

AD performance studies

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Motivation

- **Lots of studies in previous years to understand apparent low transmission in FTA**
 - Low transmission indicated with BCTs
 - Several optics studies performed without drastic improvement
 - Studies with BLMs and BTVs on the other hand showed little to no beam loss in PS→FTA transfer [1]

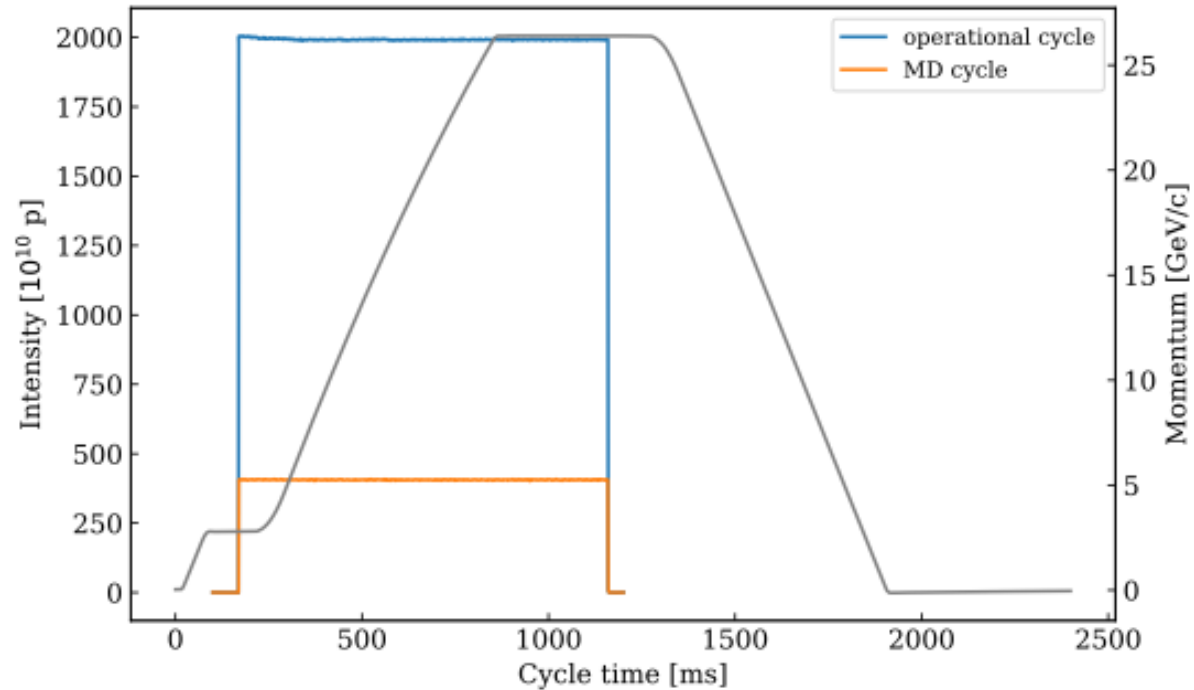
- **Studies to improve the antiproton yield**
 - Several studies performed to investigate dependency of the yield on the beam size on target
 - Again, mainly modifying the optics in the transfer lines

- **Above points motivated MDs in the ring to evaluate beam quality at extraction**
 - Especially looking at the conservation of transverse emittances along the cycle
 - Three different brightness variants prepared by Foteini in the PSB

[1] Y. Dutheil, “Losses in FTA, optimisation or reconfiguration”, [IPP](#), 26 April 2024

