



### **AWAKE**

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# **Plasma Wakefield Acceleration and AWAKE**

Advanced Proton Driven Plasma Wakefield Acceleration Experiment

"Plasma Kielfeld Beschleunigungsexperiment, angetrieben durch einen Protonenstrahl"

→ Plasma???
→ Kielfeld Beschleunigung???
→ Angetrieben durch einen Protonenstrahl???



### Why Do We Need Particles at Even Higher Energies?

Pattern of the scattered light  $\rightarrow$  structure of the hand.



Visible light ~  $10^{-6}$  m = 1 micrometer = 0.001mm ~ size of a bacterium

Higher particle energy  $\rightarrow$  smaller wavelength  $\rightarrow$  smaller structures Accelerators are Super-Microscopes ! 3

### **Rutherford Experiment, 1910**



Ernest Rutherford



Pattern of scattered high energy particles → structure of the atom.



Atoms ( $10^{-10}$  m) consist of an extremely small Nucleus ( $10^{-15}$  m), electrons are moving around.

### Why Do We Need Particles at Even Higher Energies?



Optical Microscope: 10<sup>-6</sup> m Radioactive Source: 10<sup>-14</sup> m LHC: <10<sup>-21</sup> m

### **Particle Collisions and New Particles**

The study of the smallest building blocks of matter with high energy particle colliders and the production of new massive particles is connected:



**Higgs** Boson Discovery at the LHC in 2012 Nobel Prize in 2013



### What is the Origin of the Universe?



### To discover new physics: accelerate particles to even higher energies Circular Accelerators



#### **P** Limitations of electron-positron circular colliders:

- Circular machines are limited by synchrotron radiation in the case of electronpositron colliders.
- These machines are unfeasible for collision energies beyond ~350 GeV in case of FCCee.

$$P_{synchr} = \frac{e^2}{6\pi\varepsilon_0 c^7} \frac{E^4}{R^2 m^4}$$



### **Linear Colliders**



A Favorable for acceleration of low mass particles to high energies.

#### **Use Content** Limitations to linear colliders:

 Linear machines accelerate particles in a single pass. The amount of acceleration achieved in a given distance is the *accelerating gradient*. This number is limited to 100 MV/m for conventional copper cavities.

#### **Teilchenenergie = Beschleunigungsgradient x Beschleunigungsdistanz**

zB. um Elektronen auf 1 TeV zu beschleunigen (10<sup>12</sup> eV): 100 MeV/m x 10000 m oder 100 GeV/m x 10 m



CLIC, electron-positron collider with 3 TeV energy



### *Motivation:*

• Investigate the smallest building blocks of matter.

• Produce massive particles that are either unknown or predicted by theories.

### How?

• Explore particle collisions at even higher energies.



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### **Conventional Acceleration Technology**



(invention of Gustav Ising 1924 and Rolf Wideroe 1927)

LHC cavity



Very successfully used in all accelerators (hospitals, scientific labs,...) in the last 100 years.

#### Accelerating fields are **limited to <100 MV/m**

- In metallic structures, a too high field level leads to **break down** of surfaces, creating electric discharge.
- Fields cannot be sustained, structures might be damaged.

#### → several tens of kilometers for future linear colliders

Surface of Copper Cell After Breakdown Events



### **Plasma Wakefield Acceleration**



Plasma is already ionized or "broken-down" and can sustain electric fields up to three orders of magnitude higher gradients → order of 100 GV/m. → ~1000 factor stronger acceleration!



#### → Use plasma as accelerating 'cavity'

#### → Much shorter linear colliders

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### Plasma Wakefield

# What is a plasma?

What is a plasma wakefield?



**Fields** created by collective motion of plasma particles are called plasma wakefields.

Quasi-neutrality: the overall charge of a plasma is about zero.

**Collective effects:** Charged particles must be close enough together that each particle influences many nearby charged particles.

