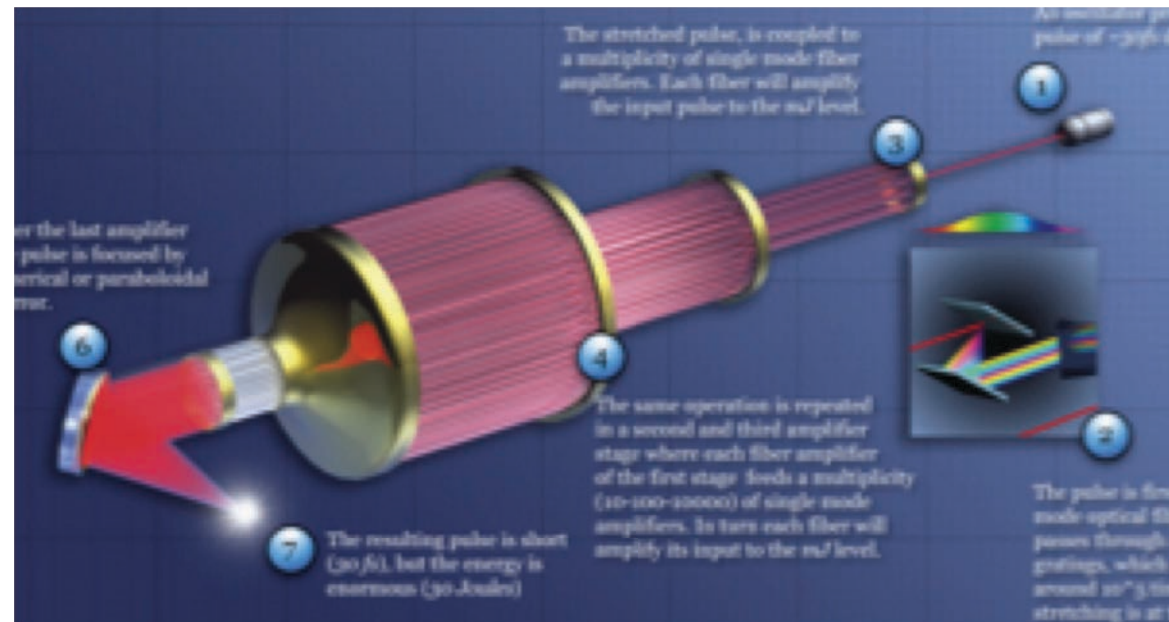
# CAN Laser:

Need to Phase

32 J/1mJ/fiber ~  $3 \times 10^4$  Phased Fibers!



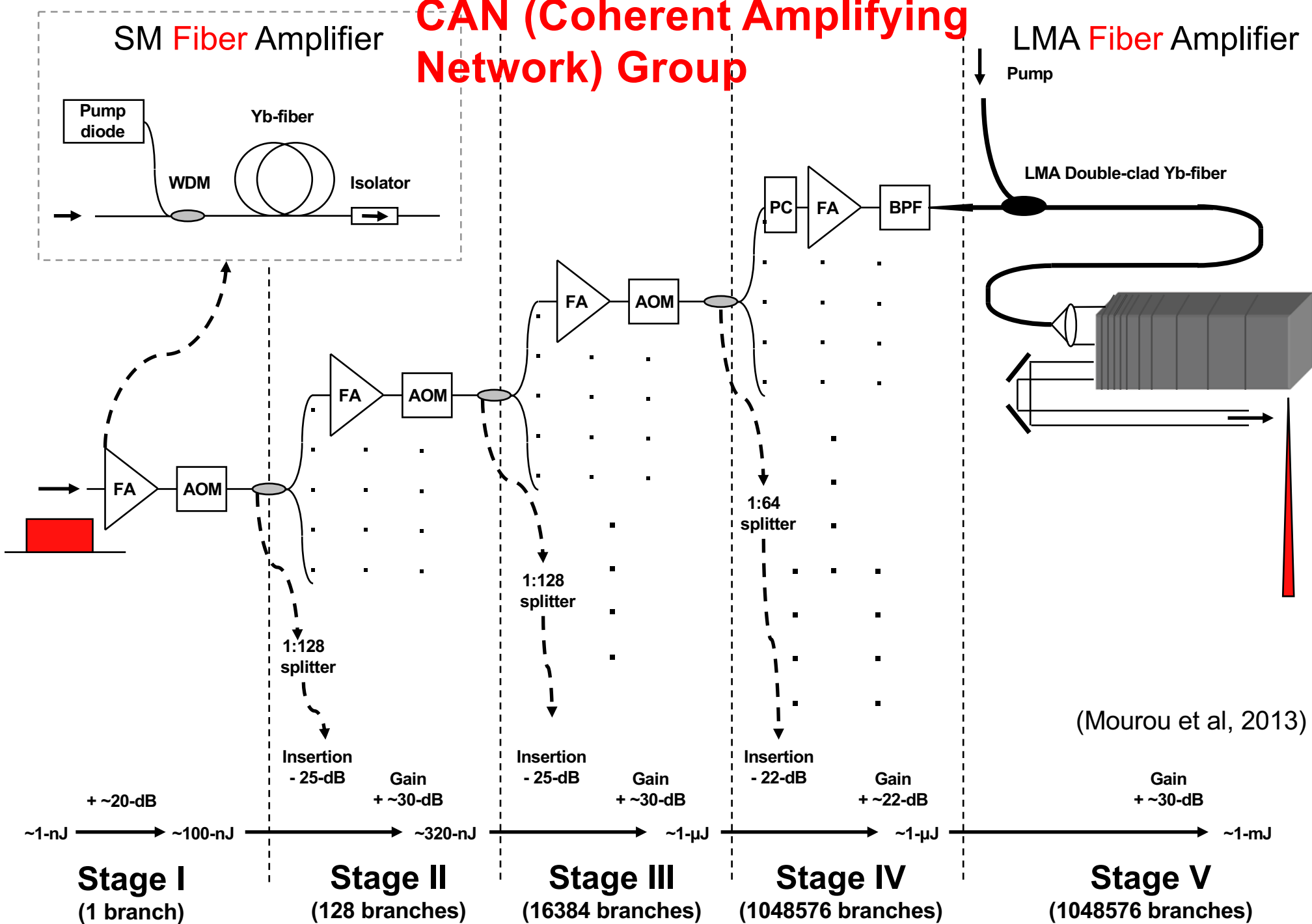
G. Mourou: patent (2009)  
Mourou, Broekesby, Tajima,  
Limpert (2013)



Length of a fiber ~2m

Total fiber length ~  $5 \times 10^4$  km

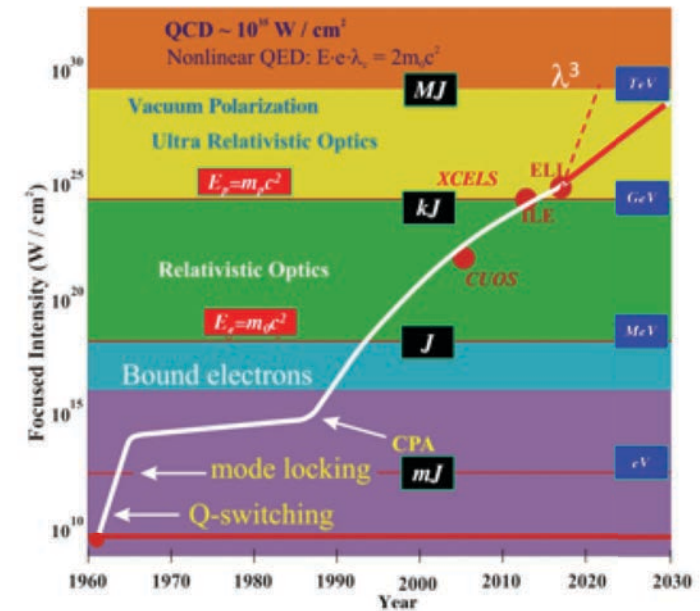
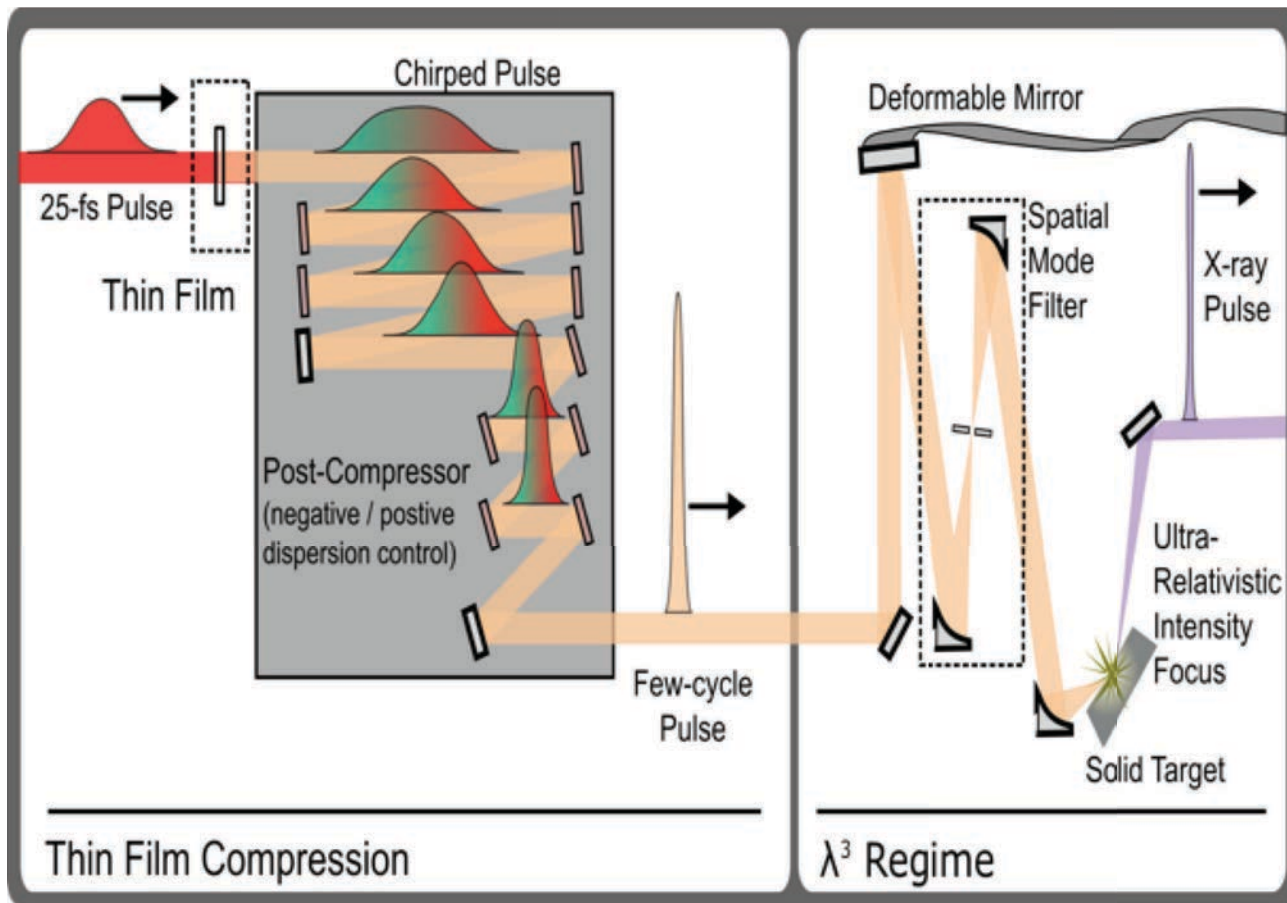
# CAN (Coherent Amplifying Network) Group



Single-cycled **laser** and “TeV on a chip”



# Thin film compression and single-cycle optical and X-ray lasers



# X-ray LWFA in crystal suggested

## X-ray Laser Wakefield Accelerator in crystal:

LWFA pump-depletion length:

$$L_{acc} \sim a_X (c/\omega_p) (\omega_X/\omega_p)^2, \quad (a_X = eE_X/mc\omega_X)$$

LWFA energy gain

$$\varepsilon_X = 2a_X^2 mc^2 (n_{cr}/n_e),$$

Here,  $n_{cr} = 10^{29}$ ,  $n_e = 10^{23}$ ,  $a_X \sim 30$  (pancake laser pulse with the **Schwinger intensity**, with focal radius assumed the same as optical laser radius. Could be greater if we further focus by optics, or nonlinearity, or if we not limit the intensity at **Schwinger**. see below)

The **vacuum self-focus** power threshold

$$P_{cr} = (45/14) c E_S^2 \lambda^2 \alpha^{-1}, \quad (E_S: \text{Schwinger field})$$

## Schwinger fiber acceleration in vacuum:

(no surface, no breakdown)

