

Beam-beam effects at STCF

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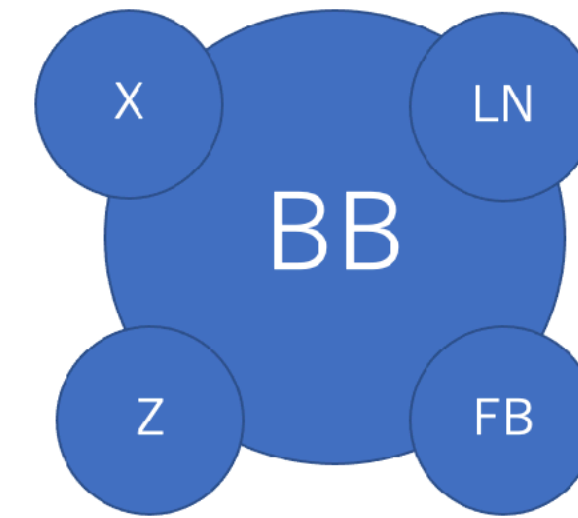
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- Introduction and motivation
- Beam-beam effects in crab-waist colliders
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- Summary

Introduction and motivation

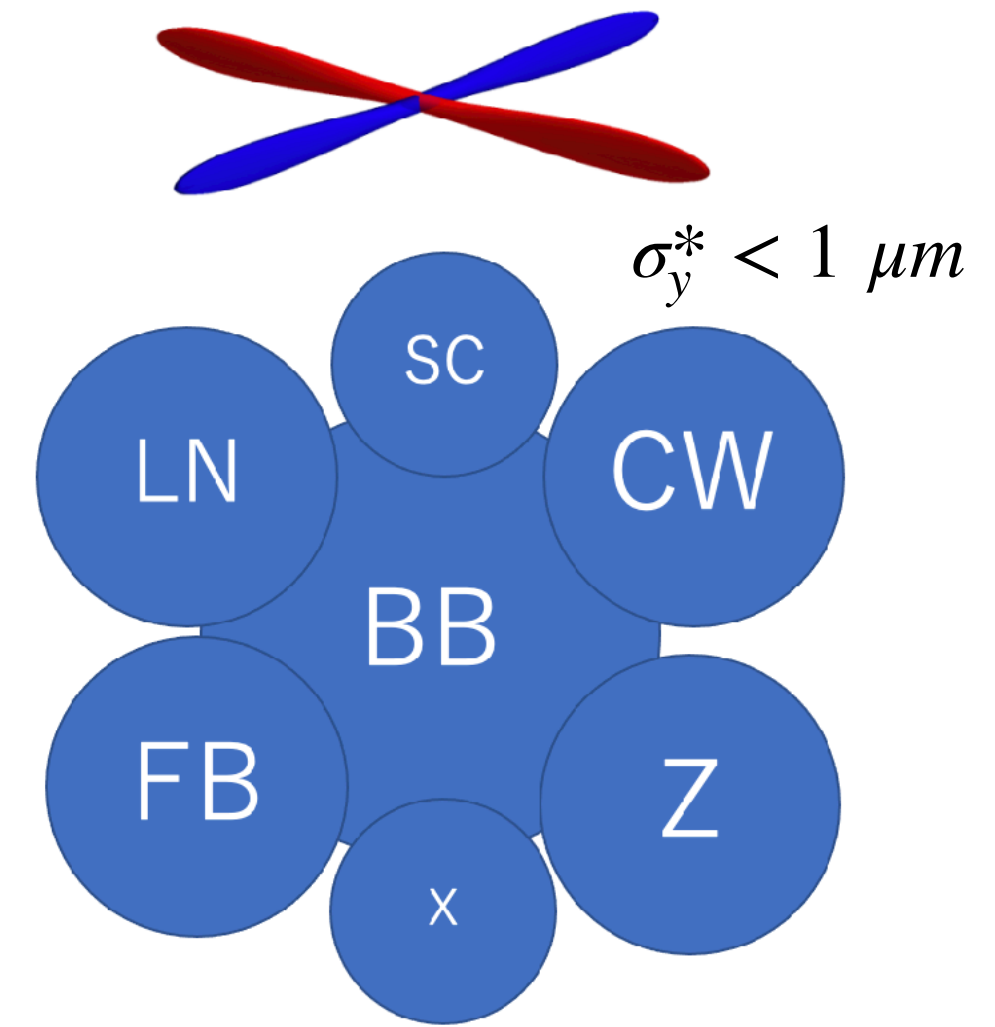
- Role of beam-beam interactions in high-luminosity e+e- colliders
- Importance of evaluating performance limits in the crab-waist collision scheme
- Specific challenges for the Super Tau-Charm Facility (STCF)



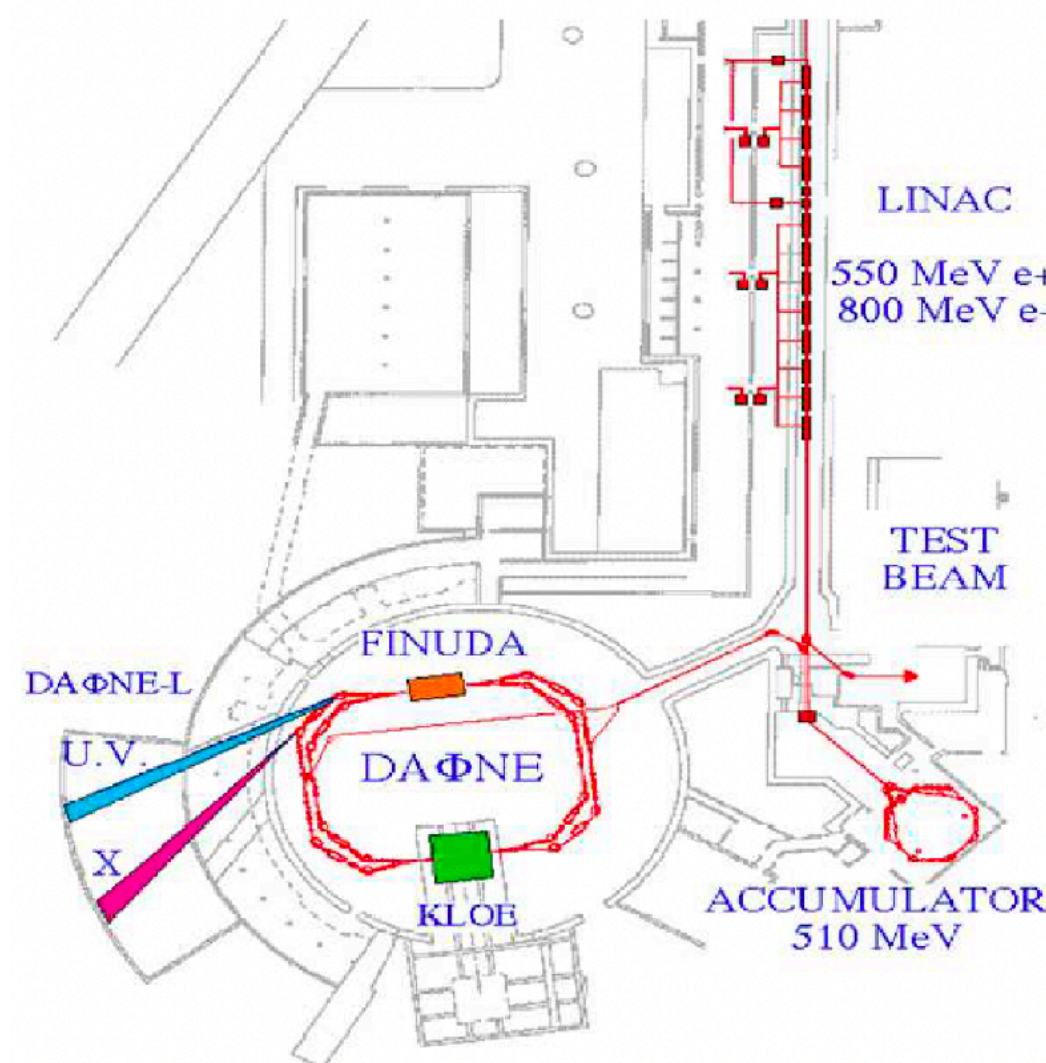
Old colliders

Abbreviations:

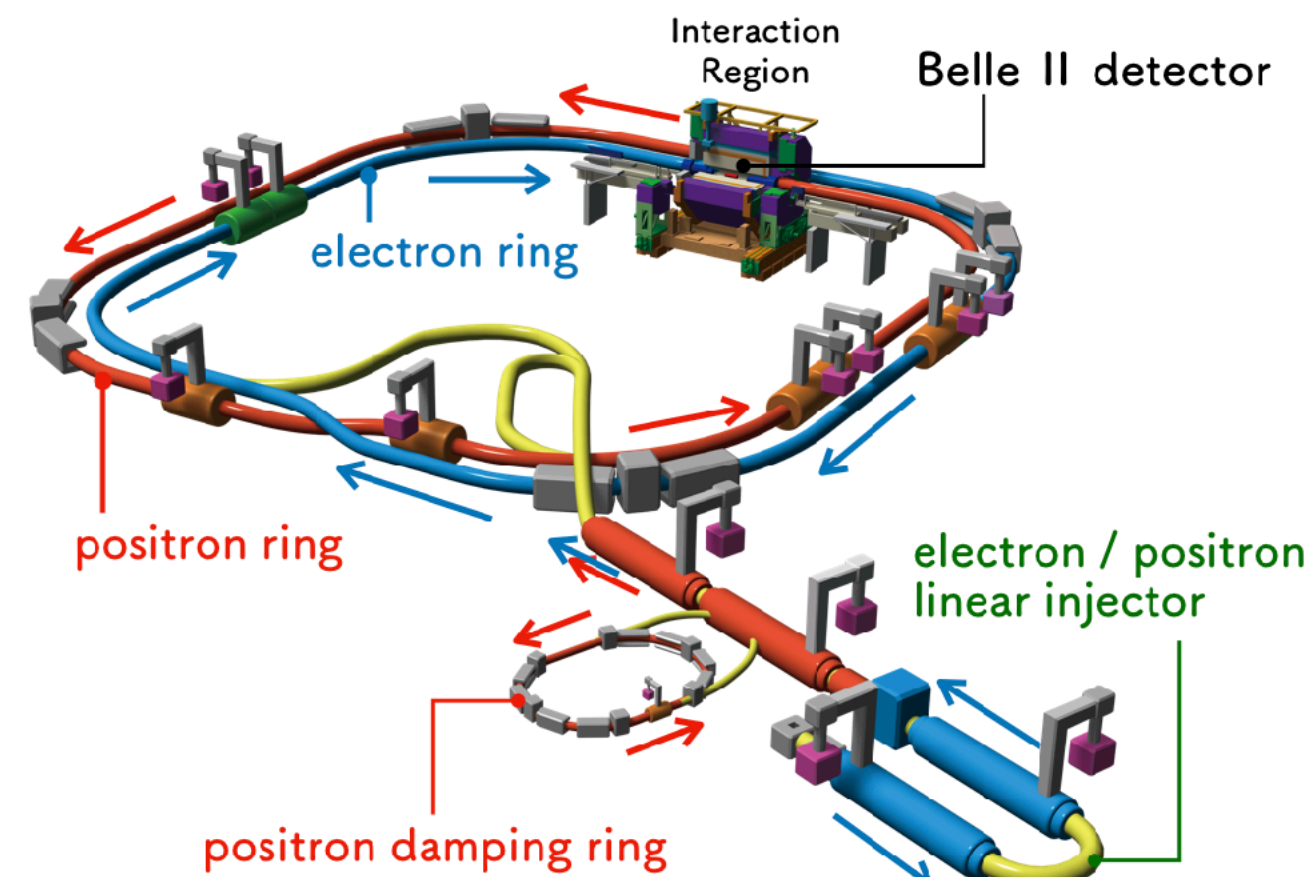
BB: Beam-beam
LN: Lattice nonlinearity
Z: Impedance
FB: Feedback
CW: Crab waist
SC: Space charge
X: Unknown factors



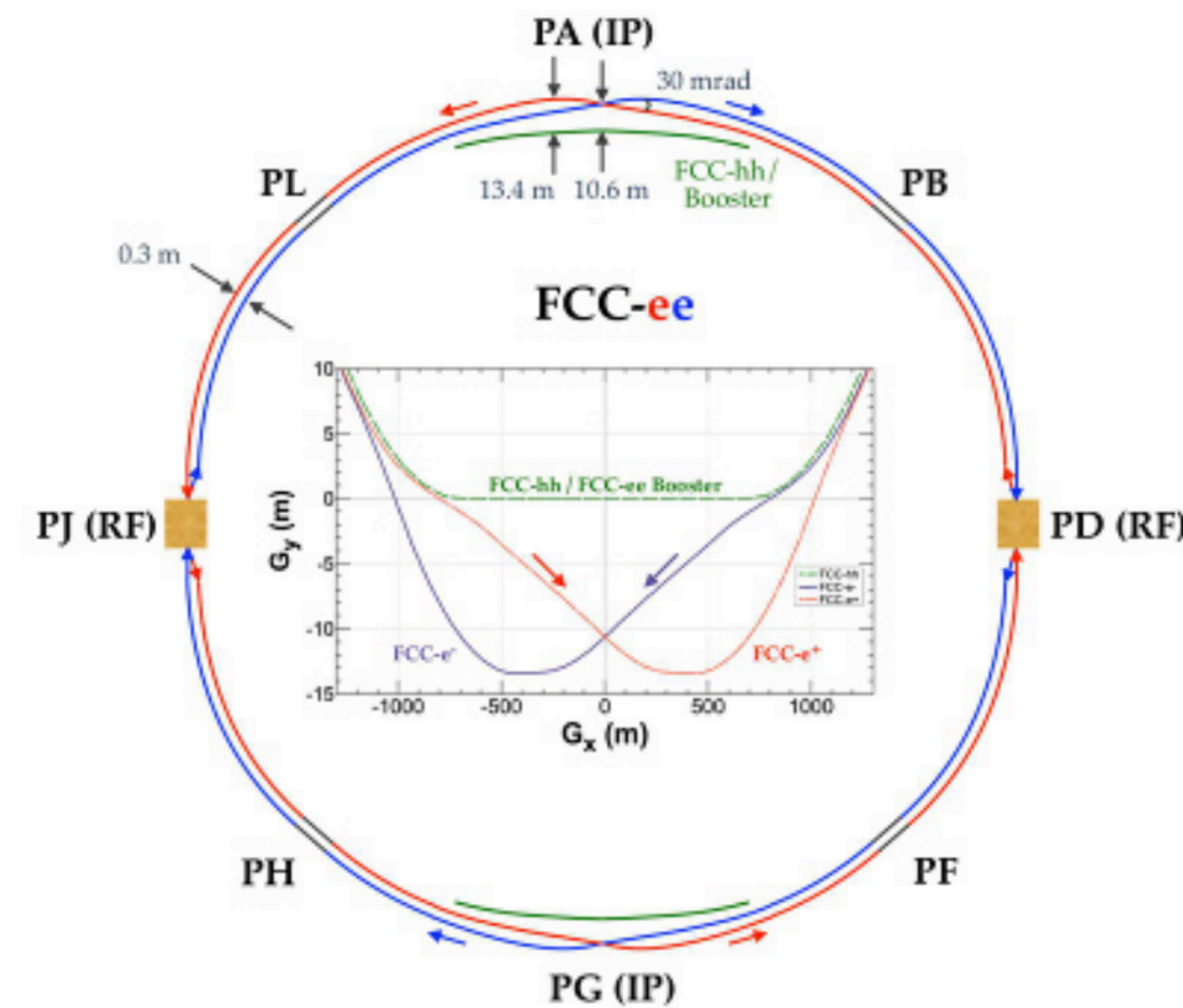
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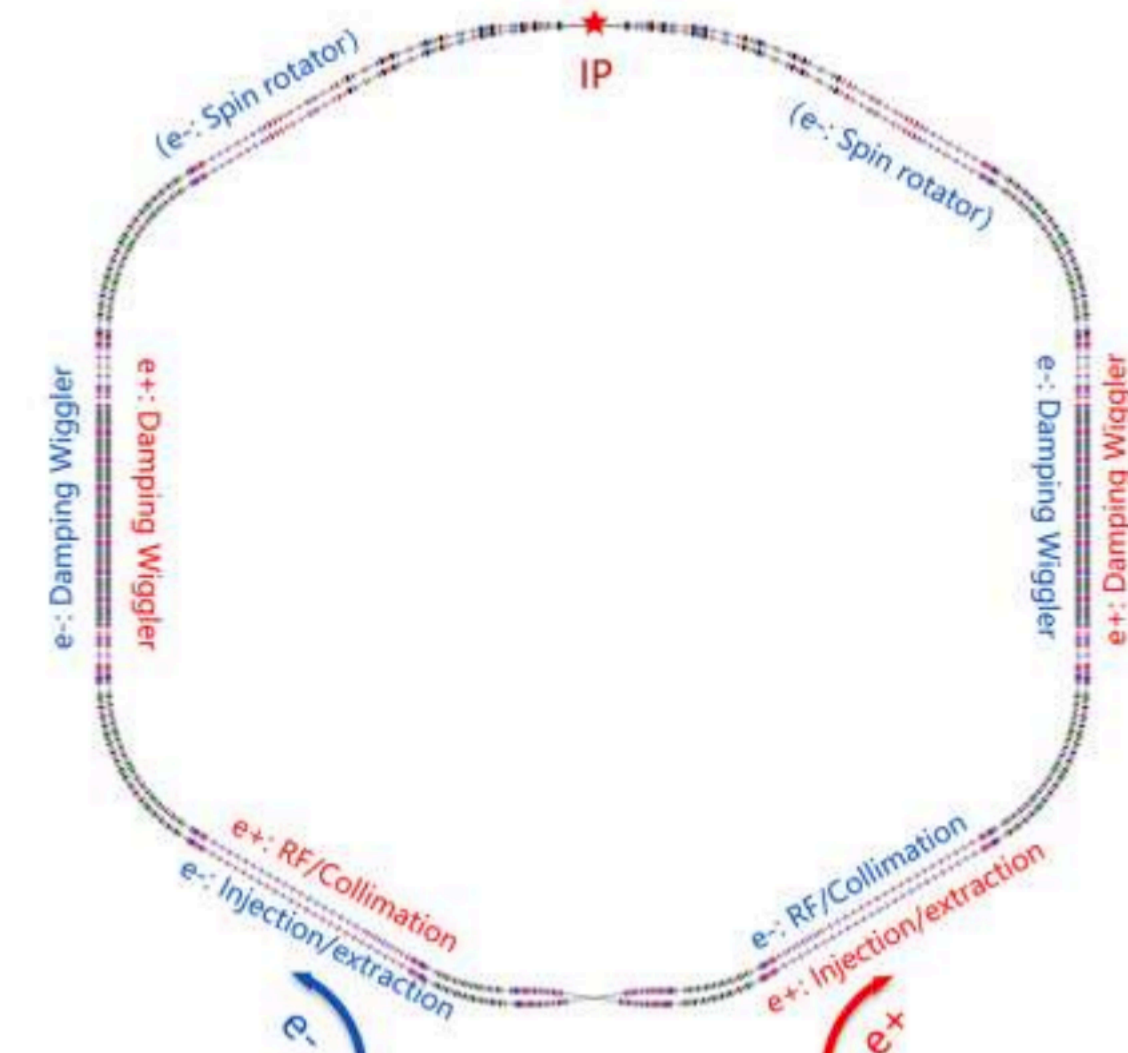
DAFNE ([arXiv:1705.06033](https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.06033))



SuperKEKB



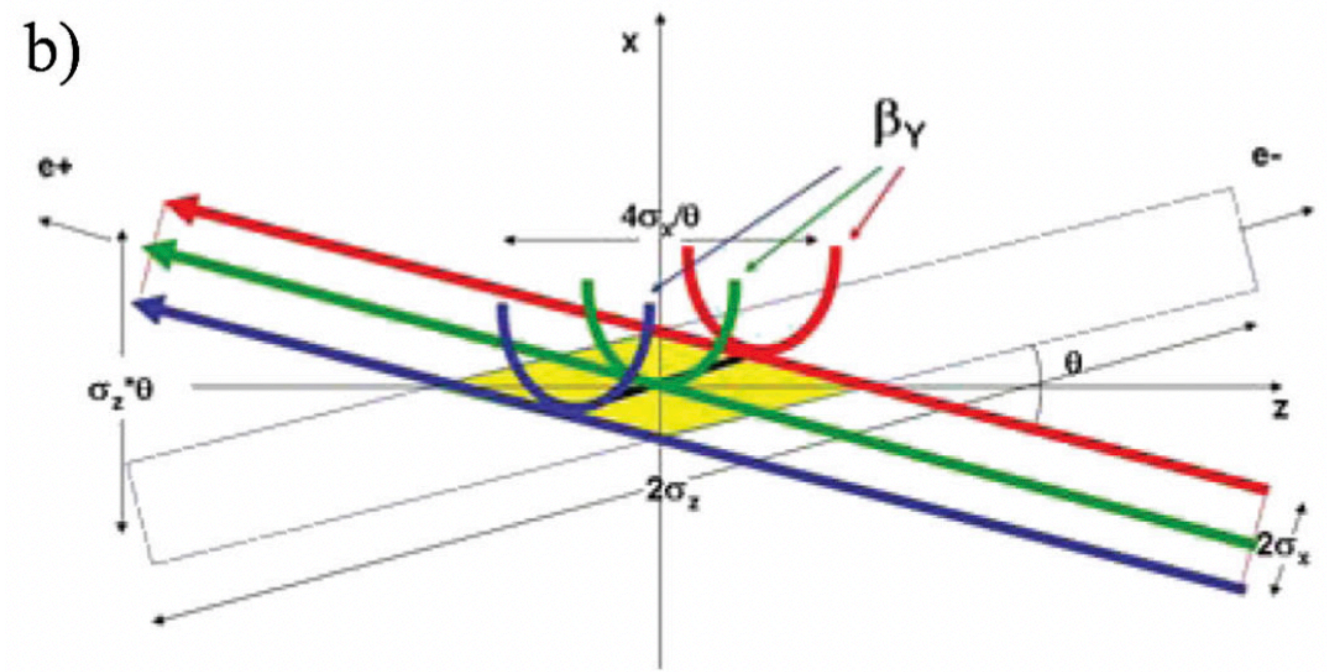
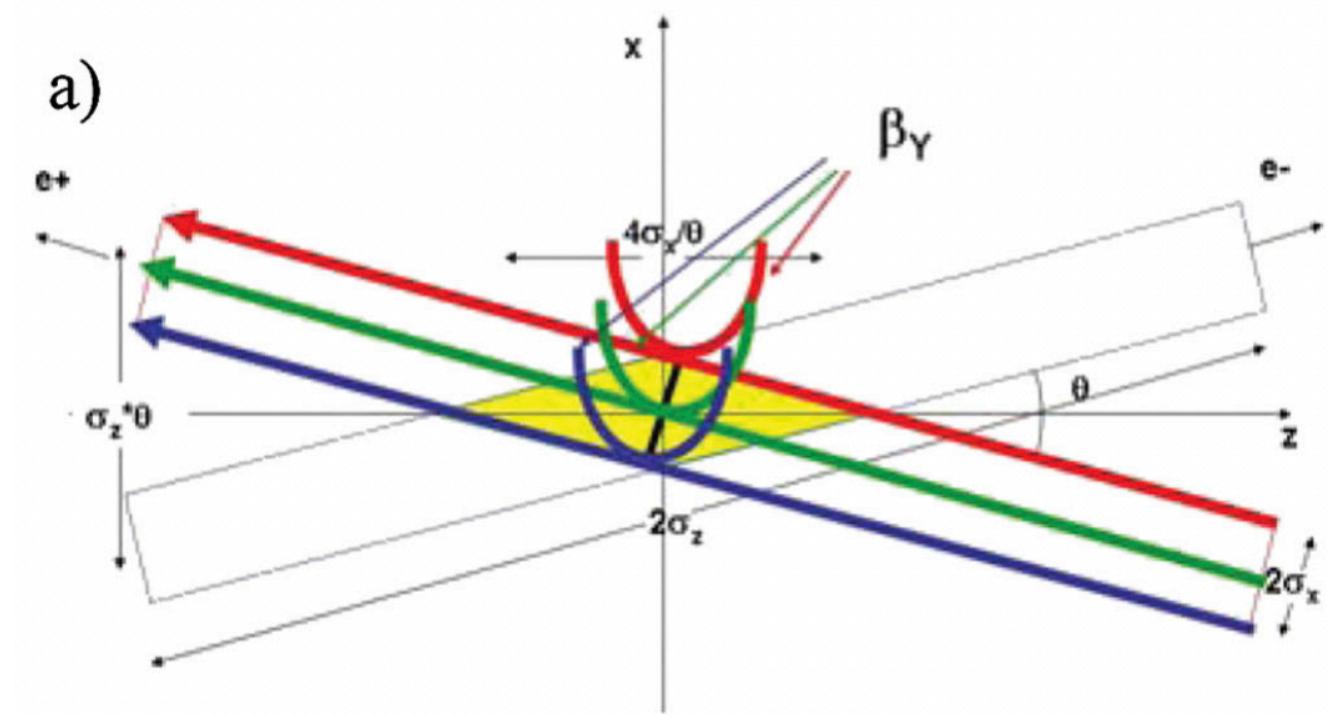
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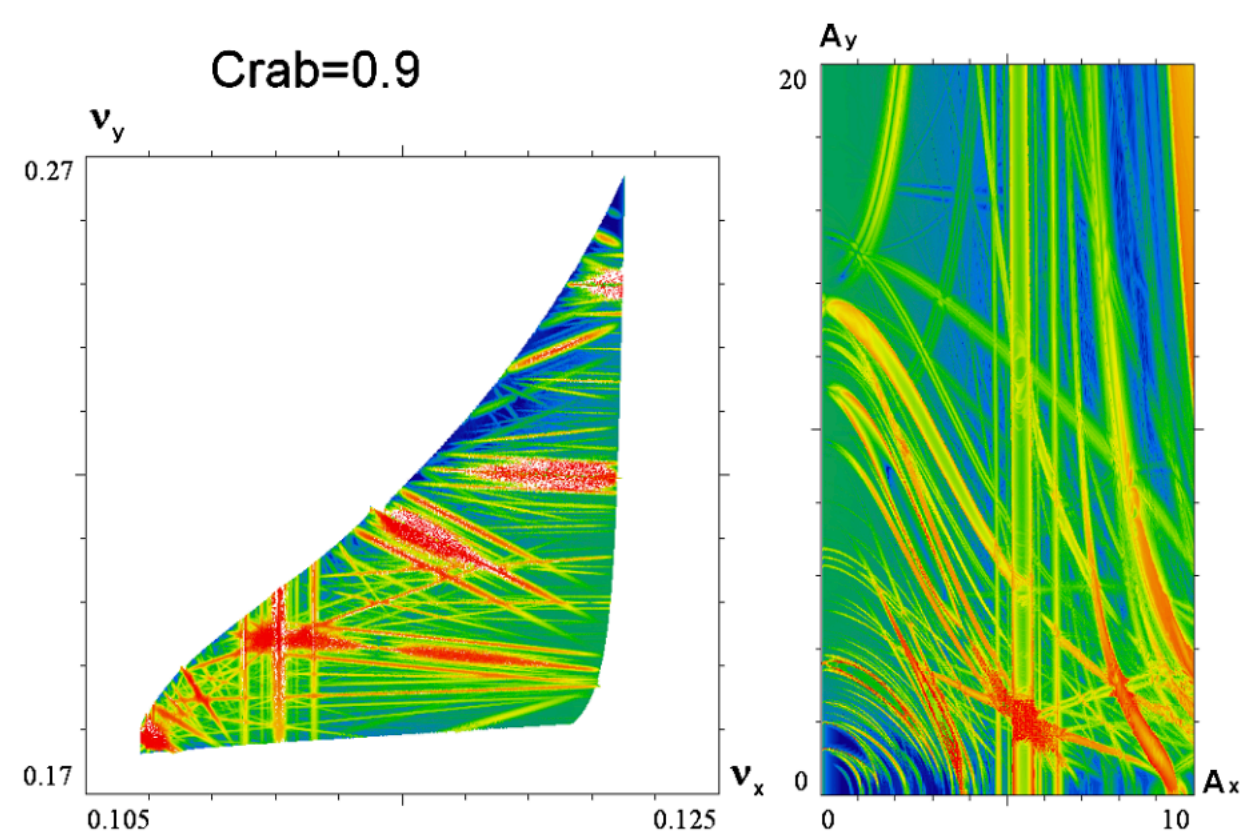
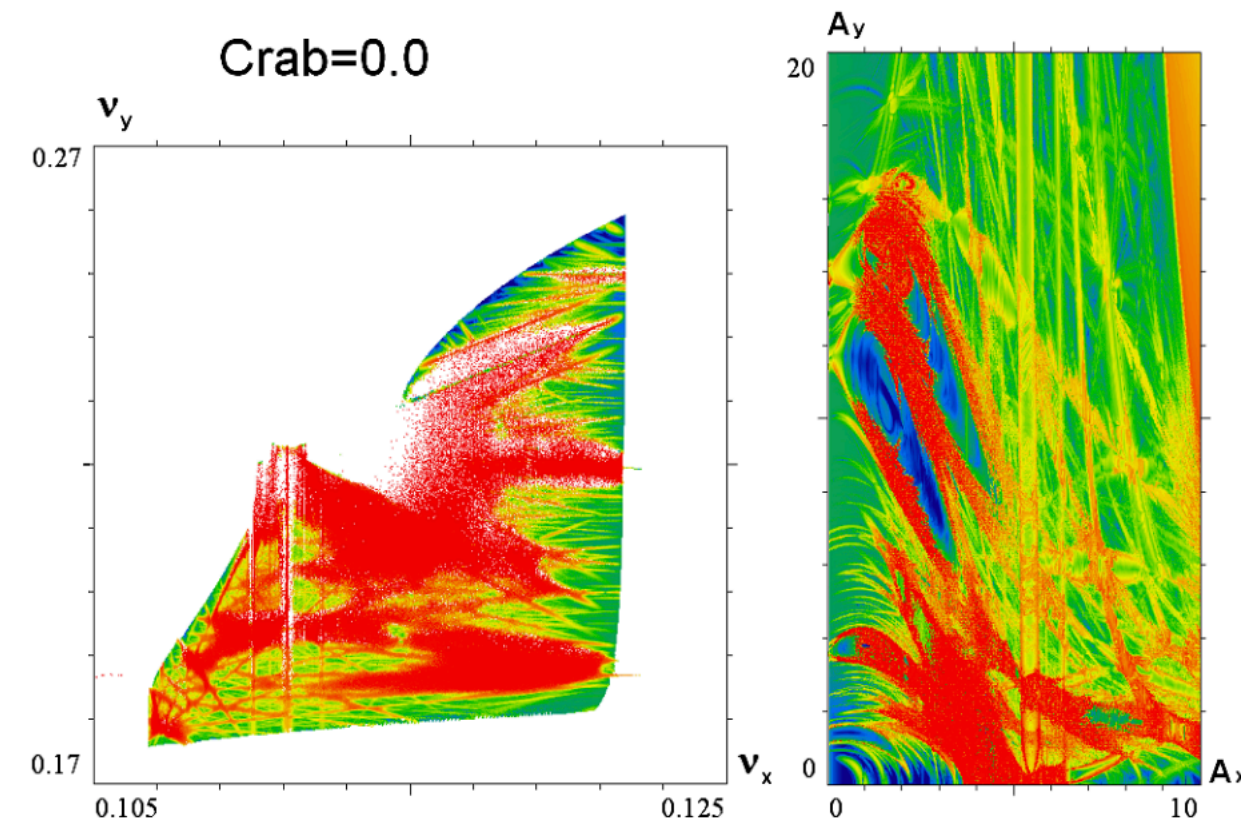
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Beam-beam effects in crab-waist colliders

