

The NAPLIFE project

– nanoplasmonic fusion targets –

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Lab Structure



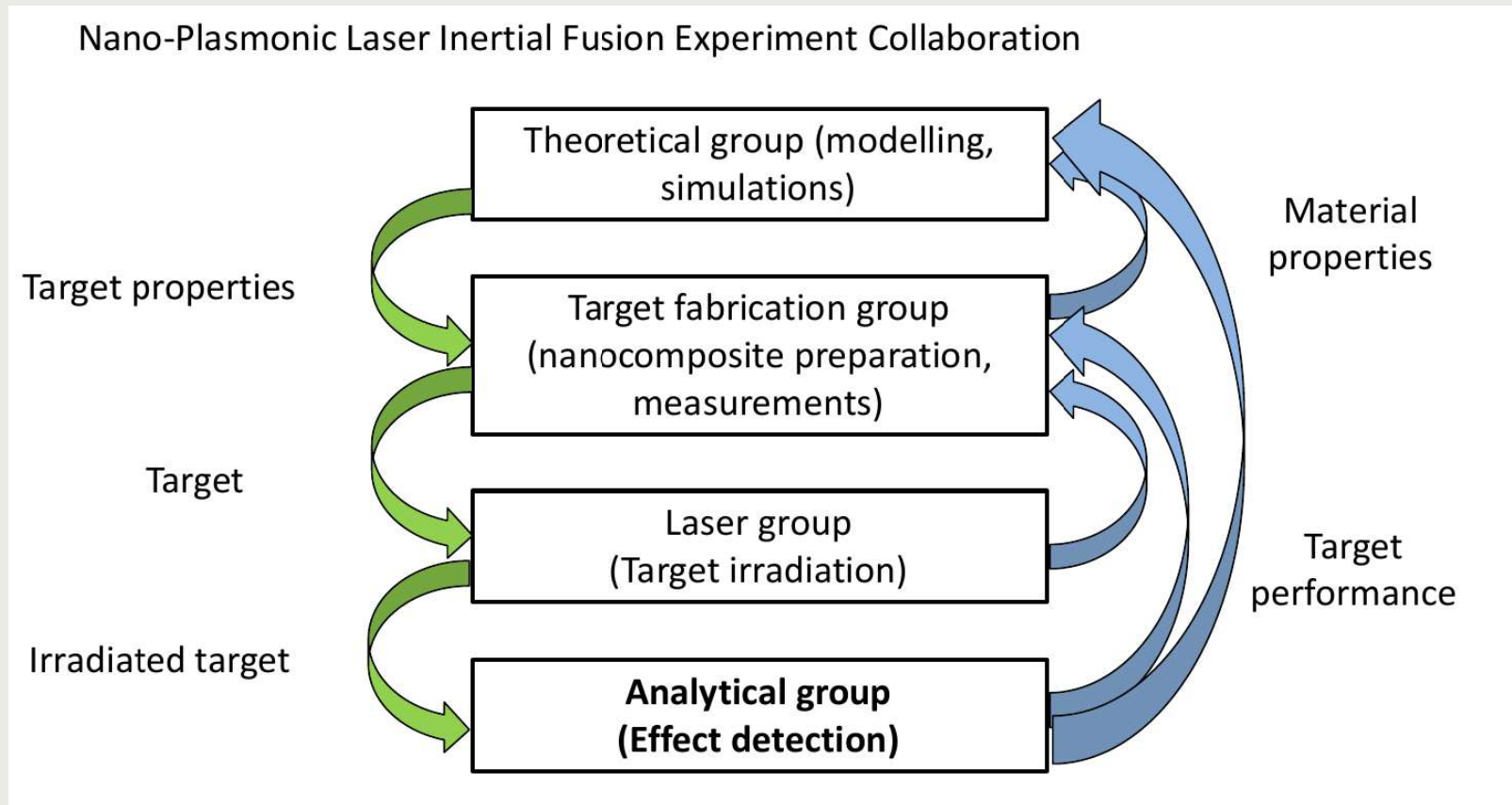
organogram



Group Structure



cooperation

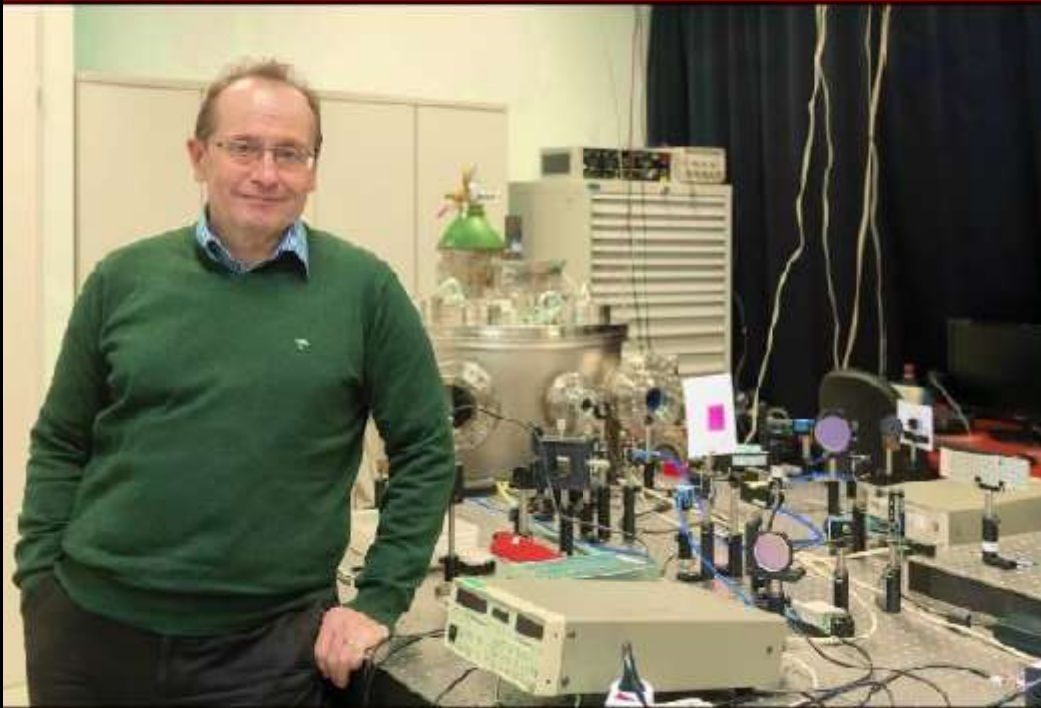


NAPLIFE devices

laser table, vacuum chamber



Biró Tamás



Kroó Norbert



NAPLIFE individual features

- 1 Plasmonic collectivity, energy concentration, threshold lowering, lifetime cca. 20 – 30 fs
- 2 Non-equilibrium, simultaneous ignition with lightspeed
- 3 Nanoantennas in target, ultrashort, great contrast laser pulses (10^6 , 40 fs @ Wigner, — — > ELI)
- 4 Energy balance and products: microcraters, SERS, LIBS, MS, CR39

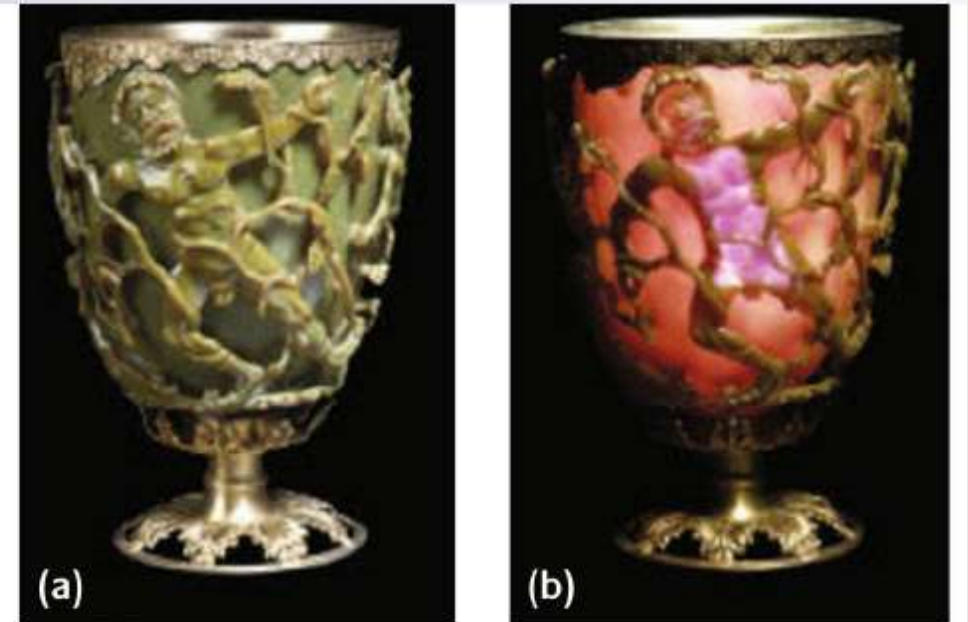
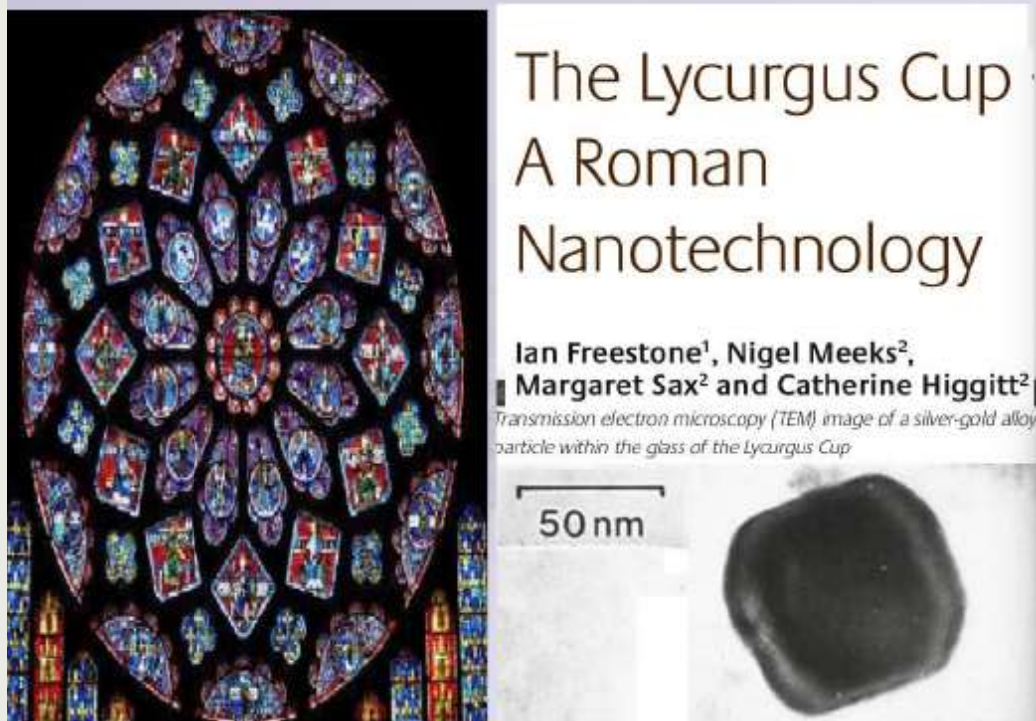
people, structure and goals
NAPLIFE: results

plasmonics
kinetic model
nano-fabrication
spectroscopy: craters and other results

Nanofusion



plasmons: barrier lowers, energy hot spots

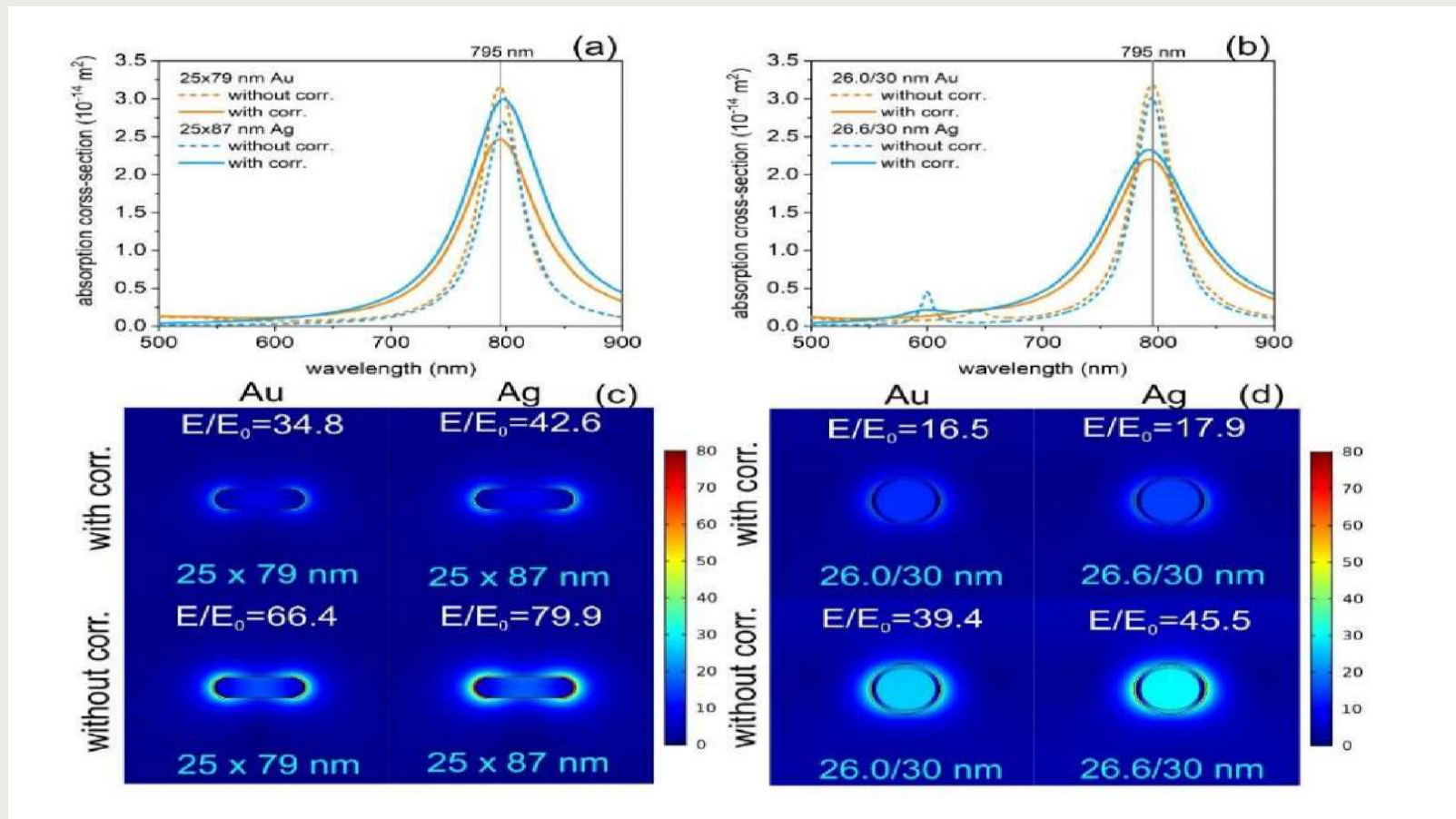


The Lycurgus Cup 1958,1202.1 in reflected (a) and transmitted (b) light. Scene showing Lycurgus being enmeshed by Ambrosia

