



The introduction to learning Poisson/Superfish & Astra codes

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Electromagnetic field simulation code

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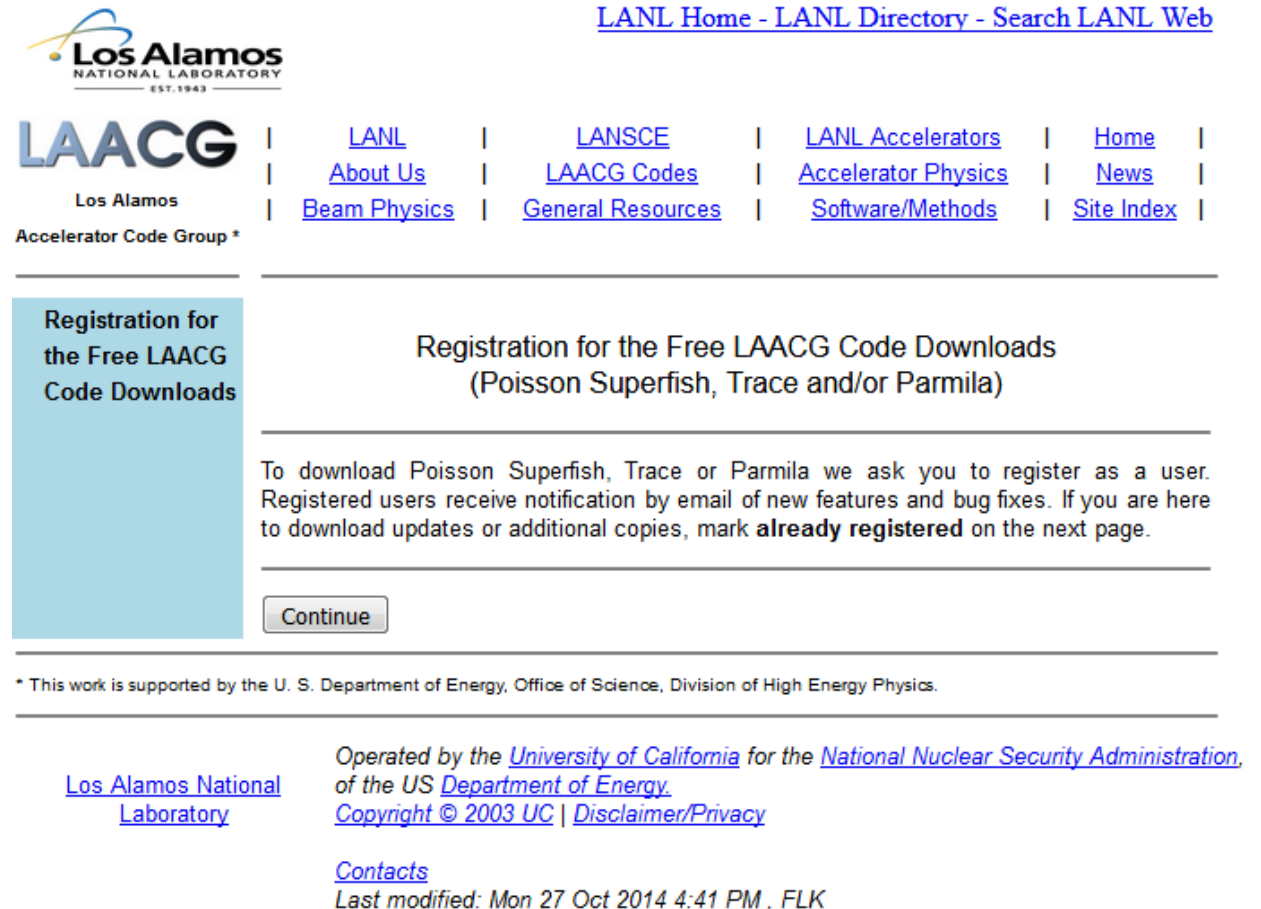
- ▷ **ASTRA**
 - ▷ PARMILA
 - ▷ PARMELA
 - ▷ TRACK
 - ▷ MAGIC
 - ▷ COMSOL
 - ▷ CST, ect.
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Poisson Superfish

Los Alamos National Laboratory
1976

Introduction I

- ▷ a collection of programs for calculating static magnetic and electric fields and radio-frequency electromagnetic fields in either 2-D Cartesian coordinates or axially symmetric cylindrical coordinates.
- ▷ **Getting Started with Poisson Superfish:** The best way to learn about Poisson Superfish is to run the sample problems described in the documentation.



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Codes description

SFTOC.DOC

This file, containing the table of contents and suggestions for viewing and printing.

SFINTRO.DOC

General information about the software installation, features in the codes, references, history, SF.INI configuration, and technical support.

SFFILES.DOC

Brief descriptions of all the input and output files used in the Poisson Superfish codes.

SFCODES.DOC

Information about the main programs Autofish, Automesh, Fish, CFish, Poisson, and Pandira.

SFPOSTP.DOC

Information about the postprocessor programs WSFplot, SFO, SF7, and Force.

SFCODES2.DOC

The automated tuning programs CCLfish, CDTfish, DTLfish, MDTfish, ELLfish, and RFQfish.

SFCODES3.DOC

General purpose plotting programs Quikplot and Tablplot, and utility programs Beta, Kilpat, List35, ConvertF, SF8, FScale, SegField, and SFtable.

SFEXMPL1.DOC

Discussion of rf-field example files for Fish, CFish, and Autofish contained in the Examples\RadioFrequency subdirectories.

SFEXMPL2.DOC

Discussion of the static-field example files for Poisson and Pandira contained in the Examples\Magnetostatic and Examples\Electrostatic subdirectories.

SFEXMPL3.DOC

Discussion of the tuning-program example files contained in the Examples\CavityTuning subdirectories.

