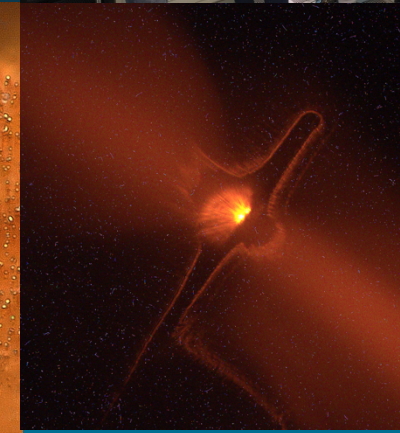
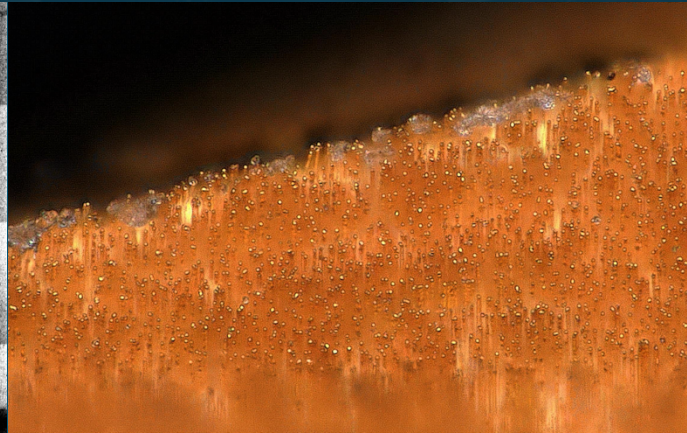
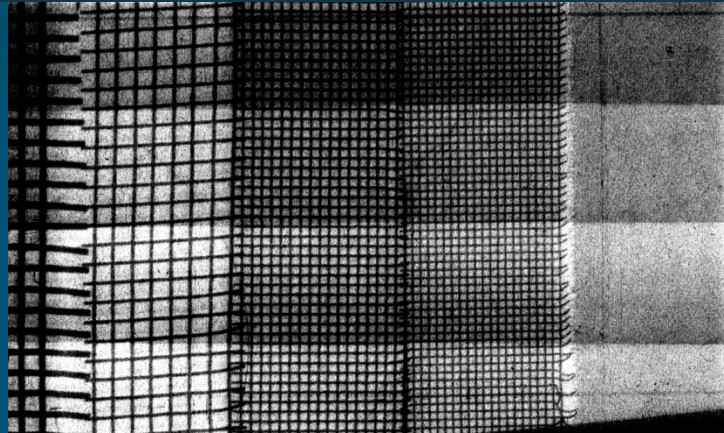
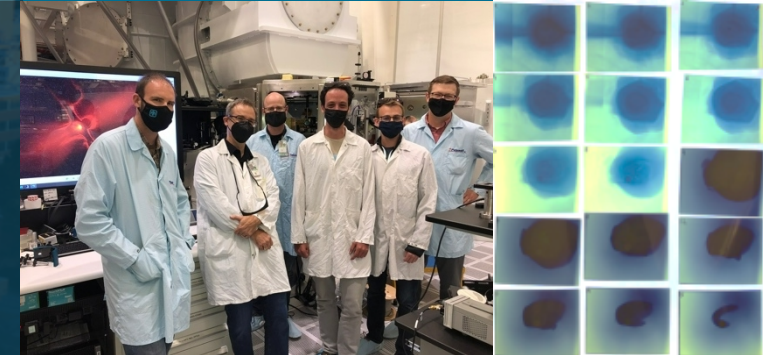




September 2021 Chama Campaign: TNSA and K_α x-ray radiography

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- Results from campaign

Z-Petawatt in Chama



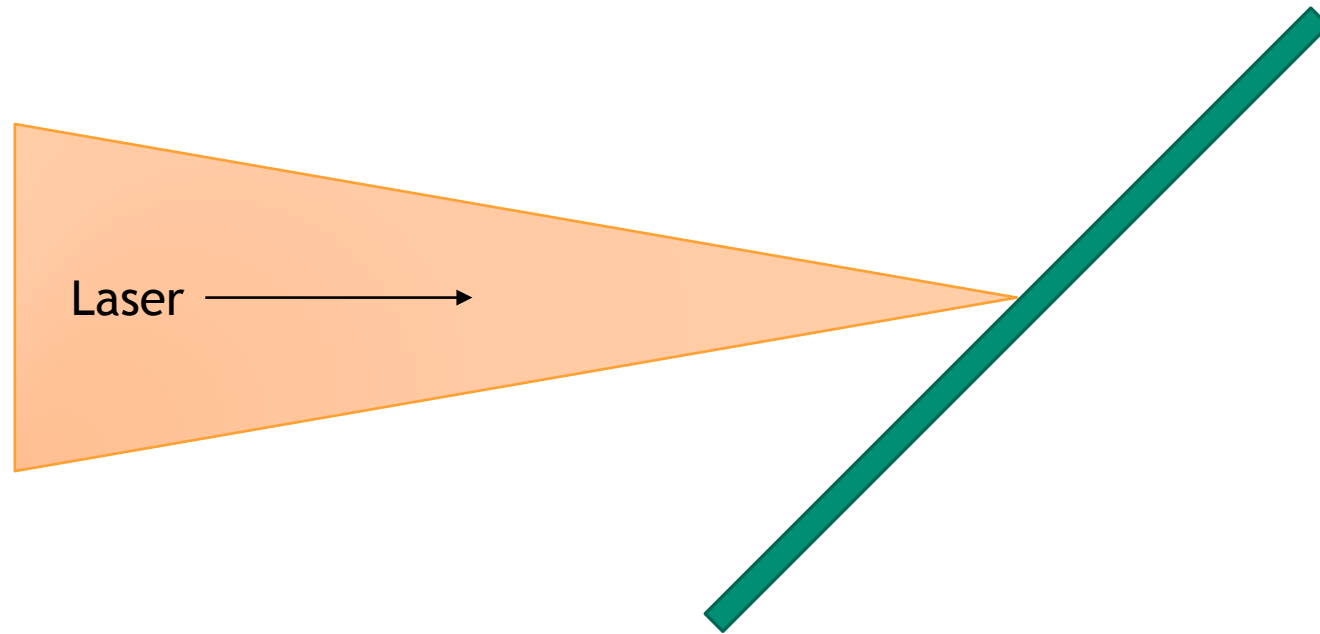
- The Z-Petawatt full-aperture upgrade was completed in FY20, with the first Chama target shot performed in September 2020.
- Commissioning and continuous improvements have been performed in tandem with Chama applications experiments:
 - LDRD (sacrificial mirrors)
 - Target Normal Sheath Acceleration (TNSA) & -ray generation
- Part of commissioning involved benchmarking Z-Petawatt's capabilities against those of similar laser facilities.

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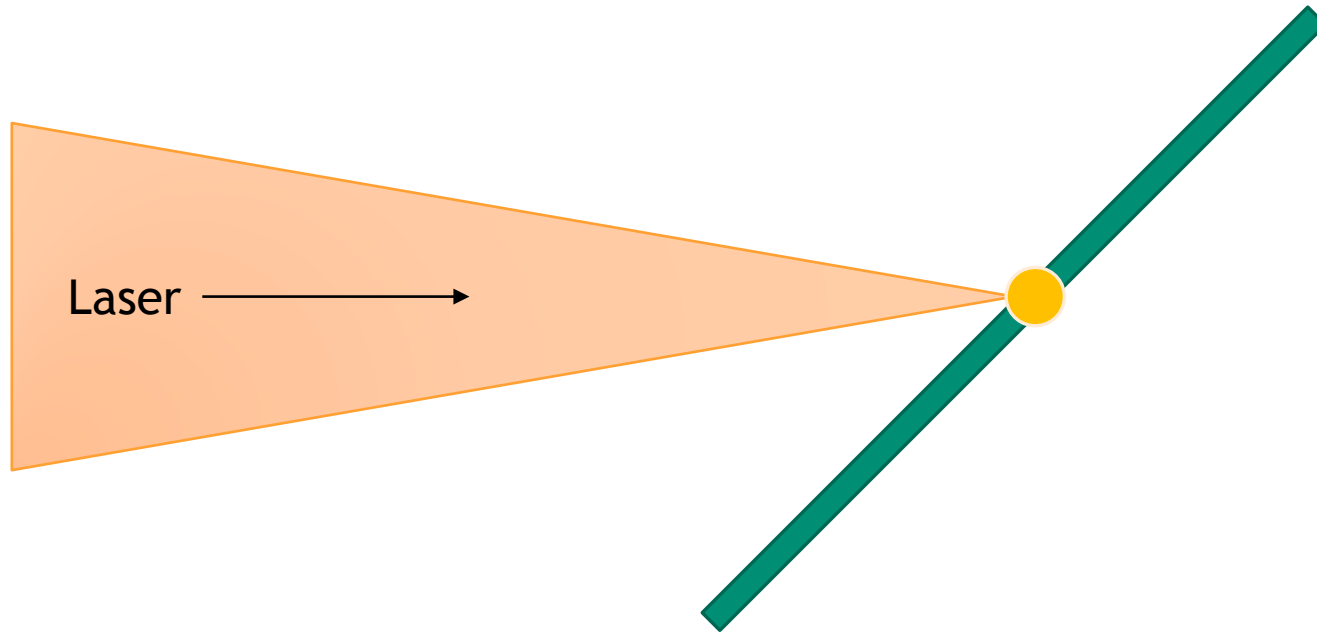
	TITAN [†]	ARC [†]	ZPW
Maximum Intensity (W/cm ²)	10 ²⁰	10 ¹⁸	~few 10 ¹⁹ (upgrade: 10 ²⁰ -10 ²¹)
Focal Spot FWHM (μm)	10	50-80	20-50 (upgrade: 7-15)
Energy (J)	150	650	285 demonstrated (up to 420)
Pulse Length (ps)	0.6	10	~2 (upgrade: 0.6)
f/#	3	30-60	4-6
Shot Rate	~10x/day	~2x/day	~2x/day

“upgrade” refers to implementing a pre-corrector for chromatism in large lenses (planned for FY22)

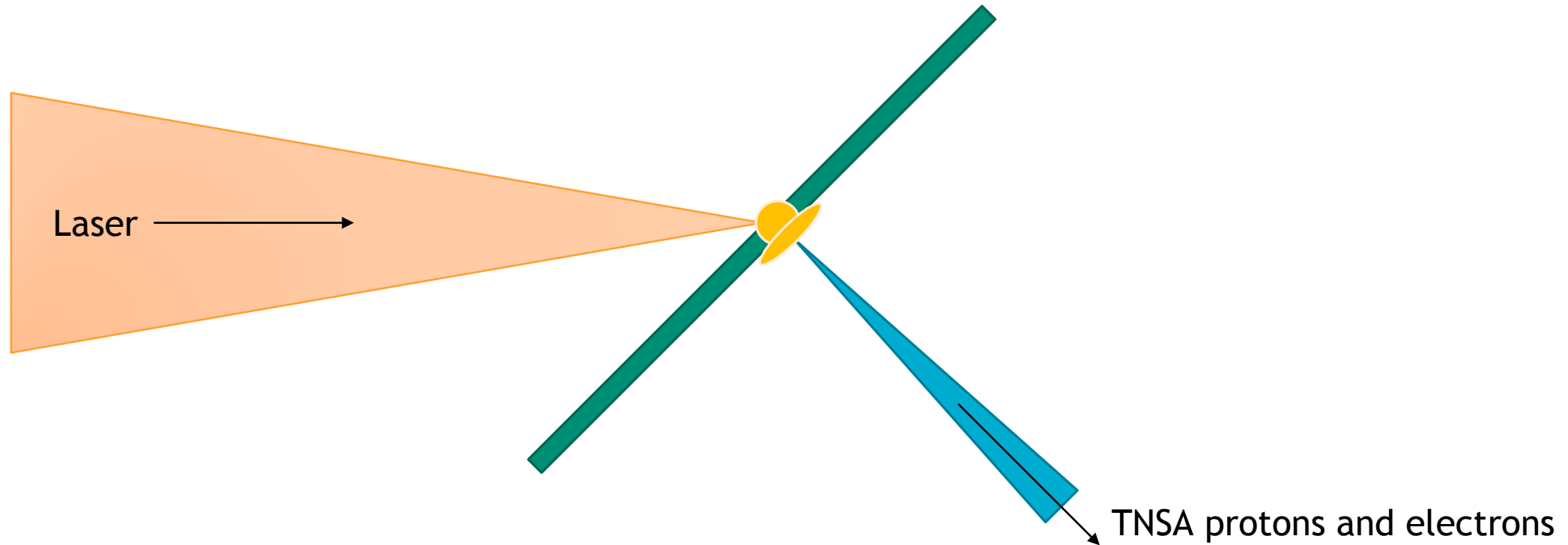
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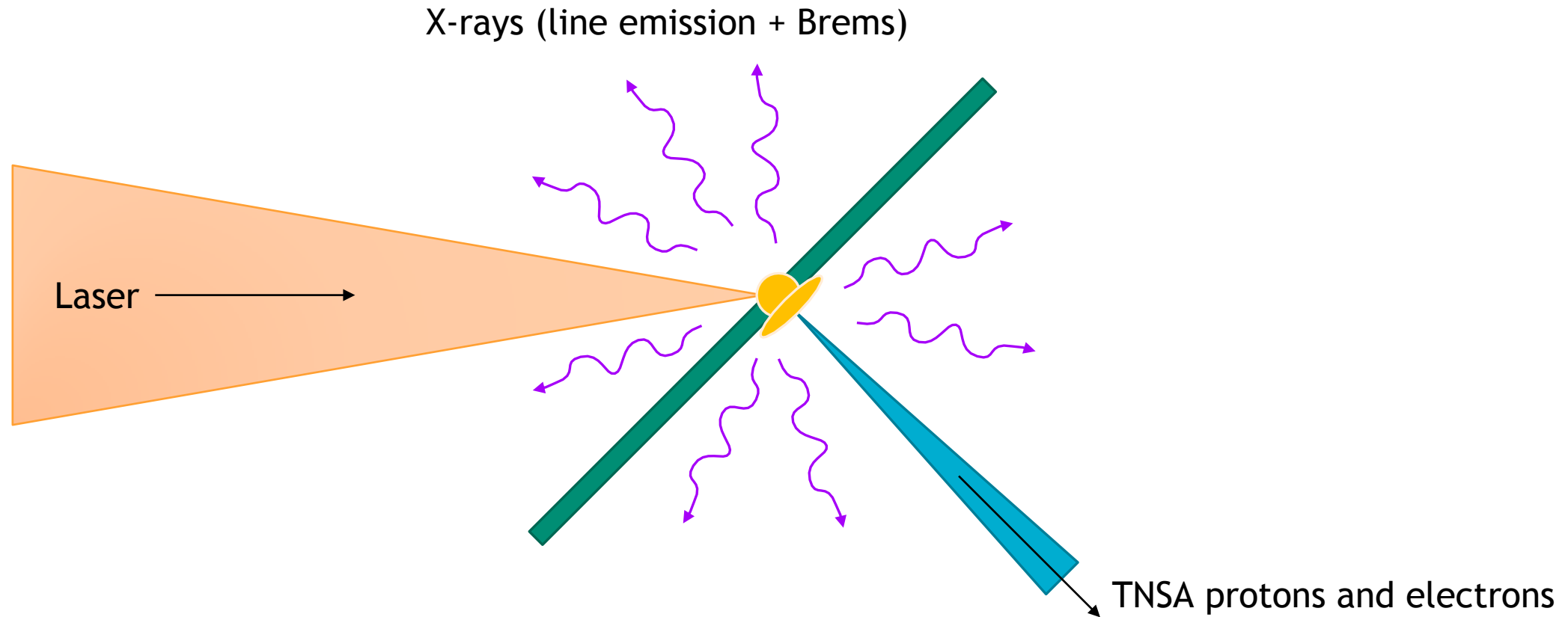
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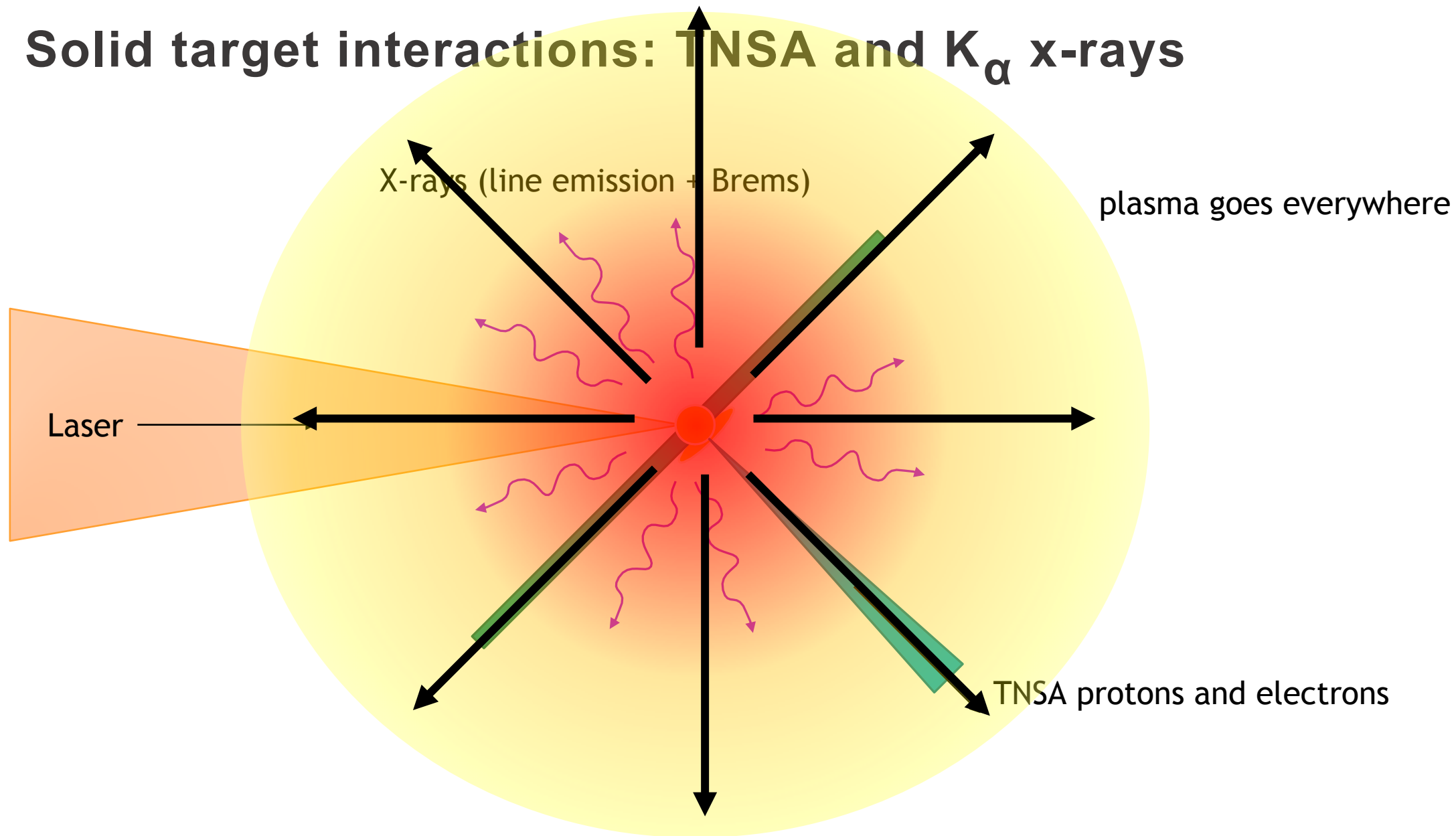
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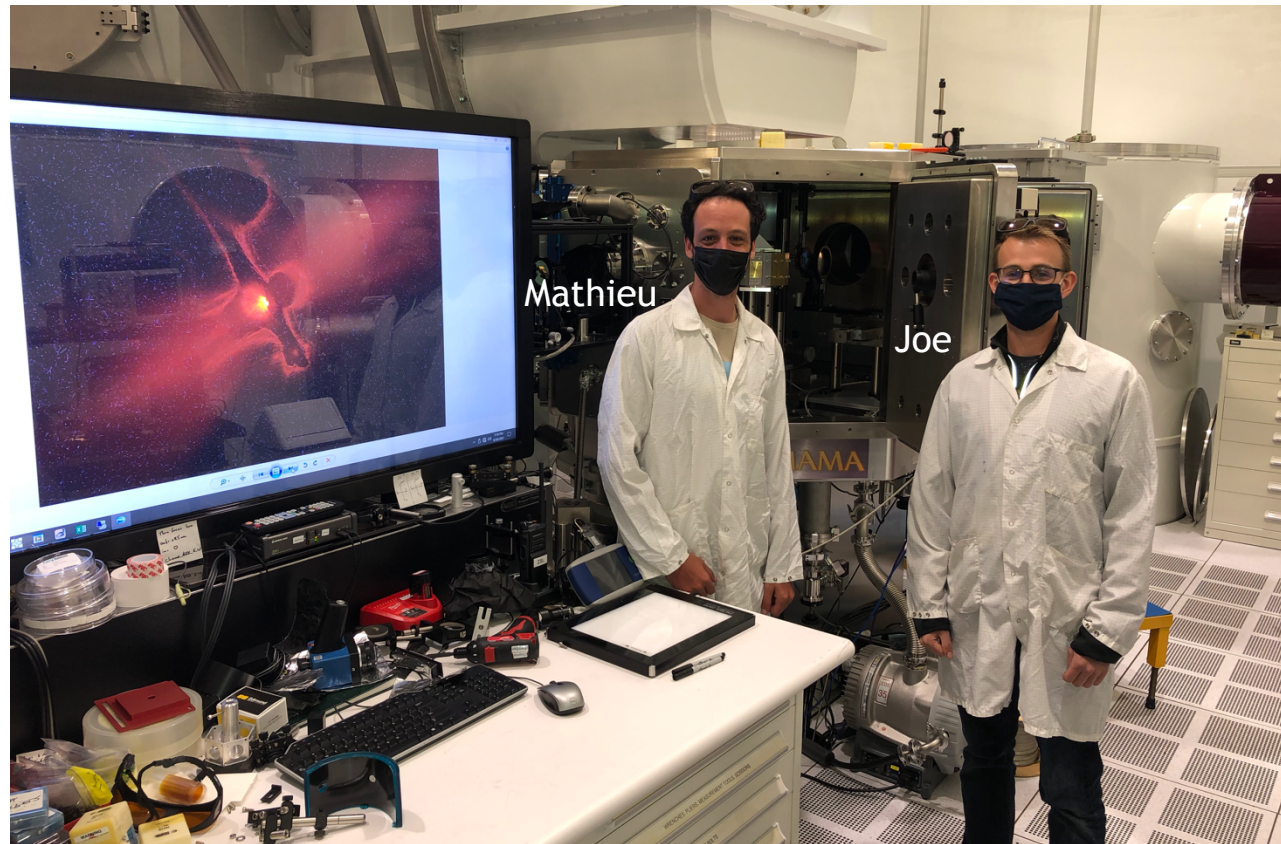
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Collaboration with UCSD



- Joe Strehlow and Mathieu Bailly-Grandvaux visited from Farhat Beg's group at UCSD, supported by CMEC.
- They have strong experience performing TNSA experiments at user facilities with a variety of targets and laser drivers.
- The collaboration was immensely useful with regard to shot planning, setup, interpretations, and calibrated RCF analysis.



