



PASSION LUMIÈRE EXTRÊME
Pour le bénéfice de la science et de la société

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Nobel Prize for Physics, 2018

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Incoherent Light



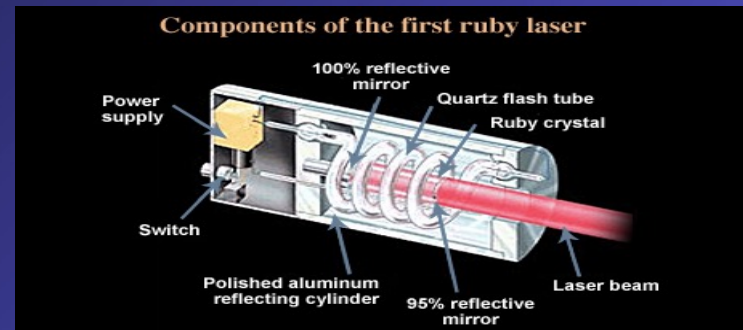
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Theodore Maiman
16 May 1960, Malibu Californie,

Components of the first ruby laser



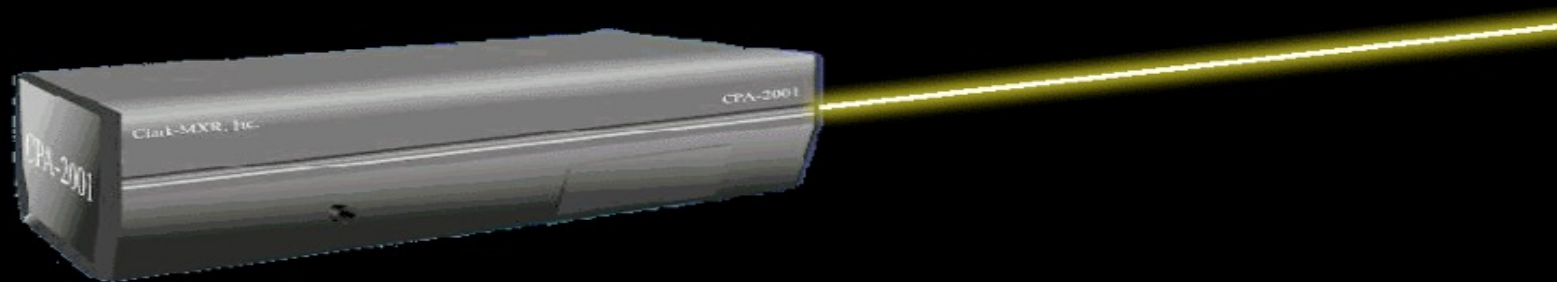
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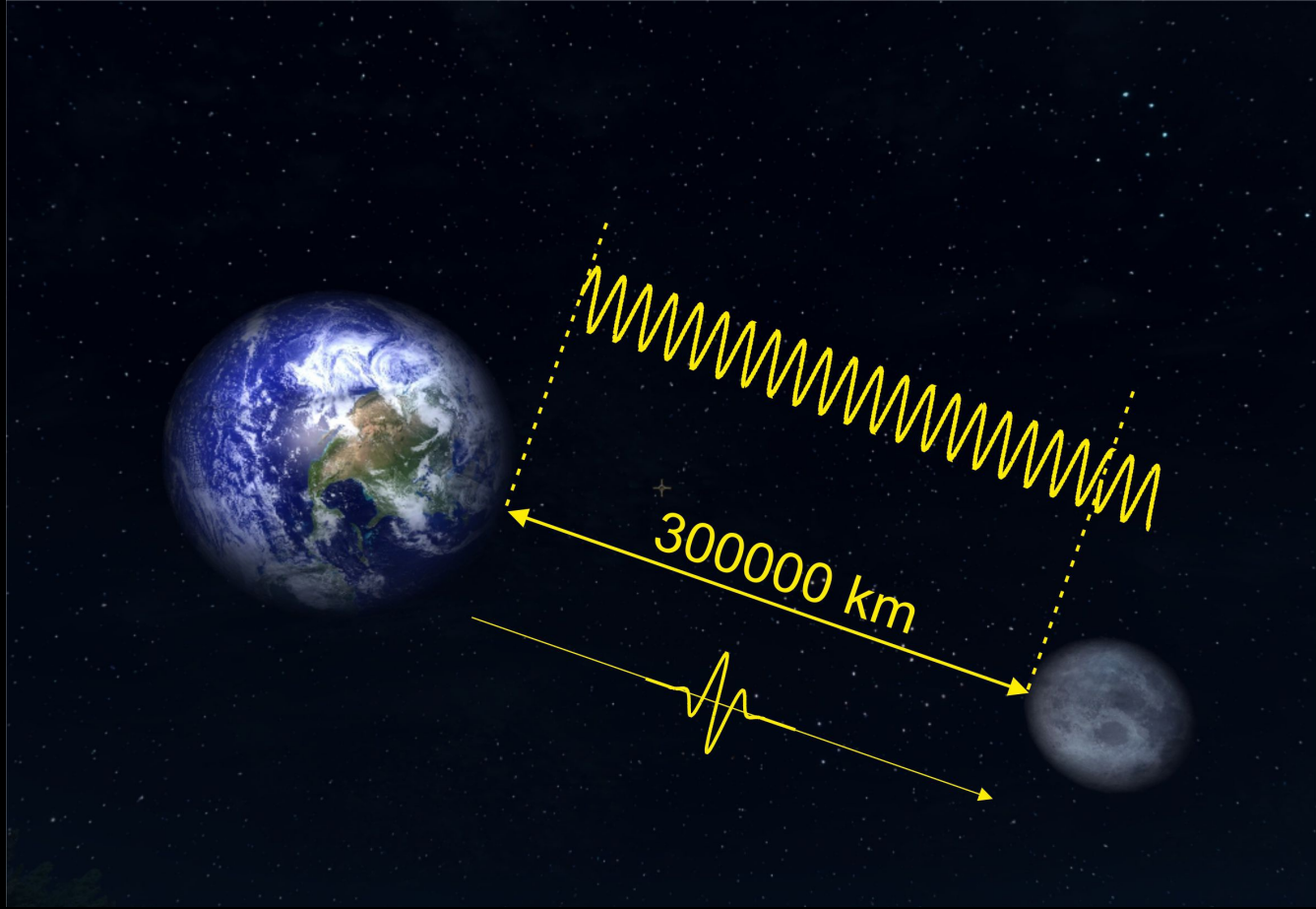
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THIS IS A LASER!





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Slowing down atoms

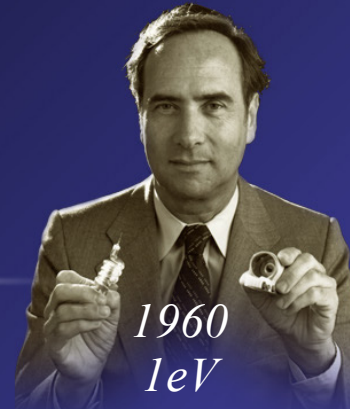
2018

1960

1eV

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(July 11, 1927 – May 5, 2007)



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*Quantum
Optics
 $\mu\text{eV} - \text{neV}$*

Slowing down atoms to cm/s

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Accelerating particles to C

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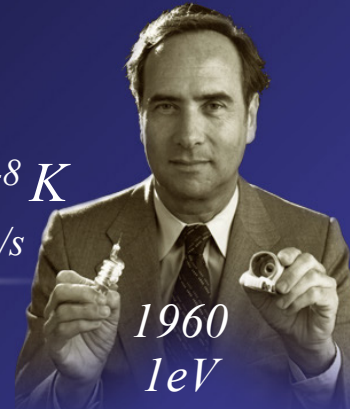


Quantum Optics

$\mu\text{eV} - \text{peV}$ Temp = 10^{-8} K

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Relativistic Optics

GeV - TeV

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Extreme light Laser is capable to produce,

1. the largest peak power,
2. the largest temperature,
3. the largest pressure,
4. largest acceleration,
5. the largest field.

It is a universal source of High Energy Particles and Radiations

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Laser can emits very short bursts of light



ns-fs

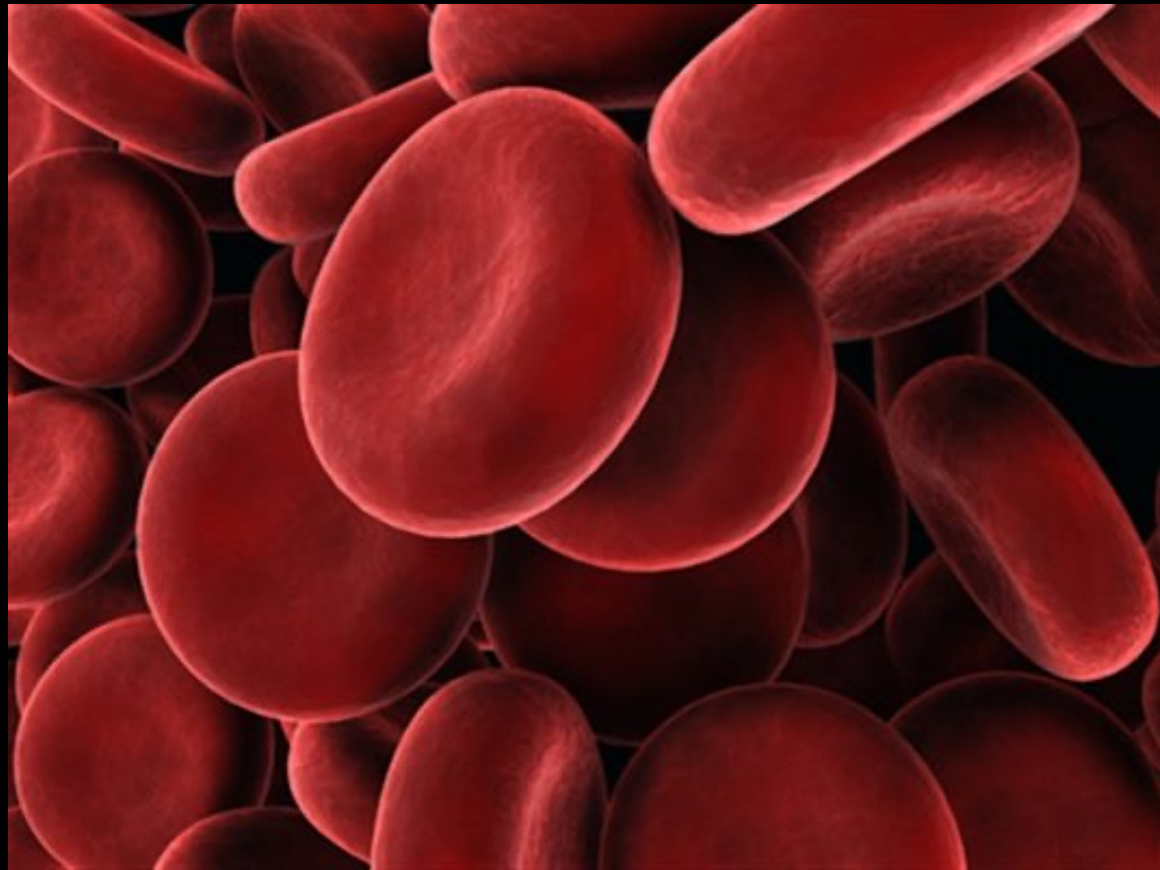


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Red Blood Cell: 10 fs



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How Extreme is Extreme?

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

10^{-15} s

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How Much Pressure Does a PW Laser Exert?

*1 PW/1 μ m spot size
corresponds to 10^{23} 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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Laser Exploration : From Atomic to Sub-Atomic

eV



TeV

ATOMIC

SUB-ATOMIC

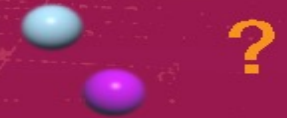
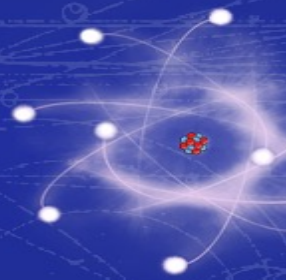
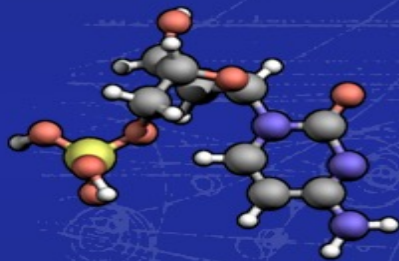
molecules

atoms

nucleii

protons

electrons/quarks



10^{-10} m

10^{-14} m

10^{-15} m

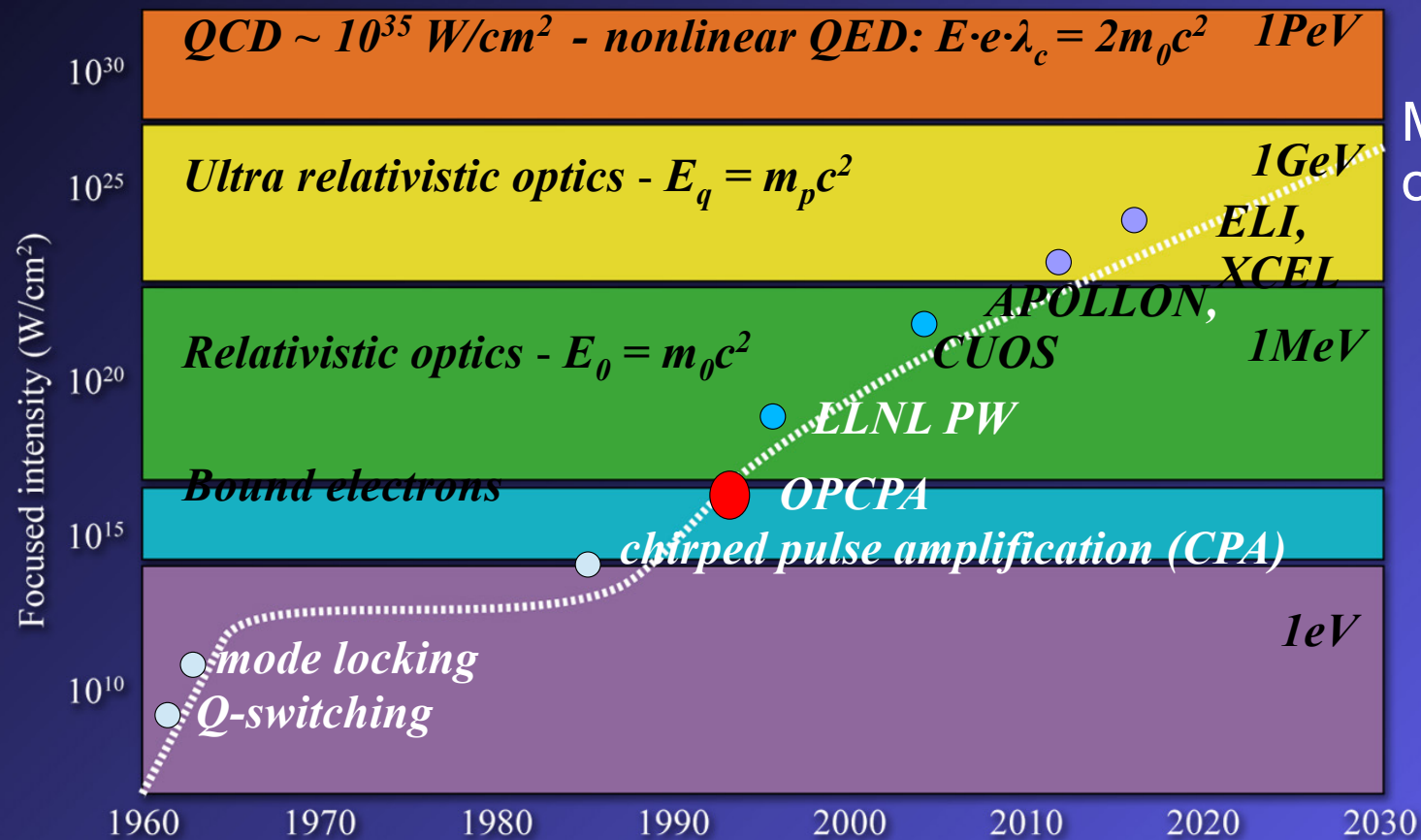
$\leq 10^{-18}$ m

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Extreme light ultra high intensity roadmap