Electrostatic interactions dominate over collisions or ordinary gas kinetics.

### How to Create a Plasma Wakefield?



Analogy: lake → plasma

Boat  $\rightarrow$  particle beam (drive beam)

Surfer → accelerated particle beam (witness beam)

### How to Create a Plasma Wakefield?

#### What we want:

Longitudinal electric field to accelerate charged particles.



#### Our Tool:





Using plasma to convert **the transverse electric field** of the drive bunch into a **longitudinal electric field in the plasma**. The more energy is available, the longer (distance-wise) these plasma wakefields can be driven.

#### Charged particle bunches

carry almost purely transverse Electric Fields.

### **Principle of Plasma Wakefield Acceleration**

#### Boat:

- Laser drive beam
- Charged particle drive beam



- Plasma wave/wake excited by relativistic particle bunch
- Plasma e<sup>-</sup> are expelled by space charge force
- Plasma e<sup>-</sup> rush back on axis
- Ultra-relativistic driver ultra-relativistic wake
   → no dephasing
- Acceleration physics identical for LWFA, PWFA

### Where to Place the Witness Beam (Surfer)?



### Kielfeld Beschleunigung!



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### Seminal Paper 1979, T. Tajima, J. Dawson

Use a plasma to convert the transverse space charge force of a beam driver into a longitudinal electrical field in the plasma

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

23 JULY 1979

#### 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, present-day electron beams<sup>3</sup> yield electric fields of ~10<sup>7</sup> V/cm and power densities of 10<sup>13</sup> W/cm<sup>2</sup>.

the wavelength of the plasma waves in the wake:

$$L_t = \lambda_w / 2 = \pi c / \omega_p . \qquad (2)$$

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  $2\pi c/\omega_p$ . The mechanism for generating the wakes can be simply seen by the following approximate

### Some Highlights

#### FACET, SLAC, USA:

Premier R&D facility for electron-driven plasma wakefield acceleration: Only facility capable of e<sup>+</sup> acceleration

Energy doubling of 42 GeV electrons in a metre-scale plasma wakefield accelerator

I. Blumenfeld et al, Nature 455, p 741 (**2007**)





BELLA, Berkeley Lab, USA:

Laser-driven plasma wakefield acceleration Facility

Petawatt laser guiding and electron beam acceleration to 8 GeV in a laser-heated capillary discharge waveguide

A.J.Gonsalves et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. **122**, 084801 (2019)



#### FLASHForward, DESY, Germany:

Electron-driven plasma wakefield acceleration facility

**Energy-spread preservation** and high efficiency in a plasma-wake-field accelerator

C.A. Lindstrøm et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 126, 014801 (2021)



Transfer efficiency 42+/-4% with 0.2% energy spread, Up to 70% when allowing energy spread increase

#### Many, Many Electron and Laser Driven Plasma Wakefield Experiments...!



### Plasma Wakefield Accelerators – Electron/Laser Drivers

Witness beams (Surfers): Electrons: 10<sup>10</sup> particles @ 1 TeV ~few kJ

#### Drive beams (Boat):

Lasers: ~40 J/pulse Electron drive beam: 30 J/bunch

To reach TeV scale:

- Electron/laser driven PWA: need several stages, and challenging wrt to relative timing, tolerances, matching, etc...
  - effective gradient reduced because of long sections between accelerating elements....



### Plasma Wakefield Accelerators – Proton Drivers

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#### **Drive beams (Boat):**

Lasers: ~40 J/pulse Electron drive beam: 30 J/bunch Proton drive beam: SPS 19kJ/pulse, LHC 300kJ/bunch

#### To reach TeV scale:

- **Proton drivers**: large energy content in proton bunches  $\rightarrow$  allows to consider single stage acceleration:
  - A single SPS/LHC bunch could produce an ILC bunch in a single PDWA stage.



### Seeded Self-Modulation of the Proton Beam

In order to create plasma wakefields efficiently, the drive bunch length must be in the order of the plasma wavelength.

