

# Understanding the High Intensity Behaviour of the ISIS RCS and the Lessons for ISIS II Designs

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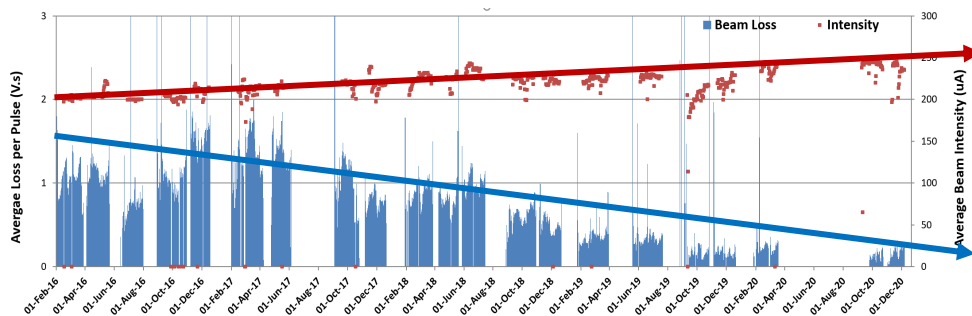
# Introduction

- ISIS RCS running for  $\sim 40$  years, what's new?
  - Still much we don't understand  $\sim$  can't explain, model all losses
  - If we can: improve machine and optimise upgrade designs for ISIS II
- Talk outline
  1. Reminder of ISIS, recent developments
  2. Outline of the ring, its performance and limitations
  3. Recent and current work improving machine models (lattice etc.)
  4. Head-tail instability and impedances
  5. Relevance for ISIS II
  6. Summary

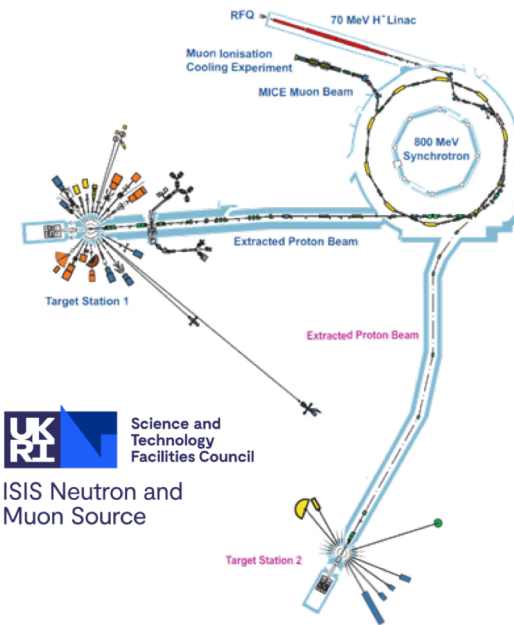
# ISIS Facility & Recent Developments

- Spallation Neutron Source at RAL in UK  
>2000 strong user community, 644 publications in 2021
- Record operations in 2020: 245  $\mu\text{A}$  running

Intensity  
Beam Loss



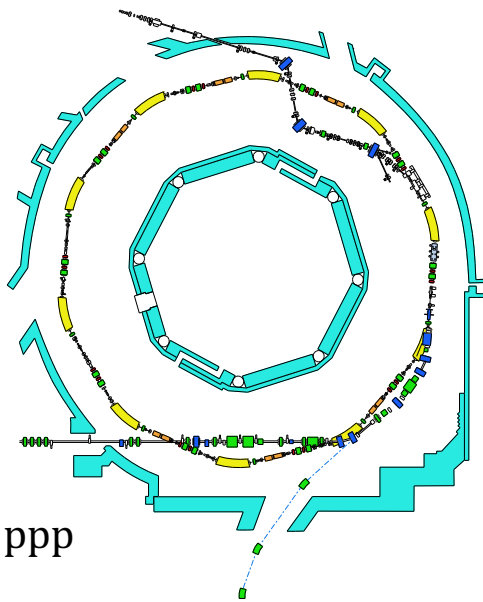
- Long shutdown last year 2021  
Linac tank 4 replacement; Target station 1 upgrade
- Have re-established TS2, 10 Hz beam during 2022  
Now tuning intensity back up ready for TS1, 50 Hz (November)



*New Linac Tank 4*

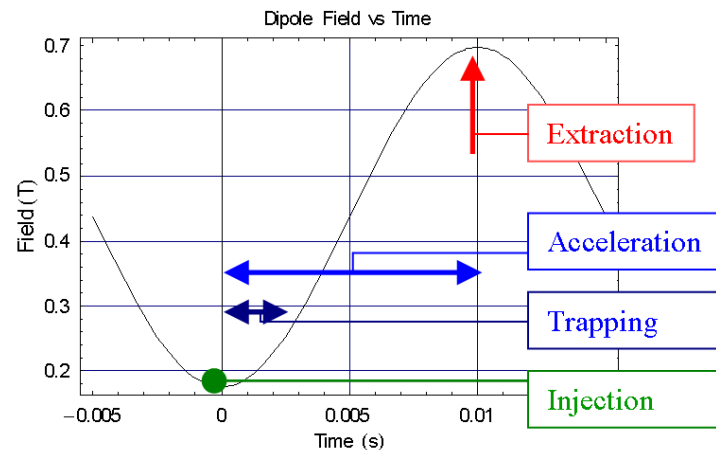


# The ISIS RCS: Main Parameters

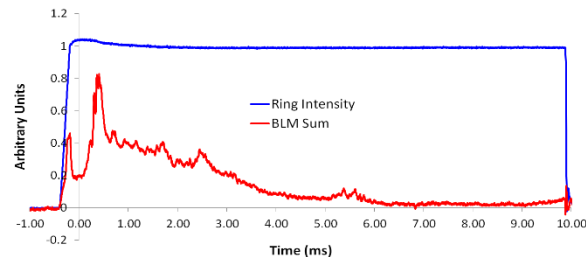


Circumference:	163 m
Energy Range:	70-800 MeV
Rep Rate:	50 Hz
Intensity:	$2.5-3.0 \times 10^{13}$ ppp
Beam Power:	160-200 kW
Losses:	Inj: 2%, Trap: <3%, Acc/Ext <0.5%
Injection:	130 turn, H <sup>-</sup> charge-exchange
Acceptances:	Collimated $\sim 350 \pi$ mm mr
RF System:	$h=2$ , $f_2=1.3-3.1$ MHz, $V_2 \sim 160$ kV/turn $h=4$ , $f_4=2.6-6.2$ MHz, $V_4 \sim 80$ kV/turn (2 bunches)
Extraction:	Single turn, vertical
Tunes:	$(Q_x, Q_y) = (4.31, 3.83)$ (programmable)

