

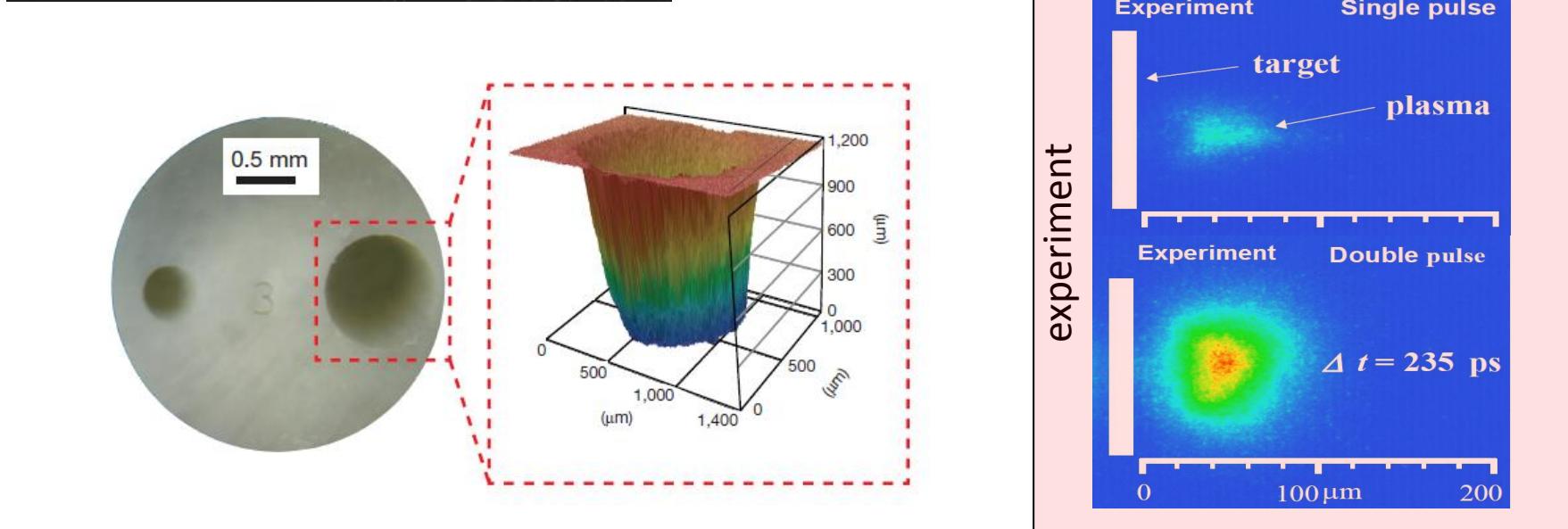
# Гидродинамическое моделирование воздействия лазерных импульсов умеренной интенсивности на вещество с помощью широкодиапазонных моделей теплофизических свойств

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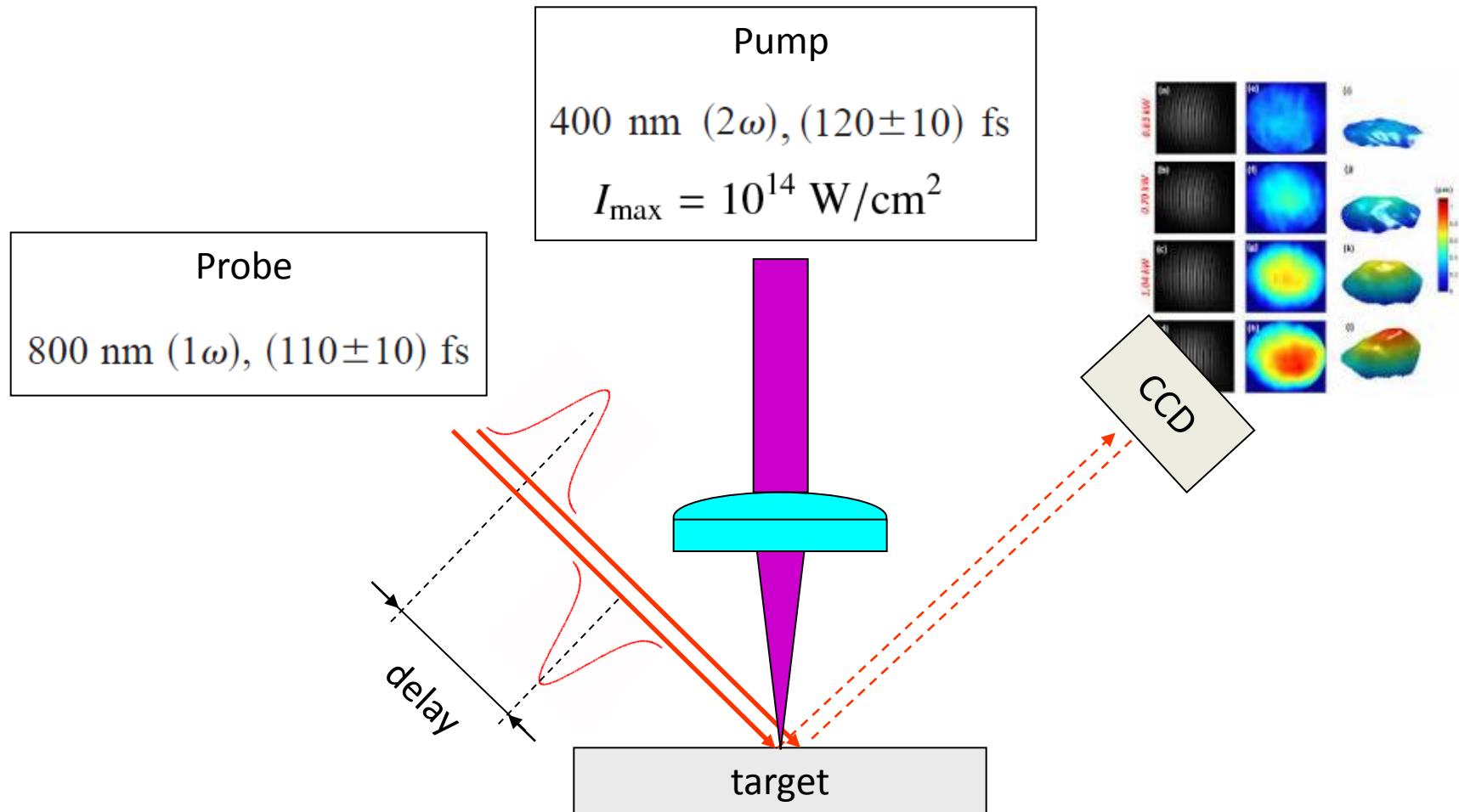
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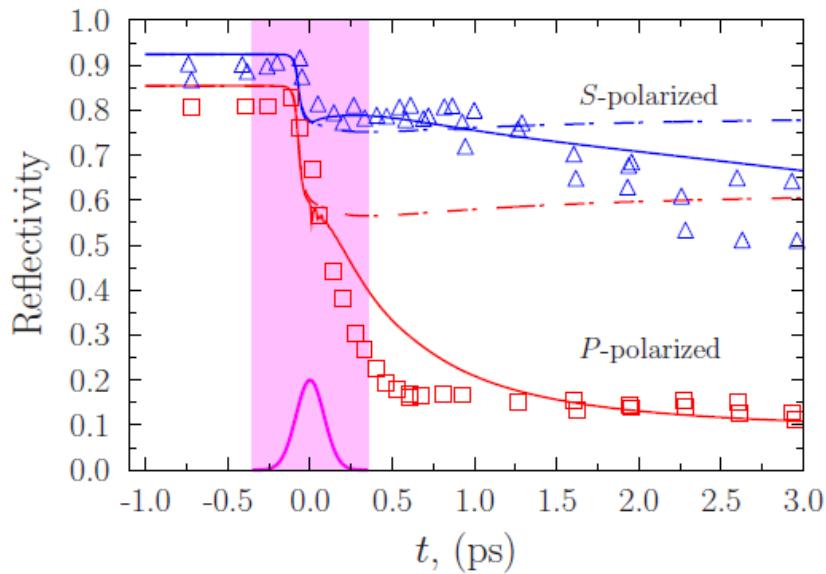
# Model

