

# New Exact Solution for a Beam in the Presence of Time-Dependent Isotropic Linear Focusing

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# Introduction and Motivation

- The K-V beam (1959) remains the only widely-known<sup>1</sup> exact solution of the Vlasov-Poisson system describing an intense (4D) charged particle beam with nonzero emittance in the presence of time-dependent linear focusing.
- Unusual features of the K-V beam:
  - the distribution is not a true function, but a delta-function on the phase space
  - it is sensitive to growth of unstable collective normal modes
  - the procedure for constructing a K-V beam *cannot be generalized to 6D* (Sacherer, 1968)
- Building on the work of R. Kurth in stellar dynamics, we show how an exact solution can be constructed in either 4D (for an unbunched beam in the presence of 2D linear focusing) or in 6D (for a bunched beam in the presence of 3D linear focusing).
- The solution is limited to radially and spherically symmetric beams in linear (possibly time-dependent) isotropic focusing (eg, solenoid channels, ion traps).
- Why bother?
  - as a benchmark problem for codes computing 2D or 3D space charge
  - as a starting point for beam physics studies (vast literature on the isotropic K-V beam)

[1] However, see V. Danilov *et al*, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams, 6, 094202 (2003)



# The Stellar Dynamics Problem (Nonrelativistic)



Vlasov-Poisson system for a stellar distribution  $f$  :

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla_x f - \nabla U \cdot \nabla_v f = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 U = 4\pi G \rho, \quad \rho = M \int f d\vec{v}$$

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*Can be adapted to  
charged-particle beams.*

# Application to Beam Physics: The 4D Kurth Distribution in Linear s-Dependent External Focusing (1)

Hamiltonian for an unbunched coasting beam in the presence of linear focusing:

$$H(x, p_x, y, p_y; s) = \frac{1}{2}(p_x^2 + p_y^2) + \frac{1}{2}\Omega(s)^2(x^2 + y^2) + \Phi(x, y; s)$$

Path length  $s$  is taken as the independent variable, and momenta are normalized by the design momentum.

Vlasov-Poisson system for the beam distribution function:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial s} + \{f, H\} = 0, \quad \nabla^2 \Phi = -2\pi K_{pv} \int f dp_x dp_y \quad (\star)$$

Here  $K_{pv}$  is the generalized beam perveance.

If  $I_1, \dots, I_n$  are invariant along the single-particle trajectories, then any distribution function of the form  $f = G(I_1, \dots, I_n)$ , properly normalized, is a solution of  $(\star)$ .



# Application to Beam Physics: The 4D Kurth Distribution in Linear s-Dependent External Focusing (3)

This can be seen explicitly by verifying that along particle trajectories:

$$\frac{dE}{ds} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial s} + \{E, H\} = 0, \quad \frac{dL_z}{ds} = \frac{\partial L_z}{\partial s} + \{L_z, H\} = 0 .$$

To obtain a K-V distribution, one would put:

$$f(x, p_x, y, p_y; s) = \frac{2}{\pi^3 \epsilon^2} \delta(1 - 2E) .$$

To obtain a Kurth distribution, put:

$$f(x, p_x, y, p_y; s) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2 \epsilon^2} (1 - 2E + L_z^2)_+^{-1/2}, \quad |L_z| < 1$$

This notation means that  $f$  vanishes unless the argument () is positive and  $|L_z| < 1$ .

# Properties of the 4D Kurth Distribution

Integrating over the momentum variables shows that the spatial density is uniform inside a disk of radius  $R$ :

$$P(x, y; s) = \int \int f(x, p_x, y, p_y; s) dp_x dp_y = \frac{1}{\pi R(s)^2} \begin{cases} 1, & r \leq R(s) \\ 0, & r > R(s) \end{cases}$$

Similarly, the 2D projections  $P_x$ - $P_y$ ,  $X$ - $P_x$  and  $Y$ - $P_y$  are uniformly-filled ellipses.

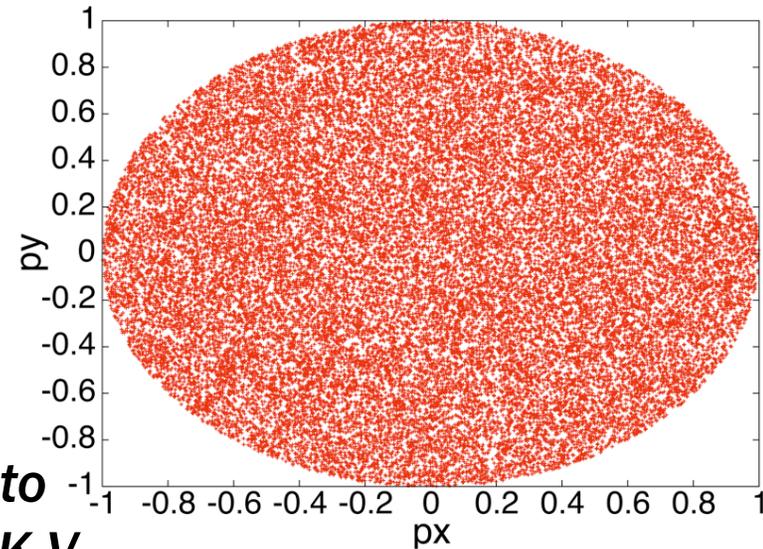
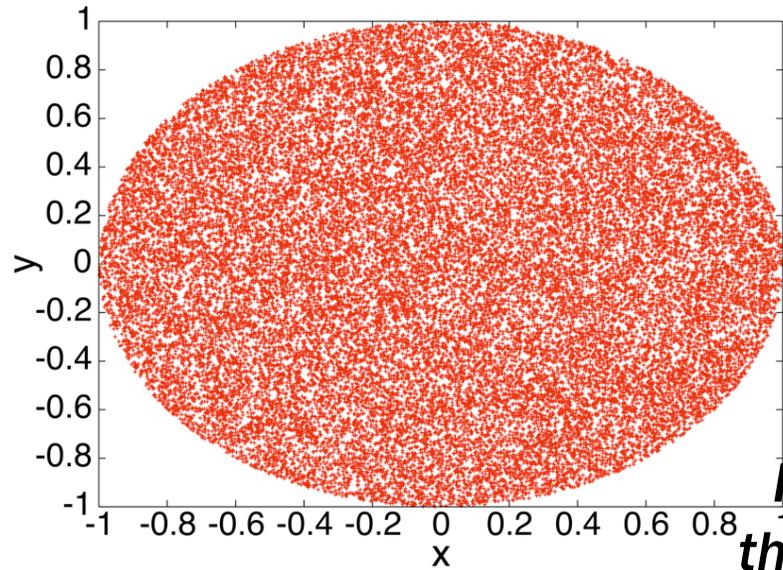
The rms beam sizes and emittances are given by:

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_y = \frac{R}{2}, \quad \epsilon_{x,rms} = \epsilon_{y,rms} = \frac{\epsilon}{4}$$

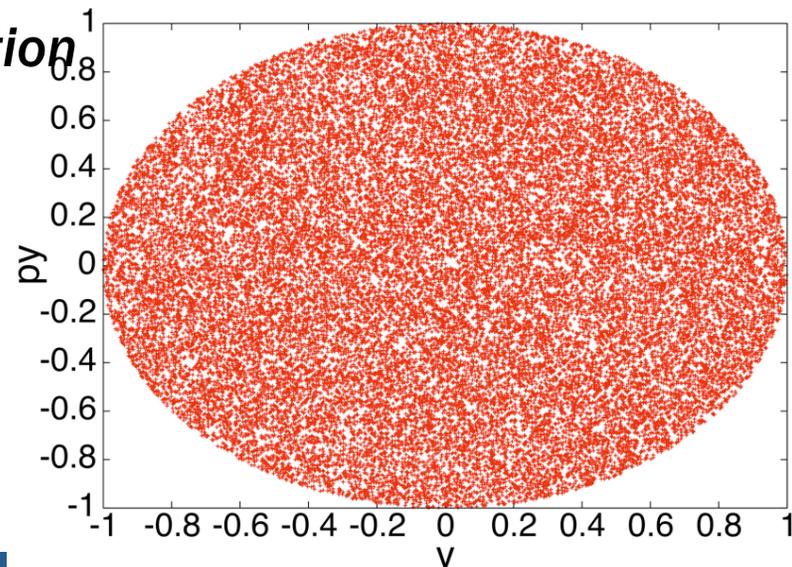
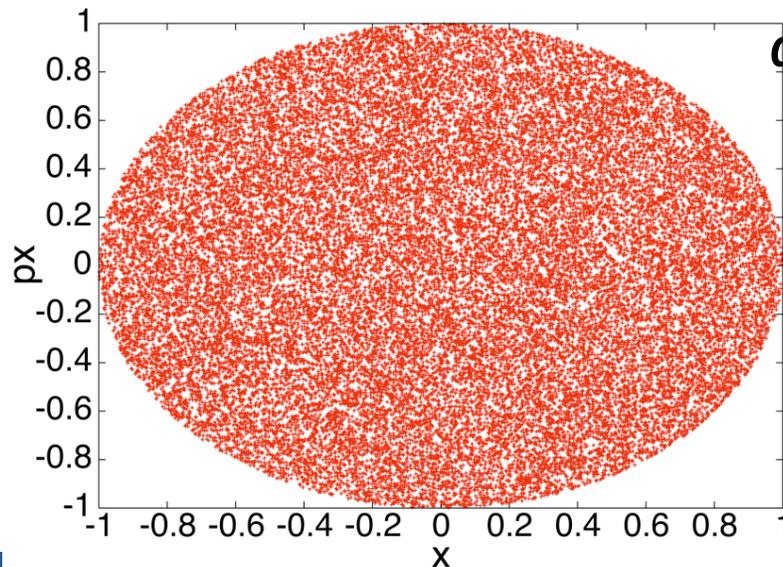
**Note: These properties are the same as those of a K-V beam!**

However, the details of the distribution function do make a difference.

