



# LWFA researches in China (SJTU, SIOM, HUST) & Possible connection with EuPRAXIA

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## **LWFA researches in China**

#### Laser plasma wave electron accelerators

作者: Change Wen-Wei; Zhang Li-Fu; Shao Fu-Quin Acta Physica Sinica 卷: 40 期: 2页: 182-9 出版年: Feb. 1991 摘要

The authors discuss the physical mechanism of laser plasma wake wave and beat wave accelerators by means of theoretical analysis and particle simulation methods. The results show that as long as laser plasma wave has V<sub>ph</sub>apc and is strong enough, and with a proper transverse magnetic field applied, one may accelerate relativistic electrons to the order of magnitude of GeV within a distance of meters. The authors have also studied the problem of an ES wave with low phase velocity generated by laser plasma Raman scattering to accelerate nonrelativistic electrons by using particle simulation methods, and the possibility of multistage, or multiwave, acceleration is explored as well. The results show that, taking the advantage of laser plasma wave accelerator, one can get high energy electrons of the order of magnitude of GeV under ordinary laboratory conditions.

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To my knowledge, the first introductory article was published in 1991 by Prof. Wen-Wei Chang. Theoretical researches were started after that, most of them began after 2000. The first experimental work in China was carried out in 2007.

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## Self-guiding of 100 TW femtosecond laser pulses in centimeter-scale underdense plasma

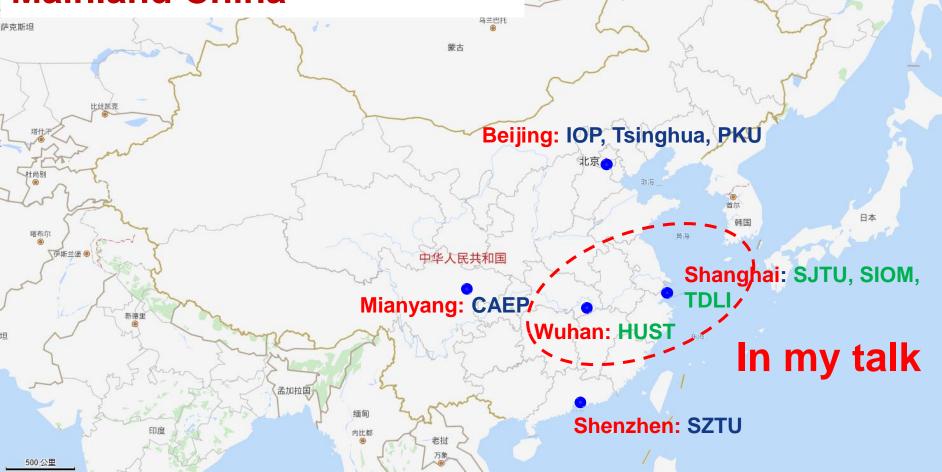
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### **Current LWFA researches in Mainland China**



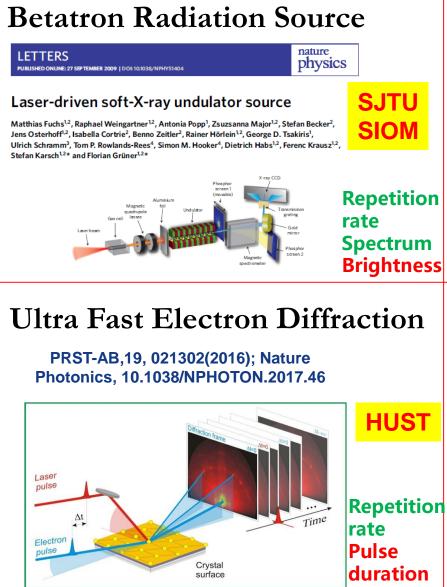
SJTU: Shanghai Jiao Tong University (1896-) PKU: Peking University (1898-) Tsinghua: Tsinghua University (1911-) IOP: Institute of Physics (CAS) (1928-) HUST: Huazhong University of Science and Technology (1952-)

CAEP: China Academy of Engineering Physics (1958-)
SIOM: Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics (CAS) (1964-)
SZTU: Shenzhen Technology University (2016-)

TDLI: Tsung-Dao Lee Institute (2016-)



## **LWFA Potential Applications and Challenges**

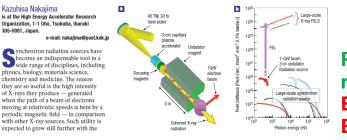


#### LWFA based FEL

#### COMPACT X-RAY SOURCES Towards a table-top free-electron laser

Synchrotron radiation generated using an electron beam from a laser-driven accelerator opens the possibility of building an X-ray free-electron laser hundreds of times smaller than conventional facilities currently under construction.

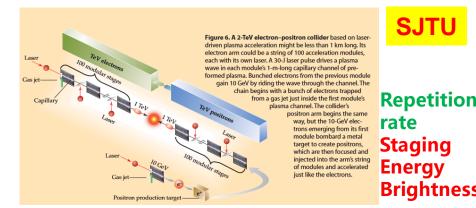






#### TeV e<sup>+</sup> e<sup>-</sup> Collider

#### Physics Today, March, 44, 2009



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# LWFA Studies at SJTU



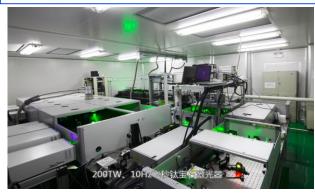
## Laser Plasmas Studies at SJTU

SJTU – Group (2007) Leader: Prof. J. Zhang

#### Laser:

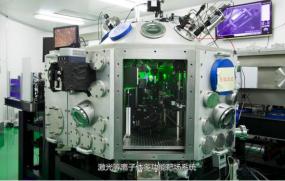
- 200TW laser system 10Hz, 5J/25fs;
- kHz laser system;
- ♦ 400J laser system.
- 100TW 2.2μm laser 100fs
   Topics:

High power laser technology, Fusion, Laser Plasma Both laser, experiment & theory group.











