GeV-scale accelerators driven by plasma-modulated pulses from kilohertz lasers

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In memory of Oscar Jakobsson
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Outline

- Modify the way LPA is driven in order to use rapidly evolving, high average power lasers, such as thin-disk (**1J@1ps@kHz achived**), fibre or diode lasers. The Multi-pulse Laser-Wakefield Accelerators (MP-LWFA) concept.

- Guiding trains of laser pulses and plasma wake excitation by trains of laser pulses.

- **P**lasma-**Mo**dulated **P**lasma **A**ccelerator (**P-MoPA**) ► PRL **127**, 184801 (2021) .

- **k**Hz **P**lasma **A**ccelerator **C**ollaboration (**kPAC**).

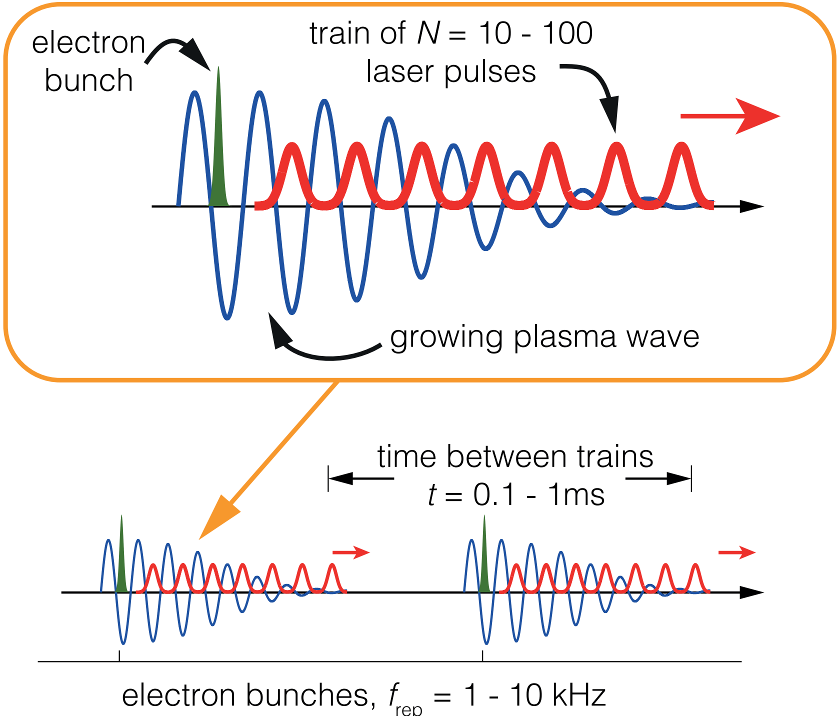
- Thin-disk lasers to drive GeV@kHz P-MoPA are available.

MP-LWFA

► **Modify the way LPA is driven.**
The MP-LWFA concept:

- A train of laser pulses (red) -or a long, modulated pulse - will resonantly excite a growing plasma wave (blue) if the pulses (modulations) are spaced by the plasma period.

- **Convert a long laser pulse to a train of short laser pulses** (AWAKE: convert a long proton bunch to a train of short proton bunches) and drive a plasma wake to accelerate electrons (AWAKE: 2 GeV achieved already) P-MoPA ► PRL **127**, 184801 (2021).



► J. Phys. B **47**, 1-14 (2014), PRL **119**, 044802-6 (2017)

MP-LWFA guiding and driving a wake; CLF, Liverpool and Oxford

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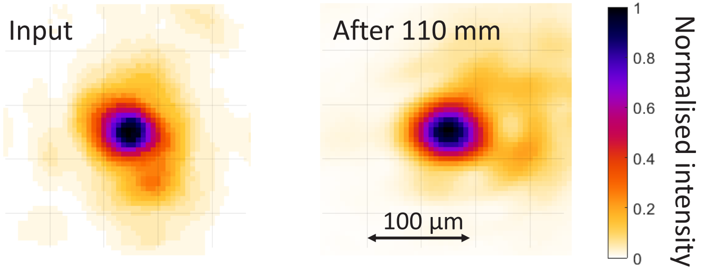
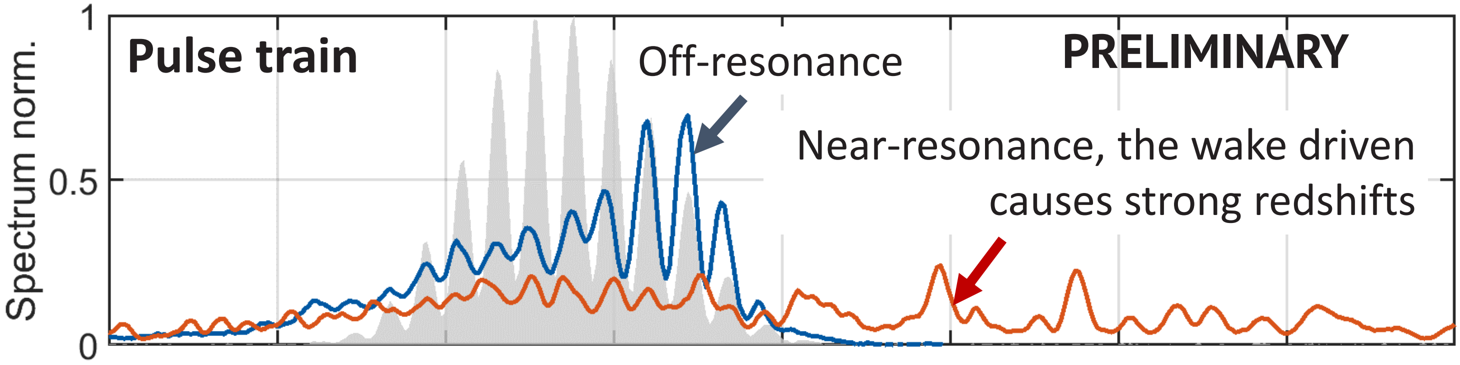


