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Role of twisted and two-color laser pulses in particle defocussing and acceleration gradients

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Accelerators having large electric field gradients are the need of the hour for building future electron or proton colliders. Plasma wakefield accelerators using short electron or proton bunches can solve the problem of achieving large amplitude plasma wake. In PWFA, we have witnessed that, large amplitude wakefields generated by such mechanisms have both transverse and longitudinal components of wake, where longitudinal component of the wake is used to accelerate the bunch particle whereas the transverse component is used to focus the electron or proton bunch. We investigated the role of twisted and two-color laser pulse using FBPIC code in defocussing and electron or proton injection into the counter-propagating ionization front. It may be noted that there is no significant defocussing observed for longer distances by using a twisted and two-color laser pulse.

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