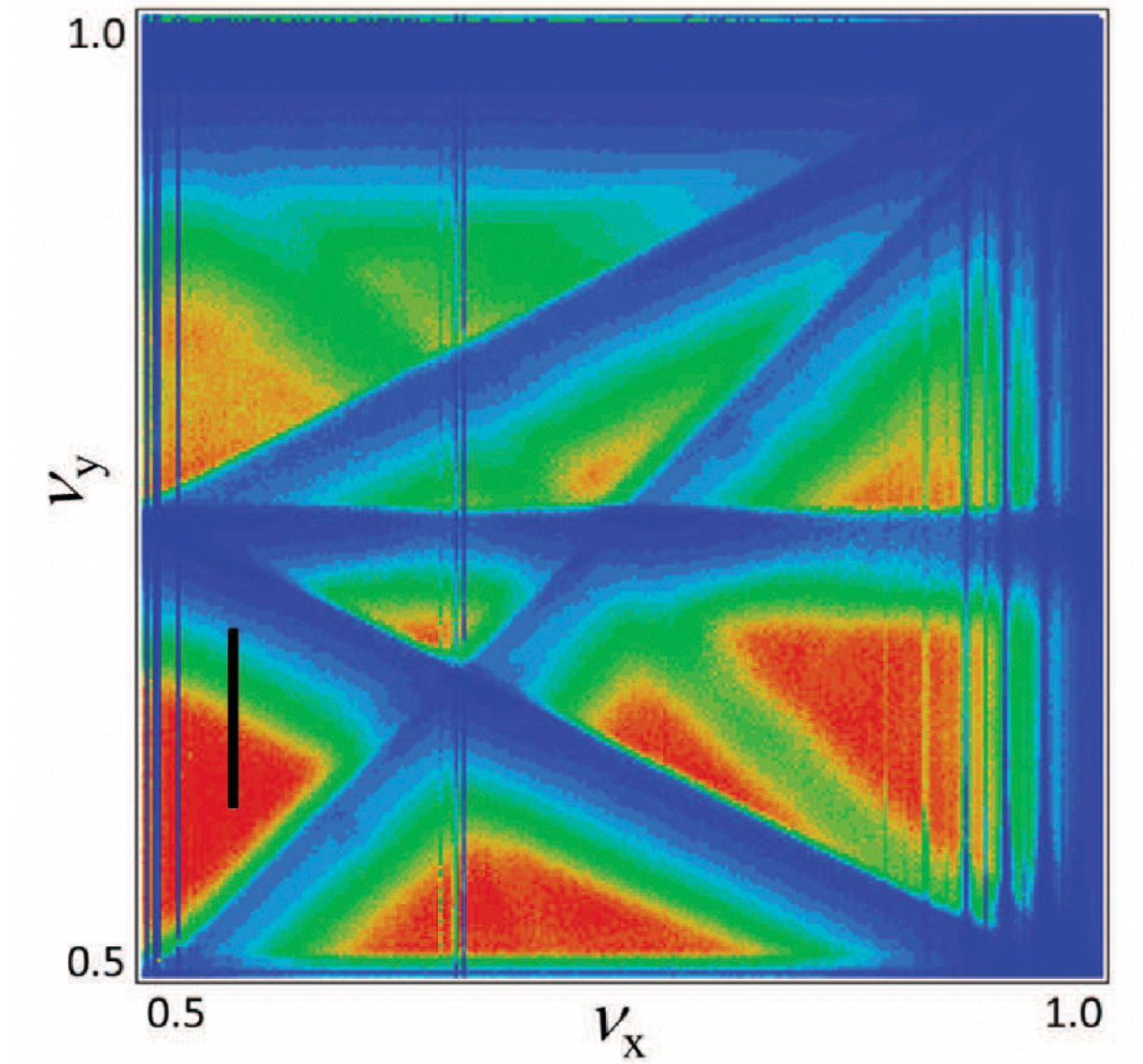
- Fundamental principles of crab-waist scheme (mitigation of incoherent beam-beam effects)



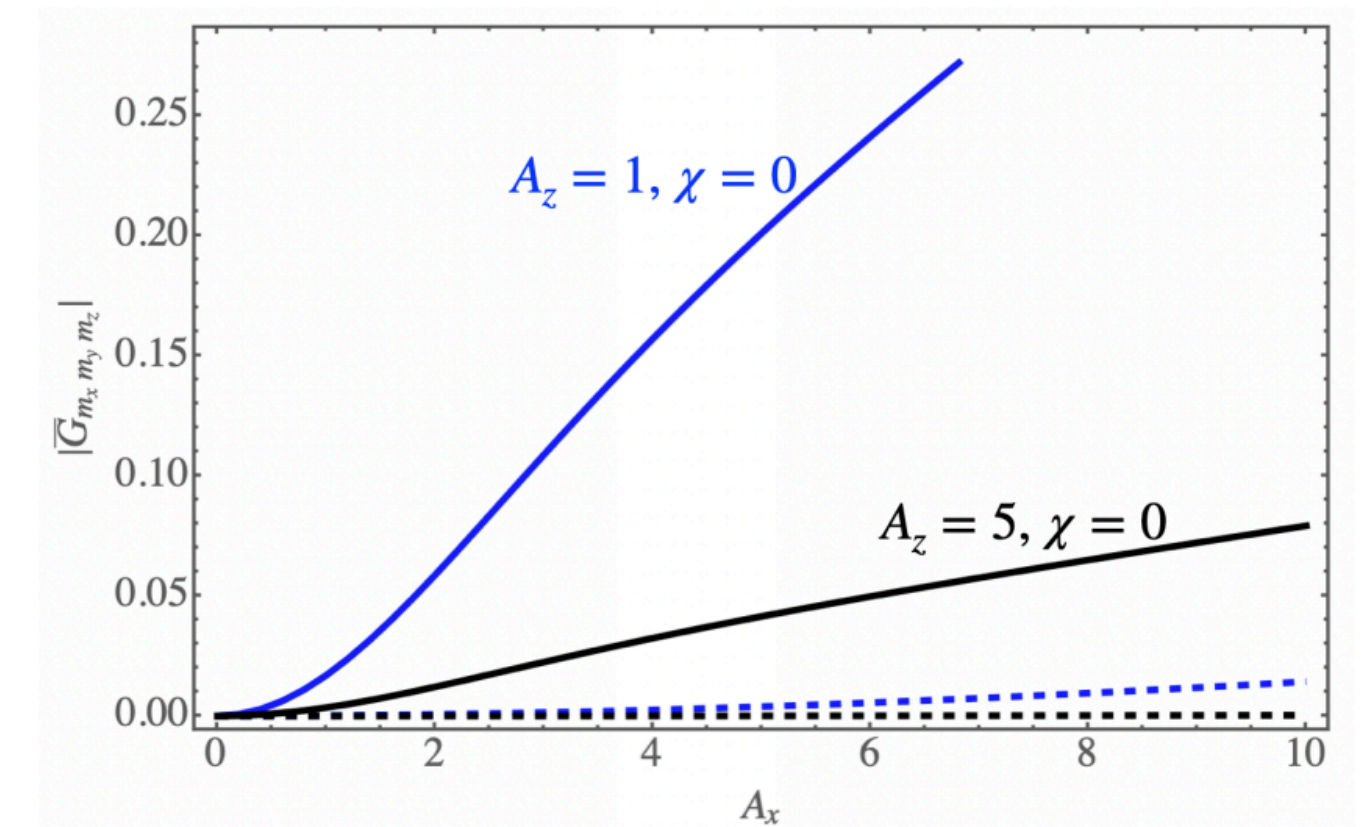
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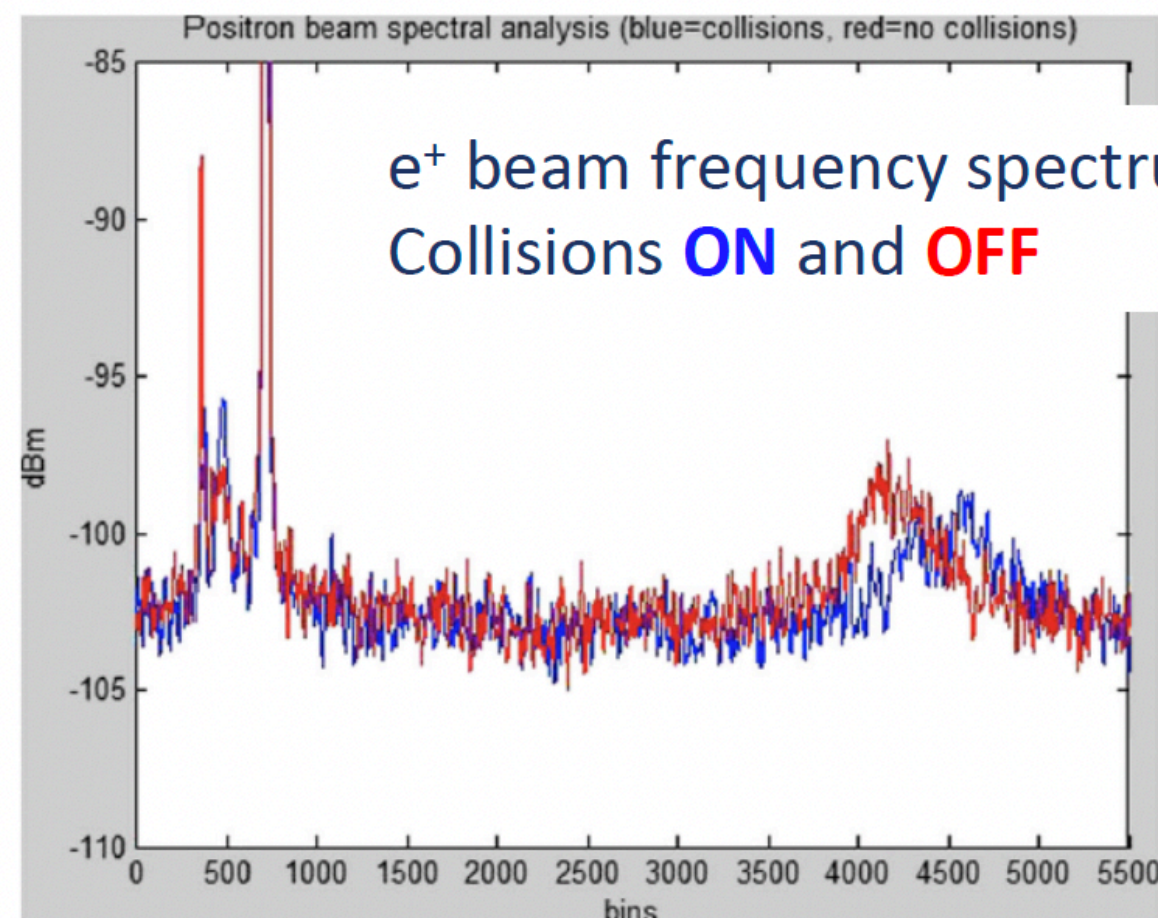
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D. Zhou, BB24, [arXiv:2411.10810](https://arxiv.org/abs/2411.10810)

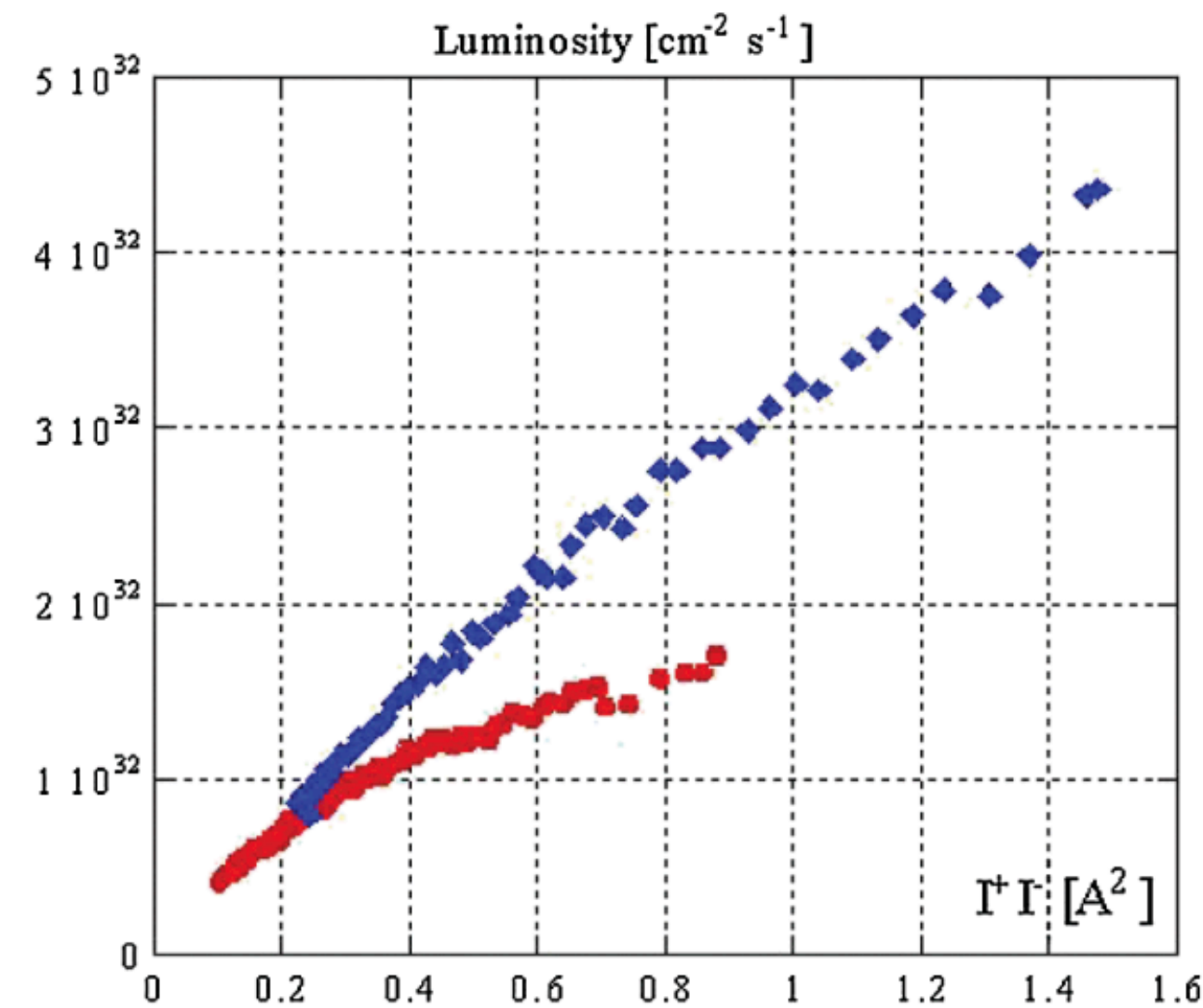
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- Accumulated experiences from DAFNE and SuperKEKB (demonstration of CW scheme, interplay of multiple physical processes, etc.)

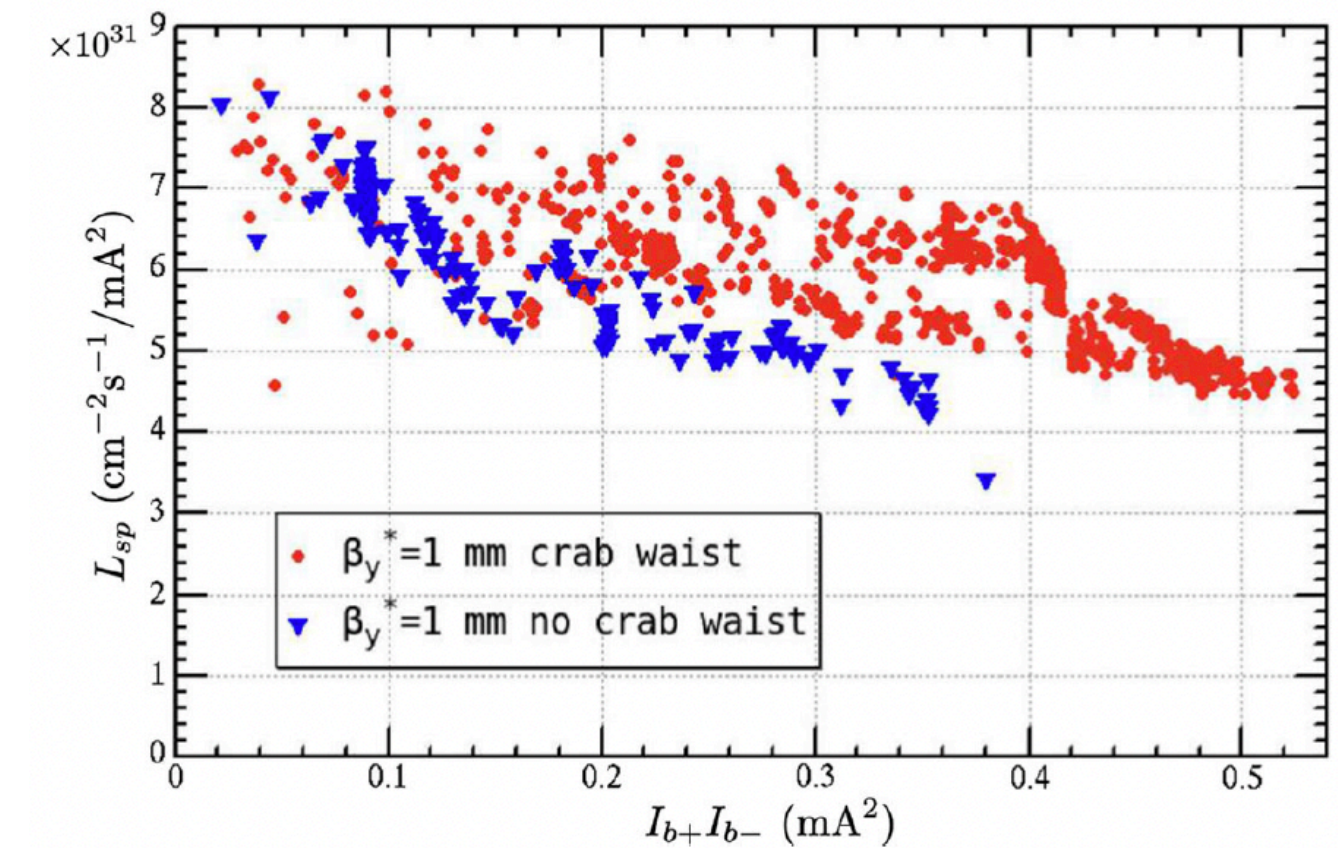


Nonlinear longitudinal kick arising from beam-beam interaction under a large crossing angle

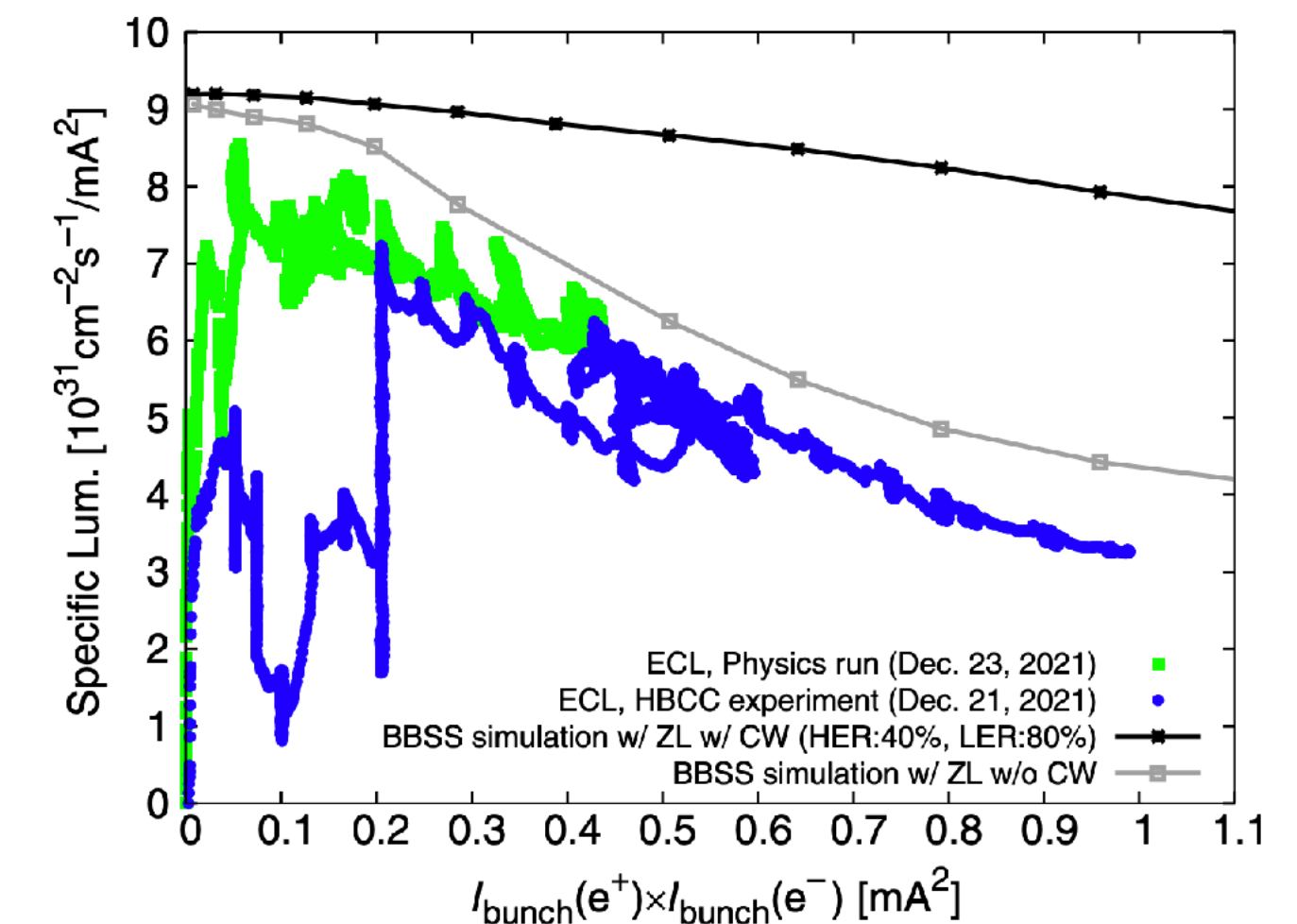
C. Milardi, eeFACT2025



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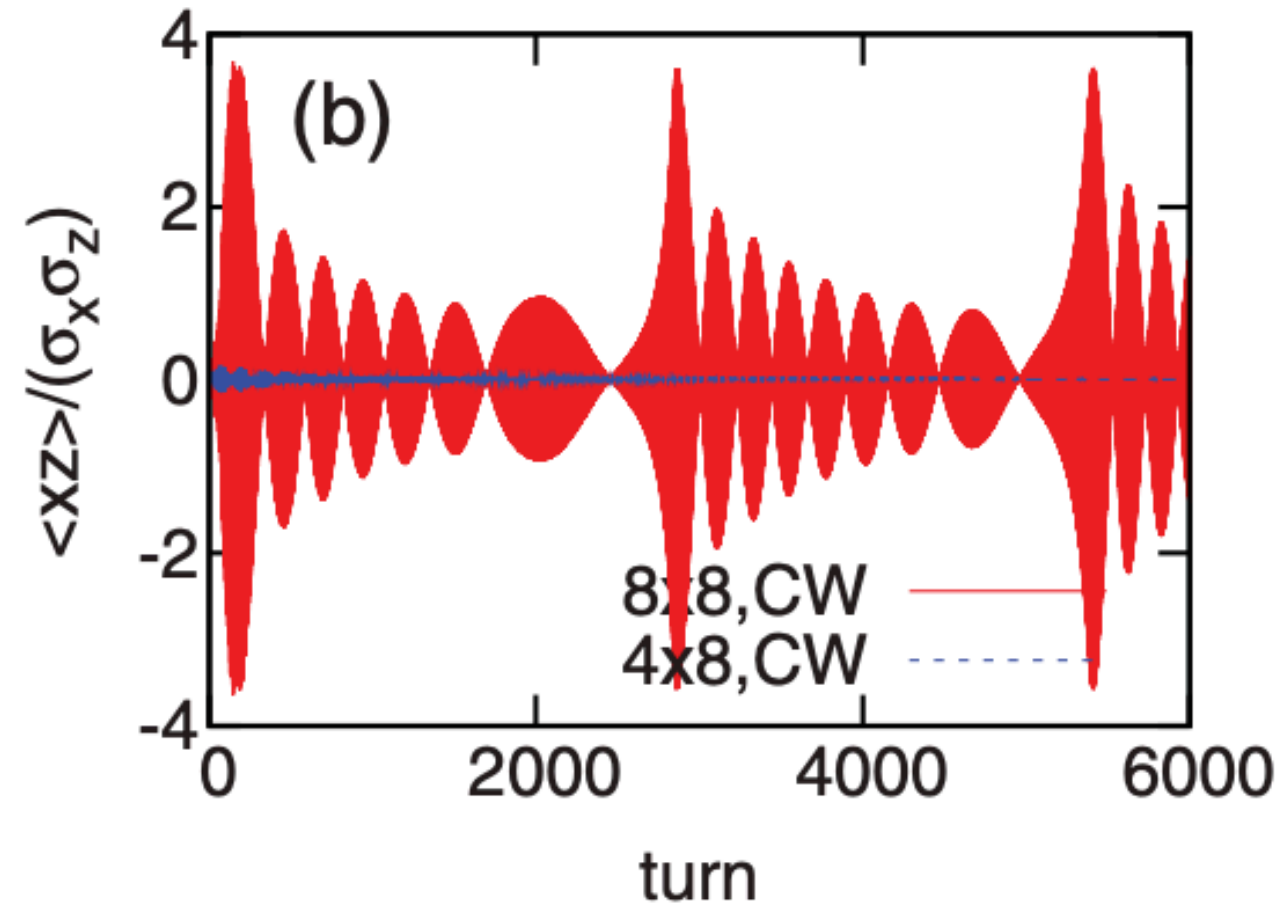
Y. Ohnishi et al., EPJP (2021) 136:1023