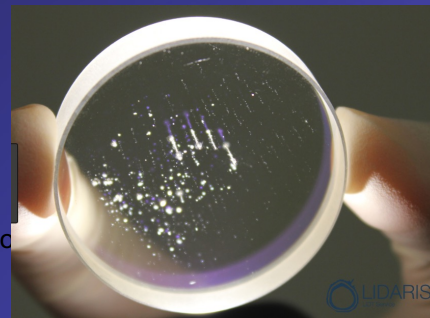
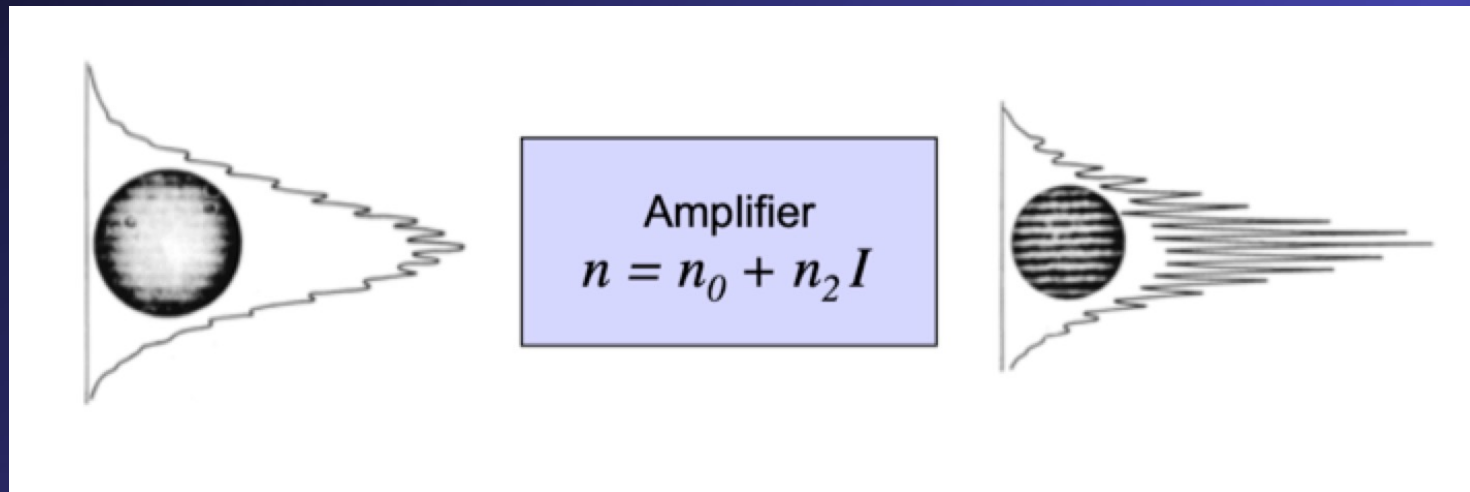
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of Light

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Filament -Induced by Nonlinear Effect



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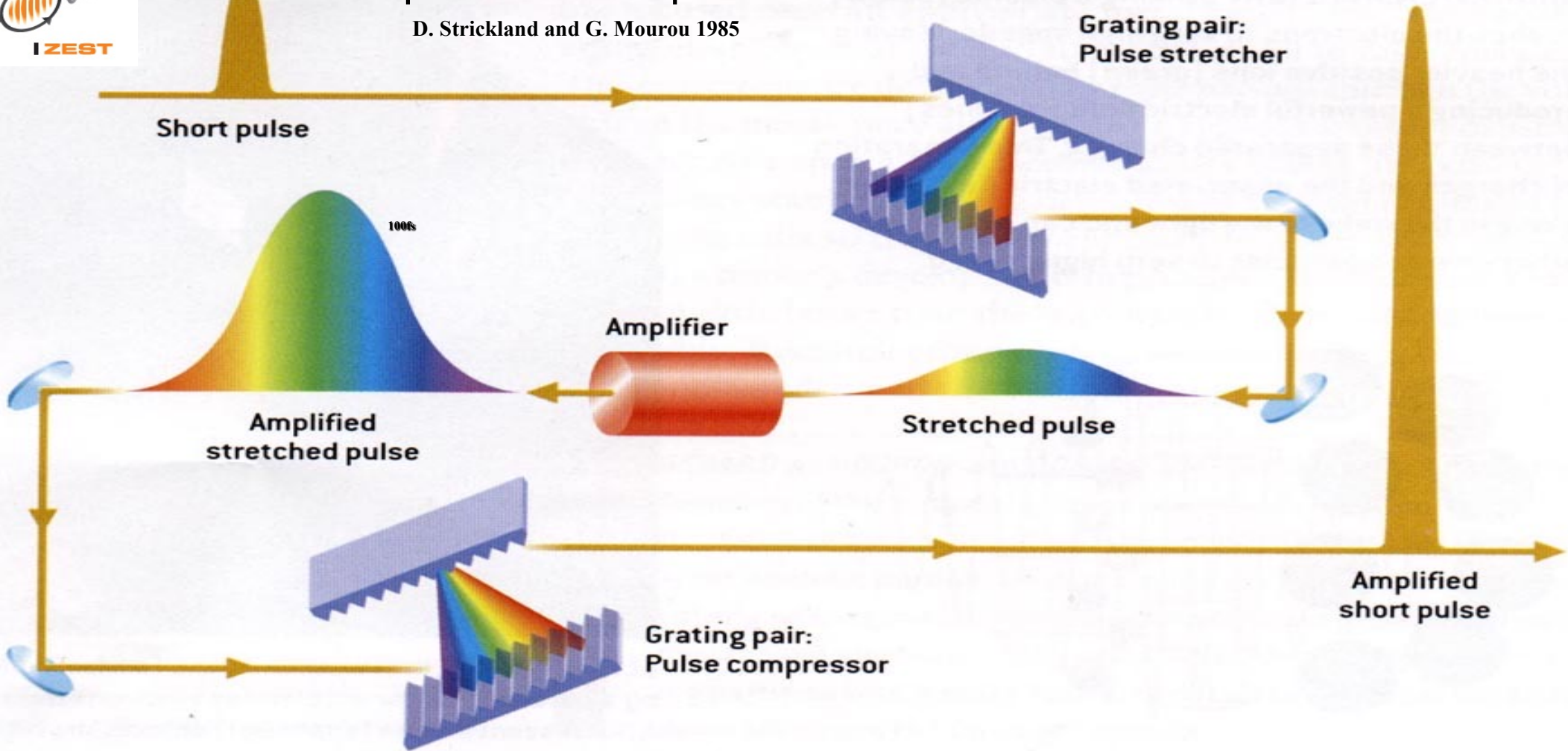


Naissance de la CPA (Chirped Pulse Amplification)



Chirped Pulse Amplification

D. Strickland and G. Mourou 1985

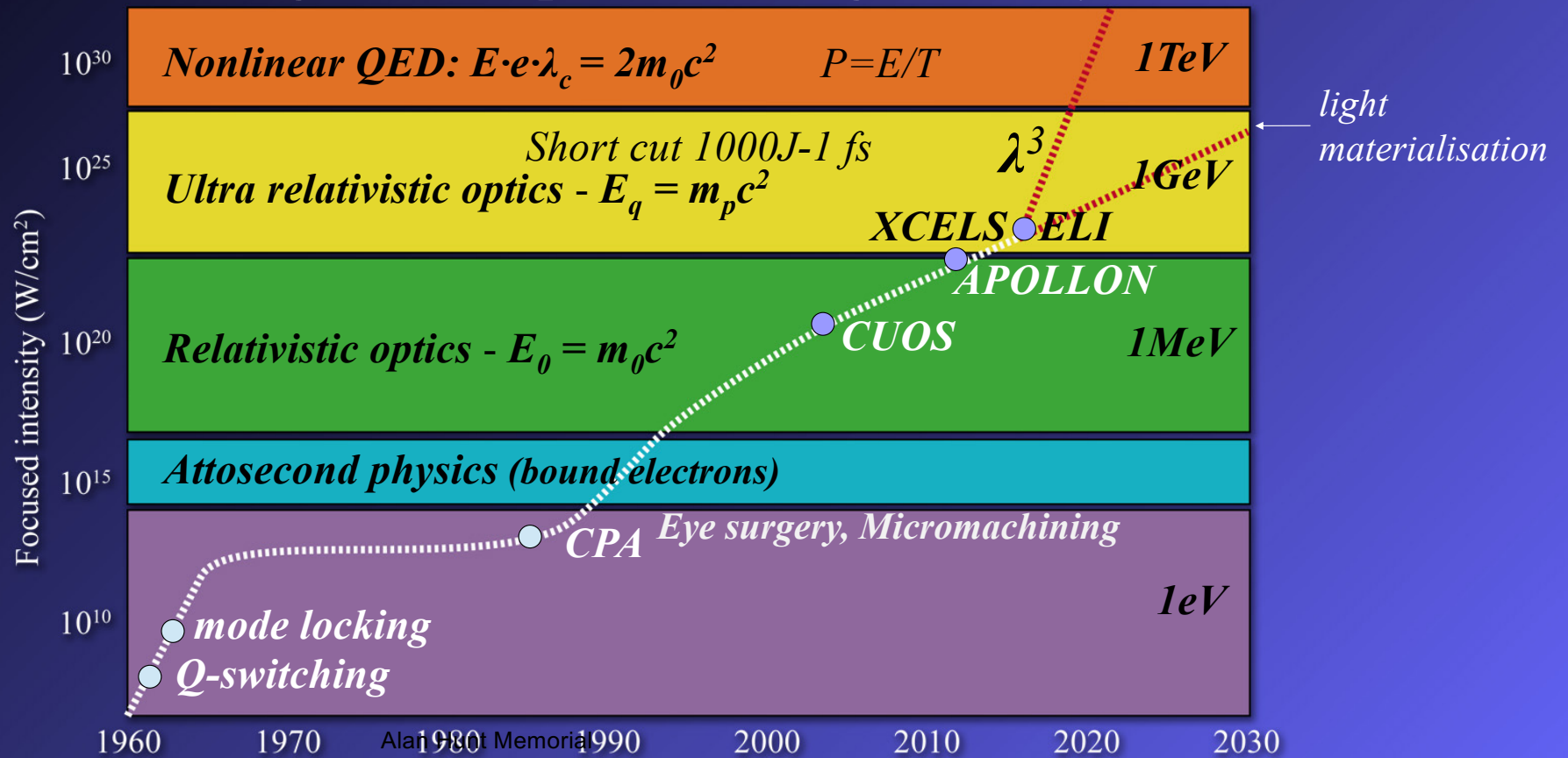


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Extreme light roadmap and ultra high intensity shortcut



Relativistic Optics

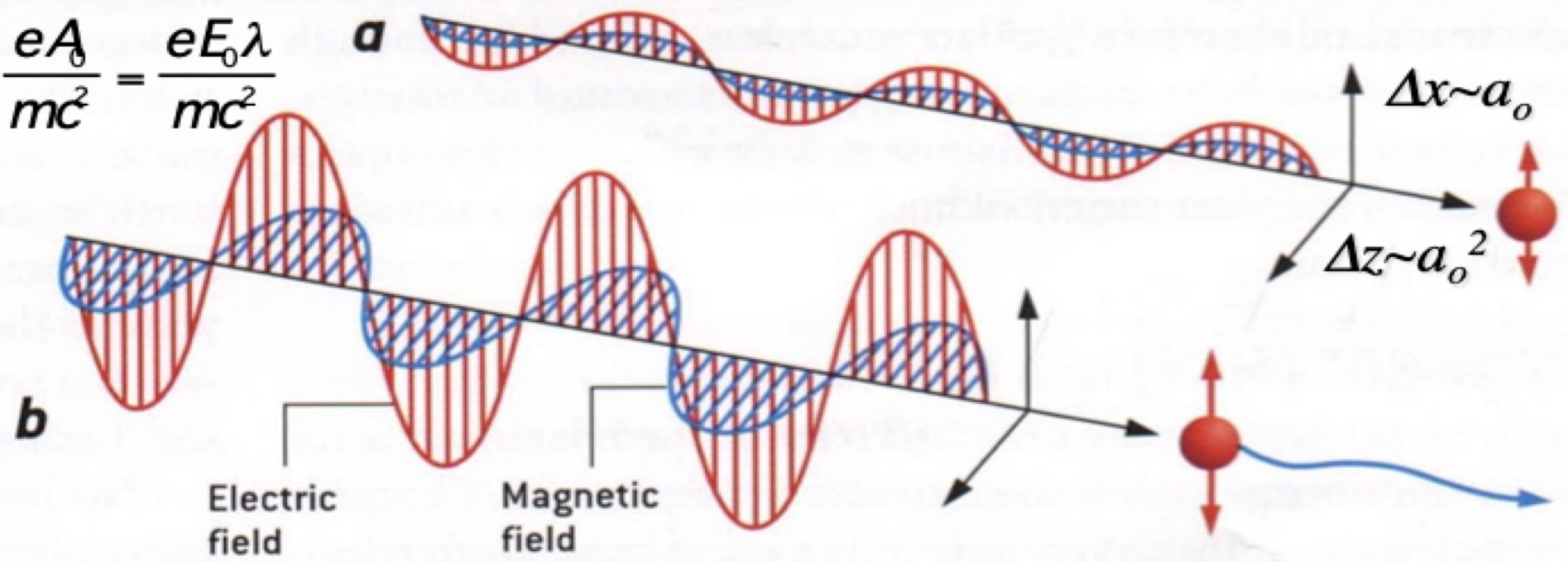
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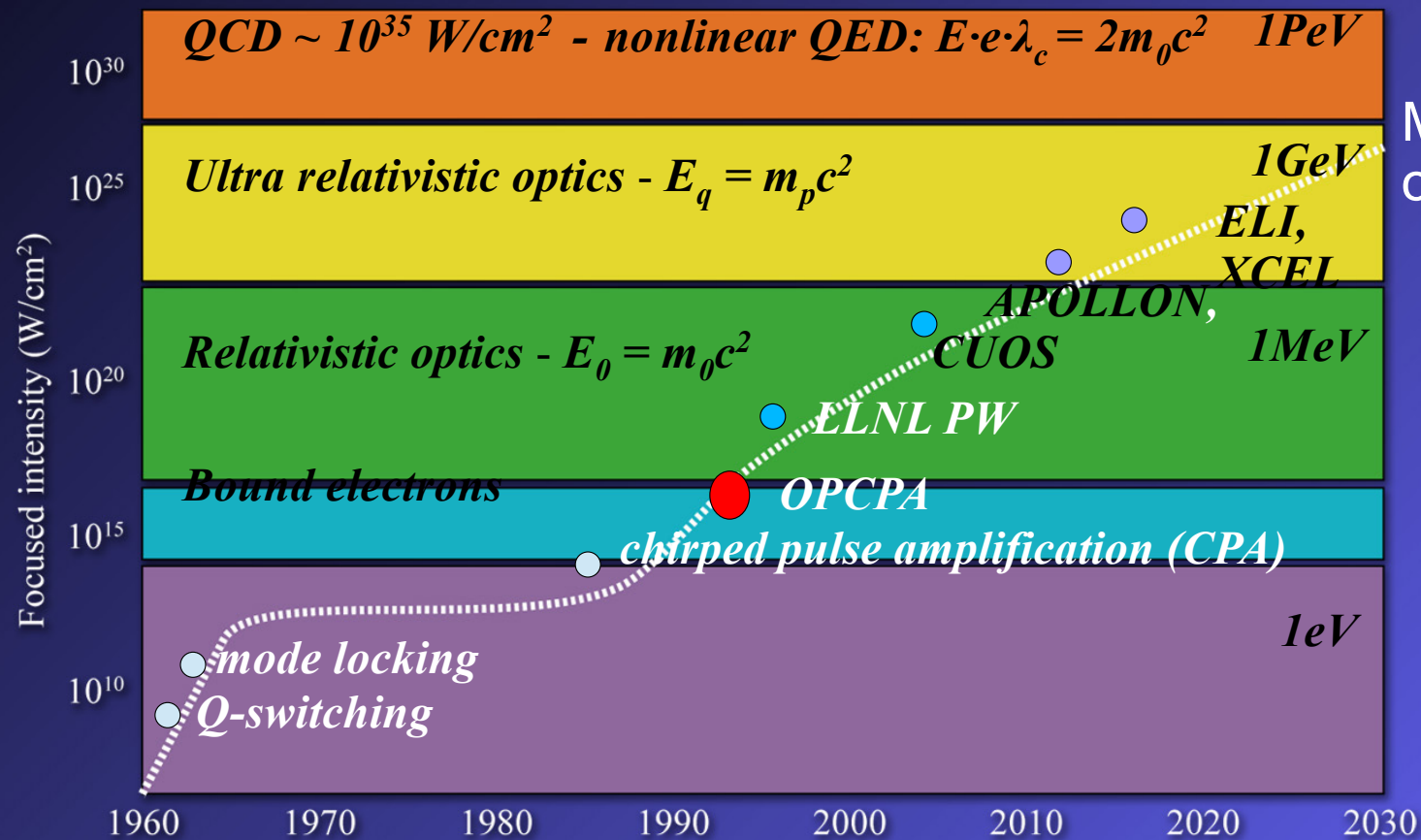


