



Beam-Simulation Code Comparisons

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Simulation Codes are of Specific Concern to ASAC



- “A detailed comparison of codes, including interpretation of results in a physics framework, must be done.”
- “Committee members are aware of issues in most extant versions of PARMILA that is used extensively.”
- “Concerns with PARMILA have led other groups to write their own codes.”

End-to-End Beam Dynamics Simulations are Confirmed by Multiple Codes



- 4-D “Waterbag” distribution enters the RFQ
- RFQ beam dynamics calculated by:
 - PARMTEQ: multiparticle space-based &
 - TOUTATIS: multiparticle time-based
- Linac beam dynamics
 - MEBT, DTL, CCL, SRF & HEBT
 - PARMILA is the design code
 - PARMILA, PARME_{ELA}, LINAC, PARTRANS & IMPACT calculate multiparticle beam dynamics
 - LTRACE and TRACEWIN calculate envelope dynamics

PARMELA is Our Most Detailed Simulation Code



- PARMEELA : Phase & Radial Motion in Electron Linacs
- Originally written to simulate electron beam dynamics
 - now extended to simulate ion dynamics
- It does not design linacs
 - the linac is described as a sequence of elements and field maps
- Main features
 - time step integration
 - composite E & H fields
 - 2.5-D & 3-D space charge
 - note that 3-D space-charge requires $\geq 100k$ particles
 - E_r , E_z & H_θ field maps computed by SUPERFISH

PARMILA is Our Design and Primary Simulation Code



- PARMILA : Phase & Radial Motion in Ion Linacs
- Initially written to design DTLs and simulate their dynamics
 - can now design integrated linacs incl. DTLs, CCLs, CCDTLs , SRFs & transport systems
 - includes large variety of design & simulation options
 - special quad & phase laws, errors, phase advance, steering, ...
- Main features
 - z-based with impulse approximations
 - presently uses 2.5-D space charge (3-D pending)
 - gap transformation includes transit time integrals T, T', S & S'
 - off-axis fields derived using Bessel-function expansions
 - 100k - 1M particle typical
- Main disadvantage is that it contains ~37k lines of code

PARMILA is a Very Well Established Design & Simulation Code



- It has benefited from close scrutiny by many experts for many years
- It has been used to design many successful linacs
- There are indeed extant flawed versions in the community
 - its distribution is now controlled in an attempt to correct this
- Physics from PARMILA has been incorporated into other codes
- We welcome and solicit its comparison of any other codes
 - PARMILA has served as the reference against which many codes have been compared
 - all comparisons to date support its accuracy
- We have been unable to verify the existence of any issues, concerns or errors in the distribution version

LINAC is a Commercial Code Similar to PARMILA



- Initially written to for CCLs and CCDTLs only
- Now extended to integrated linacs including DTL, CCL, CCDTL & SRF
- Does not design linacs
- Dynamics similar but simpler than PARMILA
 - uses T only in CCL & SRF
- Can use either 2.5-D or 3-D space charge
- Includes large variety of simulation options including errors and steering

ParTrans is the French “Version” of PARMILA



- Design & simulation functions are handled separately
- Written to be compatible with PARMILA
- Dynamics i.e., gap transformation, transport through other elements are treated as in PARMILA
- Can use either 2.5-D & 3-D space charge
- 3 options for SRF linacs
 - field per cavity, per cell or assume a sinusoidal field
 - step integration (z) through SRF axial field from SUPERFISH;
 - radial field treated via Bessel function expansion
- More flexible and user friendly graphics than PARMILA
- E_r , E_z & H_θ field map (from SUPERFISH) integration Pending

IMPACT Uses Parallel Computation

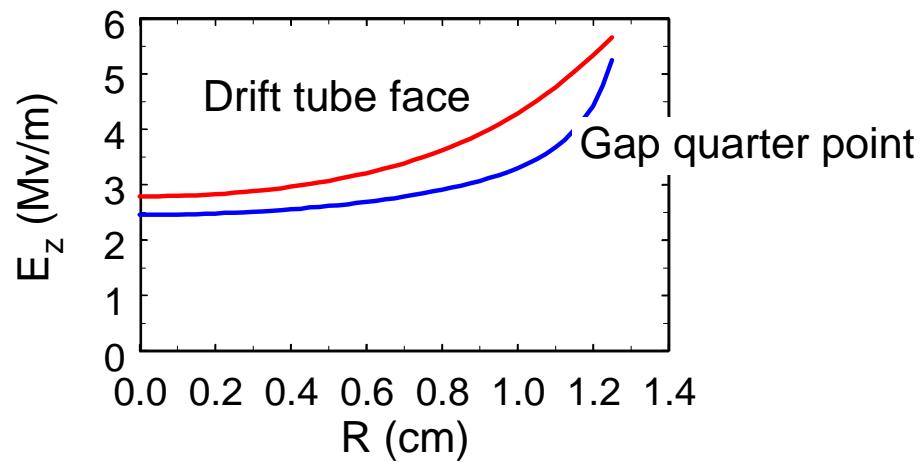
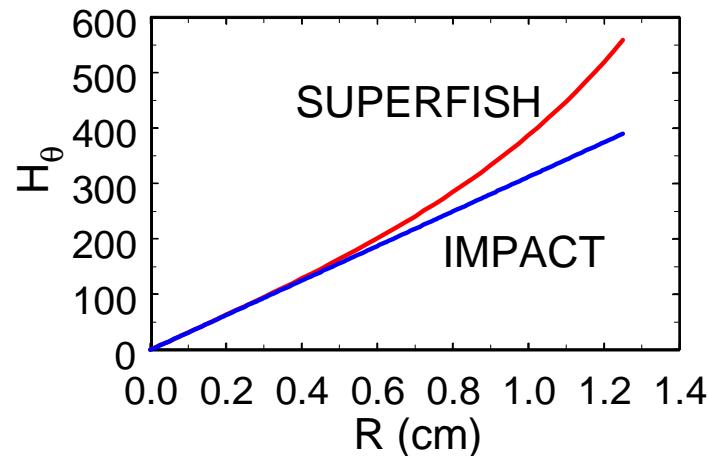
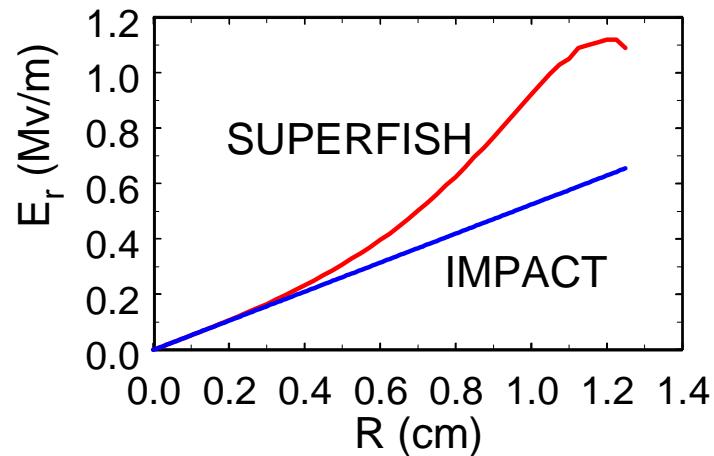


- IMPACT is a “parallel mode implementation” of particle-in-cell (PIC) code for linear accelerators
 - used for simulations only, no design
- Uses canonical variables: x , p_x , y , p_y , t , p_t
- Calculates gap field integrals including acceleration
 - assumes linear expansion for off-axis fields in the gap
- Drifts, quads & gaps treated via “transfer matrices”
- Uses 3D space charge applied impulsively multiple times per element
- Can run very large particle arrays (could run 10^8)

IMPACT Gap Fields: E_r & H_θ are Linear in r , E_z is Quadratic in r



Fields in DTL Cell 1



All 5 Codes Can Now Simulate the Entire SNS Linac



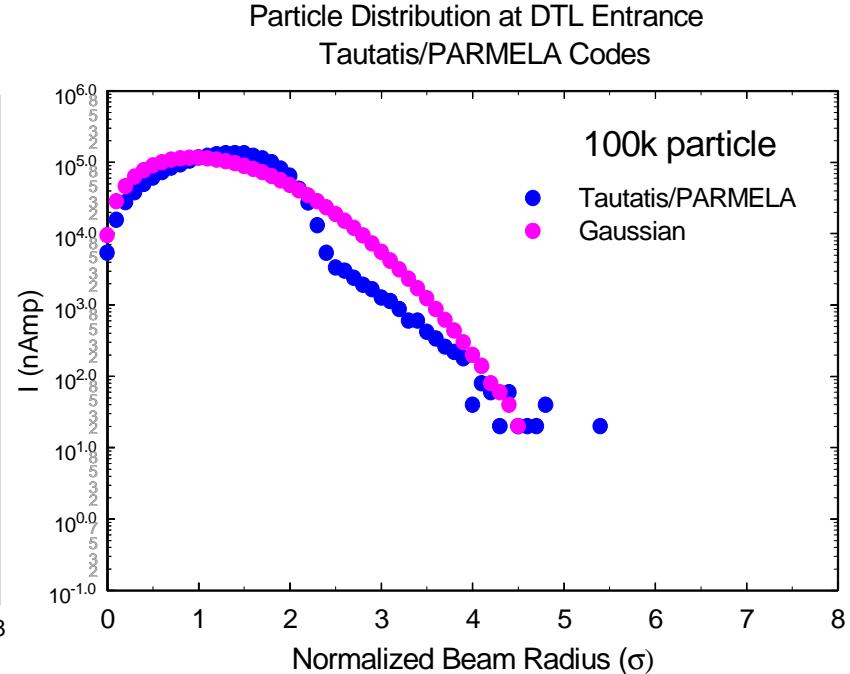
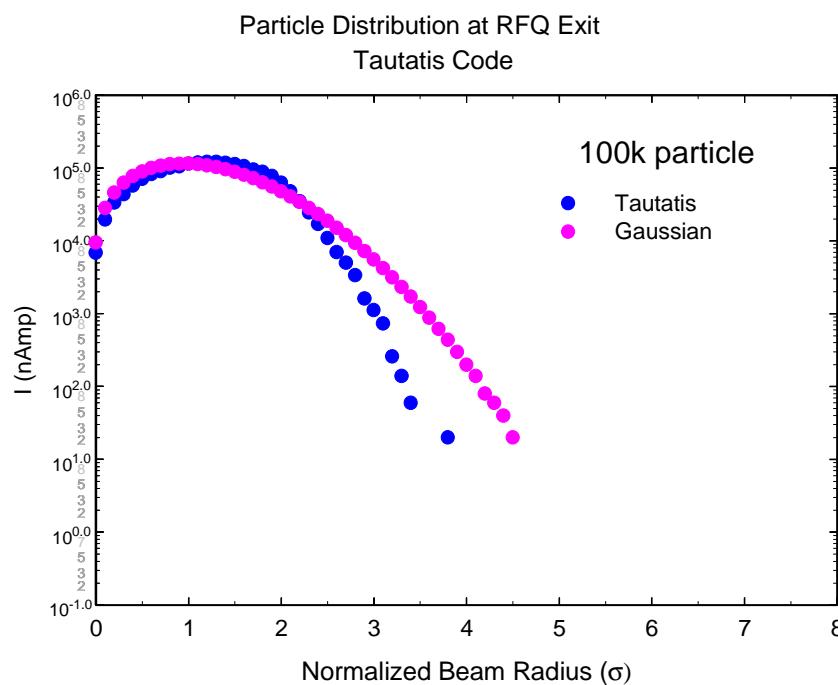
- Primary differences between the 5 codes
 - speed of execution
 - 2.5 & 3-D space charge, minor differences in method of field calculation
 - frequency of impulse application
 - time integration vs. impulse approximation
 - number of particles in the calculation
 - characterization of gap fields
- Main problems
 - describing exactly the same linac to each code in its unique input format
 - calculating the resultant beam properties in exactly the same way at the same locations

Basis of Comparison



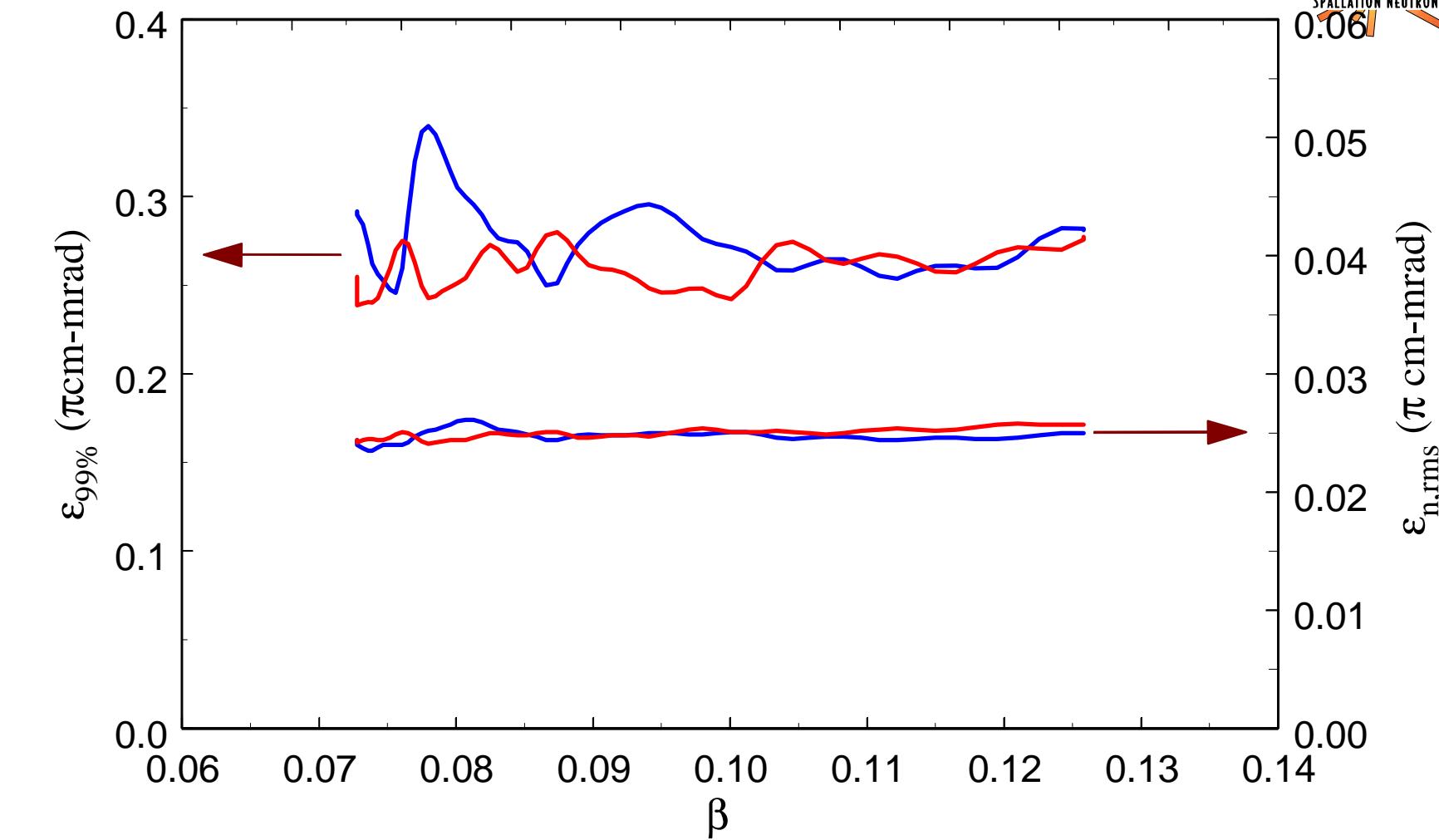
- Of primary interest to SNS is transverse emittance & beam size
- For DTL tank 1 only, we calculate
 - rms emittance profile
 - 99% emittance profile
 - normalized radial particle distribution at the exit
- All codes used the same input particle distribution
 - matched, 4-D waterbag, 1M particle distribution at RFQ entrance
 - RFQ dynamics computed using Toutatis with 3-D space-charge
 - MEBT dynamics computed using PARMELA with 3-D space-charge

