

External Injection experiment: first accelerated beam

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- Plasma dechriper to achieve 0.1% energy spread
- Ultra-compact turnkey laser development
- High energy plasma based injector for CEPC
 Summary

Two milestones for external injection



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E. Adli, et al., "*Acceleration of electrons in the plasma wakefield of a proton bunch*", Nature, 561: 363, 2018

Demonstration of external injection

- External injection from a Linac to a LWFA
- Subsequent acceleration
- ~100% capture efficiency

Key challenges

- ✓ Ultrashort beam generation ($<\lambda_p$) ~13fs
- ✓ Size matching (tightly focused E beam $\sim w_0$) $\sim 20 \mu m$
- ✓ Synchronization between beam and laser ($<\lambda_p$) ~100fs
- ✓ Phase space matching
- $\checkmark\,$ Vacuum isolation between Linac and LWFA
- ✓ Robust plasma source based on laser ionization

Experimental layout for external injection



Achievement of external injection acceleration from a Linac to a LWFA



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Wavelength: 140fs

Focus location:

decel. phase

Achievement of external injection acceleration from a Linac to a LWFA



Gain: 1.11MeV(~1.5MeV) average(max.)

decel. phase

Two crucial parameters for gain and efficiency



Effect of laser focus location

z_f = -3.5 mm 1.45MeV



z_f = -4.5 mm 1.11MeV

z_f = -5.5 mm 0.77MeV

$$E_z \propto a_0^2 k_p^2 \exp(-2r^2/w^2)$$



The plasma density dependent energy gain

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6×10¹⁷cm⁻³ 0.77 MeV

2×10¹⁷cm⁻³ 0.26 MeV





$$E_z \propto a_0^2 k_p^2 \exp(-2r^2/w^2)$$

≻ Energy gain ∝ n_p
 ≻ Lower density: Wavelength Energy spread

How to improve capture efficiency?

- Size matching between wakefield and electron beam
 - Tight beam focusing
 - ✓ Large laser spot size



z_f: Location of laser focus



Non-optimized capture efficiency



 $z_f = -1.5 \text{ mm}, n_p = 6 \text{ X} 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

Phase space dynamics

Transverse wakefield:

 $E_r - B_\theta \propto (4a_0^2k_pr/w^2)\exp(-2r^2/w^2)\sin(k_p\xi)$



Emittance precompensation by up-ramp

Up-ramp:
$$\partial(E_r - cB_\theta)/\partial\xi > 0$$

Plasma plateau: $\partial (E_r - cB_\theta) / \partial \xi < 0^{-1}$ Reverse the rotation direction of transverse phase space

Compensated by the long plasma upramp for the accumulated phase differences in the plasma plateau



Emittance evolutions with or without up-ramp

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3D PIC simulation for high efficiency acceleration





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Simulated laser-excited longitudinal wakefields

Feasibility of high-charge externalinjected beam into a LWFA

Q=20 fC >>>> Q=6 pC,13fs

beam excited wakefield ~ laser excited wakefield

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Feasibility of high-energy gain



Outline

External injection from a Linac into a LWFA with ~100% capture efficiency

Plasma dechriper to achieve 0.1% energy spread

- Experimental demonstration using uniform plasma dechriper
- A near ideal dechirper to achieve <0.1% energy spread using hollow channel plasma
- Ultra-compact turnkey laser development
- ➢High energy plasma based injector for CEPC

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Energy chirp dominated energy spread

- Energy spread ~1% > the requirement of ~0.1% for the applications of FELs and colliders
- Relatively large acceleration phase span leads to large energy chirp (positive linear).



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PD effect for different beam current profiles



Energy spread reduction:

The complex interplay and trade-off among the linear chirp reduction, the nonlinear chirp increase and the slice energy spread growth.

Plasma dechirper experimental layout



Phase space dynamics for energy spread reduction



0.59MeV(1.28%)

Low plasma density

The comparisons use only one parameter to closely match three longitudinal phase spaces and integrated energy spectra.

