



NSF-supported Accelerator science

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Accelerator Science at NSF



Directorates

CXFEL at ASU

Biological Sciences

Engineering

Mathematical & Physical Sciences

Computer & Information Science & Engineering

Geosciences (including Polar Programs)

Center for Bright Beams managed by PHY

Integrative Activities

Education & Human Resources

Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences

International Science & Engineering



Technology Innovation and Partnerships

IsoDAR (Undergrnd)

Advanced Accelerator Concepts (Plasma)

Accelerator Science 2014-2017



AST

CHE

DMR

DMS

PHY

High Field Magnets

$2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2$

MPS Divisions

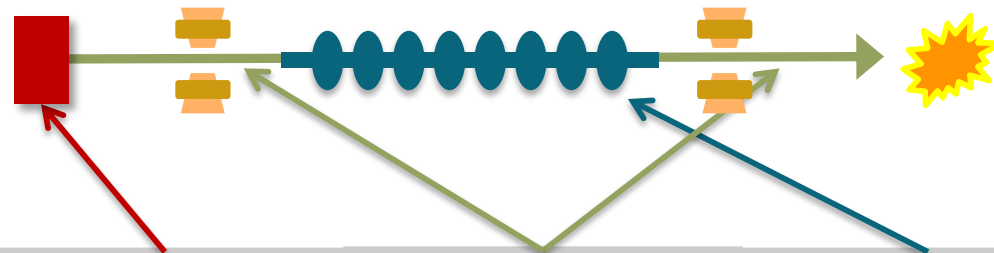


Center for Bright Beams



NSF Science & Technology Center

Gaining the fundamental understanding needed to transform the brightness of electron beams.



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| <p>Beam Production</p> <p>Better photocathodes</p> | <p>Beam Dynamics and Control</p> <p>For better beams at the IP</p> | <p>Beam Acceleration</p> <p>Better, simpler SRF cavities</p> |
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CBB supports ~40 grad students and postdocs
→ a pipeline for accelerator scientists

It capitalizes on accelerator infrastructure and expertise built with NSF investment over decades