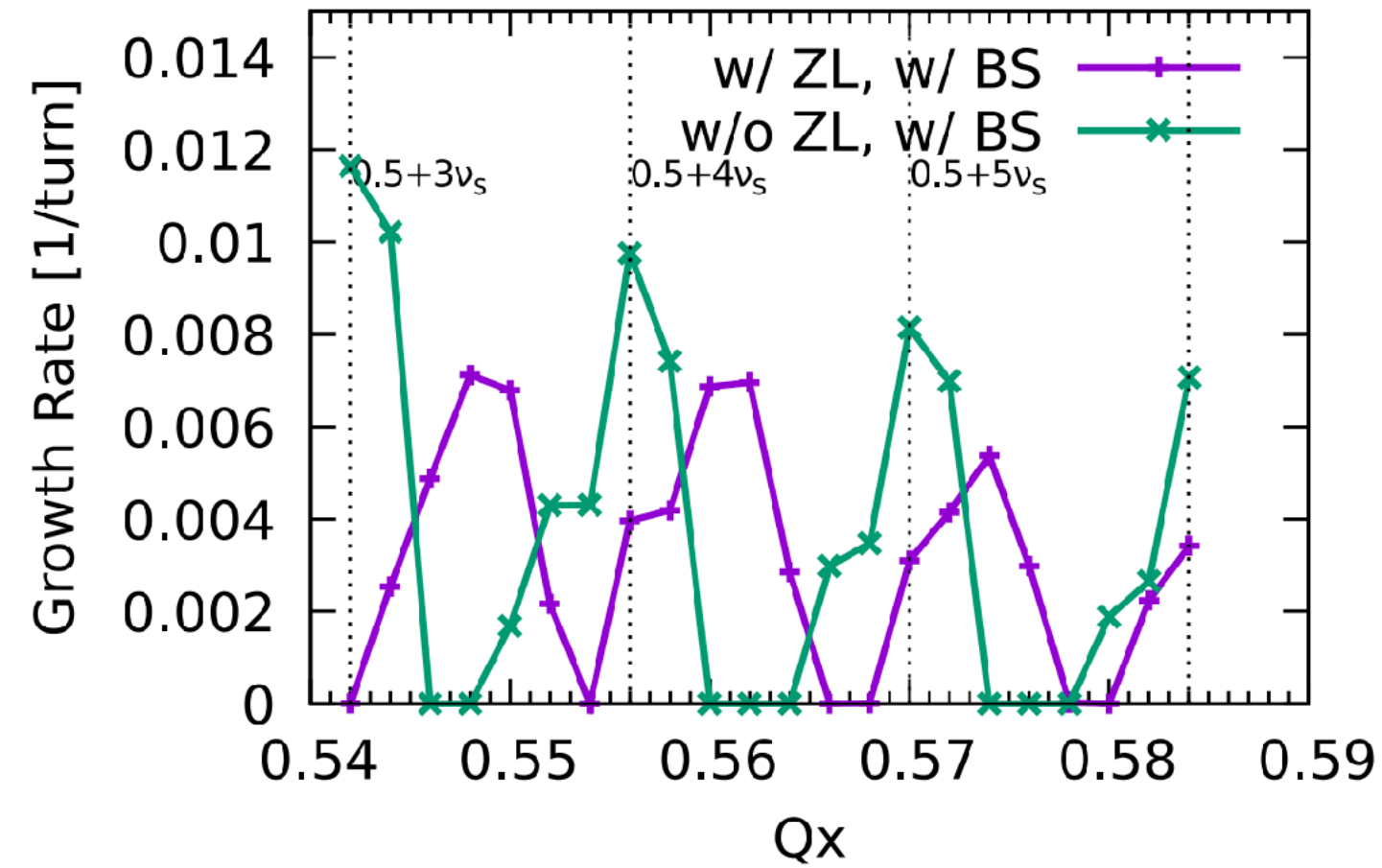
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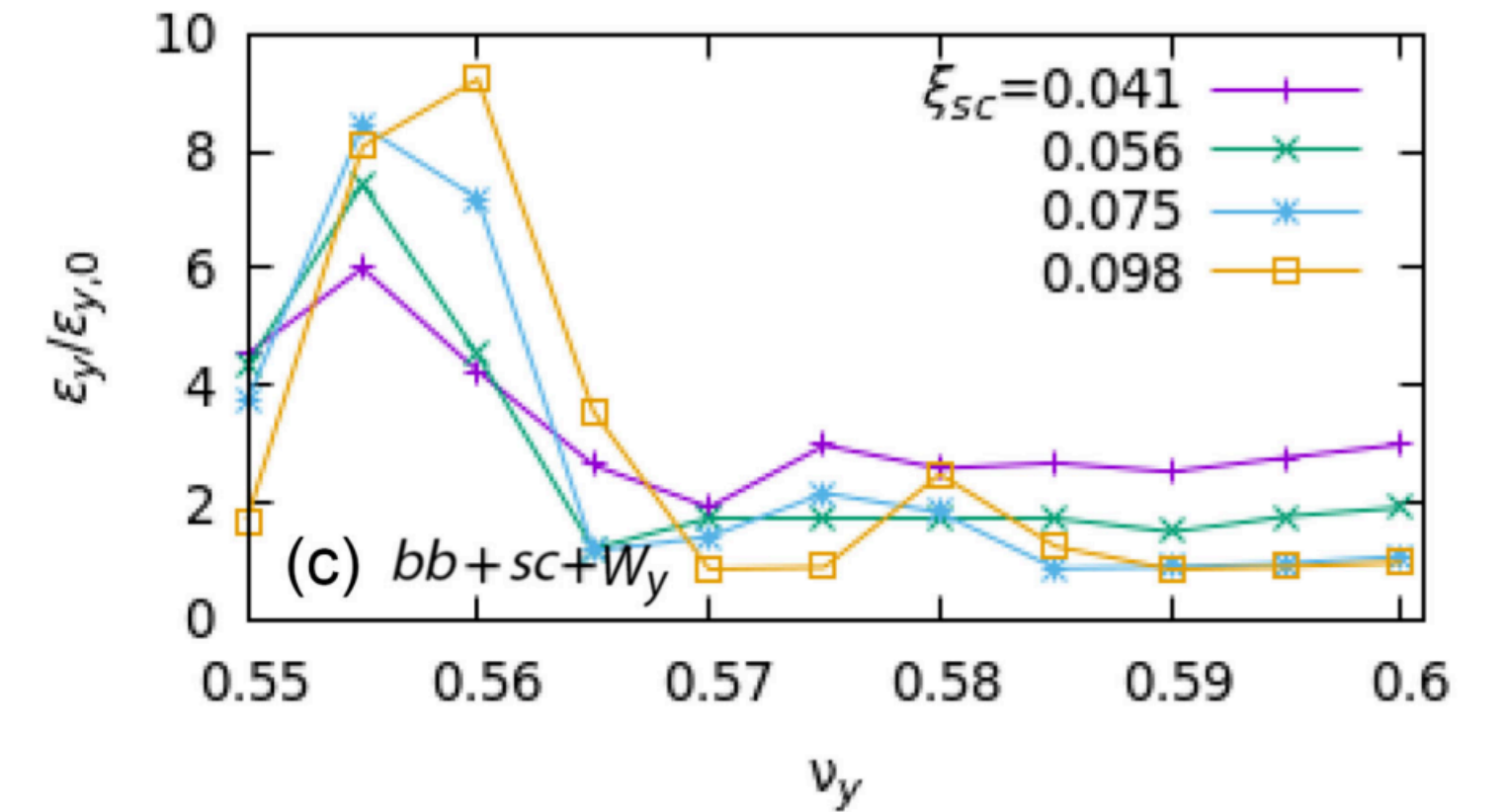
- Key beam-beam phenomena (X-Z instability, Y-Z instability, synchro-betatron resonances, etc.)



K. Ohmi et al., PRL 119, 134801 (2017)



Y. Zhang et al., PRAB 23, 104402 (2020)



K. Ohmi et al., PRAB 27, 101001 (2024)

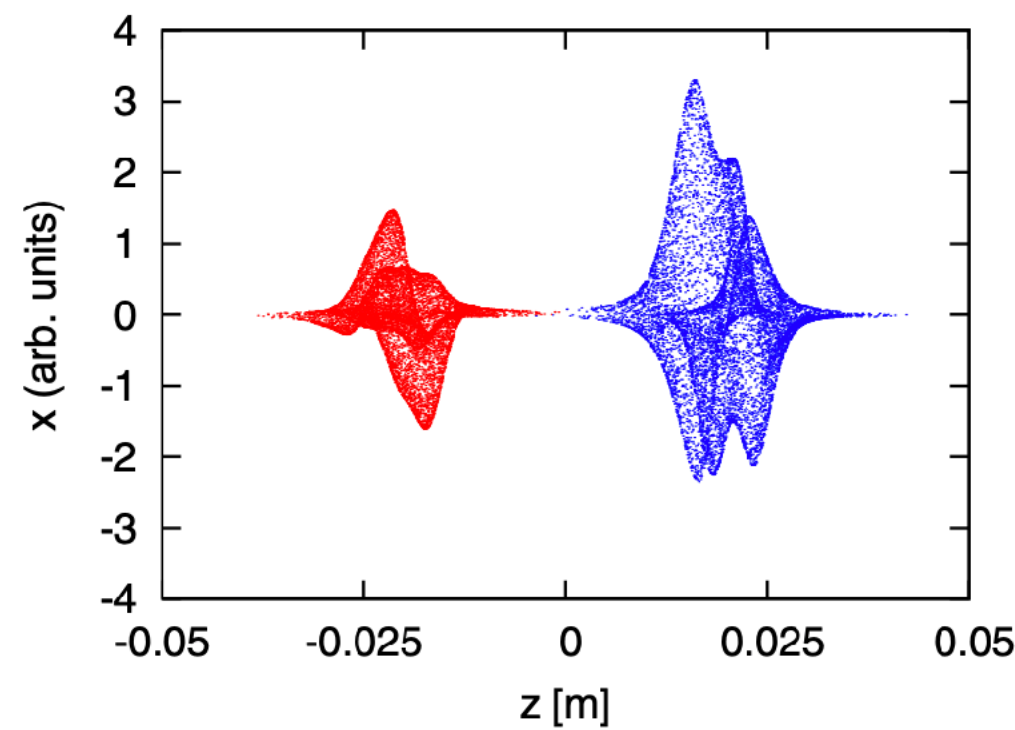
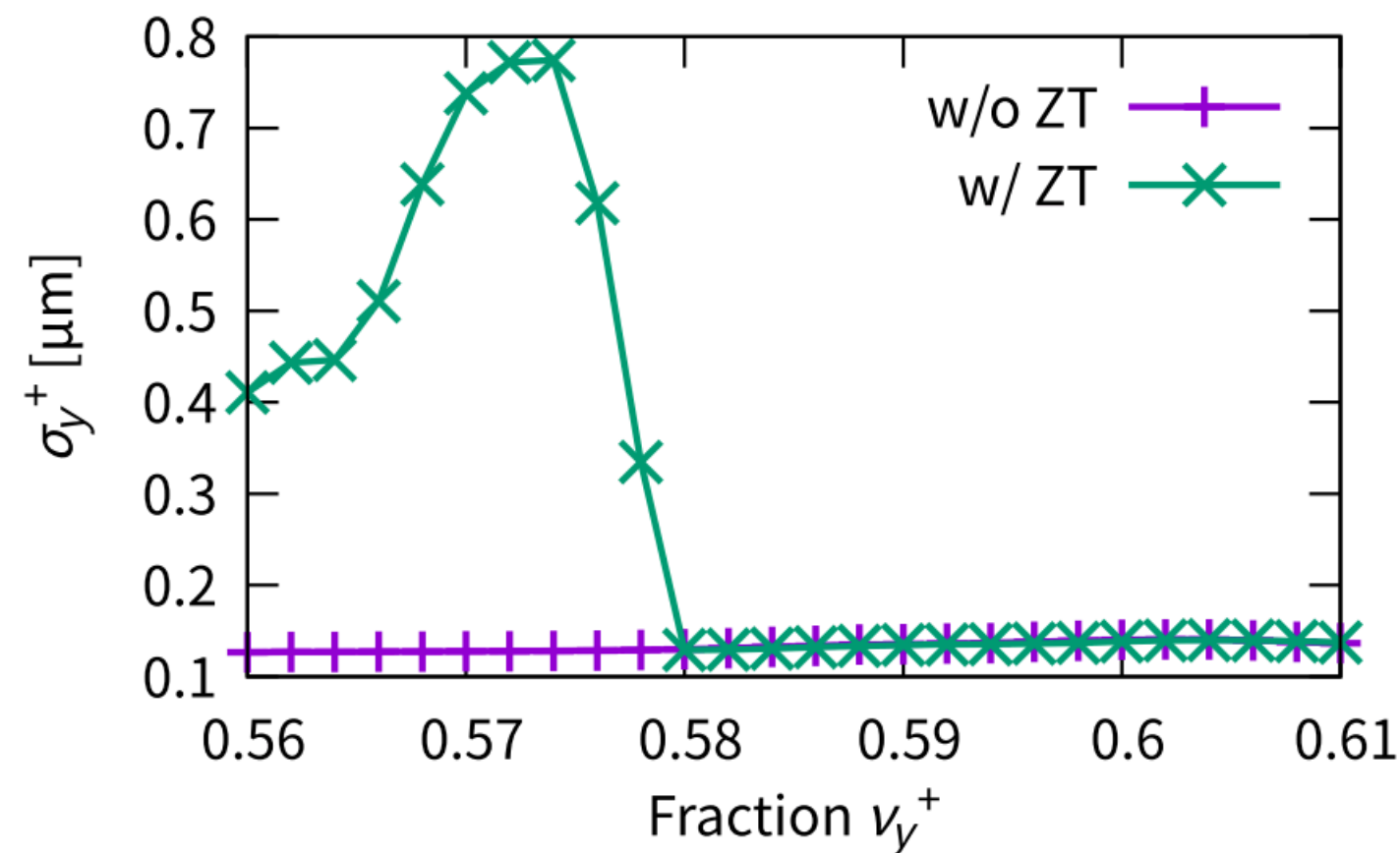
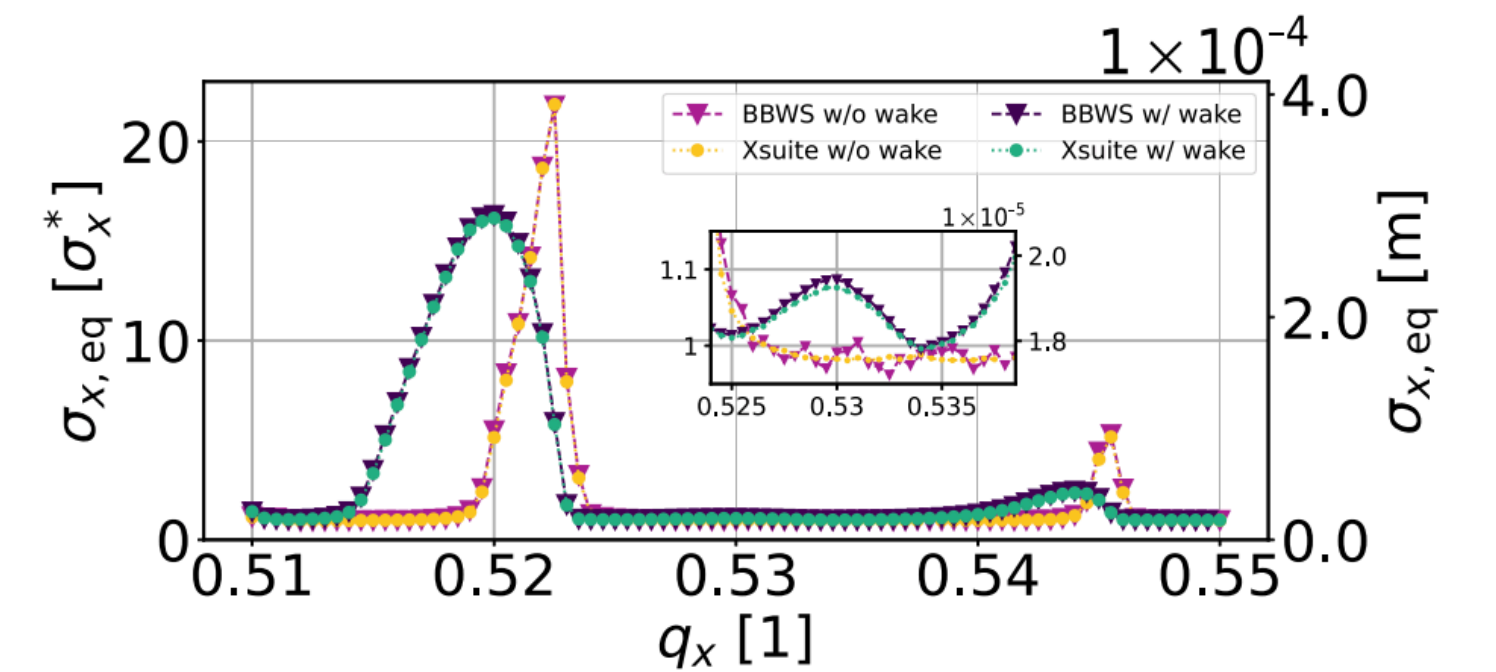


FIG. 11. Beam distribution in the $x-z$ plane at the collision point for $\nu_x^{(-)} = 0.57$ and $\nu_x^{(+)} = 0.53$ (SuperKEKB), where $\theta_p = 8$, $\xi_x^{(+)} = 0.0174$, $\xi_x^{(-)} = 0.0099$, $\nu_z^{(+)} = 0.0244$, and $\nu_z^{(-)} = 0.028$.

N. Kuroo et al., PRAB 21, 031002 (2018)



Y. Zhang et al., PRAB 26, 064401 (2023)



P. Kicsiny et al., PRAB 28, 051002 (2025)

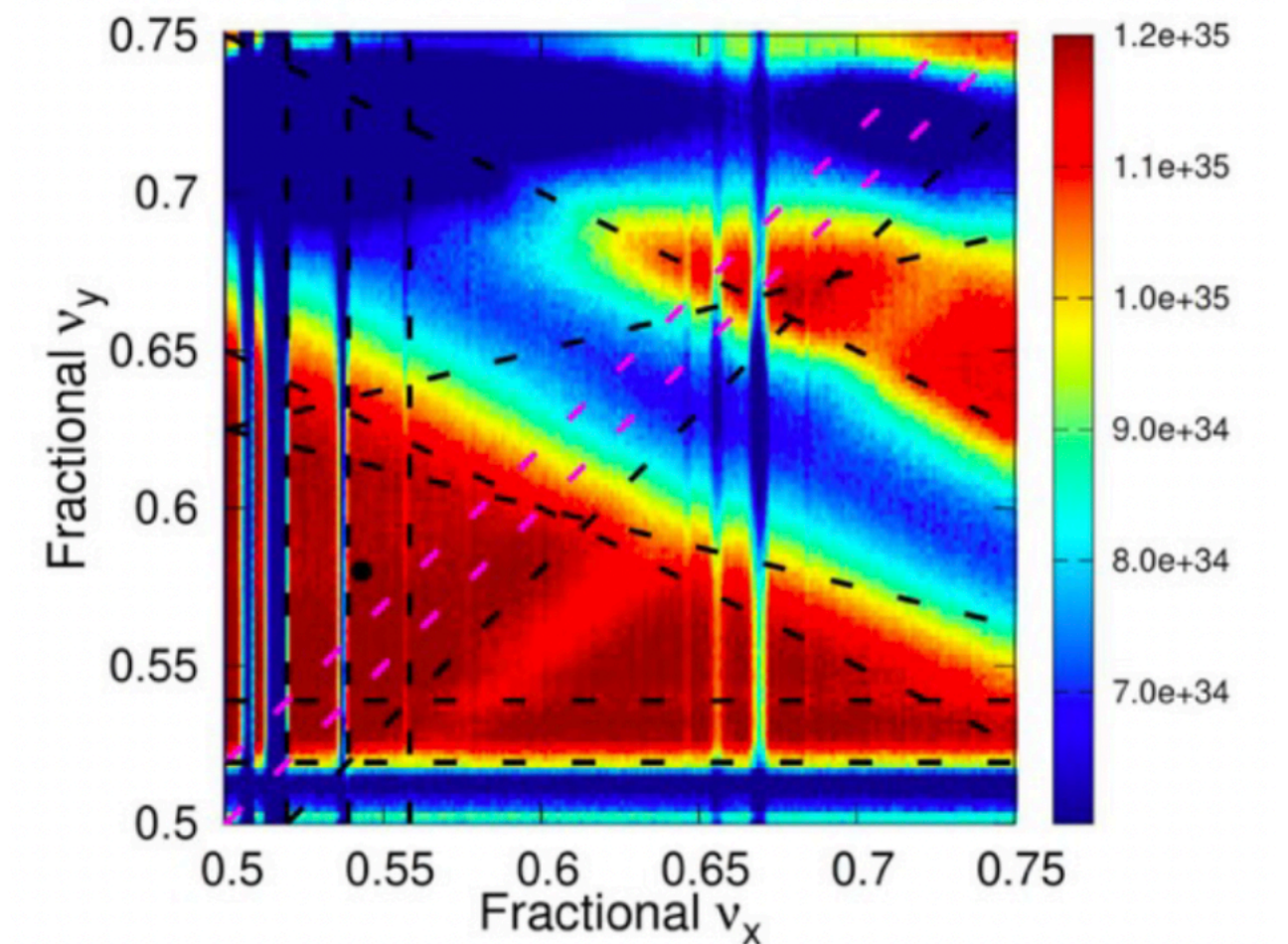
Beam-beam effects in crab-waist colliders

- Implications for STCF parameter regime (The machine design must ensure that the target luminosity is achievable)
 - Beam-beam limit: $\xi_y \approx \xi_y^L \lesssim 0.1$ (account for multi-physics phenomena beyond pure BB effects)
 - Hourglass effects $\zeta_x = \sigma_x^*/(\beta_y^* \tan(2\theta)) \lesssim 0.5$ (smaller ζ_x is desirable but challenging IR optics)
 - Synchro-betatron resonances and coherent X-Z instability: $\nu_s/\xi_x > 3$ (larger ν_s/ξ_x is desirable but challenging ring optics)
 - Horizontal tune: $0.5 + k\nu_s < [\nu_x] < 0.5 + (k + 1)\nu_s$ with $k = 2$ or 3 (to be validated via simulations)

$$\xi_x = \frac{N_p r_e \beta_x^*}{2\pi\gamma\sigma_x^{*2}(1 + \phi^2)} \approx \frac{N_p r_e \beta_x^*}{2\pi\gamma\sigma_z^2\theta^2}$$

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$$L = \frac{\gamma I}{2e r_e \beta_y^*} \xi_y^L$$

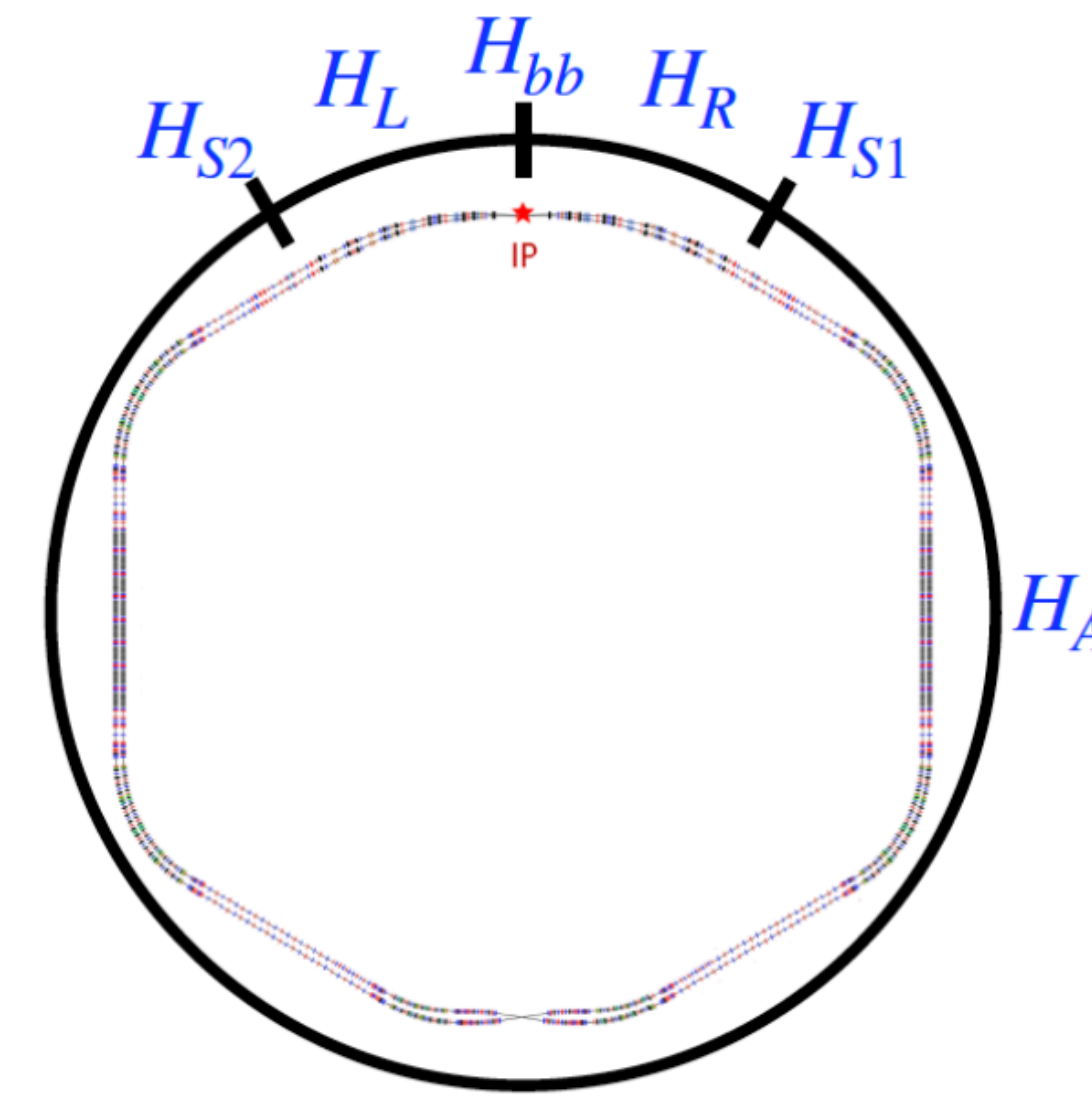


Weak-strong tune scan for STCF

See Y. Zou, L. Zhang, T. Liu's talks on optics design/optimizations

Beam-beam simulation framework for STCF

- Weak-strong model + simple one-turn map: BBWS
 - Incoherent beam-beam effects
- Weak-strong model + full lattice: SAD code
 - Interplay of beam-beam interactions and full lattices (Incoherent effects)
- Strong-strong model + simple one-turn map: BBSS
 - Coherent X-Z and Y-Z instabilities with wakefields
- Strong-strong model + full lattices: BBSCCL (old STCR) code
 - Interplay of multiple physical processes (incoherent and coherent effects)
- The codes BBWS/BBSS/BBSCCL were developed by K. Ohmi



- Model of a CW collider ring
 - In terms of Lie maps, the one-turn map is

$$M = e^{-:H_R:} e^{-:H_{S1}:} e^{-:H_A:} e^{-:H_{S2}:} e^{-:H_L:} e^{-:H_{bb}:}$$

- Sequence of elements:
 - H_R, H_L : right and left side of IR
 - H_{S1}, H_{S2} : first and second CW sextupole
 - H_A : arc and straight sections
 - H_{bb} : beam-beam kick at IP

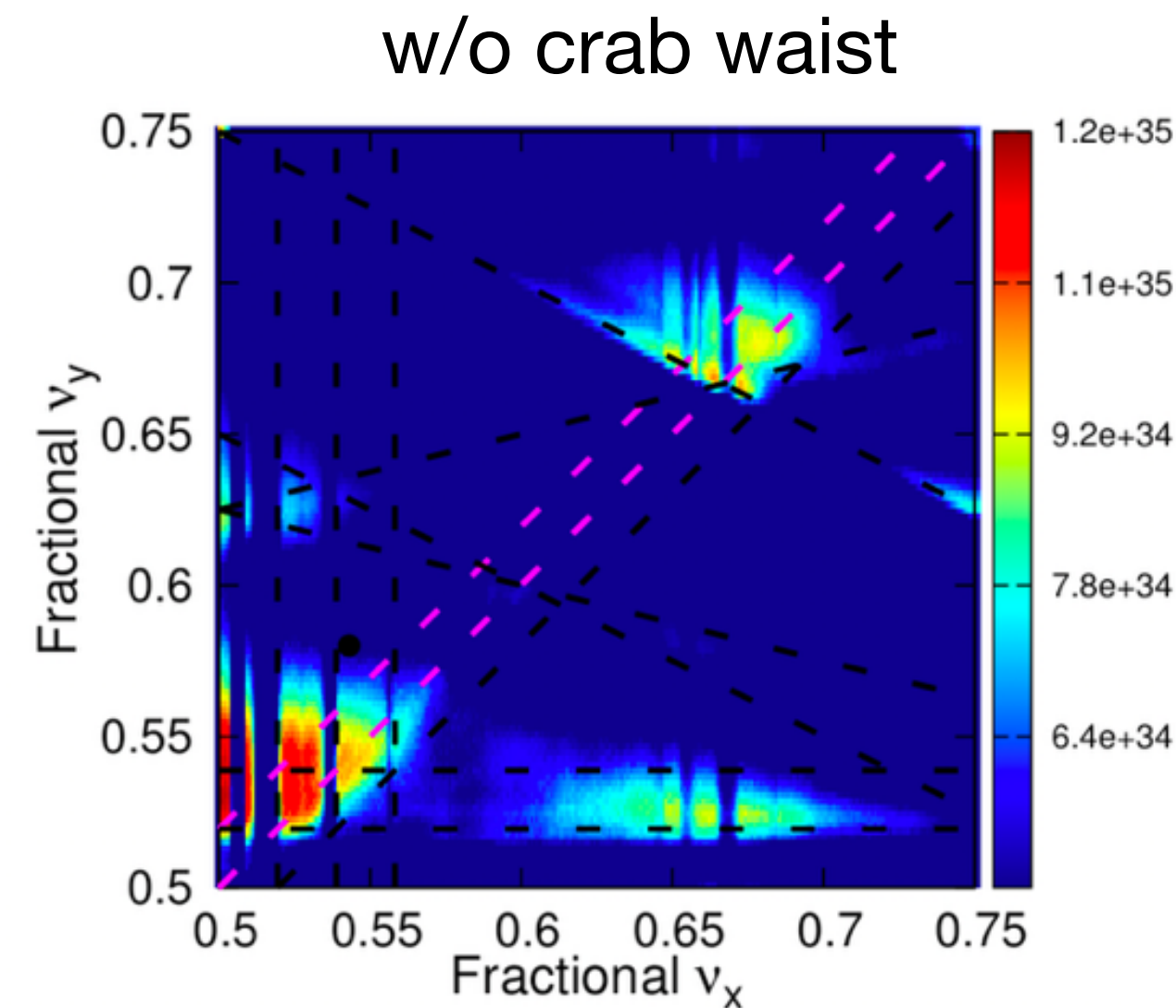
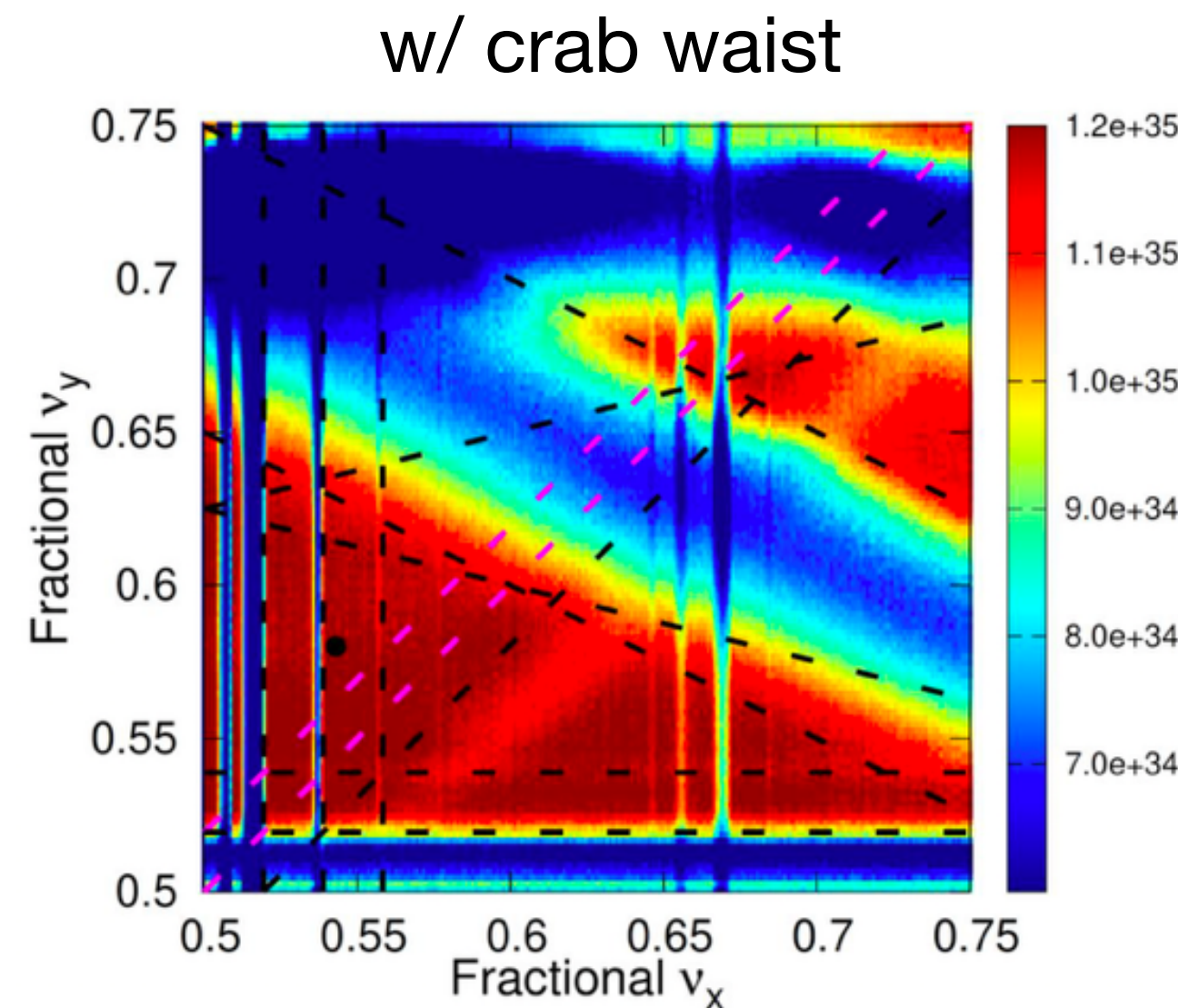
- The one-turn map of an ideal CW collider ring is

$$M_i = e^{-:H_0:} e^{-:H_{cw}:} e^{-:H_{bb}:} e^{H_{cw}:} \quad H_{cw} = \frac{\chi}{2 \tan(2\theta_c)} x p_y^2$$

