

7th EMMI Workshop on Plasma Physics with Intense Laser and Heavy Ion Beams WLIB

Moscow 9.- 10. December 2014

FAIR-relevant experiments at the PHELIX-laser facility

overview of the experimental program with
Russian contribution

2010-2014

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Plasma Physics at FAIR

Challenge: fundamental properties of matter under extreme conditions

HIHEX

Heavy Ion Heating and Expansion

> 0.5 GeV/u >10¹⁰part/100ns U-beam

demand on backlighter

$E_{ph.} > 100 \text{ keV}$

LiF

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Pb up to 1g/cm² areal density

- Homogeneous heating in sub- μs (2kJ/g)
- Sample material reaches different physical states (depending on energy & density)

LAPLAS

Laboratory Planetary Science (SIS100)

1.5 GeV/u 5.10¹¹/100ns U-beam

N.A. Tahir et al, New J. Phys. 12 (2010) 073022.

Hollow Beam

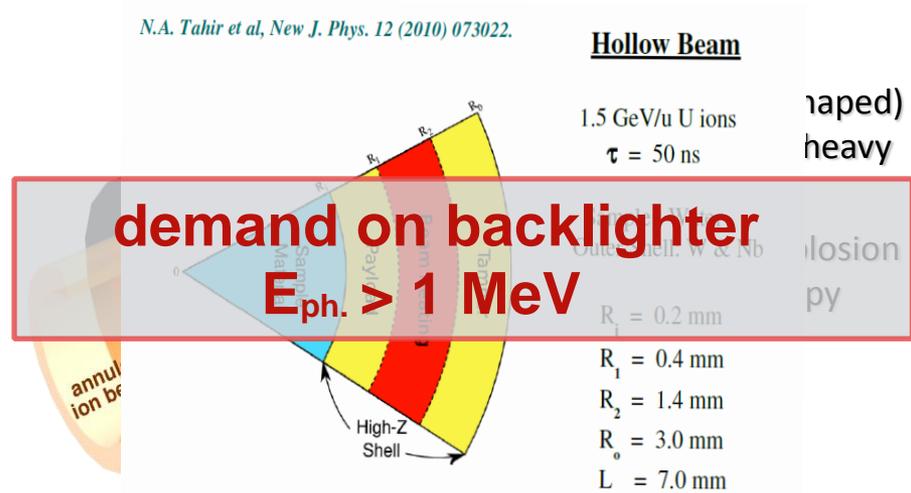
1.5 GeV/u U ions
 $\tau = 50 \text{ ns}$

raped)
heavy

demand on backlighter

$E_{ph.} > 1 \text{ MeV}$

losion
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- Reaches physical conditions like interior of giant planets (Jupiter, Saturn)
- Helps to understand the core structure

FAIR-relevant experiments at the PHELIX- facility

Continuation of the research program with high energy and high intensity laser beams in the period of accelerator shut-down is crucial advantage of PP-research.

Important requirement - combination of exciting physics with FAIR-relevance

- **Secondary laser sources for probing of HED-matter:**
laser generated electron, proton, and neutron beams
X-ray and Gamma-sources (characteristic, continuum)
- **Generation of Warm Dense Matter by laser accelerated electron/proton beams**
- **Ion stopping in non-ideal plasmas**
- **Opacities of non-ideal plasmas**
- **Shock generation for EOS**
- **Development of new diagnostic methods**
Hard-X ray and Gamma detectors;
transmission crystal spectrometers for monochromatic backlighting;
electron spectrometers, etc.

Statistic 2010-2014

Experimental projects approved by PPAC: **10**

Laser beam-times (2010-2014): **14**

Russian participants: **30** (theory, simulations, diagnostics)

Russian institutions participated in PP-research program with laser:

1. Joint Institute for High Temperatures (*3D-PIC, HD-simulations, opacity, X-ray diagnostics*)
2. Lebedev Physical Institute (*HD-simulations, nano-targets manufacturing*)
3. Moscow State University (*nano-targets manufacturing and characterization*)
4. All Russian Scientific Research Institute of Experimental Physics, RFNC-VNIIEF, Sarov, Russia (*HD-simulations+ radiation transport, X-ray diagnostics*)
5. Keldish Institute for Applied Mathematics (*opacity simulations*)
6. National Research Nuclear University "MEPhI,, (*VISAR-diagnostic*)
7. Prokhorov General Physics Institute (*simulations of laser driven shock, post-diagnostics*)
8. Institute for Theoretical and Experimental Physics (*experimental support*)
9. Kurchatov Research Center - in future (*X-ray diagnostics*)

FAIR-relevant experiments at the PHELIX-facility

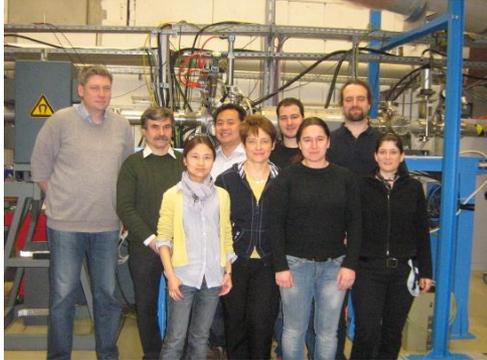
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Experiment is a team work

GSI PHELIX-laser March 2011



GSI November 2014



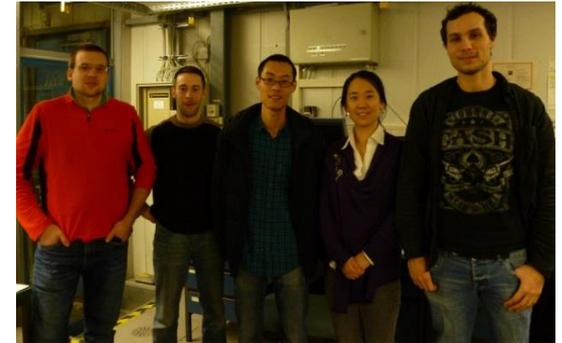
GSI PHELIX-laser bay, Feb. 2012



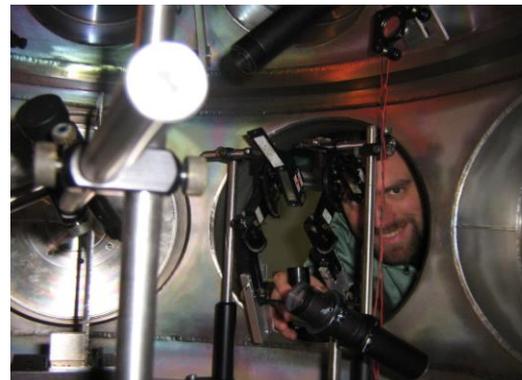
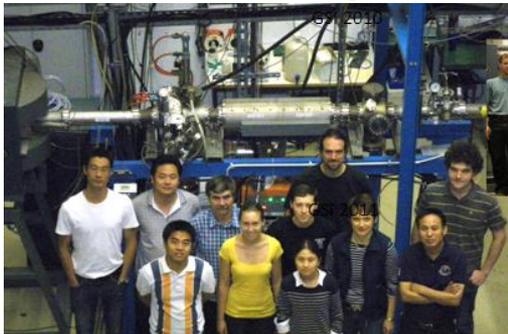
Paris LULI-laser April 2011



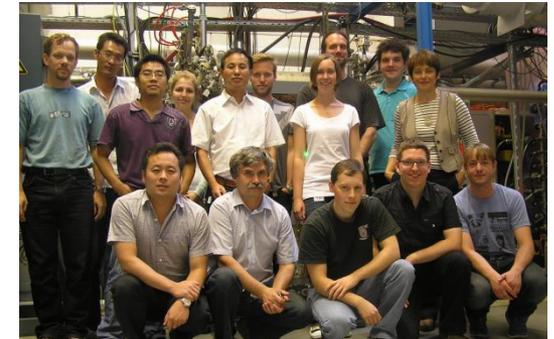
GSI, Laser bay, Jan. 2014



GSI PHELIX-laser August 2011

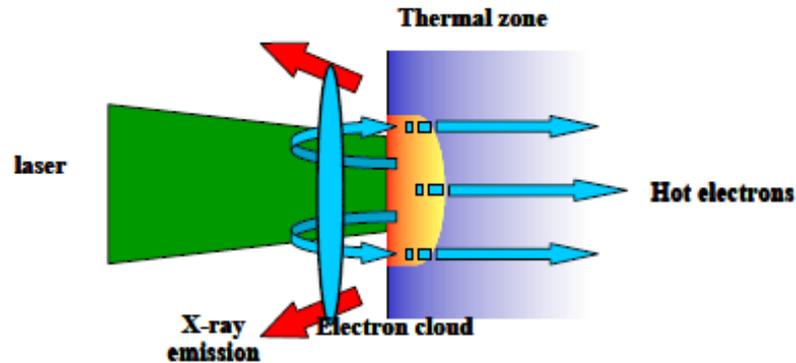


GSI PHELIX-laser August 2012

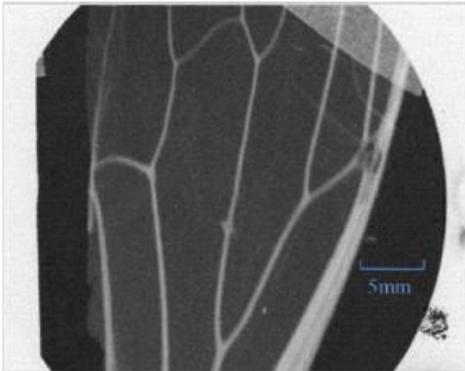


Laser driven electron and X-ray sources

X-rays and energetic electrons production in laser-target interaction



X-ray emission from plasmas heated by intense fs laser



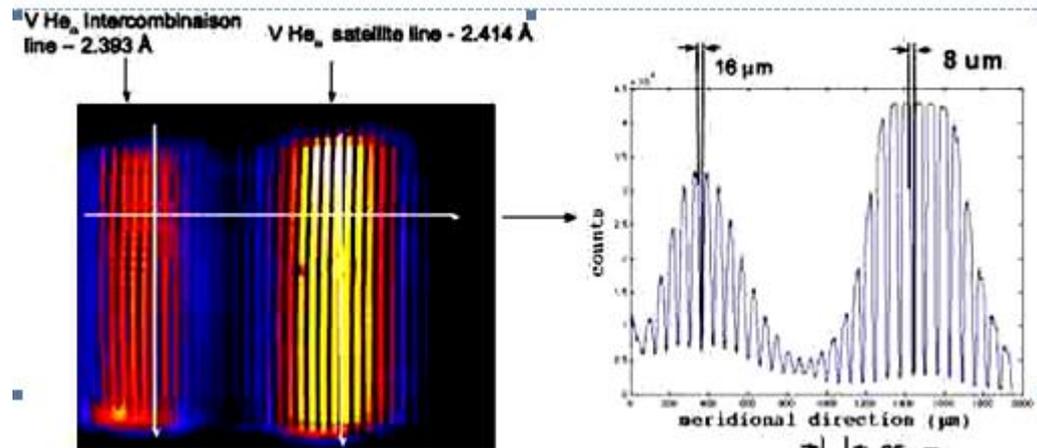
fly's wing X-ray image
at single laser shot

X-rays (characteristic and Bremsstrahlung) are best candidates to backlight HED **objects**.
Attenuation and scattering of X-ray photons are used for diagnostic purposes.