The Particle Distribution Develops a Halo in the MEBT



DTL Emittance Profiles

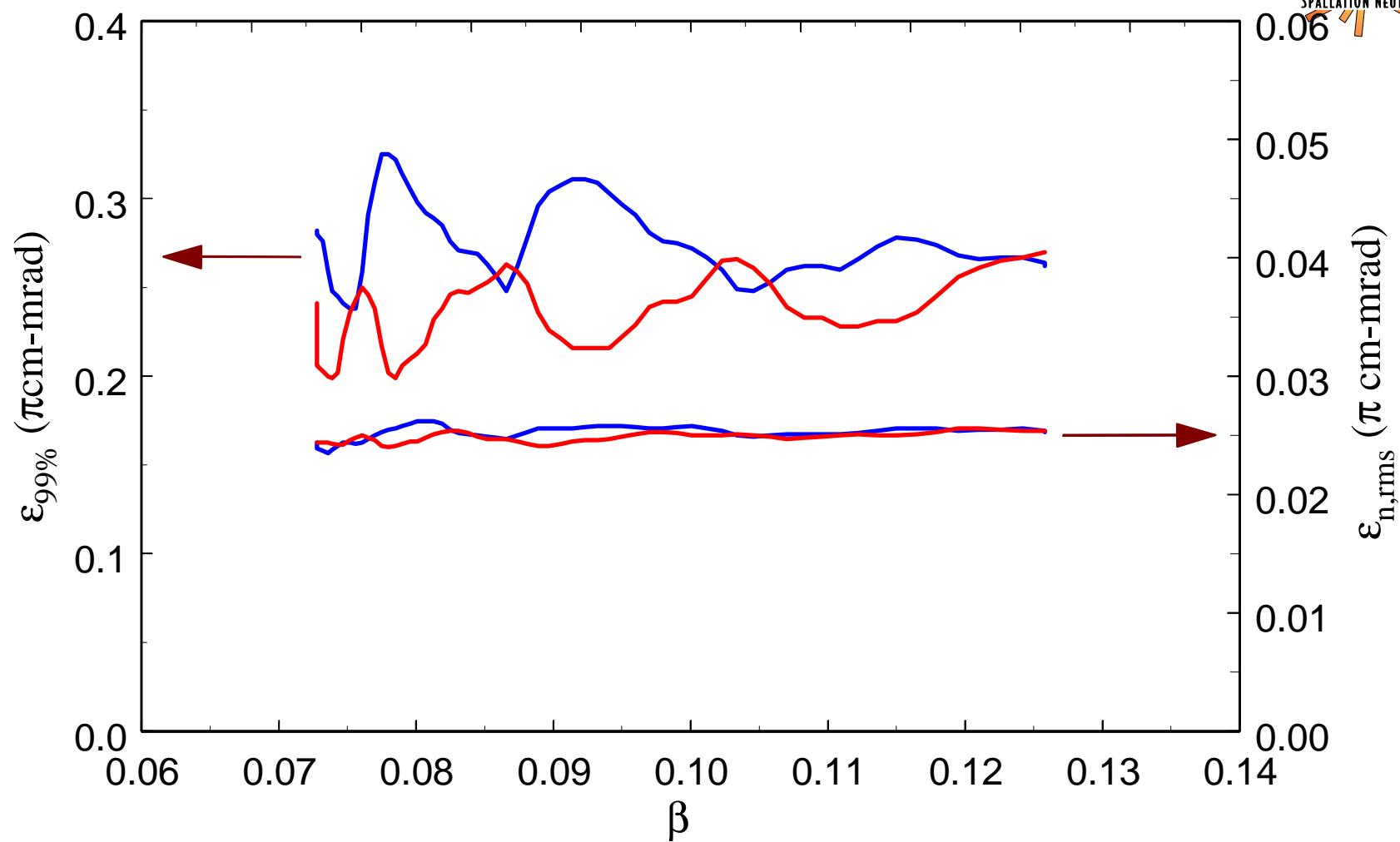
PARMILA Code



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DTL Emittance Profiles LINAC Code

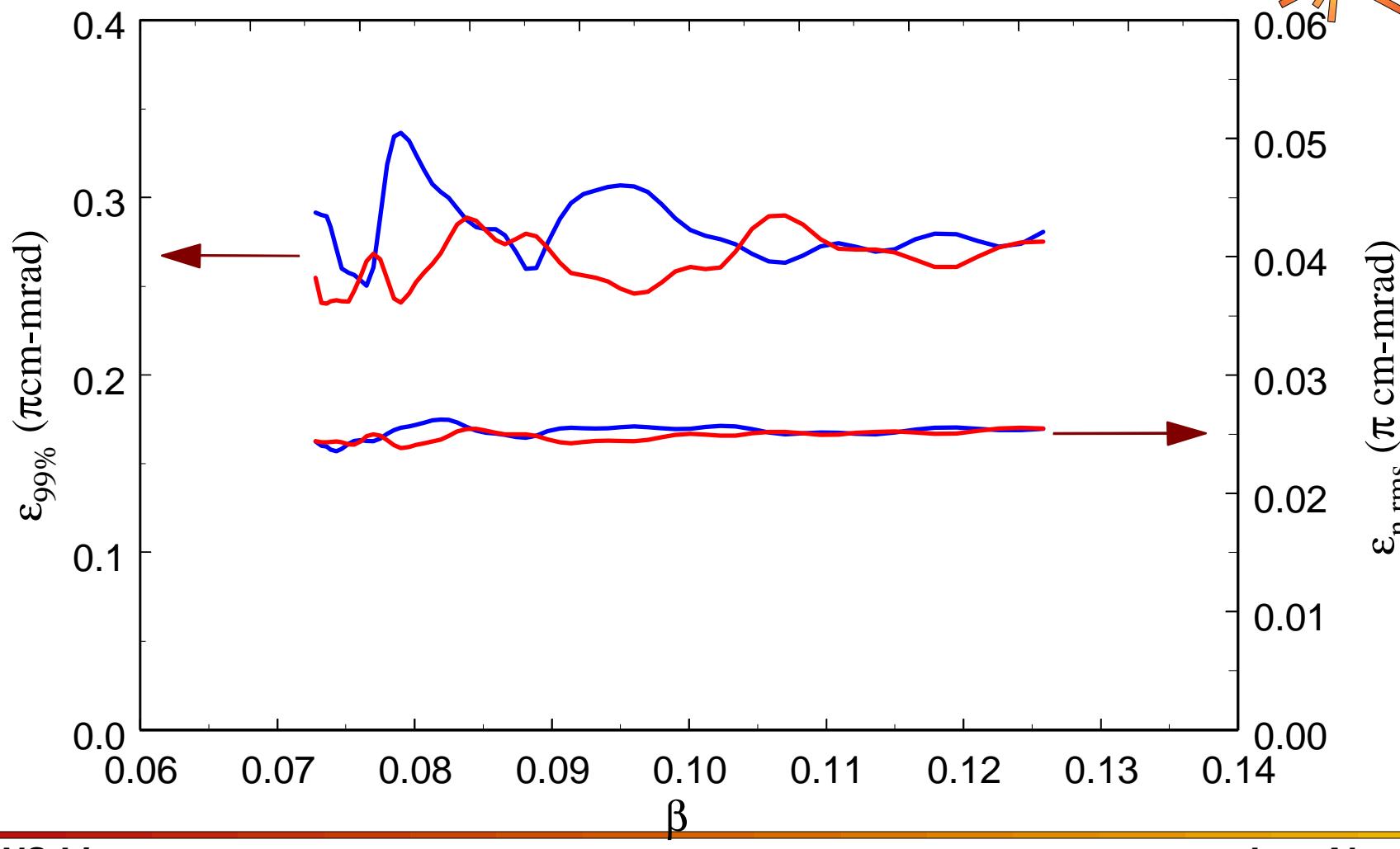


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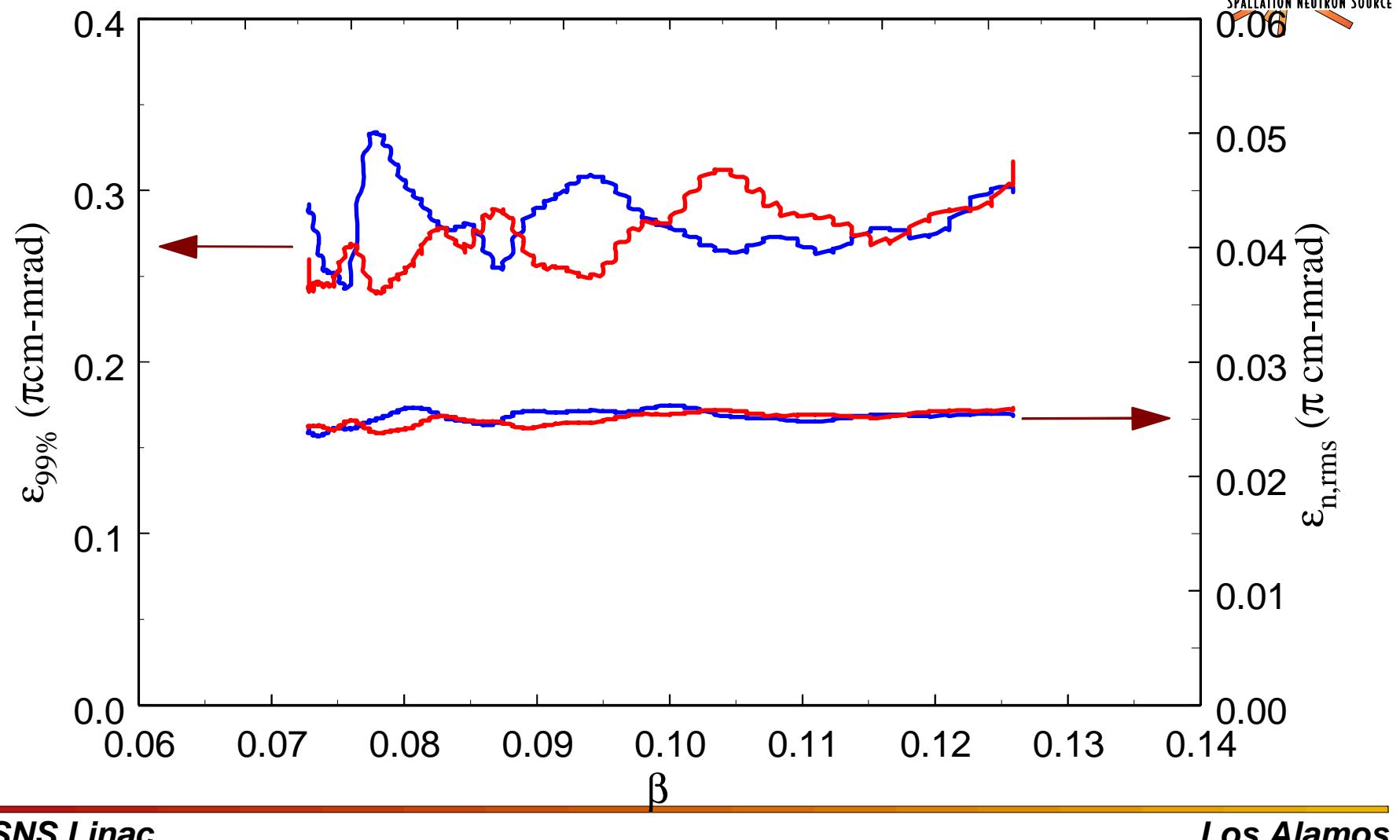


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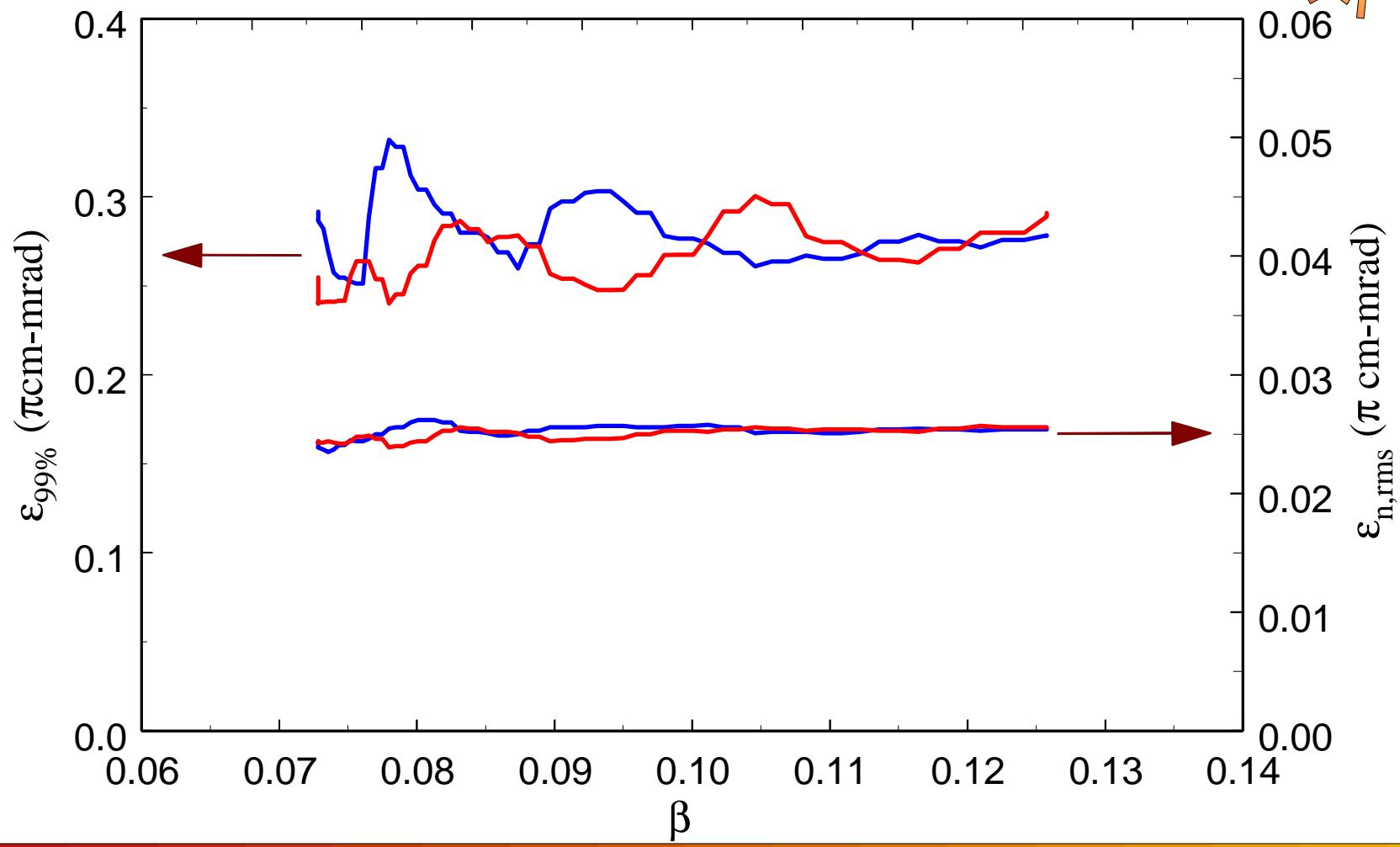
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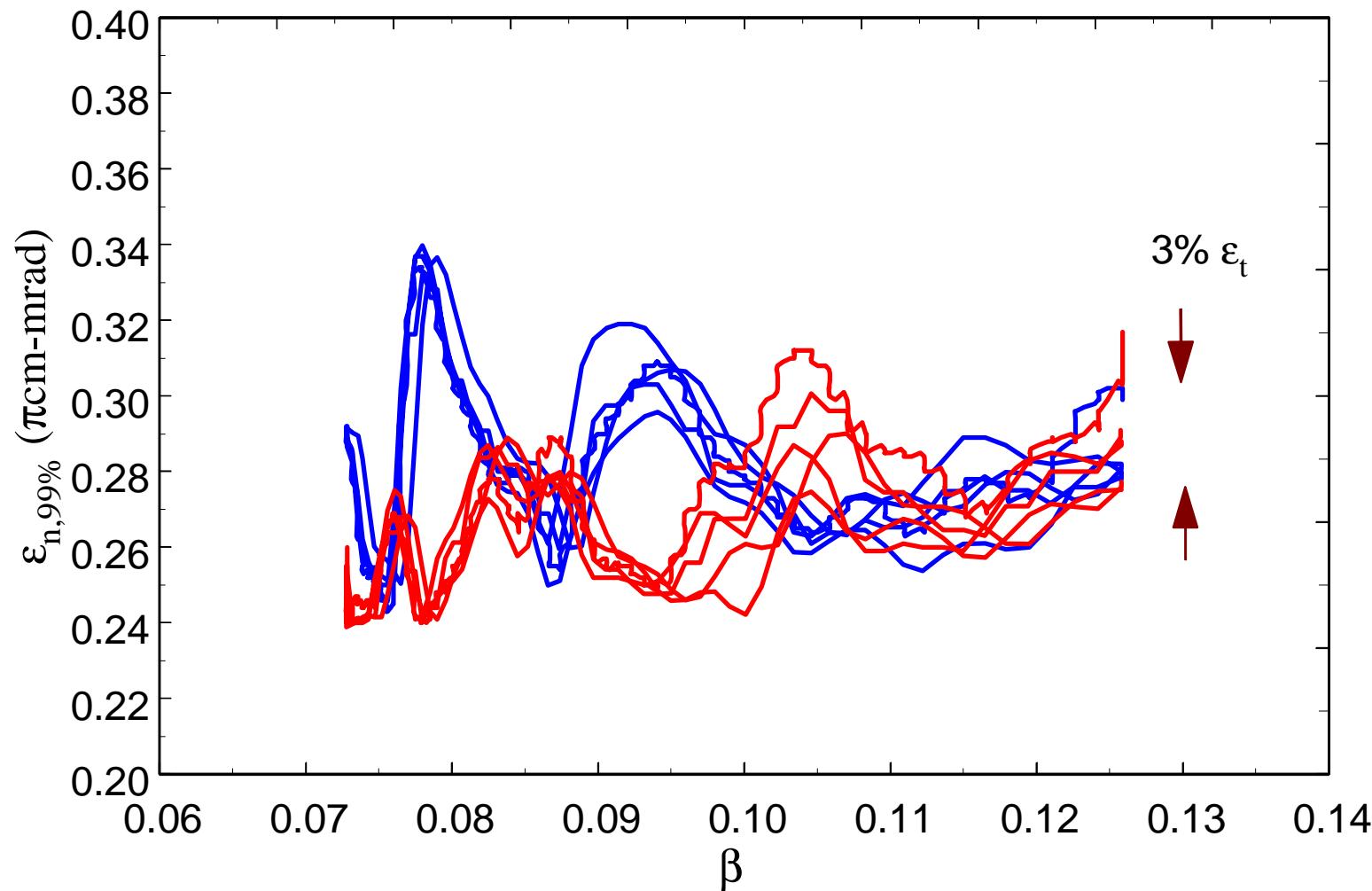


