

1-MW beam operation at J-PARC RCS with minimum beam loss

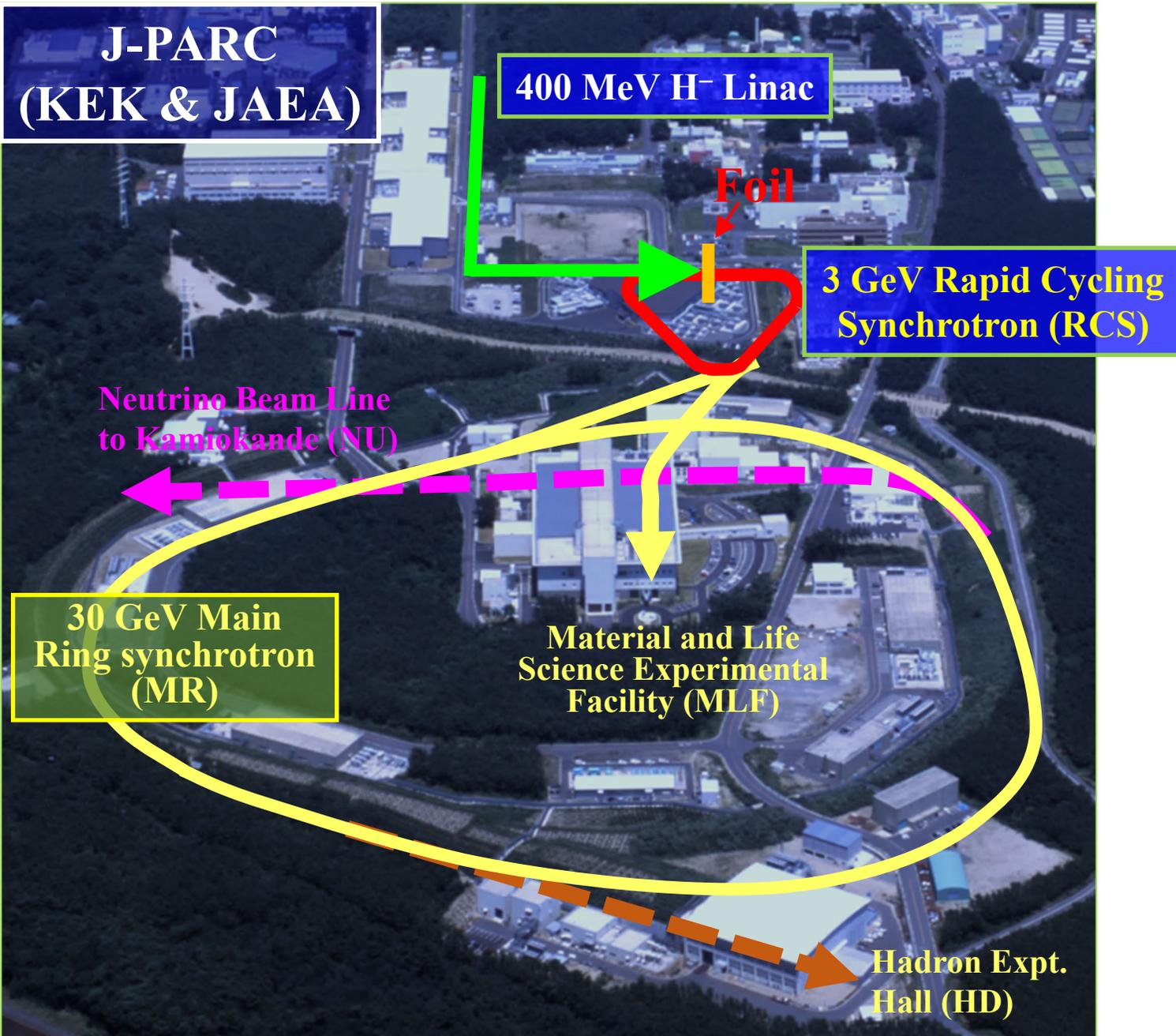
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Accelerators at J-PARC



J-PARC is a high-energy proton accelerator complex comprising

- A 400 MeV H⁻ Linear Accelerator (LINAC)
- **A 3-GeV Rapid Cycling Synchrotron (RCS)**
- A 30 GeV Main Ring (MR)

J-PARC provides high intensity proton beams for multi-dimensional experimental research for

- ◆ Material and Life Science
- ◆ Particle Physics
- ◆ Nuclear Physics

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Outline:

- Brief overview of the 3-GeV RCS of J-PARC
- Beam loss minimization at 0.7 MW and SC effect at higher intensity
- **Beam loss mitigation at 1 MW by**
 - Resonance correction
 - Optimization of longitudinal painting
 - Optimization of transverse painting
 - Optimization of betatron tune at injection
- Summary and outlook

Overview of the J-PARC RCS (Rapid Cycling Synchrotron)

Key parameters:

Circumference : 348.333 m

Superperiodicity : 3

Harmonic number : 2

Number of bunches : 2

Injection : Multi-turn charge-exchange injection of H⁻ beam

Injection energy : 400 MeV

Injection period : 0.5 ms (307 turns)

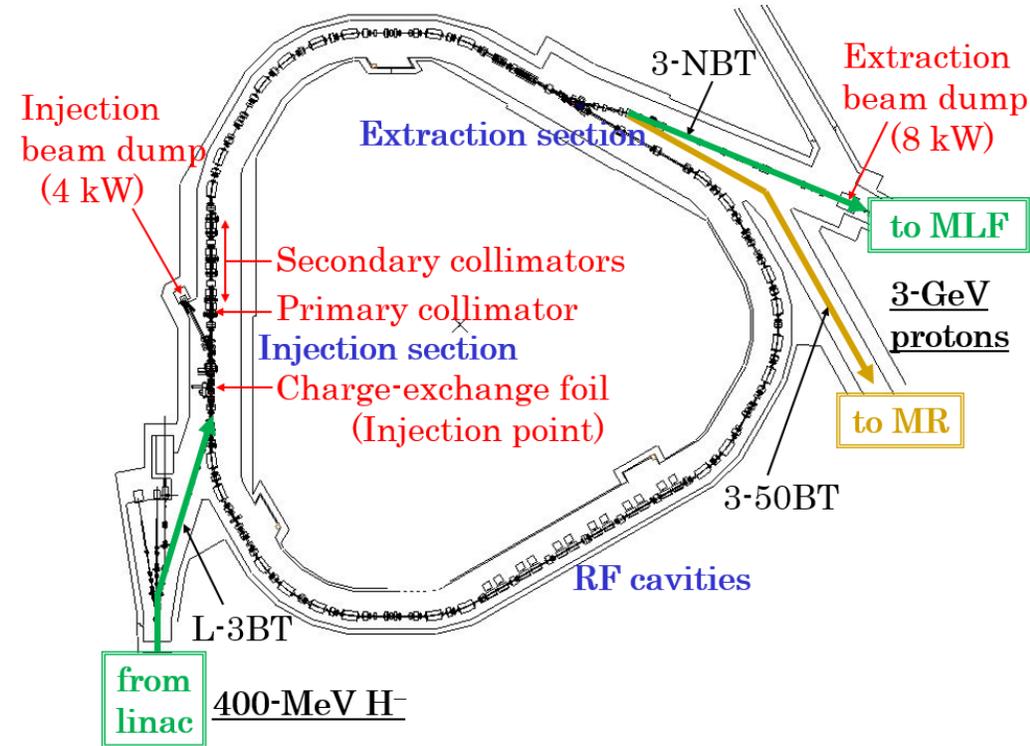
Injection peak current : 50 mA

Extraction energy : 3 GeV

Repetition rate : 25 Hz

Particles per pulse : 8.33×10^{13}

Beam power : 1 MW



RCS has two functions:

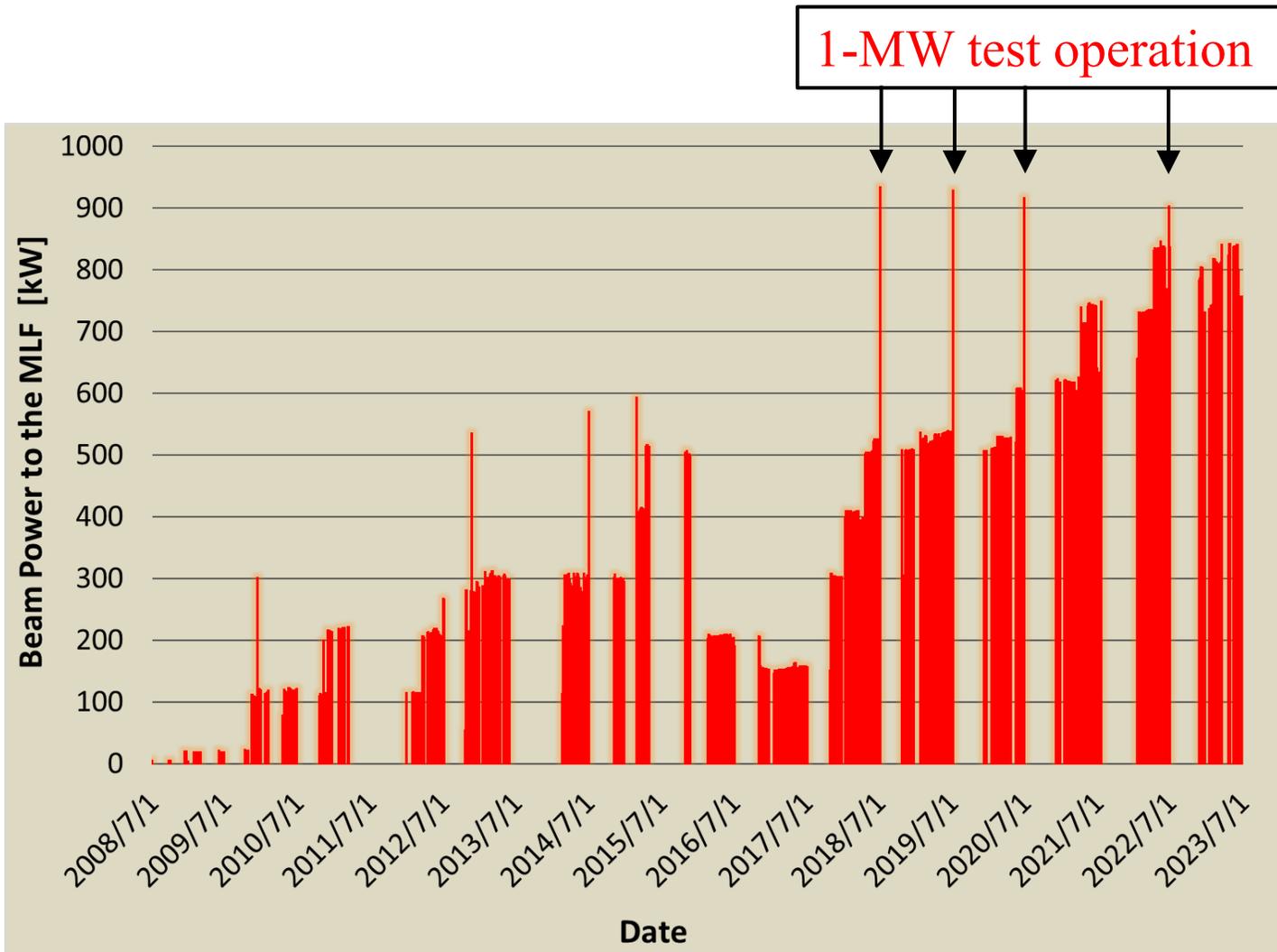
- Proton driver for producing pulsed muons and neutrons at the MLF.
- Injector to the MR.

◆ Beam sharing between MLF and MR ~ 9:1

→ Beam loss mitigation for beam operation to the MLF is essential.

◆ We also need to provide a beam with lower emittance to the MR.

History of the RCS beam power to the MLF



◆ We have demonstrated 1 MW operation at 25 Hz several times.

◆ Beam power to the MLF at present: ~ 1MW
PPP: $8.0E13$ ppp \rightarrow 950 kW-equiv.
(Net beam power: 840 kW at 88% duty.)

- Due to absence of one RF cavity, RF trips occurs at full intensity operating at 25 Hz.
- The beam intensity is thus slightly reduced.
- It will be back in service from April 2024.

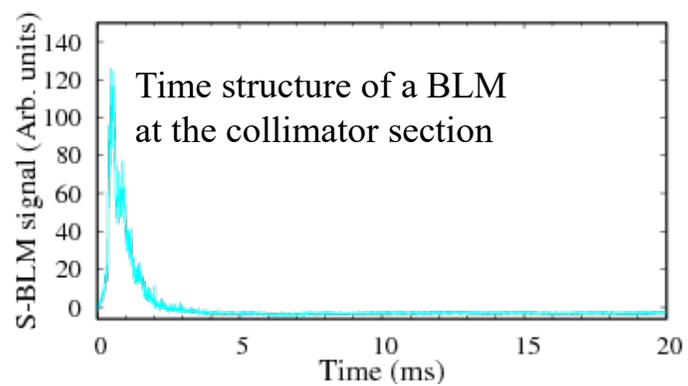
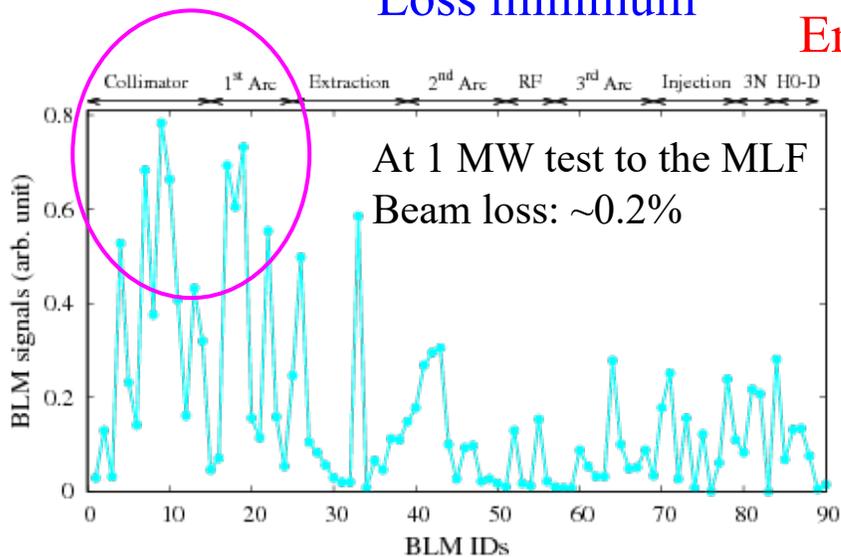
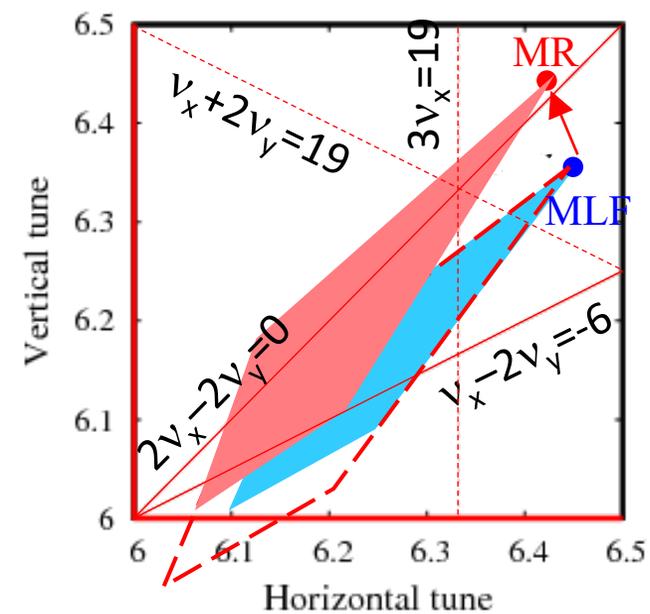
Operational strategy of the RCS

Optimization of many parameters and their switching pulse-by-pulse to the MLF and MR is done according to the demand.