- Demonstrated guiding of 2.5 J, 1 ps pulse train over 110 mm in a hydrodynamic plasma waveguide.
- Resonantly driven wakefield consistent with fluid and PIC simulations.
- ▶ **Aimee Ross poster session.**



P-MoPA

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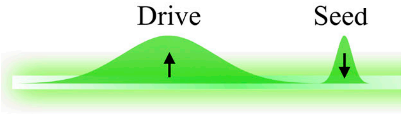

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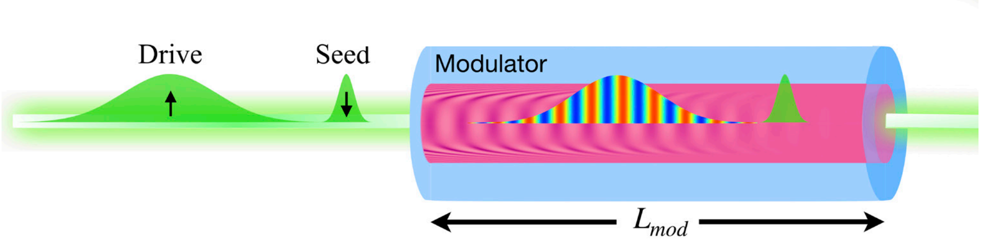
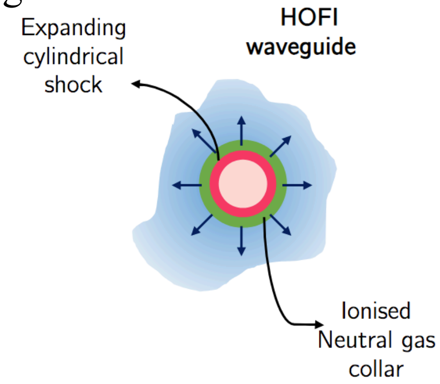


- Plasma waveguide



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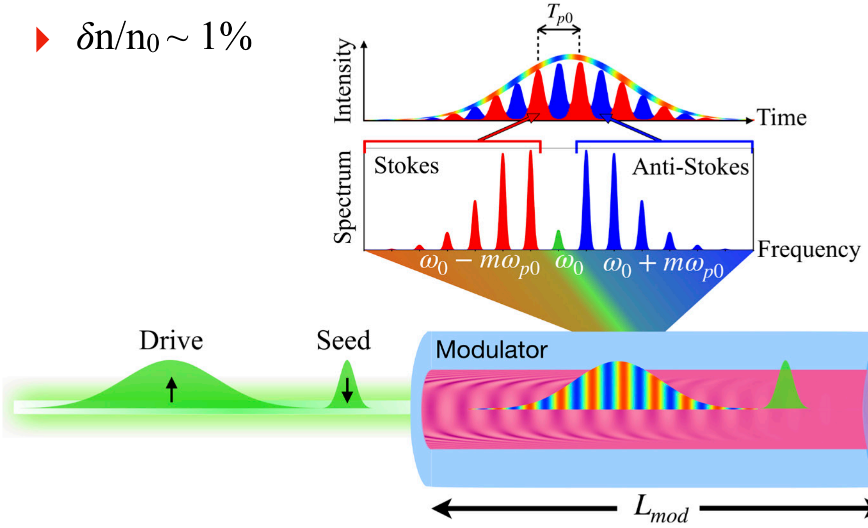
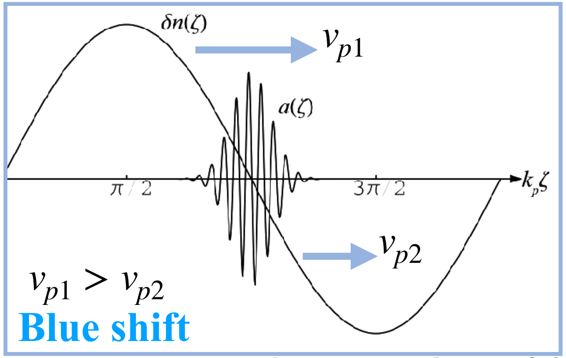
- Photon acceleration





- Rev. Mod. Phys. **81**, 1229 (2009)

