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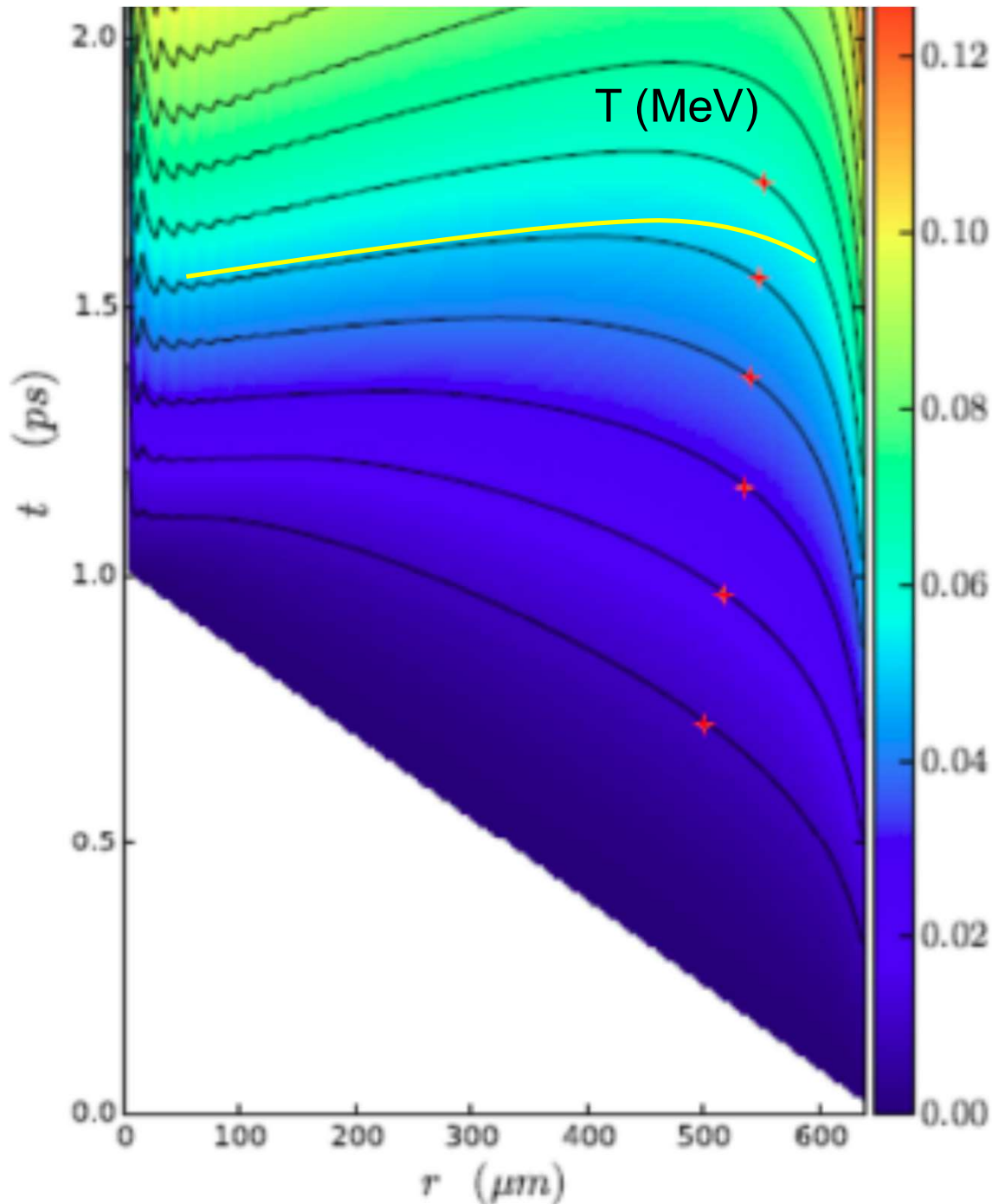
# Radiation dominated implosion with nano-plasmonics

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## Abstract

Inertial Confinement Fusion is a promising option to provide massive, clean, and affordable energy for mankind in the future. The present status of research and development is hindered by hydrodynamical instabilities occurring at the intense compression of the target fuel by energetic laser beams. A recent patent combines advances in two fields: Detonations in relativistic fluid dynamics (RFD) and radiative energy deposition by plasmonic nano-shells. The initial compression of the target pellet can be decreased, not to reach the Rayleigh–Taylor or other instabilities, and rapid volume ignition can be achieved by a final and more energetic laser pulse, which can be as short as the penetration time of the light across the pellet. The reflectivity of the target can be made negligible as in the present direct drive and indirect drive experiments, and the absorptivity can be increased by one or two orders of magnitude by plasmonic nano-shells embedded in the target fuel. Thus, higher ignition temperature and radiation dominated dynamics can be achieved with the limited initial compression. Here, we propose that a short final light pulse can heat the target so that most of the interior will reach the ignition temperature simultaneously based on the results of RFD. This makes the development of any kind of instability impossible, which would prevent complete ignition of the target.



The absorption coefficient is **linearly** changing with the radius: In the center,  $r = 0$ ,  $\alpha_K = 30 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  while at the outside edge  $\alpha_K = 8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

The temperature is measured in units of  $T_1 = 272 \text{ keV}$ , and  $T_n = n T_1$ .

**Simultaneous, volume ignition is up to 0.9 R, so 73% of the fuel target!**



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**First meeting on the NAPLIFE project (12 people)**

# Radiation-Dominated Implosion with Flat Target<sup>1</sup>

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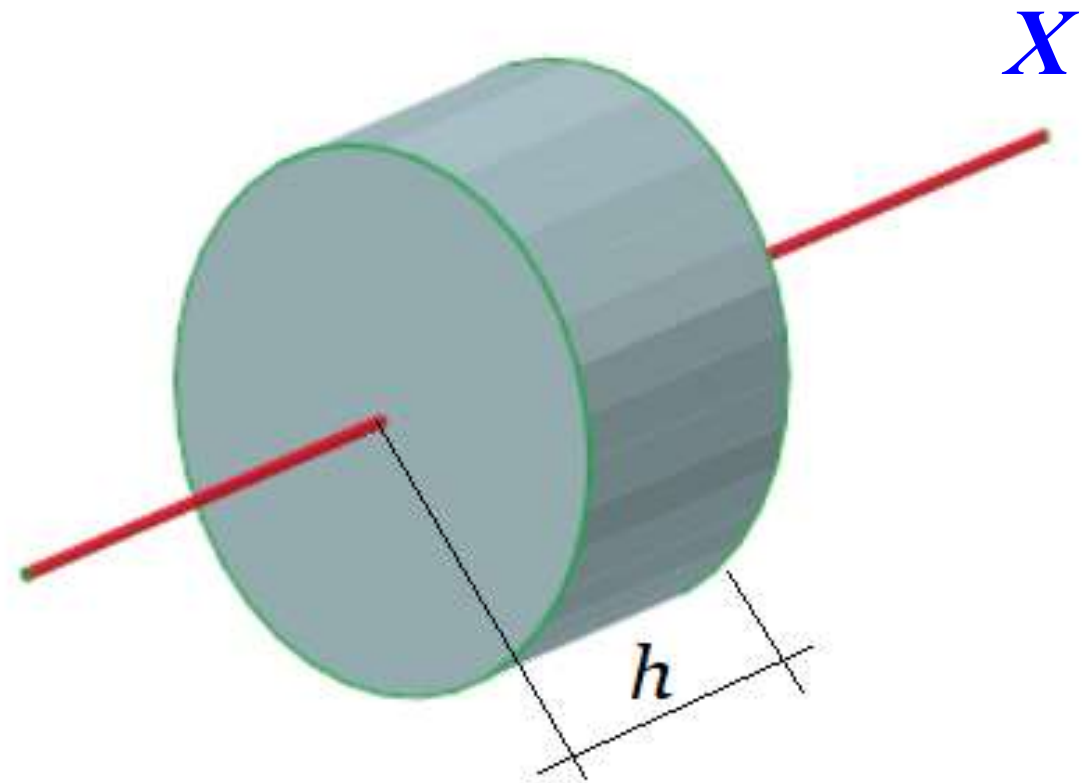
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# Thick coin like flat target & Two beams only

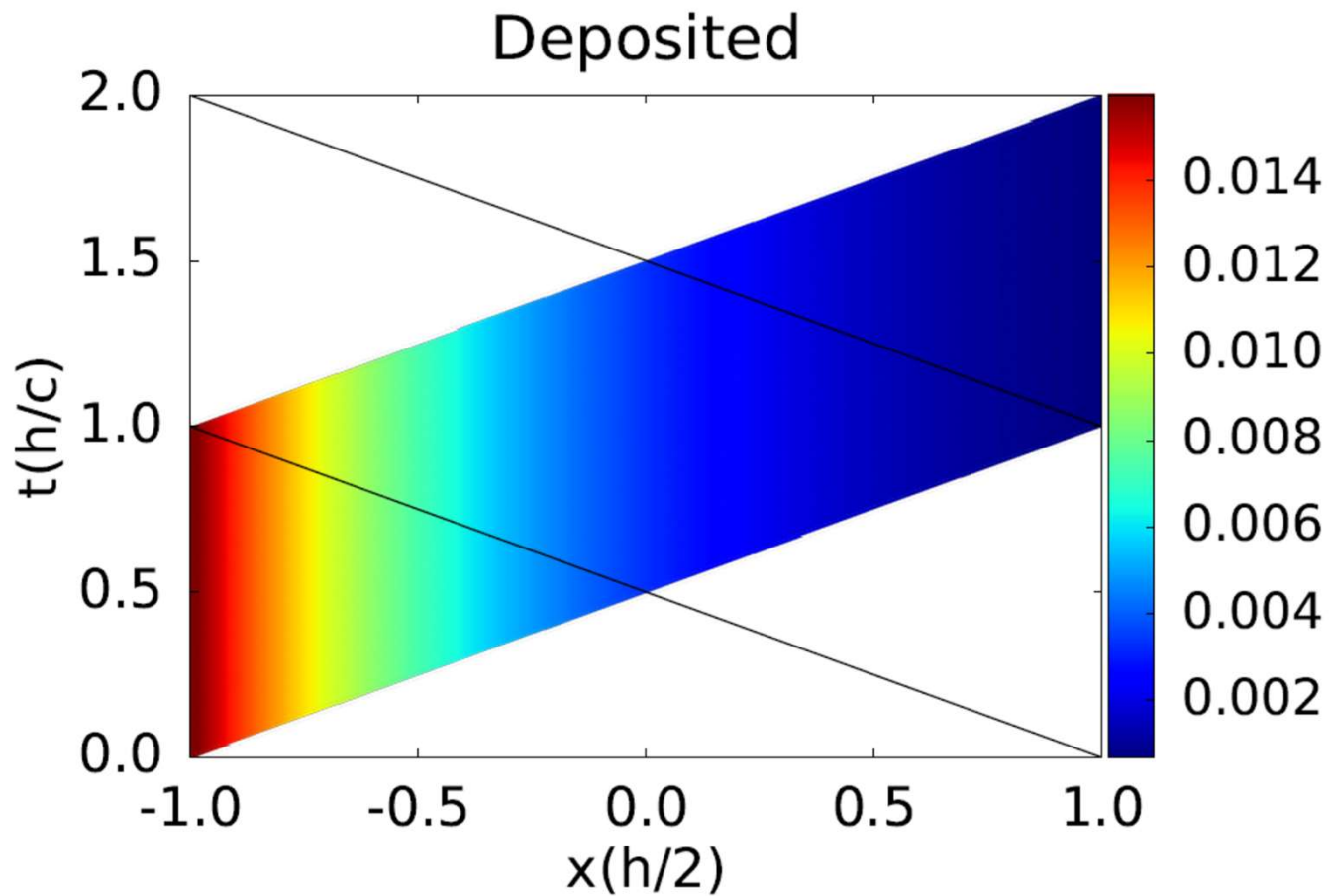
Thickness of the target is:  $h$  ...

$h$  depends on pulse energy, ignition energy, target mass, ...