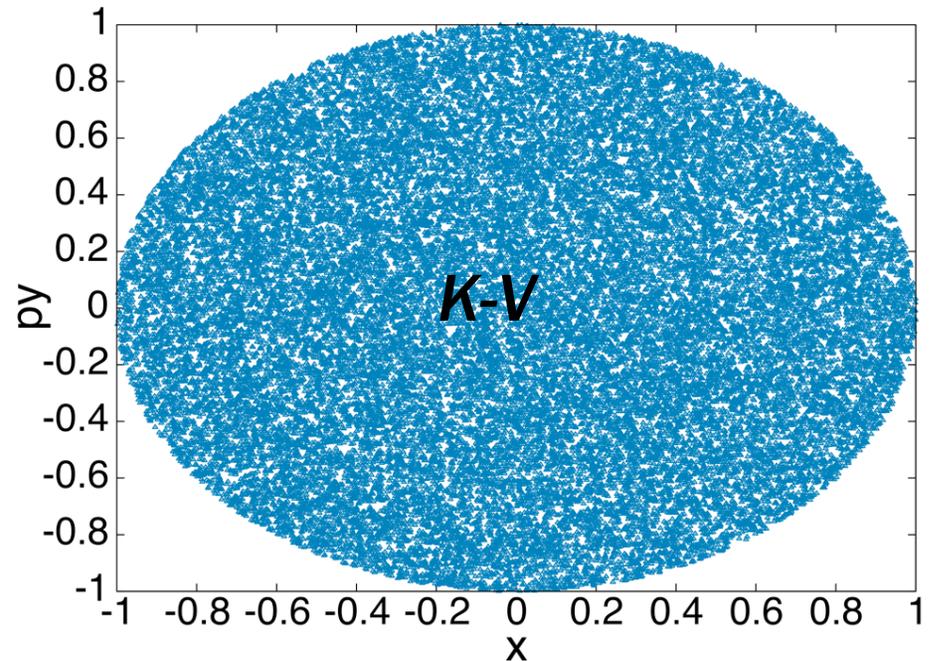
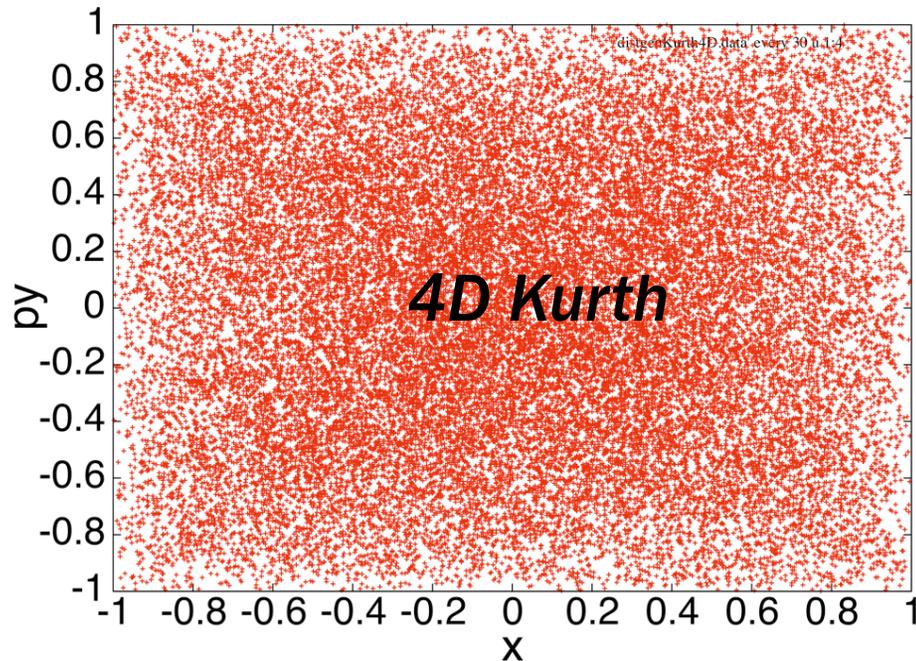
# Sampled Particles from a 4D Kurth Distribution (shown in scaled dimensionless coordinates)



*Identical to  
those of a K-V  
distribution*



# Not All 2D Projections Are Identical to Those of a K-V



X,  $P_y$  are statistically independent;

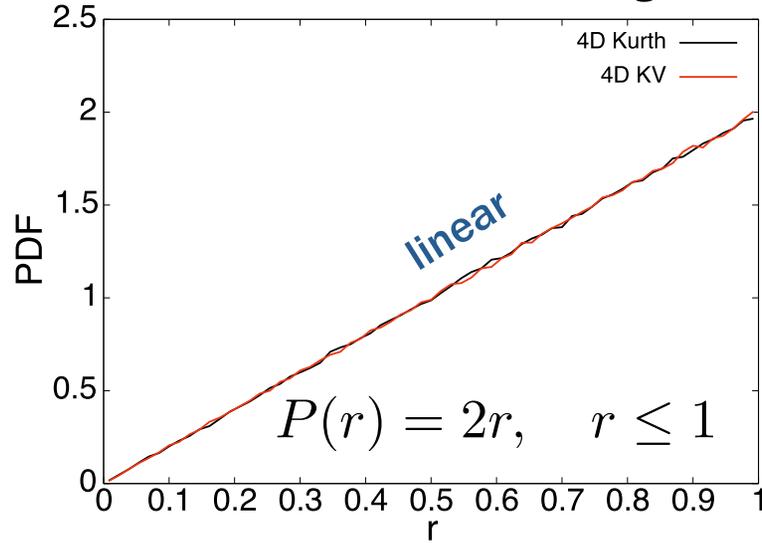
$$P(x, p_y) = P(x)P(p_y)$$

X,  $P_y$  projection is a uniformly-filled ellipse

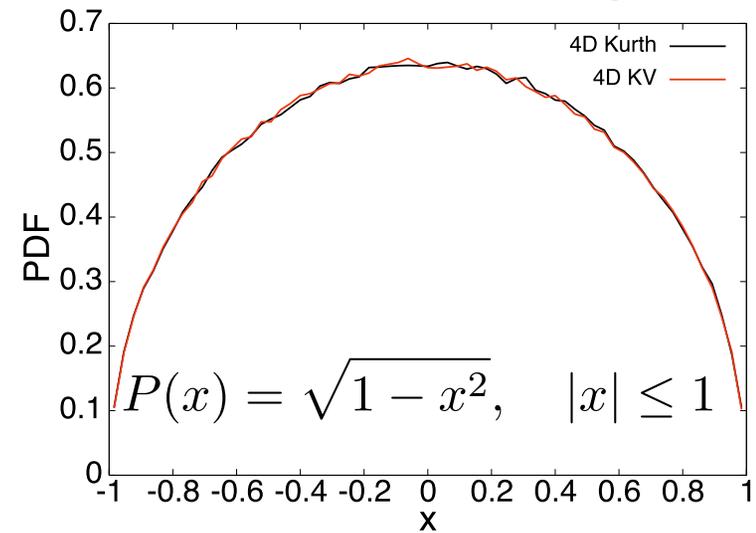
*Identical behavior for Y,  $P_x$  projection.*

# Some 1-D Histograms for the 4D Kurth Distribution

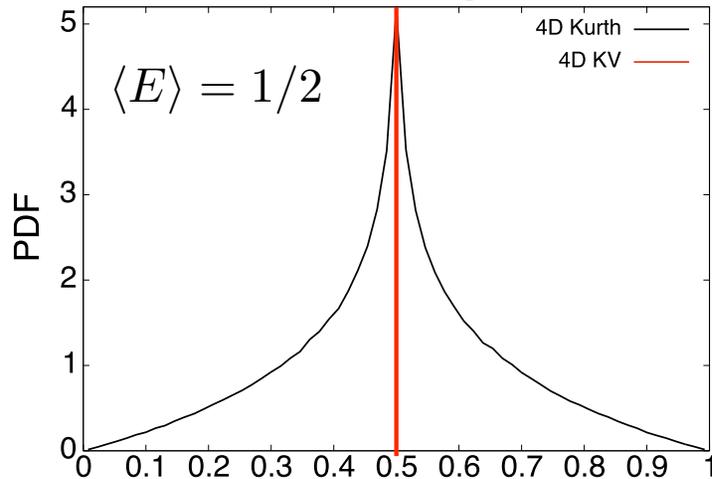
**Distribution of coordinate magnitude**



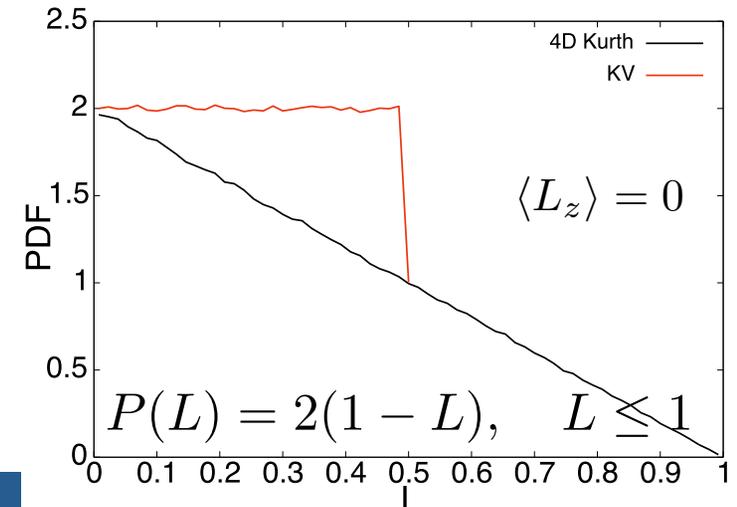
**Distribution of coordinate component**



**Distribution of energy invariant**



**Distribution of angular momentum**



# Application to Beam Physics: The 6D Kurth Distribution in Linear Time-Dependent External Focusing (1)

Hamiltonian for a bunched beam in the presence of isotropic linear focusing:

$$H(\vec{r}, \vec{p}; \tau) = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{p}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \Omega(\tau)^2 |\vec{r}|^2 + \Phi(\vec{r}; \tau)$$

Time  $\tau = ct$  is taken as the independent variable, and momenta are normalized by the value  $mc$ . We assume that we are working in the bunch rest frame.

Vlasov-Poisson system for the beam distribution function:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \tau} + \{f, H\} = 0, \quad \nabla^2 \Phi = -4\pi r_c N \int f dp_x dp_y dp_z \quad (\star)$$

Here  $r_c$  is the classical particle radius and  $N$  is the bunch population.

