

Liouvillian Proton Injection



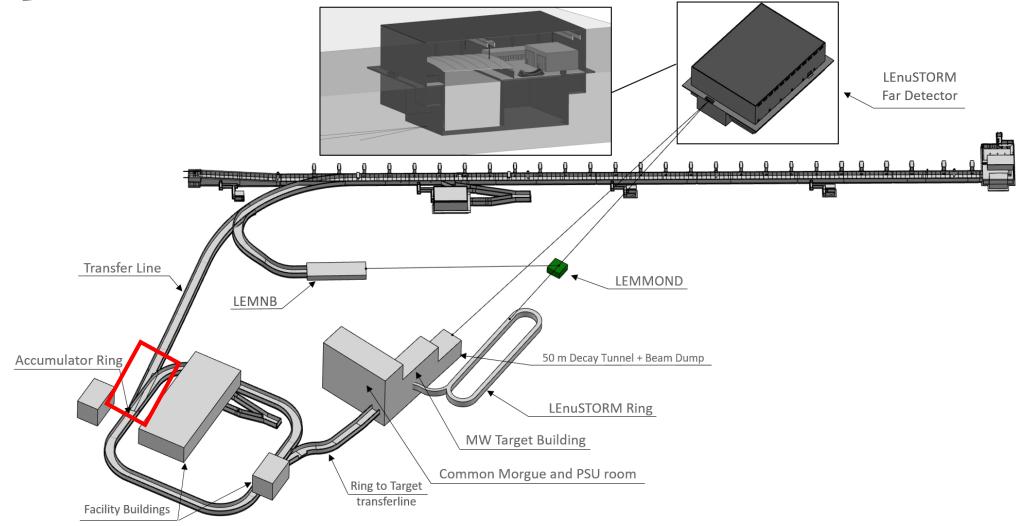
Elham Salehi

Accelerator Physics in Sweden November 12, 2025



Co-funded by the European Union

ESSnuSB

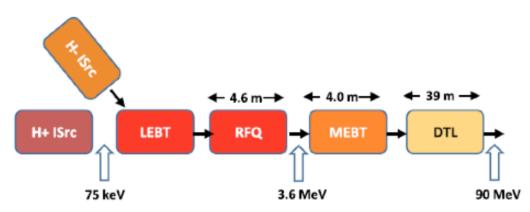


Why LIO?

The main goal of this study is to develop the the Liouvillian Injection Optimization (LIO) method for injecting protons from the linac directly into the accumulator using a 4D Liouvillian multi-turn accumulation process without stripping. This approach avoids the drawbacks of the H- stripping injection, which is considered a "dirty process" due to several issues

- High activation caused by the unstripped H⁻ and HO.
- Complex management of stripped electrons.
- Limited foil lifetime and the foil replacement system is complicated.
- H- source has constraint for current and lifetime compared to proton sources.
- A transfer line for protons is simpler.

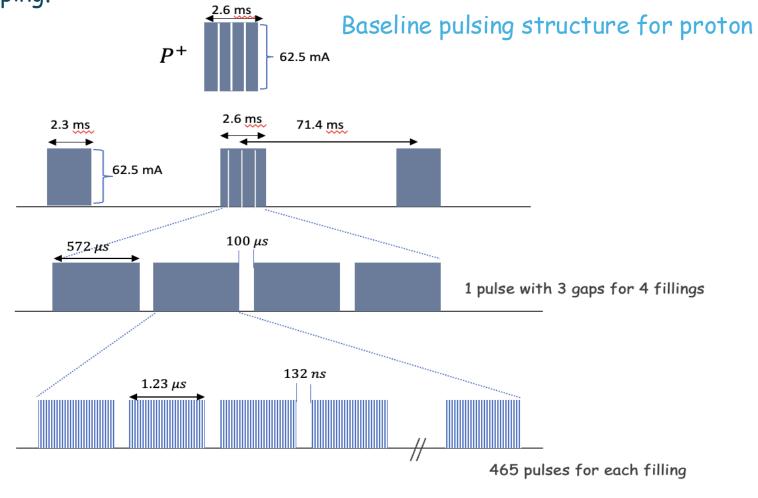
In addition, if the choice is done to use H- for ESSnuSB, the linac operation for both proton and H- beams will require a substantial increase in complexity of the linac control system, low-level RF systems and safety systems.



