

# NUMERICAL TOOLS FOR BEAM-BEAM STUDIES

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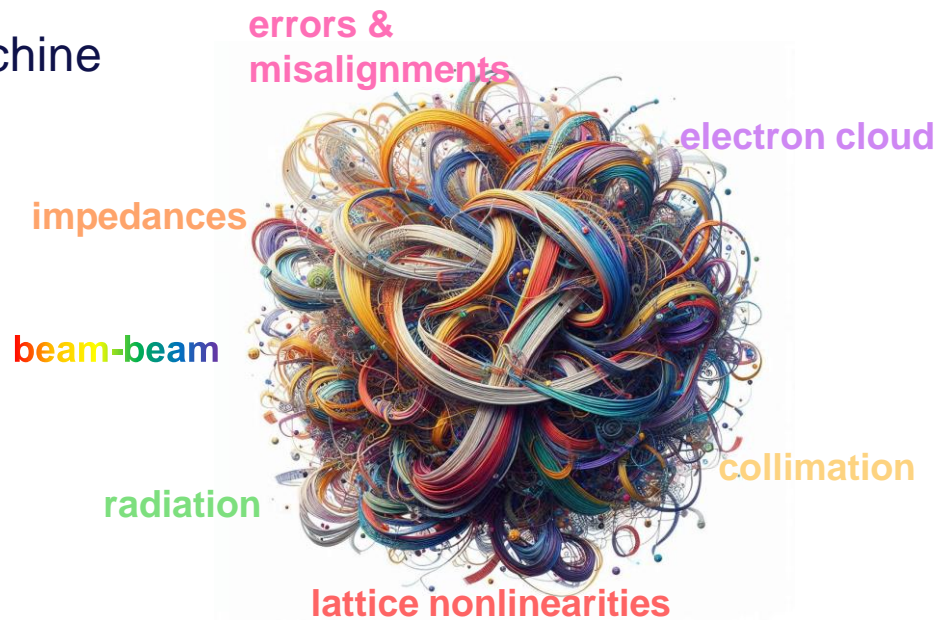
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# Overview

- FCC-ee will be a highly complex machine
- Interplay of various effects
- Presence of beam-beam collisions further complicates beam dynamics
- Self-consistent simulations are challenging



# Tools

	Weak-strong 6D	Quasi-strong-strong 6D	Strong-strong 6D SG	Strong-strong 6D PIC	Beamstrahlung	Bhabha-scattering	Transverse wakefields	Longitudinal wakefields	Linear tracking	Lattice tracking	Open source	Runs on GPU
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Xsuite [9]	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available

- Different beam-beam codes exist, with different features
- FCC-ee: self-consistent & fast modeling needed including many effects
- Xsuite: development driven by needs for FCC-ee

G. Iadarola talk @ this conference

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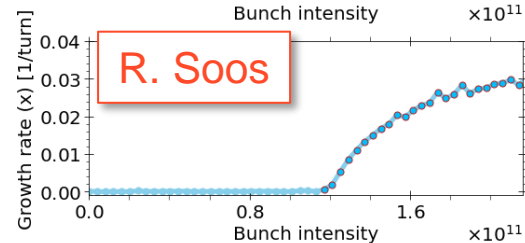
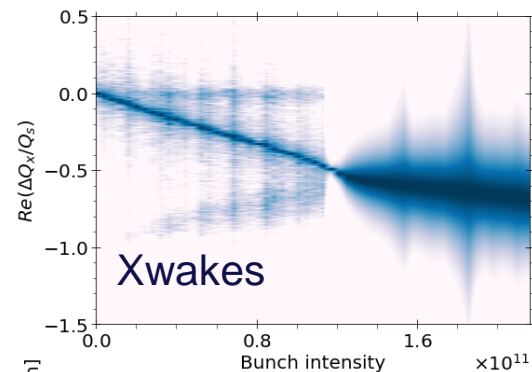
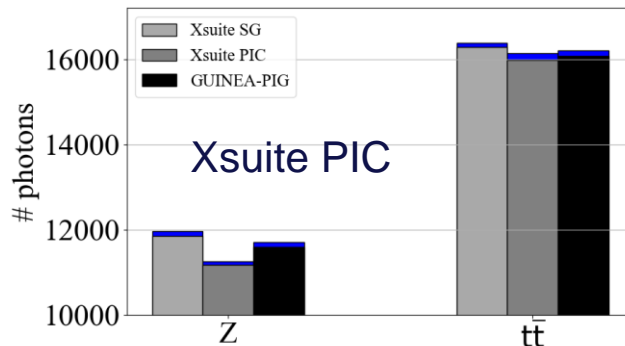


# Transition to Xsuite

- Phase out legacy codes

**COMBI, SixTrack [1], GUINEA-PIG, PyHEADTAIL [2]**

- Integrate their features into Xsuite
- Thorough benchmark of features
- Xsuite advantages:
  - Self contained
  - Maintenance & user support
  - Growing community
  - Python based



# Studies made possible by Xsuite beam-beam [1]

## Lattice optimization

- Luminosity and beam lifetime [2]
- Footprint & FMA
- Lattice interplay with beam-beam (e.g. emittance) [1]
- Dynamic aperture (DA) / momentum acceptance (MA) [3]
- Errors & corrections
- Top-up injection [4]

## Collective effects and instabilities

- 3D flip-flop [5, 6]
- Incoherent and coherent X-Z instability [6, 7]

## Collimation and MDI

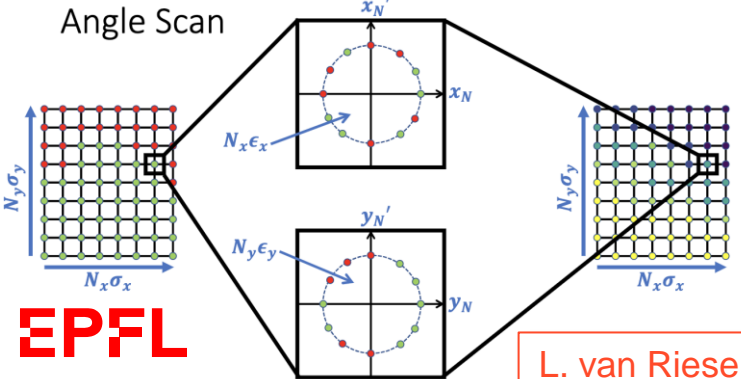
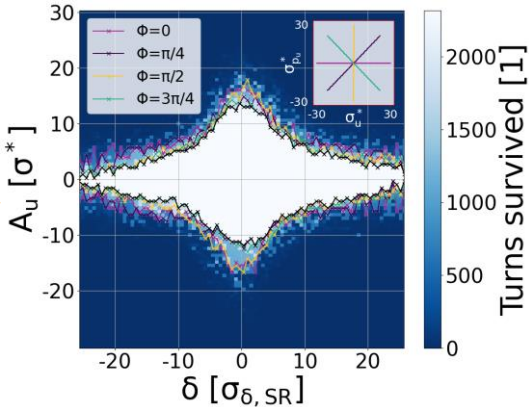
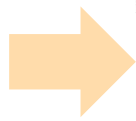
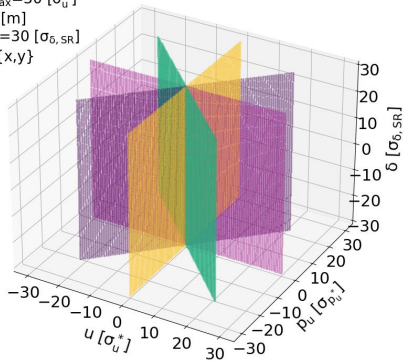
- Loss maps
- Detector background
- IP tuning & feedback