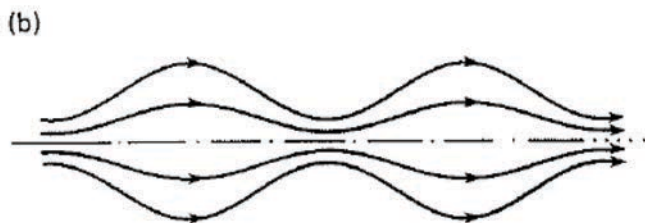
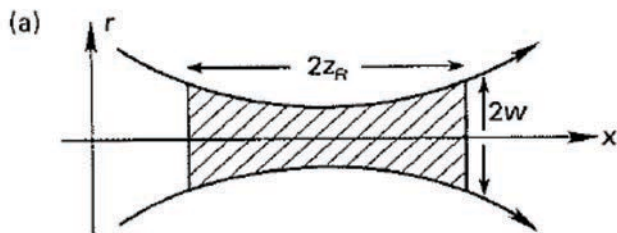
Vacuum photon dispersion relation with focus

$$\omega = c \sqrt{k_z^2 + \langle k_{perp}^2 \rangle},$$

The **vacuum dispersion relation** with fiber self-modulation

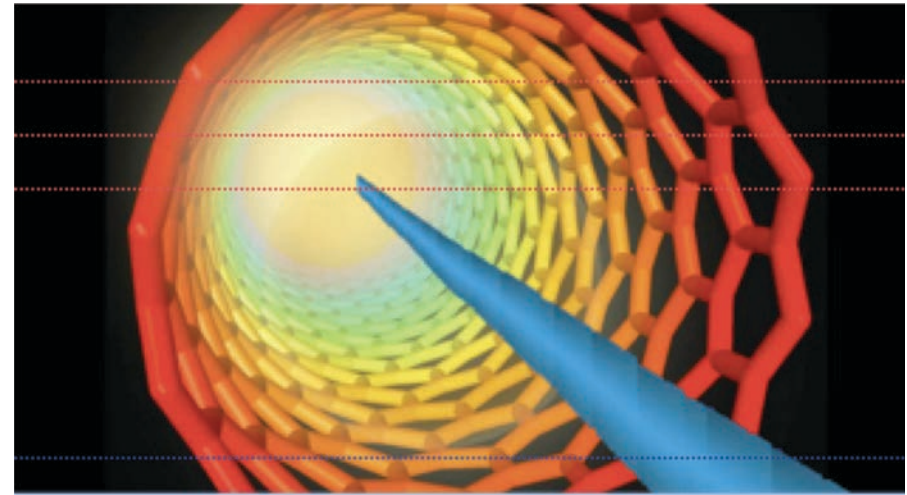
$$\omega / (k_z + k_s) = c, \quad (k_s = 2\pi / s)$$

(Tajima and Cavenago, PRL, 1987)

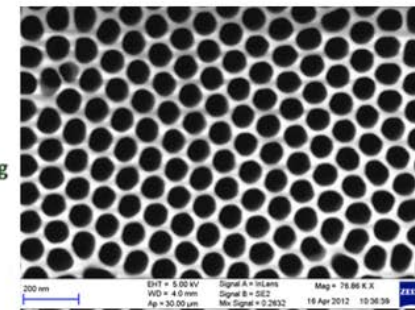
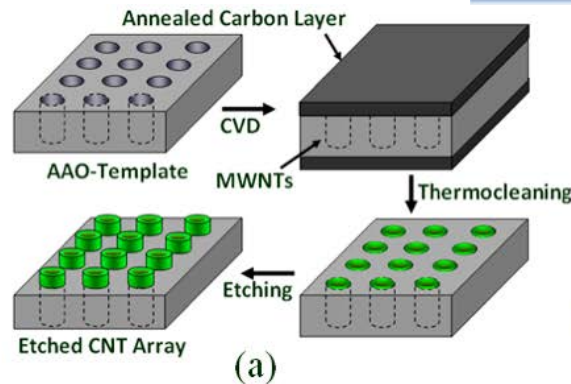


# Wakefield acceleration in porous nanomaterials

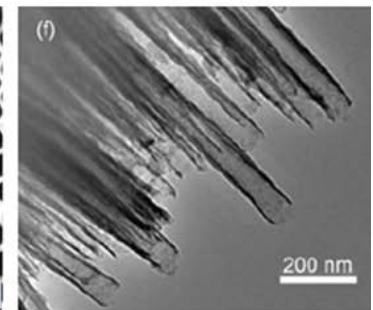
Carbon nanotube with  
Particle beam / X-ray pulse



Porous nanomaterial



(b)



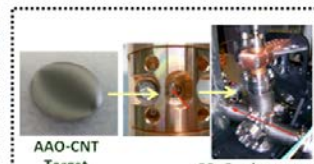
(c)



Masked Micro-Buncher

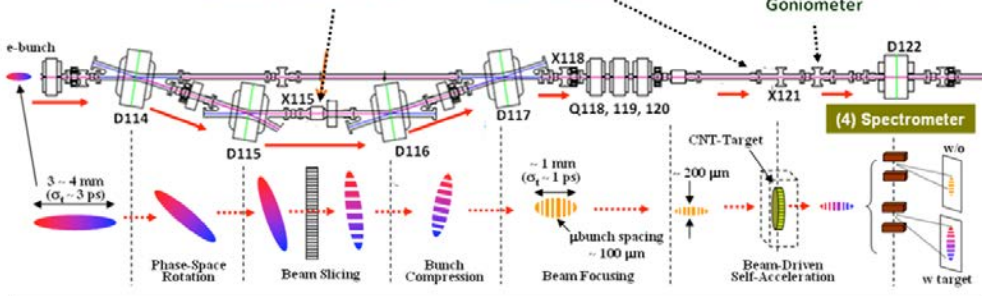


Beam Monitor



AAO-CNT Target

Goniometer



Collaboration (2015) with Fermilab / NIU  
Y. Shin et al.

# Earlier works of X-ray crystal acceleration

-X-ray optics and fields (Tajima et al. PRL,1987)

-Nanocrystal hole for particle propagation (Newberger, Tajima, et al. 1989, AAC; PR,..)

-particle transport in the crystal (Tajima et al. 1990, PA)

## APPLICATION OF NOVEL MATERIAL IN CRYSTAL ACCELERATOR CONCEPTS

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which incorporate regular macroscopic features on the underlying crystal lattice are of potential application to crystal accelerators and coherent sources. We have recently begun an investigation of material, porous Si, in which pores of radii up to a lattice spacings are etched through finite volumes crystal. The potential reduction of losses to particle transport in crystal accelerators for relativistic, positively charged particles. Our results on material properties which are of interest in this context will be presented. The consequences of particle transport will be discussed.

and  $k = v_0/m_1c^2$ ,  $v_0$ , is the "spring constant of the channel well. Its specific form depends on the method to construct the continuum potential of a string of atoms. For most purposes it suffices to take a typical value of  $2 \times 10^{10}$  dyn/cm is the multiple scattering velocity space "diffusion" We have used<sup>10</sup>

$$D = 2\pi r_E^2 N Z_{\text{val}} \left(\frac{m_e}{m_1}\right)^2 L_R,$$

where  $r_E$  is the classical electron radius,  $Z_{\text{val}}$  is the number of valence electrons, and  $N$  is the number density of atoms. Logarithmic dependencies on particle energy are neglected throughout.  $L_R$  is a constant with a typical

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## BEAM TRANSPORT IN THE CRYSTAL X-RAY ACCELERATOR

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**Abstract** A Fokker-Planck model of charged particle transport in crystal channels which includes the effect of strong accelerating gradients has been developed<sup>1</sup> for application to

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### Crystal X-Ray Accelerator

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(Received 18 November 1986)

An ultimate linac structure is realized by an appropriate crystal lattice (superlattice) that serves as a "soft" irised waveguide for x rays. High-energy ( $\approx 40$  keV) x rays are injected into the crystal at the Bragg angle to cause Bormann anomalous transmission, yielding slow-wave accelerating fields. Particles (e.g., muons) are channeled along the crystal axis.

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An approach to the attainment of ever higher energies by extrapolating the linac to higher accelerating fields, higher frequencies, and finer structures is prompted by several considerations, including the luminosity requirement which demands the radius of the colliding-beam spot be proportionately small at high energies:  $a_0 = \pi^{-1/2} h c (f N)^{-1/2} P \epsilon^{-2}$ , where  $f$ ,  $N$ ,  $P$ , and  $\epsilon$  are the duty cycle, total number of events, beam power, and beam energy, respectively. This approach, however, encounters a physical barrier when the photon energy becomes of the order  $h\omega = h\omega_p = mc^2 a^2 \approx 30$  eV ( $a =$  the fine-structure constant), corresponding to wavelength (scale length)  $\lambda \approx 500$  Å. The metallic wall begins to absorb the photon strongly, where  $\omega_p$  is the plasma frequency corresponding to the crystal electron density. In addition, since the wall becomes not perfectly conducting for  $h\omega \geq mc^2 a^2$ , the longitudinal component of fields becomes small and the photon goes almost straight into the wall (a soft-wall regime). As the photon energy  $h\omega$  much exceeds  $mc^2 a^2$  and becomes  $\geq mc^2 a$ , however, the metal now ceases to be opaque. The mean free path of the photon is given by Bethe-Bloch theory as  $l = (3/2^3 \pi) \times a_0^{-2} a^{-1} n^{-1} (h\omega/Z_{\text{eff}} R)^{1/2}$ , where  $a_0$  is the Bohr radius,  $n$  the electron density,  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  the effective charge of the lattice ion, and  $R$  the Rydberg energy.

In the present concept the photon energy is taken at the hard x-ray range of  $h\omega = mc^2 a$  and the linac structure is replaced by a crystal structure, e.g., silicon or GaAs-AlAs. (A similar bold endeavor was apparently undertaken by Hofstadter already in 1968.<sup>1</sup>) Here the crystal axis provides the channel through which accelerated particles propagate with minimum scattering (channeling<sup>2</sup>) and the x rays are transmitted via the Bormann effect (anomalous transmission<sup>3,4</sup>) when the x rays (wavelength  $\lambda$ ) are injected in the  $xz$  plane with a

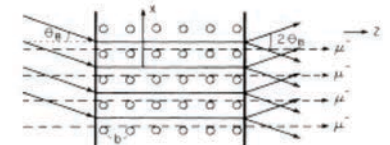
where  $b$  is the transverse lattice constant and later  $a$  the longitudinal lattice constant ( $a \approx b$ ) (see Fig. 1). The row of lattice ions (perhaps with inner-shell electrons) constitutes the "waveguide" wall for x rays, while they also act as periodic irises to generate slow waves. A superlattice<sup>5</sup> such as Ge<sub>1-x</sub>Si<sub>x</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (in which the relative concentration  $c$  ranges from 0 to 1 over 100 Å or longer in the longitudinal  $z$  direction) brings in an additional freedom in the crystal structure and provides a small Brillouin wave number  $k_z = 2\pi/s$  with  $s$  being the periodicity length. We demand that the x-ray light in the crystal channel walls becomes a slow wave and satisfies the high-energy acceleration condition

$$\omega/(k_z + k_x) = c, \quad (2)$$

where  $\omega$  and  $k_z$  are the light frequency and longitudinal wave number.

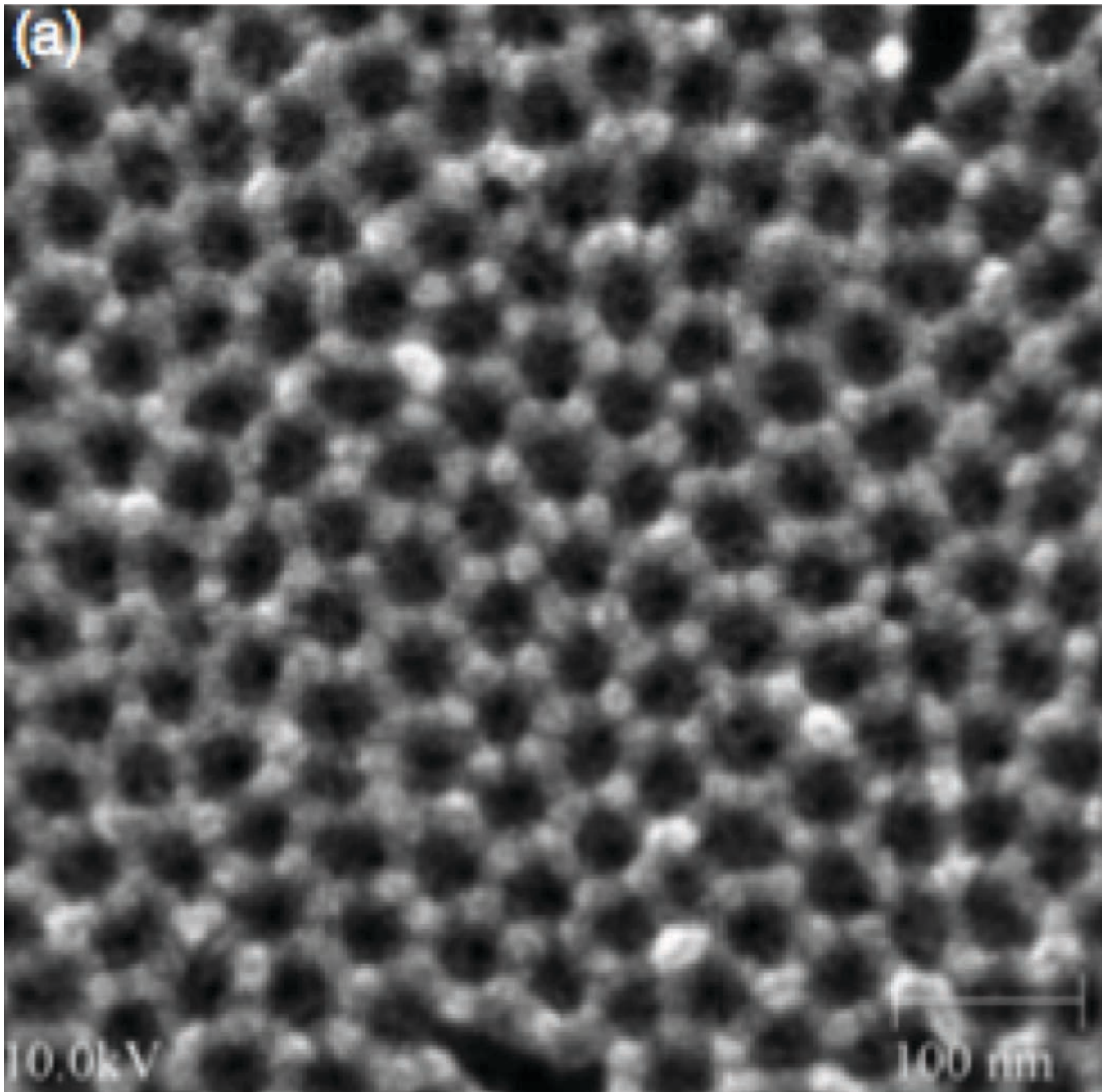
The energy loss of moving particles in matter is due to ionization, bremsstrahlung, and nuclear collisions. We can show<sup>6</sup> that a channeled high-energy particle moving fast in the  $z$  direction oscillates in the  $xy$  plane according to the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} (p_x^2 + p_y^2) + V(x, y), \quad (3)$$



