

# Electron and Laser Cooling of Stored Ion Beams at CERN: XSuite Simulations and Measurements

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# Outline

- **Motivation:**
  - Beam cooling in stored ion beams at CERN
  - XSuite simulation framework
- **Electron cooling developments at CERN**
  - Studies in LEIR, AD, and ELENA
- **Laser cooling in the SPS (Gamma Factory PoP)**
  - Interplay between IBS and cooling
  - Present activities
- **Summary and outlook**

# Motivation: Cooling at CERN

- Beam cooling essential ingredient of several existing machines at CERN:

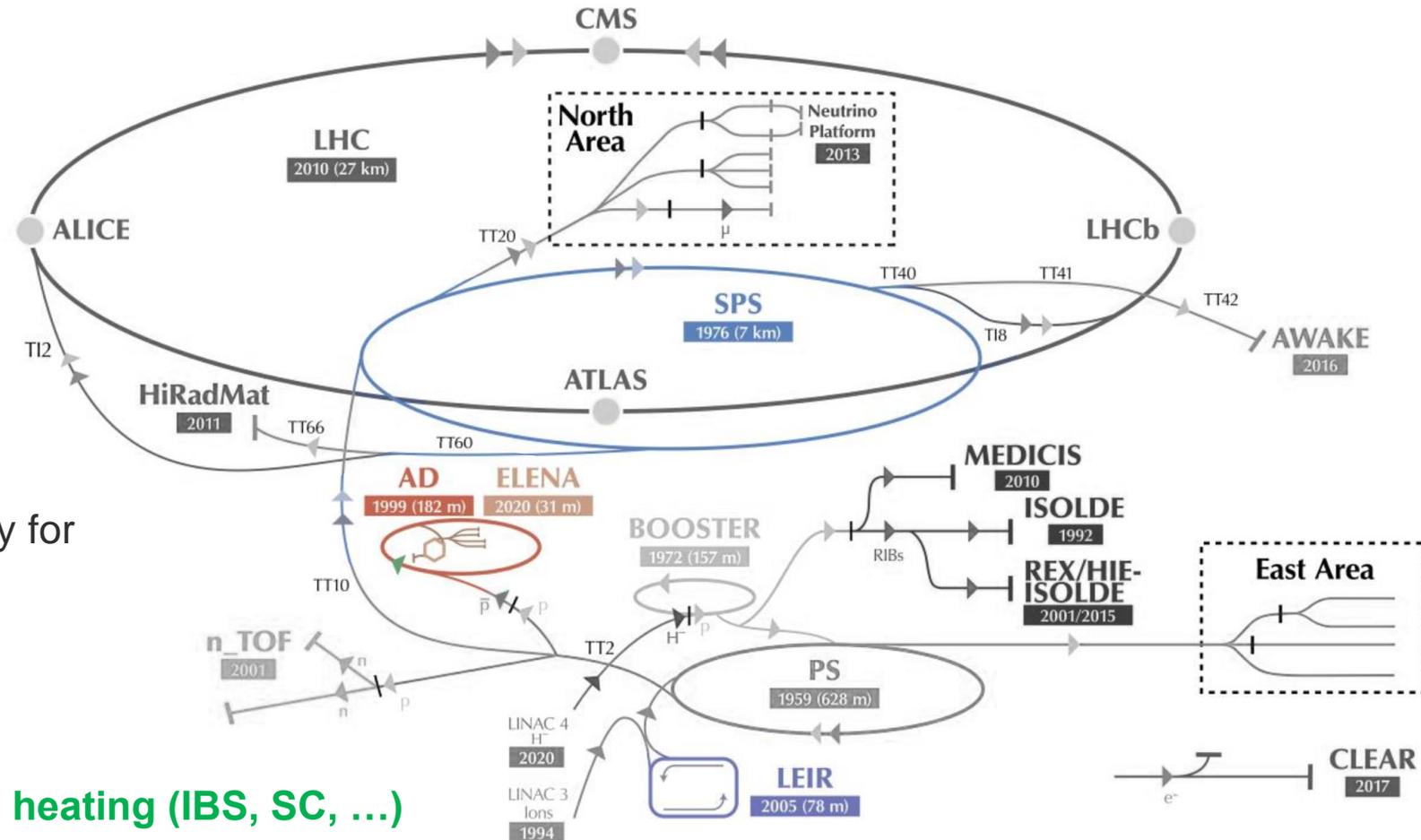
- **S-Cooling** of pbars AD
  - See Vasileios's on [presentation](#)
- **E-cooling** of pbars in AD, ELENA
  - See Laurette's [presentation](#)
- **E-cooling** of ions in LEIR
  - For LHC and Fixed Target Exp.

- **New developments:**

- **Gamma factory** [proposal](#)
  - See Aurelien's [presentation](#)
- **PoP experiment:** unique opportunity for testing **laser cooling** at CERN
  - See [LOI](#)

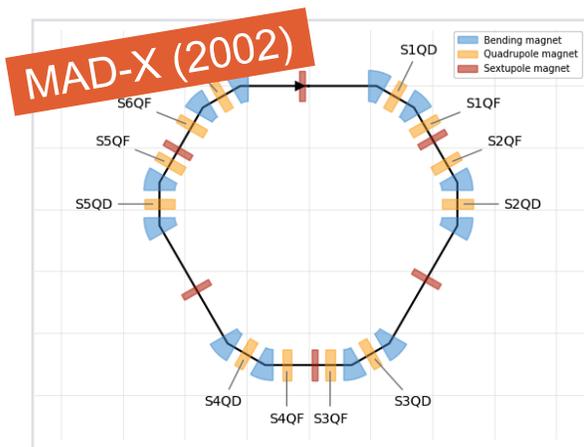
⇒ **Need for tools for predictive simulations including cooling**

- **Unified environment for cooling + heating (IBS, SC, ...)**

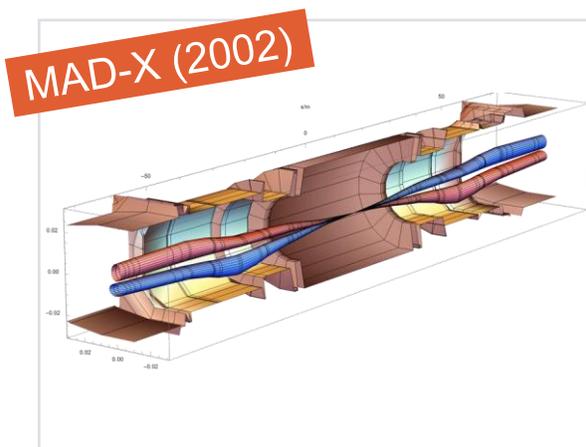


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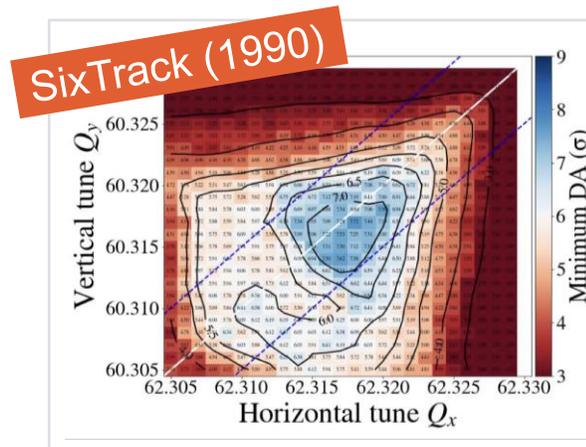
CERN has a long history of powerful software tools for beam physics applications, typical examples:



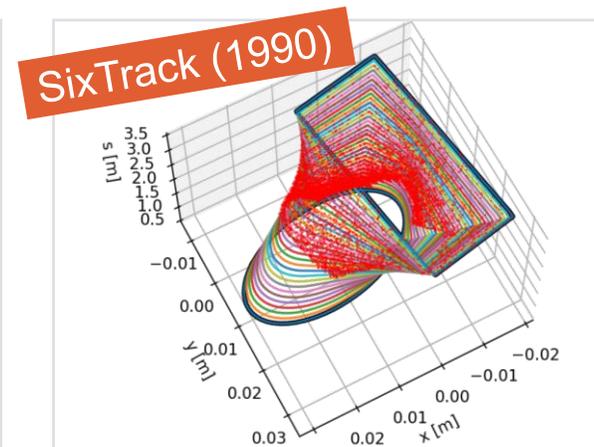
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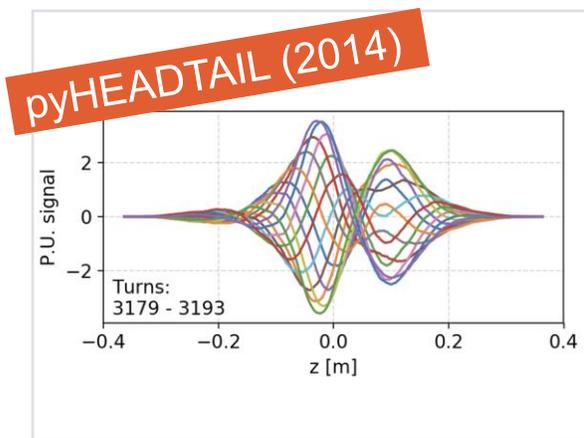
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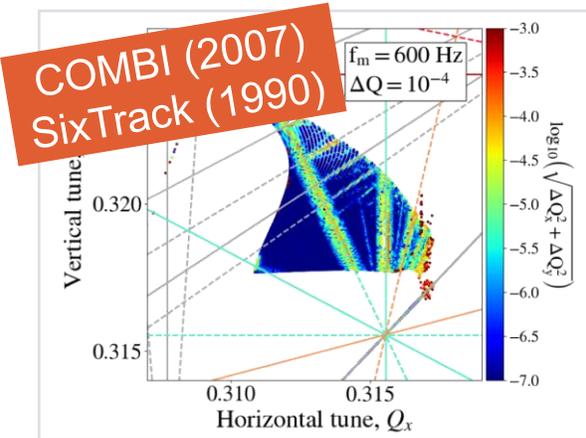
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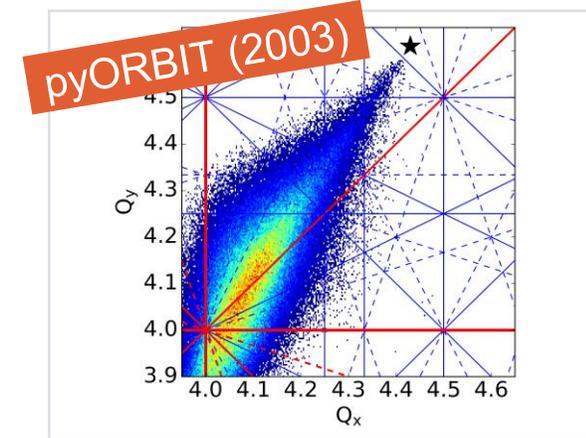
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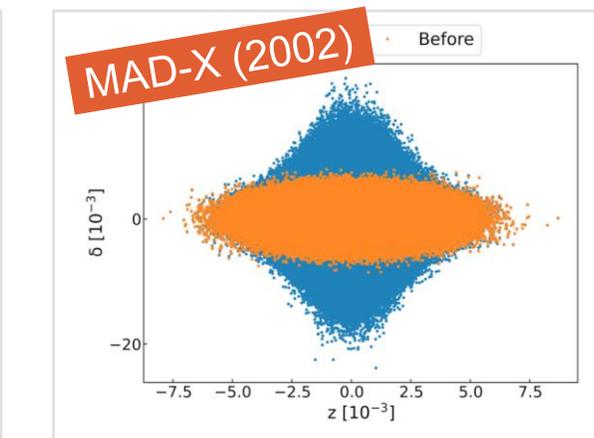
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Beam-Beam Effects



Space Charge

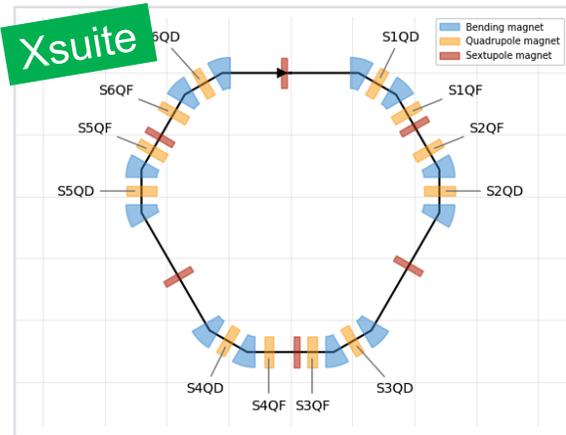


Intra-Beam Scattering

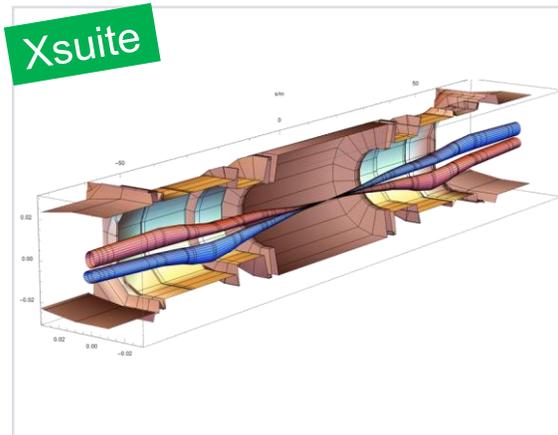
# Beam dynamics software landscape at CERN - now



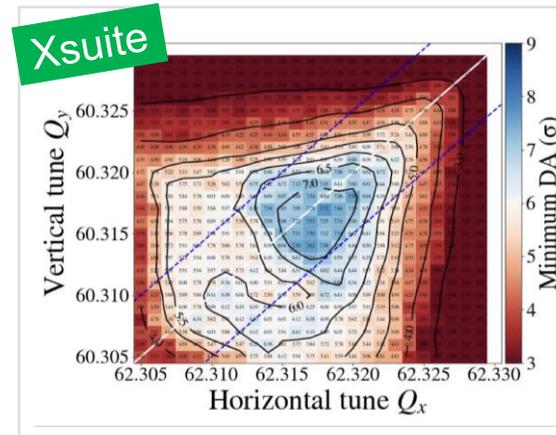
Xsuite is now the main production tool, replacing many legacy codes now to be discontinued



