



# **Beam-Simulation Code Comparisons**

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# Simulation Codes are of Specific Concern to ASAC

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- “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<sub>ELA</sub>, LINAC, PARTRANS & IMPACT calculate multiparticle beam dynamics
  - LTRACE and TRACEWIN calculate envelope dynamics

# **PARMELA is Our Most Detailed Simulation Code**

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- 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
  - $E_r$ ,  $E_z$  &  $H_\theta$  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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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
- $E_r$ ,  $E_z$  &  $H_\theta$  field map (from SUPERFISH) integration Pending

# IMPACT Uses Parallel Computation

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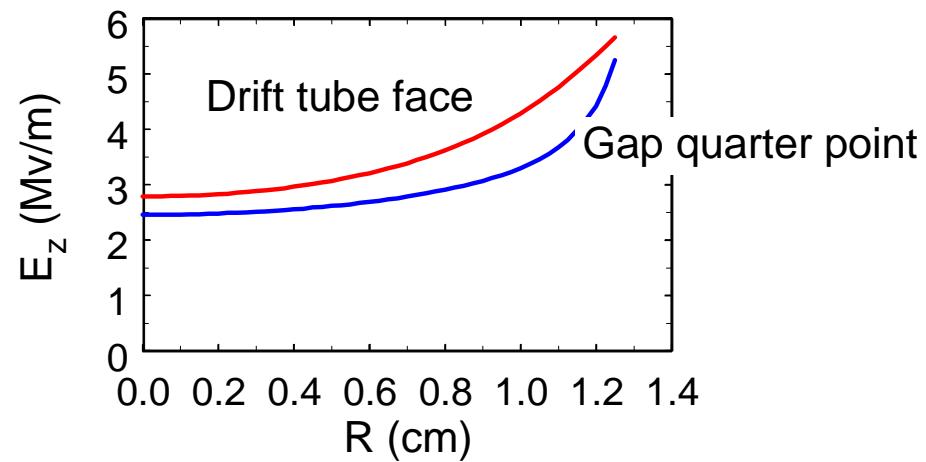
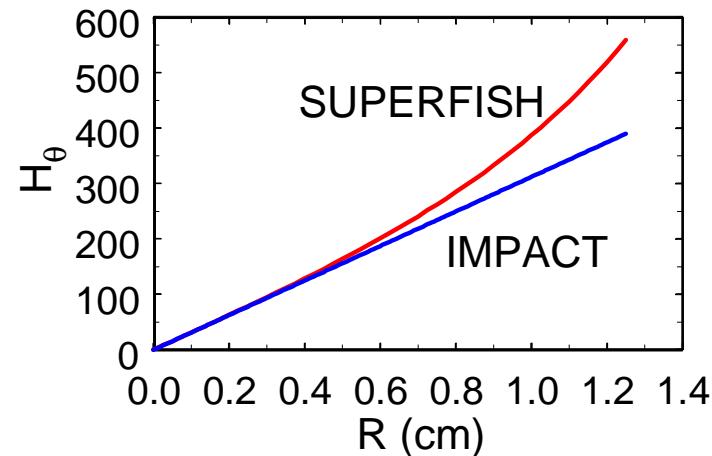
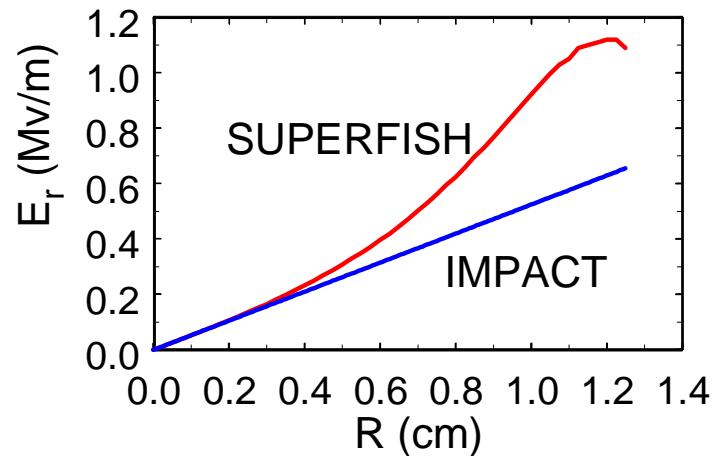


- IMPACT is a “parallel mode implementation” of particle-in-cell (PIC) code for linear accelerators
  - used for simulations only, no design
- Uses canonical variables:  $x$ ,  $p_x$ ,  $y$ ,  $p_y$ ,  $t$ ,  $p_t$
- Calculates gap field integrals including acceleration
  - assumes linear expansion for 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: $E_r$ & $H_\theta$ 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

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- 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

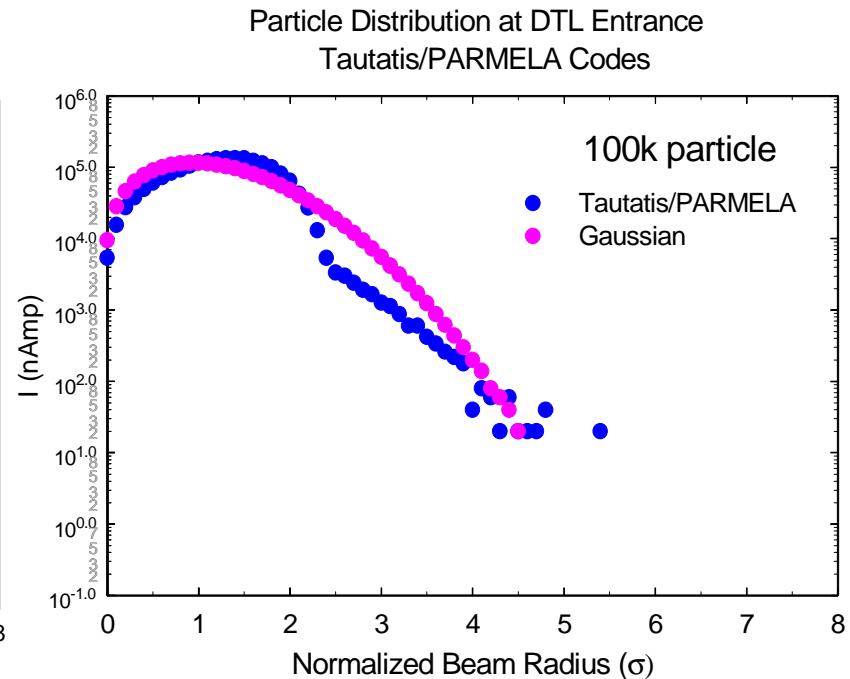
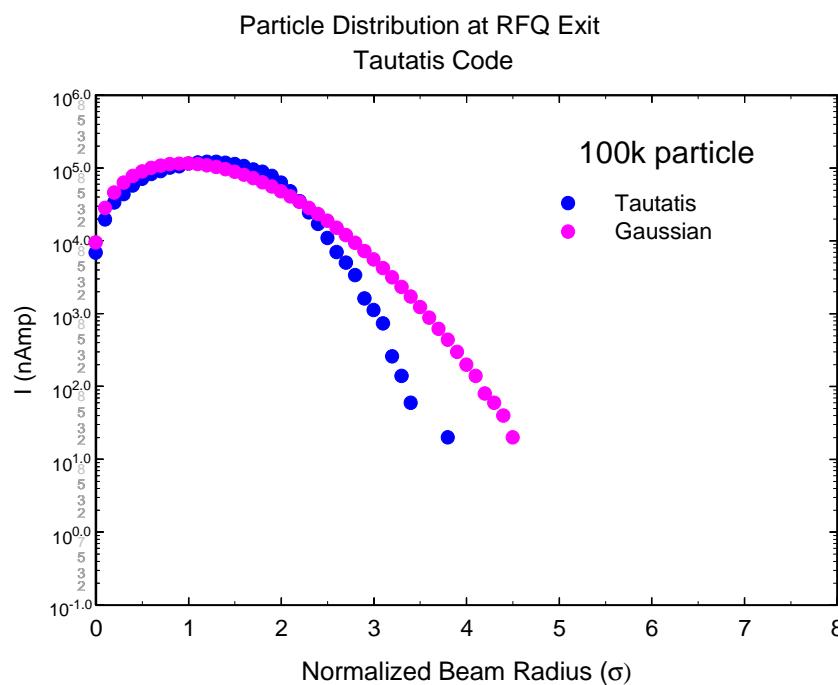
# Basis of Comparison

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- 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

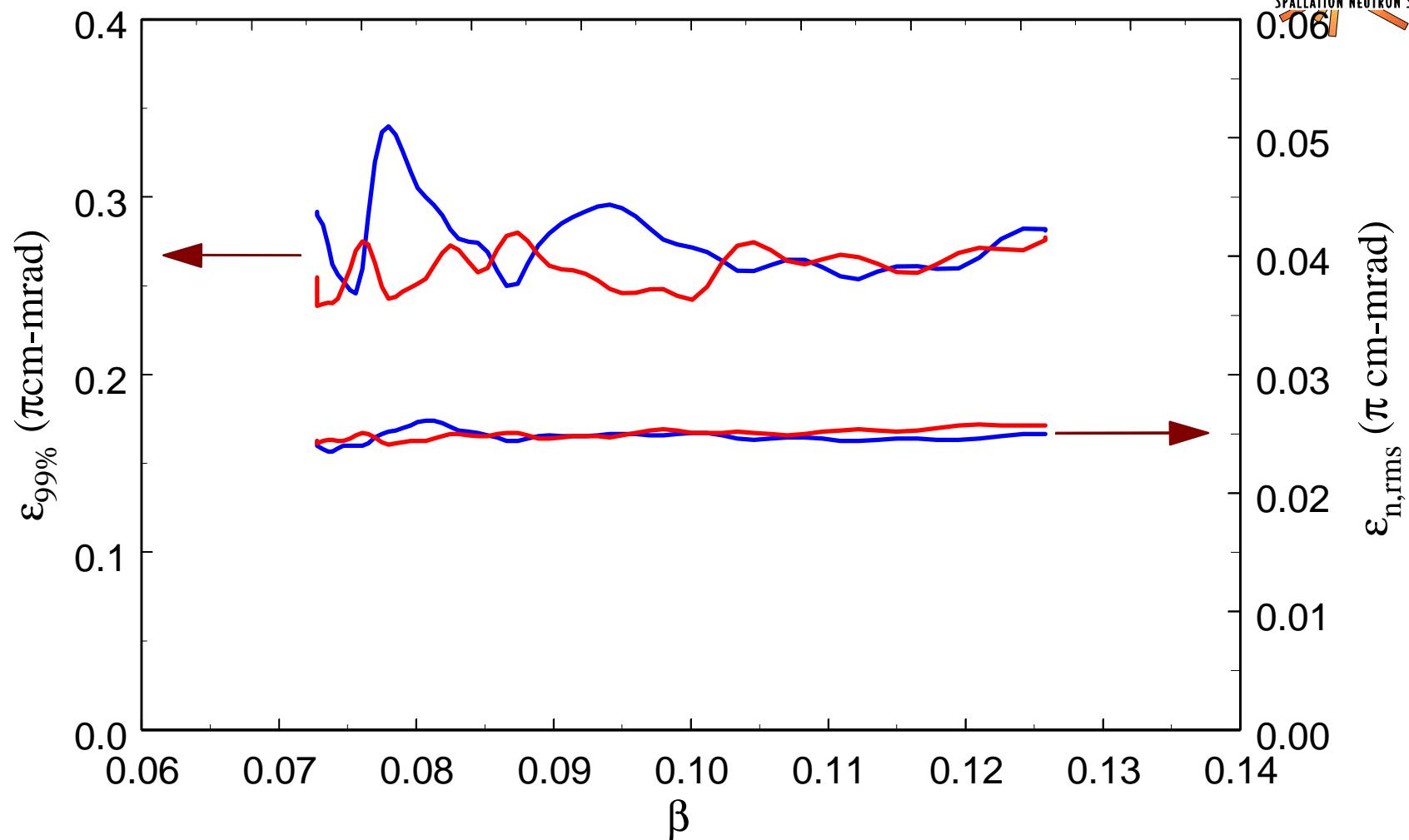


# DTL Emittance Profiles

## PARMILA Code



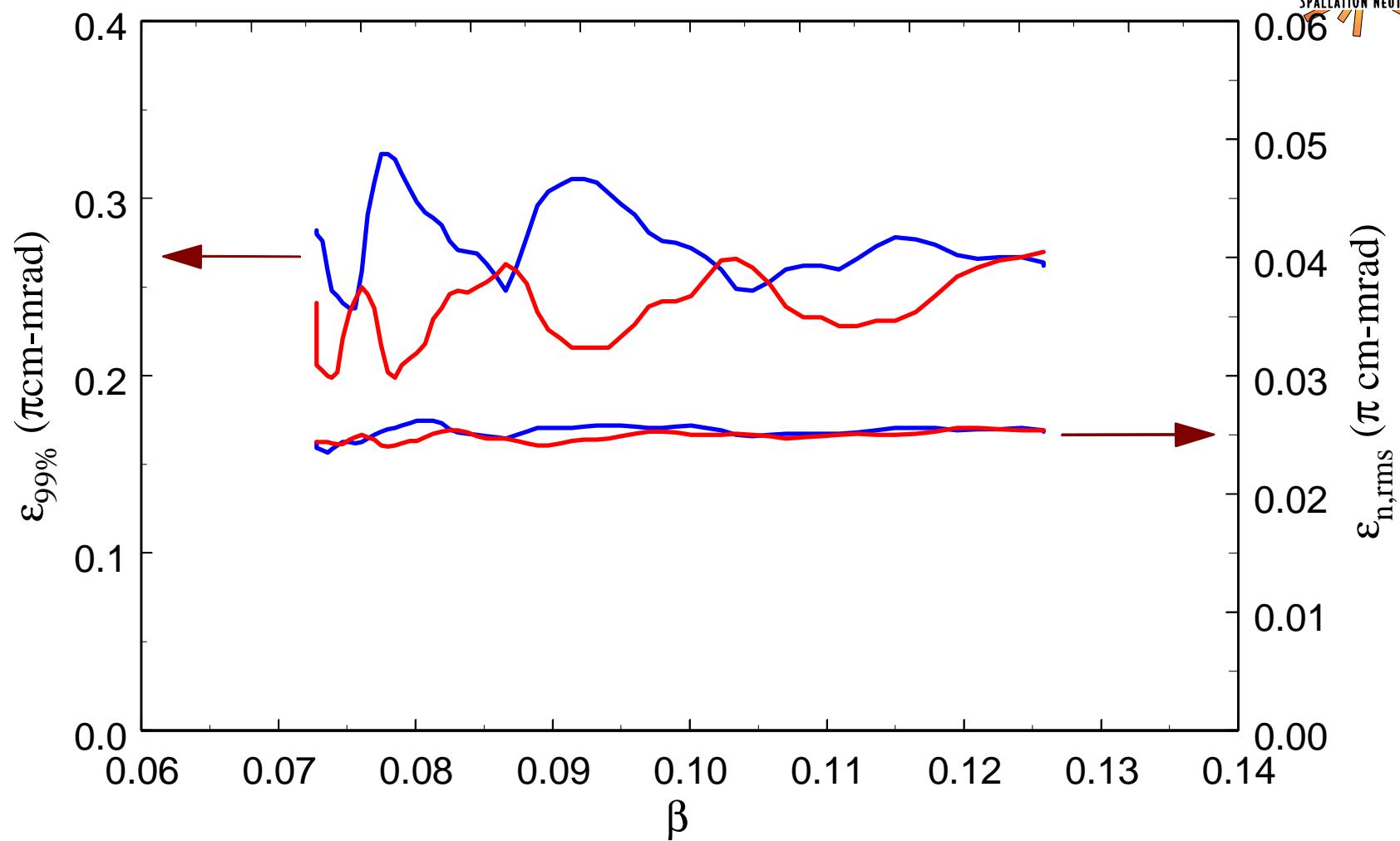
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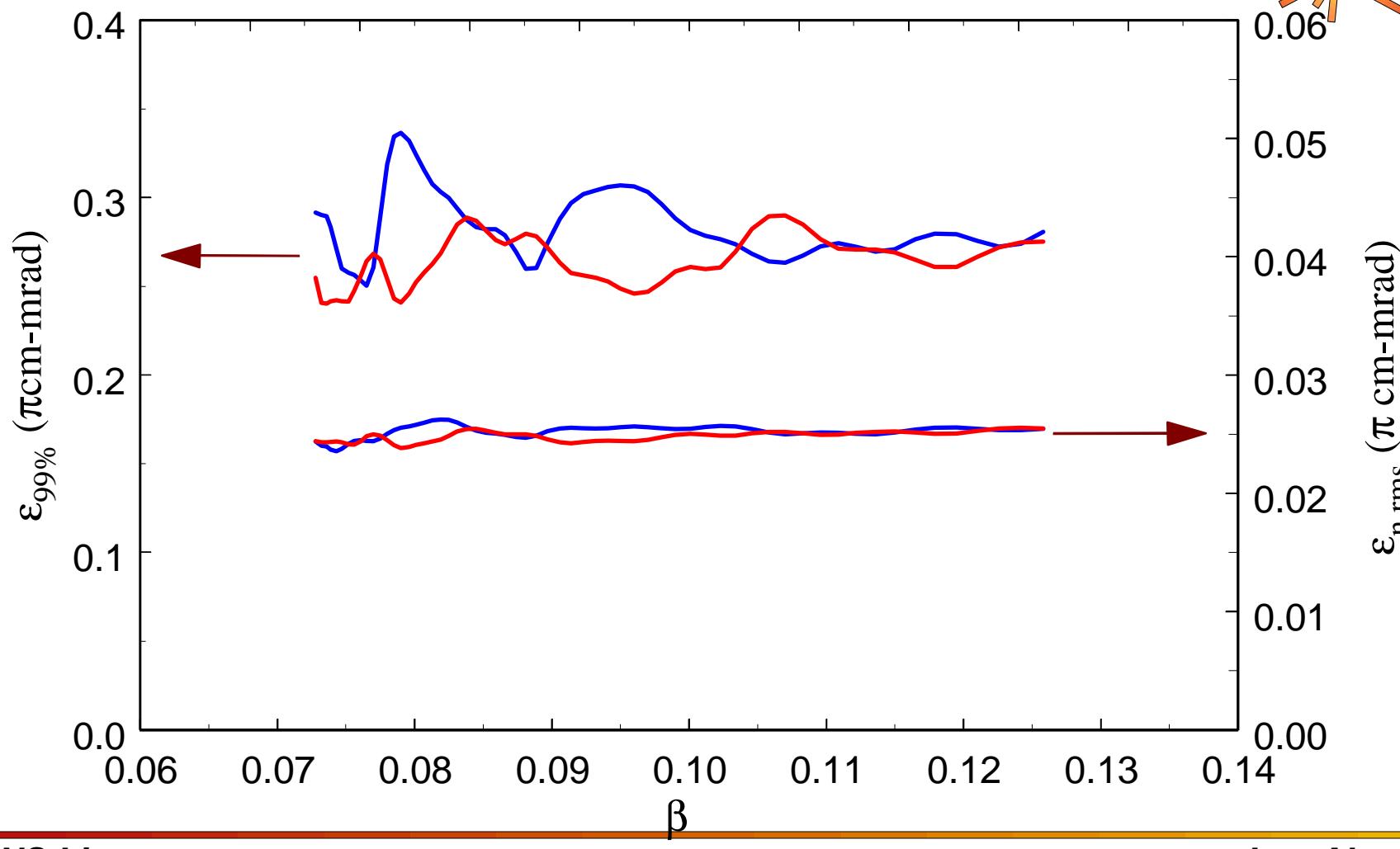


