Faster beta* Levelling at the Start of Stable Beams

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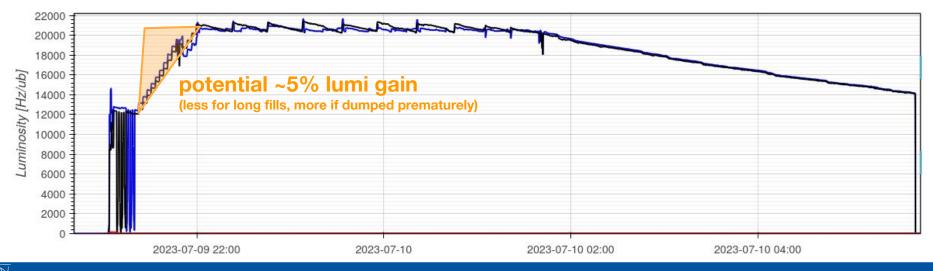
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motivation

- the 1.2m → 30cm beta* levelling range is tuned for 1.8e11 ppb
 - not likely we will reach 1.8e11 ppb in 2023

• beta* levelling can only take one step after the other

- **~45 min** to reach the target pileup
- time spent in step preparation: beam process time is only 4-5 min!



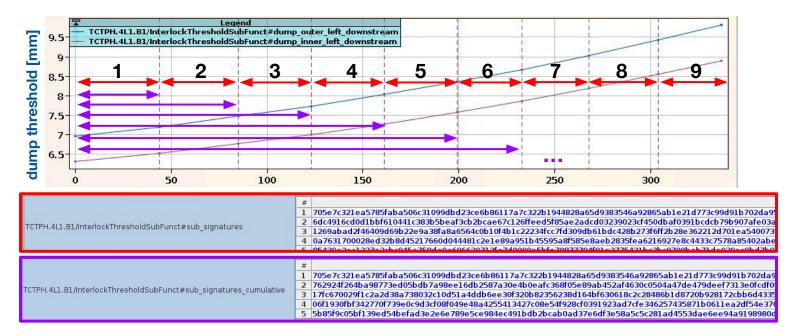
can we "skip" steps?

- "skipping" steps: still play the full functions, in longer segments
 - save the 1-2min to prepare all equipment at every step
 - shorten the ramp-up to < 10 min!
- possible for PCs, OFB, PCInterlock, and TCT/TCL positions
- problem for TCT/TCL interlock thresholds
 - **MCS settings**, segmented functions with signatures per segment
 - "joining" segments breaks the signatures
- used regularly with setup beam in commissioning & MDs
 - TCT/TCL interlock limits open
 - not an option with high intensity...



MCS revisited once again

- currently: functions split in segments + 1 signature per segment
- possible extension: "cumulative" signature table from start to any point





proposal & implications

• add an MCS "cumulative" signature table

- allow jumping **from 120cm** to any beta* levelling step
- starting from any later step: single steps only
- no arbitrary jumps, no de-squeeze

• in physics fills: jump from 120cm to ~68cm

- 1-2 steps below the experiment's pile-up target
- to be fine-tuned with intensity

risk: jumping too far from the start

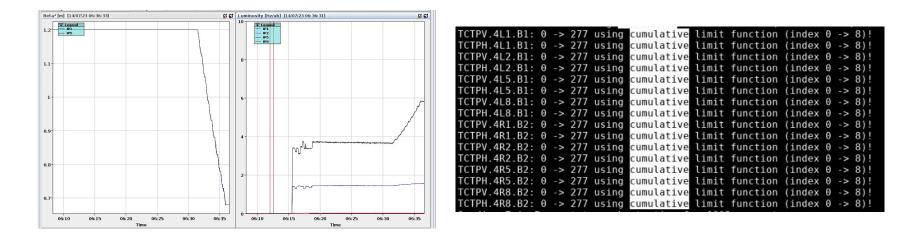
- overshoot of pile-up (experiments) and lumi (cryo)
- risk to lose IT cryo conditions and saturate experiments
- possible mitigation: remove cumulative signatures beyond 60cm?
 - prevent jumping beyond 60cm



commissioning

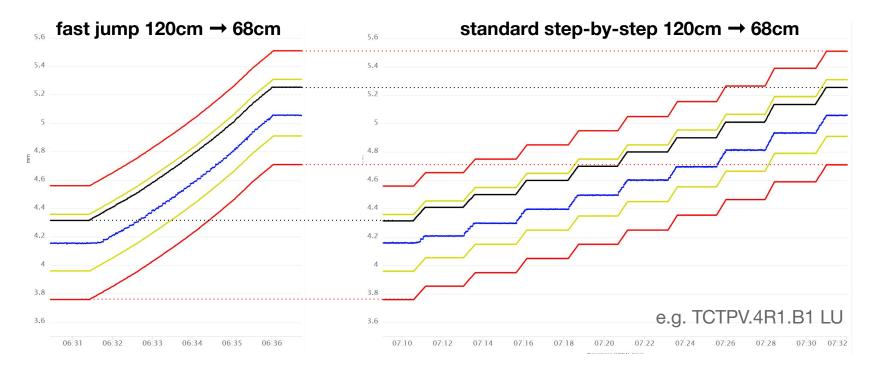
• test with setup beam (2x2 bunches) done

- yesterday night, in the shadow of the CMS magnet downtime
- good opportunity: taking physics time would have nullified the gain
- test successful: jump to 68cm then continue levelling step-by-step





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proposal: start with small jumps in physics

• e.g. first fill, jump 2 steps, then 4, 6, ...

conclusions

- faster beta* levelling ramp-up could gain ~5% integrated luminosity
- segmented collimation limits (MCS) do not allow skipping steps
- add MCS signatures for "cumulative" limit functions
 - allow going from 120cm to any point in the squeeze
 - limit signatures to >= 60cm?
- software ready, test cycle with setup beam done
- proposal: start using the jump in physics
 - start with small jumps, increase fill by fill
 - final goal: go to target minus ~5%
 - ~68cm, depending on bunch intensity







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commissioning

- the software changes are ready, but not yet released
- introducing such a change with 2400b is not ideal
 - but similar mechanics used during commissioning / MDs
- integrated luminosity gain would be lost by dedicated test fill(s)
- proposal:
 - dry run during the next access day
 - PCs in simulation, collimators & limits moving
 - parasitic test at the next opportunity?
 - e.g. MD cycle, no trains available from injectors, ...
 - ideally 3x3 nominal bunches, collisions in all IPs
 - start with small jumps in physics
 - e.g. first fill, jump 2 steps, then 4, 6, ...

