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**Propagation of Intense Charged Particle Beams into Vacuum**

This work, supported by AFOSR, involves experimental and theoretical studies of the propagation of intense relativistic electron beams into vacuum after passing through a localized ion source. Under proper conditions, the electrons can drag neutralizing ions into the vacuum region to provide a neutralizing channel through which the beam can propagate.

**Propagation of Short Burst, High Power Microwave Pulses through Neutral and Ionized Media**

This work, also supported by AFOSR, involves experimental and theoretical studies of the extent to which very short bursts (1-5 ns) of
high power microwave radiation can propagate through the atmosphere or
ionosphere without causing breakdown of the media. Such work has relevance
to directed energy applications and high power radar sources.

Free Electron Lasers Driven by Electromagnetic Pump Waves

These studies involve the use of a high power electromagnetic wave
produced by a relativistic backward wave oscillator as the wiggler pump
field in a free electron laser. Funded by ONR, such configurations may
allow very high frequency FEL operation without the high electron energies
usually required.

High Power Microwave Radiation from a Relativistic Backward Wave Oscillator

These experiments, supported by the Army through Harry Diamond
Laboratories, involve the production of high power microwave radiation
(100-1000 MW) using a relativistic electron beam driven backward wave
oscillator.
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