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First results of beam-beam simulations with WarpX

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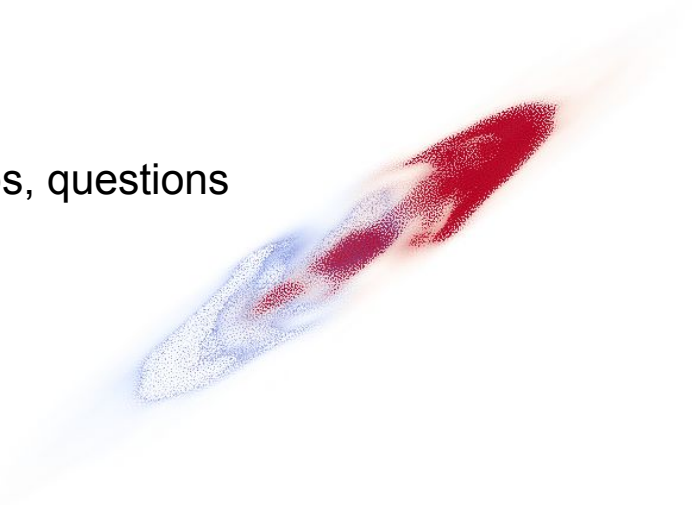
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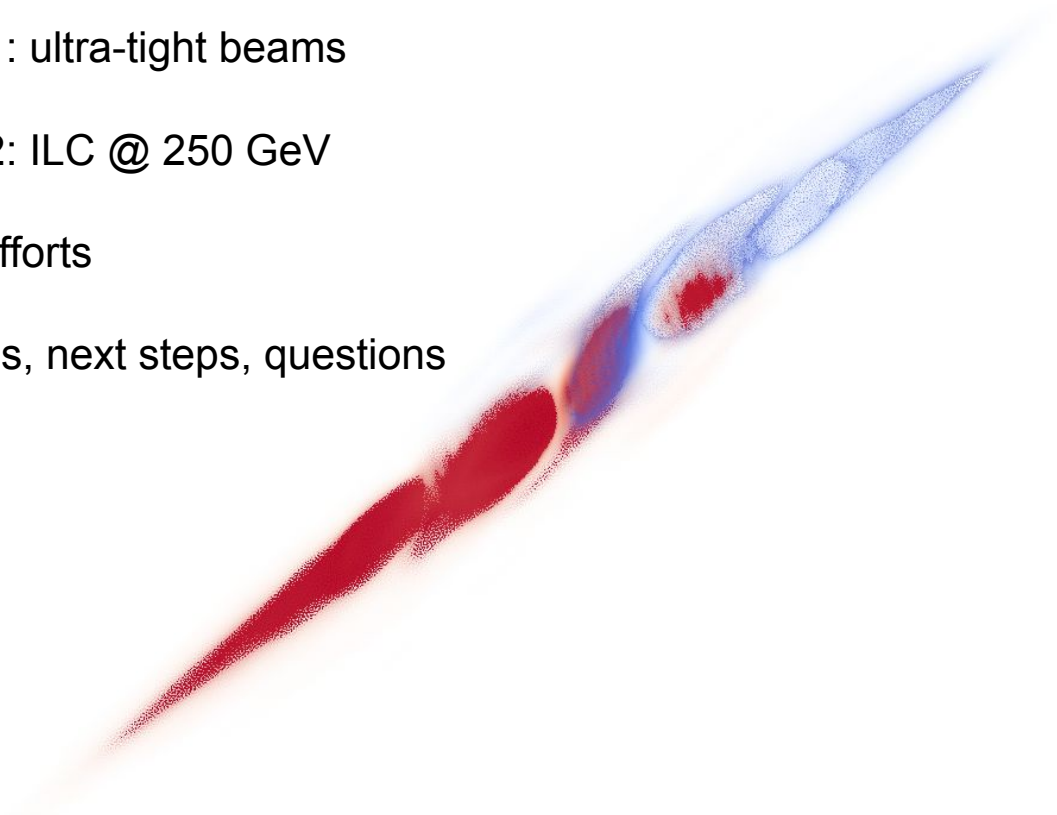
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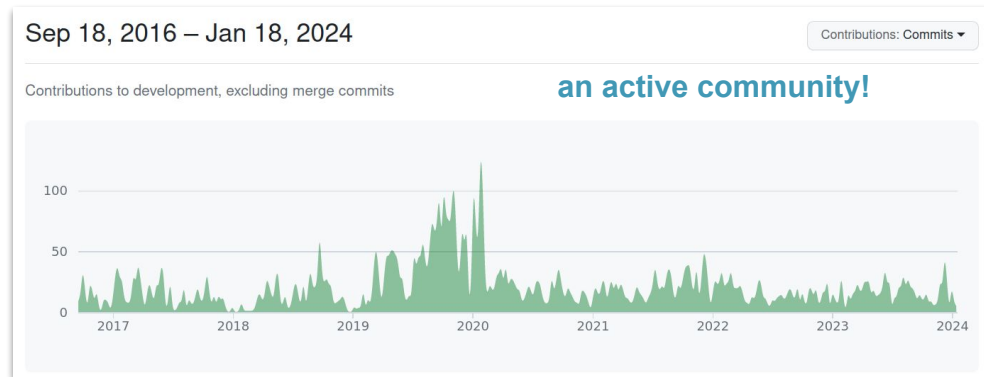
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Summary of WarpX capabilities

<https://ecp-warpX.github.io/>



PIC code:

- electrostatic & electromagnetic
- massively-parallel
- portable & multi-platform
- lots of diagnostics
- broad & active community
- applications: laser-plasma acceleration, astrophysics, nuclear fusion, low-temperature plasmas, etc.

physics relevant to beam-beam collisions:

- electrostatic solver in the beams' rest frame
 - iterative
 - based on integrated Green functions (WIP)
- QED physics
 - synchrotron emission of photons
 - coherent pair generation or nonlinear BW

see Remi and
Jean-Luc's talk!

Work so far on simulations @ IP

- added and adding some relevant features to the code (in progress!)
 - luminosity diagnostic
 - 2 electrostatic solvers
 - incoherent pair creation via linear Breit-Wheeler process
- benchmarks with other PIC codes under ultra-tight parameters
 - Osiris
 - VLPL
 - GUINEA-PIG
- comparisons between GUINEA-PIG vs. WarpX under ILC @ 250 GeV
- performance comparisons with GUINEA-PIG
- exploration of different electron-positron colliders (not shown here)
- tentative simplified model to get some key quantities (e.g. energy spread)
- ...visualizations!

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Test case 1: ultra-tight beams

- main parameters: $E_{\text{COM}} = 250 \text{ GeV}$ | $N = 8.7 \cdot 10^8$ | $\sigma_z = \sigma_x = \sigma_y = 10 \text{ nm}$
- significant generation of coherent pairs
- low disruption $D = 0.001$
- spherical beams $\rightarrow$ “convenient” for “traditional” PIC simulations since the domain is not stretched (as in flat beams)

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[Yakimenko et al. PRL 2019](#)

