



Collimation Aspects in the LHC and SPS

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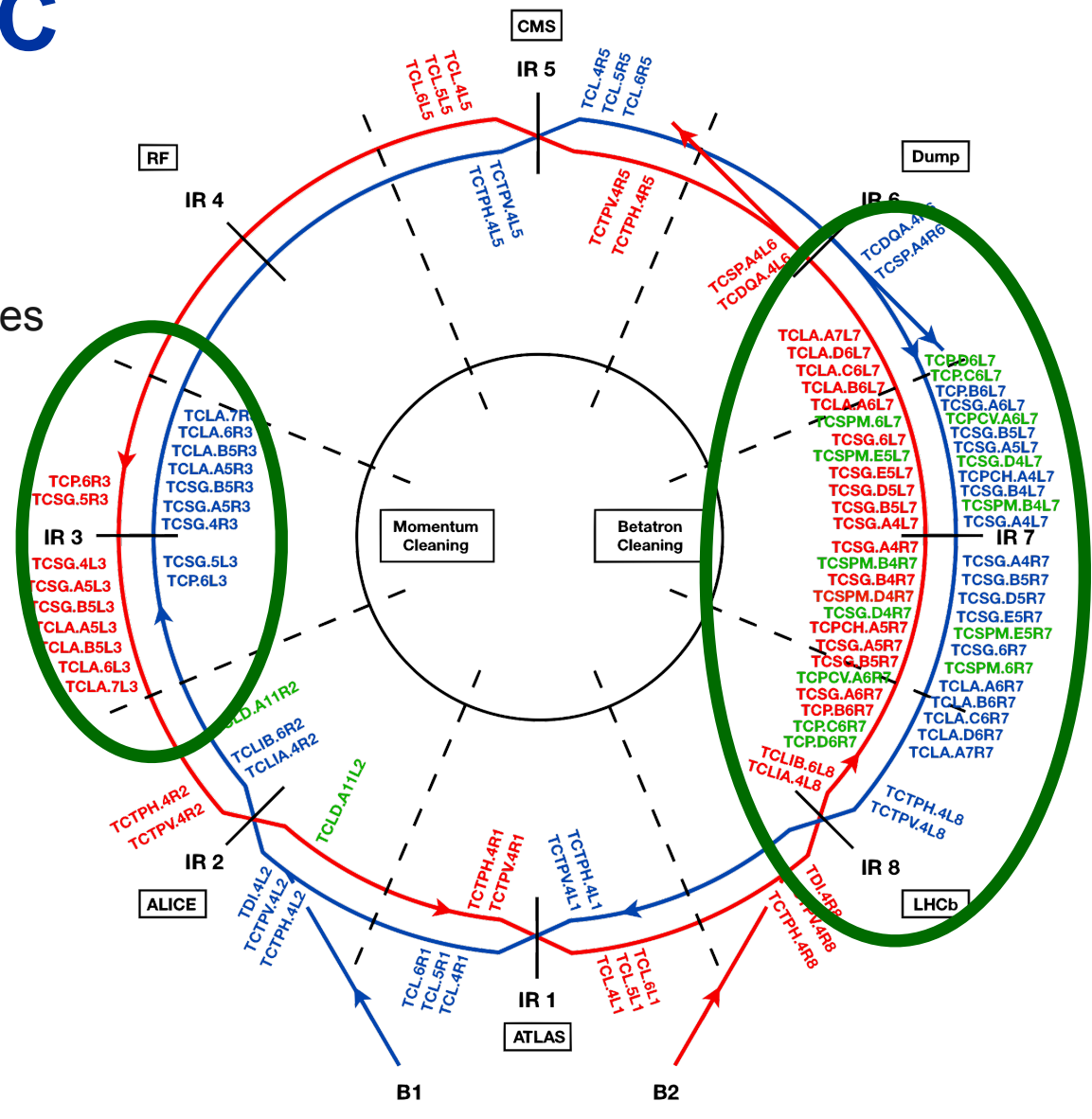
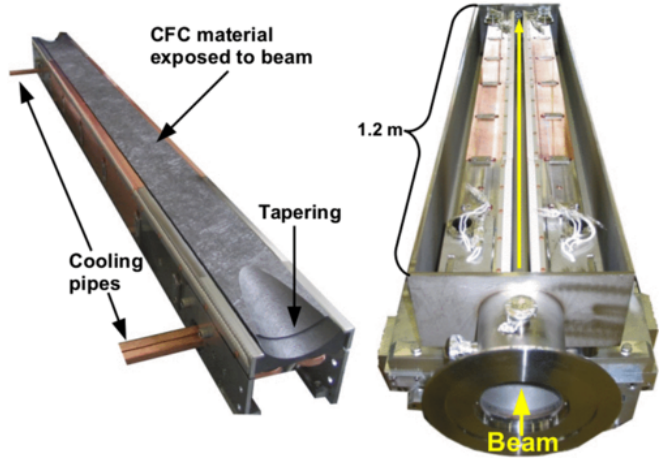
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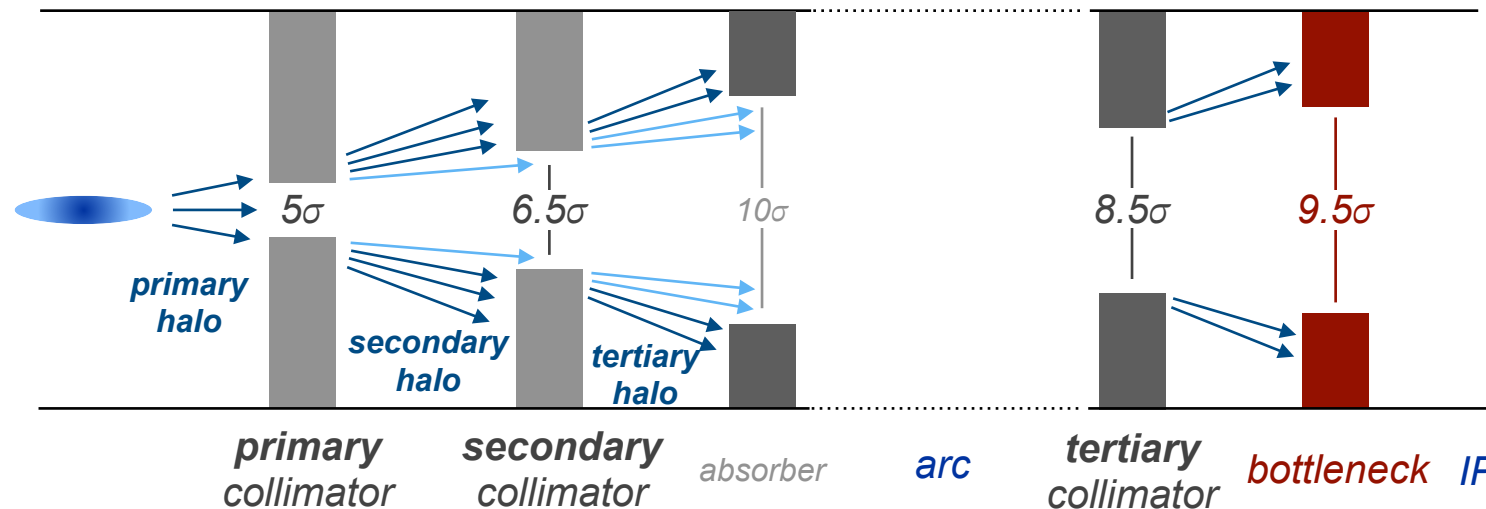
- More than **400MJ** stored beam energy in LHC (up to 700MJ for HL-LHC)!
- 101 collimators to protect machine against damage and quenches
- Multi-stage system, mainly in **IR7** and **IR3**:
 - **Primary** collimators closest to the beam
 - **Secondary** and **tertiary** collimators to intercept showers, protect the IPs, and reduce the background



Collimation Hierarchy and Transverse Beam Halo

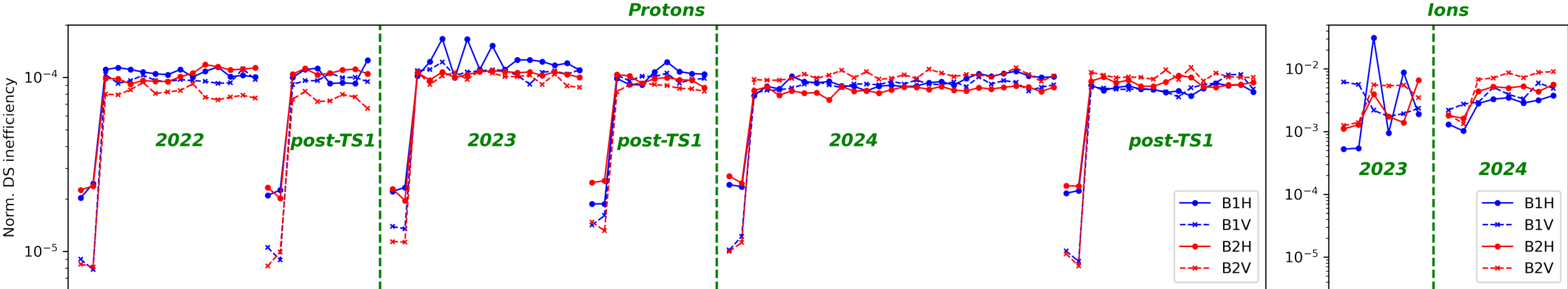
- Collimators follow **strict hierarchy**: primary - secondary - tertiary
 - Collimator layout is designed at optimal phase advances to ensure good cleaning*
- Aligned** around beam centre, opening defined in **beam size**
 - Bunch-dependent orbit shifts make each bunch see a different collimator cut!*

Halo > 3σ



Settings at 30cm [σ]	
TCP.7	5σ
TCS.7	6.5σ
TCLA.7	10σ
TCP.3	15σ
TCS.3	18σ
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IR6	7.3σ
TCT.1/5	8.5σ (8σ)
TCT.2	37σ
TCT.8	11.5σ

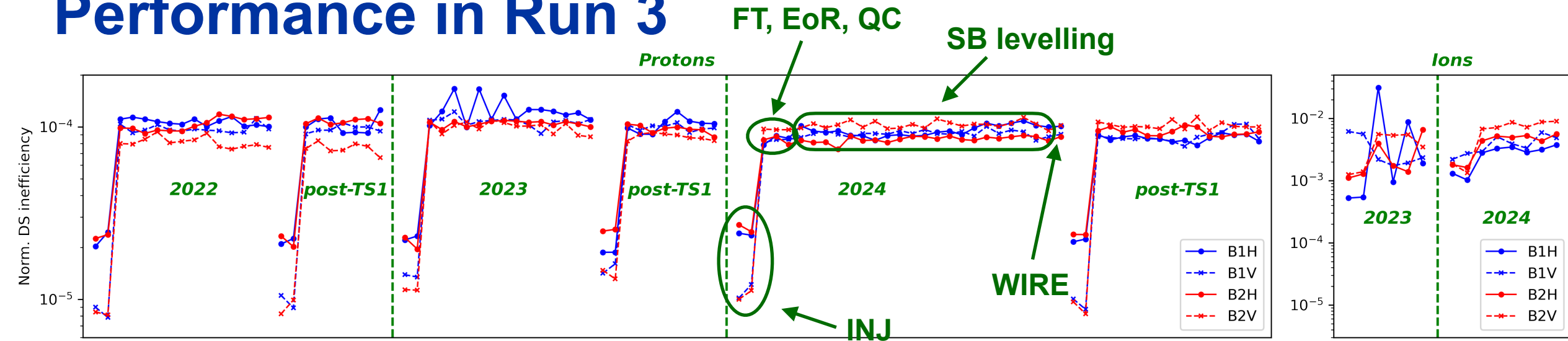
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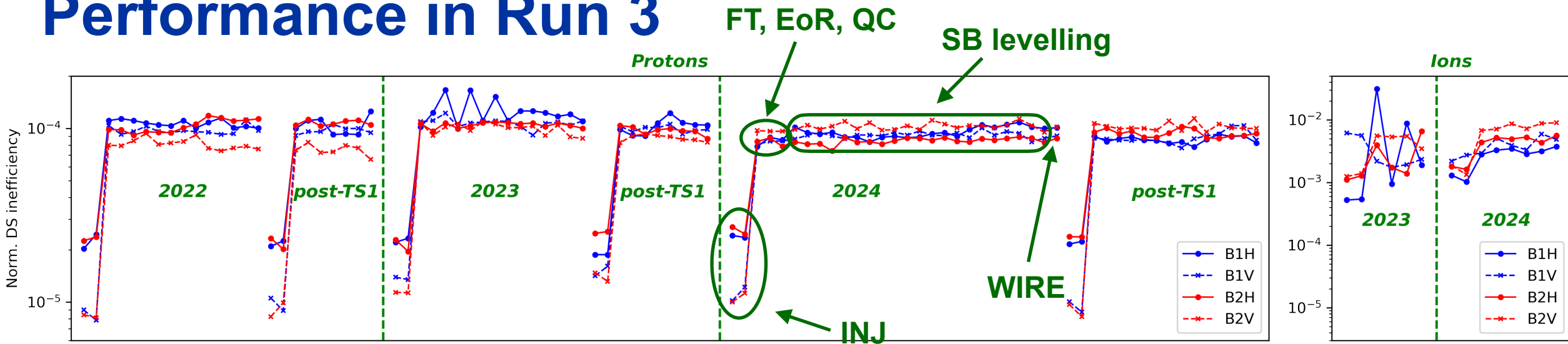
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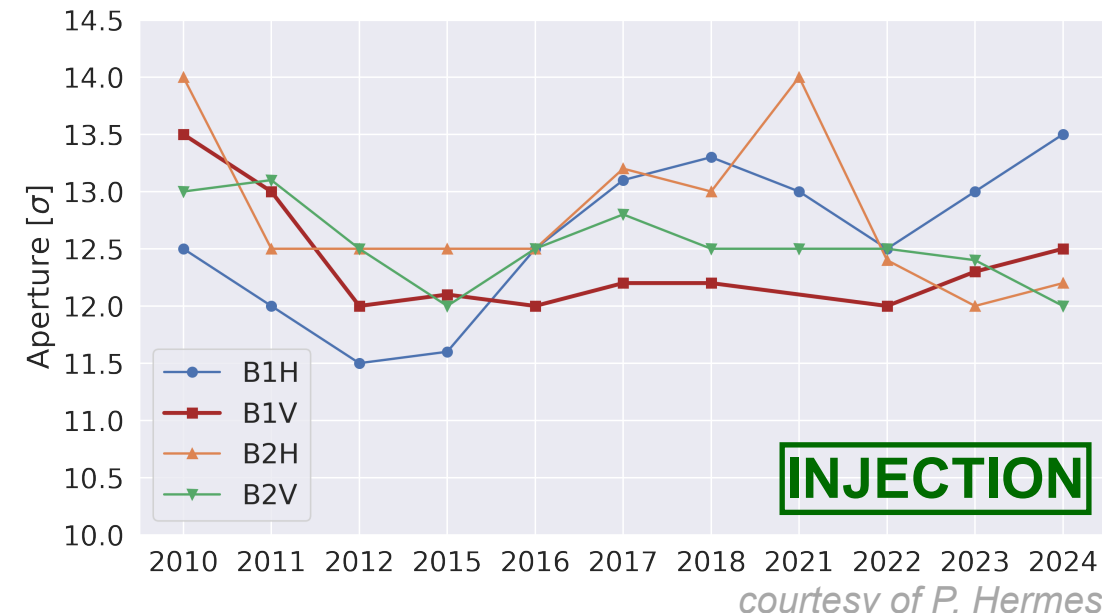
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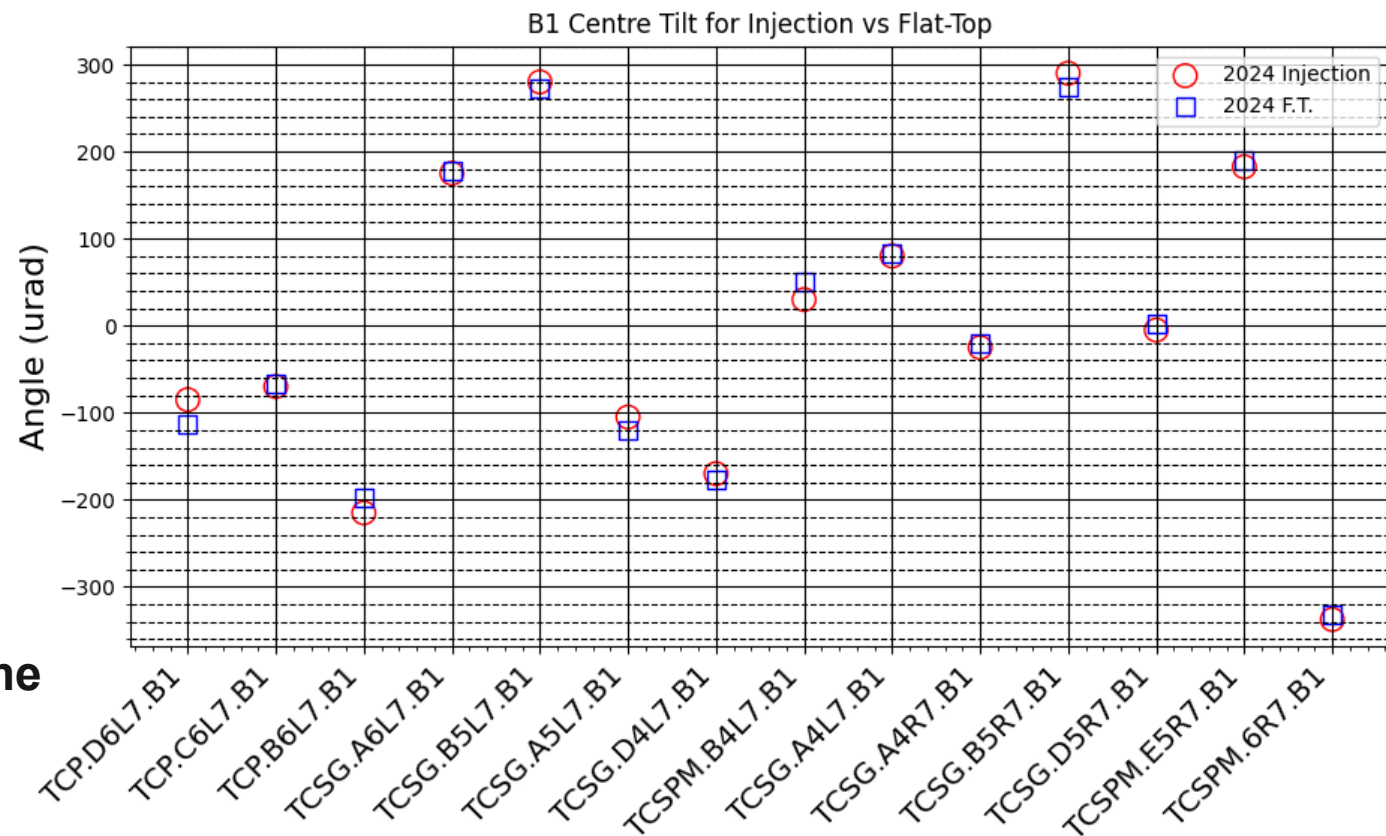
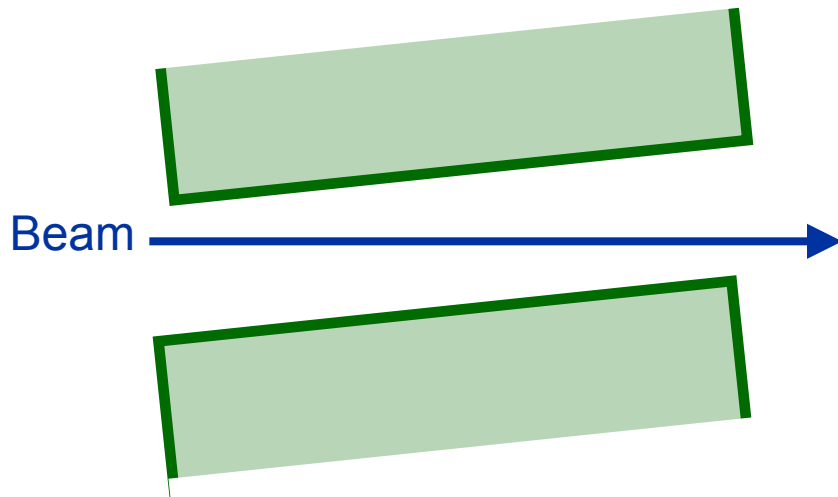
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- Aperture measurements **consistent** over the years:
 - Consistently sufficient aperture at injection
 - Vertical aperture at 30cm slightly reduced with RP
 → *adapted TCT settings and xing angle*