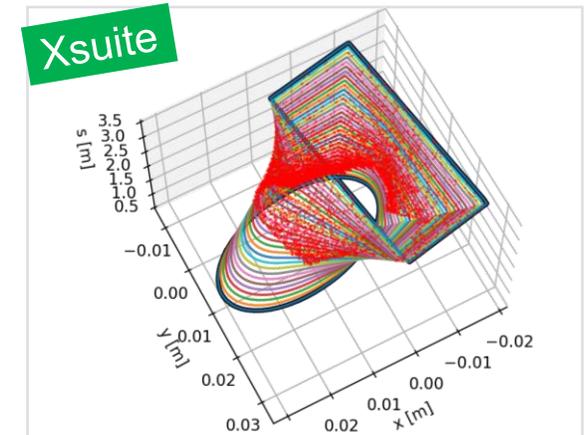
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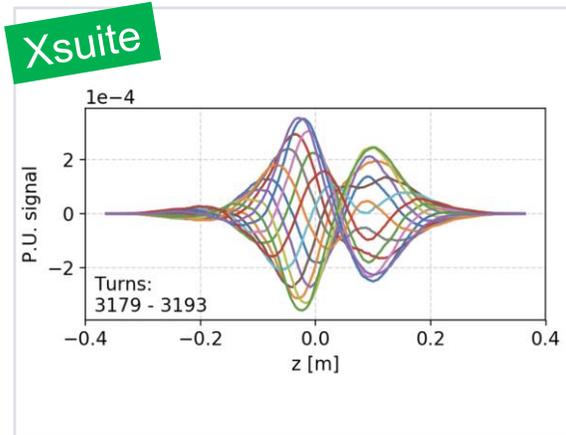
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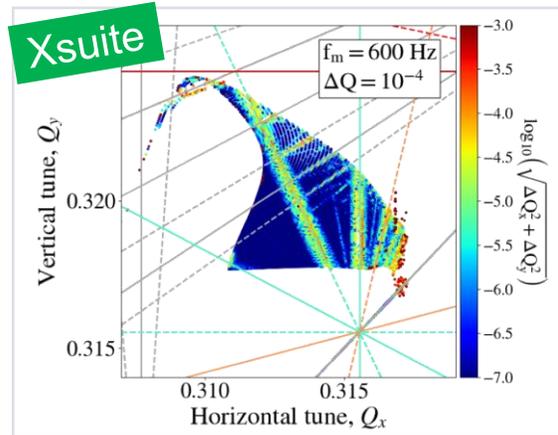
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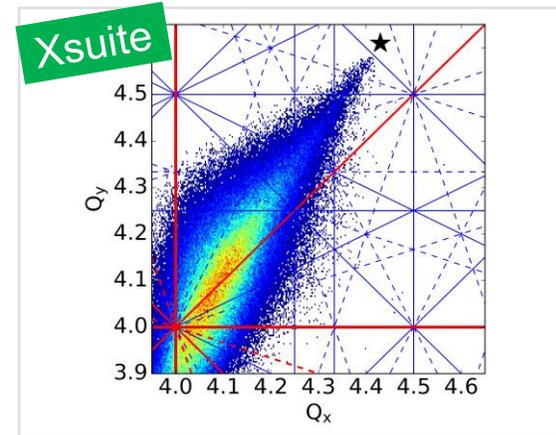
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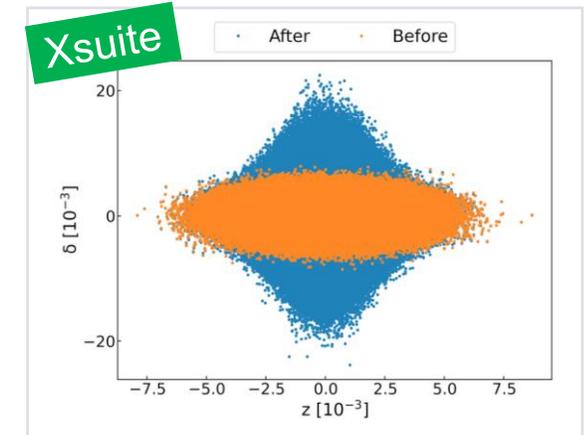
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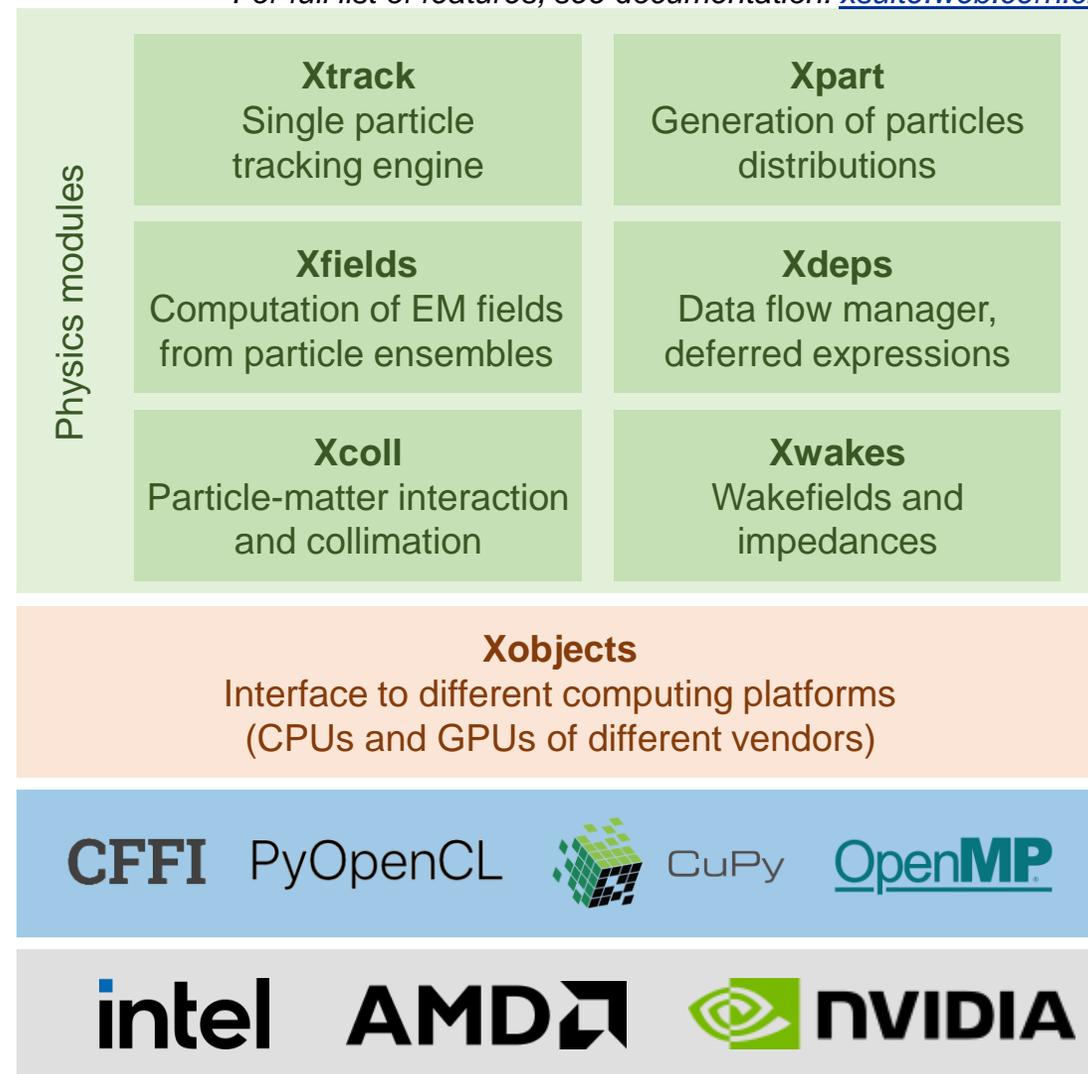
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# Xsuite Development Approach

For full list of features, see documentation: [xsuite.web.cern.ch](https://xsuite.web.cern.ch)

- **Target requirements:**
  - **One toolkit** from low-energy hadron rings to high-energy lepton colliders
  - **Heterogeneous simulations made natural**, as opposed to ad-hoc model translations between tools
  - **Modern user-interface: Python**, with its ecosystem of scientific computing tools
  - **GPU support built-in**, in addition to single- and multi-threaded CPU
- **Agile development:**
  - **Community effort:** users can (and do!) become developers
  - **Fast release cycle:** up to a few new versions per month!

⇒ **The coolest place to simulate cooling!**



# ELECTRON COOLING



# Electron Cooling Model Choice: Parkhomchuk

- All CERN e-coolers assumed to work in “magnetized cooling” regime
  - Relatively low energy (<30 keV) DC e<sup>-</sup> beams in 100 to 750 Gauss field
- Best represented by empiric formula derived from experiments by V. Parkhomchuk:
  - Still, several parameters not easily accessible (e.g. B field quality, e<sup>-</sup> temperature and profiles)

$$\vec{F} = \frac{n_e q^2 e^4}{4\pi^2 \epsilon_0^2 m_e} \cdot \frac{d\vec{V}}{\underbrace{(dV^2 + \Delta_{\parallel}^2 + \Delta_{\text{magnet}}^2)^{3/2}}_{\text{Electron-ion velocity difference}}} \ln \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{max}} + \rho_{\text{min}} + \rho_L}{\rho_{\text{min}} + \rho_L} \right)$$

- Constants
- Scaling with e<sup>-</sup> beam density and ion charge

- Electron-ion velocity difference**
- Include normalisation by “effective e<sup>-</sup> temperature”

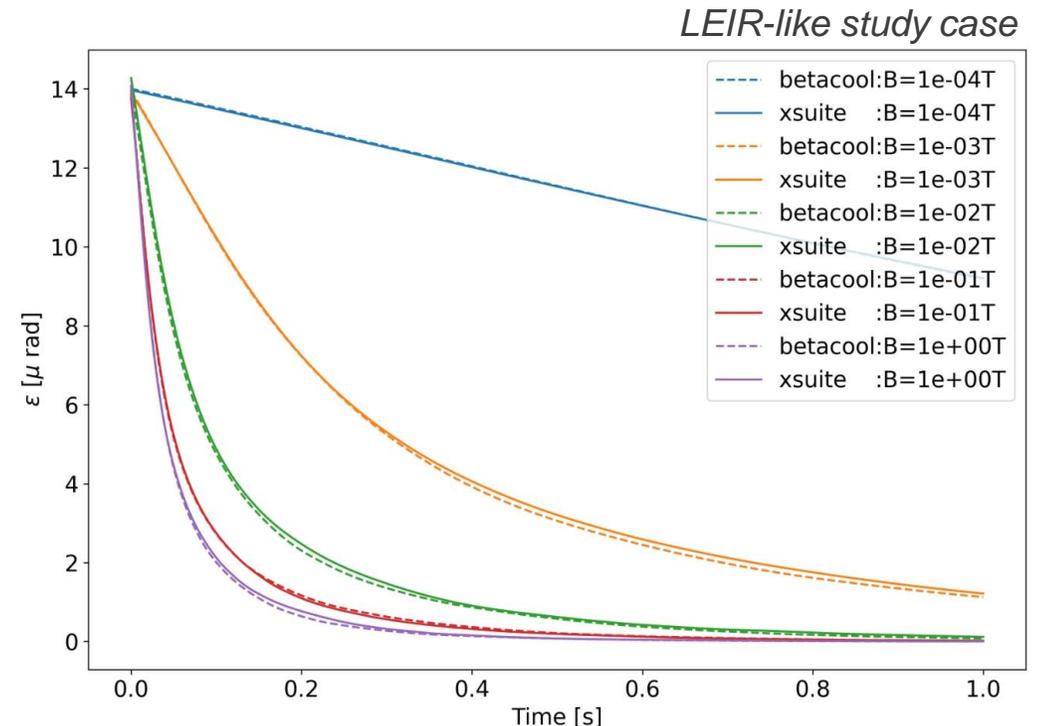
- Log of “impact parameters”:**
- Linked to probability of interaction
  - Depends on B field, e<sup>-</sup> temp., ...
  - Typically, ≈ 10

# Benchmark with Betacool

- Betacool by A. Sidorin is presently not actively maintained (to our knowledge)
- JSPEC, PyOrbit, PyHEADTAIL implementations of Parkhomchuk model exist
  - Implementations derived from Betacool, or similar

## ⇒ Went back to the origin: Betacool

- Thorough check of the physics implemented, including **minor bug fixes in Betacool**:
  - Improper handling of space-charge neutralisation
  - Wrong sign used in the rotation of the  $e^-$  beam
- Additional (undocumented) effect of electron beam rotation on transverse  $e^-$  temperature was **not fully understood**
  - This **feature** was **NOT imported in XSuite**, as its implementation was not properly validated