Prospect of Studying Nonperturbative QED with Beam-Beam Collisions

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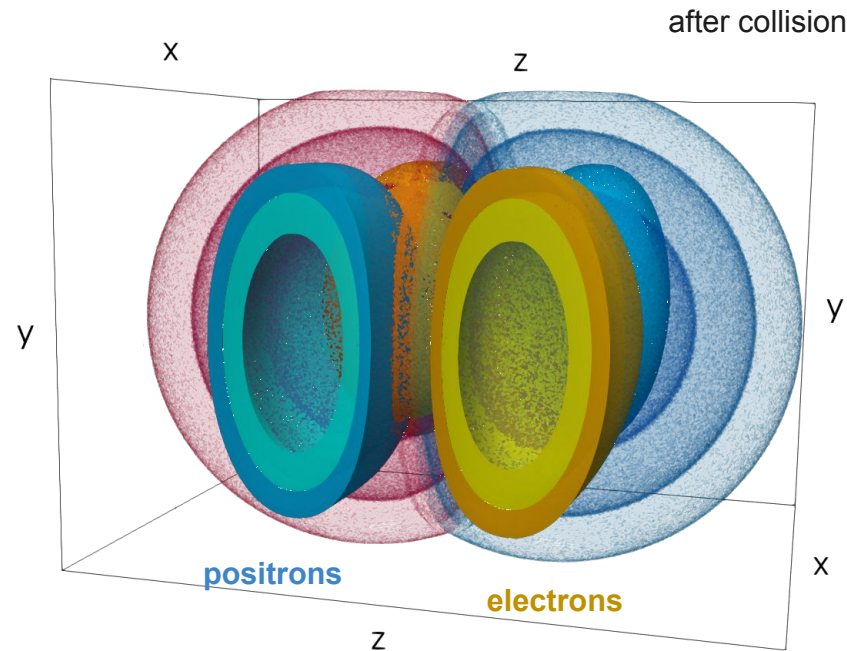
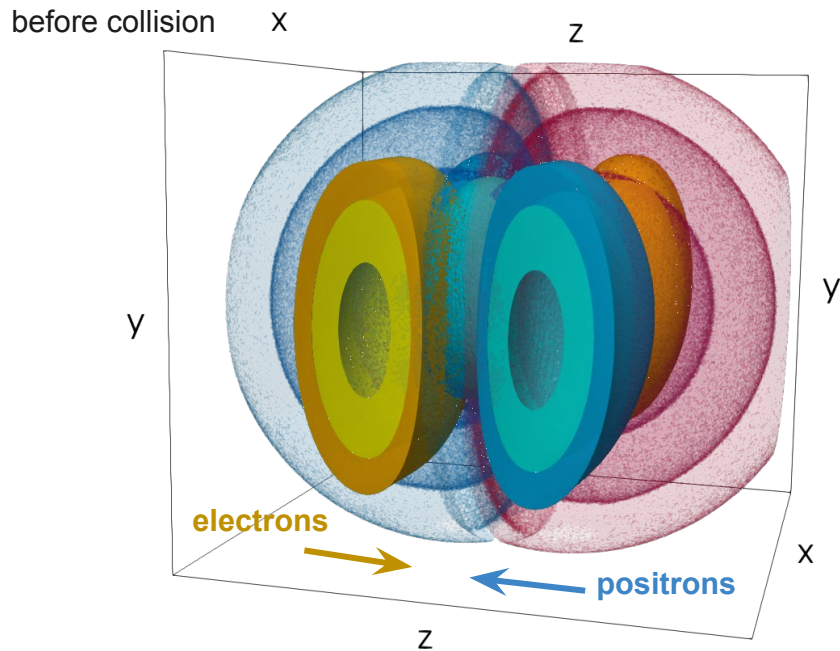
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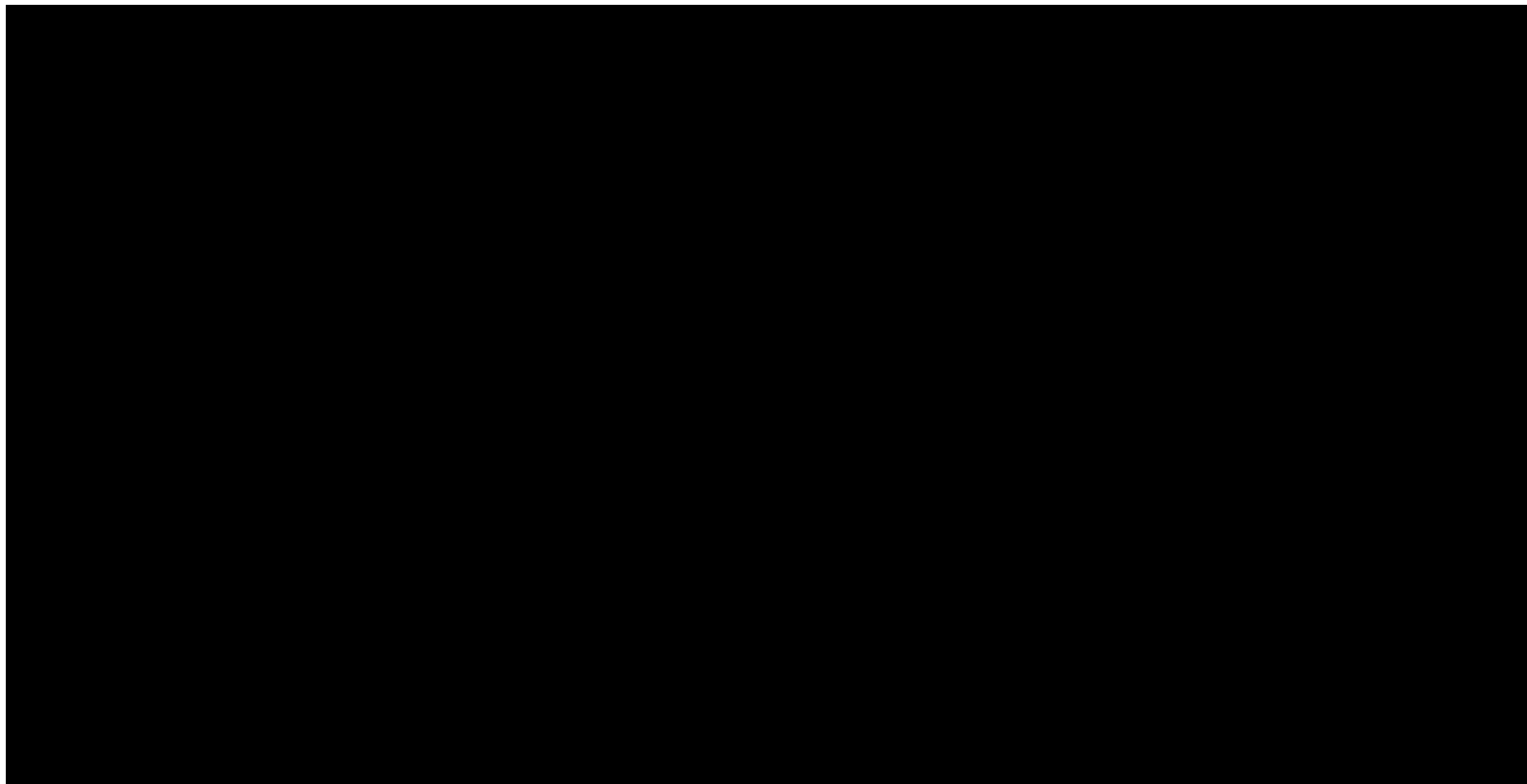


WarpX agrees well with GUINEA-PIG

time evolution of the *integrated density*

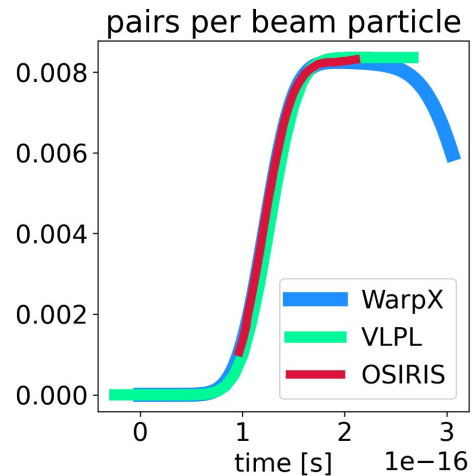
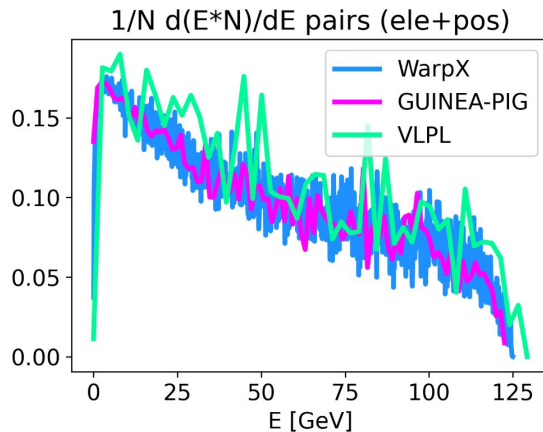
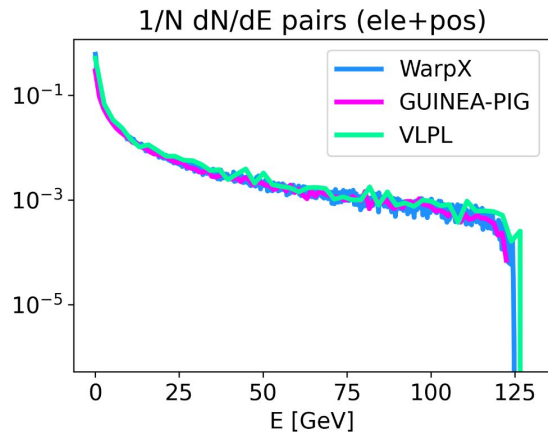
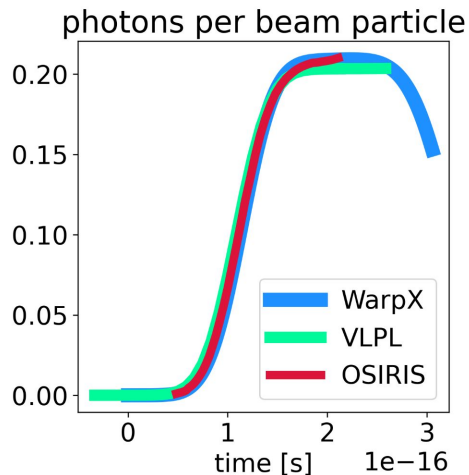
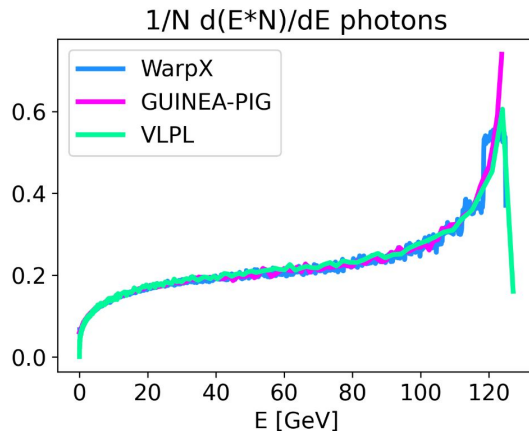
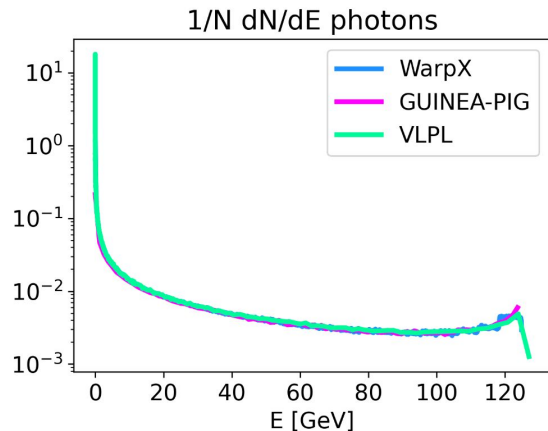
(z,x)
plane