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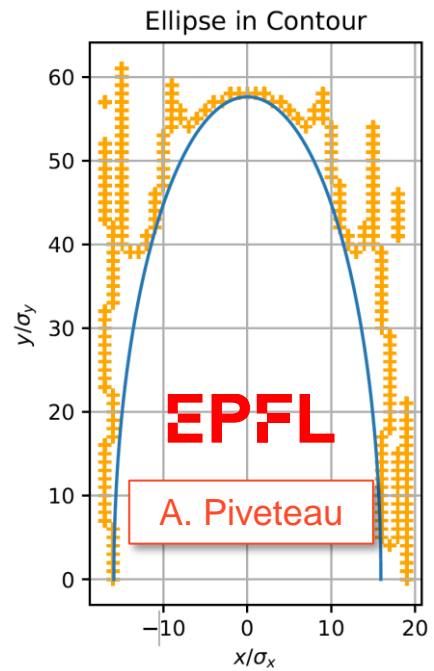
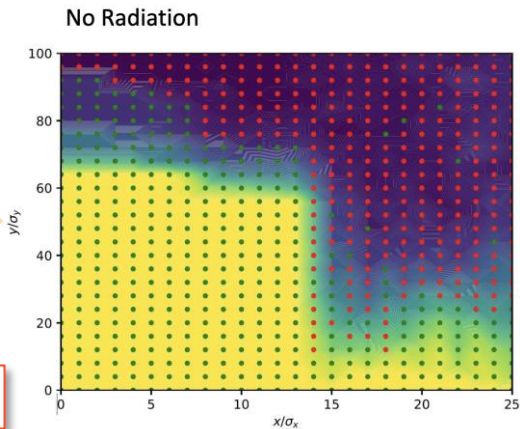
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 $z=0 [m]$   
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 $u \in \{x,y\}$



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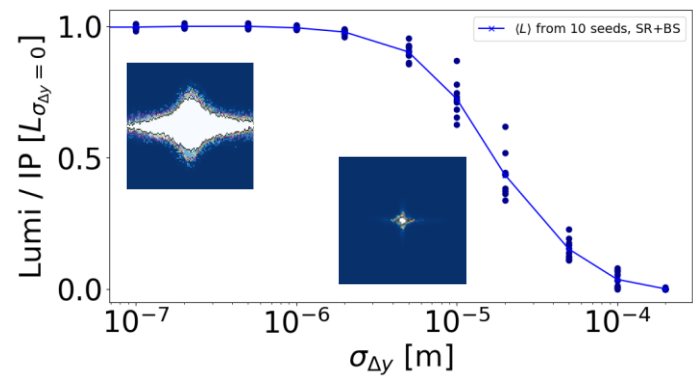
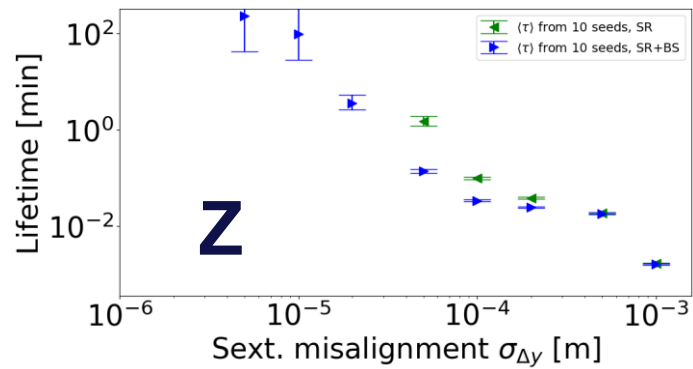
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# Standardizing performance evaluation: correlations

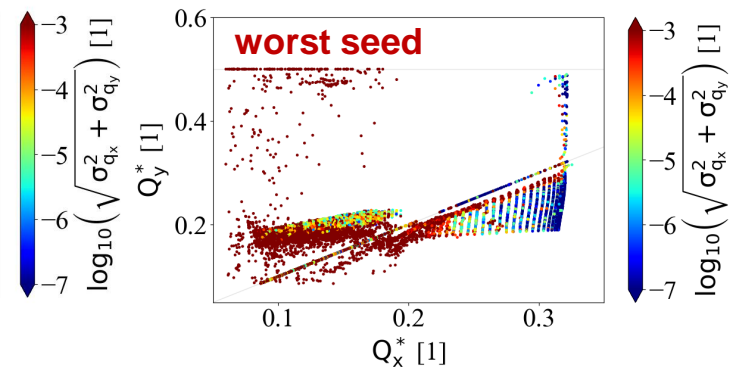
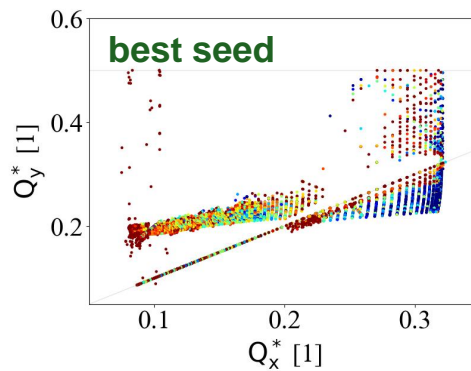
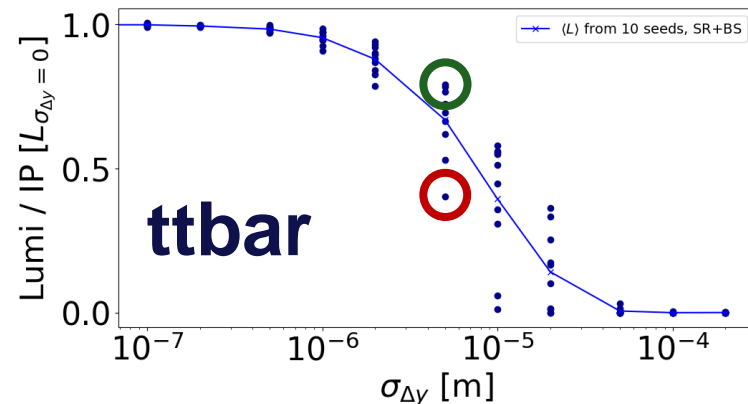
- Main FCC-ee metrics: luminosity and lifetime
- Lattice optimization to be done including beam-beam
- Ongoing studies with errors & corrections
  - Need standardized way to do DA, MA, FMA
- Idea: exploit correlations between various metrics could speed up optimization process
  - E.g. lifetime vs DA studies