Plasmonics at work



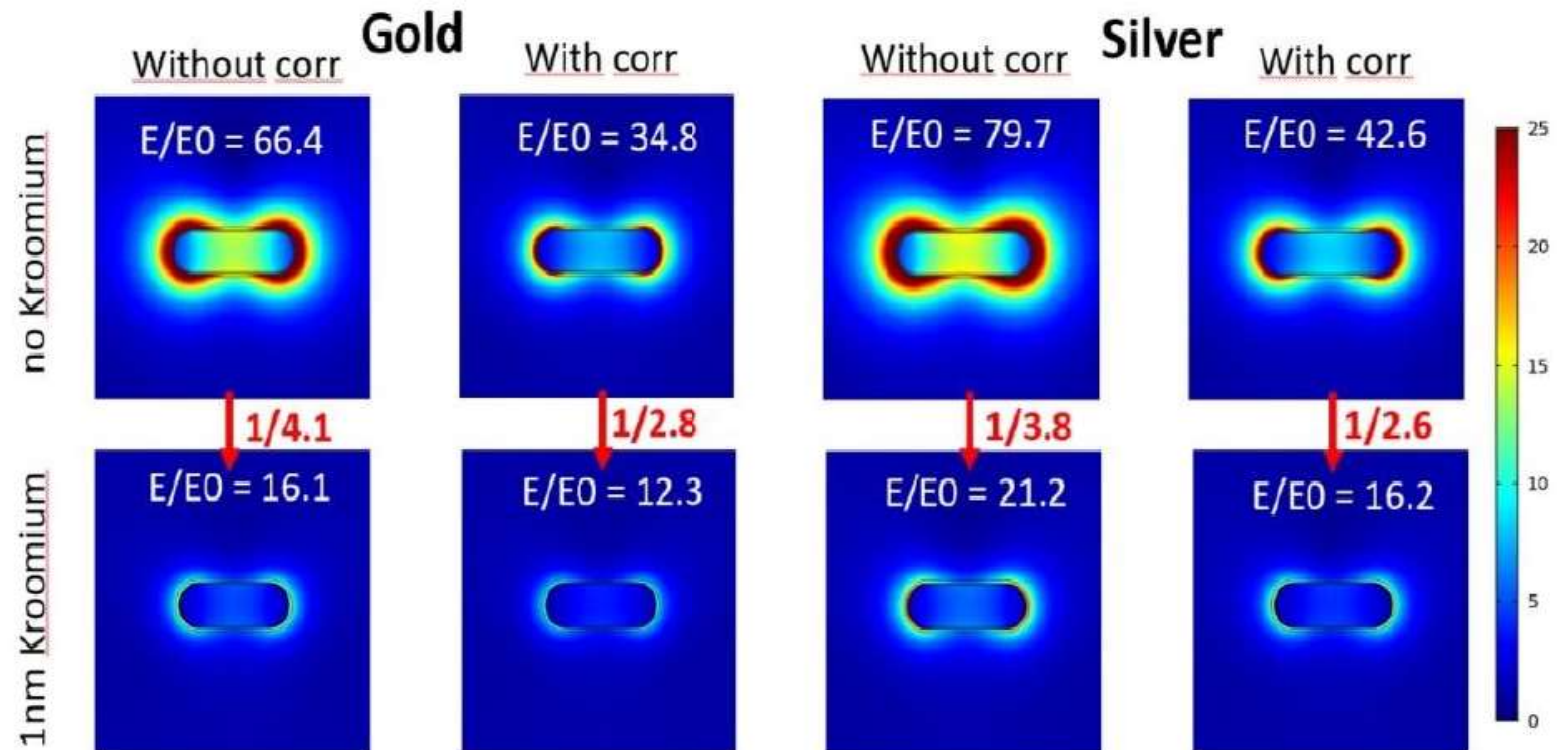
simulations (M. Csete group)



Plasmonics at work



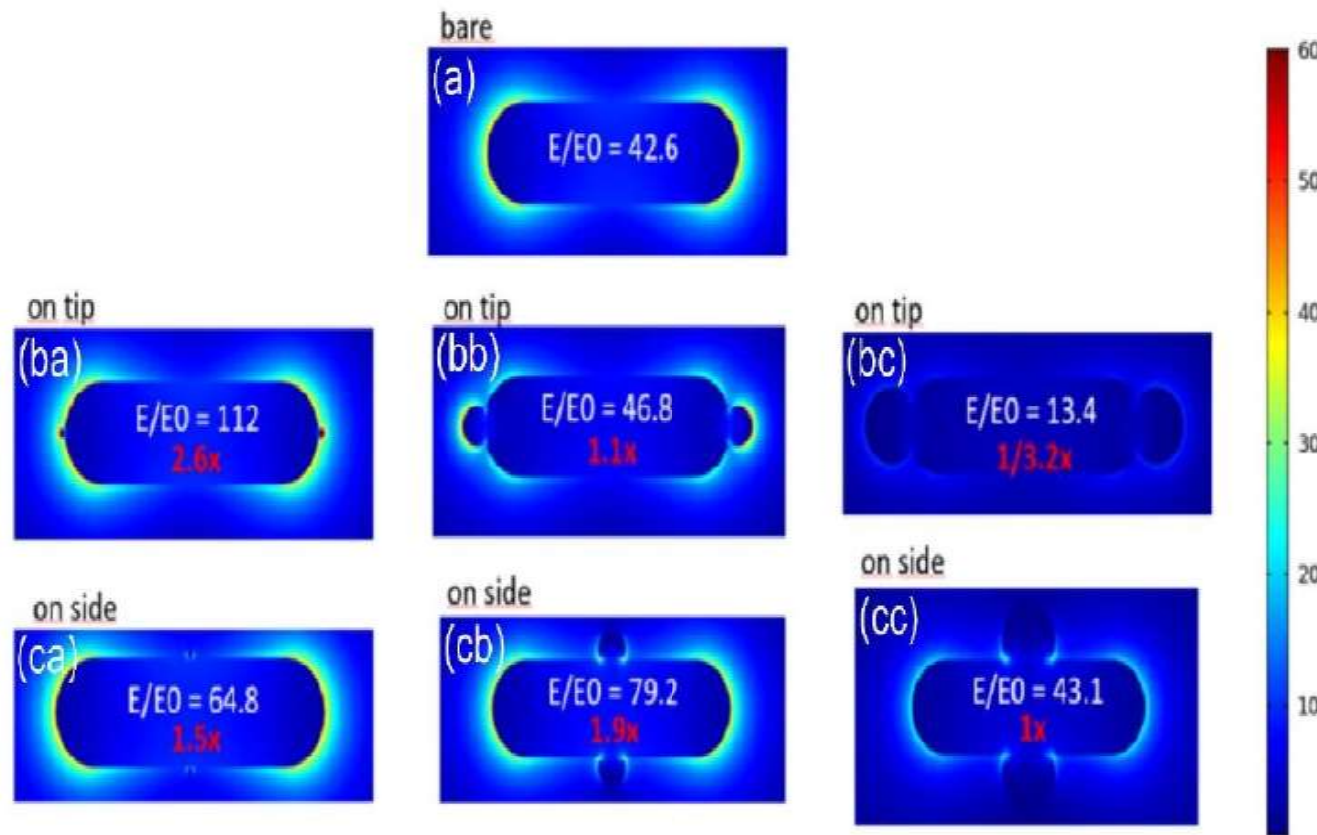
NFE (near field enhancement) (M. Csete group)



1.1.2. ábra A vizsgált rendszerek közeltér erősítés eloszlása ($|E|/|E_0|$).

Plasmonics at work

doped nanoantennas (M. Csete group)



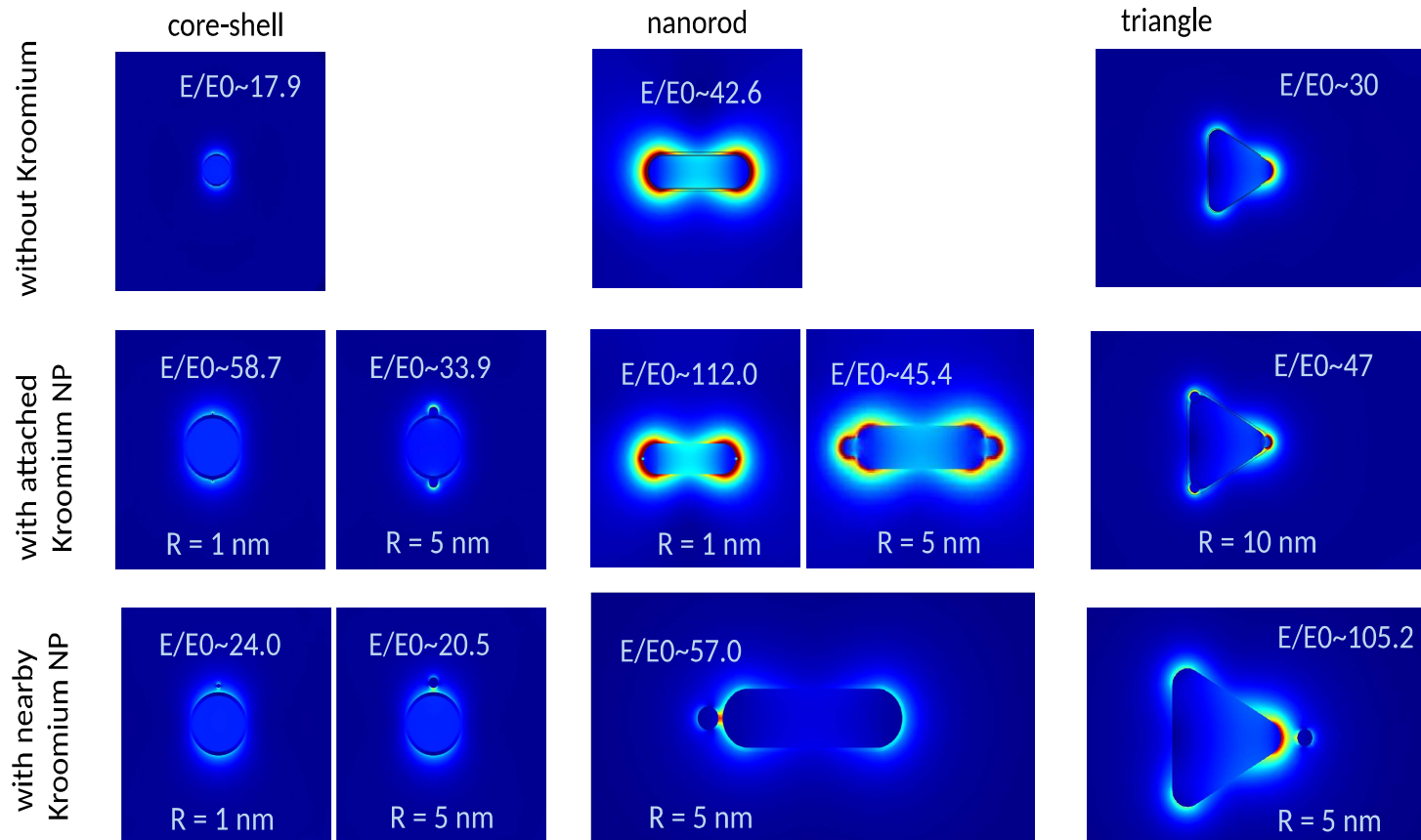
1.1.5. ábra A vizsgált ezüst (korrigált $\epsilon(\omega)$ függvény) rendszerek közeltér erősítés eloszlása ($|E|/|E_0|$). (a) Kroómium nélküli eset, (ba-bc) on-apex és (ca-cc) on-side konfigurációk 1 nm – 10 nm KNP mérettel.

