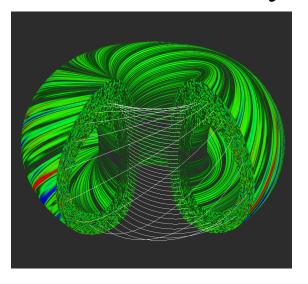
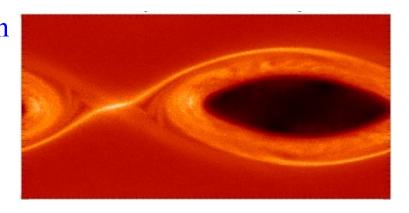
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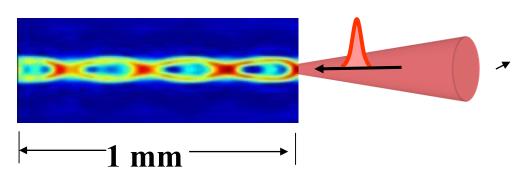


Turbulence and transport

A program based on theory and experiment addressing the most important topics in the field



Magnetic reconnection



Intense lasers and advanced accelerators

Teaching Faculty

- Experimental faculty
 - Dr. K. Kim terahertz radiation sources
 - Dr. D. P. Lathrop fluid dynamics and the dynamo
 - Dr. H. Milchberg laser plasma interaction and advanced accelerators

Faculty Honors and Awards

APS Maxwell Prize

E. O. Lawrence Award

Humboldt Prize

IEEE Plasma Science and

Applications Award

APS-DPP Excellence in Plasma

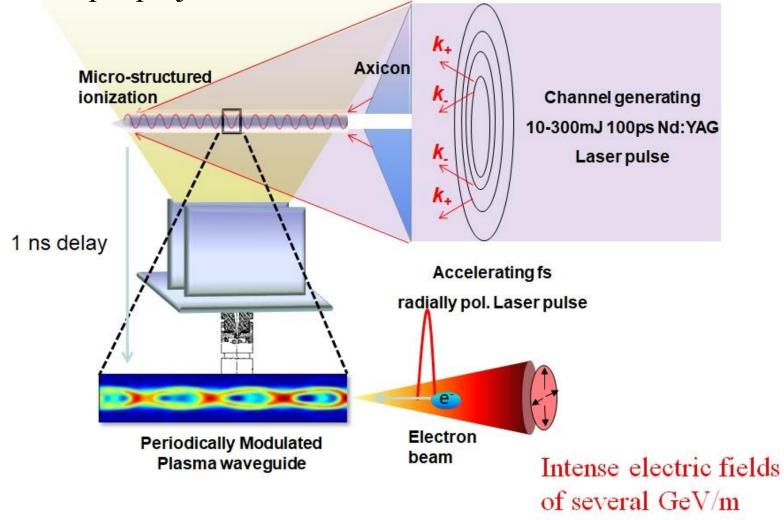
Physics Award

- Theoretical faculty
 - Dr. T. M. Antonsen laser plasma interaction and nonlinear dynamics
 - Dr. W. Dorland controlled fusion and astrophysics
 - Dr. J. F. Drake space and astrophysics
 - Dr. A. B. Hassam controlled fusion
 - Dr. P. Sprangle laser plasma interaction

Intense laser-matter interactions- Dr. Milchberg

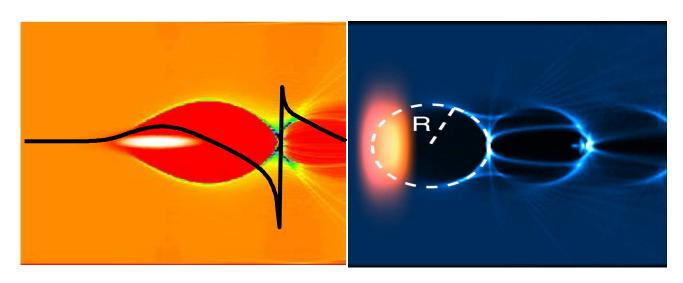
http://lasermatter.umd.edu/

One example project: direct laser acceleration



Intense Radiation - Plasma Interaction Theory Group - Drs. Antonsen and Sprangle

- Excite a plasma wave wake using a relativistic particle beam or an intense laser as a driver.
- Plasma Wave Field Accelerates particles