L. van Riesen-Haupt talk @ this conference



# Standardizing performance evaluation: Footprint & FMA

- Different libraries (harpy, nafflib)
  - Same thing, difference in maintenance
- Ongoing work on built-in tool to compute footprint + FMA
  - Linear/nonlinear lattice
  - Compute diffusion
  - Noise or different filters
  - GPU support



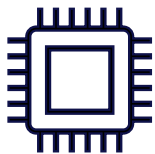
# Standardizing performance evaluation

Simulation	Number of Particles	Number of Turns	Model	Typical timescale
Optics	~1	~few	full lattice + <b>WS BB</b>	<b>sec</b>
Emittance – Matrix	~1	~few	linear map + <b>WS BB</b>	<b>sec</b>
Coarse Dynamic Aperture	~100	~ $\tau_{SR}$ (50-5000)	full lattice + <b>WS BB</b>	<b>min</b>
Emittance – Tracking	~1k	~ $\tau_{SR}$ (50-5000)	full lattice + <b>WS BB</b>	<b>min</b>
Fine DA / MA	~10k	~ $\tau_{SR}$ (50-5000)	full lattice + <b>WS BB</b>	<b>min</b>
Luminosity	~10k	~ $\tau_{SR}$ (50-5000)	linear map / full lattice + <b>WS BB</b>	<b>hour</b>
Collective effects	~1M	~ $\tau_{SR}$ (50-5000)	linear map + <b>SS BB</b>	<b>week</b>
Footprint + FMA	~10k-1M	~1-10k	linear map / full lattice + <b>WS BB</b>	<b>hour</b>
Lifetime	~100k	~20k	full lattice + <b>WS BB</b>	<b>day</b>

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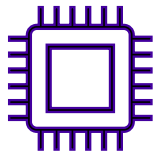
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Optics	~1	~few	full lattice + <b>WS BB</b>	sec
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# Exploiting hardware infrastructure



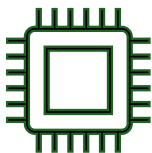
## CERN cluster (HTCondor)

- $\sim 10^5$  CPU cores
- $\sim 100$  (modern) GPUs
- Group priority system
- Xsuite GPU capabilities ready, but unexploited by community



## INFN Bologna & CERN slurm cluster (slurm)

- $\sim 800$  CPU cores
- 4 GPUs
- Designed for many-core CPU jobs (MPI, OpenMP)
- No priority system (first come first served)



## Other resources

- CERN slurm cluster (hpcbatch)
- CEA cluster in France
- Xboinc: volunteer computing
- CSCS: Swiss National Supercomputing Centre

# Current priorities

- SAD-like solenoid (coordinates transformed depending on orbit) for polarization studies

Y. Wu, J. Salvesen talk @ this conference

- Standardized lattice knobs for IP tuning & correction

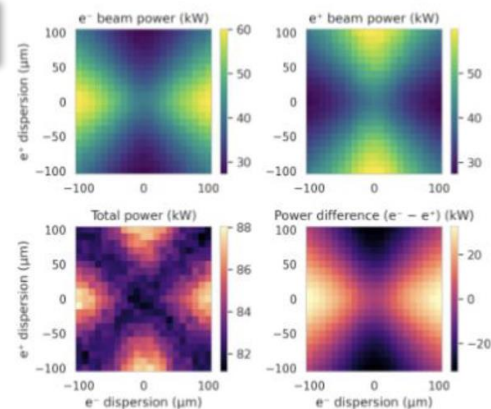
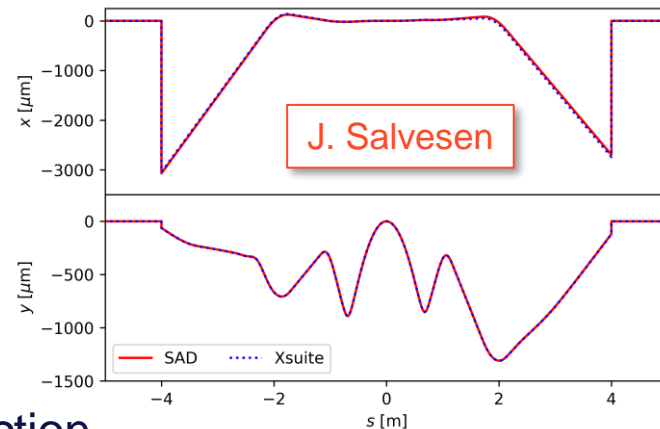
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- Pair production for IP feedback & tuning

- Better structuring of most common simulations with Xutil [1]: example scripts, tutorials

K. Skoufaris talk @ this conference



V. Gawas

# Summary

- Xsuite: main tool for self consistent FCC-ee beam dynamics studies
- Most studies use weak-strong beam-beam model
- Longer studies (lifetime) could be replaced by shorter studies (DA)
- Standard setup and submission scripts, DA/MA, FMA evaluation tools are being developed
- GPUs are needed but currently under utilized for FCC-ee studies