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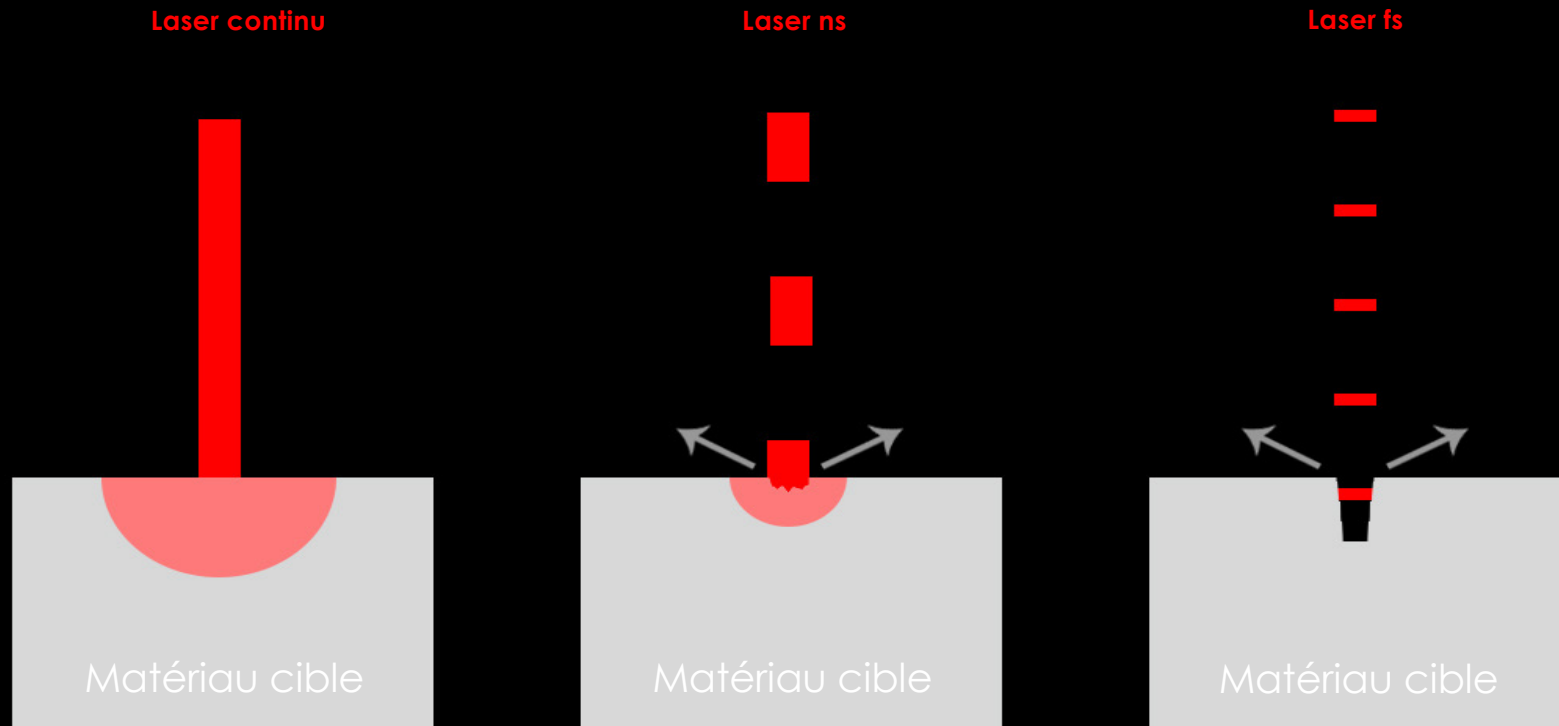


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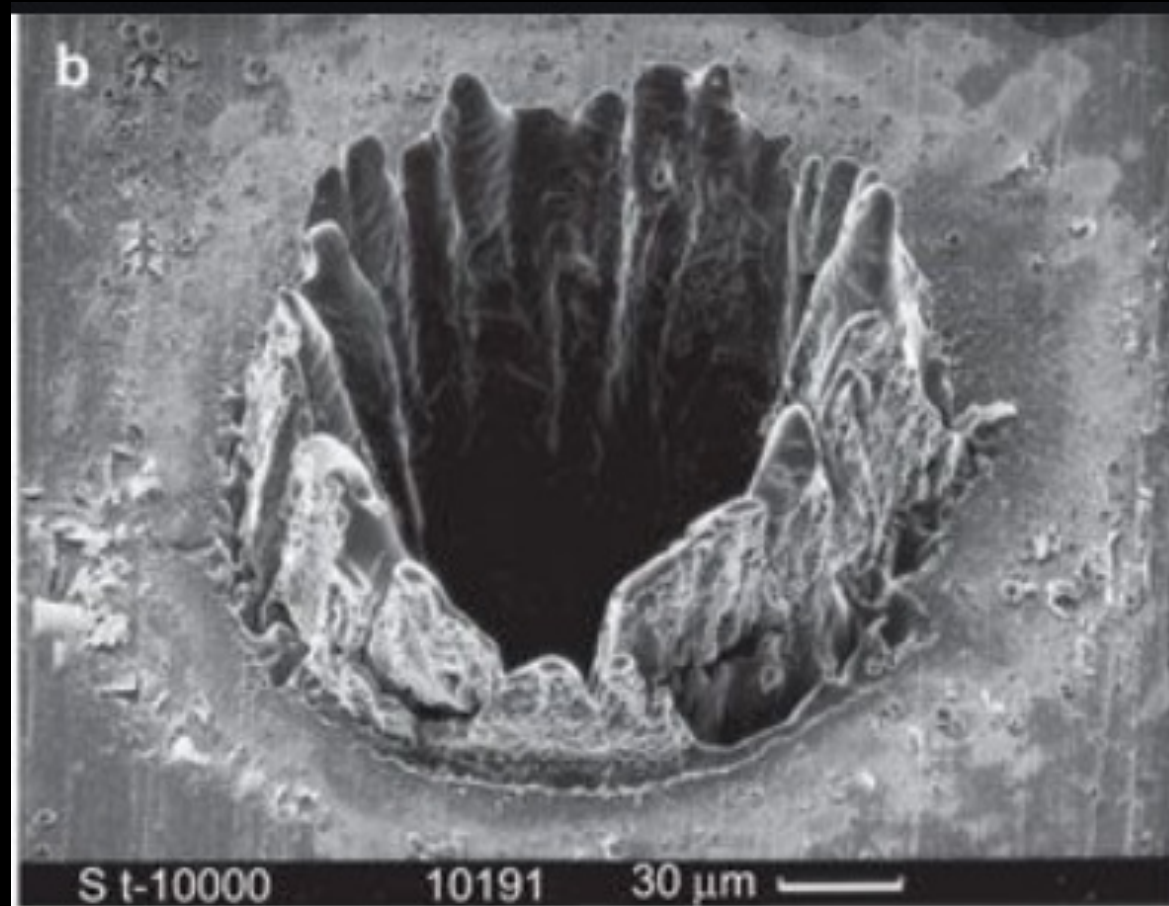
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Micromachining



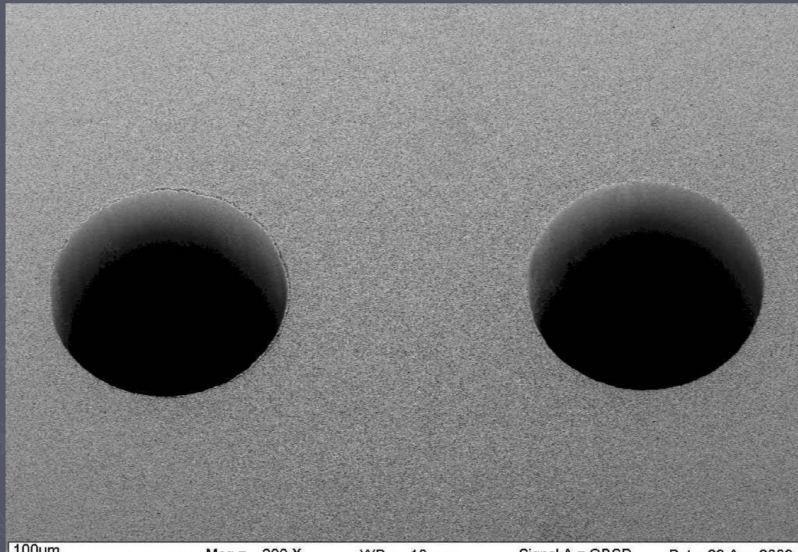
Un intérêt des lasers femto-secondes :
creuser la matière sans l'endommager

Drilling with ns, 10^{-9} s pulse

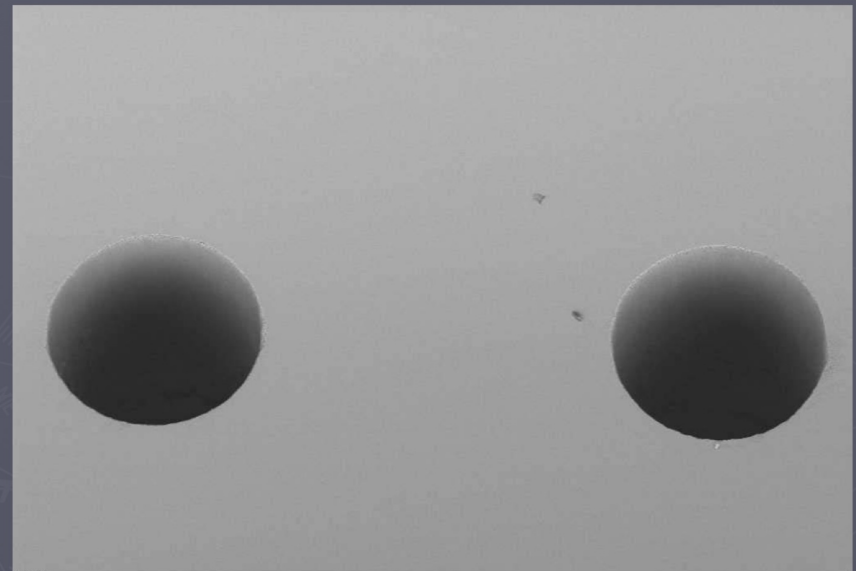


Drilling with 100fs pulse

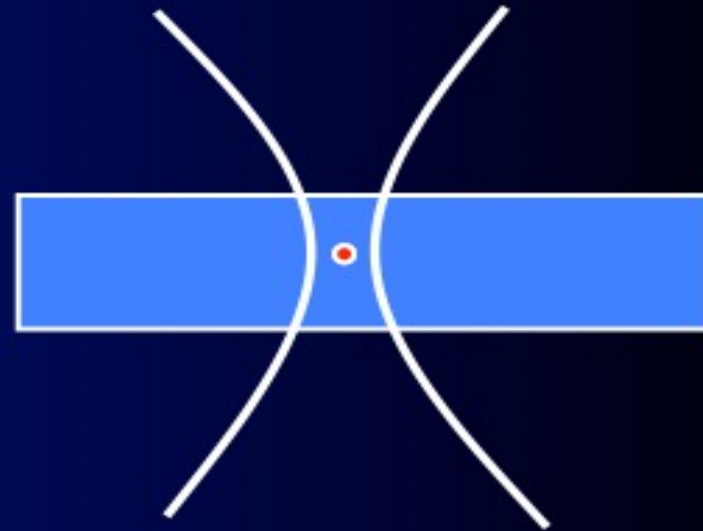
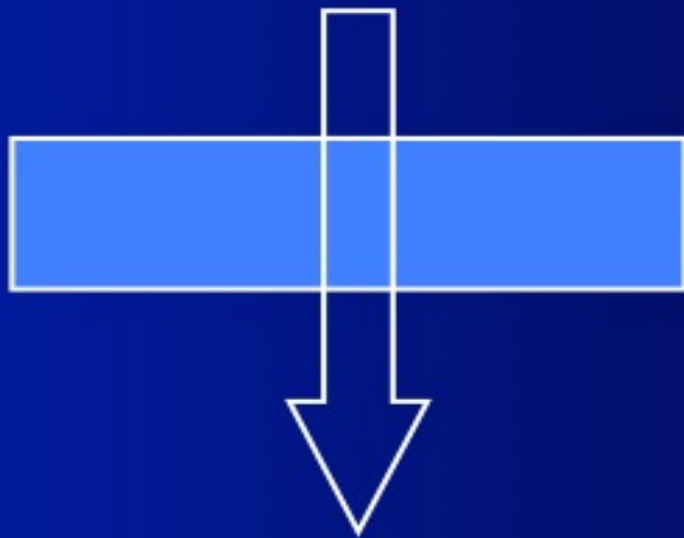
400 μ \emptyset holes in ceramic



400 μ \emptyset holes in glass



Femtosecond



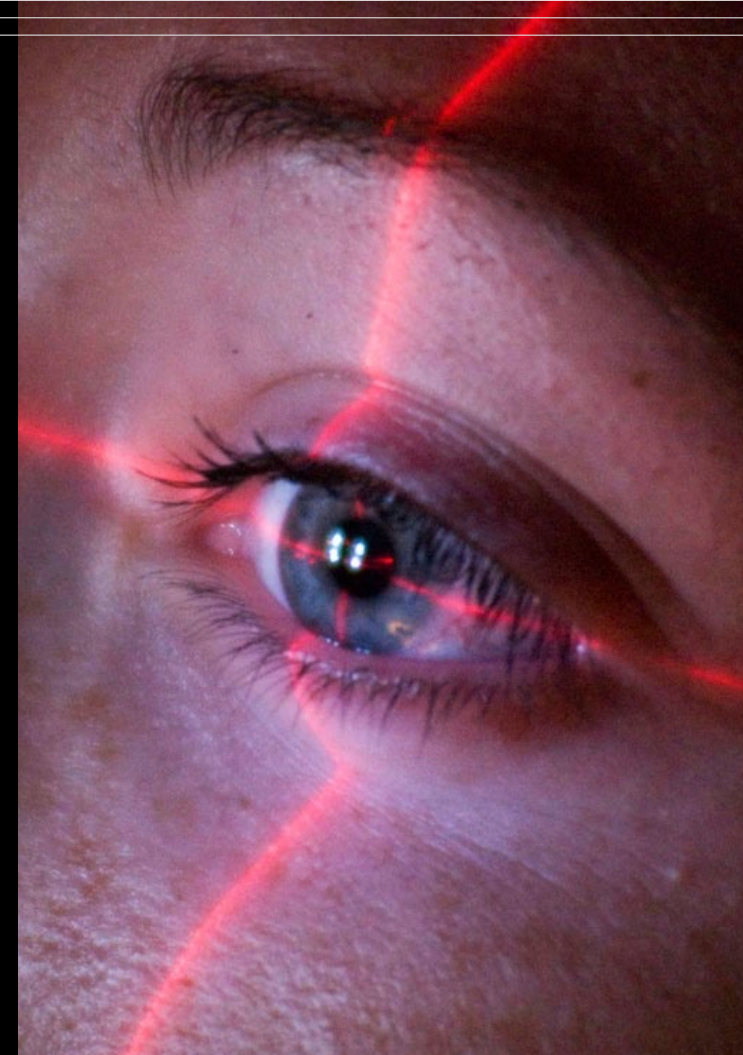
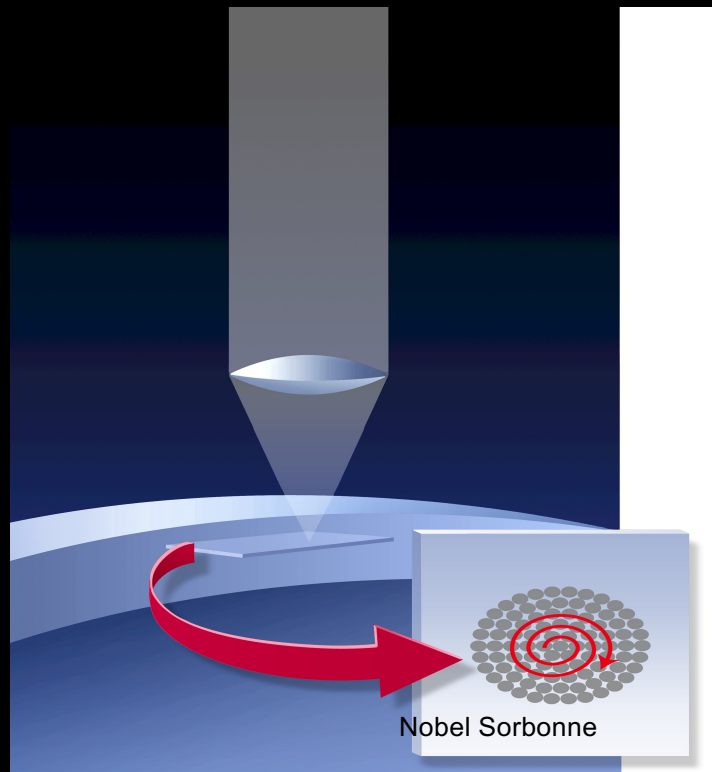
Precise Sub-Surface Effects