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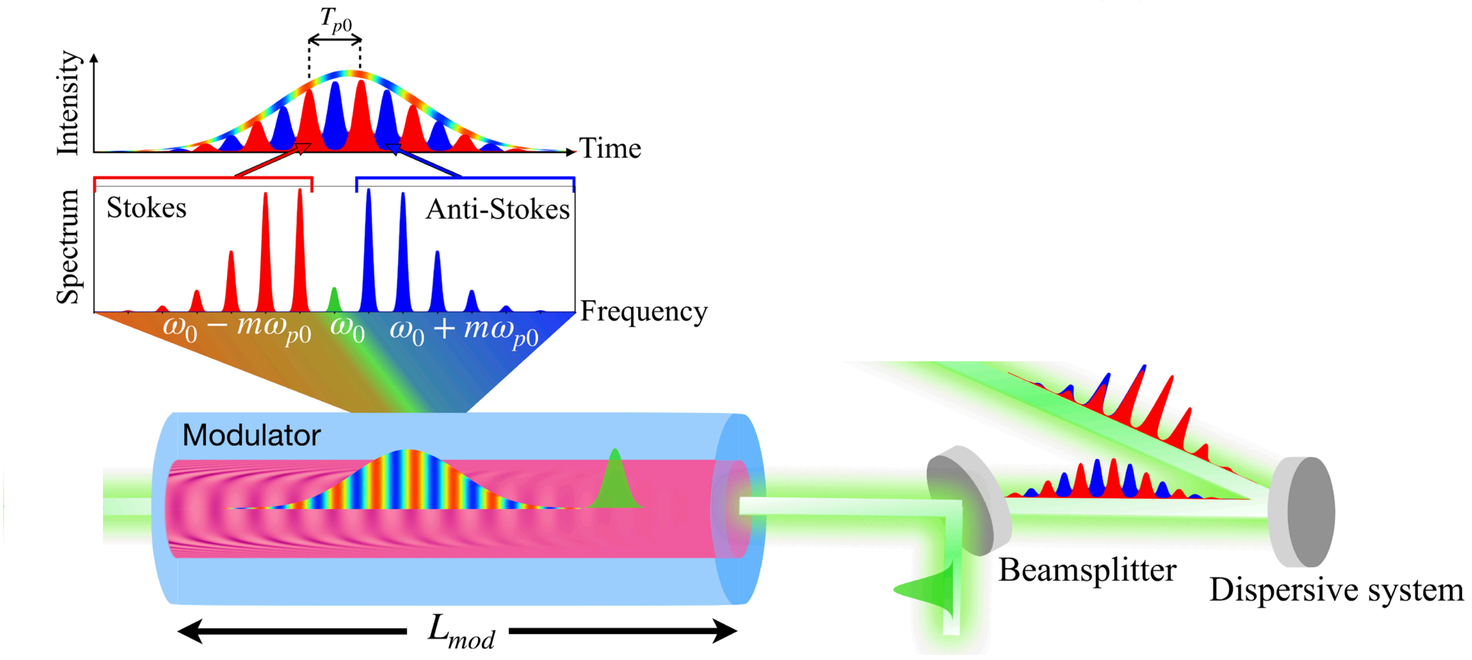
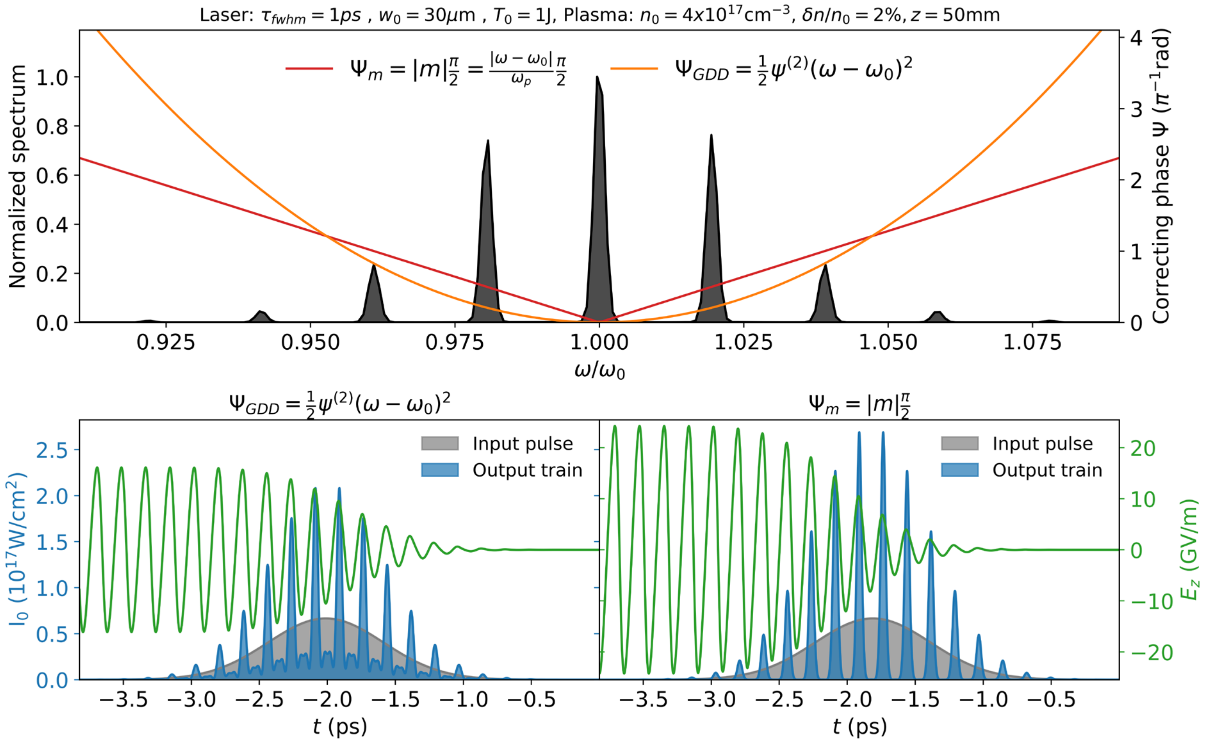


T_{p0}
Intensity
Time
Spectrum
Stokes
Anti-Stokes
Frequency
$\omega_0 - m\omega_{p0}$
ω_0
$\omega_0 + m\omega_{p0}$
Modulator
L_{mod}
Beamsplitter
Dispersive system

