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# REFINING REQUIRES DEFINING

August 25, 2017 – Beam parameters at injection of each accelerator

## PSB (H<sup>-</sup> injection from Linac4)

		$N$ ( $10^{11}$ p)	$\epsilon_{x,y}$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$E$ (GeV)	$\epsilon_z$ (eVs)	$B_l$ (ns)	$\delta p/p_0$ ( $10^{-3}$ )	$\Delta Q_{x,y}$
Achieved	Standard	17.73	2.14	0.05	1.0	1100	2.4	(0.51, 0.59)
	BCMS	8.48	1.15	0.05	0.9	1000	2.2	(0.46, 0.56)
LIU target	Standard	34.21	1.72	0.16	1.4	650	1.8	(0.58, 0.69)
	BCMS	17.11	1.36	0.16	1.4	650	1.8	(0.35, 0.43)

## PS (Standard: 4b+2b – BCMS: 2× 4b)

		$N$ ( $10^{11}$ p/b)	$\epsilon_{x,y}$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$E$ (GeV)	$\epsilon_z$ (eVs/b)	$B_l$ (ns)	$\delta p/p_0$ ( $10^{-3}$ )	$\Delta Q_{x,y}$
Achieved	Standard	16.84	2.25	1.4	1.2	180	0.9	(0.25, 0.30)
	BCMS	8.05	1.20	1.4	0.9	150	0.8	(0.24, 0.31)
LIU target	Standard	32.50	1.80	2.0	3.00	205	1.5	(0.18, 0.30)
	BCMS	16.25	1.43	2.0	1.48	135	1.1	(0.20, 0.31)

## SPS (Standard: 4 × 72b – BCMS: 5 × 48b)

		$N$ ( $10^{11}$ p/b)	$\epsilon_{x,y}$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$p$ (GeV/c)	$\epsilon_z$ (eVs/b)	$B_l$ (ns)	$\delta p/p_0$ ( $10^{-3}$ )	$\Delta Q_{x,y}$
Achieved	Standard	1.33	2.36	26	0.35	4.0 (3.0)	0.9 (1.5)	(0.05, 0.07)
	BCMS	1.27	1.27	26	0.35	4.0 (3.0)	0.9 (1.5)	(0.07, 0.12)
LIU target	Standard	2.57	1.89	26	0.35	4.0 (3.0)	0.9 (1.5)	(0.10, 0.17)
	BCMS	2.57	1.50	26	0.35	4.0 (3.0)	0.9 (1.5)	(0.12, 0.21)

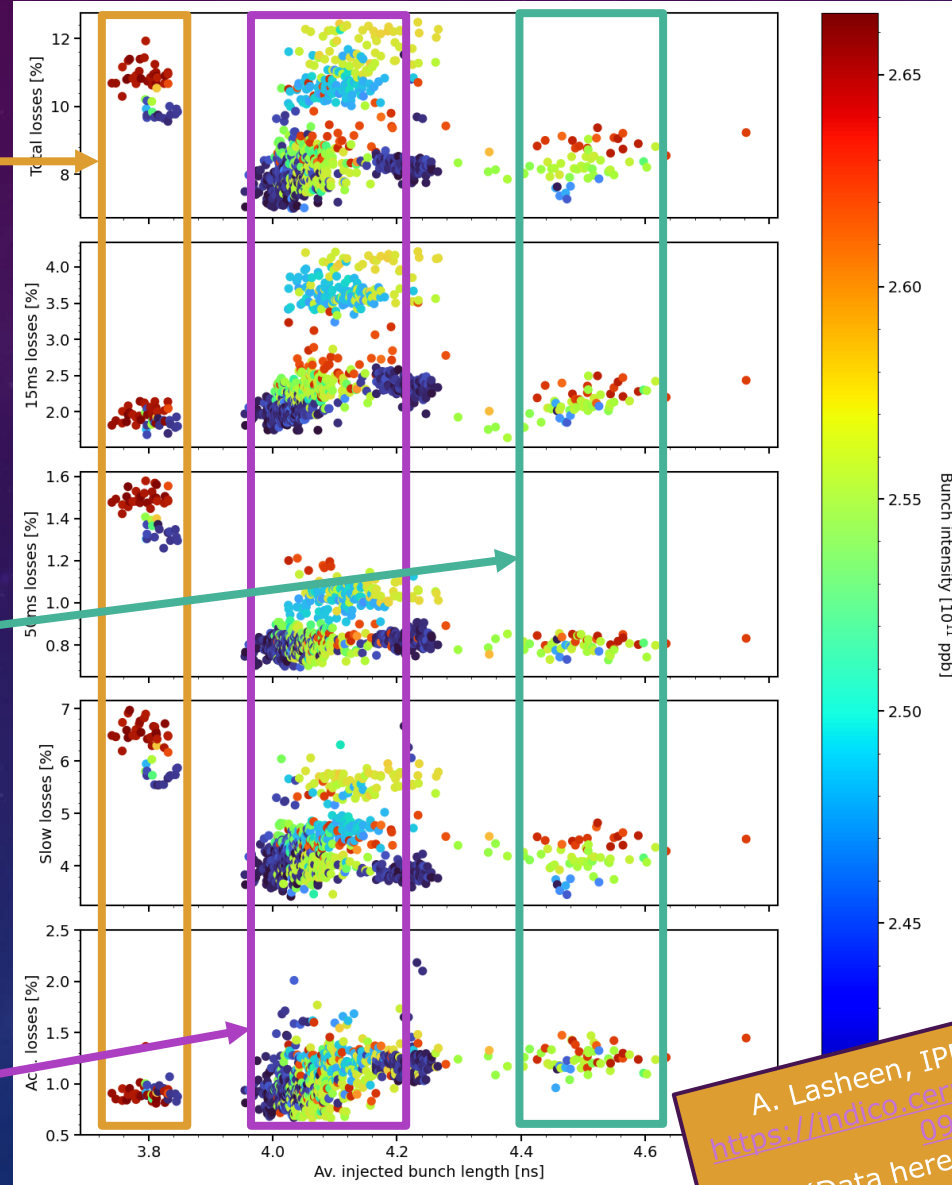
## LHC ( $\approx 10$ injections)