## Main Magnet Field & Machine Cycle



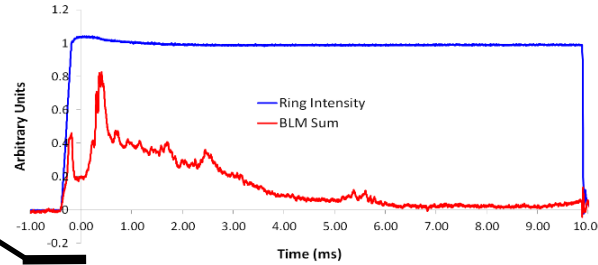
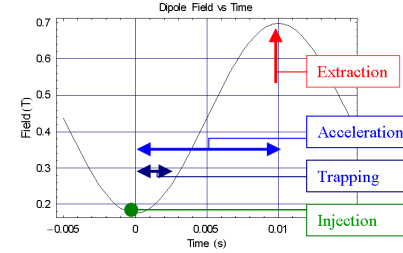
## Intensity and Loss Through Cycle



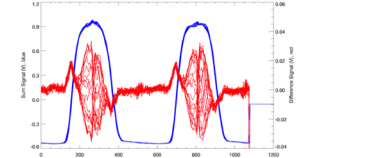


# ISIS RCS Beam Losses and High Intensity Limits

What are our losses ~ what don't we understand?



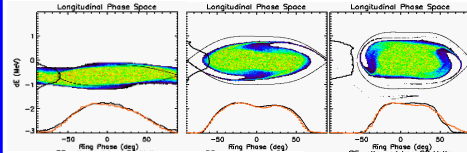
Head-tail instability  
(~ 1.5-2.5 ms)  $m=0,1$



Vertical loss: ramp  $Q_v$

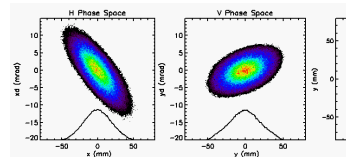
Injection  
(-0.4-0.2 ms)  
Stripping ~2%  
Foil re-circulations  
Optimal painting

Longitudinal trapping  
(-0.4-0.5 ms)

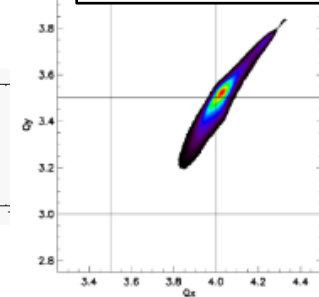


Non-adiabatic capture  
Un-chopped beam  
Dual harmonic RF

Transverse space charge  
(-0.4-2.0 ms)

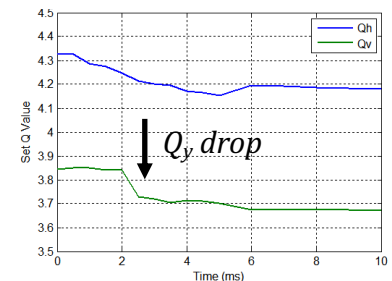


$(Q_x, Q_y)$  at 0 ms



$\Delta Q_{incoh}$  peaks with bunching 70-100 MeV

ISIS  $Q$  values through cycle



# Detailed comparison RCS ORBIT model vs measurements (IPAC 2012)

- ISIS RCS 2.5D Model:  $2.8E13$  ppp operations

Dual Harmonic RF, 3D injection painting  
Q variation, real apertures and collimators  
Linear lattice without errors

- Basic comparison

Longl., transv. disns.  $\sim$  agree measurements

Time dependence loss = good agreement

Absolute loss = sensitive to collimation ( $\sim 5\text{mm}$ )

- Add grad errors to model

$2Q_h=4$ ,  $2Q_v=7$ ;  $\Delta\beta/\beta \sim 10\%$

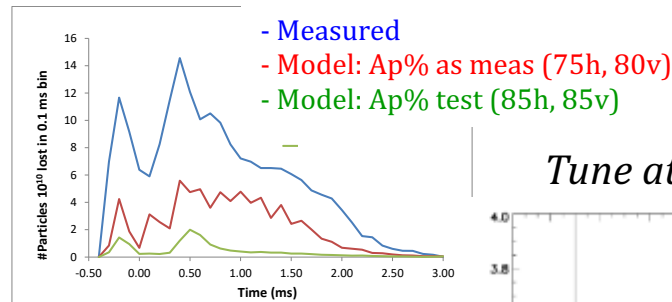
Aperture% 85h,85v

Total loss  $\sim$  same 1%

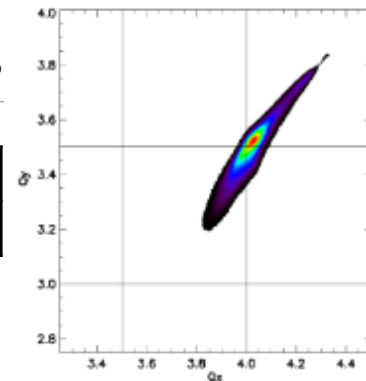
Small effect @  $\Delta Q \sim 0.5$

Real?

