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Injection and extraction

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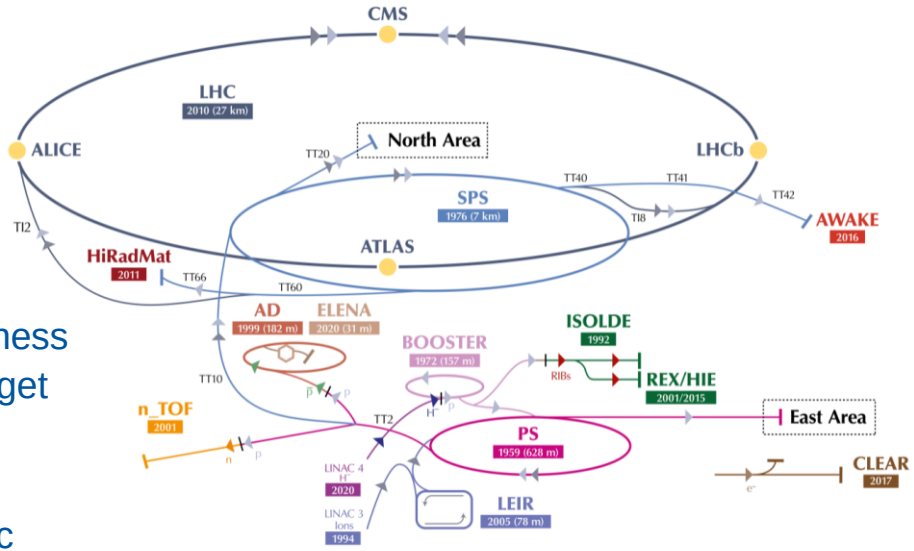
Introduction

- Accelerators have limited ranges of energies
  - A synchrotron have a typical range of energy of 20
    - LHC from 450GeV to 7000TeV for protons (x15)
    - SPS from 14GeV to 450GeV for protons (x30)
  - Particles get accelerated in a chain of accelerators
- Injection and extraction between stage needs careful consideration
  - to maintain the beams properties, in particular brightness
  - To deliver beams with required properties to fixed target experiments
- The limits of this lecture
  - No (synchro-)cyclotrons, rodhotron, FFA, electrostatic
  - Most principles discussed here are applicable to any type of accelerator
  - Focus on synchrotrons, more specifically alternating gradient synchrotrons



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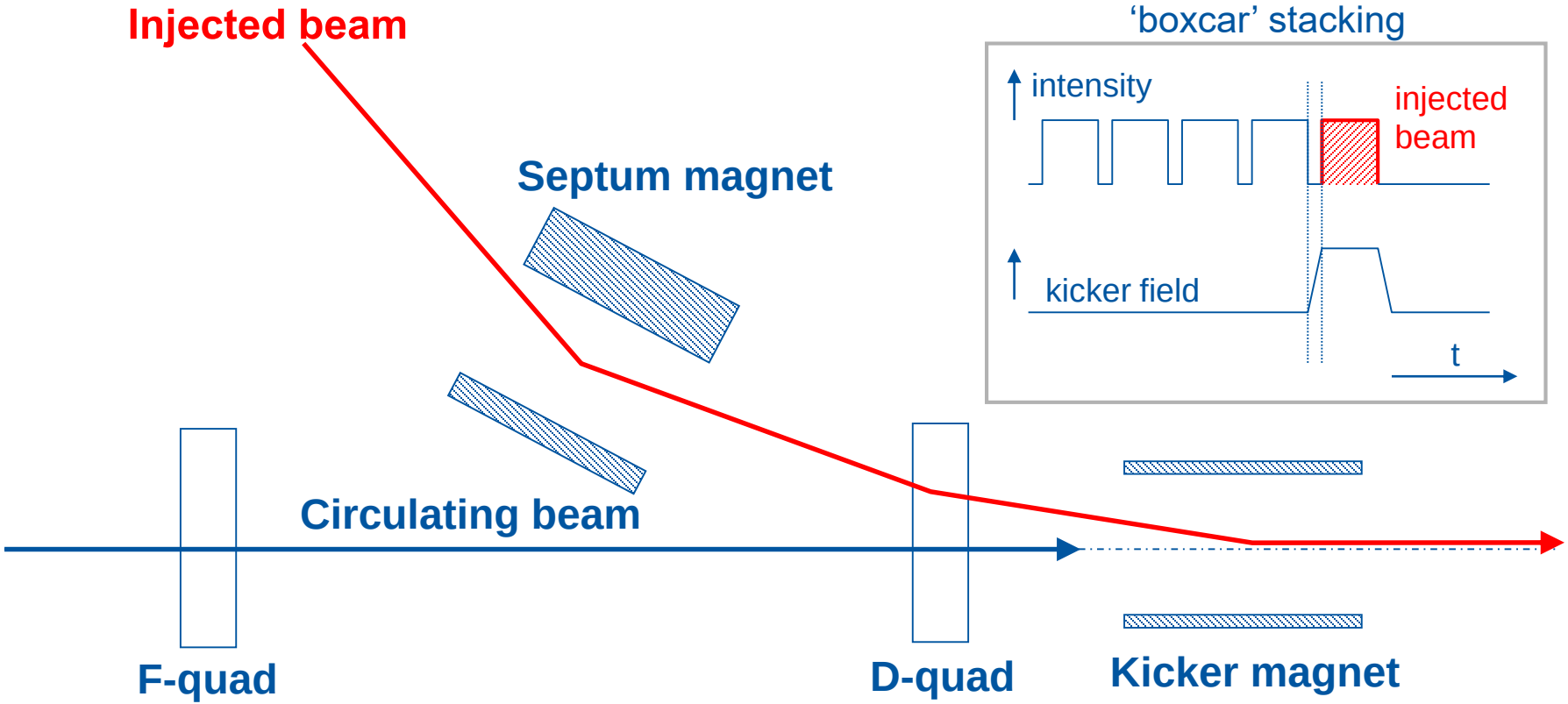
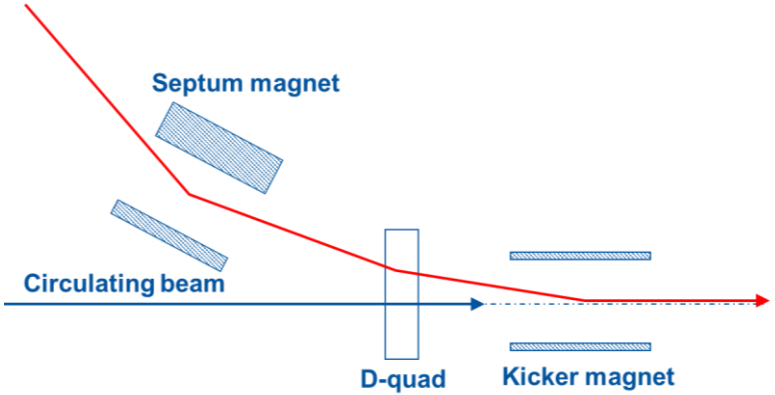
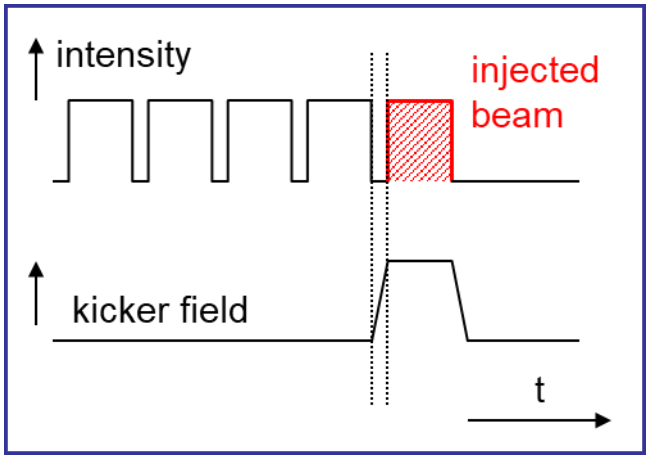


Injection techniques : Fast injection

- Principle
  - Beam is directly injected into the ring
  - Conservation of the beam brightness in all 3 phase spaces
- Challenges
  - Injected beam needs to be matched and aligned to the lattice and trajectory of the ring
  - Injection kicker(s) needs to be fast enough to deflect only the injected beam
- Applications
  - At LEIR to PS, PS to SPS and SPS to LHC





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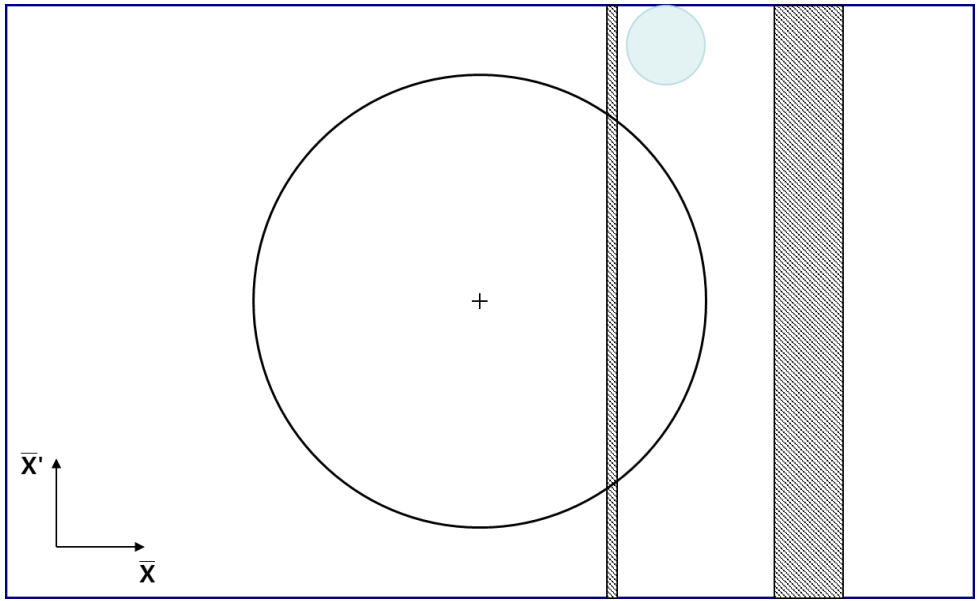

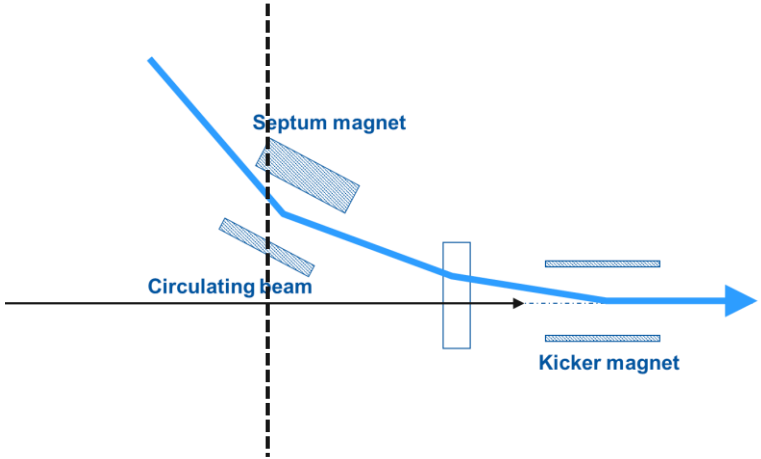

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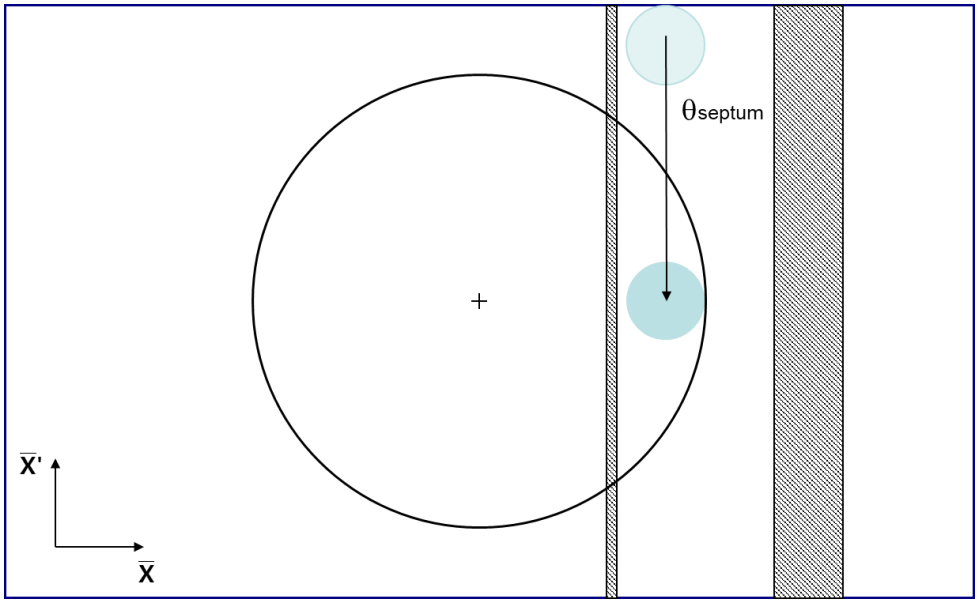

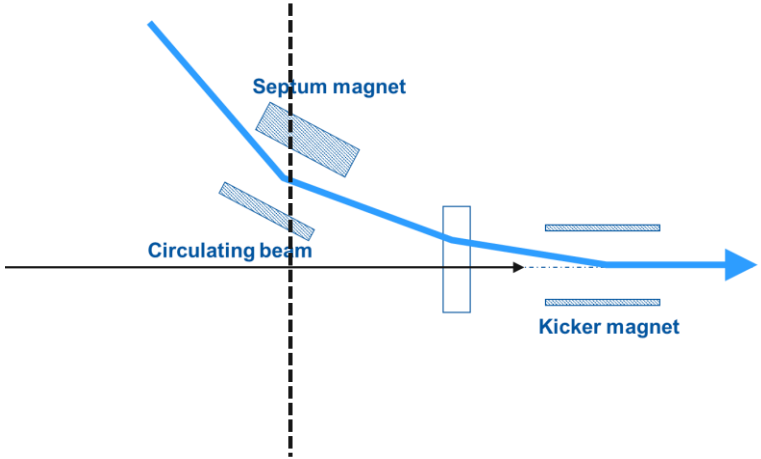

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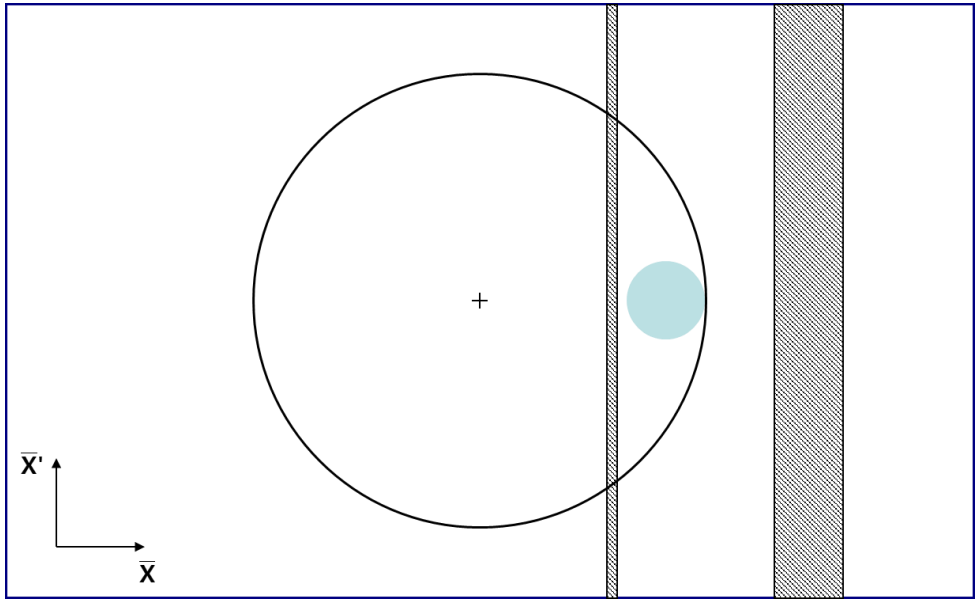

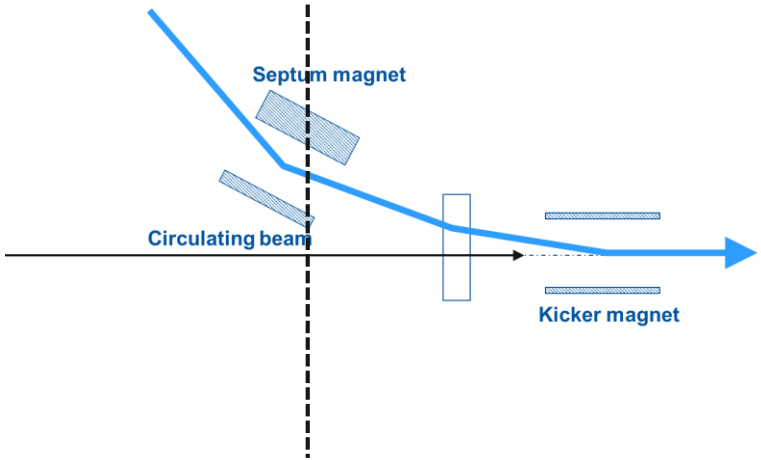

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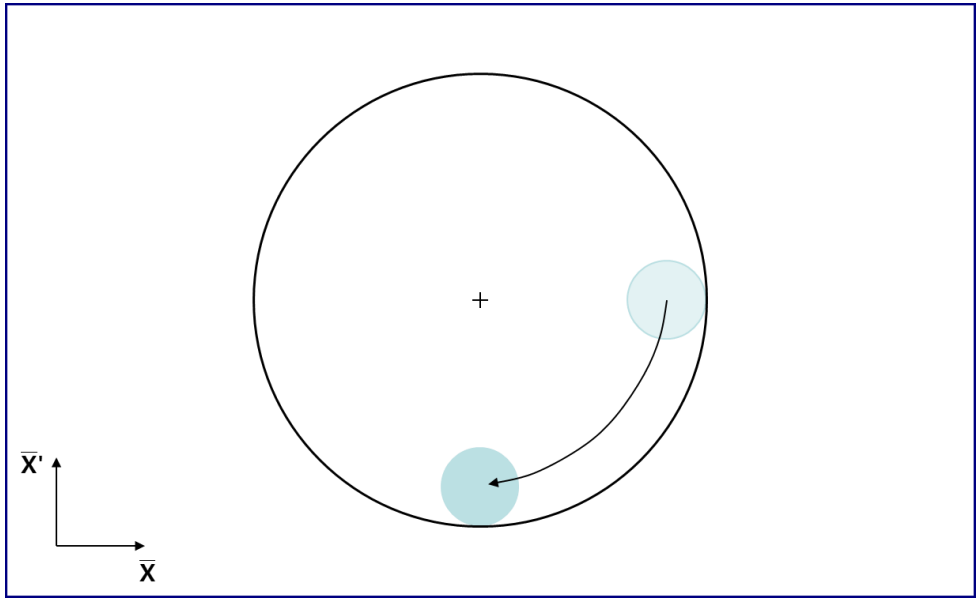