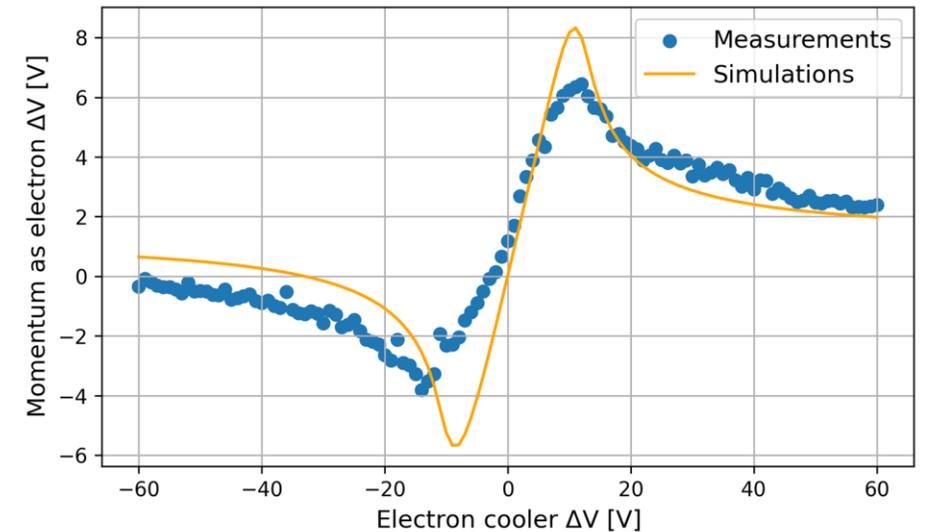
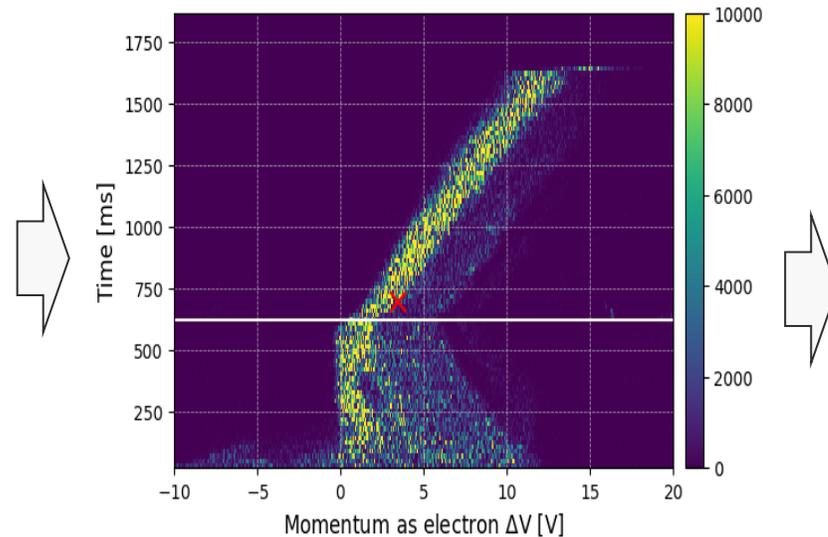
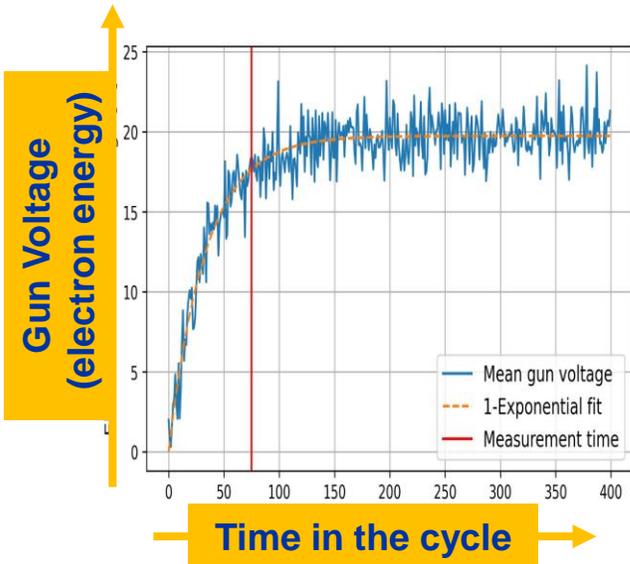
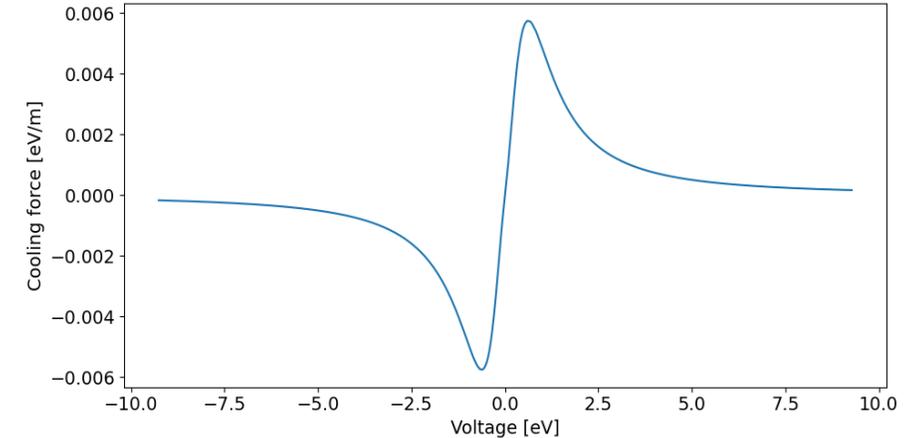
⇒ Validated and documented e-cooling implementation now available in Xsuite!

# Measurement and Simulation of Cooling Force

- Longitudinal Friction Force is the most typically measurement:

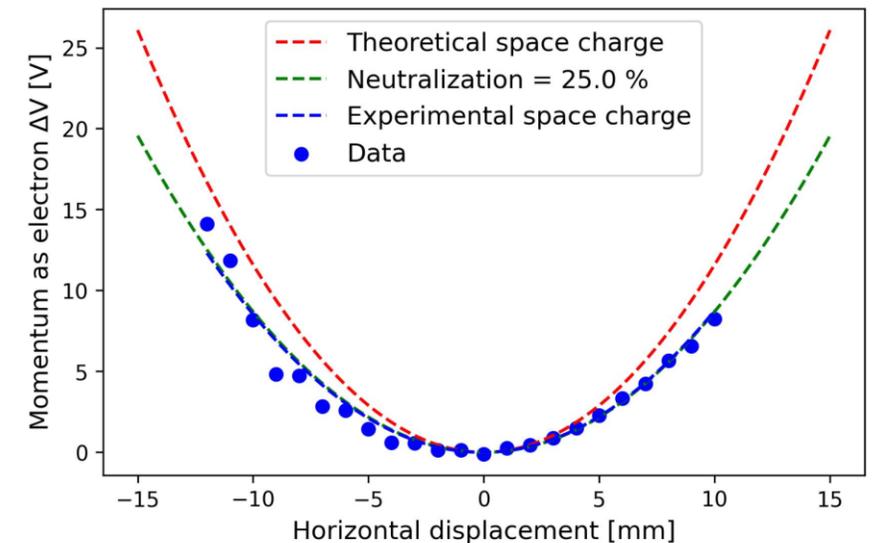
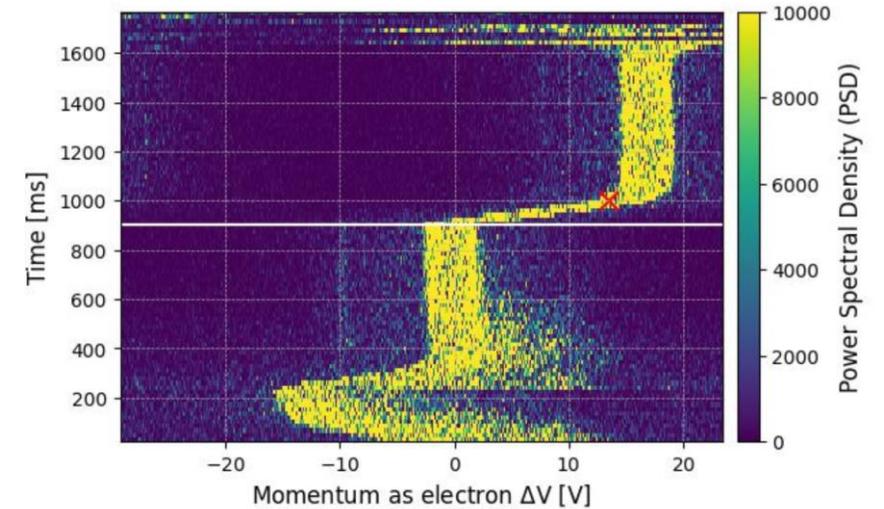
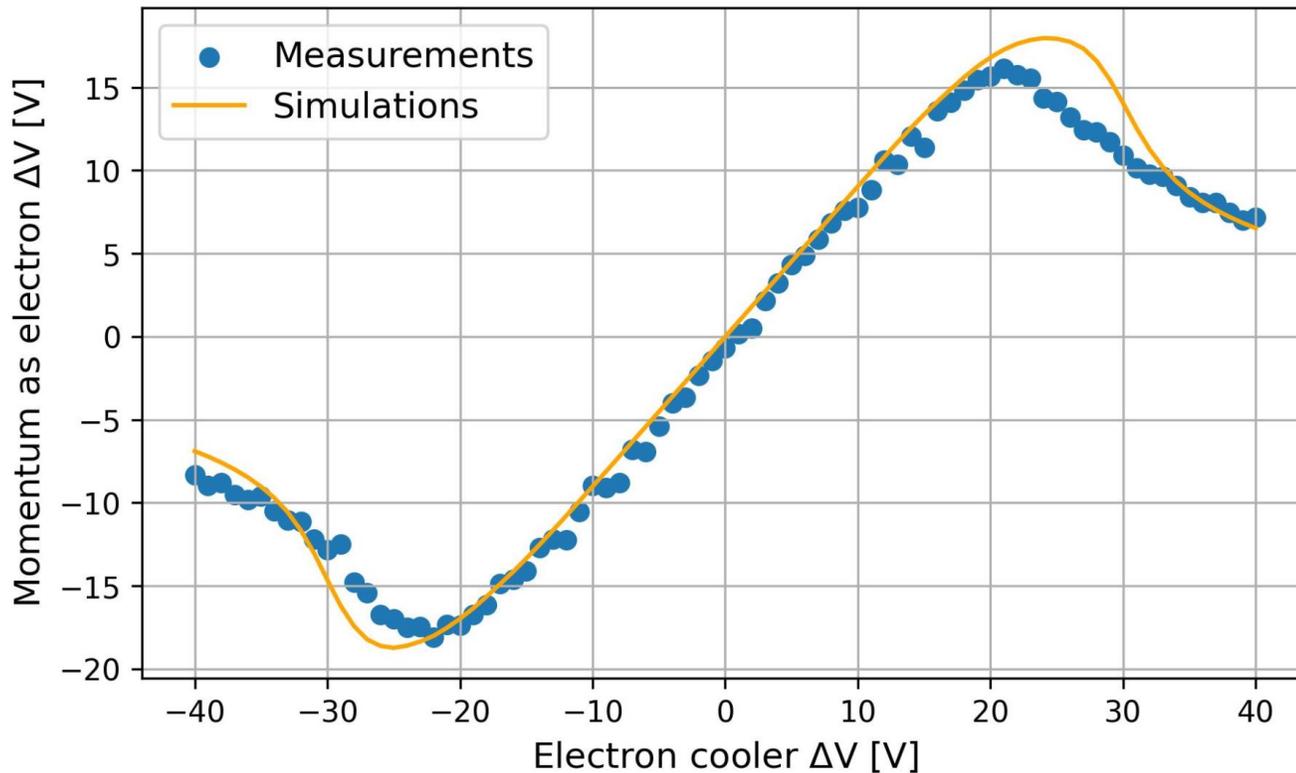
1. Pre-cool the circulating beam
2. Apply a voltage step on the gun voltage (i.e.  $e^-$  energy)
  - **First pitfall: actual voltage/ $e^-$  energy not instantaneous**
3. Measure derivative of ion momentum variation
  - **Second pitfall: Limited measurement resolution**
  - ⇒ simulate the whole dynamic process (in Xsuite)!

- **First measurements with  $Mg^{7+}$  not perfect**
  - **No time to measure all beam parameters; not enough pre-cooling; ...**



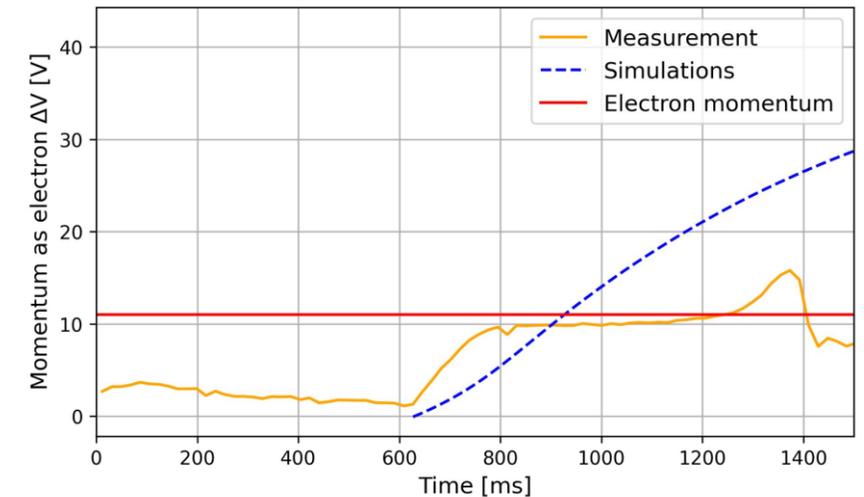
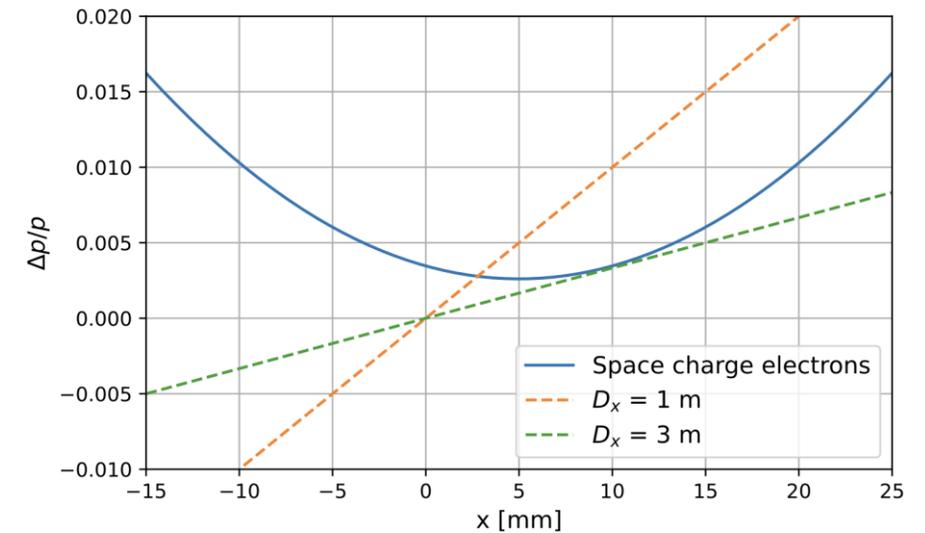
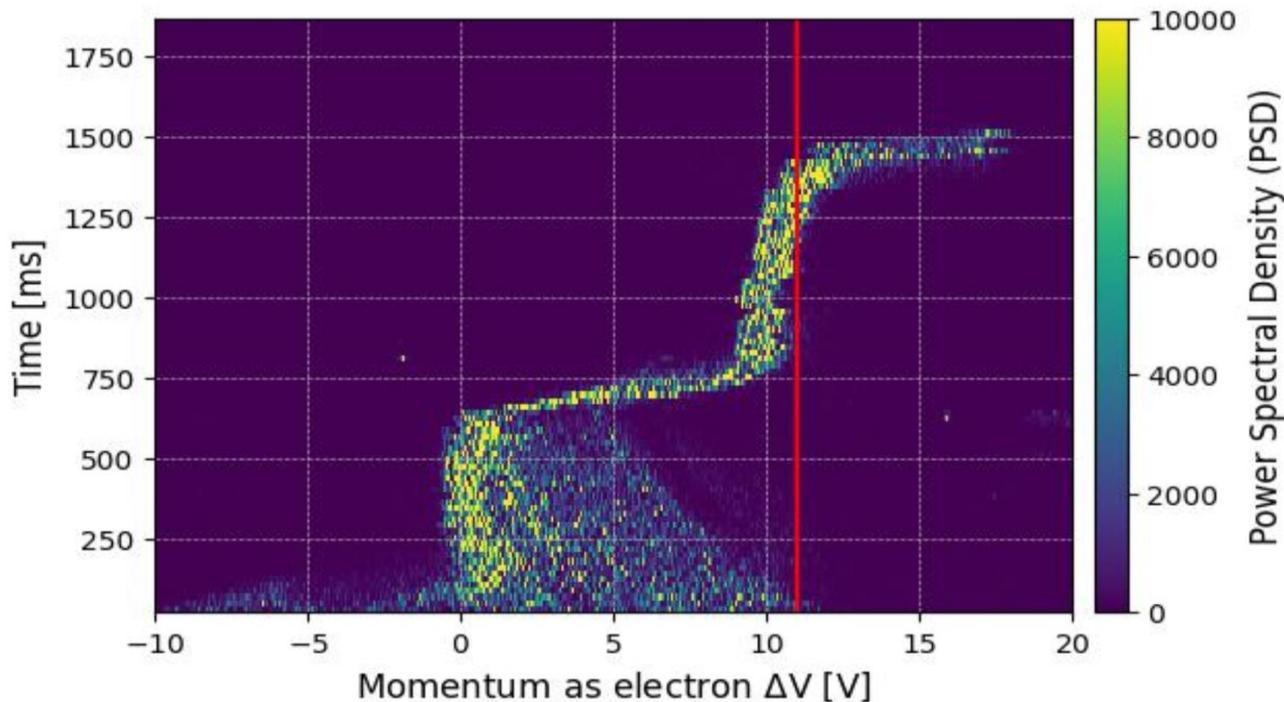
# Longitudinal Cooling Force: Pb<sup>54+</sup> case

