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Transmutation des Déchets Nucléaires

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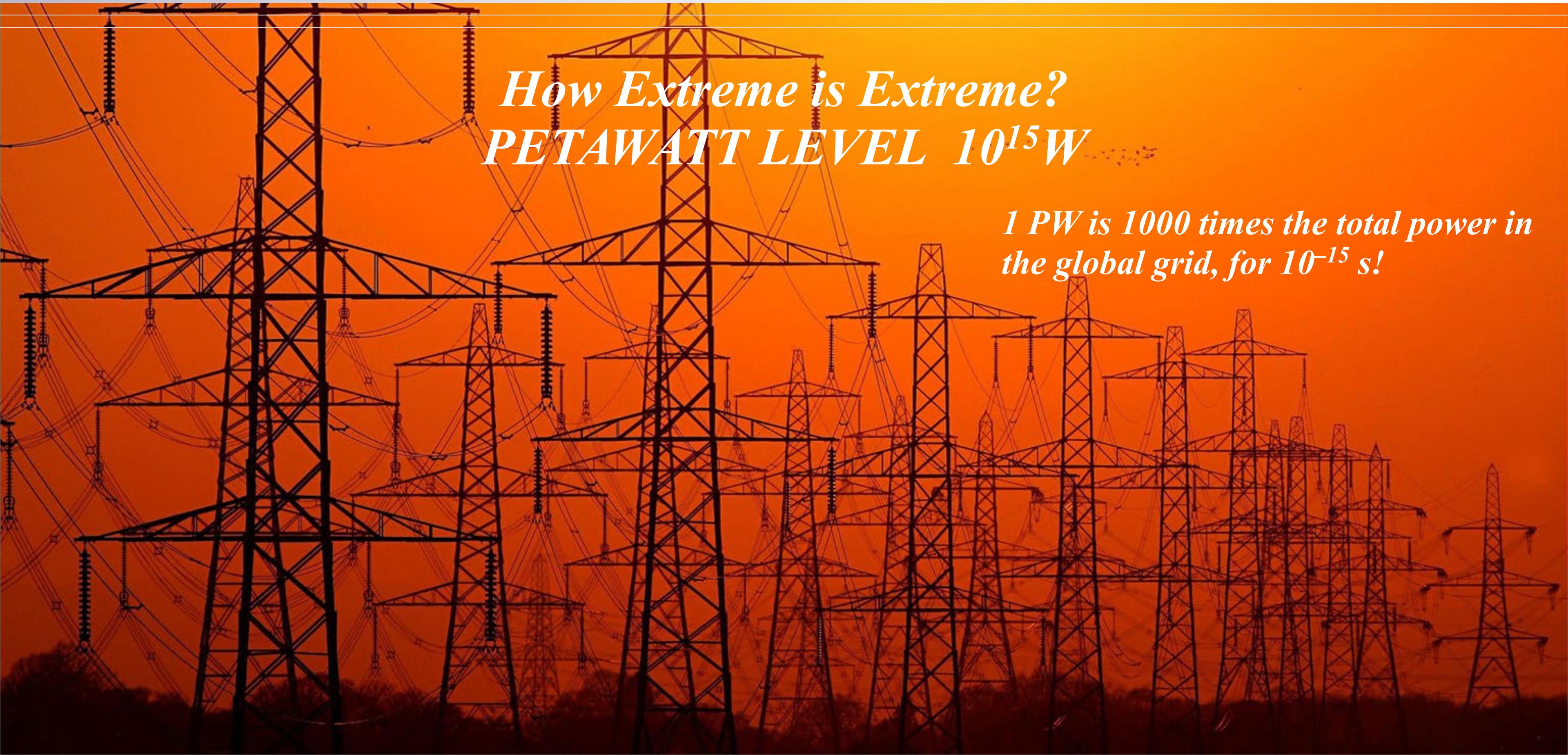
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*How Extreme is Extreme?
PETAWATT LEVEL $10^{15}W$*

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



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How Much Pressure Does a PW Laser Exert?

*1 PW/1 μ m spot size
corresponds to 10²³ w/cm²*

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

Seriously extreme!





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LA LUMIERE EXTREME:

Fournit les intensités les plus élevées,

Les champs électriques les plus grands,

Les pressions les plus importantes,

Les accélérations les plus grandes

Les températures les plus élevées

Elle est la source universelle de particules et de radiations de haute énergie.

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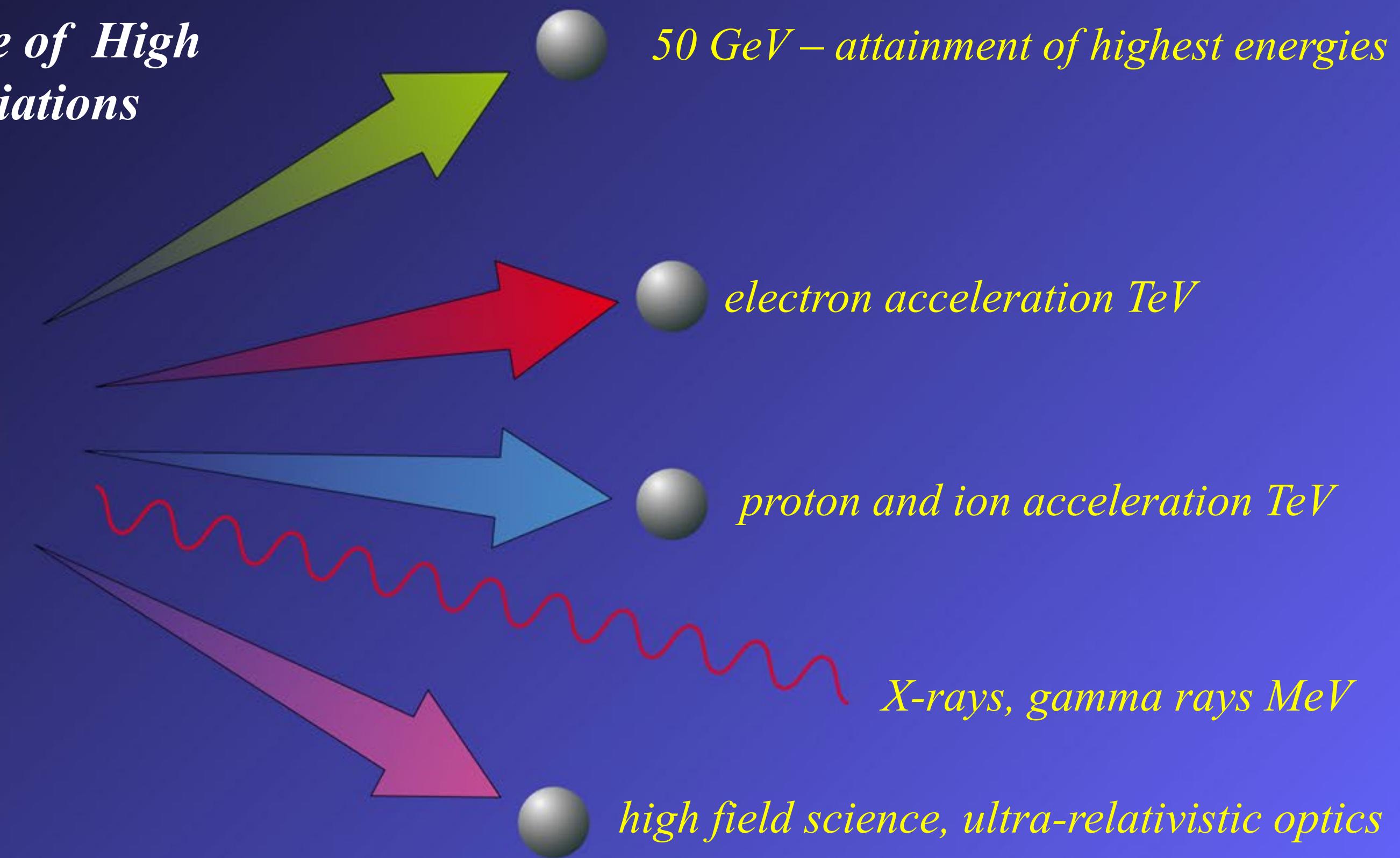
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CPA : A Universal Source of High Energy Particles and Radiations

petawatt

10^{23} W/cm^2



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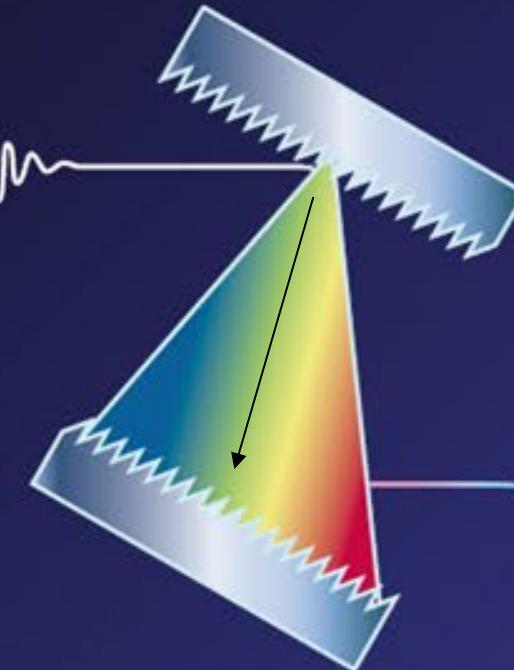
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Chirped Pulse Amplification (CPA)

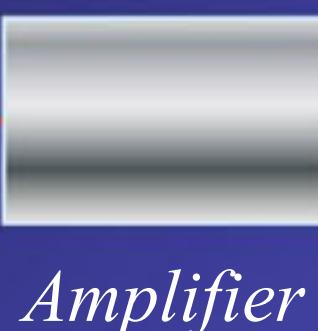
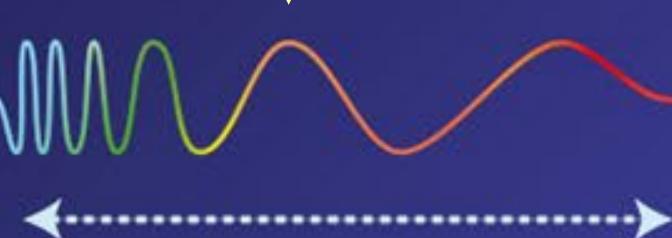
How does it work?

