

How far can we increase the Intensity per Pulse for CNGS?

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- Main results of high intensity CNGS test in 2004
- Intensity limitations and possible actions

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Then all depends on

- **Hardware limitations**

- **Acceptable losses** in the Accelerator Complex:

⇒ **T. Otto**: How many protons can we afford to lose annually in the PS complex? **D. Forkel-Wirth**: How many protons can we afford to lose annually in the SPS and its beam lines?

- **Behaviour of relative losses with intensity**

⇒ high intensity test in September 2004

High intensity CNGS test in 2004

Main goals

- ✓ To obtain in given time **maximum possible intensity** at 400 GeV in the SPS with available intensity from PS.
- ✓ To identify and study main **intensity limitations** in whole accelerator chain.
- ✓ To study **PS-SPS beam transfer** optimization.
- ⊖ To make **reference measurements** to see the effect of upgrade for LHC.

Main results of high-intensity CNGS run (1/2)

- CNGS beam during period: 6.09-3.10.2004, high intensity from 15.09. **CERN intensity record**, but with non-negligible **losses**

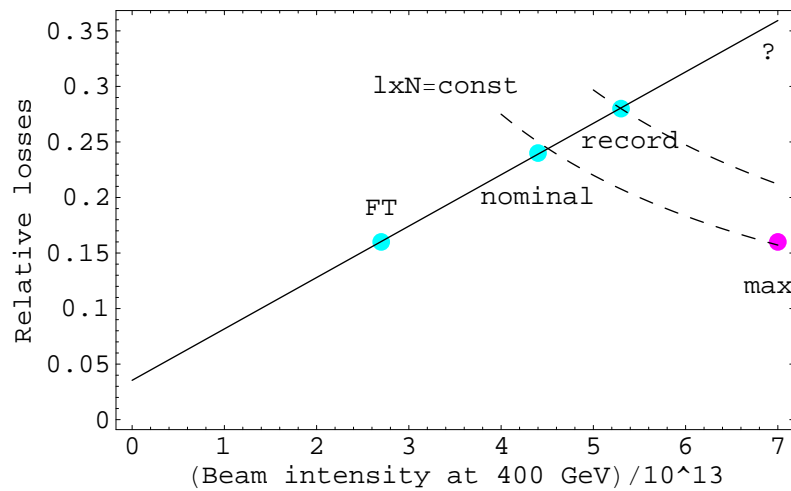
Accelerator	Intensity/ 10^{13}		
	injected	accelerated	extracted
PS Booster	4.3	3.84	3.4 ?
PS	3.57	3.42	3.2
SPS 27.10.04	3.0x2	5.7 after tr.	?
SPS 30.10.04	2.9x2	5.5 after tr.	5.3

- Intensity records in the PS (with one PSB batch) and the SPS at different moments → potentially more intensity at 400 GeV
- Total losses for record intensity: **28%**. Expected (*Report of HIPWG, AB-2004-022*) for nominal (4.4×10^{13}) CNGS operation: **24%**.
Present FT operation: **16%**

Main results of high-intensity CNGS run (2/2)

Relative total losses

in the CERN accelerator chain



- Total losses: $N_{\text{ext}}^{\text{SPS}} / (2 \times N_{\text{inj}}^{\text{PSB}})$
- $0.85 \times 8.2 \times 10^{13} = 7.0 \times 10^{13}$

- Relative losses are increasing with **intensity** (space charge effects, instabilities, ...)

⇒ improved performance

- Impact of losses increases with **beam energy** → losses in the **PS** and especially in the **SPS** are more **critical**

⇒ Double-batch injection from the **PSB** has more potential

Intensity limitations: PS Booster

Booster (typical example from 2004 run):

Ring	Intensity/ 10^{10}				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Normal operation (12 turns)	940	1010	835	914	3700
Max. intensity (13 turns)	993	1020	889	935	3840

- Linac2: 175 mA. Injection efficiency $\sim 60\%$
- Ring 3 systematically has a smaller emittance and intensity due to losses at injection \rightarrow potential gain $(10 - 15) \times 10^{11}$ - **studies**
- 10% losses during first 80 ms (fine adjustments)
 \Rightarrow **test (< 2007) and implementation of all-digital beam control**
- **Realignment of all 4 rings**
- New working point (4.17,4.23). The PSB record with old WP.