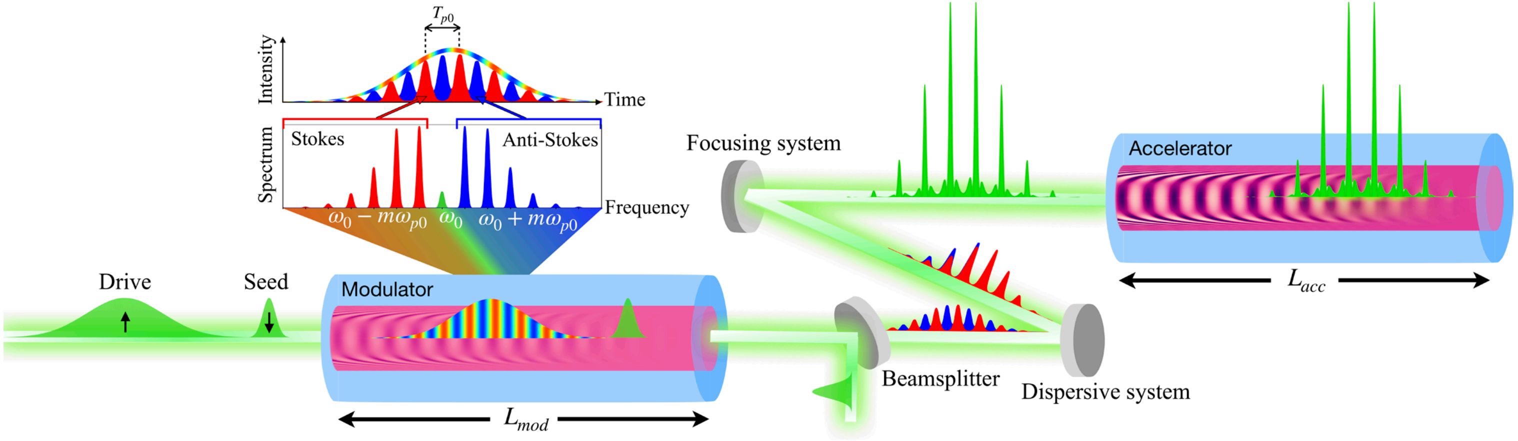
P-MoPA



Laser: $\tau_{fwhm} = 1ps$, $w_0 = 30\mu m$, $T_0 = 1J$, Plasma: $n_0 = 4x10^{17} cm^{-3}$, $\delta n/n_0 = 2\%$, $z = 50mm$
$\Psi_m = |m|\frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{|\omega - \omega_0|}{\omega_p}\frac{\pi}{2}$
$\Psi_{GDD} = \frac{1}{2}\psi^{(2)}(\omega - \omega_0)^2$
Normalized spectrum
Correcting phase Ψ (π^{-1}rad)
ω/ω_0
$\Psi_{GDD} = \frac{1}{2}\psi^{(2)}(\omega - \omega_0)^2$
$\Psi_m = |m|\frac{\pi}{2}$
Input pulse
Output train
I_0 (10^{17}W/cm^2)
E_z (GV/m)
t (ps)

P-MoPA

- Full scheme: Spectral-to-temporal modulation of a ps-duration pulse using low-energy seed pulse.



Parameters

- Driver:
  - λ_0 = 1.03 μm,
  - 600 mJ, FWHM 1 ps, w_0 = 30 μm, bi-Gaussian envelope.
- Seed:
  - λ_0 = 1.03 μm,
  - 50 mJ, FWHM 40 fs, w_0 = 30 μm, bi-Gaussian envelope
  - 1.7 ps in front of the driver.
- Plasma:
  - electron-proton plasma; electron density on axis = 2.5×10^{17} cm^{-3} ,
    λ_p = 66 μm, T_p = 220 fs,
  - plasma channel α = 10, w_M = 30 μm.

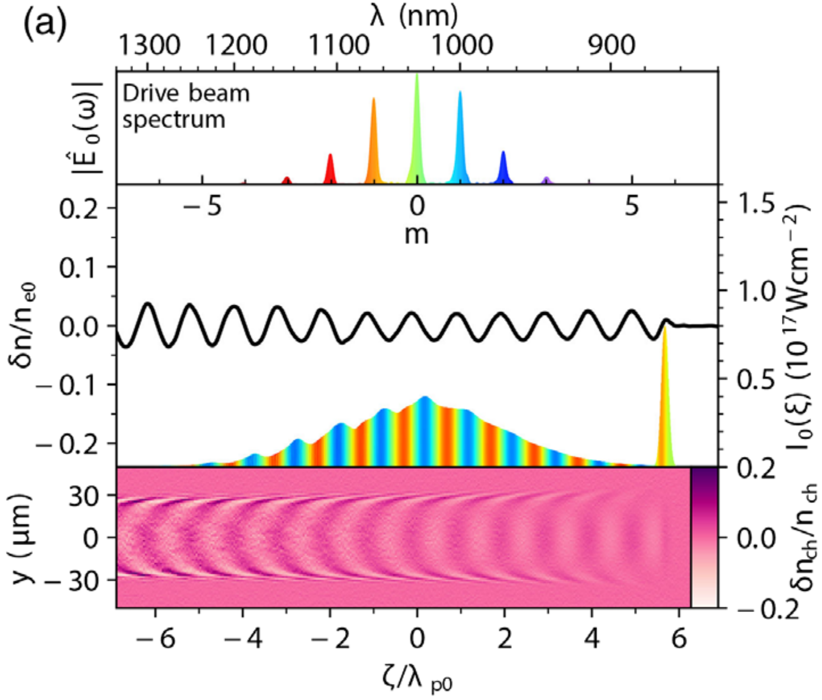
Parameters called PRL parameters

$$n_e(\rho) = n_e(0) + \frac{1}{\pi r_e W_M^2}\left[\frac{\rho}{W_M}\right]^\alpha$$

- PIC code EPOCH 2D v 4.17.10 on ARCHER and ARCHER2

PIC; the modulator

- After 12 cm propagation in the modulator.