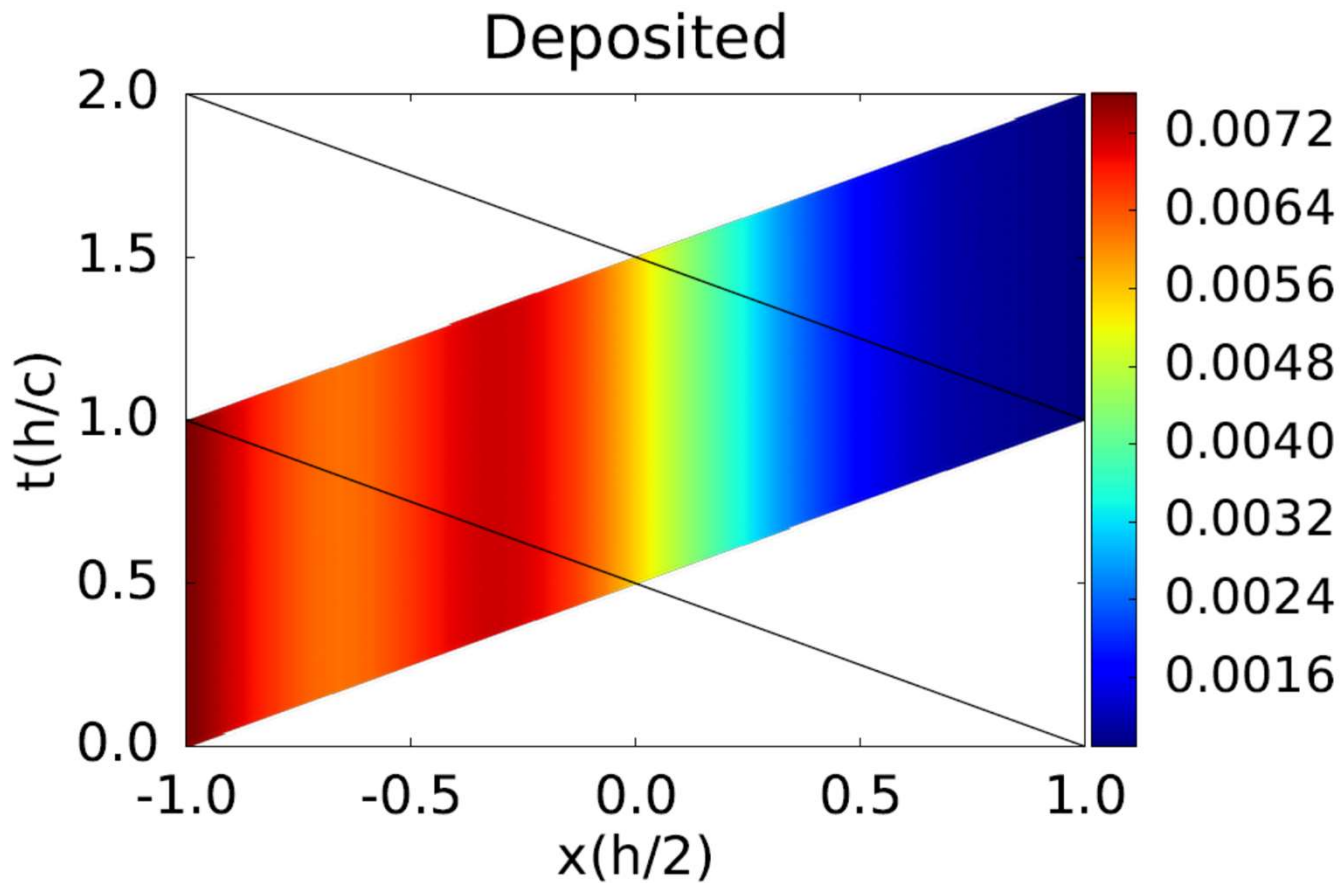
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Figure 1: (color online) The target still should be compact to minimize the surface effects. The irradiation is performed along the  $x$ -axis from both sides towards the target. The laser beam should be uniform hitting the whole face of the coin shaped target.



**Without nano  
antennas**

The deposited energy from laser irradiation from one side only. The absorption is constant, this leads to an exponentially decreasing energy deposition, and only a negligibly small energy reaches the opposite end of the target.



**With nano  
antennas**

**The absorptivity is  
increased towards  
the center, due to the  
implanted nano  
antennas.**

The deposited energy from laser irradiation from one side only. The absorption is modified by nano antennas so that the absorptivity is increasing towards the middle, so that the deposited energy is constant up to the middle. Then the absorptivity is decreasing, but hardly any energy is left in the irradiation front. Thus again only a negligibly small energy reaches the opposite end of the target.



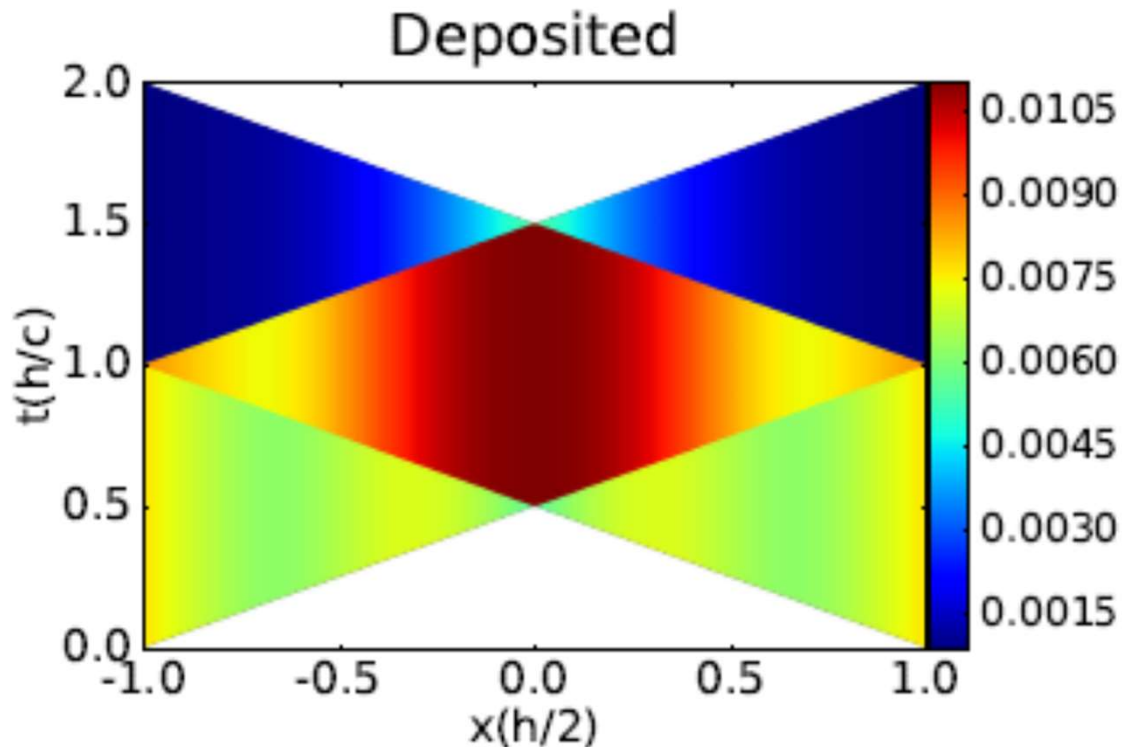


Figure 2: (color online) Deposited energy per unit time in the space-time across the depth,  $h$ , of the flat target. The time is measured in units of  $(h/c)$ , where  $c$  is the speed of light in the material of the target. The irradiation lasts for a period of  $\Delta t = h/c$  the time needed to cross the target. The irradiated energy during this time period is  $Q$  from one side, so it is  $2Q$  from both sides together.

The color code indicates the deposited energy per unit time and unit cross section (a.u.). The deposited length is  $\Delta x = c\Delta t$ . Note! The absorptivity in this case  $\alpha_K \neq \text{const}$ . For more details please see Appendix B.

## With nano antennas

Irradiation from both sides.

Ignition energy is:  $Q_i/m$

e.g. for DT target:  $Q_i/m = 27 \text{ kJ/g}$

→ if we have  $Q = 100 \text{ J}$ , then we can have a target mass:

$$m_{DT} = Q / Q_i \text{ g} = 3.703 \text{ mg.}$$

Then with  $m_{DT}$  and  $\rho_{DT}$  given we get the DT-target's volume,  $V_{DT}$  and  $h_{DT} = 2.67 \text{ mm}$ .

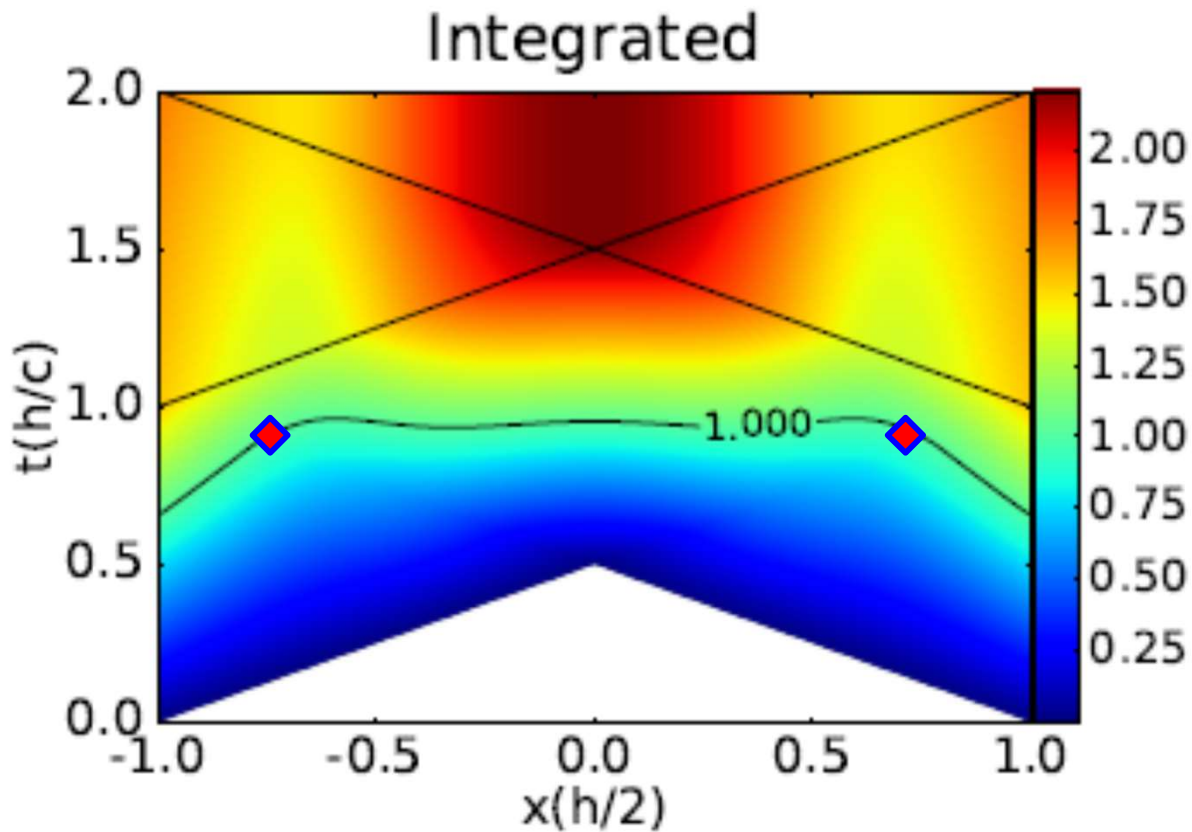


Figure 3: (color online) Integrated energy up to a given time in the space-time across the depth,  $h$ , of the flat target. The color code indicates the temperature,  $T$ , reached in a given space-time point, in units of the critical temperature,  $(T_c)$ . The contour line  $T = 1$ , indicates the critical temperature,  $T_c$  where the phase transition or the ignition in the target is reached. This contour line is almost at a constant time, indicating simultaneous whole volume transition or ignition. The irradiated energy,  $Q$  is chosen so that,  $1Q$  irradiation will achieve the critical temperature.

## With nano antennas

Ignition is reached at contour line  $Q = 1$ .

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**Simultaneous ignition in the whole target volume**

# Large Scale Fabrication of Ordered Gold Nanoparticle–Epoxy Surface Nanocomposites and Their Application as Label-Free Plasmonic DNA Biosensors

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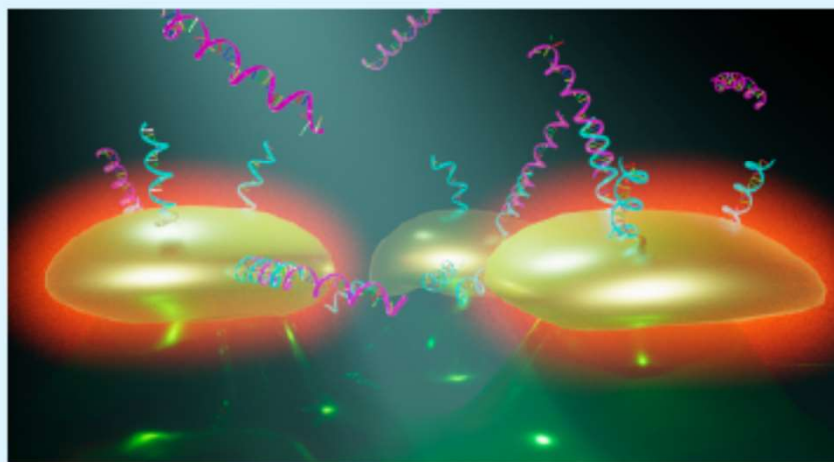


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**ABSTRACT:** A robust and scalable technology to fabricate ordered gold nanoparticle arrangements on epoxy substrates is presented. The nanoparticles are synthesized by solid-state dewetting on nanobowled aluminum templates, which are prepared by the selective chemical etching of porous anodic alumina (PAA) grown on an aluminum sheet with controlled anodic oxidation. This flexible fabrication technology provides proper control over the nanoparticle size, shape, and interparticle distance over a large surface area (several  $\text{cm}^2$ ), which enables the fine-tuning and optimization of their plasmonic absorption spectra for LSPR and SERS applications between 535 and 625 nm. The nanoparticles are transferred to the surface of epoxy substrates, which are



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## Laser wake field collider

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# Laser Wake Field Acceleration

