

# Ion Acceleration Mechanisms in LFEX Multi-short Pulse Laser Experiments

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## 4 ビーム PW LFEX レーザーによるイオン加速実験の検証

イオンの加速機構は？ TNSA + Others

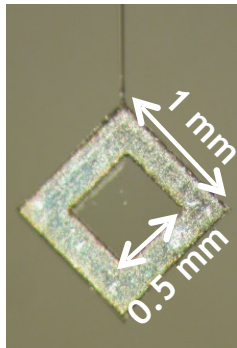
1. 強度変調
2. プレプラズマ
3. P 加速 v.s. D 加速

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# Experimental Set-up

## Thin-foil target

0.4 ~ 20  $\mu\text{m}$ -thick Al/C<sub>8</sub>D<sub>8</sub>



Focal spot size  
70  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter

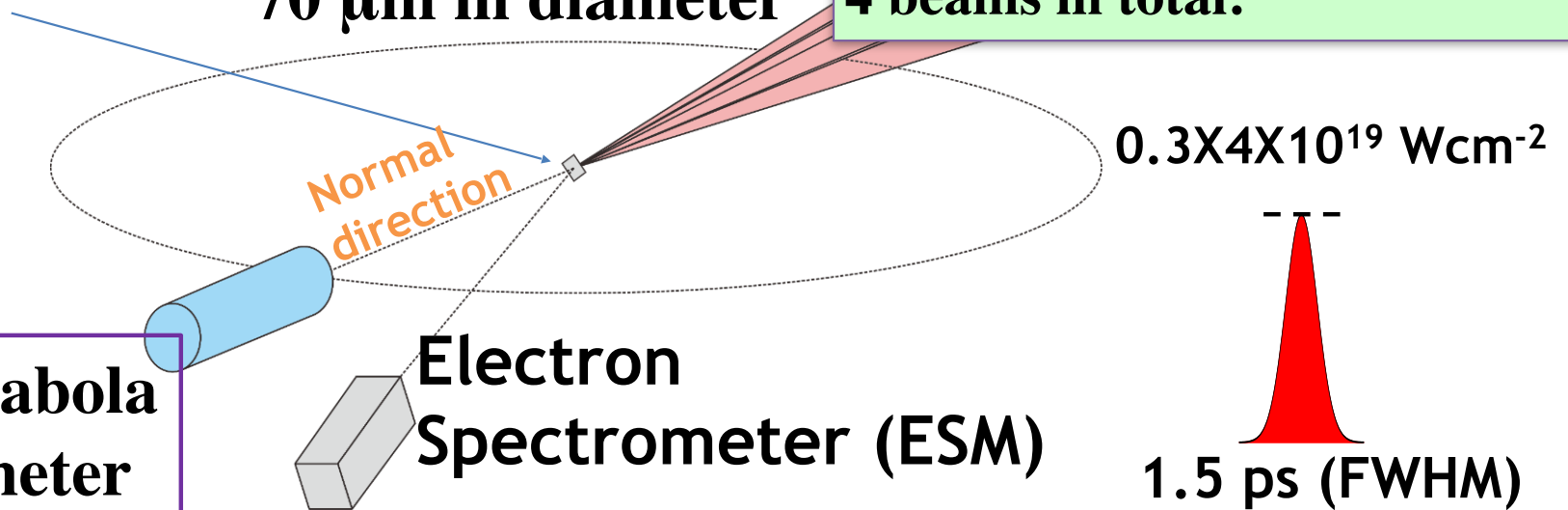
## LFEX beams

Pulse duration: **1.5 ~ 6 ps**

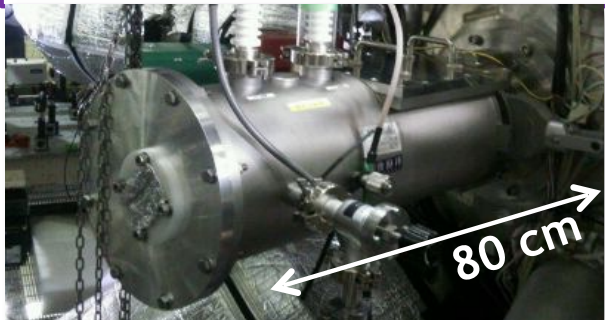
Energy: **1 kJ** on target

Intensity: **0.2~1.2X10<sup>19</sup> Wcm<sup>-2</sup>**

4 beams in total.



Thomson parabola  
Ion spectrometer



Target : Al 0.8  $\mu\text{m}$ t

H<sup>+</sup>

Proton signal

C<sup>6+</sup>

C<sup>5+</sup>

C<sup>6+</sup> < 6.3 MeV/u  
is filtered by  
100  $\mu\text{m}$ -thick  
Al foil