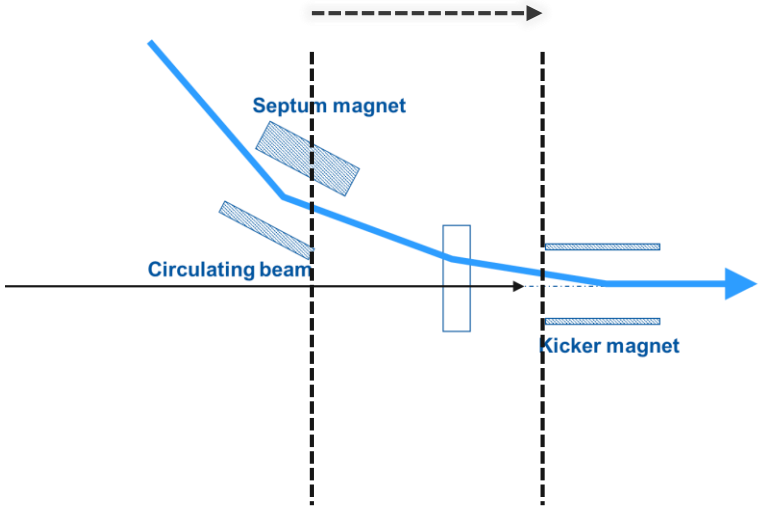

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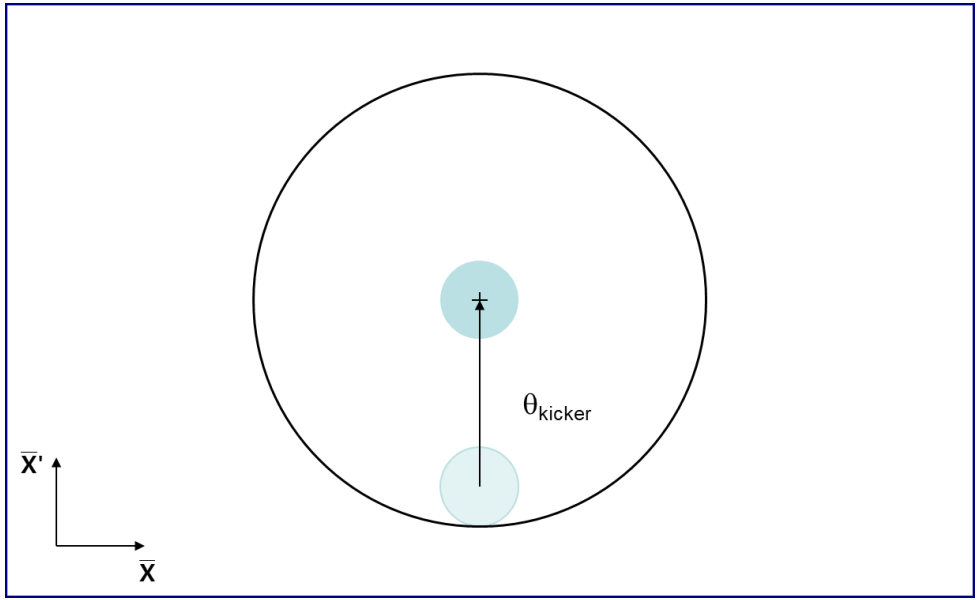
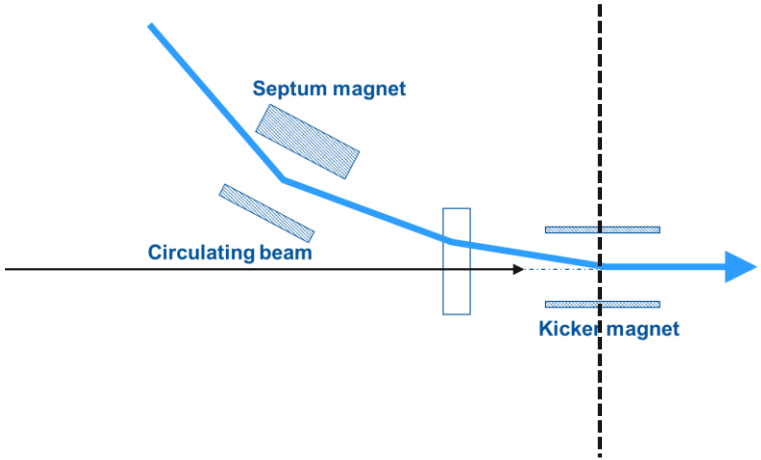




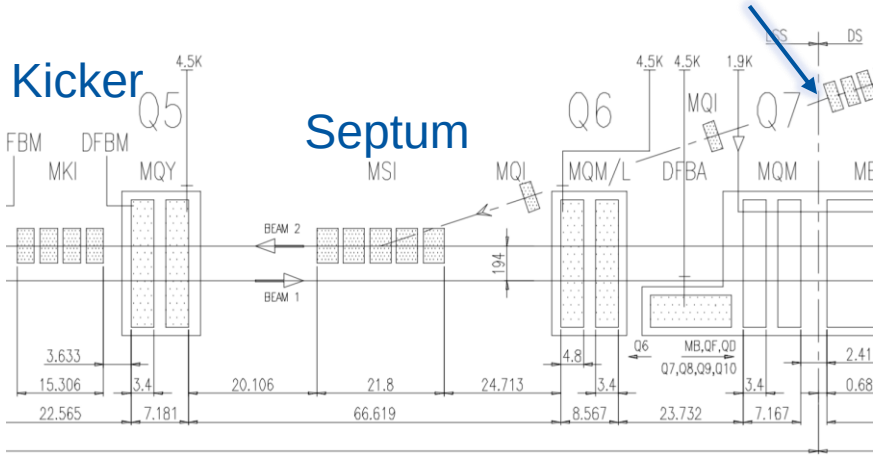
Injection techniques : Fast injection

- Example of the LHC injection

Injected beam

Kicker

Septum



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(superconducting LHC quadrupole)

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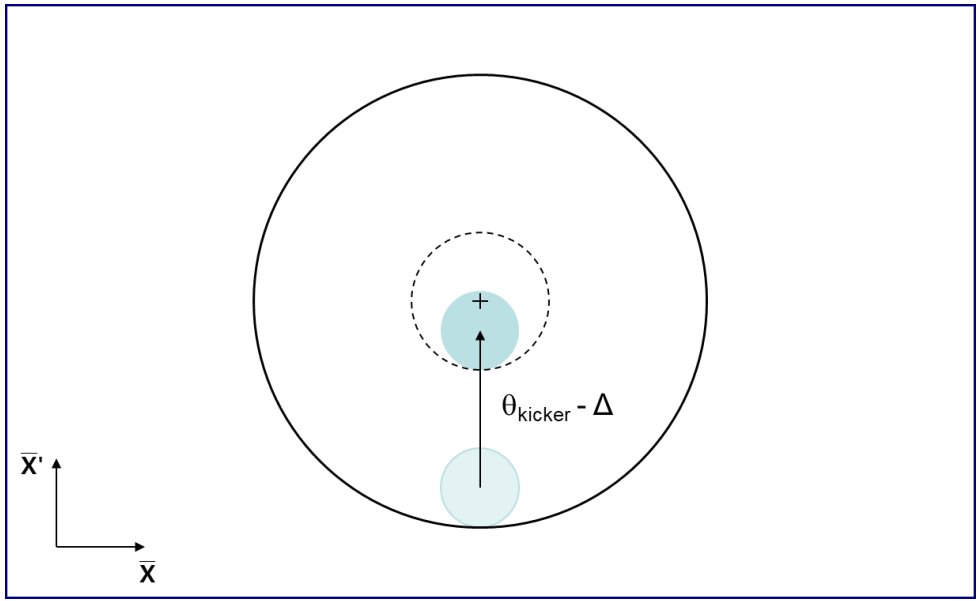

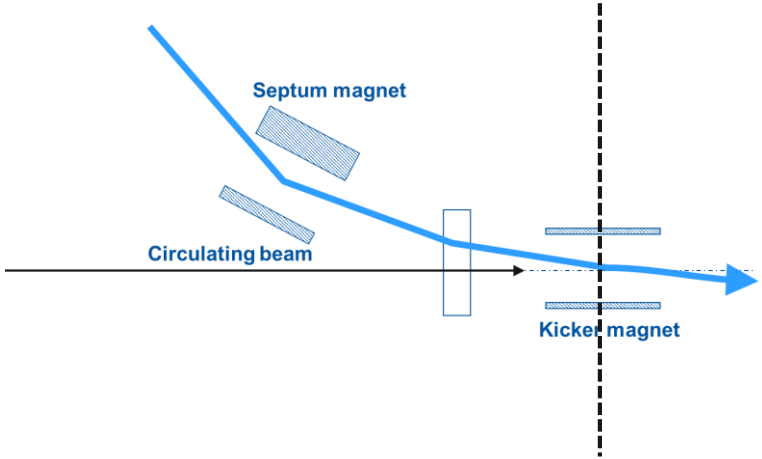

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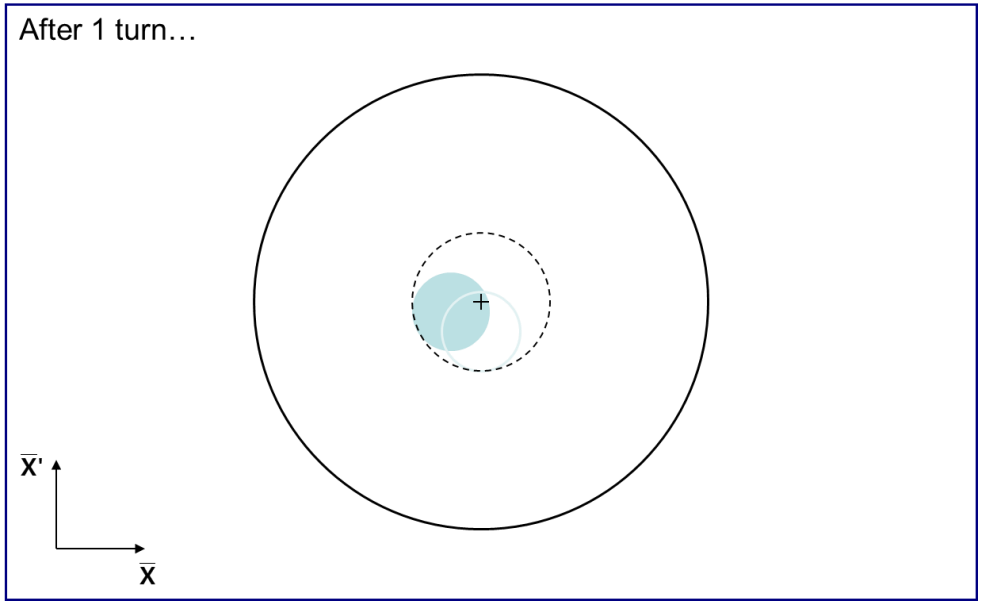

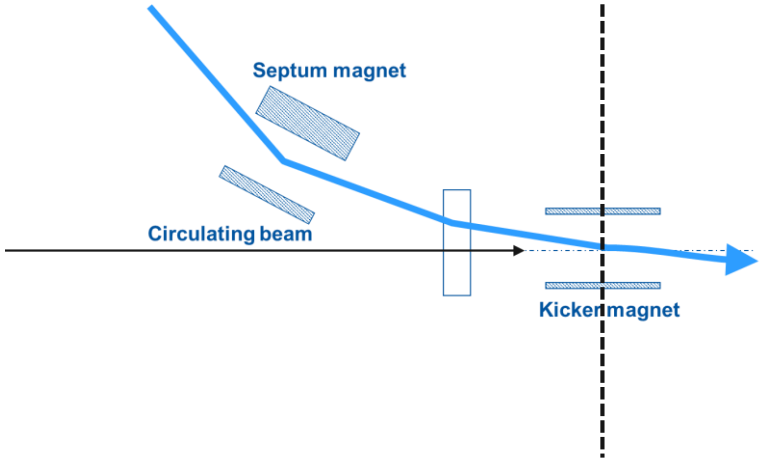

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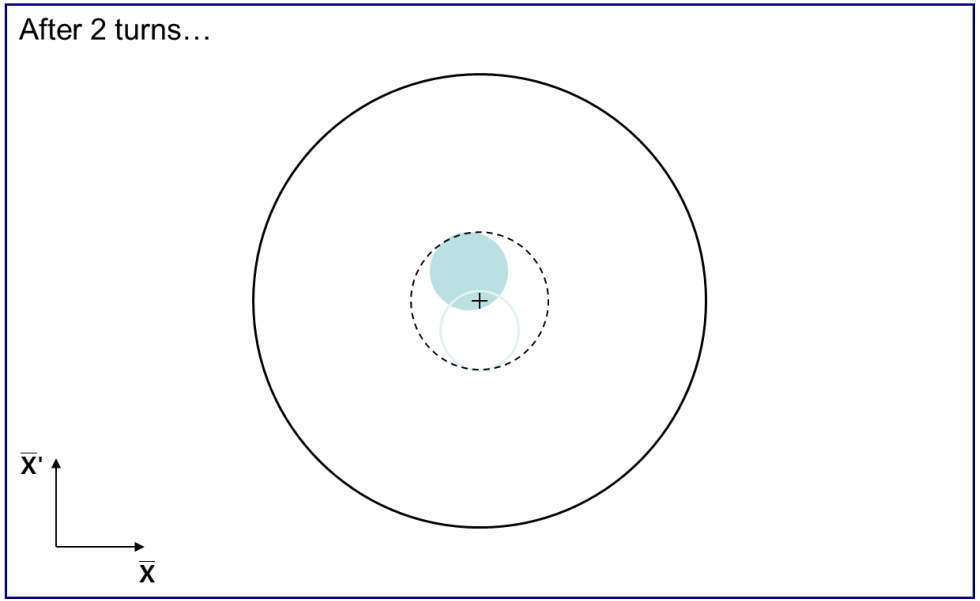

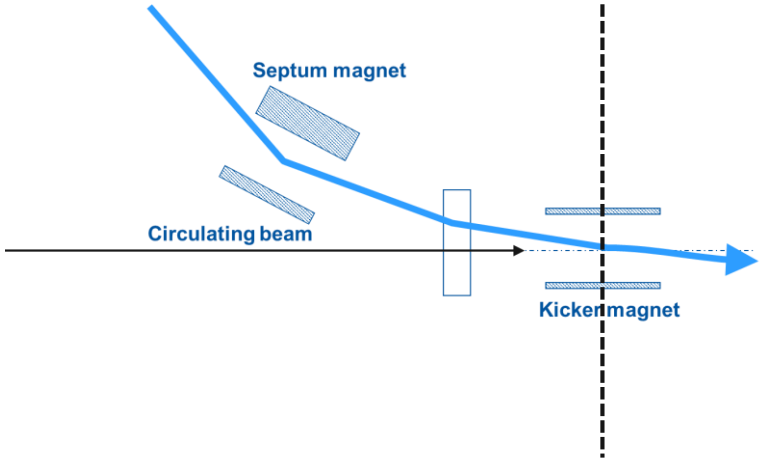

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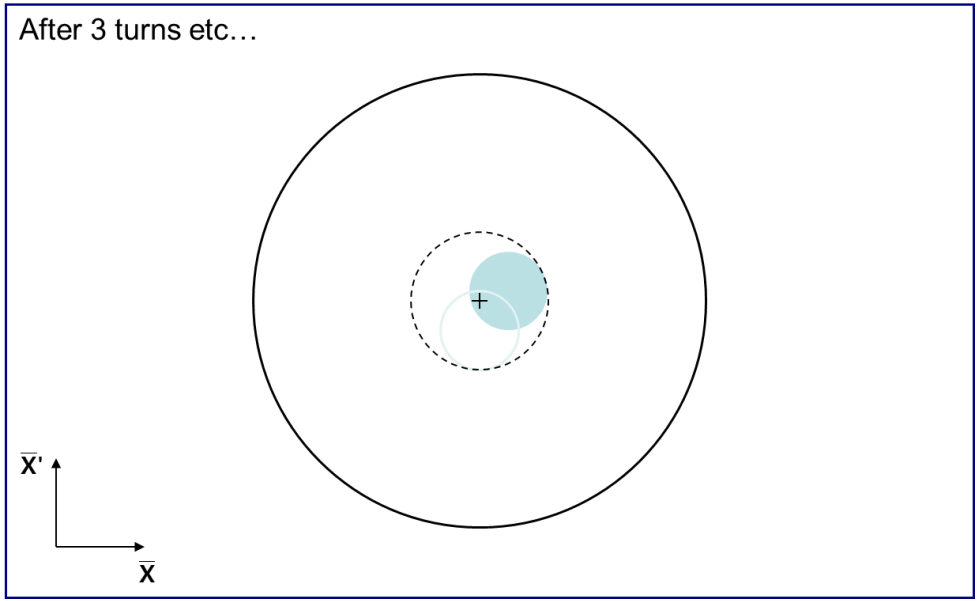

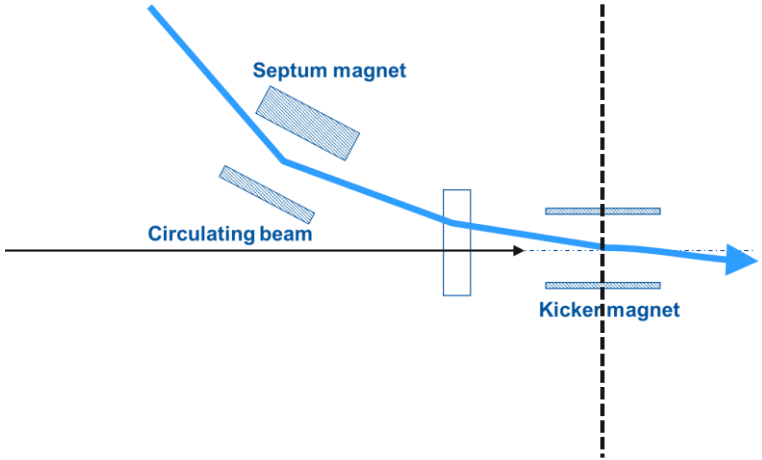

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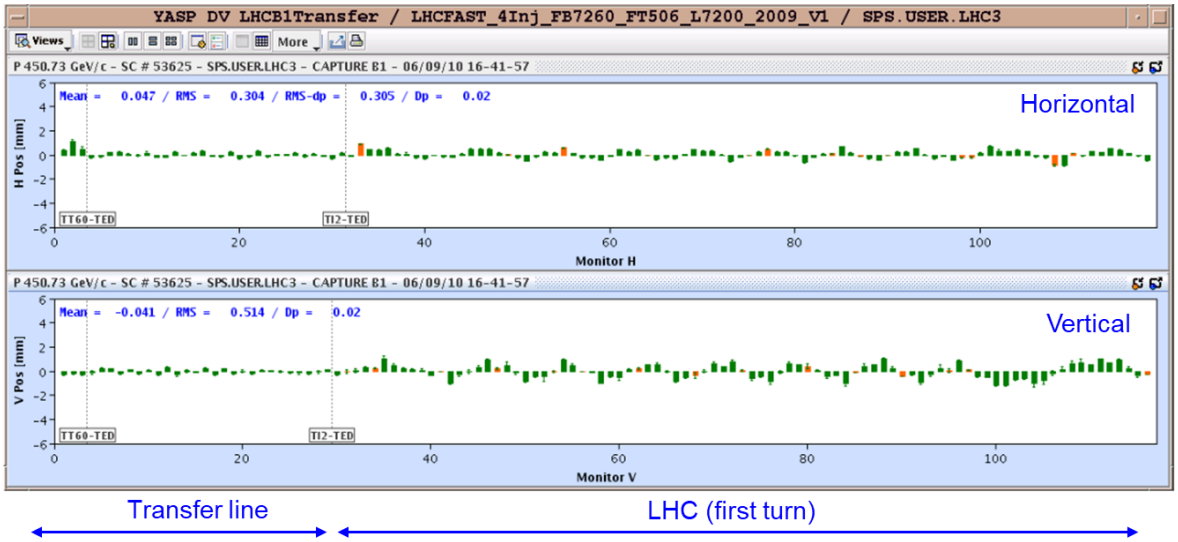

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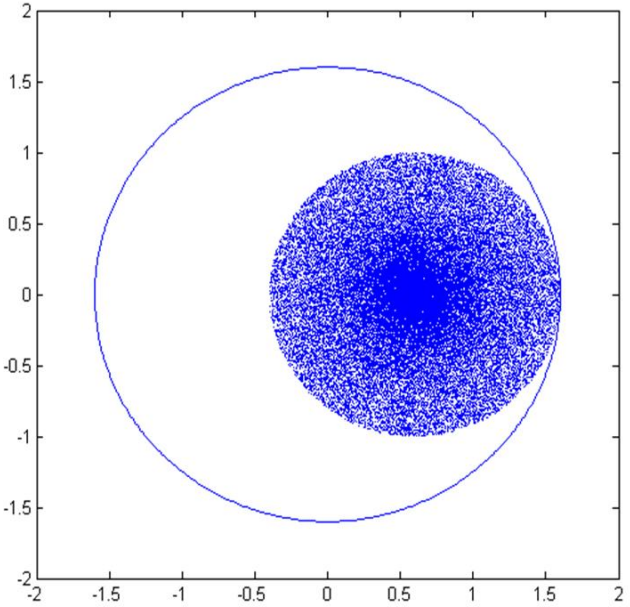