Plasmonics at work



nanoantenna shape variations (M. Csete group)

Near-field enhancement with individual plasmonic nanoresonators & Kroomium nanoparticles

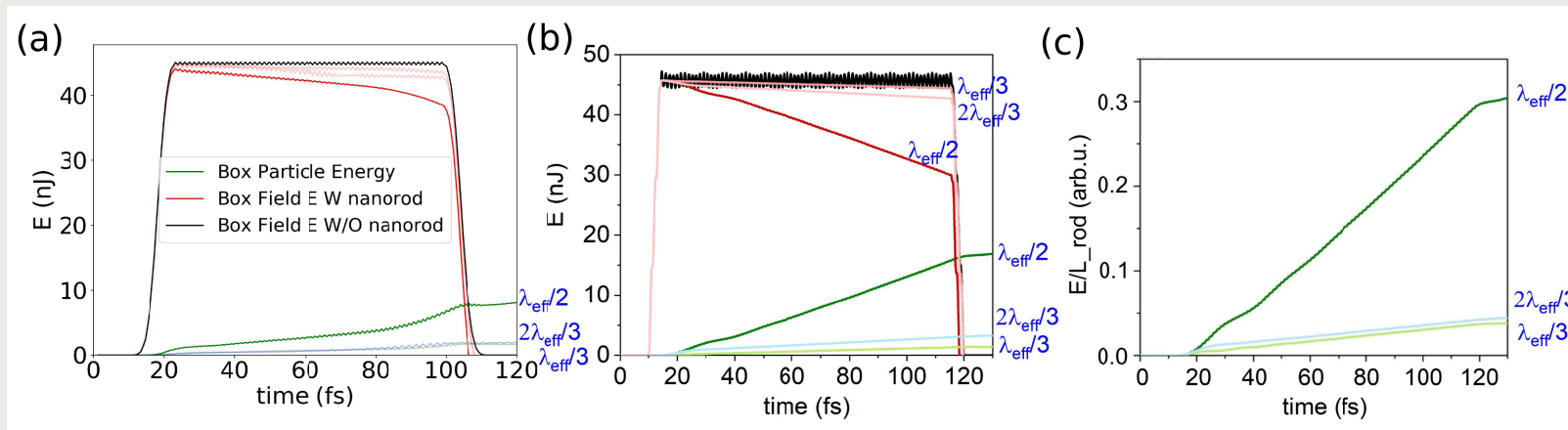




Kinetic model: PIC

Single nanorod

resonating length (I. Papp)

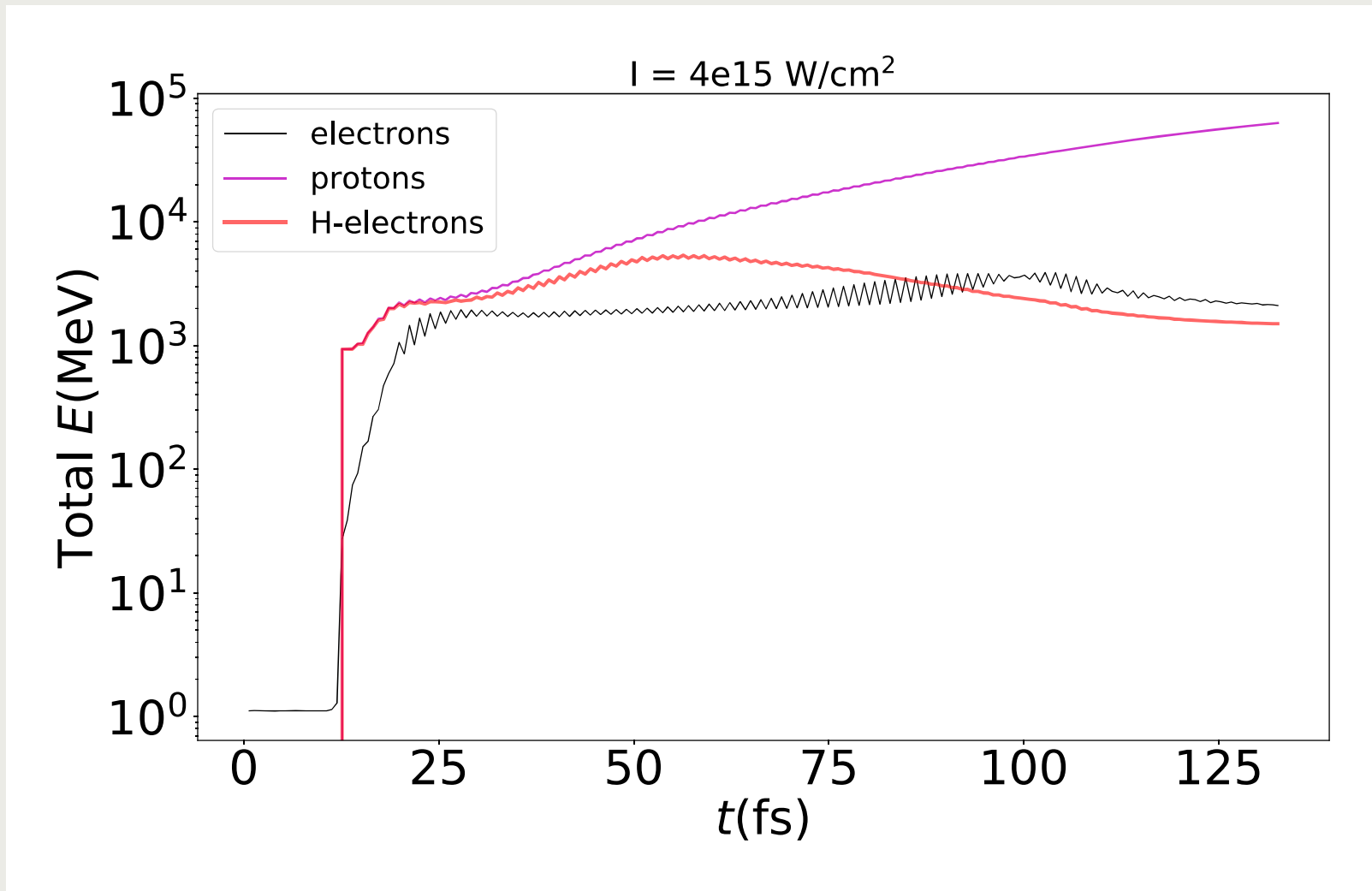




Kinetic model: PIC

Low intensity

energy sharing (I. Papp)

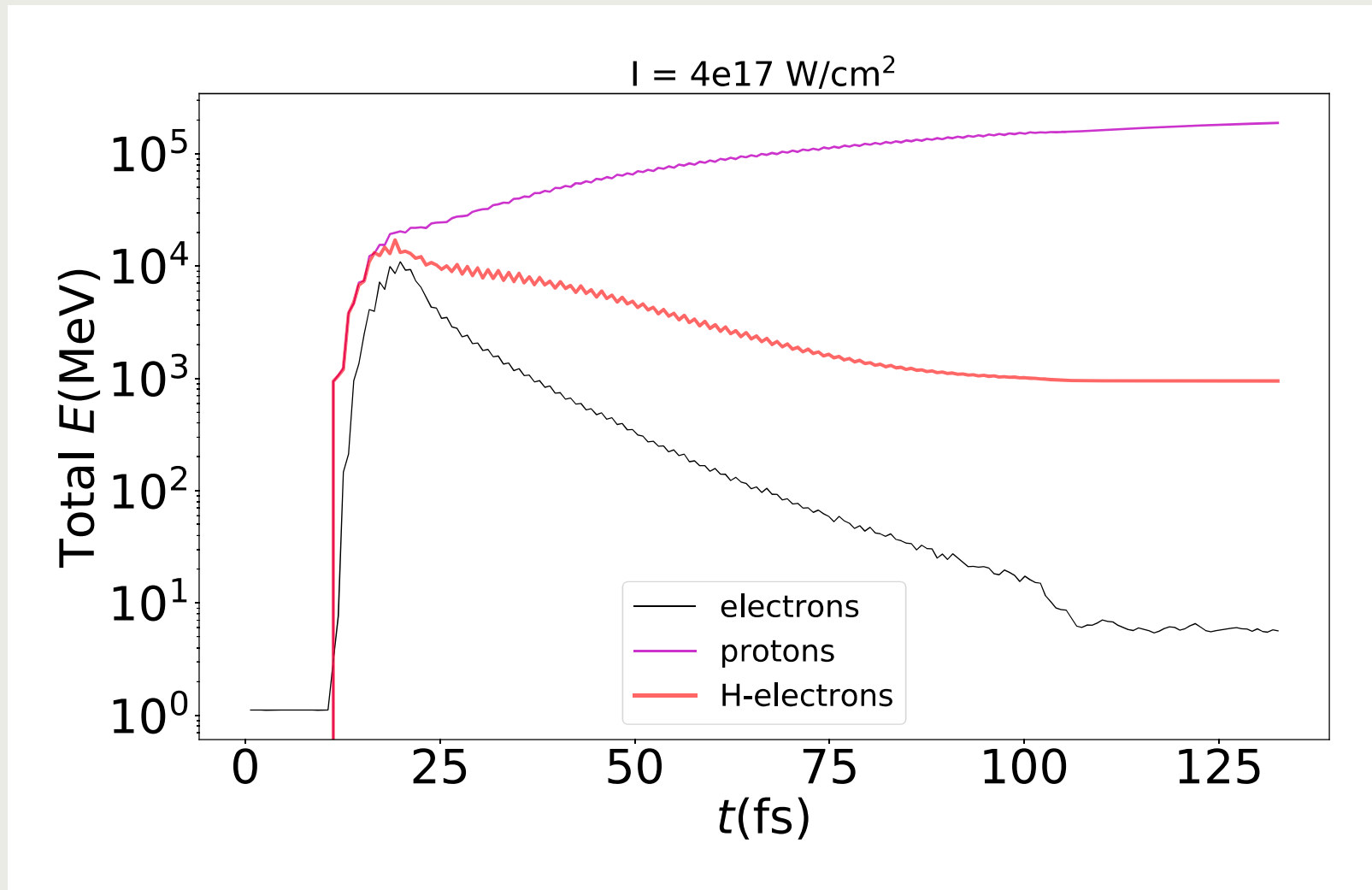




Kinetic model: PIC

Higher intensity

energy sharing (I. Papp)

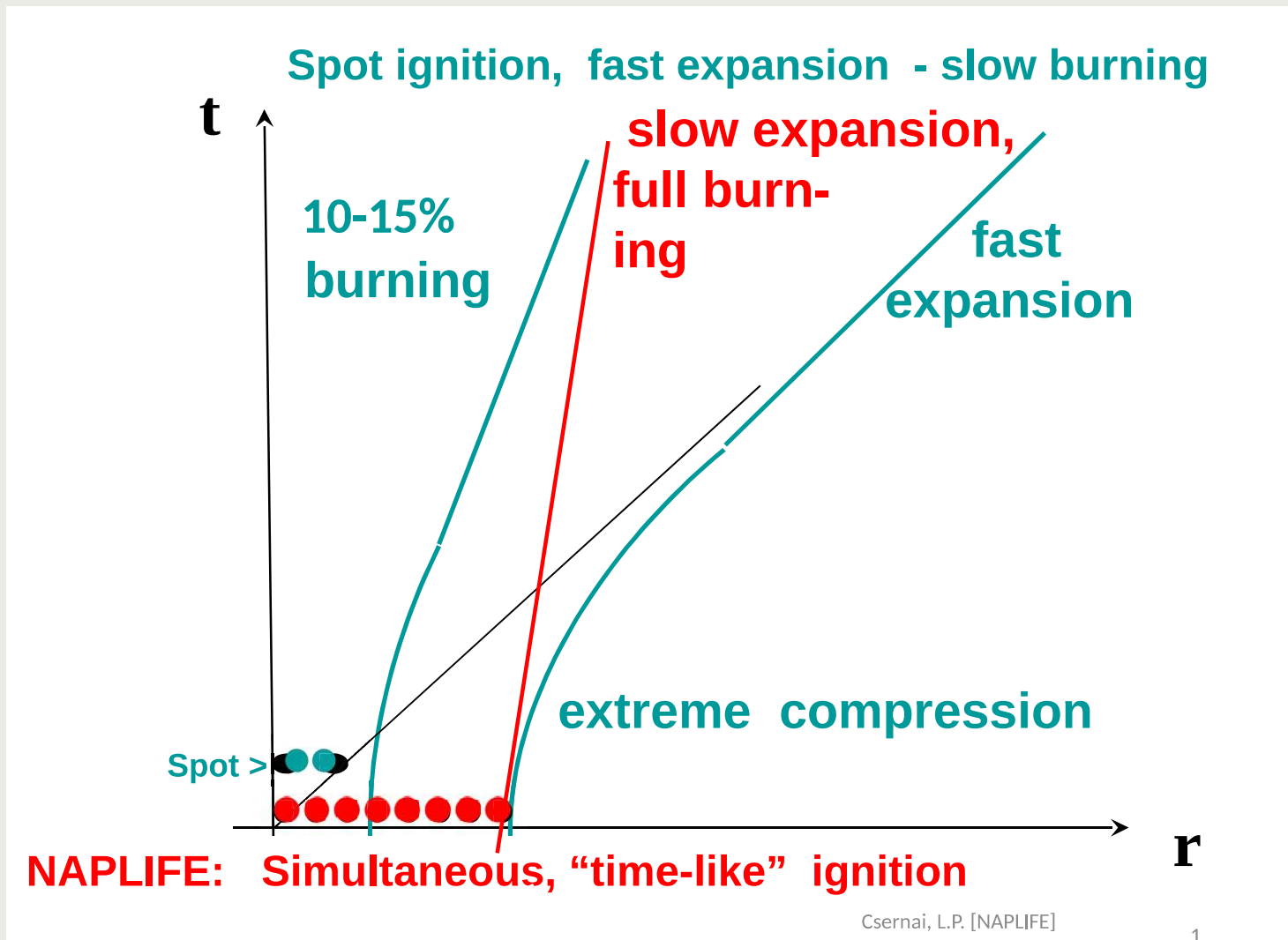


NAPLIFE (25 mJ, 40 fs) vs NIF (1 MJ, 10 ns)



Rapid vs slow ignition

(L. Csernai)



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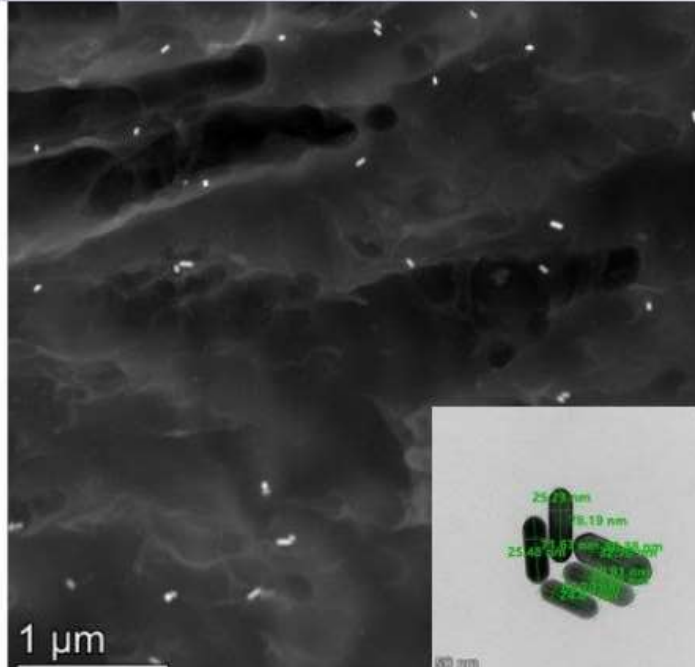