Advantage of such X-ray source:
short (fs-ps) bursts of X-rays provide a time history of dynamic processes in plasma

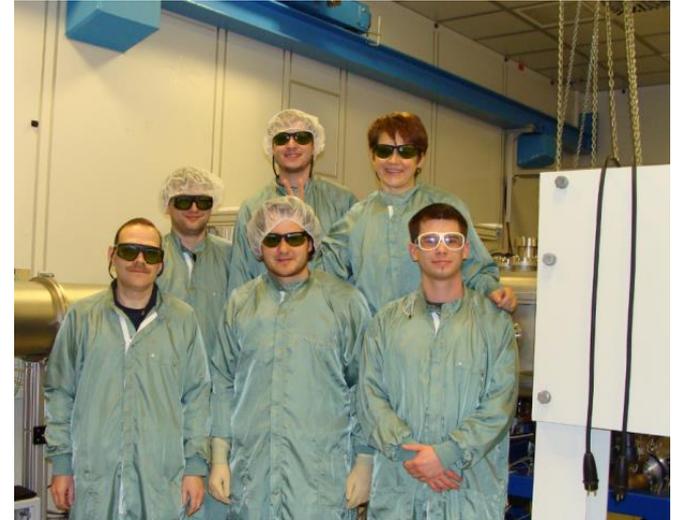
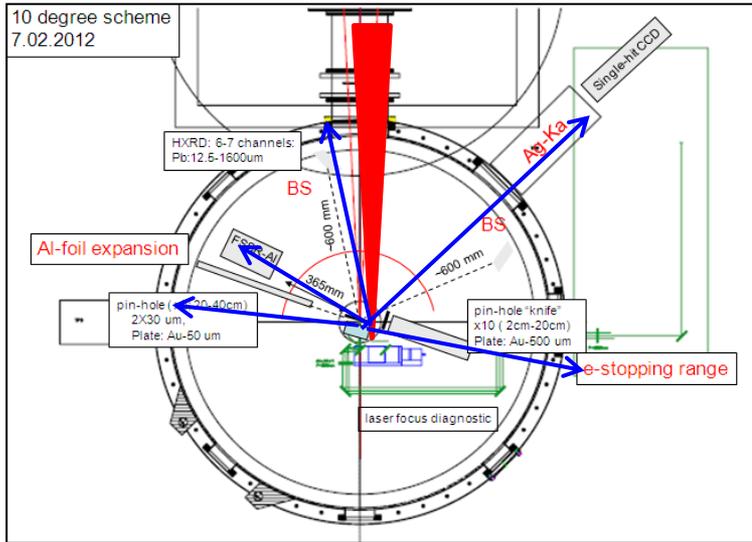
Experiments with relativistic fs PHELIX-pulse

- electron acceleration in relativistic laser-matter interaction
- interaction of laser accelerated electrons with matter (e₋ transport, radiation)
- high energy Ka monochromatic backlighter (quantitative measurements)

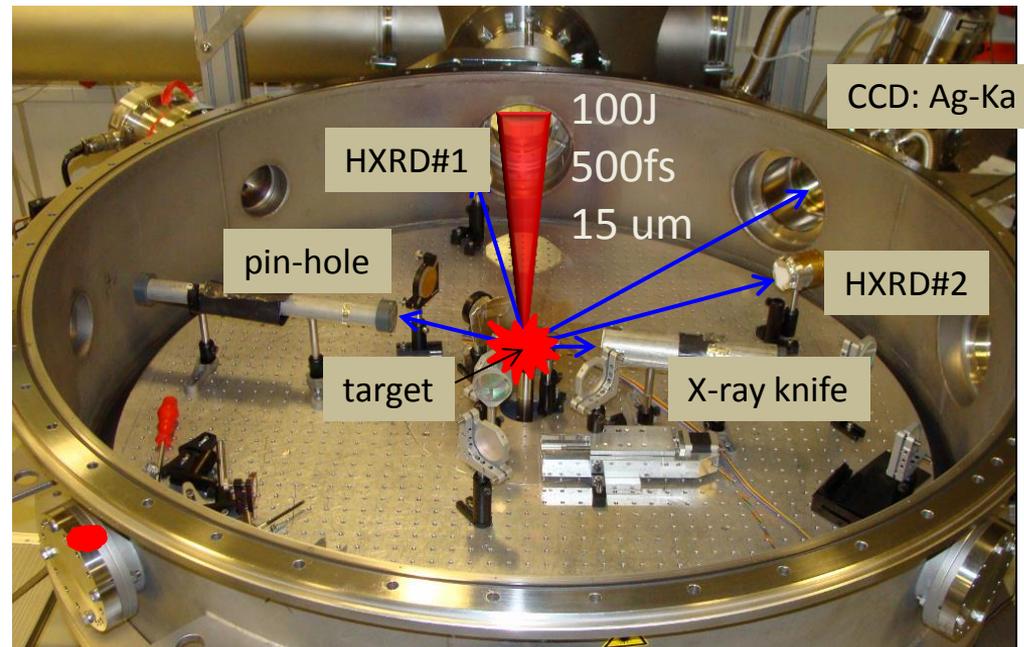


X-rays for backlighting at FAIR

Feb. 2012



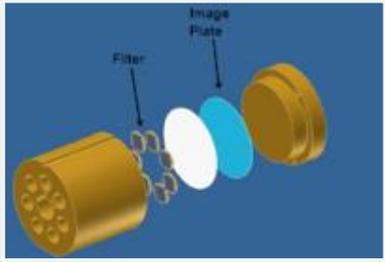
Silver target before and after shot



Experiment 9-15.02.2012

Measurements of bremsstrahlung spectra and Silver K-alpha (21 keV)

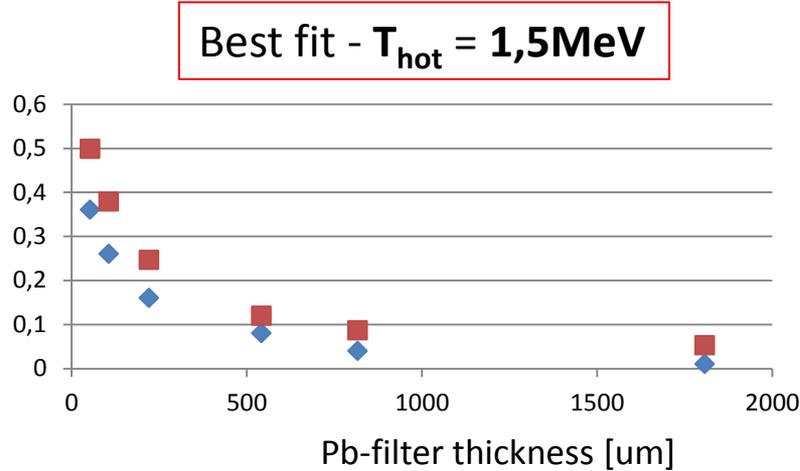
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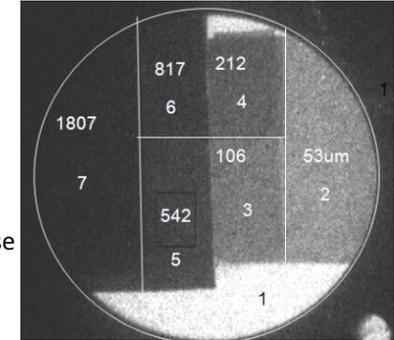
Shot 10:

$I = 1,8e+19 \text{ W/cm}^2$
K-alpha: 1.5 mJ

PSL normalized to abs. Value



Beer Lambert law

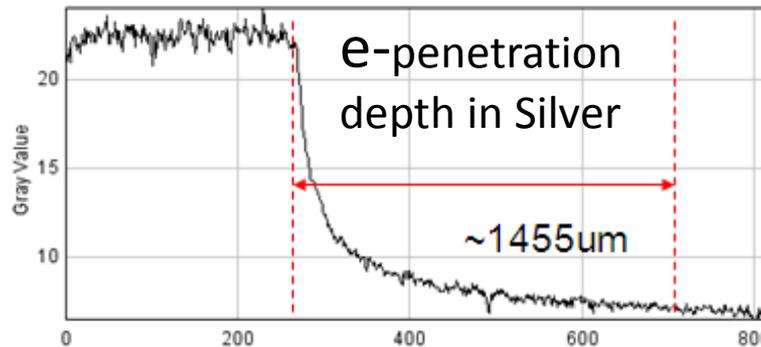
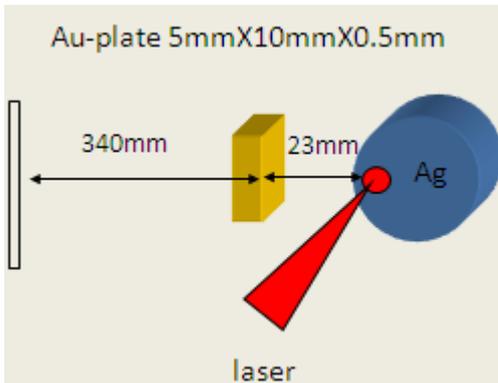


