







A Proton-driven Plasma Wakefield Experiment At CERN

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Sir Humphrey Davy

"Nothing tends so much to the advancement of knowledge as the application of a new instrument" from Elements of Chemical Philosophy (1812)

 High Energy Particle Beams and Colliders" are indeed "Grand Instruments of Science", playing a historically critical role in advancing our knowledge of elementary particles and forces

Professor Victor F. Weisskopf



When I think about how we got into this small-scale region, I must say that the most important contributors have been the entire machine team ---- I am reminded of the voyage of Columbus. There were those hardy ship builders, who knew not how far or where to or for how long the ships had to sail, but that they should withstand all tests of the unknown sea. These are our accelerator builders of today. Then we had those folks who jumped onto the ships and sailed away, landed at the first island they could reach and noted down everything they saw in great detail. These are our experimental colleagues. Finally there were those fellows so dear to us who stayed back in Madrid and told the expedition crew that they were going to land in India! .

"The Structure of Matter and Elementary Particles "CERN (1978)

Innovative Particle Accelerators of Ever Increasing Size and Cost in $20^{th} - 21^{st}$ Century



Particle Accelerators and Colliders have helped us piece together the entire Standard Model of Particles and Associated Ineteractions from Quarks to Leptons to Gauge Bosons

Properties of the Interactions

The strengths of the interactions (forces) are shown relative to the strength of the electromagnetic force for two u quarks separated by

ne sectued distances.



TODAY'S HIGHEST ENERGY PARTICLE COLLIDER: Large Hadron Collider at CERN, Geneva -> Enabled Major Discovery of the Early 21st century HIGGS!





The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013 was awarded jointy to François Englert and eter W. Higgs "for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subconfirmed time on the discovery of the predicted fur damental particle, by the ATLAS and Cos experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider".

Particle physicists are convinced there are more discoveries to come: many things not explained in the standard model:



SCALES of FUTURE POSSIBILITIES IN PARTICLE PHYSICS: *Time, Effort, Cost*

LHC HIGGS?



Are their new ways to explore physics at higher energy scales in an earth-based laboratory environment in a manner acceptable fiscally, geo-politically and socially?

→ New cost-effective, compact acceleration technology !

→ Focus of this talk, "speculative", future promise depending on laboratory demonstration!!

→ Alternative technologies as laboratory-based "precision" probes to "sense" very "weak" effects e.g. BSM, the "Dark Universe": exploring the energy frontier without colliders but exploiting collider technologies augmented by emerging "Quantum Sensors" technologies : cavities, high magnetic fields and vacuum, lasers, atomic beam interferometers, qubit-sensing of photons, etc.

Promising but needing implementation!! Focus of yesterday's talk at Sapienza Univ. di Roma and INFN Rome

Accelerators in Space and in Nature..... Amazing Light and Particles!



Detection of faint ← ------ → Acceleration of High Radiation "Reciprocity" Energy Particles ACCELERATOR OPTIONS for Far Future: Creating artificial periodic structures for rapid and efficient acceleration

New Materials

Dielectrics

Photonic structures and Metamaterials

• Plasmas

Laser Driven

Electron Beam Driven

Proton Beam Driven

A bit of Digression: Superposition, Acceleration and Radiation

- Superposition with Radiation
- Linear Acceleration and Deceleration
- Fundamental límít to acceleration from radiation

Superposition and Radiation of beam



Incoherent radiation $\omega \tau_b >> 1$ amplitBunch length >> radiation wavelengthintensCoherent radiation $\omega \tau_b << 1$ ampliBunch length << radiation wavelength</td>intens

amplitude $E_s(\omega, \theta) \sim N^{1/2}$ intensity $\sim |Es(\omega, \theta)|^2 \sim N$

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Linear acceleration/ deceleration

If in the far field region one has fields from an external source and fields from spontaneous emission from particles

 $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_{ex}(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \mathbf{e}_{s}(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$

where **η** is the overlap of external and spontaneous fields

Acceleration/ deceleration linear with external field always is interference of spontaneous radiation with external field.

The charge must be able to radiate in the mode that we want to use for accelerating it.

FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM of ACCELERATION and DECELERATION

For optimal acceleration/deceleration, linear or otherwise in \vec{E}_{ext} , there must be optimal overlaps of 'acceleration' mode $\vec{E}_{ext}(w, \vec{k})$ with 'radiation' mode $\vec{e}_s(w, \vec{k})$. The particles are accelerated if the coherent radiation loss is less than the energy gain, leading to the restriction: N < (|Eextl/e) } on the number of particles in a brunch that can be effectively accelerated before losses start to rominate, leading to deceleration ($\mathcal{T} \equiv \lambda/2\pi$ is the reduced wavelength of and it. wavelength of accelerating mode).

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ISSUES AND QUESTIONS:

Gradient : <0.3-1 GeV/m (?) – <u>NOT</u> sufficient for compact very high (barely) energy colliders but can be explored for low intensity, low energy 'accelerator-ona-chip'

Staging: VERY inefficient to stack acceleration modules

Cost : Unknown, probably prohibitive from laser power, efficiency structure integrity and clean-room logistics

Power: 430 MW for 3 TeV (est.)!

Luminosity : Very low!! (many issues, dE/E) NB - at >1 TeV electrons radiate even in a linear collider!

Plasma Waves



Plasmas: Laser Driven Wakefield

Gradient : <10-100 GV/m – **Sufficient for compact colliders!**

Staging : VERY difficult at relativistic energies

Efficiency : Lasers are still very inefficient, more than an order of magnitude less efficient than RF Sources: Need R&D on fiber lasers, power combining,....! Many decades away.

Cost and Power : Prohibitive today!

Luminosity : Unknown but probably very low!

Beam Physics: Scattering, luminosity, positrons,...?????

Plasmas: Electron Beam Driven Wakefield

Gradient : <10-100 GV/m – Sufficient for compact colliders

Staging and Transformer Ratio (TR): [(2 - 3)]

→ requiring too many inefficient stages
 → Pulse shaping to improve TR a challenge!

Cost : Unknown but probably very high as requires conventional electron beam linear accelerator infrastructure as driver!!!

Power : OK with the after-burner concept!

Luminosity : too low, L₀ x e (-n)!! And all the Beam Physics issues scattering, positrons,..??

Plasmas: Proton Beam Driven Wakefield

ISSUES AND QUESTIONS:

Gradient : <10-100 GV/m – **Sufficient for compact colliders!**

Staging and Transformer Ratio: OK, requiring only one or two stages (transform 100-200 kilojoules of multiple TeV proton beams into TeV class electron beams!).

Cost : Unknown but depends on existing TeV-class proton beam infrastructure (e.g CERN!)

Power : OK with availability of 1-10 TeV proton beams

Luminosity : Unknown! Positron plus beam stability?

Proton Drivers for PWFA

Proton bunches as drivers of plasma wakefields are interesting because of the very large energy content of the proton bunches.

DRIVERS: Peta-Watt lasers today : ~40 J/Pulse

FACET facility @SLAC: ~ 30 J/bunch

SPS: ~ 20 kJ/bunch !! LHC: ~ 300 kJ/bunch !!

WITNESS ACCELERATED BUNCH REQUIREMENT:

10¹⁰ electrons @ 1 TeV ≈ few kJ

Energy content of driver allows to consider single stage acceleration !!!

Multiple Stage Laser-driven and/or Electron Beam-driven Plasma Wakefield Accelerator

VS.

Single Stage Proton-driven Plasma Wakefield Accelerator





In Summary: Motivation for PDPWA

- Laser-plasma wakefield acceleration has made great advances producing GeV class electron beams in compact setting;
- Electron beam-driven plasma wakefield acceleration has also shown high gradients and energy-doubling of 42 GeV to 85 GeV in a single pass;
- However, both have limitations: laser-plasma approach being limited by the multiple staging needed for reaching high energies relevant for particle physics, while electron beam-plasma approach being limited by the energy of the drive beam and maximum possible "transformer ratio";
- Proton beams such as in the 7 TeV LHC carry significant stored energy (>140 kilojoules per pulse) that can be transformed into a TeV class electron beam using a plasma channel as the wakefield transformer. Hence using a proton driver is the best option for particle physics ; can we model the interaction?