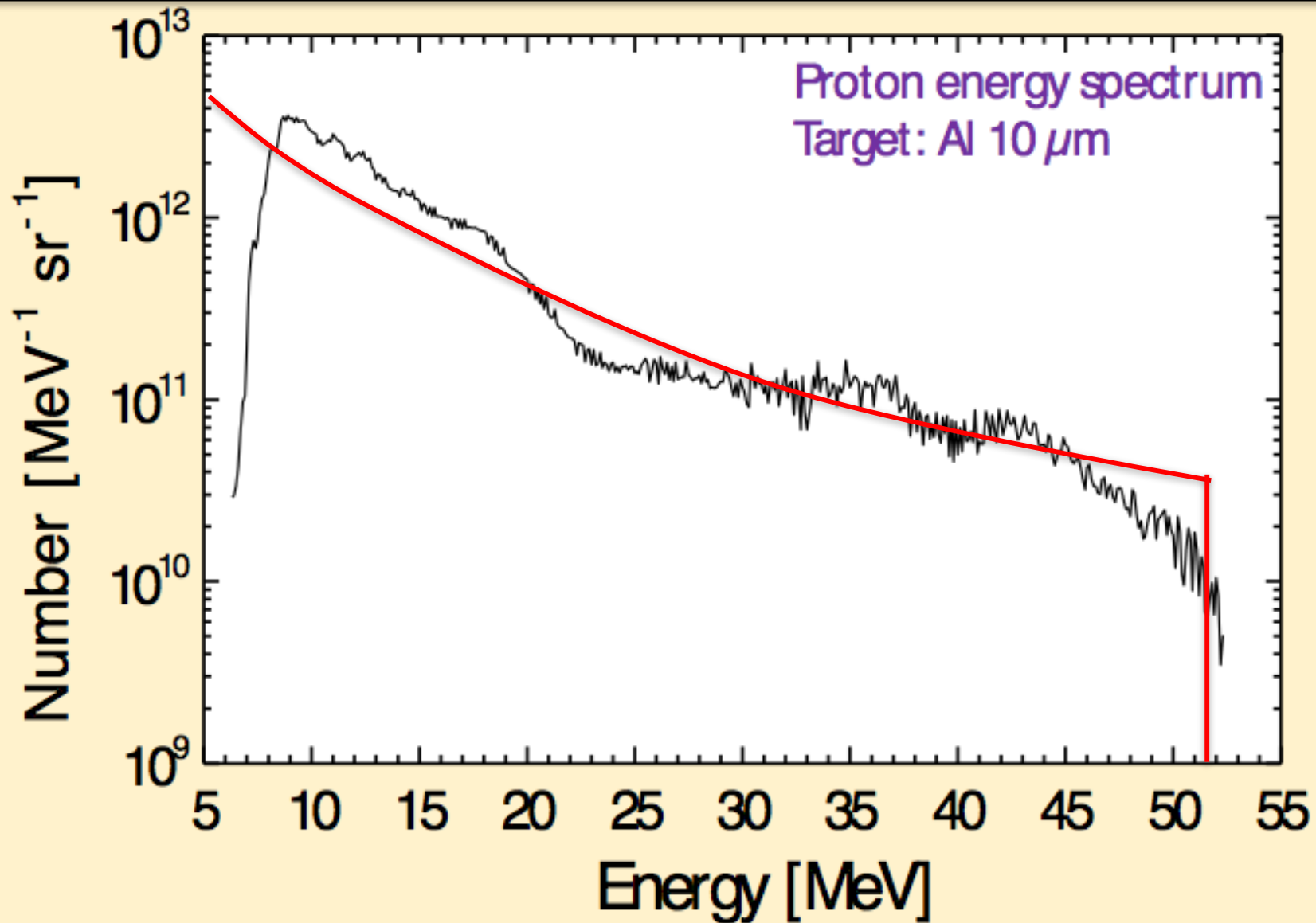
Electric  
deflection

Magnetic deflection



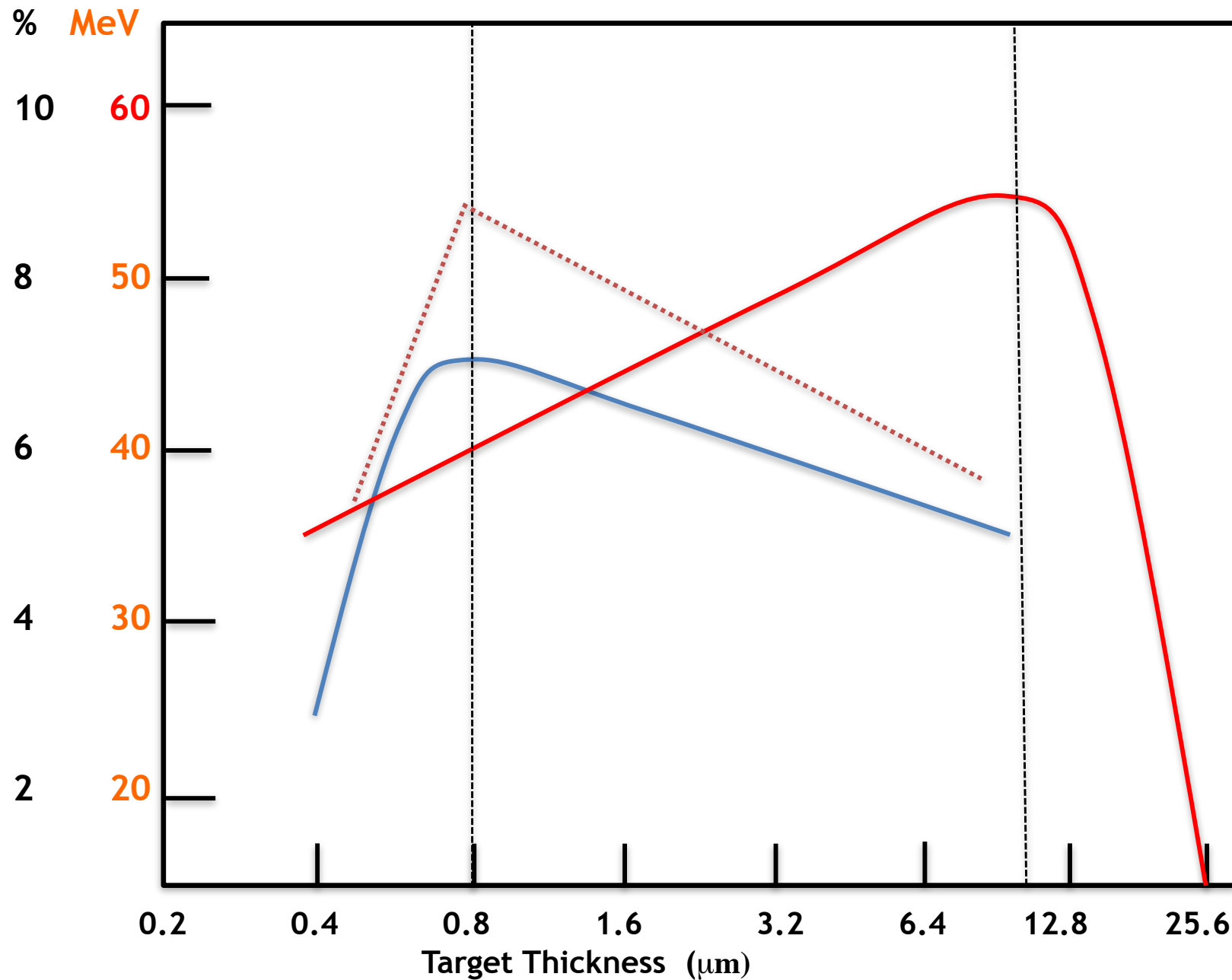
# Maximum Proton Energy: 52 MeV

LFEX:1.5 ps kJ laser experiments after A.Yogo, JIFT W.S. 2016



Conversion efficiency > 4% to protons of energy > 6 MeV

# Target Thickness Dependence of Efficiency and Maximum Proton Energy

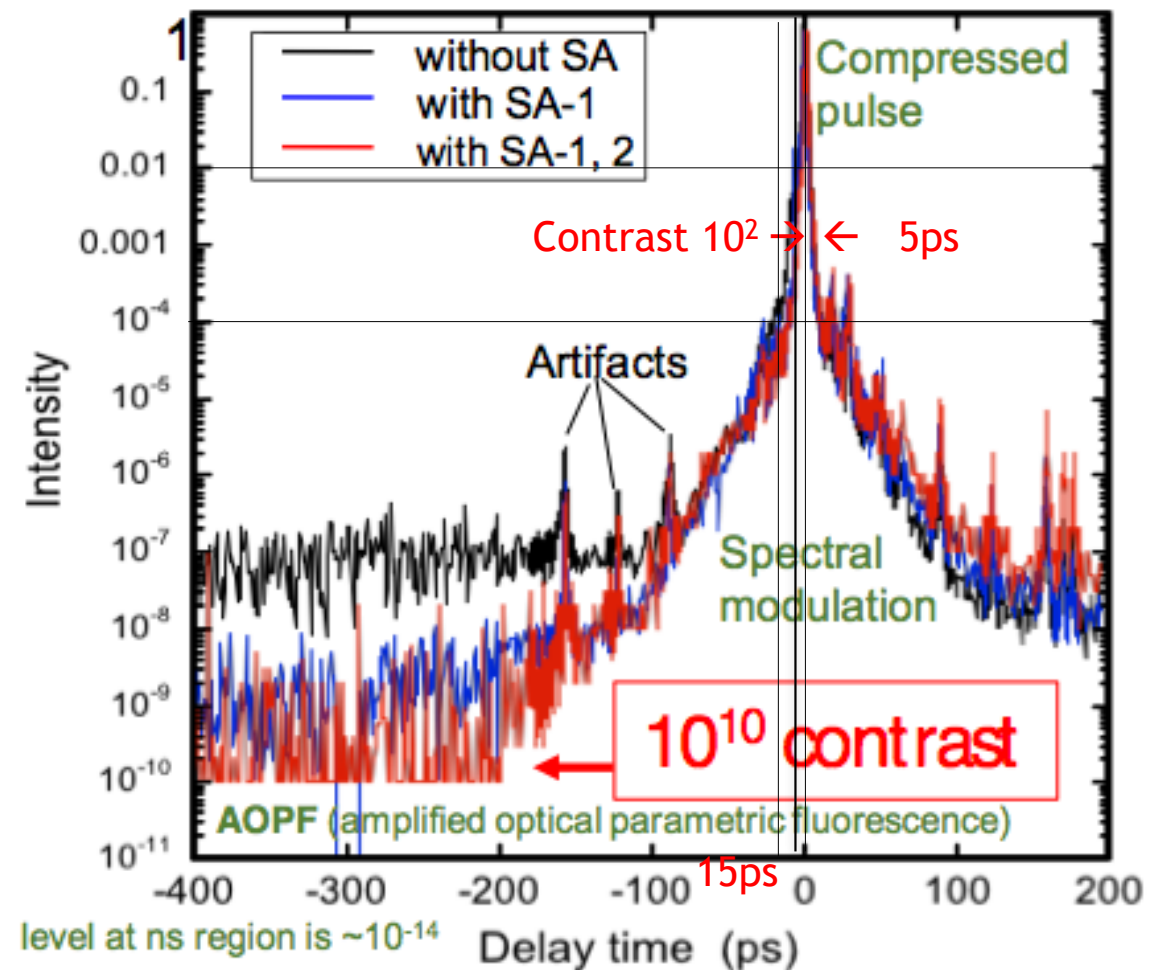