◆ Measured
■ IP_response

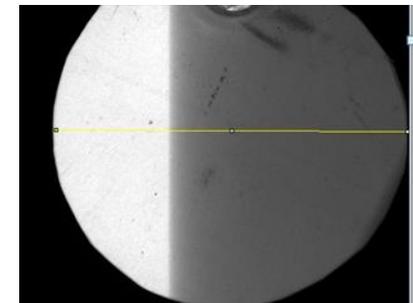
attenuation of BR in Pb-foils of 50-1800 um

1.5 mm-stopping range of 2 MeV-electrons in Ag

X-ray knife

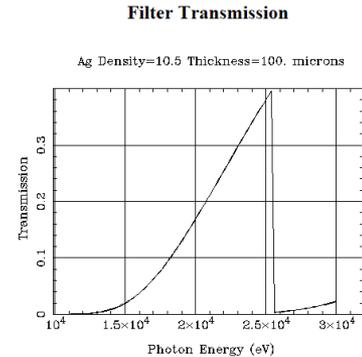
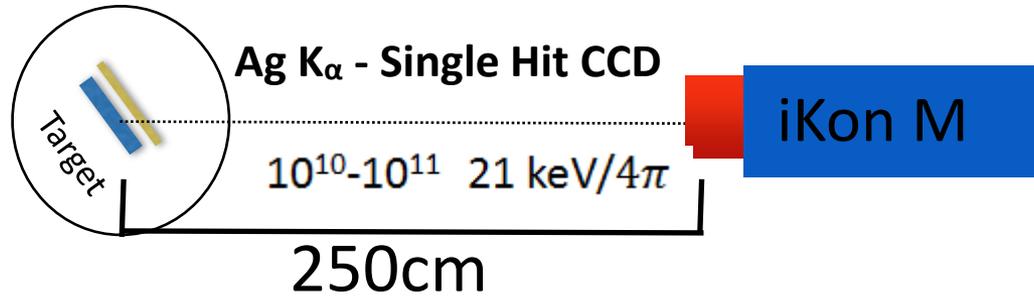


X-ray image



e-stopping range

Measurements of bremsstrahlung spectra and Silver K-alpha (21 keV)



Target	absolute photon Energy [J]	$\eta_{\text{conv.}}$ [%]
Ag bulk	$1,52 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1,57 \cdot 10^{-5}$
100μm Ag - Plexi	$6,08 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6,49 \cdot 10^{-6}$
10μm Ag - Plexi	$2,15 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2,13 \cdot 10^{-6}$

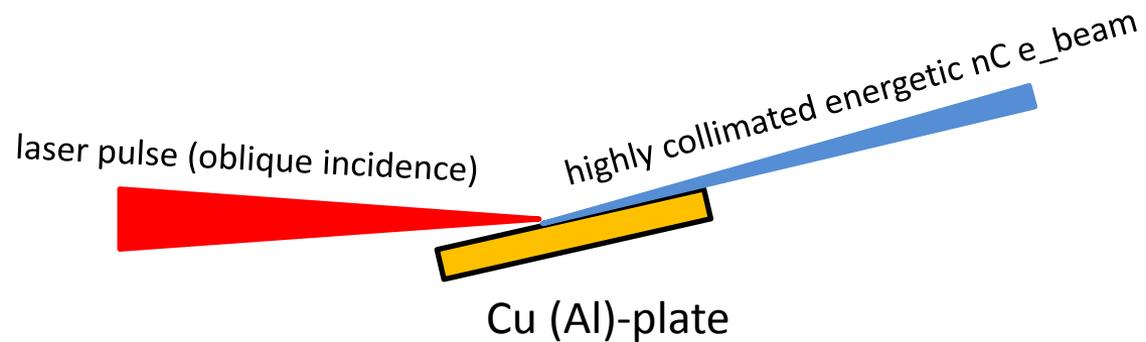
Is it sufficient for backlighting experiments?

Depends on background conditions in FAIR-target chamber

Optimisation for high laser intensities using **hot electron refluxing effect** in thin foils.

FAIR-relevant experiments at the PHELIX-laser

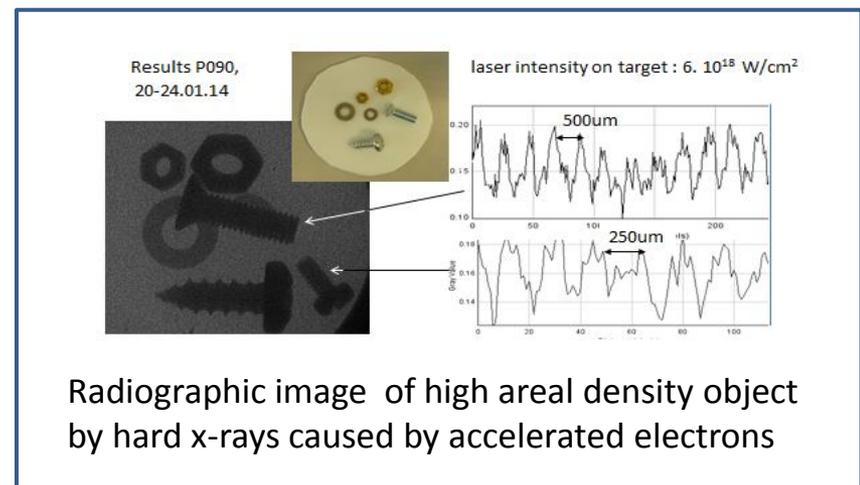
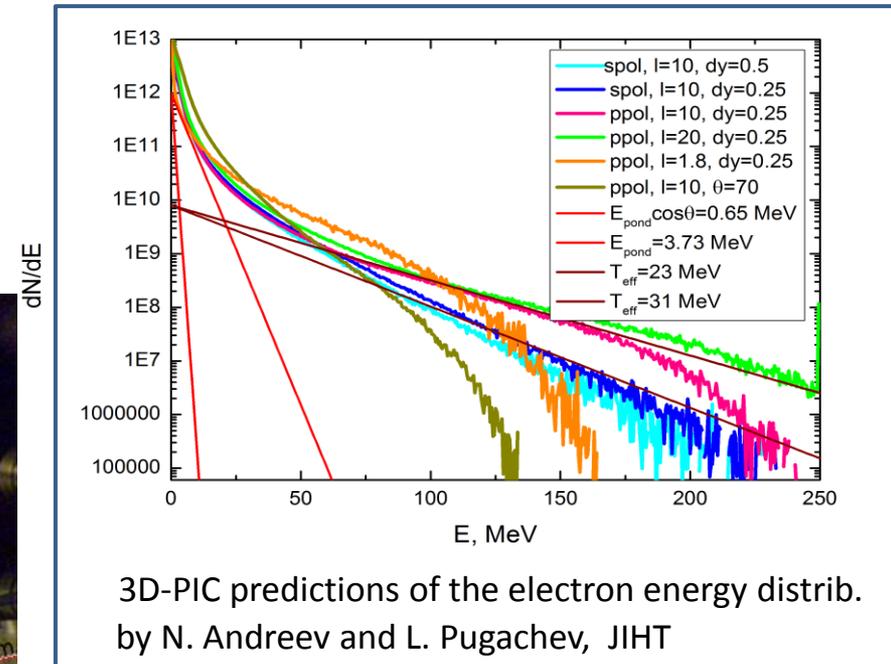
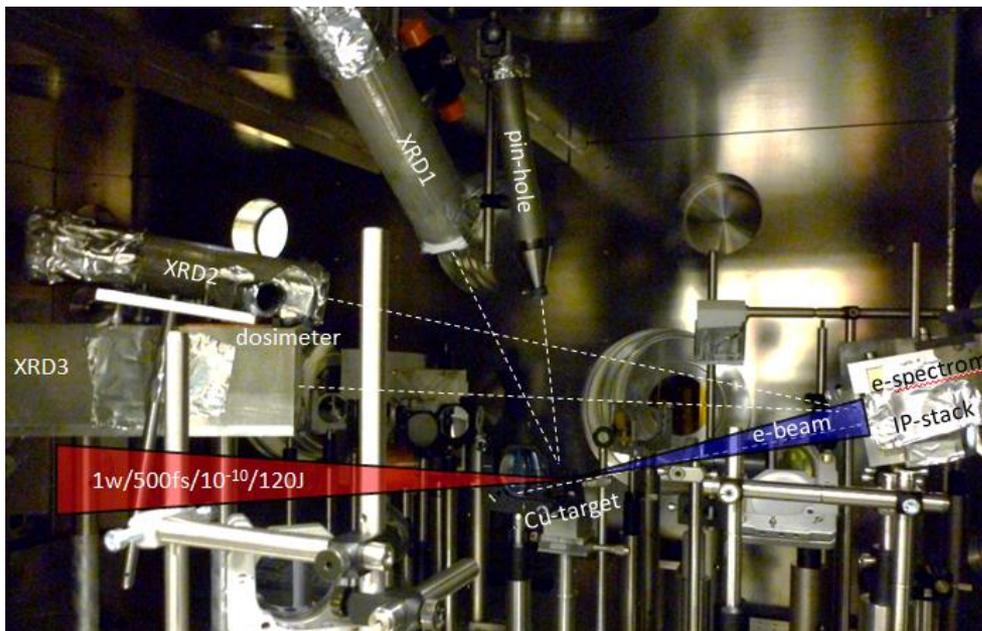
- laser accelerated electron beams for radiographic applications
mechanism of target surface (guided) e₋ acceleration (TSE)



Laser driven electron acceleration (TSE)

GSI, Jan.2014

Generation of the highly collimated energetic Target Surface Electron beam with nC-charge in the ultra intense laser system.