## LWFA studies at SJTU (2014-2018)

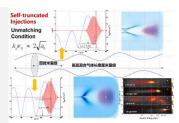
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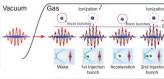
#### SJTU Main topics:

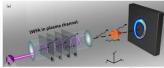
- 1. Electron injection in Wakefield
  - a) Self-truncated ionization injection and experimental demonstration. Phys. Plasmas 21, 030701 (2014); Sci. Rep. 5, 14659 (2015)
  - b) Two-color laser induced ionization electron for energy spread as low as 0.29%. Phys. Rev. Lett 114, 084801 (2015)
  - c) External magnetic field assisted ionization injection. NJP. 20, 063031 (2018)
  - d) Electron Trapping from Interactions between Laser-Driven Relativistic Plasma Waves. Phys. Rev. Lett., 121, 104801 (2018) Collaborated with UNL
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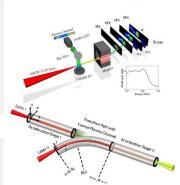
#### 2. Radiation in Wakefield (From THz to $\gamma$ -ray)

- a) Tunable synchrotron-like radiation from centimeter scale plasma channels. Light: Science & Applications, 5, e16015 (2016).
- b) A compact tunable polarized X-ray source based on laser-plasma helical undulators. Sci. Rep. 6, 29101 (2016)
- c) High-order multiphoton Thomson scattering. Nature Photonics, 11, 514 (2017) with UNL
- d) ..
- 3. New staging scheme for LWFA
  - a) Multistage Coupling of Laser-Wakefield Accelerators with Curved Plasma Channels. Phys. Rev. Lett., 120, 154801 (2018)

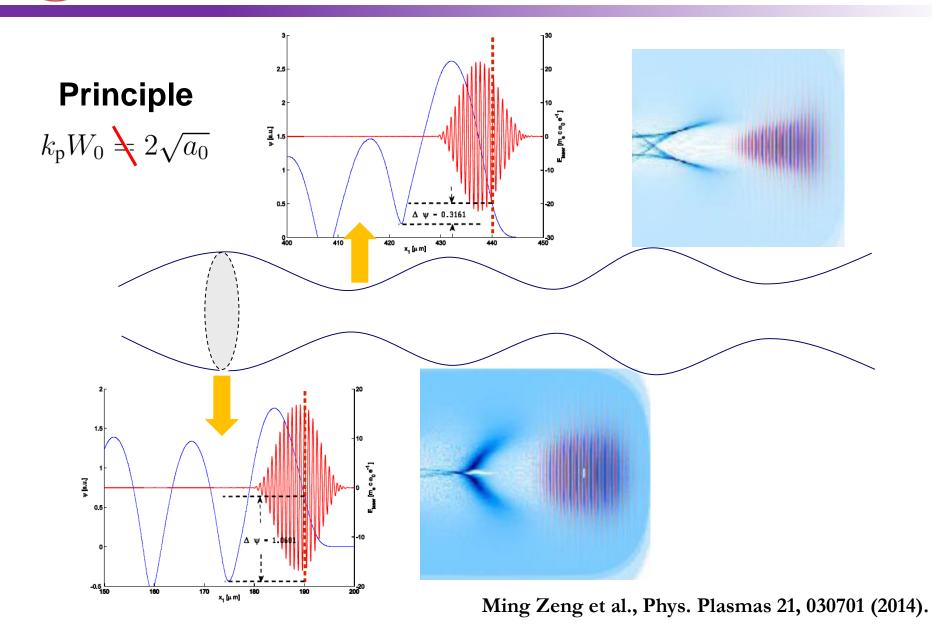




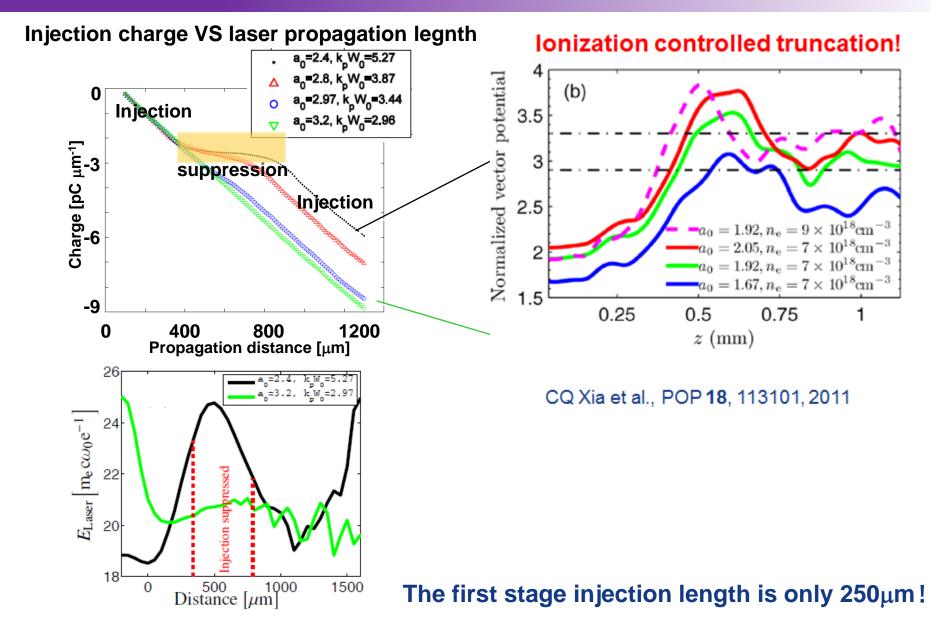




## 1. Self-truncated ionization injection

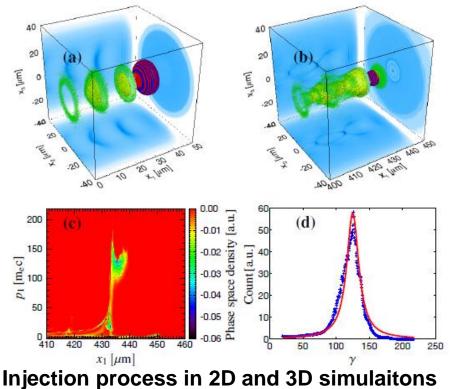


# Effective injection length is controlled by changing the laser spot size



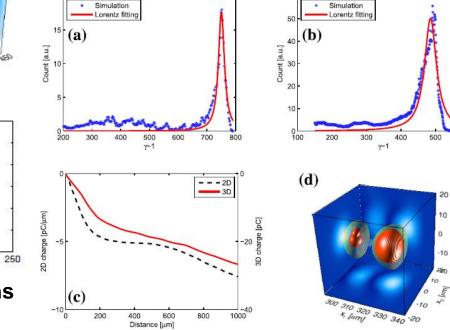


## Three dimensional PIC simulations



Laser evolution in 3D case

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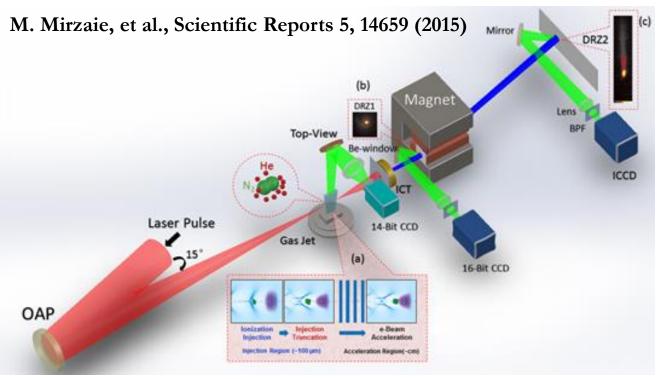
2D:n<sub>He</sub>=2.8e18/cm<sup>3</sup>, n<sub>N</sub>=8.5e15/cm<sup>3</sup>, a₀=2.9, and W₀=11.69um,14.58 pC, 383MeV 3.33% Energy spread