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DTL 99% Emittance Profiles

5 Codes

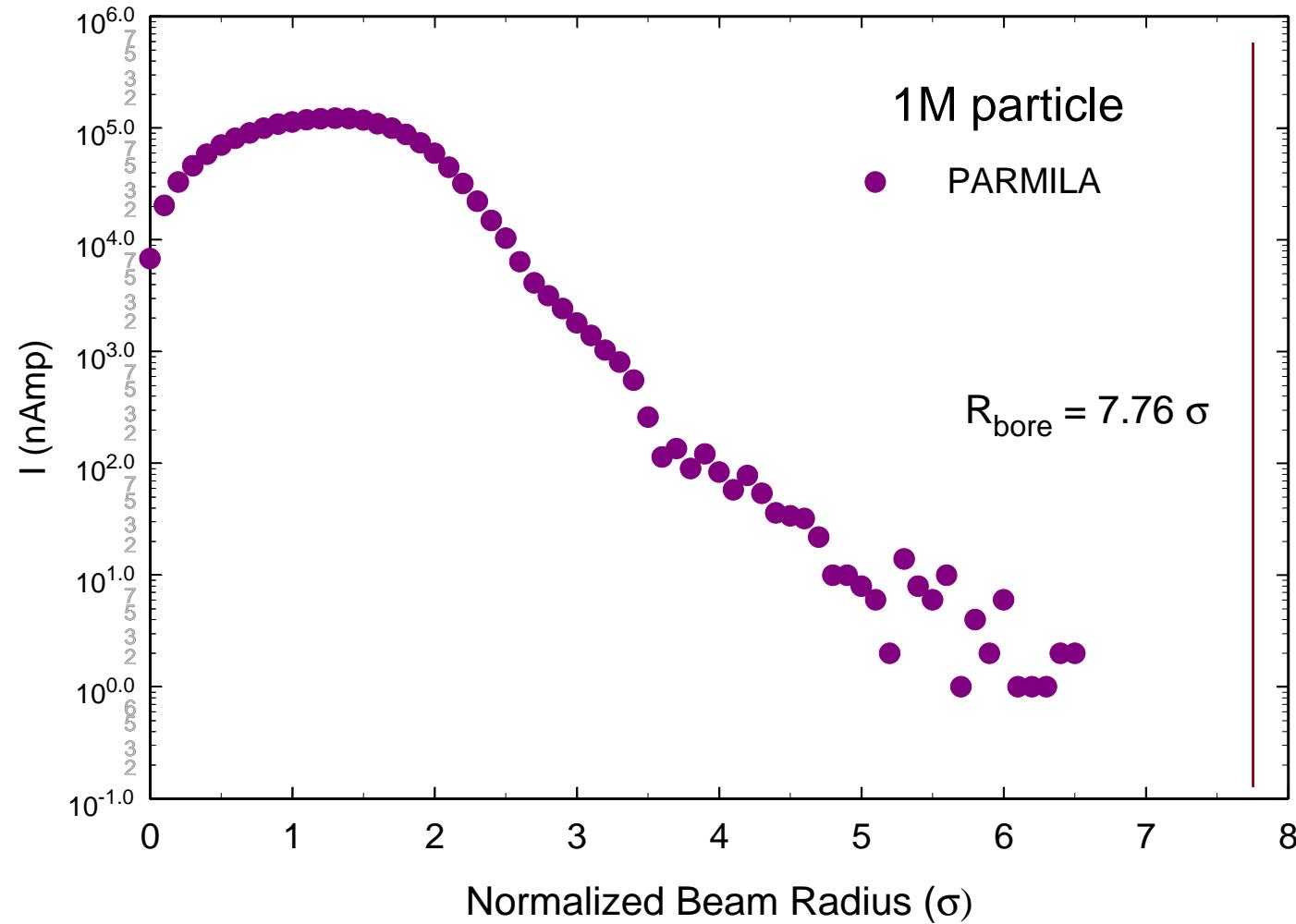


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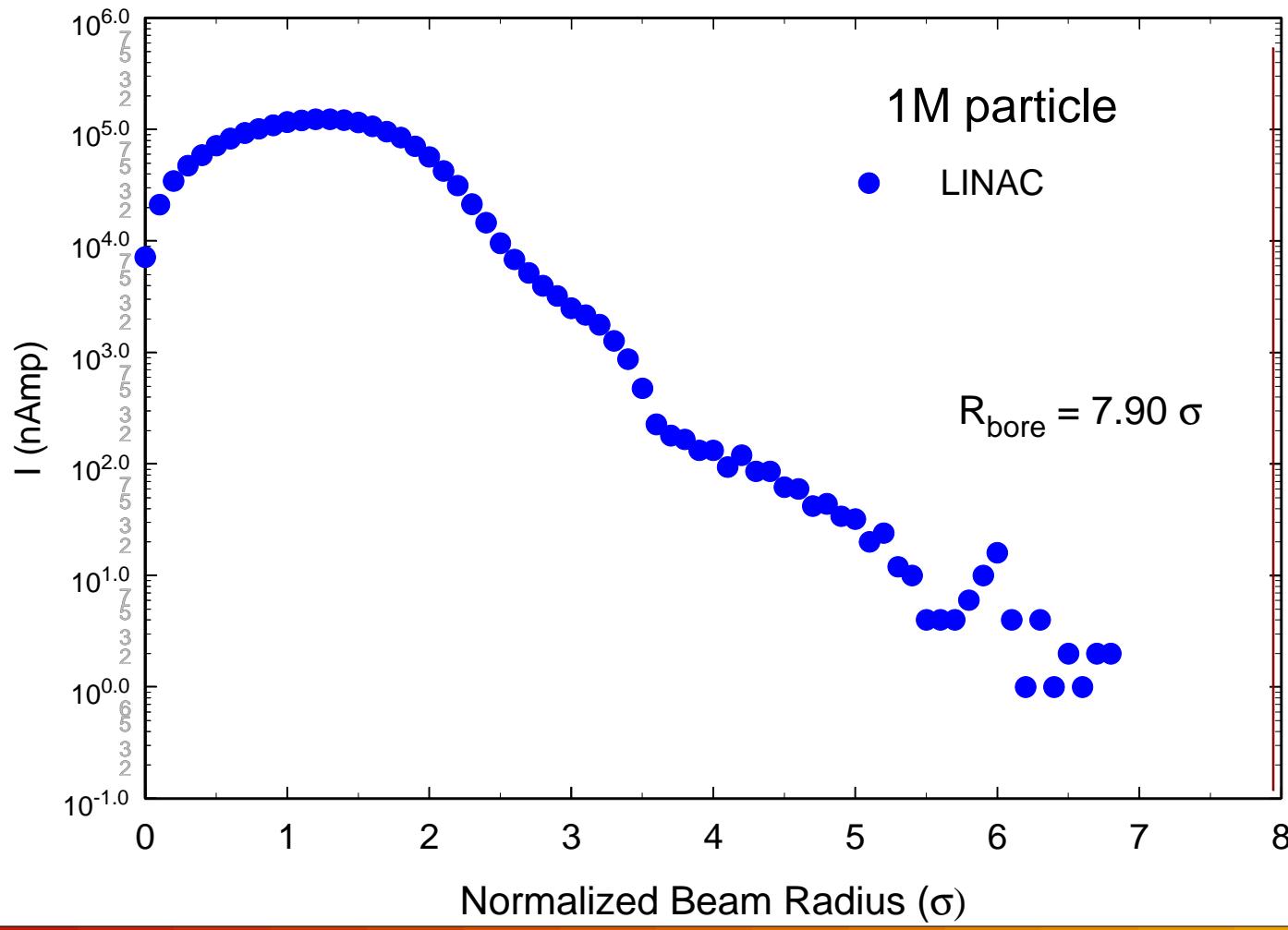
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Radial Distribution at Tank 1 Exit