Multi-turn injection

The main goal of this study is to develop the the Liouvillian Injection Optimization (LIO) method for injecting protons from the linac directly into the accumulator using a 4D Liouvillian multi-turn accumulation process without stripping.

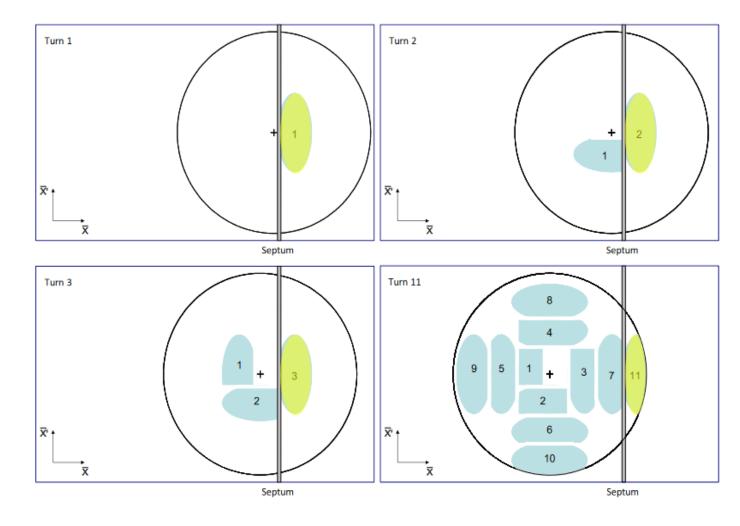
Multi-turn injection is the process of stacking >1 bunch during multiple turns of stored beam.



Multi-turn injection (2D)

Multi-turn injection is the process of stacking >1 bunch during multiple turns of stored beam.

The circulating beam position changes during injection. Cannot inject a new bunch directly on top of existing bunch due to conservation of emittance (Liouville's Theorem)



Multi-turn injection(4D)

Multi-turn injection is the process of stacking >1 bunch during multiple turns of stored beam.

The circulating beam position changes during injection. Cannot inject a new bunch directly on top of existing bunch due to conservation of emittance (Liouville's Theorem)

With multi-turn injection, we can paint the transverse phase space, (x, x') (y, y') in the receiving ring to obtain as low as possible stored emittances using a tilted septum. ("two plane painting injection")

2D accumulation in the horizontal phase-plane:

$$E_{acc_x} = Nb_{turns} Ei_x DF_{2D_x}$$
$$E_{acc_y} = Ei_y$$

ESSnuSB Accumulator Ring:

$$Nb_{turns} = 600,$$
 $Ei_x = 2.8 \pi \, mm \, mrad \rightarrow E^*_{acc_x} = 1680 \pi \, mm \, mrad$

in the ideal case $DF_{2D} = 1$, even worst in the real life!!!

4D accumulation in transverse phase-planes:

$$E_{acc_x} E_{acc_y} = Nb_{turns} DF_{4D_x} Ei_x DF_{4D_y} Ei_y$$

ESSnuSB AR in the ideal case ($DF_{4D} = 1$):

$$E_{acc_x}^* E_{acc_y}^* = 600 \ 2.8 \ 2.8 = 4704$$

When the 4D painting is done the same way in H and V,

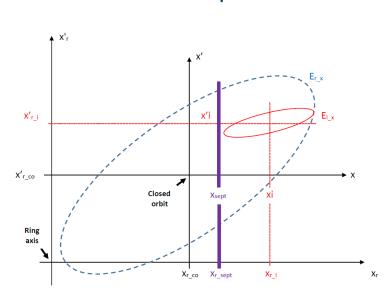
$$E_{acc \ x}^* = E_{acc \ y}^* = \sqrt{600 \ 2.8 \ 2.8} = 68.6 \ \pi \ mm \ mrad$$

