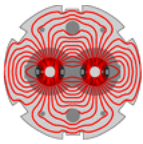


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# 2012 LHC MD program and priorities

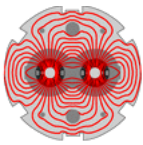
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- apologies: later credits are far less thorough



# 2012 LHC schedule

- 4 categories

- physics production

- incl. special runs

- beam

- commissioning

- technical stops

- MDs

- 4 long blocks and 4 days floating

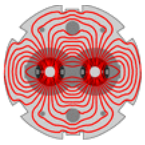
- total 22 d = 420 h

- requests >900 h

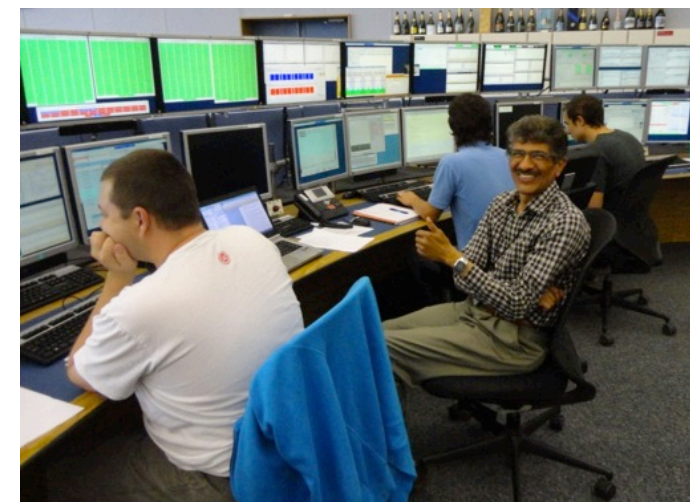
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Wk	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Mo	2	Easter 9	16	23	30	7	14	21	Whit 28	4	11	18	25
Tu				TS1	1st May							MD	TS2
We							VdM scans [48 h]						
Th													
Fr	G. Friday												
Sa			MD										
Su													

	July			Aug			Sep			37	38	39	
Wk	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
Mo				28	30	6	13	20	27		Floating MD [pA]	17	24
Tu		Floating MD [48 h]	VdM scans [48 h]								500+ m	TS3	
We		90 m									Pilot pA run		
Th										J. Genevois			
Fr	90 m [24 h]												
Sa												ALICE flip	
Su													

	Oct			Nov			Dec			51	52		
Wk	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
Mo		8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24
Tu													Xmas
We		MD		[24 h]	Floating MD [24 h]								
Th													
Fr								MD					
Sa													
Su												Christmas technical stop	

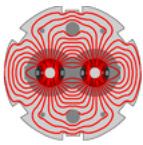


# the CCC gets crowded



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# LHC Studies Working Group

- **mandate**
  - collect MD requests, prioritize them
  - prepare MD schedule, propose it to LMC for approval
- **meet for each MD**
  - prepare (e.g. Machine Protection classification, beam requests to injectors)
  - review the results (MD notes)
- **www.cern.ch/lhc-md**
  - holds detailed info, ATS MD notes by the teams, MD requests, LSWG Indico meeting pages and minutes



Web Site for LHC MD's



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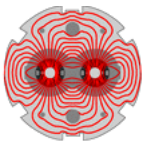
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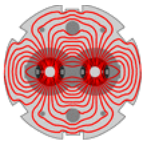


# MD categories and priorities

- operation & physics
- future running
- lower priority / others
- 76 requests for Evian 2011
- now 82 requests
  - RF, ADT and long. dynamics (12)
  - collimation (11)
  - optics (9)
  - impedance (8)
  - beam-beam (7)
  - quenches (6)
  - injection (4)
  - ions or p-Pb (3)
  - ...

