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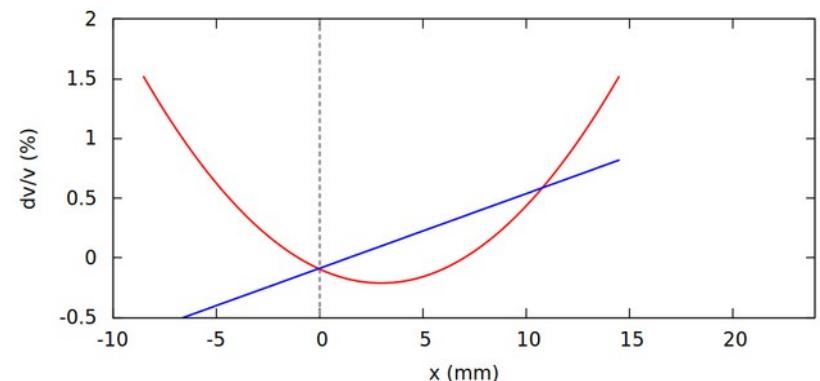
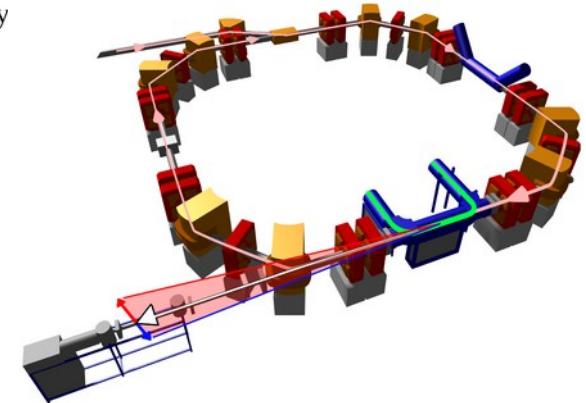
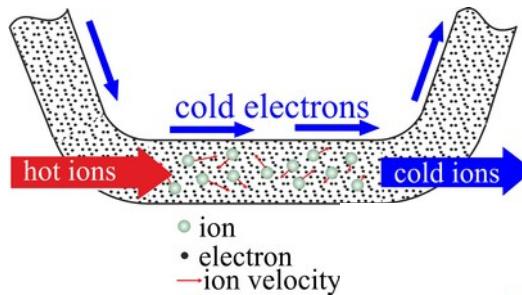
# **Electron cooling: The low-energy frontier**

Seminar über aktuelle Probleme  
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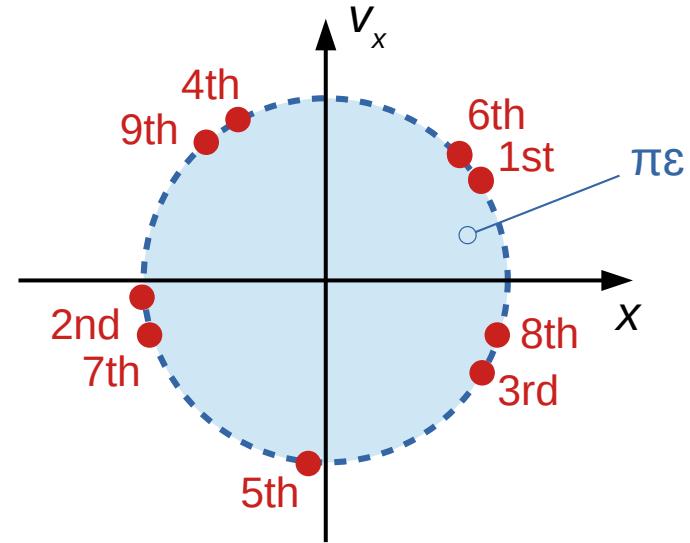
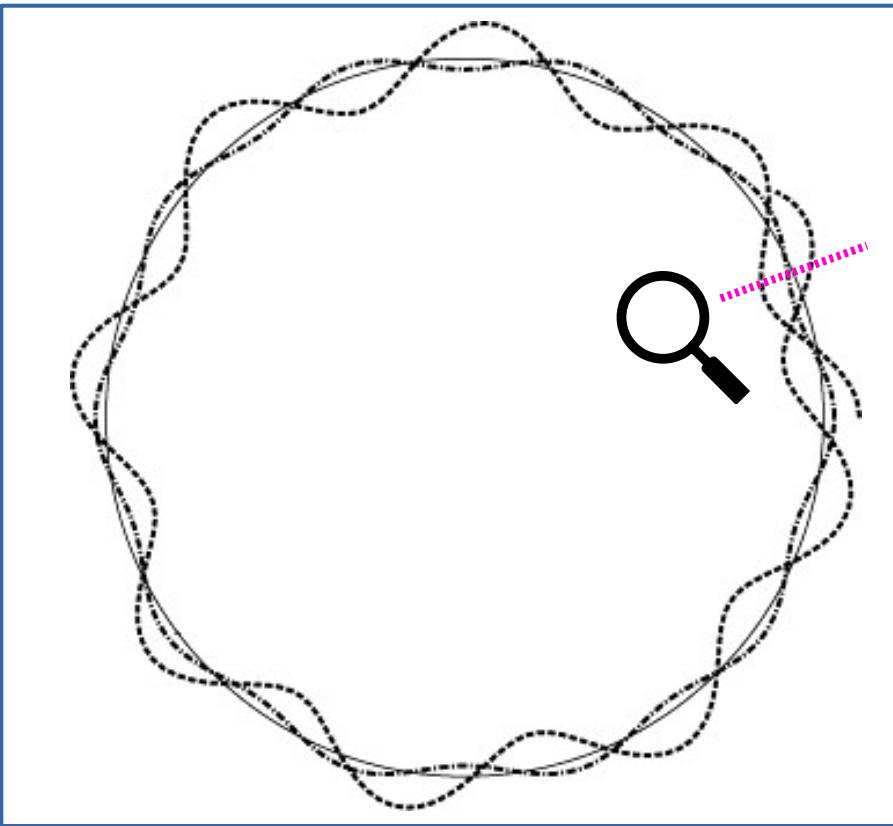
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# Overview

- Electron cooling
- Low-energy stored ions ...
- ...and how to cool them
- Stability of low-energy cooled beams



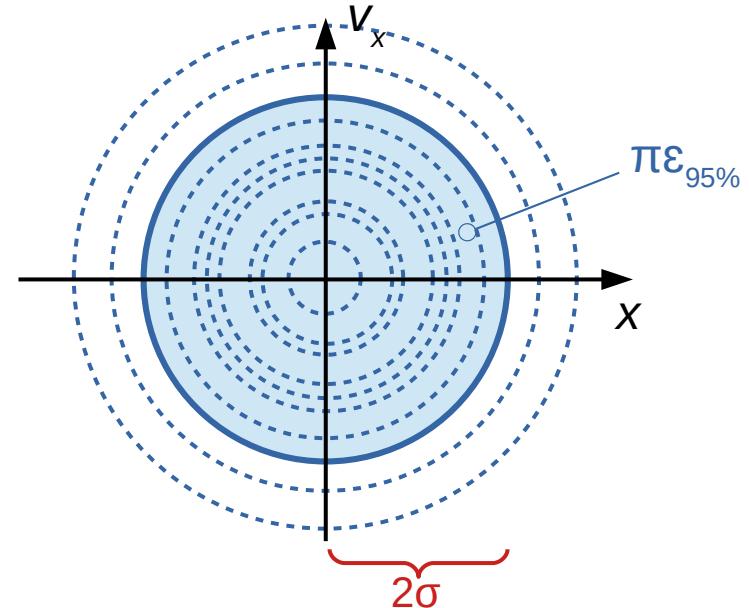
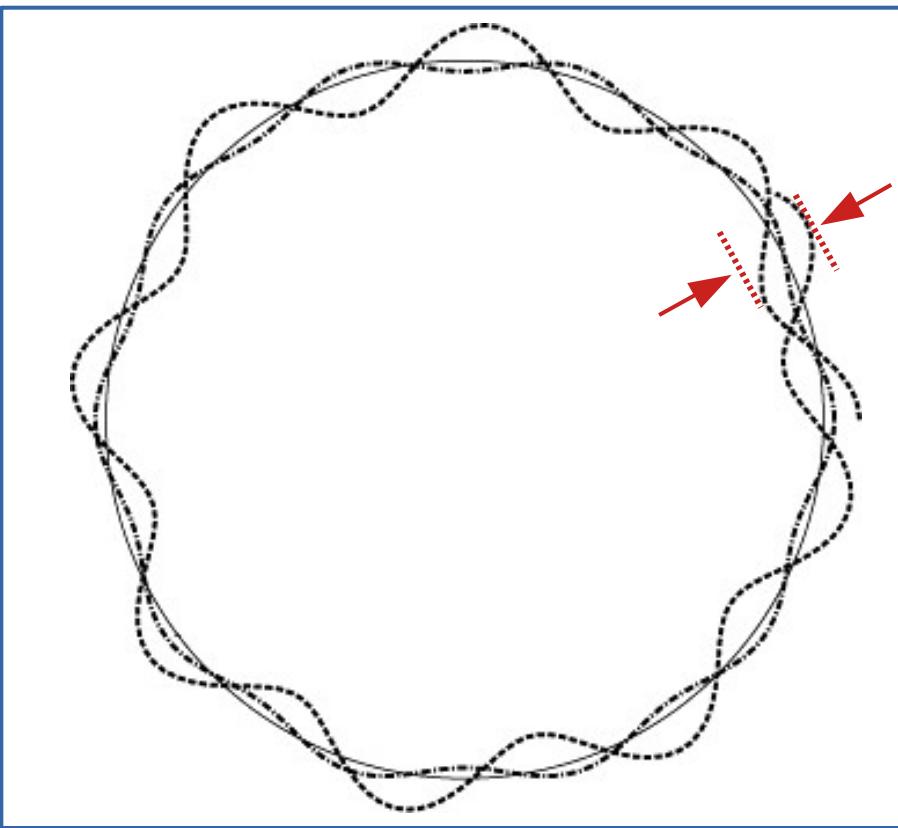
# Electron cooling: Why do we need beam cooling?



For an ion storage ring, there is no *natural* damping of transverse motion (betatron oscillation).

- *Enclosed area in phase-space is conserved!*
- Enclosed area /  $\pi = \epsilon$  (“single-particle emittance”)

# Electron cooling: Why do we need beam cooling?



As this is true for every single ion, also the transverse phase-space volume occupied by the **entire beam** is conserved.

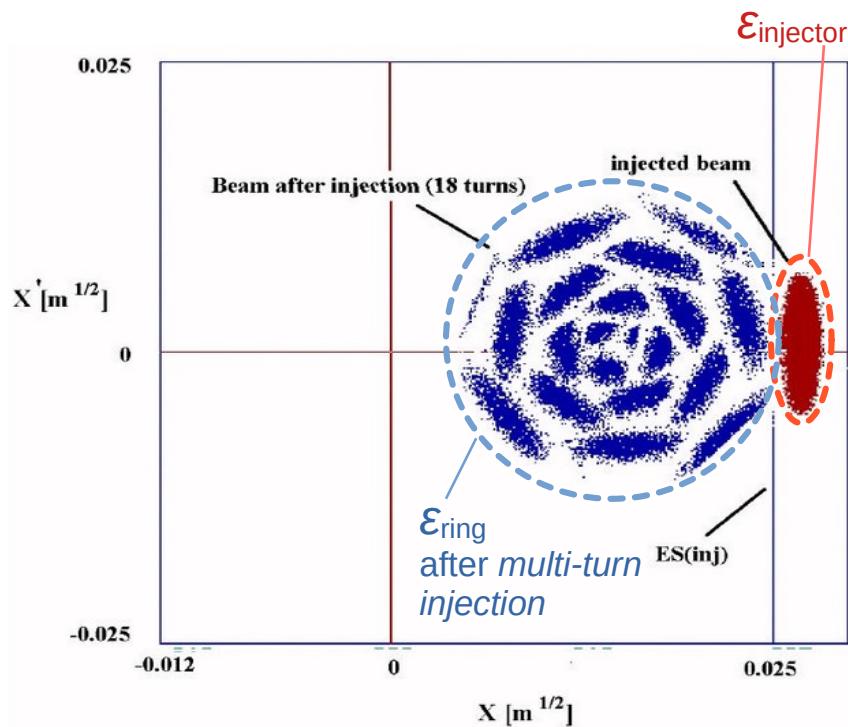
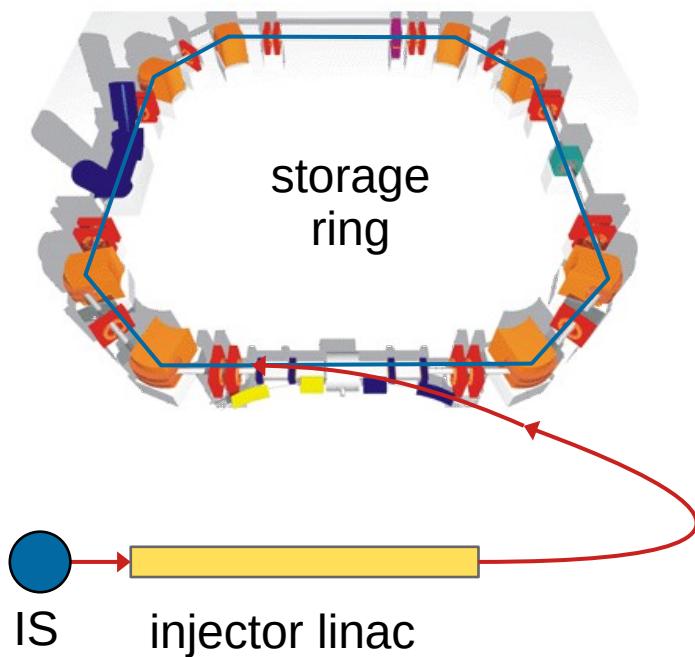
Enclosed area /  $\pi = \epsilon_{95\%}$  (“beam  
emittance”)

Projection onto coordinate axis:  
→ “**2-σ beam size**”

# Electron cooling: Why do we need beam cooling?

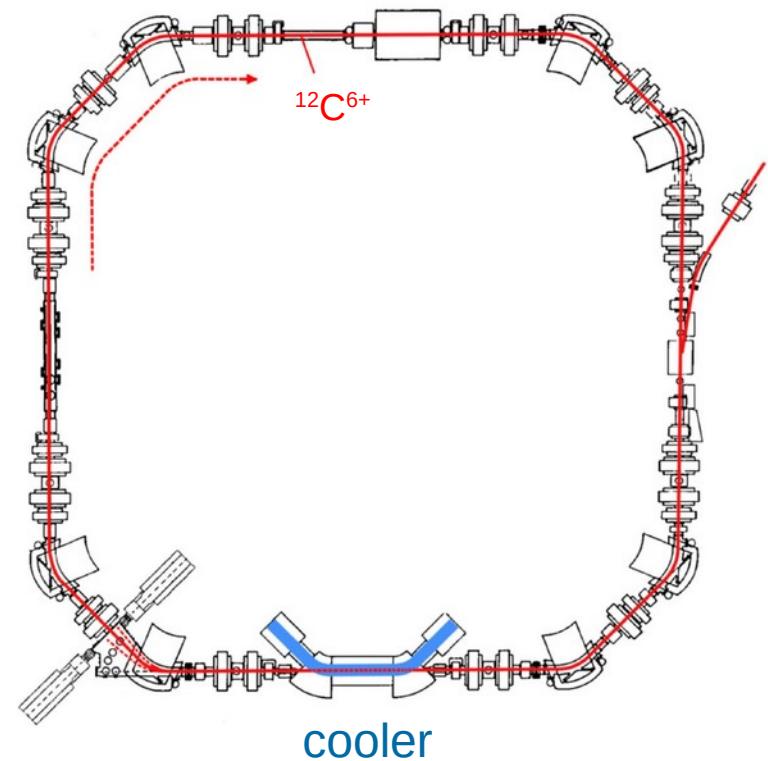
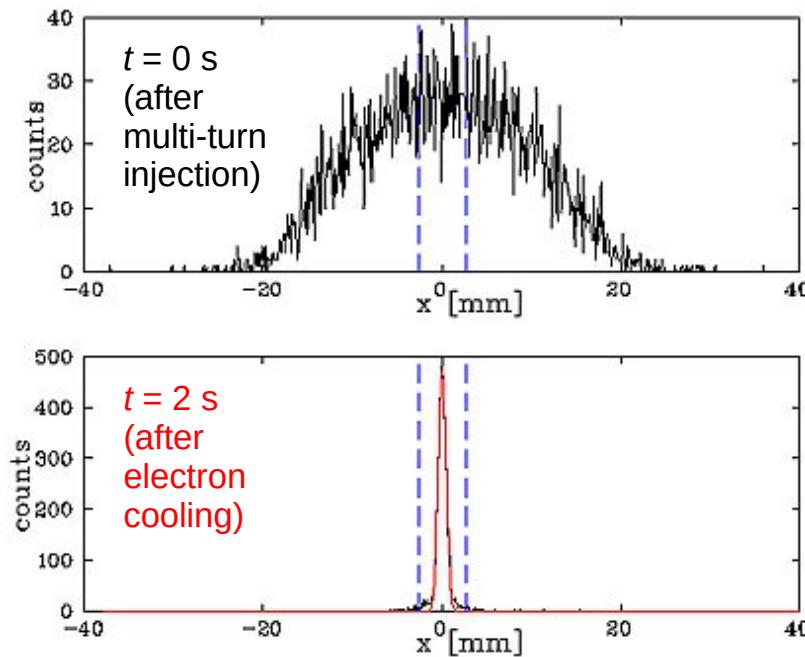
Ring emittance  $\gg$  injector emittance!

To store many ions, we have to distribute them over the available *transverse acceptance*.



# Electron cooling: Why do we need beam cooling?

Horizontal stored beam profile of  $^{12}\text{C}^{6+}$  ions at the TSR:

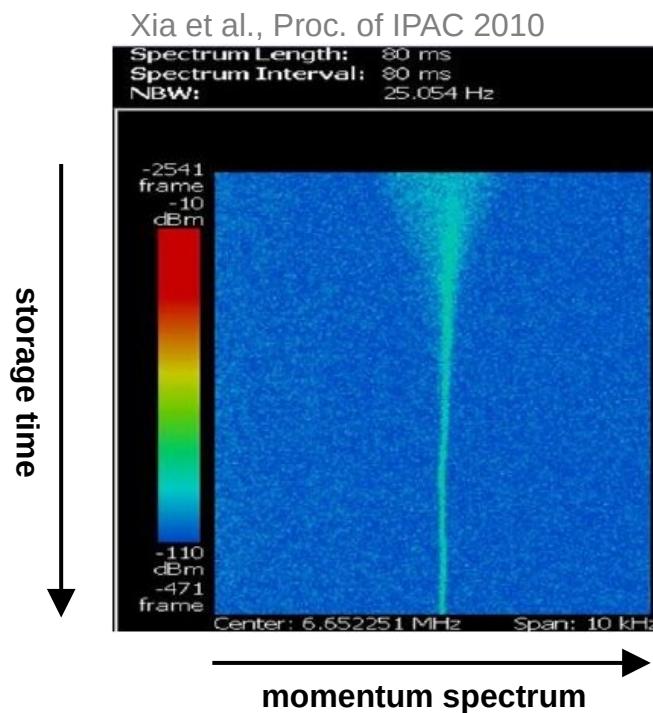


# Electron cooling: Why do we need beam cooling?

## Longitudinal cooling

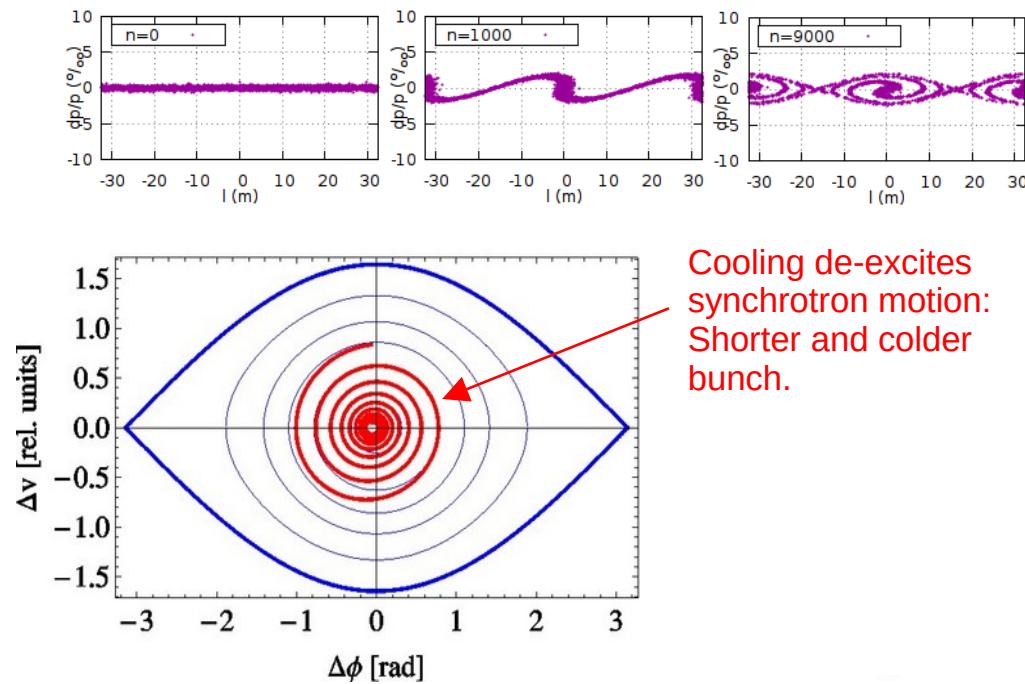
### Coasting beam

Reduce ion momentum spread inherited from injector.



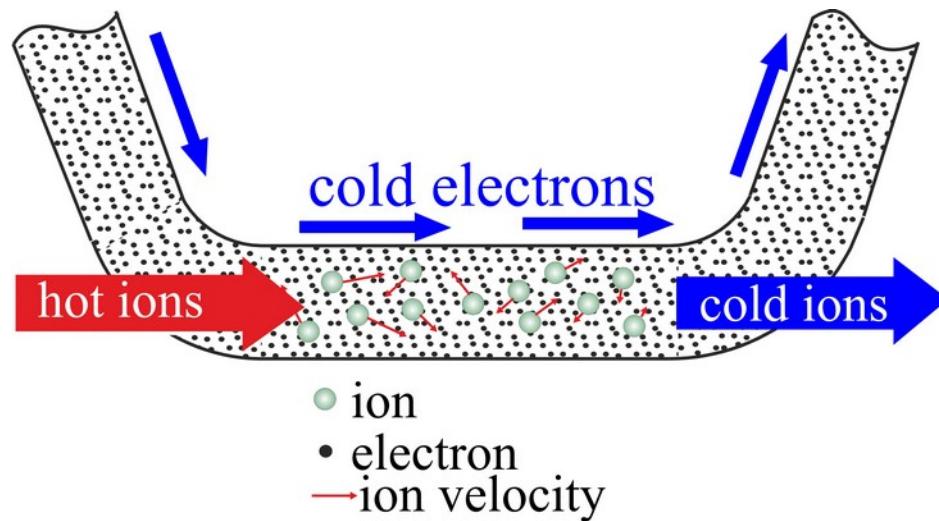
### Bunched beam

After bunching, ions typically fill almost the entire “bucket” due to filamentation.



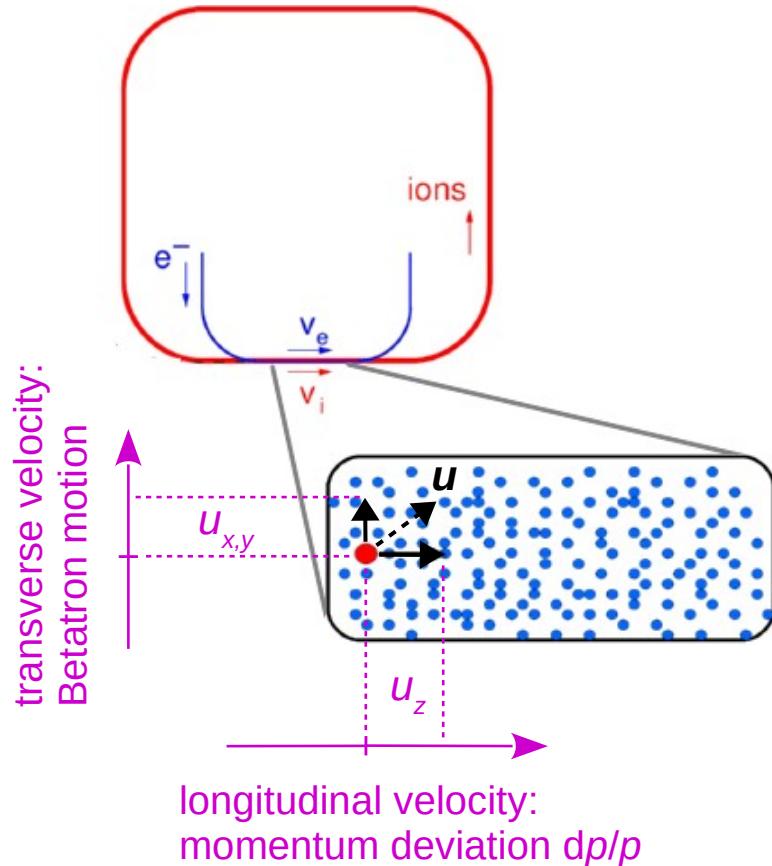
# Electron cooling: Why do we need beam cooling?

Electron cooling is one method of beam cooling,  
proposed by G. Budker in 1966. G. I. Budker et al. Part. Accel 7 (1976)



- Obtain **brilliant beams**.
- Achieve **higher precision** in collision experiments.
- **Compensate** emittance blow-up on internal targets.
- **Accumulate** higher intensities (inject → compress → inject → ...).
- ...