- Two-temperature hydrodynamics
- Helmholtz wave equation
- Wide-range multi-phase equation of state
- Wide-range permittivity and conductivity

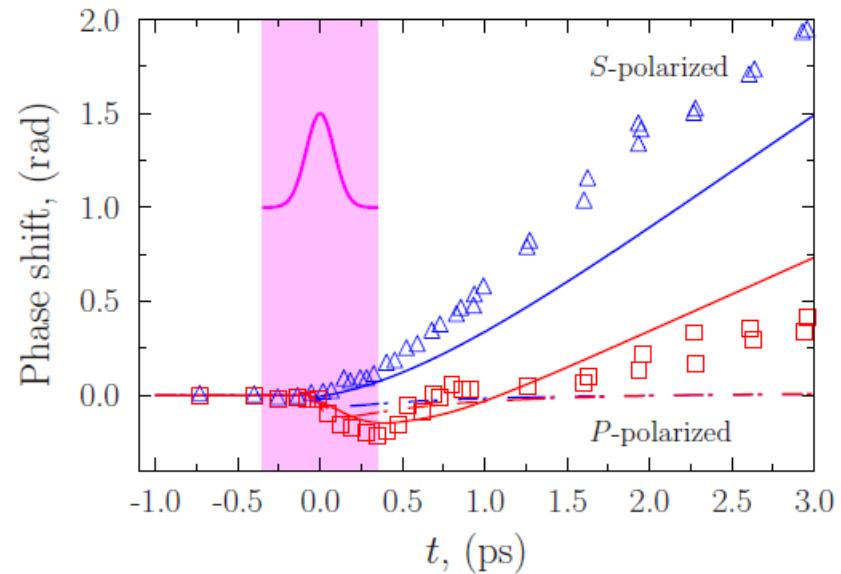
# Pump-probe technique



# Моделирование *s*- и *p*-поляризованных импульсов

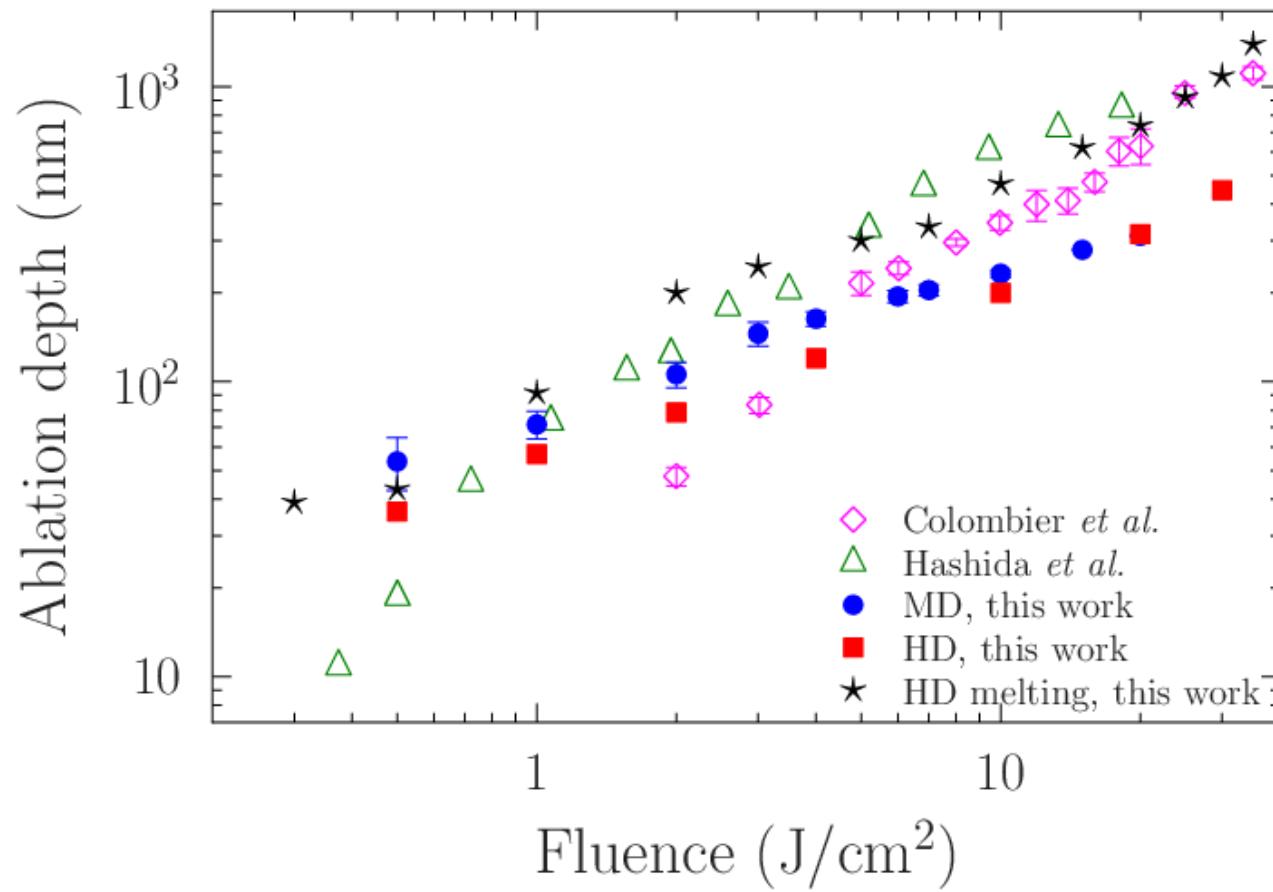


Отражение *s*- и *p*-поляризованных импульсов



Сдвиг фазы *s*- и *p*-поляризованных импульсов

# Depth vs Fluence for 800 nm, 100 fs pulse, Al



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# Ablation efficiency

Aluminum

$$E_{\text{sub}} \approx 12 \text{ kJ/g}$$

$$F = 10 \text{ J/cm}^2$$

$$\rho = 2.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\Delta_{\text{max}} \approx 3 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{exp.}} \approx 300 \text{ nm}$$

800 nm, 100 fs

**Effectiveness  $\approx 10\%$**



# LETTER

## Ablation-cooled material removal with ultrafast bursts of pulses

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The use of femtosecond laser pulses allows precise and thermal-damage-free removal of material (ablation) with wide-ranging scientific<sup>1–5</sup>, medical<sup>6–11</sup> and industrial applications<sup>12</sup>. However, its potential is limited by the low speeds at which material can be removed<sup>1,9–11,13</sup> and the complexity of the laser design arises from the technology. However, the use of high pulse energy threshold for efficient ablation rate results in unwanted effects such as shielding, saturation powers<sup>6,13,14</sup>. Here we circumvent this limitation by exploiting laser cooling, in analogy to a technique routinely used in aerospace engineering<sup>15,16</sup>. We apply ultrafast successions (bursts) of laser pulses to ablate the target material before the residual heat deposited by previous pulses diffuses away from the processing region. Proof-of-principle experiments on various substrates demonstrate that extremely high repetition rates, which make ablation cooling possible, reduce the laser pulse energies needed for ablation and increase the efficiency of the removal process by an order of magnitude over previously used laser parameters<sup>17,18</sup>. We also demonstrate the removal of brain tissue at two cubic millimetres per minute and dentine at three cubic millimetres per minute without any thermal damage to the bulk<sup>9,11</sup>.

Ablation is the evaporative removal of a material when its temperature reaches a critical value. Because the ablated material is physically carried away, the total energy contained in the ablated mass is also removed, reducing the temperature of the remaining material.