1
A short light pulse from a laser



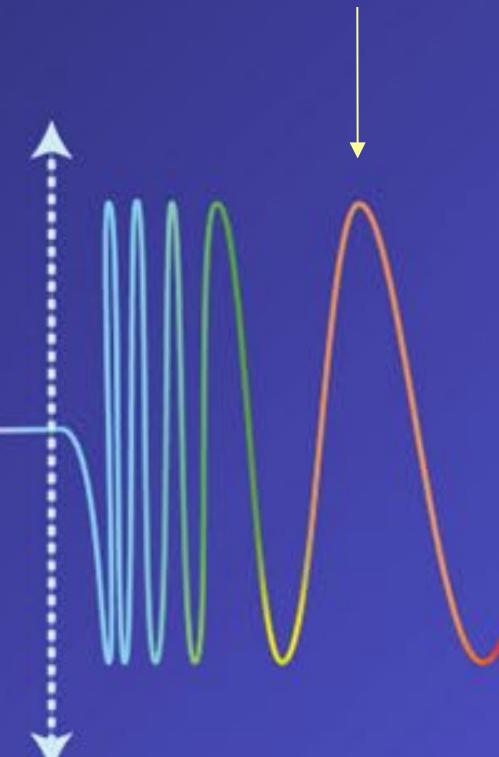
Bragg grating pair-pulse stretcher

2
The pulse is stretched which reduces its peak power

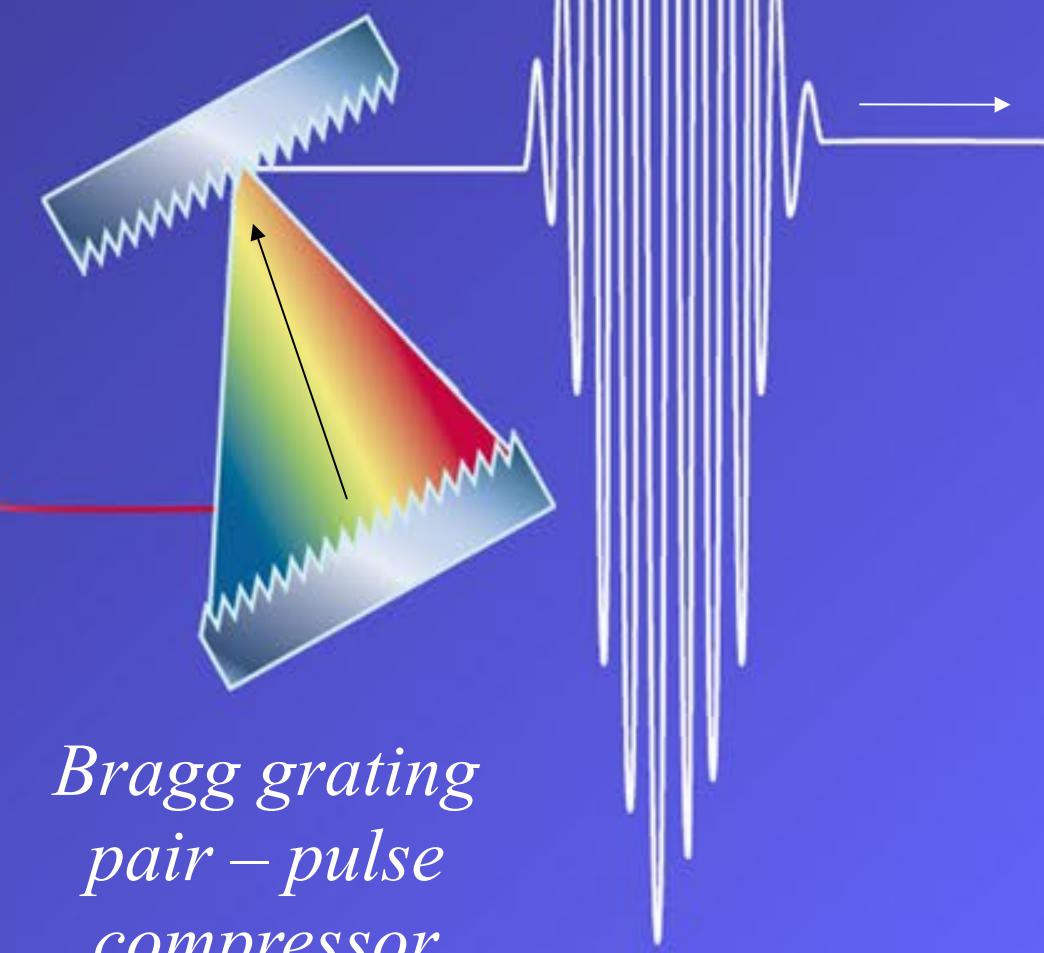


Amplifier

3
The stretched pulse is amplified



4
The pulse is compressed and its intensity increases dramatically



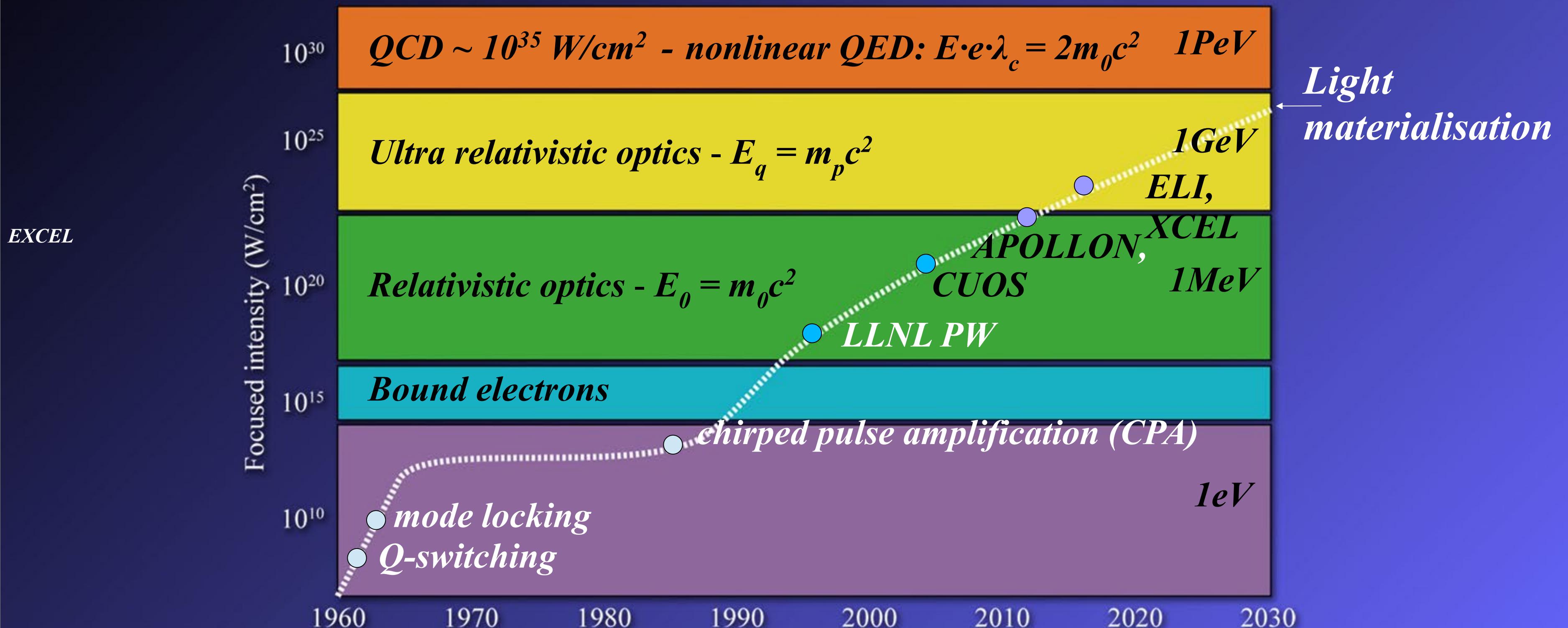
Bragg grating pair-pulse compressor

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Extreme light ultra high intensity roadmap



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ACCELERATION DE PARTICULES

laser pulse

electrons

plasma wave

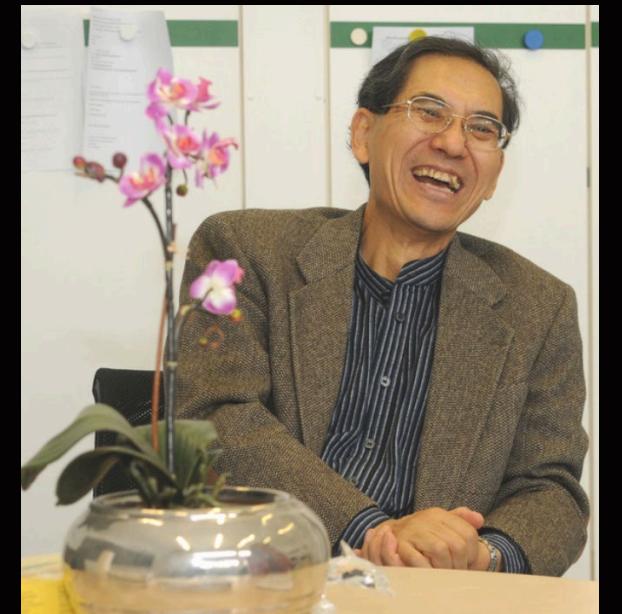
GEG

Laser wakefield acceleration

Tajima et Dawson (1979)

*supersonic
gas jet*

GeV/cm



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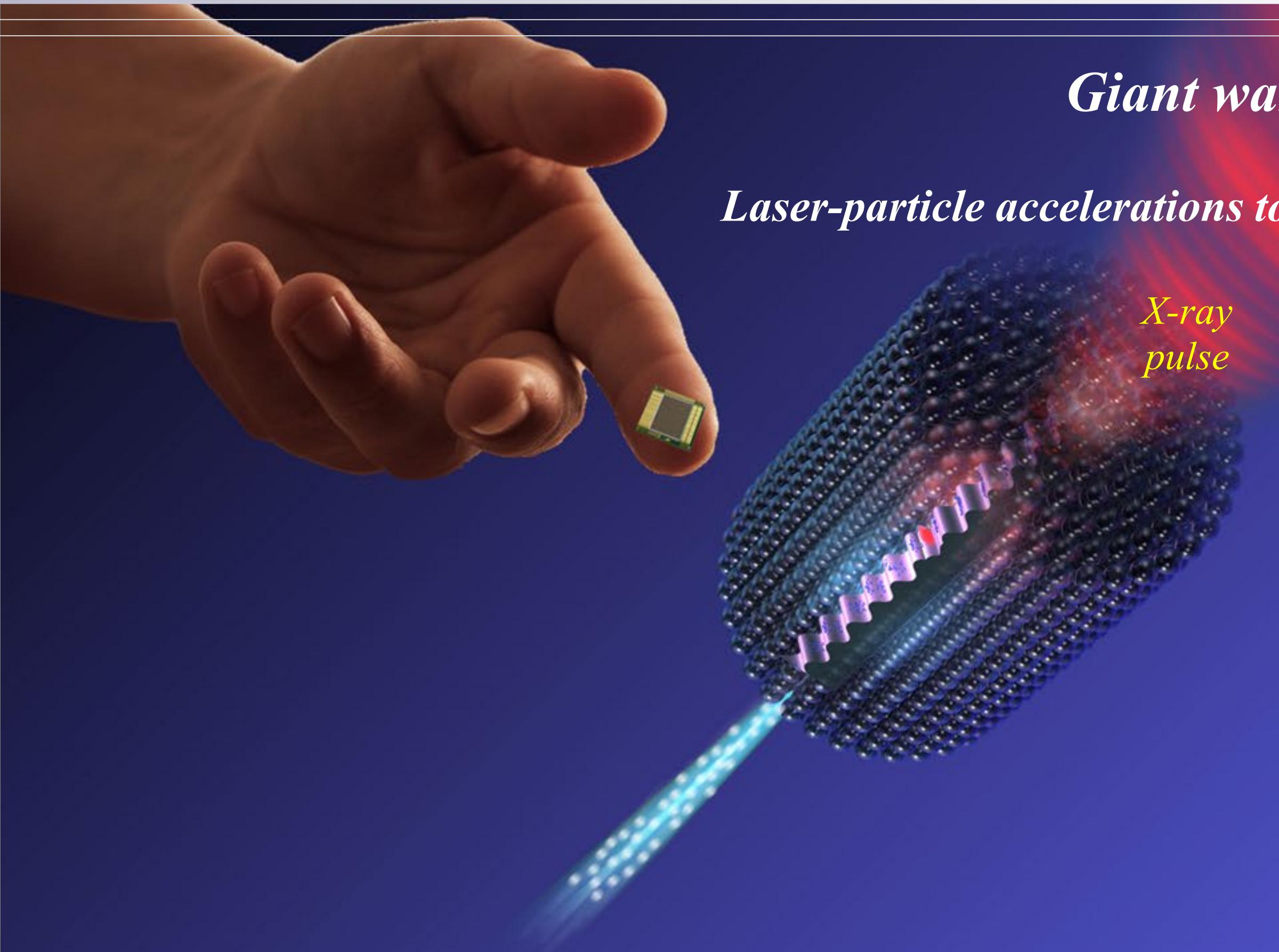


Synchrotron SOLEIL 3GeV



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Giant wakefield acceleration in solid

Tajima et Dawson (1979)

Laser-particle accelerations to the TeV/cm level become possible

Tomorrow

- * visible laser induced wakefield
- * about 100 metres long
- * the size of a football pitch

Beyond tomorrow

- * laser induced X-ray wakefield
- * about TeV/cm
- * the size of a microchip

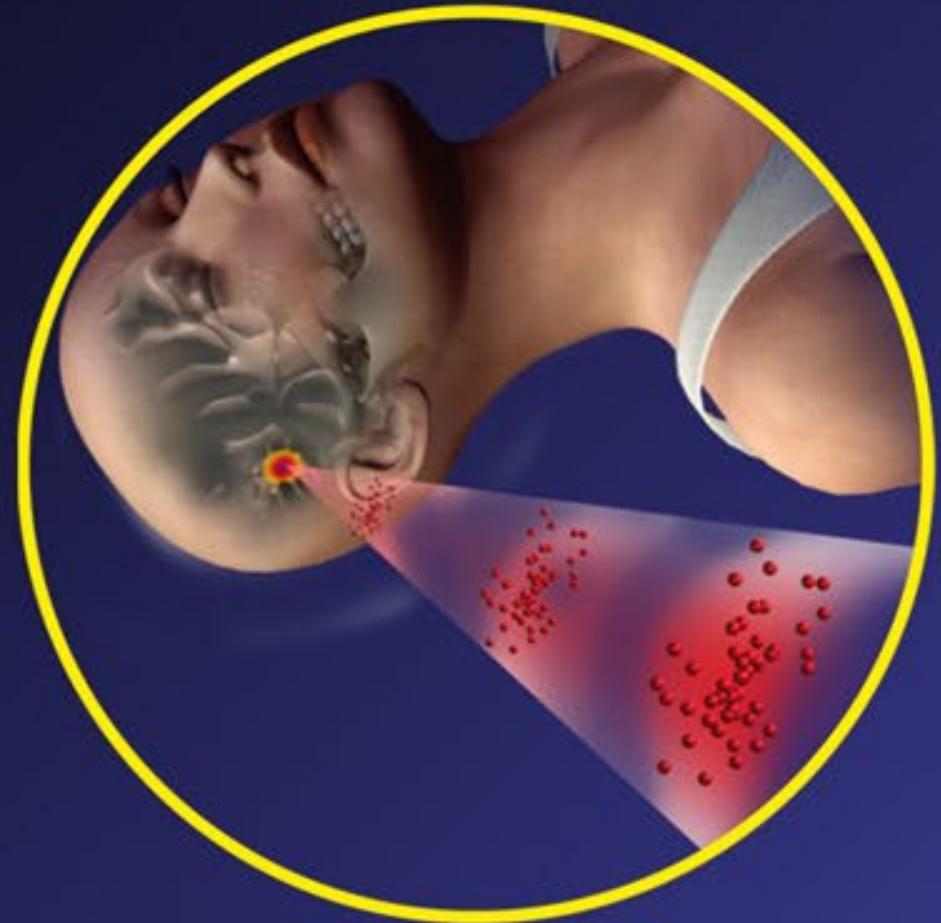
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Proton therapy

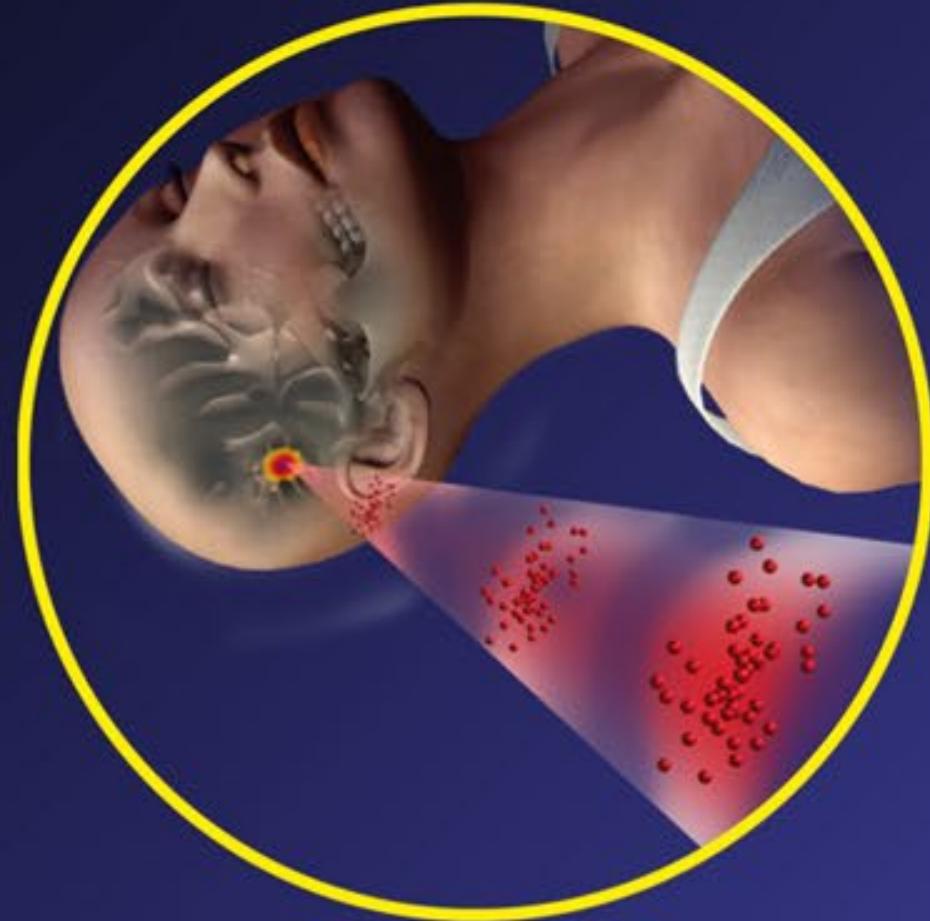


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will be tens of times more
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Nuclear therapy



