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Ion collimation: why an issue?

Nominal ion beam has 100 times less beam power than proton beam, but particle-collimator physics very different:

Physics process	Proton	²⁰⁸ Pb
$\frac{dE}{Edx}$ due to ionisation	-0.12 %/m -0.0088 %/m	-9.57 %/m -0.73%/m
Mult. Scattering (projected r.m.s. angle)	73.5 μ rad/m ^{1/2} 4.72 μ rad/m ^{1/2}	73.5 μ rad/m ^{1/2} 4.72 μ rad/m ^{1/2}
Nucl. Interaction length ≈ fragment. length for ions	38.1cm 38.1cm	2.5cm 2.5cm
Electromagnetic dissociation length	-	33cm 19cm

(HB, EPAC'04)

For 2-stage collimation:

$$\delta x' \gg \sqrt{\frac{(N_2^2 - N_1^2) \epsilon_N}{\gamma_{REL} \beta_{TWISS}}}$$

Multiple scattering at TCPs:

$$\langle \delta x'^2 \rangle \sim L,$$

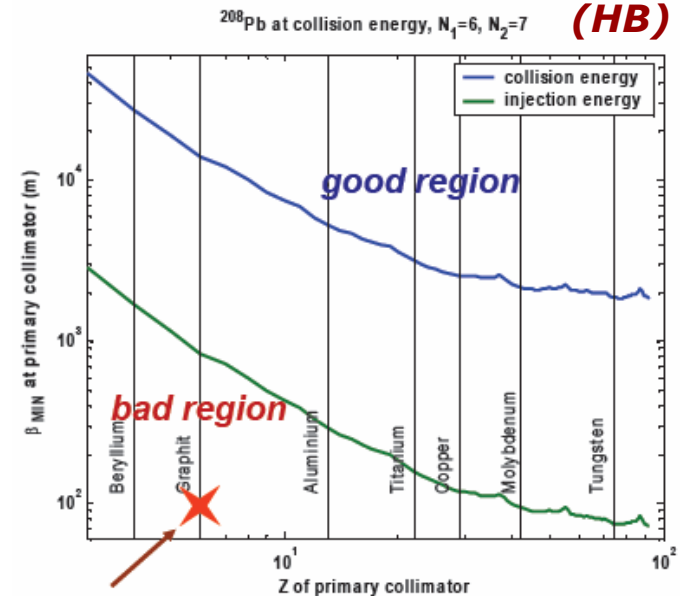
for

$$L \approx L_{int} = \frac{A_{coll}}{N_A \rho (\sigma_{had} + \sigma_{emd})}$$

Daughter nuclei:

$$\frac{\Delta P}{P}^{eff} = \frac{Z_1}{A_1} \frac{A_2}{Z_2} - 1$$

can be bigger than 1% acceptance of LHC arcs



IR7 primary collimators

ICOSIM: flowchart

**Nuclear interaction
cross-sections from
RELDIS &
ABRATION/ABLATION
routines**

(Igor Pshenichnov)

**MAD-X optics files
and aperture tables
(JJowett, SRedaelli)**

ICOSIM (H.Braun)

- ✘ Generates initial beam distribution
- ✘ Tracks particles through machine
- ✘ Simulates ion-matter interactions in collimators
- ✘ Computes impact sites of ions in LHC lattice

OUTPUT

Loss patterns

Collimation efficiencies

i) Generation of first impact distribution

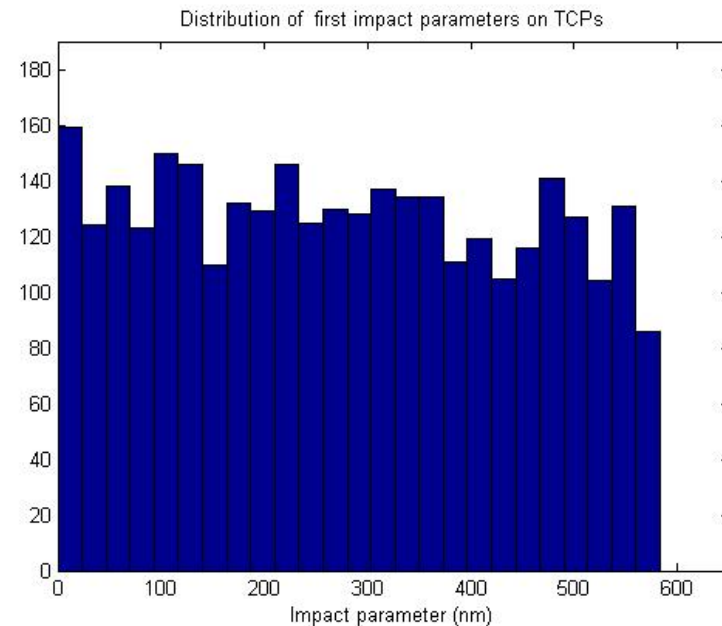
ICOSIM generates randomly populated KV beam distribution in 4D with 'skin depth' parameter:

$$\varepsilon = 36 \times \varepsilon_{nom}$$

Linear tracking from TCP to TCP with slow increase of amplitude dA/dt (~diffusion velocity, every 100 turns) until all particles have hit a TCP. Initial hit position of particles saved for later tracking.

Skin depth parameter and dA/dt determine the average impact parameter of particles onto primary collimators.

$\langle b \rangle \sim 280 \text{ nm}$



ii) Tracking

Typically 10^4 - 10^5 particles are tracked for ~ 250 turns of the LHC, with particle coordinates transformed element by element.

Linear transfer matrices in

$$x, x', y, y', \delta p / p$$

+

Linear dispersion in bending magnets

Chromaticity in quadrupoles to leading order

Sextupoles in thin element kick approximation

No acceleration ($1/Q_s \ll 100$)

Check on aperture hits at the end of each element ; in case of hit the exact impact position within the element is found by interpolation.

Aperture cross sections are approximated by ellipses, except for collimators, where full geometry is taken into account.

If hit location is inside a collimator then call is made to fragmentation routines.

iii) Particle interactions

Cross-section tables for **NF** and **EMD** generated by I.Pshenichnov's abration/ablation and RELDIS codes.

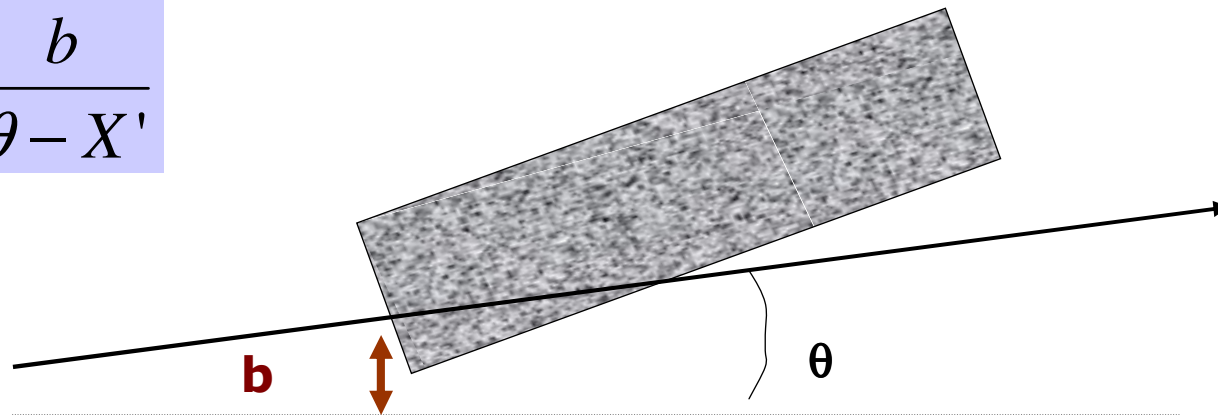
Ionisation energy loss modelled by Bethe-Bloch formula for heavy ions with shell and density corrections.

Multiple scattering is described using a Gaussian approximation of the scattering distribution

The effective particle path is calculated at impact time for each particle.

If $L_{eff} > 10 L_{int}$ the particle is assumed to be stopped and absorbed, otherwise the probability for a fragmentation process is randomly computed using the look-up cross-section tables.

$$L_{eff} = \frac{b}{\theta - X'}$$



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ICOSIM: latest updates

Introduced **latest LHC optics** -> files from JJowett

Injection

	β_x (m)	β_y (m)
IP1	17	17
IP2	10	10
IP5	17	17
IP8	10	10

Early Ion Collisions:

	β_x (m)	β_y (m)
IP1	2	2
IP2	1	1
IP5	2	2
IP8	10	10

Nominal Ion Collisions:

	β_x (m)	β_y (m)
IP1	0.55	0.55
IP2	0.5	0.5
IP5	0.55	0.55
IP8	10	10

$N_p/\text{bunch} = 7 \times 10^7$

$N_b = 592$

$E/\text{nucleon} = 177.4 \text{ GeV}$

$\beta\gamma = 190.47$

$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = 1.5/\beta\gamma = 7.88 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm mrad}$

$N_p/\text{bunch} = 7 \times 10^7$

$N_b = 592$

$E/\text{nucleon} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$

$\beta\gamma = 2962.9$

$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = 1.5/\beta\gamma \sim 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mm mrad}$

New aperture files provided by S Redaelli (but will need further update to fix some wrong specifications)

Collimators

List of collimators updated to include full list of TCPs, TCSGs, TCTVs, TCTHs (TCLIs and TCLAs not yet included); also changed denominations to be in line with those adopted in the LHC optics database. Complete list:

8 TCPs: 8/IR7, 2/IR3 (A6L7, A6R7 deactivated)

42 TCSGs: 32/IR7, 8/IR3, 2/IR6

8 TCTH: 2/IR1, 2/IR2, 2/IR5, 2/IR8

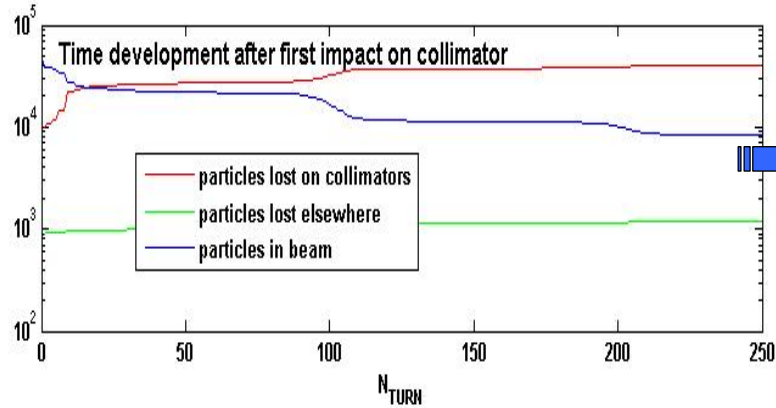
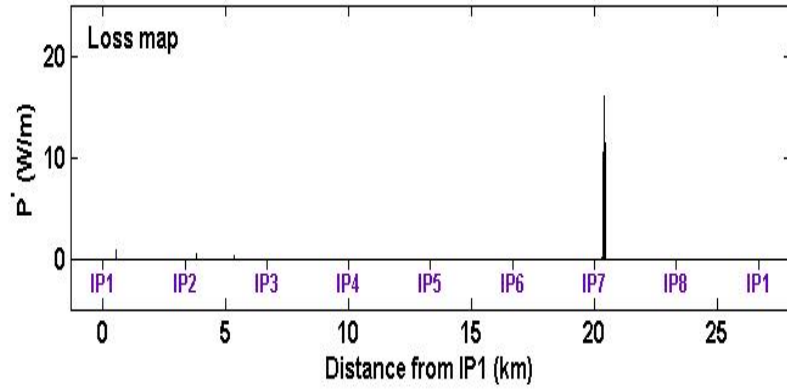
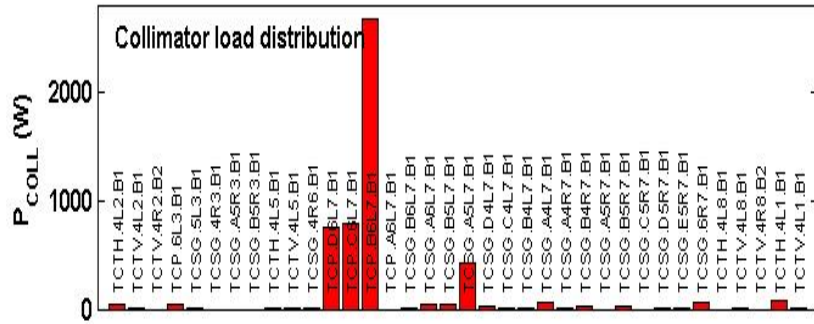
8 TCTV: 2/IR1, 2/IR2, 2/IR5, 2/IR8

Standard aperture settings:

	n1	n2	n3
Injection IR3	8	9.3	10
Injection IR7	6	7	10
Collision IR3	15	18	10
Collision IR7	6	7	10

Changed ρ (C-C)= 2.25 \rightarrow 1.7 g/cm³ (R. Chamizo)

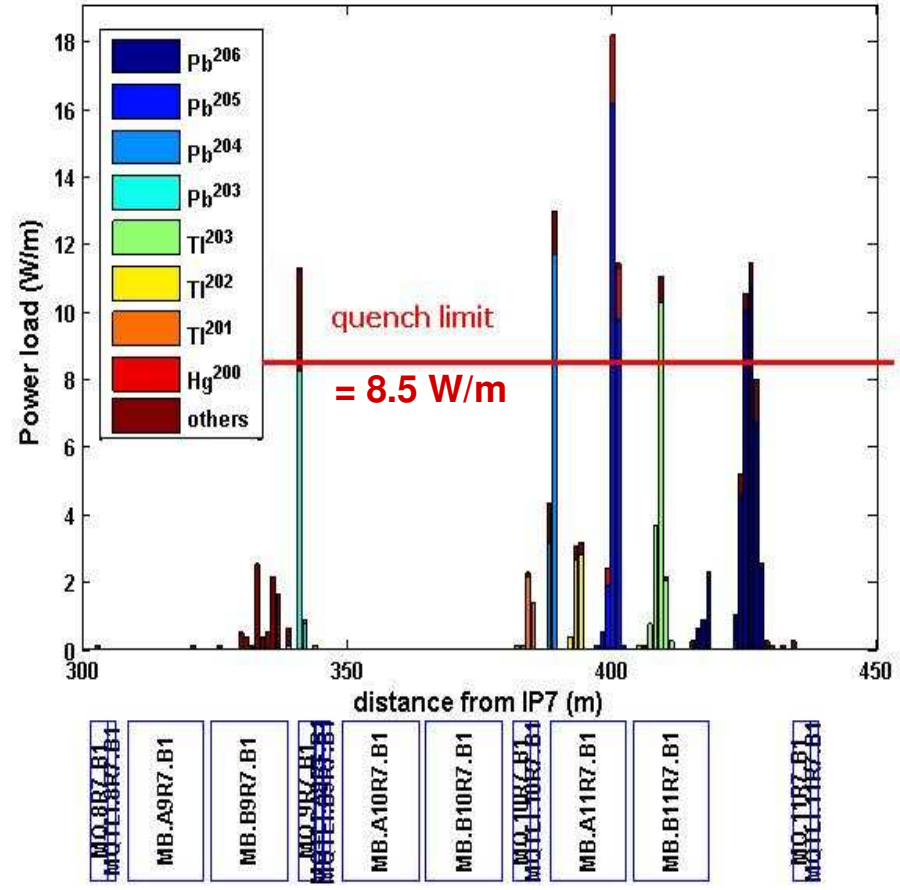
Nominal ILHC beam 1 at collision



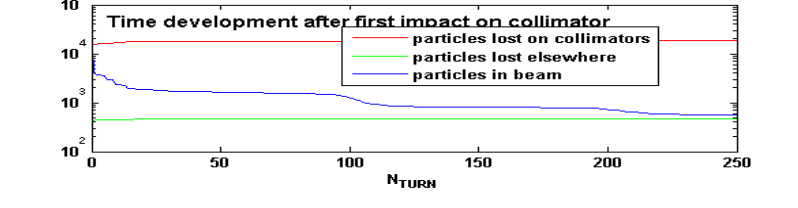
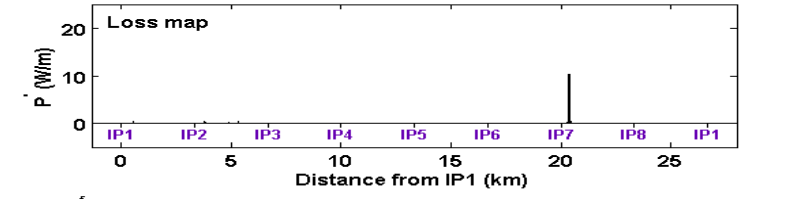
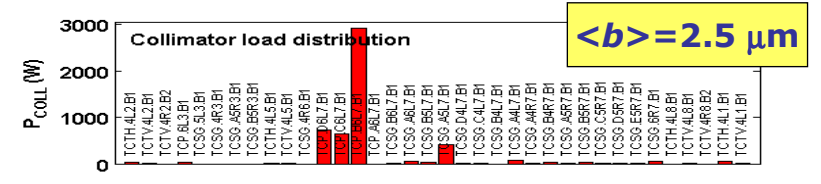
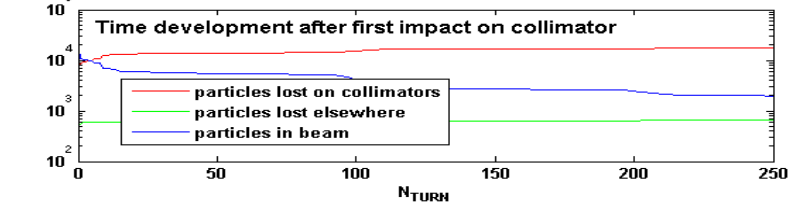
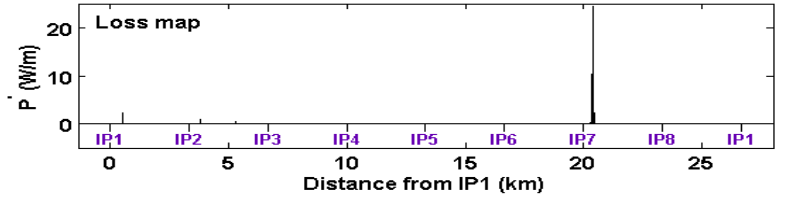
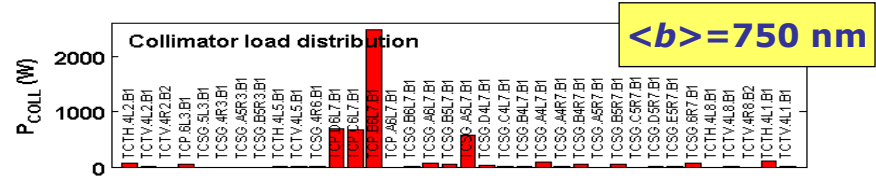
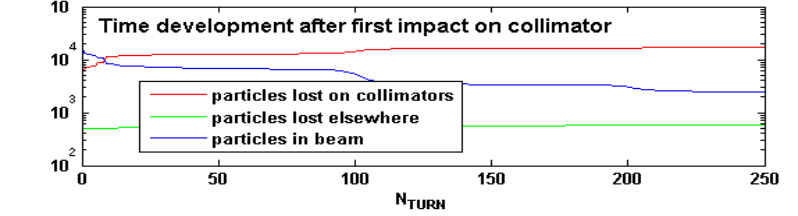
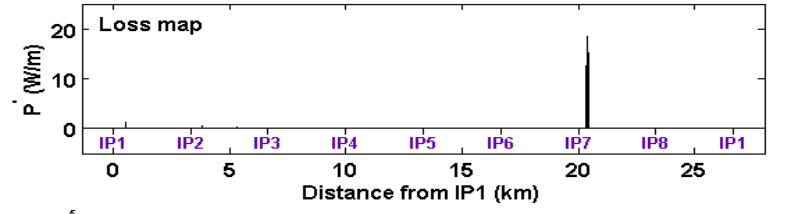
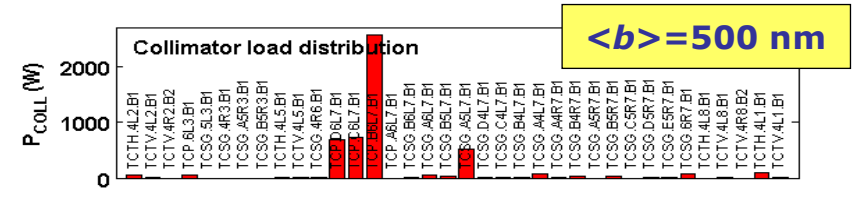
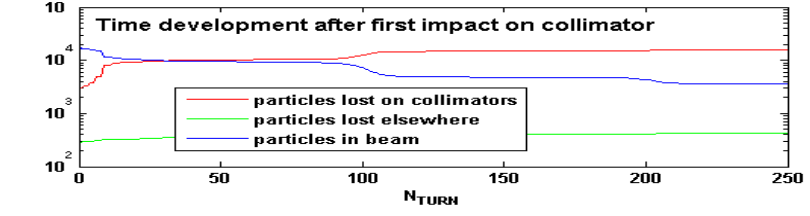
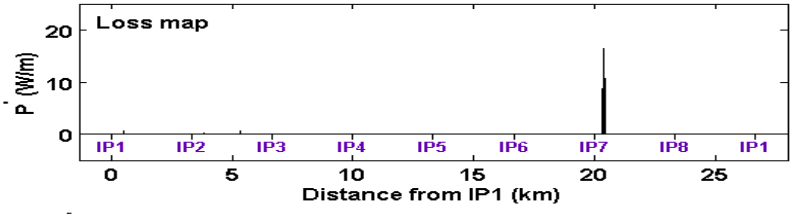
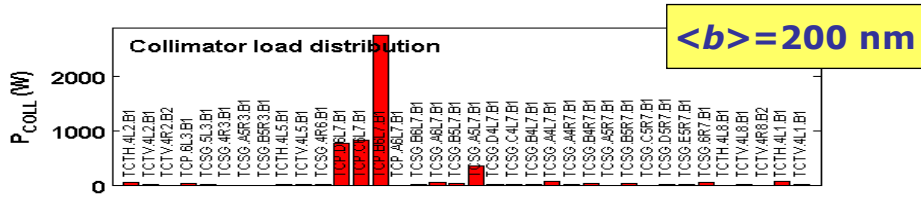
Collimation inefficiency:

$\eta = 0.0294$

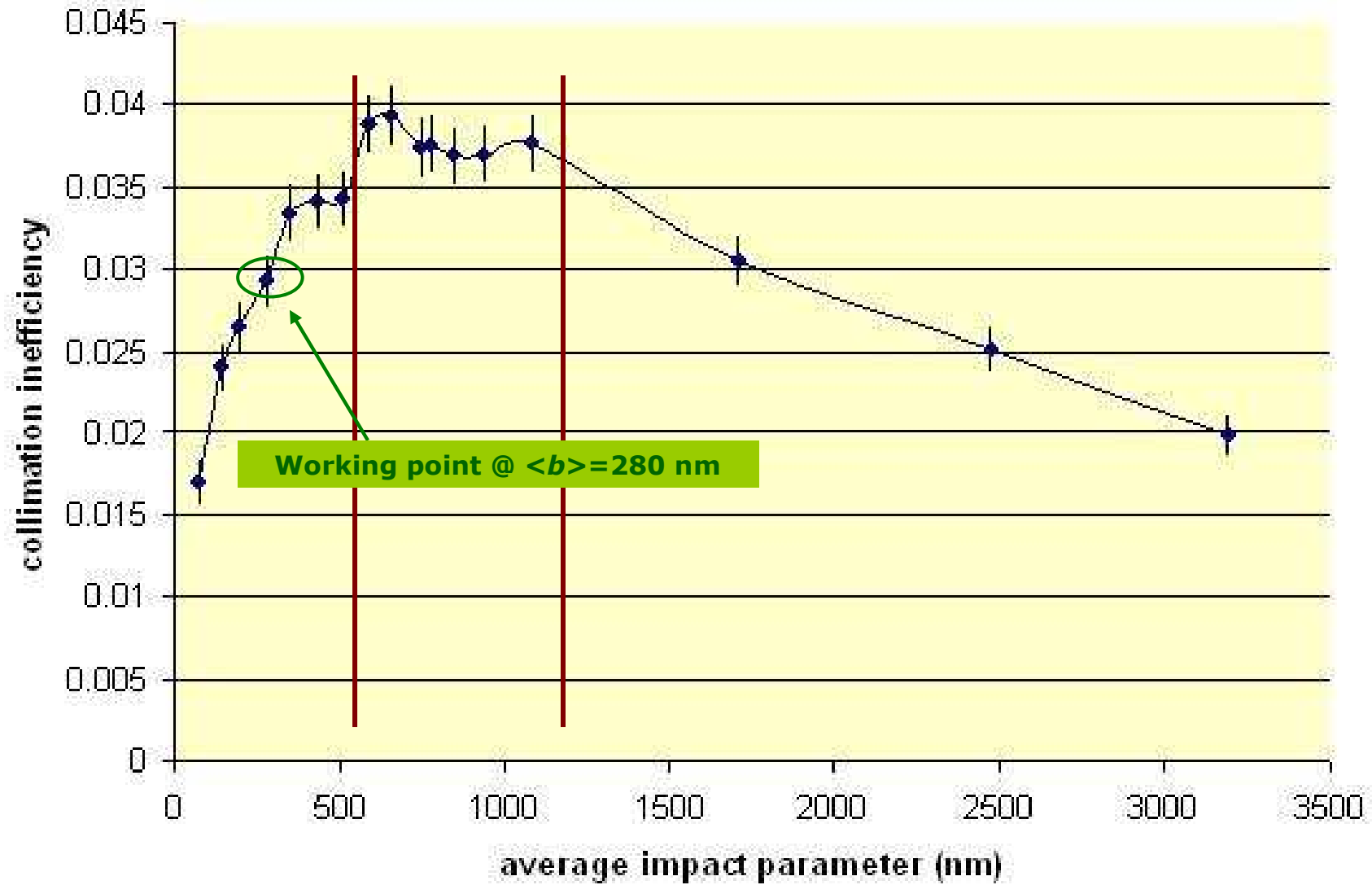
Beam 1 Particle losses in IR7 dispersion suppressor, $\tau=12\text{min}$



$N_p = 50\text{k}$
 $N_{\text{rev}} = 250$
 $\langle b \rangle = 280 \text{ nm}$
 $\rho = 1.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$