(z,y)
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Different PIC codes with different implementations all agree

electron-positron collision @ 250 GeV COM, 0.14 nC, round beams $\sigma = 10$ nm



WarpX can be faster than GUINEA-PIG

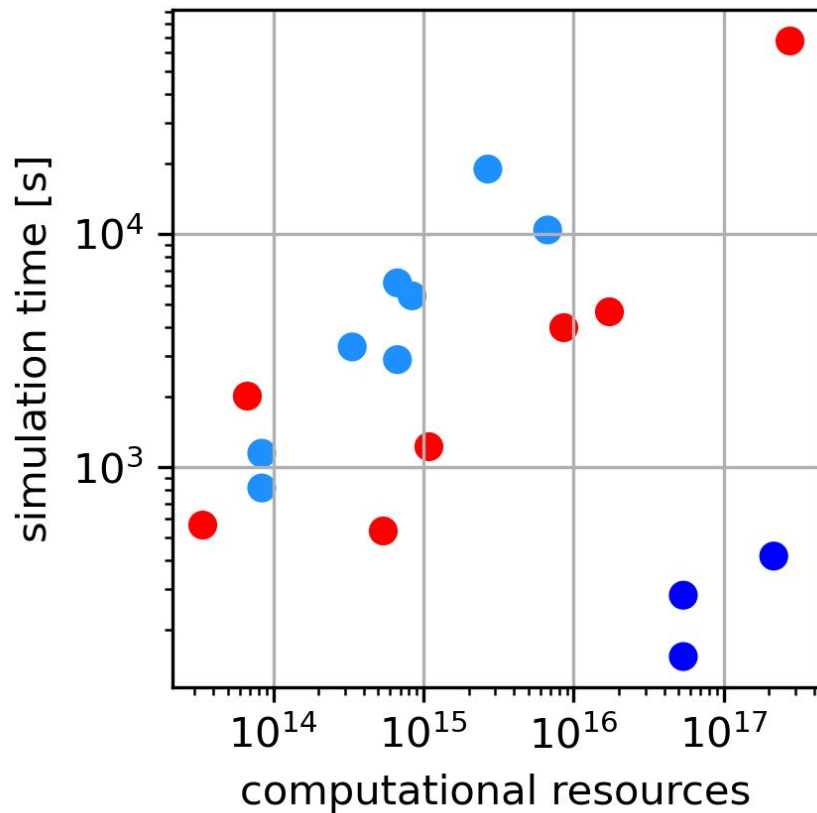
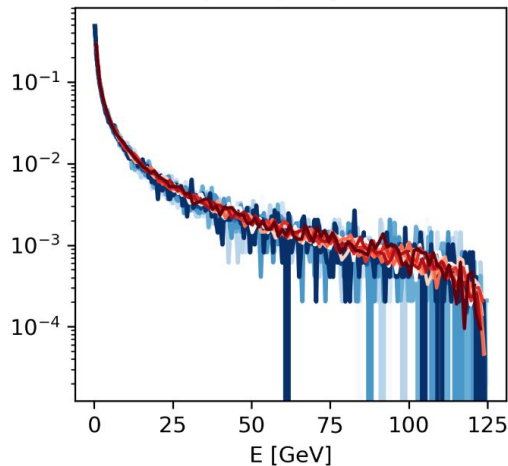
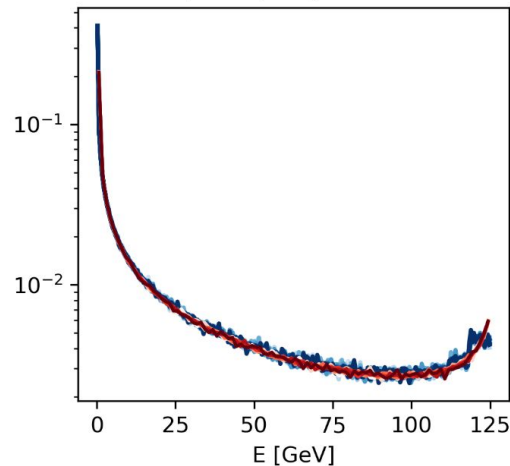
- GUINEA-PIG
- WarpX on 1 CPU
- WarpX on GPUs

as fast as or slower* than GUINEA-PIG in serial runs
...but much, much faster in parallel runs

* WarpX uses an iterative solver here!

1/N dN/dE photons

1/N dN/dE pairs

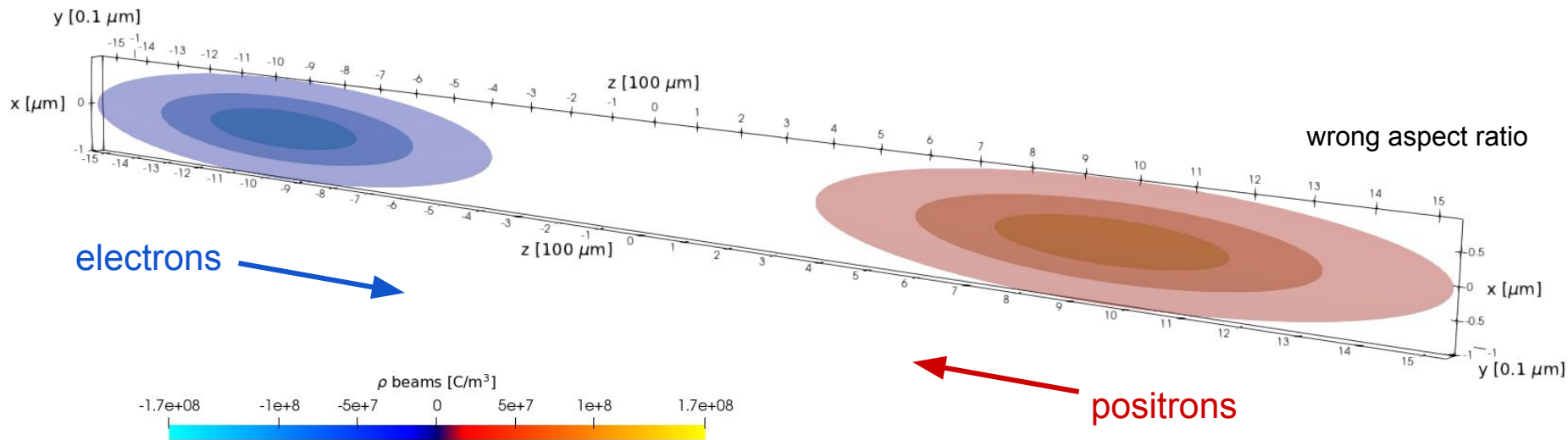


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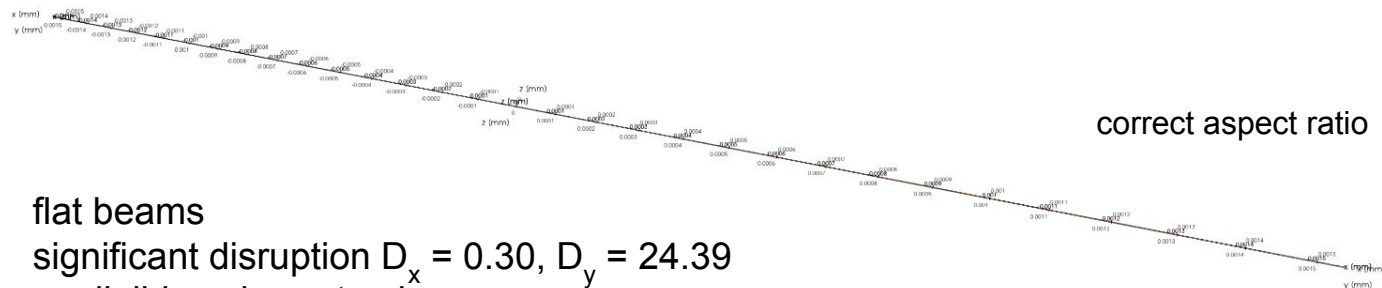
Test case 2: ILC 250 GeV COM