Construction goes through just as in the 4D case, except that  $L_z$  is replaced by the total angular momentum  $L = |\vec{L}|$ .

# Application to Beam Physics: The 6D Kurth Distribution in Linear Time-Dependent External Focusing (2)

We search for a radially symmetric solution with linear space charge forces.

Let  $R$  be any solution of the envelope equation ( $\epsilon > 0$ ):

$$R''(\tau) + \Omega(\tau)^2 R(\tau) - \frac{r_c N}{R(\tau)^2} - \frac{\epsilon^2}{R(\tau)^3} = 0 .$$

Define normalized dimensionless variables by:

$$\vec{r}_N = \vec{r} / R(\tau), \quad \vec{p}_N = [R(\tau)\vec{p} - R'(\tau)\vec{r}] / \epsilon$$

Under the assumption of linear space charge forces, the following are invariants:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} (|\vec{p}_N|^2 + |\vec{r}_N|^2), \quad L = |\vec{r}_N \times \vec{p}_N|$$

**energy (Hamiltonian)                      angular momentum**

# Properties of the 6D Kurth distribution

The 6D Kurth distribution is given by:

$$f(\vec{r}, \vec{p}; \tau) = \frac{3}{4\pi^3 \epsilon^3} (1 - 2E + L^2)_+^{-1/2}, \quad L < 1$$

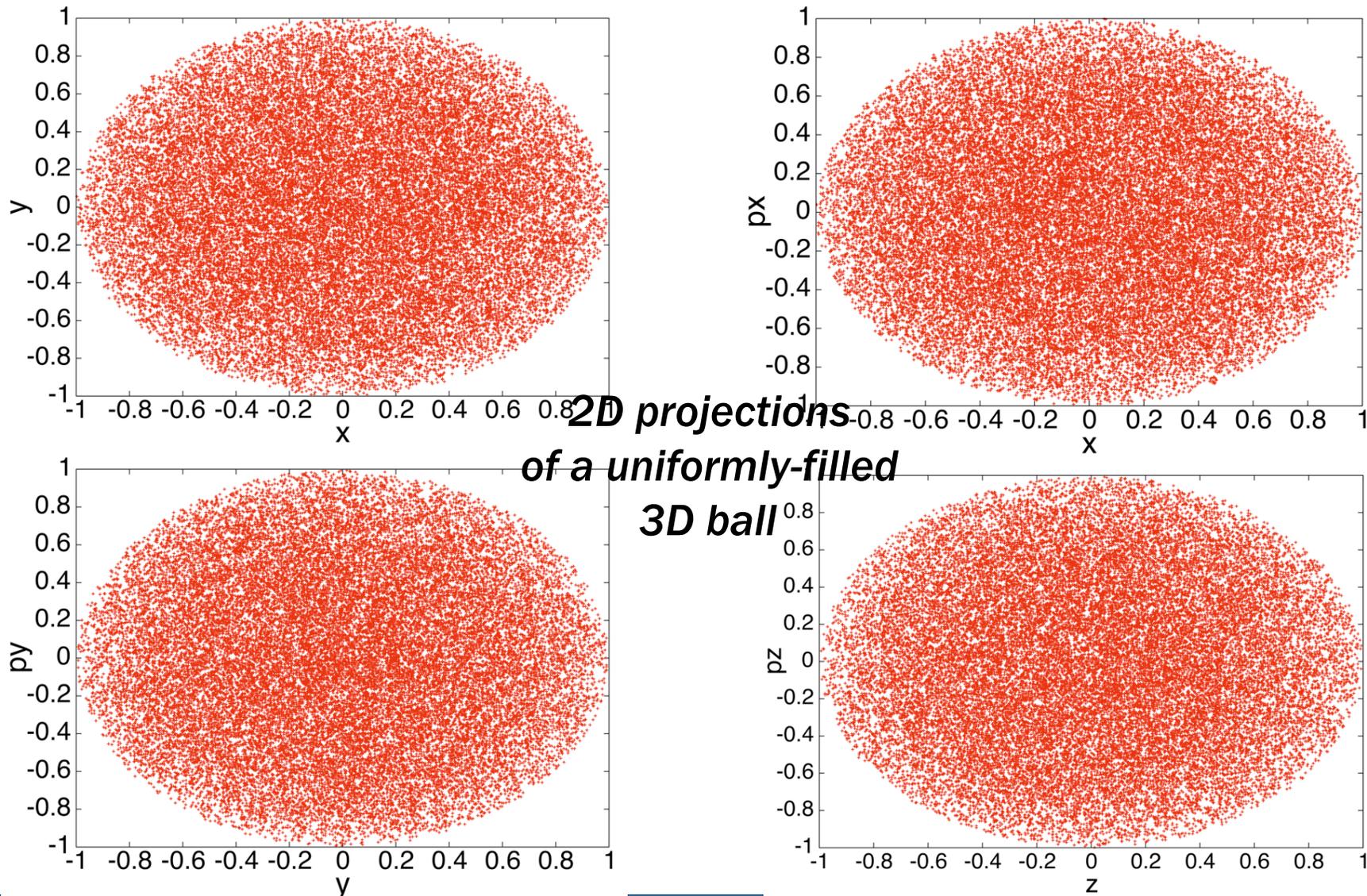
Integrating over the momentum variables shows that the spatial density is uniform inside a 3D ball of radius  $R$ . The space charge forces are again linear.

The functional form is a natural generalization of the 4D case.

The rms beam sizes and emittances are given by:

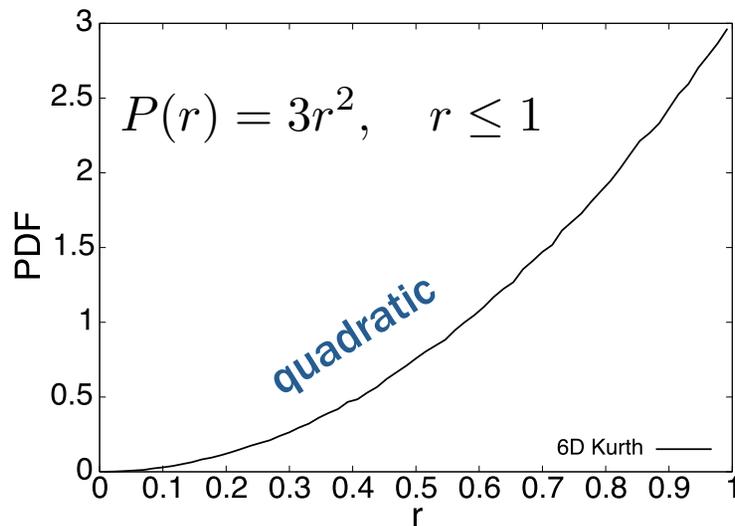
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# Sampled Particles from a 6D Kurth Distribution (shown in scaled dimensionless coordinates)

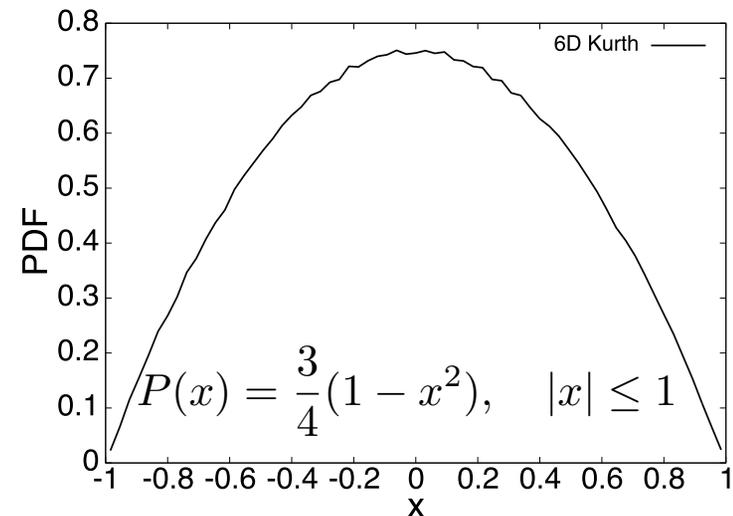


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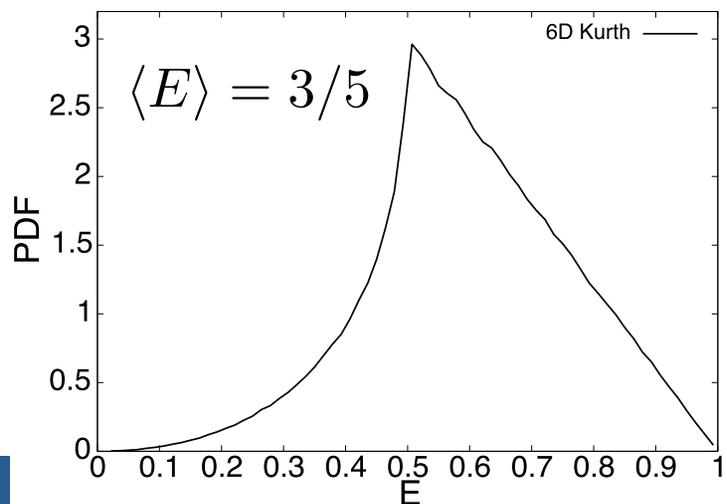
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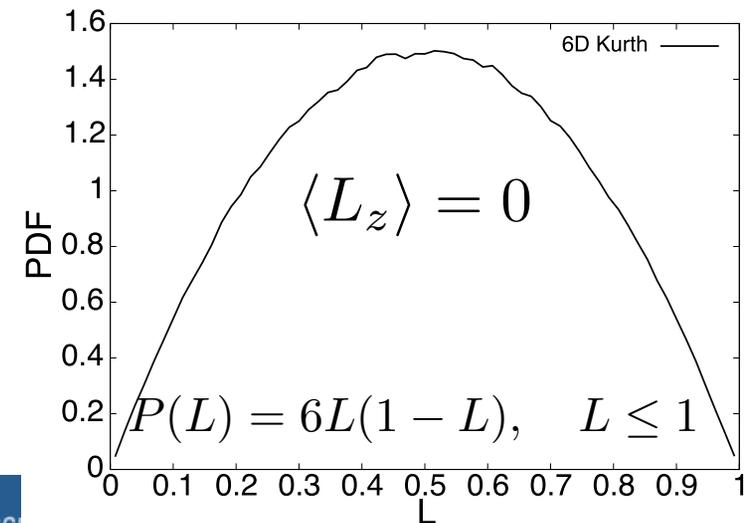
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**Distribution of energy invariant**