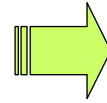


Impact parameter study

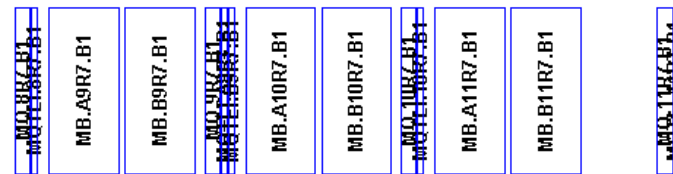
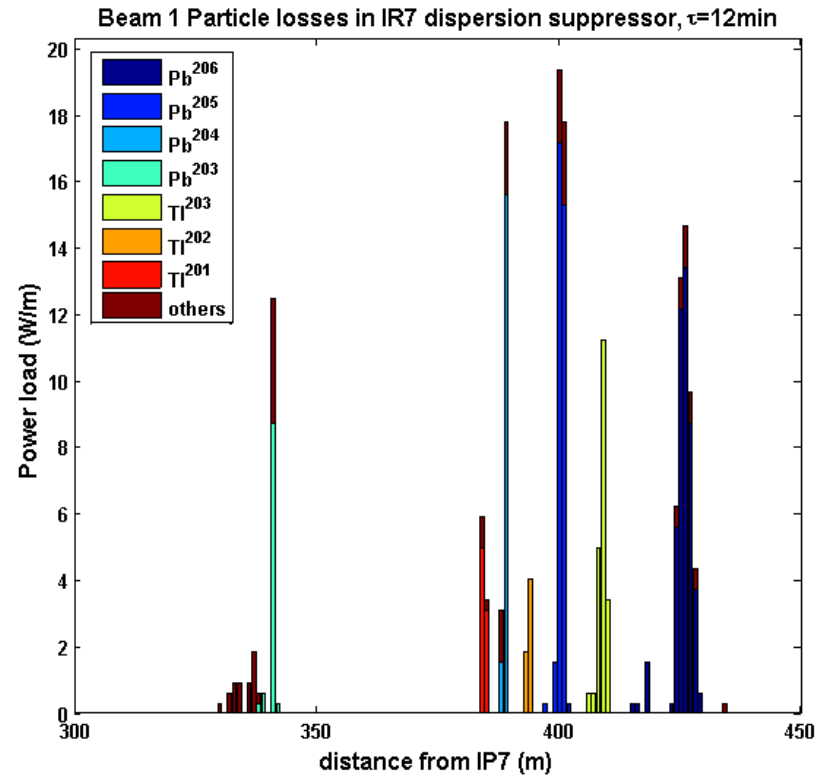
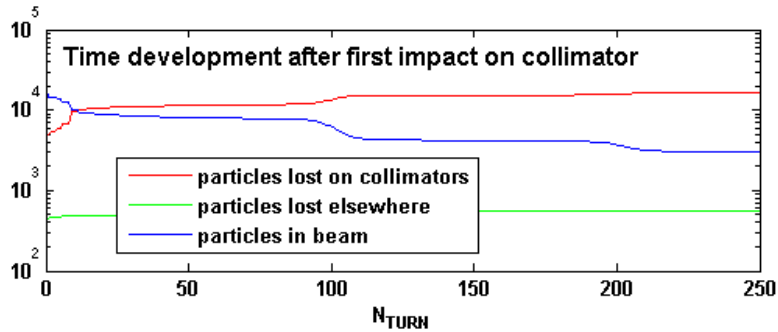
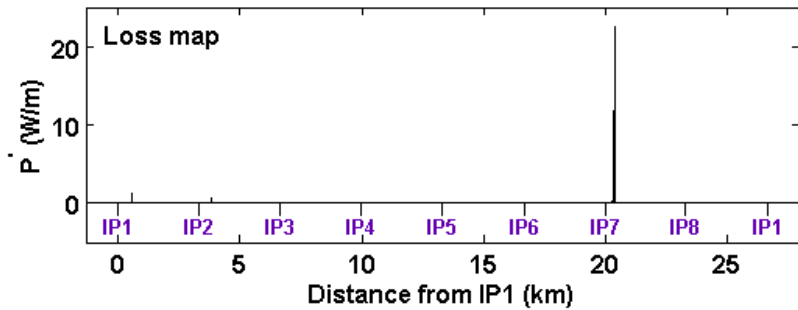
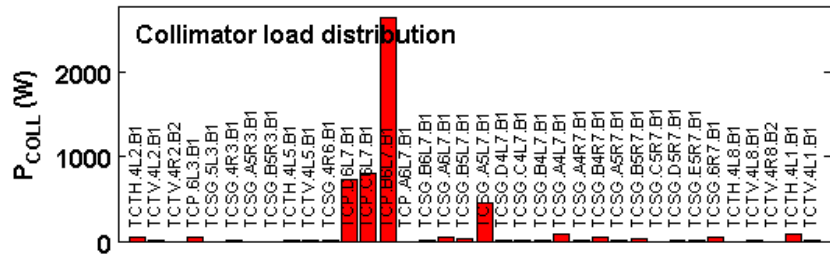


Effect of change in ρ

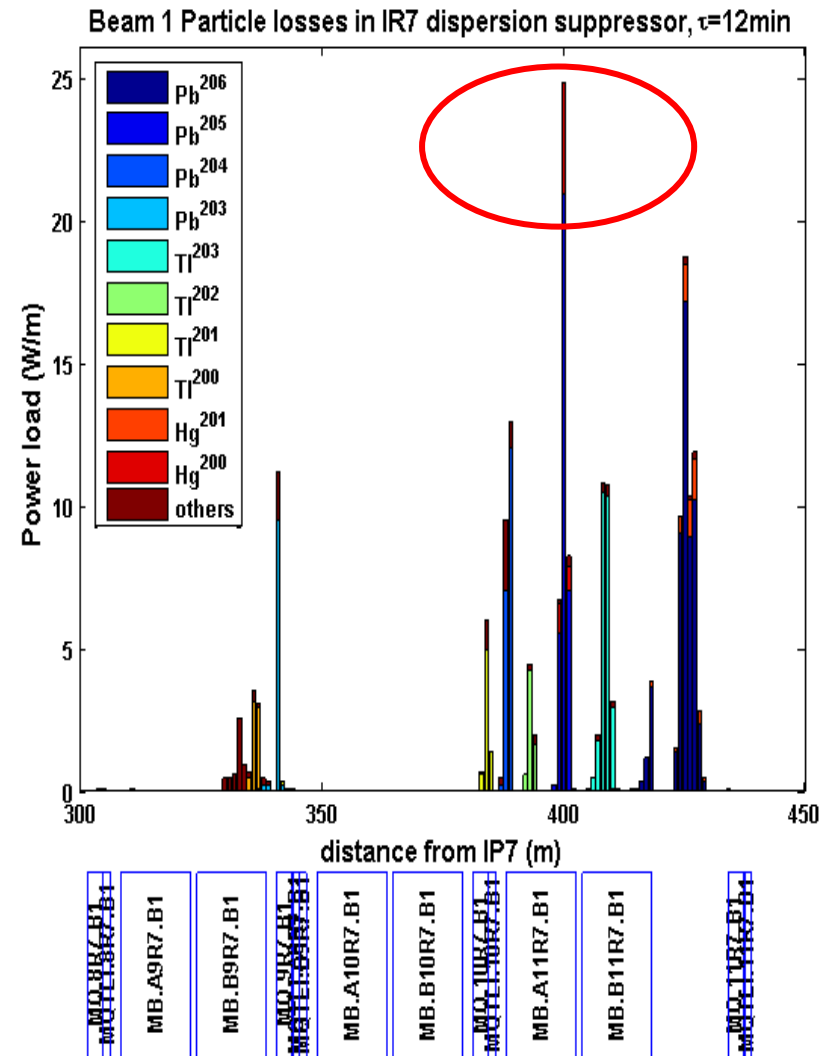
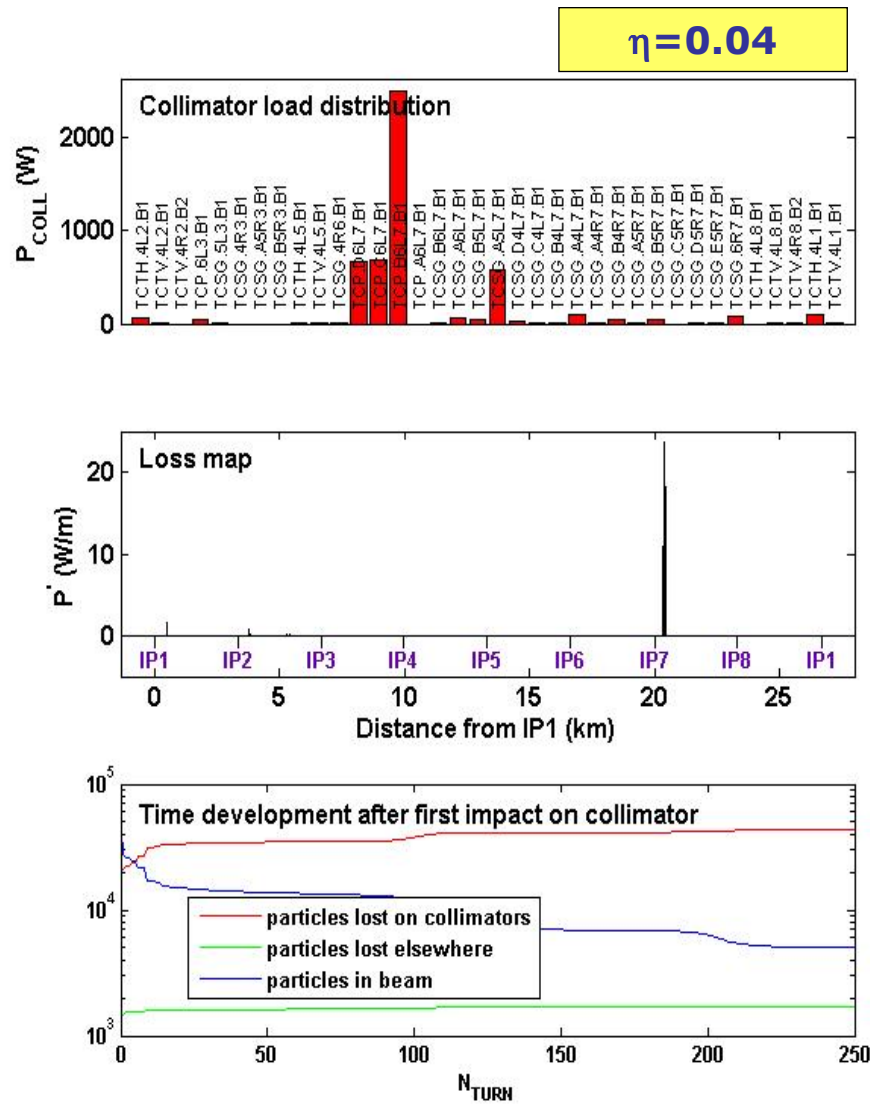
Going back to $\rho = 2.25 \text{ g/cm}^3$ for $\langle b \rangle \sim 280 \text{ nm}$