main parameters

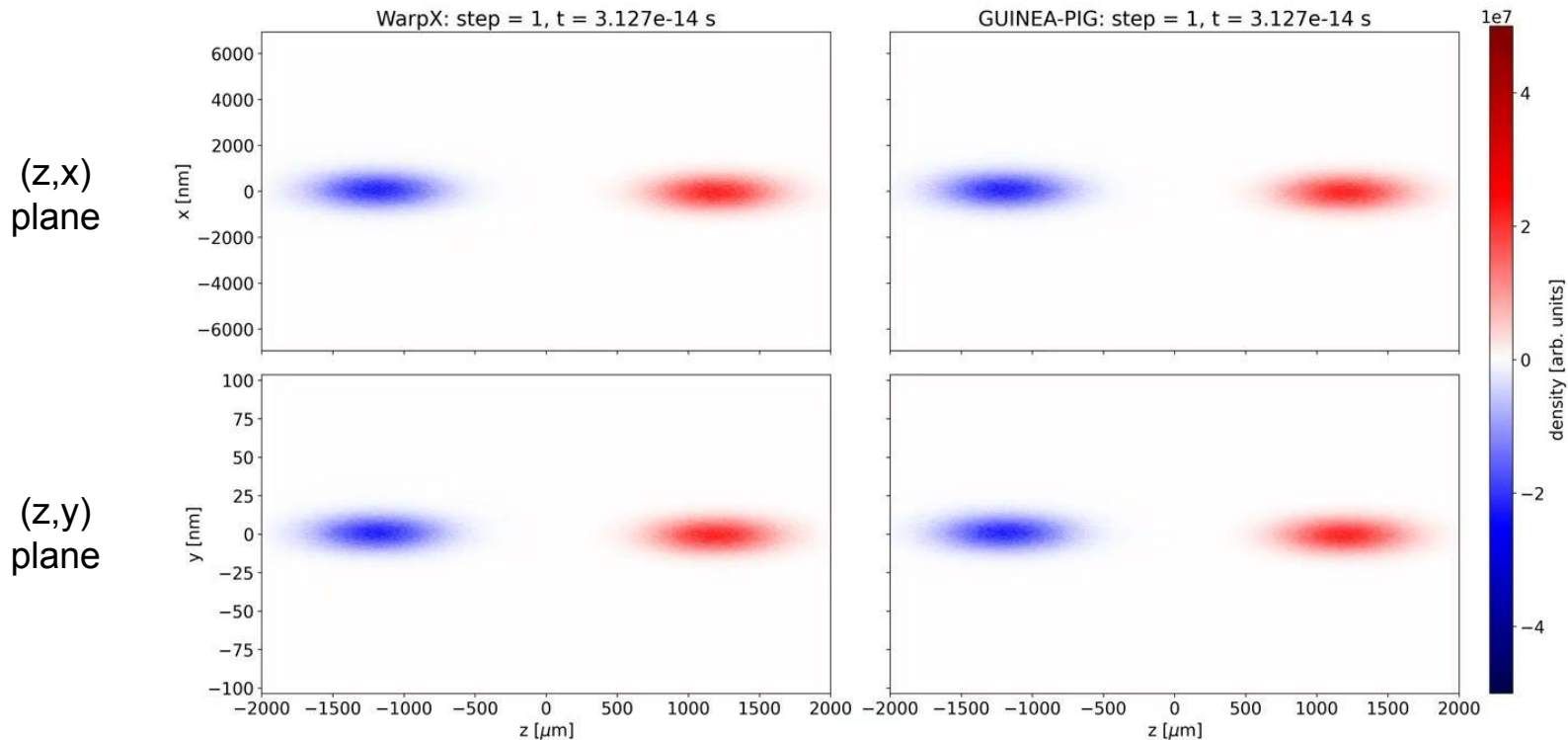
- $E_{\text{COM}} = 250 \text{ GeV}$
- $N = 2 \cdot 10^{10}$
- $\sigma_z = 300 \mu\text{m}$
- $\sigma_x = 516 \text{ nm}$
- $\sigma_y = 7.7 \text{ nm}$

- flat beams
- significant disruption $D_x = 0.30$, $D_y = 24.39$
- negligible coherent pairs