Radiographic image of high areal density object by hard x-rays caused by accelerated electrons

Laser driven electron acceleration (TSE)

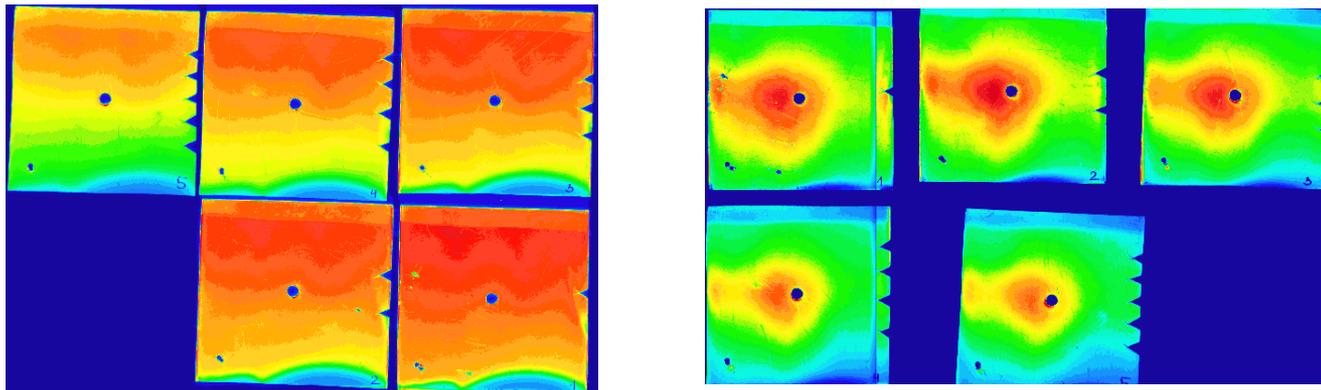
By changing the prepulse intensity ratio and laser incident angle, the spatial distribution and energy spectrum of the TSE beams are studied and optimized

Laser condition: $E=110-120$ J, $\varphi=20\times 25$ μm , $\text{time}=0.5$ ps, ns contrast: 10^{-10}

Prepulse ratio: 5×10^{-6} , time delay: 2.8ns

Laser incident angle: $72^\circ - 80^\circ$

Image Plate stacks: collimation of the e-beam



Experiment continuation- June 2015

FAIR-relevant experiments at the PHELIX-laser

- **laser accelerated electrons for WDM generation**

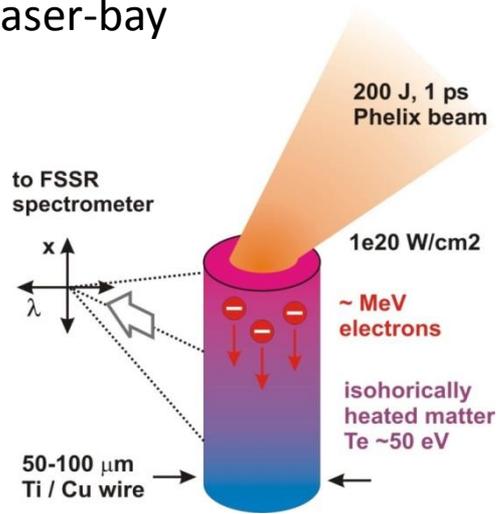
Laser accelerated electrons for WDM generation

June 2013

Laser: 1ω (1.056 μm); 500fs ; 120 J foc. in 6 μm , $I=10^{20}$ W/cm², ns-contrast 10^{-10}

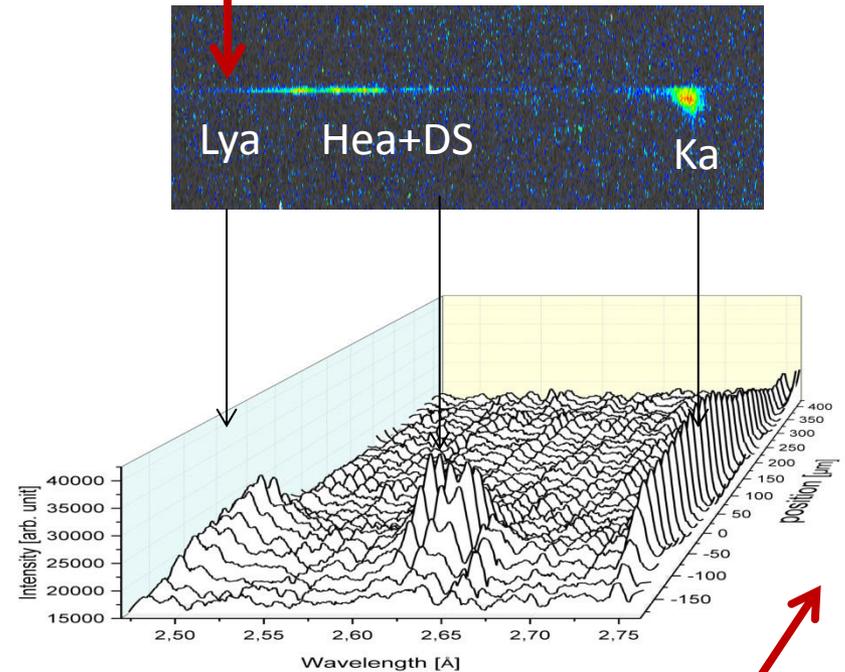
Target: d=50 μm l=2mm Ti-wire

area: laser-bay

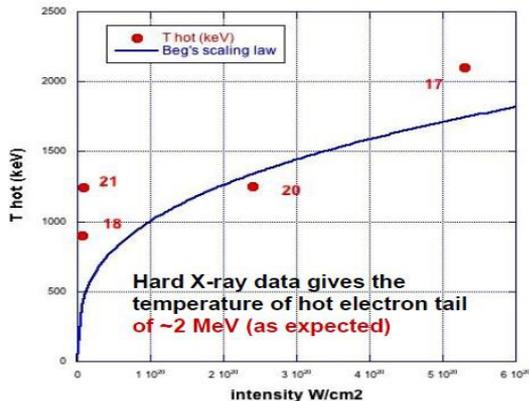


laser

Ti-spectrum

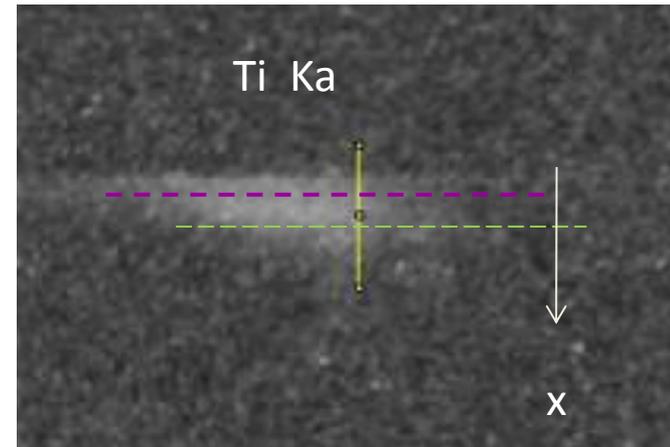
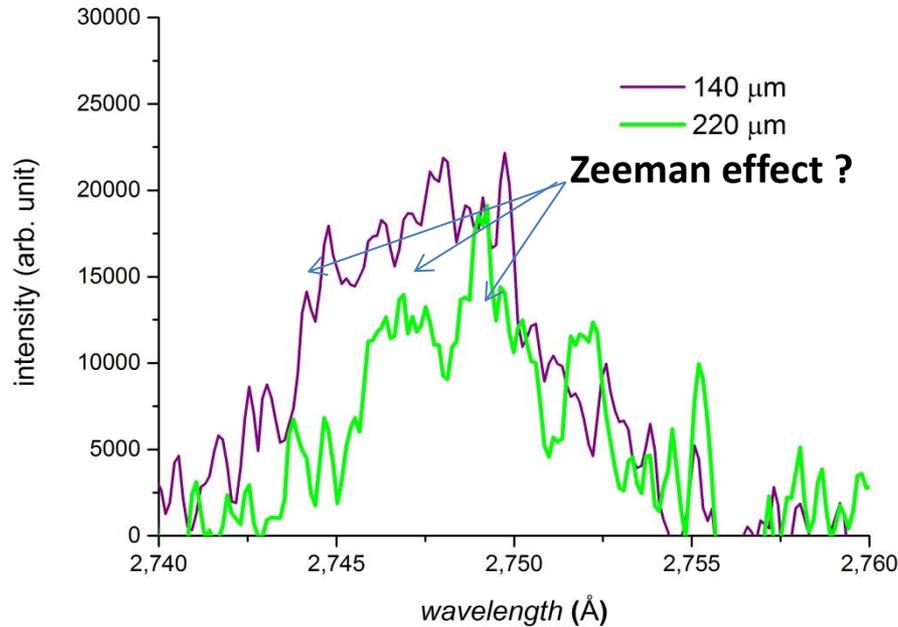


1- 2 Mev hot electron temperature

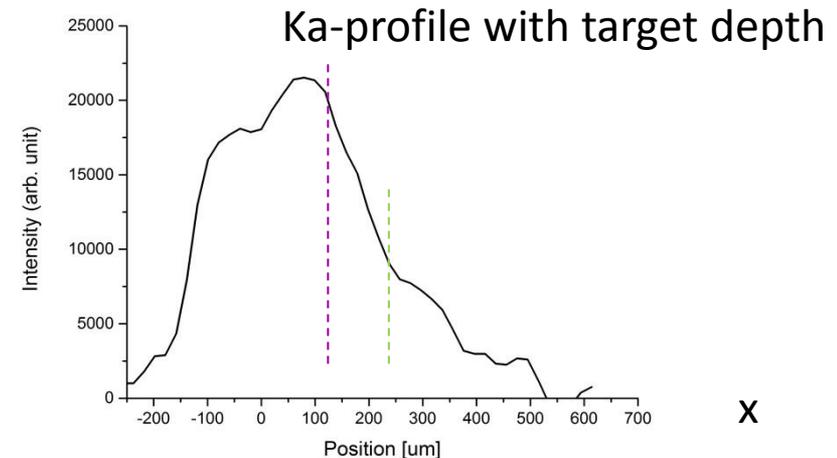


Laser accelerated electrons for WDM generation

- K-alpha broadening helps to infer on temperature profile of the wire(up to 30 eV)
- Ka triplet-structure indicates presence of high magnetic fields



- Penetration depth of electrons shorter then expected for cold target
 - Magnetic field (up to MGaus)
 - Ohmic barrier
 - Refluxing on target edge



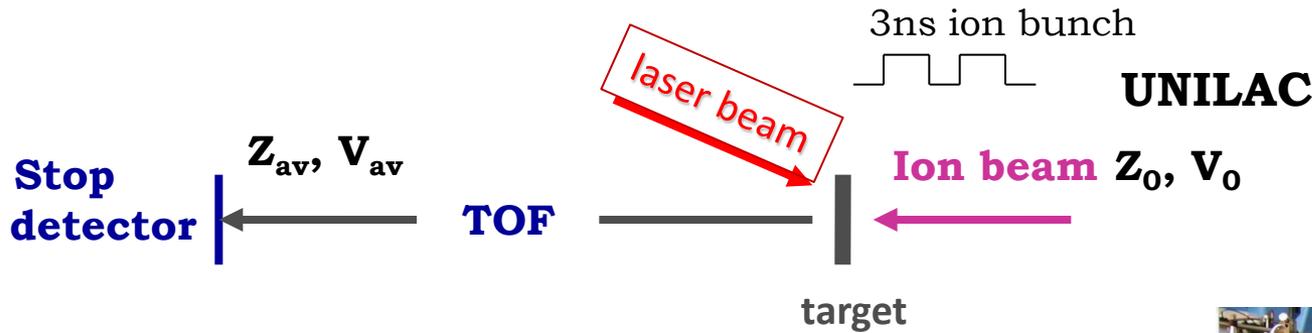
FAIR-relevant experiments at the PHELIX-laser

- **Ion stopping in non-ideal plasmas**

Heavy ion energy loss depends on target density (gas-solid effect) and target temperature (E-loss on plasma free electrons).