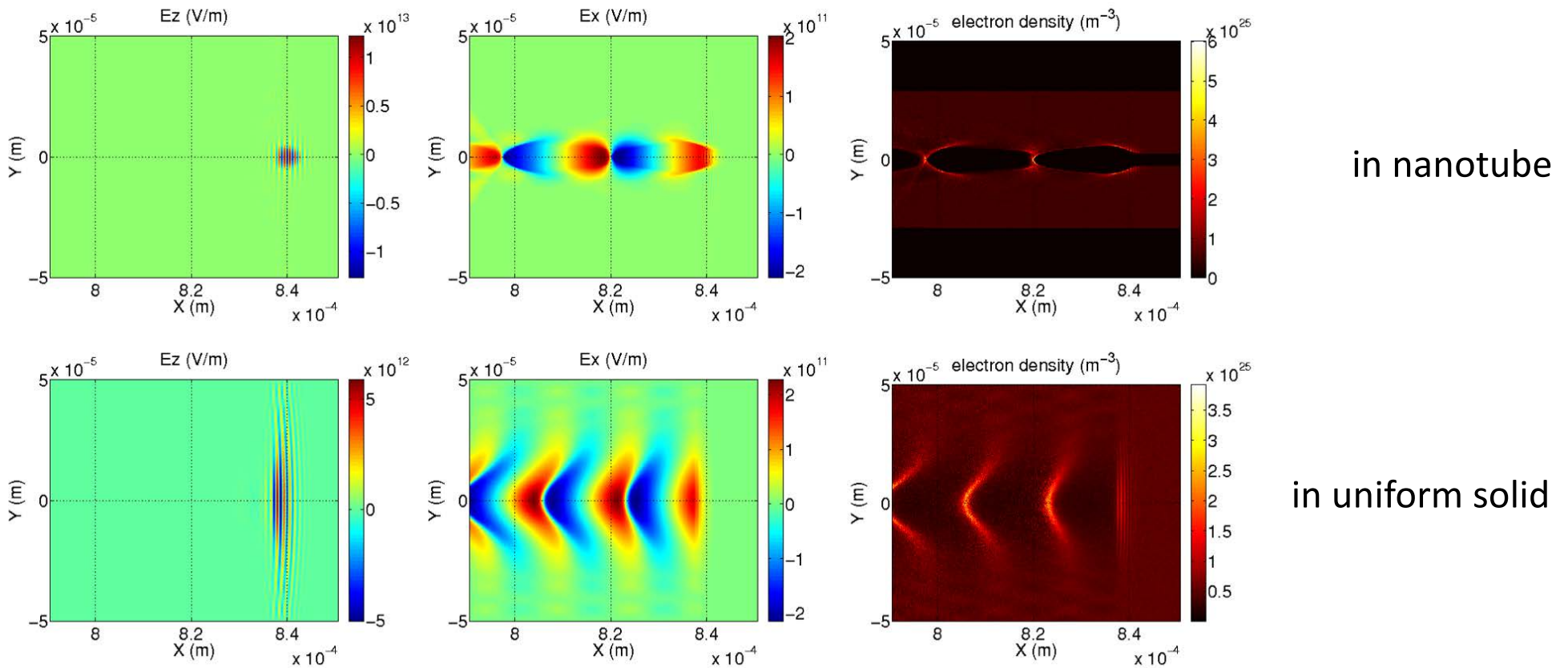


# Porous Nanomaterial



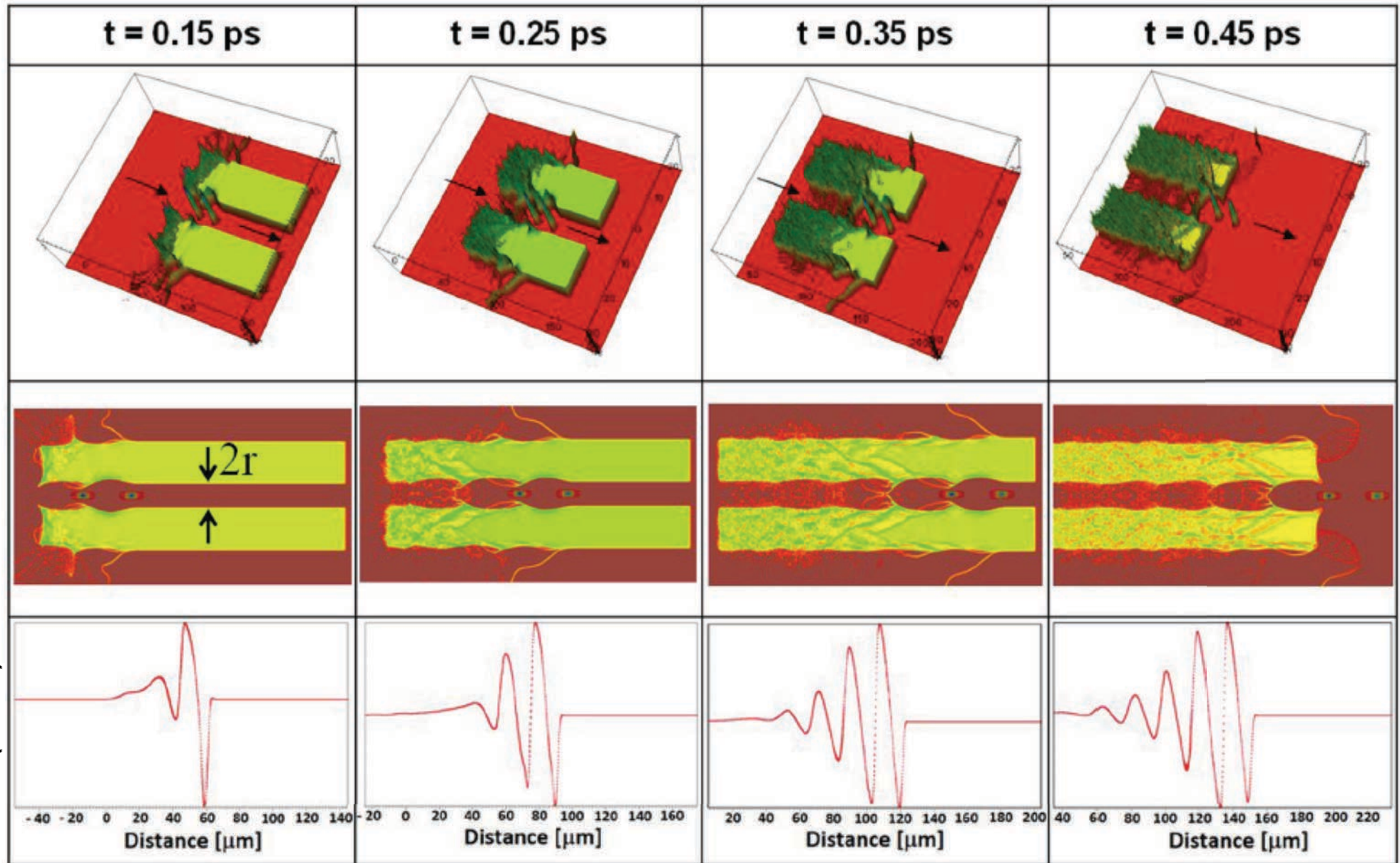
Porous alumina on Si substrate  
Nanotech. **15**, 833 (2004)

# X-ray LWFA in a tube vs. uniform solid

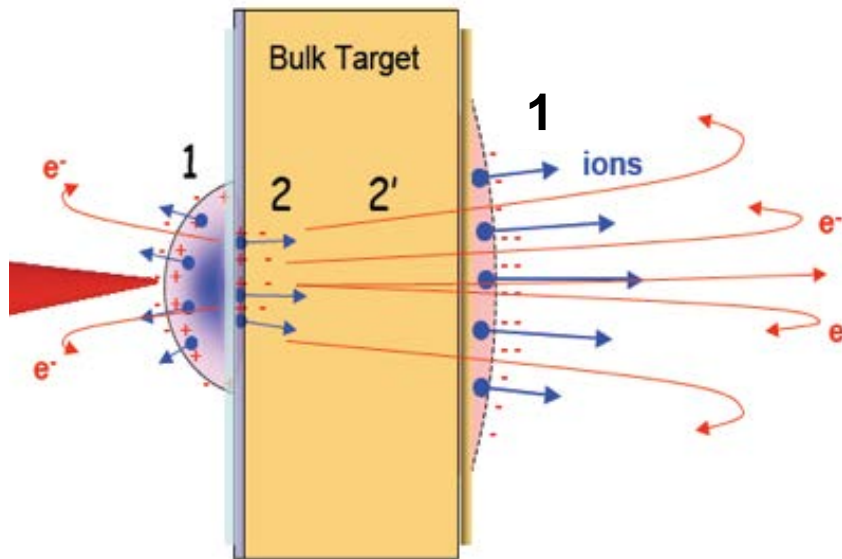


A few-cycled 1keV X-ray pulse ( $a_0 \sim O(1)$ ), causing 10TeV/m wakefield in the tube  
more strongly confined in the tube  
cf: uniform solid

# Beam-driven **wakefield** on a chip



# Laser-driven ion acceleration mechanisms



$$E \sim TV/m$$

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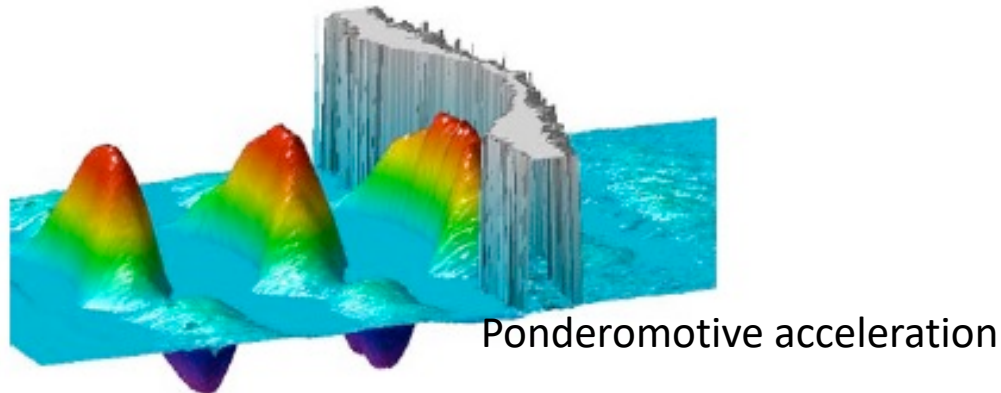
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incoherent process

