

# Secondary electron effects in low energy ion beams

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"Satellites" in emittance measurements

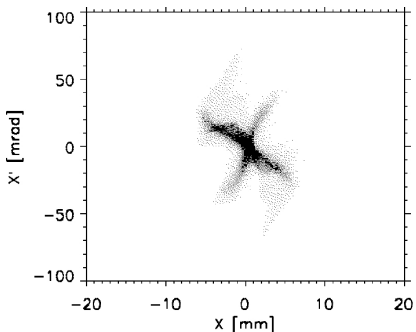


Figure: 10 keV, 2.5 mA He<sup>+</sup> beam transported through a 2-solenoid LEBT with compensation electrodes<sup>1</sup>

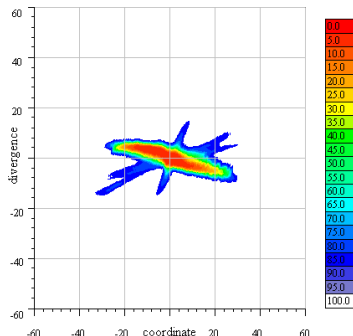
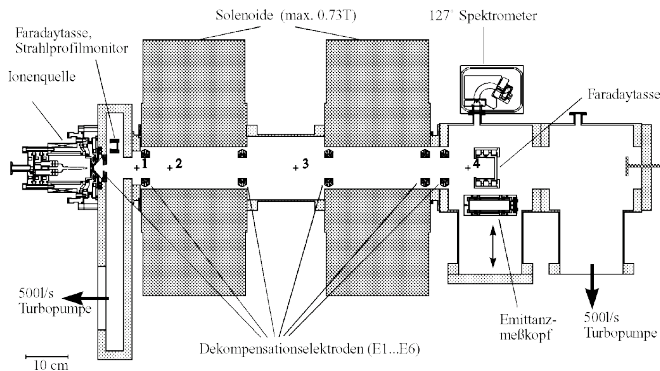


Figure: 95 keV, 98 mA proton beam measured at CEA/Saclay<sup>2</sup>

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Beam potential



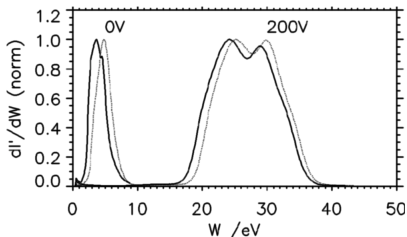
**Figure:** Setup used by P. Groß to measure space charge compensation<sup>1</sup>

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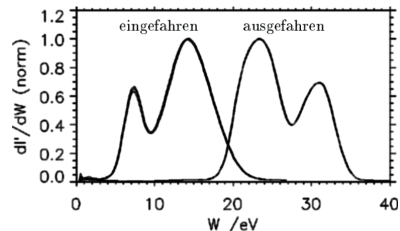
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## Energy distribution of residual gas ions



**Figure:** Spectrum between the solenoids with partially compensated and decompensated beam<sup>1</sup>



**Figure:** Spectrum with emittance scanner inserted and retracted<sup>1</sup>

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# Sources of secondary electrons

Impact of lost particles

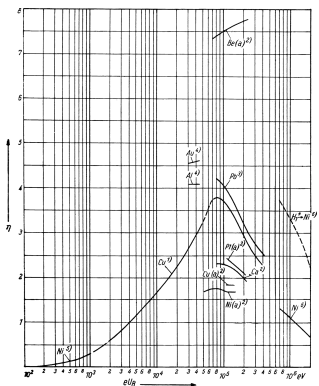


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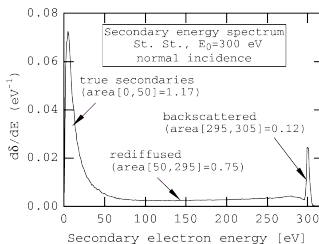


Figure: SEY for electrons<sup>4</sup>

- Depends on surface treatment
- Data for electrons available, for ions hard to find

<sup>3</sup>Manfred von Ardenne. *Tabellen zu Angewandten Physik Band 1*. VEB Deutscher Verlag der Wissenschaften, 1973

<sup>4</sup>MA Furman and MTF Pivi. "Probabilistic model for the simulation of secondary electron emission". In: *Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams* 5.124404 (2002), pp. 124404–1

