

Scalable Plasma Source R&D

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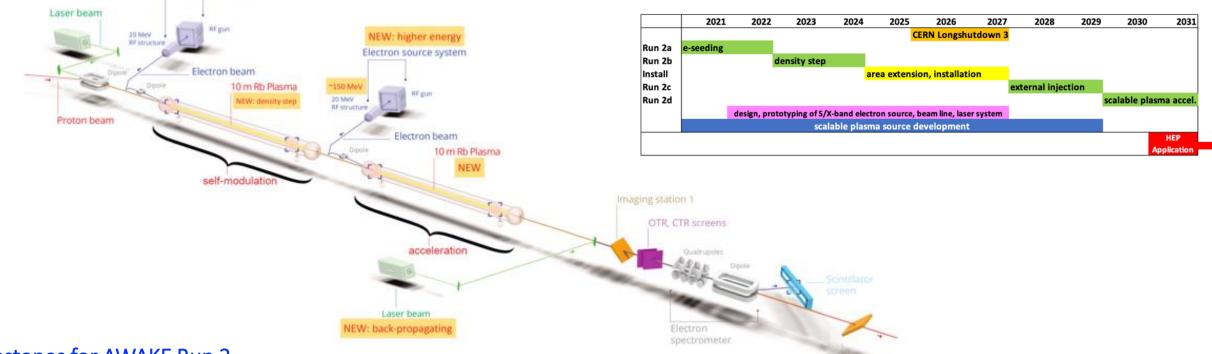
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AWAKE Run 2 Scientific Roadmap – Milestones

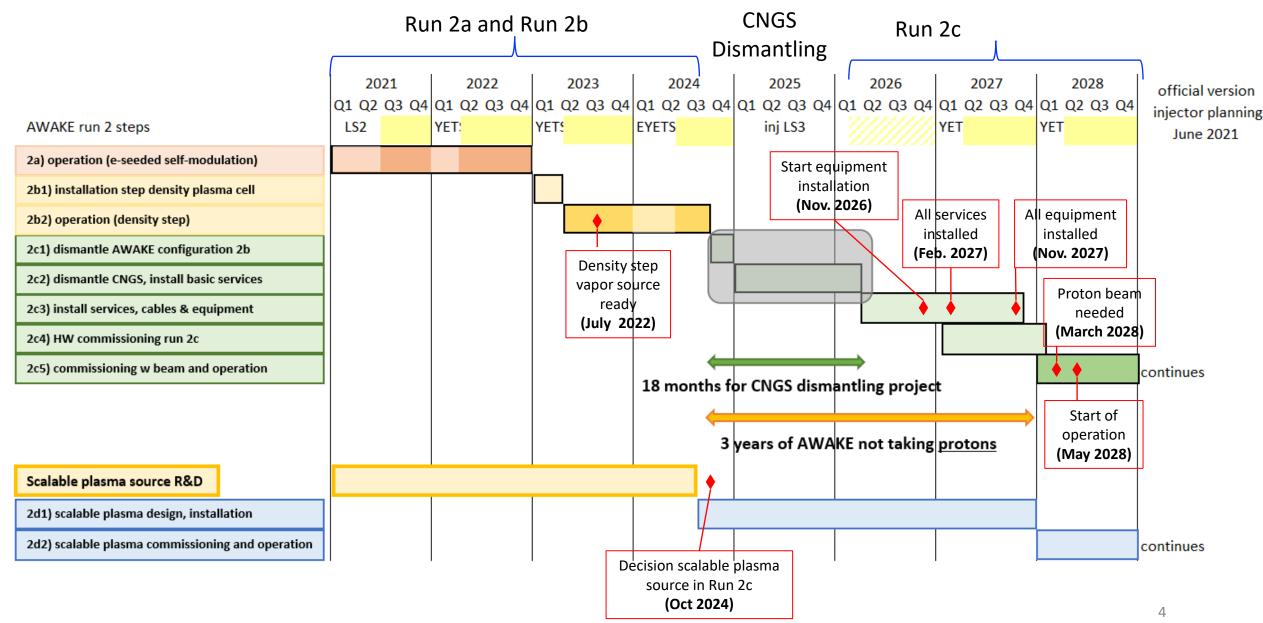


Milestones for AWAKE Run 2

- Run 2a (2021-2022): demonstrate the seeding of the self-modulation of the entire proton bunch with an electron bunch
- Run 2b (2023-2024): maintain large wakefield amplitudes over long plasma distances by introducing a step in the plasma density
- LS3: CNGS dismantling, installation of Run 2c
- Run 2c (2028-2029): demonstrate electron acceleration and emittance preservation of externally injected electrons.
- Run 2d (2021-): 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!