Proton-driven Plasma Wakefield Acceleration

Short beam enters plasma



The side view shows how the 'bubbles' Get noisier further behind the beam

Circled is the electric field of the proton beam driving the wakefield

Simulation Results: $E_e = 0.6 \text{ TeV from } E_p = 1 \text{ TeV in 500 m}$



Simulation points to Promise and Challenge!!

PROMISE:

 Proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration (PD-PWFA) can accelerate electron bunch to the energy frontier (TeV) in a single stage, while the transverse electric fields focus the accelerating bunch;

CHALLENGE:

• This requires ultra-short proton beams not yet achievable in practice: typical proton beams are 'nanoseconds' long, not 'pico-seconds' short!

COMPROMISE for Proof-of Principle Demonstration:

• Compromise can be reached by using plasma-modulated protons beams as a driver exploiting SMI (Self-Modulation Instability)

Modulated Proton Beam

N. Kumar, A. Pukhov, and K. V. Lotov, Phys. Rev. Lett. 104, 255003 (2010)



Self-modulated proton bunch resonantly driving plasma wakefields.

The microbunches are generated by a transverse modulation of the bunch density (transverse two-stream instability). The microbunches are naturally spaced at the plasma wavelength, and act constructively to generate a strong plasma wake. Investigated both numerically and analytically.

The Self-Modulation Instability

Affects long drive beams. Long beam enters plasma Free e- pulled towards proton beam E- overshoot the proton beam Ion region left behind head of proton beam E- pulled back on axis by ions Impinge on proton beam Weak wakefield co-propagates with beam Ion regions force beam protons away E- regions focus beam and Long proton beam **Neutral plasma** keep on axis

After some time, half the proton beam is discarded, leaving micro-bunches

- Microbunches are spaced $\,\lambda_p^{}\,$ apart.
- Charge density increased.
- Micro bunch lengths are much closer to the ideal driver length of:

$$\sigma_{ideal} = \lambda_p / \pi \sqrt{2}$$

These properties then allow the modulated beam to drive a wakefield much more effectively.



Self-modulated driver beam

http://www.cern.ch/awake

Proton-beam modulation



12 cm

0.35%

CERN SPS proton beam

Proton bunch population, N_b Proton bunch length, σ_z Proton bunch radius, σ_r Proton energy, W_b Proton bunch relative energy spread, $\delta W_b/W_b$ Proton bunch normalized emittance, ϵ_{bn}



A WAKE

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Injection of witness electrons





An international collaboration (AWAKE) has been set up for experimental study of proton-driven PWFA using SPS beam.

AWAKE Collaboration

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Technical Project Manager: Dr. Edda Gschwendner (CERN)

A fully approved CERN project; on their Medium-Term Plan and significant funding

AWAKE Collaboration: 16 Institutes world-wide:



Requests under consideration: Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST), Korea Wigner Institute, Budapest Swiss Plasma Center group of EPFL Northern Illinois University, USA

Further groups have also expressed their interest to join AWAKE.

Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics & Novosibirsk State University **CERN Cockcroft Institute** DESY Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf **Instituto Superior Tecnico** John Adams Institute **Imperial College** Ludwig Maximilian University **Max Planck Institute for Physics Max Planck Institute for Plasma Physics Rutherford Appleton Laboratory** TRIUMF University College London University of Oslo University of Strathclyde

New since 2014 SPSC report



CERN prepares to test revolutionary miniaccelerator

Machines that 'surf' particles on electric fiel

Elizabeth Gibney

07 October 2015

AWAKE: Platz 5 der SPIEGEL Bestsellerliste DVD (TV & Hobby)



Just kidding – but there was a Spiegel article³?

AWAKE reports



Plasma acceleration

CERN COURIER

Feb 24, 2010

Workshop pushes proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration

PPA09, a workshop held at CERN on proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration, has launched discussions about a first demonstration experiment using a proton beam. Steve Myers,



PPA09

CERN's director for Accelerators and Technology, opened the event and described its underlying motivation. Reaching higher-energy collisions for future particle-physics experiments beyond the LHC requires a novel accelerator technology, and "shooting a high-energy proton beam into a plasma" could be a promising first step. The workshop, which brought together participants from Germany, Russia, Switzerland, the UK and the US, was supported by the EuCARD AccNet accelerator-science network (**CERN Courier** November 2009 p16).

