

Comparative Study of **Virtual Pepper-Pot** and **Differential Virtual Pepper-Pot** Methods for 4D Transverse Phase Space Reconstruction of Small Beams

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4D Transverse Phase-Space Diagnostics for Small Beams

$x - y$ Coupled Beam

Projected second moments

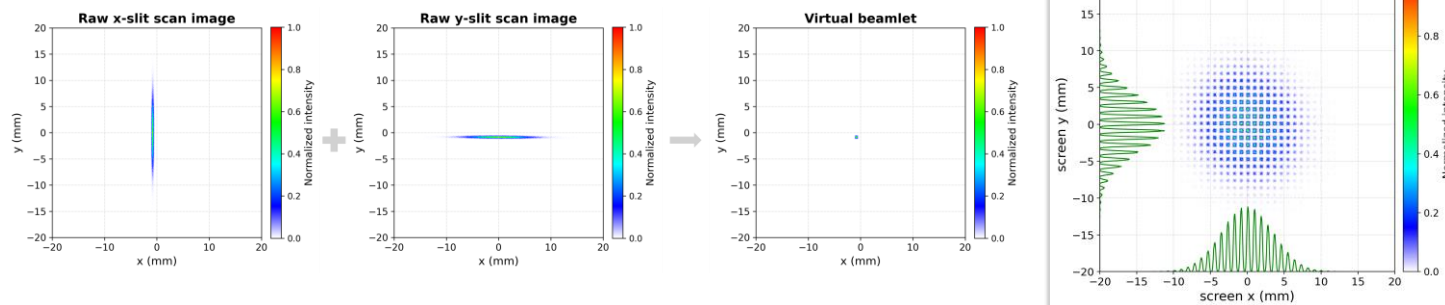
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$x - y$ coupling terms

$$\Sigma_{4D} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle xx \rangle & \langle xx' \rangle & \langle xy \rangle & \langle xy' \rangle \\ \langle x'x \rangle & \langle x'x' \rangle & \langle x'y \rangle & \langle x'y' \rangle \\ \langle yx \rangle & \langle yx' \rangle & \langle yy \rangle & \langle yy' \rangle \\ \langle y'x \rangle & \langle y'x' \rangle & \langle y'y \rangle & \langle y'y' \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

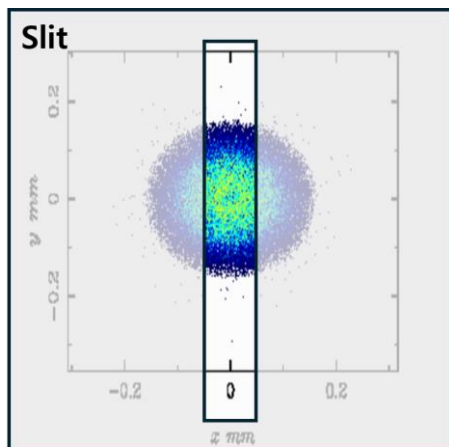
Virtual Pepper-Pot (VPP)

- Orthogonal x- and y-slit images



[1] G. Z. Georgiev and M. Krasilnikov, Proc. IBIC'19 (2019)

