

Vlasov solvers and macroparticle simulations

in the context of transverse coherent instabilities

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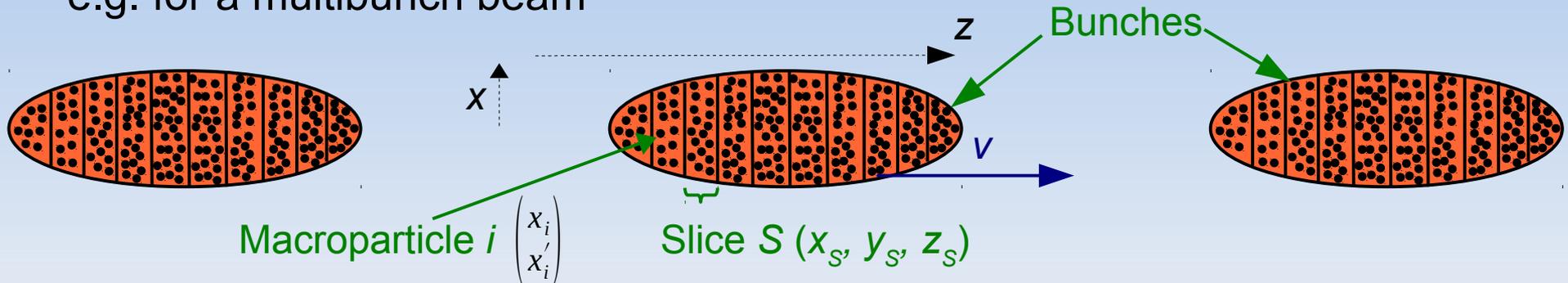
Introduction

- From a given machine & impedance model, there are two wide-spread techniques to compute **transverse coherent instabilities growth rates** & the effectiveness of possible mitigation techniques (e.g. damper, non-linearities):
 - **Macroparticle tracking simulations**
 - **discretization** of the beam into a discrete set of **macroparticles** which are tracked through the machine and on which kicks from **wake functions** are applied.
 - **Vlasov equation solvers**
 - **beam distribution** in phase space is taken as a whole, and one computes the possible (unstable) **modes** arising from **impedance**, by solving Vlasov equation.

Macroparticle simulations

- Example: **HEADTAIL** code (G. Rumolo et al, PRST-AB, 2002):

e.g. for a multibunch beam



Each step
(turn or
fraction
of turn)

macropart. i receives **kick** from the **wake** of all preceding slices: $\begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ x'_i \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ x'_i + \Delta x'_i(x_S, x_{S_i}, z_S - z_{S_i}) \end{pmatrix}$
 then it is transported through the machine lattice: $\begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ x'_i \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow M \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ x'_i \end{pmatrix}$
 (similar treatment for the other components of the macroparticle y, z).

- The **kick** results from the combined action of the **wake functions** of all the preceding bunches:

$$\Delta x'_i = \frac{e^2}{m_0 \gamma v^2} \sum_{z_S > z_{S_i}} n_S W_x(z_S - z_{S_i}, x_S, y_S, x_{S_i}, y_{S_i}),$$

with $W_x(z, x_S, y_S, x_{S_i}, y_{S_i}) = W_x^{dip}(z)x_S + W_{xy}^{dip}(z)y_S + W_x^{quad}(z)x_{S_i} + W_{xy}^{quad}(z)y_{S_i}$,

n_S, x_S, y_S, z_S : number of particles and position of the slice S .

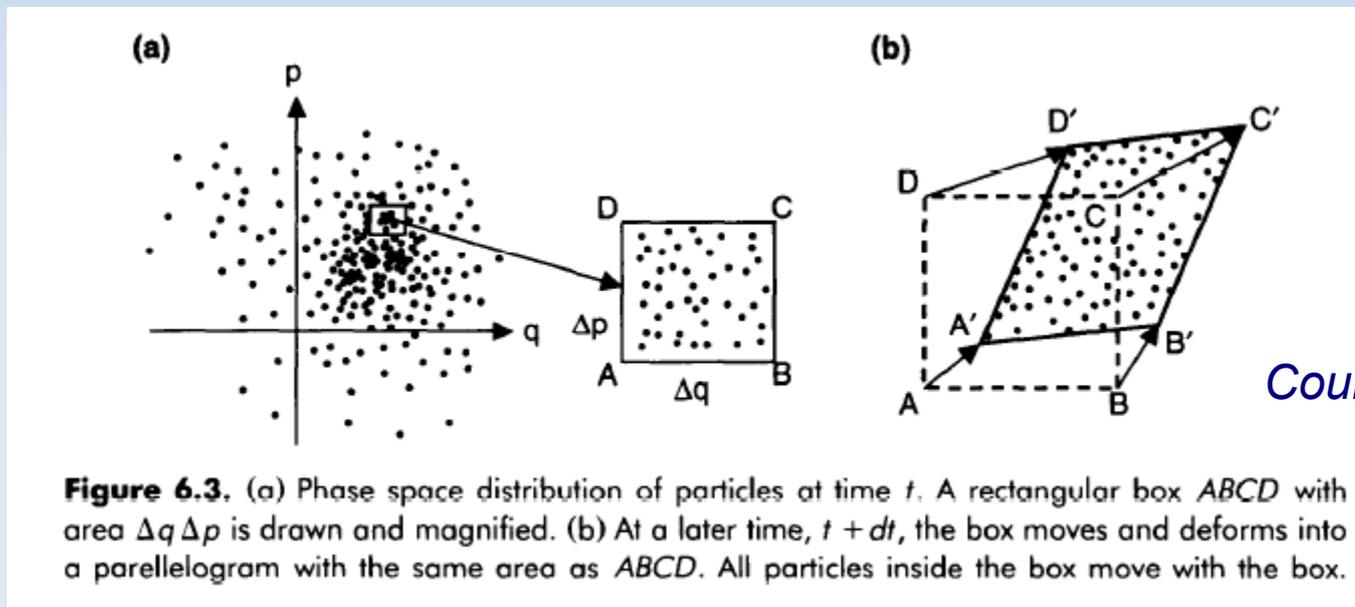
Macroparticle simulations

- What they can do:
 - Assess stability in **complex, realistic situations** (with e.g. localized impedance sources, feedback damper, transverse and longitudinal non-linearities, space-charge, even electron cloud)
- But...
 - they are **computationally intensive**, especially to evaluate the combined effect of coupled-bunch and intra bunch motion, and for slow instabilities,
 - they remain a **time domain** tool → essentially **unable to predict what happens after an infinite time** and we can never be 100% sure that a given configuration is stable (see examples later).
- Examples of macroparticle simulation codes: **HEADTAIL**, **MTRISM**, **PTC-ORBIT** ...

Vlasov solvers

[A. A. Vlasov, J. Phys. USSR 9, 25 (1945)]

- Vlasov equation expresses that the **local phase space density does not change when one follows the flow of particles.**
- In other words: local phase space area is conserved in time:



Courtesy A. W. Chao

- Assumptions:
 - conservative & deterministic system (governed by Hamiltonian) – **no damping or diffusion from external sources** (no synchrotron radiation),
 - external forces (no discrete internal force or collision).
→ impedance seen as a **collective field from ensemble of particles.**

Vlasov equation

- Simplest expression: with ψ the general **6D phase space distribution density** (and t the time),

$$\frac{d\psi}{dt} = 0,$$

- Following standard approach from [A. W. Chao](#) (*Physics of Collective Beam Instabilities in High Energy Accelerators*, John Wiley & Sons (1993), chap. 6), **assuming no x/y coupling** (4D):
 - independent variable $s = v t$
 - transverse motion: $(y, p_y) \Leftrightarrow (J_y, \theta_y)$ (action/angle),
 - longitudinal motion: (z, δ)

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial s} + \left(J'_y \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial J_y} + \theta'_y \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta_y} + z' \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + \delta' \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \delta} \right) = 0.$$

Hamiltonian

- In the presence of a **dipolar vertical impedance** resulting in a force $F_y(z,s)$:

$$H = \frac{Q_y J_y}{R} - \frac{1}{2\eta} \left(\frac{\omega_s}{v} \right)^2 z^2 - \frac{\eta}{2} \delta^2 - \frac{y}{E} F_y(z, s)$$

synchrotron freq.

slippage factor

machine radius

transverse part

longitudinal part (linear)

dipolar wake fields

with $Q_y = Q_{y0} + Q'_y \delta,$

velocity = βc

total energy

chromaticity

and

unperturbed tune

$$J_y = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{Q_{y0}}{R} y^2 + \frac{R}{Q_{y0}} p_y^2 \right),$$

$$y = \sqrt{2J_y \frac{R}{Q_{y0}}} \cos \theta_y,$$

$$p_y = \sqrt{2J_y \frac{Q_{y0}}{R}} \sin \theta_y.$$

→ important **assumption** : **invariant** (and action-angle variables) **stay as in linear case**.