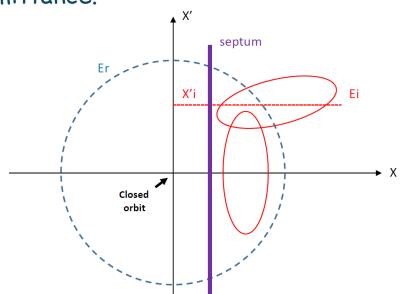
The horizontal accumulated emittance reduced by a factor 24.5

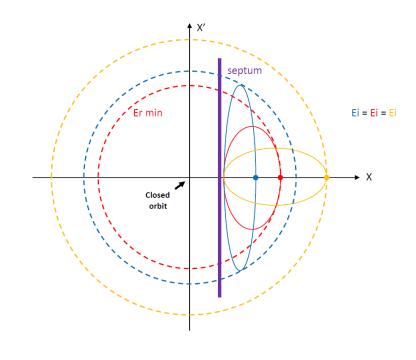
Normalized phase-space

The LIO method has been developed by optimizing the injection parameters to accumulate the beam with no

loss and as low as possible stored emittance.







To optimize the injection, we develop LIO simulation

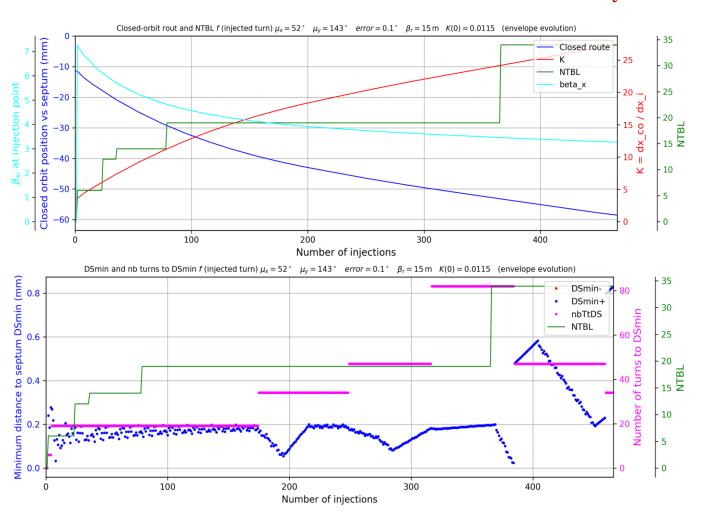
Step-1- Choice of best potential working point (μ_x , μ_y),

Step-2- Choice of $K(0) = dx_{co}$ (first injected turn) / dx_i , corresponding to the initial closed-orbit,

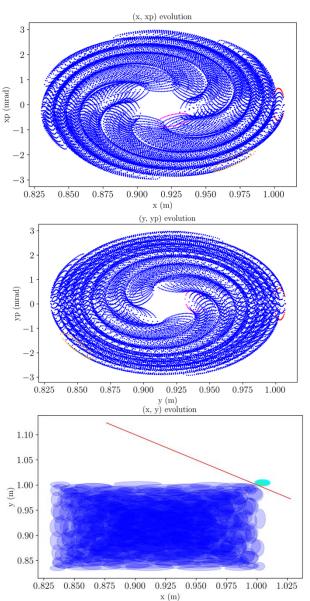
Step-3- Choice of a closed orbit route for no loss beam and a minimum stored emittance for N injected turns.

