

Non perturbative QED science enabled by short electron beams



The Scale for a TeV Linear Collider





...and must do it for positrons too!

FACET: A National User Facility based on high-energy beams and their interaction with plasmas and lasers



Primary Goal:

 Demonstrate a single-stage high-energy plasma accelerator for electrons

Timeline:

- CD-0 2008
- CD-4 2012, Commissioning (2011)
- Experimental program (2012-2016)

A National User Facility:

- Externally reviewed experimental program
- >200 Users, 25 experiments, 8 months/year operation

Key PWFA Milestones:

- ✓Mono-energetic e- acceleration
- ✓High efficiency e⁻ acceleration (*Nature* 515, Nov. 2014)
- ✓First high-gradient e⁺ PWFA (*Nature* 524, Aug. 2015)
- Demonstrate required emittance, energy spread (in review)

Premier R&D facility for PWFA: Only facility capable of e+ acceleration Highest energy beams uniquely enable gradient > 1 GV/m

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FACET Celebration Party - April 2016





FACET-II: A National User Facility Based on High-energy Beams and Their Interaction with Plasmas and Lasers



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FACET-II Annual Science Opportunities Workshops and First Program Advisory Committee Meeting October 8-12, 2018



Active Engagement Between Facility & User Community – Illustrated by Design and QuickPIC Simulation of 'First Experiment'

Key Upgrades:

- Photoinjector beam
- Plasma source with matching ramps
- Differential pumping
- Single shot emittance diagnostic

Science deliverables:

- Pump depletion of drive beam with high efficiency & low energy spread acceleration
- Beam matching and emittance preservation

Simulated Performance:

 SLAC & UCLA groups iterated for optimal bunch separation, charge ratio, peak currents, plasma density and beam waist conditions

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Flexibility of the photo-injector allows optimal beams for PWFA studies

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PWFA Research Priorities at FACET-II Stage 1 Funded. Stage 2 & 3 will Fully Exploit the Potential of FACET-II

Emittance Preservation with Efficient Acceleration FY19-21

Positron Acceleration

FY21-24

positron acceleration in PWFA stages

L2 (e⁻)

BC14

Sector 14 Return Line Acceleration

Only high-current positron capability in the world for PWFA

research will be enabled by Phase II

BC0P

Develop techniques for

BC11

- High-gradient high-efficiency (instantaneous) acceleration has been demonstrated @ FACET
- Full pump-depletion and Emittance preservation at µm level planned as first experiment



e⁺ DR





Stage 2

W-Chicane

Final Focus & Experimental Area

High Brightness Beam Generation & Characterization FY20-22

- 10's nm emittance preservation is necessary for collider apps
- Ultra-high brightness plasma injectors may lead to first apps





Stage 1

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Simultaneous Deliver of Electrons & Positrons FY22-25

Positron Acceleration on Electron Beam Driven Wakefields





Gradual introduction of capabilities works well with level of demand for FACET-II

Positron Production & Return Line

Extreme Beams: A Challenge and Opportunity!

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- We know from experience extreme beam densities developed at FACET and FACET-II turn materials into plasma physics experiments!
- Allows experiments to access new regimes



FACET-II will transition from 100 GeV/m to 1-100 TeV/m

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FACET-II Beam will Access New Regimes

Low-emittance (state of the art photoinjector) and ultra-short (improved compression) beam will generate:

- >300 kA peak current (~0.4 µm long)
- ~100 nm focus by plasma ion column
- ~10¹² V/cm radial electric field (Es=1.3x10¹⁶ V/cm)
- ~10²⁴ cm⁻³ beam densitv





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Concept of an electron-beam-instability driven gamma-ray source

Plasma Off 300 a 250 200 150 100 50 d) C e 128µm ≻χ 180µm

A dense bunch of high-energy electrons (green spheres) propagating in a plasma background breaks up into multiple filaments (green tubes) because of an electromagnetic instability, generating superstrong magnetic fields. The individual trajectories of the beam electrons are bent by the magnetic fields, causing synchrotron emission of gamma-ray photons (blue wavelets). *Image courtesy of Max Planck Institute for*

Nuclear Physics

Current filamentation instability is observed and studied in a laboratory environment with a 60 MeV electron beam and a plasma capillary discharge. Multiple filaments are observed and imaged transversely at the plasma exit with optical transition radiation.

B. Allen, et.al. Phys. Rev Lett. 2012



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ILC Luminosity optimization



Parameter	Symbol [Unit]	ILC (TDR)	NpQED Collider
		250 GeV CM	[large- σ_z]
Beam Energy	E [GeV]	125	125
Bunch Charge	<i>Q</i> [<i>nC</i>]	3.2	1.4
Peak Current	$I_{pk}[kA]$	0.4	1700
rms Bunch Length	$\sigma_{z} [\mu m]$	300	0.1
rms Bunch Size	$\sigma^*_{x,y}$ [μm]	0.73, 0.008	0.01, 0.01
Pulse rate x # Bunches/pulse	frep [Hz] x Nbunch	5 x 1312	700
Beamstrahlung Parameter	χ av , χ max	0.06, 0.15	969, 1721
Beam Power	<i>P</i> [<i>MW</i>]	2.6	0.12
Luminosity	$L [cm^{-2}s^{-1}]$	3E+33	3E+33

Intuitive explanation of the Non-perturbative strong field QED collider parameters

Key challenge: radiative energy loss in field transition (if $\chi \ge 1$) prevents

I.e., $\gtrsim 100 \text{ pC}$ per bunch



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We demonstrate the possibility of probing for the first time the fully nonperturbative regime of quantum electrodynamics. By using tightly compressed and focused electron beams in a 100 GeV-class particle collider, beamstrahlung radiation losses can be mitigated, allowing the particles to experience extreme electromagnetic fields. Three-dimensional particle-in-cell simulations confirm the viability of this approach. The experimental forefront envisaged has the potential to establish a novel research field and to stimulate the development of a new theoretical methodology for this yet unexplored regime of strong-field quantum electrodynamics.

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• $N \ge \frac{1}{\alpha^4} \sim 10^9$

• $\sigma_r \sim 10\sqrt{N\alpha} \lambda \approx 10nm$

Different Scales of Strong Field: Non-perturbative QED



Fully Non-perturbative QED: induced mass of photon exceeds mass of electron due to strong external field (expansion parameter $\alpha \chi^{2/3} > 1$)



Experimentally approach regime where existing theory breaks down

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Ultrashort intense electron bunches can enable new science:

- Gamma ray source through filamentation
 - requires 10% predicted FACET-II beam intensity
- Beamstrahlung suppression (allows for >10x reduction in ILC beam power)
 - At 100 GeV ~100 nm (~5x shorter bunches compared to FACET-II beams)
- Virtual particles dominated collisions (Non-perturbative QED)
 - 140pC, 10x10x10 nm³ beams (modified ILC final focus)