

Updates on the Coupled Simulation of Wakefield and Space Charge Effects

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Task for Beam Dynamics Simulations

- Solve Maxwell's eqs. + Eq. of Motion:

- # Particles, Geometry, multi-scale $\longrightarrow$ Full EM-Particle in cell

space charge / particle
tracker

wakefield solver

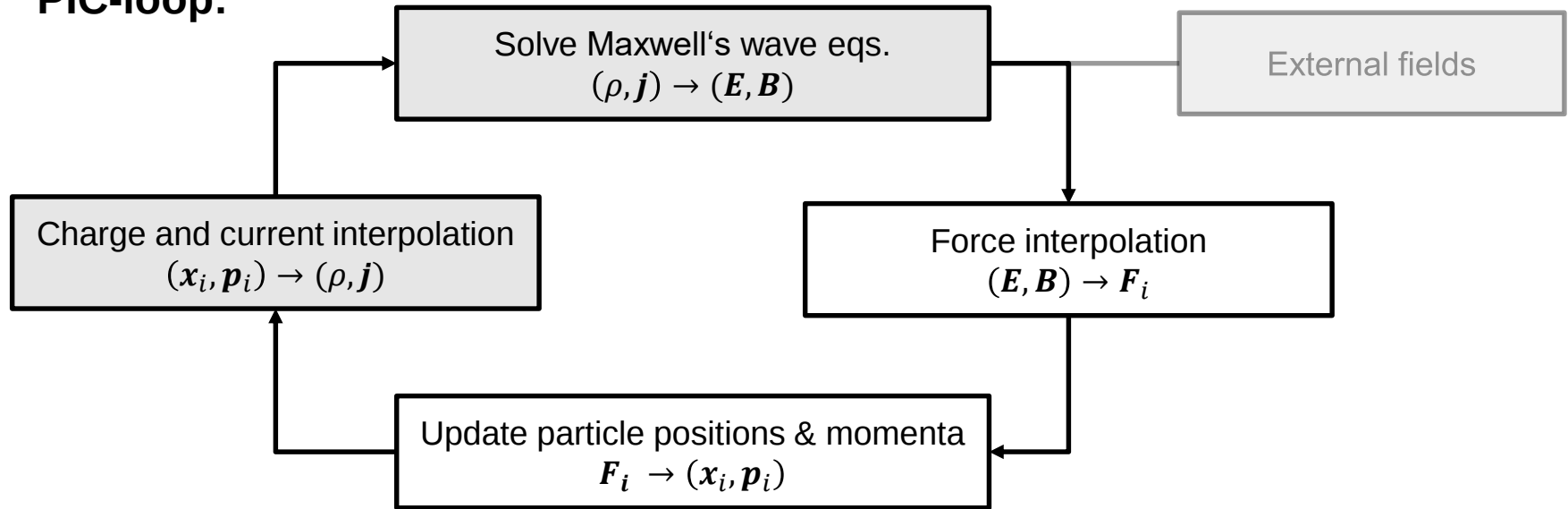
REPTIL

Take the best from both?