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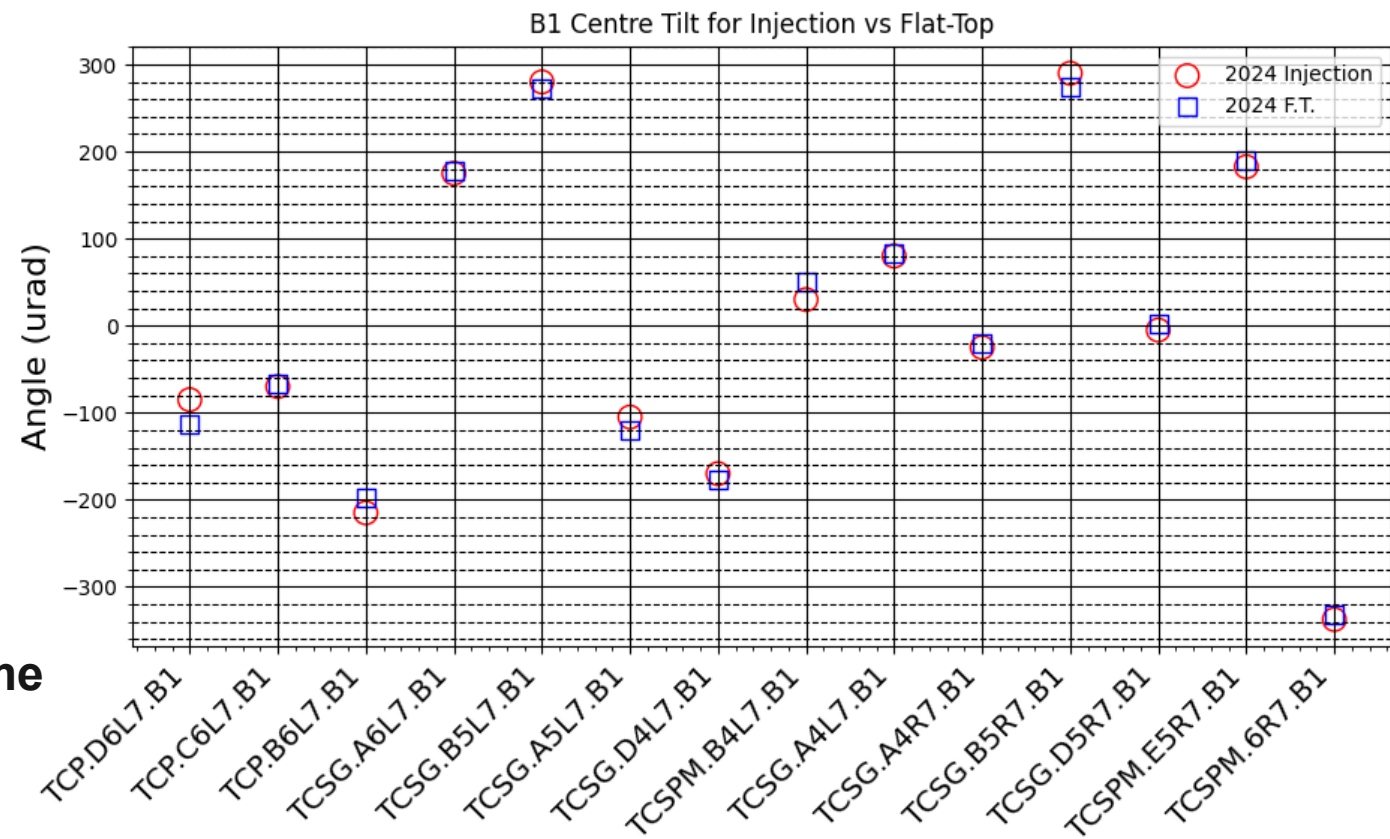
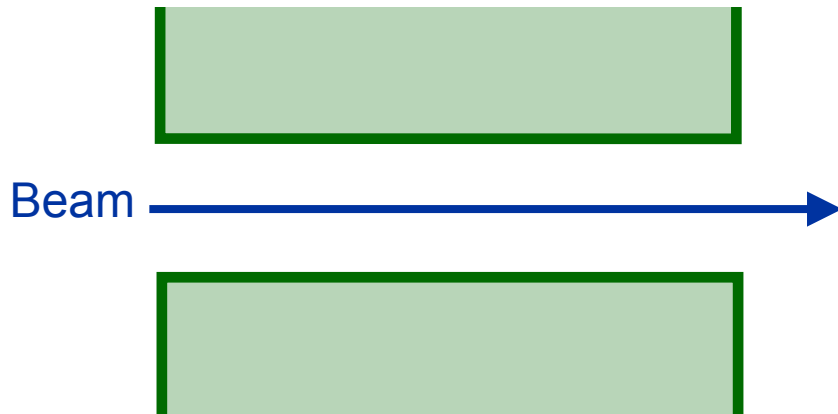
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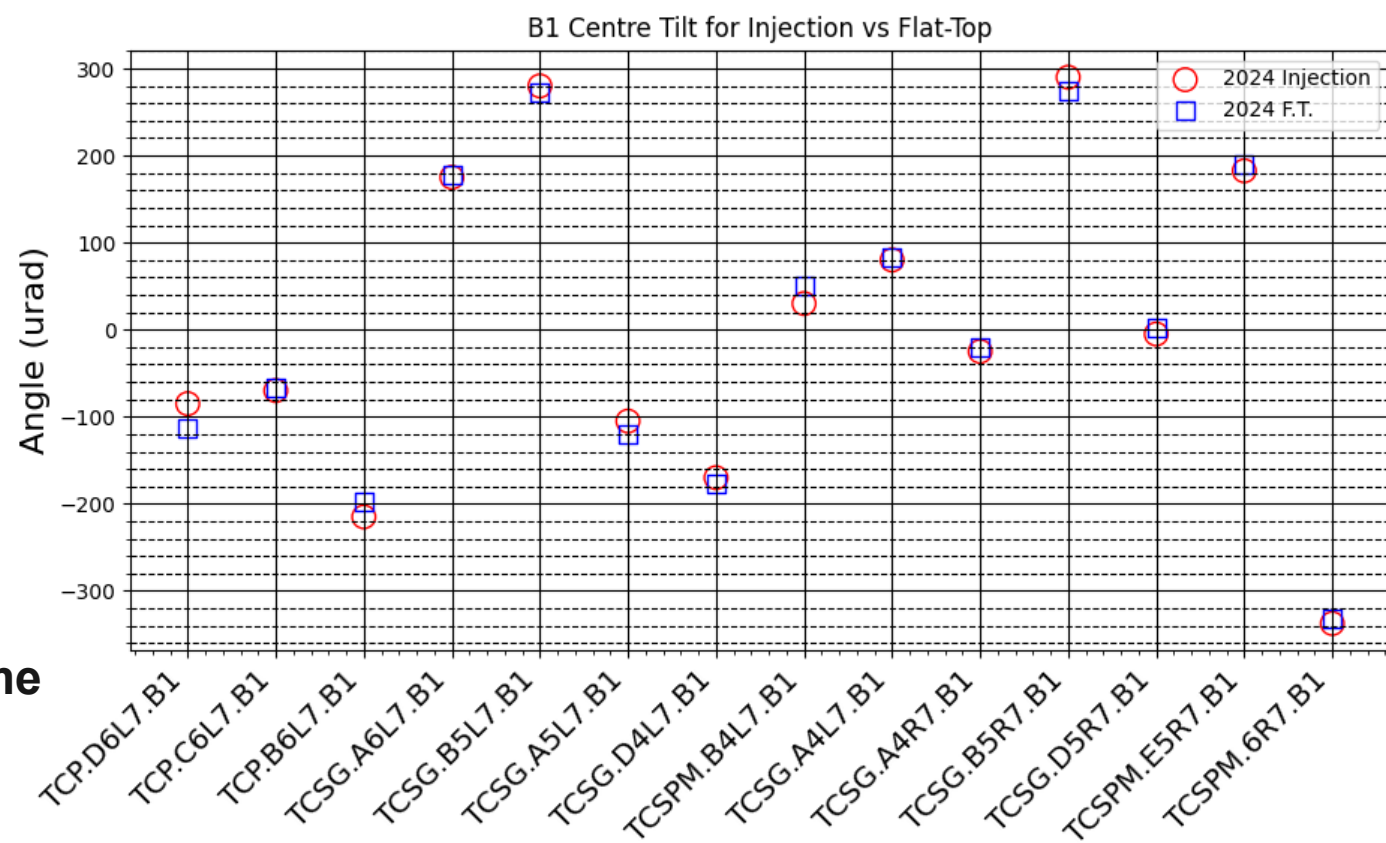
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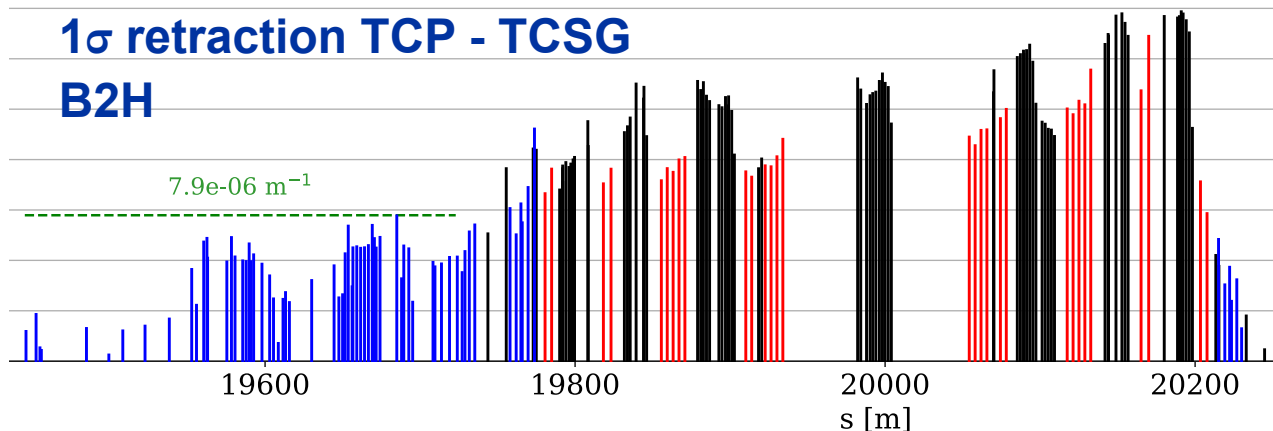
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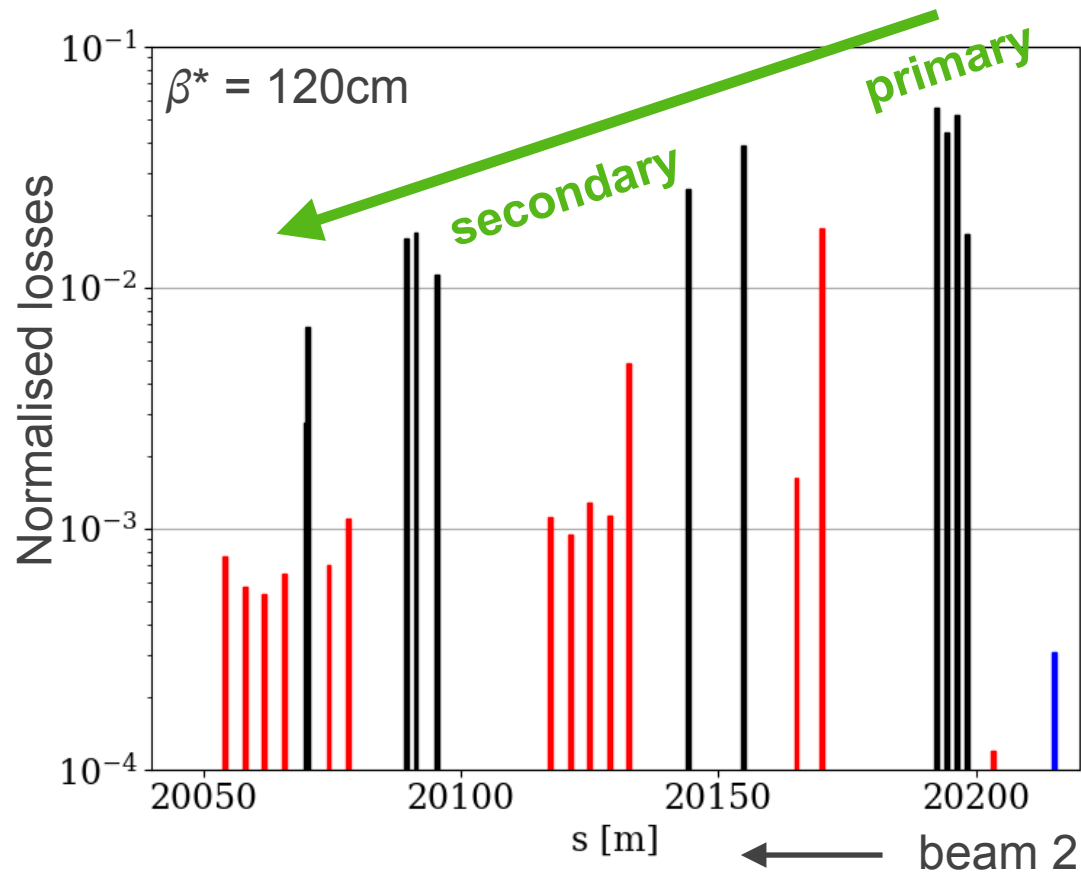
1 σ retraction TCP - TCSG B2H



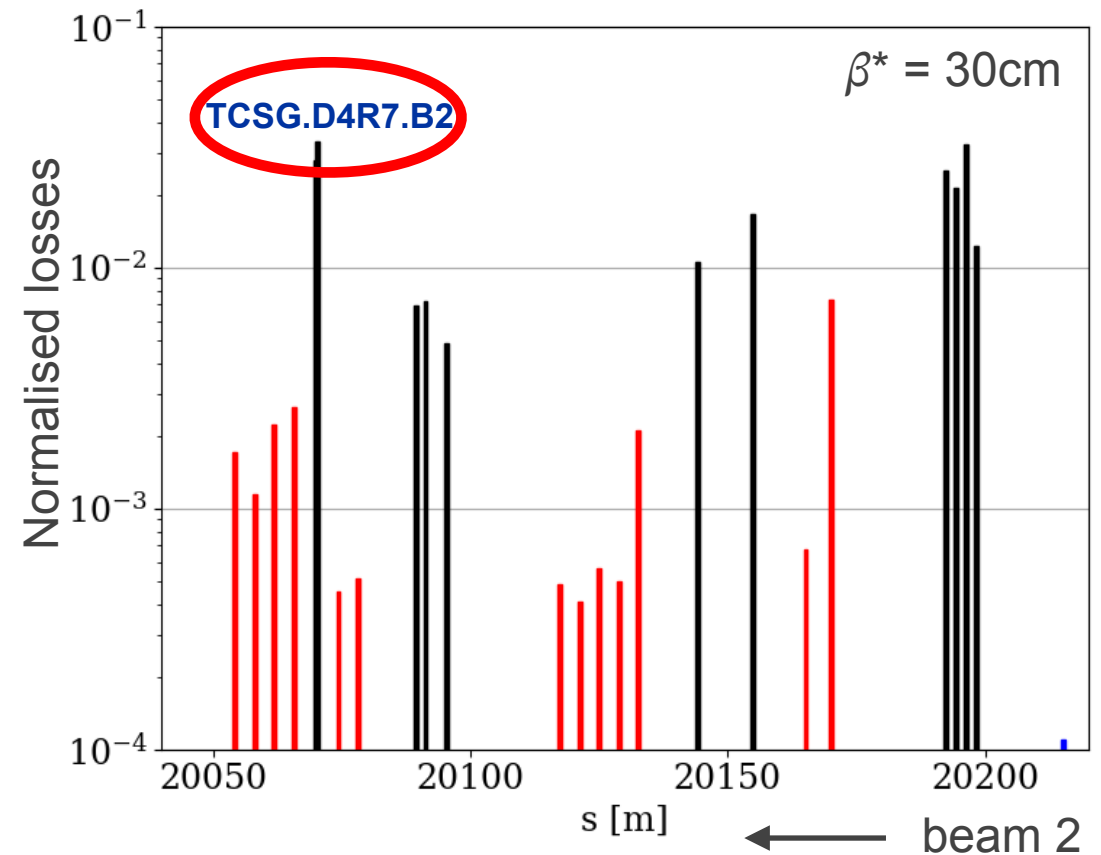
- Opening doors to **tighter hierarchy!**
- Promising results (tests during commissioning):
 - Up to **20%** losses shift from DS to coll (B2H)
- **Validated** for high intensity for MD12663!

Hierarchy Breaking at the LHC

Good Hierarchy

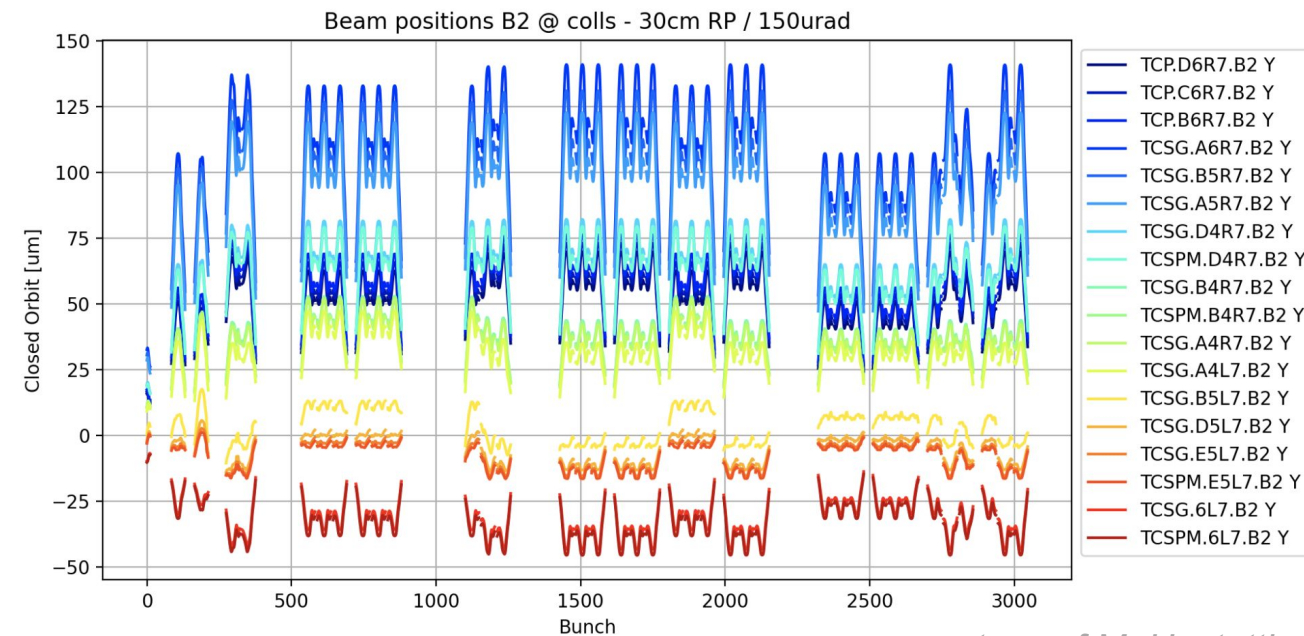


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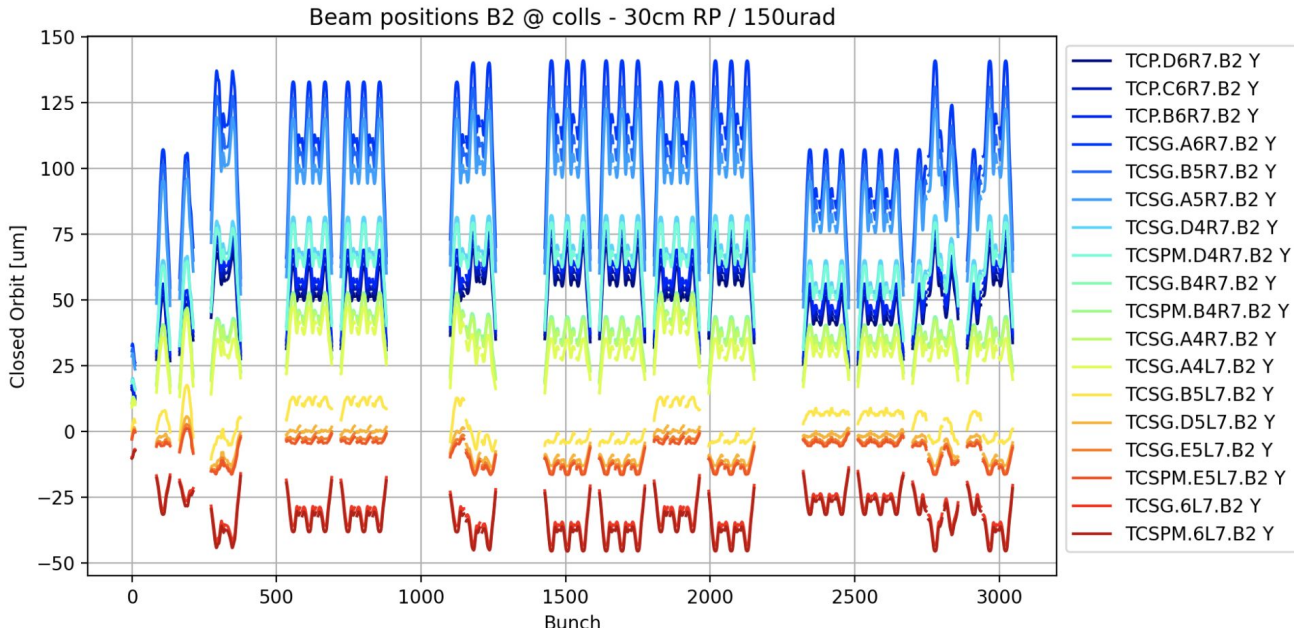


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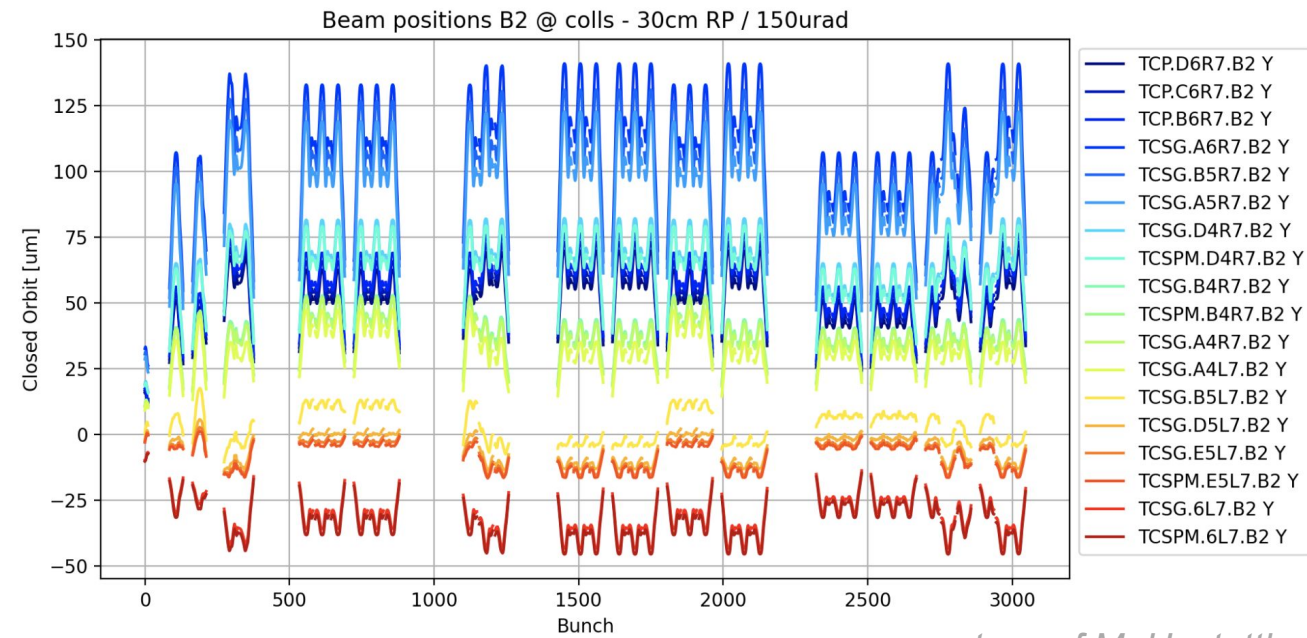


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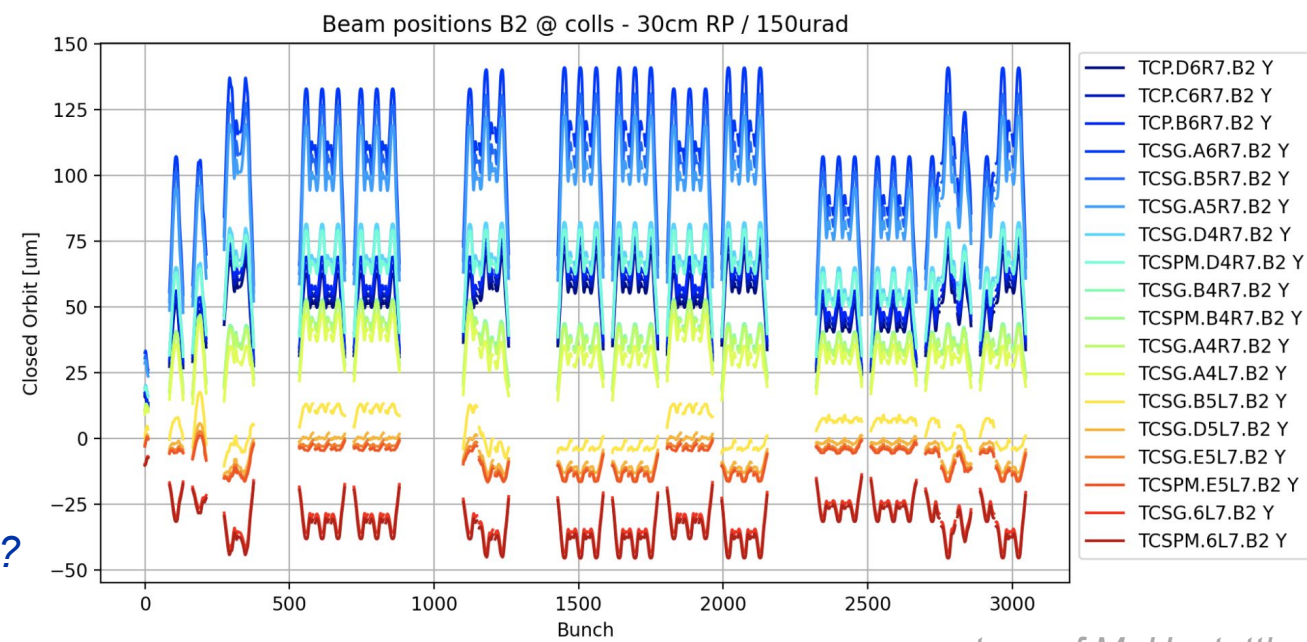
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- **Future mitigation ideas:**
 - Keep hierarchy margin
 - Extend validation to assess impact of trains
 - *move TCS in steps to assess "real" hierarchy*
 - *use few TRAINs, only blow up single bunches?*
 - Move dBLM to center of IR7?
 - Leverage vertical dispersion?