 $3D:n_{He}=8e-4n_{c}$ ,  $a_{0}=2.3$ , and  $k_{P}W_{0}=4.066$ . 25.5 pC

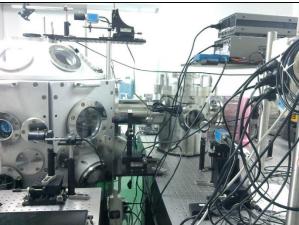
Ming Zeng et al., Phys. Plasmas 21, 030701 (2014).



# Experiment demonstration of self-truncated ionization injection



30TW 30fs laser 4mm gas 5 % energy spread at 412 MeV 118TW 30fs laser 1cm gas 7% energy spread at 1.2 GeV acceleration

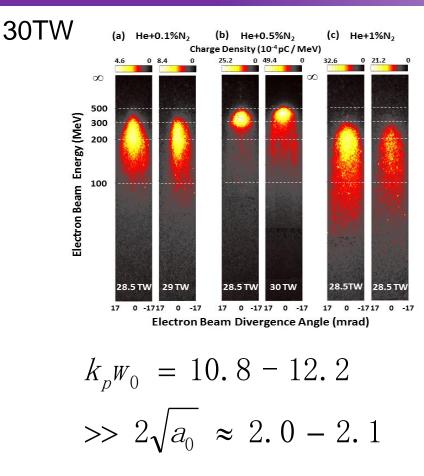






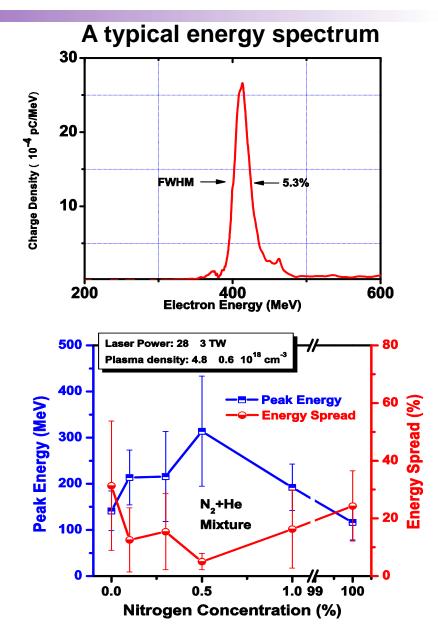


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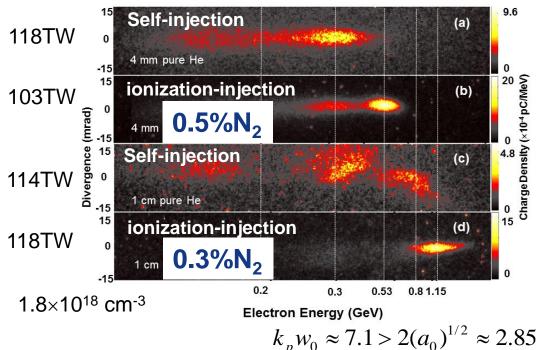
 $0.5\%N_2$  case: 412±10 MeV, 80 pC electron 7.1mrad

M. Mirzaie, et al., Scientific Reports 5, 14659 (2015)



# Experiment demonstration of self-truncated ionization injection

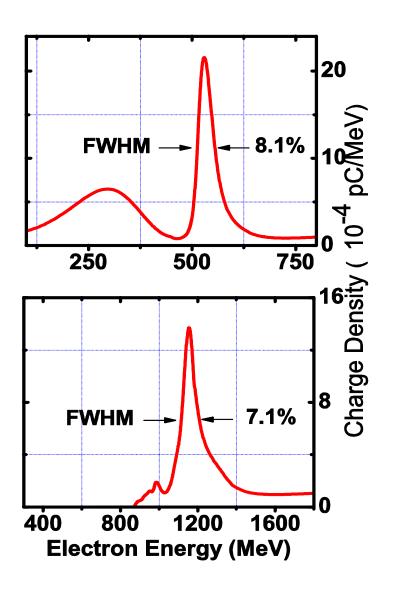
6.5 (±0.5)×10<sup>18</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>



(a)  $E = 300 \pm 4.5$  MeV, Q =21 pC  $\Delta E/E \approx 25\%$  divergence angle of 7.6 mrad

(b)  $E_{QME} = 530\pm 8$  MeV, Q (charge) =25 pC,  $\Delta E/E \approx$  8 %, divergence angle of 5.2 mrad

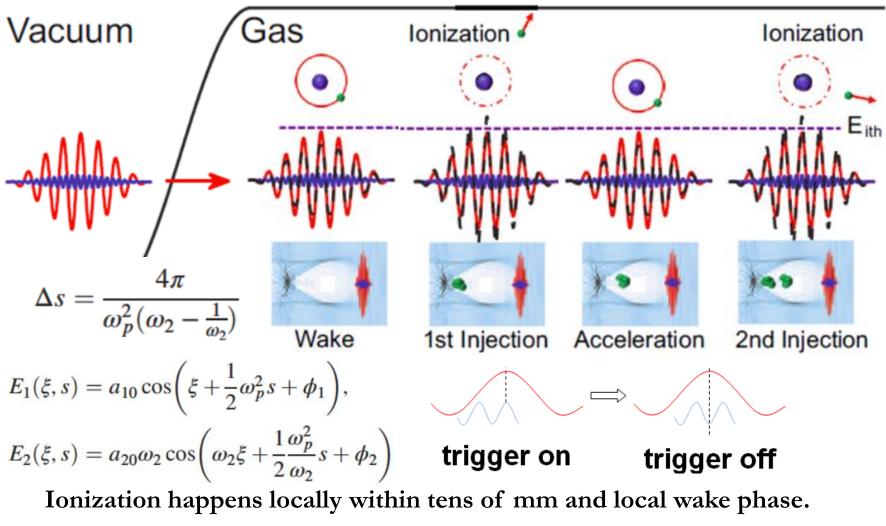
(d)  $E_{QME} = 1.2 \pm 0.03$  GeV, Q (charge) =16 pC,  $\Delta E/E \approx$  7 %, divergence angle of 4.7 mrad