η increases to **0.0339**



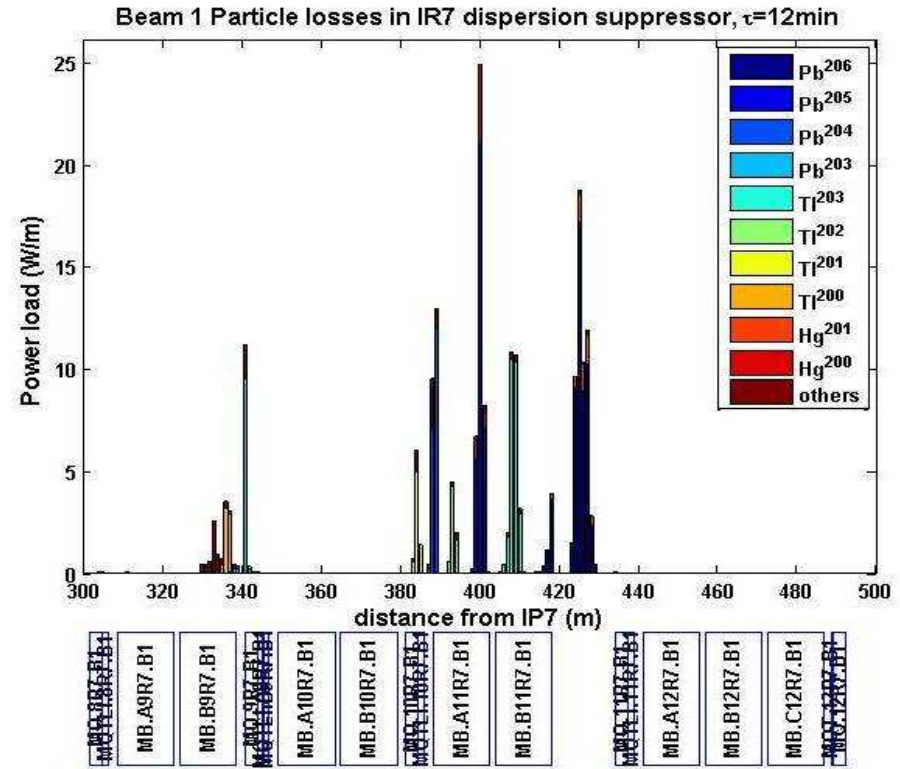
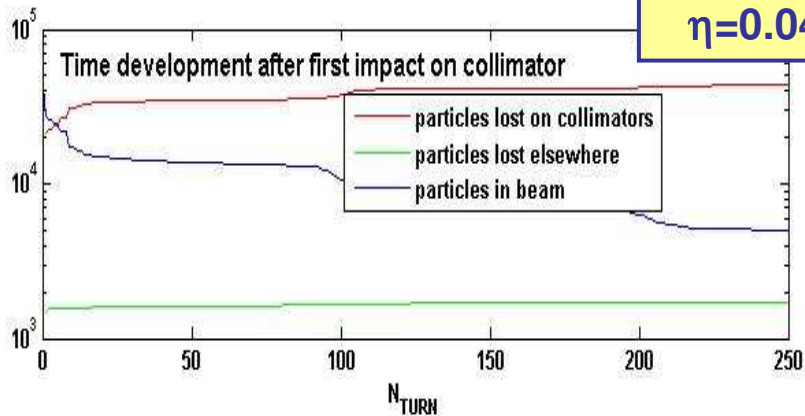
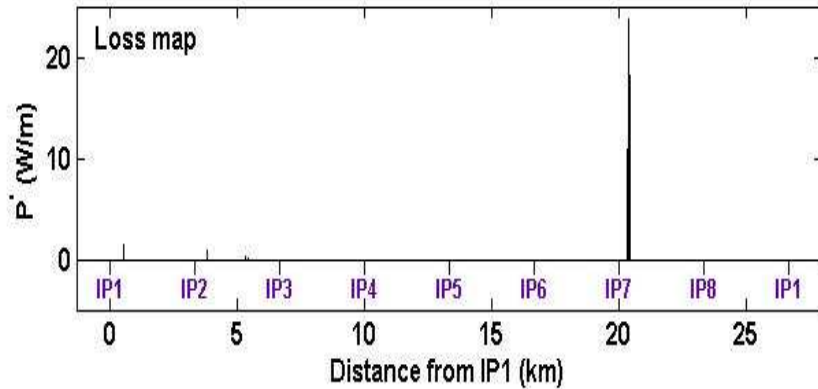
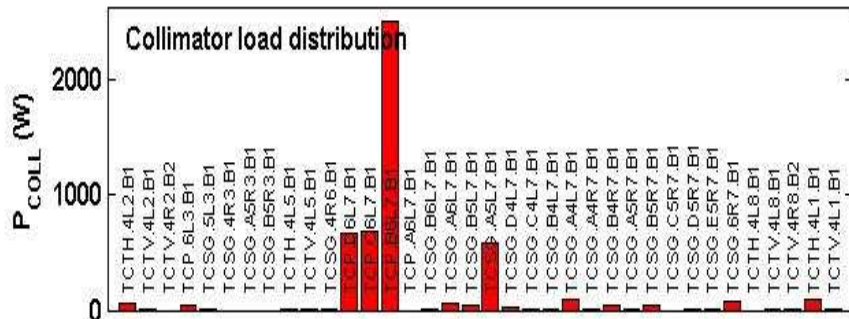
Now taking $\rho = 1.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$ and $\langle b \rangle \sim 750 \text{ nm}$ (plateau region):



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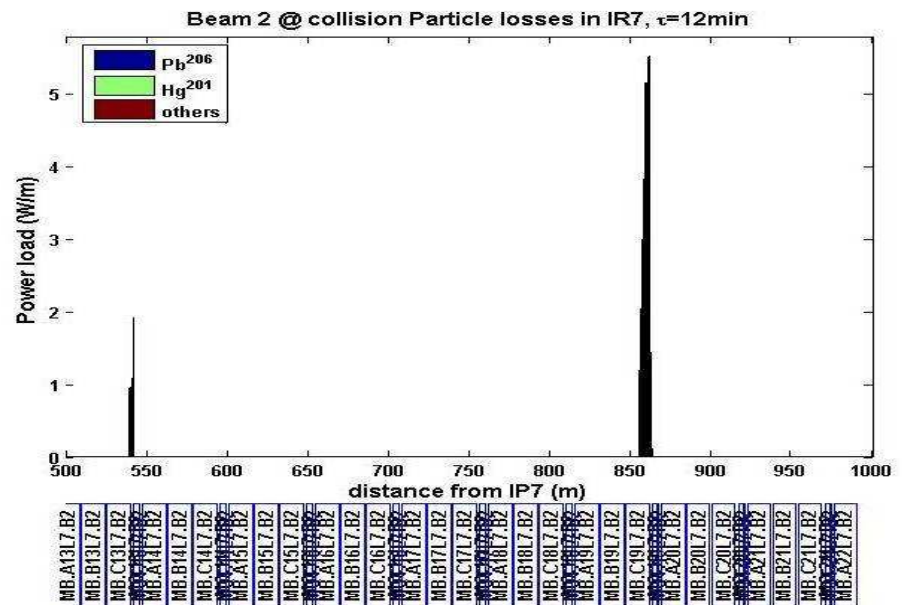
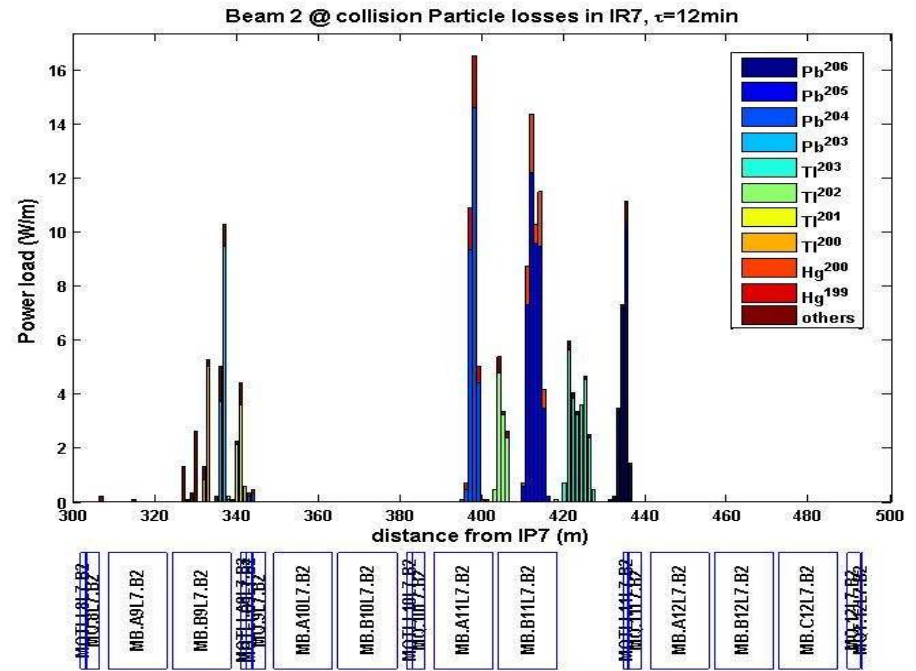
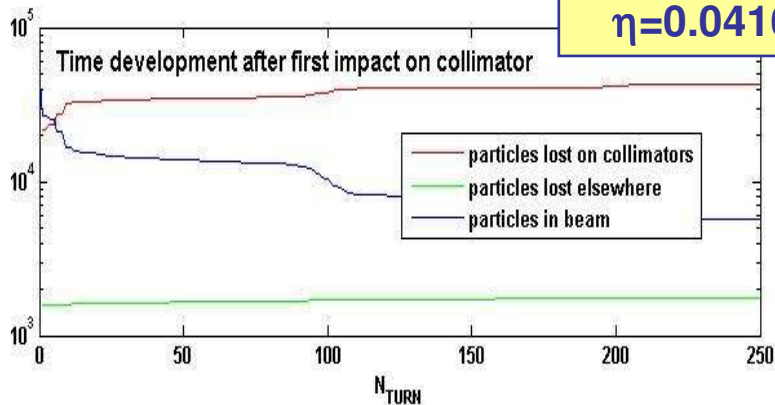
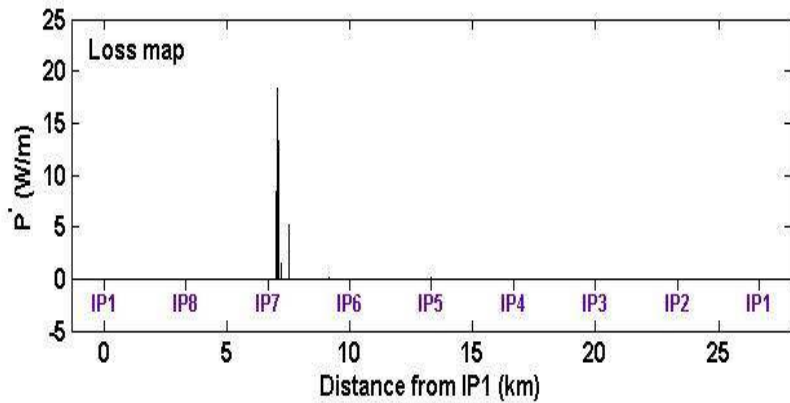
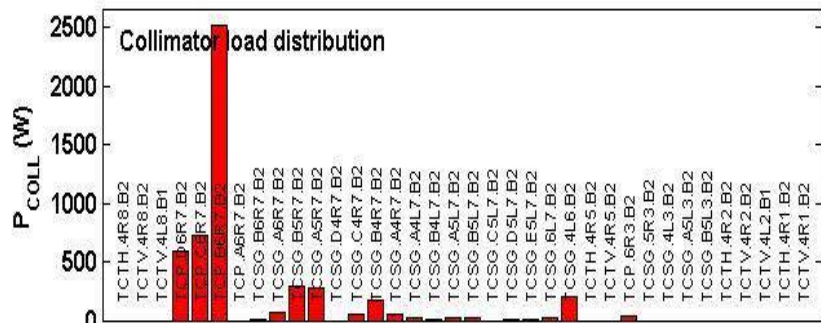
Beam1 @ nominal collision