Parameter	For MLF	For MR
Beam power	~1 MW	800 kW-eq. (FX), ~200 kW-eq.(SX)
Tune@ inj. → ext.	(6.46, 6.36) → (6.37, 6.35)	(6.417, 6.447) → (6.37, 6.35)
Transverse painting & type	200π mm mrad (anti-correlated)	50π mm mrad (correlated)
Longitudinal painting	V ₂ duration: 6 ms Δp/p offset: -0.15% + RF freq. offset -0.08%	V ₂ duration: 7 ms Δp/p offset: -0.15%
Sextupoles	v _x -2v _y = -6 Resonance correction	ξ manipulation Partial cor. at lower energy but extra ξ at higher energy by bipolar Sext. → SC and beam instability mitigation

Loss minimum

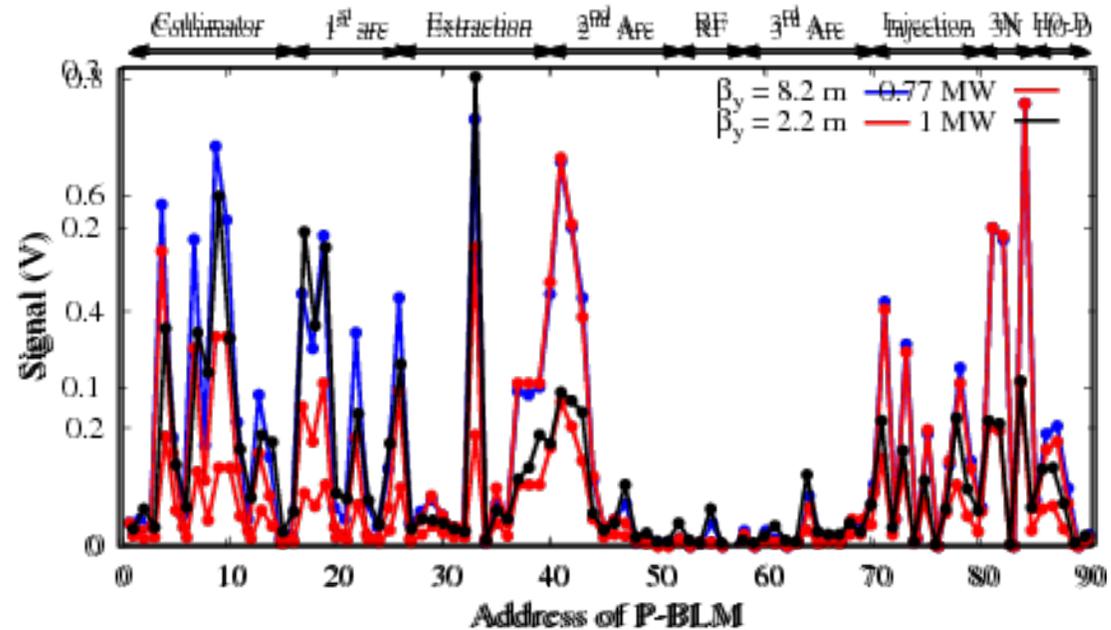
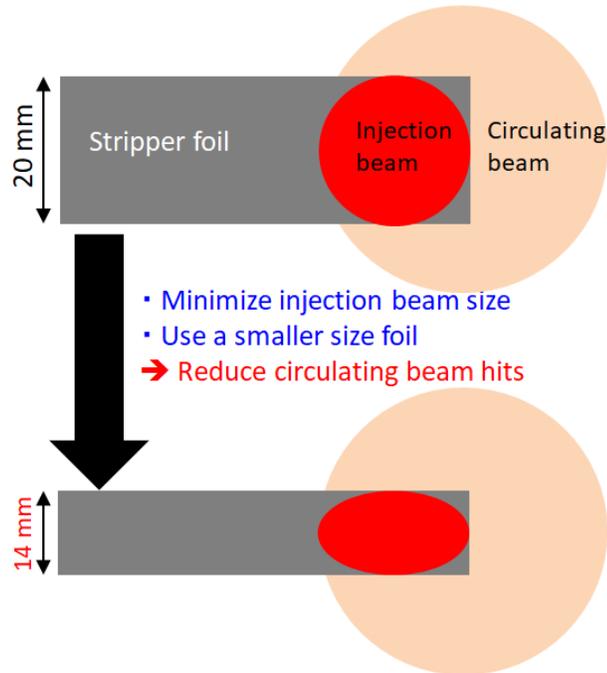
Emittance minimum



- Beam loss is well mitigated and controlled to occur only at inj. energy and localized mostly at the collimator section.
- However, the residual radiation at the injection, collimator and at the 1st arc sections are still high.
- Further beam loss mitigation is necessary.

Overview of beam loss mitigation measures since 2021

Starting with 0.7 MW, we minimized the injection beam size and placed a smaller size foil. We obtained a significant beam loss mitigation at the injection, collimator and the 1st arc sections.



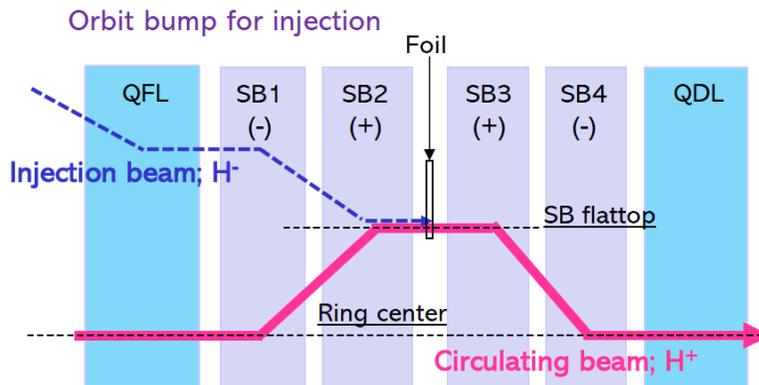
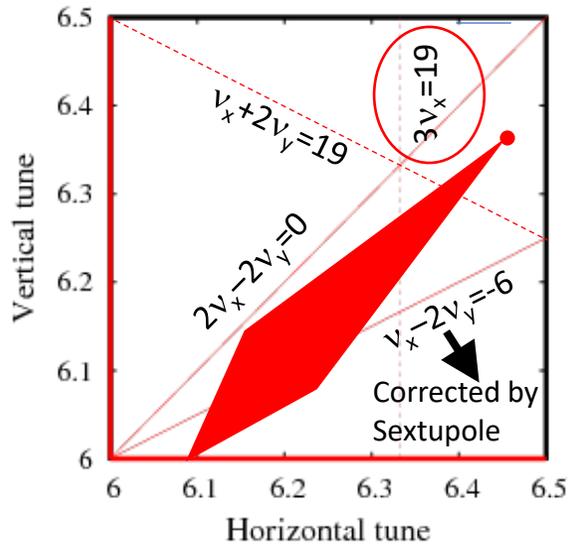
- However, due to the SC effect, the beam loss at 1 MW was 4 times higher than that at 0.7 MW.
- We continued systematic experimental and simulations studies for minimizing the beam loss at 1 MW.

Beam loss mitigation measures at 1 MW:

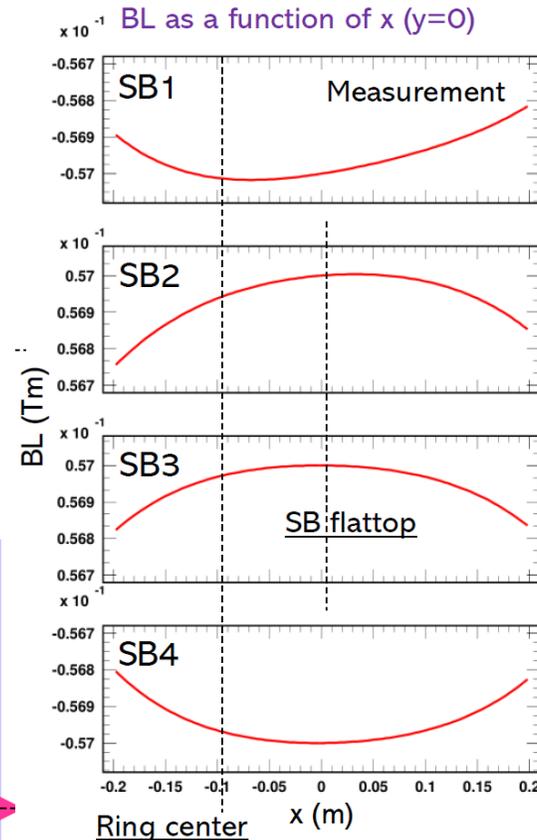
- Partial correction of the $3\nu_x = 19$ resonance
- Optimization of the LP
- Modification of the TP
- Optimization of tune at injection

Reduction of the effect of $3\nu_x = 19$ resonance

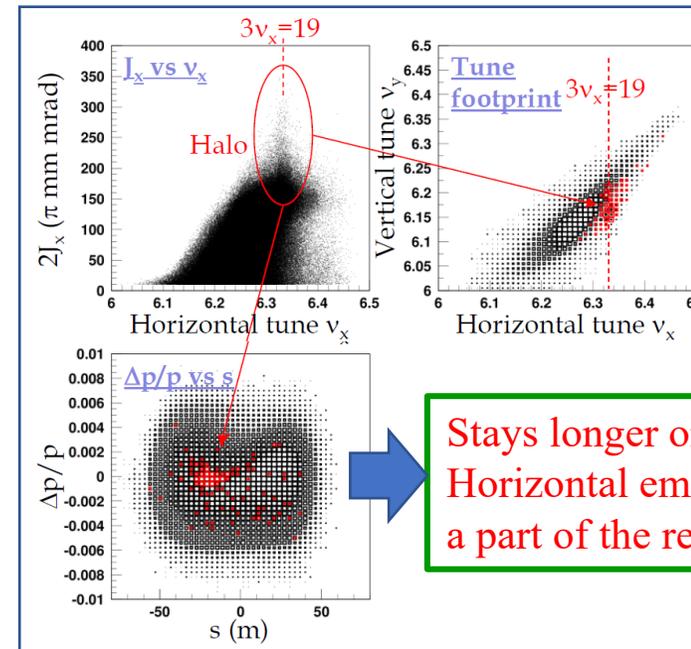
The $3\nu_x = 19$ resonance is driven by the sextupole field component intrinsic in the injection chicane bumps (SB).