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AWAKE Run 2 Global Schedule with Milestones



Scalable Plasma Sources: From R&D to Tunnel

1) R&D 2021-2024 Address physics and technical challenges

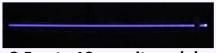
Helicon Plasma Source



2.5 m unit module

- → Design and build scalable tunnel-compatible prototype
- → Tailor all required parameters to achieve desired density x homogeneity
- → Guarantee stable and reproducible control and operation
- ightarrow Trade off to scale properly address physics and technical challenges
- → Optimize with **extensive modeling** and plasma diagnostics deployment





2.5 m to 10 m unit module

- → Design and build scalable tunnel-compatible prototype
- → Tailor all required parameters to **achieve desired density x homogeneity**
- → Guarantee stable and reproducible control and operation
- \rightarrow Test different common anode/cathode schemes for scalability
- → Proof of principle possible YETS 2022/23 test in tunnel 2a and 2b

Plasma R&D	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Material [kCHF]	556	507	0	0	1063
MtoP [kCHF]	50	100	100	50	300
Total [kCHF]	601	607	100	50	1363

	2022 R&D	2023 R&D	Total
Diagnostics and adaptations	120		120
CERN lab infrastructures for 2.5 m unit module	40	20	60
Tube, supports, vacuum and interfaces	28		28
10x RF generators, matchboxes, antennas, cables, control for 1x 2.5 m unit module	60	367	427
14x coils + DC power supplies for 1x 2.5 m unit module	113		113
Total (kCHF):	361	387	748

	2022	2023	Total
	R&D	R&D	TOLAT
Diagnostics and adaptations	20	100	120
CERN lab infrastructures for 10 m cell	60	20	80
Tube, supports, vacuum and interfaces	15		15
DC power supplies + cables	100		100
Total (kCHF):	195	120	315

HPS	IPP + U.Greifswald + U. Stuttgart	U. Wisconsin	EPFL-SPC Tota	I
Total (kCHF)	1091	997	901 2989	•

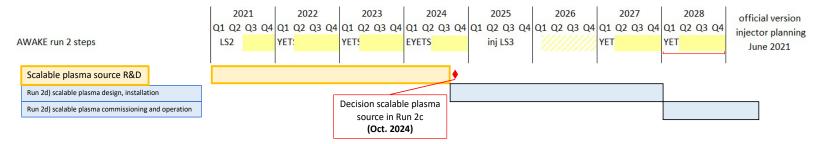
Strong collaboration with institutes! (request for 2022 to 2024)

+ 1 junior fellow

DPS	IST-Lisbon I	C-London	Total
Total (kCHF)	558	378	936

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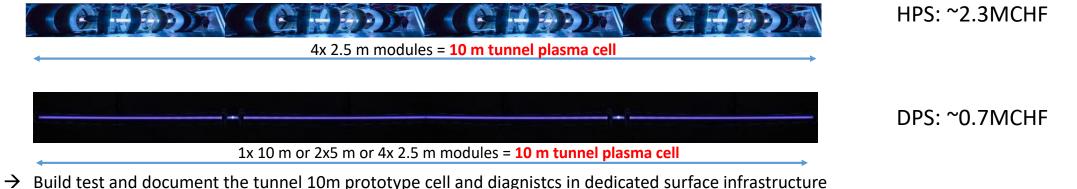
2) Implementation 2025-2028 (readiness for Run 2c)



Decision end 2024: three scenarios, cost-neutral:

- 1. Further studies needed: → keep baseline of Rb vapour source as 2nd plasma source → scalable sources in Run 2d
- 2. Decision for discharge source in Run 2c: → save ~800kCHF (700kCHF DPS 1400 kCHF for 2nd laser for 2nd Rb vapour source)
- 3. Decision for helicon plasma source in Run 2c: 2300kCHF HPS, save ~1400kCHF for 2nd laser, get contributions from institutes

Option 2) or 3): + 1 fellow + 3.2FTE.yrs (2025-2028)



→ Prepare tunnel integration/facilitites/interface/control, installation and commissioning

AWAKE Retreat March 31, 2023

Scalable Plasma Source R&D

Scalable plasma source R&D	What	Responsible	Deadline	Milestones
	Organize scalable plasma source R&D intermediate review	Edda, Patric	Summer 2023	Density uniformity at 0.2% level, results from DPS run
	Clarify contributions from collaborating institutes	Alban \rightarrow input from all institutes	Summer 2023	
Scalable plasma	Clarify UK DPS contributions	Matthew, Zulfikar, Alban		
source R&D	Npe uniformity of DPS and HPS	Alban, Christine, Birger?	Mid 2024	
	Simulation of npe uniformity for HPS under ideal conditions	Christine	Summer 2023	Is it even feasible
	Development of diagnostics to measure with sufficient accuracy \rightarrow Raman?	Christine?	Summer 2023	Determine accuracy
	Check for final deadline of decision	Eloise, Ans planning	Review 2023	Deadline for decision