		$N$ ( $10^{11}$ p/b)	$\epsilon_{x,y}$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$p$ (GeV/c)	$\epsilon_z$ (eVs/b)	$B_l$ (ns)	bunches/train
Achieved	Standard	1.20	2.60	450	0.47 (0.48)	1.65 (1.21)	288
	BCMS	1.15	1.39	450	0.40 (0.41)	1.50 (1.13)	96
LIU target	Standard	2.32	2.08	450	0.56 (0.58)	1.65 (1.24)	288
	BCMS	2.32	1.65	450	0.56 (0.58)	1.65 (1.24)	240

- Parameter tables (e.g. LIU protons) provide **guidance** for “correct” beam parameters
- For **experimental facilities**, the specifications are generally only at **extraction from the last accelerator**
- Where specifications are given, they will often be **adapted during commissioning and optimization**

[https://edms.cern.ch/ui/file/1296306/2/LIU-table-protons\\_v3.pdf](https://edms.cern.ch/ui/file/1296306/2/LIU-table-protons_v3.pdf)

# REFINING REQUIRES DEFINING



Short bunches,  
area of interest  
(work in progress)

Good transmission  
but too long

“target” bunch  
length

- LIU parameter table specifies 4.0 ns at SPS injection
- 4.0 ns to 4.2 ns typically accepted in operation\*
- Shorter bunches are promising, but require more work
- Better observation through the complex required to define optimum parameters

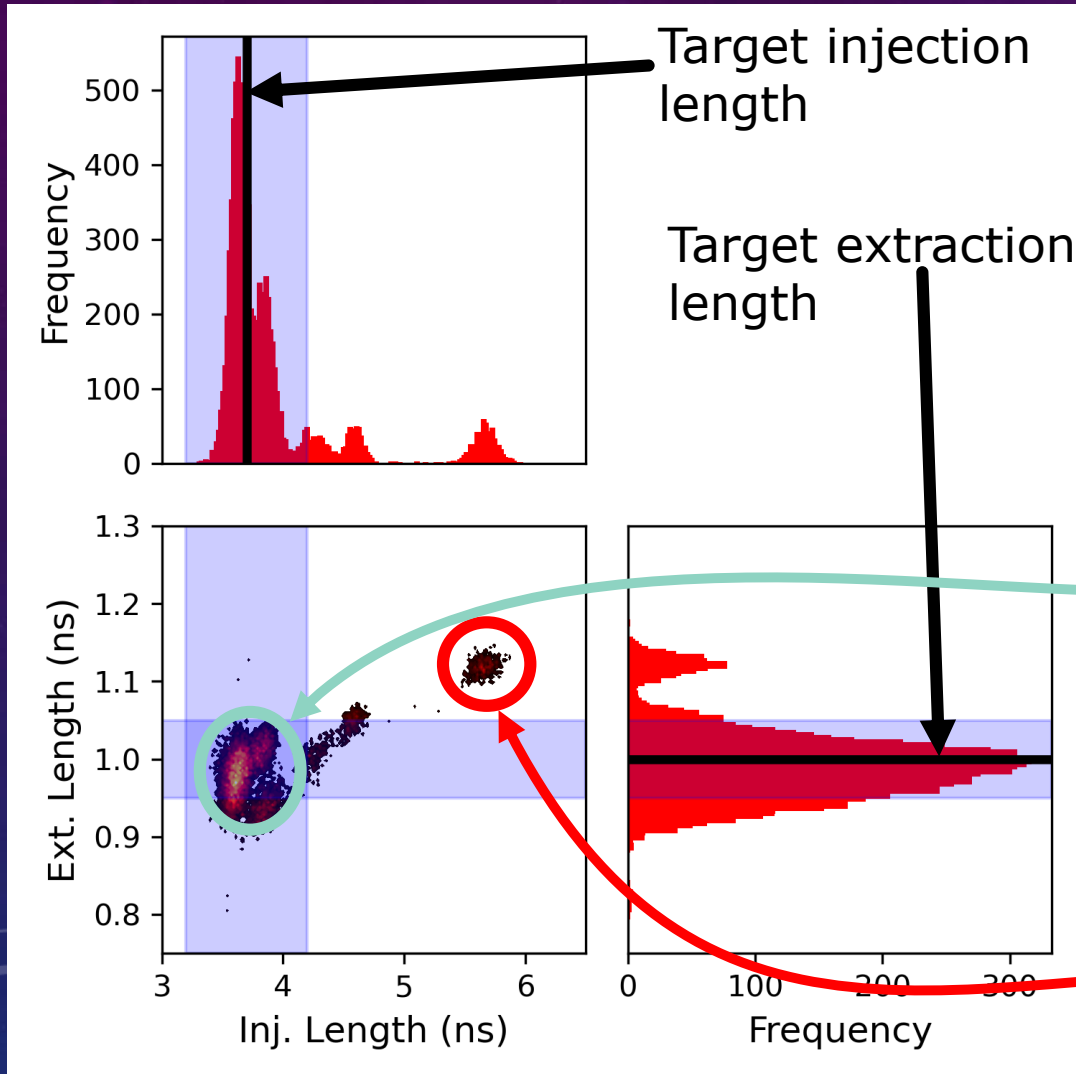
A. Lasheen, IPP 3/11/2023  
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(Data here is updated)