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Low emittance

ϵ_h [mm.mrad]	ϵ_v [mm.mrad]
2.637	2.388
2.674	2.738
6.517	5.895
2.658	2.867

Intermediate emittance

ϵ_h [mm.mrad]	ϵ_v [mm.mrad]
3.214	3.397
3.305	3.56
6.571	5.975
3.537	3.836

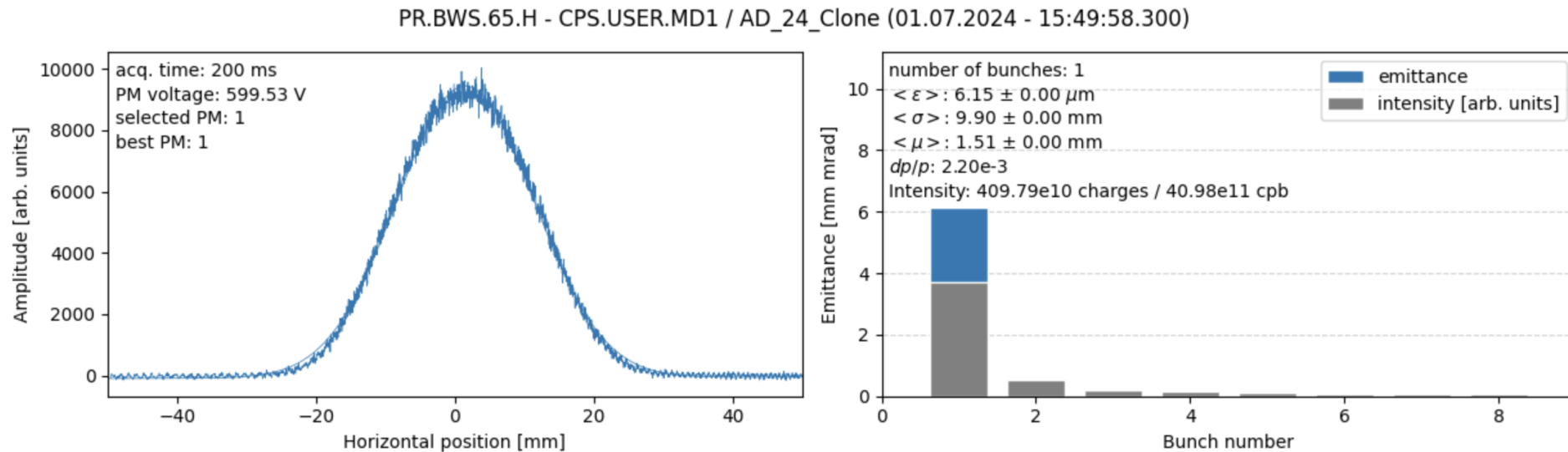
Nominal emittance

ϵ_h [mm.mrad]	ϵ_v [mm.mrad]
4.811	4.22
4.628	4.168
6.457	5.885
4.885	4.622

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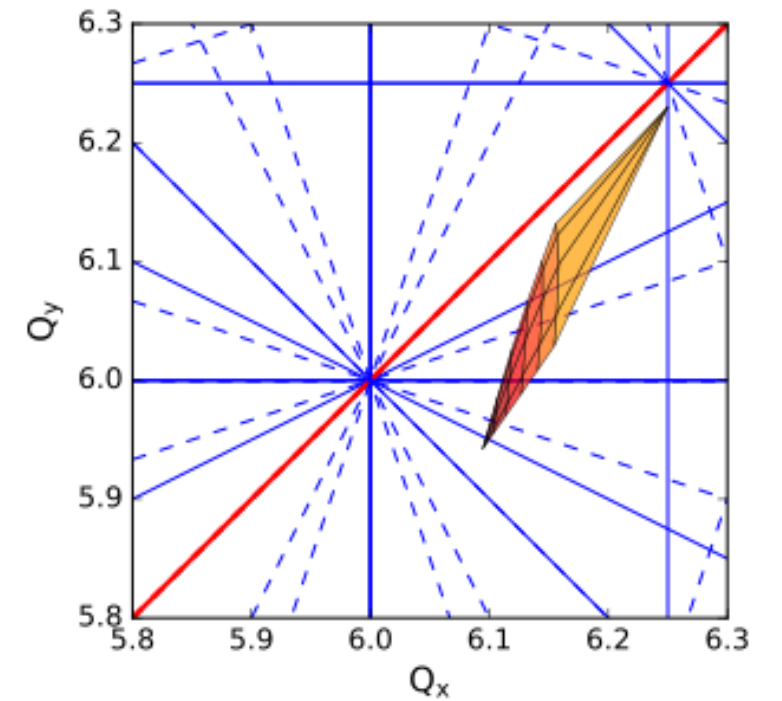
