

Particle-in-cell simulation of a Laser-Wakefield based High gradient accelerator

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Introduction

- We present Particle-in-cell simulation of a Laser-Wakefield based High gradient accelerator
- This study is carried out using FBPIC particle in cell code.
- FBPIC is a Specialized code, for plasma-based acceleration in nearly-cylindrical geometry



The Particle In Cell cycle

- The charged particles are represented by macroparticles (which lump together several physical particles), while the fields are represented on a grid.
- The time evolution of the system is simulated by taking discrete time steps.
- At each timestep:
 - The values of E and B are gathered from the grid onto the macroparticles.
 - The particles are pushed in time.
 - The charge and current of the macroparticles are deposited onto the grid.
 - The fields E and B are pushed in time.



Particle push

Update x_i and p_i

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ight) \end{array}$$

Field gathering

Interpolate $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{B}$ on the \boldsymbol{x}_i

Charge/current deposition

Calculate ρ, j from the x_i, v_i

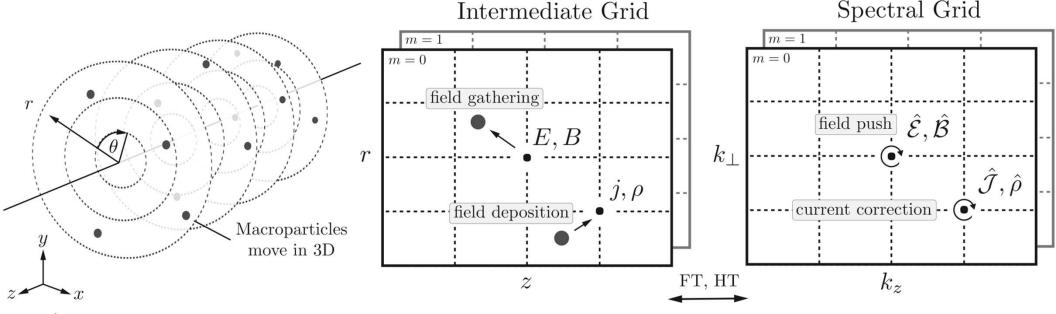
Field solver

Update E, B using j

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abla} imes oldsymbol{B} - \mu_0 c^2 oldsymbol{j} \end{array}$$



Cylindrical grid with azimuthal decomposition



The fields are decomposed into azimuthal modes

$$F(r, z, \theta) = Re \left[\sum_{m=0}^{N_m - 1} \hat{F}_m(r, z) e^{im\theta} \right]$$

- m=0: purely cylindrical mode
- → m=1: dipole mode
- m=2: quadrupole mode
- Each azimuthal mode is represented by a 2D r-z grid



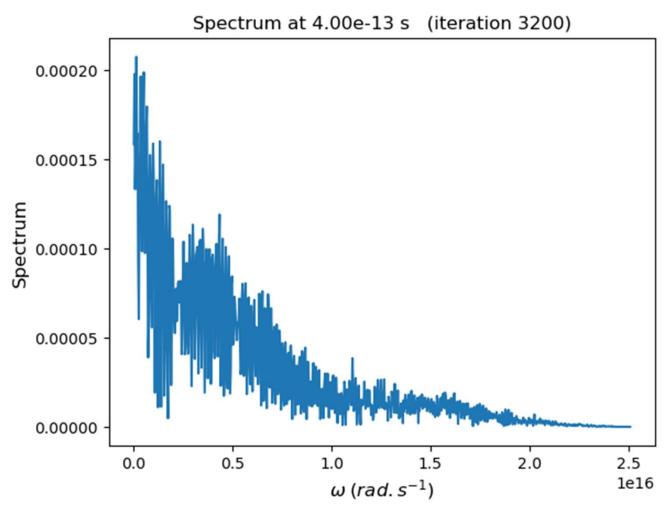
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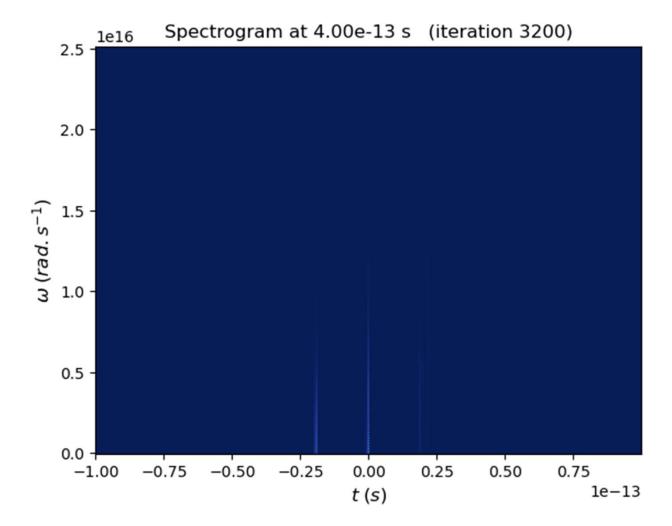
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Input Parameters for FBPIC simulation