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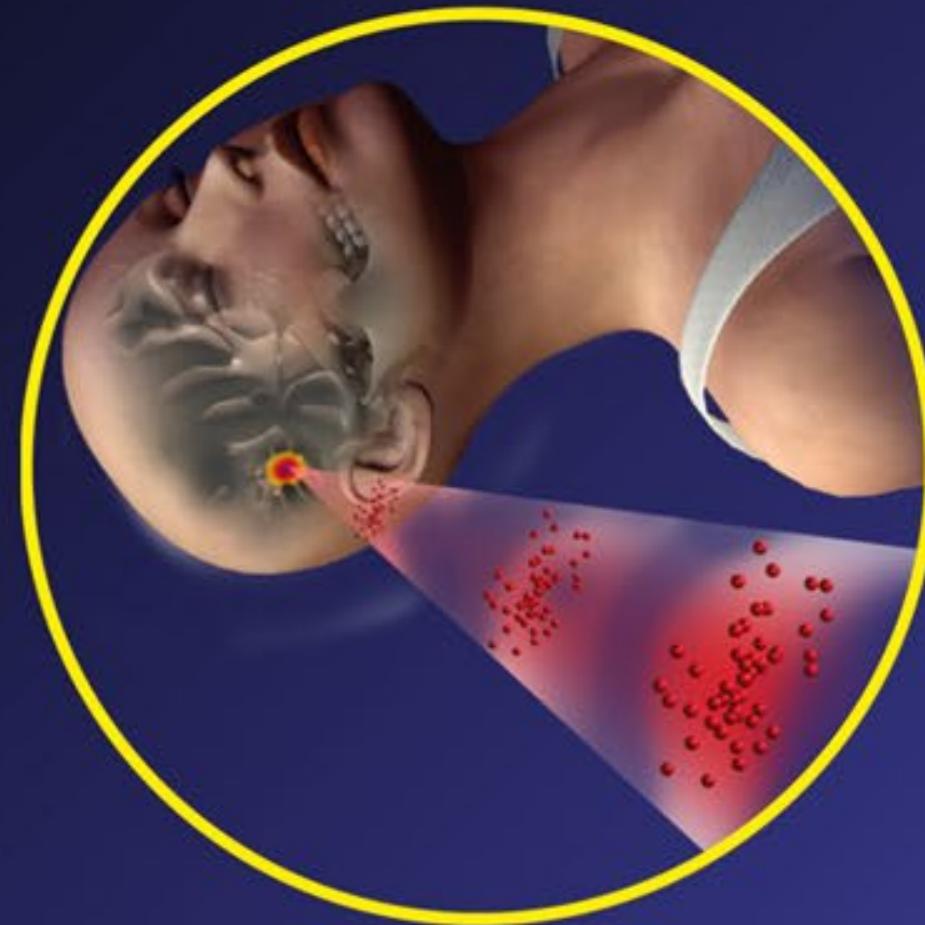
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Proton therapy



Nuclear therapy



Nuclear diagnostics



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

Radionuclides are used to implant radioactive pellets directly into a tumour

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

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CPA Mitigating Nuclear waste



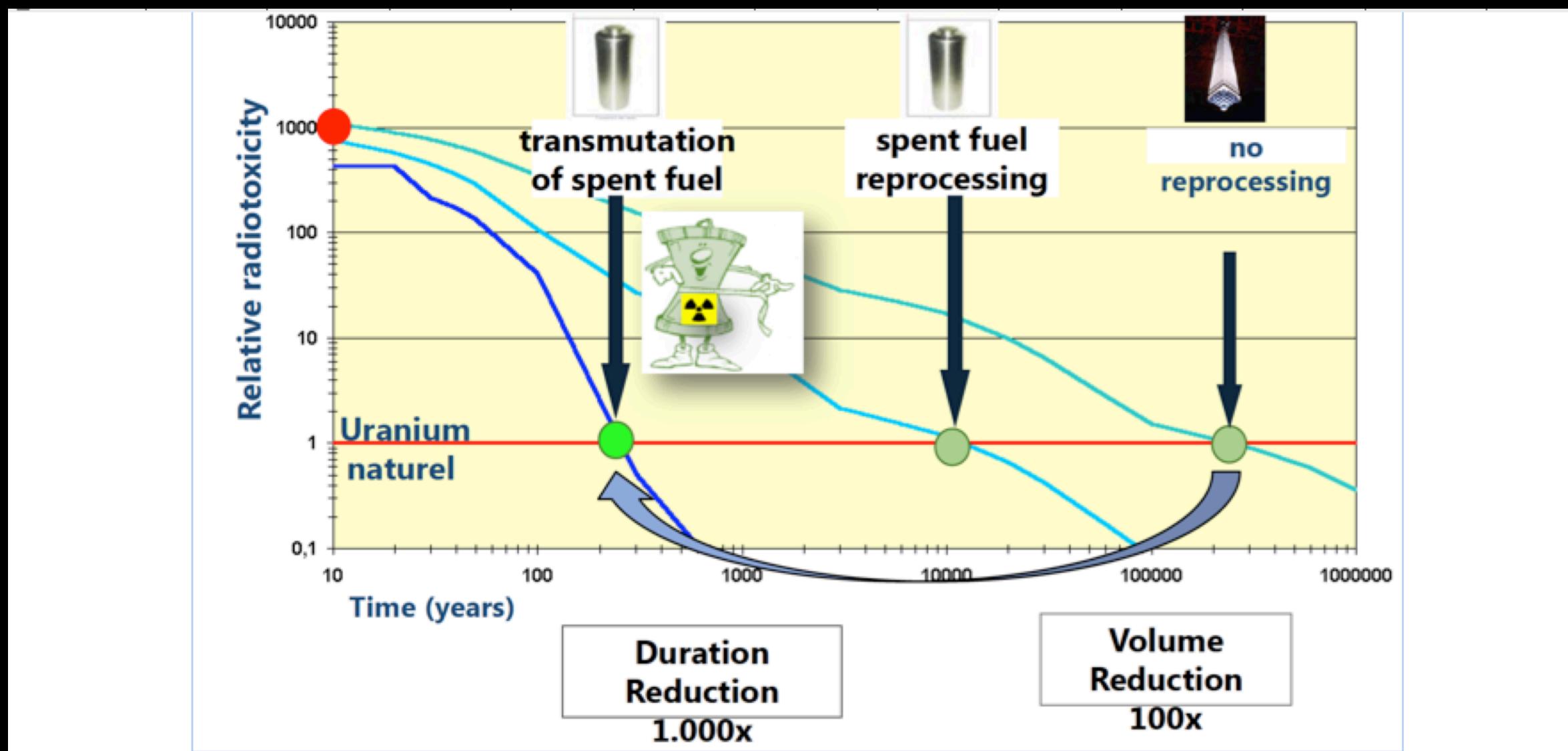
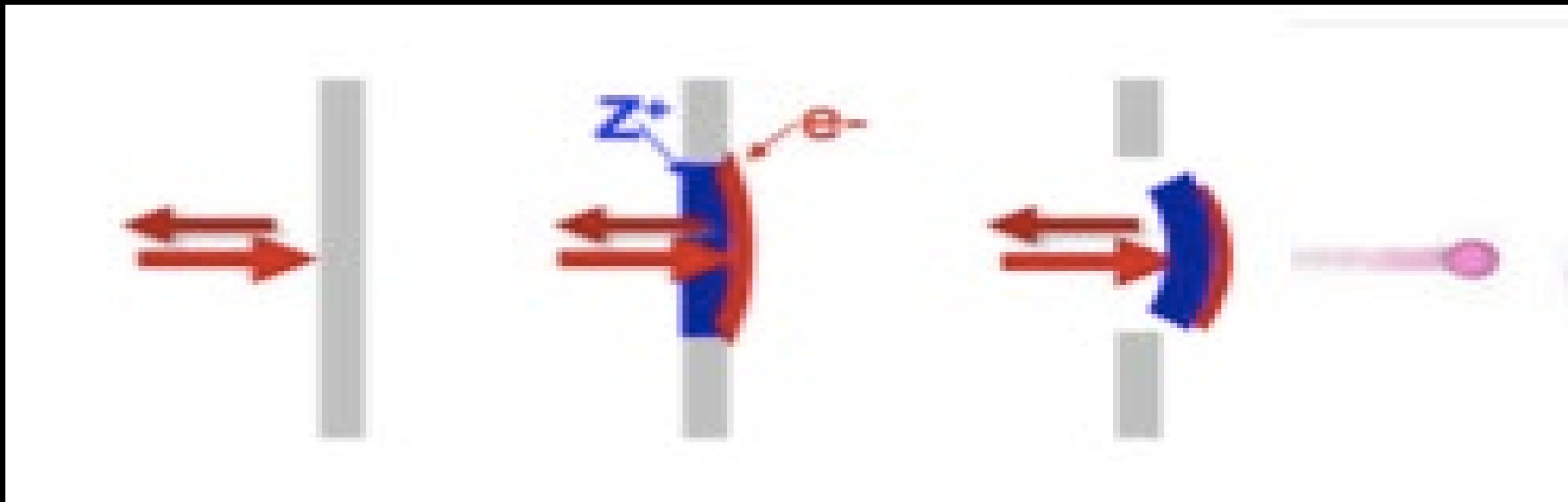


Figure 1: The radiotoxicity of the spent nuclear fuel may be reduced from the level of no reprocessed case to a level reduced by about 1000 times if we transmute the spent fuel. This is why the substantial benefit may be gained by the transmutation. [10],[11]