**Distribution of angular momentum**



- **Test: Breathing 4D beam in a linear focusing channel**

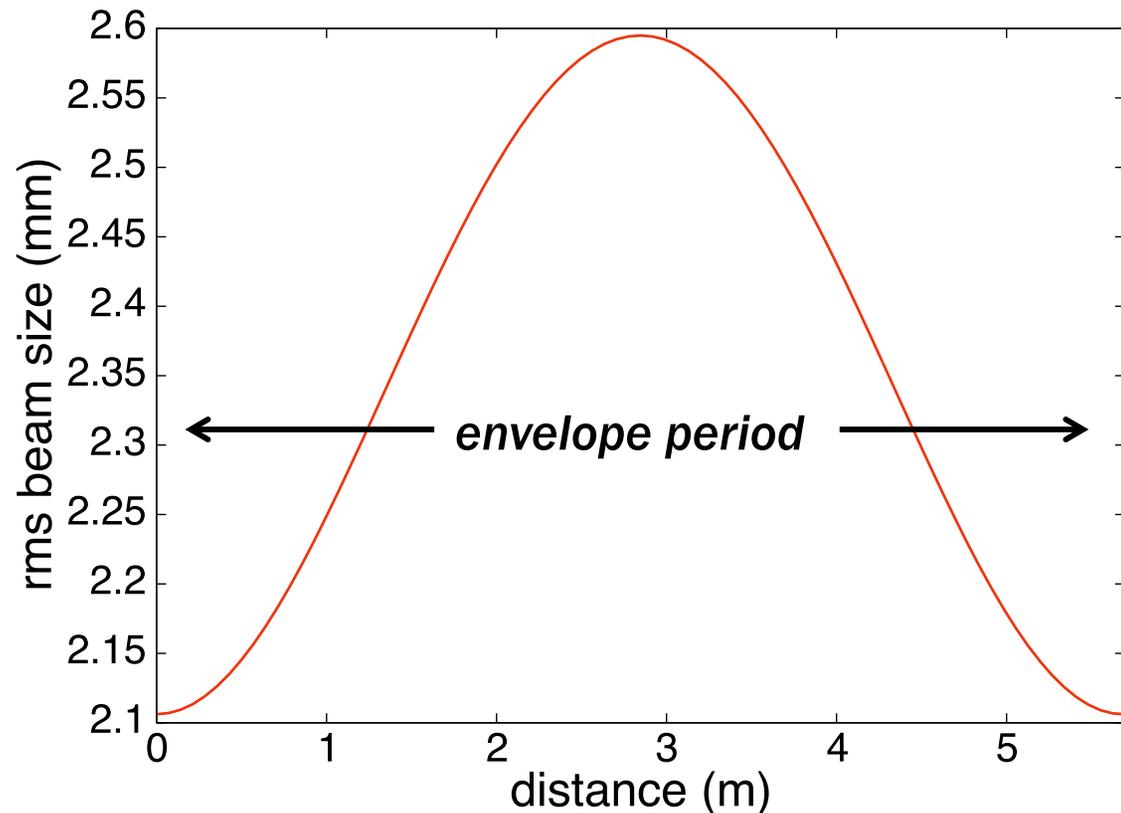
# 4D Kurth Beam Test, Constant Focusing: Problem Setup

100K particles, 1D Gauss' Law solver - similar results obtained using 2D solvers

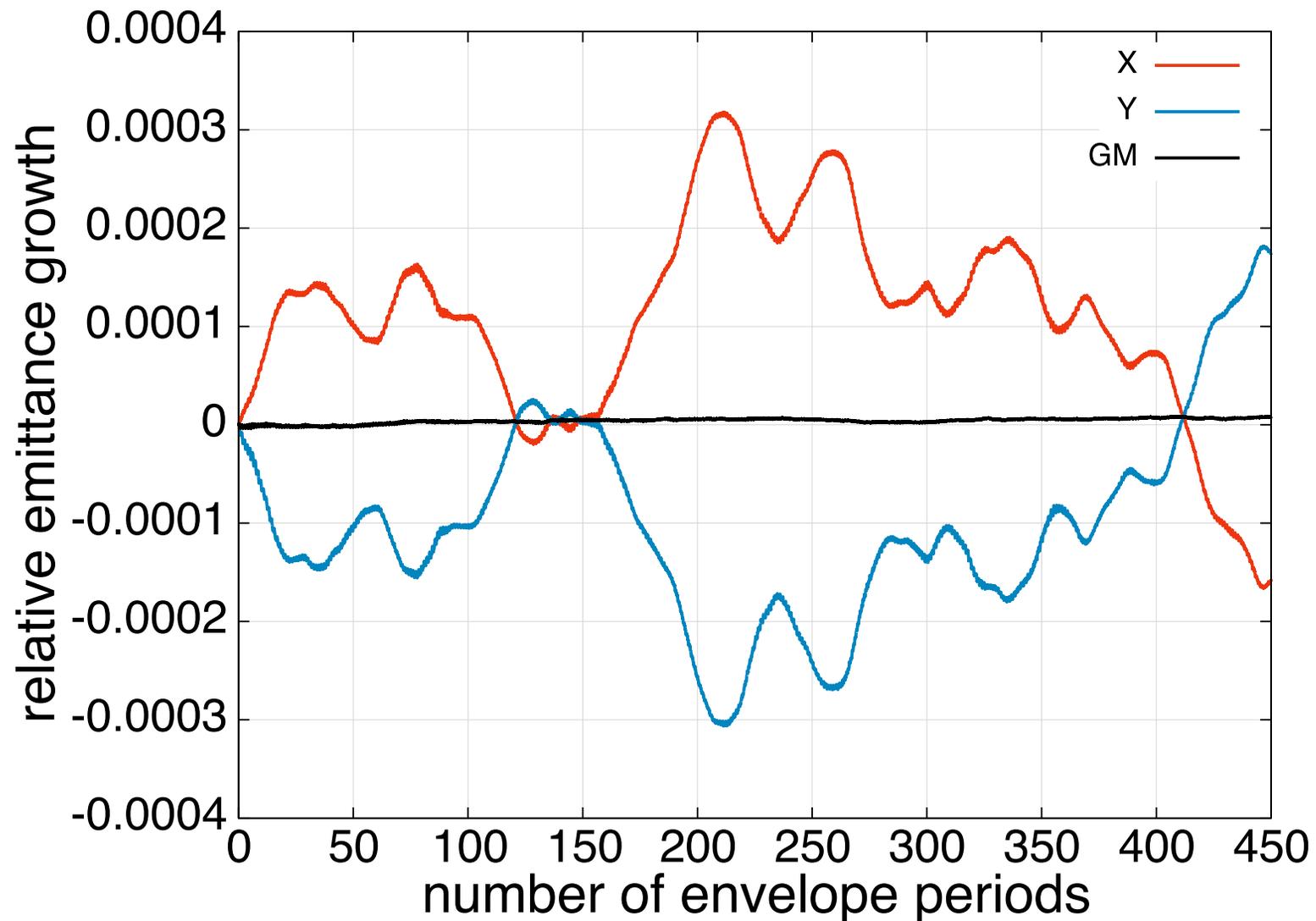
200 MeV proton beam  
Focusing:  $B=2.7$  T  
 $\varepsilon = 10.14$  mm-mrad  
20 A current

SC tune depression:  
 $\omega/\omega_0 = 0.74$

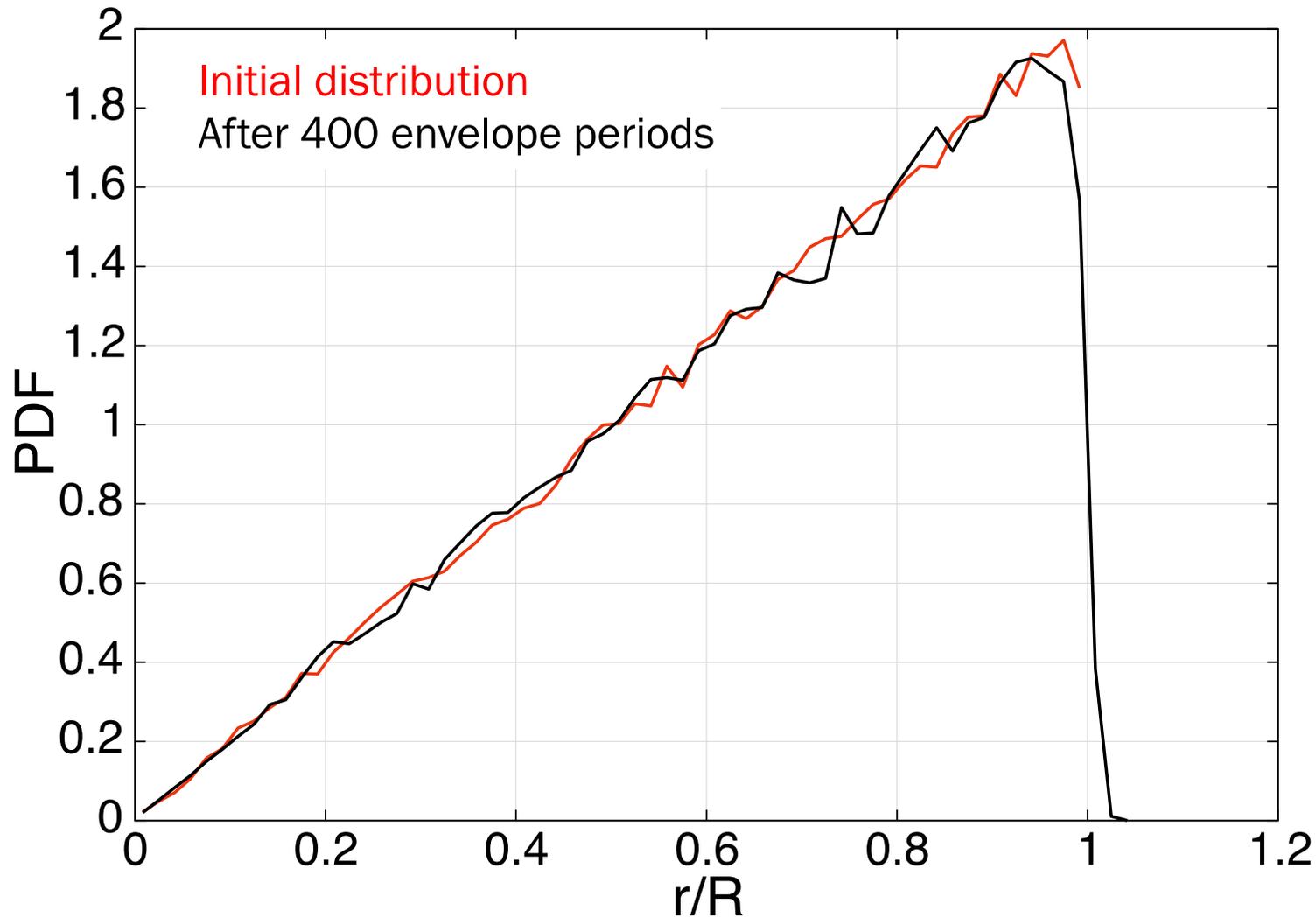
Initial beam size is  
mismatched by 10%.