H. Hotchi, HB 2021



Simulation results:



Stays longer on the resonance.
Horizontal emittance growth making a part of the residual beam loss.

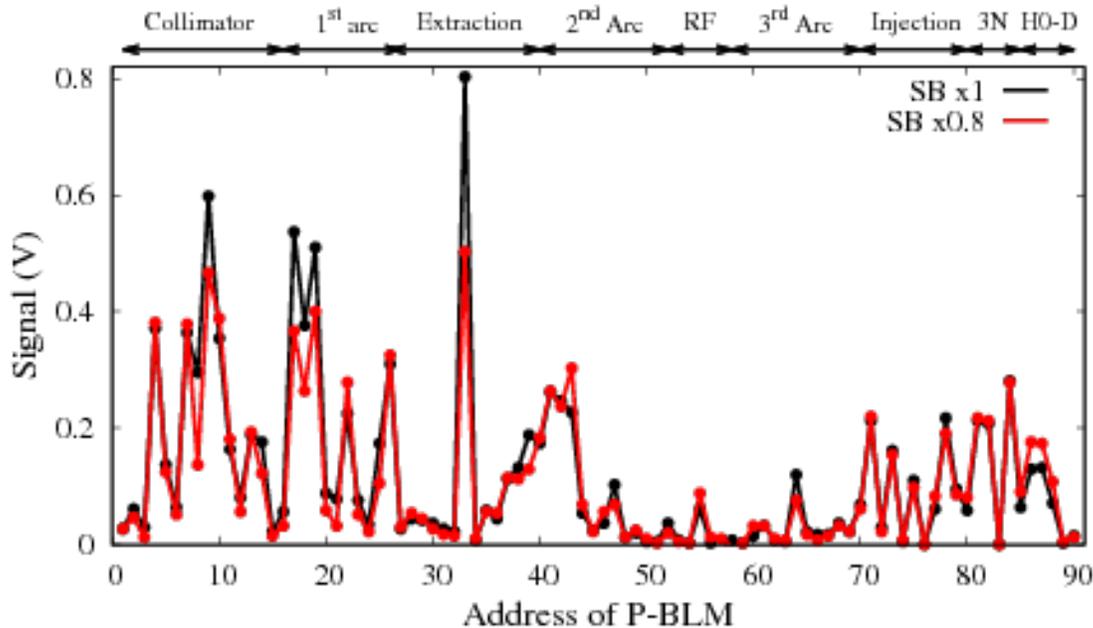
No additional sextupoles exist for correction.
→ Try for a partial correction by 20% reducing the SB magnetic fields.

- Dipole fields of SBs are compensated through integration over SB 1-4
- But for higher order field components, such a compensation is incomplete due to magnetic interferences in reality.

◆ Remains $K2 = 0.012 \text{ m}^{-2}$ and excites $3\nu_x = 19$

Beam test with SB $\times 0.8$

For direct suppression of the SB effects by applying 20% less magnetic field.
(Further reduction difficult due to injection matching)



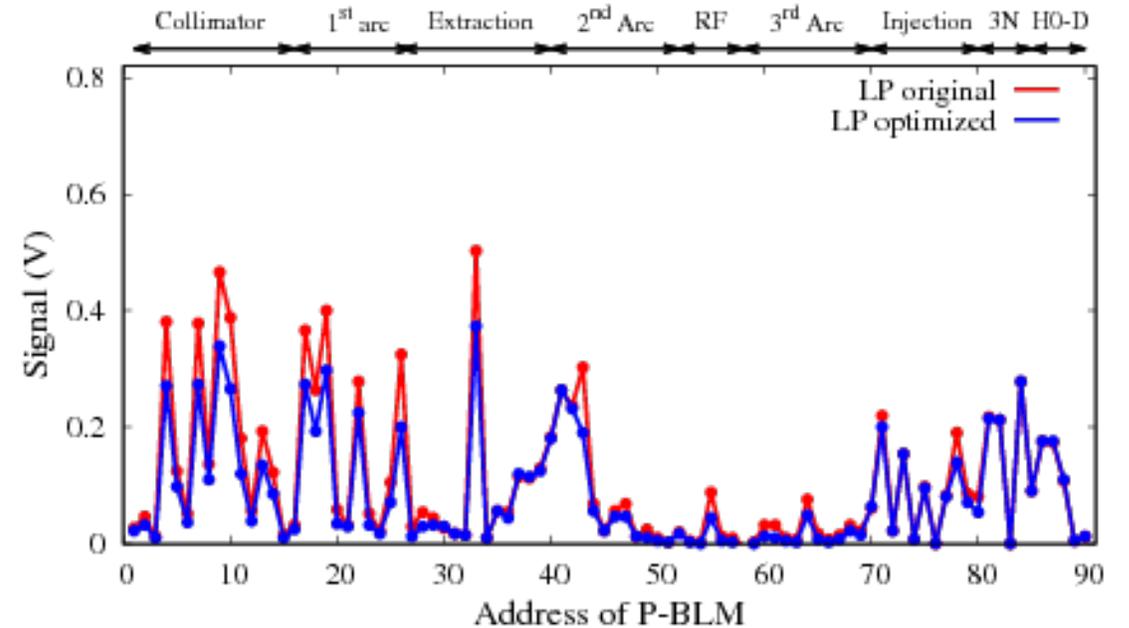
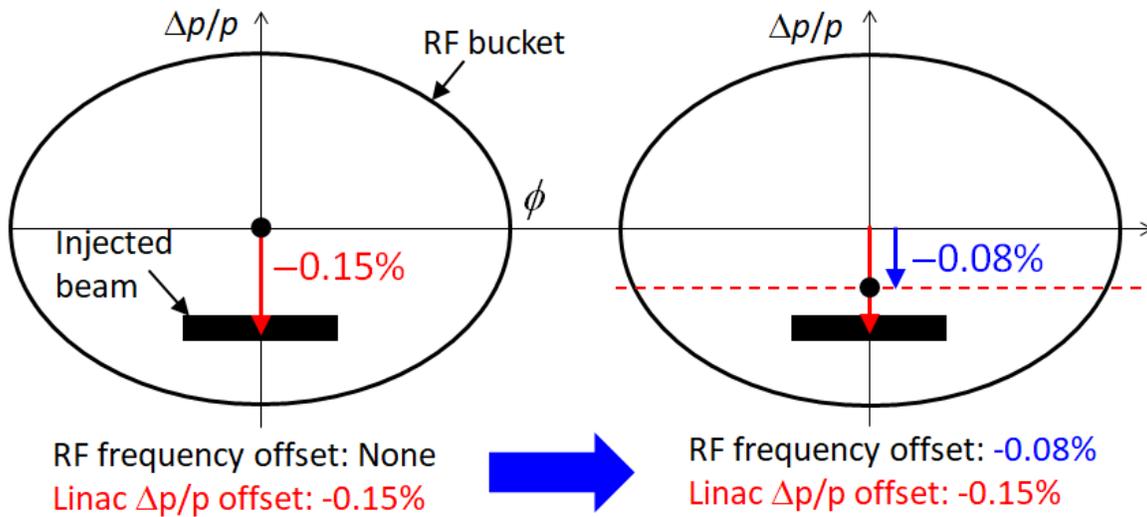
✓ The SB with $\times 0.8$ gives ~20% beam loss mitigation at the collimator and 1st arc sections.

✓ The hori. rms beam emittance also 10% reduced.

-- It has other advantages such as H0 excited state loss in the SB field, beta beating.....

✓ SB with $\times 0.8$ magnetic fields has already been implemented to the RCS operation.