WarpX agrees well with GUINEA-PIG

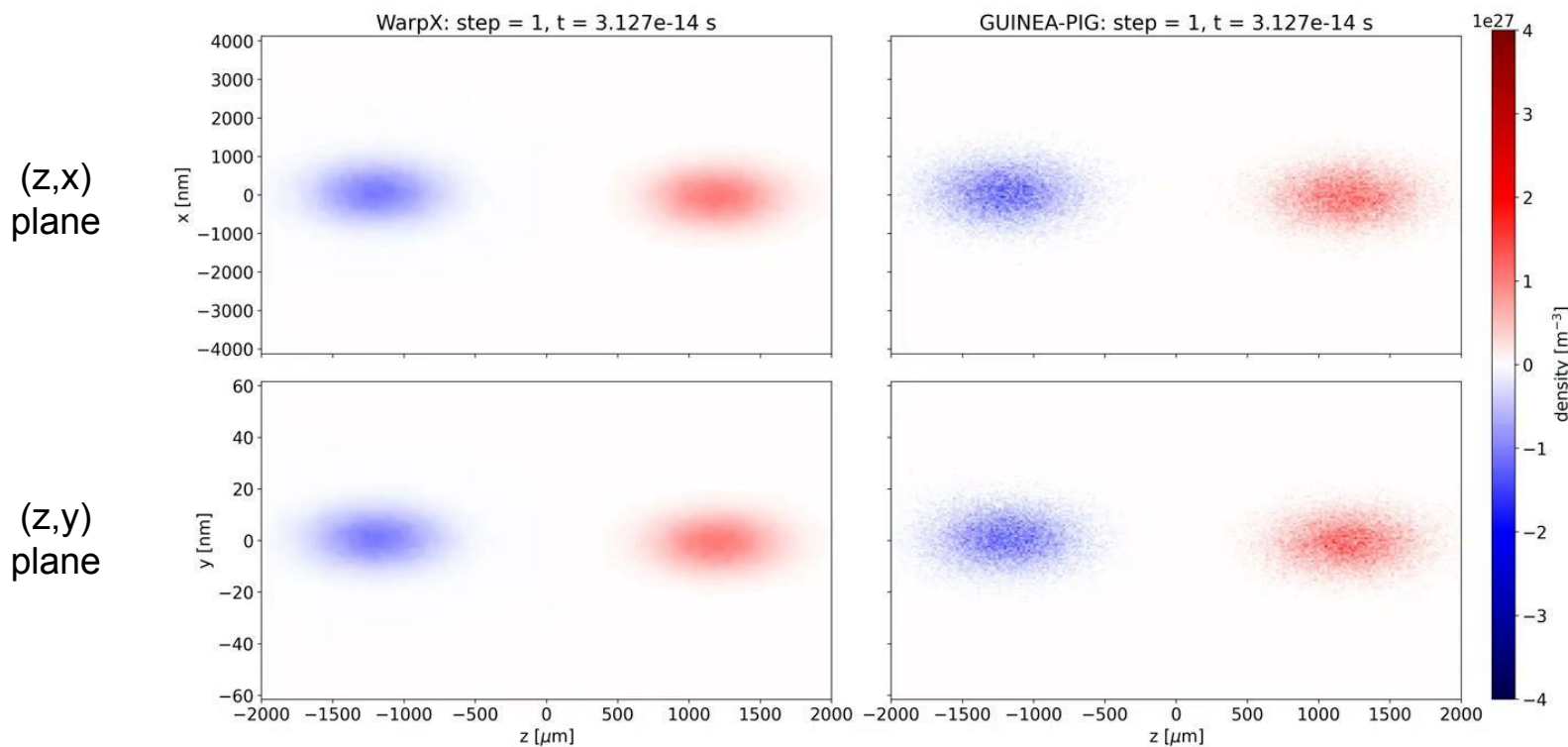
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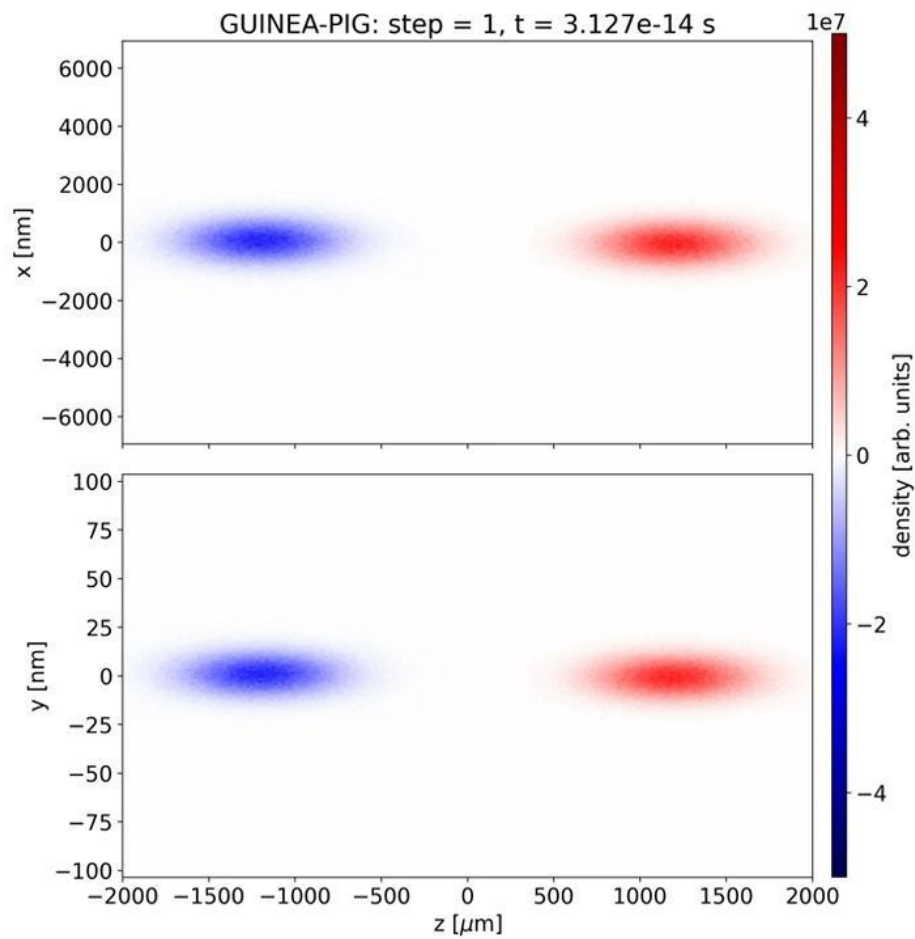
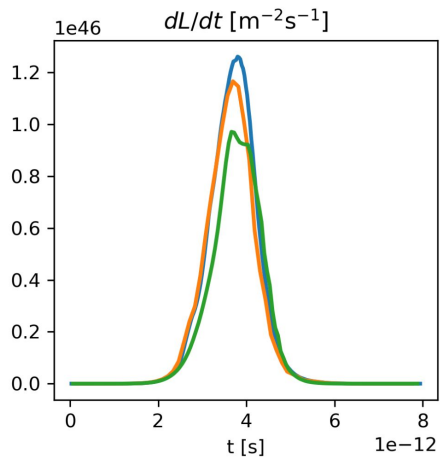
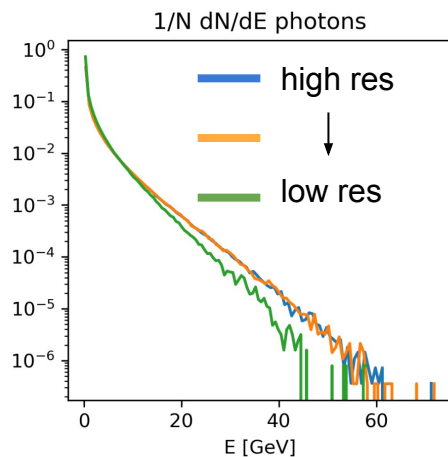
time evolution of the *density slices*

shifted beams to mitigate the discrepancies due to the kink or head-tail instability



High enough resolution is needed to capture the details

low resolution:
→ the structures that
form in the beams are
blurred
→ luminosity might be
wrong



WarpX can be efficient also with flat beams

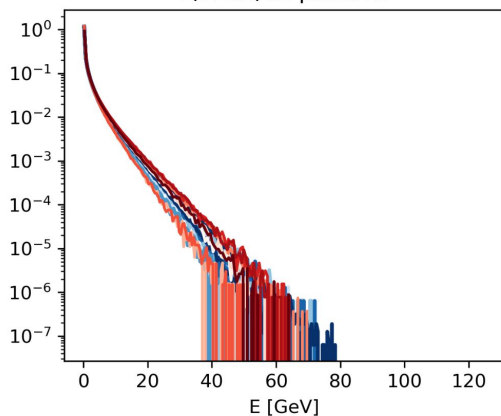
not completely fair comparison...

- GUINEA-PIG $\rightarrow$ 1 CPU
- WarpX $\rightarrow$ 1 CPU + 1GPU

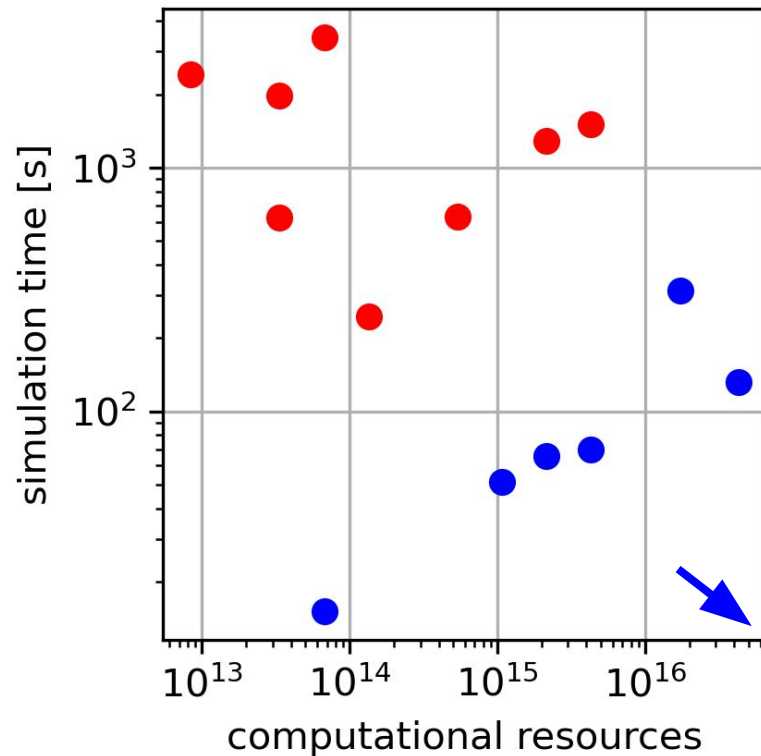
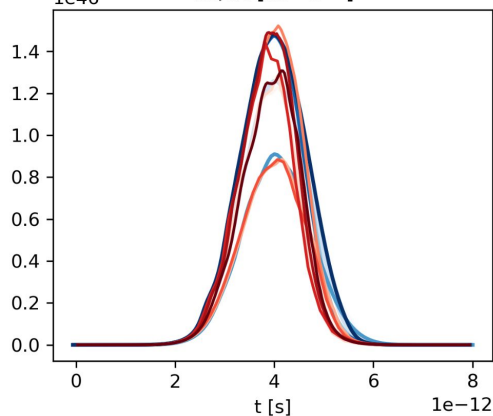
...but shows that with WarpX we can be orders of magnitude faster using orders of magnitude more computational resources

