# Driver energy depletion

**Energy Depletion and Re-Acceleration of Driver Electrons** 

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#### **Plasma-wakefield accelerators promise compactness**

- > Accelerating gradient
  - State-of-the-art RF accelerators: O(100 MV/m)
  - Plasma-Wakefield Accelerators: O (1-100 GV/m)
- > Construction costs can be greatly reduced
- > For high-power beam delivering accelerators:
  - > e.g., hard X-ray FELs and colliders
  - > Goal: Keep running costs low
    - High total energy-transfer efficiency needed





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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Electricity} \propto \frac{1}{\eta_{\text{WP}}} & P_{\text{beam}} & T_{\text{operating}} & C_{\text{electricity}} \approx \frac{\mathcal{O}\left(1\frac{M \in}{\text{year}}\right)^{**}}{\mathcal{O}(10\%)} \\ & \text{[MW]} & \text{[hours/year]} & \text{[€/MWh]} \end{array}$$

\* no overhead included for cooling, ventilation or network
\*\* with 28 MW of CLIC; 200 days; 45 €/MWh
[1] M. Aicheler *et al.*, CLIC Conceptual Design Report (2012)

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- > We have to demonstrate <u>at least</u> the same energy-transfer efficiency!
- > Also important for limitations in cell cooling

# Driver energy depletion is key component for efficiency

- > Wall-plug-to-witness efficiency is a product of:
  - 1. Driver production efficiency  $\sqrt{}$  (beam driven)

CLIC: [2]  $\eta$  = 55 % (excluding facility power) Ti:Sapphire laser: [3]  $\eta$  < 1 %

- 2. Driver-to-plasma energy transfer efficiency (i.e., driver depletion) This talk
- 3. Plasma-to-witness energy transfer efficiency  $\sqrt{}$

[4]: η = 30 %
[5]: η = 42 %
[6]: η = 22 % – preserving beam quality



[1] Courtesy of A. Martinez de la Ossa and R. D'Arcy
[2] M. Aicheler *et al.*, CLIC Conceptual Design Report (2012)
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[6] C. A. Lindstrøm *et al.*, to be published (2022)

# **Electron reacceleration is the limit of depletion**

HiPACE++ simulations show reacceleration of energy depleted electrons

Plenary talk Wednesday 09:00 F. Peña



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#### **Electron re-acceleration measured for the first time**



- > Electrons decelerate to 2% of their initial energy
  - > They are subsequently re-accelerated

# Plasma light provides an insight on energy deposition

- Plasma emits light during > recombination
- The more energy is deposited by the > beam into the plasma, the more light is emitted [1, 2]
- Can be used to estimate energy > extraction efficiency



Thursday 18:05 L. Boulton

Parallel talk: WG1

#### **Plasma light shows electron re-acceleration**

- Drop in light-emission intensity from:
  - > Less energy deposition
  - More energy extraction
- Can identify the longitudinal position where re-acceleration starts
  - Deceleration over 115 mm (4.3 GV/m)
  - Acceleration over 80 mm (2.3 GV/m)



# Spectrum reconstruction is required for accurate measurement







- Imaging energy scan required to reconstruct the 'true' energy spectrum of the beam to counteract charge loss due to under/overfocusing
- > Reconstruction only possible with high stability

#### **Reconstructed spectra don't account for all charge**







## **Driver depletion uncertainty dominated by charge loss**









# Charge loss is downstream of the plasma





- Charge is not lost in the plasma but in transport to the diagnostic
  - > Predominantly at lower energies
- > Lower-energy electrons have increased divergence from:
  - > Larger geometric emittance
  - Smaller matched beta function
  - Norm. emittance growth from non-linear focusing fields where the blowout forms

### Charge loss can be predicted for all densities





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- > Two sources of uncertainty:
  - > Error in measured spectrum
  - > Uncertainty in charge-loss model (on average 2.4%)
- > We use Monte Carlo, by sampling both within their error
  - > Error bars are central 68-percentile range
- > As the charge is lost post-plasma, we select the samples with full charge reconstruction to estimate the depletion

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- We have sampled the spectra and charge-loss model within their error
- > As the charge is lost post-plasma, we select the samples with full charge reconstruction to estimate the depletion
  - From these, we can estimate the average depletion efficiency: (59±3)% at 1.4×10<sup>16</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>
  - > Using the rms, the uncertainty is ±3%
- > The expected depletion efficiency increase is  $\sim n_{\rm pe}^{0.5}$  [2]
  - > Here, the exponent is  $\gtrsim 0.5$





#### **Conclusions**

- Electron re-acceleration is a limit of overall energy efficiency in beam-driven PWFA
- > Drive-bunch energy depletion estimated to be (59±3)% [1]
  - > Can be increased by optimizing bunch current [2,3]
  - Simulations suggest ~90% is possible [4,5]
- > Next step in energy efficiency:
  - > Experimentally combine the independent record-efficiencies
    - > 59% driver-to-wake · 42% wake-to-trailing-bunch [6] = 25% driver-to-trailing-bunch
    - If combined with CLIC's 55% wall-plug-to-driver efficiency [7]
      - $\rightarrow$  14% wall-plug-to-trailing-bunch efficiency

(comparable with conventional accelerators)



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