PBCI

Background: Electromagnetic Particle-in-Cell

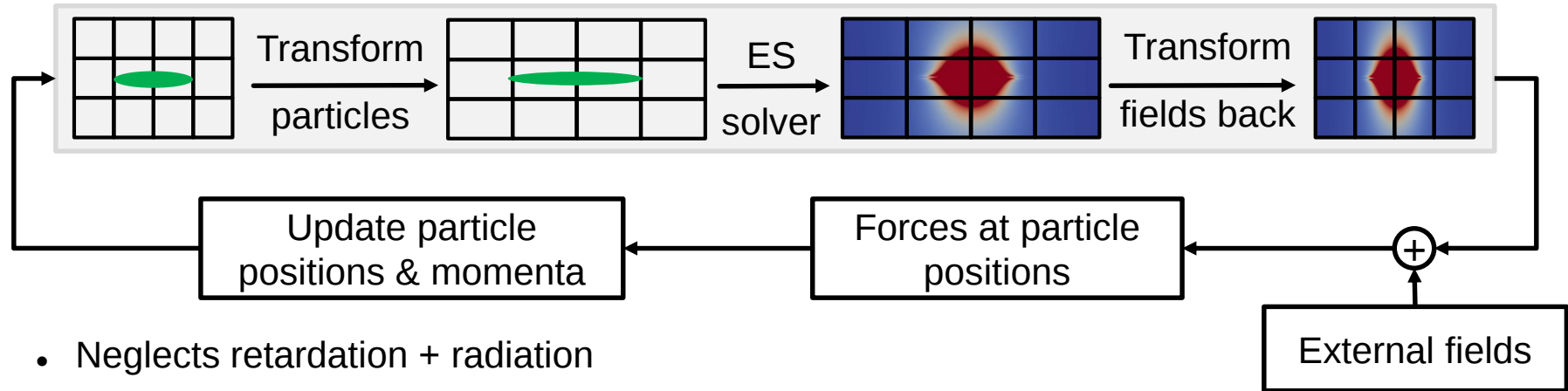
- **PIC-loop:**



- Fully self-consistent, “brute-force”

Background: Quasistatic Particle Tracking

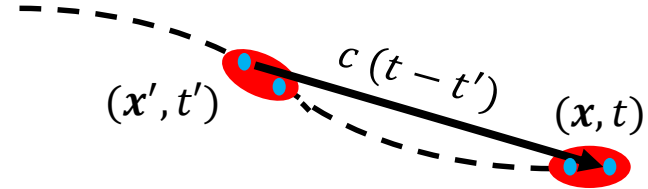
- **Relativistic Particle Tracker for Injectors and Linacs (REPTIL)**
 - Assume particle cloud in free space + nearly-uniform movement
 - Electrostatic field solver (e.g. Green-fct. DFT or FMM) in particle's rest frame



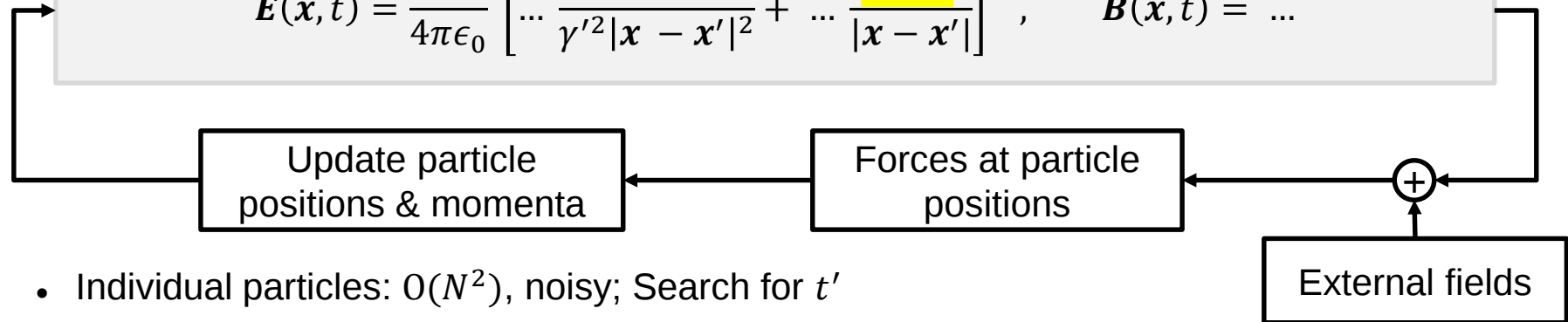
Background: Quasistatic Particle Tracking

- **Relativistic Particle Tracker for Injectors and Linacs (REPTIL)**

- Assume particle cloud in **free space**
- Liénard-Wiechert field equations:



$$E(x, t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\dots \frac{1}{\gamma'^2 |x - x'|^2} + \dots \frac{\partial_t \beta'}{|x - x'|} \right], \quad B(x, t) = \dots$$