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Campaign goals:

1. Operations:
 - a. Continue commissioning of Z-Petawatt in Chama
 - b. Quantify on-target intensities achieved via TNSA protons
2. Radiography/diffraction:
 - a. Evaluate K_{α} x-ray brightness and source size (while increasing x-ray energies, compare to Marius' previous results)
 - b. Attempt radiography (use geometry relevant to Ultrafast X-ray Imagers (UXI)[†] on the Z-Machine)
 - c. PACMAN ride-alongs to evaluate backgrounds levels
3. Collaboration:
 - a. UCSD collaborators' primary interest was TNSA driven by different laser conditions
 - b. Micro/nano-structured targets for enhanced energy coupling

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- Repeat Cu shots from prior Chama campaigns (reproducibility)
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[†]L. Claus, Proc. SPIE 10390, 103900A

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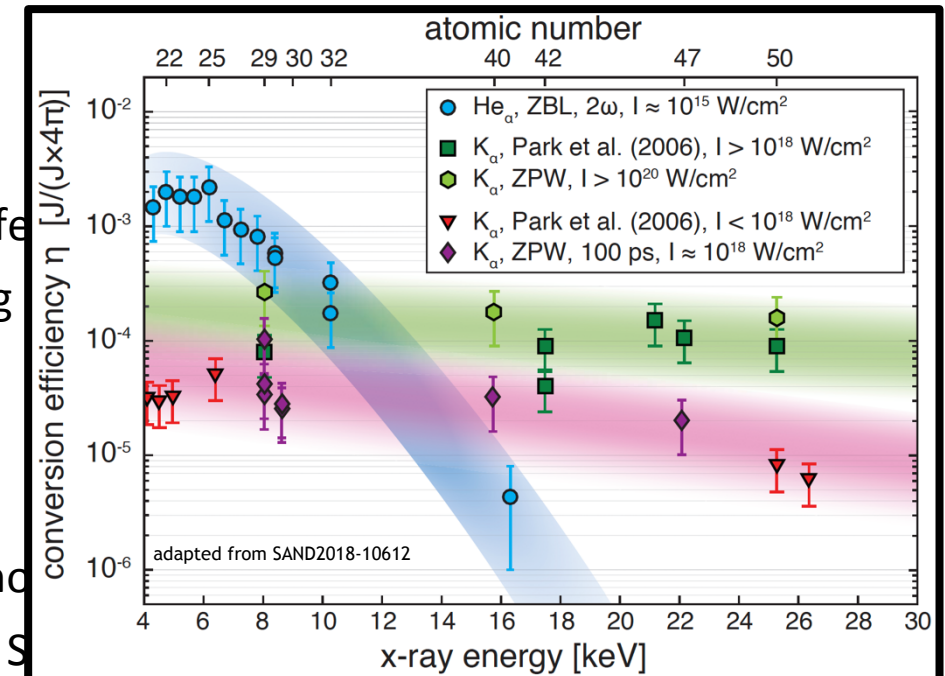
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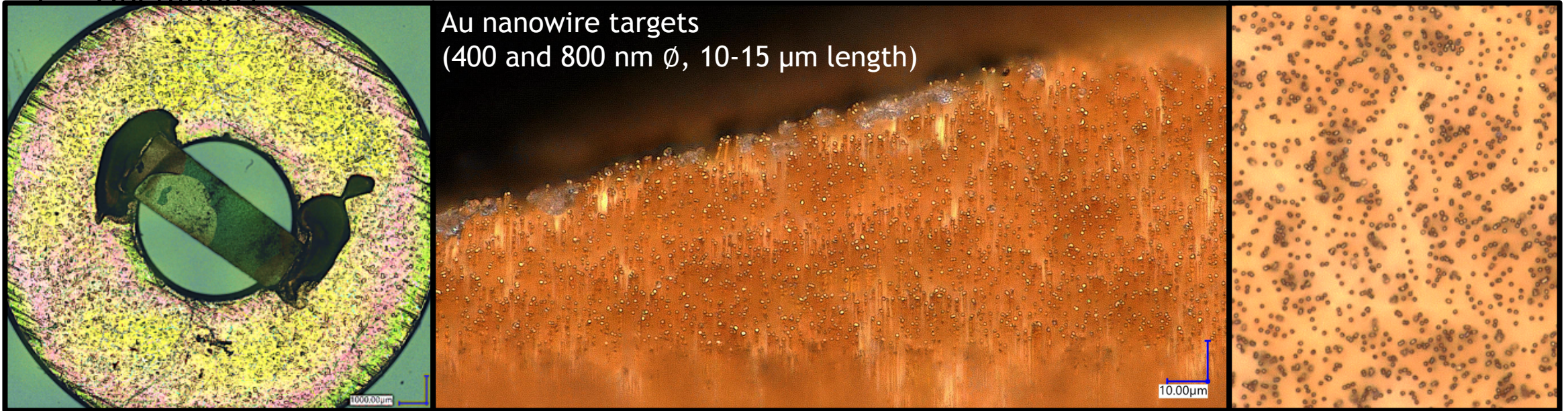
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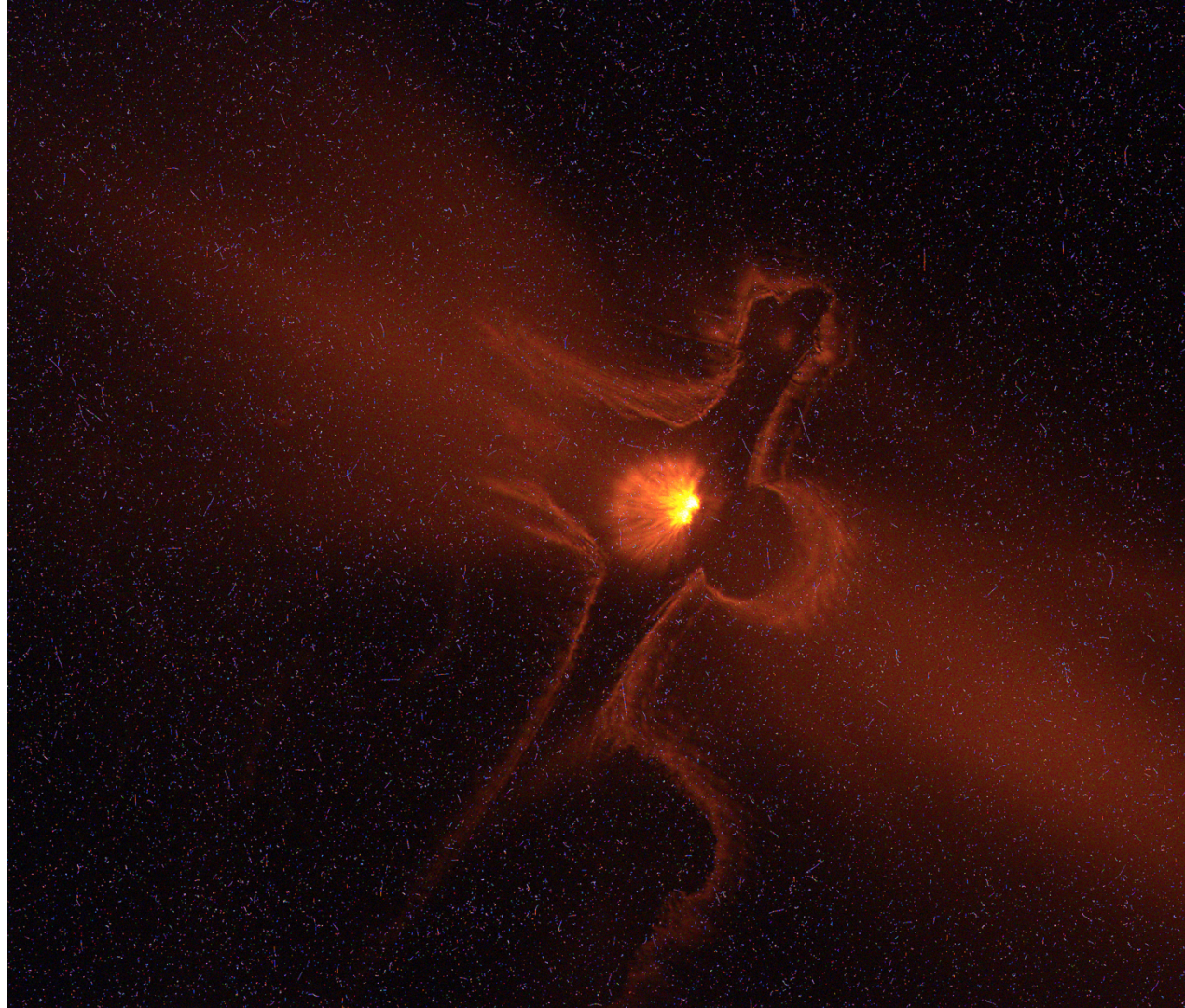


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B21092303	25μm Zr	260.3	38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Repeat shot for statistics
B21092309	25μm Mo	232.5	31.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transitioned to Mo target, looking for 17.4 keV x-rays
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B21092911	25μm Zr	234.6	29.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transitioned to Zr target for 15.7 keV radiography ➤ Added 1cm polycarbonate before mesh to stop electrons (15.7 keV x-rays will transmit)
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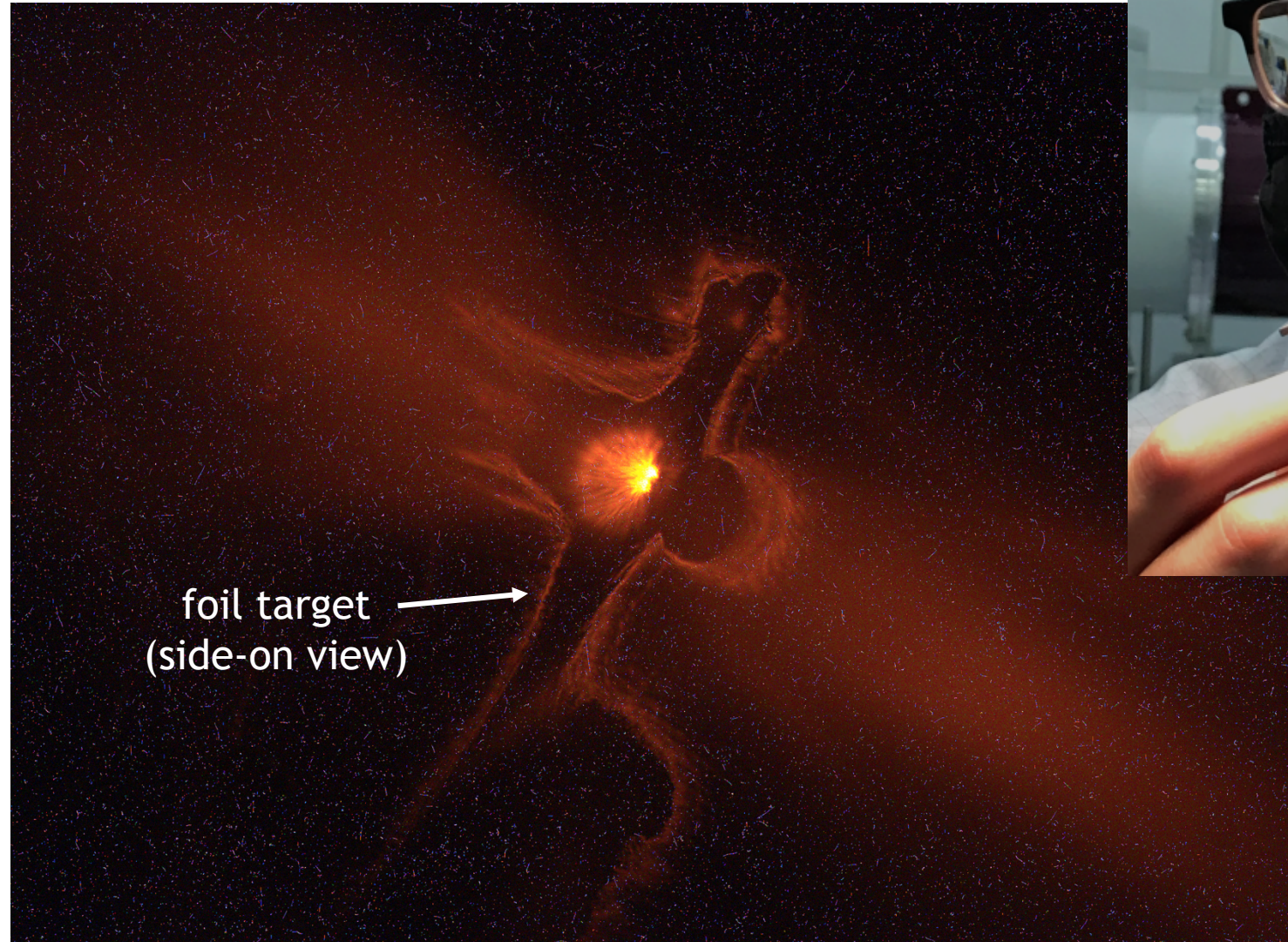
Results from campaign

Quick look at the Schlieren imaging diagnostic:



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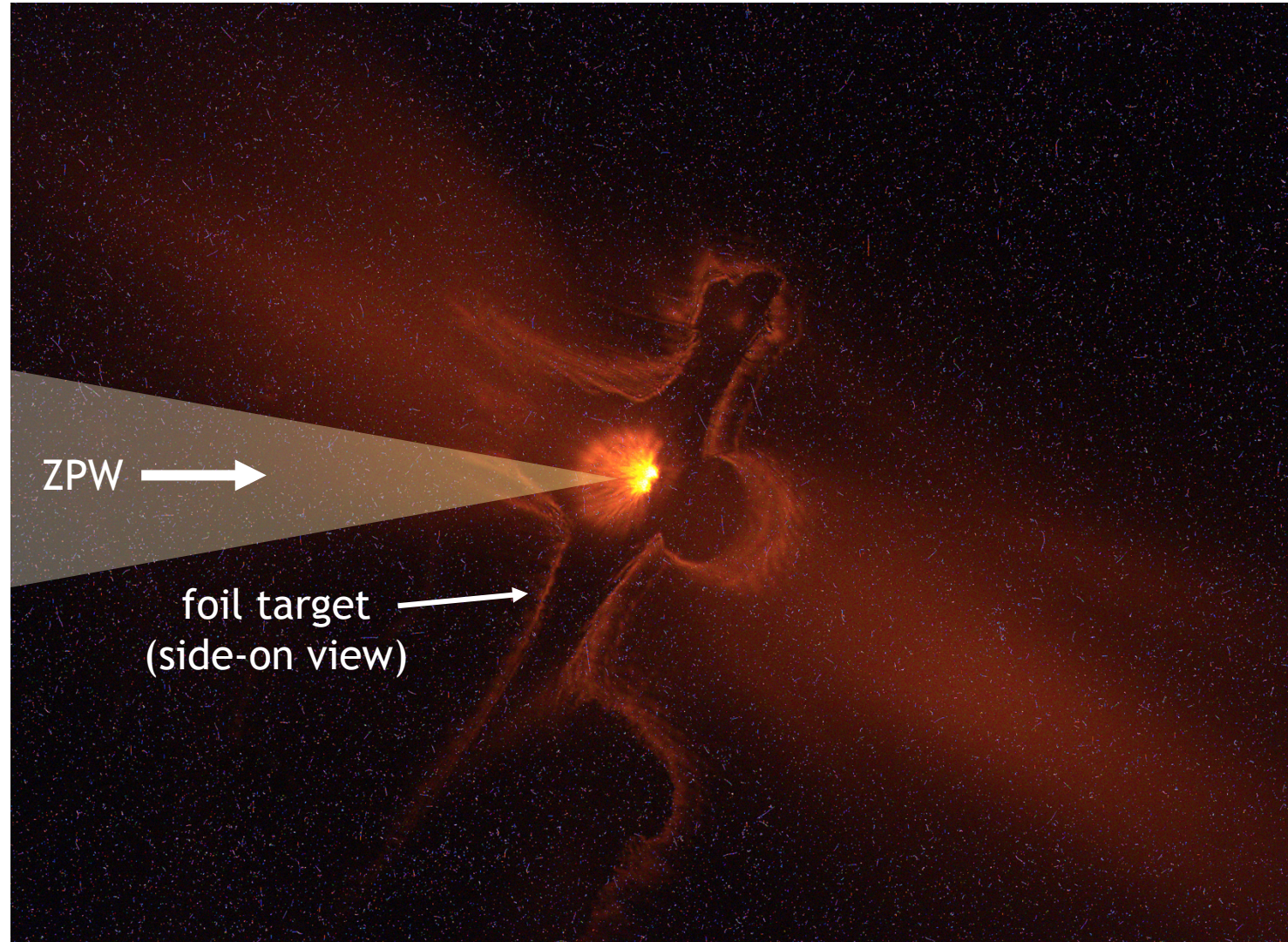
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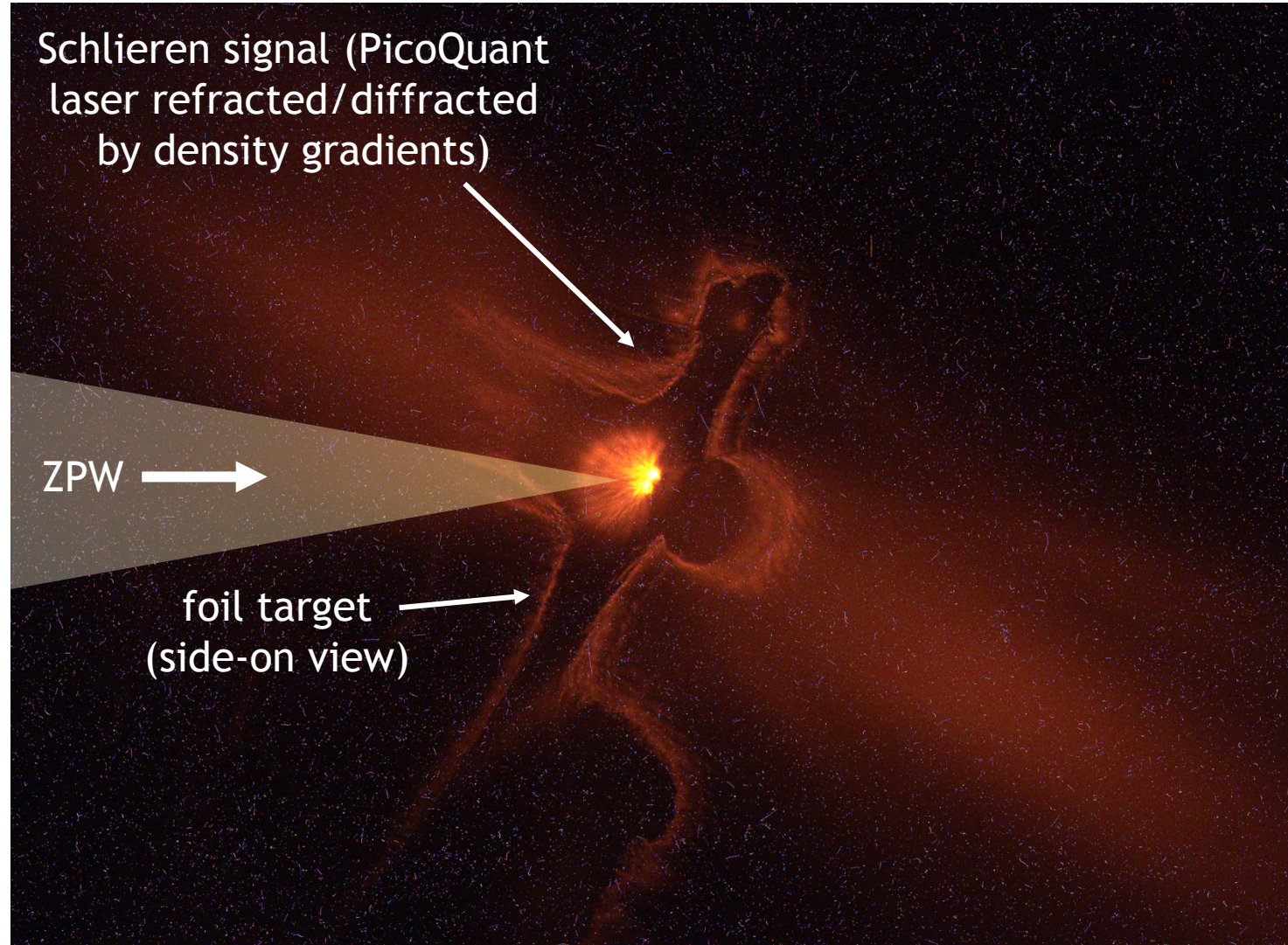
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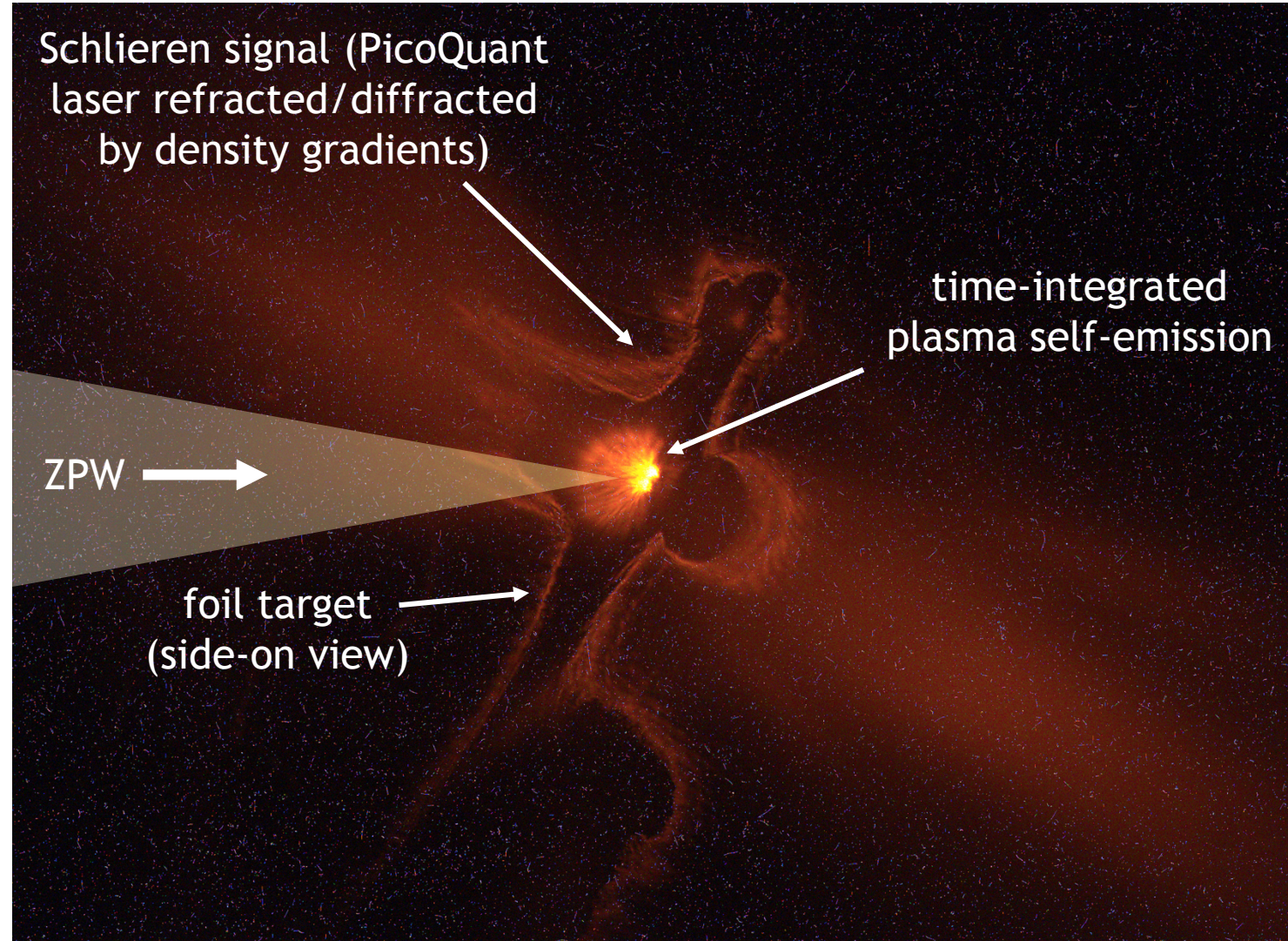
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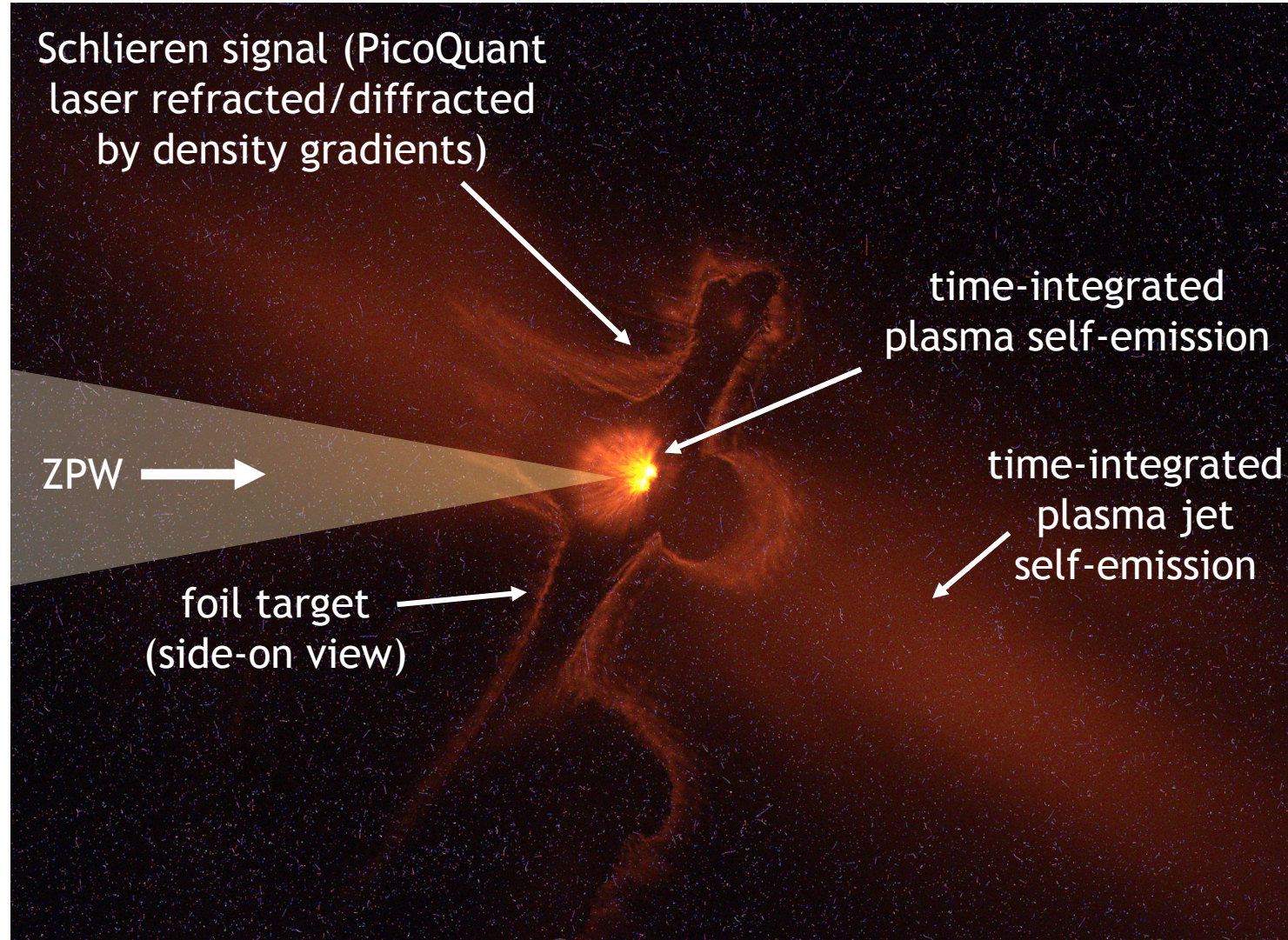
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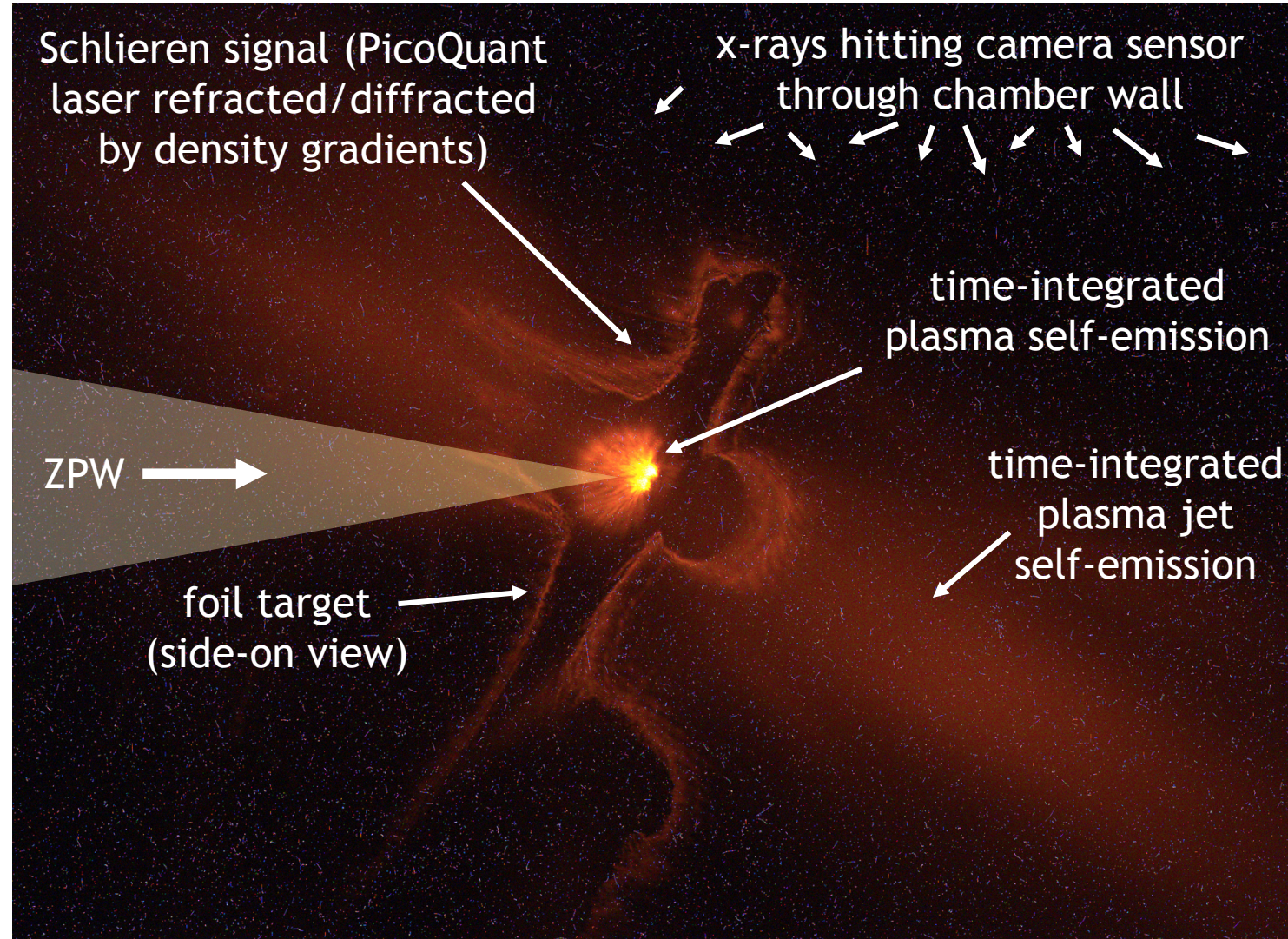
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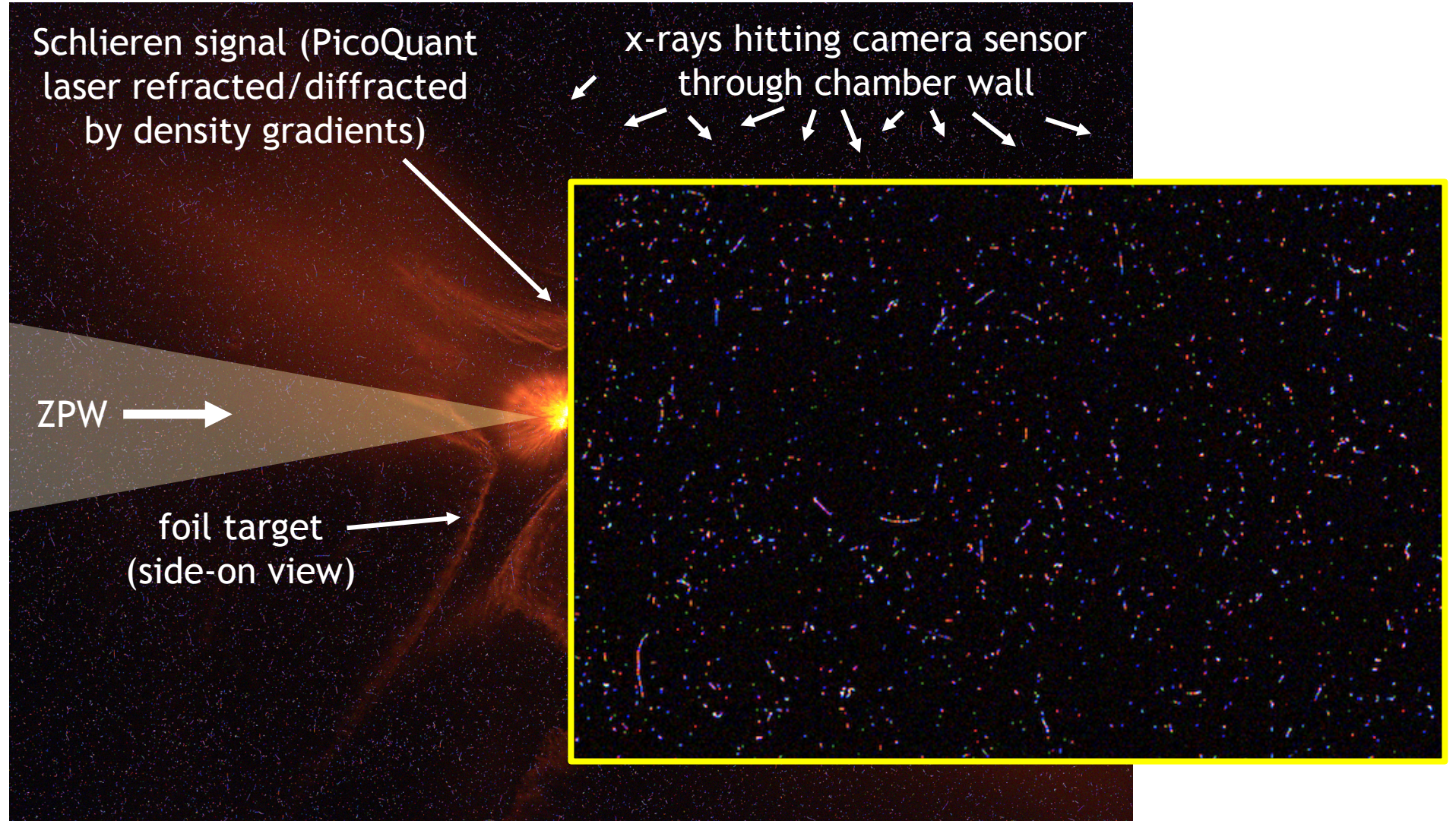
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Results from campaign



Quick look at the Schlieren imaging diagnostic while varying timing (and material):

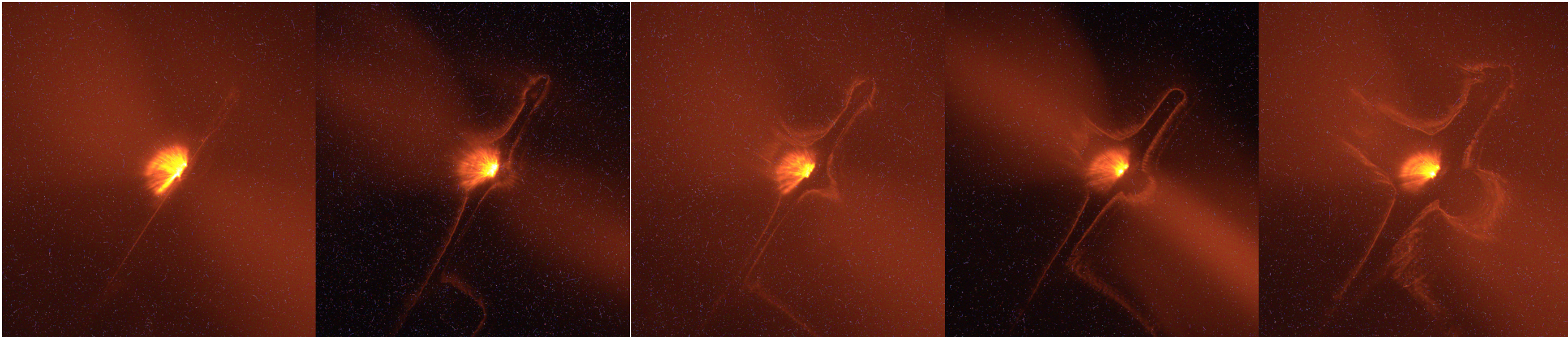
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Cu

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Sn

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PQ arrives around -1ns

PQ arrives around +7ns

Exact timings are uncertain due to ZPW front-end
timings not recorded on every shot

→ Room for improvement

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B21093011	25μm Sn	229.5	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transitioned to Sn target for 25 keV radiography

Results from campaign



Let's look at just the shots on Cu

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B21091303	25μm Cu	228.6	28.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Baseline shot to repeat previous observations with Cu, 8.0 keV x-rays ➤ (note the CRITR zero-order block was not in position, Chama SE cam not triggering correctly)
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Results from campaign