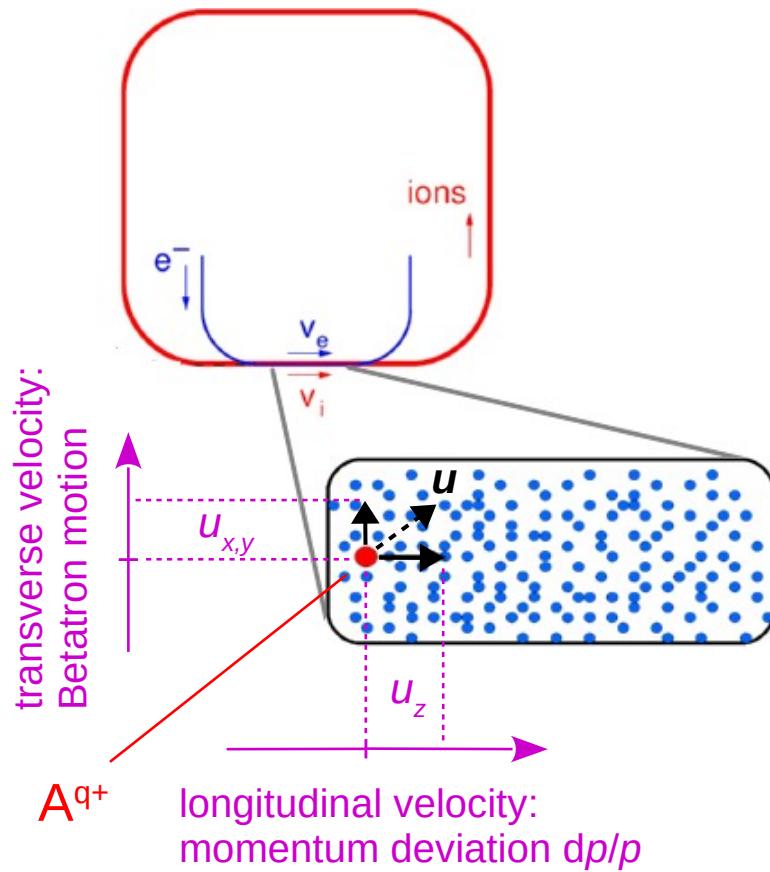
# Electron cooling



Merged, single-pass cold electron beam  
with  $\langle \mathbf{v}_e \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}_i \rangle$ .

Any relative ion velocity  $\mathbf{u} = (u_x, u_y, u_z)$   
leads to a “friction” force  $\mathbf{F}$ .

# Electron cooling

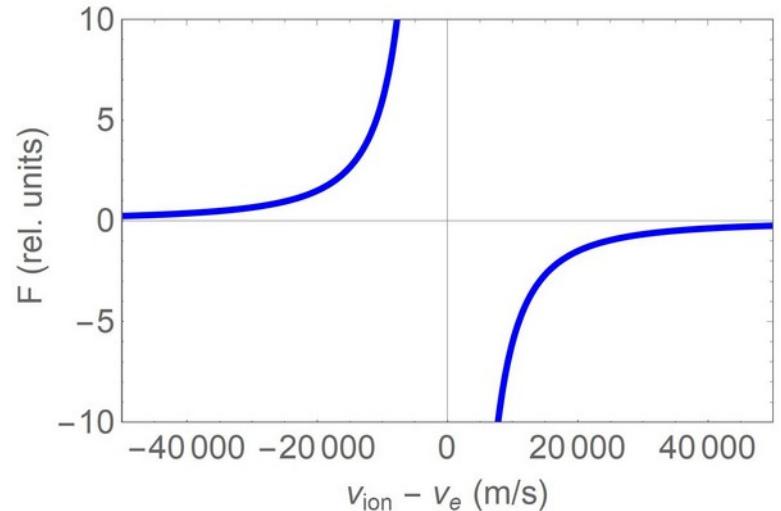


If one assumes the electron beam to be mono-energetic ...

... the electrons are at rest in the co-moving frame of the two beams.

Stopping force derives analogously to the Bethe formula:

$$\vec{F}(\vec{u}) \sim -n_e q_{\text{ion}}^2 \times \frac{\vec{u}}{|u|^3} \quad n_e: \text{e density}$$

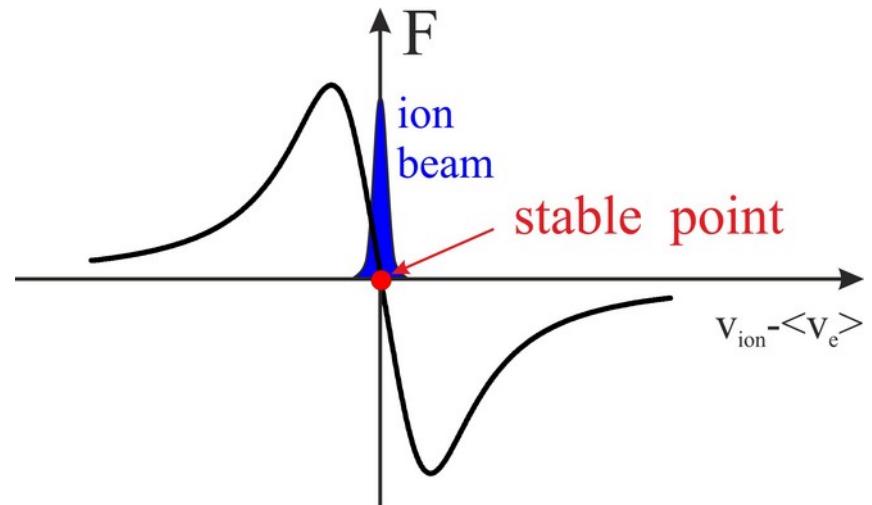
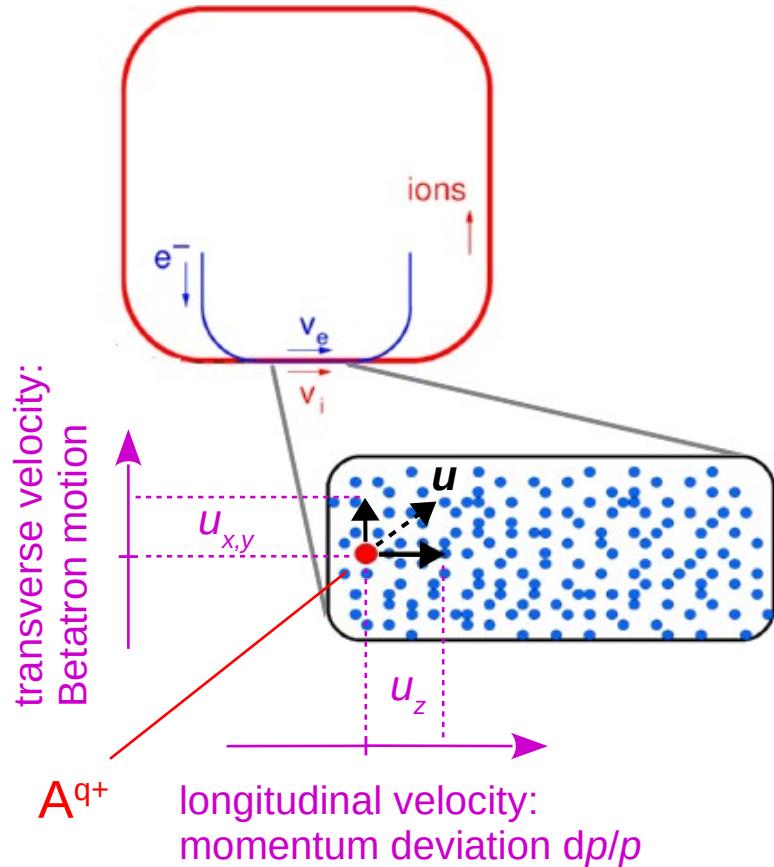


# Electron cooling

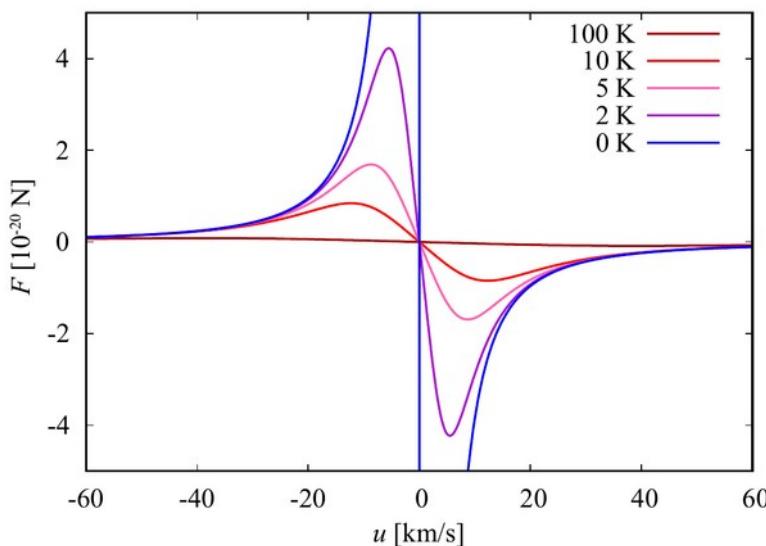
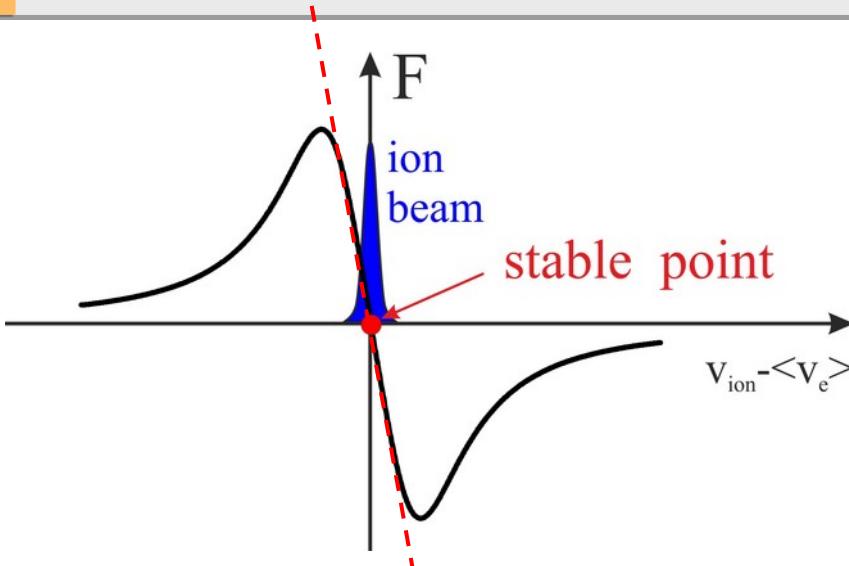
In reality, electrons have a **rather large velocity spread**.

→ Convolution with electron velocity distribution  $f(\mathbf{v}_e)$ :

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{v}_i) = -4\pi \left( \frac{q_{ion} e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \frac{n_e L_C}{m_e} \int f(\mathbf{v}_e) \frac{\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_e}{|\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_e|^3} d^3 v_e$$



# Electron cooling



For small velocity deviations  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}_i - \langle \mathbf{v}_e \rangle$

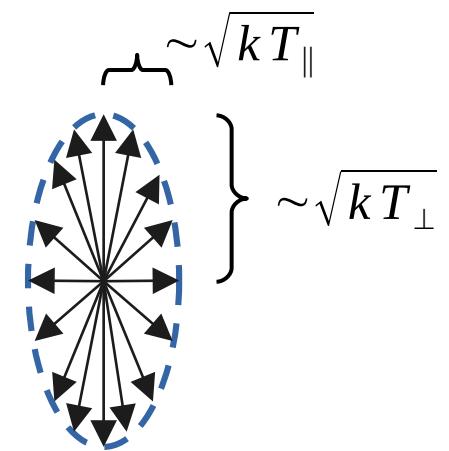
$$\begin{aligned} F_{x,y} &\approx -d_{x,y} \cdot u_{x,y} & (\text{trans.}) \\ F_z &\approx -d_z \cdot u_z & (\text{long.}) \end{aligned}$$

With

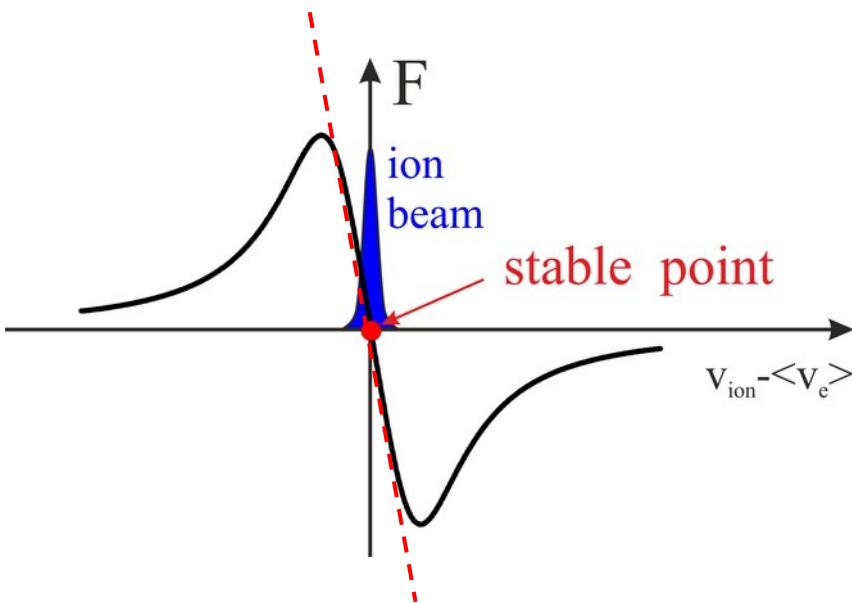
$$d_{x,y} < d_z \quad d \propto \frac{n_e q_{\text{ion}}^2}{T_e^{3/2}}$$

Reason: Velocity distribution of electrons is **anisotropic**:  $T_{\perp} > T_{\parallel}$  (later ...)

velocity distribution  
of electron beam



# Electron cooling



For any dimension:

$$F(u) \approx -d \cdot u = m_{\text{ion}} \cdot \dot{u}$$

→ Exponential damping of ion motion:

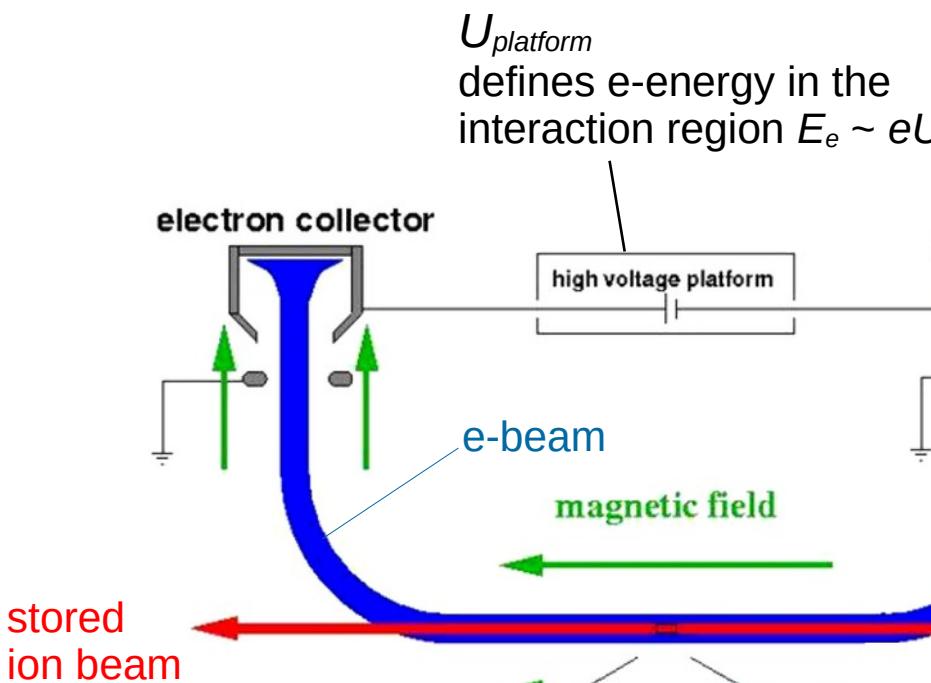
$$u(t) \sim \exp(-t / \tau_{\text{cool}})$$

Characteristic cooling time scale

$$\tau_{\text{cool}} \propto \frac{m_{\text{ion}}}{q_{\text{ion}}^2} \times \frac{T_e^{3/2}}{n_e}$$

$T_e$  = “Effective electron temperature”.

# Electron cooling



$U_{platform}$   
defines e-energy in the  
interaction region  $E_e \sim eU_{cath}$

Need:  $v_e = v_{ion}$

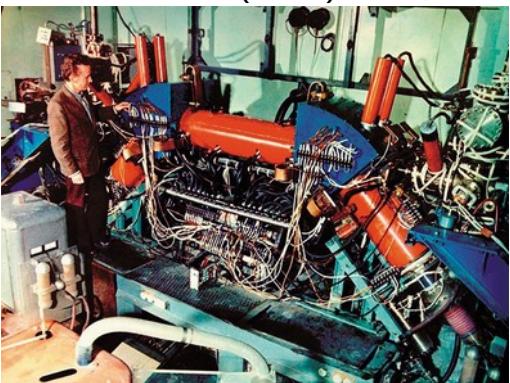
$$\rightarrow E_e = \frac{m_e}{m_{ion}} E_{ion}$$

e.g.  $E_{ion} = 10 \text{ MeV/u}$   
 $\rightarrow E_e \approx 5500 \text{ eV}$

**Magnetic field:**  
Strong  
enough to guide  
electrons, but  
only small  
disturbance for  
ion beam

# Electron cooling

Medium energies: ~10 ... 100 MeV/u



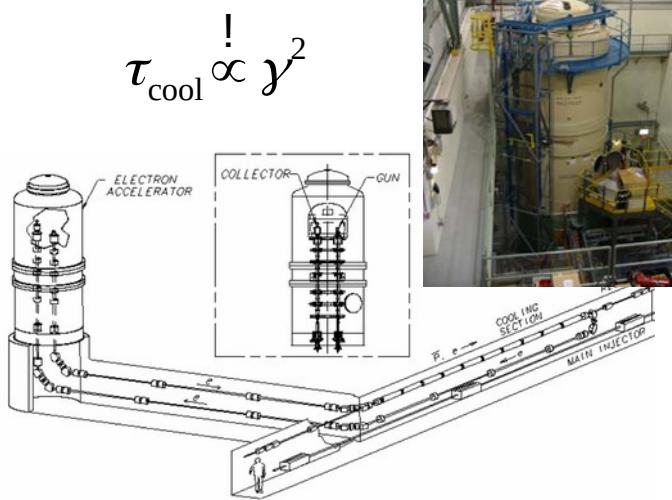
scfh.ru



SIS-18 cooler:  $E_e \leq 35$  keV

High energies: > GeV/u

FINAL Recycler cooler:  
 $E_e \leq 4.3$  MeV (Pelletron)



ESR cooler:  $E_e \leq 300$  keV

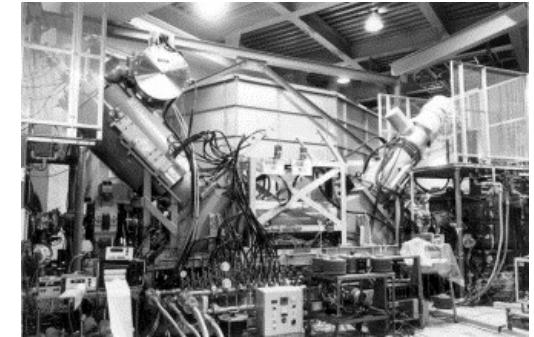
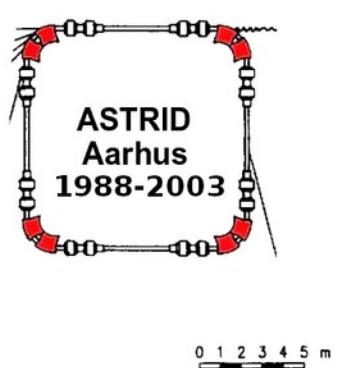


Medium-high energies:  
~100 ... 500 MeV/u

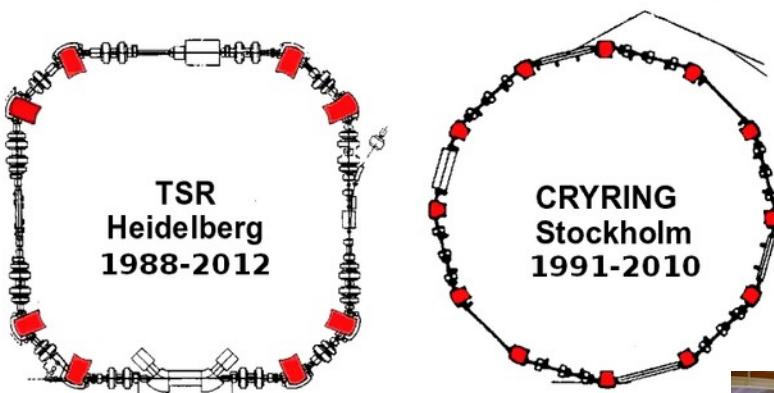
# Low-energy stored ions ...



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Tanabe, NIM A 441 (2000)



[www.mpi-hd.mpg.de](http://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de)

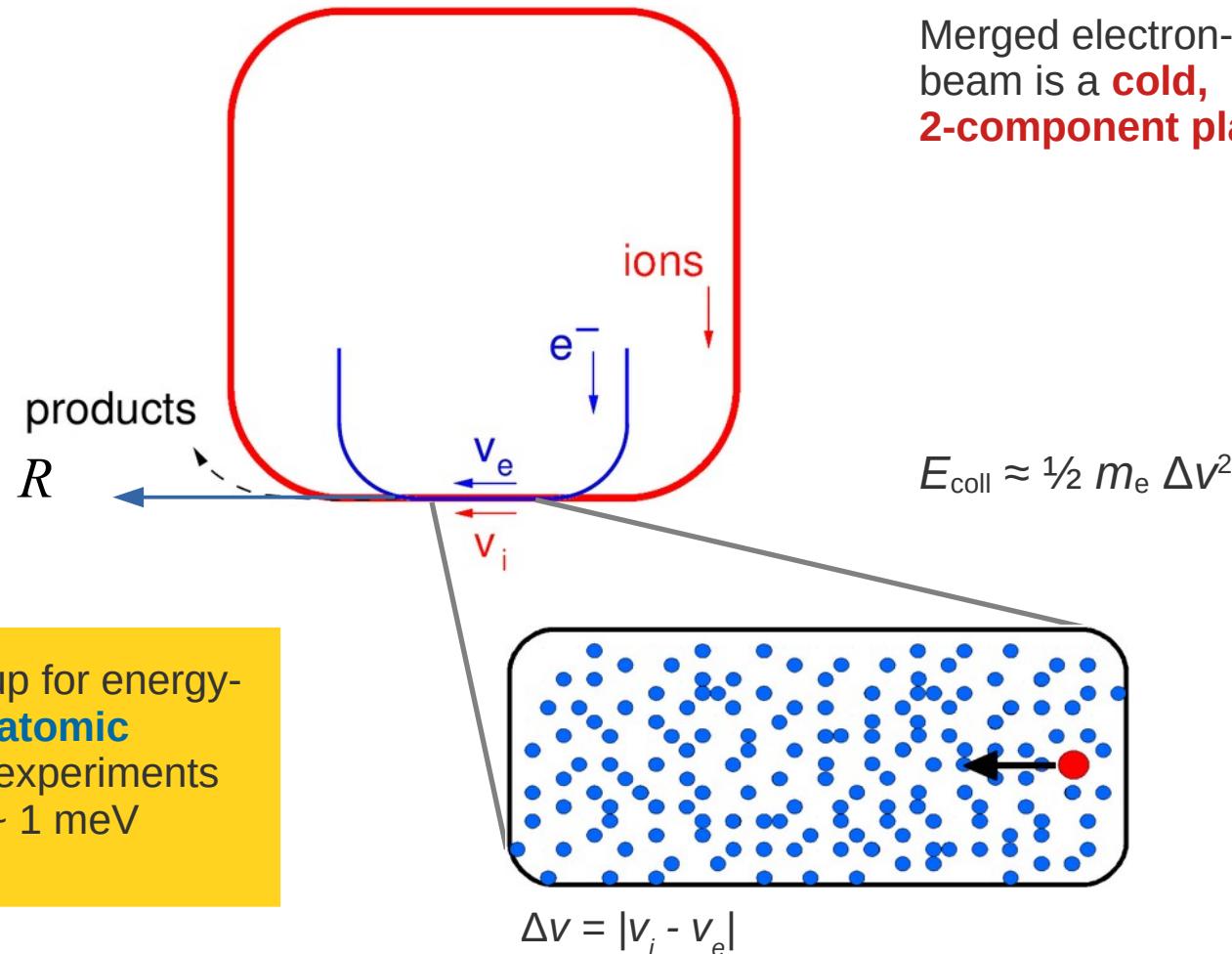
~ 1990:  
Several **small**  
**electron cooler rings**  
to store *atomic and molecular ions*.



[www.msi.se](http://www.msi.se)

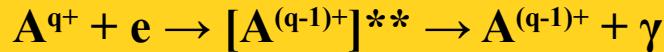
# Low-energy stored ions ...

Merged electron-ion beam is a **cold, 2-component plasma**.