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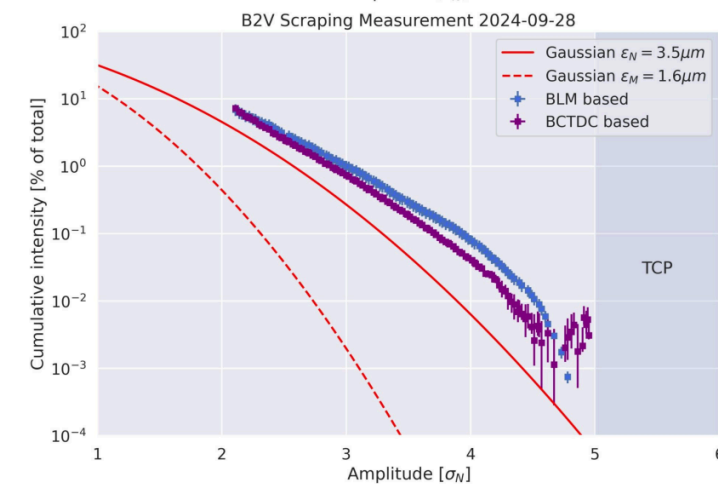
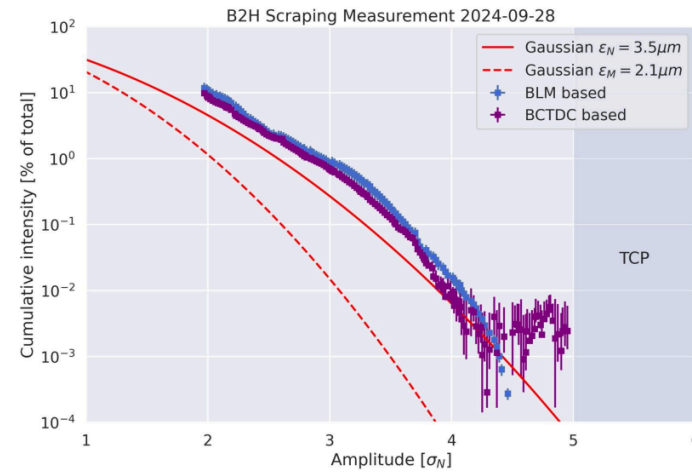
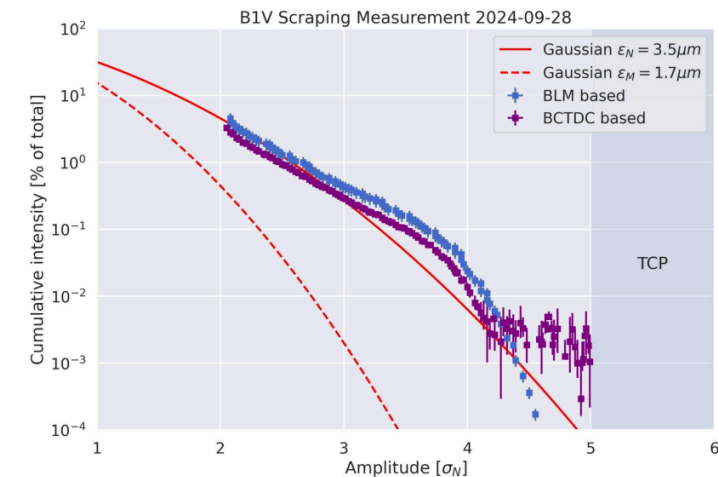
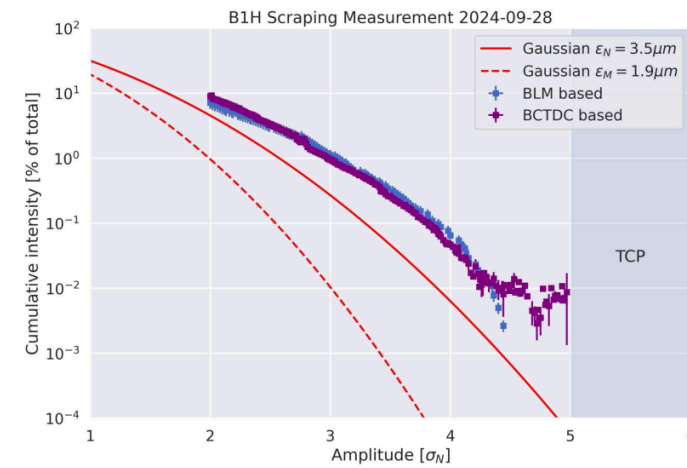
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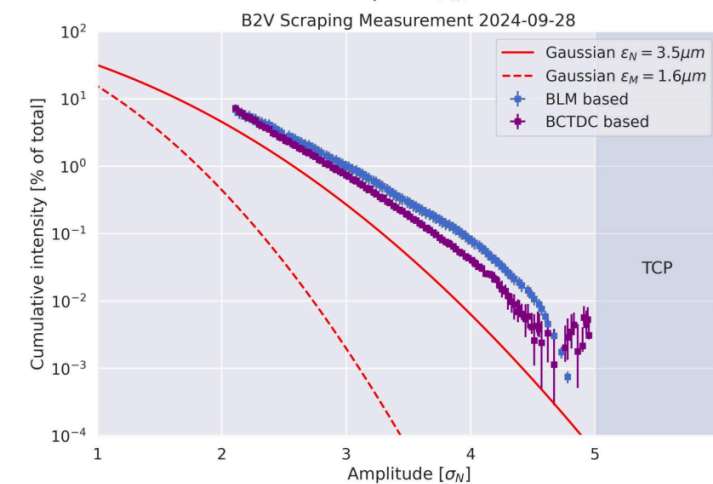
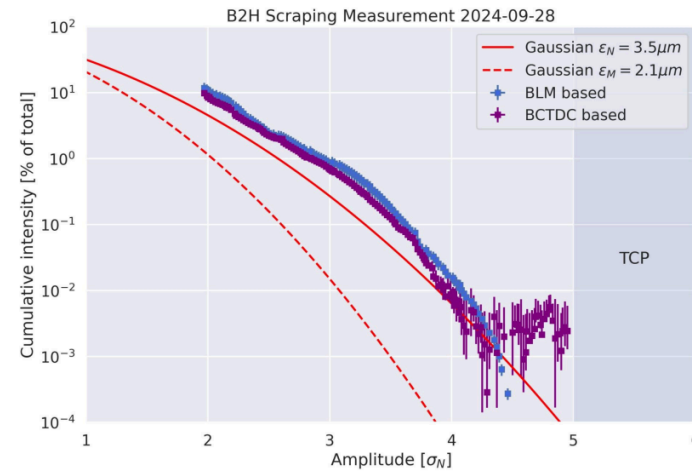
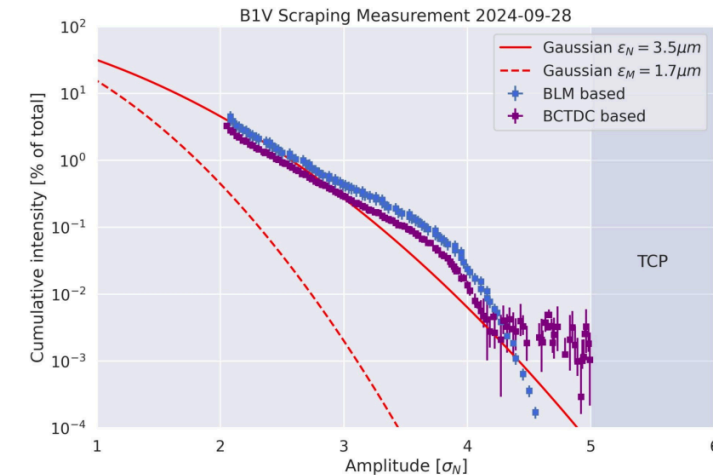
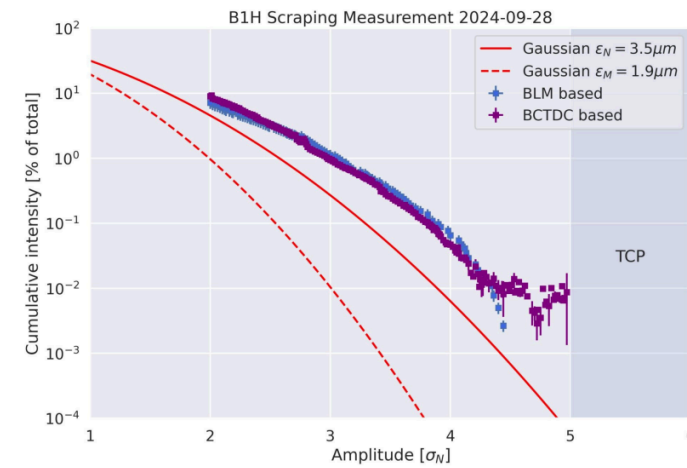
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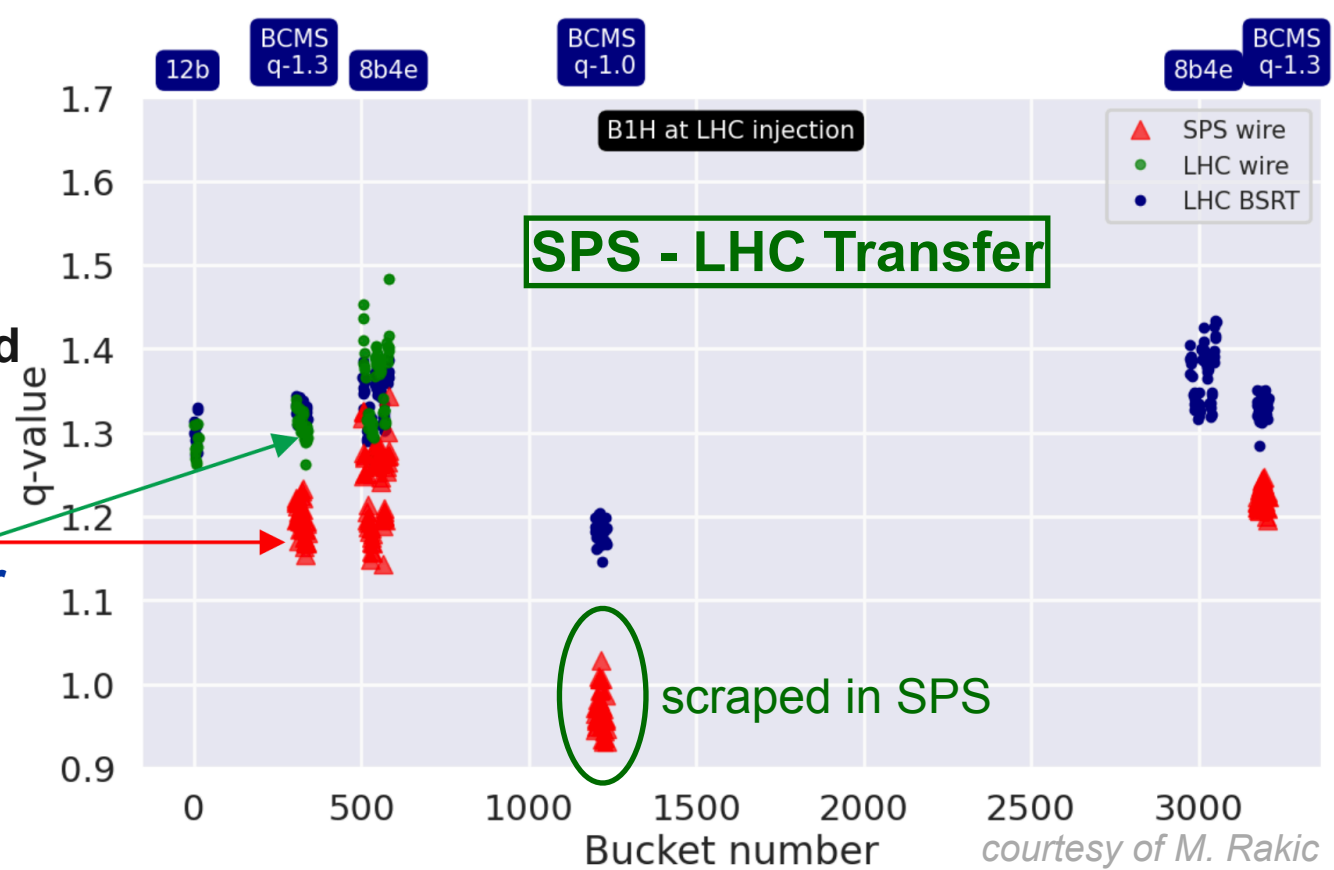
- Analysed 140 LHC scraping measurements, End of Fill (high intensity, top energy)
- Halo **overpopulated** in both Runs
- **Improvement in Run 3** w.r.t. Run 2

TCP	Run 2	Run 3
3σ	0.2% - 6.2%	0.2% - 1.2%
3.5σ	0.2% - 3.5%	0.05% - 1.5%

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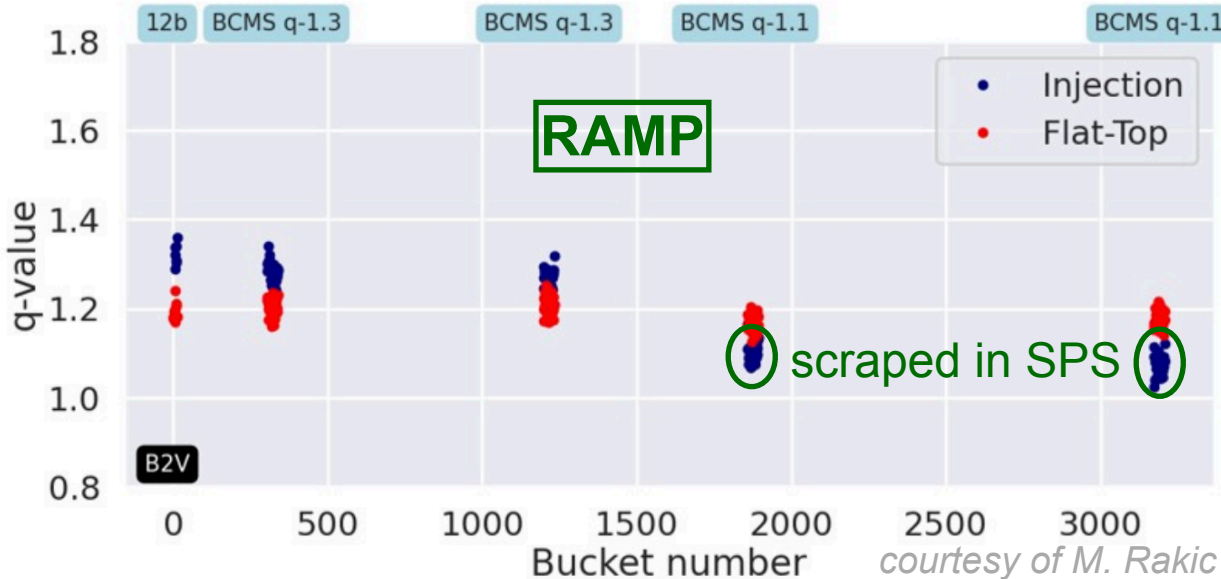
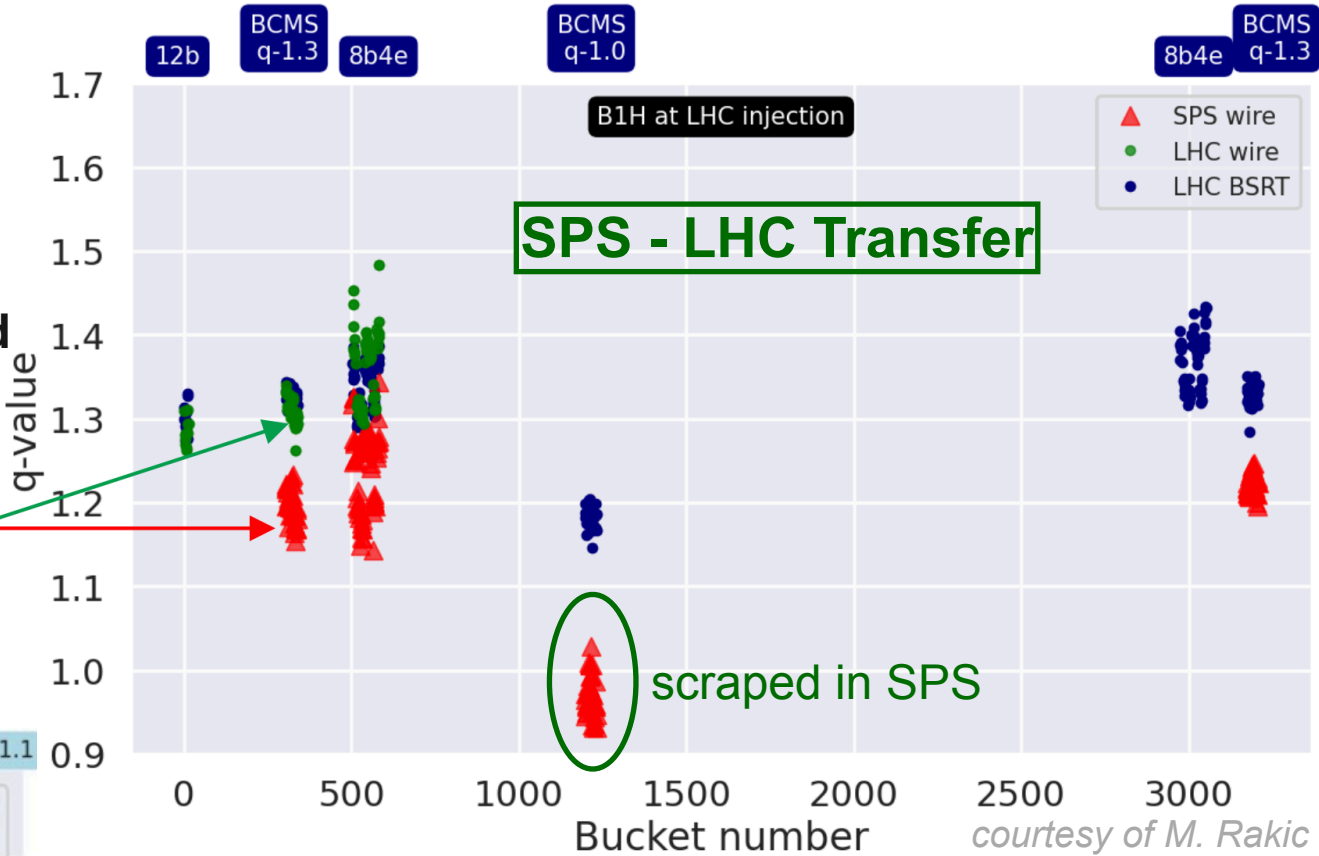
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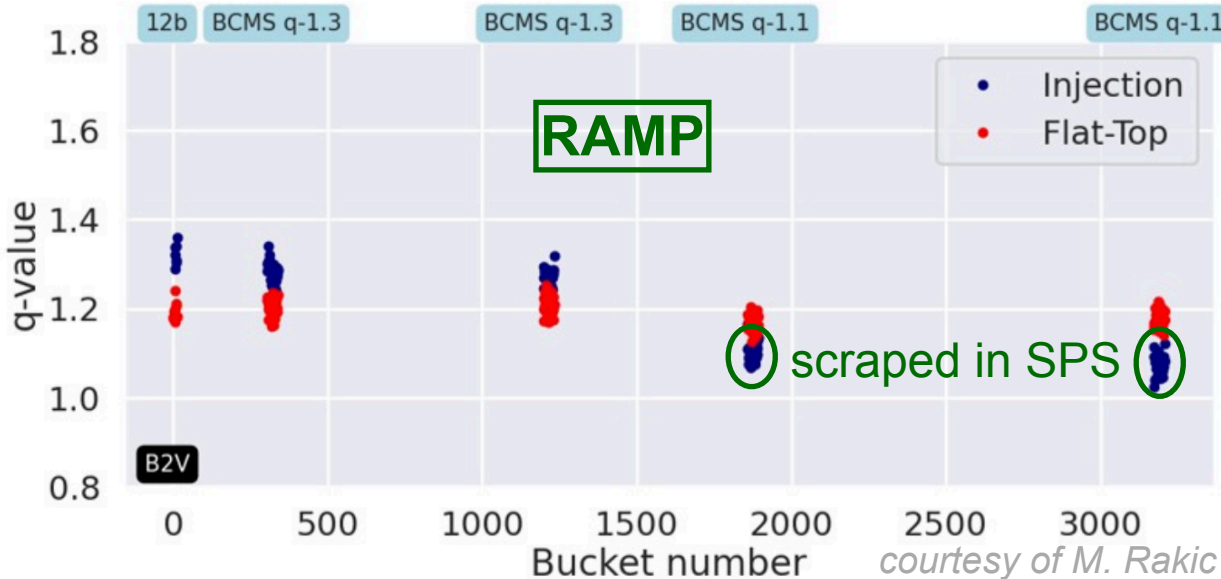
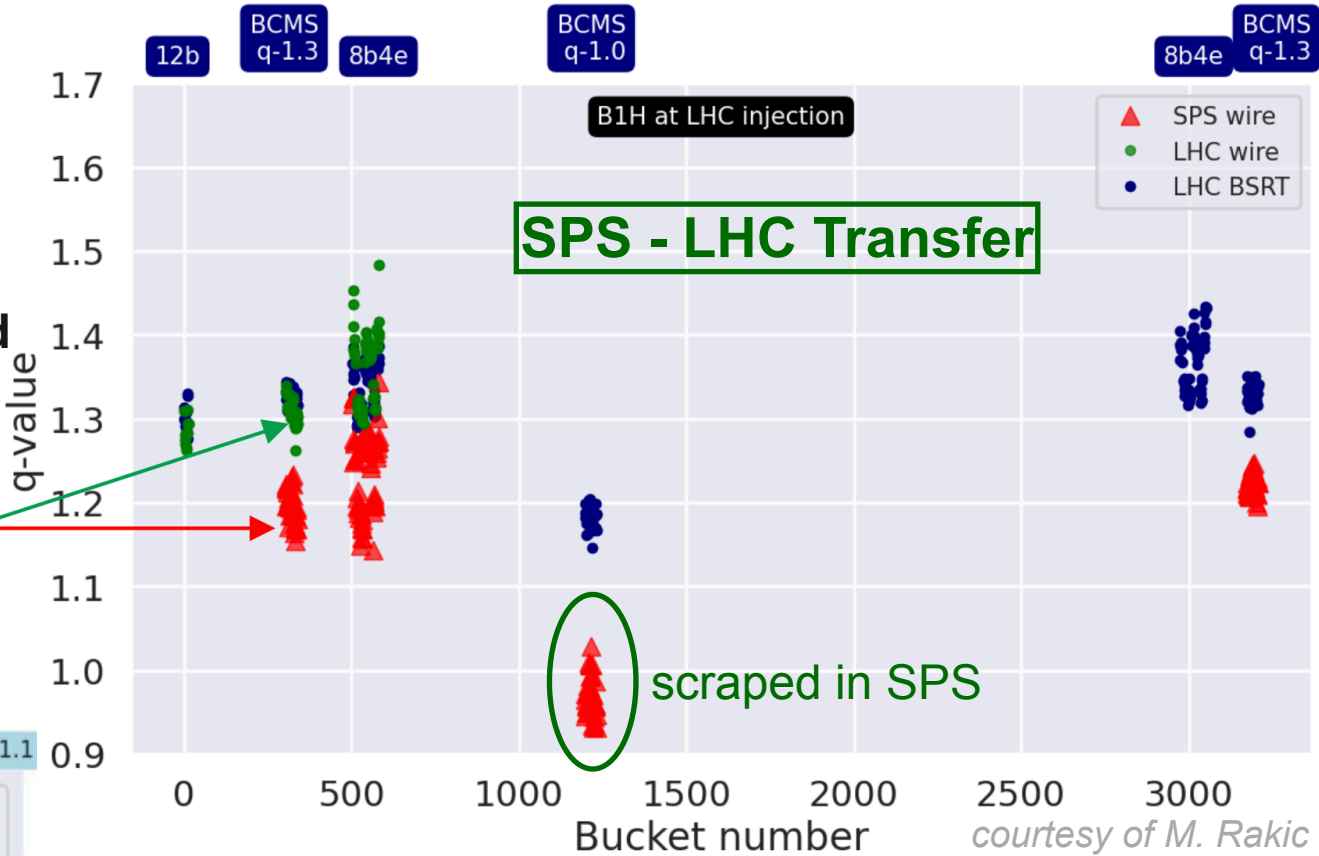