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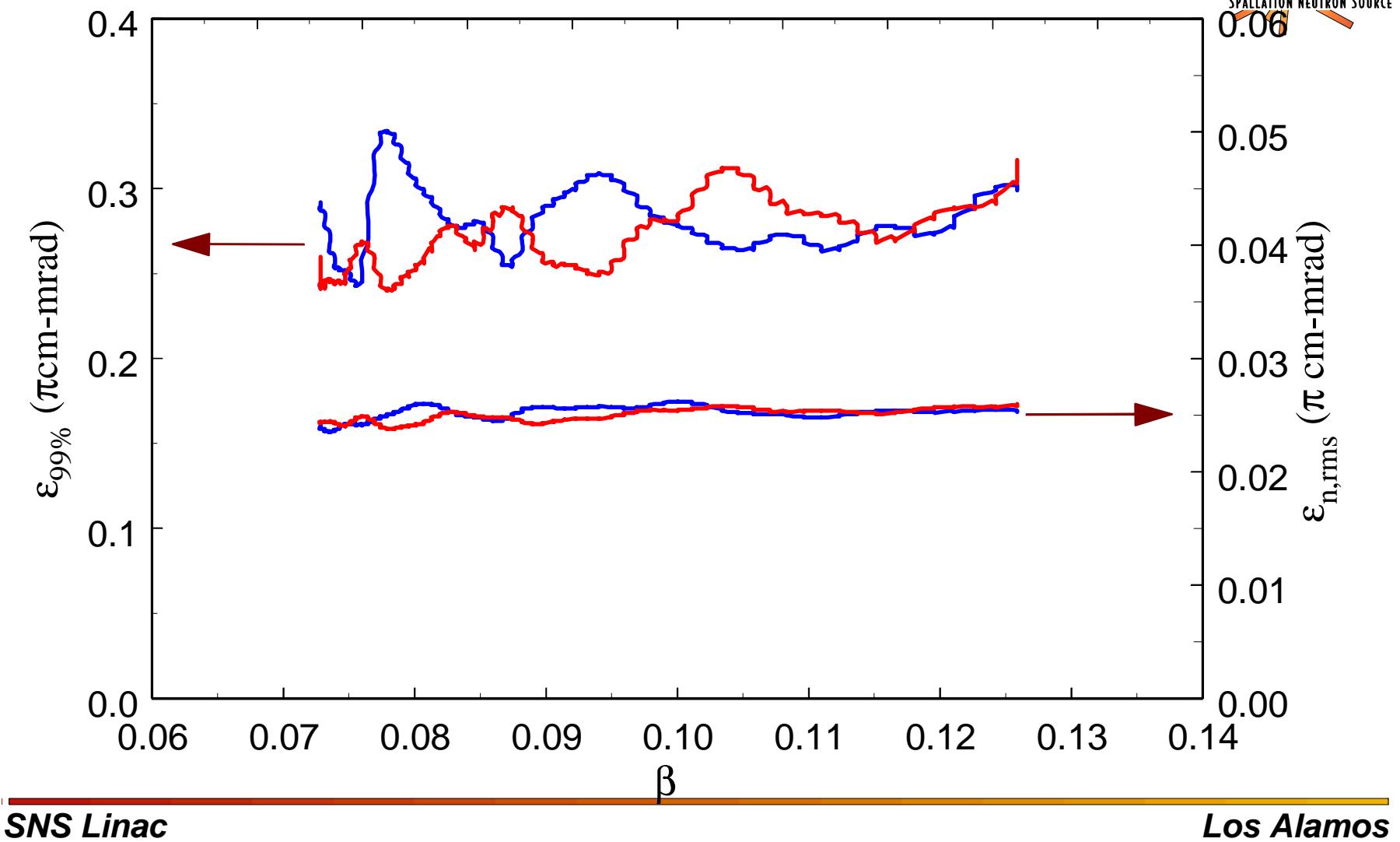


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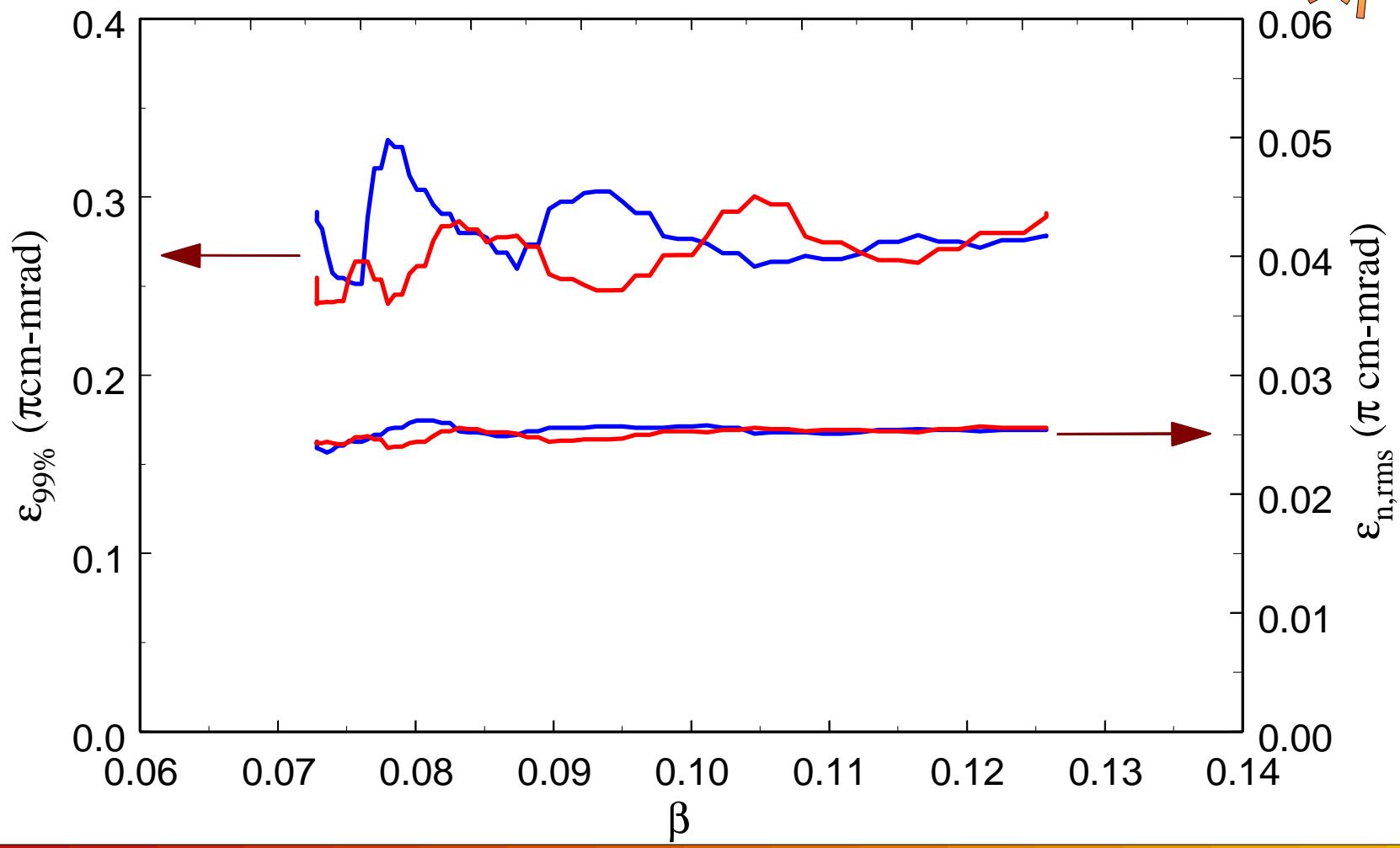


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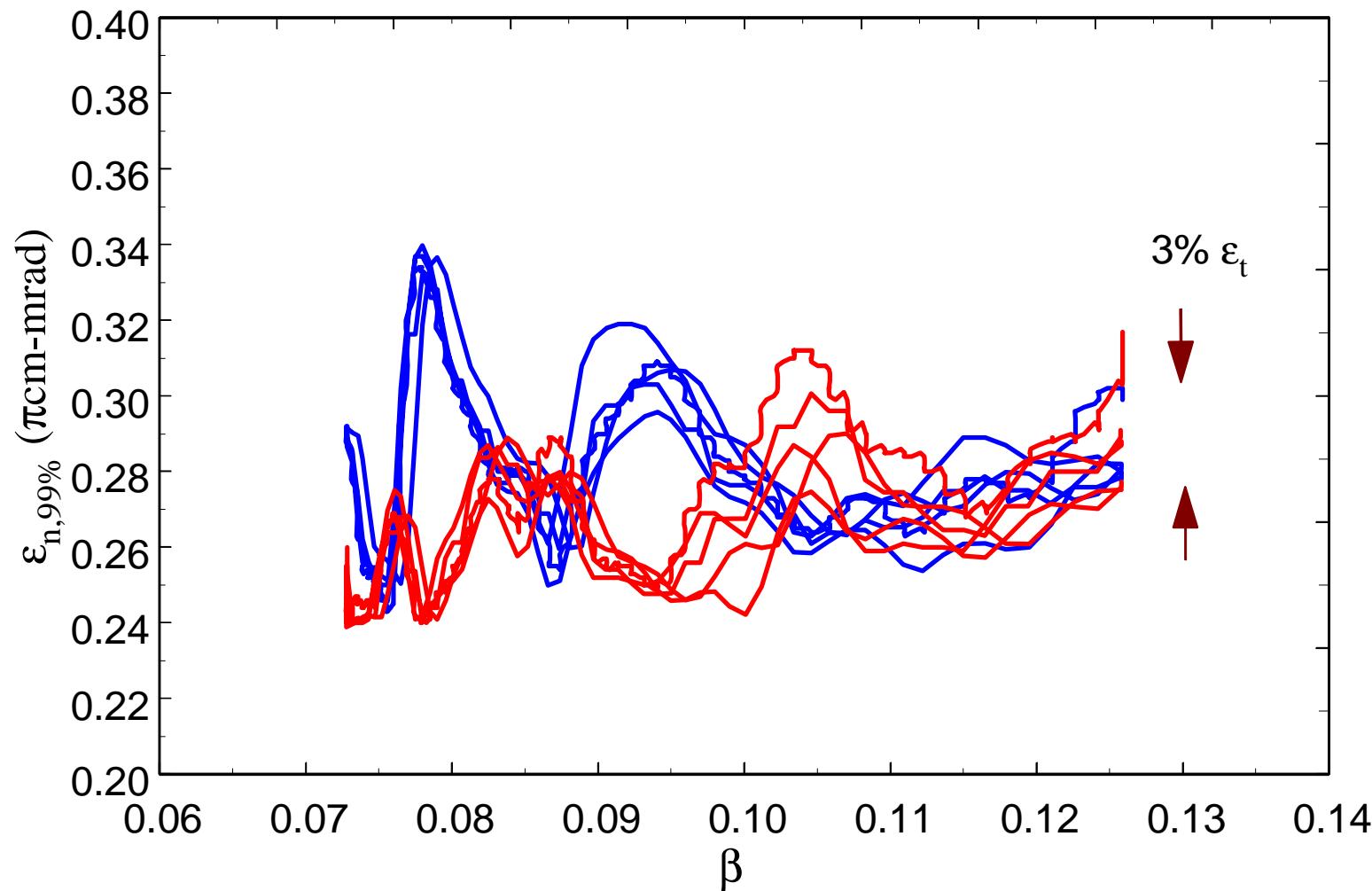


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# DTL 99% Emittance Profiles