PARMILA Code

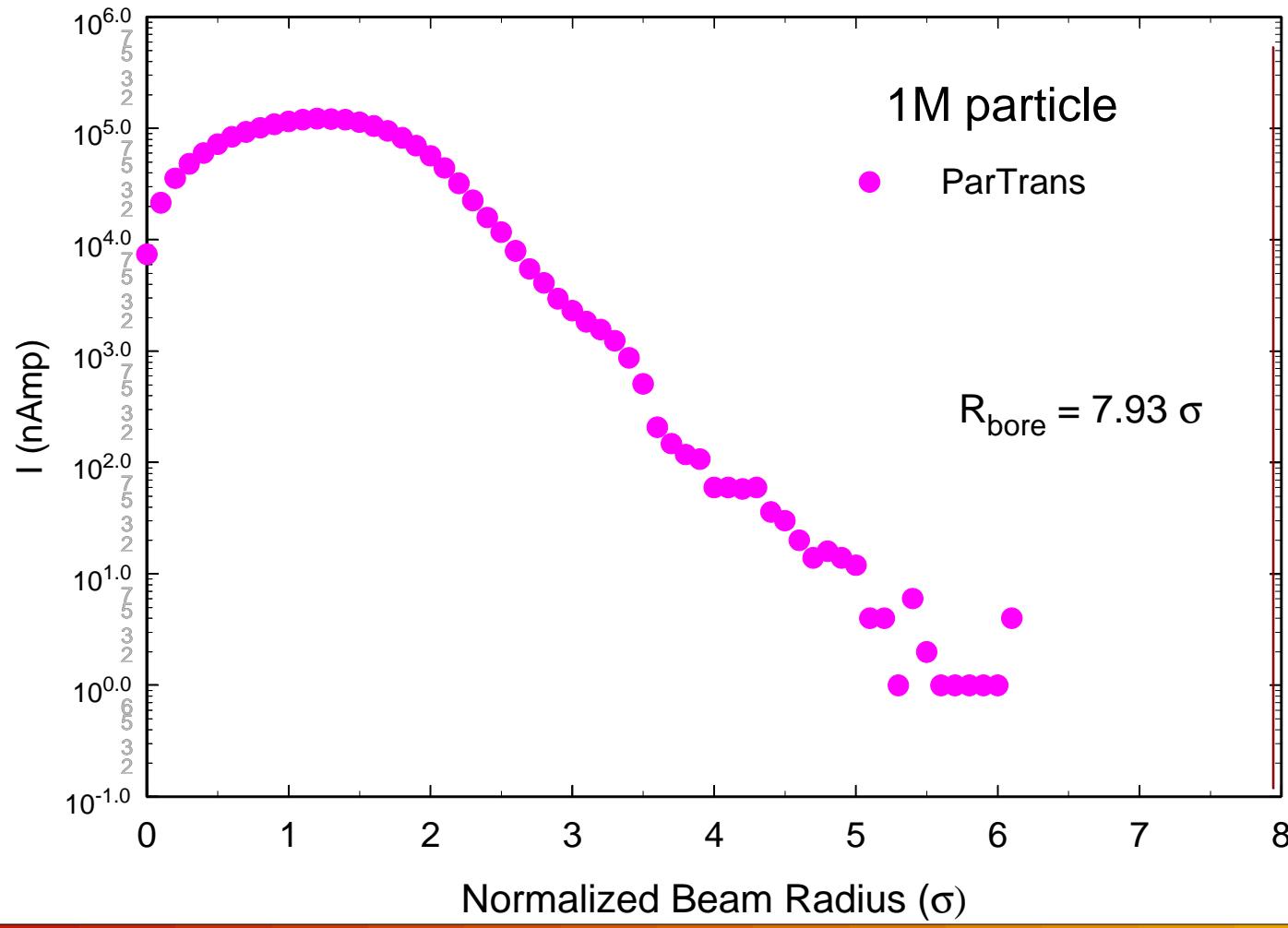


Radial Distribution at Tank 1 Exit LINAC Code



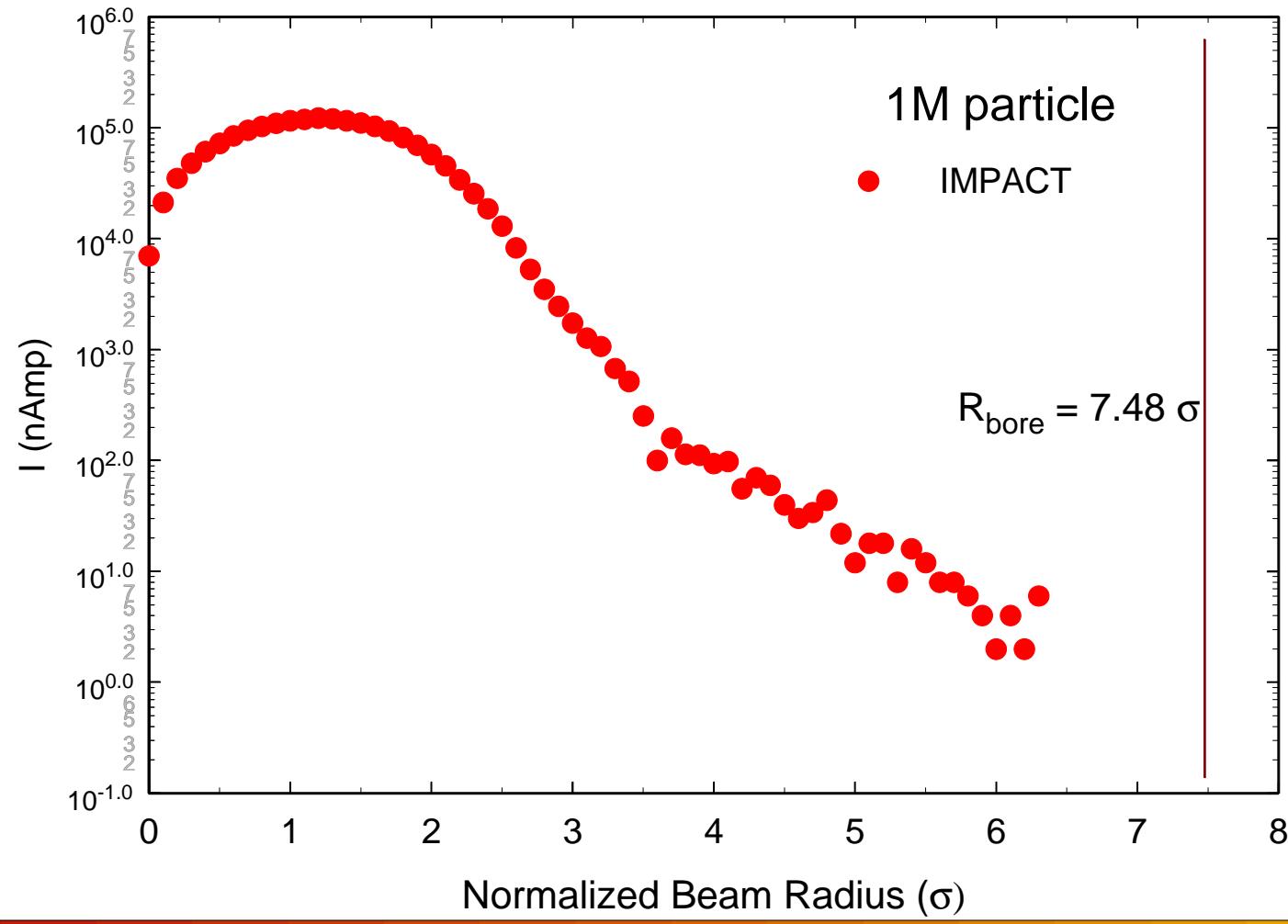
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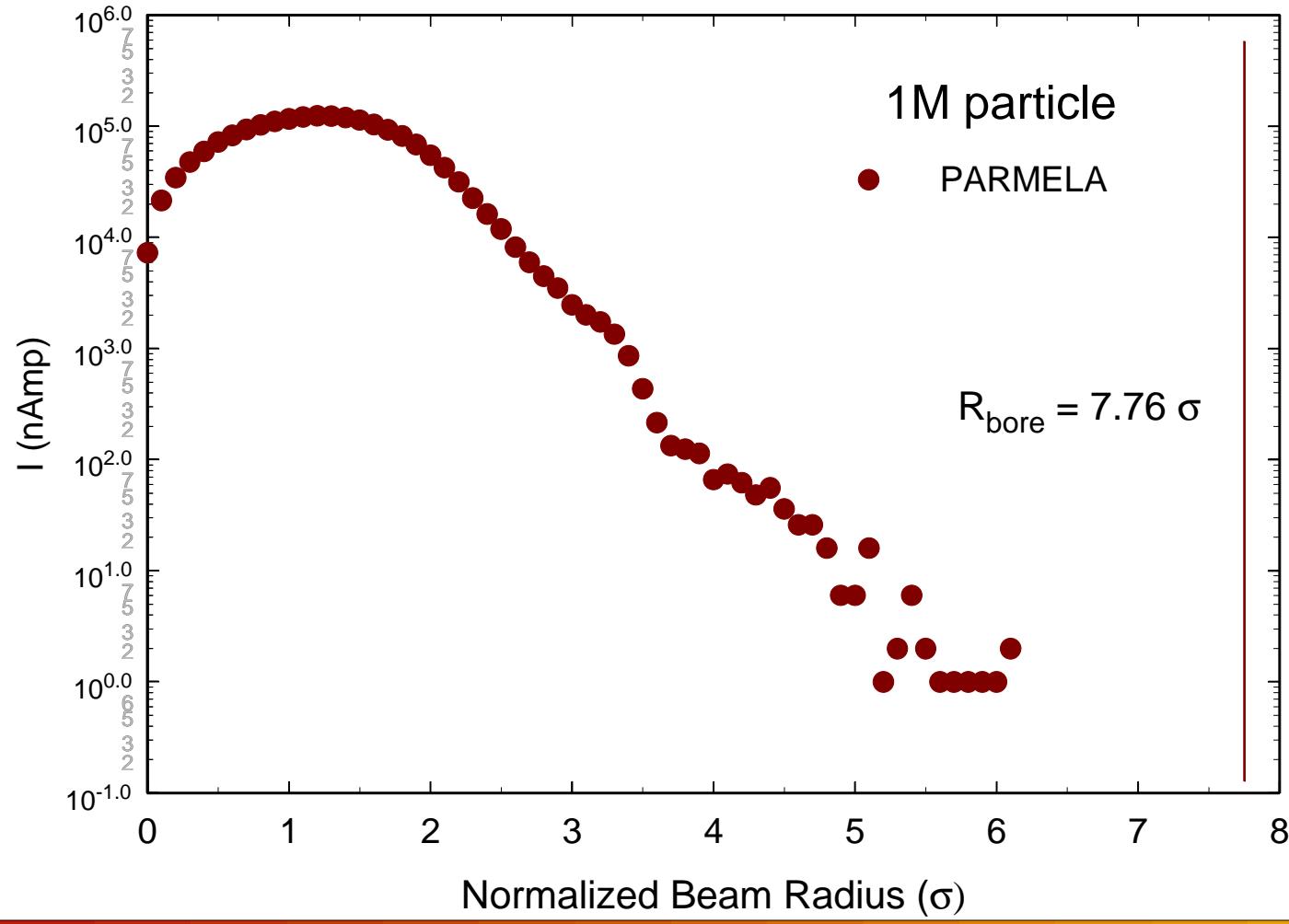
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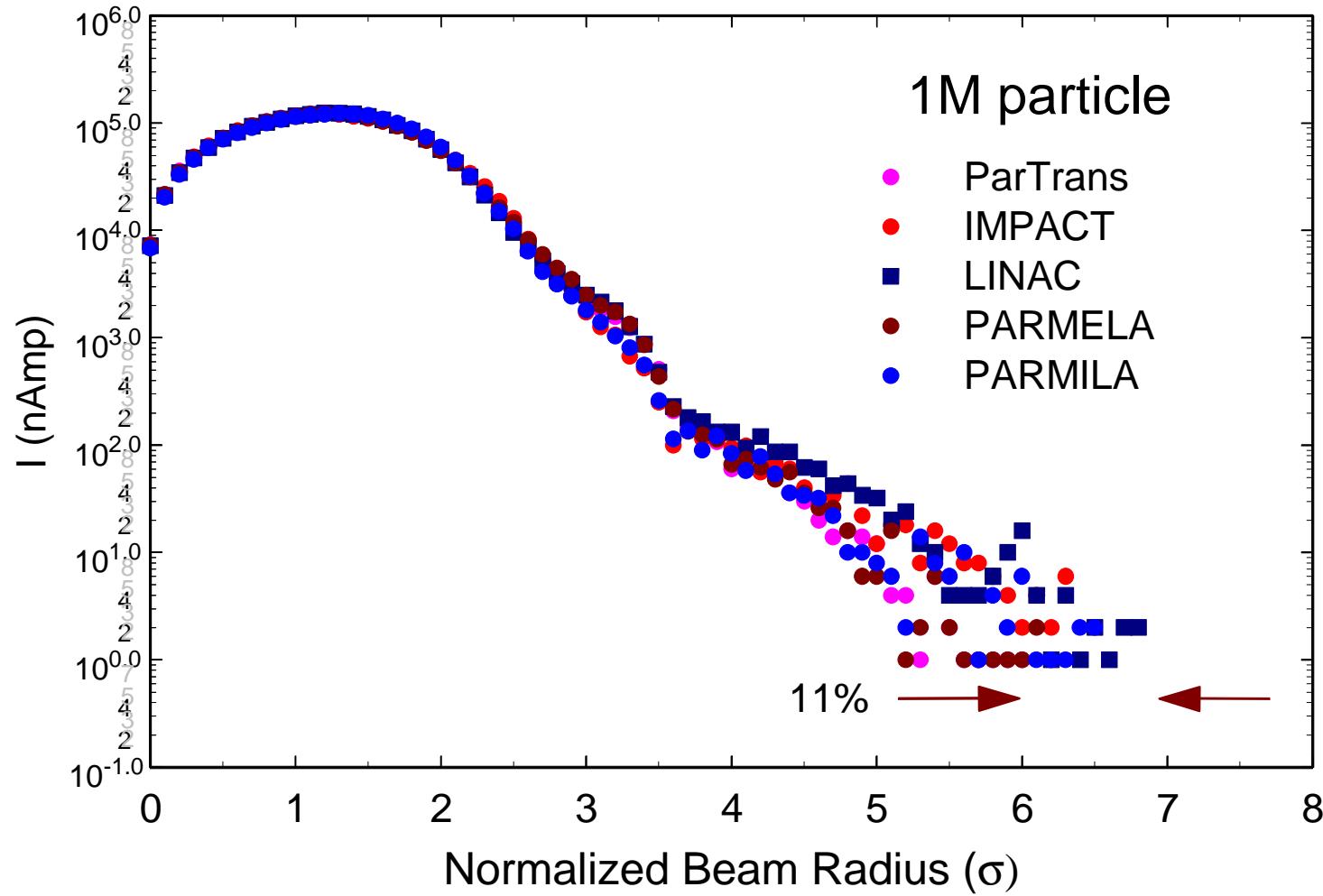
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PARMELA Code



Radial Distribution at Tank 1 Exit

All Codes



Code Comparisons are Ongoing

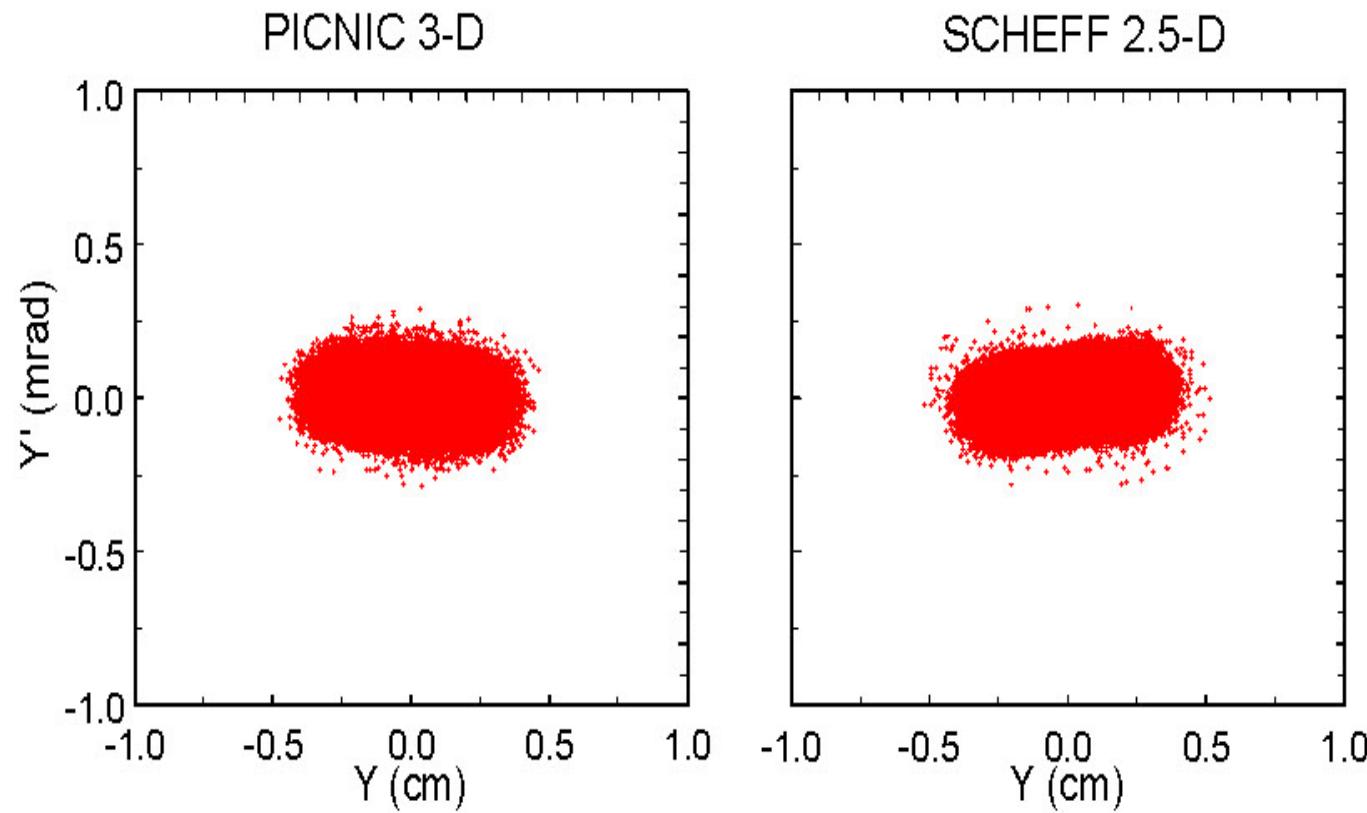


- Tank 1 results should be most sensitive at detecting differences
 - results are in good qualitative and quantitative agreement
- All codes are being modified to accept a common input format that describes the entire linac
 - PARMILA will generate the linac description
- End-to-end simulations of the SNS linac are underway using 100k distributions

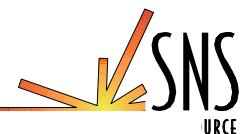
“SCHEFF & PICNIC show significant difference in orientation of the Y-Y' phase plane”