J. Plasma Physics: page 1 of 7. © Cambridge University Press 2012 doi:10.1017/S0022377812000086

AWAKE: to high energies in a single leap

Proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration could accelerate electrons to the terascale in a single plasma stage. The AWAKE project is set to verify this novel technique using proton beams at CERN.

To complement the results that will come from the LHC at CERN, the particle-physics community is looking for options for future lepton colliders at the tera-electron-volt energy scale. These will need to be huge circular or linear colliders. With the accelerating gradients of today's RF cavities or microwave technology limited to about 100 MV/m, the length of the linear machines would be tens of kilometres. However, plasma can sustain much higher gradients and the idea of harnessing them in plasma wakefield acceleration is gathering momentum. One attractive idea is to use a high-energy proton beam as the driver of a wakefield in a single plasma section.



Fig. 1. Simulation of a self-modulated proton bunch resonantly driving plasma wakefields sustained by the plasma-density perturbation. The plasma density is shown increasing from white to blue and the proton density increasing from yellow to dark red.

A proposed demonstration of an experiment of proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration based on CERN SPS

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AWAKE schematic





Scientific goals

- 1. Demonstrate self-modulation effect of a long proton bunch and realize 1 GeV electron energy gain with a ~10 m plasma;
- 2. Develop and test the diagnostic equipments for the first and later experiments;
- 3. Benchmark data against simulation results;
- 4. Provide inputs for future experiment for 100 GeV energy gain in 100 m plasma.

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Laser beam:

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- → 4.5 TW laser, 100 fs

Diagnostics

→ BTVs, OTR, CTR

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J. Vieira et al PoP 19063105 (2012)

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Electron spectrometer system

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Maximum amplitude of the **accelerating field E**_z as a function of position along the plasma. Saturation of the SMI at \sim 4m.

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AWAKE at CERN





Proton Driven Plasma Wakefield Acceleration



Layout of AWAKE experiment



A WAKE

Plasma Source: Rubidium Vapor Source developed simultaneously at MPI Munich, MPI Garching and Imperial College

- Density adjustable from 10¹⁴ 10¹⁵ cm⁻³
- 10 m long, 4 cm diameter
- Plasma density = vapor density
- System is oil-heated: 150° to 200° C
 → keep temperature uniformity
 - → Keep density uniformity

Required: $\Delta n/n = \Delta T/T \le 0.002$

E. Öz, P. Muggli, NIM 740 (2014) 197.







10 m long plasma cell prototype in the AWAKE test area at CERN

Laser

• Laser intensity must exceed ionization intensity at the plasma end (L=10m) over a plasma radius of r > $3\sigma = 600 \ \mu m$.





Laser Beam							
Laser type	Fiber Ti:Sapphire						
Pulse wavelength	λ_0 = 780 nm						
Pulse length	100-120 fs						
Pulse energy (after compr.)	450 mJ						
Laser power	4.5 TW						
Focused laser size	$\sigma_{x,y}$ = 1 mm						
Rayleigh length Z _R	5 m						
Energy stability	±1.5% r.m.s.						
Repetition rate	10 Hz						

Laser will be moved to CERN in February 2016

Electron Witness Beam – Electron Source

Electron beam for AWAKE	Baseline	Range for upgrade phase
Momentum	16 MeV/c	10-20 MeV
Electrons/bunch (bunch charge)	1.25 E9	0.6 – 6.25 E9
Bunch charge	0.2 nC	0.1 – 1 nC
Bunch length	σ _z =4ps (1.2mm)	0.3 – 10 ps
Bunch size at focus	σ [*] _{x,y} = 250 μm	0.25 – 1mm
Normalized emittance (r.m.s.)	2 mm mrad	0.5 – 5 mm mrad
Relative energy spread	∆p/p = 0.5%	<0.5%



PHIN Photo-injector for CTF3/CLIC:

→ Program will stop end 2015 → Fits to requirements → used for AWAKE





Length ~ 4 m

Electron Witness Beam Acceleration Diagnostics

Probe the accelerating wakefields with externally injected electrons \rightarrow Electron spectrometer



AWAKE Experimental Facility





Diagnostics: Indirect Measurement of SMI

SMI causes angular divergence of the proton beam of the order of ~1 mrad. \rightarrow Measure bunch profile at two different scintillator screens at a distance of ~8m.