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*CPA femtosecond lasers revolutionised ophthalmology
24 million eye operations since 2001!*

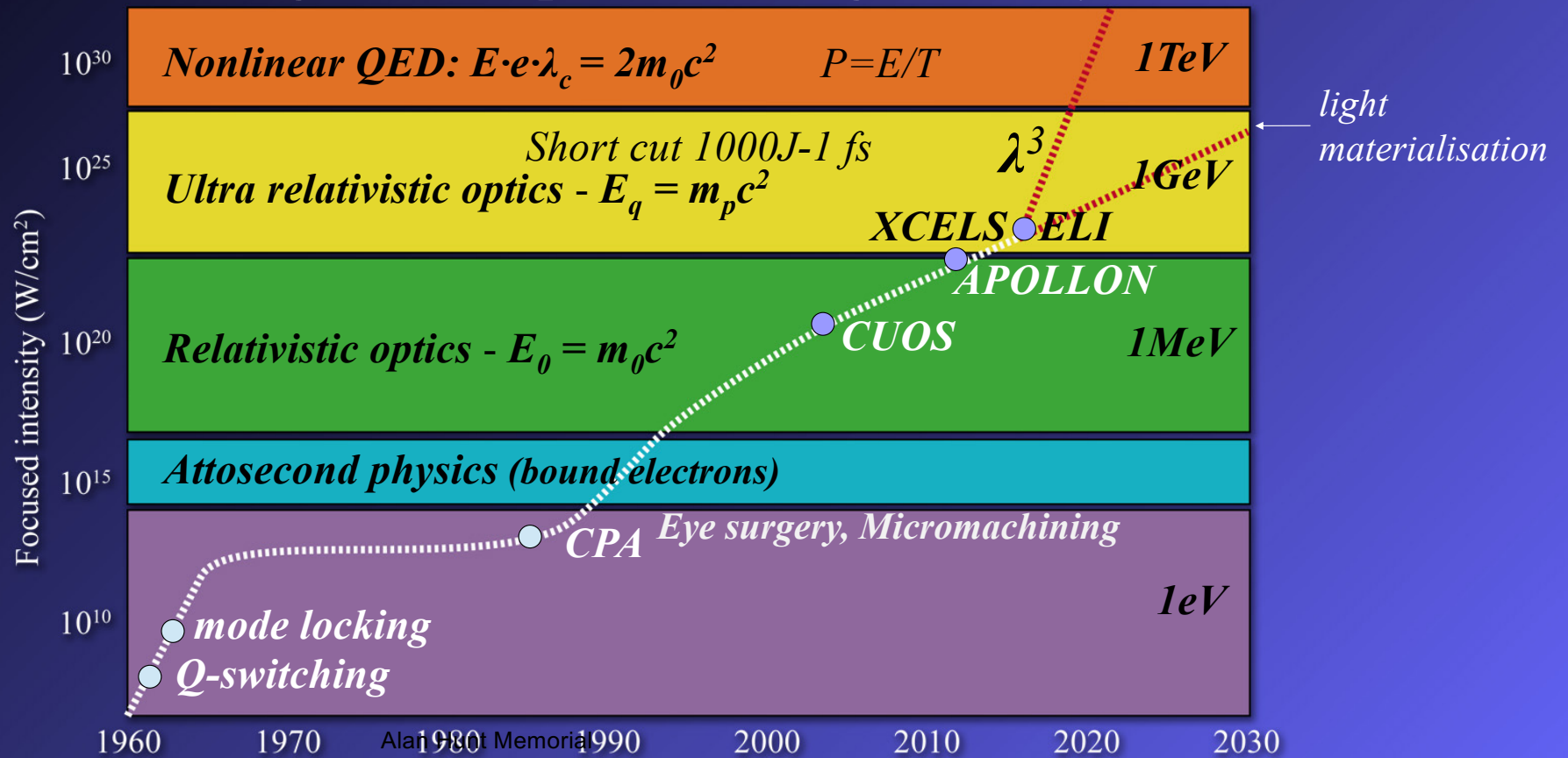


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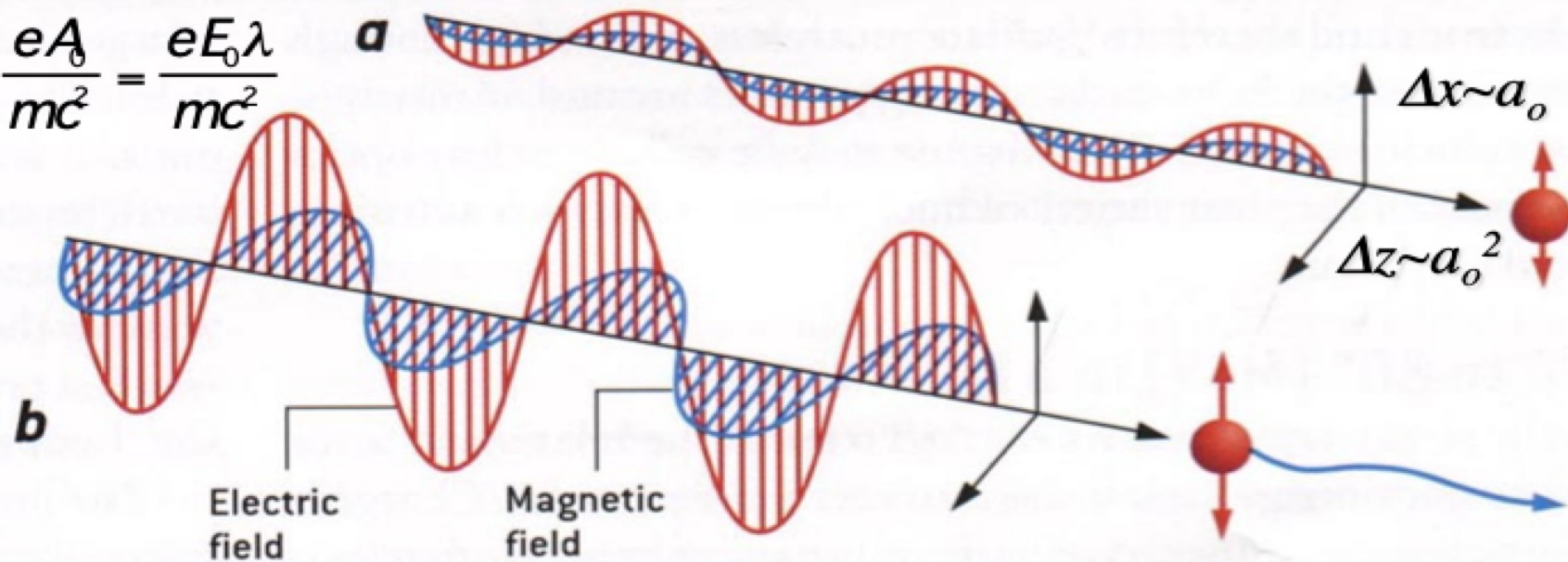
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Giant wakefield acceleration in gas and solid

Tajima et Dawson (1979)

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

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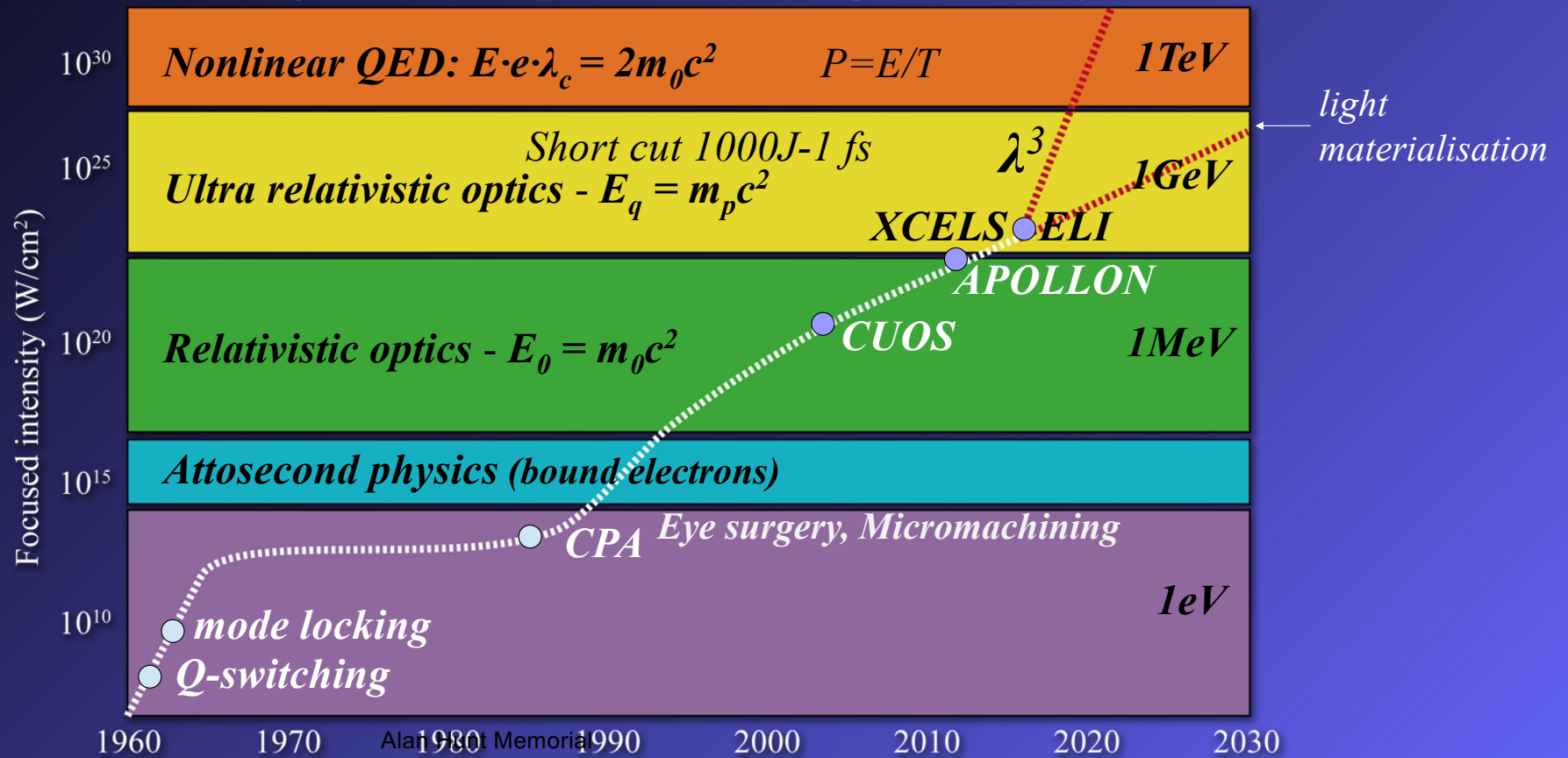
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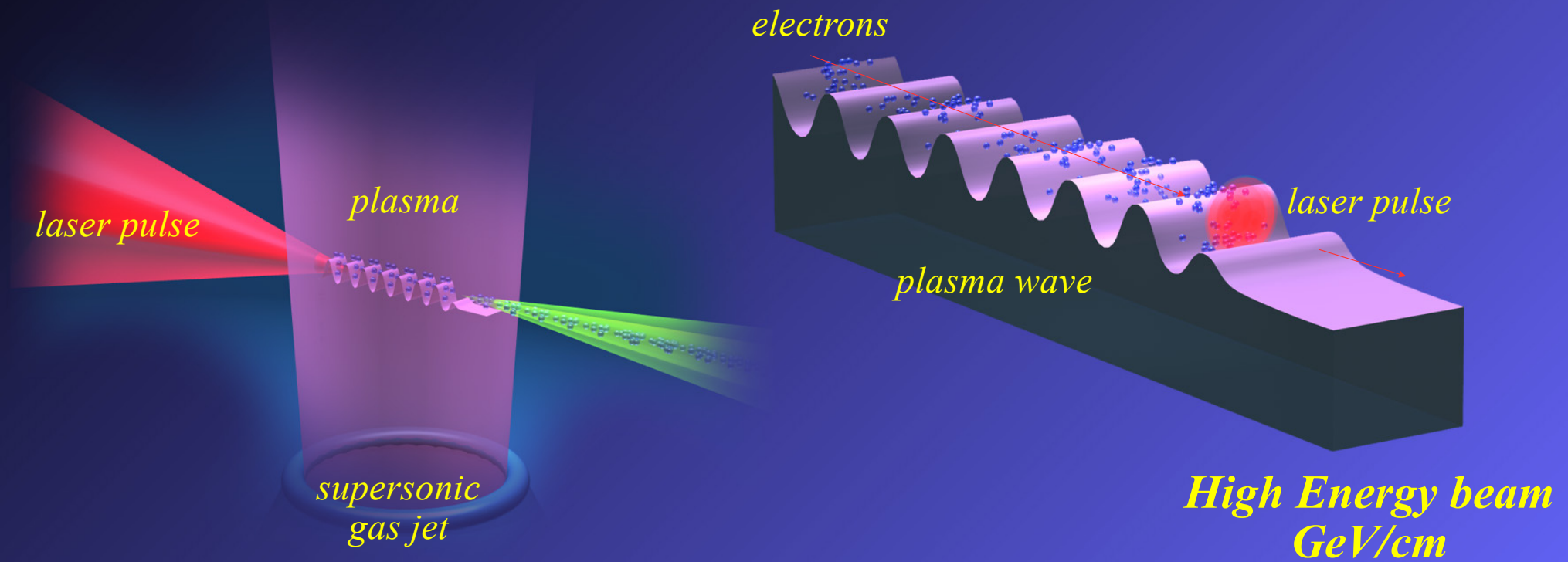
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Synchrotron SOLEIL 3GeV



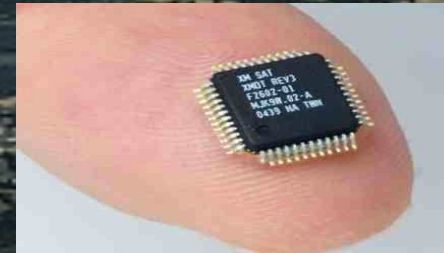
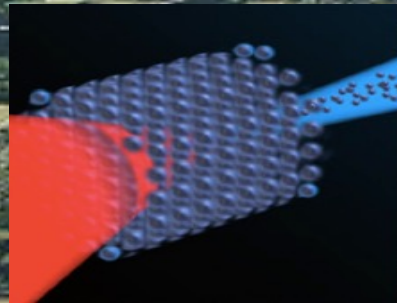
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Outlook for Laser-Particle acceleration TeV

