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- 1. Cultivate the frontiers: Exawatt laser and IZEST missions 2.Vacuum nonlinear susceptibility χ
- 3. Non-collider paradigm of laser acceleration

Vacuum texture and synchrotron radiation in high energy Lorentz invariance check

Energy frontier at <u>PeV with attosecond metrology</u>

without luminosity, ever diminishing emittance

Electron acceleration to TeV/PeV

4. Vacuum nonlinearity: QED and beyond

phase contrast imaging of vacuum

Dark Matter and Dark Energy fields

degenerate 4 wave mixing

5. Real-time (as opposed to spectrum) search of vacuum

zeptosecond regimes (for CALA):

shortest pulses ← highest intensity (Mourou-Tajima Conjecture)





20th Century, the Electron Century Basic Research Dominated by Massive and Charged Particles (electronics)





J. J. Thomson



21st Century; the Photon Century Could basic research be driven by the massless and chargeless particles; Photons (photonics)?



C. Townes

Laser Intensity vs. Years





- the total peak power of all the CPA systems operating today is ~11.5 PW
- by the end of 2015 planned CPA projects will bring the total to ~127 PWs
- these CPA projects represent ~\$4.3B of effort by ~1600 people (no NIF or LMJ)
- these estimates do not include Exawatt scale projects currently being planned



 An international endeavor to unify the high Intensity laser and the high energy / fundamental physics communities to draw

> "The Roadmap of Ultra High Intensity Laser" and apply it to "Laser-Based Fundamental Physics"

 To form an international team of scientists that can foster and facilitate scientific missions of EW/ZW class lasers comprised from ICFA and ICUIL communities (in collab)

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Also: Tajima and Mourou PR STAB(2002)



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Nonlinear susceptibility of vacuum

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$\chi E = \chi_1 E + \chi_2 EE + \chi_3 |E|^2 E +$

birefringence

Zeroeth order: (not nonlinear) s.a. possible Lorentz invariance violation

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2nd order: (nonlinear) s.a. 4 wave mixing, Self-focusing

Vacuum nonlinearity of QED is small in eV regime (only big in MeV). fortune in disguise

Laser Wakefield (LWFA): nonlinear optics in plasma

Kelvin wake



ZEST



Maldacena (string theory) method: QCD wake (Chesler/Yaffe 2008)

No wave breaks and wake peaks at v≈c



(The density cusps. Cusp singularity) Wave **breaks** at v < c





Hokusai



Maldacena



Thousand-fold Compactification

Laser wakefield: thousand folds gradient (and emittance reduction)





GeV in the Palm

First GeV on few cm (W. Leemans et al)





Density scalings (for collider of LWFA

 $\propto n_e^{1/2}$ Accelerating field E_z $\propto n_e^{1/2}$ Focusing constant K $\propto n_e^{-3/2}$ Stage length L_{stage} $\propto n_c^{-1}$ Energy gain per stage W_{stage} Number of stages N_{stage} $\propto n_e$ $\propto n_e^{-1/2}$ Total linac length L_{total} $\propto n_e^{-1/2}$ Number of particles per bunch N_b $\propto n_e^{-1/2}$ Laser pulse duration τ_L $\propto n_e^{-1}$ Laser peak power P_L $\propto n_e^{-3/2}$ Laser energy per stage U_L $\propto n_e^{1/2}$ Radiation loss $\Delta \gamma$ $\propto n_e^{1/2}$ Radiative energy spread σ_{γ}/γ_f $\propto n_e^{-1/2}$ Initial normalized emittance ε_{n0} Collision frequency f_c $\propto n_e$ $\propto n_e^{1/2}$ Beam power P_b $\propto n_e^{-1/2}$ Average laser power P_{avg} $\propto n_e^{1/2}$ Wall plug power P_{wall} 13

(Nakajima, PR STAB, 2011)

 10^{17} /cc (conventional) $\rightarrow 10^{15}$ /cc

Laser acceleration energy scaling



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- Pulse duration between 0,5 and 10 picoseconds,
- Intensity on target > 10²⁰ W/cm²,
- Intensity contrast (short pulse): 10⁻⁷ at -7 ps,
- Energy contrast (long pulse): 10⁻³.