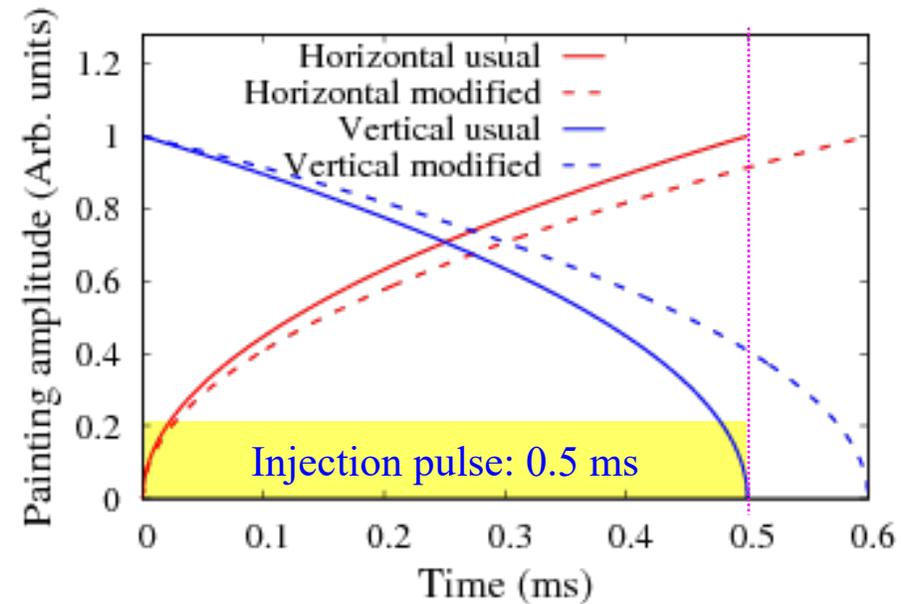
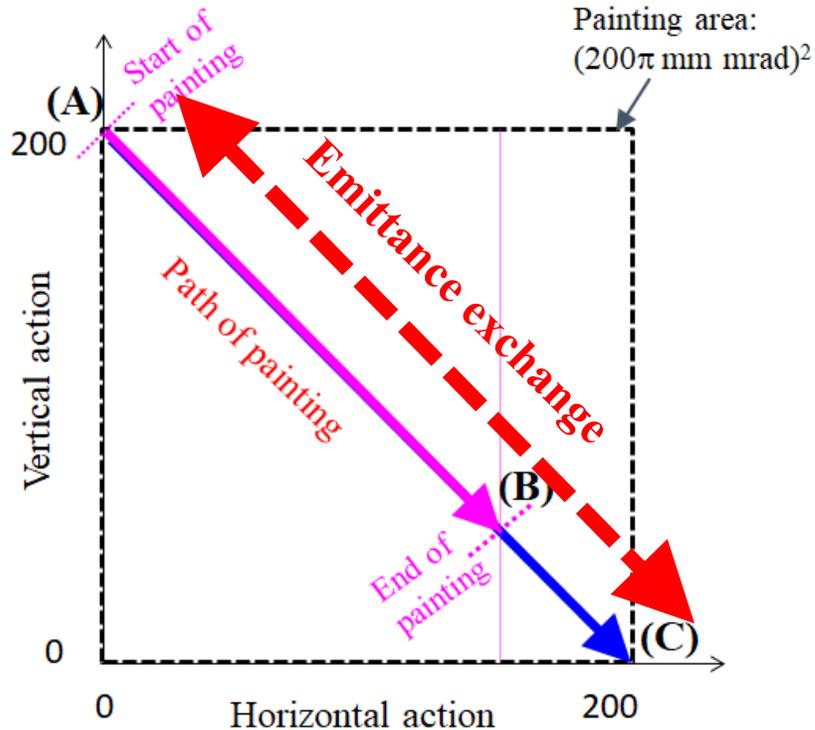
Optimization of the Longitudinal painting (LP)



- ✓ Optimization of the LP gives further **30% beam loss mitigation**.
- ◆ However, the beam emittances remain unchanged.
- ✓ Therefore, the longitudinal beam motion improved and reduced the longitudinal beam halos lost by the chromaticity effects.
- Longitudinal beam halos reduced in the simulation for an optimized LP.

Optimization of the Transverse painting (TP)

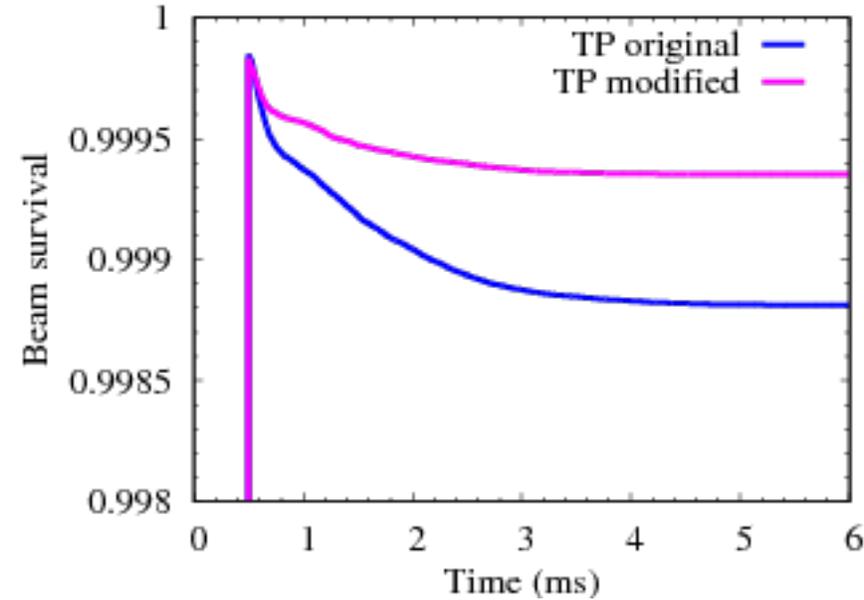
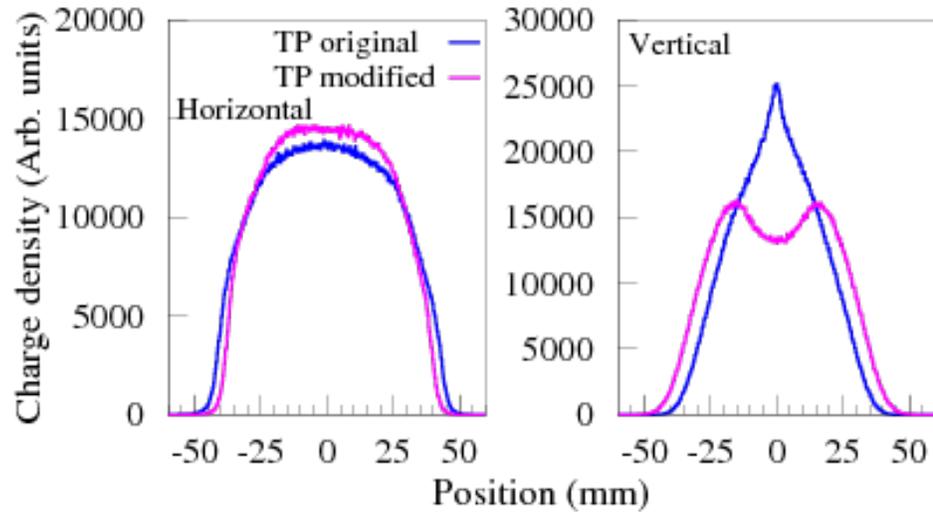
- TP is optimized by modifying the range of beam painting ($AC \rightarrow AB$)
- The unpainted region is filled by the emittance exchange due to the SC effect.
- The spatial charge concentration of the transverse beam distribution (mainly vertical) can be reduced.
- Produce a symmetric tune distribution to reduce particles trapping on the resonances.



Simulation results by optimizing the TP

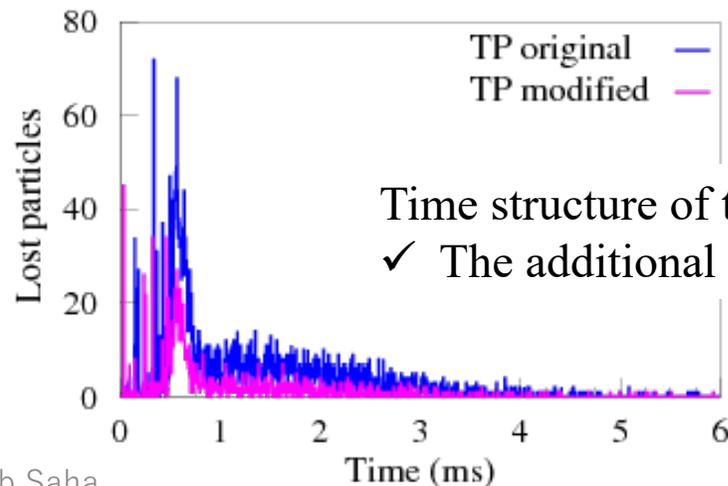
Beam profiles at the end of injection.

✓ Minimized vertical spatial charge concentration.



Beam survival at 1 MW.

