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Progress and plans for beam-driven plasma accelerator research at FLASH

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Plasma wakefield acceleration in a nutshell



Particle-beam driven "Plasma wakefield acceleration" PWFA

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M. Schnell et al., Nat. Comm. 4, 2421 (2013)





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Particle-beam driven

"Plasma wakefield acceleration"

Bunch duration: fs

- → O. Lundh *et al.*, Nature Physics 7, 219 (2011)
- → A. Buck *et al.*, Nature Physics 7, 543 (2011)

GeV energy gain over cm

→ W.P. Leemans *et al.*, Nature Physics 2, 696 (2006)

Size of structure

$$\lambda_p \approx \frac{2\pi c}{\omega_p} \approx (33 \text{ km}) \sqrt{n_e^{-1} [\text{cm}^{-3}]}$$
typically $\lambda_p \approx 100 \ \mu\text{m}$ (for $n_e \approx 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$)

Electric field strength

 $E \approx \frac{mc\omega_p}{e} \approx (96 \text{ V/m}) \sqrt{n_e [\text{cm}^{-3}]}$

typically $E \approx 33$ GV/m (for $n_e \approx 10^{17}$ cm⁻³)



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FLASHForward → 80 m

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European X-FEL → 3.4 km

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FLASH → 315 m

FLASH drives free-electron laser and accelerator research SUPERCONDUCTING SYSTEM FEEDS MULTIPLE BEAM LINES SIMULTANEOUSLY

> FLASH is an FEL user facility

> FLASHForward is a beam line for PWFA research

> Both share the same superconducting accelerator front-end. Typical electron beam parameters:

- \lesssim 1.25 GeV energy with a few 100 pC at ~100 fs rms bunch duration
- ~2 µm trans. norm. emittance
- up to 800 bunches (≤ MHz spacing) at 10 Hz macro-pulse repetition rate, up to 30 kW average beam power

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MAIN GOALS: HIGH BEAM BRIGHTNESS

> X-1 Plasma Cathode: beam-brightness converter (\rightarrow photon science) > 1.25 GeV energy, trans. norm. emittance ~100 nm, current ≥ 1 kA, ~fs bunch duration

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MAIN GOALS: HIGH BEAM ENERGY

> X-2 Plasma Booster: post acceleration (\rightarrow photon science + high-energy physics) energy doubling, energy spread & emittance preservation, drive depletion (> 10% efficiency)

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FUTURE-ORIENTED WAKEFIELD ACCELERATOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AT FLASH

- > a next-generation experiment for beam-driven plasma wakefield accelerator research
- > unique facility feature set for plasma acceleration
 - X-band deflector with ~1 fs resolution (collaboration between DESY, CERN, PSI)
 - 3rd harmonic cavity for phase-space linearization
 → shaping of current profile for driver and witness
 - *future:* ≤ 800 bunches (at ≥ 1/MHz spacing) at 10 Hz rate, a few 10 kW average power

CENTRAL INTERACTION AREA

 \rightarrow A. Aschikhin *et al.*, NIM A **806**, 175 (2016)

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FINAL FOCUSSING SECTION

- → thanks to MEA and MVS for support!

FLASHFORWARD follows a staggered installation plan PROJECT PHASE I: PLASMA WAKEFIELD BEAMLINE AND DIAGNOSTICS — PHASE II: UNDULATOR INTEGRATION

Driver/witness-pair creation in dispersive section by variable mask

TECHNICAL INNOVATIONS AT **FF** TO FACE CHALLENGES IN **PWFA**

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- > Full start-to-end simulations incl. CSR confirm hosing modes can be excited
- Measurement of growth rates & hosing saturation vs. beam parameters one of first steps at FLASHForward

X-band transverse deflector for femtosecond phase-space characterization TECHNICAL INNOVATIONS AT **FF** TO FACE CHALLENGES IN **PWFA**

- > A collaboration between DESY, CERN, and PSI to share expertise and develop X-band technology
- > A novel dual-polarisation RF deflecting cavity \rightarrow tomographic reconstruction of phase space

 $R_{z} =$

 $R_{\delta} =$

DESY coordinator: B. Marchetti

Resolutions witness* and driver** beam working points:

$$\frac{\sigma_{y}}{S} = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_{y}(s)}{\beta_{y}(s_{0})}} \frac{1}{|\sin \mu_{y}|} \frac{E}{eVk} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{R}_{t} > 0.9 \text{ fs (witness)} \\ \mathsf{R}_{t} > 1.5 \text{ fs (driver)} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{x}}{|D_{x}|} = \sqrt{\varepsilon_{x}} \frac{\sqrt{\beta_{x}}}{|D_{x}|} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{R}_{\delta} > 2x10^{-4} \text{ (witness)} \\ \mathsf{R}_{\delta} > 1x10^{-4} \text{ (driver)} \end{array}$$

- > Plasma wakefield acceleration is an intriguing technology to miniaturized particle accelerators.
- > FLASHForward >> is a unique next-generation experiment for plasma accelerator research.
- Beamline commissioning is under way.
- Experiments with plasma should start this spring. Exciting times are ahead!
- M-groups have done a fantastic job supporting the project. Thanks to MBB, MCS, MDI, MEA, MFL, MIN, MKK, MPS, MPY, MSK, MVS!