



# Impressions from the Dream Beams Symposium

# 26.2-28.2

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# **MAP Research Goals**

# A. Photon and particle beams

A.1 Next-generation light sources

A.2Brilliant particle and photon sources

# **B.** Fundamental interactions and quantum engineering

B.1Fundamental physics and nuclear transitions B.2Optical transitions and quantum engineering

# C. Structure and dynamics of matter

C.1Electron dynamics in atoms, molecules, solids and plasmas C.2Molecular dynamics and elementary chemical reactions C.3Biomolecules and nano-assemblies

# **D. Advanced photonics for medicine**

D.1Laser-based photon and particle beams for medicine

# Dream Beams Symposium - Program

#### Dream Beams Symposium, MPQ Garching, programme

Sunday, Feb. 25

#### Monday, Feb. 26

9:00 Krausz / Mever-ter-Vehn (MPQ): Welcome, Dream Beams (?)

9:45 Malka (LOA Paris): Experimental demonstration of controlled electron injection

10:30 Coffee

11:00 Bulanov (JAERI Kyoto): Prospects and limits of laser particle acceleration

11:45 Wei Lu (UCLA): possible path towards a 100 gev lwfa stage

12:15 Kemp (LLNL) Collisional Relaxation of Super Thermal Electrons in Dense Plasma

Lunch at IPP Cafeteria

14:00 Mendonca (IST, Lisbon): Non-linear relativistic optics

14:30 Gibbon (KFZ Jülich): Mesh-free particle simulation 15:00 Schroeder (LBNL Berkeley): THz and fs x-ray pulses

15:30 coffee

16:00 Sheng (CAS Beijing): THz radiation and monoenergetic electrons from surface acceleration 16:30 Kostyukov (RAS): Radiative processes in plasma-

based accelerators in ultrahigh energy regime

ARRIVAL, transfer to Hotel Maria Garching

17:00 Leaving for Munich

18:00 Visit at Arnold-Sommerfeld-Center (ASC) 19:00 Gasthof Neuwirt in 19:00 Garching, Welcome

Dinner in Munich near ASC

Tuesday, Feb. 27

9:00 Zepf (Queens Uni, Belfast); KeV surface harmonics

9:45 Esarev (LBNL Berkelev): GeV electrons from guided acceleration

10:30 Coffee

11:00 Pukhov (Uni, Düsseldorf): Theory and simulations of relativistic laser plasmas

11:45 Geissler (MPQ): Simulating electron acceleration in channels

12:15 Karsch (MPQ): First MPQ channel electrons and PW-Field-Synthesizer(PFS) project

Lunch at IPP Cafeteria

14:00 Tour MPQ

15:00 Silva (IST Lisbon): Control of the explosions of nanoplasmas 15:30 Mora (CPhT, EP, Palaiseau): Theory of ion acceleration by lasers

16:00 coffee

16:30 Ruhl (Uni. Bochum): Advanced PIC Simulations: Energy deposition, target heating and ionization

17:00 Lefebvre (CEA, Bruyeres-le-Chatel): Scaling of laser driven proton acceleration

17:30 Schwoerer (Uni Jena): Acceleration of narrow band protons with lasers

18:00	Bavarian Buffet at MPQ
19:00	Posters, Discussion Time

Wednesday, Feb. 28

9:00 Sentoku (UNR Reno): Advanced Particle-in-Cell simulation for high energy density physics

9:45 Haidu (Uni, Uppsala); Beams needed for biomolecule imaging

10:30 Coffee

11:00 Grüner (LMU Munich): Laser-driven Table-Top FEL

14:00 Meseck (BESSY Berlin)

of FELs with Higher Harmonics

11:45 Habs (LMU München): MAP Dream Beams: From probing the vacuum to medical applications

Lunch at IPP cafeteria

Seeding

14:30 Jentschura (MPK Heidelberg): QED, nuclear and high-energy processes 15:00 Schützhold (Uni. Dresden): Conditions for detecting Unruh radiation 15:30 coffee

16:00 Baeva (Uni. Düssweldorf): Theory of surface harmonics

16:30 Rykovanov (MPQ): Simulation of surface harmonics 17:00 end

talks: 30 (+15) min and 20 (+10) min

# **Classical accelerator limitations**

E-field  $_{max} \approx$  few 10 MeV /meter (Breakdown) R>R\_min Synchrotron radiation





## 2002: Laser "bubble (or blow-out)" regime





# **Recipe for a Monoenergetic Beam**



- a. Excitation of wake (self-modulation of laser) Onset of self-trapping (wavebreaking)
- b. Termination of trapping (beam loading) Acceleration

## Courtesy of W. Leemans (LBL)

c. Dephasing

If L > or < dephasing length: large energy spread

If L ~ dephasing length: monoenergetic



T. Katsouleas, Nature 2004

# Plasma channel production: ignitor-heater method

• Two step process for channel formation (in H<sub>2</sub> gas jet) :