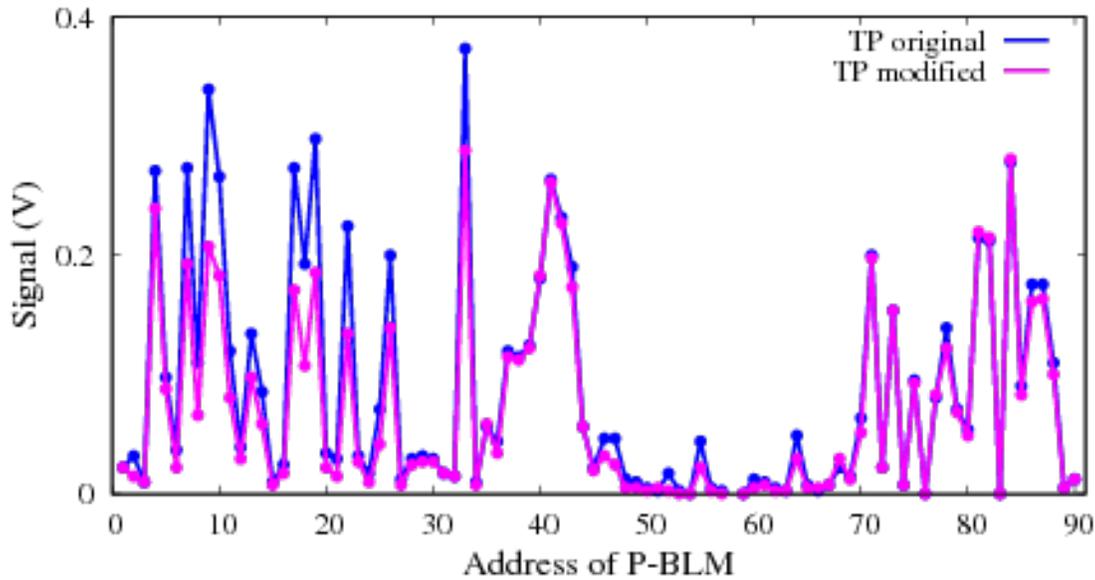
✓ Beam survival is more than 40% improved by applying a modified TP.



Time structure of the beam loss.

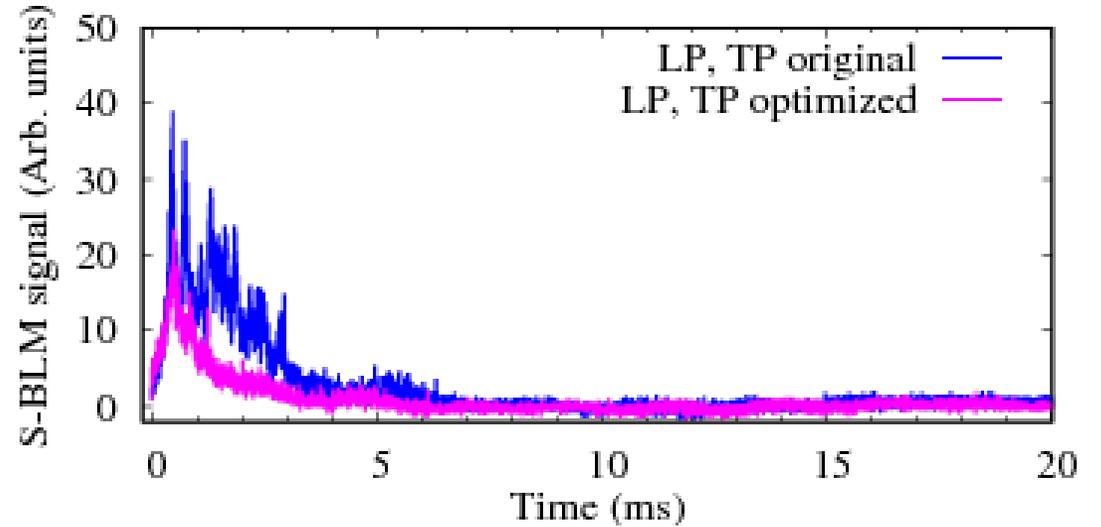
✓ The additional beam losses have almost mitigated.

Measurement results by modifying the TP



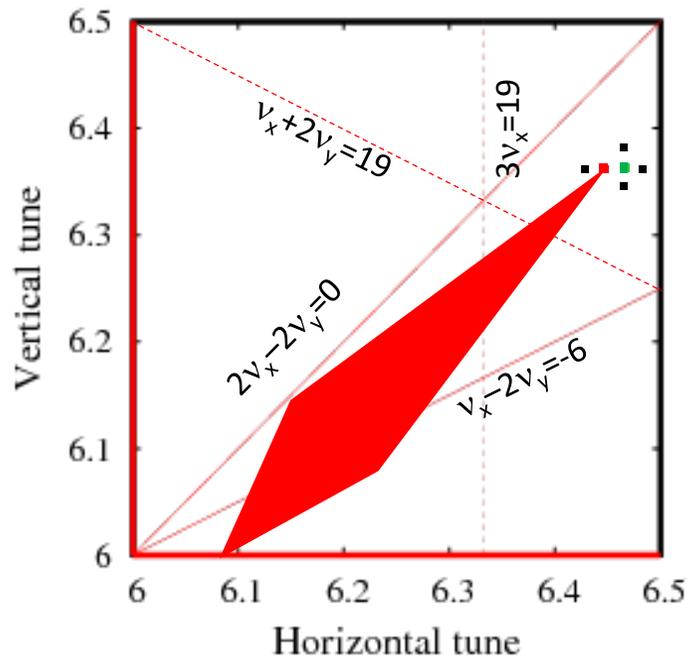
- ✓ As expected, the beam loss at 1 MW is further $\sim 35\%$ mitigated by applying a modified TP.
- ✓ The rms emittance of the extracted beam (horizontal) is also $\sim 20\%$ improved.

Time structure of the beam loss measured by a plastic scintillator at the collimator section.

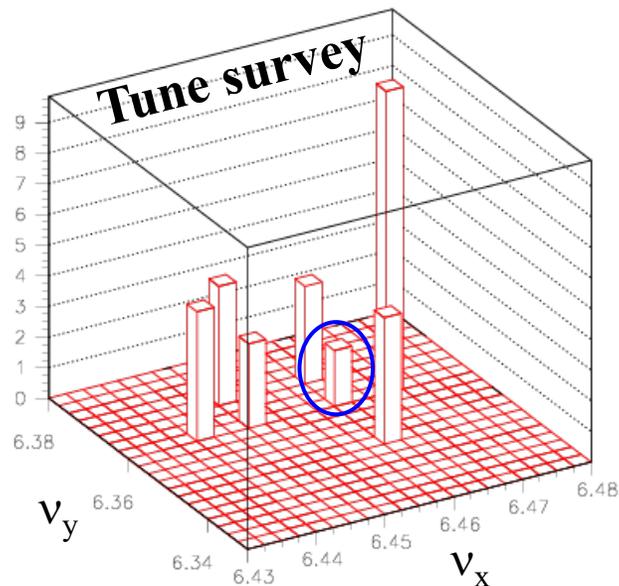
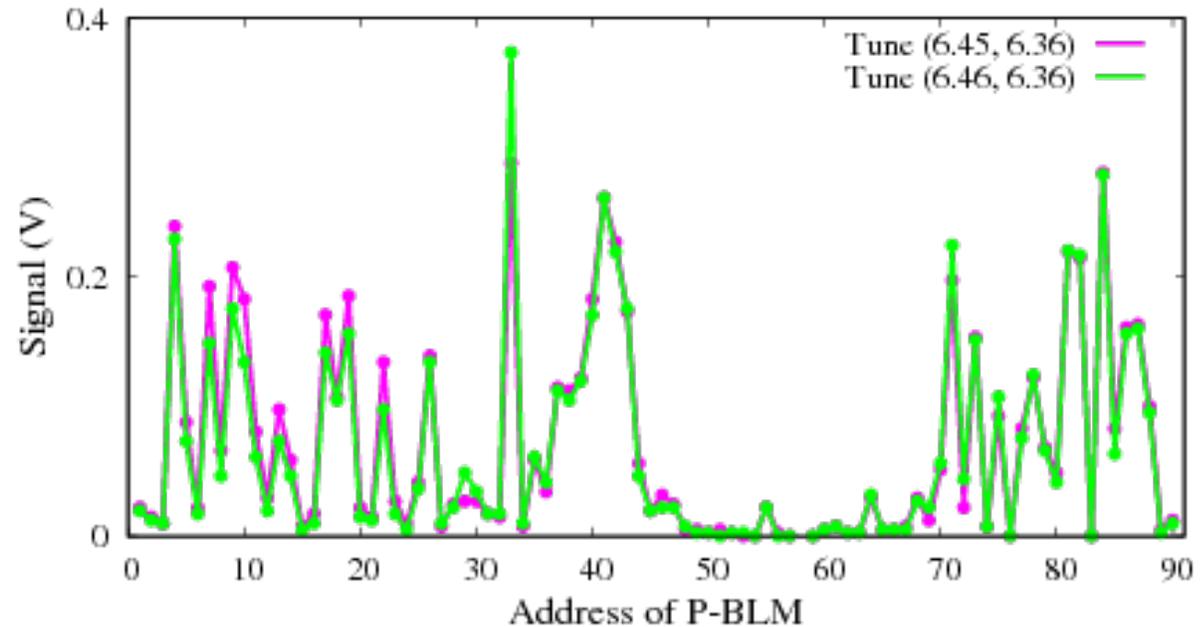


- ✓ The beam loss remains only around injection period caused by the foil scattering.