For pre-compression before ignition

Electron (e) Energy to  $E_e \approx 100$  MeV or more

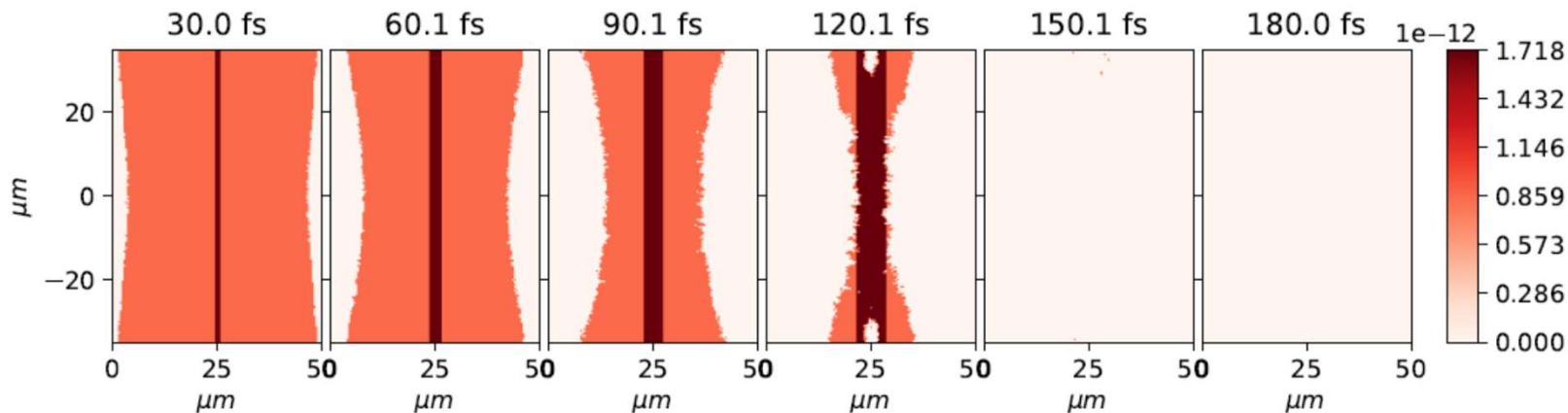
**IF:**  $v_{LW} = v_e \approx v_{ion} \rightarrow E_{H-ion} \approx 1836 E_e \approx 183.6$  GeV

$m_e = 0.511$  MeV,  $m_p = 938.3$  MeV,  $\gamma = \gamma_e \approx \gamma_p \approx 195 \rightarrow y = 5.97$

Beam density:  $n_H = \gamma n_0 = 195$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Target density after interpenetration:  $n_t = 2 n_H = 390$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>

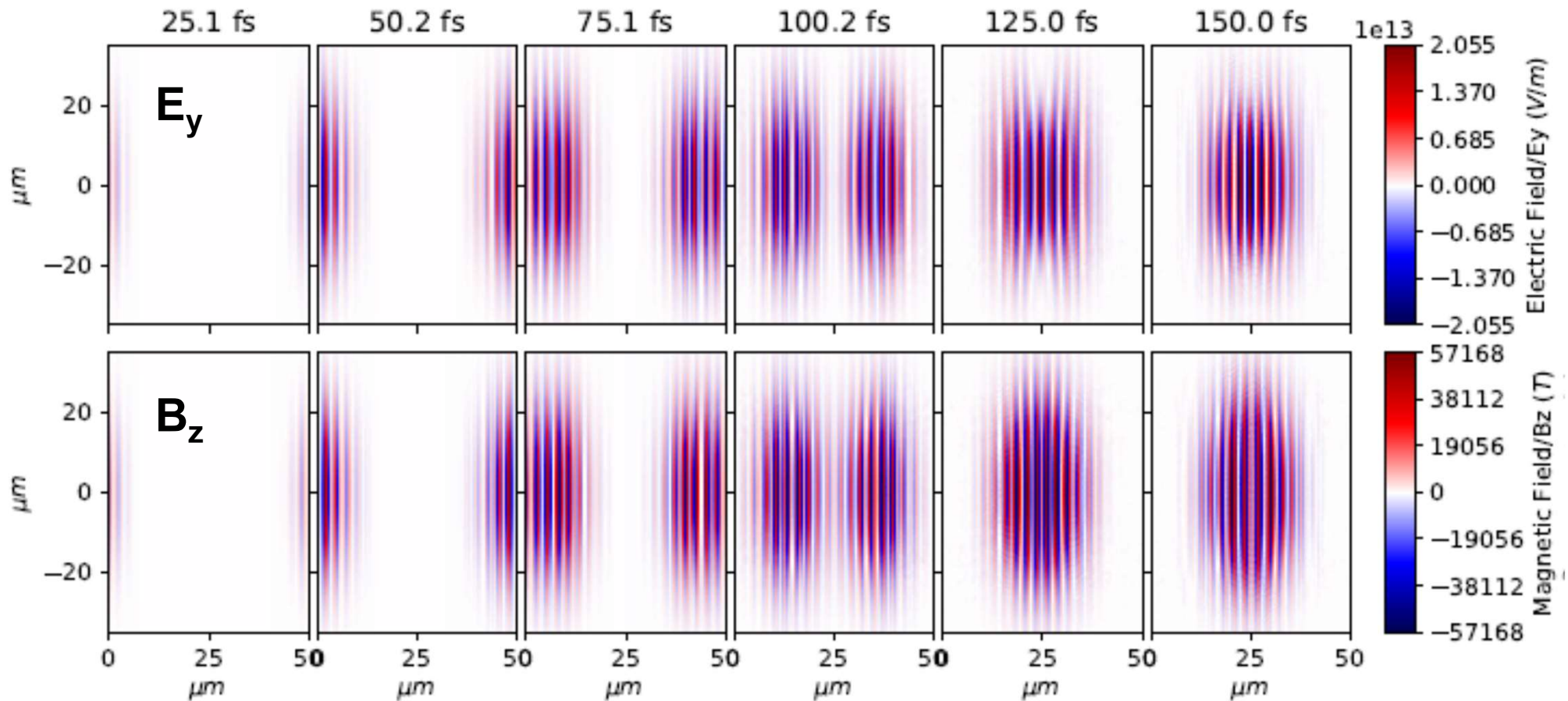
Relative rapidity:  **$\mathbf{y = 11.94}$**



The ionization of the H atoms at ignition in a Laser Wake Field (LWF) wave due to the irradiation from both the +/- x directions

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# Laser Wake Field Collider



The electric field,  $E_y$  (top) and magnetic field,  $B_z$  (bottom) in a Laser Wake Field (LWF) wave formed by irradiation from the  $\pm x$ - direction. The rest number density of the H target is  $n_H = 2.13 \cdot 10^{25}/\text{m}^3 = 2.13 \cdot 10^{19}/\text{cm}^3$ . The laser beam wavelength is  $\lambda = 1\mu\text{m}$ . The LWF wavelength is about  $20 \lambda$ . **Pulse energy is 19.6 J.**

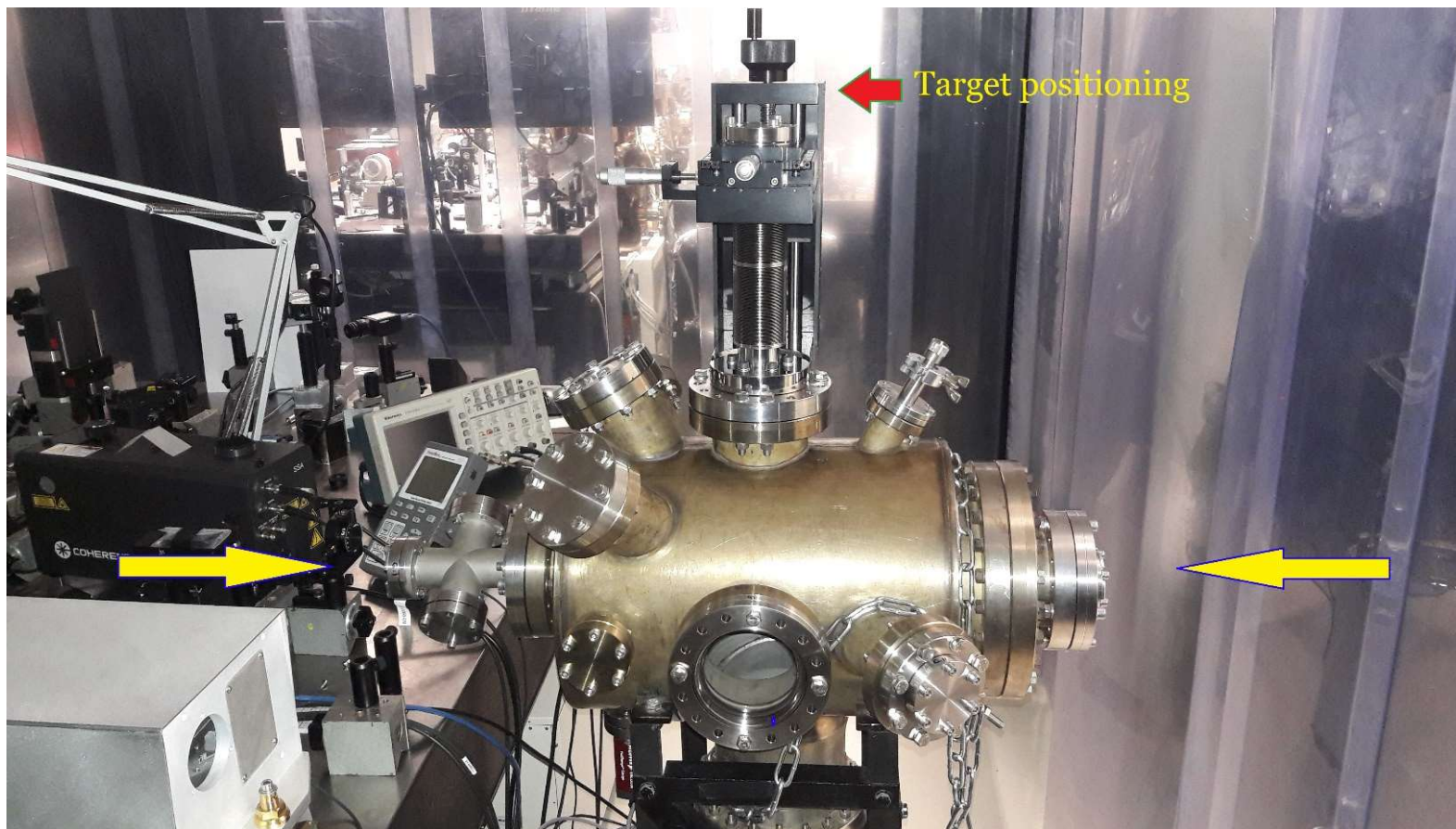
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# Validation tests – Target manufacturing

Two basic principles are tested on non-fusion material targets at low energies

- Implanted with nano-antennas → Amplified absorption ✓
- Multilayer targets → Simultaneous Ignition (in progress)




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## Comparative Study on the Uniform Energy Deposition Achievable via Optimized Plasmonic Nanoresonator Distributions

