

# Outlook for HL-LHC optics commissioning

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## HL-LHC has ambitious optics commissioning plan for first years of operation:

- Injection commissioning / polarity checks
- commissioning of multiple special optics (e.g. ballistic for BPM calibration)
- Measure virgin machine to  $\beta^* = 0.3$  m
- Local optics corrections in IR (linear coupling and  $\Delta\beta/\beta$ )
- Interleaved linear / nonlinear corrections
  - Correct IR sextupole and octupole errors ( $a_3, b_3, a_4, b_4$ )
  - Correct  $\Delta\beta/\beta$  to  $\leq 2.5\%$  at IP and  $\leq 20\%$  globally
- Decapole and dodecapole corrections to come in later years
- Commissioning to smaller  $\beta^*$  in later years

**This year commissioned LHC to  $\beta^* = 0.3$  m from scratch**

- **first time taking virgin LHC to such low- $\beta^*$**
- **first time commissioning LHC with large ATS factor (= 2)**
- **condensing years of Run 2 iterative developments into single step**

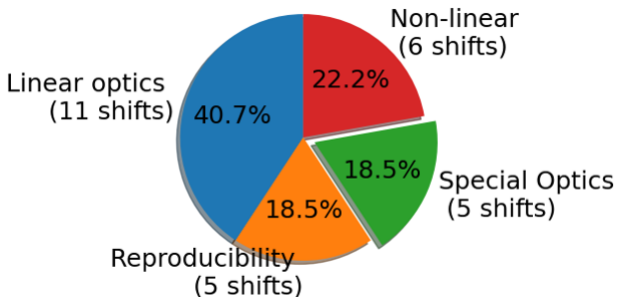
**based on 2022 experience what is outlook for HL-LHC commissioning?**

## Overview

- **2022 commissioning overview**
  - shifts, team, and software requirements
- **Linear optics commissioning**
  - achieved  $\beta$ -beat
  - sensitivity to machine setup
  - K-mod challenges
  - Local corrections in arcs
- **Nonlinear optics commissioning**
  - how successful?
  - $b_4$  deterioration
  - sextupole hysteresis
  - first  $b_6$  corrections in LHC
- **AC-dipole**

## 2022 was extremely long and challenging optics commissioning!

- **27 shifts** of optics measurement and correction (+3 extra OP-development shifts)
  - factor  $\approx 2\times$  increase vs higher- $\beta^*$  / iterative commissioning in Run1-2
  - from Day 2 (22<sup>nd</sup> April) until start of stable-beams (2<sup>nd</sup> July)



- **Successfully commissioned linear optics of nominal cycle plus multiple special optics**  
T.H.B. Persson, 'Linear Optics Measurements and Corrections' LMC, 6 July 2022
- **Could not achieve same quality of NL-optics correction as Run2 or HL-LHC targets**  
E.H. Maclean, 'Non-linear Optics Measurements and Corrections' LMC, 6 July 2022

Only possible thanks to large, well motivated, team!

- $\approx 15$  people directly contributing to optics measurements and corrections
- relying on contributions from external collaborators plus other projects/machines (injectors, FCC, muon...)



## Software status

Basic OMC functionality implemented in extensively used control room tools

- $\beta$ -beat measurement
- linear coupling
- global and local corrections



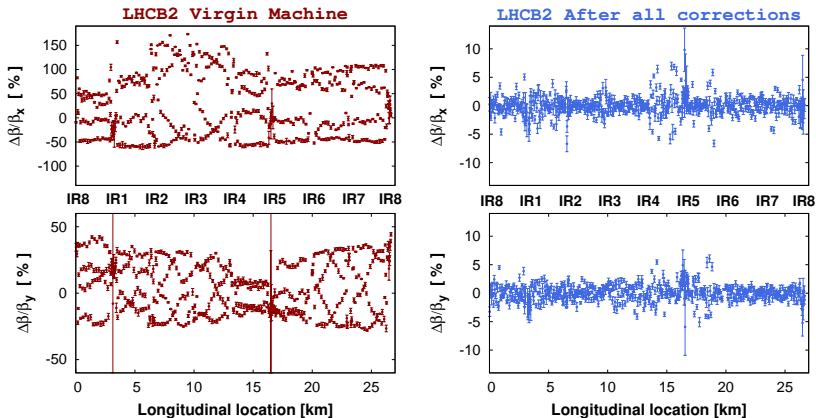
Over Run 2 significant diversification of OMC tasks during commissioning  
 → **new capabilities not well integrated into general OMC tool-set/experience**

- Machine Learning for bad-BPM detection
- Action Phase Jump local corrections
- Online model creation
- MKD - TCT phase advance correction
- Manual correction of waist shifts
- local coupling at IPs
- nonlinear optics measurement and correction
- ...