Optimization of the betatron tune at injection



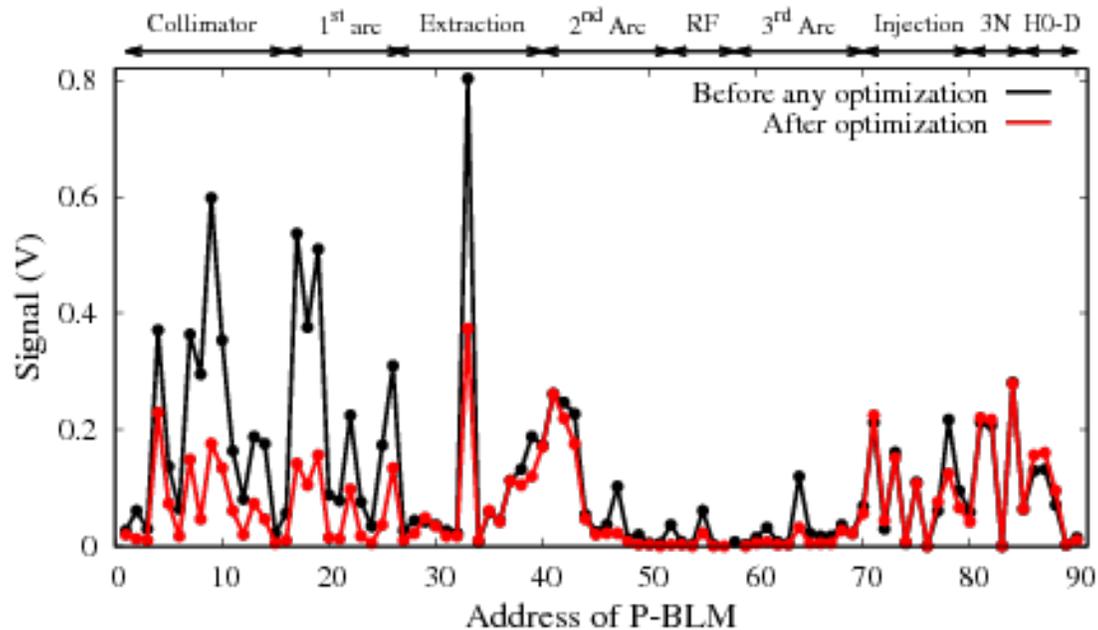
Tune at inj.: (6.45, 6.36) \rightarrow (6.46, 6.36)



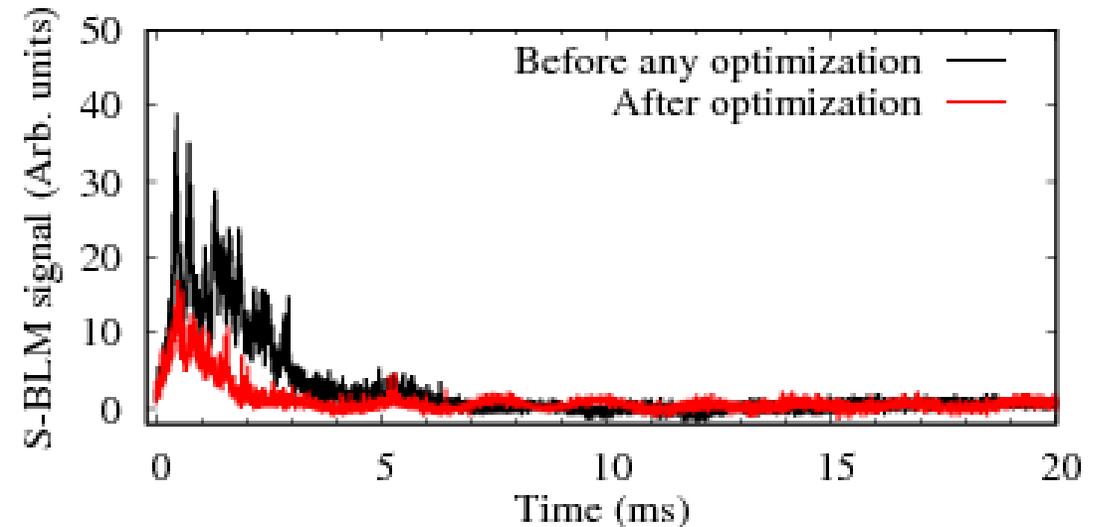
- ✓ Obtained another $\sim 20\%$ beam loss mitigation by tune optimization.
- ✓ Extracted beam emittance was also slightly improved.
- ✓ Based on the tune survey, the present optimized one (6.46, 6.36) gives a minimum beam loss.

Summary of beam loss mitigation for a smaller β_y

- Partial correction of $3\nu_x = 19$ resonance
- LP optimization,
- TP modification
- Tune optimization



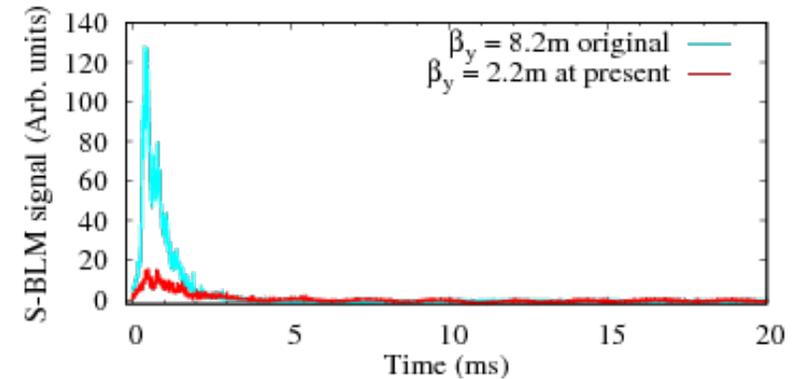
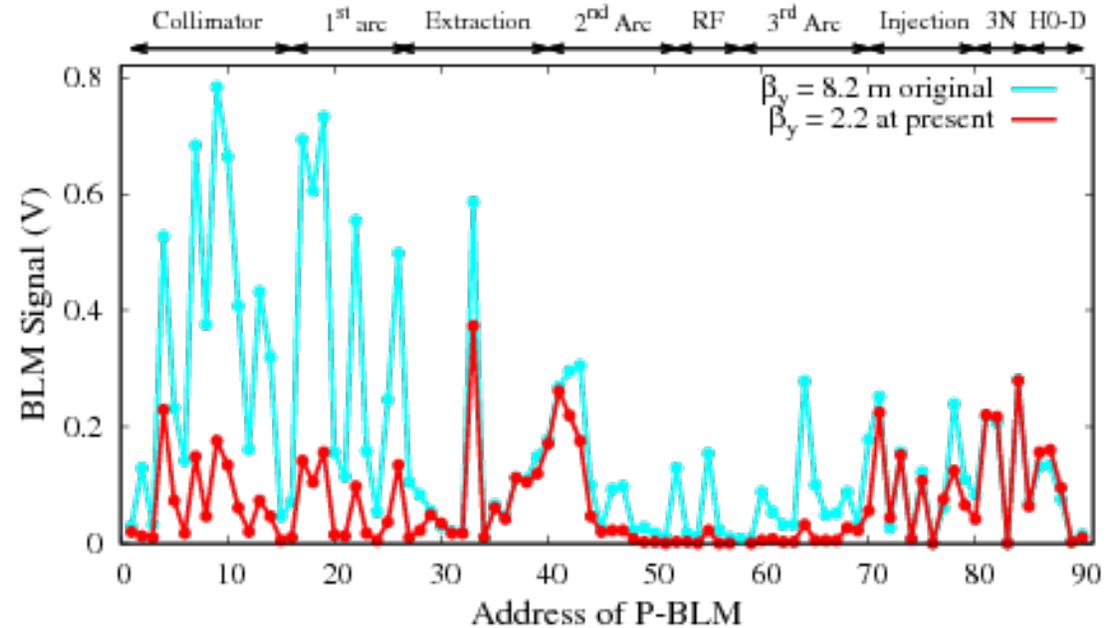
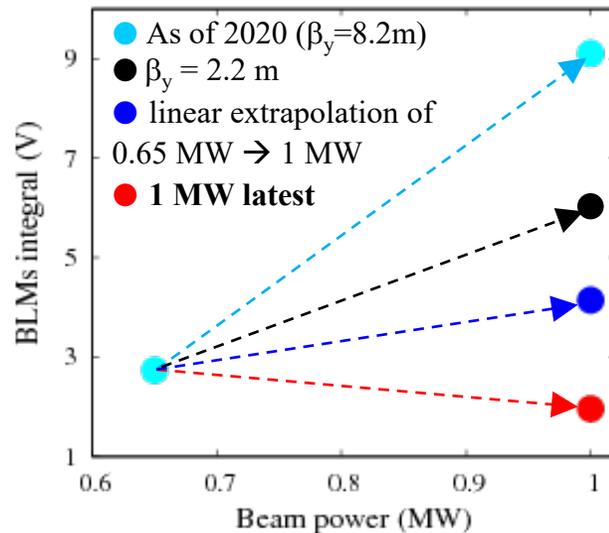
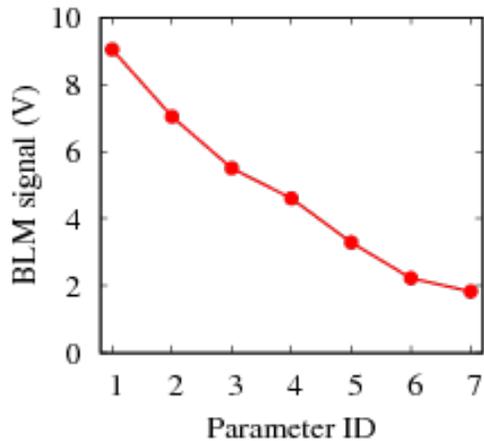
Time structure of the beam loss.