Microwave cavity

Laser wakefield X-ray, 1cm



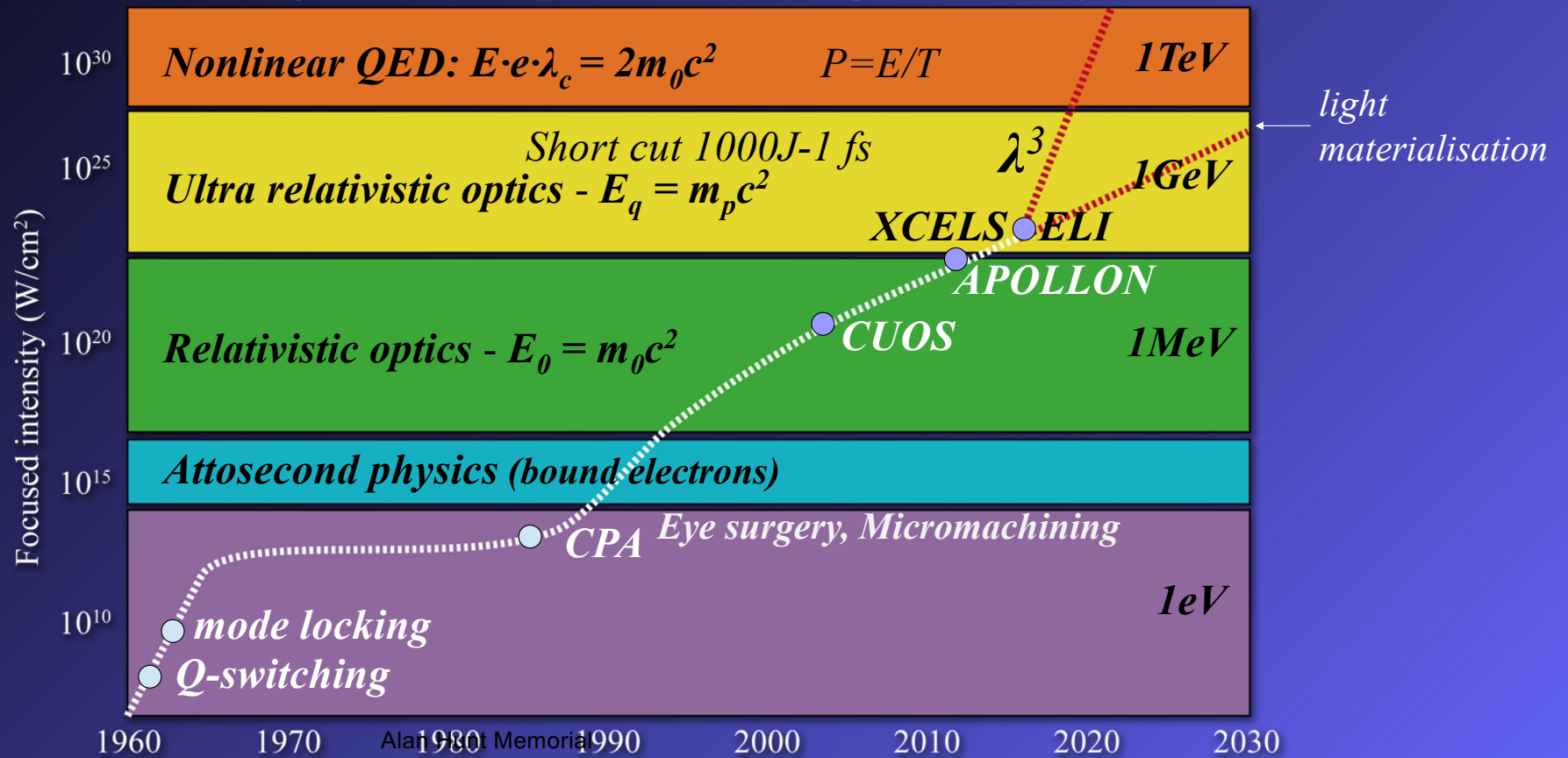
Laser wakefield Visible 100m

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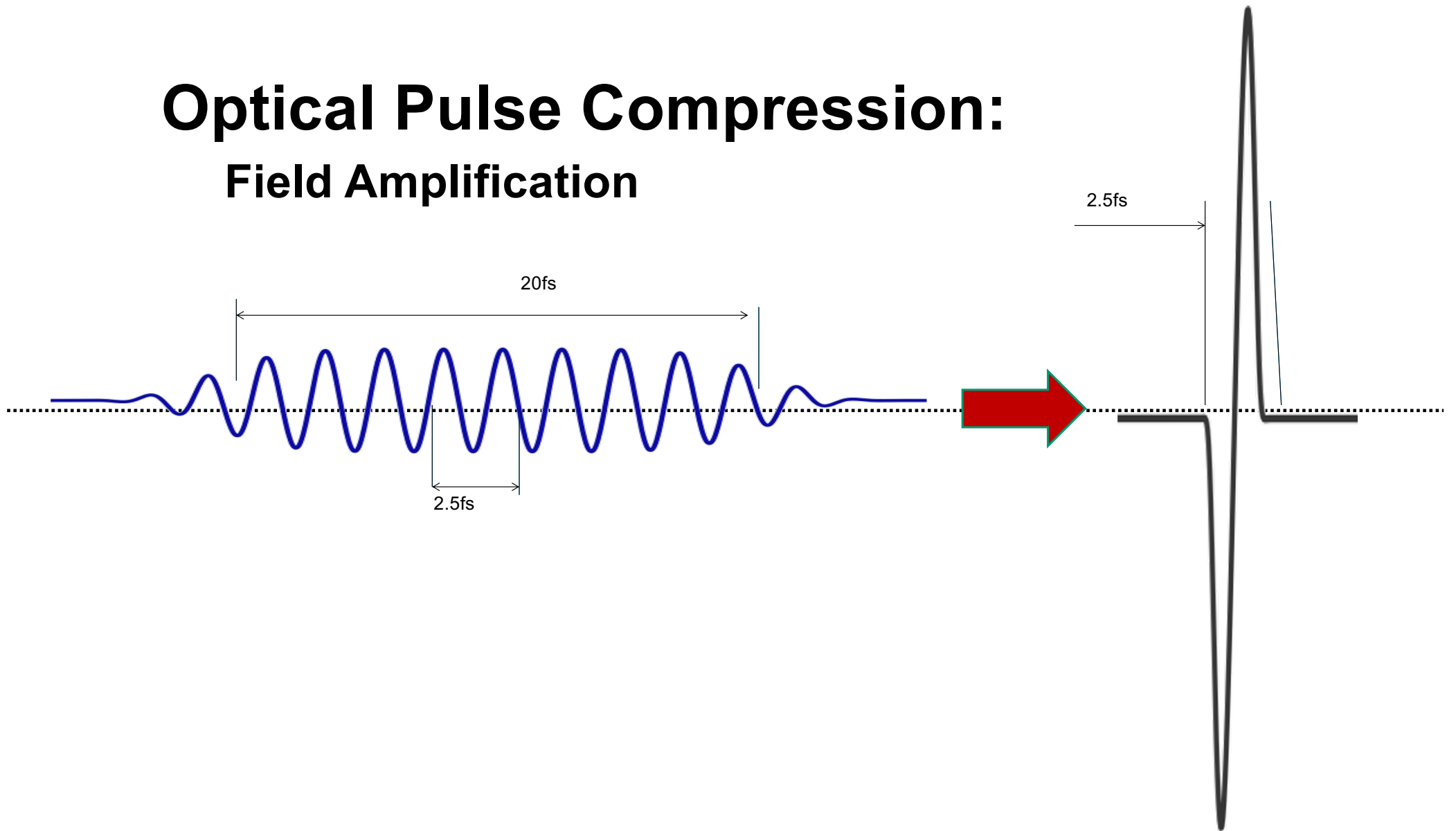
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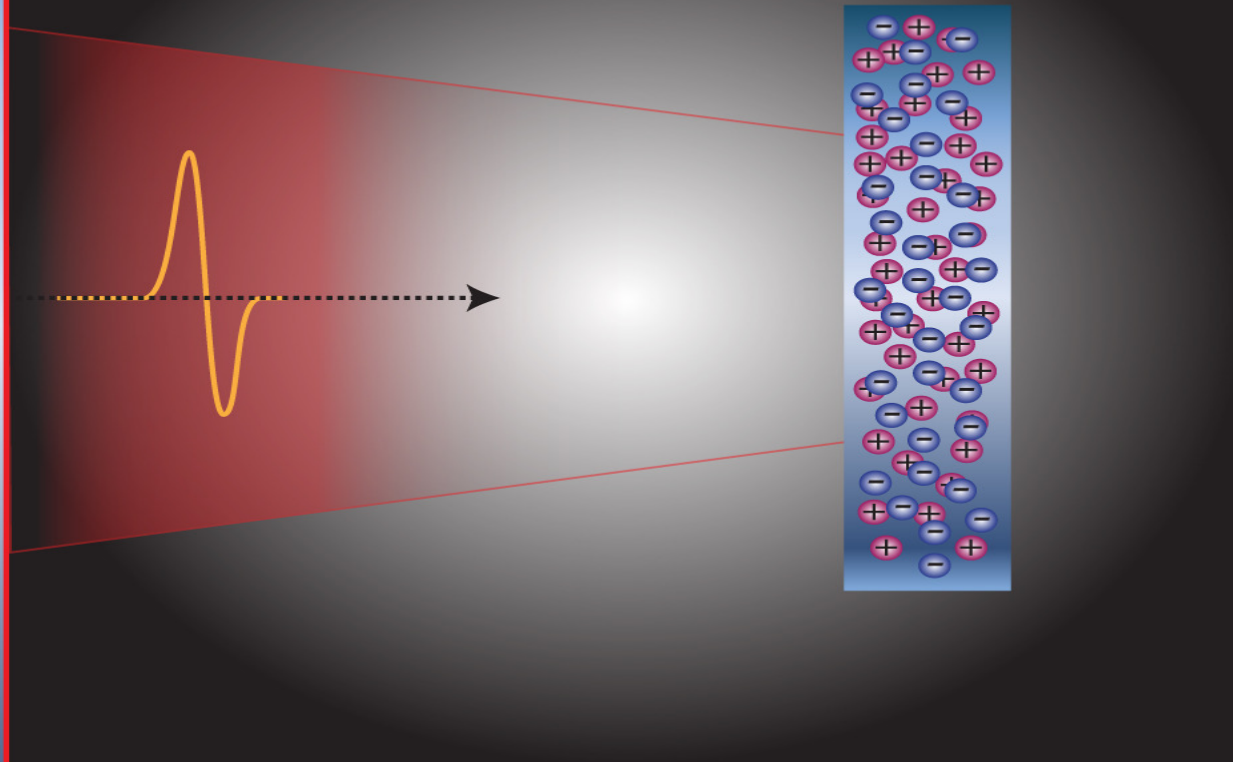
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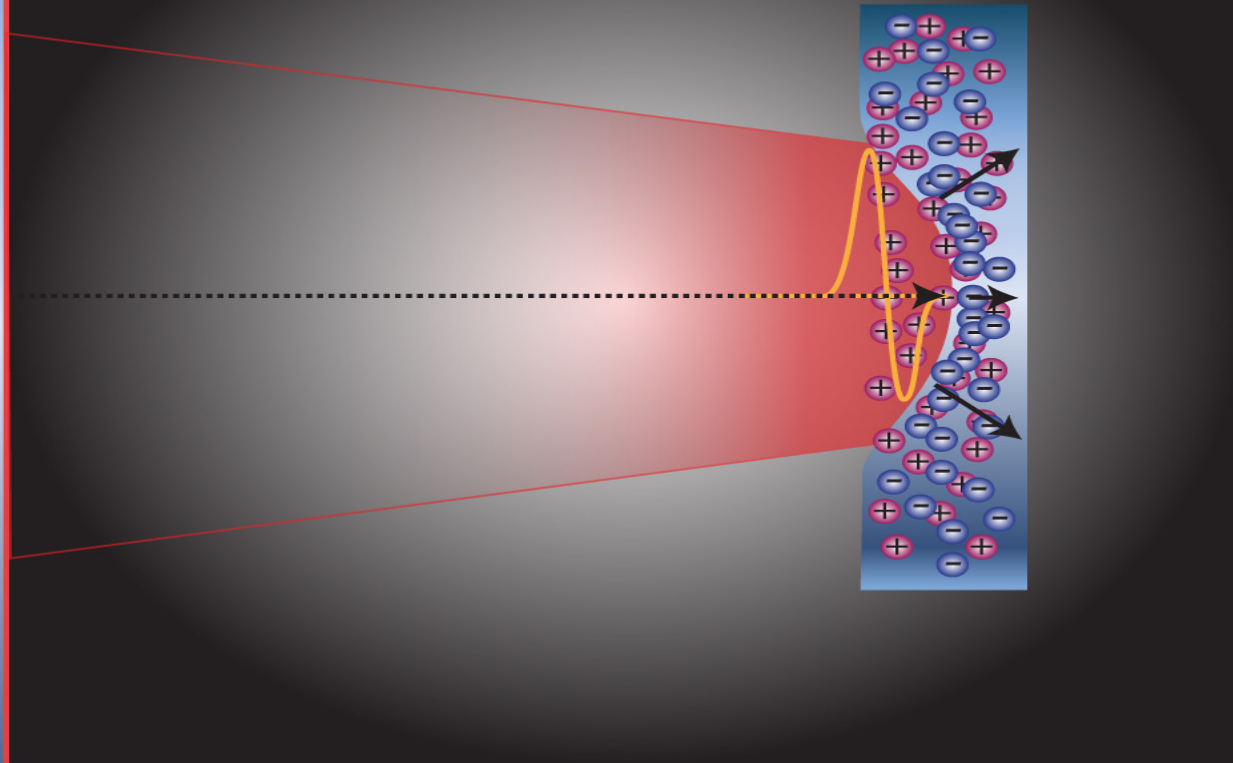
Optical Pulse Compression: Field Amplification



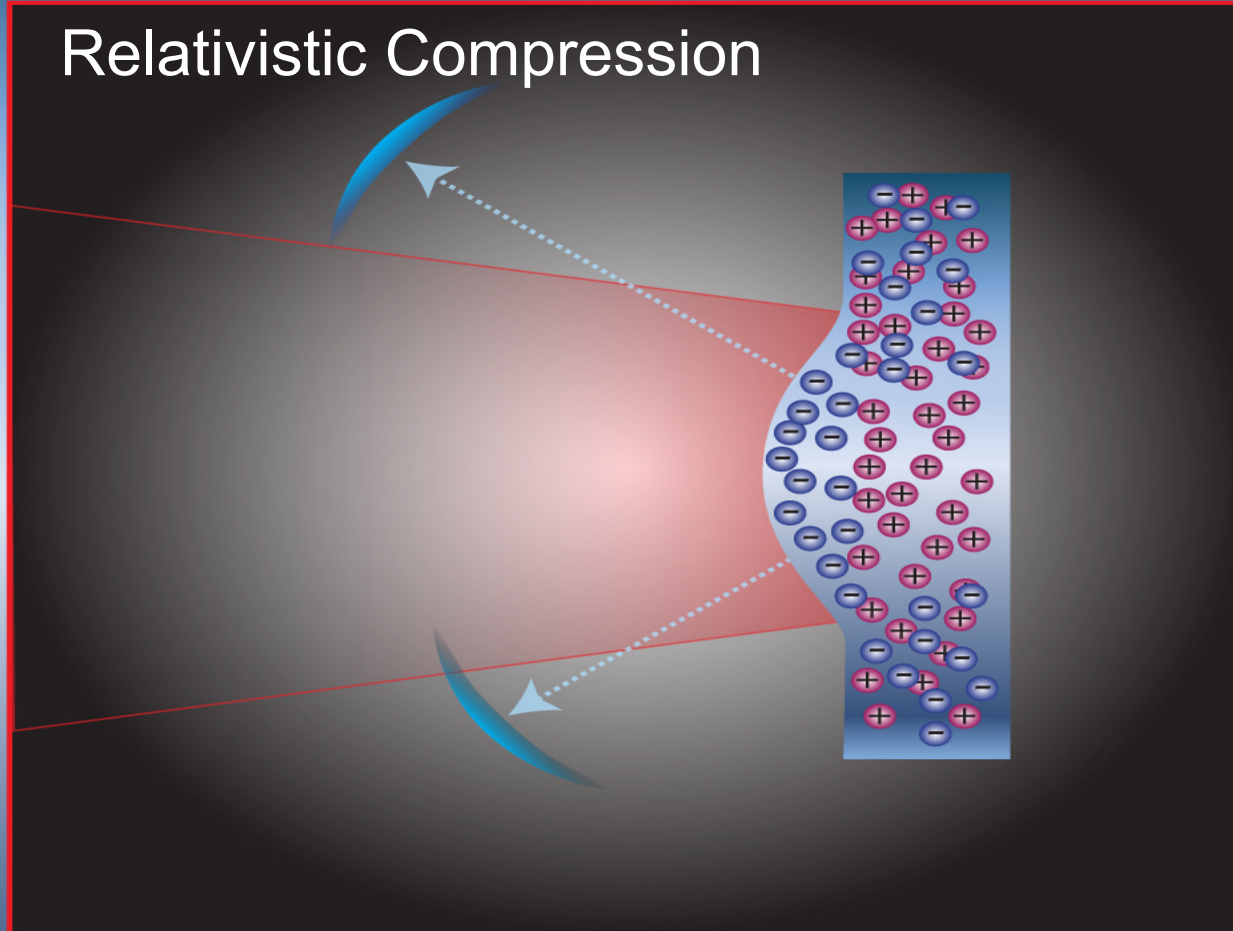
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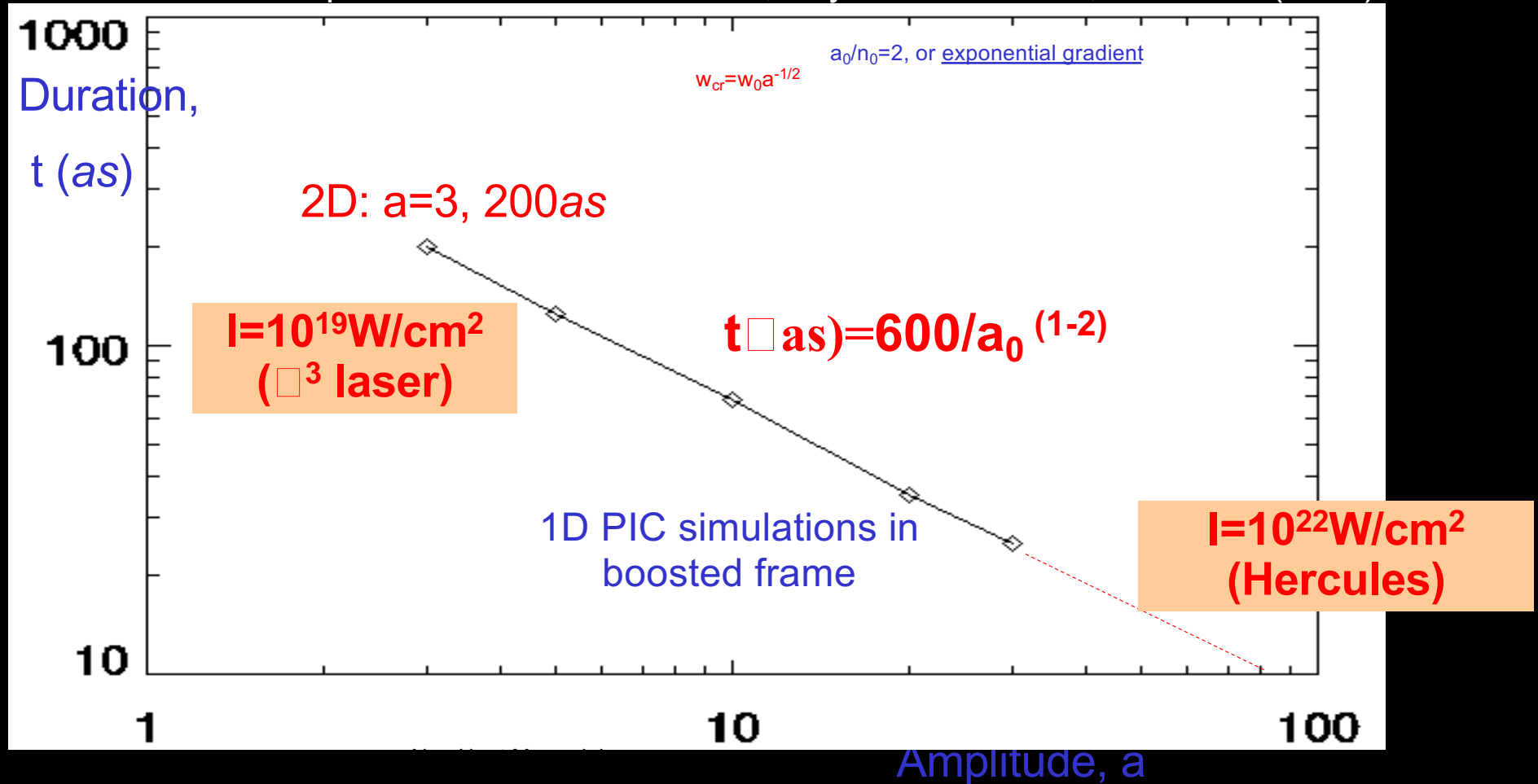