Consequently, ablation cooling, which has been detected during the atmospheric reentry of a reentry vehicle, is minimal mass loss<sup>19</sup>. This is not

time,  $\tau_0$ , is proportional to  $\delta^2/\alpha$ , where  $\delta$  is the depth or the lateral radius (whichever dimension is smaller) of the section of the material to be ablated and  $\alpha$  is its thermal diffusivity. For a train of  $N$  pulses, the temperature of the target surface that is encountered by the ( $n+1$ )th pulse is given by  $T_{n+1} = T_n + \delta T$ , where  $\delta T = \Delta T / \sqrt{1 + \tau_R / \tau_0}$  and  $\tau_R$  is inverse of the repetition rate. Ablation occurs when the temperature exceeds a critical value  $T_c$ . For the traditional regime of the ultrafast ablation, the repetition rate is low ( $\tau_R \gg \tau_0$ ) and each pulse must be energetic enough to cause ablation ( $\Delta T > T_c - T_0$ ), where  $T_0$  is the initial surface temperature. In this regime, the ablation-cooled regime corresponds to  $\tau_R \lesssim \tau_0$ . In this regime, the energy of the individual pulses can be lower than the ablation threshold because the temperature builds up from pulse to pulse and ablation starts after the  $m$ th pulse in the train, where  $m = (T_c - T_0 - \Delta T + \delta T) / \delta T$ . The volume of the ablated material is given by  $V_{\text{ablated}} = \beta(N - u(T_c - T_0 - \Delta T)m)E_p u(N - m)$ , where  $\beta$  is a proportionality factor and  $u$  is the Heaviside (unit step) function. The thermal energy that diffuses into the bulk of the target owing to cooling between the pulses is

$$E_{\text{heat}} = \alpha(T_c - T_0) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \tau_R / \tau_0}} \right) (N - m)E_p + \alpha(\Delta T - \delta T)mE_p. \quad \text{For}$$

the traditional regime, this result reduces to  $\lim_{\tau_R \rightarrow \infty} E_{\text{heat}} = \alpha(T_c - T_0)NE_p$ .

The toy model makes two main predictions for the ablation-cooled regime—both are confirmed by numerical solutions of the heat diffusion equation (see Supplementary Information section 2 for details) as well as the experiments described below. The first is that increasing the repetition rate reduces the heating of surrounding regions (Fig. 1b, c and Supplementary Fig. 1). Because less of the deposited laser energy is lost to heat diffusion ( $\lim_{\tau_R \rightarrow 0} E_{\text{heat}} = 0$ ), the ablation efficiency is higher than for the traditional regime (Supplementary Fig. 3).