SFPHYS1.DOC

Theory of electrostatics and magnetostatics from John Warren's treatment in the 1987 Reference Manual

SFPHYS2.DOC

Properties of static magnetic and electric fields from John Warren's treatment in the 1987 Reference Manual

SFPHYS3.DOC

Boundary conditions and symmetries from John Warren's treatment in the 1987 Reference Manual

SFPHYS4.DOC

Numerical methods in Poisson and Pandira from John Warren's treatment in the 1987 Reference Manual

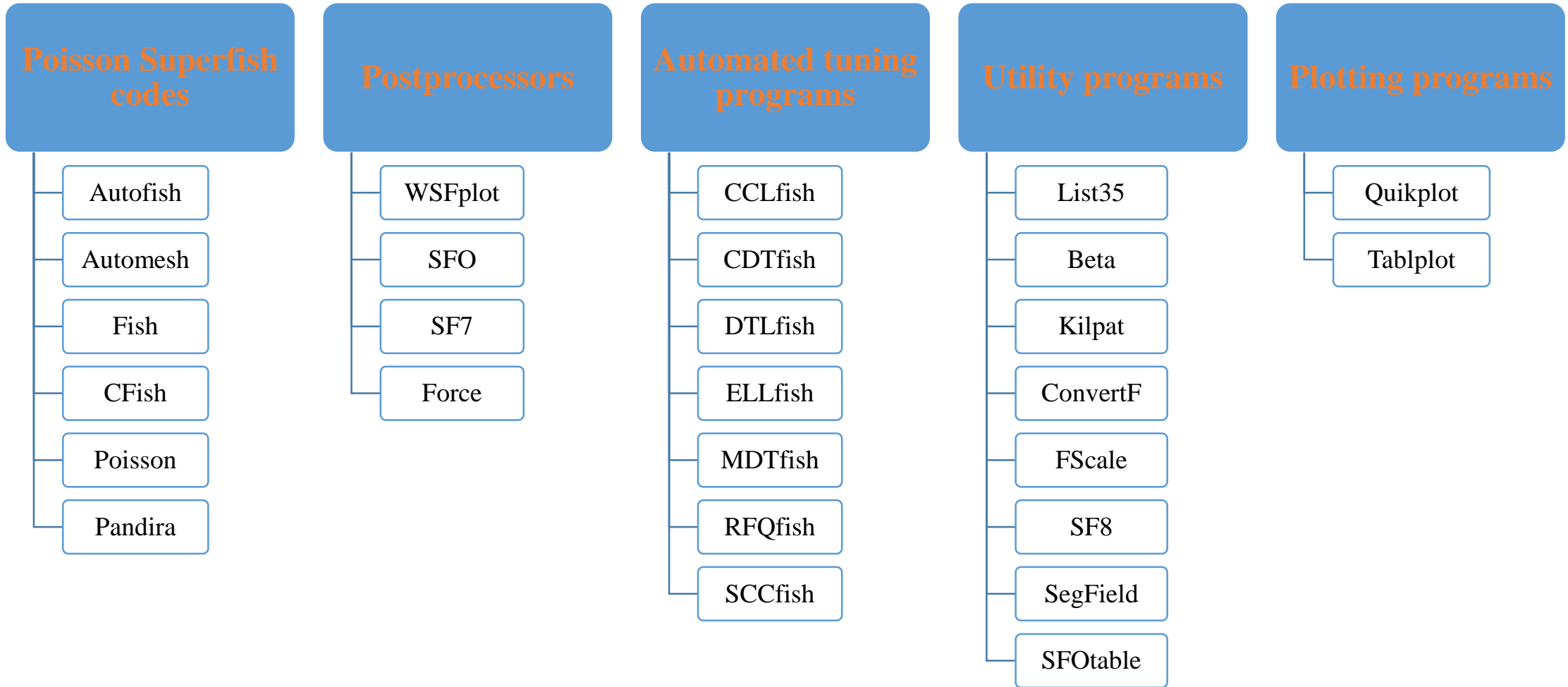
SFPHYS5.DOC

RF cavity theory from John Warren's treatment in the 1987 Reference Manual

Example

Theory

Summary of the Poisson Superfish codes



Input File

- ▷ Problem descriptions of up to ten **80-character** title lines are supported in all the codes.
- ▷ has extension: **AF, AM**
- ▷ contains: **REG, PO,** and **MT** namelist variables that define the problem parameters and the geometry.
- ▷ can use either a dollar sign (\$) or an ampersand (&) as the namelist delimiter.
- ▷ Comments can appear on any line in the input file after a semicolon (;) or exclamation mark (!).
- ▷ Variable **KPROB** must appear in the first REG namelist.

Variable	Superfish	Poisson
NBSUP	1	0
NBSLO	0	1
NBSRT	1	0
NBSLF	1	0

Field	Dirichlet	Neumann
Magnetic	parallel to boundary.	perpendicular to boundary.
Electric	perpendicular to boundary.	parallel to boundary.

0 indicates a Dirichlet boundary and 1 indicates a Neumann boundary

Poisson Superfish Example 1

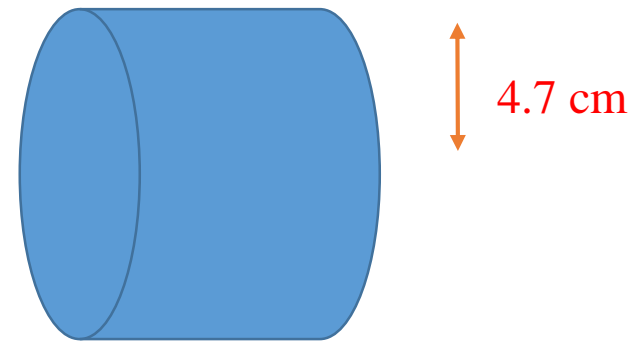
A Pillbox cavity

For the accelerating mode (TM_{010}), the resonant wavelength is:

$$\lambda = \frac{\pi D}{x_1}$$

$$x_1 = 2.40483$$

x_1 - first root of the zero-th order Bessel function $J_0(x)$



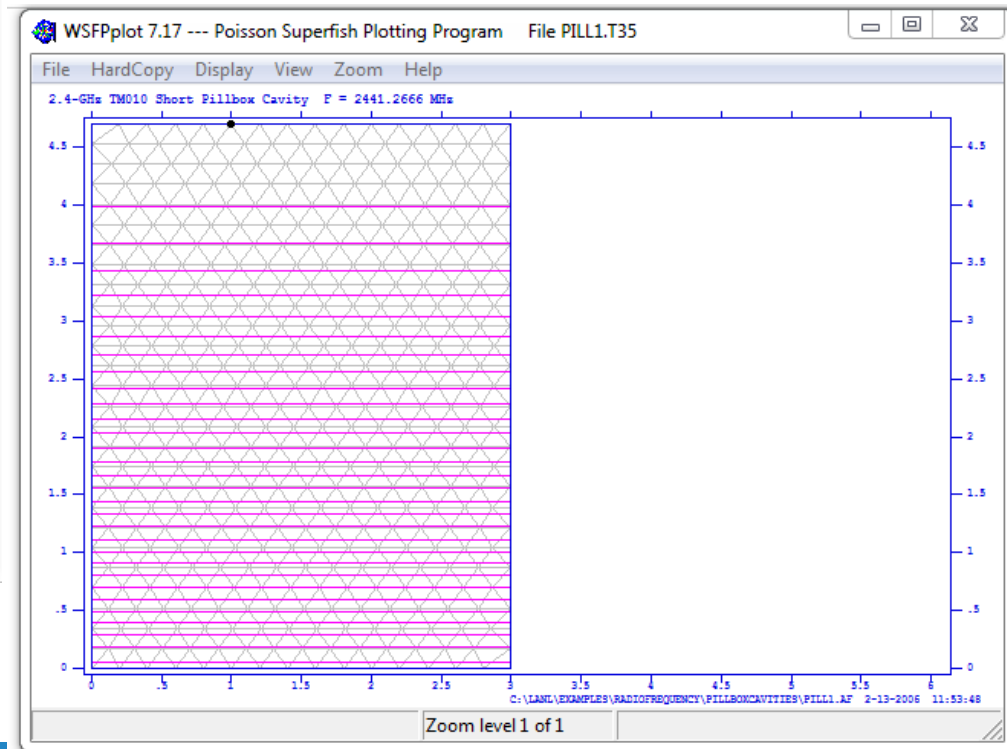
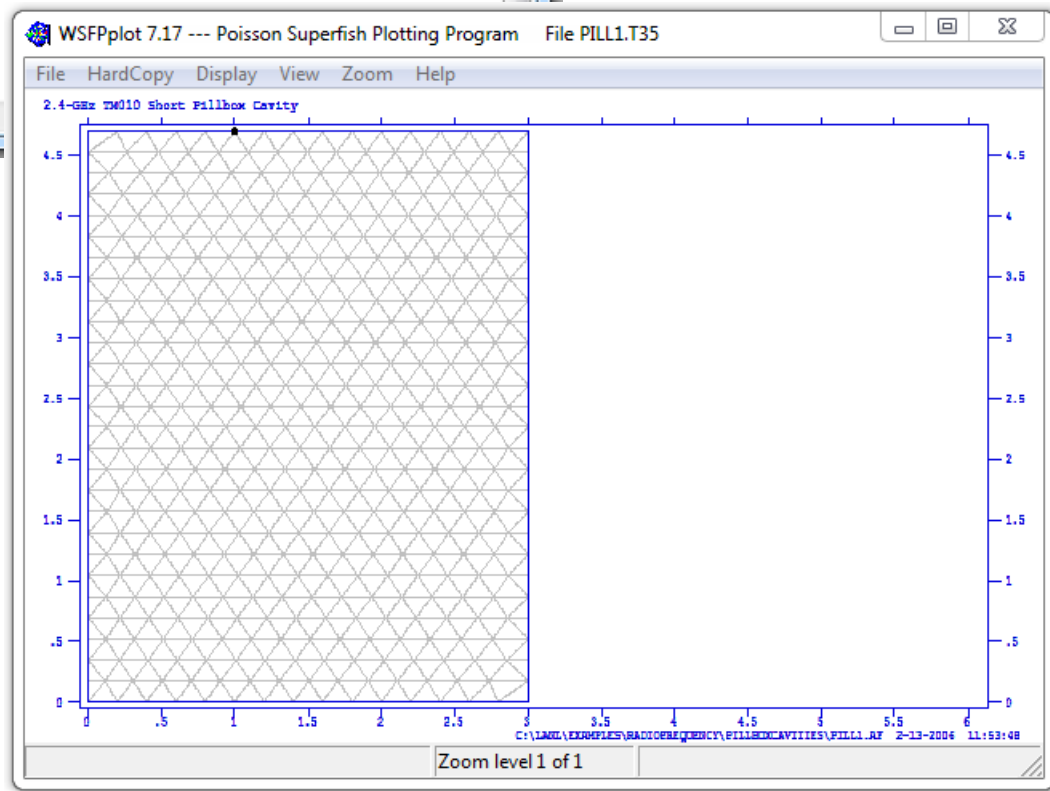

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PILL1 - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help

2.4-GHz TM010 Short Pillbox Cavity

; example 1

$reg kprob=1,      ; Superfish problem
dx=.2,            ; X mesh spacing
freq=2400.,       ; Starting frequency in MHz
xdri=1.,ydri=4.7 $ ; Drive point location