\*4.2 ns measured at SPS injection requires 4.0 ns measured at PS extraction 5

# CASE STUDIES

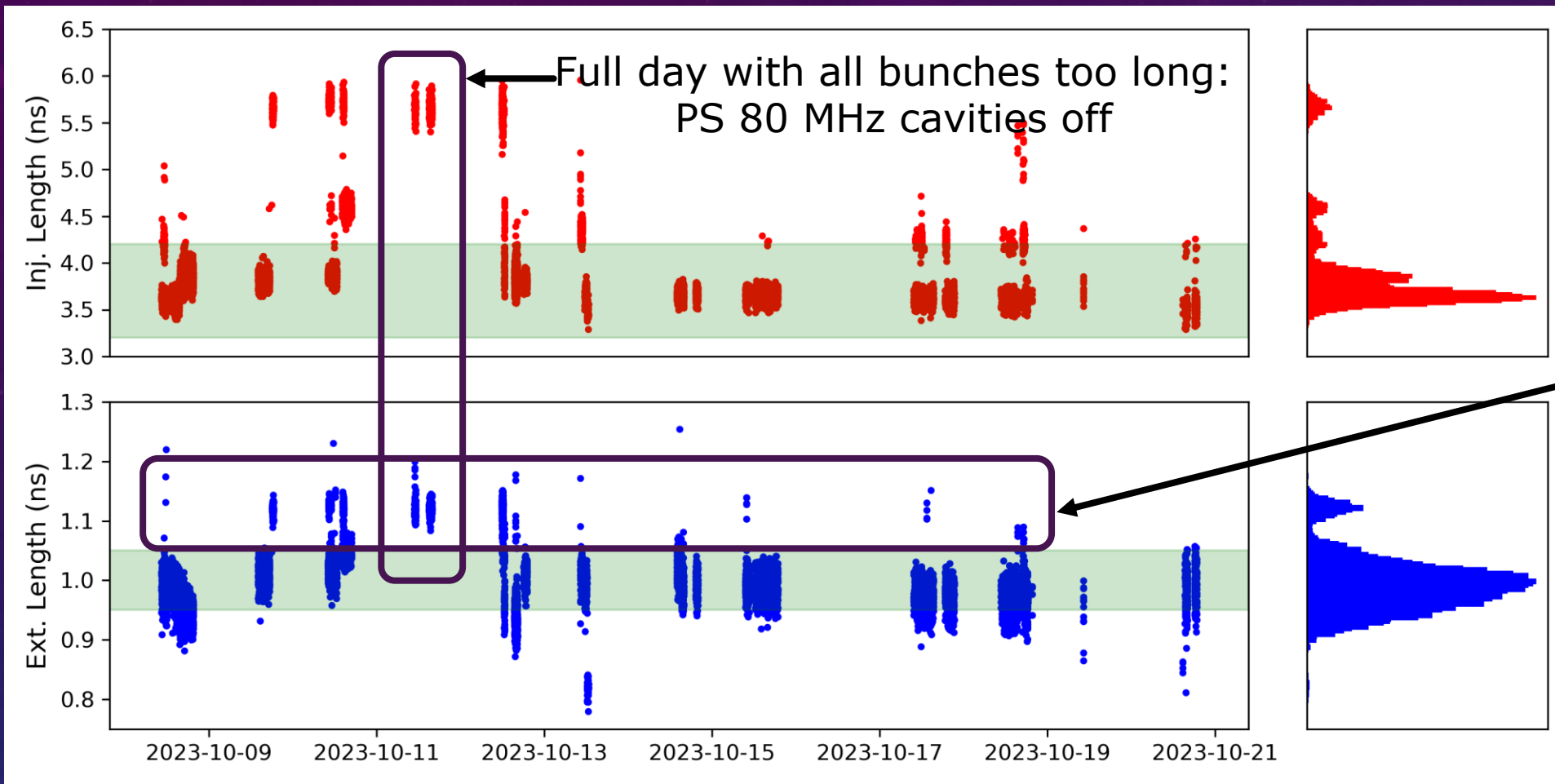
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# BUNCH LENGTH TO AWAKE



- Typical bunch length range during the last run of 2023:
  - Extraction:  $\tau_l = 1 \text{ ns} \pm 5\%$
  - Injection:  $3.2 \text{ ns} < \tau_l < 4.2 \text{ ns}$
- Most bunches meet the required specifications
- A cluster of points can be seen with:
  - Extraction:  $\tau_l \approx 1.15 \text{ ns}$
  - Injection:  $\tau_l \approx 5.5 \text{ ns}$

# BUNCH LENGTH TO AWAKE



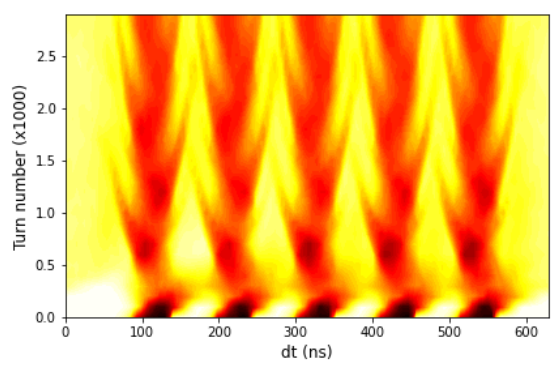
Long bunches appear intermittently throughout the run, but are generally transient or get corrected