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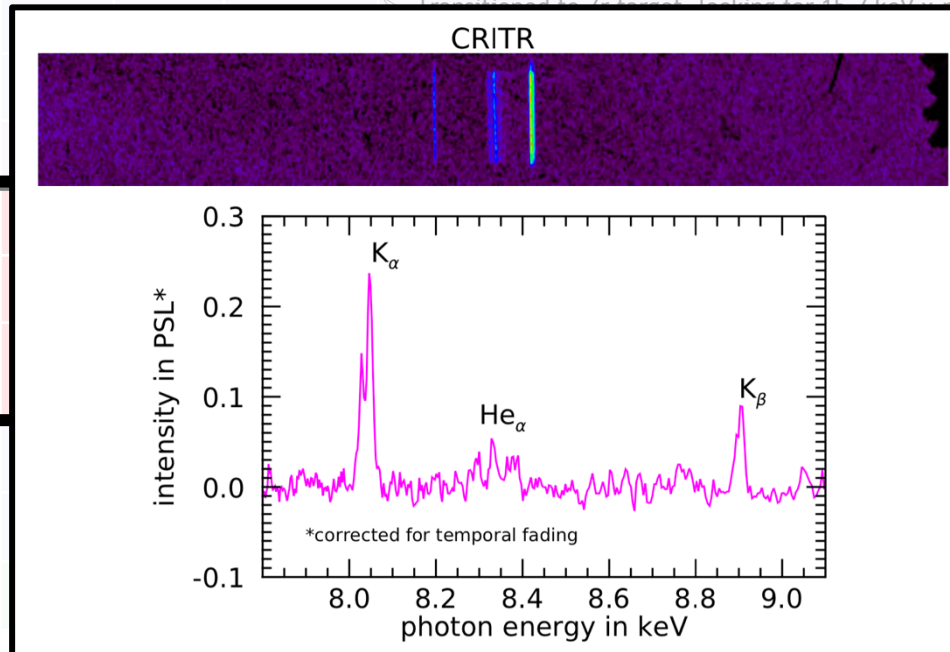
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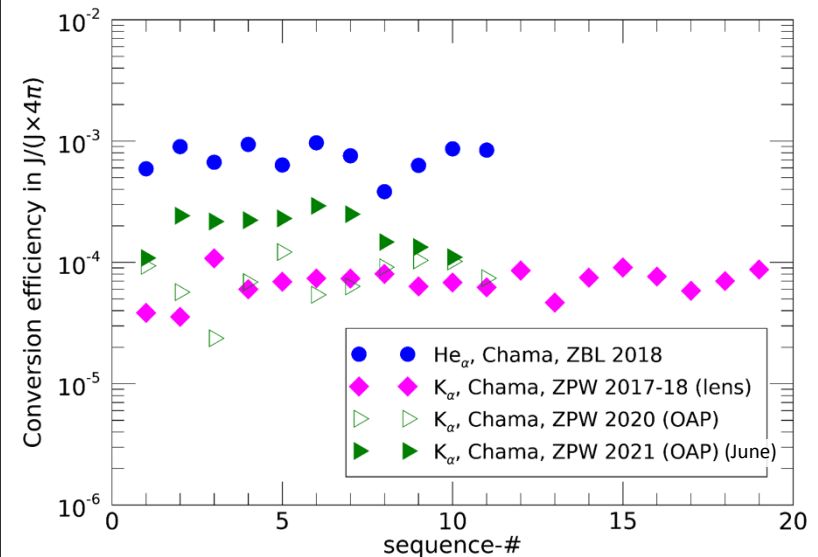
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Previous results based on CRITR: 8 keV x-rays from Cu targets



e 5-layers

Results from campaign



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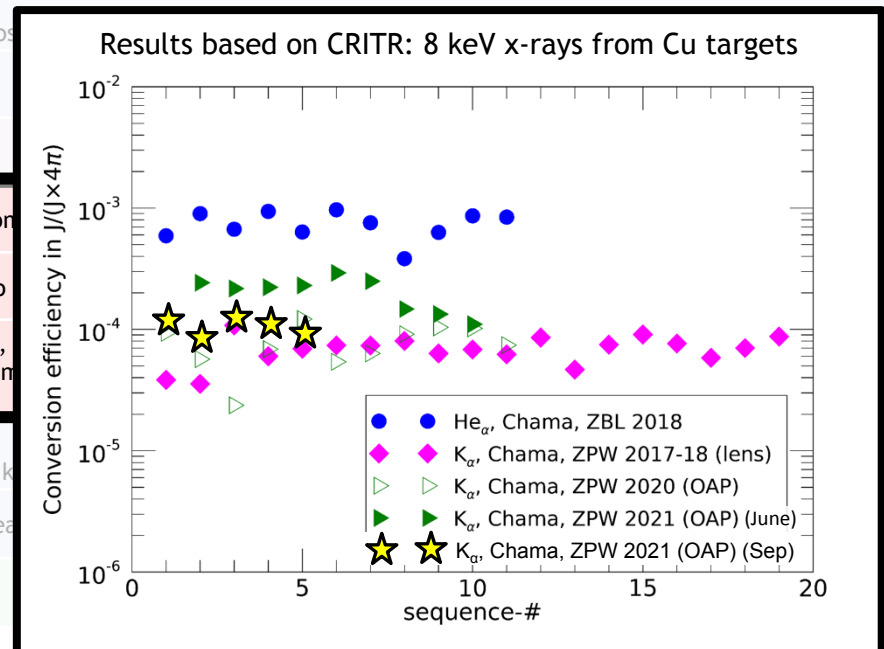
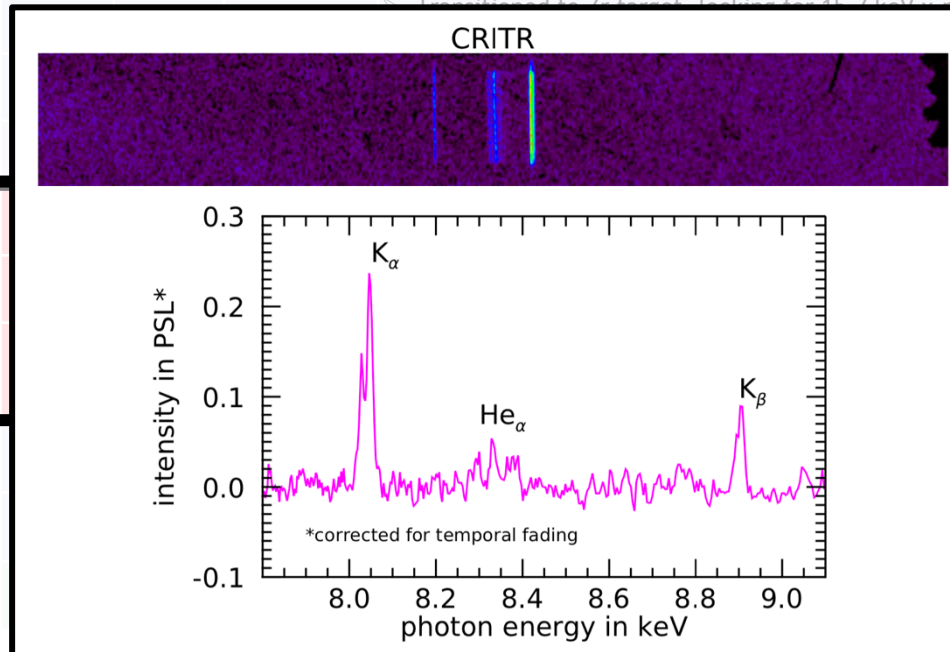
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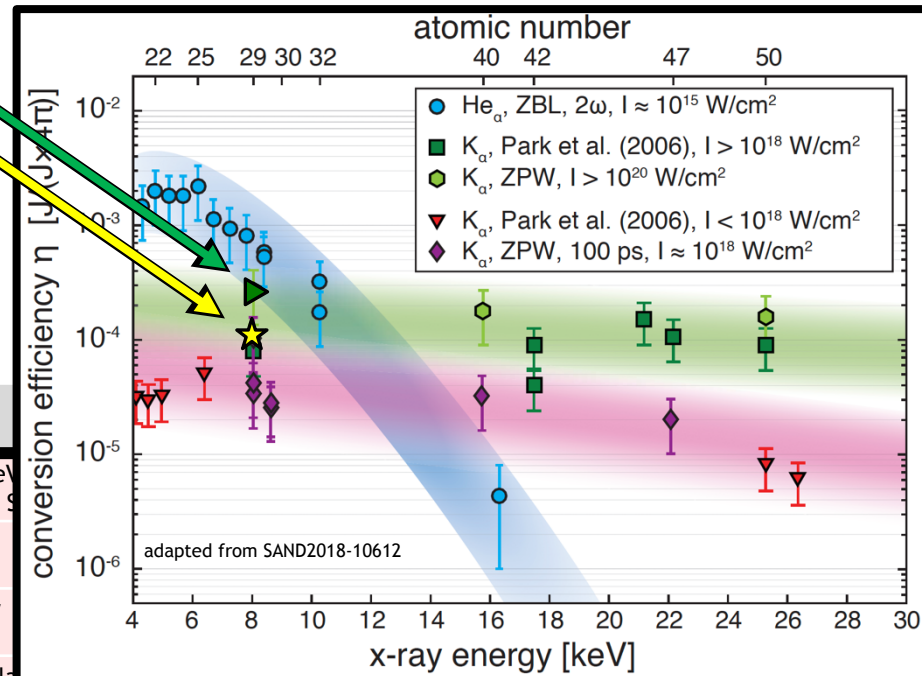


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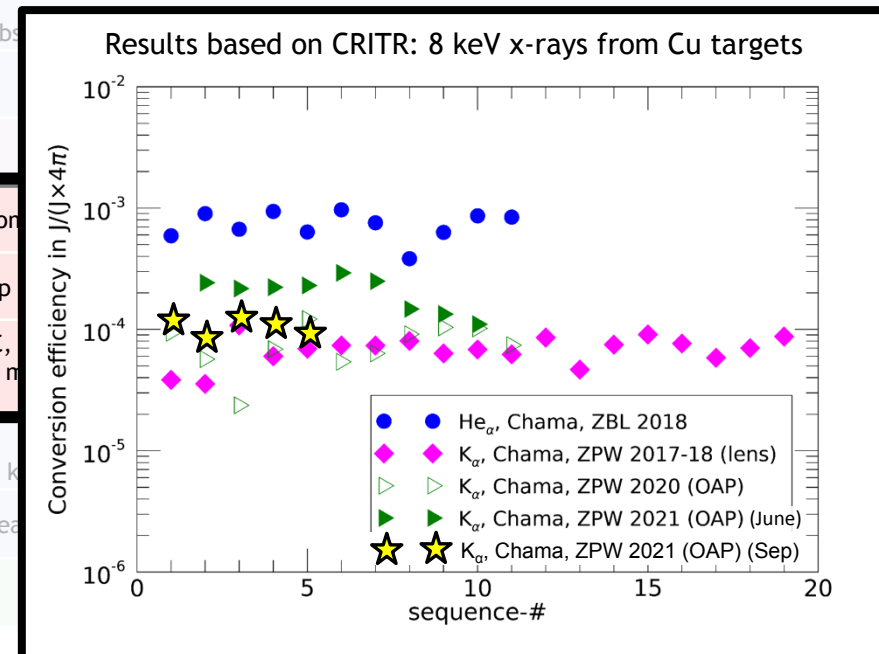
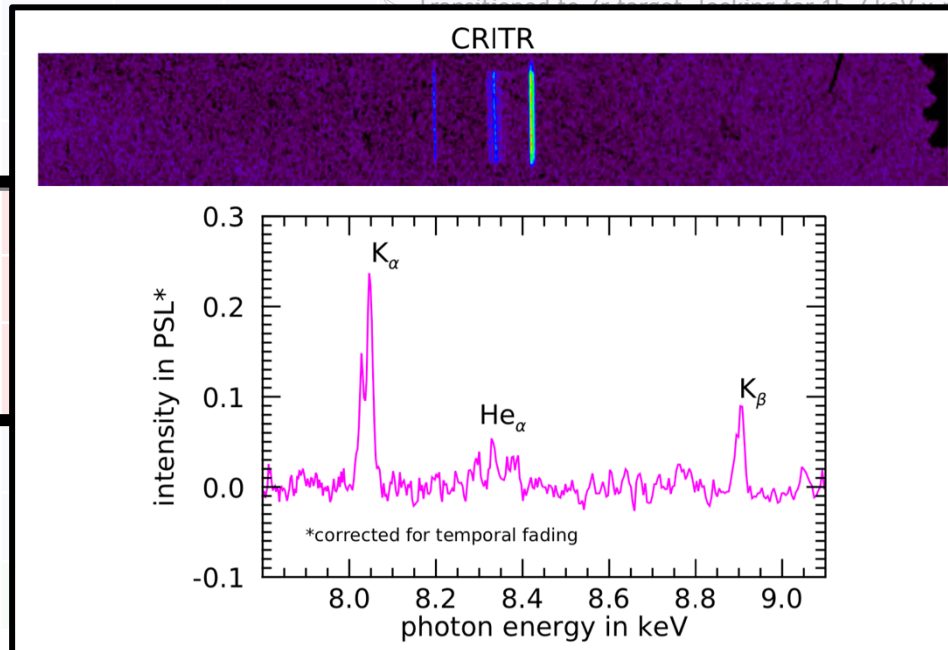
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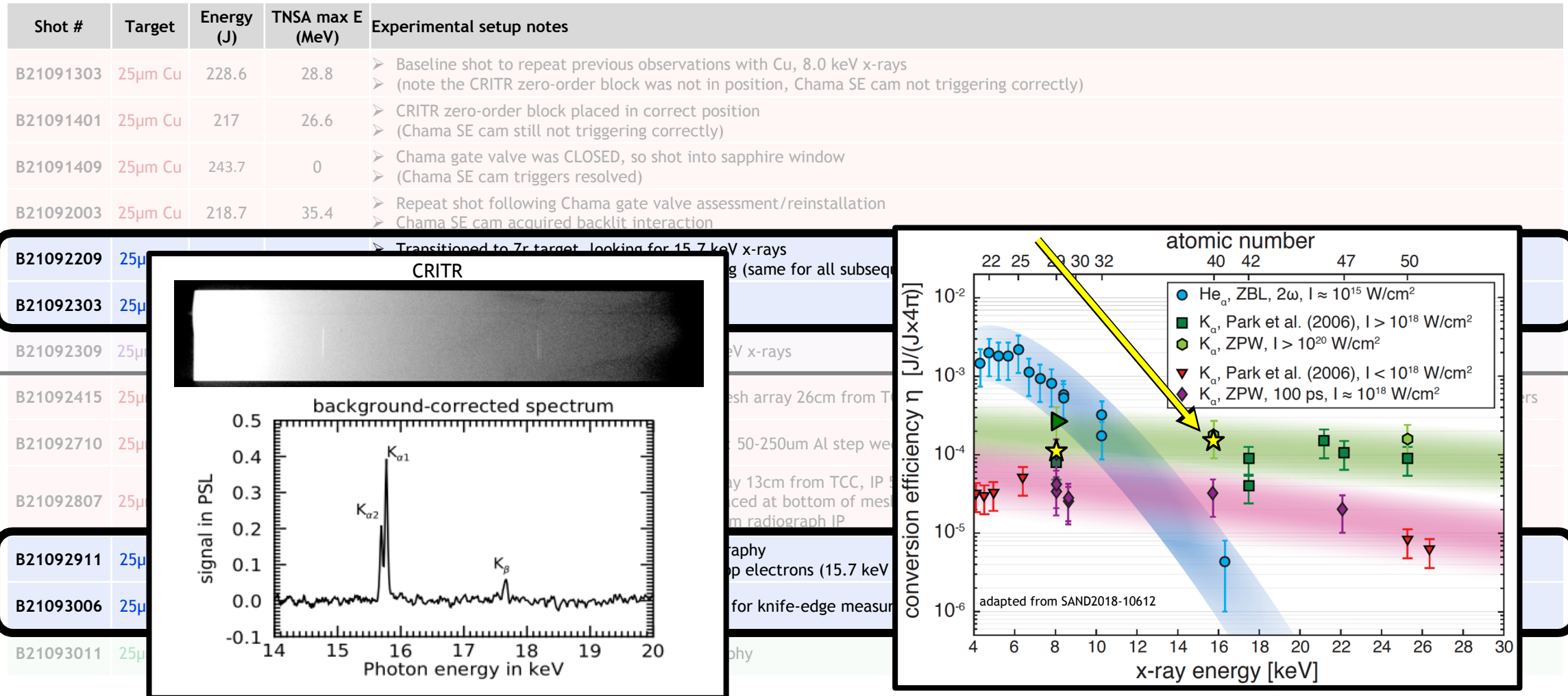
Let's look at just the shots on Zr

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B21092911	25μm Zr	234.6	29.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transitioned to Zr target for 15.7 keV radiography ➤ Added 1cm polycarbonate before mesh to stop electrons (15.7 keV x-rays will transmit)
B21093006	25μm Zr	203.6	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Razor blade placed at bottom of mesh array for knife-edge measurement (could complement steel post edges)
B21093011	25μm Sn	229.5	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transitioned to Sn target for 25 keV radiography

Results from campaign



Let's look at just the shots on Zr

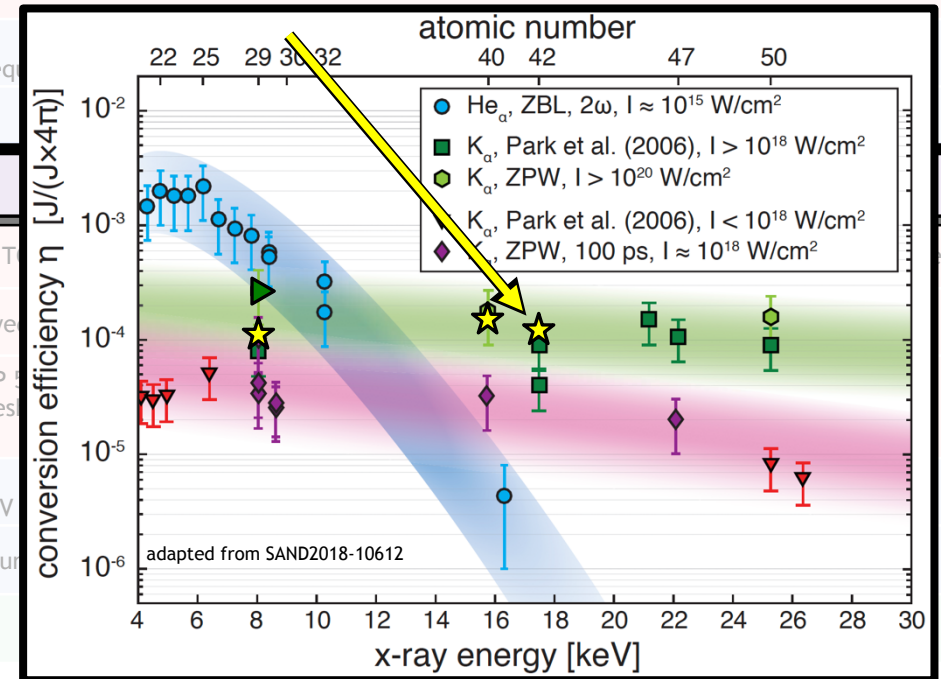


Results from campaign



How about that one Mo shot?

Shot #	Target	Energy (J)	TNSA max E (MeV)	Experimental setup notes
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B21091401	25μm Cu	217	26.6	➤ CRITR zero-order block placed in correct position ➤ (Chama SE cam still not triggering correctly)
B21091409	25μm Cu	243.7	0	➤ Chama gate valve was CLOSED, so shot into sapphire window ➤ (Chama SE cam triggers resolved)
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B21092303	25μm Zr	260.3	38	➤ Repeat shot for statistics
B21092309	25μm Mo	232.5	31.9	➤ Transitioned to Mo target, looking for 17.4 keV x-rays
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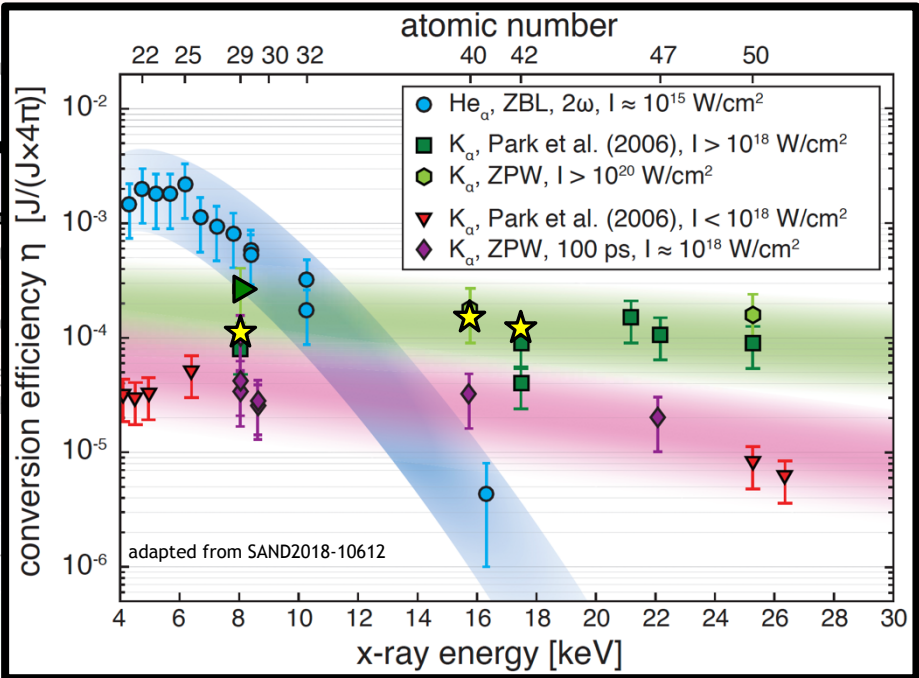
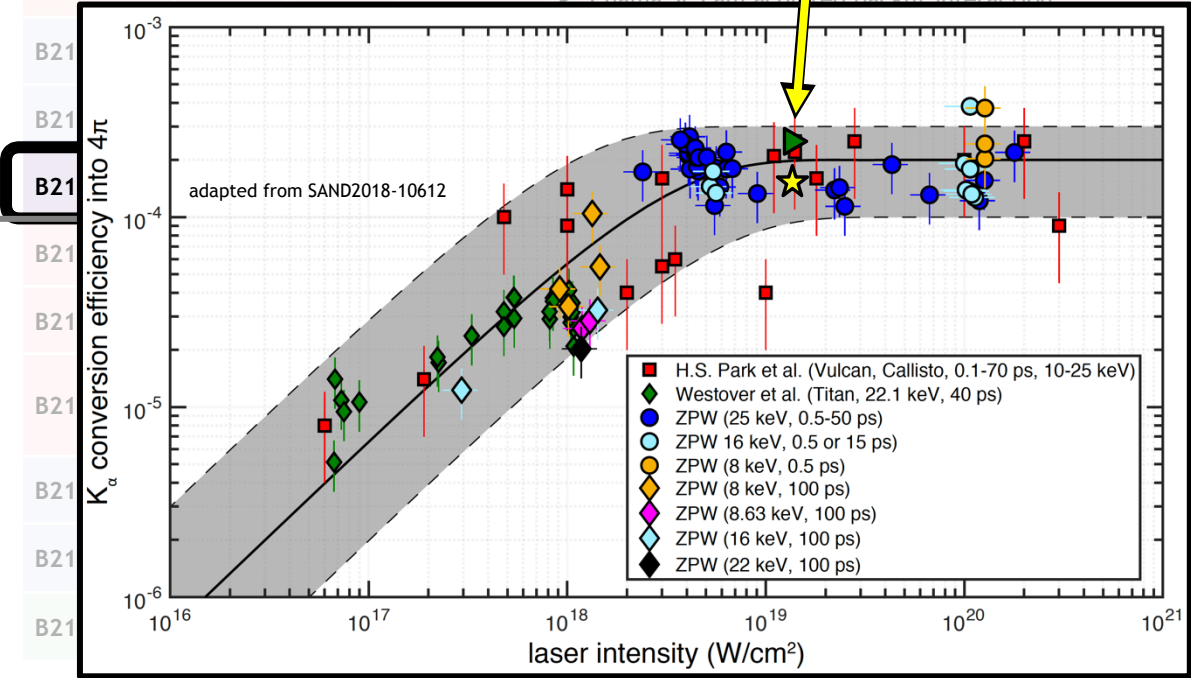


Results from campaign



Can we go further in conversion efficiency?

