# Novel High Gradient Particle Accelerators

Can we build smaller, less expensive accelerators?

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zur Erlangung der Würde eines Doktor-Ingenieurs

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#### **Electron Acceleration: The Success of RF**

Alternating field (RF) synchronized to the particles

> Higher energies with **alternating voltage ("RF")**:



- RF technology (first shown by Wideröe 90 years ago) a tremendous success story.
- Lesson: Never give up if up, if colleagues say it does not work unless they can prove it to you by scientific means.



#### LHC as a Masterpiece of Accelerator Science

80 Years (and many inventions) later





#### Particle accelerators have transformed DESY

From 50 years ago to today...



- DESY started as a particle physics laboratory
- Several flagship projects in the international race to discover new forces and particles.



#### **Particle accelerators have transformed DESY**

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#### BUT:

Progress in Hamburg-based colliders limited by practical considerations on size and cost.



# **Slow-down in Energy Increase of Frontier Accelerators**

Livingston plot leveling off – here our version, giving beam energy versus time



Advance of new colliders limited by practical constraints on required resources (budget, manpower) and size (does it fit on site?)



# Why this slow-down?Part 1

Technical limitations in highly advanced and mature technologies

#### Hadron (p) circular collider

• Limited by available bending field strength B<sub>y</sub> (even super-conducting):

 $p = e \cdot R \cdot B_{y}$ 

• Increase momentum p by increasing radius R times bending field By

#### Lepton (e-,e+) circular collider

• Limited by synchrotron radiation losses  $U_0$ , to be fed back by RF voltage  $V_{RF}$ :

$$U_0 \propto \frac{E_b^4}{E_0^4} \frac{1}{\rho} = V_{RF} \sin \phi_s$$

E.g. LEP2: 3% of energy lost per turn, 10,000 turns/second

Increase momentum p by increasing radius R and lowering bending field B<sub>y</sub>



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# The End of LEP2

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2000, 7am

When we shut down LEP2 in 2000 we thought that it was the **last e+e- circular collider due to synchrotron radiation limit**!

But what about **going linear**? This avoids synchrotron radiation limitation! Why also slowing down?





# Why this slow-down?Part 2

Technical limitations in highly advanced and mature technologies

#### Lepton (e-,e+) linear collider

- Limited by achievable accelerating gradient (energy gain per length)
- Increase momentum p by increasing gradient G<sub>acc</sub> or length L

 $p = L \cdot G_{acc}$ 

- Achievable accelerating gradient limited by peak surface field, flashovers, surface damage and breakdown rate
- Example shows a result from CLIC at a high RF frequency of 30 GHz
- By now, some important progress made but gradients limited to 100 MV/m at max presently







#### How to advance?

Looking for solutions





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If you look at it this way, you realize the **complementarity of various accelerator R&D efforts**, covering the whole space of possible solutions! We need to **look at all the options** to ensure the future!



Increase length (ILC, CLIC)

(b) New regime of ultra-high gradients (plasma,

dielectric accelerators)

### We can dream big ...

The ultimate colliders





#### But: It is the cost not the size...



Gustav-Adolf Voss, builder of PETRA, DESY accelerator director † 5. October 2013 "Of course, it should not be the size of an accelerator, but its costs which must be minimized."





#### ... we can dream affordable ...

Can we bring down cost per meter of accelerator by a factor 2 – 10?



#### f = 3.3 GHz, Q = 50

Material and pictures courtesy S. Brooks, BNL

Halbach quadrupole using NdFeB, 3D printed, 23.6 T/m, R=34.7mm bore (0.82T max), 10<sup>-4</sup> errors at R=10mm



Material cost: **\$1100**. No alignment better than 0.25 mm required anywhere. Assembled with mallet.



#### ... and even more affordable ...

Can we bring down cost per meter of accelerator by a factor 2 – 10?

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# The beer barrel as a VHF cavity resonator

In the 1970s, use of mobile radio frequencies was expanding dramatically and existing antennas were becoming heavily overloaded. The engineering solution devised by Gerald David was to introduce multiple transmitter combiners onto a single antenna using band-pass filters. The use of a beer barrel in this context shows how existing structures can be adapted to new uses at a fraction of the cost of purposely designed components.



