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LHC operational experience and view towards 2024

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Outline

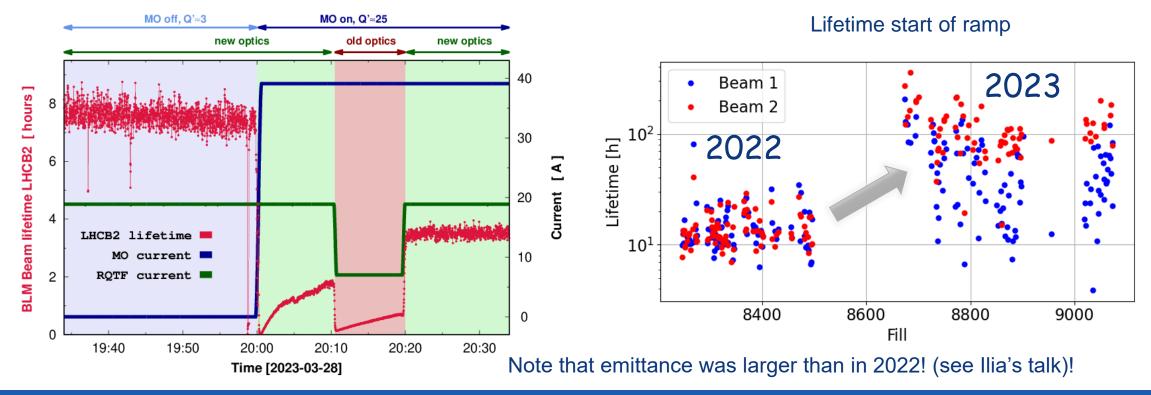
- Machine configuration in 2023
 - What was different from 2022?
- Operational improvements in 2023 and 2024
 - Virtual luminosity
 - Faster reaching luminosity target
 - Conditional sequencer
- High beta-run
- lons
 - Configuration
 - 10Hz dump
- What can we expect in 2024?
 - Potential improvements to the cycle
 - Combine LHCb rotation and pre-squeeze
 - Continue to squeeze beyond 30 cm





New phase knobs at injection

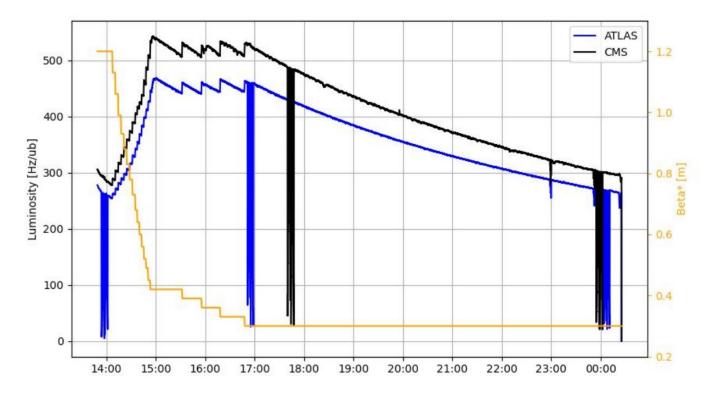
A new phase knob was introduced to change the phase advance between the arcs to reduce the negative impact of the main octupoles -> Increased lifetime at injection





Luminosity in the early fills

- Significant difference between ATLAS and CMS
- When staying at 30 cm the relative difference decreased as the bunch length shortened
 - Sign that part of difference was due to crossing angle
 - The DOROS BPMs as well as the standard BPM system also showed crossing angle was larger in ATLAS
 - The reported luminosity z-width region was also different between ATLAS and CMS

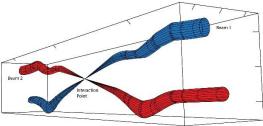




Crossing angle adjustment

- We need the crossing angle to reduce the parasitic encounters
- Has an impact on the luminosity
 - Larger crossing angle -> Less luminosity
- We adjusted down the crossing angle for ATLAS by 10u rad which fixed the imbalance between ATLAS and CMS
 - Done at the same time as retracting the collimator (see David's talk)
 - Saved time in terms of validation needed
 - The correction was based on the DOROS BPMs at the Q1
 - Plan to do use the DOROS to check the crossing next startup

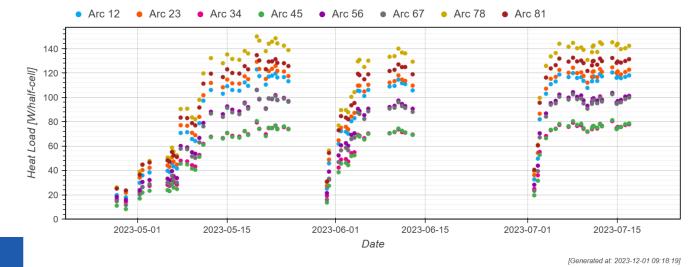
- The earlier we can get the z width of lumi-region from the experiments the better
 - An independent observables to
 - Big changes need revalidation so causes lost time
- New agreement with MPP allows for modifications of 5 urad in 2023
 - Want to keep this also in 2024





Heat Load and Filling scheme

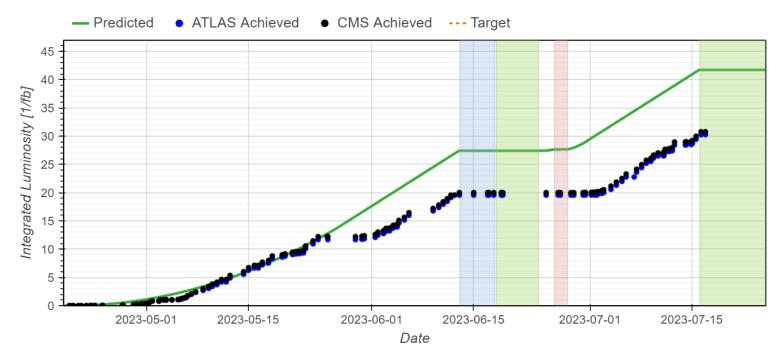
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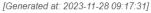




Luminosity production

- At the time of the incident, we had just passed **32 fb-1**.
- Slope was around ~0.8 fb-1/day, we could not do much better with the bunch intensity (1.6E11 limited to avoid another RF-finger incident, see Mateo's talk), given emittance and the stable beams fraction

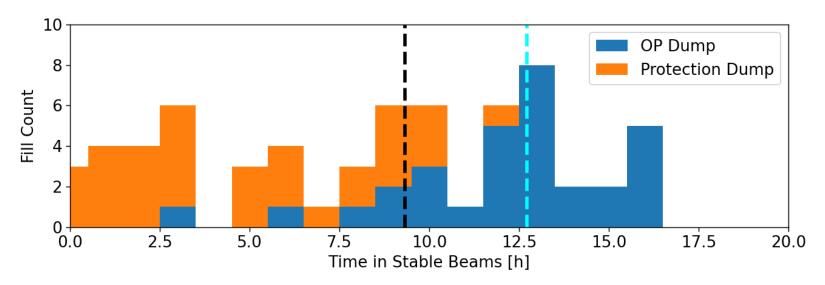






Why and when do we dump?