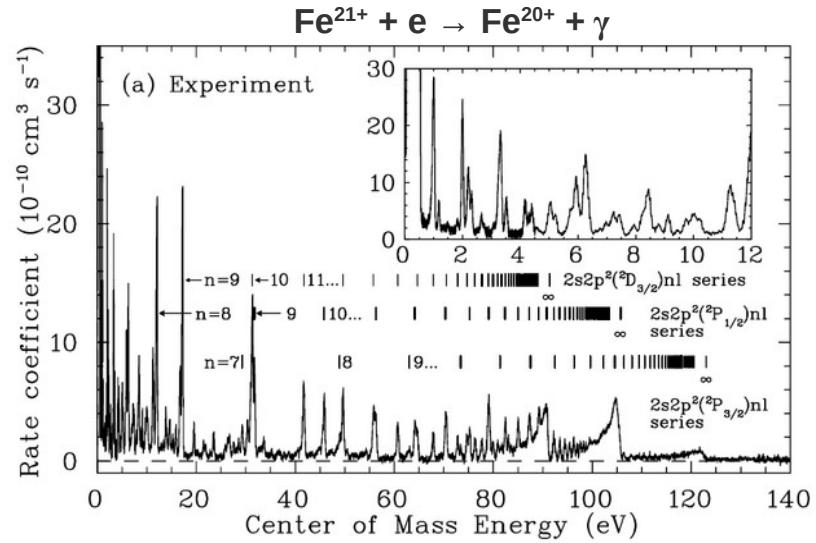
# Low-energy stored ions ...

Resonant recombination of highly-charged atomic ions.



Ions have significant electronic shells  
 → lower  $q/m$  compared to bare nuclei.

TSR (MPIK) 1988 - 2012

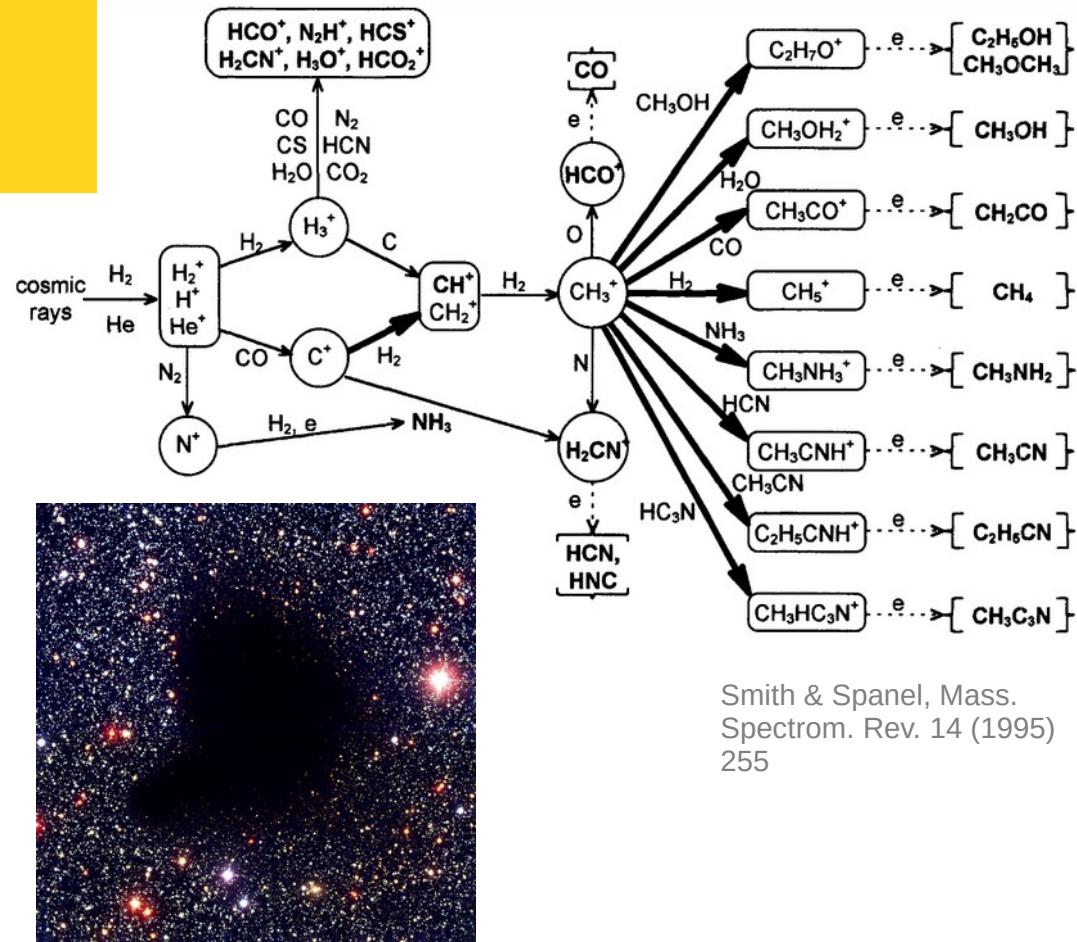
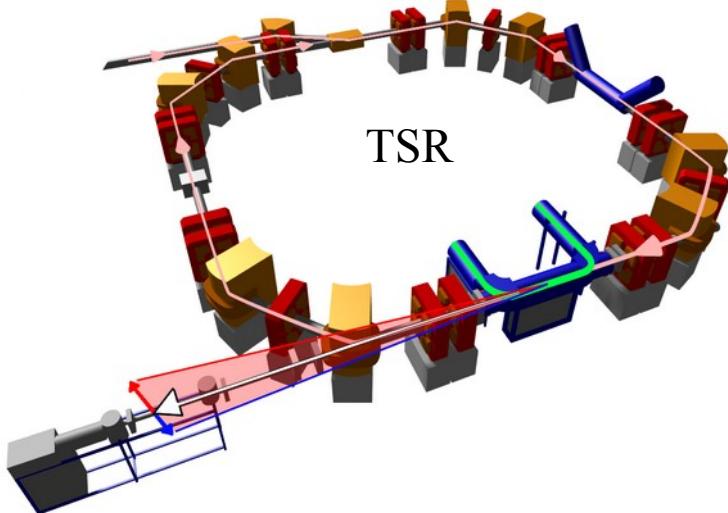


Savin, ApJ Suppl. Ser. 147 (2003)

# Low-energy stored ions ...

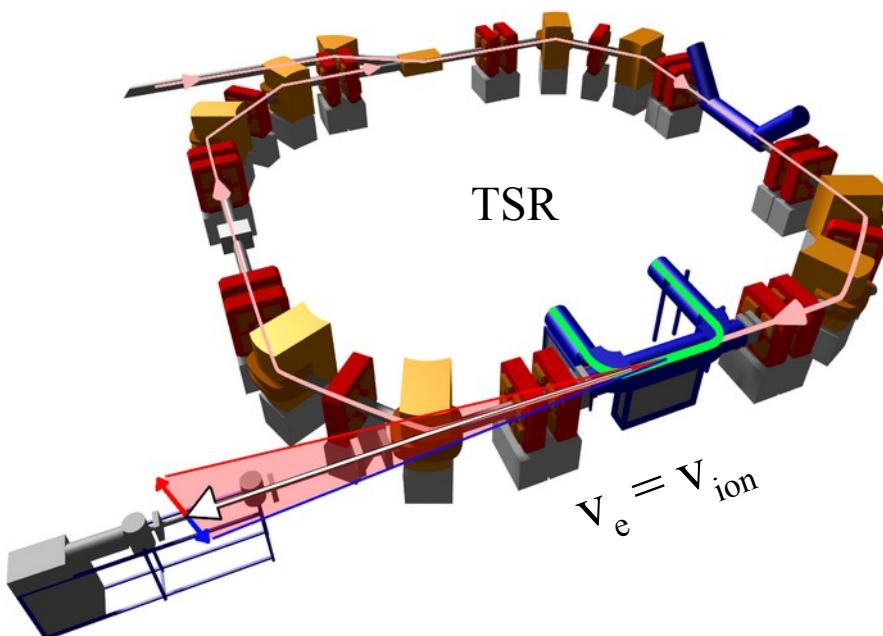
Recombination of molecular ions:

Replicate the chemistry of dark clouds.



Smith & Spiegel, Mass.  
Spectrom. Rev. 14 (1995)  
255

# Low-energy stored ions ...



Successful beam preparation requires  
 $\tau_{\text{stor}} \gg \tau_{\text{cool}}$

Maximum rigidity  $\rho B_{\max}$  of experimental storage rings tends to be low.

$$\rightarrow \text{Maximum velocity } v_{\text{ion}} = \frac{q_{\text{ion}}}{m_{\text{ion}}} \rho B_{\max}$$

With low  $q/m$

...

storage times decrease:  
 $\tau_{\text{stor}} \downarrow \sim \text{seconds}$

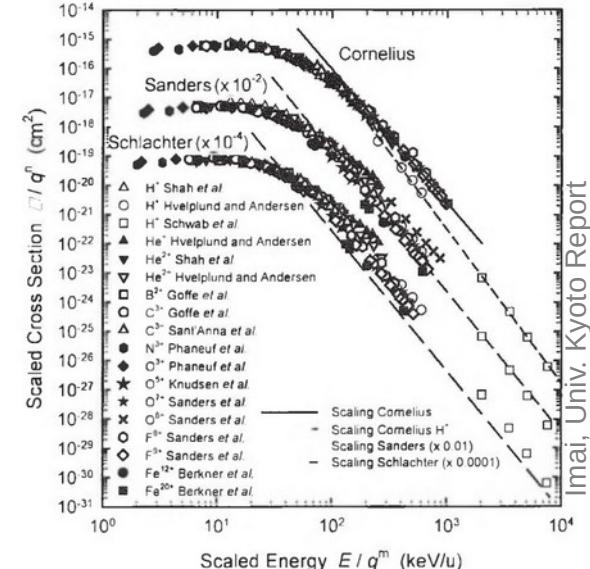


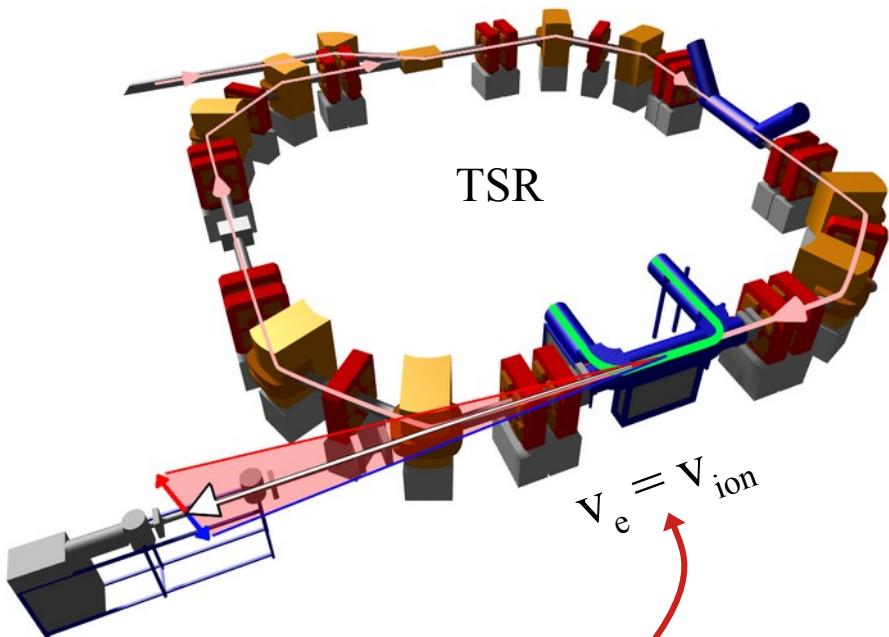
Fig. 2 Single electron capture cross section scalings for  $A^{q+} + H_2$  collisions by Schlachter *et al.* [2], Sanders *et al.* [3], and Cornelius [4].

e-cooling times increase!

$\tau_{\text{cool}} \nearrow \sim \text{seconds}$

$$\tau_{\text{cool}} \sim \frac{m_{\text{ion}}}{q_{\text{ion}}^2}$$

# Low-energy stored ions ...



$$E_e = E_{ion} \frac{m_e}{m_{ion}}$$

For TSR (Heidelberg):  $\rho B_{max} \sim 1.4 \text{ Tm}$

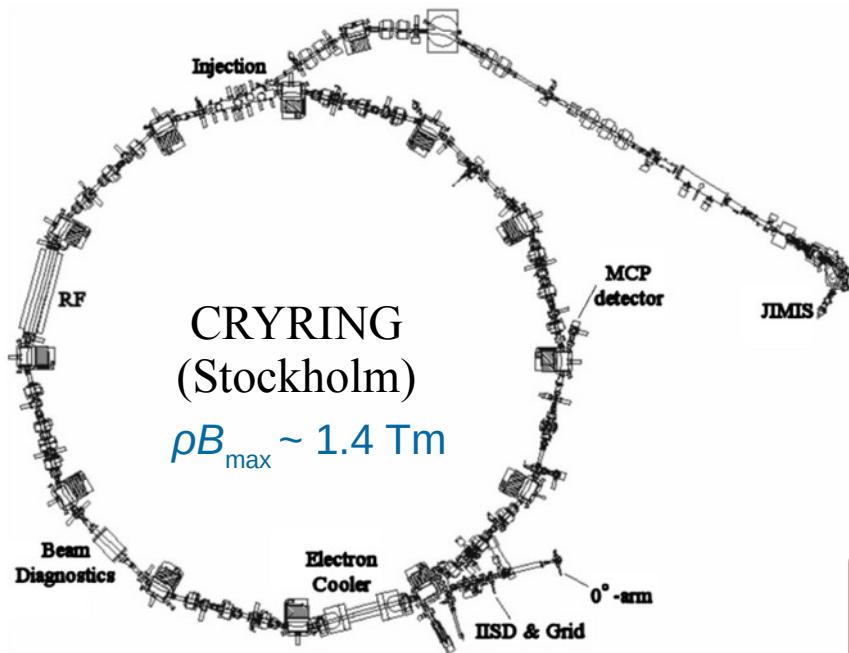
$$v_{ion} = \frac{q_{ion}}{m_{ion}} \rho B_{max}$$

E-cooler must operate at very low energy

ion	$q/m_{ion} [\text{e/u}]$	$\frac{1}{2} (v_{ion})^2$	$E_e$
$\text{H}_3^+$	1 / 3	1.367 MeV/u	<b>736 eV</b>
$\text{HF}^+$	1 / 20	0.235 MeV/u	<b>128 eV</b>
$\text{DF}^+$	1 / 21	0.214 MeV/u	<b>117 eV</b>
$\text{N}_2\text{H}^+$	1 / 29	0.110 MeV/u	<b>61 eV</b>
$\text{DCO}^+$	1 / 30	0.103 MeV/u	<b>51 eV</b>
$\text{CF}^+$	1 / 31	0.084 MeV/u	<b>44 eV</b>
$\text{HS}^+$	1 / 33	0.082 MeV/u	<b>44 eV</b>
$^{16}\text{O}^{18}\text{O}^+$	1 / 34	0.079 MeV/u	<b>43 eV</b>
$\text{H}^{35}\text{Cl}^+$	1 / 36	0.067 MeV/u	<b>37 eV</b>
$\text{D}_2^{37}\text{Cl}^+$	1 / 41	0.056 MeV/u	<b>31 eV</b>

# Low-energy stored ions ...

R. D. Tomas et al., ApJ 758 (2012)



No electron cooling attempted!  
Cooler used as internal target only.

→ Need to improve the ion beam lifetime in the ring!

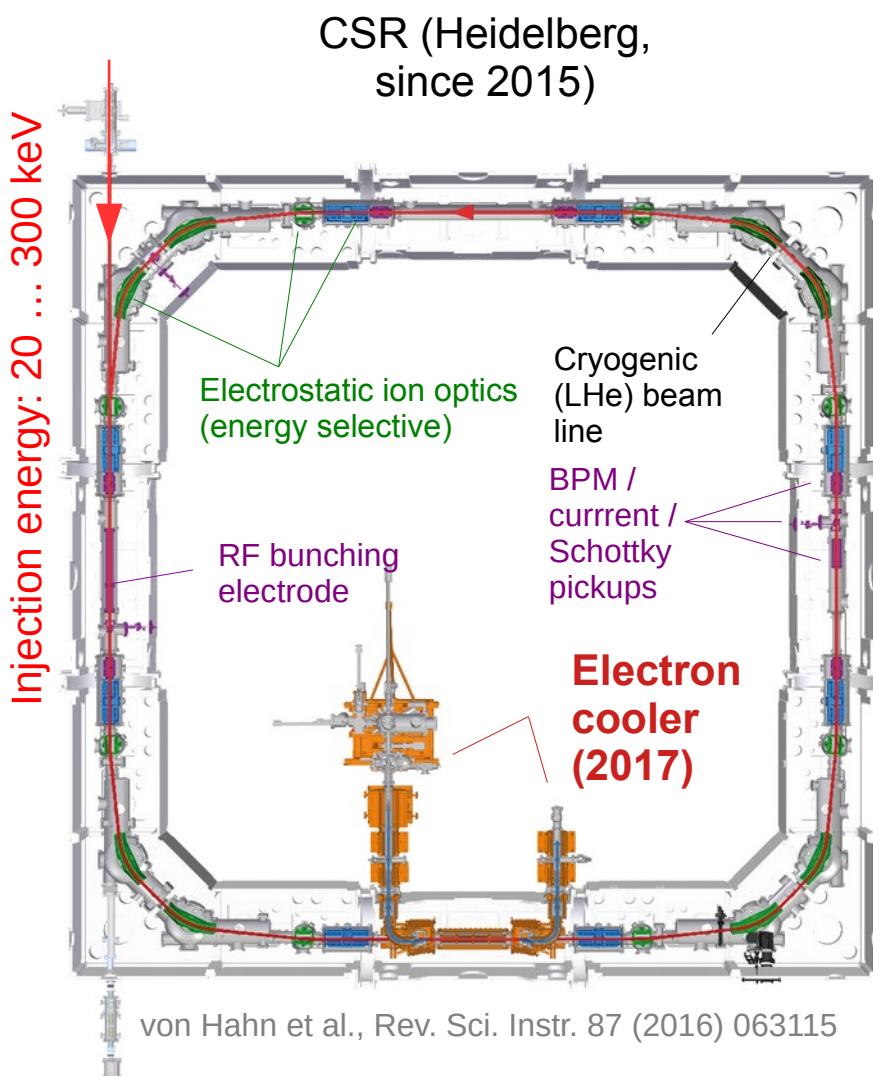
Recombination of large organic molecules at CRYRING (Stockholm)

Hamberg et al.

Mol. Phys. 105 (2007)  
Astron. Astrophys. 514 (2010)  
Astron. Astrophys. 522 (2010)

ion	$q/m_{\text{ion}} [\text{e/u}]$	$0.5 (v_{\text{ion}})^2$	$E_e$
...			
$\text{CH}_2\text{OH}^+$	1 / 31	0.099 MeV/u	<b>54 eV</b>
$\text{CD}_2\text{OD}^+$	1 / 34	0.083 MeV/u	<b>46 eV</b>
$\text{CD}_2\text{OD}_2^+$	1 / 36	0.074 MeV/u	<b>41 eV</b>
$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}_2^+$	1 / 47	0.043 MeV/u	<b>24 eV</b>
$\text{CD}_3\text{CDOD}^+$	1 / 50	0.038 MeV/u	<b>21 eV</b>
$\text{CD}_3\text{OCD}_2^+$	1 / 50	0.038 MeV/u	<b>21 eV</b>
$(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{OD}^+$	1 / 54	0.033 MeV/u	<b>18 eV</b>

# Low-energy stored ions ...



## Fully-electrostatic Cryogenic Storage Ring

Optimized from ground-up for storage of molecular ions.

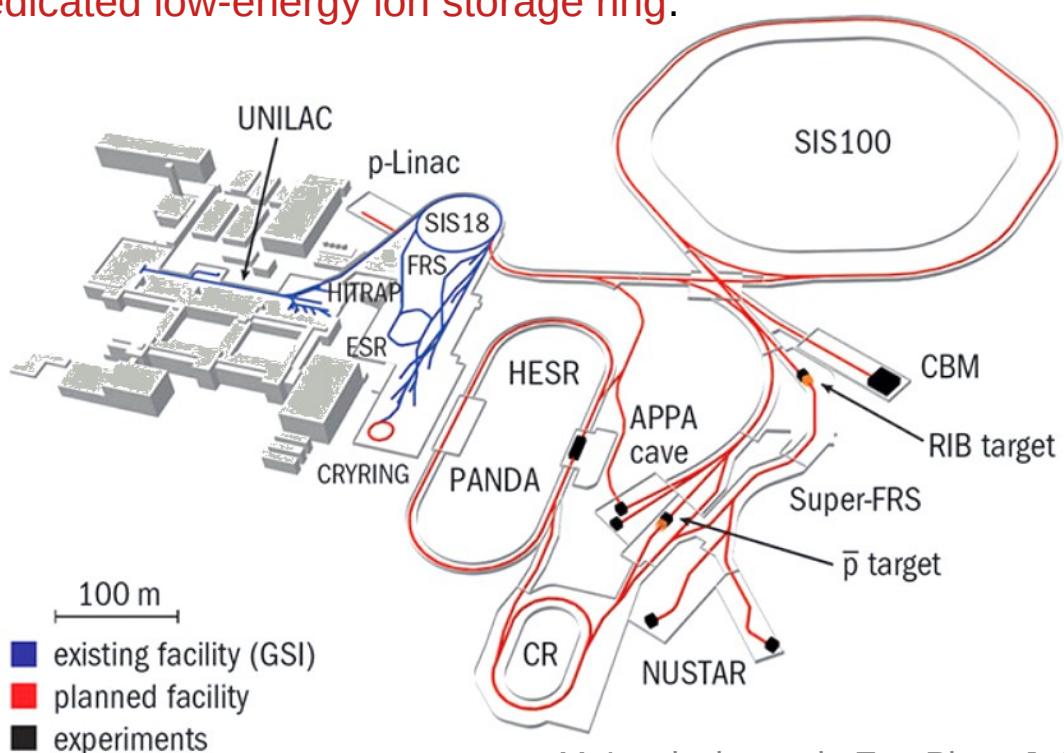
Circumference:	<b>35 m</b>
Beam energy:	<b><math>\leq 300 \text{ keV} \times q</math></b>
Temperature:	<b><math>\geq 3 \text{ K}</math></b>
Res. gas dens. (RTE pressure):	<b><math>\gtrsim 1000 \text{ cm}^{-3}</math> <math>(\gtrsim 10^{-14} \text{ mbar})</math></b>
Storage times:	<b><math>\tau &gt; 1000 \text{ s}</math></b>
E-cool energies:	<b><math>E_e \geq 1 \text{ eV}</math></b>

# Low-energy stored ions ...

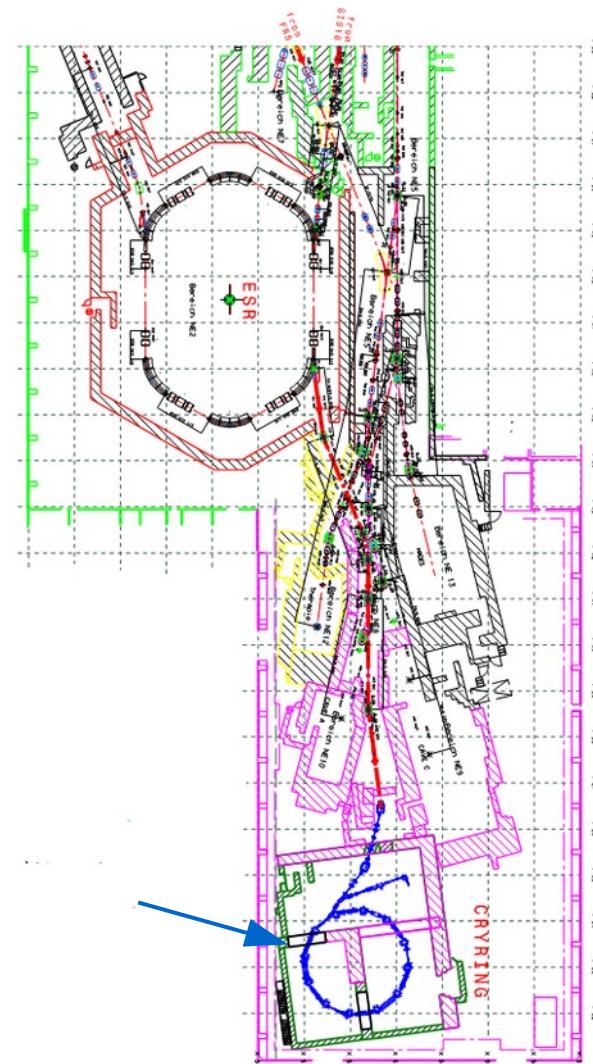
## CRYRING@ESR

CRYRING has been transferred from **Stockholm** to **Darmstadt** (Swedish in-kind contribution to FAIR).

Complements GSI facilities by a dedicated low-energy ion storage ring.