Electron density	10 ¹⁹ cm ⁻³
Laser amplitude	3.4
Laser beam waist	6.2 μm
Laser duration	7 fs

Spectrum of the Laser Field





time-frequency analysis of the laser

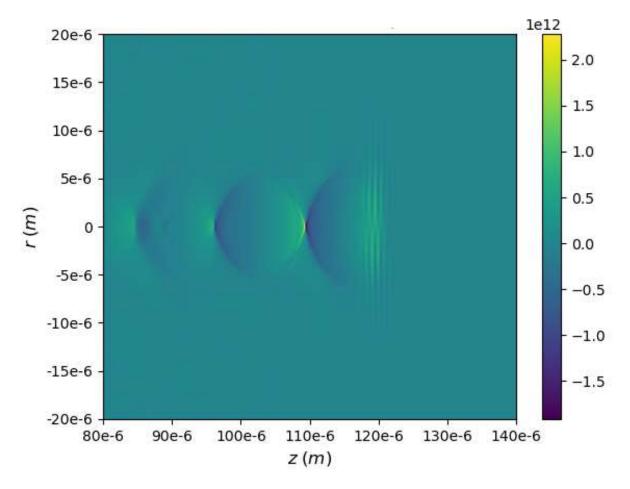


Fig. charge density, ρ illustrating the bubble regime.



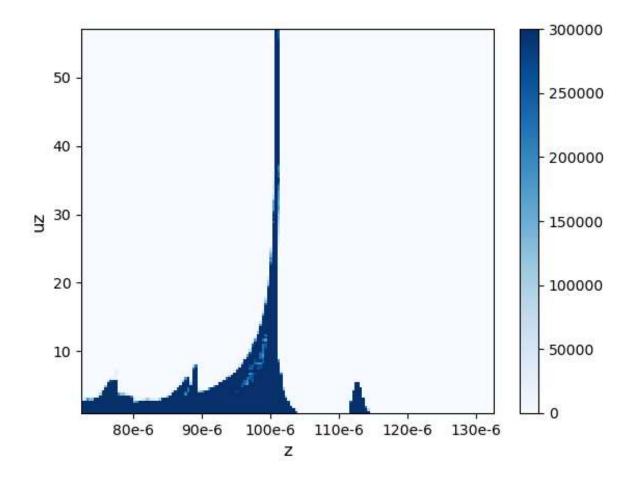
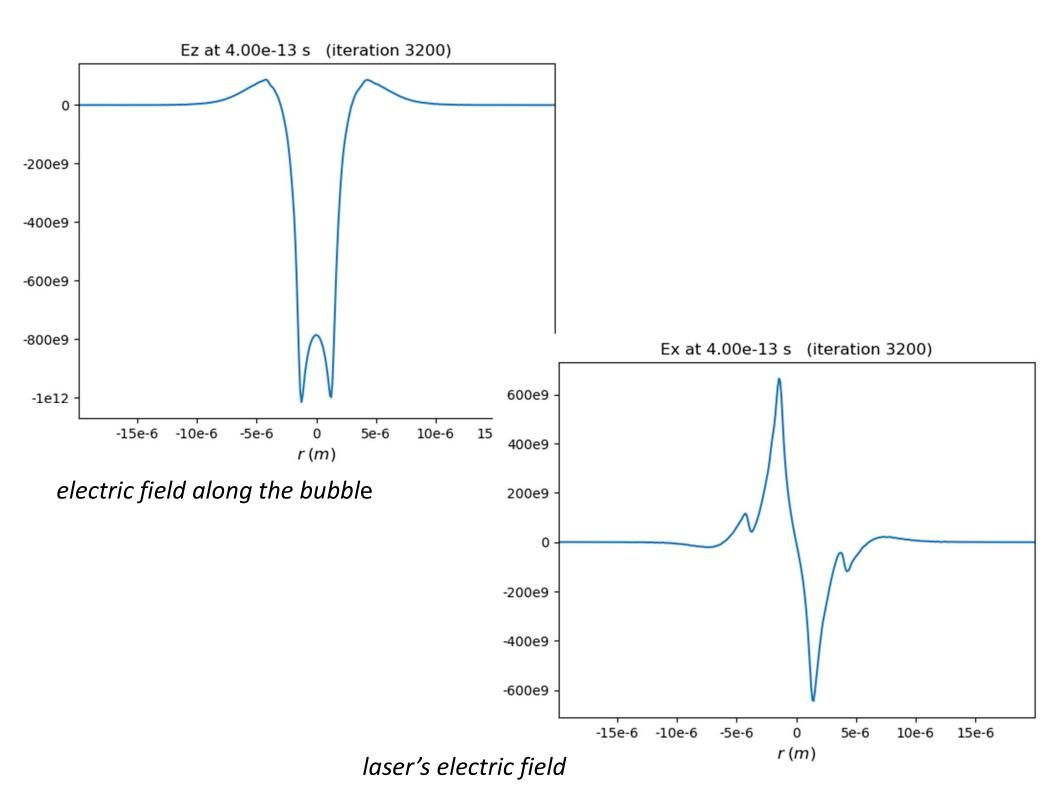