Supplementary Fig. 4 states that the pulse energy can be decreased if the number of pulses is simultaneously increased in proportion, without a reduction in ablation efficiency (Fig. 1d). This is necessary to prevent effi-

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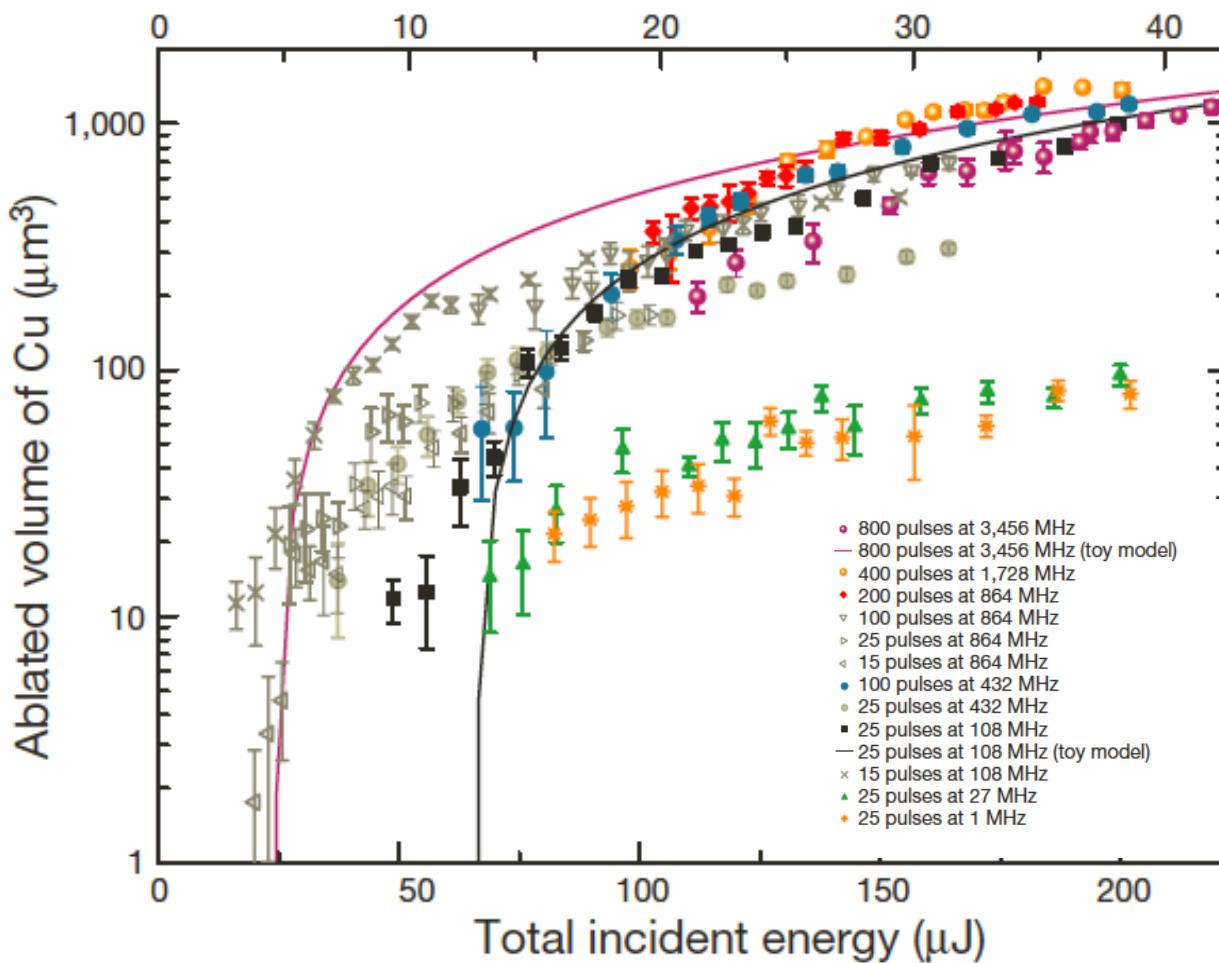
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Total incident fluence ( $\text{J cm}^{-2}$ )

Ablated volume of Cu ( $\mu\text{m}^3$ )



$z$  (290 ps)

0 pulses



# Simulation of ultrafast bursts of subpicosecond pulses: In pursuit of efficiency

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Using a hydrodynamic two-temperature model, we simulate multi-pulse laser ablation of an aluminum bulk target. The results of modeling demonstrate that the effectiveness of the multi-pulse ablation increases an order of magnitude in comparison to a single-pulse ablation of the same energy, while the repetition rate grows up to several GHz because the material surface does not cool down substantially between successive pulses. To prevent the shielding and suppression effects, the fluence of each pulse in the burst should have a subthreshold value to avoid the generation of slow moving ablated condensed-phase nanolayers. The obtained results are consistent with recent experiments on ablation by ultrafast bursts of ultrashort pulses. Published by AIP Publishing.

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Subpicosecond laser processing of materials is widely used in scientific,<sup>1,2</sup> medical,<sup>3,4</sup> and industrial applications.<sup>5,6</sup> Basic mechanisms of ultrashort ablation of metals have been described in several fundamental papers.<sup>7–9</sup> In comparison to nanosecond pulses, a subpicosecond timescale of laser energy deposition makes it possible to ablate materials more effectively as the energy dissipation due to thermal diffusion decreases. Typical subpicosecond single-pulse (SP) laser ablation thresholds for metals were measured to be of the order of 0.1–0.5 J/cm<sup>2</sup>,<sup>10,11</sup> while a pulse of 10 J/cm<sup>2</sup> carries away about 100–200 nm of matter. To further gain the ablation efficiency, several approaches were proposed such as pulse tailoring<sup>12</sup> and multi-pulse (MP) irradiation.<sup>13</sup> Besides, Kambyev and Guo<sup>14</sup> observed a significant absorption effect<sup>15</sup> or substantial modification of gold due to nanostructural surface modification of femtosecond laser ablation. However, there was no noticeable increase in the self-reflectivity<sup>16</sup> or substantial modification of dielectric function<sup>17</sup> of the solid state.<sup>23</sup> Moreover,

study mechanisms responsible for such a record increase in ablation efficiency.

A one-dimensional two-temperature hydrodynamic model<sup>21</sup> was developed and previously used for the investigation of SP and DP ablation of metals. The validity of the model was confirmed by comparison with the experimentally obtained ablation depth for several metals in SP<sup>11</sup> and DP<sup>16,17</sup> regimes. In the case of MP ablation, the model should account for not only the laser light interaction with a target but also the propagation in the plume generated by previous pulses. Solving the Helmholtz wave equation for the laser electric field envelope, the absorption and reflection are calculated for an arbitrary profile of permittivity, which is a function of thermodynamic parameters obtained from the hydrodynamic equations. The corresponding wide-range expression for the permittivity is used in the form  $\epsilon = \epsilon_{pl} + (\epsilon_{met} - \epsilon_{pl}) \exp(-AT_e/T_F)$ , where  $T_F$  is the Fermi temperature and  $A = 0.2$  is the fitting parameter adjusted to describe the self-reflectivity experiments for aluminum.<sup>22</sup> The approximation contains the Drude-like limit  $\epsilon_{met}(\omega_L, \rho, T_e, T_i)$  of the solid state<sup>23</sup> and the plasma limit  $\epsilon_{pl}(\omega_L, \rho, T_e)$  of the dielectric function<sup>24</sup> Here,  $\omega_L$  is the laser frequency,  $\rho$  is the electron and ion temperature, and  $T_i$  is the initial temperature of dielectric function