Finite-Slit-Width Limitation



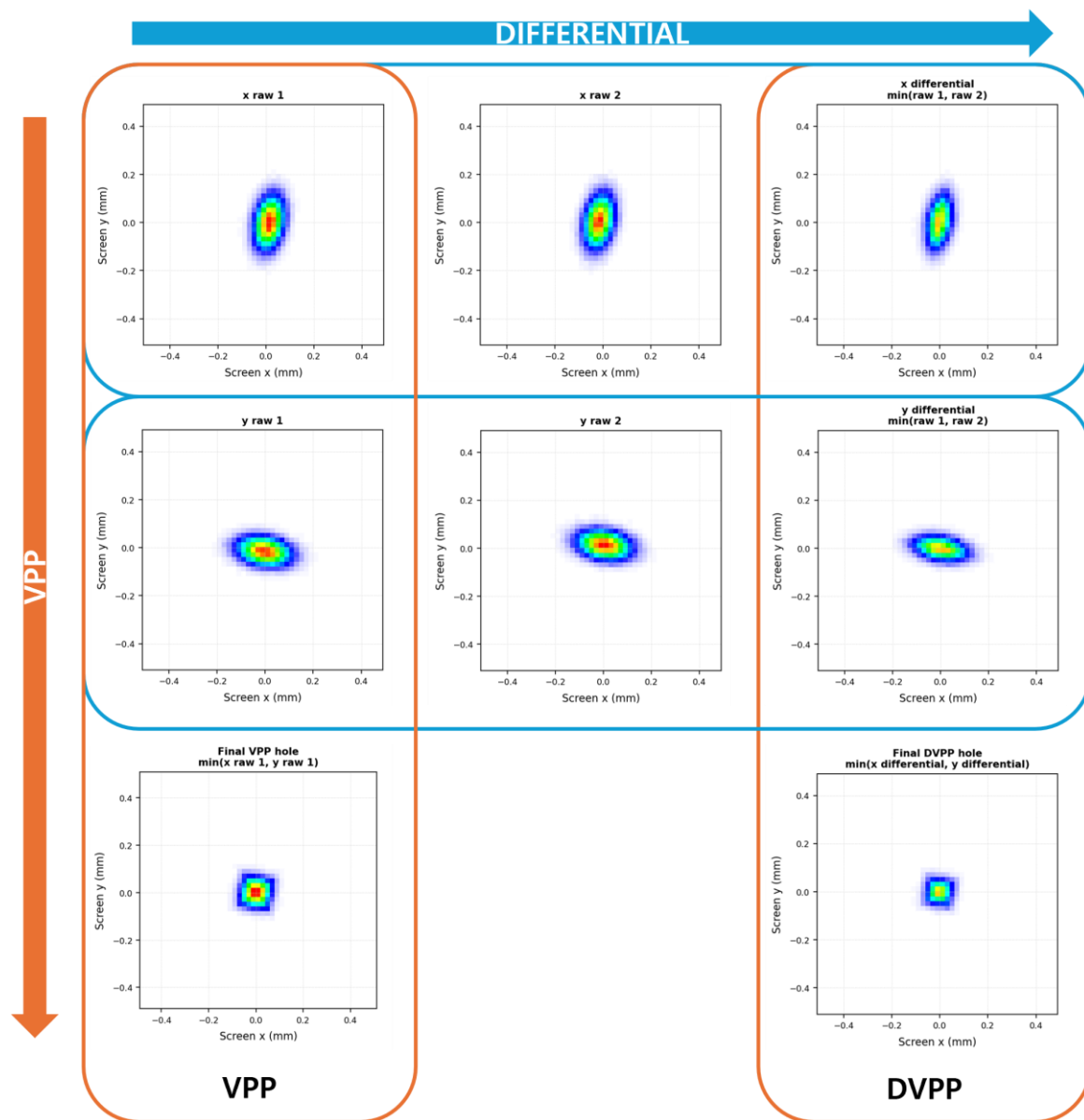
- Limited spatial resolution for small beams
- Particle-position uncertainty within the slit
- Uncertainty in the reconstructed angle

Differential Virtual Pepper-Pot (DVPP)

- Parallel slit images *separated by one slit width*
- ⇒ Virtually narrower slit images

[2] B. Shin et al, Proc. IBIC'23 (2023)

VPP and DVPP: Reconstruction Workflows



- Pixel-wise Minimum Operation:

$$Q_{min} = \min(Q_i, Q_j)$$

VPP

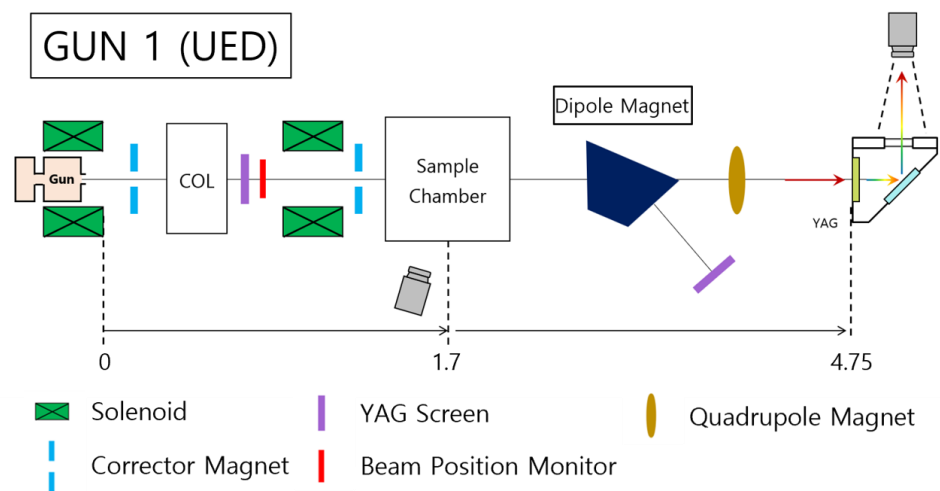
- Orthogonal images (x- and y-slit images)
Pixel-wise minimum operation
- Virtual beamlets
→ 4D beam-matrix reconstruction