Hamilton's equations

- Give derivatives of J_y , θ_y , z and δ w.r.t. s :

$$J'_y = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta_y} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta_y} \frac{F_y(z, s)}{E},$$

$$\theta'_y = \frac{\partial H}{\partial J_y} = \frac{Q_y}{R} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial J_y} \frac{F_y(z, s)}{E},$$

$$z' = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \delta} = -\eta\delta + \frac{Q'_y}{R} J_y,$$

$$\delta' = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial z} = \left(\frac{\omega_s}{v}\right)^2 \frac{z}{\eta} + \frac{y}{E} \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial z}.$$

From dipolar wake fields

Neglected (Chao)

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OK when far from synchro-betatron resonances & small transverse beam size)

How to solve Vlasov equation ?

- Equation remains quite complicated: partial differential eq. for distribution function $\psi (s, J_y, \theta_y, z, \delta)$.
- To simplify the problem:
 - Assume a **mode** is developing in the bunch along the revolutions, with a certain (complex) frequency $\Omega = Q_c \omega_0$,

- Assume we stay close to the stationary **unperturbed**

distribution ψ_0 , function of invariants J_y and $r = \sqrt{z^2 + \frac{\eta^2 v^2 \delta^2}{\omega_s^2}}$

→ **perturbation formalism:**

$$\psi = f_0(J_y)g_0(r) + f_1(J_y, \theta_y)g_1(z, \delta)e^{\frac{j\Omega s}{v}}$$

$\Delta\psi_1$: self-consistent perturbation to be found

and we write f_1 as $f_1(J_y, \theta_y) = f(J_y)e^{-j\theta_y}$.

while g_1 is expanded over **azimuthal (headtail) modes** $R_l(r)$.

Sacherer integral equation (extended)

- After lots of algebra, defining $\tau = r/v$ and generalizing to M equidistant bunches of intensity per bunch N with the usual assumption that they all oscillate in the same way, we get:

$$(\Omega - Q_{y0}\omega_0 - l\omega_s)R_l(\tau) = -\kappa g_0(\tau) \sum_{l'=-\infty}^{+\infty} j^{l'-l} \int_0^{+\infty} \tau' R_{l'}(\tau') \left[\frac{\mu}{\omega_0} J_l(-\omega_\xi \tau) J_{l'}(-\omega_\xi \tau') d\tau' + \sum_{p=-\infty}^{+\infty} Z_y(\omega_p) J_l((\omega_\xi - \omega_p)\tau) J_{l'}((\omega_\xi - \omega_p)\tau') \right].$$

damper part (NHTVS, DELPHI)

impedance part (Chao's book, Sacherer formula, Laclare, MOSES, NHTVS, DELPHI)

$Q'_y \omega_0 / \eta$

$$\kappa = -j \frac{N f_0 e^2 M}{2 \gamma m_0 c Q_{y0}}$$

$$\frac{-\kappa \mu}{\omega_0} = j \frac{f_0}{n_d}$$

$$\omega_p = (n + pM + [Q_{y0}])\omega_0,$$

coupled-bunch mode

n_d n° damping turns

tune fractional part

Solving Vlasov equation

- Using appropriate decompositions (e.g. over **Laguerre polynomials** of the radial functions, as in **MOSES** or **DELPHI**), Sacherer integral equation (extended or not) can be set as an **eigenvalue problem**:

$$\underbrace{(\Omega - Q_{y0}\omega_0)}_{\text{eigenvalue looked for}} \alpha_{ln} = \sum_{l'=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{n'=0}^{+\infty} \underbrace{\alpha_{l'n'}}_{\text{eigenvector}} (\delta_{ll'}\delta_{nn'}l\omega_s + \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_{ln,l'n'}}_{\text{impedance and/or damper matrix}}).$$

eigenvalue
looked for

eigenvector

impedance and/or
damper matrix

- Can be extended into a **non-linear equation of Q_c** to include also **transverse non-linearities**:

$$\det \left(\left[\delta_{ll'}\delta_{nn'} \frac{\omega_0}{I_l(Q_c)} \right] + [\mathcal{M}_{ln,l'n'}] \right) = 0. \quad (\text{DELPHI})$$

with the
dispersion
integral:

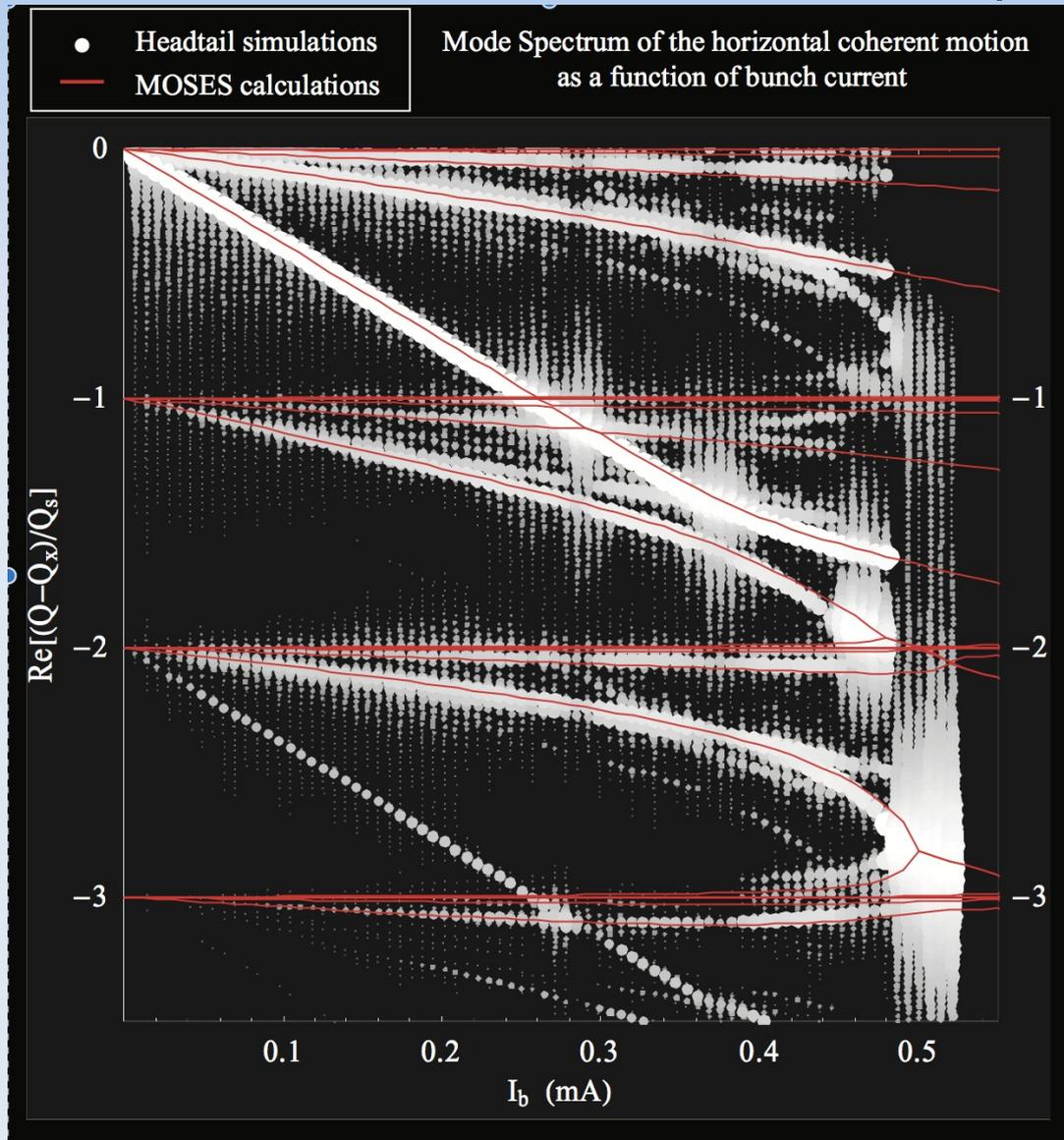
$$I_l(Q_c) = \iint_0^{+\infty} dJ_x dJ_y \frac{\frac{\partial f_0(J_x, J_y)}{\partial J_y} J_y}{Q_c - Q_{y0} - a_{yy}J_y - a_{yx}J_x - lQ_s},$$

Vlasov solvers

- What they can do:
 - predict growth rates from the knowledge of the beam-coupling impedance and (semi-) **analytical formulas** → **very fast**,
 - provides **vision & understanding** of the **modes** that can develop in a beam,
 - perform large **parameters scans**.
- But...
 - they rely on a number of reasonable but always questionable **assumptions**,
 - they work only in **simplified & idealized situations**,
 - any additional ingredient to be put in such a solver, typically requires **pages** of analytical derivations...
- Examples of Vlasov solvers: **Laclare's formalism**, **MOSES** (Y. Chin), **NHTVS** (A. Burov), **DELPHI**, ...

How do macroparticle simulations and Vlasov solvers compare?

