





# Virtual-IPM

A modular framework for IPM  
(and other related) simulations

# Outline

- ➔ Motivation
- ➔ Structure of the program
- ➔ Use cases
- ➔ Available models
- ➔ Benchmarking + Testing

# Motivation

-  Although many different solutions were available they could not be easily combined
-  A clear, separate way of configuring is important
-  Cover many different usage scenarios without diving into the source code
-  The goal is to have a tested, documented, maintained code which is easy to use and easy to extend

# Built with ...



Python 3.5 (+ Python 2.7 compatibility)



PyQt5 (+ PyQt4 compatibility)



numpy + scipy

+ anna, injector, ionics, pandas, pyhocon, reactivex, six

# Why Python?

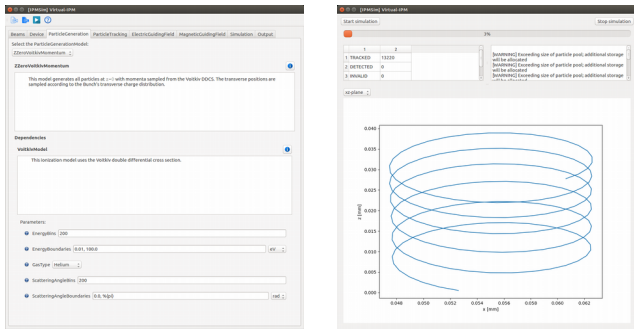
- ✓ Concise and intuitive syntax → clean and well understandable code
- ✓ No code "overhead" (e.g. resource allocation is done by the compiler) → focus on the logic / algorithm → move faster from code to results
- ✓ "Batteries included" → Python ships with a huge standard library + tons of third-party packages are available
- ✓ Native code inspection allows for integration with a GUI

# What about performance?

- ➔ Python merely serves as an interface to the “computational libraries” and only does the job of “gluing together”
- ➔ Those components who do the heavy lifting are compiled in C for example (e.g. numpy)
- ➔ Different options are possible as for example tensorflow in order to harness GPU power

# How does it work?

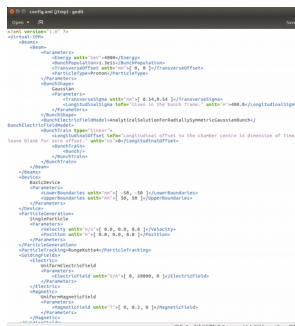
## Graphical User Interface



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## XML Configuration File



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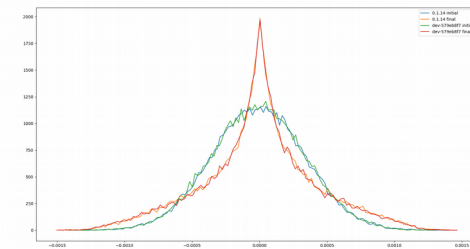


## Application Core / Simulation

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## Output / Results



- GUI can be used for specifying the parameter values
- Simulation expects a configuration file as input
- Output can be controlled via configuration parameters

Feedback



# Graphical User Interface

The screenshot shows the configuration panel of the Virtual-IPM GUI. At the top, there are tabs for 'Beams', 'Device', 'ParticleGeneration', 'ParticleTracking', 'ElectricGuidingField', 'MagneticGuidingField', 'Simulation', and 'Output'. The 'ParticleGeneration' tab is active. Below the tabs, there is a section for 'Select the ParticleGenerationModel:' with a dropdown menu set to 'ZZeroVoitkivMomentum'. A description box for 'ZZeroVoitkivMomentum' states: 'This model generates all particles at  $z=0$  with momenta sampled from the Voitkiv DDCS. The transverse positions are sampled according to the Bunch's transverse charge distribution.' Below this is a 'Dependencies' section for 'VoitkivModel' with the text: 'This ionization model uses the Voitkiv double differential cross section.' At the bottom, there is a 'Parameters' section with five input fields: 'EnergyBins' (200), 'EnergyBoundaries' (0.01, 100.0) with a unit dropdown set to 'eV', 'GasType' (Helium), 'ScatteringAngleBins' (200), and 'ScatteringAngleBoundaries' (0.0,  $\%(\pi)$ ) with a unit dropdown set to 'rad'.

The screenshot shows the simulation control and visualization panel of the Virtual-IPM GUI. At the top, there are 'Start simulation' and 'Stop simulation' buttons. Below them is a progress bar showing 12% completion. A table displays simulation statistics:

	1	2
1	TRACKED	2
2	DETECTED	0
3	INVALID	0

To the right of the table, there is a log window showing: '[INFO] Preparing simulation' and '[INFO] Start simulation cycle'. Below the table is a dropdown menu set to 'xz-plane'. The main area is a 2D plot of particle trajectories in the xz-plane. The x-axis is labeled 'x [mm]' and ranges from -0.003 to 0.003. The z-axis is labeled 'z [mm]' and ranges from -0.006 to 0.001. The plot shows multiple overlapping elliptical trajectories, with some colored in blue and others in orange, representing the paths of individual particles.



# Use cases

- ✓ Beam space charge
- ✓ Guiding field non-uniformities
- ✓ Correlation between electron and ion detection
- ✓ Multiple beams (e.g. electron lens)
- ✓ Particle trajectories
- ⌚ Electron background
- ⌚ Electron wire scanner
- ⌚ Gas-jet for IPM and BIF
- ⌚ Secondary electrons
- ⌚ Meta-stable excited states for BIF

# Modules

 Particle generation

 Particle tracking


 Particle detection

 Guiding fields

 Bunch shapes

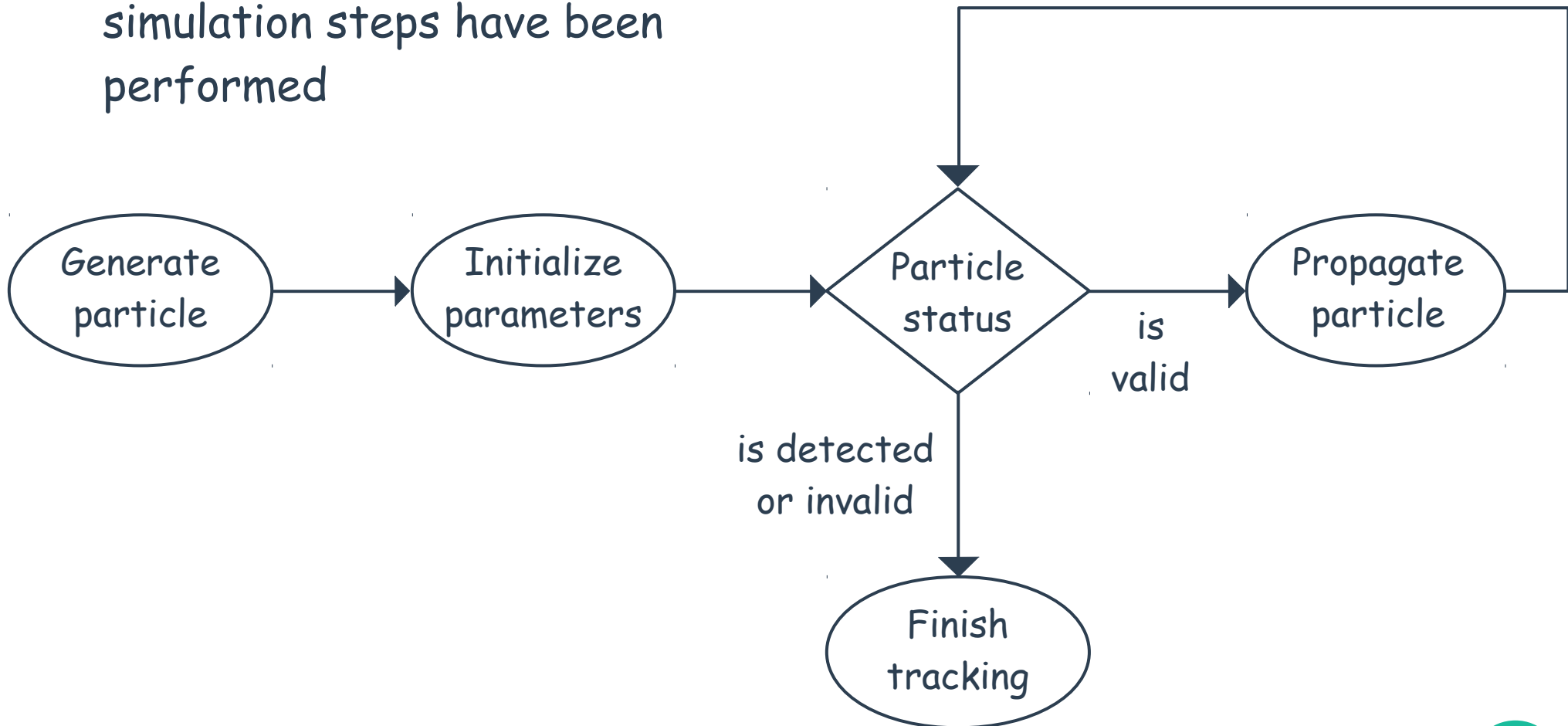
 Beam fields

 Output

 Several other  
auxiliary components

# Particle life cycle

- Loop until the specified number of simulation steps have been performed



# Inspired by ...

... PyECLLOUD-BGI - analytical formula for particle tracking + Bassetti & Erskine bunch field model (thanks to G. Iadarola)

... GSI-code - analytical formula for the electric field of ellipsoids (thanks to P. Forck, S. Udrea)

... JPARC-code - Runge-Kutta-4<sup>th</sup> order particle tracking + 2D Poisson solver (thanks to K. Satou)

# What components are available?



# Bunch field models

## Symmetric Gaussian

- Solution is obtained from solving Poisson's equation in 2D
- Field is scaled with the fraction of the long. density

## Parabolic Ellipsoid <sup>2)</sup>

- Charge density  $\sim 1 / ab^2 * (1 - r^2/b^2 - z^2/a^2)$
- Uses elliptical coordinates to solve Poisson's equation in 3D

2) M.Dolinska, R.W.Mueller, P.Strehl: "The Electric Field of Bunches", 2000

## Asymmetric Gaussian <sup>1)</sup>

- Uses the complex error function to solve Poisson's equation in 2D
- Field is scaled with the fraction of the long. density

1) M.Bassetti, G.A.Erskine: "Closed expression for the electrical field of a two-dimensional Gaussian charge", CERN-ISR-TH/80-06, 1980

## Poisson Solver

- Solve Poisson's equation numerically in either 2D or 3D
- For 2D the field is scaled with the fraction of the long. density

# Particle tracking models

## Analytical Solution

For the special case of

- uniform electric and magnetic fields and  $B_z = E_z = 0$

## Runge-Kutta 4<sup>th</sup> order

- Solve differential equation of the form  $d/dt \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y})$  by turning it into a linear equation with four intermediate evaluations of  $\mathbf{f}$

## Boris algorithm

- Position and momentum are shifted by half a time step against each other (momentum is "behind")
- Uses a transformation to separate electric and magnetic field terms
- Widely used in plasma simulations