*Beam Loss vs Time*



*Tune at 0 ms*

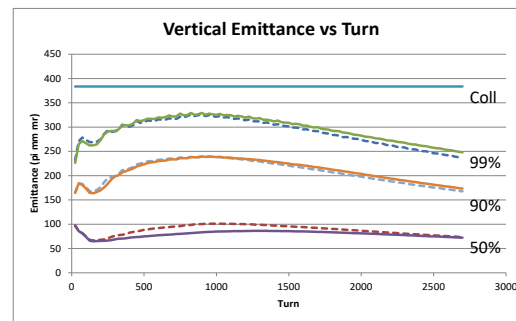
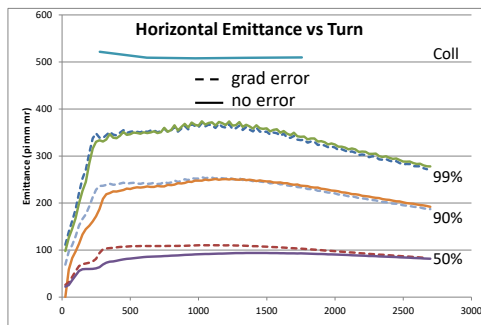


*Acceleration efficiency*

Measured	Model
93.0%	97.3%

*Comparisons with/without grad errors*

*Horizontal and vertical emittances*



# Beam measurements to improve models on ISIS

- Reconfigure machine for studies

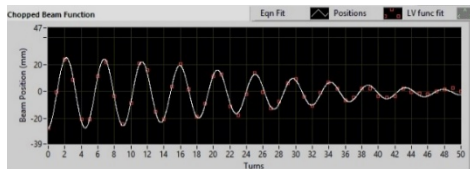
RCS	<i>Rapid cycling synchrotron</i> – Magnet & RF ramps (70-800 MeV)
BSRM	<i>Bunched storage ring mode</i> – DC magnets, RF fixed freq (70 MeV)
SRM	<i>Storage ring mode</i> – DC magnets, no RF (“2D” coasting) (70 MeV)

- Low intensity measurement of lattice parameters  
Optics, beta functions (gradient errors & correction)

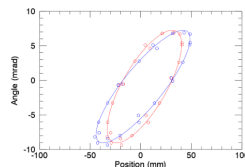
One of 10 ISIS Super periods



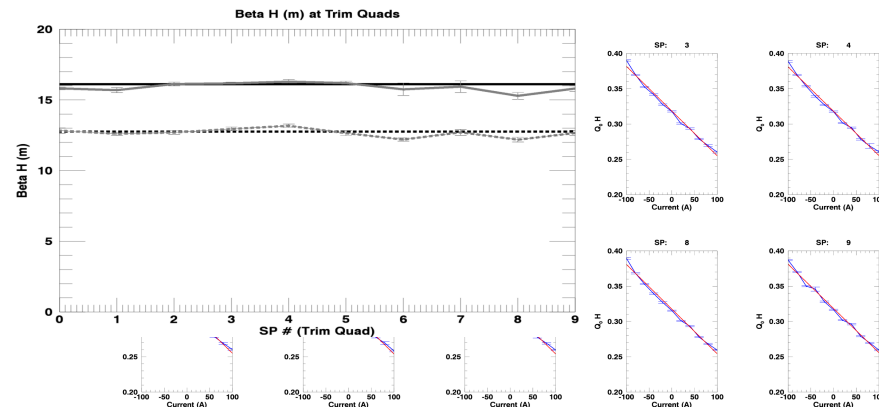
Turn by turn positions



Optics meas



Beta functions at 20 trim quads ( $dQ/dI_{TQ}$ )



- i.e. better linear models!*

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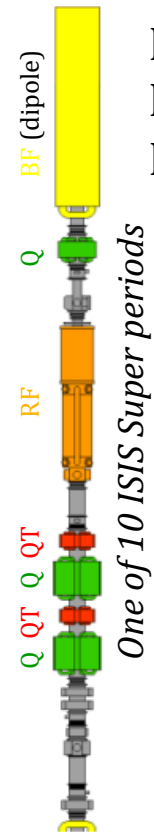
# Transverse Dynamics 1: Improving Magnet Models

- Limited measurement data available for ring magnets

Have matched simulation models to measurements available – good agreement

Now adding non-linear multipole components to models

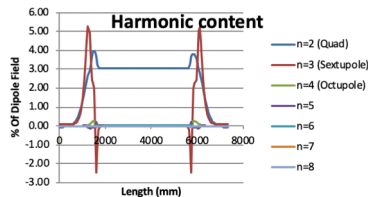
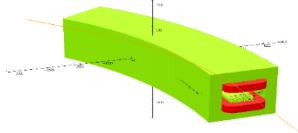
Have OPERA model of each lattice type – *not every magnet*



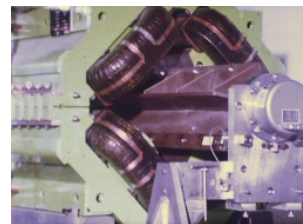
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OPERA Results for Dipoles

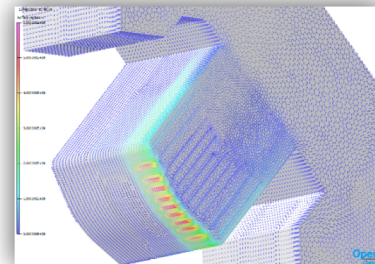
Dipoles



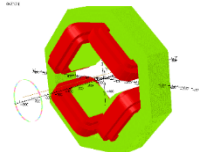
Measurements



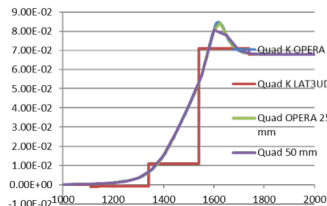
OPERA Quad Model



Quads



Improved fringe fields



OPERA models

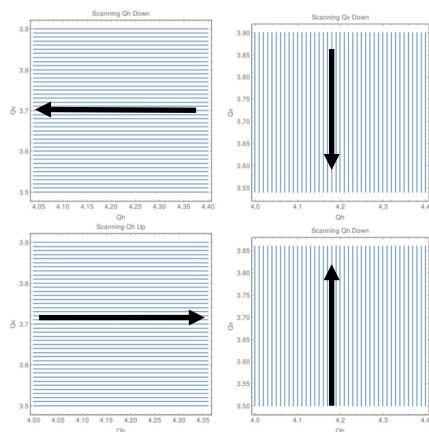
Use increased detail from OPERA

- Build better TEAPOT/PTC PyORBIT models
- With fringe fields and non-linear terms