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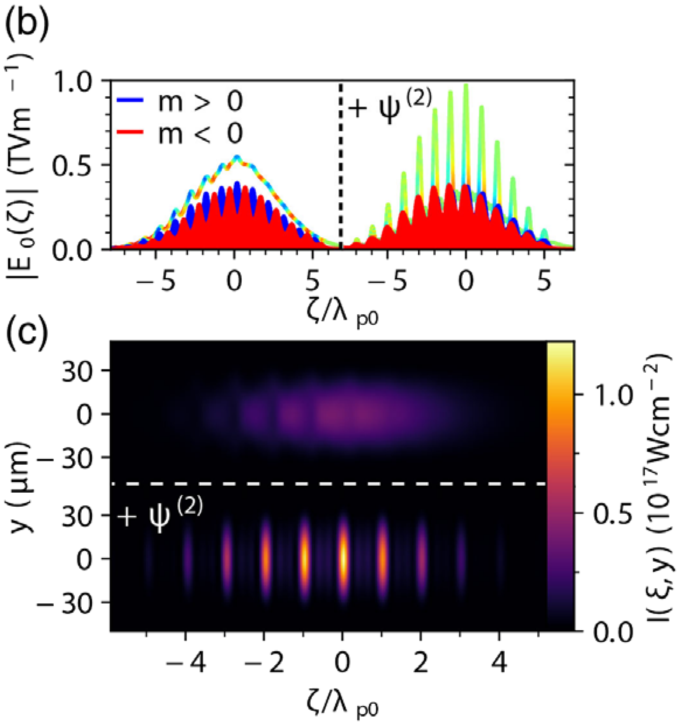
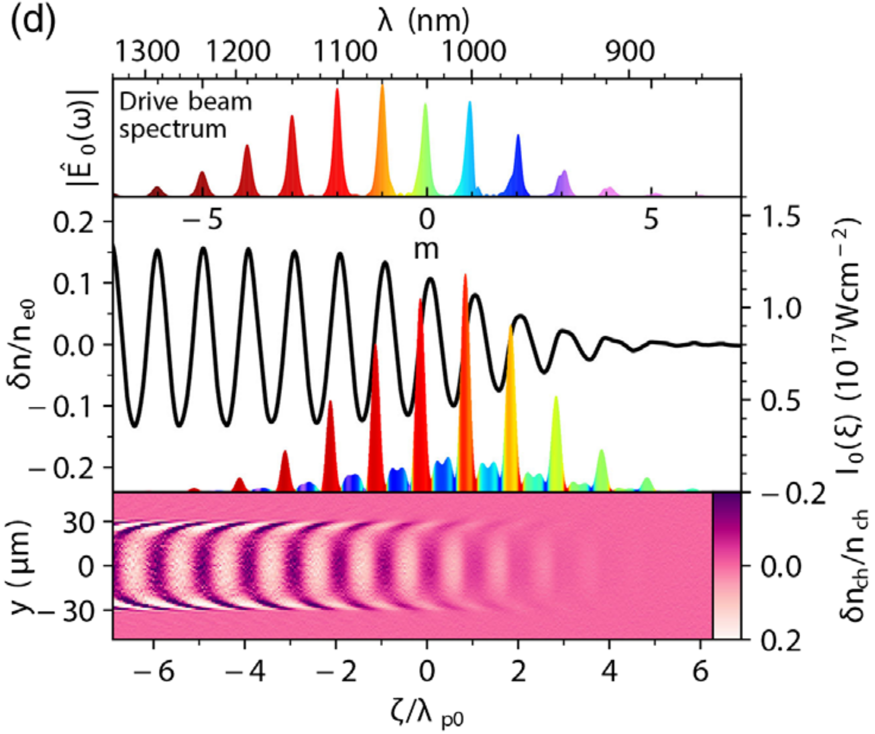


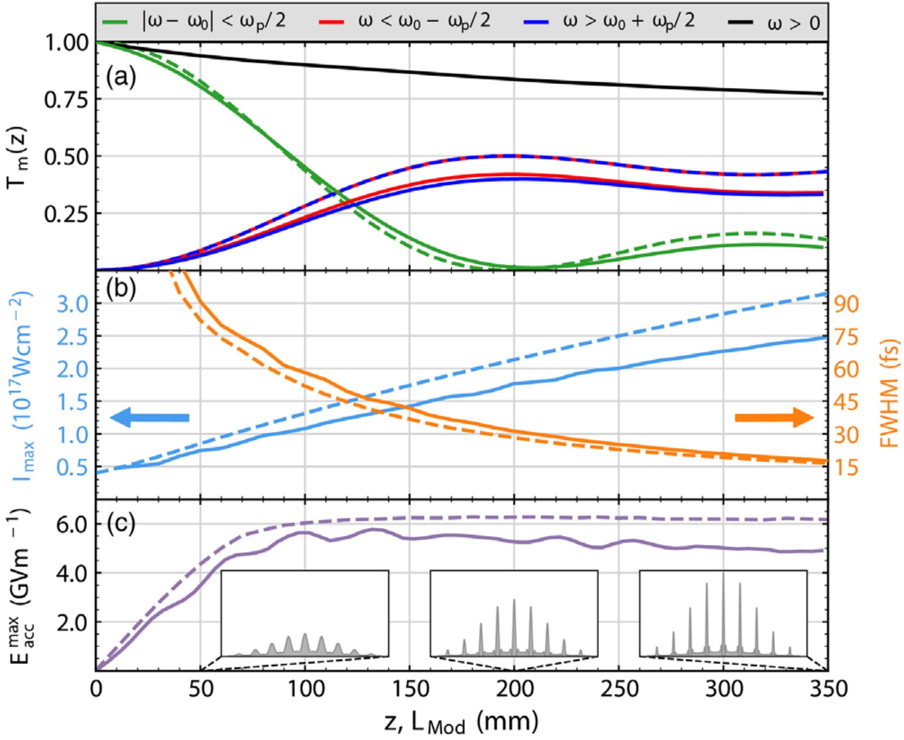
PIC; the accelerator

- After 5 cm acceleration.



PIC in comparison with analytic calculations

- $T_m(z)$; the relative transmitted energies of the drive pulse and of its components.



- Dashed lines: 1D analytic model
Solid lines: PIC.

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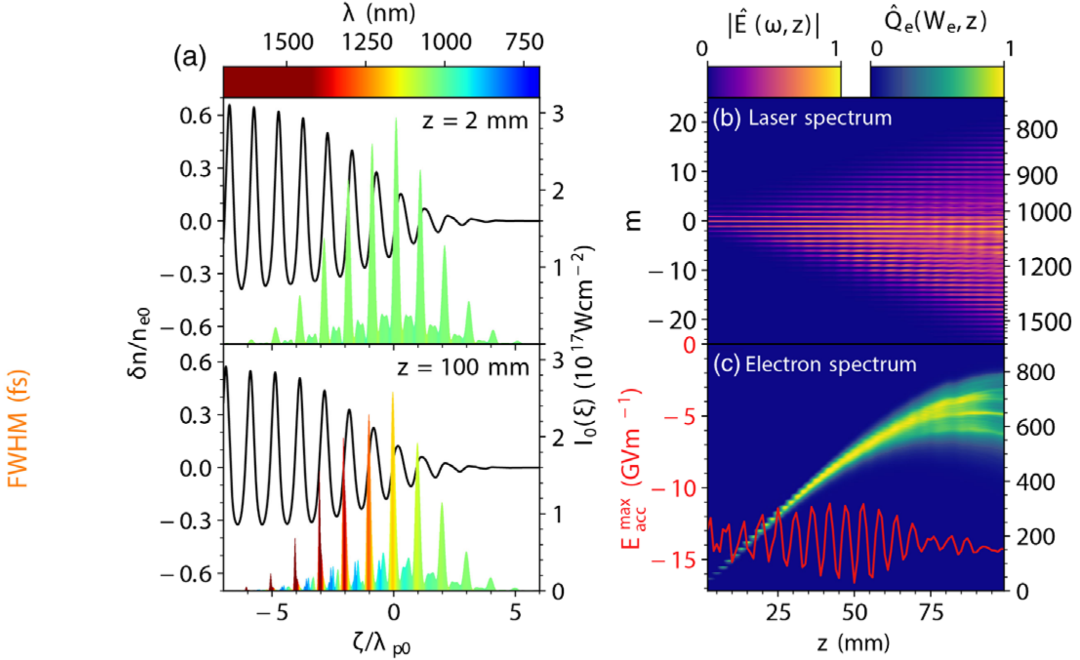
PIC; higher energy accelerator