# Mismatched 4D Kurth Beam in a Constant Focusing Channel: Emittance Evolution

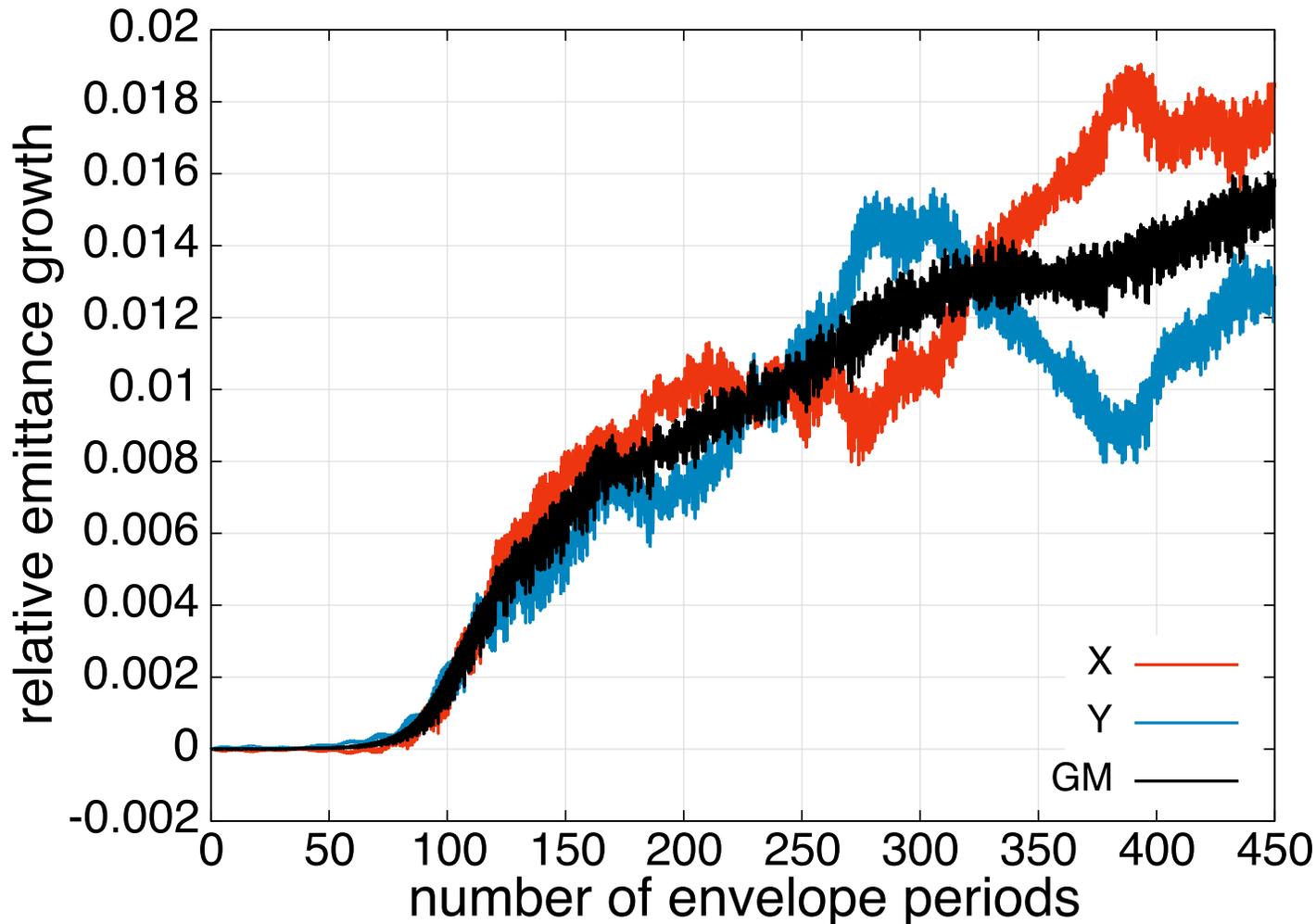


# Mismatched 4D Kurth Beam in a Constant Focusing Channel: Radial Profile



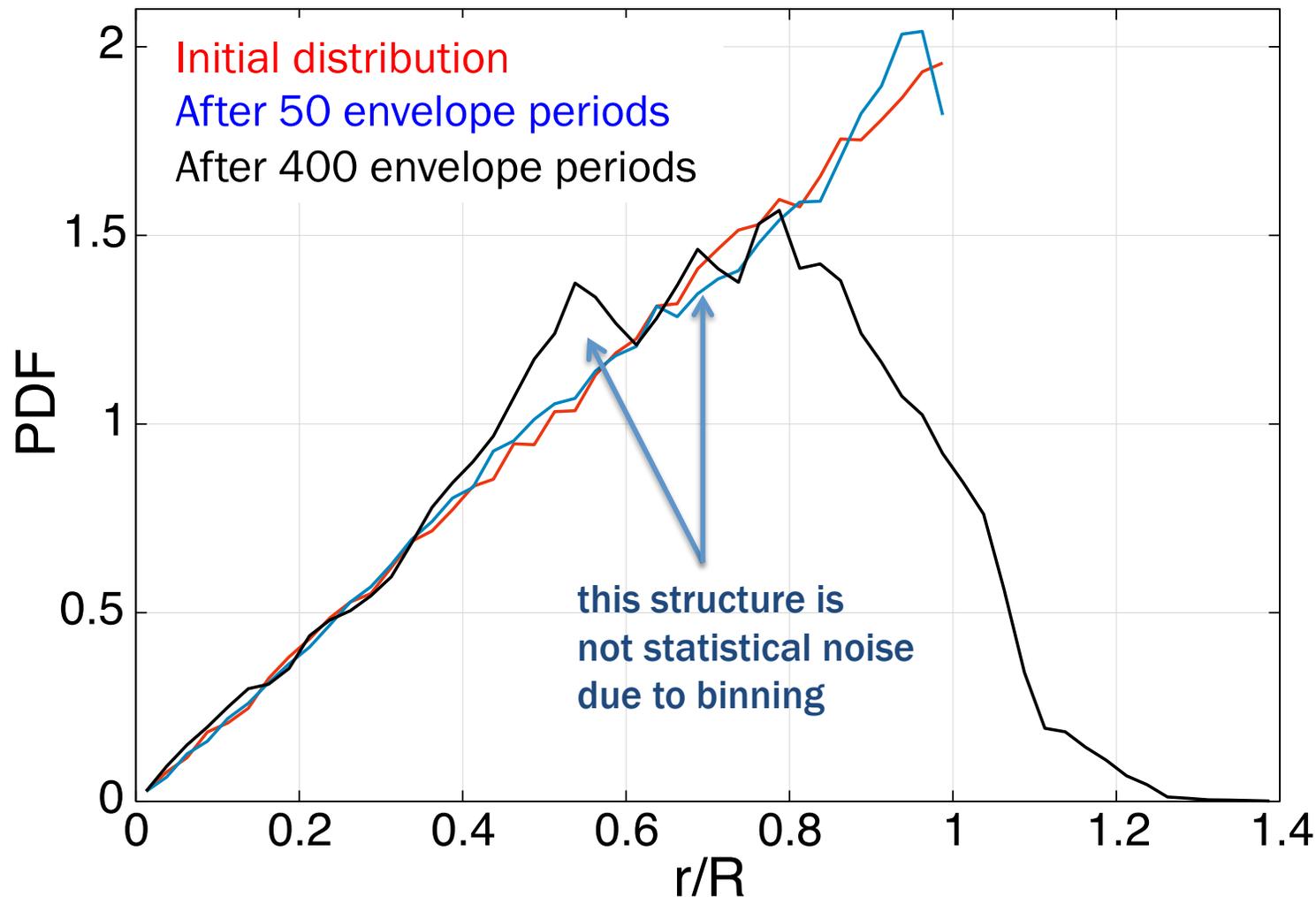
uniform spatial  
distribution is  
well-preserved