- In the proton physics run, we had 63 dumps with more than 1200 bunches
 - 33 were protection dumps
 - 30 were OP dumps
- In 2022 we had
 - 60 Protection dumps
 - 42 OP dumps

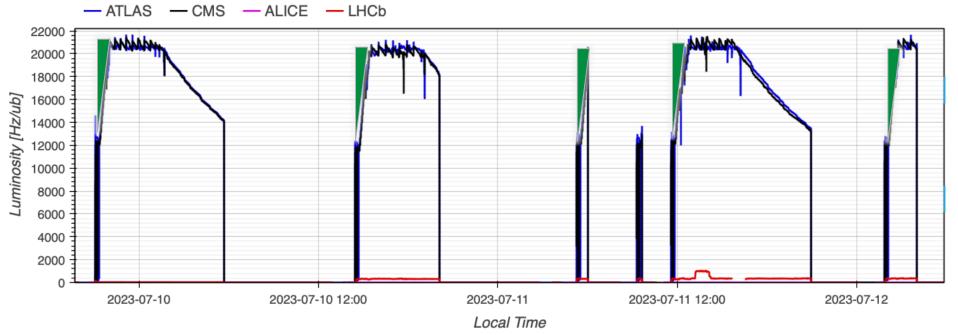




Impact of 1.6e11 and larger than expected emittance

At start of fill it takes ~45 minutes to level to target configuration which is designed for 1.8E11 vs 1.6E11 ppb and for ~10% smaller emittances (nominal vs BCMS)

→ Lumi lost, in particular, for the shorter fills



The green triangles show the potential gain of squeezing directly to the requested luminosity The expected gain in integrated luminosity is **around ~2-3%** more for shorter fills



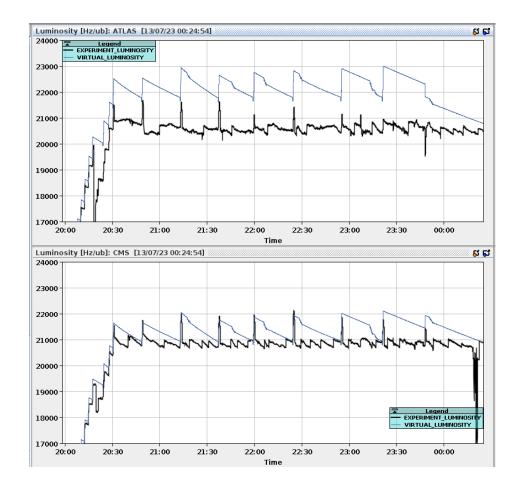
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Squeeze in one step to target luminosity

- The previous limitation was that we had to take every β^* step
 - Every step takes a few minutes due to the arming procedure of feedbacks, power converters and collimators
- New method allows for one big first step to reach the desired β* giving the desired luminosity
 - Much faster since orbit feedback, collimator etc can be played in one step
 - Was tested successfully in 2023 with 3 bunches just before the incident
 - Plan to use in 2024
- Should we change the start of the collision, e.g. to 90cm?
 - After the implementation of the "squeeze and collide" we would lose on decreasing the β^* where we start to collide
 - Squeeze takes always some time and now we will be already producing at this squeeze
 - In particular for LHCb and ALICE where integrated lumi is directly determined by time in Stable beams
 - One could envisage at some point colliding at the end of the ramp (rotation could be done above 5.5 TeV)



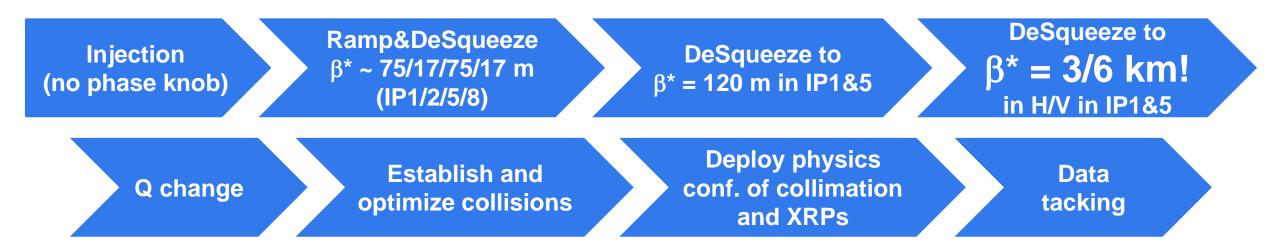
Pile-up à la carte



- Most of the year we were β-levelling on CMS and then separating ATLAS
- Last week of proton operation "virtual lumi" was introduced
 - It is based on machine and beam parameters and gives the expected luminosity if they were heads-on
 - Lumi-imbalance will be determined by the experimental calibration (as long as we are in levelling)
- Use the virtual luminosity for β* levelling and separate to the requested pile-up
 - Potential improvements for 2024
 - ATLAS and CMS could request the pileup over dip (LHCb and ALICE already doing this)
 - Try to anticipate the increase of luminosity by separating the beam at the same time



OP cycle in the very High- β run



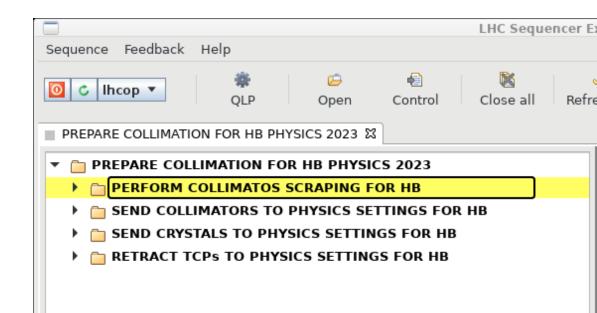
- Optics measured and corrected at 120m and 3/6km
- All fills were below 3e11 in total bunch intensity so we could have the safe flag
- The requested 300ub⁻¹ to TOTEM and 329ub⁻¹ to ALFA was delivered at 3km/6km during a total of 70h in 9 fills



Automated collimation handling for the High- β run

Previously all tasks had to be manually. For the first time they were included in a sequence -> Less expert intervention was needed during the run Sequence of tasks:

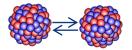
- 1. Scraping using TCP.7
- 2. Move standard collimators to physics settings
- 3. Move crystals to physics settings
- 4. Retract TCP.7 to physics settings
- 5. Move XRPs to physics settings (dedicated seq.)