- Much better agreement after constraining beam parameters as much as possible !
  - E.g. measure effects such as e<sup>-</sup> beam “neutralisation”
  - Only e<sup>-</sup> T (T<sub>⊥</sub>=100 meV; T<sub>∥</sub>=1 meV), and profile (flat) still guessed



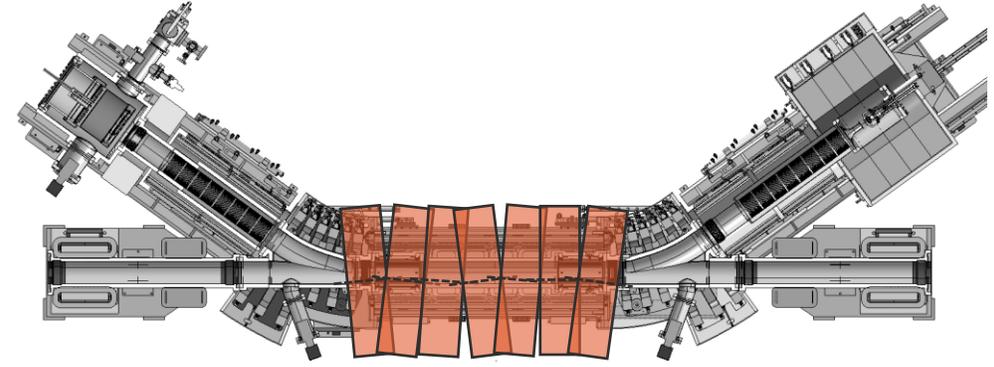
# More exotic effects under investigation in LEIR

- Fast “run away” observed during  $Mg^{7+}$  measurements
    - Not seen with standard  $Pb^{54+}$  beam
  - Tried to explain it by interplay between  $e^-$  space charge + ion- $e^-$  offset + transverse heating
    - Unrealistic dispersion needed, **not possible to reproduce**
- ⇒ **Better machine control or e-cooling models might be needed**

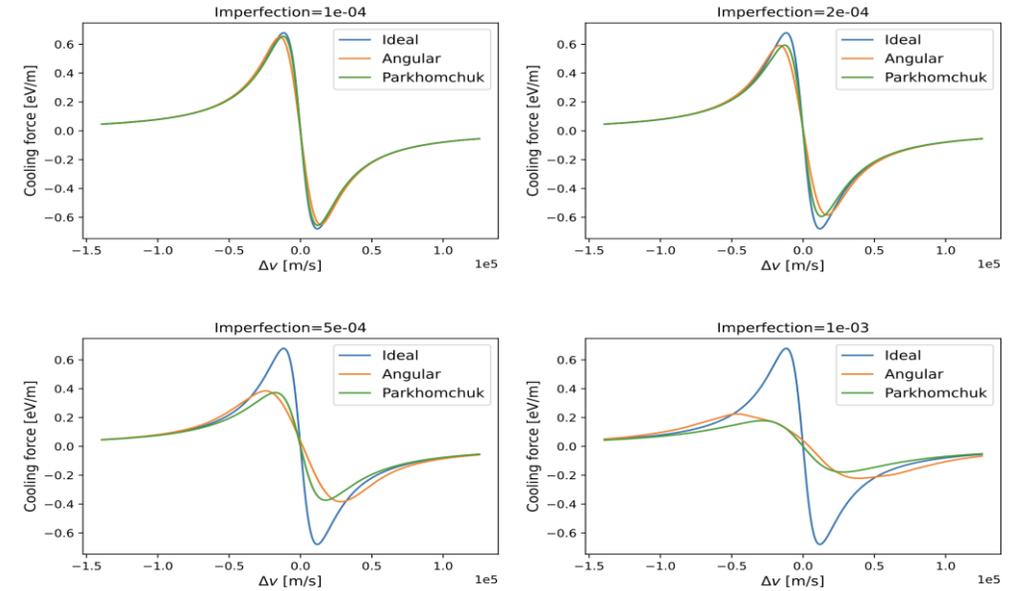
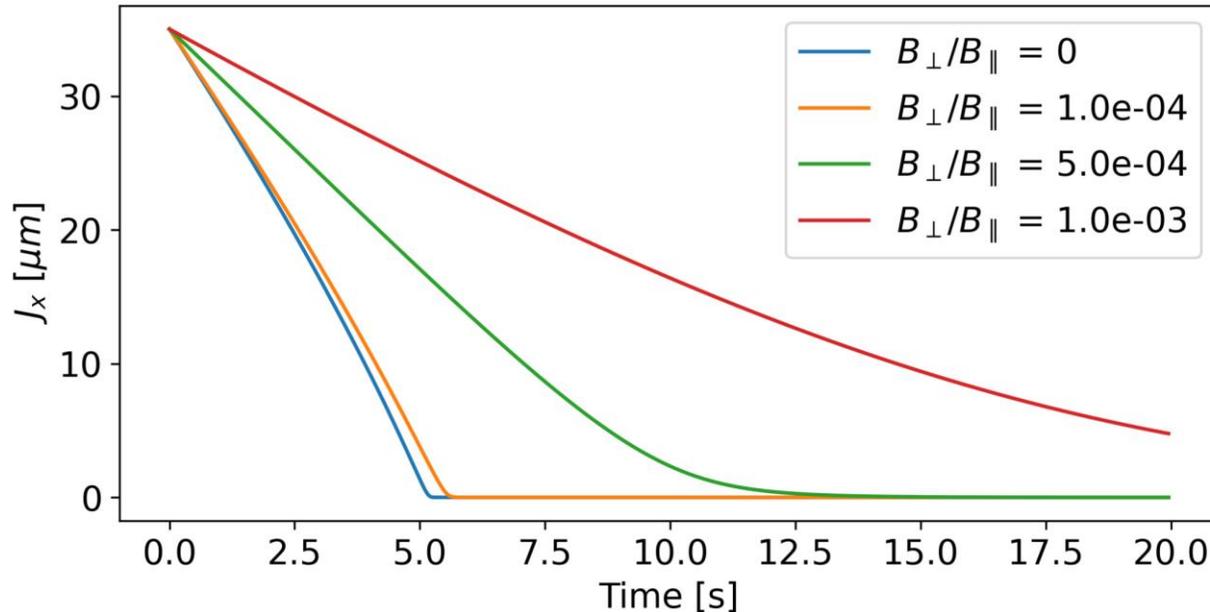


# Impact of field quality on new AD e-cooler

- **New AD e-cooler is being built**
    - See also [Laurette's](#) and [Gunn's](#) presentations
  - **Specification on field quality was required**
    - Ideal problem **addressed in Xsuite !**
    - **Comparison** between **Parkhomchuk's effective temperature** approach and **sum of shorter coolers** with given angular spread
    - Impact **most severe at highest energies** (i.e. 300 MeV/c for AD)
- ⇒ **Provided specification for magnet design (rms < 1e-4)**

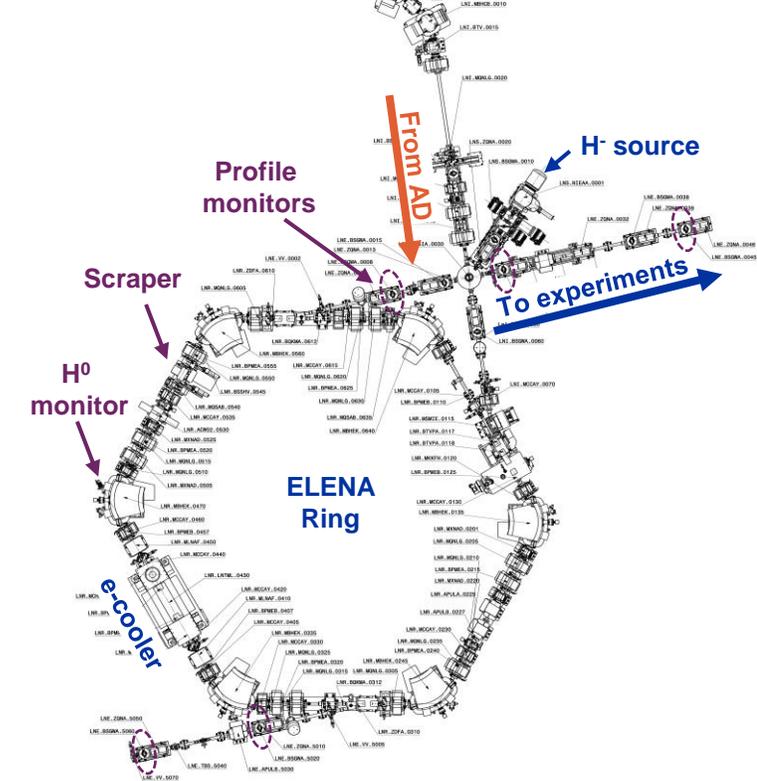
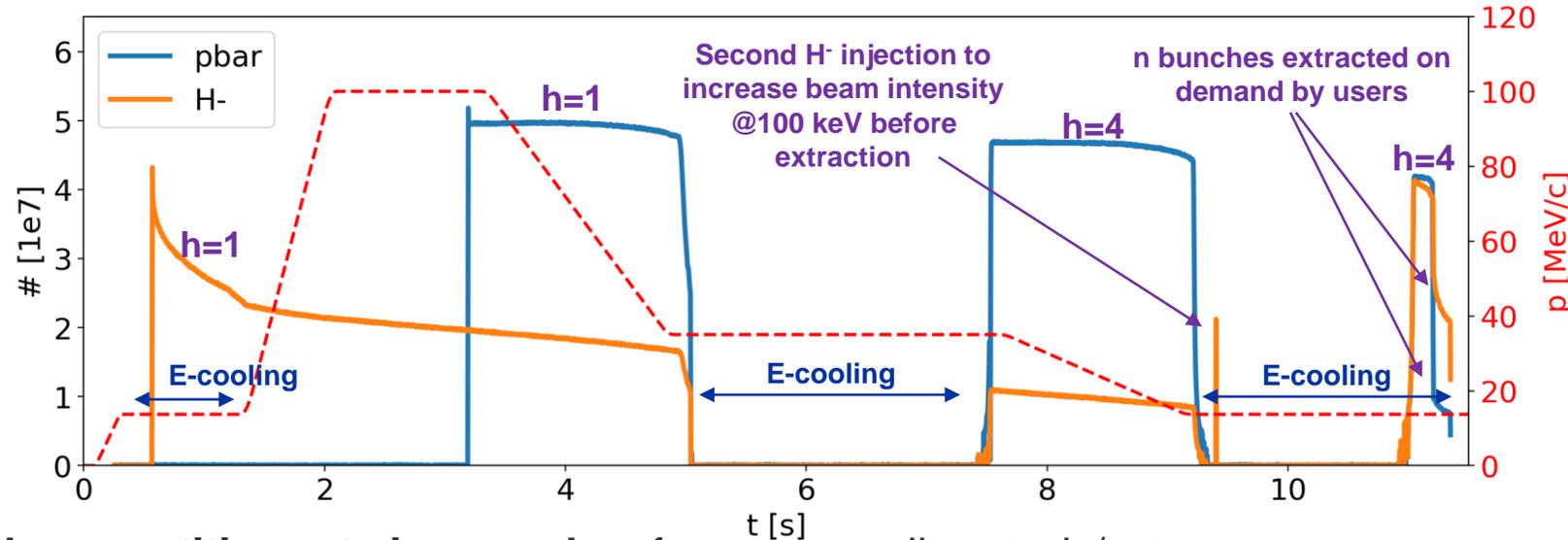