2. Two color laser ionization injection to get extreme low energy spread electron beam

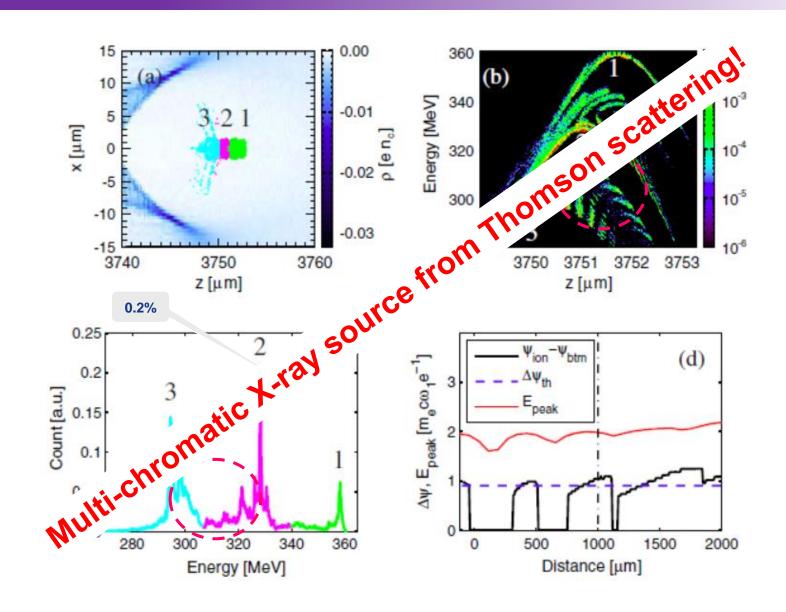
Laser pulses with different frequency have different  $v_p$ .



M. Zeng, et al., PhysRevLett.114.084801 (2015)

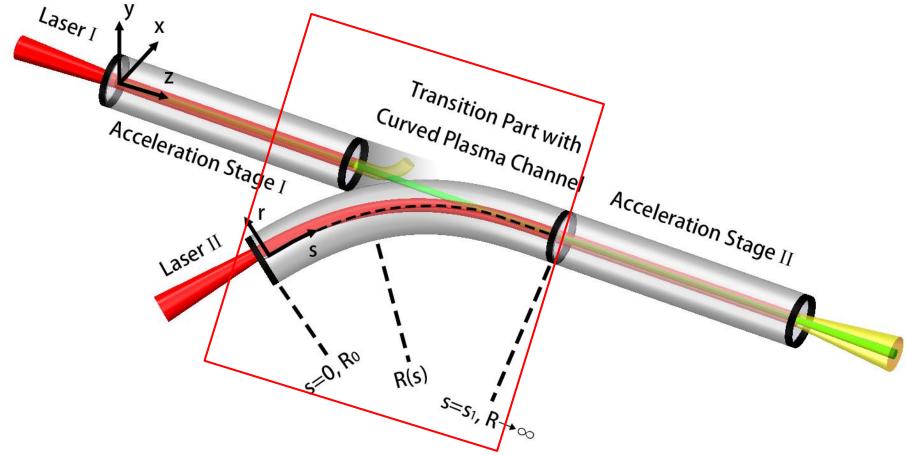


### Comb like energy spectrum





### 3. Curved plasma channel based staging scheme



- 1. Electrons always move in straight plasma channel avoiding transverse dispersion
- 2. Driver laser is guided by a specially designed curved plasma channel to the following straight channel

J. Luo, et al. PRL, 120, 154801 (2018)



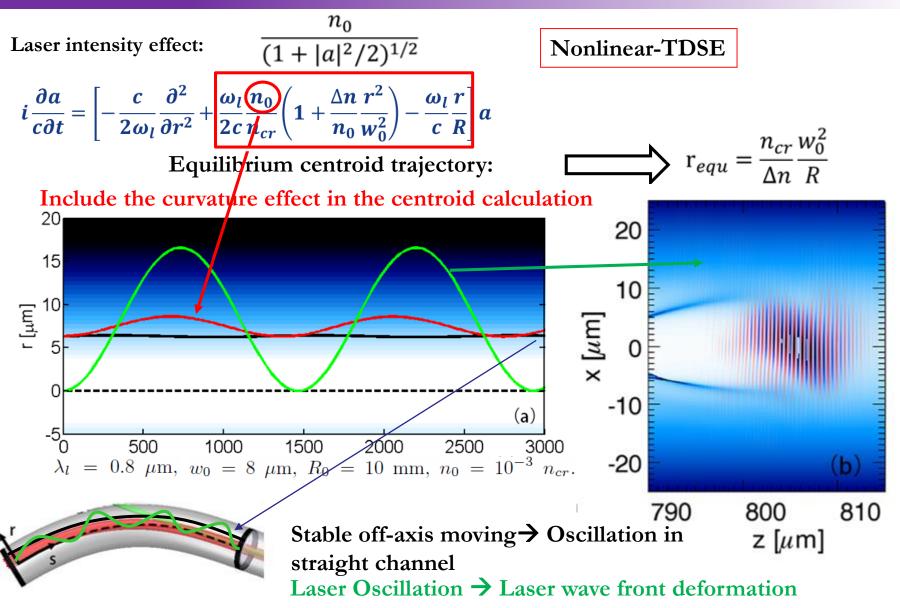
### Laser propagation in a plasma channel

Laser vector potential evolution: Parabolic plasma channel:	$(c^2 \nabla^2 - \partial^2 / \partial t^2) A_y = \omega_p^2 A_y$ $n_p(r) = n_0 + \Delta n \cdot (r^2 / w_0^2)$
Laser Envelope Evolution Equation: Channel term Curvature term	
$i\frac{\partial a}{\partial t} = \left[-\frac{c}{2\omega_l}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\omega_l}{2c}\frac{n_0}{n_{cr}}\left(1 + \frac{\Delta n}{n_0}\frac{r^2}{w_0^2}\right) - \frac{\omega_l}{c}\frac{r}{R}\right]a$ Initial condition:	
$a(t = 0, r) = a_0 \exp[-(r - r_0)^2 / w_0^2]$ Time dependent Schroedinger Equation (TDSE)	

A. J. W. Reitsma et al. POP 14, 053104 (2007)



### Laser propagation in a curved plasma channel





### ransition line shaped curvature avoids laser oscillation

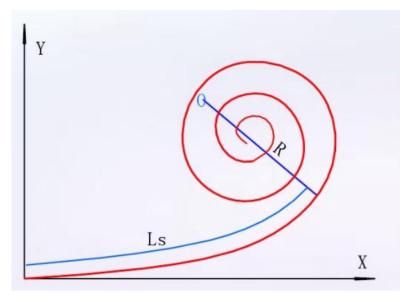


For motorcycles, when turning, you can tilt the body to keep the trajectory with fixed curvature. For laser, this means one should tilt the laser pulse front (with transverse chirp), which is difficult.