Differential VPP (DVPP)

- Parallel slit-image pairs (one slit width apart)
1st Pixel-wise minimum operation
- Orthogonal differential images
2nd Pixel-wise minimum operation
- Virtual beamlets
→ 4D beam-matrix reconstruction

PAL-eLABs Gun1: Beamlet Space Charge with the L-Shaped Slit Scanner

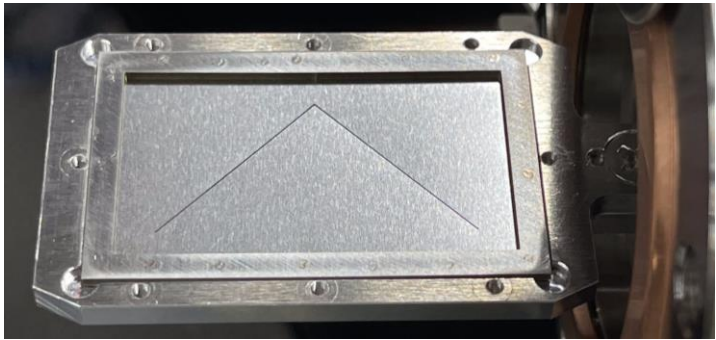
PAL-eLABs Gun1 Layout



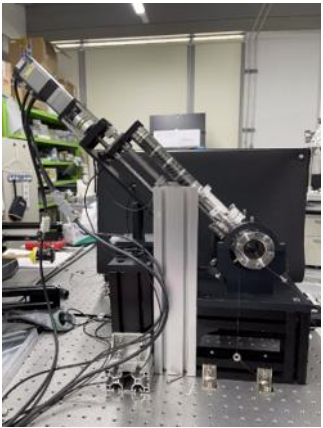
Gun1 Operating Range

Parameter	Value
Particle	Electron
Energy	3 – 5 MeV
Charge	< 1 pC

Existing L-shaped Slit Scanner



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Fabricated for Gun2 VPP and DVPP

- PAL-eLABs Gun2:

Beam Energy
70 MeV

Charge
< 250 pC

Slit width
 $d = 140 \mu\text{m}$

PAL-eLABs Gun1 Application Test

Beam Energy
3.768 MeV

Charge
75 fC

⇒ Beamlet space charge
is non-negligible

PAL-eLABs Gun1: Geometry Selection and Residual Space Charge

1. Slit-width Selection

- R_b : beamlet space-charge ratio
 $\Rightarrow R_b \ll 1$: emittance-dominated

Slit width	R_b	$Q_{beamlet}$
$d = 10 \mu\text{m}$	0.045	4.24 fC
$d = 50 \mu\text{m}$	1.13	21.21 fC
$d = 100 \mu\text{m}$	4.52	40.58 fC

Space Charge (SC) $\leftrightarrow$ Signal **Trade-off**

2. Reduce L_d at $d = 50 \mu\text{m}$

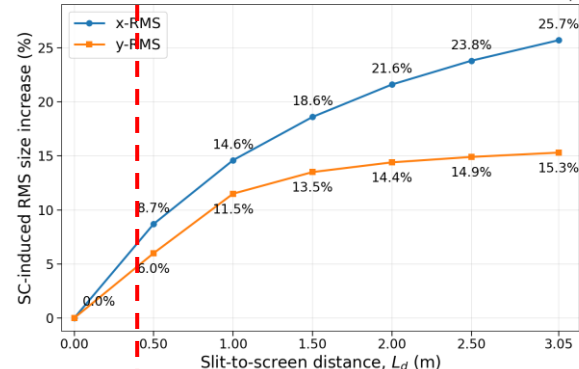
- R_{sp} : angular-resolution parameter
 $\Rightarrow R_{sp} > 1$: lower-bound criterion for L_d

$$L_d > 0.180 \text{ m}$$

Selected : $L_d = 0.4 \text{ m}$ ($R_{sp} = 2.22$)

