## **Plasma Wakefield Experiments at FACET**

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# New Installation @ 2km point of SLAC linac: Chicane for bunch compression Final Focus for small spots at the IP Experimental Area (25m)

Energy

Charge

CD-0 February 2008 CD-1 September 2009 CD-2/3 June 2010 CD-4 January 2012

> Sector 20 Experimental Area

LCLS

Sector 10 Compressor Chicane

e+ Source 🥑



A Unique Facility for Accelerator Science

Damping Rings

20 µm Sigma z 10 µm Sigma r Peak Current 22 kAmps e<sup>-</sup> & e<sup>+</sup> Species n<sub>e</sub>≈10<sup>14</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> e<sup>-</sup> spatial distribution optical transition radiation (OTR e<sup>-</sup> spectrum K-ray based spectromete. SLAC linac: BPM's, Torroids, e<sup>-</sup> beam Feedbacks, GADCs, from SLAC near accelerato triggers e<sup>-</sup> bunch length e<sup>-</sup> spectrum Čerenkov ligi coherent transition in air gap radiation (CTR)

**Beam Parameters** 

23 GeV

3 nC





User assisted commissioning this summer (2011) Goal to get beam needed for science and commission accelerator configurations and experimental hardware FACET Project CD-4 early 2012 First user runs in 2012: Four months total running/year for five years

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### TeV collider design has multiple acceleration stages, each adding ~25 GeV/stage

- □ FACET PWFA program aims to demonstrate a single stage with needed Q,  $\Delta E/E$ , efficiency, emittance preservation
- Results will inform designs for future applications (HEP, Photon Science)



## E-167: Energy Doubling with a Plasma Wakefield Accelerator in the FFTB

- Acceleration Gradients of ~50GeV/m (3,000 x SLAC)
  - Doubled energy of 45 GeV electrons in 1 meter plasma
- Single Bunch

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beam acceleration @ FACET

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Plasma source starts with metal vapor in a heat-pipe oven

□ Scalable, n<sub>0</sub> = 10<sup>14</sup>-10<sup>17</sup> e<sup>-</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>, L = 20-200 cm



See D. Bruhwiler et al, Physics of Plasmas 2003

Space charge fields are high enough to field (tunnel) ionize - no laser!

- No timing or alignment issues
- Plasma recombination not an issue
- However, can't just turn it off!
- Head erosion



## Single Stage Energy Gain Limited by Head Erosion





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## SLAC Single Bunch Experiments Cs Plasma FACET

Parameterize head erosion for lower ionization potential (Cs vs. Li)

see K. Marsh TUOBN1

Study onset of self-trapping (dark current)



Plasma Density :  $5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ Beam}$  :  $\sigma_{r1} = \sigma_{r2} = 10 \ \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\sigma_{z1} = 18 \ \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\sigma_{z2} = 25 \ \mu\text{m}$ ,  $N_1 = 6.7 \times 10^9$ ,  $N_2 = 2.3 \times 10^9$ ,  $\epsilon_x = \ \epsilon_y = 100 \ \text{mm} \cdot \text{mad}$ 

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#### Plasma Dark Current in E-167: Large Fields (Beam or Wake) Ionize He Buffer





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Will Use Two Bunches to Study Beam Loading in the Non-linear Regime for the First Time



Two-bunches in Field-Ionized Cs Plasma FACET

see W. An MOP016

## After 88.5 cm of 3.7 x 10<sup>16</sup> plasma

- Energy Gain 5 GeV
- Energy Spread ~ 3%
- Variable with plasma density, beam emittance, ionization potential



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- Energy Gain 30 GeV
- Energy Spread ~ 5%
- Energy Loss 17 GeV, Beam loading efficiency 64%



Drive Beam :  $\sigma_r = 10 \ \mu m$ ,  $\sigma_z = 34.1 \ \mu m$ ,  $N_1 = 9.57 \ x \ 10^9$ ,  $\varepsilon = 100 \ mm \cdot mrad$ Trailing Beam:  $\sigma_r = 10 \ \mu m$ ,  $\sigma_z = 19.3 \ \mu m$ ,  $N_2 = 4.33 \ x \ 10^9$ ,  $\varepsilon = 100 \ mm \cdot mrad$ Distance between two beams : 130 \ \mm m Plasma Density : 5.0 \ x \ 10^{16} \ cm^{-3}

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## FACET Will Allow PWFA with Compressed Positron Bunches for the First Time

QuickPIC simulation,  $\sigma_z$ =15µm, N=2x10<sup>10</sup>e<sup>-</sup>,  $\sigma_r$ =10µm, n<sub>e</sub>=2x10<sup>17</sup>cm<sup>-3</sup>, E<sub>0</sub>=28GeV



Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 055001 (2008)

Accelerating gradient ~ 15GeV/m

- Large energy spread
- Emittance growth (transverse, longitudinal field variations)
- Opportunity for new ideas, original solutions...
- Acceleration of e+ on e- driven wake?





- Extract e<sup>-</sup> & e<sup>+</sup> from damping rings on same linac pulse
- Accelerate bunches to sector 20 while 5.25 cm apart
- Use 'Sailboat Chicane' to put them within  $100\mu$ m at entrance to plasma



#### Opens up many new avenues of research:

- Positron acceleration on electron driven wakes
- Platform for evaluating proton driven PWFA concept

see S. Pinkerton MOP106





- FACET will provide high energy density electron and positron beams unique in the world (23GeV, 3nC, >20kA, <10µm) primarily to study plasma wakefield acceleration
- Beam parameters are well suited for next generation PWFA experiments:
  - Beam loading in non-linear regime
  - High transformer ratio with shaped bunches
  - Positron acceleration (w/ electron or positron drivers)
- User assisted commissioning this summer (2011)
- CD-4 end of 2011 with first official user run early 2012
- □ FACET expected to operate 4 months/year for 5 years
- FACET PWFA program will demonstrate key components of single plasma cells for PWFA driven X-FELs and linear colliders
- Questions? Drop by the FACET Satellite Meeting T 6-8PM