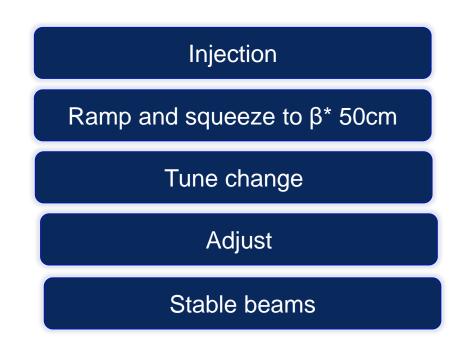
Very good reproducibility of the orbit fill-to-fill



Ion Run



- A full ramp and squeeze down to β* of 50 cm in IP1, IP2 and IP8
 - Squeeze to the lowest β^* in the ramp so far
 - The crystal collimation was used for the first time with ions (see collimation talk)
- A very challenging operation
 - Many technical issues
 - Background (Matteo)
 - Losses in the ramp (Sara)
 - QPS (Jens)
 - 10Hz (Maria's)
 - Long time to fill, short time in stable beams
 - Very dynamic run in terms of crystal optimization, filling schemes, levelling



*Additional step of inverting crossing angle after end of ramp for neg-polarity (IP2)

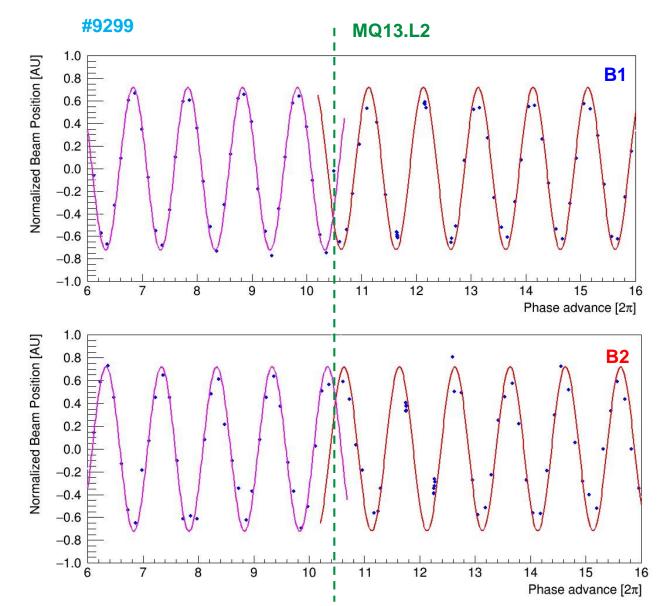


10Hz losses

- Two locations stand out:
 - 13L.2 and 13.L8
 - The reason we don't see Q6 this run is difference of location of the crystals vs normal collimation

Several Investigations are ongoing

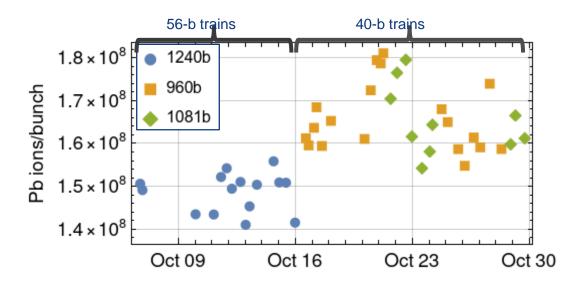
- Having high-rate data when the beams are not dumped
 - On demand like Post-mortem is investigated
- Proposal to equip MQ13.L8 and the two surrounding dipoles with an array of vibration sensors
 - Survey for 4 weeks during commissioning





Beam quality

- Bunch intensity at start of stable beams:
 - 56-bunch trains: 1.49x10⁸ Pb/bunch
 - 40-bunch trains: 1.66x10⁸ Pb/bunch
 - Target: 1.8x10⁸ Pb/bunch reached only in a few fills with 40b-trains
- Observed degradation in injected intensity over time
 - Could partially be recovered by injector optimization, then degrading again
 - Crucial that enough time to setup is given to the team
- Emittance
 - BSRT not calibrated, so not reliable (not available at injection)
 - From emittance scans, **εx=2.5 μm εy=1.9 μm**
 - Target before the run: 1.65 µm average
- Less impact on the integrated luminosity compared to the technical issues but potential room for improvement in the next ion run



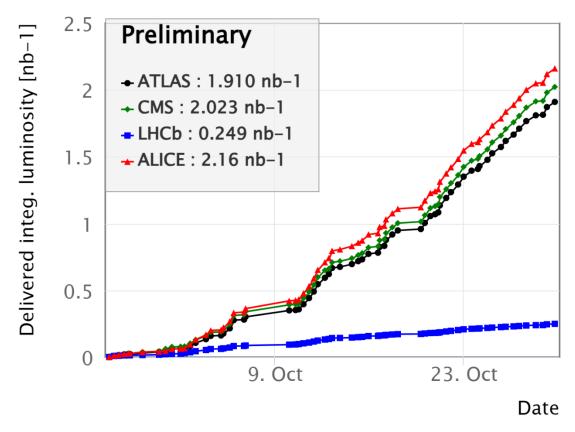


Integrated luminosity

- Despite all the issues we manage to deliver a substantial amount of **luminosity**!
- Comparison 2018:
 - ATLAS: 1.797 nb⁻¹ - CMS: 1.802 nb⁻¹

 - LHCb: 0.235 nb⁻¹ - ALICE: 0.905 nb⁻¹

Delivered Luminosity 2023

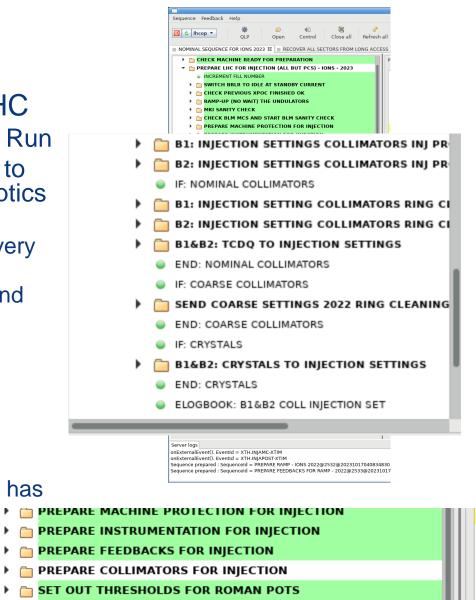


ALICE luminosity without background issues: 1.96 nb⁻¹

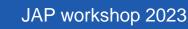


Conditional sequencer

- The Sequencer is the most used application in the LHC
 - New feature with conditions tried this year during the ion Run
 - The most common use case for the LHC is when we want to run with coarse collimator settings (i.e. more open for optics measurements or other tests)
 - Previously we had to skip and unskip part of the sequence every time -> easy to make mistakes
 - Now there is a condition and condition, collimator in coarse and only that part played
- The current implementation is a workaround
 - An upgrade is needed to have it fully operational
 - Feedback:
 - Generally, very positive but some still some room for improvements
 - In the overview it is not possible to see that the subsequence has been played