## 5 Codes

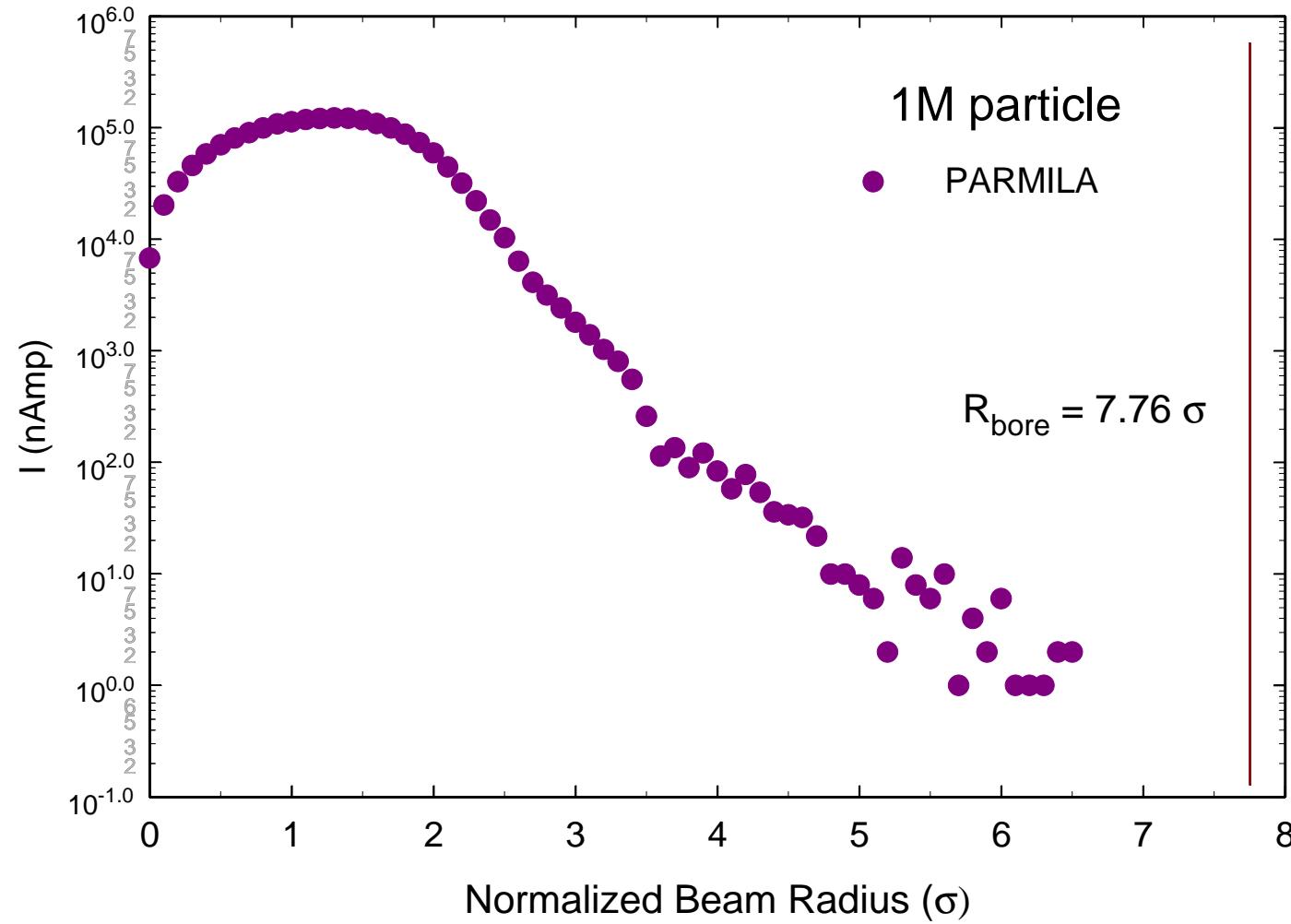


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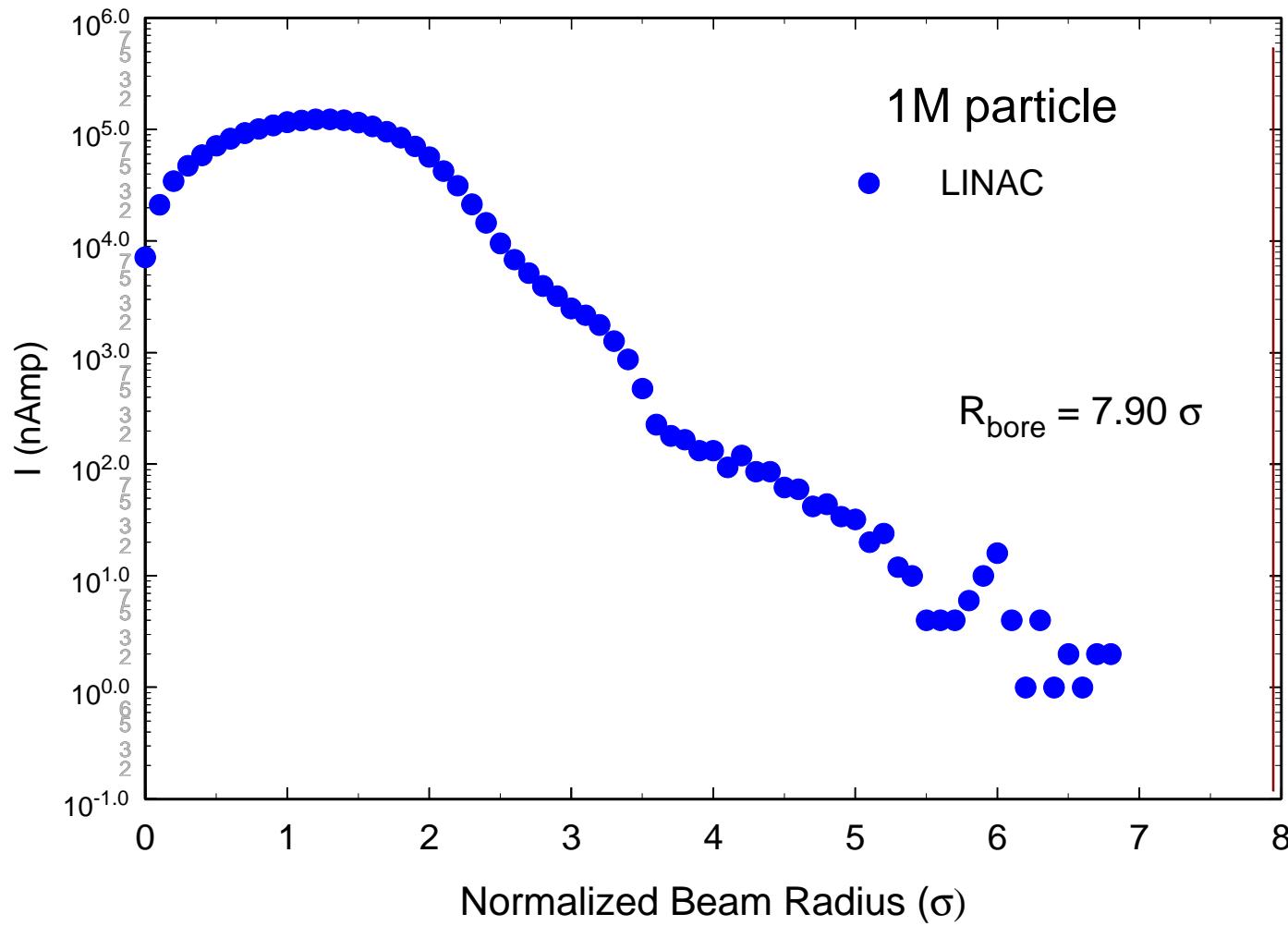
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# Radial Distribution at Tank 1 Exit

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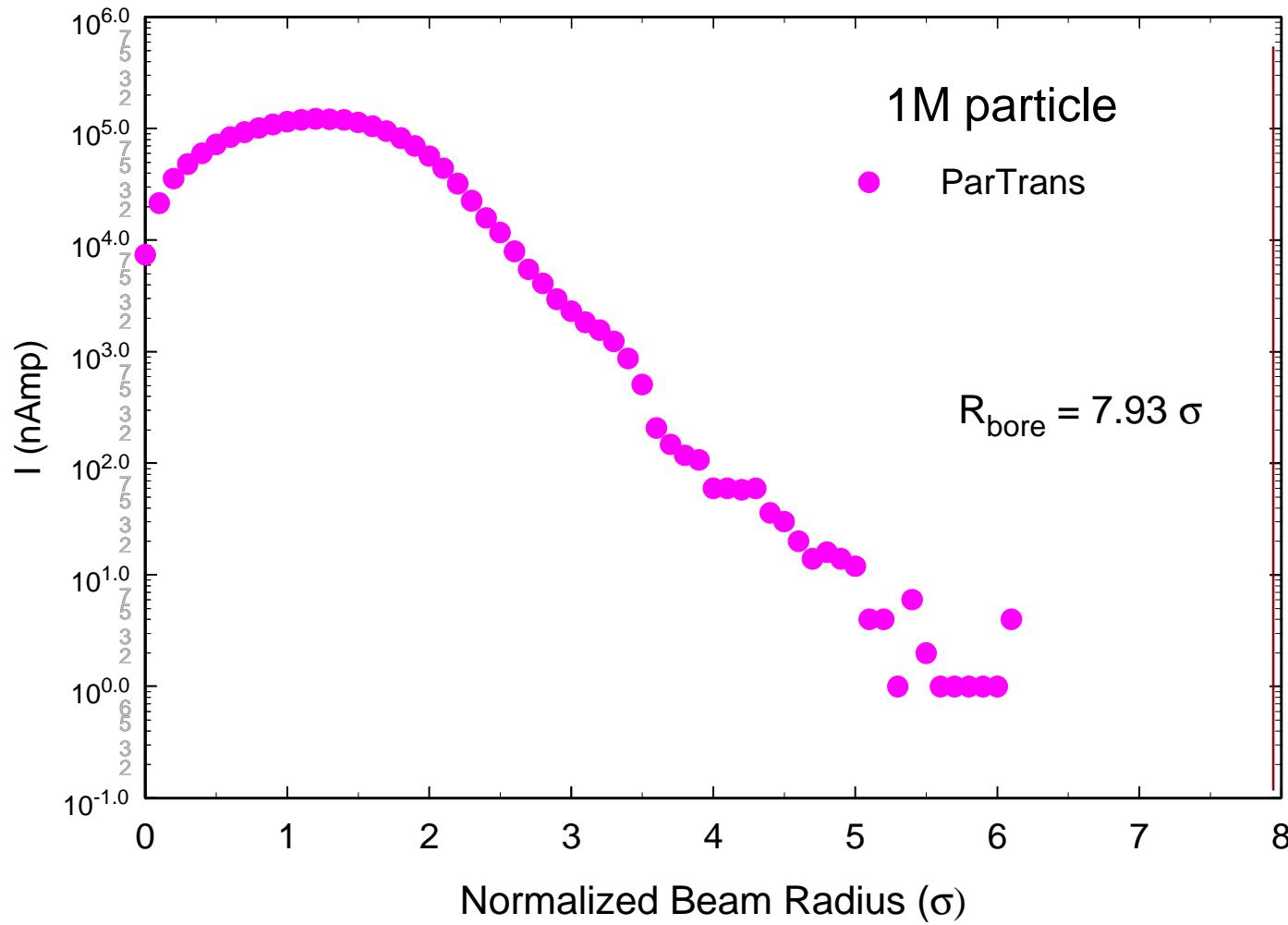


# Radial Distribution at Tank 1 Exit LINAC Code



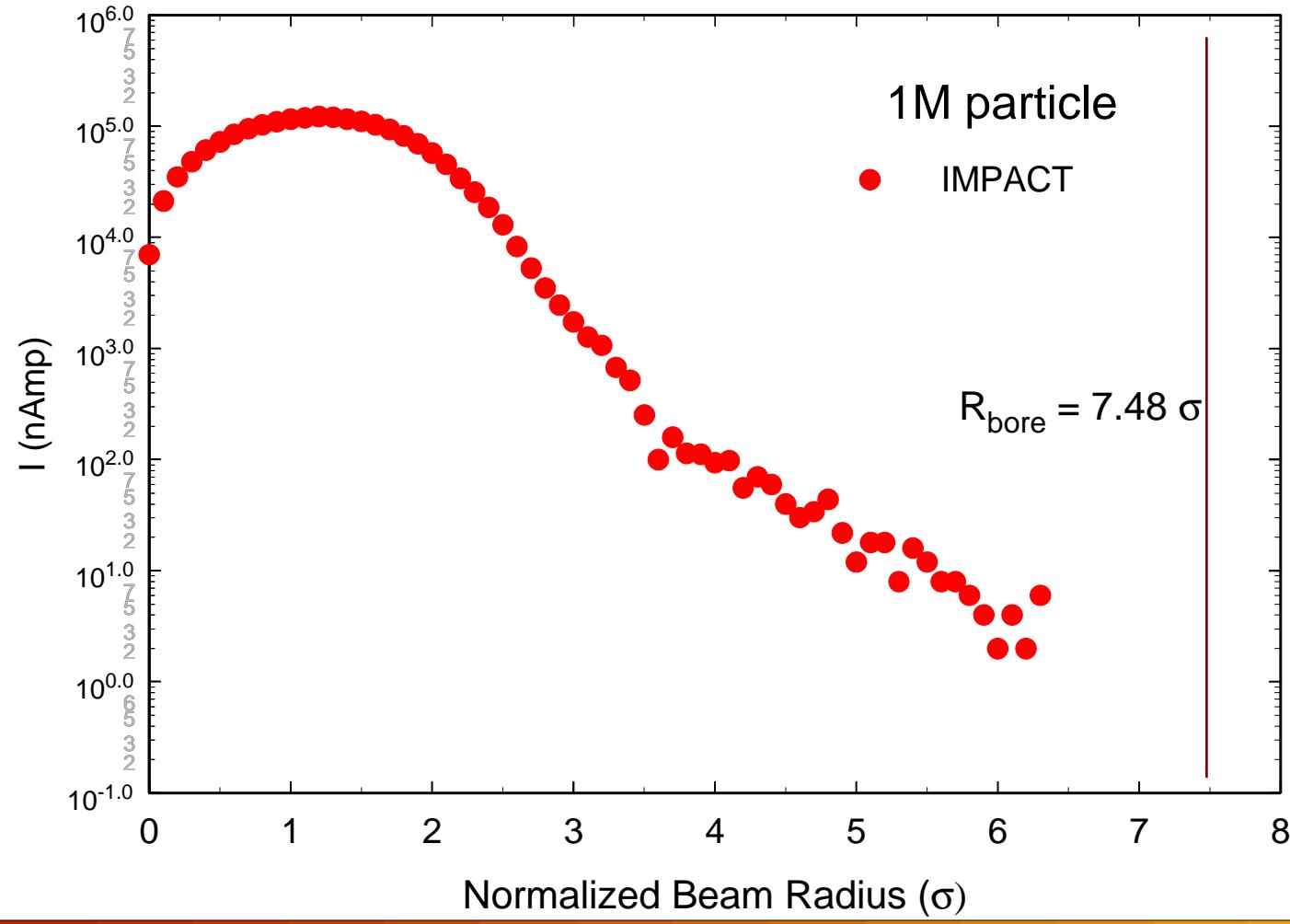
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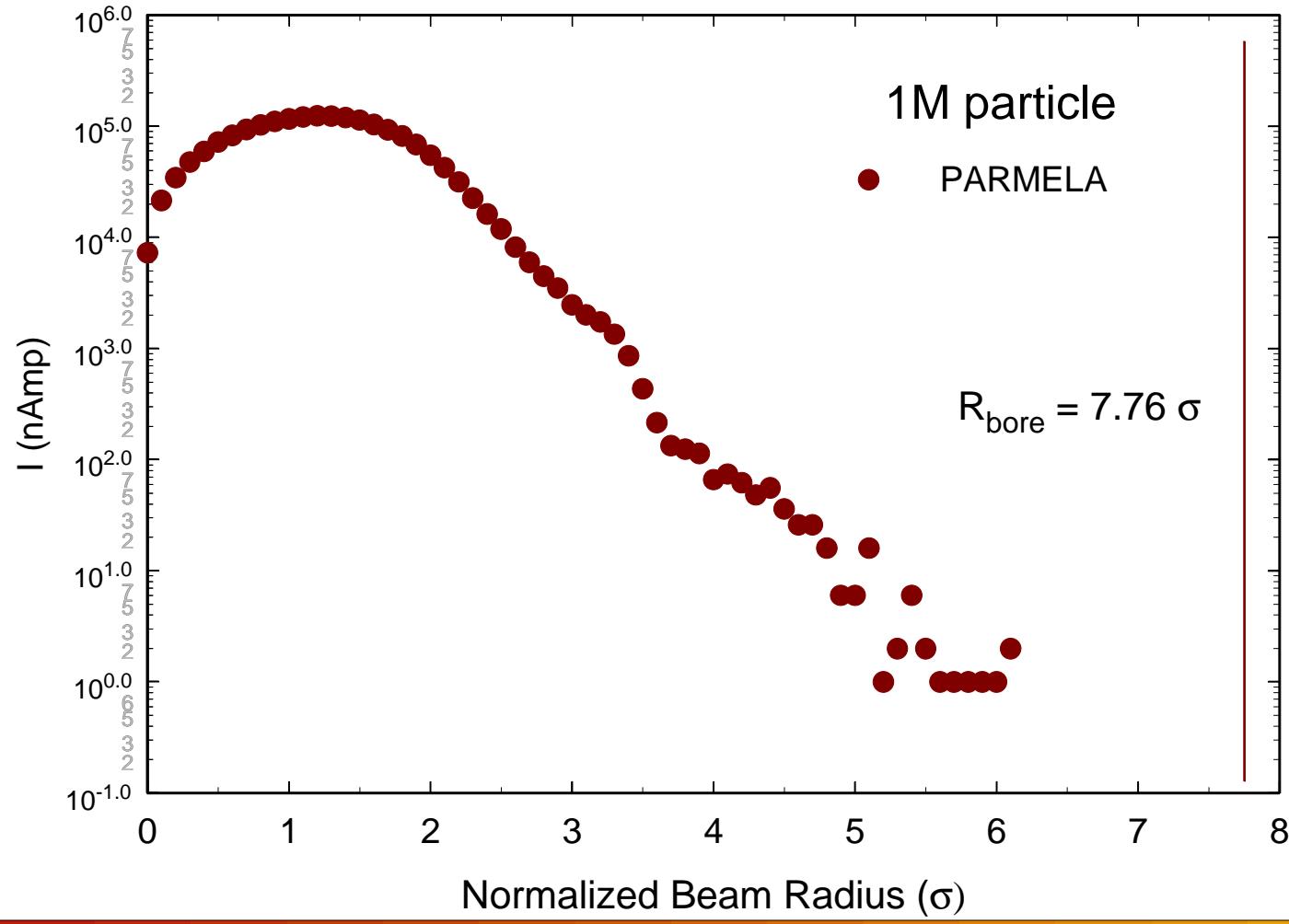
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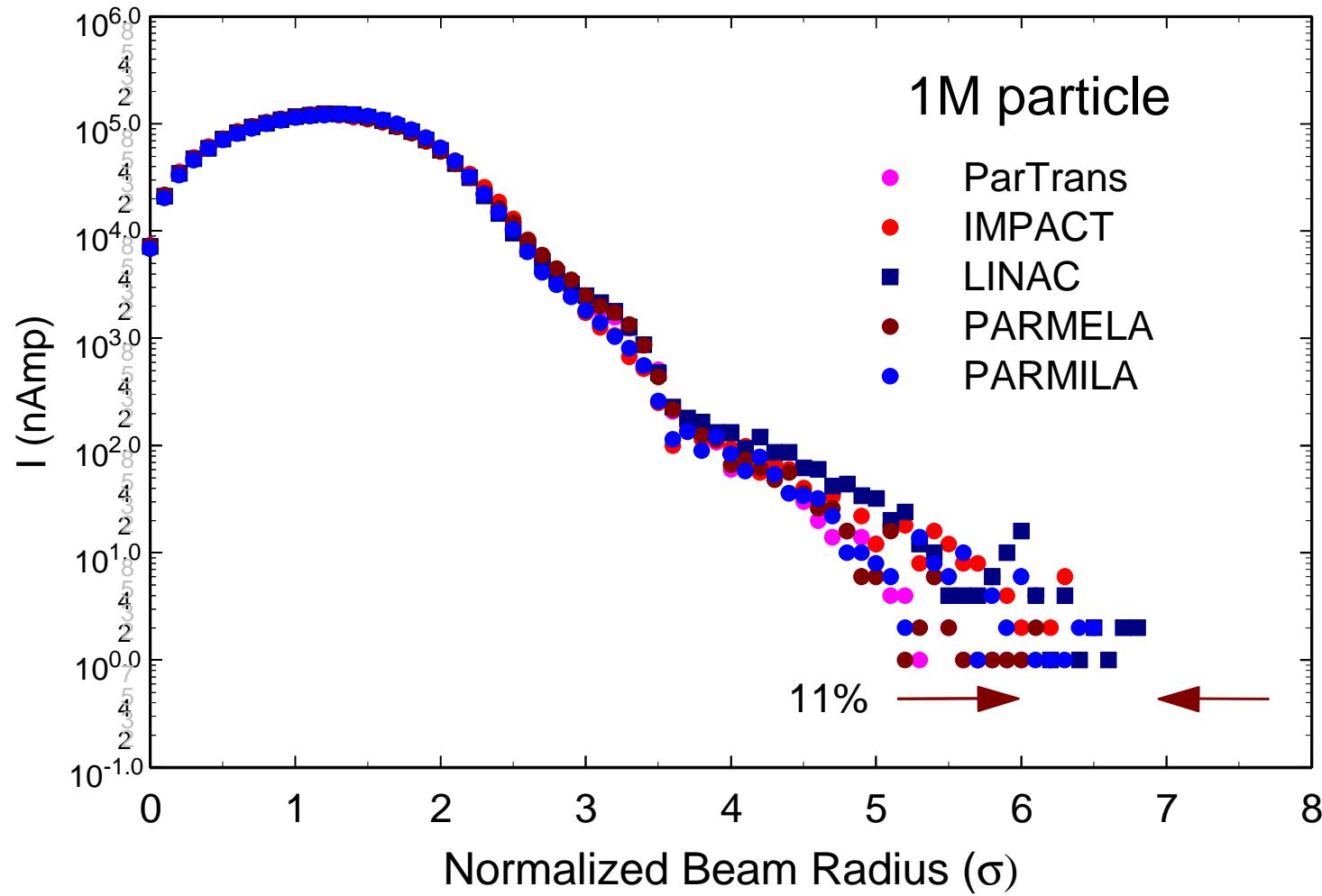
# Radial Distribution at Tank 1 Exit