Phase Space Projections at 1.25 GeV
SRF Only, Waterbag Initial Distribution

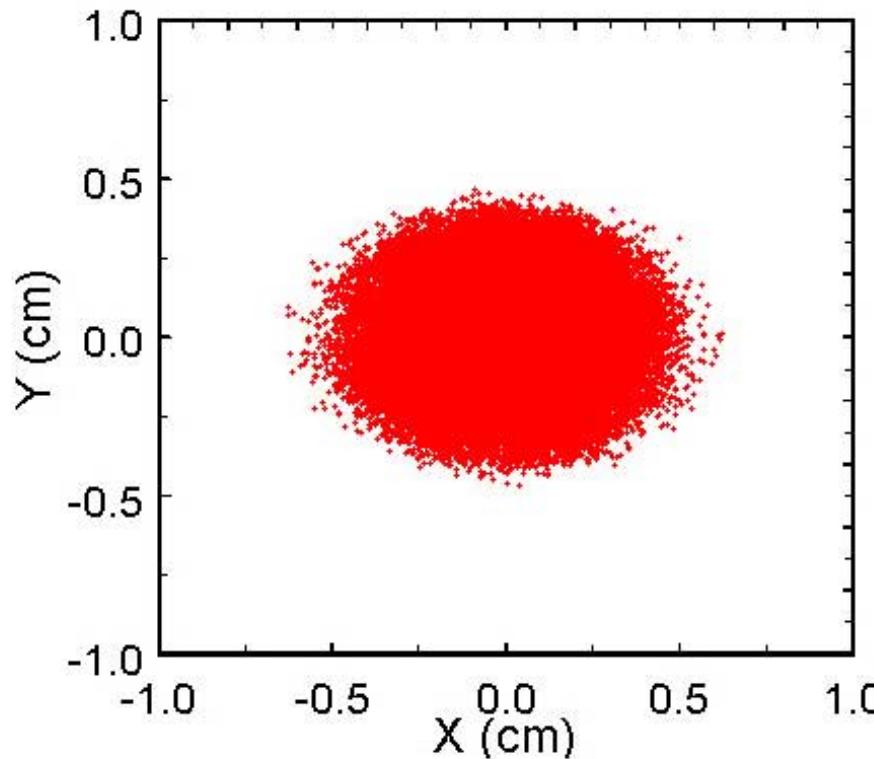


Our Primary Space-Charge Concern is not Orientation but Halo

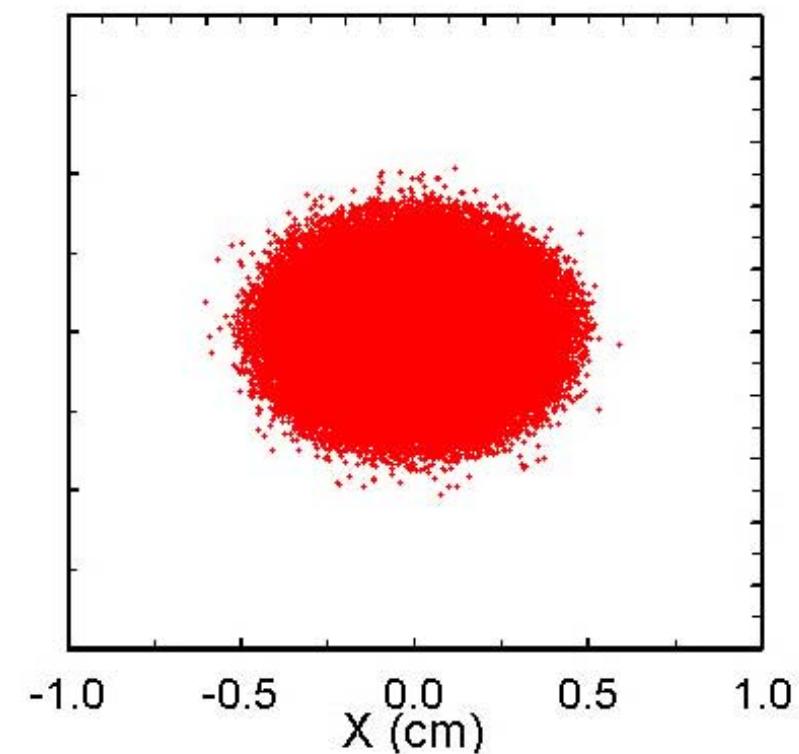


Real Space Projections at 1.25 GeV
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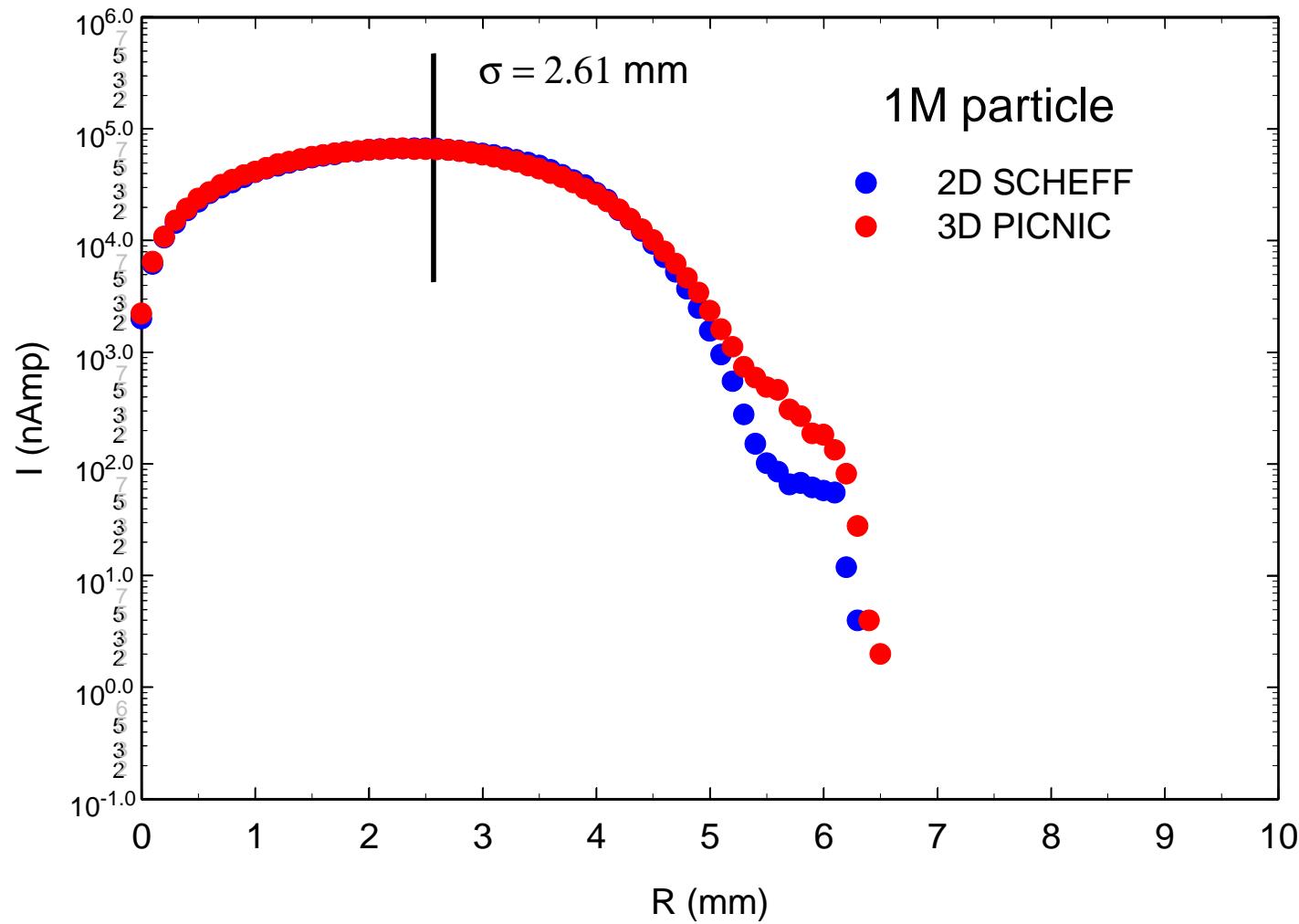
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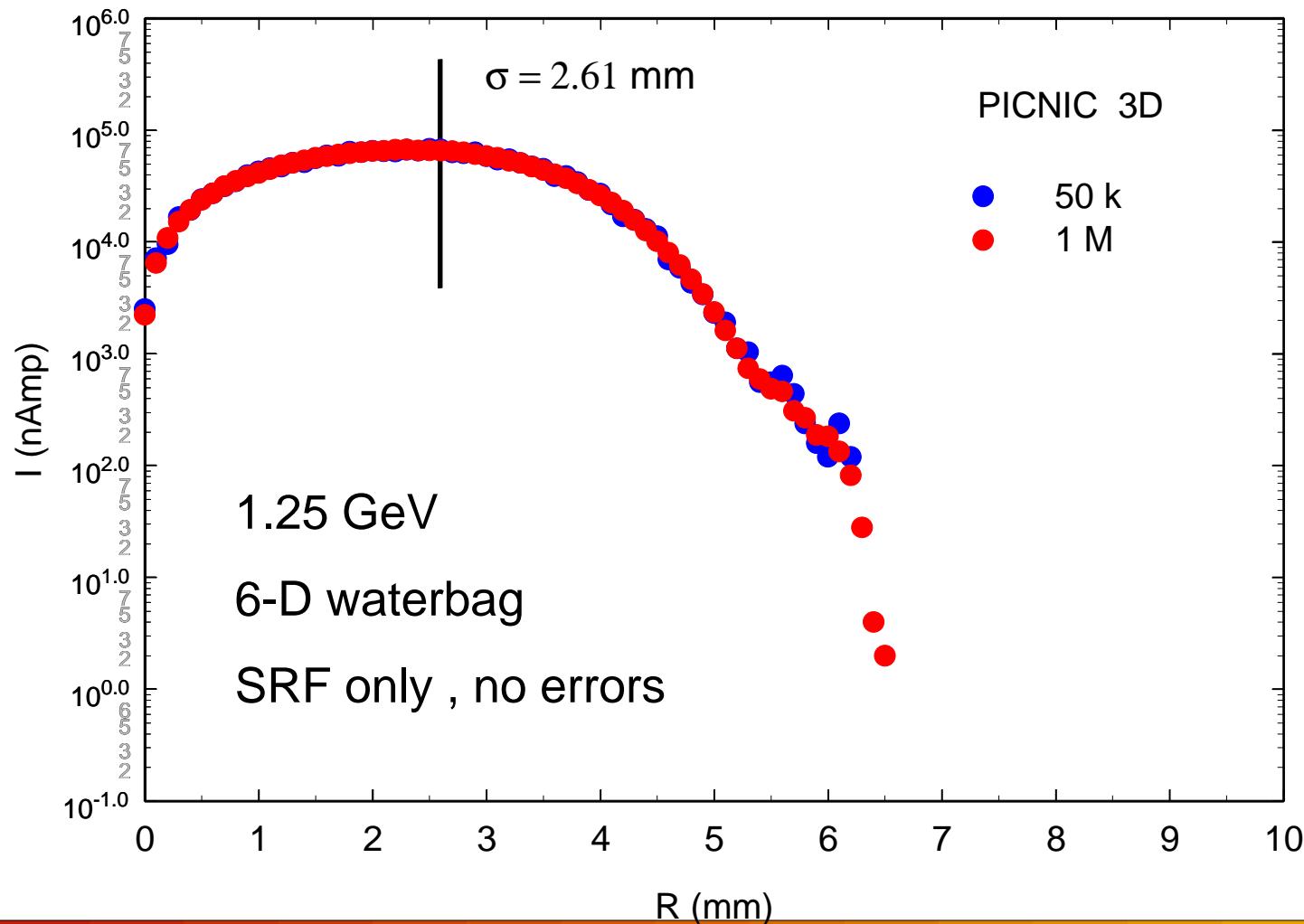
SCHEFF 2.5-D



Simulations Differ at the 100 nA Level in the Distribution but Not in the Extent



Small & Large Distributions Yield Consistent Results

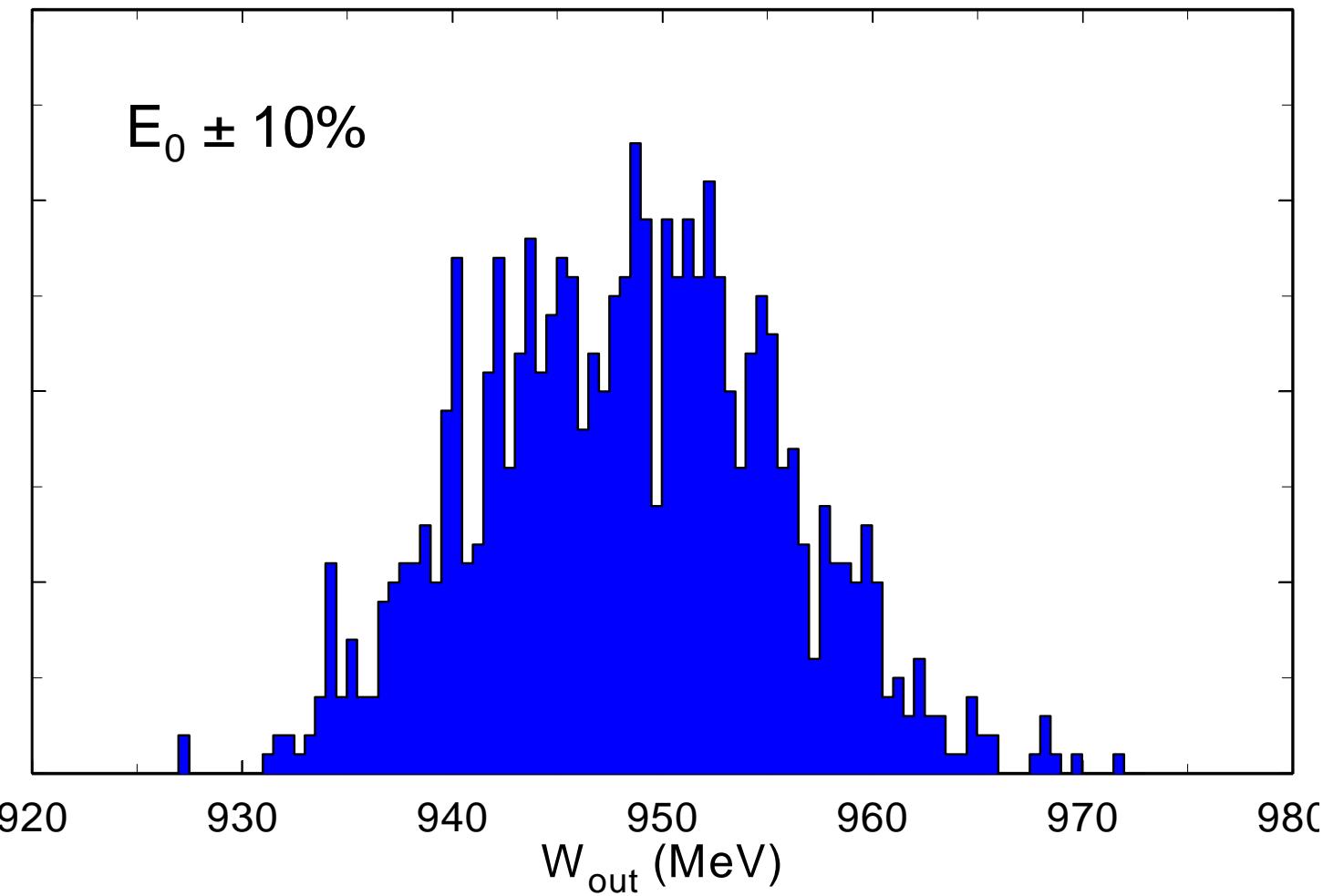


Linac Beam Dynamics Studies

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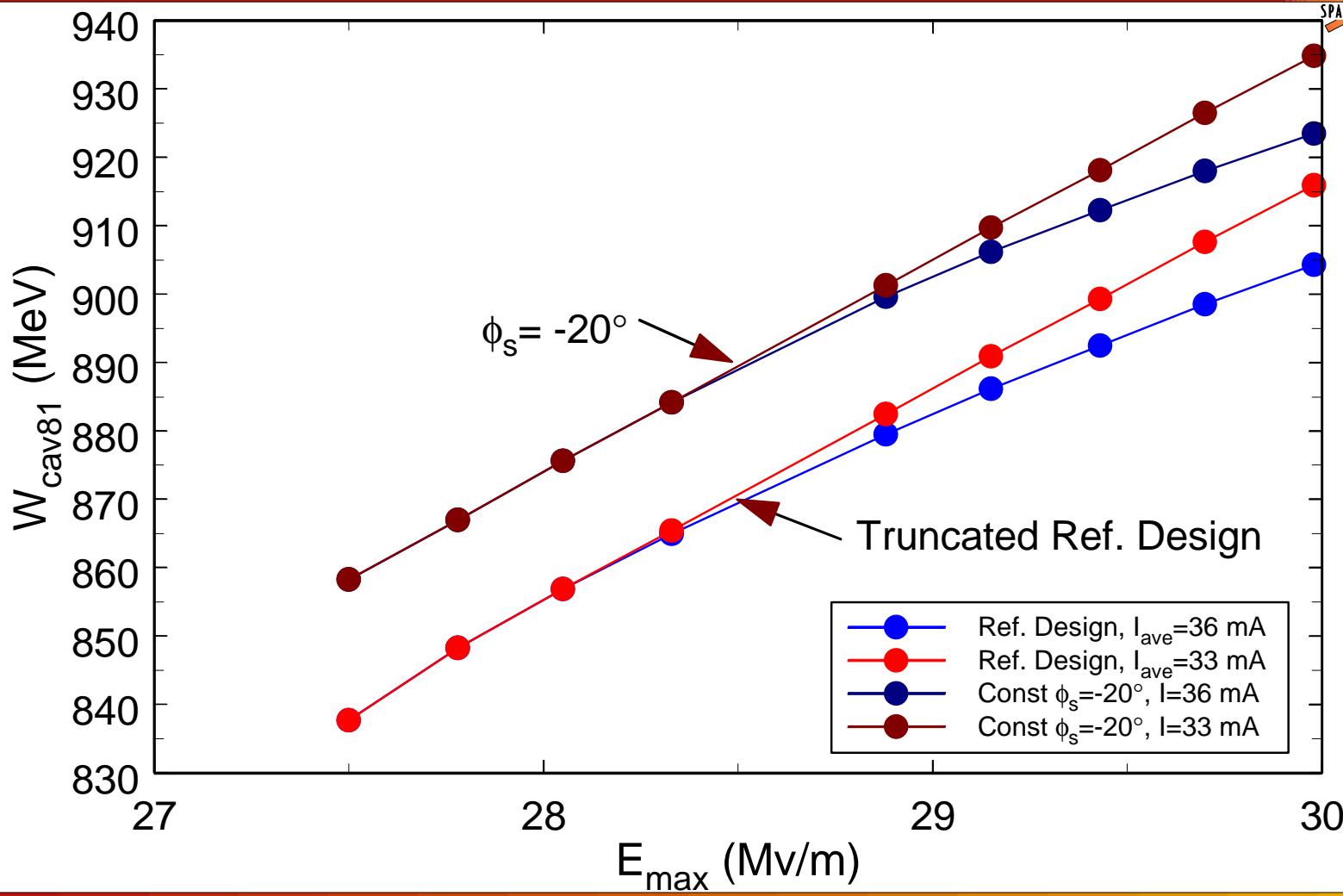
The Expected W_{final} is a Function of SRF Cavity Quality



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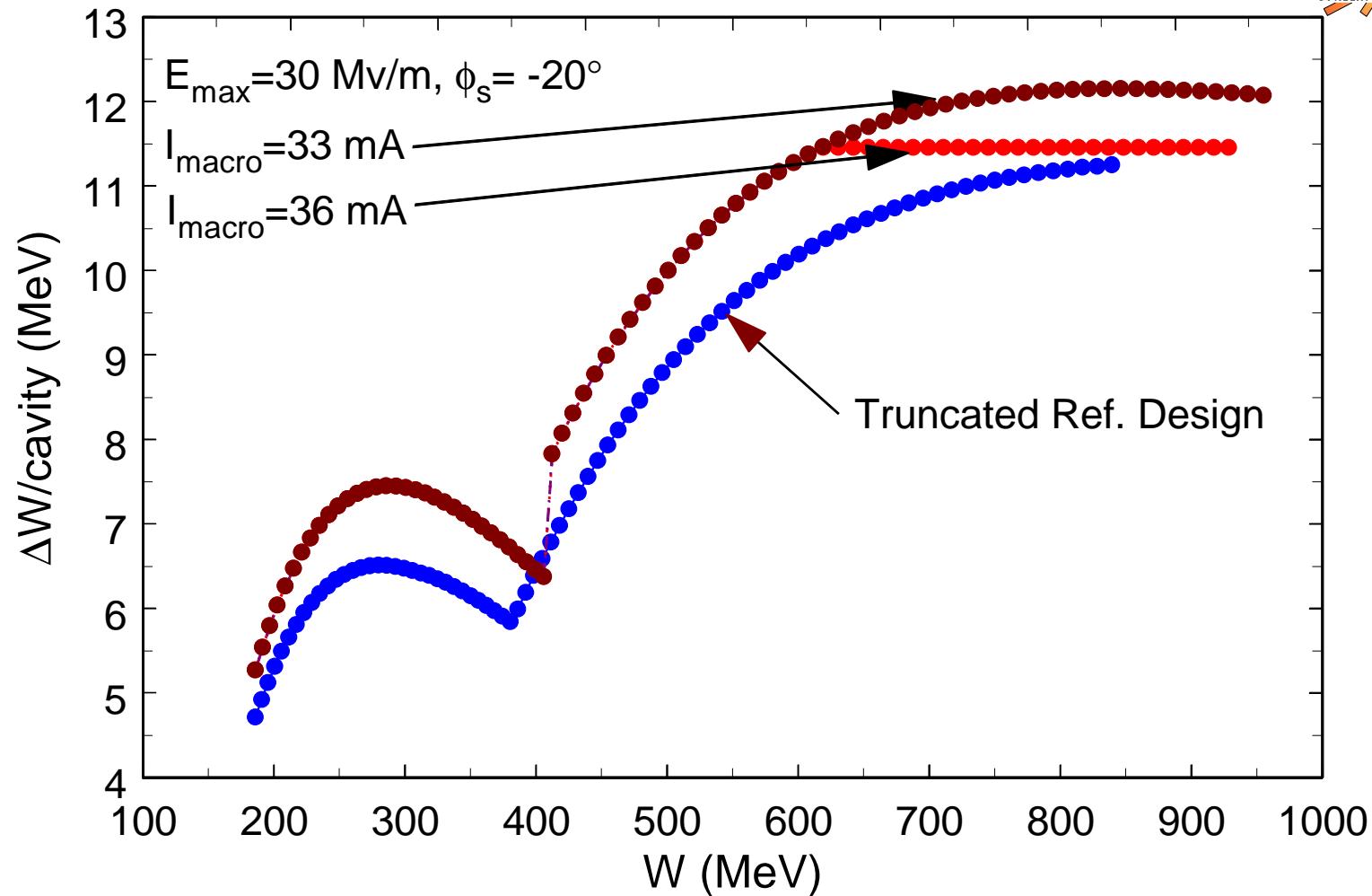
Better Cavities & Alternate Phase Laws May Improve the Truncated Design