title	time [h]	energy	spacing [ns]	current	requestor	theme	MP class
1 MKI UFO	8		450	25 high	Tobias Baer	after LS1	C
2 ATS optics	16		4000	NA low	Stephane Fartoukh	HL-LHC	A
3 bb limit HO with unequal beams	16	450/4000		NA medium	Herr / Papotti	HL-LHC	B
4 bb limit, LR separation	24		4000	25+50 medium+	Herr / Papotti	HL-LHC	C
5 bb limit, LR intensity	8		4000	50 medium+	Herr / Papotti	after LS1	C
6 large Piwinski angle	16		450	NA medium	Fartoukh / Zimmermann	HL-LHC	A
7 BMDs	91	450 & 4000		NA medium	Bl team	2012	B (and A)
8 CaC	8		450	NA medium	Assmann / Fartoukh	HL-LHC	A
9 Transverse noise & coh. bb	16		4000	50 medium+	Herr / Papotti	2012	C
10 bb emittance growth due to transv. noise	16		4000	NA medium	Buffat et al	HL-LHC	B
11 Source of transverse emittance blow up	16	450/4000		50 high	Arduini	2012	C
12 LR beam-beam with flat beams	24		4000	50 medium+	Herr / Papotti	HL-LHC	C
13 Tune close to 1/2 integer	16		4000	50 medium+	Calaga et al	HL-LHC	C
14 High pile up	8		4000	NA medium	Fartoukh	HL-LHC	B
15 HV passive compensation	16		4000	25+50 medium+	Calaga et al	HL-LHC	C
16 compensation of IR nonlinearities	12		4000	NA low	Tamas	2012	A
17 Quench margin at top energy	16		4000	50 medium+	Redaelli / Wollmann	after LS1	C
18 Halo scraping	0.5	450/4000		50 high	Wollmann / Burkart	after LS1	C EOF
19 Transverse emittance blow up at injection	10		450	50 medium+	Metral / Maunet	2012	C
20 TCBI at flat top and octupole stabilization	20		4000	25+50 medium+	Maunet / Metral	after LS1	B/C?
21 Impedance budget at injection	6		450	NA low	Biancacci	2012?	A
22 Multibunch tune shift at flat top	8		4000	25+50 medium+	Maunet / Metral	2012?	B
23 Multibunch tune shift at injection	8		450	25+50 medium+	Maunet / Metral	2012?	B
24 TCBI at flat top and octupole stabilization	1		4000	50 high	Maunet / Metral	after LS1	D EOF
25 Beam losses at injection	16		450	25 medium+	Bartmann / Bracca	after LS1	B
26 Probing the single bunch limits in LHC	6		450	NA medium	Salvat	HL-LHC	B
27 Quench limit investigation	16		450	NA low	Bracca et al	2012	C
28 Asynchronous dump in collimation set up	8		450	NA low	Rassi / Lari / Cauchi	after LS1	C
29 Scraping scans for beam shape	8	450/4000		NA medium	Wollmann / Burkart	after LS1	B
30 Protection from long devices	16	450/4000		NA low	Bartmann / Bracca	2012	A
31 LHC transverse impedance	10	450/4000		NA medium	Redaelli / Salvant	2012	B
32 Injection matching and emittance preservation	16		450	NA low	Kain	2012	B
33 Impedance and beam heating of long protection devices	16		450	50 medium+	Salvat	2012	B
34 LHC transfer line stability	16		450	50 high	Arduini	2012	B
35 Wire scanner quench test at flat top	8		4000	50 high	Sapinski	2012	C
36 Optimization of ADT in the ramp	12	450/4000		50 high	Hofle	2012	B
37 Noise properties of ADT with FB on and off	6		450	25+50 medium+	Hofle	after LS1	A
38 Residual tune signal in damper signal	6		450	25+50 medium+	Hofle	after LS1	A
39 ADT Q/Q' diagnostics possibility	16	450/4000		50 high	Hofle	2012	B
40 Collimation studies with different settings	8		4000	50 medium+	Assmann	after LS1	B
41 Quench test at injection energy	8		450	NA medium	Priebe	2012	A?
42 Loss maps with transverse damper	8	450/4000		50 medium+	Saka chua	2012	B or C
43 Collimation with beta* = 40 cm	8		4000	NA medium	Bruce	HL-LHC	B
44 Fast collimator setup at 3.5 TeV	8		4000	NA medium	Valentina	2012	B
45 intensity limitations for 25 ns operation	24	450/4000		25 medium+	Arduini	after LS1	B
46 Operational development MD	48	450/4000		NA low	Wenninger	after LS1	A or B
47 Quench test at nominal energy	8		4000	NA medium	Priebe	2012	C
48 Scraping with tune excitation	16	450/4000		NA medium	Bruce	HL-LHC	A or B
49 Nonlinear beam dynamics	12		450	NA low	Giovannazzi et al	HL-LHC	A
50 Transfer & injection of high brightness bunches w SPS Q20	16		450	50 medium+	Bartmann et al	after LS1	C
51 Single bunch parameter evolution	?		4000	50 high	Papotti	2012	A
52 Effective longitudinal broadband impedance	6		450	NA medium+	Shaposhnikova	after LS1	B
53 Movements IT with beam at injector	8		450	NA low	Wenninger	2012	A
54 Sensitivity of QPS thresholds to FB systems	8		4000	50 high?	Denz et al	after LS1	A
55 Loss of Landau damping during ramp	6		4000	NA medium+	Shaposhnikova	2012	B
56 Ion collimation loss mitigation	16		4000	100 or 200 medium+	Jawett	2012	C
57 Proton lead intensity limit	16	450/4000		100 or 200 medium+	Jawett	2012	C
58 Proton collimation loss mitigation	16		4000	50 medium+	Jawett	after LS1	C
59 De-squeeze to beta* = 500	8		4000	NA low	Burkhardt	2012	A
60 Scraping to 1 micron emittance at top energy	8		4000	NA medium	Burkhardt	2012	A
61 RF cavity nonlinearities	16	450/4000		NA medium	Calaga	HL-LHC	A
62 Longitudinal blow up studies	16	450/4000		50 medium+	Baudrenghien	2012	B
63 RF feedback optimization with circulating beam	4	450/4000		50 medium+	Baudrenghien	2012	B
64 Commissioning of longitudinal damper	16		450	50 medium+	Baudrenghien	2012	B
65 Commissioning of p-Pb repasing using p	8		450	50 medium+	Baudrenghien	2012	B
66 Longitudinal stability for batch	16		450	50 medium+	Baudrenghien	after LS1	B
67 Voltage modulation to minimize klystron power	16	450/4000		50 medium+	Baudrenghien	after LS1	B
68 Longitudinal stability of batch	16		450	50 medium+	Baudrenghien	after LS1	B
69 Aperture measurements at 3.5 TeV w ADT blow up	8		4000 NA	medium	Redaelli	2012	B
70 Collimation cleaning during the ramp w ADT blow up	8		4000 NA	medium	Redaelli	2012	B
71 Fast beam losses at the collimators	8	450/4000 NA		medium	Redaelli	2012	B
72 Combined ramp & squeeze	8	450/4000 NA		low	Redaelli	after LS1	A
73 Luminosity leveling with dynamic beta* change	8		4000 NA	medium	Redaelli	after LS1	C
74 LHC linear chromaticity	6		450 NA	low	Tamas	2012?	A

Frank Zimmermann, Evian 2011



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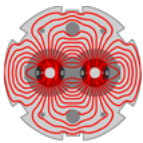
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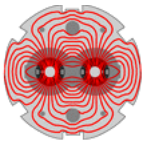
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✗ ongoing

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# a few 2012 MD highlights

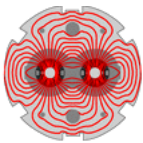
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## ■ some records in numbers

- beta\* from 10 cm (ATS) to 1 km (de-squeeze)
- pile-up up to ~70
- stored high brightness beams:  $3e11$  ppb in 2.2  $\mu\text{m}$
- large Piwinski angle:  $\phi_{\text{piw}} = 1.1$

## ■ others

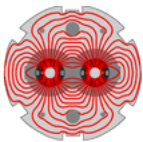
- achieved nominal collimation 7 TeV settings (in mm) and measured collimator impedance
- many improvements on different beam instrumentation
  - e.g. transverse emittance measurements
- instability thresholds versus chromaticity, octupoles etc
- luminosity levelling with  $\beta^*$
- dynamic aperture found in agreement with prediction
- first measurement of chromaticity dependence on octupole currents