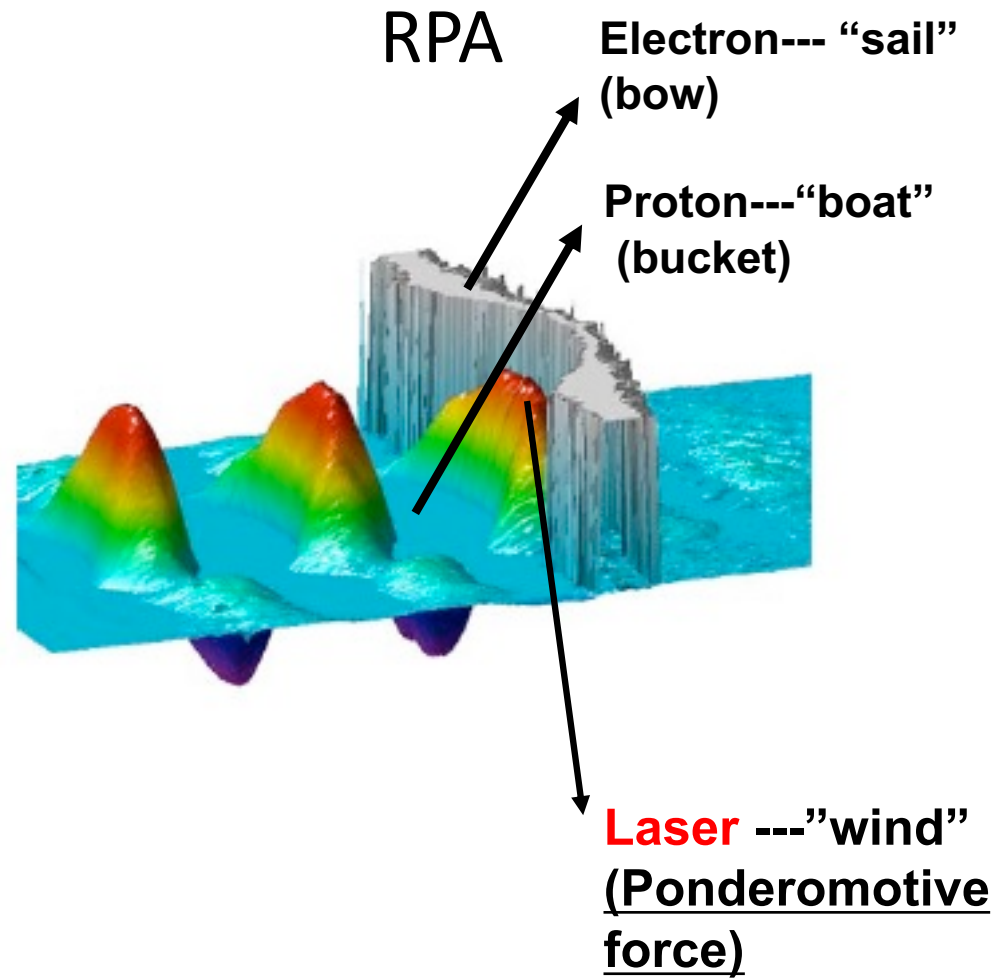
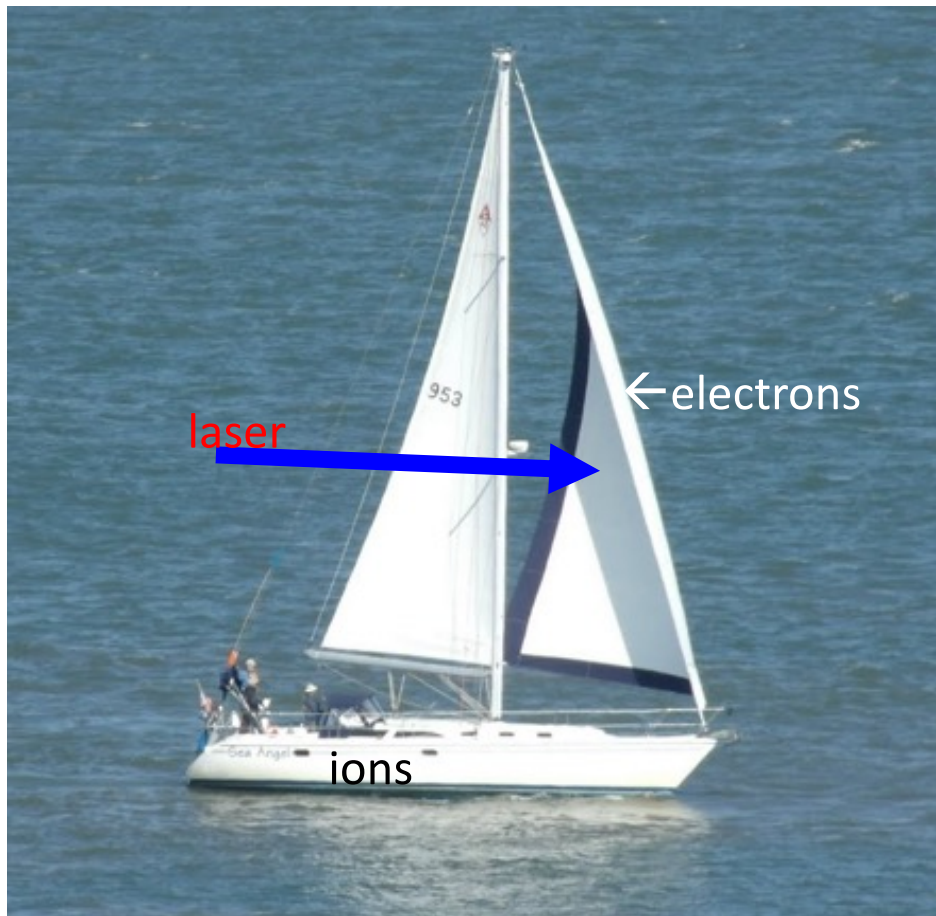
2) RPA

nanotargets

can be coherent



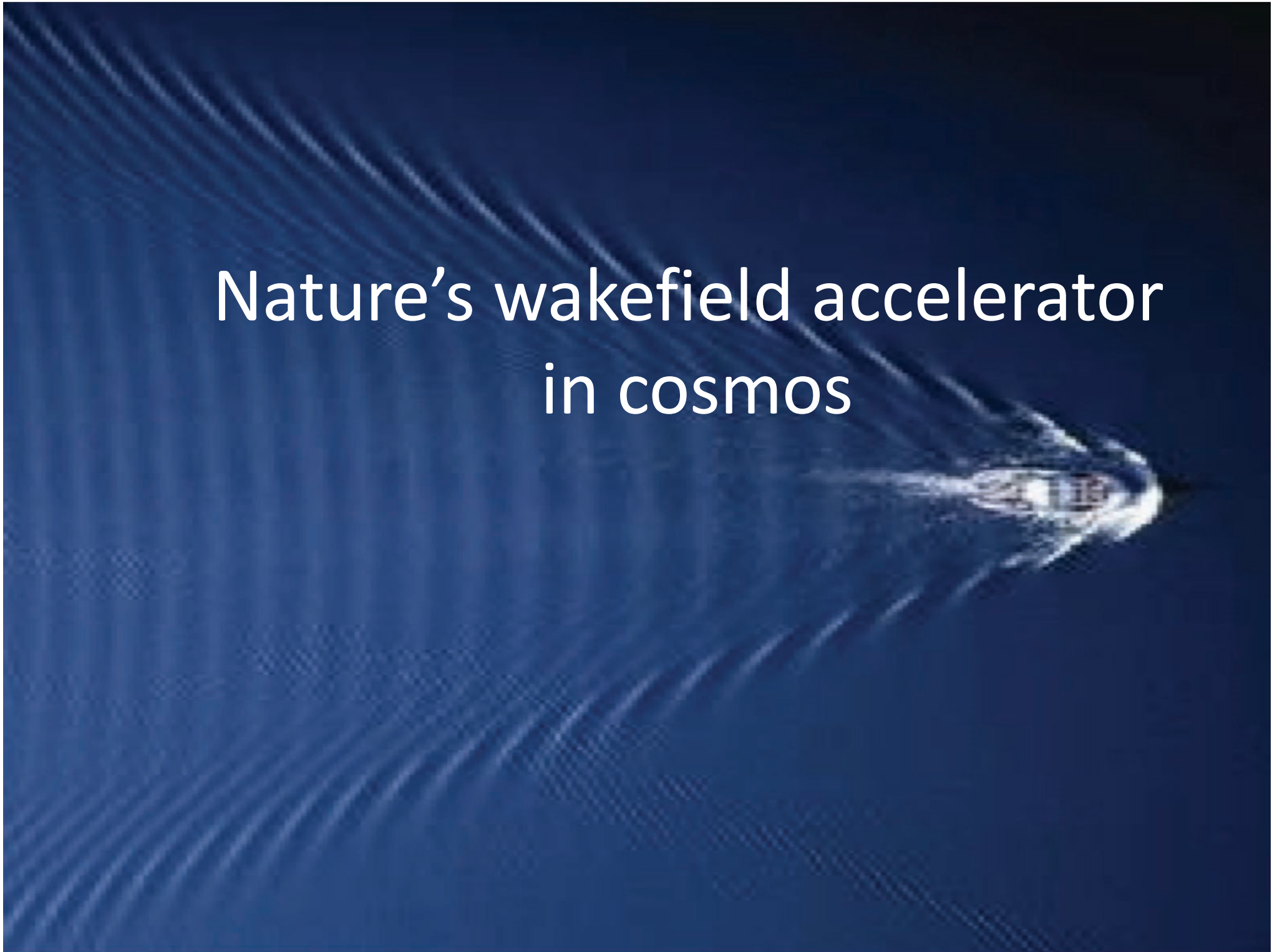
# RPA (Radiation Pressure Acceleration)



Esirkepov et al. (2004)

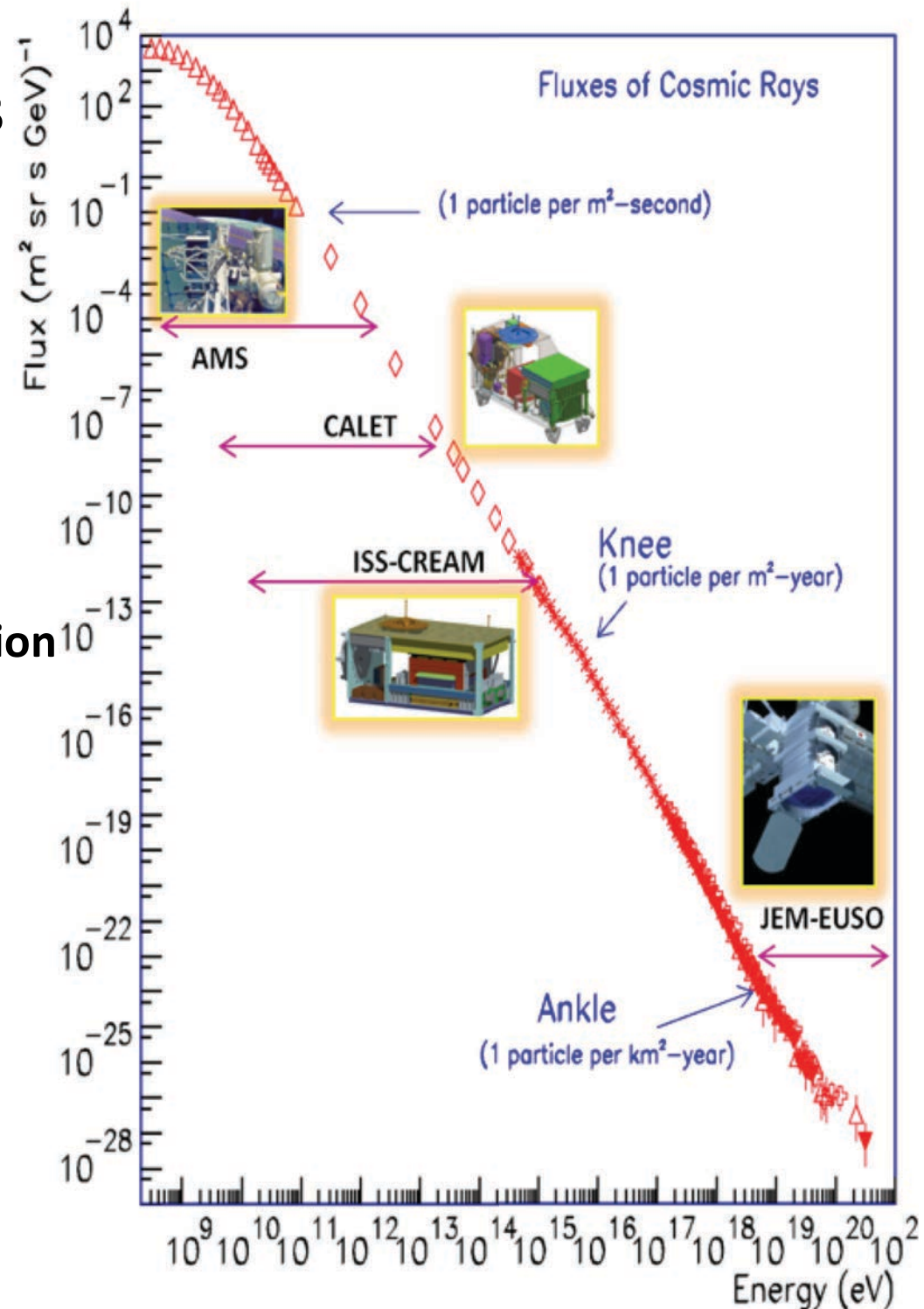
X. Yan (2010)

