Bachelors defense

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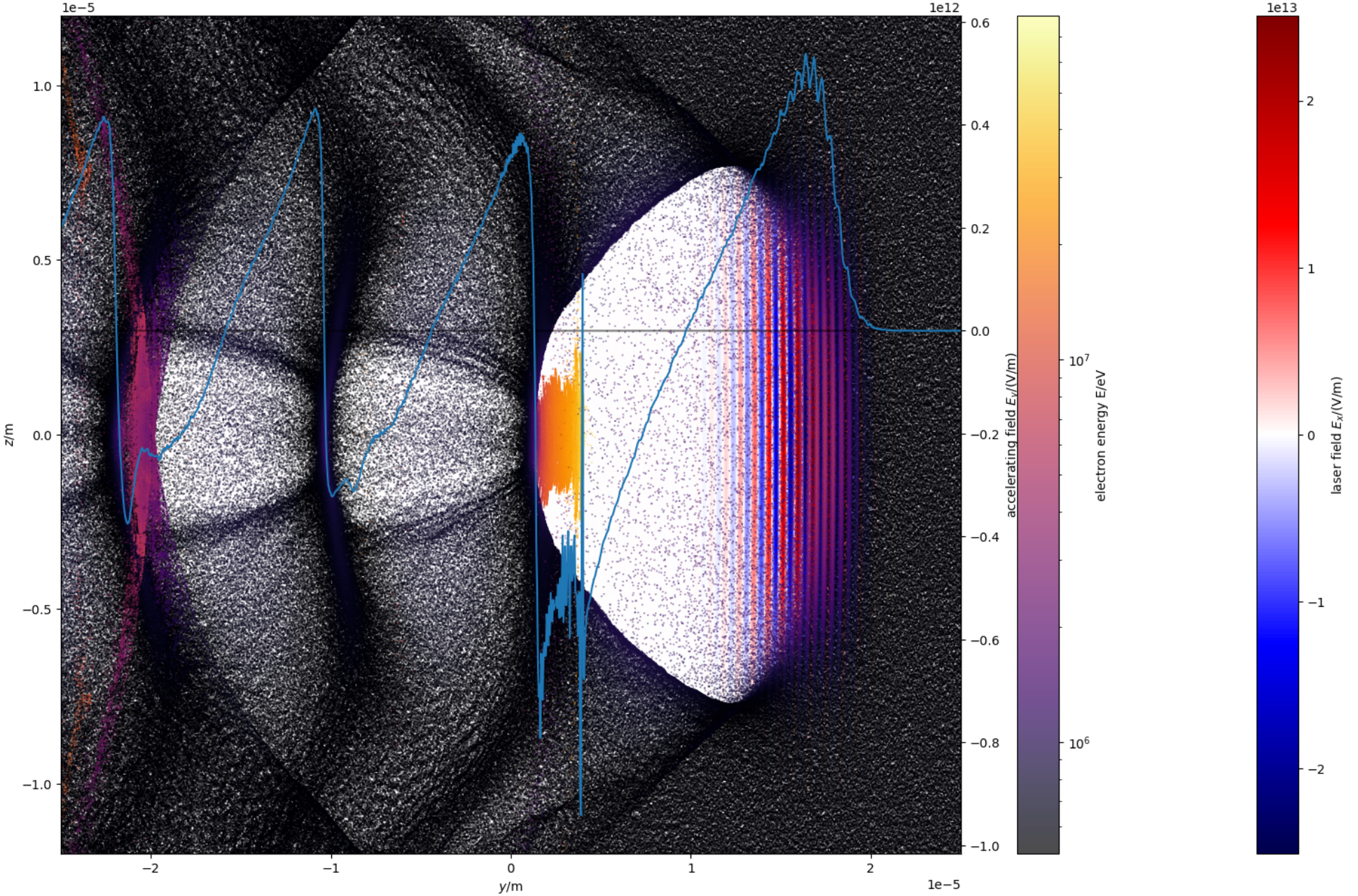
LWFA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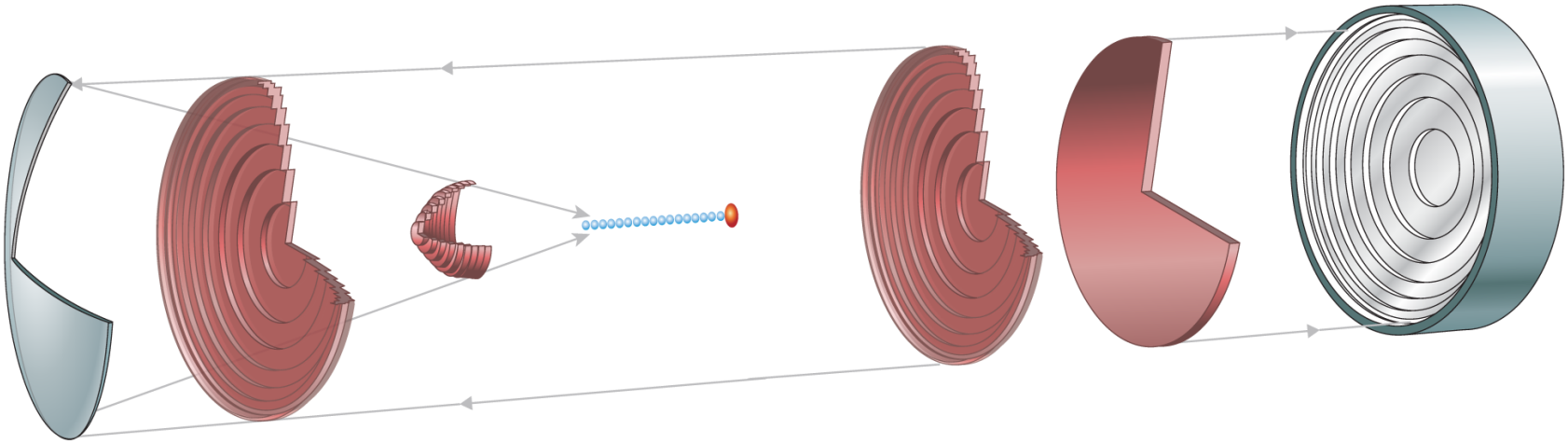
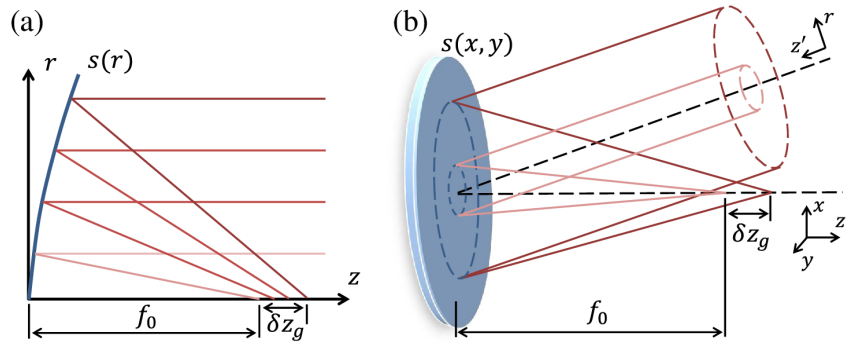
laser field E_x/(V/m)

