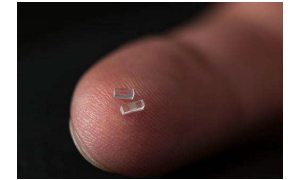
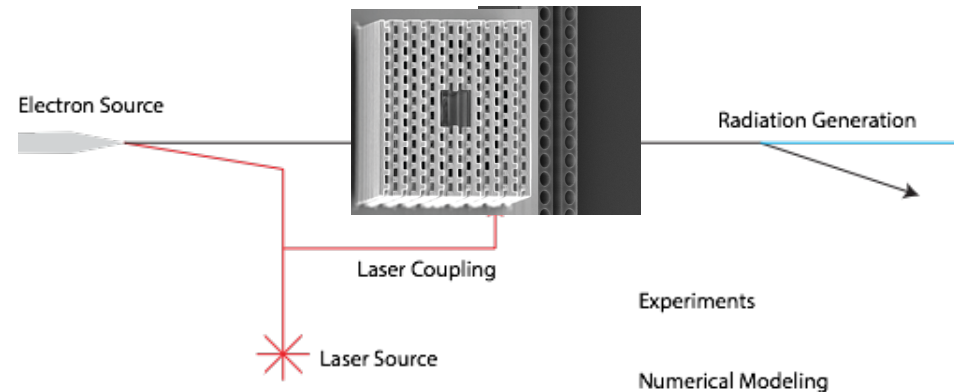


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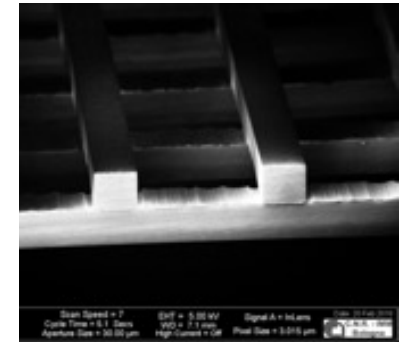
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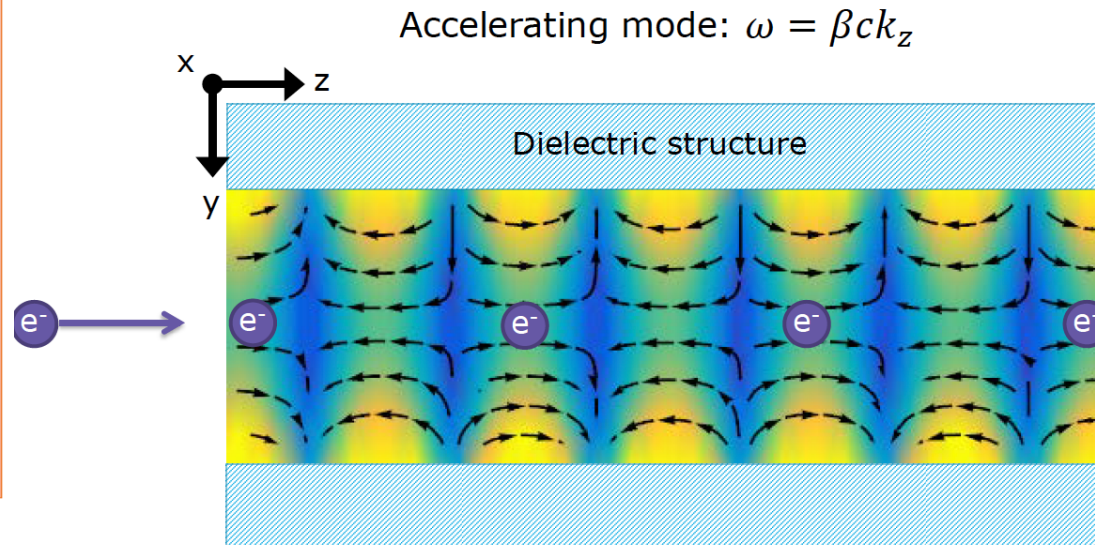