Intensity limitations: PS

- Injection losses $\sim (6 - 8)\%$ due to PS acceptance limitations
 - ⇒ better instrumentation in transfer line (intensity calibration...)
 - ⇒ alignment and smaller vertical emittance from PS Booster
 - ⇒ transverse damper for injection oscillations
- Extraction losses $\sim 8\%$ ⇒ new CT (M. Giovannozzi)
- Problems with the 10 MHz system - required performance close to the system limit (1 gap-relay control-board broken, 3 gap-relays, 1 final amplifier and 1 power supply changed...)
 - ⇒ preventive maintenance (new RF tubes, spare gap relays)
 - ⇒ study (<2007) and implement solid-state gap short-circuits

PS - SPS transfer. Motivation for studies (1/2)

Nominal scheme:

PS: acceleration at $h=16$, reduction of voltage to 4 kV, debunching, recapture/modulation at 200 MHz with **7** cavities, ~ 24 kV each

SPS: capture into 200 MHz RF system

- **How many 200 MHz cavities** are really necessary in the PS for beam recapture/modulation before extraction?
- **Up to three** used for controlled emittance blow-up.

⇒ Possible actions for 200 MHz RF system:

- useless cavities could be suppressed → less impedance and maintenance (2005?)
- new electronics for voltage control loops
- **or new 200 MHz system** with RF feedback and fast tuning

PS - SPS transfer. Motivation for studies (2/2)

- Debunched beam in the PS: **microwave instability** leading to momentum blow-up and **absence of kicker gap**

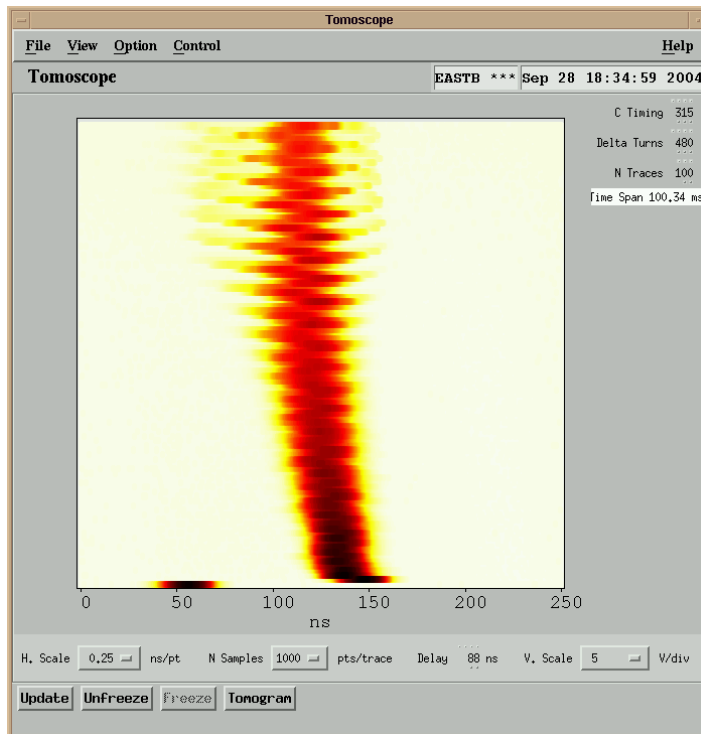
Is **debunching** really necessary?