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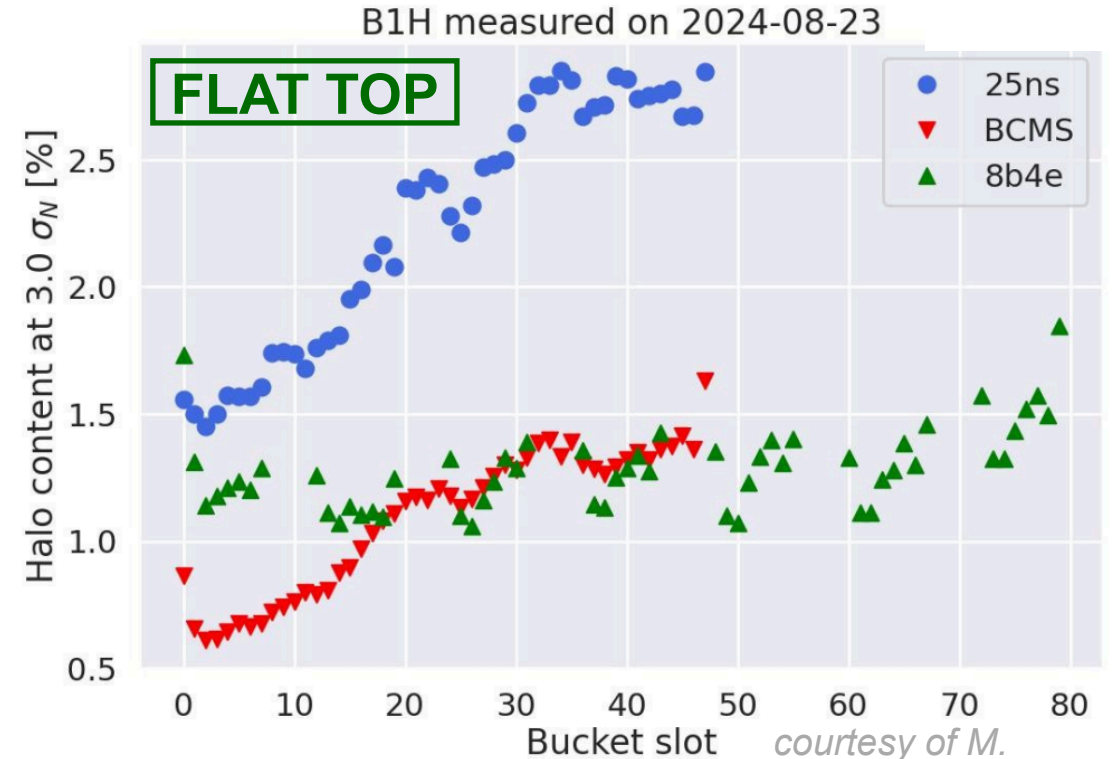
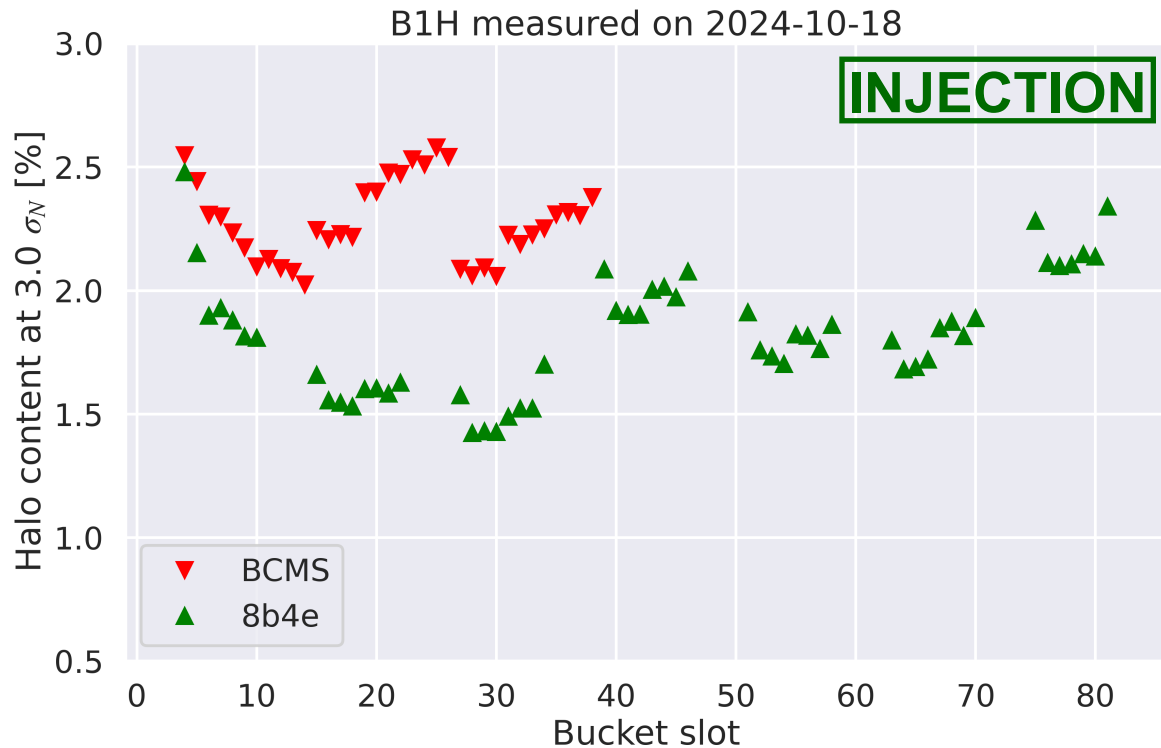
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- Planned tests severely affected by MD availability
 - Many missing measurements
 - **High priority** to continue studies in Run 3

WIP

Electron Cloud Effects on Halo



- Halo increase **suppressed with 8b4e**
- Strong e-cloud influence at **Flat Top** (not so much at injection)
- Injection phase knob reduces halo formation (see talk L. Methner this morning)

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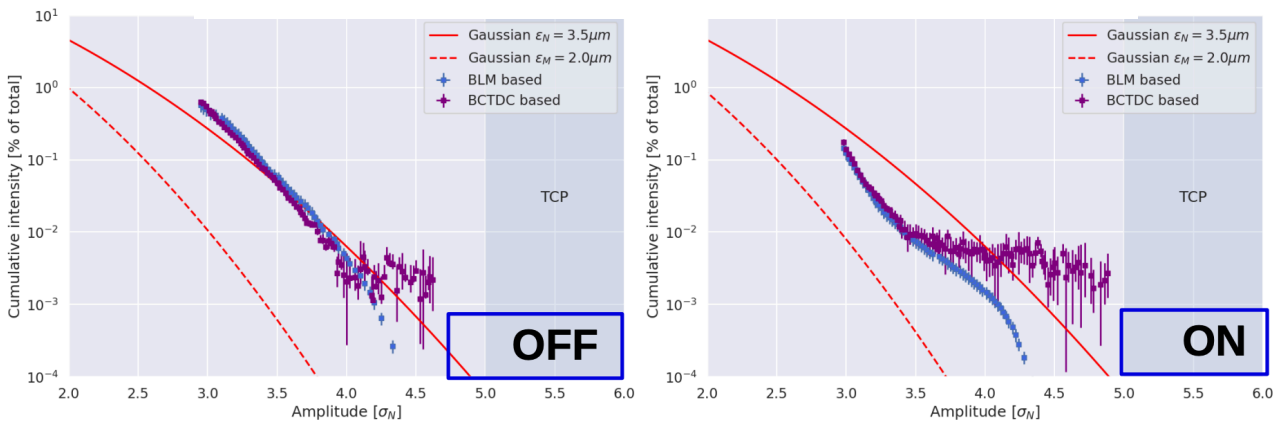
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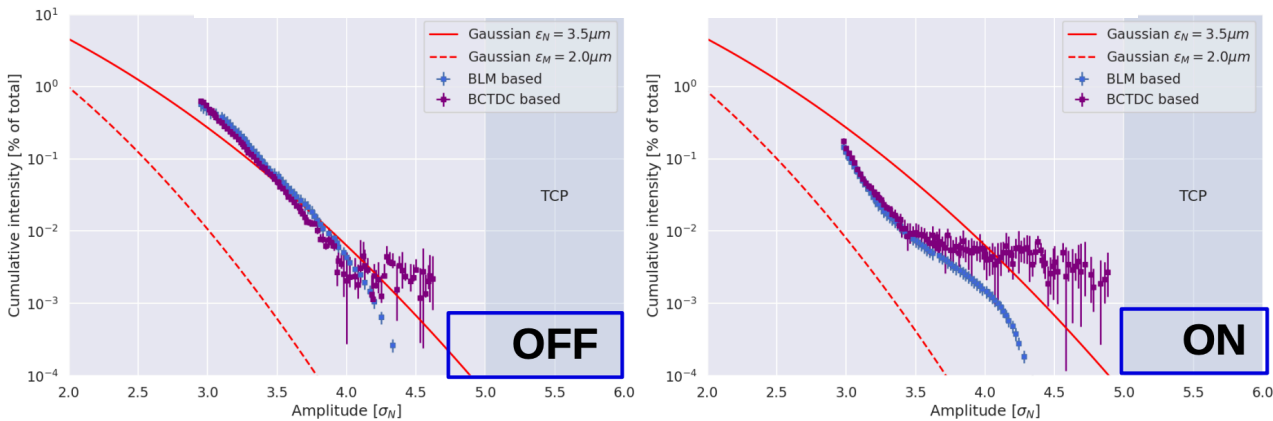
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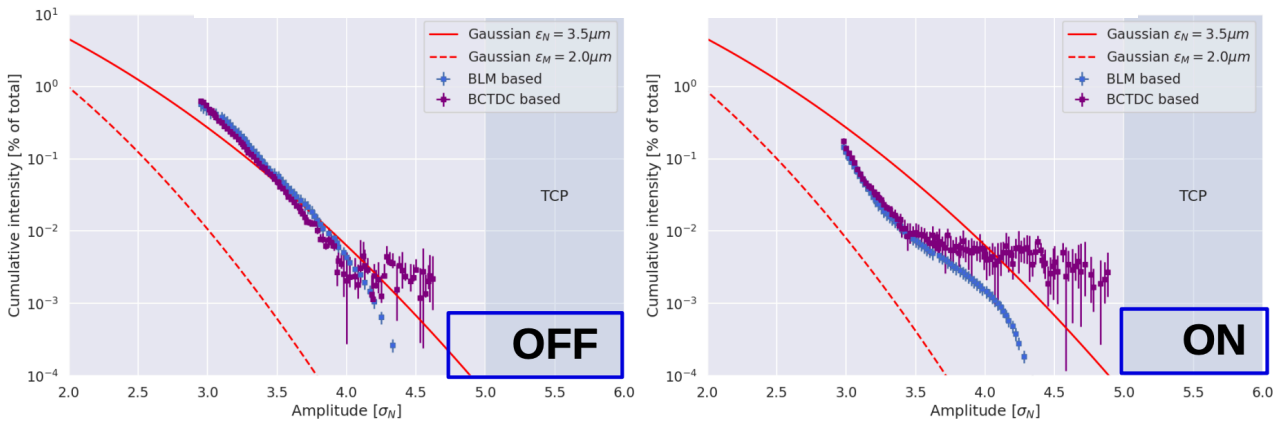
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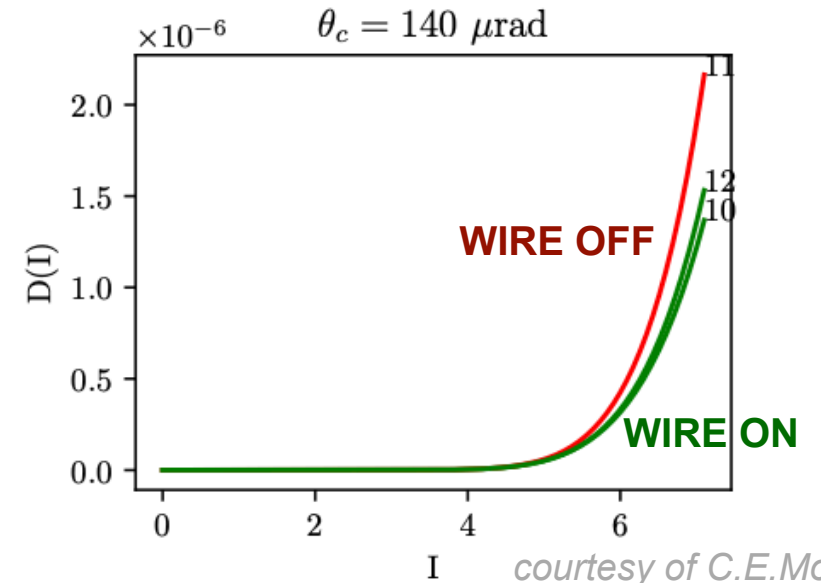
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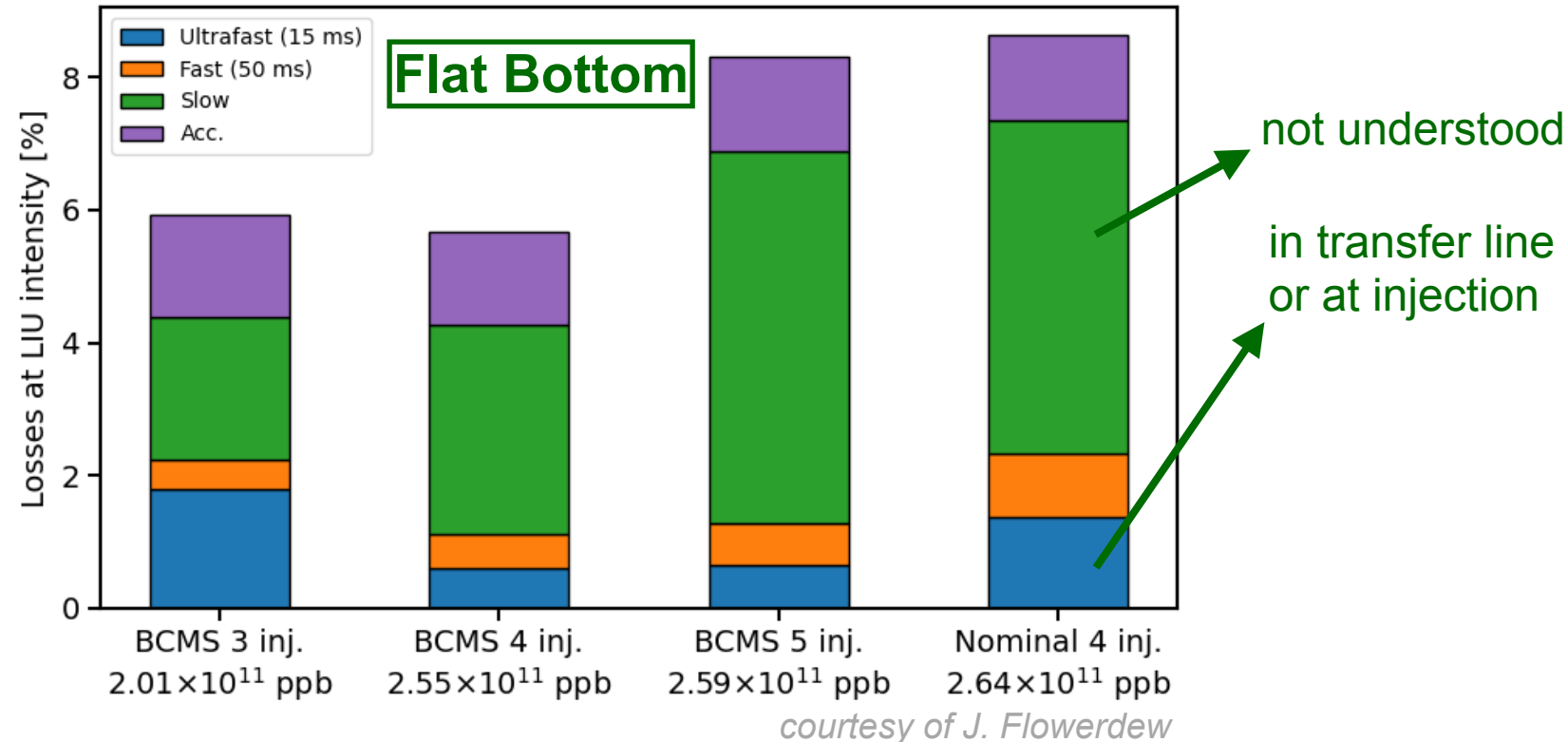
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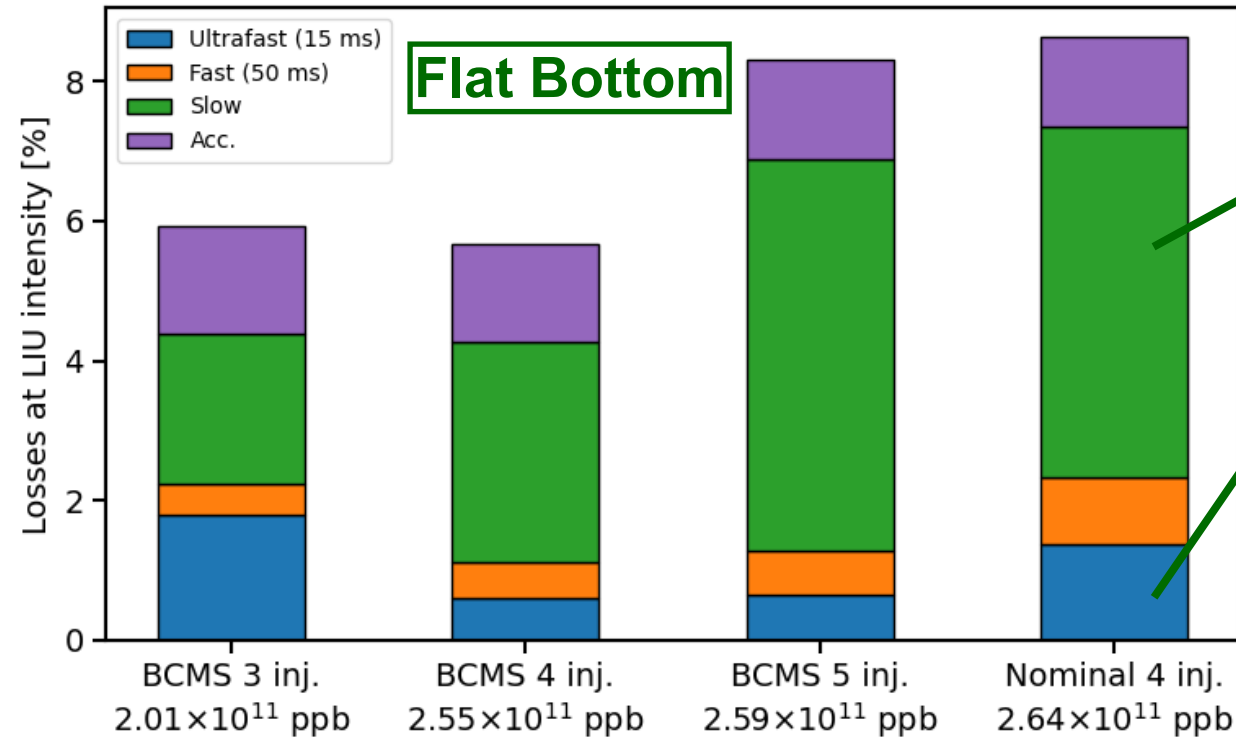
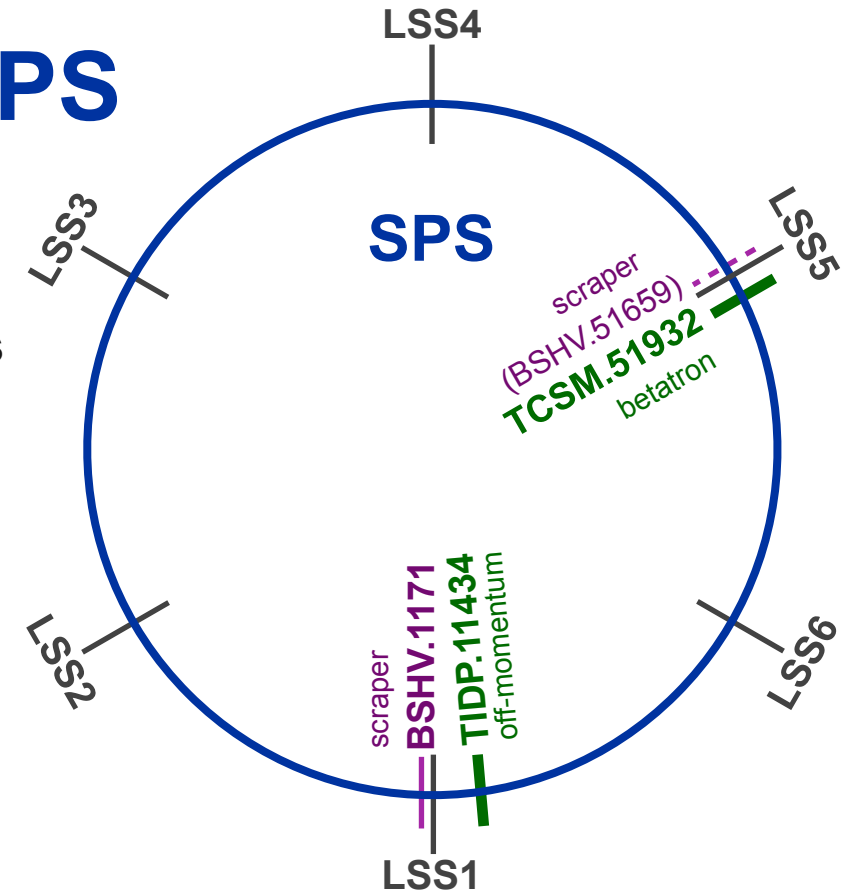
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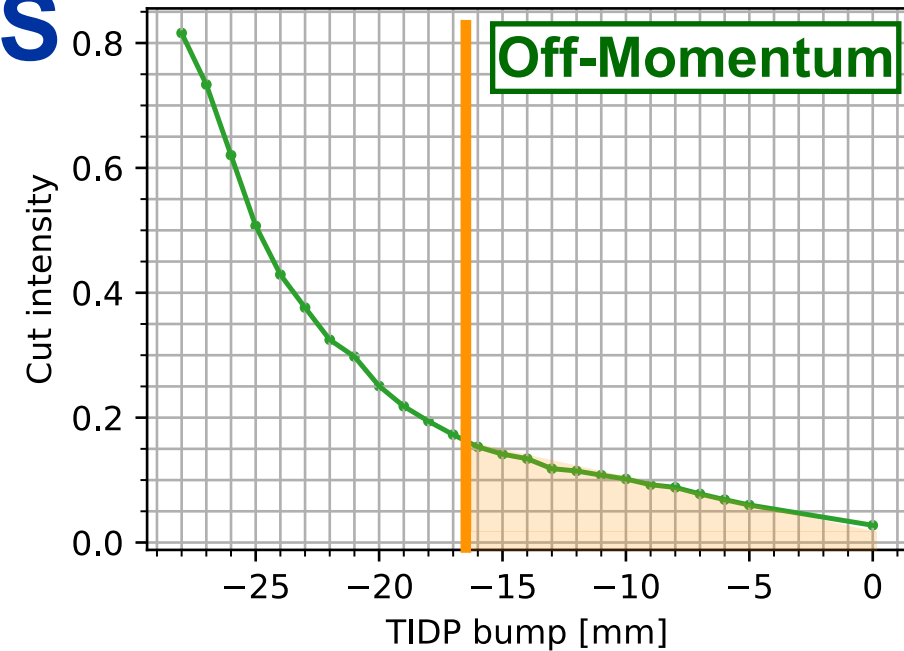
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not understood
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- One prototype betatron collimator (H): **TCSM.51932**
 - Need **COAST** to have time to fully move
- One block in dispersion region: **TIDP.11434**
 - Need **orbit bumps** to reach
- Scrapers not (yet) used for MD