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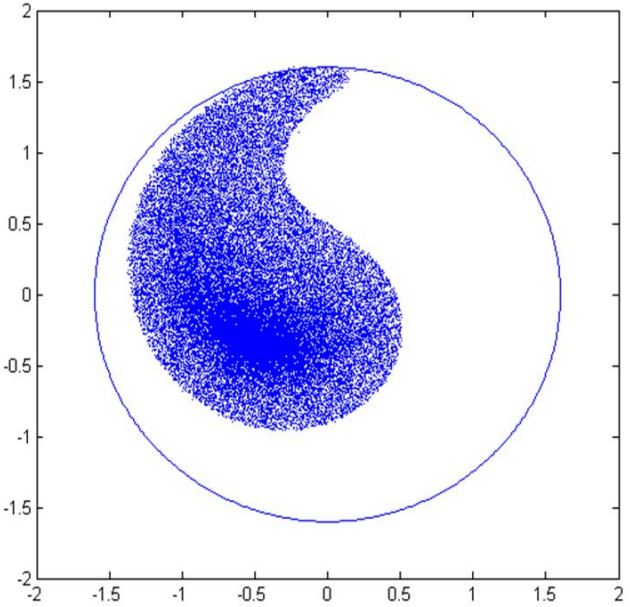

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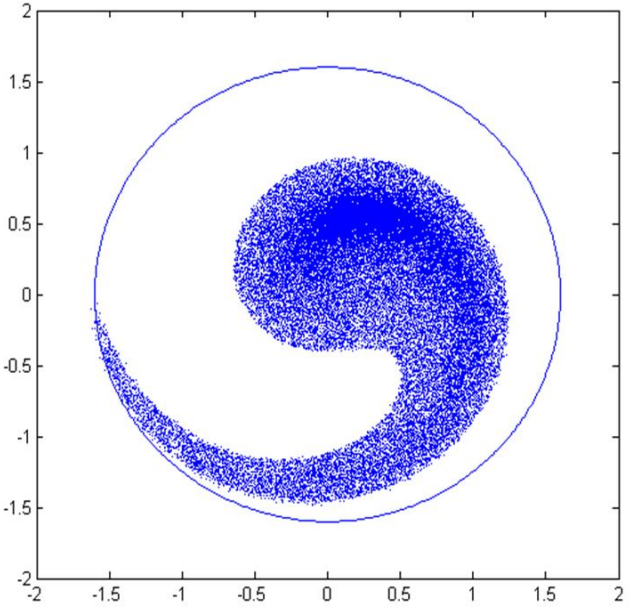

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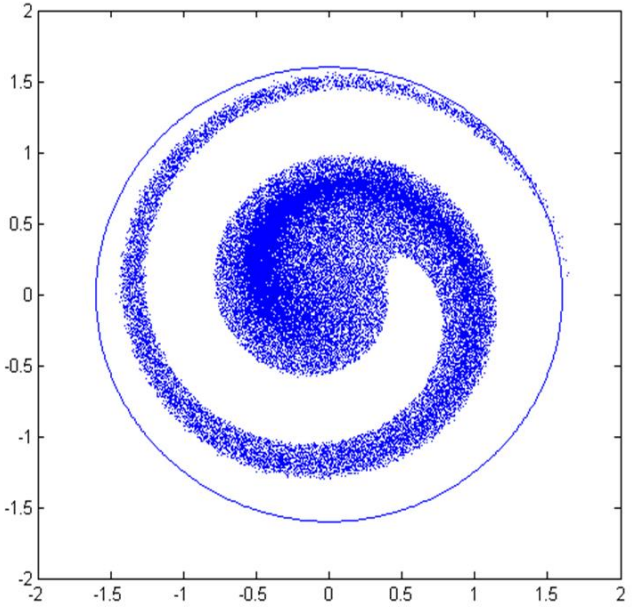

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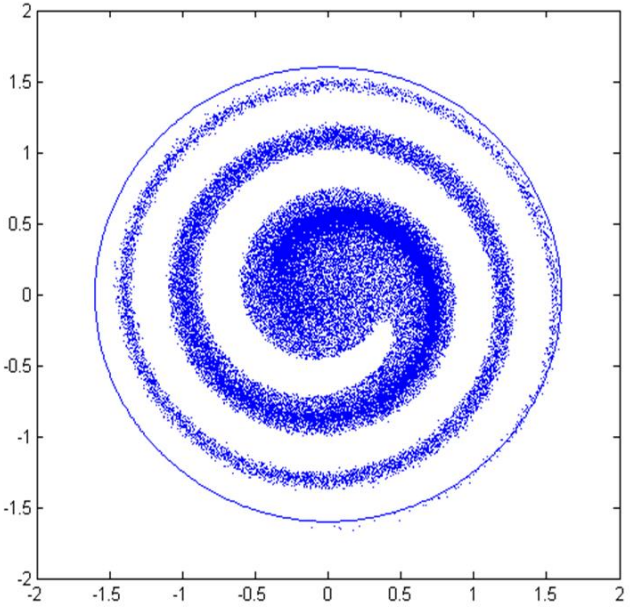

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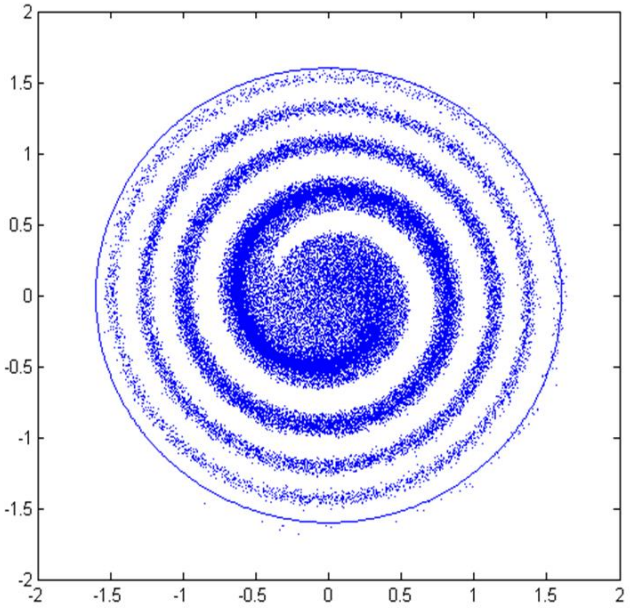

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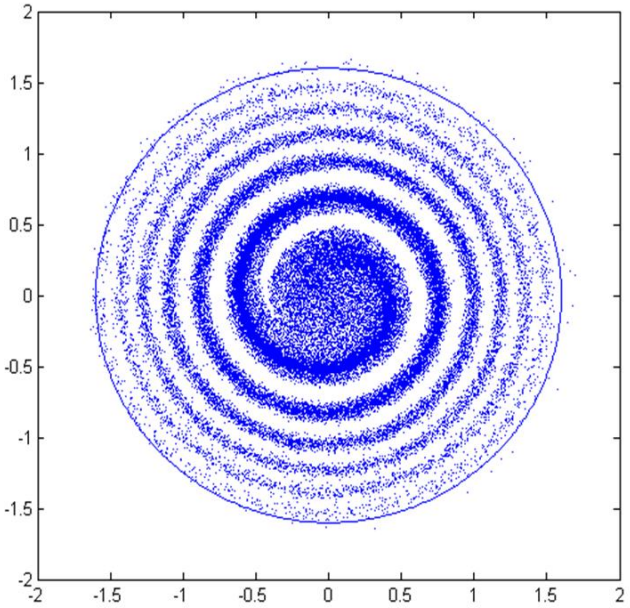

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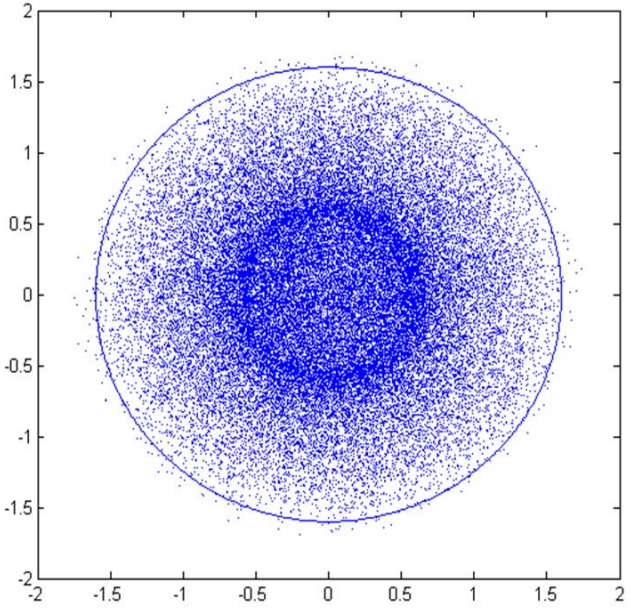

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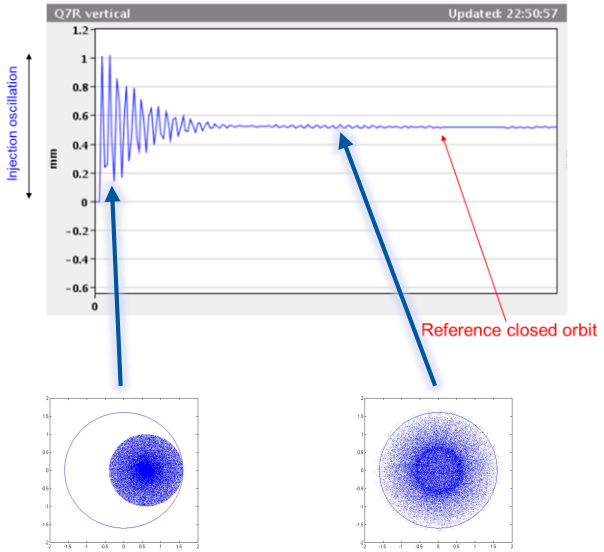
- Observables
  - For a steering error the beam centroid oscillate around the closed orbit, which can be observed using a BPM
  - For a shape, or optical mismatch
    - the beam profile needs measured turn after turn for a direct measurement
    - Indirectly, by comparing the measured beam equilibrium emittance to expected values
- Important point
  - Any error and the induced filamentation will lead to an increase in emittance and a loss of brightness
  - This applies to both transverse and longitudinal phase spaces
- Mitigation techniques
  - Measurement of injected beam shape and trajectory correction and their correction
  - Transverse damper can mitigate the effect of filamentation by damping the injection oscillations

Position as a function of time at one BPM



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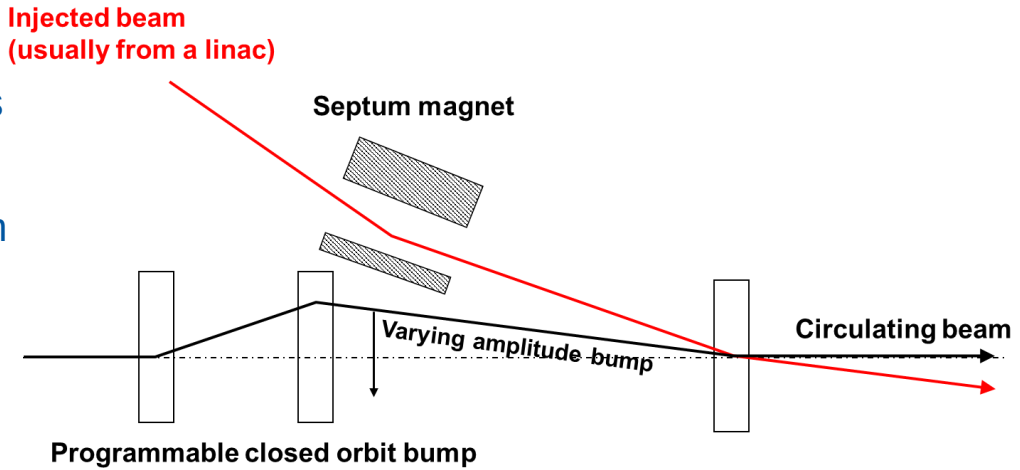
Injection techniques : Multi-turn injection

- Principle
  - Injected beam is injected in a small part of the available phase space
  - The injected trajectory is moved relative to the closed orbit during the injection process
  - Allows to accumulate intensity and `paint` the phase space with a beam smaller than the available ring acceptance, typically from a linac to a ring
- Challenges
  - Complex manipulation of the injected beam and ring closed orbit during the injection process
- Applications
  - At CERN PSB until LS2
  - At GSI SIS18 heavy ions injection



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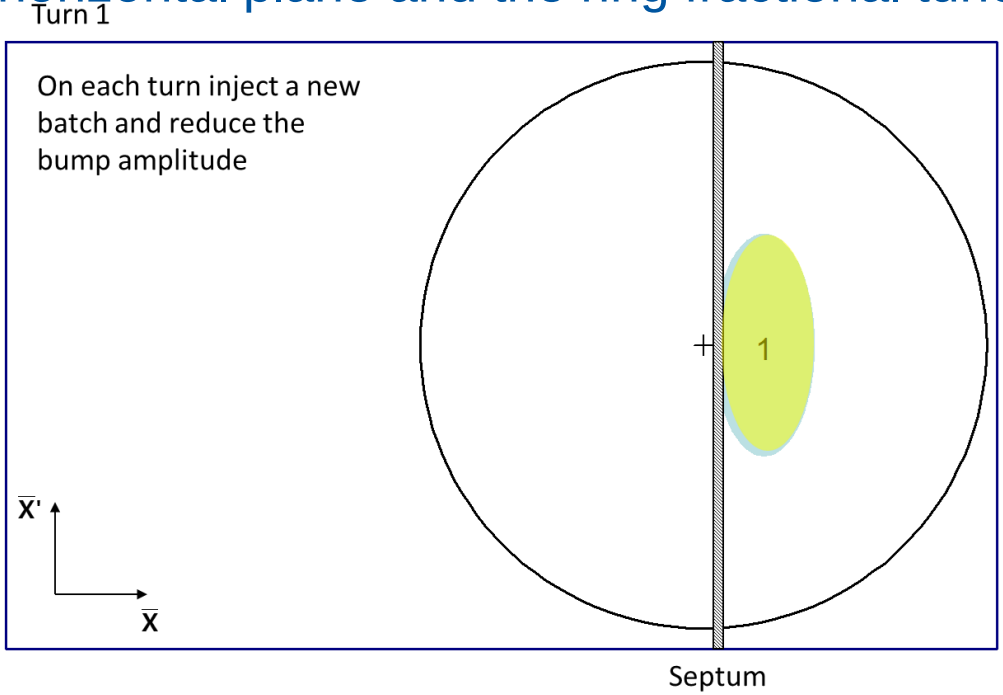

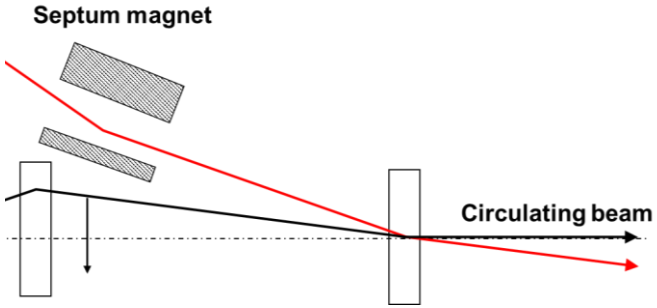

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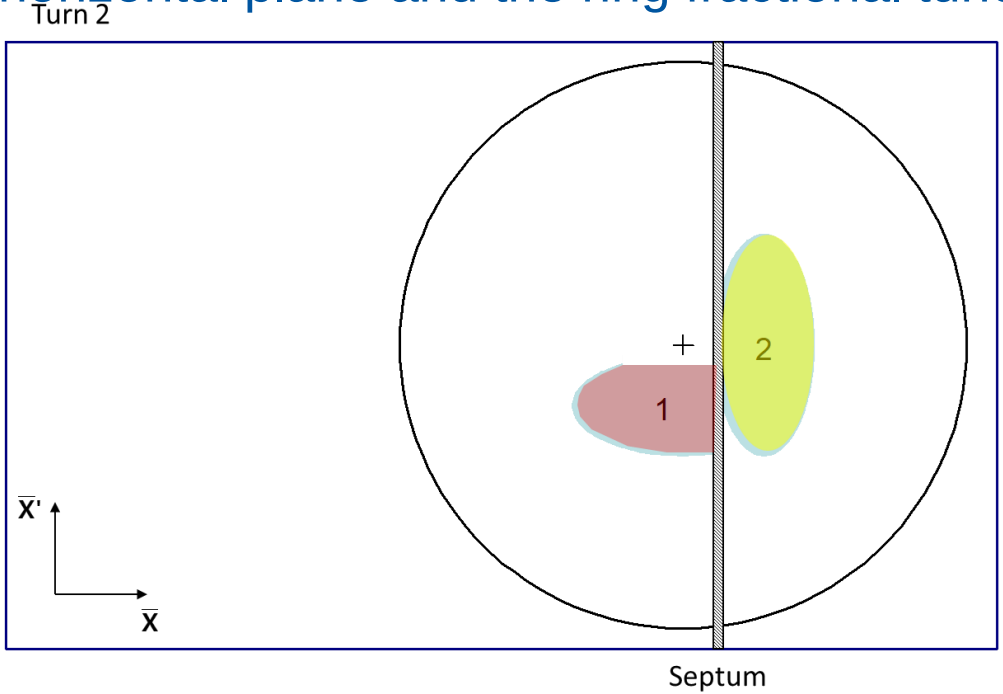

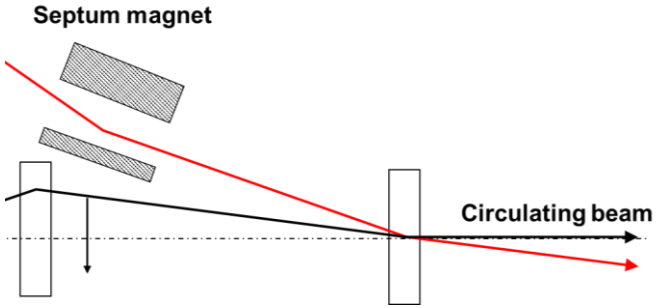

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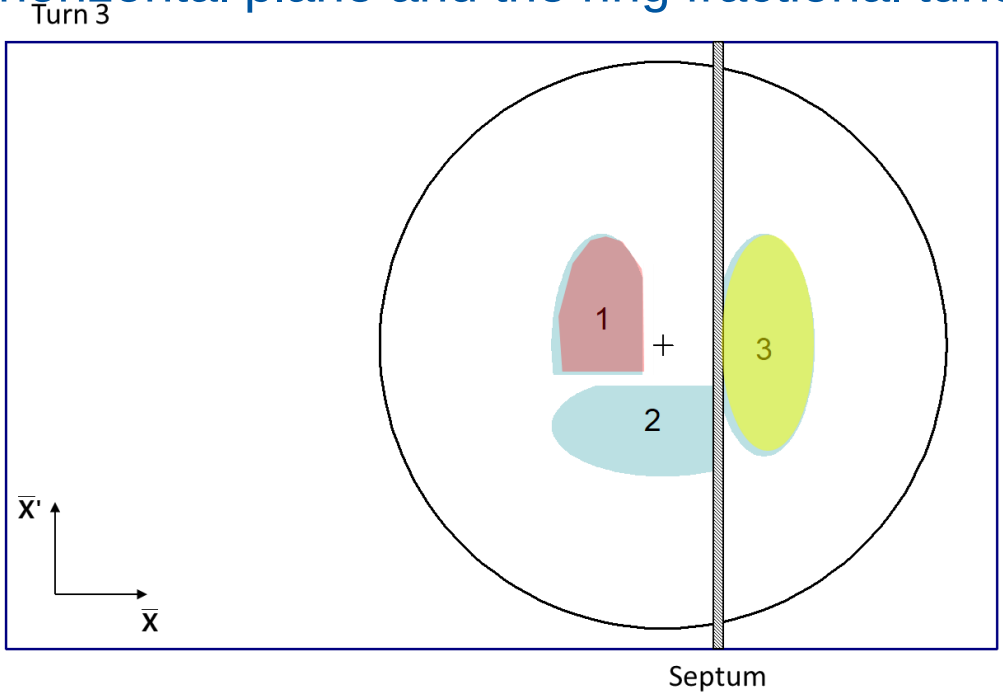