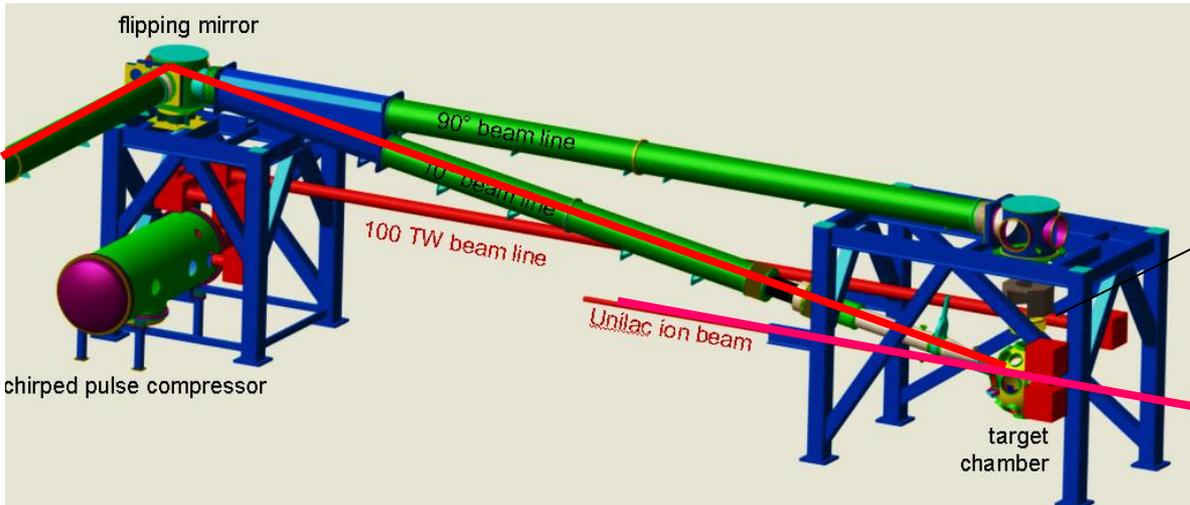
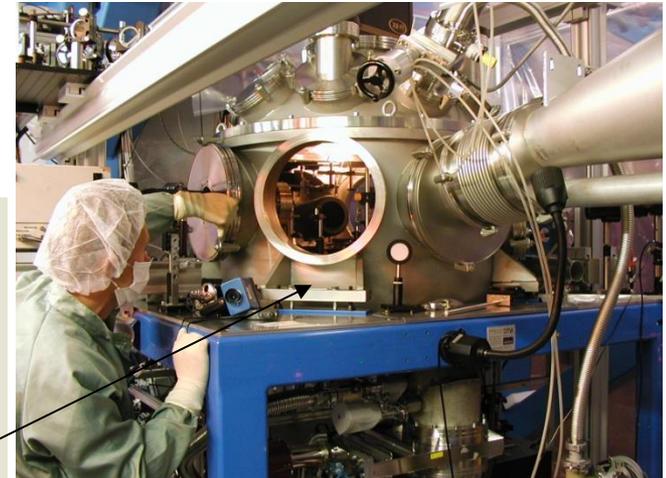
FAIR: during interaction Solid-Liquid-Gas-Plasma phase transitions

Interaction of heavy ions with ionized matter : **increased plasma stopping power**



Target chamber

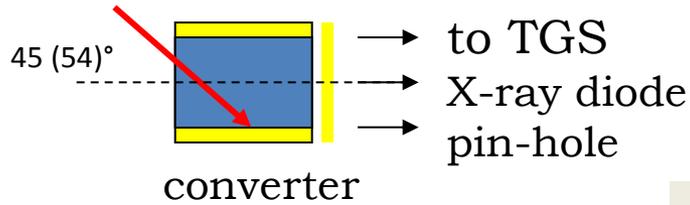
PHELIX-laser (Nd: glass) 1-10 ns, 0,532 um, 180J



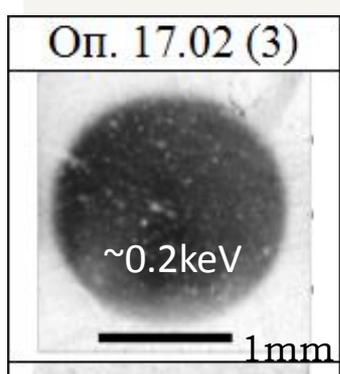
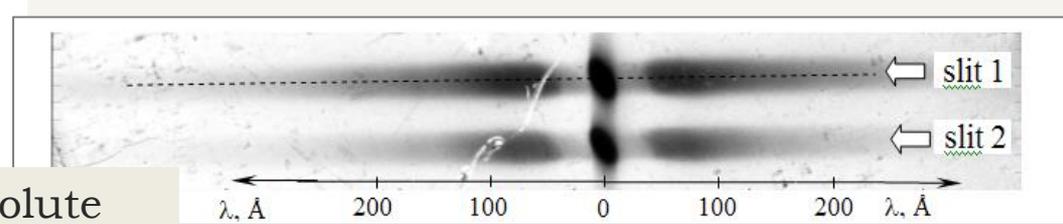
Heavy ion beam:
 $1 < Z < 92$, $E = 3 - 13$ MeV/u,
RFQ: 108/36 MHz

Diagnostics of the converter radiation field

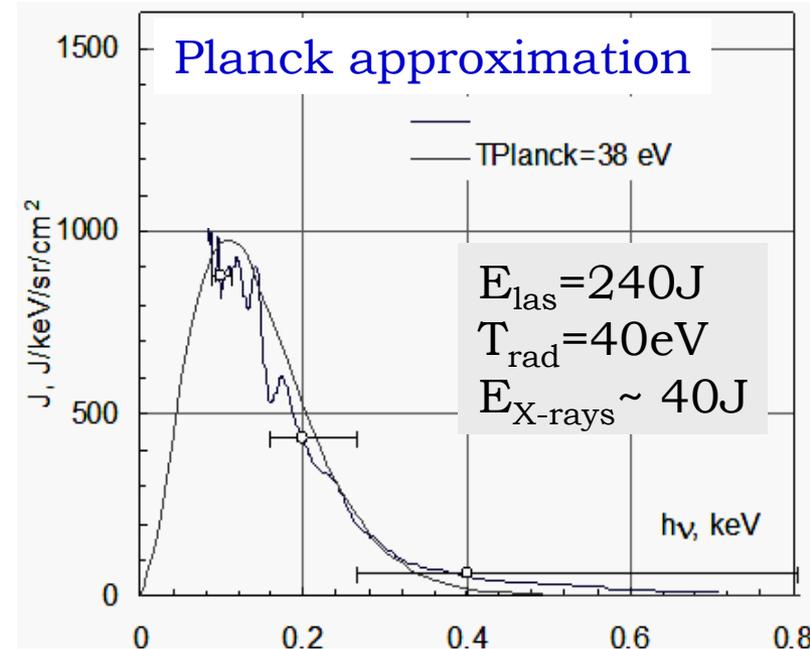
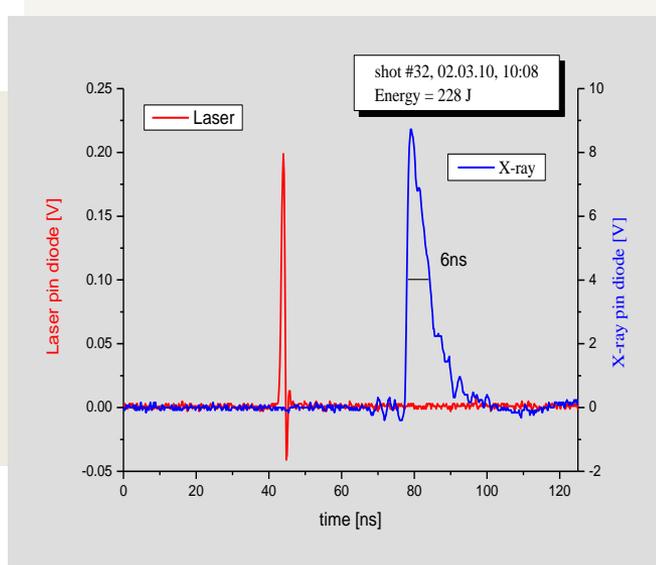
Laser
~250J, 1.4 ns



Transmission Grating Spectrometer



Soft X-ray signal ~ 6ns
(laser pulse-1.4ns)



pin-hole image
of the hohlraum
in 0.2-0.28 keV

Theoretical support on all stages of experiment

Theoretical support is crucial on all stages of experiment:
starting with project design up to evaluation of obtained results!