- Three parametrs have been changed:
  - w_M = 50 μm in the modu-lator.

Keeping a_0 fixed:
- Driver 1.7 J.
- Seed 140 mJ.



- 1 pC electron bunch inserted “by hand”: 35 MeV, 5 fs RMS duration and 4 μm transverse width.

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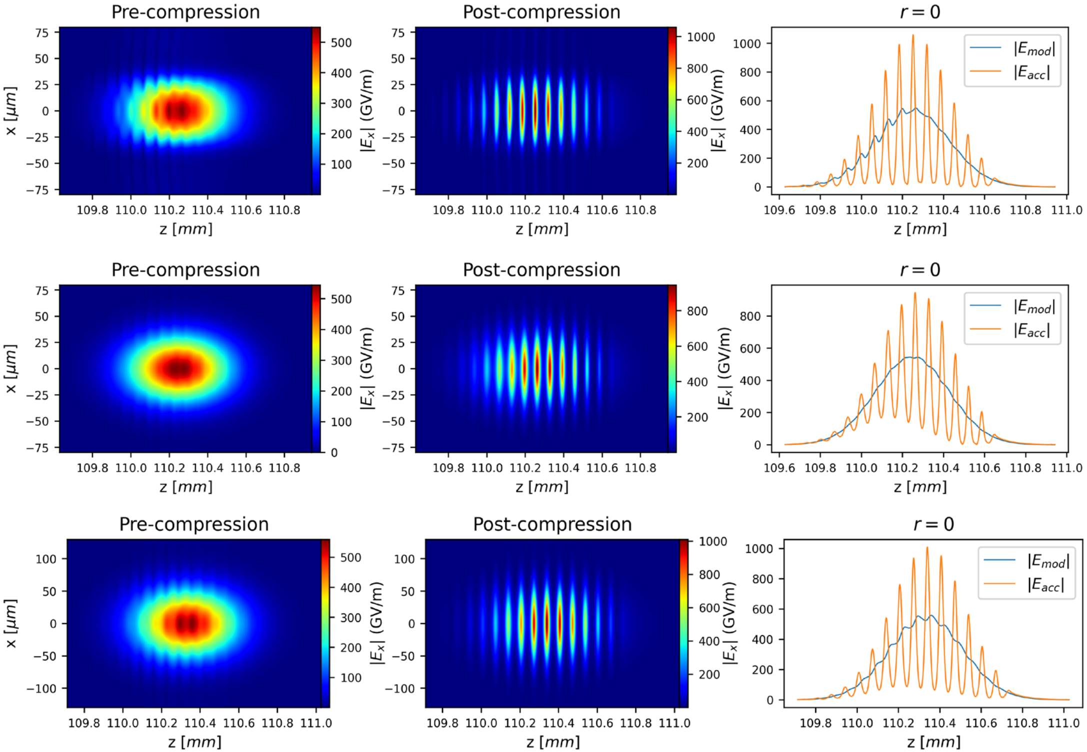
Different channel profiles

Square, w_M = 30 µm ►

Parabolic, w_M = 30 µm ►

Parabolic, w_M = 50 µm ►



WarpX 2D

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Modulator limit

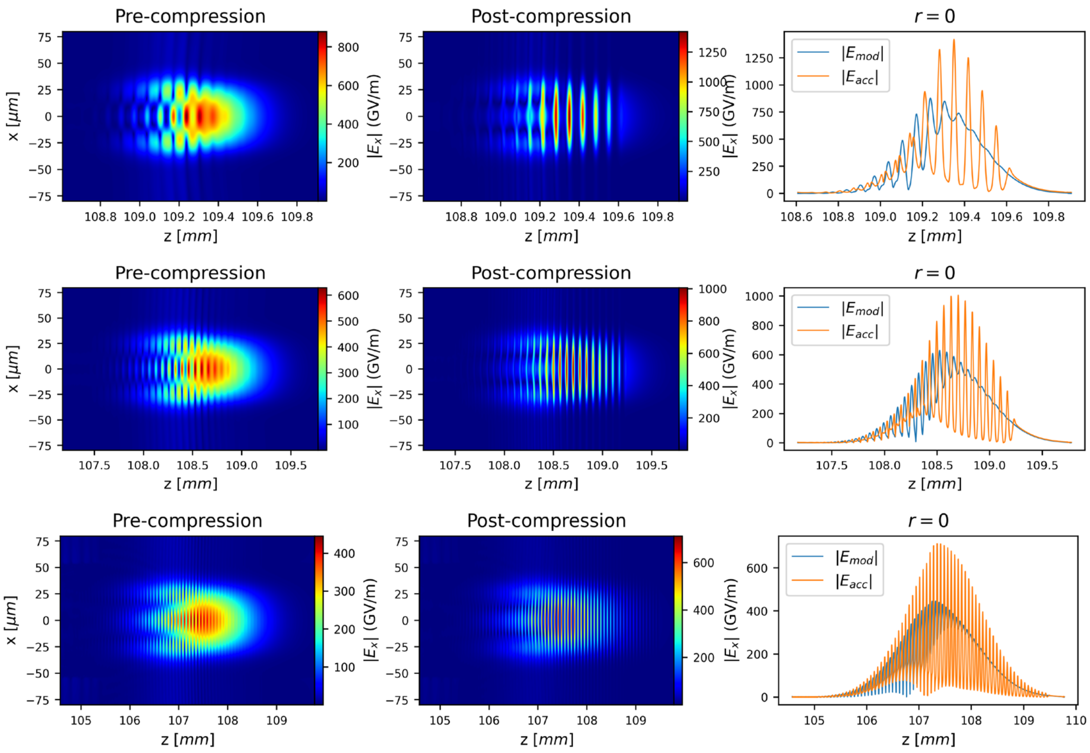
▶ Plasma Phys **2**, 2196 (1990)