# Ion acceleration has been carried out with LFX –Up grade (High Contrast, kJ/ps pulse)

## LFX at ILE



## Pulse contrast measured at the front end



# Target plasma density profile at the main pulse

$$a = a_0 \exp[(t - t_p)/t_p]$$

$$a_0 = 0.25, t_p = 5 \text{ ps}$$

$$T_e = a^2 mc^2 / 2 : \text{ponderomotive scaling}$$

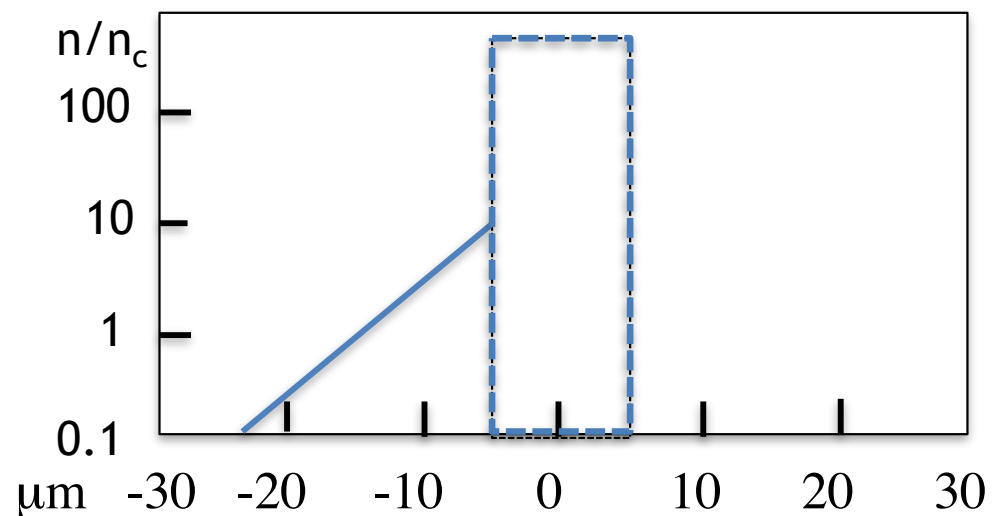
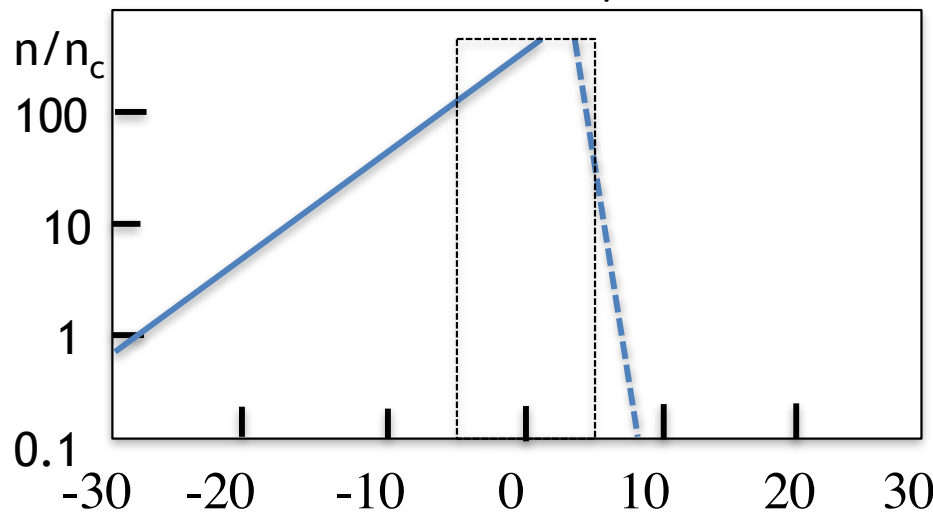
$$t = \quad -15 \quad -10 \quad -5 \text{ ps}$$