M. Lestinsky et al., Eur. Phys. J. ST 225 (2016) 797



# Low-energy stored ions ...

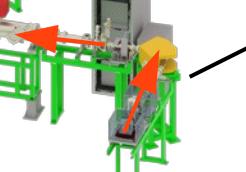
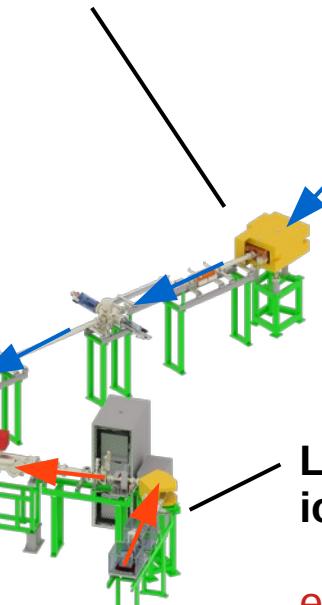
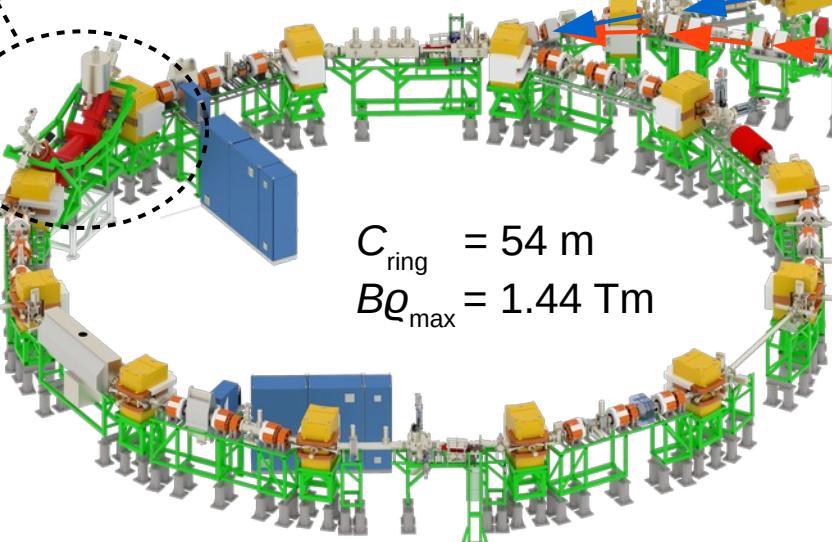
Highly-charged ions: e.g.  $^{298}\text{U}^{91+}$

UNILAC:  
SIS18: → 11.4 MeV/u  
ESR: → 300 MeV/u  
(stripping)  
CRYRING: → 10 MeV/u  
**10 MeV/u**

CRYRING@ESR

from ESR

Electron  
Cooler



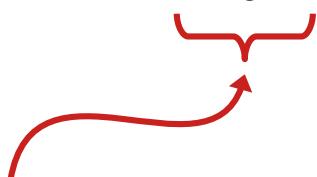
Low- or singly charged  
ions:

e.g.  $^{20}\text{Ne}^{2+}$  (0.800 MeV/u)  
 $^{12}\text{C}^+$  (0.330 MeV/u)  
 $^{24}\text{Mg}^+$  (0.168 MeV/u)  
 $^{25}\text{Mg}^+$  (0.155 MeV/u)  
...

# ... and how to cool them

Basic scaling law of electron cooling time:

$$\tau_{\text{cool}} \propto \frac{m_{\text{ion}}}{q_{\text{ion}}^2} \times \frac{T_e^{3/2}}{n_e}$$



Highly charged ions:  $\sim 0.03 \dots 0.33 \text{ u/e}^2$   
 $( {}^{238}\text{U}^{92+} \dots {}^{12}\text{C}^{6+} )$

Protons:  $= 1 \text{ u/e}^2$

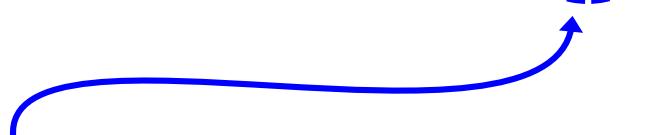
Weakly-charged ions,  
singly charged molecules:  $\sim 5 \dots 41 \text{ u/e}^2 \dots$   
 $( {}^{20}\text{Ne}^{2+} \dots \text{D}_2 {}^{37}\text{Cl}^+ \dots )$



These are our cases ...

# ... and how to cool them

$$\tau_{\text{cool}} \propto \frac{m_{\text{ion}}}{q_{\text{ion}}^2} \times \frac{T_e^{3/2}}{n_e}$$

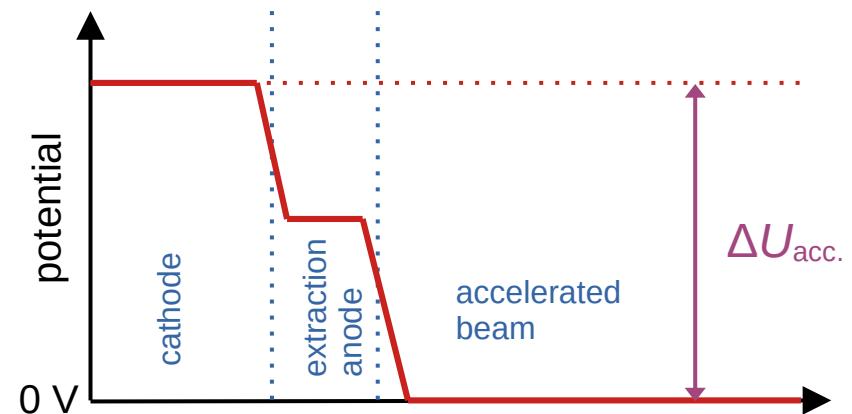
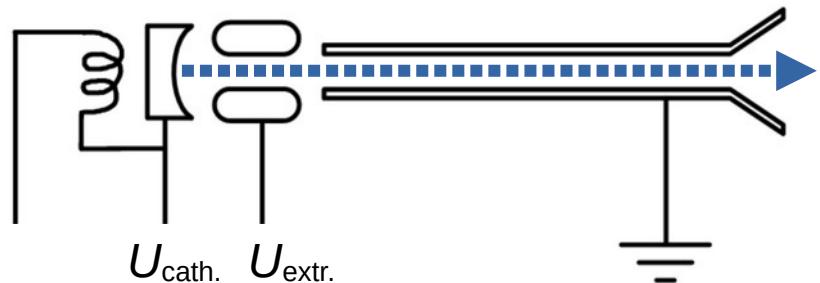


e-density limited by law of Child-Langmuir:

$$I_e = p \times |U_{\text{cath.}} - U_{\text{extr.}}|^{3/2}$$

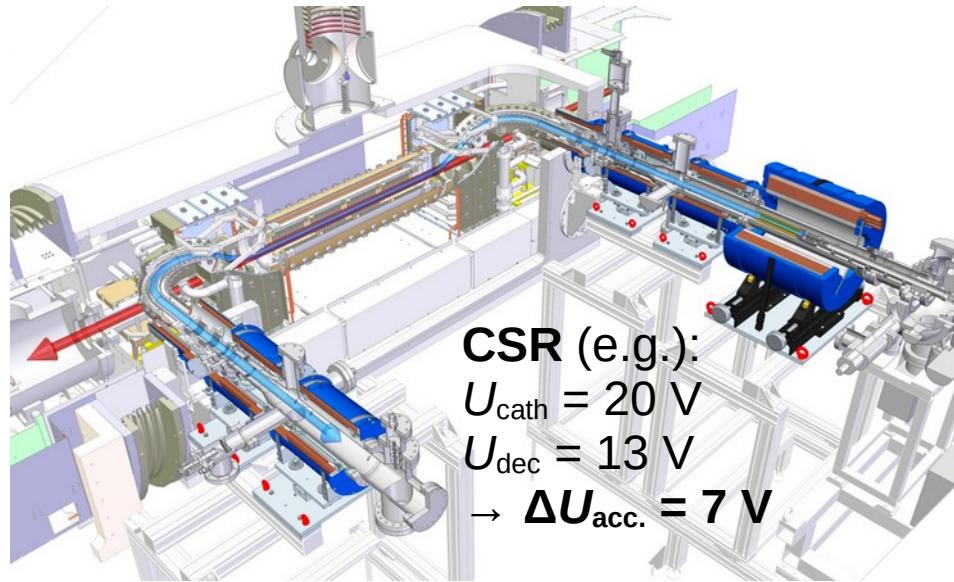
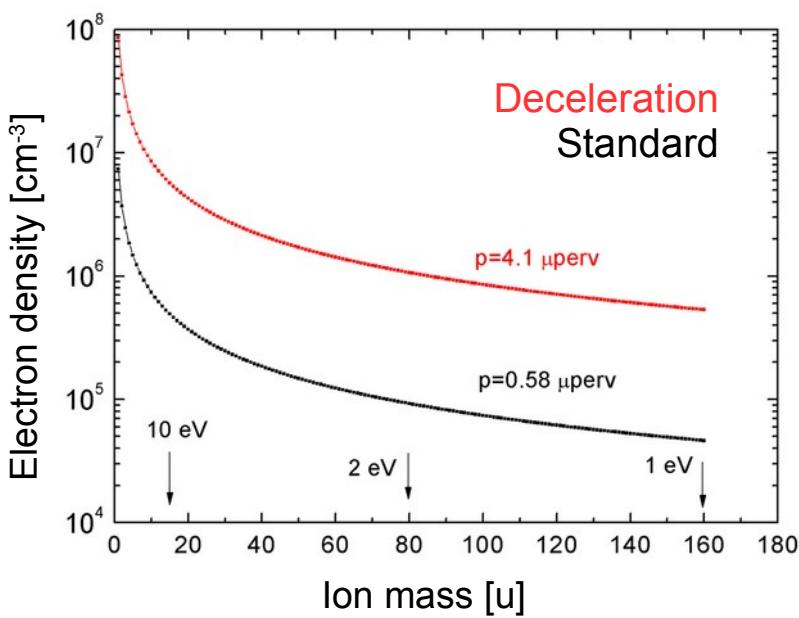
p: „perveance“ of electron gun.

Typical value:  $p \sim 10^{-6} \text{ A/V}^{3/2}$

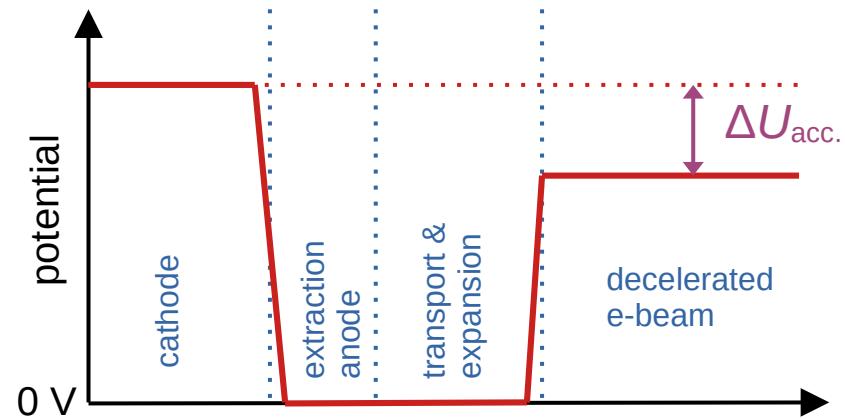


# ... and how to cool them

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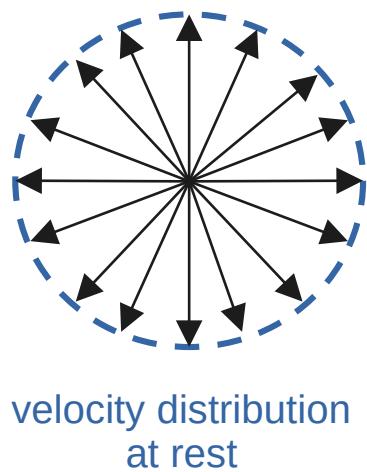


A. Shornikov, Phys. Rev. ST AB 17 (2014)



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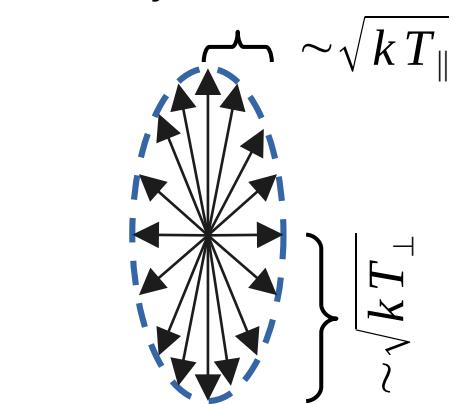
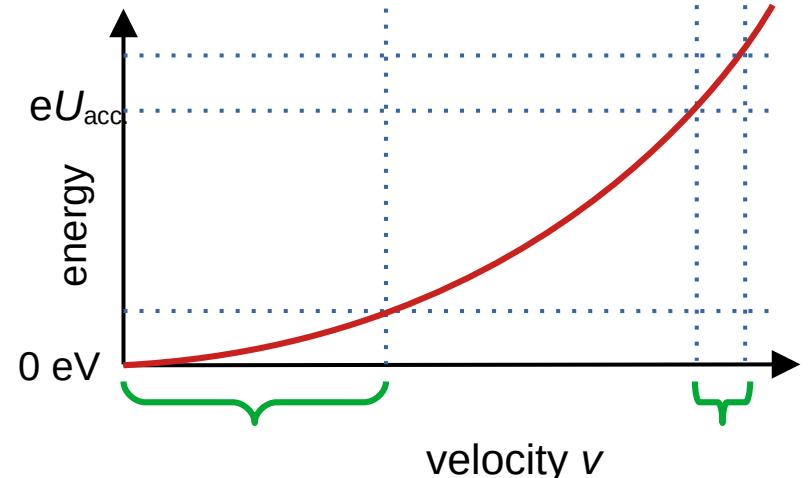


Acceleration

by  $U_{\text{acc}}$

In comoving frame:

$$T_{e,\parallel} = \frac{k T_{\text{cath}}^2}{2 e U_{\text{acc}}} + C_{\text{relax}} (n_e^{1/3}) \quad T_{e,\perp} = T_{\text{cath}} \text{ (conserved)}$$



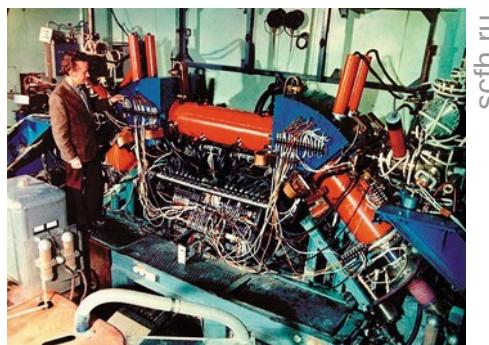
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## How to decrease $T_{e,\perp}$ ?

### Option 1: Strong magnetization

Proposed to explain the cooling rates at NAP-M that were “too fast”.

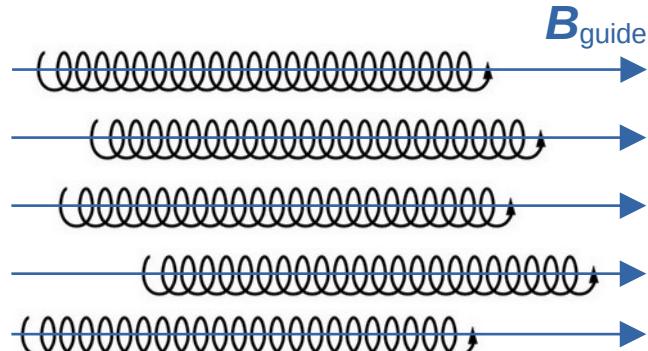
Derbenev & Skrinsky, Part. Accel. 8 (1978) 255



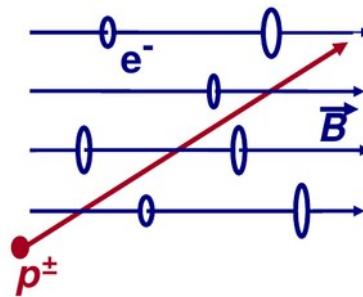
#### Issues:

- 1) Effect not (clearly) observed at several other labs ... (field precision issues?)
- 2) For low- $(Bp)_0$  rings, strong disturbance of ion optics.

Transversely, electrons perform **cyclotron motion** around the mag. field lines.



For strong fields:



$r_{\text{cyc}} \ll \text{distance e - ion}$

$1/\omega_{\text{cyc}} \ll \text{interaction time}$

→ Interaction averaged over “Larmor circle”.

→ Only  $T_{\parallel}$  “matters”.

# ... and how to cool them

How to decrease  $T_{e,\perp}$ ?

Option 2: Beam expansion

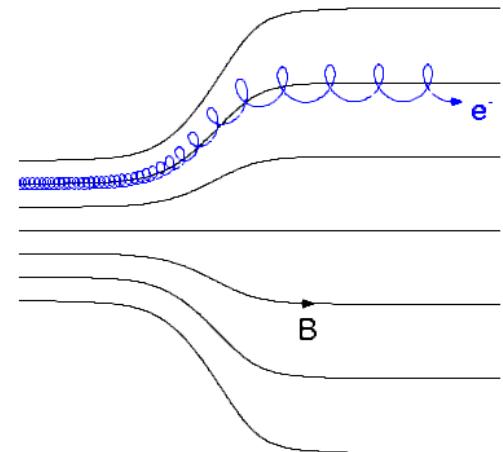
When drifting from high- $B$  to low- $B$  region,  
transverse energy spread is reduced by  
the [inverse magnetic bottle effect](#):

$$T_{\perp} = T_{\text{cath}} \frac{B_{\text{cooler}}}{B_{\text{gun}}}$$

Strong expansion ratio pioneered by  
CRYRING e-cooler:  
H. Danared, NIM A 441 (2000) 123

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\text{gun}} &= 3 \text{ T} & (\text{s.c. solenoid}) \\ B_{\text{cooler}} &= 0.03 \text{ T} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{aligned} T_{\text{cath}} &\sim 1200 \text{ K} \\ T_{\perp} &\sim 12 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$



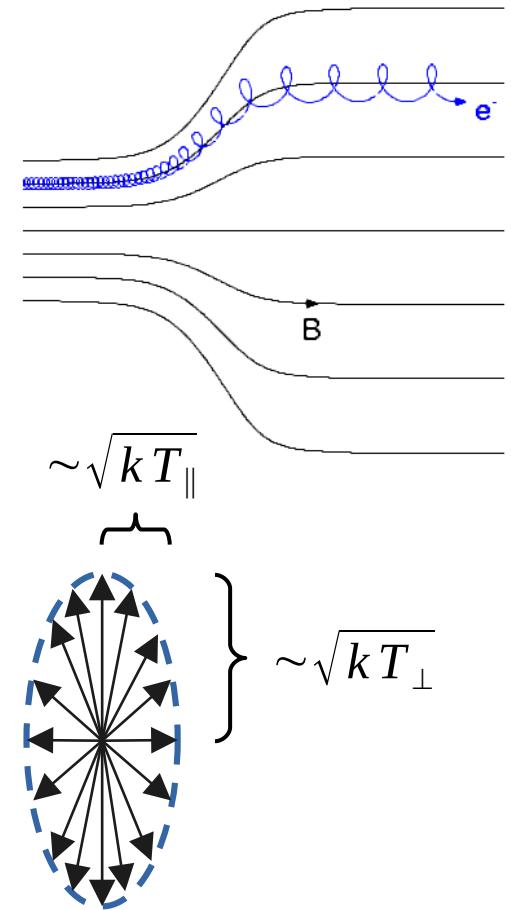
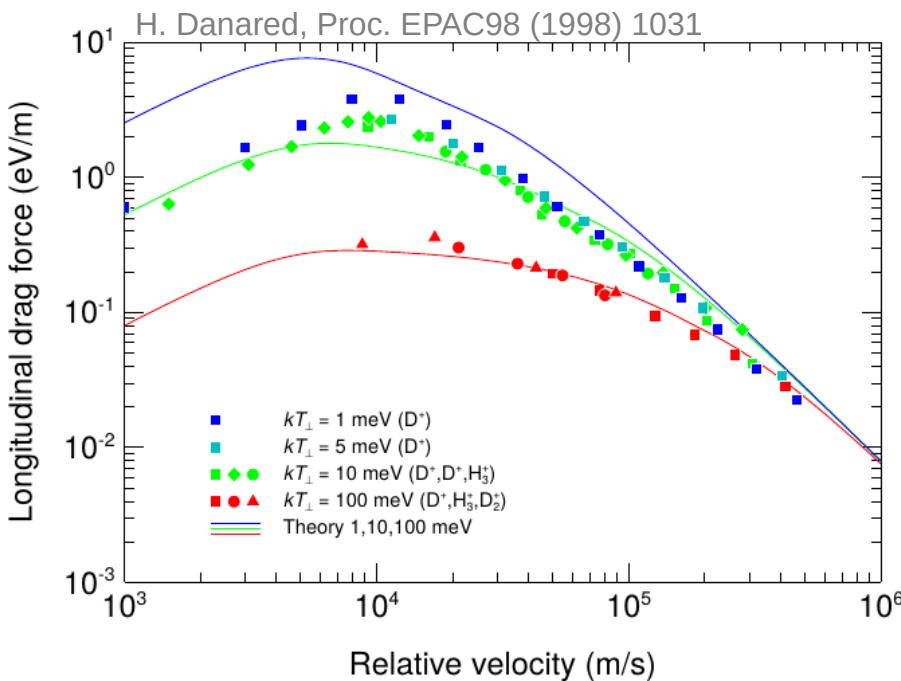
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# ... and how to cool them

How to decrease  $T_{e,\perp}$ ?

Option 2: Beam expansion

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{v}_i) = -4\pi \left( \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \frac{n_e L_C}{m_e} \int f(\mathbf{v}_e) \frac{\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_e}{|\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_e|^3} d^3 v_e$$



velocity distribution  
of accelerated beam

# ... and how to cool them

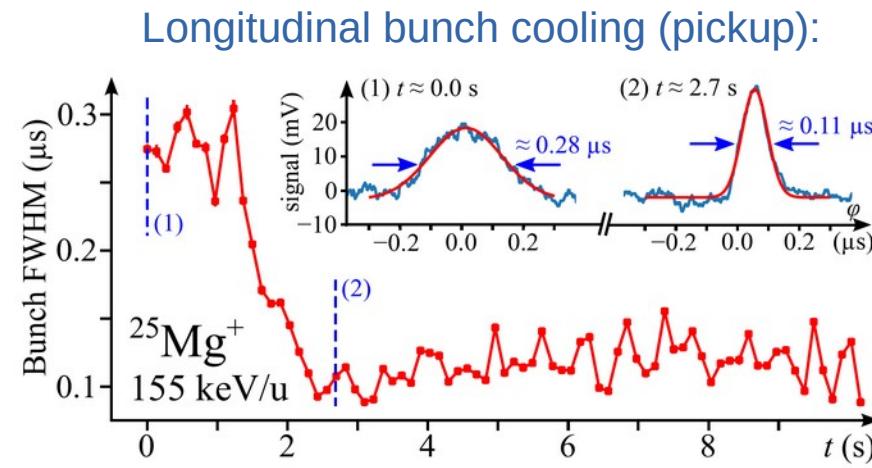
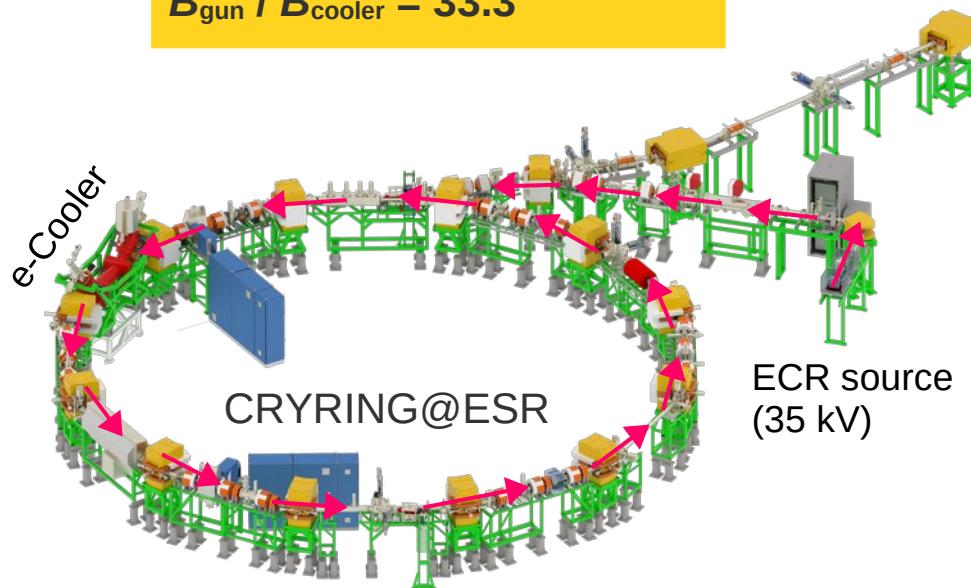
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### Option 2: Beam expansion

Example: Electron cooling of

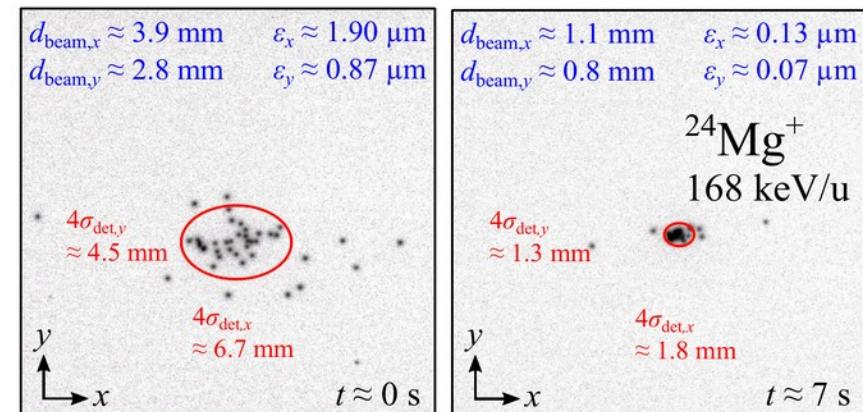
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$$E_e = 92 \text{ eV} / 85 \text{ eV}$$
$$B_{\text{gun}} / B_{\text{cooler}} = 33.3$$



### Transverse cooling (neutral imaging):

$$d_{\text{beam},x} \approx 3.9 \text{ mm} \quad \varepsilon_x \approx 1.90 \mu\text{m}$$
$$d_{\text{beam},y} \approx 2.8 \text{ mm} \quad \varepsilon_y \approx 0.87 \mu\text{m}$$