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# The ELENA cycle

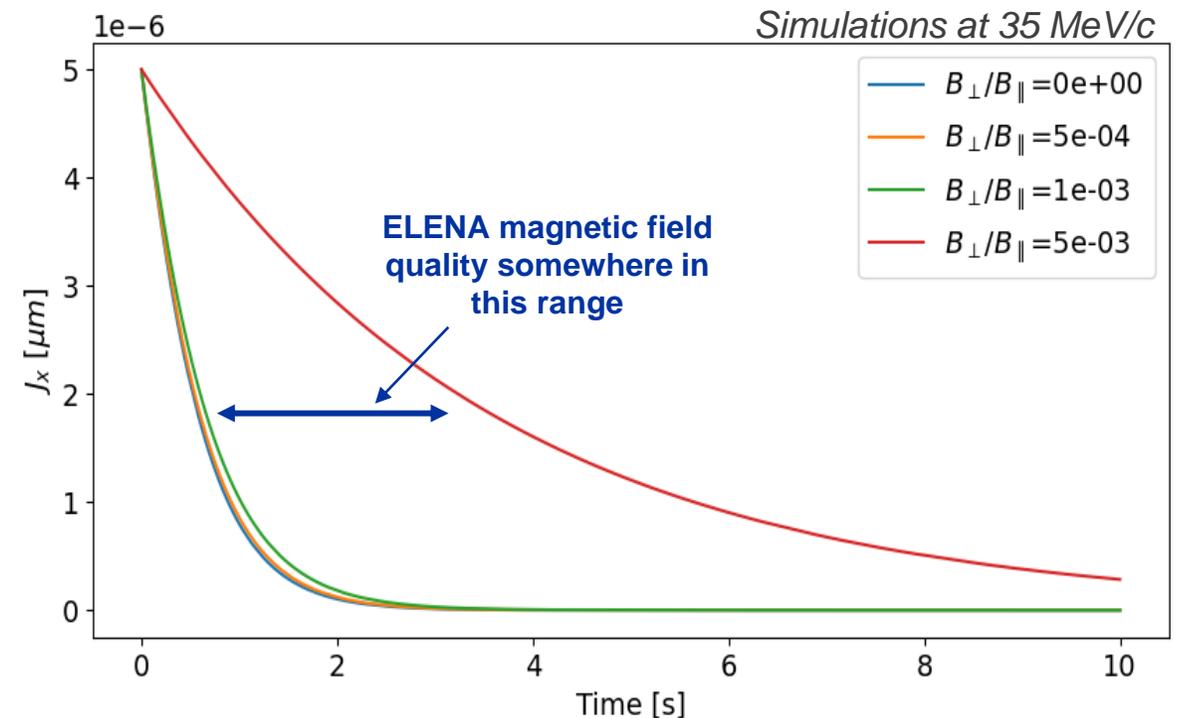
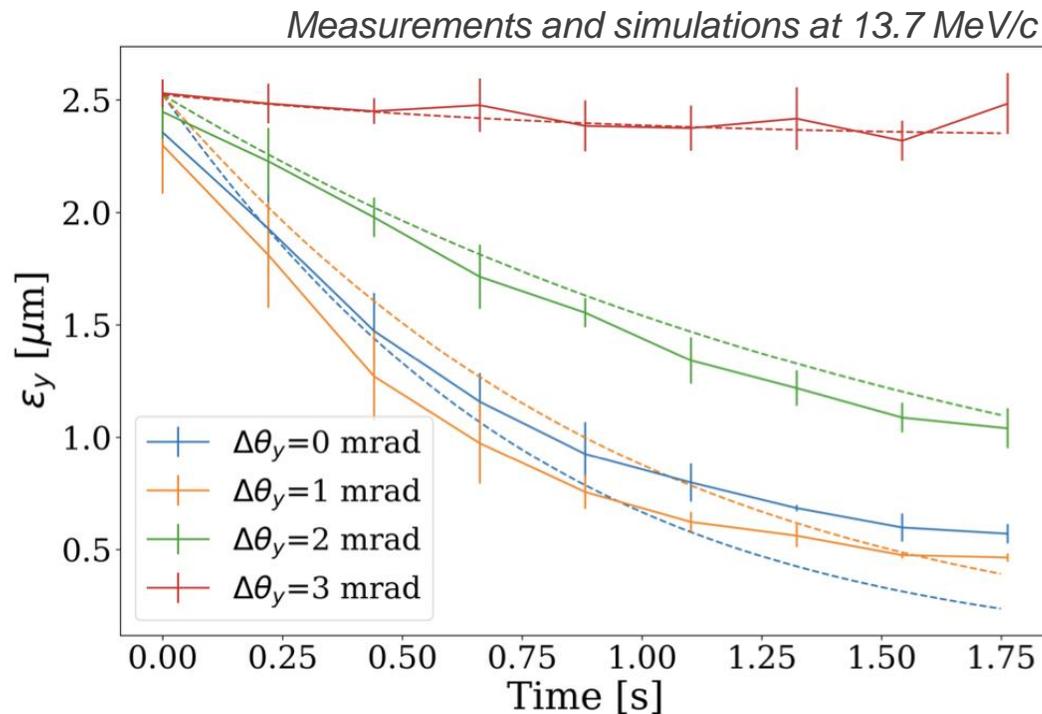
Running with two (magnetically-equal) ~15-second-long pbar or H<sup>-</sup> cycles



- Pbar repetition rate is very slow for any e-cooling study/setup
  - **Good news:** No H<sup>-</sup> lifetime degradation observed with e-cooling! **We can use H<sup>-</sup> for most studies!**
  - **Bad news:** H<sup>-</sup> lifetime strongly affected by vacuum levels in the ring (typically 10<sup>-11</sup> mbar)
- Limited beam instrumentation available in the machine: **only scrapper measurements** for transverse profile
  - **Bad news:** typical scraping time > cooling time constant; and **poor performance with H<sup>-</sup>** (requires in-vacuum MCPs)
  - **Good news (low energy only):** beam can be fast-extracted on **transfer line profile monitors**
  - **Future? (for H<sup>-</sup> only):** Promising **development using neutrals monitors** – see Gerard's [presentation](#)

# E-cooling studies in ELENA

- Transverse cooling measurement extracting beam at different times on a profile monitor
  - Generally, **good agreement between measurements and simulations !**
- **Wish to test impact of field quality** (by spoiling it with available correction coils) on cooling efficiency
  - **Better studied at higher energy**, where impact is more sizeable but **no fast transverse measurement available**
  - **Promising results with H<sup>0</sup> monitor** – see Gerard's [presentation](#)

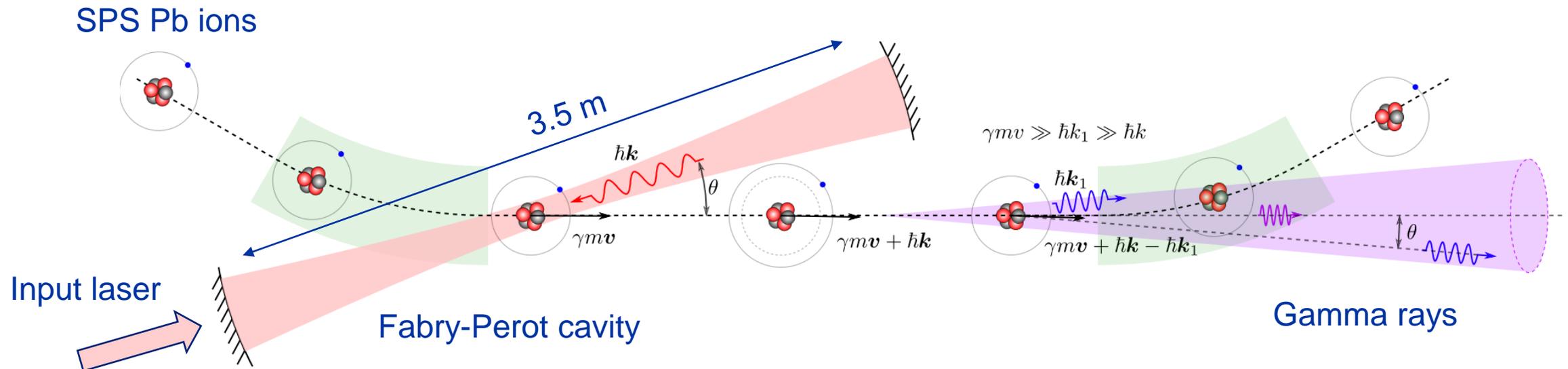


# LASER COOLING



# Gamma Factory PoP Experiment in 'a nutshell'

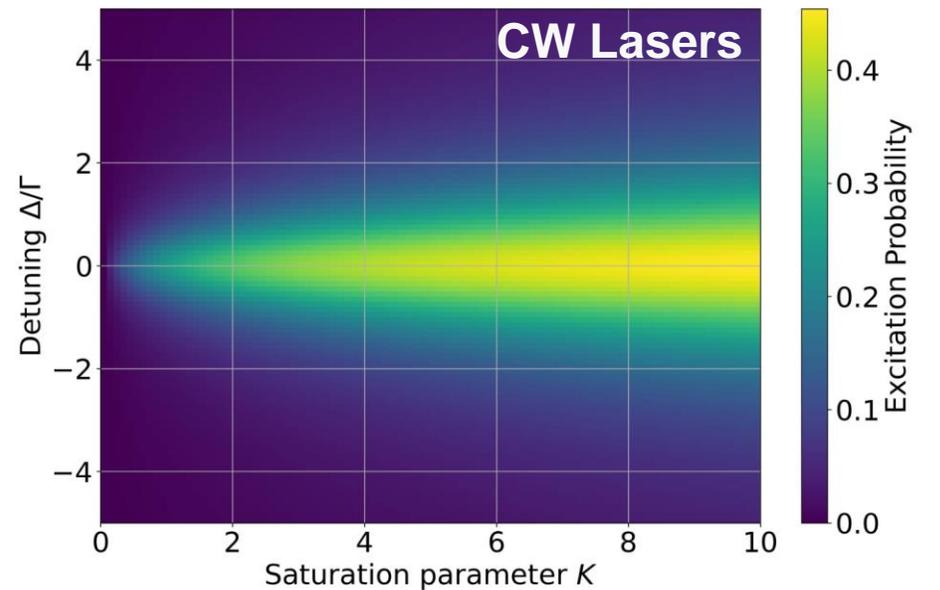
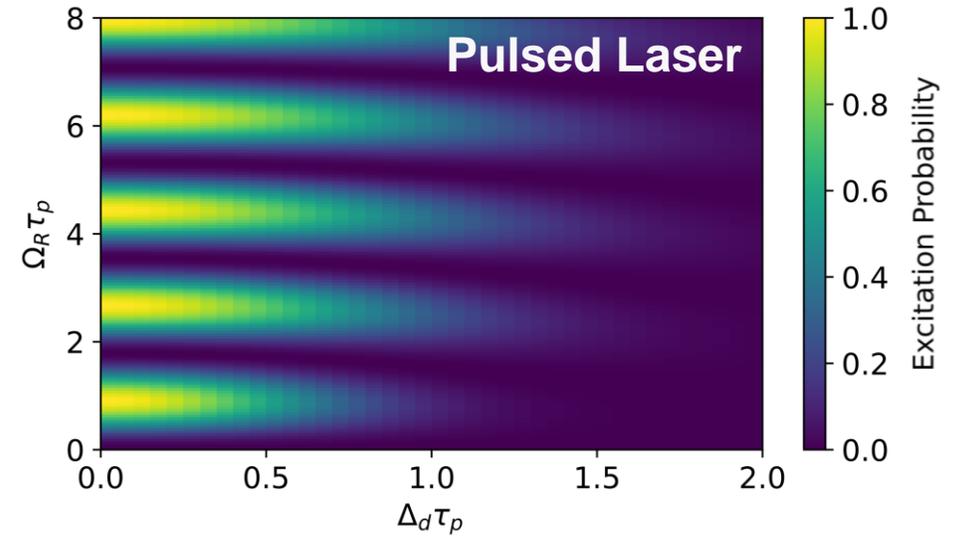
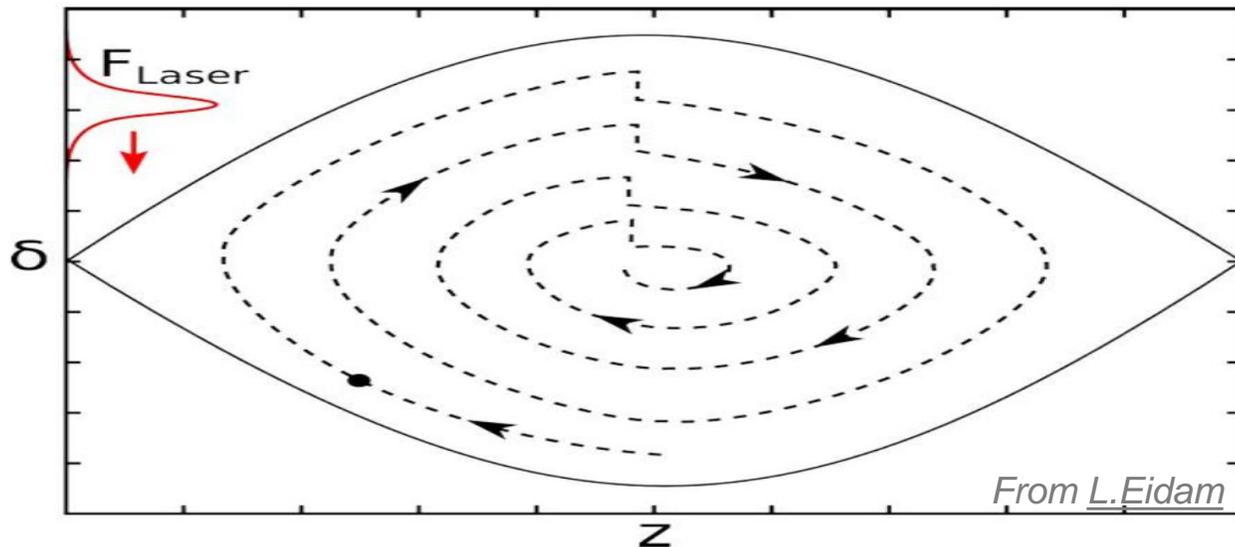
- Strong multidisciplinary interest in producing high-intensity gamma-ray flux
  - see Aurélien's [presentation](#)
- Concept based on partially stripped ions (PSI) excited by a laser
  - exploiting Doppler shift twice: to excite otherwise inaccessible levels and boost photon energy
- Need for a demonstrator, which appears feasible in the SPS
  - Excellent opportunity to test laser cooling at the highest ion energies ever achieved



Courtesy [gamma factory collaboration](#)

# Laser Cooling in Xsuite

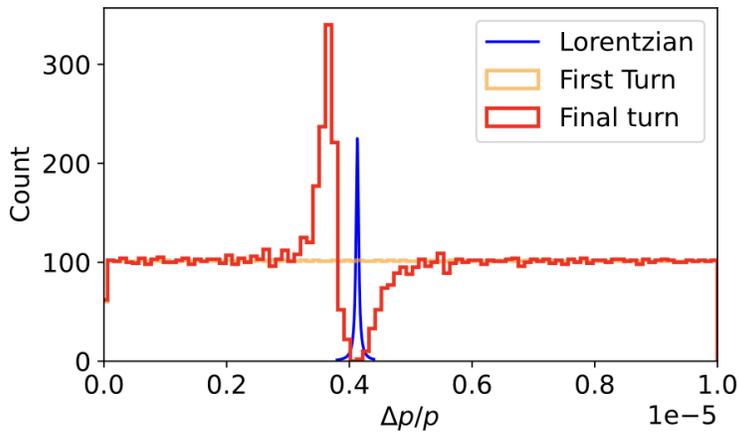
- Principle: selective particle momentum reduction
- First implementation in Xsuite by [A. Petrenko](#)
- Requires to solve optical Bloch equations
  - Done for pulsed Fourier-limited and CW lasers
  - Chirped lasers explored, but not yet implemented
- **Multi-thread + GPU support essential for long simulations**