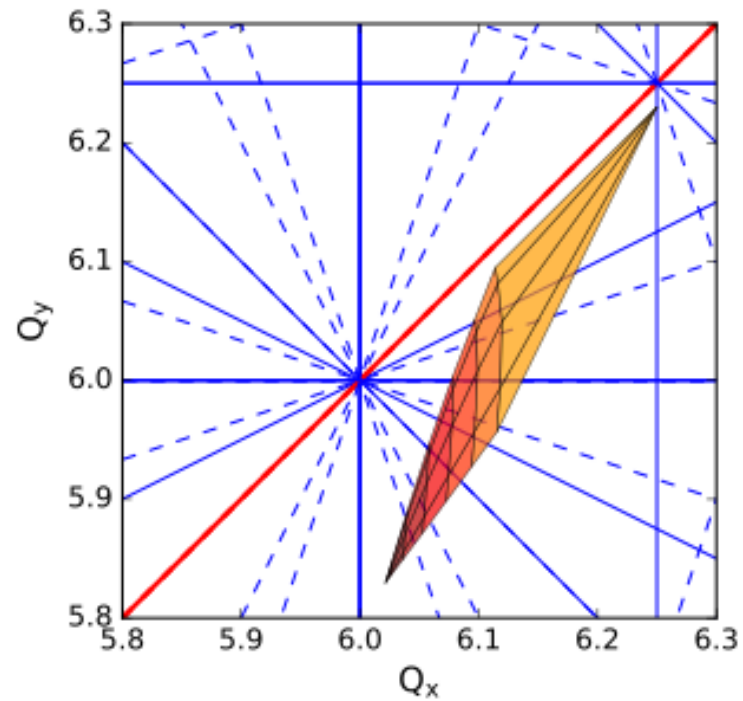
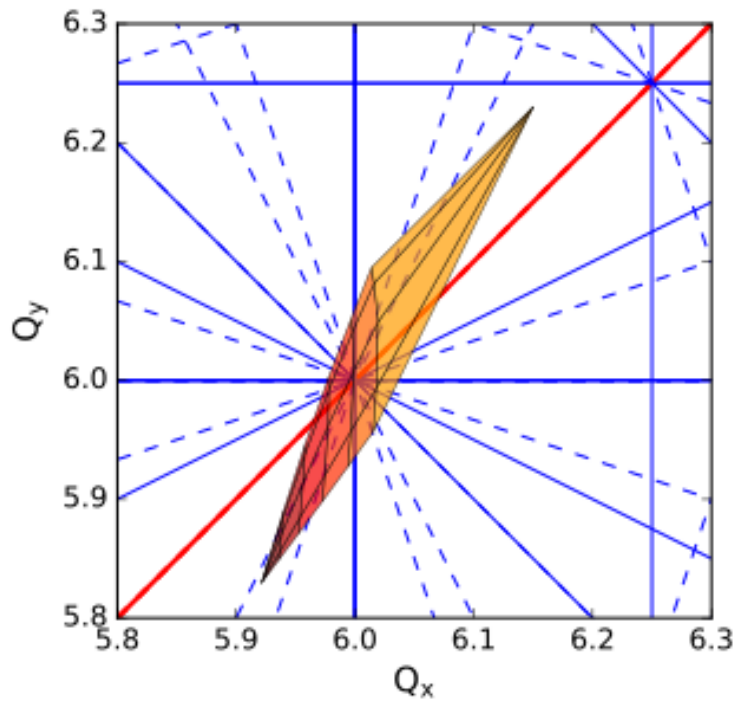
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 - Taking only single bunch from PSB R4
 - 3 different tags available in PSB to adjust brightness (low, intermediate and nominal emittance)
- **Continued MD with low-emittance tag**
 - Significant horizontal blow-up measured in the PS (vertical plane not verified at the time)