# Mismatched K-V Beam in a Constant Focusing Channel for the Same Parameters: Emittance Evolution



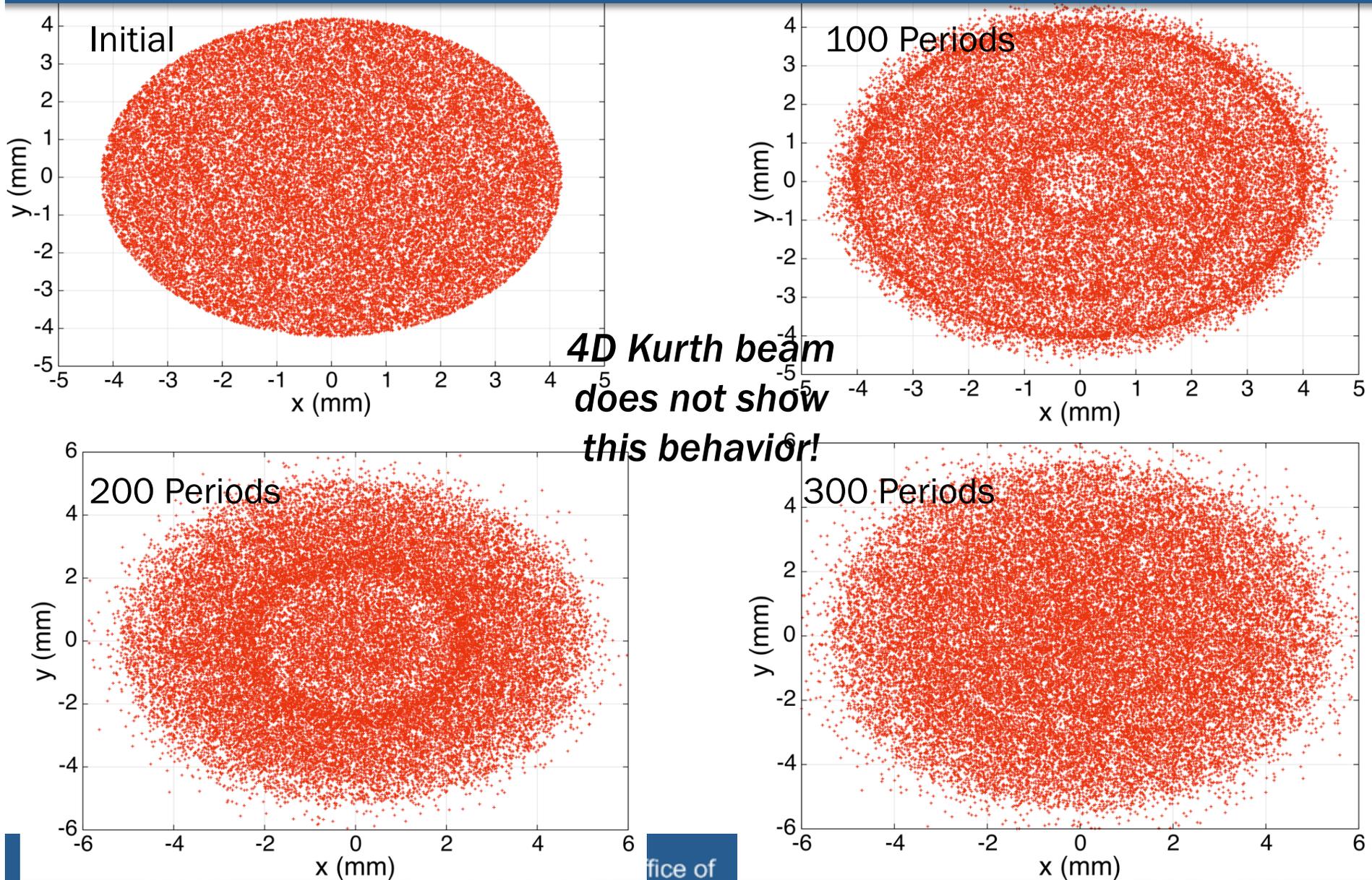
Differences in the details of the initial distribution have resulted in a dramatic difference in stability behavior

# Mismatched K-V Beam in a Constant Focusing Channel for the Same Parameters: Radial Profile



*Note significant profile evolution beyond period 50*

# Mismatched K-V Beam in a Constant Focusing Channel for the Same Parameters: Evolution of Instability



- Linear channel with periodic  $s$ -dependent focusing

# 4D Kurth Beam Test, Periodic Focusing: Problem Setup

100K particles, 1D Gauss' Law solver

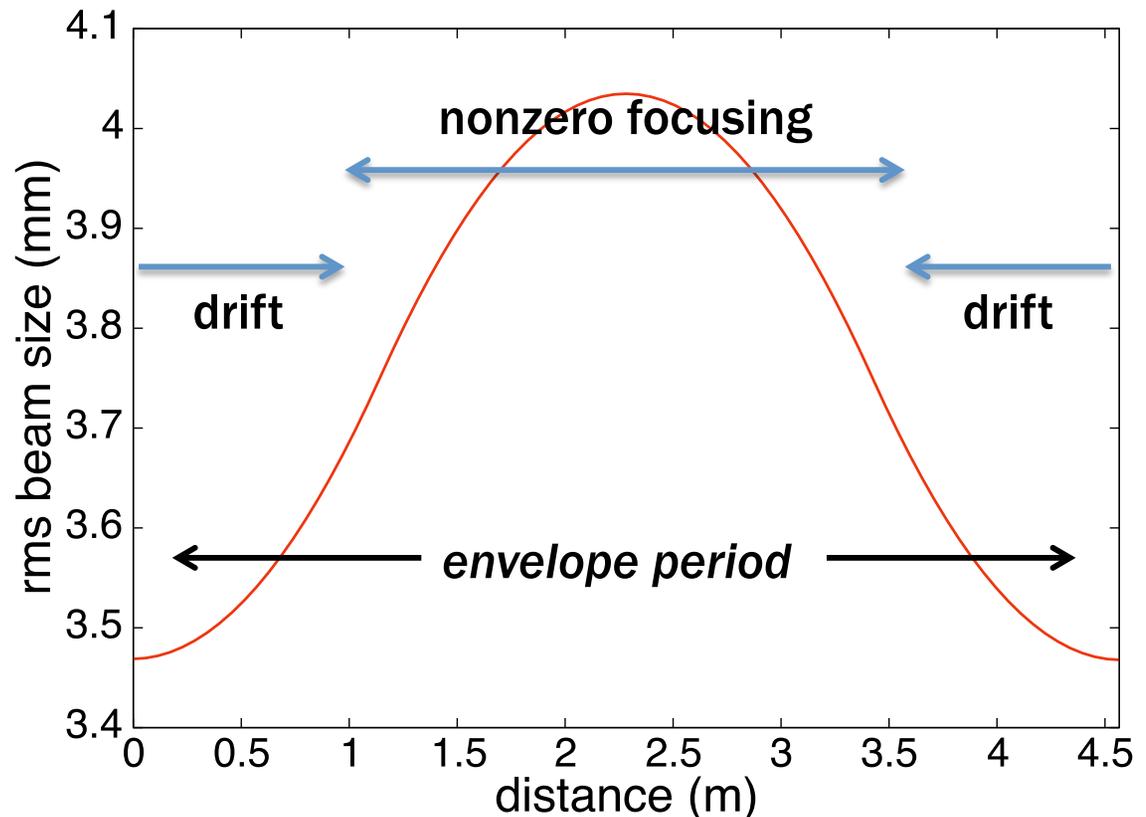
200 MeV proton beam  
Focusing:  $B=0$  or 1.91 T  
 $\varepsilon = 10.14$  mm-mrad  
20 A current

SC tune depression:

$$\sigma/\sigma_0 = 0.56$$

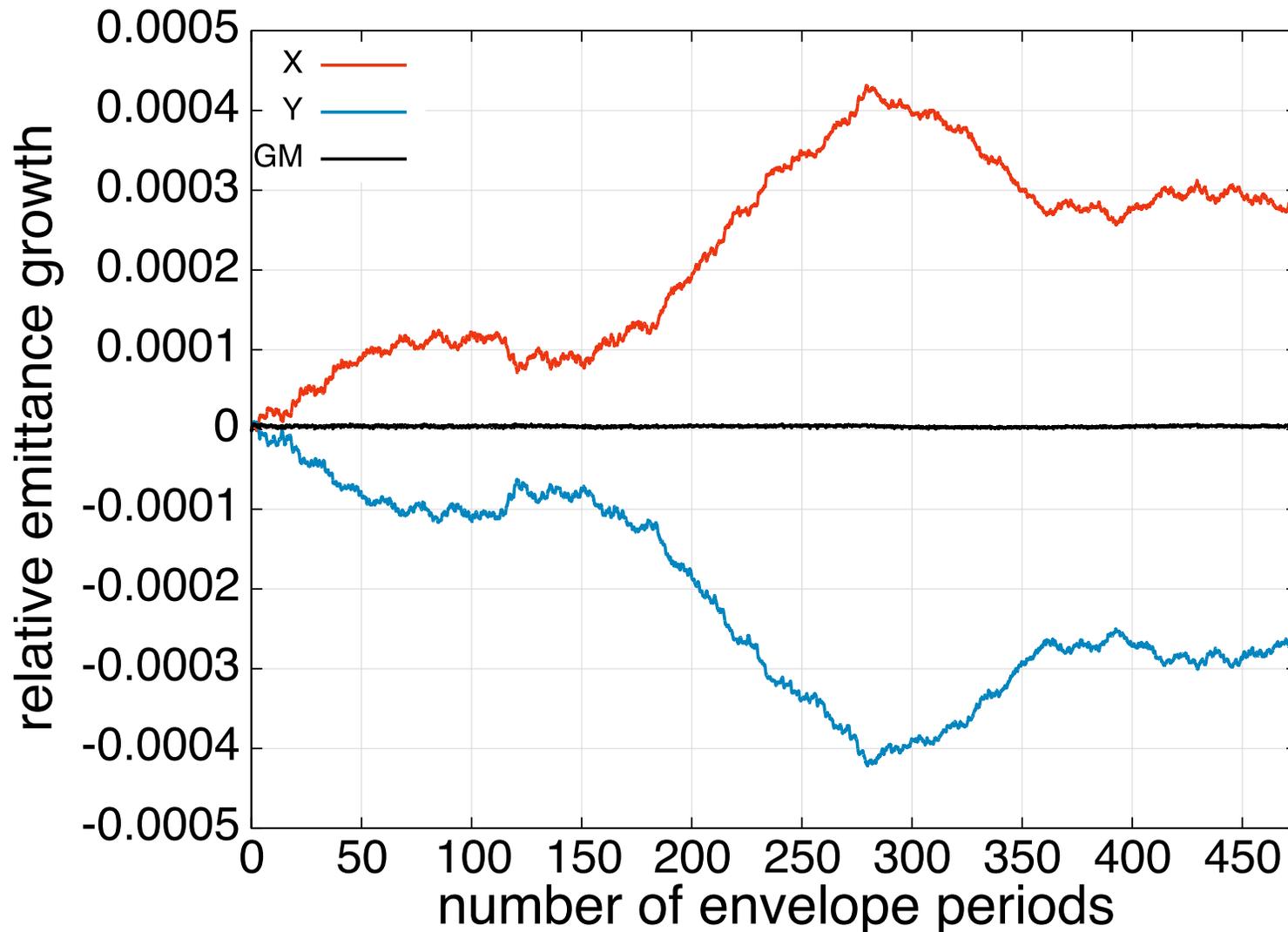
Beam is rms matched to  
the periodic channel.