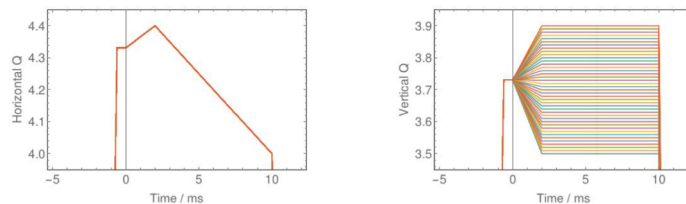
# Transverse Dynamics 2: Tune vs Loss Measurements

- Experimental method developed for ISIS ring
  - Storage ring mode, low intensity, 70 MeV (not RCS, high intensity)
  - Use programmable TQ to scan tunes – automated
  - Use R5IM (toroid), BLMs, scintillators,  $\sim 8$  ms Q ramp

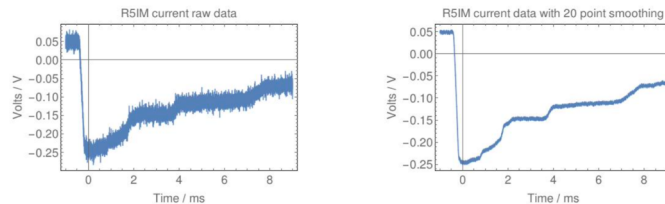
*Q scans in Q plane*



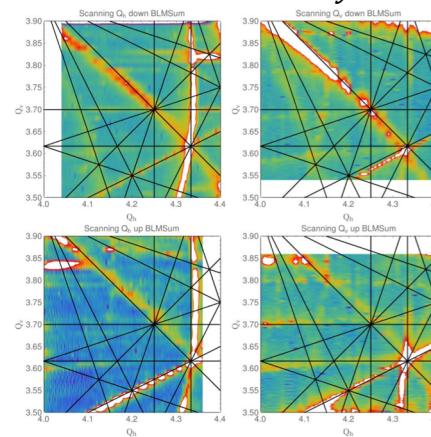
*$Q_x$  and  $Q_y$  programme*



*Loss on toroid & BLM*



*Loss vs  $Q_x$   $Q_y$*

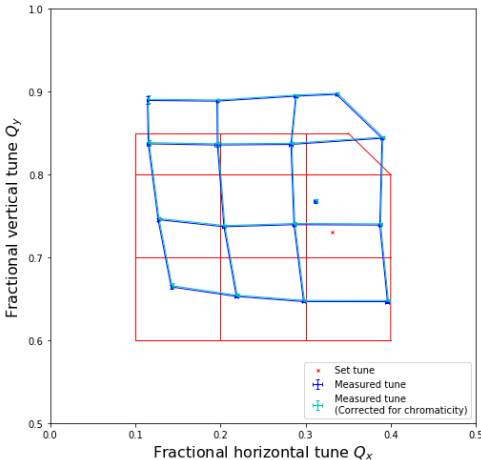


# Transverse Dynamics 3: Tune vs Loss Measurements

- Distortions in Q vs loss exposed errors in Q setting & lattice model

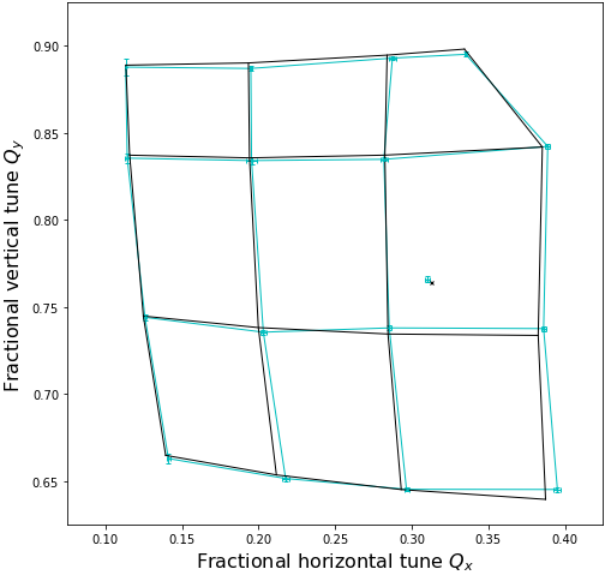
Detailed study of low intensity tune setting (trim quads)  
 Better Q control & lattice model (base Q, set ΔQ, chromaticity)  
 Improved/corrected Q scan

Linear tune calc & actual tune

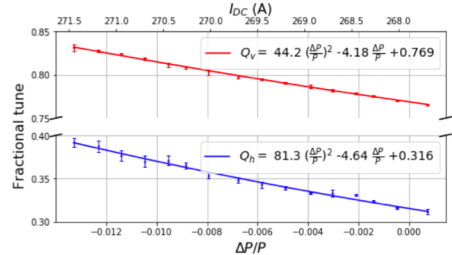


$$\Delta Q = \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint \Delta k(s) \beta(s) ds$$

New set and actual tune



Chromaticity



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# Transverse Dynamics 4: Tune vs Loss Measurements

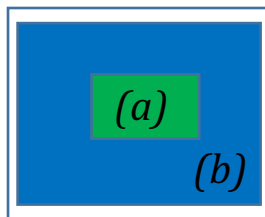
- Application

Identified main resonances: what is their strength?