# Nature's wakefield accelerator in cosmos

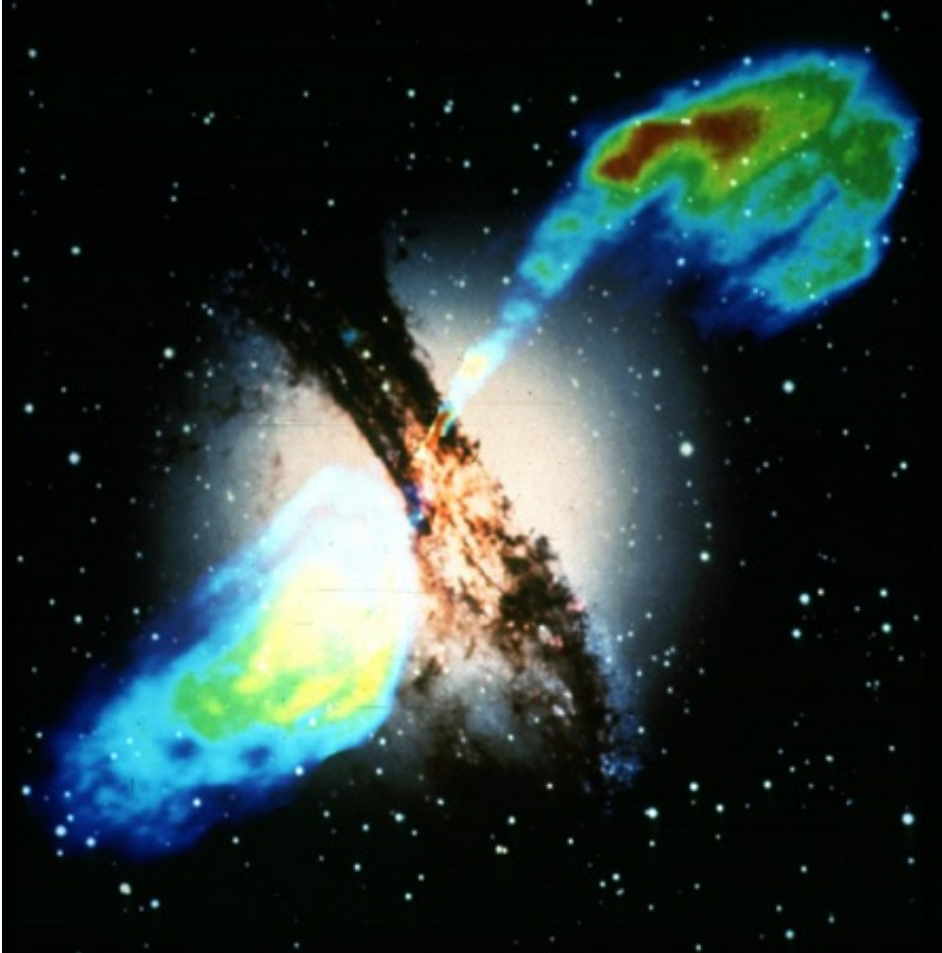


# Ultrahigh Energy Cosmic Rays (UHECR)

Fermi mechanism runs out of steam  
beyond  $10^{19}$  eV  
due to synchrotron radiation  
Wakefield acceleration  
comes in rescue  
prompt, intense, linear acceleration  
small synchrotron radiation  
radiation damping effects?



# Cen A

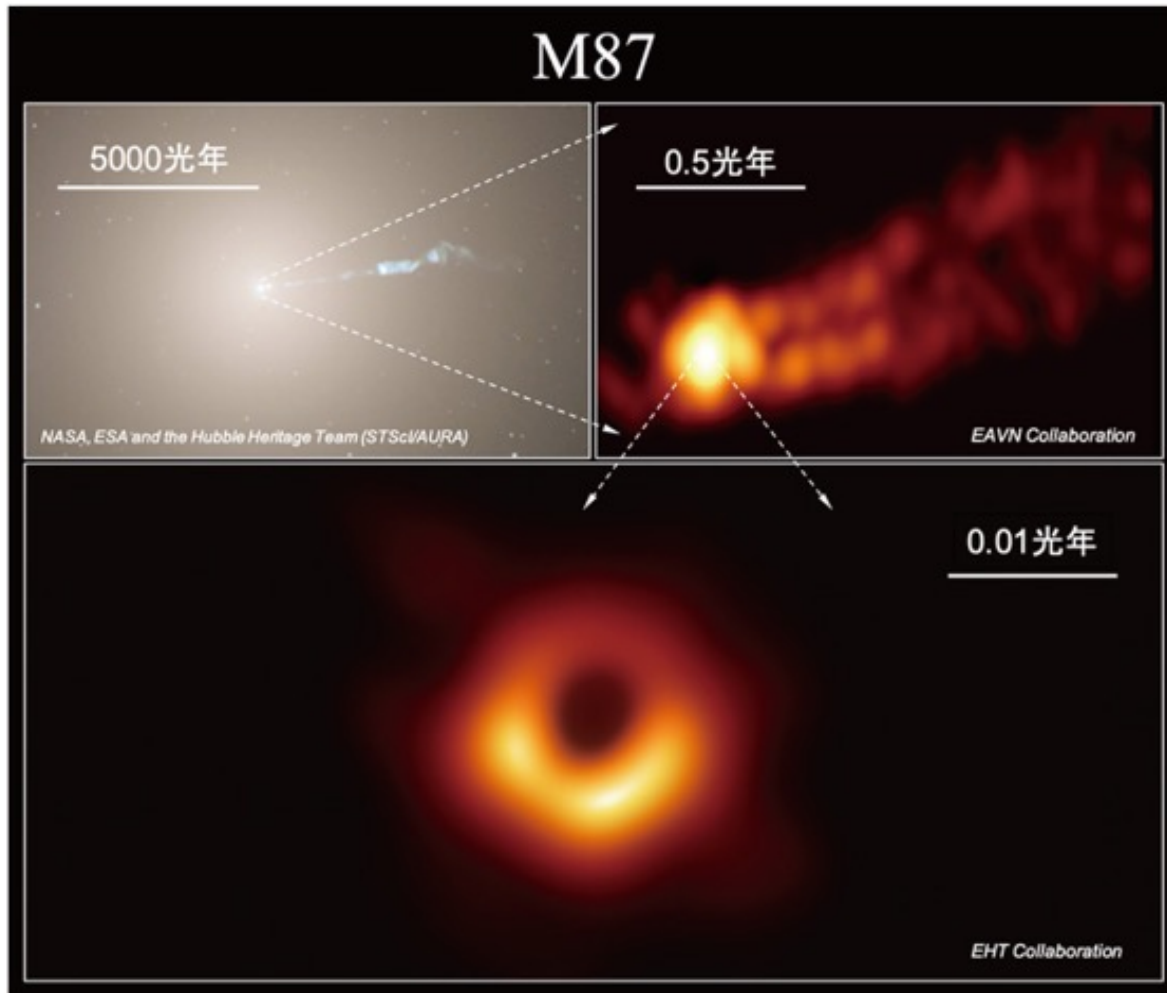


- Distance : 3.4Mpc
- Radio Galaxy
  - Nearest
  - Brightest radio source
- Elliptical Galaxy
- Black hole at the center w/  
relativistic jets



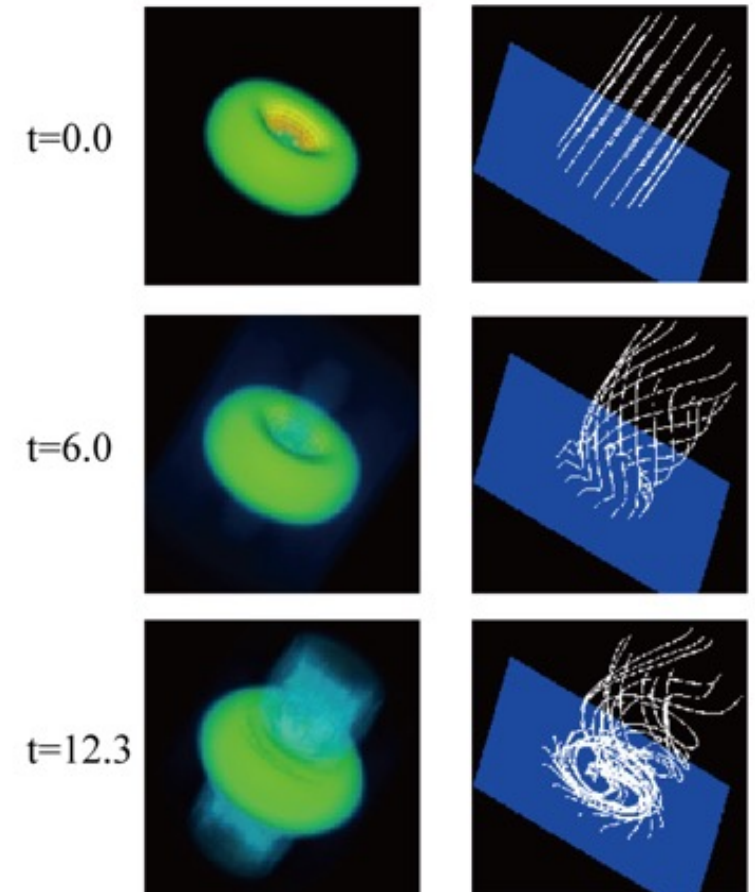
# Discovery of Blackhole and Prediction

M87 blackhole: by Event Horizon Telescope (2019)

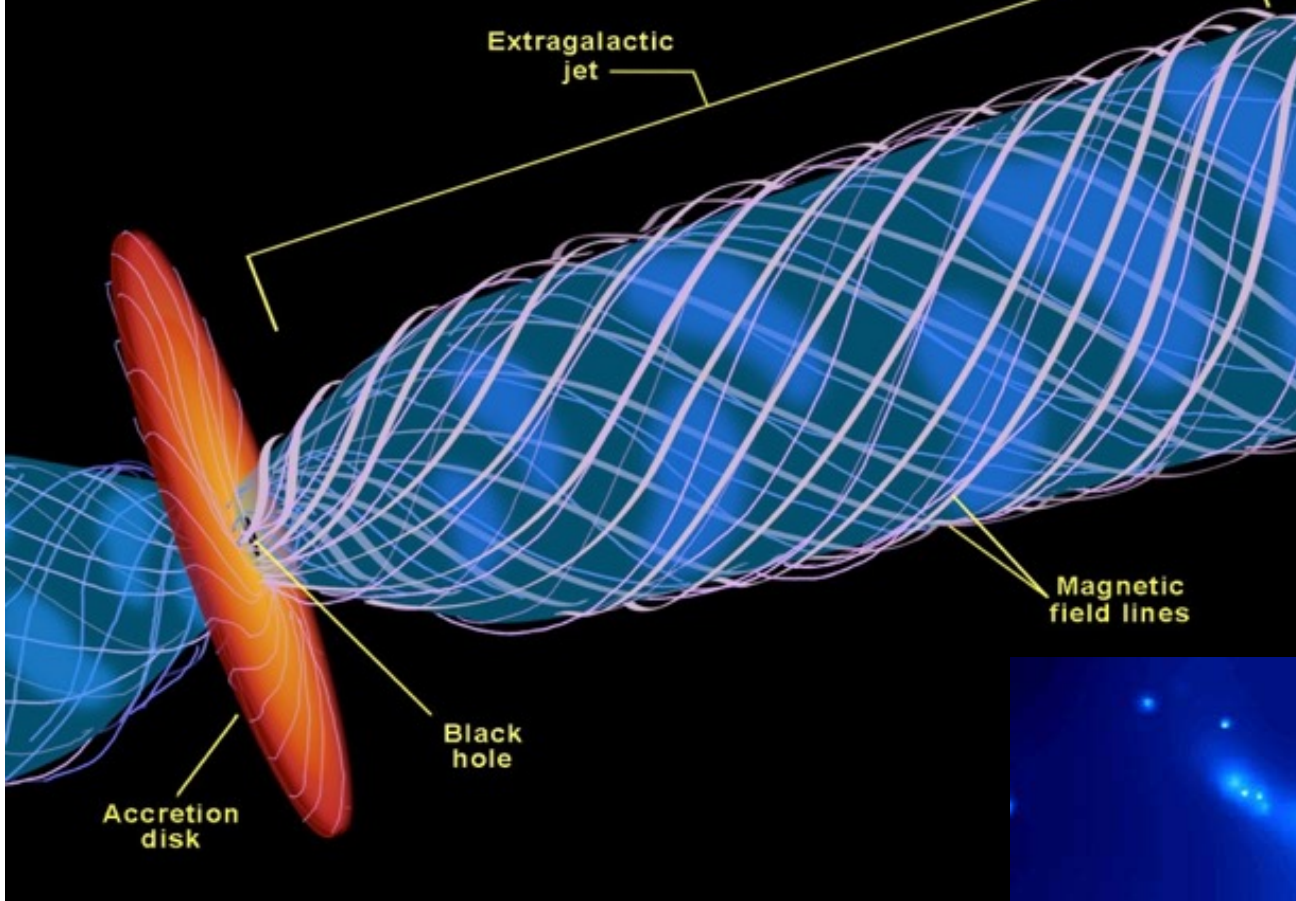


Prediction: Tajima and Shibata  
“Plasma Astrophysics” (1997)

3D Structure of Disk and Jet



## Formation of extragalactic jets from black hole accretion disk



Fermi's 'Stochastic Acceleration'  
(large synchrotron radiation loss)



Coherent **wakefield** acceleration  
(no limitation of the energy)