# a list of all MDs scheduled so far

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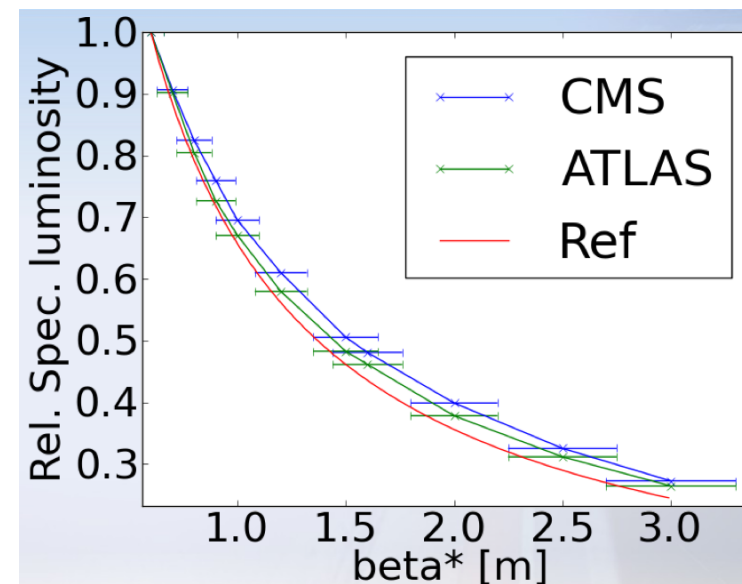
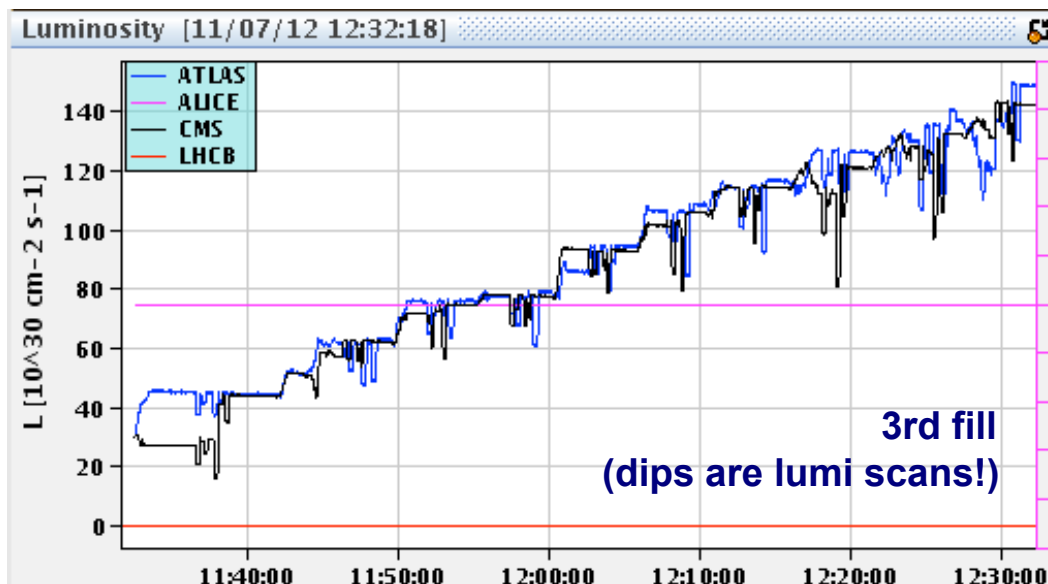
- MD 1 (2 days – before ICHEP)
  - instrumentation & emittance calibration
  - ADT: check damping times, commission batch-by-batch gain modulation, compatibility with Q measurement
  - RF batch-by-batch blow up
  - longitudinal impedance
  - collimation: test of new software for BPM interpolated alignment
  - aperture checks for measurement systematics
- floating MD (2 days)
  - luminosity leveling with  $\beta^*$
  - high pile-up with SPS Q20
  - Achromatic Telescopic Squeeze
  - 25 ns injection tests
    - injected up to 288-b for beam 1 and 144-b for beam 2 (weak MKI)
- MD 2 (6 days – after ICHEP)
  - LPA
  - chromaticity vs octupole current
  - stability with different chromas, octupoles, ADT
  - longitudinal dynamics (loss of Landau damping)
  - luminosity levelling with  $\beta^*$
  - long-range bb with  $1.7e11$  and  $1.1e11$  ppb
    - losses at  $\sim$  half the crossing angle
  - high  $\beta^*$  (500 m - 1000 m)
  - UFOs
  - scraping diffusion and repopulation
  - injection and store of SPS Q20 single bunches
  - RF cavity phase modulation
    - RF limit on total intensity removed, can go beyond nominal
  - measurement of collimator-induced impedance
    - tune shift as expected
  - established feasibility of 7 TeV collimation settings
  - fast losses with ADT
  - BI and emittance calibration
  - dynamic aperture

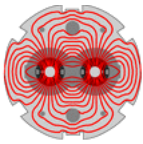


# luminosity levelling with beta\*

J. Wenninger,  
S. Redaelli,  
X. Buffat et al.

- motivation:
  - alternative to levelling by transverse offset for IP1&5 for post LS1 or HL-LHC
    - levelling by transverse offset is operational but has drawbacks
  - allows profiting from stabilization by head-on beam-beam earlier in the cycle
- 2 fills with single bunches for settings
- 1 fill with 36-b trains to validate procedure
- no show stoppers found, more work required to make it operational

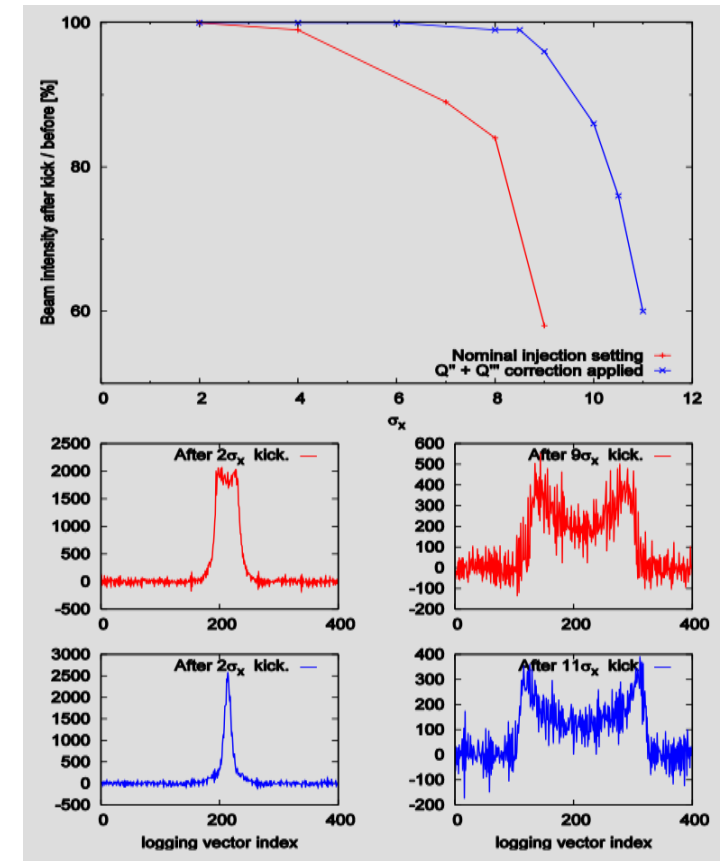


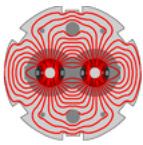


# dynamic aperture

F. Schmidt,  
M. Giovannozzi,  
R. de Maria et al.

- large kicks with the aperture kicker for:
  - I: LHC as is and in particular the standard MO settings.
  - II: same machine except that the MO have been switched off and a full  $Q''$  and  $Q'''$  (albeit we have to deduce this from the cancellation of the decoherence)
- demonstrate difference between the 2 cases:
  - I: **Large detuning with amplitudes and a DA due to a combined driving of the  $4Q_x$  and  $3Q_y$  resonances.** Large nonlinear coupling observed. Kicks up to 9 sigma.
  - II: **Detuning with amplitude very small  $\sim 1e-3$  even for large kicks,** 12 sigma kicks in H, V and H&V variation of amplitude. Limited by collimation/injection protection. Confidence that we can disentangle losses from scraping and slow particle losses due to the DA.
- estimate of the DA between **10 and 12 sigma**
- in parallel on the other beam: studies on intensity evolution of blown up bunches for different decapole and octupole strengths