Low Hanging Fruit: High Energy Proton Generation

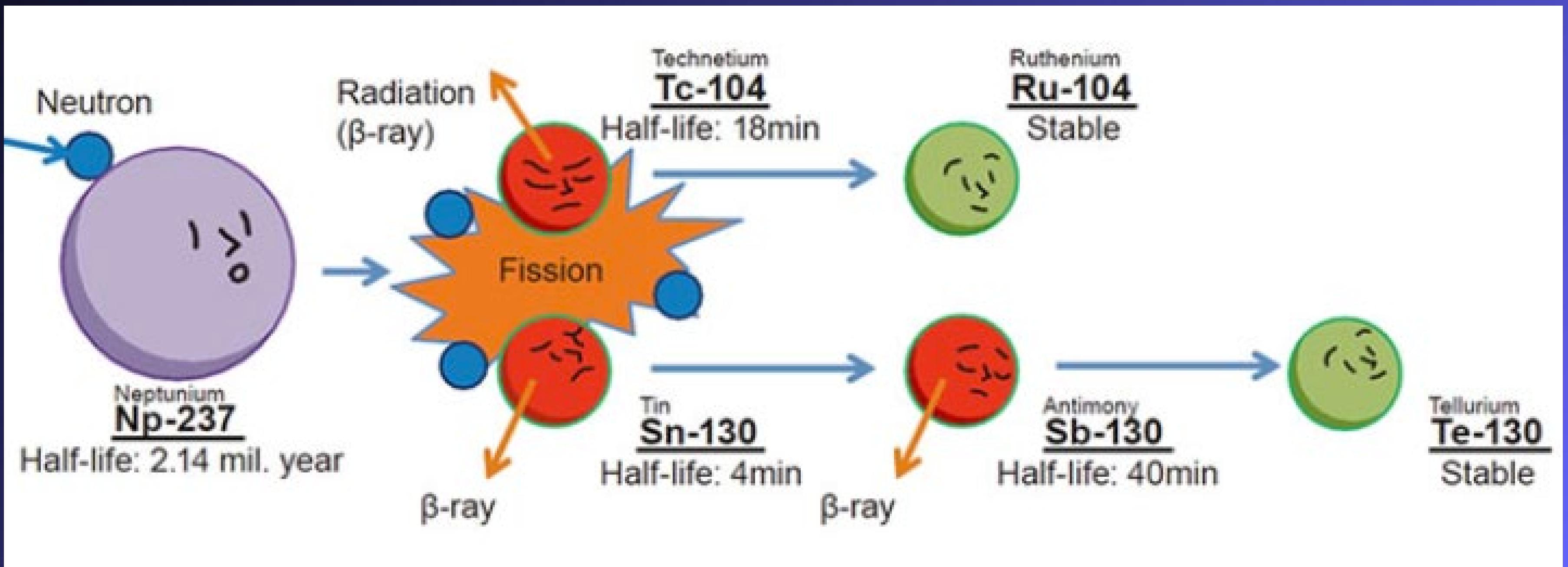
GeV Proton Generation



MeV-GeV



NUCLEAR TRANSMUTATION CONCEPT

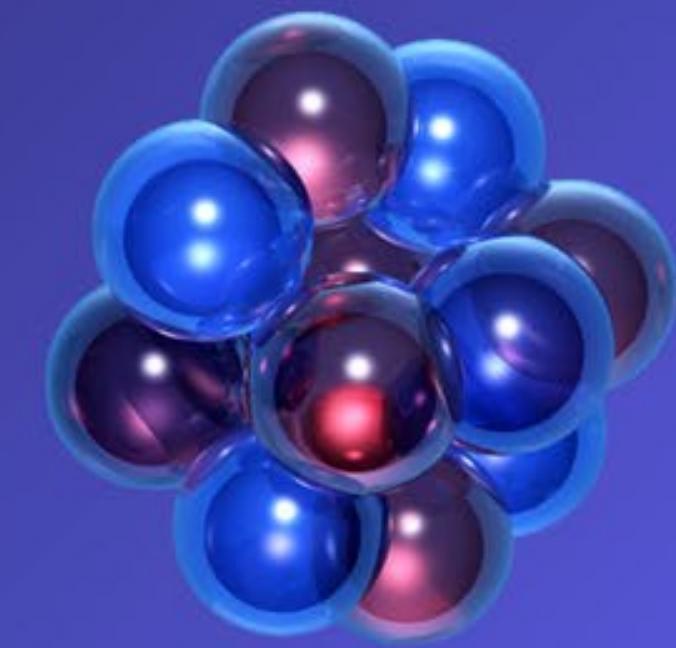
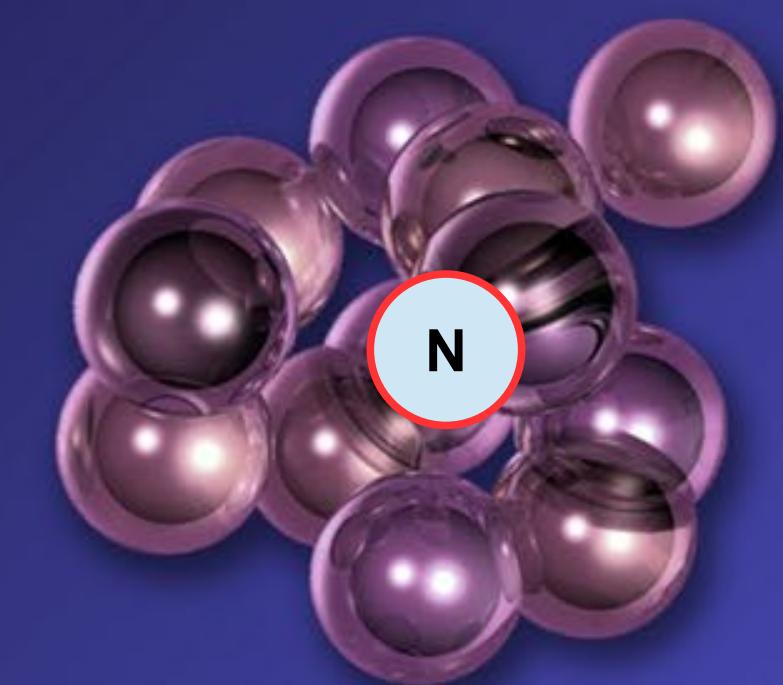
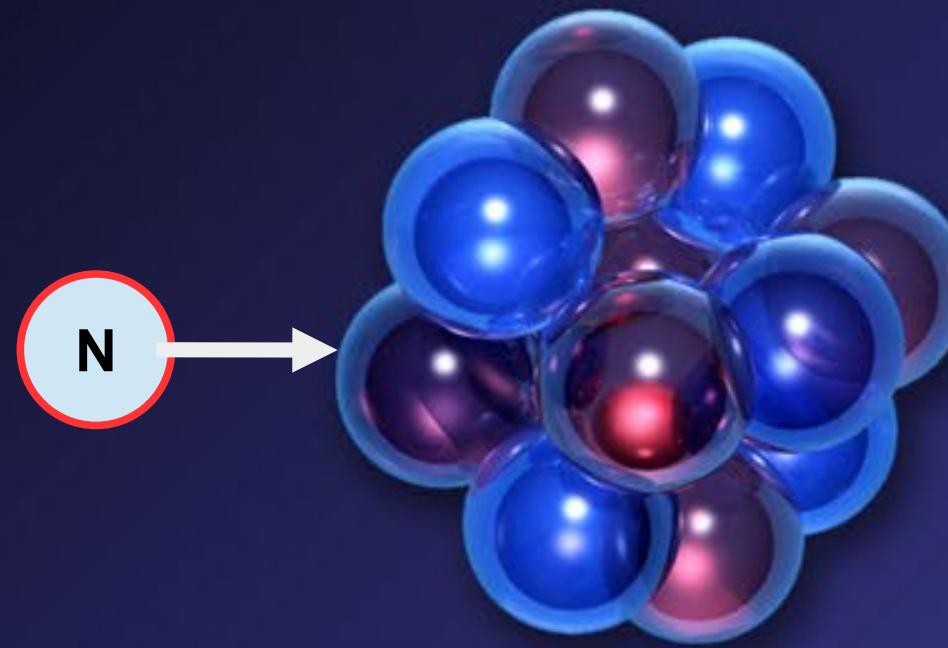




CPA Transmutation of Nuclear Waste

For example

- * ^{99}Tc (*Techneum*) half-life of 200 000 years
 - * ^{100}Tc has a half-life of 16 seconds
 - * it decays to a stable ^{100}Ru (*Ruthenium*)

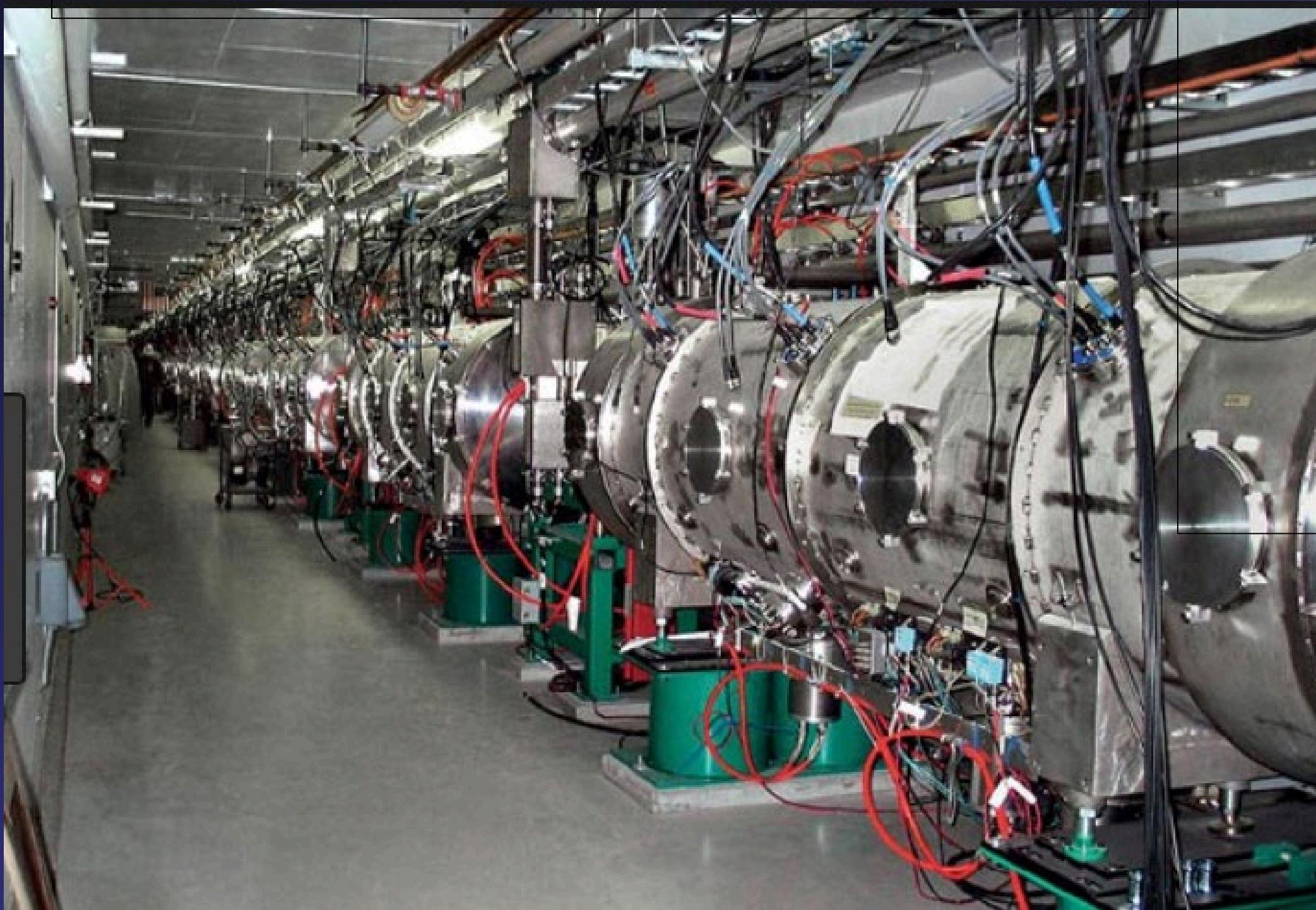


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***RELATIVISTIC PROTON ACCELERATOR
for
TRANSMUTATION***



Projet MYRRHA

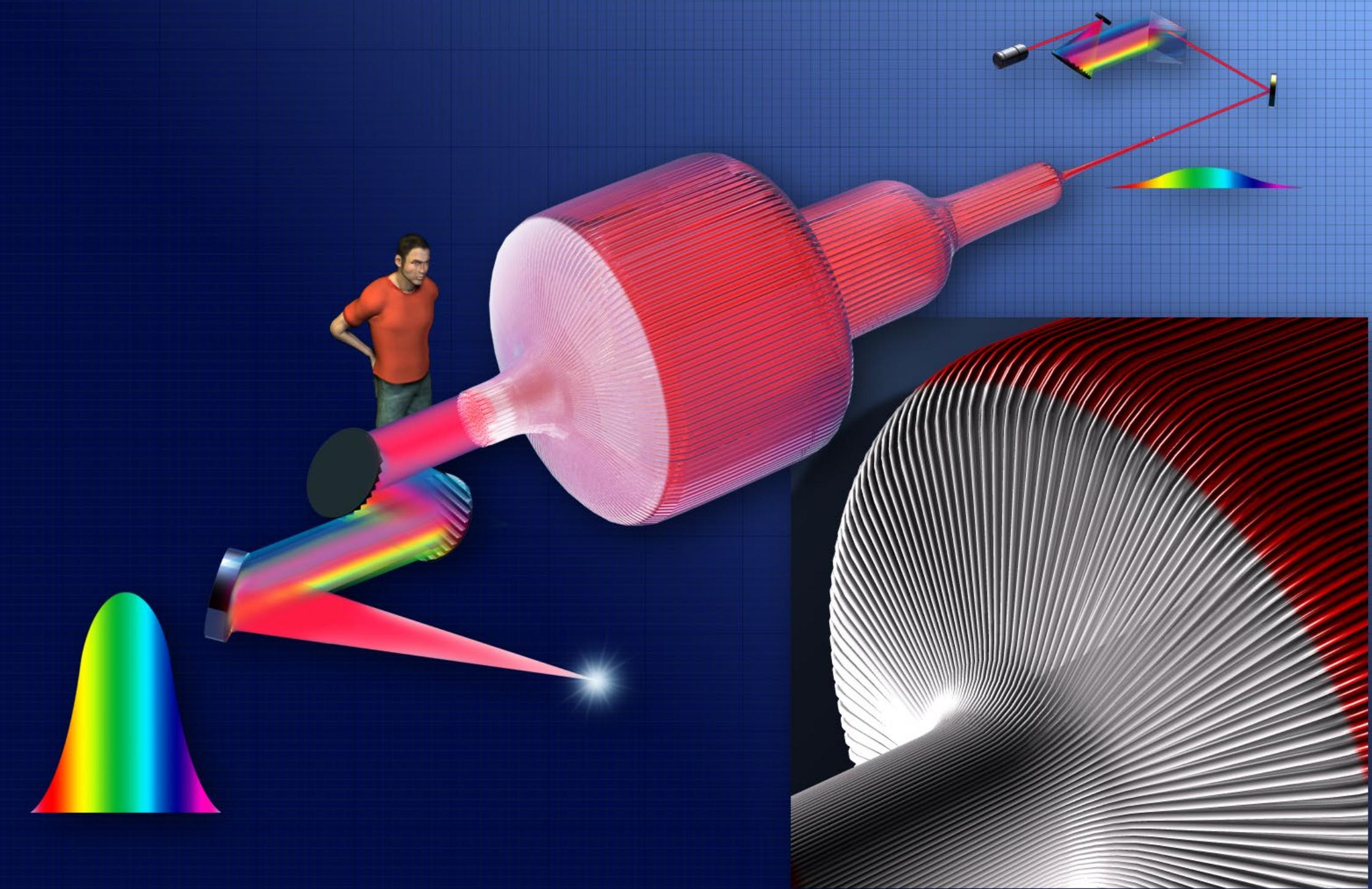
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CAN
Peak Power TW
Average Power MW
Efficiency: 40%

Projet EP-Thales





CONCLUSION

1. La lumière extrême offrent des possibilités considérables, à la recherche, l’ innovation mais aussi à l’ industrie française et européenne.
2. Elle a eu un énorme impact sur l’ industrie française du laser.
Elle a permis à celle-ci d’ innover et de dominer le marché mondial.
3. Je suis heureux qu’avec le CNRS et la Commission Européenne nous ayons pu réaliser les projets ELI et Apollon et contribuer à l unification de la science dans les pays emergents de l’ Union Européenne.
4. Heureux aussi de contribuer au leadership de la recherche Française et Européenne dans le monde.

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And the Best is Yet To Come !