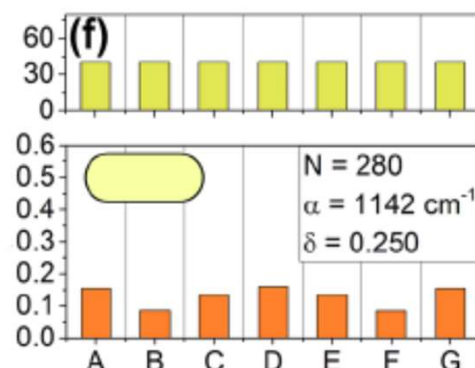
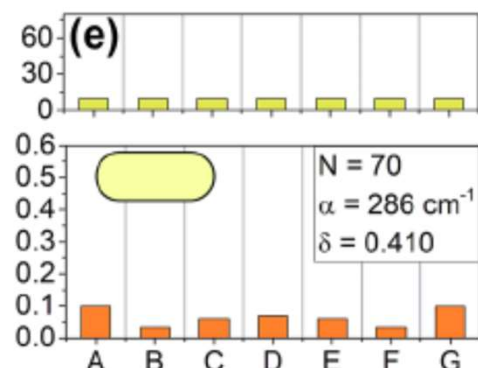
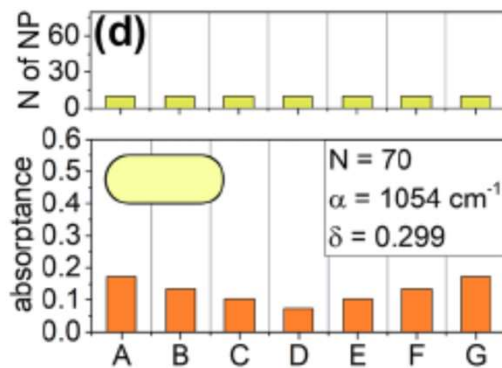
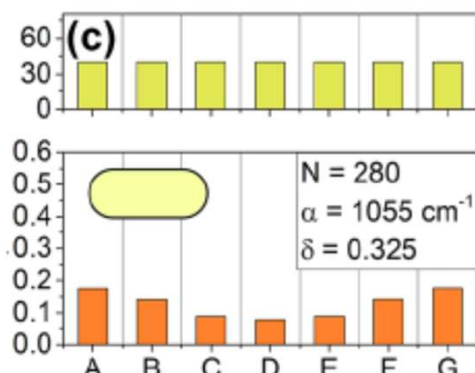
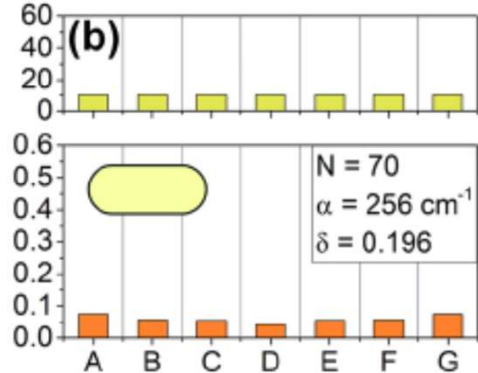
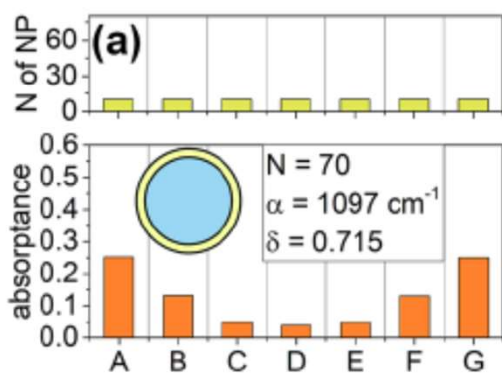
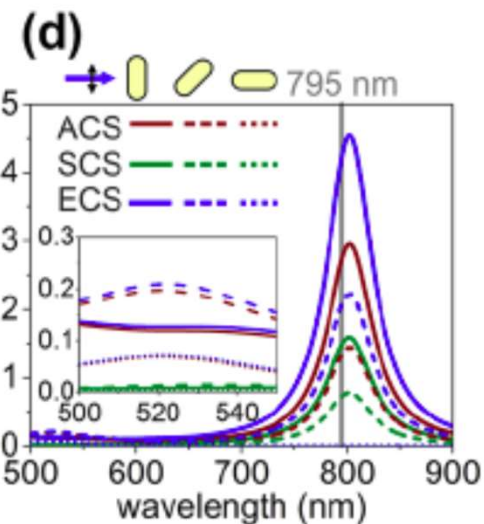
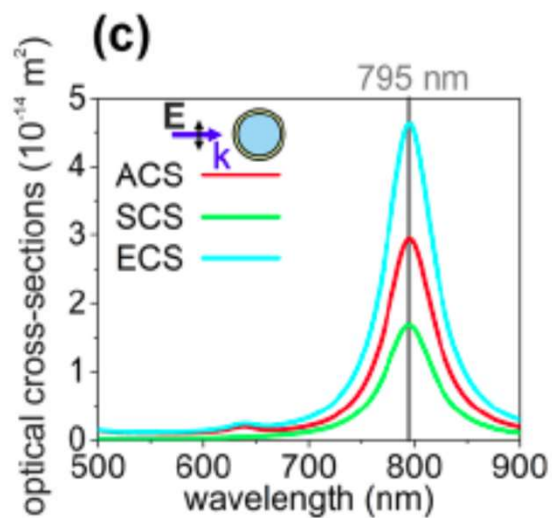
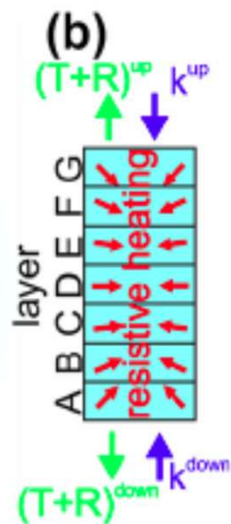
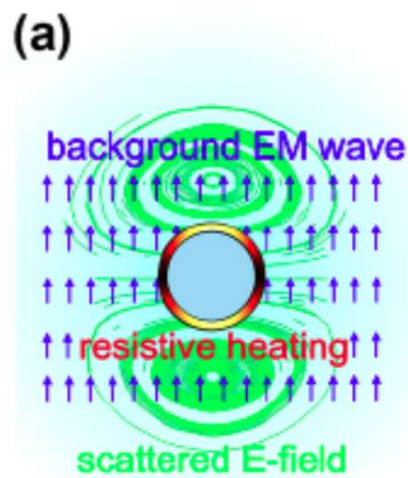
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### Abstract

Plasmonic nanoresonators of core–shell composition and nanorod shape were optimized to tune their absorption cross-section maximum to the central wavelength of a short laser pulse. The number density distribution of randomly located nanoresonators along a laser pulse-length scaled target was numerically optimized to maximize the absorptance with the criterion of minimal absorption difference between neighboring layers illuminated by two counter-propagating laser pulses. Wide Gaussian number density distribution of core–shell nanoparticles and nanorods enabled to improve the absorptance with low standard deviation; however, the energy deposited until the overlap of the two laser pulses exhibited a considerable standard deviation. Successive adjustment resulted in narrower Gaussian number density distributions that made it possible to ensure almost uniform distribution of the deposited energy integrated until the maximal overlap of the two laser pulses. While for core–shell nanoparticles the standard deviation of absorptance could be preserved, for the nanorods it was compromised. Considering the larger and polarization independent absorption cross-section as well as the simultaneously achievable smaller standard deviation of absorptance and deposited energy distribution, the core–shell nanoparticles outperform the nanorods both in optimized and adjusted nanoresonator distributions. Exception is the standard deviation of deposited energy distribution considered for the complete layers that is smaller in the adjusted nanorod distribution. Optimization of both nanoresonator distributions has potential applications, where efficient and uniform energy deposition is crucial, including biomedical applications, phase transitions, and even fusion.





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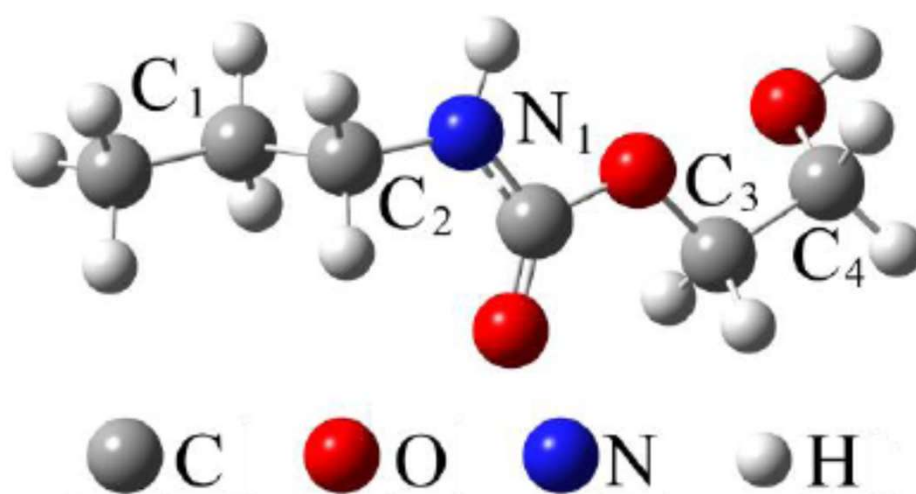
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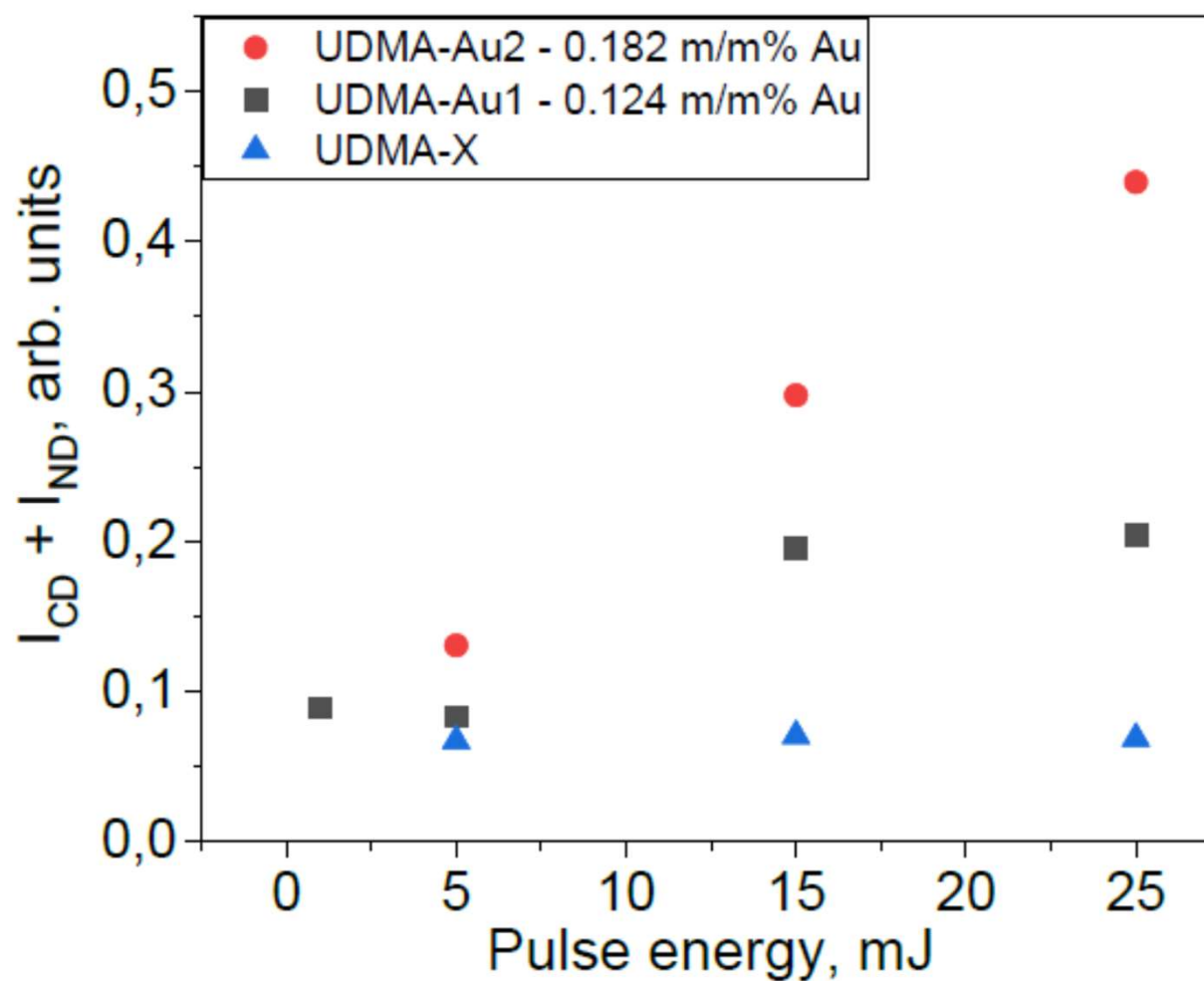
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## Raman spectroscopic characterization of crater walls formed upon single-shot high energy femtosecond laser irradiation of dimethacrylate polymer doped with plasmonic gold nanorods

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With Nanorods (Au2) at 25 mJ laser pulse  
 ~4 times increased D production, compared to 1 mJ pulse





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# Plasmonically Enhanced Superradiance of Broken-Symmetry Diamond Color Center Arrays Inside Core-Shell Nanoresonators