#### f = 150-165 MHz, Q = 9700

Material and pictures courtesy S. Brooks, BNL



#### ...and we can dream small (and affordable)!

New generation(s) of particle physics colliders?





Courtesy Fermilab Website







#### **Acceleration: Conventional and Advanced**

How to get higher accelerating voltage?

Surfer gain velocity and energy by riding the water wave!

Charged particles gain energy by riding the electromagnetic wave!





Modern lasers generate light pulses with very large transverse fields: Many 1.000 billion volt per meter

Plasma or metallic structures couple fields to our particles!



#### **ANGUS Laser Laboratory for Accelerator R&D**

200 TW Ti-Sa laser, DESY & University Hamburg





# **The Laser Promise: Transverse Electrical Field**

We can produce every day very high transverse electrical fields

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# High fields trigger imagination of scientists and public...

New technology opens new possibilities





### High Gradient – High Frequency – Small Dimensions

Understanding frequency bands and its basic properties

Band	Frequency	Gradient	Cell length	Comments
Designator	[GHz]	[MV/m]	[cm]	
L band	1 to 2	24	15 – 7.5	This band is used by
				super-conducting RF
				technology. The
				dimensions are large,
				accelerating gradients are
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				for linear collider designs,
				like NLC and CLIC. The
				cell length is up to a factor
				10 shorter than in L band.
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### High Gradient – High Frequency – Small Dimensions

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**Powering novel accelerators** 

High Gradients (1 – 100 GV/m) High Frequencies (> 100 GHz) Small Dimensions (< 1 mm)

• No klystrons for high frequencies!

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- Use particle bunches or laser pulses as drivers.
- Material limitations solved through "new cavities": dielectric materials, plasma cavities, ...
- Two main directions:



Laser- or beam driven Vacuum accelerators Conventional field design



Laser- or beam driven Dynamic Plasma Structure Plasma field calculations







### Laser-Driven Micro Structures (Vacuum) – 1

Vacuum dielectric accelerator

- GeV/m possible but low absolute energies achieved so far 1 ۲
- AXSIS project (ERC synergy grant) at DESY/ Uni Hamburg: THz laser-driven accelerator with atto-second science → Kärtner/Fromme/Chapman/Assmann





#### **Supporting top researchers** from **anywhere** in the **world**





### THz Laser Lab (DESY, CFEL, University Hamburg)

Vacuum dielectric accelerator





# Laser-Driven Micro Structures (Vacuum) – 2

Vacuum dielectric accelerator

- "Accelerator on a Chip" grant from Moore foundation for work by/at Stanford, SLAC, University Erlangen, DESY, University Hamburg, PSI, EPFL, University Darmstadt, CST, UCLA
- Lasers drive structures that are engraved on microchips (e.g. Silicium)
- Major breakthroughs can be envisaged:
  - Mass production
  - **Implantable accelerators** for in-body irradiation of tumors
  - Accelerators for outer space







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Curtesy of Susanna Frohman, San Jose Mercury News

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#### **Lorentz Force F**

The direction of the field matters


### **Laser Plasma Accelerator: Transverse to Longitudinal**

**Every accelerator is a transformator** 

Idea in 1979:

Use a plasma to convert the transverse space charge force of a beam driver (or the electrical field of the laser) into a longitudinal electrical field in the plasma! VOLUME 43, NUMBER 4

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#### Laser Electron Accelerator

T. Tajima and J. M. Dawson Department of Physics, University of California, Los Angeles, California 90024 (Received 9 March 1979)

An intense electromagnetic pulse can create a weak of plasma oscillations through the action of the nonlinear ponderomotive force. Electrons trapped in the wake can be accelerated to high energy. Existing glass lasers of power density  $10^{18}$ W/cm<sup>2</sup> shone on plasmas of densities  $10^{18}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> can yield gigaelectronvolts of electron energy per centimeter of acceleration distance. This acceleration mechanism is demonstrated through computer simulation. Applications to accelerators and pulsers are examined.