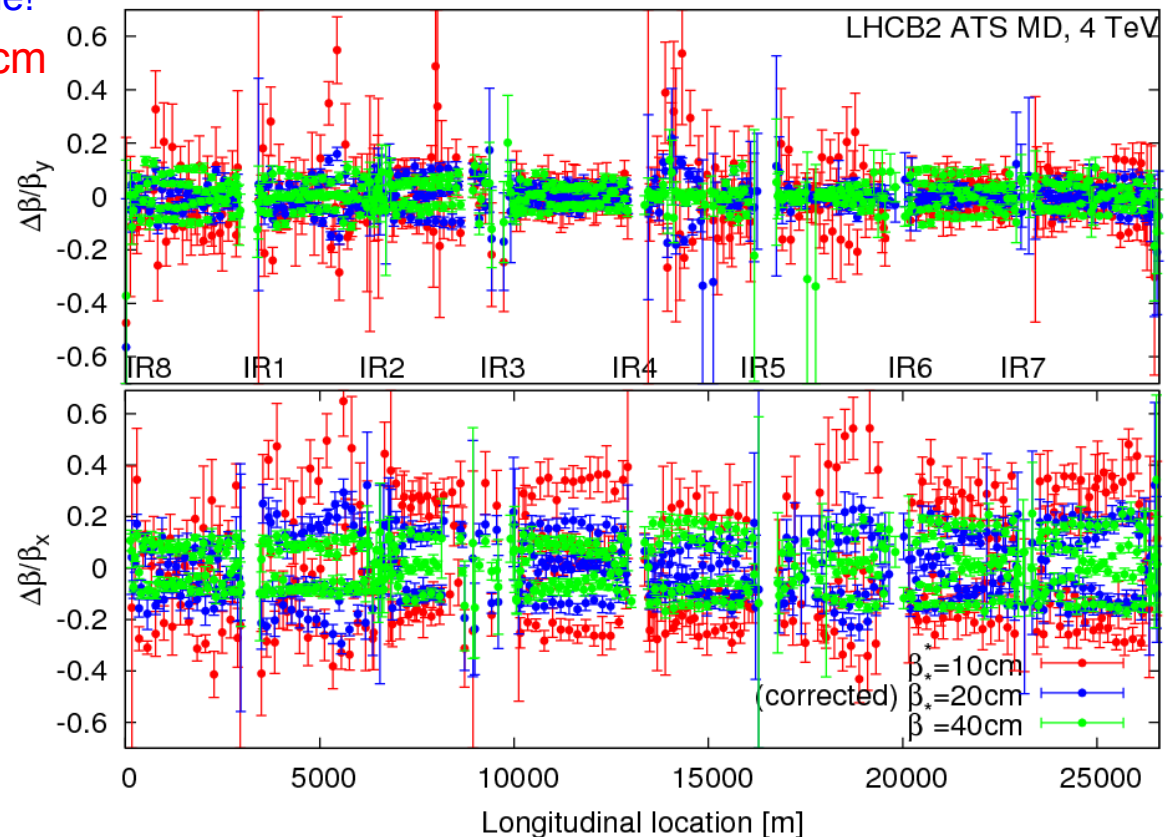


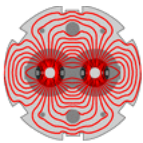


# Achromatic Telescopic Squeeze

S. Fartoukh,  
R. de Maria, L. Ponce,  
M. Solfaroli et al.

- achieved (with no crossing angle, parallel separation at IP1/5)
  - “pre-squeeze” IR1&5 to  $\beta^* = 40$  cm
  - squeeze IR1&5 to  $\beta^* = 10$ -15 cm
    - **beam 2 reached  $\beta^*=10$  cm**
      - $\beta^*=10$  cm  $\rightarrow \beta_{\max} = 23.8$  km in the triplet (21.1 km for BPMS)
      - “...  $\beta^*$  was probably around 12.5(V)-14.5(H) cm, so still 5mm better than the HL-LHC baseline!”
    - **beam 1 lost at  $\beta^*=14$  cm**
      - bad manual trim
- to be redone with corrected beta-beating, coupling
  - plus tune scan to try and improve lifetime

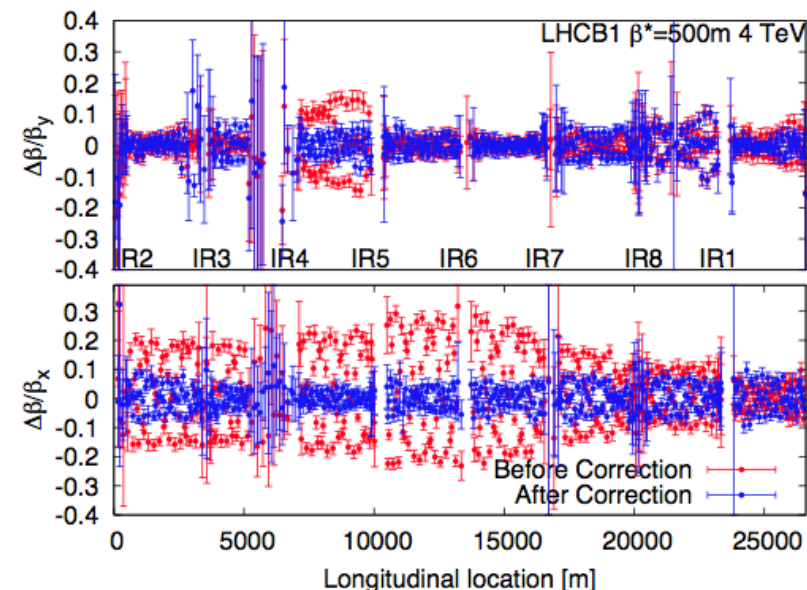
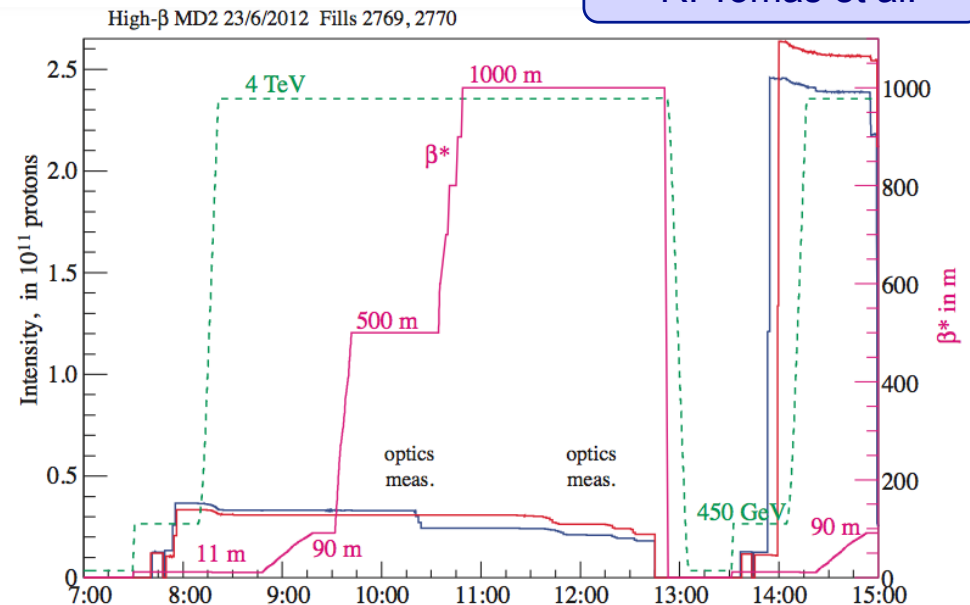