# Benchmark cases

## LHC case

## PS case

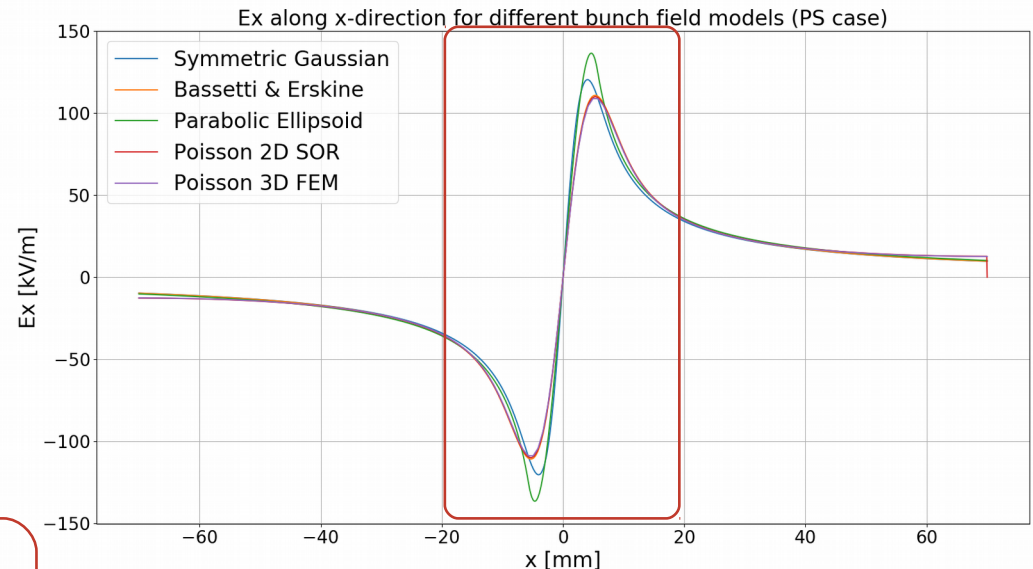
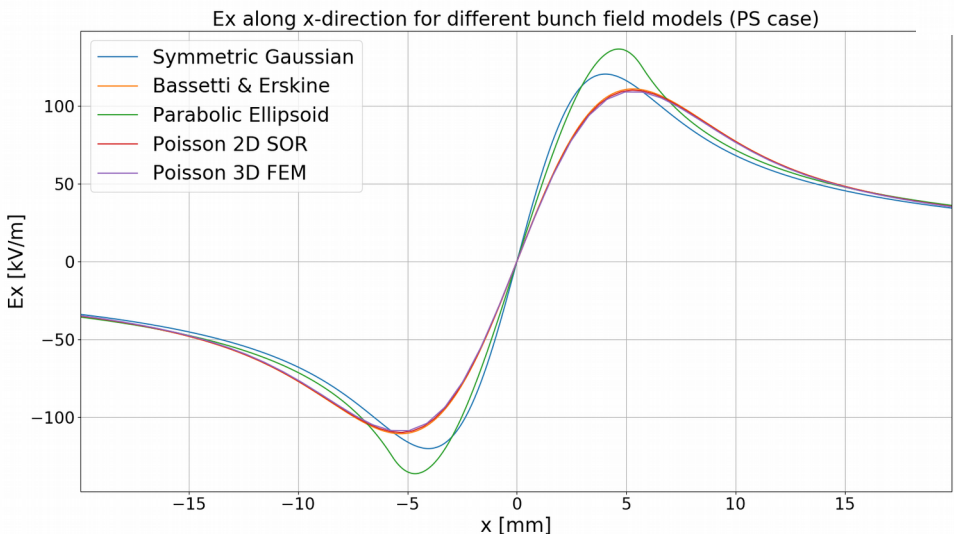
Energy	6.5 TeV	25 GeV
Bunch pop.	1.3e11	1.33e11
Length ( $4\sigma$ )	1.25 ns	3.0 ns
Width, Height	229, 257 $\mu\text{m}$	3.7, 1.4 mm
Electrode dist.	85 mm	70 mm
Applied voltage	4 kV	3, 20 kV
Magnetic field	0.2 T	0 T



# Comparison of bunch field models

## PS case

- For the symmetric Gaussian:  
 $\sigma = (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)/2 = 2.55 \text{ mm}$
- For the parabolic ellipsoid:  
 $a = \sqrt{5} \cdot \sigma_z, b = \sqrt{5} \cdot (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)/2$

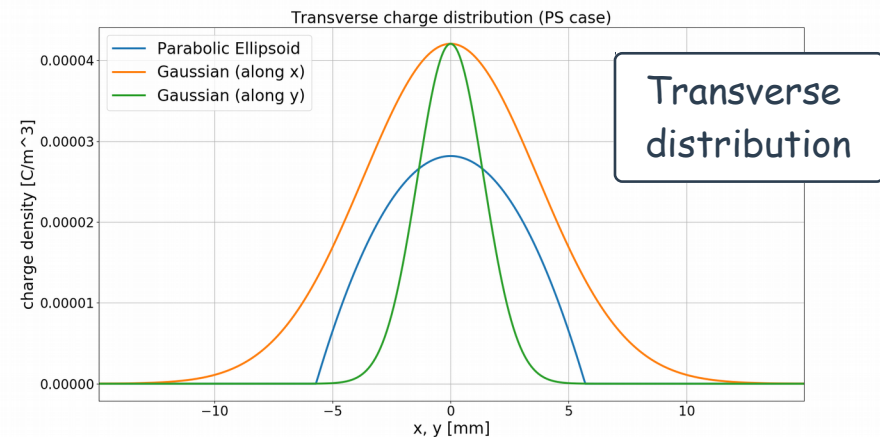
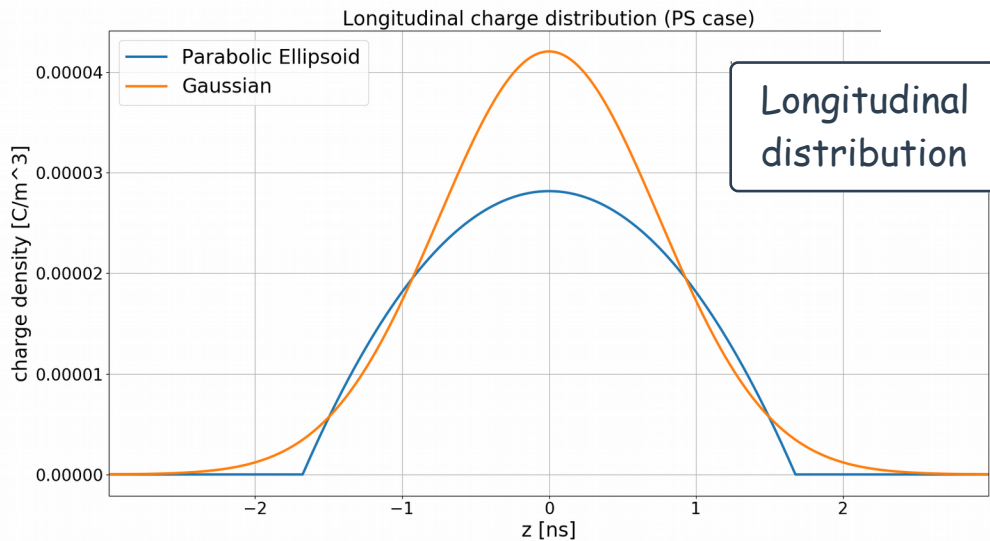
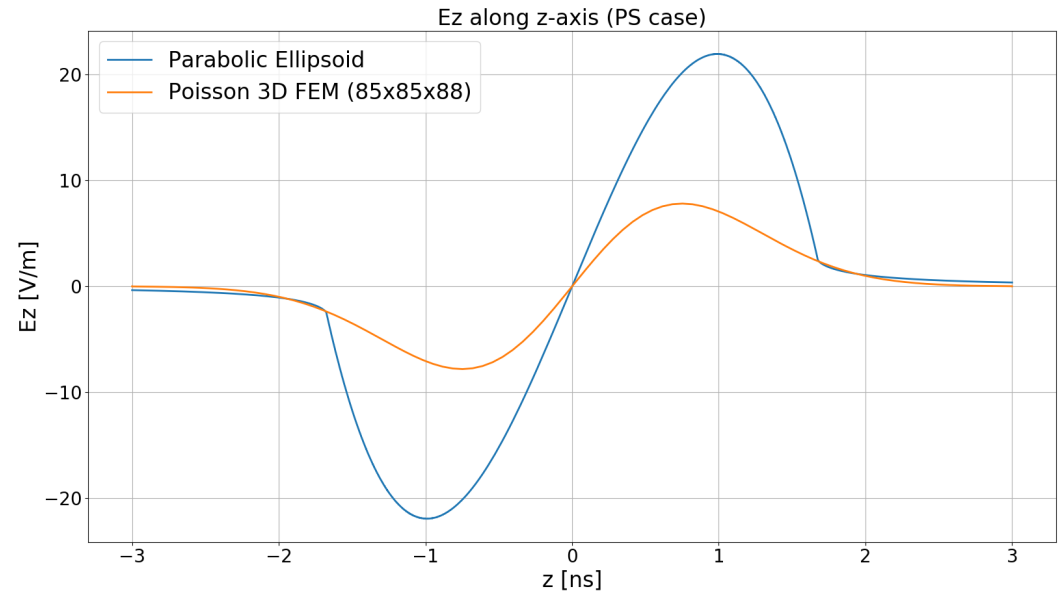


- Poisson 2D: grid spacing 0.5mm → 280x280 grid; 2818 iterations, 13 min.
- Poisson 3D: 170x170x22 grid → transverse grid spacing 0.82 mm, long. grid spacing 0.27 ns; 6 GB memory, 5 min.

# Comparison of bunch field models

## PS case - longitudinal field

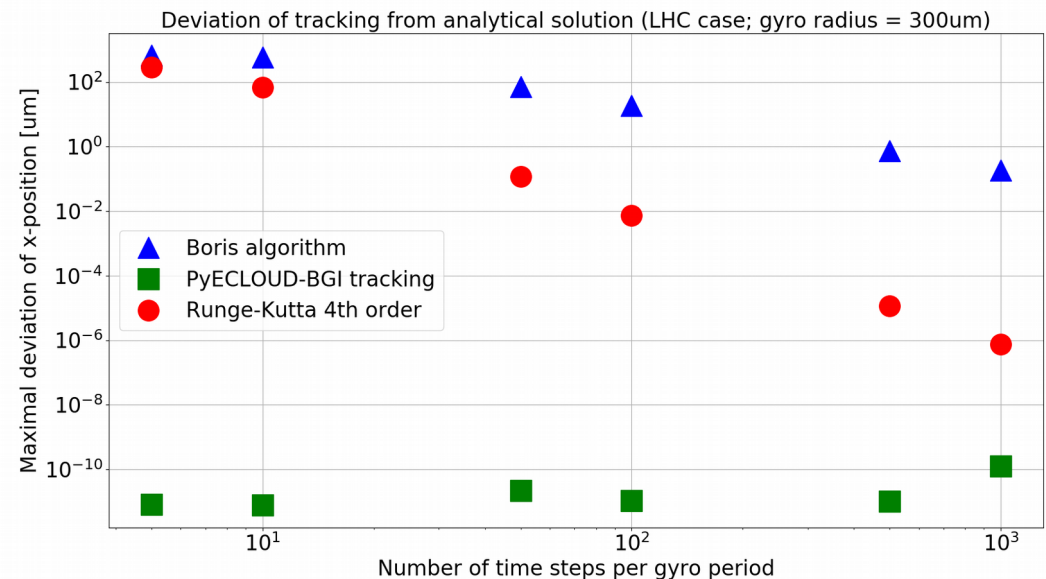
- Long bunch ( $\sigma_z/\sigma_x \approx 1.6e3$ )  $\rightarrow$  small longitudinal field is expected
- Field is in the order of magnitude  $\approx 10$  V/m
- For the parabolic ellipsoid the charges are closer to the z-axis, especially for  $z \neq 0$