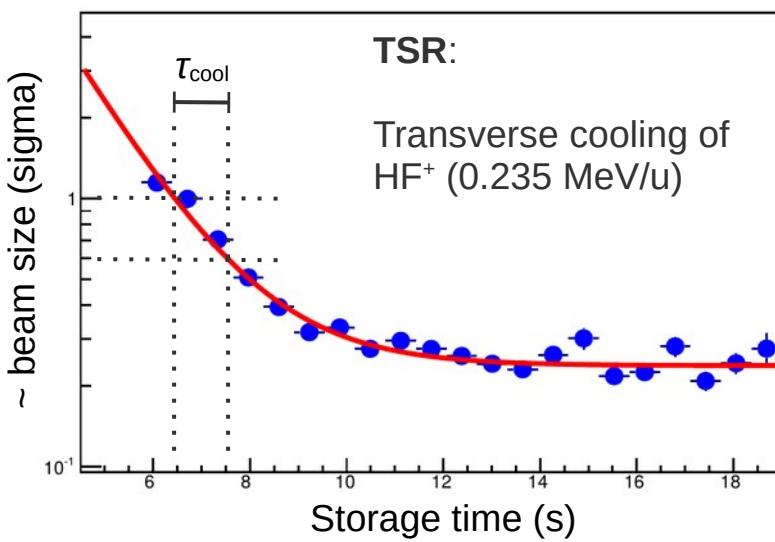


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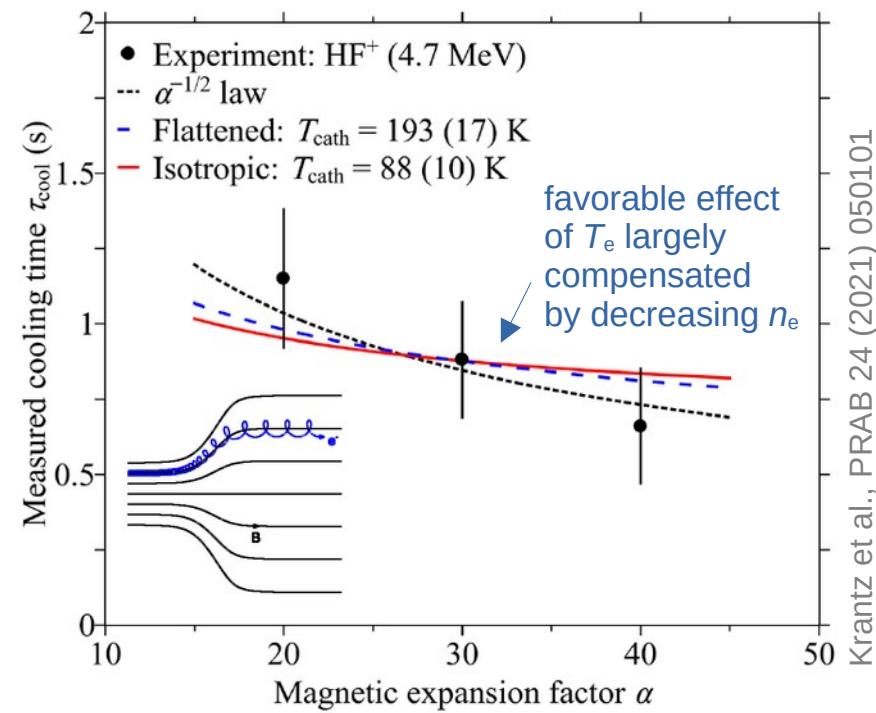


Caveat with low energy beams:

Expansion decreases  $n_e$ !

$$T_{\perp} = T_{\text{cath}} \frac{B_{\text{cooler}}}{B_{\text{gun}}}$$

$$n_{e,\text{cooler}} = n_{e,\text{cath}} \frac{B_{\text{cooler}}}{B_{\text{gun}}}$$



# ... and how to cool them

How to decrease  $T_{e,\perp}$ ?

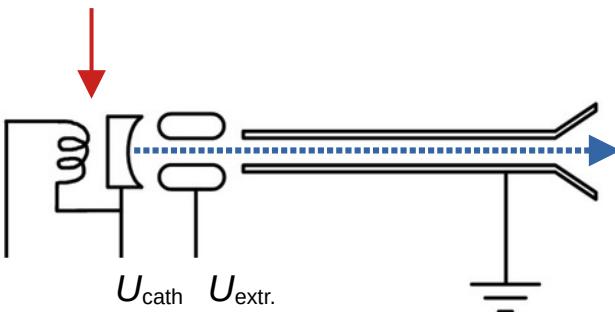
Option 3: Cold cathode

Standard electron cooler:



Photo-electron cooler:

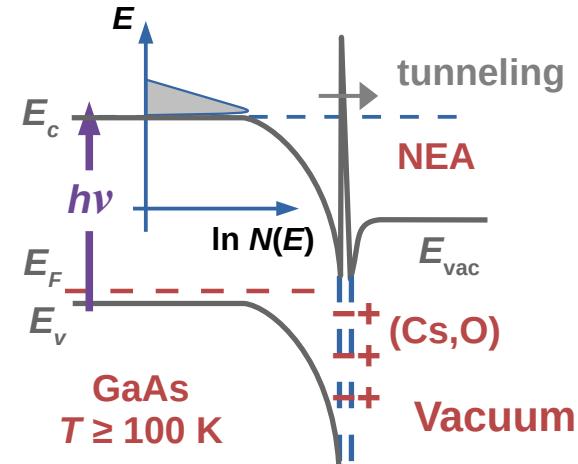
BaO-based thermal emitter



Workfunction:  $e\phi_{WF} \sim 1.9 \dots 2.1 \text{ eV}$   
(bare-metal: 4 ... 5 eV)

$\rightarrow T_{cath} = 1100 \dots 1300 \text{ K}$

GaAs:(Cs,O) photocathode



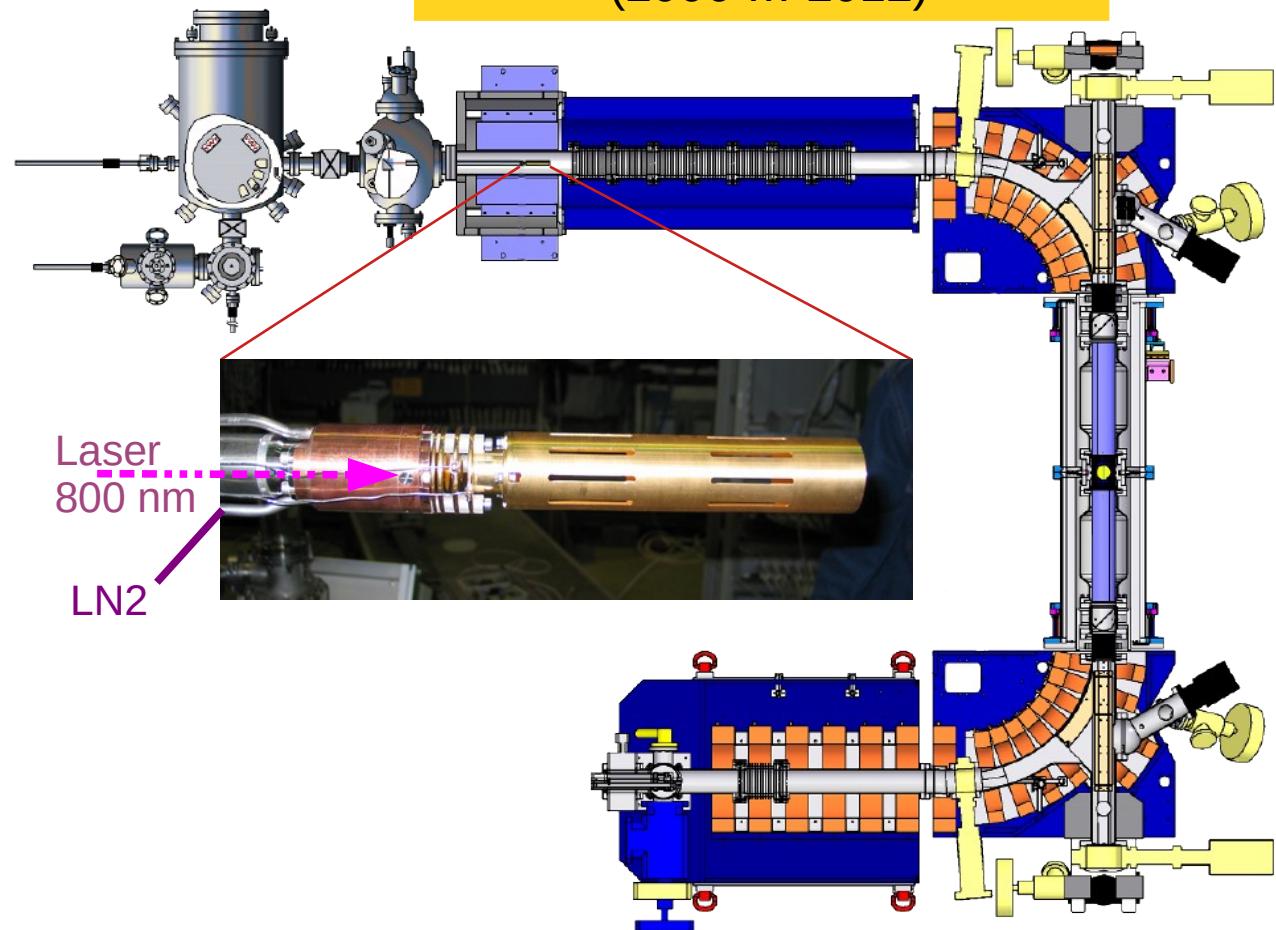
Band-gap:  $E_{gap} \sim 1.4 \text{ eV}$  ( $\lambda \sim 800 \text{ nm}$ )  
Cs-coating: Negative Electron Affinity.

$\rightarrow T_{cath} = 100 \dots 300 \text{ K}$

How to decrease  $T_{e,\perp}$ ?

Option 3: Cold cathode

TSR “Photo-Electron” Cooler  
(2006 ... 2012)



# ... and how to cool them

How to decrease  $T_{e,\perp}$ ?

Option 3: Cold cathode

## Photocathode preparation & handling

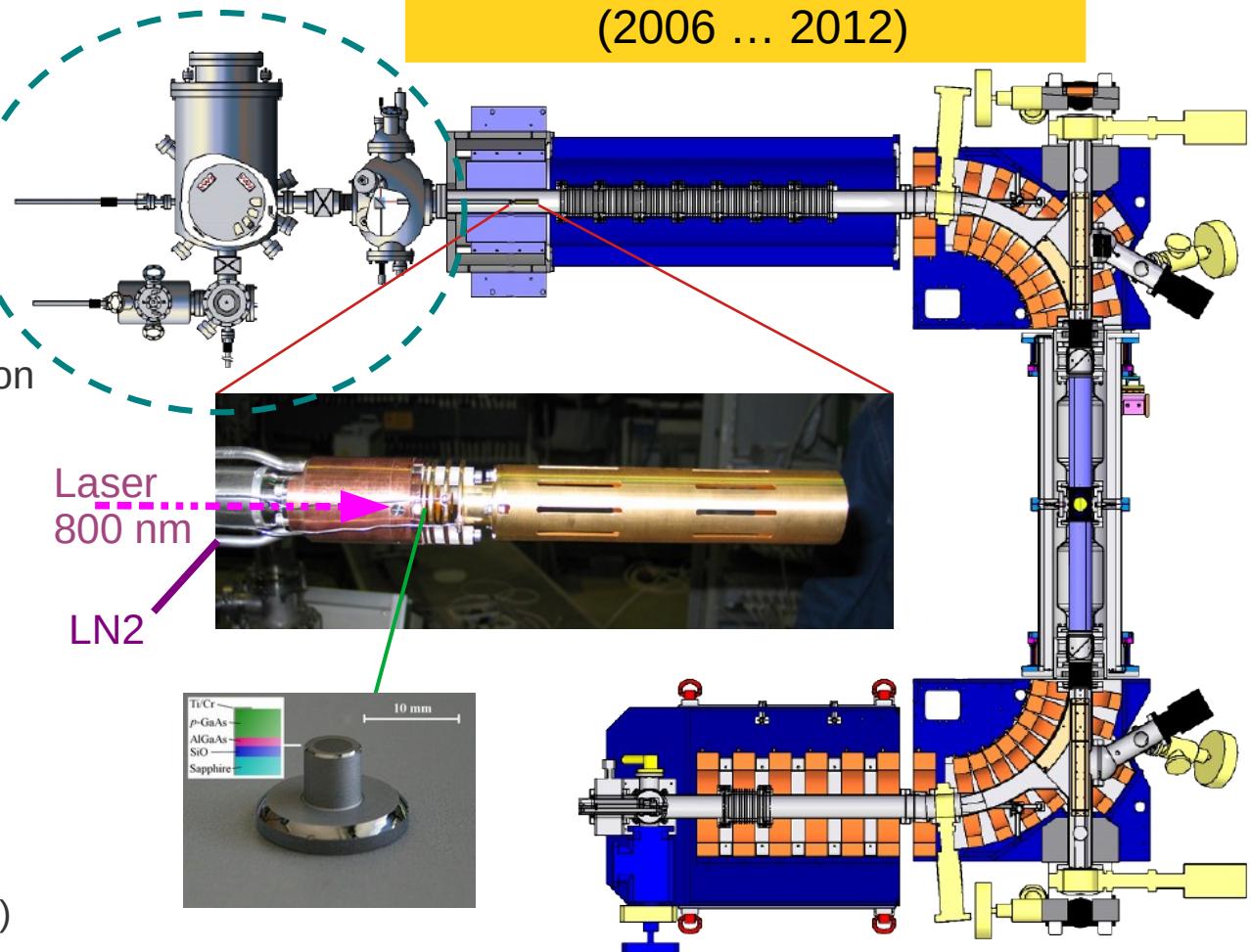
- (Cs,O) activation
- loading,
- cleaning,
- ...

Max. emission current  
**~ 1 mA for 24 h**

But:  $I_e = p U^{3/2}$  !!

- For low- $E$  ions:  
0.2 ... 0.3 mA  
(several days of op.)

TSR “Photo-Electron” Cooler  
(2006 ... 2012)

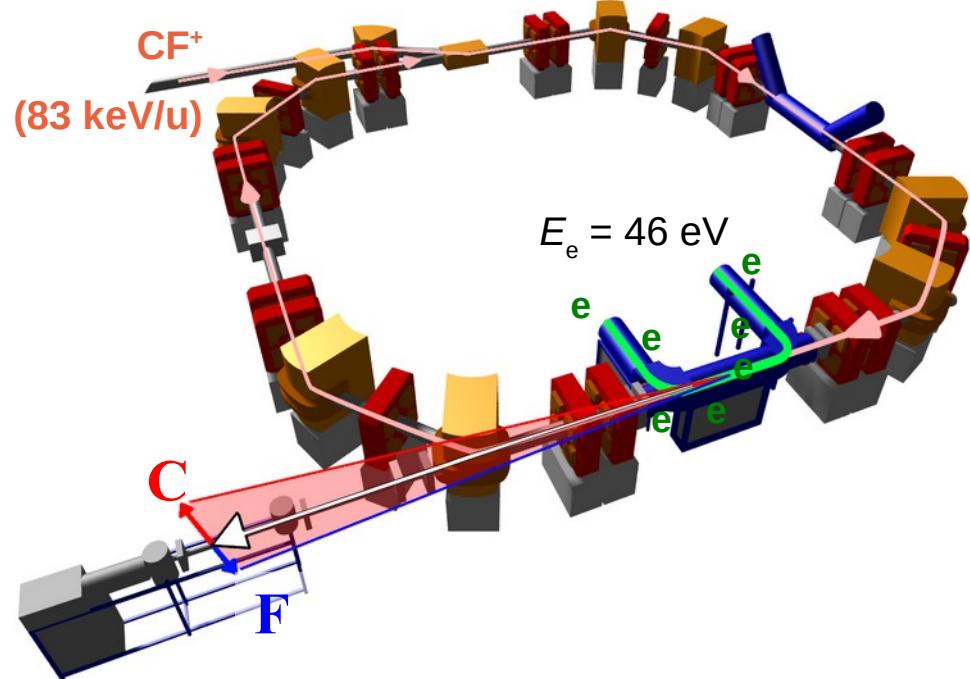


# ... and how to cool them

## TSR “Photo-Electron” Cooler (2006 ... 2012)

Used exclusively for electron cooling molecular ions in TSR in 2006 ... 2012.

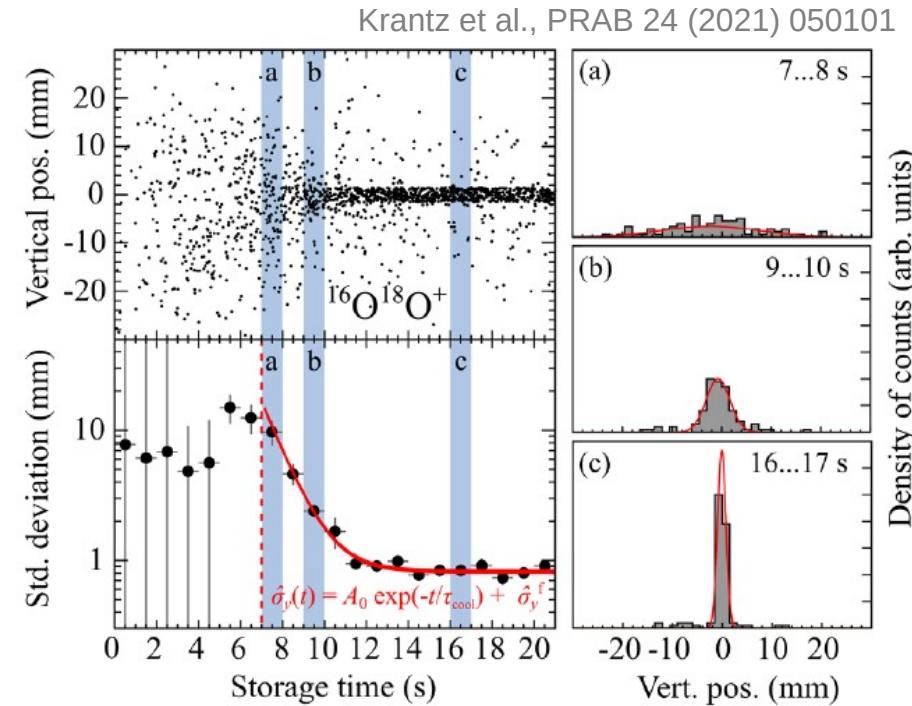
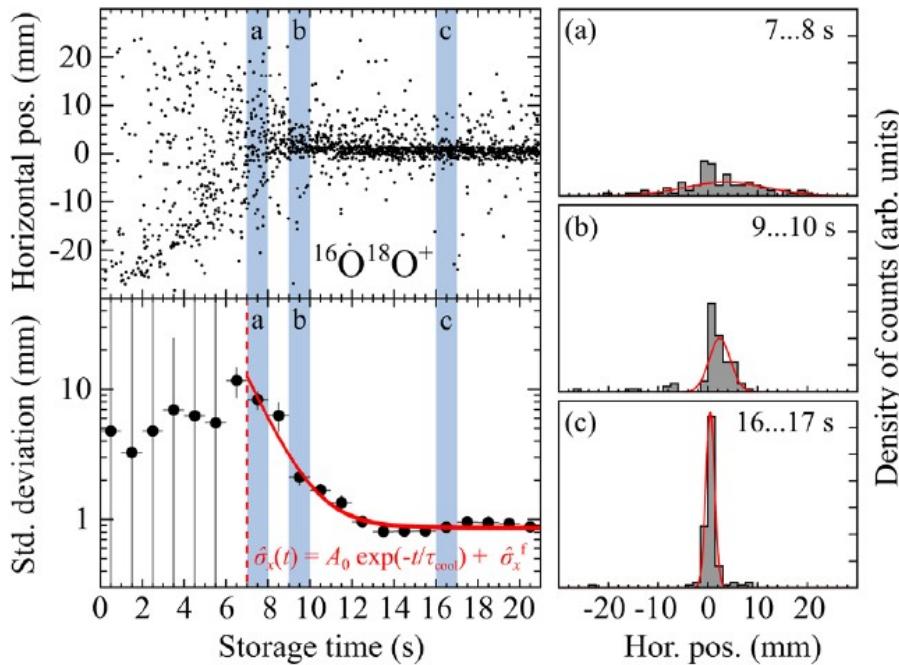
Beam diagnostics:  
Neutral imaging.



# ... and how to cool them

## Neutral fragment imaging (TSR data)

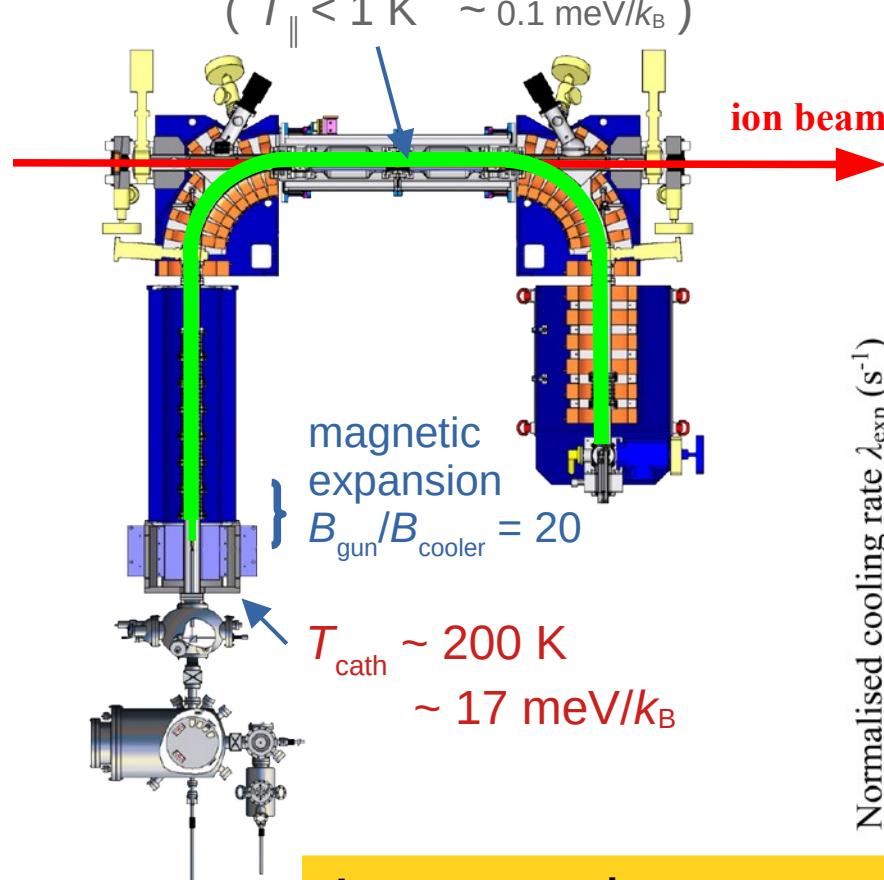
- Final (cooled) ion beam diameters
- Transverse cooling rates