- - If not, can one use harmonic $h=8$ instead of $h=16$?
 - ⇒ Beam bunched at $h=8$ would provide sufficient **kicker gap** for new CT extraction.
 - ⇒ Splitting from $h=8$ to $h=16$ requires **additional time and flat portion** in the cycle ($1.2 \text{ s} \Leftrightarrow 0.9 \text{ s}$ cycles).

⊖ No debunching in the PS - potential degradation of spill for FT beam (M. Hauschild) - **to be studied**

PS - SPS transfer. Results in the PS

Coupled bunch instability
of the beam at $h=8$



Instability on $h=8$ above transition

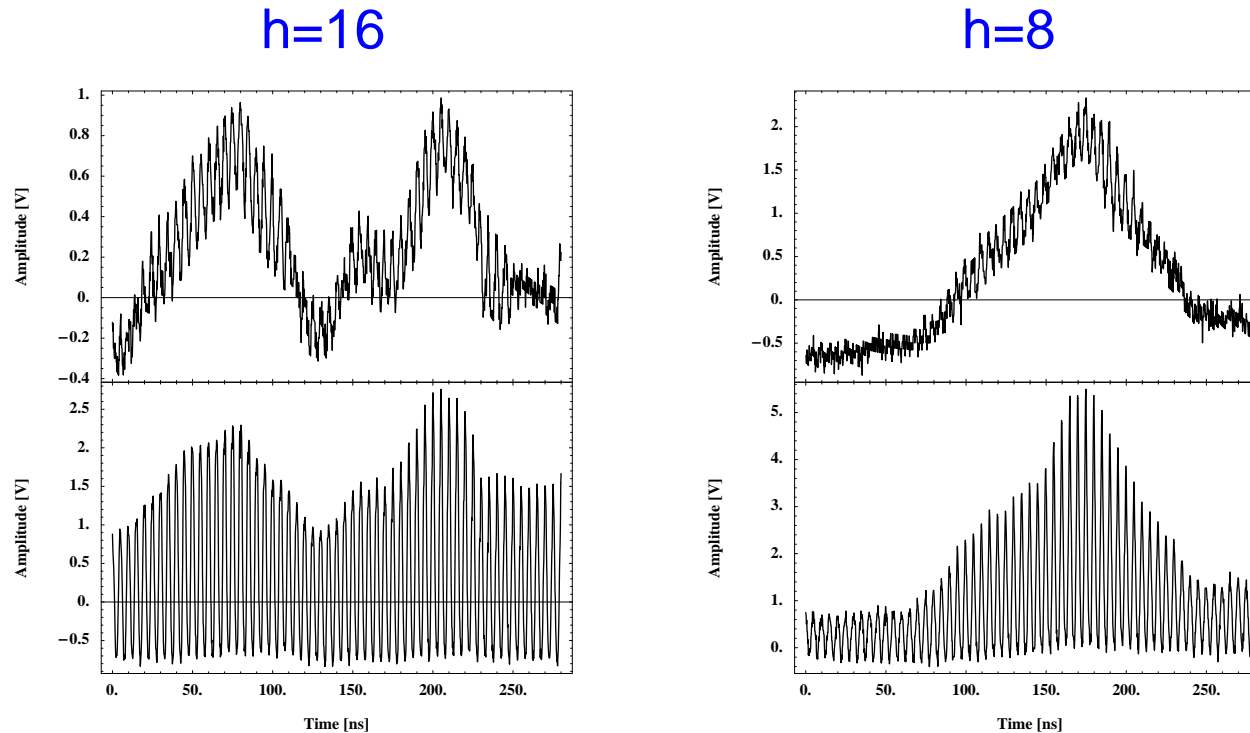
Stability limitations when usual scenario was changed (operation at $h=8$ without splitting):

- violent coupled bunch instabilities on the 3.5 GeV/c plateau
 - single bunch longitudinal instability above transition
- ⇒ one-turn-delay feedback (AD) helped in both cases - upgrade
- ⇒ dedicated broad-band longitudinal damper