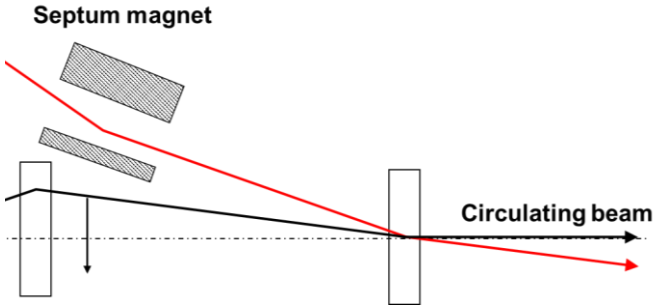

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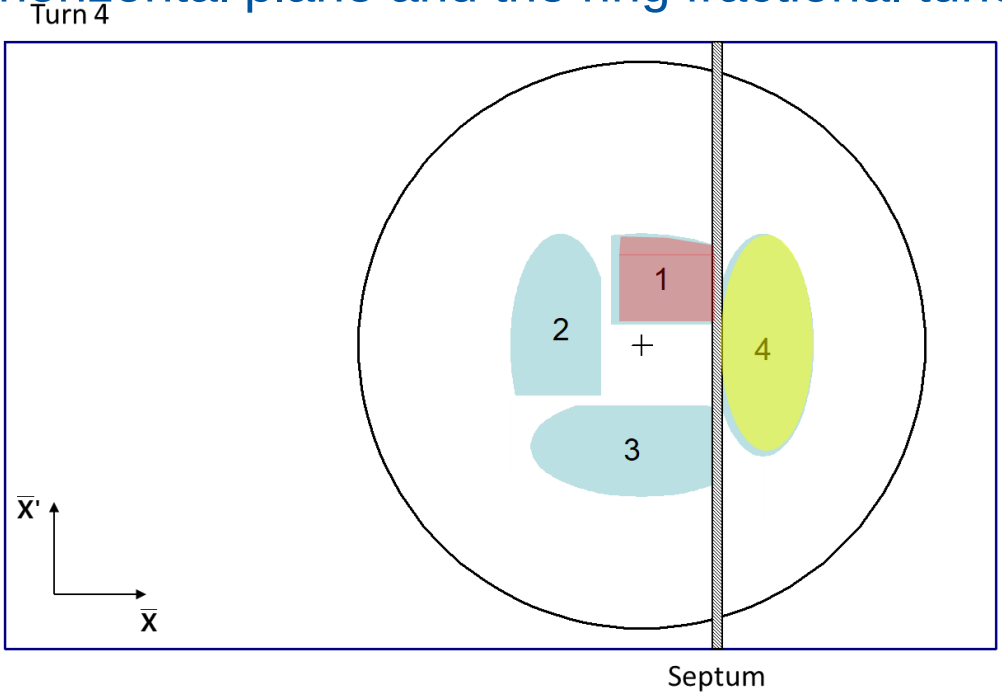

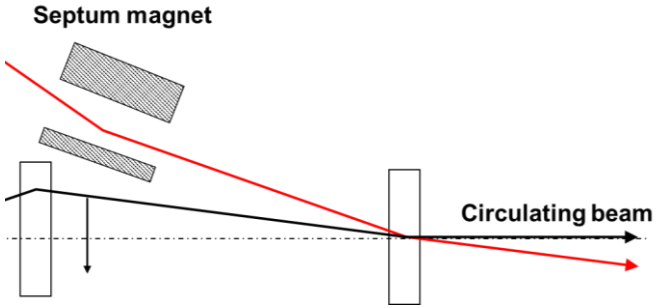

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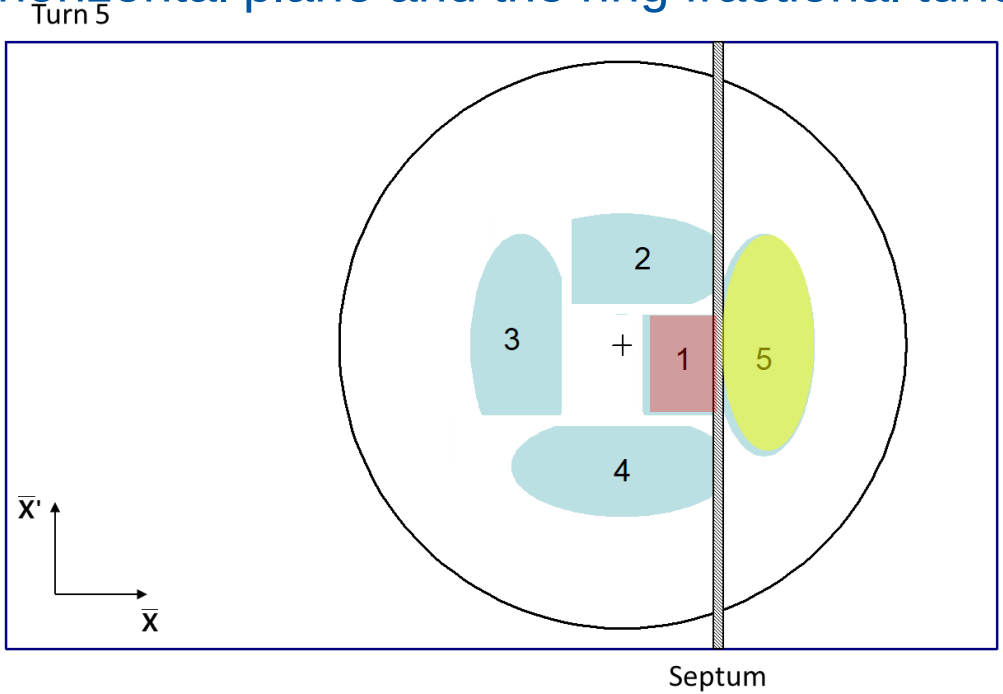

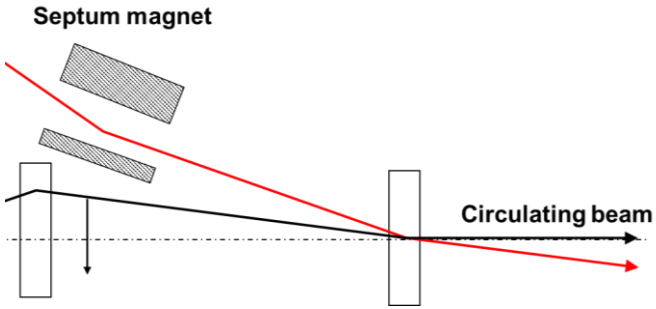

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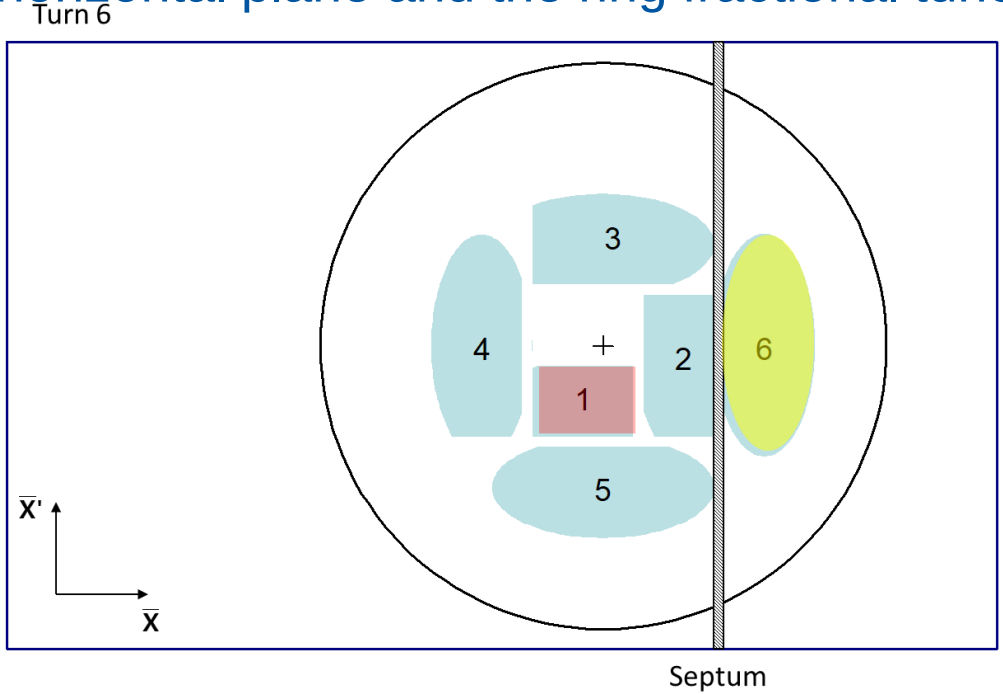

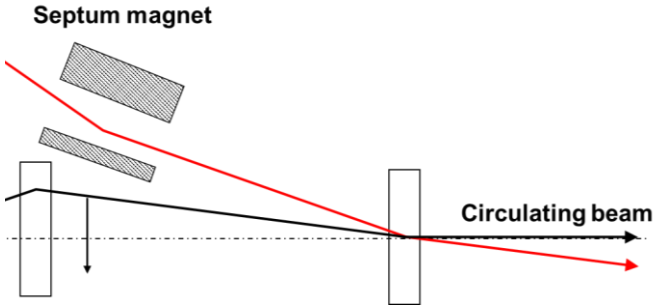

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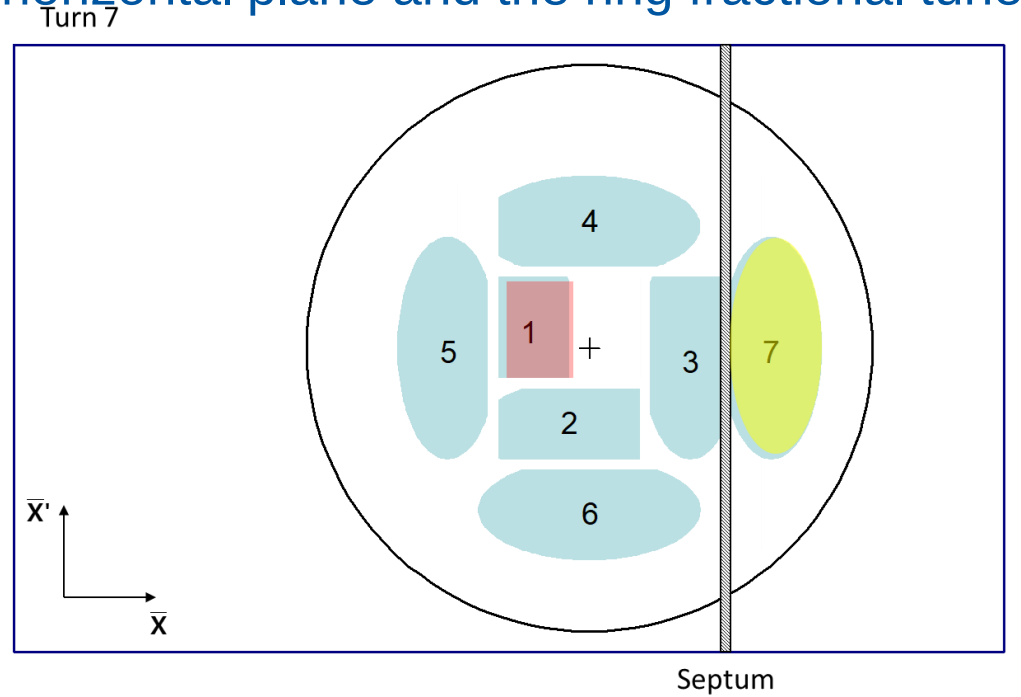

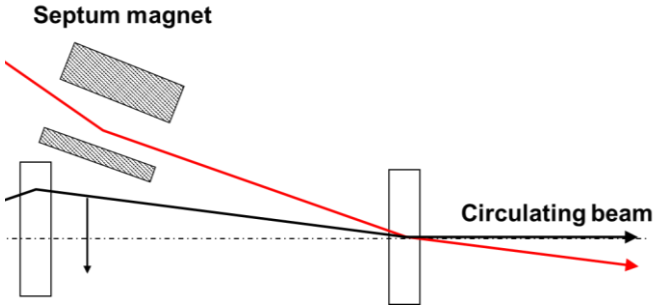

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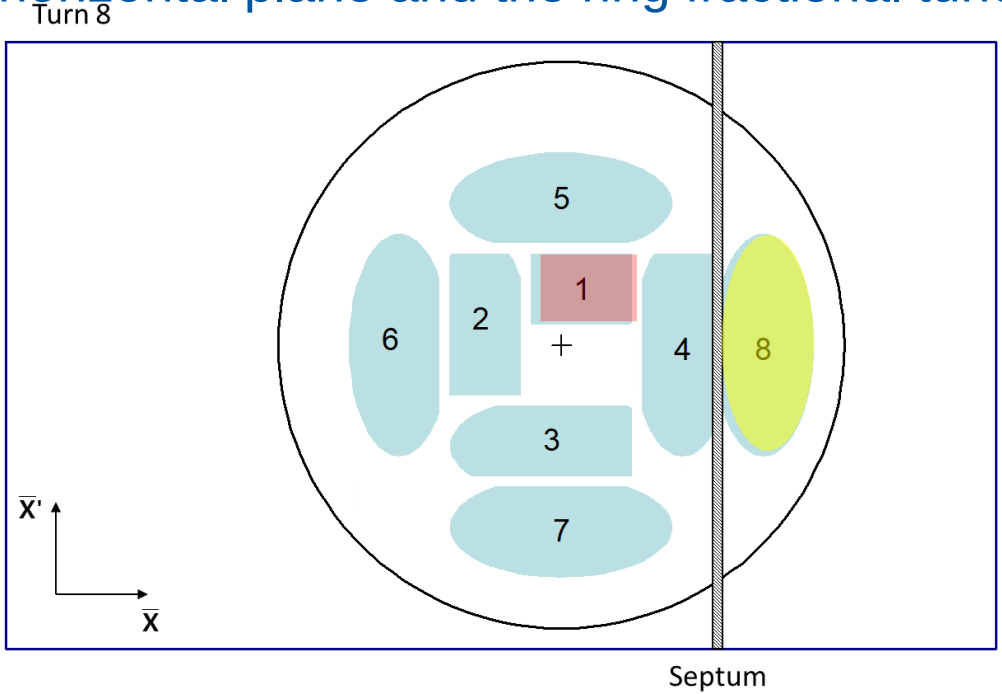

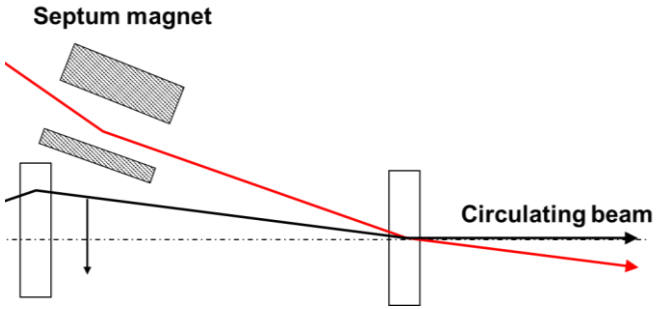

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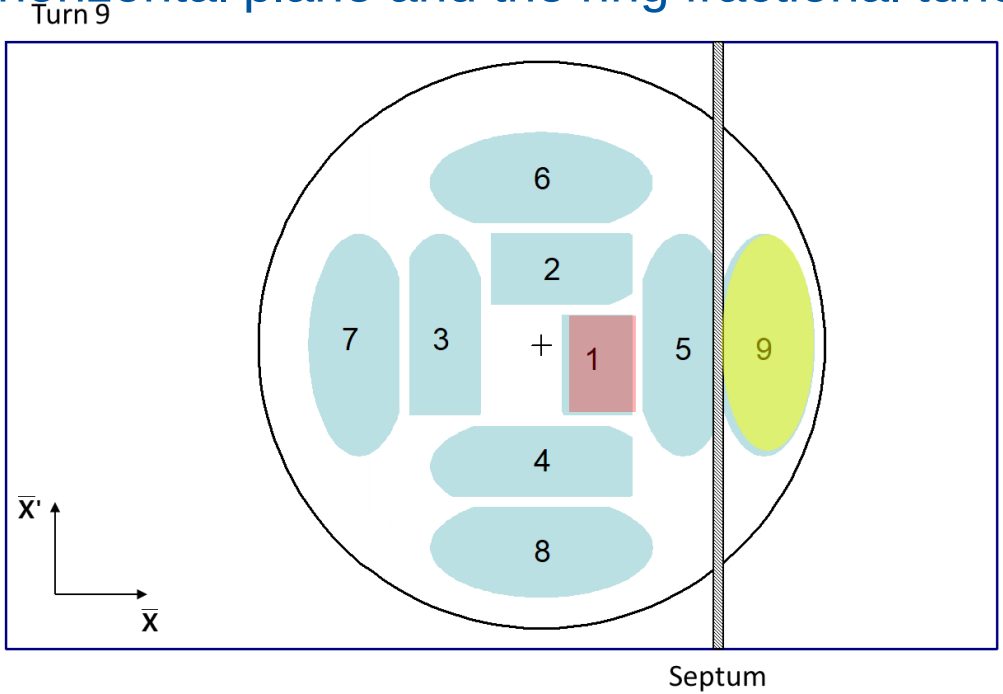

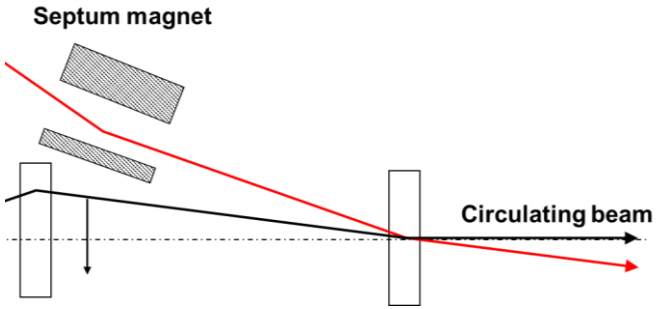

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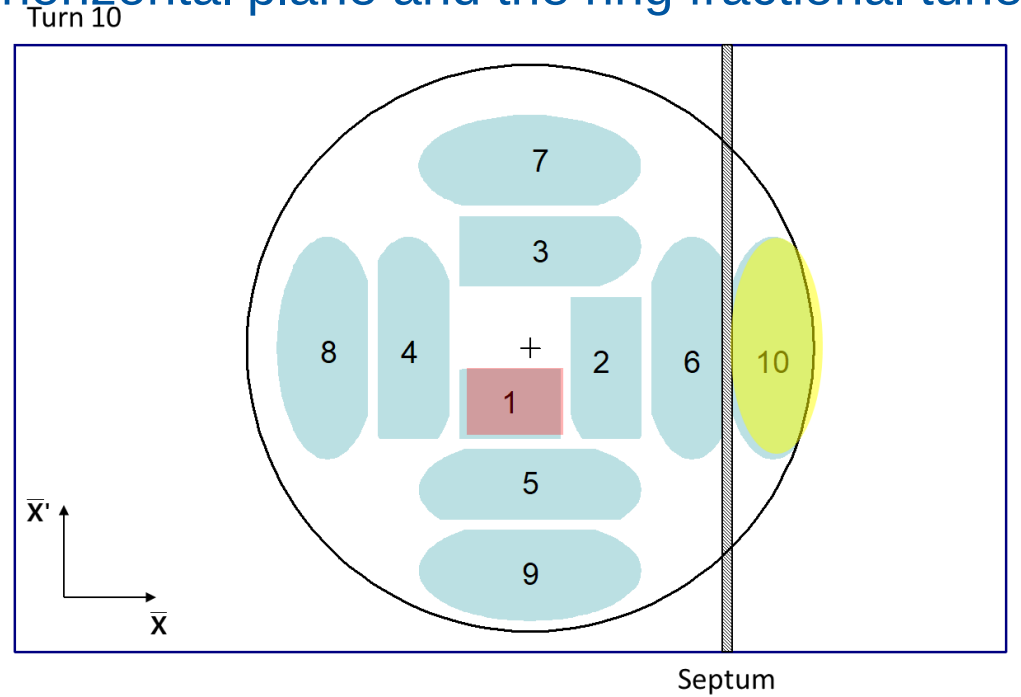