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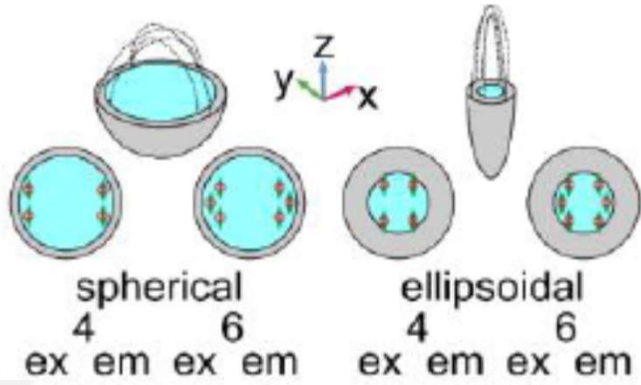
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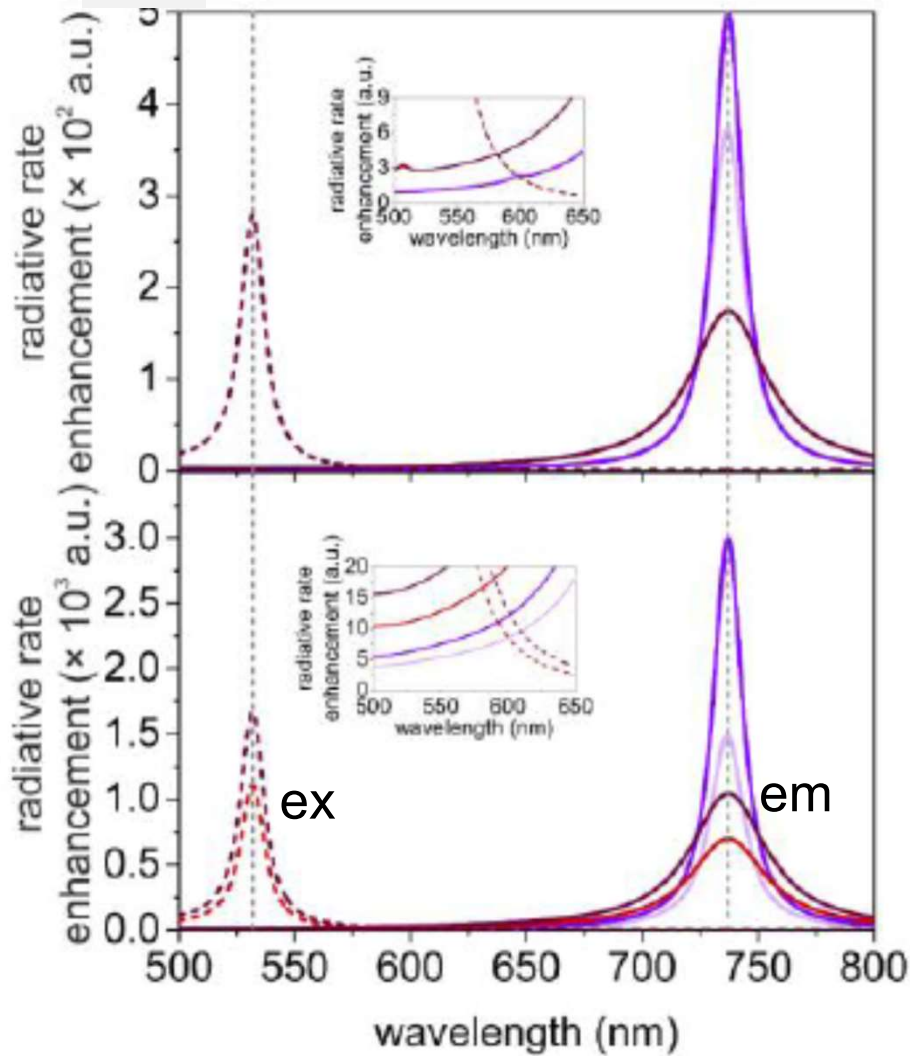
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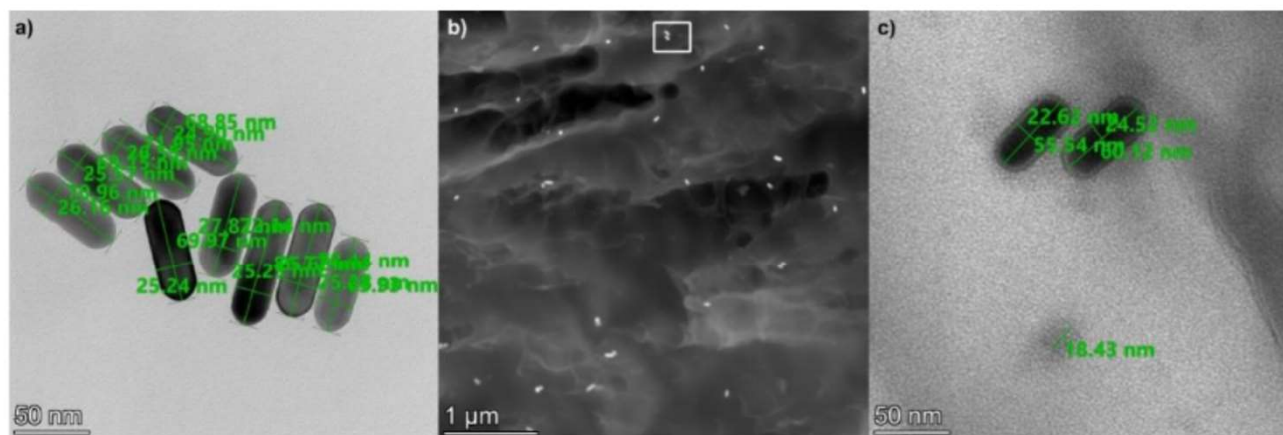


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# The Effect of Femtosecond Laser Irradiation and Plasmon Field on the Degree of Conversion of a UDMA-TEGDMA Copolymer Nanocomposite Doped with Gold Nanorods

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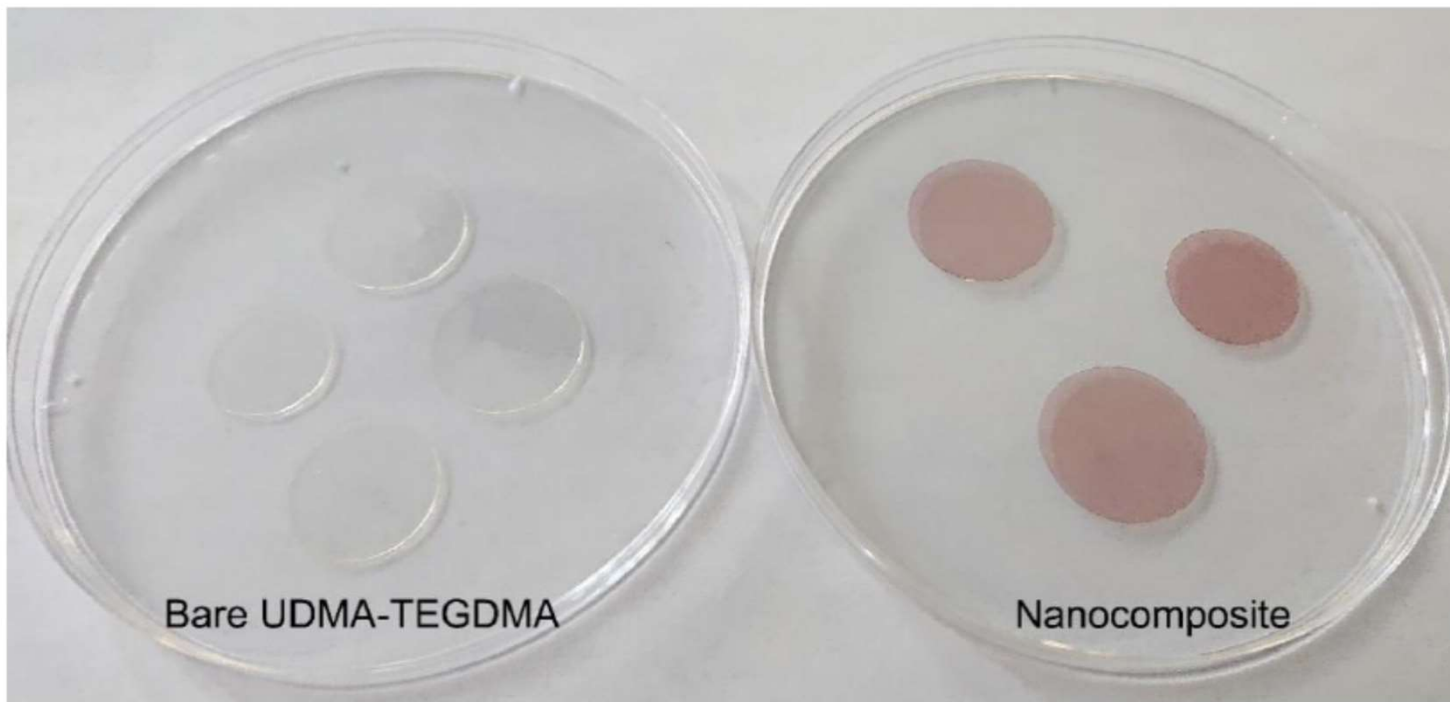
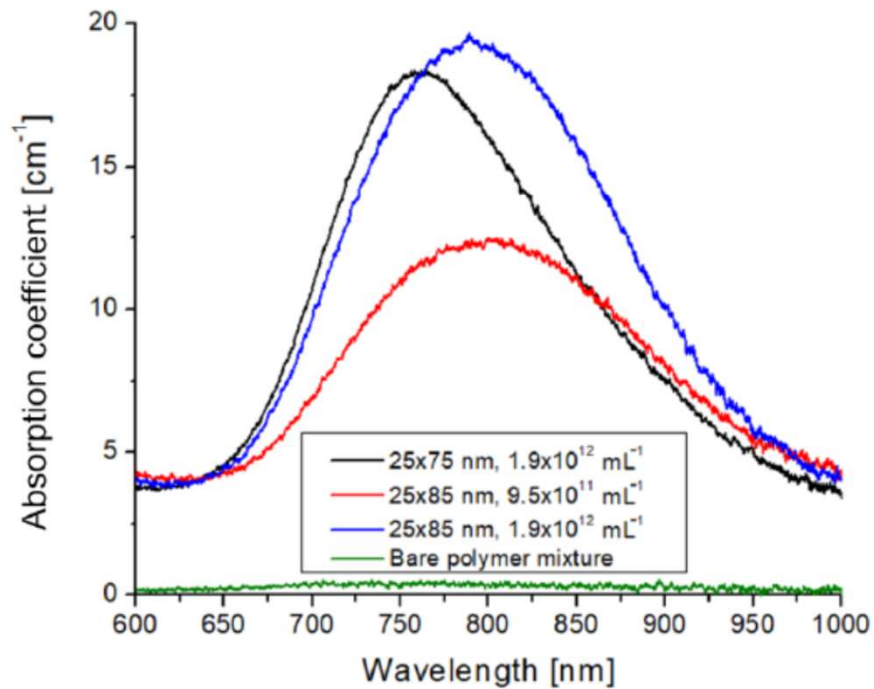


Figure 3. Photographs of bare (left) and Au nanorod-doped (right) photopolymerized resin samples,