$$T_e = \quad 2 \quad 6 \quad 16 \text{ keV}$$

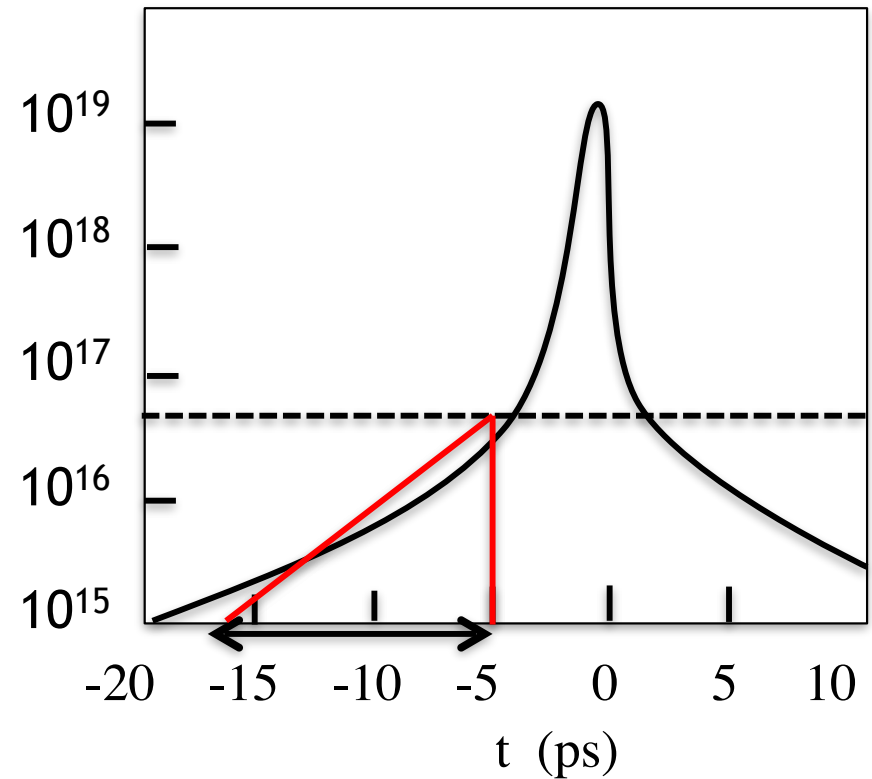
$$\text{Heat wave penetration depth: } (l_{mfp} v_e t_p)^{1/2} \sim 10 \mu\text{m}$$

$$L_p = \int_{-15 \text{ ps}}^{t_p} (Z T_e / M)^{1/2} dt \sim t_p a_0 5 \times 10^8 \text{ cm/sec}$$

$$\sim 6 \mu\text{m}$$

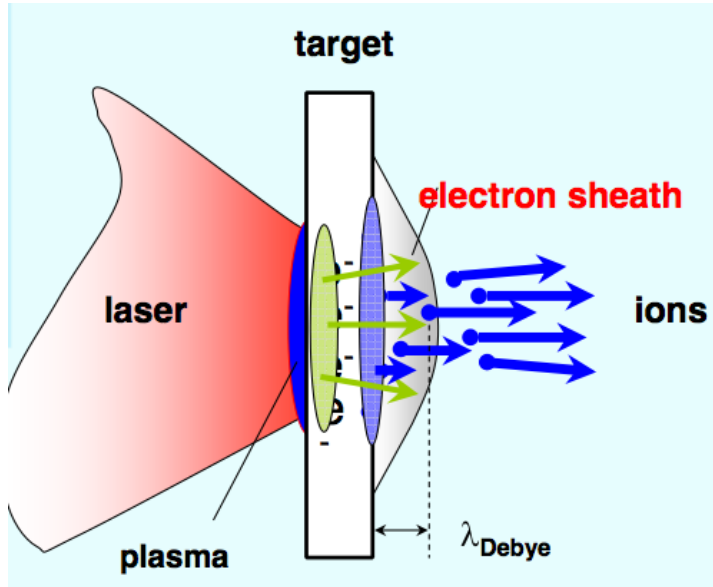


PIC of Radiation Hydro?



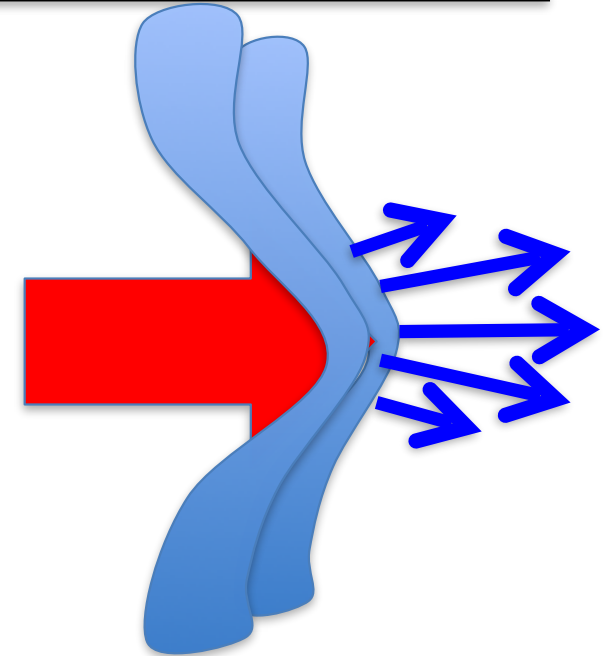
# Mechanisms of Laser Ion Acceleration

TNSA  
+CSA



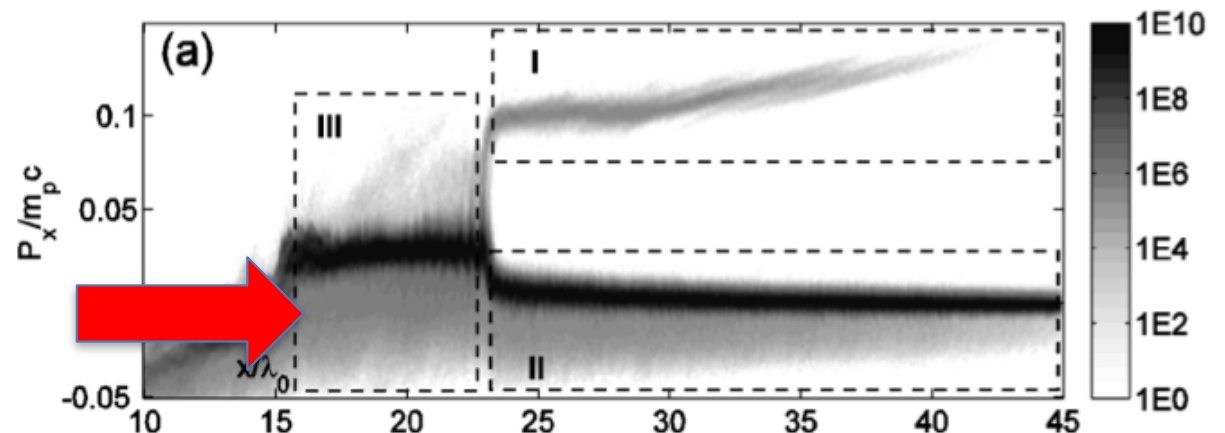
Dense thick foil

RPA  
BOA  
MDA  
CSA



NRCD foil

Ion Acceleration in  
NRCD plasmas  
Collision-less Shock  
Acceleration (CSA)