## PARMELA Code



# Radial Distribution at Tank 1 Exit

## All Codes



# Code Comparisons are Ongoing

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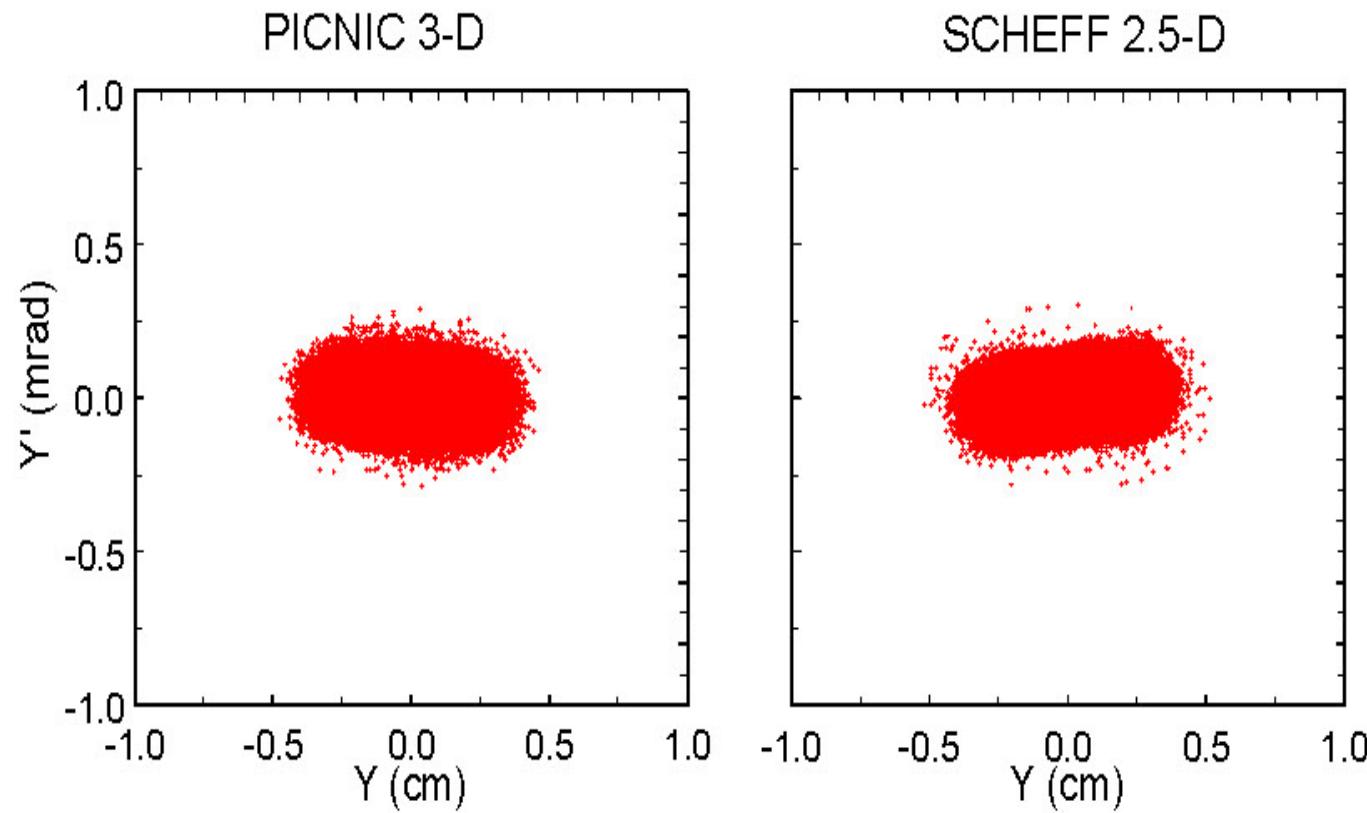


- Tank 1 results should be most sensitive at detecting differences
  - results are in good qualitative and quantitative agreement
- All codes are being modified to accept a common input format that describes the entire linac
  - PARMILA will generate the linac description
- End-to-end simulations of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

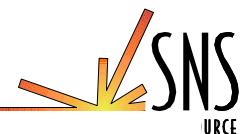
# “SCHEFF & PICNIC show significant difference in orientation of the Y-Y' phase plane”



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



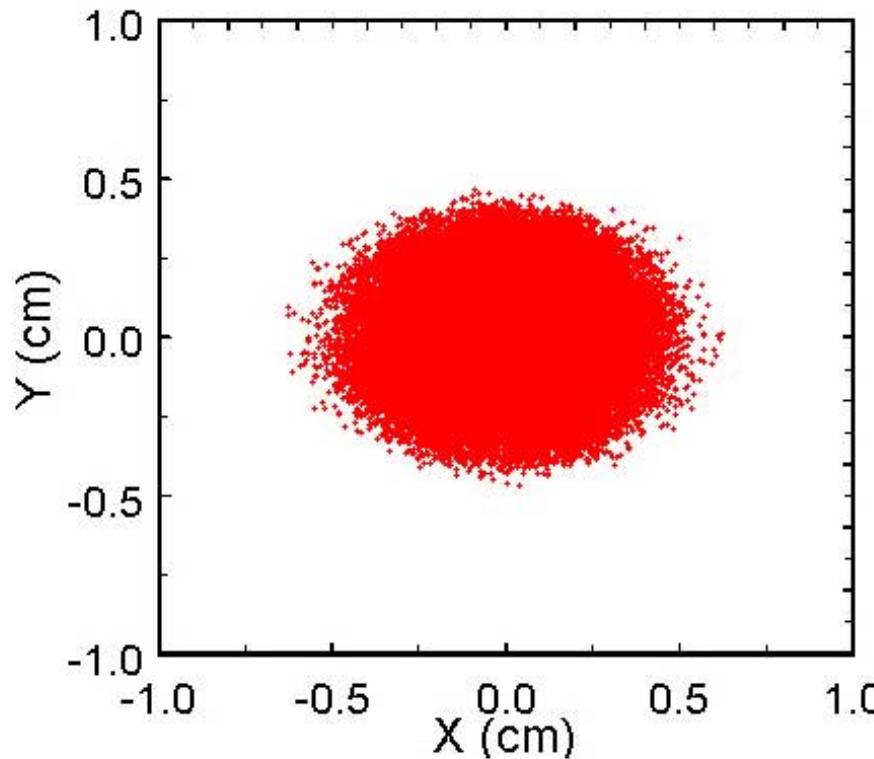
# Our Primary Space-Charge Concern is not Orientation but Halo



