Advanced Accelerator Concepts I

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Introduction to Accelerator Physics

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Livingstone Diagram



Energy of colliders is plotted in terms of the laboratory energy of particles colliding with a proton at rest to reach the same center of mass energy.

Options towards higher energies



High Gradient Options

Metallic accelerating structures => 100 MV/m < E_{acc}< 1 GV/m

Dielectrict structures, laser or particle driven => $E_{acc} < 10 \, GV/m$

Plasma accelerator, laser or particle driven = E_{acc} < 100 GV/m







Related Issues: Power Sources and Efficiency, Stability, Reliability, Staging, Synchronization, Rep. Rate and short (fs) bunches with small (μm) spot to match high gradients

Beam Quality Requirements

Future accelerators will require also high quality beams :

==> High Luminosity & High Brightness,

==> High Energy & Low Energy Spread



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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/cm² shone on plasmas of densities 10^{18} cm⁻³ 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.

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Acceleration of Electrons by the Interaction of a Bunched Electron Beam with a Plasma

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J. M. Dawson, Robert W. Huff, and T. Katsouleas Department of Physics, University of California, Los Angeles, California 90024 (Received 20 December 1984)

A new scheme for accelerating electrons, employing a bunched relativistic electron beam in a cold plasma, is analyzed. We show that energy gradients can exceed 1 GeV/m and that the driven electrons can be accelerated from $\gamma_0 mc^2$ to $3\gamma_0 mc^2$ before the driving beam slows down enough to degrade the plasma wave. If the driving electrons are removed before they cause the collapse of the plasma wave, energies up to $4\gamma\delta mc^2$ are possible. A noncollinear injection scheme is suggested in order that the driving electrons can be removed.

Livingstone Diagram with PWFA



Principles of plasma physics

Definition of Plasma: a quasi-neutral gas of charged particles showing collective behaviour

=> a plasma responds to external forces as a single entity

The Debye length is a fundamental property of nearly all plasmas of interest and depends equally on its temperature

$$\lambda_D = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_0 k_B T_e}{e^2 n_e}\right)^{1/2} = 743 \left(\frac{T_e}{\text{eV}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{n_e}{\text{cm}^{-3}}\right)^{-1/2} \text{cm}.$$

An ideal plasma has many corticles per Debye sphere, a prerequisite for collective bebyelour:





Plasma Temperature and Density



Surface charge density

$$\sigma = e n \delta x$$



Surface electric field

$$E_x = -\sigma/\epsilon_0 = -e \, n \, \delta x/\epsilon_0$$

Restoring force

$$m \frac{d^2 \delta x}{dt^2} = e E_x = -m \omega_p^2 \delta x$$

Plasma frequency

$$\omega_{\rm p}^{\ 2} = \frac{{\rm n} e^2}{\varepsilon_0 {\rm m}}$$

Plasma oscillations

$$\delta x = (\delta x)_0 \, \cos \left(\omega_p \, t \right)$$

Principle of plasma acceleration



proton beam

Principle of plasma acceleration

From Maxwell's equations, the electric field in a (positively) charged sphere with uniform density n_i at location **r** is

$$\vec{E}(r) = \frac{q_i n_i}{3\epsilon_0} r$$

The field is **increasing** inside the sphere Let's put some numbers

$$n_i = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

 $R = 0.5$
 $E \approx 10 \frac{GV}{m}$



























This accelerator fits into a human hair!



PWFA beam line at SPARC_LAB





Looking for a plasma target



Plasma Source

SPARC



Courtesy of M. P. Anania, A. Biagioni, D. Di Giovenale, F. Filippi, S. Pella



Plasma source properties and implementation_Gas-filled discharge capillaries

Discharge Plasma sources properties

- Region of uniform neutral gas contained by differential pumping at two input/output extremities and realized by a thin capillary
- Modulation of longitudinal gas distribution by special geometric shapes
- Small gas flow to operate in steady state regime with continuous flow (P < 1 bar)
- $\circ\,$ There is no movable parts
- Small dimension of the HV source to produce plasma
- Plume of gas from front and back of cell, plasma ramps to be controlled
- $\,\circ\,$ Density easily adjusted by controlling gas flow, geometry or voltage in the range: 10^{15} 10^{19} \ cm^{-3}
- Erosion of the plasma channel due to the electrical discharges to form plasma



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HV pulse



- 20 images separated by 100 ns, so 2 µs of total observation time of the plasma plumes
- The ICCD camera area is 1024 x 256 pixel



- Both plama plumes can reach a total expansion length around 40 mm (20 mm each one) that is comparable with the channel length of 30 mm, so they can strongly affect the beam properties that passes through the capillary
- Temperature, pressure and plasma density, inside and outside the gas-filled capillary plasma source, represent essential parameters that have to be investigated to understand the plasma evolution and how it can affect the electron beam.

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Tapered capillaries

Local control of the plasma density is required to match the laser/electron beam into the plasma.

Tapering the capillary diameter is the easiest way to change locally the density.



Principle of plasma acceleration



LWFA limitations: Diffraction, Dephasing, Depletion PWFA limitations: Head Erosion, Hose



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













Regimes: Linear & Non-Linear



Linear



FIG. 8. Time-averaged density variation $\delta n/n_0$ (dashed curve) and axial electric field E_z/E_0 (solid curve) in an LWFA driven by a Gaussian laser pulse (pulse is moving to the right, centered at $k_p \zeta = 0$ with rms intensity length $L_{\rm rms} = k_p^{-1}$) for (a) $a_0 = 0.5$ and (b) $a_0 = 2.0$.