Au nanoparticles under microscope, absorption (Bonyár group)

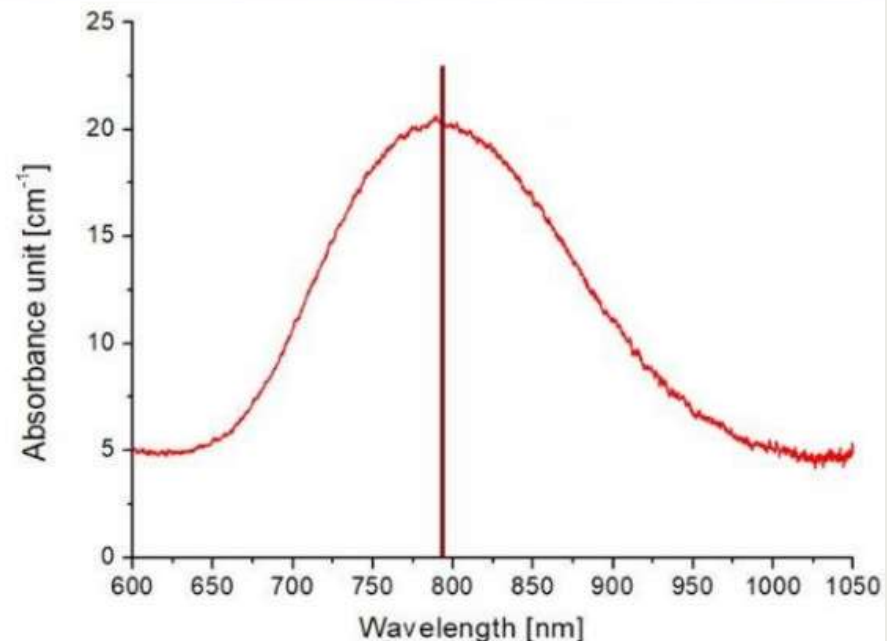
The NAPlife plasmonic fusion project

UDMA polymer with resonant gold nano-rods

Gold nano-rods embedded in polymer matrix:
Transmission electron microscope image;
insert shows actual nano-rods



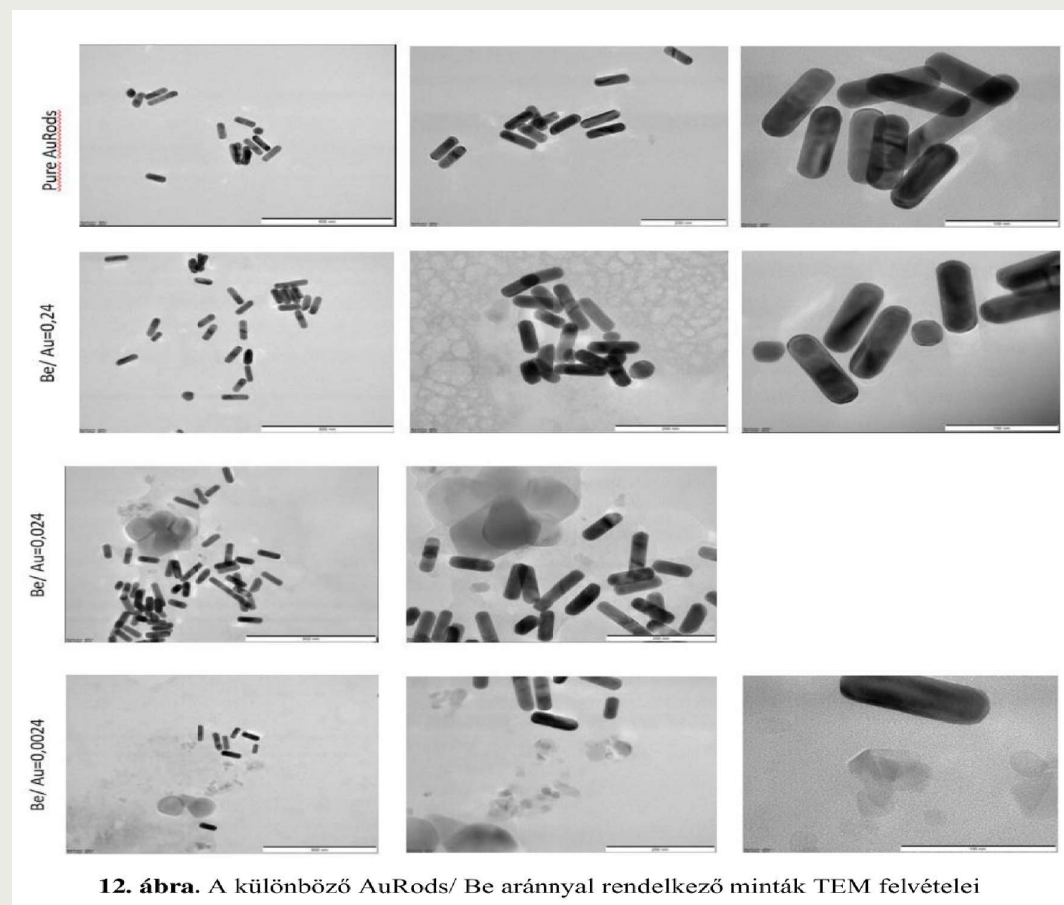
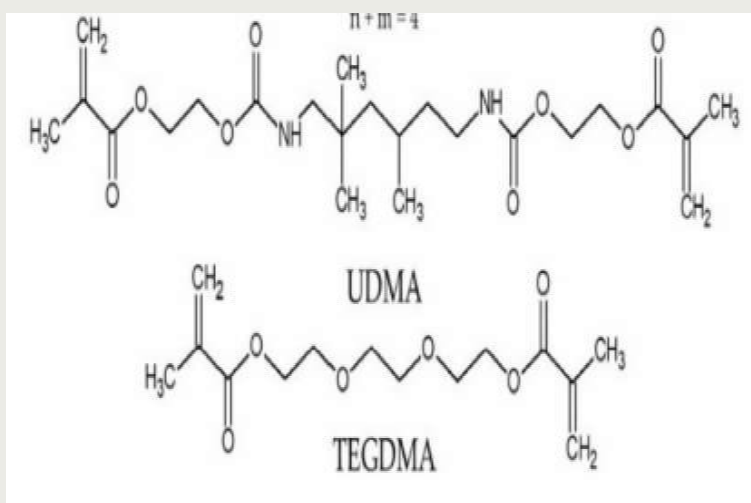
Actual absorption curve for nano composites
measured by optical spectroscopy. The
absorption peak is tuned to resonate with laser
wavelength at 795 nm



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Nanorod samples (Bonyár, Veres groups)

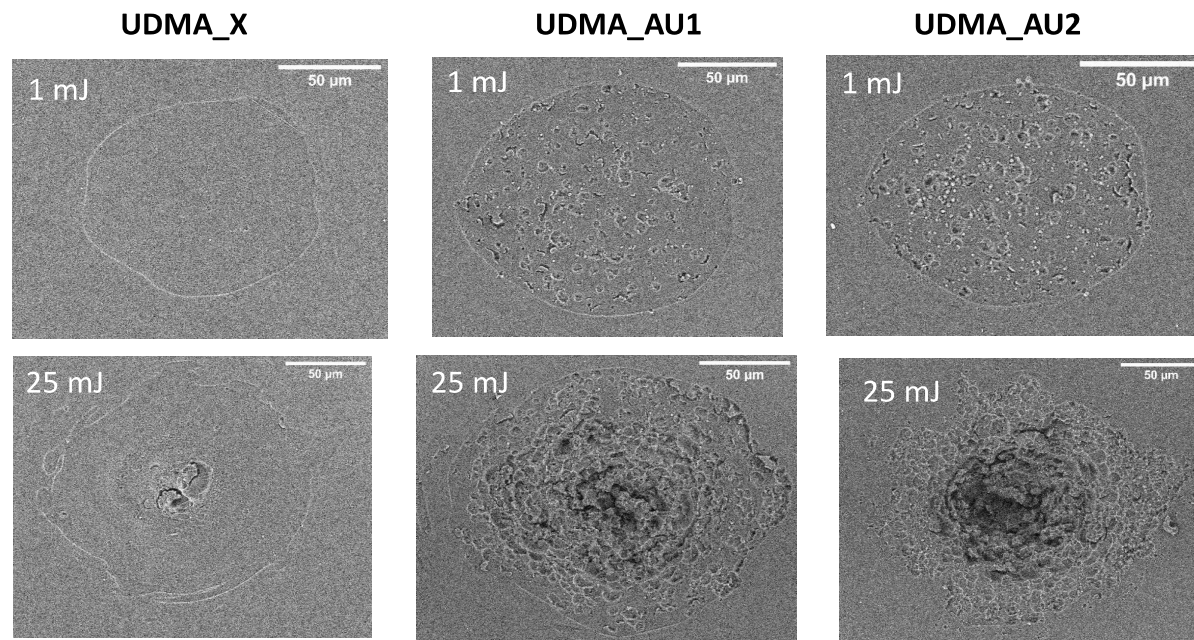


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craters microscopic picture (J. Kámán)

7. Surface structure of the laser ablated area, investigated by SEM



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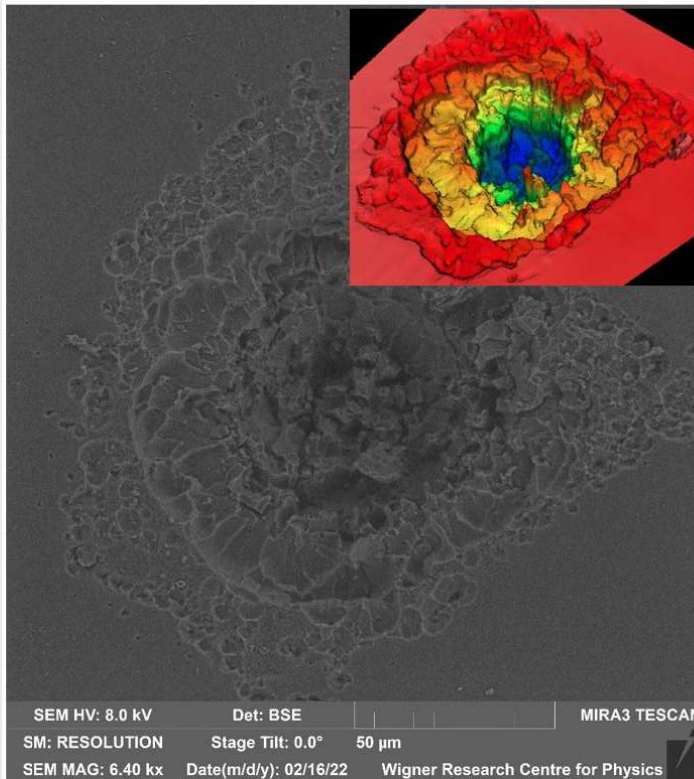


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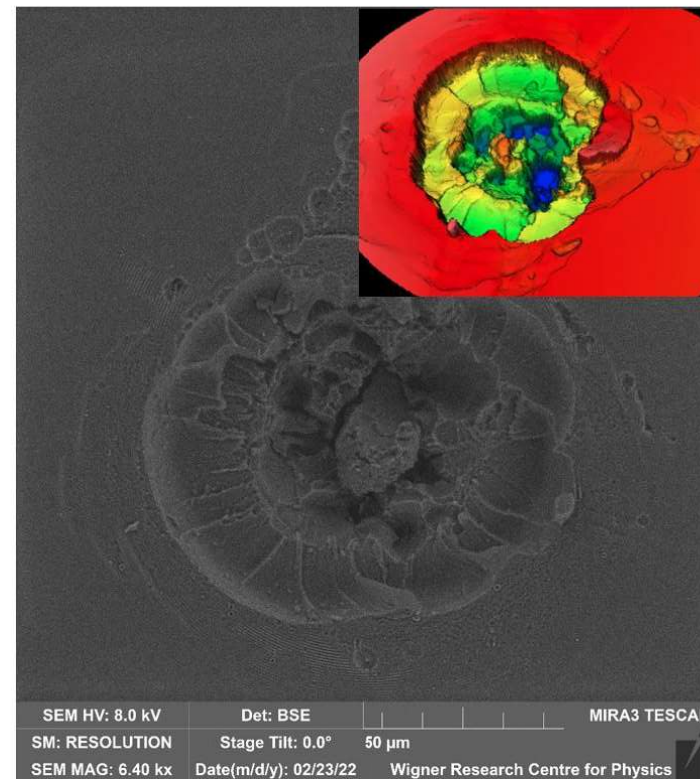


microcraters inside craters (J. Kámán)