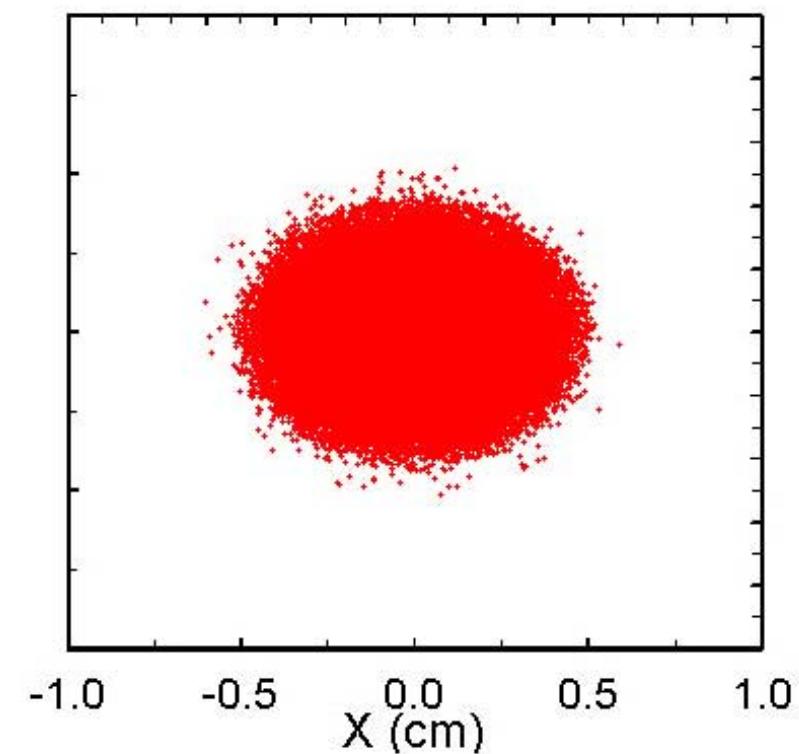
Real Space Projections at 1.25 GeV

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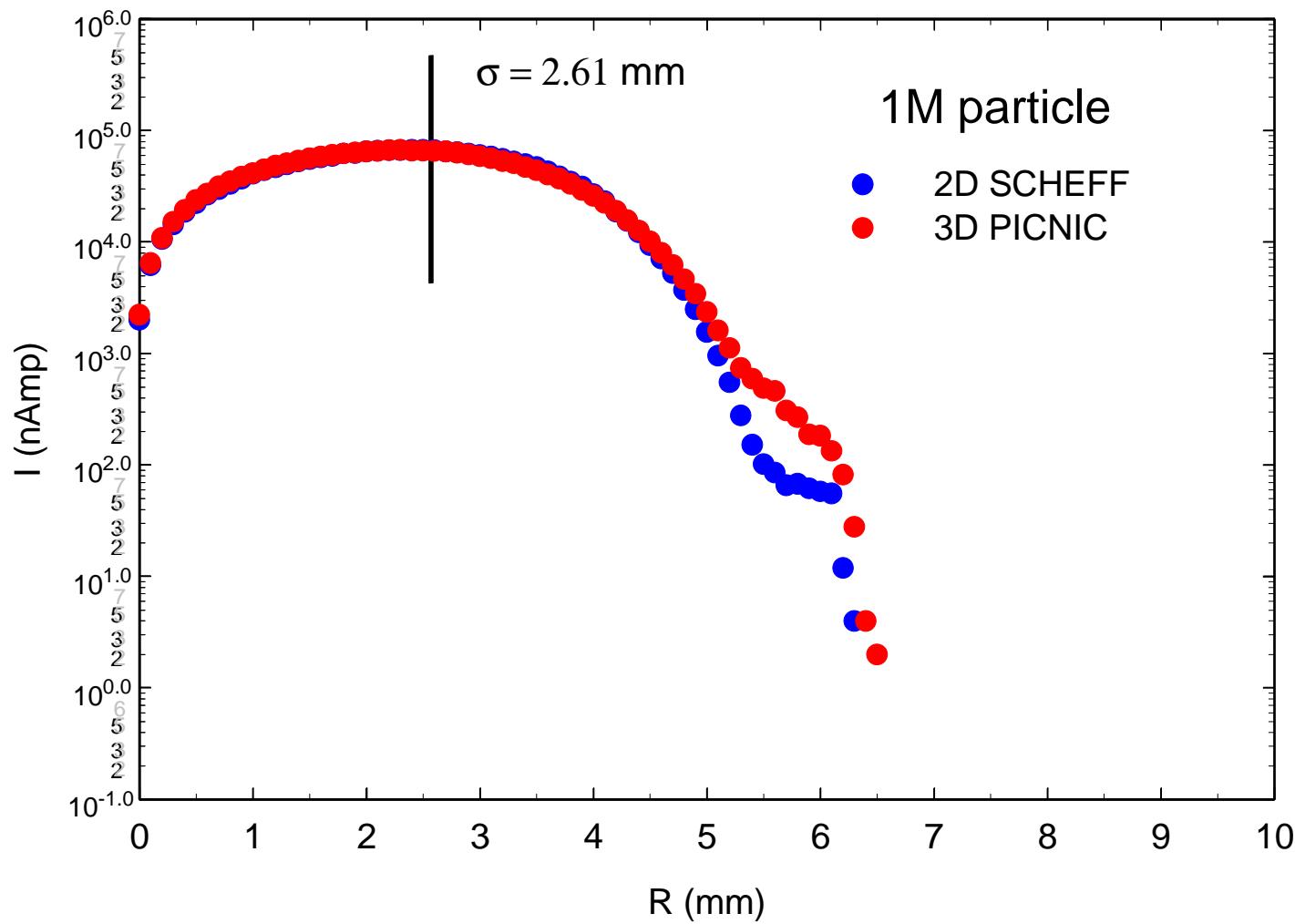
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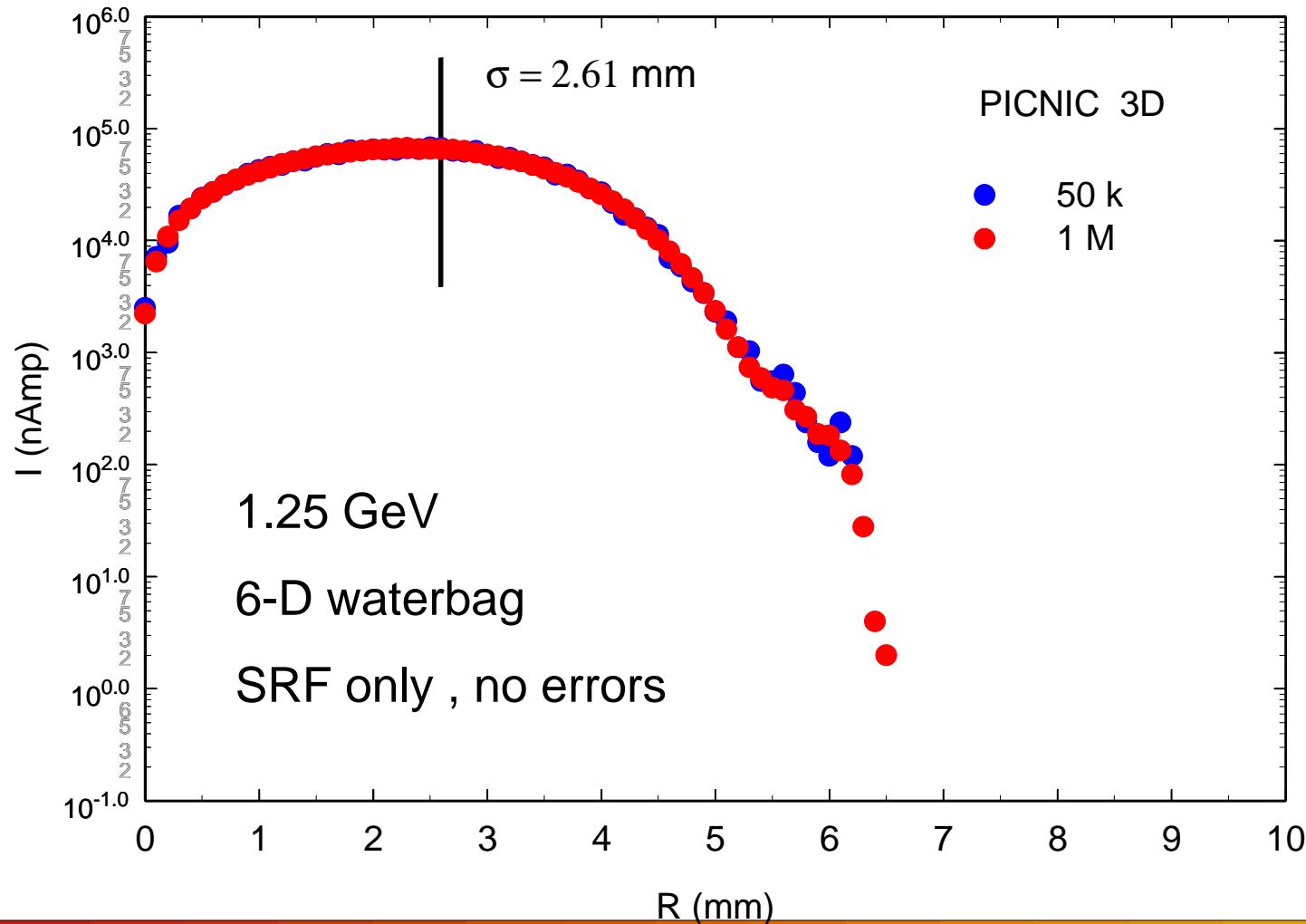
SCHEFF 2.5-D



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



# Small & Large Distributions Yield Consistent Results

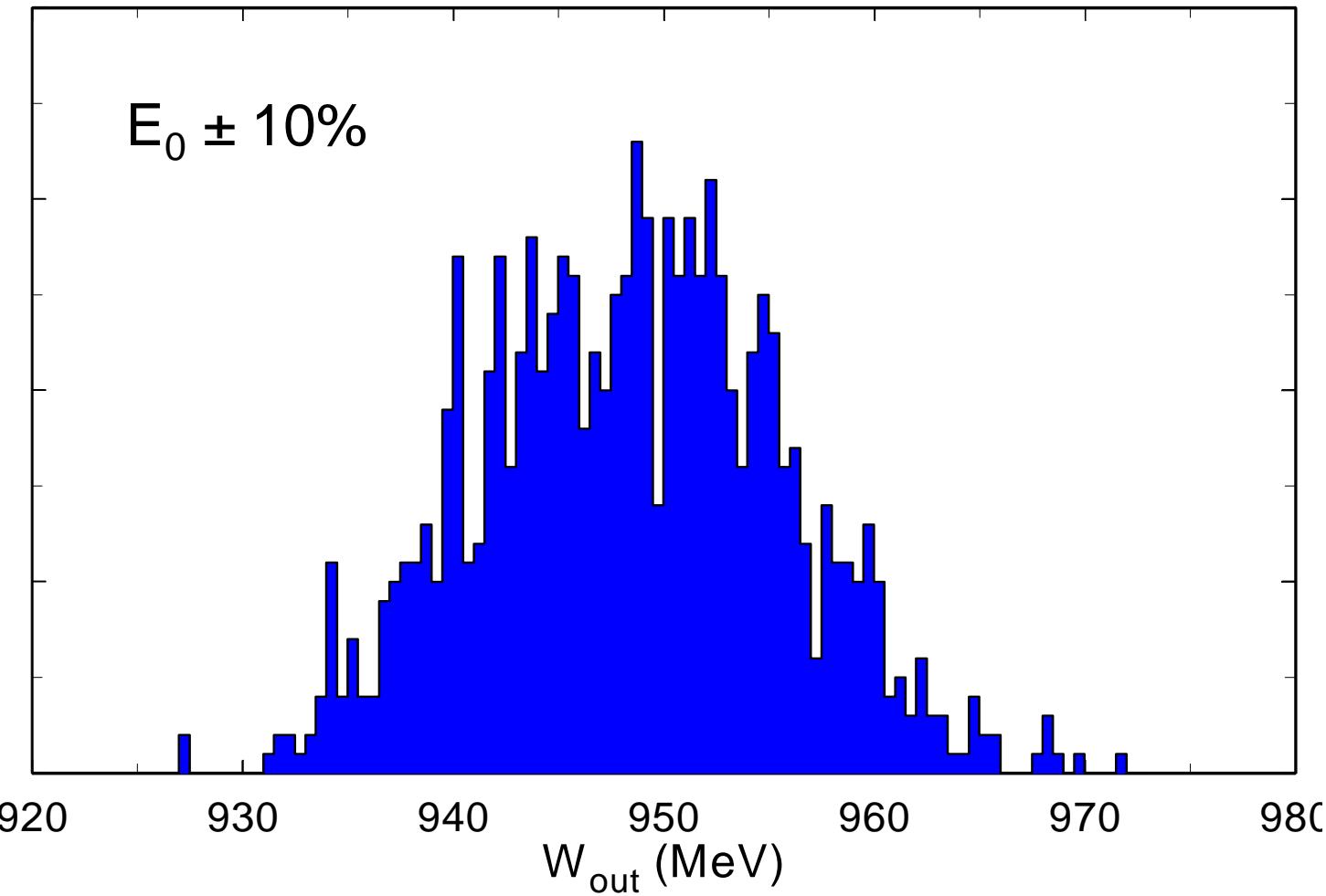


# Linac Beam Dynamics Studies

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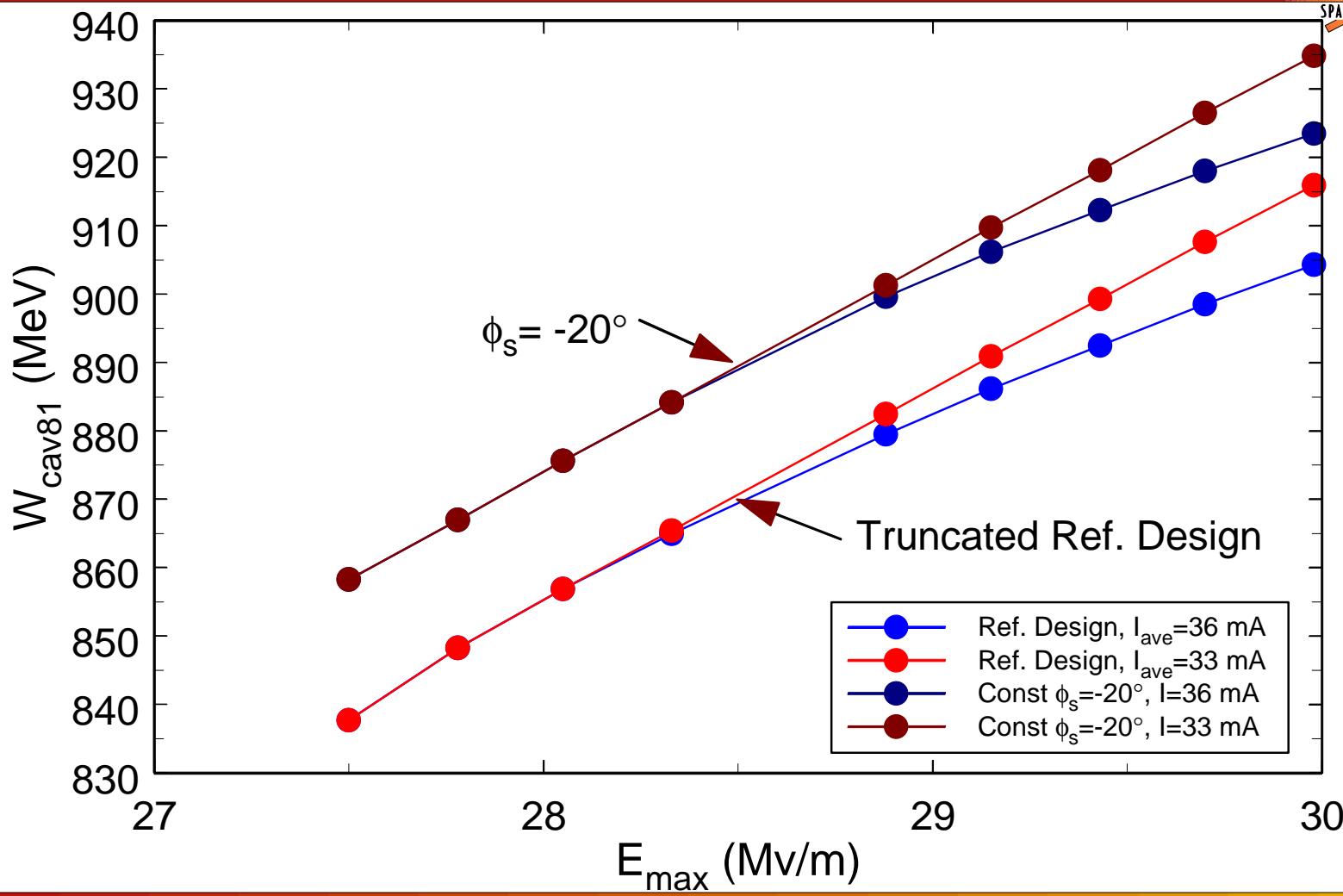
# The Expected $W_{\text{final}}$ is a Function of SRF Cavity Quality



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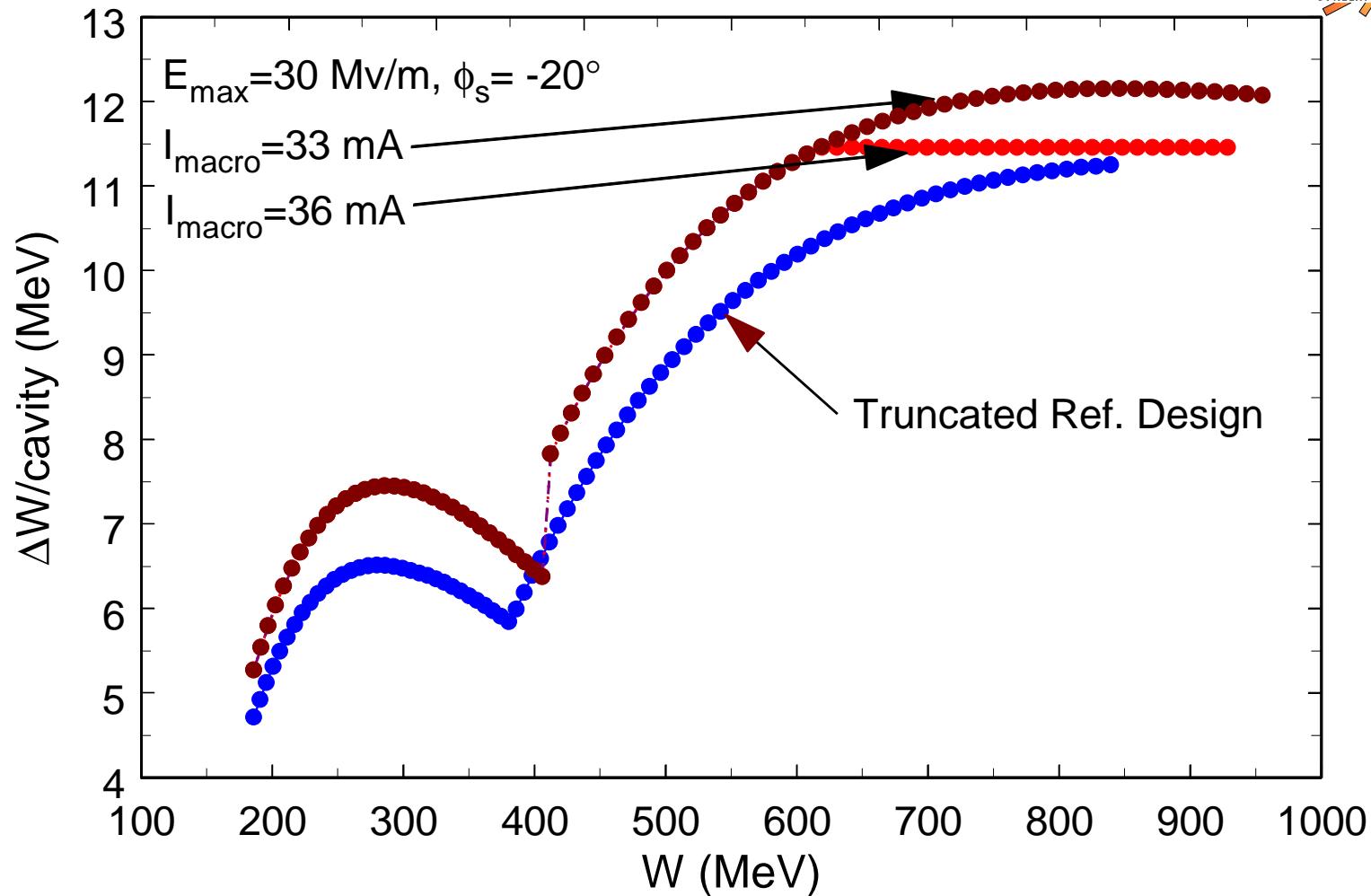
# Better Cavities & Alternate Phase Laws May Improve the Truncated Design



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# Energy is Limited by Beam Current at Higher Gradients