# Comparison of tracking algorithms

## LHC case - gyro motion

- Simulate gyration with 300 $\mu\text{m}$  radius
- No beam fields  $\rightarrow$  compare with analytical solution
- Cyclotron period  $\approx 0.178\text{ns}$ , extraction time  $\approx 4.47\text{ns}$   $\rightarrow$  simulate 30 gyrations
- PyELOUD-BGI is analytical solution of e.q.m.  $\rightarrow$  good accuracy
- Runge-Kutta 4<sup>th</sup> order performs better than Boris algorithm
- Reasonable results can be obtained with RK4 for 50 steps per period



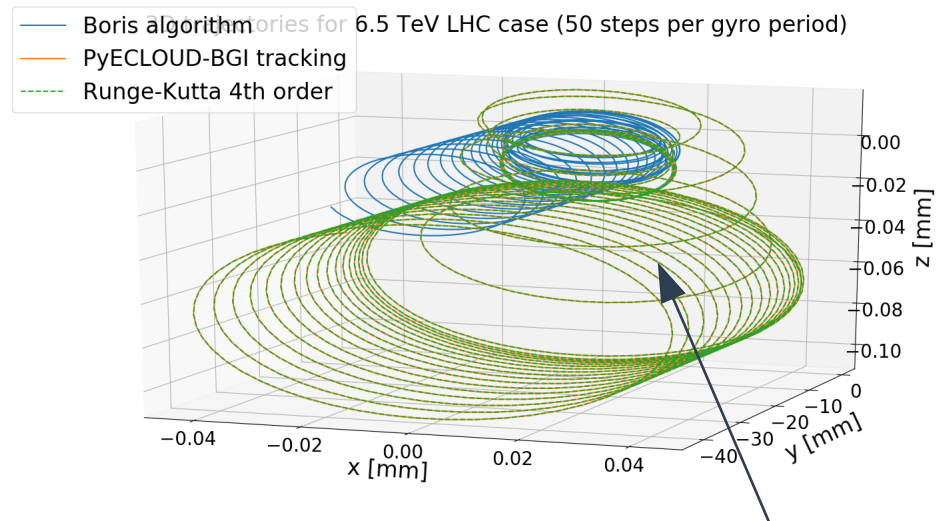
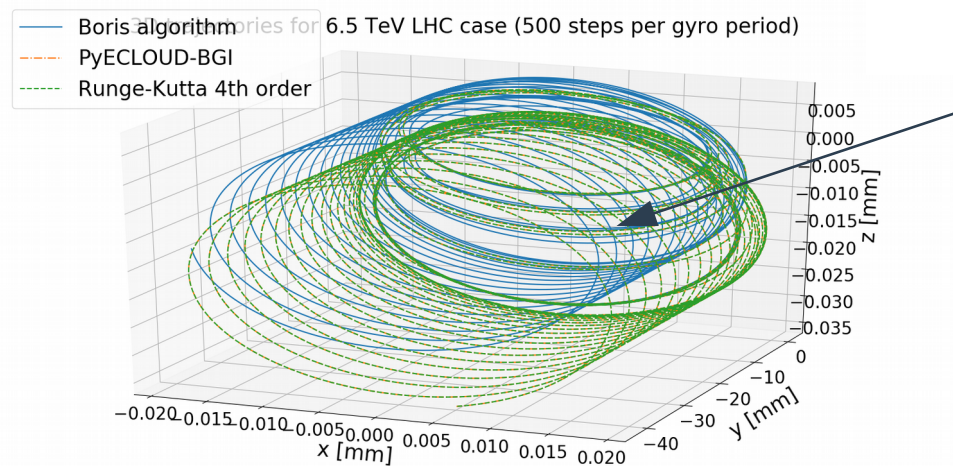
Deviation in y-direction (only electric field acceleration) is found to be negligible

Similar behavior for ExB-drift in uniform E-field

# Comparison of tracking algorithms

## LHC case - Trajectories in beam field

- Initial energy: 1 eV ( $\rightarrow$  from DDCS)
- Particle generated at  $t=0, z=0$ ;  
beam has offset  $z = 4\sigma_z$
- Magnetic field in  $y$ -direction: 0.2 T



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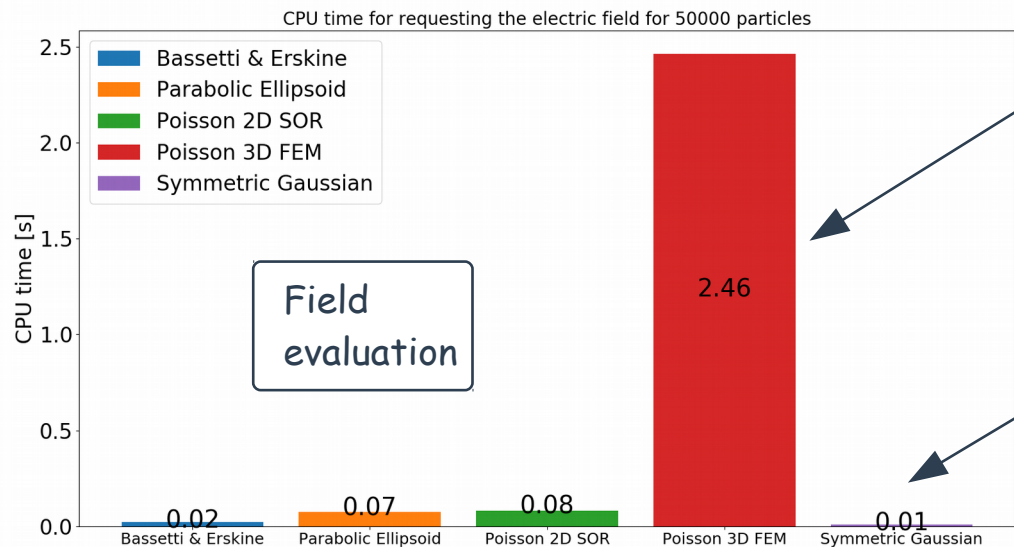
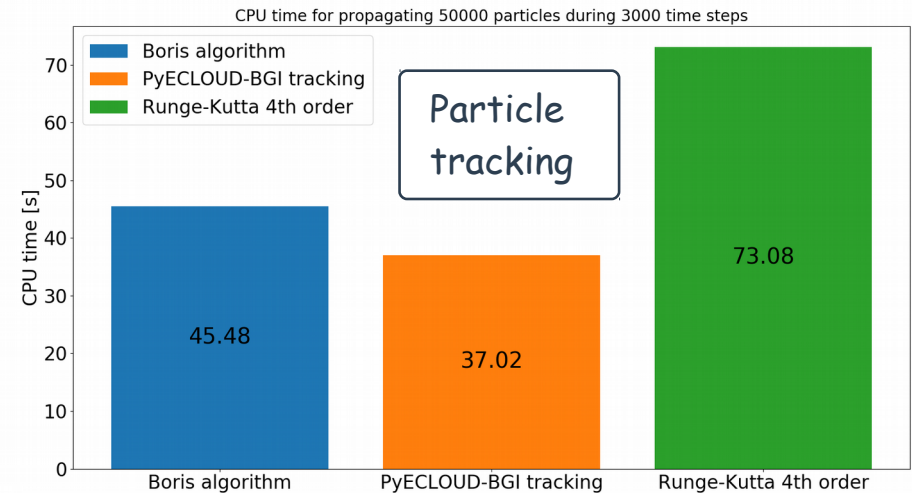
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$\rightarrow$  For large beam fields the time step must be chosen a lot smaller in order to obtain similar accuracy

# Comparison of bunch field models

## Efficiency/performance - CPU benchmarking

- CPU: Intel Core i7-5500U @ 2.40GHz x 4
- Memory: SO-DIMM DDR3 1600MHz

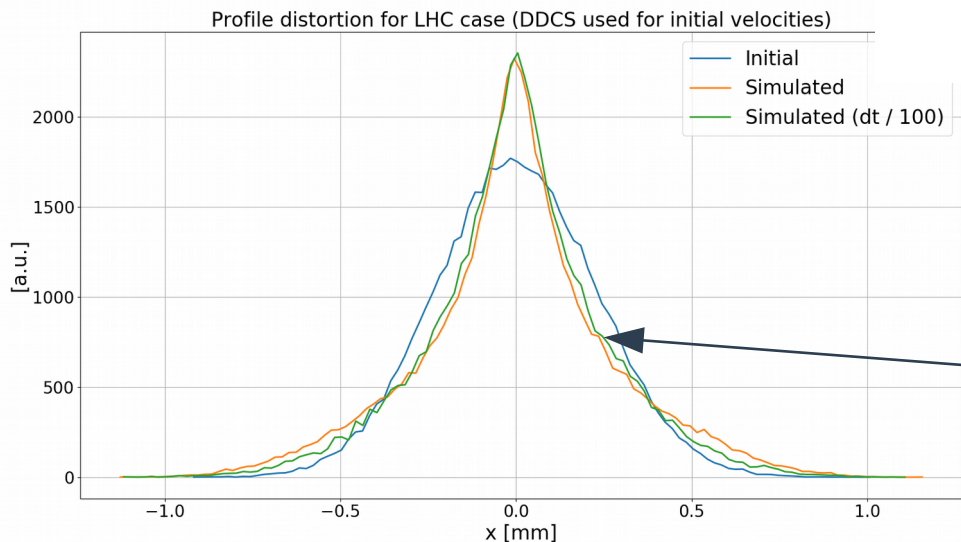
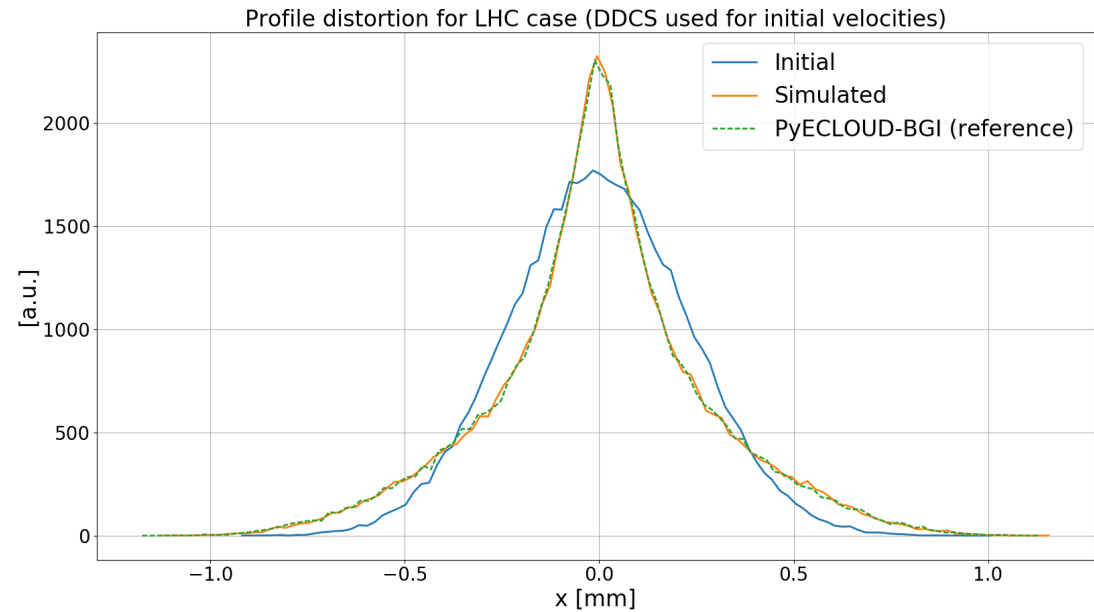


