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At UCLA, a plasma source using capillary discharge has been developed and studied for its potential use in plasma wakefield experiments at MITHRA and AWA facilities. This compact, 8-cm long source, has the ability to create plasmas covering a wide range of densities, making it suitable for various experiments involving plasma wakefield acceleration (PWFA). With a 3-mm aperture, it can transmit high-aspect ratio beams, and its adjustable density feature allows for a detailed exploration of the shift from linear to nonlinear PWFA stages. In this paper, we will delve into the construction and evaluation of this capillary discharge plasma source, as well as the utilization of an interferometric diagnostic system for measuring plasma density.

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