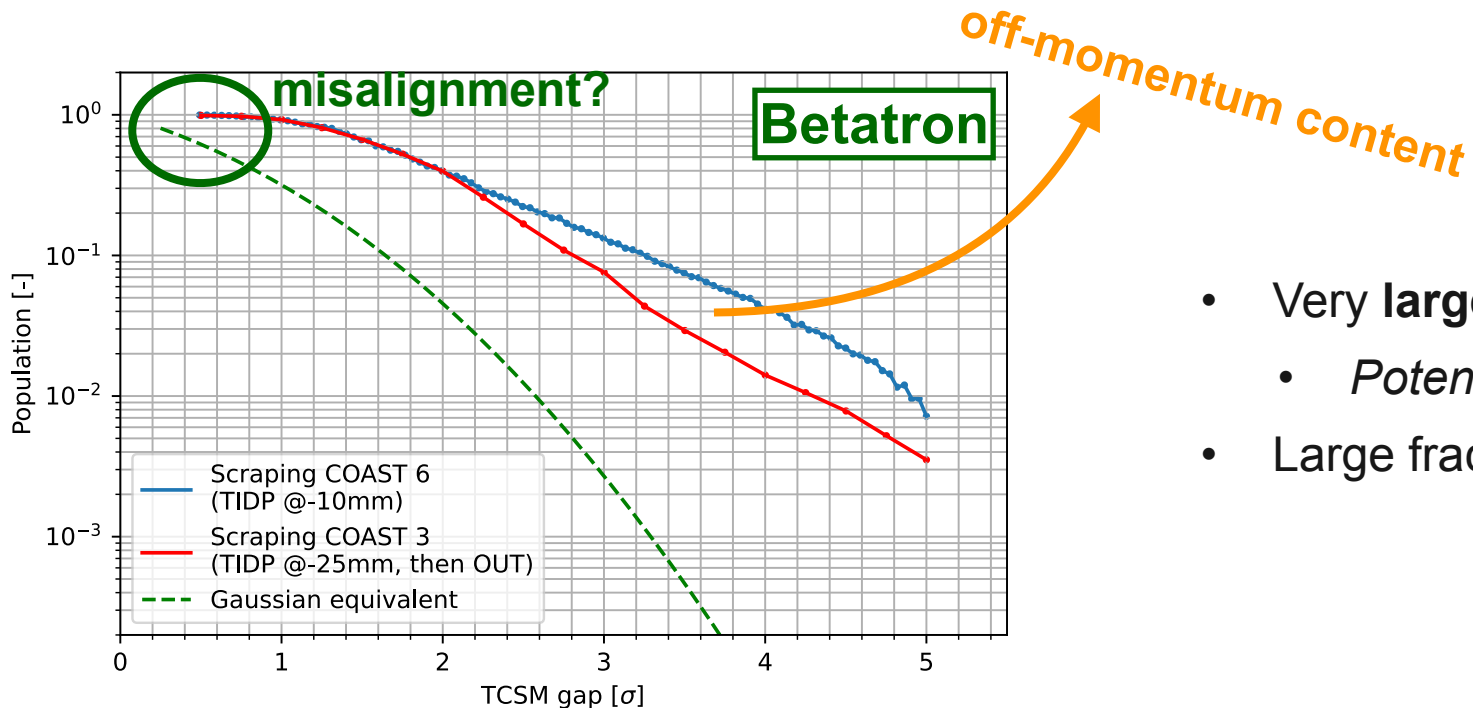
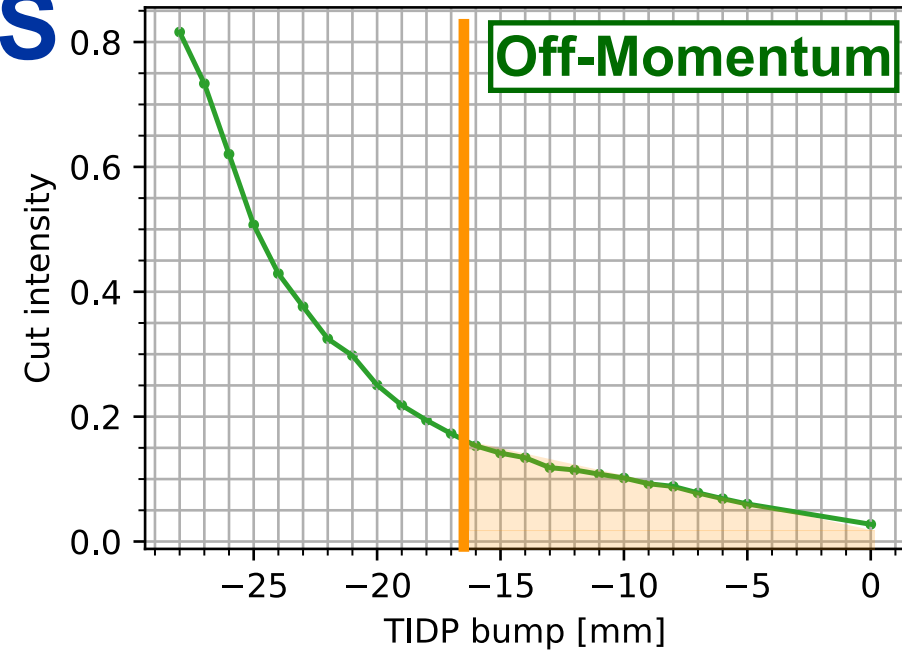
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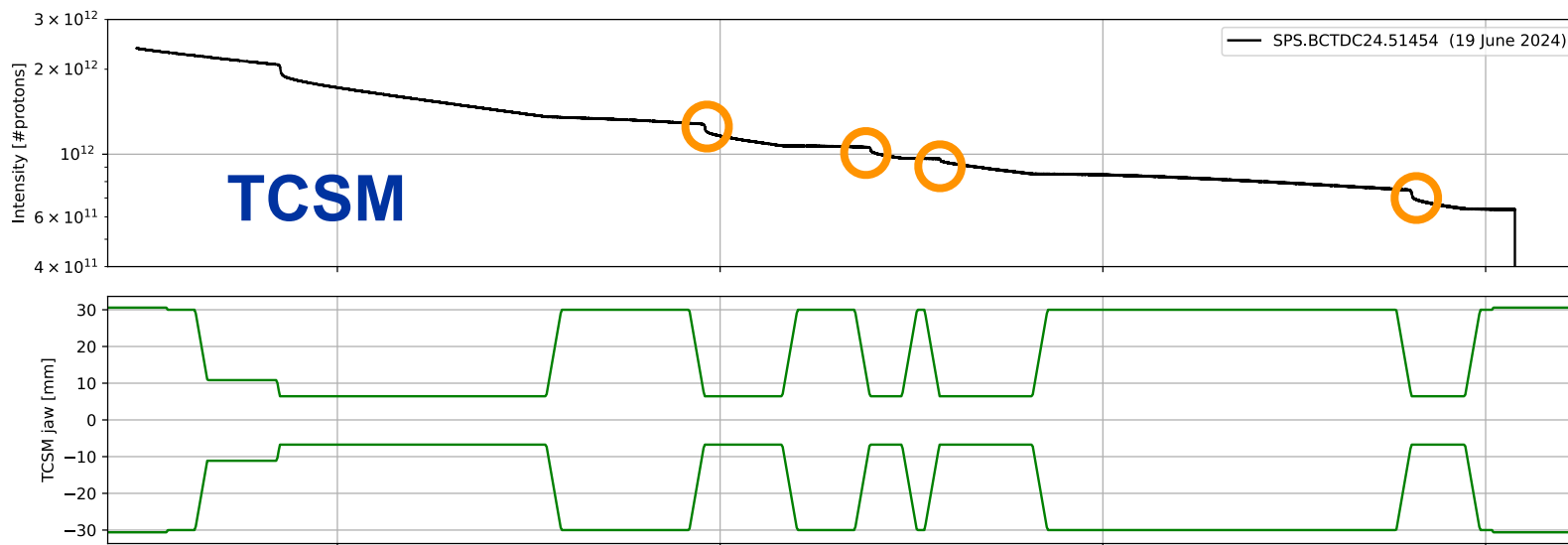
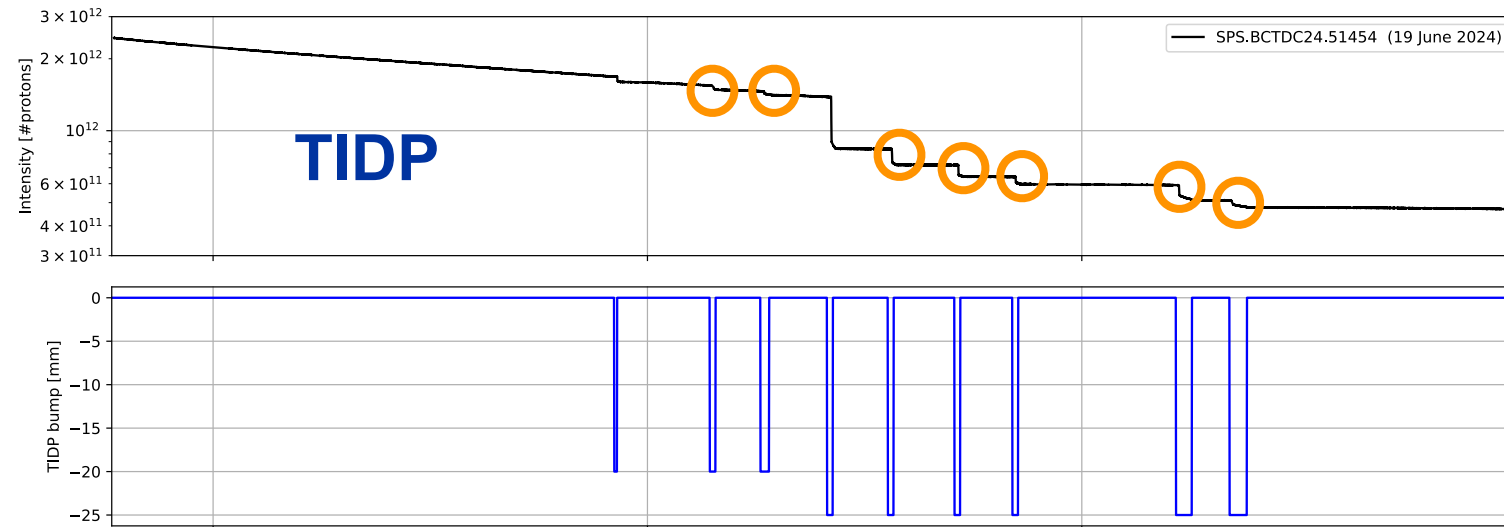
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- Very large betatron tails $\sim 15\%$ at 3σ
 - *Potential misalignment of TCSM*
- Large fraction of tails is **correlated** to longitudinal

Tail Repopulation

- Clear hints of repopulation!
 - Both betatronic and off-momentum
- Continuous losses clearly visible
- Repopulation rate scales with time
 - 0.14 to 0.54 % per second



- Results not conclusive:
 - Settings were too tight (might have cut in core)
 - Need more statistics

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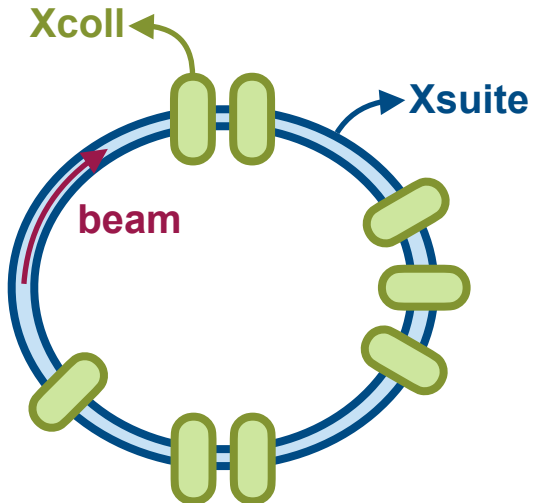
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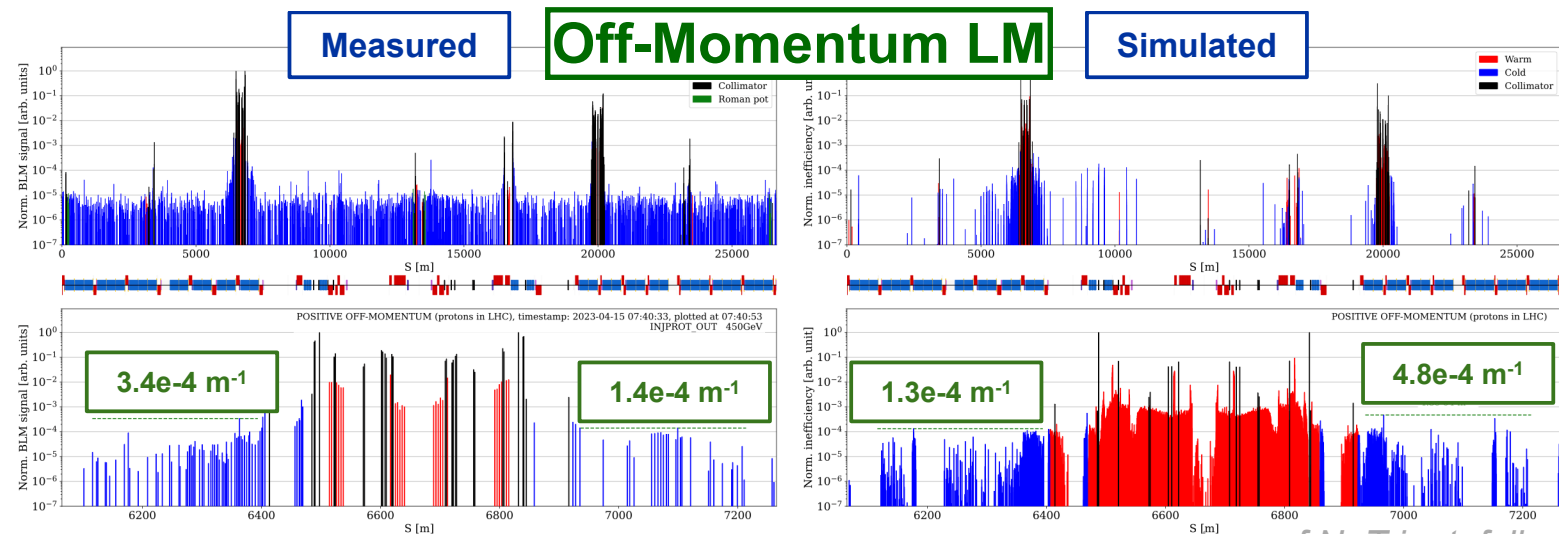
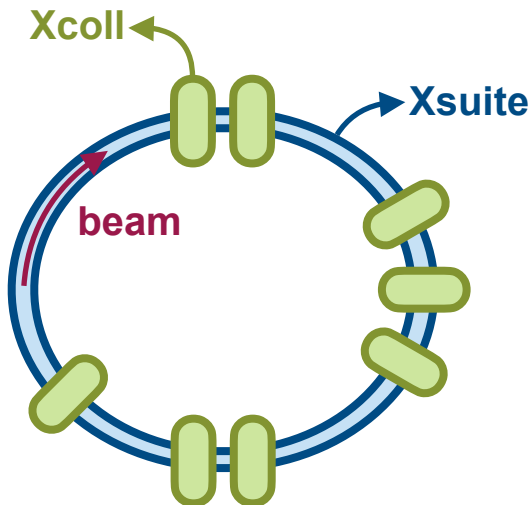
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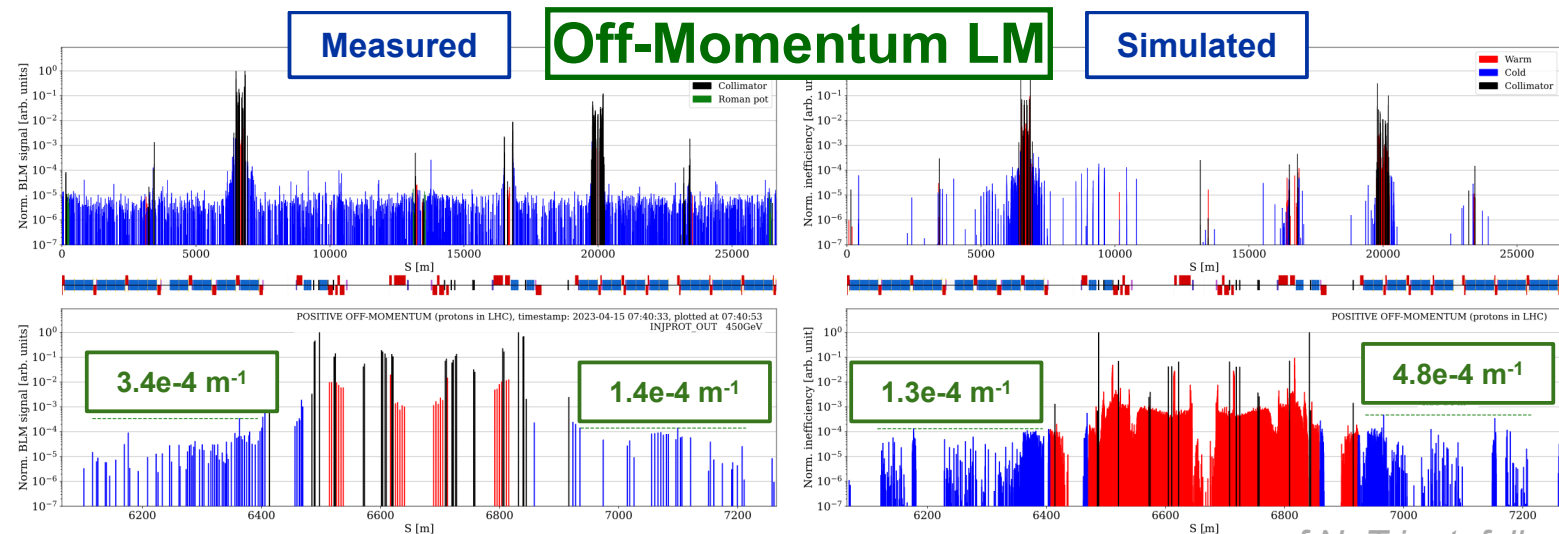
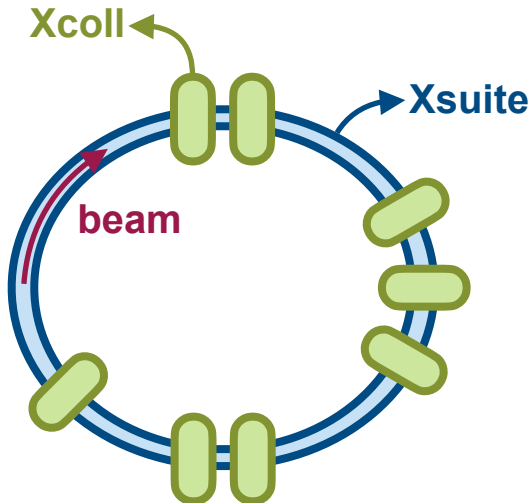
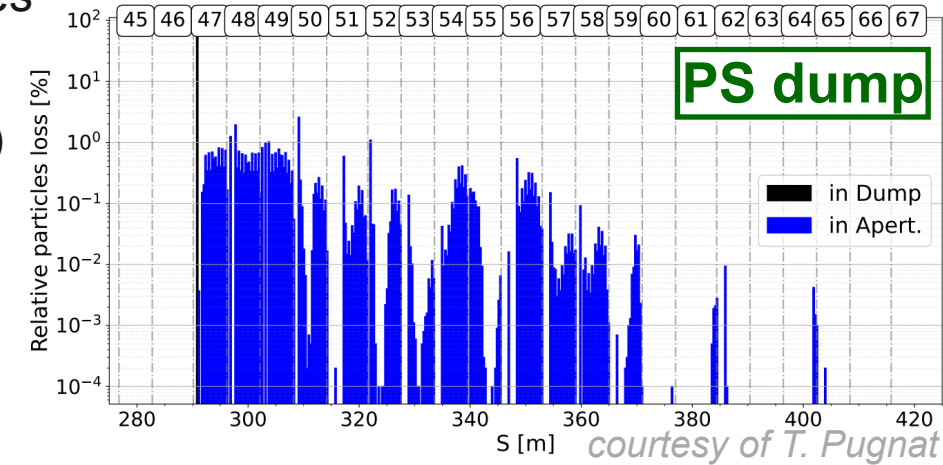


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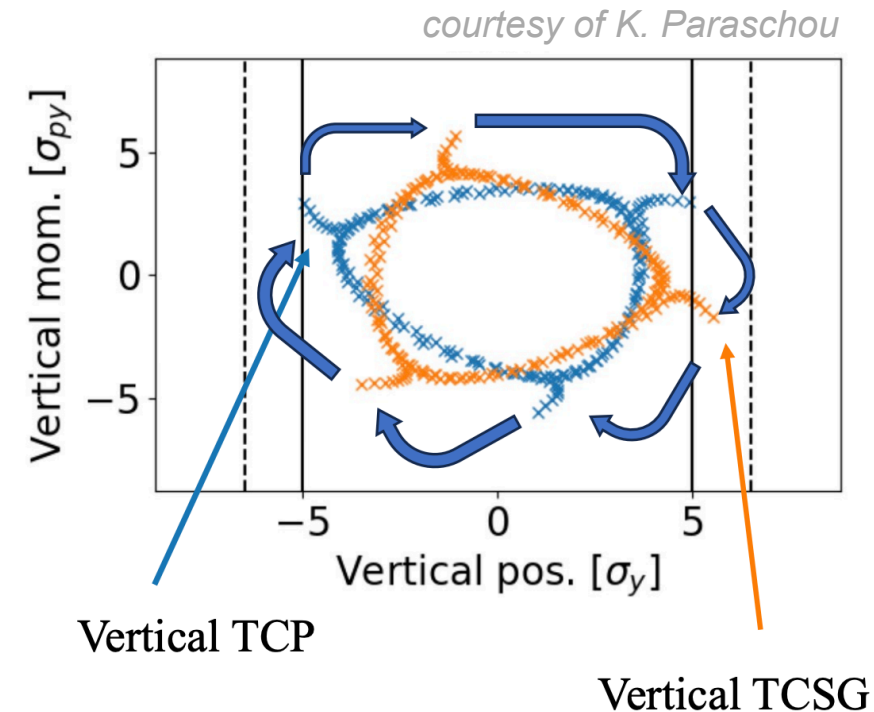


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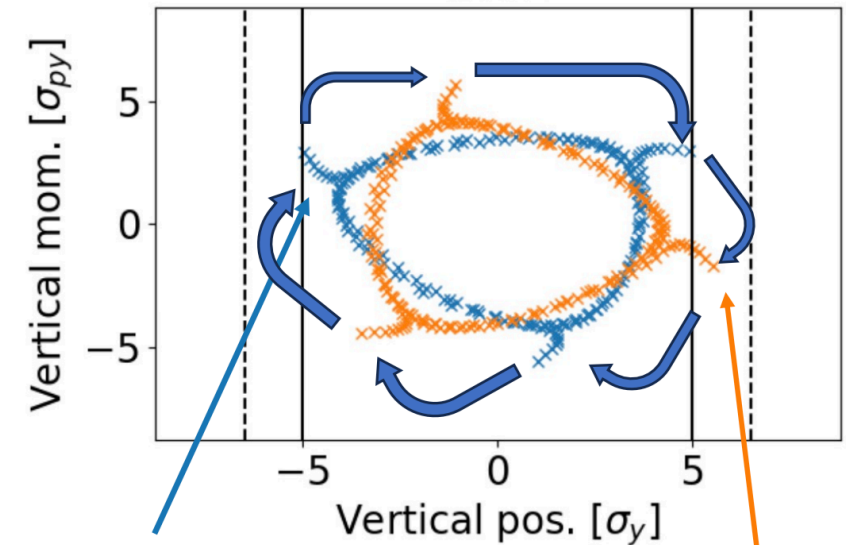
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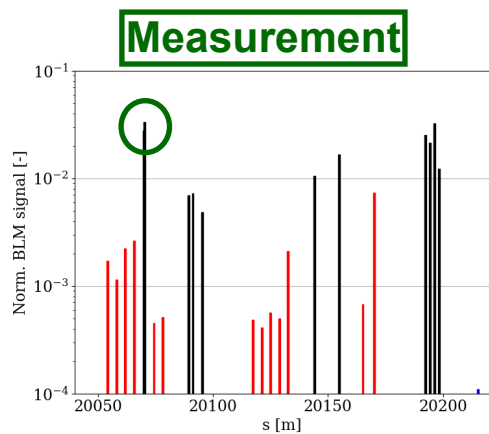