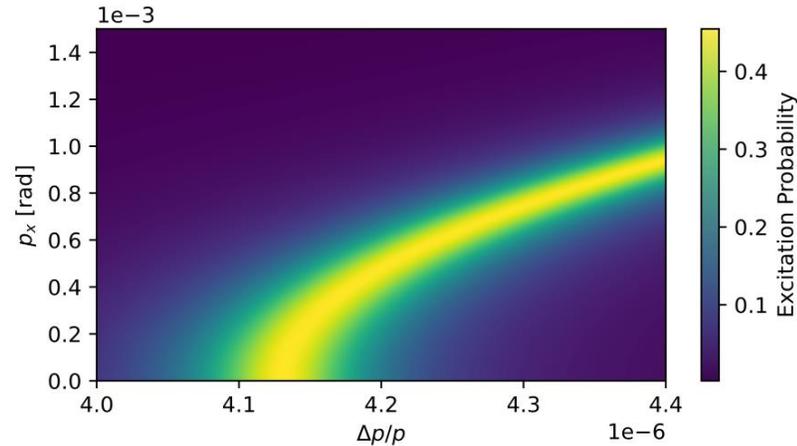
# Benchmark with Literature: Lanzhou experiment

- **Replicating published measurement with CW laser**
  - Requires to account for doppler effect correction due to emittance

Effect on zero-emittance beam



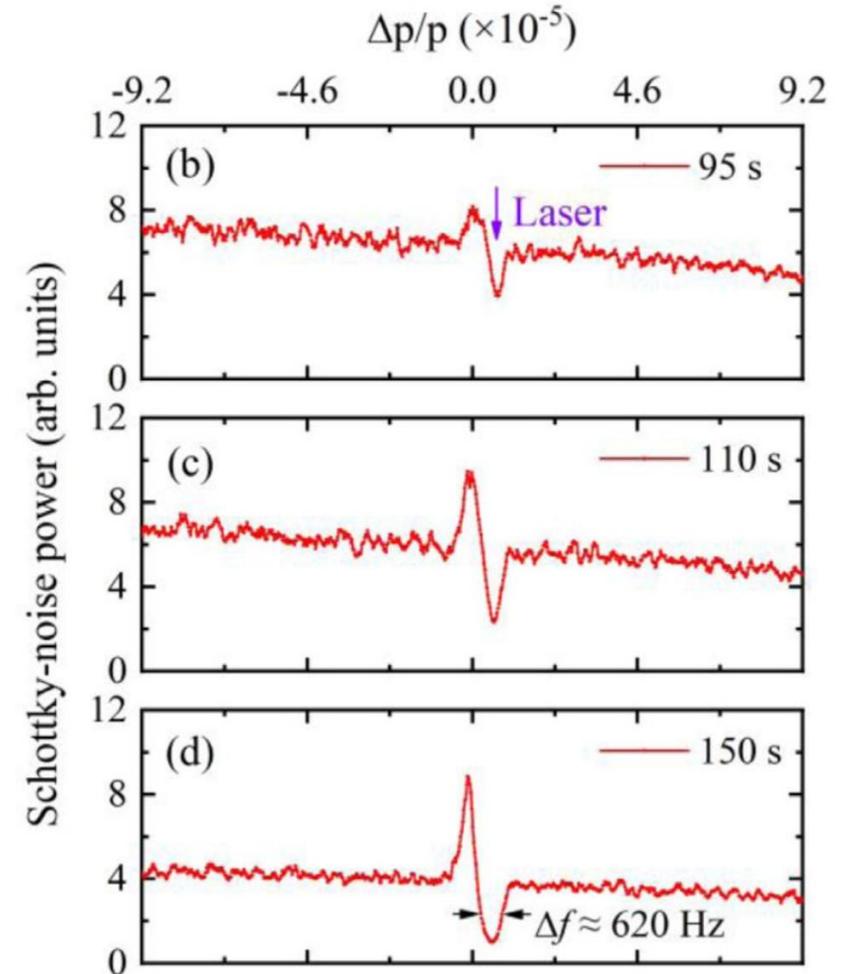
Broadening due to emittance



- **Results compatibles with published data**
  - Uncertainty given by varying laser beam size at IP

	Experiment	Original simulation	Xsuite
FWHM dp/p	5.7e-6	5.7e-6	[2e-6, 7e-6]

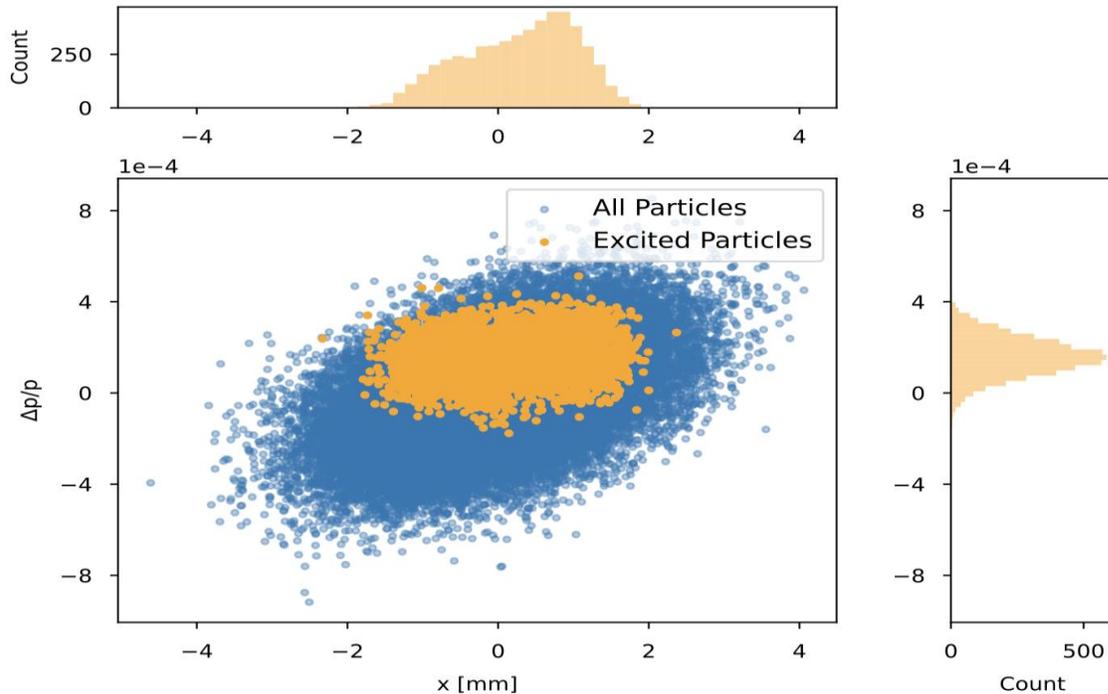
Measurement in Lanzhou



# Parameters for PoP experiment

- Choice of parameters dependent on:
  - accessible energy levels
  - available laser parameters
  - machine optics and ion beam constrains

⇒ Multi-parameter exploration accessible within Xsuite



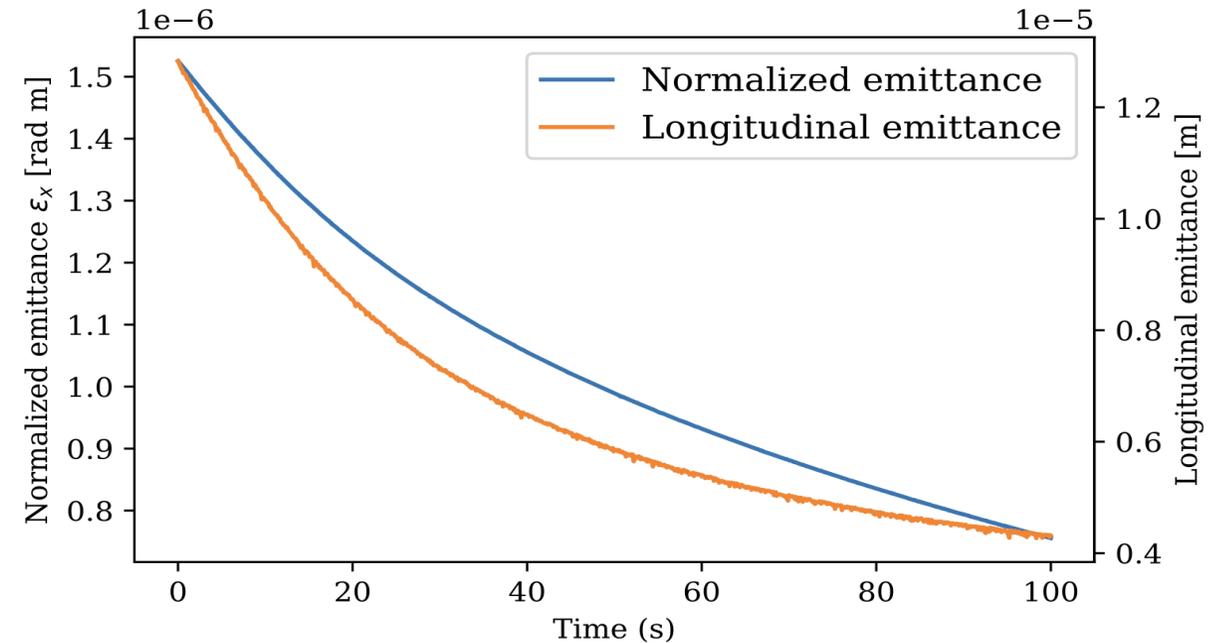
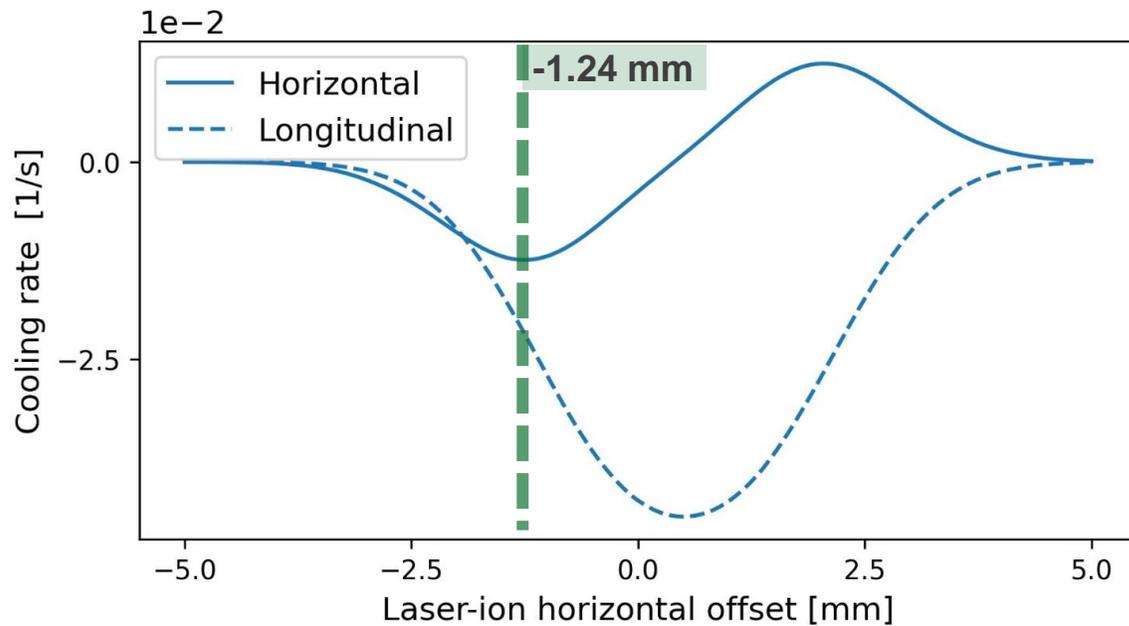
Parameter	Value
<b>Laser Parameters</b>	
Wavelength ( $\lambda$ )	1031 nm (1.2 eV)
Single pulse energy at IP ( $E$ )	5 mJ
Laser waist radius at IP	1.3 mm
Collision angle ( $\theta_L$ )	2.6 degrees
Fourier-limited pulse width ( $\sigma_t$ )	2.74 ps
<b>Twiss Parameters at the Interaction Point</b>	
$\beta_x, \beta_y$	54.47 m, 44.40 m
$\alpha_x, \alpha_y$	-1.55, 1.32
$D_x$	2.4 m
$D'_x$	0.09
<b>Machine Parameters</b>	
Transverse tunes ( $Q_x, Q_y$ )	26.299, 26.249
Harmonic number ( $h$ )	4620
RF voltage ( $V$ )	7 MeV
<b>Ion Beam Parameters</b>	
Ion species	$^{208}\text{Pb}^{79+}$
Ion mass ( $m$ )	$193.687 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
Mean Lorentz factor ( $\gamma$ )	96.3
Number of ions per bunch ( $N$ )	$0.9 \times 10^8$
RMS relative energy spread ( $\sigma_E/E$ )	$2 \times 10^{-4}$
Normalized transverse emittances ( $\epsilon_n$ )	1.5 mm mrad
RMS bunch length ( $\sigma_z$ )	6.3 cm
Excited state lifetime	76.6 ps
Ion excitation energy ( $h\omega_0$ ) [181, 182]	231 eV

# Transverse Cooling Enabled by Dispersion Coupling

- Dispersion at the IP converts longitudinal cooling into transverse cooling
  - Strong transverse cooling reduces longitudinal cooling

