# Laser accelerator on a chip in Lund ?











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# Why particle accelerators matter



#### **Discovery Science**

Particle accelerators are essential tools of discovery for particle and nuclear physics and for sciences that use x-rays and neutrons.



#### Medicine

Tens of millions of patients receive accelerator-based diagnoses and therapy each year in hospitals and clinics around the world.



### Industry

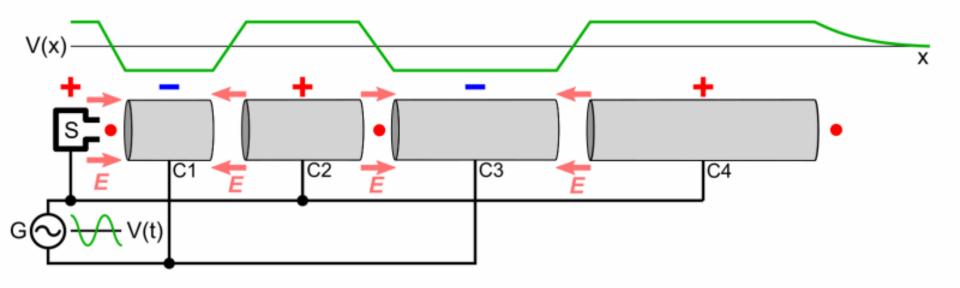
Worldwide, hundreds of industrial processes use particle accelerators – from the manufacturing of computer chips to the cross-linking of plastic for shrink wrap and beyond.



#### Security

Particle accelerators play an important role in ensuring security, including cargo inspection and materials characterization.

### Linear particle accelerator



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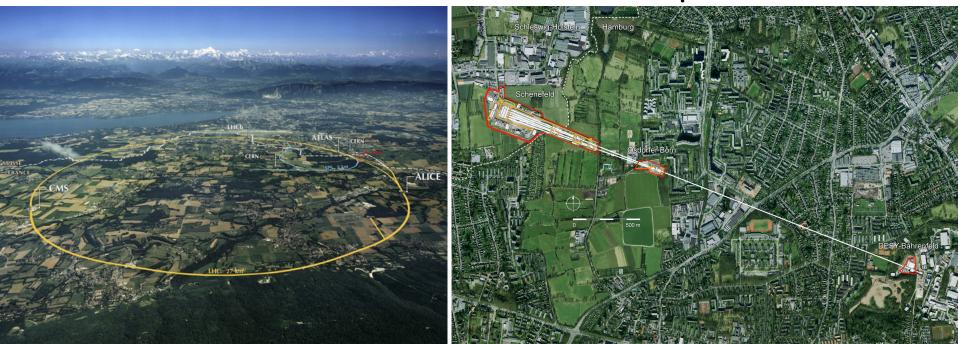
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# Need for new acceleration techniques

#### LHC at CERN

#### **European XFEL**

DIELECTRICS



Maximum electric field = few 10 MV/m (breakdown)

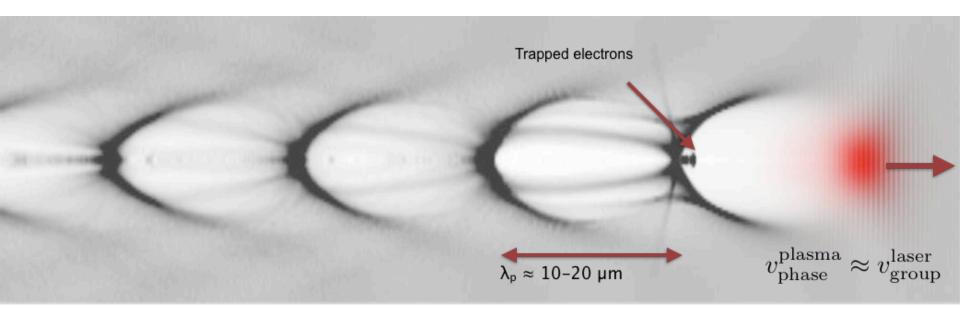
 $R > R_{\min}$  (synchrotron radiation)