SEM IMAGE OF UDMA WITH AU NANORODS



SEM IMAGE OF UDMA WITHOUT AU NANORODS



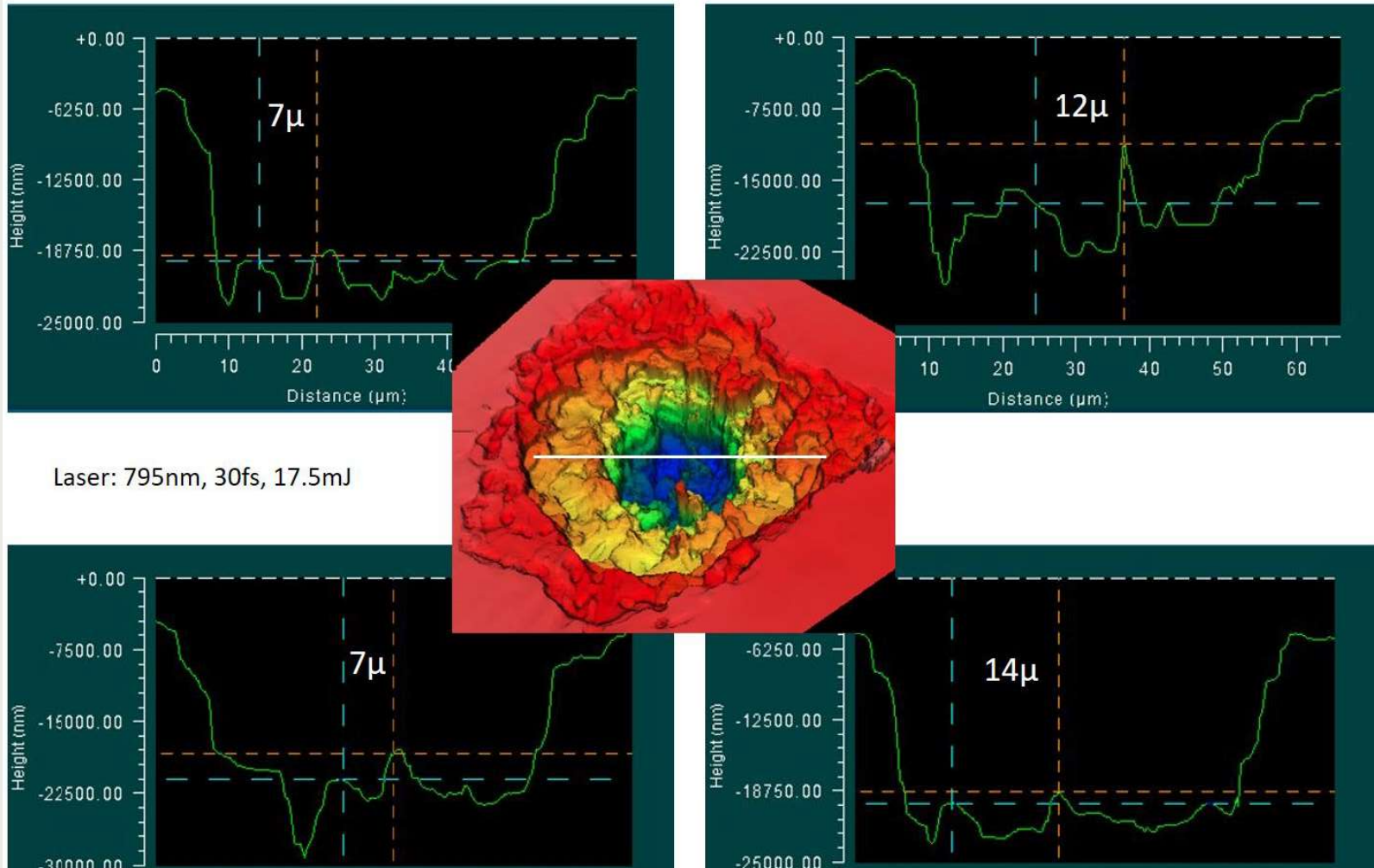
Images at 17.5mJ laser energy, $1,16 \cdot 10^{17}$ W/cm² laser intensity. The volume of the crater of the sample with nanorods is 1.98 times that of the sample without rods.

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microcrater contours (J. Kámán)

MICROCRATERS IN UDMA WITH PLASMONIC GOLD NANOPARTICLES



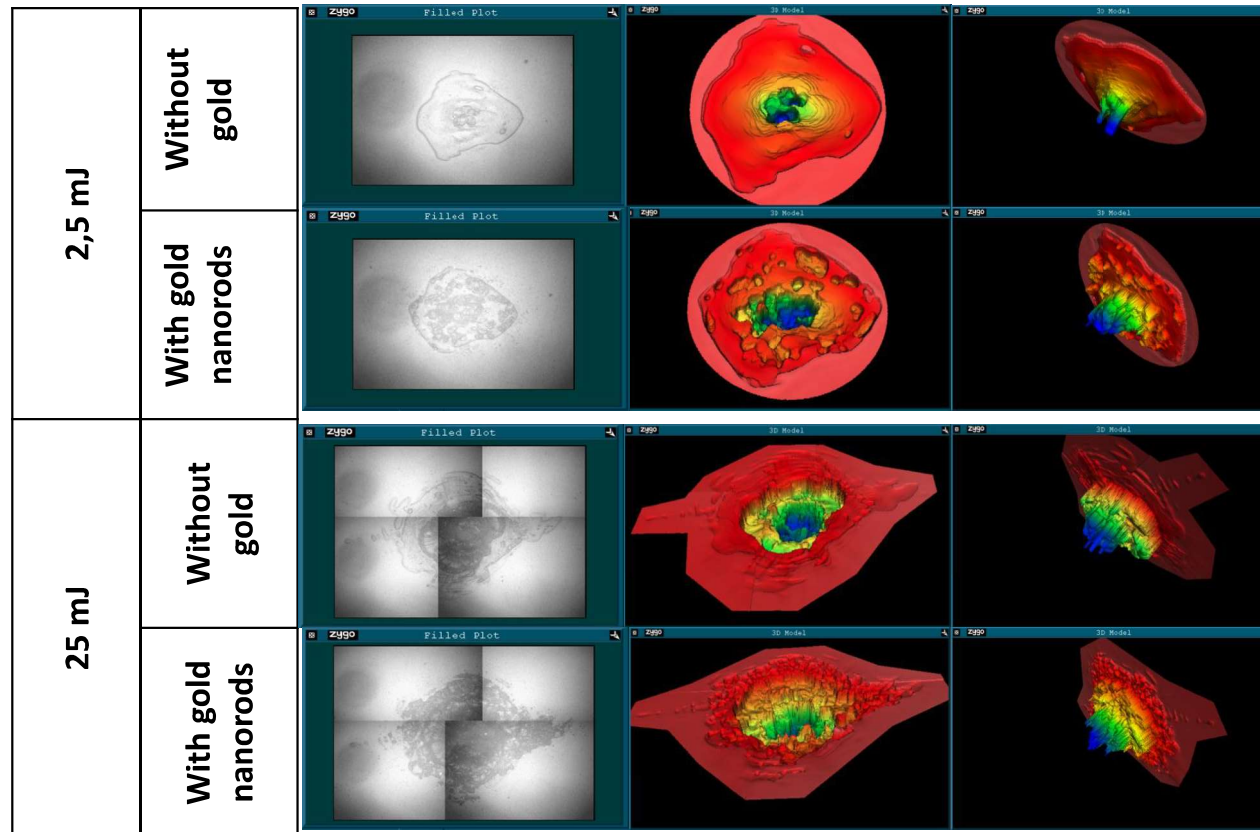
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shot craters (Á. Nagyné Szokol)



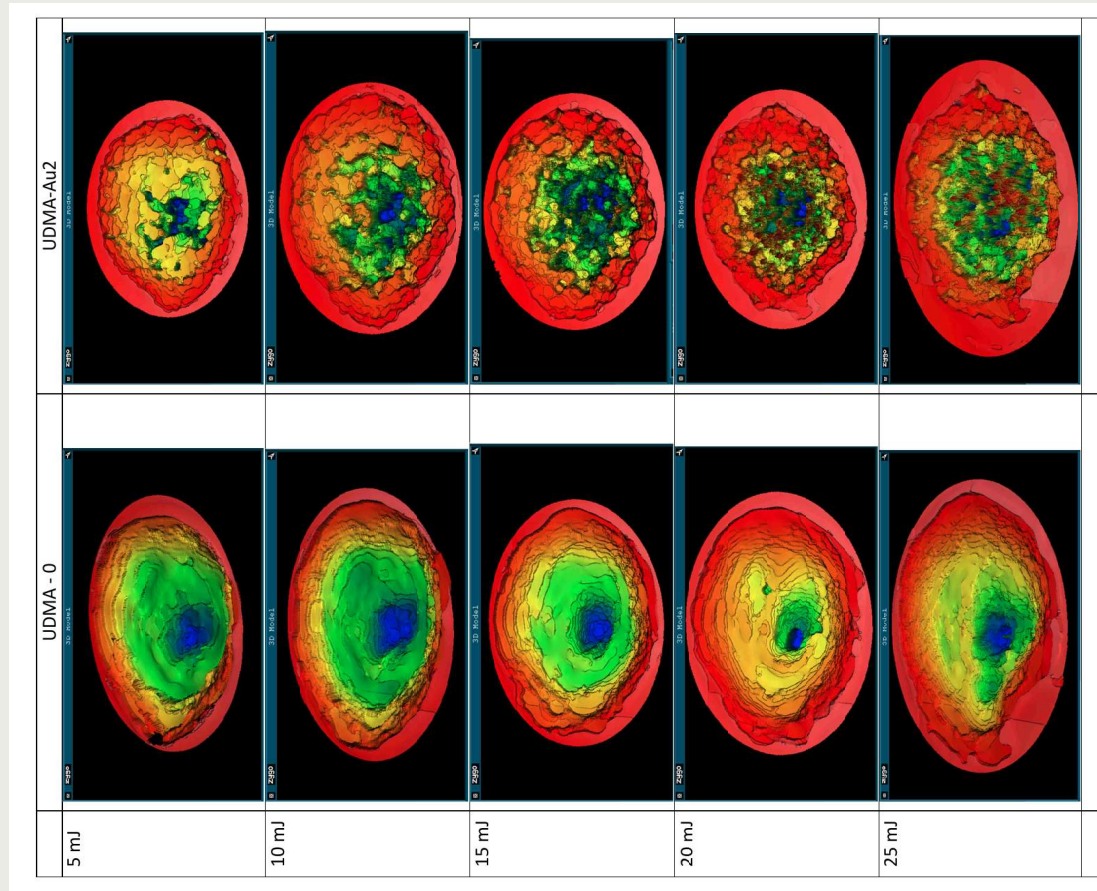
Preliminary measurements



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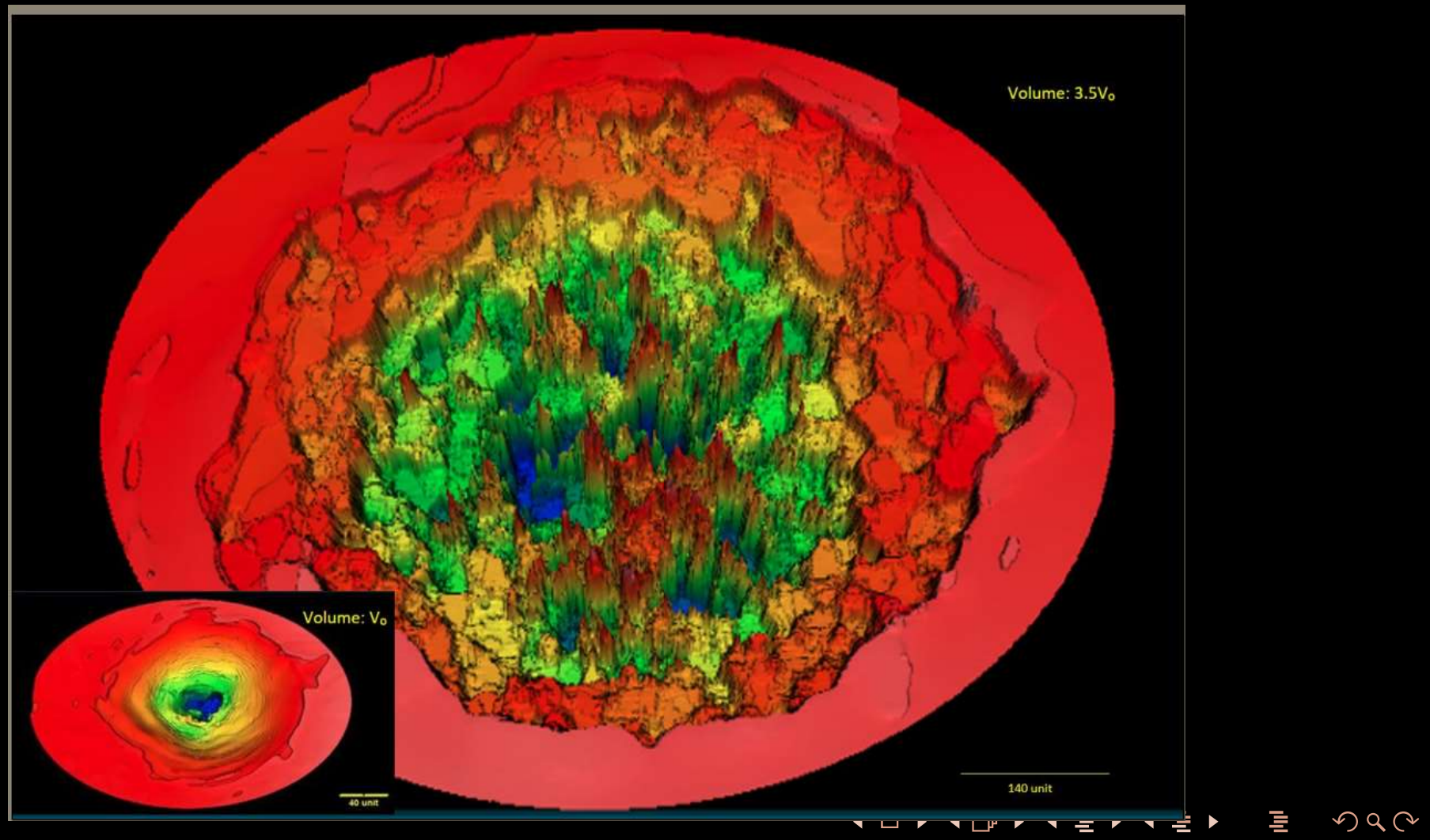
craters w/o Au nanorods (A. Nagyné Szokol)



12. ábra: A Spektroszkópia csoport Zygo interferométerrel végzett mérési eredményei a belövési kráterekről UDMA-Au0, valamint UDMA-Au2 mintákról 5-25 mJ impulzusenergiák között.

