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Simulations and Performance

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EUPRAXIA Electron beam requirements

• Among the various applications considered in EuPRAXIA, the hardest e-beam requirements likely come from FEL

Quantity	Symbol	Baseline value
Particle type	e	Electrons
Energy	Е	5 GeV
Charge	Q	30 pC
Bunch length (FWHM)	τ	10 fs
Peak current	Ι	3 kA
Repetition rate	f	10 Hz
Number of bunches	N	1
Total energy spread (RMS)	σ_{E}/E	1%
Slice energy spread (RMS)	$\sigma_{E,S}/E$	0.1 %
Trans. Norm. emittance	$\epsilon_{N,x}, \epsilon_{N,y}$	1 mm mrad
Alpha function	α_x, α_y	0
Beta function	β_x, β_y	5 m

Target values for the 5 GeV electron beam parameters at the entrance of the undulators (IPAC EuPRAXIA paper) Table also valid for the 1 GeV e-beam, though 1.5 kA peak current with smaller $\varepsilon \& \sigma_E$ is also considered



$$\frac{\overline{\sigma_{\gamma}}}{\gamma} << \rho \qquad \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\gamma} \approx \frac{\lambda}{2\pi}$$

- ✓ high peak current
- ✓ very low emittance
- ✓ very small energy spread

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EUPRAXIA Numerical simulation tools



- Electron acceleration in plasma cannot be fully predicted by analytic theory owing to nonlinear effects of laser pulse evolution, wakefield evolution and motion of the accelerated beam
- Particle-In-Cell (PIC) codes widely used tool for the investigation of both laser- and beam-driven plasma acceleration



- Inluding sophisticated techniques, as: Moving window (mandatory for long propagation lengths) Parallelization (mandatory for 2D-3D simulations) Flexible and quick output analysis, Ionisation (Field Ionisation / Collision Ionisation) etc
- With all variants to speed up simulations: Lorentz boosted frame, azimuthal Fourier decomposition, hybrid kinetic-fluid codes, etc
- And dispersion-free algorithms to mitigate numerical Cherenkov instability : FDTD (finite-difference time domain, as Yee scheme) vs PSATD (pseudo-spectral analytical time domain) algorithms



Simulation codes



Simulation codes used in EuPRAXIA-WP2 for laser-driven plasma acceleration, as well in WP9 and WP14 for beam-driven plasma acceleration

PIC code used	Users	additional features
OSIRIS	IST, DESY	Boosted frame technique, quasi-3D cylindrical field harmonics, PGC* algorithm in 3D (laser envelope)
WARP	CNRS/LPGP, CEA	Boosted frame technique, quasi-3D cylindrical field harmonics, adaptive mesh refinement
CALDER-Circ	LOA	Quasi-3D Cylindrical field harmonics
SMILEI	CNRS/LLR	Dynamic load balancing
ALaDyn Architect	INFN_SparcLab (PISA_ILIL)	full PIC code, bunch & bg treated with macroparticles hybrid code, bunch as PIC and bg as fluid (no QSA)
HiPACE	DESY	Full 3D PIC code, Quasi-static approximation (PWFA)
PIConGPU	DESY	designed to run on Graphical Processing Units (GPUs)

* Ponderomotive Guiding Center

EUPRAXIA Stability study with PIC codes



Typical table of errors:

misalignment, fluctuation of plasma density, injected e-beam and laser pulse

	Min. Value	Max. Value
	(ex. jitter)	(ex. slow drifts)
plasma		
density	1%	10%
alignment error (plasma axis wrt e-beam and laser)		
position [µm]	1	5
angle [µrad]	1	10
e-beam and driver synchronization		
Time shift [fs]	1	10
plasma lens		
Magnetic field	1%	10%
Injected e-beam	_	
charge	10%	20%
energy	10%	20%
emittance	10%	50%
bunch length	10%	20%
Laser (global fluctuations)		
Energy	5%	20%
beam spot radius	10%	20%
intensity	10%	20%
focal plane position [mm]	0.1	1
Pointing stability	1 µrad	1 µrad

+ laser pulse imperfections

most published simulations use perfect Gaussian profiles

Transverse profile

Super-Gaussian $I(\rho) = I_0 \exp\left[-(\rho/w)^{\alpha}\right]$

 α =2 Gaussian profile α =4-10 "top-hat" profile

with angular asymmetries

 $A_{L}(\rho,\theta) = \sum A_{m}(\rho,\theta) \exp[-im\theta]$ mode decomposition m=1,2