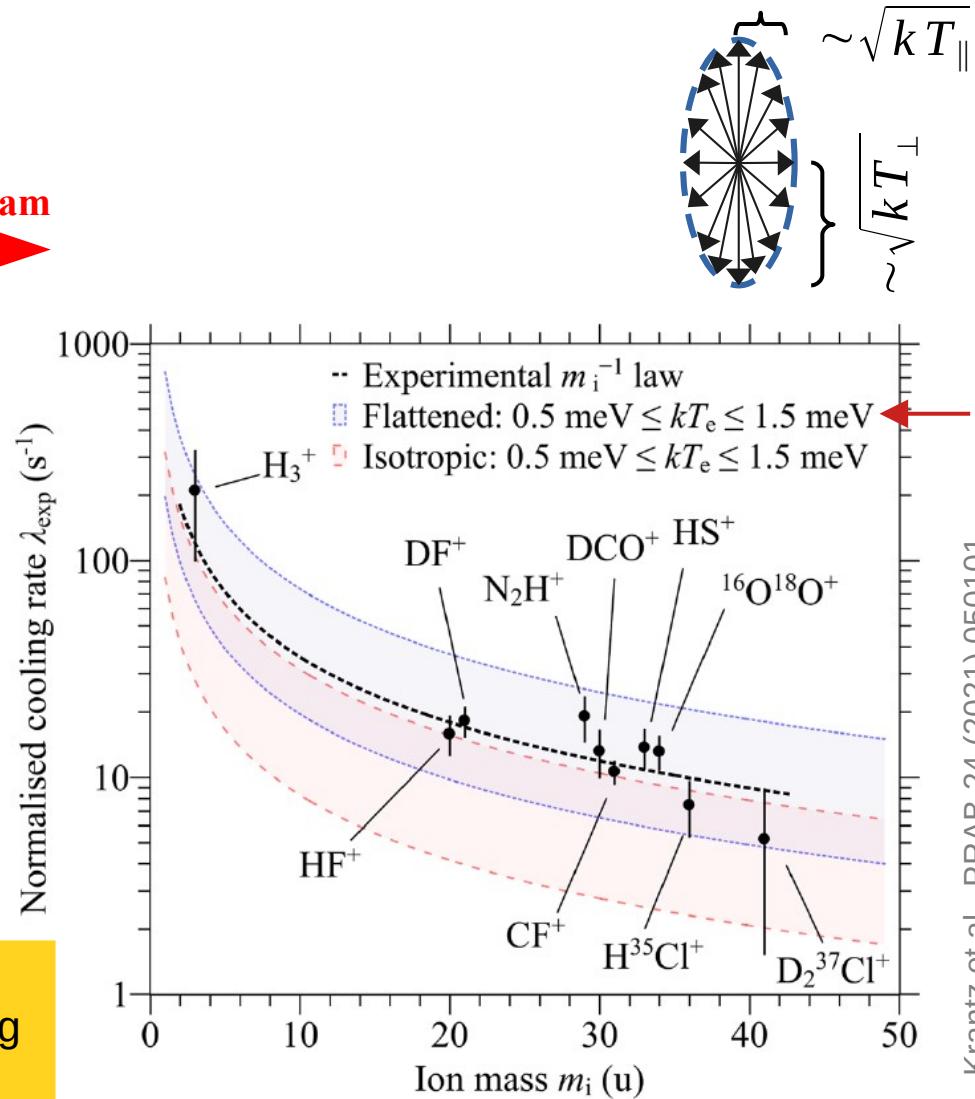
# ... and how to cool them

expected:  $T_{\perp} \sim 10 \text{ K} \sim 0.9 \text{ meV}/k_B$

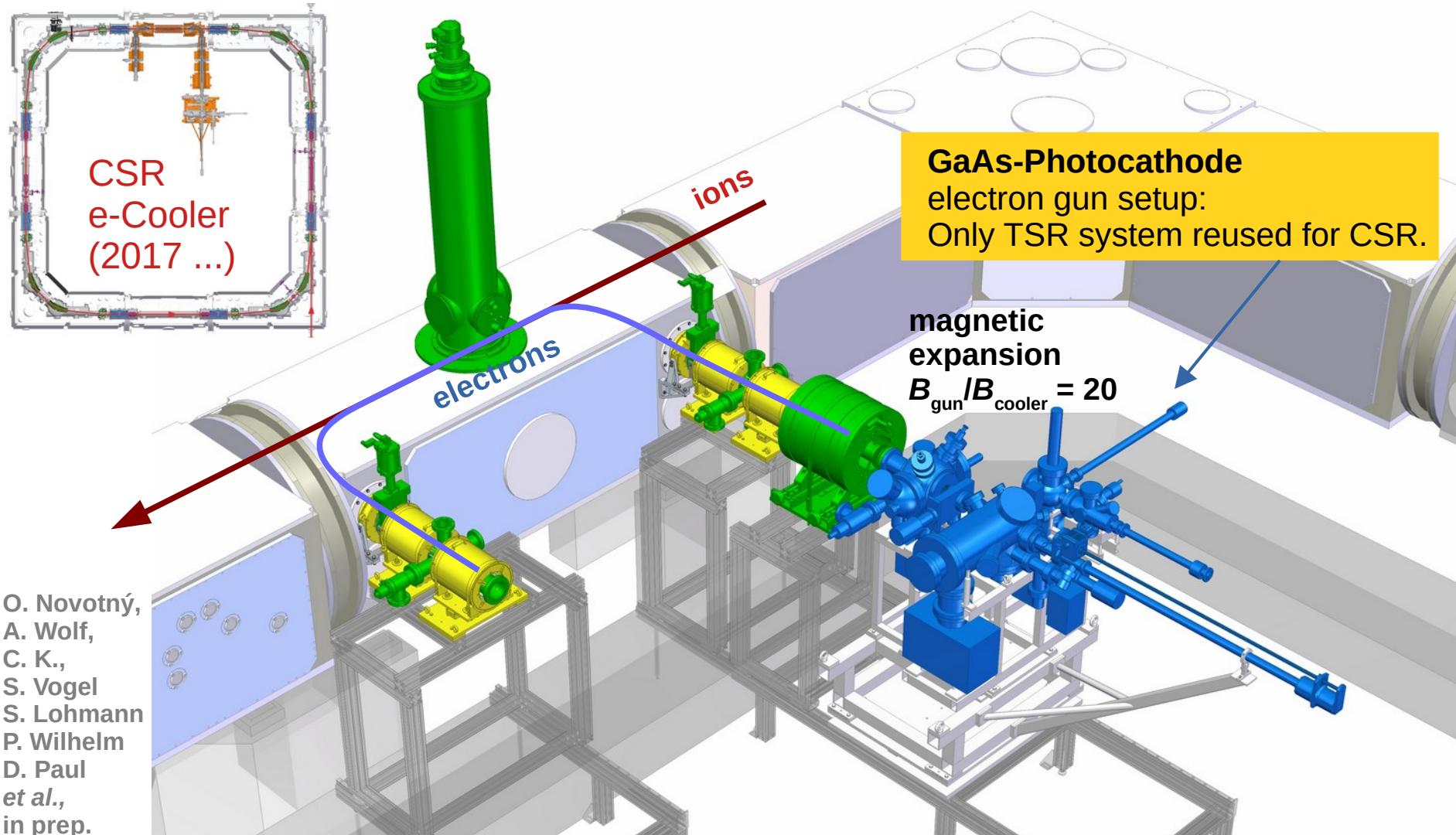
(  $T_{\parallel} < 1 \text{ K} \sim 0.1 \text{ meV}/k_B$  )



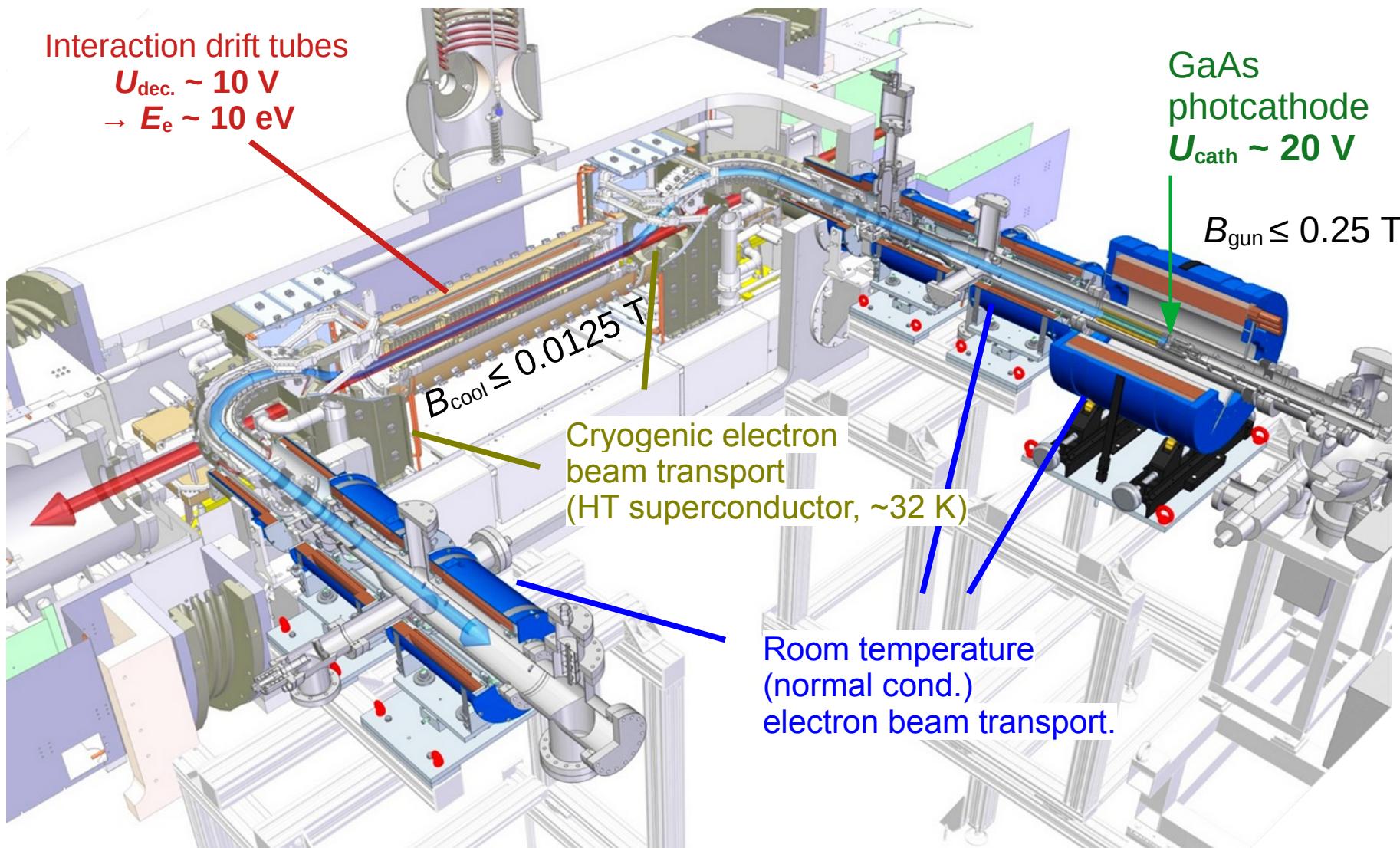
**Lowest e-cool energy**  
in conventional storage ring  
so far:  $E_e = 31 \text{ eV}$ .



# ... and how to cool them



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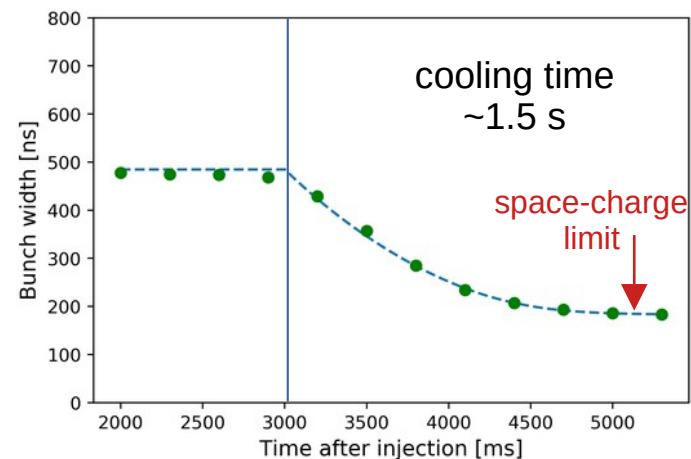
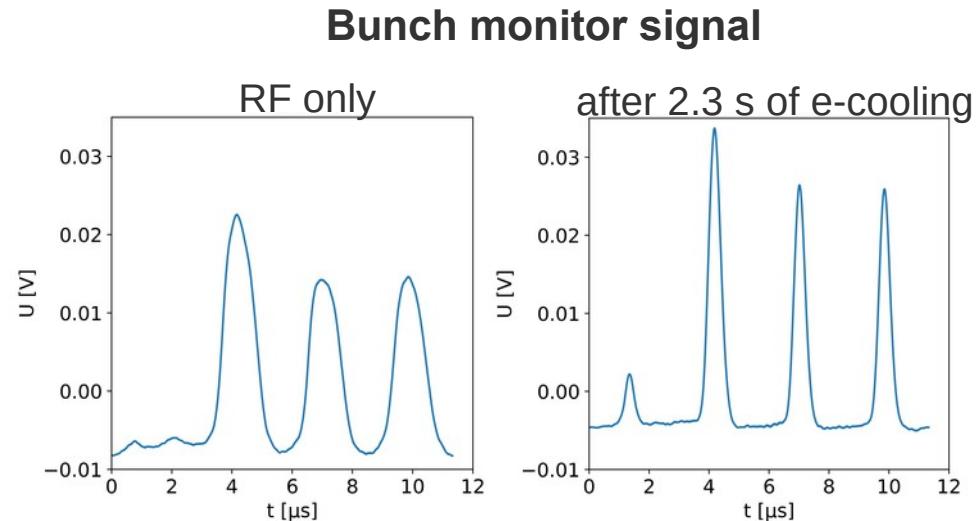
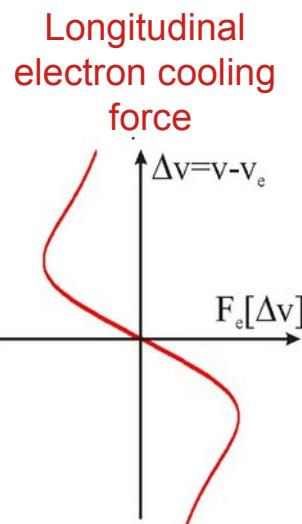
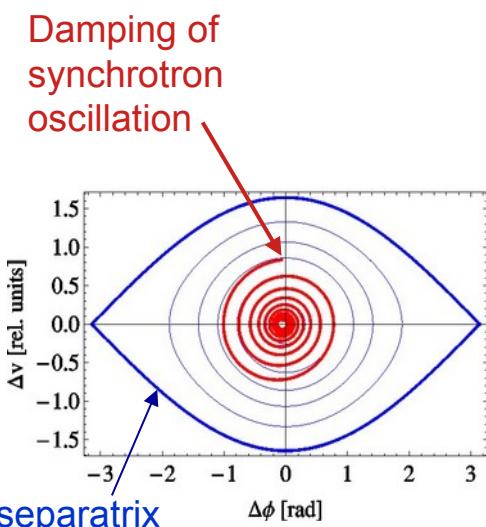
First demonstration of longitudinal electron cooling in CSR:

$\text{HeH}^+ @ 0.050 \text{ MeV/u}$

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## Longitudinal ion phase space



# ... and how to cool them

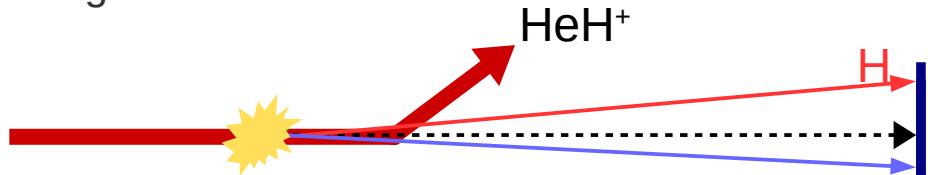
Demonstration of **transverse** electron cooling  
in CSR (with coasting beam):

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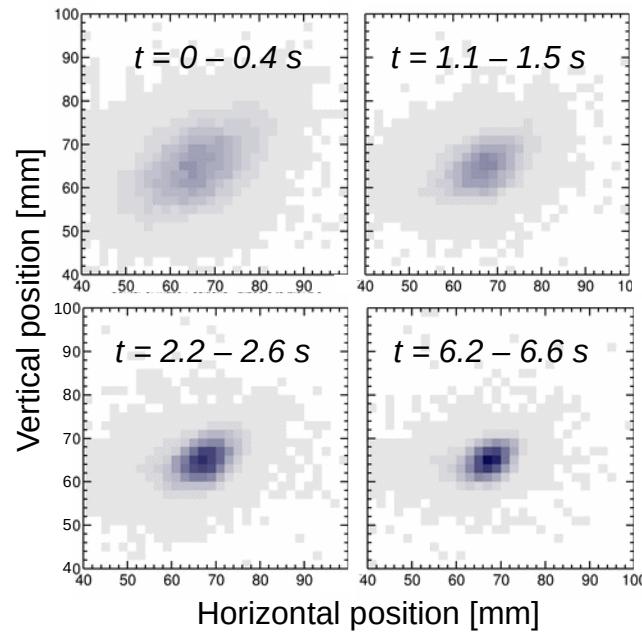
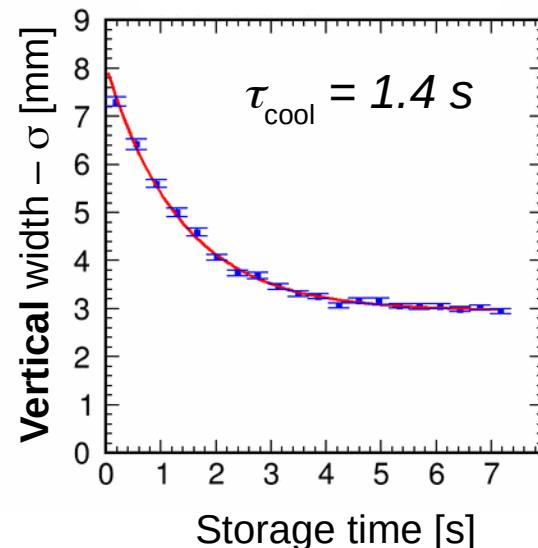
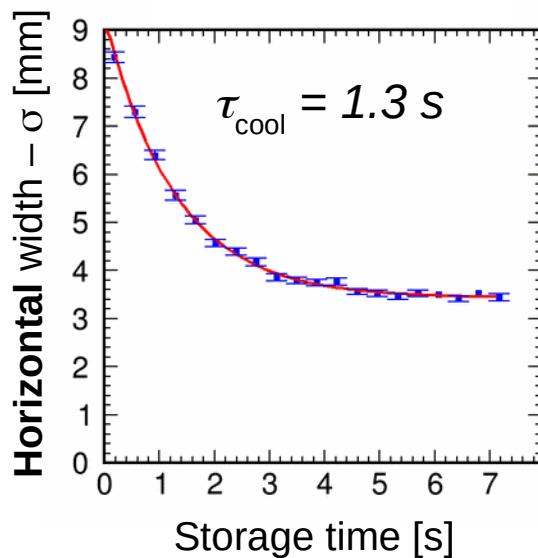
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$m_{\text{ion}} = 5 \text{ u}$ , but  
already slower  
than TSR or  
CRYRING ...



Beam diagnostics: neutral imaging



# Stability of low-energy cooled beams

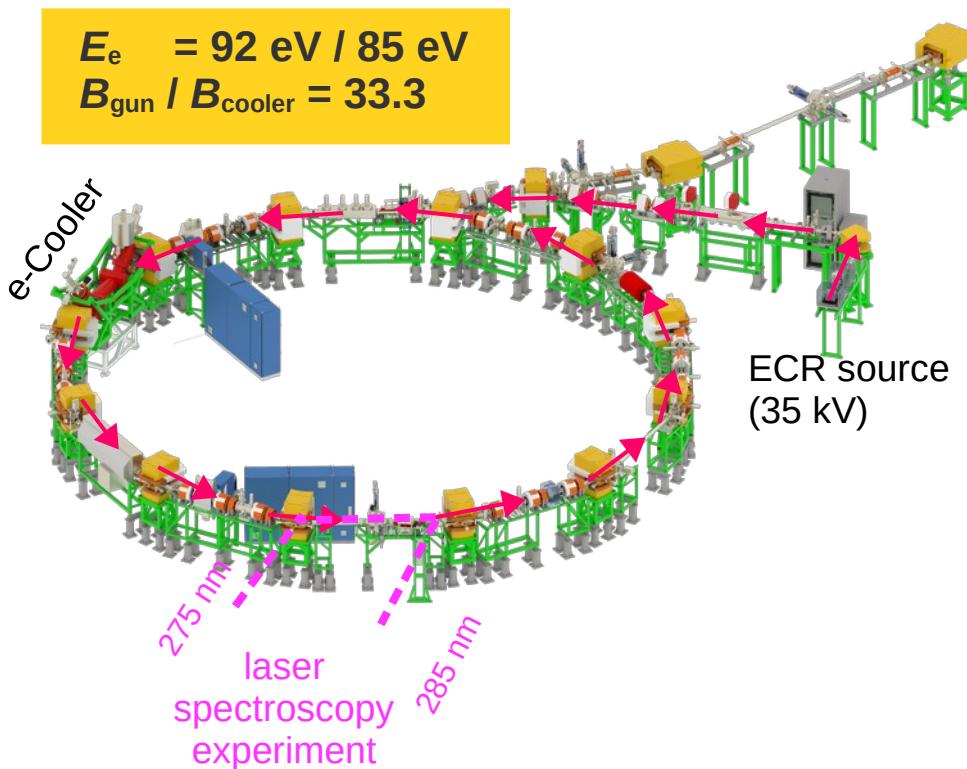
CRYRING@ESR

Electron cooling of

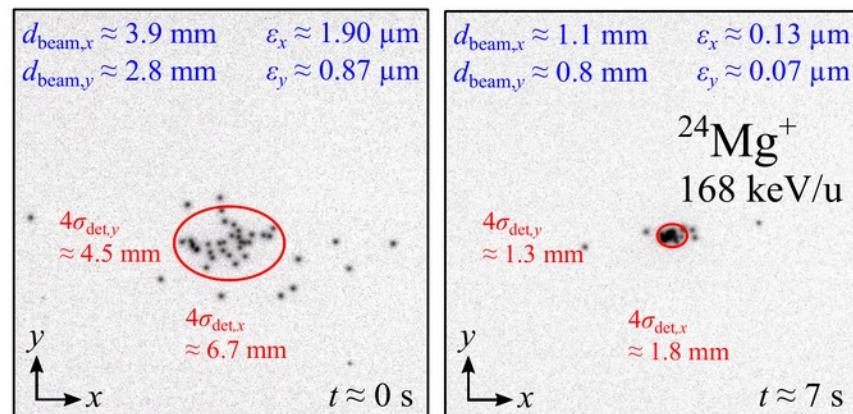
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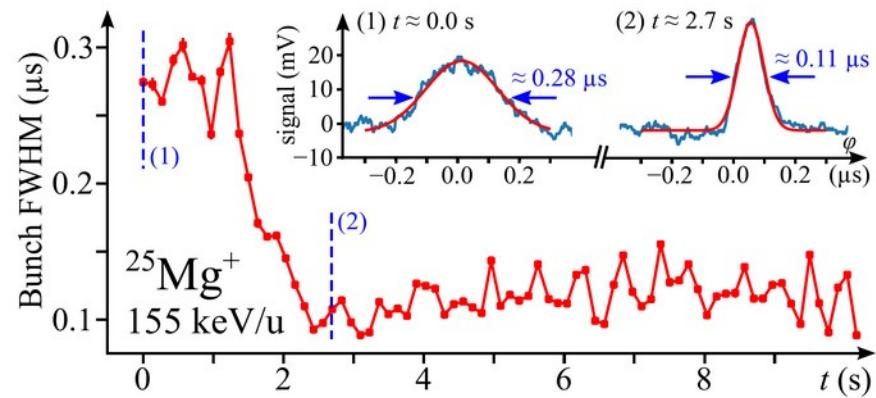


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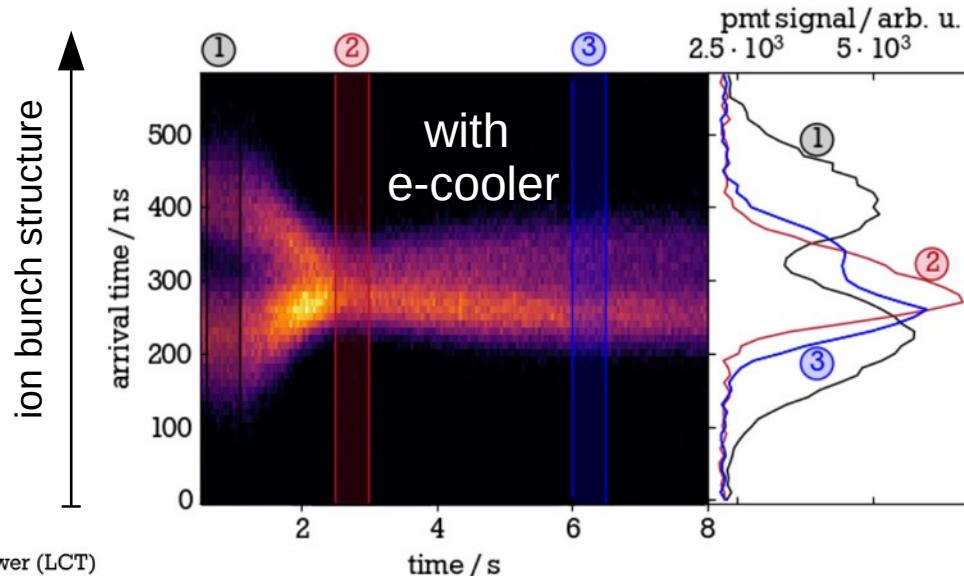


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Longitudinal bunch cooling (pickup):