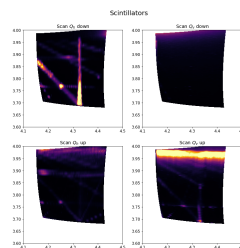
Next: estimate via comparison with simulations ...

- Dependence on aperture explored

*Schematic of scanned aperture (x-y)*

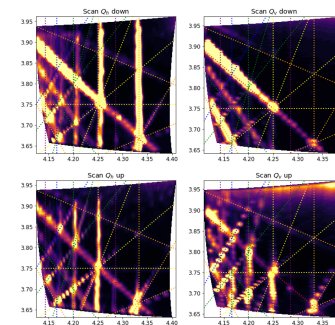


*(a) Small aperture*

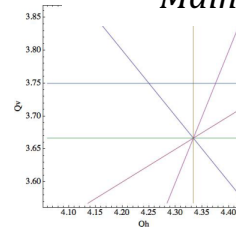


*(b) Larger aperture*

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> order</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> order</b>
$Q_h + Q_v = 8$	$5Q_h = 21$
	$4Q_h - Q_v = 13$
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> order</b>	$3Q_h - Q_v = 5$
$3Q_h = 13$	$3Q_h + 2Q_v = 20$
$-Q_h + 2Q_v = 3$	
$2Q_h - Q_v = 5$	<b>6<sup>th</sup> order</b>
$Q_h + 2Q_v = 12$	$6Q_h = 25$
$2Q_h + Q_v = 12$	$4Q_h - 2Q_v = 9$
<b>4<sup>th</sup> order</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> order</b>
$4Q_h = 17$	$7Q_h = 29$
$4Q_v = 15$	$7Q_h = 30$
$3Q_h - Q_v = 9$	
$2Q_h - 2Q_v = 1$	



*Main resonances*



Order	Resonance
Sextupole	$3Q_h = 13$
Sextupole	$3Q_v = 11$
Octupole	$4Q_v = 15$
2 <sup>nd</sup> order	$Q_h + Q_v = 8$
3 <sup>rd</sup> order	$Q_h - 2Q_v = -3$
3 <sup>rd</sup> order	$2Q_h - Q_v = 5$

- Developments

Can vary painting and explore resonance dependence on  $(\epsilon_x, \epsilon_y)$

Use of spatially distributed loss monitors: azimuthal disn gives  $h$  ( $n Q_y = h$ )

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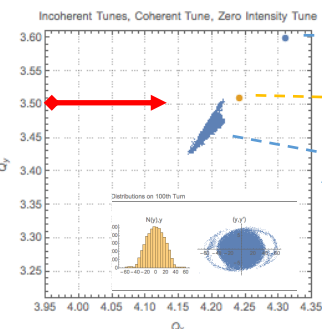
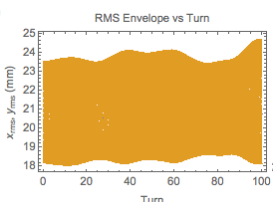
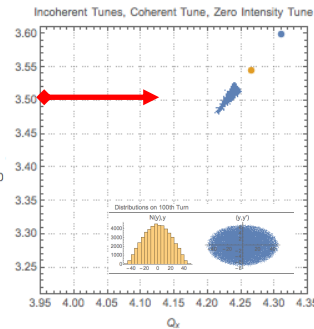
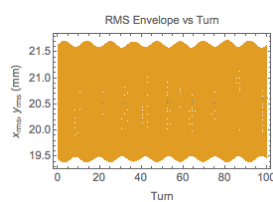
# Transverse Dynamics 5: Half integer resonance

- Unclear how important on operational machine: 3D RCS
- Continue experiments/simulations: coasting 2D beam to help understand  
Constant ( $\epsilon_x, \epsilon_y$ ), Q's, grad error ( $2Q_v=7$ )  
Increase intensity to approach coherent resonance: What happens?

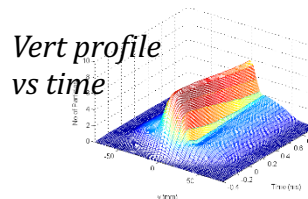
- Observations suggest  
2D static sims

*Off coh. resonance is OK ...  
behaviour of single particle in  
averaged coh. field  $\rightarrow$  predict halo?*

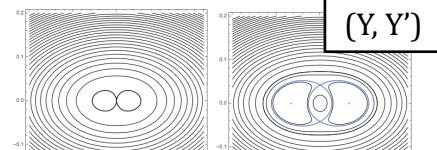
- 2D experiments seem to confirm  
Working on tying up time evolution
- 3D Effect in a bunch with  $Q_s$   
Variable coh/incoh effect along bunch  
Next: study with BSRM: *High intensity limit?*



Measurement



Frozen space charge halo



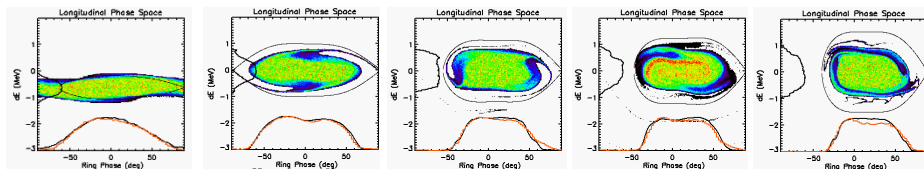
Predict 2 $\rightarrow$ 3 SFP: observe?