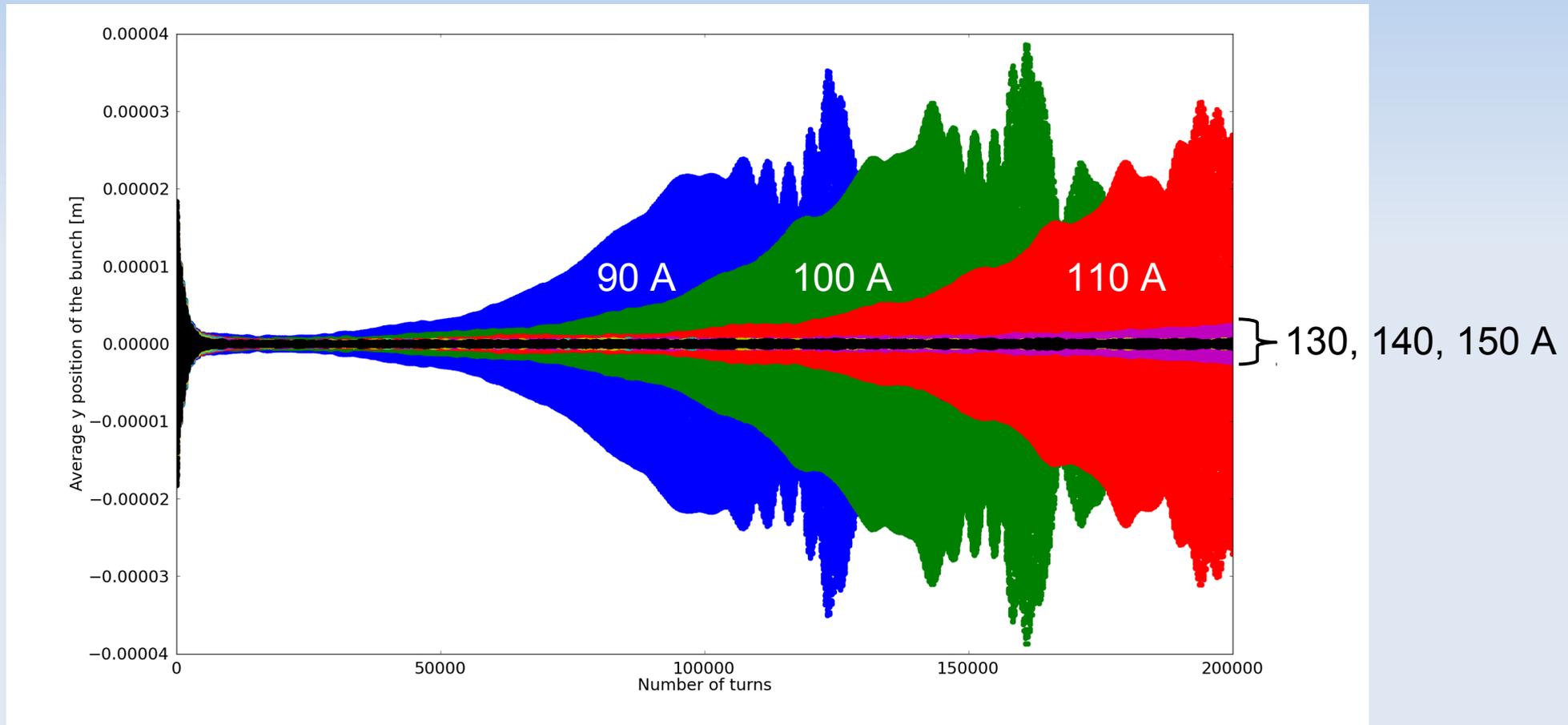
- MOSES vs HEADTAIL for the SPS impedance model:



From Benoît Salvant' PhD thesis, EPFL n°4585 (2010)

Example of macroparticle simulations: LHC single bunch with octupoles

- Bunch centroid from HEADTAIL simulations with various currents in the octupoles:



⇒ $120 \text{ A} < \text{stabilizing } I_{\text{oct}} < 130 \text{ A}?$

⇒ But what if we simulate more turns?

Re-analysing LEP TMCI with the help of a Vlasov solver

D Brandt et al

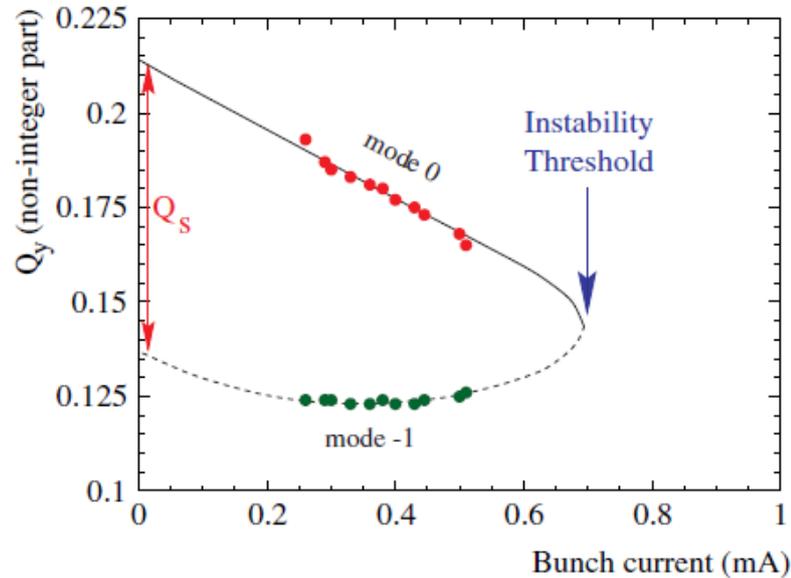


Figure 12. Measurement of the 0 and -1 modes of oscillation as a function of the bunch current at LEP for $Q_s = 0.082$. As the current increases the two modes approach until they merge at the instability threshold.

- Transverse feedback: several ideas
 - **reactive feedback** (prevent mode 0 to shift down and couple with mode -1) → not more than 5-10 % increase in threshold, despite several attempts and models developed [Danilov-Perevedentsev 1993, Sabbi 1996, Brandt et al 1995],
 - **resistive feedback**, first found ineffective [Ruth 1983], tried at LEP but never used in operation. More recently (2005) thought to be a good option by **Karliner-Popov** with a possible increase by **factor ~5** of TMCI threshold.

- Impedance model: two broad-band resonators (RF cavities + bellows), the rest is relatively small (<10%) [G. Sabbi, 1995].

→ experimental tune shifts and TMCI threshold (from simple formula) well reproduced,

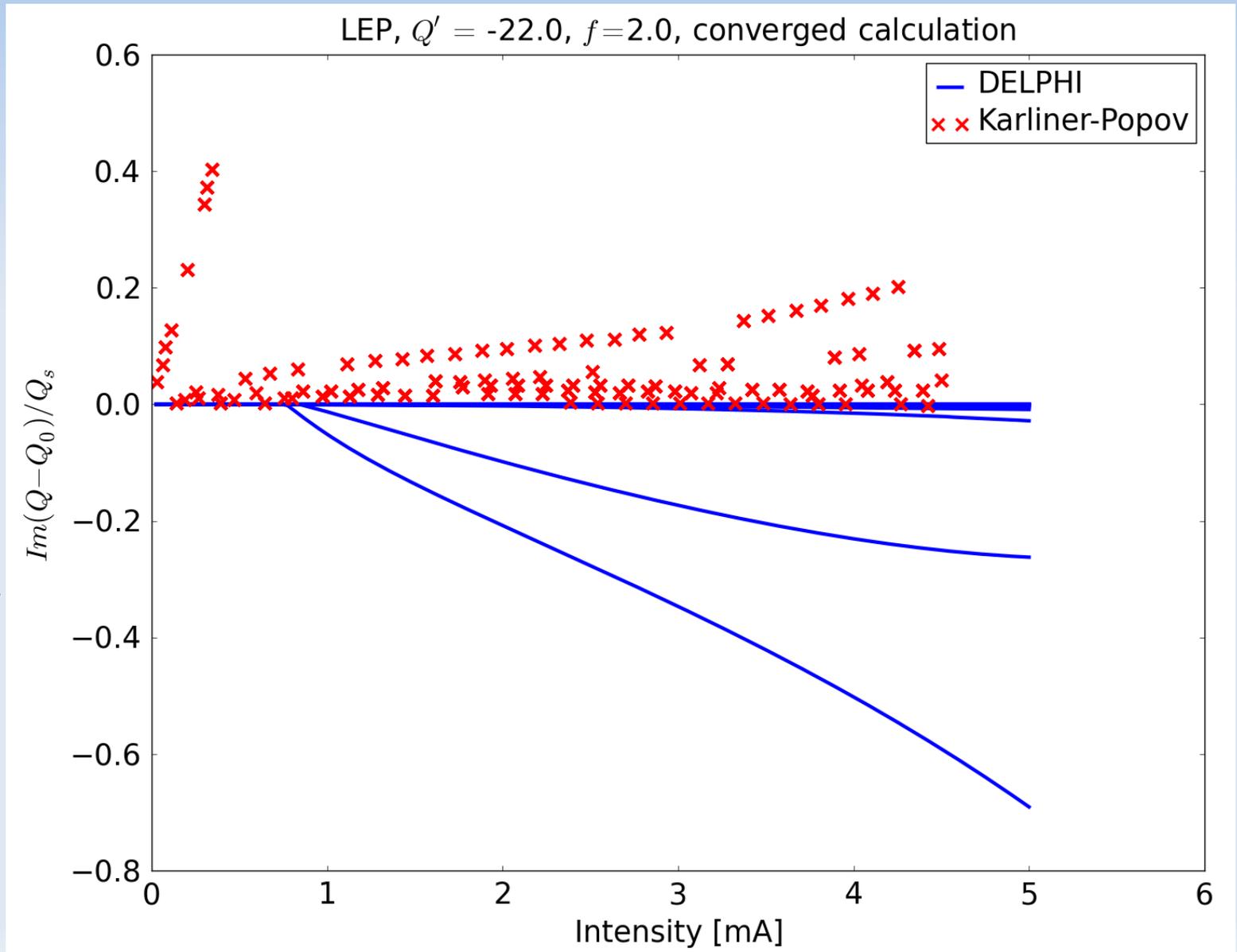
→ threshold slightly less than 1mA.

