

Plasma wakefield start to end acceleration simulations from photocathode to FEL with simulated density profiles

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FEL SASE (this talk)

PLASMA COLLIDERS

Presentation Layout

a realistic start-to-end simulation to pilot a FEL with a plasma accelerated bunch

lour codes:

- PIC: ALaDyn and Architect
- M-HD: DUED and Pluto



Physics Mechanism

Coulomb repulsion





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- Coulomb repulsion
- Bubble generation :: positive charge
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- the ion bubble generates a strong accelerating field



Plasma Acceleration Parameters

The Plasma dependance

the bubble length:

$$\lambda_p = 2\pi/\kappa_p = \sim 1/\sqrt{n_p}$$

The maximum electric field:

 $E_{\rm max} \sim \sqrt{n_p}$

(cm-3)	10 ¹⁶	1017
λρ	330µm	104µm
E _{max}	10 GV/m	30 GV/m
	our reference value	



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Beam VS Laser Driven

Plasma Wakefield Schemes

- the driver could either be:
 - Laser Pulse
 - Charged bunch (electrons, positions, protons)
- Beam advantages:
 - Ionger depletion lengths
 - require no guiding
 - no driver-trailing bunch dephasing
 - higher energy transfer



external VS internal injection



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- EuPRAXIA is an European project that will bridge the gap between successful proof-of-principle experiments and ultracompact accelerators for science
- EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB is the future Frascati-LNF facility for PWFA experiments a unique facility that is being built on 3-pillars:
 - large plasma accelerating gradients
 - acceleration with little trailing bunch depletion
 - FEL piloting with a plasma accelerated bunch

leveraging on established know-how:

- beam dynamics
- beam-plasma-codes



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Parameter Choice - pillars		
▶ 1 GeV FEL	water window	
X-band	compact - research RF tech	
plasma acceleration	high gradient acceleration	
external injection	highly controllable and tunable	



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PWFA Numerical Codes



ALaDyn full PIC code



bunch and background treated with macro-particles

> latest PWFA version: A. Marocchino et al. NIM-A 2018 DOI: 10.1016/j.nima.2018.02.068







bunch treated as a PIC background as a fluid

latest PWFA version: A. Marocchino et al. NIM-A 2015 DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.4072.9041 Sharing-Chatting via the most modern socials (please join!)



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Bunch(es) are treated kinetically
background plasma as a fluid systematic scan
run time
no-Quasi Static Approximation

 $\begin{aligned} d_{t}\mathbf{p}_{\text{particle}} &= q(\mathbf{E} + c\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\text{particle}} \times \mathbf{B}) \\ d_{t}\mathbf{x}_{\text{particle}} &= \boldsymbol{\beta}_{\text{particle}} c \\ \partial_{t}\mathbf{n}_{e} &= -\nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\beta}_{e} c \, n_{e}) \\ \partial_{t}\mathbf{p}_{e} &= -\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{p}_{e} \otimes \boldsymbol{\beta}_{e} c) + q(\mathbf{E} + c\boldsymbol{\beta}_{e} \times \mathbf{B}) \\ \partial_{t}\mathbf{B} &= -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} \\ \partial_{t}\mathbf{E} &= c^{2}\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - q\mu_{0}c^{3} \left(n_{e}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{e} + n_{b}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{b}\right) \end{aligned}$



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Architect VS ALaDyn

Comparison:

- ALaDyn VS Architect
- Different regimes
- good agreement up to nonlinear
- the disagreement occurs in the bubble closure (kinetic) region



F. Massimo - A. Marocchino J. Comp. Phys. 2016 DOI: 10.1016/j.jcp.2016.09.067

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ALaDyn

an open source code

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http://github.com/ALaDyn



- Plasma and Laser Wakefield acceleration
- Fully kinetic
- # Fully explicit
- Fluid background (in progress, Architect style)
- # Bunch Particles
 - Equal Charge
 - Weighted Option
- Ionisation modules: ADK and BSI
- # Envelope approximation
- **O** Fortran <-> *interfaced* <-> c++
- **O** python interfaced and *controllable*
- **O** 3D visualisation with VTK



from Photo-Injector to FEL



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bunch generation



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X-band



it is difficult to tune the machine for the Driver and the trailing bunch at the same time. Our main focus in the trailing bunch.

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plasma acceleration capillary







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experiments



MHD simulations



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Hydro Code for Capillary Discharge



DUED

Lagrangian code

- HEDP oriented :: multi-physics
- well established experience and know-how by the group



Pluto

- Eulerian code
- Astrophysical oriented
- We implemented: new heat conduction model, new magnetic diffusion model (semi-implicit)

plasma acceleration



the driver exhibits a expanded head profile



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plasma acceleration



- flattening of the accelerating field
- the driver exhibits a expanded head profile



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Free Electron Laser

SPARC_LAB FEL



FEL performance



▶ a_w=0.8

▶ λ=3 nm

- saturation length 30 m
- 9.76 10¹⁰ photons per shot
- ▶ Power :: 10⁸ Watt





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plasma lenses

active focusing mechanism

experimental results





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plasma acceleration capillary

experiments



bunch focusing with no quality depletion

MHD simulations (Pluto-Code)



- MHD simulations to calculate a realistic density profile
- We use as **background density input in Architect**

emittance ramp growth



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emittance growth

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non-linear B-field :: aberration



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plasma lenses

passive focusing mechanism





Experiments VS simulations



quality degradation for long bunches and densities higher than bunch density

A. Marocchino et al. APL (2017) DOI: 10.1063/1.4999010

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deceleration experiments



ionisation injection





- Injection position (Extraction) is a key parameter to control the beam quality
- off-axis particle cause of emittance growth

F. Mira - A. Marocchino et al. NIM-A 2018, DOI: 10.1016/j.nima.2018.01.019

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CONCLUSIONS

- A realistic simulation from the Photo-injector to the FEL for the future EuPRAXIA@Sparc_Lab facility
- ▶ 1.1 GV/m + quality preservation + FEL seeding
- EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB an ongoing project!
- New results at SPARC_LAB from Plasma lenses to Plasma deceleration