Time profile of the laser pulse $A_L(z,\rho,\theta,t) = A_L^0(z,\rho,\theta) \exp\left[-(\tau/\tau_L)^2 - i(\omega\tau + \varphi_L)\right]$

 ϕ_L relative phase between high-frequency laserfield and envelope

Spatio-temporal correlation $\varphi_L(\omega, p) = \varphi_L(\omega_0, p) - \delta \varphi_L$

 $\delta \phi_{\text{L}}$ phase variation of spatial-temporal correlation

can be inferred from new experimental technics enabling the measurement of such correlations G. Pariente et al, Nature Photonics 10, 547 (2016)

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EUPRAXIA Gaussian/realistic laser pulses



□ Transverse intensity profile of laser pulse

- LBNL experiment capillary discharge waveguide
 - the fluence profile evolution of the laser pulse through the waveguide depends strongly on the initial profile Gaussian or top-hat (large diffraction in the middle)

W.P. Leemans et al PRL 113, 245002 (2014)

Transverse intensity distribution and wavefront distortion





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Config 1: LPA with internal injection



Config 2: LPA with external injection from RF injector



• Config 3: LPA with external injection from Laser Plasma injector



• Config 4 : BPA with external injection from RF injector







- High-energy LP injector
 - Can we inject (self-injection) and accelerate a beam with good quality (meeting user requirements) to 1, 2, ...5 GeV in a single stage ?
- Low-energy LP injector
 - What is the most promising method to achieve a 150 MeV beam with good quality to be further accelerated (meeting the FEL requirements) ?

RF injector

- Inject the beam with expected parameters from RF photo-injector high energy / low charge ?
- Plasma accelerating section
 - What are the most promising options ?
 Non-linear with self-guiding / linear regime with plasma channel





Problematic 1

Can we inject (self-injection) and accelerate a beam with sufficient good quality (meeting user requirement) to 1, 2, ...5 GeV in a single stage ?



Self-injection

EUPRAXIA High-energy LP Injector



Based on self-injection method

- 1. relativistic self-focusing of the pulse to create the ponderomotive blowout
- 2. transient bubble expansion sufficient to trigger self-injection of background electrons
- 3. rapid termination of self-injection and formation of a quasi mono-energetic bunch
- 4. acceleration to GeV energy over ${\sim}1$ cm distance, without low-energy background

> 1 GeV LPI with 0.6 PW laser power [F. Massimo, A. Beck]

Laser		
Power	600 TW (15 J)
Waist w ₀	30 µm	
a ₀	4.3	
Plasma		
Density n ₀	8.6 x 10 ¹⁷	′ cm ⁻³
Extracted bea	m	
	@0.7cm	@1.3cm
Energy	1.1 GeV	2.2 GeV
Charge	610 pC	530 pC
E spread rms	6.6 %	7.5 %
$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{N x,y}$ (mm.mrad)	1.5, 1.5	1.5, 1.7
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Parameters from A. Beck, NIM A 740 (2014) Simulations Calder-Circ with anti-Cherenkov stencil *R. Lehe, "Numerical growth of emittance in simulations of laser-wakefield acceleration", PRSTAB 16, 021301 (2013)*



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Problematic 2 :

What is the most promising method to achieve a 150 MeV beam with good quality to be further accelerated in a LP section (meeting the FEL requirements) ?







Based on down-ramp method

 \rightarrow slows down the plasma wave







Laser spot size scan $5 \rightarrow 10 \ \mu m$

$n_{ph} = 1.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $n_{p0} = 1.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

➢ 236 MeV 80pC [IST, U. Sinha, J. Vieira]

Laser		
Power	8.4 TW	
Waist w ₀	$7 \ \mu m \ \sim 1.4 \ x \ matched$	spots
a ₀	2.83	
Plasma		
Density n _{p0}	1 x 10 ¹⁹ cm ⁻³	
Extracted beam @sweet spot		
Energy	236 MeV	
Charge	81.5 pC	
E spread FWHM	9.3 %	

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Based on shock injection

- Changing length & height of the downramp
- Scan parameters (for $a_0 = 2.5$)
 - $L_{downramp} = 10 50 \ \mu m$, K = 1.2, 1.3, 1.5
- > 150 MeV 30 pC [LOA, F. Massimo]