Poisson3D model evaluates the field for each position in a Python for-loop → requires more CPU time

Other models evaluate the fields in external C-for-loops (via numpy or scipy) → fast computation

# LHC Case - Profile distortion

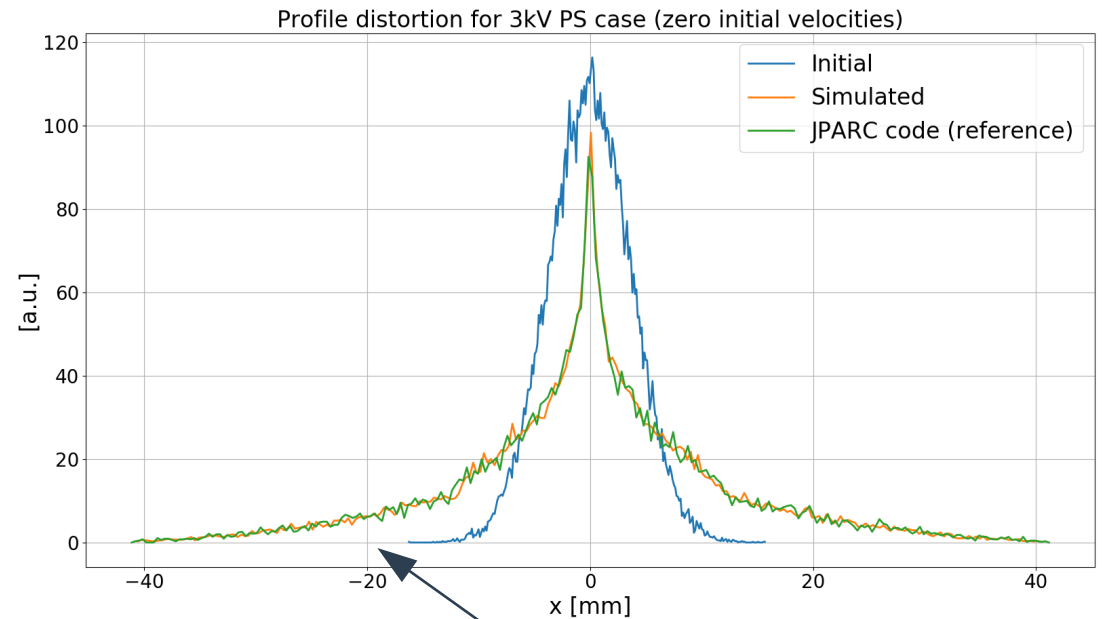
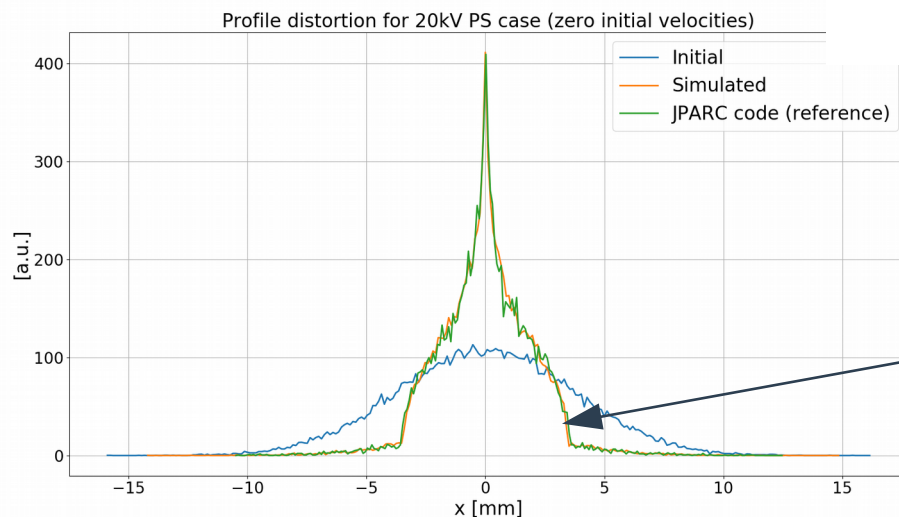
- Good agreement between original PyELOUD-BGI code and corresponding setting → successful migration



- Simulating for  $\Delta t = 10\text{ns} / 3200 = 3.125\text{ps}$  gives already reasonable results compared with  $\Delta t = 0.03125\text{ps}$
- Slightly more signal near  $x=0$  because the gyroradius of those electrons is not increased as much

# PS Case - Profile distortion

- Good agreement between JPARC-code and the corresponding models  
→ successful migration



Electrons are pulled towards the center of the profile

Electrons even cross  $x=0$  (i.e. to the other side of the profile)

# Summary

- ✔ Various models have been successfully migrated + new models have been added
- ✔ Benchmarking with existing codes shows very good agreement
- ✔ The application's modular structure allows for easy implementation of new use cases
- ✔ A graphical user interface and code documentation allows for a convenient usage



# Available on ...



... the Python package index:

<https://pypi.python.org/pypi/virtual-ipm>



... GitLab:

<https://gitlab.com/IPMsim/Virtual-IPM>  
(git repository + issue tracker)



... GitLab pages:

<https://ipmsim.gitlab.io/Virtual-IPM/>  
(documentation)

Extra slides

# Configuration

- ➔ Configuration is handled by a separate framework (<https://pypi.python.org/pypi/anna>) → focus on the solution
- ➔ Various different parameter types are available
- ➔ Parameters are declared in the code and specified by the user
- ➔ Physical quantities can be specified in various units, the conversion is handled internally

# Particle Generation

➔ Particle generation models define a way for particles to enter the simulation

➔ This is a very general requirement and thus many different implementations are possible:

- ionization involving the beams
- secondary electron emission
- ...

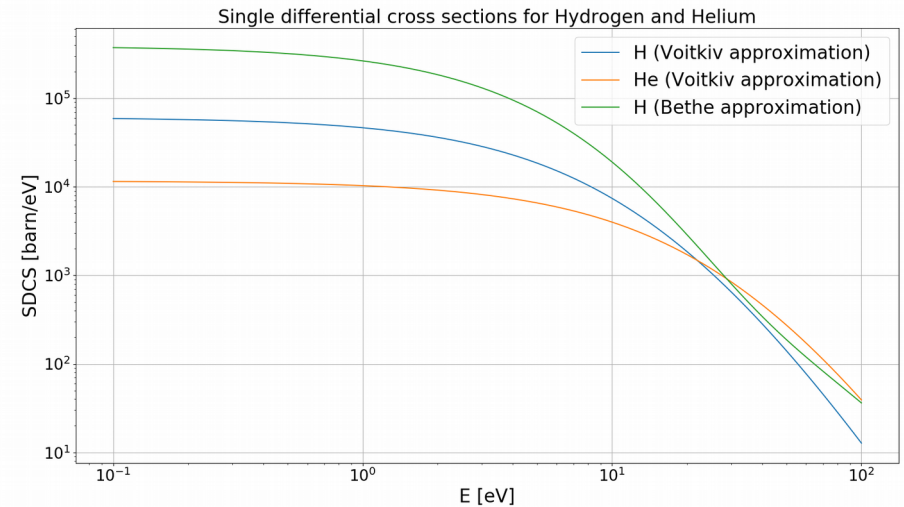
## Available models:

- Ionization
- At Rest
- Manual specification

➔ Each simulation cycle involves exactly one such way

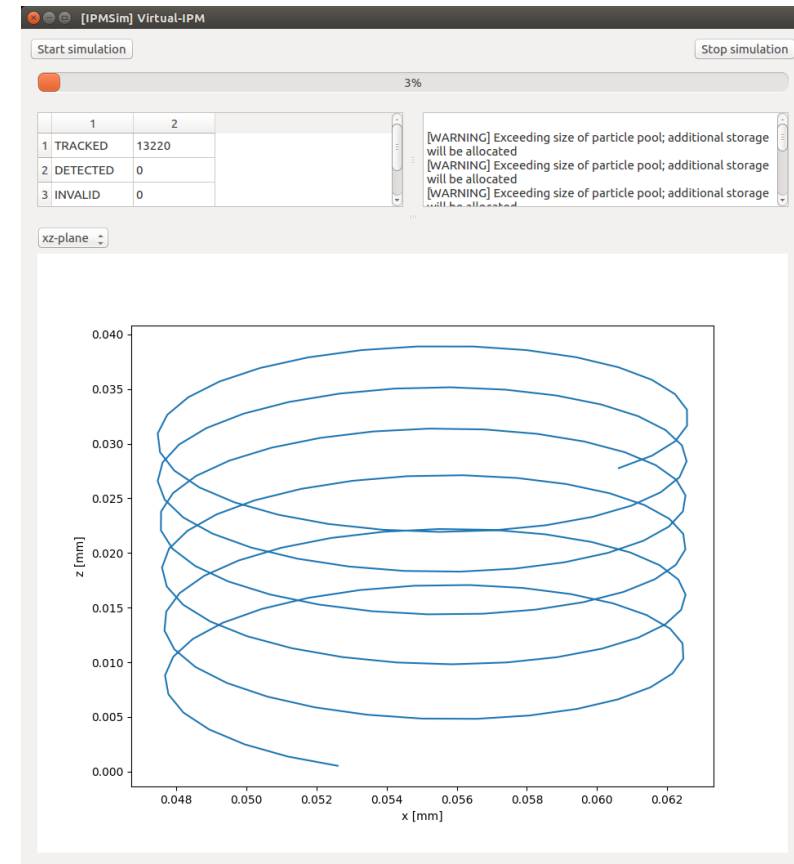
# Ionization

- ➔ Ionization involves two aspects: position and momentum generation
- ➔ Bunch shape models are responsible for the generation of positions (e.g. Gaussian)
- ➔ Ionization cross sections build the basis for momentum generation
- ➔ Ionization cross sections are bundled in a separate package which is connected to the simulation



# Particle tracking

- ➔ Particle tracking models are responsible for propagating particles during the simulation
- ➔ Particle tracking is an operation that takes place per time step and per particle  
→ high computational demand
- ➔ Based on either analytical or numerical solutions of the equations of motion
- ⚠ Important aspects: accuracy and efficiency



# Particle detection

- ➔ Particle detection models ("Devices") define when particles are considered "detected" or "invalid"
- ➔ This is a very general requirement which applies to all use cases; for example such a model could compute the decay probability per particle and use it to decide when the particle is detected (BIF)
- ➔ Once a particle is detected or invalidated it is excluded from tracking and its parameters can be stored