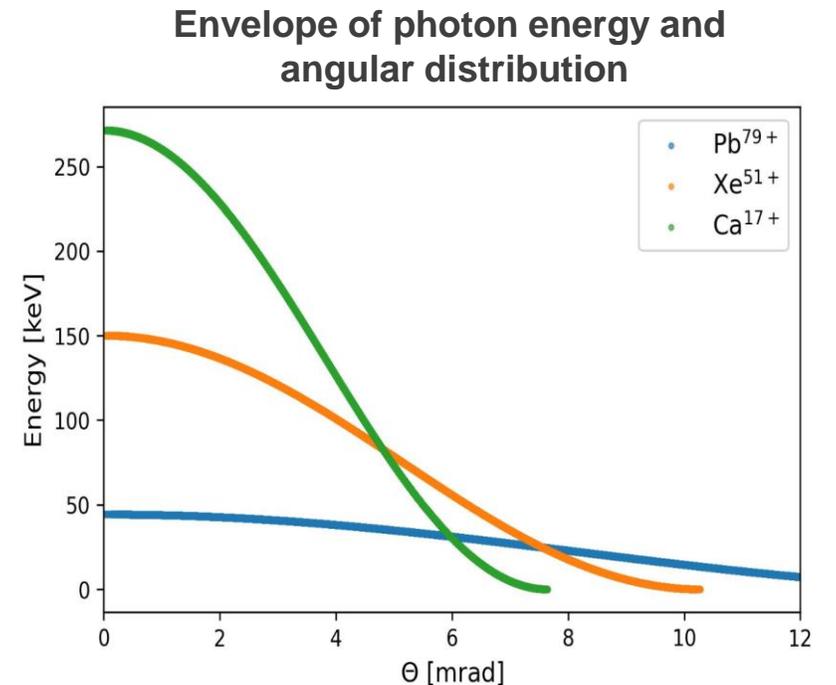
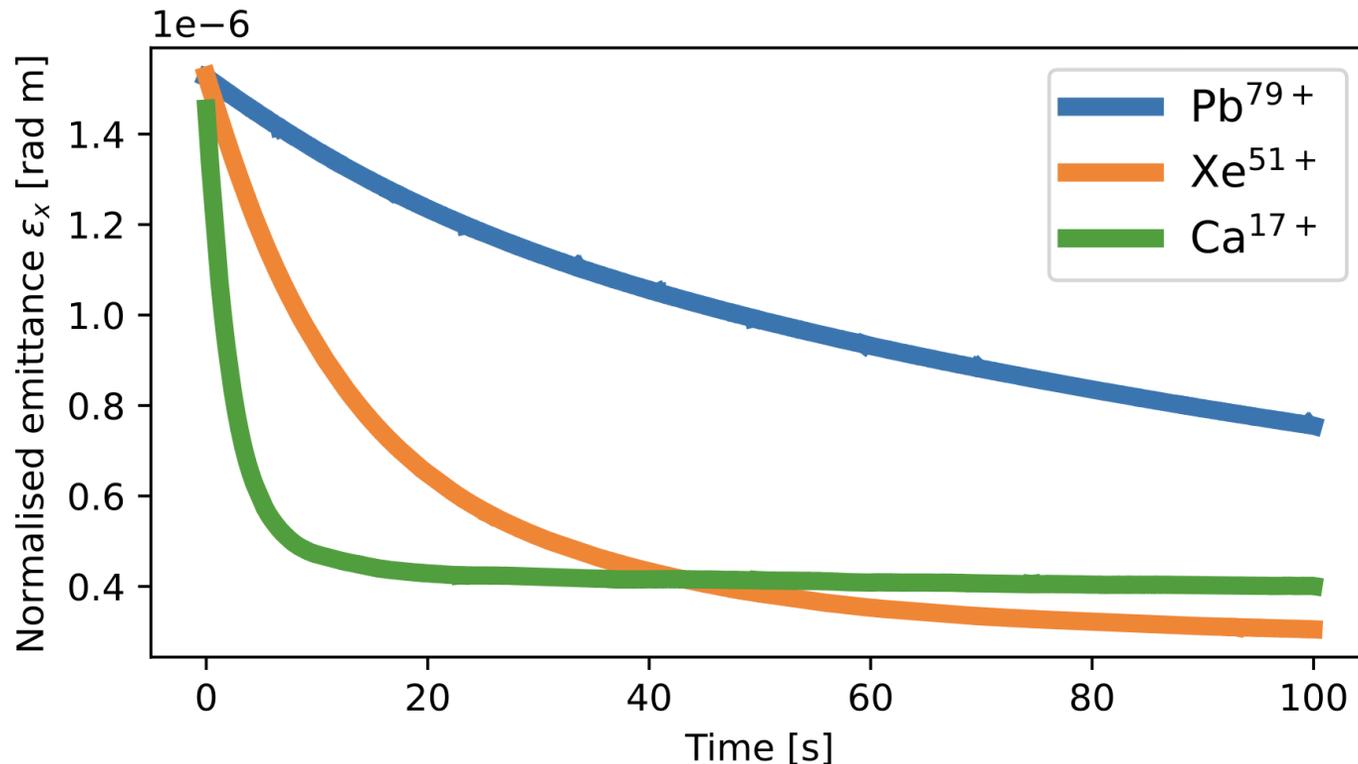
⇒ Full optimisation possible with Xsuite

- Vertical cooling achieved through transverse plane coupling



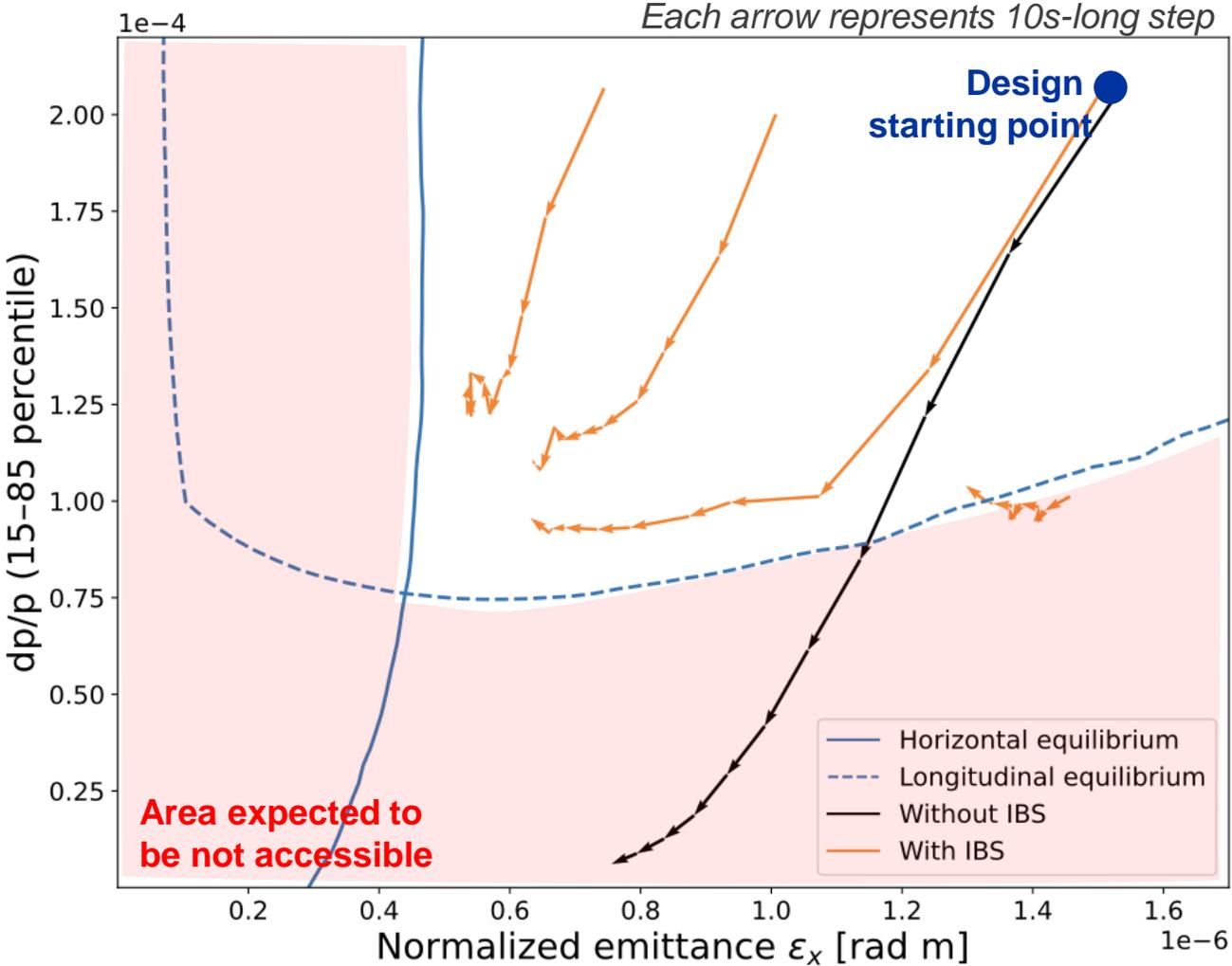
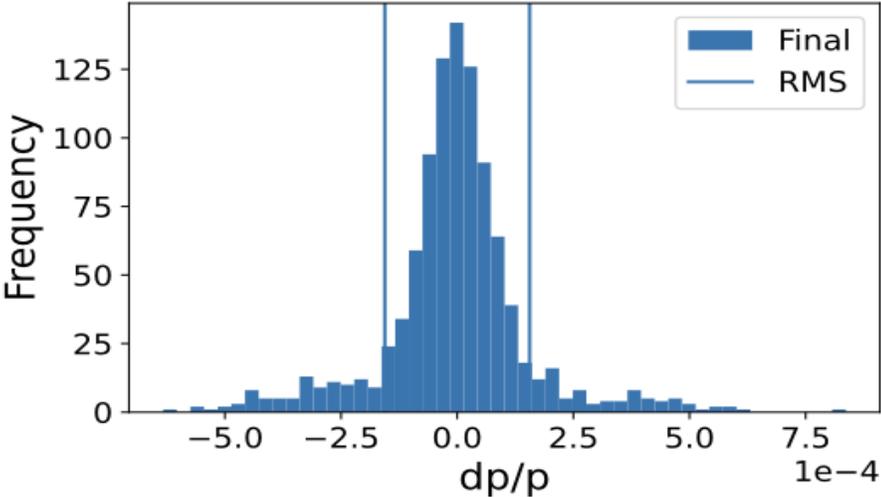
# Cooling rates for different ions (without IBS)

- Several ions could be potentially injected - and cooled – in the SPS:
  - **Note:** much **faster cooling for lower-charge and lower-mass** ions thanks to larger excitation energy and consequent **larger absorption kicks**
  - Xsuite **implementation can provide** information about **energy and distribution of produced photons**



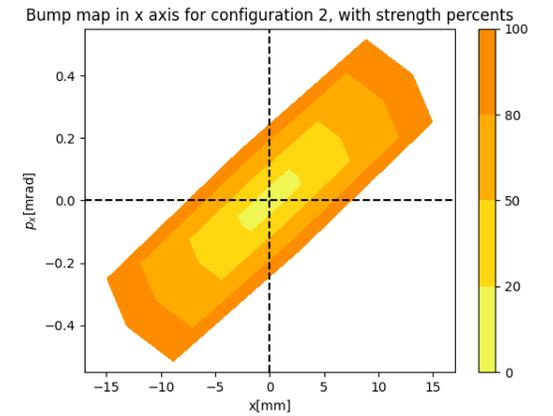
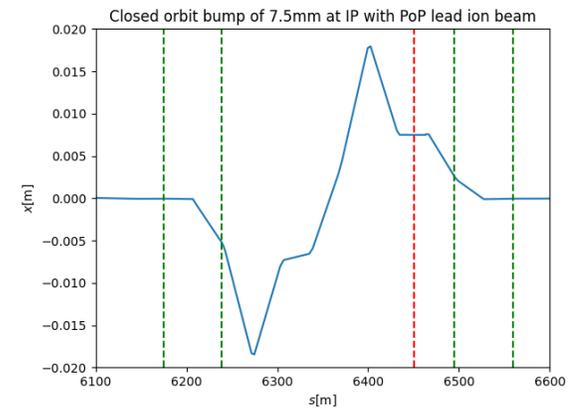
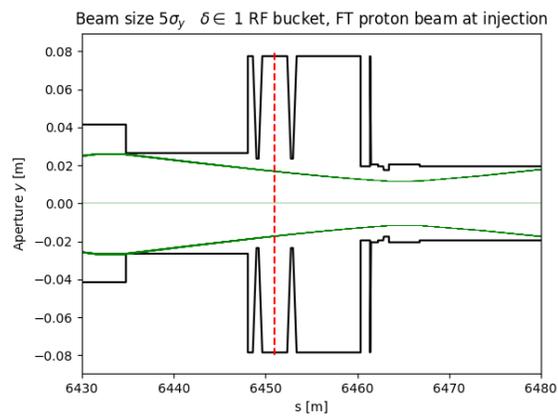
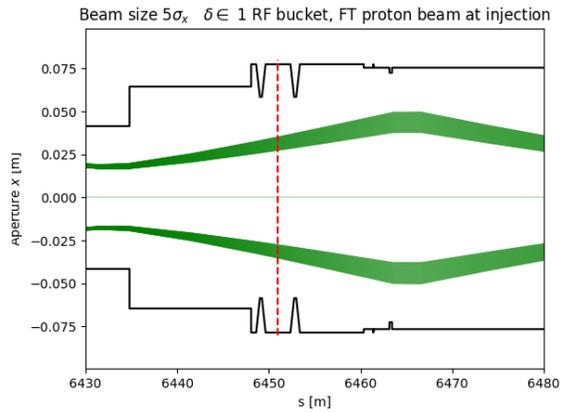
# Cooling with IBS Studies

- **IBS has a two-fold impact:**
  - Slower cooling time
  - Larger equilibrium emittance
- **Using 15-85 percentile to better represent non-Gaussian core**
  - Often an issue of IBS computations
  - Contributes to blurry border definition



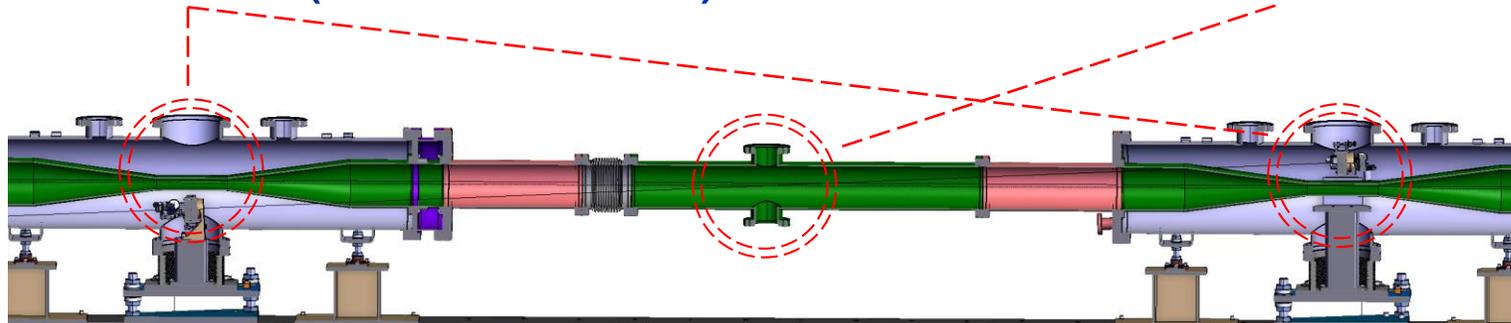
# Ongoing Work: Devise Operational Scenario for PoP