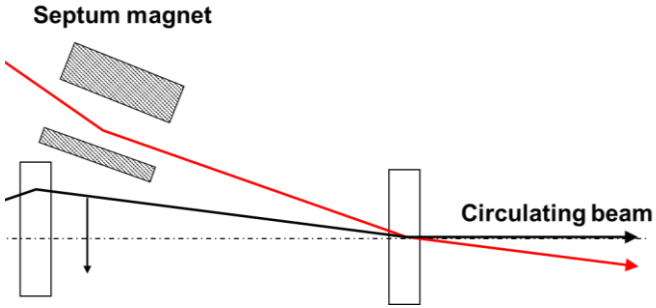

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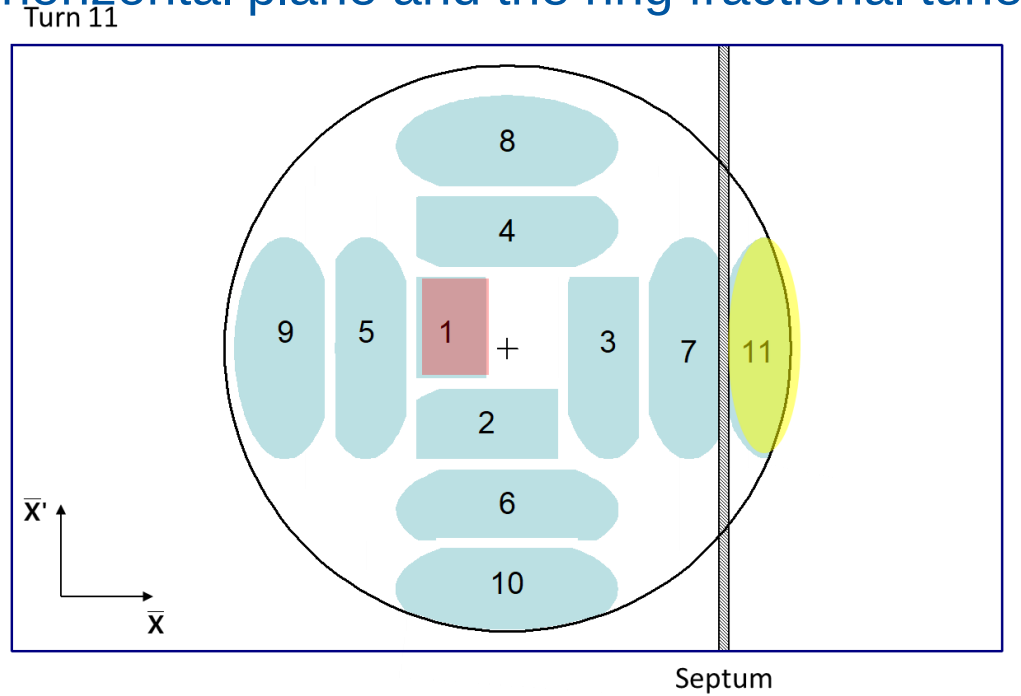

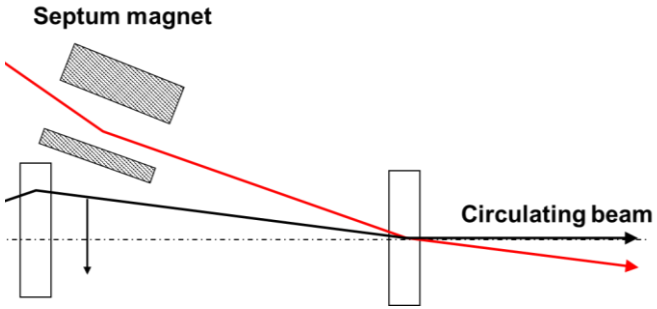

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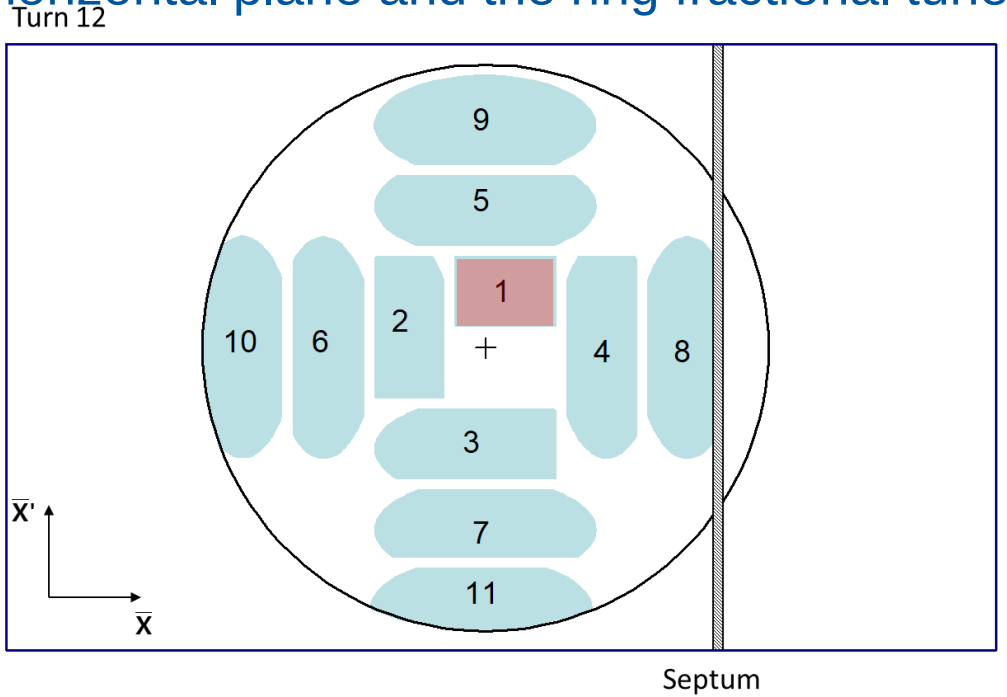

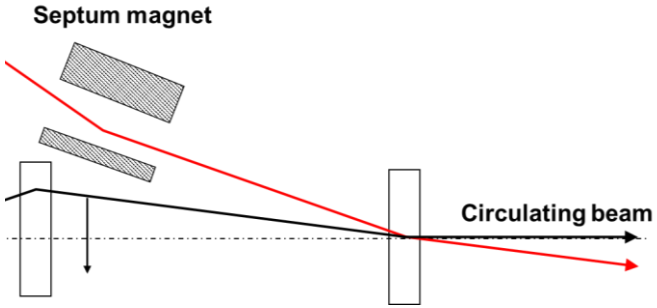

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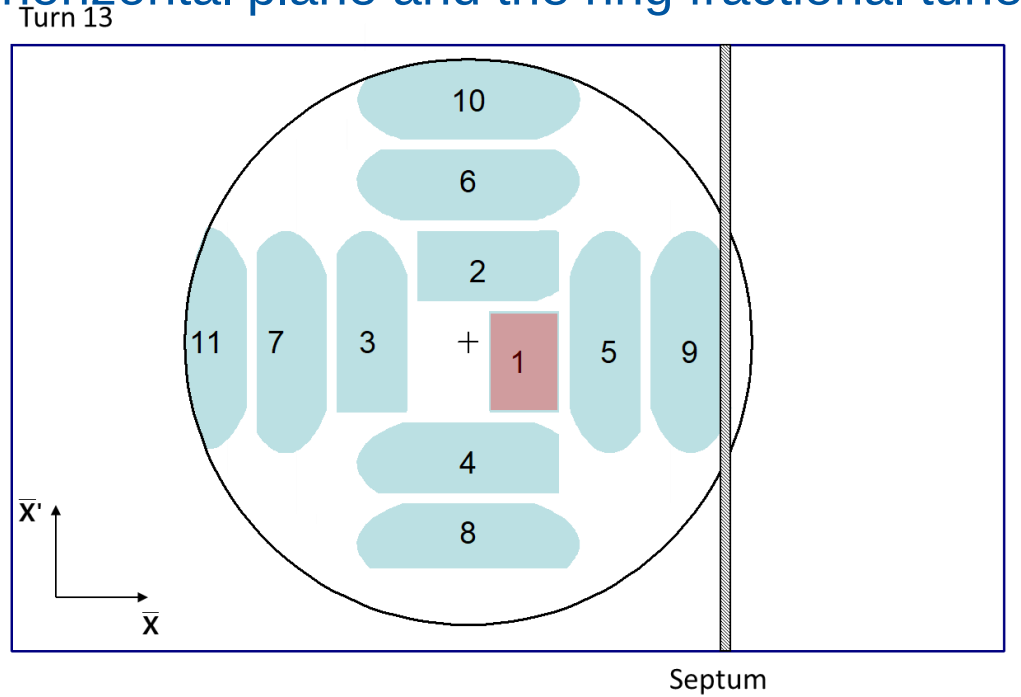

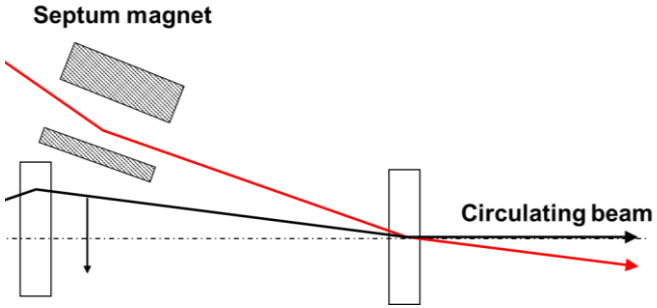

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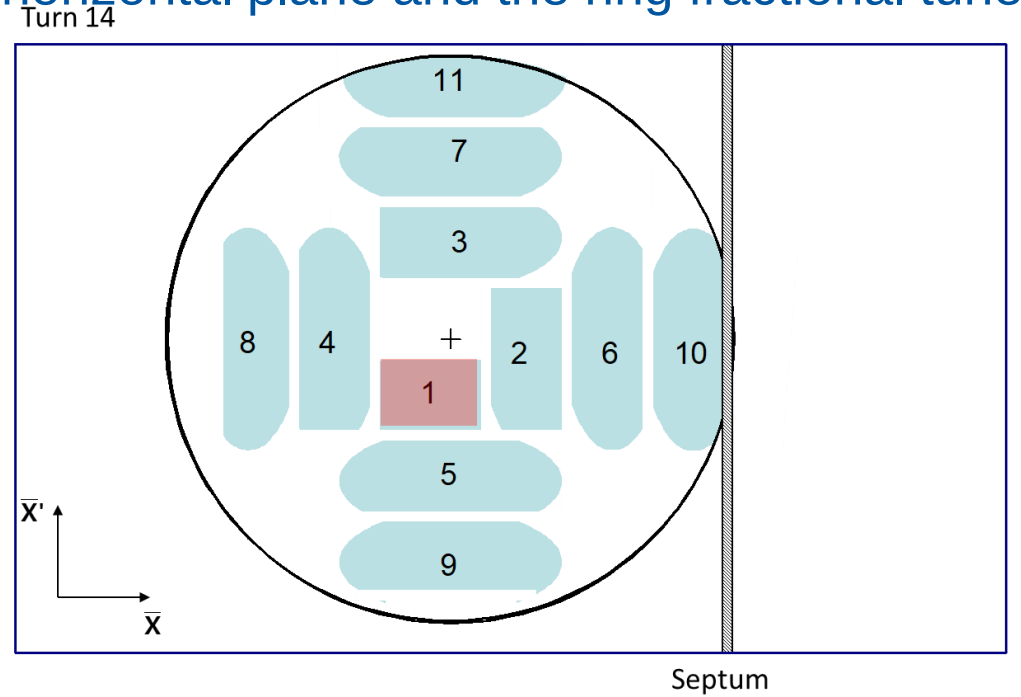

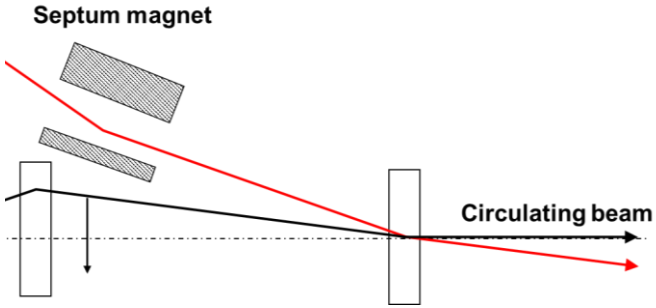

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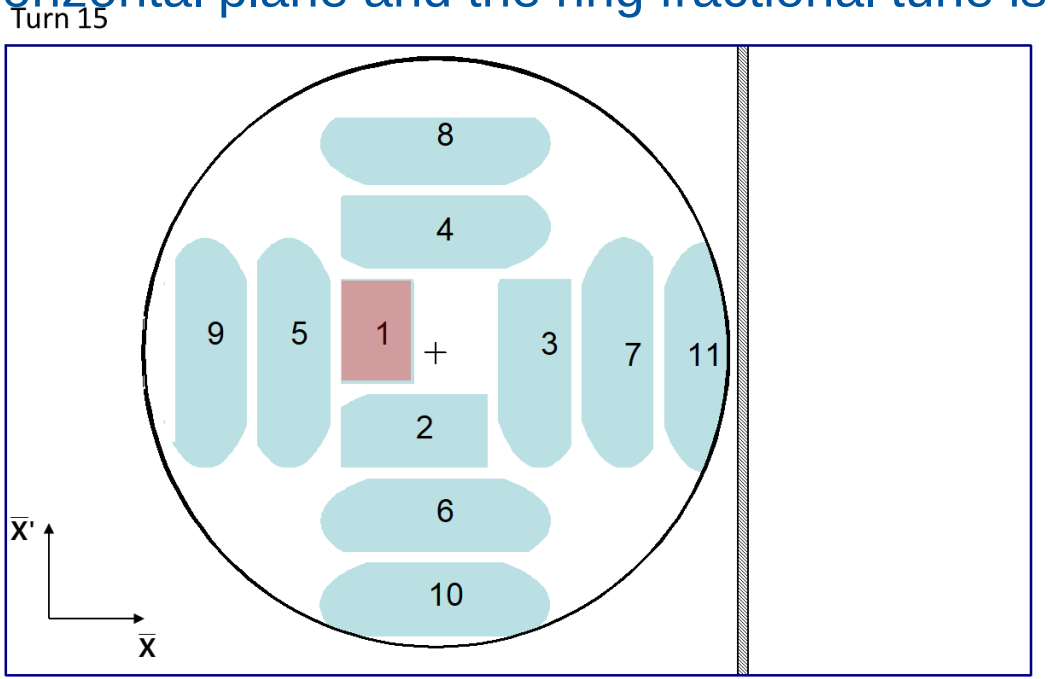

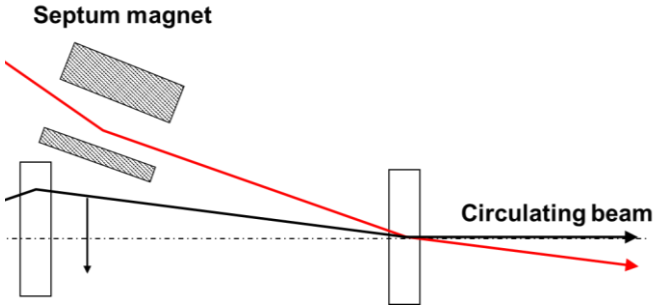

Injection techniques : Multi-turn injection [1]

- Other example at the GSI SIS18, injection of heavy ions from the UNILAC

- Conclusion
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    - Width of several mm reduces aperture
    - Beam losses from circulating beam hitting septum:
      Typically 30 – 40 % for the CERN PSB injection pre-LS2
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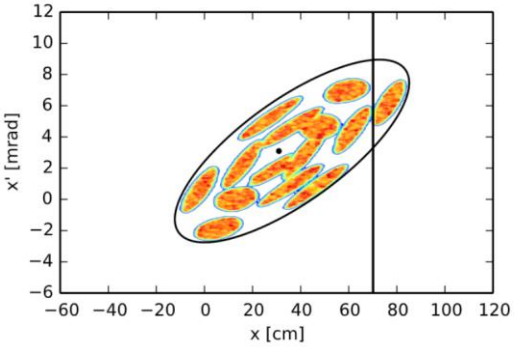
  - Is complex to optimize, with few observables as individual beamlets cannot be measured



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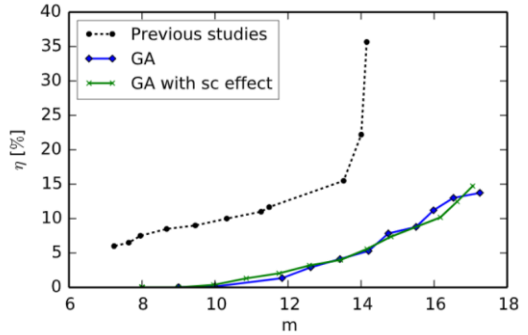

Fig. 7. The PA front for the multiplication factor and MTI loss. GA found a much better PA front than the previous simulation studies.

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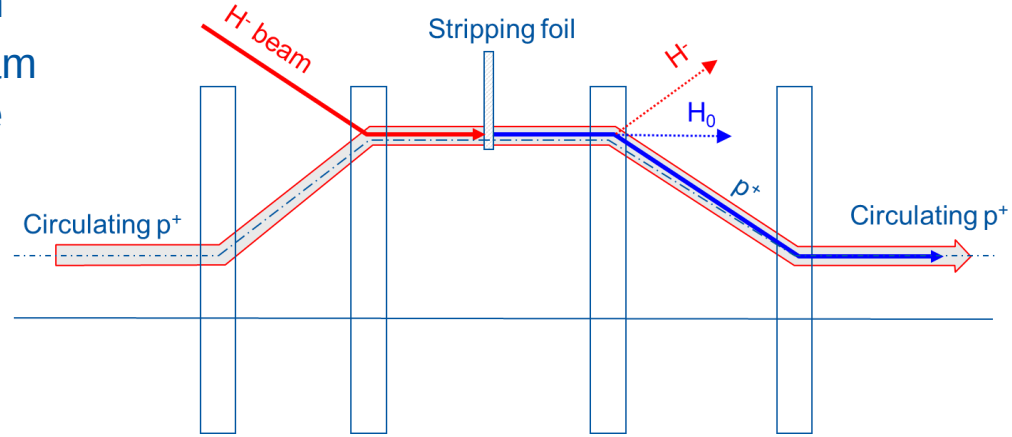

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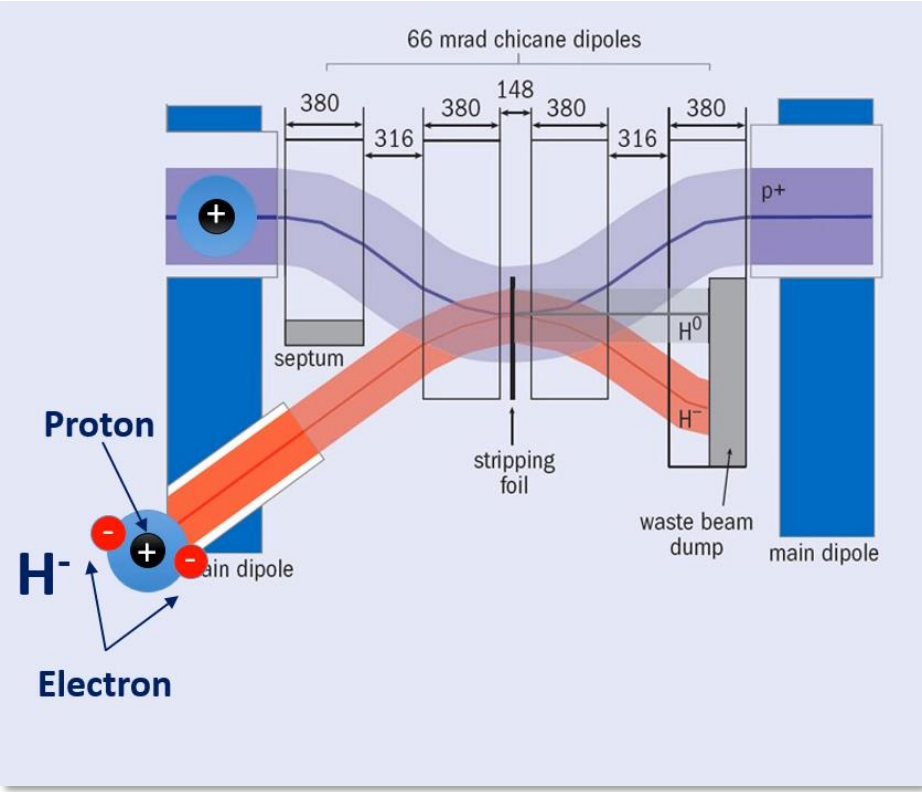

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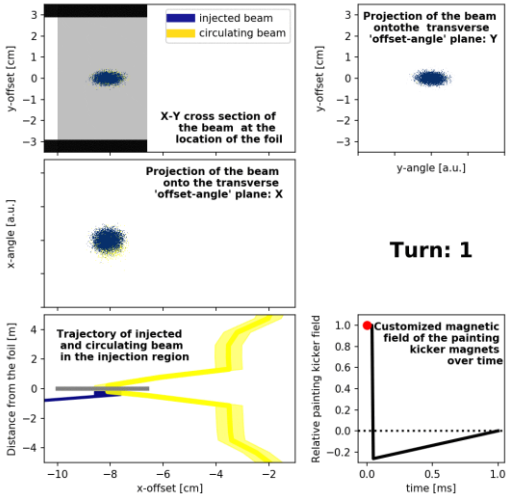
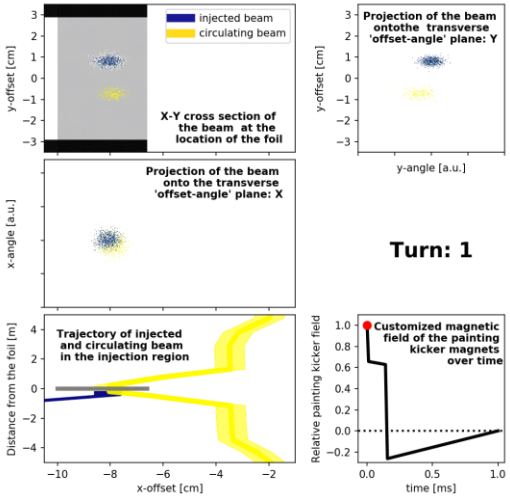
Injection techniques : Charge exchange

- Carefull adjustment of the injection parameters allow to produce very different beams



This beam has a high intensity at a small beam size.
This maximum density beam is called high brightness beam and is required for the LHC experiments.