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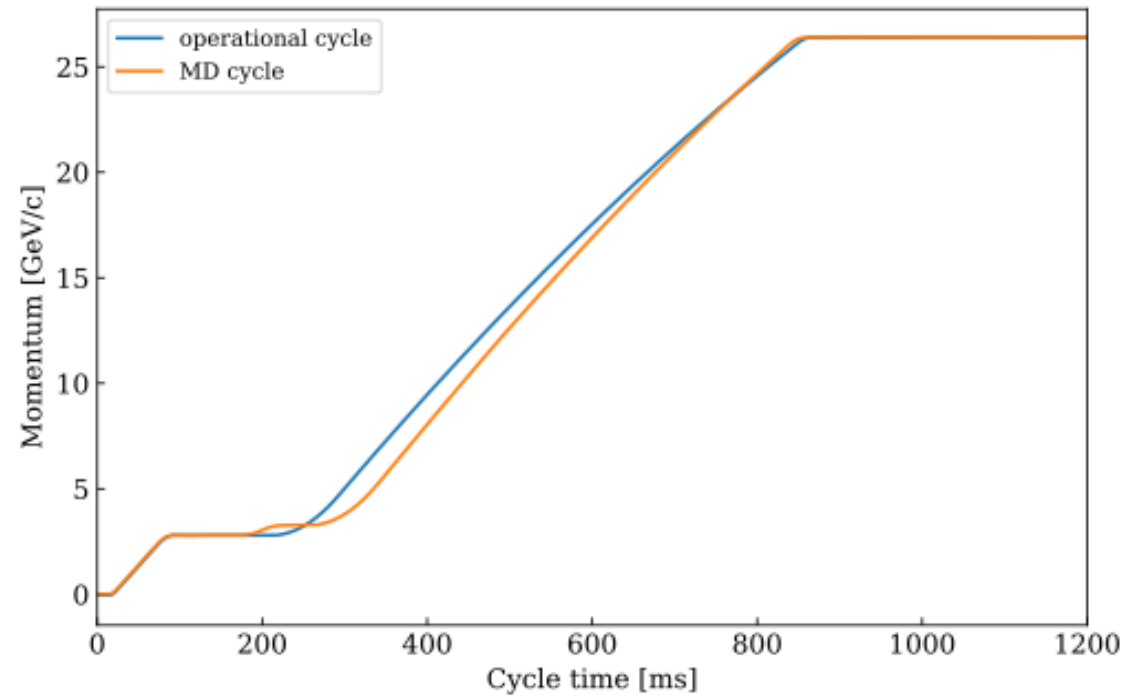
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