Why not tune the road curvature?

$$i\frac{\partial a}{\partial t} = \left[-\frac{c^2}{2\omega_l}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\omega_l}{2}\frac{n_0}{n_{cr}}\left(1 + \frac{\Delta n}{n_0}\frac{r^2}{w_0^2}\right) - \omega_l \frac{r}{\mathcal{R}}\right]a$$

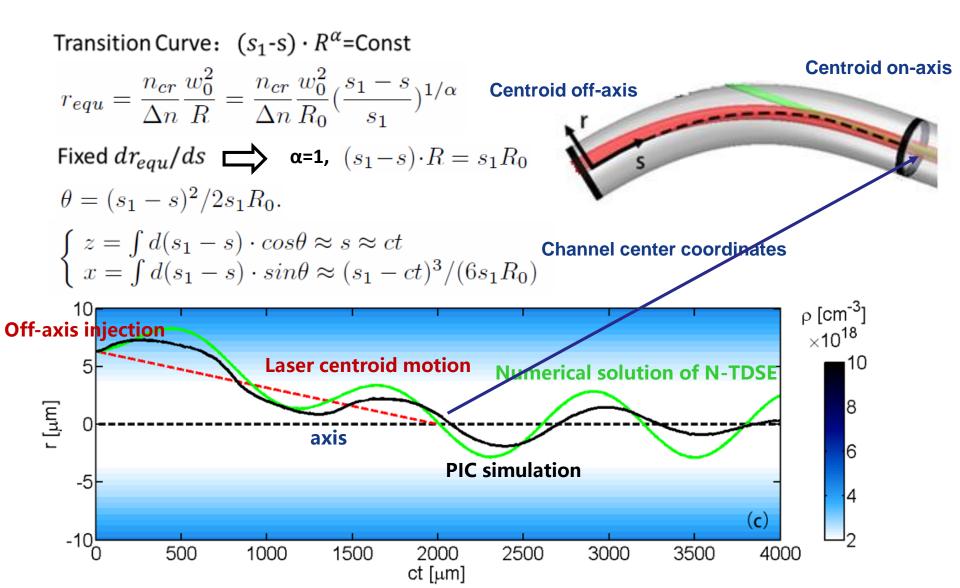
Curvature varying





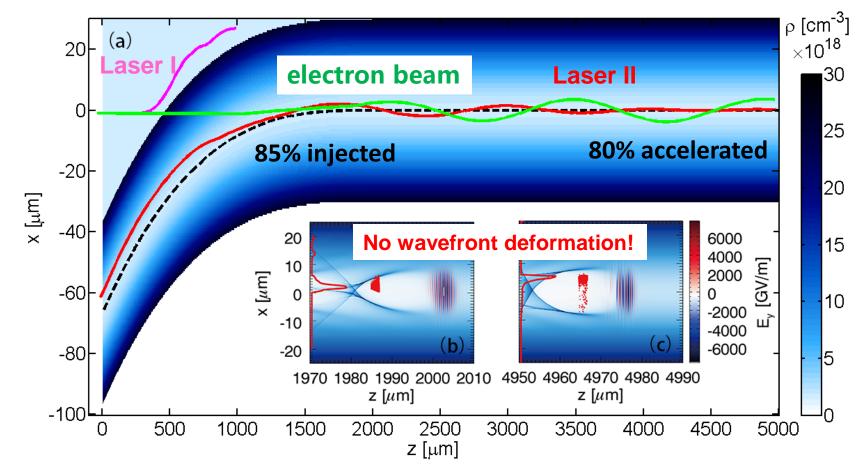


# Laser propagation in plasma channel with transition line like curvature



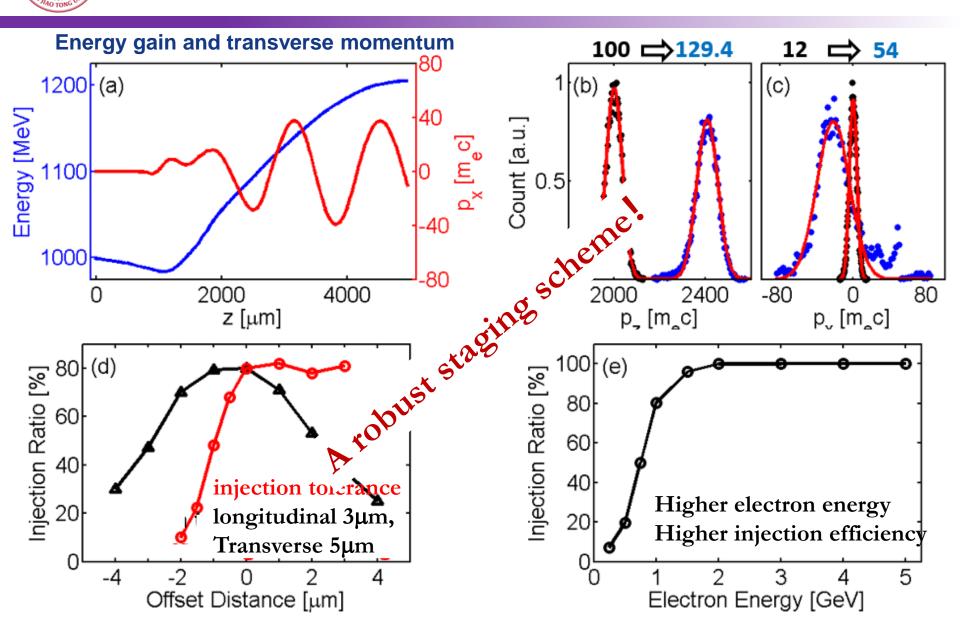


### A full PIC simulation of staged LWFA



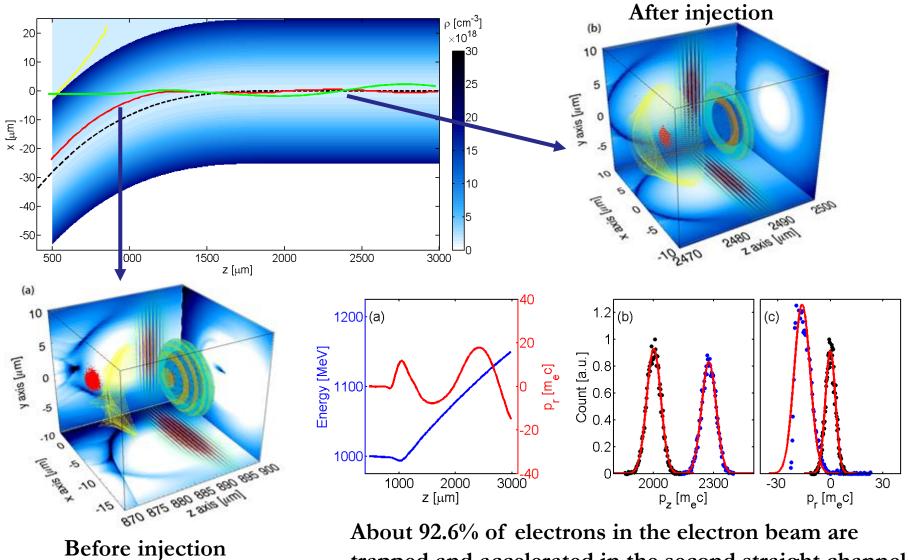
Laser I:  $a_0=0.7$ , Sin-squared longitudinally envelope,  $\tau=15$ fs,  $w_0=8\mu$ m; Laser II:  $a_0=2.0$ , Gaussian longitudinally envelope,  $\tau=20$ fs,  $w_0=8\mu$ m. e- beam:  $E_0=1$ GeV,  $(\Delta E)_{FWHM}=50$ MeV,  $< p_x>=p_y=0$ ,  $(\Delta p_x)_{FWHM}=12m_e$ c,  $r_b=0.5\mu$ m,  $l_b=2\mu$ m, Incidence angle=5.7°, off-axis = 6.33 $\mu$ m, Channel:  $R_0=10$ mm,  $s_1=2000\mu$ m.

## Injected electron beam quality and injection tolerance





#### Three dimensional effects



About 92.6% of electrons in the electron beam are trapped and accelerated in the second straight channel. J. Luo, et al. PRL, 120, 154801 (2018)



Nakajima Light: Science & Applications (2018)7:21 DOI 10.1038/s41377-018-0037-6 Official journal of the CIOMP 2047-7538 www.nature.com/lsa