Increased energy  $\rightarrow$  Longer accelerator  $\rightarrow$  Higher cost

**Higher E-fields in:** 

PLASMAS

### Laser wakefield accelerator

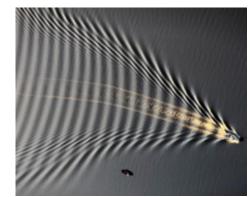


Laser drives a wake wave in plasma

Electrons can 'surf' the wake field

Accelerated electron pulse has duration of few fs

#### Wave in wake of boat



**3D PIC simulation with CALDER-Circ** 

### Advanced accelerator concepts

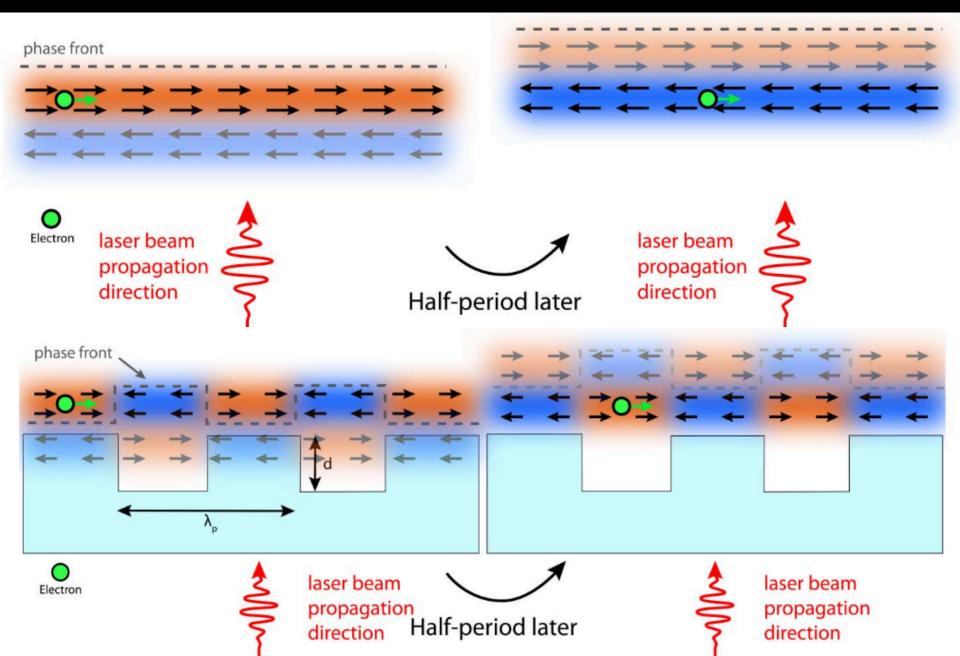
Medium Driver	Dielectric	Plasma
Laser pulse	Dielectric Laser Accelerator DLA	Laser Wakefield Accelerator LWFA
Particle Bunch	Structure Wakefield Accelerator SWFA	Plasma Wakefield Accelerator <b>PWFA</b>

#### Experimental results achieved in acceleration of e-

	Energy Gain	ΔΕ/Ε	Length	Acc. field	Reference
PWFA	42 GeV	100 %	80 cm	53 GV/m	Blumenfeld, Nature 445, 741-744 (2007)
	1.6 GeV	0.7 %	36 cm	4.4 GV/m	Litos, Nature 515, 92 (2014)
LWFA	7.8 GeV	100 %	20 cm	39 GV/m	Gonsalves, Phys Rev Lett 122, 084801 (2019)
	4.2 GeV	3 %	9 cm	47 GV/m	Leemans, Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 245002 (2014)
SWFA	30 MeV	0.7 %	9 cm	320 MV/m	O'Shea, Nat. Comm. 7, 12763 (2016)
DLA	24 keV	100 %	35 µm	690 MV/m	Wooton, Optics Letters 41, 2696 (2016)

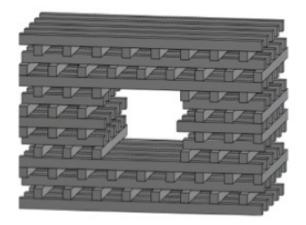
#### "Towards a Proposal for an Advanced Linear Collider", Alegro Collaboration, 2017