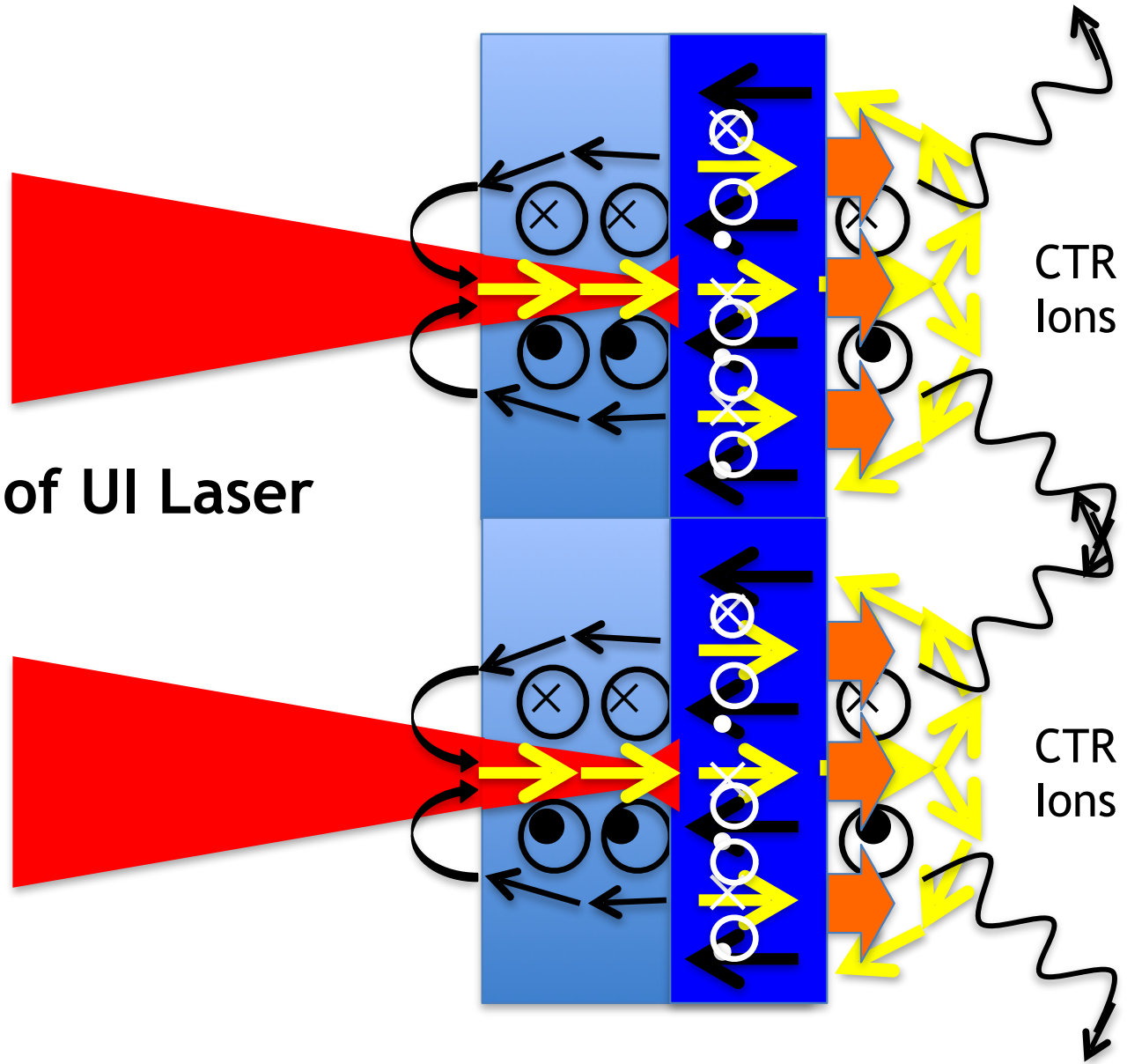
Low density thick foil

# Electro-magnetic phenomena in URCD and NRCD plasmas

EM forces on electron :  $eE$  and  $e\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$   
are comparable.  
Electrostatic and Inductive  
E-fields accelerate ions

Intensity modulation of UI Laser

Under dense      Over dense





# 計算条件

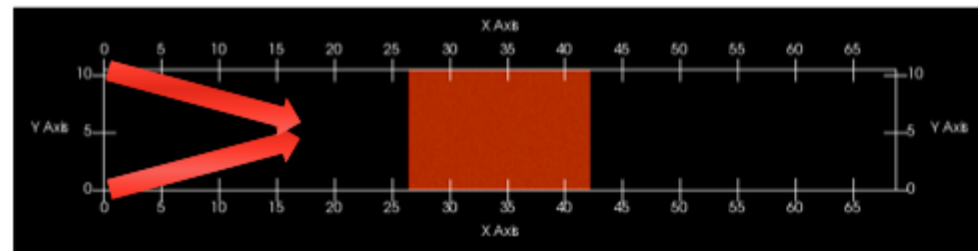
## ■ ターゲット

- ◆ Carbon
- ◆ 温度 1.3 keV
- ◆ 密度  $10n_{cr}$

## ■ レーザー

- ◆ 波長  $1.05 \mu\text{m}$
- ◆ FWHM = 350 fs
- ◆  $1 \times 10^{19} \text{ W/cm}^2$ , 入射角  $\pm 5.7^\circ$  (2本)