# Simulation of ultrafast laser ablation efficiency

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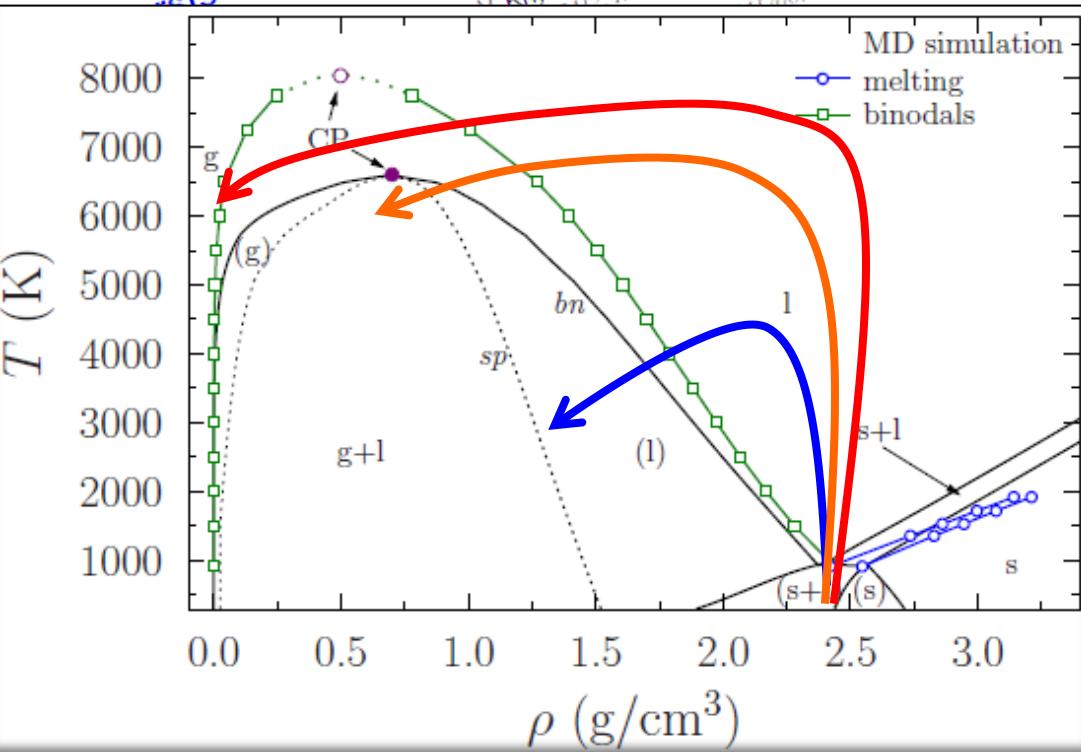
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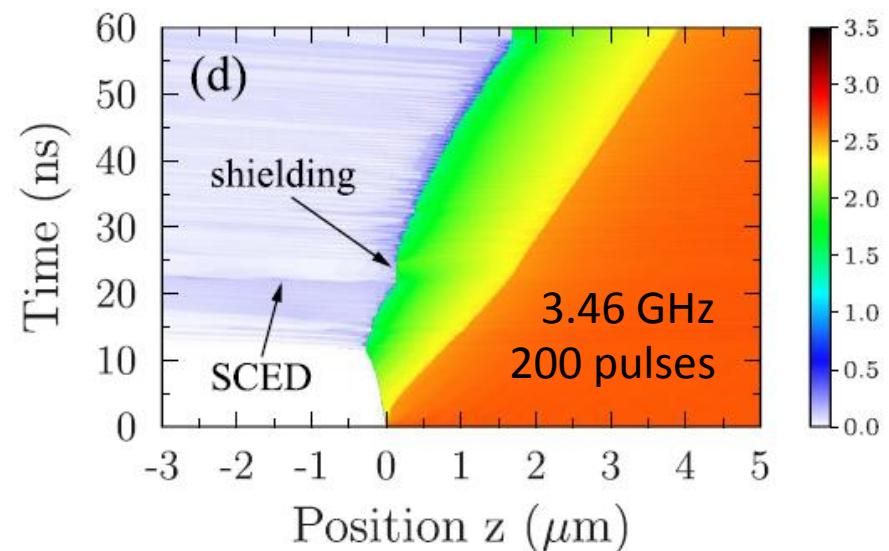