Diagnostics: Direct Measurement of SMI

 \rightarrow transforming the charge distribution information into a radiation distribution using transition radiation \rightarrow Measured radiation emitted by the bunch when traversing a dielectric interface or by directly sampling the bunch space charge field. \rightarrow streak-camera.





AWAKE Time Line

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2018	2019	2020
Proton and laser beam- line		Installation Study, Design, Procurement, Component preparation Modification, Civil Engineering and installation Study, Design, Procurement, Component preparation			Data taking		Long Shutdown 2 24 months		
Experimental area					Phase	1			
Electron source and beam-line		Studies, design	Fab	rication	Installation	ning	Phase 2	2	
									Continue data taking

after LS2

Run request:

2016: equivalent of 4 weeks continuous running, but upon demand: 2.4 10¹⁶ protons

+ some running in the summer for proton beam commissioning

2017: equivalent of 8 weeks continuous running, but upon demand: 4.8 10¹⁶ protons

PHASE 3



- **Split-cell mode**: SMI in 1st plasma cell, acceleration in 2nd one.
- New scalable uniform plasma cells (helicon or discharge plasma cell)
- Step in the plasma density \rightarrow maintains the peak gradient
- Need ultra-short electron bunches (~ 300fs) \rightarrow bunch compression \rightarrow Almost 100% capture efficiency



Density step physics better understood; expect to get electrons of few 10's of GeV using SPS drive beam.

Still far away from any collider scenario.....

- Beam scattering in plasma → reduced luminosity
- Positron acceleration a problem in all scenarios, solutions being sought
- I am not advocating a plasma-based particle collider in the future but just pointing to a most promising and serious R&D to date at a laboratory with a major stake in energy frontier particle physics ...CERN....!!!

AWAKE

Future collider design

An e+ e- collider

An e-p collider





Collider design issues based on proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration

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ABSTRACT

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"VHeP: A very High Energy electron-Proton Collider", A. Caldwell and M. Wing, Proceedings of Science, September 2015 (talks about a 1 TeV electron against a 7 TeV proton collider)

"Path to AWAKE: Evolution of the Concept", NIMA, November 2015

"Collider Design Issues based on Proton-driven Plasma Wakefield Acceleration", NIMPR 2014





- AWAKE is the first proton-driven plasma wakefield acceleration in the world. It is also the first beam driven plasma wakefield acceleration experiment in Europe.
- AWAKE experiment will study the self modulated proton driven plasma wakefield acceleration; Proton beam from CNGS beam line will be used for the first experiment, expected in 2016.
- The first experiment goal is to demonstrate of 1 GeV electron energy gain @ 10 m plasma, 100 GeV @ 100 m plasma as the second step;
- The AWAKE experiment at CERN may shed light on a future e-e, e-p colliders.



from Reader's Digest

AT THE END of every December, when Father Time's odometer is ready to click in another year, experts seem compelled to forecast what the coming year will bring. Economists read their econometric entrails and predict hard times or happy days accordingly; psychics announce that this is the year the San Andreas fault will pitch California into the sea. Well, before you believe any of this year's

predictions, consider these vintage prognostications:

--Octave Chanute, aviation pioneer, in 1904 : "The (flying) machine will eventually be fast ; they will be used in sport, but they are not to be thought of as commercial carriers."

—The Literary Digest, 1889: "The ordinary 'horseless carriage' is at present a luxury for the wealthy; and although its price will probably fall in the future, it will never come into as common use as the bicycle." —Thomas Edison, on electricity in the home : "Just as certain as death, [George] Westinghouse will kill a customer within six months after he puts in a system of any size."

-Lt. Joseph C. Ives, Corps of Topographical Engineers, 1861, on the Grand Canyon: "[It] is, of course, altogether valueless Ours has been the first, and will doubtless be the last, party of whites to visit this profitless locality."

--Science Digest, August 1948: "Landing and moving around on the moon offers so many serious problems for human beings that it may take science another 200 years to lick them."

—Physicist and mathematician Lord Kelvin (1824-1907), who seemed to have a corner on the wrongheaded oneliner in his day: "X-rays are a hoax." "Aircraft flight is impossible." "Radio has no future."

-Paul Dickson, The Future File (Rawson Associates)

http://www.cern.ch/awake