Periodic boundary

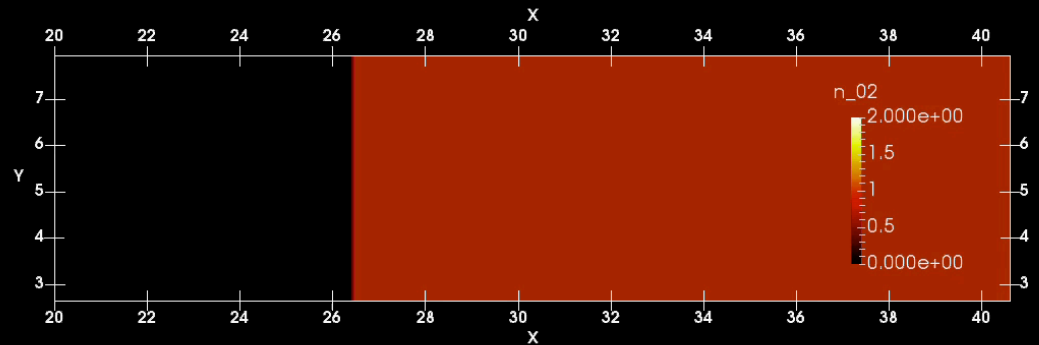


Cooling boundary

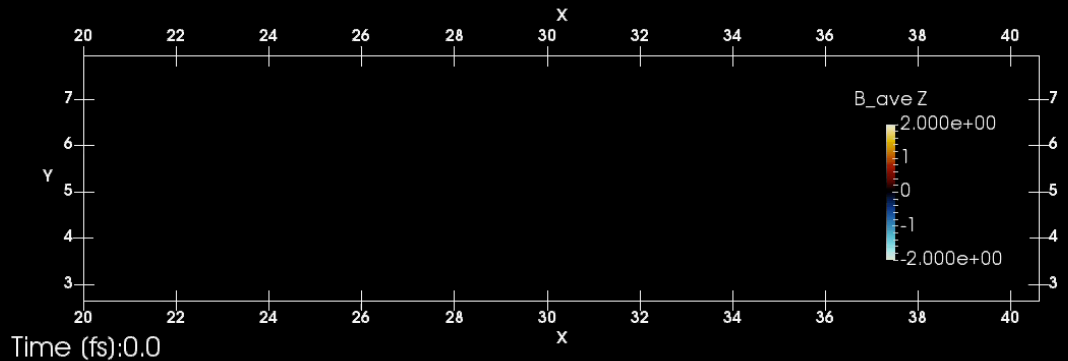
レーザーピークの -525 fs より計算開始

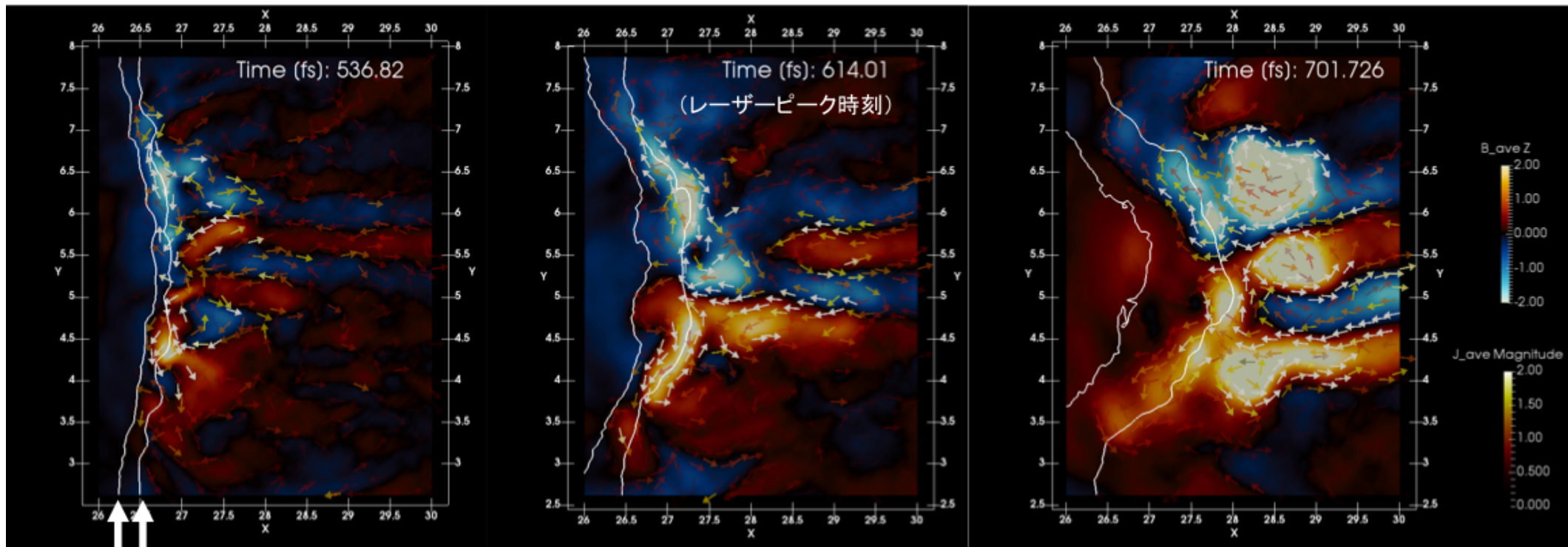