PS - SPS transfer. Results in the SPS (1/2)

- No significant difference for maximum and minimum 200 MHz modulation. However a minimum **200 MHz modulation (1 cavity \sim 24 kV)** is absolutely necessary “to see” the beam in the SPS.
- For **debunched beam** (for the same voltage before extraction to the SPS) the total transmission in the SPS is better by approximately **1%**.
- **h=16**: Losses in the SPS increase with increasing 10 MHz voltage in the PS. The best transmission in the SPS is for **the lowest voltage** (2.5 kV).
- **h=8**: losses were increased by **50%** (compared with h=16)

PS - SPS transfer. Results in the SPS (2/2)



Beam on the flat bottom at $t = 0$ ms (top) and $t = 220$ ms (bottom).

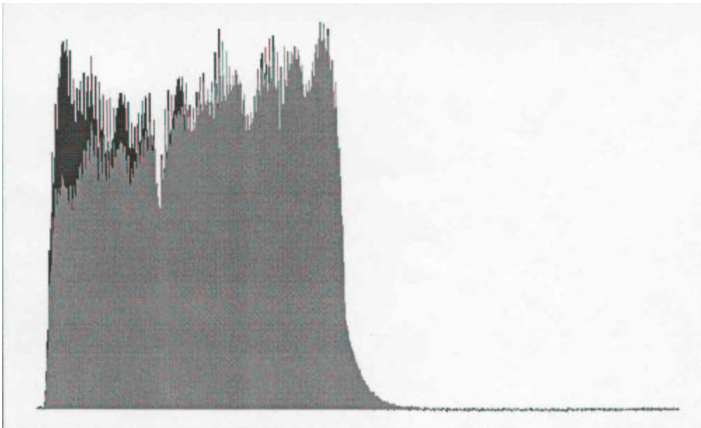
● **Peak line density** is important for transmission in the SPS

⇒ **Low voltage** in the PS (difficult to control)

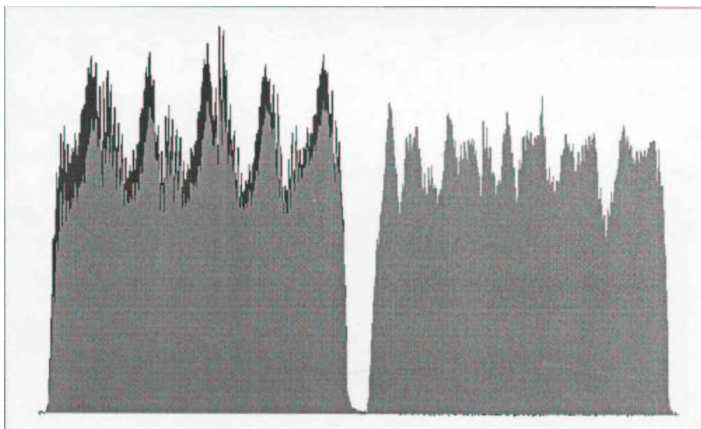
⇒ **Bunch lengthening** mode at h=8 plus h=16 in the PS

Intensity limitations: SPS. Injection

0.8 MV constant



0.8 MV increased to 2.5 MV



← one turn →

- 5% injection losses +2% losses on the flat bottom from 1 batch
⇒ vertical aperture limitations: TIDVG (2006), other bottle-necks?
- Nominal scheme (0.8 MV): triangular shape of the 1st batch and ghost bunches in the kicker gap
- "Quasi-adiabatic capture" (0.8 MV increased to 2.5 MV): (3-4)% loss in front porch.
⇒ new beam control for separate RF gymnastics for each batch

Acceleration - transition crossing (1/3)