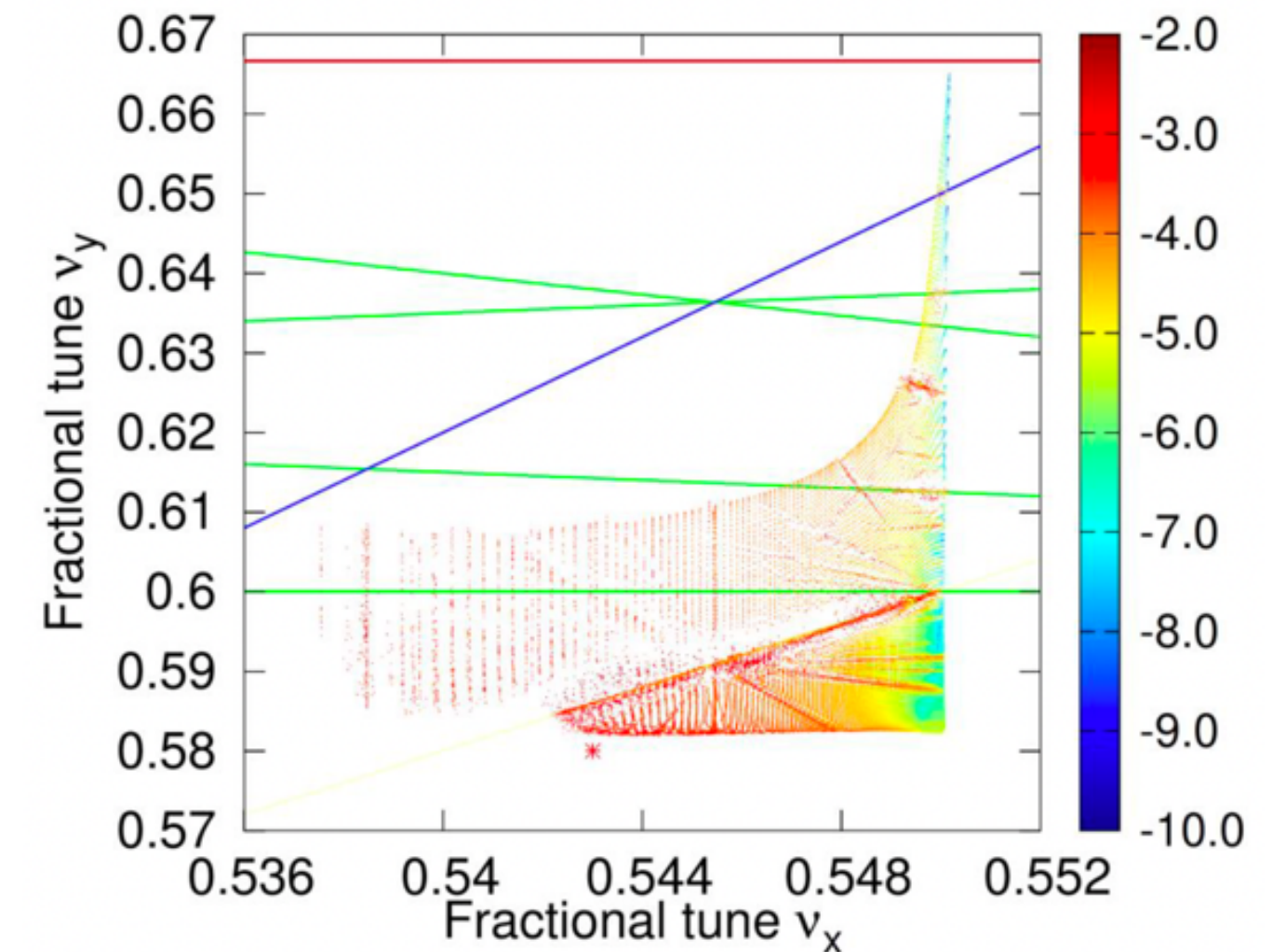
- $\chi=1$ for full CW strength
- H_0 is determined only by $\beta_{x,y,z}^*$ and $\nu_{x,y,z}$

Beam-beam simulation results for STCF (2 GeV)

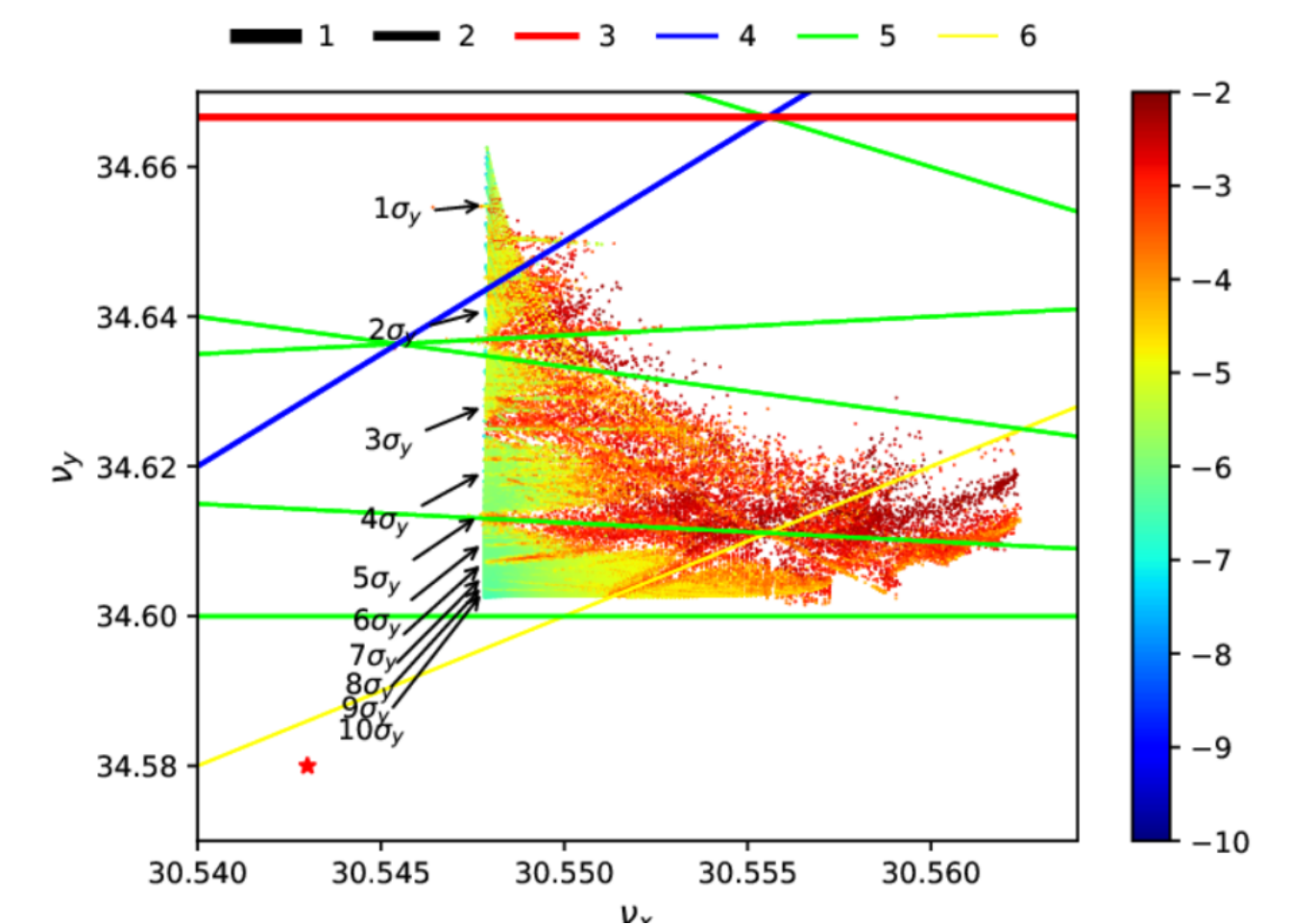
- Weak-strong simulations using BBWS
 - Tune scan to identify beam-beam resonances and choose optimal working point
- Weak-strong simulations using SAD
 - Interplay of beam-beam and lattice resonances
 - Evaluation/optimization of dynamic aperture and lifetime (see T. Liu's talk)



Tune footprint with $\partial \nu_{x,y} / \partial J_{x,y} < 0$



Tune footprint with $\partial \nu_{x,y} / \partial J_{x,y} > 0$

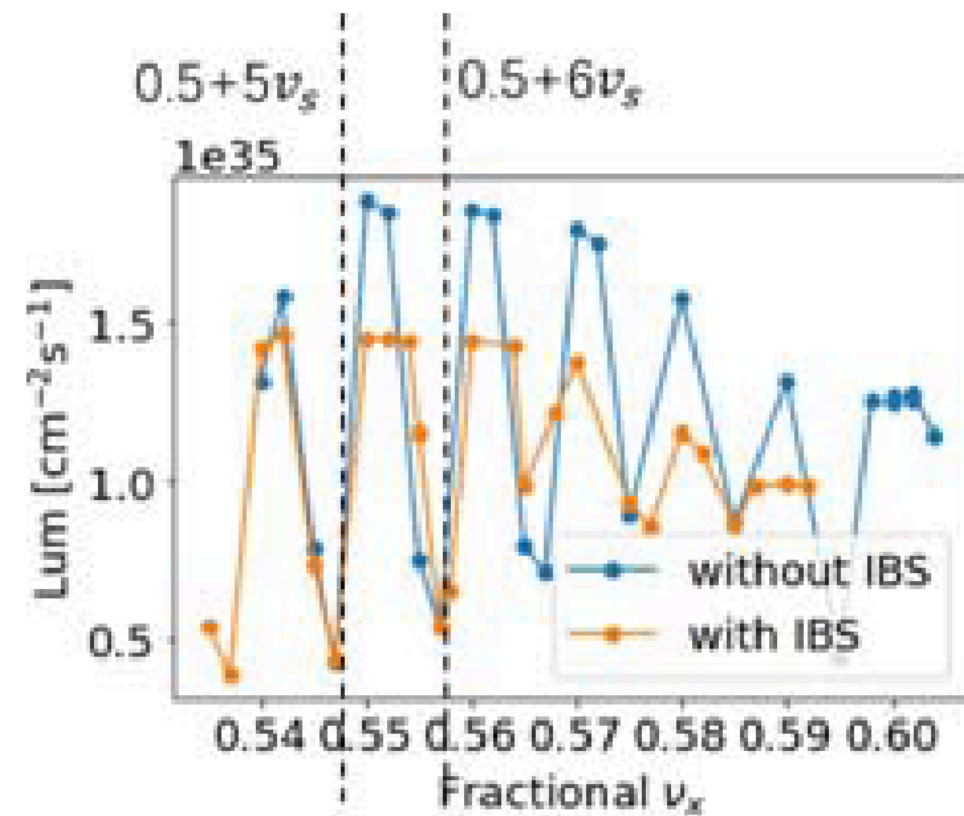


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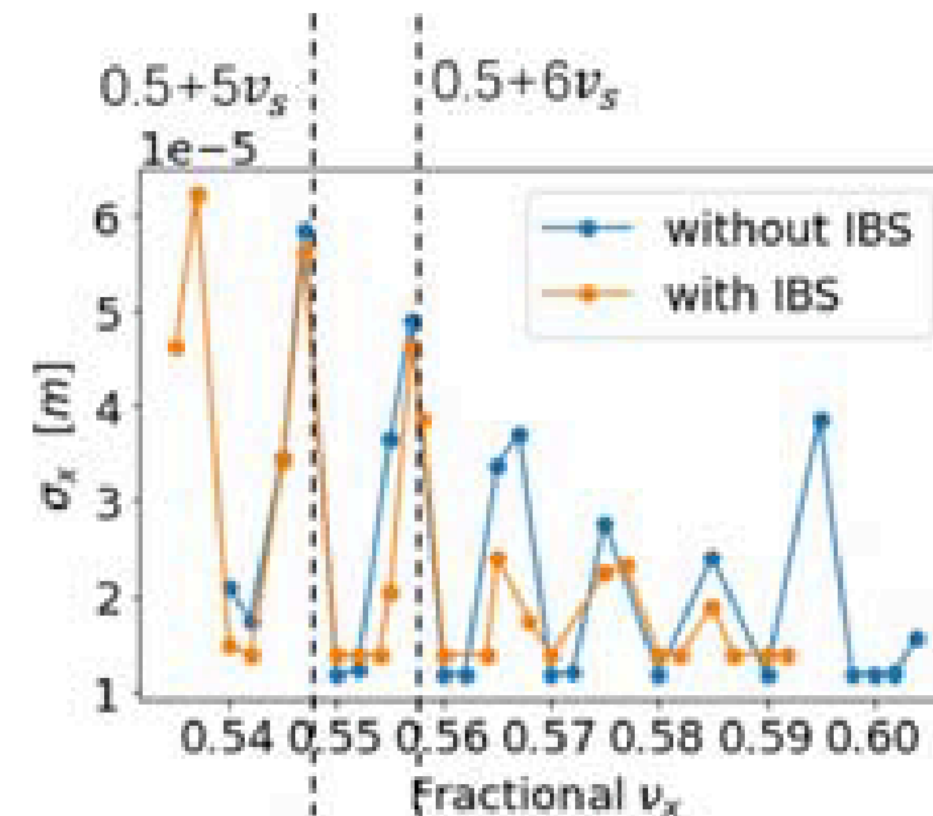
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- Strong-strong simulations using BBSS/IBB
 - Parameter optimizations [ν_s : 0.01 \rightarrow 0.02, β_x^* : 60 mm \rightarrow 40 mm (see Y. Zou's talk)] accounting for X-Z instability (and MWI/TMCI)
 - Interplay of beam-beam and impedance effects (see T. He's talk on collective effects)

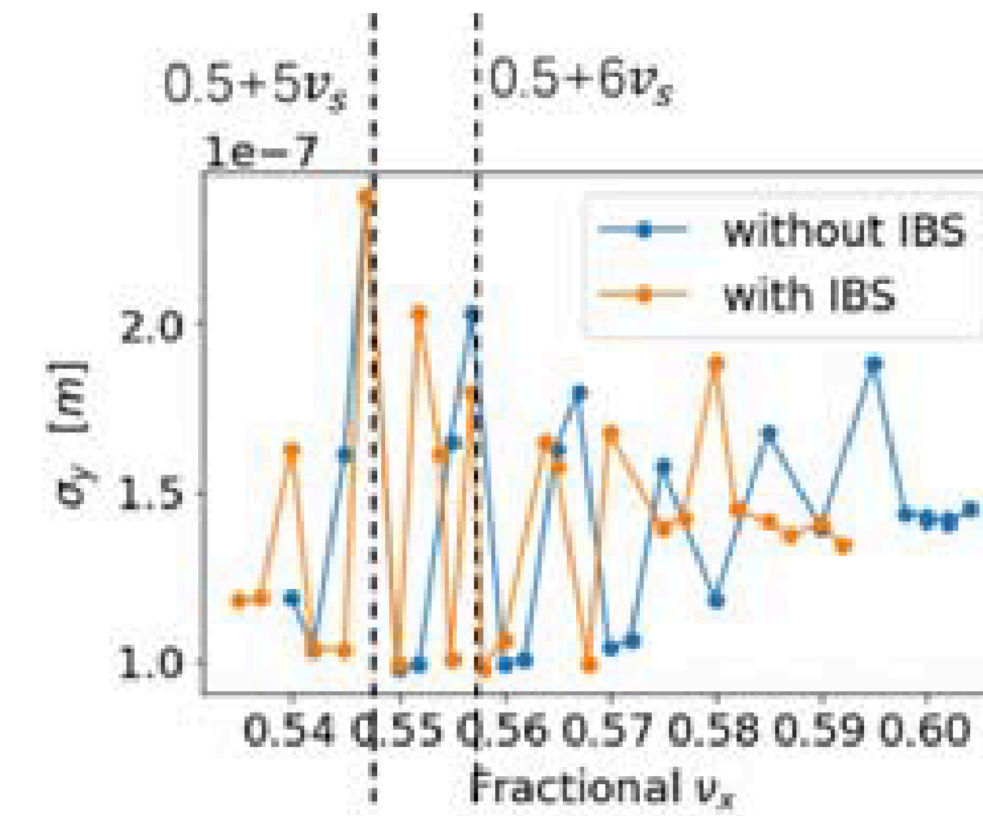
Strong-strong simulations with $\nu_s=0.0096$



(a) Luminosity



(b) Horizontal σ_x^*

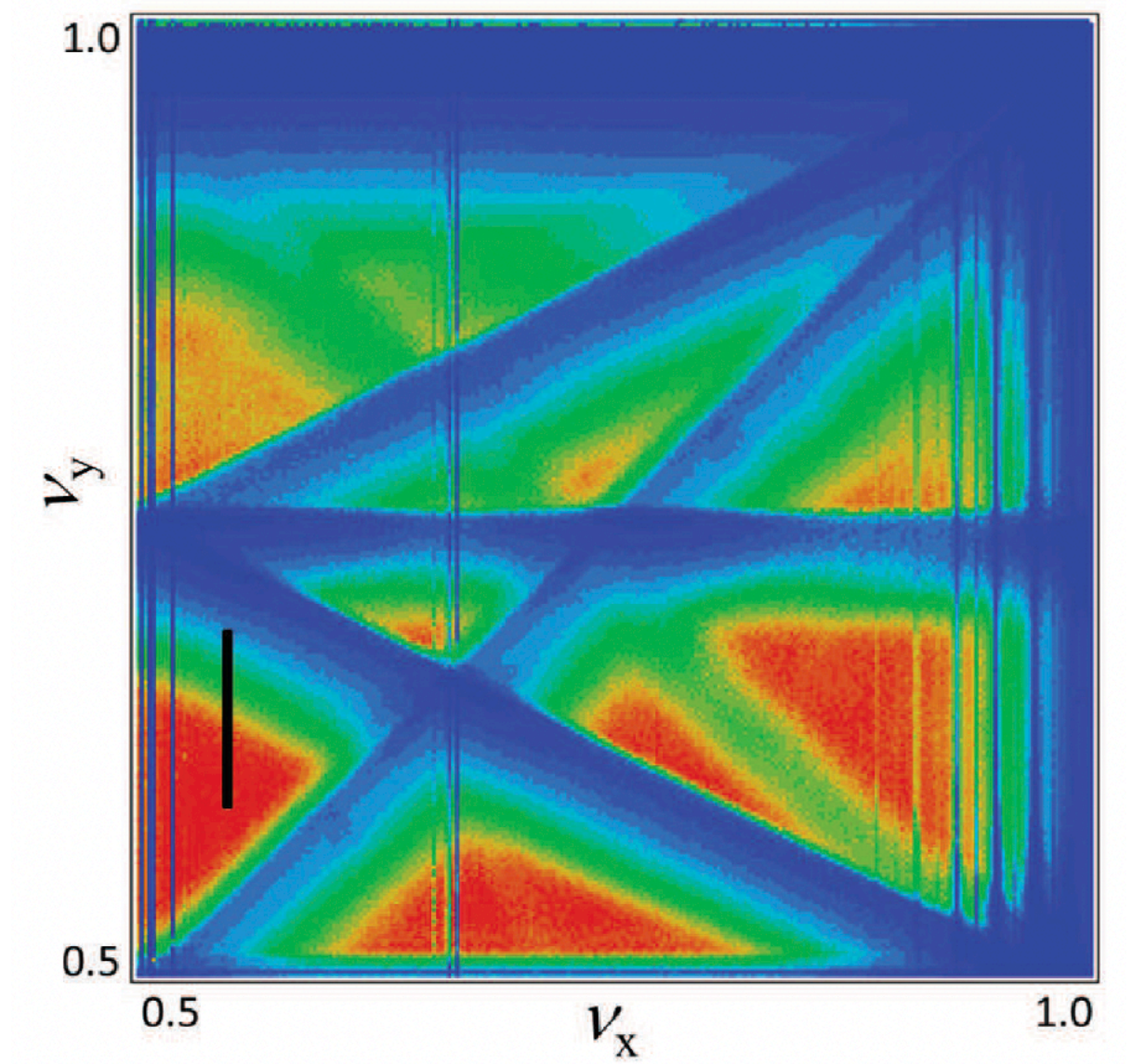


(c) Vertical σ_y^*

S. Li et al., MPLA Vol. 39, No. 40 (2024) 2440013

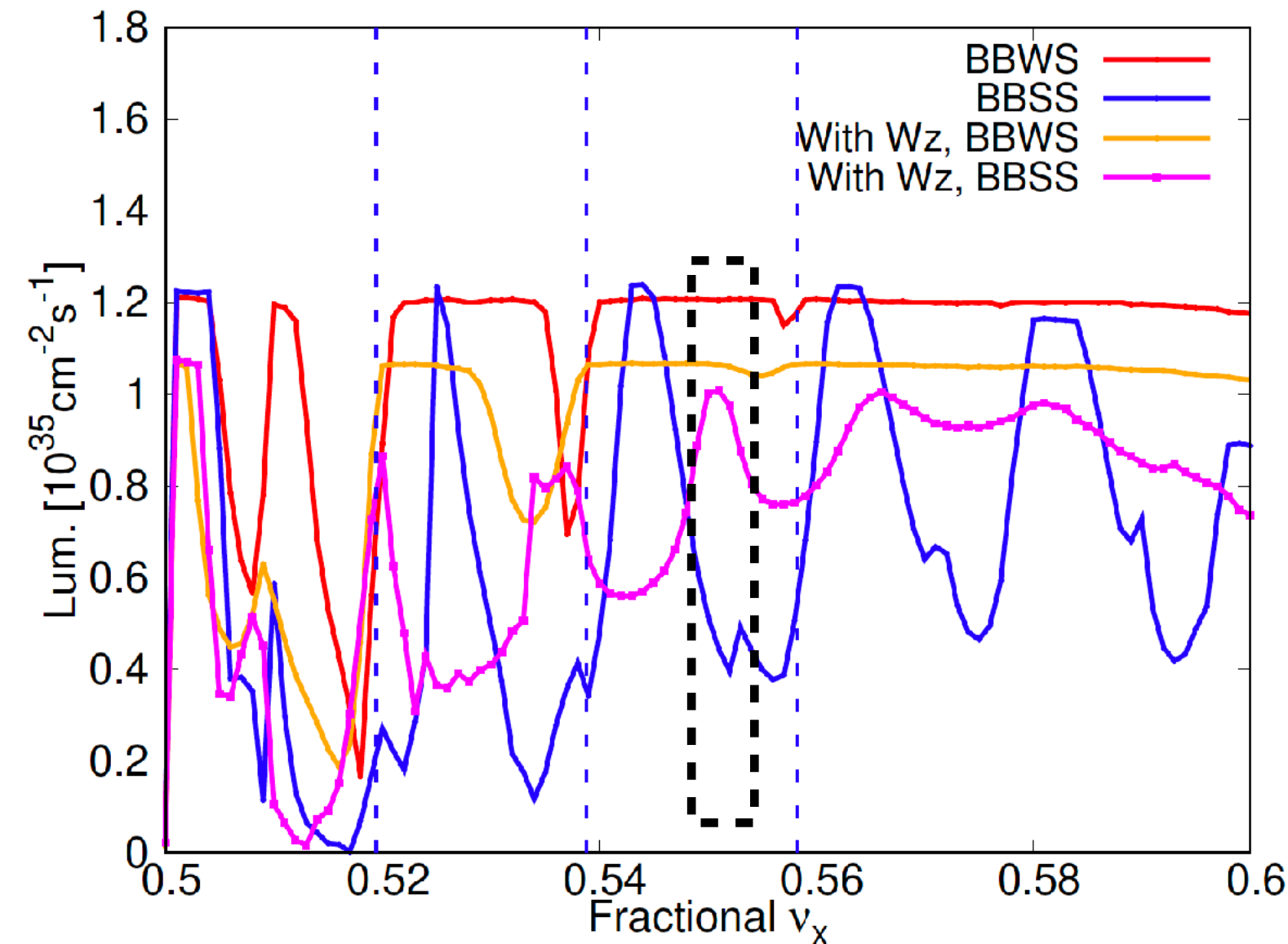
Beam-beam simulation results for STCF (2 GeV)

- Strong-strong simulations with longitudinal impedance using BBSS
 - BBR impedance model used
 - Difficult to operate the machine with $[\nu_x] < 0.5 + 2\nu_s$
 - Maximizing the tune space for good luminosity is preferred from machine operation viewpoint

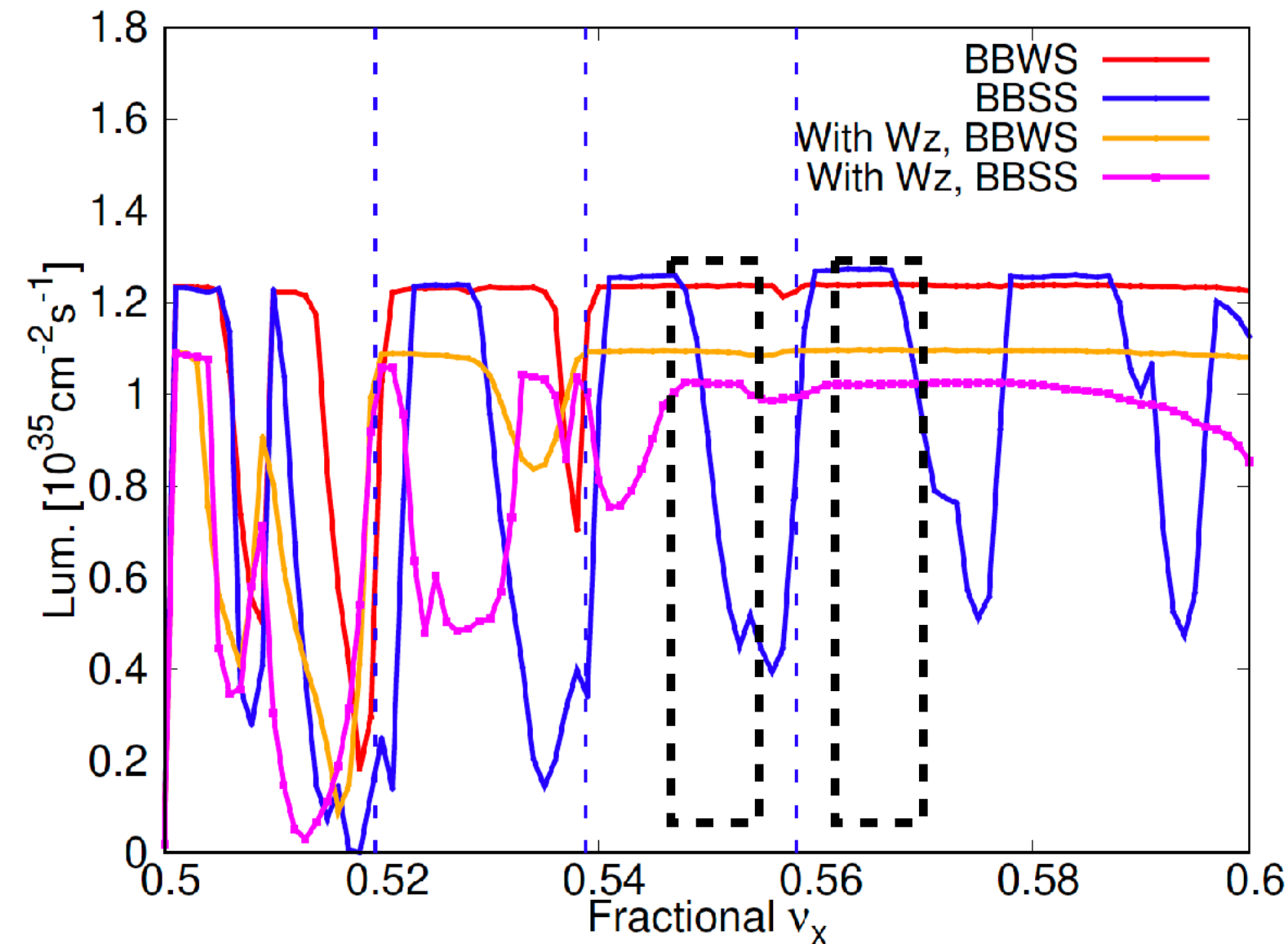


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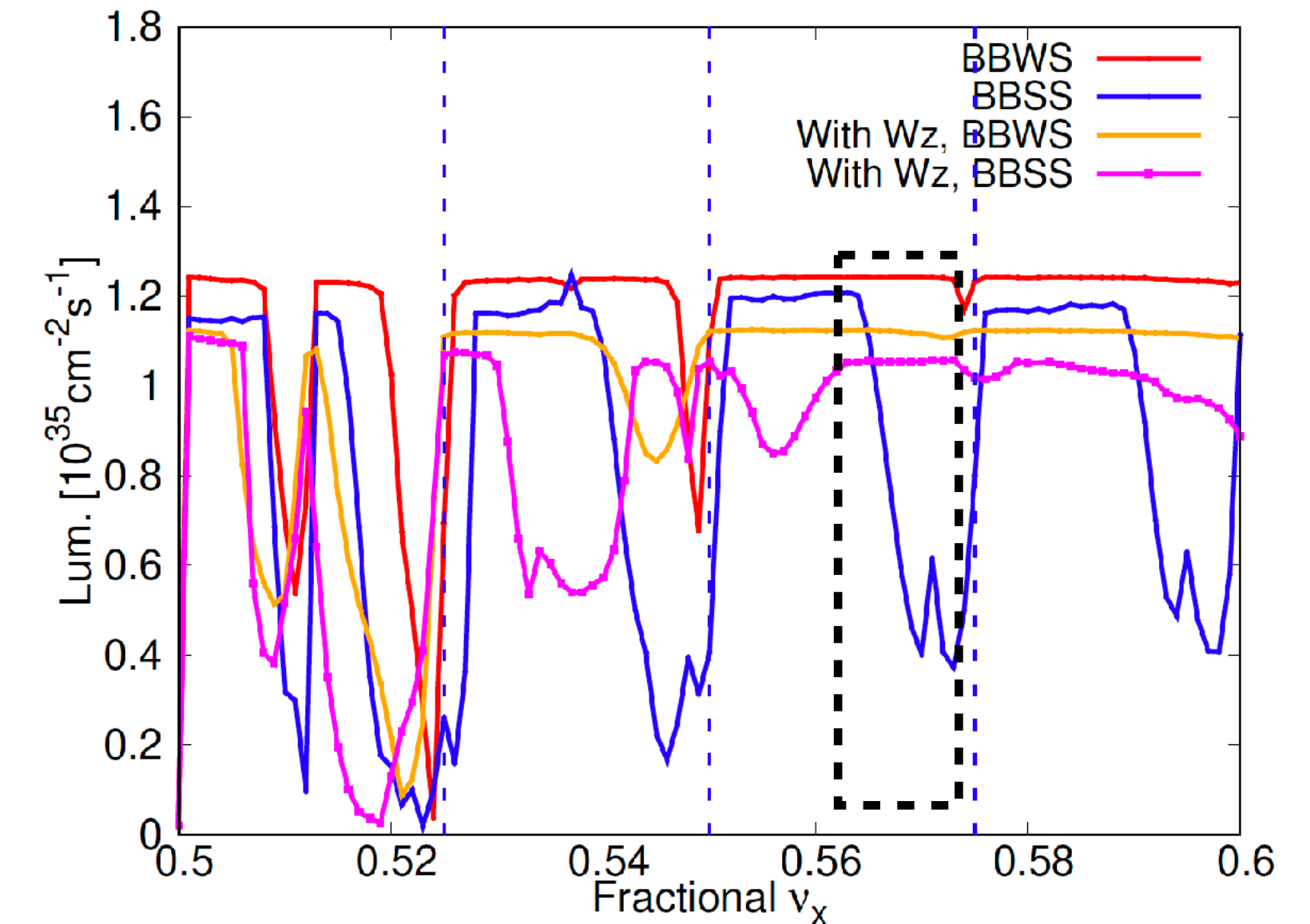
Specific luminosity vs. ν_x
($\beta_x^*=60$ mm, $\nu_s=0.0194$)



