# Transverse beam quality along the chain for LHC beams

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2023 observation of transverse performance

Brightness Tail population Luminosity



Improvement in understanding and optimisation



#### Outlook for 2024



#### **2023 observations of transverse performance**



#### **Brightness along the chain**



Brightness on target in all machines at high intensity for 2023 measurements

#### Is the brightness enough to characterize performance?



#### **Performance of non-Gaussian beams**

#### The emittance calculation assumes a Gaussian, but we can improve the profile fit, with the q-Gaussian.



underpopulated tails (q < 1)Gaussian tails (q = 1)overpopulated tails (q > 1)

The **q** is related to the tail content.

We can use the q-Gaussian to characterise the performance in terms of **tail content** and we can see how the **luminosity varies** with respect to a Gaussian, as a complement to the brightness.

Luminosity depends both on the tail content and the emittance



#### **Tail content**



#### We can calculate how much beam is beyond a set collimation position as a performance indicator.



### Heavy tailed beams do not become Gaussian unless largely scraped.



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**Disclaimer**: Beam profiles taken in the vertical plane only due to dispersion

The optimised 36b gains margin from the **triple harmonic capture** used to optimize the working point and **achieve better resonance compensation**. [F. Asvesta].

**Emittance and tails are reduced** 

**PSB-PS** 

Tails created at transition crossing



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### **PS understanding tail formation at transition**



- Taken beta-beating measurements to characterise optics during transition
- Zero dispersion optics at PS Flat bottom → Possible to characterise H profiles

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### **Equivalent Luminosity**



#### Assume

- same emittance for different q values
- same intensity as the Gaussian case
- same profiles in H and V (can measure vertical plane only due to dispersion)

$$\mathcal{L} \propto N_1 N_2 \iint \rho_1(x) \rho_1(y) \rho_2(x) \rho_2(y)$$
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#### SPS Standard 72b along flat bottom





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## **SPS** scraping

In the SPS we are **scraping** the beam for LHC injection (see presentation by Y. Dutheil)

- reduces the intensity
- changes the **profile**



[A. Lasheen]

#### How does scraping impact luminosity?



## **SPS** scraping

We calculate relative loss in luminosity as we scrape the tails by numerically integrating the profile.

- Luminosity is reduced due to the tails
- Scraping further reduces luminosity
- Luminosity partially recovered by compensating intensity

# Reducing tails upstream of LHC injection is important to improve performance



#### **Understanding of correlations**

In 2022 we saw that vertical scraping affected also the horizontal tails in the SPS



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### **Resonance inducing correlations**



- Space charge can create **correlations in 3 planes** through the periodic resonance crossing via the synchrotron motion.
- In the presence of losses we create tails in H and V and reduce the bunch length.

### **Understanding correlations in the PSB**



 Scraping in V doesn't change the profile in H.







#### Longitudinal plane to be analysed



### **Understanding correlations in the PSB**

**2D resonances** couple the H and V planes.

- Scraping in V changes the profile in H.
- **Correlations last** when resonance not excited.









#### Longitudinal plane to be analysed



#### **Summary and outlook '24**





• On target for LIU brightness

Heavy tails observed and created at specific points along injector chain
Necessary to scrape heavy tails in SPS
Tails reduce performance compared to a Gaussian beam in terms of luminosity

- Improved tails in the PSB by optimization of the cycle (working point and triple harmonic)
- Identified significant tail generation at PS transition crossing
- Ongoing studies to characterize tail generation mechanisms in the PSB



#### **Outlook for 2024**

- Characterize profiles across beam variants along the injector chain
- Simulate tail creation from transition crossing in the PS
- Understand how scraping and remaining tails translates to luminosity performance in the LHC
- How are the tails transferred along the chain up to LHC collisions





# **Back up**



### Luminosity - Gaussian or q-Gaussian





### **SPS bunch by bunch emittance variation**

#### STANDARD 72b





BCMS





The bunch by bunch variation in emittance at the end of flat bottom in the SPS.

Both the 72b standard beam and the BCMS have a standard deviation around 5% of average emittance.

#### I. Mases SPS Brightness

#### **SPS bunch by bunch emittance variation**





### Scraping