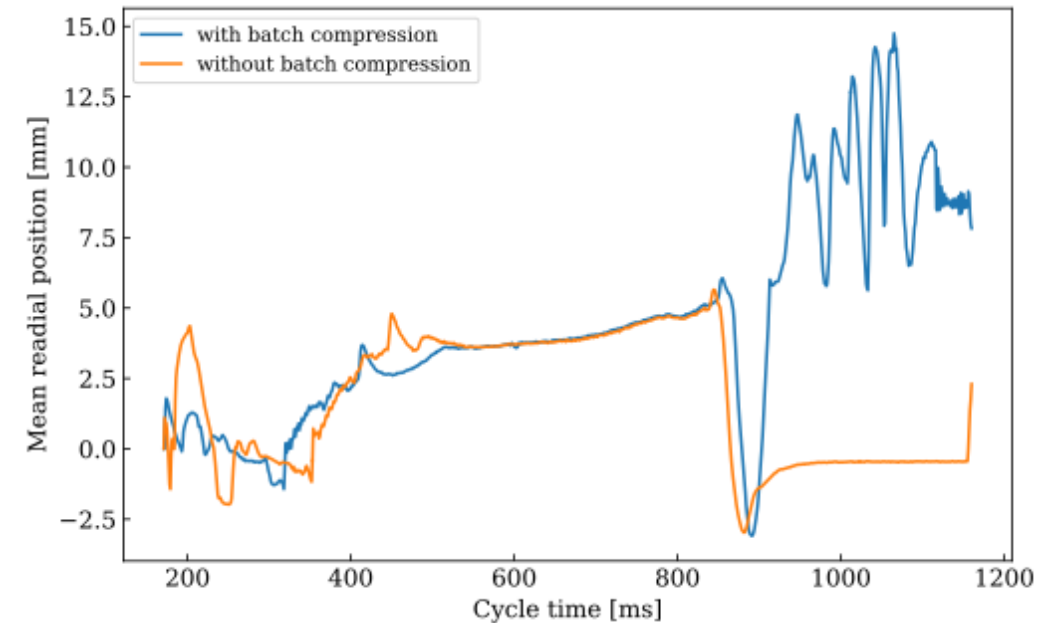
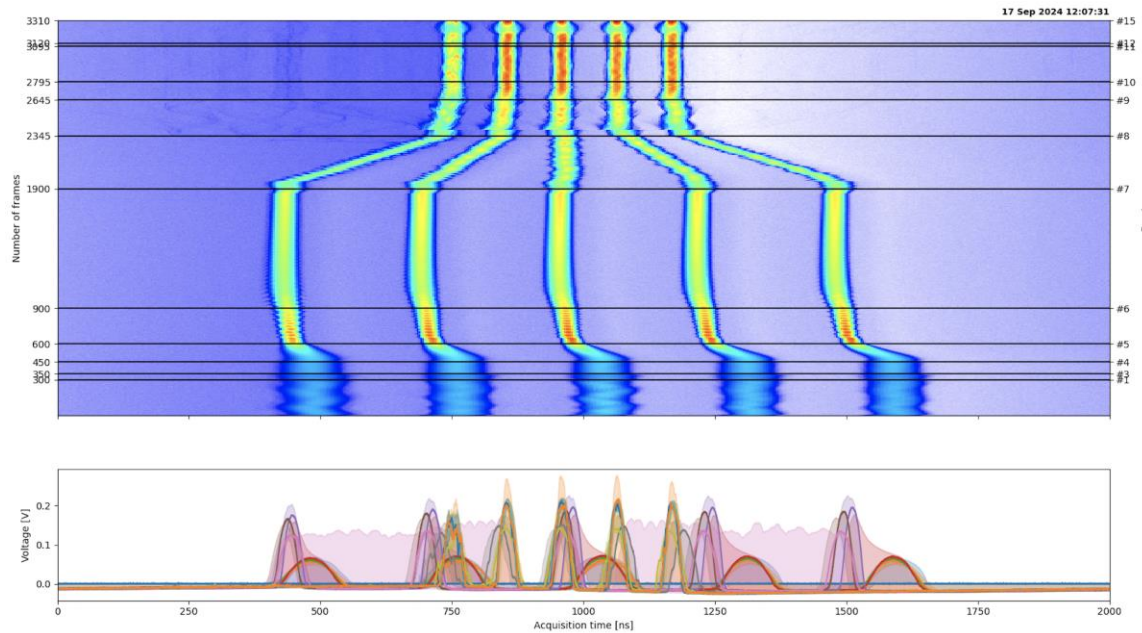
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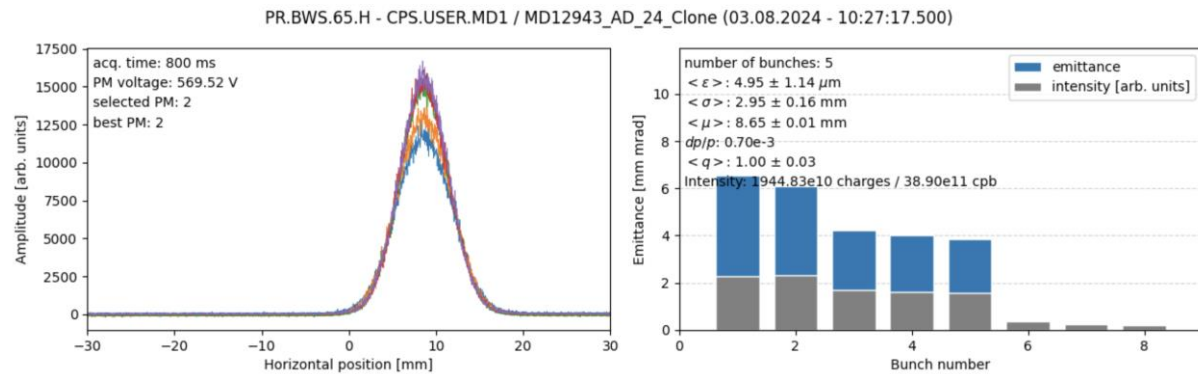