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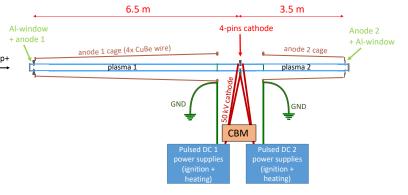
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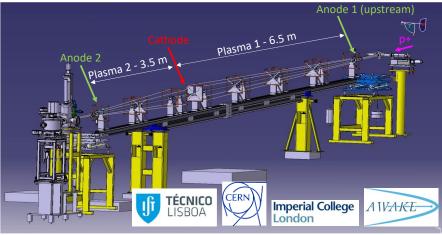
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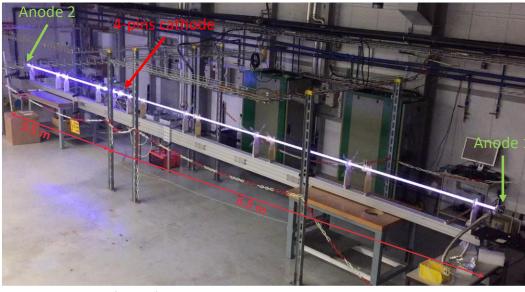
Discharge Plasma Source Tests in May 2023

R&D ongoning on **scalable**, **several-meter long plasma sources**: discharge plasma and Helicon plasma sources. Discharge Plasma Source (DPS) could be a possible candidate for 2nd plasma source in Run 2c/d

- Much simpler
- Reach very long plasma lengths by stacking them
- wide plasma ightarrow no alignment



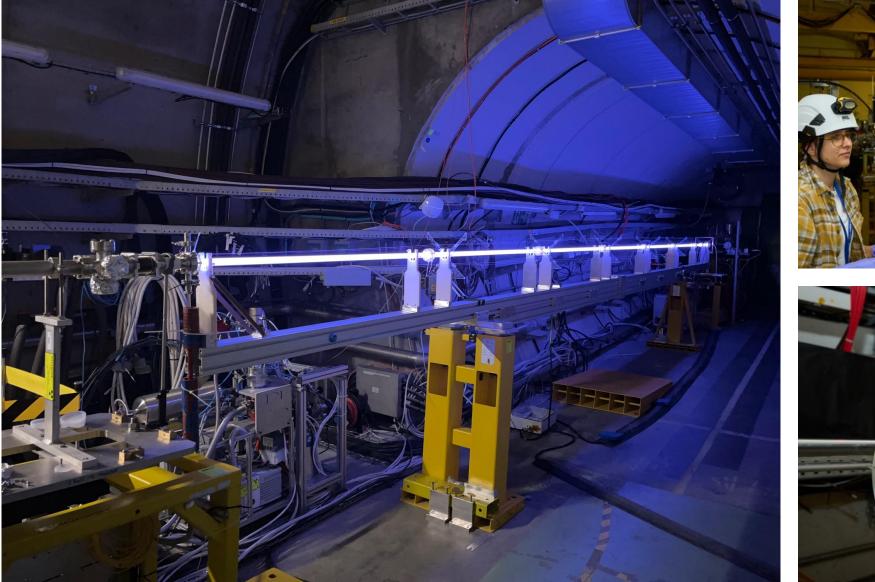




Unique run during May 2023 with the discharge plasma source. Run is finished after 3 weeks, no 2nd chance.

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Discharge Plasma Source in AWAKE





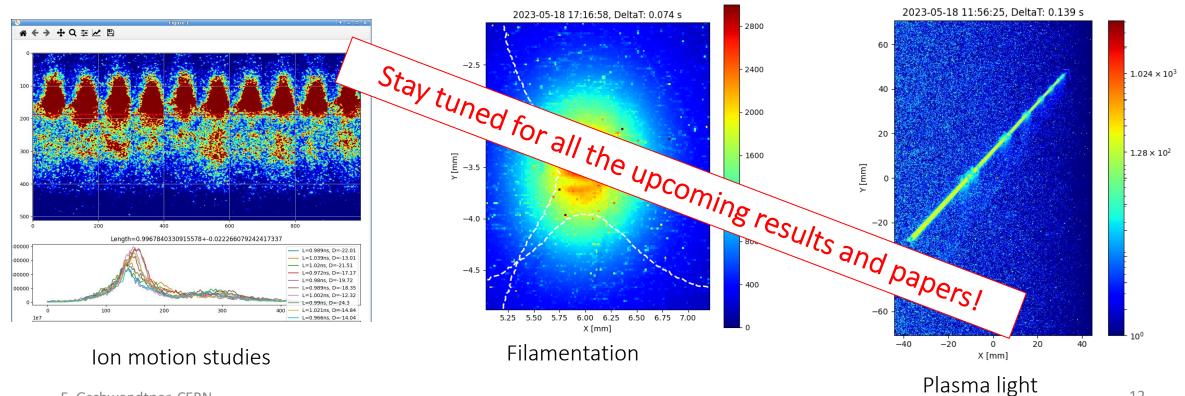


May Run 2023

- → Well-functioning, very reliable discharge plasma source!
- → Run surpassed our expectations and was very successful!

Collected a wealth of impressive data! :

- \rightarrow Vary plasma density over wide range
- \rightarrow Study Self-modulation at different lengths: 6.5m, 3.5m 10m
- \rightarrow Study plasma ion motion: Ar(40), Xe(131), He(4)
- \rightarrow Study current filamentation of very high densities
- \rightarrow Study plasma light as a diagnostics for the wakefield amplitude all along the plasma.





Thanks to the entire team (also those not on the photo) for all the hard work and commitment!!