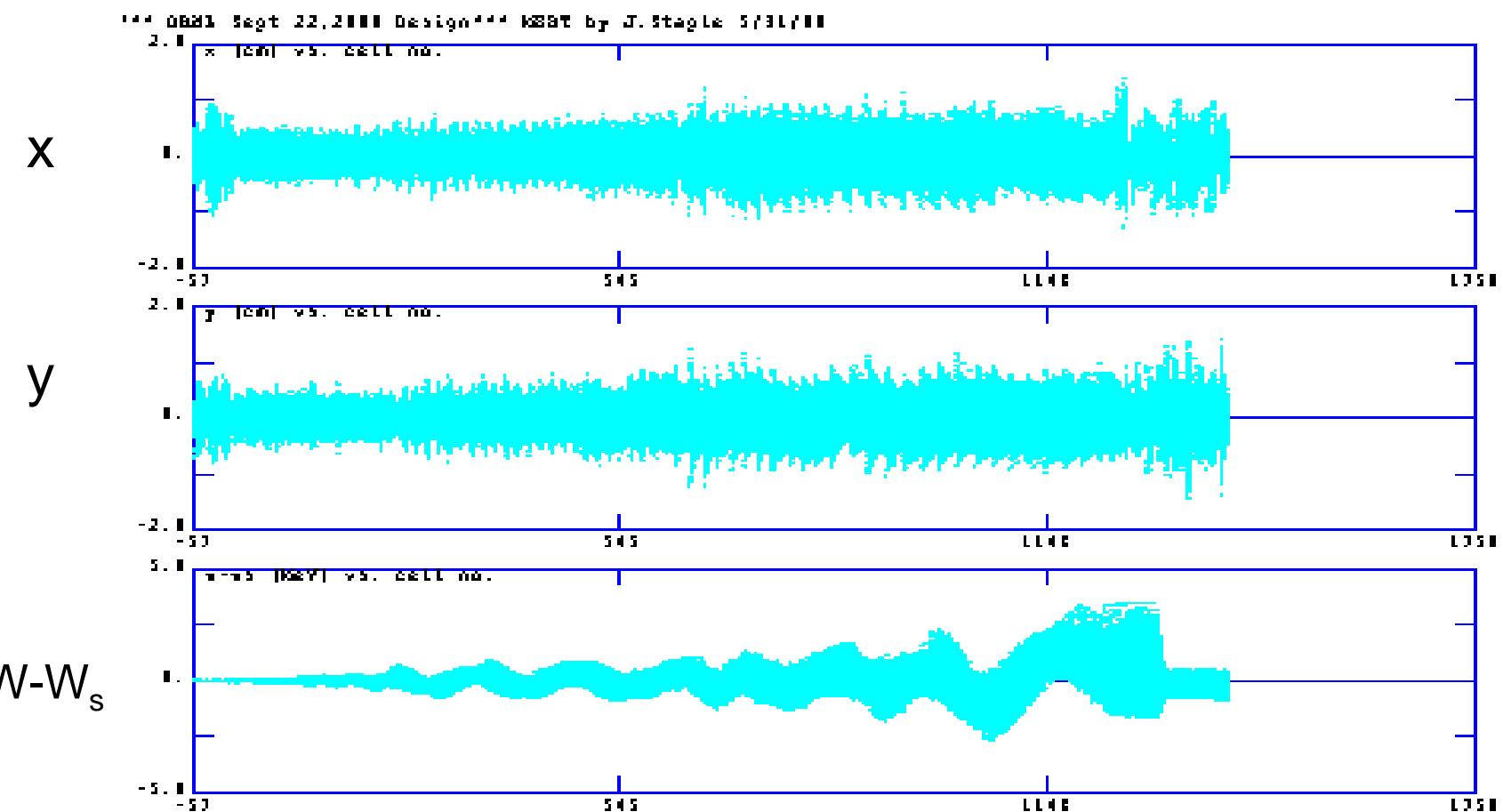
# Some Reference Design Performance Criteria

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- $W_{\text{final}} = 840 - 1300 \text{ MeV}$
- $W_{\text{final}}$  stability  $< \pm 2.2 \text{ MeV}$
- $W_{\text{final}}$  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

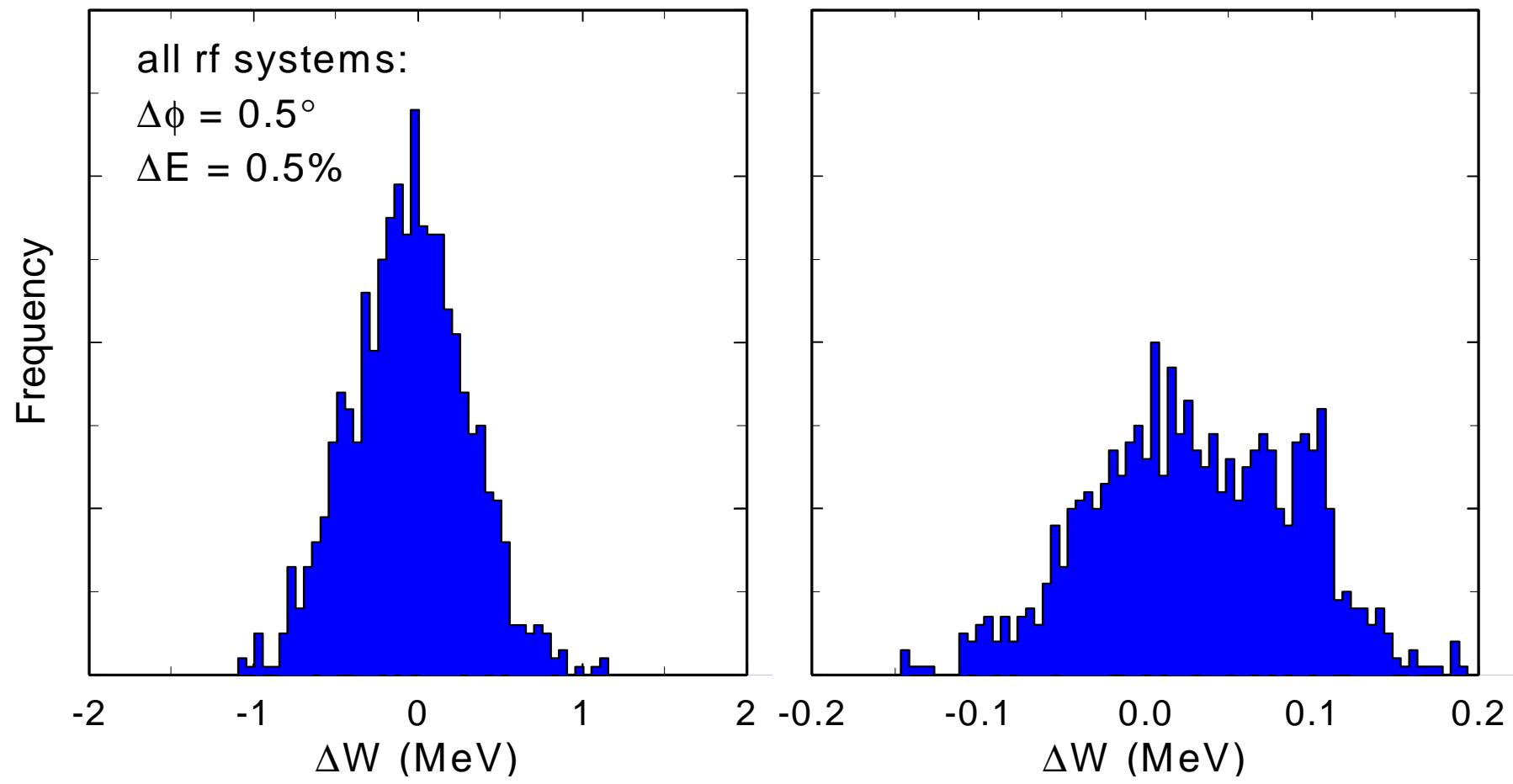


# Energy Jitter is a Function of RF Control Tolerances & Meets Spec.



Linac Exit

Foil

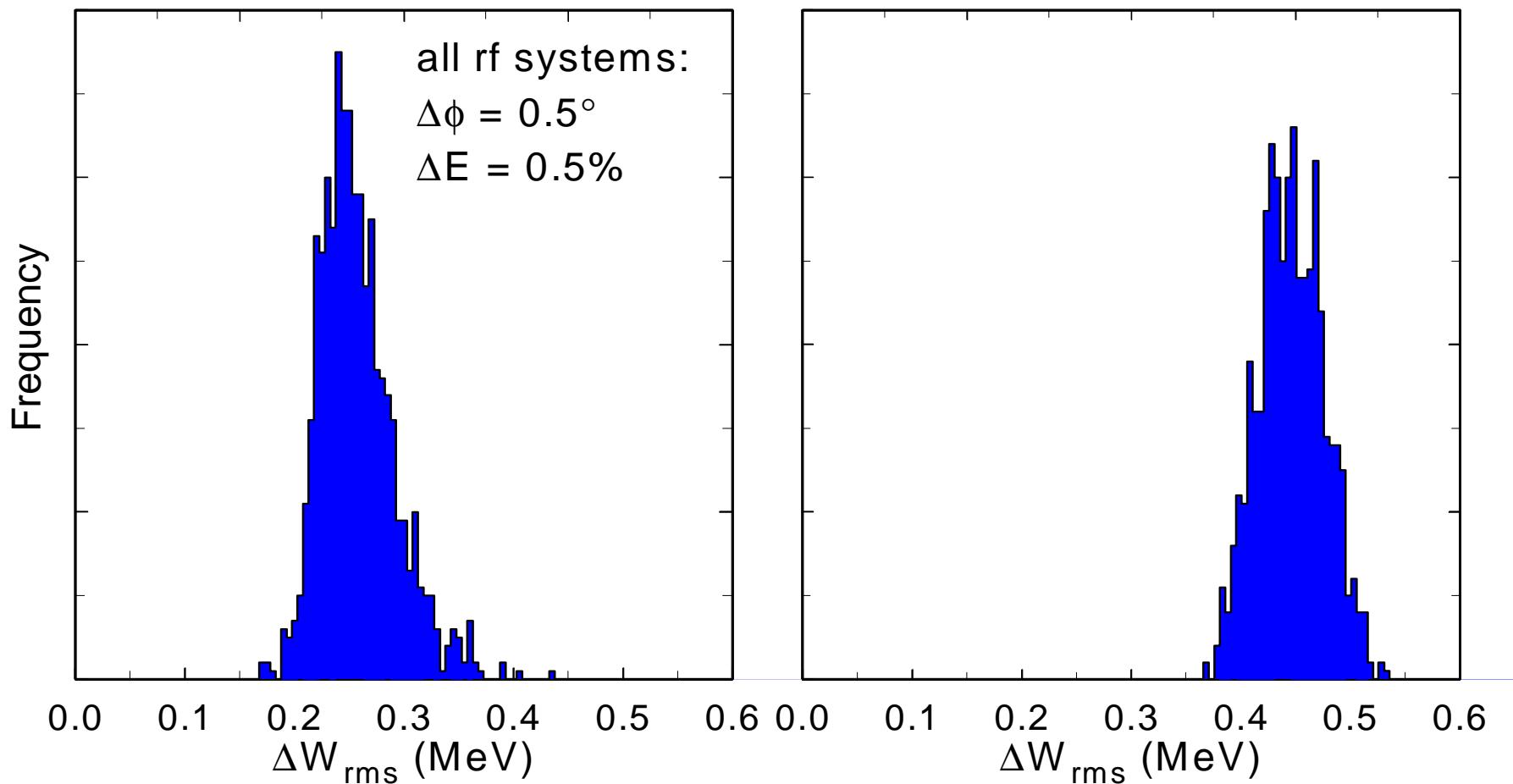


# The Expected Energy Spread Meets Spec.



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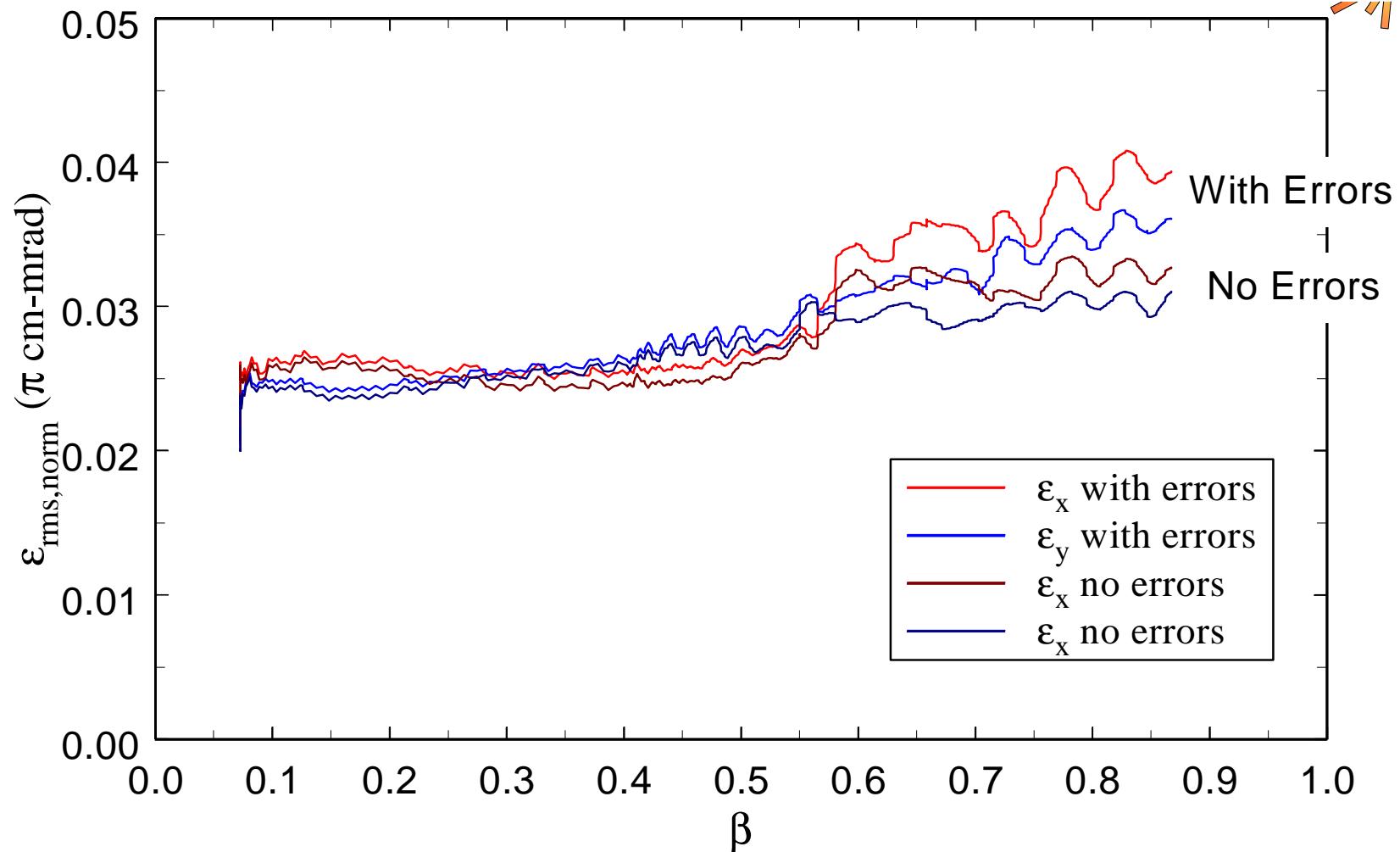
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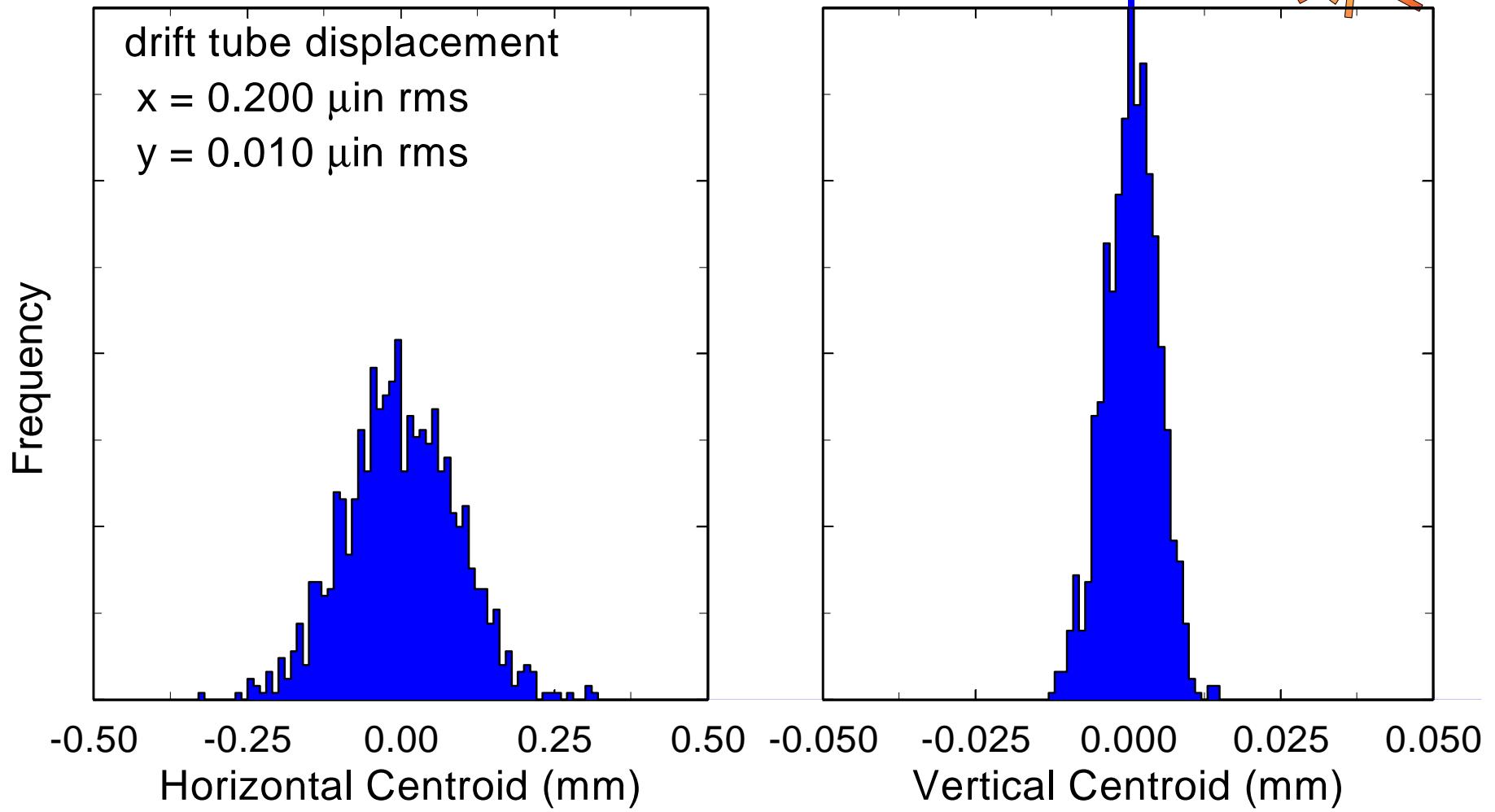
# rms Emittance Profiles With & Without Errors, Excluding Misalignments