Galina Vergunova (LPI) : 1D HD with radiation transport in diffusion approximation (code RALEF)

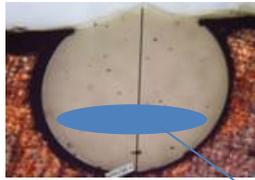
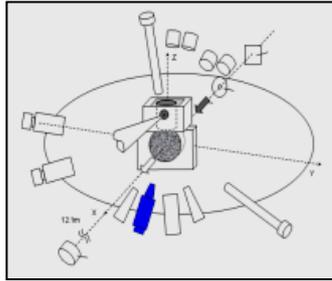
Nikolay Orlov (JIHT): opacity in warm dense plasmas (not available) for specific material composition (C₁₂H₁₆O₈)

M. Basko, V. Novikov, A. Grushin (IMP, Keldish): 2D HD with real radiation transport (code RALEF II)

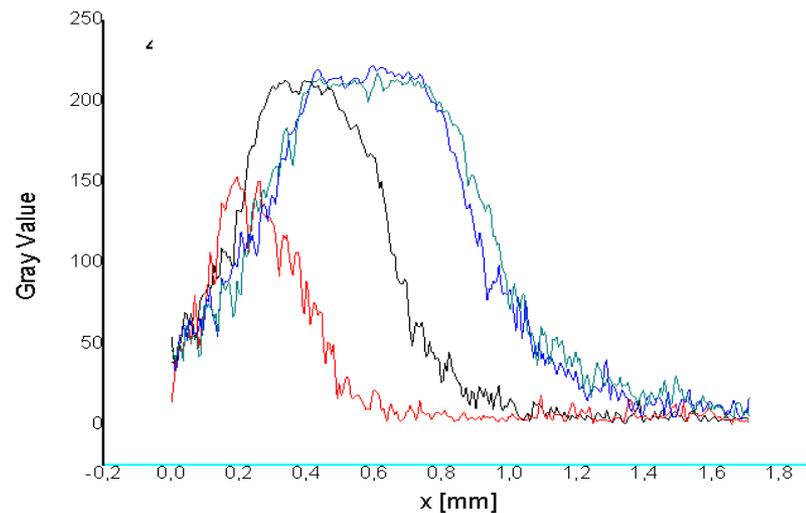
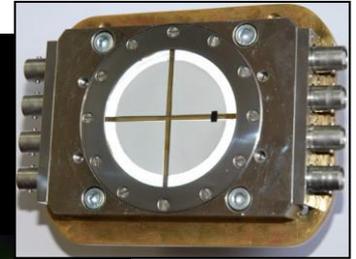
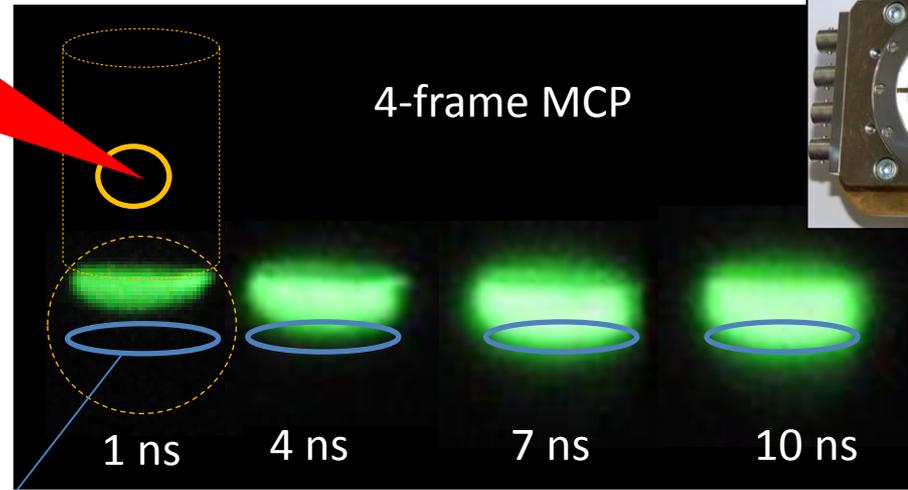
talk Orlov N. Yu. et al: Theoretical and experimental studies of radiative and gas dynamic properties of substances at high energy density in matter.

Supersonic radiation heat waves in plasma

time resolved pin-hole image



ion beam position



*supersonic
heat wave velocity*

$$V \sim \frac{T^5}{\rho \sim \text{const}}$$

$$V(1 \text{ ns}) = 1.2 \cdot 10^7 \text{ cm/s} \rightarrow T \sim 25 \text{ eV}$$

$$V(4 \text{ ns}) = 8.3 \cdot 10^6 \text{ cm/s} \rightarrow T \sim 23 \text{ eV}$$

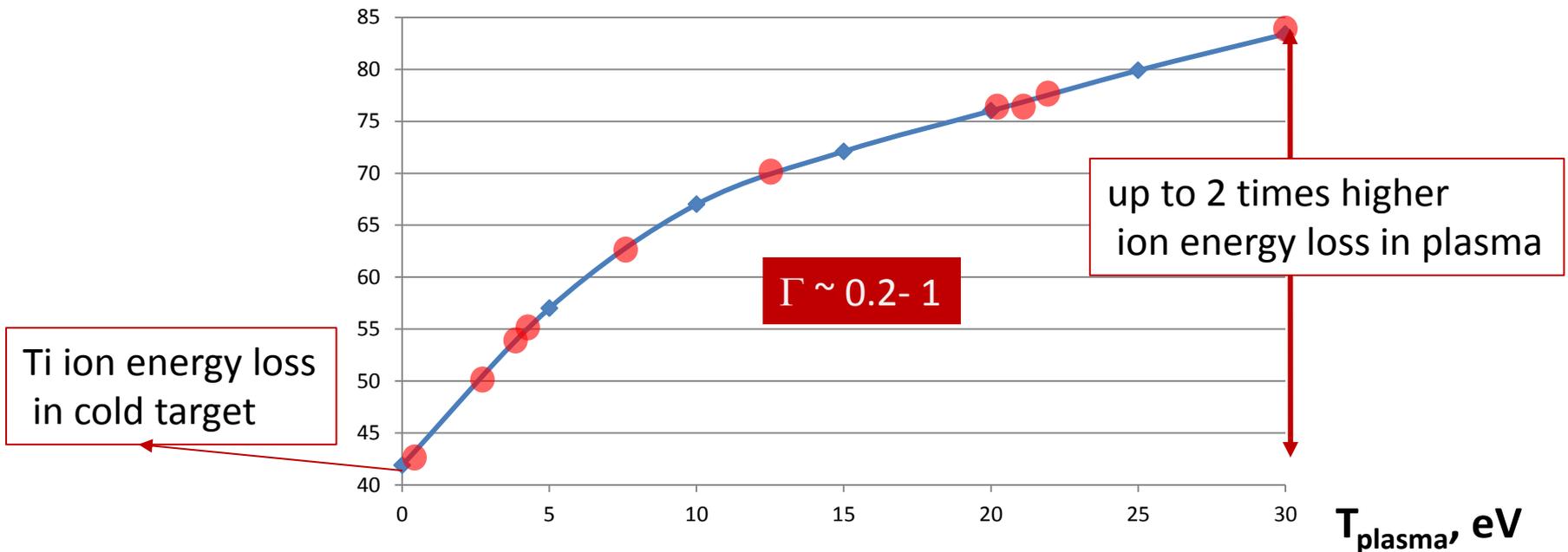
$$V(7 \text{ ns}) = 4.0 \cdot 10^6 \text{ cm/s} \rightarrow T \sim 20 \text{ eV}$$

$$V(10 \text{ ns}) = 1.4 \cdot 10^6 \text{ cm/s} \rightarrow T \sim 15 \text{ eV}$$

Ion stopping in dense plasmas

Energy loss of 240 MeV T-ion beam in C-plasma

stopping, MeV/cm



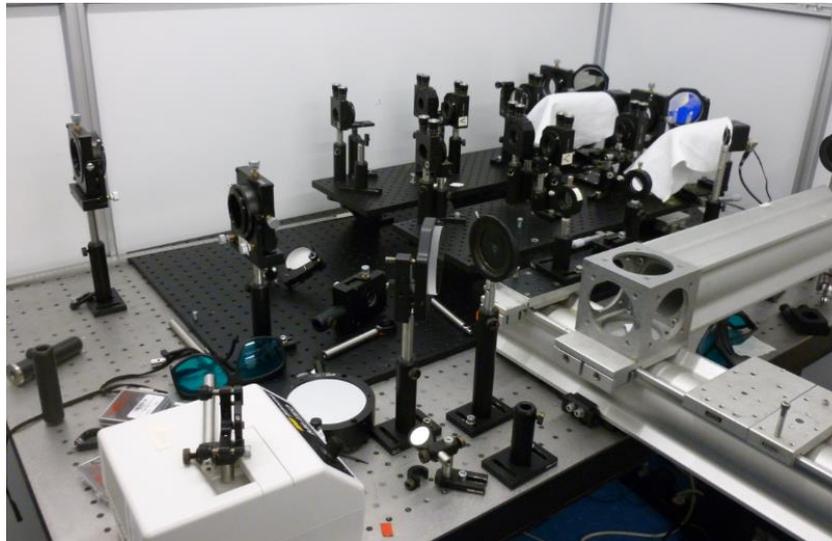
By varying the **delay between the laser and the ion pulse** we can probe **different plasma conditions**

simulations: T. Rienecker ; num. code M. Basko;

measurements: D. Msartsovenko, Sarov; R. Maeder, T. Rienecker, AP, Uni-Frankfurt

FAIR-relevant experiments at the PHELIX-laser

- Laser generated shocks for EOS



part of VISAR-system , GSI

Laser generated shocks for EOS

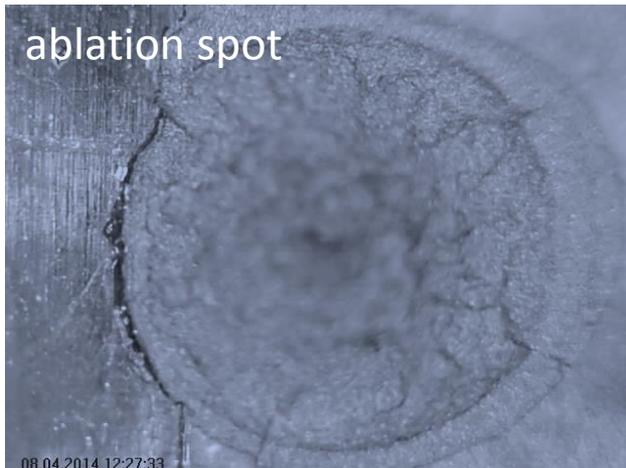
Laser: 2ω (0.530 μm); 1.2 ns ; 120 J, 0.5-1mm Phase plate, $I < 10^{14}$ W/cm²