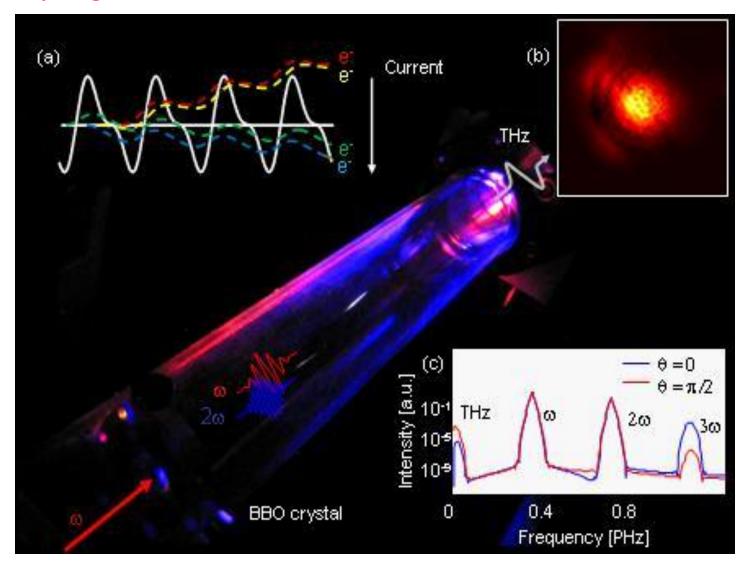


Electron beam – driven system

Laser – driven system

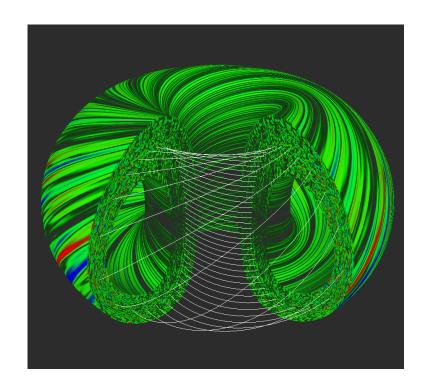
Laboratory for Ultra Fast Optical Science (UFOs)

Dr. Kiyong Kim



Plasma Turbulence Simulation and Modeling – Dr. Dorland

- Modeling of laboratory and astrophysical plasma turbulence
 - How does turbulence drive energy loss from fusion bottles?
 - How is astrophysical turbulence dissipated?
 - How does turbulence accelerate particles?



 Developer of Community Simulation Tools

GS2 – Laboratory simulation code with a large international user group

AstroGK – Astrophysical simulation code with a large international user group

Space and Astrophysics

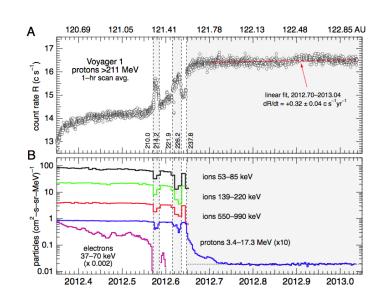


Measuring cosmic rays with balloons

Exploring key issues in space and astrophysics with theory and observations

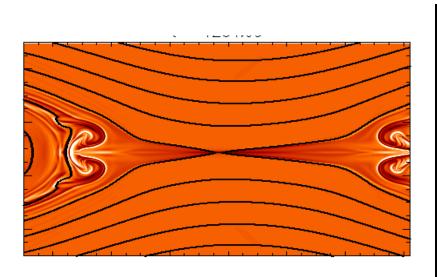
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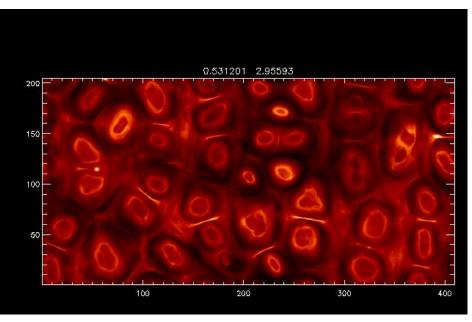
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Voyager at the edge of the heliosphere

Magnetic Reconnection and Particle Acceleration – Dr. Drake





- The annihilation of magnetic fields drives explosions in the heliosphere and throughout the universe
 - A source of energetic particles in solar and stellar flares
 - The driver of storms in the Earth's magnetosphere
 - A driver of the highest energy cosmic rays?