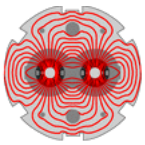


# de-squeeze

H. Burkhardt,  
S. Cavalier,  
R. Tomas et al.

- 3 fills so far
  - de-squeeze 90 → 500 m flat machine, measure + correct optics, loss-less
  - separation on, re-measure 500 m, first successful attempt to 1000 m done (with optics measurements)
  - started with 2 nominal bunches, ok to 90 m
- next steps in physics time
  - finding collisions, non-trivial at high- $\beta$  (corrector and aperture limits) requires ~ nominal intensities
  - minimum emittance (~ 1  $\mu\text{m}$ , without scraping)
  - roman pots very close to beam

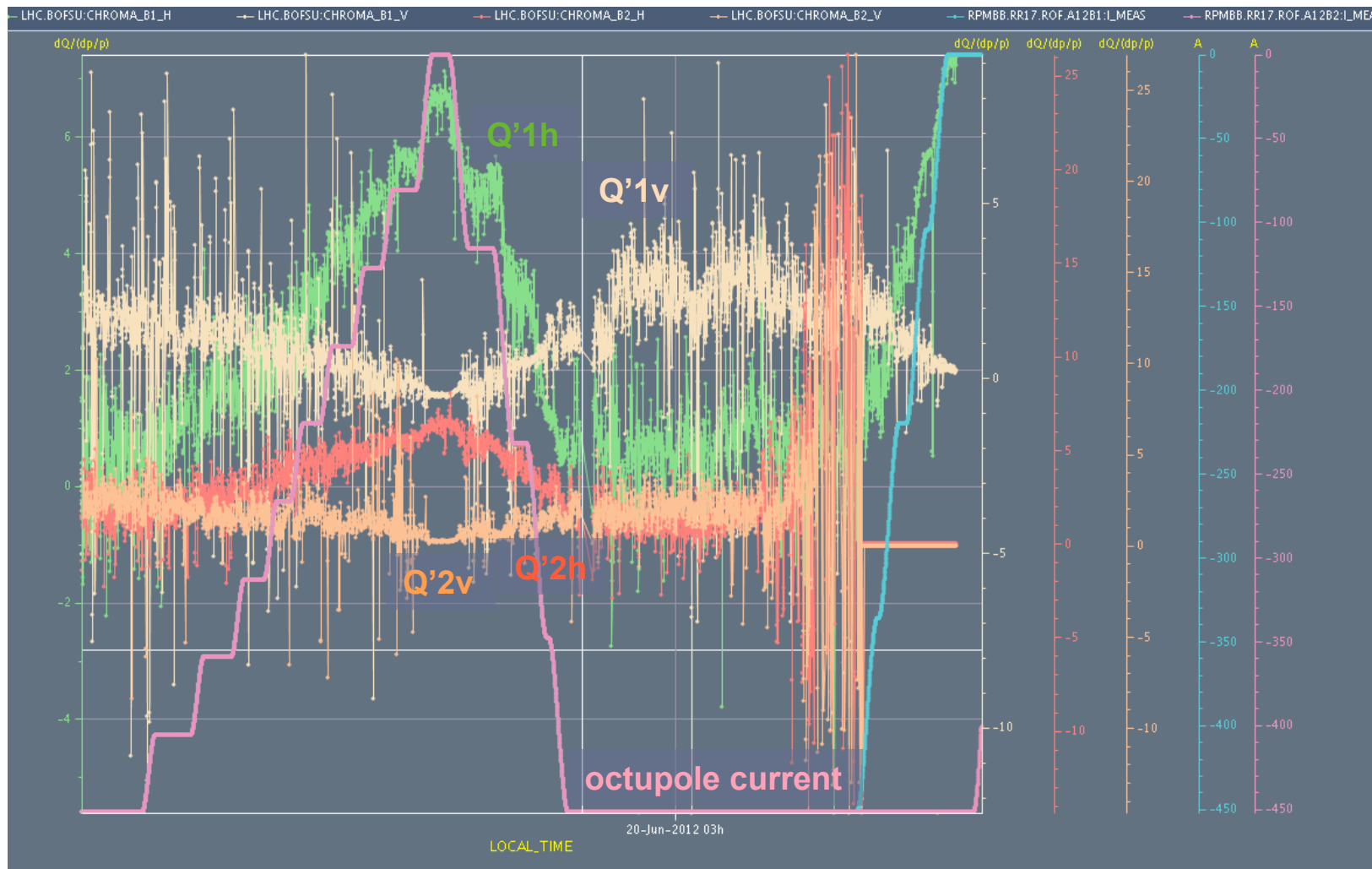


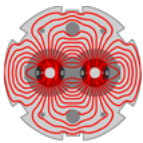


# octupole current scans

G. Papotti,  
W. Herr,  
N. Mounet et al.

- e.g. first measurement of chroma dependence on octupole current
  - fundamental for studies on stability parameter space
  - up to 5 units in H, 2 units in V