B. LeGarrec (2011)



Nakajima, LeGarrec

Courtesy of PETAL







Laser-Based High Energy and Fundamental Physics: Exawatt to Zettawatt



G. Mourou Ta-You Wu Lecture

New Laser Concept C³ (Cascaded Compression Conversion) to achieve intensity > 10²³W/cm²

High intensity compressor: material breakdown \rightarrow plasma compressor (high intensity accelerator: metallic breakdown \rightarrow plasma wakefield)





- High Gain fiber amplifiers allow ~ 40% total plug-tooptical output efficiency
- Single mode fiber amplifier have reached multi-kW optical power.
- large bandwidth (100fs)
- immune against thermo-optical problems
- excellent beam quality
- efficient, diode-pumped operation
- high single pass gain
- mass-produced at low cost.



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64 fiber coupling

Génération de 64 faisceaux fibrés





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Concept: coherent fiber bundles toward Avogadro number photons

Because the transport fibers <u>lossless</u>, assembled in a bundle just before the focusing optics. all <u>coherently</u> phased.



Toward high-average power lasers: CAN (Coherent Amplification Network)



Theory of wakefield toward extreme energy

$$\Delta E \approx 2m_0 c^2 a_0^2 \gamma_{ph}^{2} = 2m_0 c^2 a_0^2 \left(\frac{n_{cr}}{n_e}\right), \text{ (when 1D theory applies)}$$
In order to avoid wavebreak,

$$a_0 < \gamma_{ph}^{1/2},$$
where

$$\gamma_{ph} = (n_{cr} / n_e)^{1/2}$$

$$L_d = \frac{2}{\pi} \lambda_p a_0^2 \left(\frac{n_{cr}}{n_e}\right), \quad L_p = \frac{1}{3\pi} \lambda_p a_0 \left(\frac{n_{cr}}{n_e}\right),$$
dephasing length pump depletion length

γ-ray signal from primordial GRB



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Energy-dependent photon speed ? Observation of primordial <u>Gamma Ray Bursts (GRB)</u> (limit is pushed up close to Planck mass)

Lab PeV γ (from e-) can explore this with control

Figure 1 | Light curves of GRB 090510 at different energies. a, Energy

lowest to highest energies. f also overlays energy versus arrival time for each

Feel vacuum texture: PeV energy γ

Laser acceleration \rightarrow <u>controlled laboratory</u> test to see quantum gravity texture on photon propagation (Special Theory of Relativity: c_0)



 $c < c_{\theta}$

Attosecond Metrology of PeV γ Arrivals



High energy γ- induced Schwinger breakdown (Narozhny; Nikishov, Ritus)

CEP phase sensitive laser triggers breakdown and results in electron-positron acceleration
 Attosecond electron streaking
 γ- energy tagging possible

Extreme High Energy and Synchrotron Radiation E > 30TeV: untested territory for Lorentz invariance

with a modified Lorentz factor

(B. Altschul, 2008)

$$\tilde{\gamma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 2\delta_{\gamma}(\hat{v}) - v^2}}.$$
(13)

The power radiated would then be $P = \frac{e^2 a^2}{6\pi m^2} \tilde{\gamma}^4$.] For ultrarelativistic particles, $\gamma \approx [2(1 - v)]^{-1/2}$ increases very rapidly as a function of v, since $\frac{d\gamma}{dv} = v\gamma^3 \approx \gamma^3$. The modified expression for $\vec{v}(\vec{p})$ changes the radiated power $P(\vec{p})$ to

$$P(\vec{p}) = P_0(\vec{p}) \{ 1 + 4\gamma^2 [\delta(\hat{p}) - \delta_\gamma(\hat{p})] \}, \quad (14)$$

Synchrotron radiation radiation

↑ Lorentz violating term (>30TeV)

LWFA (PWFA): Only way to go beyond 30TeV

Beyond 30TeV, rapid cooling, emittance reduction, better beam

 \rightarrow new regime, new physics



Challenges of the Genesis of EECR

1.Fermi's mechanism: too much energy loss by synchrotron radiation beyond 10¹⁹ eV

2.Confinement problem: out of range of the Hillas' Diagram, takes too large magnetic field

3.Detachment Problem: Accelerated parti1.cles need to get out that magnetic fields

Paradigm of <u>collective acceleration</u> (and thus much greater accelerating gradient) of *Laser Wakefield Acceleration* (LWFA) or its variants <----- <u>compact astrophysical objects</u> s.a. GRB, AGN, NS-NS collision, etc.