$po x=0.0,y=0.0 $ ; start of the boundary points
$po x=0.0,y=4.7 $
$po x=3.0,y=4.7 $
$po x=3.0,y=0.0 $
$po x=0.0,y=0.0 $
```



All calculated values below refer to the mesh geometry only.

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Field normalization (NORM = 0):  EZERO = 1.00000 MV/m
Frequency = 2441.26656 MHz
Particle rest mass energy = 938.272029 MeV
Beta = 0.4885913 kinetic energy = 137.096 MeV
Normalization factor for E0 = 1.000 MV/m = 5165.416
Transit-time factor = 0.0001896
stored energy = 2.45655E-04 Joules
Using standard room-temperature copper.
Surface resistance = 12.89047 milliohm
Normal-conductor resistivity = 1.72410 microhm-cm
Operating temperature = 20.0000 C
Power dissipation = 107.3166 W
Q = 35111.9 Shunt impedance = 279.547 MOhm/m
Rs*Q = 452.608 ohm Z*T*T = 0.000 MOhm/m
r/Q = 0.000 ohm wake loss parameter = 0.00000 V/pC
Average magnetic field on the outer wall = 1371.08 A/m, 1.21161 W/cm^2
Maximum H (at Z,R = 0.8,4.7) = 1370.97 A/m, 1.21143 W/cm^2
Maximum E (at Z,R = 0.4,4.7) = 4.3707E-04 MV/m, 1.02619E-05 Kilp.
Ratio of peak fields Bmax/Emax = 3941.7412 mT/(MV/m)
Peak-to-average ratio Emax/E0 = 0.0004

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wall segments:

segment	Zend (cm)	Rend (cm)	Emax (MV/m)	Power (w)	P/A (w/cm^2)	dF/dZ (MHz/mm)	dF/dR (MHz/mm)
2	0.0000	4.7000	4.3707E-04	107.3	1.211	0.000	-52.00
Total				107.3			

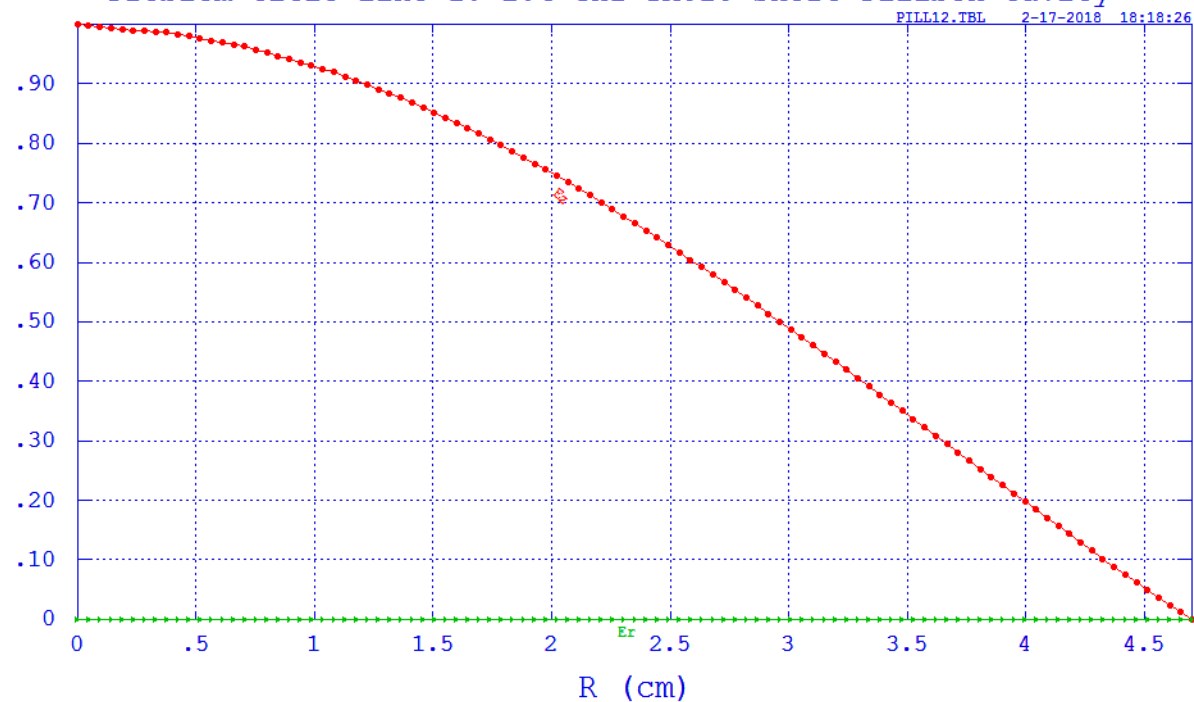
SFO



SF 7

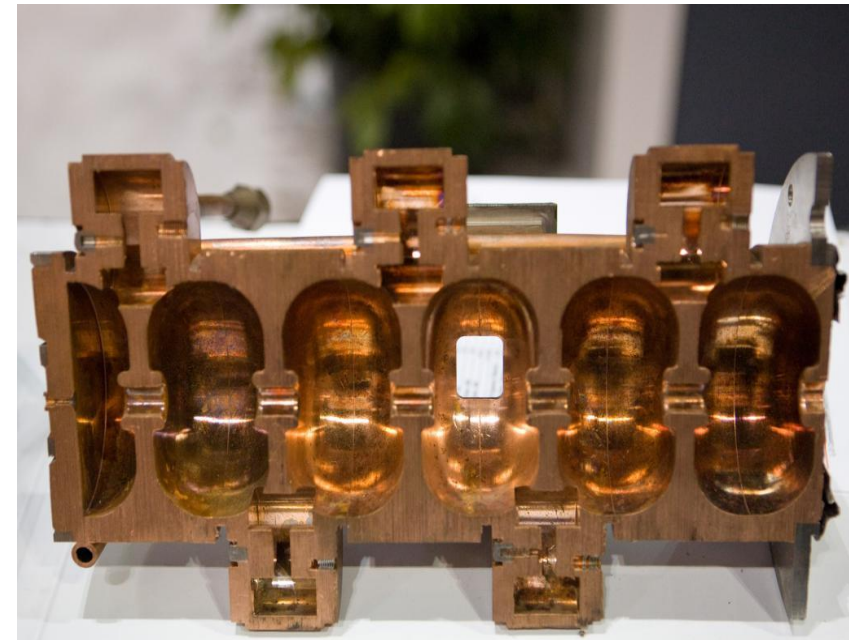
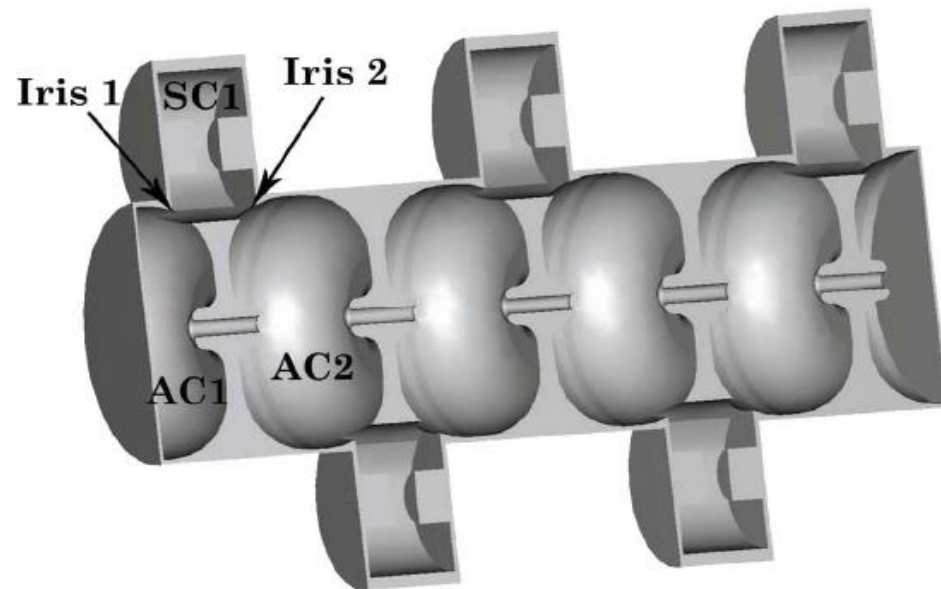


Electromagnetic field data from file PILL1.AF
 Problem title line 1: 2.4-GHz TM010 Short Pillbox Cavity



Poisson Superfish Example 2

Accelerating Cavity

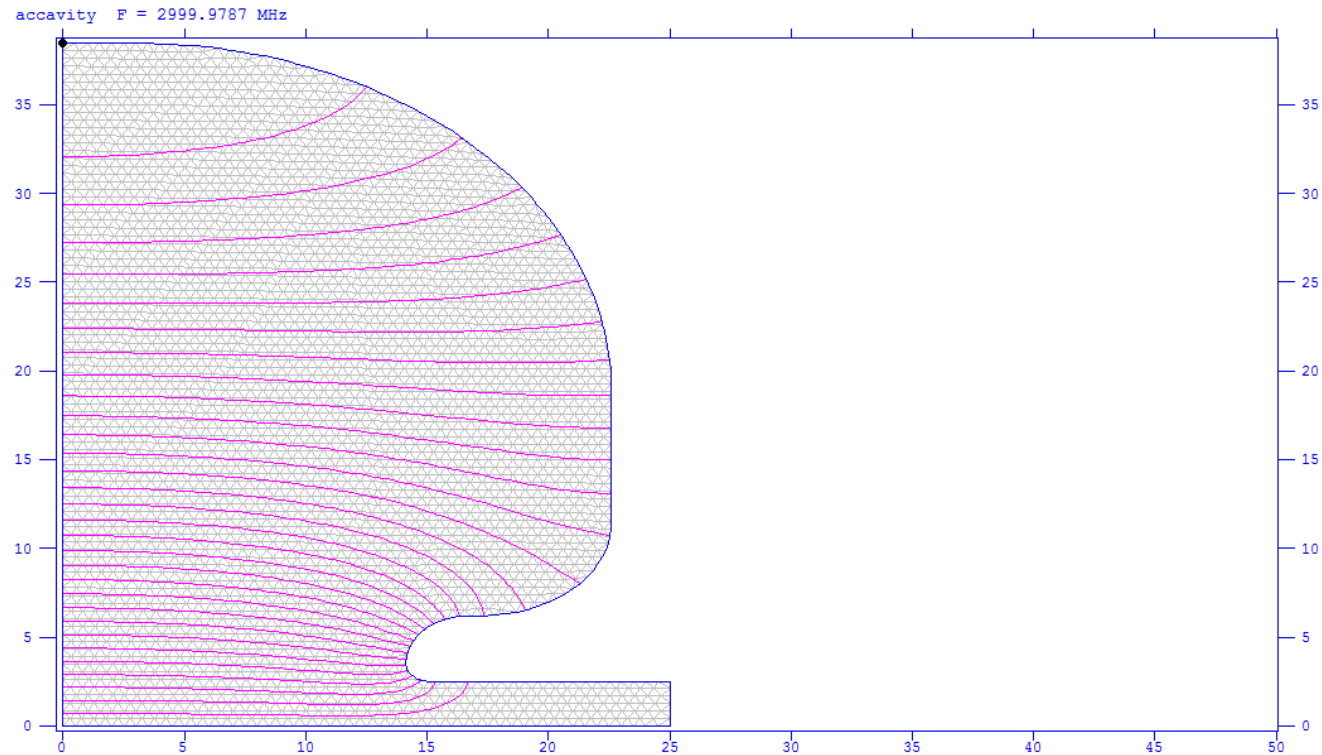
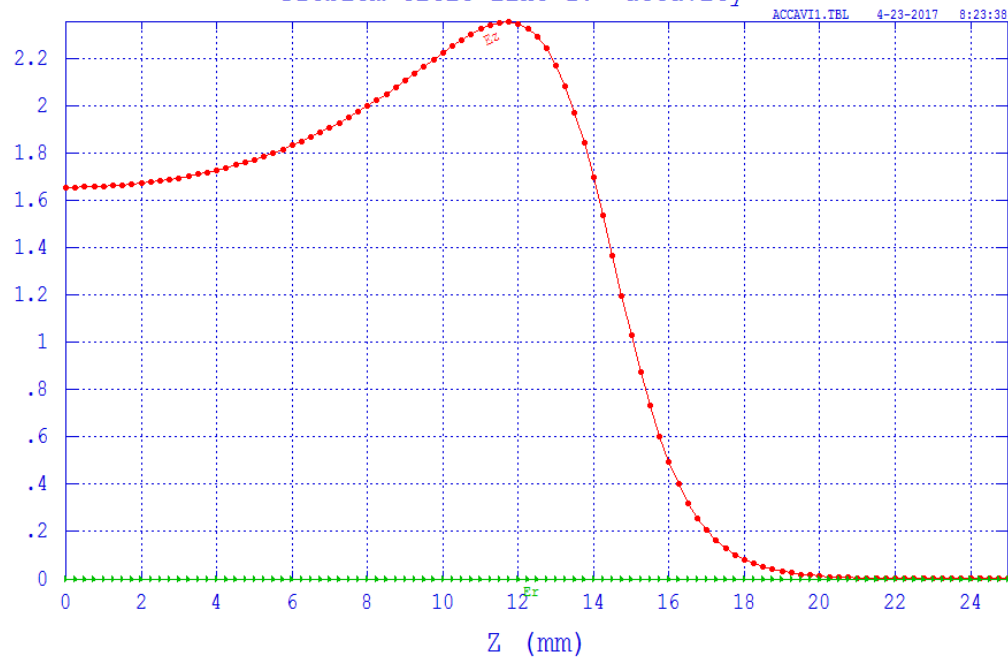


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accavity
$reg freq=2998.5,KPROB=1,kmethod=1,norm=1,icylin=1,CONV=.1,rmass=-1,
xdri=0.000000,ydri=38.460000,dx=.1,NBSUP=1 ,NBSRT=1,NBSLO=0,NBSLF=1,beta=1,TEMPC=20$
$po,x=0.0000,y=0.0000$
$po,x=0.0000,y=38.4600$
$po,x=3.0000,y=38.4600$
$po,nt=2,x0=3.0000,y0=18.8600,x=19.6000,y=0.0000$
$po,x=22.6000,y=11.5000$
$po,nt=2,r=5.3000,x0=17.3000,y0=11.5000,theta=-90.0000$
$po,x=16.8000,y=6.2000$
$po,nt=2,r=2.7000,x0=16.8000,y0=3.5000,theta=180.0000$
$po,nt=2,x0=15.1000,y0=3.5000,x=0.0000,y=-1.0000$
$po,x=25.0000,y=2.5000$po,x=25.0000,y=0.0000$
$po,x=0.0000,y=0.0000$