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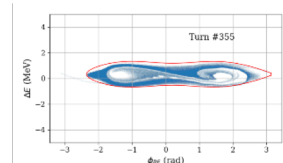


# Longitudinal Dynamics

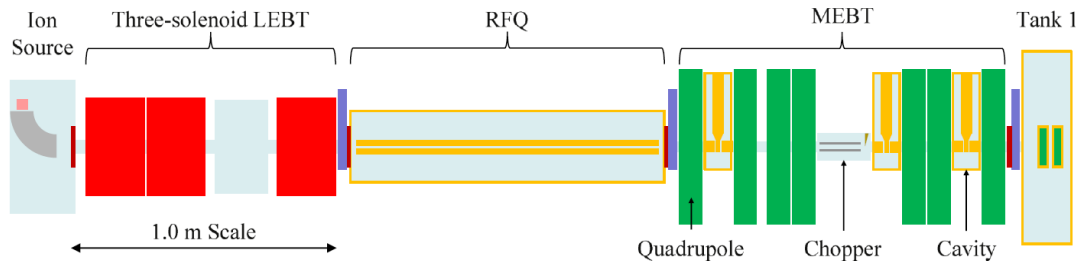
- Generally good agreement measurement and models



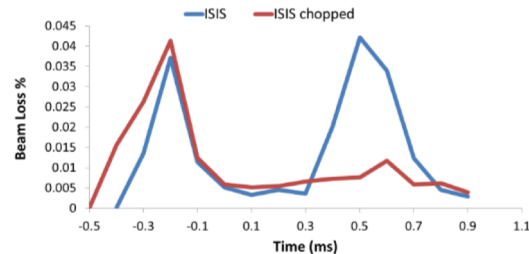
Latest trapping study



- Potential for improvements, more detailed study  
RF hardware upgrades – now have better control – more optimisation  
Details of complicated non-adiabatic, dual-harmonic trapping worth study
- New MEBT with fast chopper to be installed



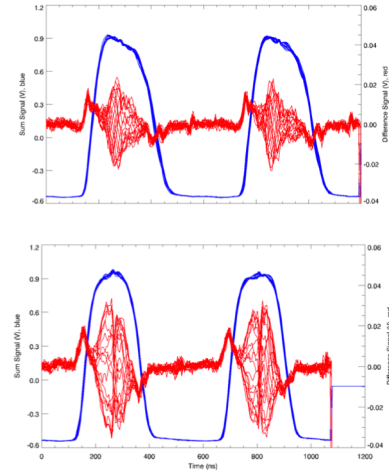
*Losses reduced with chopper*



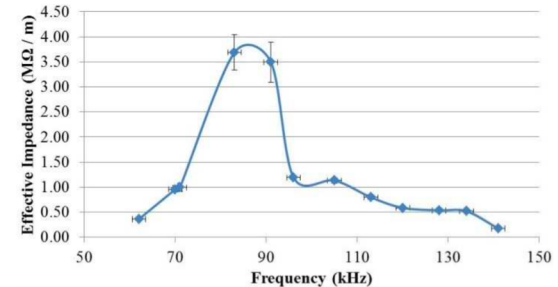
# Vertical head-tail instability

- Causes loss in high intensity operations
  - Dual Harmonic RF ( $m=0, 1$ ), stabilise:  $Q_v$ , paint, bunch shape
  - Single Harmonic RF ( $m=1$ , Sacherer predicts  $m=2$ )
  - Damping system being developed
  - Complicated by fast RCS ramp and high space charge*
- Dedicated experimental campaign: remove complications
  - Remove energy and RF frequency ramp – BSRM
  - Lower intensity (and space charge):  $1.5E12$  ppb
  - Measurements as function of  $Q_y$  and beam size  $\epsilon_y$
  - Compare with PyHEADTAIL 2.5D PIC simulations
- Driving impedance presently unknown (see later)
  - Effective  $Z$  from coasting beam growth rate meas.
  - Gives narrow band model for simulations

*Head-tail modes during ops*



*Effective Impedance Measurements*



# Head tail study

## Measurements

- BSRM, 10% normal intensity ( $\sim 1.5E12$  ppb)
- Vertical head-tail vs ( $Q_y, \epsilon_y$ )

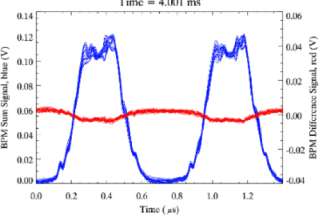
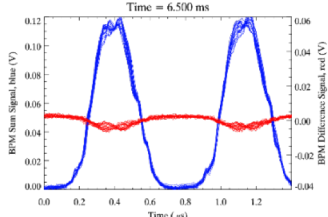
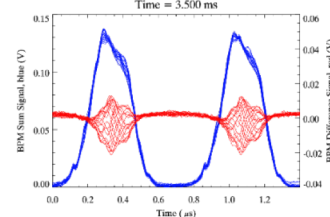
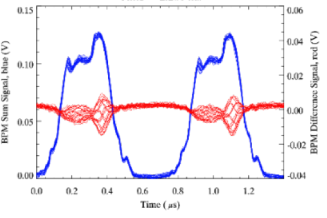
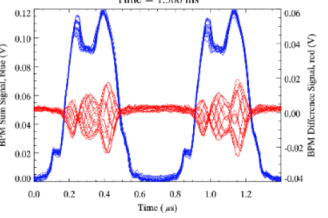
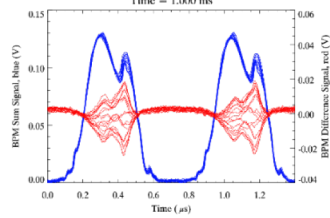
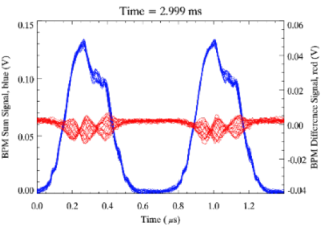
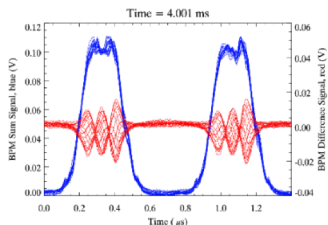
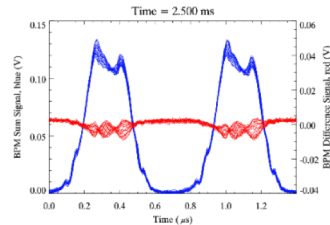
## Results