- > 🛅 SEND RF AND ADT TO INJECTION SETTINGS IONS
- RESET LUMINOSITY SERVER
- RESET COUPLING SERVER SETTINGS

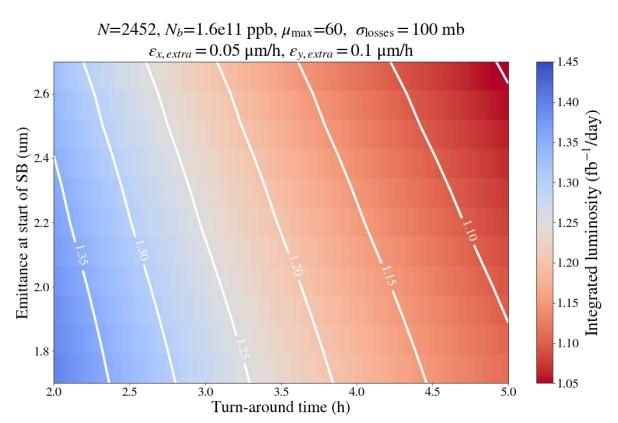


2024 proton cycle and estimates



Luminosity production in 2024

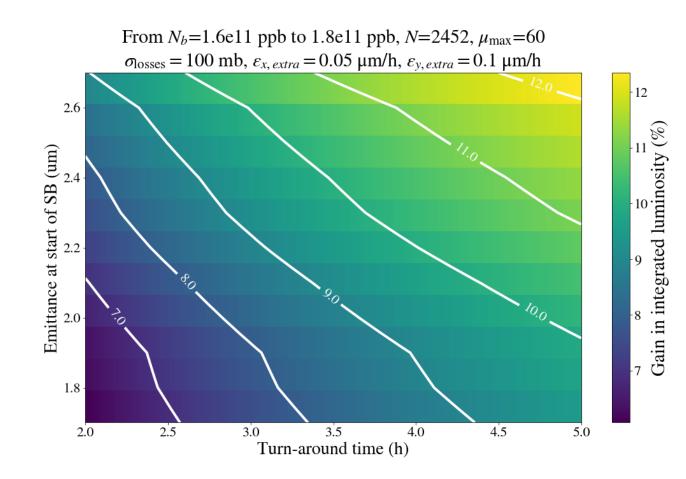
- Assumes the same configuration as 2023 but that we can reach the target straight away
 - Of course if the cry reconfiguration would be successful the 36bunch trains would be very attractive!
 - Assumes ideal levelling time (no technical faults)
 - One could reach around 1.3 inverse femtobarn on a very good day
 - Note that numbers are all at the beginning of stable beams
 - In 2023 only a few fills we were at 1.6e11 at the beginning of stable beams





What is the impact of going to 1.8e11?

- If we can reach 1.8e11
 - Gives an increase of integrated luminosity of around 9% for realistic scenarios





What about the pile-up (60 -> 65)?

1.8e11ppb 1.6e11ppp $N_b=1.6e11$ ppb, N=2452, From $\mu_{max}=60$ to 65 $N_b=1.8e11$ ppb, N=2452, From $\mu_{max}=60$ to 65 4.5 2.6 2.6 -5.5 Gain in integrated luminosity (%) Gain in integrated luminosity (%) (IIIn) _{2.4} Emittance at start of SB 7.7 0.7 4.0 3.5 1.81.8 2.0 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 2.5 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0 2.0 3.0 5.0 Turn-around time (h) Turn-around time (h)

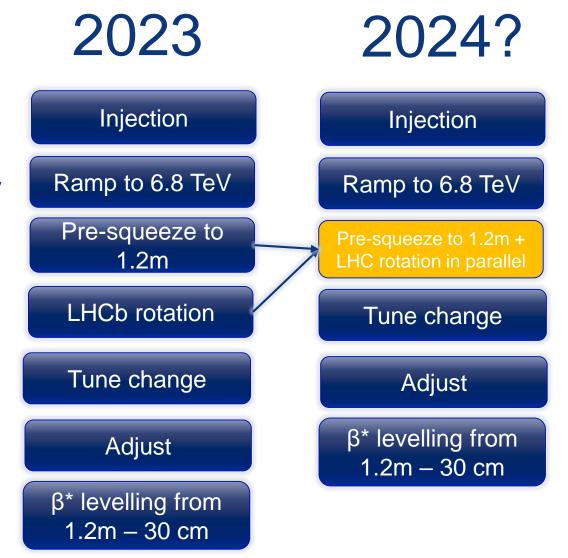
Results in an increase of integrated luminosity in the range of 3-4%



Combing the pre-squeeze and LHCb rotation Saves around 5 min per fill Gives around 0.5%-0.6% more integrated luminosity for ideal fills

Can we shorten the with cycle?

- More for shorter fills!
- Remember this is for all fills:
 - Optics measurements
 - Loss maps
 - Intensity ramp-up
- Seen differently the LHCb rotation was played ~150 this year including commissioning, intensity ramp-up
 - 150*5 min = 750 min
 - Factor 2 more fills in 2024 -> Rotating LHCb crossing angle for a full day (24h) in 2024!

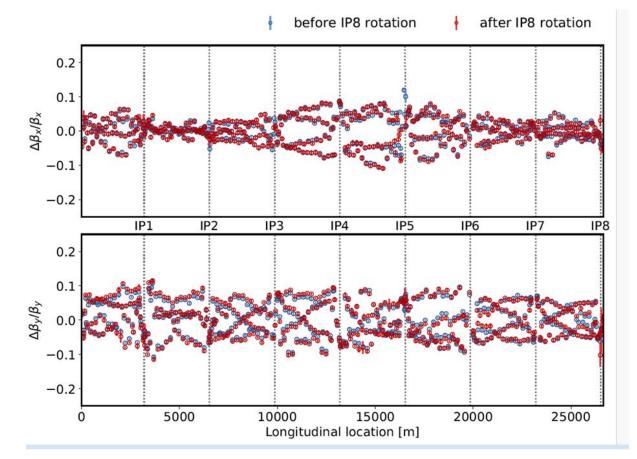






Any issues combining the pre-squeeze and LHCb rotation?

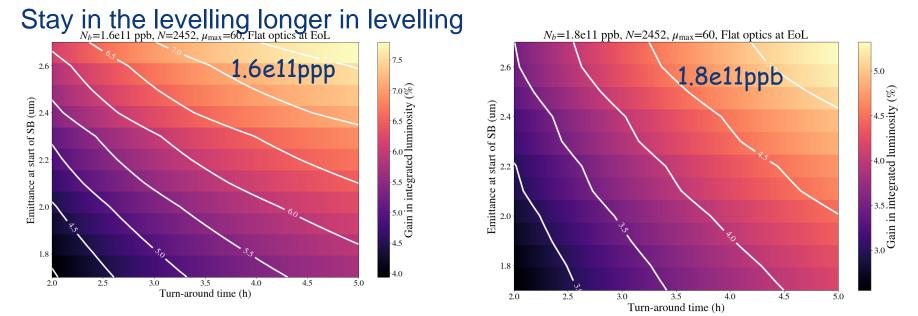
- Only small changes to tune, coupling and chroma (1e-3) from the LHCb crossing angle rotation
- No significant change in the optics from the rotation
- No aperture limitation identified
- Two different parts of the machine changed
- -> No issue was identified in combining the two beam processes





Squeeze further?