Specific luminosity vs. ν_x
($\beta_x^*=40$ mm, $\nu_s=0.0194$)



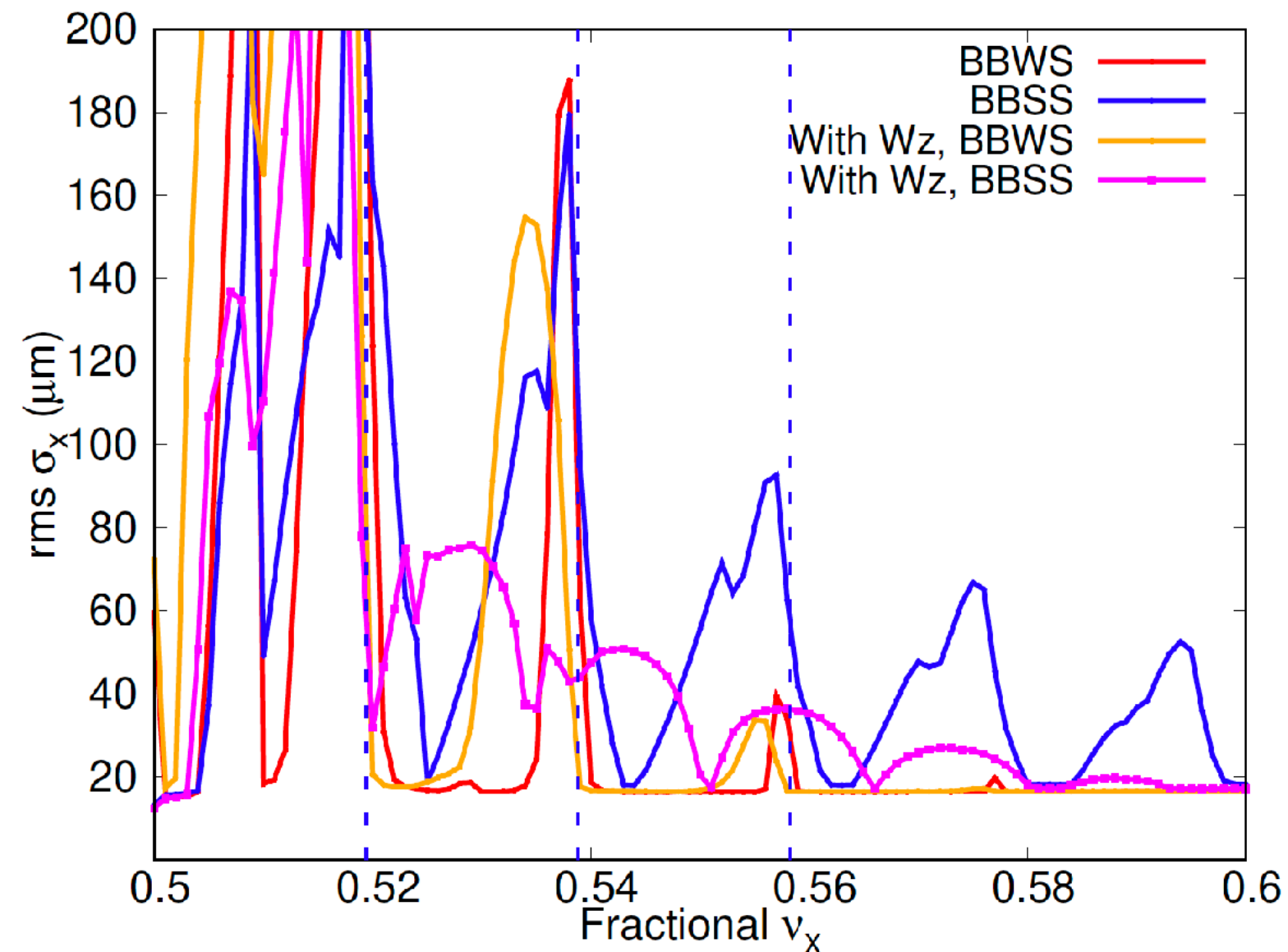
Specific luminosity vs. ν_x
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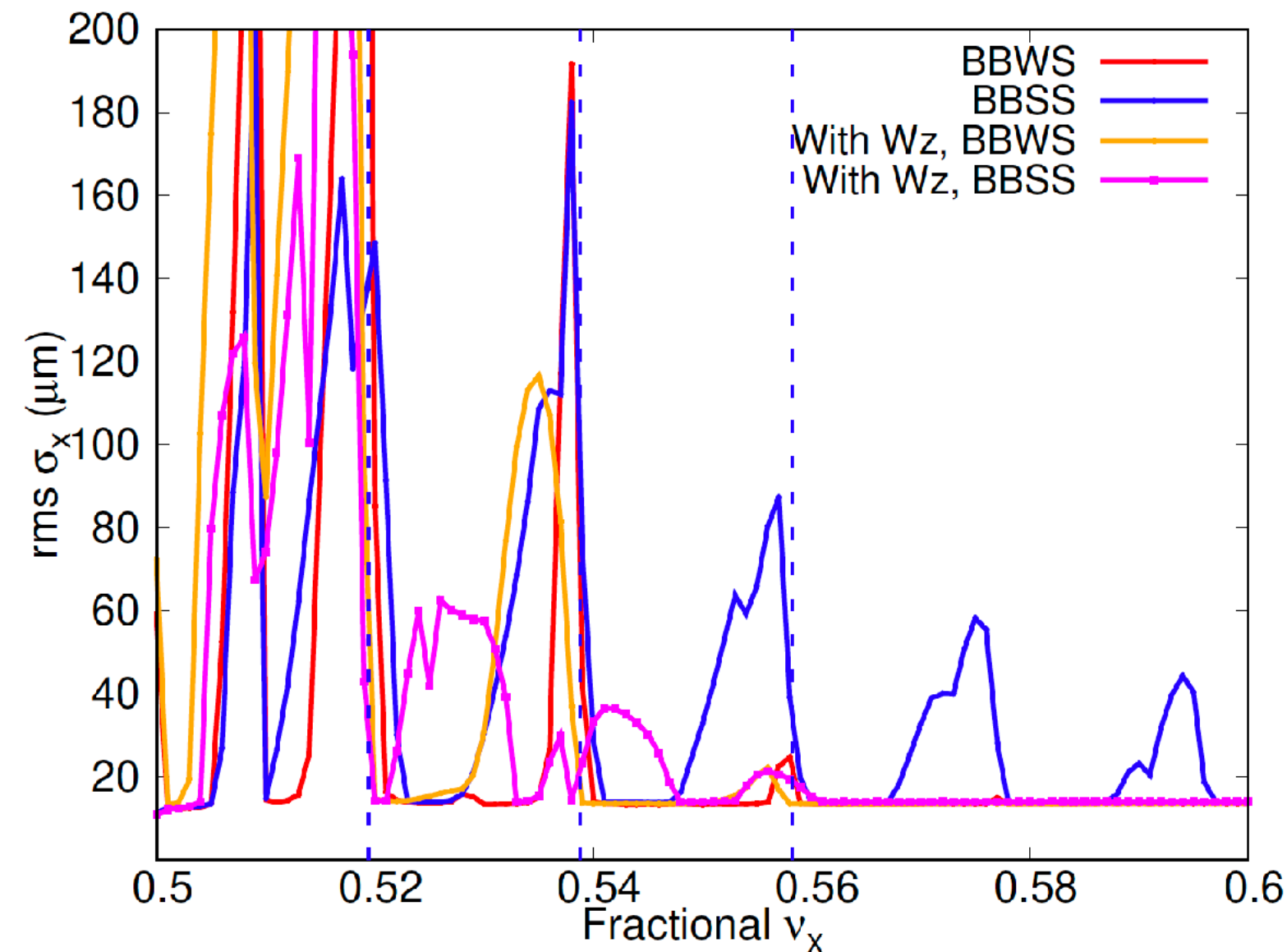
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- Strong-strong simulations with longitudinal impedance using BBSS
 - Impedance effects shift the X-Z instability “peaks” to the left in ν_x axis
 - Impedance effects suppress higher-order X-Z instability through Landau damping

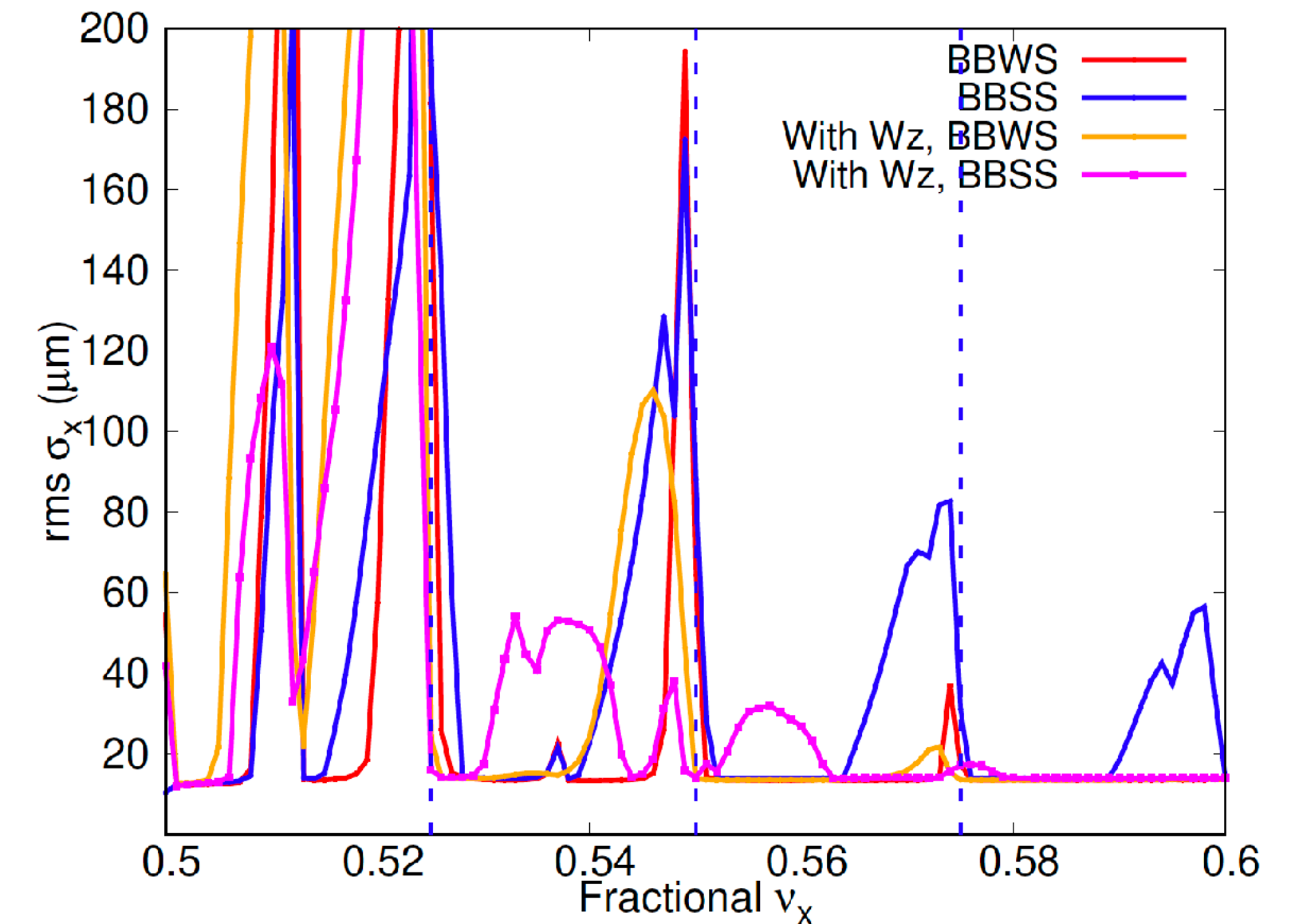
Hor. beam size@IP vs. ν_x
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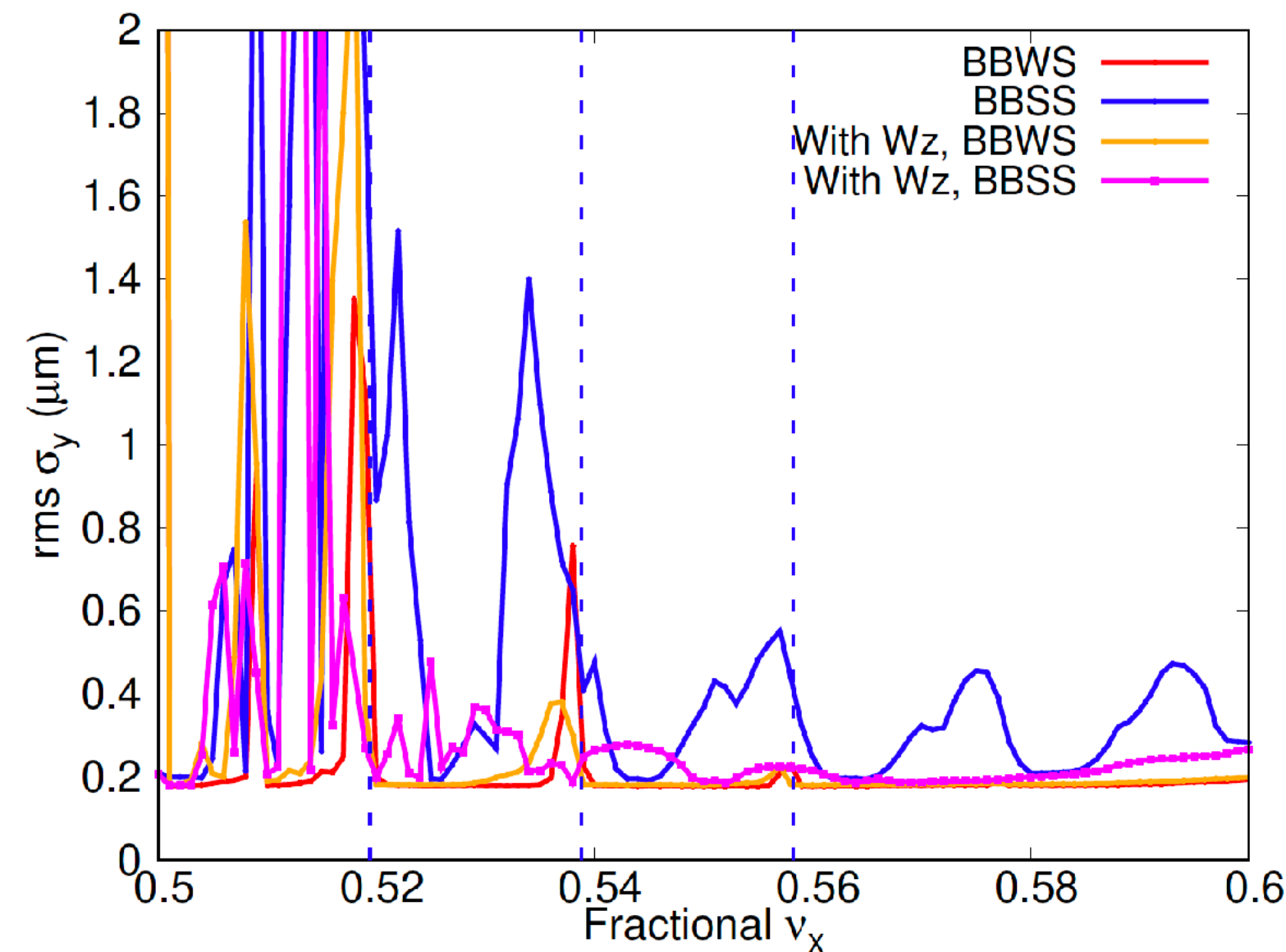
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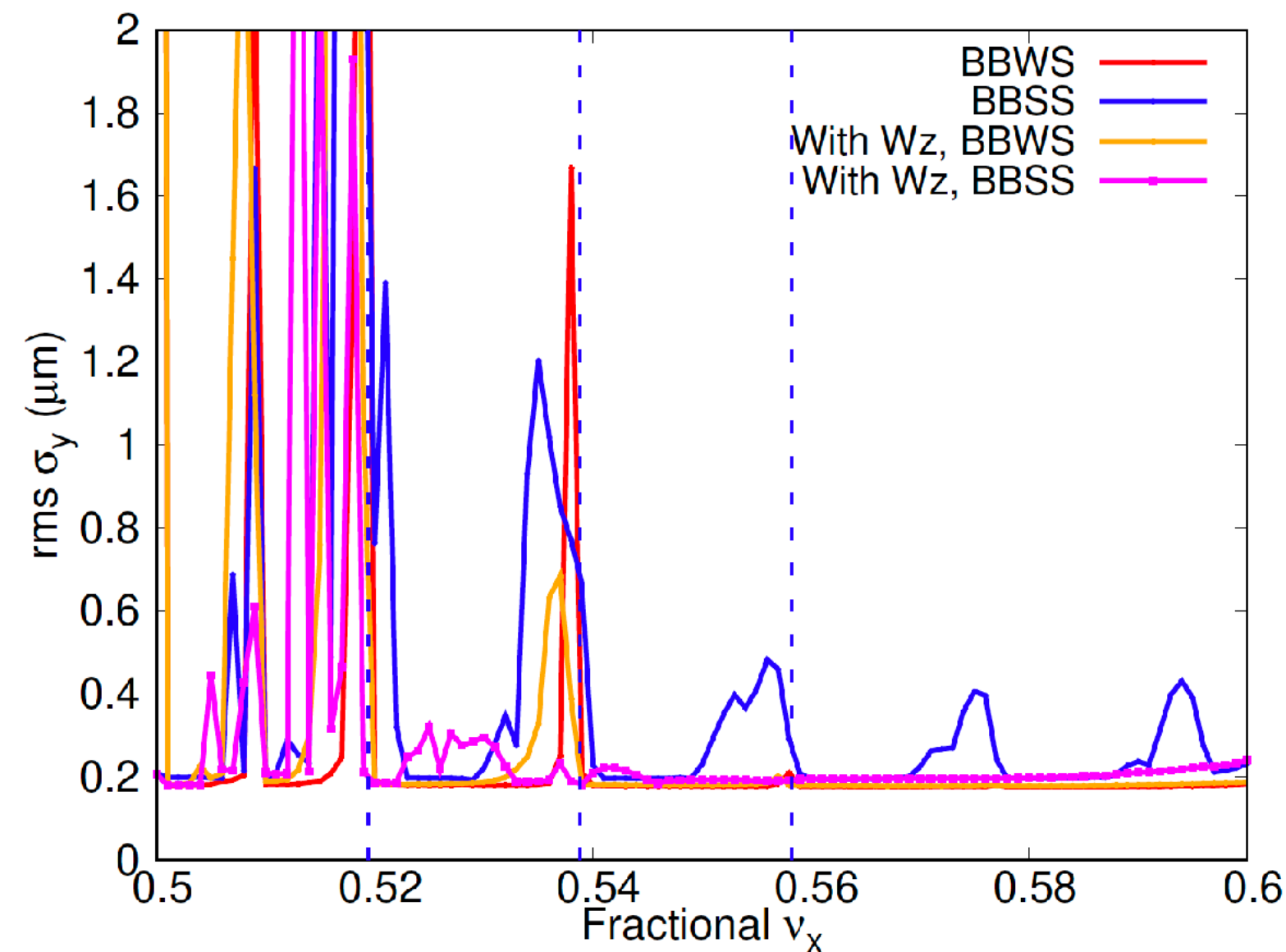
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 - When X-Z instability appears, σ_y^* also blows up. This suggests that X-Z instability disrupts the crab-waist transformation and must be avoided.

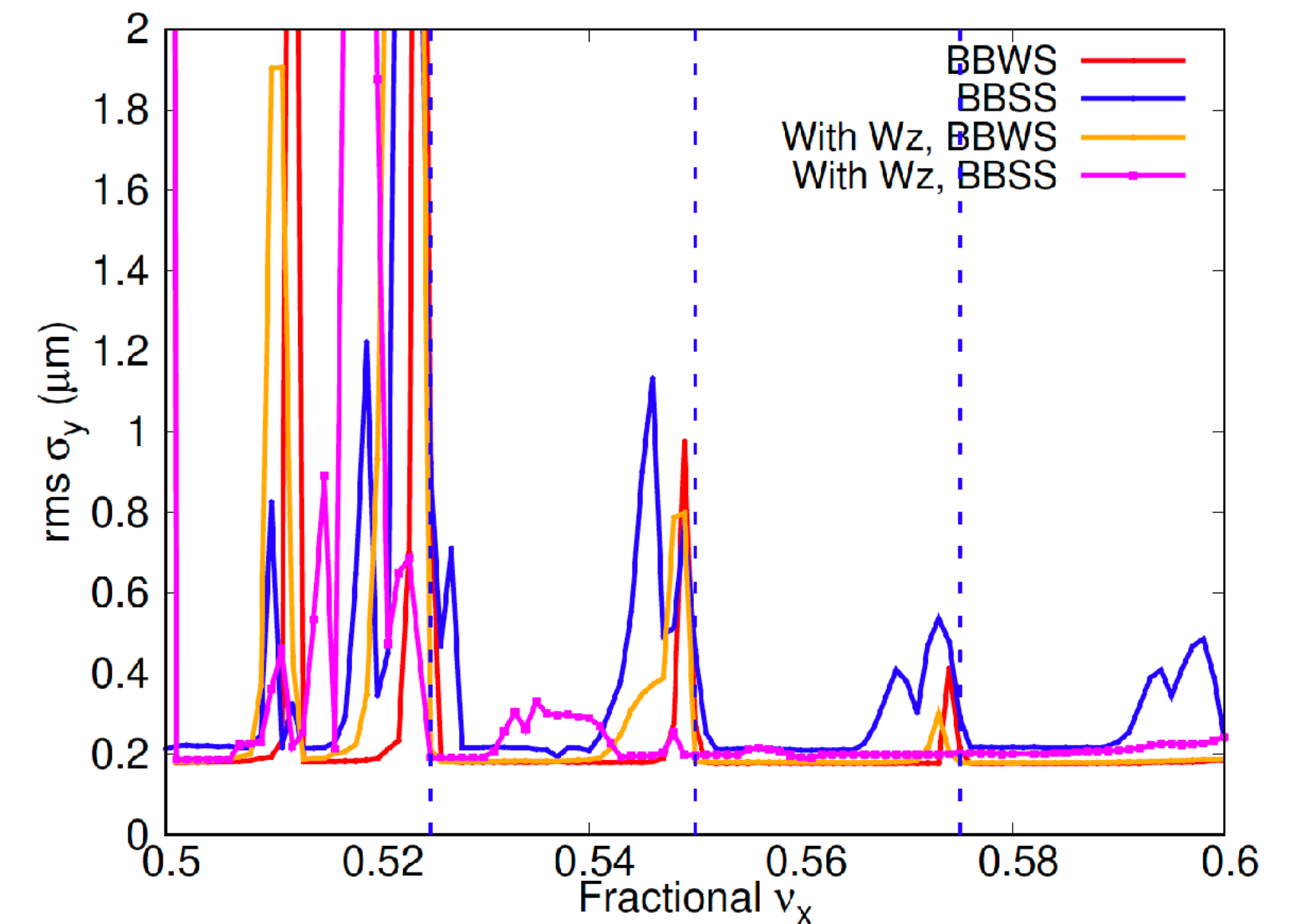
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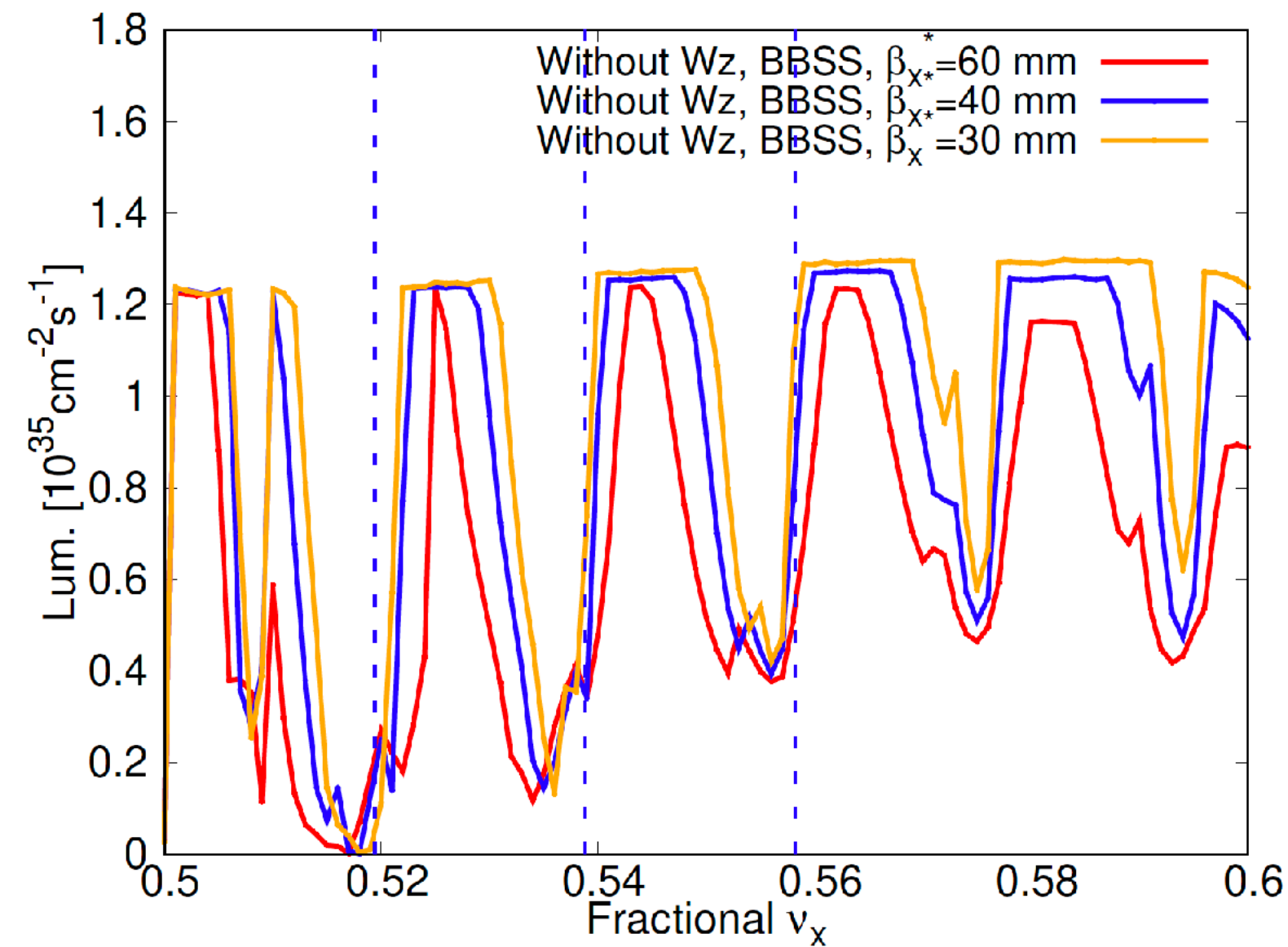
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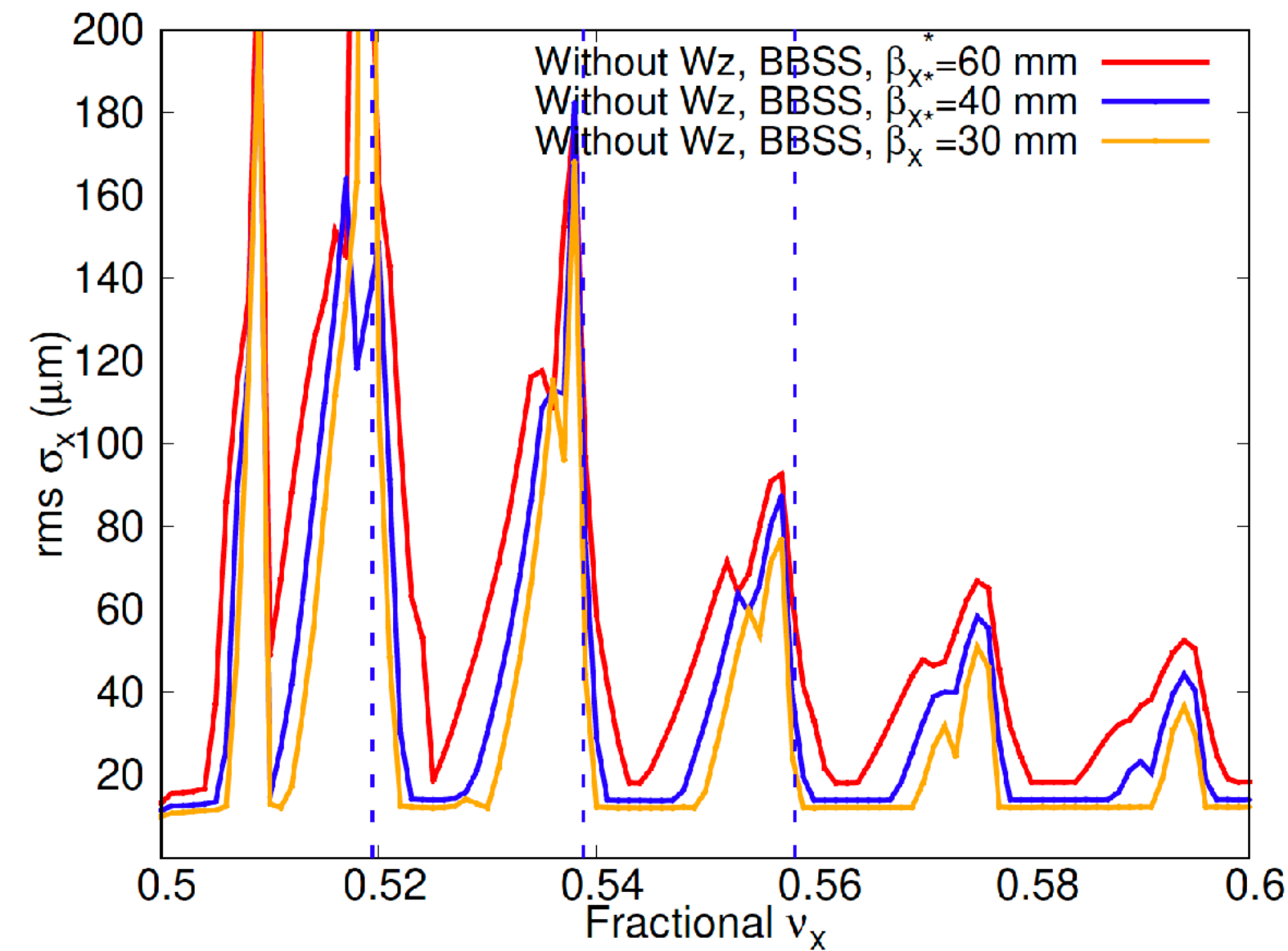
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 - Smaller β_x^* leads better performance