Beamlet RMS size Increases

Central x-beamlet versus slit-to-screen distance at $d = 50 \mu\text{m}$



Selected $L_d = 0.4 \text{ m}$
 $+7.14\%$ (x)
 $+4.36\%$ (y)

Residual SC assessment

- Conventional slit-scan validation of $\epsilon_x \Rightarrow$ SC-induced increase in relative reconstruction error

$d = 100 \mu\text{m}, L_d = 3.05 \text{ m}$

33.31 pp



$d = 50 \mu\text{m}, L_d = 0.4 \text{ m}$

6.57 pp

$\approx 80\%$ reduction, but residual SC remains

VPP and DVPP: Representative Reconstruction Results

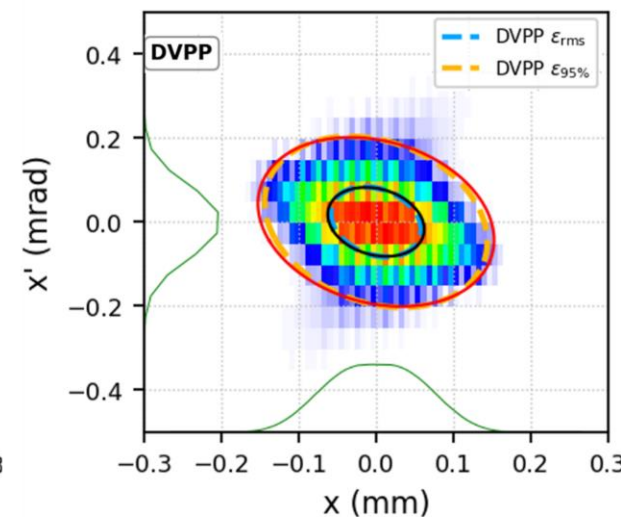
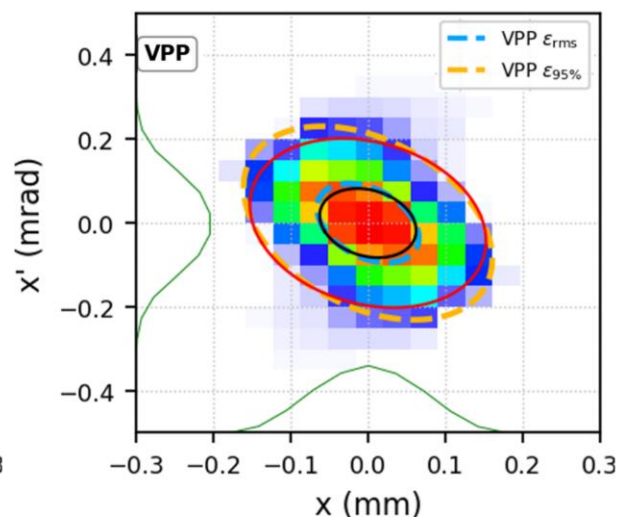
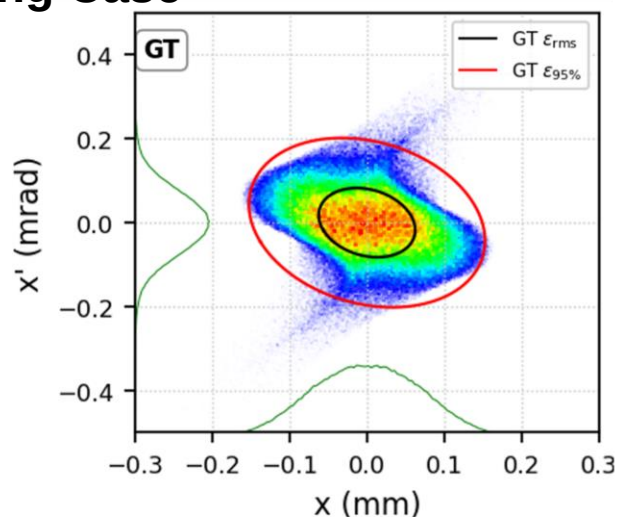
VPP • Scan step size: $50\ \mu\text{m}$