**Thank you!**

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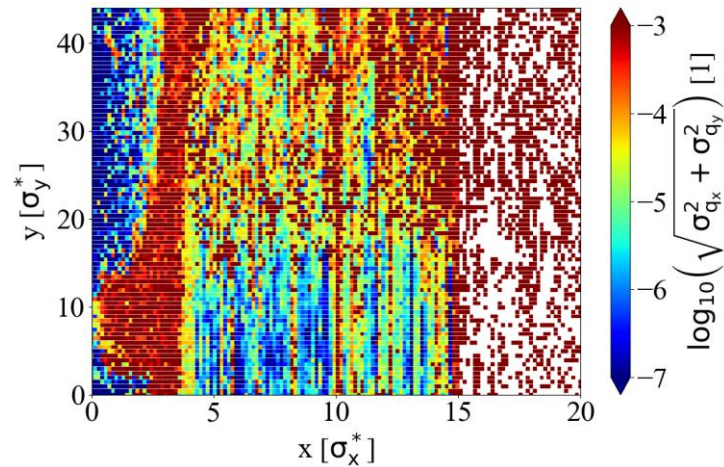
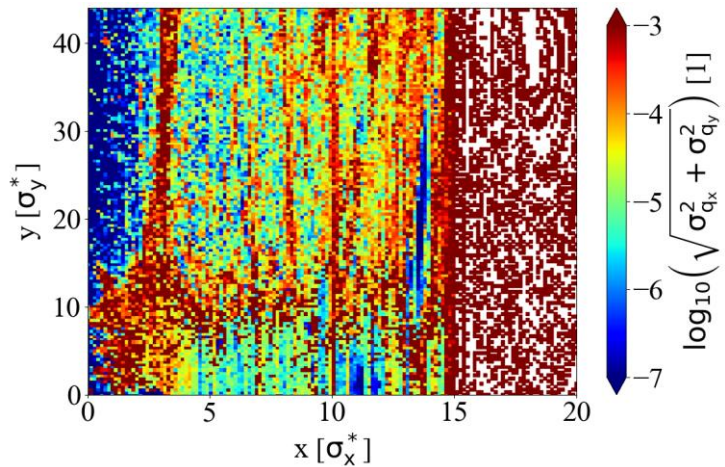
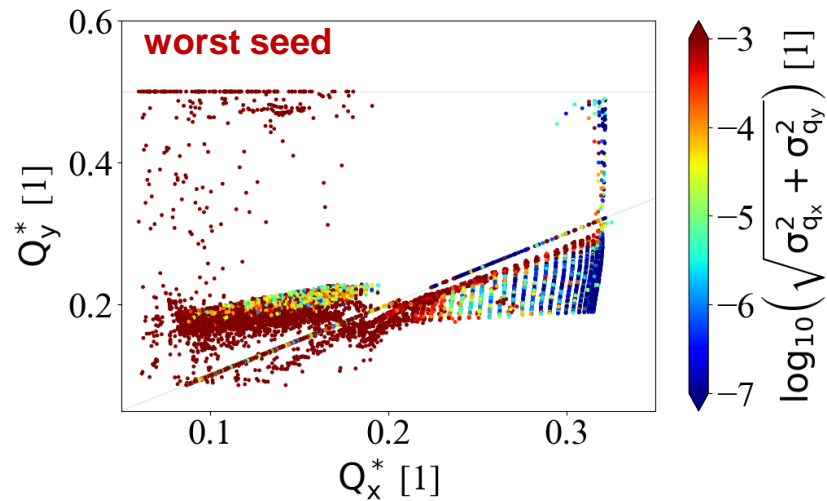
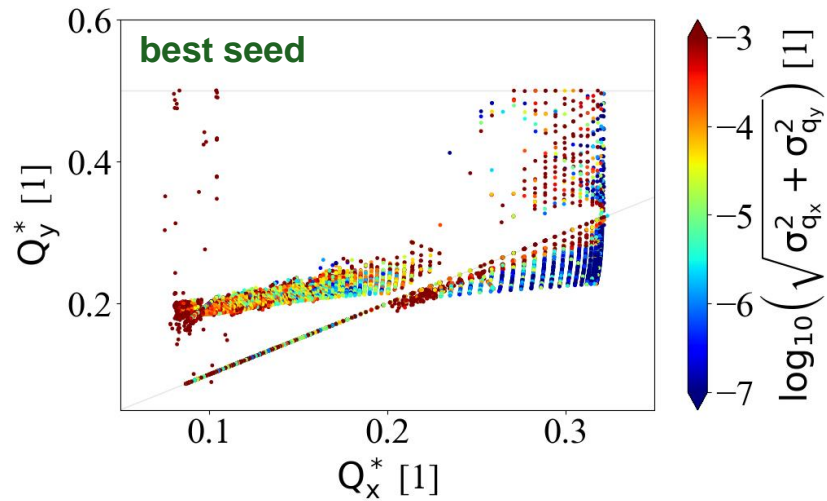
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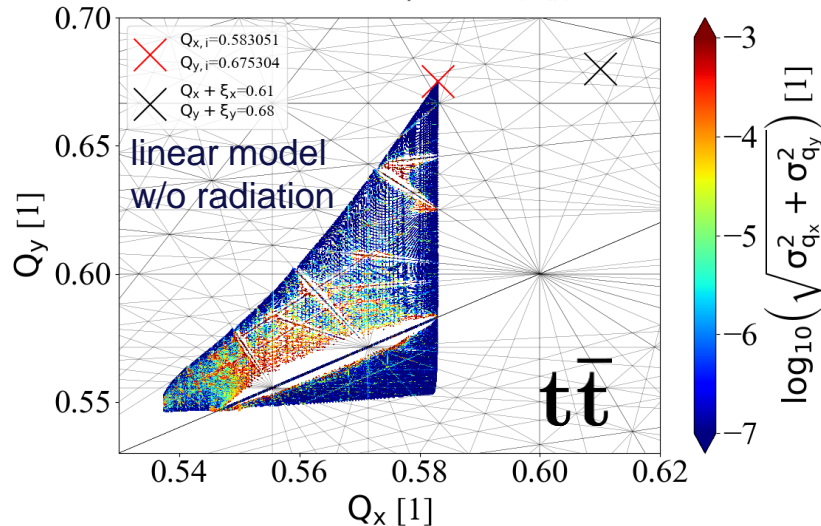
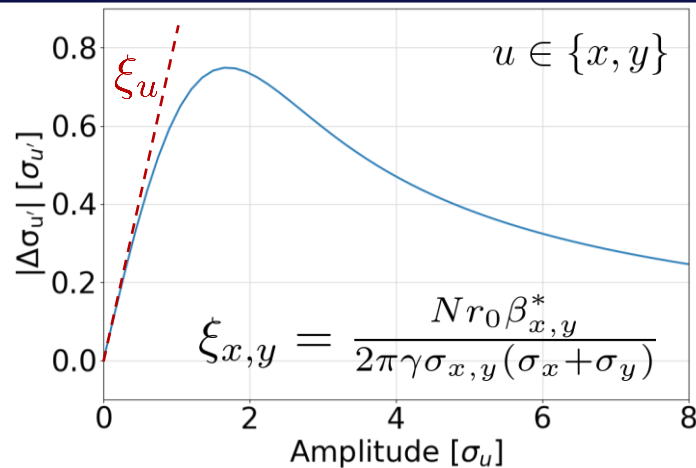
# Beam-beam force