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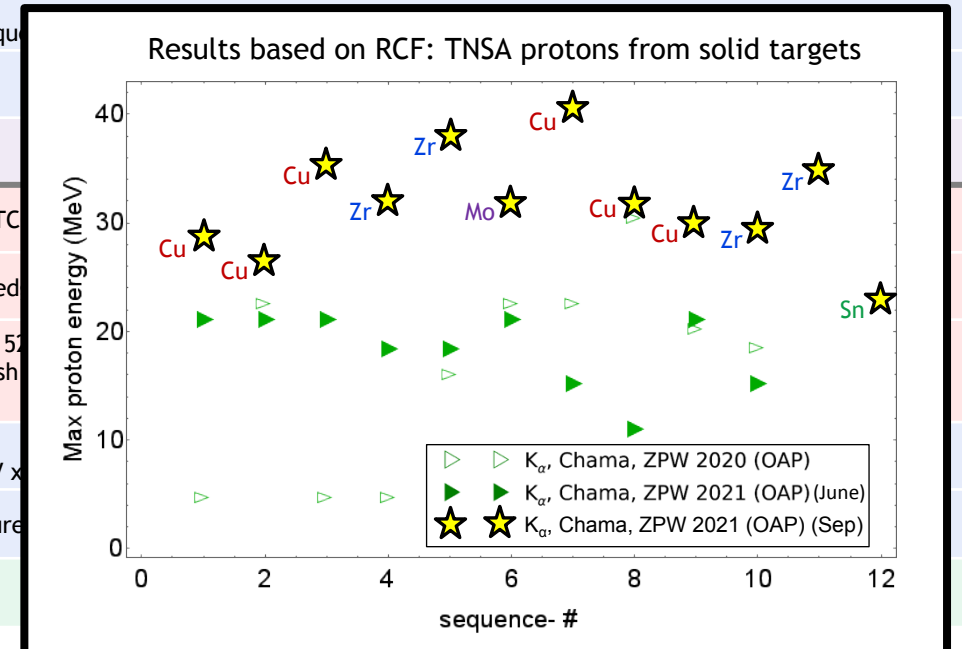
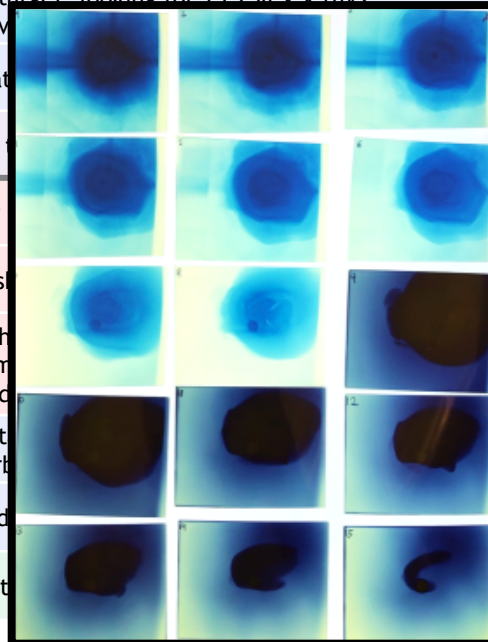
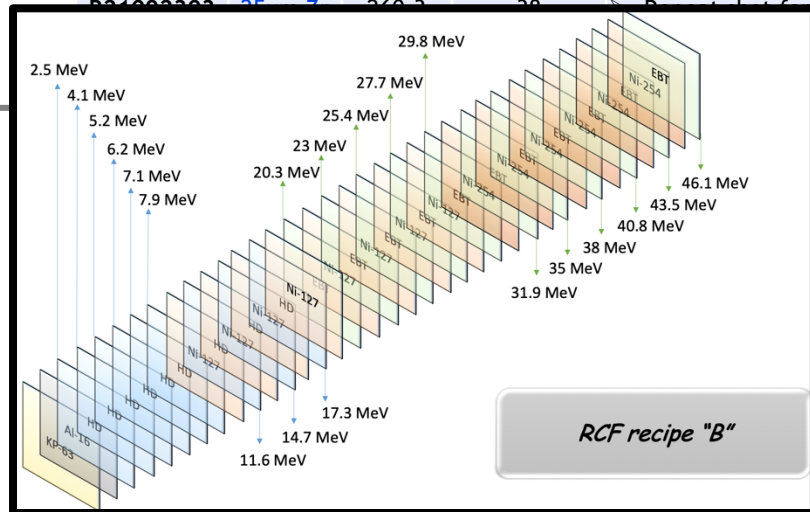


Results from campaign



How about the TNSA proton performance?

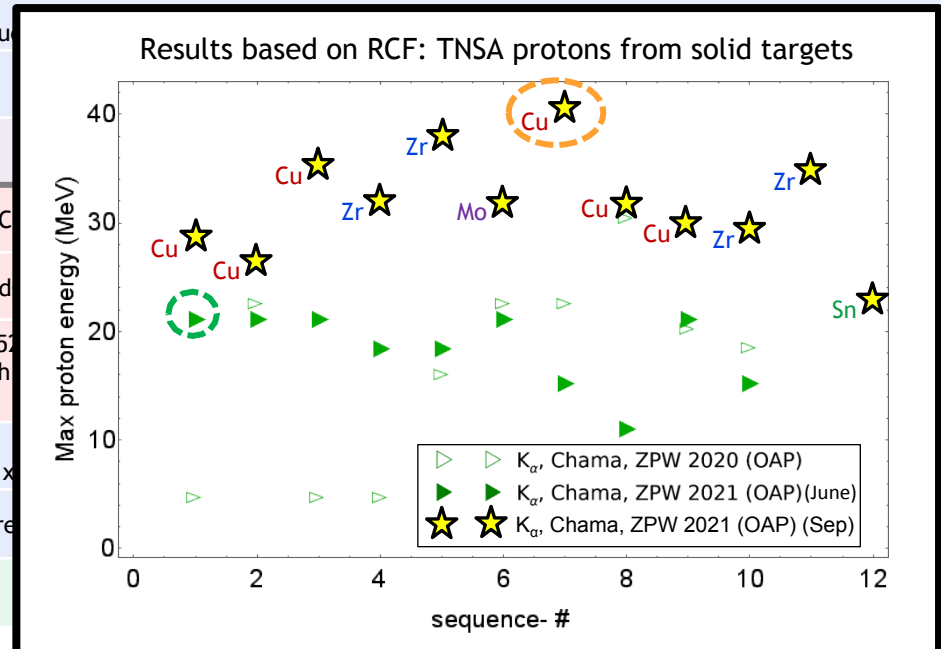
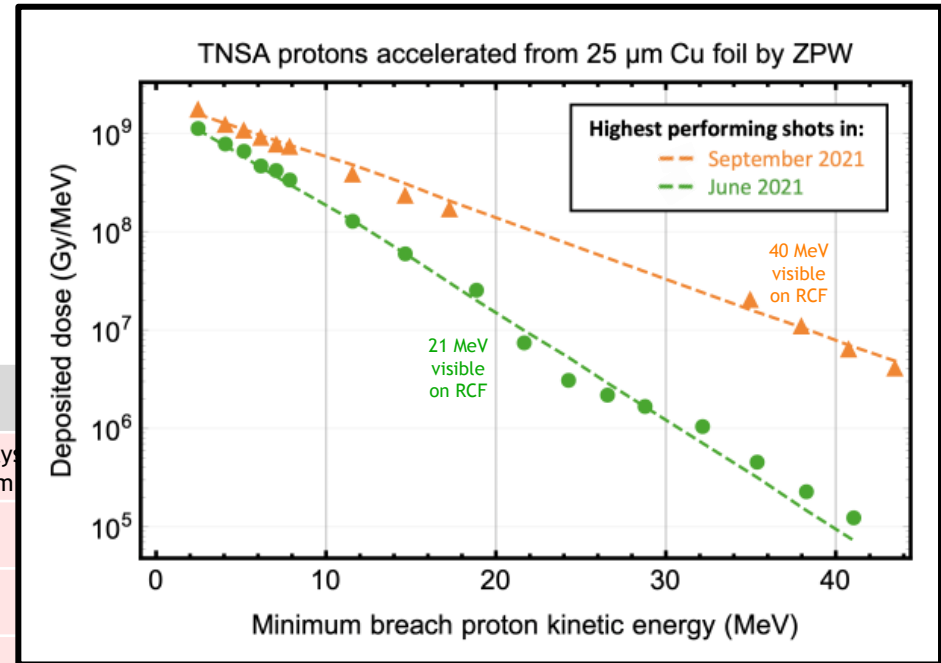
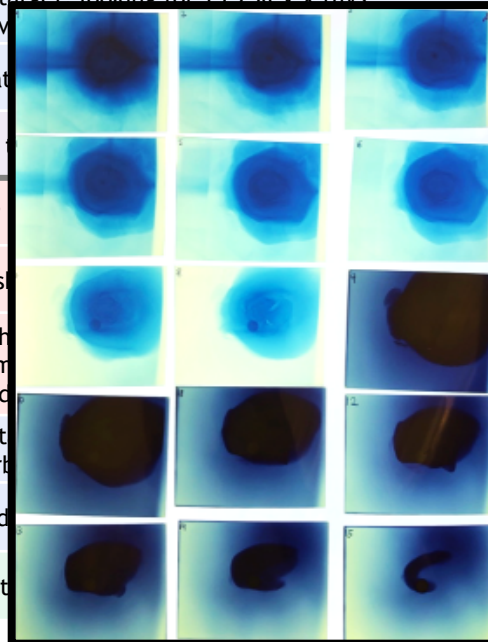
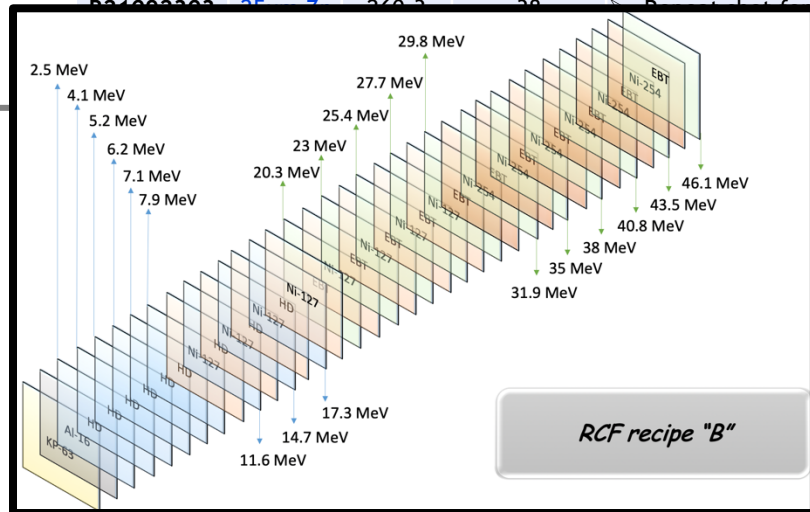
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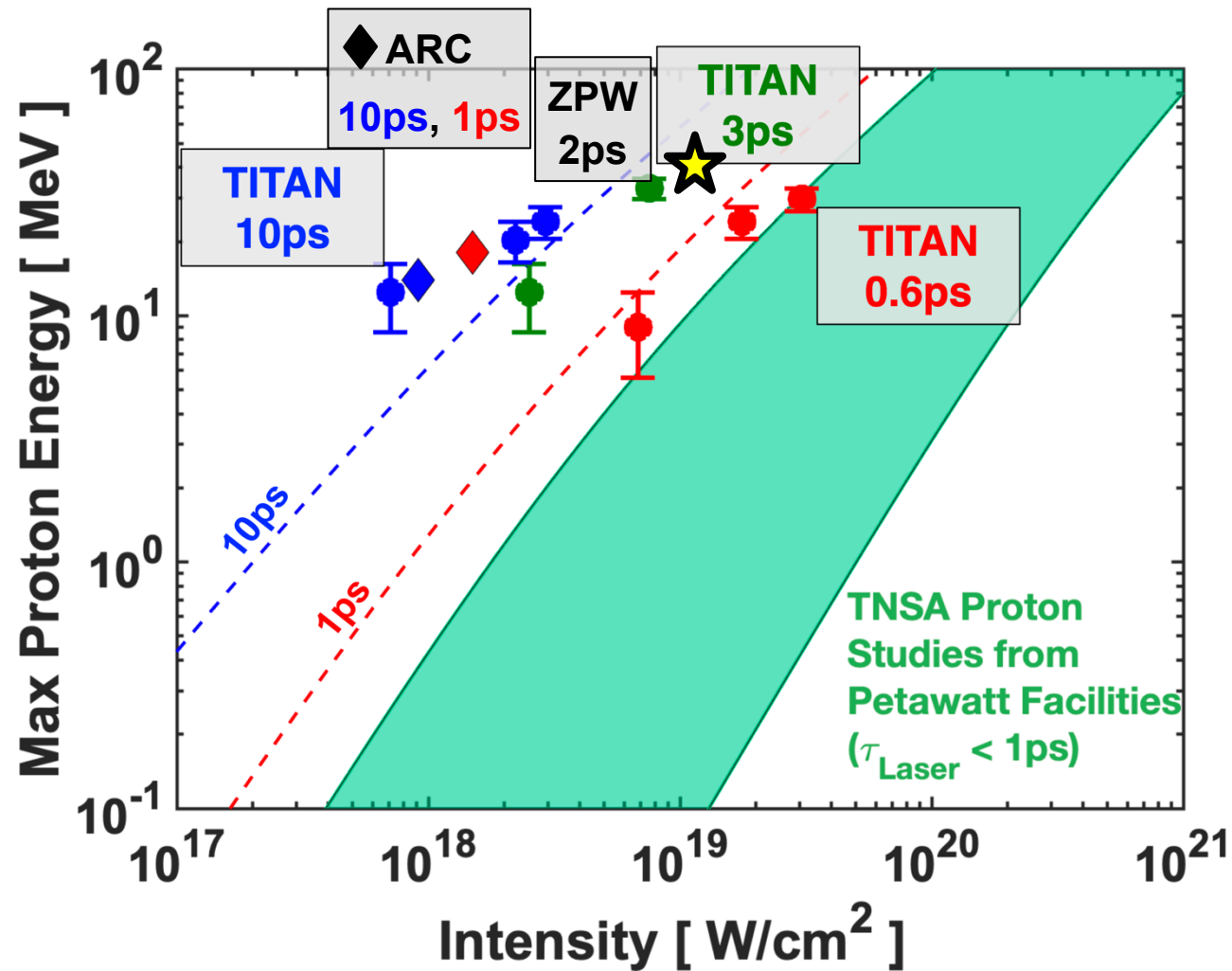
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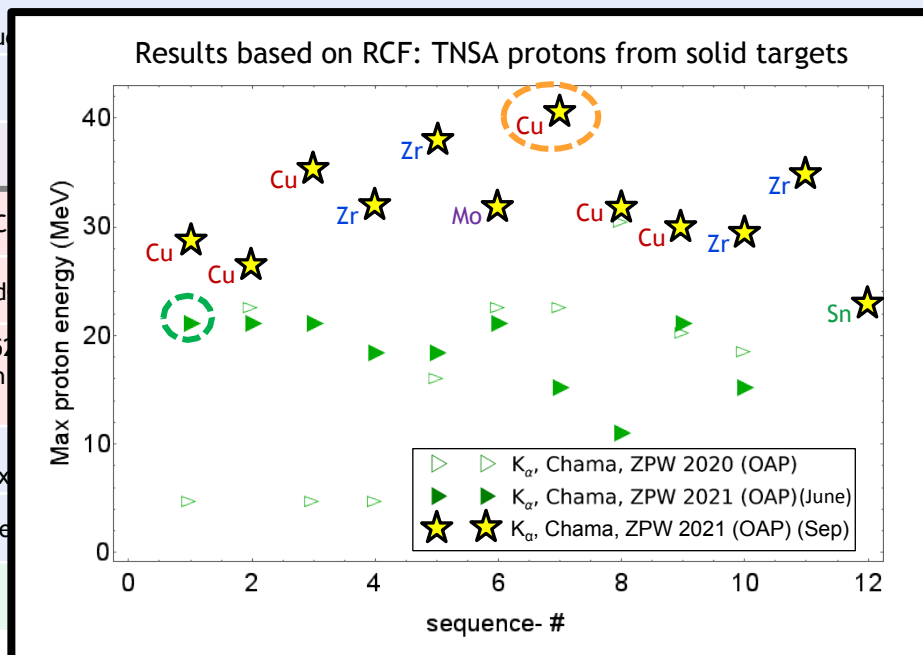
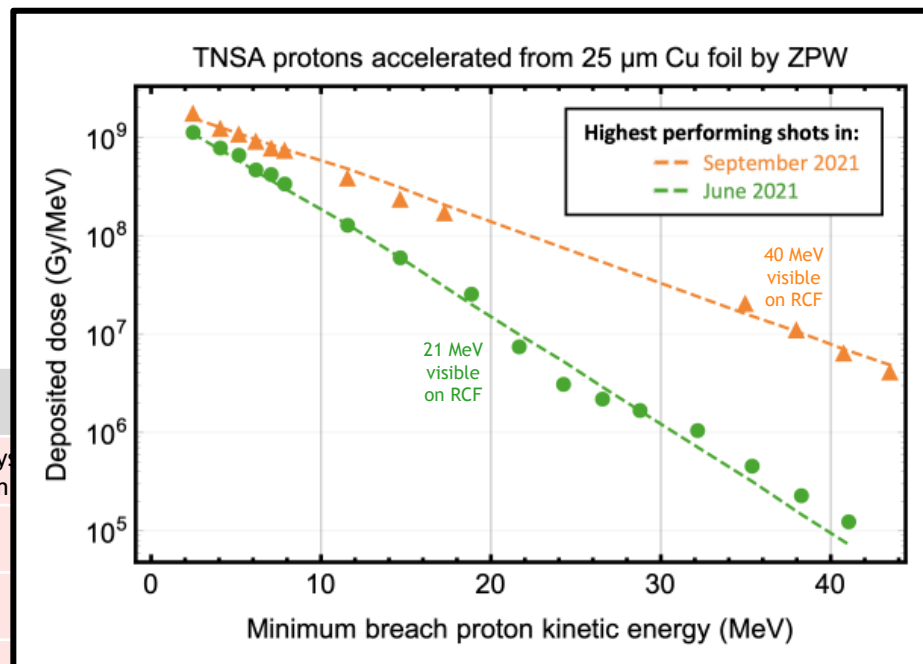
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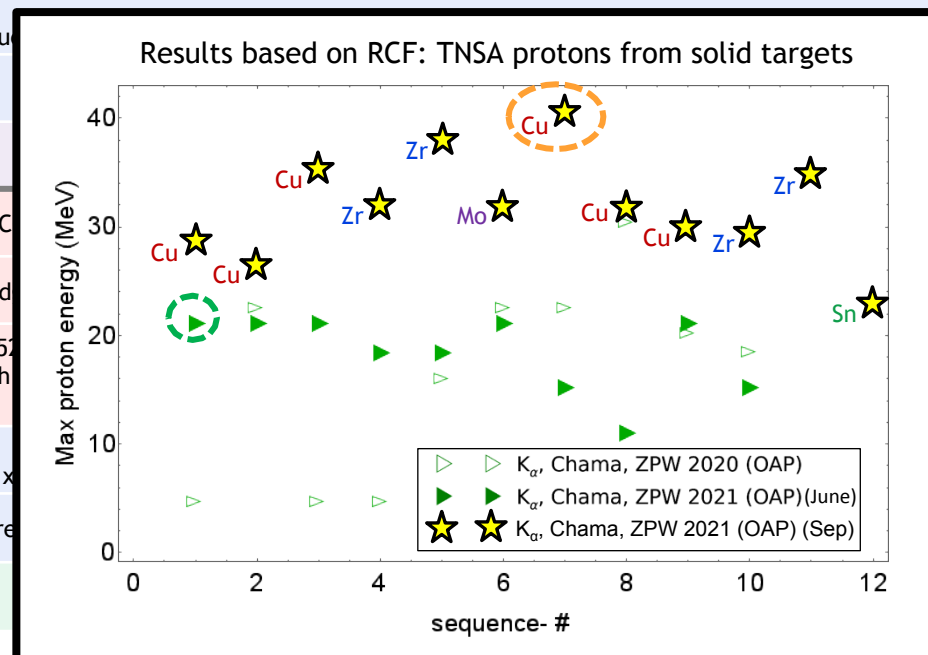
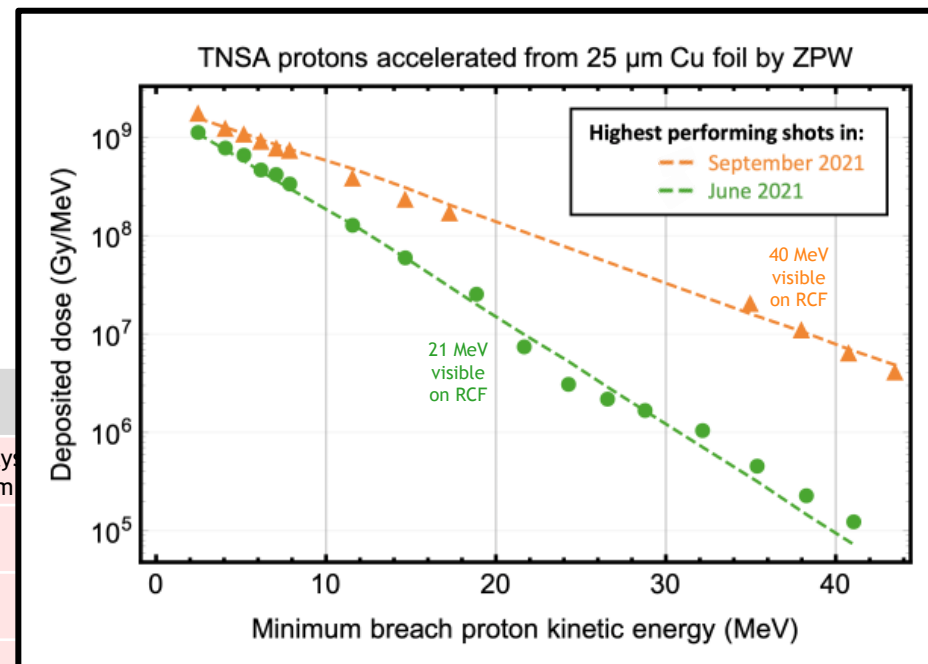
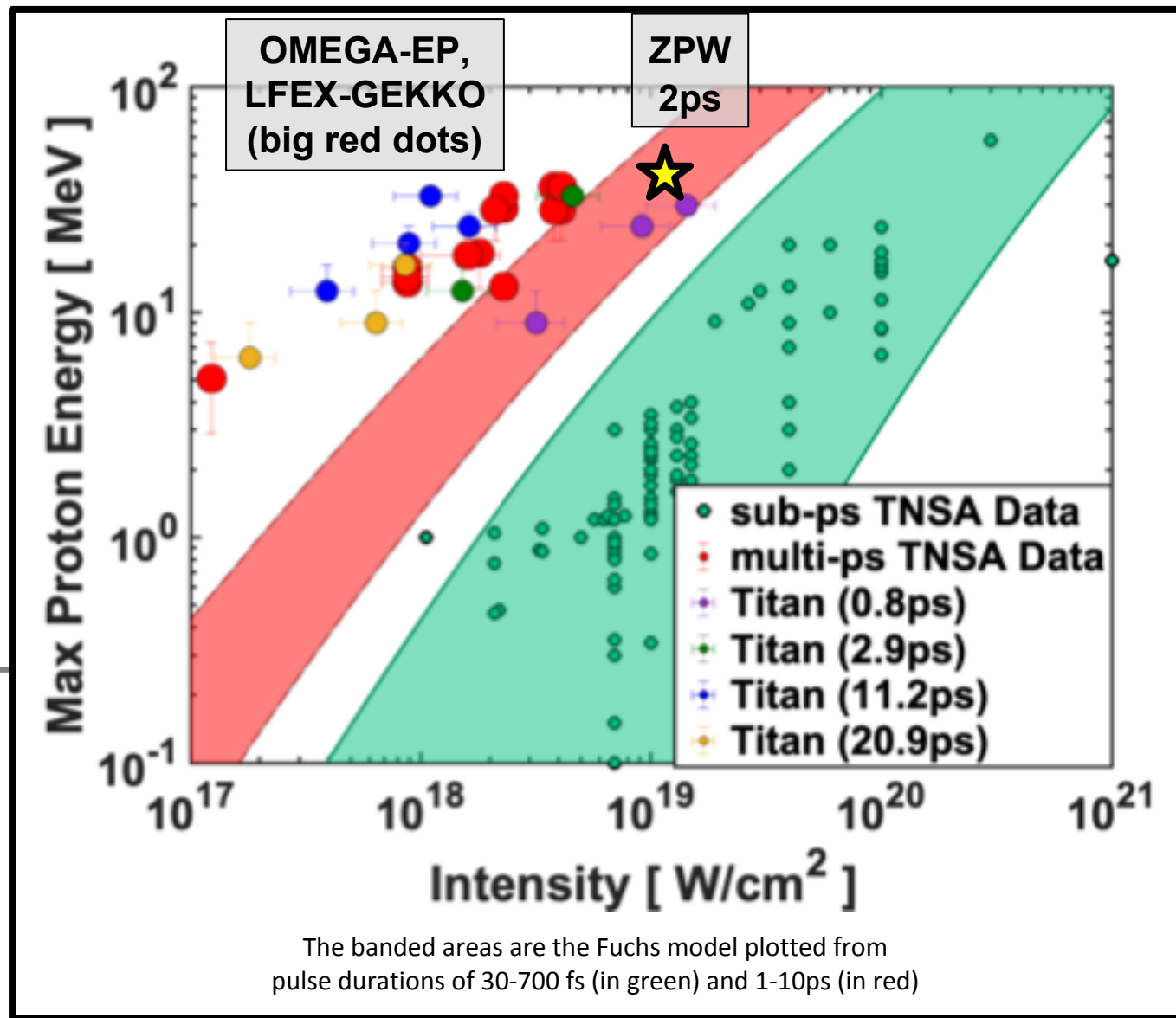
Results from campaign