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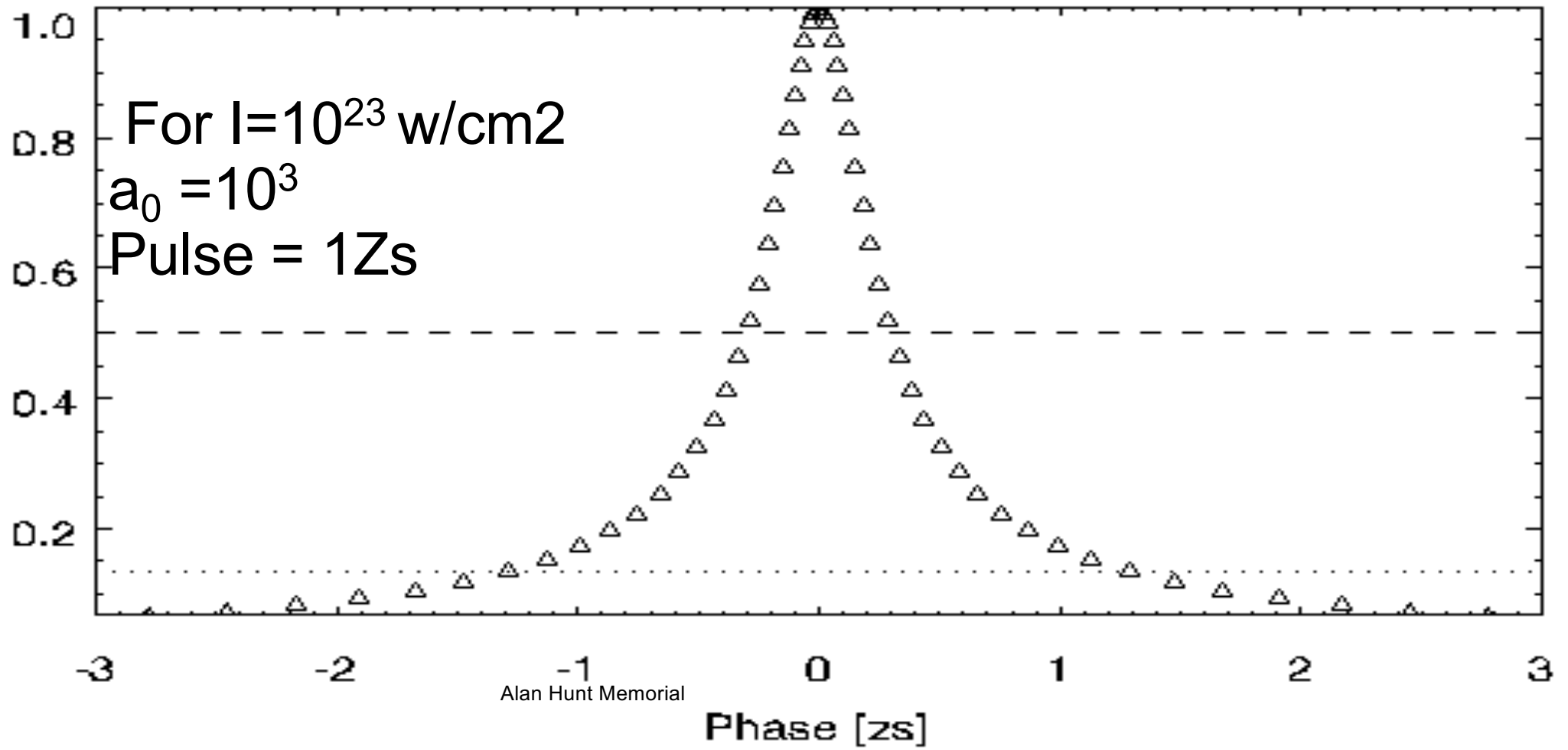


Scalable Isolated Attosecond Pulses

N. M. Naumova, J. A. Nees, I. V. Sokolov, B. Hou, and G. A. Mourou, Relativistic generation of isolated attosecond pulses in a λ^3 focal volume, Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 063902-1 (2004).



**Zeptosecond pulses, (N. Naumova, I. Sokolov, G. Mourou)
(Preliminary Result)**



But a zeptosecond pulse is also:

1. 1J in a Zs (10^{-21} s) is a Zettawatt Zw (10^{21} W)

2. A Zs (10^{-21} s) is a 1MeV Coherent Gamma- Ray

Giant Laser Acceleration in solid: TeV/cm (CERN on a Dime) towards ZeV

3. 1Zw over λ^2 spot size is 10^{29} W/cm² Schwinger Intensity:

Light Turns into Matter and Antimatter



Extreme Light for Cosmology

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Particle Acceleration Application

- 1. Black Hole Analog*
- 2. Medical*
- 3. Environment*
- 4. Spatial*



Cosmos on a Table

Lorentz Invariance

Light Dispersion

From quantum Vacuum

Gamma Ray Burst
mn Duration

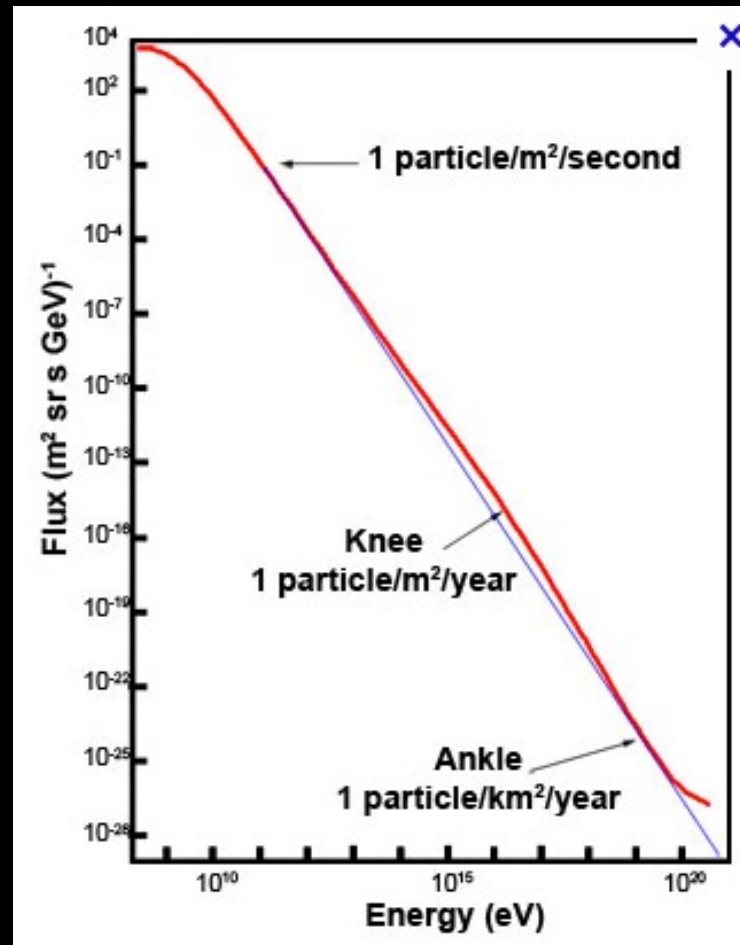
1 billion years,

10mn spread



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Cosmic Ray Spectrum



Principe du Trou Noir Analogue

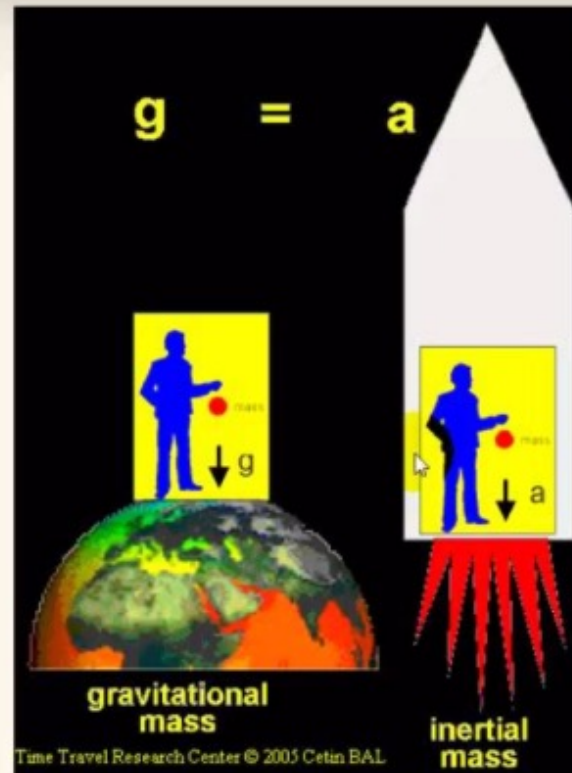
General Relativity

Principle of equivalence:

There is no experiment that will discern the difference between the effect of gravity and the effect of acceleration.

Or...

Gravitational mass and inertial mass are equivalent.



Un laser of 10^{22} W/cm²

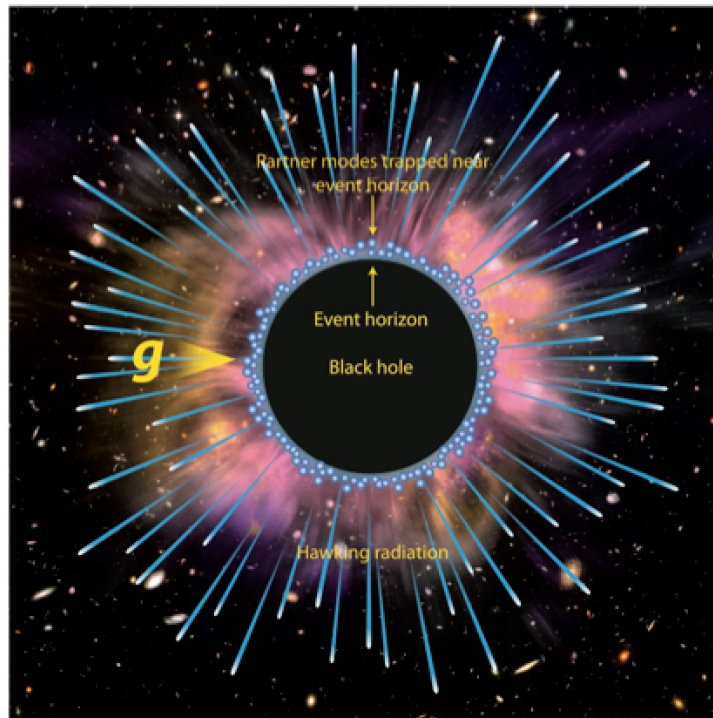
Egal BH10000 soleils

Flying plasma mirror as an analog black hole

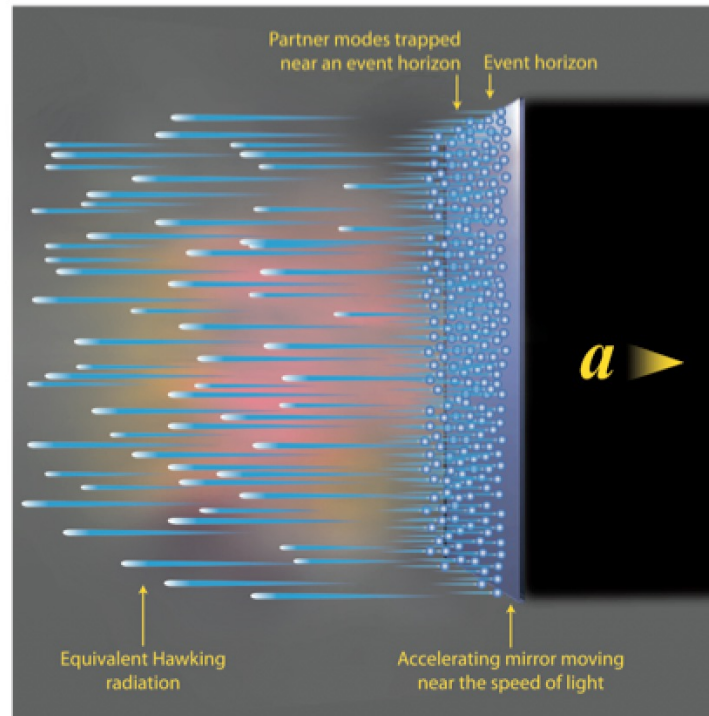
P Chen, G Mourou, "Accelerating plasma mirrors to investigate black hole information loss Paradox", Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 045001 (2017).