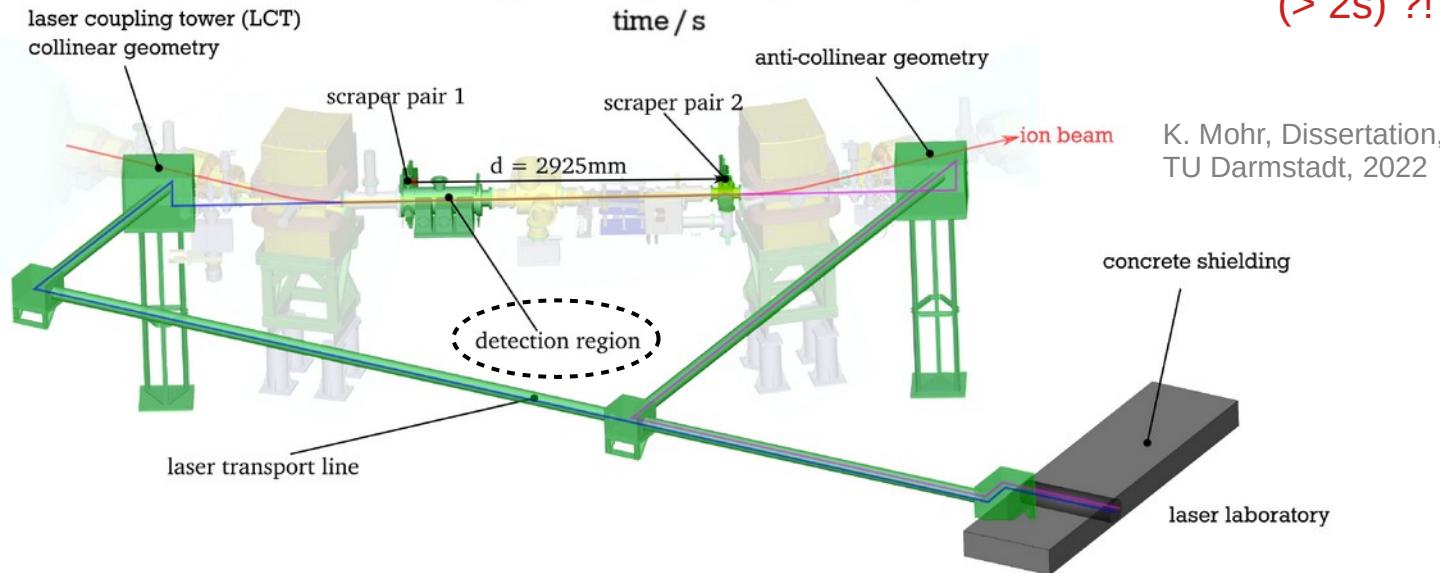
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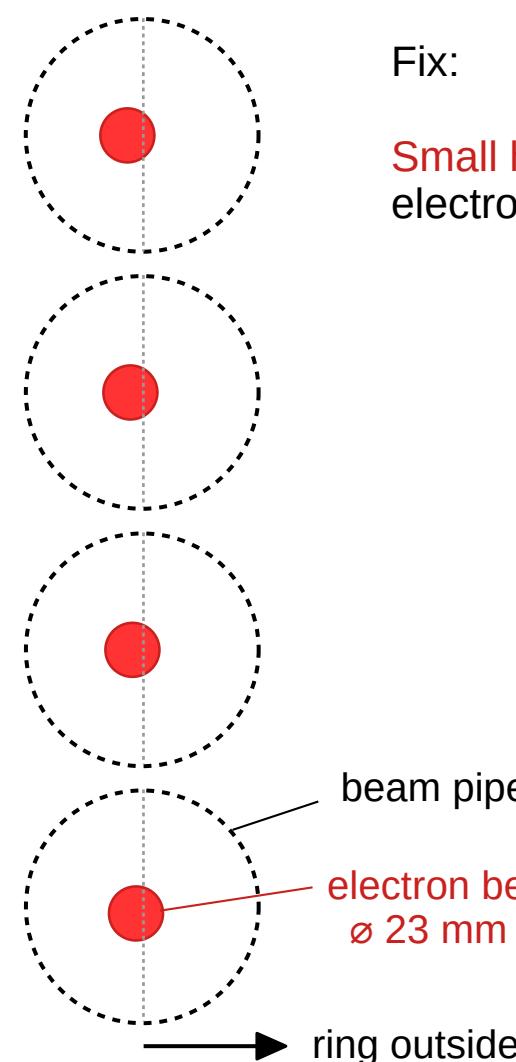
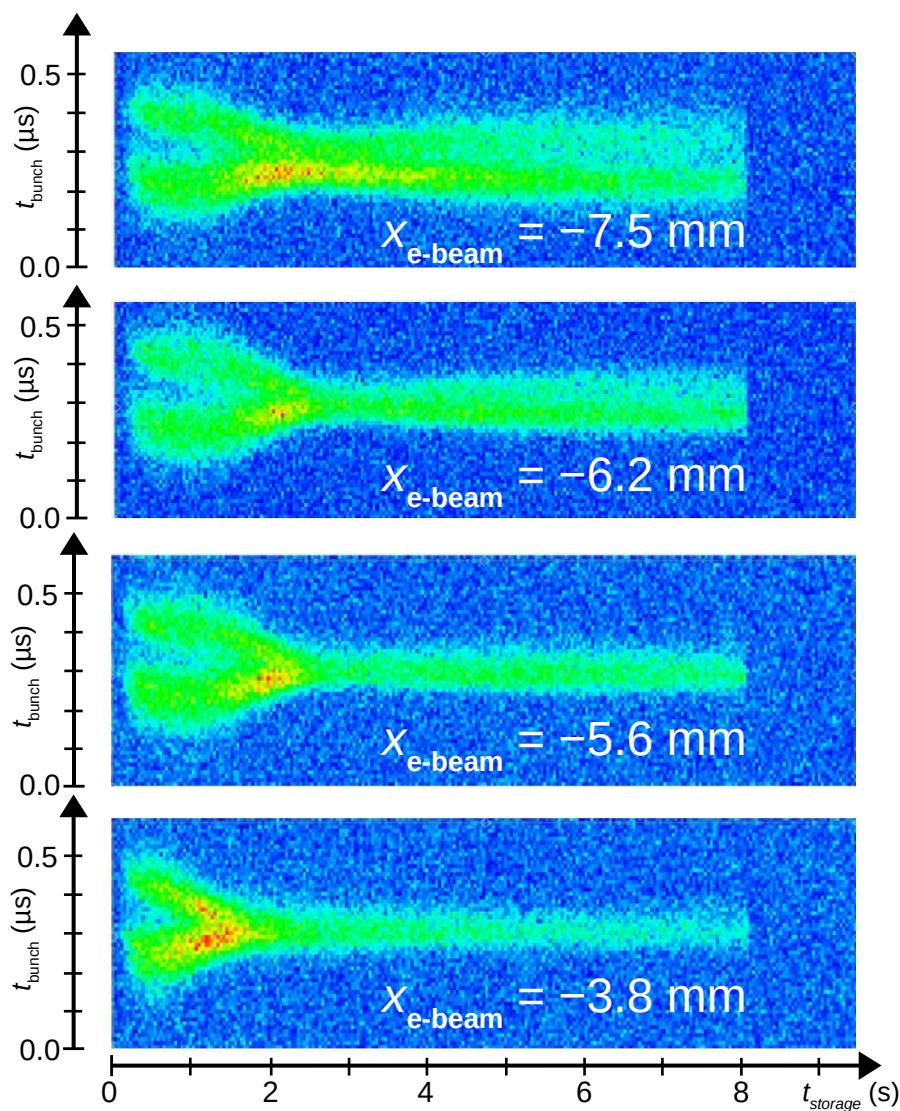
With electron cooler active ...

... bunches cool down at first (< 2 s) ...

... but then synchrotron oscillation slowly restarts (> 2s) ?!



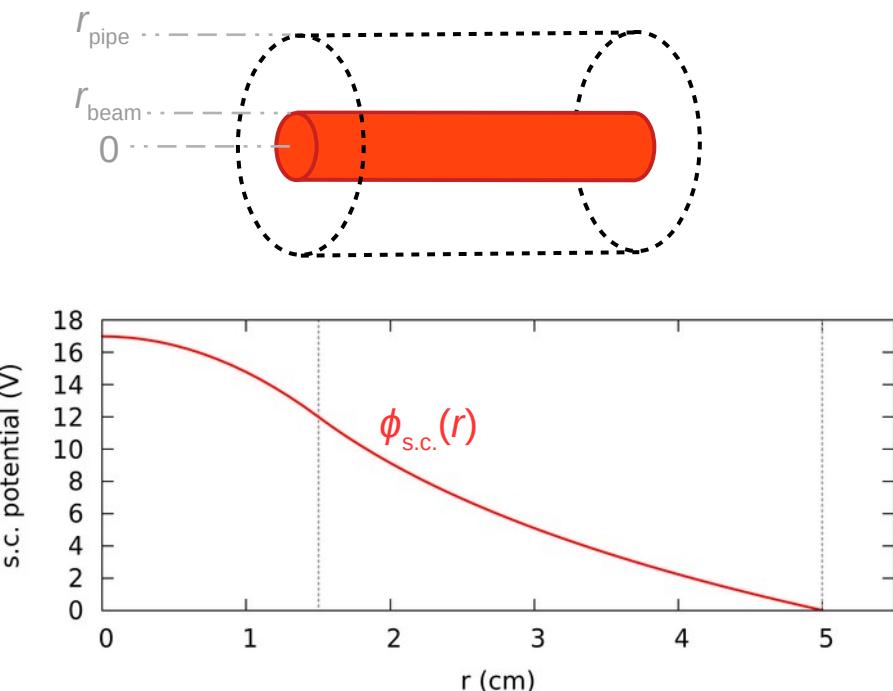
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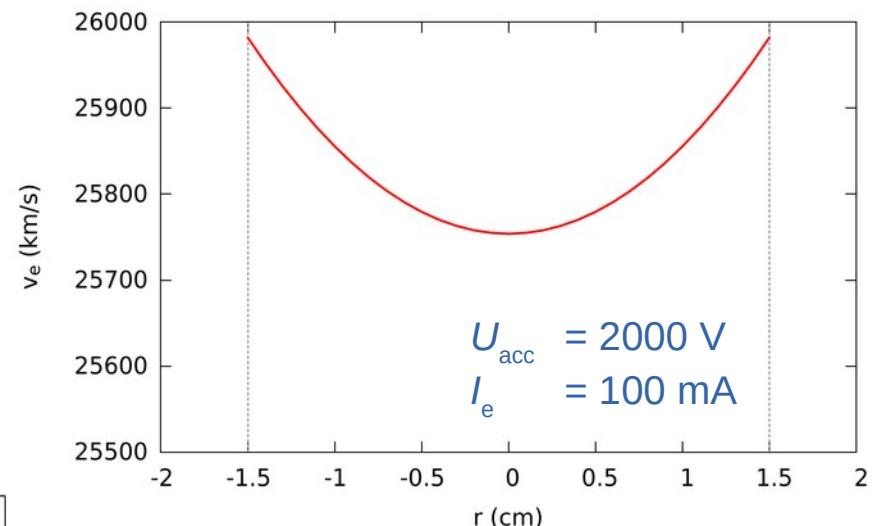
# Stability of low-energy cooled beams

Space-charge of beam partly screens electrons from acceleration voltage:

$$E_e(r) = e \cdot U_{\text{acc}} - e \cdot \phi_{\text{s.c.}}(r)$$



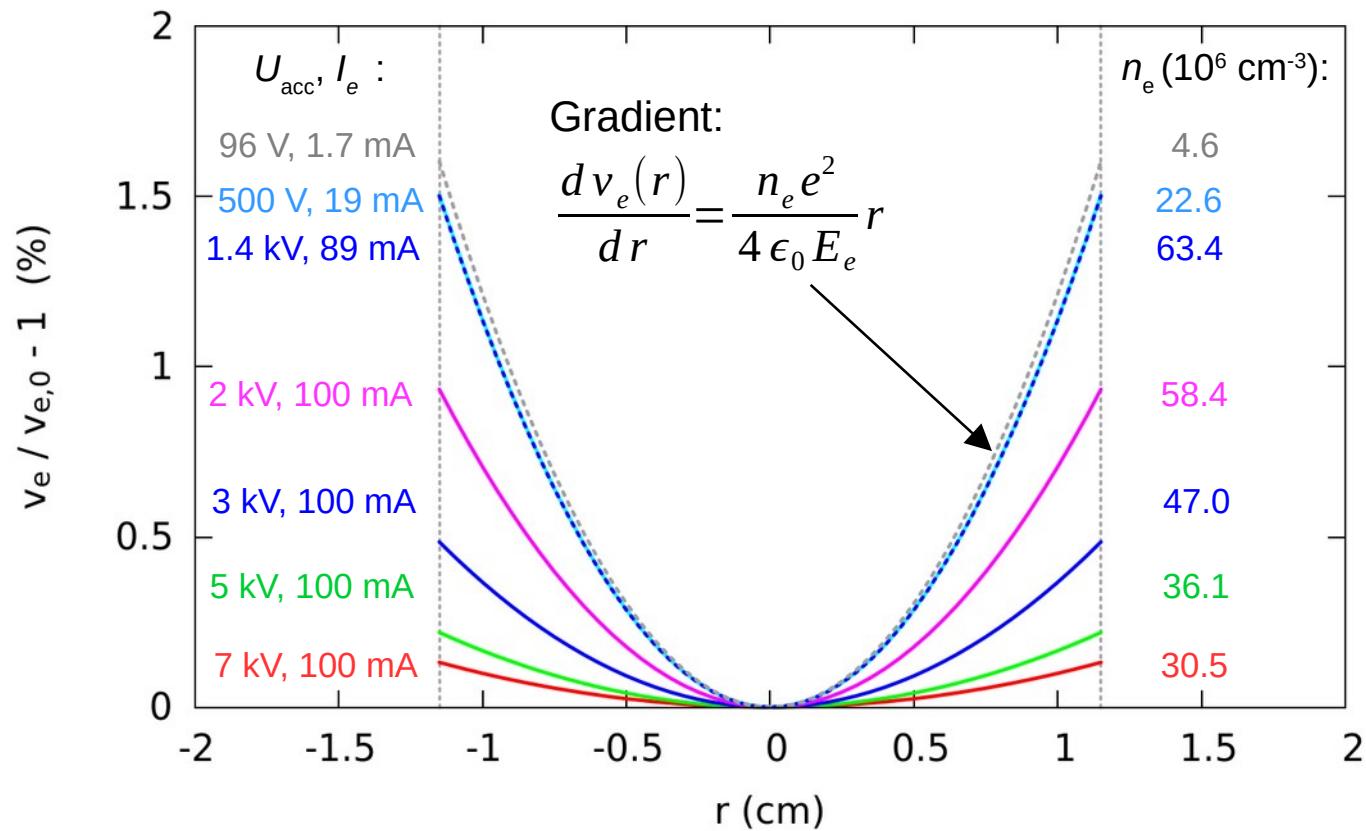
→ Electrons are faster near edge of beam.



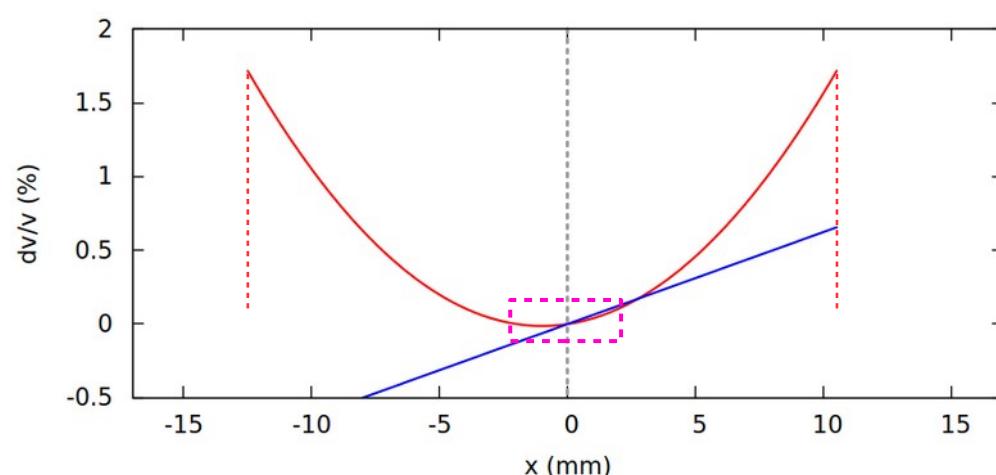
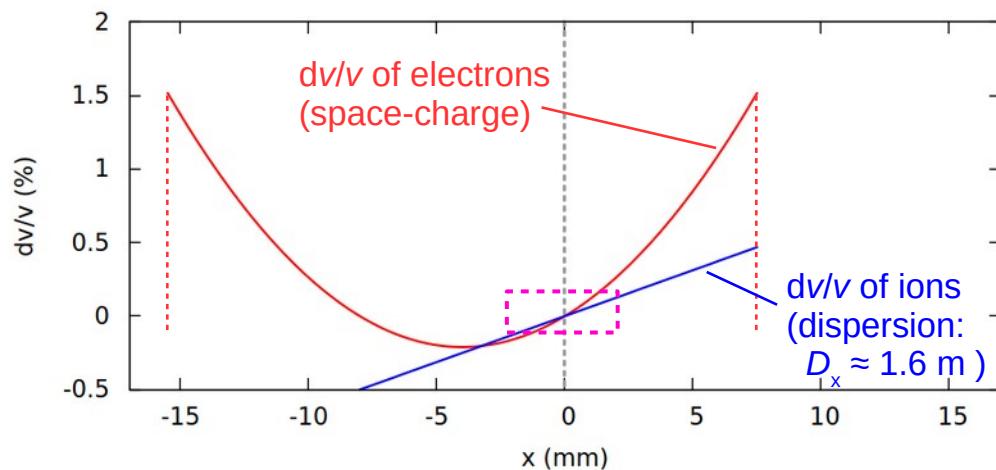
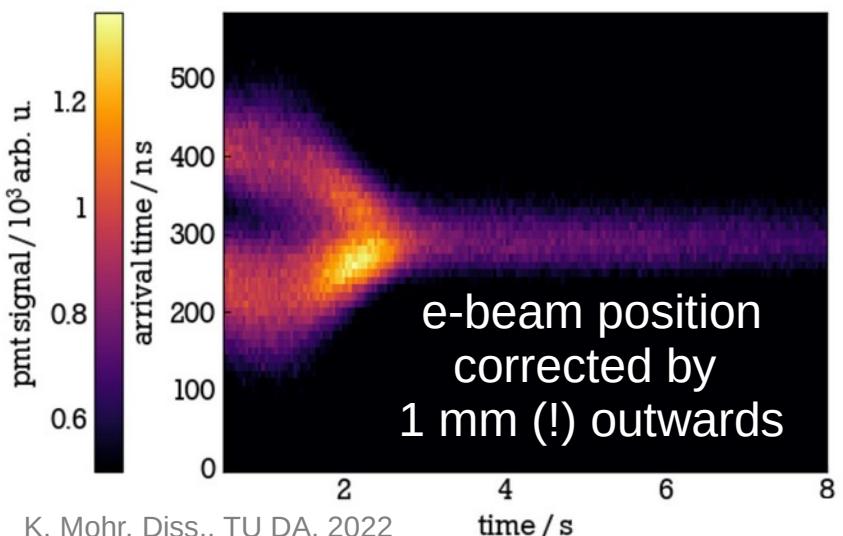
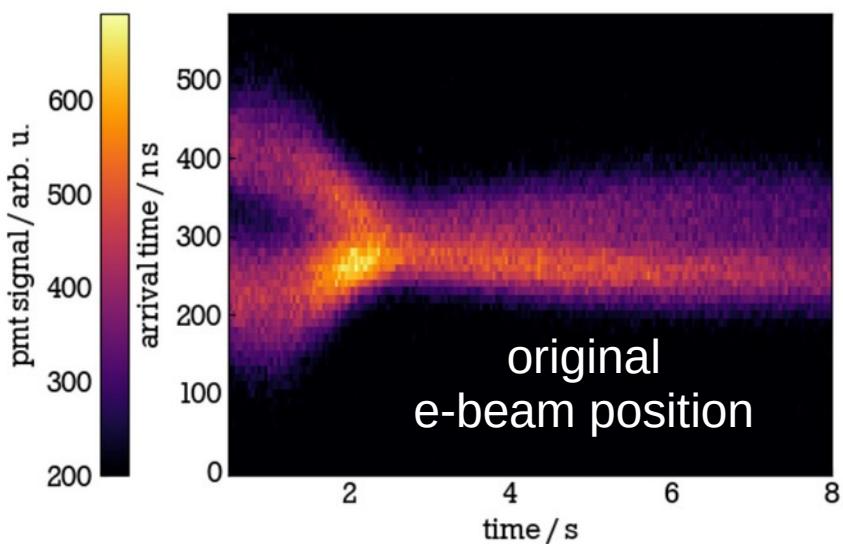
→ Not all ions “see” the same  $\langle v_e \rangle$ !

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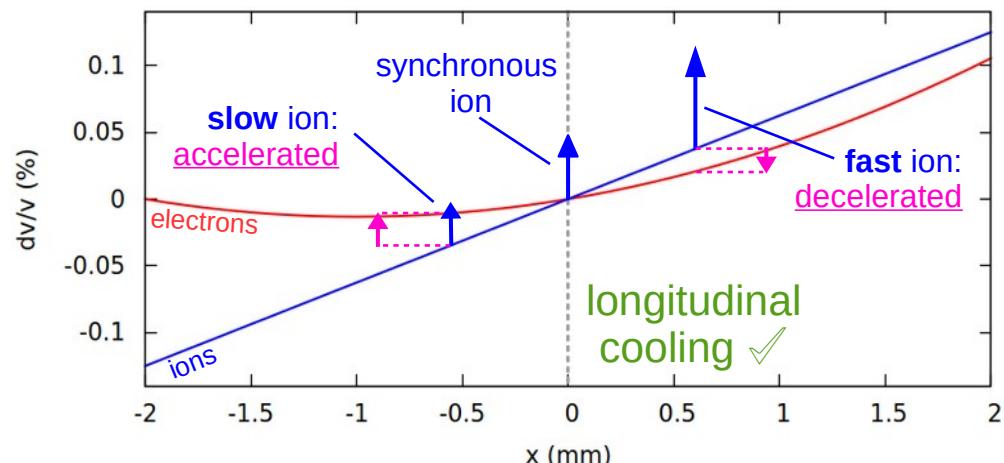
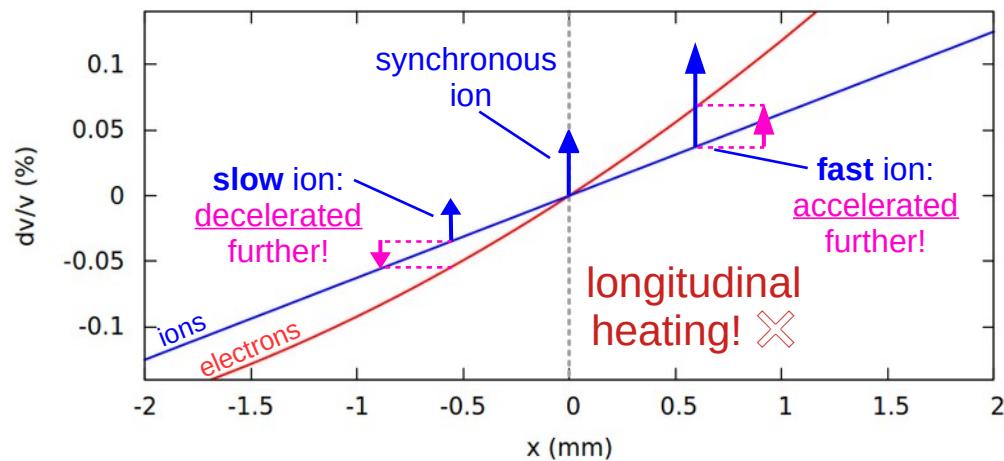
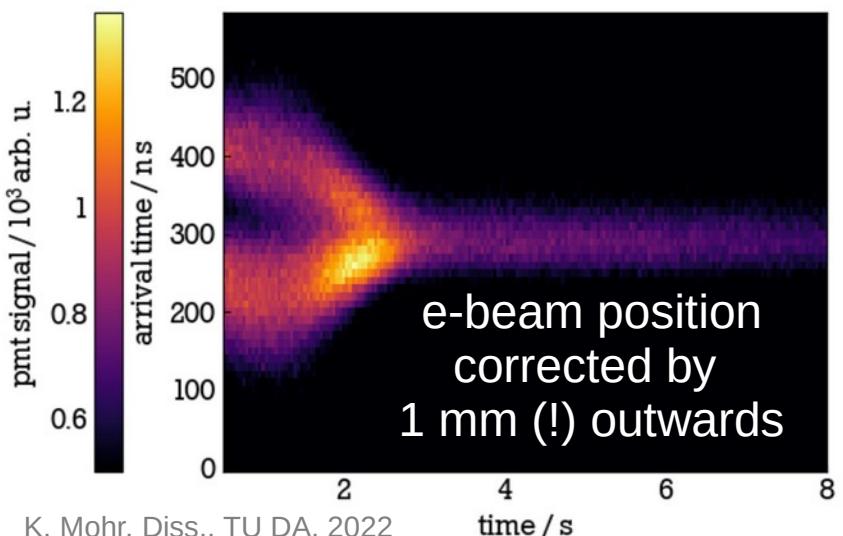
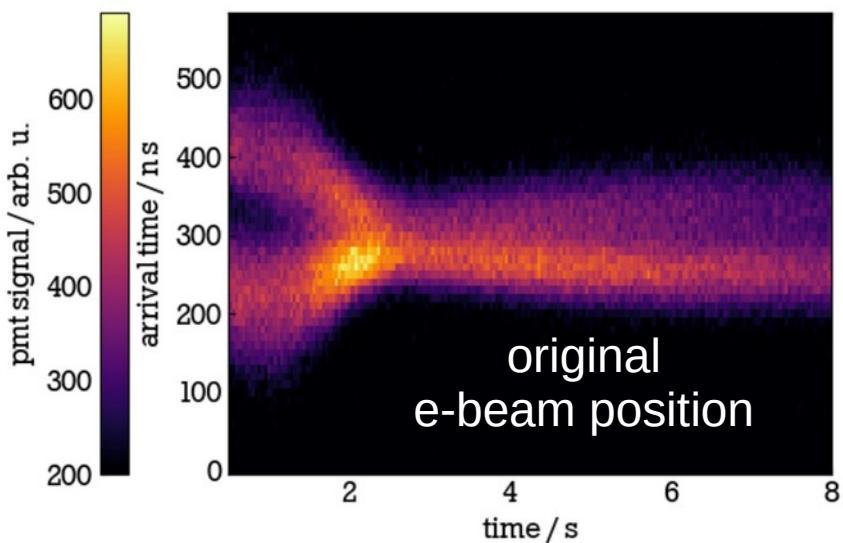
Relatively, space-charge effects become much **more important** for low-energy beams.