R. Simpson, "Scaling Studies of Laser-Driven Proton Acceleration in the Multi-ps Regime at the TITAN laser", NIF/JLF User Group Meeting, Feb. 4, 2021.



Results from campaign



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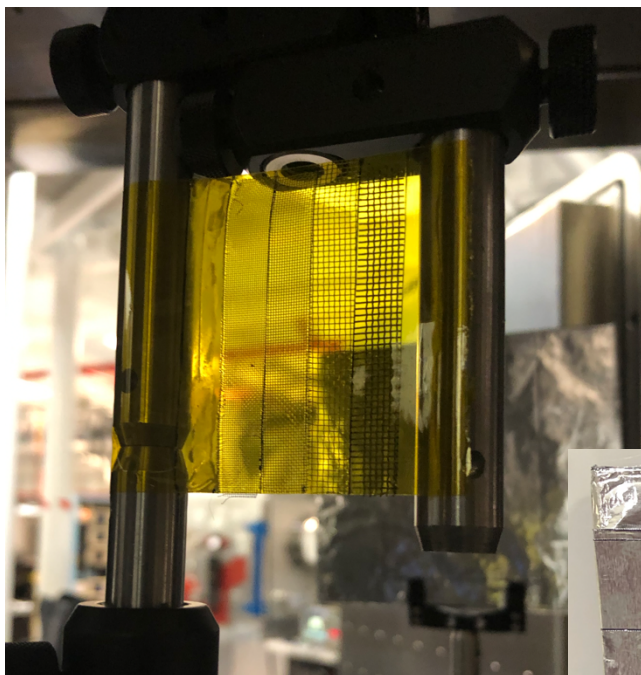


Second half of campaign added radiography of a mesh array

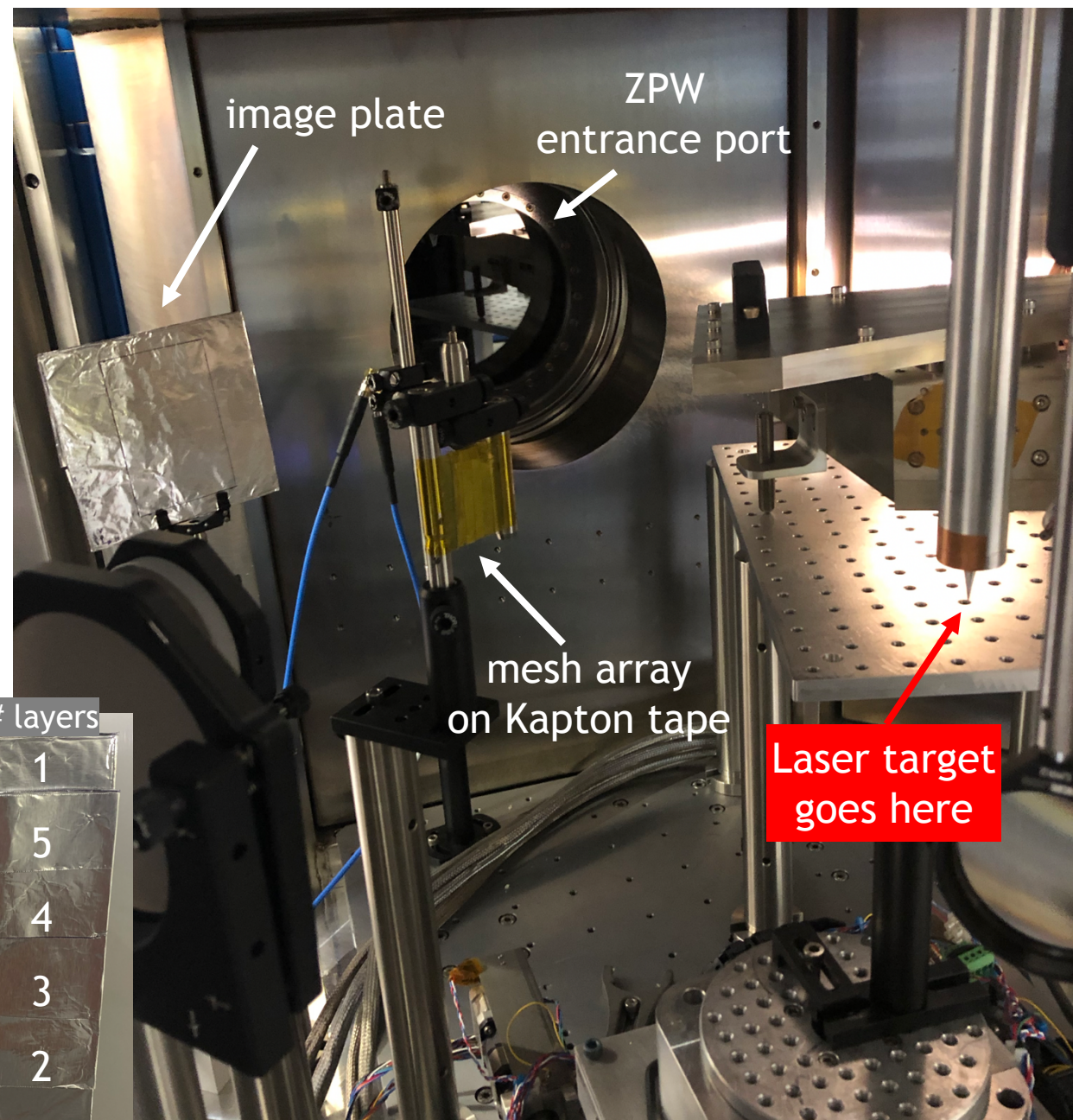
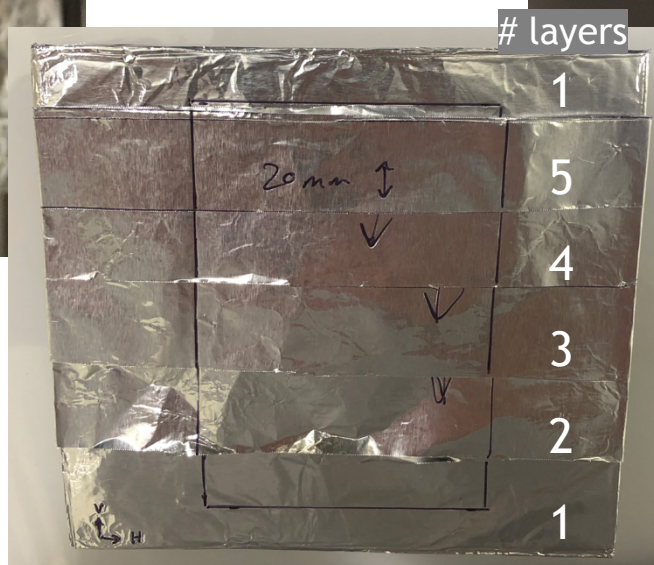
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B21092303	25μm Zr	260.3	38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Repeat shot for statistics
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B21092911	25μm Zr	234.6	29.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transitioned to Zr target for 15.7 keV radiography ➤ Added 1cm polycarbonate before mesh to stop electrons (15.7 keV x-rays will transmit)
B21093006	25μm Zr	203.6	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Razor blade placed at bottom of mesh array for knife-edge measurement (could complement steel post edges)
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Results from campaign

Second half of campaign added radiography of a mesh array



Al step wedge
16 μ m or 50 μ m steps

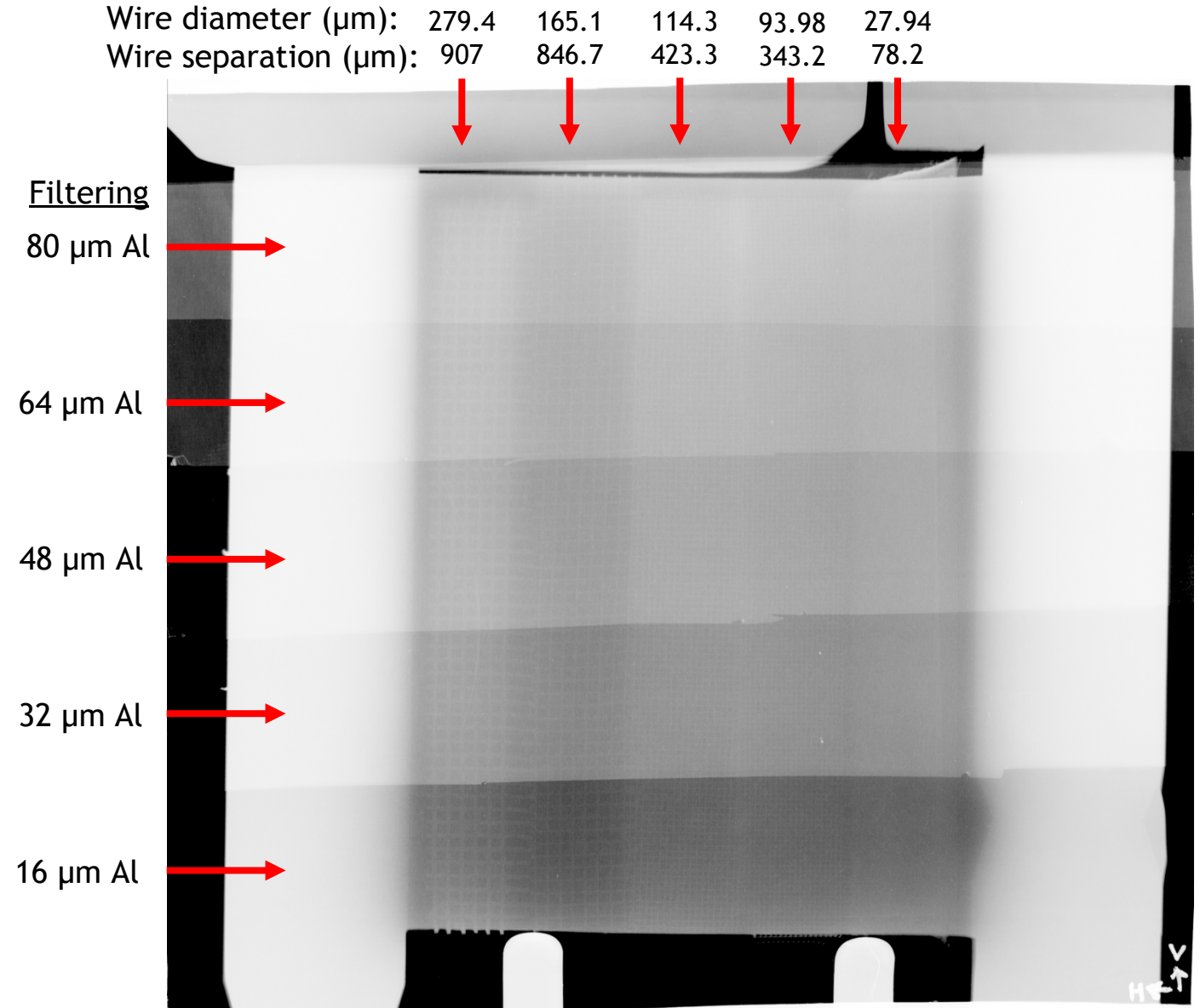


Results from campaign



First shot on Cu (8 keV)

- 16 μm Al steps
- Magnification of 2 (26cm-26cm)
- Lowest layer saturated until 7th scan
- Opacity contrast is fairly low, and is worse for thicker Al layers, suggests presence of background
- Fine mesh shows some periodicity (if you squint), so close to resolving $\sim 78.2\mu\text{m}$

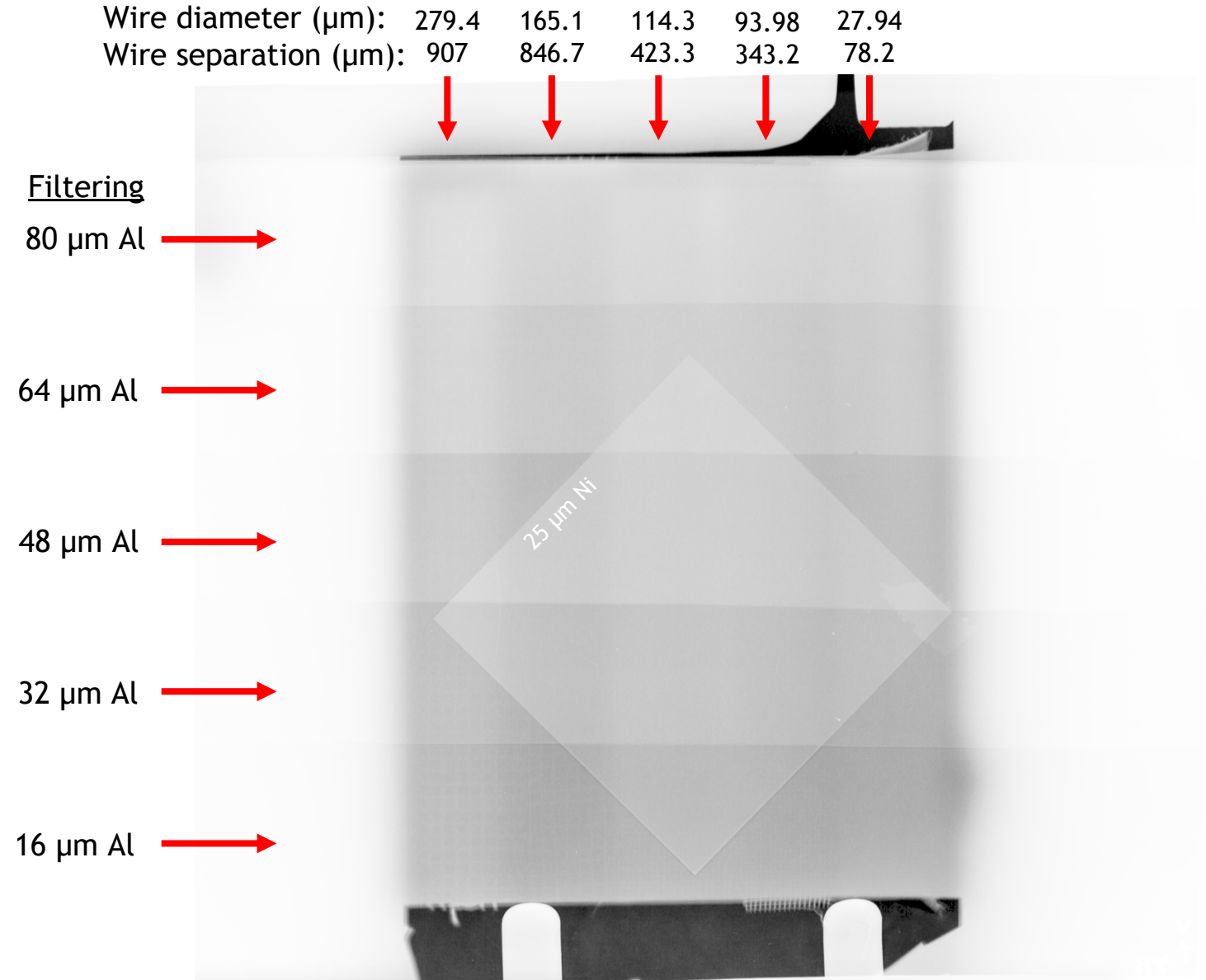


Results from campaign



Second shot on Cu (8 keV)

- 50 μ m Al steps, Ni filter added in front of image plate too
- Magnification of 2 (26cm-26cm)
- Lowest layer saturated until 7th scan
- No visible opacity contrast behind Ni layer, suggesting Ni itself is a source of background \rightarrow electrons, fluorescence
- Some blurring or multi-exposure observed... electrons?