Target: 0.1-2 mm thick plates of Al (standart) and novel Carbon composites

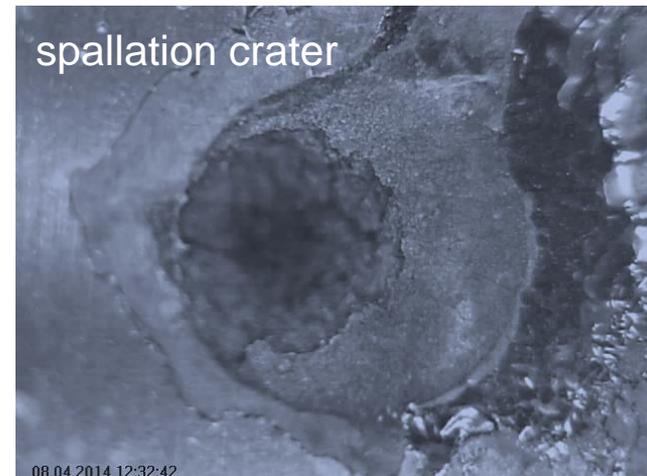
area: Z6

for these laser parametres in Carbon expected
max. presure up to 4 MBar, shock velocitites - up to 23 km/s

Images of ablation spots and spallation craters, obtained with an optical microscope (2mm thick Al plate, GSI), post shot diagnostic.



The front side of the target, irradiated by ns-laser pulse

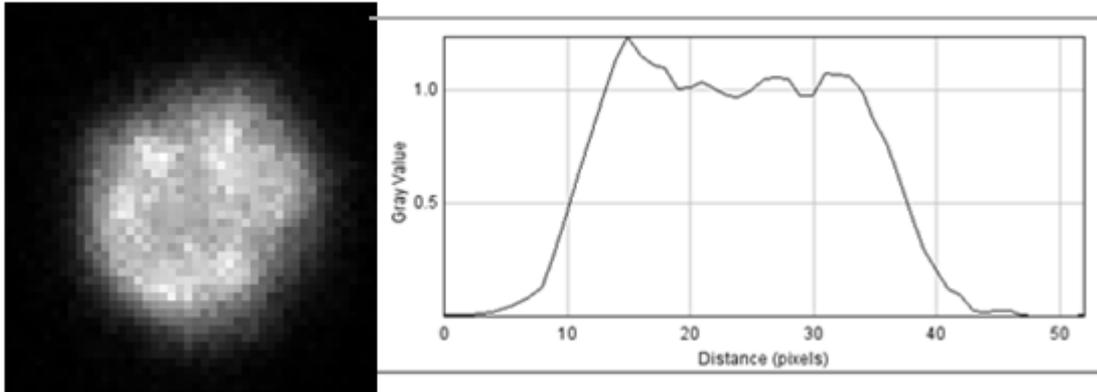


The rear side of the target: spallation crater.

talk: I. K. Krayuk et al, Study the dynamic tensile strength of graphite in stress produced by nanosecond and picosecond laser pulses

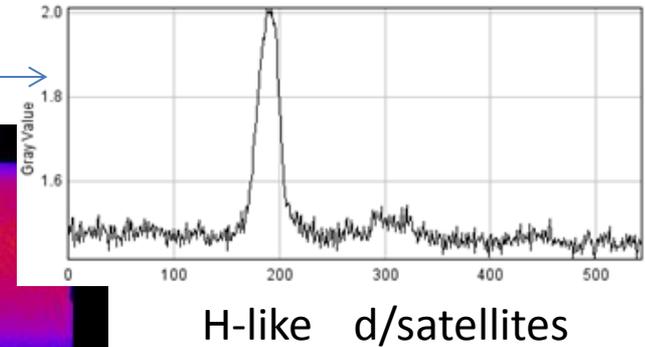
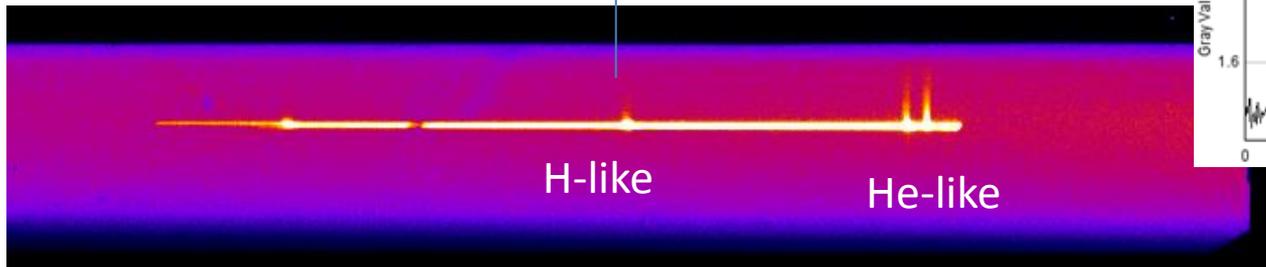
Front diagnostics in laser driven shock experiments

X-ray pin-hole image of the plasma radiation-reflects laser intensity distribution



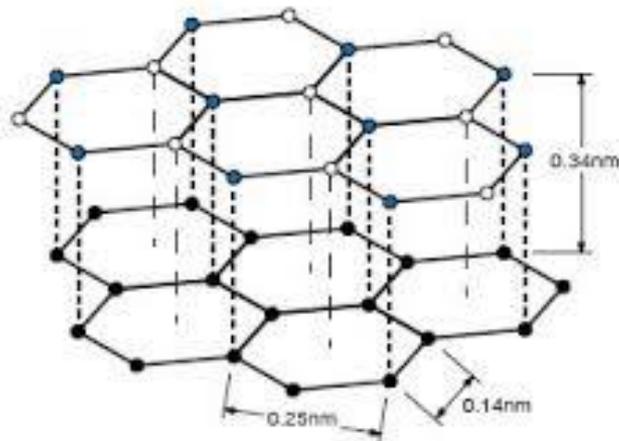
FSSR time integrated spatially resolved X-ray spectrum of H-andd He-like Al

front: $T_e = 350 - 400\text{eV}$



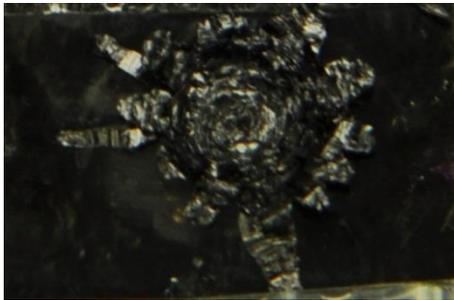
HOPG

Highly Oriented Pyrolytic Graphite

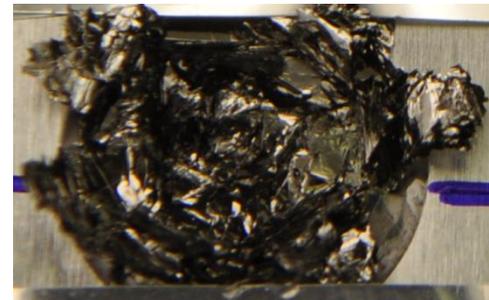


- Hexagonal crystalline structure
- Low Mosaicity
- density 2.27 g/cm³

Front side crater

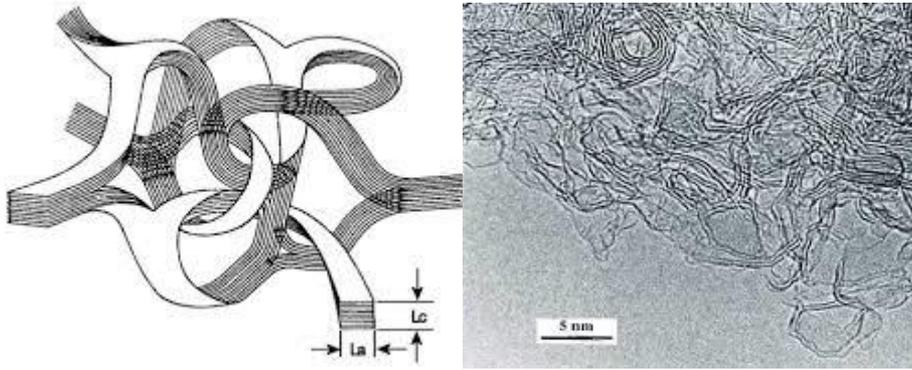


Back side crater



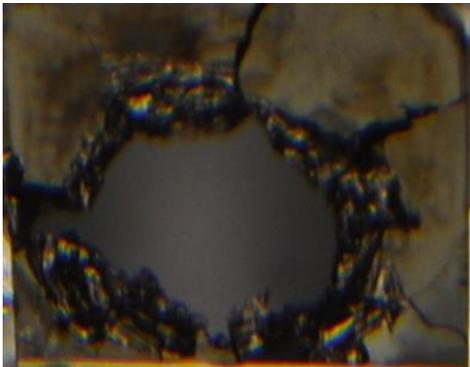
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Glassy Carbon

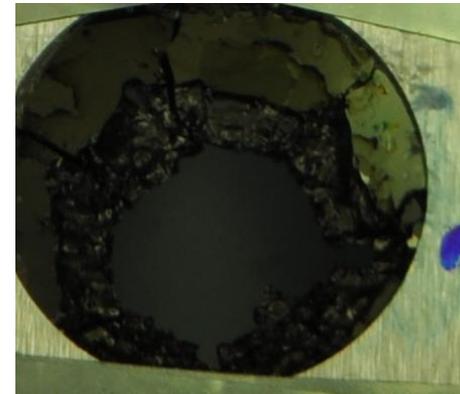


- a non-graphitizing [carbon](#) which combines glassy and [ceramic](#) properties with those of [graphite](#)
- - density 1.42 g/cm^3