all simulations together: again, resolution matters

1/N dN/dE photons



$1e46 \, dL/dt \, [m^{-2}s^{-1}]$



WarpX enables complex 2D visualizations

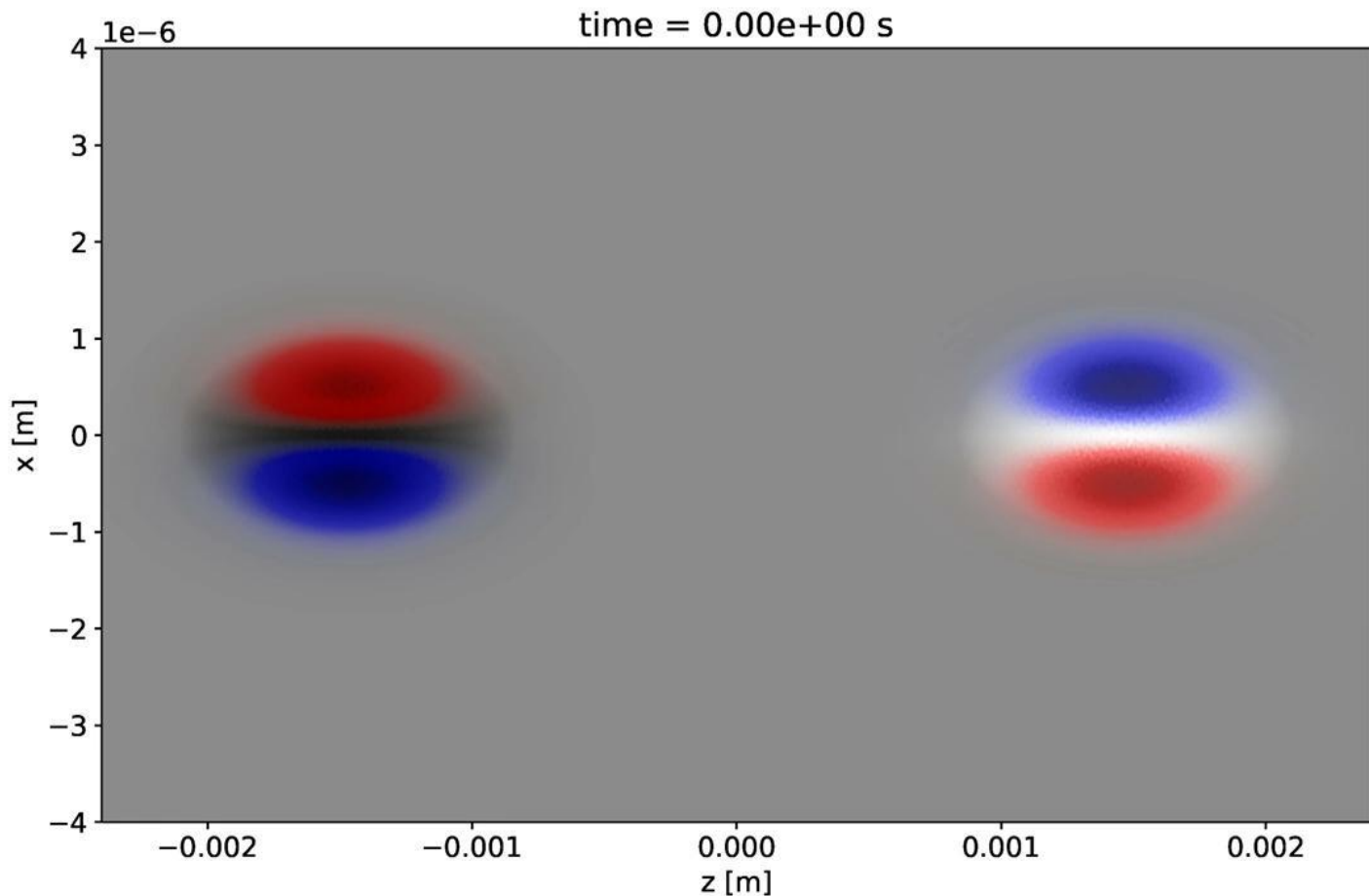
field E_x

beams ρ

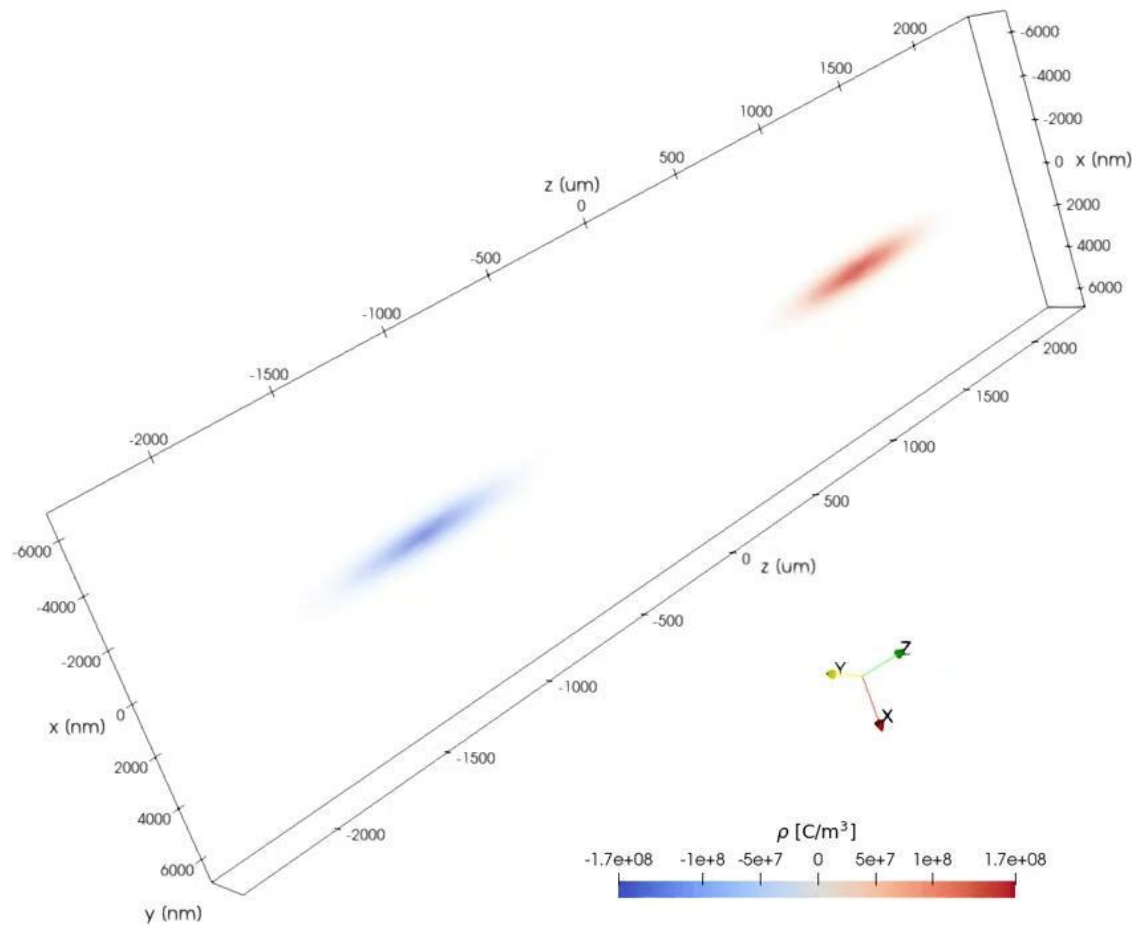
photons

WARNING:
this is just an
example of
what we can
visualize and
how!