- Individual particles: $O(N^2)$, noisy; Search for t'

- Solve Maxwell's eqs. + Eq. of Motion:

- # Particles, Geometry, multi-scale $\longrightarrow$ Full EM-Particle in cell

space charge / particle
tracker

- Free-space assumption
- Poisson eq. in Lorentz frame
- Green-function 3D DFT
- No transient fields

REPTIL

wakefield solver

- EM wave eq.
- Particles $\Rightarrow$ current
- FDTD / FIT
- No intermediate feedback

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Scattered Field Formulation

- **Idea: Separate field contributions**

“Incident field”

- Mxw. with beam current

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} E &= \varepsilon^{-1} \text{curl } H - \varepsilon^{-1} J \\ \frac{d}{dt} H &= -\mu^{-1} \text{curl } E\end{aligned}$$

BC: $E_t = 0$ on Γ_{PEC}

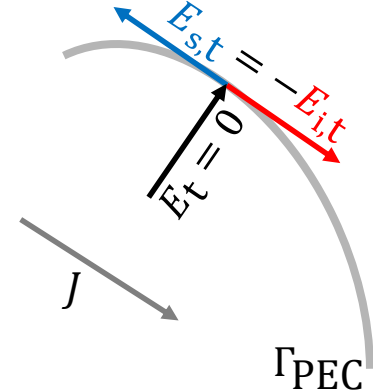
“Scattered field”

- homogeneous Mxw.
- modified boundary conditions

$$E = E_i + E_s$$

Particle space charge solver
REPTIL

Wakefield solver PBCI
(new BC)



$$E_s(0) = E(0) - E_i(0)$$

Set “incident field” to the space charge field of the particles in free-space

Scattered Field Formulation in PBCI

- Changes to wakefield solver:

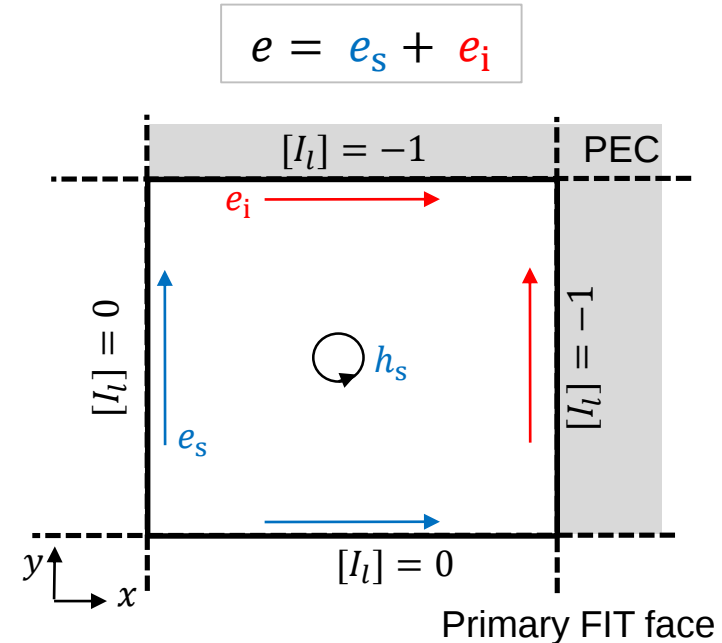
- Discretization of Faraday's eq. at a PEC boundary

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} h_s \\ e_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -M_\mu^{-1} C \\ M_\varepsilon^{-1} C^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_s \\ e_s \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} M_\mu^{-1} j_{\text{mag}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