# ターゲット表面と内部に磁場が生成した

$n_e [10n_{cr}]$



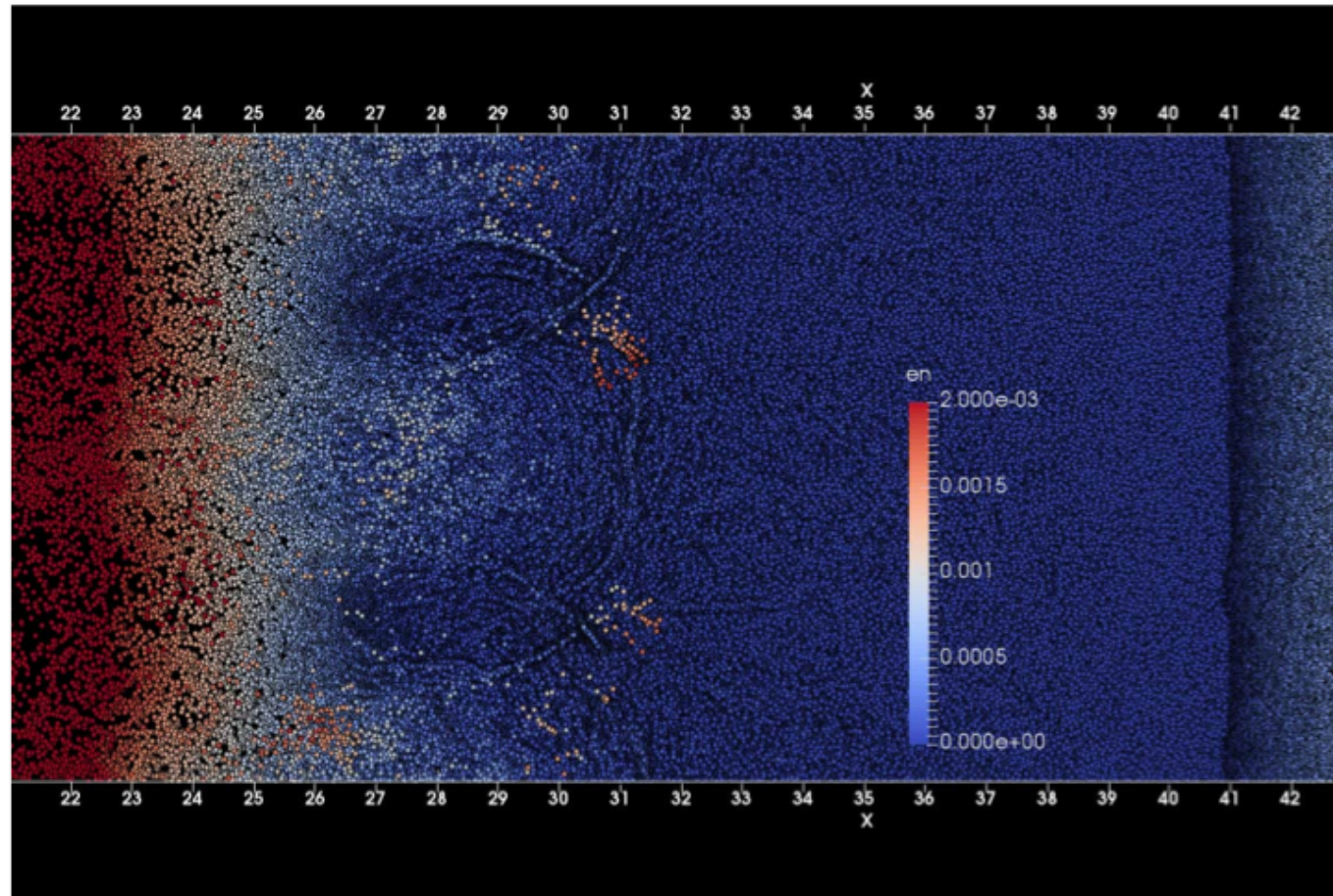
$B_z [m_e \omega_L / e]$

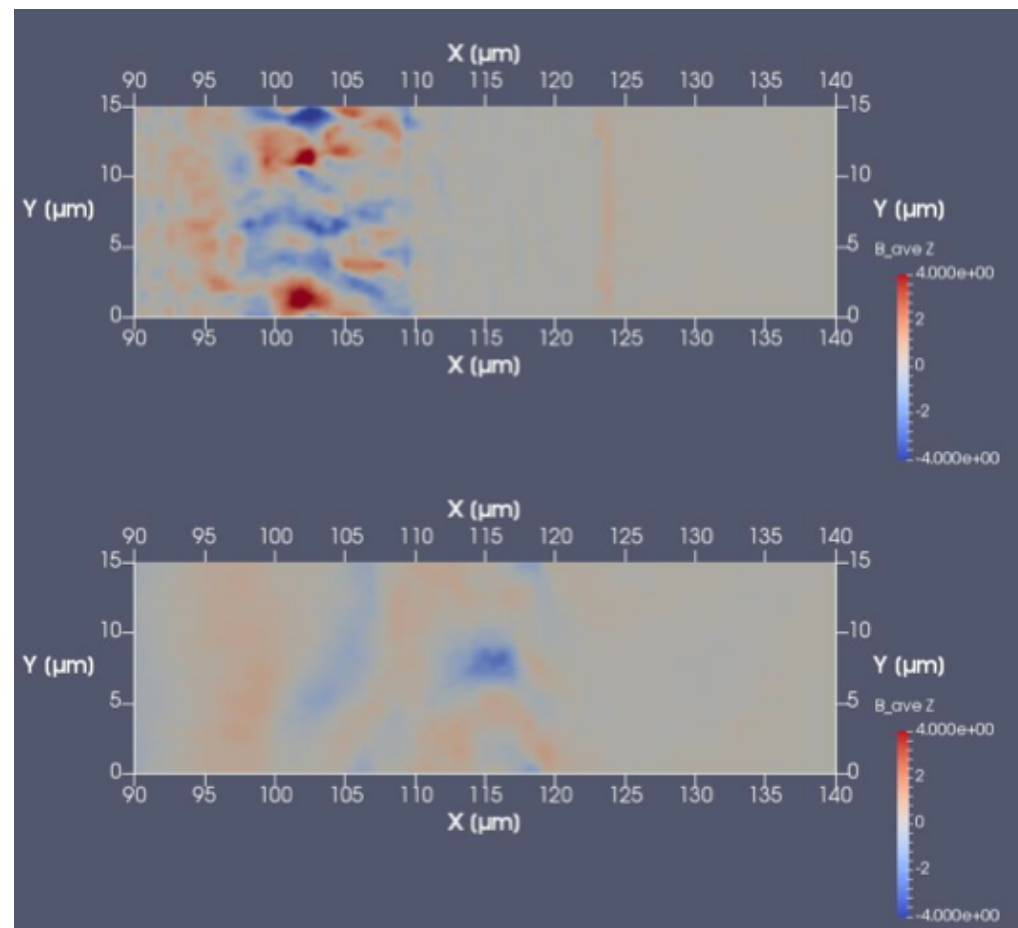
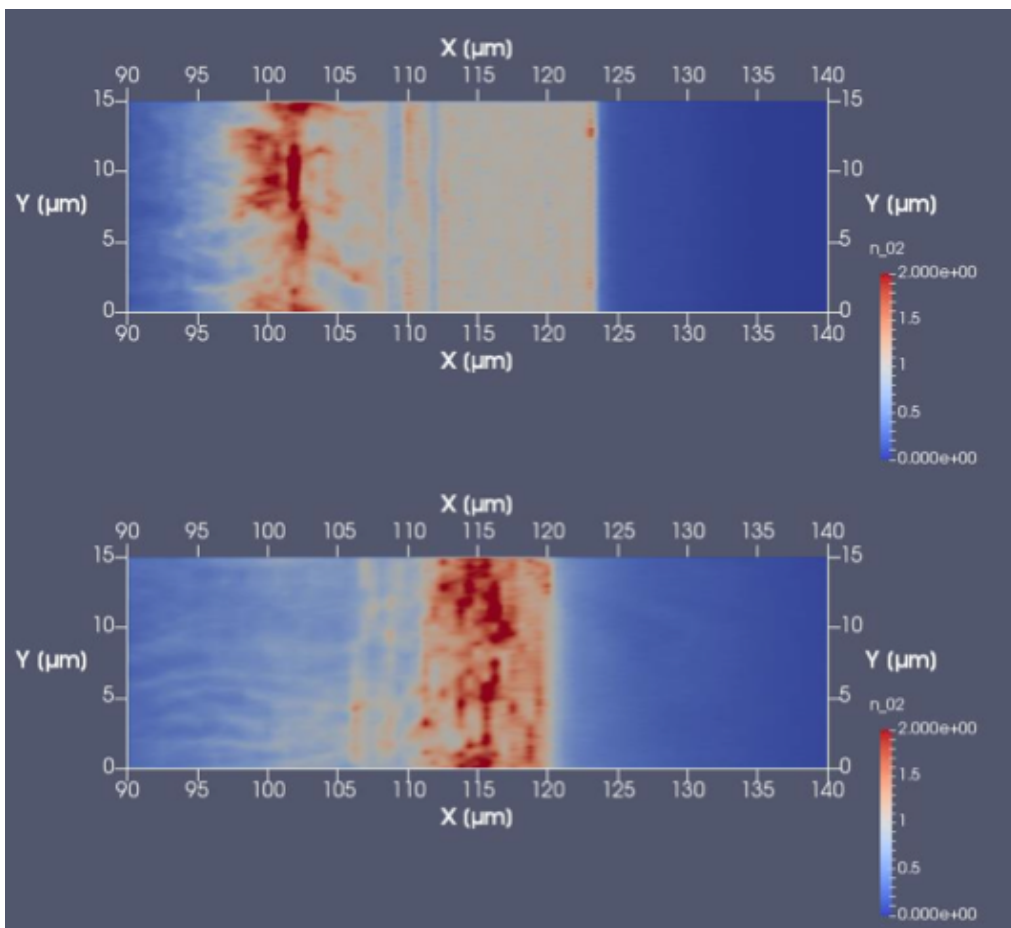