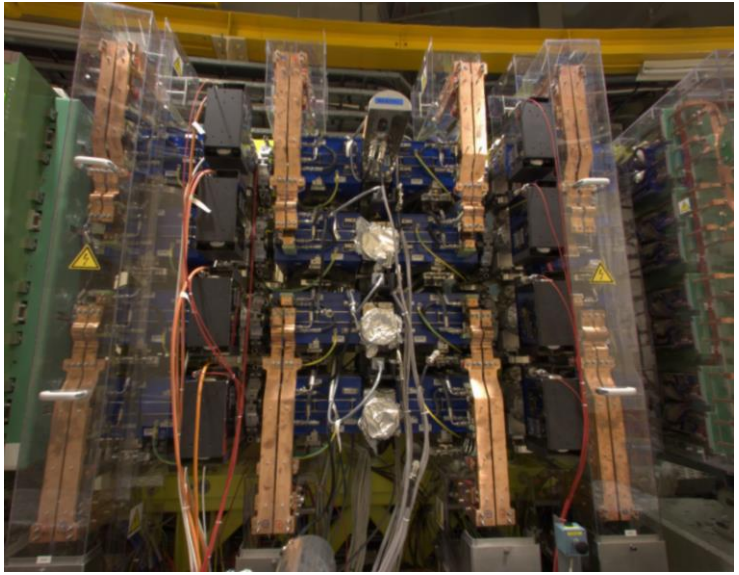


This beam has a large beam size to accommodate a very high intensity (large number of protons).
The large beam size is required to avoid that the protons repel each other.
Similar high intensity beams are required for experiments in the ISOLDE facility.

Injection techniques : Charge exchange

- Example of the PSB
  - Paint uniform transverse phase space density by modifying closed orbit bump and steering injected beam
  - Foil thickness calculated to double-strip most ions (≈99%)
    - 200 μg.cm^{-2} (≈ 1 μm of C!)
    - Carbon foils generally used – very fragile
  - Injection chicane reduced or switched off after injection, to avoid excessive foil heating and beam blow-up

PSB injection 4 rings stacked



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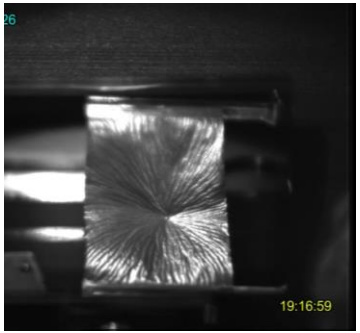

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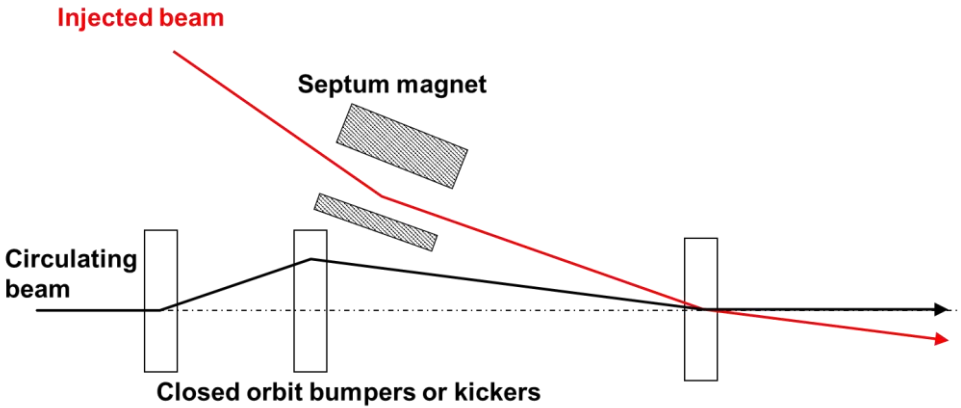
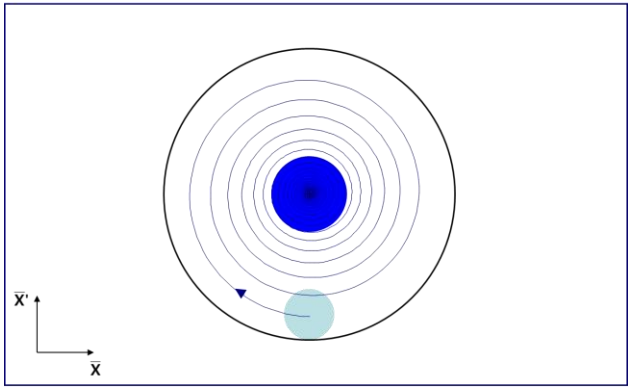
  - In a synchrontron-radiation dominated lepton ring one can take advantage of the fast damping of oscillations
  - Can use transverse or longitudinal damping:
    - Transverse - Betatron accumulation
    - Longitudinal - Synchrotron accumulation
- Challenges
  - Injection scheme and model needs to account for the synchrotron radiation damping experienced by the beam
- Applications
  - At CERN LEP injection
  - In most synchrotron light sources, where it Allows continuous injection, allowing continuous operation ~constant current





Injection techniques : Summary

- Several different techniques using kickers, septa and bumpers:
  - Single-turn injection for hadrons
    - Boxcar stacking: transfer between machines in accelerator chain
    - Angle / position errors ⇒ injection oscillations
    - Uncorrected errors ⇒ filamentation ⇒ emittance increase
  - Multi-turn injection for hadrons
    - Phase space painting to increase intensity
    - H- injection allows injection into same phase space area
  - Lepton injection: take advantage of damping
    - Less concerned about injection precision and matching

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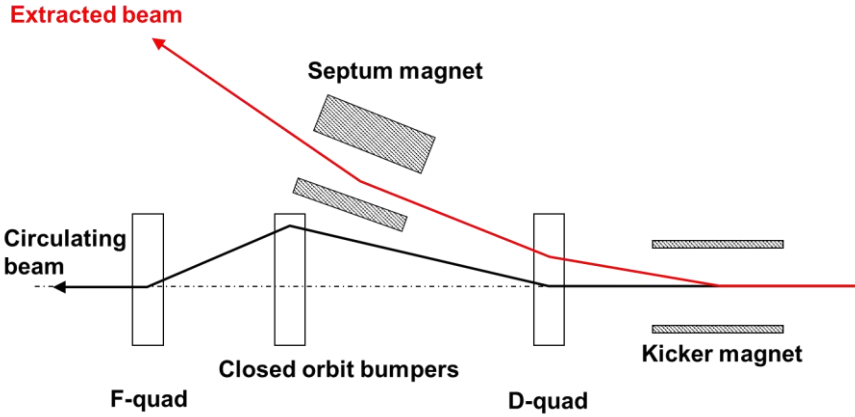

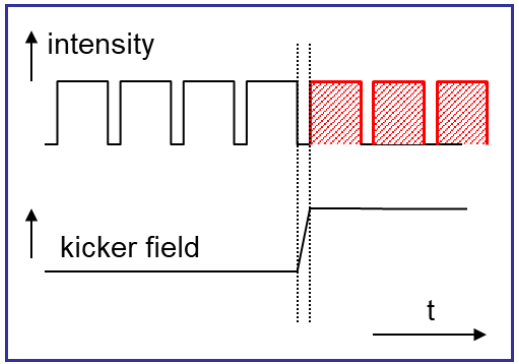

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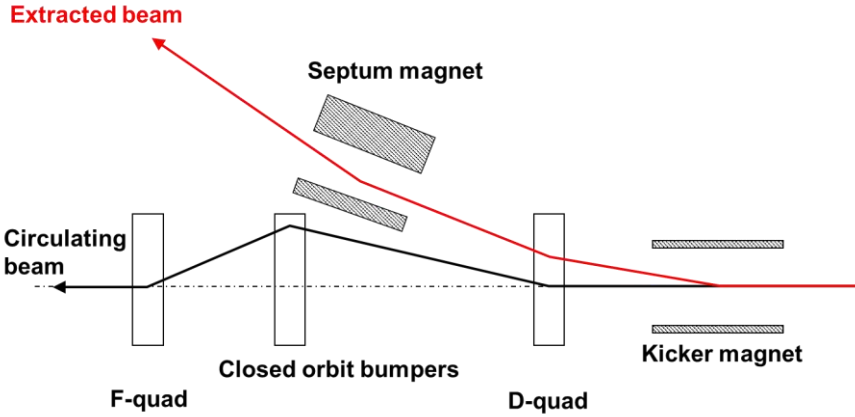

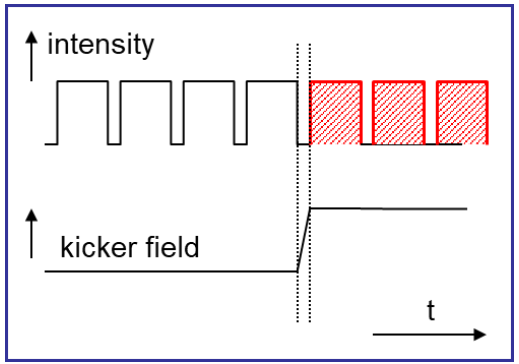

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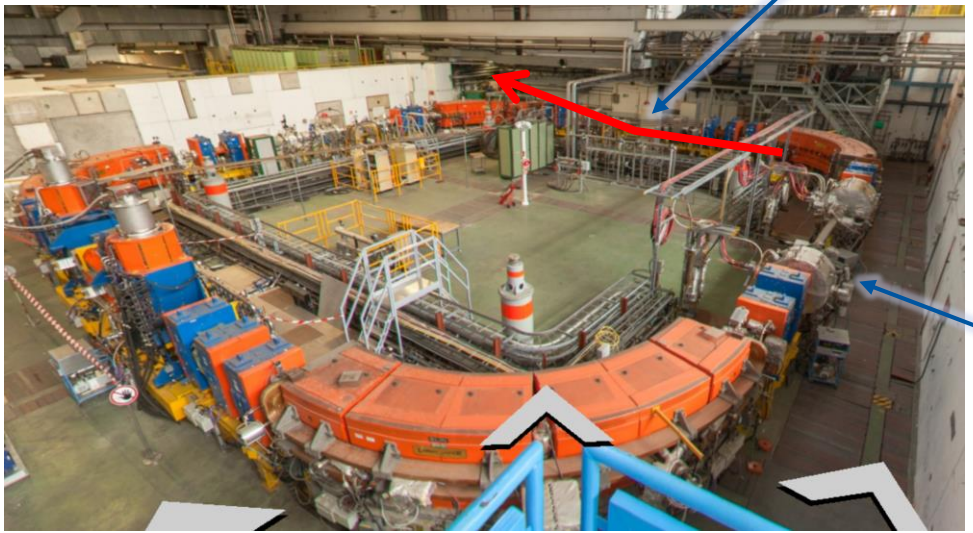

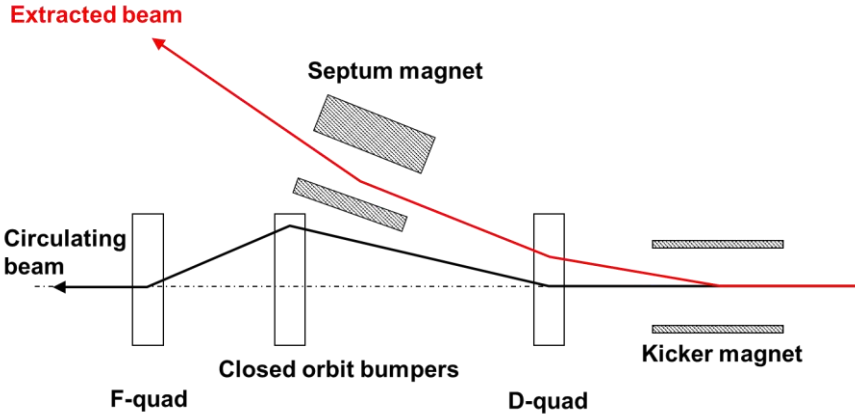

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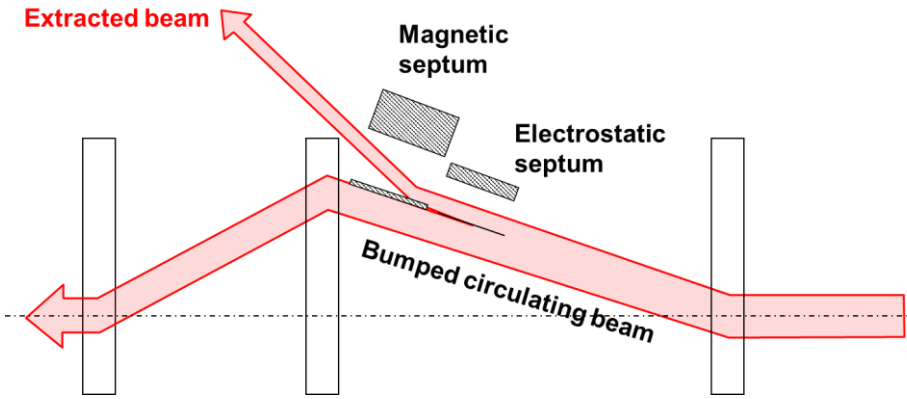
- Principle
  - Somewhat mirrors the principle of multi-turn injection
  - Circulating beam is brought close to an electrostatic septum and partially pushed trough using fast kicker
  - The beam is shaved over a few turns
- Challenges
  - The electrostatic septum is used for its thin blade (down to a few tens of um), but limited effect on high energy beams
  - This scheme is intrinsically lossy and will create activation around the extraction elements, and in particular the electrostatic septum
- Applications
  - At CERN PS until 2015



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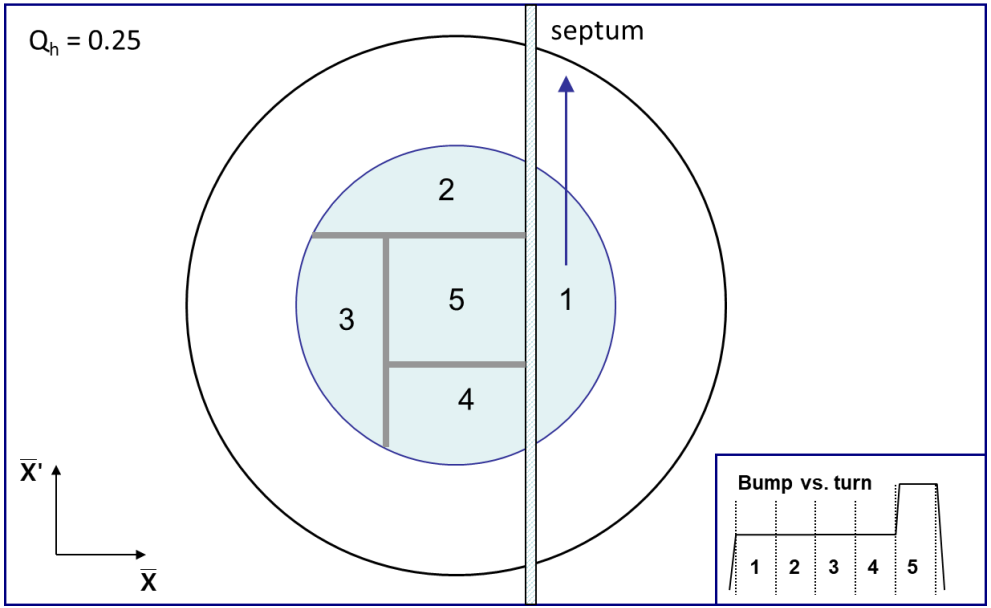

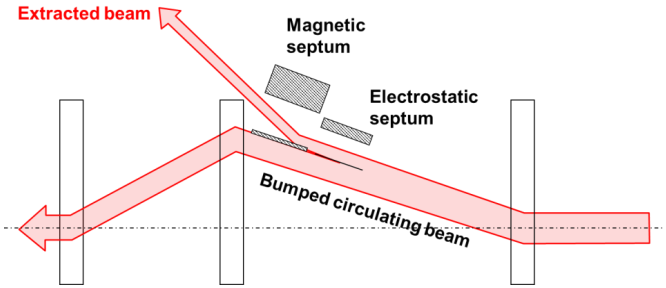

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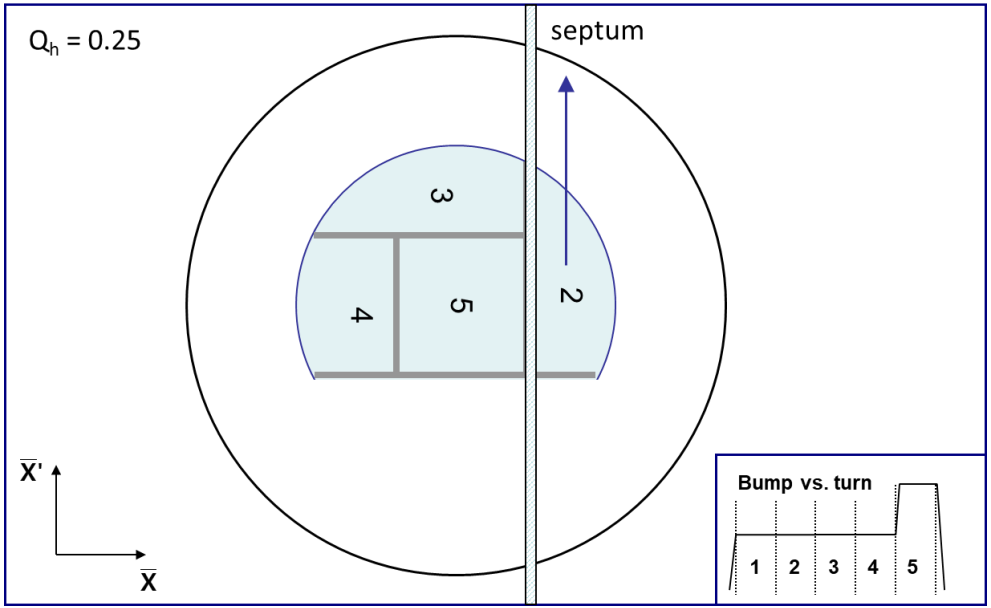

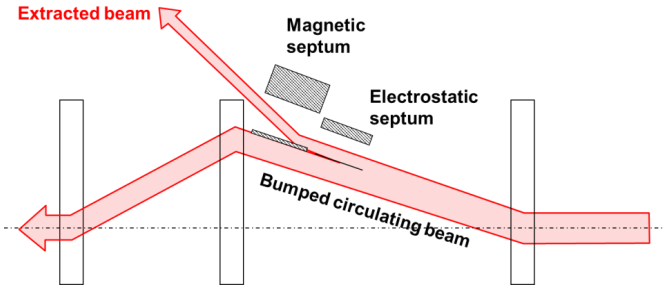

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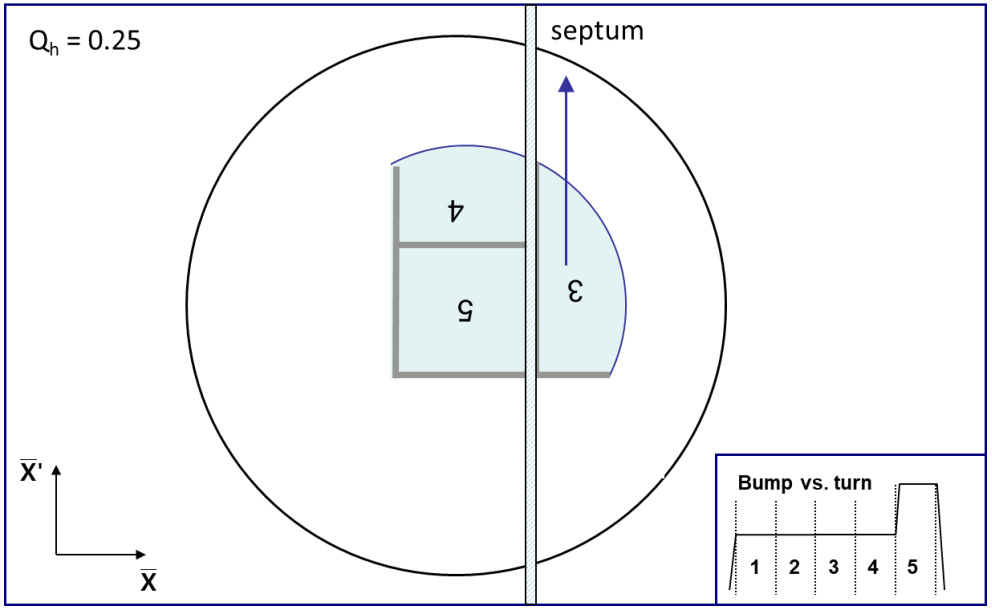