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craters w/o Au nanorods (A. Nagyné Szokol)





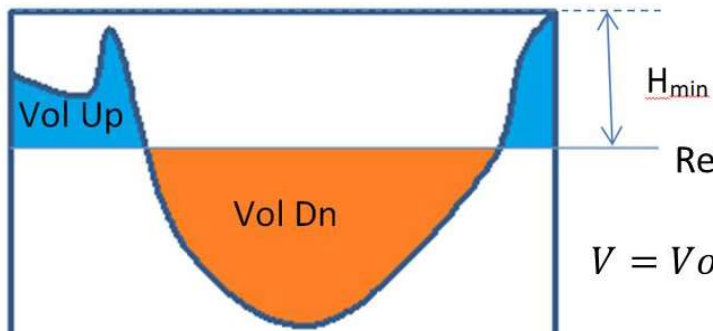
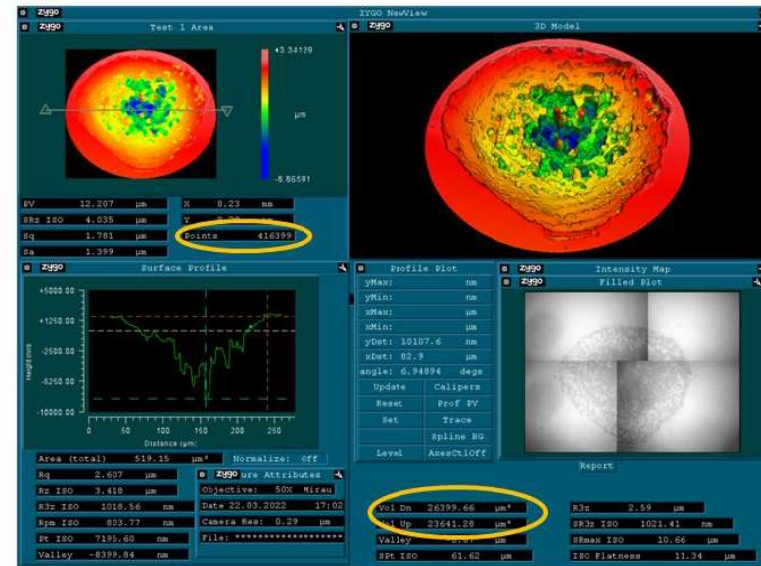
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crater volume determination method (Á. Nagyné Szokol)



Volume determination method

1. Setting of the reference plane
2. Measuring of the H_{min} value on 4 different points, and averaging them
3. Recording the values VolUp, VolDn and the number of the points
4. Calculating the area of the pixels
5. Calculating the volume of the cylinder over the reference plane



$$V = VolDn + T_{pixel} \cdot Points \cdot H_{min} - VolUp$$



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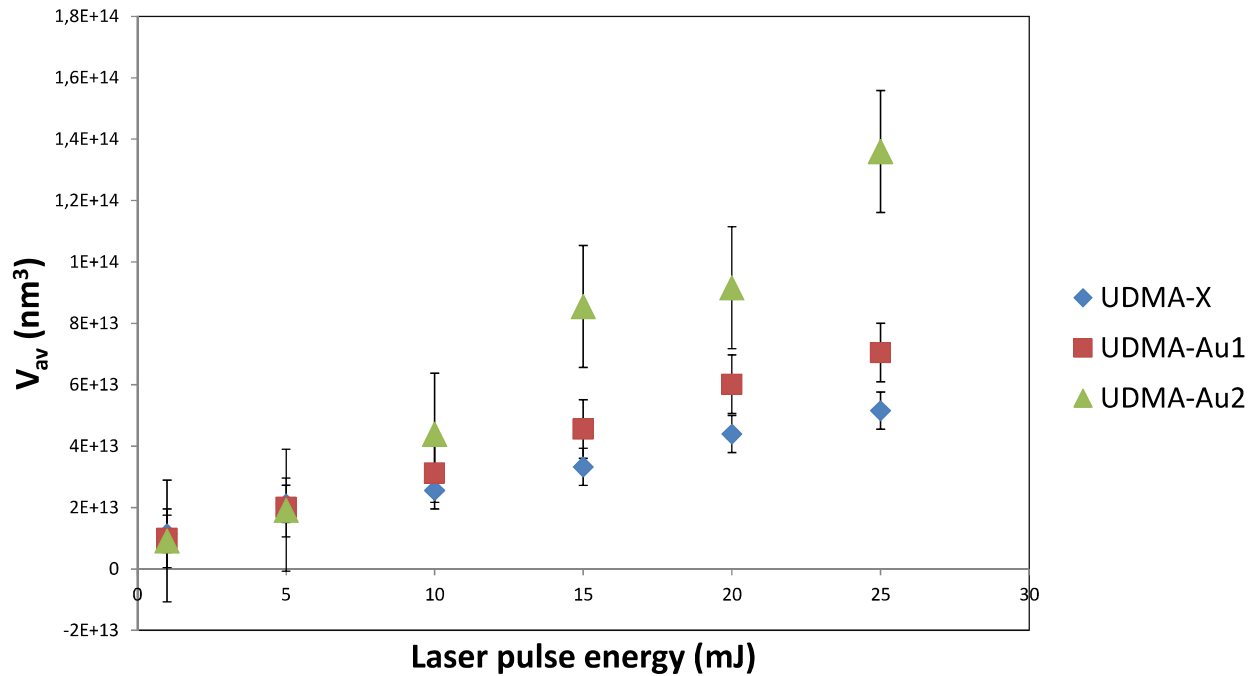


crater volume vs laser energy (Á. Nagyné Szokol)



Crater volume

The analysis of the crater volumes – in 5 different points for every energy and target



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UDMA - TEGDMA copolymer (Veres group)

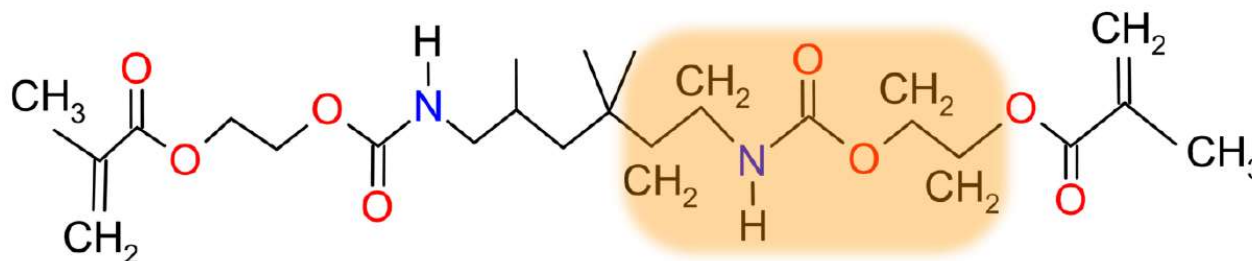


Figure 1. Chemical structure of UDMA monomer together with the selected part used for further modeling and calculations.

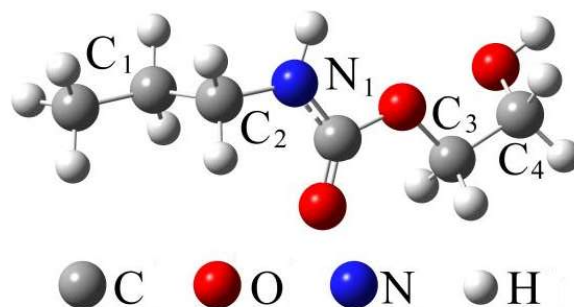
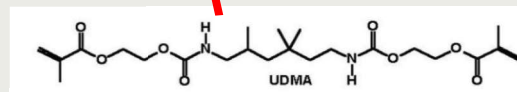
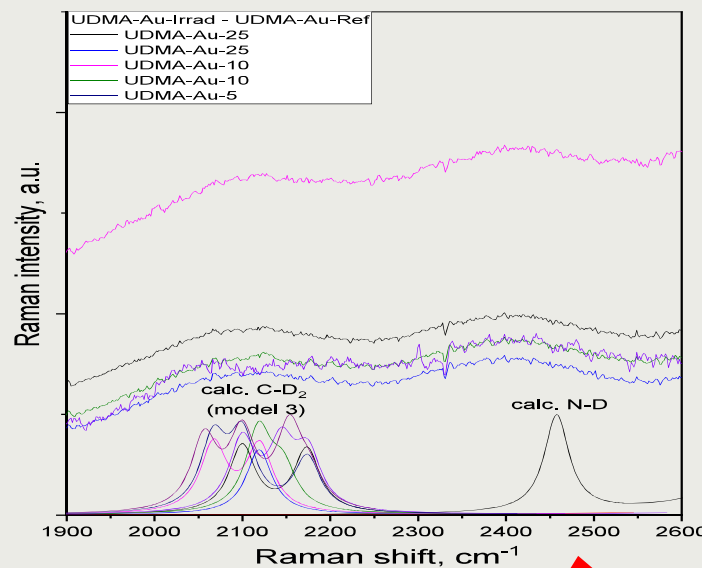
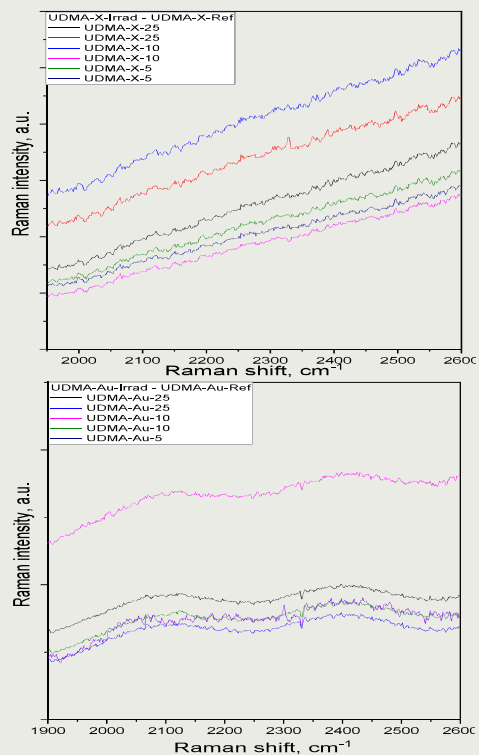


Figure 2. Optimized (B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)) geometry of UDMA model ($C_1H_2-C_2H_2$ and $C_3H_2-C_4H_2$ groups are in anti and gauche conformational states, respectively).

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Raman signs: molecular vibrations (Veres group)

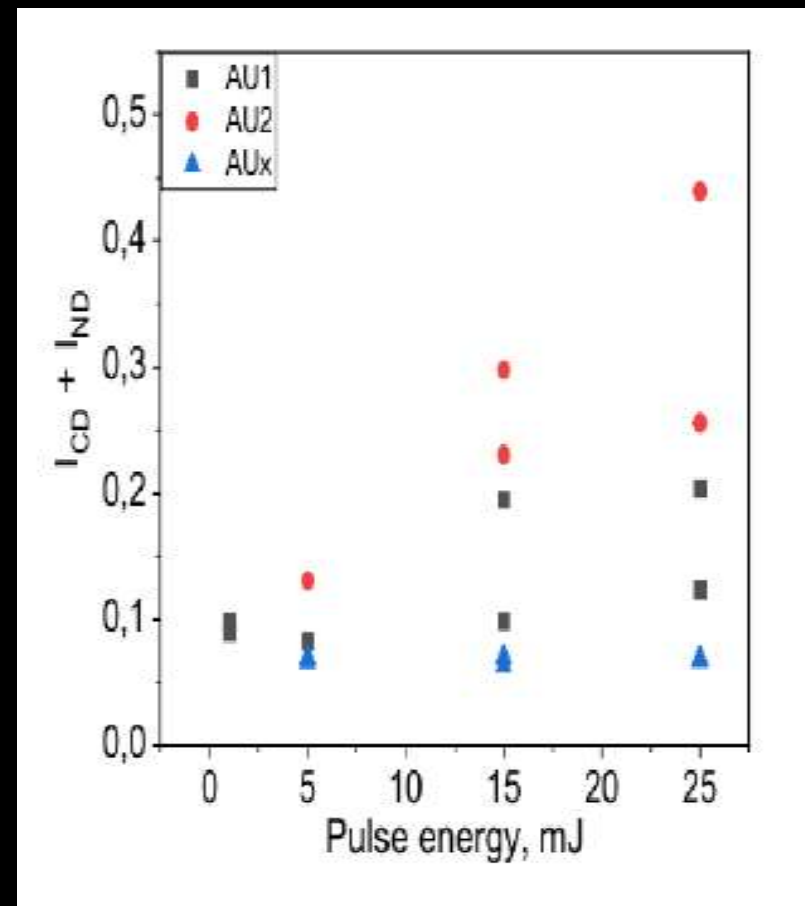
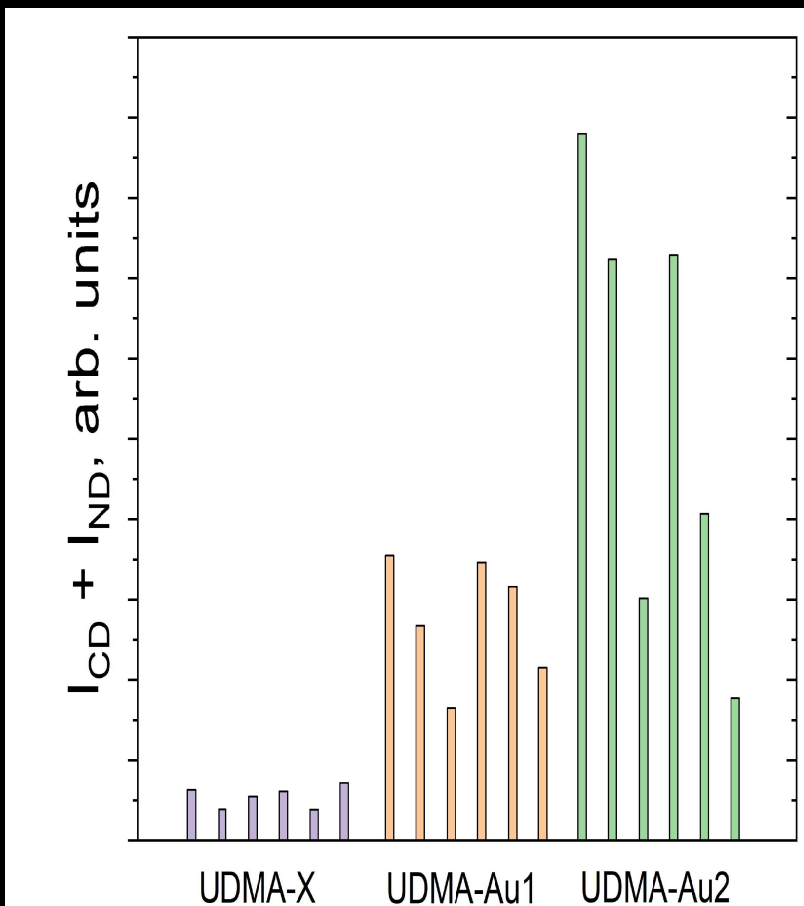