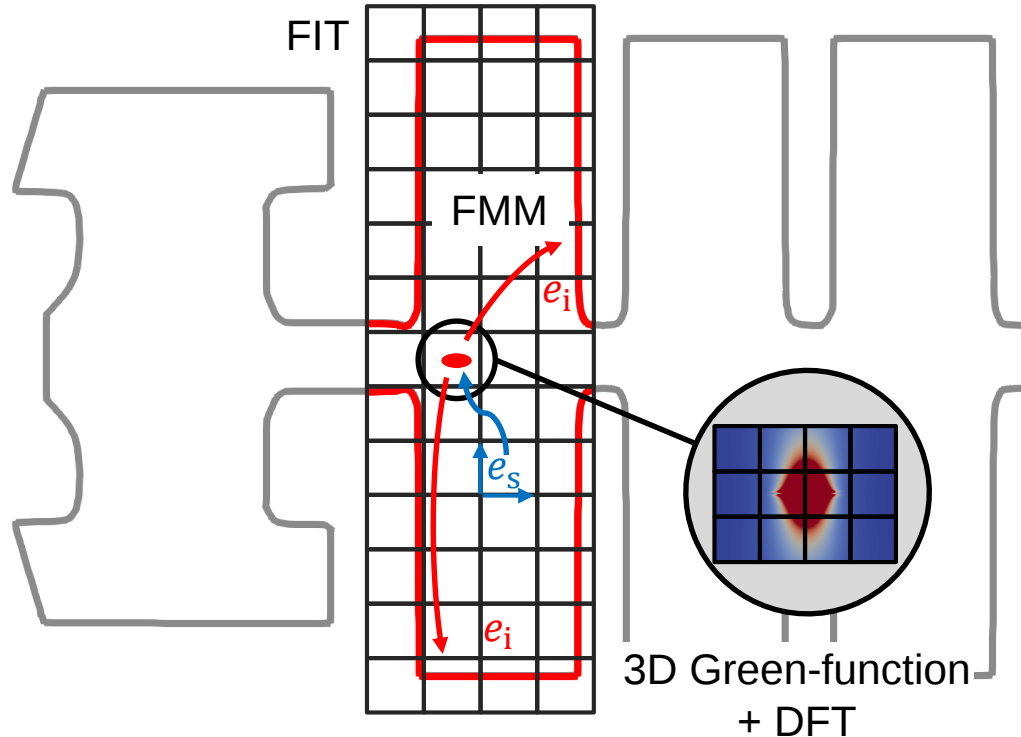
- Equivalent magnetic current at the boundary

$$j_{\text{mag}} = C I_l e_i$$

- With local interpolation matrix $I_l = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if edge in PEC} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$
- Material matrices remain the same as for PEC-boundaries

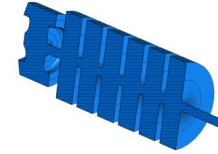


Coupling: PBCI + REPTIL

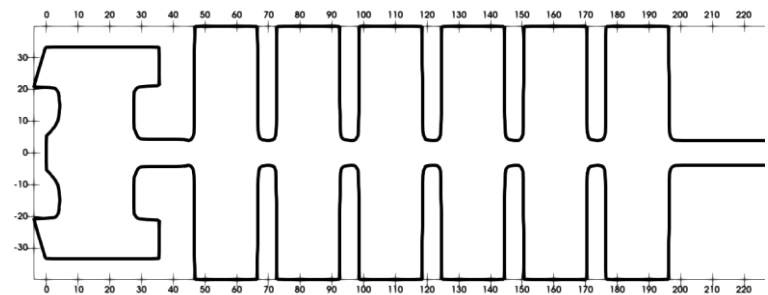
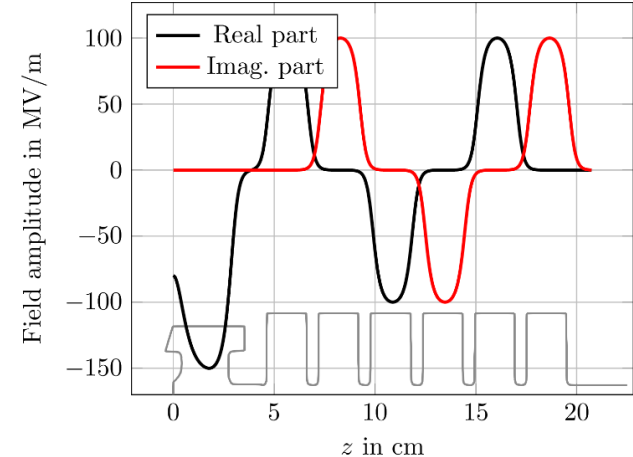


- Idea: couple space charge solver (REPTIL) with wake field solver (PBCI) via scattered field formulation
- Mesh-free, fast evaluation of space-charge field on boundary: Fast Multipole Method (FMM);
or Liénard-Wiechert
- Solvers independent (grid, time step, optimization, ...)