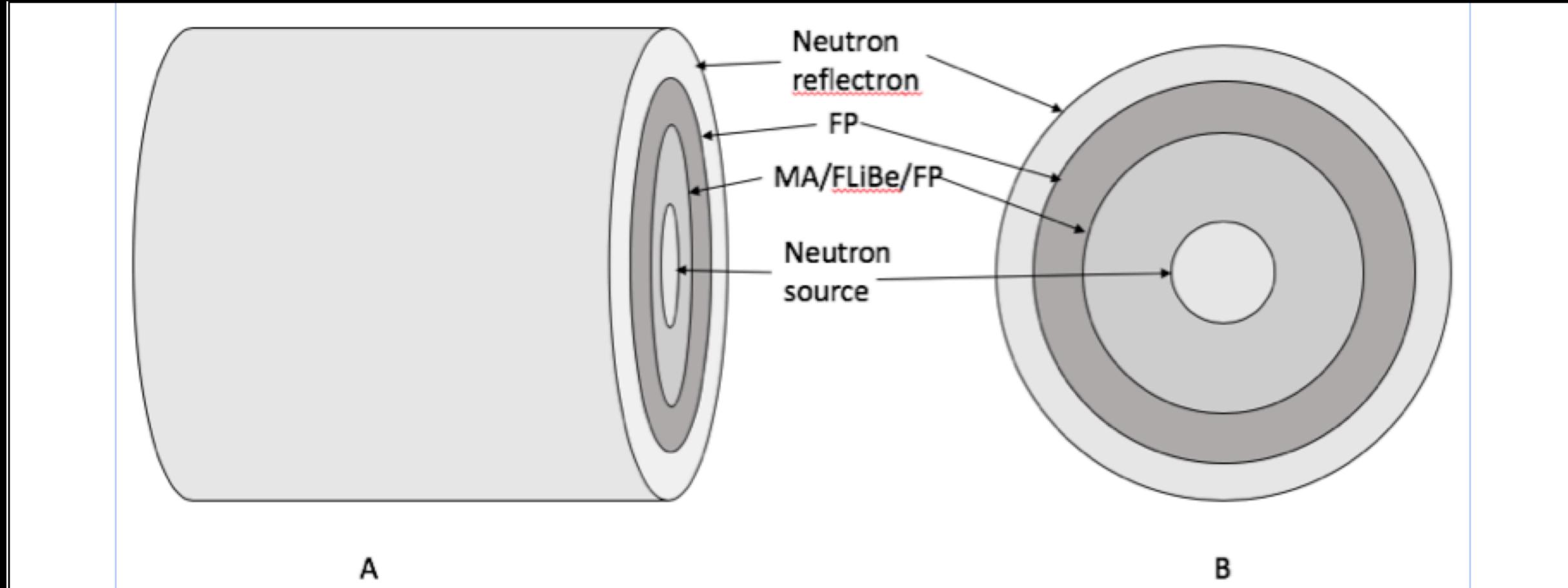


Figure 2. The structure of the liquid state layers of the solution (FLiBe) with TRUand FP surrounding the central fusion neutron source. The schematics, whose more functional details are shown in Fig. 9.



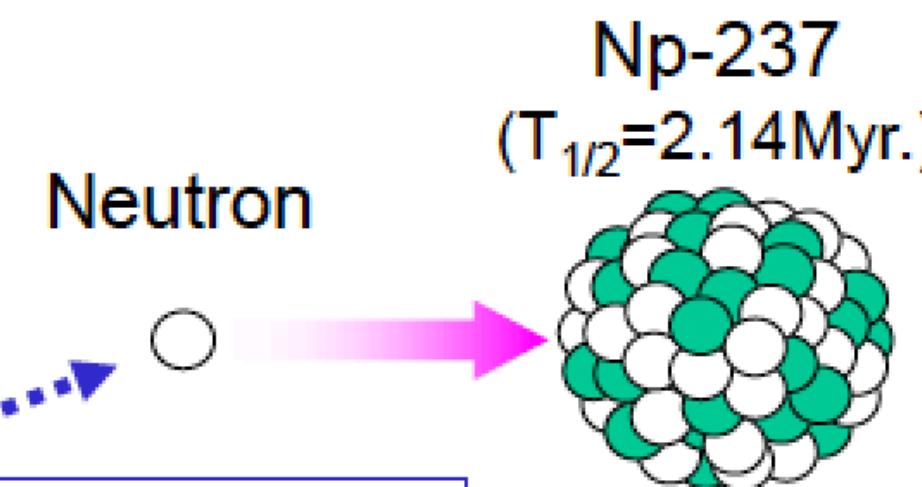
NUCLEAR TRANSMUTATION CONCEPT

How to Transmute MA and LLFP

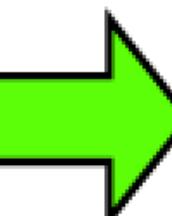


Example of fission reaction of MA

High energy neutrons (> 1MeV) are suitable for fission reaction.

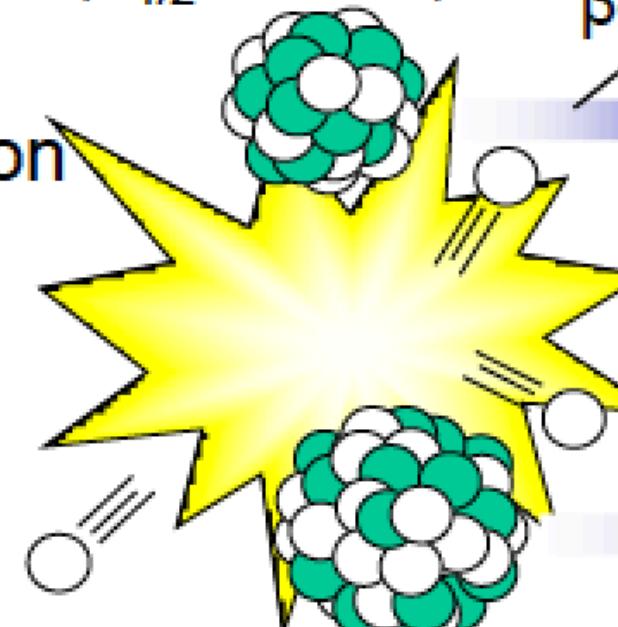


Fission reaction



Neutron

Mo-102
($T_{1/2}=11\text{min.}$)

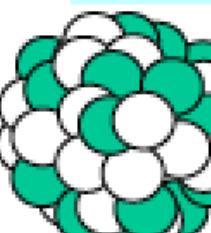


I-133
($T_{1/2}=21\text{hr.}$)

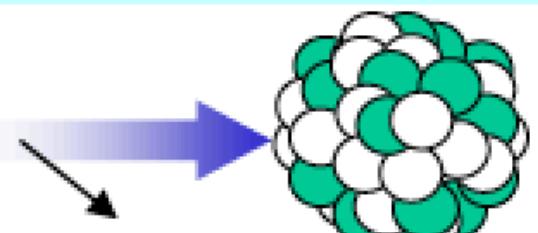
Tc-102
($T_{1/2}=5\text{s}$)



Note: 10% or less of FPs are Long-lived ones.



Ru-102
(stable)



Cs-133
(stable)

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Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI)*

ELI Beamlines

Dolní Břežany, Czech Republic

ELI Attosecond

Szeged, Hungary

ELI Nuclear Physics

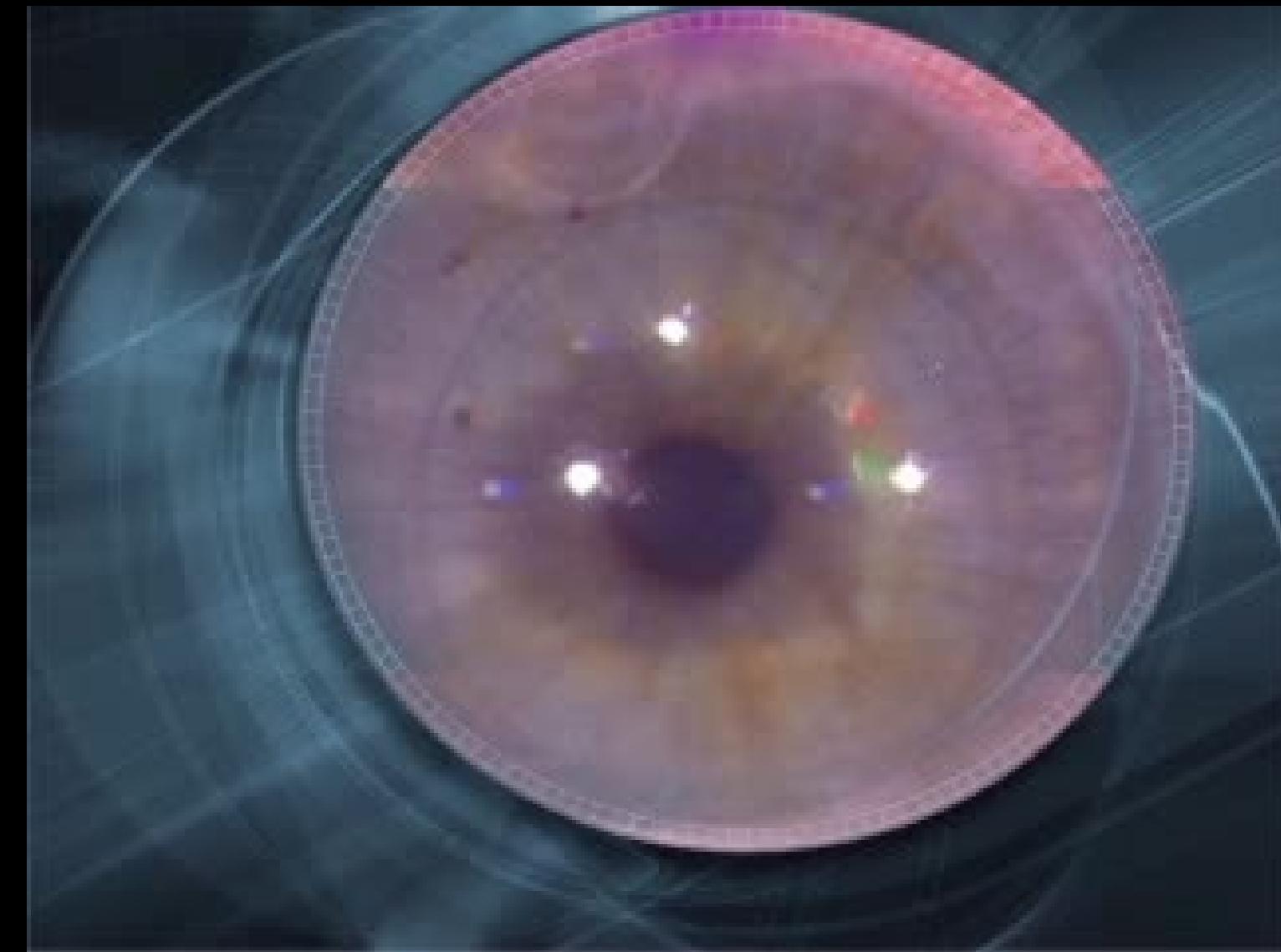
Magurele, Romania

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Intralase flap creation

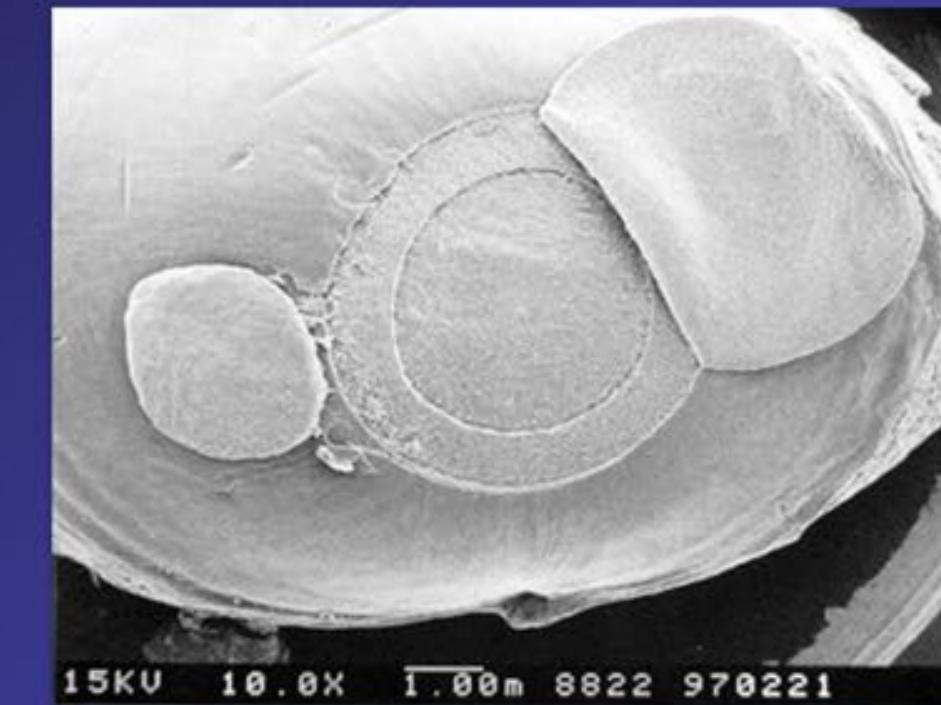
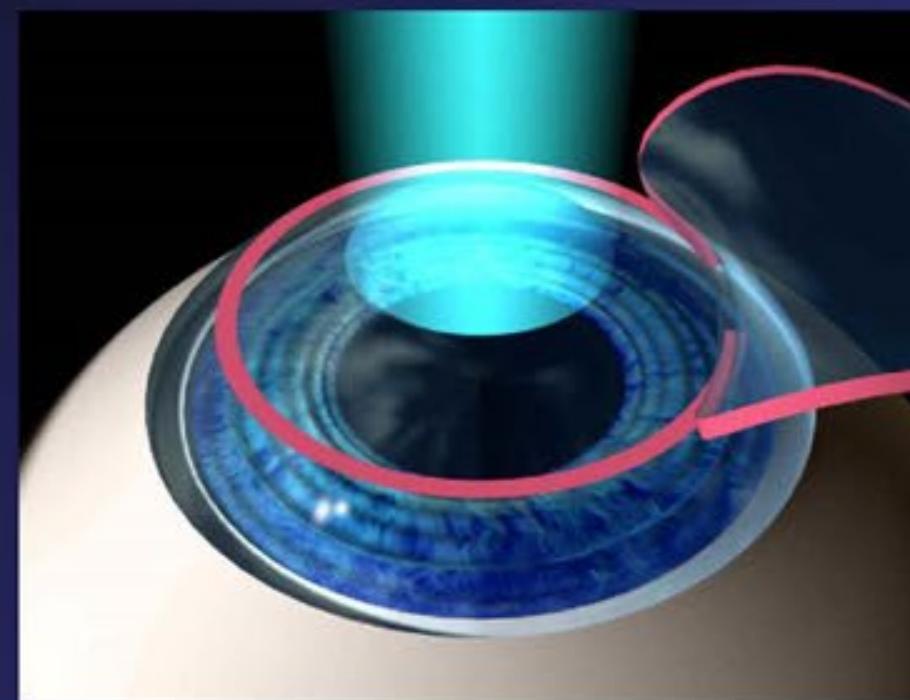