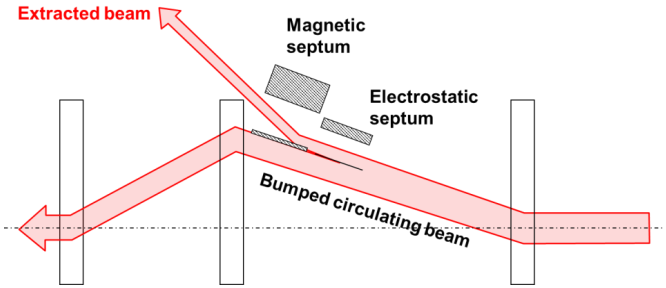

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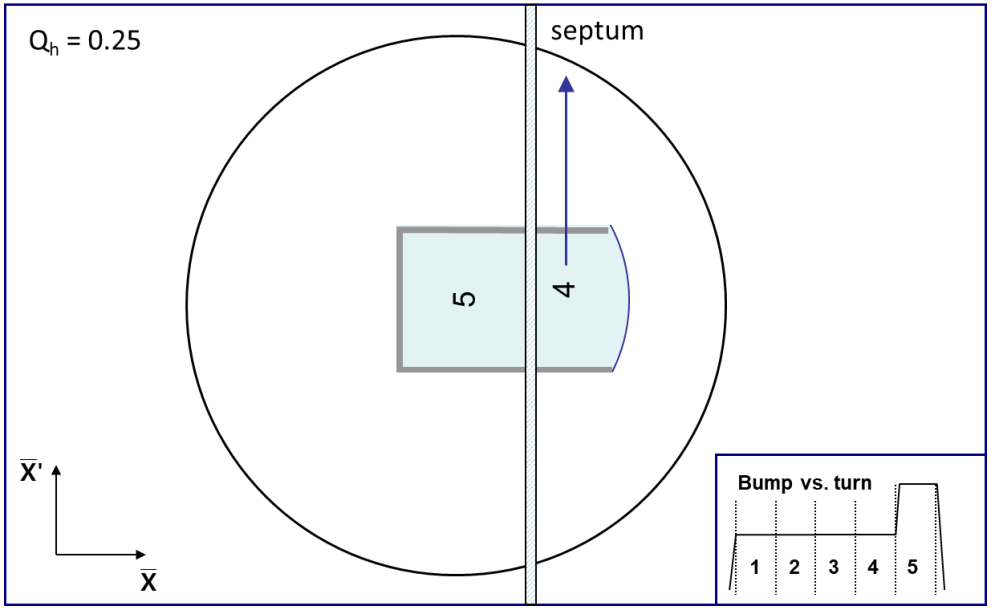

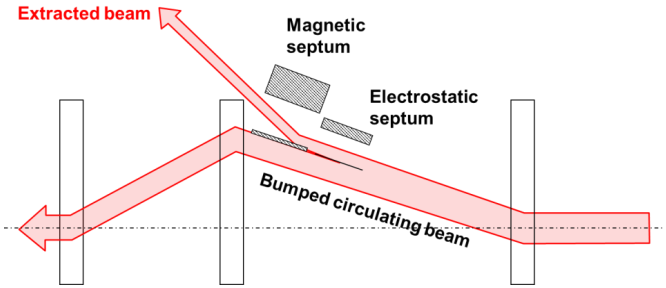

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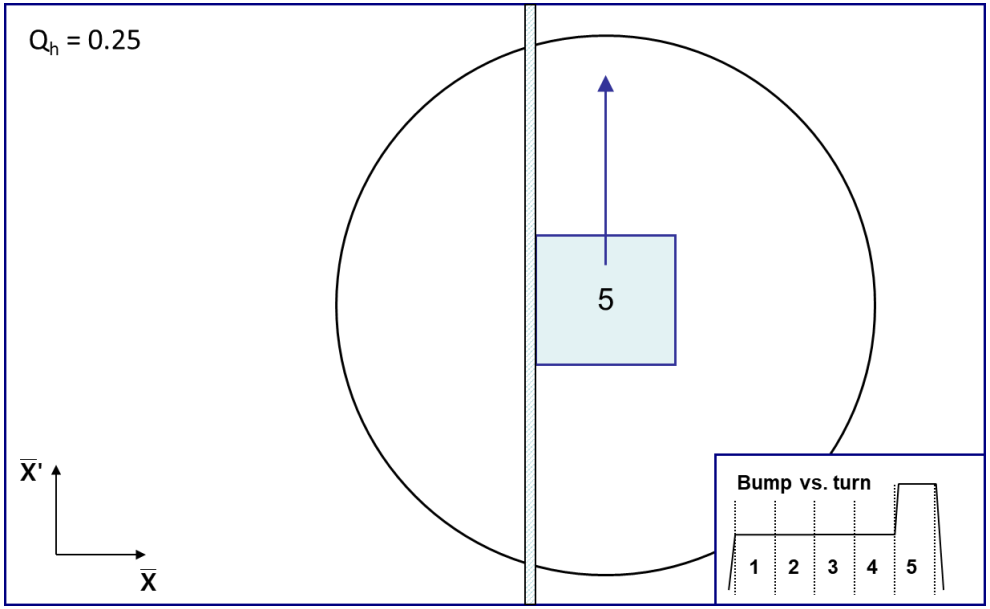

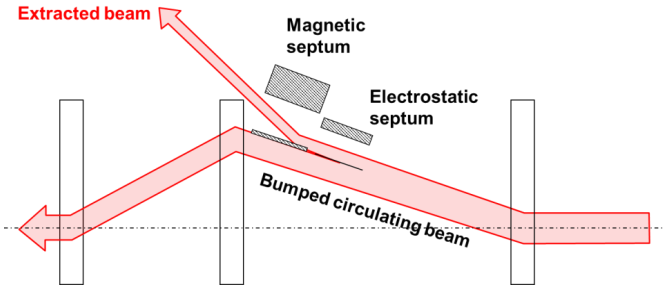

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Extraction techniques : Resonant extraction, Multi-turn extraction

- Principle
  - Direct evolution of the PS continuous extraction,
    - significantly lower losses (no particles at the septum in transverse plane)
    - Phase space matching improved with respect to existing non-resonant multi-turn extraction - ‘beamlets’ have similar emittance and optical parameters
  - Adiabatic capture of beam in stable “islands”
    - Use non-linear fields (sextupoles and octupoles) to create islands of stability in phase space
    - A slow (adiabatic) tune variation to cross a resonance and to drive particles into the islands (capture) with the help of transverse excitation (using damper)
    - Variation of field strengths to separate the islands in phase space
- Challenges
  - Highly non-linear, and complex, beam-dynamics
- Applications
  - At CERN PS

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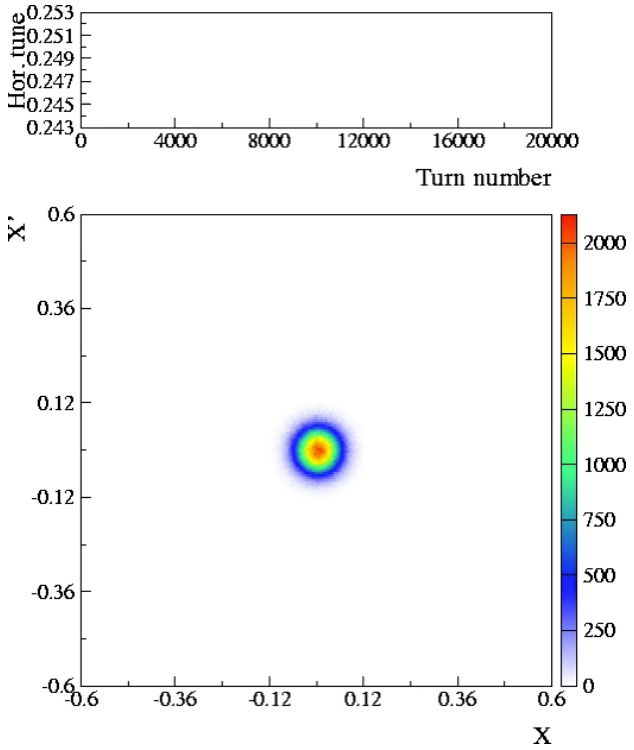

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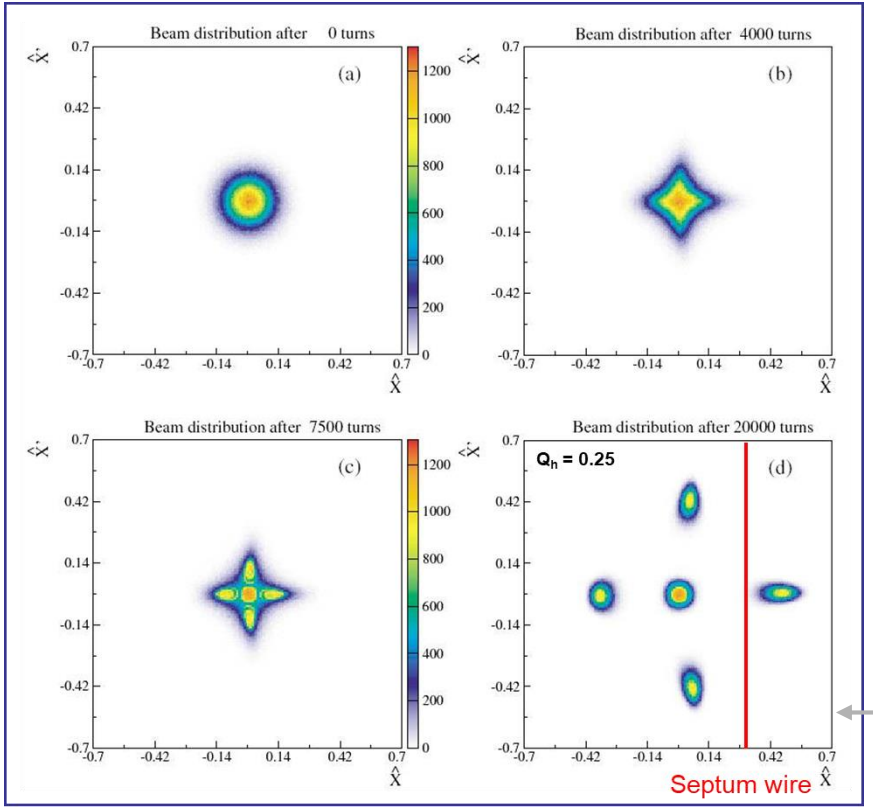

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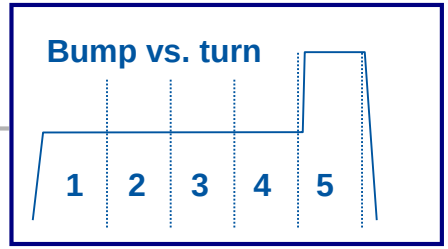

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Extraction techniques : Resonant extraction, slow extraction

- Principle
  - Slow bumpers move the beam near the septum
    - Tune adjusted close to nth order betatron resonance
    - Multipole magnets excited to define stable area in phase space, size depends on ΔQ = Q – Qr
  - Provides a continuous beam ‘spill’ to experiments, over any length of times from milliseconds to hours
- Challenges
  - Non-linear beam dynamics
  - Lossy process
- Applications
  - At CERN PS and SPS
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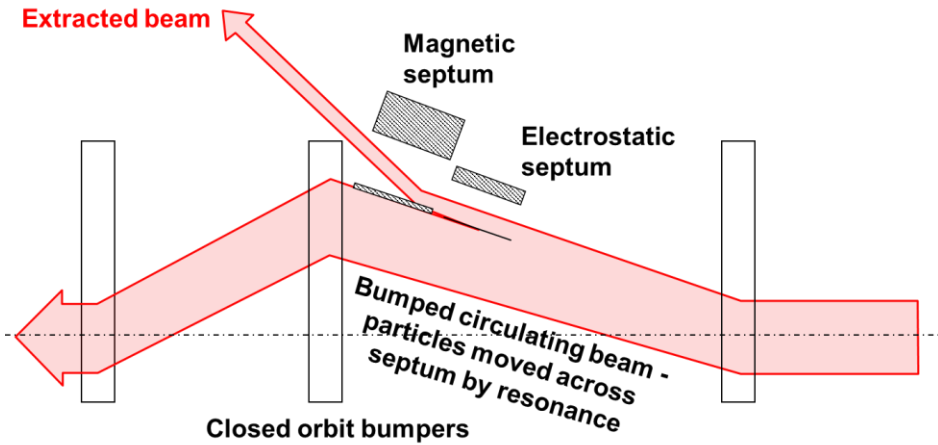

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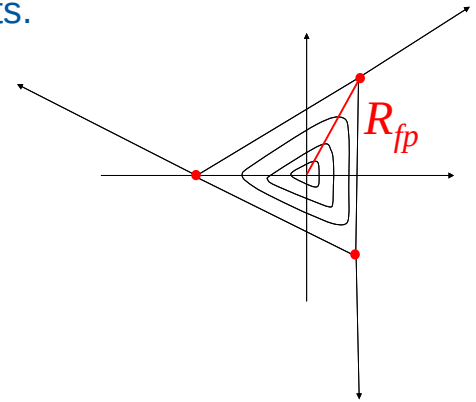
- 3rd order resonances
  - Sextupole fields distort the circular normalised phase space particle trajectories.
  - Stable area defined, delimited by unstable Fixed Points.



$$R_{fp}^{1/2} \propto \Delta Q \cdot \frac{1}{k_2}$$

- Sextupole magnets arranged to produce suitable phase space orientation of the stable triangle at thin electrostatic septum
- Stable area can be reduced by…
  - Increasing the sextupole strength, or…
  - Fixing the sextupole strength and scanning the machine tune Qh (and therefore the resonance) through the tune spread of the beam

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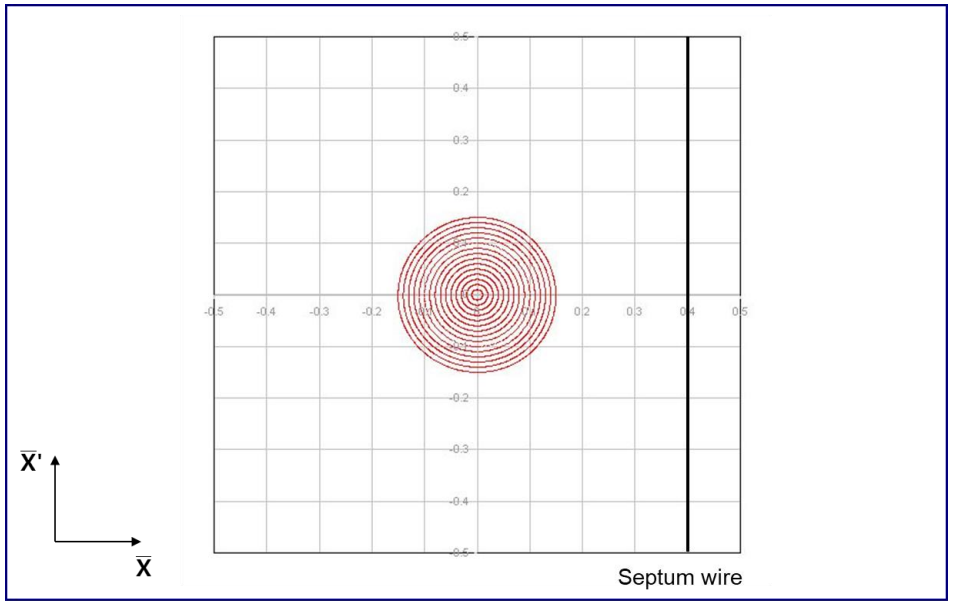

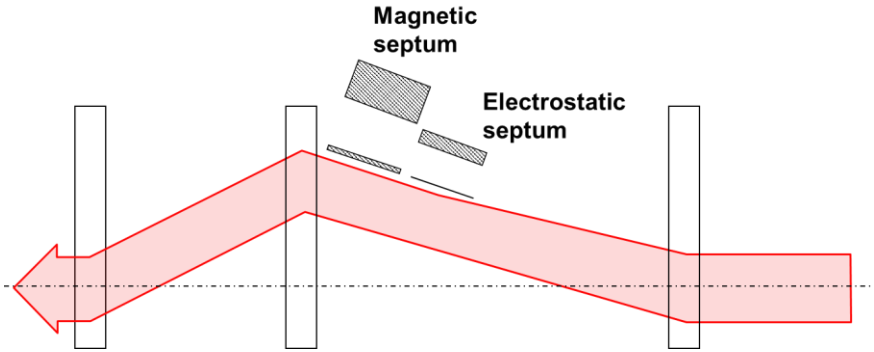

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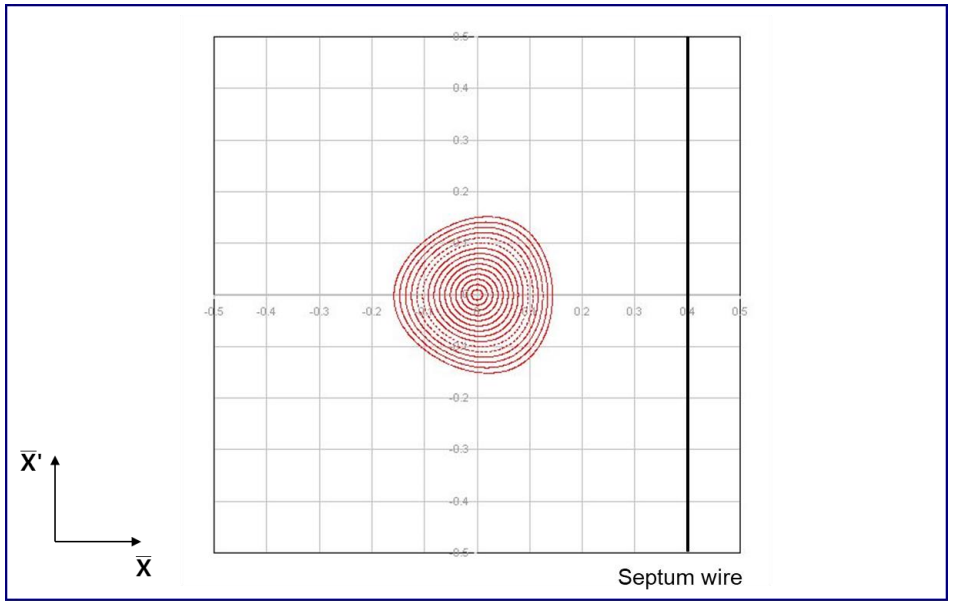