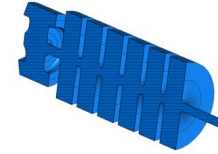
Quasi-Traveling Wave Gun Model



- Motivation: Natsui, Yoshida (IPAC'14)
- 7 Side-Coupled standing wave cavities (alternating field phase)
- Quasi-TW field pattern seen by particles
- Bending of acc. Field $\rightarrow$ RF-focusing, no solenoid required
- High bunch charge: 5nC
- Narrow, long geometry: 4mm iris radius, ~ 20 cm acceleration path length



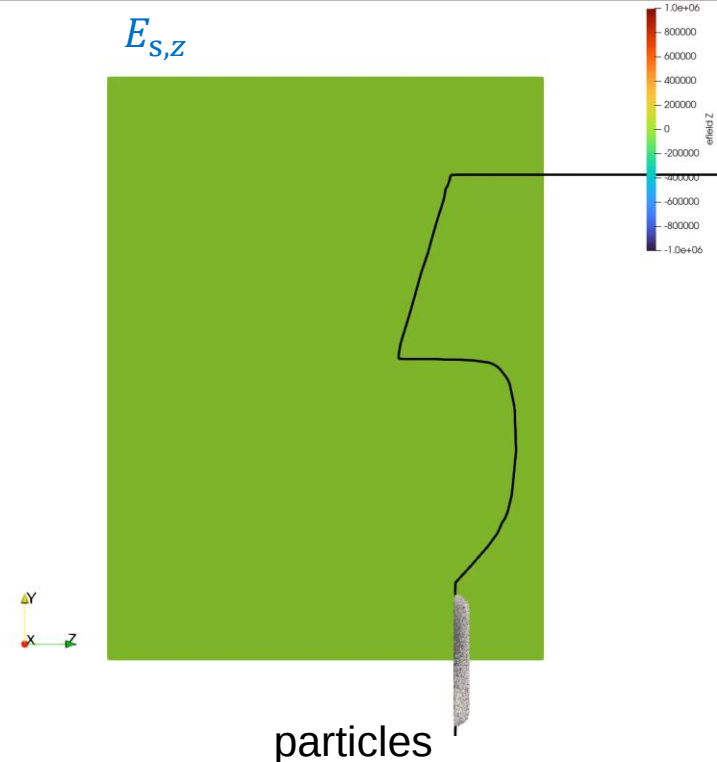
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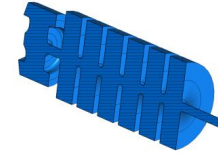
- Narrow, long geometry: 4mm iris radius, ~20cm acceleration path length
- Video: fields build up over time
- Compare EM-PIC (CST) with SFF for incident field provided by FMM or LW

Bunch (simplified model):