#### **NEWS AND VIEWS**

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Seamless multistage laser-plasma acceleration toward future high-energy colliders

Kazuhisa Nakajima<sup>1</sup>

# Future laser plasma studies at SJTU (2019-2024)

#### SJTU Main plans:

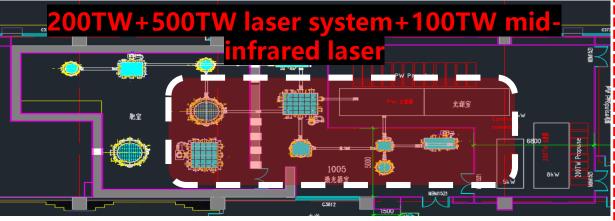
- Demonstration of high quality two-color laser ionization injection (~0.1% Energy spread, low emittance)
- 2. Staged laser wakefield acceleration (curved plasma channel,  $1GeV \rightarrow 1.5GeV$ )
- 3. LWFA based nonlinear Thomson scattering sources

#### New LLP Building (7500m<sup>2</sup>) 200TW+500TW



LWFA based electron, photon source & Applications





**QED-plasma physics:** radiation reaction, e<sup>+</sup> & γ generation & Laboratory astrophysics



TD Lee Institute

- Particle & Nuclear
- Astronomy &
- Astrophysics; Quantum Physics

Tsung-Dao Lee, 1957 Nobel Prize



Frank Wilczek

2004 Nobel Prize



- SJTU studies on "Electron injection in Wakefield; radiation applications of Wakefield; curved plasma channel based new staging scheme for LWFA" could be used in EuPRAXIA project.
- 2. SJTU 200+500TW laser and target system could be used by EuPRAXIA members.
- 3. Technologies from EuPRAXIA, such as staged wakefield acceleration, high repetition rate laser technique, plasma channel fabrication, ..., maybe used by SJTU researchers.
- 4. SJTU users would like to use the 5GeV electron beam and radiation source for further studies, such as imaging.