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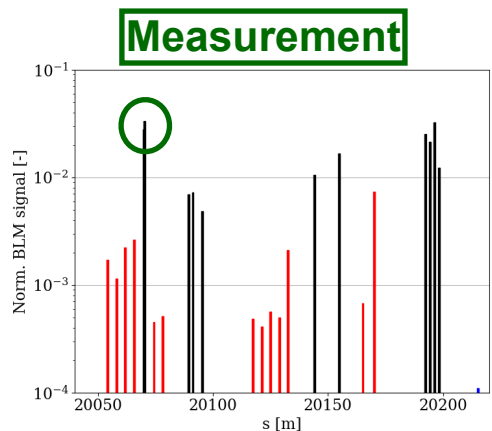
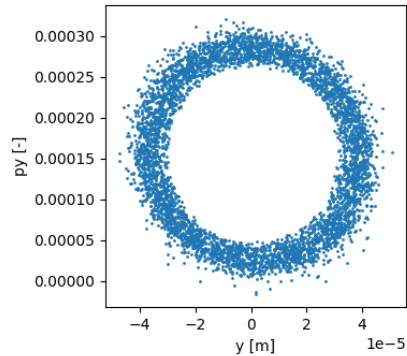
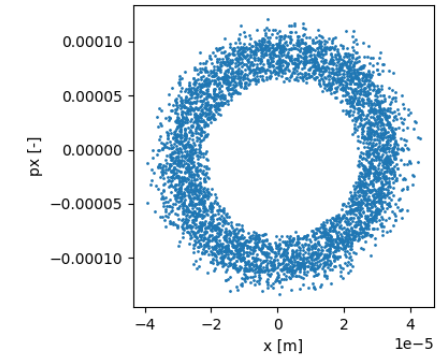
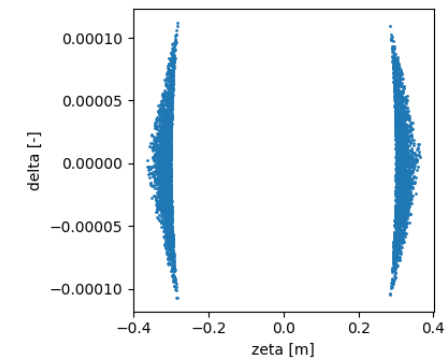
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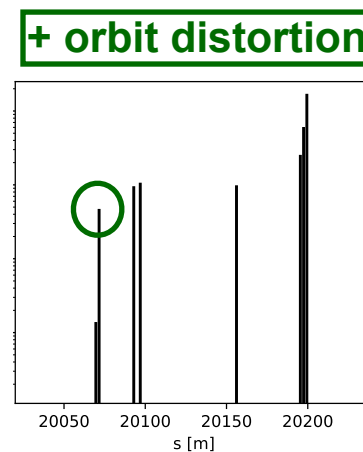
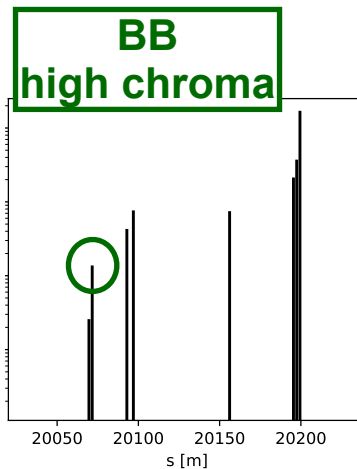
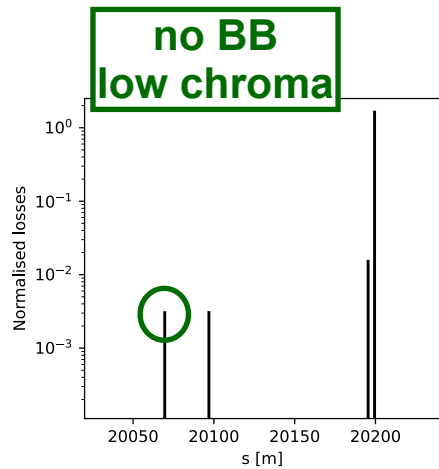
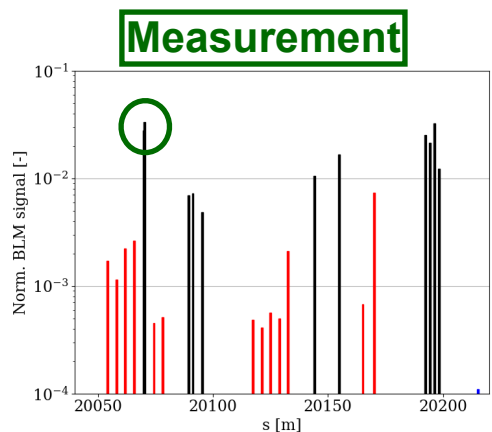
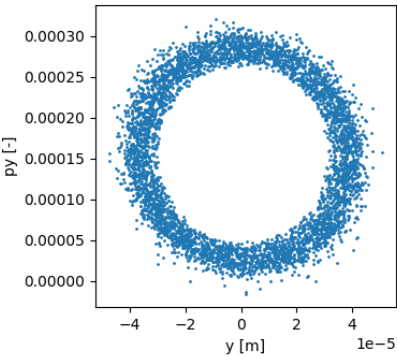
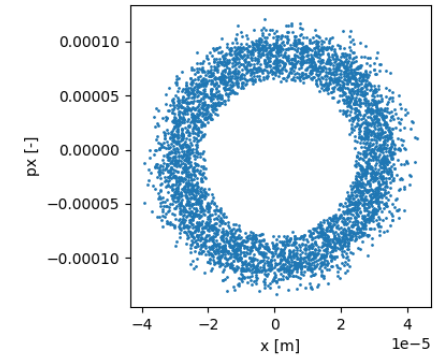
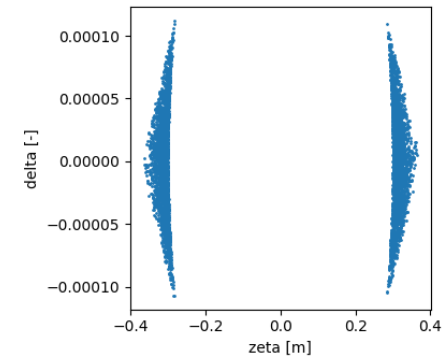
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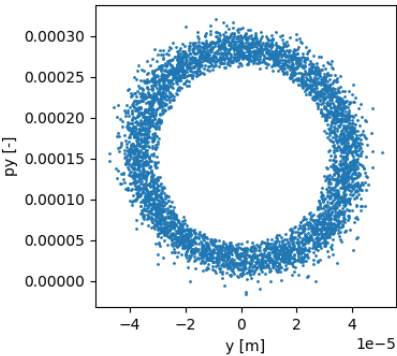
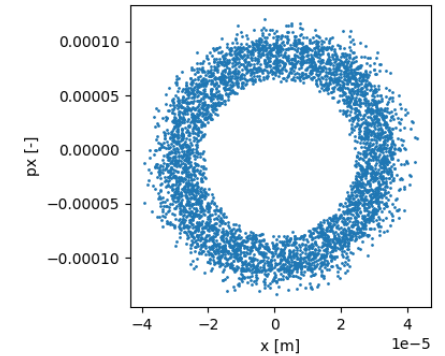
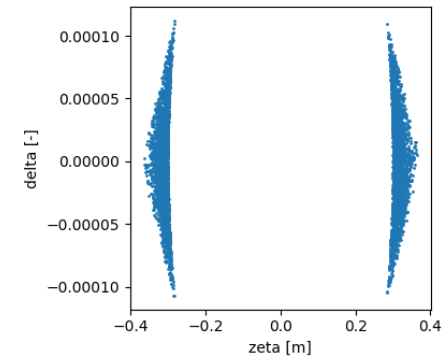
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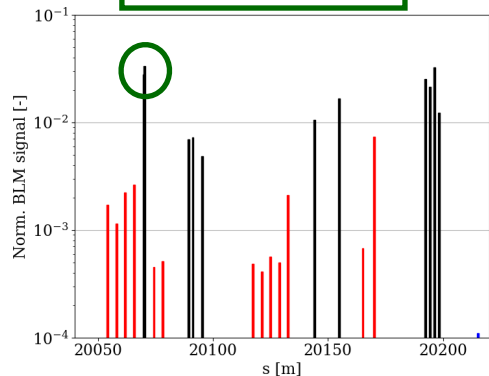


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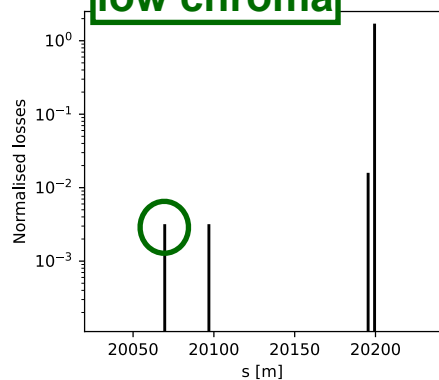
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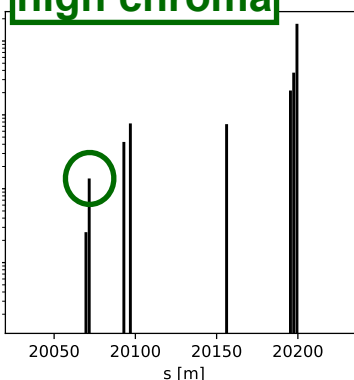
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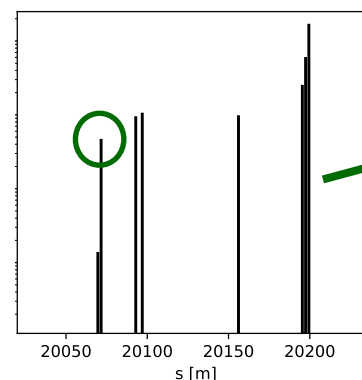
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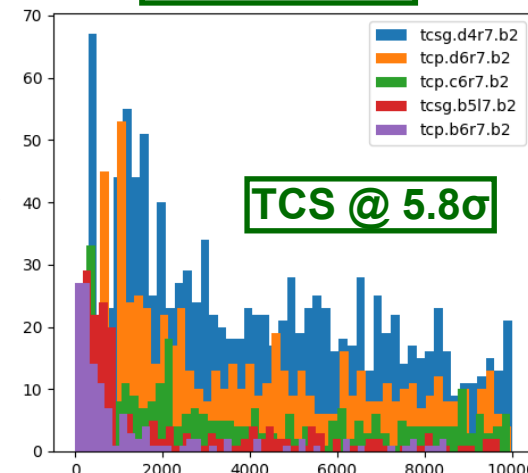
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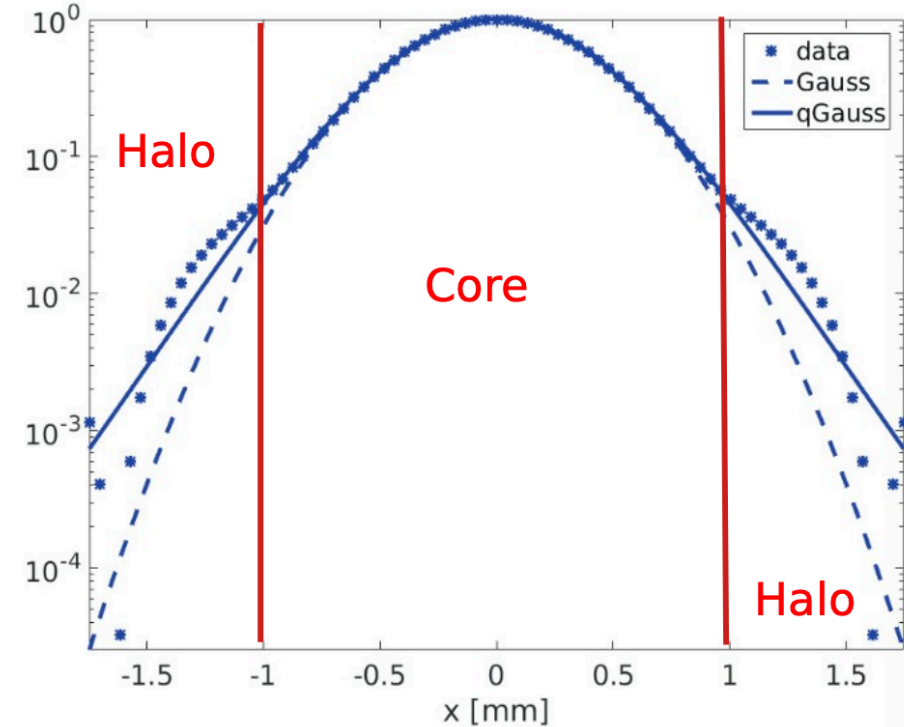


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Backup Slides

Transverse Beam Halo at the LHC

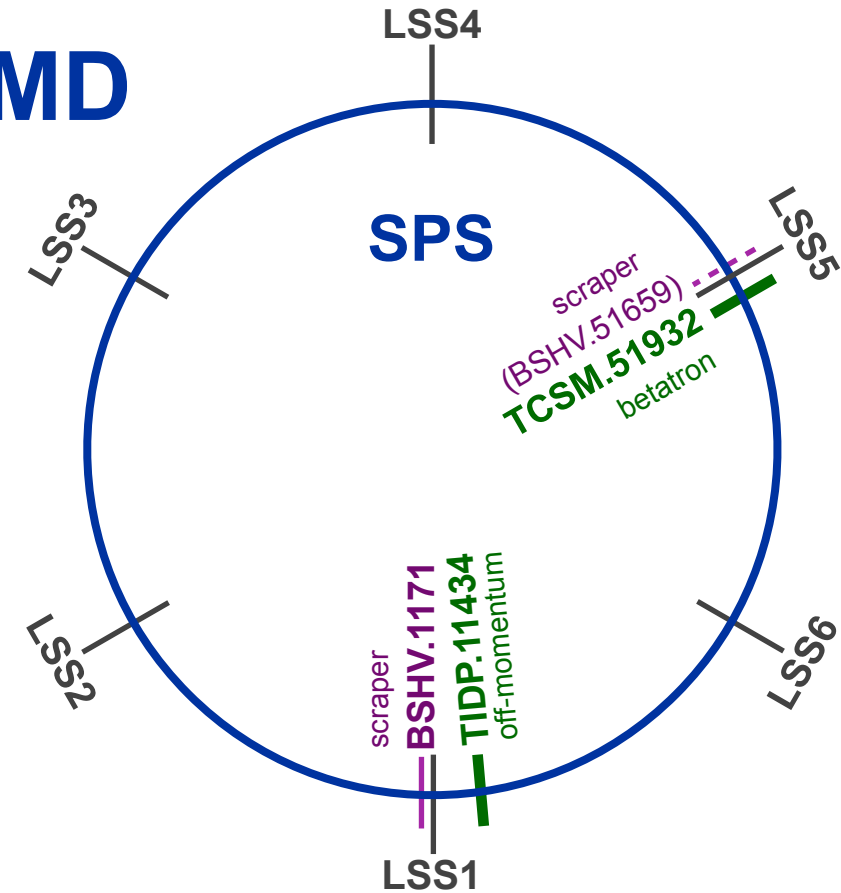
- Halo is beam population beyond $3\sigma_N$ (defined with emittance $3.5\mu\text{m}$)
- Measured halo during Run 1 and 2 was larger than Gaussian \rightarrow **overpopulation**
- Up to 5% in the tails \rightarrow **34MJ stored beam energy**
- No e-lens for halo cleaning and energy increase to HL-LHC:
 - Danger to the collimation system (in case of sudden orbit shifts)
 - Risk of **magnet quenches**
 - Frequent beam dumps would strongly **limit performance**
- Need to **understand** halo population (formation and evolution)!



courtesy of M. Rakic

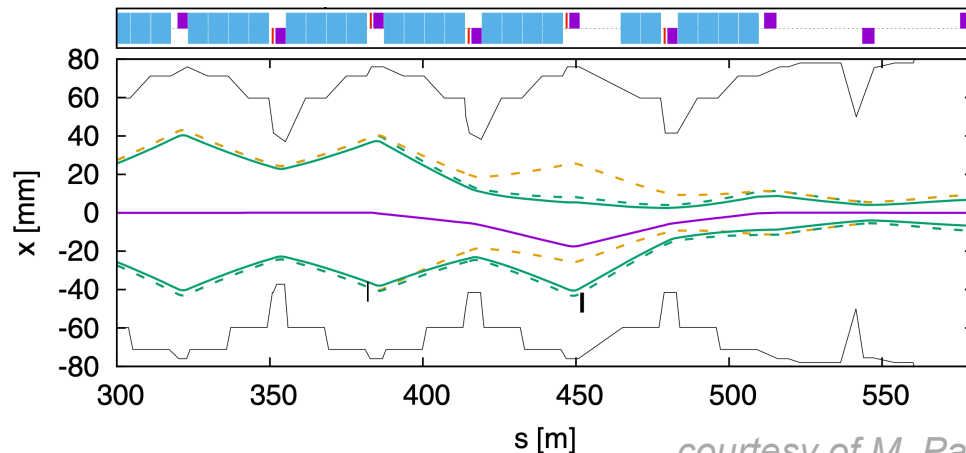
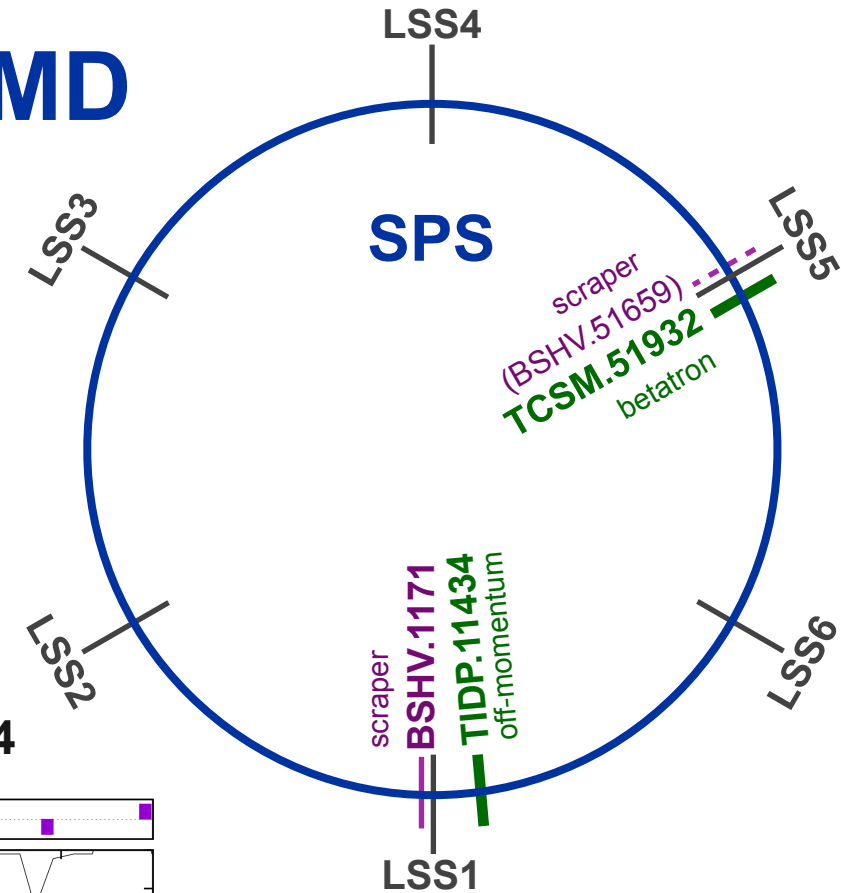
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- SPS has a block in dispersion region to clean off-momentum: **TIDP.11434**
 - Can only be reached by **orbit bumps**
- Also vertical **scrapers**: **BSHV**
 - Not (yet) used for MD



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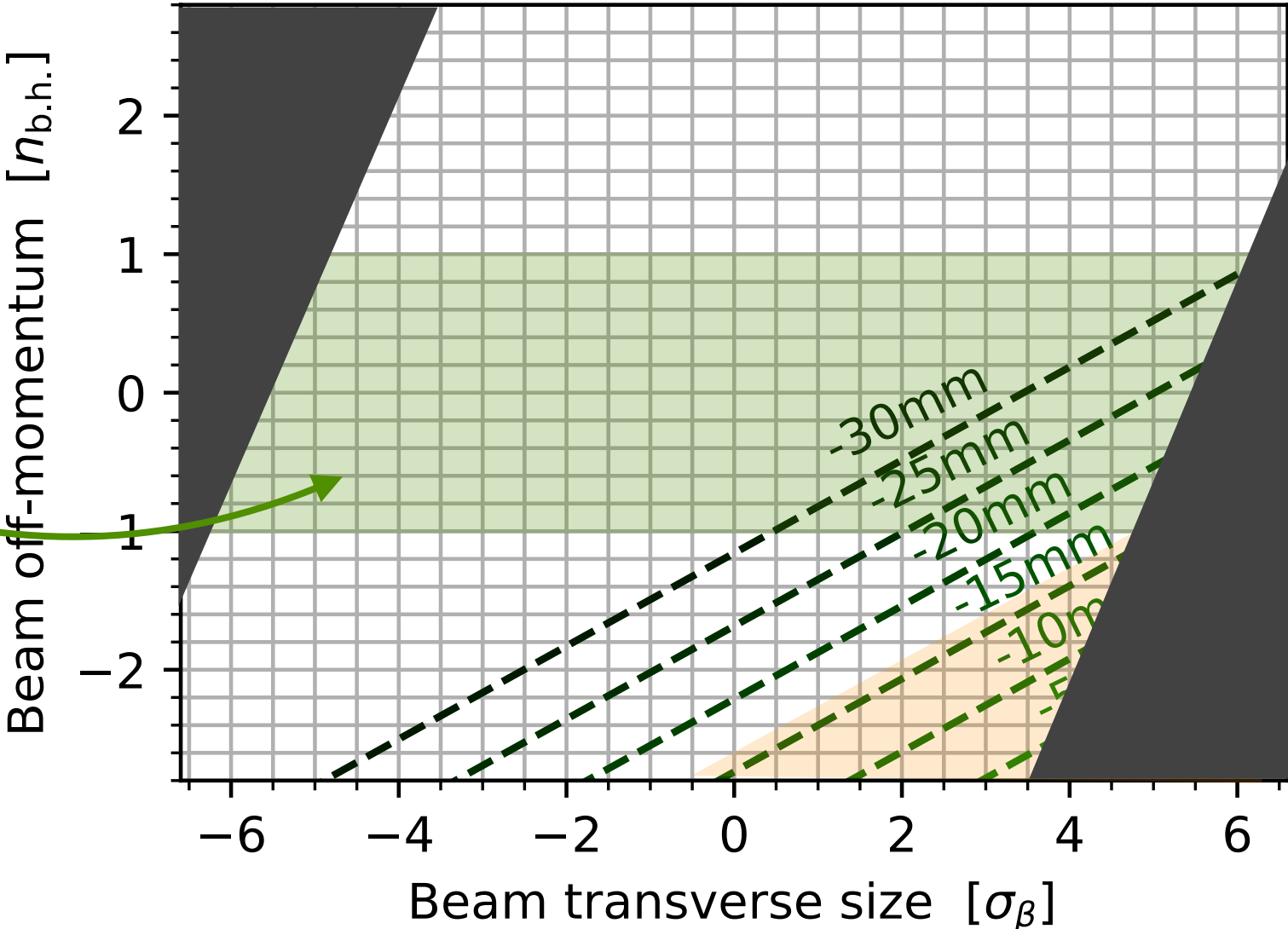
Last SPS MD: 19/06/2024 - Successful Campaigns

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<i>CYCLES</i>	15:20:05	15:48:23	<i>calibration</i>	TIDP bumps -30mm to -20mm (in steps of 1mm, 3 times each)
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Off-Momentum Scraping (TCSM @ 5.4σ)

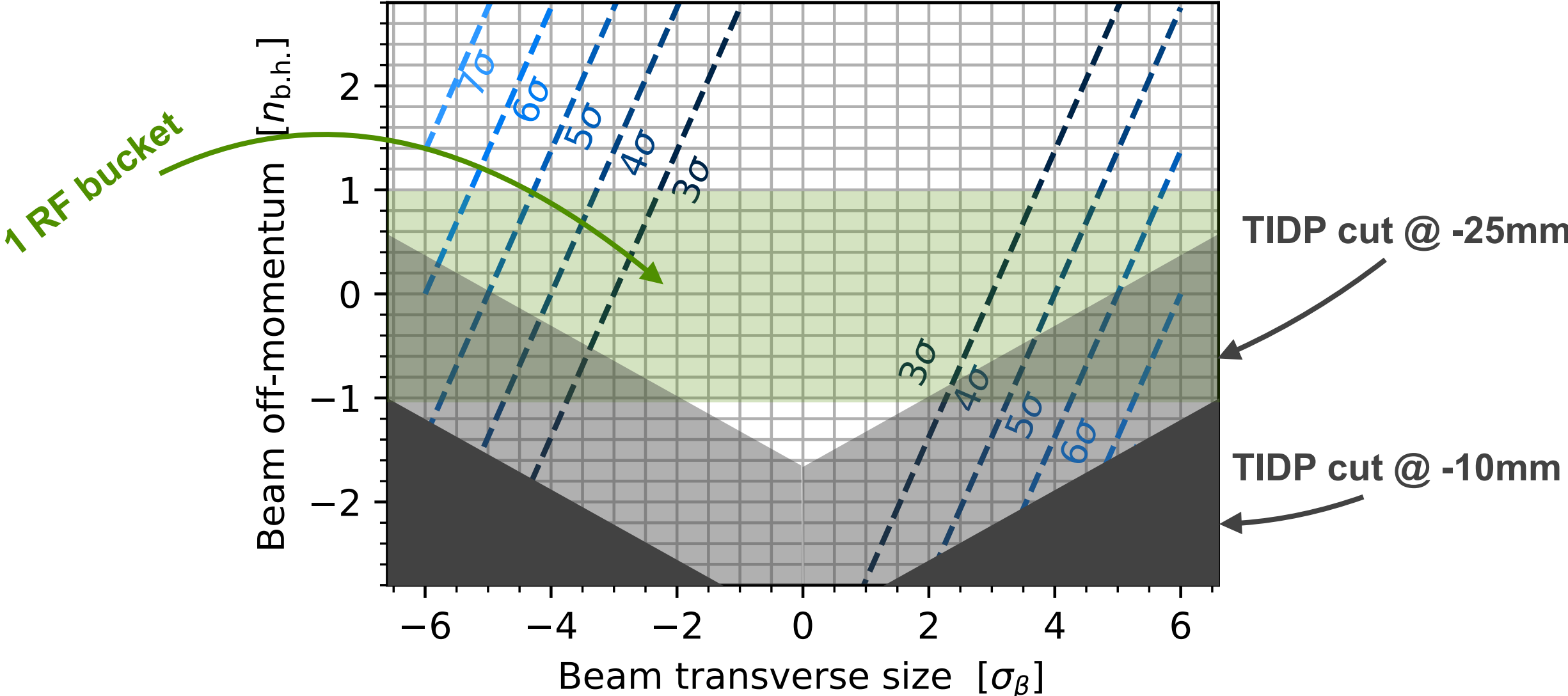
This is sensitive to orbit offsets!