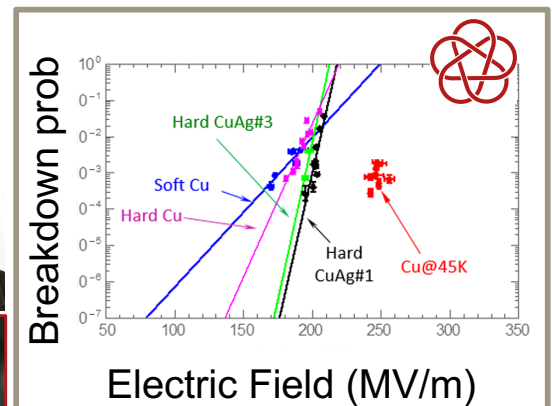
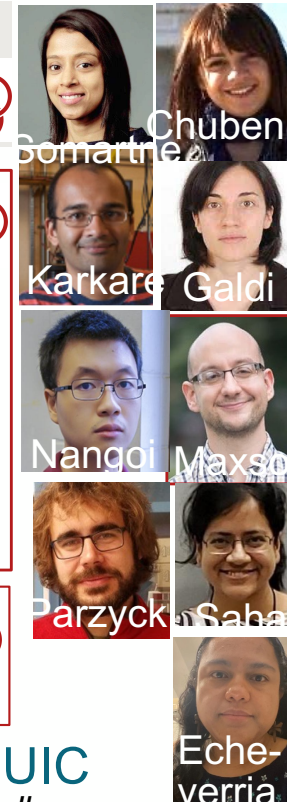
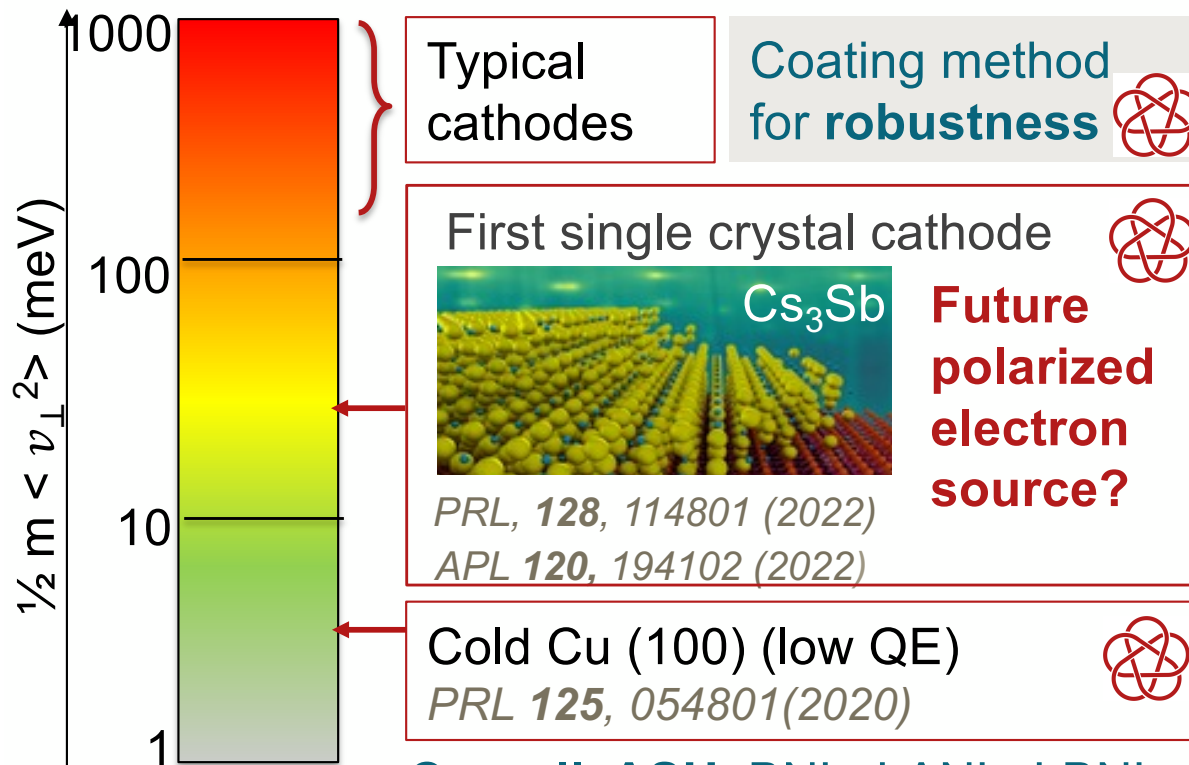
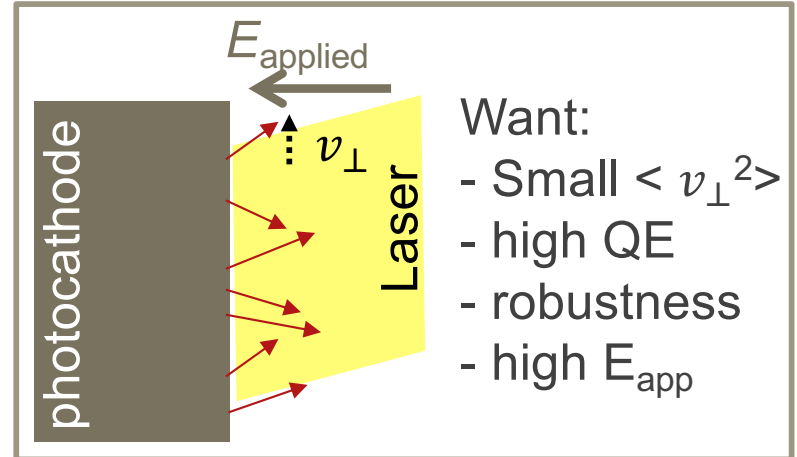


- CBB hosts almost all NSF HEP accelerator research
Exception: advanced acceleration methods in Plasma Program
- CBB will end in 2026. **After 2026, Acc. Sci. for HEP requires new funding in PHY.**

Applications

- Bright, spin-polarized bunches for e^+e^- colliders
- Cooling for FCC-hh
- Drive beam for wakefield accelerators

Cross-cuts: Electron-ion collider (NP), ultrafast electron microscopy/diffraction, x-ray FELs



PRAB 21, 102002 (2018)

