Electron Beam Driven Wakefield Acceleration

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Wakefield Acccelerators Have Promising Potential

Electron Beam Driven Wakefield Accelerators Have the potential to deliver accelerating gradients many orders of magnitude larger than conventional metallic structures



Many Issues Being Addressed by Experiments:

	Dielectric	Plasma
Material Issues	 Breakdown of the dielectric Breakdown of the dielectric-conducting boundary surface ANL AWA UCLA/SLAC T-481 	 Long, uniform high- density plasma sources can be difficult Relativistic plasma- electrons, Ion motion BNL ATF PWFA UCLA/USC/SLAC E-164
Optimum Drive Beam	 High charge (100nC) Short bunch lengths (~100fs) Pulse trains with specific format ANL AWA 	 Short bunch lengths (~100fs) Pulse trains with specific format UCLA/USC/SLAC E-164 BNL ATF PWFA BNL ATF Stella-LWFA

Problems relating to the witness beam are still next generation (although near term) experiments

Dielectric Wakefield Accelerator (DWA)



On Axis Accelerating Field & Dielectric Surface Field:



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15 GHz structure

Parameters of recent experiment:

- Cylindrical ceramic tube (cordierite) Inner radius: 5 mm, Outer radius: 7.5 mm
- Dielectric constant: 5
- Length: 102 mm
- Standing-wave structure
- Field probe to sample the field (-60 dB) RF mixer, down convert from 15 GHz to 5 GHz, analyze with high bandwidth scope

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Recent 15 GHz Wakefield Measurements



~30 MV/m gradient. No signs of breakdown!



Excitation by single bunch and Two bunches separated by 1.5 ns:



UCLA/SLAC Ultra-High Gradient DWA (T-481)

Short Bunch Generation In The SLAC Linac



UCLA/SLAC Ultra-High Gradient DWA (T-481)



Study Breakdown As a Function of Bunch Length and Fiber Diameter





Phase One of the Experiment

The first run of the experiment occurred in Aug 2005. The objective of the run was to examine breakdown thresholds. Direct Measurements of CCR will be attempted in the next run.

Major Observations:

- A sharp increase in visible emission from the capillaries near the midrange of beam current, probably indicating breakdown.
- Principle form of damage to the dielectric wake structures appear to be vaporization of the aluminum cladding. The fused silica appeared substantially intact.



See Gil Travish Talk in WG4(?)

Plasma Wakefield Accelerator (PWFA)

- Space charge of drive beam displaces plasma electrons
- Plasma ions exert restoring force => Space charge oscillations
- Wake Phase Velocity = Beam Velocity (like wake on a boat)



• 2D/3D PIC Simulations have born out this dependence (snow plow etc...)

Multi-Bunch PWFA Experiment at Brookhaven ATF





- 10.6µm IFEL Bunches the Electron Beam (STELLA)
- The Bunched Electron Beam Resonantly Drives a Plasma Wake in the 10¹⁹cm⁻³ Capillary Discharge Plasma (not in blow-out regime)

Theory & Simulation



The electron beam density x100 (1), the theoretical wakefield (2) and the OSIRIS simulated wakefield (3) after 1mm of propagation in the plasma. Results for resonant plasma density (n_0 =1.0*10¹⁹cm⁻¹) for 10.6µm bunch spacing. [0.01 e/(mc ω_p) = 30MV/cm]

PIC Simulations



- Expected Energy Gain is 21MeV Over 3mm of Plasma (70MeV/cm)
- Weak Focusing of the Electron Beam
- Characterizing the plasma density using Stark broadening and CO2 transmission
- Characterizing the electron bunching using CTR
- Ensure the plasma density resonance and observe the energy gain

Seeded Self-Modulated Laser Wakefield Acceleration (Seeded SM-LWFA)

- New hybrid plasma-based acceleration scheme combining both plasma wakefield acceleration (PWFA) and laser wakefield acceleration (LWFA) [1]
 - Use ultrashort (<<1 ps) seed e-beam pulse to generate wakefields in plasma
 - CO₂ laser pulse immediately follows and amplifies wakefields via SM-LWFA
 - Second *e*-beam pulse follows as witness and experiences energy exchange
- Experiment being performed at Brookhaven National Laboratory Accelerator Test Facility (ATF) using 0.5 - 1 TW CO₂ laser as part of STELLA-LW program
 - Use capillary discharge as plasma source (either polypropylene or gas-filled)
 - ATF has already demonstrated dual e-beam generation (i.e., seed & witness)
 - Can use chicane to compress seed to ~100 fs while not compressing witness
- Motivation: Provides means to use existing CO₂ laser beam and, at same time, may permit greater control of wakefield phase because wakefield does not start from noise as it typically does during SM-LWFA

[1] W. D. Kimura, et al., to be published in *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*.





Model Results for Seeded SM-LWFA

• Assumes: Seed pulse length = 118 fs, focus size = 50 μ m (1 σ), 199 pC Witness pulse length = 1.23 ps, focus size = 20 μ m (1 σ) Plasma density = $0.89 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$; Laser power = 0.5 TW_aser Field | $lpha_0$ |, Wakefield Potential $\delta\Phi_0$ 0.5 Laser with no Laser with Seed and Witness *E*-beam Normalized Density x 20 seed present seed present 0.4 0.3 Wakefield potential Witness Seed 0.2 electron electron bunch bunch 0.1 0.0 -20 -10 0 10 Time (ps)





Energy Spectrum Prediction

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 $\tau_{\rm d}$ is delay time between seed and witness pulses



UCLA/USC/SLAC PWFA Experiments at the FFTB



Accelerating Gradient > 27 GeV/m! (Sustained Over 10cm)



- Large energy spread after the plasma is an artifact of doing single bunch experiments
- Future experiments will accelerate a second "witness" bunch
- Electrons have gained > 2.7 GeV over maximum incoming energy in 10cm
- Confirmation of predicted dramatic increase in gradient with move to short bunches
- First time a PWFA has gained more than 1 GeV
- Two orders of magnitude larger than previous beam-driven results

M.J. Hogan et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2005

Energy Gain >10 GeV in 30cm Plasma



Spectrometer Re-design Necessary to Transport Low Energy Electrons

Always New Things to Look at!



Future Experiments (~ 6 months)

- Redesign Spectrometer for Larger Energy Acceptance
- Try to Double Energy of Some Electrons in 1 Meter Plasma
- Two bunches via notch collimator in FFTB:





Conclusions:

- Exciting Time for Beam Driven Wakefield Experiments
 Dielectric Wakefield Accelerators show promise with good dielectric tolerance to large surface fields
- Plasma Wakefield Accelerators have demonstrated very large gradients and multi-GeV energy gain
 Much more work to be done:
 - Accelerate a second bunch (not just particles) with narrow energy spread and good emittance
 - Positrons???
- Care needs to be taken when extrapolating to future scenarios and experiments designed accordingly

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