Collective plasma accelerators have recently received considerable theoretical and experimental investigation. Earlier Fermi<sup>1</sup> and McMillan<sup>2</sup> considered cosmic-ray particle acceleration by moving magnetic fields<sup>1</sup> or electromagnetic waves.<sup>2</sup> In terms of the realizable laboratory technology for collective accelerators, the wavelength of the plasma waves in the wake:

$$L_t = \lambda_w / 2 = \pi c / \omega_p \,. \tag{2}$$

An alternative way of exciting the plasmon is to inject two laser beams with slightly different frequencies (with frequency difference  $\Delta \omega \sim \omega_p$ ) so that the beat distance of the packet becomes



## **The Plasma Accelerator Concept**

**Overcome high-field limitations of metallic walls with dynamic plasma structures (undestructible)** 

New idea in 1979 by Tajima and Dawson: Wakefields inside a homogenous plasma can convert





Courtesy M. Kaluza

### **Options for driving wakefields:**

- Lasers: Industrially available, steep progress, path to low cost Limited energy per drive pulse (up to 50 J)
- Electron bunch: Short bunches (need μm) available, need long RF accelerator More energy per drive pulse (up to 500 J)
- **Proton bunch**: Only long (inefficient) bunches, need very long RF accelerator Maximum energy per drive pulse (up to 100,000 J)



#### **Internal injection**





**Internal injection** 





Internal injection  $\rightarrow$  strong fields in the bubble suck in plasma electrons to form the electron beam





**Internal injection** 





**External injection** 





### Photo Laser-Plasma Accelerator

#### Few-cycle optical probe-pulse for investigation of relativistic laser-plasma interactions

M. B. Schwab,<sup>1,a)</sup> A. Sävert,<sup>1</sup> O. Jäckel,<sup>1,2</sup> J. Polz,<sup>1</sup> M. Schnell,<sup>1</sup> T. Rinck,<sup>1</sup> L. Veisz,<sup>3</sup> M. Möller,<sup>1</sup> P. Hansinger,<sup>1</sup> G. G. Paulus,<sup>1,2</sup> and M. C. Kaluza<sup>1,2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Insitut für Optik und Quantenelektronik, Max-Wien-Platz 1,07743 Jena, Germany 2 Helmholtz-Institut Jena, Fröbelstieg 3, 07743 Jena, Germany <sup>3</sup>Max-Planck-Institut für Quantenoptik, Hans-Kopfermann-Straße 1, 85748 Garching, Germany

Small but can be photographed



Metal (Copper) S band linac structure

Microwaves for generation of RF waves



500 mm





## SLAC: 42 GeV acceleration has been shown

85 cm plasma driven by a 42 GeV electron beam, tail of bunch accelerated







Bob Siemann, SLAC

E167 collaboration SLAC, UCLA, USC

I. Blumenfeld et al, Nature 445, p. 741 (2007)



# **Progress in Particle Accelerators: New Technology**



Year

Examples of <u>new ideas</u> <u>and solutions</u>: RF, AG focusing, beta squeeze, stochastic cooling, polarized beams, superconducting magnets/RF, advanced materials for vacuum/collimators, plasma / laser accelerators,

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 Particle physics in the driver seat for most of those developments



A. Walter Dorn, Unite Paper 2021(1) https://walterdorn.net/home/295-tech-innovation-model-for-un-2

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## Linear Wakefields (R. Ruth / P. Chen 1986)

The formulae behind it all

$$\mathcal{E}_{z} \simeq -A(1-rac{r^{2}}{a^{2}})\cos(k_{p}z-\omega_{p}t)$$
  
 $r \ll a$   
 $\mathcal{E}_{r} \simeq 2Arac{r}{k_{p}a^{2}}\sin(k_{p}z-\omega_{p}t)$   
 $A = \begin{cases} rac{\omega_{p}\tau k_{p}eE_{0}^{2}}{8\omega^{2}m} & PBWA \\ rac{8eN}{a^{2}} & PWFA \end{cases}$ 

- $\epsilon$  = electrical field
- z = long. coord.
- r = radial coord.
- a = driver radius
- $\omega_p$  = plasma frequency
- k<sub>p</sub> = plasma wave number
- t = time variable
- e = electron charge
- N = number e- drive bunch
- $\omega$  = laser frequency
- $\tau$  = laser pulse length
- $E_0$  = laser electrical field
- m = mass of electron

Can be analytically solved and treated. Here comparison beam-driven (PWFA) and laser-driven (beat wave = PBWA).