- ✓ We have obtained **~70% beam loss reduction at 1 MW** by using a smaller injection β_y with a smaller size foil and implementing some important optimizations of the machine parameters by sufficient mitigation of the SC.
- ✓ **The residual beam loss is mainly due to the foil scattering of the circulating beam.**
- ✓ The rms emittance of the extracted beam is also **~25% improved.**

Beam loss mitigation as compared to previous 1 MW operation

ID	Parameters	BLMs integral (V)
1	Original: Tune (6.46, 6.32), $\beta_y = 8.2\text{m}$	9.04
2	Tune: (6.45, 6.36) LP by $\Delta p/p$ offset of inj. beam	7.05
3	$\beta_y = 2.2\text{m}$; Foil Vert. 20mm \rightarrow 14mm	5.5
4	SB x0.8 for $3v_x = 19$ partial correction	4.6
5	LP optimization (LI Dp/p + RF freq. offset)	3.28
6	TP modification	2.22
7	Tune optimization	1.82

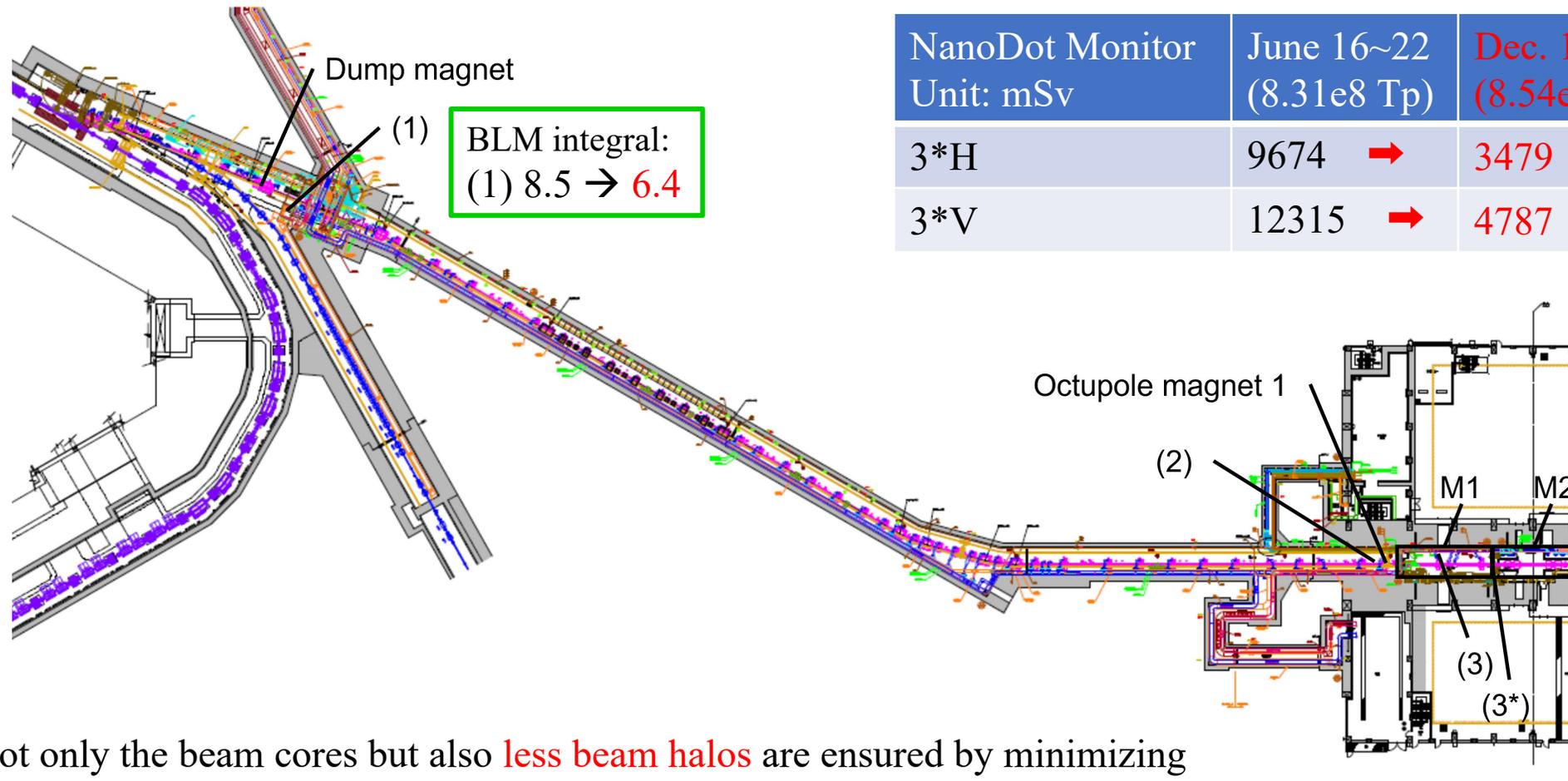


- The residual beam loss is $\ll 0.1\%$, caused by the foil scattering.
- The SC effect has sufficiently been mitigated.
- A laser stripping can thus give almost no beam loss at 1MW!

- ✓ Obtained 80% beam loss mitigation as compared to the previous 1 MW test operation.
- ✓ Extracted beam emittances (rms) also $>30\%$ improved.

Beam loss reduction at the extracted beam transport (3-NBT)

Courtesy: Y. Yamaguchi, S. Meigo



NanoDot Monitor Unit: mSv	June 16~22 (8.31e8 Tp)	Dec. 1~7 (8.54e8 Tp)
3*H	9674 →	3479
3*V	12315 →	4787

✓ Not only the beam cores but also **less beam halos** are ensured by minimizing foil hits and optimizing many parameters in the RCS.

➤ Useful for beam broadening (flat beam) by Octupole magnets at the 3-NBT.

Summary and outlook:

- We have implemented a smaller size foil by minimizing the injection beam size and obtained nearly 40% beam loss mitigation at the injection, collimator and the 1st arc sections at 0.7 MW.
- However, due to the SC effect at 1 MW, the beam loss is 4 times higher than 0.7 MW for only around 40% increase of the beam intensity.
- We have done systematic studies for resonance correction, optimization of the LP and TP as well as the tune at injection.
 - We have obtained 80% beam loss mitigation at 1 MW and more than 30% improvement of the rms emittances of the extracted beam emittance as compared to that of previous 1 MW trial operation.
 - The residual beam loss is $\ll 0.1\%$, occurs only at injection period mainly caused by the foil scattering.
 - Less beam loss at the extracted BT has also been ensured by reducing the beam halos.
 - We are now operating at ~ 1 MW beam power to the MLF with a minimum beam loss and less machine activation.
 - That allows us a sustainable operation of the RCS with 99% availability.
- We aim to mitigate any remaining additional beam losses by correcting all other resonances including the half-integer resonance as well as the foil scattering loss by using a further smaller size foil.