Last AWAKE run of 2023

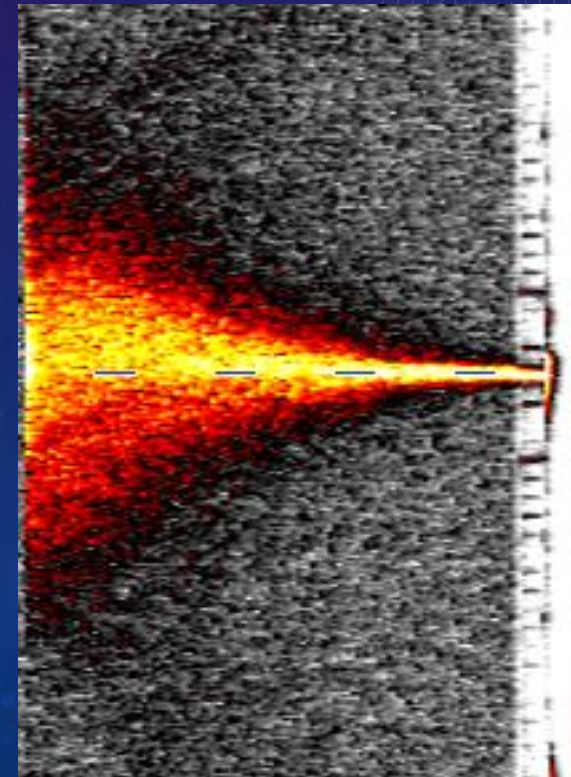
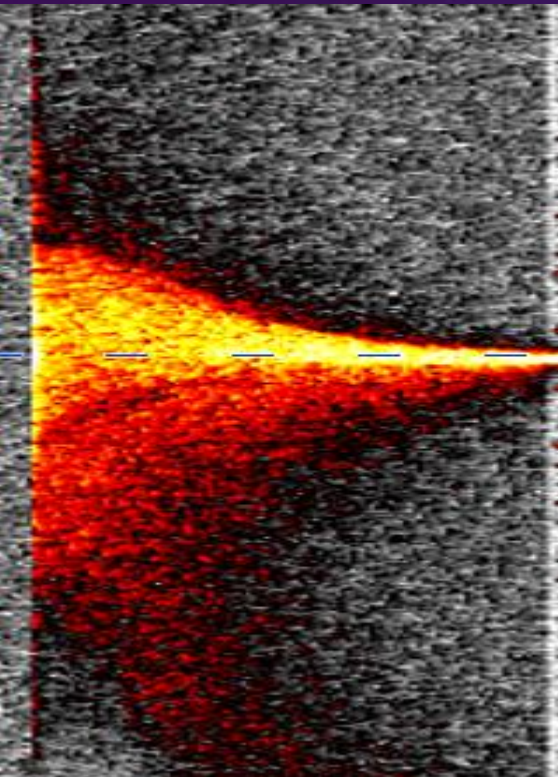
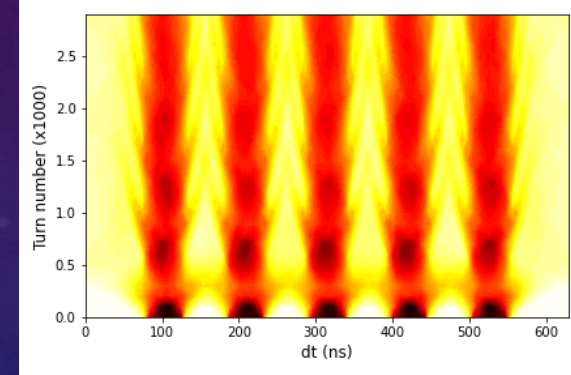
Details presented at SPS MPC #50:  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1349652/>