Linear calculation of LIO

Closed-orbit rout and Ds_{min} along the 465 injection of 100% emittance for working point (8.144, 8.397) $\frac{\varepsilon_r}{r} = 95.8$



Particles at real & phase-space after 465 injections



PyOrbit simulation of LIO

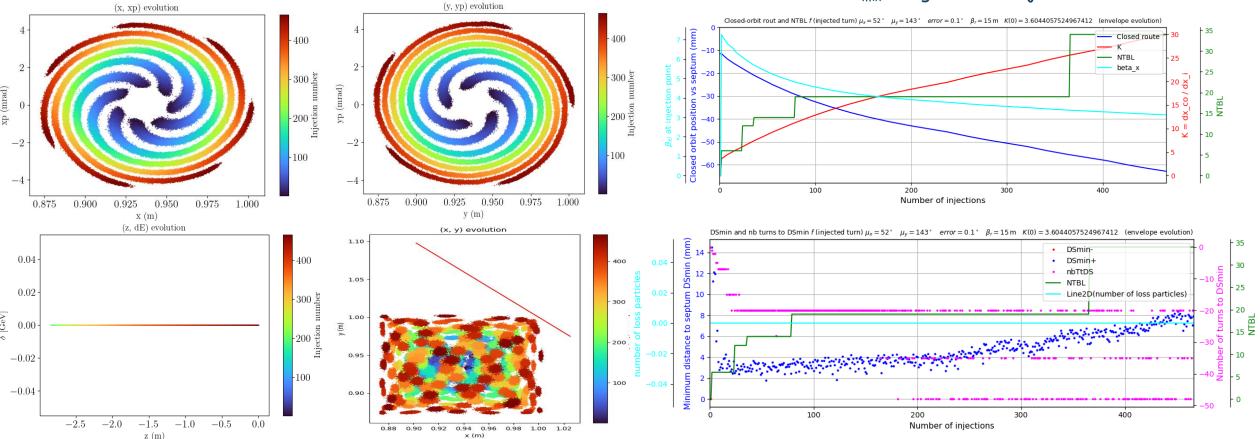
Tracking 3D distributed injected particles through accumulator ring using PyOrbit simulation code for

 $\frac{\varepsilon_r}{}=109$

working point (8.144, 8.397): No energy spread

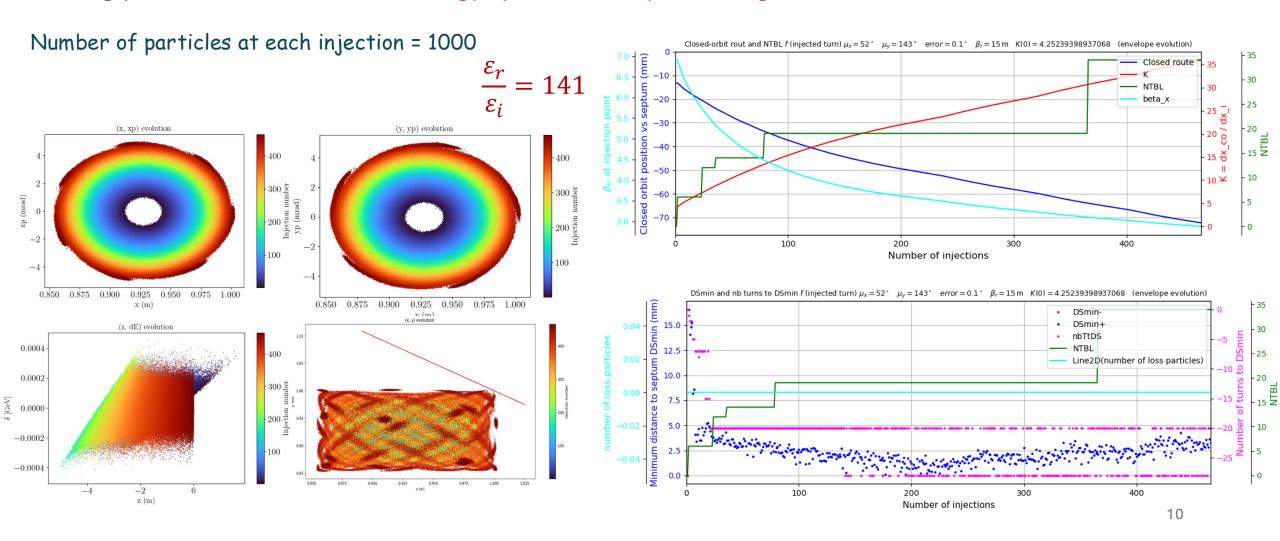
Number of particles at each injection = 1000





