Multi-bunch Plasma Wakefield Acceleration at ATF

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Background and Motivation

- Several recent PWA experiments have shown promise w/ single bunches
 - E-162 at SLAC: 280 MeV/1.4m, e- and e+
 - ANL: ~15 MeV/30cm, >50% beam energy extracted
 - ATF: .6 MeV/cm, focus and acceleration phases
- Realizations require multi-bunches
 - Afterburner: 2
 - NLC Afterburner: many

Building on Recent Success

- ATF Plasma Wakefield Experiment
 - Single bunch,
 - low plasma density



EO.6 May BOMEY 50.4 MeV

0.8 MeV GEMEV 59.4 HeV

 ATF Stella Experiment

 IFEL-modulated bunches at 10.6 μ



FIG. 1. Schematic layout for the STELLA experiment. For size reference, the distance separating the two IFELs is 2.3 m and the laser beams enter the beam line ≈ 6 m apart.

Strategy: Use 1st stage of Stella to drive multi-bunch PWA

• Current profile from Stella stage 1:



Linear Plasma Wake Theory

$$E_{z}(r,\xi) = Z'(\xi)R(r) \qquad \xi = z - ct$$

$$Z'(\xi) = -4\pi \int_{\xi}^{\infty} d\xi' \rho_{\parallel}(\xi') \cos k_p(\xi - \xi')$$
$$R(r) = \frac{k_p^2}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\theta \int_{0}^{\infty} r' dr' \rho_{\perp}(r') K_0(k_p | \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}' |)$$

 $ho_b =
ho_{ot}(r) st
ho_{\|}(\xi)
ho_{\|}(\xi)$ = profile from Stella

 $k_p \sim 2\pi / 10.6\mu (n_o / 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3})^{1/2}$

Linear Theory Results

Wake build-up at resonance:



3% detuning accelerates later bunches



Beam Evolution

• Transverse --Focusing strength in wake:

$$K = \frac{eE_ok_p}{\gamma mc^2 (k_p \sigma_r)^2}$$

 $\Rightarrow \lambda_{\beta} = 2\pi/\text{sqrt}(K) \sim 3.6 \text{ mm}$

- Longitudinal--slippage/loss length
 - 50 MeV/cm wake => few mm

Beam does not evolve in mm scale experiment Beam evolves strongly in cm scale experiment

Self-consistent particle-in-cell Simulations

- 2-D OSIRIS
 - First 30 bunches (.5 ps rise) of Stella beam
 - 10⁶ particles followed thru 1.5 mm of plasma
 - 32 processors at USC HPC





Wakefield Evolution



Initial wakefield (eE/mcω_p)

Final wakefield

OSIRIS Simulated Diagnostic



Initial beam momentum distribution (p/mc)

Final beam momentum distribution

Final Phase space of selected bunches



Energy gain and loss can be seen even at resonance

Experimental Design

Adapts ATF PWA setup of Yakimenko et al.:



FIG. 1 (color). Schematic diagram of the plasma and electron beam interaction experiment.

Plasma moved to second stage Stella IP
Capillary discharge increased from 10¹⁶ to 10¹⁹ cm⁻³

Modeling Plasma Density Gradients



Final energy distribution & phase space



Long non-resonant regions cause small reduction

Plasma Source

Requirements: $n_{e, opt} \approx 8-10 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $\Delta n_e/n_e \approx 1\% \text{ L} \approx 5 \text{ mm}$

- -Double discharge capillary (Yakimenko *et al.*, PRL 2003, Kaganovich *et al.*, APL 1997)
 - $L\approx 17 \text{ mm } n_e > 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- -H₂-filled capillary (Spence *et al.*, PRE2001) $L\approx 3-5 \text{ mm } n_{e}\approx 5 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



FIG. 1. Experimental setup and capillary design.



FIG. 1. Schematic diagram of the gas-filled slow capillary discharge, and the associated discharge circuit.



FIG. 2. Electron concentration distribution in the main discharge $(I_{max}=0.6 \text{ kA}, \tau_{12}=1 \ \mu\text{s}, \text{chan}=0.3 \text{ mm}, \text{initial density of C+2H plasma=8} \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ g/m}^3$). Numbers near the curves indicate the time in nanoseconds measured tom the beginning of the discharge.



FIG. 2. Fringe shifts measured for 3-mm- and 5-mm-long capillaries. The calculated fringe shift caused by the uniform 2-mmlong central section of the 5-mm capillary is also shown, along with a parabolic fit, as described in the text. The right-hand axis shows the deduced electron density for the central 2-mm-long section.

- Supersonic gas jet (Malka *et al.*, Science 2003)
 - requires I>10¹⁴ W/cm² laser intensity for ionization

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Summary

- Multi-bunch wakefields can lead to energy exchange of several MeV in a mm scale plasma
- Multi-bunch PWA viability can be demonstrated
- Multi-bunch issues can be explored
 - Phasing and resonance
 - Self-modulation enhancement
 - Hosing and other instabilities can be explored

Class homework: A multi- bunch plasma afterburner for a linear collider EE 590 MOHAMMAD KAZEMI University of Southern California, Fall 2002