SIMULATING A BLACK HOLE ON A TABLE

New black hole simulator may shed more light on a contradiction in fundamental physics



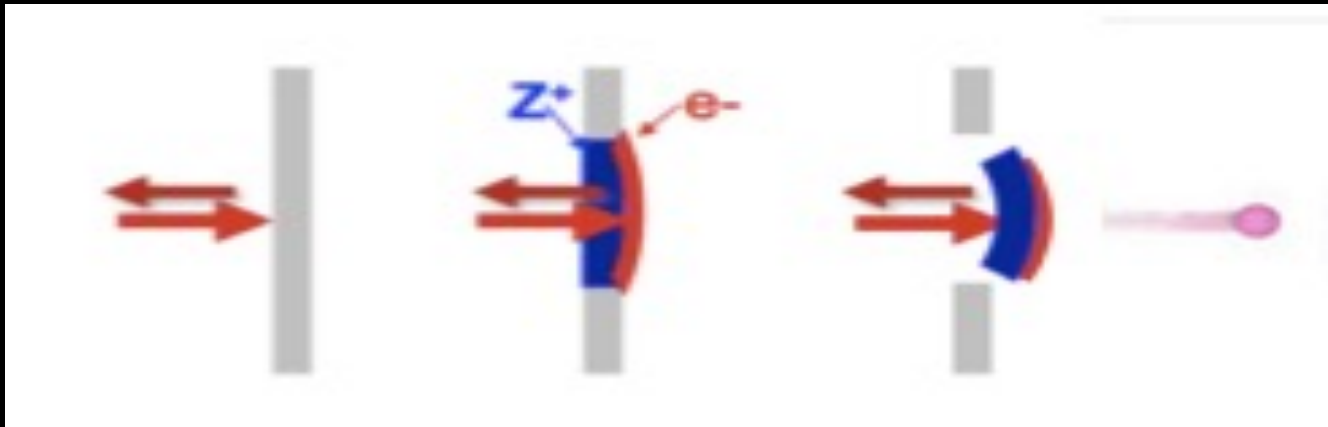
Black hole Hawking evaporation



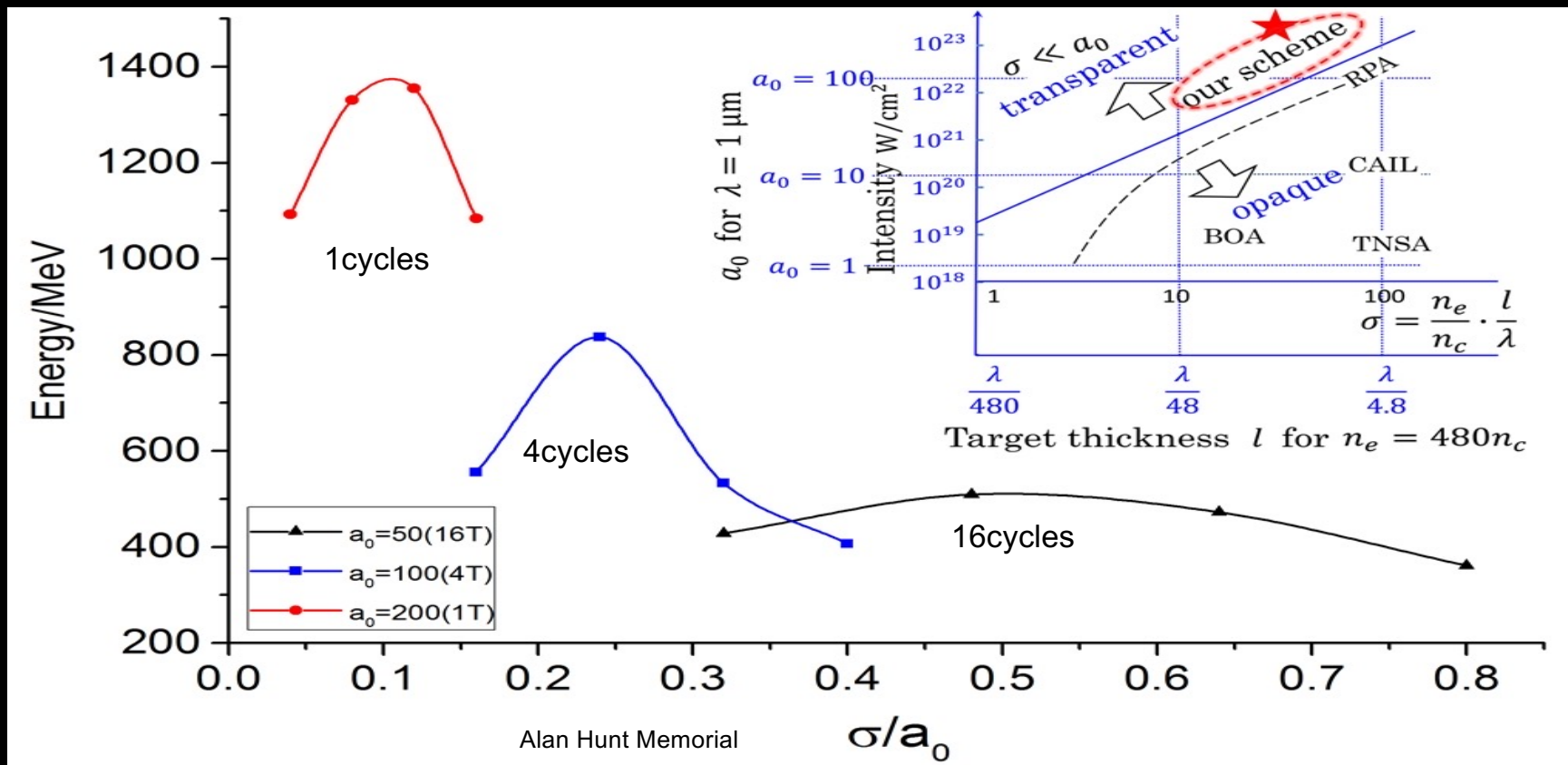
Accelerating mirror as an analog black hole

Low Hanging Fruit: High Energy Proton Generation

GeV Proton Generation



Applications of Single Cycle to Proton Generation vs a_0

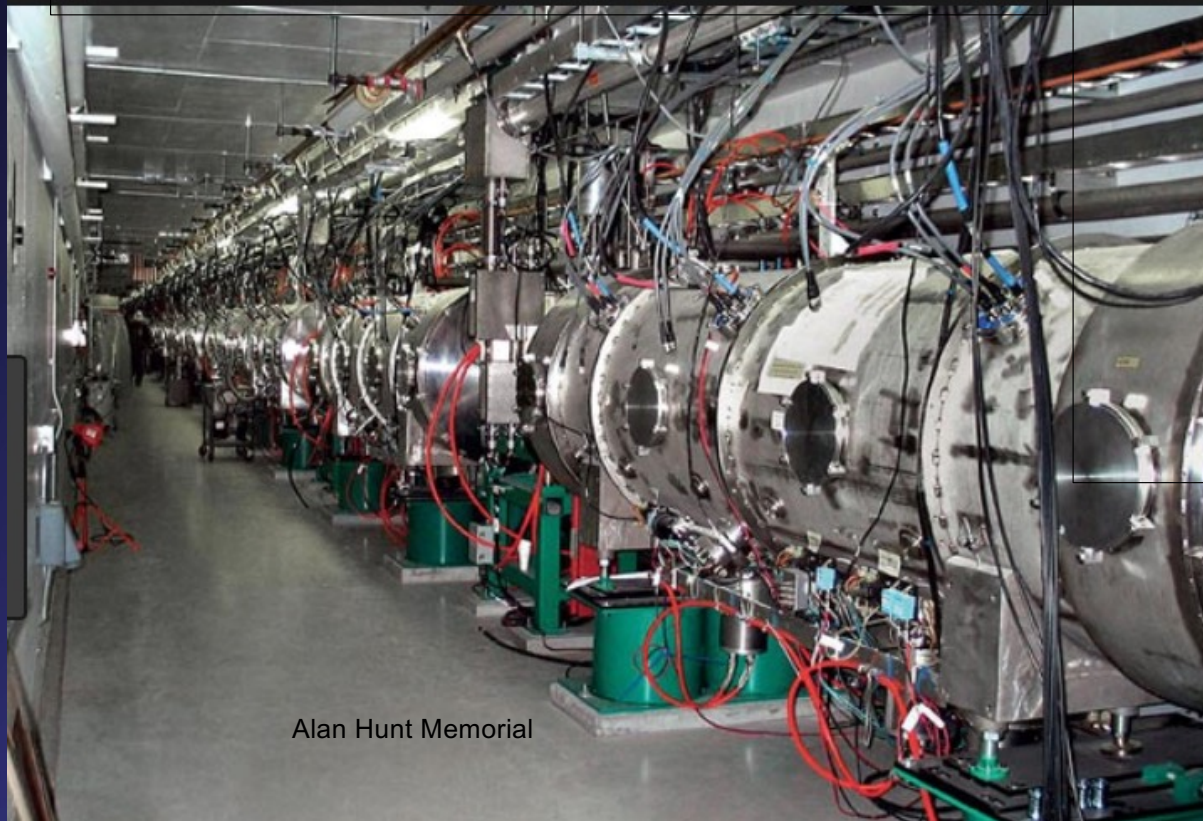


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RELATIVISTIC PROTON ACCELERATOR for TRANSMUTATION



Alan Hunt Memorial

Projet MYRRHA

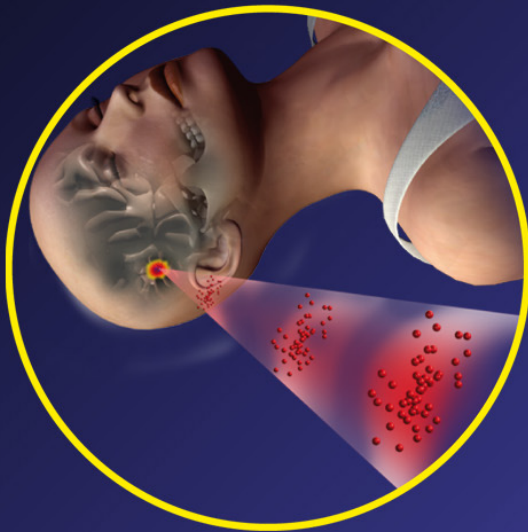
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CPA in Nuclear Medicine

Proton therapy



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

Nuclear therapy



*Radionuclides are
used to implant
radioactive pellets
directly into a tumour*

Nuclear diagnostics



*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



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ENVIRONMENT:



EXPLORING AVENUES FOR CLEAN NUCLEAR ENERGY PRODUCTION

- 1. Energy production: fostering the Thorium cycle.*
- 2. Transmutation of nuclear waste/ Burning the minor actinides produced in the uranium during energy production.*

Why Considering Nuclear and Thorium?



1 GW Power Plant
producing 8 Billion kWh /year



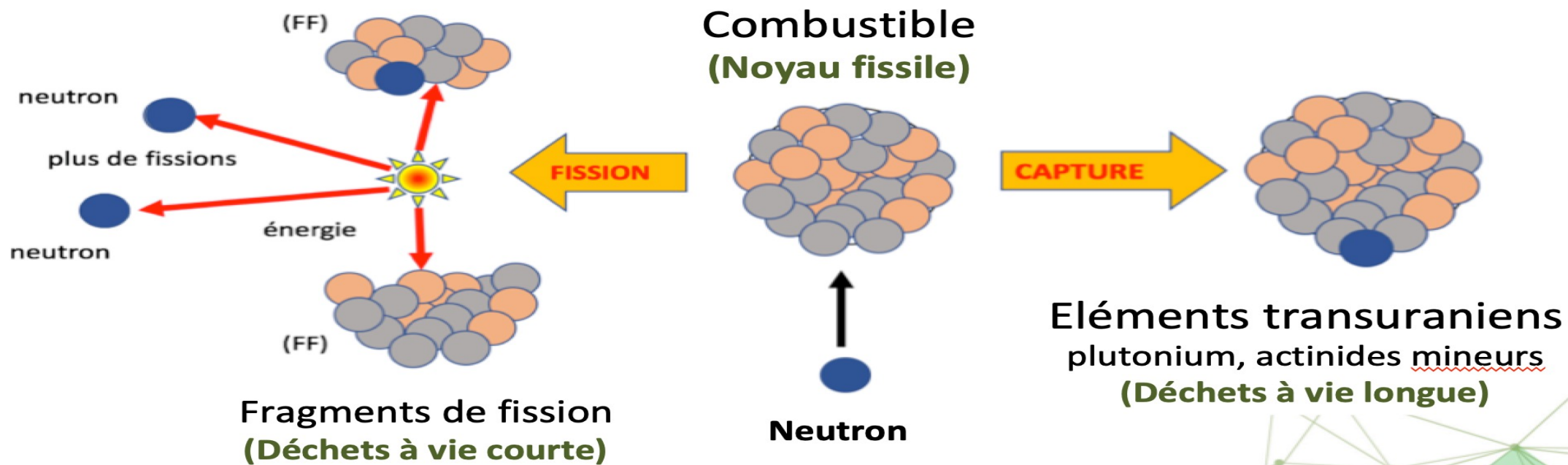
Coal = 100 Trains
3M Tons Coal
1km³ of CO₂