CERN SPS proton bunch: very long! ( $\sigma_z = 12 \text{ cm}$ )  $\rightarrow$  much longer than plasma wavelength ( $\lambda = 1 \text{ mm}$ )

The experiment induces a plasma instability, this instability modulates the long proton beam into a sequence of short beams (micro-bunches). These micro-bunches resonantly drive high wakefields! 
immediate use of SPS proton bunch!







### Angetrieben durch einen Protonenstrahl!

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### **The AWAKE Experiment**



### **Experimenteller Aufbau des AWAKE Experiments am CERN**



#### Von einer Idee zur Realität!

### **AWAKE is an International Collaboration**



### **AWAKE's Strong Scientific and Educational Output**

#### **22 AWAKE Collaboration papers in high-level journals**

Authors	Title	Journal	Year
L. Verra, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Filamentation of a Relativistic Proton Bunch in Plasma		2023
T. Nechaeva, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Hosing of a long relativistic particle bunch in plasma		2023
L. Verra, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Development of the Self-Modulation Instability of a Relativistic Proton Bunch in Plasma	PoP	2023
E. Gschwendtner, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	The AWAKE Run 2 programme and beyond	Symmetry	2022
L. Verra, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Controlled Growth of the Self-Modulation of a Relativistic Proton Bunch in Plasma	PRL	2022
S. Gessner, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Evolution of a plasma column measured through modulation of a high-energy proton beam		2020
V. Hafych, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Analysis of Proton Bunch Parameters in the AWAKE Experiment	JINST	2021
P.I. Morales Guzman, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Simulation and experimental study of proton bunch self-modulation in plasma with linear density gradients	PRAB	2021
F. Batsch, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Transition between Instability and Seeded Self-Modulation of a Relativistic Particle Bunch in Plasma	PRL	2021
J. Chappell, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Experimental study of extended timescale dynamics of a plasma wakefield driven by a self-modulated proton bunch	PRAB	2021
F. Braunmüller, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Proton Bunch Self-Modulation in Plasma with Density Gradient	PRL	2020
A. A. Gorn, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Proton beam defocusing in AWAKE: comparison of simulations and measurements	PPCF	2020
M. Turner, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Experimental study of wakefields driven by a self-modulating proton bunch in plasma	PRAB	2020
E. Gschwendtner, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration in AWAKE	PTRSA	2019
M. Turner, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Experimental Observation of Plasma Wakefield Growth Driven by the Seeded Self-Modulation of a Proton Bunch	PRL	2019
AWAKE Collaboration	Experimental Observation of Proton Bunch Modulation in a Plasma at Varying Plasma Densities	PRL	2019
AWAKE Collaboration	Acceleration of electrons in the plasma wakefield of a proton bunch	Nature	2018
P. Muggli, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	AWAKE readiness for the study of the seeded self-modulation of a 400 GeV proton bunch	PPCF	2018
E. Gschwendtner, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	AWAKE, The Advanced Proton Driven Plasma Wakefield Acceleration Experiment at CERN	NIMA	2016
A. Caldwell, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	Path to AWAKE: Evolution of the concept	NIMA	2016
C. Bracco, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration)	AWAKE: A Proton-Driven Plasma Wakefield Acceleration Experiment at CERN	NPPP	2016
AWAKE Collaboration	Proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration: a path to the future of high-energy particle physics	PPCF	2014

### > 70 papers related to AWAKE> 90 Conference proceedings and papers

#### → 4 doctoral thesis prizes, 2 early career awards!



### > 28 PhD students > 11 Master students

> 20 Post-docs

#### Outreach: Newspapers, TEDX, ...



#### AWAKE courses and seminars



### **AWAKE at CERN**

#### Advanced WAKEfield Experiment

- → Accelerator R&D experiment at CERN.
- →Unique facility driving wakefields in plasma with a proton bunch.
  - At CERN highly relativistic protons with high energy (> kJ) available
- ➔ Accelerating externally injected electrons to GeV scale.