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Energy is Limited by Beam Current at Higher Gradients

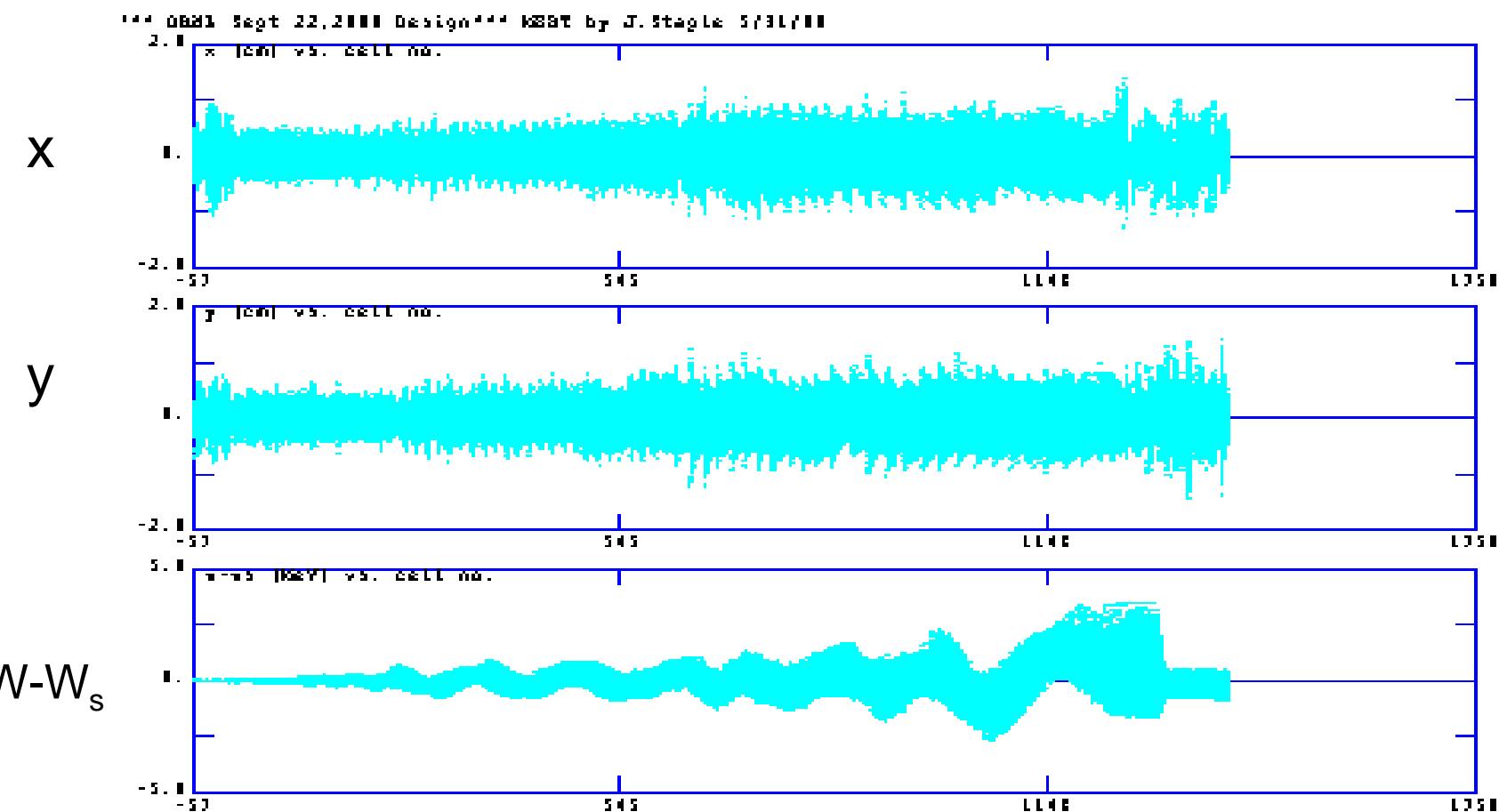


Some Reference Design Performance Criteria



- $W_{\text{final}} = 840 - 1300 \text{ MeV}$
- W_{final} stability $< \pm 2.2 \text{ MeV}$
- W_{final} spread $< \pm 0.33 \text{ MeV}$ (rms)
- $\epsilon_{\text{foil}} < 0.50 \pi \text{ mm mrad}$ (rms, norm)
- Beam centroid stability at foil $< \pm 0.2 \text{ mm}$
- Protons missing foil $< 2\%$
- Beam loss $< 1 \text{ W/m}$

Typical Beam Profile, All Errors Except Quad Displacements

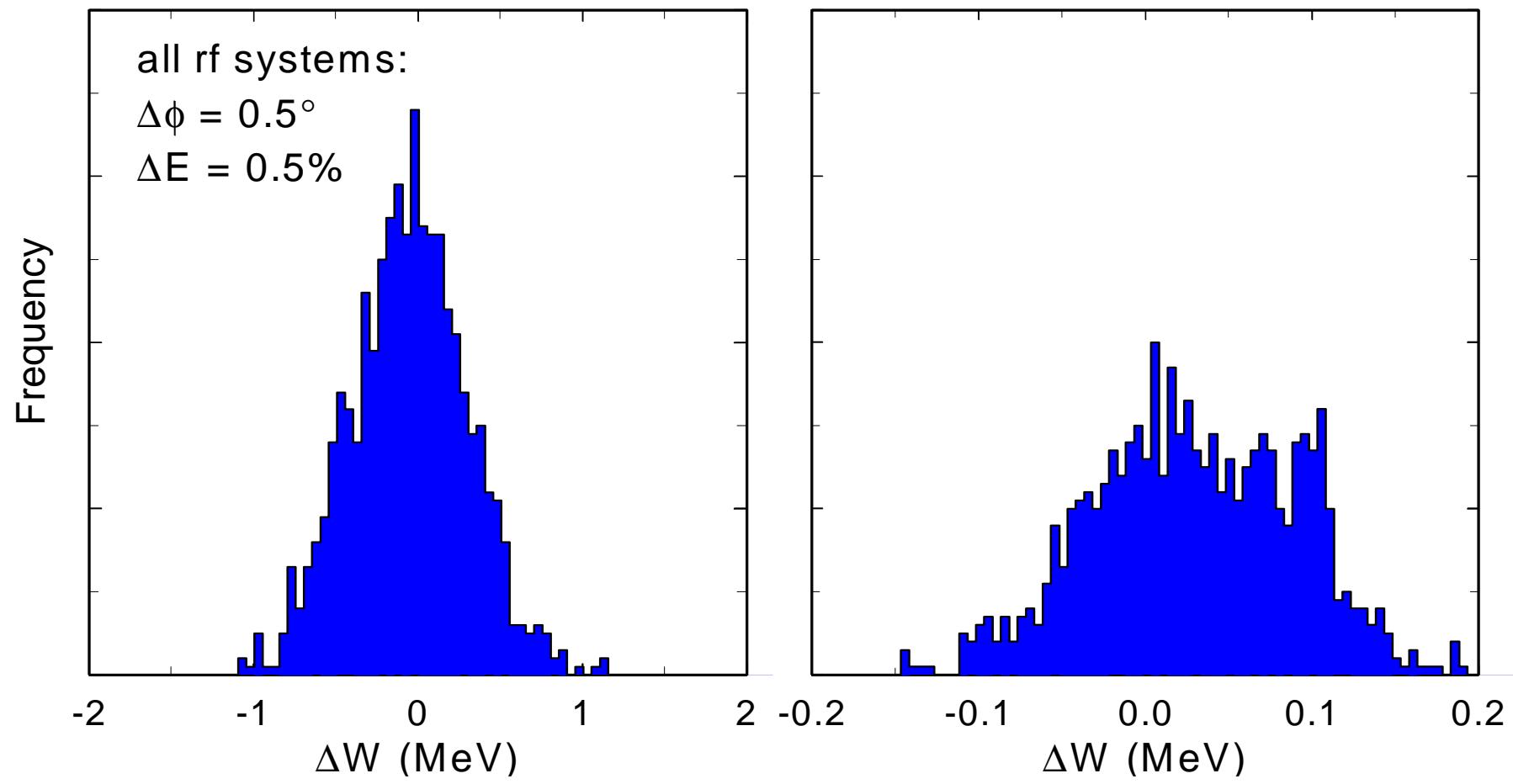


Energy Jitter is a Function of RF Control Tolerances & Meets Spec.



Linac Exit

Foil

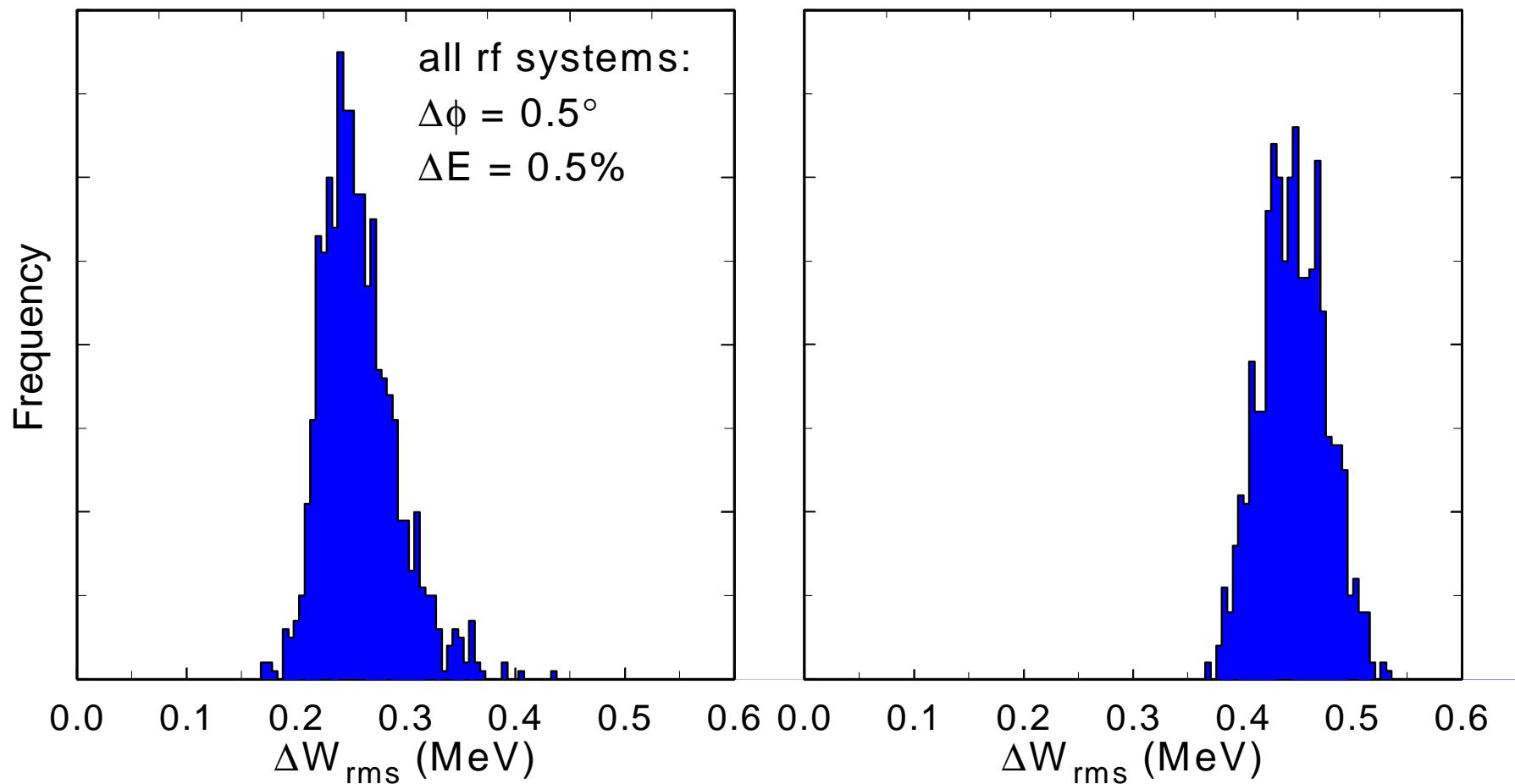


The Expected Energy Spread Meets Spec.



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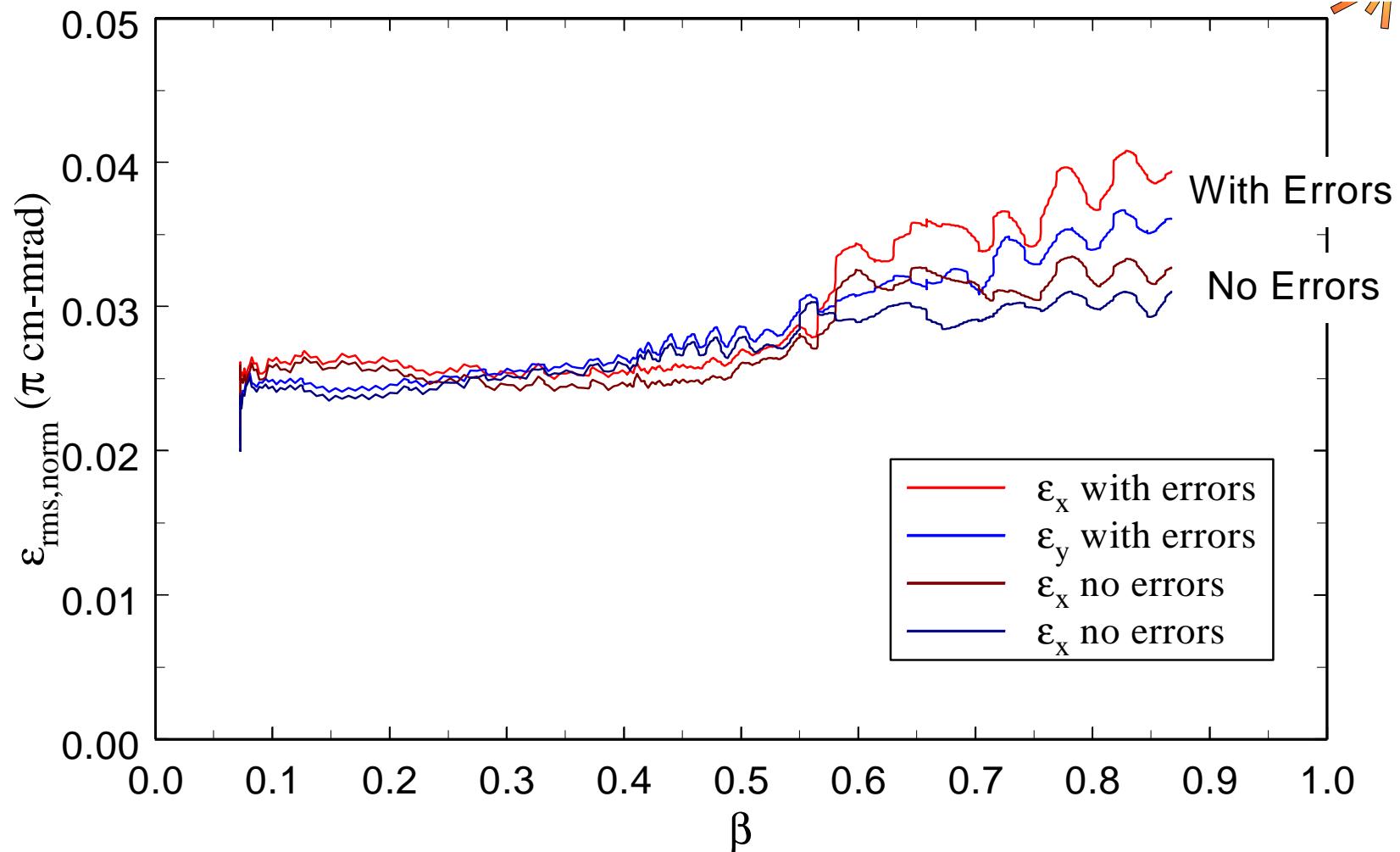
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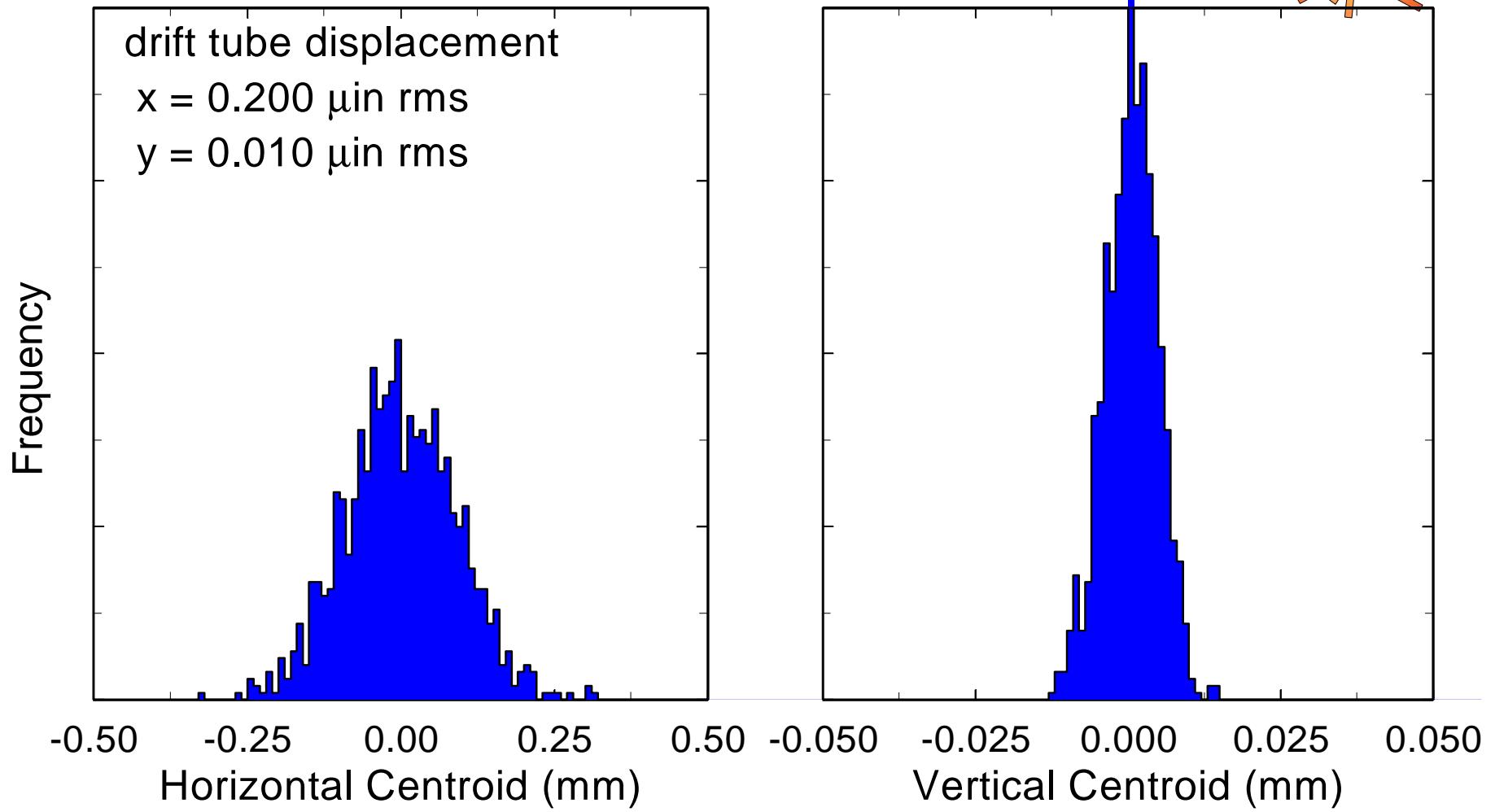
rms Emittance Profiles With & Without Errors, Excluding Misalignments