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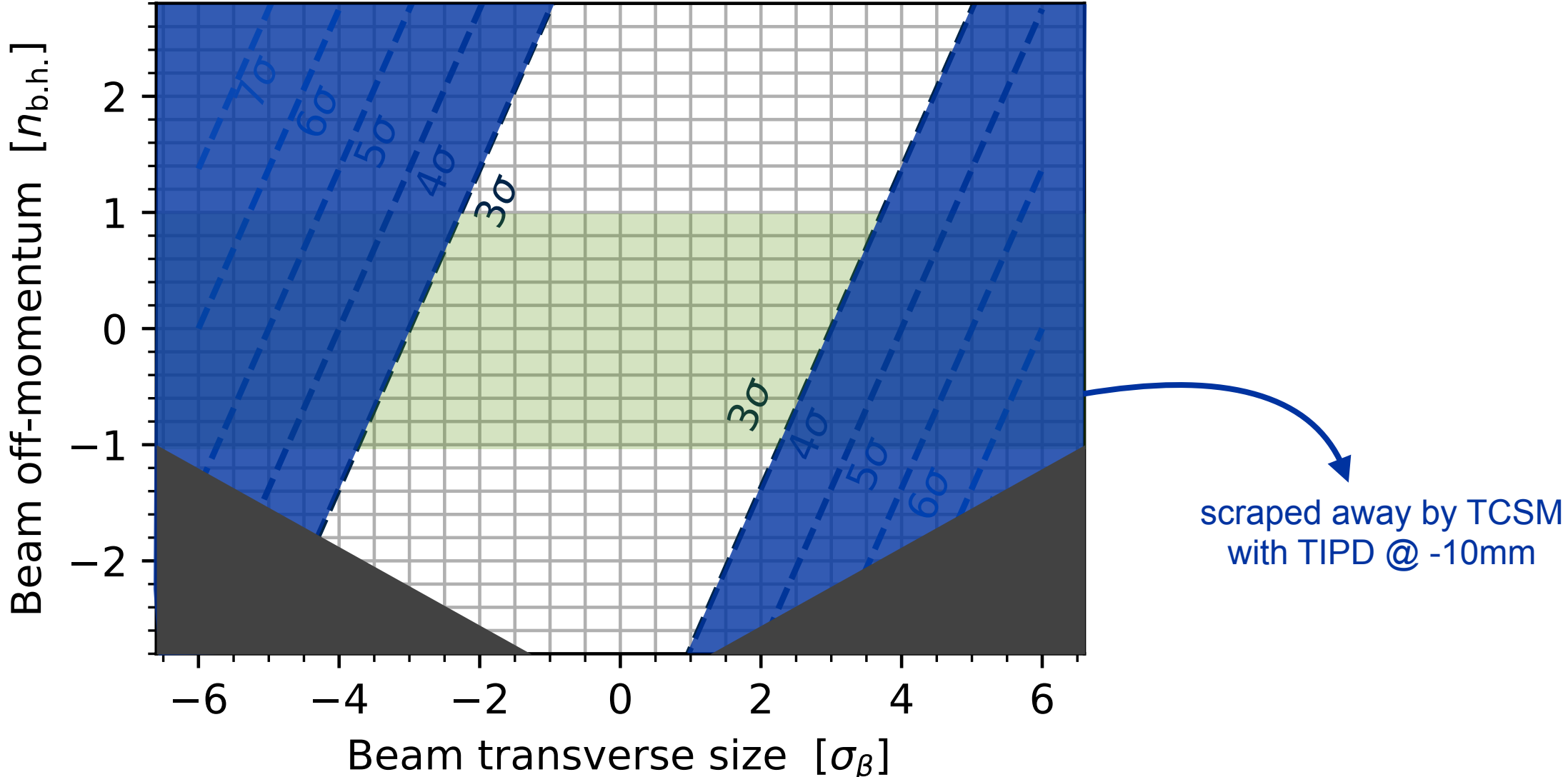


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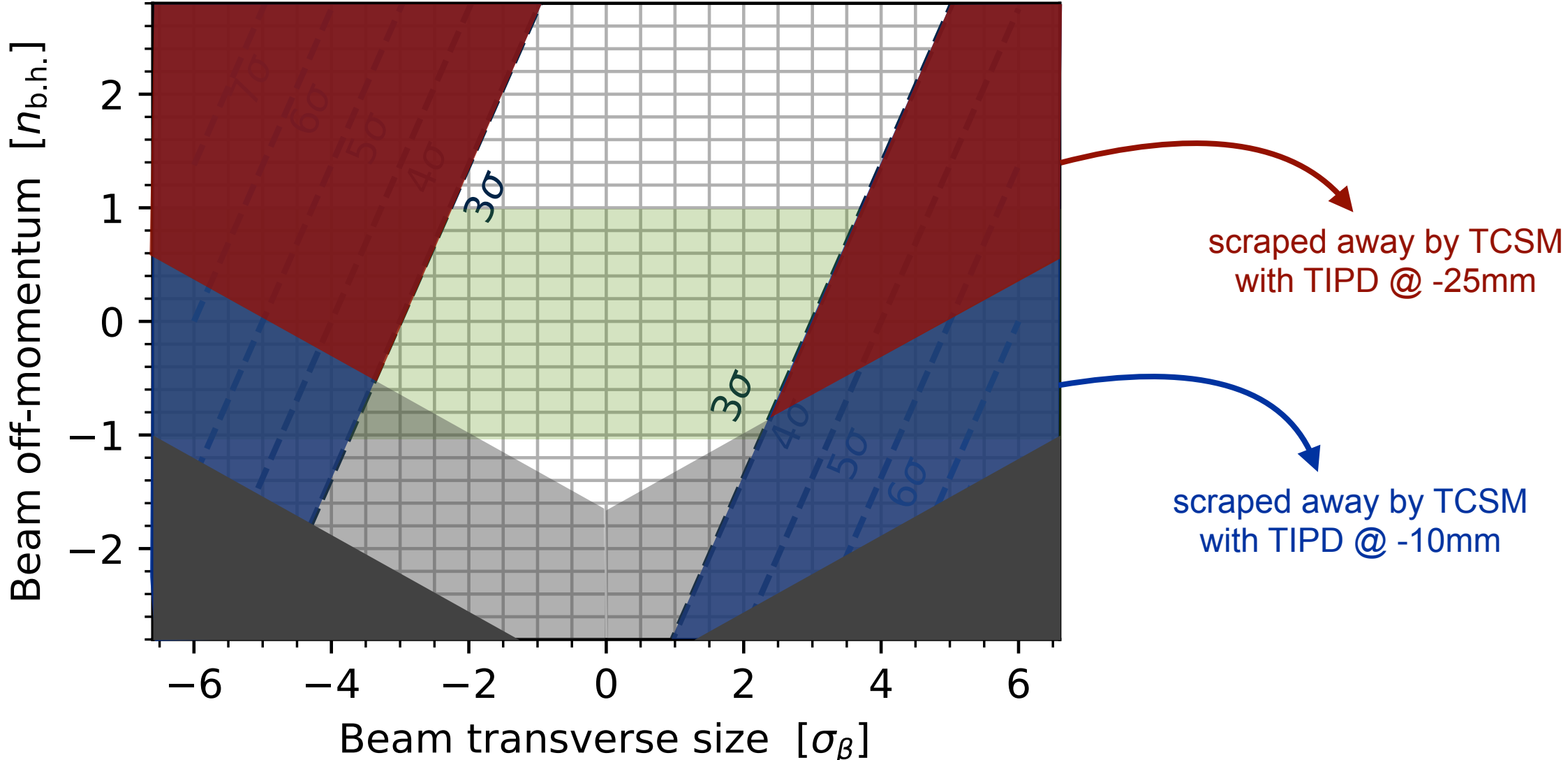
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SPS Collimation MD Requests for 2025-2026

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 - Alternative configurations for COAST (30GeV, 200GeV, no RF)
 - Loss map around the ring (need to adapt BLM gain)
 - PS beam with lower momentum spread (reduce long. emitt. and go down in intensity)
- Requests:
 - Test readiness (BLM gain, various COAST configs, collimator controls & BPM) during commissioning / scrubbing
 - Three dedicated MD slots (2 in 2025, 1 in 2026) to be able to perform all tests, and have a backup in case of issues

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- `EmittanceMonitor`:
 - Logs emittance per turn (geometric & normalised, plane-by-plane and orthogonal modes)
 - GPU-friendly
- `BlowUp`:
 - Adds random kicks to particles to induce emittance growth
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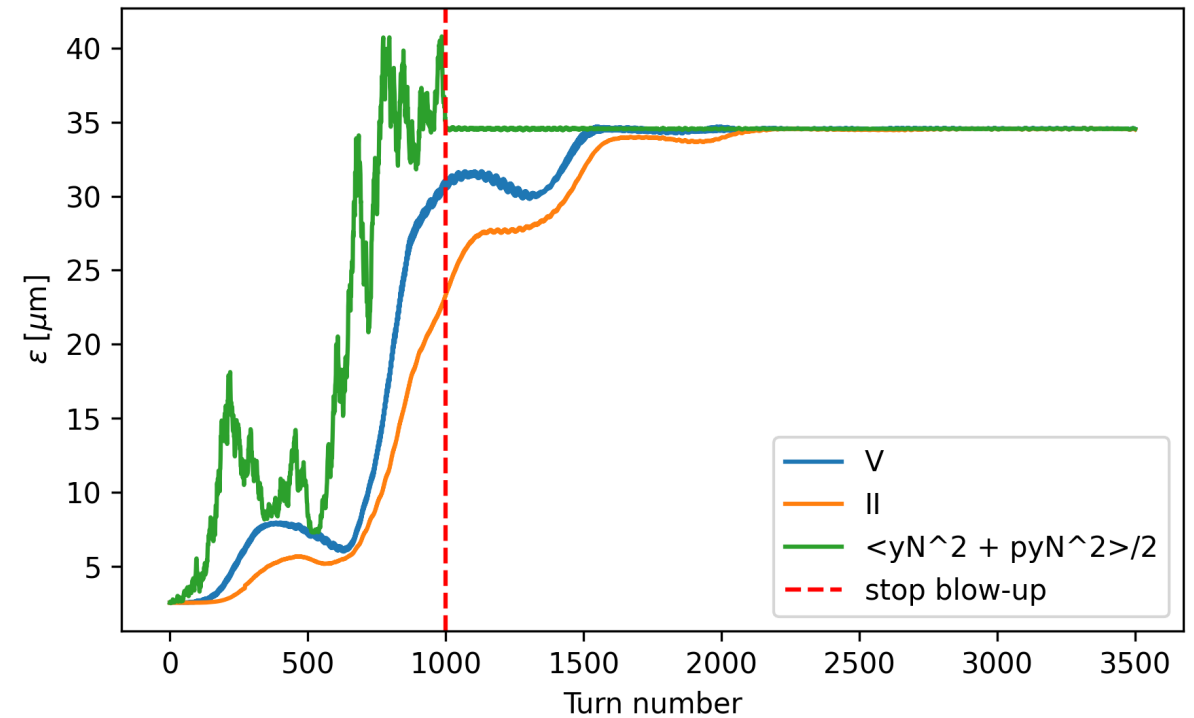
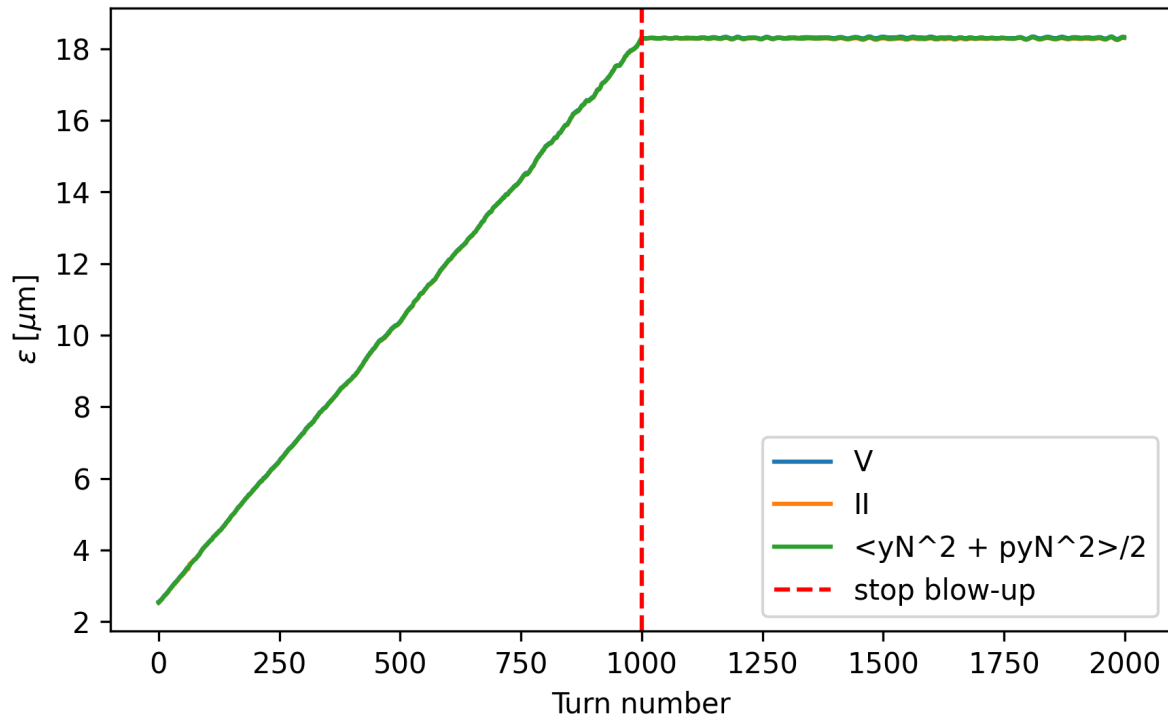


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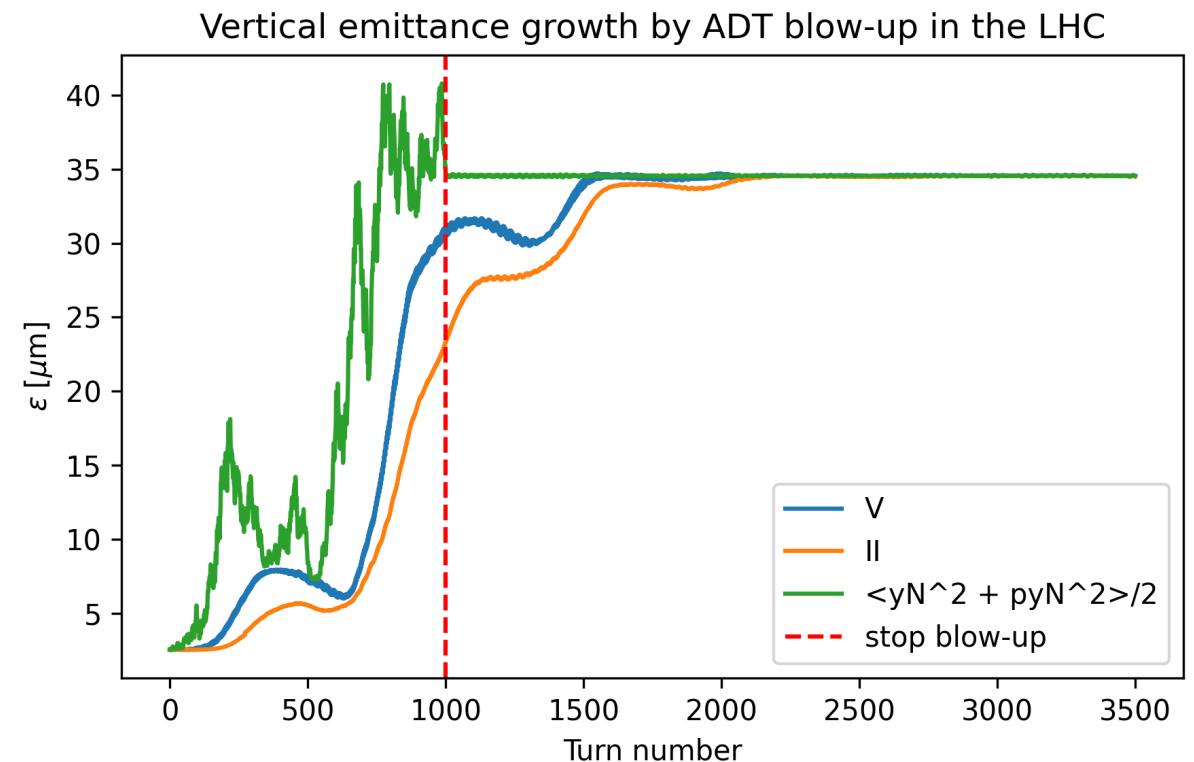