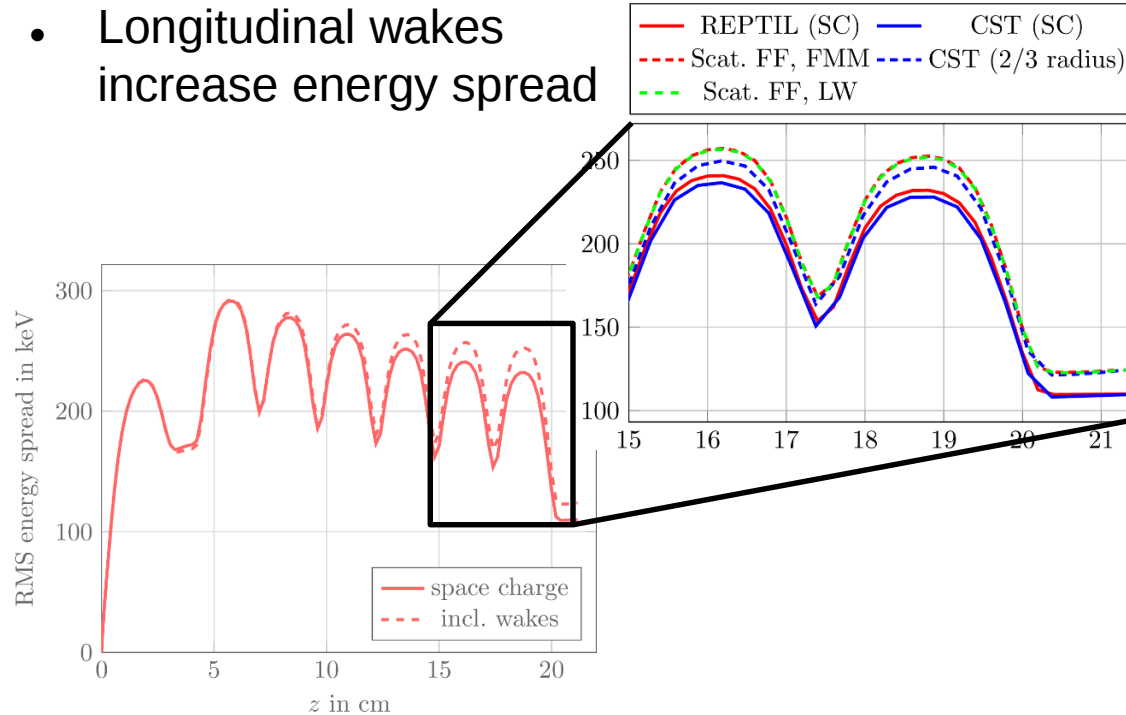
Charge	5nC
Length	~1.5mm
Size	<0.5mm
Energy	14.2MeV at gun exit



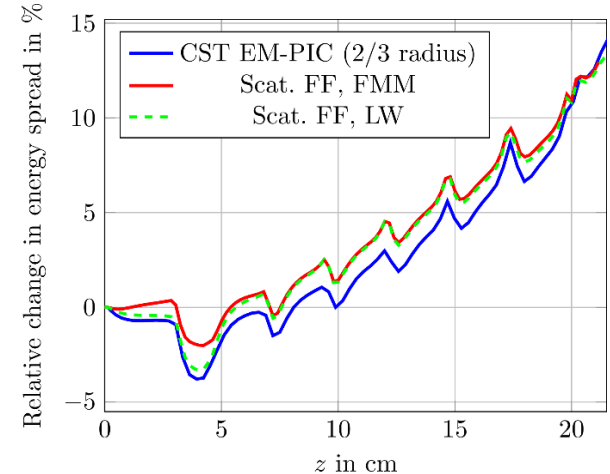
Results for Quasi-TW Gun



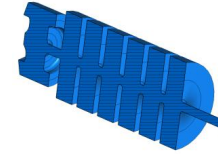
- Longitudinal wakes increase energy spread