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Laser		
Power	30 TW	
Waist w ₀	12 µm	
a ₀	2.5	
Plasma		
Density n ₀	3 x 10 ¹⁸ cm ⁻³	
Extracted beam @K=1.3 Ldr=30 µm		
Energy	150 MeV	
Charge	30 pC	
E spread rms	7 %	
$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{_{N x,y}}$ (mm.mrad)	0.8, 1.0	





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EUPRAXIA Low-energy LP Injector



Based on shock injection

- Changing also the laser energy
- Scan parameters $a_0 = 2.16, 2.5, 2.79$ $L_{downramp}$ = 10 – 50 μm , K = 1.3, 1.5, 1.7

➤ 150 MeV 30 pC [LOA, F. Massimo]



Laser		
Power	30 TW	
Waist w ₀	12 µm	
a ₀	2.5	
Plasma		
Density n ₀	3 x 10 ¹⁸ cm ⁻³	
Extracted beam @K=1.3 Ldr=30 µm		
Energy	150 MeV	
Charge	30 pC	
E spread rms	7 %	
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ELISA density profile

Based on ionization injection

- Ionization of inner shells of high Z atom (ex. N) at I_{peak} of laser pulse
- Features: simple target configuration, moderate laser intensity, higher injected charge, emittance lower than self-injection scheme

> LPGP parametric study [P. Lee et al]

100 TW
16 µm
1.6
$4 \times 1018 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
(descending gradient)
(descending gradient) 82.6 MeV
(descending gradient) 82.6 MeV 50 pC
(descending gradient) 82.6 MeV 50 pC 11 %



Changing density profile with cst N_2 fraction (1%)

Density profile	E _{peak} (MeV)	∆ E/E (%)
ELISA	65.7	13.1
Descending gradient	82.6	11.0
Plateau	90.8	12.0

 $n_e/\max(n_{e0})$ (arb.units) $^{90}_{80}$

0.2

Laser

Bunch charge ~ 40-50 pC Larger emittance in the laser polarisation plane $\varepsilon_{x,y} = 0.33$, 2.1 µm





Low-energy LP Injector



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Laser	
Power	100 TW
Waist w ₀	16 µm
Initial a ₀	1.6
Plasma	
Density n ₀ max	4 x 10 ¹⁸ cm ⁻³
Extracted bean	ו L _{cell} 1mm, 0.35% N ₂
Energy	142 MeV
Charge	27 pC
E spread rms	3.8 %
ε _{N x,y}	0.8, 1.8 mm.mrad

0.35% N₂ and longer cell (1 \rightarrow 1.3 mm)

Energy	196 MeV
Charge	27 pC
E spread rms	3.2 %
εΝχγ	1.3, 2.3 mm.mrad

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Changing N₂ fraction (ELISA profile)





100

E (MeV)

150

50

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200

EUPRAXIA Multi-pulse ionization injection



Combination of multi-pulse resonant wakefield and ionization injection

- A resonant multi-pulse drives a large-amplitude plasma wave
- The wave traps electrons extracted by further ionization
- > INO-CNR study [P. Tomassini et al]







Drive Laser (X 8	puises)
a ₀	0.64
Waist w ₀	45 µm
Pulse length	30 fs
Ionization Lase	r (2 nd harmonic)
a ₀	0.41
Waist w0	3.5 µm
Plasma	
Density n ₀	5 x 10 ¹⁷ cm ⁻³
Length	6.5 mm
Extracted beam	
Energy	265 MeV
Charge	3.8 pC
E spread rms	0.65 %
ε _{N x,y} (mm.mrad)	0.08, 0.02



- Main Features:
- ✓ Ultra-low emittance
- ✓ Low energy spread
- Energy can be extended (laser guiding)





Beam injected from RF photo-injector (RFI)

- Inject the beam with expected parameters from RF photo-injector but at low charge ?
 - + E_b ~ 100 MeV, $\sigma_z \leq$ 1 fs, ϵ_n < 1 μm but $Q_b \sim$ 1 pC
- Inject the beam with expected parameters from RF photo-injector but at high energy ?
 - Q_b ~ few 10's pC, σ_z ~ 10-30 fs, ϵ_n < 1 μm but E_b ~ few 100's MeV

Beam injected from optical injector (LPI)

Short bunch but higher energy spread



LPAS fed by RFI



External injection low charge, sub-fs @SINBAD
 Moderate laser power, [M. Weikum et al, Desy]