### Acceleration at a dielectric structure



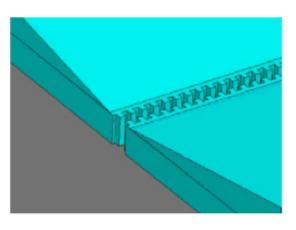
# **Proposed topologies**

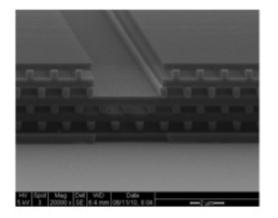
# 3D photonic crystal structure

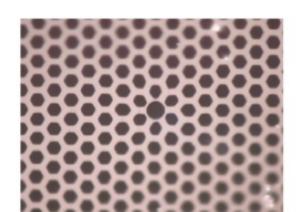


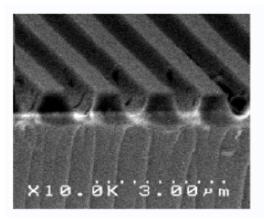
Hollow-core photonic bandgap fiber

#### Phase-reset grating







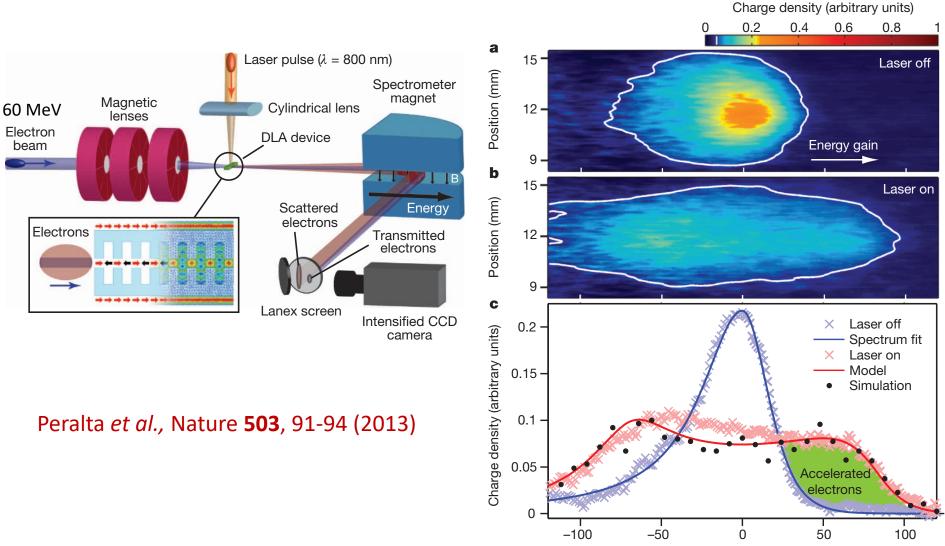


For a review and an extensive list of references, see *"Dielectric laser accelerators"*, R J England *et al*, Rev Mod Phys **86**, 1337 (2014)

### **DLA demonstration at SLAC**

#### Dual-sided grating structure

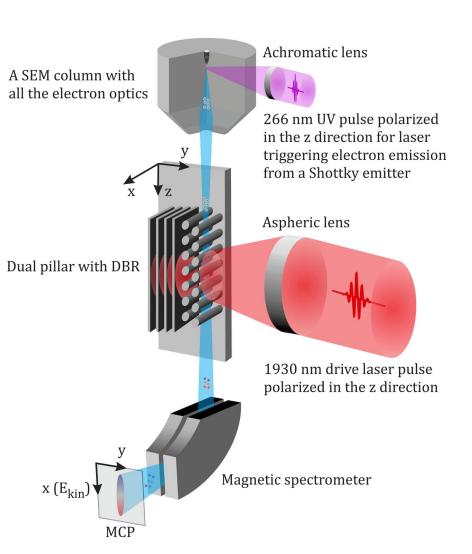
>250 MeV/m

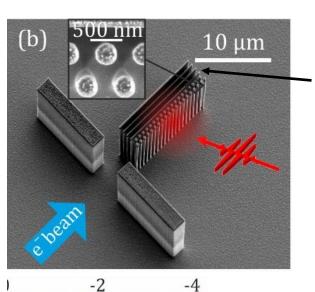


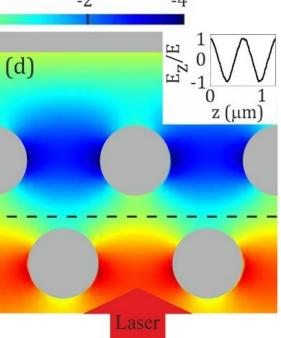
Energy deviation,  $\Delta E$  (keV)