High lumi  strong beam-beam force

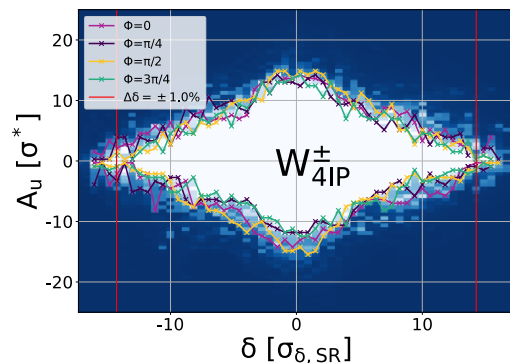
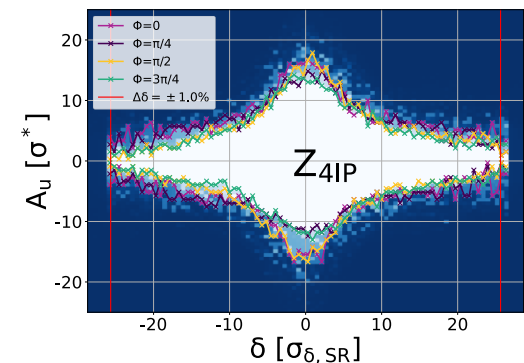
$$L = \frac{\gamma}{2er_e} \cdot \frac{I_{tot} \xi_y}{\beta_y^*} \cdot R_{hg}$$

Consolidation...

- Radiation (synchrotron radiation, beamstrahlung, Bhabha)
- IP tuning & feedback
- Beam asymmetries
- Top-up injection

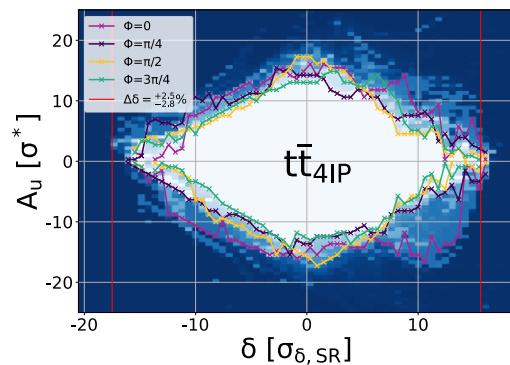
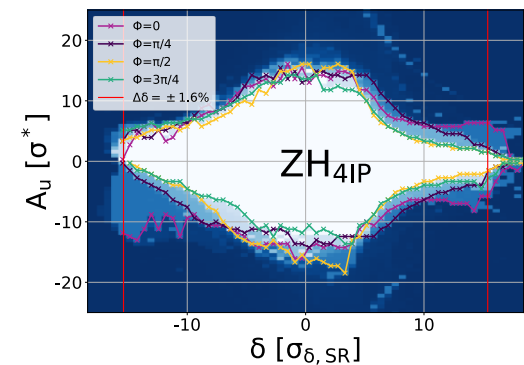


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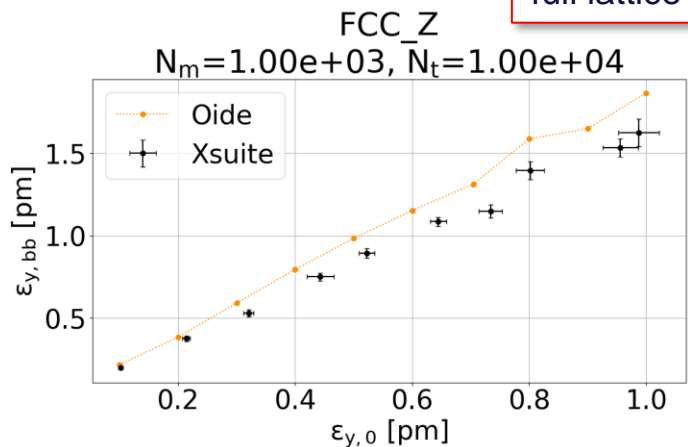
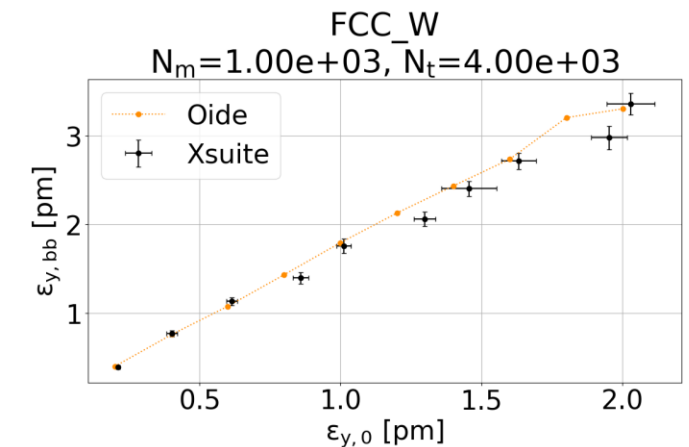
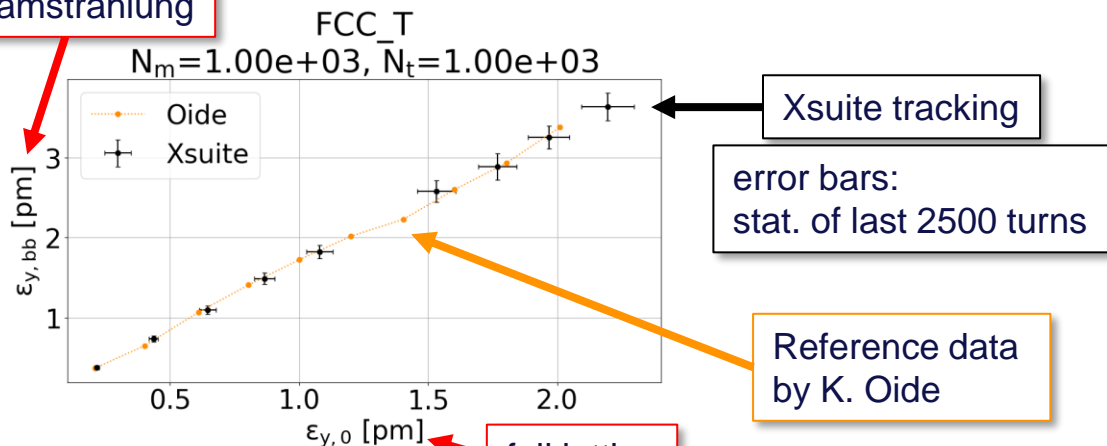
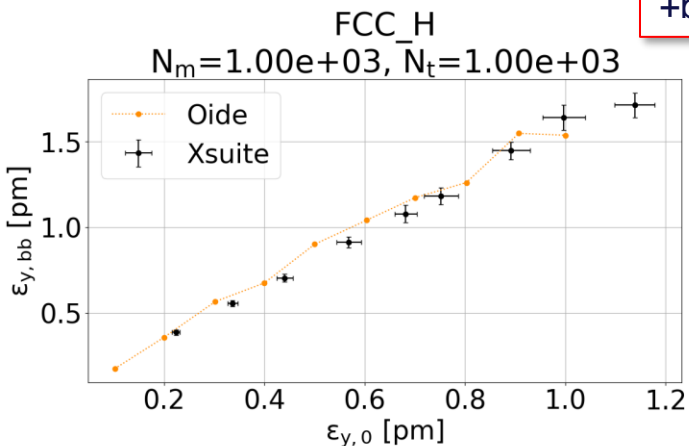