### **AWAKE at CERN**





#### AWAKE installed in CERN underground area



#### RUN 1 (2016-2018)

p+ self-modulation





#### RUN 2 (2021-2033)

e- acceleration to several GeV, beam quality control, scalability



### **AWAKE Experiment**



### **AWAKE Proton Beam Line**







The AWAKE beamline is designed to deliver a high-quality beam to the experiment. The proton beam must be steered around a mirror which couples a terawatt class laser into the beamline. Further downstream, the witness electron beam will injected into the same beamline.

E. Gschwendtner, CERN



### **AWAKE Plasma Cell**

- 10 m long, 4 cm diameter Rubidium vapour source
- Laser ionizes Rb vapour to become Rb plasma.
- Density adjustable from  $10^{14} 10^{15}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>  $\rightarrow$  desired: 7x  $10^{14}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>





**Downstream Expansion Chamber** 

### **AWAKE Plasma Cell**



(CERN)

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### Laser and Laser Line

AWAKE uses a short-pulse Titanium:Sapphire laser to ionize the rubidium source.

 $\rightarrow$  Seeding of the self-modulation with the ionization front.

The laser can deliver up to 500 mJ in a 120 fs pulse envelope.





### **Electron Beam System**

e-source laser

Laser beam



A Photo-injector originally built for a CLIC test facility is now used as electron source for AWAKE producing short electron bunches at an energy of ~20 MeV/c.

A completely new 12 m long electron beam line was designed and built to connect the electrons from the e-source with the plasma cell.

**Challenge:** cross the electron beam with the proton beam inside the plasma at a precision of ~100  $\mu$ m.

### **Electron Acceleration Diagnostics**



Electrons will be accelerated in the plasma. To measure the energy the electrons pass through a **dipole spectrometer and the dispersed electron impact on the scintillator screen.** The resulting light is collected with an intensified CCD camera.



### **Results Run 1: Direct Seeded Self-Modulation Measurement**



#### AWAKE Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 054802 (2019).

M. Turner et al. (AWAKE Collaboration), 'Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 054801 (2019).
M. Turner, P. Muggli et al. (AWAKE Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams 23, 081302 (2020)
F. Braunmueller, T. Nechaeva et al. (AWAKE Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. July 30 (2020).
A.A. Gorn, M. Turner et al. (AWAKE Collaboration), Plasma Phys. Control Fusion, Vol. 62, Nr 12 (2020).
F. Batsch, P. Muggli et al. (AWAKE Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 164802 (2021).



### **Beschleunigung von Elektronen**



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### **AWAKE Scientific Merit**

#### Wakefield growth due to SM $n_{pe} = 2.1 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $n_{pe} = 7.7 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ max. seed field from theory 300 $W_{\perp,av,min}$ (L = 10m) $W_{\perp,av}$ (L = 1.5m) ¤/∧w / <sup>⊤</sup> M 100 25 30 10 15 20 25 bunch population $\times 10^{10}$ bunch population $\times 10^{10}$ M. Turner et al. (AWAKE Collaboration), 'Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 054801 (2019)

preliminary

#### Proton bunch self-modulation



### Seeding with relativ. ionization front



F. Batsch, P. Muggli et al. (AWAKE Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 164802 (2021).

All milestones achieved – plus additional ones.

Increase e-energy with

✓ Relevant studies for general plasma wakefield acceleration concepts. Investing in young researchers.

Many prizes, thesis and publications in high impact journals.