DVPP • Scan step size: $10\ \mu\text{m}$

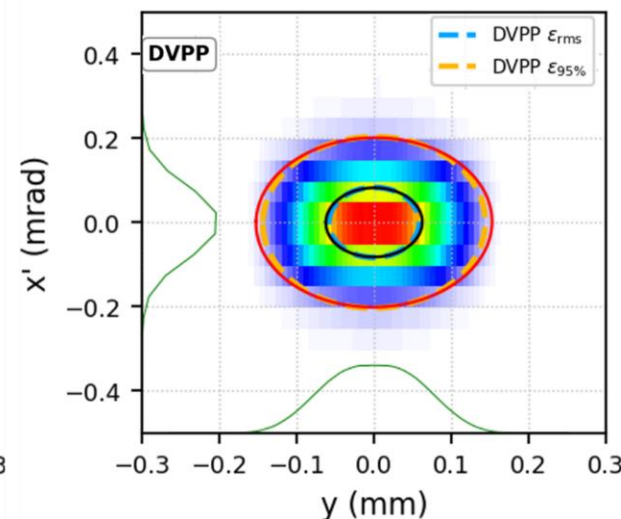
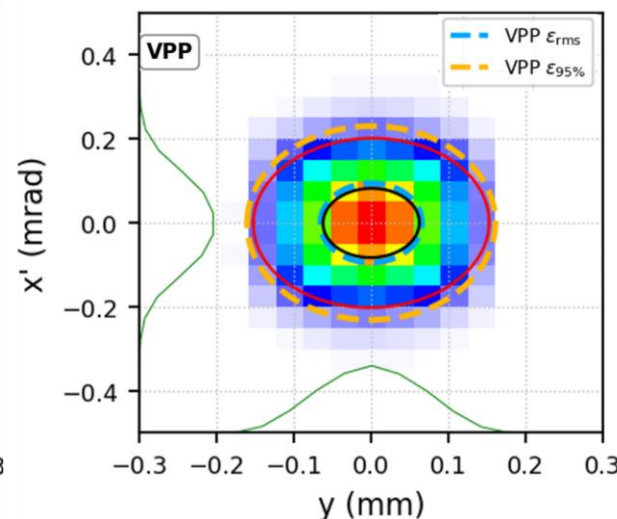
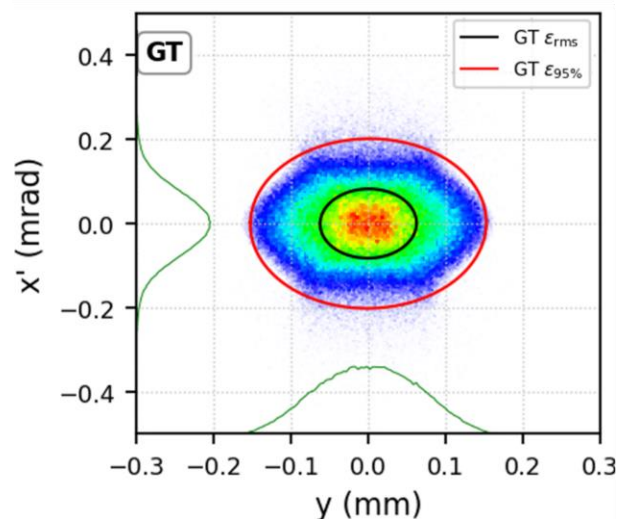
• Differential slit image pair: $(i^{th}, i + 5^{th})$