- The most beneficial is to squeeze in the separation plane
 - More available aperture and larger luminosity gain per squeeze centimetre
- 4 additional β* steps would be available to reach a full 30cm/20cm (xing/sep)



Injection Ramp to 6.8 TeV Pre-squeeze to 1.2m + LHC rotation in parallel Tune change Adjust **β* levelling from** 1.2m – 30 cm β* levelling from 30cm/30cm -30 cm/20cm

2024?

This would increase **integrated luminosity by** ~**4-5% in**, assuming the ideal fill length. Not all fills reach the end-> smaller impact in reality



What is needed and is there a risk?

- The collimation team is investigating the possibility to tighten collimators at 30cm/30cm
 - TCT and TCLA IR7, TCDQ/TCSP IR6, TCS IR7 (see collimation talk)
 - Some technical work is needed since the beta* levelling can only move the TCT and TCL
 - Change strategy would need the agreement with MPP
 - Could create two beam separate levelling beam processes (1.2m 30cm and 30cm/30cm 20cm/30cm)
 - Would demonstrate the operation of flat optics and a tele-index of 3 for the first time in the LHC -> Pave the way for other flat optics, e.g. "full RP optics" (see Stephane's talk)
 - First-time estimate would be an additional ~24 hours of commissioning (split between OMC and collimation)
 - Would be a **net gain in terms of** integrated luminosity
- If there are issues not originally seen, we can stop the levelling at 30/30



Conclusion (2023)

- The total integrated luminosity was mainly limited due to the faults
 - The intensity limitation to 1.6e11 together with the larger-than-expected emittance also had an impact
 - The 6x36b or 5x36b pure 25ns looks very attractive!
 - Should we consider returning to **BCMS in 2024** to get smaller emittance?
 - The new "collide and squeeze" will enable us to go in one step to the requested luminosity
 - No reason to change the start of colliding even if we would stay at 1.6e11
- Ion run was extremely challenging with many different technical issues but still managed to produce good amount of luminosity



Outlook

- Changes to the 2024 proton cycle could be:
 - Inclusion of the LHCb rotation in the pre-squeeze (~1 day of beam time saved)
 - Continue squeezing the beta* from 30cm down to 20cm in the separation plane
 - Predicted gain in luminosity
 - More time in levelling
 - Low risk, only potentially ~1 day lost in commissioning
 - Gain valuable experience with higher tele-index and flat optics!

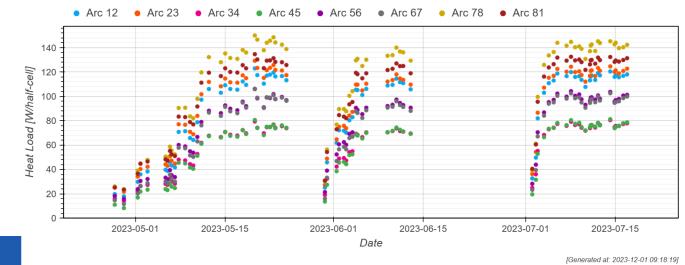


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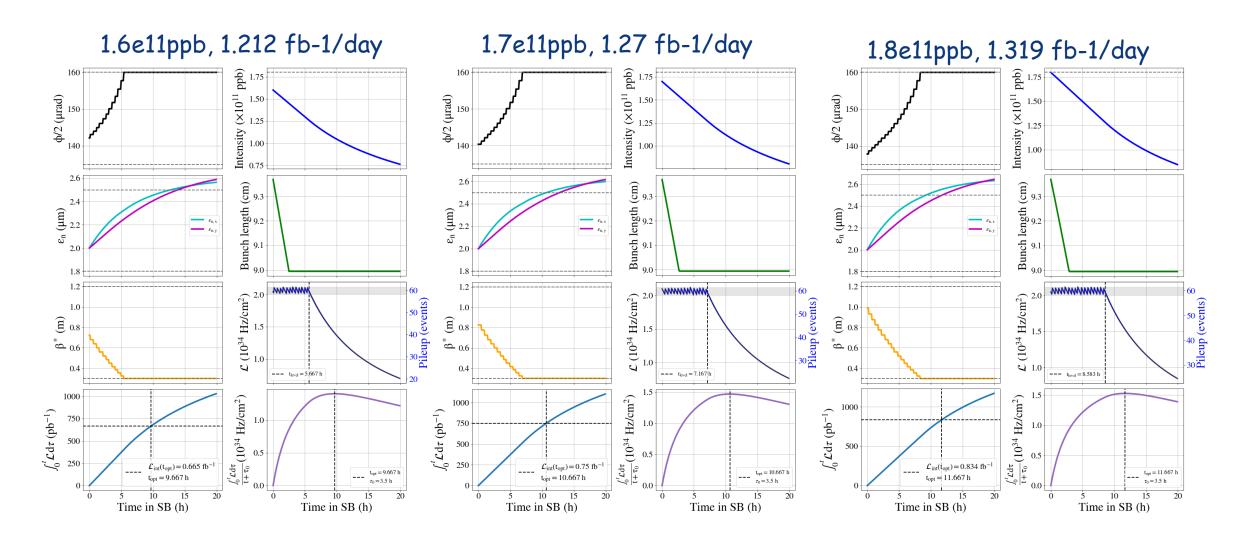


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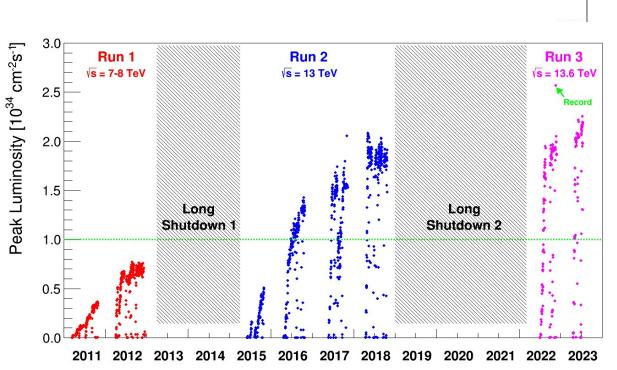