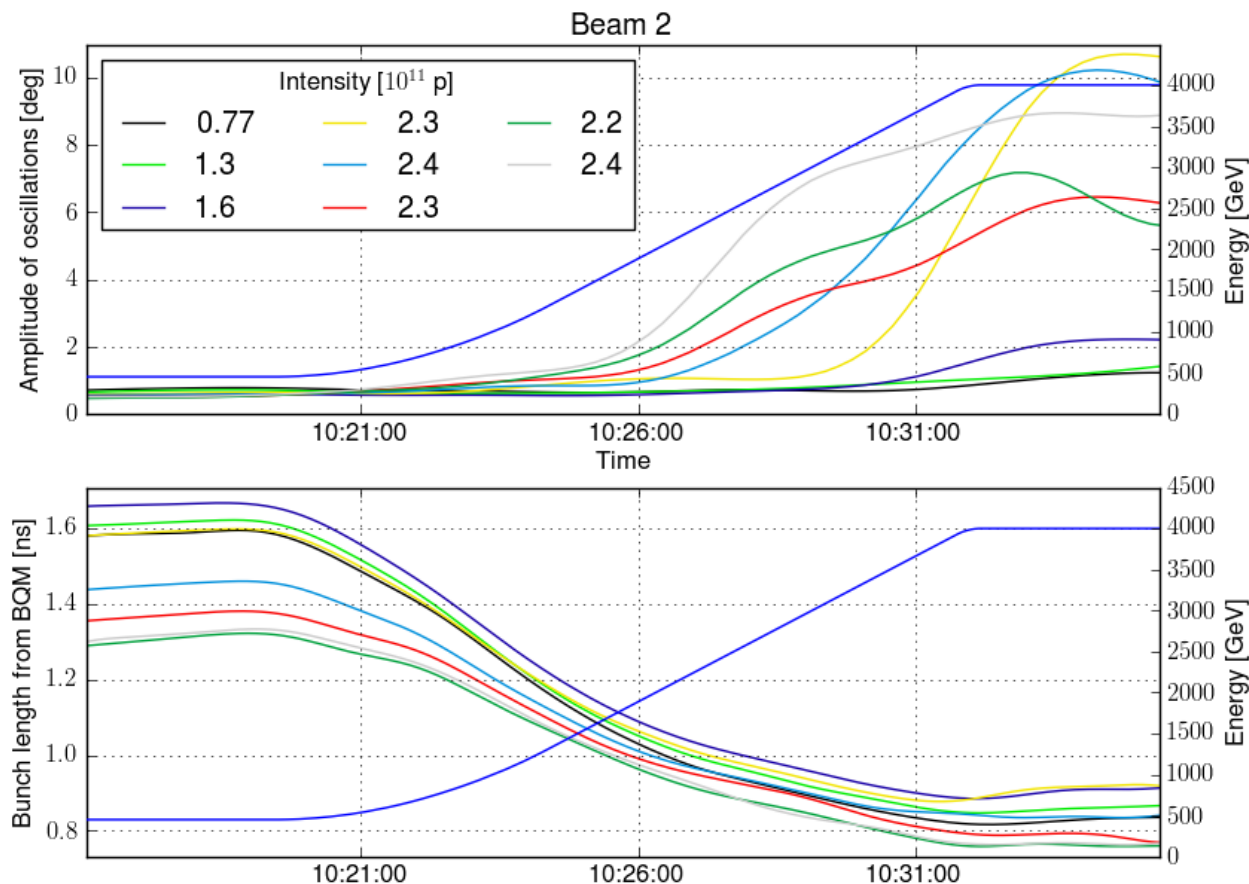




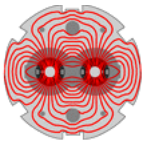
# longitudinal dynamics

E. Shaposhnikova,  
J. Mueller et al.

- studies on loss of Landau damping
  - instability threshold dependence on emittance, intensity and energy
  - shorter bunches with higher intensities become unstable earlier in the ramp
- to be continued with more measurements at the flat top



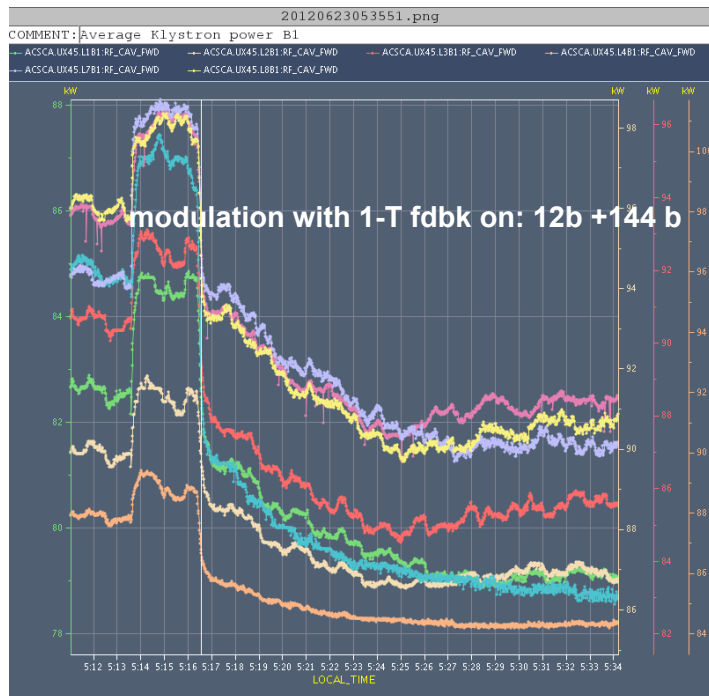
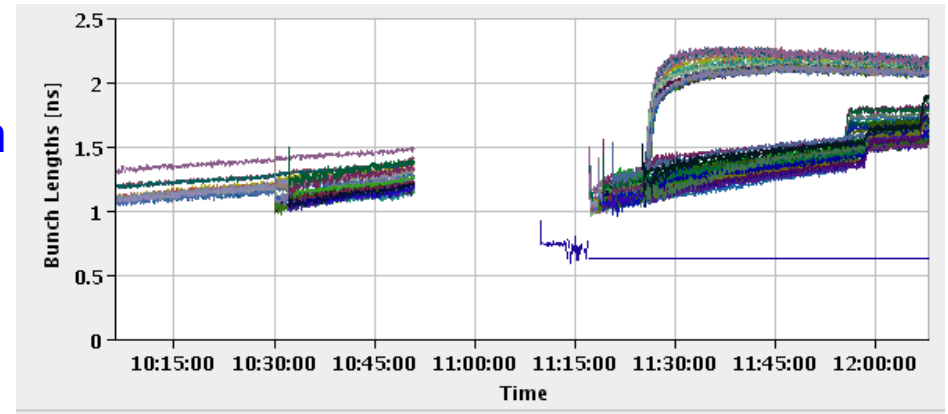




# RF development examples

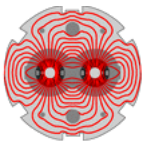
P. Baudrenghien,  
M. Jaussi,  
T. Mastoridis et al.