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Ionisation of residual gas

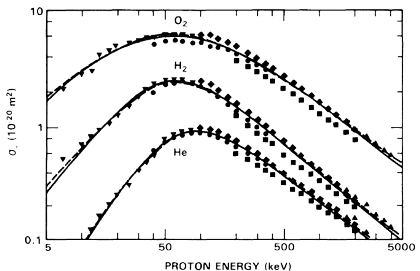


Figure: Electron production cross section for protons on different residual gas ions [5]

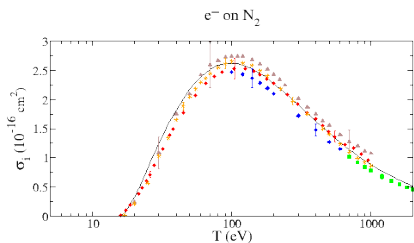


Figure: Electron impact ionisation cross section for  $N_2$  [4]

$$\text{Maximum on } N_2: \sigma_p(50\text{keV}) = 5.96 \text{ \AA}^2, \sigma_e(100\text{eV}) = 2.62 \text{ \AA}^2$$

# Measured secondary electron effects

A lot of open questions...

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Einige Erweiterungen, z. B. die Einbeziehung der Restgasionen in die Simulation, sind zwar schon vorgezeichnet und harren „lediglich“ der Realisierung, das gravierendste Problem, die Beschreibung des kompensierten Strahles in Anwesenheit von magnetischen Feldern, erfordert jedoch noch weitergehende theoretische und experimentelle Untersuchungen.

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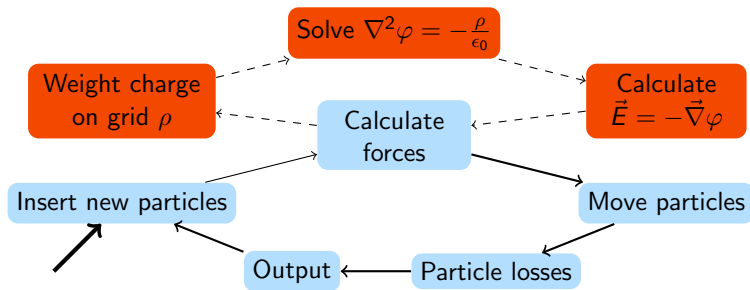
*Dissertation P. Groß, 2000*

# The Particle-in-Cell code "Bender"

The particle-in-cell method

Valid approximations for low-energy beams:

- Non-relativistic:  $\beta < 0.1, \gamma \approx 1$
- Electrostatic: self-magnetic field  $B_{Beam} \approx B_{Earth}$
- Grouping of particles to macroparticles – "phase space sampling"





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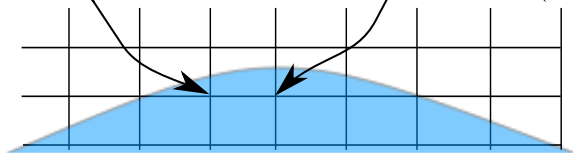
Approximation of geometry on the grid

Finite difference discretization of the second derivatives with different stencil distances  $h_+$ ,  $h_-$ :

$$\frac{d^2\varphi}{dx^2}(x) = \frac{2}{h_-h} \varphi(x-h_-) + \frac{2}{h_+h} \varphi(x+h_+) - \frac{2}{h_+h_-} \varphi(x) + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

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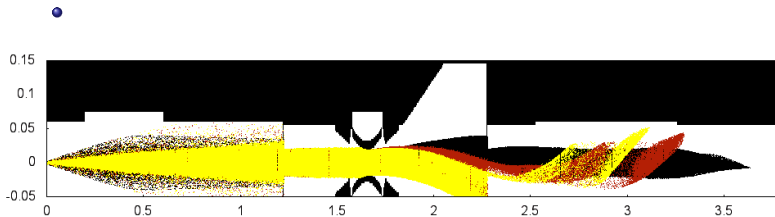
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# The Particle-in-Cell code "Bender"

Currently implemented features

- Gebunchte und kontinuierliche Strahlen
- Multi-Species



# Simulation difficulties

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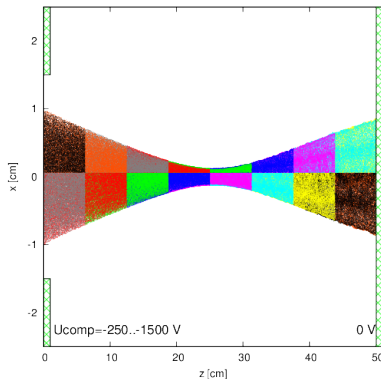
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## Ionisation of residual gas

- Mean time between collisions ( $p = 10^{-7}$  mbar,  $W_b = 50$  keV): 2.2 s
- Influence on residual gas pressure?