LEP

- LEP with **resistive damper** (typical LEP2 parameters)

Imag. part,
 $Q'=-22$

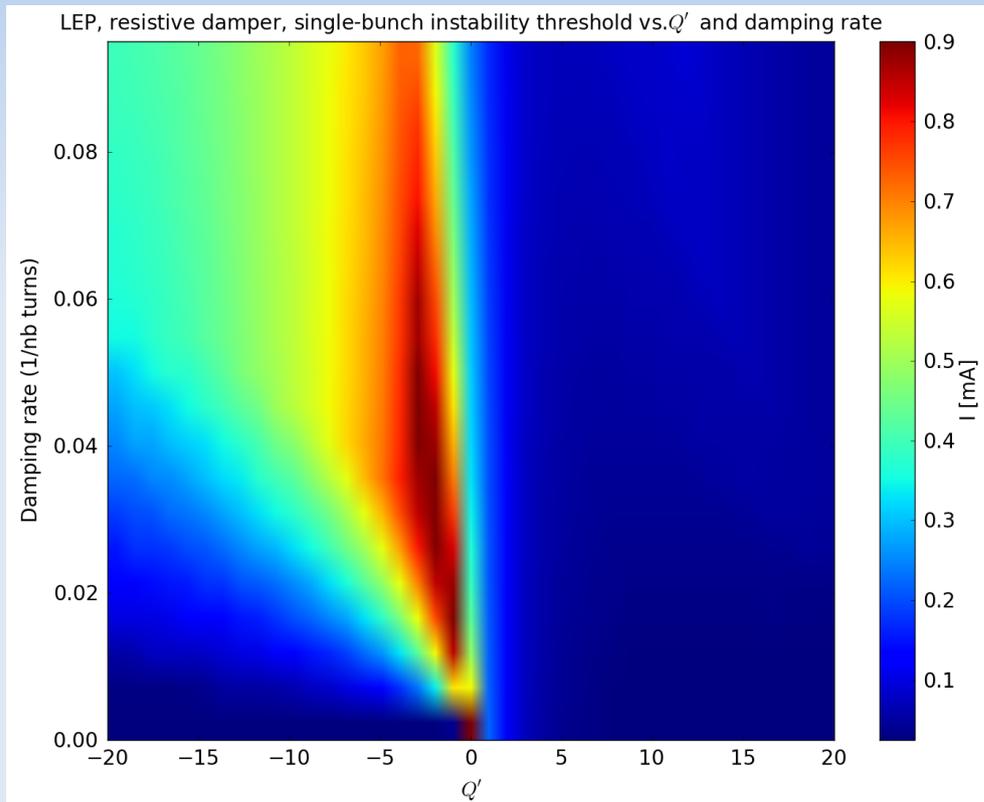
→ we cannot
reproduce the
result of Karliner
& Popov.



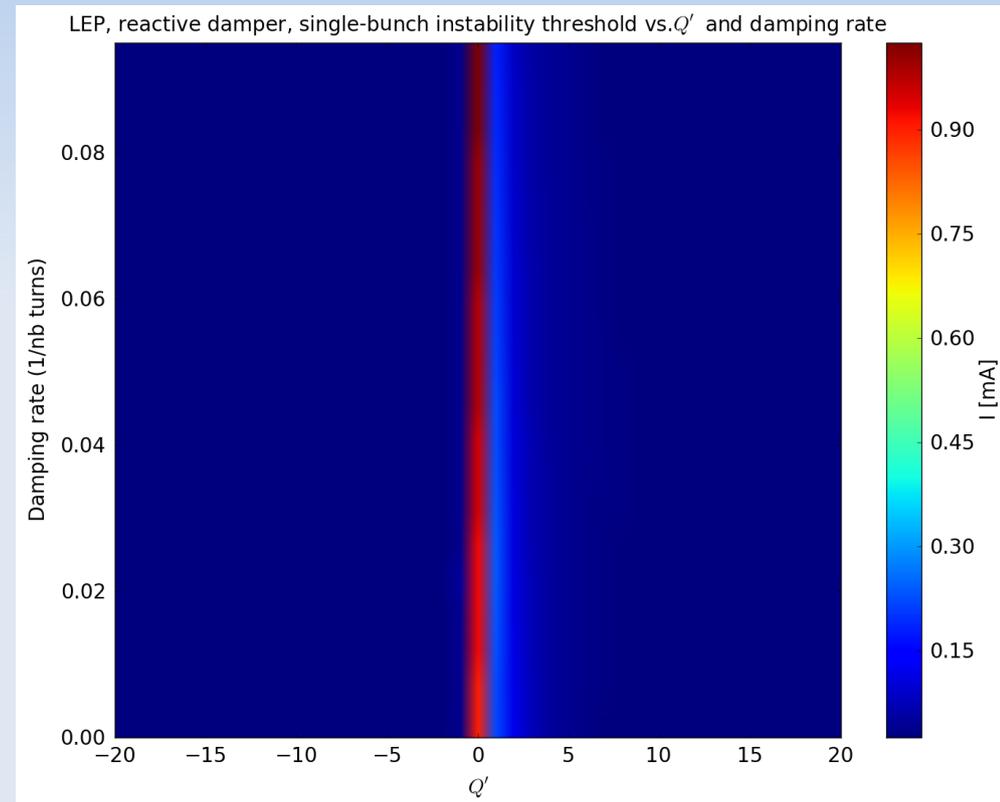
LEP: TMCI with damper

- Instability threshold vs. Q' and damper gain (up to 10 turns) with DELPHI:

Resistive damper



Reactive damper



Essentially, **one cannot do better than the natural** (i.e. without damper) **TMCI threshold.**

We can do a little better than the "natural" TMCI.
→ seems to match (qualitatively) LEP observations.

Conclusions

- Vlasov solvers and macroparticle simulations are two **equivalent** ways to predict coherent instabilities; they give essentially the **same results** when they can be applied to the same situations.
- **Macroparticle simulation** codes are **simple** in essence, so **easily extensible**, while **Vlasov solvers** typically require complete re-derivations of **complex analytical formulas** when any ingredient has to be added.
- **Macroparticle simulations** can deal with very **complex** beam & machine configurations.
- **Vlasov solvers** are to be used in **simplified and idealized problems**, because of the **assumptions** needed to solve the complex Vlasov equation.
- **Macroparticle simulations** are typically much more **computationally intensive** than **Vlasov solvers**, which therefore can be used to make **broad parameter scans**. **Macroparticle** codes can then be used to **refine** the analysis.
- **Macroparticle simulations** are in any case **fundamentally** unable to know what happens after an **infinite time**. **Vlasov solvers**, on the contrary, can spot even **very slowly growing modes**.

Backup slides

Vlasov solvers

- Another possibility: **Vlasov solver in "mode domain"**
 - solver that looks for **all modes that can develop**, among which one can easily spot the most critical (i.e. unstable).
- Idea is not new (non exhaustive list):
 - **Laclare formalism** [J. L. Laclare, CERN-87-03-V-1, p. 264],
 - **MOSES** [Y. Chin, CERN/SPS/85-2 & CERN/LEP-TH/88-05],
 - **NHTVS** [A. Burov, Phys. Rev. ST AB 17, 021007 (2014)].