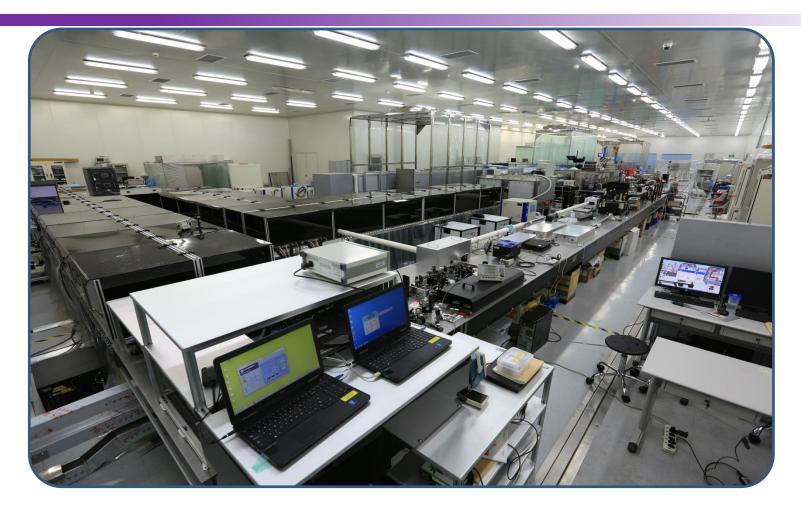
# **LWFA Studies in SIOM and HUST**

**SOM** Development of ultra-intense and ultra-short Laser in SIOM



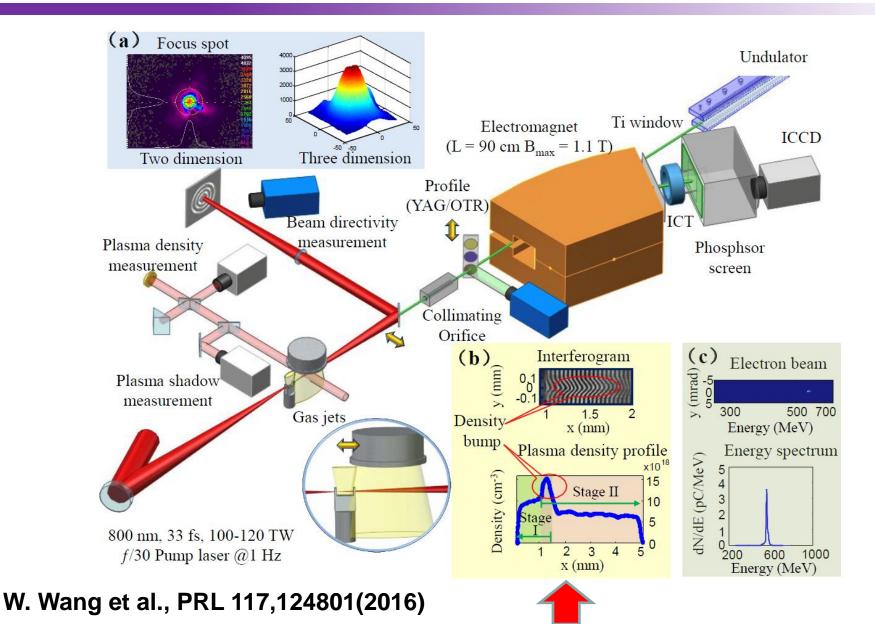


#### Home made 200TW laser system

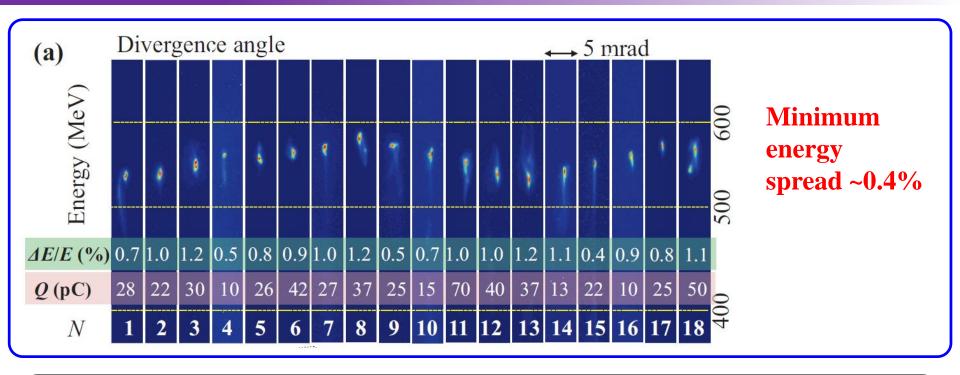


放大输出脉冲近场光斑:均匀的超高斯;放大输出脉冲波前:0.45λ (PV),0.056(RMS); 放大输出脉冲能量:8J;放大输出脉冲能量稳定性:<2% rms;压缩后的脉冲能量:5.6J; 放大输出脉冲光谱:73nm(FWHM);压缩后的脉宽:27fs最大峰值功率:>200TW; 基于XPW+OPA实现的放大脉冲信噪比:2×10<sup>-12</sup>(主脉冲前沿100ps外);重复频率:1Hz;

#### High-Brightness High-Energy Electron Beams from a Laser Wakefield Accelerator via Energy Chirp Control



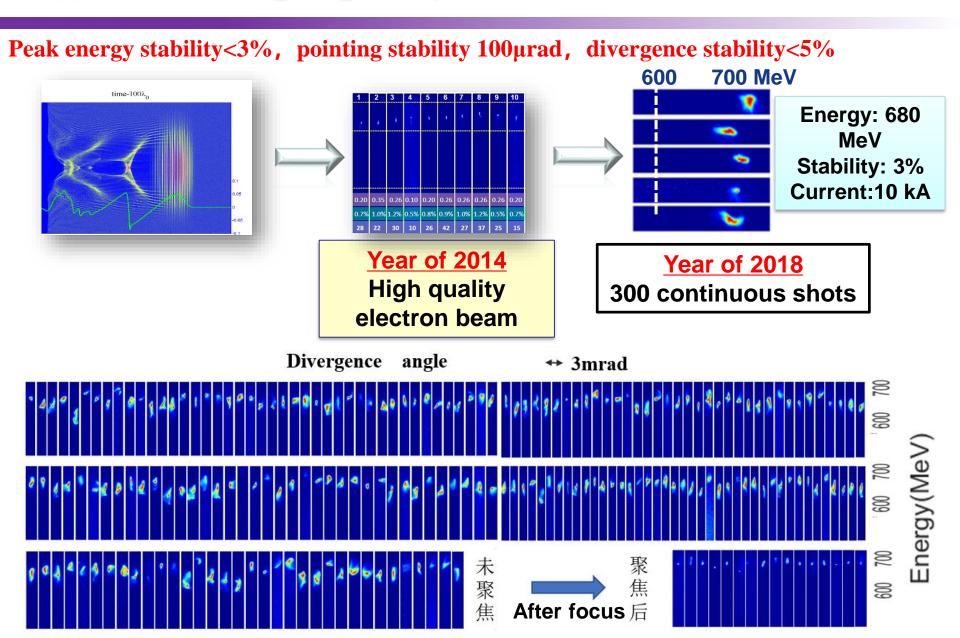
# **SOM** High-Brightness High-Energy Electron Beams



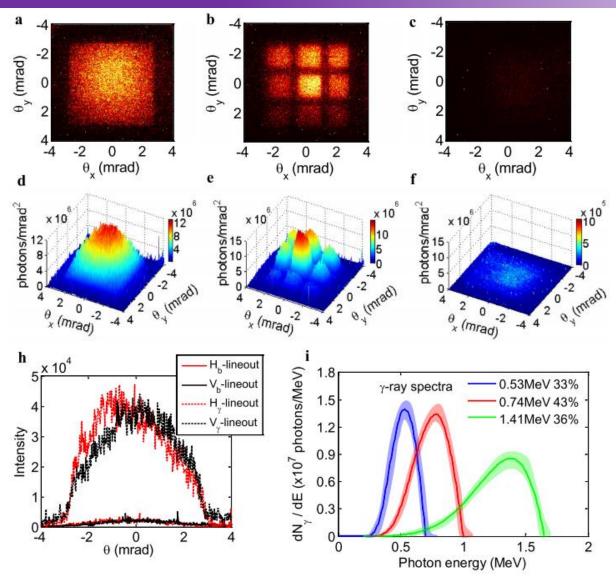
Maximum 6-D Brightness ~6.5×10<sup>15</sup> A/m<sup>2</sup>/0.1%, is comparable with the state of the art LINAC drivers rms energy spread 0.4-1.2%, charge 10-80 pC, rms divergency ~0.2 mrad) in the energy region (200~600 MeV)