```

Electromagnetic field data from file ACCAVITY.AF
 Problem title line 1: accavity







Astra

A Space Charge Tracking Algorithm

DESY
1997

The ASTRA program package can be downloaded free of charge for non-commercial and non-military use.

 Astra documentation March 2017
Examples
Utility programs
 Astra for 64 Bit LINUX
 Astra for Windows
 Astra for Macintosh OSX









A collection of examples input decks for ASTRA:

Manual Example	To get started: Input decks from the Astra Manual
Aperture	Using the namelist 'Aperture'

A collection of utility programs provided by various users:

Converts Astra output particle distribution to Elegant SDDS compliant input

Index of /~mpyflo/Astra_for_WindowsPC

Name	Last modified	Size	Description
 Parent Directory	28-Aug-2017 11:26	-	
 Astra.exe	12-Oct-2017 16:56	2.2M	
 fieldplot.exe	02-Jun-2017 09:46	2.7M	
 generator.exe	23-Mar-2017 15:34	981k	
 lineplot.exe	15-Apr-2016 14:36	1.6M	
 postpro.exe	04-Aug-2017 15:25	2.3M	

Apache/1.3.41 Server at www.desy.de Port 80

Introduction I

- ▷ The Astra (**A Space Charge Tracking Algorithm**) program package consists of the five parts:
 - ▷ 1. The program *generator* which may be used to generate an initial particle distribution.
 - ▷ 2. The program *Astra* which tracks the particles under the influence of external and internal fields.
 - ▷ 3. The graphic program *fieldplot* which is used to display electromagnetic fields of beam line elements and space charge fields of particle distributions.
 - ▷ 4. The graphic program *postpro* which is used to display phase space plots of particle distributions and allows a detailed analysis of the phase space distribution.
 - ▷ 5. The graphic program *lineplot*, which is used to display the beam size, emittance, bunch length etc. versus the longitudinal beam line position or versus a scanned parameter, respectively.

Introduction II

▷ *Astra* is written in Fortran 90 and runs on different platforms.

▷ The minimal form of a namelist is:

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& Name  
/
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▷ only those namelist which are required need to be specified and they can appear in arbitrary order.

▷ a namelist parameters are specified in the form: 'name = Value

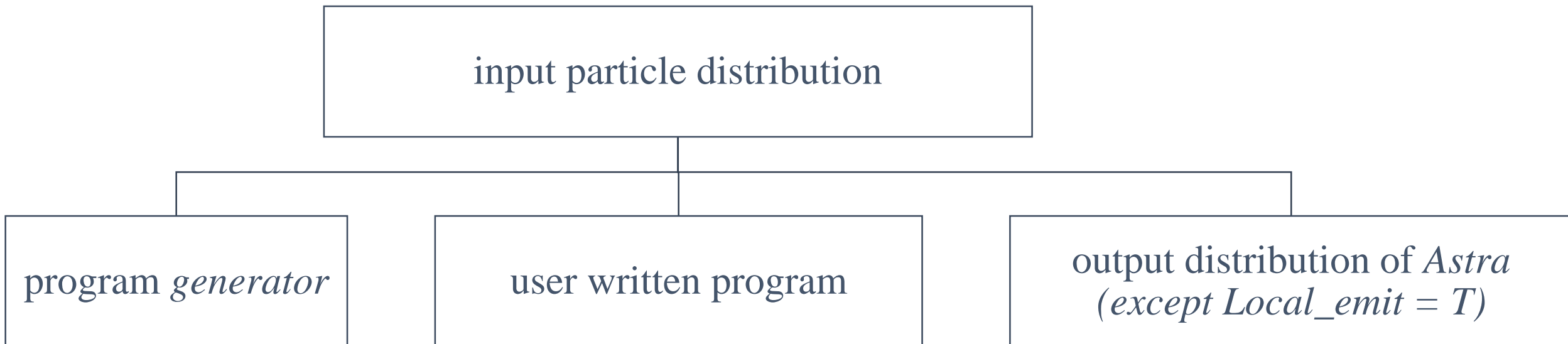
▷ Specifications are separated by a comma or a line feed.