[LOI discussed also during September **AF6 workshop**: (<https://indico.fnal.gov/event/45651/>)
New Acceleration Concepts, Convener: Pietro Musumeci (UCLA)]

Dielectric Laser Accelerators (DLAs)

laser-driven microstructures

- **lasers:** high rep rates, strong field gradients, commercial support
- **dielectrics:** higher breakdown threshold → **higher gradient** (1-10 GV/m) leverage industrial fabrication processes



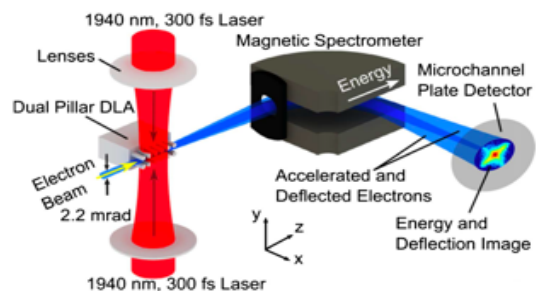
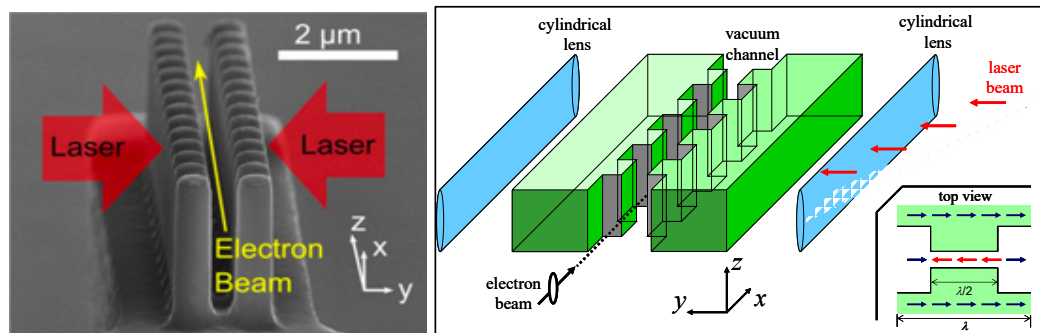
Goal: lower cost, more compact, energy efficient, higher gradient

We require:

1. an optical **Hollow-core** waveguide that is constructed out of **dielectric** materials,
2. transverse **size** on the order of a **wavelength** ($\sim 1-5 \mu\text{m}$)
3. supports a **mode with speed-of-light phase velocity** (for electrons).



“transverse-illuminated” *Phase Reset Device*



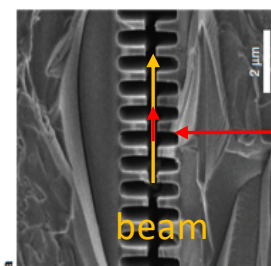
ACHIP design goals:

- Compact, chip-scale
- High gradient
- Modular accelerator components
- Robust fiber-based laser system
- Modest drive laser energy
- MHz rep rate

[New Acceleration Concepts.

“Dielectric Laser Acceleration”, Joel England (SLAC)
Snowmass AF6 Meeting Sept 23, 2020]

- [relativistic electrons energized by femtosecond laser pulses in silicon pillar and grating structures [K. P. Wootton et al., *Opt. Lett.*, vol. 41, no. 12, 2696, 2016], [N. V. Saprà et al., *Science*, vol. 367, no. 6473, 79, 2020]
- The first experimental demonstration (300 MeV/m) [E. Peralta et al., *Nature*, vol. 503, no. 7474, 91, 2013].
- Demonstrations of record accelerating gradients approaching the GV/m for sub relativistic [K. J. Leedle et al., *Optica*, vol. 2, no. 2, 158, 2015], [J. Breuer et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, vol. 111, 134803, 2013]]