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The formulae behind it all





### **The Useful Regime of Plasma Accelerators**

Where do we put the electron bunch inside the wave (or the surfer on the wave)

Two conditions for an accelerator:

- **1.** Accelerated bunch must be in accelerating regime.
- 2. Accelerated bunch must be in focusing regime.

These two conditions define a useful range of acceleration!

Reminder metallic RF accelerator structures:

no net transverse fields for beam particles  $\rightarrow$  full accelerating range is available for beam  $\rightarrow$  usually place the beam on the crest of the accelerating voltage







































#### Finding the useful regime



Phase from Wake Origin



# **Comparison with OSIRIS simulation**

Finding the useful regime



Calculation J. Grebenyuk

z [μm]

R

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Finding the useful regime



Calculation J. Grebenyuk

z [μm]

R

#### Finding the useful regime



Phase from Wake Origin



# **Optimization: Minimal Energy Spread**

Avoid creation of too much energy spread (cannot be avoided by principle explained before)





## Dephasing

( $\beta$  = v/c, here consider relativistic beams)

 Velocity difference ∆v creates slippage ∆L:

 $\Delta L = \frac{\Delta v}{c} \cdot L = \Delta \beta \cdot L$ 

- Take plasma density n<sub>0</sub> = 10<sup>17</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> (electrons per cm<sup>3</sup>). Therefore plasma wavelength λ<sub>p</sub> = 0.1 mm.
- Assume drive pulse from a laser with wavelength 815 nm.
- Difference in velocities 1-β:
   Δ(1-β) ≈ 3 x 10-5
- Slippage: **30 μm per meter**
- = 30% of wavelength or 108° in "RF phase"!





## Warning: Non-Linearities are Important

Linear regime nice to get an understanding – Quasi-linear and non-linear regimes most often used

- Plasma wakefield acceleration is most often operated in the so-called **non-linear regime**.
- No time to discuss here would require more time.
- Accelerating field approaches triangular shape and focusing field is constant with radius → easier regime in many aspects.
- Electron trapping (beam forming) occurs here.





Paper by Pukhov and Meyer-Ter-Vehn one of most cited papers in accelerators: **refused at higher impact journals as irrelevant** ("would never work")



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#### **Plasma Accelerator Physics I**

Small accelerators exhibit also very small tolerances - here is the difficulty

A plasma of density n<sub>0</sub> (same density electrons - ions) is characterized by the plasma frequency:

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{n_0 \ e^2}{\epsilon_0 \ m_e}}$$

This translates into a wavelength of the plasma oscillation:

$$\lambda_p \approx 1 \text{mm} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{10^{15} \text{cm}^{-3}}{n_0}}$$
. **0.3 mm for n<sub>0</sub> = 10<sup>16</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>**

The wavelength gives the longitudinal size of the plasma cavity... Lower plasma density is good: larger dimensions.

#### **Plasma Accelerator Physics II**

Small accelerators exhibit also very small tolerances - here is the difficulty

The plasma oscillation leads to longitudinal accelerating fields with a gradient of (higher plasma densities are better):

$$W_z = 96 \quad \frac{V}{m} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n_0}{cm^{-3}}} \qquad \propto N_b / \sigma_z^2$$
 9.6 GV/m for 10<sup>16</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>

• The group velocity of the laser in a plasma is as follows for  $\omega_p << \omega_l$ : (note  $\omega_l$  is laser frequency)

$$v_g = c \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_l^2}}$$

• The laser-driven wakefield has a lower velocity than a fully relativistic electron → slippage and dephasing. Lower densities are better.

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#### Plasma Accelerator Physics IV

Small accelerators exhibit also very small tolerances - here is the difficulty

The matched beam size in the ion channel is small:

$$\sigma_0 = \sqrt{\beta \varepsilon}$$

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\_ 3  $\sigma_0 = 1.3 \ \mu m$  for  $\gamma \epsilon = 0.3 \ \mu m$ 

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- Offsets between laser and beam centres will induce betatron oscillations. Assume: full dilution into emittance growth (energy spread and high phase advance).
- Tolerances for emittance growth due to offsets  $\Delta x = \sigma_x$ :

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{\sigma_0} = \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_0}\right)^2$$
 100% for 1.3 µm offset



Lower plasma density better: larger matched beam size, bigger tolerances.