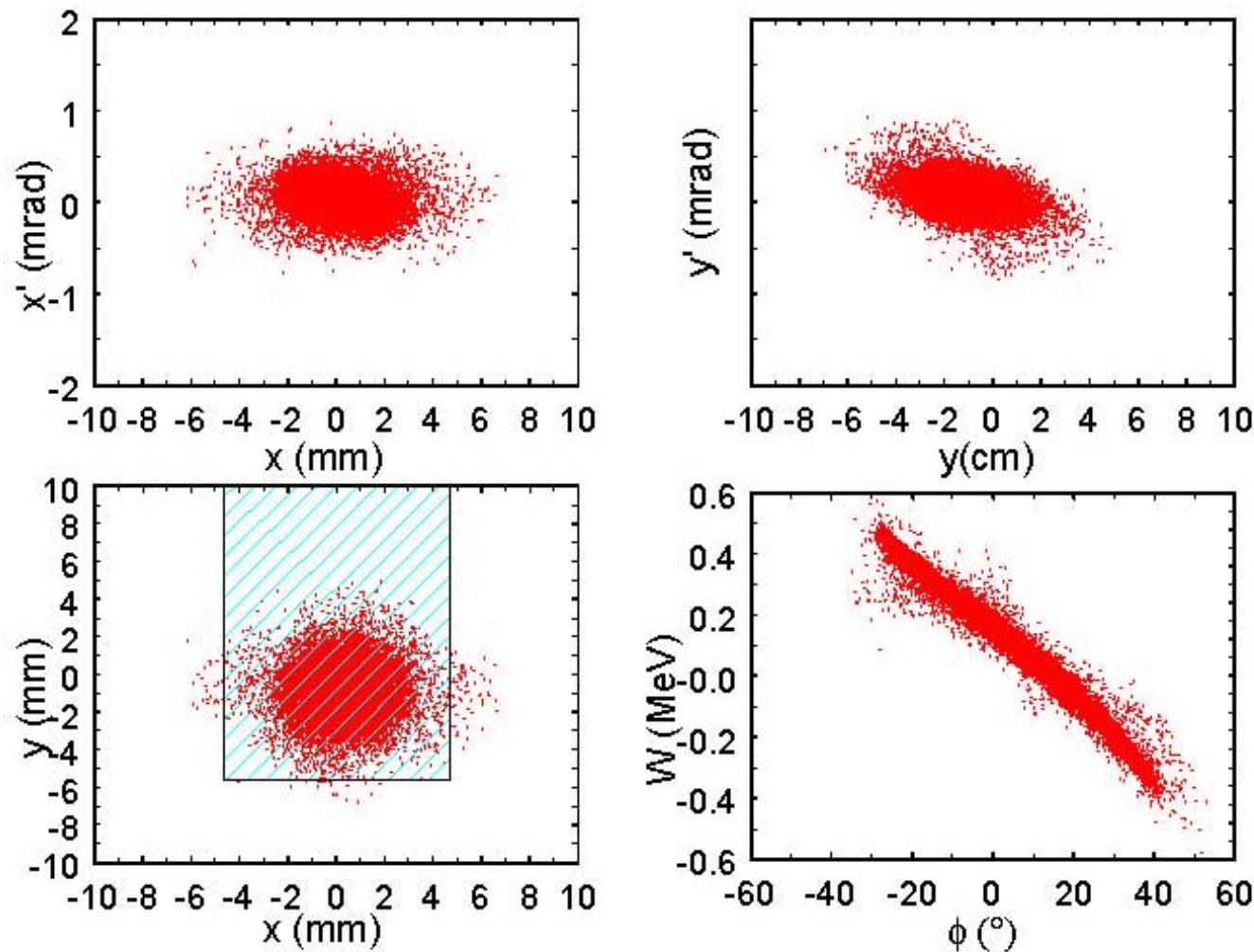
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Transverse Jitter at the Foil is a Function of Drift Tube Vibrations & Meets Spec.



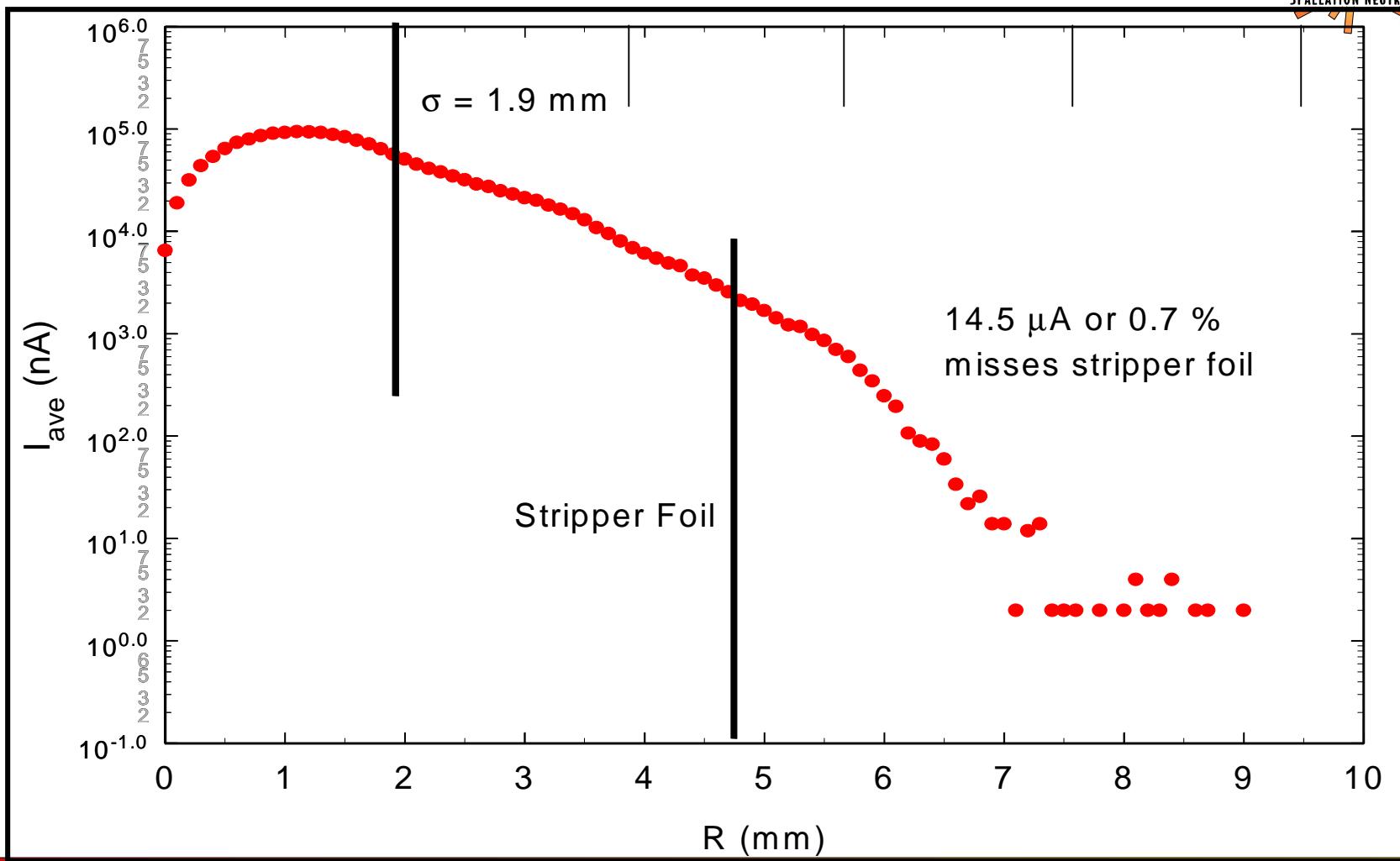
Beam Phase-Space Projections at the Foil



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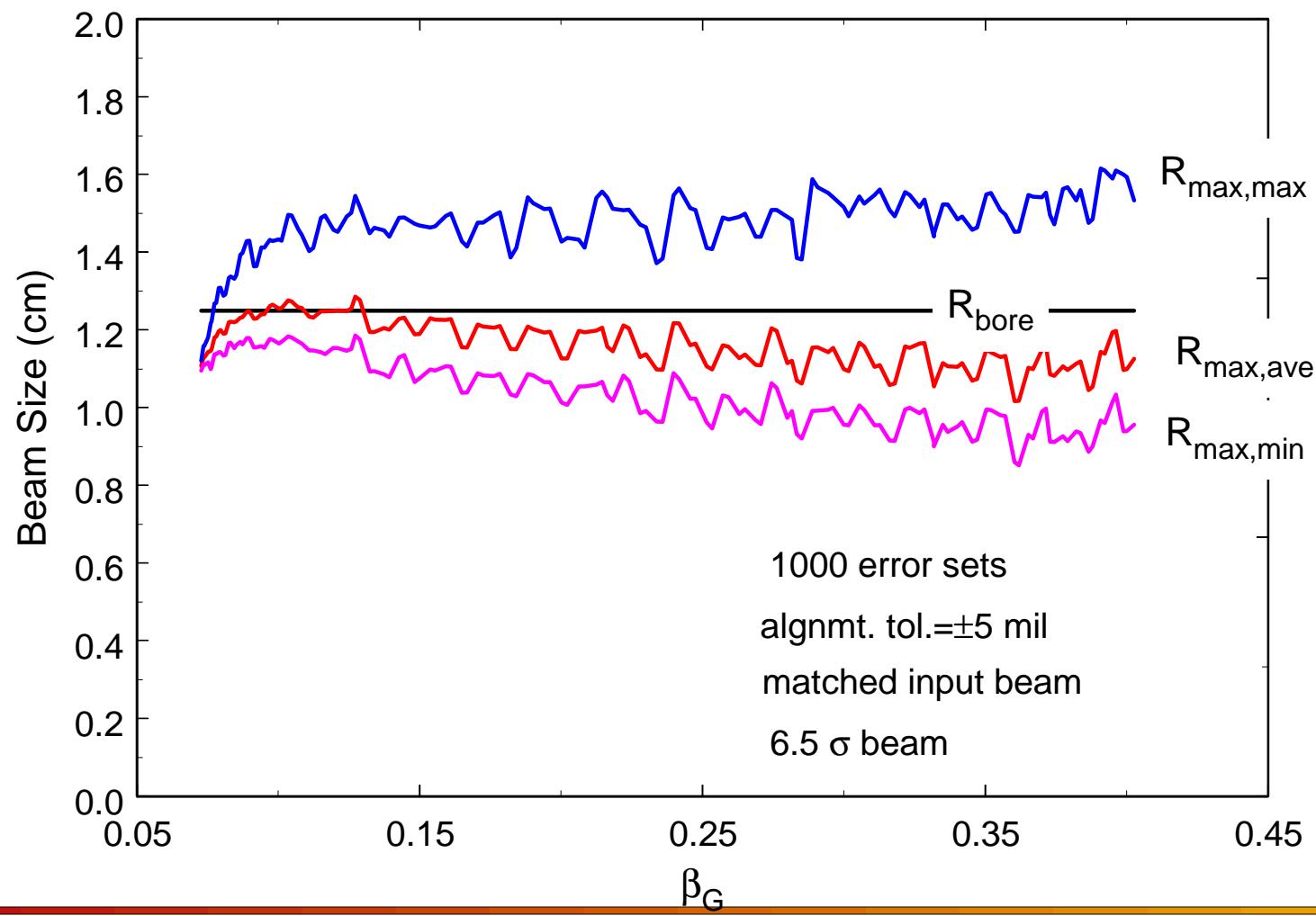
Expected Proton Fraction Missing the Foil (with Errors) Meets Spec.