PRL parameters except:

1.2 J, 1 ps ▶

1.2 J, 2 ps ▶

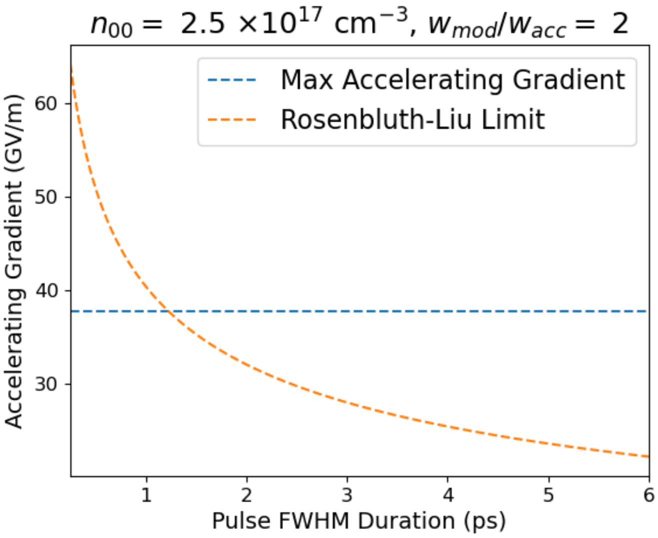
1.2 J, 4 ps ▶

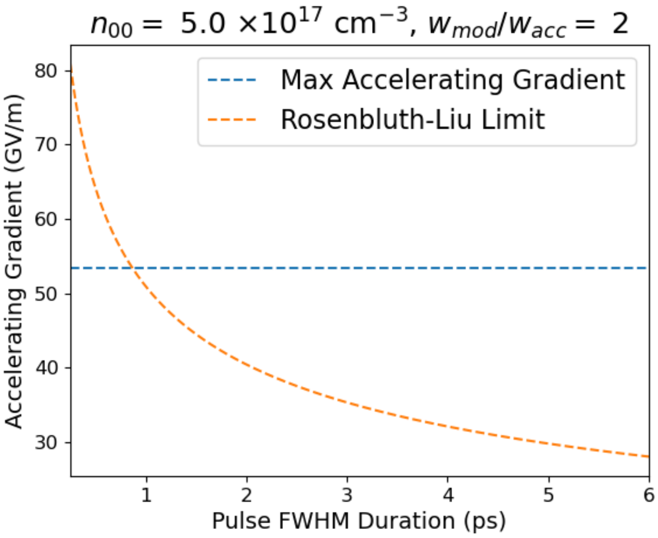


WarpX 2D

Horizontal scale is changing!

P-MoPA constraints





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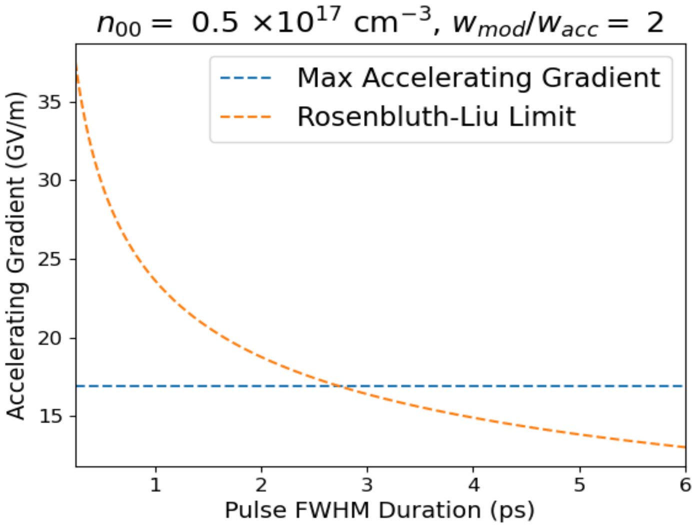

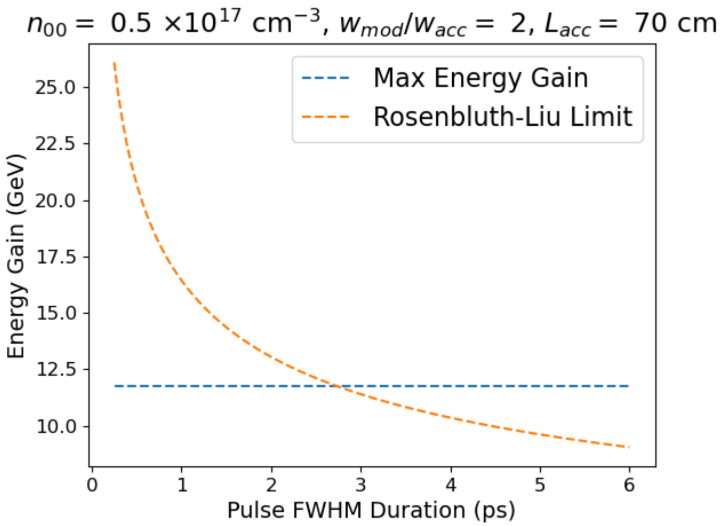

Electron injection

► Optical internal electron injection

- 2PII scheme ► Phys. Rev. Lett. **73**, 155004, (2013)
- ReMPI scheme ► Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams **22**, 111302, (2019)
- HOFI plasma density gradient, CALA scheme,
  - ► arXiv:2206.00507v1 [physics.acc-ph]
  - ► **Stefan Karsch at 10:15 on Thursday**

► External electron injection: RF plus THz-driven compression

- Sub-10 fs electron bunch duration and sub-10 fs synchronization with high intensity laser pulse, >10 pC charge,
  - ► Nature Phot, **14**, 755-759 (2020)
  - ► Phys. Rev. Lett, **124**, 054801 and 054802 (2020)

► **k**Hz **P**lasma **A**ccelerator **C**ollaboration (**kPAC**)
CLF, LMU, TRUMPF and Oxford
To study P-MoPA physics at CALA, get funding to develop GeV@kHz accelerator.