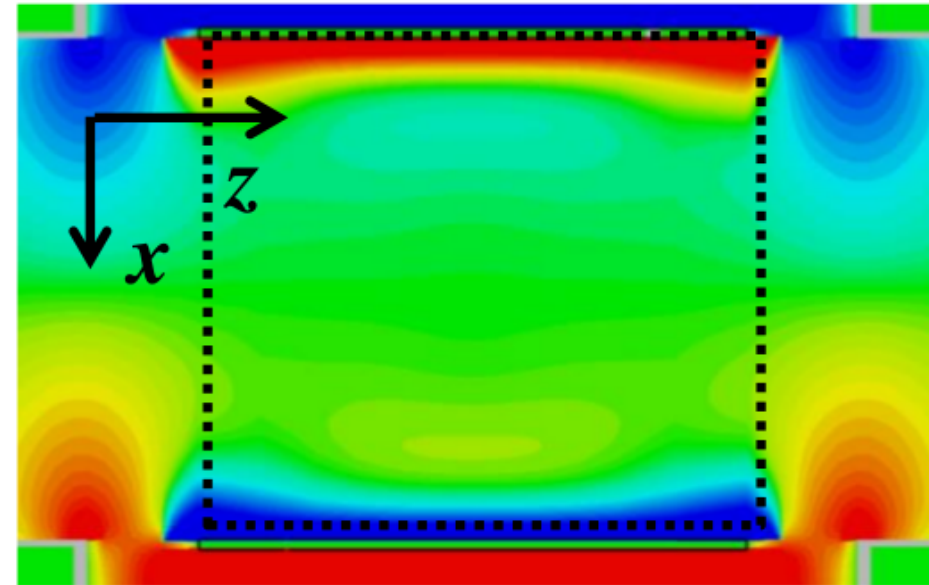
# Guiding fields

➔ Guiding field models define either the electric or magnetic component of the guiding fields

➔ Available models include:

- uniform fields
- 2D field maps
- 3D field maps

⚠ Guiding fields are evaluated per time step and per particle → efficiency plays an important role

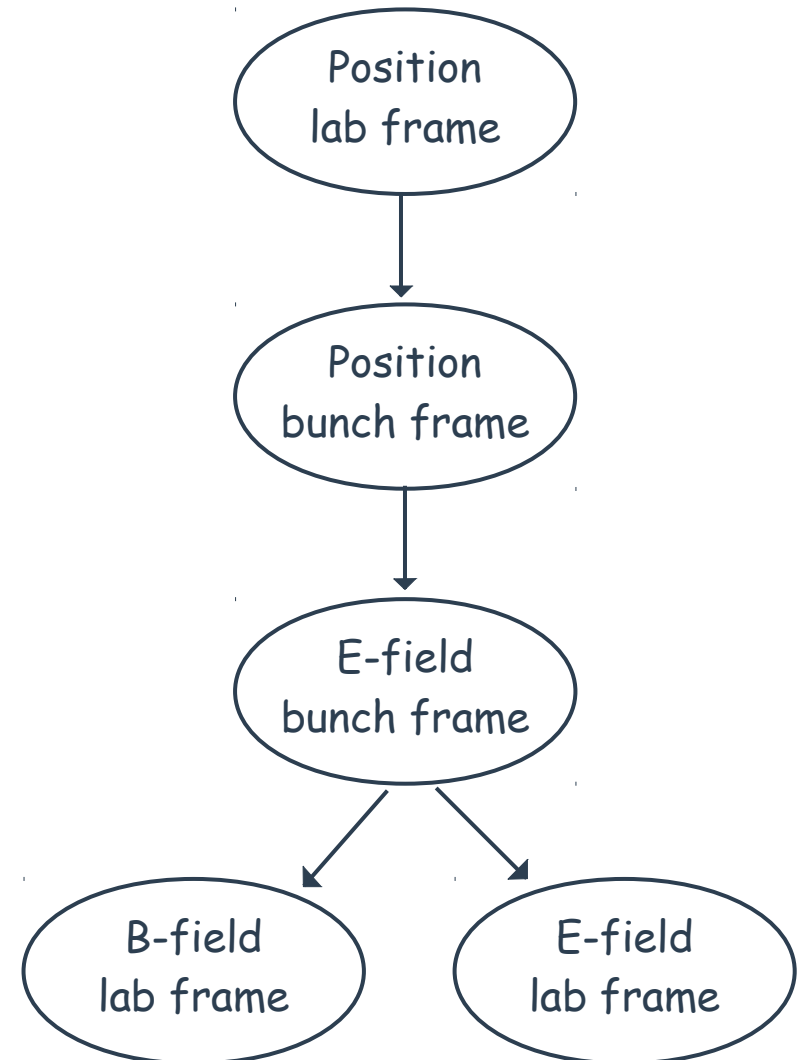


Study of electric guiding field for PS IPM,  $E_x$  at  $y=0$  (K. Satou)



# Beam fields

- ➔ The bunch electric field is defined and evaluated in the rest frame of the bunch
- ➔ Particle positions are transformed from the lab frame to the bunch frame (Lorentz transformation)
- ➔ Each bunch in the bunch train uses a separate Lorentz transformation (as they have different longitudinal positions)
- ➔ Electric and magnetic fields in the lab frame are computed via Lorentz transformation from the electric field in the bunch frame

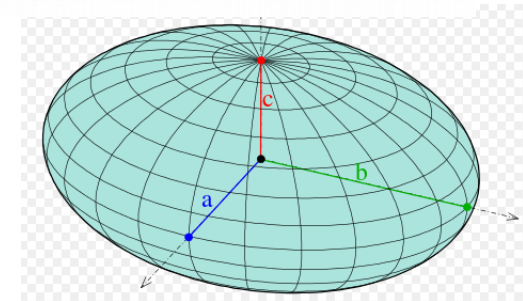
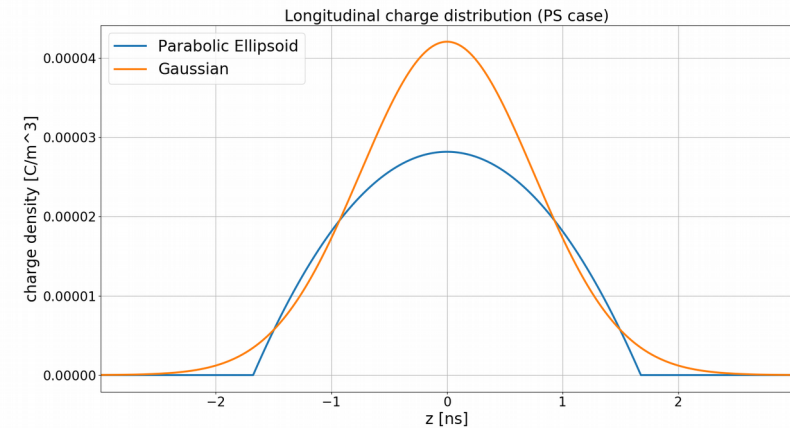


# Bunch shapes

- ➔ A bunch shape is involved in two processes:
- Particle generation (position distribution)
  - Bunch electric field computation

- ➔ Different bunch electric field models might require different bunch shapes; for Poisson solvers the charge distribution is important

- ➔ Available shapes include:
- Gaussian
  - Parabolically charged ellipsoid



→ Different bunch shapes can be easily realized; e.g. based on measurement data

# Simulation output

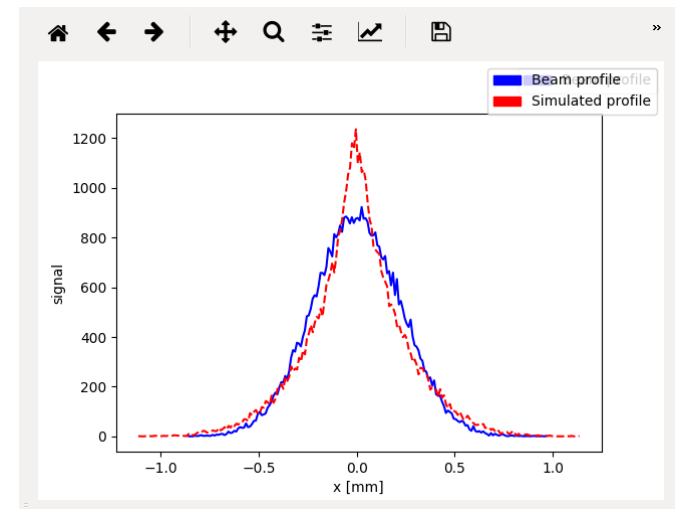
➔ Output recorders serve as an “information sink” for particle data; they are responsible for extracting this information and propagating it to external resources

➔ Two kinds of particle data information are considered:

- Event based information such as initial and final positions of particles
- Continuous information which is queried periodically such as particle trajectories

## Available recorders:

- Initial → final maps (csv)
- Particle trajectories (csv)
- Profiles / Histograms (xml)

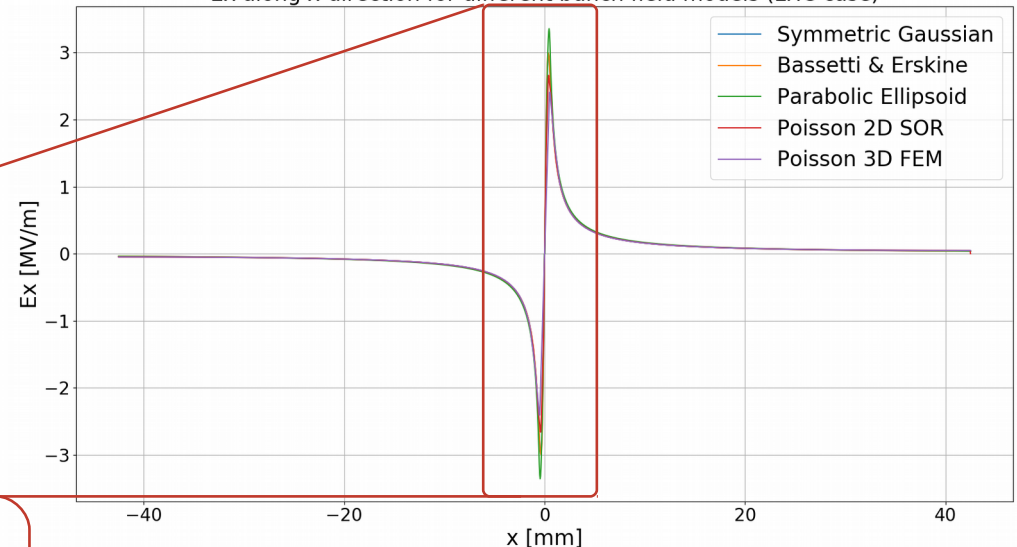


# Comparison of bunch field models

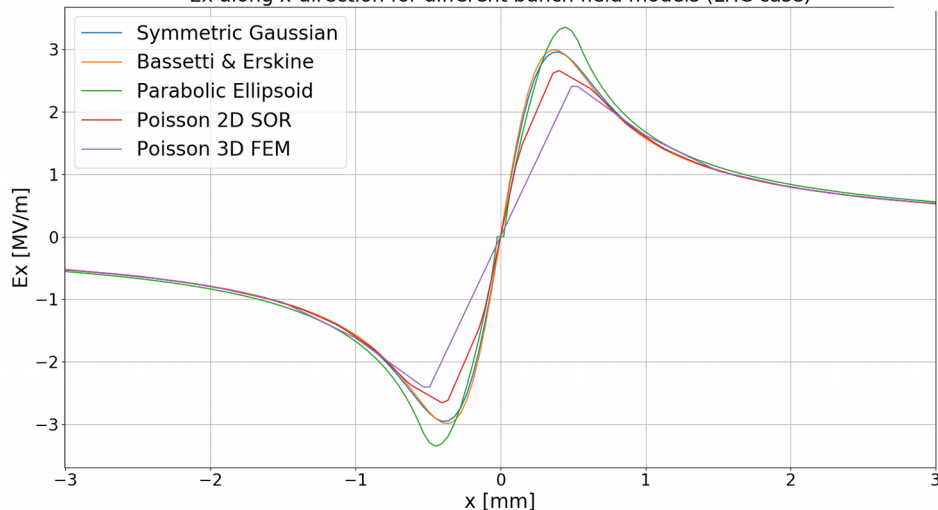
## LHC case

- For the symmetric Gaussian:  
 $\sigma = (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)/2 = 243 \mu\text{m}$
- For the parabolic ellipsoid:  
 $a = \sqrt{5} \cdot \sigma_z, b = \sqrt{5} \cdot (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)/2$