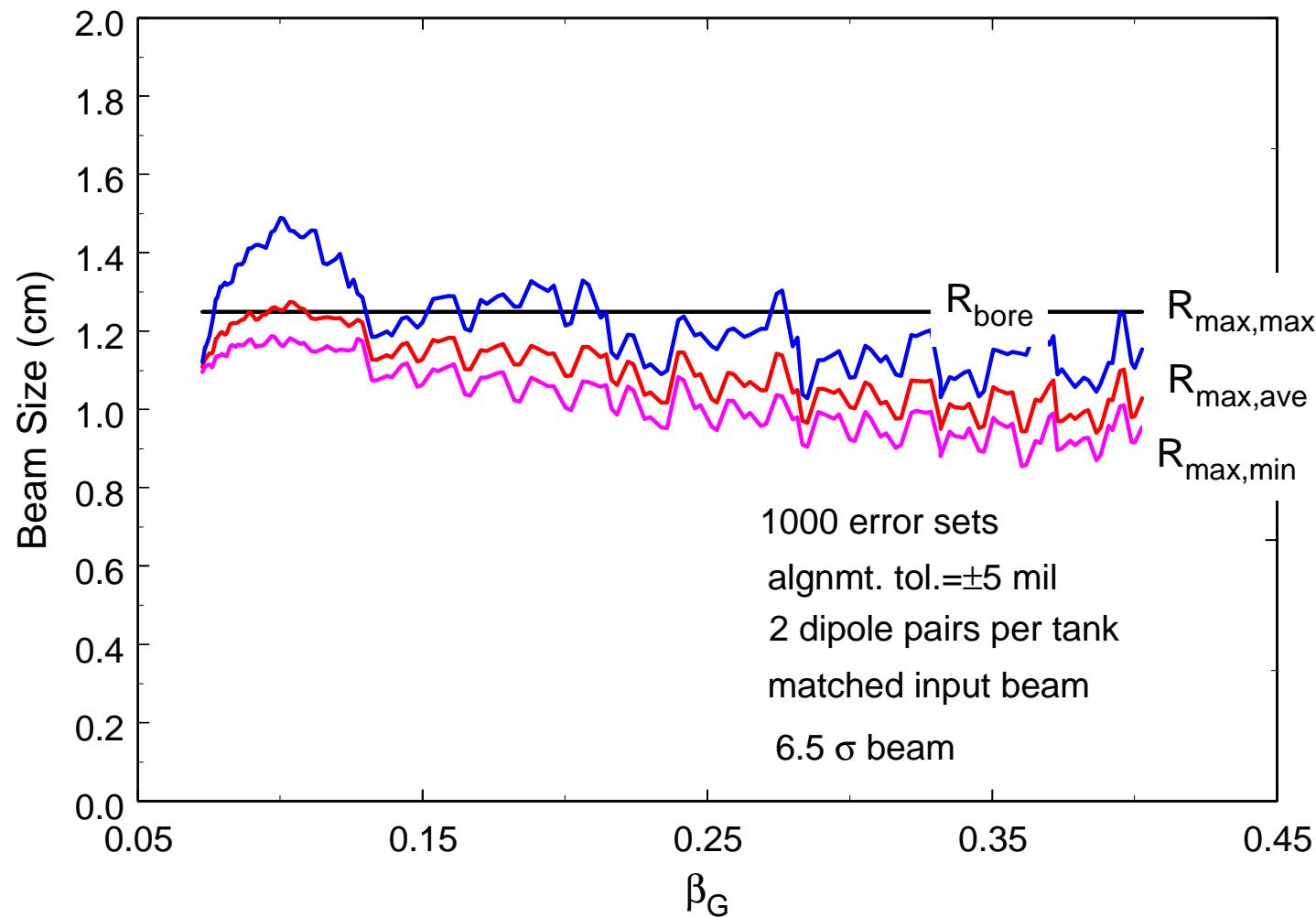
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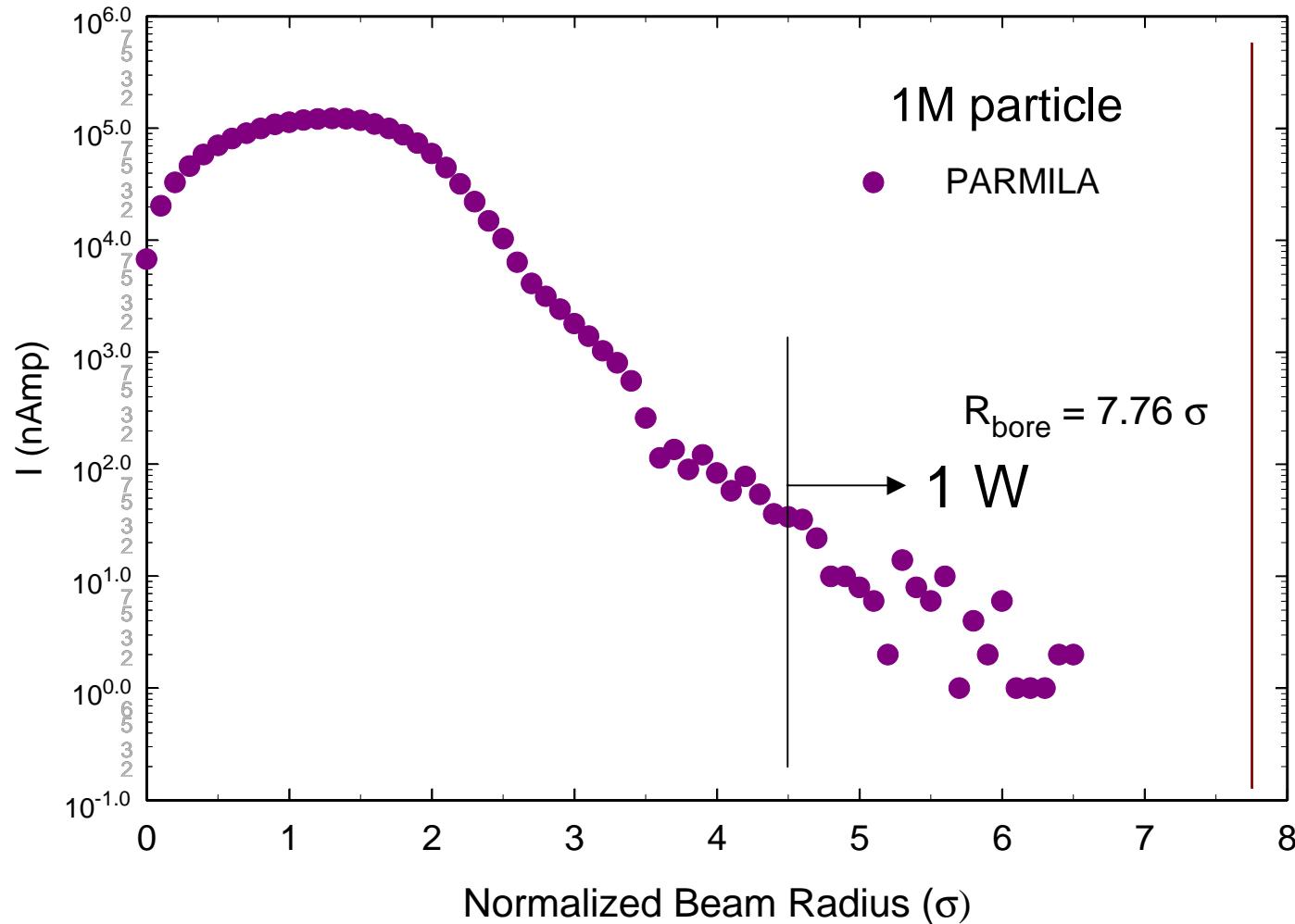
Maximum Beam Excursions are a Function of Drift Tube Alignment



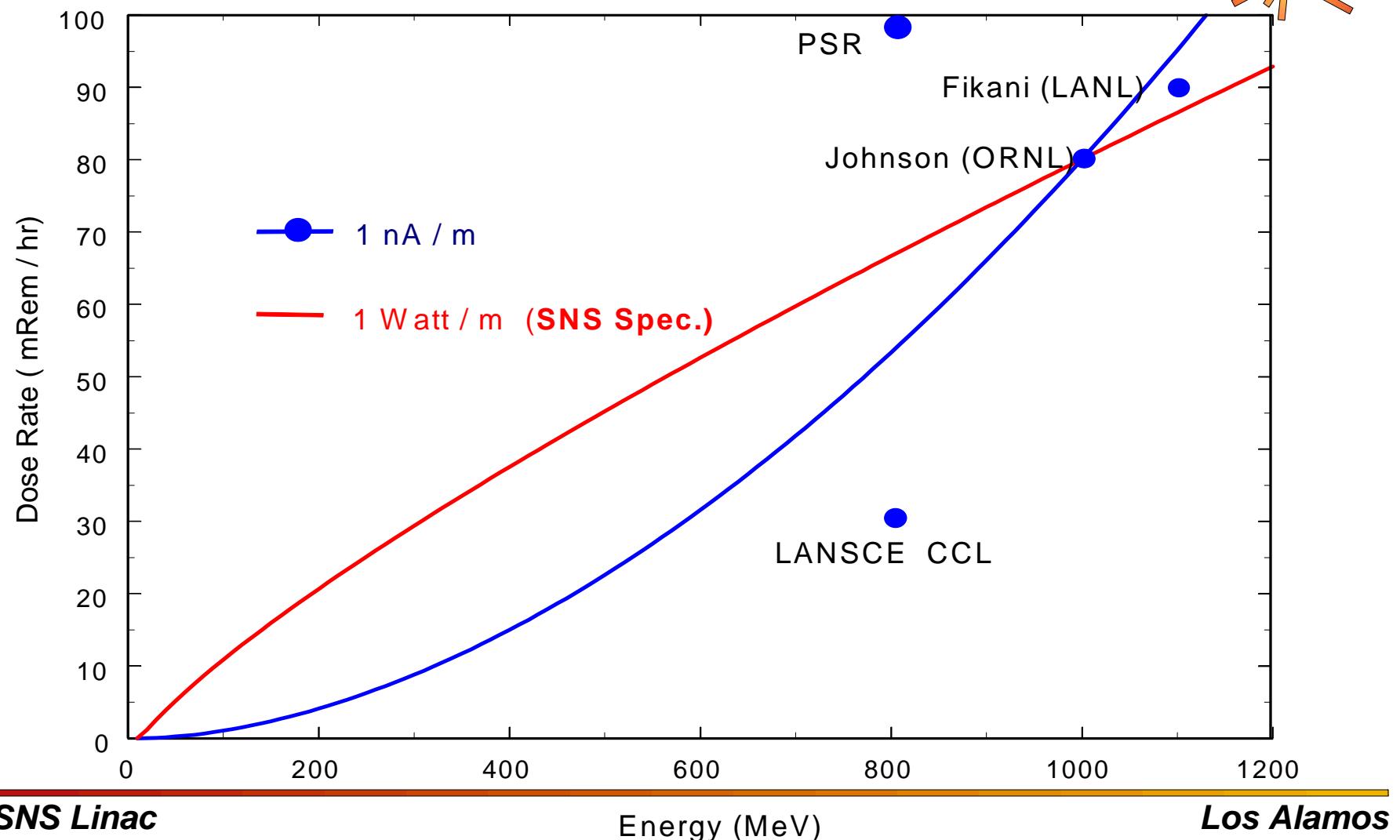
Beam Steering Uses 4 Dipoles & 2 BPMs in Each Tank



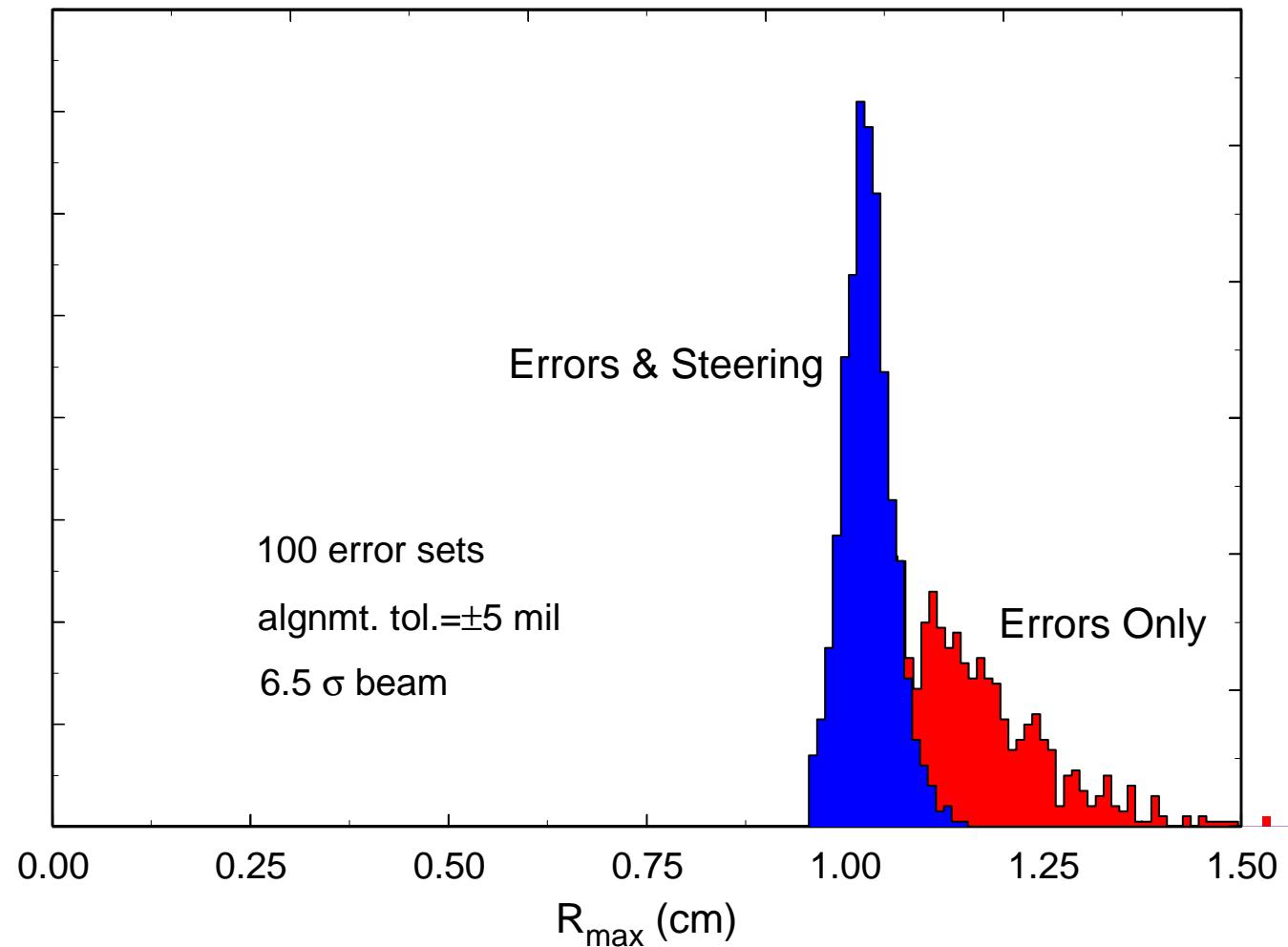
We Can Scrape Beam at the 4.5σ Level and Still Meet the Loss Criteria



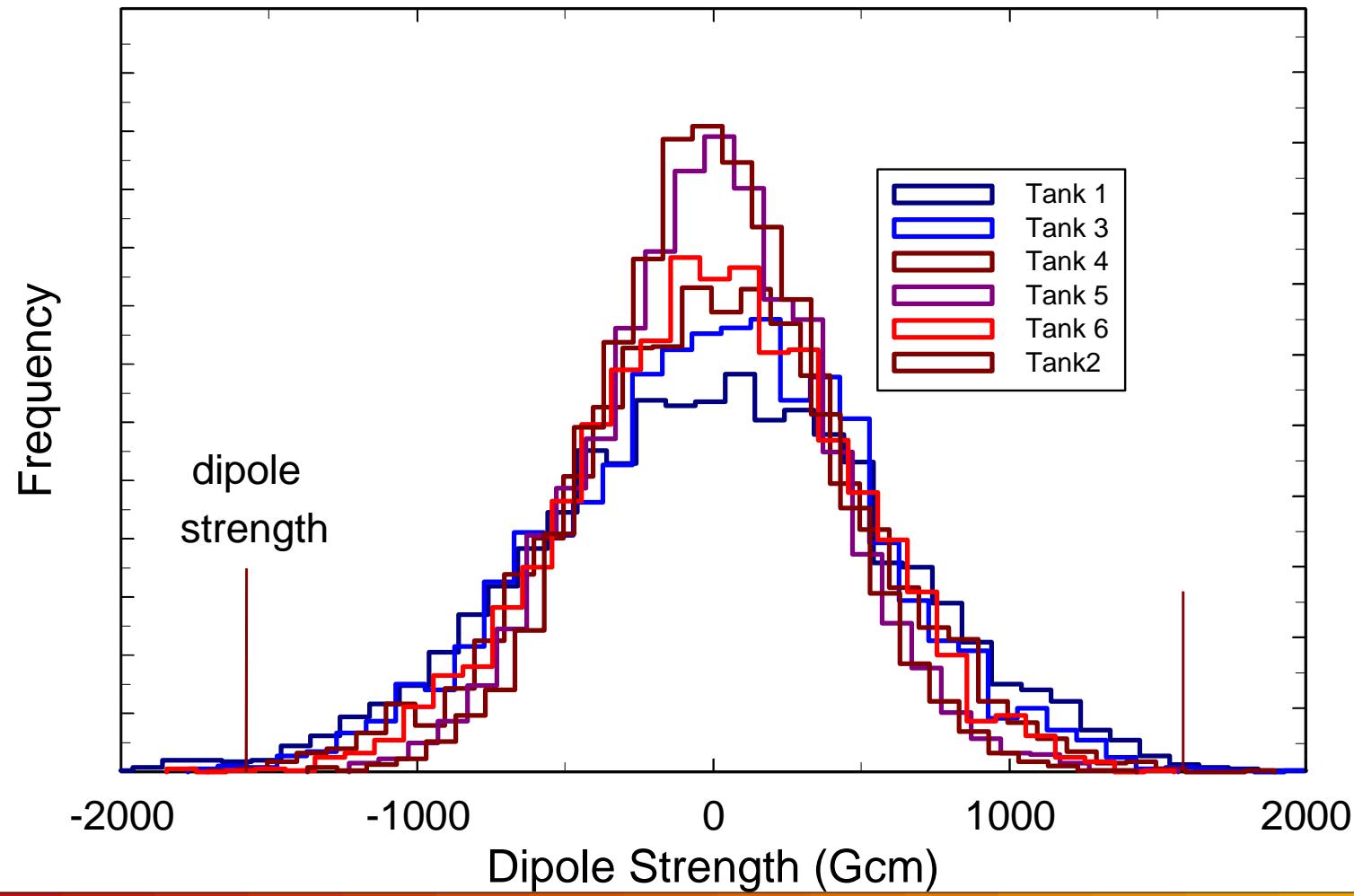
Beam Spill Induced Activation: Dose Rate at 1 ft after 4 Hours



Expected R_{\max} at the DTL Exit



Expected Distribution of Dipole Strengths



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Status of Linac Design & Beam Simulation Studies



- The linac design is mature
- Many performance requirements can be met
- Suitable steering algorithms have been selected and incorporated into simulation codes
- Error studies with steering are underway
 - full error set pending rf tuning algorithms
- DTL & CCL phase & amplitude set-point algorithms under study
- Alternate SRF parameters under study
- Improved interface matching & mismatch studies pending
- Beam dynamics workshops scheduled in Spring & Summer
- Addressing commissioning issues is high priority