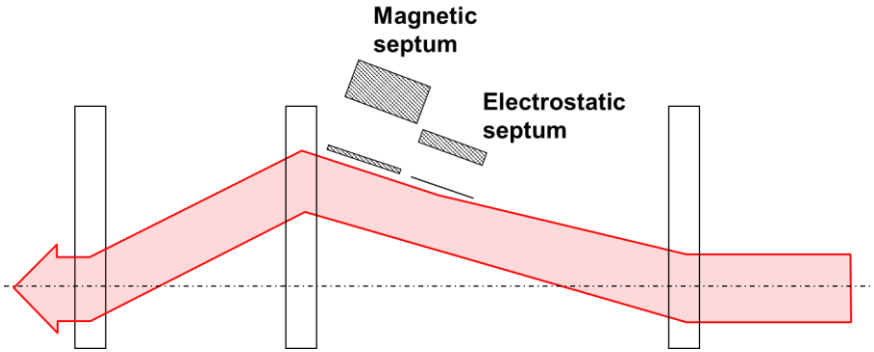

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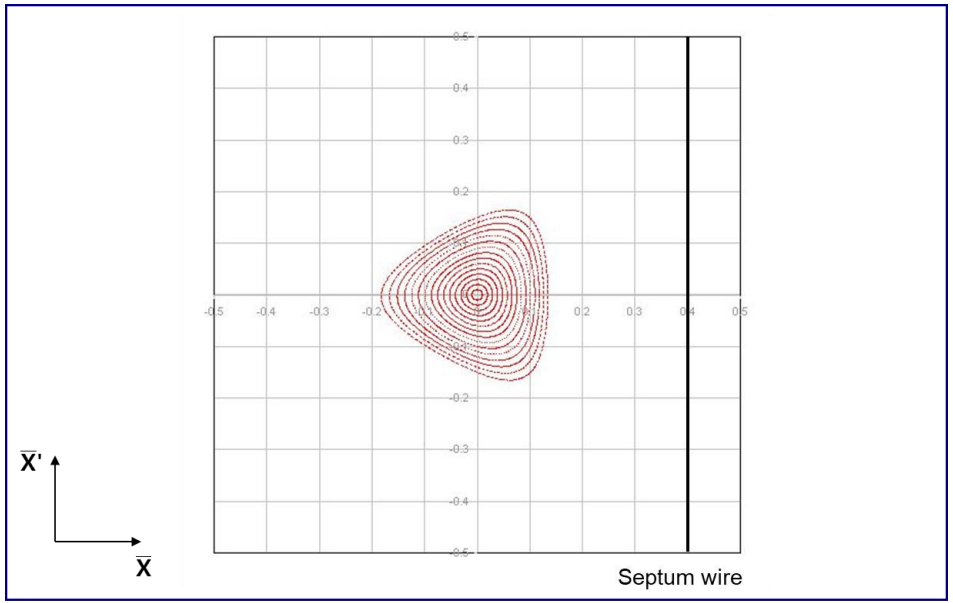

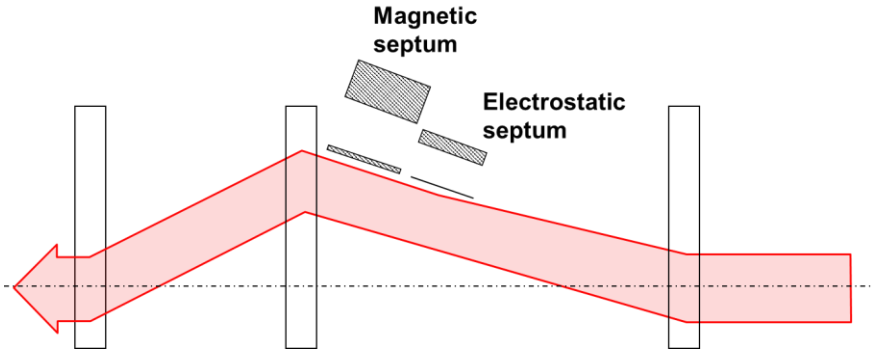

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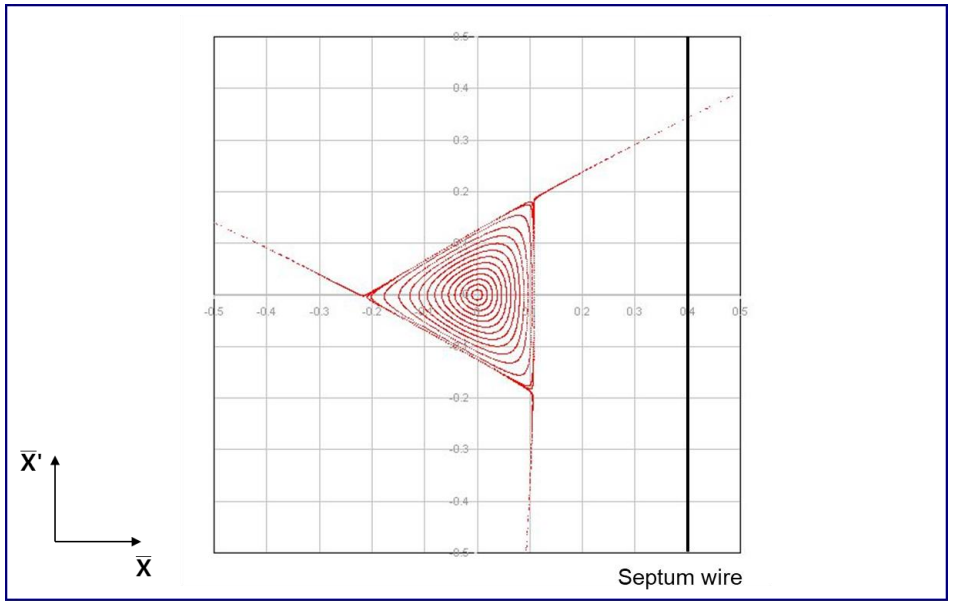

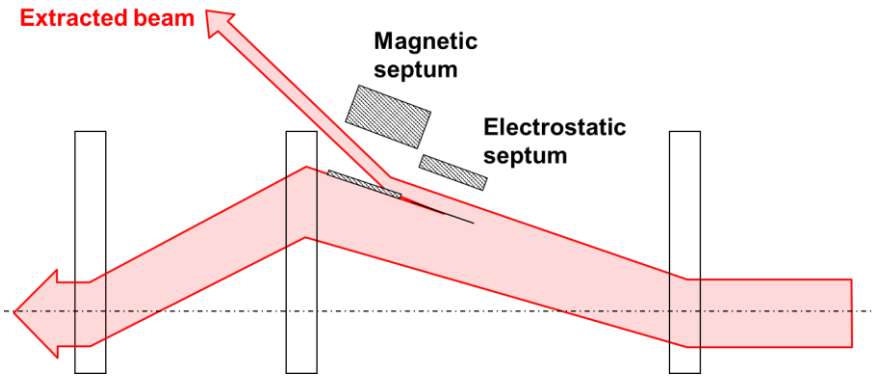

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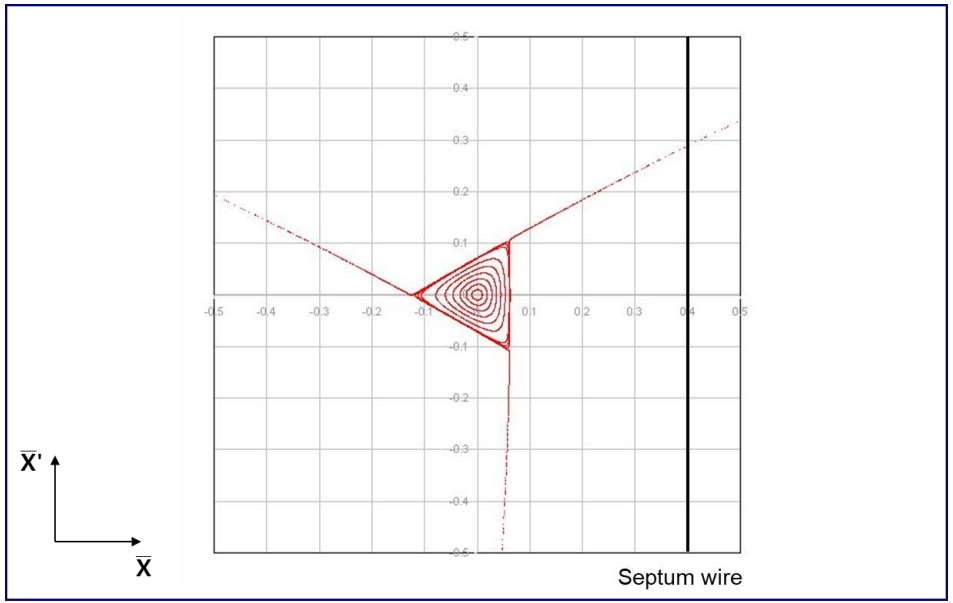

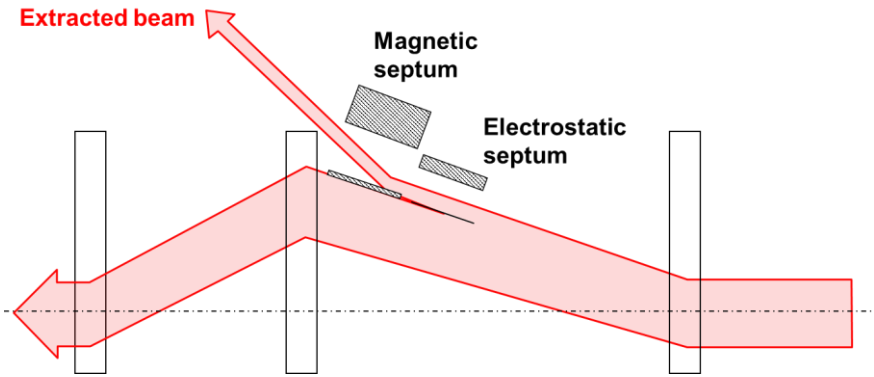

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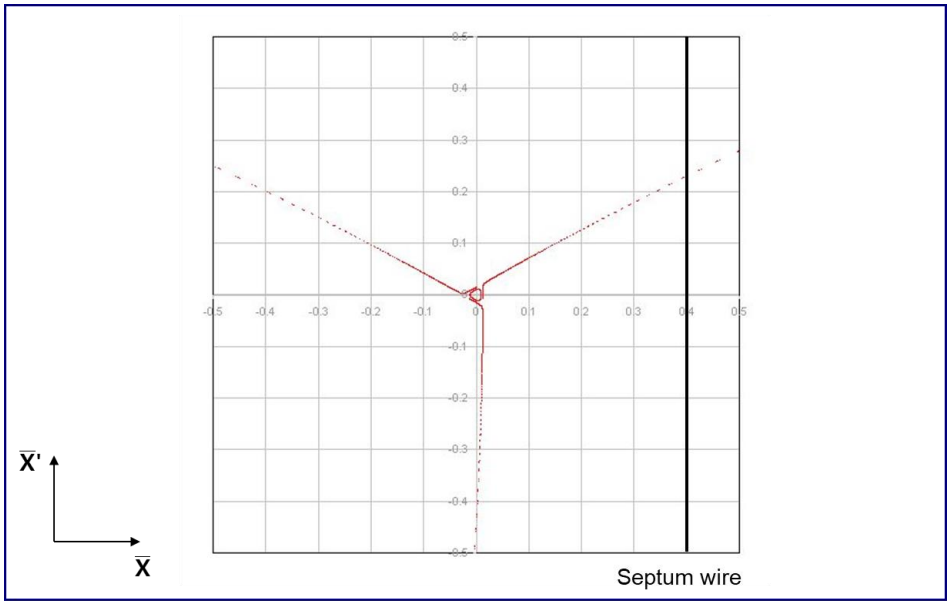

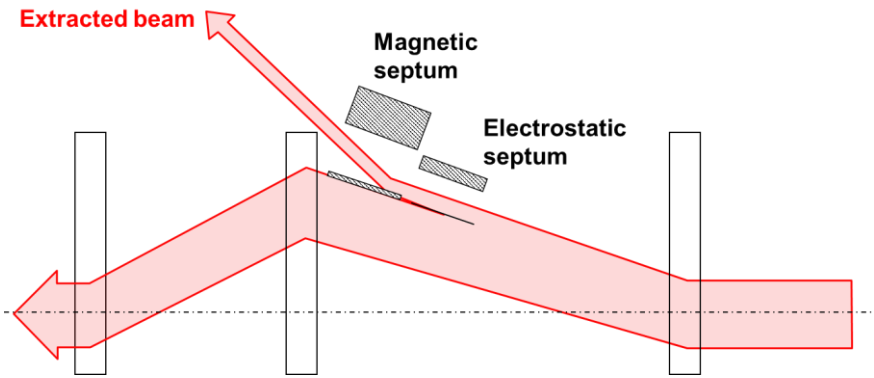

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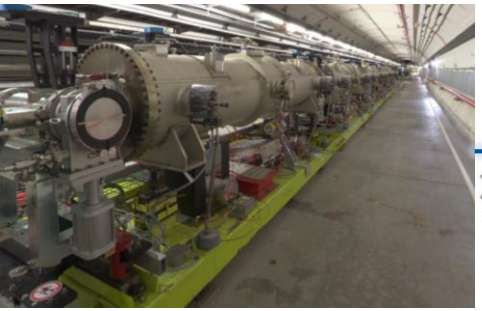

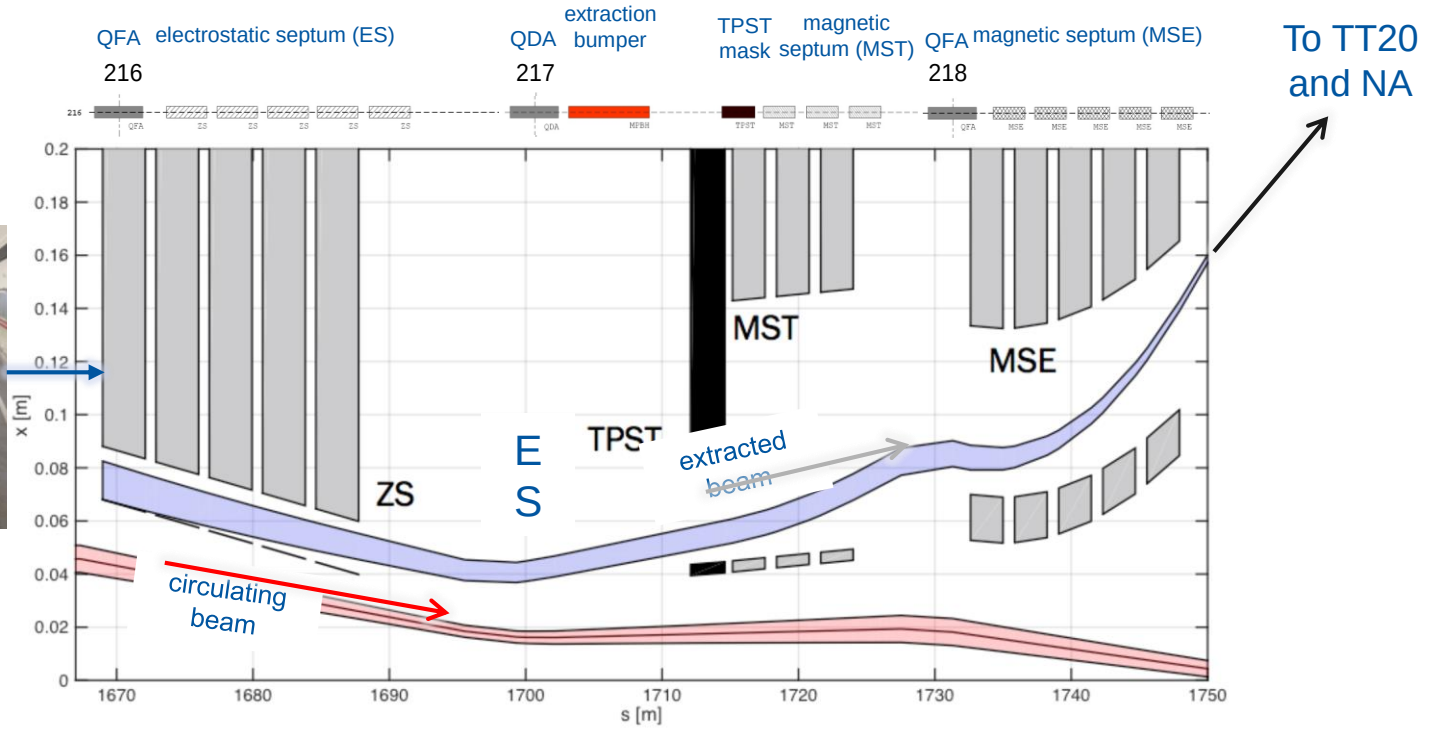

Extraction techniques : Summary

- Single-turn fast extraction:
  - for transfer between machines in accelerator chain, beam abort, etc.
- Non-resonant (fast) multi-turn extraction
  - slice beam into equal parts for transfer between machine over a few turns.
- Resonant low-loss (fast) multi-turn extraction
  - create stable islands in phase space: slice off over a few turns.
- Resonant (slow) multi-turn extraction
  - create stable area in phase space and slowly drive particles into resonance →long spill over many thousand turns.

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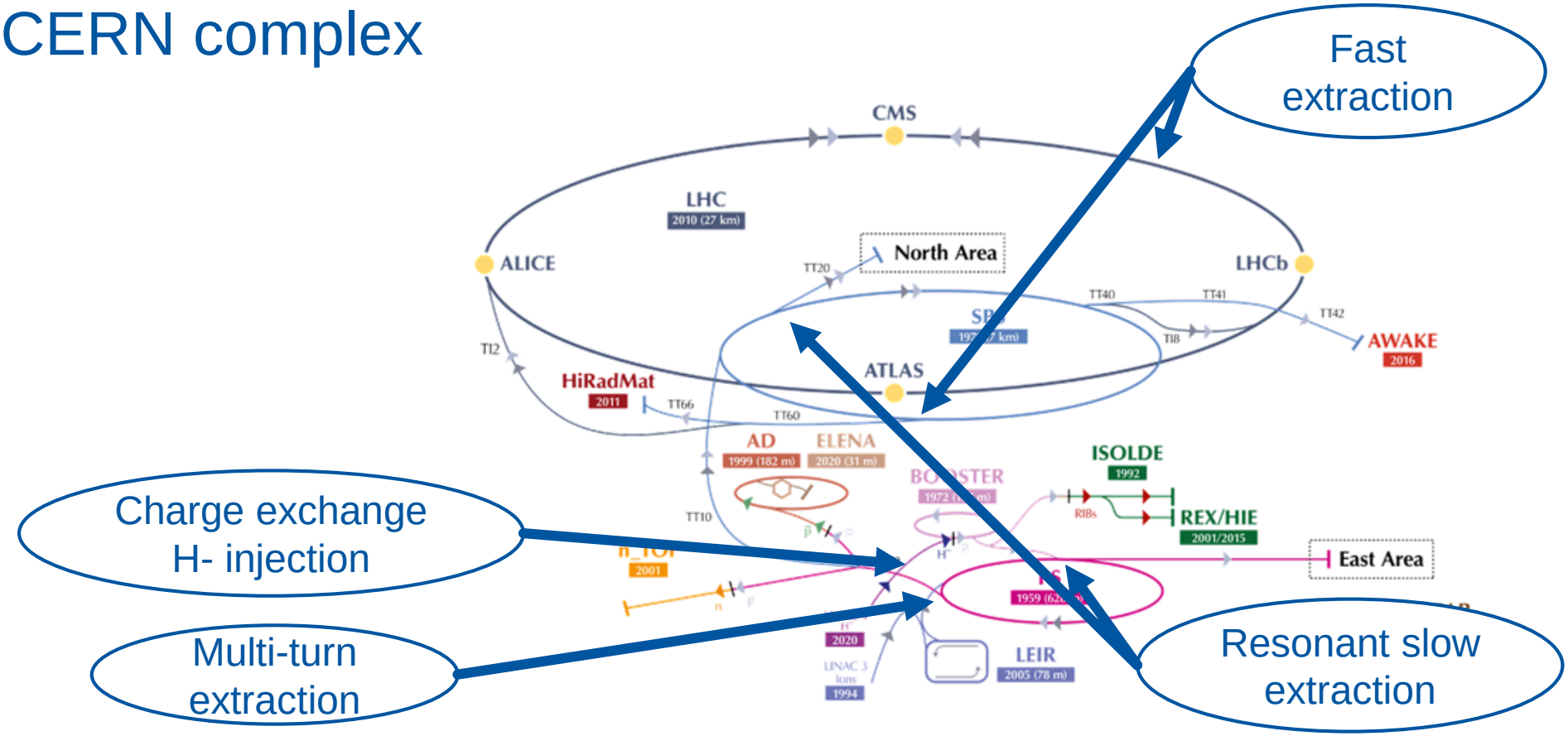

Further reading (with the formulae !), and ressources

- CAS 2017 on Beam injection, extraction and transfer at https://indico.cern.ch/event/451905/
  - This talk, more detailed and with formulae by M. Fraser https://indico.cern.ch/event/451905/contributions/2159062/
  - Overlooked here, timing and synchronization by RF expert H. Damerau https://indico.cern.ch/event/451905/contributions/2159053/
  - Detailed talk on resonant slow extraction by P. Bryant https://indico.cern.ch/event/451905/contributions/2159064/
  - Exotic extraction methods that discuss all the possibilities overlooked here by B. Goddard https://indico.cern.ch/event/451905/contributions/2159103
- This CAS lecture on Kickers and Septa by M. Barnes https://indico.cern.ch/event/1018359/contributions/4312229
- CERN GIS machine portal https://gis.cern.ch/gisportal/Machine.htm

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