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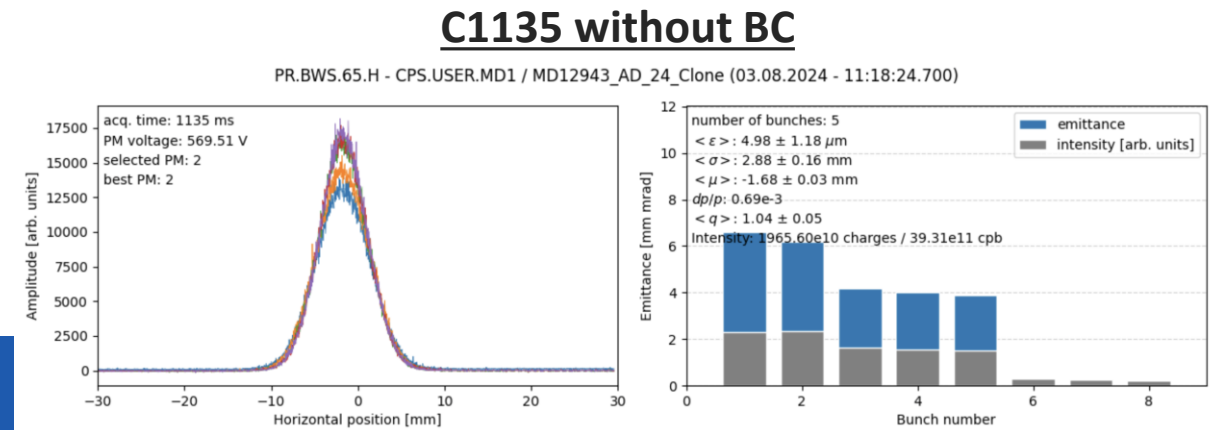
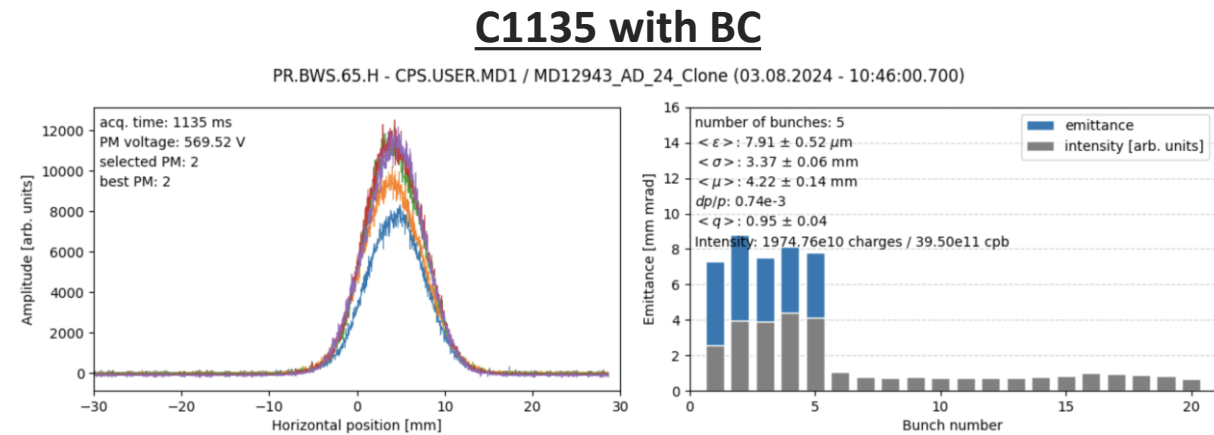