# Dual pillar gratings

#### Yousefi et al., Opt Lett 44, 1520 (2019)







#### Distributed Bragg reflector

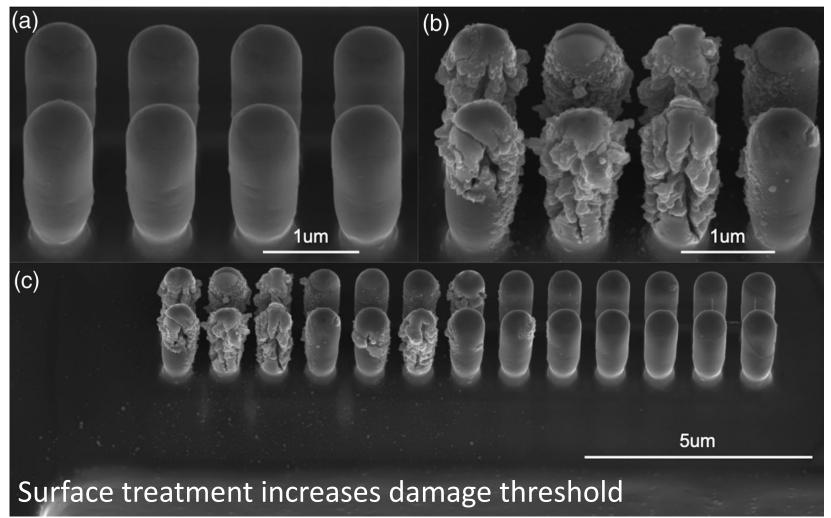
#### 200 MV/m

FDTD field simulation

# Laser damage limits the intensity

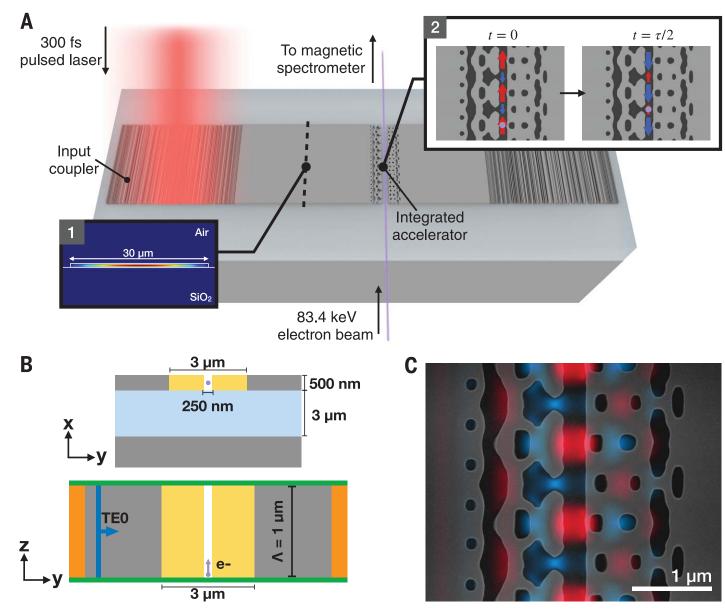
#### Before laser irradiation

### After laser irradiation



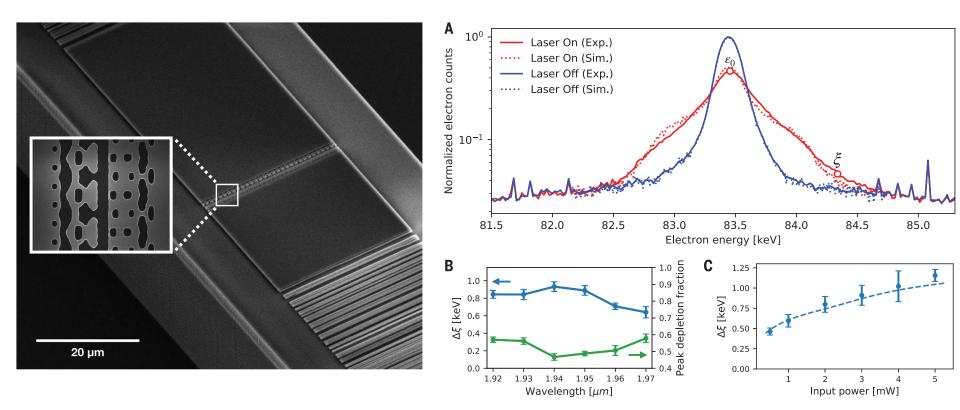
"Surface treatments of dielectric laser accelerators for increased laser-induced damage threshold", Optics Letters **45**, 391 (2020)