Assmann, R. and K. Yokoya. Transverse Beam Dynamics in Plasmas. NIM A410 (1998) 544-548.

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<sup>16</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>

#### **Plasma Accelerator Physics III**

Small accelerators exhibit also very small tolerances - here is the difficulty

· The ion channel left on axis, where the beam passes, induces an ultra-strong focusing field. In the simplest case:

$$q = 960 \pi \cdot \left(\frac{n_0}{10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}}\right) \text{ T/m}$$
 300 kT/m for 10

This can be converted into a optical beta function (lower density is better, as beta function is larger)::

$$k_{eta}^2 = 0.2998 \, rac{g}{E} \qquad \qquad eta = rac{1}{k_{eta}} \qquad eta$$
 = 1.1 mm for 100 MeV

· The phase advance in the plasma channel is rapid:

 $\psi(s) = \int k_{\beta} s \, \mathrm{d} s \propto \sqrt{E}$ 

## **Experiment – Strong plasma focusing: Betatron motion**

Plasma works as a focusing quadrupole

- A plasma has a very strong focusing field in both planes.
- Focusing strength and phase advance depends on plasma density.
- Experiment with a beam-driven plasma at SLAC in 2001: Send an electron beam into a plasma and measure beam sizes at exit point.







## Experiment –Betatron motion and X rays

Wiggling electrons emit X rays  $\rightarrow$  a plasma accelerator as accelerator and undulator at once

1 April 2002

- If an electron beam is injected mis-matched ٠ into a plasma, we expect strong beta mismatch oscillations of the beam size.
- The oscillating electrons should radiate X rays.
- This was seen in a SLAC experiment in 2001.
- Plasma acts as undulator!

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#### X-Ray Emission from Betatron Motion in a Plasma Wiggler

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### Plasma opens new reach but also difficulties...

**Comparing plama to conventional accelerators** 

- Conventional acceleration structures:
  - Optimized to provide longitudinal acceleration and no transverse forces on the beam.
  - Due to imperfections, transverse forces can be induced. These "wakefields" caused major trouble to the first and only linear collider at SLAC.
- Plasma acceleration:
  - Ultra-strong longitudinal fields → high accelerating gradient.
  - Ultra-strong transverse fields → transverse forces cannot be avoided and must be controlled.





### **Accelerator Builder's Challenge**

(simplified to typical values)

- > Match into/out of plasma with beam size ≈1 µm (about 1 mm beta function). Adiabatic matching (Whittum, 1989).
- Control offsets between the wakefield driver (laser or beam) and the accelerated electron bunch at 1 µm level.
- Use short bunches (few fs) to minimize energy spread.
- Achieve synchronization stability of few fs from injected electron bunch to wakefield (energy stability and spread).
- Control the charge and beam loading to compensate energy spread (idea Simon van der Meer).
- > Develop and demonstrate user readiness of a 5 GeV plasma accelerated beam.




### **Accelerator Builder's Challenge – Feasible?**

We can generate nanometer beams – so we can inject

Difficult but we believe solutions can be found. Will not come for free...





#### **Accelerator Builder's Challenge – Feasible?**

Modern technology approaching atto-second regime

**DESY Ultra-Fast Electronics and Synchronization** 





Femtosecond Precision in Laser-to-RF Phase Detection (from H. Schlarb, T. Lamb, E. Janas et al. Report on DESY Highlights 2013).



## **One of the Holy Grails: Reaching FEL Quality**



FEL **The Power** of Coherence

Adapted from P. Schmüser



## **FEL Needs High Quality Beam**

Plasma accelerators have small dimensions and they have/should have small dimensions beams! FEL parameters that are being considered (example):

#### $\lambda$ = 4 nm, K = 1, $\lambda_u$ = 15mm, slice energy spread 0.025%, E about 1 GeV

Possible beam parameter sets have been worked out. For example:

- Energy: 1 5 GeV
- Charge: 10 30 pC
- Bunch length rms:  $1 \mu m$  (about 3 fs)
- Peak current: 2 3 kA
- Norm. emittance: 0.2 μm
- Energy spread: 0.2 % (whole bunch)



## First Laser-Driven FEL Lasing at SIOM

27 nm FEL radiation from a laser-driven plasma accelerator





Fig. 3 Undulator radiation measurement at 27 nm. a, Measured radiation energy with (black) and without (magenta) the orbit kick and the simulated energy along the undulator. Error bars represent the r.m.s. statistical uncertainty in the measured energy averaged over 20 shots. b, c, Corresponding transverse-beam patterns of the radiation measured with (b) and without (c) the orbit kick. The scale bar is normalized.