- Good agreement with EM-PIC
- LW + FMM agree after few cm

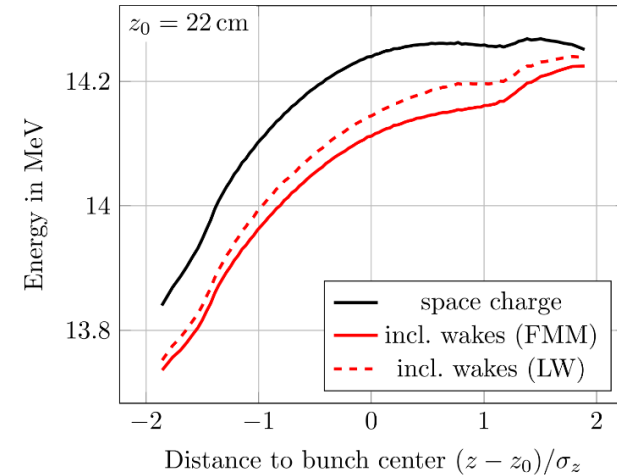
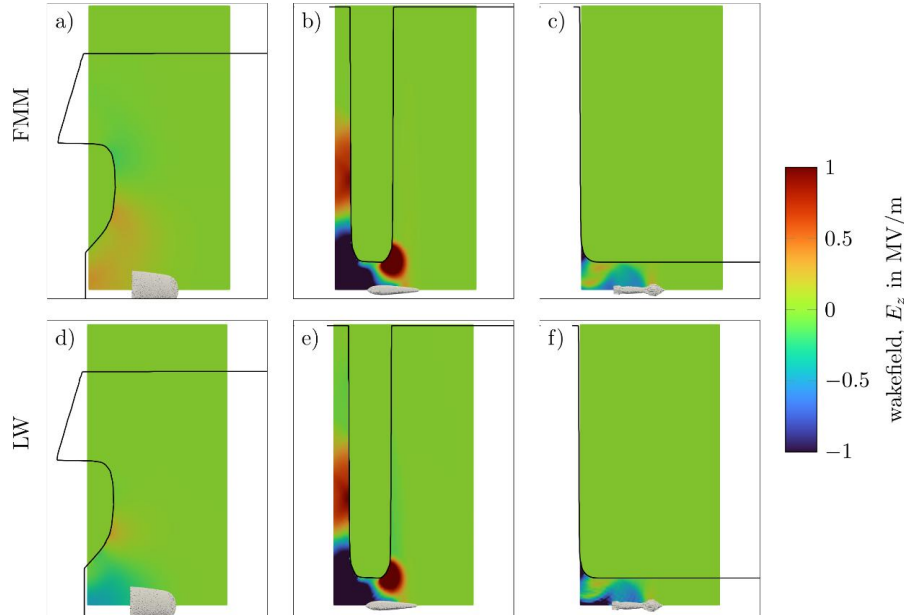


Results for Quasi-TW Gun: Energy Chirp



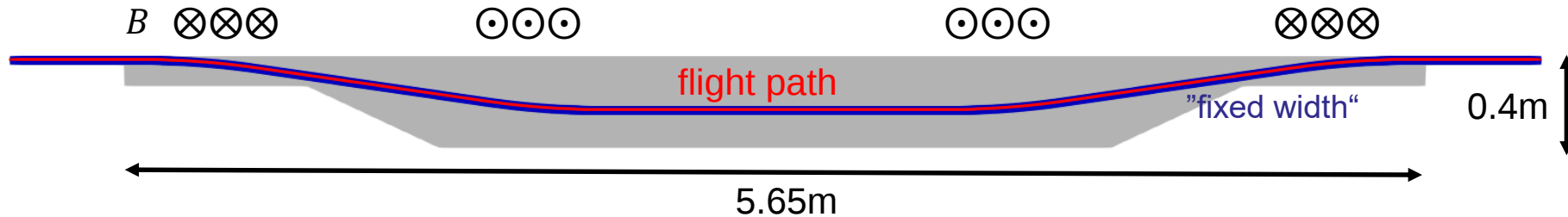
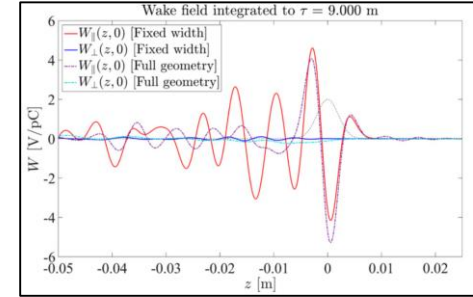
- Retardation effect in first cell

- No retardation: Wakes at bunch head stronger for FMM



Ongoing Work: BC0 @DESY

- BC: imposed energy chirp causes different path lengths
- BC0: compress bunch length from 3mm to 1mm @130MeV
- Bizzozero 2019: CSR wakefield in BC0 with DG-FEM