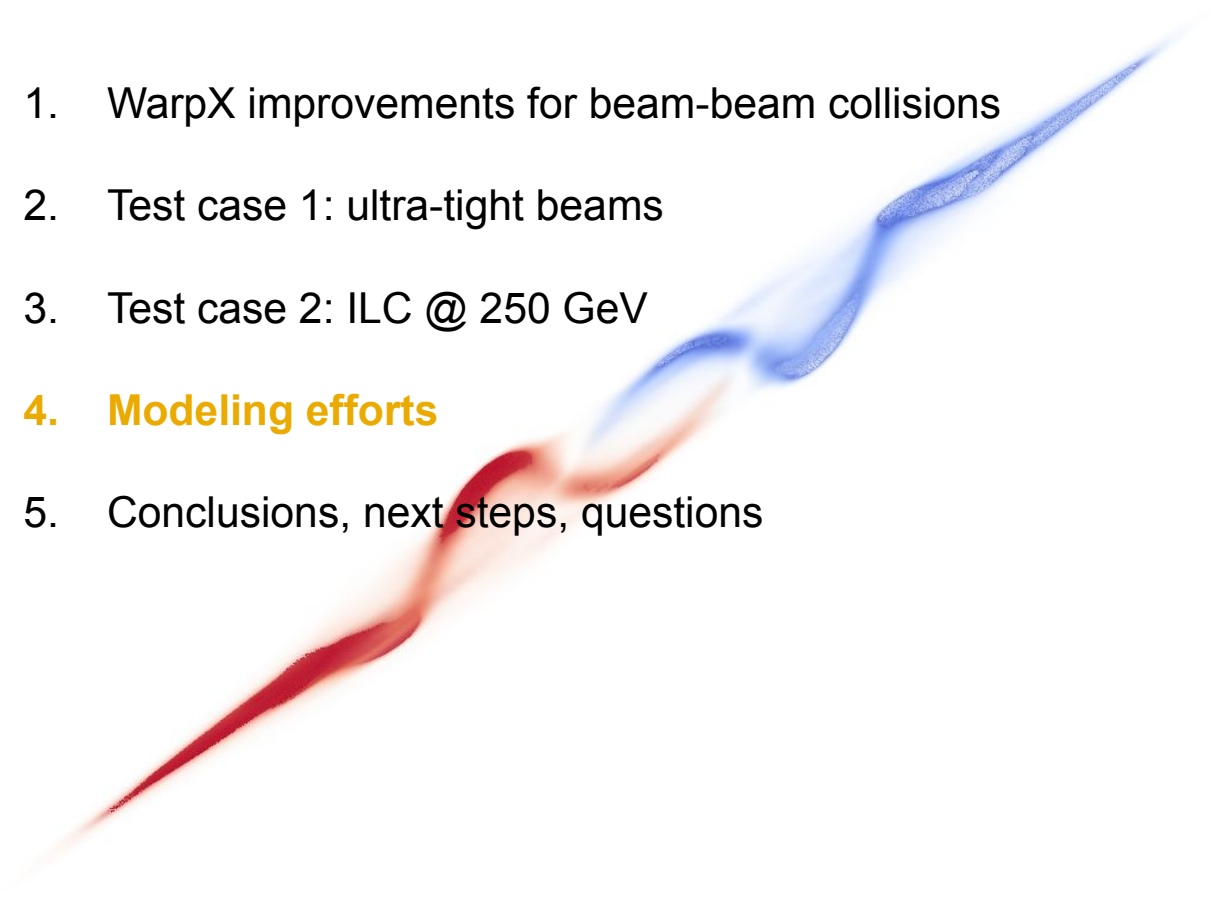
very wrong
aspect ratio!



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- A decorative graphic in the bottom right corner of the slide. It consists of two overlapping, elongated, and slightly curved shapes. The shape on the left is colored in a gradient of red and orange, while the shape on the right is colored in a gradient of blue and purple. They appear to represent particle beams or plasma structures interacting with each other.

A simple model to capture the energy spread

momentum equation

From Niel PRE 2018

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = -e(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) - \overset{\uparrow}{mc^2 S(\chi)} \frac{\mathbf{u}}{c\mathbf{u}^2} + \overset{\uparrow}{mc^2 \sqrt{R(\chi, \gamma)}} \frac{dW}{dt} \frac{\mathbf{u}}{c\mathbf{u}^2}$$

deterministic
random (ok for $\chi < 1$)

dW is a Wiener process of variance dt

main HPs

- self-force is neglected
- ultrarelativistic longitudinal dynamics
- beams are Gaussian
- EM fields are transverse
- equipartition between EM forces

From Samsonov NJP 2021

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = -e(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) - \frac{P(\chi)}{c} \mathbf{u}$$

position equation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d\gamma}{dt} = -S(\chi) + \sqrt{R(\chi, \gamma)} \frac{dW}{dt} \\ \frac{d\mathbf{p}_\perp}{dt} = -2e\mathbf{E} \\ \frac{d\mathbf{x}_\perp}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_\perp \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \chi = 2\gamma|\mathbf{E}|/E_S \\ \frac{dN_\gamma}{dt} = \frac{2\alpha m_e c^2}{3\hbar\gamma} G(\chi) \\ \frac{dN_\pm}{dt} = \frac{\alpha m_e c^2}{\hbar\gamma_\gamma} T(\chi_\gamma) \end{array}$$

[Samsonov NJP 2021](#)

[Niel PRE 2018](#)

[Fedeli NJP 2022](#)

Some auxiliary functions (just for reference)

terms in the longitudinal equation of motion

[Niel PRE 2018](#)

$$S(\chi) = \int_0^{+\infty} d\gamma_\gamma \gamma_\gamma w_\chi(\gamma, \gamma_\gamma) = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha^2}{\tau_e} \chi^2 g(\chi), \quad (39)$$

$$R(\chi, \gamma) = \int_0^{+\infty} d\gamma_\gamma \gamma_\gamma^2 w_\chi(\gamma, \gamma_\gamma) = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha^2}{\tau_e} \gamma h(\chi), \quad (40)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(\chi) &= \int_0^{+\infty} d\chi_\gamma \frac{G(\chi, \chi_\gamma)}{\chi^3} \\ &= \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{8\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} dv \left[\frac{2v^2 K_{5/3}(v)}{(2+3v\chi)^2} + \frac{4v(3v\chi)^2}{(2+3v\chi)^4} K_{2/3}(v) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$
$$\begin{aligned} h(\chi) &= \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{4\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} dv \left[\frac{2\chi^3 v^3}{(2+3v\chi)^3} K_{5/3}(v) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{54\chi^5 v^4}{(2+3v\chi)^5} K_{2/3}(v) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

to compute the photon emission rate

[Fedeli NJP 2022](#)

$$G(\chi) = \int_0^\chi \frac{S(\chi, u/\chi)}{u} du = \int_0^1 \frac{S(\chi, \xi)}{\xi} d\xi = \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\pi} \left[\left(\int_{Y(\chi, \xi)}^\infty K_{5/3}(s) ds \right) + \frac{\xi^2}{1-\xi} K_{2/3}(Y(\chi, \xi)) \right] d\xi$$

to compute the NLBW pair generation rate

$$\begin{aligned} T(\chi_\gamma) &= \int_0^{\chi_\gamma} F(\chi_\gamma, u) du = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{3}\chi_\gamma^2} \int_0^{\chi_\gamma} \left[\int_{X(\chi_\gamma, u)}^{+\infty} \sqrt{s} K_{1/3} \left(\frac{2}{3} s^{3/2} \right) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left(2 - \chi_\gamma X^{3/2}(\chi_\gamma, u) \right) K_{2/3} \left(\frac{2}{3} X^{3/2}(\chi_\gamma, u) \right) \right] du. \end{aligned}$$

Some auxiliary functions (just for reference)

electric field for round beams

$$E_r(r, z) = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_0}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_z}\sigma_r^2 r} e^{-z^2/2\sigma_z^2} \int_0^r e^{-r'^2/2\sigma_r^2} r' dr' = \frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_0}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_z}} e^{-z^2/2\sigma_z^2} \left[\frac{1 - e^{-r^2/2\sigma_r^2}}{r} \right]$$

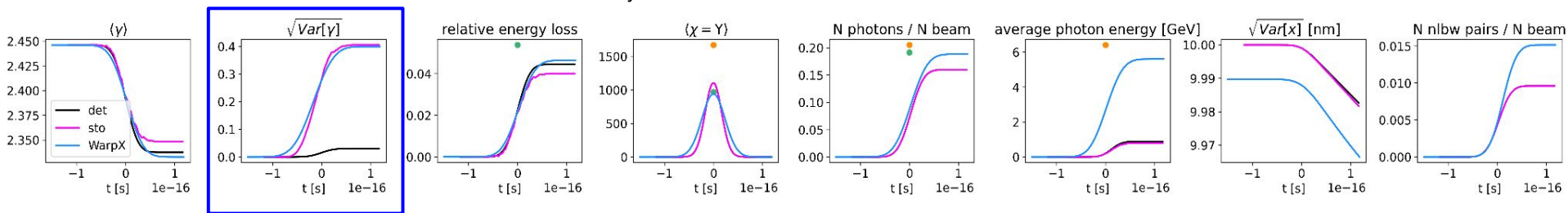
electric field for flat beams

$$E_x = \frac{Q}{2\epsilon_0 \sqrt{2\pi(\sigma_x^2 - \sigma_y^2)}} \operatorname{Im} \left[w \left(\frac{x + iy}{\sqrt{2(\sigma_x^2 - \sigma_y^2)}} \right) - e^{\left[-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_x^2} + \frac{y^2}{2\sigma_y^2} \right]} w \left(\frac{x \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} + iy \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y}}{\sqrt{2(\sigma_x^2 - \sigma_y^2)}} \right) \right]$$

$$E_y = \frac{Q}{2\epsilon_0 \sqrt{2\pi(\sigma_x^2 - \sigma_y^2)}} \operatorname{Re} \left[w \left(\frac{x + iy}{\sqrt{2(\sigma_x^2 - \sigma_y^2)}} \right) - e^{\left[-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_x^2} + \frac{y^2}{2\sigma_y^2} \right]} w \left(\frac{x \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} + iy \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y}}{\sqrt{2(\sigma_x^2 - \sigma_y^2)}} \right) \right]$$