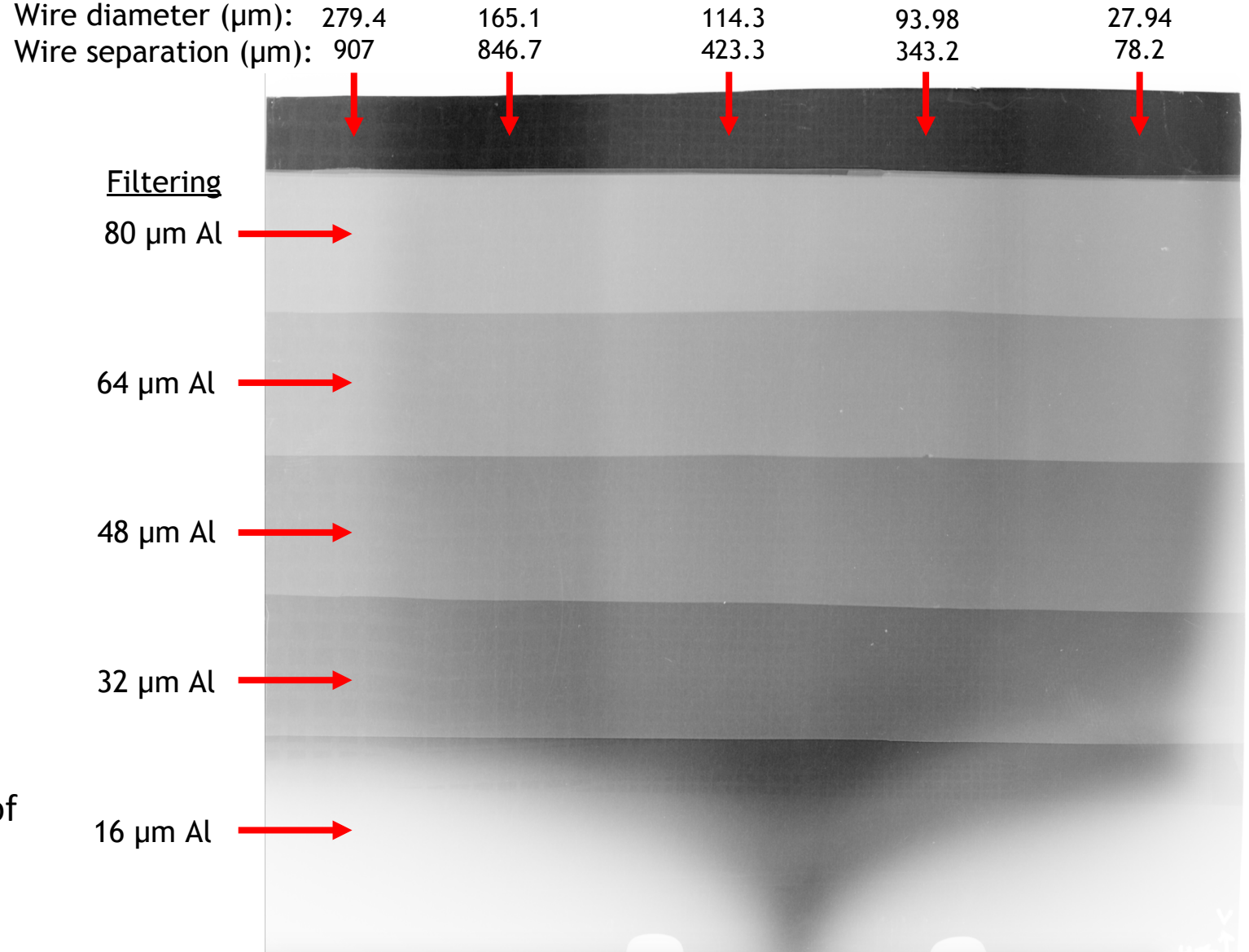


Results from campaign



Third shot on Cu (8 keV)

- 50 μm Al steps, Ni filter moved to mesh plane as thin horizontal strip
- Magnification of 4 (13cm-39cm)
- Magnets added after mesh to deflect charged particles
- Required 4 scans for top layer (50 μm Al)
- Noticeable difference in distribution of background. Electrons!

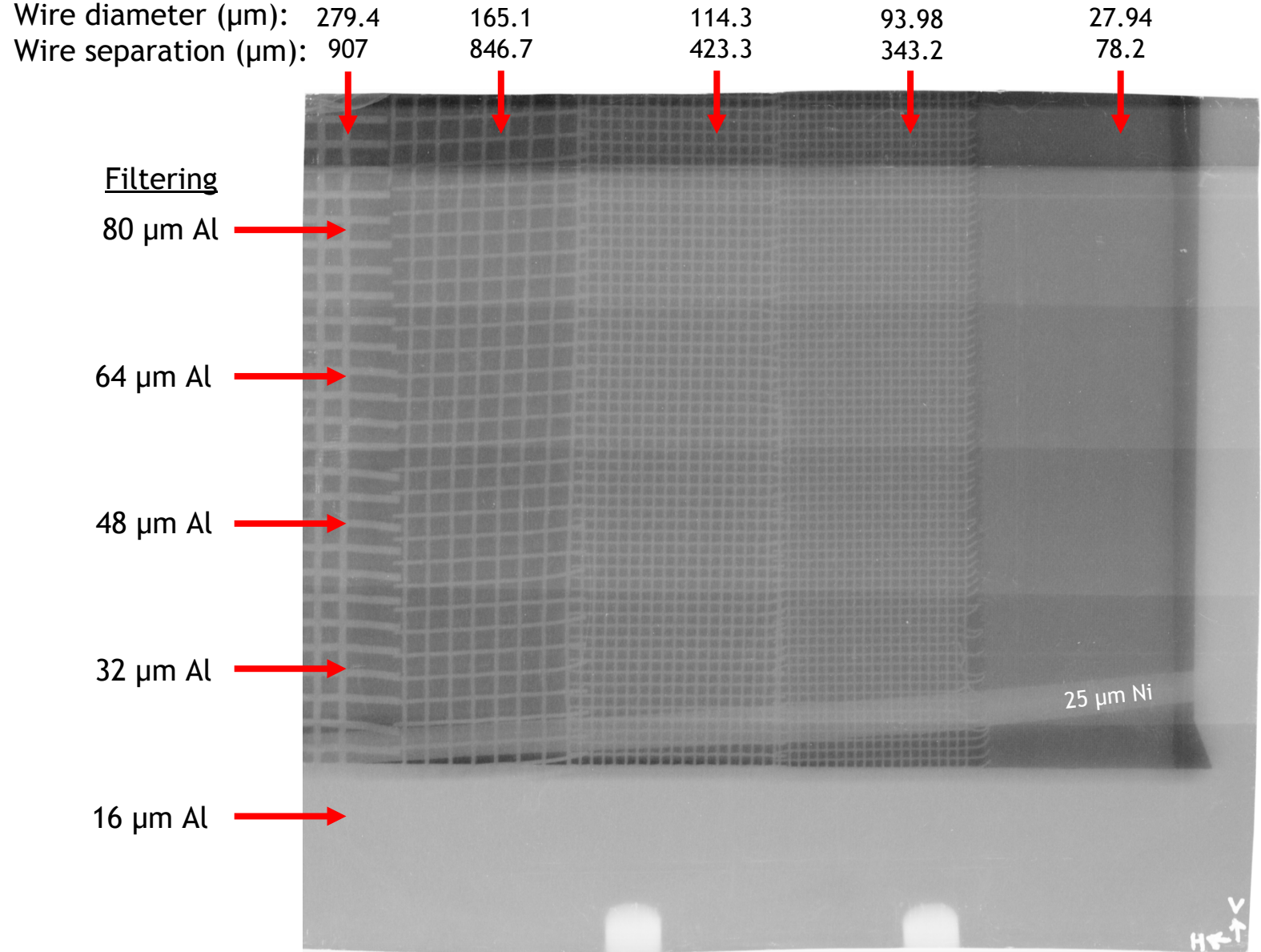


Results from campaign



First shot on Zr (15.7 keV)

- 50 μ m Al steps
- Magnification of 4 (13cm-39cm)
- 1cm of polycarbonate added in front of mesh to stop electrons (magnets still present)
- Required only 1 scan
- Background is essentially gone
- Can better discern fine mesh



Results from campaign



First shot on Zr (15.7 keV)

- 50 μ m Al steps
- Magnification of 4 (13cm-39cm)
- 1cm of polycarbonate added in front of mesh to stop electrons (magnets still present)
- Required only 1 scan
- Background is essentially gone
- Can better discern fine mesh

Wire diameter (μ m): 279.4
Wire separation (μ m): 907

Filtering

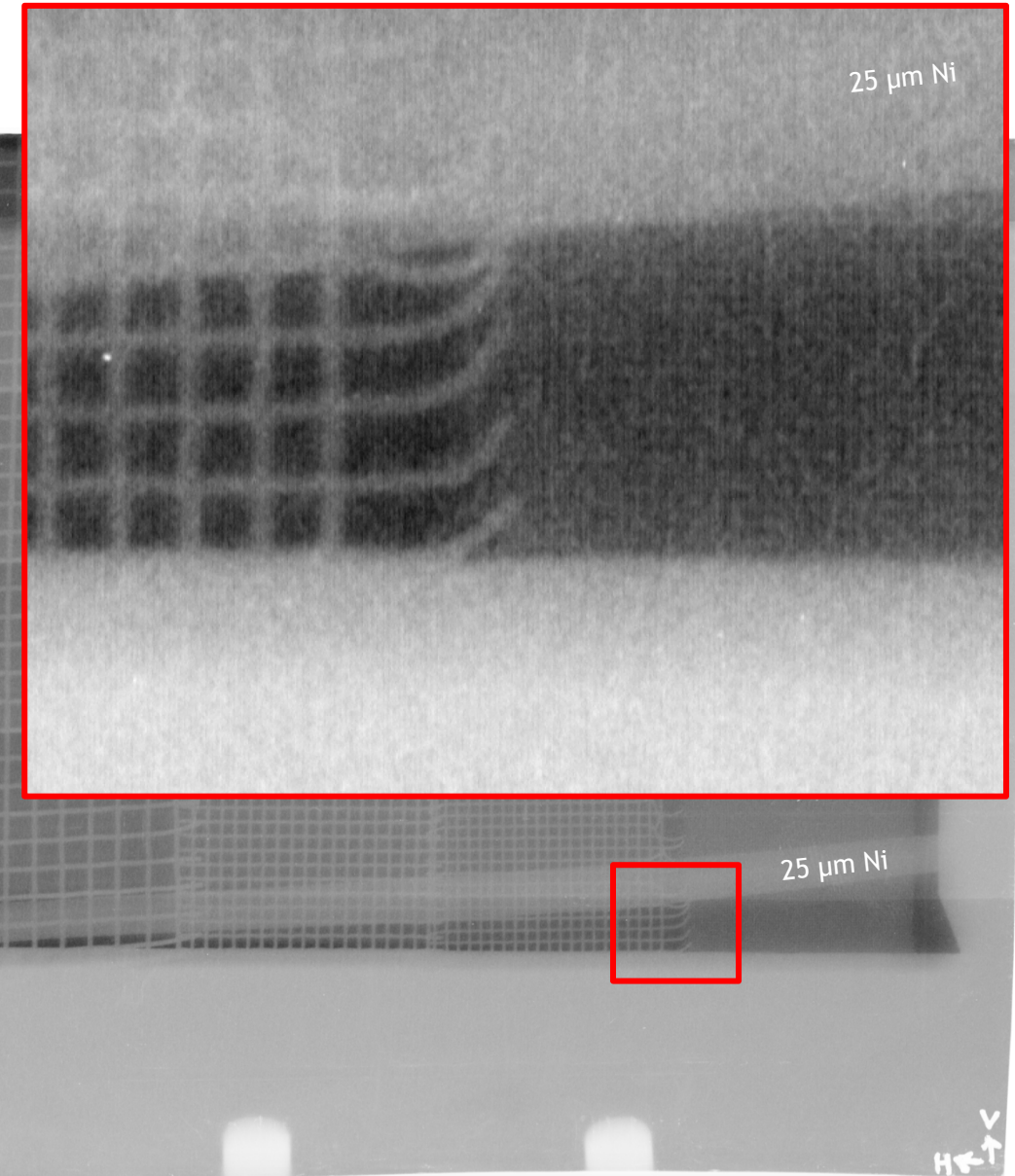
80 μ m Al →

64 μ m Al →

48 μ m Al →

32 μ m Al →

16 μ m Al →



Results from campaign



Second shot on Zr (15.7 keV)

- 50 μ m Al steps
- Magnification of 4
(13cm-39cm)
- Razor blade placed at bottom
(useful for knife edge measurement?)
- Required only 1 scan
- Background still gone
- Fine mesh still discernible

Wire diameter (μ m): 279.4
Wire separation (μ m): 907

165.1
846.7

114.3
423.3

93.98
343.2

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78.2

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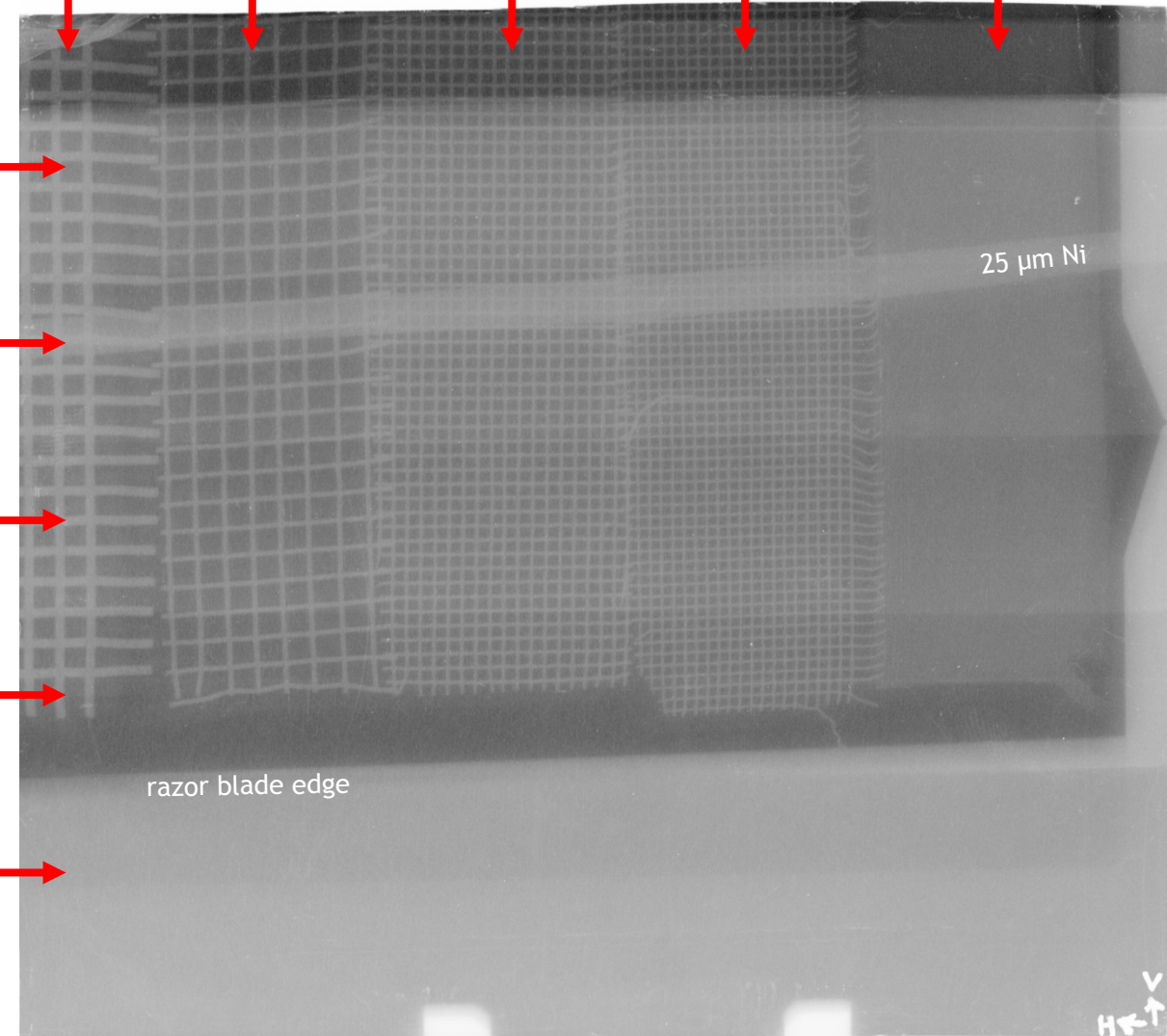
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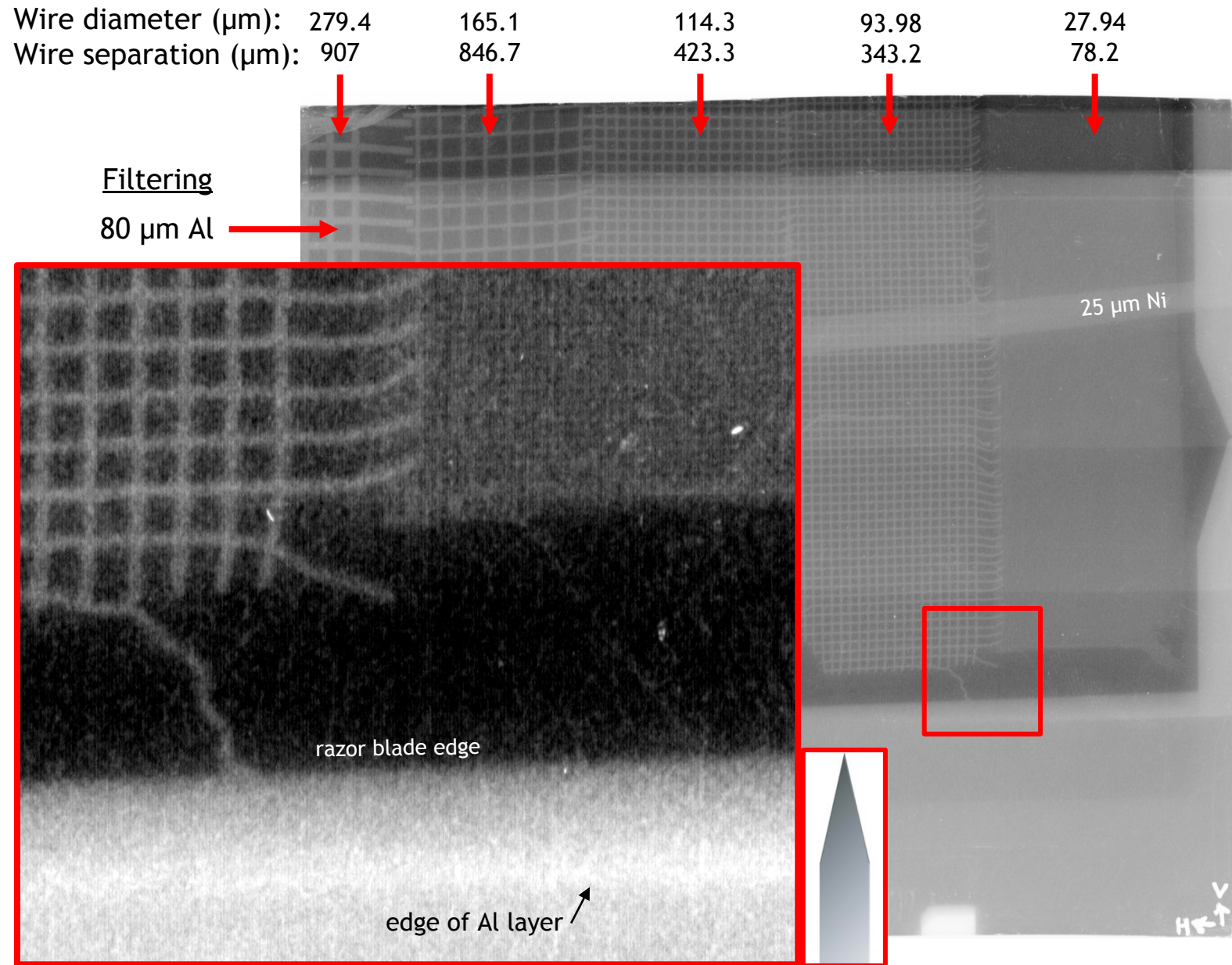