Ex along x-direction for different bunch field models (LHC case)



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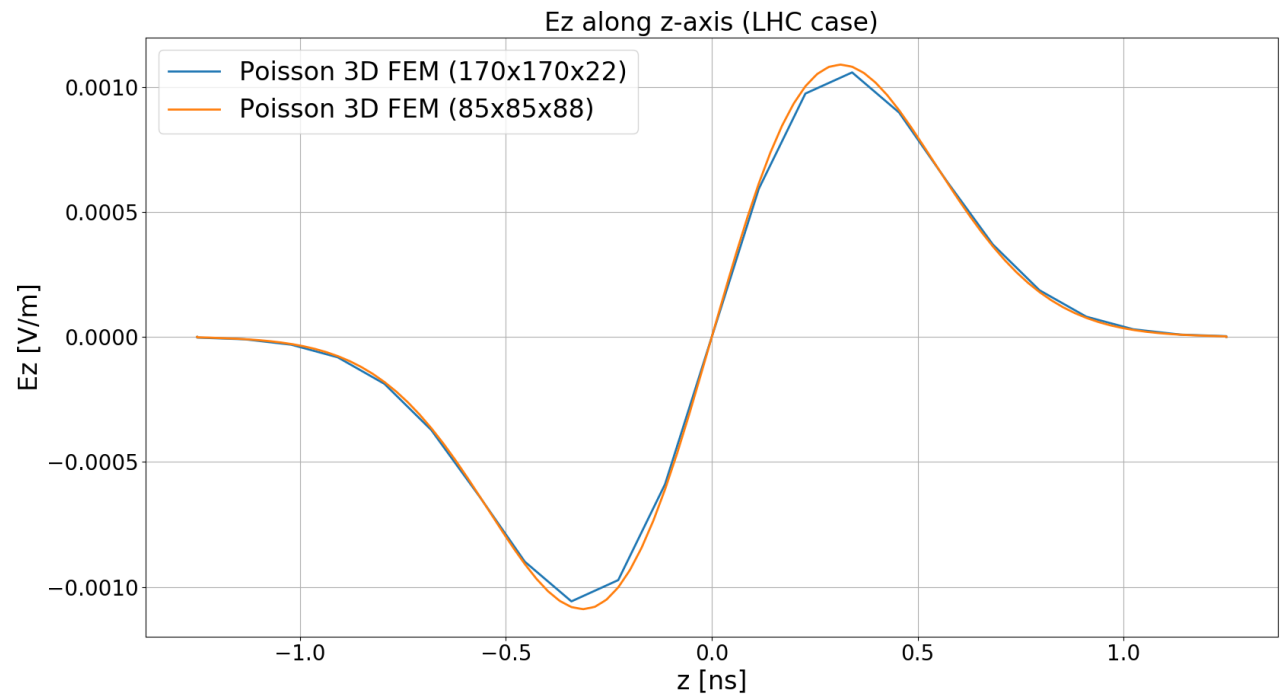


- Poisson 2D: grid spacing 0.25mm  $\rightarrow$  340x340 grid; 3669 iterations, 22 min.
- Poisson 3D: 170x170x22 grid  $\rightarrow$  transverse grid spacing 0.5 mm, long. grid spacing 0.11 ns; 7 GB memory, 11 min.

# Comparison of bunch field models

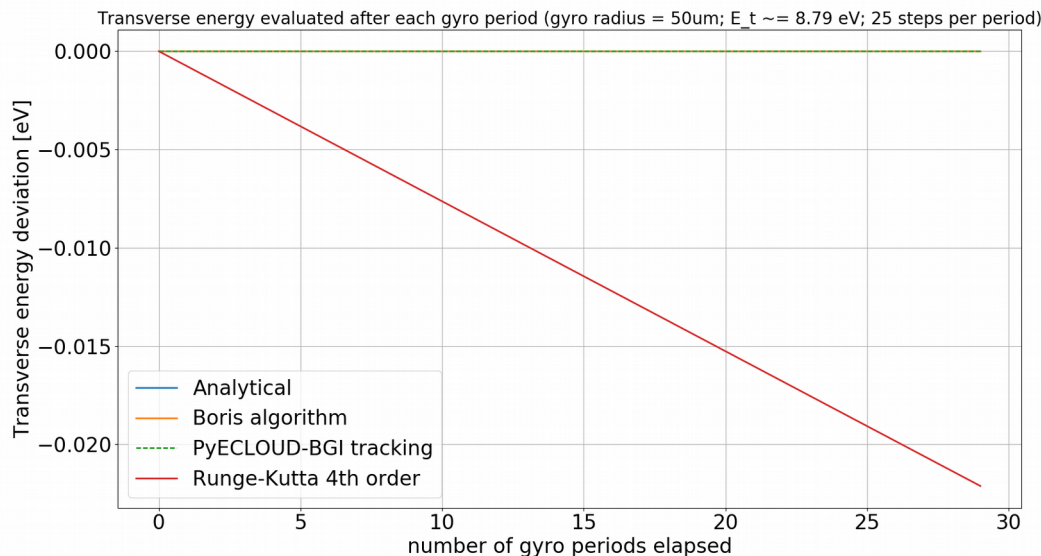
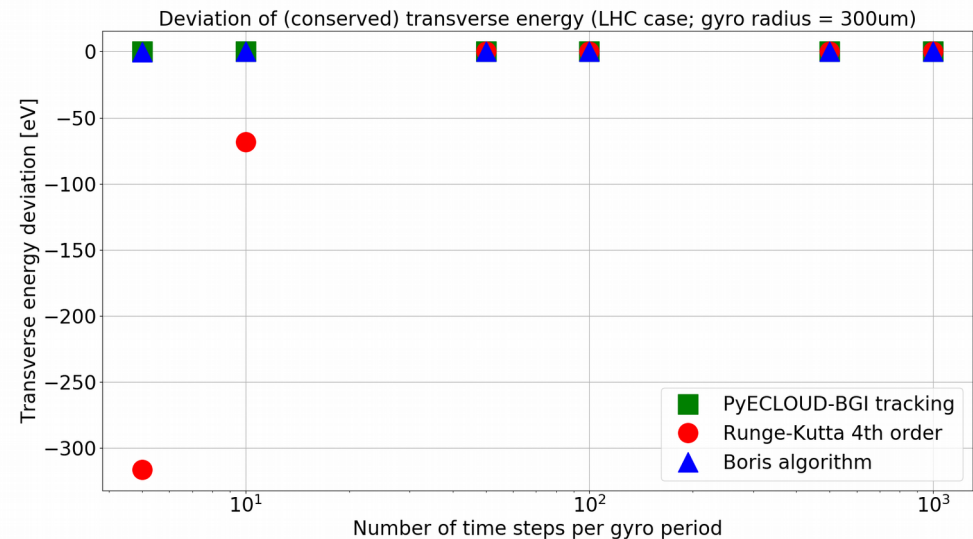
## LHC case - longitudinal field

- Very long bunch  $\rightarrow$  longitudinal field should be negligible
- $\sigma_z / \sigma_x \approx 2.67e6$   
(in the bunch frame)



# Comparison of tracking algorithms

- Investigate (transverse) energy conservation for pure gyro motion
- No beam fields  $\rightarrow$  gyro momentum is conserved (ideally)

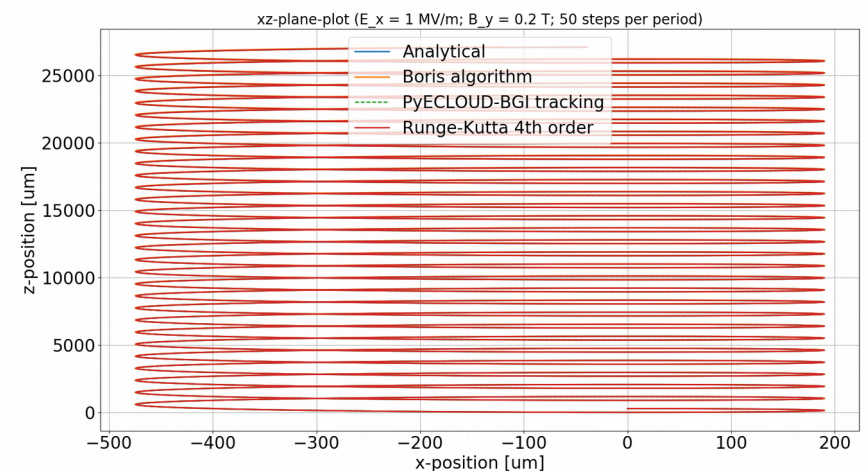
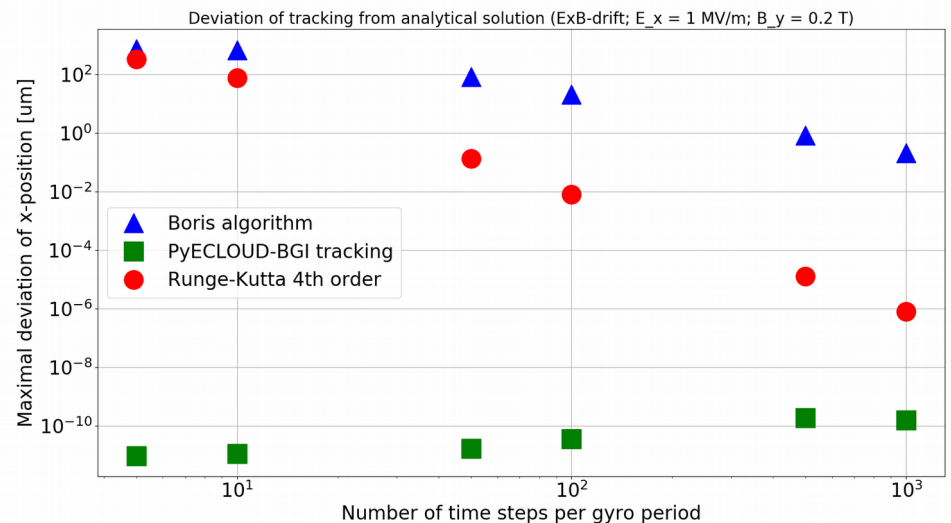
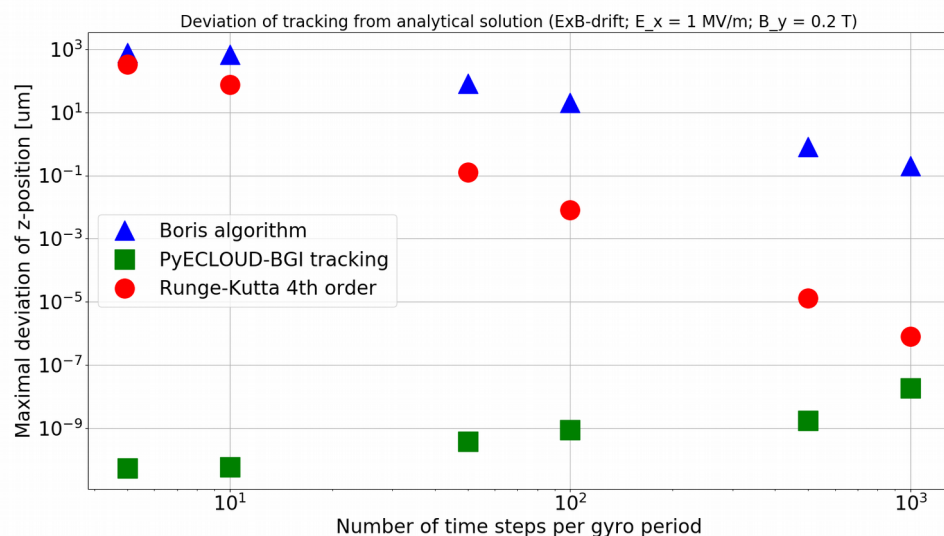