Getting to Sacherer integral equation

- Outline:
 - Vlasov equation
 - Hamiltonian
 - Perturbative approach adopted
 - Impedance term
 - **Sacherer integral equation** for transverse modes.
- We follow here an approach largely inspired from A. W. Chao, *Physics of Collective Beam Instabilities in High Energy Accelerators*, John Wiley & Sons (1993), chap. 6.
- Note: here, unlike Chao we use "engineer" convention for the Fourier transform → $e^{j\omega t}$ (unstable modes have **imag. part < 0**). Also, **SI** units (c.g.s in Chao), and **notations** often different.

The trick is to find appropriate decompositions...

- Writing f_1 as a Fourier series

$$f_1(J_y, \theta_y) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} f_1^k(J_y) e^{jk\theta_y},$$

we can show that all f_1^k are zero except for $k=-1$ (this is **exact** except for $k=1$ for which it relies on $|Q_c - Q_y| \ll |Q_c + Q_y|$)

$$\rightarrow f_1(J_y, \theta_y) = f(J_y) e^{-j\theta_y}.$$

- For g_1 decomposition is more subtle:

$$g_1(r, \phi) = e^{\frac{-jQ'_y z}{\eta R}} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{+\infty} R_l(r) e^{-jl\phi}, \rightarrow \text{azimuthal modes decomposition}$$

to cancel some term in Vlasov eq.

Rewriting Vlasov equation

- Use polar coordinates in longitudinal:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= r \cos \phi, \\ \frac{\eta v}{\omega_s} \delta &= r \sin \phi. \end{aligned}$$

- After some algebra, neglecting second order terms proportional to $\Delta\psi_1 F_y$ (wake field force assumed to be small):

$$e^{\frac{j\Omega s}{v}} \left(f_1 g_1 \frac{j\Omega s}{v} + \frac{Q_y}{R} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \theta_y} g_1 + \frac{\omega_s}{v} f_1 \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial \phi} \right) = \frac{\sin \theta_y}{E} \sqrt{\frac{2J_y R}{Q_{y0}}} F_y(z, s) g_0(r) f'_0(J_y).$$

$$Q_y = Q_{y0} + Q'_y \delta,$$

The trick is to find appropriate decompositions...

- After such decompositions, Vlasov eq. now looks like

$$\sum_{l=-\infty}^{+\infty} R_l(r) \left[\frac{f(J_y)(Q_c - Q_{y0} - lQ_s)}{f'_0(J_y) \sqrt{\frac{2J_y R}{Q_{y0}}}} \right] e^{-jl\phi} = \frac{R e^{-j\frac{Q_c s}{R}}}{2E} F_y(z, s) e^{\frac{jQ'_y z}{\eta R}}$$

must be constant w.r.t $J_y \rightarrow f(J_y) = D f'_0(J_y) \sqrt{\frac{2J_y R}{Q_{y0}}} \rightarrow$ dipole mode

- Next step is to evaluate F_y :
 - written initially as a 4D integral (convolution of the wake in z , weighted by total distribution function):

$$F_y(z, s) = \frac{e^2}{2\pi R} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{\frac{jQ_c(s-2\pi kR)}{R}} \iiint \int d\tilde{z} d\tilde{\delta} dJ_y d\theta_y \psi(\tilde{z}, \tilde{\delta}, J_y, \theta_y) W_y(z - \tilde{z})$$

multiturn sum (importance of self-consistency)

distribution

wake f^0

How to write the wake fields force

- Using the fact that the unperturbed distribution has no dipole moment, and the previous decompositions:

$$F_y(z, s) = \frac{e^2}{2Q_{y0}} e^{\frac{jQ_c s}{R}} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(D \int_0^{+\infty} dJ_y f'_0(J_y) J_y \right) \cdot$$

$$\underbrace{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-2\pi j Q_c k} \int d\tilde{z} W_y(z - \tilde{z}) \int d\tilde{\delta} e^{\frac{-jQ'_y \tilde{z}}{\eta R}} R_l(r) e^{-jl\phi}}_{S(z)}$$

- After some tricks we get for an **impedance** (details in Chao):

$$S(z) = -\frac{vQ_s}{\eta R^2} j^{-l} \sum_{p=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-j(Q_c+p)\frac{\tilde{z}}{R}} Z_y[-\omega_0(Q_c+p)] \int_0^{+\infty} r R_l(r) J_l \left[\left(\omega_\xi - \omega_0(Q_c+p) \right) \frac{r}{v} \right] dr.$$

and for an ideal **dumper** (constant imag. wake, no multiturn):

$$S(z) \propto -\frac{vQ_s}{\eta R^2} j^{-l} \int_0^{+\infty} r R_l(r) J_l \left(\frac{\omega_\xi r}{v} \right) dr.$$

$Q'_y \omega_0 / \eta$

How are we going to solve this ?

- Using a decomposition over **Laguerre polynomials** of the radial functions (idea from Besnier 1974, used then by Y. Chin in code **MOSES** – 1985):

$$R_l(\tau) = \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_b}\right)^{|l|} e^{-b\tau^2} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} c_n^l L_n^{|l|}(a\tau^2),$$

Laguerre
polynomial

$$g_0(\tau) = e^{-b\tau^2} \sum_{k=0}^{n_0} g_k L_k^0(a\tau^2),$$

→ in principle any long.
distribution can be put in.

- Then the following integrals can be **computed analytically**:

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \tau^{1+|l|} L_n^{|l|}(a\tau^2) e^{(b-a)\tau^2} g_0(\tau) J_l(\omega\tau) d\tau,$$

→ can also play with
parameters a & b

→ exponentials make
impedance sum

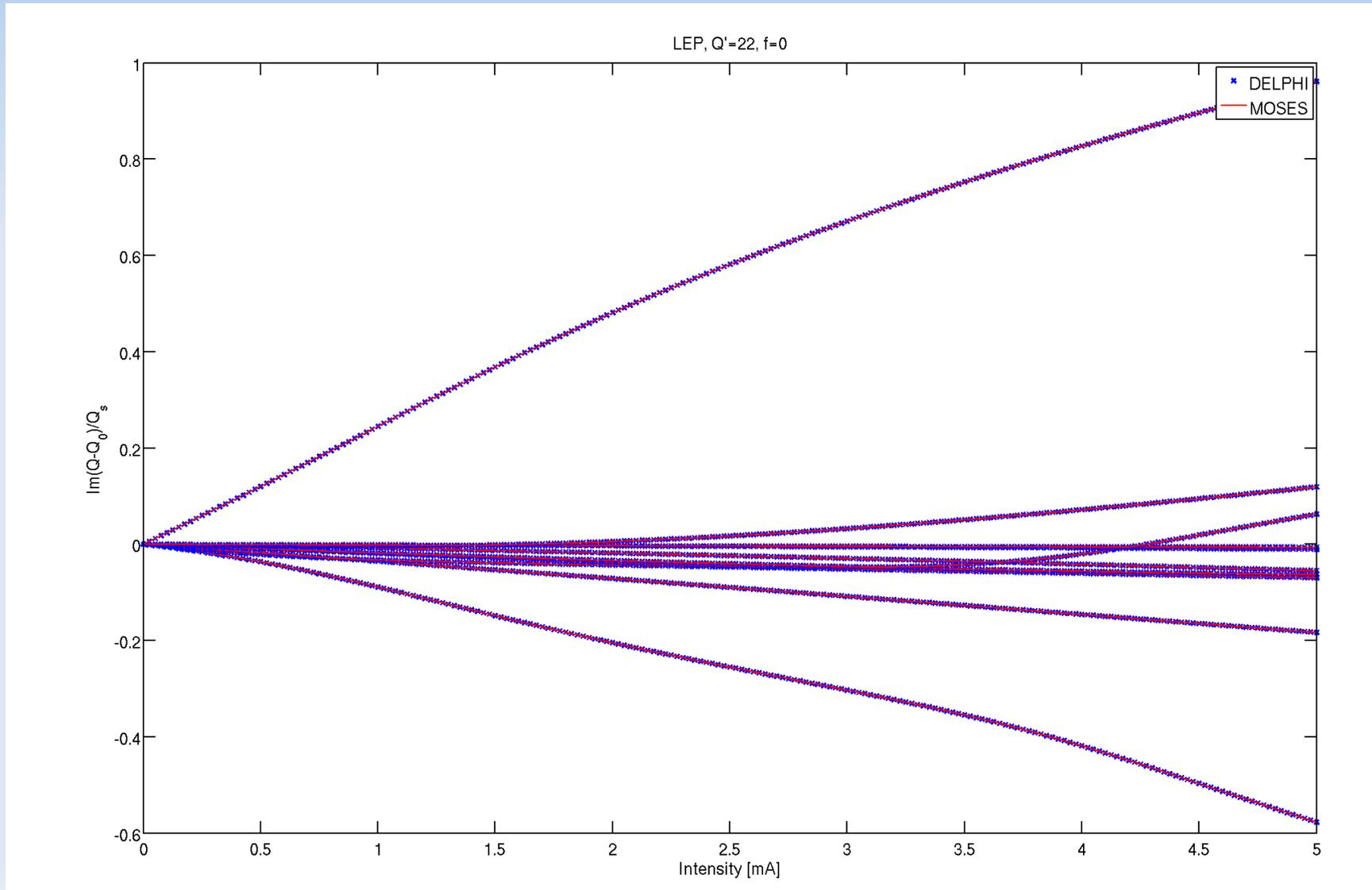
convergence easy.