Groups: **UCLA, SLAC**

This work contributed to C³



Superconducting RF (SRF) cavities



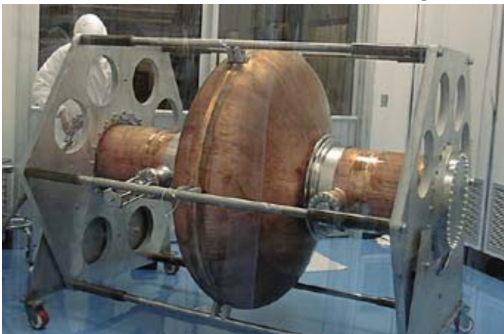
Niobium

Inner surface (40 nm) drives performance

Physics is complicated and poorly understood

Applications: FCC, $\mu\mu$ collider, ILC

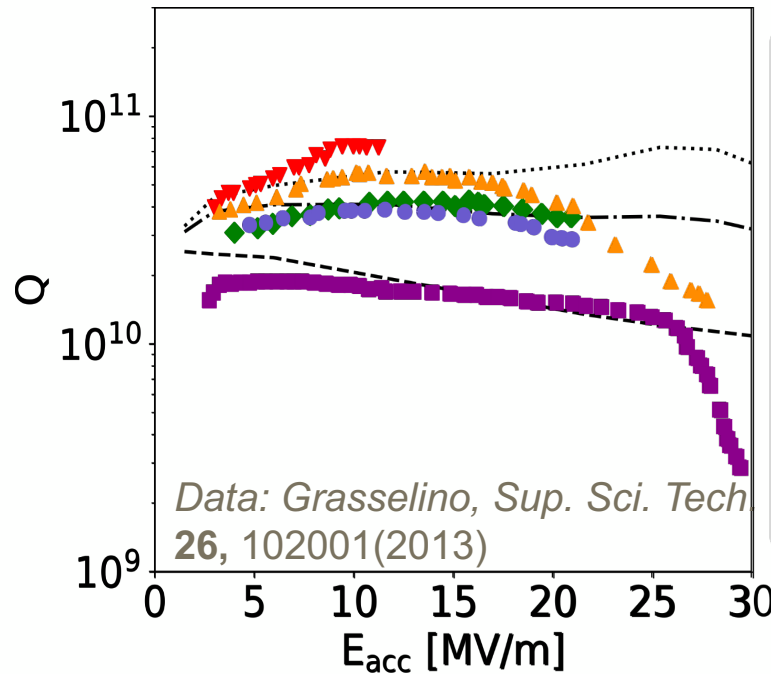
Cornell is a pioneer in SRF: first use of an SRF cavity in a ring, first cavity for a muon collider, first successful Nb₃Sn.



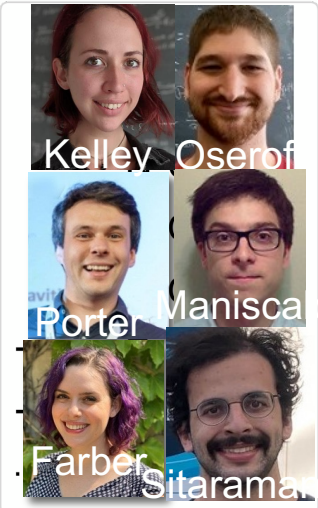
Nb/Cu cavity for a muon collider

5/3/2023

Nitrogen Doping "Accelerator Materials"



Data: Grasselino, *Sup. Sci. Tech* 26, 102001(2013)



Successful description of N doping

A. Gurevich, PRL 113, 087001 (2014)

S. Deyo et al, PhysRevB.106.104502 (2022)



Not shown: At high field, quasiparticles are driven out of equilibrium, lowering Q

Maniscalco et al, SRF 2019, TUFUA1

Cornell, Old Dominion, U Chicago, FNAL, JLAB

Why Nb₃Sn?

- Operation at 4K rather than 2K
→ 1/3 the cryogenic load
Saves ~6 MW for ILC @ 250 GeV
- Potential for 2x accelerating gradient

Recent CBB advances



• Growth/impurities

Stoichiometry *PRB 103*, 115106 (2021)
First Electroplating *arxiv:2302.02054*

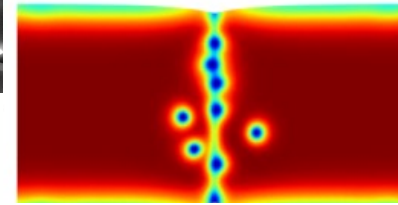
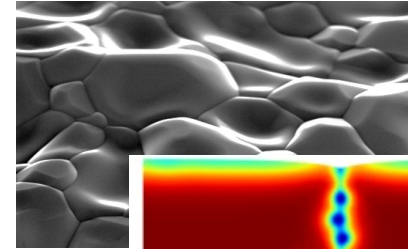
• Grain boundaries/vortices

Supercond. Sci. Technol. **34** 015015 (2021)
PRB 103, 024516 (2021)