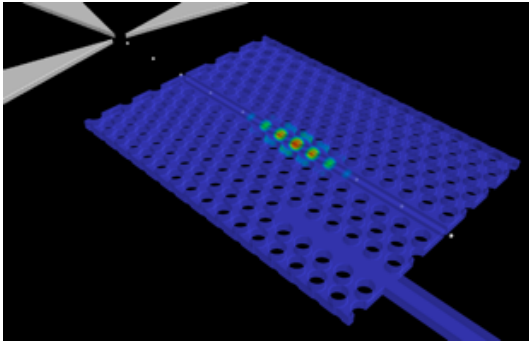


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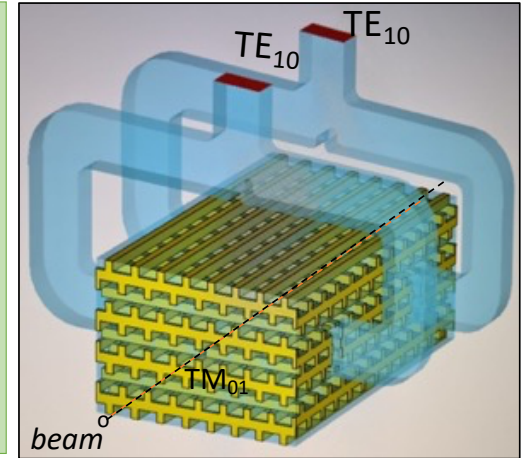
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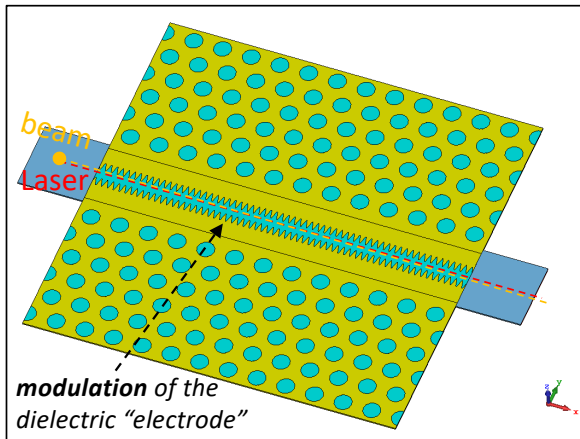
DLA high-Q photonic-crystal cavity
[courtesy of C2N]

LoI Core Ideas:

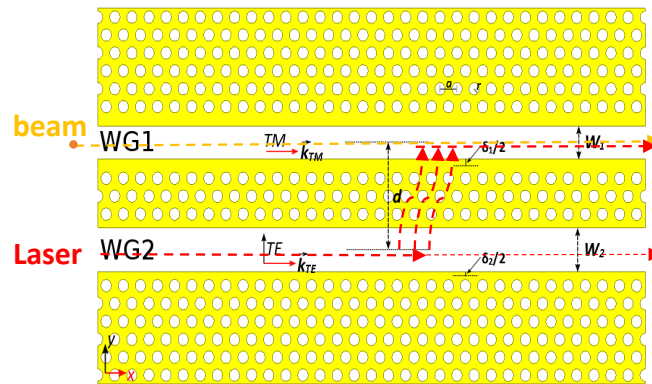
- Hollow-core waveguides for high power handling
- High interaction impedance Z_c and accelerating gradient
- Continuous wave (CW) laser operation (1-5 μm)
- Collinear co-propagating laser and beam
- Sub-wavelength features for sub-relativistic particles
- Integrated nano-proton-source for proton-DLA