Results from campaign



Second shot on Zr (15.7 keV)

- 50 μ m Al steps
- Magnification of 4 (13cm-39cm)
- Razor blade placed at bottom (useful for knife edge measurement?)
- Required only 1 scan
- Background still gone
- Fine mesh still discernible



Results from campaign



Second shot on Zr (15.7 keV)

- 50 μm Al steps
- Magnification of 4 (13cm-39cm)

Wire diameter (μm): 279.4
Wire separation (μm): 907

165.1
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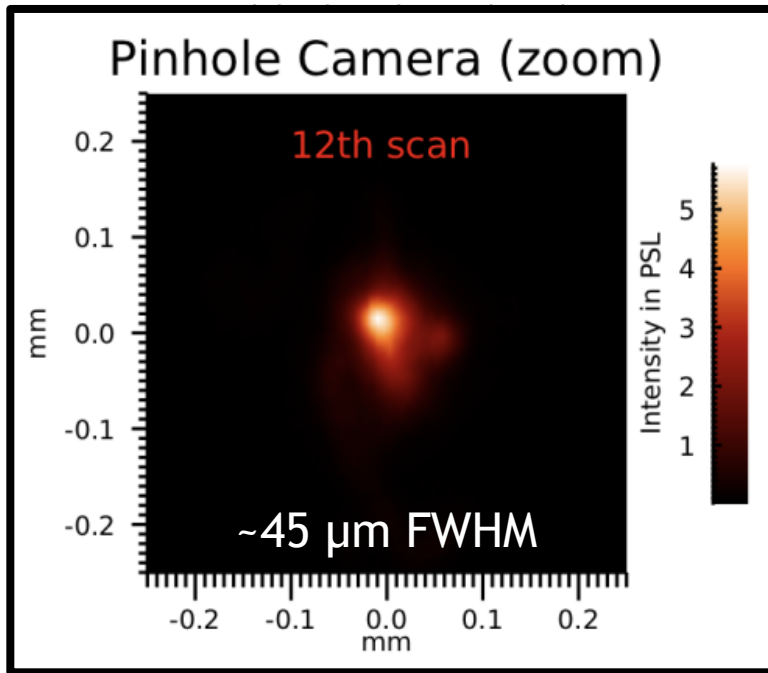
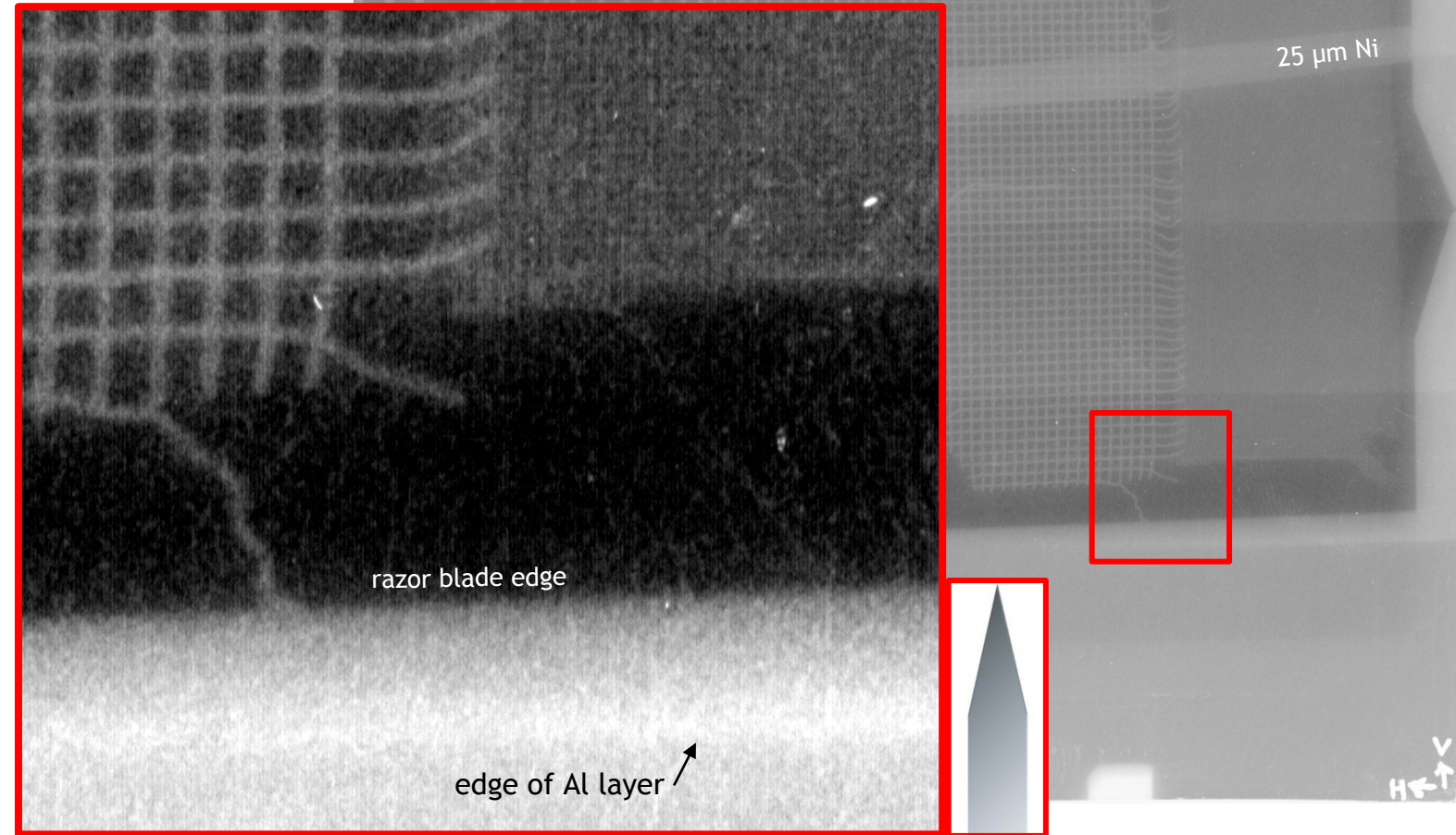
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Filtering

80 μm Al →



Results from campaign



Second shot on Zr (15.7 keV)

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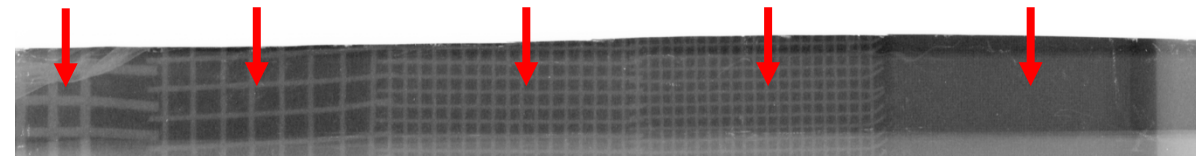
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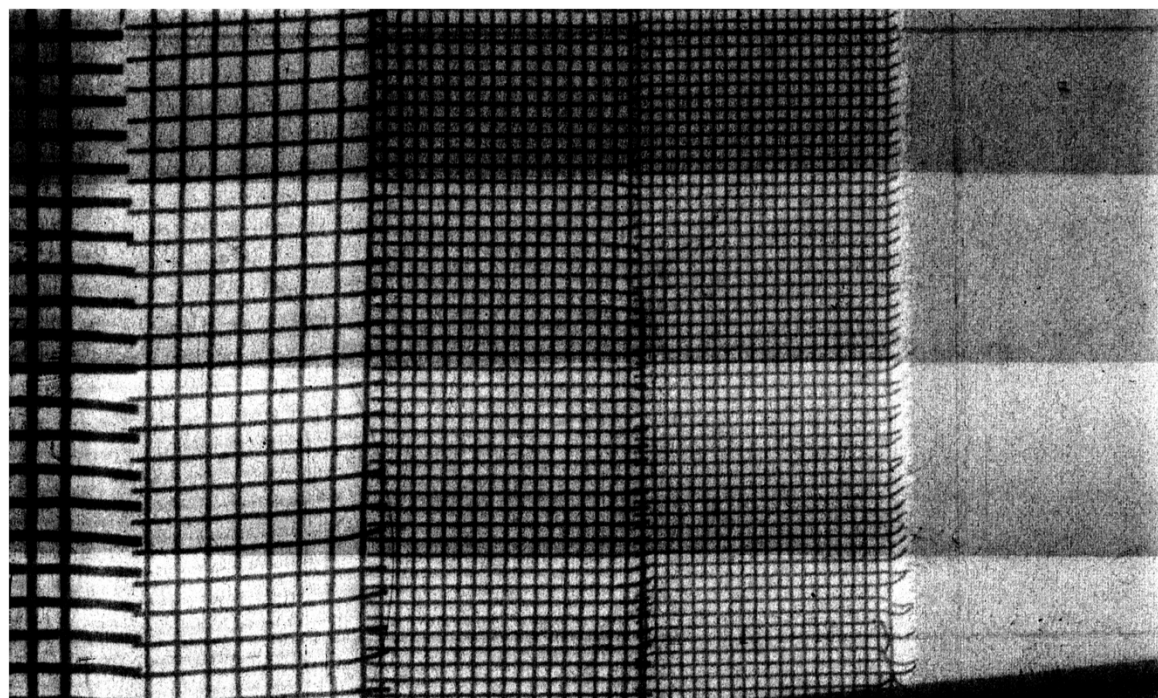
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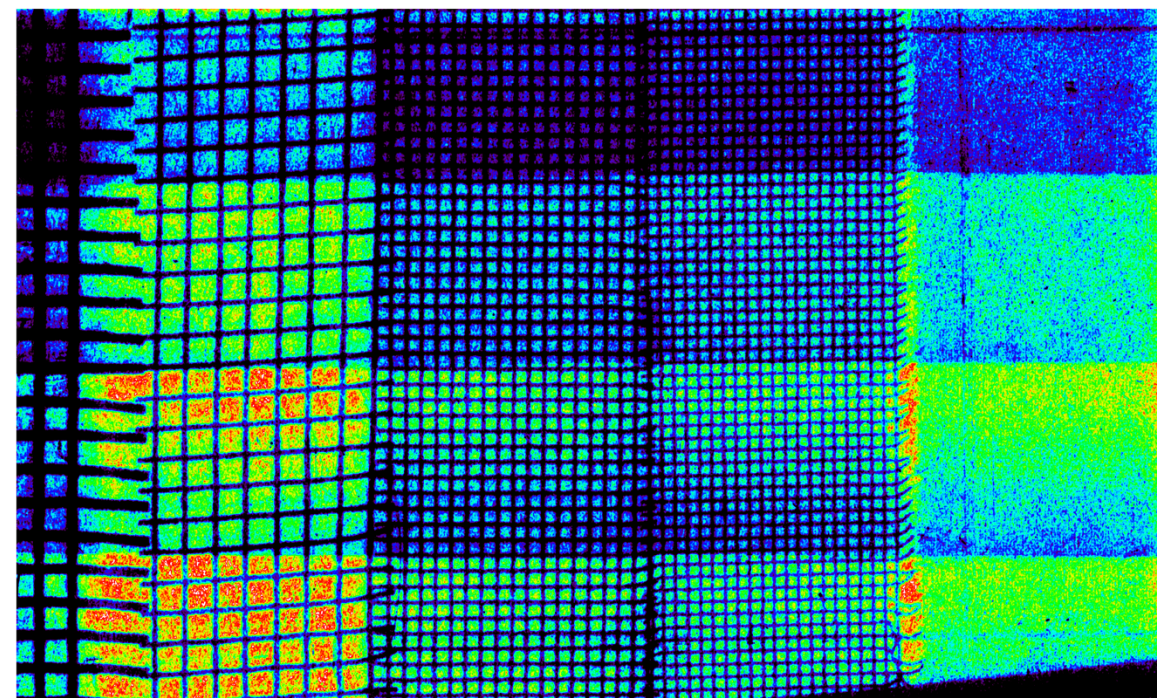


Zirconium Radiograph, raw



0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8
PSL

Zirconium Radiograph, fluence



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Photons/px

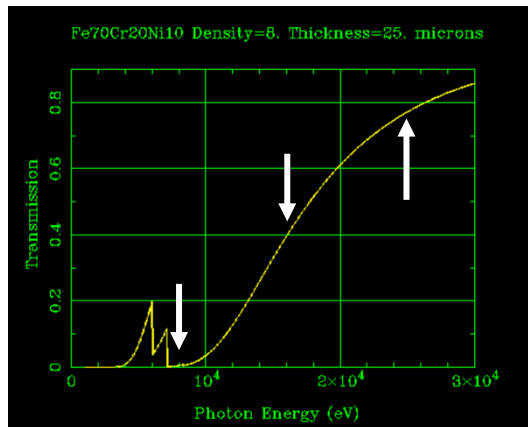
Assuming radiograph is only K_{α} , $\sim 0.5 \text{ ph}/\mu\text{m}^2$

Results from campaign



Only shot on Sn (25 keV)

- 50 μ m Al steps
- Magnification of 4 (13cm-39cm)
- Required only 1 scan
- Fine mesh not discernible (the opacity contrast at 25 keV is low)



Wire diameter (μ m): 279.4
Wire separation (μ m): 907

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Filtering

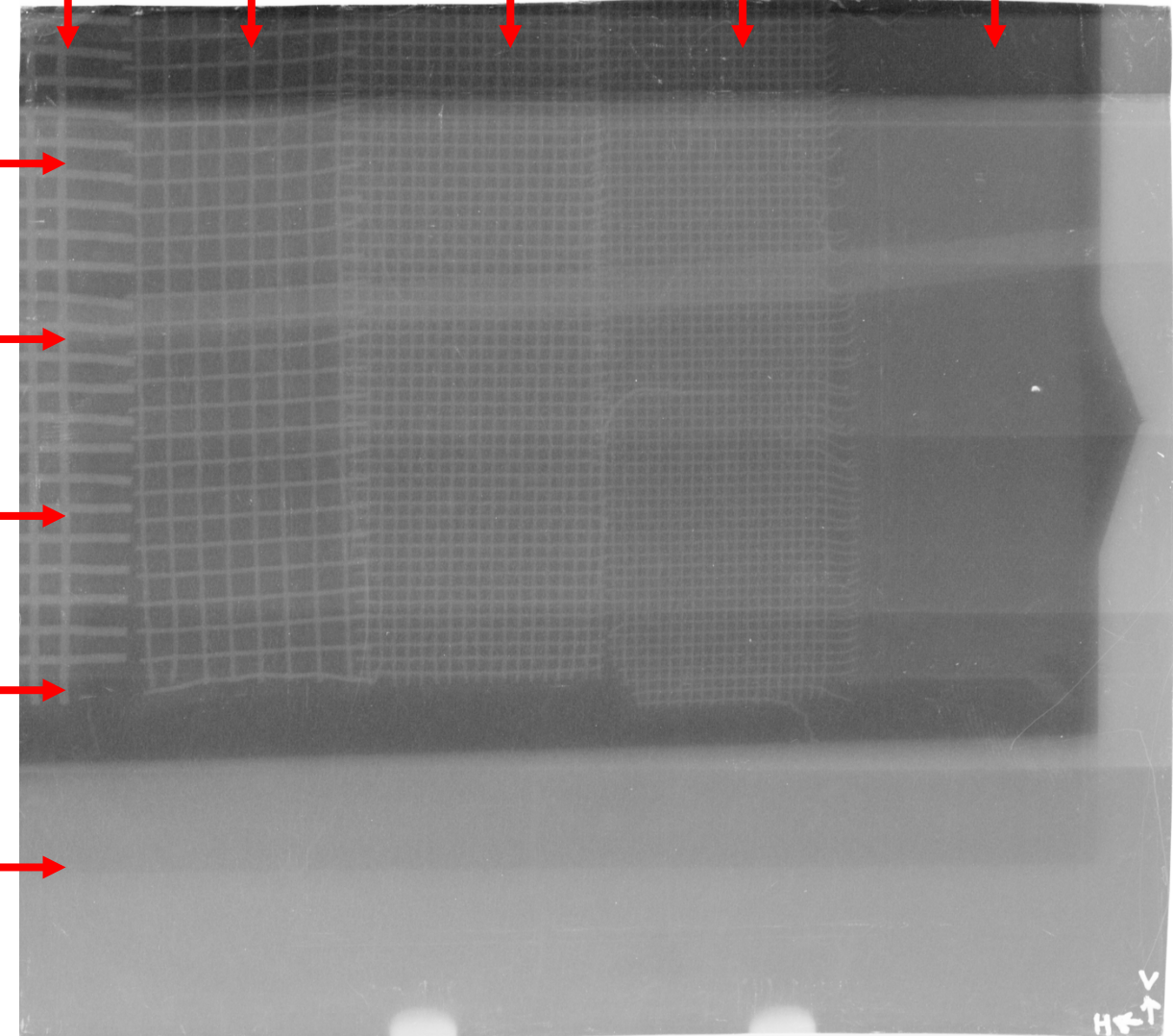
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48 μ m Al →

32 μ m Al →

16 μ m Al →



Summary



Successes:

1. Continued commissioning Z-Petawatt, including comparisons to previous TNSA/x-ray results. Results consistent with on-target intensities $\geq 10^{19}$ W/cm².
2. K_{α} x-ray conversion efficiencies are high and reproducible. Electrons can be stopped by 1 cm of polycarbonate while transmitting x-rays ≥ 16 keV. Lower energy x-rays more challenging.
3. TNSA protons observed at record levels with ZPW in Chama. Plenty of room to grow, considering the chromatic aberrations we know are present, as well as pulse duration and contrast optimizations left to perform.
4. Point-projection radiographs of meshes were successful with decent contrast, and source size is suspected to be fairly small (≤ 50 μ m). Transition to UXI will help with spatial resolution.
5. The collaboration with UCSD is strong and was fruitful for this campaign. Compelling experiments for the future were proposed; planning and scheduling discussions to follow.
6. UCSD provided Sandia a method to extract absolutely calibrated proton spectra.
7. Working with Raspberry Simpson & Graeme Scott to compare TNSA data from TITAN for benchmarking.

Room for improvement:

1. Shot into the Chama gate valve, causing downtime and $\sim 1\%$ damage to Chama OAP. Led to process improvements to avoid repeats. Engineered controls are desired.
2. Didn't get around to shooting Au nanowire targets, but can be left for future campaigns.

Summary



Next steps:

1. Perform pulse duration and contrast measurements of Z-Petawatt in the Chama chamber to better characterize the conditions of the interaction (intensity on target).
2. Analyze the through-focus spot size measurements recorded during this campaign to help with #1.
3. Perform follow-up campaigns to obtain more statistics and field new diagnostics:
 - More shots using higher Z materials; Investigate why we didn't see K_α lines from Sn with the CRITR.
 - Replace the radiograph image plates with UXI cameras[†] to enhance spatial resolution from the detector side, and possibly gate out background from secondary interactions; Try Si and GaAs sensors.
 - Perform pitcher-catcher experiments, using the proton beam to generate neutrons; Develop neutron diagnostics, such as the SiPM array using the PSEC4A 32-channel digitizer.
4. Continue collaborations with UCSD and Raspberry Simpson, possibly pursuing multi-beam experiments using ZPW, ZBL, and Chaco.
5. Determine if a conference proceeding or letter could be pursued with current data or soon to be acquired data from follow-up experiments.

Questions?