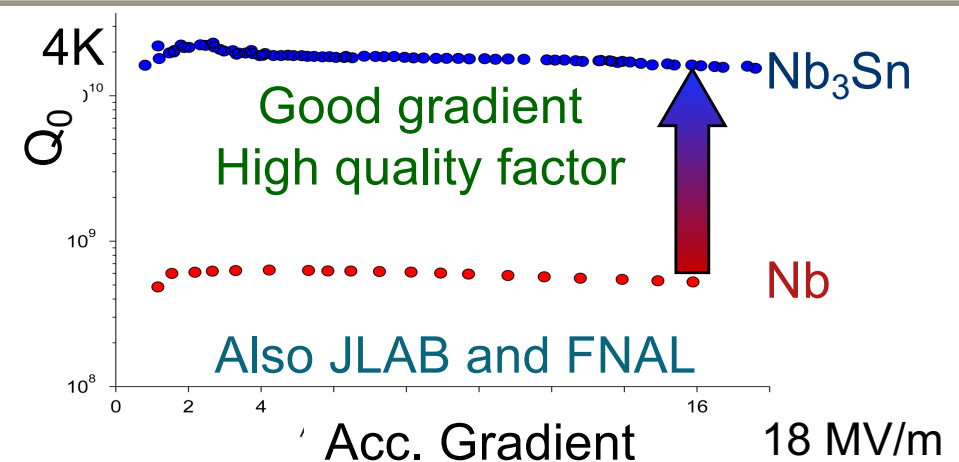
• Alternative materials

Introduced Nb-Zr
Potential for high gradient, easy growth
arXiv:2208.10678

Cross-cuts: Environmental applications,
light sources, NP colliders, IC manuf.



PRB 103, 024516 (2021)
Supercond. Sci. Tech. **34** 015015 (2021)
Pathirina, Gurevich, PRB 101, 064504 (2020)
Groups: **Old Dominion, Cornell, Brigham Young, U Florida**



ML-assisted accelerator tuning

Crosscut: Electron microscope tuning

What are the bounds of applicability?

CESR *W. Bergan et al., Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams* **22**, 054601 (2019)

LEReC *Y. Gao et al. Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams* **25**, 014601 (2022)

HiRES *A. Scheinker et al., arXiv:2102.10510 (2021); A. Scheinker et al, Nature Comm.* **12**, 5612 (2021)

PEGASUS Electron Microscope

Cropp et al., NAPAC'19/frxba4 Microsc. Microana. **28** (S1), 3146 (2022)

Roussel et al, PRL **130**, 145001 (2023)



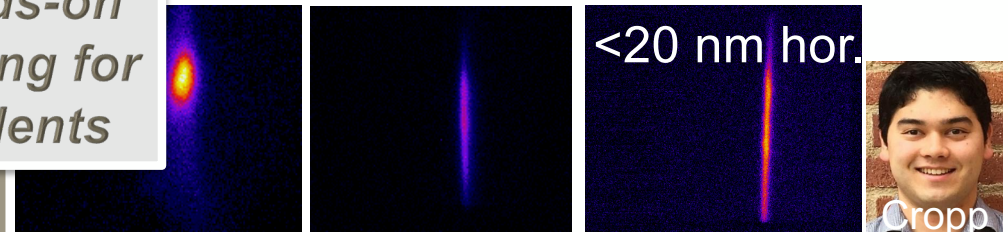
UCLA, NIU, U Chicago, Cornell, ANL, SLAC, BNL

Hands-on training for students

Round to flat beam transform



Linear colliders and dielectric wakefield acc.



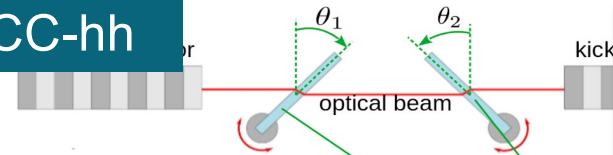
$z = 9.2 \text{ cm}$ $z = 70 \text{ cm}$ $z = 145 \text{ cm}$