▷ Character input (keywords and file names) has in general to be enclosed by quotation marks (' ').

▷ The input of keywords is not case sensitive. general only the first character(s) are significant → (**bold letters** in this manual)

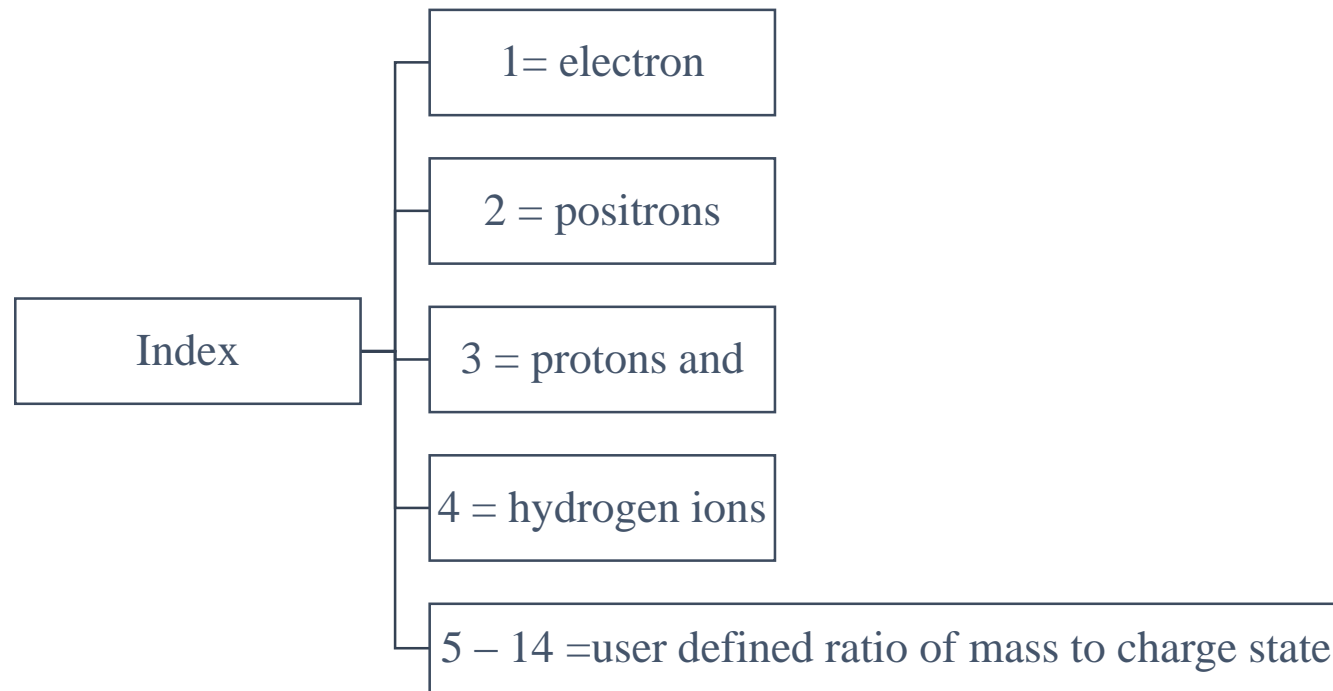
Definition of the initial particle distribution

- ▷ distribution file name should end with the extension '.ini' or with '.zpos.run'. zpos = four digit number & run = three digit number specifying the run number
- ▷ Mix different kinds of particles as an initial particle distribution



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Parameter	x	y	z	px	py	pz	clock	macro charge	particle index	status flag
Unit	m	m	m	eV/c	eV/c	eV/c	ns	nC		

- ▷ The first line = the reference particle
- ▷ **Longitudinal particle coordinates, i.e. z, pz and t are given relative to the reference particle.**



status flags

Status flag	Comment	Status
-99 ¹	average position of distribution	will not be tracked
-95	ref. particle only; $Z_0 > Z_{Stop}$	lost
-94	ref. particle only; more than Max_Step steps	lost
-92 ²	probe rejected by space charge at the cathode	lost
-91 ²	rejected by space charge at the cathode	lost
-90	probe particle before Z_{min}	lost
-89	particle before Z_{min}	lost
-86 ³	probe particle traveling backwards	lost
-85 ³	particle traveling backwards	lost
-31	particle discarded by user	lost
-30	particle preliminary discarded by user	lost
-22	probe secondary electron, lost on aperture	lost
-21	secondary electron, lost on aperture	lost
-20	passive probe particle, lost on aperture	lost
-19	passive particle, lost on aperture	lost
-17	trajectory probe particle, lost on aperture	lost
-15	standard particle, lost on aperture	lost
-6	passive probe particle, at the cathode	not yet started
-5	passive particle, at the cathode	not yet started
-4	secondary particle	not yet started
-3	trajectory probe particle at the cathode	not yet started
-1	standard particle, at the cathode	not yet started
0	passive probe particle	tracking ⁴
1	passive particle	tracking ⁴
3	trajectory probe particle	tracking
4	cross over particle ³	tracking
5	standard particle	tracking
6, 9...33	probe secondary electrons of generation 1, 2...10 or higher	tracking
8, 11...35	secondary electrons of generation 1, 2...10 or higher	tracking