Flying focus lasers



The flying focus setup. Image taken from Palastro et al [3].

- Built from an axiparabola and a radial group delay echelon (RGD)
- Axiparabola:
  - Focuses light onto a line
  - ?
- RGD:
  - ?

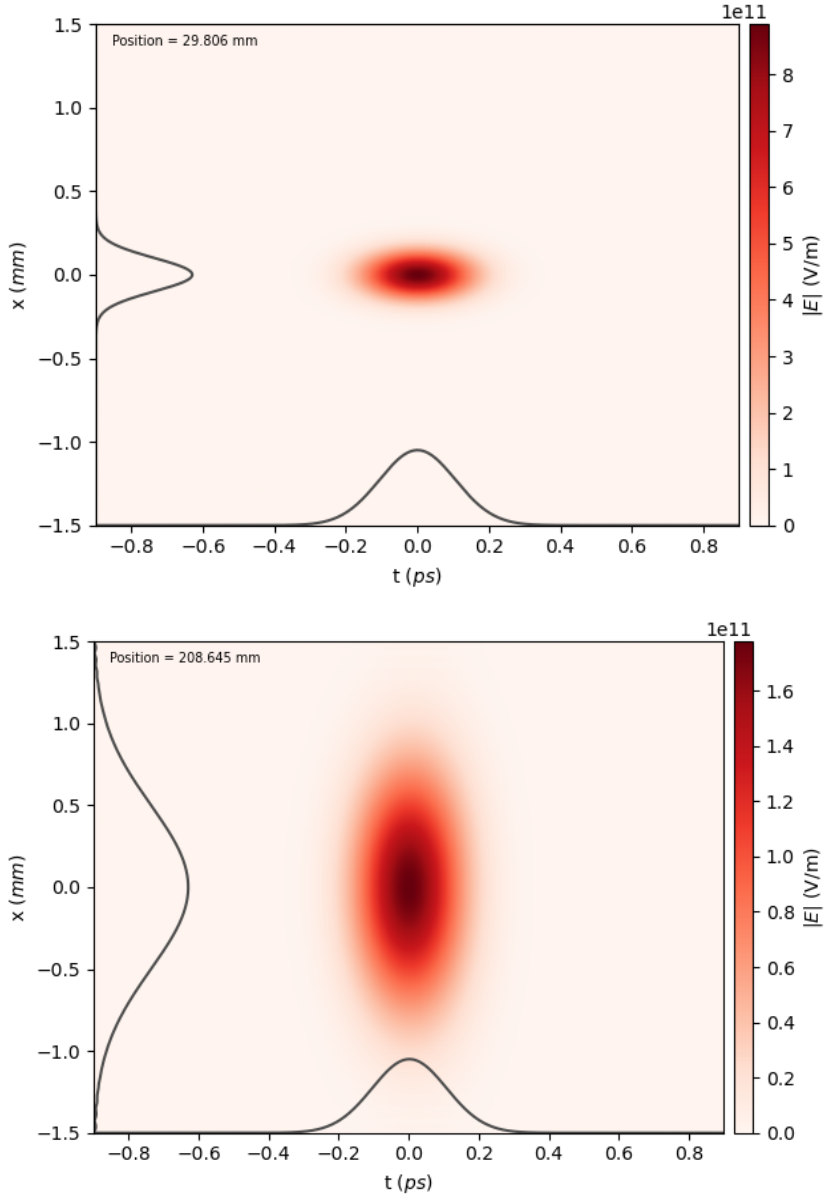


Axiparabola functionality. Image taken from Smartsev et al [4].

More flying focus stuff?

Lasy [1]

- A python library for simulating Laser pulses in a vacuum
- Uses complex envelope of the laser field
- angular spectrum propagation



Images: Example of a Gaussian pulse being propagated by Lasy. Top: generated at the focus, Bottom: 6 z_R after the focus.