Cropp et al., NAPAC'19/frxba4

Groups: **UCLA, SLAC**

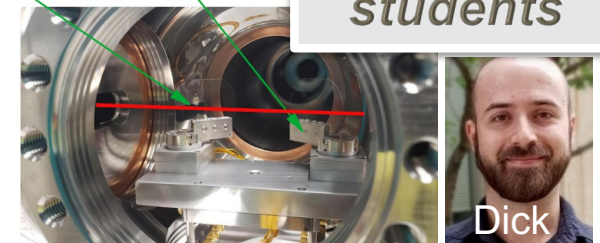
IOTA: Optical Stochastic Cooling

FCC-hh



Hands-on training for students

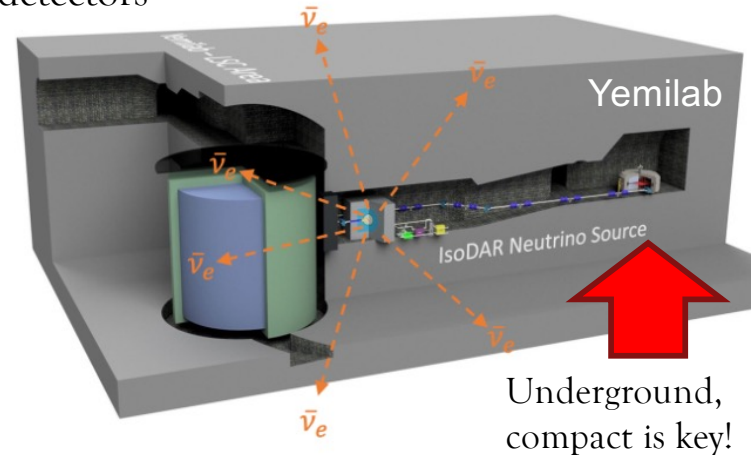
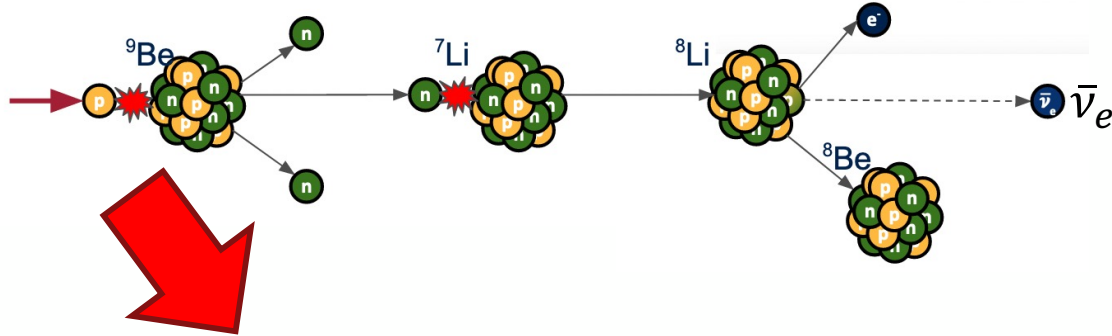
NIU provided the optical delay stage and simulation



Jarvis et al., Nature **608**, 287 (2022)

NSF Particle Astrophysics: Accelerators for Underground Science

New approach to new physics → high intensity sources meets ultralarge detectors

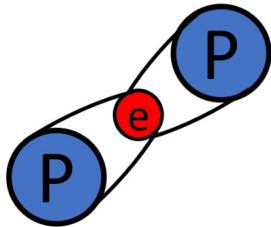


Required proton cyclotron:

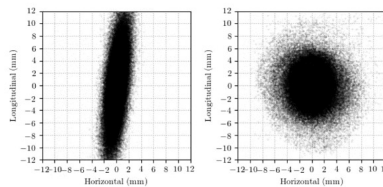
60 MeV, 10 mA (Protons are from 5 mA of H_2^+) → ×10 intensity of commercial machines.

Three innovations for higher currents

Use of H_2^+

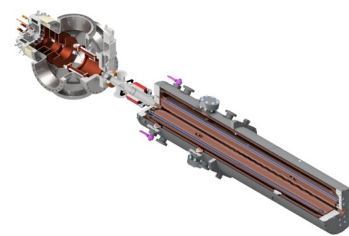


Vortex Motion



New J. Phys. 24 (2022) 2, 023038, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.09352>

RFQ Direct Injection



Winklehner Waites

NSF funded:

ion source

studies of PSI data

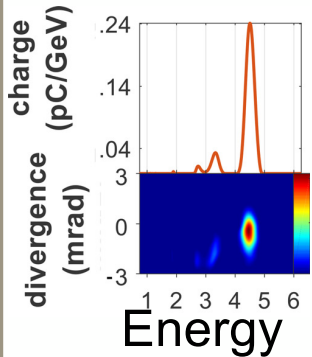
RFQ

Hogil-Kim Prize

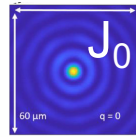
Groups: MIT, PSI

New J. Phys. 24, 023038 (2022)

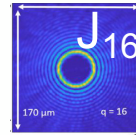
All-Optical Laser Wakefield Accelerator



Laser energy
11J, 45fs



Plasma channel



Cladding

Optically formed plasma waveguide

Multi-GeV

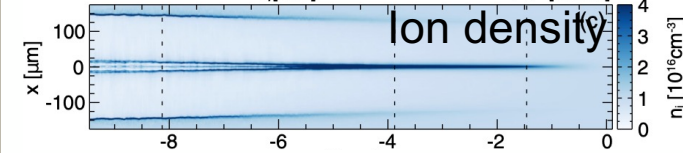
PRX 12, 031038 (2022)

PRL 125, 074801 (2020)

Phys. Plasmas 29, 073101 (2022)