**Resonant light  
absorption by nano-rod  
antennas**

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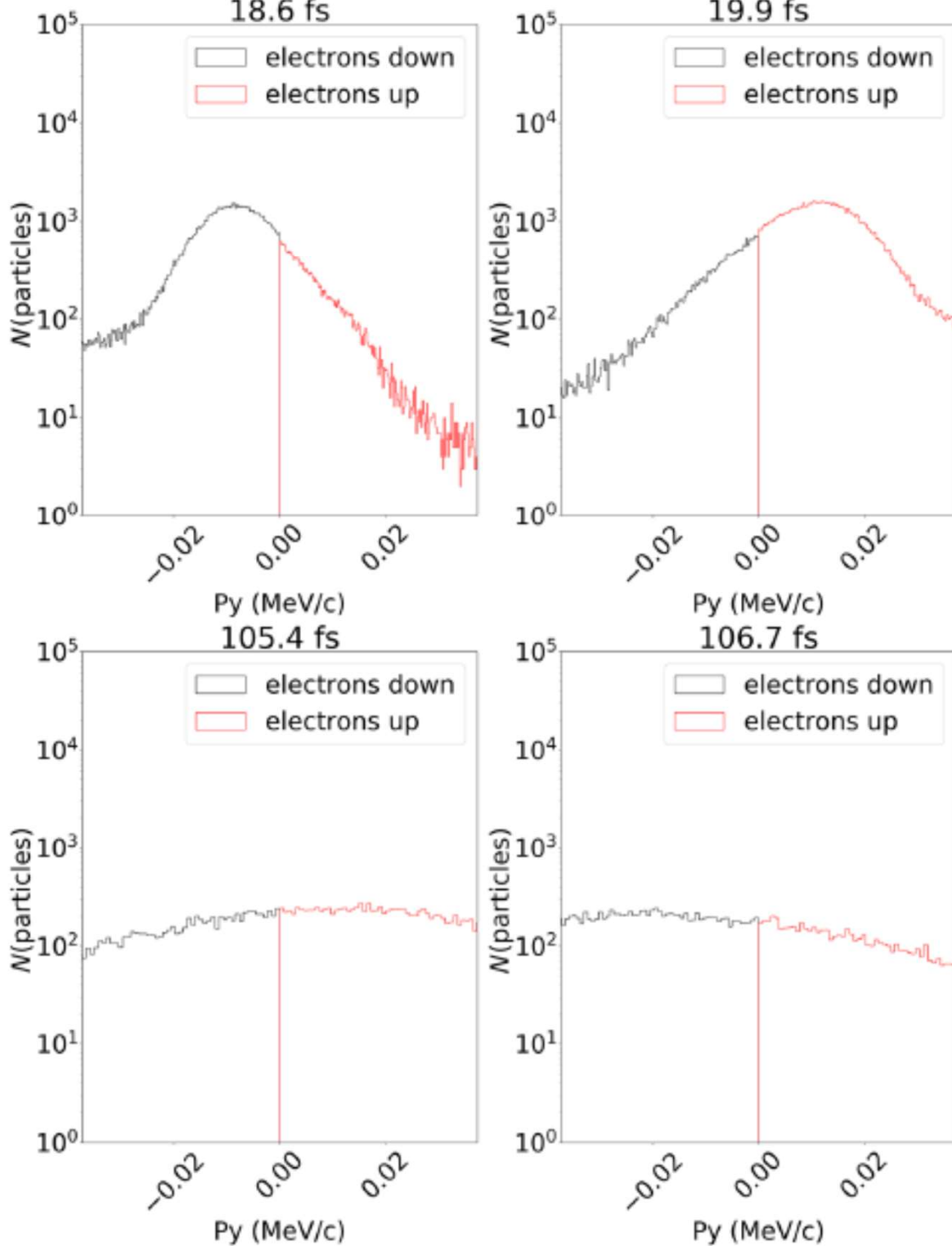
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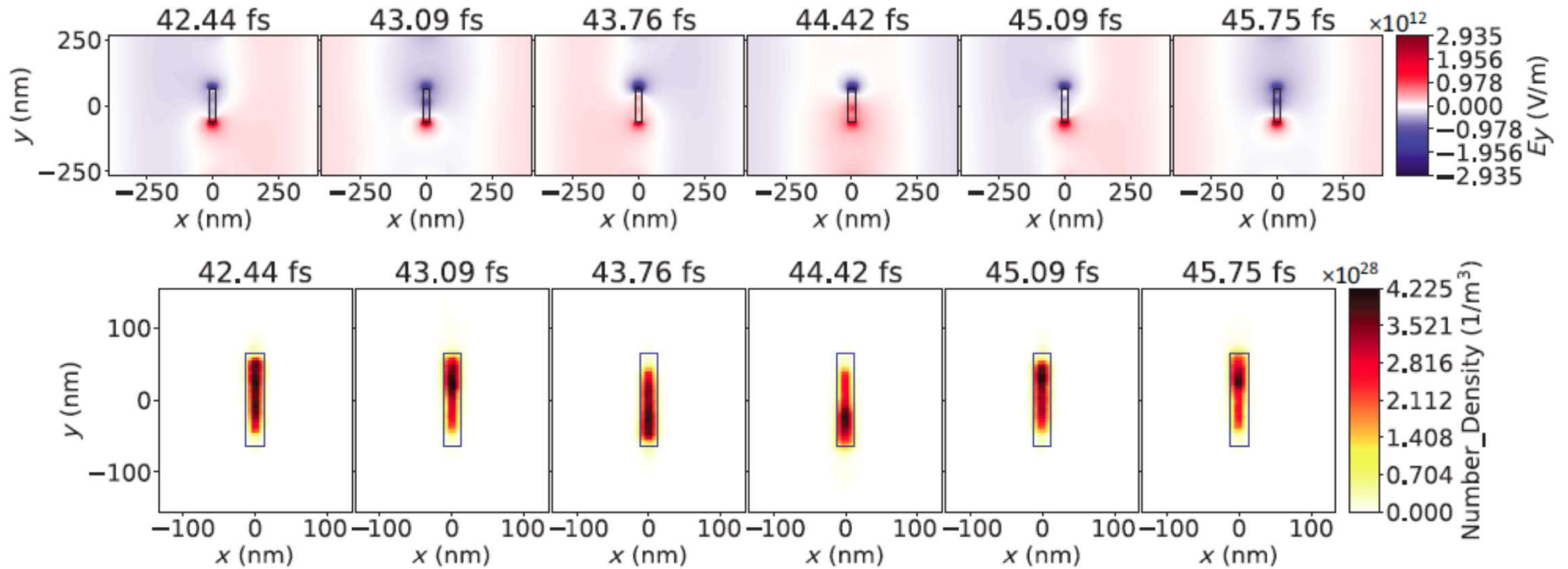
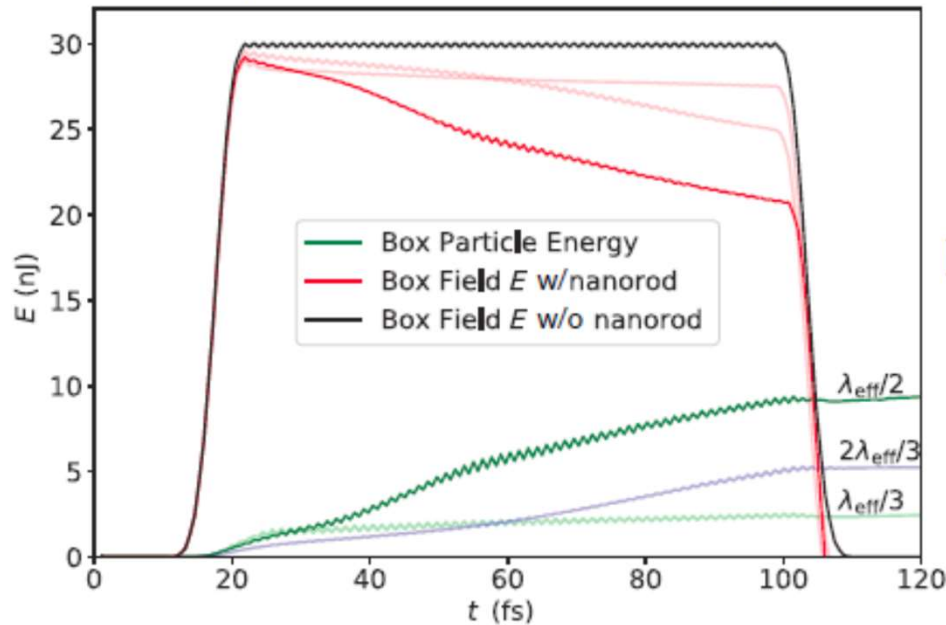


FIG. 2. Top: evolution of the  $E$  field's  $y$  component from 42.44 till 45.75 fs in a quarter of a period ( $T/4 = 0.6625$  fs) steps, around



Regarding the intensity, we estimate an enhancement of

$$I_x = 0.3 I_p \frac{S_{\text{CB}}}{S_{\text{NR}}} = 25.9 I_p. \quad (3)$$



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# Kinetic model of resonant nanoantennas in polymer for laser induced fusion (2023)

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Studies of resilience of light-resonant nanoantennas in vacuum are extended to consider the case of polymer embedding. This modifies the nanoantenna's lifetime and resonant laser pulse energy absorption. The effective resonance wavelength is shortened, the peak momentum of resonantly oscillating electrons

25x85 nm antennas,  
resonant for  $\lambda=795$  nm in  
UDMA polymer

[L. Novotny (2007)]

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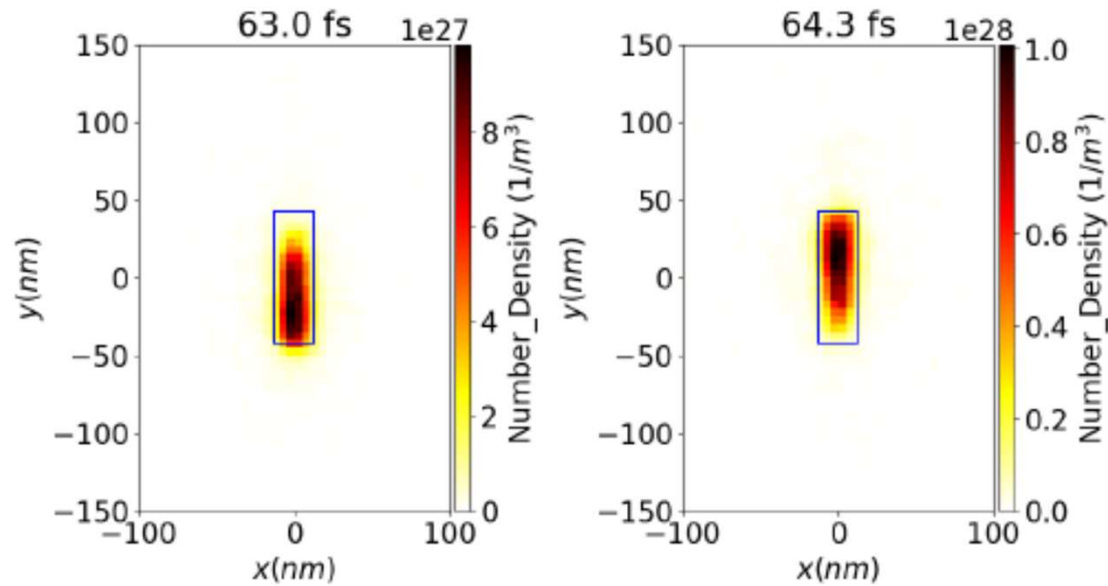
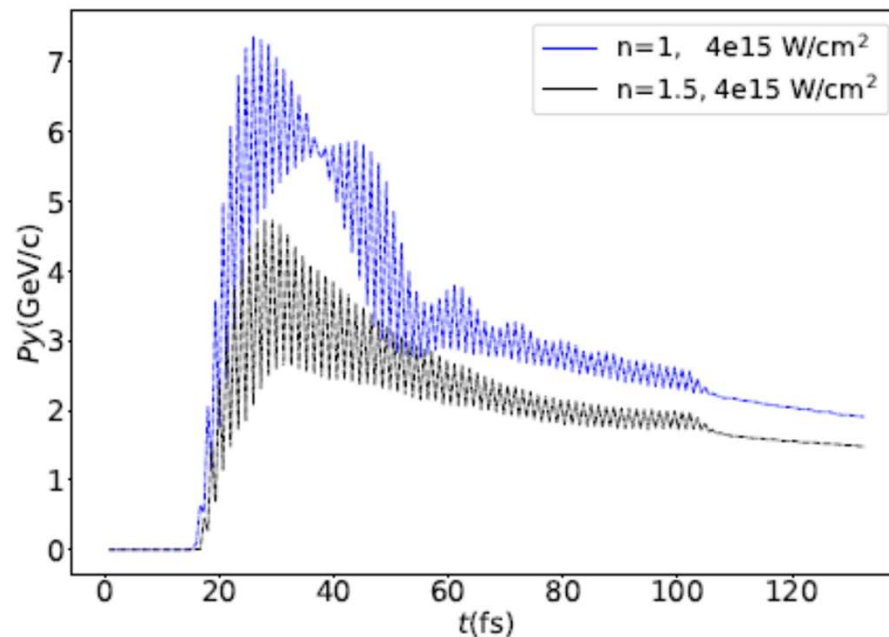
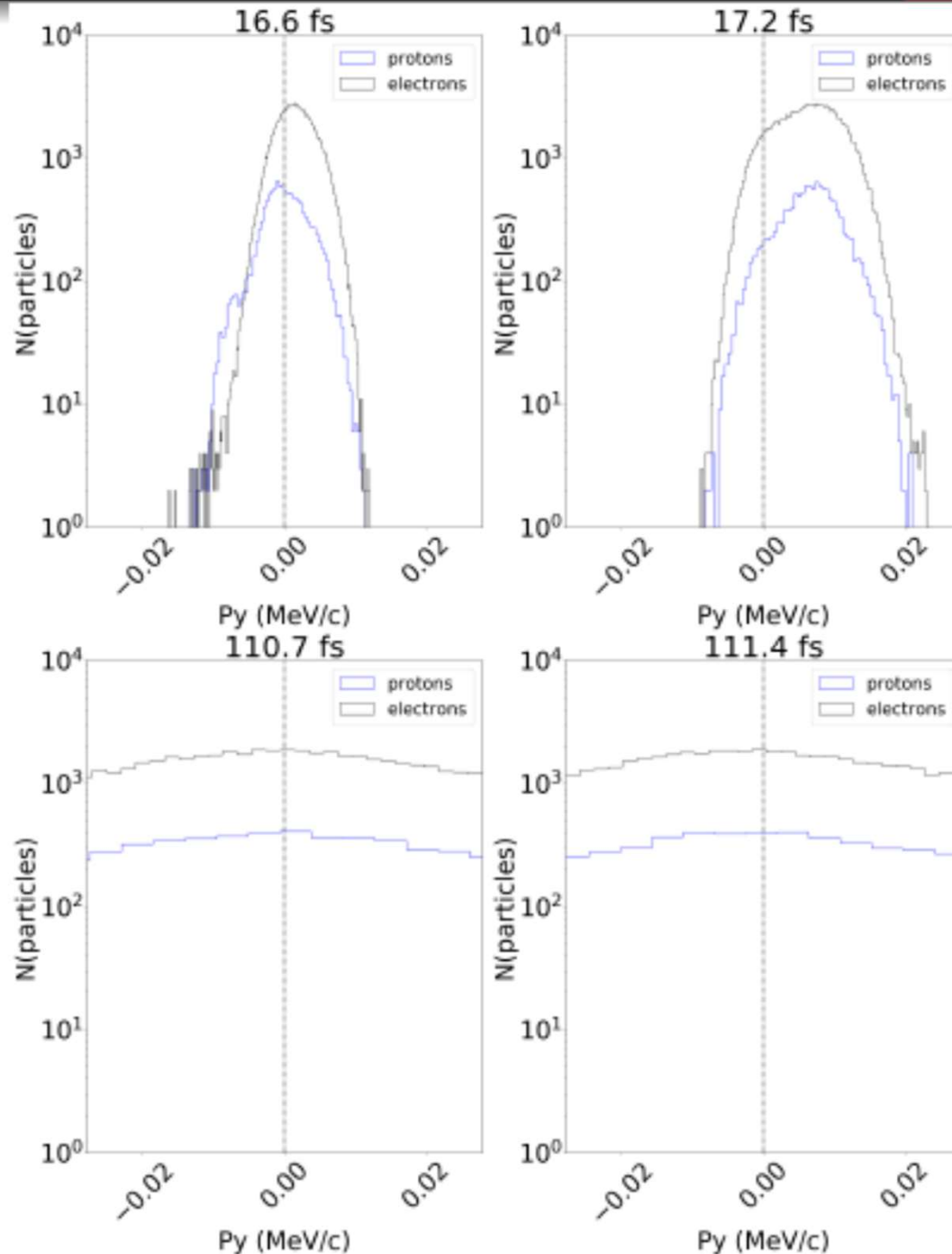


Figure 1: (color online) Cross section of the 25 nm (diameter) x 85 nm nanorod



Accumulated momentum of  
conduction electrons in vacuum (blue)  
and in UDMA (black)



Protons surrounding the nanorod

Initial 3 ord. magn.