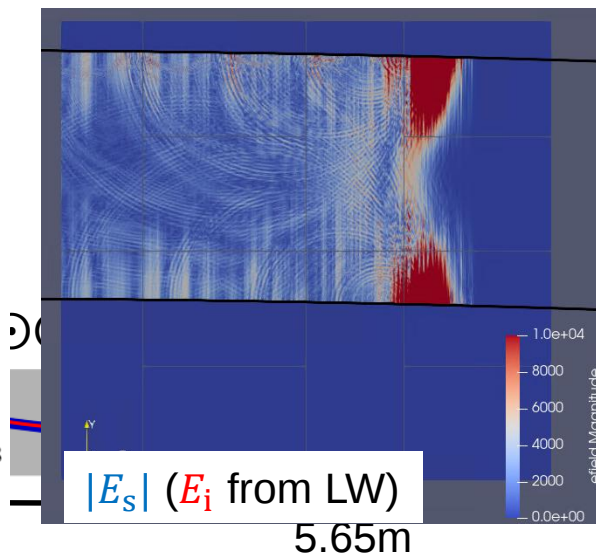
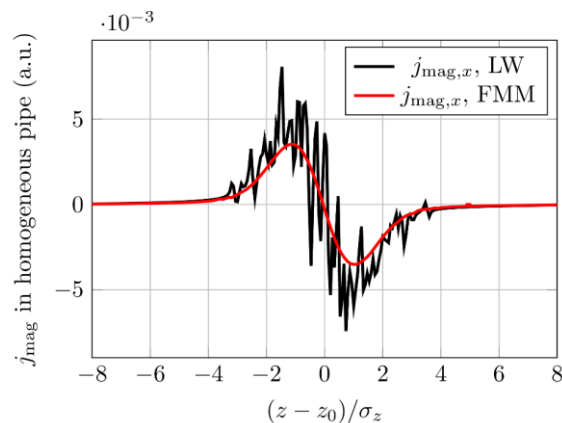


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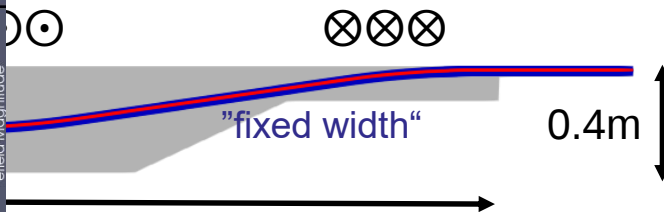
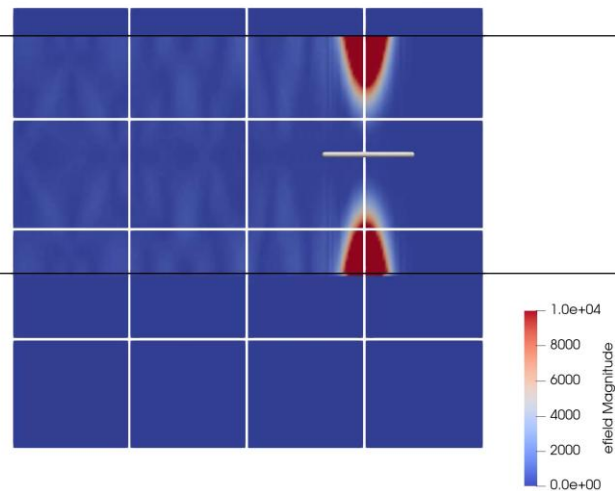


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- CSR require LW incident field
- Resolution of radiation angle γ^{-1} ? Noise?



$|E_s|$ (E_i from FMM)



Summary

- Validation of coupled space charge and wake field approach for gun simulations
 - Including impact of retardation effects
 - Comparison to EM-PIC (cmp. talk from Dec.)
- Ongoing work:
 - Resolution of CSR wakefields in BC