$$I_{\text{laser}} > 10^{16}$$

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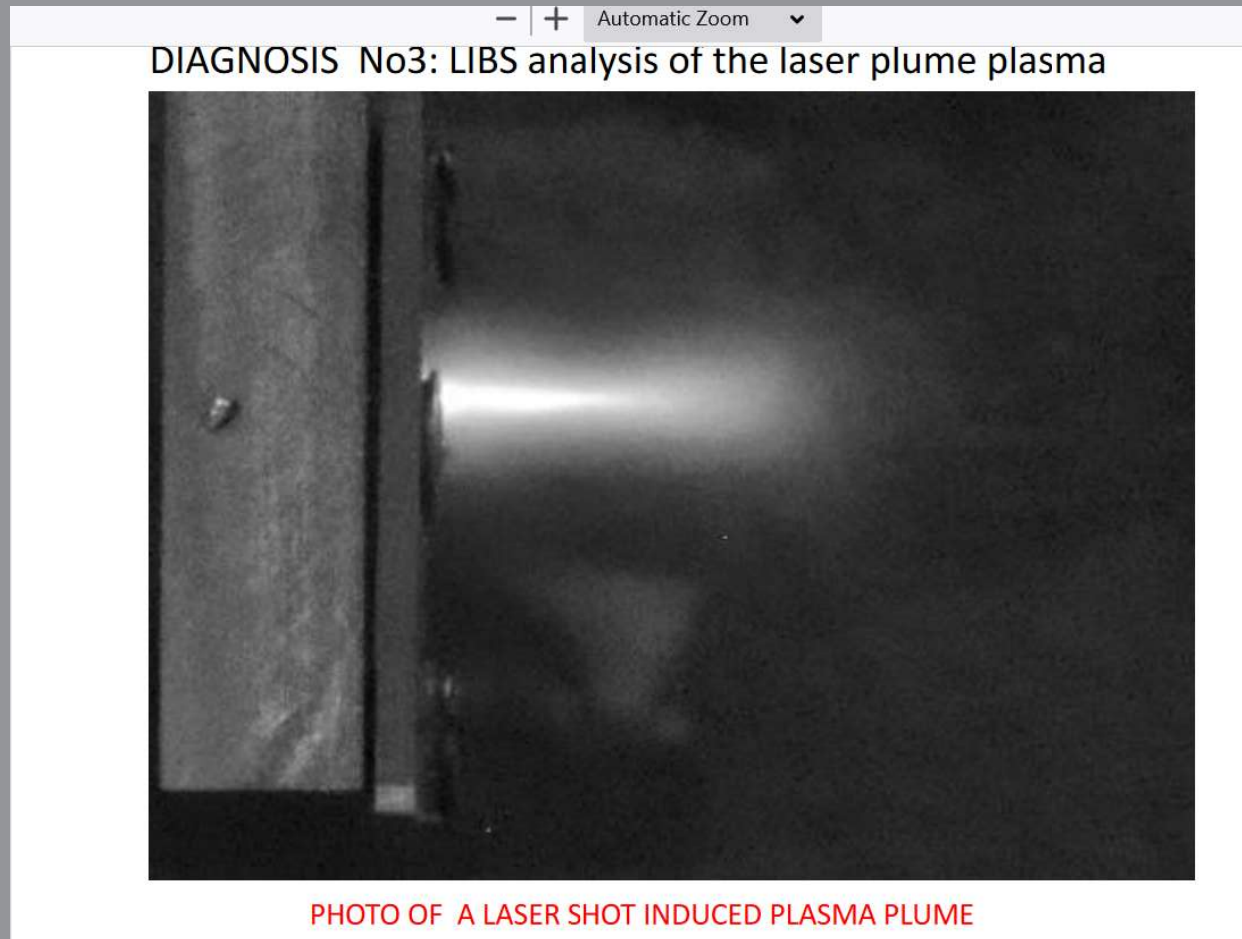
SERS from several points in a crater



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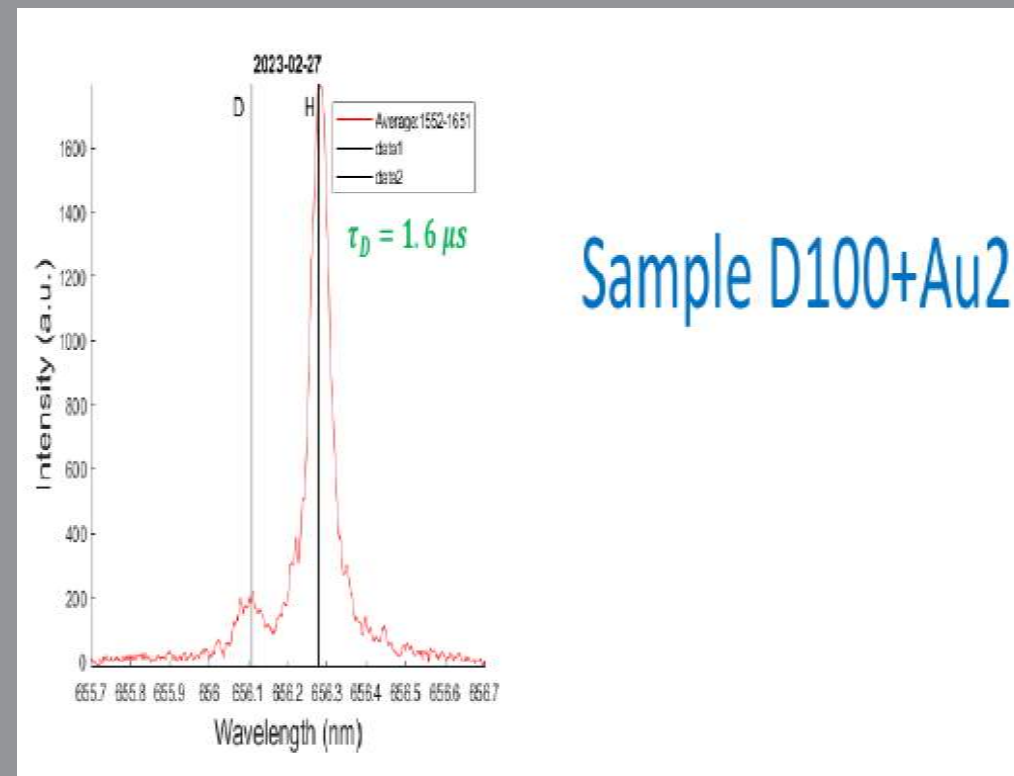
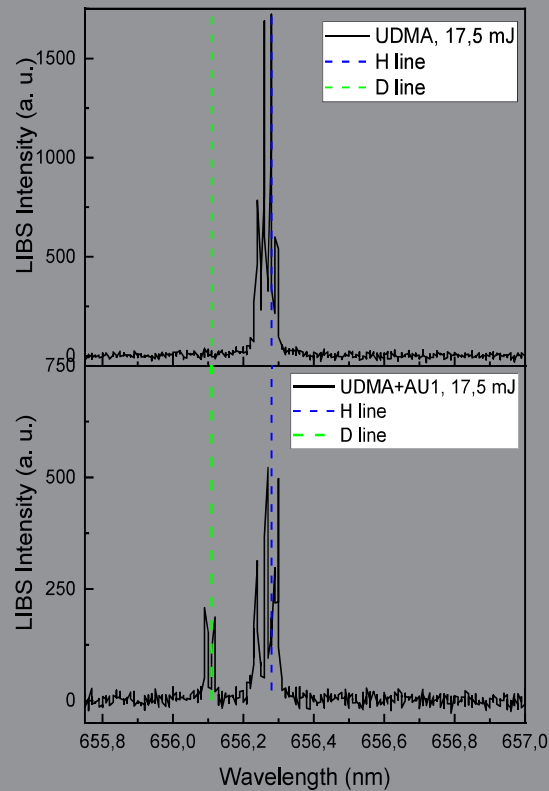
LIBS: plasma plume (Aladi group)



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LIBS: atomic lines → D/H (Aladi group)

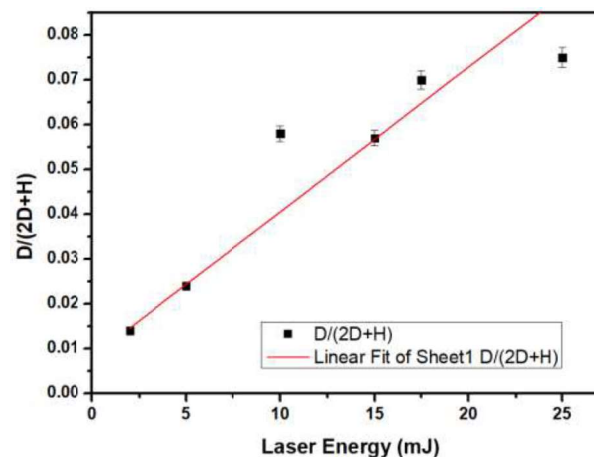
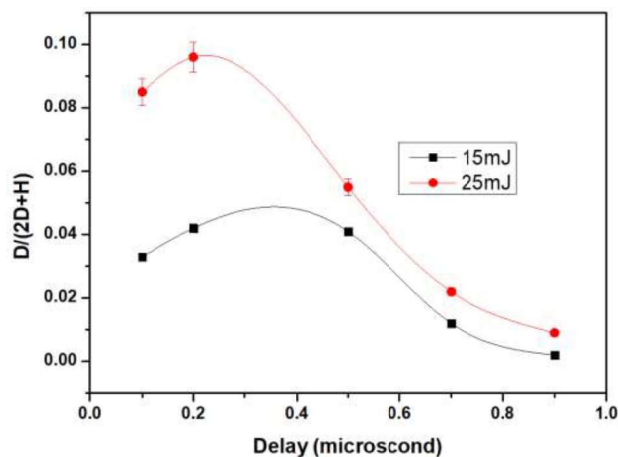


NAPLIFE LIBS+



LIBS: spectral areas \rightarrow $D/(2D+H)$ (Kroó)

Calculation of ratio; $D/(2D+H)$



At 17.5 mJ, $D(A)=1.828$, $H(A)=8.32$
 $D(A)/H(A)=0.21$
 $D(A)/[2*D(A)+H(A)]=0.15$
No. of H atoms= $2.51*10^{16}$
No. of atoms that were converted from H to D= $3.765*10^{15}$

Please refer to Agnes Nagyne Sokol's talk on Crater Data Analysis!

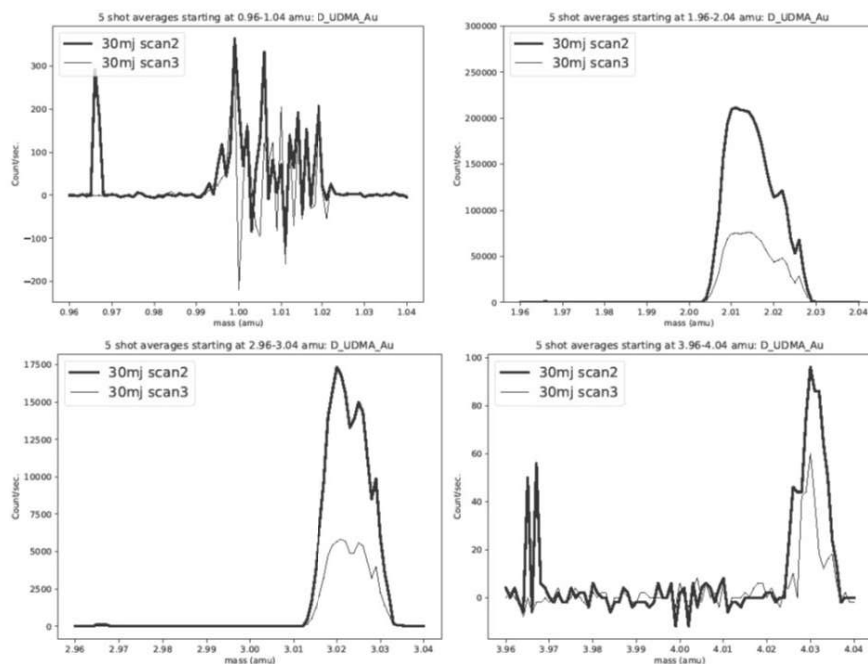
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NAPLIFE MASS SPECTRO

peaks: amu1 300, amu2 230.000, amu3 17.500, amu4 100 (Aladi group)