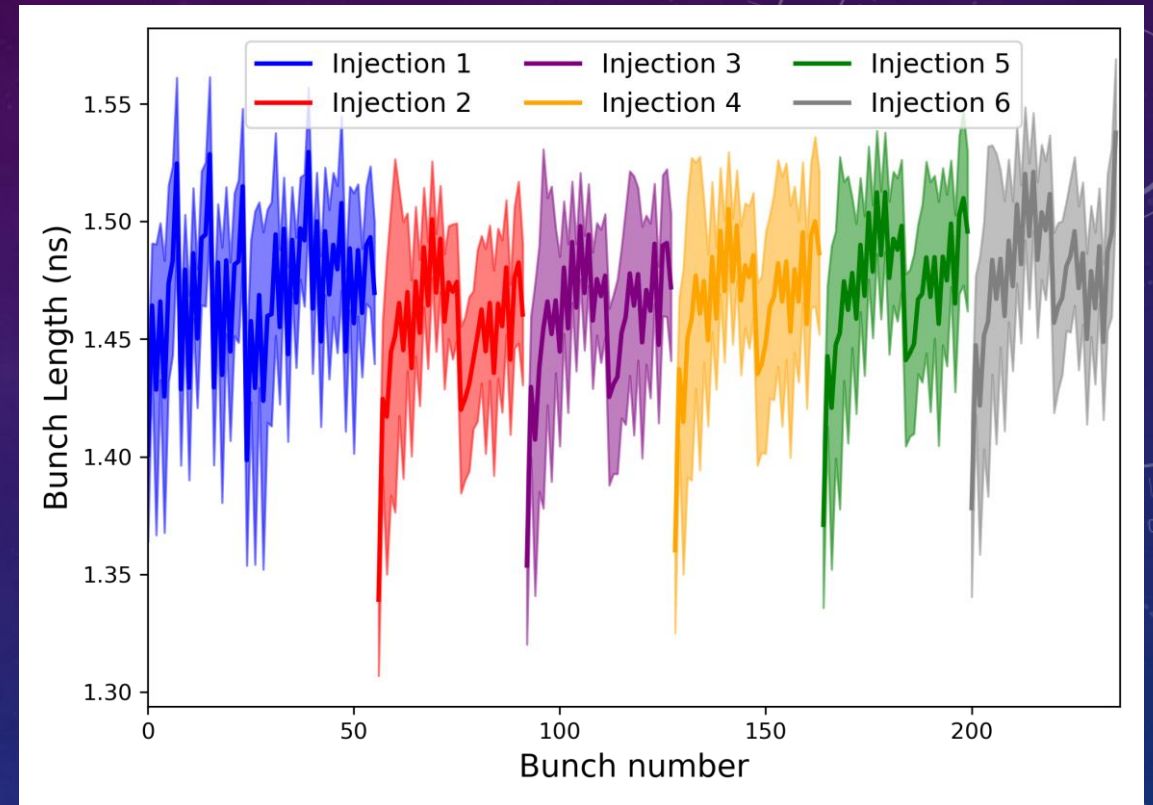
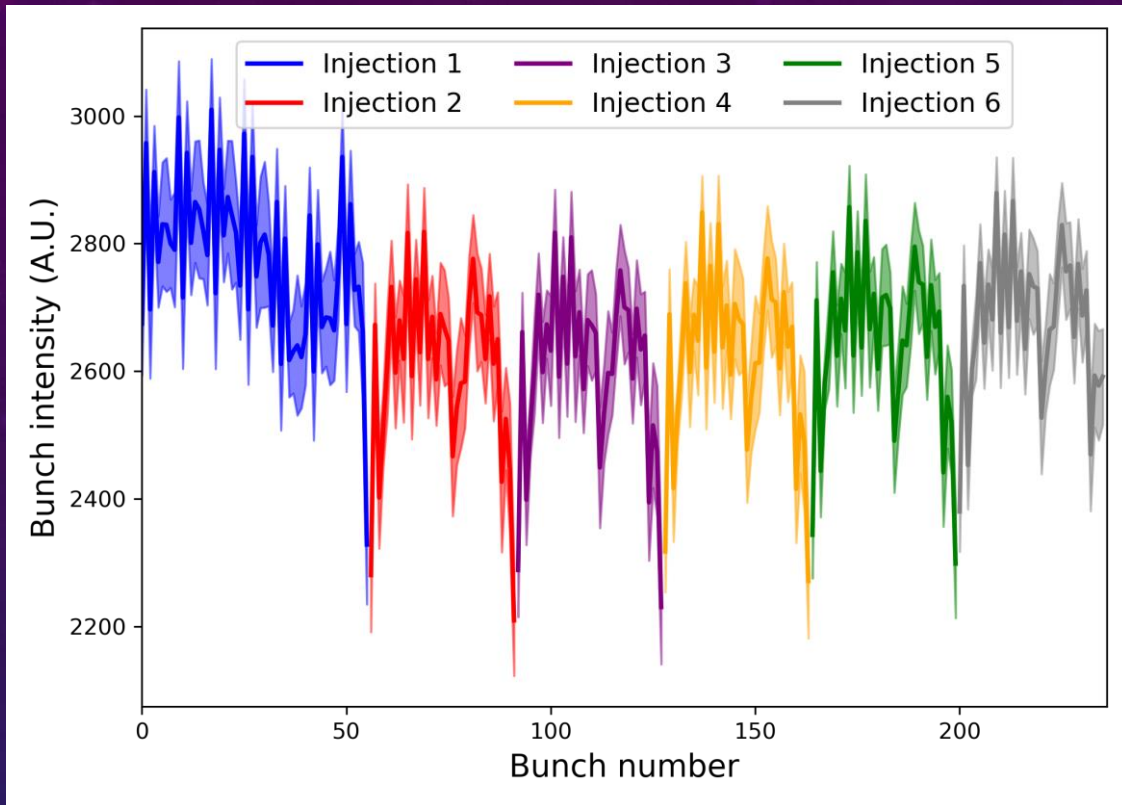
# AD BUNCH ROTATION



- Bunch rotation at injection is required to quickly reduce the momentum spread for effective stochastic cooling
- If the bunch rotation is incorrect, the cooling will be degraded and transmission will drop
- **If** a problem is identified, debugging can be difficult:
  - AD or PS?
  - Energy or phase?
  - Bunch length or bunch spacing?
- No automatic system to identify bad cycles