Front side crater



Back side crater



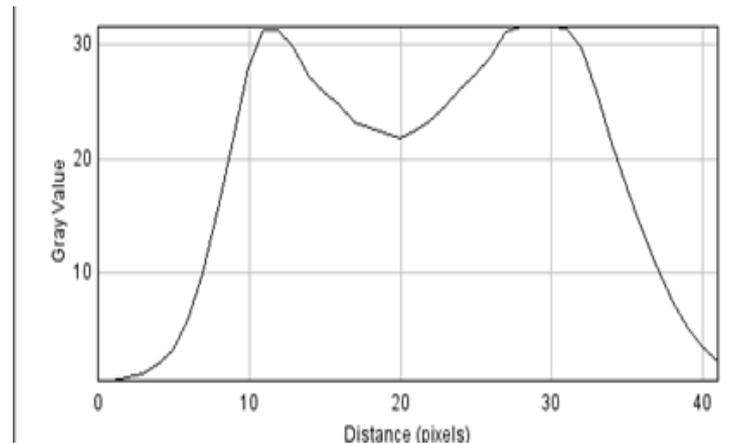
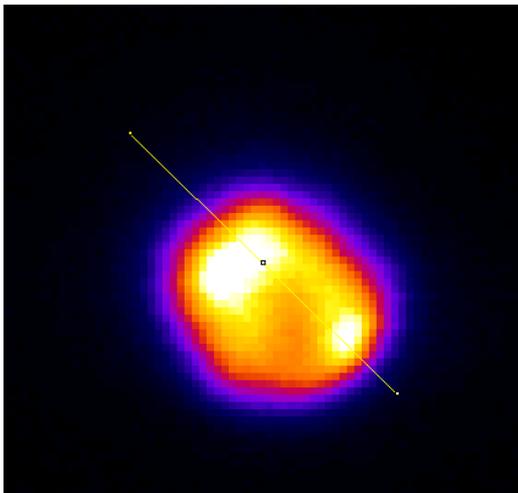
Importance of the laser energy distribution for planar shock generation

spallations on the rear side of 300um Al plate after 120J laser shot



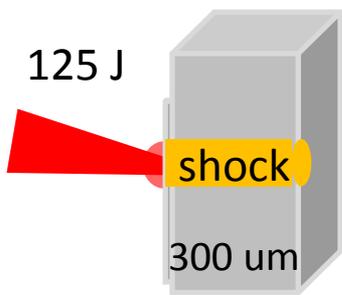
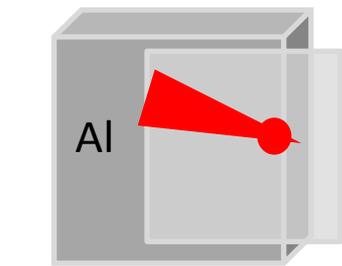
shot 18, November 2014

X-ray pin-hole image ($>500\text{eV}$) of the from plasma radiation and its profile

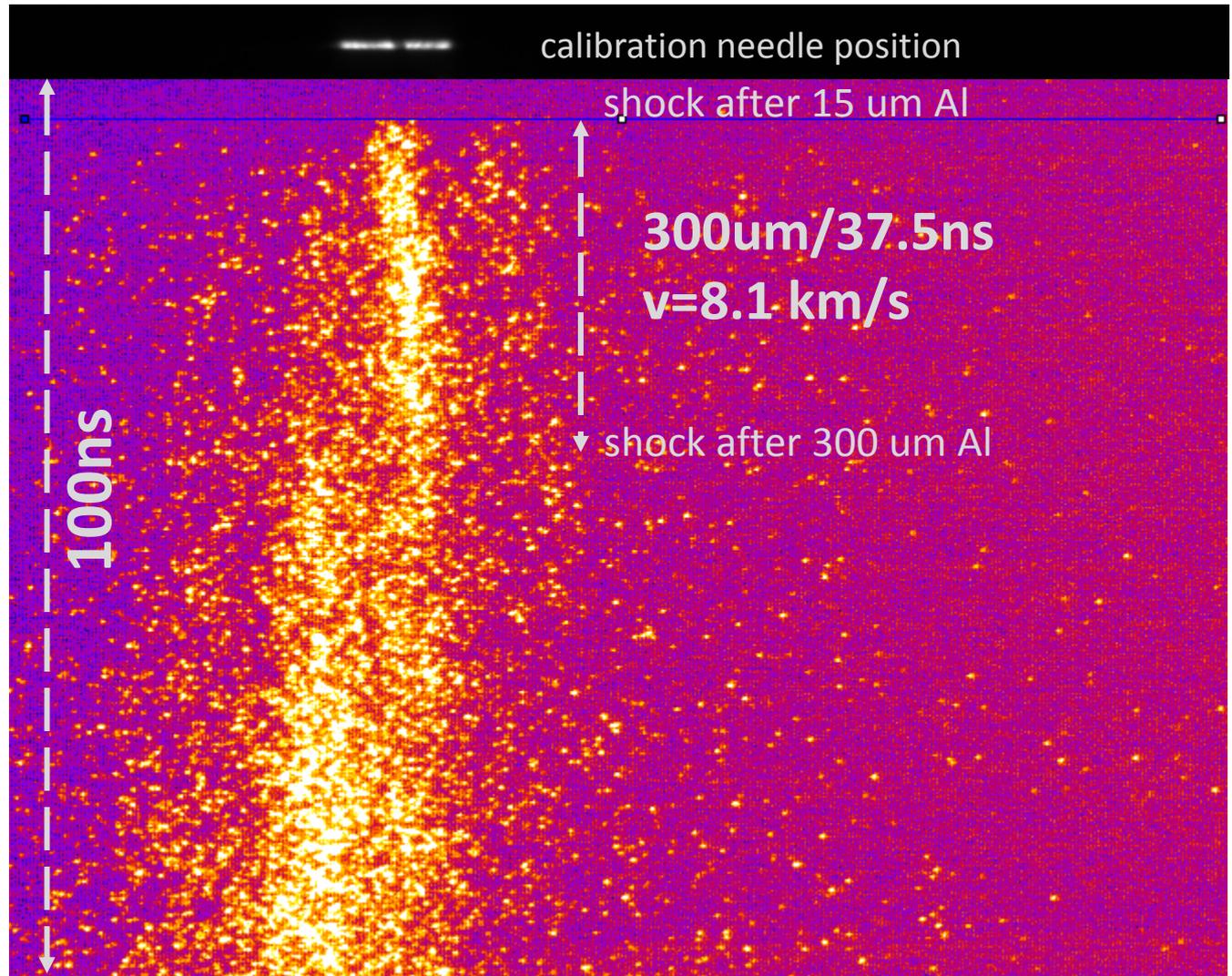


Laser driven shock waves in Al plate

results of Streak Optical Pyrometry (SOP), Feb. 2014



optical streak of the target rear side radiation with temp. of some eVs.



Laser driven shock waves

Important to continue this type of experiments with ns laser pulse:

1. EOS - physics
2. creation of WDM on the rear target side with interesting properties
3. working out of FAIR-relevant diagnostics (VISAR, SOP, etc.)

Working moments

Preparation of the laser-shot



shot



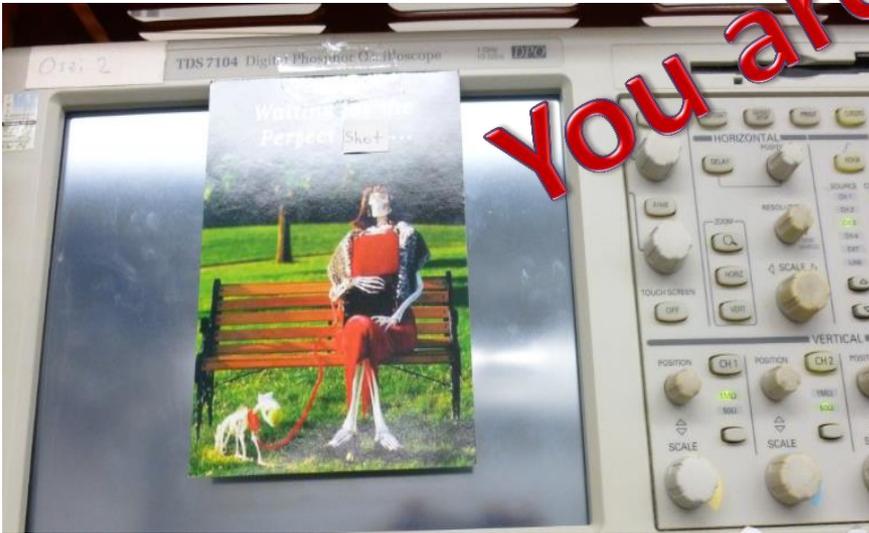
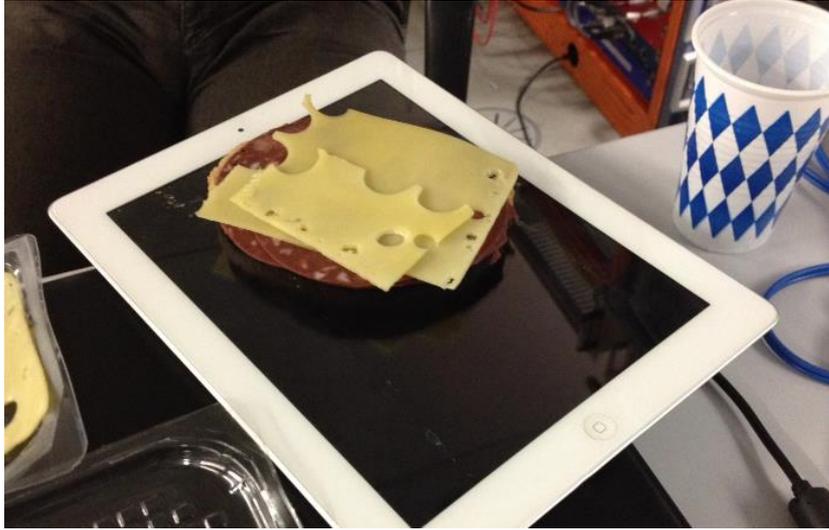
ITEP and MIPhI young generation



Daily discussion of results and problems



Working moments and fun



You are



waiting for the perfect shot