# On-chip integrated laser accelerator



Sapra et al, Science 367, 79-83 (2020)

### **On-chip integrated laser accelerator**

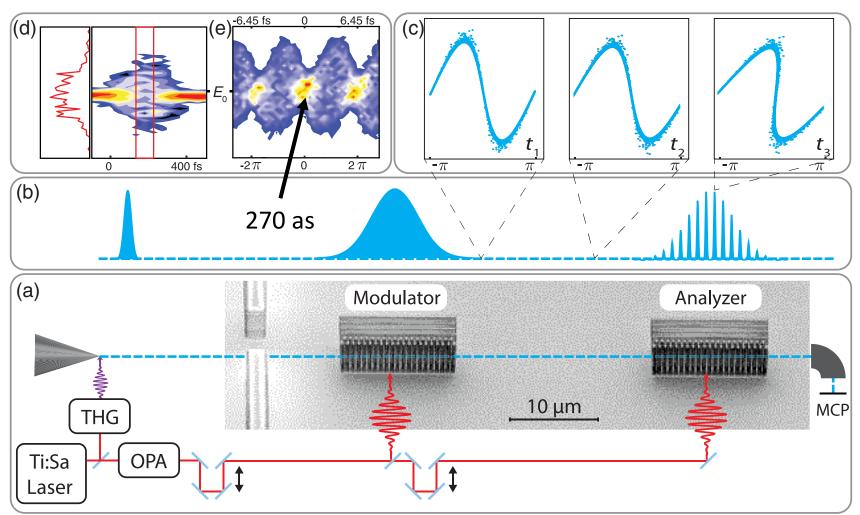


30 MV/m over 30 µm

#### Sapra et al, Science 367, 79-83 (2020)

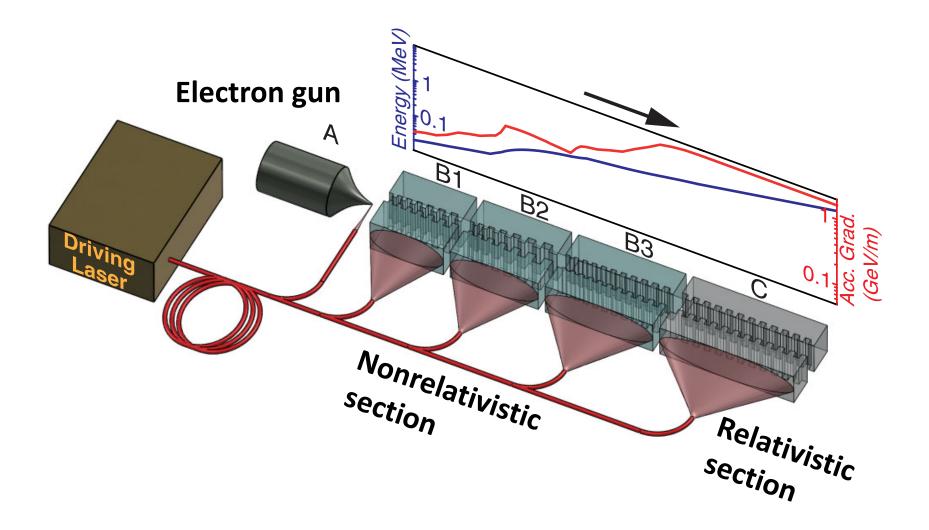
### Attosecond electron pulses

In DLA, electron bunching within a fraction of the laser wavelength -> Attosecond electron pulses!



#### Schönenberger et al, Phys Rev Lett 123, 264803 (2019)

### Concept for an all-optical accelerator



# Laser accelerator on a chip in Lund?

Can the electron source be integrated with the accelerating structure?

Can the laser also be integrated on the chip?

Can one build structures for significant energy gain (MeV)?

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Can one achieve small energy spread (%)?

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