Fig. 1| Schematic layout of LWFA-based free electron laser experiment. a, Undulator beamline with a total length of approximately 12 m from the gas target for the LWFA to the X-ray spectrometer. b, Typical spectra of electron

beams from the LWFA for 20 consecutive shots. c. d. Measured transverse profiles of the electron beam at the entrance (C) and exit (d) of the undulators. The scale bars are normalized.

Figures from: Wang, W., Feng, K., Ke, L. et al. Free-electron lasing at 27 nanometres based on a laser wakefield accelerator. Nature 595, 516–520 (2021). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-021-03678-x





#### M. Ferrario et al

Submitted to Nature

EUPRAXIA

#### First SASE-FEL Lasing at SPARC\_LAB





Breakthrough LNF, SIOM: Experimental proof that plasma accelerated electron beams are good enough for free-electron lasers (and colliders?)

#### **Contents**

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EUROPEAN PLASMA RESEARCH ACCELERATOR WITH EXCELLENCE IN APPLICATIONS



# EuPRAXIA = A New European Research Infrastructure Based on Plasma Accelerators





This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 101079773



# **The EuPRAXIA Project**



Funded by the European Union

- First ever design of a plasma accelerator facility.
- Conceptual Design Report for a distributed research infrastructure funded by EU Horizon2020 program.
   Completed by 16+25 institutes.
- Challenges addressed by EuPRAXIA since 2015:
  - Can plasma accelerators produce usable electron beams?
  - For what can we use those beams while we increase the beam energy towards HEP and collider usages?
- Next phase consortium: > 50 institutes
- Preparatory Phase project: 2022 2026 (approved)
- Start of 1<sup>st</sup> operation: 2028



600+ page CDR, 240 scientists contributed



#### A New European High-Tech Research Facility Delivering Frontier Science



Building a facility with very high field plasma accelerators, driven by lasers or beams 1 – 100 GV/m accelerating field

#### Shrink down the facility size









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Producing particle and photon pulses to support several urgent and timely science cases

Enable frontier science in new regions and parameter regimes



# Versatile – Designed for Users in Multiple Science Fields



**Topics of research**: proteins, viruses, bacteria, cells, metals, semiconductors, superconductors, magnetic materials, organic molecules

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Delivers 10-100 Hz **ultrashort** pulses

- Electrons (0.1-5 GeV, 30 pC)
- **Positrons** (0.5-10 MeV, 10<sup>6</sup>)
- Positrons (GeV source)
- Lasers

   (100 J, 50 fs, 10-100 Hz)
- Betatron X rays (1-110 keV, 10<sup>10</sup>)
- FEL light (0.2-36 nm, 10<sup>9</sup>-10<sup>13</sup>)





## X Ray FEL User Facilities World-Wide





#### $2005: \mathbf{1} \rightarrow 2015: \mathbf{5} \rightarrow 2022: \mathbf{8} \rightarrow 2029: \mathbf{10} (?) \rightarrow 2036: \mathbf{??}$

- Tremendous success story
- New facilities and strong upgrade program
- New projects:
  - MAX IV FEL (CDR)
  - EuPRAXIA (TDR, ESFRI Project)
  - POLFEL
  - UK FEL



### **Human-made Sources of Light**







## Why Additional Compact (Less Powerful) FEL`s?



10 fm

100 fm

1 pm



100 pm

10 pm

10 nm

1 nm

100 nm

1 μm

# European Plasma Research Accelerator with eXcellence In Applications Already working today: Medical Imaging



Figure 3. Images of the bone sample recorded with a) the betatron x-ray source b) conventional  $\mu CT$  scanning c) composite macro photography d) virtual illumination of the 3D reconstruction by a source of  $E_{crit} = 33 \text{ keV}$ .