0.06MeV(0.13%)

 $S_d \approx 1 (MV/m)/(mm pC)$

Solution for reducing emittance growth: a hollow channel plasma dechirper

- > Transversely uniform $E_z \rightarrow$ negligible slice energy spread increase
- Zero transverse focusing force negligible emittance growth
- Works well for both electron and positron beams

Plasma-based accelerator

Hollow channel plasma dechirper



PIC Simulation for hollow channel dechirper

Electron/ Positron	Energy	4GeV	Plasma	Density	5.0×10^{15} cm ⁻³
	Energy chirp	40MeV (rms)			
	Slice energy spread	0.4MeV		Length	~55cm
	Peak current	10kA		Inner radius	a=300um
	Pulse duration	30µm (100fs)			
	Transverse size	σ _r =4μm		Outer radius	b=500µm



PIC Simulation for uniform plasma dechirper

 \succ The longitudinal nonlinearity and the transverse nonuniformity of E_z

40MeV(1%) e-: 11.58MeV(0.29%) / e+: 12.49MeV(0.31%)



The transverse wakefield depends on the longitudinal position Emittance increase by a factor of 14 (e⁻)/ 83(e⁺)

Dechirping effects for different current profiles in hollow channel plasma

<0.01% (Flat-top)</p>

Initial energy spread 1%

0.14% (sin²)

- 0.22% (Gaussian)

A flat-top beam current profile has the best effect for linear energy chirp reduction



Robustness of a hollow channel plasma dechriper



2µm offset: Negligible beam offset growth; Emittance growth <25%

~200mrad tilt: Emittance growth <25%



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Ultra-compact turn-key lasers for application



Newlight Source

4 year+ joint effort of Tsinghua, NCU and Qifeng New Light Source Corp.

The Goal: Building turn-key lasers for real application a laser built by the user and for the user

Single box 1-50TW laser systems:

✓ very compact

Innovation on high contrast regen amplifier

1.4m*0.8m*0.25m for 1-5TW

1.4m*1.5m*0.25m for 20-50TW

✓ turn-key performance for long term operation
 Fully sealed subsystems
 Independently controlled temperature

More information please contact Prof. Wei Lu(weilu@tsinghua.edu.cn)





Single Box 20-50TW system

Turn-key performance

Super stable diode pumped frontend (even for air conditioning is off)



20-50TW Ti:Sapphire laser
(0.6~1.5J 10Hz)Energy stability (RMS)<1%</td>Contrast>10% (ns)Duration>2x10% (100ps)Duration<30fs</td>Power20-50TW

<1% energy stability for final amplifier</p>







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A possible middle step for AAC towards colliders Plasma based injector for 100km CEPC

- CEPC (Circular Electron Positron Collider) is a major high energy physics plan under strong promotion in China to build a 100km circular machine for a Higgs Factory.
- A high energy injector (40GeV level) is needed to inject e+/e- beams into the main ring.
- Plasma based schemes (PWFA) may provide a novel and cost effective solution for this injector.
- A joint research group of Tsinghua Univ. and IHEP has been formed since 2017 to study the feasibility of using plasma based acceleration as a novel solution for CEPC injector.

Circular Higgs Factory (Phase I) +SppC (Phase II) at same tunnel



A preliminary design of CEPC plasma based high energy injector



- Driver/trailer beam generation through Photo-injector
- HTR PWFA with good stability (single stage TR=3-4, Cascaded stages 6-12, high efficiency)
- Positron generation and acceleration in an electron beam driven PWFA using hollow plasma channel (TR=1)

Ref: CEPC CDR

Summary

- The external injection from a Linac to a LWFA with ~100% capture efficiency has been experimentally demonstrated.
- For uniform plasma dechirper, the experimental results, combined with high-fidelity 3D PIC simulations indicate a near tenfold reduction of the beam energy spread from 1.28% to 0.13%.
- Next generation ultra-compact turnkey laser systems for application is ready to go. Stay tuned!
- The feasibility of using plasma wakefield accelerator as a high energy injector for CEPC is under intense study, a joint effort of Tsinghua Univ and IHEP.

Thank you for your attention!