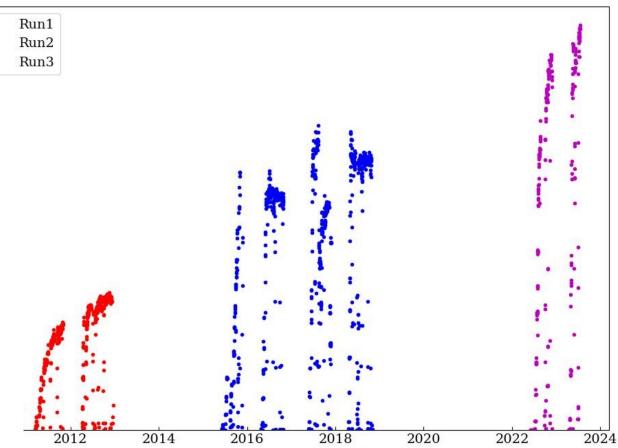
The bigger picture

Stored energy record of 425 MJ with 2464 bunches @ 1.6E11 ppb (@ start of SB). 450

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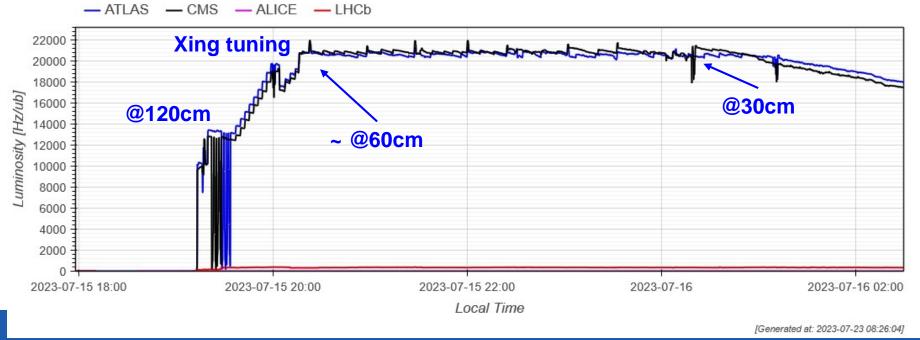






Levelling

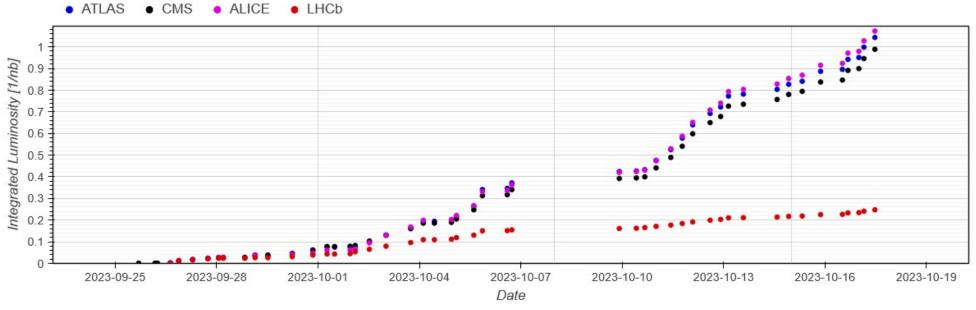
- Xing angle adjustment of \pm 5 microrad to tune ATLAS vs CMS luminosities for levelling.
- Just before the incident we agreed on and tested faster levelling to target on low intensity cycle (just over intermediate matched points). We did not have time to apply it.





Production

- Last week's good slope with 4-5h fills producing ~50 ub/fill was disrupted by the WE quenches due to SEEs. Trying to recover the slope this week.
- ► 10 days left in this run, with ALICE in -/- polarity \rightarrow expect to accumulate ~ 2.2 2.6 nb-1.



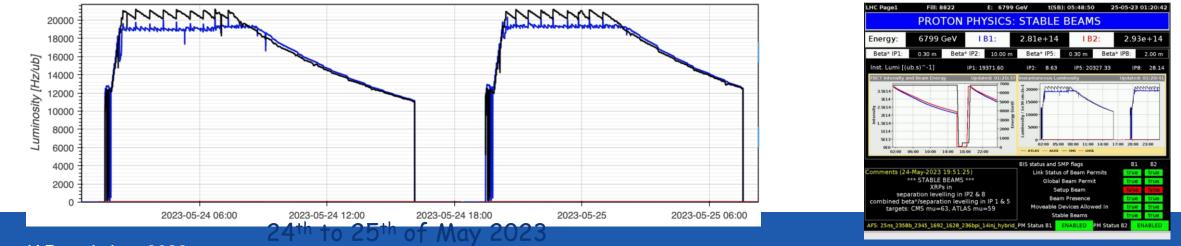
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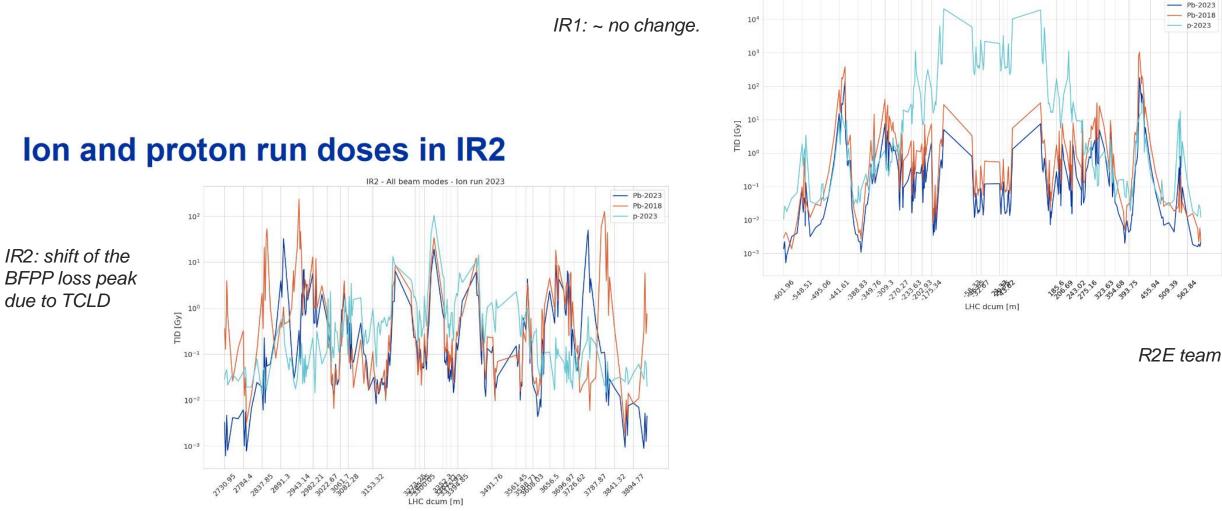
Physics fills performance end of May

- New record: Integrated luminosity: ~1.2 fb⁻¹ in 24h Max at start of stable beams:
- Peak levelling just above 2.0 x 10³⁴cm⁻²s⁻¹
- Pileup targets ATLAS/CMS = 63 / 59