**Key task for Run 3 is to update OMC control-room tools with user-friendly functionality needed for HL-LHC**

## Ultimately very successful linear optics commissioning

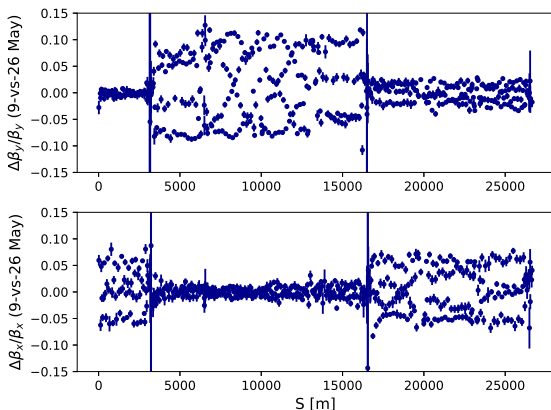
- achieved HL-LHC target optics quality starting from record high  $\beta$ -beat!
- Final estimated luminosity imbalance due to  $\beta$ -beat within 1%



W.R.T. linear optics HL-LHC plan to go straight to 30 cm in Year 1 appears achievable → still very challenging and 2022 was not straightforward...

## At 30 cm we are extremely sensitive to small changes in the machine setup!

- orbit setup in 2022 was performed part-way through optics commissioning
- resulted in path-length change for closed-orbit and introduced  $\Delta E/E \approx 1 \times 10^{-4}$
- caused 10% relative  $\beta$  shifts and needed iteration of IP1/5 local corrections (relevant to orbit setup - not behaviour expected from orbit feedback)



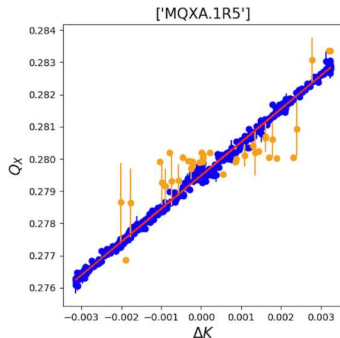
Optics shifts due to changes in machine state will need more careful consideration/planning for future years → especially going to smaller  $\beta^*$



## K-mod becomes more challenging at low- $\beta^*$

- increased sensitivity to tune jitter
- increased sensitivity to alignment errors
- worse orbit leakage
- ...

substantial challenge for  $\beta^* \leq 20$  cm in HL



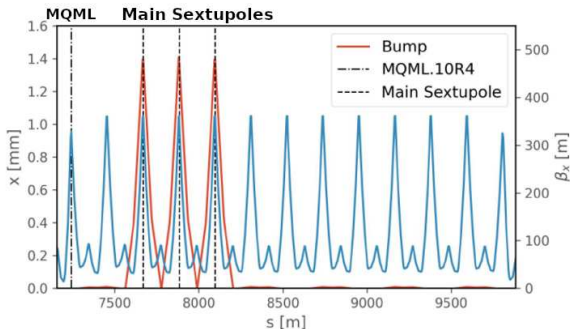
## Main K-mod issue in 2022 was poor reliability of BBQ data quality at 30 cm

- Not understood. Some shifts obtain good quality K-mod data, others very poor. Seems less reliable at end of squeeze.
- NL-optics corrections influence BBQ quality, maybe in conjunction with beam quality.
- Not a fundamental problem this year, but significantly influenced OMC efficiency

**Key objective for Run 3 is to improve and test K-mod measurement and analysis techniques**

## Larger ATS factor meant local errors in the ARCs became significant to operation for the first time

- After local optics corrs in IRs, still struggled to find global corrections for LHCB1
- Due to local errors in Arc45 & Arc81: corrected by orbit bumps through main sextupoles
- Previously had been problem in Run2 flat-optics MD
- **2022 corrections agreed very well with those found in Run 2**



**Key objective for Run 3 is to achieve good understanding of local arc errors/corrections, ready for implementation at start of Run 4**

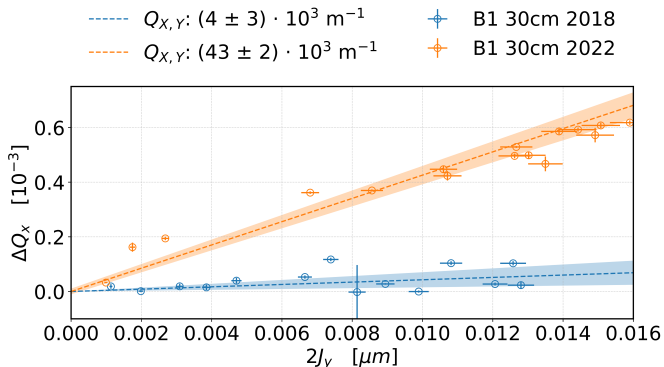
## Non-linear optics commissioning in 2022 only partly successful