Weak-Coupling Case

$x - x'$

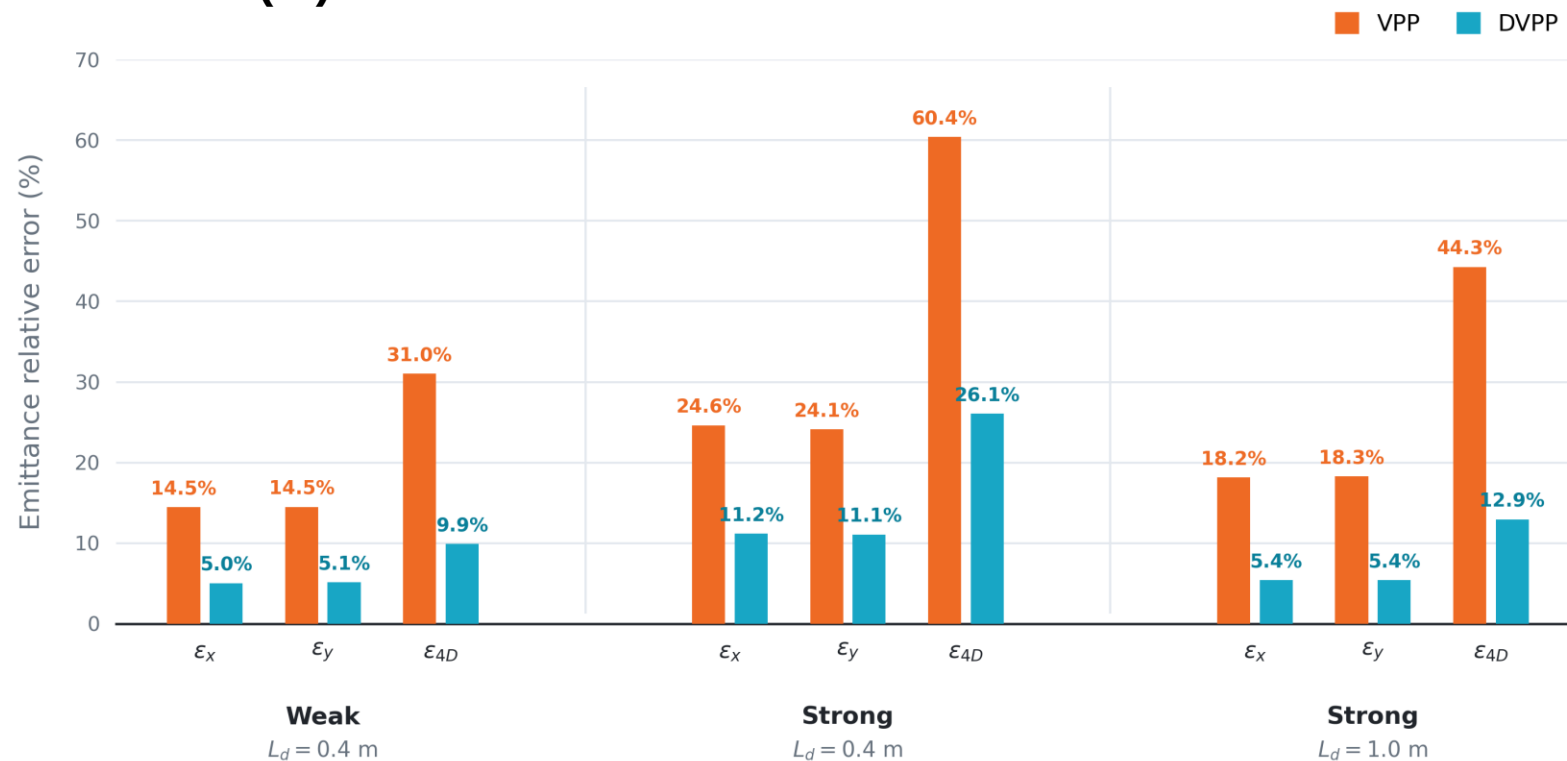


$y - x'$



VPP and DVPP: Quantitative Comparison

- Emittance Relative Error (%)



- Coupling-Factor Reconstruction

Coupling	L_d (m)	Ground Truth t	VPP t	DVPP t
Weak	0.4	0.115×10^{-3}	0.072×10^{-3}	0.085×10^{-3}
Strong	0.4	0.101	0.062	0.078
Strong	1.0	0.101	0.066	0.083

VPP/DVPP Study for PAL-eLABs Gun1

1. PAL-eLABs Gun1 Space-Charge Study

- Existing 140 μm Gun2 slit: non-negligible beamlet SC in Gun1
- Selected: $d = 50 \mu\text{m}$, $L_d = 0.4 \text{ m}$
- SC-induced increase in ϵ_x error: $33.31 \rightarrow 6.57 \text{ pp}$
 $\Rightarrow \approx 80\%$ reduction, but residual SC remains

2. VPP/DVPP Reconstruction Comparison

- *SC excluded during slit-to-screen transport for intrinsic comparison*
- DVPP
 $\Rightarrow$ Lower relative errors in ϵ_x, ϵ_y , and ϵ_{4D}
 $\Rightarrow$ Coupling factor closer to GT

3. [Outlook] Options for Practical Gun1 Application

- ① Narrower slit with further L_d optimization
- ② SC-corrected reconstruction algorithm

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