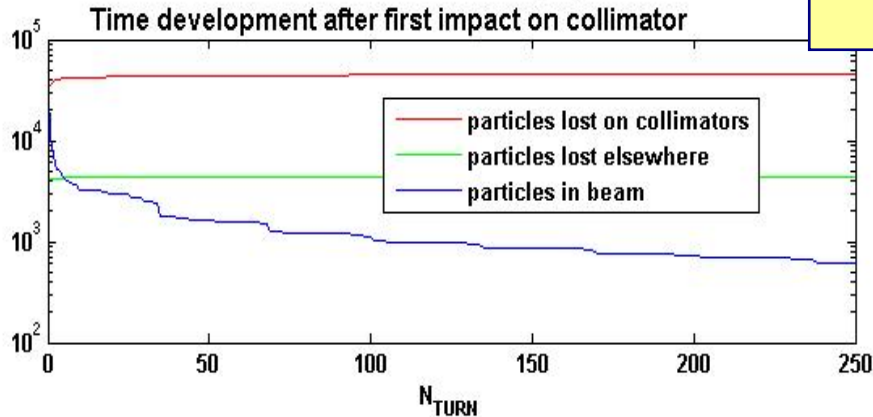
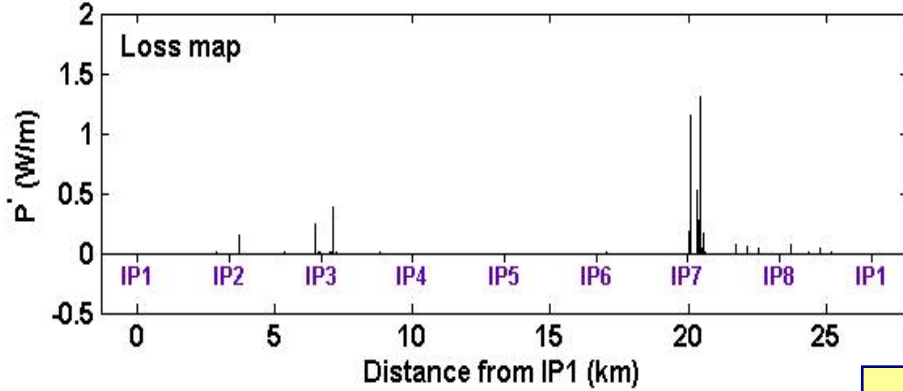
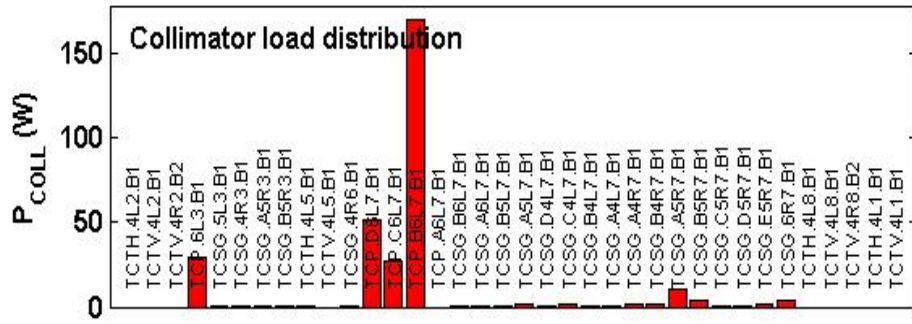
Losses confined to IR7 dispersion suppressor, cells 9 & 11

Few small losses in IR2 (mainly blocked by tertiaries)