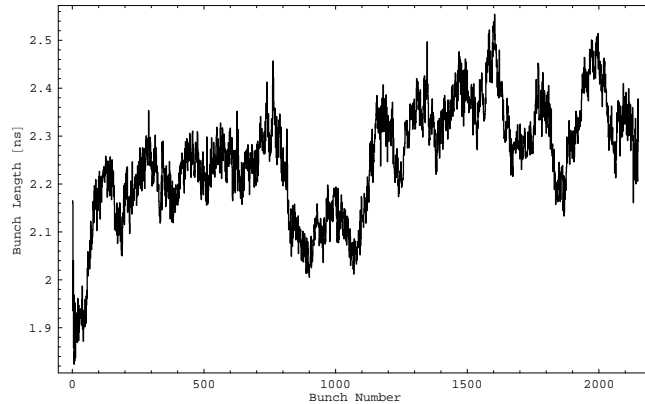
- Higher voltages than in the past (1998). Cannot be reduced by more than (0.5-1) MV without losses. → More MKE heating (210 W/m - 107°) than hoped (J. Uythoven). Probably OK $\leq 6 \times 10^{13}$.
⇒ MKE shielding - studies (F. Caspers, E. Gaxiola *et al.*), new design (after 2009?)
- Continuous beam losses after transition even for modest intensities → feedback in operation during ramp.
- Increased feedback gain improved transition crossing, but created problems in the front porch
⇒ variable gain is necessary (upgrade)

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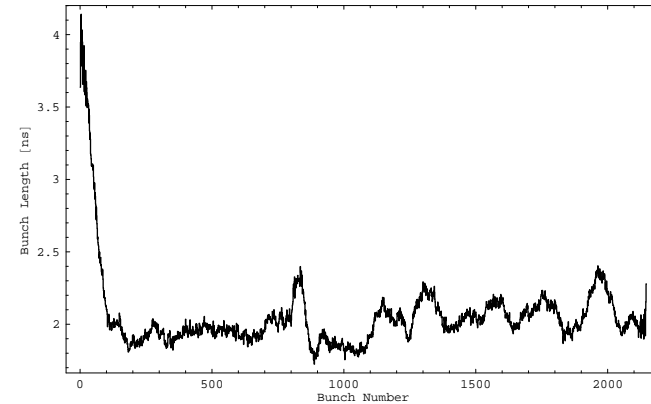
Acceleration - transition crossing (2/3)

Bunch length in the batch

before transition



after transition



- Significant **emittance blow-up for first 100 bunches** in the batch (factor 2 in bunch length)
- Continuous losses ($\sim 5\%$) after transition crossing led to interlock and early beam dump
→ improved at the last day by **phase loop adjustment**

Intensity limitations: SPS.

Acceleration - transition crossing (3/3)

- Feedforward could be used only after transition
⇒ upgrade of frequency range
- Power limitations (550 kW in pulsing mode) were not reached so far, however more problems with RF trips
- Coupled bunch instability at high energies (no losses).
⇒ the 800 MHz RF system in bunch shortening mode (will be operational for LHC beam)
- e-cloud during acceleration (100 GeV/c) and ZS sparking
⇒ J. Borburgh: Operating the septa beyond their design specs

Summary (1/2)

- No fundamental intensity limitations were reached (5.3×10^{13}) so far, however **suggested hardware modifications** should improve performance of the PS and SPS in particular to **reduce losses and radiation**
- **Double-batch** injection from PSB, **new CT** plus further improved **PS and SPS performances** needed to obtain maximum intensity at 400 GeV
- Relatively fast increase in intensity during the 2004 test as a result of **recent upgrade**. Further progress will be more slow → more **studies and fine tuning** in future

Summary (2/2)

- **PS-SPS transfer.** PS: only one 200 MHz cavity is needed. SPS: transmission weakly depends on debunching and improves for lower voltage before extraction in the PS
- **Aperture limitations** were seen in all accelerators - continue search and realignment
- Less reliable operation at high intensity - **preventive maintenance**
- Better **instrumentation** can help (losses, ϵ_t)
- Due to limited time of the run not all possibilities to improve performance were explored