Laser-wakefield accelerators as hard x-ray sources for 3D medical imaging of human bone

J. M. Cole 🏁, J. C. Wood, N. C. Lopes, K. Poder, R. L. Abel, S. Alatabi, J. S. J. Bryant, A. Jin, S. Kneip, K. Mecseki, D. R. Symes, S. P. D. Mangles & Z. Najmudin

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from J.M. Cole et al, John-Adams-Institute, UK

## Laser plasma based betatron X ray source



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Fully plasma-based beamline for generating betatron radiation as a **compact X-ray source for medical imaging and material analysis**. The user area is behind the wall on the right.

EuPRAXIA facility rendering picture

#### **European Plasma Research Accelerator with eXcellence In Applications**

#### Press Release ESFRI 30.6.21

**ESFRI** ABOUT HOME > NEWS > LATEST ESERI NEWS ESFRI announces new RIs for Re  There is a new level of ambition to develop globally unique, complex facilities for frontier science: Einstein Telescope highest value project ever on the Roadmap - EUR 1.900 million, and EuPRAXIA – innovative accelerator based on plasma technology - EUR 569 million.



30.06.2021 PRESS RELEASE

ESFRI announces the 11 new Research Infrastructures to be included in its Roadmap 2021

€4.1 billion investment in excellent science contributing to address European challenges

After two years of hard work, following a thorough evaluation and selection procedure, ESFRI proudly announces the 11 proposals that have been scored high for their science case and maturity for implementation and will be included as new Projects in the ESFRI 2021 Roadmap Update.

and developers advanced tools and services for brain research.

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- EIRENE RI Research Infrastructure for EnvIRonmental Exposure assessment in Europe, the first EU infrastructure on human exposome (environmental determinants of health).
- ET Einstein Telescope, the first and most advanced thirdgeneration gravitational-wave observatory, with unprecedented sensitivity that will put Europe at the forefront of the Gravitation Waves research.
- **EuPRAXIA** European Plasma Research Accelerator with Excellence in Applications, a distributed, compact and innovative accelerator facility based on plasma technology, set to construct an electron-beam-driven plasma accelerator in the metropolitan area of Rome, followed by a laser-driven plasma accelerator in European territory.



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### **EuPRAXIA-Preparatory Phase Consortium**

34 Institutes from 12 Countries  $\rightarrow$  to be merged with ESFRI Consortium





Complemented by institutes in **EuPRAXIA ESFRI consortium: additional 17 institutes** from France, Germany, Poland, Sweden, United Kingdom, China, Japan, United States. Russian institutes presently suspended.



Governing Board

(Decision-making body)

## **PP Steering Committee: Leaders Behind EuPRAXIA**



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WP's on coordination & implementation as ESFRI RI (organization, legal model, financing, users)

WP7 - E-Needs and Data Policy R. Fonseca, IST S. Pioli, INFN WP8 - Theory & Simulation J. Vieria, IST H. Vincenti, CEA WP9 - RF, Magnets & Beamline Components S. Antipov, DESY F. Nguyen, ENEA WP10 - Plasma Components & **Systems** K. Cassou, CNRS J. Osterhoff, DESY WP11 - Applications G. Sarri, U Belfast E. Chiadroni, U Sapienza WP12 - Laser Technology, Liaison to Industry L. Gizzi, CNR P. Crump, FBH

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WPs on technical implementation and sites



### Headquarter and Site 1: EuPRAXIA@SPARClab





- Frascati`s future facility
- > 130 M€ invest funding
- Beam-driven plasma accelerator
- Europe`s most compact and most southern FEL
- The world`s most compact RF accelerator (X band with CERN)





Canteen

#### **It Fits the Frascati Site**

(also fits sites at a large university, hospital, company, ...)



Directorate building

**INFN** central SPARClab (seeding administrawith plasma acc.) tion





Vladimir Shiltsev viva Eupraxia!