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \tau^{1+|l|} L_n^{|l|}(a\tau^2) e^{-b\tau^2} J_l(\omega\tau) d\tau,$$

Benchmarks

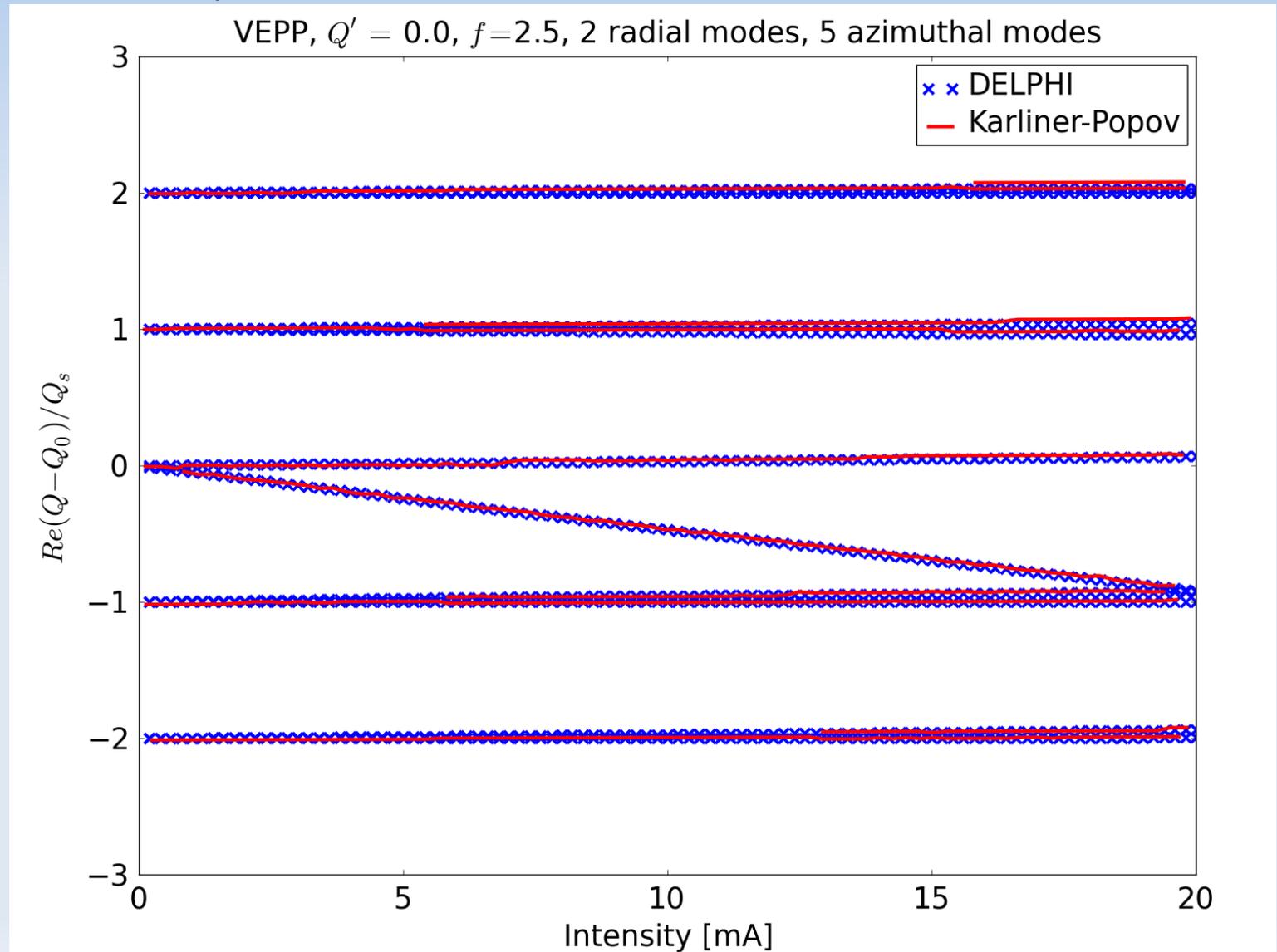
- DELPHI vs MOSES, single-bunch **without damper** (LEP RF cavities modeled as a broadband resonator):

Imag. part,
 $Q'=22$



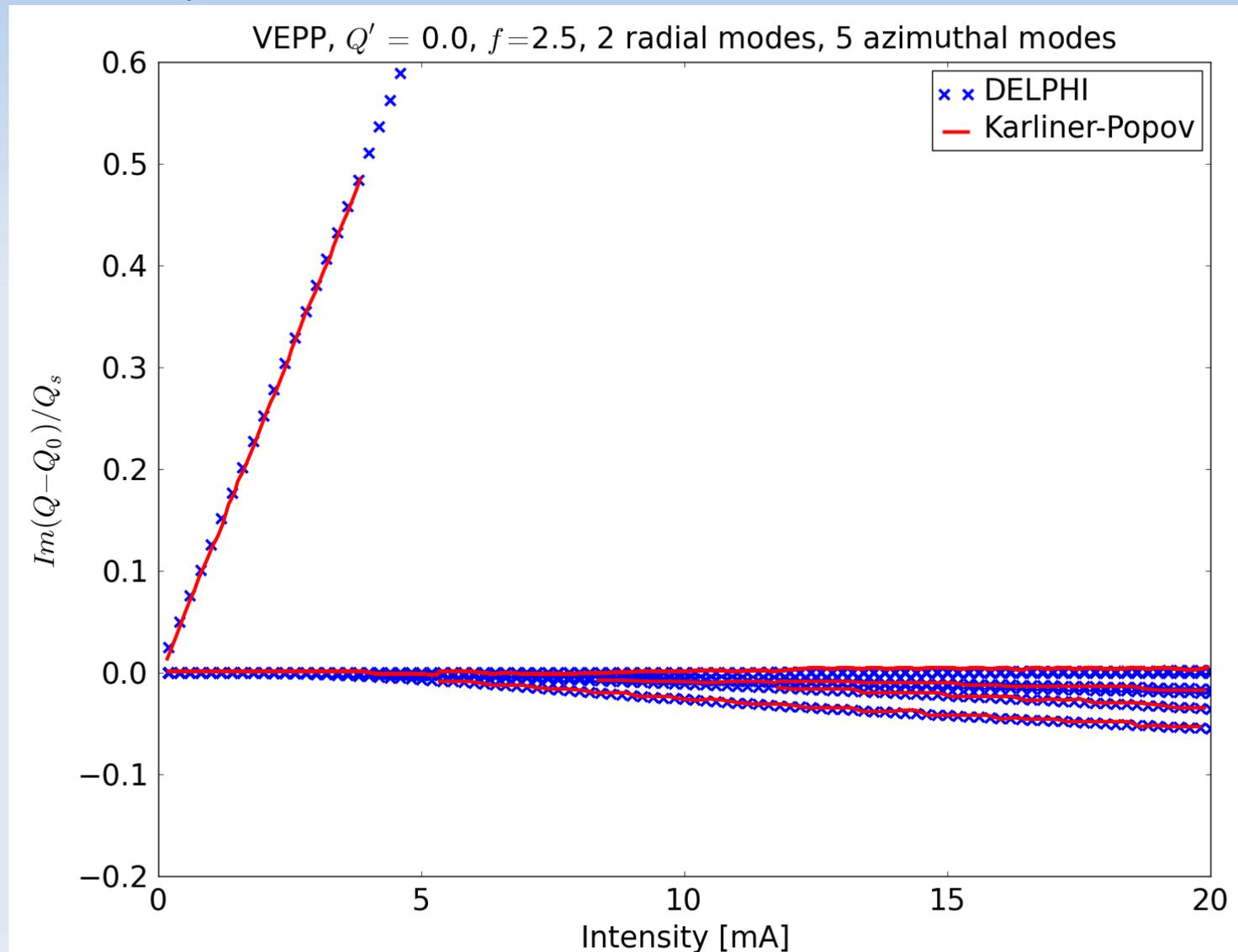
Benchmarks

- DELPHI vs Karliner-Popov, single-bunch **with damper** (VEPP-4, broadband resonator):