- Mode change with  $Q_y$  and  $\epsilon_y$
- Growth rate  $\uparrow$  as  $\epsilon_y \downarrow$  (space charge?)

$$\epsilon_{rmsy} = 10 \pi \text{ mm mr}$$

$$30 \pi \text{ mm mr}$$

$$50 \pi \text{ mm mr}$$



$$Q_y = 3.87$$

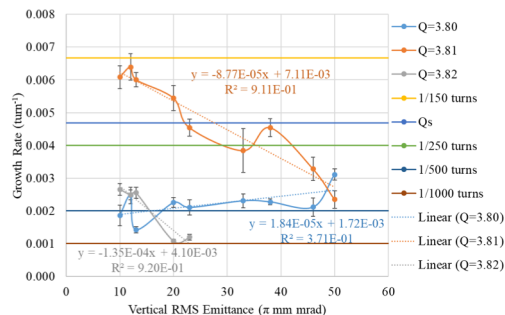
$$Q_y = 3.88$$

$$Q_y = 3.89$$

$Q_y$



Growth rate vs  $\epsilon_y$



$\epsilon_y$  (RMS)  $\rightarrow$

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# Head tail study

## Simulations

- PyHEADTAIL ISIS Model
- Low freq narrowband Z
- 2.5D space charge PIC

## Results

- Mode change with  $Q_y$  and  $\varepsilon_y$
- Growth rate  $\uparrow$  as  $\varepsilon_y \downarrow$
- Different modes from meas.
- Gradient of growth vs emittance similar to meas.

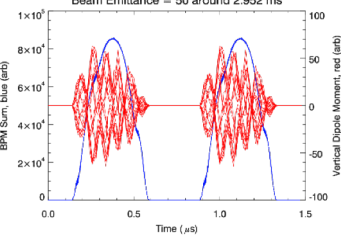
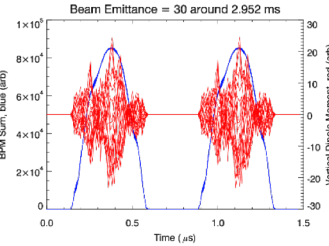
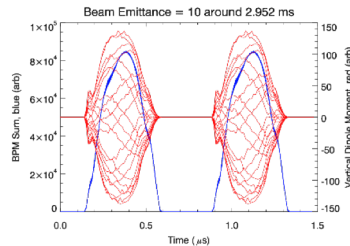
*Much to disentangle!*

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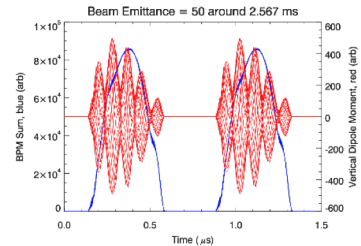
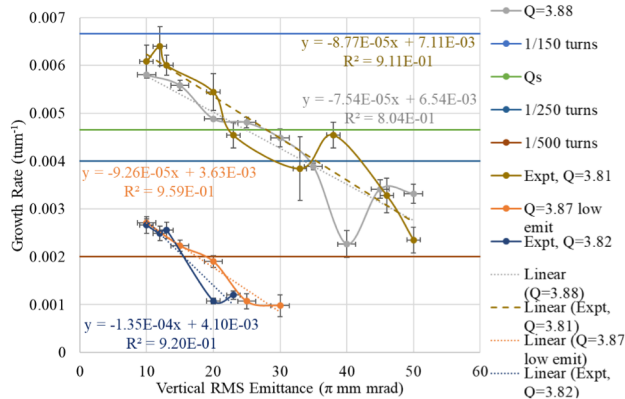
$$\varepsilon_{rmsy} = 10 \pi \text{ mm mr}$$

$$30 \pi \text{ mm mr}$$

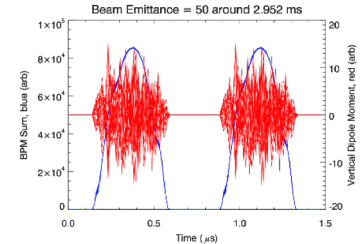
$$50 \pi \text{ mm mr}$$



$$Q_y = 3.87$$



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$$Q_y = 3.89$$

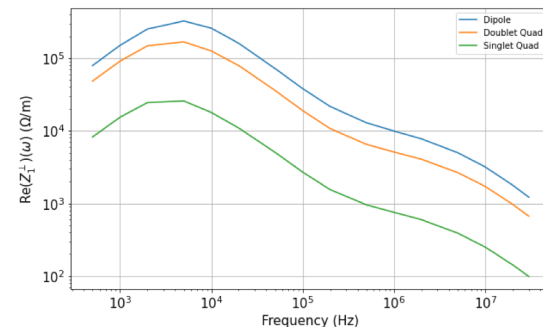
Results should help us understand:

- Role of space charge ...
- Intra-bunch structure, multiple modes ...?

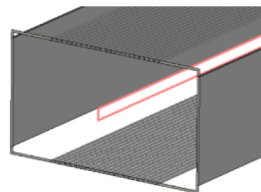
# Beam Impedances on the ISIS RCS

- New work assessing low frequency transverse impedances
- Expect contribution from RCS magnets ( $\sim 45\%$  of ring)  
Laminated poles, ceramic vessels, RF shields  
Studies indicate main LF part is from RF shield  
RWAL code: analytical soln. for cylindrical multilayers  
Confirmed comparisons CST: calcs of Z contribution