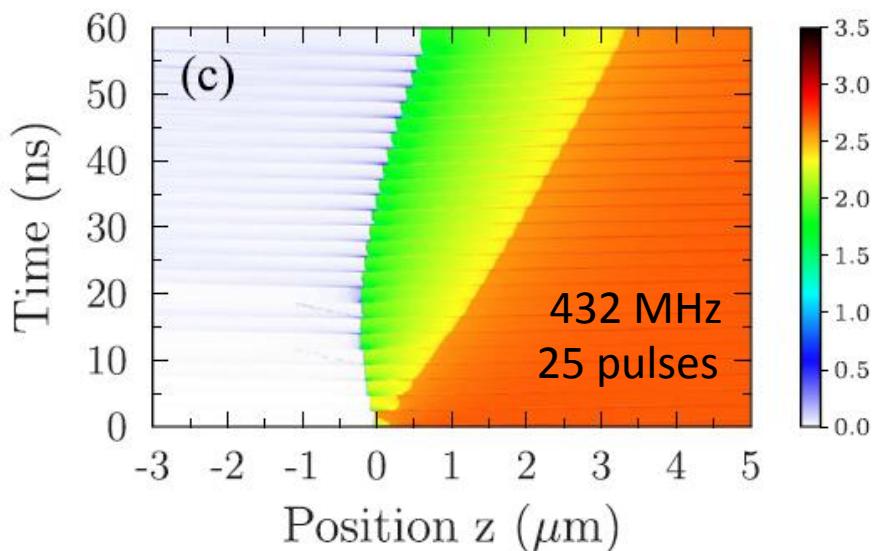
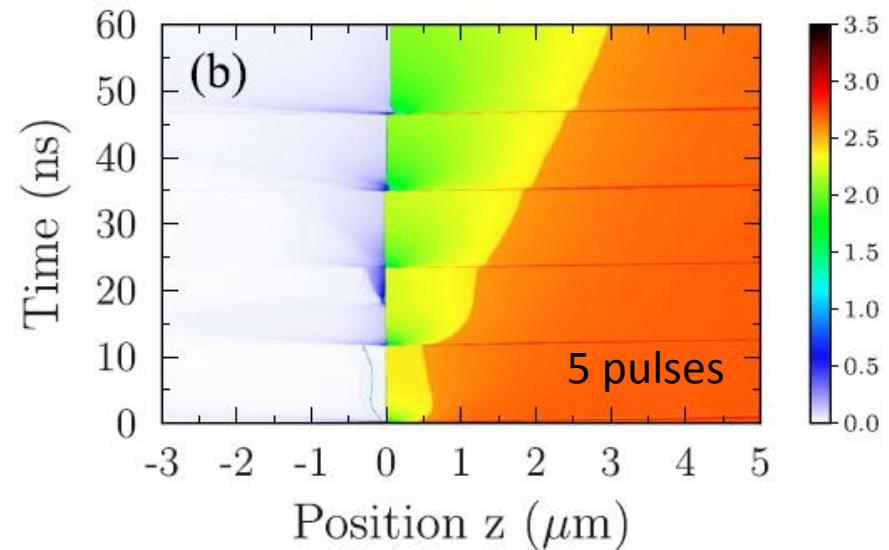
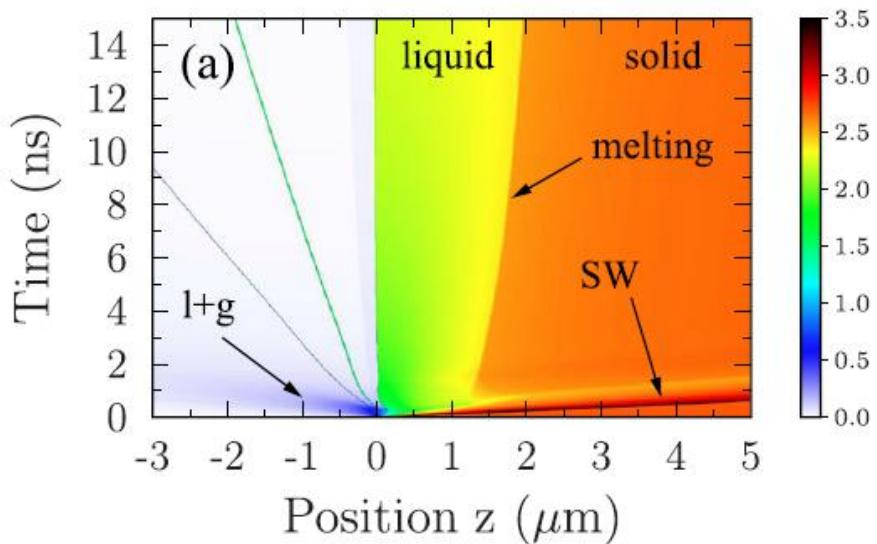
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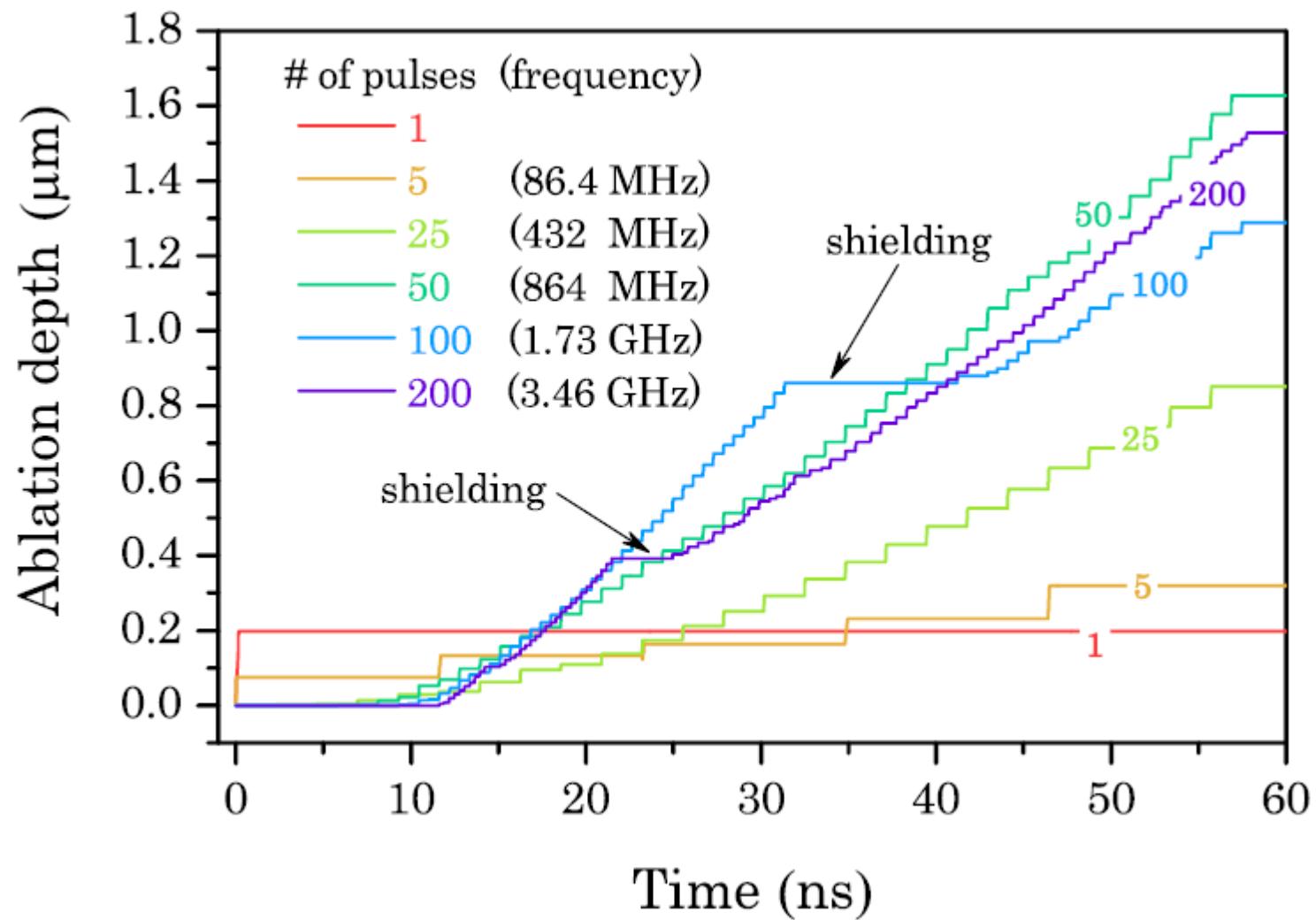