Impact of the batch compression

- BC to reduce bunch spacing before extraction to the AD (final bunch spacing 105 ns)
- Important variations of the mean radial position after synchronization and during BC
- **significant horizontal emittance blow-up observed**
- **emittance blow-up absent without BC**
- to be checked: impact of **variation of long. emittance** between bunches

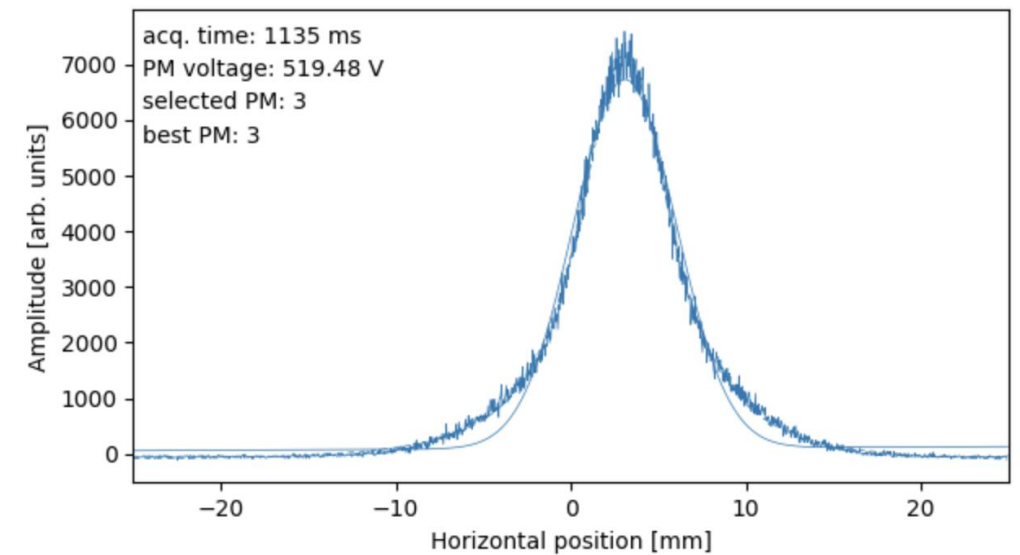
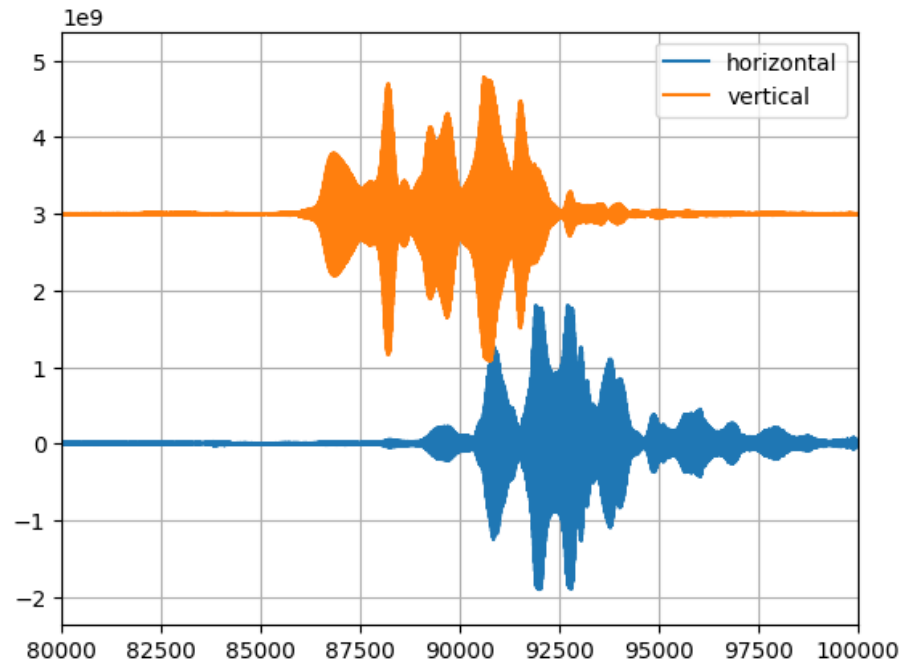