1. Ionization: co-linear ultrashort 'ignitor' pulse  $(I > 10^{14} \text{ W/cm}^2)$ 

- 2. Inverse Bremsstrahlung heating: 250 ps 'heater' pulse with I ~  $10^{13}$ W/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Shock formation leads to on-axis density depletion on axis



## 86 MeV electron beam with %-level energy spread





# 2004 Results: High-Quality Bunches

## Approach 1: bigger spot

- RAL/IC<sup>+</sup> (12.5 TW -> ~20 pC, 80 MeV)
- LOA<sup>^</sup> (33 TW -> ~500 pC, 170 MeV)
- For GeV -> 1 PW class laser

### Approach 2: preformed channel guided

- LBNL\* (9TW, 2mm channel -> ~300 pC, 86 MeV)
- For GeV -> ~10-50 TW class laser<sup>\$</sup>, longer guiding structure

Courtesy of W. Leemans (LBL)

\*S. Mangles et al, *Nature* 431(2004) 535; ^J. Faure et al, *Nature* 431(2004) 541
\*C.G.R. Geddes et al, *Nature* 431 (2004) 538; <sup>\$</sup>W.P. Leemans et al, *IEEE Trans. Plasmas* Sci. 24 (1996) 331.







Increasing beam energy requires increased dephasing length and power:

# $\Delta W[GeV] \sim I[W/cm^2]/n[cm^{-3}]$

- Scalings indicate cm-scale channel at ~ 10<sup>18</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> and ~50 TW laser for GeV
- Laser heated plasma channel formation is inefficient at low density
- Use capillary plasma channels for cm-scale, low density plasma channels



# 0.5 GeV Beam Generation

**Courtesy of** 

E. Esarey (LBL)



# 1.0 GeV Beam Generation

## Courtesy of E. Esarey (LBL)





### High-gain FEL natural application for LWFA (ultra-short, high peak current) beams

[F. Grüner et al., Appl. Phys. B (2007); D. Jaroszynski et al., Philos. Trans. R. Soc., Ser. A (2006)]

### Schematic of LBNL LWFA-driven FEL:

#### C. B. Schroeder et al., in Proc. of FEL06 (www.jacow.org/) (2006).







HHG-seeded LWFA-driven FEL

Reduced undulator length

### Schematic of HHG-seeded, LWFA-driven FEL:

[C.B.Schroeder et al., in Proc. of FEL06 (2006).]



' E. Takahashi et al., Phys. Rev. E 66, 021802 (2002).





Exponential Gain Length vs. Energy Spread

 $L_g \! < \! 0.5$  m requires  $\sigma_{\!\gamma}\!/\gamma \! < \! 0.45\% \times (\mathrm{I}\!/5~\mathrm{kA})^{2/3}$ 

for parameters:  $\epsilon_N = 1 \text{ mm-mrad}$ E=0.5 GeV λ<sub>u</sub>=2.18 cm K=1.85 β=3.6 m

> **Courtesy of** C. Schroeder (LBL)



## **FEL Radiation Charateristics**

## Courtesy of C. Schroeder (LBL)





- time scale of chemical reactions: fs
- X-ray: wavelength of atomic scale
- fs-X-ray pulse  $\rightarrow$  "4D imaging with atomic resolution"
- single molecule imaging  $\rightarrow$  ultrahigh brilliance!

medical application for table-top XFEL: SAXS, PCI
 → direct cancer diagnostics

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# **Demands on "Bubble Physics"**

• we need new ideas for reaching the demanding parameters

- proof-of-principle cases relaxed
- TT-XFEL for 5 keV
- med-XFEL for 50 keV:
  - ~7 GeV electrons, 0.1% energy spread,
  - $\leq$  0.5 mm·mrad norm. emittance,  $\geq$  1 nC charge
- we need models/designs for capillary scenarios:
  - bubble to blowout transition?
  - density gradients?
  - staged capillaries?
- we need understanding of the amount of energy spread, emittance
  - make use of dephasing?
  - is absolute energy spread frozen after injection?
  - emittance reduction?

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# **Experimental Status**

## • undulator: hybrid, 5 mm period, 0.9 T peak field



# Conclusion

- key feature of laser-plasma accelerators: high currents, up to 100 kA
- thus, short-period undulators are feasible for SASE
- hence, table-top FELs are possible
- discussion
  - huge demand on theory of laser-accelerators
  - feedback from experiments (e.g. bunch length)
  - need desperately input distributions for FEL simulations

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# Summary (1)



Laser Plasma Acceleration is an exciting and dynamic field due to recent advances in

- Theory (bubble regime)
- Simulations (PIC and grid free codes)
- Experiments
- Laser technology (TW lasers with fs pulse length)

Application for TT FEL seems to be straight forward and obvious, especially as excitement at the moment is high and the road is paved

But: energy spread, emittance, current, space charge transport, wake fields are all very challenging problems



# Summary (2)



We should work together and thus propose a

Joint DESY-MPQ-BESSY Workshop on

- Space Charge simulations
- Wakefield simulations
- Laser-Beam interactions
- SASE FEL simulations
- HGHG FEL simulations

Planned date:	May 9-11, 2007
Where:	MPQ Garching