### Nature's **LWFA** : Blazar jets

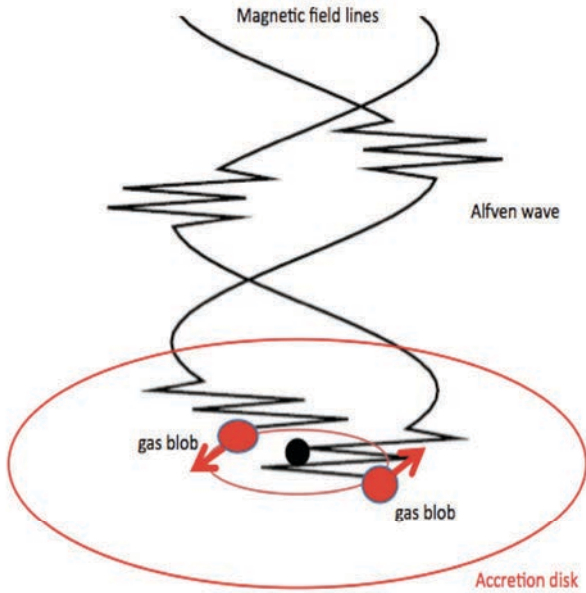
extreme high energy cosmic rays ( $\sim 10^{21}$  eV)  
episodic  $\gamma$ -ray bursts observed  
consistent with **LWFA** theory

Ebisuzaki-Tajima (2014)



# Astrophysical **wakefield** acceleration:

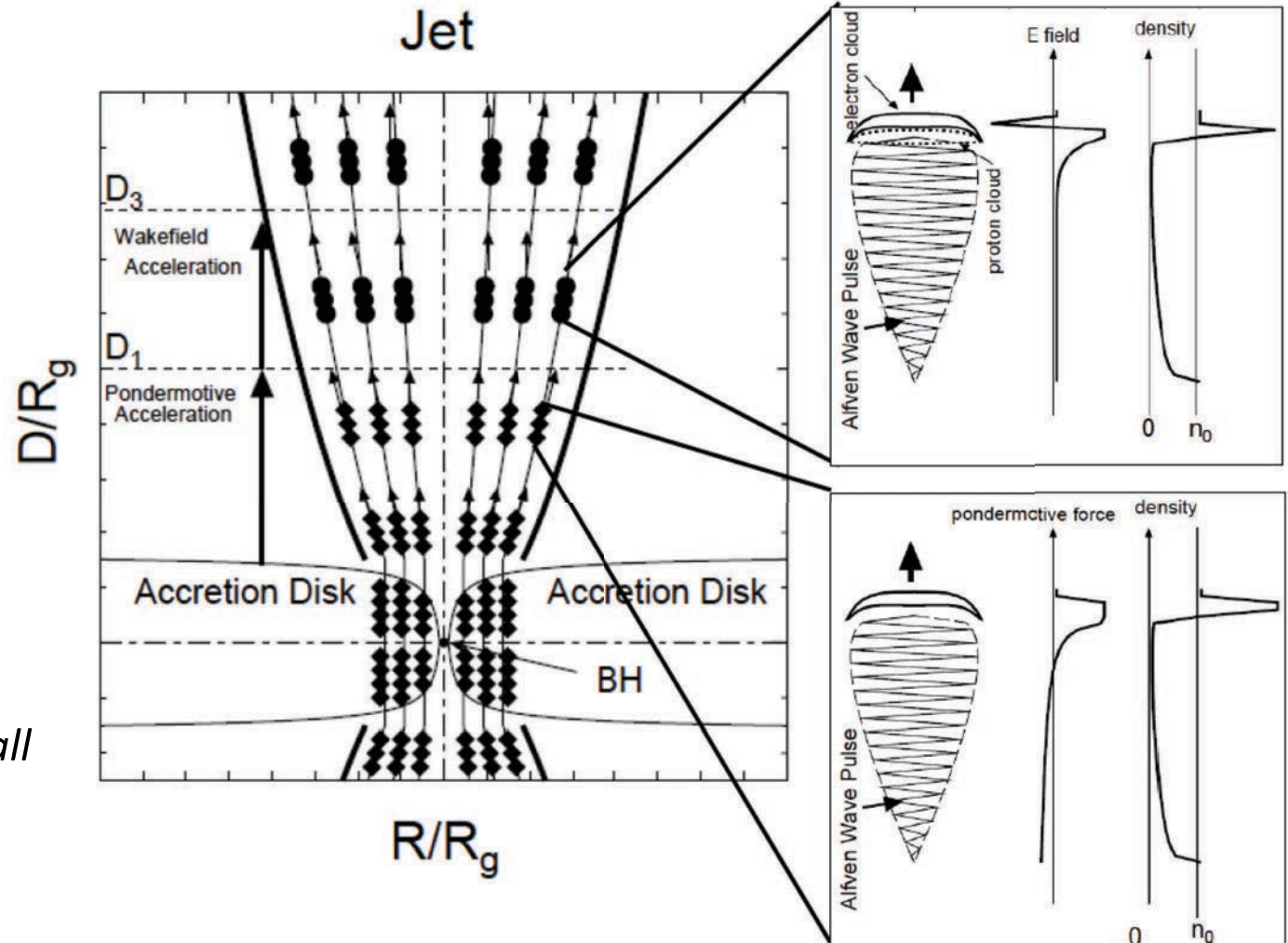
## Superintense **Alfven Shock** in the Blackhole Accretion Disk toward ZeV Cosmic Rays ( $a_0 \sim 10^6 - 10^{10}$ , large spatial scale)



$$a_0 = eE_0 / mc\omega_0 \gg 1$$

$E_0$ : modest

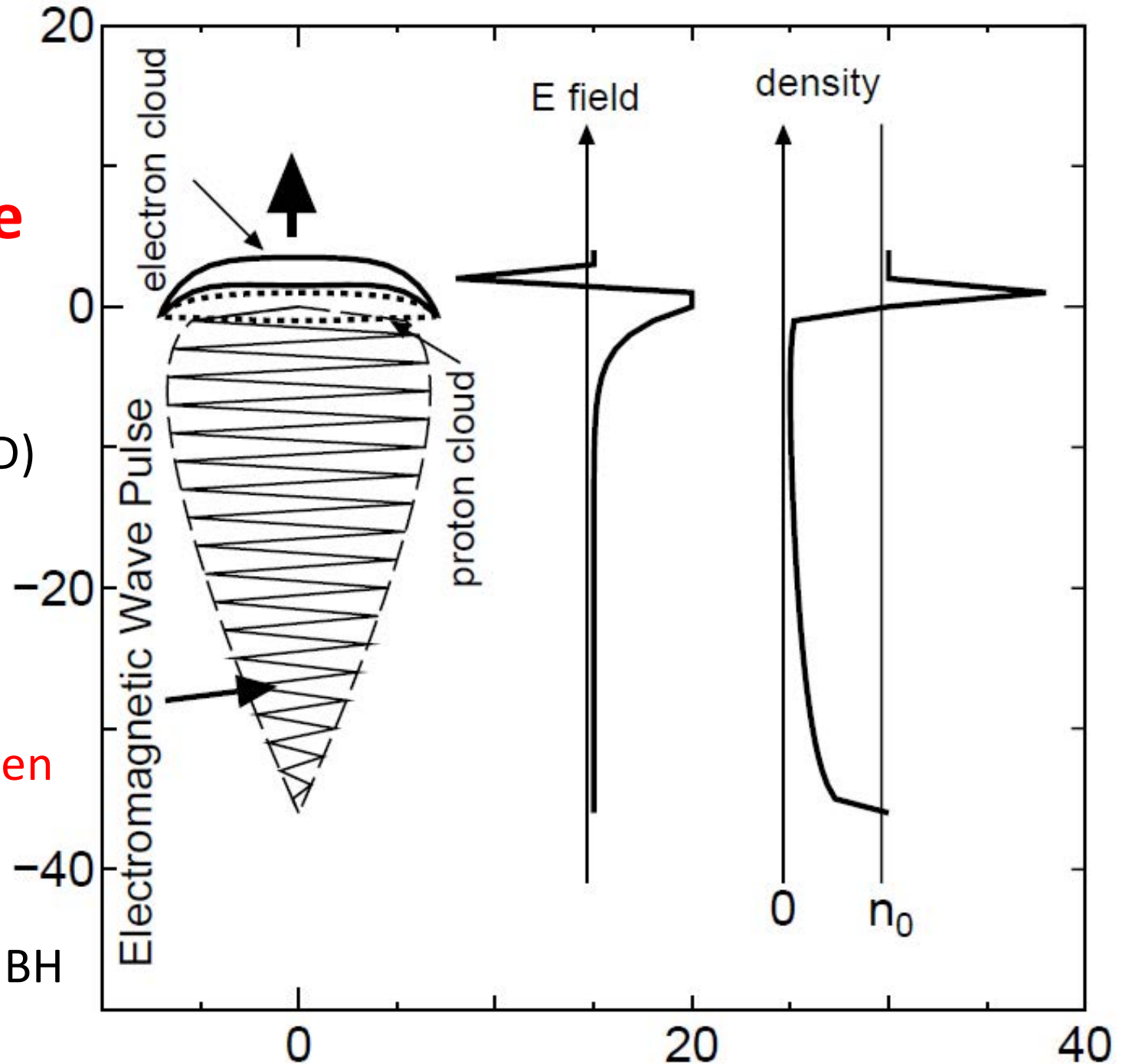
$\omega_0$ : extremely small



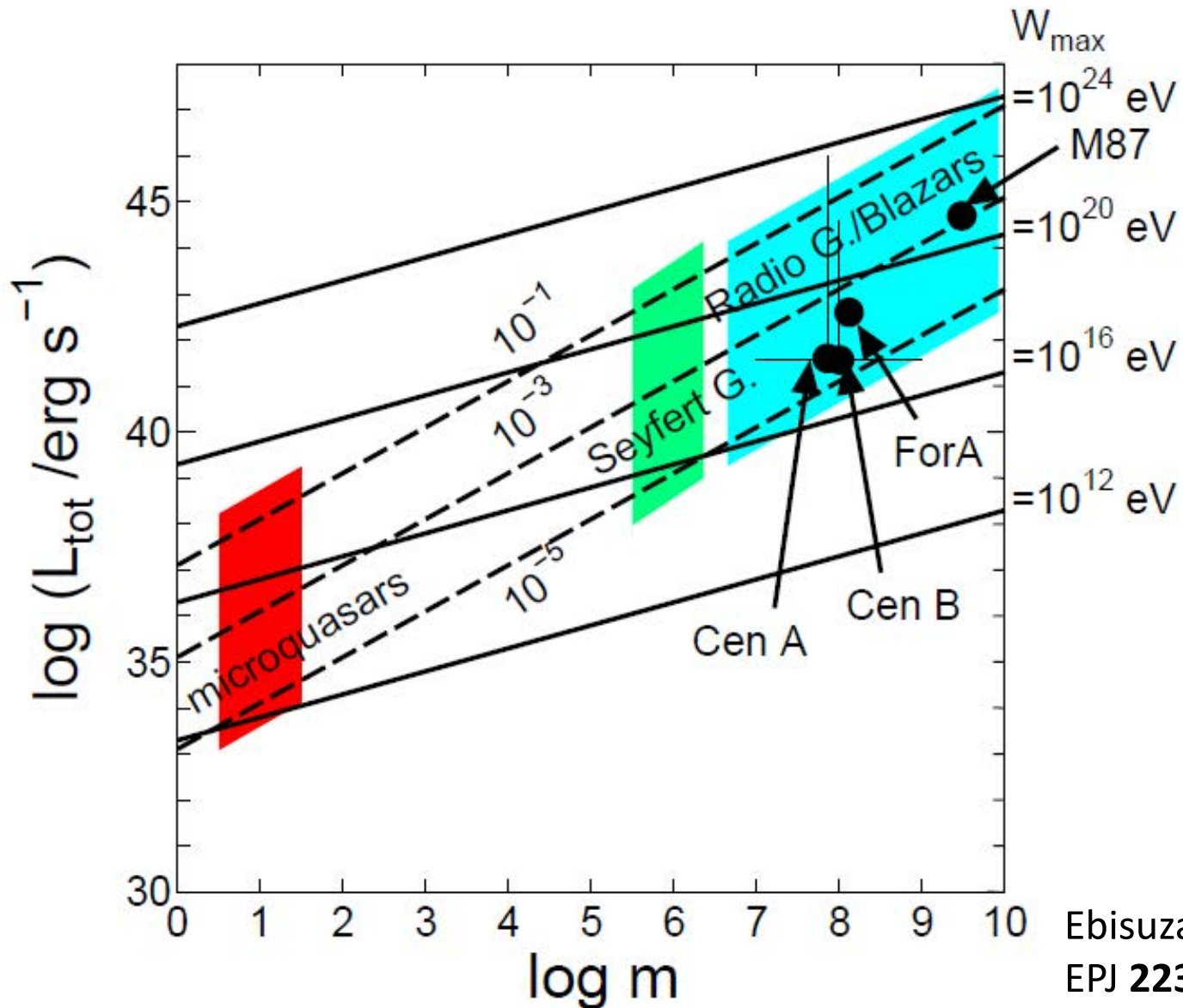
# Wakefield vs. Ponderomotive Acceleration