1.Much greater acceleration gradient, no need of multiple stages \rightarrow compact, no limit from synchrotron rad, linear acceleration

2.No confinement

3. Thus no detachment problem

Wakefield Acceleration

Fermi Acceleration

Widely invoked, but not applicable beyond 10¹⁹eV even protons <u>lose energies</u> upon each momentum kick by radiative damping

→ prompt linear acceleration



Kelvin's Ship Wake





EM Pulse Wake in Plasma





EECR Sources in Hillas' Diagram





The Crab Pulsar, a city-sized, magnetized neutron star spinning 30 times a second, lies at the center of this composite image of the inner region of the well-known Crab Nebula. The spectacular picture combines optical data (red) from the Hubble Space Telescope and x-ray images (blue) from the Chandra Observatory, also used in the popular Crab Pulsar movies. Like a cosmic dynamo the pulsar powers the x-ray and optical emission from the nebula, accelerating charged particles and producing the eerie, glowing x-ray jets. Ring-like structures are x-ray emitting regions where the high energy particles slam into the nebular material. The innermost ring is about a light-year across. With more mass than the Sun and the density of an atomic nucleus, the spinning pulsar is the collapsed core of a massive star that exploded, while the nebula is the expanding remnant of the star's outer layers. The supernova explosion was witnessed in the year 1054





Its core hidden from optical view by a thick lane of dust, the giant elliptical galaxy Centaurus A was among the first objects observed by the orbiting Chandra X-ray Observatory. Astronomers were not disappointed, as Centaurus A's appearance in x-rays makes its classification as an active galaxy easy to appreciate. Perhaps the most striking feature of this Chandra false-color x-ray view is the jet, 30,000 light-years long. Blasting toward the upper left corner of the picture, the jet seems to arise from the galaxy's bright central x-ray source -- suspected of harboring a black hole with a million or so times the mass of the Sun. Centaurus A is also seen to be teeming with other individual x-ray sources and a pervasive, diffuse x-ray glow. Most of these individual sources are likely to be neutron stars or solar mass black holes accreting material from their less exotic binary companion stars. The diffuse high-energy glow represents gas throughout the galaxy heated to temperatures of millions of degrees C. At 11 million light-years distant in the constellation Centaurus, Centaurus A (NGC 5128) is the closest active galaxy.

Takahashi's Short-Pulse GRB Model (2000)

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Figure 2. Schematic illustrations of QGP formation in the marge of spinning neutron stars.



EM pulse wakefield acceleration in **GRB** atmosphere

Acceleration in GRB atmosphere

Relativistic Lasers and High Energy Astrophysics (Free Space)

GRB including high energy particles Secondary y-rays €, 'an, $B_s \gg 1 \text{ GeV}$ Brems BROTORIS E. S BALLY Y-mys [Very High Energies from Wakefield] [Thermal Y-rays] [e", e'] [Y-rays from Unruh & Schwinger] 1039 W/on12 PonderometiveForce Circonnellar Non-Linear-OED WakefieldAcceleration Medium 8 - 10^{H-16} V/cm Schwinger Discharge e's and some protons. (%, e*, e') Fireball Possible ****** UNRUH SCHWINGERFIELD ++++ $Ey \le 250 \text{ MeV}$ **TotalDetachment** Detached y-Rays $R \le 2500$ including kT = 0UNRUH/ RADIATIÓN SHOCKS & EMWAVES DENSITY EFFECT mode converting $N_{\rm P} < 10^{23-30}/cm^3$ from Alfven Waves A COLORINA COMMAN Baryopit Fireball 300km kT ~ 1 - 5 MeV QGP Fireball $\dot{R} \sim 30 \text{ km}, kT \ge 200 M_{\odot}V$ Shocks repeating in the merging Neutron stars

Figure 8. A schematic illustration of the proposed concept

It is important to note here that the wakefield acceleration we are considering is due to primarily to the longitudinal electric field Est excited by the bumpy burst of intense photons. The longitudinal electric field is Lorentz-invariant. Thus even highest

EM shock emerges from the electron-positron fireball into the atmosphere of GRB EM pulse induces strong wakefields Immediately accelerates energies beyond 10²¹eV over 10³km

Energy spectrum of GRB wakefield

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Plasma Wakefield Acceleration for Ultrahigh-Energy Cosmic Rays

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A cosmic acceleration mechanism is introduced which is based on the wakefields excited by the Alfvén shocks in a relativistically flowing plasma. We show that there exists a threshold condition for transparency below which the accelerating particle is collision-free and suffers little energy loss in the plasma medium. The stochastic encounters of the random accelerating-decelerating phases results in a power-law energy spectrum: $f(\epsilon) \propto 1/\epsilon^2$. As an example, we discuss the possible production in the atmosphere of gamma ray bursts of ultrahigh-energy cosmic rays (UHECR) exceeding the Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzmin cutoff. The estimated event rate in our model agrees with that from UHECR observations.