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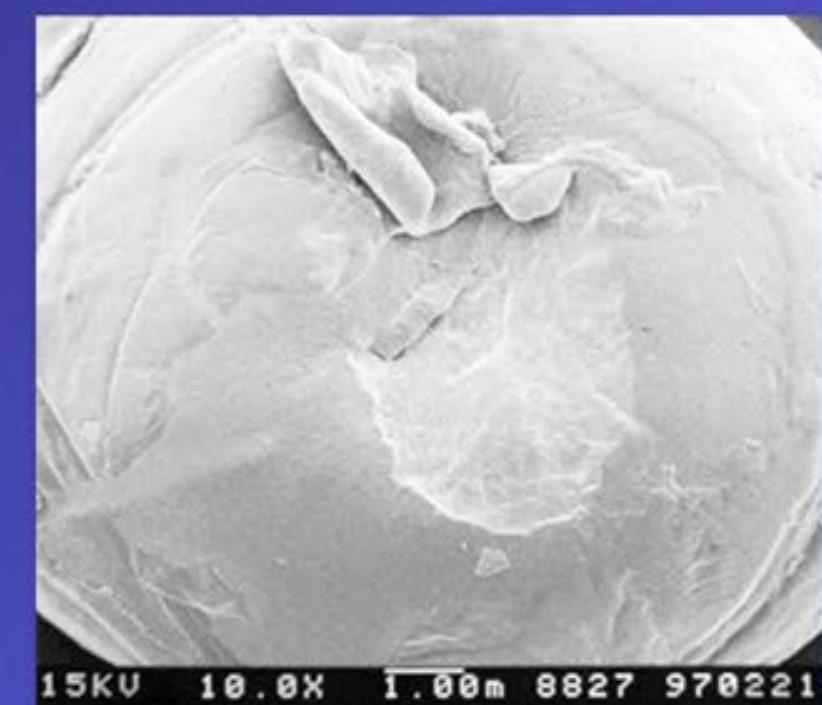
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24 million eye operations since 2001!*



300 femtosecond



50 picosecond



High Precision Micro Machining —

A femtosecond (fs) laser will cut the material without damaging it

*continuous
wave laser*

*nanosecond
laser*

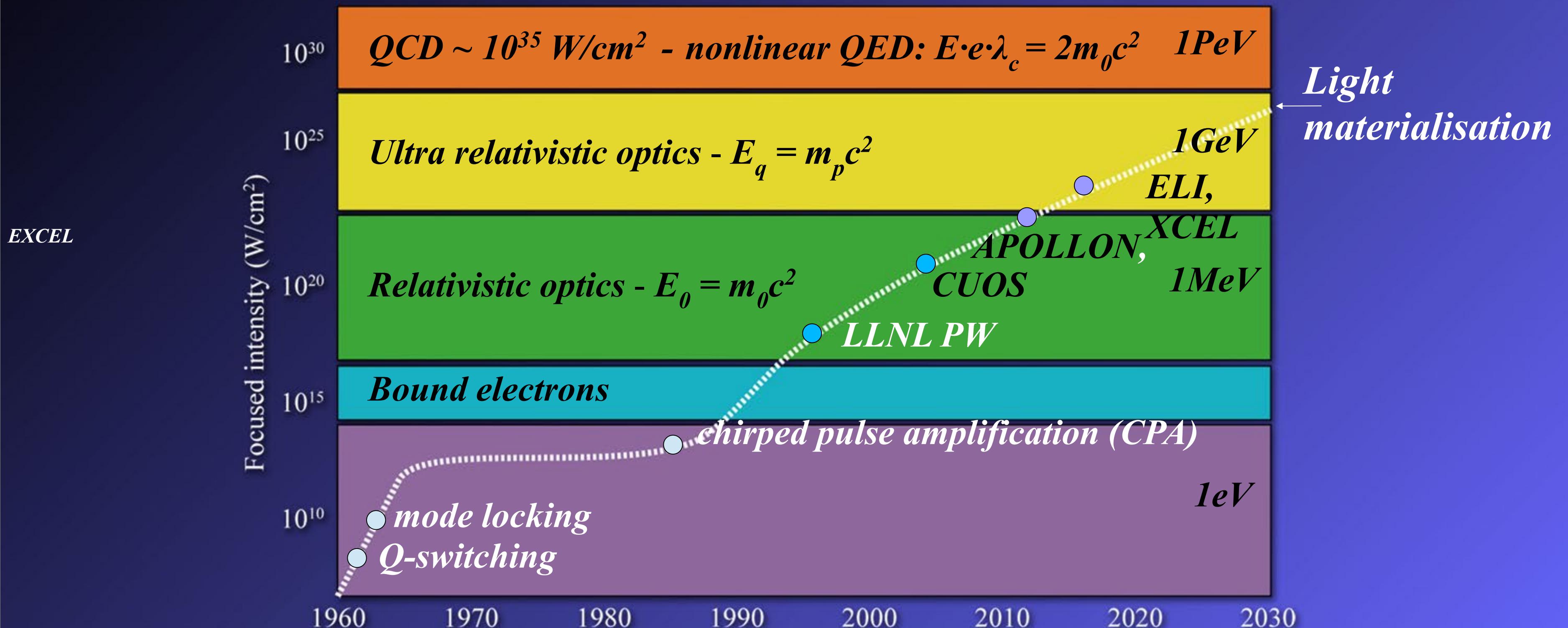
*femtosecond
laser*

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Extreme light ultra high intensity roadmap

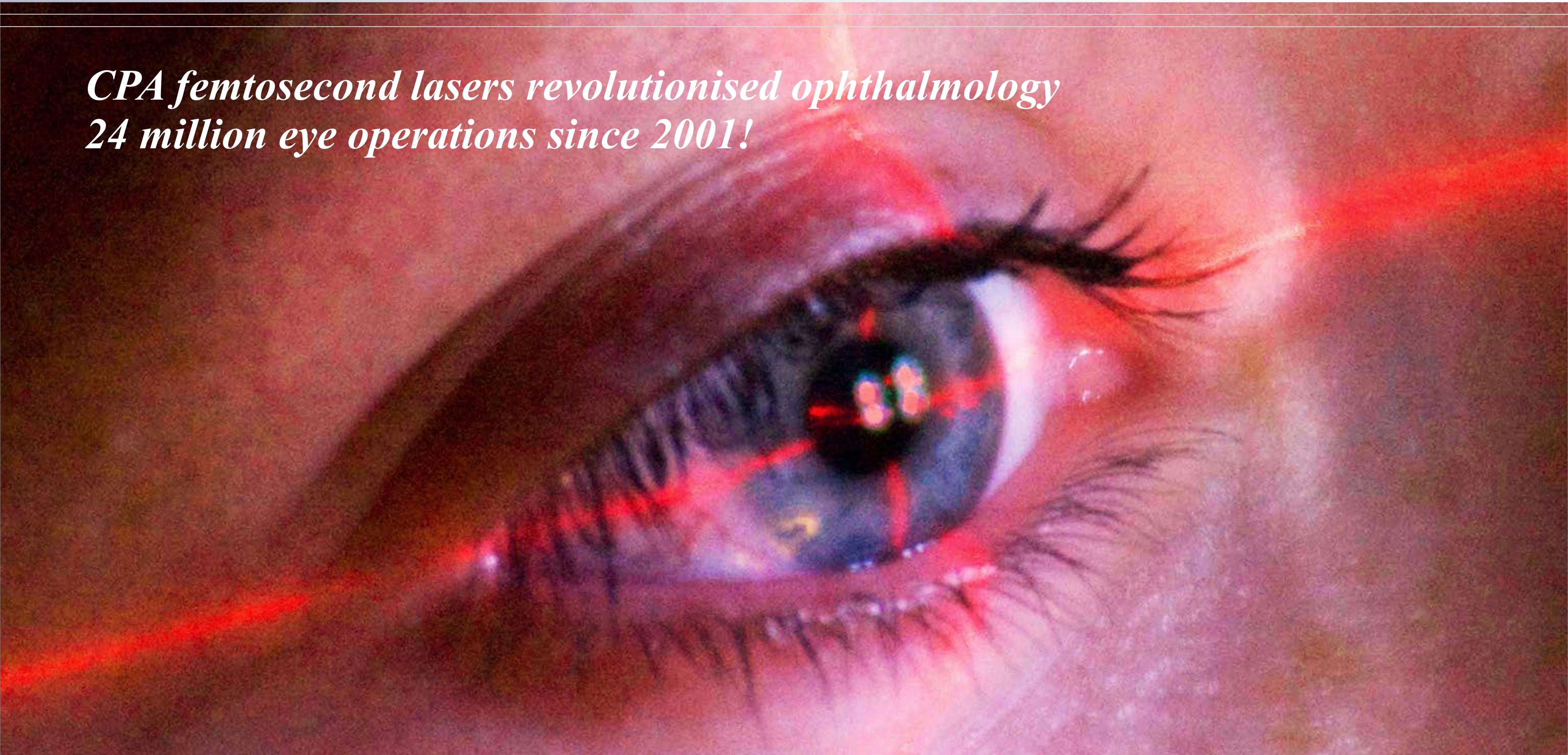


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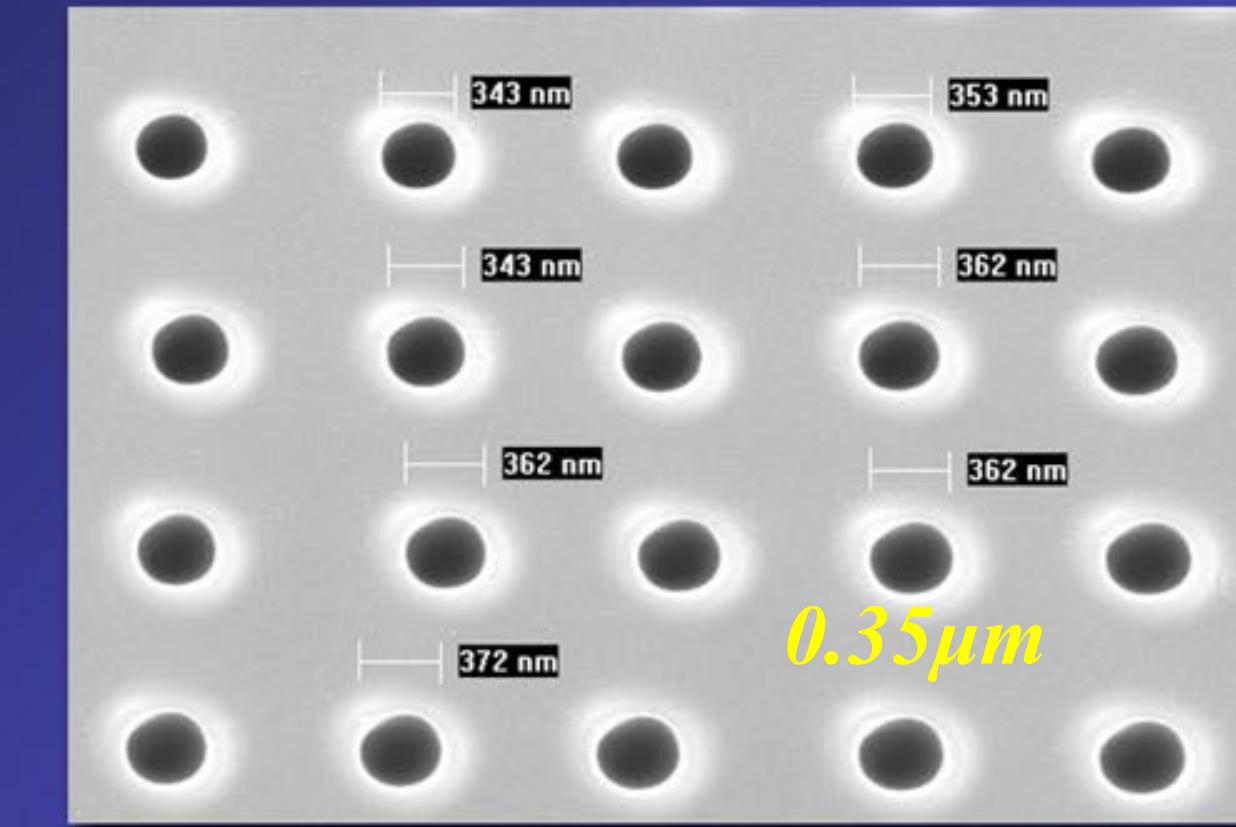
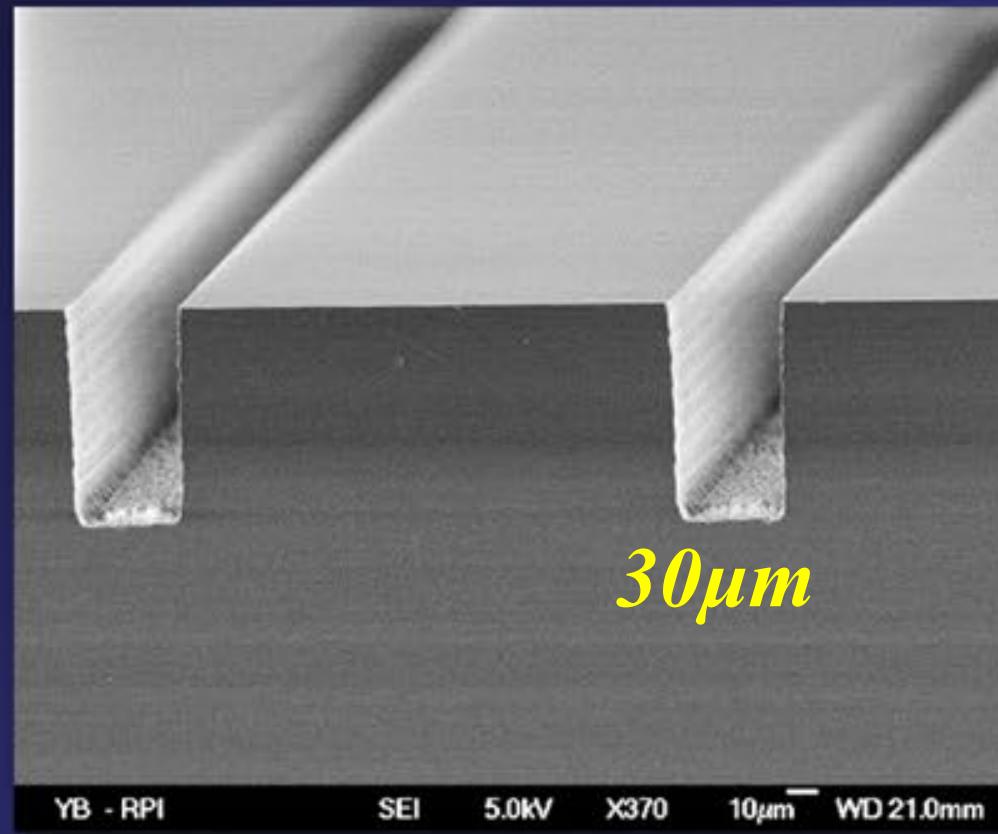
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Giant wakefield acceleration in gas