Injector exit		
Energy	$\sim 100 \text{ MeV}$	
Charge	0.7 pC	
Bunch length rms	0.77 fs	
Emittance Norm	≤ 0.2 μm	
Laser parameter		
Power	~200 TW	
Waist w ₀	42.5 μm	
a ₀	1.8	
Pulse length FWHM	25 fs	
Plasma		
density n ₀	10 ¹⁷ cm ⁻³	
Length (plateau)	1.25 cm	W



- Ultrashort bunch ⇒ small energy spread but limited by the uncorrelated spread due to transverse gradient of the wakefields
- \succ Careful matching required with ~ 1 cm long density upramp
- Ionger plasma (>10cm) to achieve 1 GeV level with laser guiding but increase of emittance and Espread due to numerical dephasing

2D OSIRIS simulation (Lehe Solver with anti-Cherenkov stencil)





LPAS fed by RFI



External injection low charge, sub-fs @SINBAD
 ➢ High laser power 100 J [E. Svystun, Desy] 1 GeV







• 1 GeV from high-energy RF injector results of EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB studies



S-Band photo-injector ~100 MeV + X-band ~500 MeV

to generate high-quality beams: 1 bunch for LPA scheme or 1 witness bunch + 1 driving bunch for BPA scheme



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Laser driven PA fed by RFI





Simulations with Qfluid [P. Tomassini and A.R. Rossi, Plas. Phys. Cont. Fus. 58, 034001 (2016)]Andrea Rossi - WG1 Tuesday afternoon28th - Simulations and Performance



Beam driven PA fed by RFI





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LPAS fed by LPI



Quasi-linear regime with plasma channel

Main parameters inferred from analytical expressions (checked by WARP 3D simulations + boosted frame)

➤ 1-5 GeV 30 pC [CEA, X. Li / A. Mosnier]





$n(r) = n_0 \left(1 + \frac{\Delta n}{n_0} \frac{r^2}{r_0^2} \right)$

 L_{nd} power depletion length L_{dn} dephasing length k_n plasma wavenumber

Laser	
strength a ₀	$\sqrt{2}$
spot size w ₀	45 μm
rms pulse length σ_t	64.5 fs
peak power	136 TW
energy	15.5 J
Plasma	
Density n _a	$1 5 1017 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
	1.5 10 Cm ⁻
channel depth $\Delta n / \Delta n_c$	~ 0.5
channel depth $\Delta n/\Delta n_c$ acc. length L_{acc}	~ 0.5 ~ 30 cm
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channel depth $\Delta n/\Delta n_c$ acc. length L_{acc} Injected beam energy $\epsilon_{N x,y}$	~ 0.5 ~ 30 cm 150 MeV 1 mm.mrad
channel depth $\Delta n/\Delta n_c$ acc. length L_{acc} Injected beam energy $\epsilon_{N x,y}$ charge	- 0.5 ~ 30 cm 150 MeV 1 mm.mrad Low (1 pC)





n_o (10¹⁷ cm⁻³)

For a given energy gain, laser strength and norm. spot size, there is a plasma density value which minimizes the plasma channel length

Bunch size σ_{xy} 1.3 μm \rightarrow Matched beam to preserve the emittance

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LPAS fed by LPI



- Quasi-linear regime with plasma channel
 - **Correlated energy spread**: induced by wakefield curvature + beam-loading
 - beam loading compensation \rightarrow bunchlength optimisation (further reduced by bunch shaping)
 - **Slice energy spread**: induced by radial dependance of
 - accelerating field [negligible when driver (beam or laser) >> bunch size]
 - $n_{\rm b} \sim 10^{19} \, {\rm cm}^{-3} >> n_0$ longitudinal field excited by the accelerated bunch [cannot be neglected]



 $z (\mu m)$

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Laser

strength a₀

spot size w_0

peak power

energy

Plasma

Energy

ε_{N x.v}

Charge

Density n₀

acc. length Lacc

Injected beam

Energy spread

Bunch size σ_{xy}

1.3 μm

rms pulse length σ_t

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 $z (\mu m)$





- Numerous simulations carried out within the EuPRAXIA framework
- Parametric studies of Laser Plasma Injector
 - high energy (self-injection), low energy (down-ramp, shock injection, ionization, multi-pulse)
- Plasma accelerator section
 - Beam injected from RF injector (high energy) and LP injector (low energy)
- Next steps
 - End-to-end simulations (started at SparcLab)
 - Error study (Introduce various fluctuations: laser imperfections, plasma density, alignment, ...)



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