Matched beam size is 34%  
larger than zero-current match.



$$\sigma = 47.6^\circ, \quad \sigma_0 = 84.4^\circ$$

# Matched 4D Kurth Beam in a Periodic Focusing Channel: Emittance Evolution

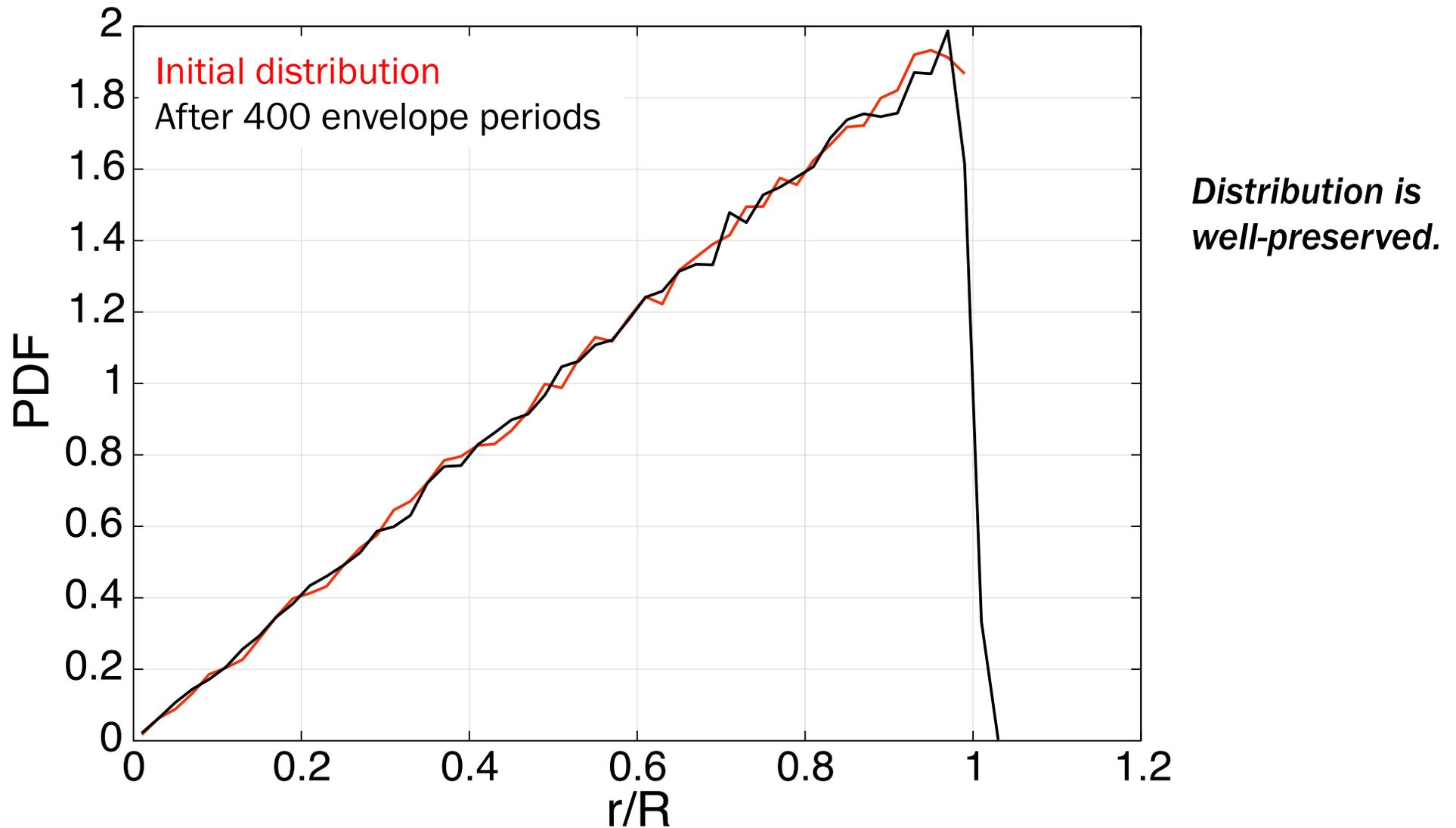


Emittance is well-preserved.

The Kurth beam appears stable for this problem.

A K-V beam also appears stable for the same problem.

# Matched 4D Kurth Beam in a Periodic Focusing Channel: Radial Profile



# 4D Kurth Beam Test, Periodic Focusing: Problem Setup

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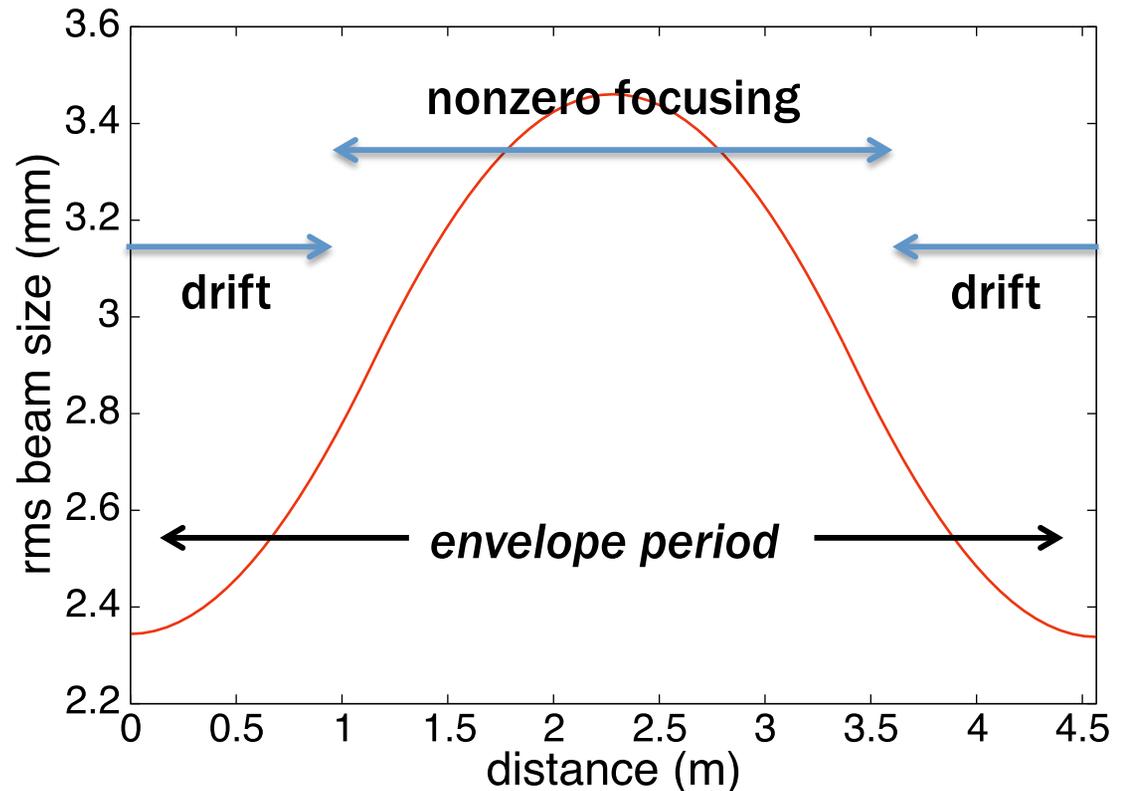
200 MeV proton beam  
Focusing:  $B=0$  or 2.7 T  
 $\varepsilon = 10.14$  mm-mrad  
20 A current

SC tune depression:

$$\sigma/\sigma_0 = 0.67$$

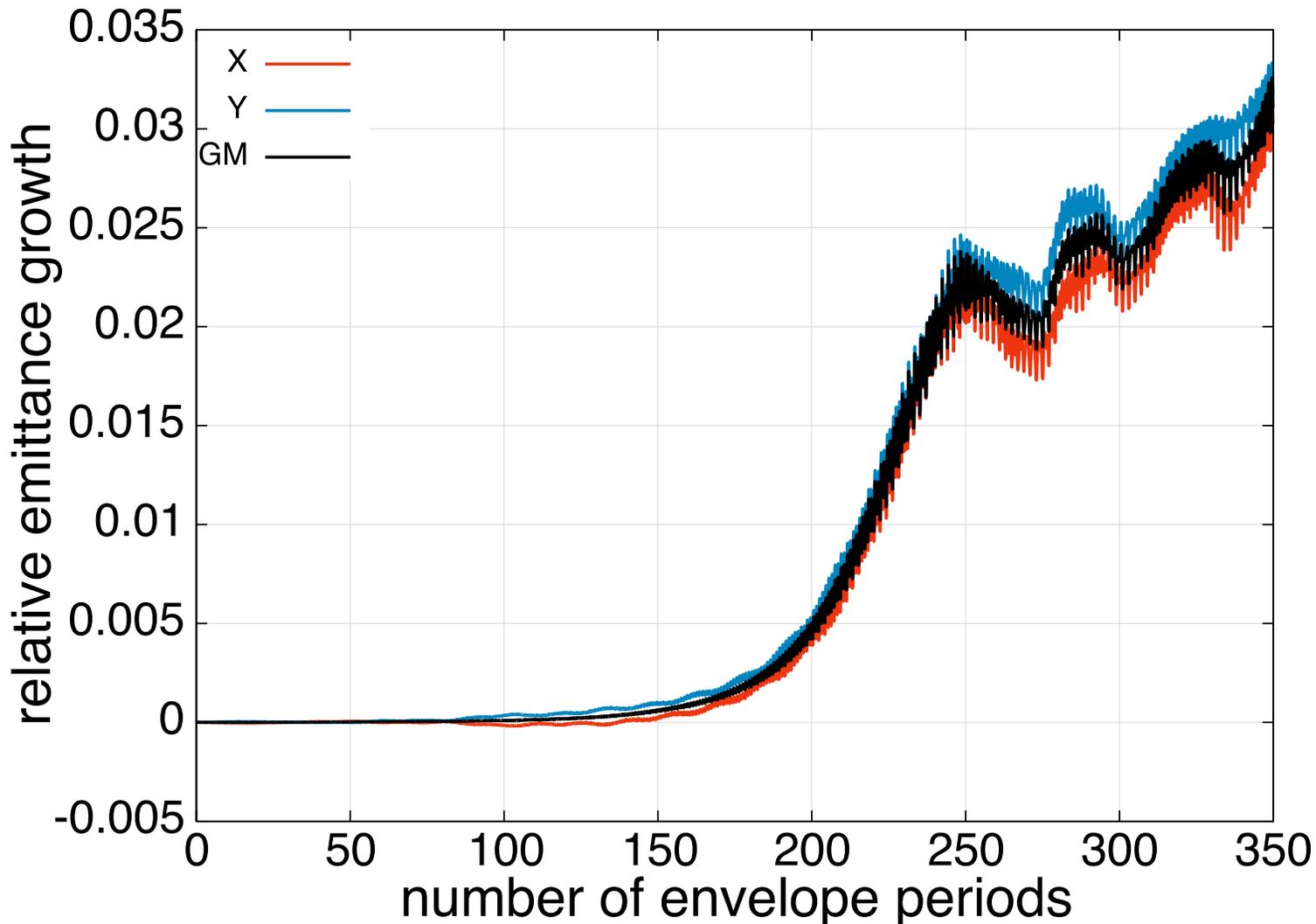
Beam is rms matched to  
the periodic channel.