C800, before flat top



Large shot-to-shot variations of horizontal emittance at flat top

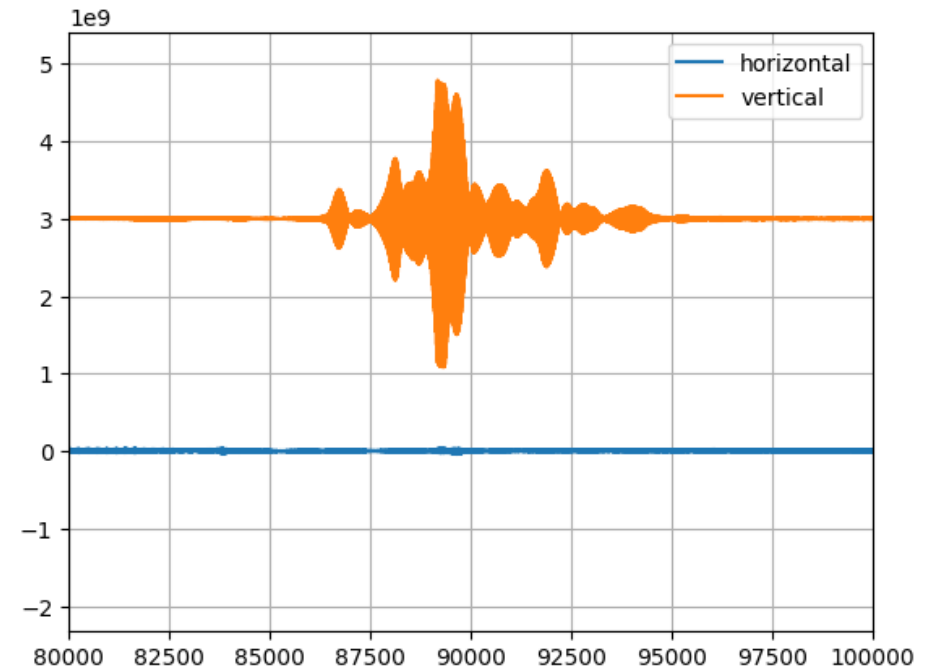
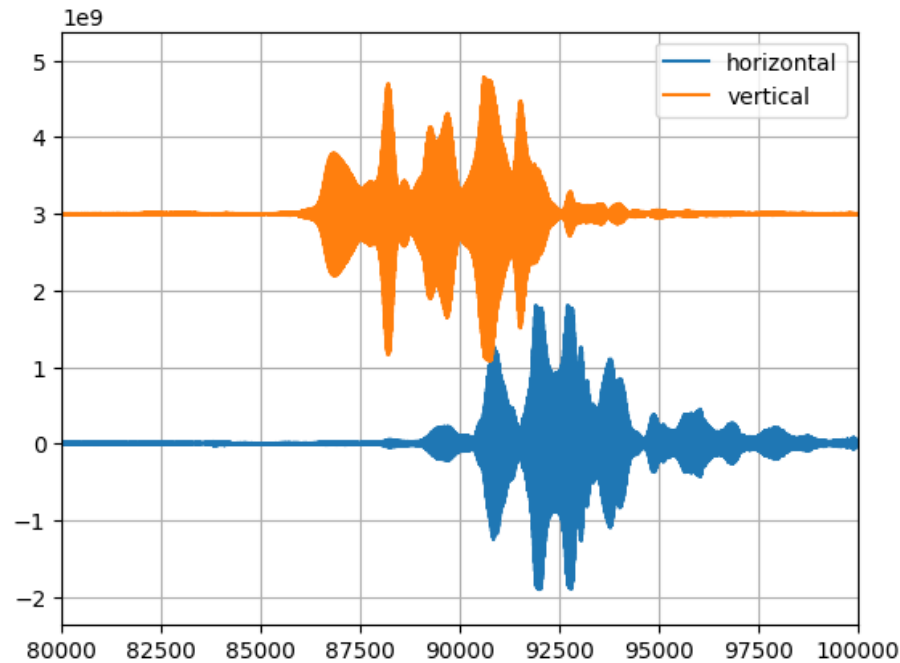
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Large shot-to-shot variations of horizontal emittance at flat top

- **Horizontal instability** during the ramp **cured** by adjusting **horizontal chromaticity**
- Reduction of vertical oscillations by increasing longitudinal blow-up
 - complete suppression not possible
 - however, no significant fluctuation of vertical emittances observed



Conclusions

- **Transverse beam parameters for the AD beam in the PS: room for improvement**
 - Clear indication of emittance blow-up during the batch compression
 - Somewhat conflicting results between single and multi-bunch measurements
- **Plans for 2025**
 - Perform additional MDs, ensuring transverse stability from the beginning
 - Repeat observations with and without batch compression
 - Profit from automated bunch-by-bunch tomography for correct bunch-by-bunch emittance measurements
 - Evaluate the impact of the different harmonic changes along the batch compression on the emittance growth