Considerations for the simulation box:

$S_{CB} = 530 \times 530 \text{ nm}^2 = 2.81 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$  and length of  $L_{CB} = 795 \text{ nm}$

beam crosses the box in  $T = 795 \text{ nm}/c = 2.65 \text{ fs}$

Nanorod size: 25 nm diameter with 85 nm length

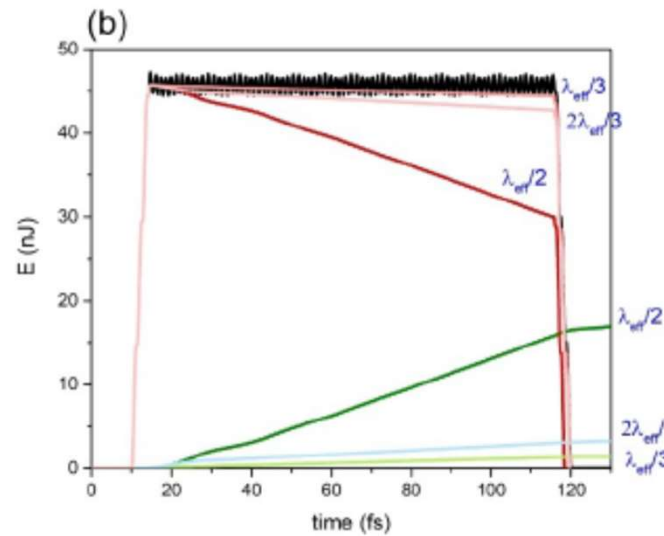
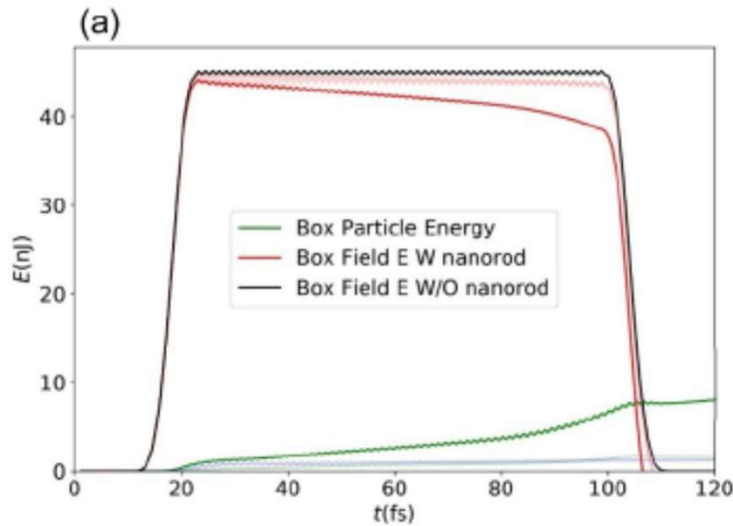
Pulse length:  $40 \times \lambda/c = 106 \text{ fs}$   
Intensity:  $4 \times 10^{15} \text{ W/cm}^2$

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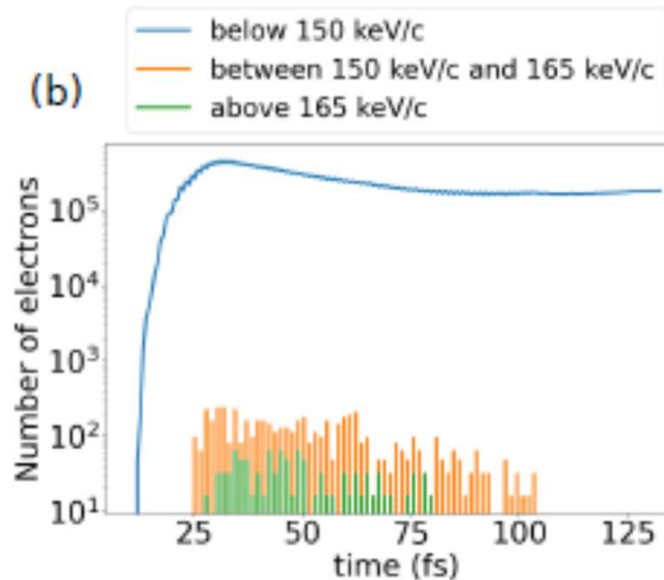
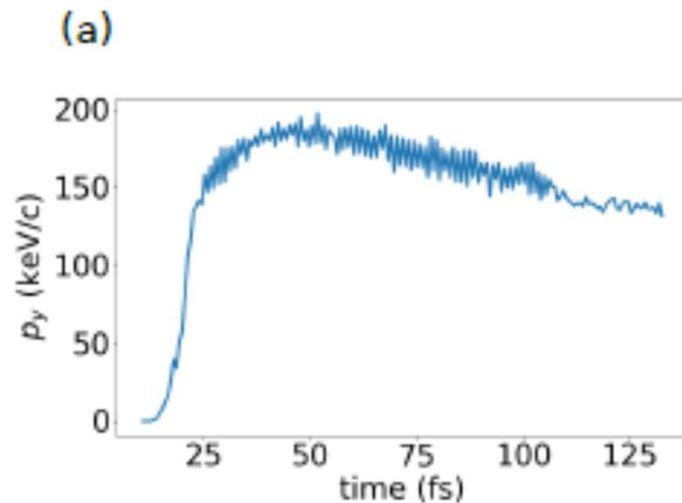
Calculation Box (CB):  
530x530x795 nm  
 $\lambda = 795$  nm

Deposited energy  
in the nano-rod  
(green)



Laser pulse  $E_p=30$  mJ in  
CB,  $T_p=106$  fs  $\approx 40\lambda/c$

Maximum momentum of  
spilled out electrons



Distribution of  
momentum of  
spilled out  
electrons

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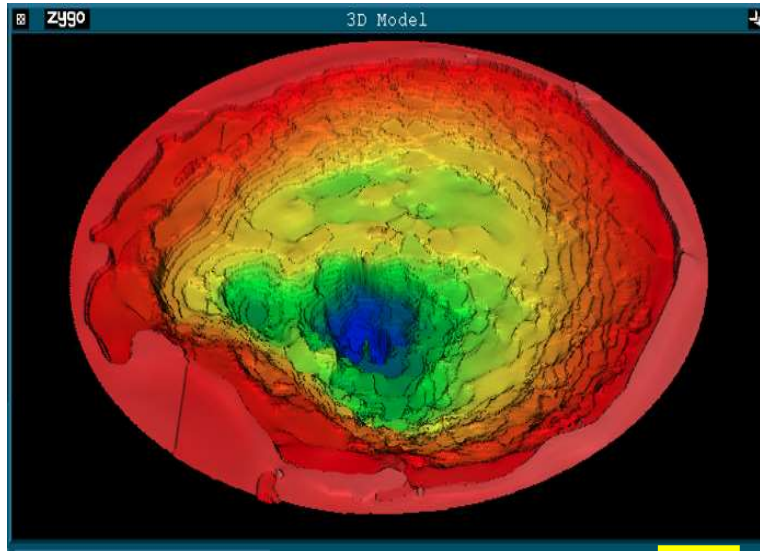
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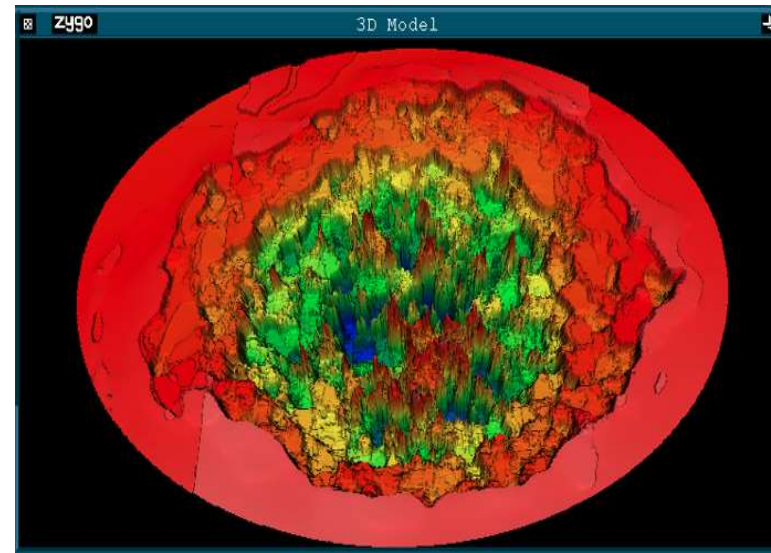


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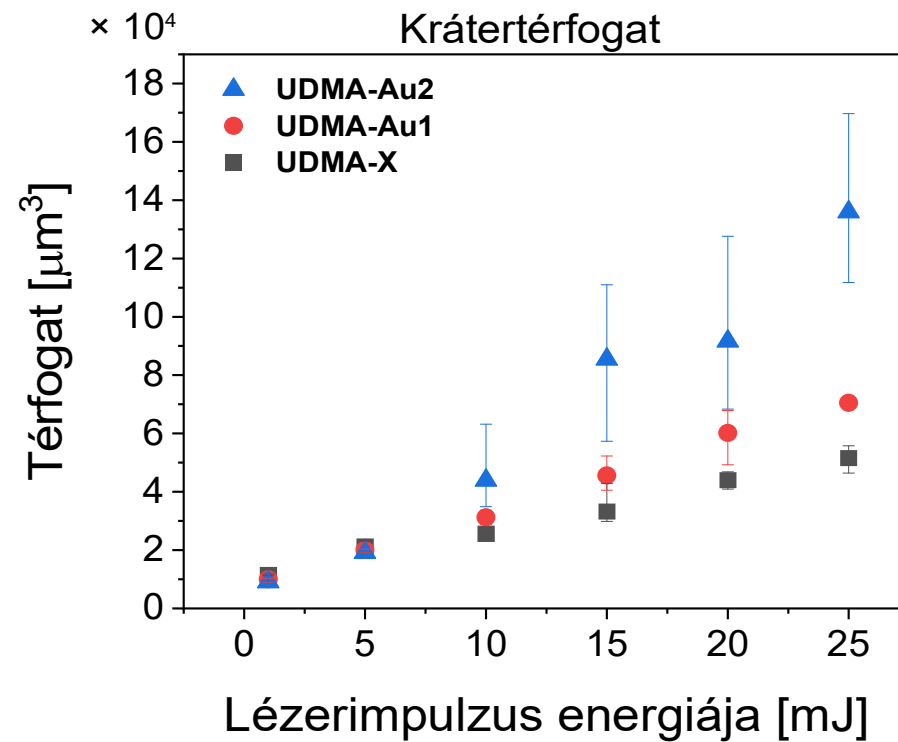
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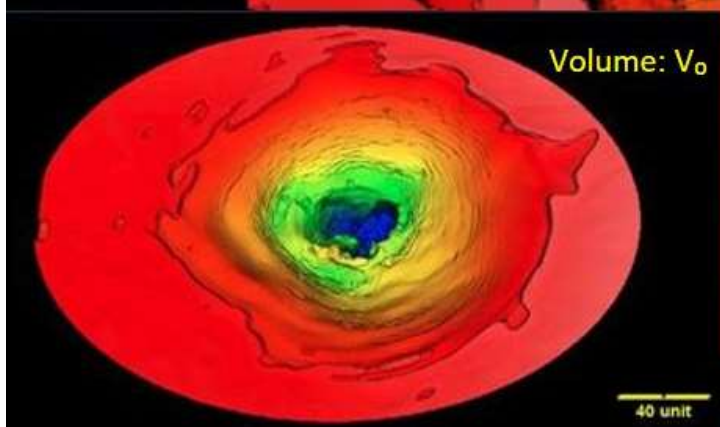
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Térfogat  
max.  
 $3.5V_0$



Volume:  $3.5V_0$



40 unit

[Submitted on 25 Nov 2022]

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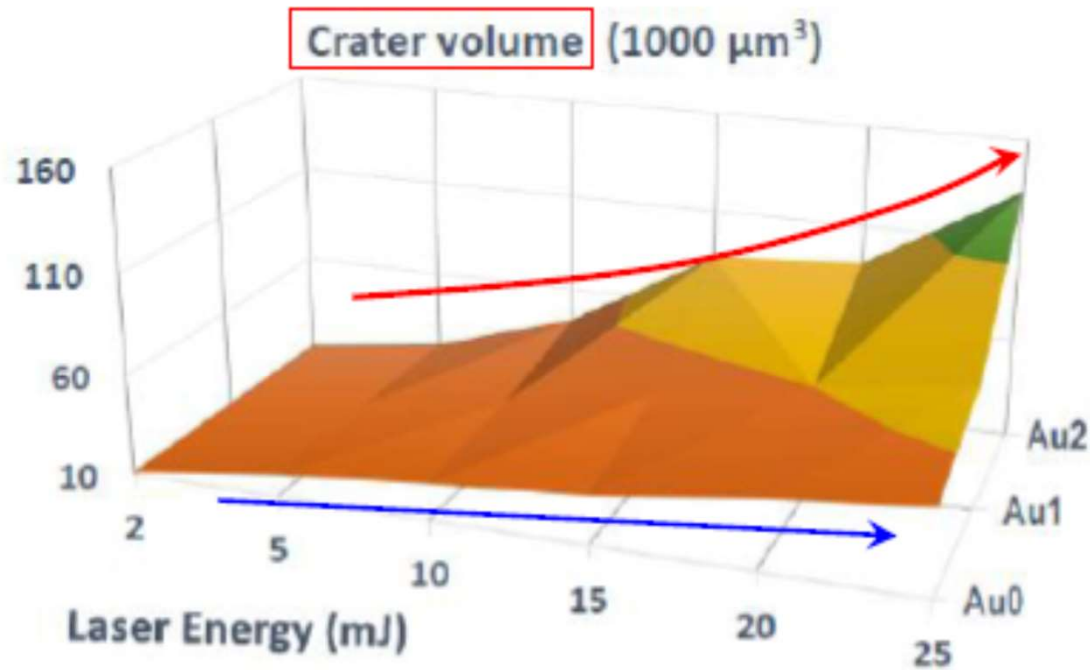
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# Theoretical analysis of Crater & Deuterium production