wavebreak (1D or 2D)  
in higher  $a_0$   
→ wakefield  
less important

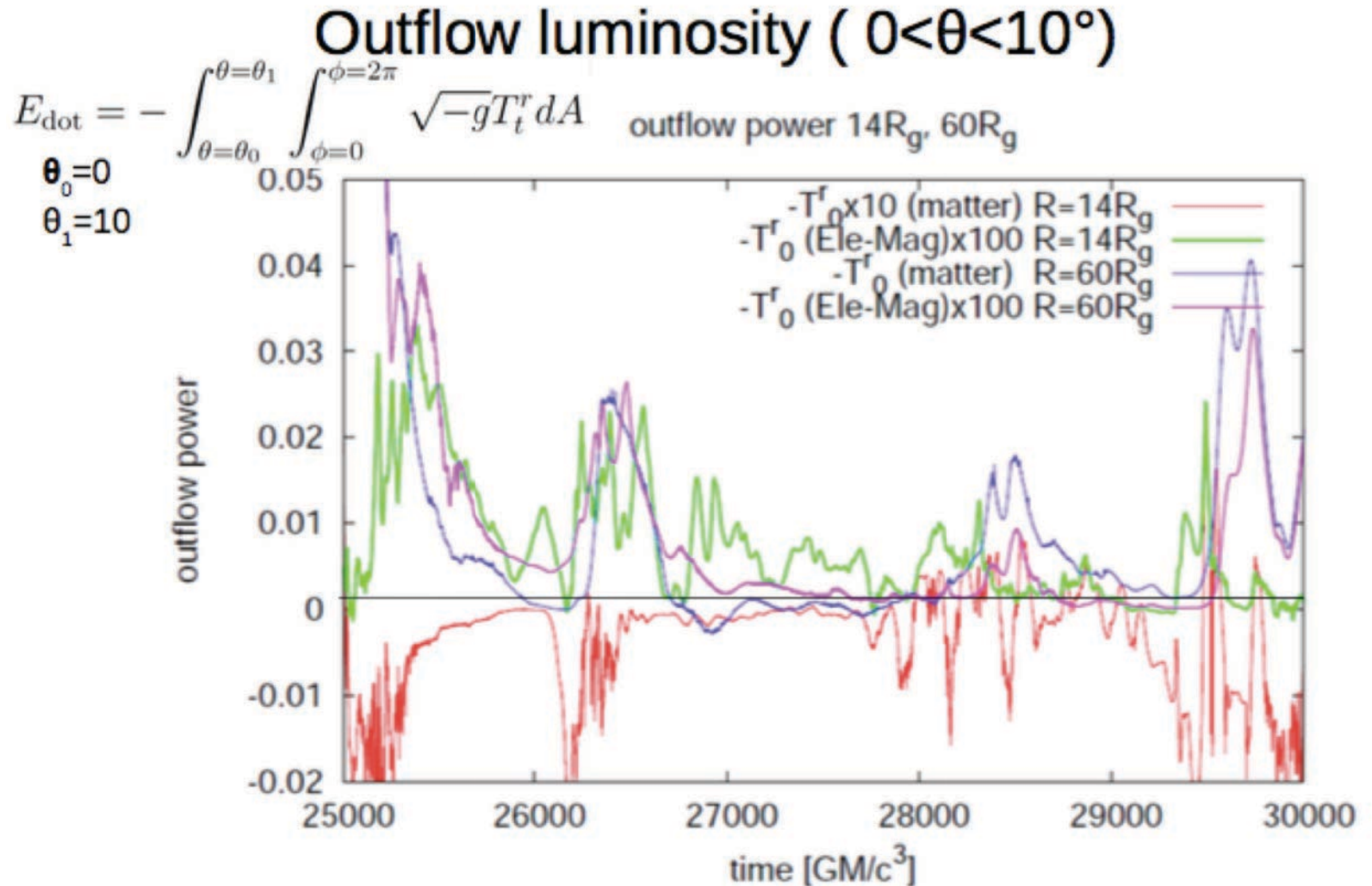
Ponderomotive-driven  
Acceleration more  
robust ( $a_0 \gg 1$ )  
 $a_0 \sim 10^{6-10}$  in AGN BH



# Comic ray acceleration and $\gamma$ -ray emission: Summary



# General Relativistic MHD simulation of accretion disk + jets

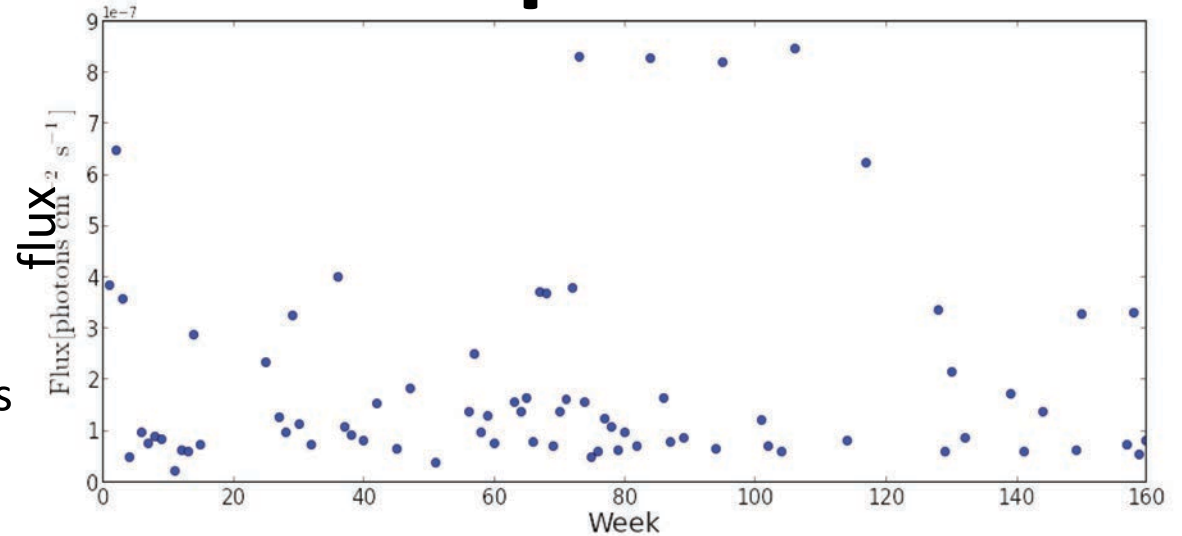


Short time variability ( $\Delta t \sim$  a few tens  $GM/c^3$ ) in electromagnetic components (green and pink) : Good agreement with Ebisuzaki & Tajima(2014)  $t_{var} \sim M$   
 $\Rightarrow$  possible origine for flares in blazars,  
 strong Alfvén wave mode  $\Rightarrow$  Application to wake field acc. for UHECRs

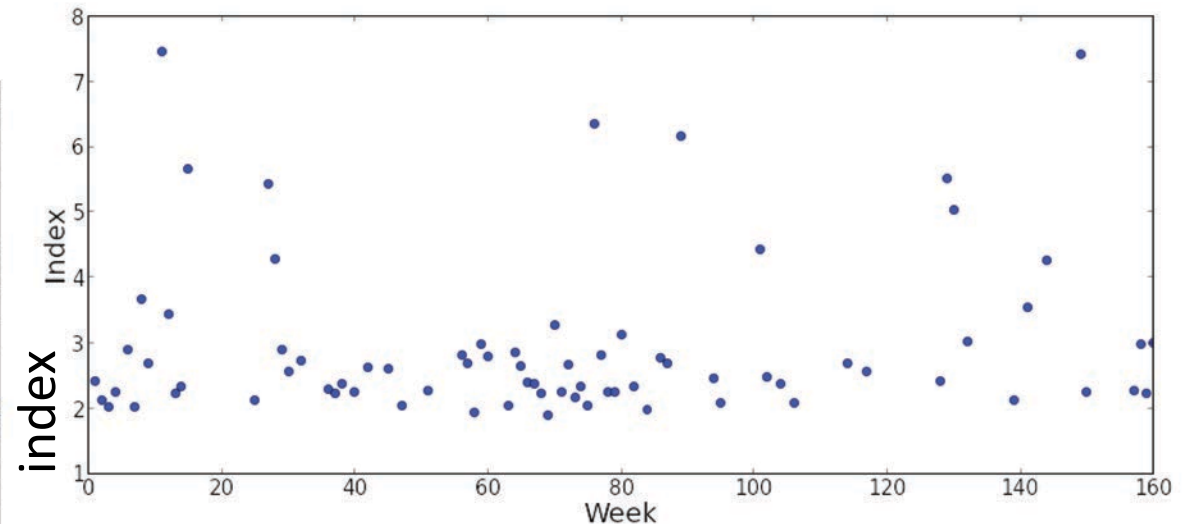
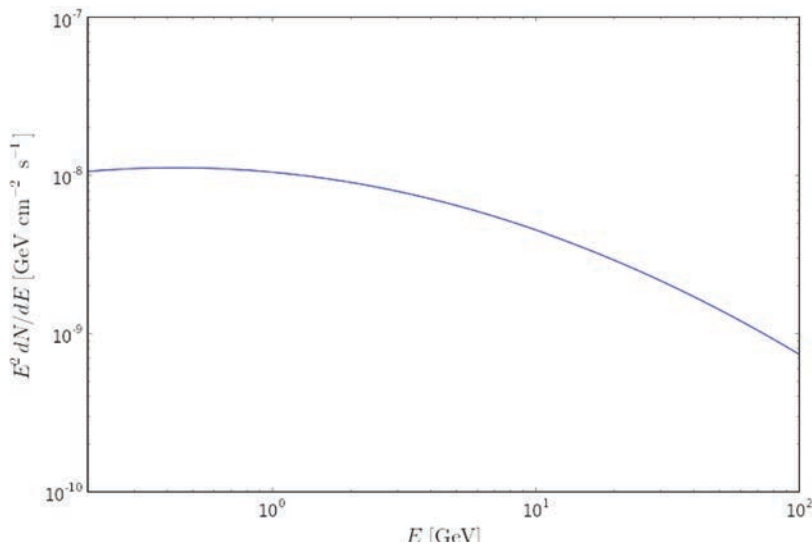
# Blazar shows anti-correlation between $\gamma$ burst flux and spectral index

Blazar: AO0235+164  
 $M \sim 10^8 M_{\text{Sun}}$

Rise time < week (less than a unit),  
Period between bursts  $\sim > 10$  weeks  
Spectral index  $\Rightarrow 2$   
( $\sim$  Ebisuzaki/Tajima theory)



→ all quantitatively consistent with Wakefield theory



time

N. Canac, K. Abazajian (2019)

# Again, Anti-correlation even in a bigger blazar

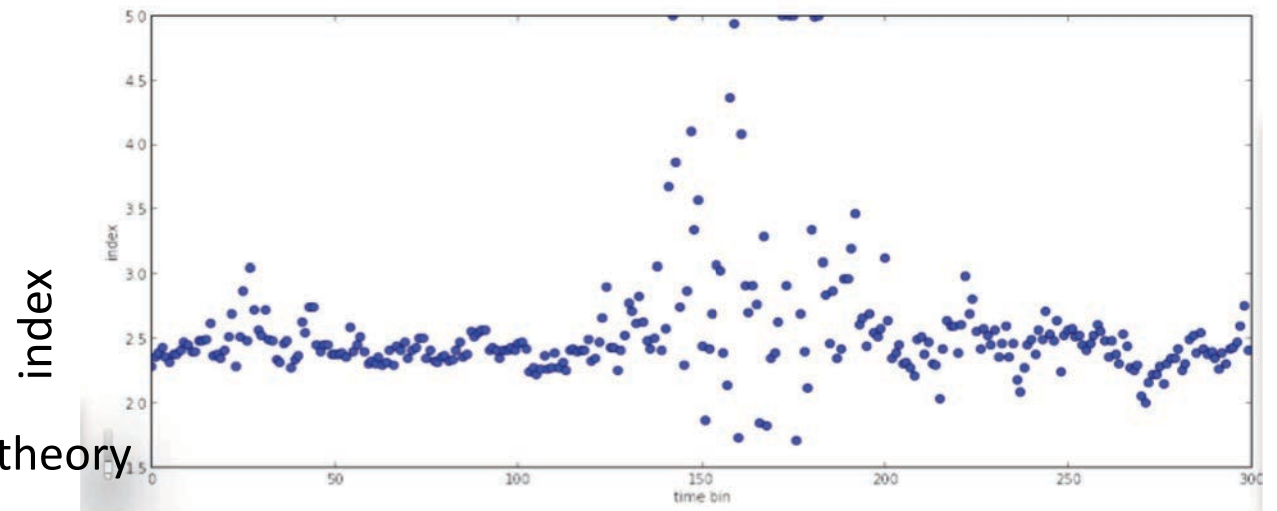
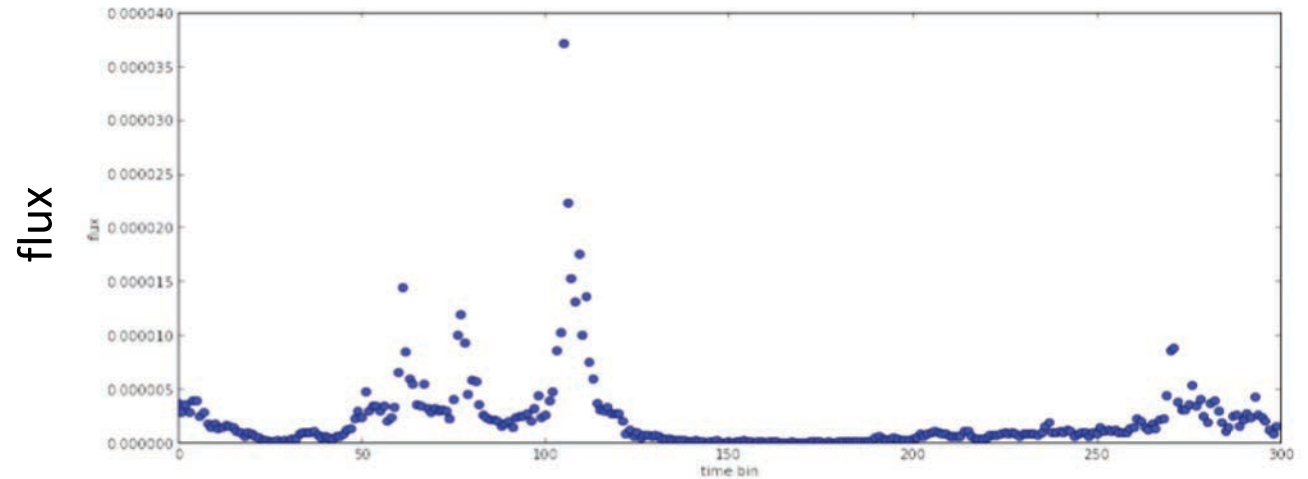
Blazar: 3C454.3