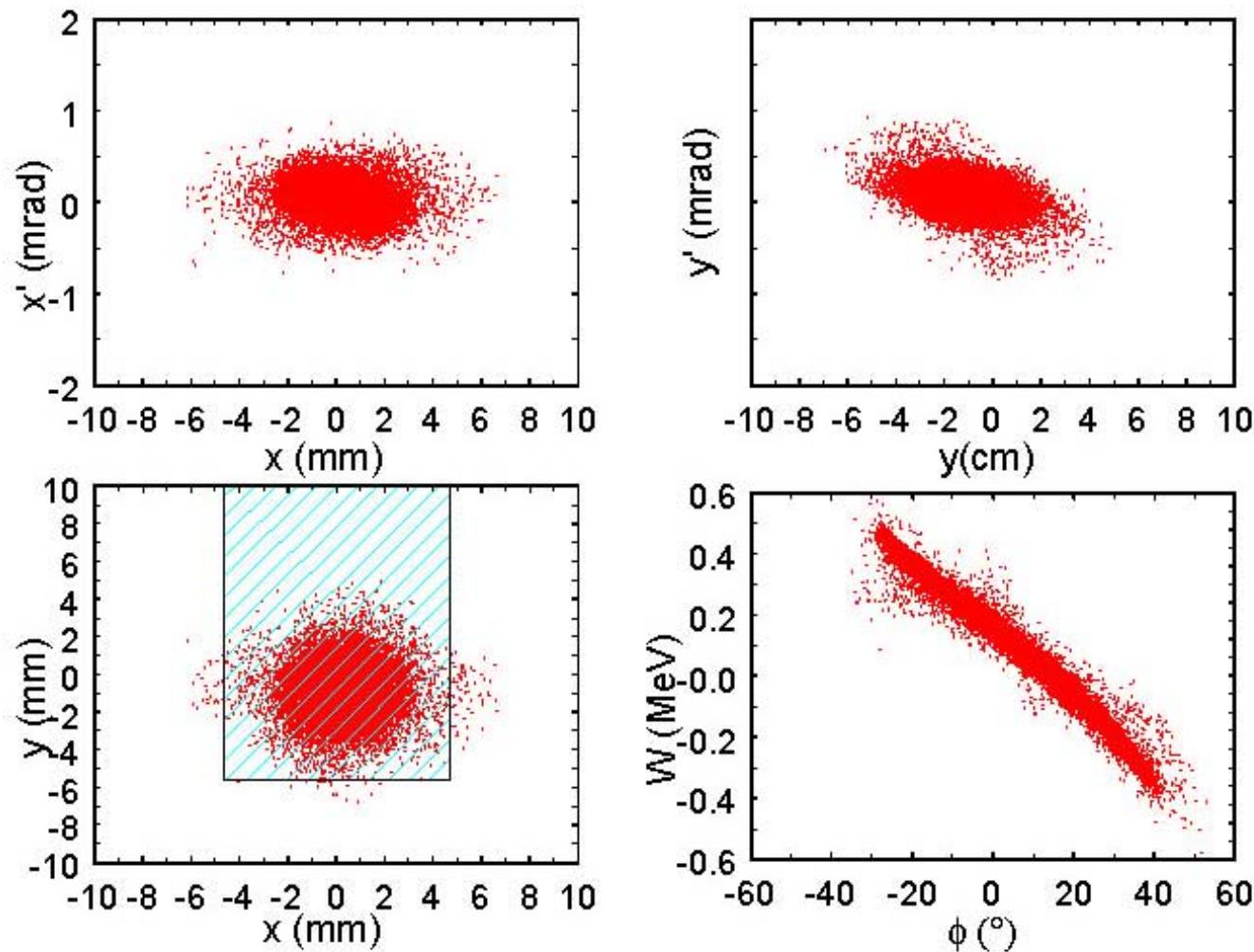
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# Transverse Jitter at the Foil is a Function of Drift Tube Vibrations & Meets Spec.



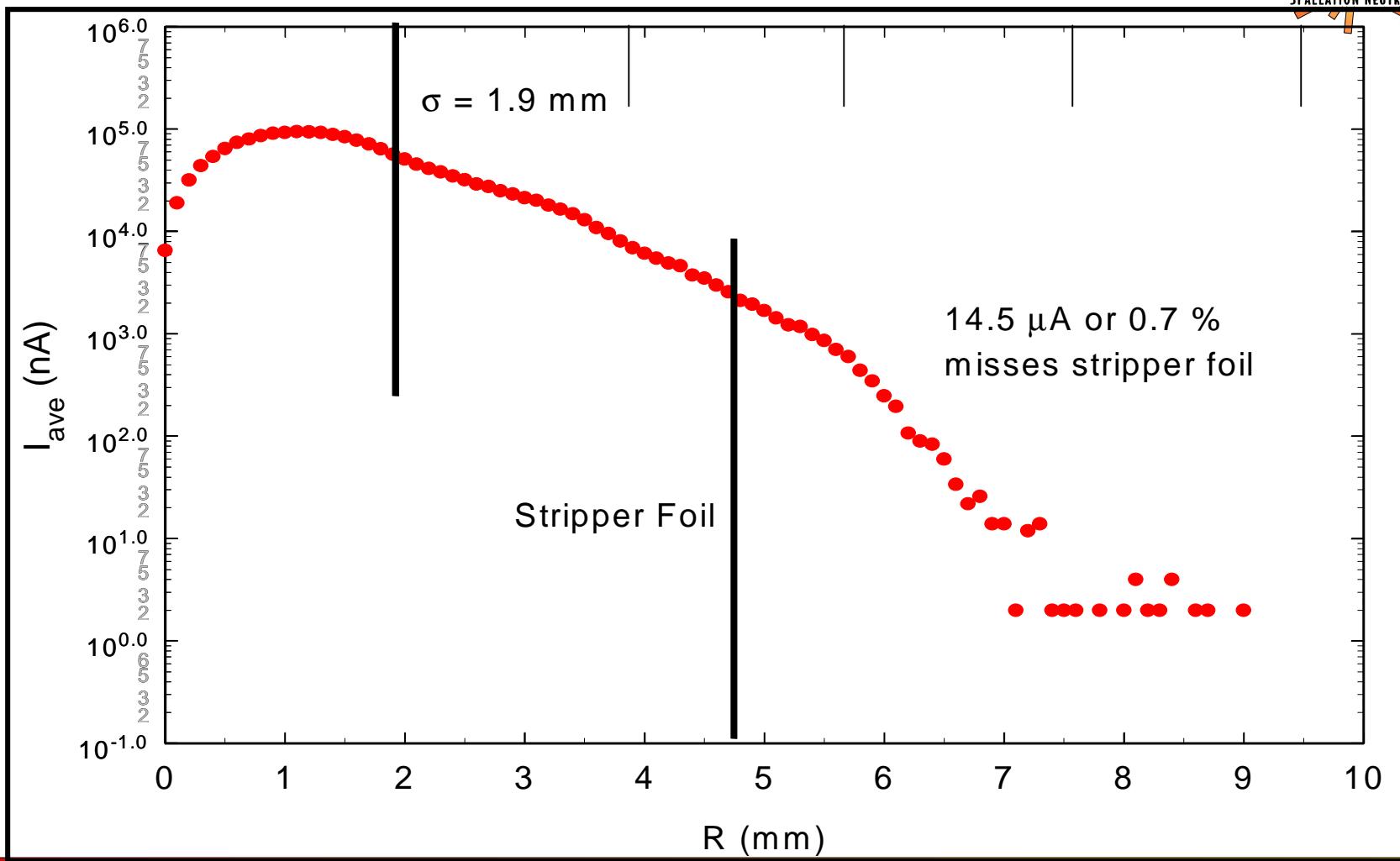
# Beam Phase-Space Projections at the Foil



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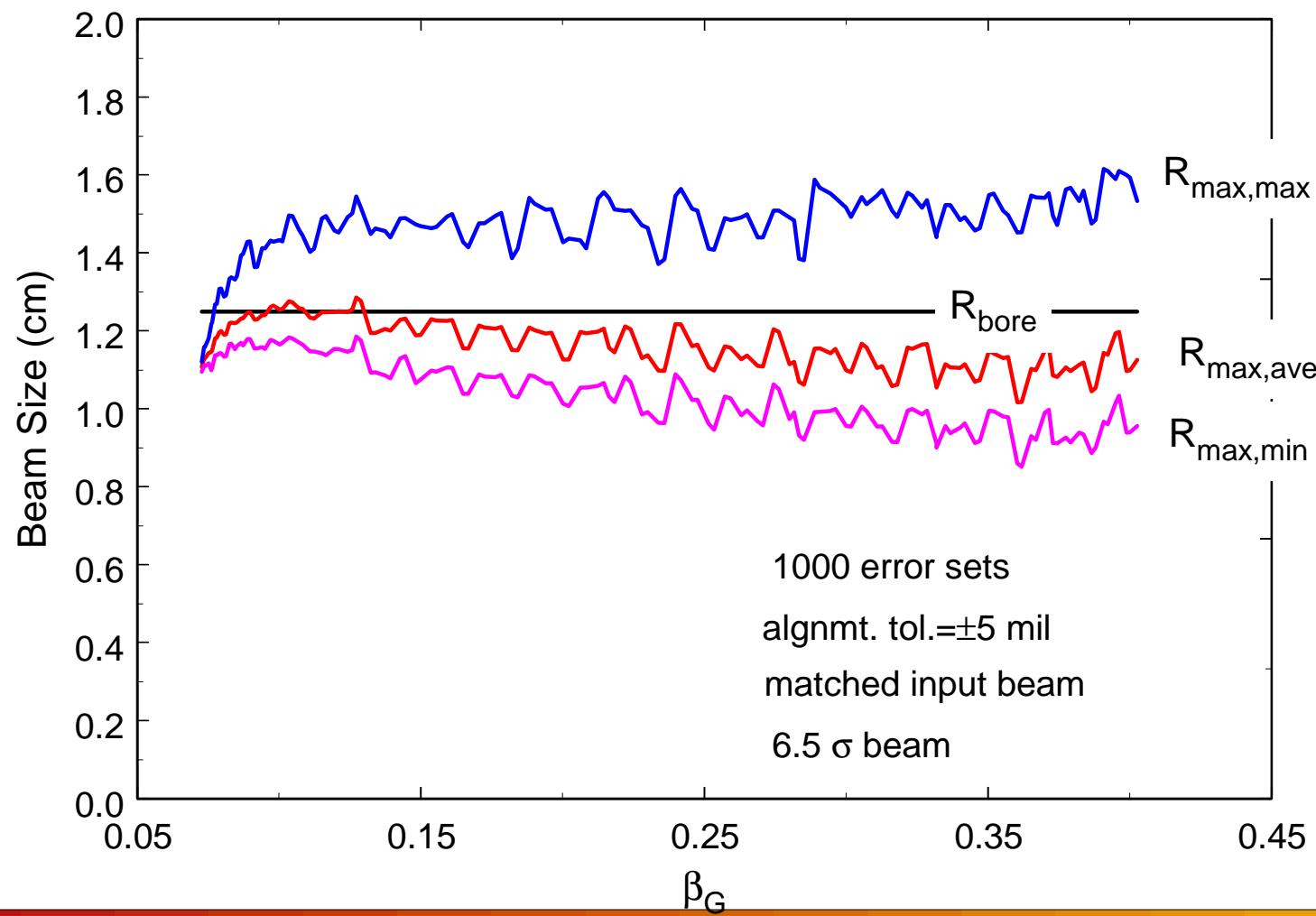
# Expected Proton Fraction Missing the Foil (with Errors) Meets Spec.