Beam2 @ nominal collision

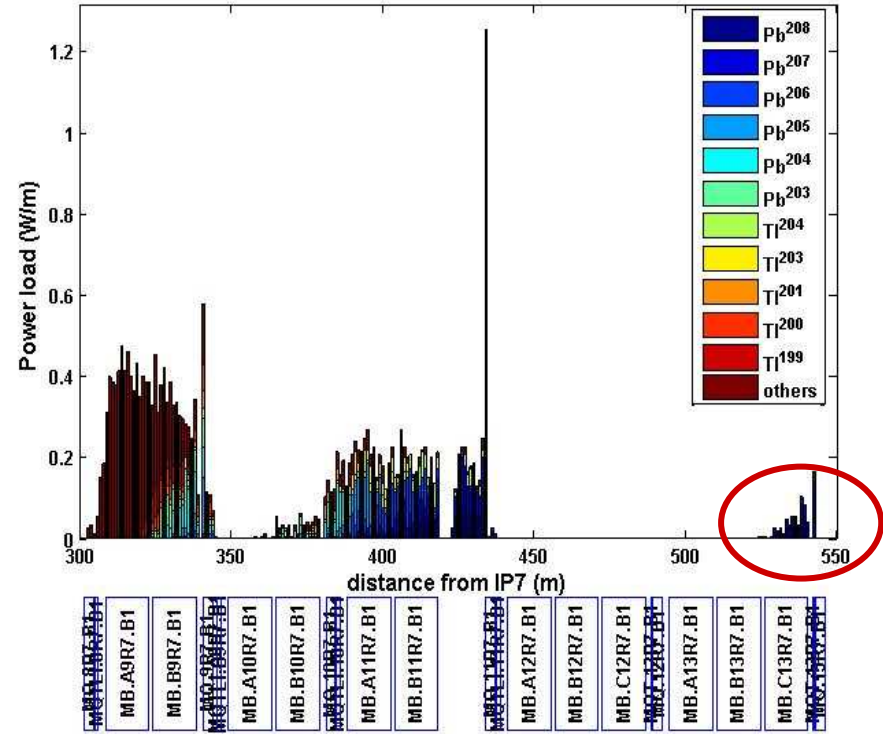


Beam1 @ injection

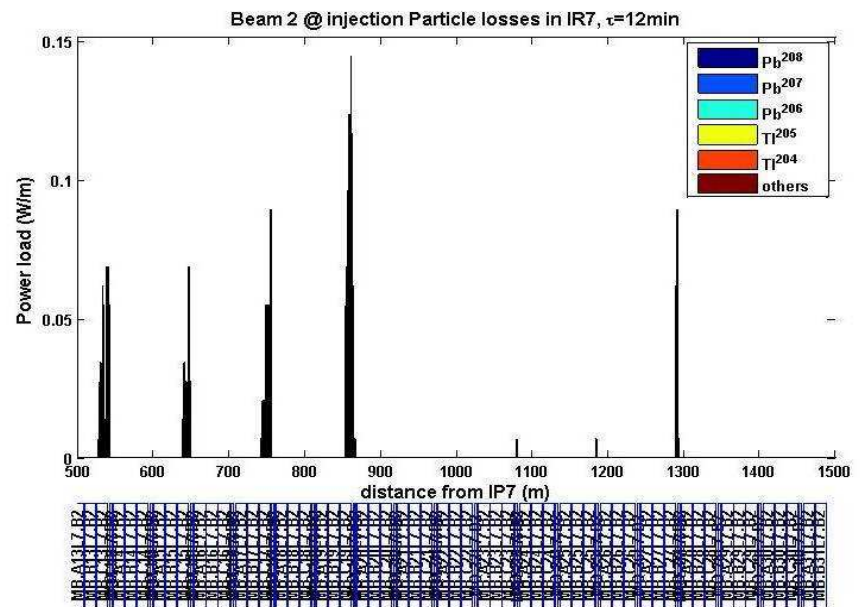
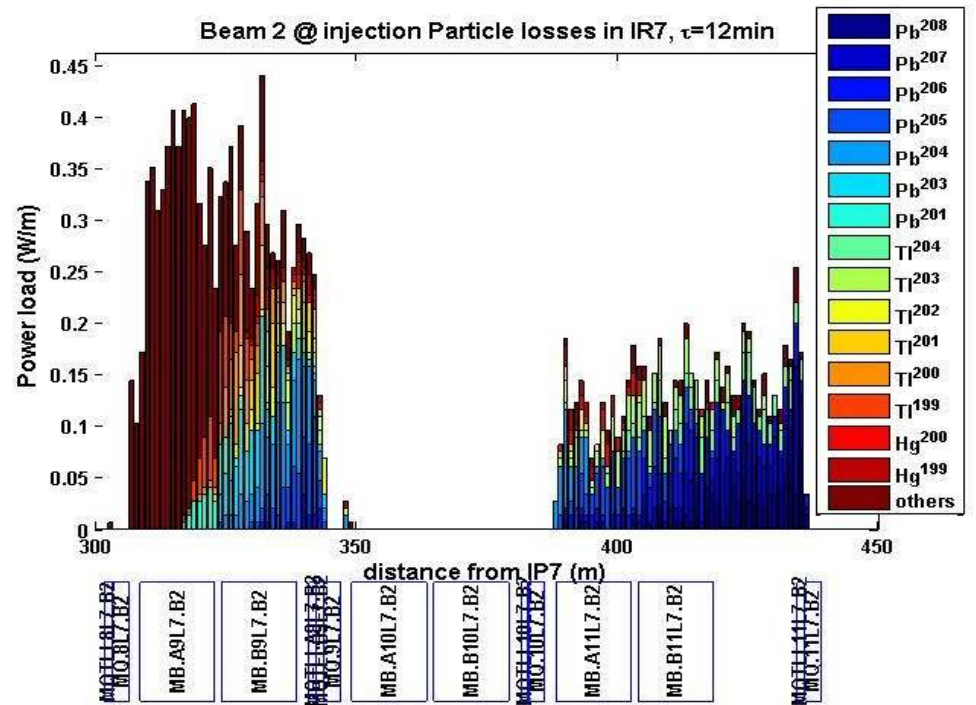
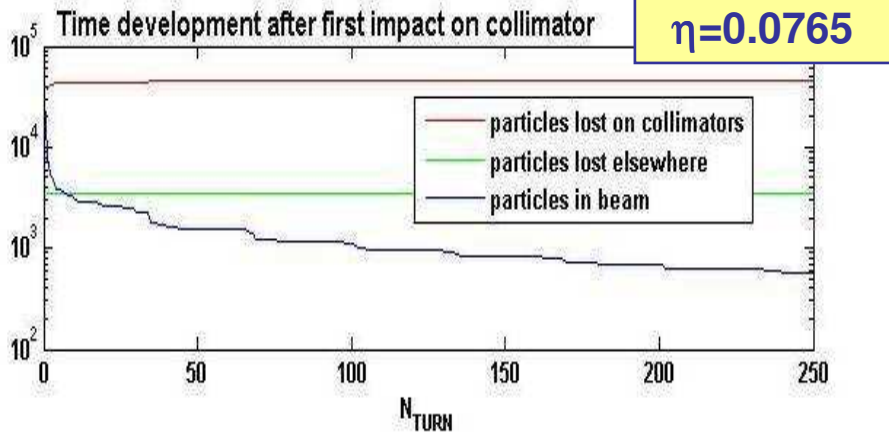
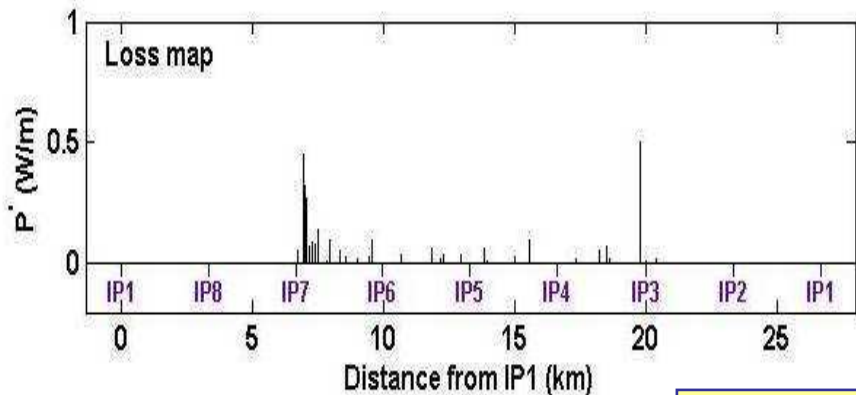
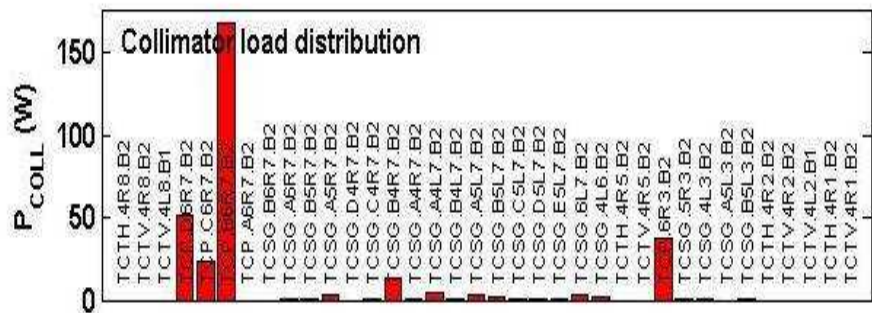


$\eta=0.0964$

Beam 1 Particle losses in IR7, $\tau=12\text{min}$



Beam 2 @ injection



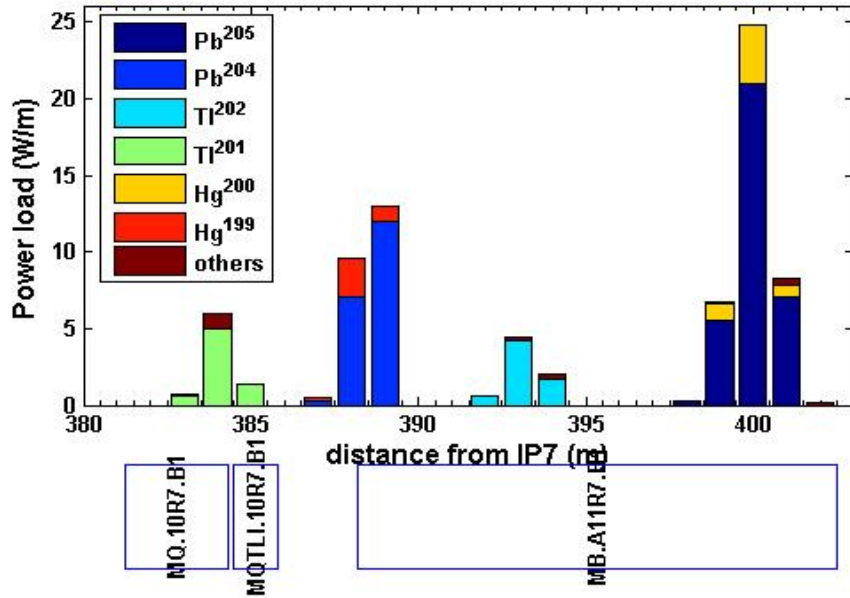
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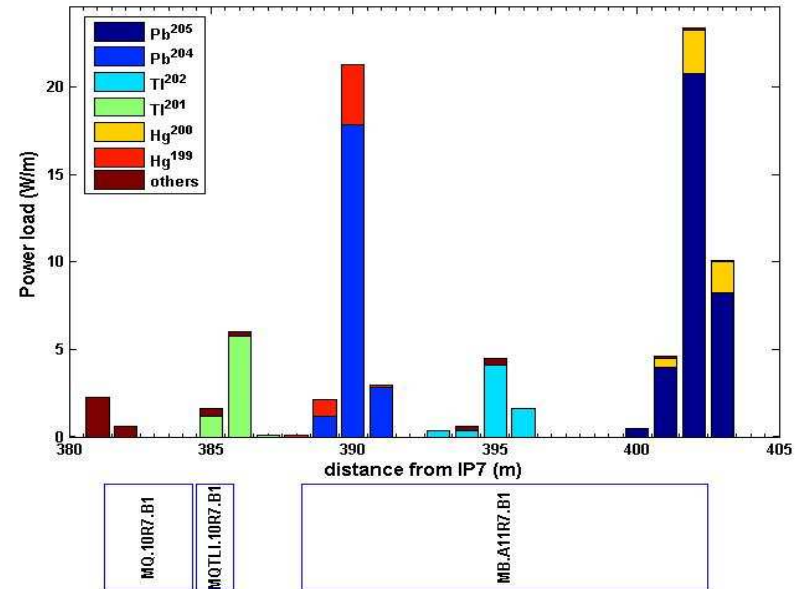
Aperture sensitivity : nominal

+1 mm

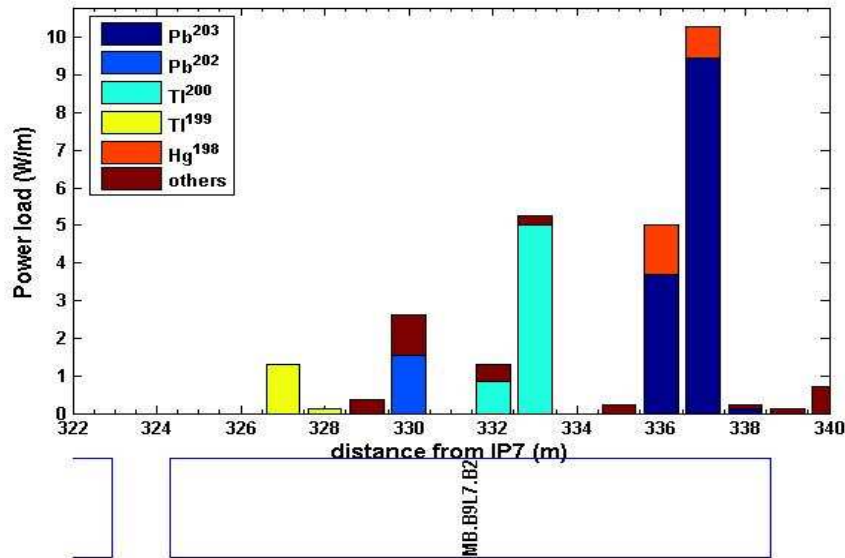
Beam 1 Particle losses in IR7 DS, $\tau=12\text{min}$