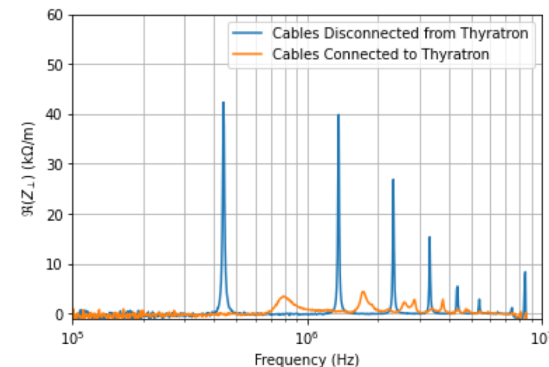
## *Z from Main Magnets*



*ISIS RF shield*



## *Extraction kicker meas.*



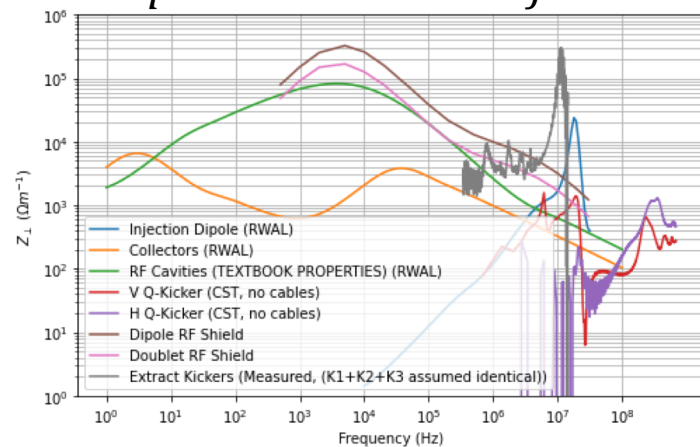
- Extract kickers (likely contribution)  
Vertical plane, long cables, terminated at thyatron end  
Single-turn loop measurements on spare kicker  
Indicate impedance OK with suitable terminations

# Beam Impedances on ISIS

- Overall machine Z assessment  
RWAL, CST estimates for most equipment  
Building up a better picture ...
- Head-tail coupled-mode Vlasov solver  
New solver implemented in Python  
Find modes frequ/GR for complicated Z  
Treats longtl disns: airbag, nested ab, arbitrary  
Benchmark vs PyHEADTAIL generally agree
- Example Calculations for ISIS ( $Q_y=3.87$ )  
Narrow band impedance etc. (as above)  
Airbag and Gaussian longtl. disn.  
Not coupled modes

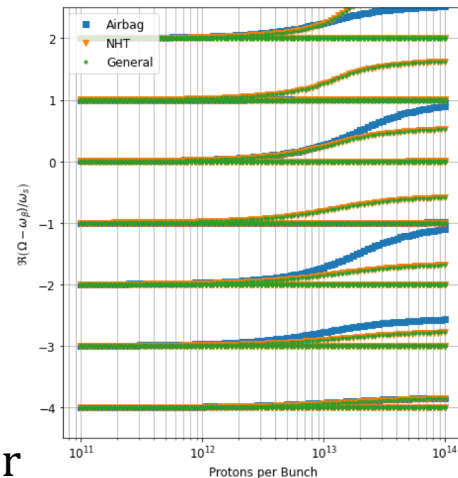
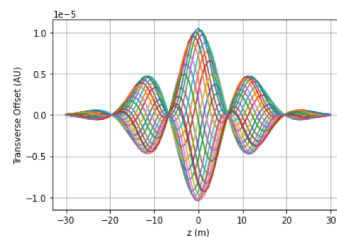
*Capability to test effects of different impedances*

## *Impedance Estimates for ISIS*



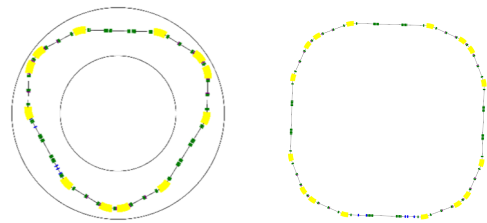
## *Predictions from Vlasov Solver*

### *Fastest mode (General-Gauss)*



# Relevance of ISIS I to ISIS II Work

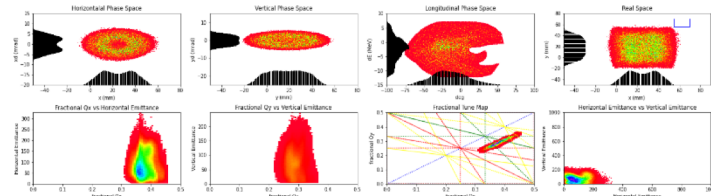
1.2 GeV RCS, Accumulator Ring



- ISIS II ~ next generation neutron source ~ under study  
Present spec. 1.25 MW (40 and 10 Hz Targets)  
Recently completed exploratory designs of 4 RCS/AR rings

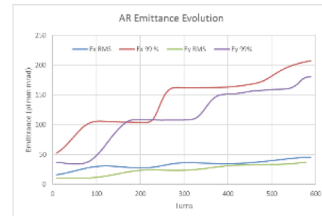
- Design studies highlighted requirements to  
Reliably predict, understand losses: 0.1-0.01%  
Want halo evolution: foil, loss control  
*Reasons for loss in codes often not clear: correct?*

AR 3D PyORBIT Runs



- Needs models benchmarked vs measurements (ISIS I)  
Design tests for particular loss mechanisms  
Effects of particular resonances (2D, 3D), Instabilities  
2D, 3D injection paint, trapping ... (MEBT chopper)

Emittance evolution



Compare other machines, other codes ... reliable *high intensity limit*



# Summary

- We continue to improve performance of the ISIS RCS
  - E.G. 275  $\mu\text{A}$  equivalent at low rep rates
- We continue to learn and understand more about its losses & limits
  - Working on improving our models as the basis for:*
    - Development of ISIS
    - Optimal ISIS II and future designs
- Key things to understand (“*gaps in our knowledge*”)
  - Achieve, reliably predict 0.1-0.01% loss with  $\Delta Q_{\text{incoh}} \sim 0.2 - 0.5$  or more?
    - What is the high intensity space charge limit?
    - Can we predict head-tail motion with space charge?
- Collaboration rather than duplication?
  - If we work together on codes and experiments = less time & better results?