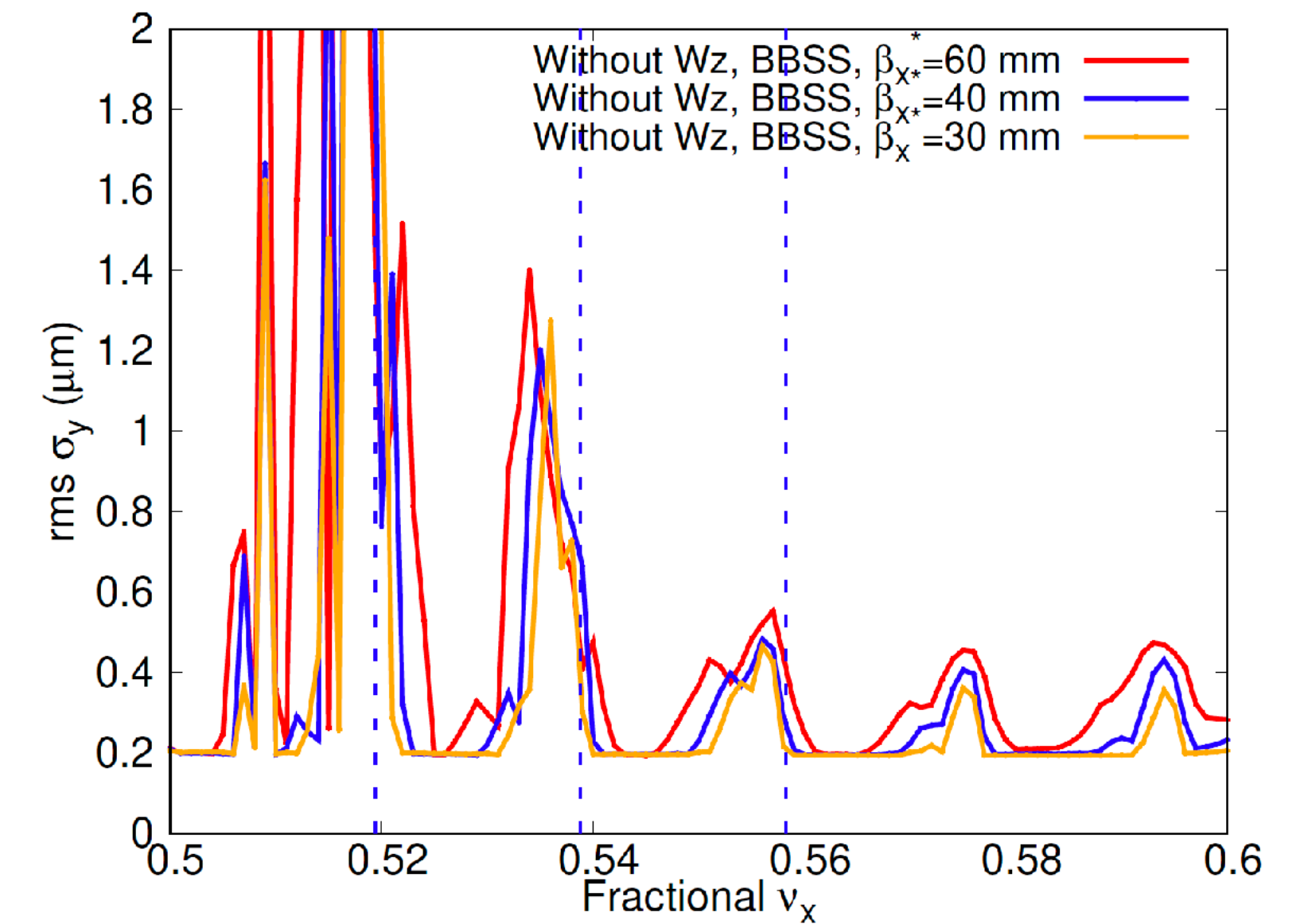
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σ_x^* vs. ν_x



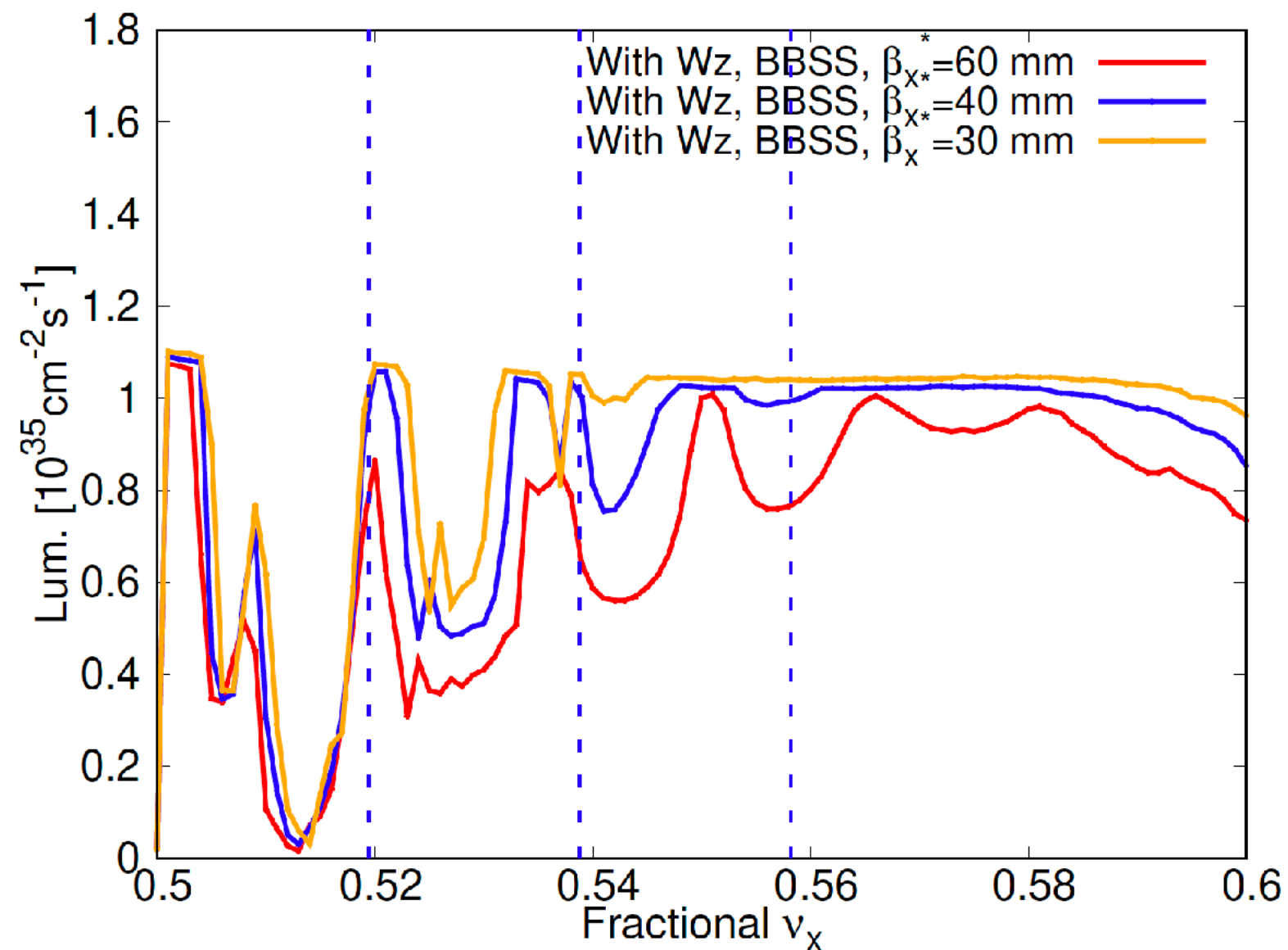
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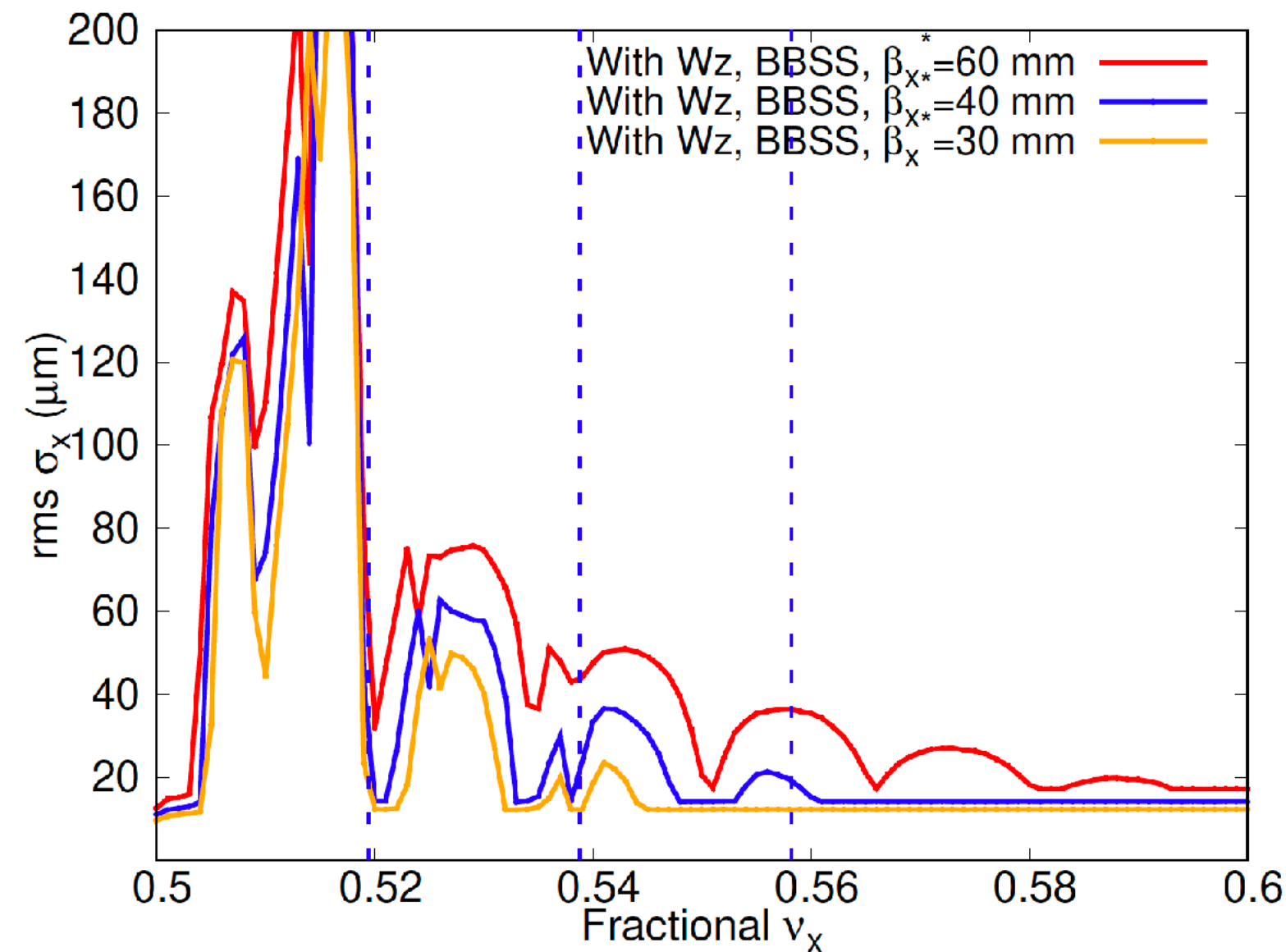
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 - Smaller β_x^* leads better performance (Latest STCF V5 lattice adopts $\beta_x^*=40$ mm)

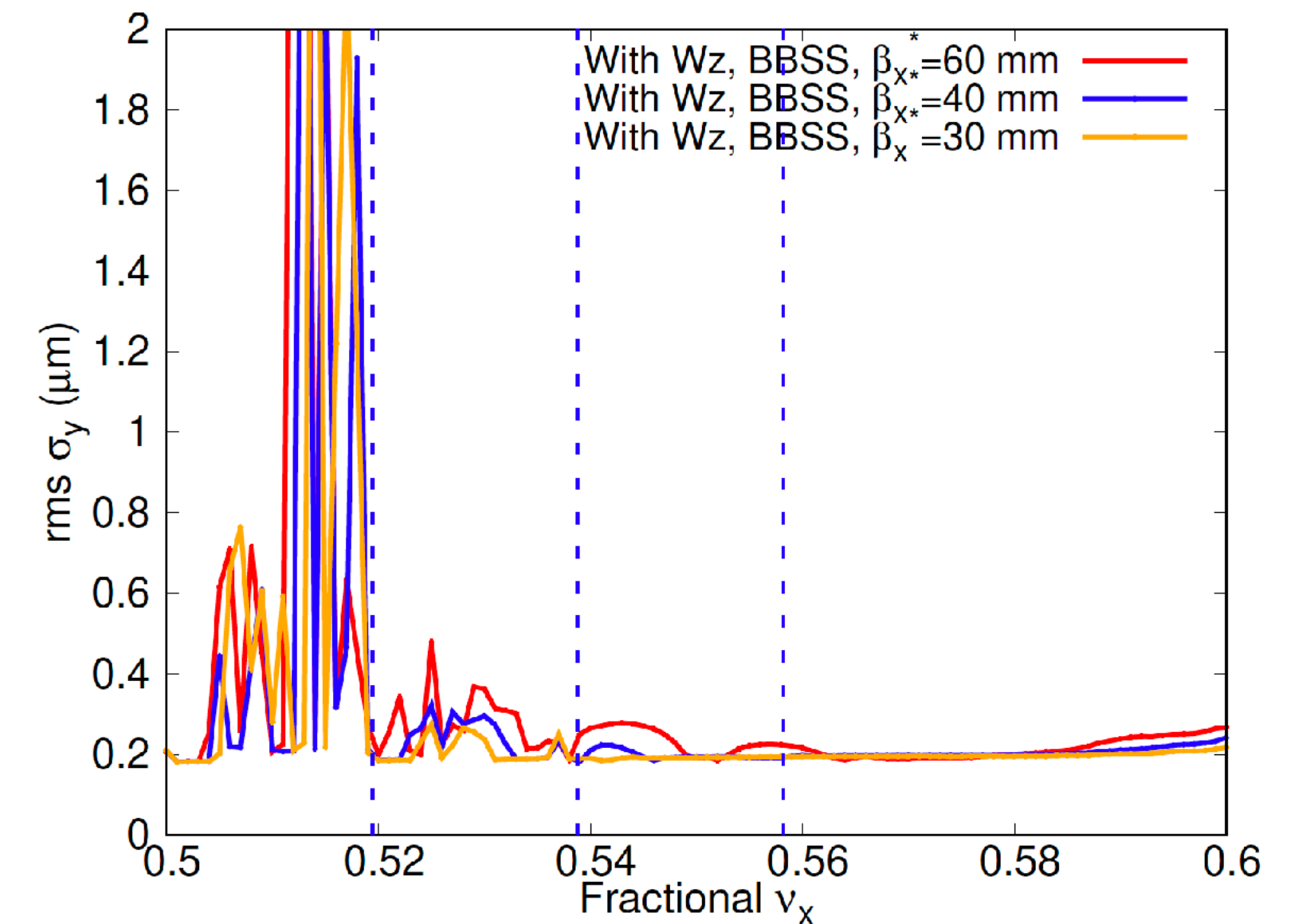
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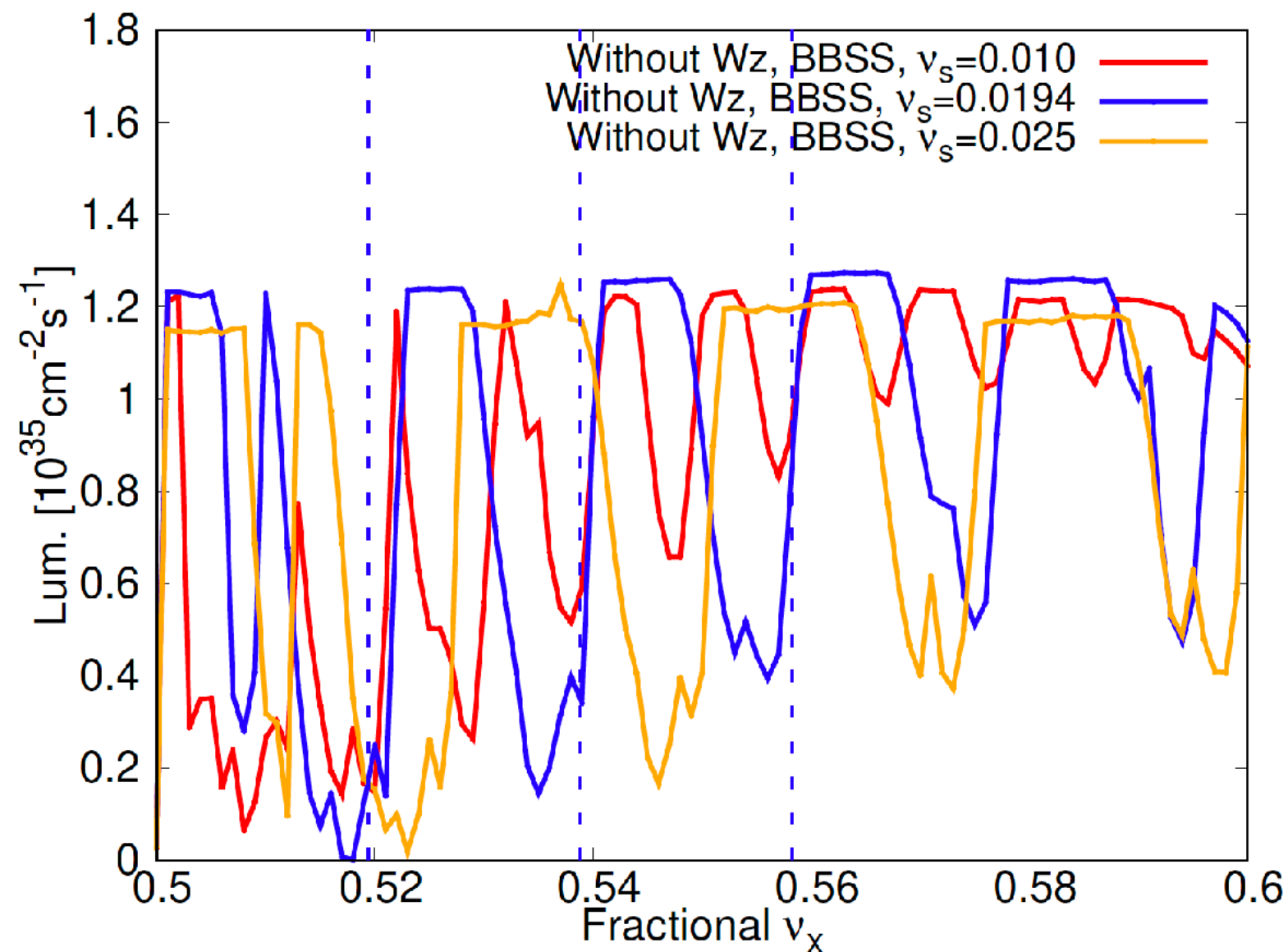
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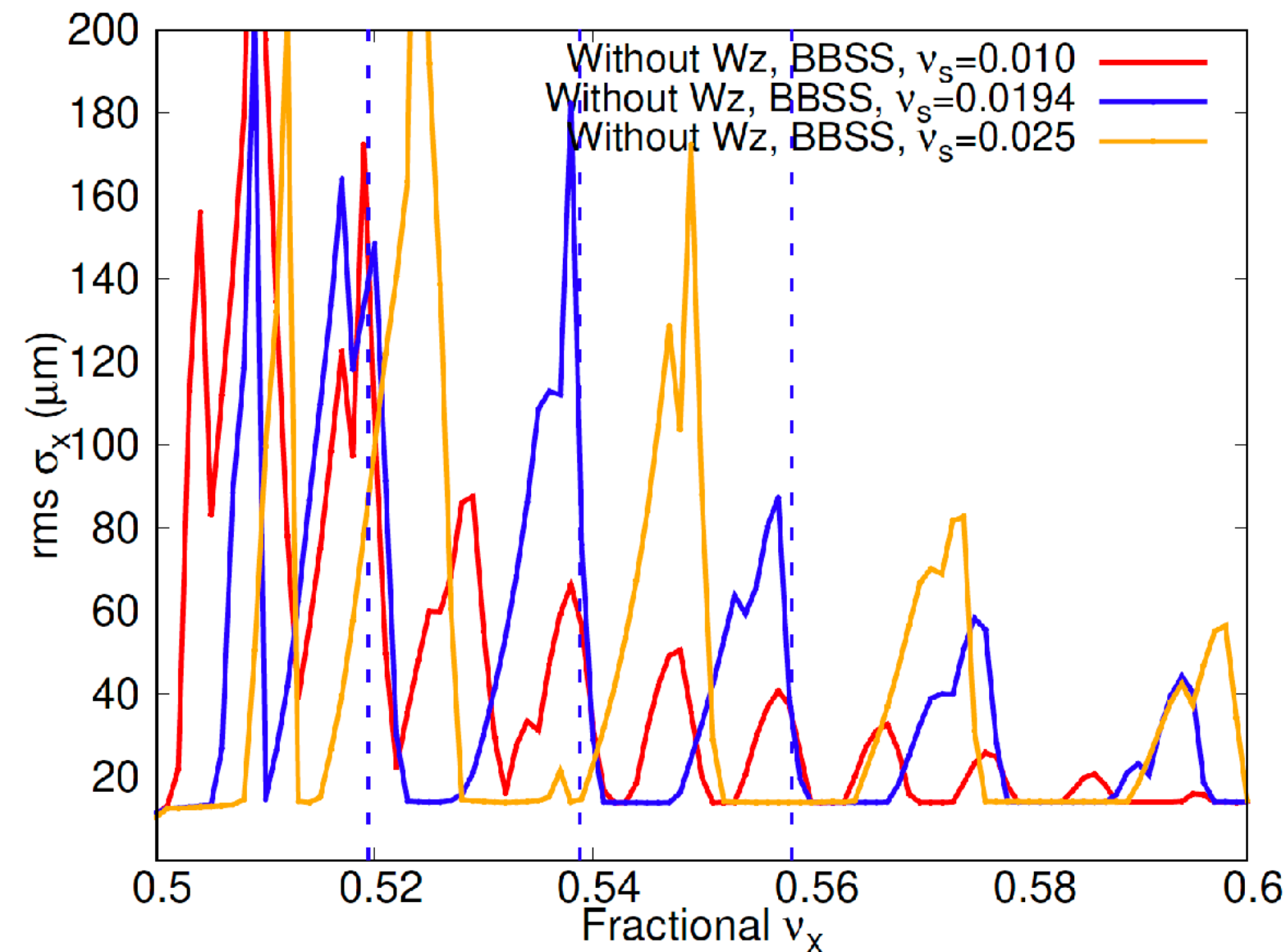
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 - The widths of X-Z instability peaks $\nu_x - k\nu_s = N/2$ depend on ξ_y (function of β_x^*), but not on ν_s