# Simulation of a beam drift with repeller electrode



$$\Delta T = 50 \text{ ps}, T = 5 \mu\text{s}.$$

One electron per proton

$$W_e^{start} = 1 \text{ eV}$$

$$I_b = 100 \text{ mA}$$

$$W_b = 120 \text{ keV}$$

$$\varphi_b^{max} = 1090 \text{ V}$$

$$U_{comp} = -250 \dots -1500 \text{ V}$$

32 CPUs on CSC "Fuchs"

Lattice  $80 \times 80 \times 400$ ,

$$h = 1.25 \text{ mm}$$

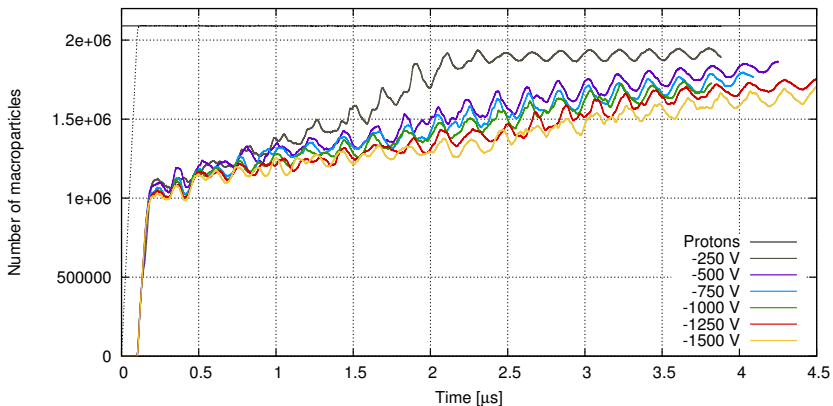
1.9 million dofs

1000 new particles per step,

3.7 million in flight

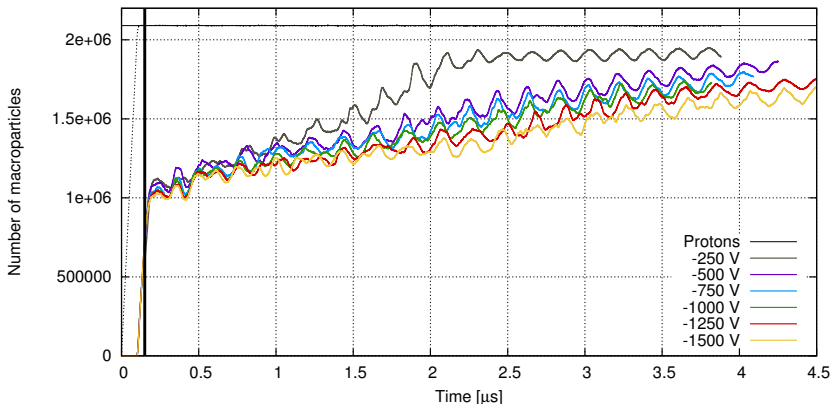
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# Simulation of a beam drift with compensation lens