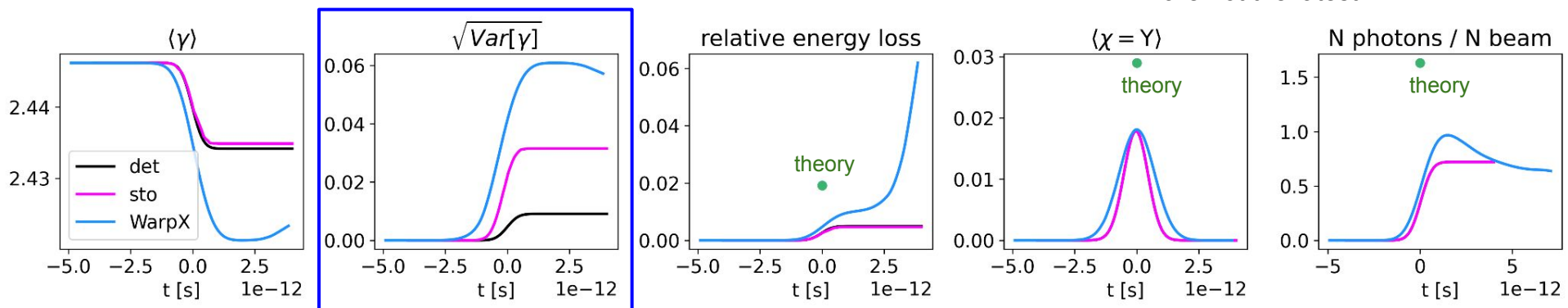
The model can predict some results for the two test cases

ultra-tight: $E_{\text{COM}} = 125 \text{ GeV}$, $\sigma_x = 10 \text{ nm}$, $\sigma_y = 10 \text{ nm}$, $\sigma_z = 10 \text{ nm}$, $N = 8.7 \cdot 10^8$

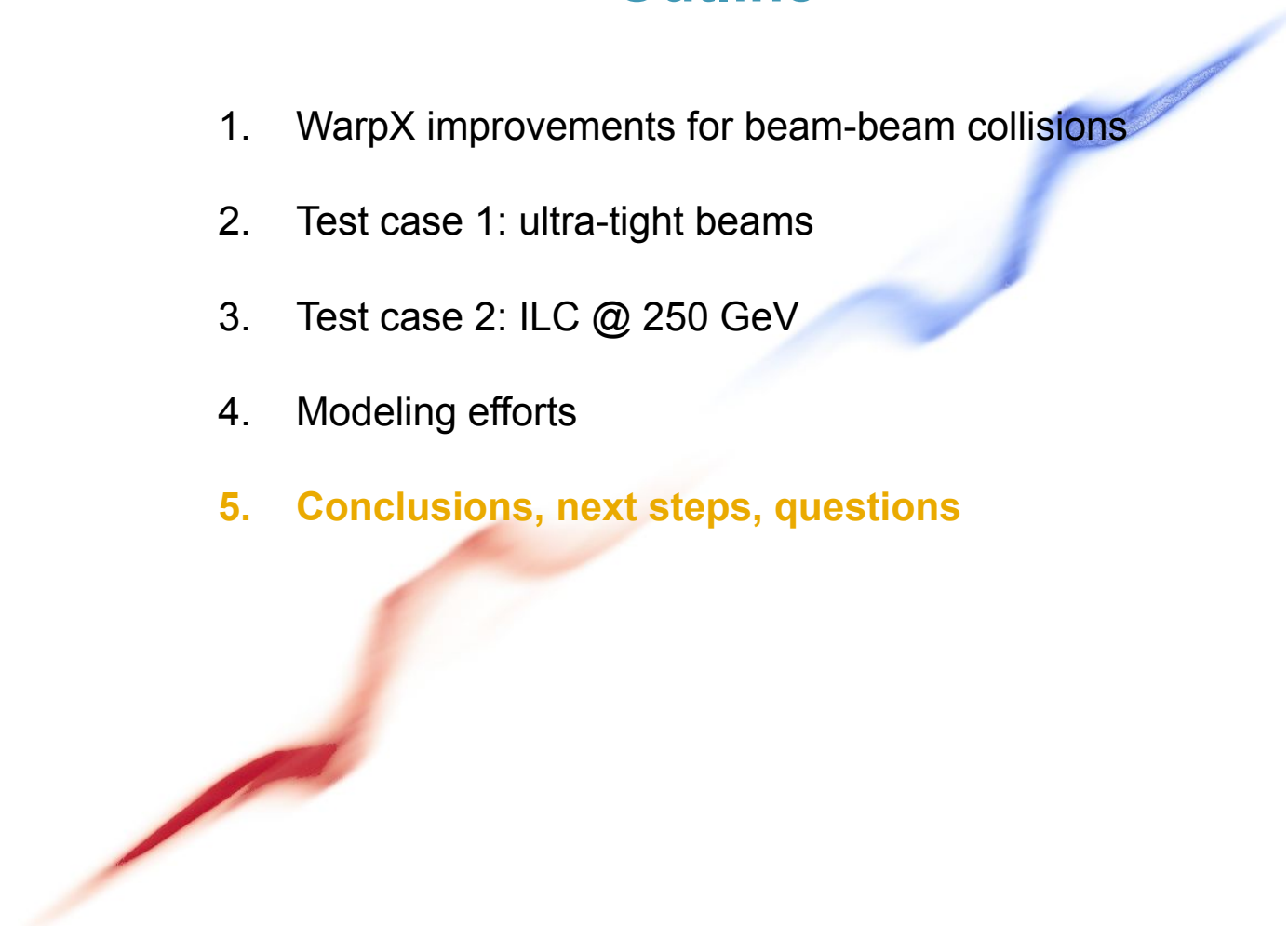


ILC: $E_{\text{COM}} = 250 \text{ GeV}$, $\sigma_x = 516 \text{ nm}$, $\sigma_y = 7.7 \text{ nm}$, $\sigma_z = 300 \mu\text{m}$, $N = 2^{10}$

the simulation results
are not the latest!



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- A decorative graphic consisting of two wavy, ribbon-like lines. One line is blue and starts from the top right, extending towards the center. The other line is red and starts from the bottom left, extending towards the center. They appear to be part of a larger, abstract design.

WarpX as a new generation beam-beam code

Two main takeaways:

1. WarpX agrees well with GUINEA-PIG under very different parameters
2. WarpX can be much faster than GUINEA-PIG

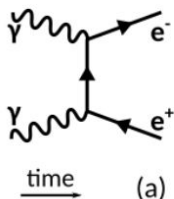
...plus:

- self-consistent → pairs contribute to the fields
- adaptable to the desired scenario
- parallel computing, GPUs → many particles, high resolution
- wide variety diagnostics
- active & broad community → maintenance
- cool visualizations ;)

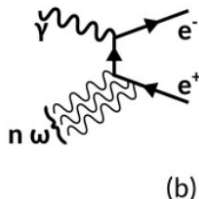
Next steps in beam-beam investigations

- electrostatic relativistic Poisson solvers
 - finalize the implementation of the Poisson solver based on the integrated Green functions
 - implementation of a 2D version similar to the slice approach used in GUINEA-PIG, e.g.
 - a new intern will contribute
- add missing QED physics: Bethe-Heitler & Landau-Lifshitz (incoherent pair generation)
 - using a binary collision approach, like in [Martinez PoP 2019](#)
 - different from GUINEA-PIG and CAIN where they use a [virtual photon approximation](#)
 - should also help to benchmark linear Breit-Wheeler module

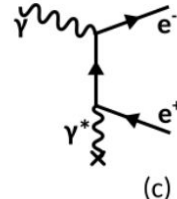
Linear Breit-Wheeler
 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^-e^+$



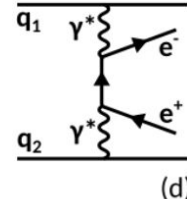
Multiphoton Breit-Wheeler
 $\gamma + n\omega \rightarrow e^-e^+$



Bethe-Heitler
 $\gamma Z \rightarrow Z e^-e^+$



Landau-Lifshitz
 $q_1 q_2 \rightarrow q_1 q_2 e^-e^+$



- expand the test cases: laser-plasma, ILC @ other energies, HALFH, others?
- comparisons with CAIN?

Thank you for your time!