Passive particles

- ▷ Particles with a negative status flag are either lost by some mechanism or not yet started.
- ▷ Passive particles are tracked as normal particles;
- ▷ But not taken into account for
 - The calculation of internal beam parameters; emittance, size, etc.
 - The set-up of the space charge grid
 - The calculation of space charge fields

generator

- ▷ *generator* generates an initial particle distribution file.
- ▷ The input file for *generator* has to have the extension '.in'.
- ▷ The default file name is 'generator.in'.
- ▷ The input file consists of a single namelist named INPUT.

```
&INPUT
  FNAME = 'Example.ini'
  Add=FALSE,      N_add=0,
  IPart=10200, Species='electrons'
  Probe=True, Noise_reduc=f,      Cathode=F
  Q_total=1.0E0

  Ref_zpos=0.0E0, Ref_Ekin=2.0E0

  Dist_z='u',      sig_z=1.0E0,
  Dist_pz='u',      sig_Ekin=1.5,

  Dist_x='g',      sig_x=0.75E0,
  Dist_px='g',      Nemit_x=1.0E0,
  Dist_y='g',      sig_y=0.75E0,
  Dist_py='g',      Nemit_y=1.0E0,
/
```

1D distribution: uniform distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{FWHM} \quad \text{for } |x| \leq \frac{FWHM}{2}$$

0

elsewhere



rms value

$$\sigma = \frac{FWHM}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

Dimension	Key word	Parameter <i>FWHM</i> or σ	unit
temporal ¹	Dist_z = 'uniform'	Lt or sig_clock	ns
longitudinal ² z	Dist_z = 'uniform'	Lz or sig_z	mm
longitudinal E _{kin}	Dist_pz = 'uniform'	LE or sig_Ekin or emit_z	keV or keVmm
transverse x	Dist_x = 'uniform'	Lx or sig_x	mm
transverse y	Dist_y = 'uniform'	Ly or sig_y	mm
transverse p _x	Dist_px = 'uniform'	Lpx or sig_px or Nemit_x	eV/c or mrad mm
transverse p _y	Dist_py = 'uniform'	Lpy or sig_py or Nemit_y	eV/c or mrad mm

¹ active if Cathode = TRUE, ² active if Cathode = FALSE

1D distributions

▷ inverted parabola (longitudinal)

- The inverted parabola distribution produces linear longitudinal space charge fields.

$$f(z) = \frac{3}{4z_{\max}} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{z_{\max}^2} \right) \quad |z| \leq z_{\max}$$

▷ Gaussian distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

FWHM value

$$FWHM = 2\sqrt{-2 \ln(0.5)} = 2.35\sigma$$

▷ truncated Gaussian distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{inp}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{\sigma_{inp}^2}\right)$$

for $|x| \leq C_{Cut}\sigma_{inp}$

$$\frac{C_{Cut}\sigma_{inp}}{\sqrt{3}} \leq \sigma_{out} \leq \sigma_{inp}$$

2D distributions

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \quad \text{for } x^2 + y^2 \leq r^2$$

▷ radial uniform distribution

0 elsewhere

Dimension	Key word	Parameter r or σ	unit
transverse x, y	Dist_x = 'radial uniform'	Lx or sig_x	mm
transverse p_x, p_y	Dist_px = 'radial uniform'	Lpx or sig_px or Nemit_x	eV/c or mrad mm

▷ (truncated) 2D-Gaussian distribution

Dimension	Key word	Parameter σ_{imp}, C_{Cut}	unit
transverse x, y	Dist_x = '2D-Gaussian'	sig_x, C_sig_x	mm, dim. less
transverse p_x, p_y	Dist_px = '2D-Gaussian'	sig_px or Nemit_x, C_sig_px	eV/c or mrad mm, dim. less

3D distributions

▷ isotropic momentum distribution

$$p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2 = P^2 = E_{kin}^2 + 2$$

Dimension	Key word	Parameter E_{kin}	unit
p_x, p_y, p_z	Dist_pz = 'isotropic'	LE	keV

▷ photo emission from a Fermi-Dirac distribution

$$\sigma p_x = \sigma p_y = \sqrt{\frac{E_{phot} - \phi_{eff}}{3m_0c^2}}$$

Dimension	Key word	Parameter	units
p_x, p_y, p_z	Dist_pz = 'FD_300'	Φ_{eff}, E_{phot} phi_eff, E_photon	eV

▷ uniformly filled ellipsoid

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{3}{4\pi L_x L_y L_z}$$

$$\text{for } \frac{x^2}{L_x^2} + \frac{y^2}{L_y^2} + \frac{z^2}{L_z^2} \leq 1$$

0

elsewhere

CAVITY I

- ▷ RF, static electric and magnetic fields and fields generated by linear plasmas.
- ▷ cavity fields may be generated by analytical calculations, measurements or numerical codes.
- ▷ field table \longrightarrow z-position (column 1 in m) & longitudinal on-axis electric field amplitude (column 2 in arbitrary units)
- ▷ The transverse field components are calculated from the derivatives of the on-axis field.
- ▷ The polynomial expansion extends to 1st order or 3rd order .
- ▷ The polynomial expansion is perfect already in first order for a pure sine-like spatial wave.

CAVITY II

- ▷ **Static electric fields:** The name should start with 'DC' or the frequency, $Nue()$, should be set to zero.
- ▷ **Static magnetic fields:** 3D field map
- ▷ **TE modes:** the file name has to start with 'TE_'.
- ▷ **Dipole modes:** 3D field map
- ▷ **Traveling wave structures:** The file name has to start with 'TWS'.
 - superposition of real and imaginary parts
 - The transverse field are derived according to a 1st order polynomial expansion
 - least one RF period plus the input and output coupler cells
 - file a first line is added
 - For a beta matched structure a wave number has to be specified