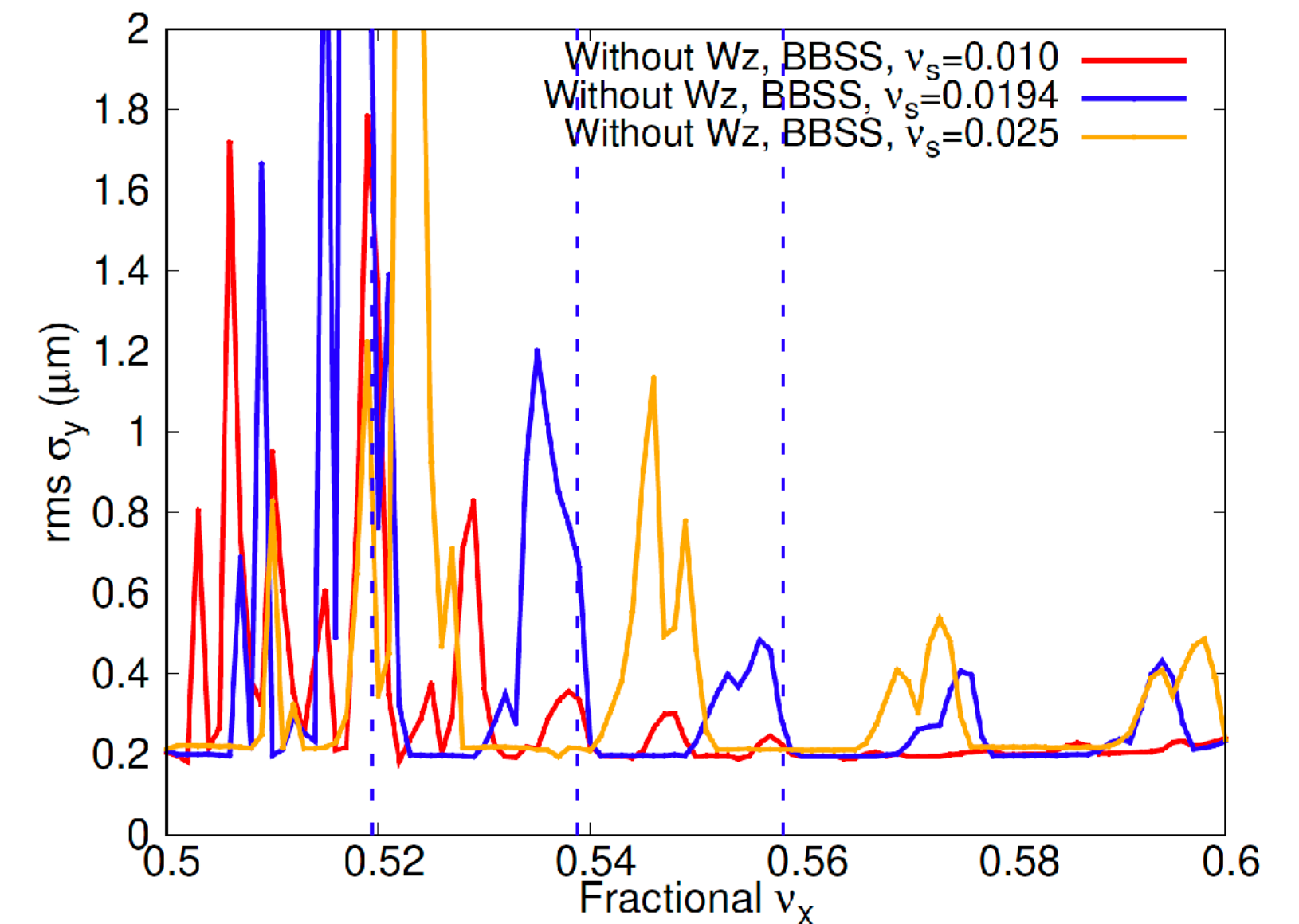
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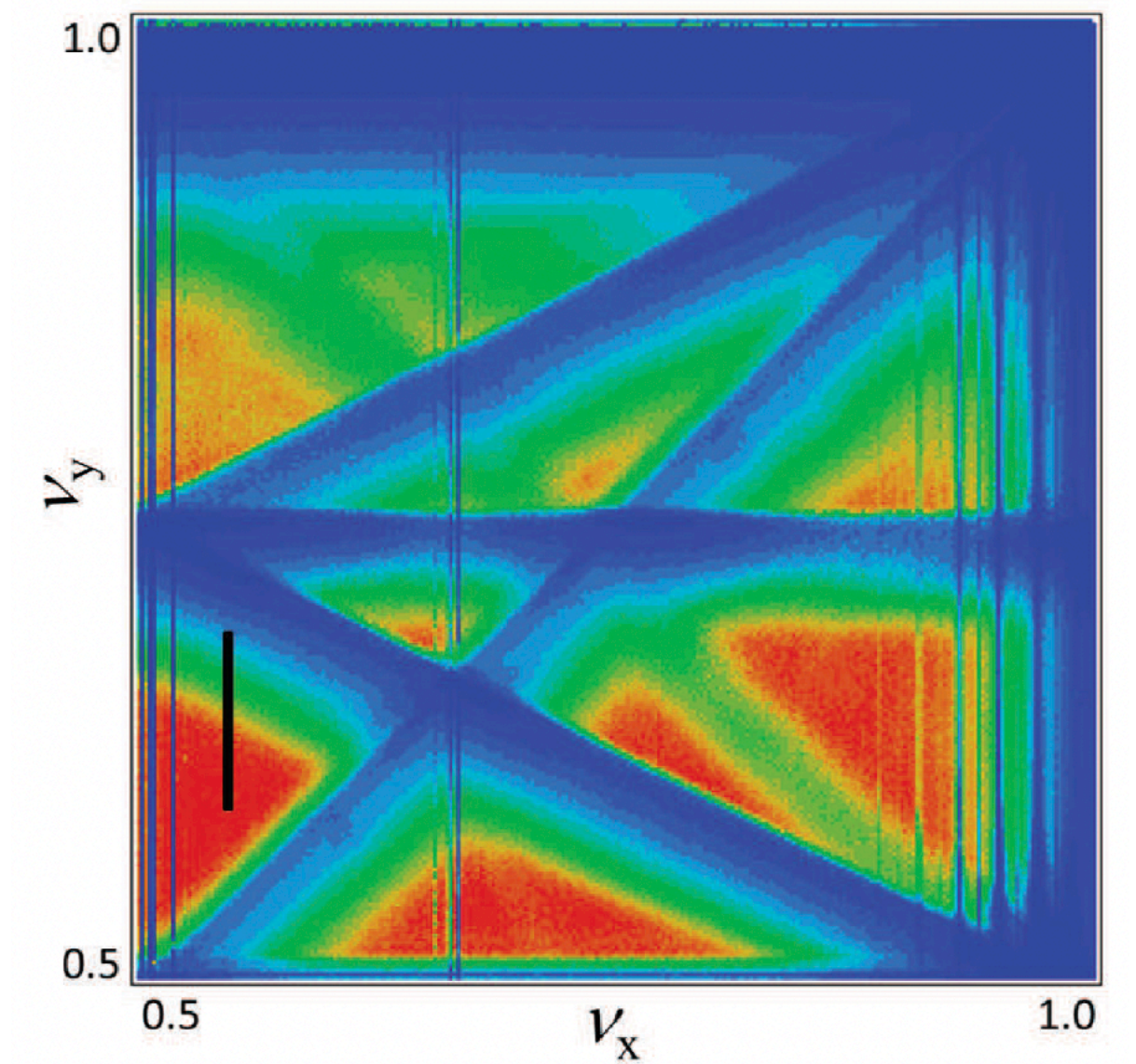


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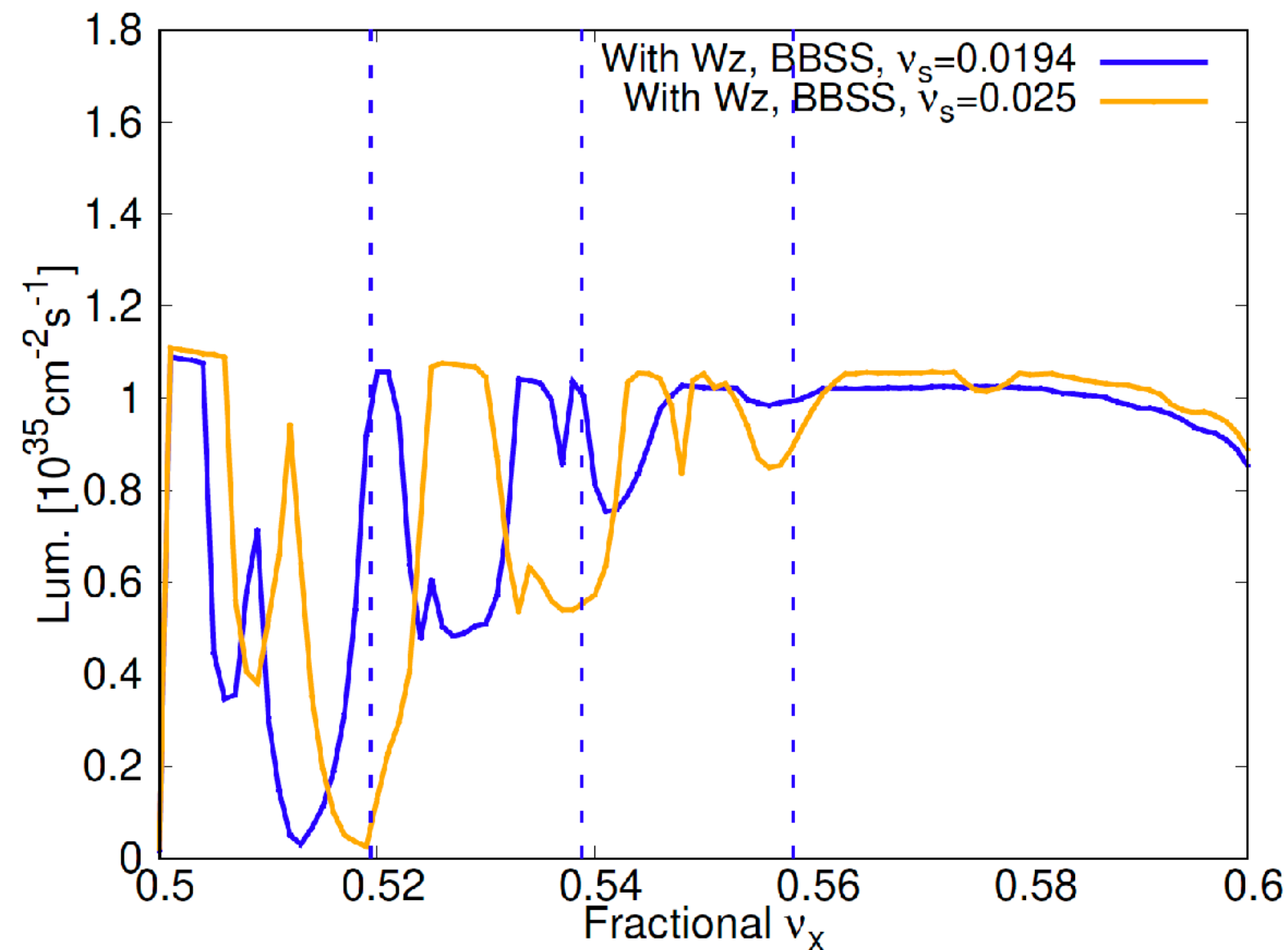
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- BBSS simulations with varied ν_s (fixed $\beta_x^*=40$ mm) w/ longitudinal wake
 - Larger ν_s requires larger ν_x
 - With $\nu_s=0.01$, the beam is unstable due to microwave instability

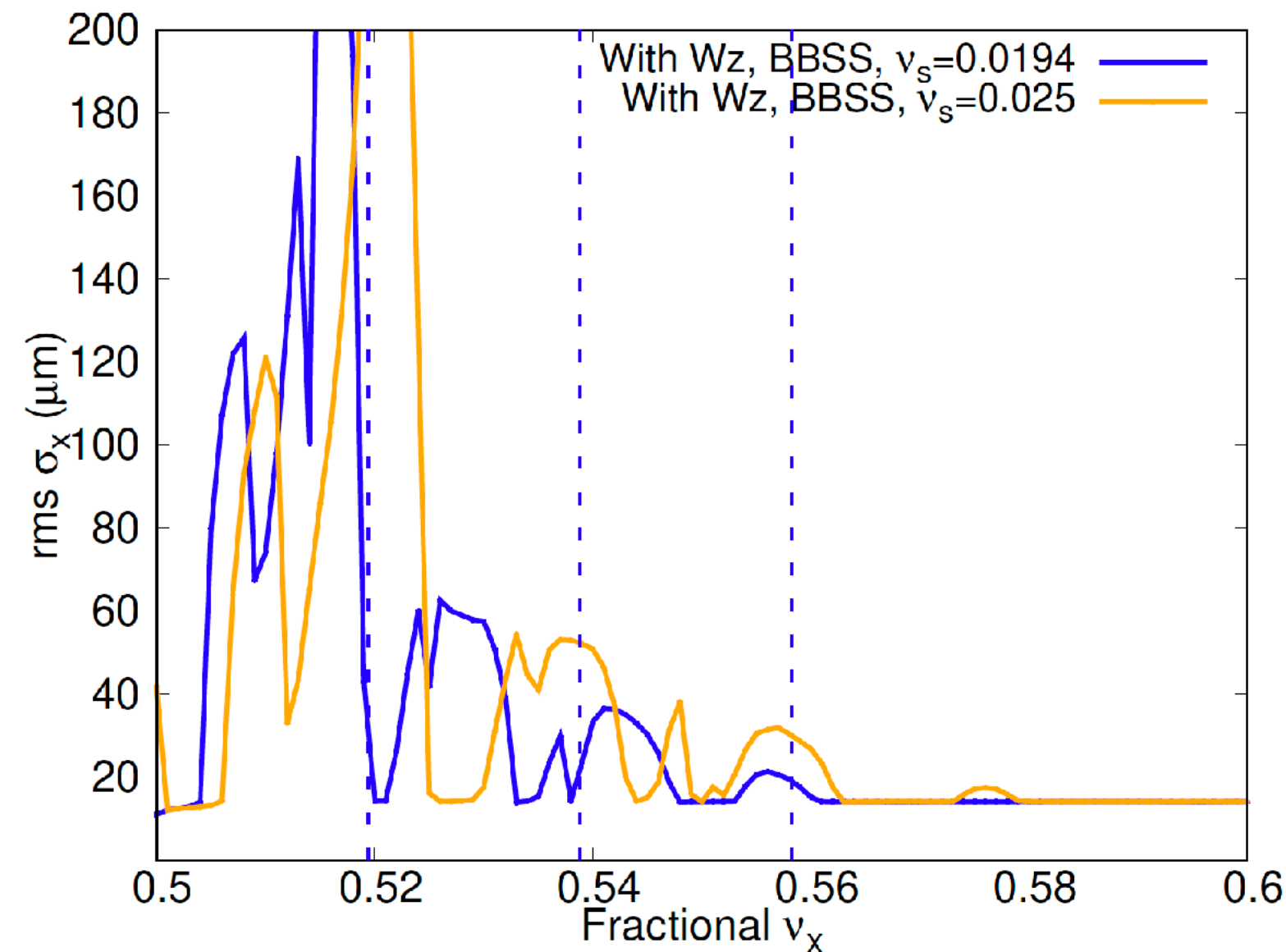


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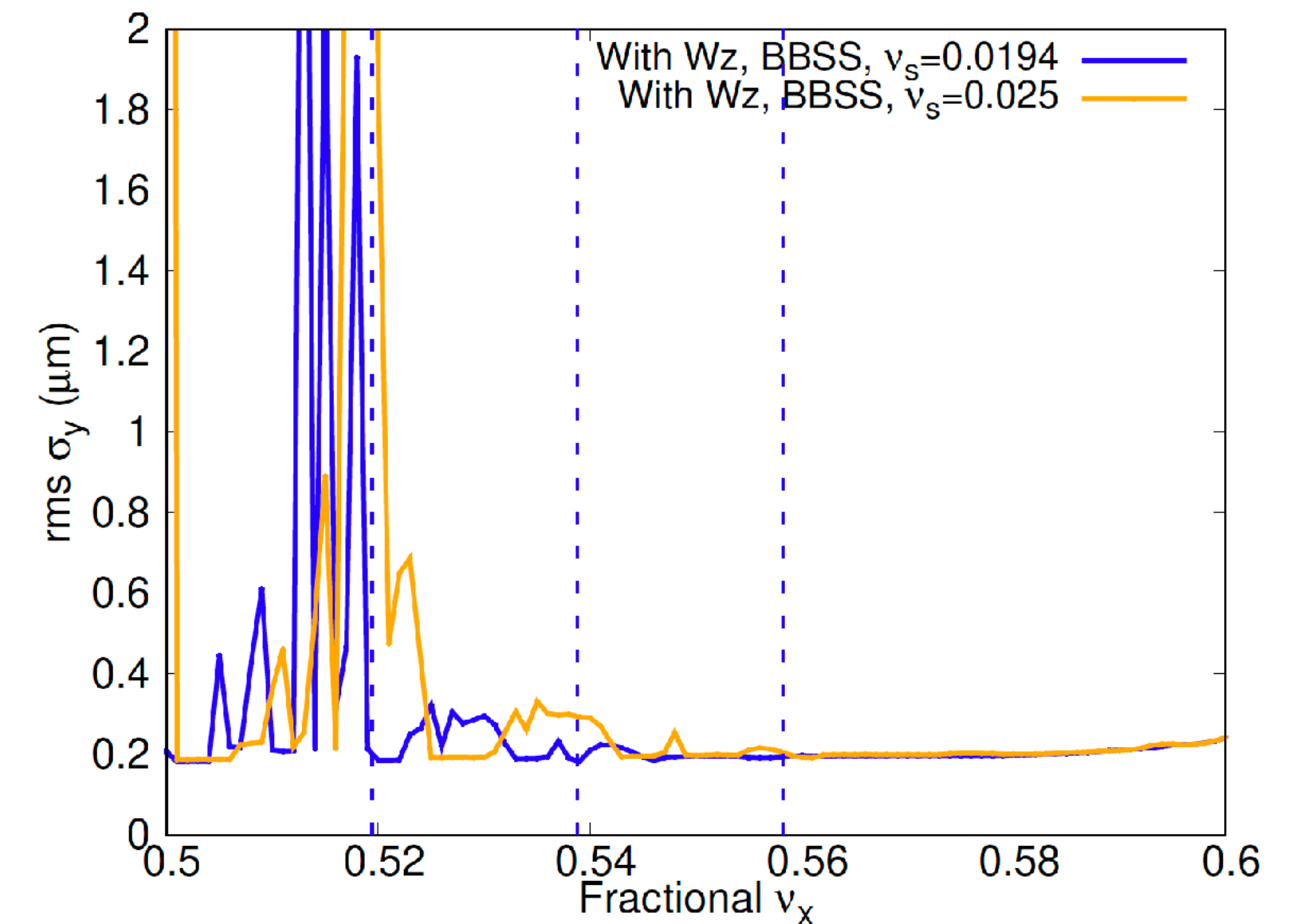
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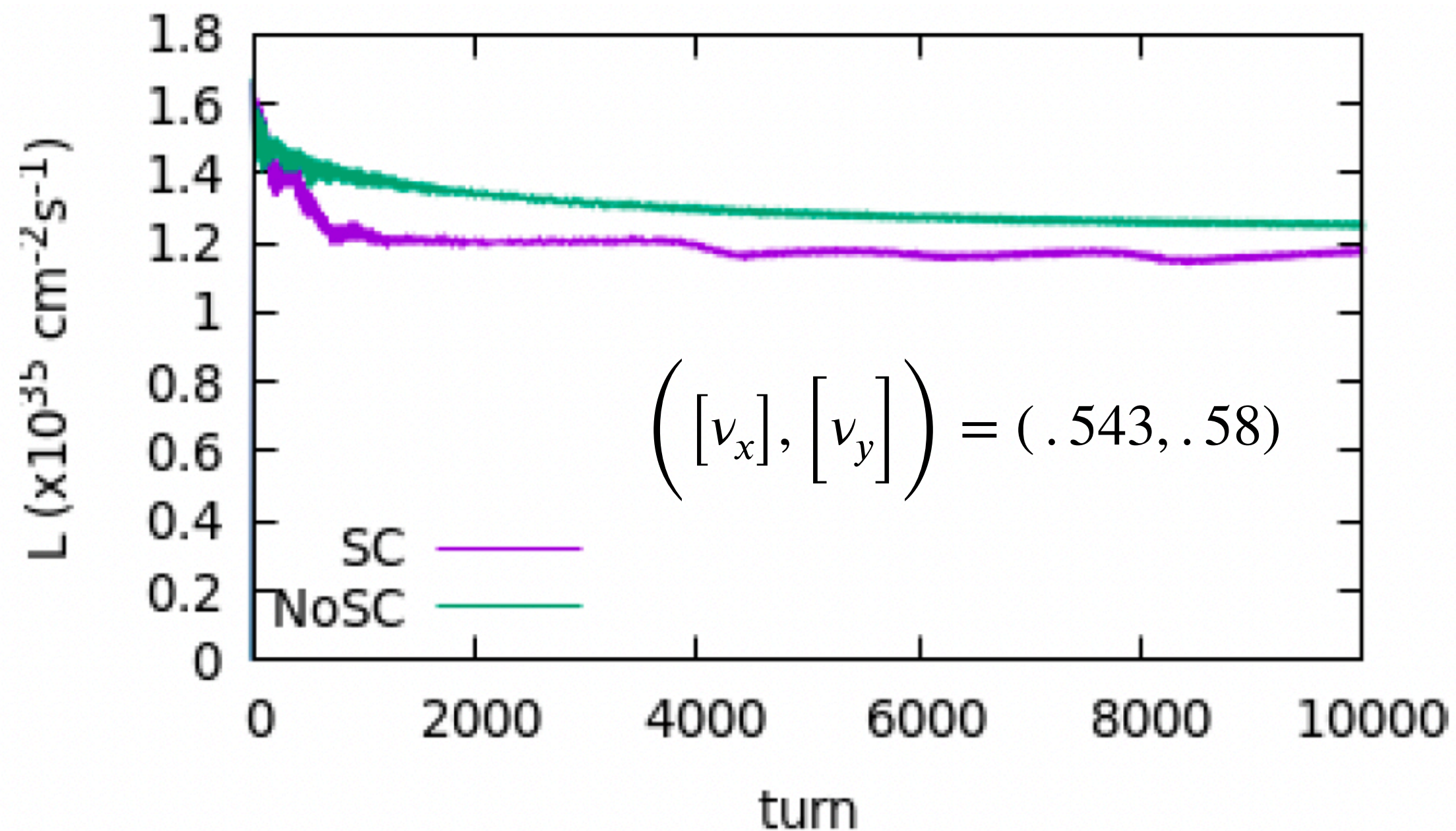


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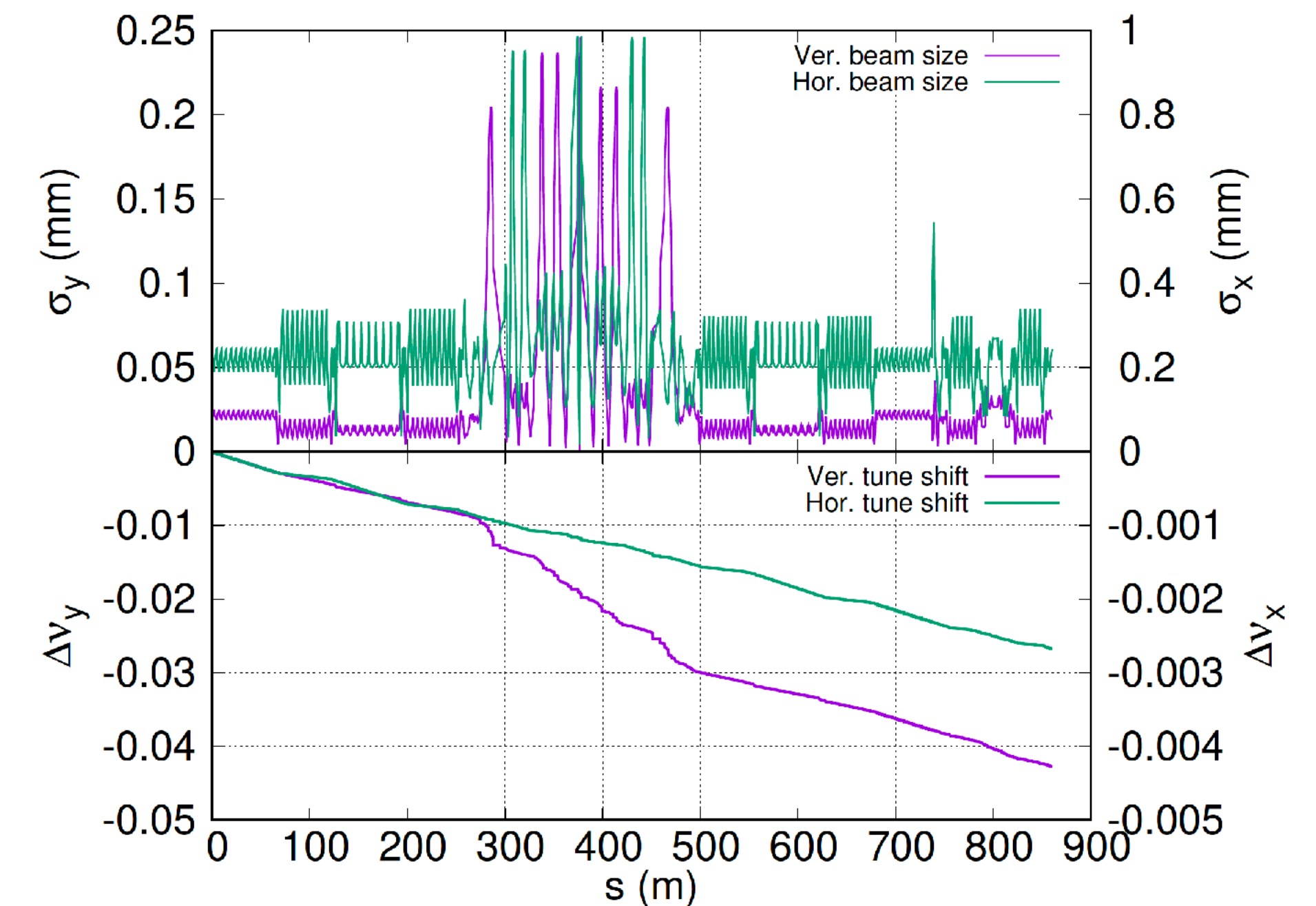
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Strong-strong simulations with full lattices and w/wo space charge

Luminosity loss can be avoided by adjusting ν_x



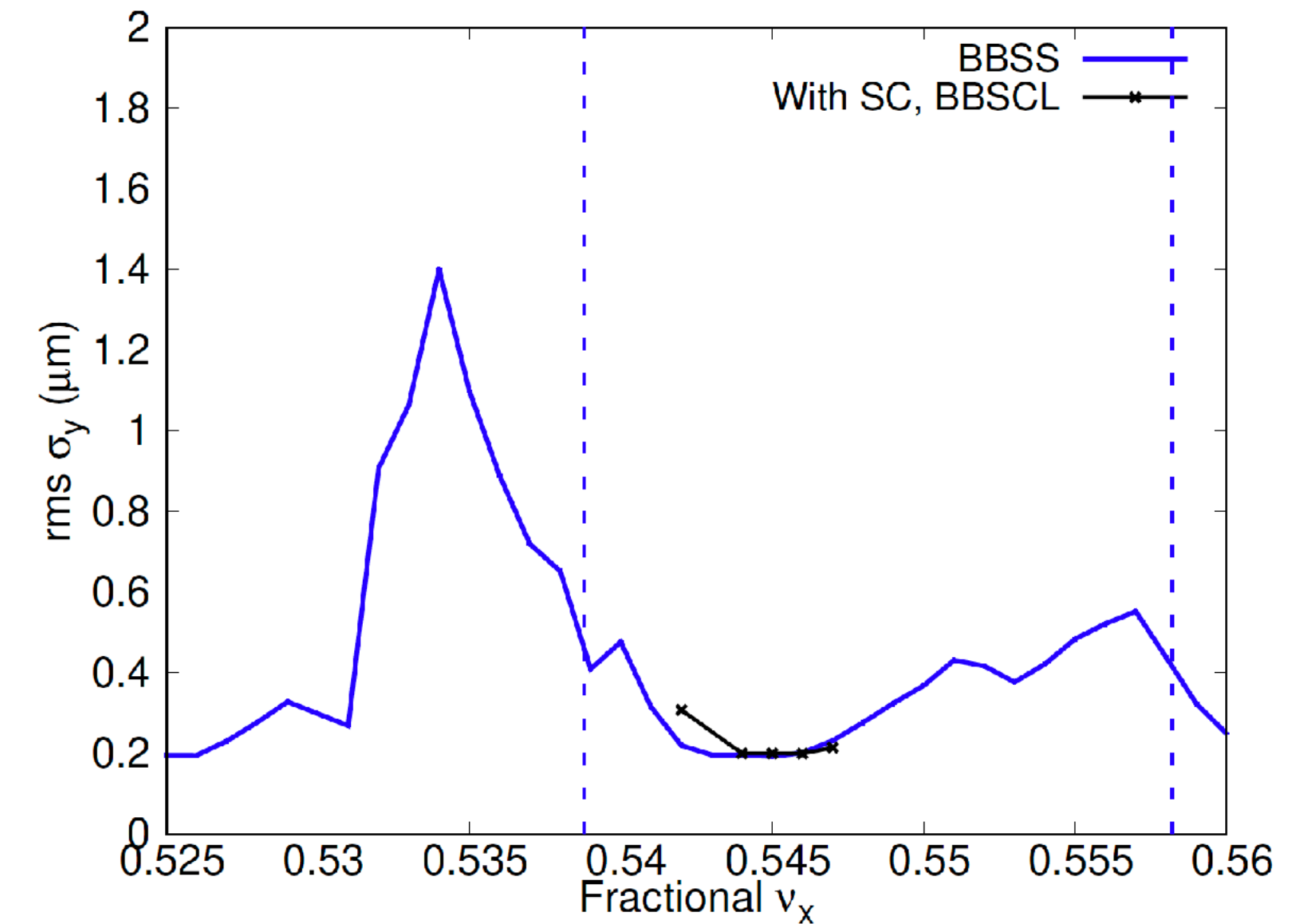
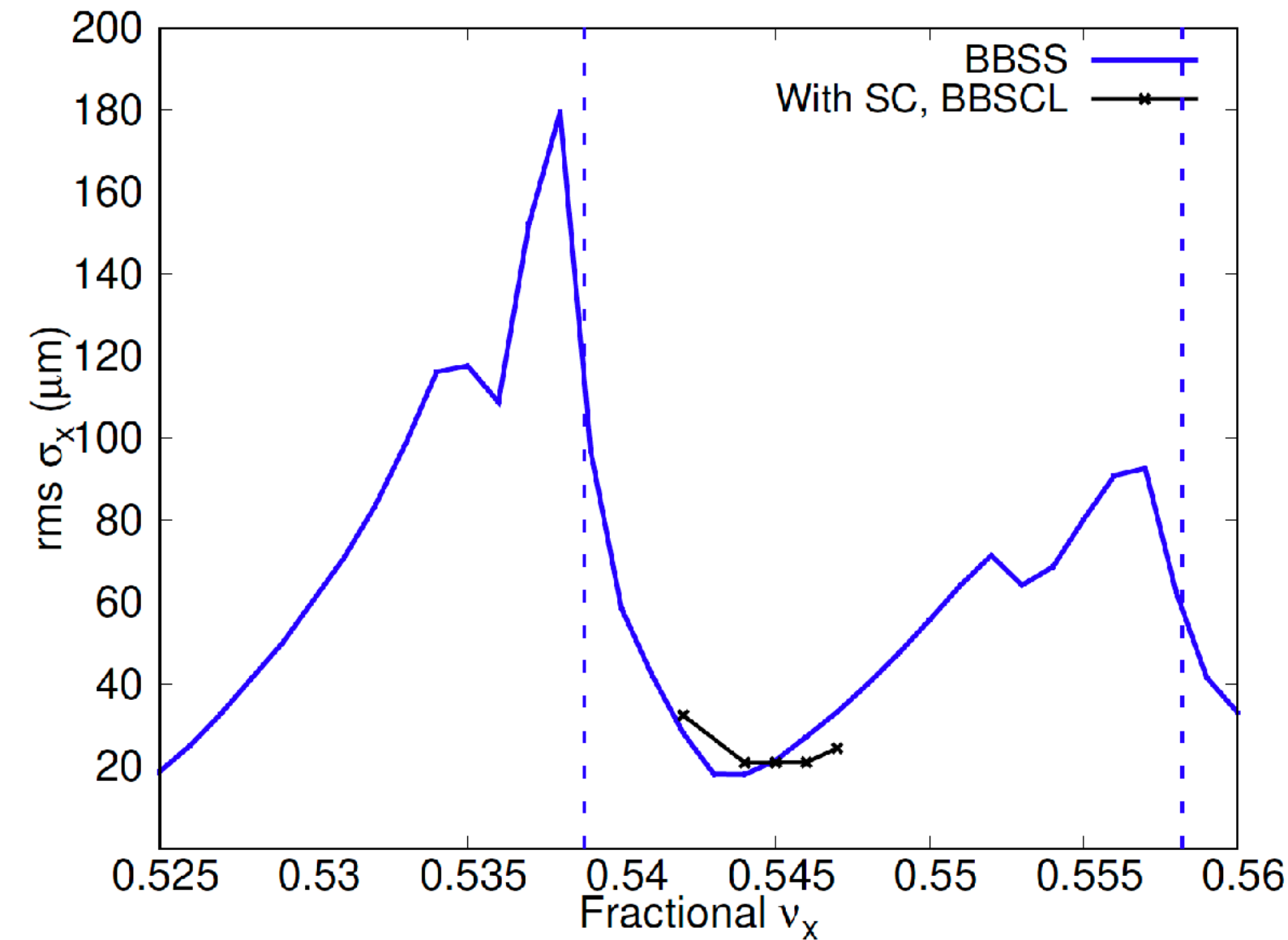
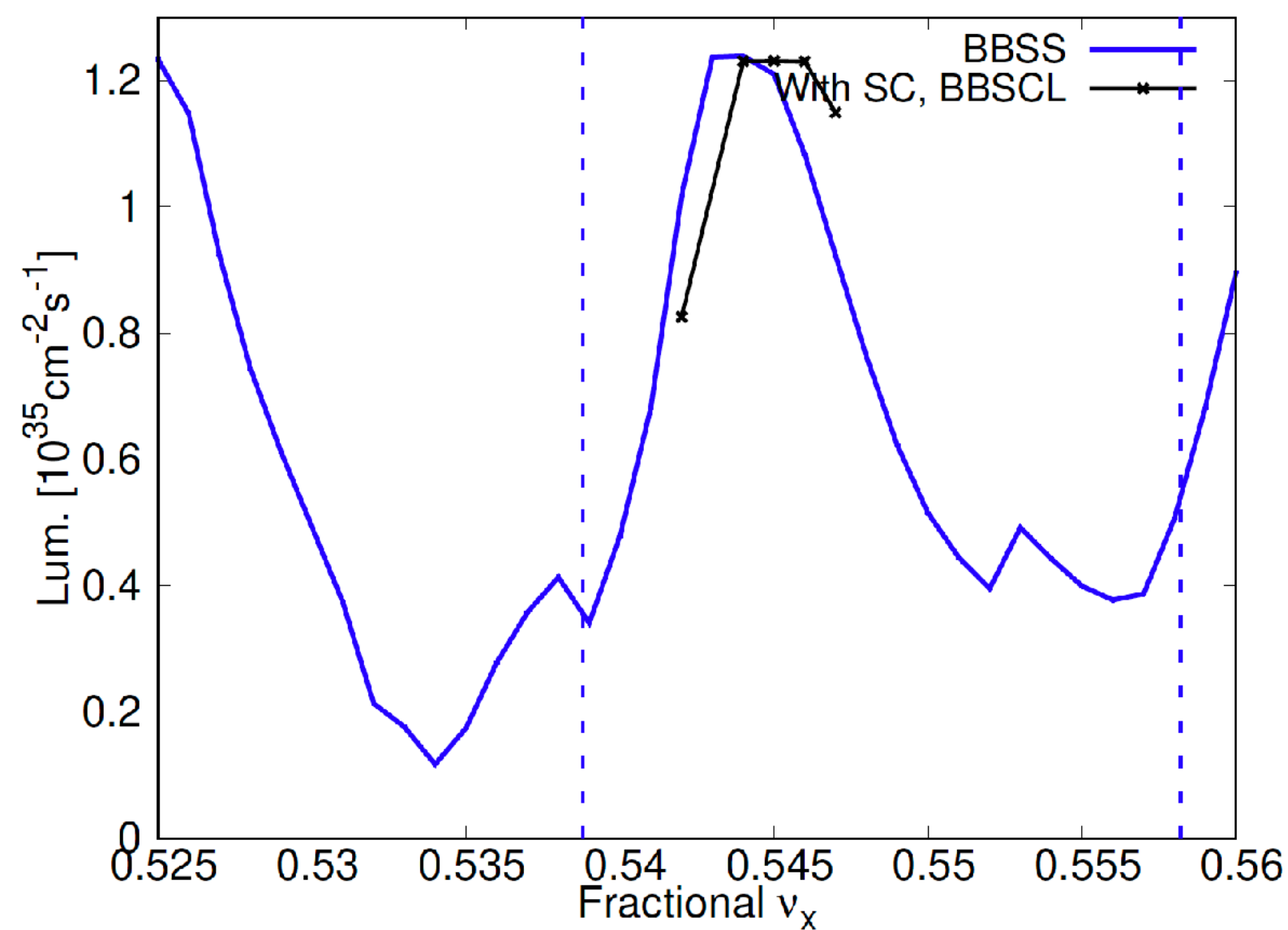
Space-charge tune shift integrated along the ring