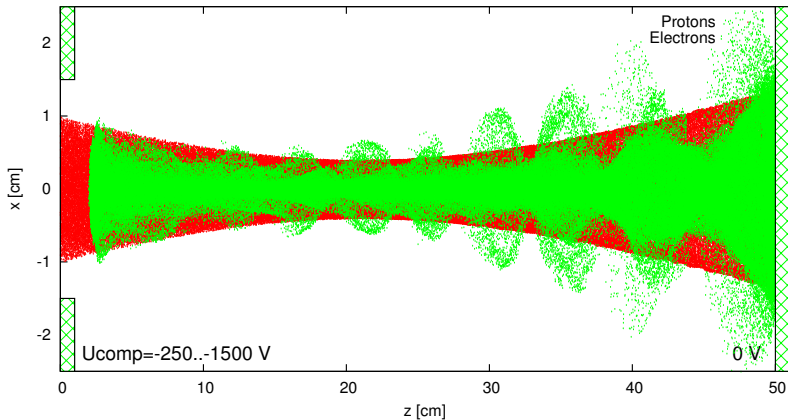
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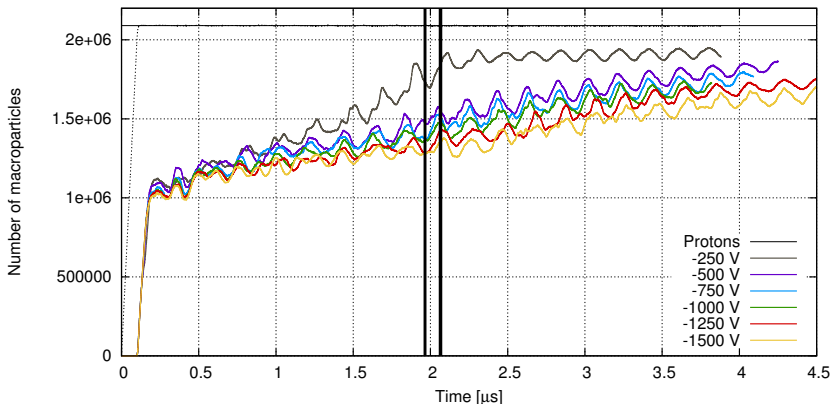
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Proton hitting the wall

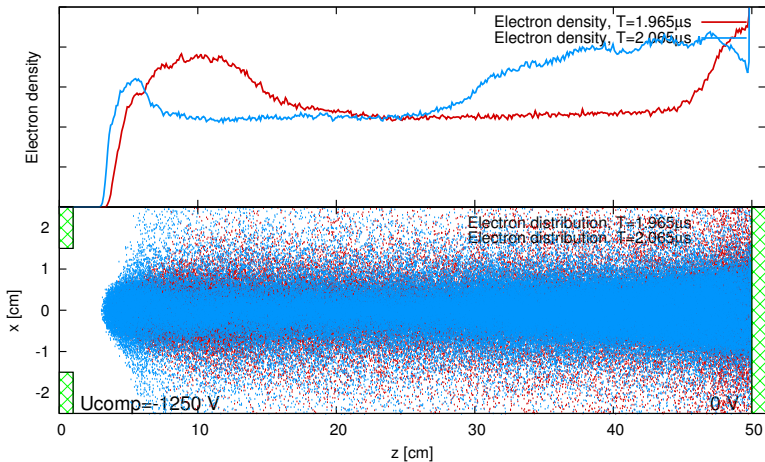


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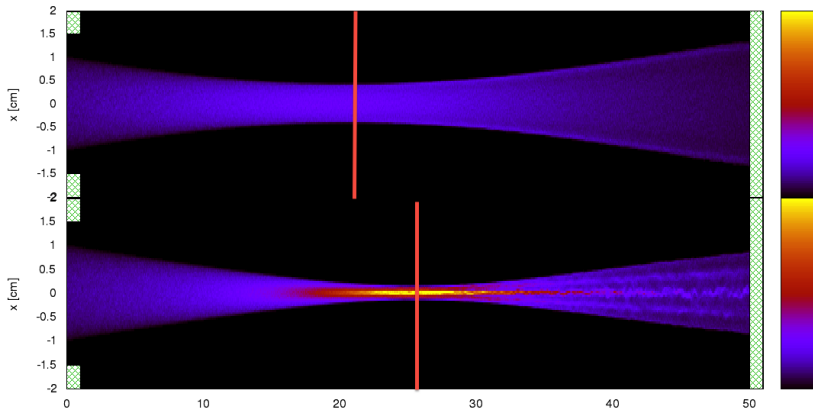
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# Electron column oscillation



# Influence on the proton beam



# Conclusion and outlook

- Secondary electrons have an effect on beam dynamics in the low energy section of an accelerator
- The Particle-in-cell method can be used to study these effects
- Systematic studies of the dependence of the equilibrium state and the rise time on the production rates
- Realistic models for electron production
  - Measurement of the SEY for different materials for different beam energies at the HTL test stand – inclusion in the PIC code
  - Include model from Furman and Pivi [2] for electron  $\leftrightarrow$  wall interaction
  - Interaction between electrons, ions  $\leftrightarrow$  residual gas – dynamics of the residual gas?
- Space charge compensation in beam line components
- Simulation of real systems and comparison with measurements
  - FRANZ LEBT and  $E \times B$  chopper – compensation of a pulsed proton beam
  - Gabor lenses – focussing using a confined electron plasma