1. Check compatibility of design with nominal SPS beams
2. Verify beam steering margins, considering corrector strength and aperture
3. Put everything together: devise start-to-end simulation of the cooling experiment in Xsuite



Check on aperture restrictions (for all other beams)

Beam control at the IP



# Summary and Outlook

- **Parkhomchuk e-cooling model integrated and validated in Xsuite**
  - Measurements in ELENA and LEIR consistent with simulations
  - $e^-$  space-charge effects essential to capture the correct behaviour
- **Laser-cooling capabilities advancing in Xsuite**
  - CW and pulsed laser-cooling modules nearing completion
    - Merge request for next Xsuite release in progress
  - Chirped-laser option under development (lower priority, as not useful for PoP)
- **Provided first SPS PoP Performance Estimates**
  - Cooling vs heating interplay now accessible within a single, well-supported simulation framework
- **SPS Proof-of-Principle and new AD e-cooler provide key validation opportunities**
  - ⇒ **“Cool” times ahead of us after CERN Long Shutdown 3**

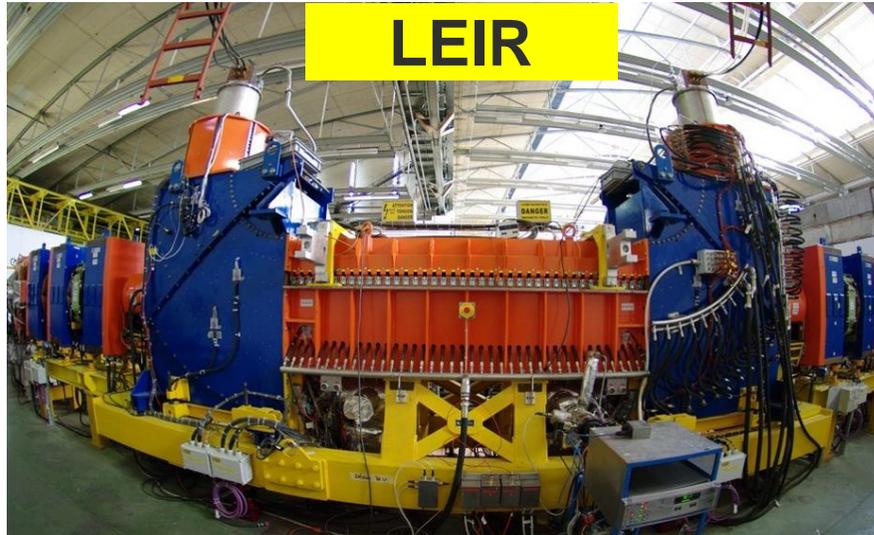
**Thanks for your attention and comments !**

# APPENDIX



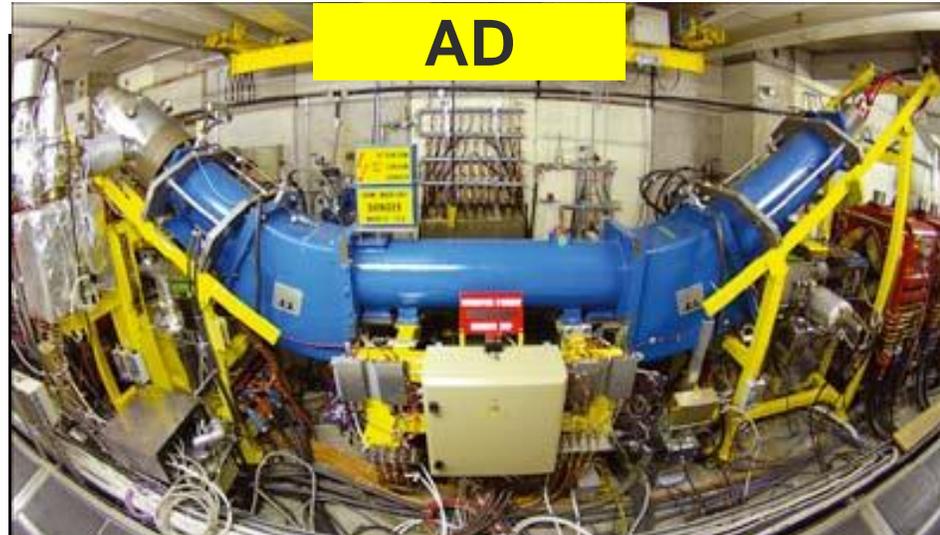
# Electron Coolers at CERN

Currently we have three electron coolers in operation at CERN (30 keV – 55 eV):



LEIR e-cooler was **designed specifically** for the LHC ion chain and uses the **most advanced technologies** at that time (~2004):

- **Variable density electron gun**
- **Beam expansion**
- **Pancake structure of magnets**
- **Electrostatic bend** for improved vacuum

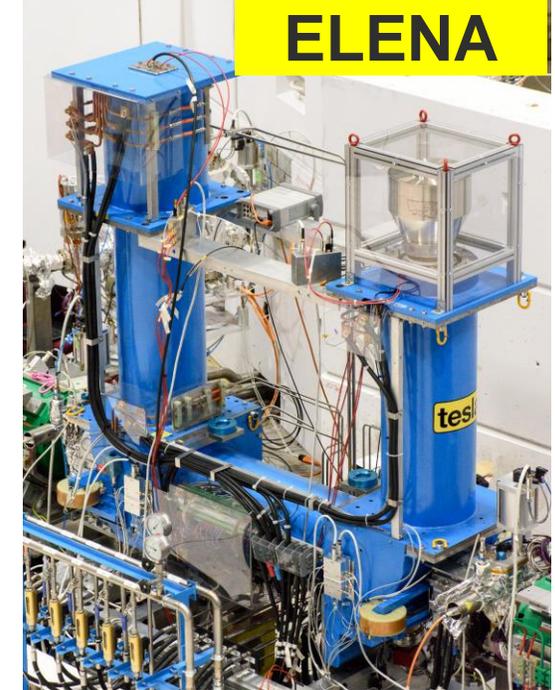


First used in the Initial Cooling Experiment (ICE) in 1977-80, then used in LEAR (1982-97).

Finally moved to the AD (since 1999).

It will “retire” soon with the advent of a new electron cooler specifically designed for AD.

- See [Gunn’s contribution](#)



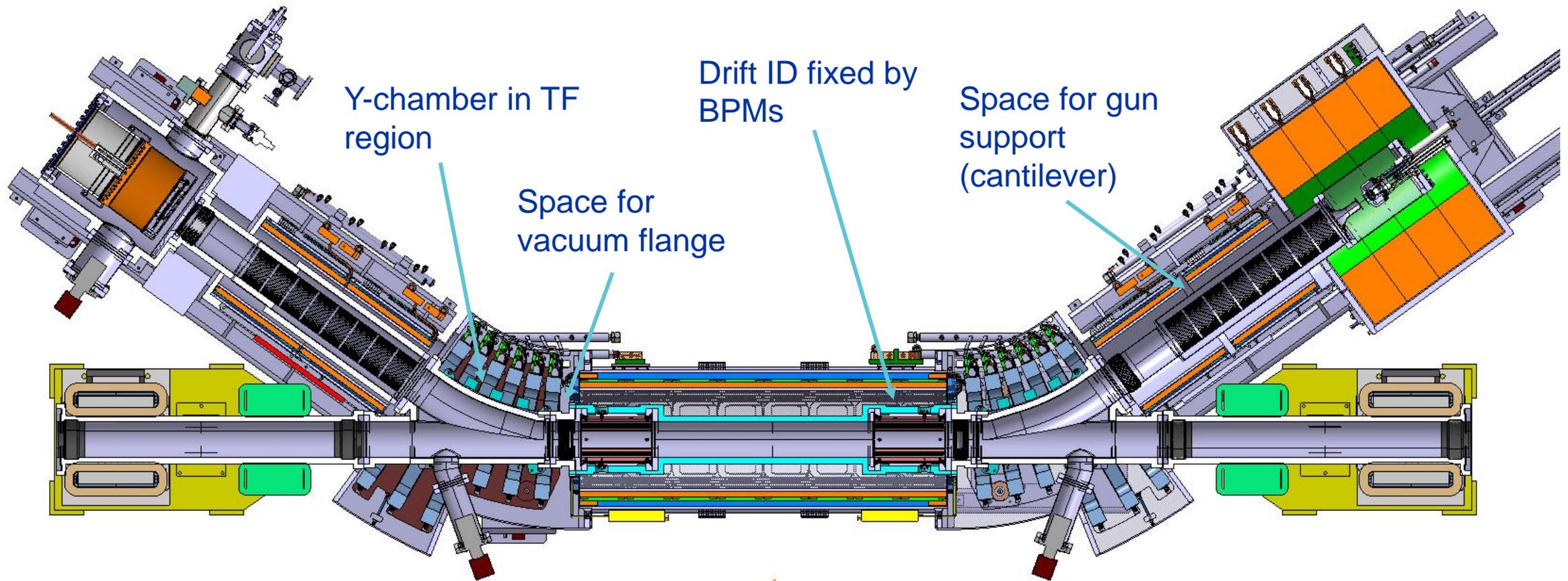
The **smallest**, start operation in **2018** and required **challenging manufacturing/optimization** of the very **low magnetic field** (100 Gauss)

# CERN Electron Coolers Main Parameters

Each cooler is designed with specific parameters to match the accelerator needs

	LEIR	AD	ELENA		
(Main) Ion particle	$^{208}\text{Pb}^{54+}$	pbar	pbar	pbar	pbar
Ion momentum	~88 MeV/c/u	300 MeV/c	100 MeV/c	35 MeV/c	13.7 MeV/c
Electron kinetic energy	2.3 keV (<6.5 keV)	25.5 keV (<35 keV)	2.9 keV	355 eV	55 eV
Relativistic beta	0.094	0.305	0.106	0.037	0.015
Electron current	600 mA	2.5 A	100 mA	5 mA	1 mA
Cooling length	2.5 m	1.5 m		1 m	
Ring length	78.54 m	182.43 m		30.41 m	
Gun magnetic field	Up to 2.3 kG	590 G		Up to 1 kG	
Drift magnet field	750 G	590 G		100 G	
Electron beam radius (drift)	14 - 25 mm	25 mm		8 to 25 mm	

# Overview of the new AD cooler magnet system



# E-cooling Parameters in Simulations

Parameter	Value
LEIR e-cooler parameters	
e <sup>-</sup> kinetic energy $E_k$ (keV)	2.2
Relativistic $\beta$	0.094
e <sup>-</sup> beam current $I$ (mA)	300
Cooler length $L$ (m)	2.5
Transverse e <sup>-</sup> temperature $T_{\perp}$ (meV)	100
Longitudinal e <sup>-</sup> temperature $T_{\parallel}$ (meV)	1
Magnetic field ( $B_{\parallel}$ ) 0.075	T
Field imperfection $B_{\perp}/B_{\parallel}$	$1 \times 10^{-3}$
e <sup>-</sup> beam radius (mm)	25
LEIR optics parameters at e-cooler	
Beta functions $\beta_x/\beta_y$ (m)	5 / 5
Dispersion $D_x/D_y$ (m)	0 / 0
Machine tunes $Q_x/Q_y$	1.84 / 2.72
Fully stripped ion beam parameters (e.g. Mg <sup>12+</sup> )	
Geometrical emittances $\epsilon_x/\epsilon_y$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	14 / 14
Momentum spread $\Delta p/p$ (uniform)	$\pm 2 \times 10^{-3}$

Parameter	Value
ELENA e-cooler 100 keV parameters	
e <sup>-</sup> kinetic energy $E_k$ (keV)	0.054
Relativistic $\beta$	0.014
e <sup>-</sup> beam current $I$ (mA)	0.34
Cooler length $L$ (m)	1
Transverse e <sup>-</sup> temperature $T_{\perp}$ (meV)	100
Longitudinal e <sup>-</sup> temperature $T_{\parallel}$ (meV)	1
Drift solenoid field $B$ (T)	0.0097
Drift $B_{\perp}/B_{\parallel}$	$1 \times 10^{-3}$
e <sup>-</sup> beam radius (mm)	14
ELENA Optics parameters at e-cooler	
Beta functions $\beta_x/\beta_y$ (m)	1.7/2.7
Dispersion $D_x/D_y$ (m)	1/0
Machine tunes $Q_x/Q_y$	2.36 / 1.39
H <sup>-</sup> beam parameters	
Geometrical emittances $\epsilon_x/\epsilon_y$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	2.5 / 2.5
RMS $\frac{\Delta p}{p}$	$1 \times 10^{-3}$
Twiss parameters at SEM	
Beta functions $\beta_x/\beta_y$ (m)	7.6 / 1.3
Dispersion $D_x$ (m)	0.2

# Examples of Previous Laser Cooling Experiments

Facility (ring)	Ion species	Beam energy (typical)	Relativistic $\beta$	$\gamma$	Notes / references
<b>CSRe (IMP Lanzhou)</b>	$O^{5+}$	275.7 MeV/u	<b>0.636</b>	$\approx 1.295$	Laser cooling of <i>bunched</i> relativistic $O^{5+}$ ; Schottky diagnostics. Currently the highest- $\beta/\gamma$ demonstration.
<b>ESR (GSI Darmstadt)</b>	$C^{3+}$	122 MeV/u	0.47	1.13	Multiple campaigns (2004–2013, 2021+): broadband and narrowband cooling; extensive spectroscopy with $\beta \approx 0.47$ .
<b>TSR (Heidelberg)</b>	${}^7Li^+$ (and others)	$\sim 7\text{--}13$ MeV (few MeV/u)	$\approx 0.05$	$\approx 1.001$	First storage-ring laser-cooling demonstrations (longitudinal), $\sim 5\%$ of $c$ .
<b>S-LSR (Kyoto, ICR)</b>	${}^{24}Mg^+$	35–40 keV	$\approx 9 \times 10^{-3}$	$\approx 1.00004$	Low-energy ring; 1D laser cooling and studies of coupling / ordering.