Tajima et Dawson (1979)

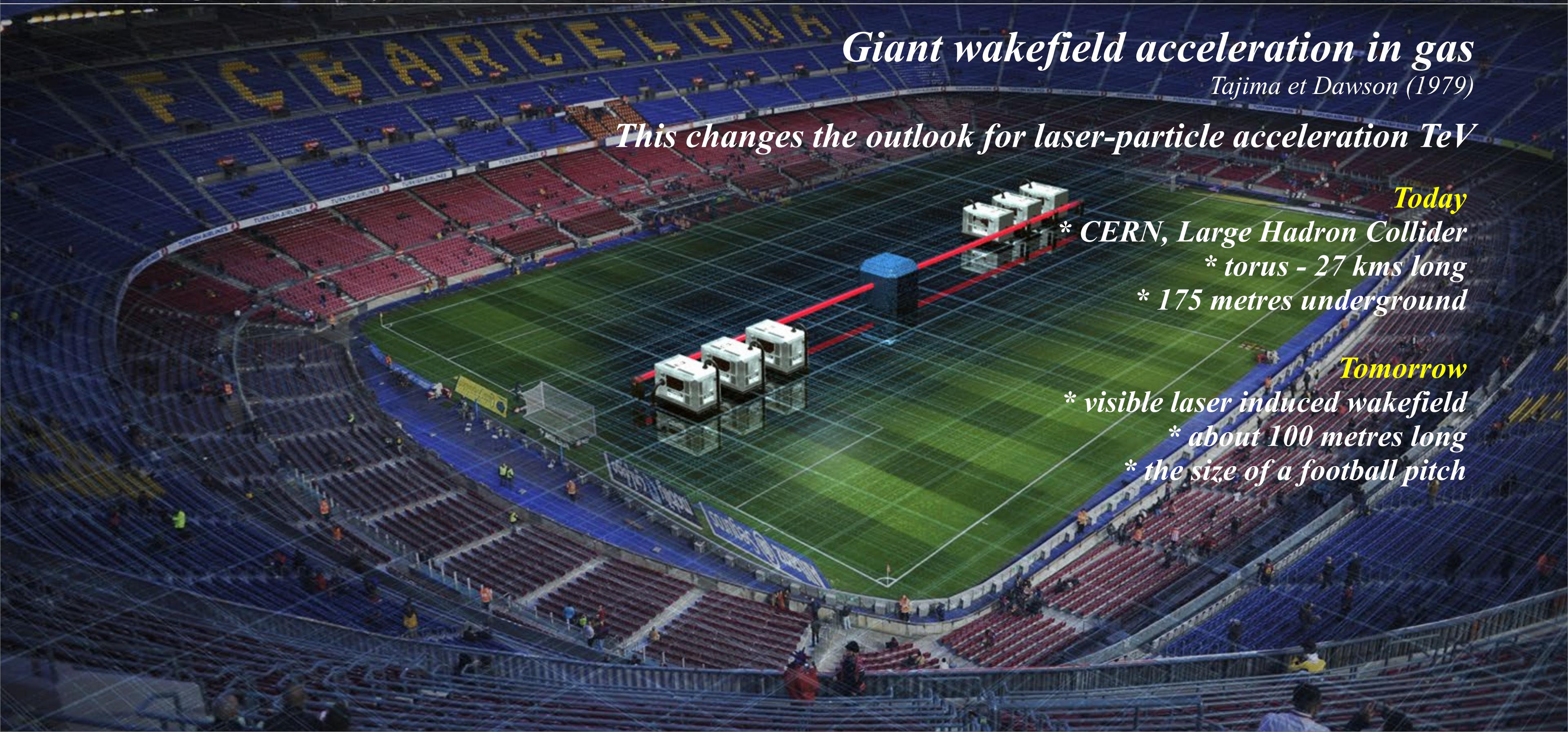
This changes the outlook for laser-particle acceleration TeV

Today

- * CERN, Large Hadron Collider
- * torus - 27 kms long
- * 175 metres underground

Tomorrow

- * visible laser induced wakefield
- * about 100 metres long
- * the size of a football pitch



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Giant wakefield acceleration in gas and solid

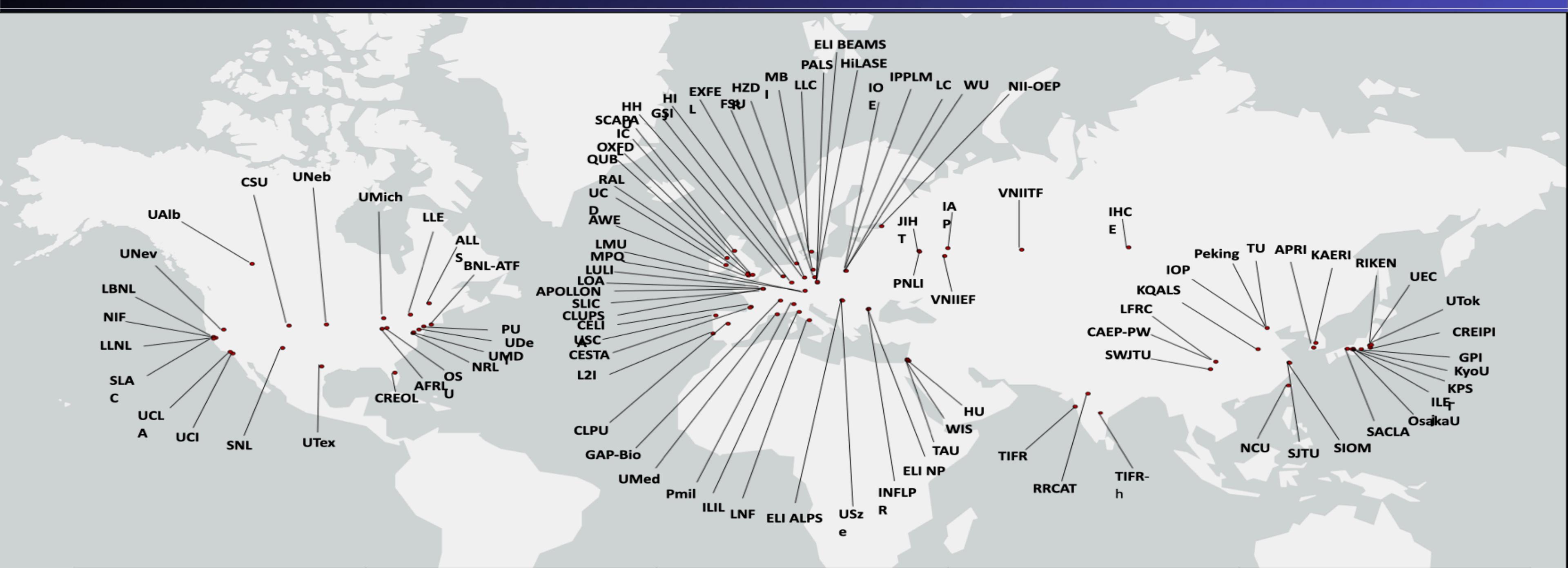
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A surfer riding down the face of a wave is accelerated by energy of the wave

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ALLS	Advanced Laser Light Source	Varennes	GSI	GSI-Helmholtzzentrum fuer Schwerionenforschung GmbH	Darmstadt	L2I	Laboratory for Intense Lasers (L2I)	Lisbon	PALS	Prague Asterix Laser System Research Centre	Prague	Ualb	University of Alberta	Edmonton
APOLLON	APOLLON at Université Paris Saclay	Saclay	HU	Heinrich Heine Universität, Düsseldorf	Düsseldorf	LBNL	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	Peking	Pekin	Peking University	Peking	UCD	University College Dublin	Dublin
APRI	Advanced Photon Research Institute	Gwangju	IC	Helmholtz Institute Jena	Jena	LC	Centrum Laserowwe, Instytutu Chemiczno Fizycznej	Milan	Pmri	Princeton University	Milan	UCI	University of California, Irvine	Irvine
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CAEP-PW	Chinese Academy of Engineering Physics- PW Laser	Manyang	ZDR	Institute of Applied Physics, Russian Academy of Sciences	Dresden	LLE	Laboratory for Laser Energetics	Rochester	PU	Princeton University, Extreme Light-Matter Interactions Lab	Belfast	UEC	University of Electro-Communications Inst. for Laser Science	Tokyo
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CREOL	College of Optic & Photonics, UCF	Orlando	ILPLP	National Institute for Laser, Plasma, and Radiation Phys.	Bucharest	MFI	MAX-BORN-INSTITUT für Nichtlineare Optik und...	Shanghai	SIOM	Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics	Shanghai	USC	University of Santiago de Compostela, L2A2	Santiago
CSU	Colorado State University	Fort Collins	DE	Institut Optoelektroniki, Wojskowa Akademia Tech.	Warsaw	MPQ	Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics	Shanghai	SITU	Shanghai Jiao Tong University	Shanghai	UStz	University of Szeged	Szeged
ELI ALPS	Extreme Light Infrastructure Attosecond Light Pulse Source	Sanged	DP	Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Beijing	NICF	National Central University	Stanford	SLAC	Stanford Linear Accelerator Center	Stanford	UTex	University of Texas at Austin	Austin
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FSU	IOG/Friedrich Schiller University of Jena	Schenefeld	IAERI	Korean Atomic Energy Research Institute	Daejeon	NR	Naval Research Laboratory	Washington DC	SWIFT	Southwest Jiaotong University	Emelshan	VNIITF	RJNC- All-Russian Research Institute of Experimental Phys.	Chernihiv
GAP-Bio	Université de Genève, GAP-Biophotonics	Jena	PSI	Kansai Photon Science Institute	Kizugawa	OSKAU	Osaka University	Tau	TIFR	Tel Aviv University, Intense Lasers and Ultrafast Science Group	Tel Aviv	WIS	RJNC- Russian Research Institute of Technical Physics	Rishon LeZion
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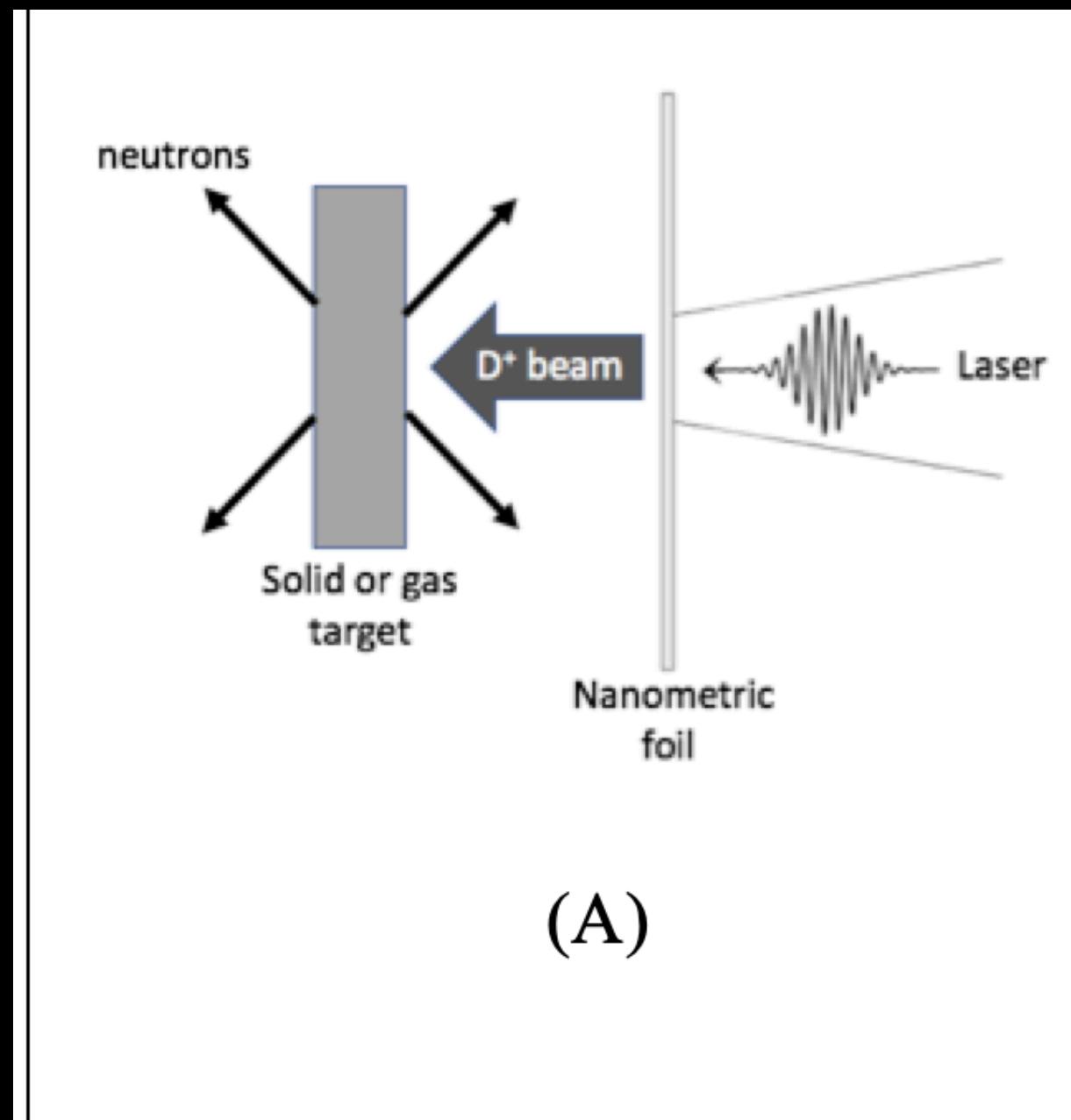
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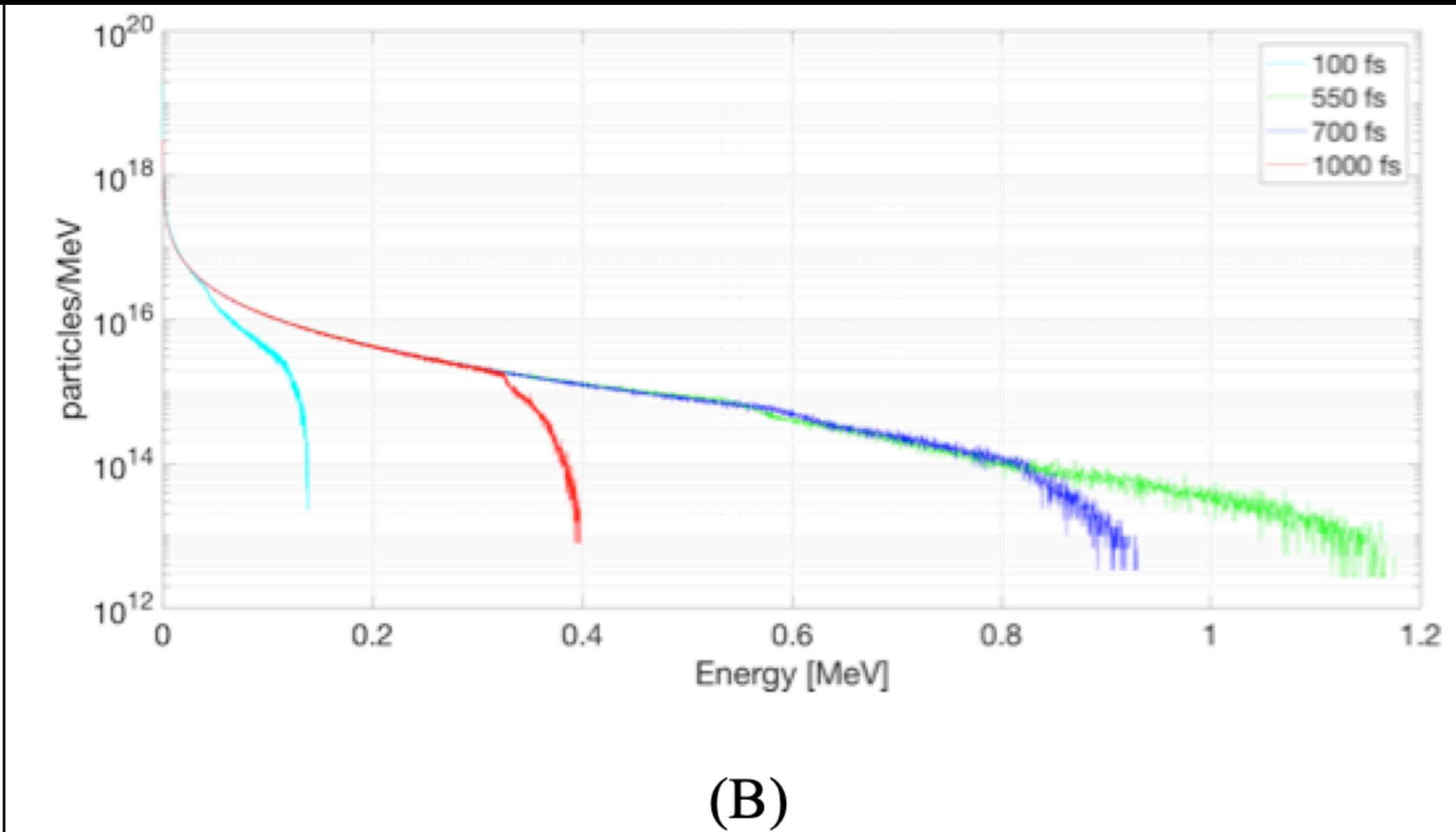