Matched beam size is 28%  
larger than zero-current match.



$$\sigma = 83.8^\circ, \quad \sigma_0 = 125^\circ$$

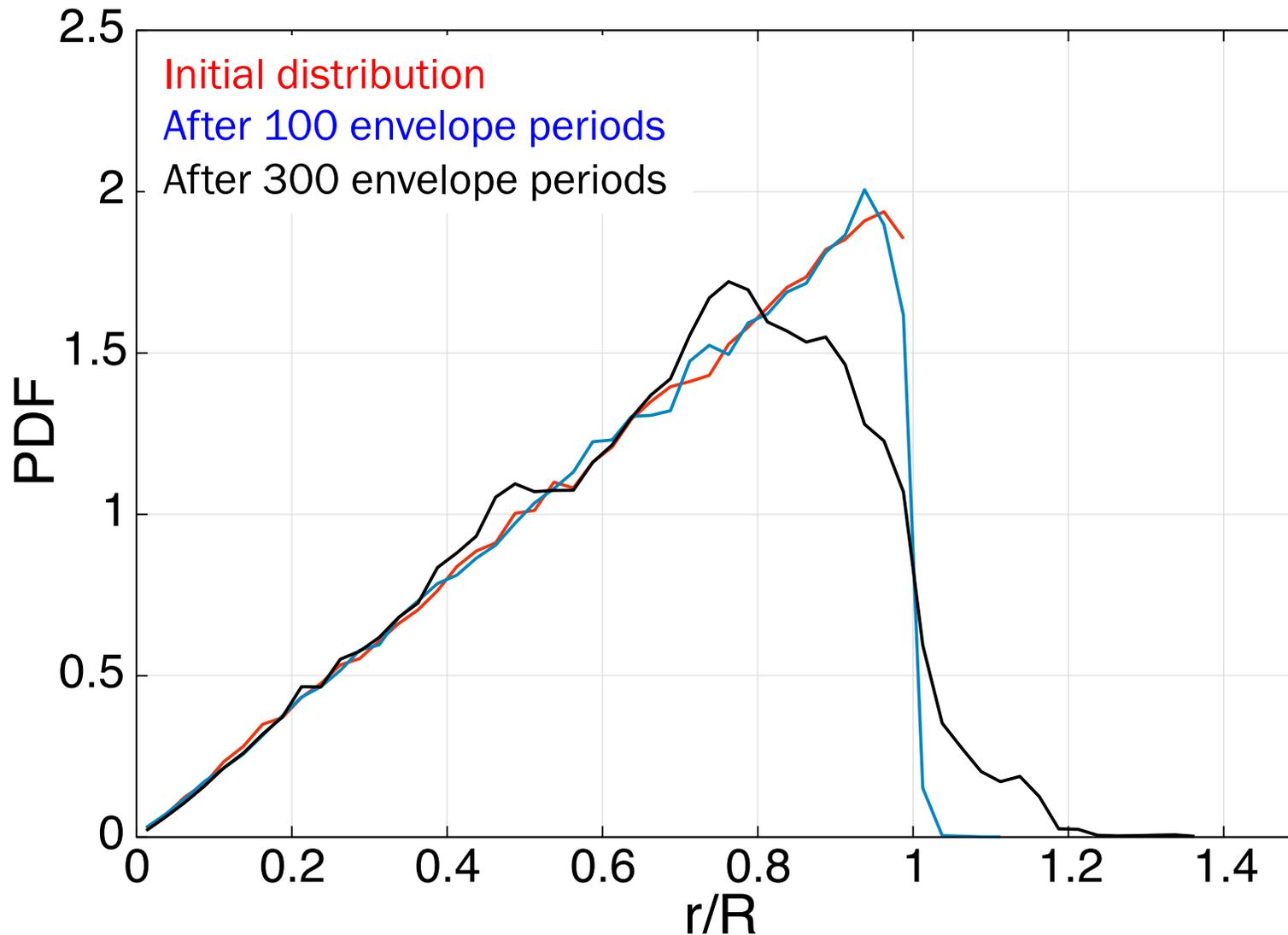
# Matched 4D Kurth Beam in a Periodic Focusing Channel: Emittance Evolution



The Kurth beam is not always stable.

Tests in progress to see how this case compares to K-V.

# Matched 4D Kurth Beam in a Periodic Focusing Channel: Radial Profile

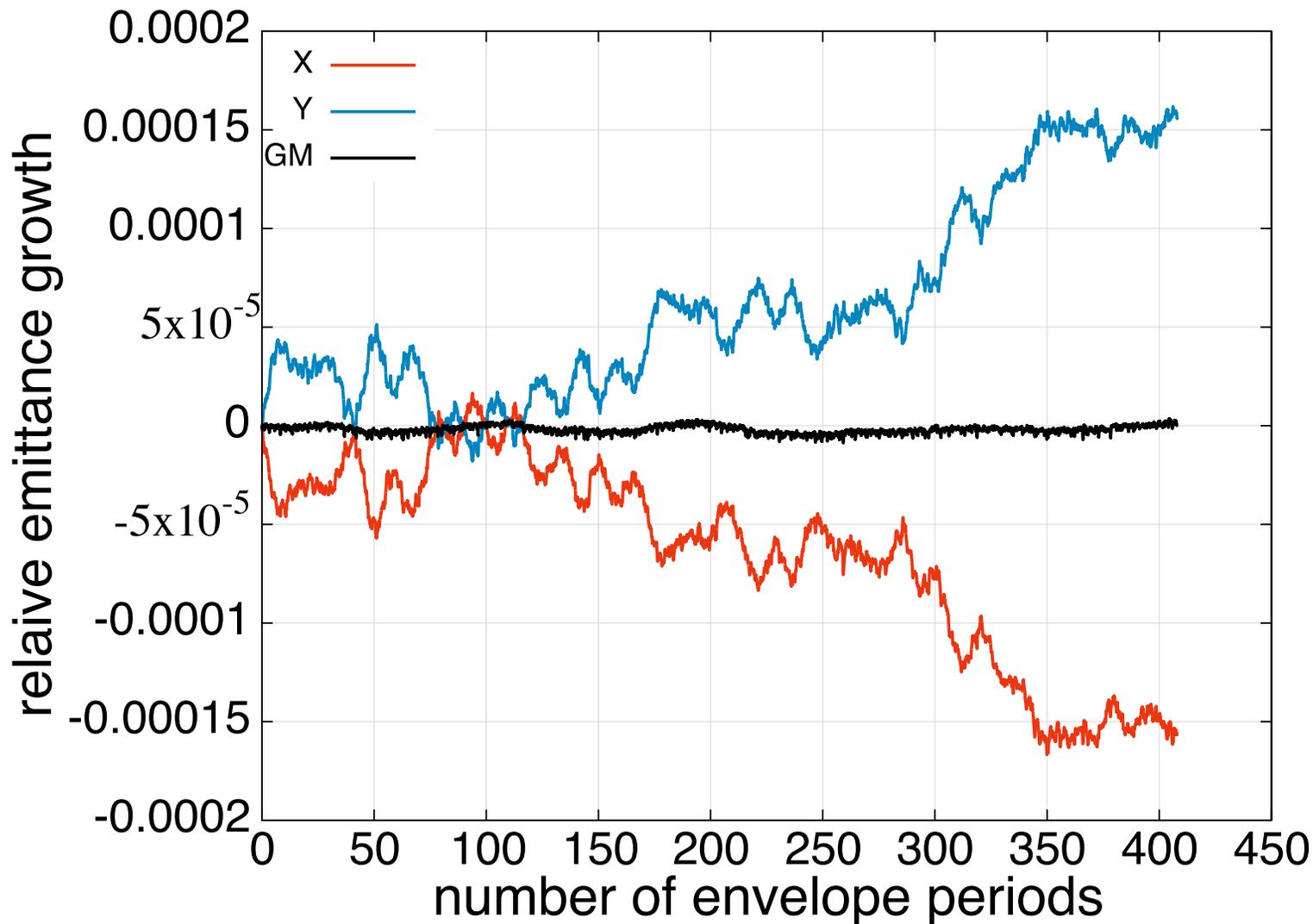


*Distribution is well-preserved for the first 100 envelope periods*

# Conclusions

- The Kurth distribution represents an exact solution of the Vlasov-Poisson equations for an intense beam in the presence of isotropic time-dependent linear focusing.
- Unlike the K-V distribution, it can be constructed in 4D and 6D, and it is defined by a true function on the phase space. The treatment breaks down for non-symmetric beams in non-symmetric focusing channels.
- In studies of two 4D benchmarks at high space charge intensity, the Kurth distribution behaves as expected. The distribution (and emittance) are well-preserved on moderate time scales.
- The 4D Kurth beam shows different behavior with regard to space charge instabilities compared to the K-V beam, and this deserves detailed exploration.
- Benchmarks will next be performed for a 6D Kurth beam with 3D space charge.

# Matched K-V Beam in a Periodic Focusing Channel: Emittance Evolution



Emittance is well-preserved.

The K-V beam appears stable for this problem.