U. Maryland, Colorado St. and others

Stable positron acceleration



Simulation

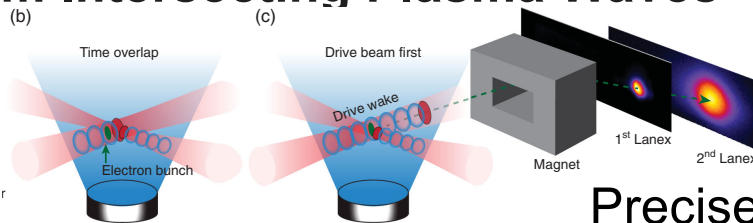
PRL 127, 104801 (2021)

Lisbon, LBNL, UT Austin, SLAC



UCLA established the first group on plasma-based accelerators in 1981, resulting in 4 landmark papers and the birth of the field, and it continues to be a leader.

Electron Trapping from Intersecting Plasma Waves

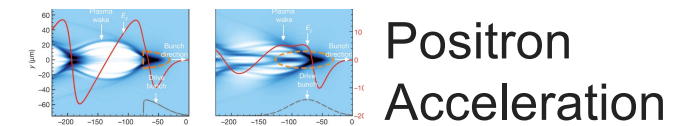


Precise timing is key...and achieved.

PRL 121, 104801 (2018)

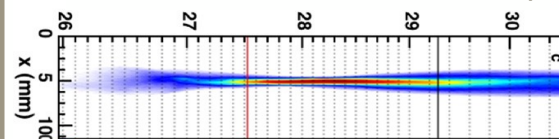
U. Nebraska, SJTU

UCLA at FACET



Positron Acceleration

Nature 524, 442-445 (2015)



9 GeV Energy Gain

Plasma Ph. Control. Fusion 58, 11 (2015)

Acceleration strategies

- Electron acceleration using twisted laser wavefronts *Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion* **63** 125032 (2021) **USTC, UCSD**
- Transition Radiation in Photonic Topological Crystals: Quasiresonant Excitation of Robust Edge States by a Moving Charge *PRL* **123**, 057402 (2019) **Cornell, UT Austin, ANL**

Positrons

- Stable positron acceleration in a warm, narrow hollow channel, *PRL* **127**, 104801 (2021) **Lisbon, LBNL, UT Austin, SLAC**

Rep rate

- Laser-Accelerated, Low-Divergence 15-MeV Quasi-monoenergetic Electron Bunches at 1 kHz, *PRX* **11**, 021055 (2021), **U Maryland, U Arizona**



