

High power optical cavities for ion beam cooling at the SPS Gamma Factory Proof of principle experiment

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The Gamma Factory is a project which aims providing unprecedented rates of photons in a wide range of energy, possibly up to 400MeV. It relies on resonant atomic excitation of partially stripped ions accelerated at high energies with state of the art high power laser systems enhanced in optical resonators. In a proof of principle experiment at the CERN SPS, a demonstration of the viability of the technology is aimed at with the goal to realize laser assisted ion beam cooling. A status report on the project implementation will be given with strong emphasis on the recent demonstration of >700kW stacked in an optical cavity.

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