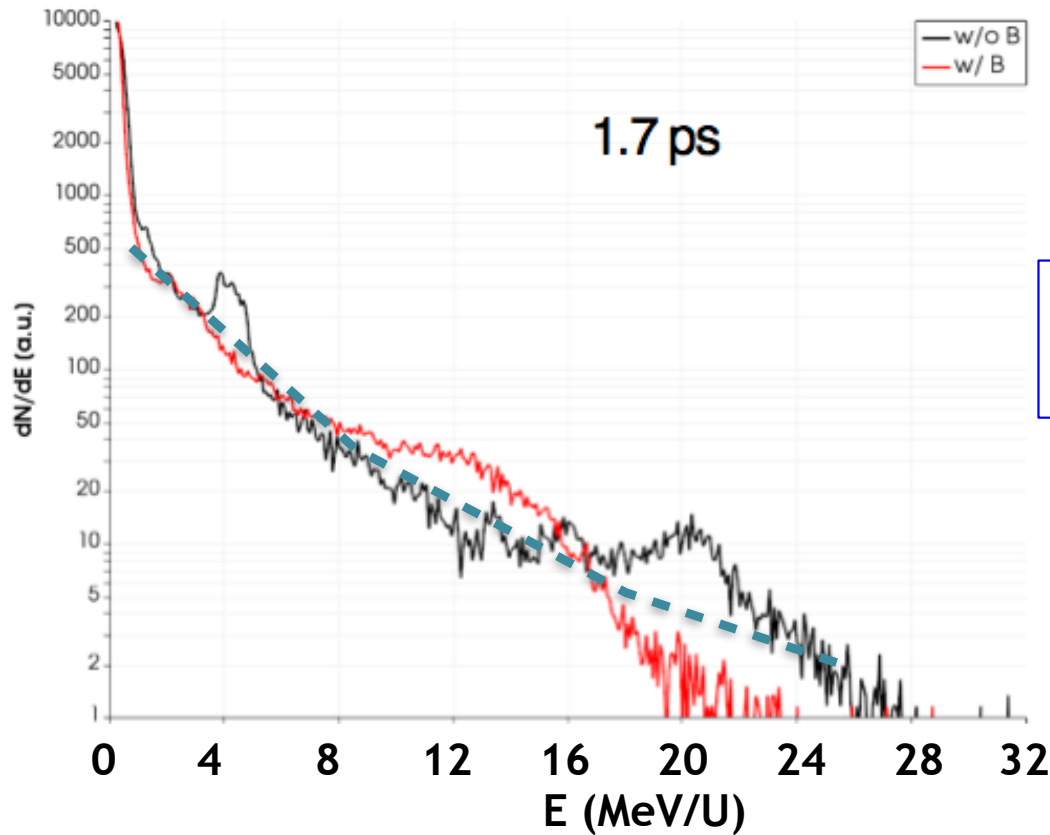
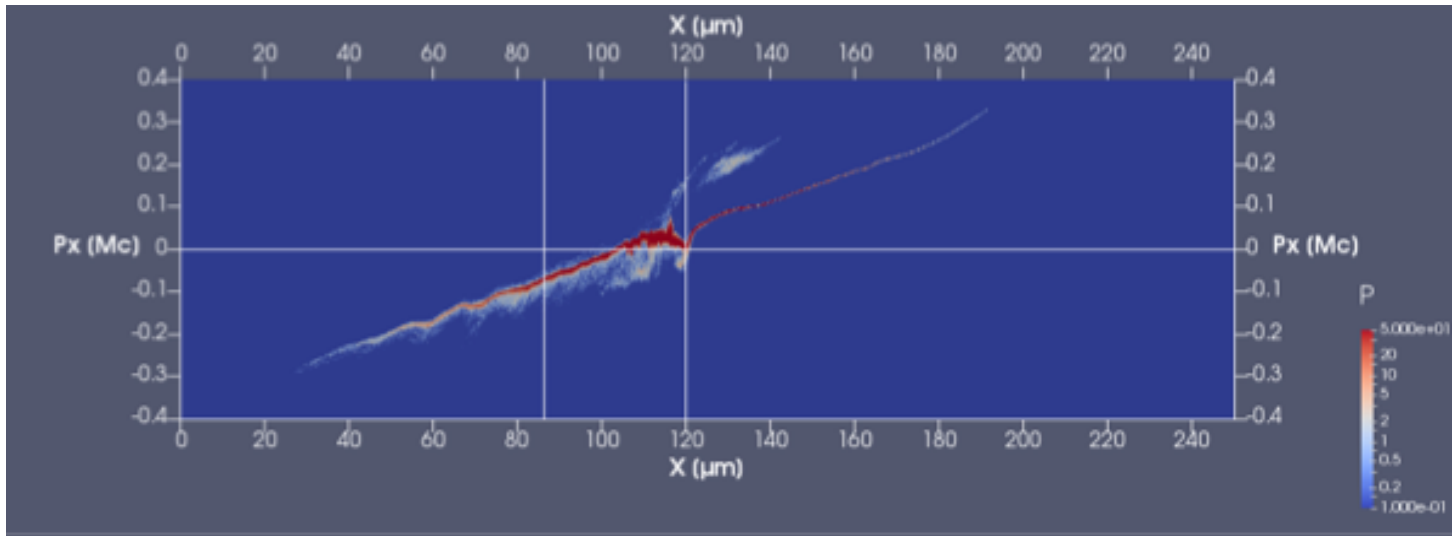
密度  $n_{cr}$ ,  $5n_{cr}$

# 衝撃波が重なる部分ではイオンが20 MeV程度まで加速された





# Ion Phase Space Distribution and Energy Spectra



TNSA Energy Spectrum  
 $\sim \text{EXP}[-(E/E_0)^{1/2}]$ ,  $E_0 = 1 \text{ MeV}$

# Summary and Questions

- 1. Plasma profile produced by  $\sim 20$ ps pedestal ?**
- 2. Self-focusing and filamentation are triggered by laser intensity modulation.**
- 3. Radiation pressure driven shocks in NRCD plasmas are important?**
- 4. Modification of proton energy spectra from TNSA?  
Time dependent electron temperature effects,  
Colliding multiple shocks, Collision-less shock, or ?**
- 5. Mechanisms of separation of proton and deuteron energy are due to,  
Localization of proton, Large laser spot effect, others?**