$M \sim 10^9 M_{\text{Sun}}$

Same anti-correlation as  
AO0235+164

The rise time and burst periods  
a lot longer (by an order of  
magnitude)

Quantitative agreement and  
**correct scaling** with Blazar mass  
with (broader sense of) **Wakefield** theory  
(Ebisuzaki/Tajima)  
period  $\sim M$  ; luminosity  $\sim M$

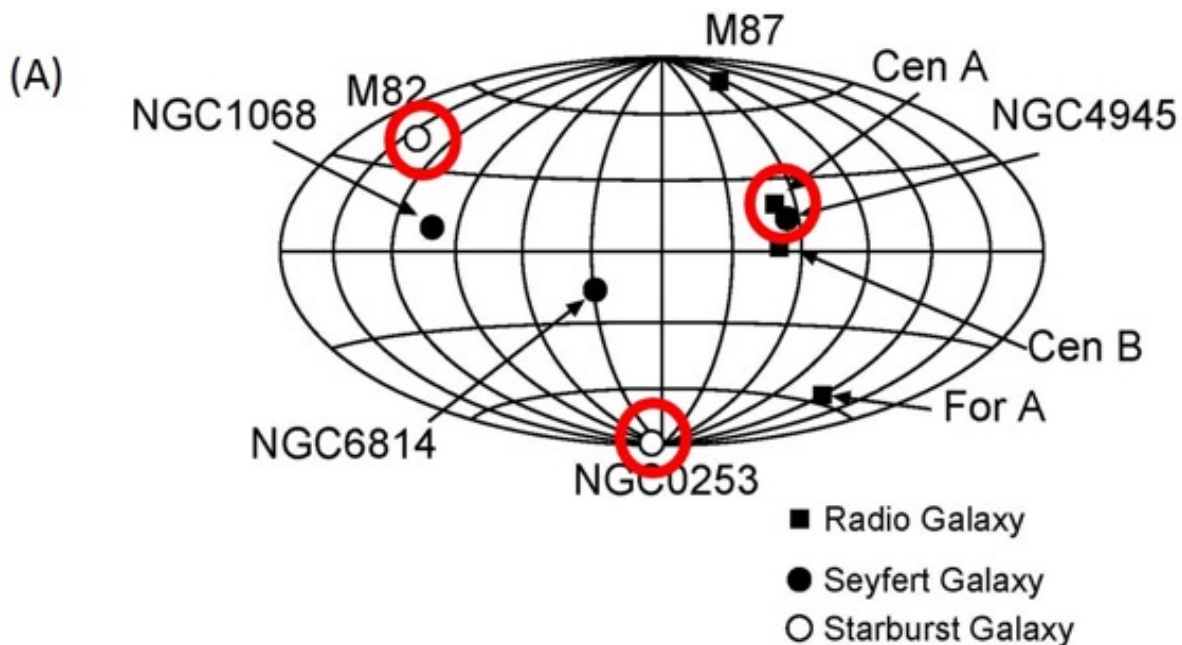


time

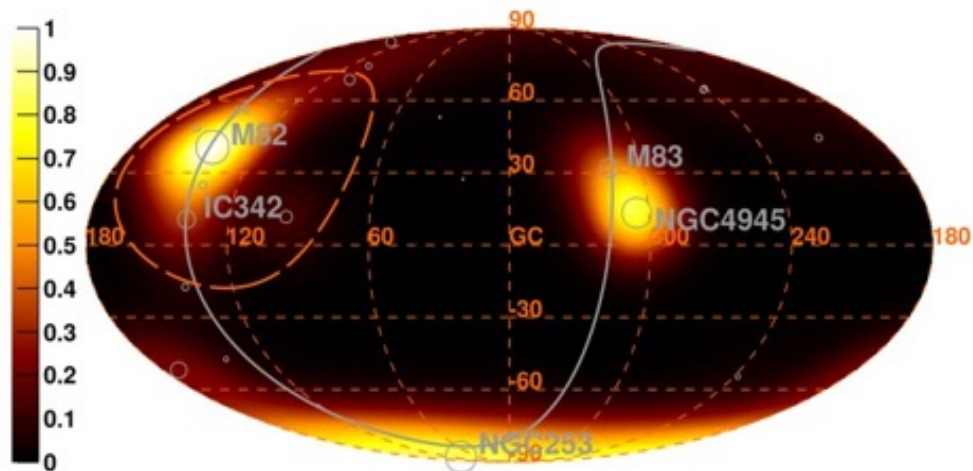
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# Brightest cosmic rays by **wakefields**

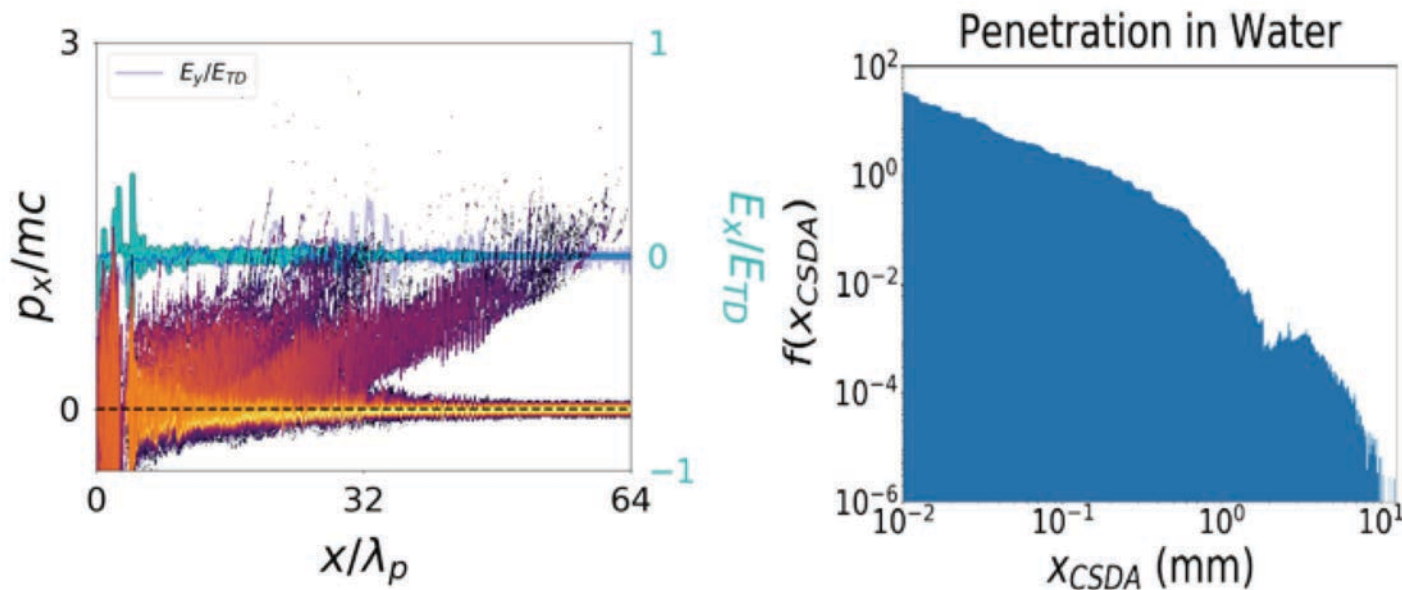


(B) Model Flux Map - Starburst galaxies -  $E > 39 \text{ EeV}$



# Low phase velocity **wakefields** for medicine

- Low energy (lower phase velocity) wake
- High density  $\sim 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  nanomaterials target
- **Micron** accelerator in **endoscope** by **fiber laser**
- Theranostics



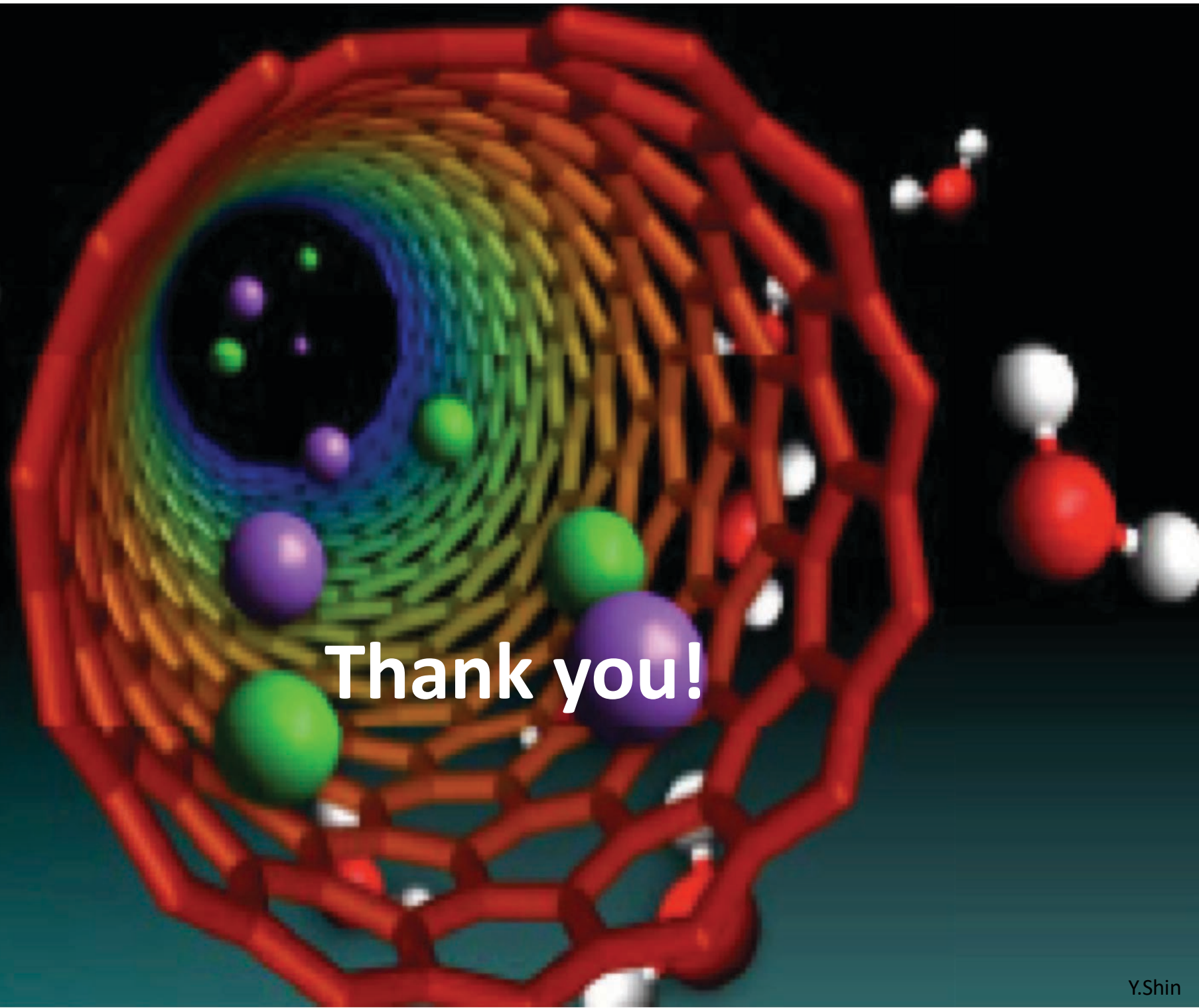
Critical density wakefield acceleration with low phase velocity



Low phase velocity tsunami

# Conclusions

- **Demonstrated:** ultrafast pulses, coherent collective (robust) **wakefield** (GeV/cm) excitable.
- Thin-Film Compression (TFC) (since 2014)
- Single-cycled **laser** → single-cycled **X-ray laser**
- **Wakefield** in **nanostucture** (TeV/cm): accessible
- **Wakefield** acceleration: Nature's accelerators favored for cosmic rays, **gamma ray** bursts from Blazars
- Applications: **wakfield** radiation therapy inside body  
←  $\mu\text{m}$  accelerator ← **fiber laser**



Thank you!