$$A_u = \sqrt{\left(\frac{u}{\sigma_u^*}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p_u}{\sigma_{p_u}^*}\right)^2}$$

$u \in \{x, y\}$



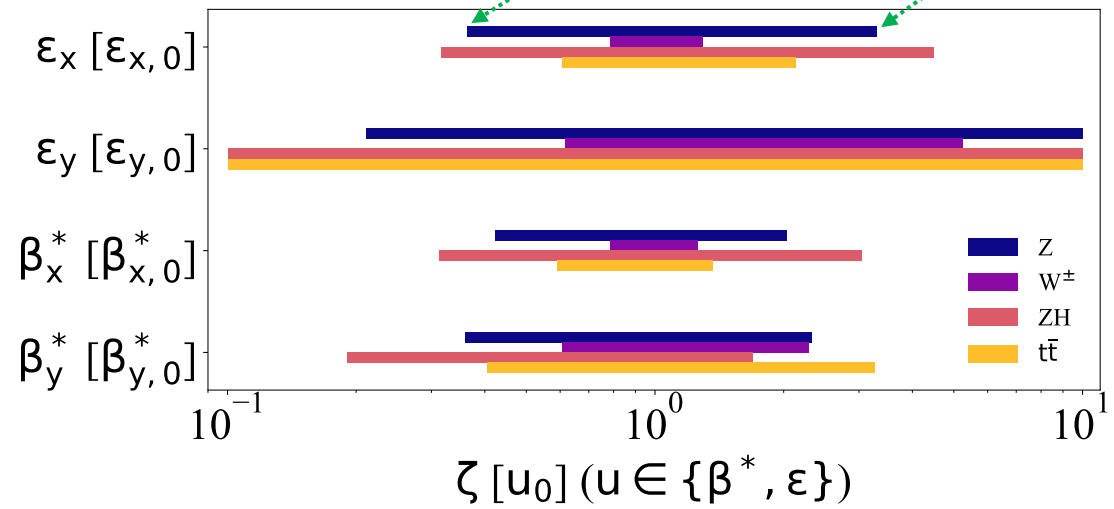
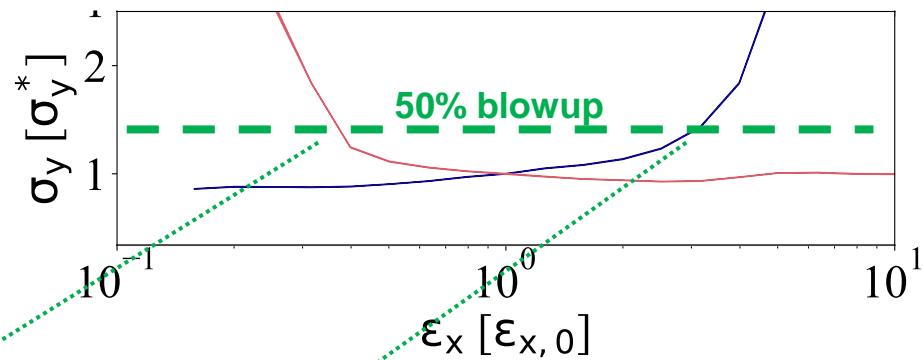
# Vertical emittance



- Independent benchmarks with SAD & Xsuite
- Good agreement

# Tolerances to parameter asymmetries

- **fixed bunch**: init. with nominal parameter  $u_0$
- **perturbed bunch**: init. with  $u=\zeta u_0$  & scan  $\zeta$
- Track with linear transfer map until equilibrium
- Tolerance: 50% blowup in  $\sigma_y$  w.r.t.  $\zeta=1$  case

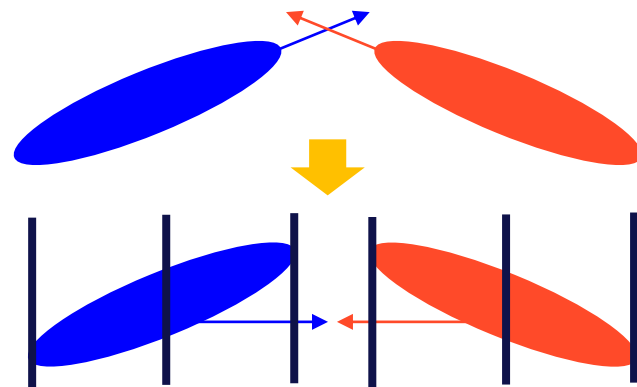


# Beam-beam in Xsuite

1. Lorentz transform into head-on frame

2. Longitudinal slicing

3. Beam-beam kick in soft-Gaussian approximation [4]



$$\Delta y' + i\Delta x' = \frac{Nr_0\sqrt{2\pi}}{\gamma\sqrt{\sigma_x^2 - \sigma_y^2}} \left( w \left[ \frac{x+iy}{\sqrt{2(\sigma_x^2 - \sigma_y^2)}} \right] - \exp \left[ -\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_x^2} - \frac{y^2}{2\sigma_y^2} \right] \cdot w \left[ \frac{x\frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} + y\frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y}}{\sqrt{2(\sigma_x^2 - \sigma_y^2)}} \right] \right)$$

$$x' \leftarrow x' + \Delta x'$$

$$y' \leftarrow y' + \Delta y'$$

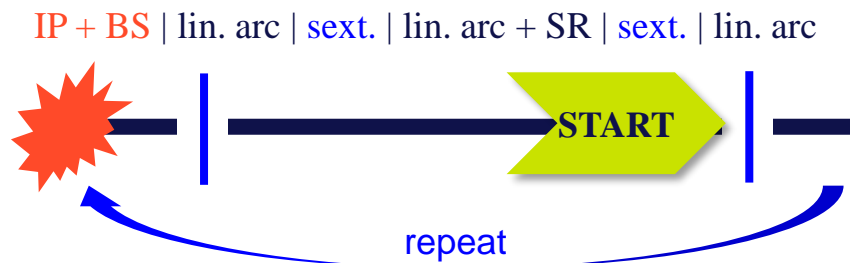
$$w[t] = \exp[-t^2] \left( 1 + \frac{2i}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^t \exp[u^2] du \right)$$