W. Wang et al., PRL 117,124801(2016)

# **SOM** Stable high quality electron beam from LWFA



# SOM High brightness Compton scattering radiation

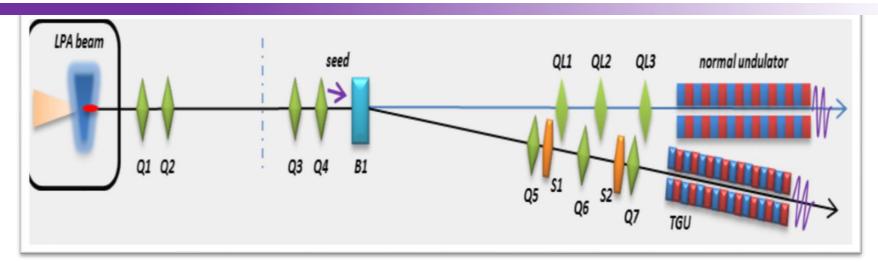


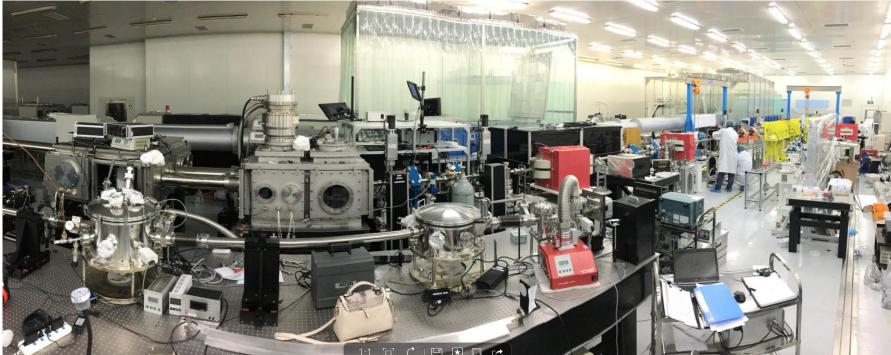
Gas Jet Thin Foil Y-ray Compton scattering

We measured quasimonochromatic  $\gamma$ -rays from 0.3 to 2 MeV, with ~5×10<sup>7</sup> photons per-shot with a typical bandwidth of ~33% (FWHM) and a divergence of ~4 mrad. A peak brilliance of ~3×10<sup>22</sup> photons s<sup>-1</sup> mm<sup>-2</sup> mrad<sup>-2</sup> 0.1% BW at 1 MeV is obained.

#### C. Yu et al., Scientific Reports, 6, 29518 (2016)

## **SON** Future Plan1: XFEL platform based on the LWFA





#### **SON** Future Plan2: An International User Facility-SULF

Shanghai super intense Ultrafast Laser Facility (SULF), completed in the end of 2018.

DMEC

SULF

MODEC

**USAP** 

- SULF contains 2 ultra-intense laser beamlines
  - A 10 PW beamline (1 shot/min)
  - An 1 PW beamline (0.1Hz)
- And 3 platforms for users
  - DMEC: Dynamic of Materials under Extreme Conditions
  - USAP: Ultrafast Sub-atomic Physics
  - MODEC: Big Molecule Dynamics and Extreme-fast Chemistry

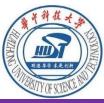


#### SULF- Parameters of 10 PW Laser system

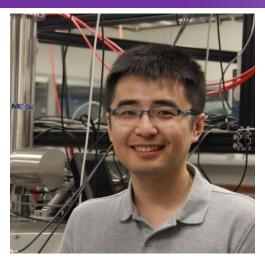
#### Main parameters:

- Central wavelength: ~800nm
- Pulse energy: ~300 J
- Pulse duration: ~30 fs
- Temporal contrast: ~1011
- Focused intensity: >10<sup>22</sup>W/cm<sup>2</sup>





## Few-cycle laser wakefield acceleration for MeV ultrafast electron beam sources



Dr. Zhengyan Li came back from Michael Downer's group. He has built his group at HUST in 2017.

Beyond the ponderomotive force framework, it is interesting to understand laser wakefield excitation and acceleration dynamics

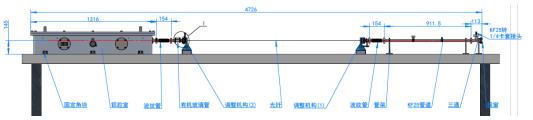
- Accelerated electron beam parameter variations due to CEP instability
- 2. Asymmetric plasma wakefield structure and its visualization

#### Few-cycle LWFA and applications

1 kHz, 7mJ, 30fs laser



Vacuum chamber



Few cycle fiber compressor



## Summary

- LWFA studies (both theoretical and experimental work) in China have been developed very quickly in recent 10 years! Several major projects (SJTU, PKU, SIOM 3 projects) have been launched in the past five years (not only LWFA, but also ion acceleration, laboratory astrophysics...). There are 7 200<sup>+</sup>TW level laser systems are working. Most of them are focused on LWFA and ion acceleration.
- 2. Researches are gradually focusing on a few clear directions, such as LWFA based FEL, X-ray sources and applications, LWFA based UED. We are applying for a joint project supported by National Natural Science Foundation for plasma channel based staging acceleration and external RF accelerated electron beam injection. The purpose is for the future plasma based high energy electron accelerator.
- Big ambitions on extreme high power laser and related physics are underway. Three 5PW (SIOM, CAEP) laser systems are almost ready for experiments. One 100PW (SIOM) laser and several 10PW (SIOM, ...) lasers are under construction or in planning.

We welcome two-way international cooperation, such as to be an associated partners, contributor and user of EuPRAXIA project.



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- University of California: W.B. Mori
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- University of Nebraska Lincoln: Wenchao Yan, G. Golovin, D. Umstadter, ...
- Tsinghua University: J.F. Hua, Z.H. Pai, W. Lu,...
- SIOM: J.S. Liu, R.X. Li,...
- HUST: Z.Y. Li