Dark Matter Quantum Vacuum -Dark Energy

- Weakly interacting particles like axion or axion-like , U(1) gauge bosons with low mass in the subelectron volt.
- Non linear effect in large electromagnetic fields, light shinning Through walls.
- Temporal detection of transition from virtual (vacuum) to real states: how mass is taken up?
- Resonant excitation of other weak vacuum texture s.a. Dark Energy

Birefringence by QED in eV range

Euler-Heisenberg one-loop Lagrangian

$$L_{QED} = \frac{1}{360} \frac{\alpha^2}{m^4} [4(F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu})^2 + 7(F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu})^2] \qquad e_{\mu\nu} O(10)$$

Refractive index depends on polarizations



 $n_{\parallel} = 1 + \frac{16}{45} \frac{\alpha^2 U}{U_a}, \quad n_{\perp} = 1 + \frac{28}{45} \frac{\alpha^2 U}{U_a}$ $U_e = m_e^4 c^5 / \hbar^3 \approx 1.42 \times 10^6 \, \text{J/}\mu\text{m}^3$

ELI(~200J per ~20fs) can reach $\Delta n^{-10^{-9}} 10^{-10}$

(Homma, Habs, Tajima)

Phase contrast imaging of vacuum



The Pulse Intensity-Duration Conjecture

(← physics: "Matter is nonlinear"

"The more rigid nonlinearity, the more intense to manipulate it"; i.e. rigidity vs. pulse length)



(Mourou / Tajima, Science, 2011) (Seggebrock et al. 2012)

Streaking Vacuum

(from atomic physics to QED vacuum physics)

atom

XUV photon ionization Laser streaking \rightarrow attosecond dynamics



Uiberacker et al. (2007)

vacuum

Gamma photon 'ionization' XUV streaking →zeptosecond dynamics

$$E_S/E_K = \alpha^{-3}; P_{c vac}/P_c = \alpha^{-6}$$

depth of potential

$$\Phi = \alpha^2 W_B$$

$$R_{e^+e^-} \propto \exp\left(-\left(\frac{8}{3}\right)\left(\frac{m}{\omega}\right)\left(\frac{E_s}{E}\right)\right)$$

Nikishov(1964)

Nonperturbative:

size

 $\lambda_C = \alpha a_B$

$$W(f,\varkappa) \approx \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{3/2} \frac{e^2 m^2}{32\pi k_0} \varkappa e^{-8/3\varkappa} \left(1 - \frac{64}{15} \frac{f}{\varkappa^3}\right).$$

Multiphoton:

Power law dependence of the argument

γ-photon induced vacuum streaking by lasers

Tajima, Goulielmakis, Krausz, Klier, Ruhl, et al. (in preparation)



 $E_L'/E_L = \tau_L/\tau_L' = \gamma_N = hv_\gamma/mc^2$

counterstreaming laser field: enhanced by γ_N

 β_{N} pulse length: compressed by $1/\gamma_{N}$

need to near threshold to avoid cascade noise

Temporal evolution of nonlinear QED: emergence of pair from virtual into real particles

origin of mass (renormalization)

application to that of QCD in even higher intensity (yoctosecond)



K.Homma, D.Habs, T.Tajima (2011)

Degenerate Four-Wave Mixing (DFWM)

Laser-induced nonlinear optics in vacuum (cf. Nonlinear optics in crystal)

Decay into $(4-x)\omega$ can be induced by frequency-mixing



Photon mixer road to unknown fields: dark matter and dark energy





(2011)



Homma, Habs, Tajima (2011)



Conclusions

- March toward EW lasers is made immediate by CEA
- kJ-MJ energy lasers by CEA: for high energy /fundamental physics research. *ICAN* project launched for high-average power laser technology
- Order of magnitude leaps enabled toward laser acceleration
- Paradigm of <u>non-collider</u> as well as collider approaches
- Laser search of new fields by devised <u>high-amplitude</u> approach (photon-photon mixer with luminosity ~ N³, N Bose-Einstein condensated large number)
- zs metrology of vacuum (CALA), Lorentz invariance check,
- New vigorous way of doing fundamental physics emerging
 - ➡Following Bordeaux meeting, "IZEST Conf: Ascent to HEP" Nov. 12-13, 2012, Strathclyde, including Peter Higgs



Crab nebula: Cosmic PeV accelerating machine

Danke schoen!