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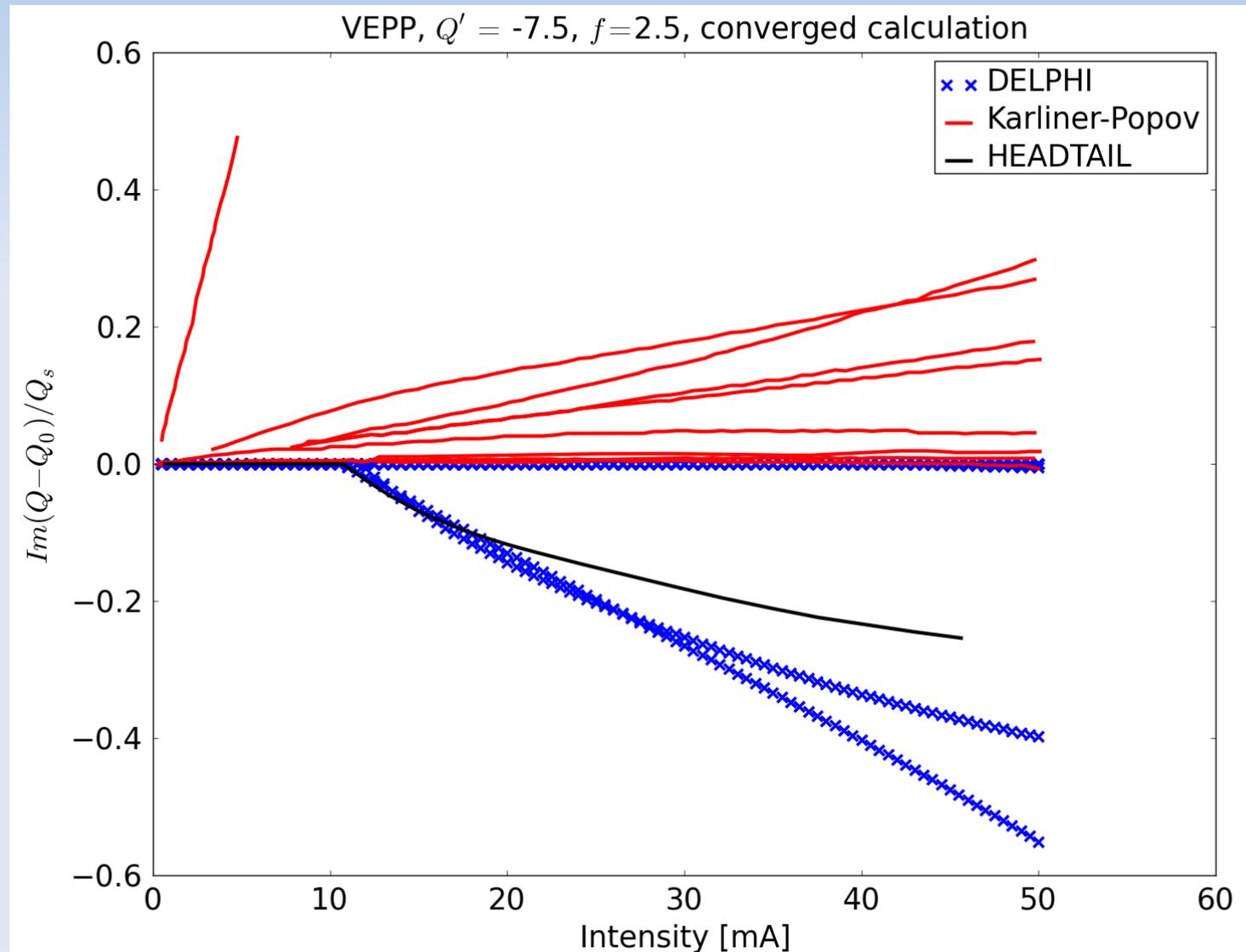
Benchmarks

- DELPHI vs Karliner-Popov and HEADTAIL (macroparticle simulation code – G. Rumolo et al), single-bunch **with damper** (VEPP-4, broadband resonator):

Imag, part,
 $Q'=-7.5$

DELPHI is closer
to HEADTAIL.

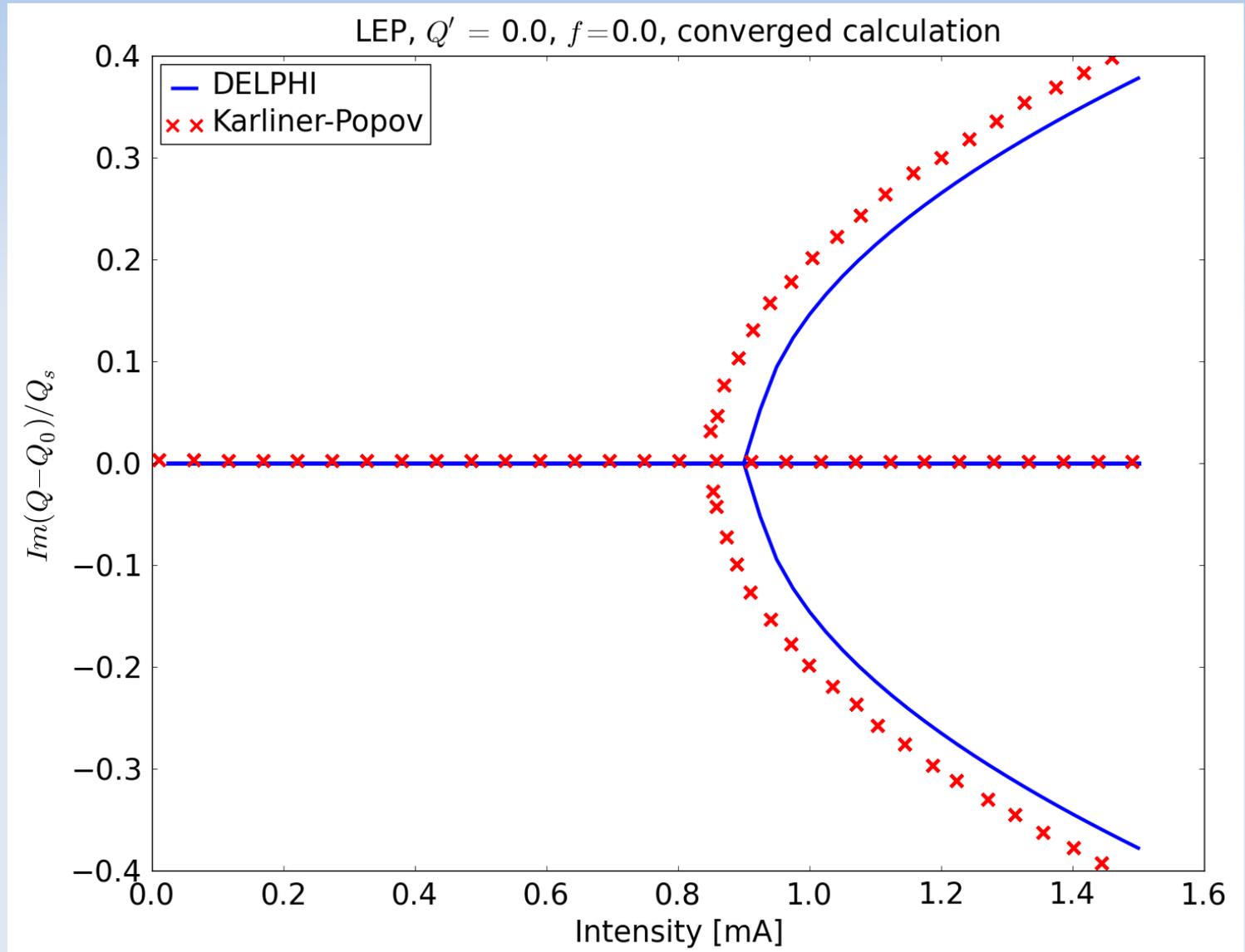
Karliner-Popov is
more stable
→ due to their
non flat damper ?
(we cannot check
because Karliner-P
damper parameters
are not provided).



LEP

- LEP **without damper** (typical LEP2 parameters)

Imag. part, $Q'=0$



Note: we had to change the bunch length (1.3cm instead of 1.8cm) to match Karliner-Popov's result.

Landau damping

- To include Landau damping, we simply need to replace the tune by

$$Q_y = Q_{y0} + Q'_y \delta + \frac{a_{yy}}{2} J_y + a_{yx} J_x,$$

- Then, **assuming the transverse invariant stays ~ the same**, the transverse part of the perturbation becomes:

$$f_l(J_x, J_y) = D_l \frac{\frac{\partial f_0(J_x, J_y)}{\partial J_y} \sqrt{\frac{2J_y R}{Q_{y0}}}}{Q_c - Q_{y0} - a_{yy} J_y - a_{yx} J_x - lQ_s}.$$

and the expression of the force from dipolar wake fields

$$F_y(z, s) = \frac{e^2}{2Q_{y0}} e^{\frac{jQ_c s}{R}} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(D_l \iint_0^{+\infty} dJ_x dJ_y \frac{\frac{\partial f_0(J_x, J_y)}{\partial J_y} J_y}{Q_c - Q_{y0} - a_{yy} J_y - a_{yx} J_x - lQ_s} \right) \cdot \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-2\pi j Q_c k} \int d\tilde{z} W_y(z - \tilde{z}) \int d\tilde{\delta} e^{\frac{-jQ'_y \tilde{z}}{\eta R}} R_l(r) e^{-jl\phi}.$$

Landau damping

- We define the dispersion integral as

$$I_l(Q_c) = \iint_0^{+\infty} dJ_x dJ_y \frac{\frac{\partial f_0(J_x, J_y)}{\partial J_y} J_y}{Q_c - Q_{y0} - a_{yy}J_y - a_{yx}J_x - lQ_s},$$

which can be computed analytically for many transverse distributions (Gaussian, parabolic, and others).