- Energy is very well preserved for PyECLLOUD-BGI tracking and Boris algorithm
- Slight deviation for the Runge-Kutta 4<sup>th</sup> order method ( $\rightarrow$  no symplectic integrator) however deviation is negligible for the presented case

# Comparison of tracking algorithms

## LHC case - ExB-Drift

- Simulate gyration with 300 $\mu\text{m}$  radius
- (Constant) beam electric field in x-direction: 1 MV/m (6.5 TeV beam)
- Magnetic field in y-direction: 0.2 T
- Simulate 30 gyrations

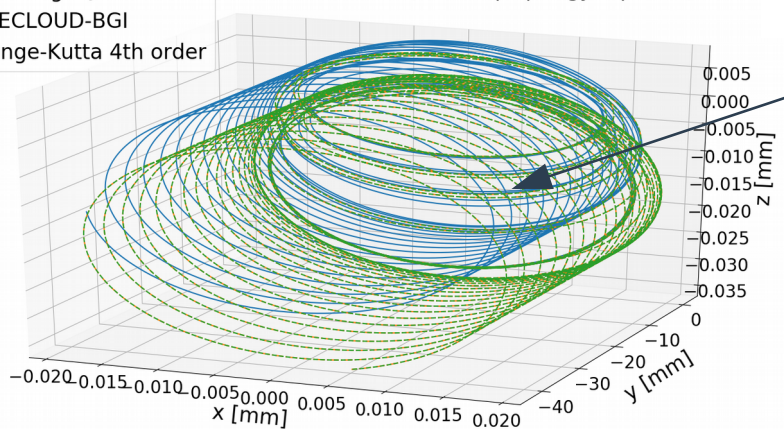


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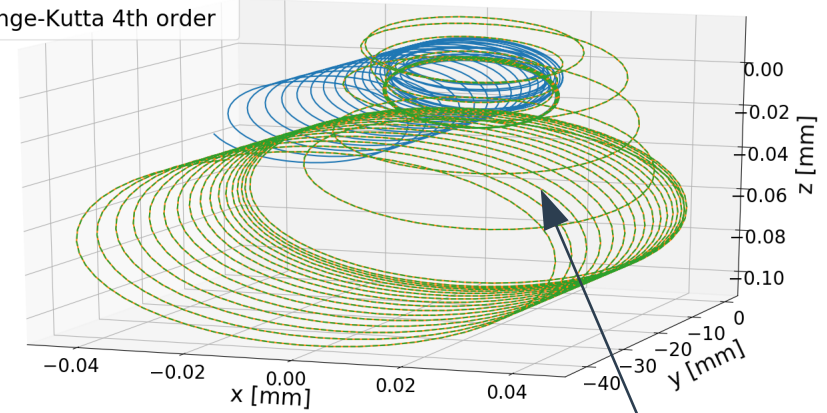
## LHC case - Trajectories in beam field

- Initial energy: 1 eV ( $\rightarrow$  from DDCS)
- Particle generated at  $t=0, z=0$ ;  
beam has offset  $z = 4\sigma_z$
- Magnetic field in  $y$ -direction: 0.2 T

— Boris algorithm for 6.5 TeV LHC case (500 steps per gyro period)  
 - - - PyECLOUD-BGI  
 - - - Runge-Kutta 4th order



— Boris algorithm for 6.5 TeV LHC case (50 steps per gyro period)  
 - - - PyECLOUD-BGI tracking  
 - - - Runge-Kutta 4th order



Running for 500 steps per gyro period shows less increase in gyro momentum and a smaller ExB-drift

No net ExB-drift expected because field is symmetric around  $x=0$  and contributions from either side should cancel

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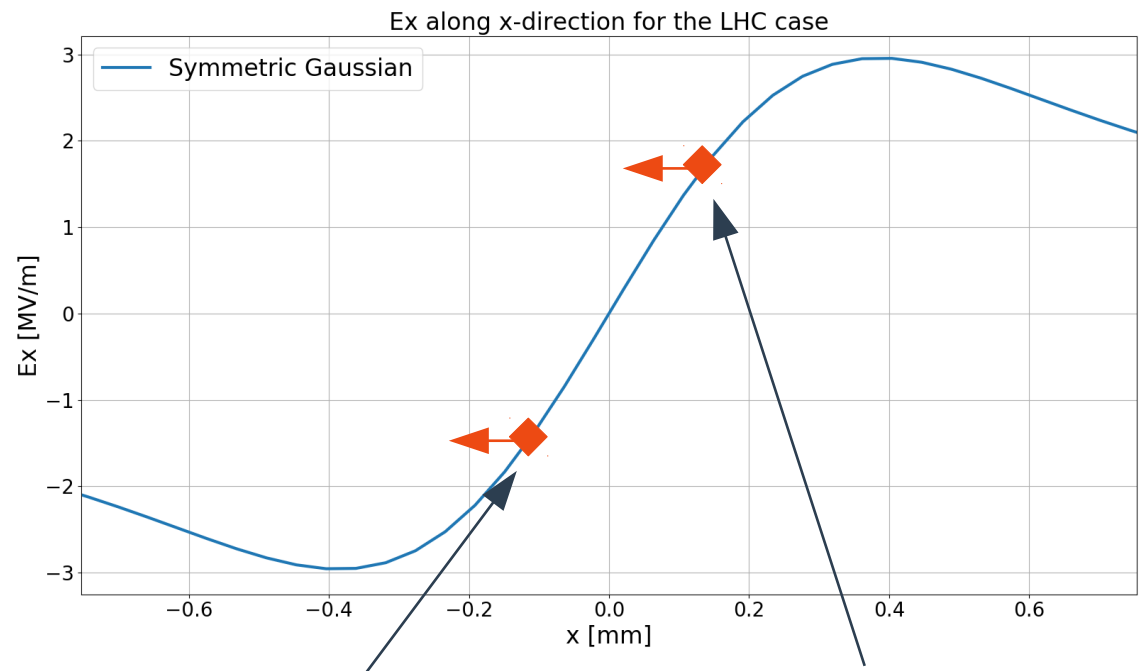


# Comparison of tracking algorithms

## What causes the significant increase in gyro momentum and the net ExB drift?

- Algorithms “push” the particle during an update assuming that the electric field is constant during that push
- The electric field is evaluated at the beginning of the push

The repeated over- and underestimation of the accelerating and decelerating electric field leads to an increase in gyro momentum; the same holds for the ExB-drift as the contributions do not exactly cancel



Electron is decelerated towards  $x=0$  → field is underestimated → deceleration is too small

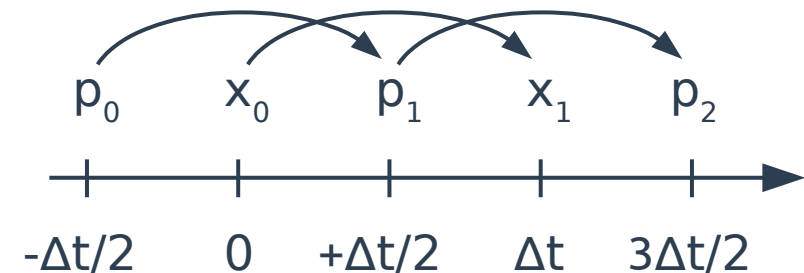
Electron is accelerated towards  $x=0$  → field is overestimated → acceleration is too large

# Comparison of tracking algorithms

- For 5000 steps per gyro period ( $\Delta t = 0.035$  ps) the effect becomes negligible
- For the PS case the electric field is smaller and the effect is negligible also for larger time step sizes ( $\Delta t = 0.35$  ps)

## Why does the Boris algorithm perform better than the others?

- Position and momentum is shifted by  $\Delta t/2$  for the Boris pusher (momentum is "behind")
- That is for each momentum update the electric field for the corresponding step  $+ \Delta t/2$  is used
- Because the field is linear close to  $x=0$  using this average field at  $+\Delta t/2$  is a good approximation



This shift could be used for other algorithms as well

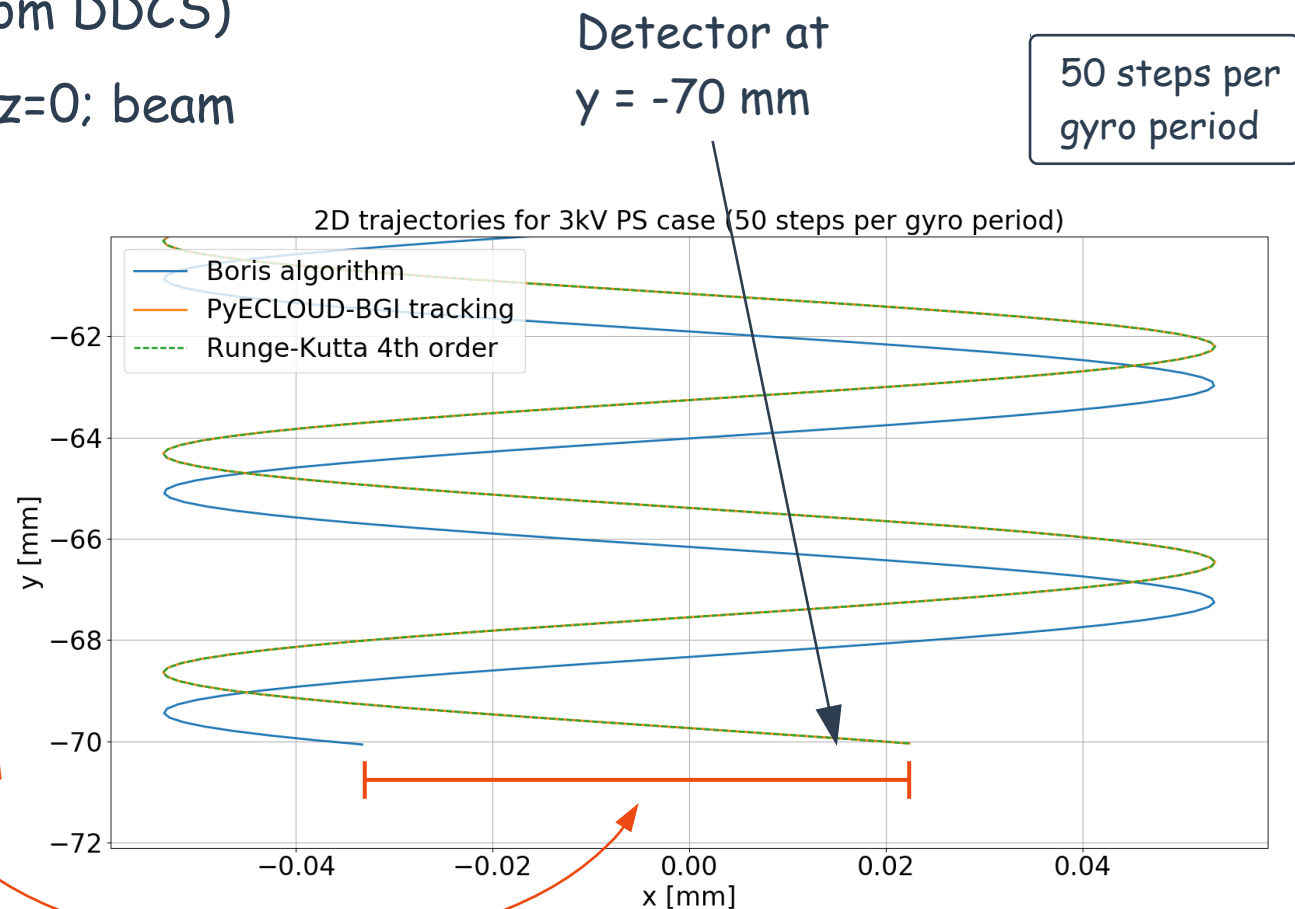
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## PS case - Trajectories in beam field