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► **Mathias Krüger,**
Wednesday poster session.

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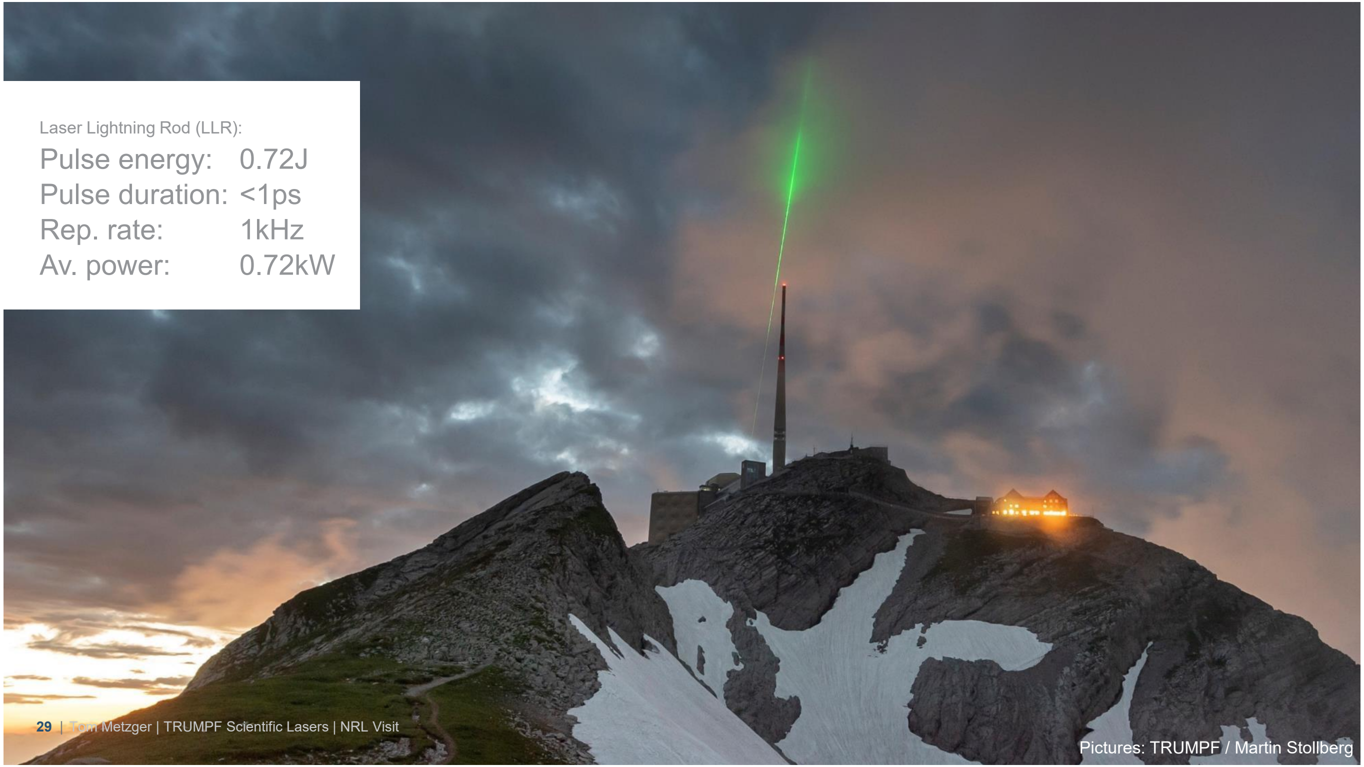

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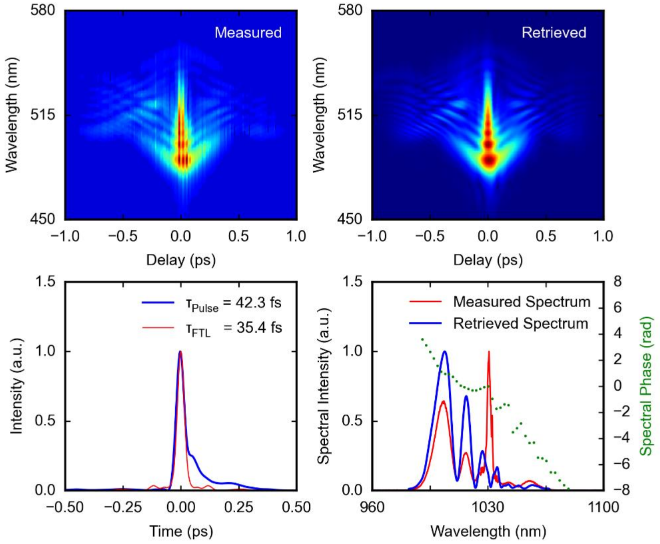
Nonlinear Compression of a Dira 1000-5

Status June 2022: 180mJ @ <45fs ► **Talk by Tom Metzger**



The most powerful nonlinear compression in the world:

150mJ; <40fs
5kHz; 750W
3.3TW peak power

See also

► CSU: 1.1 J, 4.5 ps, 1 kHz, cryogenic temp. Opt. Lett. **45**, 6615-6618 (2020).

► Talk by Jens Limpert on fibre lasers.

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GeV@kHz

Ready to go

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