- batch-by-batch longitudinal blow up
  - can blow-up the the injected batch without touching the circulating beam
  - possible improvement in luminosity via decreasing the transverse emittance increase due to IBS
  - more developments required to automate the procedure for op



- RF cavity phase modulation for 25 ns
  - modulate set point during one turn resulting in constant klystron drive and klystron power independent of current

decreasing klystron power as set point is adapted

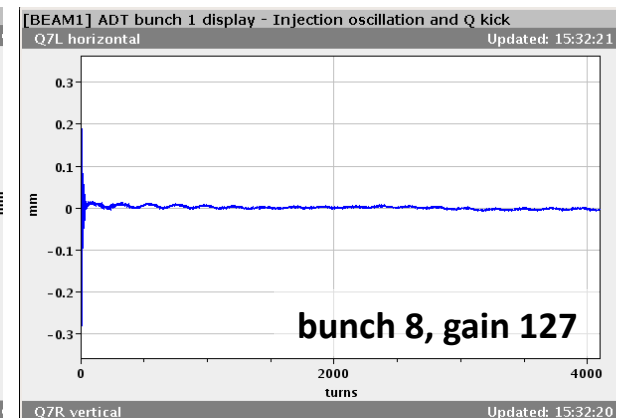
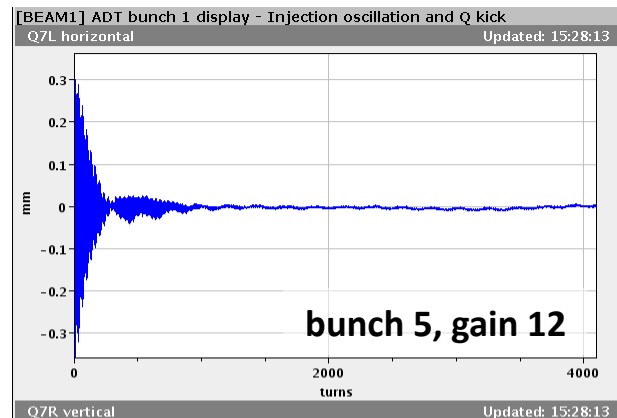
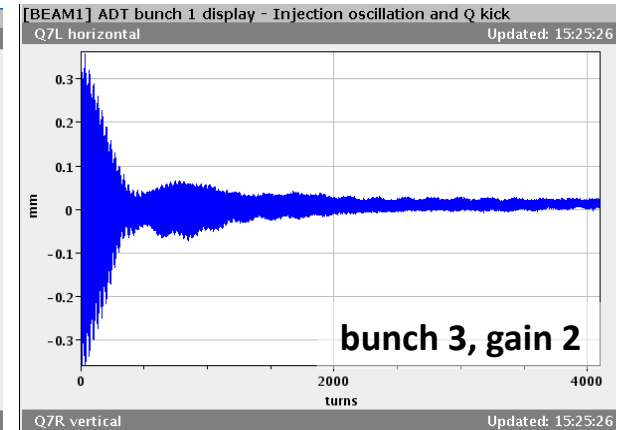
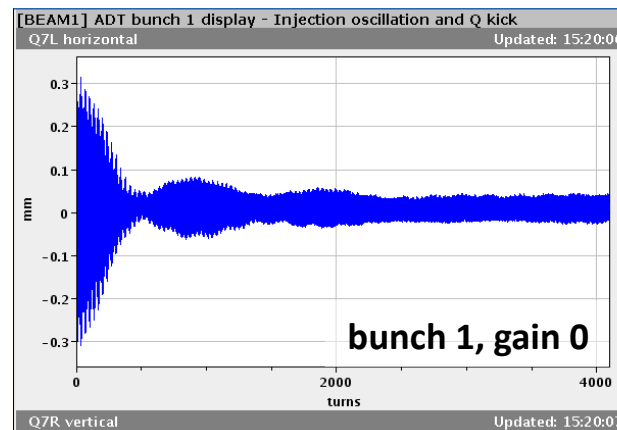


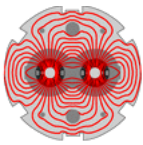
# transverse damper

W. Hofle,  
D. Valuch et al.

- optimization and new developments:
  - gain normalization and optimization
  - studies of tune measurement compatibility
  - studies for feasibility of tune measurement from damper pickups
    - still ongoing, also as operational developments

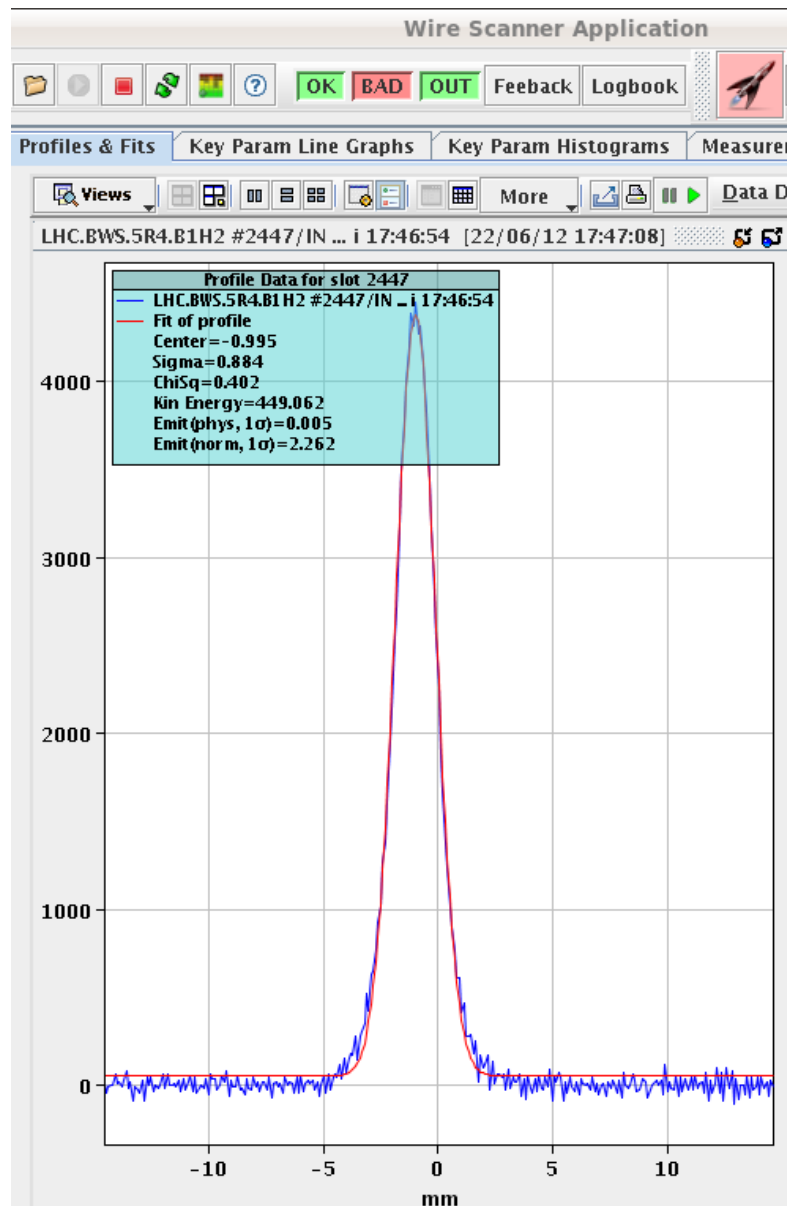
example:  
commissioning of  
the batch-by-batch  
gain modulation



