

Preview of AWAKE talk at JAPW

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2 December 2022, Special PS/SPS User Meeting: End of Year, Wrap-Up & Feedback Session

HiRadMat and AWAKE: fast extraction at SPS

HiRadMat at TT66:

Facility for beam tests of accelerator components



▶ p (proton) ▶ ion ▶ neutrons ▶ p̄ (antiproton) ▶ electron ->+> proton/antiproton conversion

AWAKE at TT41:

Accelerator R&D experiment for proton-induced plasma wakefield acceleration of electrons

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LHC Large Hadron Collider SPS Super Proton Synchrotron PS Proton Synchrotron

AD Antiproton Decelerator CTF3 Clic Test Facility AWAKE Advanced WAKefield Experiment ISOLDE Isotope Separator OnLine DEvice

LEIR Low Energy Ion Ring LINAC LINear ACcelerator n-ToF Neutrons Time Of Flight HiRadMat High-Radiation to Materials



HiRadMat



AWAKE Facility

Proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration of electrons

- Laser ionizes Rb vapor, forming a plasma 1.
- 2. Rb plasma creates micro-bunches in the proton beam
- 3. Micro-bunched proton beam excites plasma wakefields
- Wakefields accelerate and focus electrons 4.



2016-17: first seeded self-modulation of proton bunch \rightarrow Demonstration that SPS bunch can be used for acceleration



2018: acceleration from 19 MeV to 2GeV





AWAKE Run 2 (2021 – 2030): Towards an Accelerator



Milestones for AWAKE Run 2

- Run 2a (2021/22): demonstrate the seeding of the self-modulation of the entire proton bunch with an electron bunch
- Run 2b (2023/24): maintain large wakefield amplitudes over long plasma distances by introducing a step in the plasma density
- CNGS dismantling and installation of Run 2c (2025/26/27)

- Run 2c (after LS3, 2028/29): demonstrate electron acceleration and emittance preservation of externally injected electrons
- Run 2d (2029/30..): development of scalable plasma sources to 100s meters length with sub-% level plasma density uniformity
- Propose first applications for particle physics experiments with 50-200 GeV electron bunches!



B. Simon, C. Zovi Dollo Porto I Highlights and requests from HiBadMat & AMAKE



AWAKE Highlights 2022

11 Weeks of proton beam

A WAKE





laser

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proton beam

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Run 2a Milestone : Demonstrated the seeding of the self-modulation of the entire proton bunch with an electron bunch



L. Verra, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration), "Controlled Growth of the Self-Modulation of a Relativistic Proton Bunch in Plasma", Phys. Rev. Lett. 129, 024802 (2022)



AWAKE Program 2023

- Run 2b (2023-2024): new plasma sources
- Discharge plasma
 - Candidate for O(100)m acceleration plasma in Run 2d (2028+)
- Plasma density step
 - Required to stabilize proton-driven wakefields to ~ GeV/m over O(100)m
- Dense installation/run schedule









May 2023 Discharge plasma source







AWAKE: Progress, Issues and Feedback for 2022

- We are very happy of the support from all technical groups involved in the experiment infrastructure and from the SPS operation team!
- We run for 2 out of 3 shifts and get out of the cycle as soon as there is an issue
- Improvements on precision and speed of Laser and Electron beam alignment
 - Further precision improvements require addressing subtle effects: BTV angle motion, magnet hysteresis
- Only showstopper from SPS: RF settings for 3E11p bunch
 - Longitudinal instabilities (mid-cycle and end-cycle) identified in June run: resolved during July run
- Best data collected when NA/LHC were off in late July/August
 - Higher repetition rate (7s instead of the usual 20s), fewer interruptions (no LHC fills)
 - We should find a way able to take good data even when NA and LHC are running





AWAKE: Progress on IEFC 2021 Feedback/Requests

- Four issues highlighted in 2021 IEFC. Progress made on most of them
- I. Proton ALIGNMENT
 - AWAKE moved from BPM- to BTV-based calculation for faster correction (higher resolution)
 - At least one supercycle lost every correction to mask FE Interlock. Could it be masked during alignment?
- 2. Beam STABILITY
 - AWAKE improved speed of laser/e/p alignments (now <1h) to recover from p⁺ interruptions
 - Still observed longitudinal p⁺ instabilities (next slide)
- 3. Beam to AWAKE during LHC FILLING
 - Confirmed that it is not possible for now . Not an issue when LHC is stable and fills are few and short
 - Difficult/impossible to take data when LHC is commissioning or suffering from any issues
- 4. FLEXIBILITY
 - AWAKE/SPS/LHC communication improved: granted occasional flexibility to complete



AWAKE Desiderata

1. Stable beam with higher repetition rate in dedicated periods

- Example: 8 hours of stable beams with higher repetition rate (1/10-1/15s)
- For reference: 1/22s (2 NA + 2 AW), 1/18s (1 NAions + 3 AW), 1/11s (4 AW July 30)

2. Continue maintaining availability of laser and electron beams during YETS

Maintenance, optimization and technical upgrades on different subsystems

3. [LS3] Upgrade of power converter to reduce proton beam jitter

- Upgrade to Class 3 performance for 9 converters in TT40/TT41 and MSE (synergy with SPS-CONS)
- From 3% to 30% usable proton shots in Run 2c





