# **Progress Update**

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## General Update



- No progress on optimisation
- Continued assembling & tabulating data for report
- Report write-up in progress
- Investigating emittance issue

## Emittance Growth



- Observing emittance growth without space charge:



- Cause: GPT screens. No emittance growth observed when sampling in time.
  - Unknown reason why.
- Impact: minor
- Time snapshots will capture beams within magnetic fields
  - Accept that GPT won't be identical to BDSIM & MADX.

#### Emittance Growth: Beam Size





- Minimal impact on tracking
  - Beam size & momentum match well
- Conclusion: Don't use screens!

### Beam / Nozzle Workflow







- Beam from laser-target simulation output tracked again (no screens)
- Initially down-sampled to 100k
- Second down-sampling after nozzle exit to 10k
  - Computational efficiency
- Regenerate some stage 1 tracking data -> weekend.

#### Particle Distributions: Nozzle Exit

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- Only time distribution showing notable differences
- 15 MeV ± 5% (similar agreement for 15 MeV ± 2%)

#### Stage 1 Optics





- Good optics agreement without space charge

- 3cm beam configuration settings (2 sigma diameter)



- Beam parameters at exit of target housing:

Beam Energy (MeV)	E <sub>x</sub> (m rad)	E <sub>y</sub> (m rad)	$\beta_{x}$ (m)	$\beta_{y}$ (m)	$lpha_{\scriptscriptstyle { m X}}$	$lpha_{ m y}$
15 ± 2%	8.13e-8	7.82e-8	19.84	20.59	-201.03	-208.70
15 ± 5%	6.87e-8	6.72e-7	23.40	24.10	-236.43	-243.58

- Comparison to other beams :
  - Factor ~ 1.75 difference between SCAPA screen & tout beams

	Smilei Sampled Beam	SCAPA Beam (Screen)	Scapa Beam (Tout)	Pre-CDR Beam
Mean RMS emittance [m]	1.43x10 <sup>-8</sup>	1.26x10 <sup>-7</sup>	7.98x10 <sup>-8</sup>	3.26x10 <sup>-7</sup>
Mean beta [m]	141.34	12.82	21.62	4.89
Mean alpha	-1418.43	-129.79	-222.23	-50.22



- Comparable nozzle transmission:

Beam Energy (MeV)	Initial Proton Distribution	Protons at nozzle entrance (with 2.00 mm cut)	Protons at nozzle exit (with 2.87mm cut)	Nozzle Transmission (%)	Nozzle Transmissio n – Screen Data (%)
15 ± 2%	100000	88709	68044	76.70	76.80
15 ± 5%	100000	88704	69162	77.97	76.78

# Report



- Baseline update recommendations
  - Collimator for stage 2 operation, removal of 1<sup>st</sup> octupole
- Beam discussion
  - Motivation for pursuing performance with SCAPA beam
- Baseline design performance with SCAPA beam
  - Highlight doubts over flexibility to deliver different spot sizes
  - Low beta requirement for FFA injection line
- 7 Gabor lens configuration
  - Nominal performance
  - Space charge impact
  - Optimisation

- Done (locally)
- Ongoing
- Todo



- Done:
  - Identified cause of observed emittance growth issue peculiar GPT behaviour
  - Re-simulated beam transport in the target housing
- Ongoing:
  - Write-up for 6 month report
  - Re-running of stage 1 beam transport simulations
  - Re-run optimisation routines with updated beam
  - Update models of alternative baseline design (v5.5)
- Todo:
  - Re-run collimation settings study
  - Determine nominal octupole settings
  - Quads only model (v6.0)
  - Develop OPAL model of FFA need JP input.