- **409 MJ** 1.59 x 10¹¹ p/b (Injected: 1.61)
- Thanks to combined separation β^* levelling and separation levelling we can deliver different pile up to ATLAS and CMS!
- Luminosity difference also reduce due to updated calibration factors







Ion and proton run doses in IR1

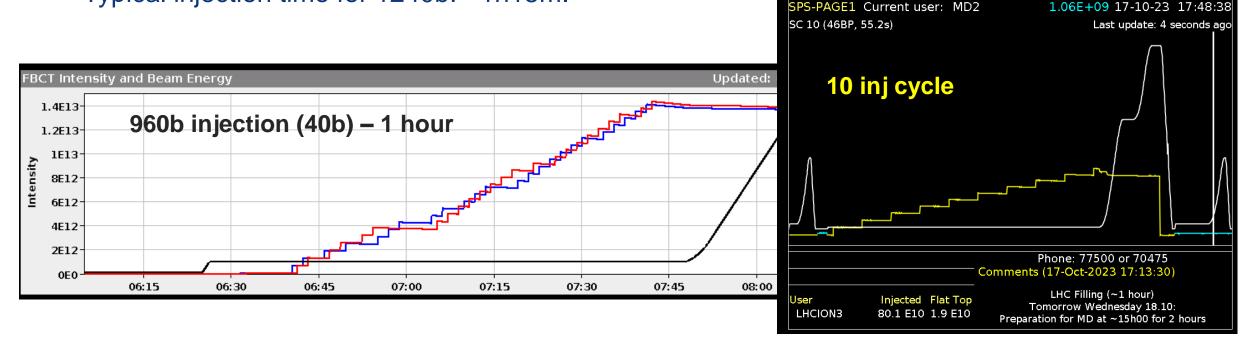
IR1 - All beam modes - Ion run 2023

Radiation levels

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Injection

- Long SPS 14 injection cycle (56 bunches) with slip-stacking is working well.
 - Shorter 10 injection (40 bunches) version in service since Monday.
- Sometimes injection is tedious when beams are rejected due to quality (bunch length, parameter spread), but overall, it is not our main issue.
- Typical injection time for 1240b: ~1h15m.





Ramp losses (1)

CRS to 50 cm (no FT squeeze): works well technically, lifetime drops (spikes) above 5.5 TeV ٠ coupled to the lower ion cleaning efficiencies are in issue in terms of losses.

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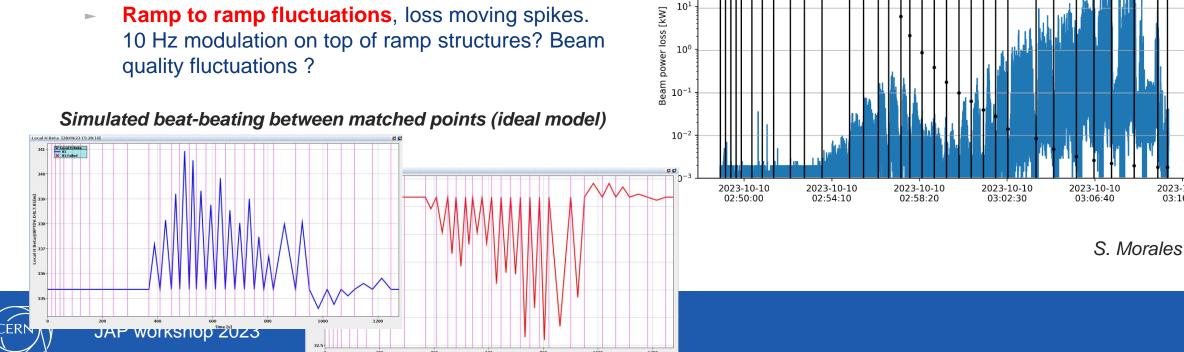
Lifetime drops not visible during setting up with coarse collimator settings.

B1 ramp power loss

RS06 BLM O6 R7 P1 (100Hz) Optics matched points

BLM signal RS06 and ATLAS Beta Star/Optics Matched Points during RAMP in fill 9237

- Lifetime drops **between matched points**, losses peak in region of 5.5 to 6.3 TeV, typically 30-70% of dump threshold.
 - Ramp to ramp fluctuations, loss moving spikes. 10 Hz modulation on top of ramp structures? Beam quality fluctuations?



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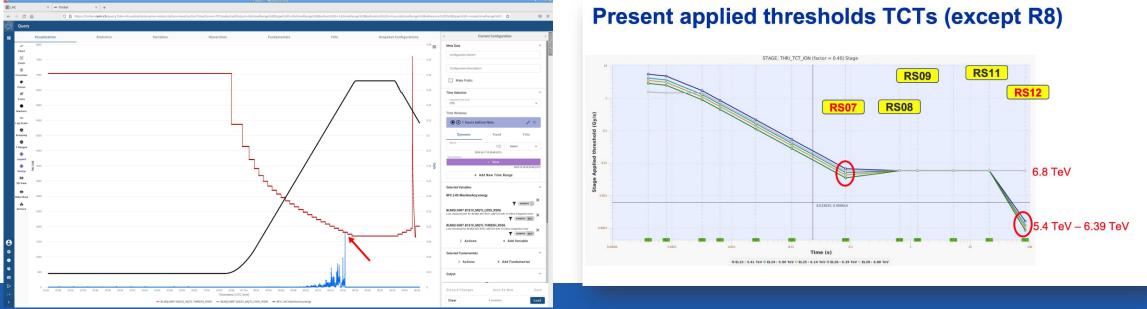
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ATLAS Beta Star [m]

Ramp losses (2)

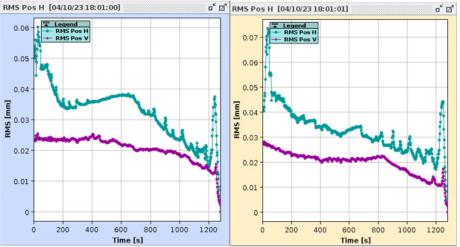
- Dumps on losses fast losses < 1 s in the ramp mitigated by:
 - Adapting BLM thresholds with "flat top" corrections applied at lower energies (avoids pushing thresholds too low in the ramp) and adjustment of monitor factors. Last iteration done yesterday...
 - Smoothing out orbit feed-forward corrections. First step done; further improvements require changes in the settings generation that we do not want to push out now. Does not seem to be the main loss mechanism.
- Operated successfully more than a week with 1240b with losses 30-70% of dump thresholds.
 Last Monday sudden increase leading to dumps → reduced # bunches to ~960.



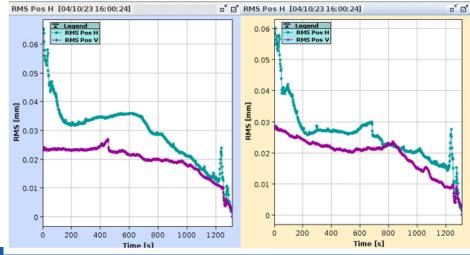


Orbit - smoothed ramp

With K correction only (9222)



With K and K-smooth correction (9224)



Feed-forward of kicks and parabolic rounding

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Parabolized FF

kick function

Consider the real-time kick on a corrector that we aim to feed-forward into the functions.