Kumar



Sandberg



Wang



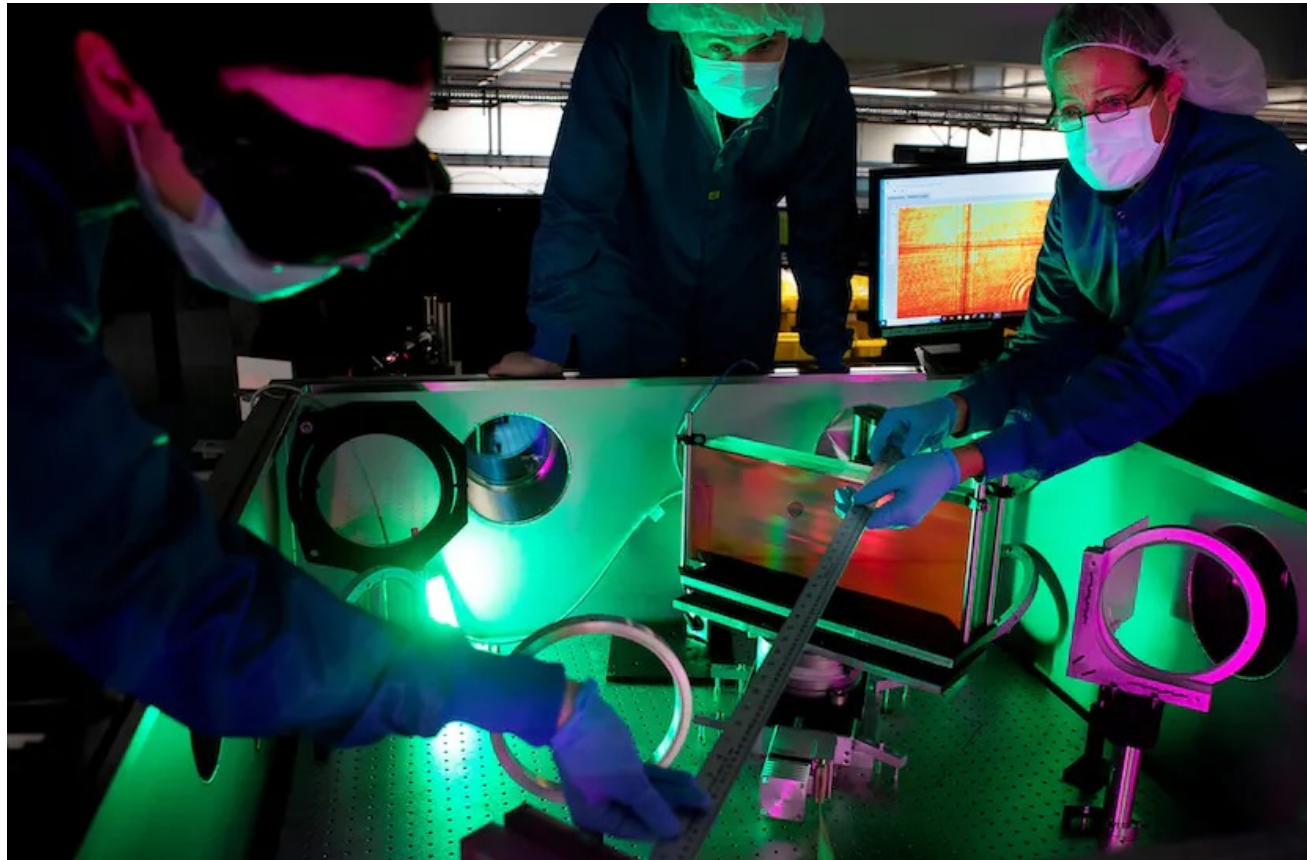
Dalichaouc



Swanson

Injection schemes

- Transient, Relativistic Plasma Grating for Tailoring High-Power Laser Fields, Wakefield Plasma Waves, and Electron Injection *PRL* **128**, 164801 (2022) **U. Nebraska ELL, Cz. Acad Sci, Cz. Tech U, Chalmers, Ecole Poly.**
- Highly spin-polarized multi-GeV electron beams generated by single-species plasma photocathodes, *PR Res.* **4**, 033015 (2022), **UCLA, MPI, Beijing Norm. U**
- Evolution of the self-injection process in long wavelength infrared laser driven LWFA *Physics of Plasmas* **28**, 013102 (2021) **Stony Brook U., BNL, UT Austin**
- High-throughput injection–acceleration of electron bunches from a linear accelerator to a laser wakefield accelerator *Nature Physics* **17**, 801–806 (2021) **Tsinghua, UCLA**



LWFA of > 10 GeV
electron beams
using a **3 PW** driver

500 TW,
5 Hz burst mode

Initial 24-week
operating cycle in
2023-24.

Applications: FCC-hh (16 T dipoles) and $\mu\mu$ collider (30-50T solenoids)

Cross-cuts: 20 T at 20K for commercial Tokamak-style fusion reactors, MRI



World's highest field solenoid 45.5 T

Hahn et al., Nature 570, 496 (2019)

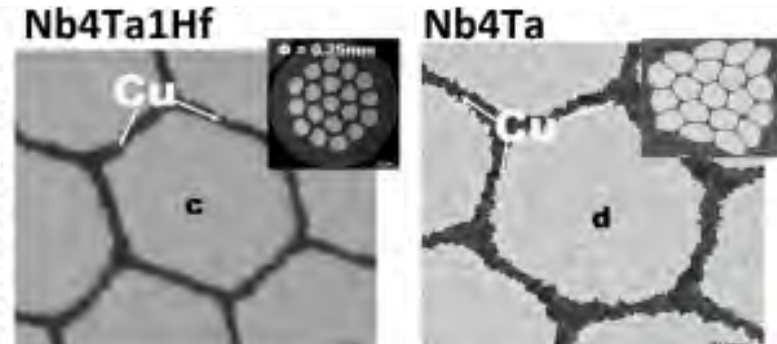
Leader in REBCO and Bi-2212 tech.

“Accelerator Materials”

US Magnet Development Program

Florida State U/MagLab, LBNL, FNAL, BNL

Nb₃Sn doping



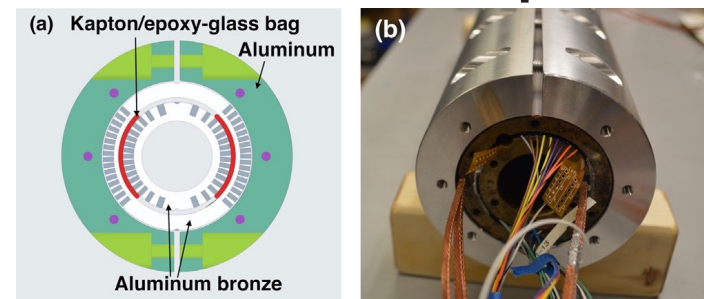
Half-nium doped

Undoped

Hardens Nb₃Sn and reduces grain size
 → likely higher critical field
 → better vortex pinning