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 - Slightly shifting ν_x can avoid X-Z instability and luminosity loss
 - Detailed BBSCCL simulations for $\beta_x^*=40$ mm (current baseline) are ongoing

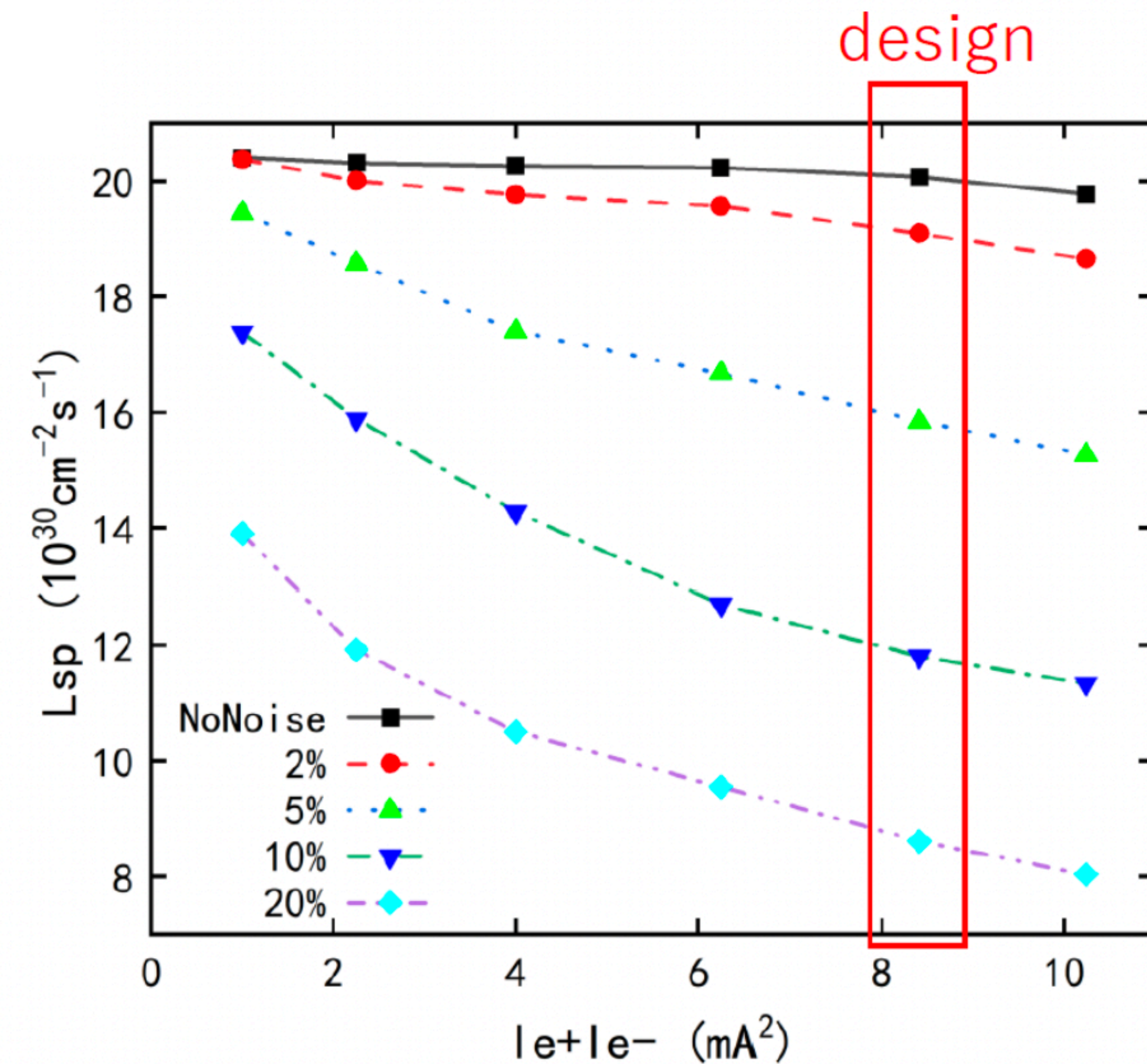
BBSS and BBSCCL simulations for $\beta_x^*=60$ mm



Beam-beam simulation results for STCF (2 GeV)

- Turn-by-turn noises in the collision offsets are important → **Require tight control of the feedback noises**

BBSS simulations with T-b-T collision offsets



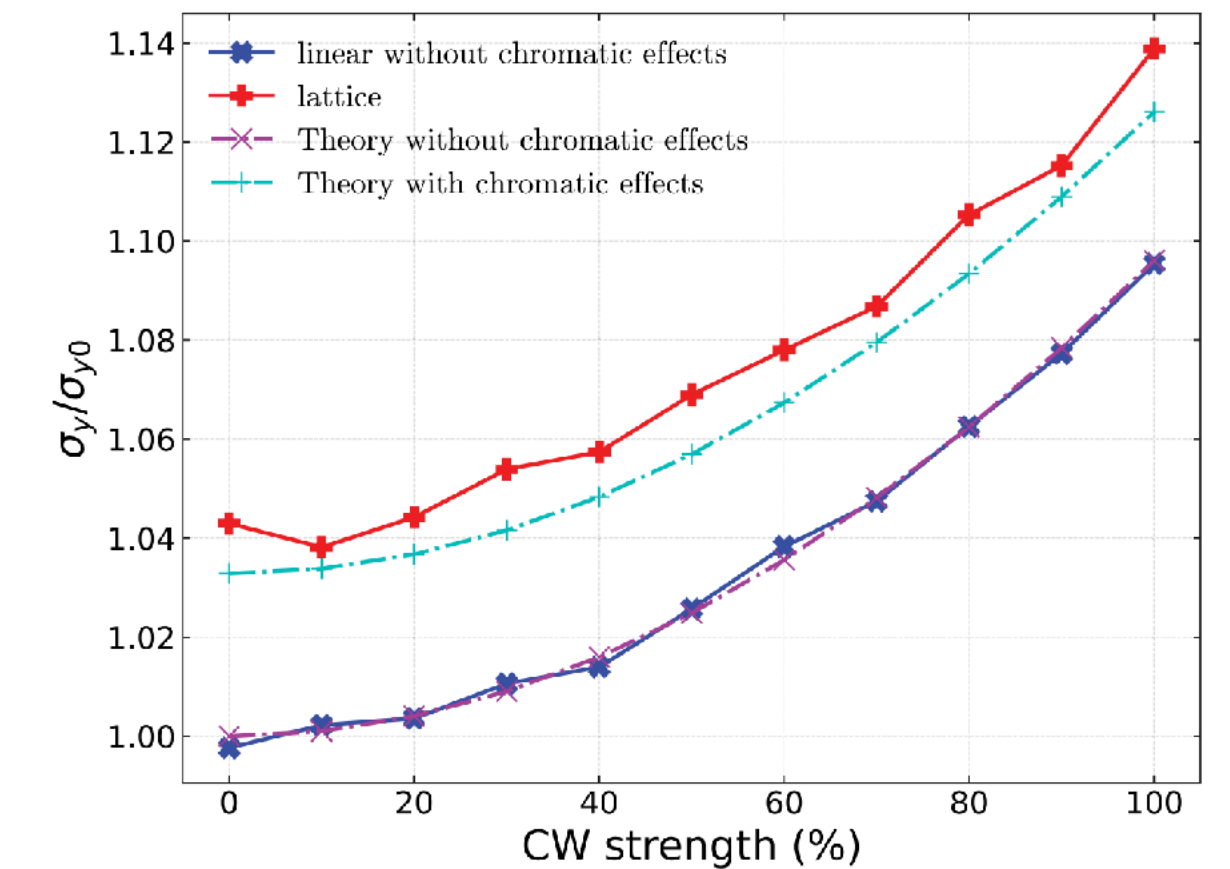
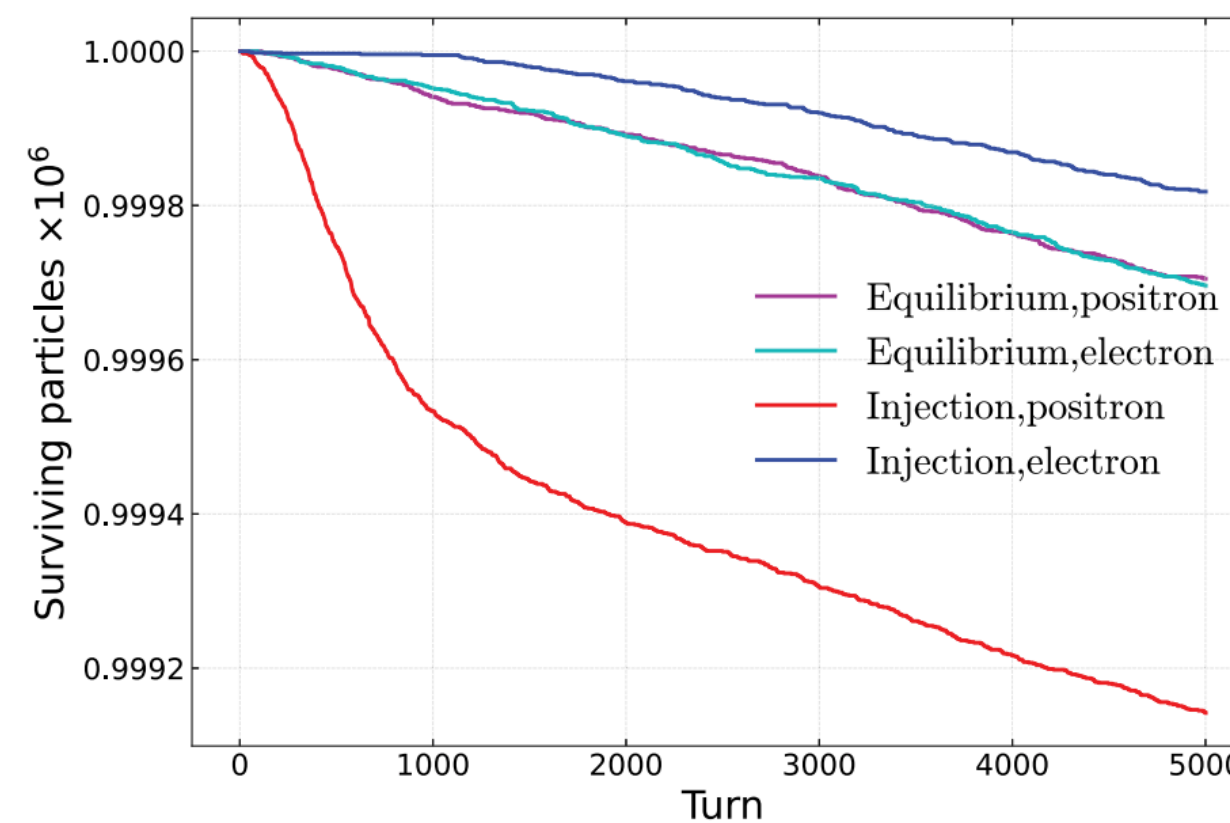
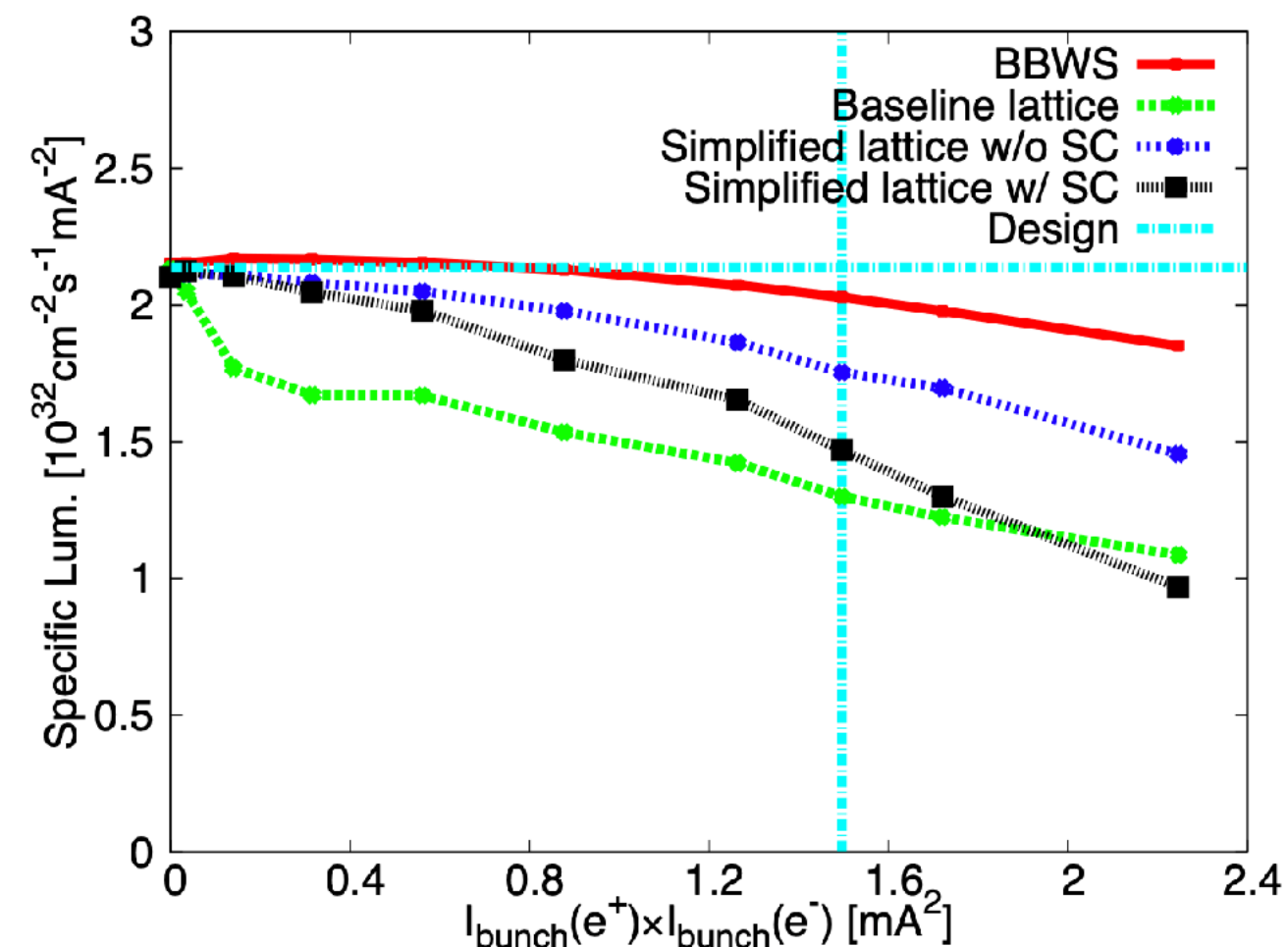
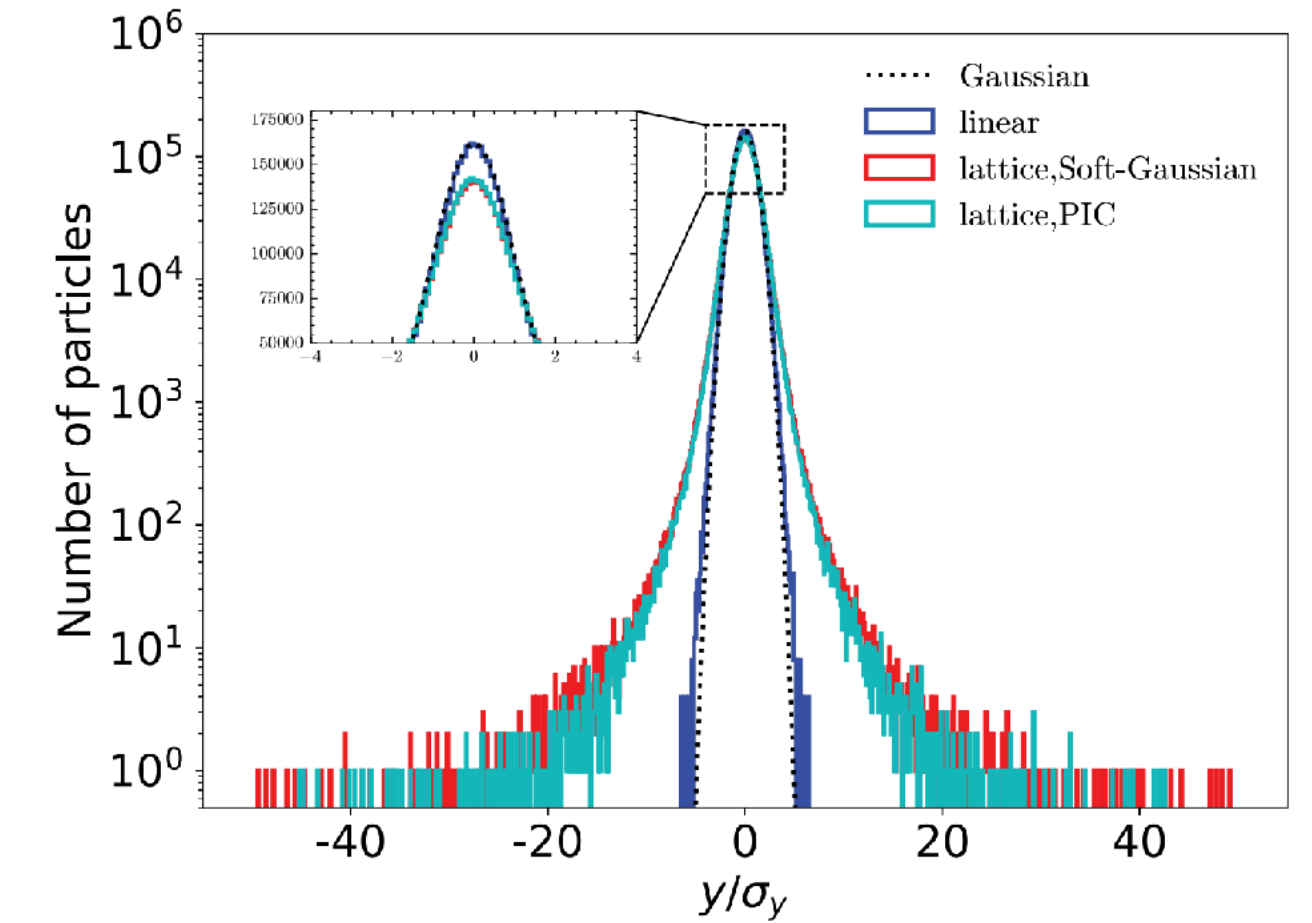
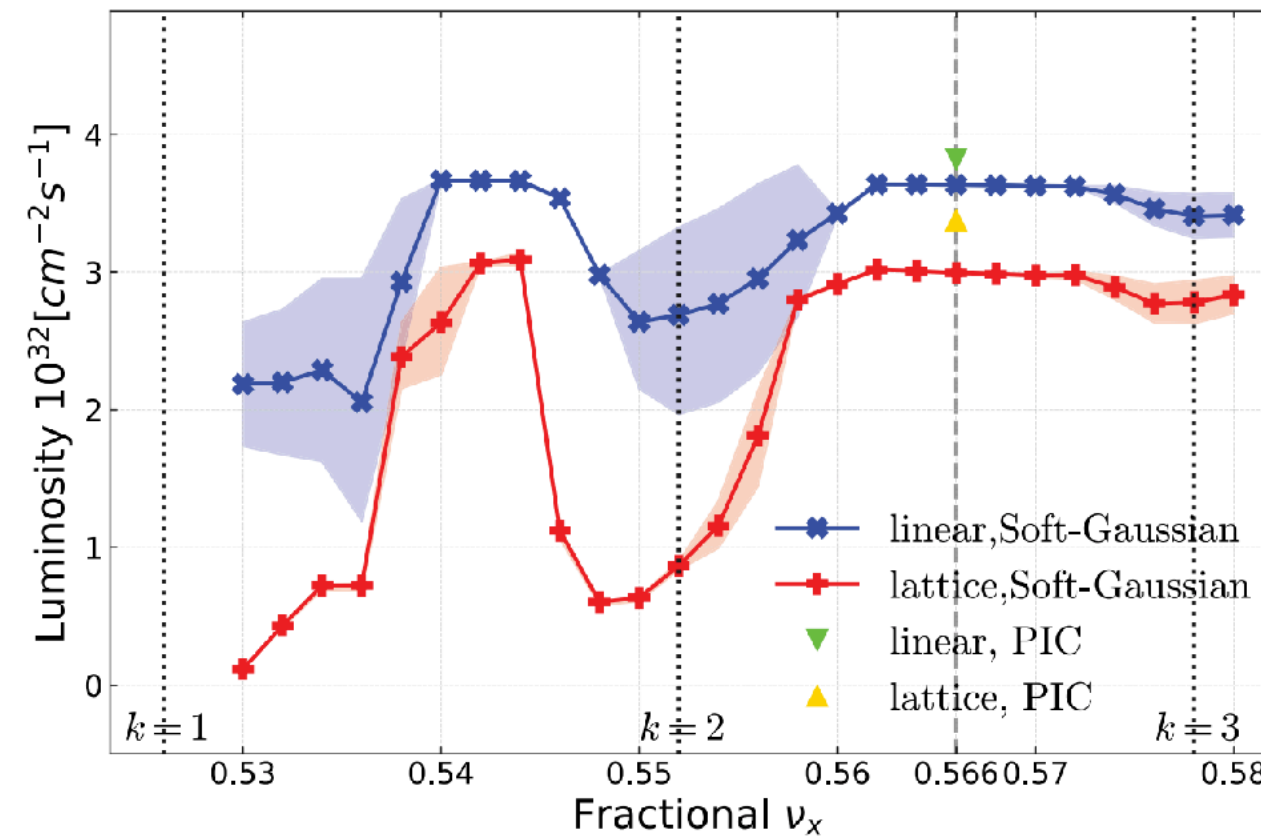
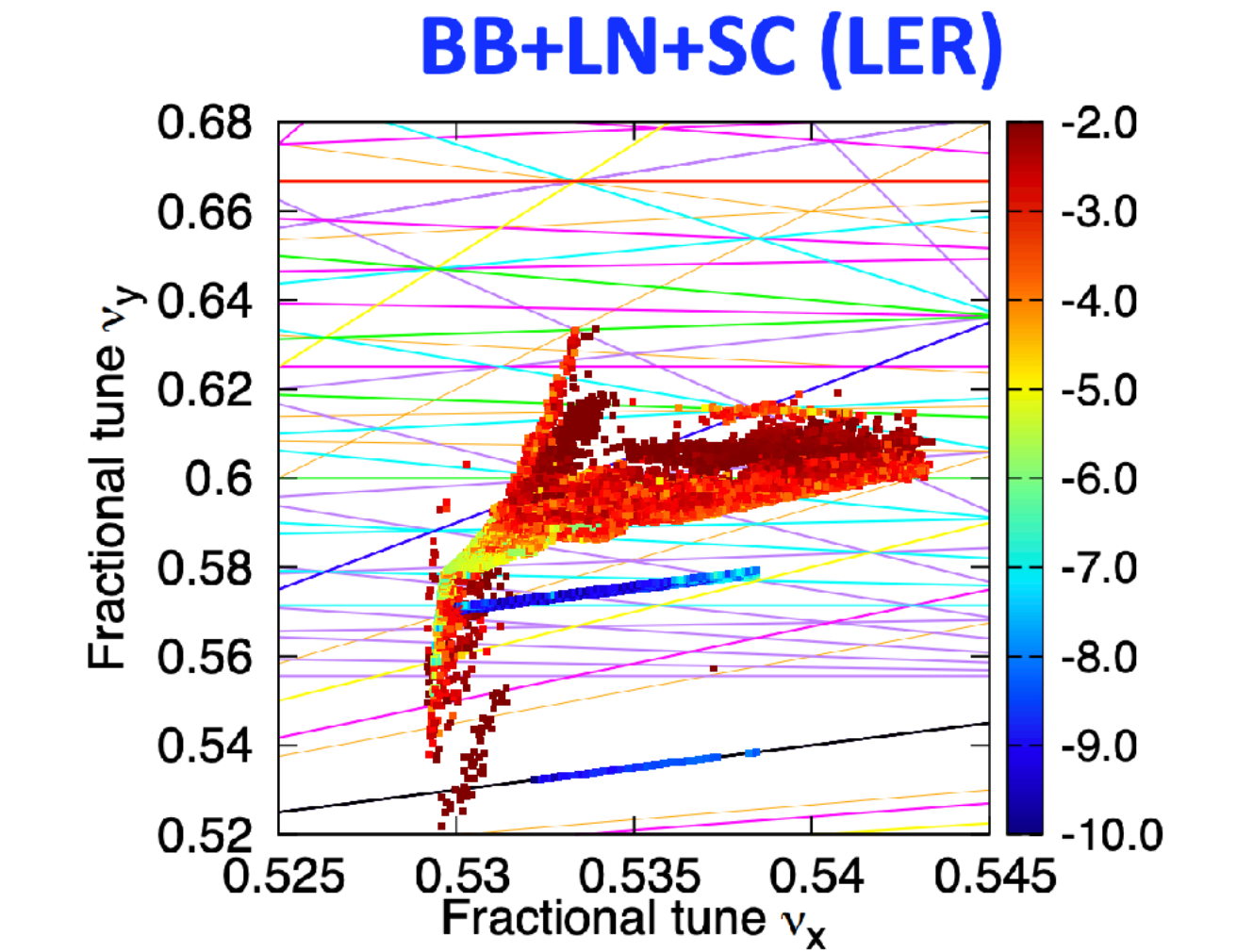
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Summary

- Beam-beam effects in crab-waist colliders have been extensively studied over the past two decades.
- The STCF design parameters have been optimized using insights from previous crab-waist machines and dedicated beam-beam simulations.
 - With optimized machine parameters and lattices (Ver.5), $L > 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ is achievable at 2 GeV from simulation viewpoint (full lattice, impedance, space charge taken into account).
- GPU-accelerated full beam-beam simulations are now feasible and underway to evaluate their impact on STCF performance.
 - Interplay of multiple physical processes is to be extensively investigated via GPU simulations.

Beam-beam effects in crab-waist colliders

- Key beam-beam phenomena (interplay with full lattices and other physical processes)



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