Global petawatt facilities



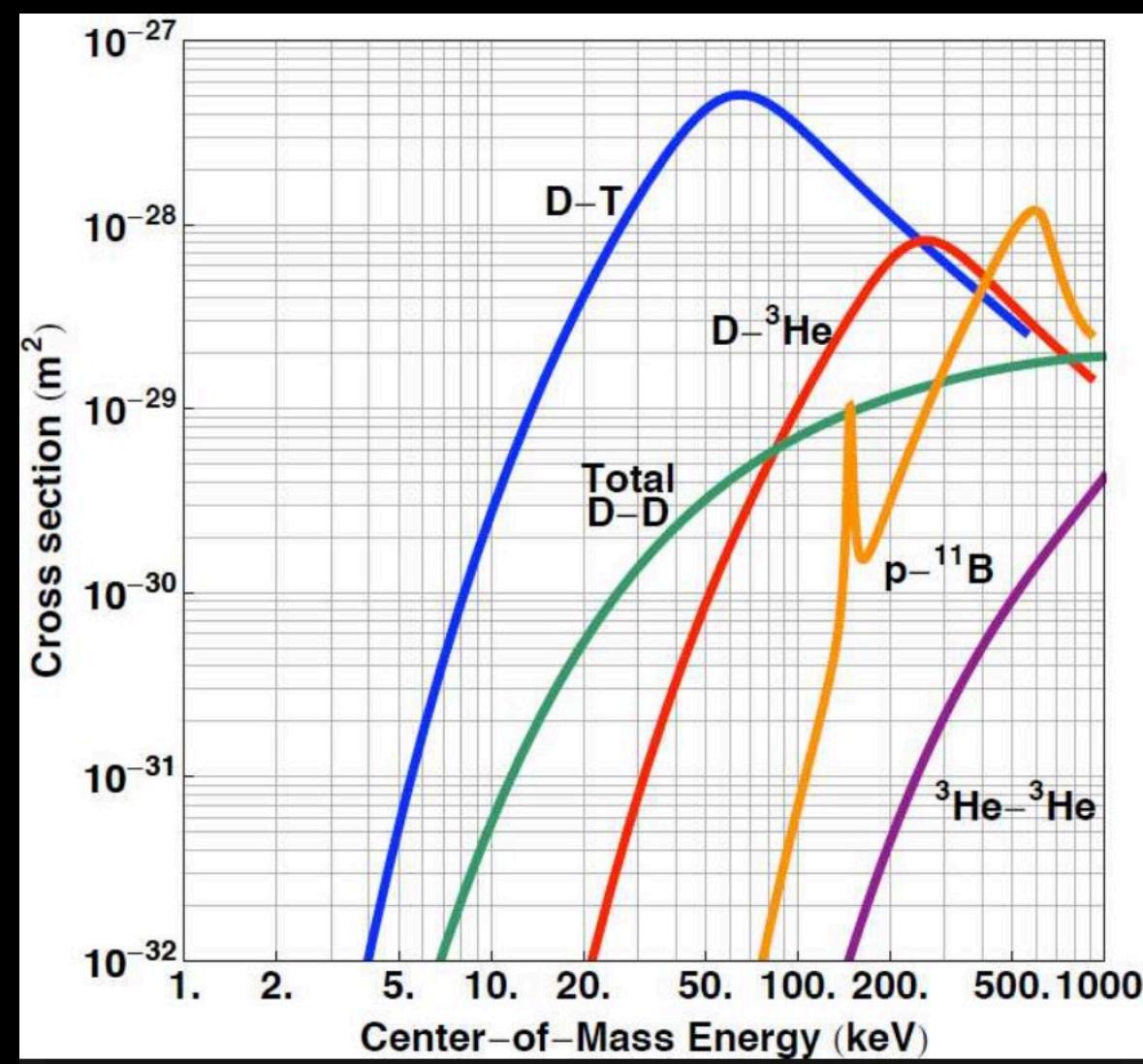


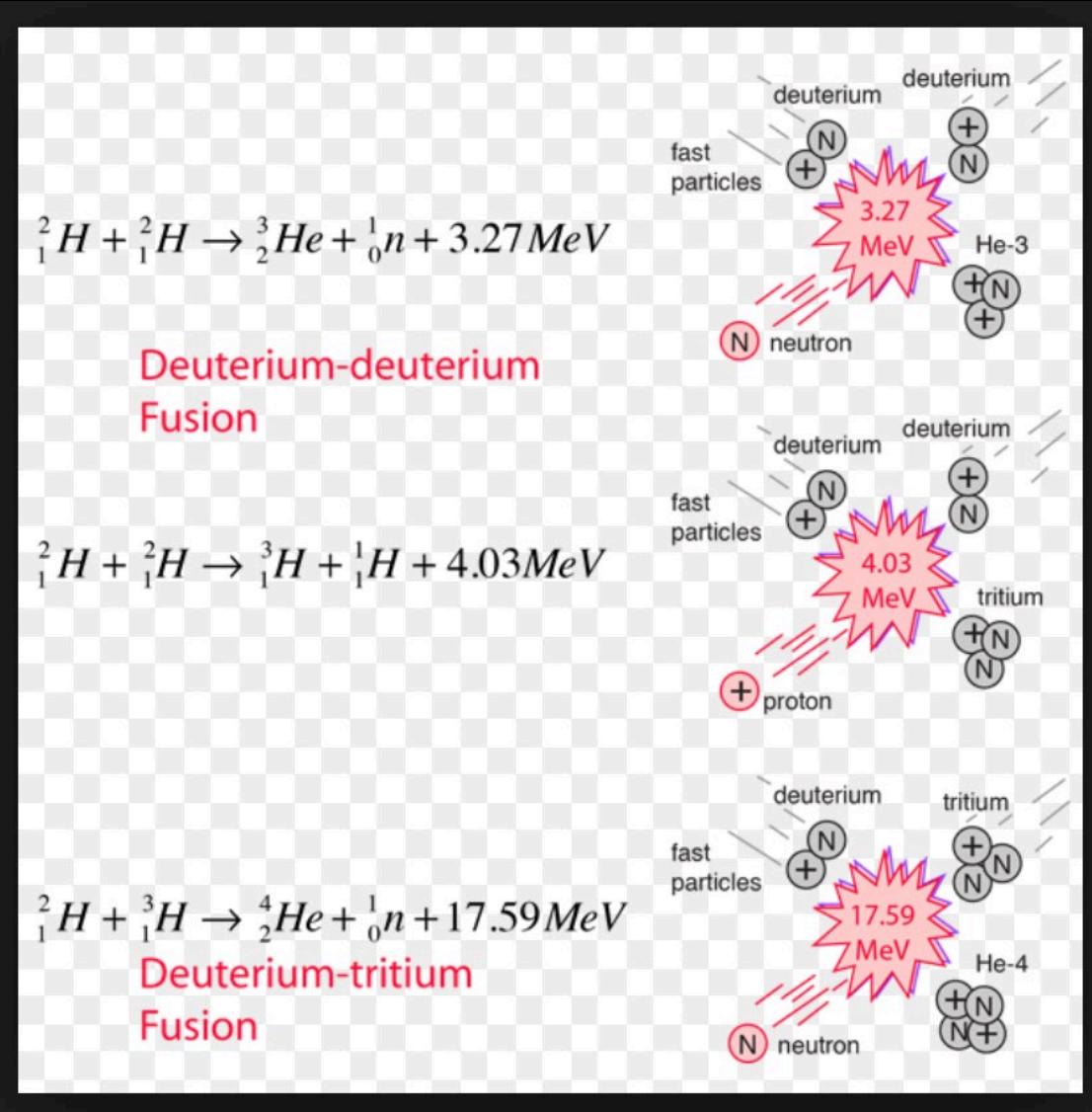
(A)



(B)

Figure 3: Neutrons are generated by the laser irradiation of a nanometric deuteron foil, deuteron acceleration and interaction with tritiated solid or gas target. (A) Schematic of neutron generation using laser. (B) D⁺ energy spectrum @ 100 fs, 550 fs, 700 fs and 1000 fs. The average deuteron energy at 550 fs is 100 keV corresponding to ~10% energy efficiency conversion from laser to deuteron.





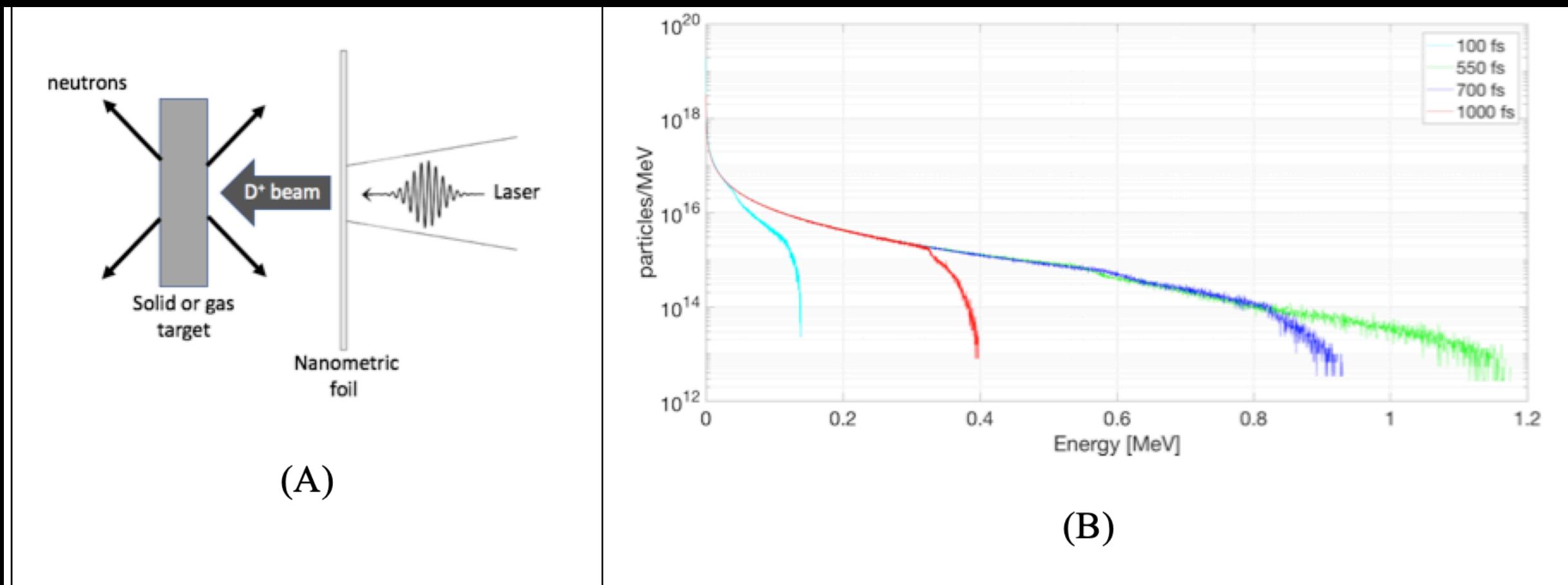


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