- Did not achieve target goals for year 1 HL-LHC commissioning
- Did not match quality achieved iteratively over course of Run 2

multipole order	2017/18	2022
normal-sextupole	✓	✓
skew-sextupole	✓	✓
normal-octupole	✓	✓ ✗
skew-octupole	✓	✗
normal-dodecapole	✗	✓

## Obtain only a partial correction of the normal-octupole errors

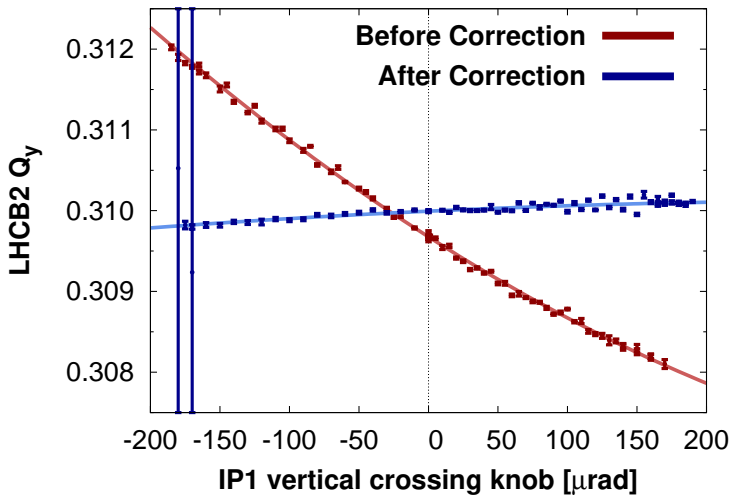
- Expected to be able to re-use Run 2  $b_4$  corrections (previously consistent)
- **observe significant degradation of amplitude detuning since Run 2**



**Effectively loose 20% of available LHC B1 MO strength at 30 cm due to residual  $b_4$**

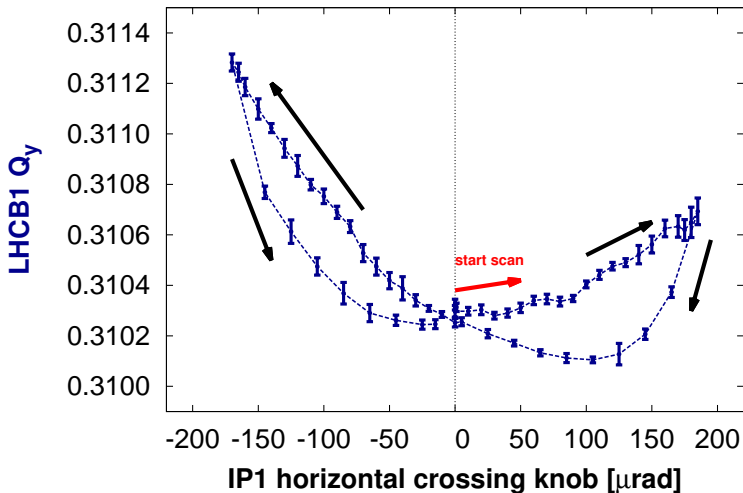
- **could not find correction online during commissioning**
- **source is not understood** (ruled out IR-sextupole, global- $\beta$ -beat, and IP waist shift)
- **Priority for coming year is to understand and correct**

As in Run2, normal/skew sextupole corrections were determined by minimizing linear feed-down to tune vs crossing-angle



## Observed tune hysteresis during crossing-angle scans (not seen/noticed in Run2)

- Not explained by orbit leakage or orbit hysteresis
- One possibility is NL-errors generated by orbit correctors
- **task for Run 3 is to follow up in MD to understand and test options for correction**



Ran out of time during 2022 commissioning to attempt measurement or correction of skew-octupole errors

**Key Run 3 aim is to improve the efficiency of NL-optics studies:**

- Nonlinear optics studies (detuning measurements, sextupole scans) very manual procedures in control room requiring significant beam-time
- Analysis of NL-measurements is still very painstaking and time consuming
- **to be ready for  $(a_3, b_3, a_4, b_4)$  correction in Year 1 need significant improvements to control-room and analysis software tools for NL-optics**