amu=1: H
amu=2: H₂ + D
amu=3: HD + He₃
amu=4: D₂ + He₄

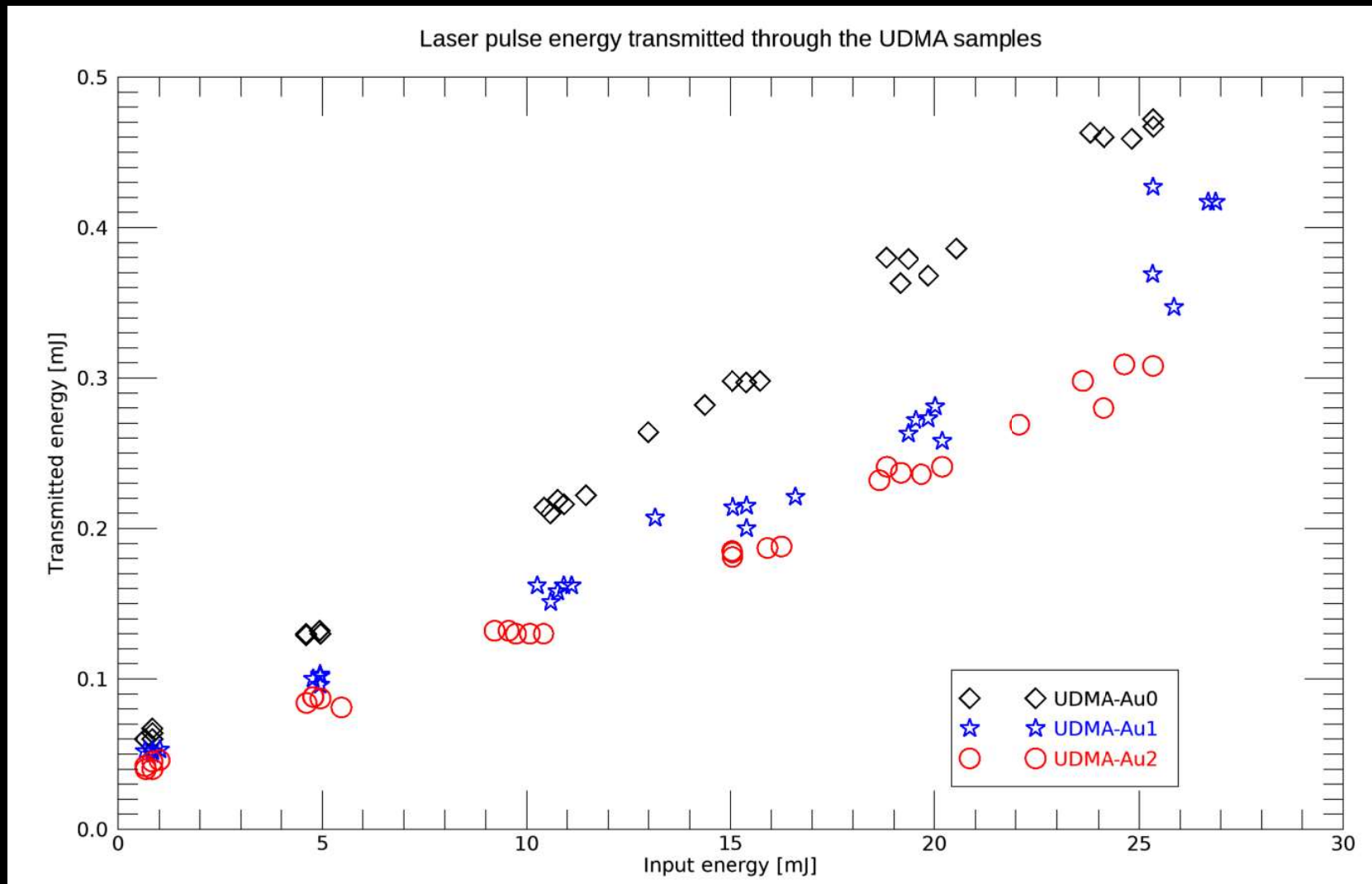
Minták:
UDMA
UDMA+Au2
UDMA(30%D)
UDMA(30%D+Au2)

Fenti mintaspektrumok az
UDMA(30%D+Au2) minta amu=1,
amu=2, amu=3 és amu=4
tömegszámú csúcsait mutatják

amu=2 tömegszám terület arányok:
UDMA/UDMA = 1
(UDMA+Au2)/UDMA = 1.17
UDMA(30%D)/UDMA = 0.68
(UDMA(30%D+Au2))/UDMA = 0.89

ENERGIA: transmitted light $< 2\%$

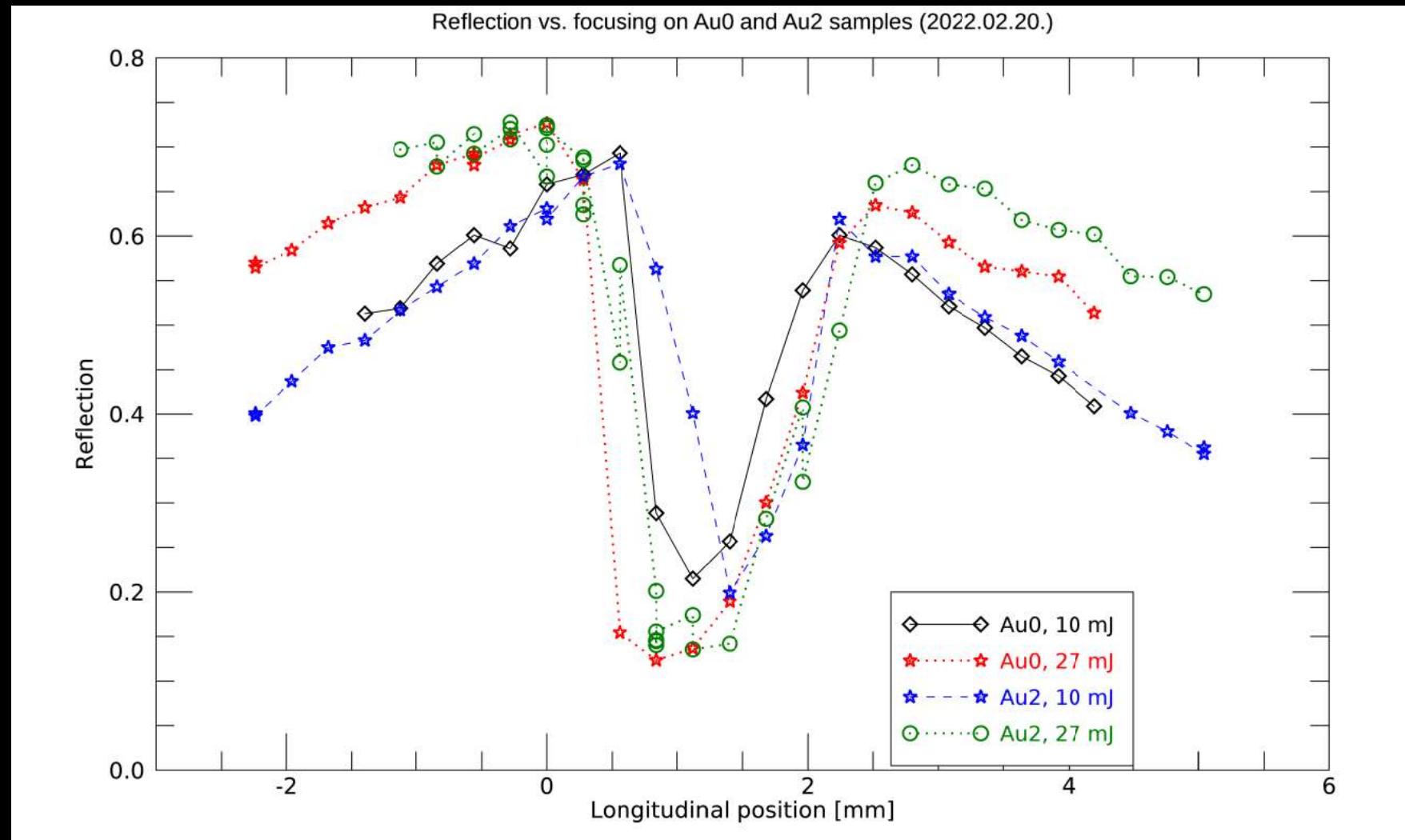
M. Kedves





Plasma mirror: reflected light vs focus

A. Márk, M. Kedves



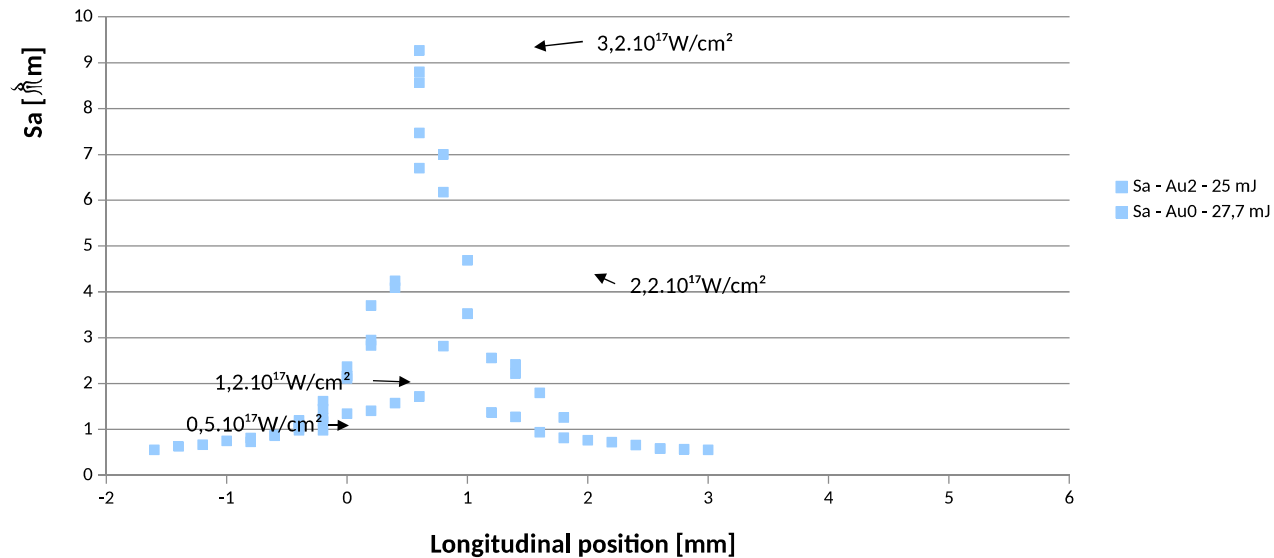
Intensity counts!



A. Márk, M. Kedves; N. Kroó

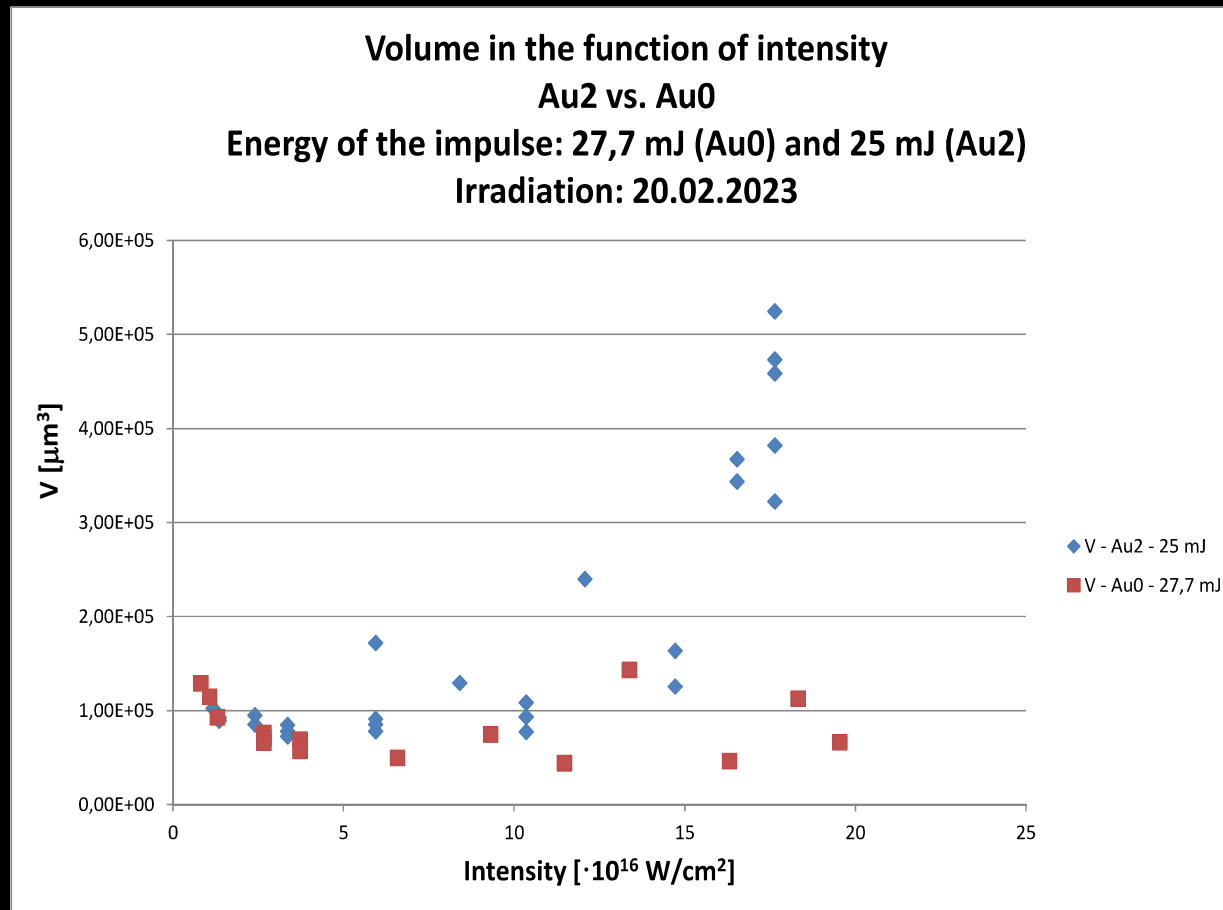
FELÜLETI ÉRDESSÉG!

Sa as the function of the longitudinal position
Au2 vs. Au0
Energy of the impulse: 27,7 mJ (Au0) and 25 mJ (Au2)
Irradiation: 20.02.2023



Crater volume vs intensity: Au counts!

Á. N. Szokol



NAPLIFE FUTURE



plans

Contracted with NKFIH until February 28-th, 2026.

Plans:

- Nuclear alpha detection (CR39)
- ELI shootings (shorter pulse, better contrast, similar energy, 100x intensity)
- Use of doped targets, shape variations, reflectivity vs. intensity
- Buying gamma detector