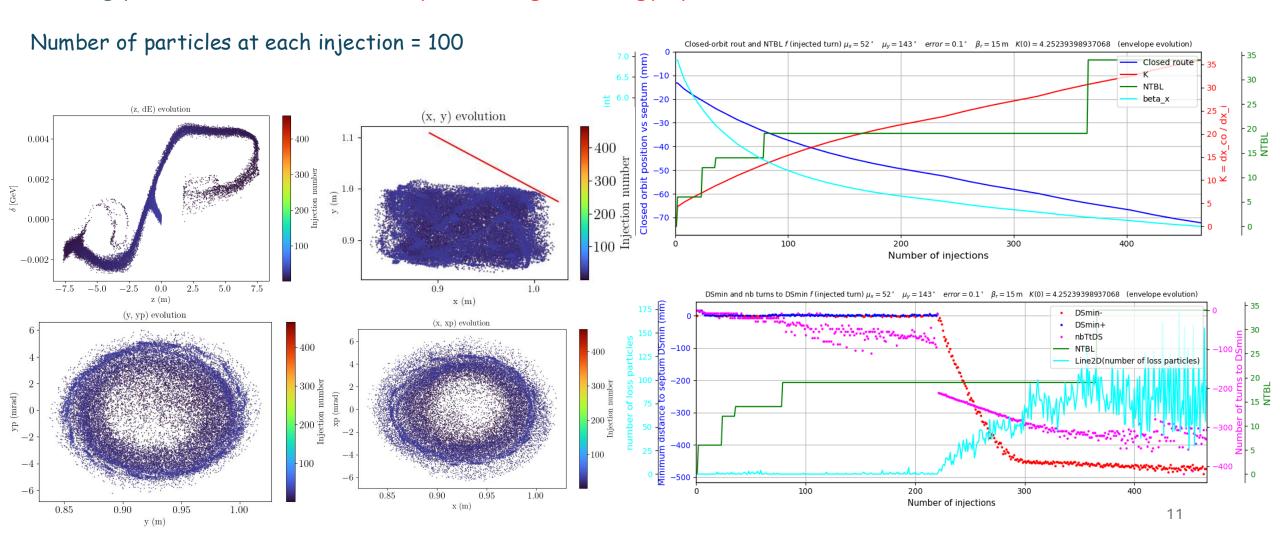
PyOrbit simulation of LIO

Tracking 3D distributed injected particles through accumulator ring using PyOrbit simulation code for working point (8.144, 8.397). With energy spread & No space-charge



PyOrbit simulation of LIO

Tracking 3D distributed injected particles through accumulator ring using PyOrbit simulation code for working point (8.144, 8.397). With space-charge & energy spread



Summary

- \checkmark The optimizations has been performed by selecting the best tree parameters for $\mu_x, \mu_y, and K(0)$, with optimized closed-orbit shift as DS/NTBL.
- ✓ We have done the LIO method for constant ring beta function of 15 m. We can optimize the ring beta function to 50m for improving the ring final emittance. (next step)
- ✓ The LIO method has been carried out using the PyOrbit simulation code. Some nonlinear effects has been observed
 in the results which comes from energy spread, and injected orbit deviation at the injection point. In the next step,
 we aim to compensate for these nonlinear effects using sextupoles.

A comparison of unnormalized ring emittance between LIO method which is $\varepsilon_r = 268 \, \pi mm \, mrad$ and H⁻ stripping method at 100% emittance $\varepsilon_r = 70 \, \pi mm \, mrad$.

Thank you!