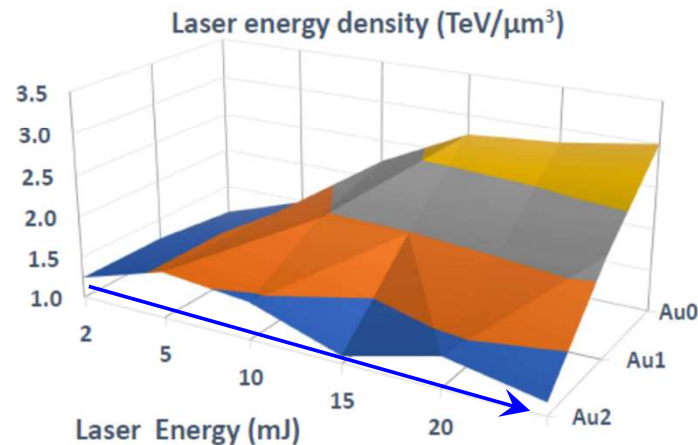


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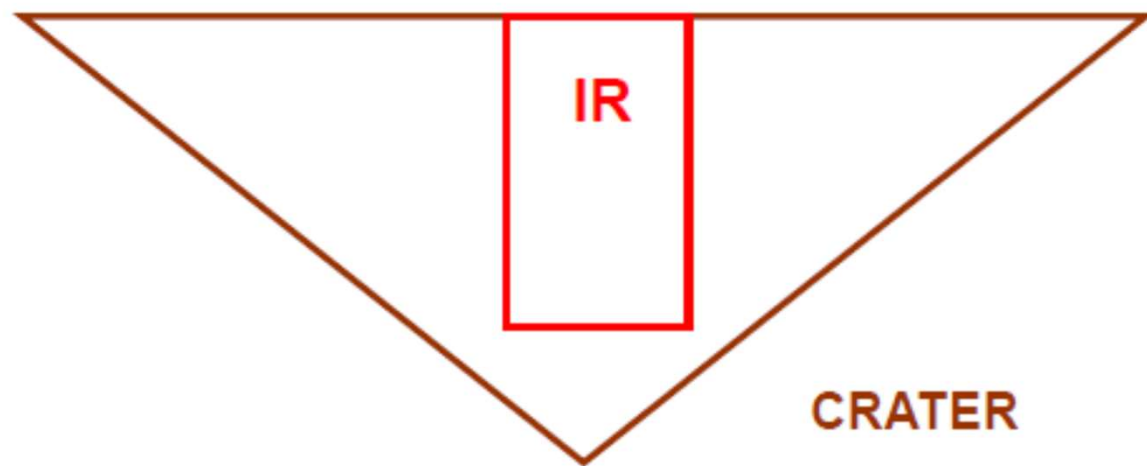
Puzzle?



With nanorods  $V$  grows non-linearly. Increasing energy deposition. Several types of targets are considered: Au1 and Au2 with implanted nano-rod antennas, and Au0 without implantation. The mass concentrations of implanted particles in UDMA are 0.126% and 0.182% for targets Au1 and Au2, respectively.

With nanorods, Au2, deposited energy into the crater increases non-linearly (!?)

Origin of this extra energy (?)



In the case of the reaction (5), substituting  $E_p = 20$  MeV,  $E_d = 5.92$  MeV (this value follows from Eq. (9)), and using Eqs. (34), (35), one gets the estimate

$$\frac{D}{H} \sim 118 \times \frac{d}{p} \simeq 1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}. \quad (37)$$

This value is still below experimental ratios for the Au2

# LIBS Analysis of the Polymer UDMA; Deuterated as well as Doped with Au nanoparticles -A Part of the Nanoplasmonic Laser Inertial Fusion Experiment

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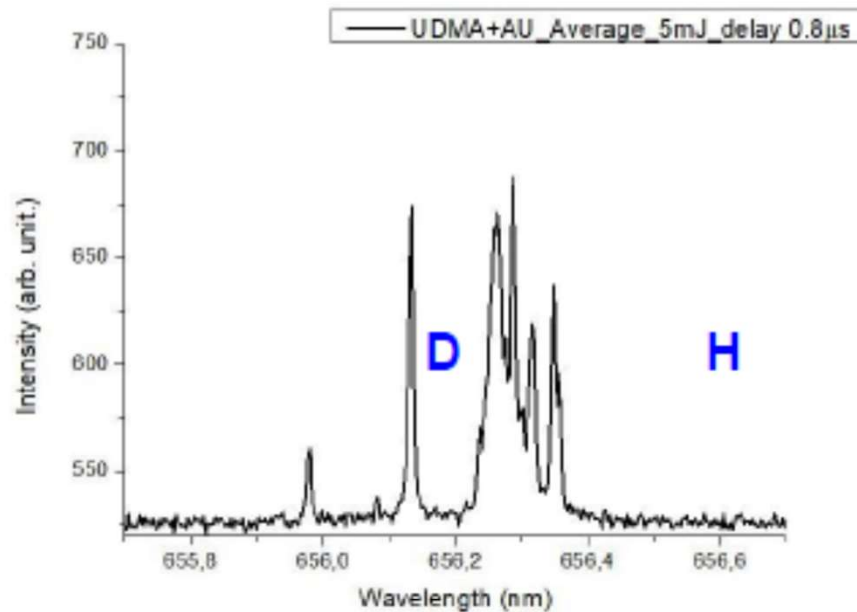


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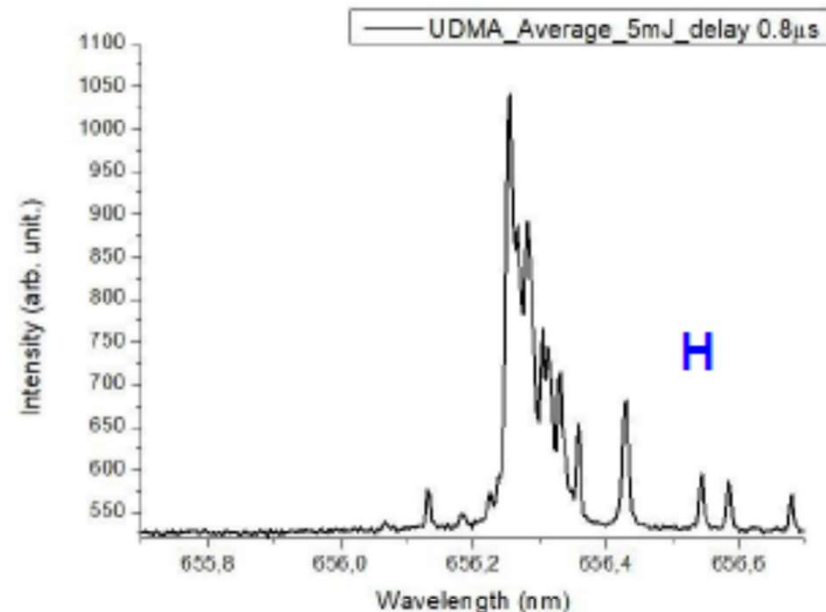
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# Deuterium production

( PRELIMINARY ! ? )



5-12% **D** + 88-95% **H**  
~  $10^{17}$  **D** / pulse (10Hz)



100% **H**  
Balmer- $\alpha$  line

Two step weak process (average of 20 shots), UDMA (470: H38, C23, O8, N2)

$p + e^* \rightarrow n + \nu$  \ electron capture (-1.24 MeV)

$n + p \rightarrow d + \gamma$  \ neutron capture (+2.22 MeV)

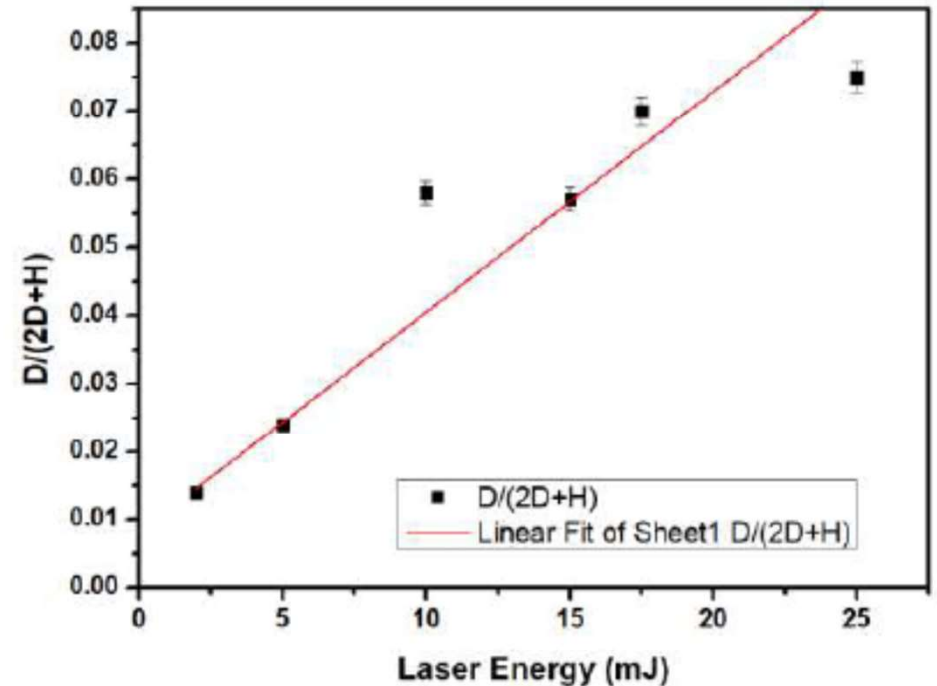
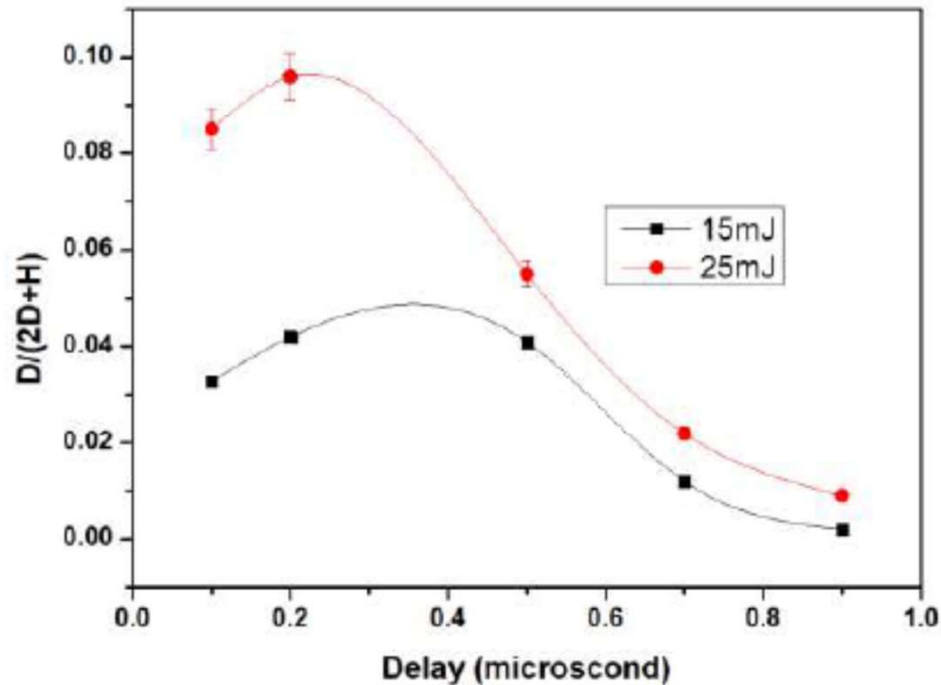
Electron capture may happen spontaneously in heavy nuclei,

here laser light and resonant nanorods may act similarly at high  $e$  density.

Alternatively  $n$  transmutation from **C-13** or other nuclei to **H**  $\rightarrow$  **D**.

[ Archana Kumari & Miklos Veres's talk in ICNFP 2022 ]

## 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!



## SUMMARY

- Crater size increase, in excess of laser beam energy increase, in case of plasmonic nano-rods!
- Deuterium production (nuclear reactions) are indicated in case of nano antennas by Raman spectroscopy!
- Deuterium production is indicated in case of nano antennas by low statistics LIBS spectroscopy (not confirmed yet 😞); Theoretical estimates without nano-rods give no significant D production.
- Higher (10x) energy laser pulse would be needed to test/verify the mechanisms of Deuterium production, the possibilities of other nuclear fusion reactions and their reaction rates.

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