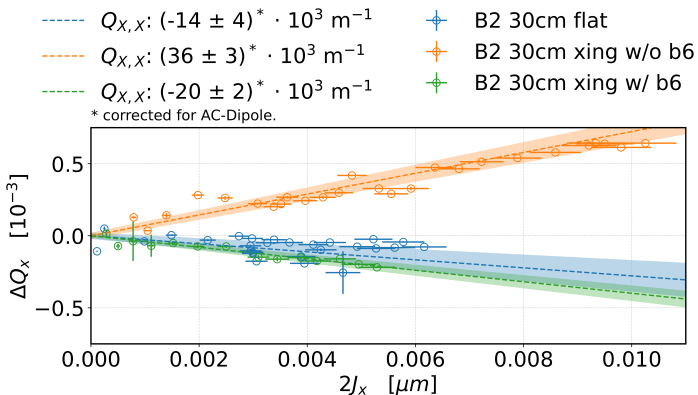
**Big improvement to 2022 commissioning strategy was switch to more interleaved optics/collimation setup:**

- Collimation team performed extra measurements earlier in commissioning
- Prepared dedicated optics measurement collimator sequences
- Big benefit to efficiency of both linear and nonlinear optics studies

For  $\beta^* \leq 30$  cm want to be able to measure and correct up to dodecapole errors

→ first correction of  $b_6$  errors in LHC implemented operationally in 2022

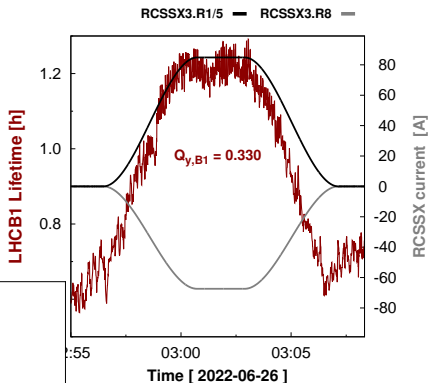
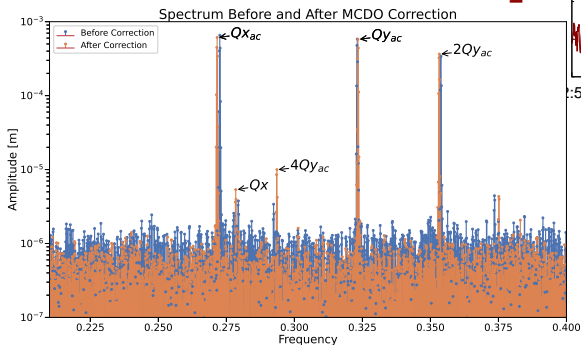
→ IP1/5 MCTX powered to minimize change in detuning with Xing-scheme





## Some interesting developments for NL-optics at injection in 2022 MDs:

- First tests correcting  $3Q_y$  with IR- $a_3$  corrs show factor 2 improvement in lifetime close to resonance
- First measurements of decapole RDT at injection suggest Run 2 beam-based corrs deteriorate  $Q_x - 4Q_y$  resonance close to beam core



**Performance and reliability of AC-dipole is absolutely vital**  
**for all linear and nonlinear optics studies in LHC!**

- **≈ 20 % of OMC shifts suffered from some sort of AC-dipole fault**
  - **AC-dipole issues didn't limit 2022 commissioning efforts**
  - mostly solved remotely/quickly ≈ [hour])
  - 2 cases required access to repair
  - issues well understood and consolidation plan in place
- **Improvements to AC-dipole capabilities over course of LS1/Run2 were fundamental to achieving high quality optics measurements we rely on today**
  - e.g. extensive detuning and RDT measurements only possible thanks to increases in excitation length since Run1
- **Significant interest in potential for further improvements in AC-dipole capability**
  - longer kicks, more rapid kicks, higher amplitude kicks...

## Conclusions:

- **In many ways 2022 commissioning approximates a dry run for HL-LHC**
- **Commissioning virgin optics to 30 cm in single year was challenging and very intensive (27 shifts!)**
- **Linear commissioning was achieved within HL-targets**
  - need to carefully consider optics stability w.r.t. machine state
  - K-mod tools and procedures need further development
  - aim to understand local arc errors by end-of-Run3
  - many specialized tasks need user-friendly implementation in OMC tools
- **Nonlinear optics commissioning had some issues → failed to achieve HL-targets or Run2 quality**
  - need significant improvements to control room and analysis tools
  - 2022 detuning residuals and crossing-scan hysteresis need to be understood
  - **important demonstration of  $b_6$  correction achieved for first time!**
- **Lots of interest in potential for further upgrades to AC-dipole for Run 4**

## Reserve