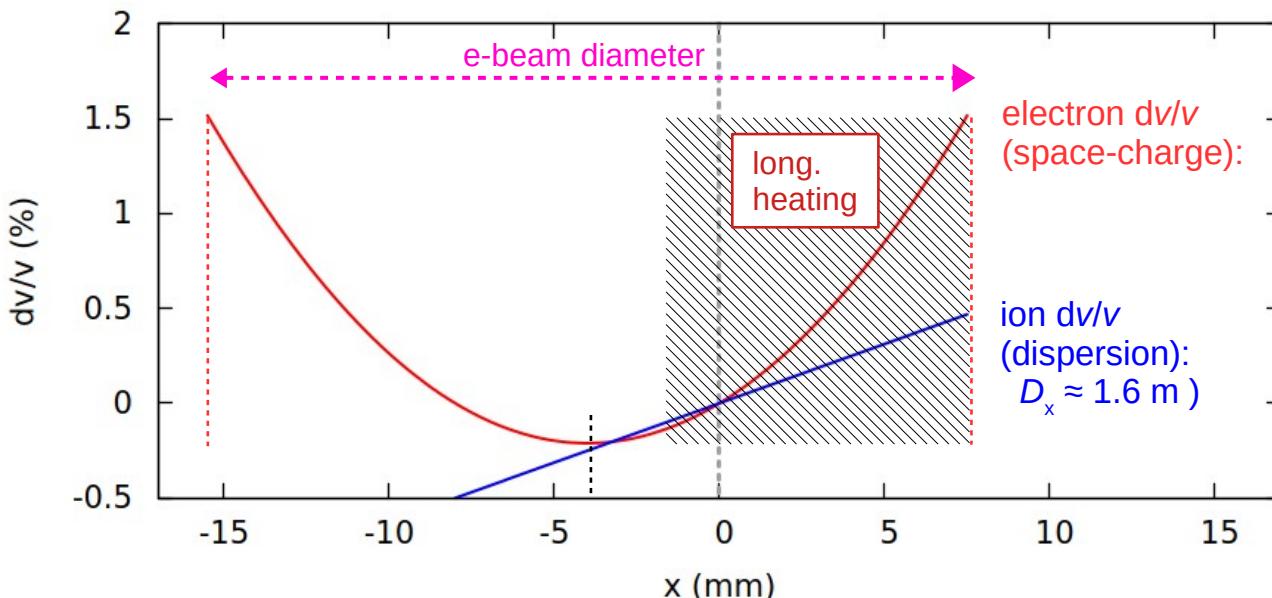
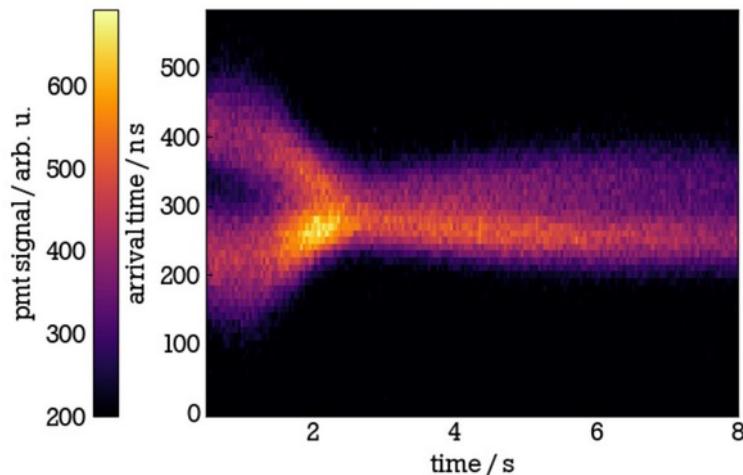
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For  $(dv/v)_e' > (dv/v)_i'$ :

→ Longitudinal heating by electron beam.

Critical e-beam displacement relative to ion axis:

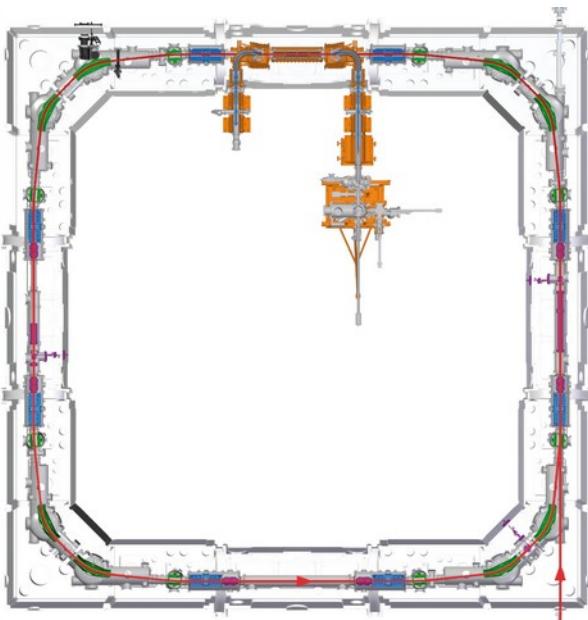
$$x_{\text{e-beam}} < -\frac{4 E_e \epsilon_0}{D_x e^2 n_e}$$

For  $\text{Mg}^+$  at CRYRING@ESR:

$$\begin{aligned} E_e &= 85 \text{ eV} \\ n_e &= 4.7 \cdot 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3} \\ D_x &= 1.6 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

→  $x_{\text{e-beam}} < -2.5 \text{ mm}$

# Stability of low-energy cooled beams

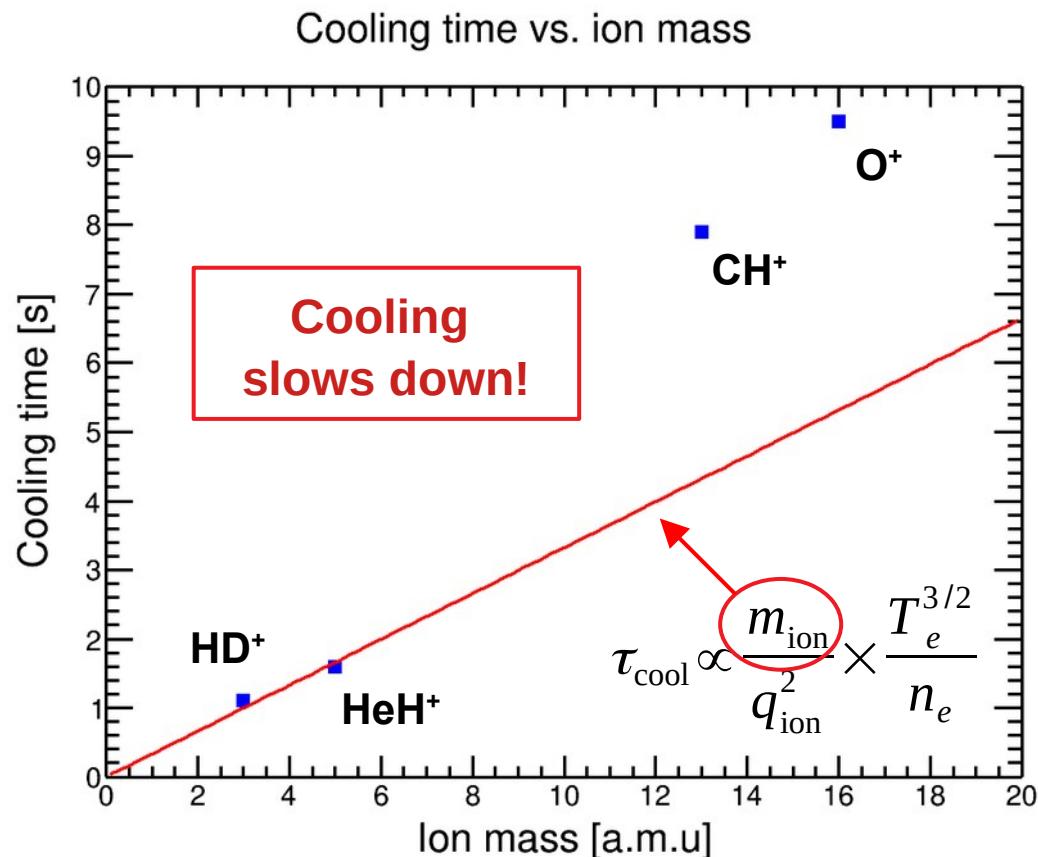


... then (2019):

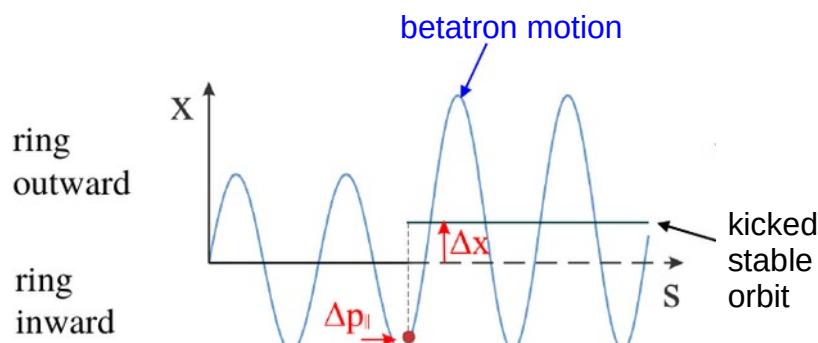
$\text{TiO}^+$ :  $m_{\text{ion}} = 64 \text{ u}$ ,  
 $E_e = 2.4 \text{ eV}$   
 $n_e = 1 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

→ No cooling possible ?!?

CSR: Cooling of higher-mass ions slower than expected from scaling law ...



# Stability of low-energy cooled beams



Beutelspacher, NIM A 512 (2003) 459

For  $(dv/v)_e' < 0$ :

Cooling kicks orbit away from ion position.

**Breaks horizontal cooling** for

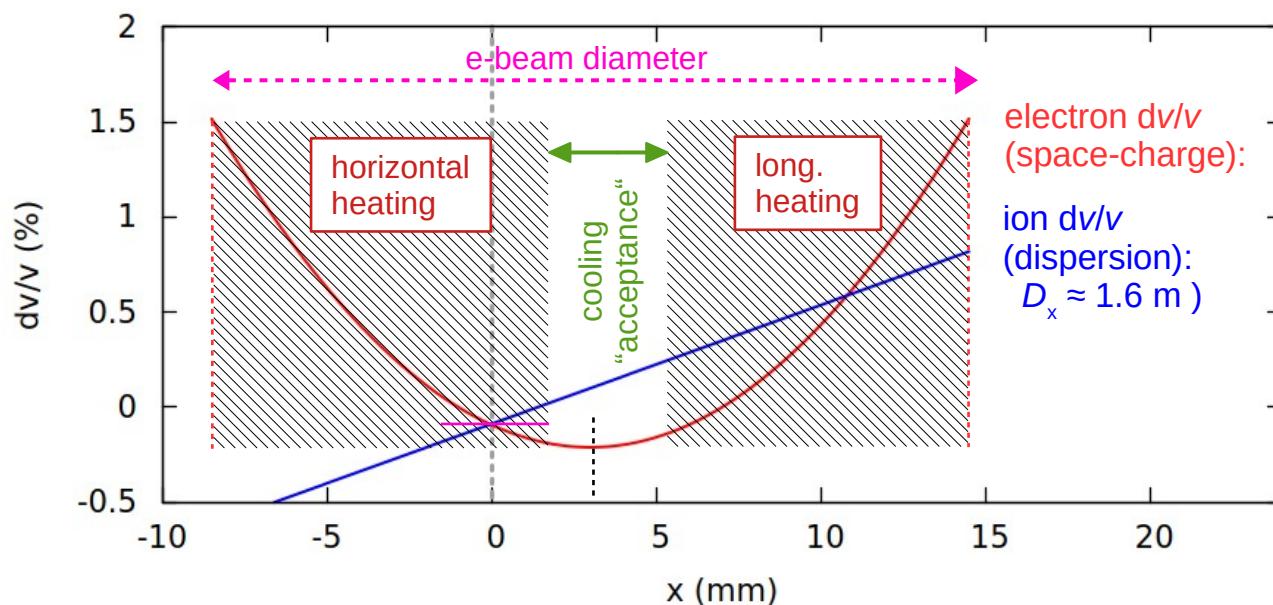
$$x_{e\text{-beam}} > \frac{8 E_e \epsilon_0}{D_x e^2 n_e} \frac{\tau_{\text{cool},z}}{\tau_{\text{cool},x}}$$

(coasting beam)

$$x_{e\text{-beam}} > \frac{4 E_e \epsilon_0}{D_x e^2 n_e} \frac{\tau_{\text{cool},z}}{\tau_{\text{cool},x}}$$

(bunched beam)

M. Grieser, O. Novotný, in prep..



# Stability of low-energy cooled beams

**Horizontal “acceptance”**  
for low-energy e-cooling:

$$\Delta x_{\text{accept}} \sim \frac{E_{\text{kin}, e}}{D_x n_e}$$

HeH+ @CSR:  $E_e = 27.3 \text{ eV}, n_e = 3.7 \cdot 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

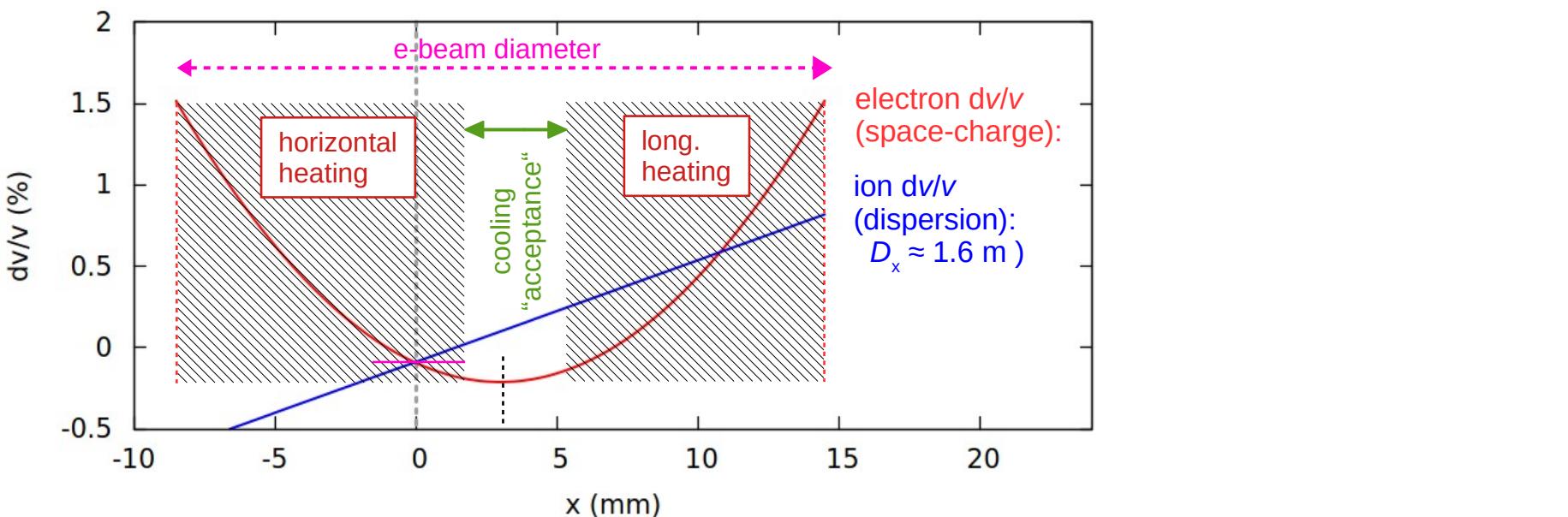
→  $-4.7 \text{ mm} < x_{\text{e-beam}} < 4.4 \text{ mm}$  ✓

$^{25}\text{Mg}^+$  @CRYRING:  $E_e = 85.0 \text{ eV}, n_e = 4.7 \cdot 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

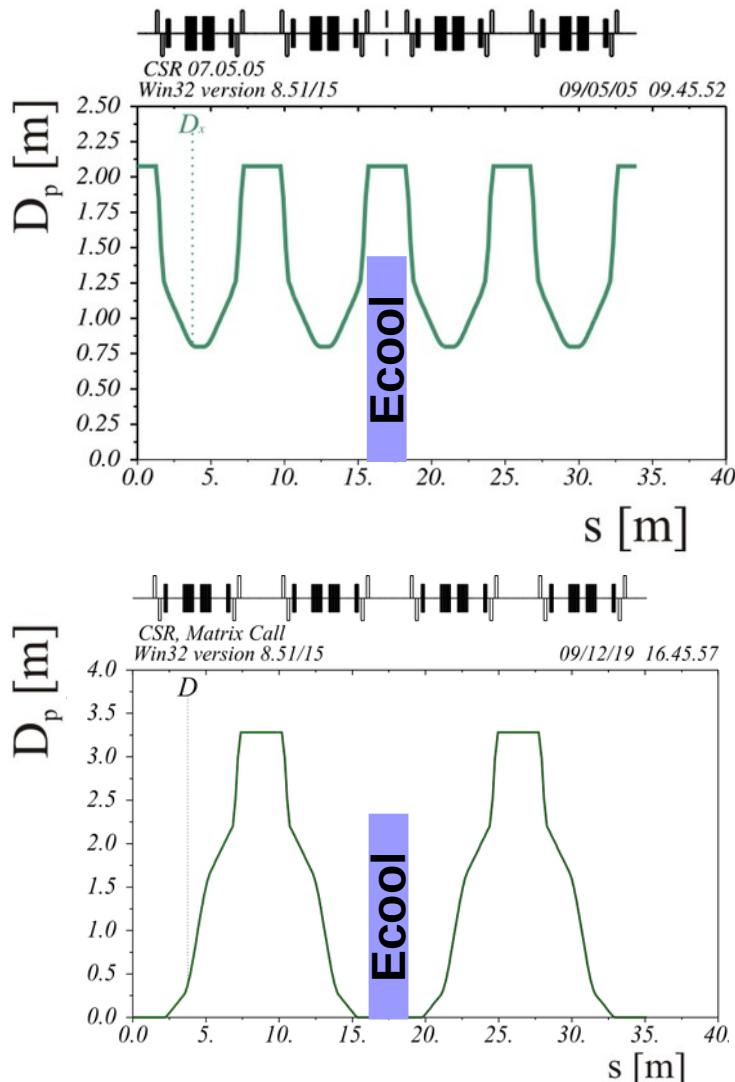
→  $-2.5 \text{ mm} < x_{\text{e-beam}} < 1.7 \text{ mm}$  ✓

TiO+ @CSR:  $E_e = 2.4 \text{ eV}, n_e = 1.0 \cdot 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

→  $-0.5 \text{ mm} < x_{\text{e-beam}} < 0.5 \text{ mm}$  ✗



# Stability of low-energy cooled beams



## Solution at CSR

Reduce symmetry:  $2 \rightarrow 4$  Quad families.

→  $D_x \approx 0$  at **e-cooler**

$$\rightarrow \Delta x_{\text{accept}} \sim \frac{E_{\text{kin}, e}}{D_x n_e} \rightarrow \infty$$

Meanwhile, slowest electron-cooled beam at CSR:

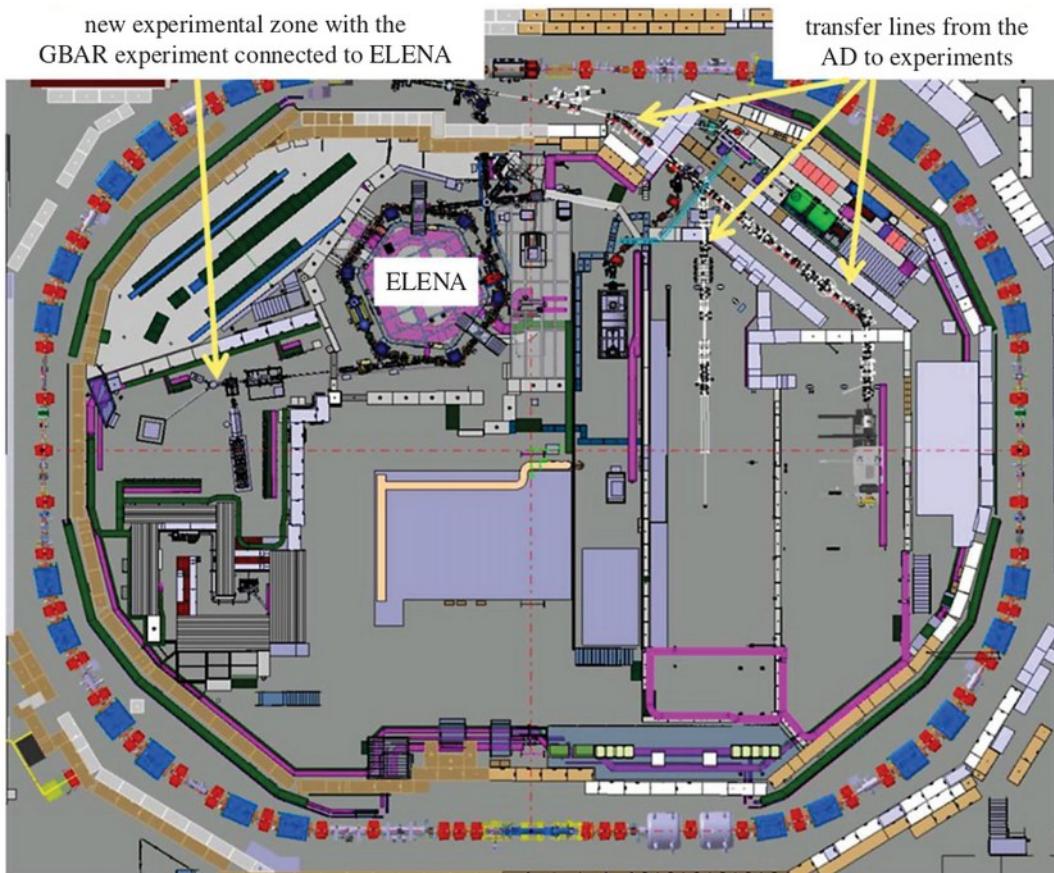
**Xe<sup>3+</sup> (0.007 MeV/u)**

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\text{ion}} &= 129 \text{ u} \\ E_e &= 3.8 \text{ eV} \\ n_e &= 4 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

O. Novotný, in prep.

# (Friendly) competitors ...

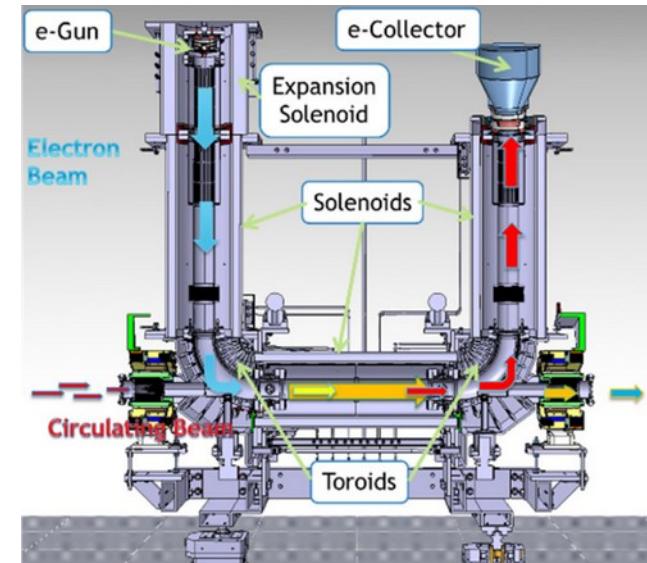
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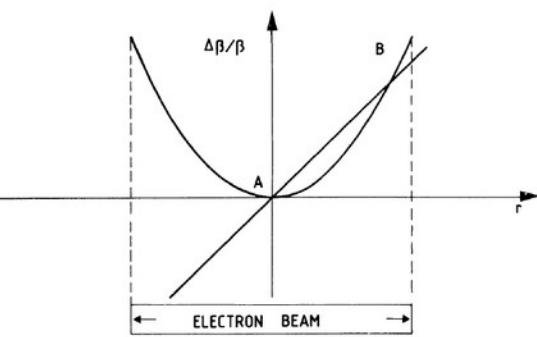
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$$E_e = 55 \text{ eV}$$

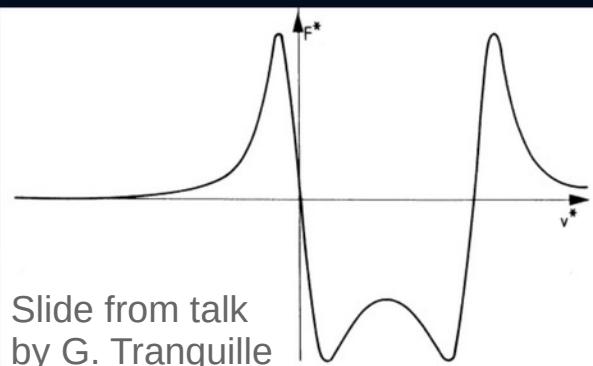
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## The cooling section



Have to match velocities, position and angle



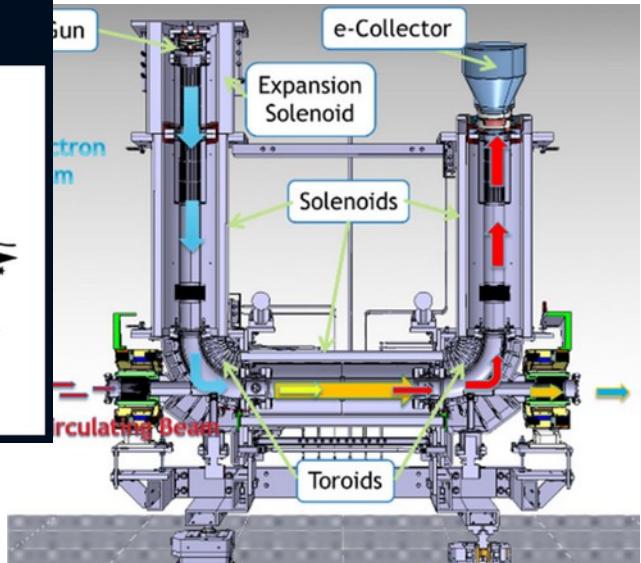
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# Summary

Electron cooling is a **universal beam cooling technique** at ion storage rings.

Application at **low ion energy** is technically **challenging**.  
(Longer cooling times / shorter storage times)

Interaction between electron cooler space charge and **dispersive ring optics** can lead to **beam instability at low energy**.

Several low-energy cooler storage rings operate **successfully**.

# Thank you!



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