M. Turner, CERN, AWAKE Collaboration



Ion motion, Sim/Meas



#### Effect of density step on accelerated electrons



Seeding with electron bunch



L. Verra et al. (AWAKE Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. 129, 024802 (2022)

#### **Filamentation instability**



L. Verra, et al. (AWAKE Collaboration), Phys. Rev. E 109, 055203 (2024).

#### **Beam-hose instability**



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#### RUN 1 (2016-2018)

2014

**Run 1 Preparation** 

2013

2015

2016 2017

Run 1

p+ self-modulation





2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027

CNGS

dismantling installation

Run 2b

2028

283

Run 2c

2029

Run 2c

#### RUN 2 (2021-2033)

2030 2031 2032 2033 2034

e- acceleration to several GeV, beam quality control, scalability

Run 2d

➔ First applications >2034

In Run 2: paradigm change:
 ➔ Move from 'acceleration R&D' to an 'accelerator'

2018

2019

2020

**b**\$2

Run 2

Preparation

2021

Run 2a

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### AWAKE Run 2

Accelerate an electron beam to **high energies**, while controlling the electron **beam quality** and demonstrate **scalable plasma source** technology.





### **Preparing for AWAKE Run 2c/d during LS3**









### CERN Neutrino Gran Sasso area content (~600m<sup>3</sup>):

- **~500 large shielding blocks** (0,05-0,6 mSv/h)
- A few high dose-rate elements (50mSv/h)
- 70-meter-long aluminum **He-tank**
- Various supports, ducts...

### **AWAKE Run 2 Preparations**



E. Gschwendtner, CERN

### **AWAKE Run 2: Demonstrate Scalable Plasma Sources**





### 10 m Discharge Plasma Source in AWAKE

→ Possible candidate for plasma source in Run 2c/d (2029-2034) and particle physics applications

Unique opportunity to test the discharge plasma source in May 2023 with protons in the AWAKE facility





#### RUN 1 (2016-2018)

p+ self-modulation

2 GeV e- acceleration





#### RUN 2 (2021-2033)

e- acceleration to several GeV, beam quality control, scalability





### **Applications with AWAKE-Like Scheme**

> Requirements on emittance are moderate for fixed target experiments and e/p collider experiments, so first experiments in not-too far future!

#### **First Application: Fixed target test facility**:

 $\rightarrow$  Deep inelastic scattering, non-linear QED, search for dark photons



10<sup>16</sup> electrons on target with AWAKE-like beam (Factor 1000 more than NA64)

- **50 GeV e-beam**: Extend sensitivity further to  $\varepsilon \sim 10^{-3} 10^{-5}$  and to high masses  $\sim 0.1 \text{ GeV}$ .
- 1 TeV e-beam: : Similar  $\varepsilon$  values, approaching 1 GeV, beyond any other planned experiments.



 $m_{A'}$  [GeV]

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### **Applications with AWAKE-Like Scheme**

- → Investigate non-linear QED in electron- photon collisions.
- → Produce TeV-range electrons with an LHC p+ bunch: use for lower luminosity measurements in electron-proton or electron-ion collisions.
  - *L* Limited by proton accelerator repetition rate look for high-cross-section processes to compensate.
  - **PEPIC:** Low-luminosity version of LHeC (50 GeV electrons)
    - Use the SPS to drive electron bunches to 50 GeV and collide with protons from the LHC
    - Modest luminosity  $\rightarrow$  only interesting should the LHeC not go ahead
  - EIC:
    - use the RHIC-EIC proton beam to accelerate electron

#### • 3 TeV VHEeP

- use the LHC protons to accelerate electrons to 3 TeV and collide with protons from LHC with 7 TeV
- Yields centre-of-mass energy of 9 TeV, Luminosity is relatively modest ~1028 10<sup>29</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, i.e. 1bp<sup>-1</sup>/yr.
- New energy regime means new physics sensitivity even at low luminosities.
- Fixed target variants with these electron beams
- Higgs factory: electron-positron collider 250 GeV c.o.m, proton driven
  - J. Farmer, A. Caldwell, A. Pukhov, NJP, DOI 10.1088/1367-2630/ad8fc5 (2024)



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### Vielen Dank fuer Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!