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## Betatron radiation in AWAKE Run 2 and beyond

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## **Betatron radiation**

- Plasma accelerators exhibit very strong accelerating and focusing fields.
- The wiggling electrons emit radiation known as betatron radiation.

Advanced X-ray photon source for imaging applications.

□ BR is of interest for non-invasive beam diagnostic

- $\,\circ\,$  LWFA in several labs
- PWFA at FACET experiment
- $\circ$  AWAKE







- I) Witness electron beam
- 2) Seeding electron beam
- 3) Proton beam (~meV) 😳

Protons may oscillate in their wakefields, emitting betatron radiation.

□ Maximum critical energy of a single proton is estimated: 73 meV



Vitness electron beam
 Seeding electron beam (meV)
 Proton beam (~meV)



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## I) Witness electron beam (~keV) 🎨

- 2) Seeding electron beam (meV)
- 3) Proton beam (~meV)



Due to its practicality, the witness beam radiation is regarded as AWAKE betatron radiation.

# **PIC** simulation



### QV3D PIC code

Build-in module to calculate synchrotron radiation

□ Simulation model (V. Olsen et al, PRAB 2018)

 Uses a dummy driver such that it replicates the wakefield of real proton driver

### AWAKE Run 2 baseline parameters.

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Parameter	Symbol [Unit]	AWAKE baseline	
Plasma			
Density	$n_0 [{\rm cm}^{-3}]$	$7 \times 10^{14}$	
Wavelength	$\lambda_{\rm p}$ [mm]	1.26	
Length	[m]	10	
Dummy Driver			
Energy	$E_{\rm P}[{\rm GeV}]$	400	
Charge	$Q_{\rm P}[\rm nC]$	2.34	
Density	$n_{\rm P}/n_0$	0.83	
Bunch Length	$\sigma_{\mathcal{E}P}[\mu m]$	40	
Bunch Radius <sup>a</sup>	$\sigma_{rP} [\mu m]$	200	
Electron Witness			
Density	$n_{\rm e}/n_0$	34.1	
Chargeb	$\dot{Q}_{\rm e}$	120	
Bunch Length <sup>c</sup>	$\sigma_{e}$ [µm]	60	
Bunch Radius <sup>d</sup>	$\sigma_{re} [\mu m]$	5.75	
Energy	$E_{\rm e}$ [MeV]	150	
Energy Spread	δγ	0.1%	
Normalized Emittance	$\varepsilon_{ne}$ [mm mrad]	2	

# Characteristics of AWAKE betatron radiation

High energy radiation in the UV to Xray range.

□ Highly collimated radiation: focused into a narrow angle (~ mrad).

❑ Short pulse duration on the order of ~100 fs.

□ Total photon numbers ~ 1E9.





# Distribution of Photon Frequencies Across the Total Spectrum

# Radiation along the plasma cell







## Along the plasma cell

# Radiation spatial distribution



- □ Photons are inside a small angle: < few mrad
- □ Most photons below 1 mrad

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Photons / 0.1% BW

Photons emitted within 8-10 meters of the plasma cell exhibit divergence within 0.1 mrad.

Photons are distributed with azimuthal symmetry.









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#### at FACET-II: beam matching and gamma-ray radiation

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Research and application of Betatron diagnostics in BELLA, FACET, SPARC LAB ...

## **Propose betatron diagnostics in AWAKE**

Diagnose injection misalignment (e.g., beam phase-matching; beam off-axis injection)

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□ The proton beam diverges to a radius of 15 mm after traveling 10 meters beyond the plasma cell.

□ In case of CNGS dismantling, there would be room to divert the proton beam.



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□ Three dipoles, similar to the Run1 spectrometer, may be necessary to deflect the proton beam by more than 15 mm over a distance of 10 meters.

$$\theta = \frac{\mathrm{L[m]B[T]c}}{\mathrm{E[eV]}}$$

# X-ray detector

- The primary radiation will be in the X-ray spectrum.
- Various types of X-ray detectors exist, encompassing gas detectors etc.
- Based on factors such as spectral coverage, energy resolution, spatial resolution, sensitivity, and price, we can select a suitable X-ray detector for procurement in the future.



# What if we utilize higher plasma densities?

## Elevating electron energy gain and betatron X-ray emission in proton-driven wakefield acceleration

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Plasma parameter	Symbol [Unit]	Baseline	Case I	Case II	Case III
Skin depth Density Wavelength Length	$[\mu m]$ $n_0 [cm^{-3}]$ $\lambda_p [mm]$ [m]	$\begin{array}{c} 200 \\ 7 \times 10^{14} \\ 1.26 \\ 10 \end{array}$	$150 \\ 1.25 \times 10^{15} \\ 0.94 \\ 10$	$100 \\ 2.80 \times 10^{15} \\ 0.63 \\ 10$	$50\\1.13 \times 10^{16}\\0.31\\10$

□ Step 1. Calculate the peak wakefield by considering a fixed current and length of periodic train of bunches



Step 2. Study witness beam acceleration and radiation within the toy model simulation













We may seek the unexpected pattern in Case III in its lower charge and radius which has root in non-linear effects of wakefield decay.

<b>Electron Witness</b>					
Density	$n_{\rm e}/n_0$	34.1	32.7	32.3	18.5
Charge <sup>b</sup>	$Q_{\rm e} \left[ { m pC} \right]$	120	115	113	65
Bunch Length <sup>c</sup>	$\sigma_{\xi e}$ [ $\mu$ m]	60	45	30	15
Bunch Radius <sup>d</sup>	$\sigma_{re} \left[ \mu \mathrm{m} \right]$	5.75	4.98	4.07	2.87



# Summary

Explore betatron radiation characteristics in-depth.

Propose potential applications of betatron diagnostics at AWAKE.

Conduct a preliminary design study for betatron spectroscopy at AWAKE, addressing associated concerns.

Perform a simulation study on utilizing a shorter proton beam driver and consequently higher plasma density.

# Moving Forward: The Next Step



Develop the models for electron beam reconstruction from the radiation.



Conduct a detailed study on experimental design, including potential procurement of necessary tools.



Initiate collaborations with laboratories such as CLARA, CLEAR, and SPARC\_LAB for preliminary testing.



Ultimately, construct and deploy diagnostics applications for the AWAKE Run 2c.



## Periodic train driver

$$k_{\rm p}\sigma_{r\rm P}\leq 1$$

$$k_{\rm p}\sigma_{\xi\,{\rm mb}}=\sqrt{2},$$

□ For all scenarios, we consider a non-evolving beam comprising 1.62e10 particles, with a length of 65.6 mm, organized as a periodic train of microbunches.

• This periodic train driver has a period of plasma wavelength.

TABLE II. Microbunch parameters in the periodic train driver.

Parameter [Unit]	Baseline	Case I	Case II	Case III
No Microbunch	26	35	52	104
Length $[\mu m]$	283	213	142	71
Radius $[\mu m]$	200	150	100	50
Charge [pC]	100	75	50	25



- I) Witness electron beam
- 2) Seeding electron beam
- 3) Proton beam
- 4) Background plasma electrons

## Beam emittance and the radiation spectrum