Ralph Assmann

15. September 2022 um 12:07

Tor Raubenheimer SLAC, Stanford University, USA

Vladimir Shiltsev, Fermilab National Laboratory, USA



### **Candidate 2<sup>nd</sup> Sites from CDR**





## European Plasma Research Accelerator with eXcellence In Applications

## Solve external timing for laser-driven plasma acc.

External injection into a laser-driven plasma accelerator with sub-femtosecond timing jitter

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**European Plasma Research Accelerator with eXcellence In Applications** Try to finally realize low energy spread... Old proposal from Simon van der Meer IMPROVING THE POWER EFFICIENCY OF THE CERN/PS/85-65 (AA) Beam loading, CLIC Note No. 3 PLASMA WAKEFIELD ACCELERATOR energy spread and efficiency 1985 van der Meer S. van der Meer

ALFR NOBEL

van der Meer: Nobel Prize Physics for invention of stochastic cooling  $\rightarrow$  SppS collider at CERN





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#### **European Plasma Research Accelerator with eXcellence In Applications**

### **Compact Multi-Stage Plasma-Based Accelerator**

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#### Compact Multistage Plasma-Based Accelerator Design for Correlated Energy Spread Compensation

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The extreme electromagnetic fields sustained by plasma-based accelerators could drastically reduce the size and cost of future accelerator facilities. However, they are also an inherent source of correlated energy spread in the produced beams, which severely limits the usability of these devices. We propose here to split the acceleration process into two plasma stages joined by a magnetic chicane in which the energy correlation induced in the first stage is inverted such that it can be naturally compensated in the second. Simulations of a particular 1.5-m-long setup show that <u>5.5 GeV</u> beams with relative energy spreads of  $1.2 \times 10^{-3}$  (total) and  $2.8 \times 10^{-4}$  (slice) could be achieved while preserving a submicron emittance. This is at least one order of magnitude below the current state of the art and would enable applications such as compact free-electron lasers.

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Combined RF plus optical scheme

- 1.5 m long
- 5.5 GeV
- 0.03% slice energy spread
- 0.12 % total energy spread
- sub-micron emittance



# European Plasma Research Accelerator with eXcellence In Applications Compact Multi-Stage Plasma-Based Accelerator







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#### **European Plasma Research Accelerator with eXcellence In Applications**

## **Beam Transport Design**





- Here: high energy beam transport over 8 meters
- Preserved beam quality is achieved in the design
- Space has important benefits
  - A. Chance et al



#### **European Plasma Research Accelerator with eXcellence In Applications EuPRAXIA: Progressing on the Quality Problem Energy Spread** 1 - 500 pC Energy Width of the Electron Beam [%] 100 EuPRAXIA points indicate start-to-end simulations Laser-plasma accelerator 10 *experiments* (2004 – 2018) 5 - 30 pC *Future particle collider proposals* **EuPRAXIA** design 0.1 300 - 400 pC 10 pC – 1 nC **Current FEL Facilities** 0.01 0.01 0.1 100 10 1000 Energy of the Electron Beam [GeV]



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## Conclusions

Long-term future

- The **long-term future is bright**: there will be plenty of opportunities as technology advances!
- **Plasma accelerators** are another possible game changer. Energy very promising and beam quality still difficult but making rapid progress:
  - There are **now near future science applications outside HEP, e.g. FEL**. This can be the stepstone towards a plasma linear collider.
  - Major projects going on, all including HEP aspects.
  - The European plasma accelerator project EuPRAXIA selected for ESFRI roadmap with government support (only accelerator project since HighLumi LHC, first ever plasma accelerator project) – will build two FEL facilities!
- A long-term future with novel FEL's and colliders does not come by itself: We (you) must work towards this goal and support it as required.



## Wideröe at age 90

A visionary and optimist from young to old age





"After all, plans can only be made for those accelerators which can realistically be built with the means available, and obviously, these means are limited.

**Ideas** are not subject to any such considerations. The **limitations are set only by the intellect of human beings themselves**.

The **theoretical possibilities** with regard to accelerating particles by electromagnetic means (i.e. within the scope of the Maxwell equations which have been known since the 19th century), **are nowhere near being exhausted**, and technology surprises us almost daily with innovations which in turn allow us to broach new trains of thought.

...there are yet **more fundamental breakthroughs** to be made. They could allow us to advance to **energies unimaginable today**."