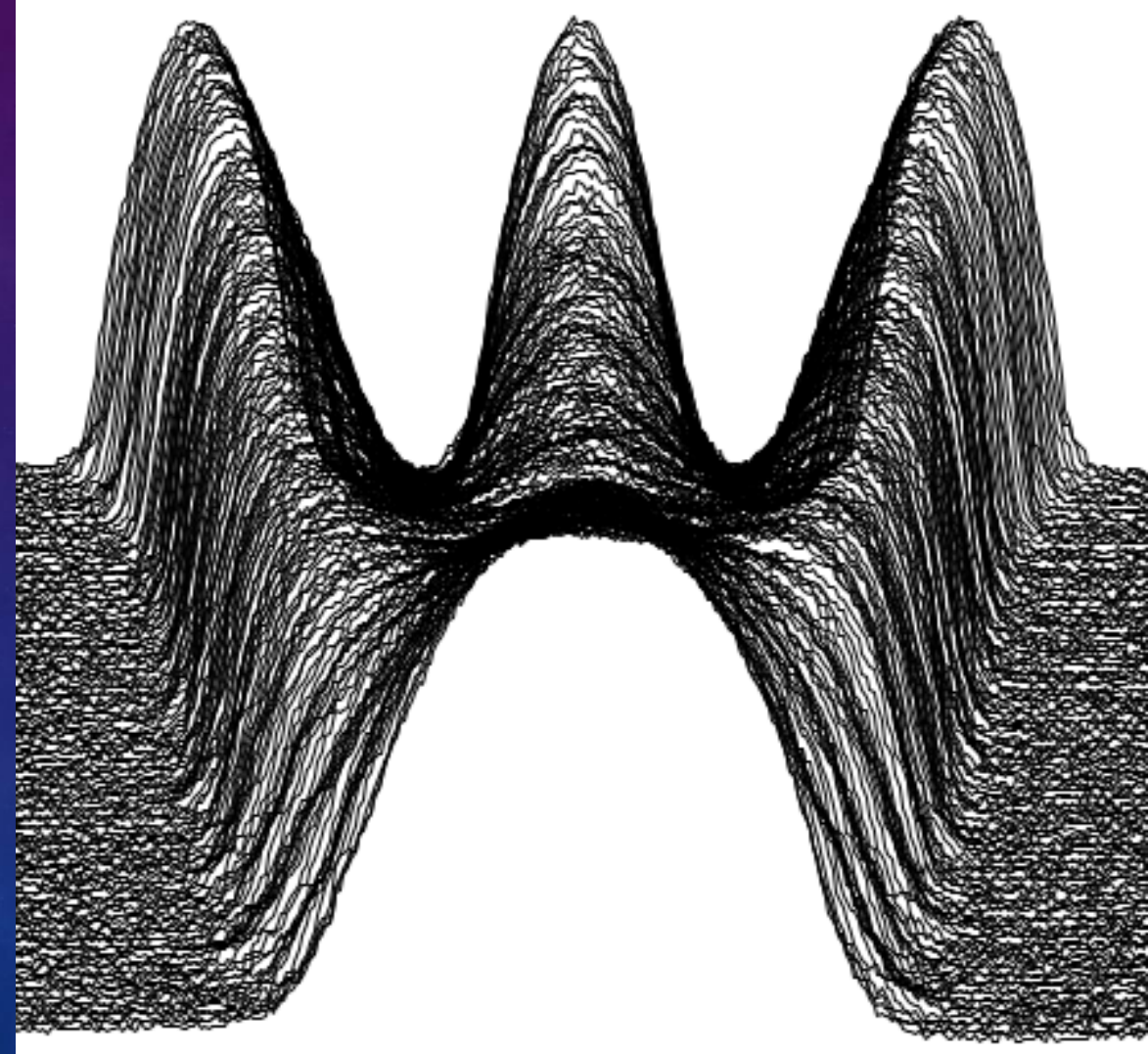
# LHC 25NS PARAMETER SPREAD



- Bunch-by-bunch intensity and length spreads at SPS extraction for one day of operational LHC filling cycles (121 cycles with *SPS.BQM:BEAM\_OK* = *True*, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023)
- Some contributing factors:
  - Ring-by-ring and cycle-by-cycle differences at PSB extraction
  - Kicker timing in the SPS
  - **Splitting imperfections in the PS**
  - ...

# LHC 25NS PARAMETER SPREAD

- Triple splitting requires precise voltage and phase control of three RF harmonics, drifts with time lead to unbalanced splitting
- A ML tool developed in RF (J. Wulff <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1195988/>) can automatically optimise the splitting
- The optimisation is launched manually **once a problem is identified**
- Feedback loop from splitting to correction is still very human



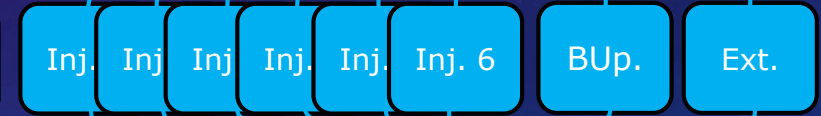
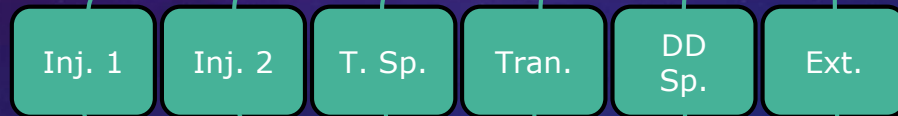
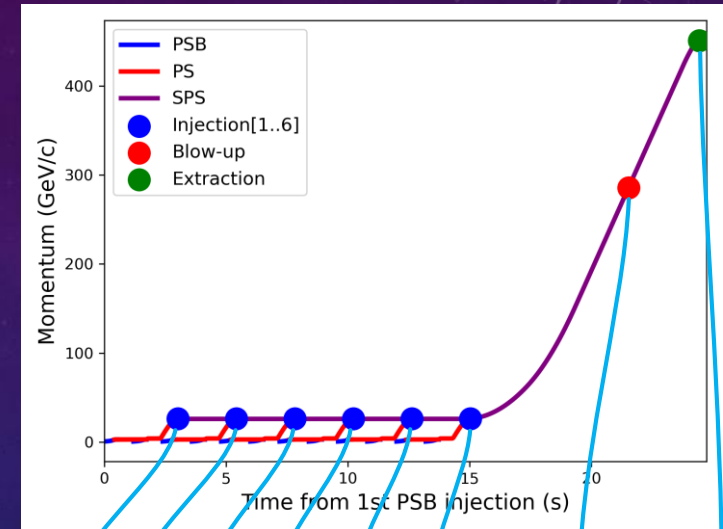
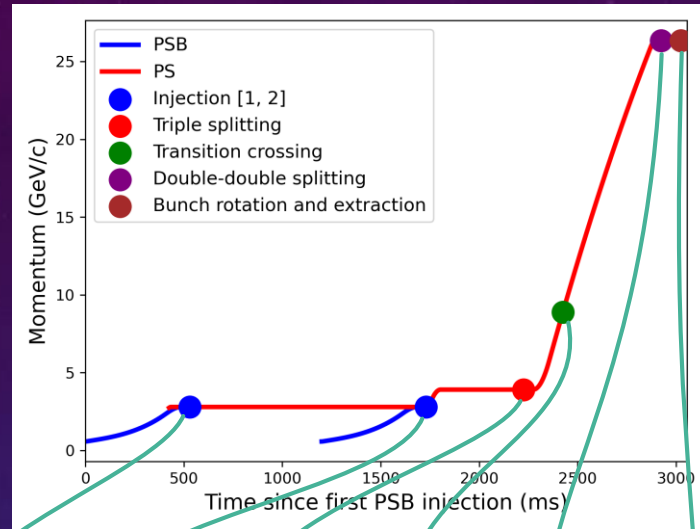
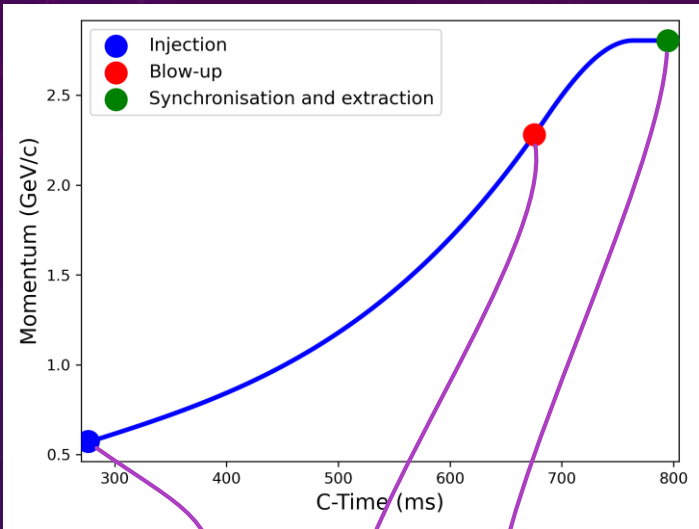
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# IDEAL SITUATION (LHC 25NS)