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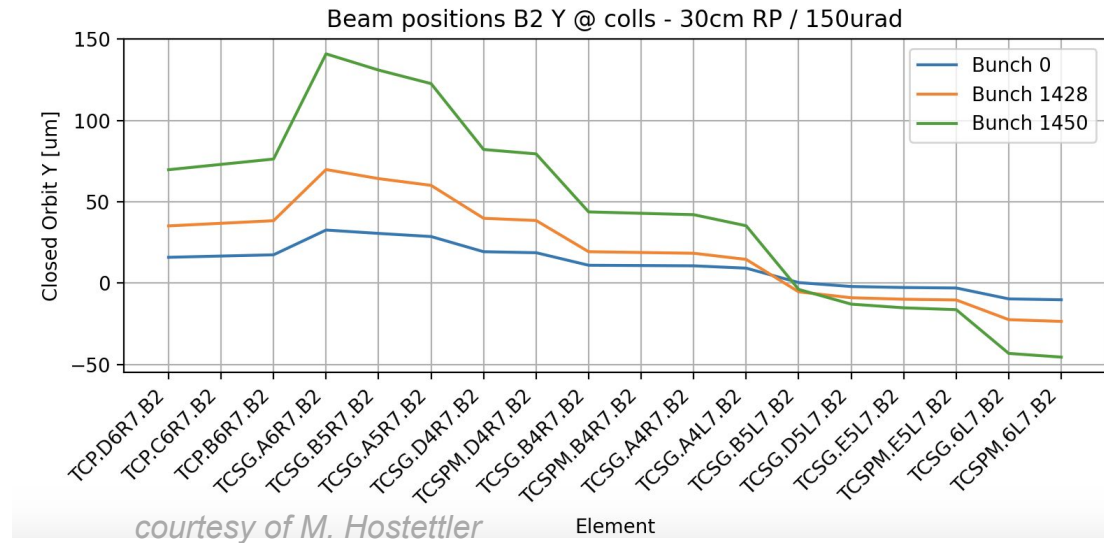
- The beam is shaken around and is no longer matched
- In other words: coordinate covariances do not relate to beam parameters anymore
- After blow-up, beam needs time to decohere again (1000 turns of blow-up; 1500 turns of relaxation time)
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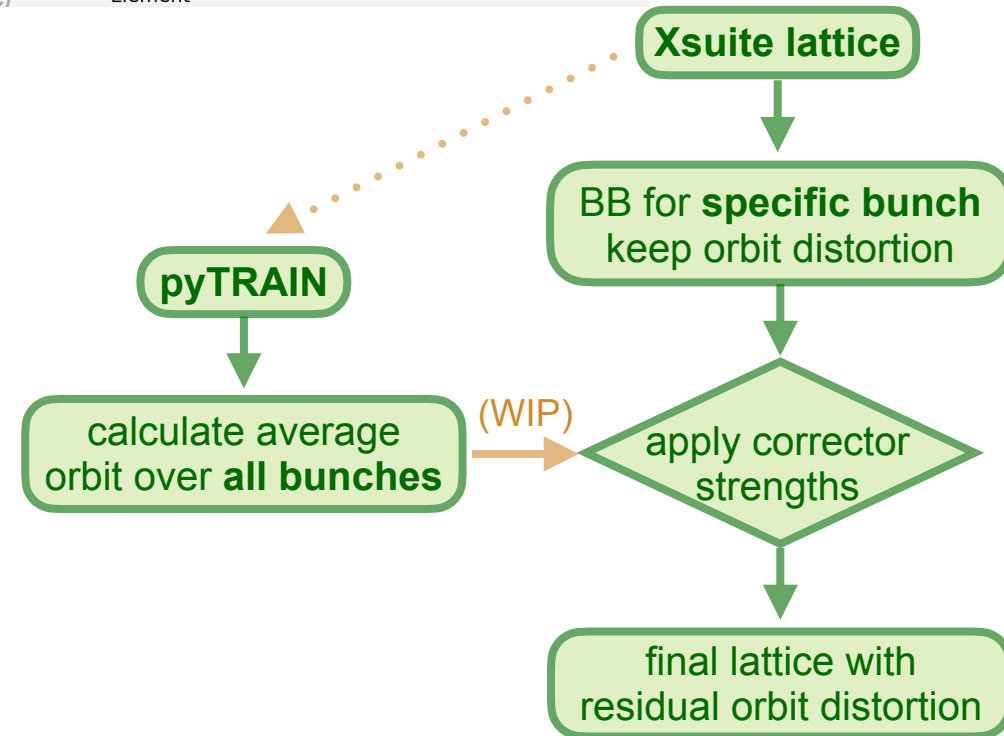
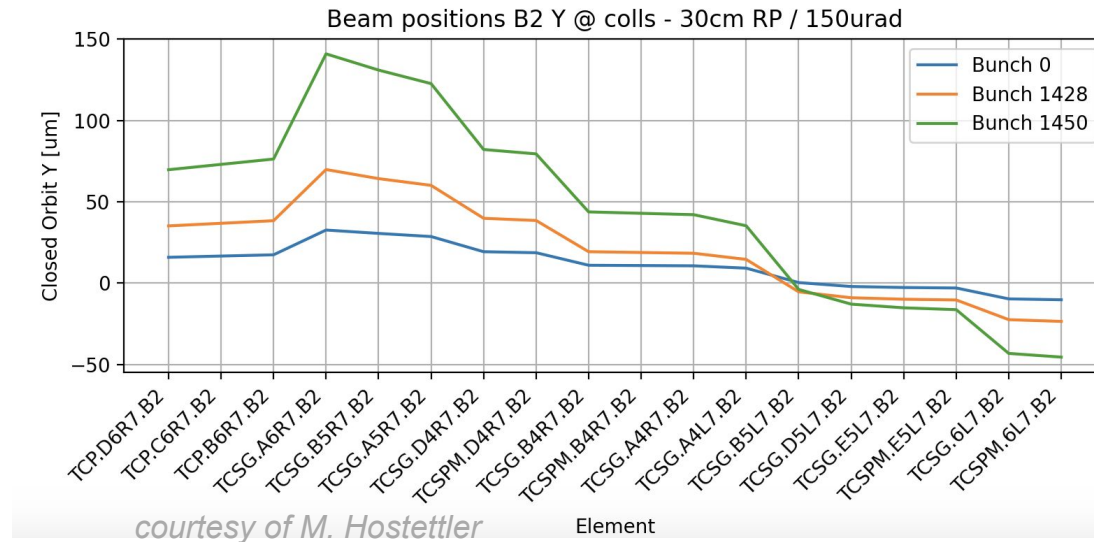
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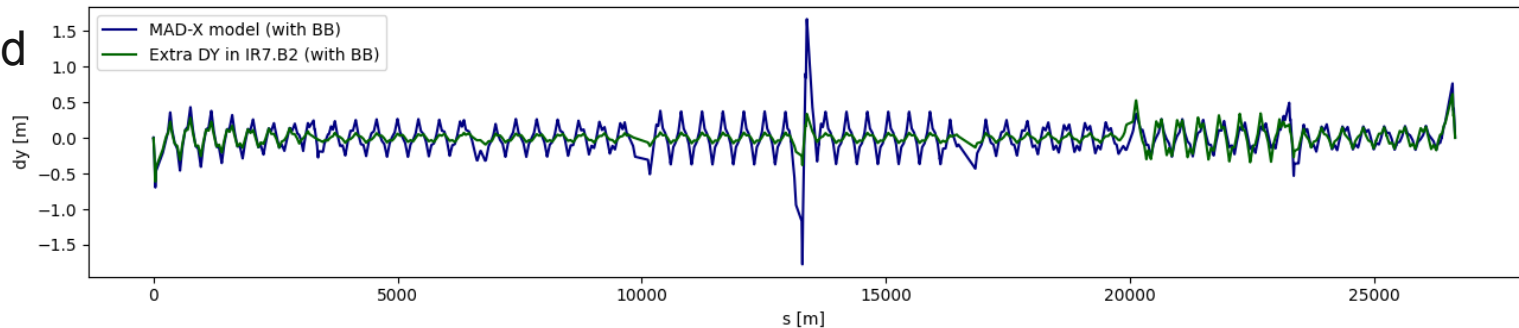
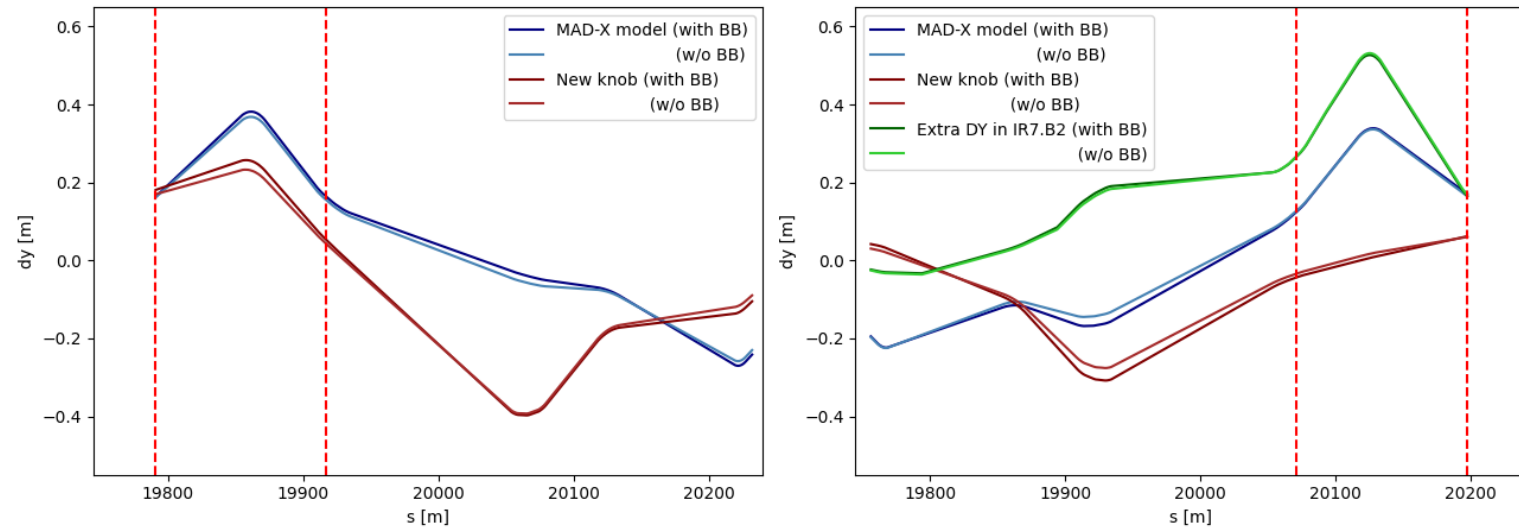


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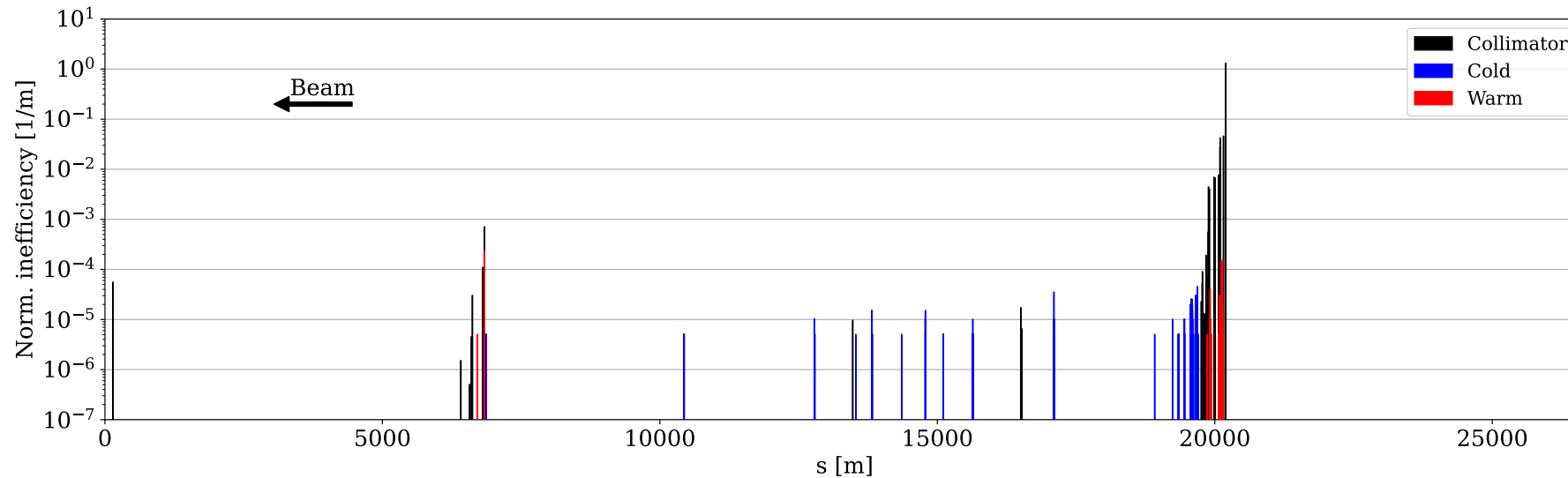
- Mimic in simulation:

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- Orbit is not affected, nor is dx
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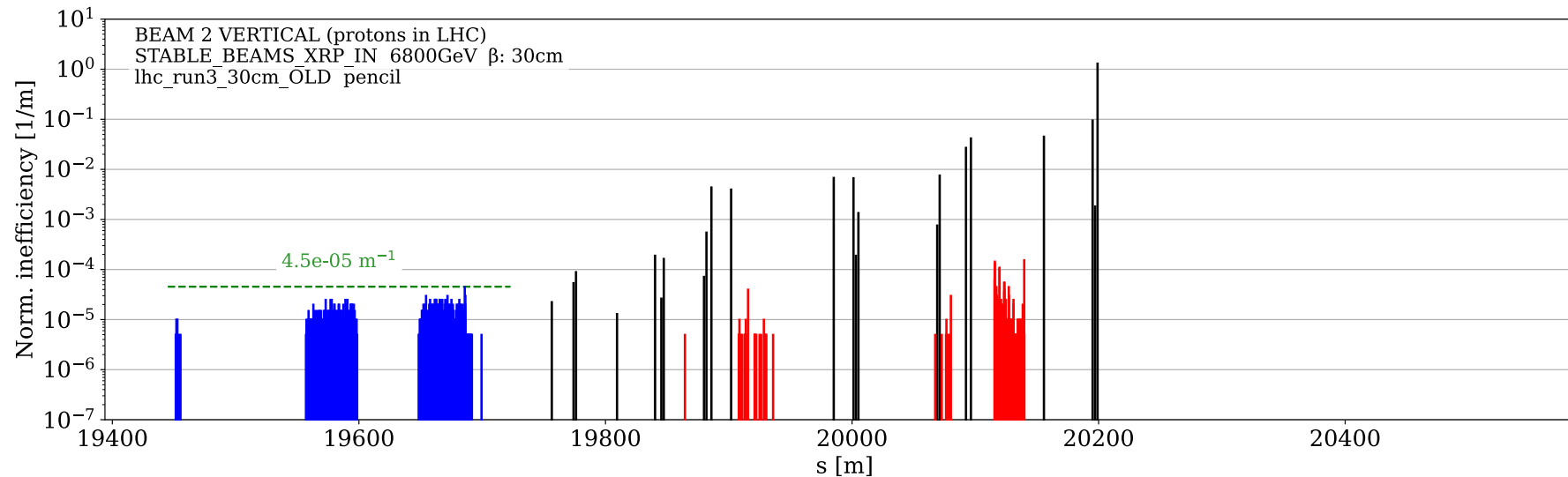
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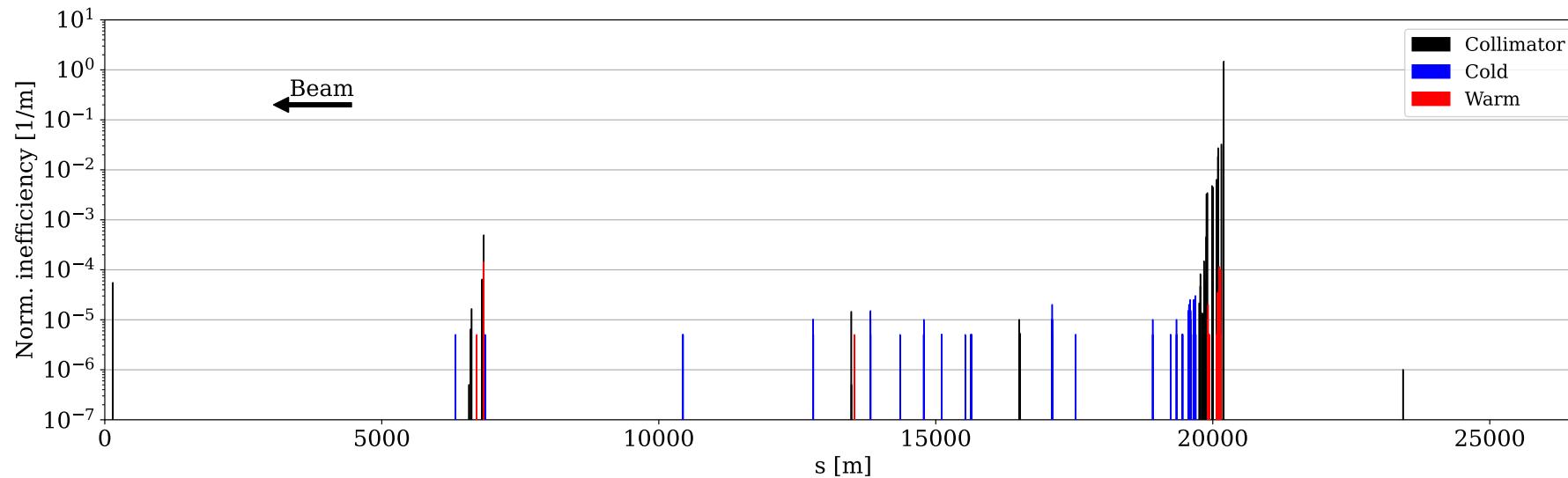
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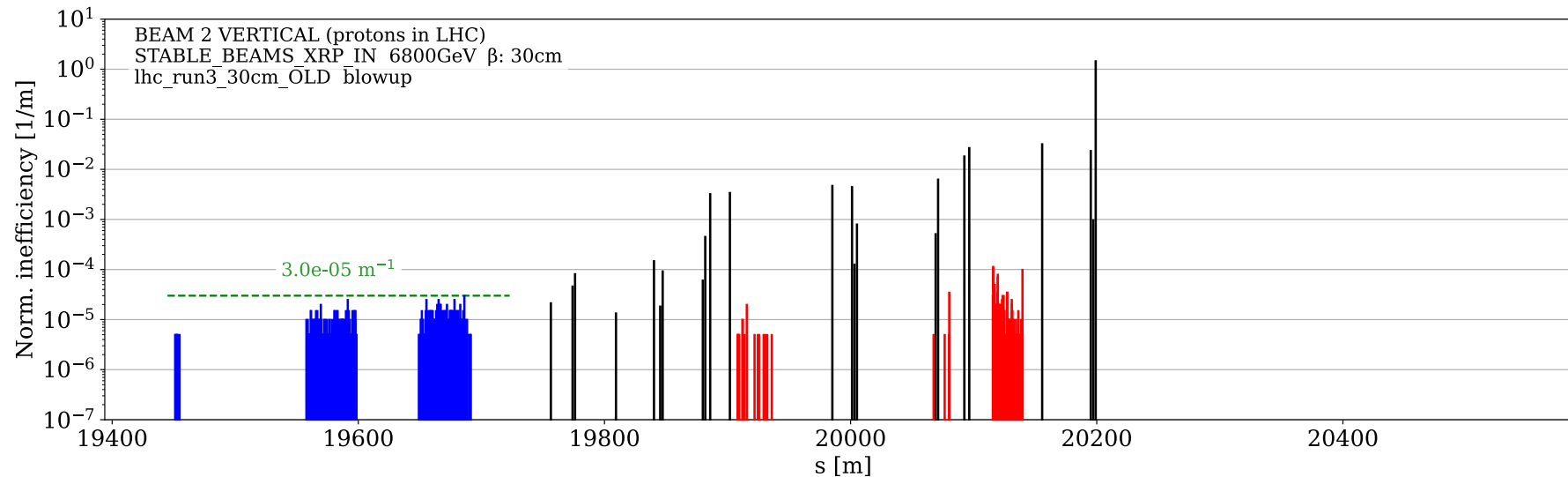
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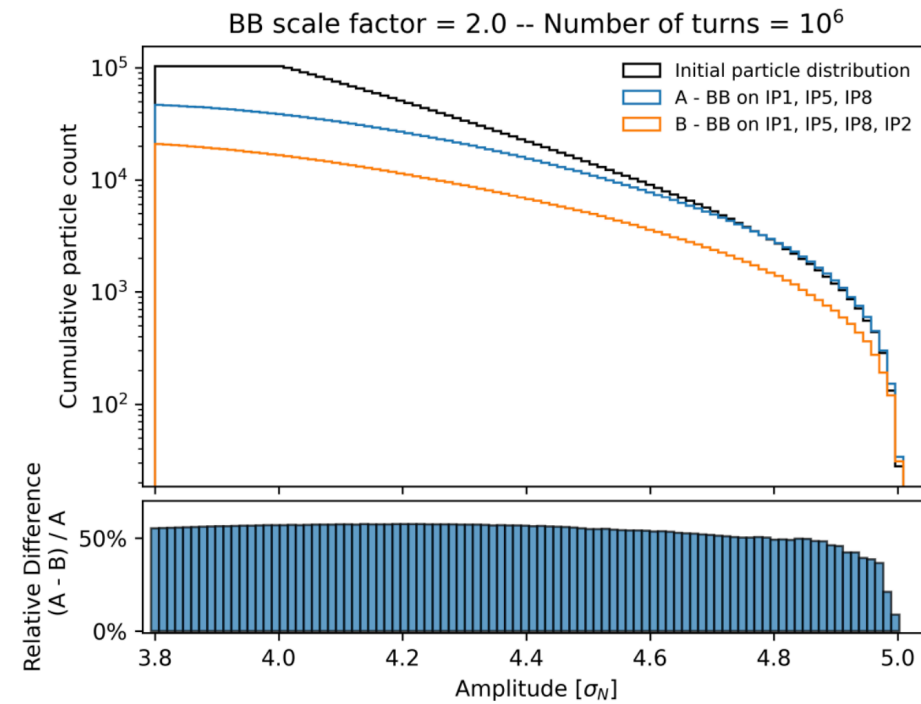
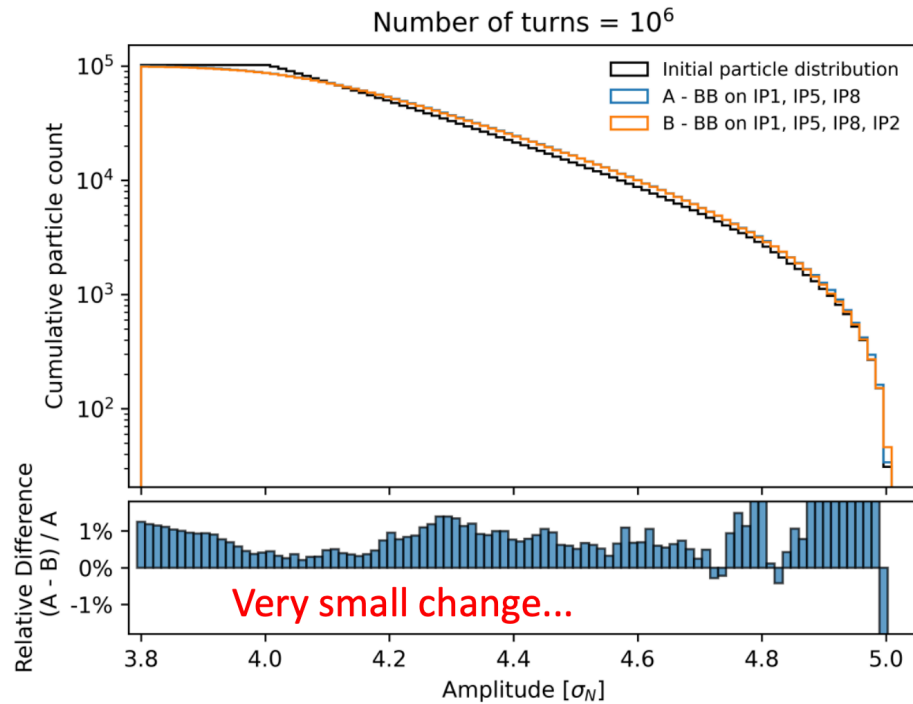
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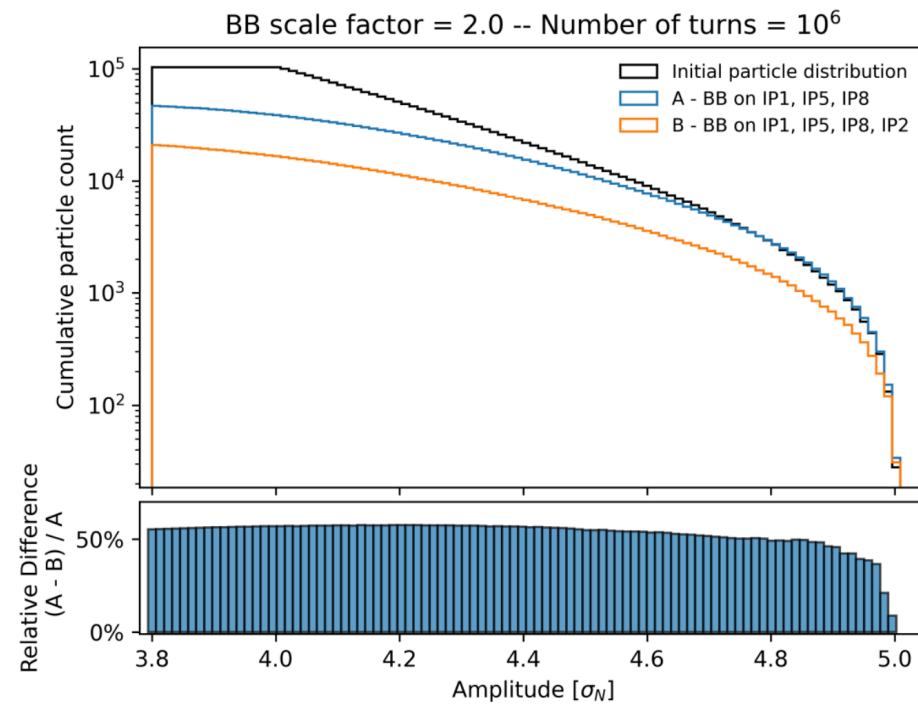
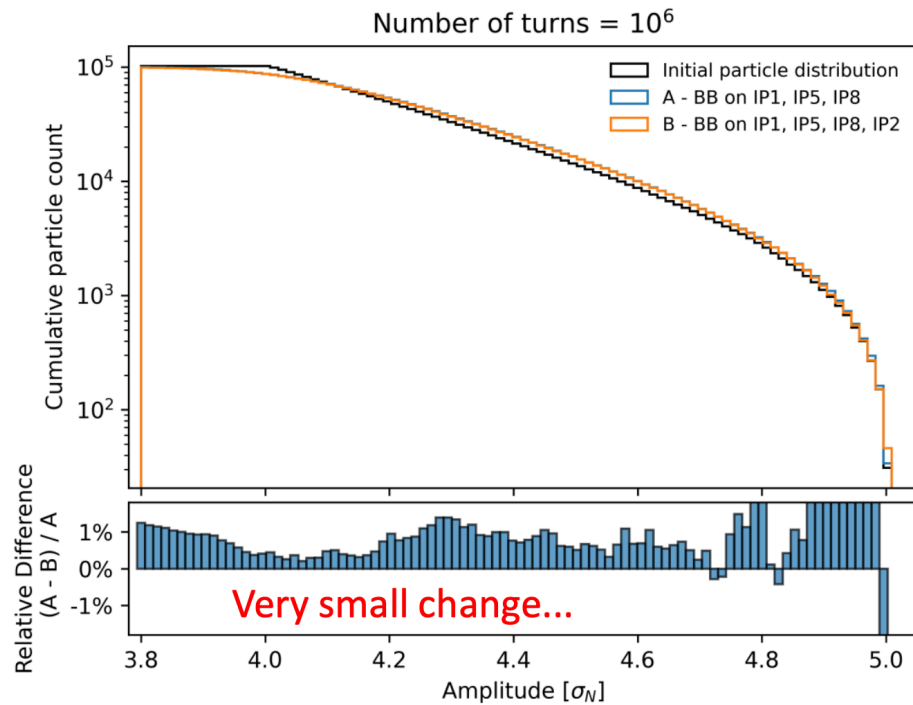
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