Implementing the flying focus: RGD

- Implemented from scratch as Lasy optical element
- Following the description by Ambat et al [2]
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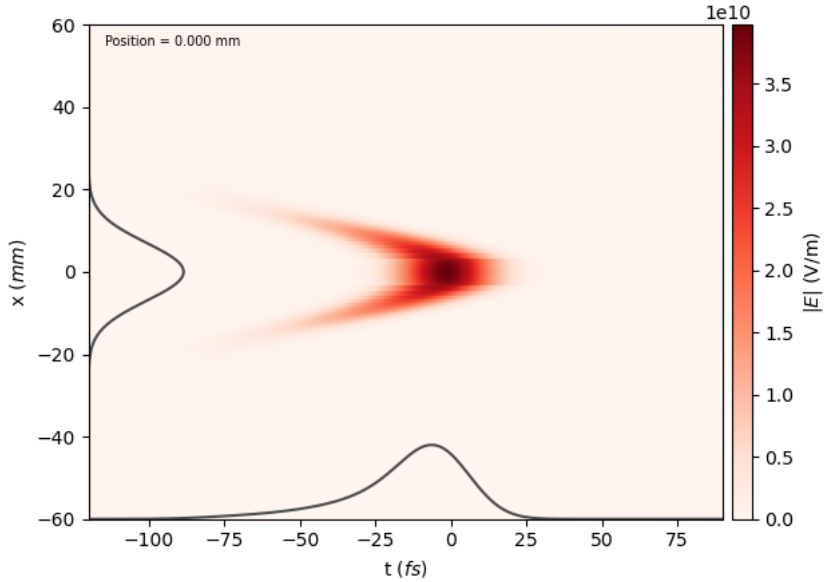

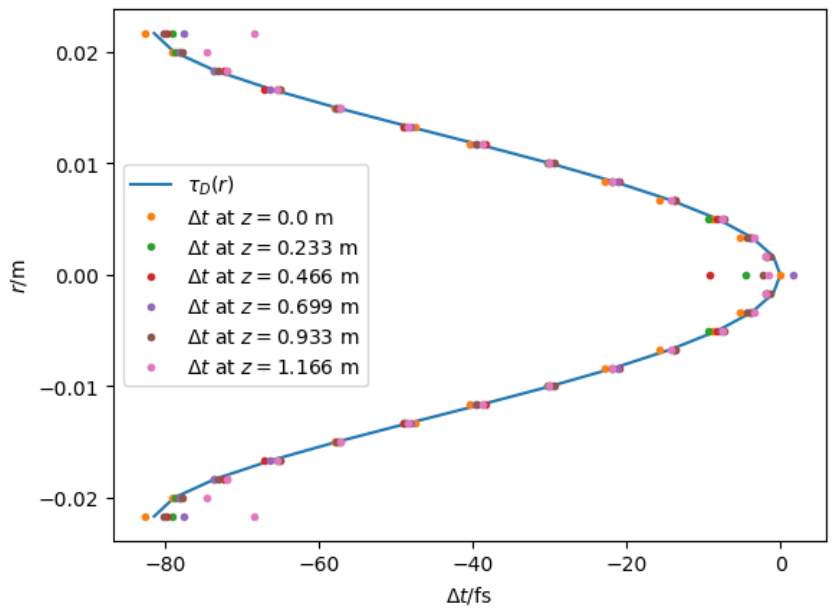

Images:A Gaussian pulse after interacting with the RGD. Top: field envelope, Bottom: Test results. even after long distances the shape still holds.

more RGD?

Implementing the flying focus: Axiparabola

Importing to PIConGPU

Test 1

Test 2

Possible reasons for failure

Now Lasy lasers available in PIConGPU

Back to LWFA?

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