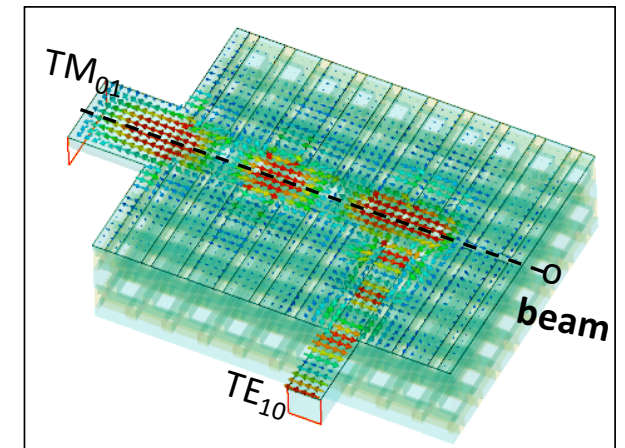
3D Silicon Woodpile mode launcher



RFQ-like 2D Longitudinal PBG
for tabletop proton-DLA



2D longitudinal Photonic Crystal
Directional Coupler

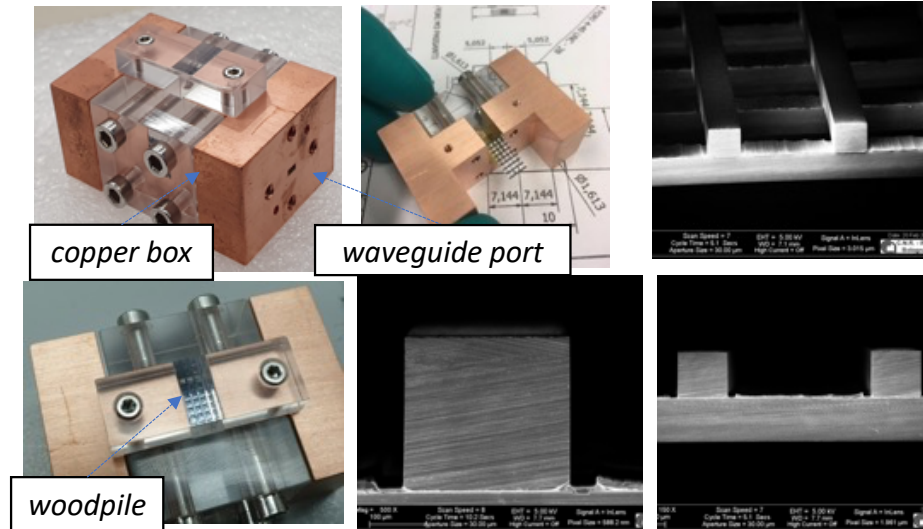


3D woodpile mode converter side-coupler

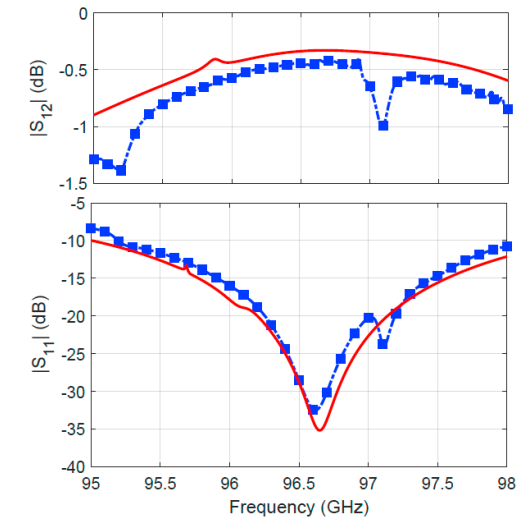
Silicon woodpile waveguide

Fabrication & cold test at scaled mm-wave frequencies

- high speed and **precision dicing saws**
- **silicon wafers** 850 μm thick with resistivity $> 3 \text{ k}\Omega\text{cm}$
- **stacking together 9 silicon layers**
- **geometrical tolerance of 10 μm**



Manufactured dielectric PhC woodpile structure



Simulated vs Experimental S-parameters

TEAM

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|---|------------------------|
| - INFN-LNS, INFN-LNF, UniBs & UniCT: | Accelerator design |
| - PoliMi, <i>Politecnico di Milano</i> : | Laser Source |
| - INFN-LASA: | beam dynamics |
| - C2N, CNRS, <i>Université Paris-Saclay</i> | design & manufacturing |

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