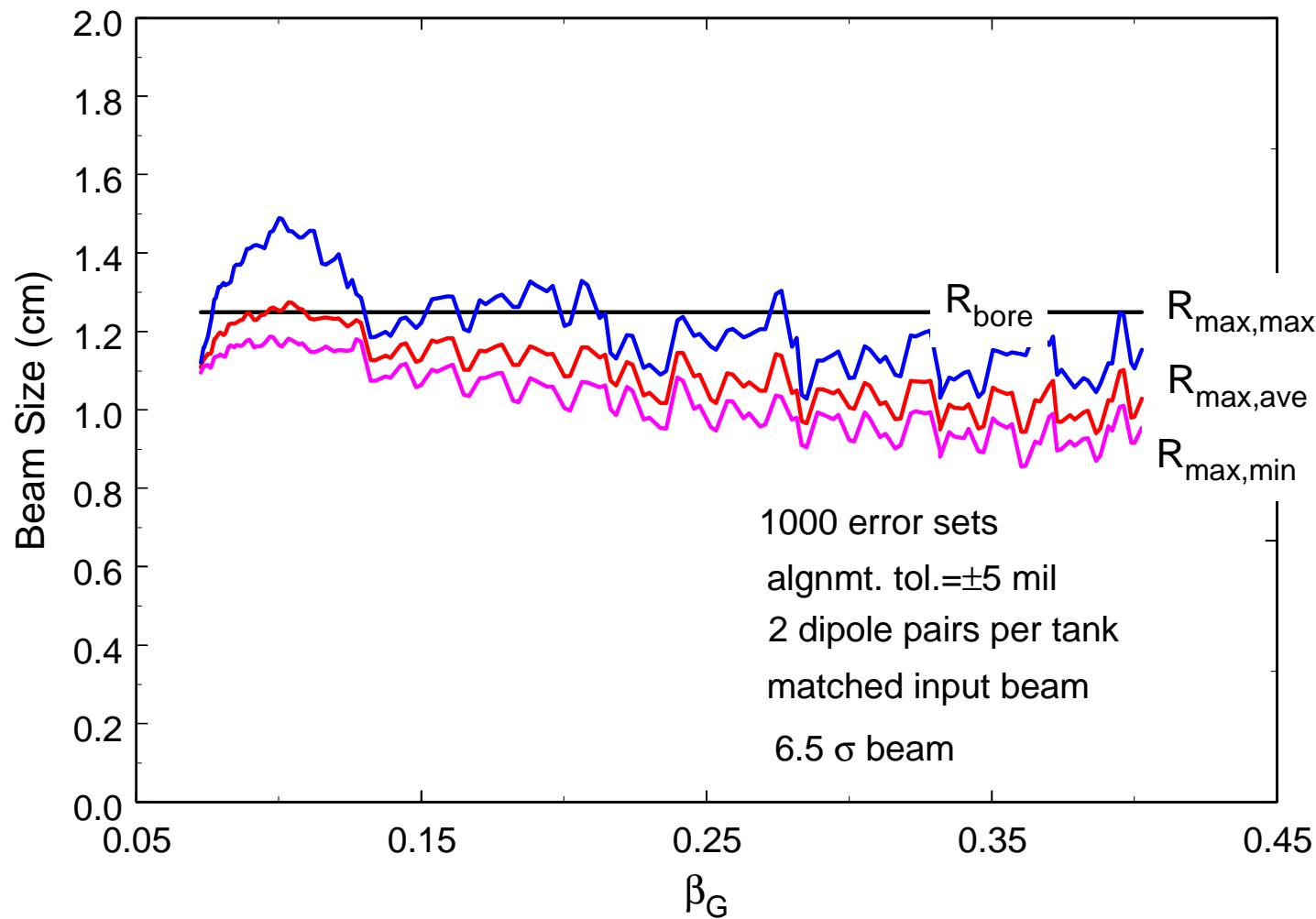
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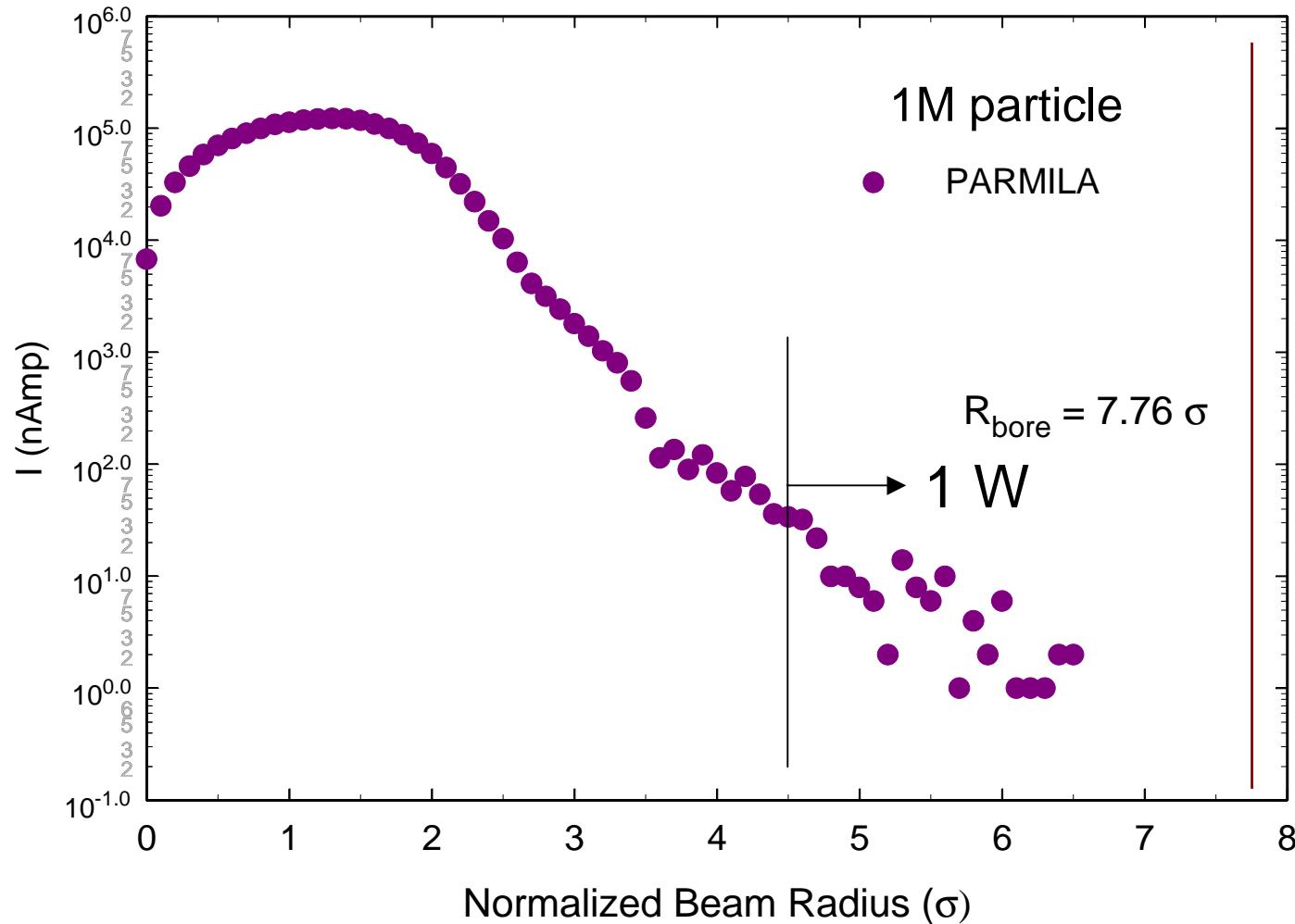
# Maximum Beam Excursions are a Function of Drift Tube Alignment



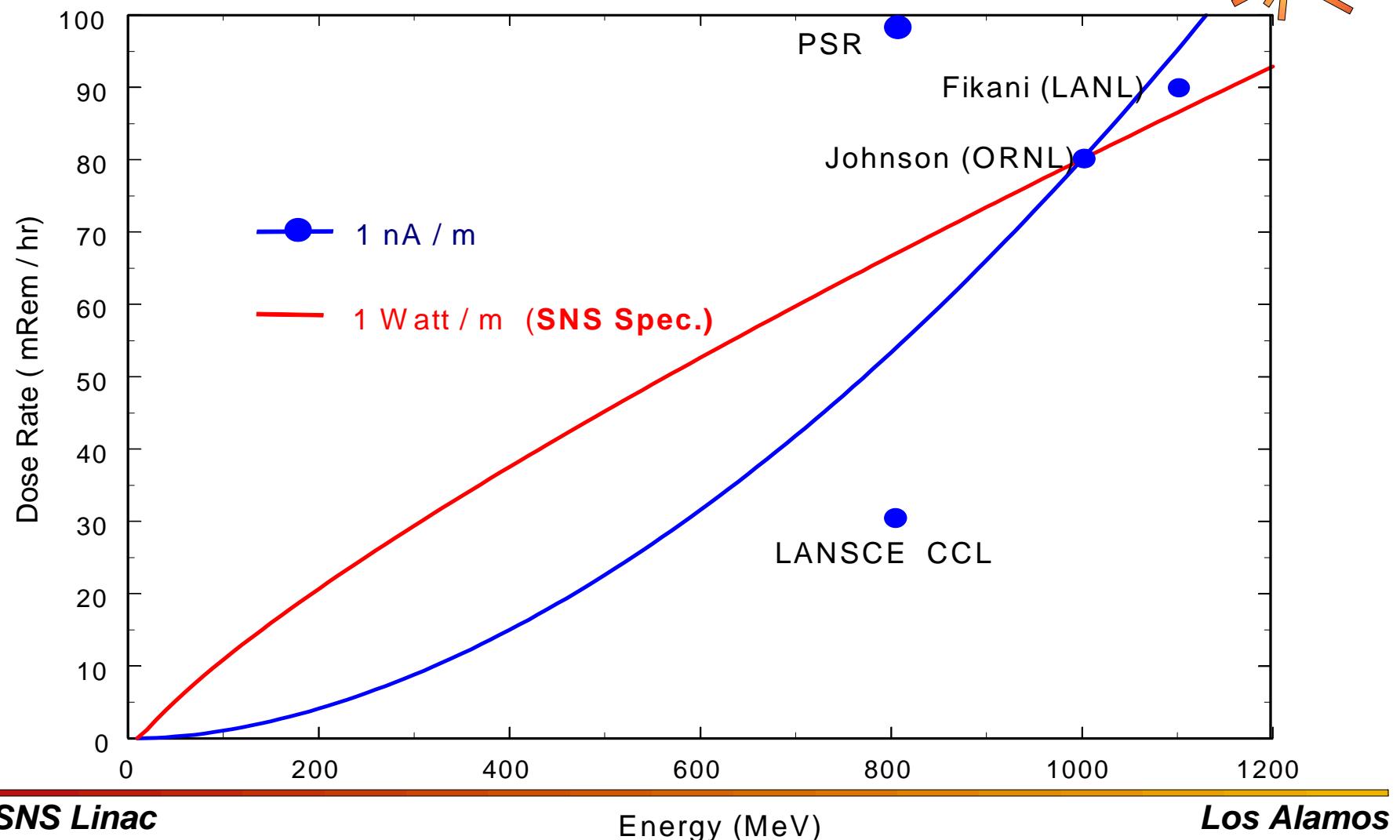
# Beam Steering Uses 4 Dipoles & 2 BPMs in Each Tank



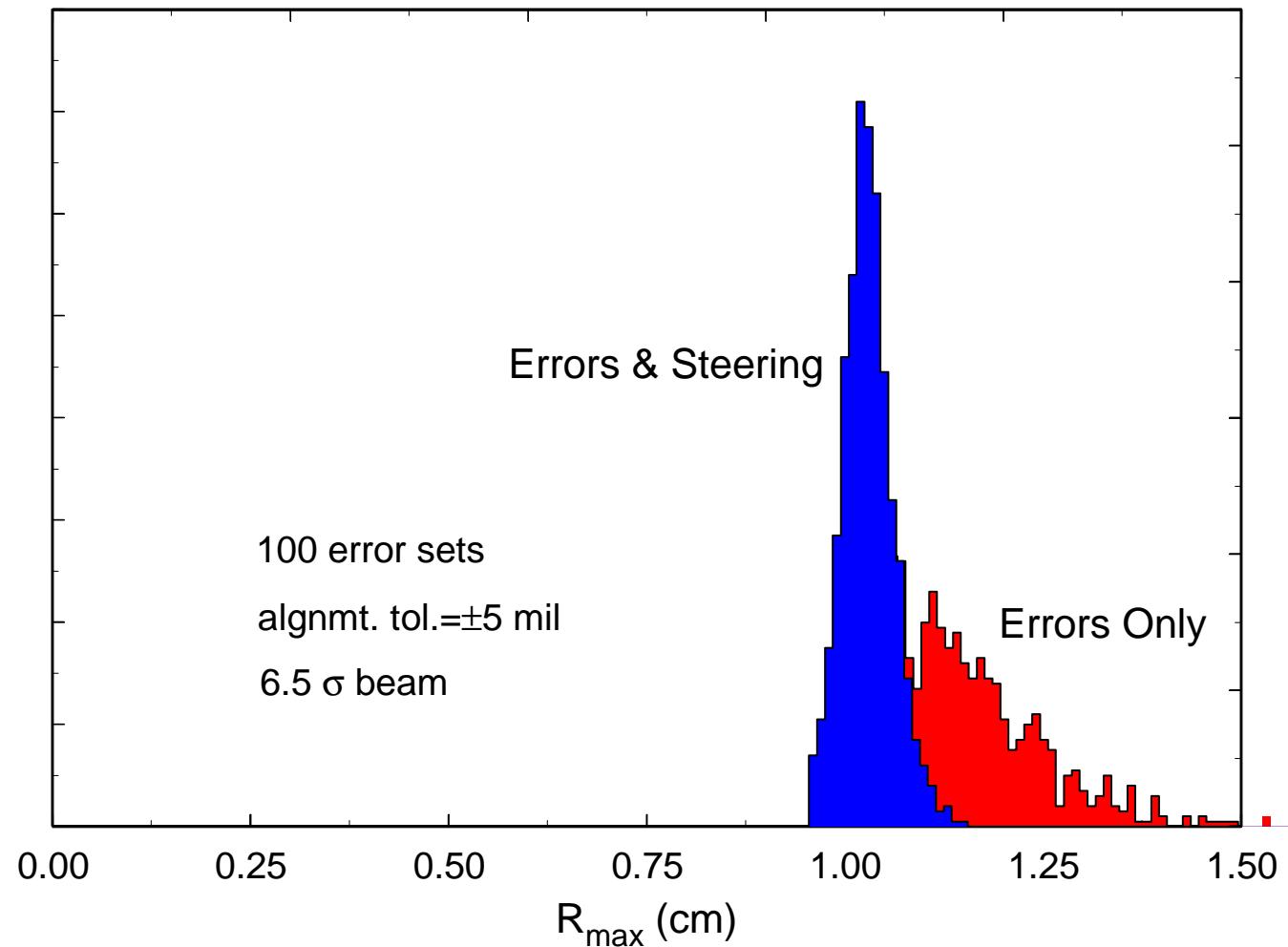
# We Can Scrape Beam at the $4.5\sigma$ Level and Still Meet the Loss Criteria



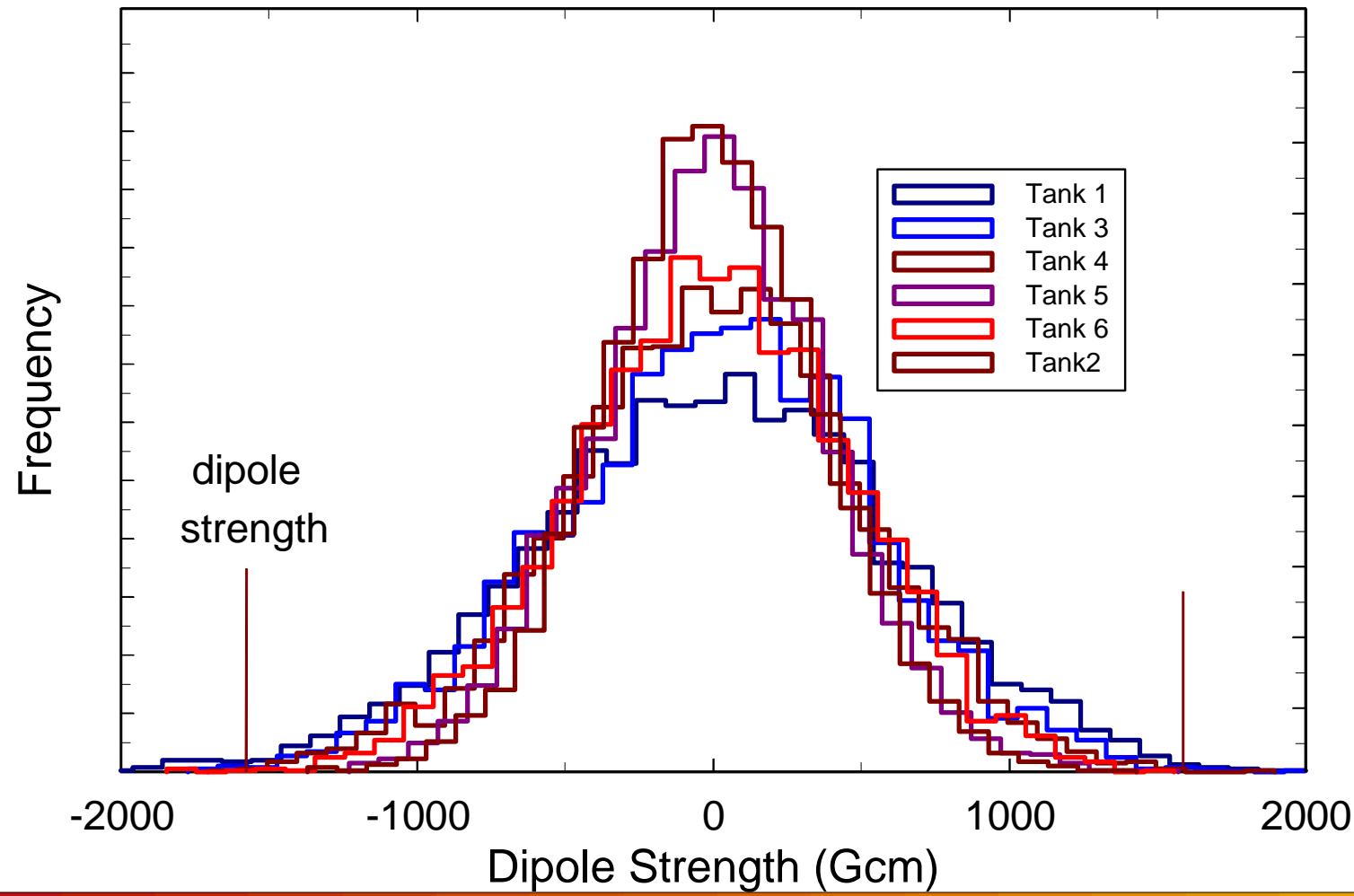
# Beam Spill Induced Activation: Dose Rate at 1 ft after 4 Hours



# Expected $R_{\max}$ at the DTL Exit



# Expected Distribution of Dipole Strengths



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# Status of Linac Design & Beam Simulation Studies

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- 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