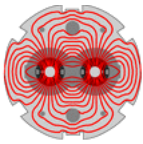


# injection of Q20 single bunches

H. Bartosik,  
Y. Papaphilippou,  
B. Goddard et al.



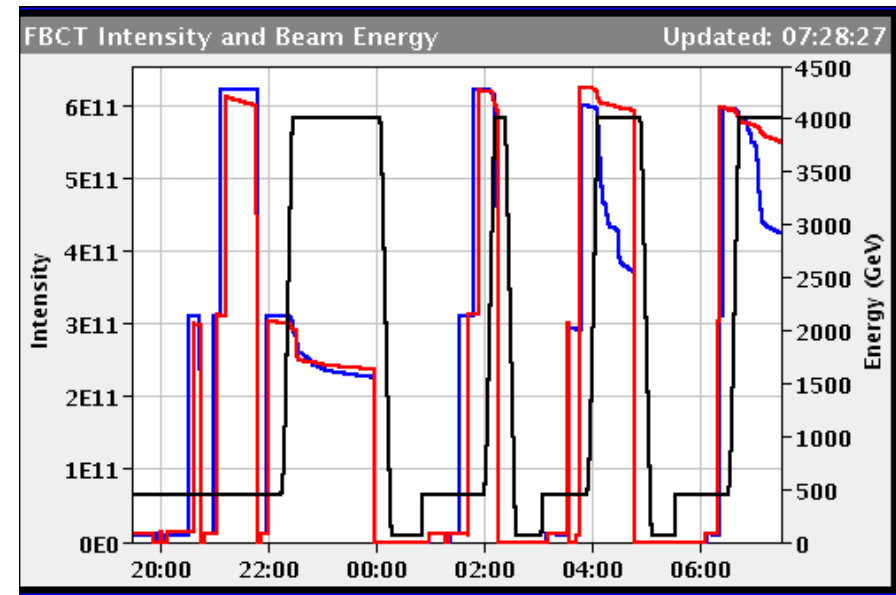
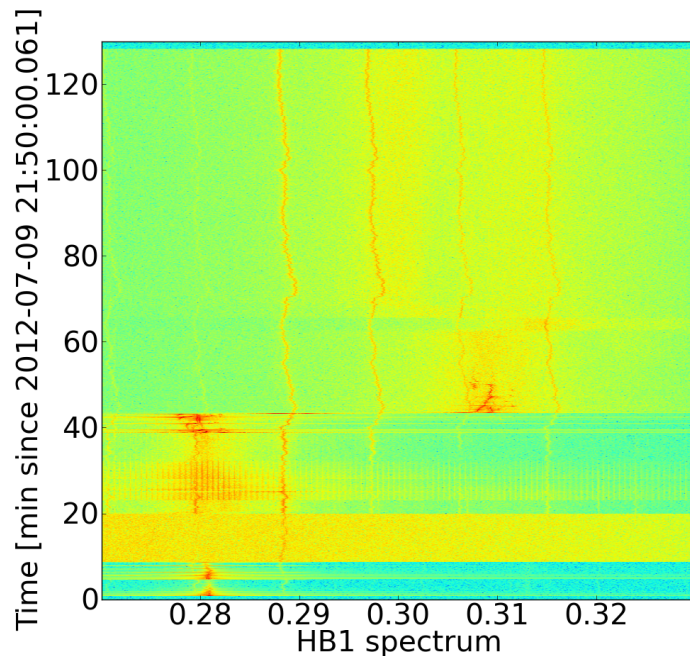
- new SPS Q20 optics allows  $3e11$  ppb in  $\sim 2$   $\mu$ m emittances
  - lower  $\gamma_t$  allows bigger margins for instabilities
- in MD: transfer line setup, first injections of single bunches
  - ongoing in operations for bunch trains



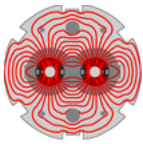
# high pile-up

R. W. Assmann,  
W. Herr,  
T. Pieloni et al.

- injected high brightness single bunches from new SPS Q20 optics
  - $\sim 3e11$  ppb, 1.5-2  $\mu\text{m}$  at injection
- 4 short fills
  - fill 4: achieved pile-up 70 in ATLAS and 65 in CMS



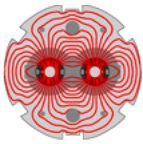
- beams were touchy
  - instabilities and losses observed
  - helped by increase in chroma (+3 units) and in target bunch length (1.4 ns)
  - managed 2.2  $\mu\text{m}$  in collisions, losses  $<5\%$ , beam 2 only
    - feasibility proven! but work needed



# other MD results discussed in later talks

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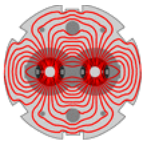
- collimation -> *talk by R. Bruce*
  - faster setup, halo repopulation and diffusion, asynchronous dump data, 7 TeV settings feasibility, impedance measurements
- emittance measurement calibration and emittance preservation -> *talk by V. Kain*
  - dedicated ramps in MD1 and MD2
- impedance and instabilities -> *talk by E. Metral*
  - 16h on interplay of chromaticity, octupoles, ADT and instability thresholds, work continued in operations
- beam-beam -> *talk by W. Herr*
  - long-range separation scaling with intensity, luminosity levelling, many observations from operations
- UFOs -> *talk by T. Baer*
  - 10h for dedicated studies, a bit unlucky
- 25 ns -> *talk by G. Rumolo*
  - so far: injection setup and RF klystron voltage modulation
  - more after scrubbing run: long range with 25 ns, UFOs, ...



# next on the MD list

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- understand **instability limits** and impedance
  - very hot topic, ongoing for present operation; extrapolation to 7 TeV?!
- **25 ns** for end of 2012 run and after LS1
  - scrubbing and electron cloud, long range with 25 ns, UFOs, ramp for RF (at least 288b for peak current within 3  $\mu$ s)
- **quench tests**: with wire scanners, with orbit bumps, with fast losses with transverse damper, with ions in IR7 dispersion suppressor
- **UFOs** (especially in the arcs?)
- **p-Pb** preparation (pilot run, RF cogging), IR2 aperture check
- more beam-beam: high HO-BB with separation in IPs1 & 5 for new octupole polarity, LPA, noise, collisions with flat beams
- collimation: test hierarchy limits, collimator based quench test
  - aperture measurement systematics (measure both sides)
- RF: commissioning of longitudinal damper, transverse damper gain flattening and noise; more longitudinal stability studies
- instrumentation studies (e.g. BSRT at high intensity), IBS at injection
- optics: MOD.A23.B1 coil polarity checks, MQY transfer function, skew sextupoles, ATS optics corrections & lifetime



# conclusions

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- first two 2012 LHC MDs extremely successful
  - efficient use of beam time, scheduled in agreement with priorities
  - credits to MD teams, the OP crews and the injectors for the results achieved
  
- 2012 achievements:
  - records:  $\beta^*$  (max. and min.), pile-up, Piwinski angle, brightness for single bunches
  - feasibility of levelling by  $\beta^*$ , 7 TeV collimator settings, improved understanding of instability thresholds, and hardware systems ...
  
- remaining priorities for this run
  - understanding of instabilities, 25 ns, quench tests, preparation for p-Pb, UFOs, ...