Supercond. Sci. Technol. 32, 044006 (2019)
Sci. Rep. 11, 17845 (2021)

Bi-2212 accelerator dipole magnet



Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams 25, 122401 (2022)

Groups: LBNL, MagLab

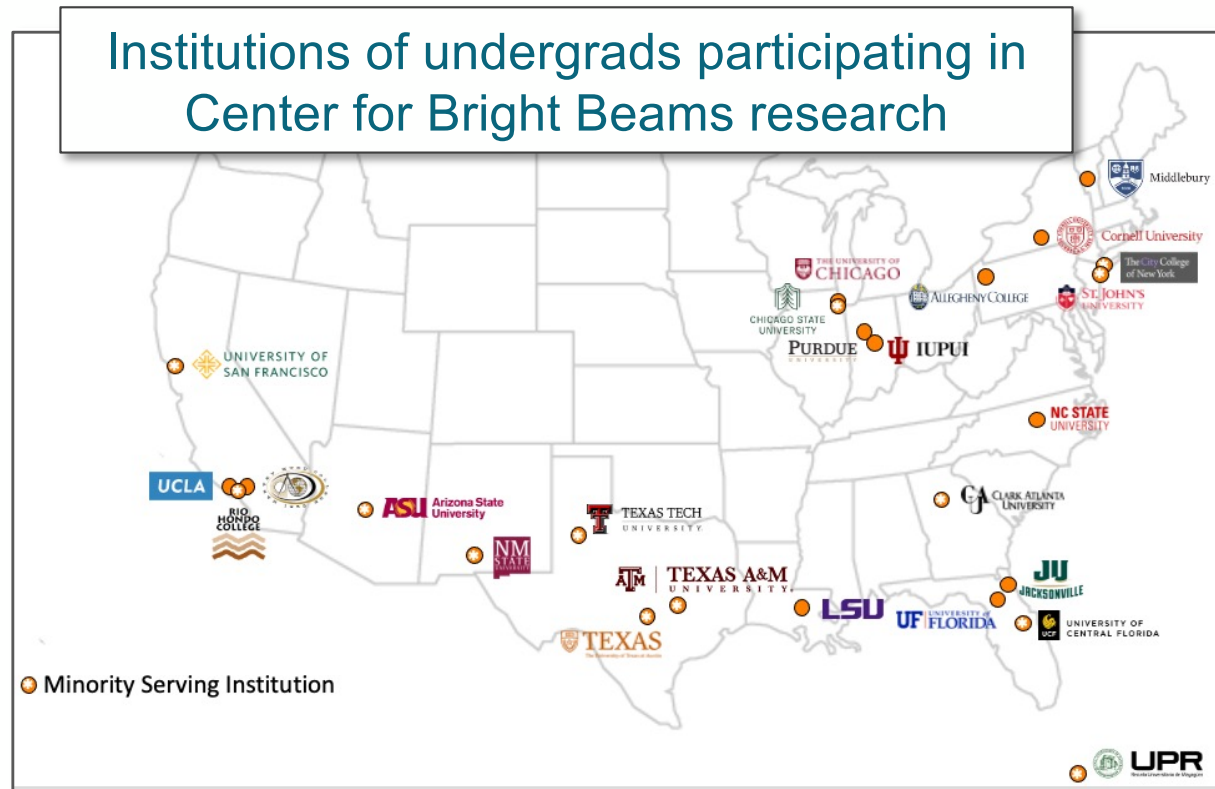
Broadening Participation

Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF REU) brings in undergrads from across the country

REU recruiting at URM conferences such as SACNAS and NSBP



Participants in the virtual 2020 REU



Grace Mattingly, REU 2019



Zeinab Ismail, REU 2021



Conclusions



**Universities do excellent accelerator science.
And they educate students.**

NSF expects both

**Accelerator science has become a distinct discipline
suitable for the academy.**

To flourish, universities need

- **On-campus research** with university-scale facilities, and access to facilities at national labs
- Funding stability

On-campus labs enable strong research and attract students

A strong program includes both DOE and NSF

- NSF PHY needs a new initiative in Acc. Sci. for HEP. **This could provide continuity for some of CBB's 40 grad students and postdocs after 2026.**
- NSF has strong campus education, such as REU
- NSF can support research not specifically aligned with DOE roadmaps

PHY supports only AAC and IsoDAR.