





Proton-Driven Plasma Wakefield Acceleration Experiment at CERN

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For the AWAKE Collaboration













PROTON-DRIVEN PWFA

Caldwell, Nat. Phys. 5, 363, (2009)





♦Accelerate an e⁻ bunch on the wakefields of a p⁺ bunch

- Single stage, no gradient dilution
- ♦Gradient ~1 GV/m over 100's m

\diamondOperate at lower n_e, larger (λ_{pe})³, easier life ...





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SELF-MODULATION INSTABILITY (SMI)





Convective instability Schroeder et al., PRL 107, 145002 (2011)

Radial focusing/defocusing with longitudinal period!

Initial small transverse wakefields modulate the bunch density







SMI-PWFA SIMULATIONS



OSIRIS 2.0





Benchmarking with (for AWAKE only!):

♦ OSIRIS: R. A. Fonseca et al., Lect. Notes Comput. Sci. 2331, 342 (2002)
♦ VLPL A: Pukhov, J. Plasma Phys. 61, 425 (1999)
♦ LCODE: K. V. Lotov, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 6, 061301 (2003)



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PROTON BEAMS @ CERN





CNGS experimental area

- \diamond SPS beam: high energy, low σ_r^* , long β^*
- \diamond Initial goal: ~GeV gain by externally injected e⁻, in 5-10m of plasma in self-modulated p⁺ driven PWFA



 L_{p} ~10m~2 β *







Short laser pulse creates the plasma and seeds the SMI

 σ_z ~12cm >> λ_{pe} ~1.2mm (n_e~10¹⁴cm⁻³) => Self-modulation Instability (SMI)*







10⁻² 5

¹10⁵

31.8

2

0 0

10.6

21.2

Position [cm]











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p⁺-PWFA ACCELERATOR PHYSICS





✦Laser ionization of a metal vapor (Rb),

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3-4m plasma for p⁺ self-modulation only, SEEDING NECESSARY!

- ✦Helicon plasma source scales well to very long plasmas (>100m)
- Maybe able to tune plasma densities to maintain accelerating gradient



plasma source







- First p⁺-driven PWFA experiment
- ♦Take advantage of large energy (J) of p⁺ bunches; lower gradient, larger size structure approach
- \diamond Initially use self-modulation of long (~12cm) of p⁺ bunches in dense plasma (λ_{pe} ~1,2mm)
- Study physics of p⁺ bunch SMI (growth seeding, parametric dependencies, etc.)
- ♦Sample wakefields with externally "side-injected" e⁻: GeV energy gain
- ♦Accelerator experiments with on axis injection, beam loading, etc
- Many challenges (plasma, stability, injection, etc.)
- ♦Long term project: short p⁺ bunches, long plasma sources, etc.
- Collaboration formed ...
- Experiment "corridor-approved" at CERN
- ♦Experiments planned for 2016 ...





Advanced WAKefield Experiment

Proton-driven Plasma Wakefield Accelerator at CERN



Proof-of-principle experiment: accelerate in a short distance charged particles

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- Candidate for future high energy accelerators
- Toward single-stage TeV lepton accelerator



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MAINTAINING HIGH GRADIENT





- Peak gradient can be maintained over long distances with a plasma density step!
- Possibility for ~100GeV in ~100m?

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Lotov, Phys. Plasmas 18, 103101 (2011)







 \diamond SMI-PWFA: instability + resonantly driven

PLASMA DENSITY REQUIREMENTS

e⁻, z=1m

15 [m]

 \diamond Requirements for SMI growth rate

For a linear gradient:

Instability suppressed if:

♦ Requirements witness bunch acceleration

If λ_{pe} changes locally injected electron will be defocused

 $\frac{n_e(z)}{n_{e0}} = 1 + \frac{z}{L}$

$$\Delta \phi = \frac{2\pi\xi}{\lambda_{pe0}} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta n_e}{n_{e0}} < \frac{\pi}{2} \implies \frac{\delta n_e}{n_{e0}} < \frac{\lambda_{pe0}}{4\xi} \cong \frac{\lambda_{pe0}}{4\sigma_z} \cong 0.25\%$$

♦ Tight requirement!



Lotov, Phys. Plasmas 20, 013102 (2013).



n_=6x10¹⁶cm-



♦ Need to keep laser-ionized source for seeding





SMI SEEDING



♦SM Instability, grows from noise, "random"

Instabilities can be seeded by a larger-than-noise signal











♦Single, long plasma

Low energy test e⁻ injected sideways are trapped and bunched in a few wake buckets





COMPARISON +/- DRIVEN PWFA



Simulations:

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Comparison positively/negatively charged bunches after SMI saturation