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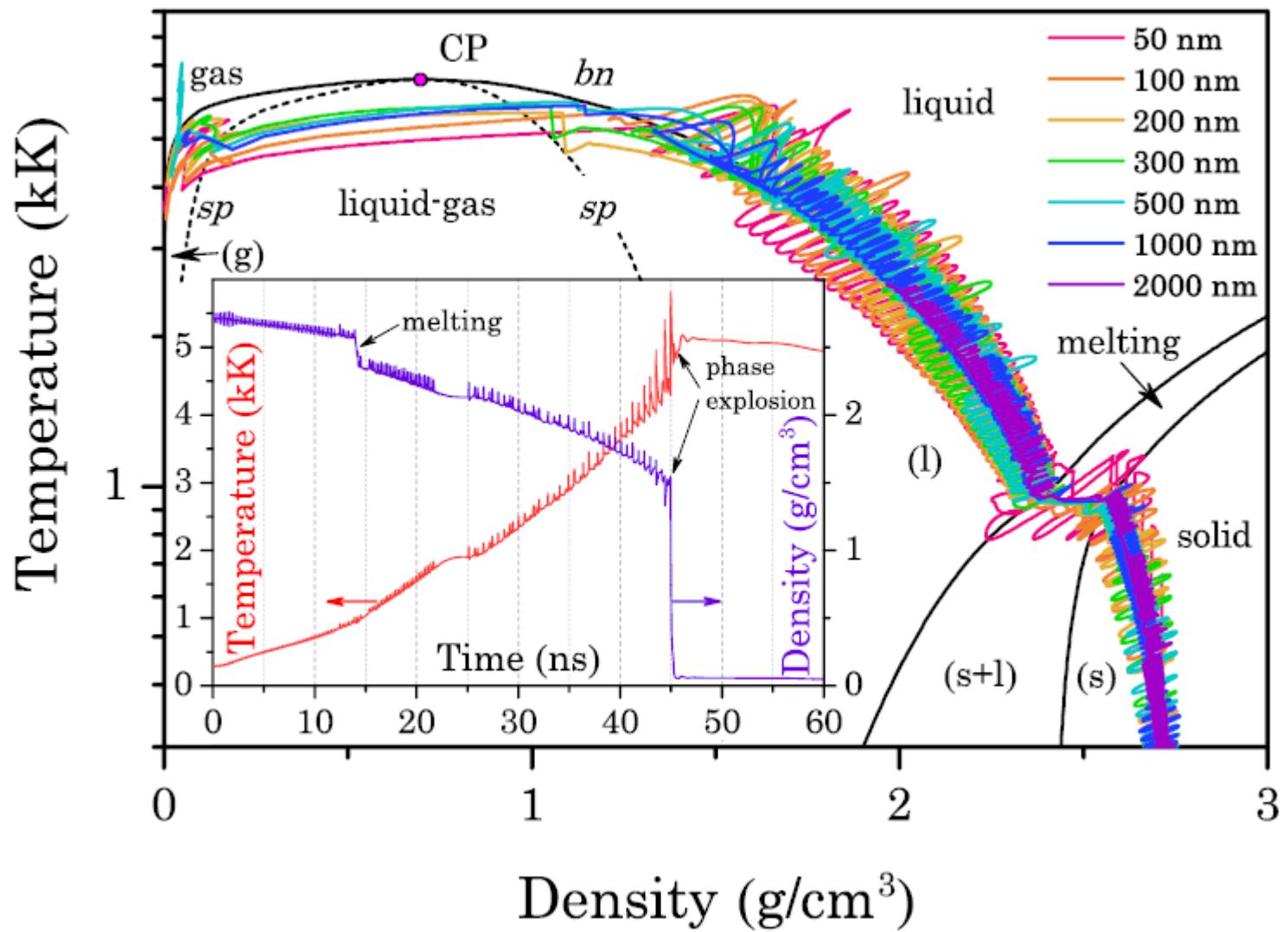
# Al; 1, 5, 25 and 200 pulses, $20 \text{ J/cm}^2$



