

On maximizing LWFA by tailoring the plasma density

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We present a preliminary analytical procedure [1,2] in 4 steps to tailor the initial density of an inhomogeneous cold diluted plasma to the laser pulse (both assumed plane-symmetrical) so as to control wave-breakings of the plasma wave and maximize the acceleration of small bunches of electrons self-injected by the first wave-breaking at the density down-ramp. We use an improved fully relativistic plane hydrodynamic model [3,4,5] whereby the pulse is modeled as a plane wave travelling in the z direction and the Lorentz-Maxwell and electrons' fluid continuity equations are reduced to a family, parametrized by $Z > 0$, of decoupled pairs of Hamilton equations; Z pinpoints the infinitesimal layer of electrons having coordinate $z = Z$ for $t \leq 0$, while $\xi = ct - z$ replaces time t as the independent variable. Our (1+1)-dimensional results may help also in realistic (3+1)-dimensional problems.

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