- Then the equation becomes:

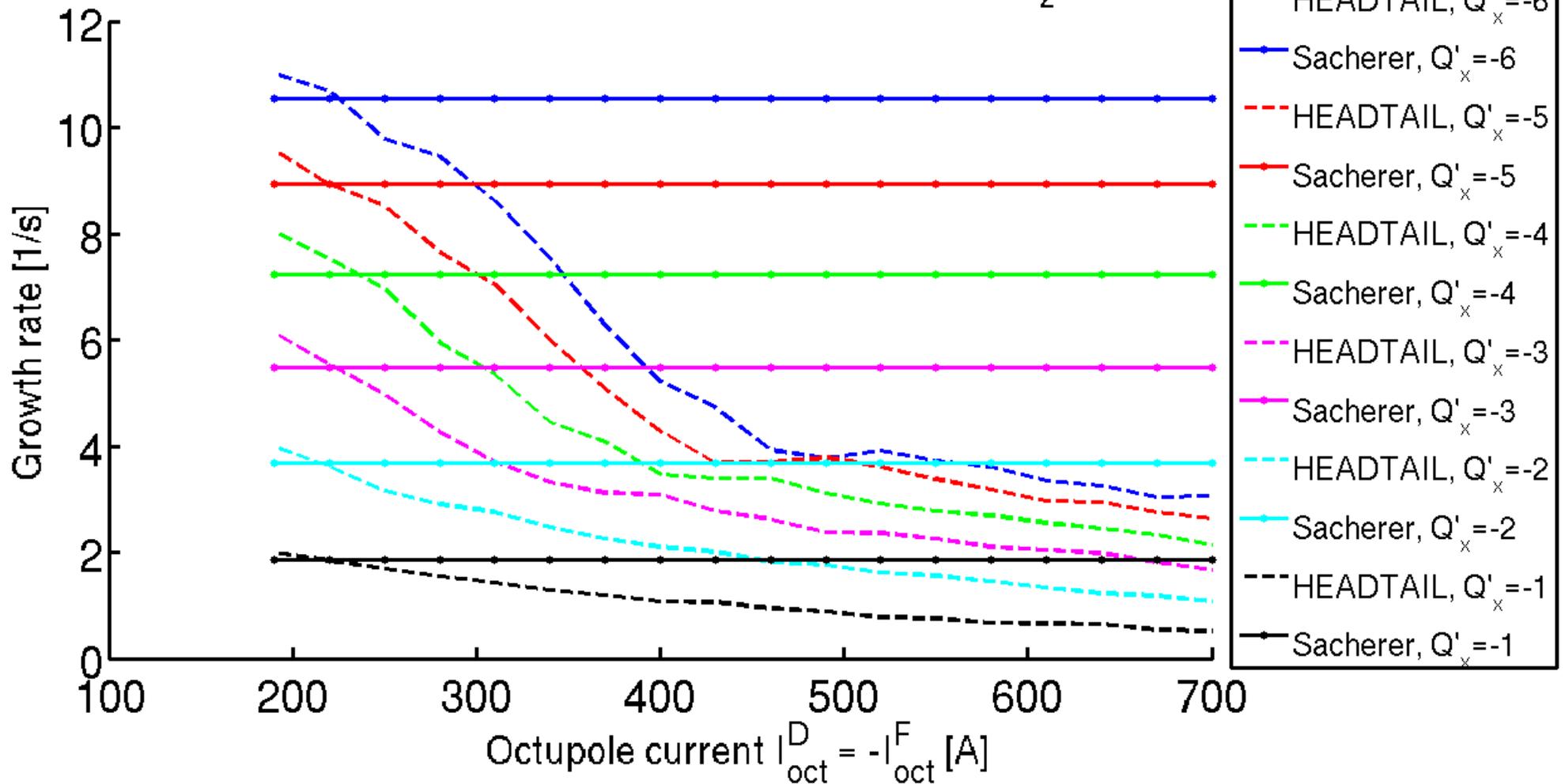
$$\det \left(\left[\delta_{ll'} \delta_{nn'} \frac{\omega_0}{I_l(Q_c)} \right] + [\mathcal{M}_{ln, l'n'}] \right) = 0.$$

This is a **non-linear equation** of the coherent (complex) tune shift Q_c , which can be solved numerically.

Macroparticles vs. Vlasov solver (time domain vs. mode domain)

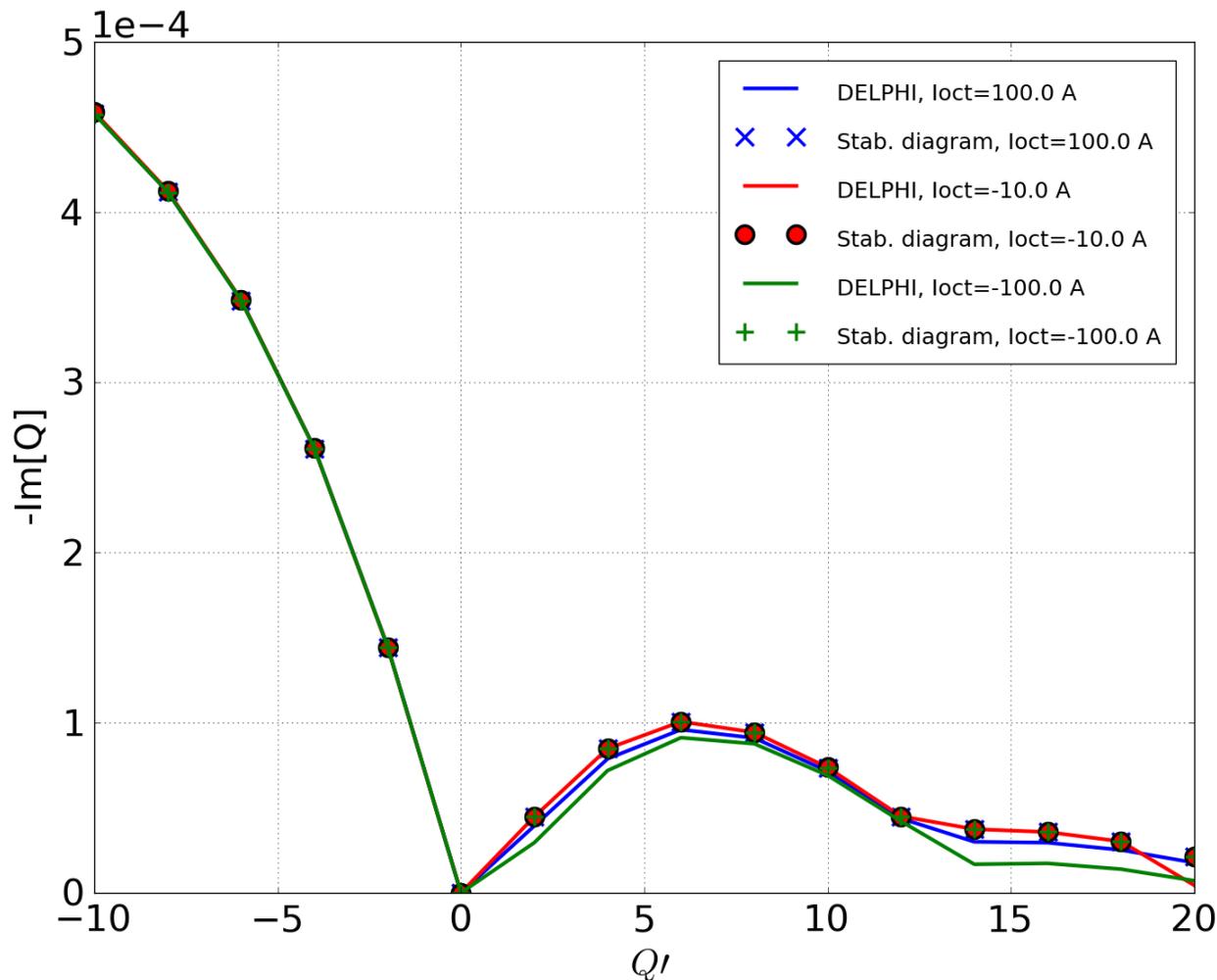
- LHC single bunch with octupoles:

Horizontal, without Q'' , 100 slices, 200000 macroparticles, $\pm 2\sigma_z$ binned



Landau damping with DELPHI: preliminary examples

- With the (old) LHC 2012 model, 5 azimuthal modes and 5 radial modes (non converged computation), **no damper**, single-bunch, $N_b=3e11$ p+/b: **comparison with stability diagram theory**



→ quite good agreement !