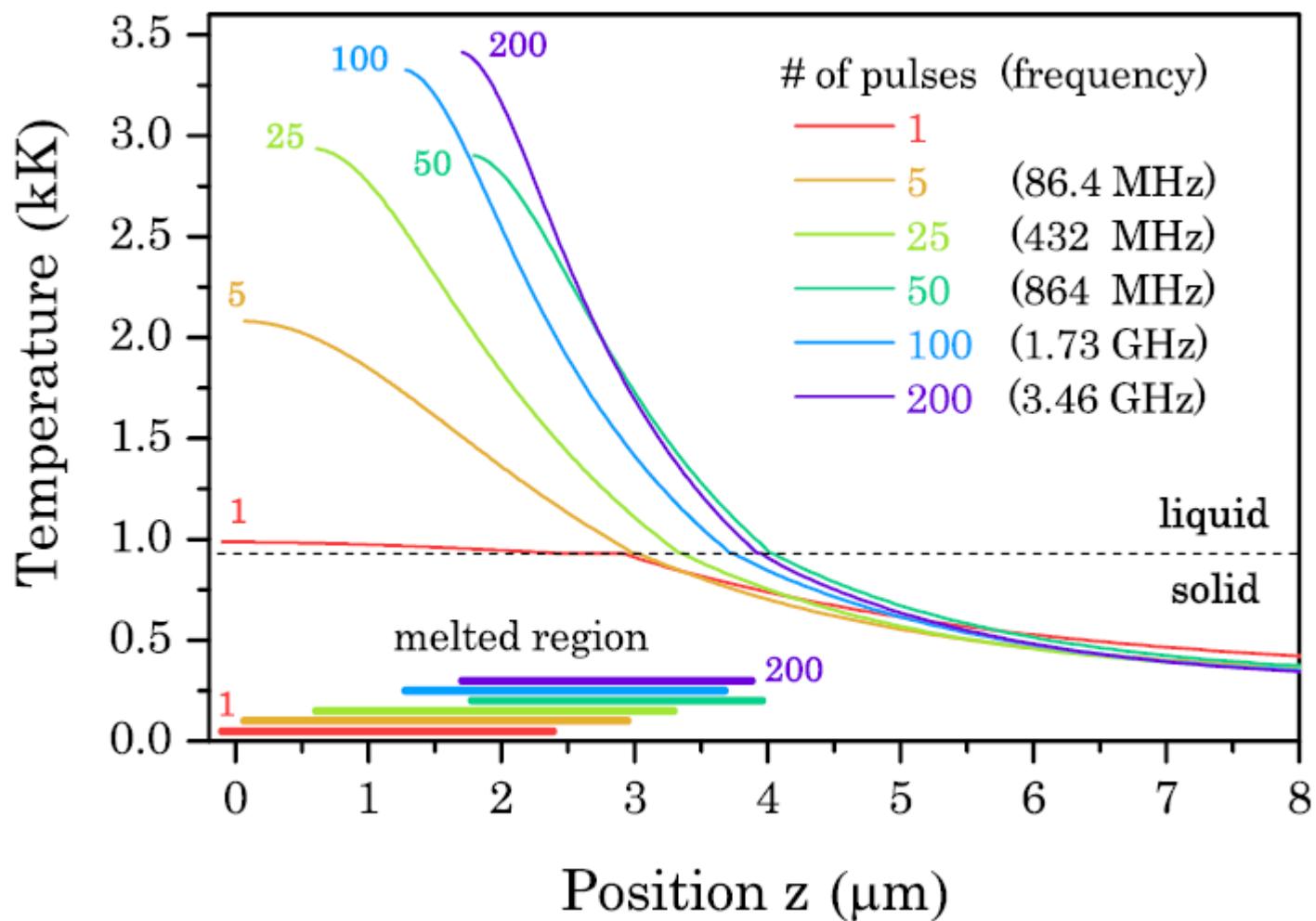
# Ablation rate, 20 J/cm<sup>2</sup>



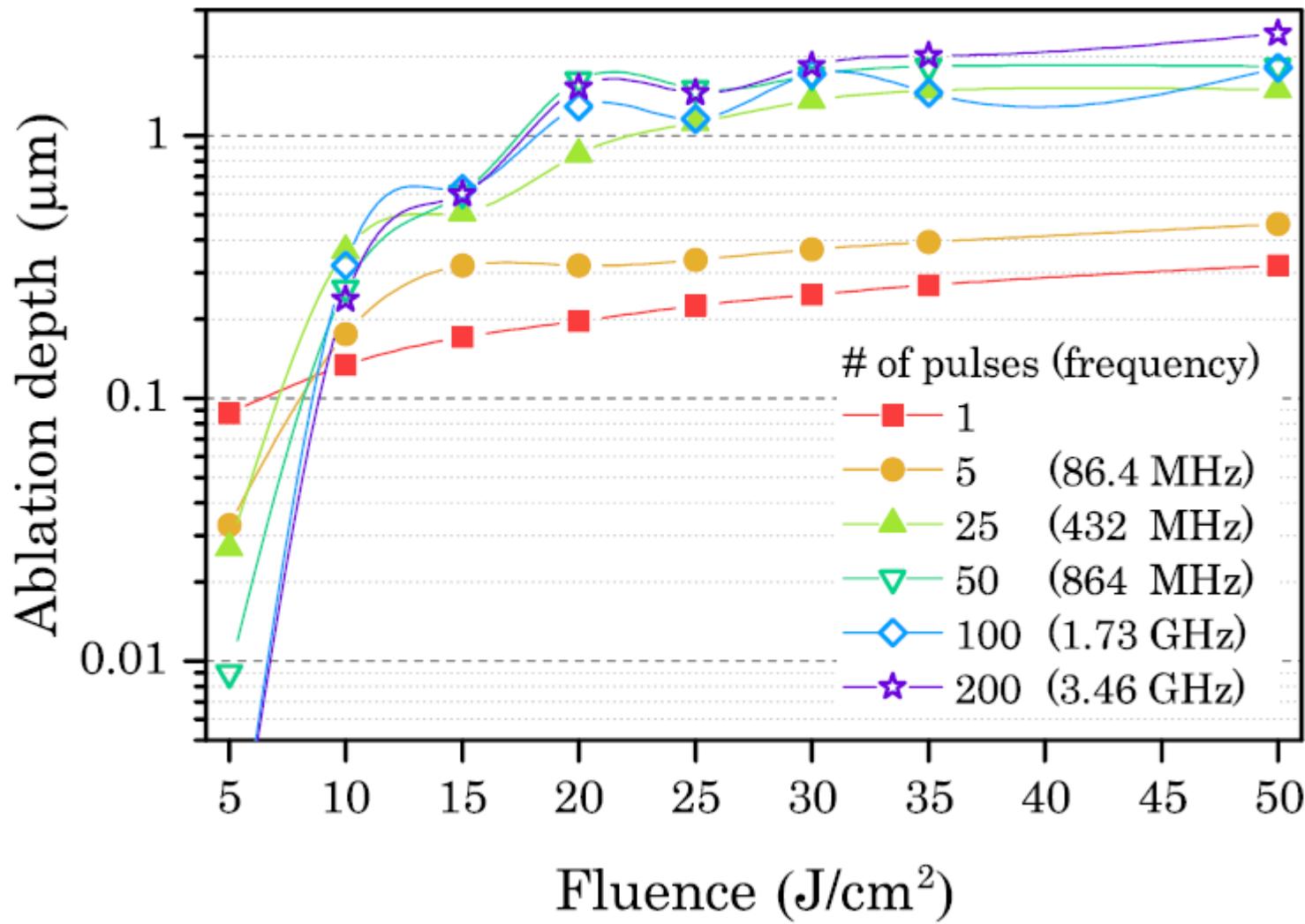
# 200-pulse ablation



# Temperature inside the target at 60 ns



# Ablation depth vs. Fluence



# Conclusions

- Multi-pulse ablation: rate increases with the intraburst repetition rate growth
- Material surface does not cool down substantially between successive pulses
- To prevent the shielding and suppression: the fluence of each pulse in the burst has a sub-threshold value
- Multiple pulses can guide thermodynamic trajectories along the binodal to the critical point
- Optical and transport properties in liquid-gas region?