Non-Linear



Beam Loading

→ BEAM LOADING:

The presence of the witness bunch affects the wakefields

Linear regime



Non-linear regime



Non Linear Regime – Ellipsoidal Bubble Model





Direct production of e-beam



Electron beam

Chirped Pulse





Diffraction - Self injection - Dephasing – Depletion



Colliding Laser Pulses Scheme

The first laser creates the accelerating structure, a second laser beam is used to heat electrons



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Colliding Laser Pulses Scheme

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Theory : E. Esarey et al., PRL **79**, 2682 (1997), H. Kotaki et al., PoP **11** (2004) Experiments : J. Faure et al., Nature **444**, 737 (2006)

Ist European Advanced Accelerator Concepts Workshop, La Biodola, Isola d'Elba - Italy, June 2-7 (2013)

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The colliding of two laser pulses







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Inverse Compton Scattering : New scheme





A single laser pulse

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A plasma mirror reflects the laser beam

The back reflected laser collides with the accelerated electrons

No alignment : the laser and the electron beams naturally overlap

Save the laser energy !



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BELLA: BErkeley Lab Laser Accelerator

BELLA Facility: state-of-the-art 1.3 PW-laser for laser accelerator science: >42 J in <40 fs (> 1PW) at 1 Hz laser and supporting infrastructure at LBNL



Critical HEP experiments:

- 10 GeV electron beam from <1 m LPA
- Staging LPAs
- Positron acceleration





Experiments at LBNL use the BELLA laser focused by a 14 m focal length off-axis paraboloid onto gas jet or capillary discharge targets



4.25 GeV beams have been obtained from 9 cm plasma channel powered by 310 TW laser pulses (15 J)



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LETTER

Multistage coupling of independent laser-plasma accelerators

S. Steinke¹, J. van Tilborg¹, C. Benedetti¹, C. G. R. Geddes¹, C. B. Schroeder¹, J. Daniels^{1,3}, K. K. Swanson^{1,2}, A. J. Gonsalves¹, K. Nakamura¹, N. H. Matlis¹, B. H. Shaw^{1,2}, E. Esarey¹ & W. P. Leemans^{1,2}



Active Plasma Lens



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Plasma source properties and implementation_Gas-filled discharge capillaries



Plasma-Accelerated Electron Beams, PRL 115, 184802 (2015)

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Beam Quality Preservation requires proper matching – Focusing



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Integrated capillary



Studies on cross-talk effects: Design of electrodes and HV-circuits to reduce the interaction among discharges through plsam ramps



Very long capillary



Curved capillary for APD



Design of new geometries for curved channels: HV-circuits to allow high current pulses

Design of m-scale capillaries for EuPRAXIA project by using segmented capillaries: design of HV-voltage circuits and discharge synchronization



Segmented capillary

Pompili, Riccardo, et Al, Guiding of charged particle beams in curved capillary-discharge waveguides, AIP Advances 8.1 (2018)

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Case: CoM Energy	1 TeV	1 TeV	10 TeV	10 TeV	λ
(Plasma density)	$(10^{17} \mathrm{cm}^{-3})$	$(2 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3})$	$(10^{17} \mathrm{cm}^{-3})$	$(2 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3})$	
Energy per beam (TeV)	0.5	0.5	5	5	
Luminosity $(10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1})$	2	2	200	200]
Electrons per bunch ($\times 10^{10}$)	0.4	2.8	0.4	2.8]
Bunch repetition rate (kHz)	15	0.3	15	0.3	
Horizontal emittance $\gamma \varepsilon_x$ (nm-rad)	100	100	50	50	ŏ
Vertical emittance $\gamma \varepsilon_{y}$ (nm-rad)	100	100	50	50	ě
β* (mm)	1	1	0.2	0.2	
Horizontal beam size at IP σ_x^* (nm)	10	10	1	1	
Vertical beam size at IP σ_y^* (nm)	10	10	1	1	
Disruption parameter	0.12	5.6	1.2	56	1
Bunch length σ_z (µm)	1	7	1	7	1
Beamstrahlung parameter Υ	180	180	18,000	18,000]
Beamstrahlung photons per e, n_{γ}	1.4	10	3.2	22	
Beamstrahlung energy loss δ_E (%)	42	100	95	100	9
Accelerating gradient (GV/m)	10	1.4	10	1.4	9
Average beam power (MW)	5	0.7	50	7]
Wall plug to beam efficiency (%)	6	6	10	10]
One linac length (km)	0.1	0.5	1.0	5	×2-

Plasma collider challenges





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LPAW 2025 – Ischia Island



LPAW 2025 Laser and Plasma Accelerators Workshop 2025 14-18 April 2025, Ischia Island, Italy



https://agenda.infn.it/event/42311/

The Laser and Plasma Accelerators Workshop 2025 (LPAW 2025) will be held at Hotel Continental Ischia, in the Ischia Island (Campania, Italy), from Monday 14 to Friday 18 April 2025.

The Laser and Plasma Accelerators Workshop (LPAW) series is one of the leading workshops in the field of plasma-based acceleration and radiation generation.

The following scientific topics will be the main focus of the conference:

•Plasma-based lepton acceleration (experiments, simulations, theory, diagnostics...).

•Plasma-based ion acceleration (experiments, simulations, theory, diagnostics...).

•Secondary radiation generation and applications (experiments, simulations, theory, diagnostics...).

John Dawson Thesis Prize

"John Dawson Thesis Prize" is awarded on a biannual basis to the best PhD thesis in the area of plasma accelerators driven by laser or particle beams. The prize will be awarded for fundamental (theoretical or experimental) or applied aspects. Each prize winner will receive a certificate of merit, up to 500 Euros, and financial support to attend the "Laser and Plasma Accelerators Workshop," where the prize will be awarded.