- Initial energy: 10 eV ( $\rightarrow$  from DDCS)
- Particle generated at  $t=0, z=0$ ; beam has offset  $z = 4\sigma_z$
- Magnetic field: 0.2 T
- Time step  $\Delta t = 3.57$  ps

$\rightarrow$  For  $\Delta t = 0.357$  ps the deviation is found to be negligible

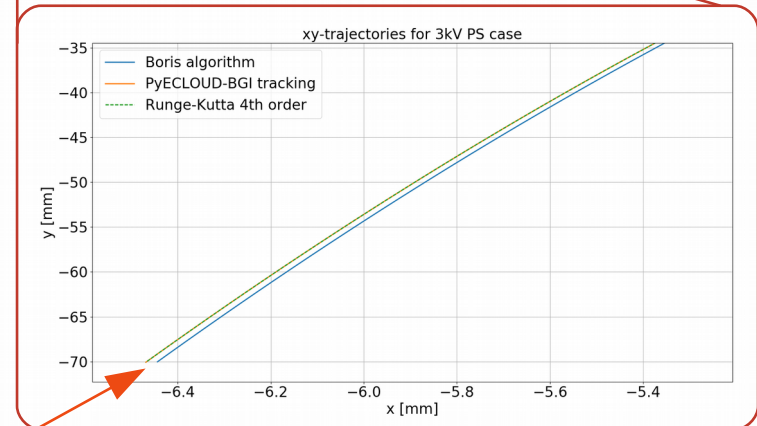
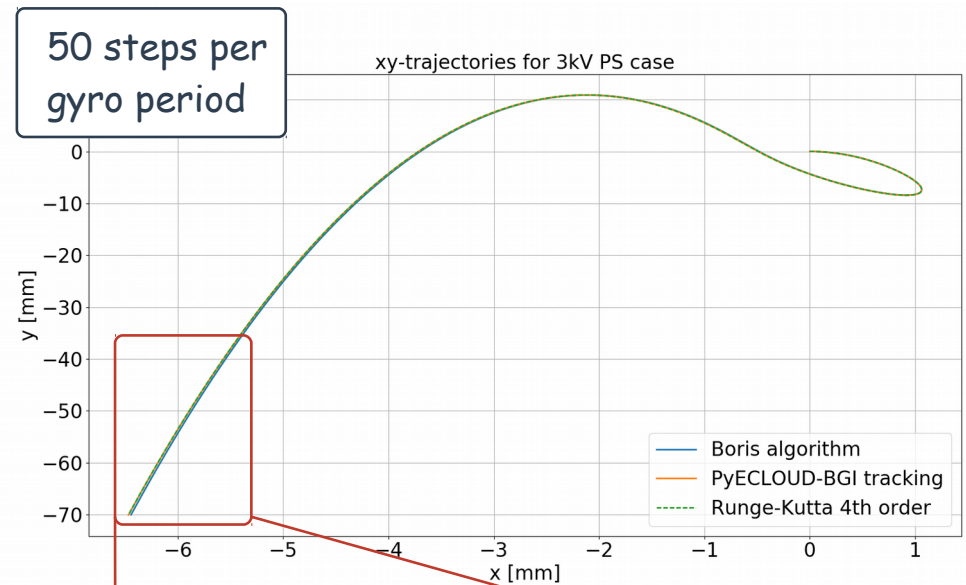
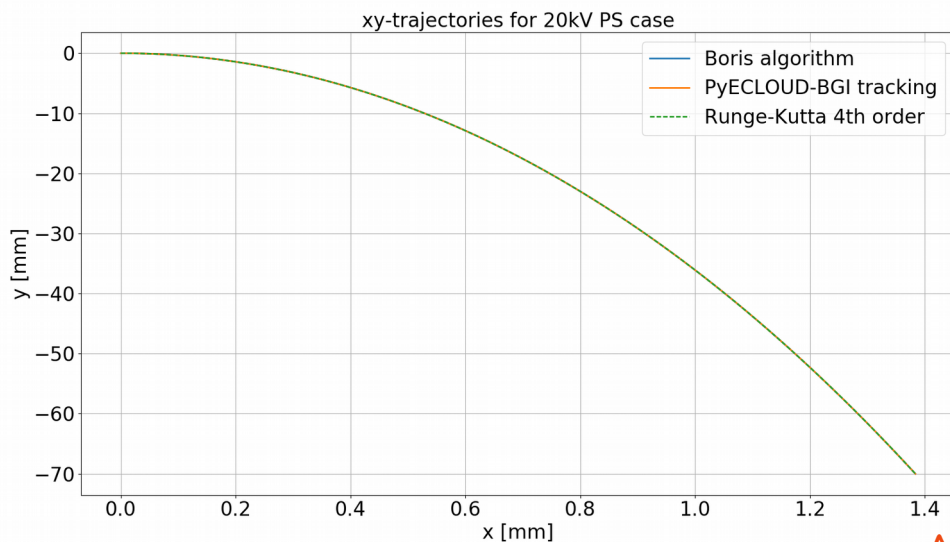
Deviation of 55  $\mu\text{m}$



# Comparison of tracking algorithms

## PS case - Trajectories in beam field

- Initial energy: 1 eV ( $\rightarrow$  from DDCS)
- Particle generated at  $t=0, z=0$ ;  
beam has offset  $z = 4\sigma_z$
- Magnetic field: 0 T
- Time step  $\Delta t \approx 3.57$  ps

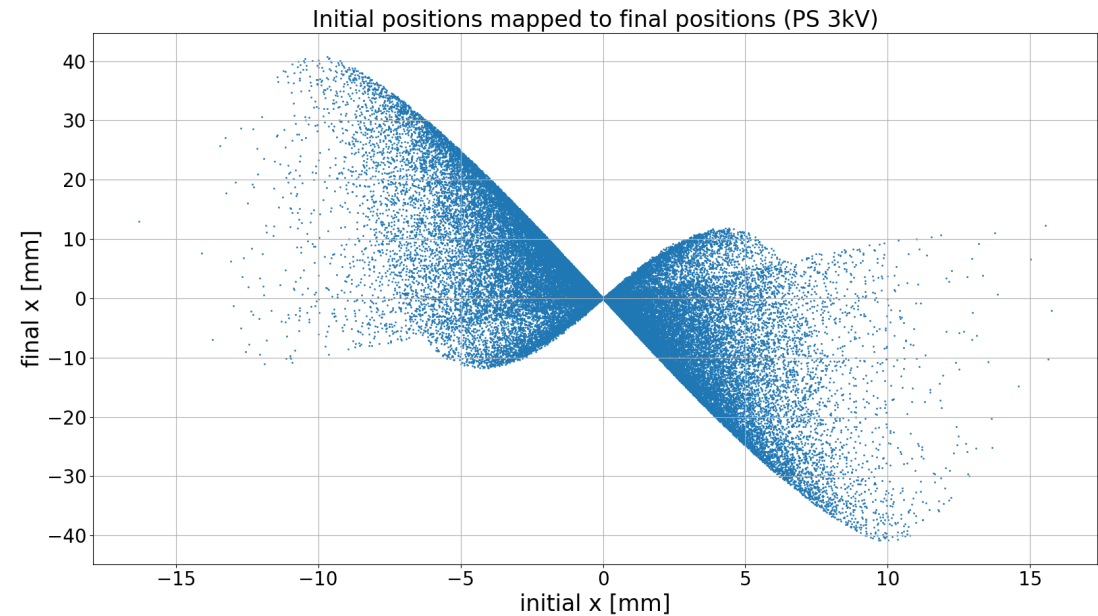
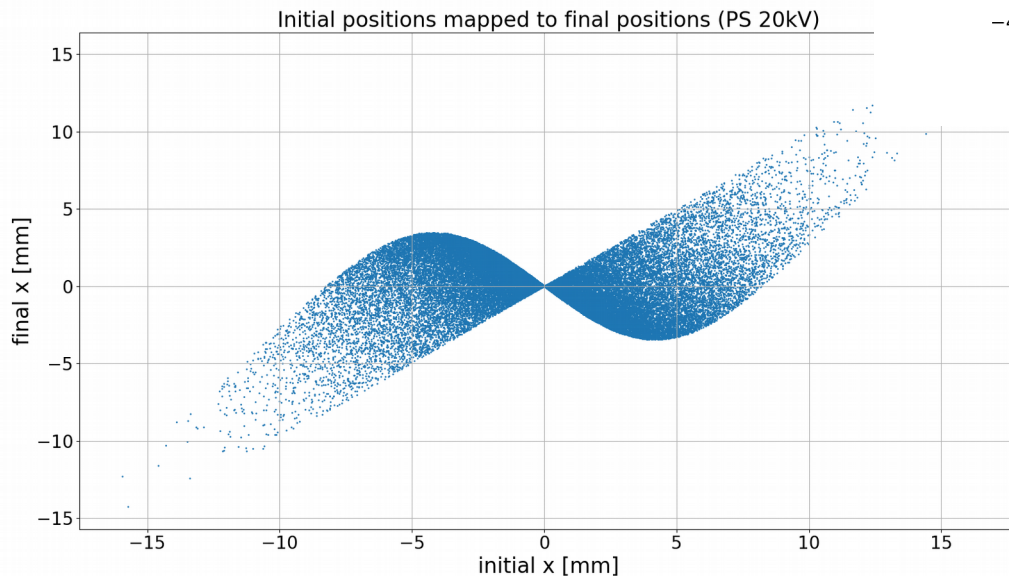


$\Delta x = 25 \mu\text{m}$

# PS Case - Profile distortion

## Mapping of initial to final x-positions

- The plots show that for low extraction fields (3kV) electrons actually move to the other "side" of the distribution



- For larger extraction fields (20kV) the electrons are still attracted towards the center of the distribution and thus accumulate in this region