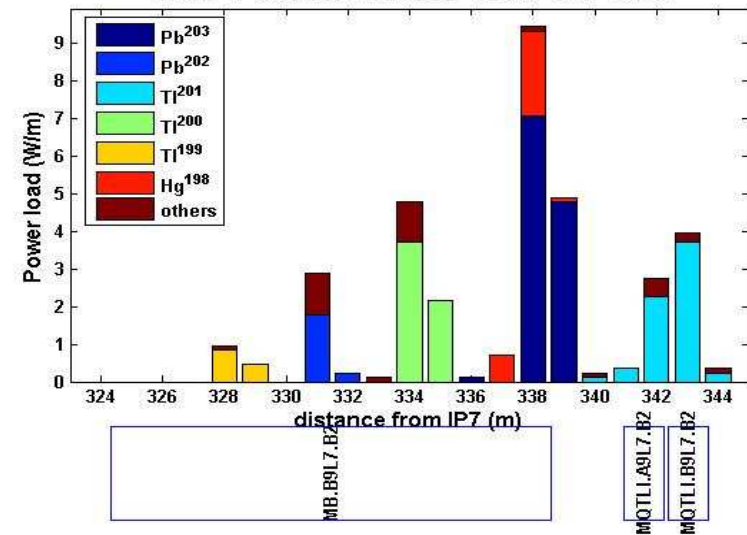
Beam 1 Particle losses in IR7 DS (ap +), $\tau=12\text{min}$



Beam 2 Particle losses in IR7 DS, $\tau=12\text{min}$



Beam 2 Particle losses in IR7 DS (ap +), $\tau=12\text{min}$



BLMs coverage:

Philosophy :

Adding 1mm to aperture (all elements) causes a shift in the beam loss peaks by up to 2m

BLMs coverage of IR7:

3 patches available in cells 8,9,11 (dipoles) X 8 channels (max) X 2 BLMs

2 channels available on quad patches (regions 8,9,10,11,13)

Need partial coverage of cell 9 and 13, full coverage of cell 11

Numbers:

BLM active length = 40 cm

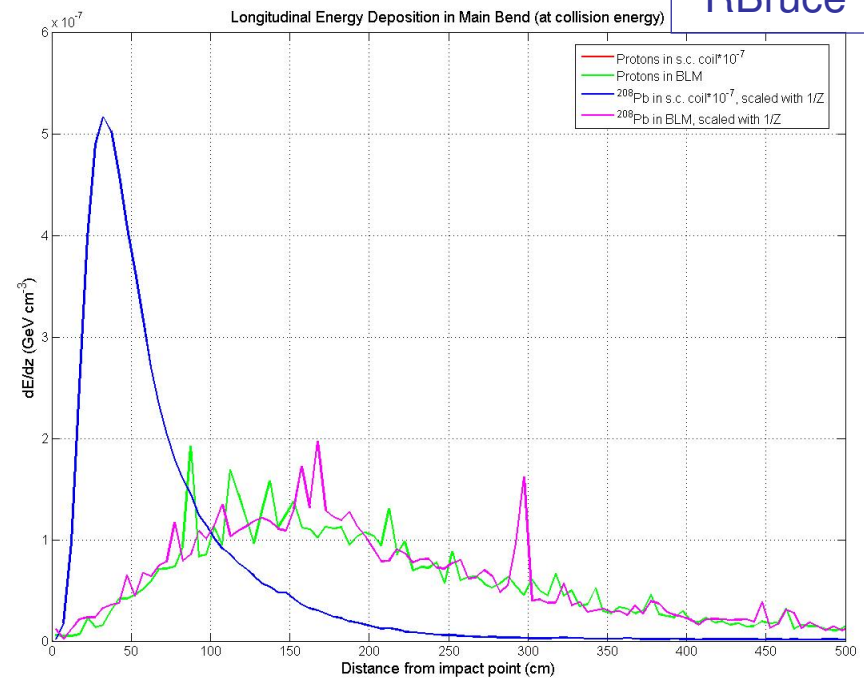
Dipole length = 14.3 m (x2)

Long. Spread of energy deposition=

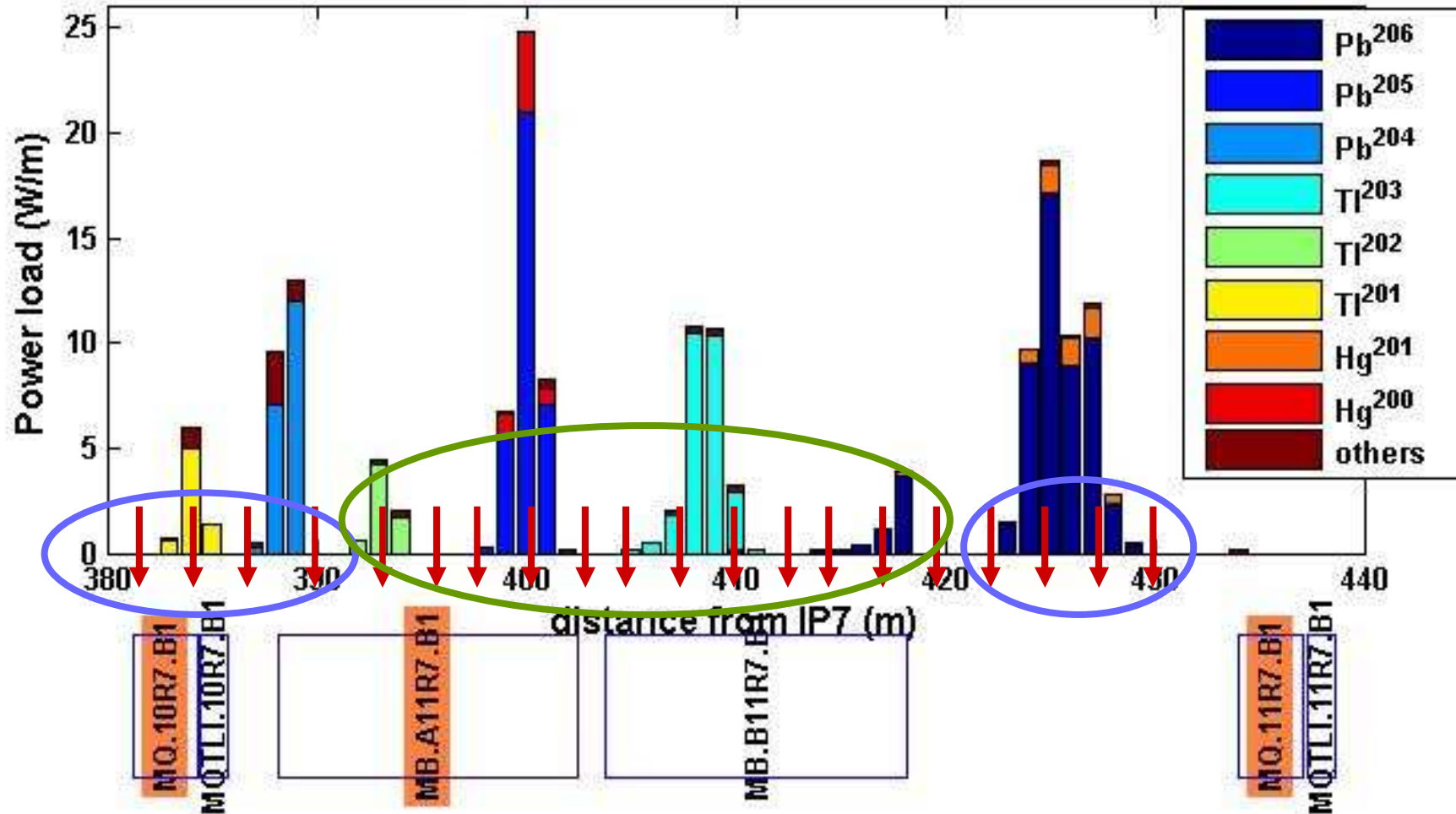
2.5 m FWHM

peak @ 1.5 m from impact

For coil deposition peak @ 30cm from
impact point



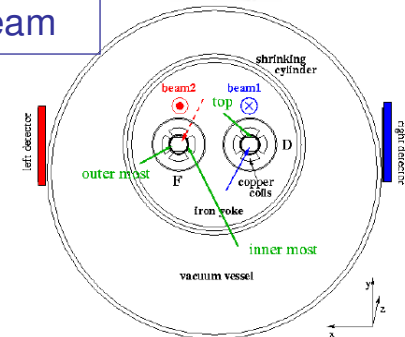
Beam 1 @ collision Particle losses in IR7, $\tau=12\text{min}$



B. Dehning's team

-2.5 m spacing

-Transverse position: inside (left) for beam2, outside (right) for beam1



What next ?

Next few days:

Produce list of locations for BLM installation in IR7/IR3

Longer term :

move in parallel with proton collimation working group :

Use common setup (optics/aperture model/collimator list)

Adopt similar study approaches for better comparison of results: next priority

Study sensitivity to orbit oscillations using same perturbation model (GRD's talk at last Chamonix)

Specific issues:

- Code benchmarking for protons (ICOSIM/Sixtrack, ICOSIM/SPS data)
- Study loss distributions (uniform loss assumption vs losses concentrated on a single collimator jaw)
- Improve physical model of particle/collimator interactions