Fig. Phase space of electrons in the bubble regime.





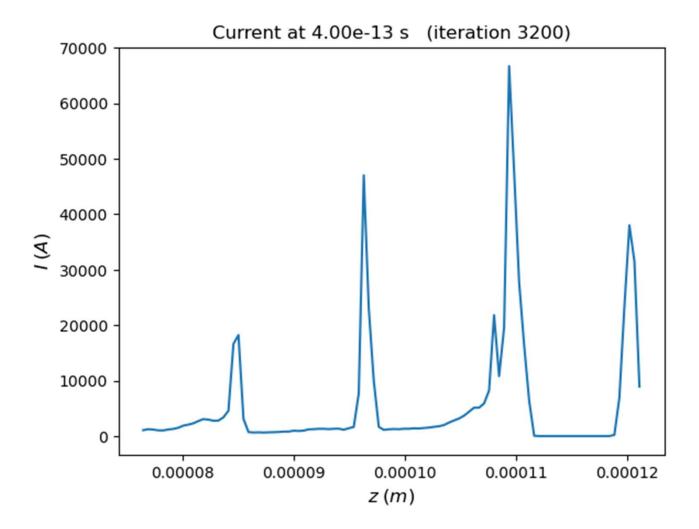


Fig. a charge density and corresponding longitudinal phase space before density modulation

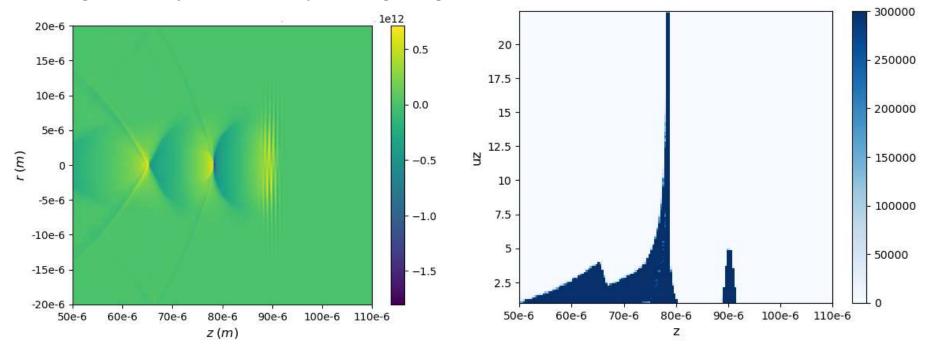
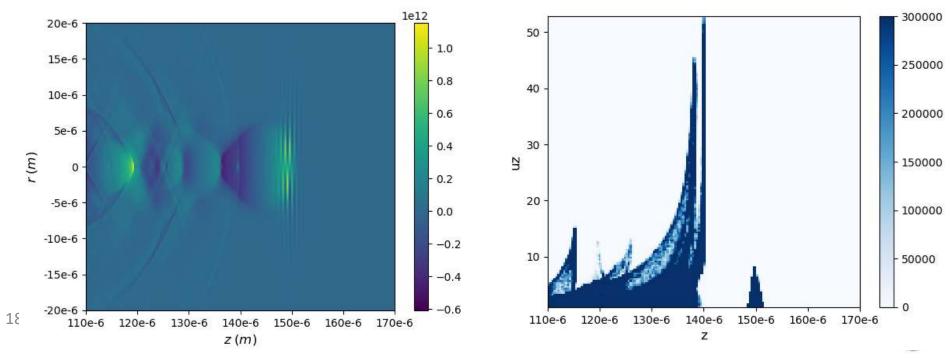


Fig. b charge density and corresponding longitudinal phase space after density modulation



Typical Output parameters

Peak particle Energy	About 35 MeV
Divergence	0.455 μrad
Current	50 kA
Emittance ε_x	14 μm
Emittance ε _y	6 μm



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