# Simplified tracking simulations with Xsuite

- First studies with 2 IP baseline from CDR [5]
- Recent studies with 4 IP design from [6]

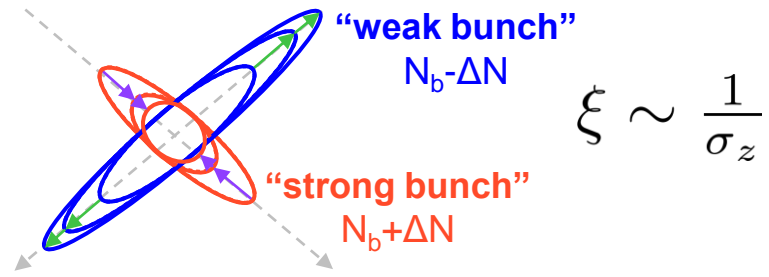
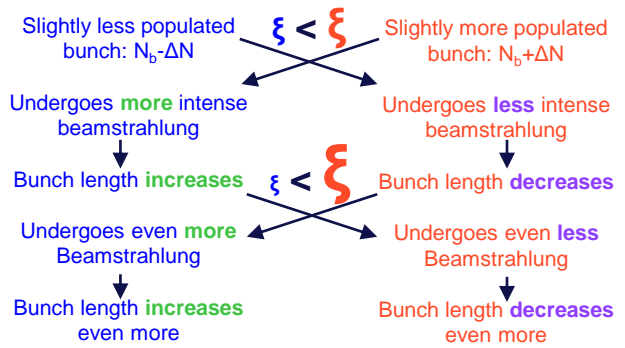
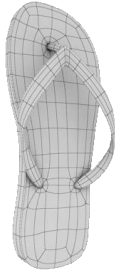
- Xsuite tracking setup:

- 1 IP + tracking over arc superperiod with linear transfer matrix
- Arc split into 3 segments
- 2 crab sextupoles between arc segments ( $\beta_x=3$  m,  $\beta_y=500$  m)
- Each iteration begins in front of the right sextupole
  - Observation point for coordinates
- Synchrotron radiation (damping+noise) in **arc**, beamstrahlung+bhabha scattering in **beam-beam element**



# Flip-flop

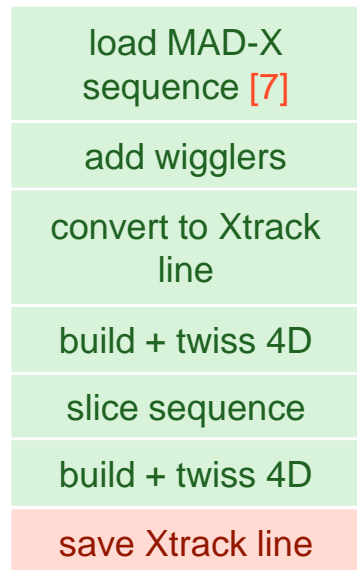
- Flip-flop instability (1D) observed in other colliders (VEPP-2000) [7]
- For FCC-ee: 3D flip-flop - direct consequence of **beamstrahlung**, triggered by an initial asymmetry in **bunch intensity** [8]



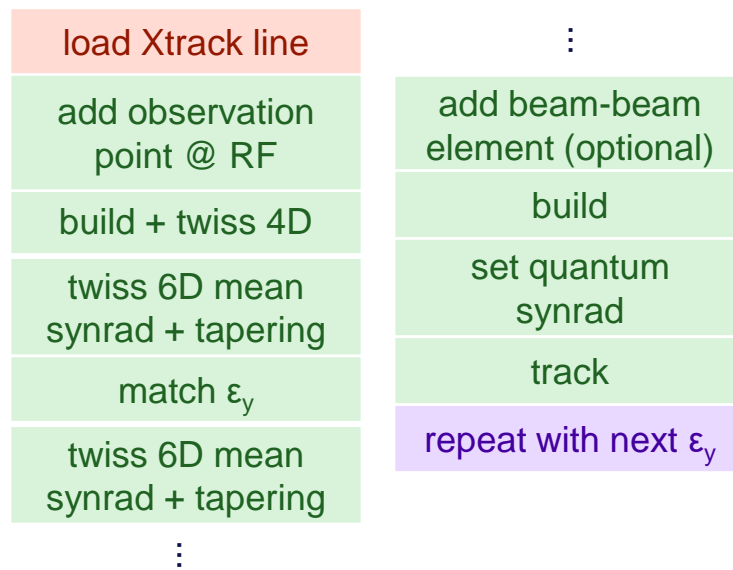
- Inflation of one bunch  $\Rightarrow$  beam loss
- Above a threshold  $\xi_0$  longitudinal blowup drives transverse diffusion  $\Rightarrow$  3D flip-flop
- Relevant for FCC-ee top-up injection

# Workflow for emittance scan – everything in Xsuite

Prepare Xtrack line once [6]:



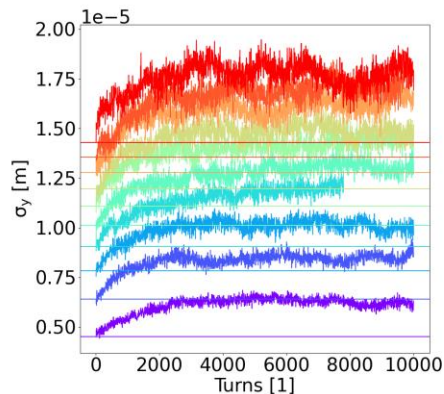
Loop over a range of  $\epsilon_y$  values:



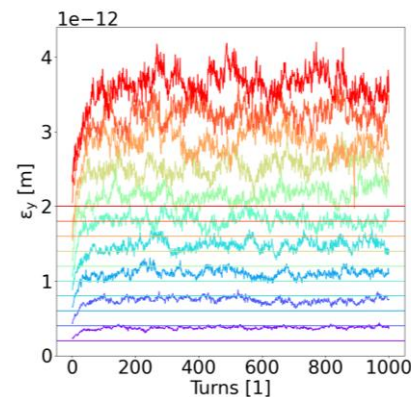
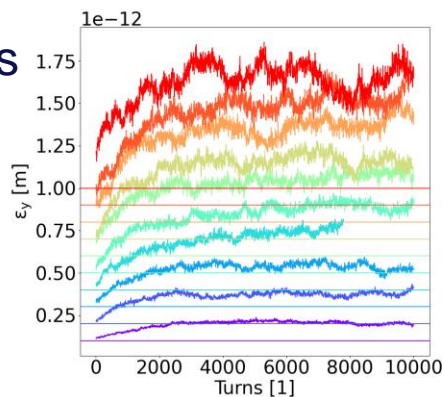
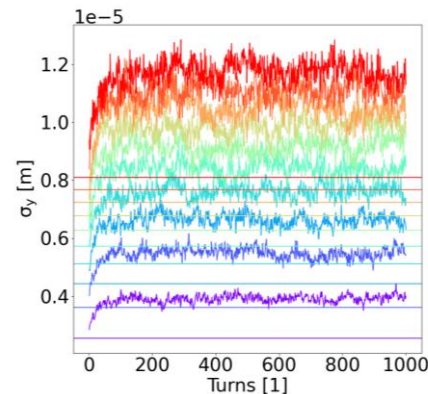
# Emittance scan results

- Small discrepancy compared to SAD results
- Xsuite likely not yet converged
- Need more turns to see fully converged emittances

FCC\_Z BB+BS: 2  
Monitor outside CW, Gauss fit

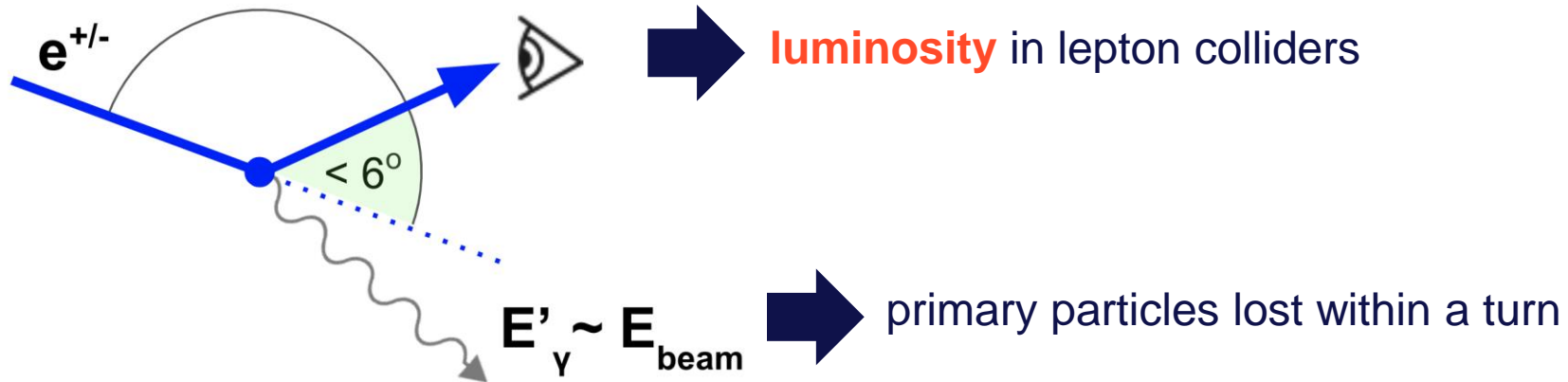


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# Small angle Bhabha scattering [6]

- Dominated by t-channel (scattering) process



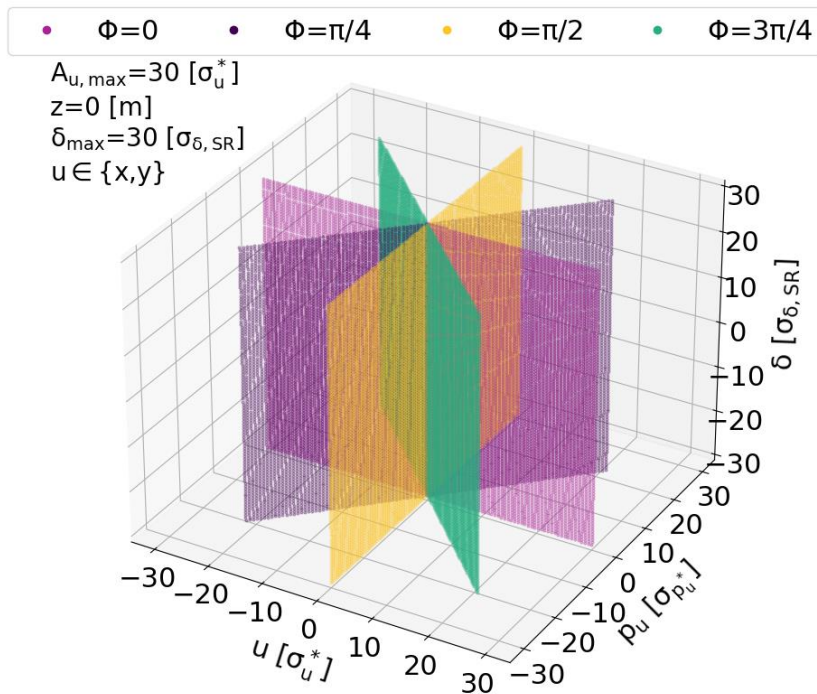
- Main limitation of FCC-ee **beam lifetime** (alongside beamstrahlung)

# Bhabha lifetimes

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{N_b} \frac{dN_b}{dt} = \frac{1}{N_b} \sigma_{\text{Bhabha}} L_{\text{inst}} \cdot N_{IP} = \frac{1}{N_b} R_b \cdot f_{\text{rev}} \cdot N_{IP}$$

- $\tau$ : Bhabha lifetime [s]
- $N_b$ : bunch intensity [1]
- $\sigma_{\text{Bhabha}}$ : Bhabha cross section [ $\text{m}^2$ ]
- $N_{IP}$ : number of Ips [1]
- $L_{\text{inst}} = L \cdot f_{\text{rev}}$ : instantaneous lumi of 1 bunch crossing [ $\text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ]
- $L$ : integrated lumi of a single collision (luminosity per bunch crossing) [ $\text{m}^{-2}$ ]
- $f_{\text{rev}}$ : revolution frequency [ $\text{s}^{-1}$ ]
- $R_b = \sigma_{\text{Bhabha}} \cdot L$ : number of emitted Bhabha photons with E above mom. acceptance [1]

# Dynamic aperture test grid



# Beam-beam in Xsuite