300 Tons Uranium
0 liter CO₂



1 Ton Thorium
0 liter CO₂



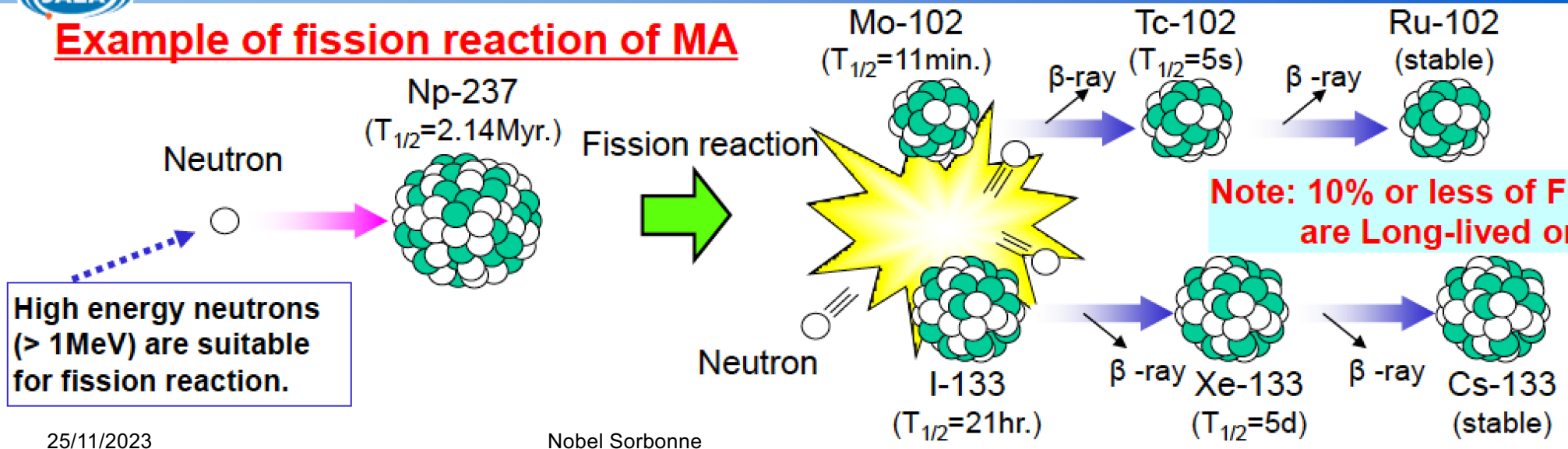


NUCLEAR TRANSMUTATION CONCEPT

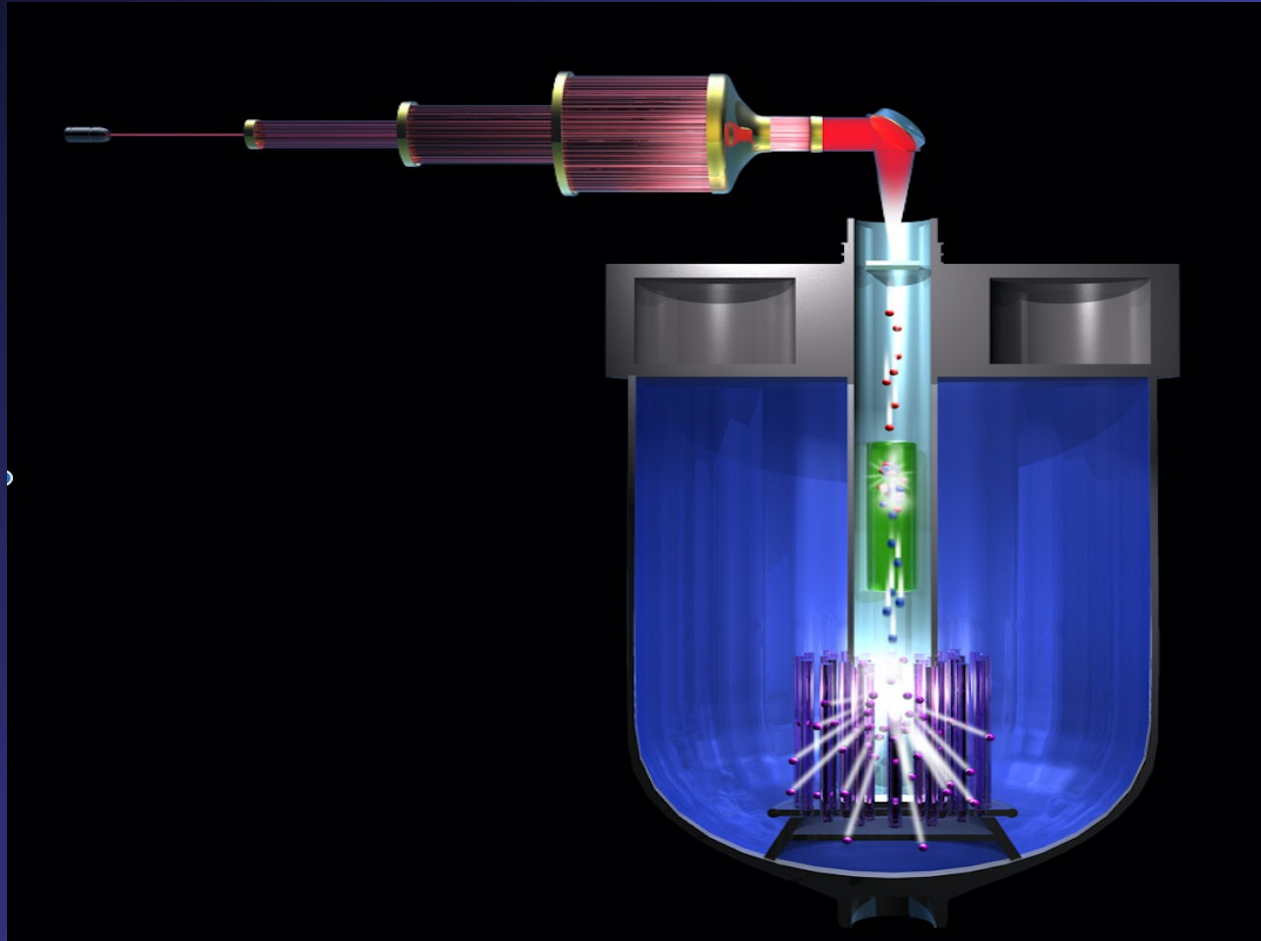
How to Transmute MA and LLFP



Example of fission reaction of MA



Accelerator-Driven-Subcritical Reactor

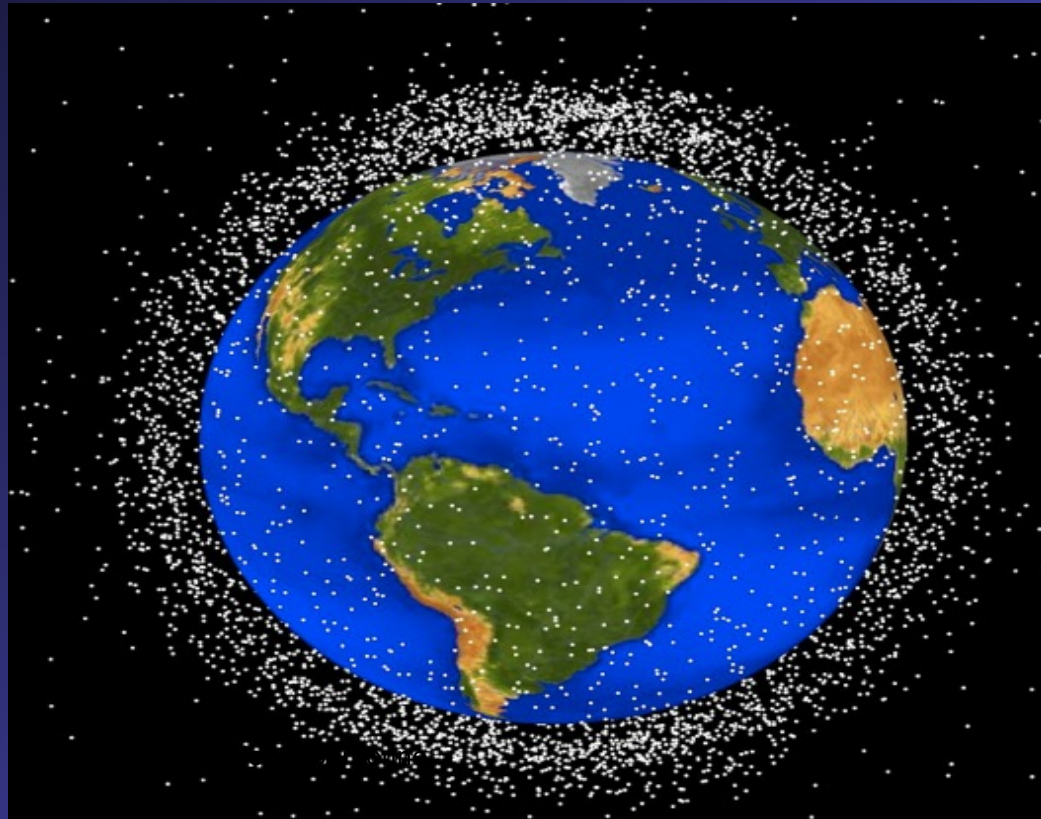


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Millions of orbital debris are cluttering space



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4x 7,000 tons = 28,000 tons!!!

How much is that?

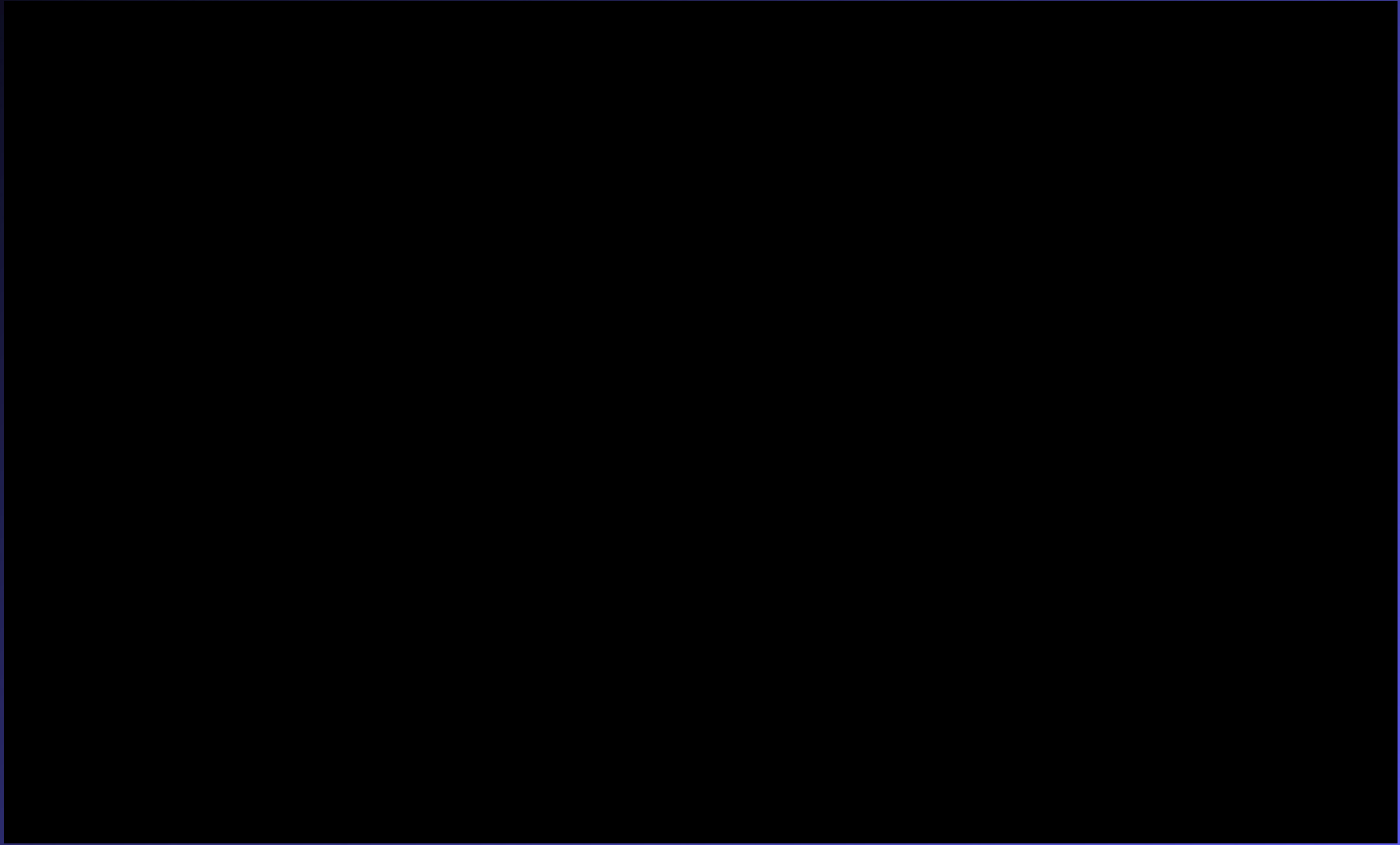
**We have put the equivalent
of over 4 Eiffel Towers
into space!**

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In conclusion, extreme light is capable of generating the largest fields, largest accelerations, the largest temperatures and the largest pressures

It carries the best hopes and opportunities for the future of science and society

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THE ROYAL SWEDISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES



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"...har till uppgift att främja
vetenskaperna och stärka
deras inflytande i samhället."

"...has as its aim to promote
the sciences and strengthen
their influence in society."

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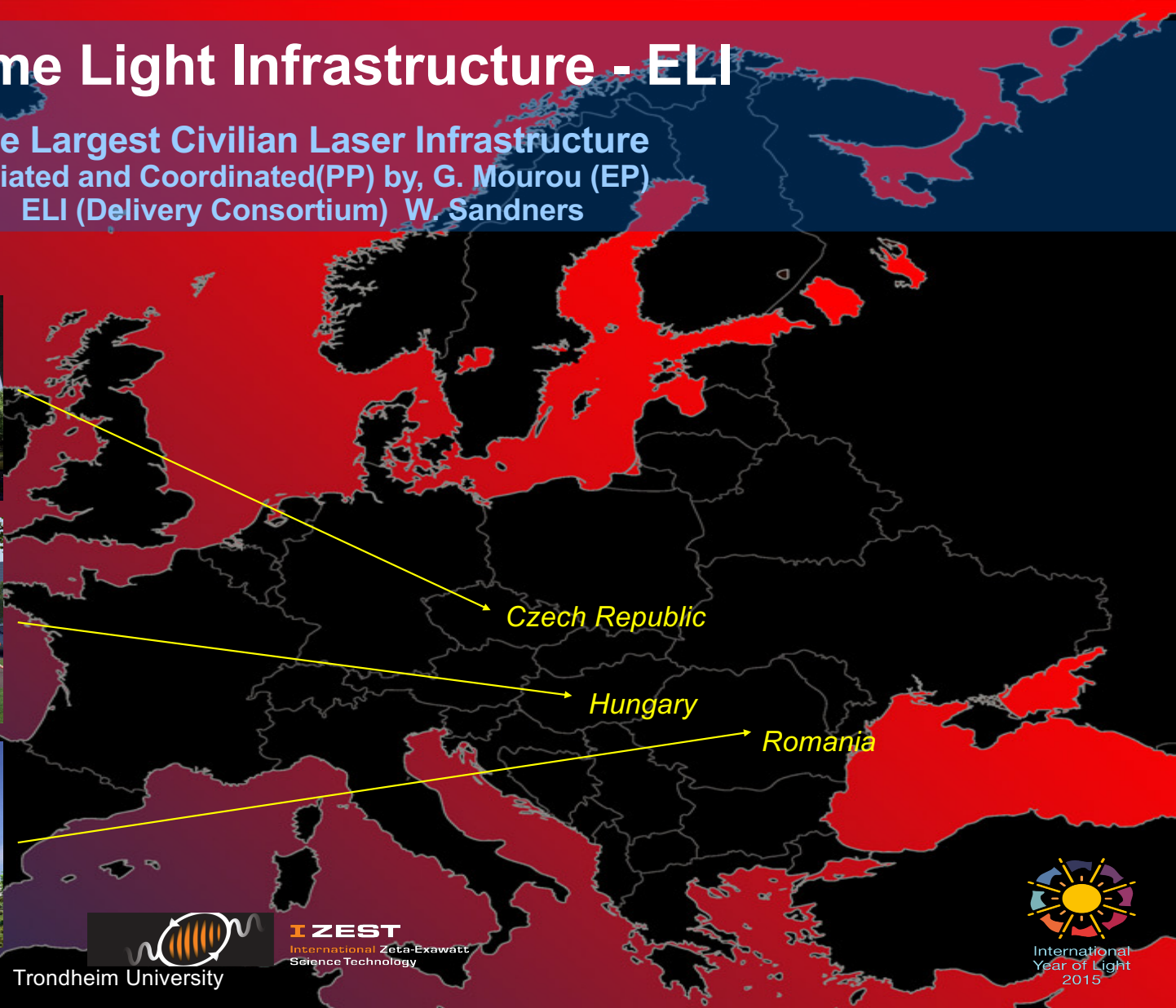


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Extreme Light Infrastructure - ELI

The Largest Civilian Laser Infrastructure
Initiated and Coordinated(PP) by, G. Mourou (EP)
ELI (Delivery Consortium) W. Sandners



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Trondheim University

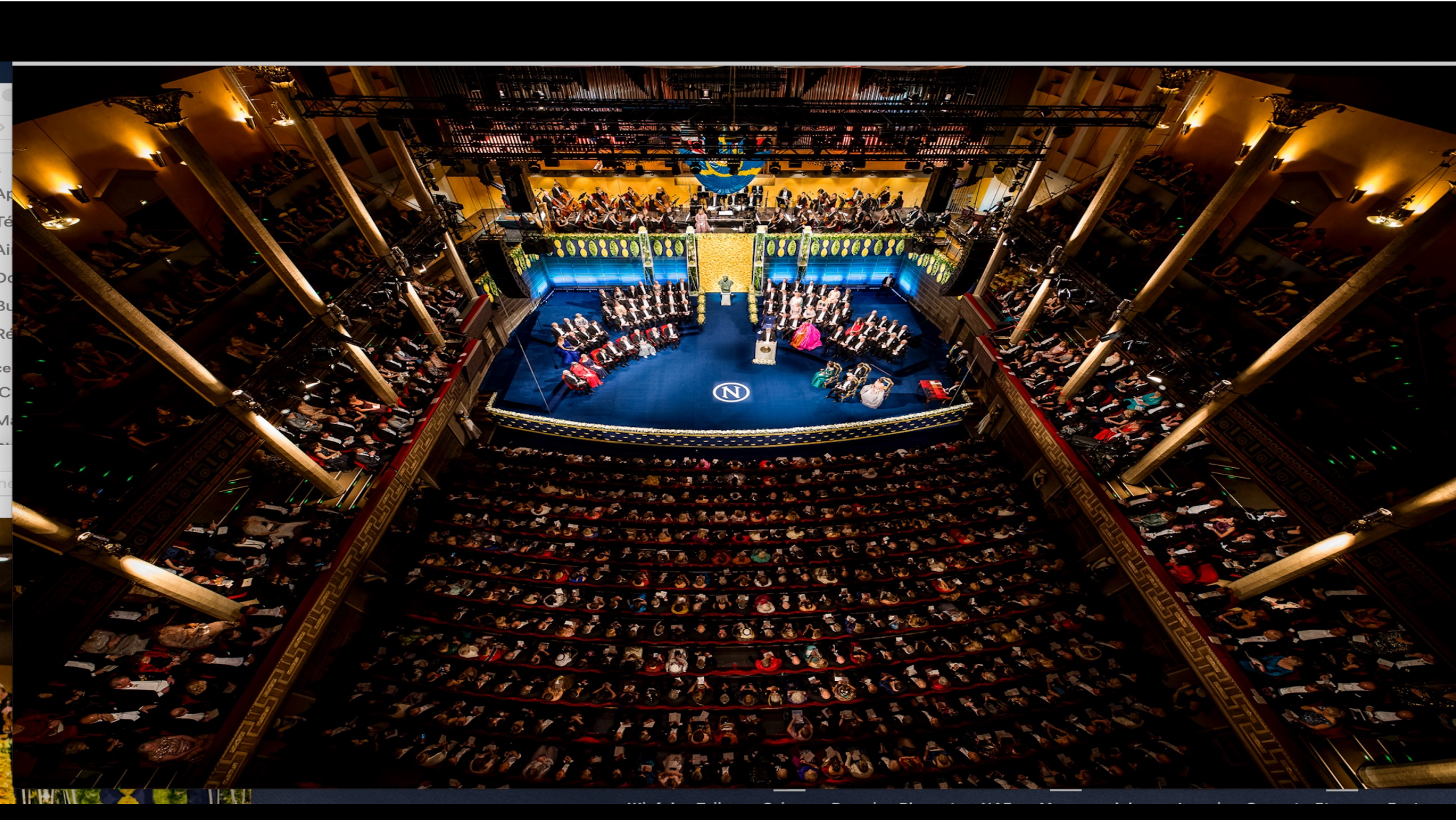


International
Year of Light
2015





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