# OBSERVATIONS

- For each machine and cycle, continuously monitor beam parameters at key times
- Ensure parameter definitions are sufficient to cover all features of interest:
  - Bunch shape as well as bunch length
  - Phase and energy errors
  - ...
- Make better use beam instance tracking to determine effect of upstream parameter drifts on downstream performance
- Identify discrepancies between different measurement sources and control for them:
  - Bunch length between PS and SPS
  - Longitudinal emittance between PSB and PS
  - ...
- Create a standardised connection between cycles in the injectors and timing data for the LHC (and experimental facilities)

# EXAMPLE: PARAMETER MONITORING 2023 LHC 25NS



PSB Beam Parameters (R1..4)

PS Beam Parameters

SPS Beam Parameters

x2

+

x6

+

Injector beams to LHC  
Fill#:  
Inj#:

# IMPLEMENTATION

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# CURRENT SITUATION

## Good:

- Beam instance tracking is available for the injectors
- UCAP converters provide efficient and reliable live data analysis
- SPS has a lot of required functionality already:
  - BQM identifies good/bad cycles
  - ABWLM can give measurements through a full cycle
- LHC IQC qualifies beam injection

## Bad:

- Beam instance tracking is difficult online
- No easy way to identify which bunches
  - Enter which LHC bucket
  - Get sent to experiments
- Very little automatic measurement



# ADDITIONAL NEEDS/DESIRES

# CONTINUOUS MONITORING



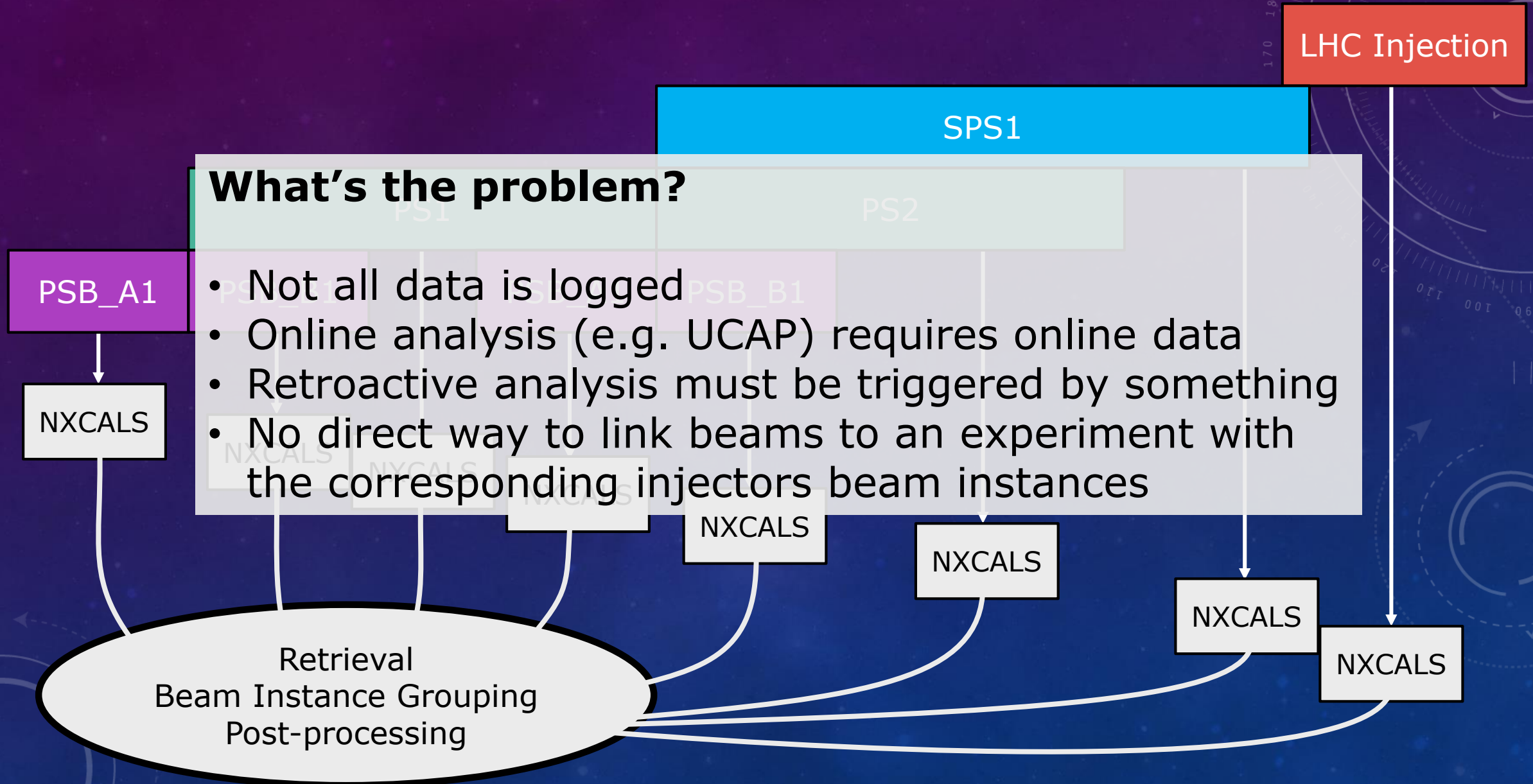
- PSB proof-of-principle:

- OASIS interface to beam profile digitizer
- Custom FESA class provides multi-PPMness
- UCAP converter chain to separate acquisitions and perform analysis

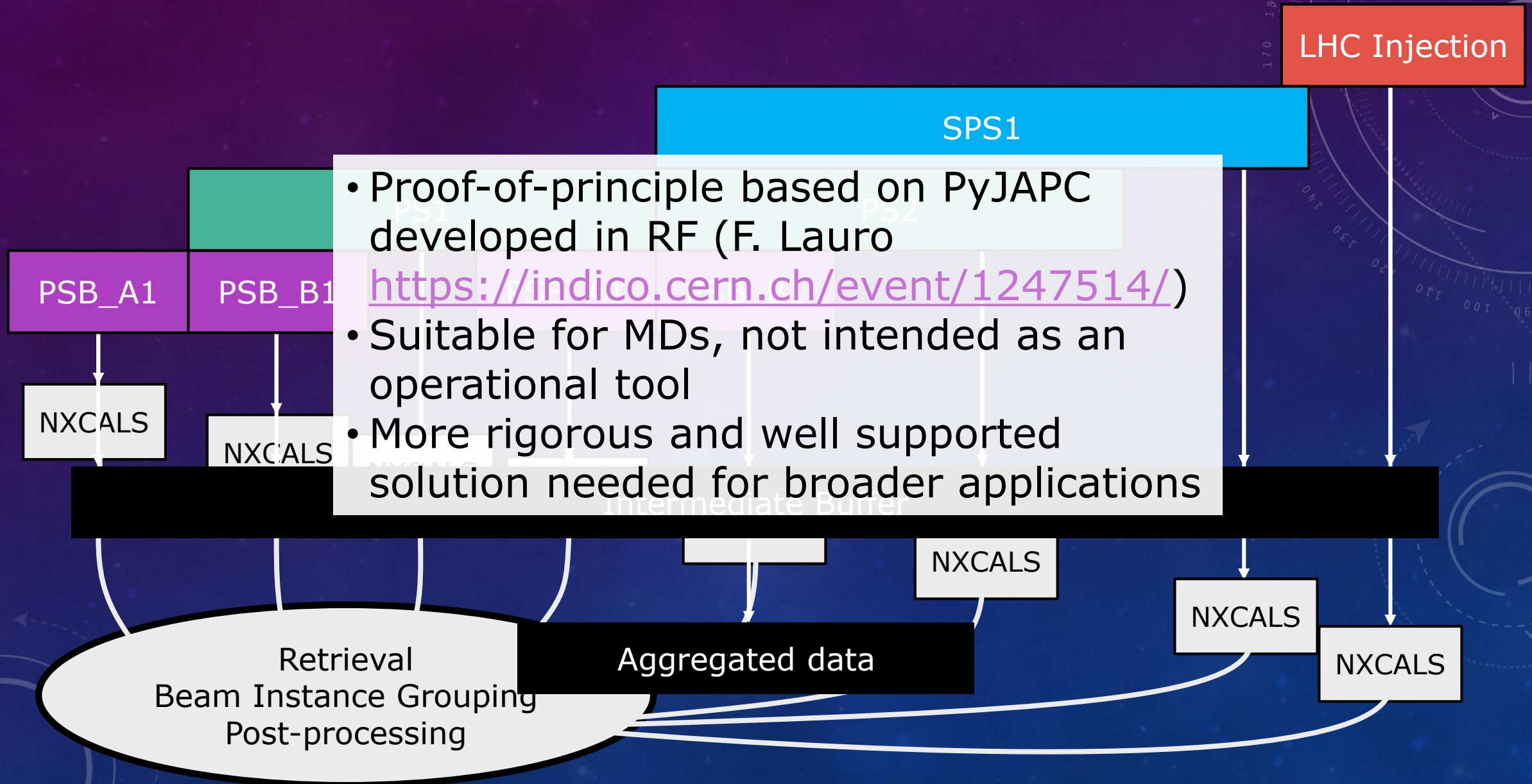
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- Python application to get and post-process data

# AUTOMATIC BEAM INSTANCE TRACKING: OFFLINE



# AUTOMATIC BEAM INSTANCE TRACKING: ONLINE



# CONCLUSION

- Definition of optimal beam parameters is still ongoing
- Before we can refine beam parameters, we must be able to reliably determine their impact
- Punctual measurements are adequate for reaching specification, but **not for tracking performance**
- Multi-PPM data acquisition is essential for continuous monitoring
- A rigorous link between injector cycles and downstream facilities is required
- Automatic **online** beam instance tracking is needed to improve correlation of beam parameters through the complex