The setting at the matched point is used to calculate the new function for the corrector.

This function is interpolated with a parabolic section.

- The end of the parabolic sections next to the matched points generate an 'error' that the OFB will have to correct after FF.
- The interpolation error generates a sharp change just around the matched point – OFB not fast enough to iron out completely.
 - Possible source of orbit spikes near matched points.
- Intrinsic issue of parabolic rounding.



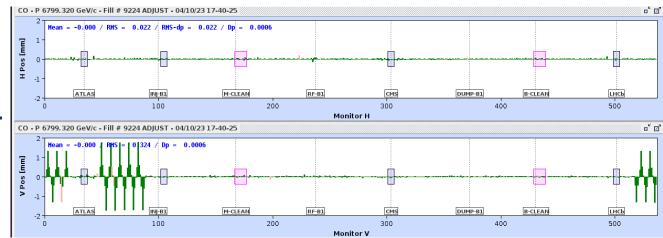
- Originally planned as pp MD, it was introduced as attempt to mitigate the losses in the ramp.
- First iteration reduced by a factor ~2 the orbit spikes and seemed to help.
- Very reproducible from ramp to ramp, largest losses are not at places of orbit excursions.



ALICE background

- After many tests, the spurious dispersion knob for B1 (ATLAS xing compensation) was identified as an efficient cure.
 - Optimum setting at <u>250 urad equivalent</u> (~2.5 mm orbit bump in the arc).
- Spurious dispersion in IR1 knob applied for **both beams** gave no further improvement.
- Losses shifted from TCTPV.L2 to TCLD.R2.

-> SD1	[SP-B1 @	170	urad	=>	~	gain	40
-> SDI	[SP-B1 @	200	urad	=>	~	gain	49
-> SDI	ISP-B1 @	250	urad	=>	~	gain	57
-> SDI	ISP-B1 @	275	urad	=>	~	gain	57

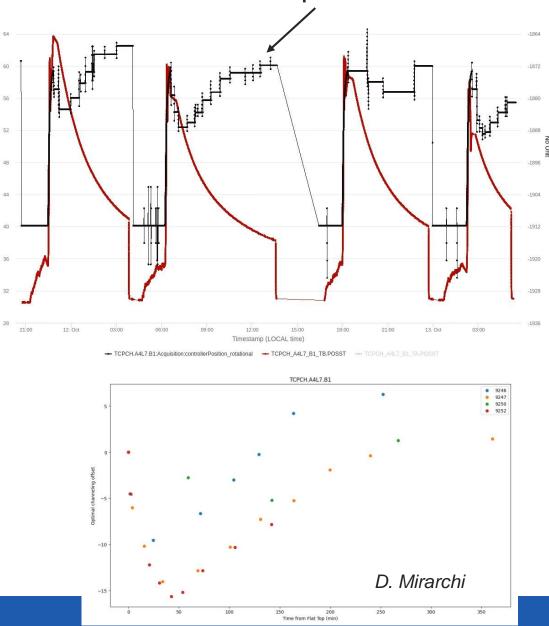




Xtal optimum

Xtal channeling (stability)

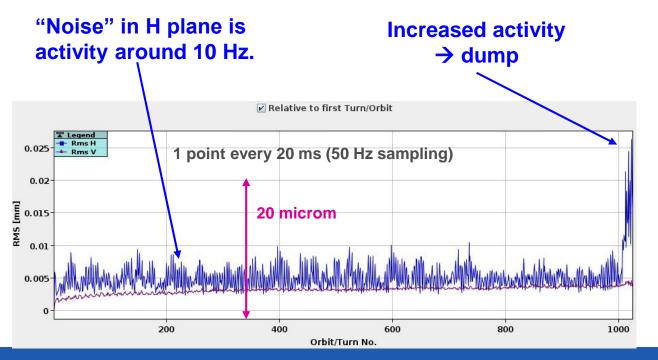
- Drifts of the Xtal angles by ~10-15 urad for a channeling acceptance of 2 urad, in particular B1H.
 - Systematic evolution in physics fills.
 - Xtals can be in amorphous state, i.e. no channeling.
- Regular **Xtal channeling optimizations** at injection, at FT and in SB.
 - Since yesterday automated optimizations in SB.
- Suspicion of temperature effects. Effort in progress between impedance, mechanics, controls and collimation.





Dumps on TCLDs in SB

- ► 3 dumps on TCLD R2 BLMs in stable beams in conjunction with increased "10 Hz" activity.
 - ▶ Beam loss in IR7 \rightarrow leaking to TCLDs in IR2.
- In the horizontal plane there is permanent activity around 10 Hz in proton and ion runs. Occasional bursts of activity leads to dumps with ions.
 - ▶ NB: triplet, Q6R2... horizontal modes : in the range 8 12 Hz.

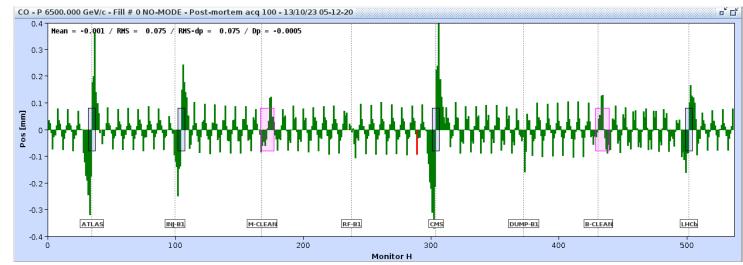


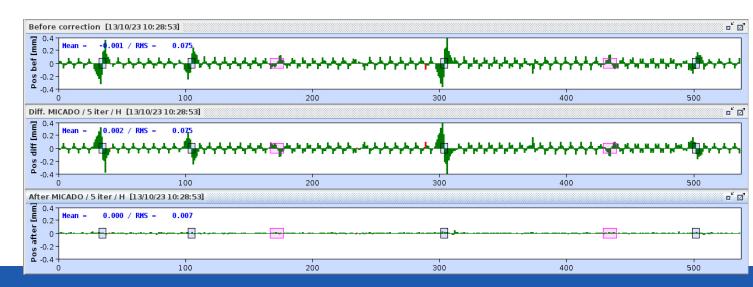




Dumps on TCLDs in SB

- Peak-2-peak oscillation amplitude ~80 um (arc), frequency ~8.5 Hz.
- For two cases, oscillation compatible with single (i.e. dominant) source in cell 13L8, kick amplitude ~0.4 microrad.
- With ALICE polarity, reoptimization of the TCLD jaw settings will be attempted to move losses to IR3.





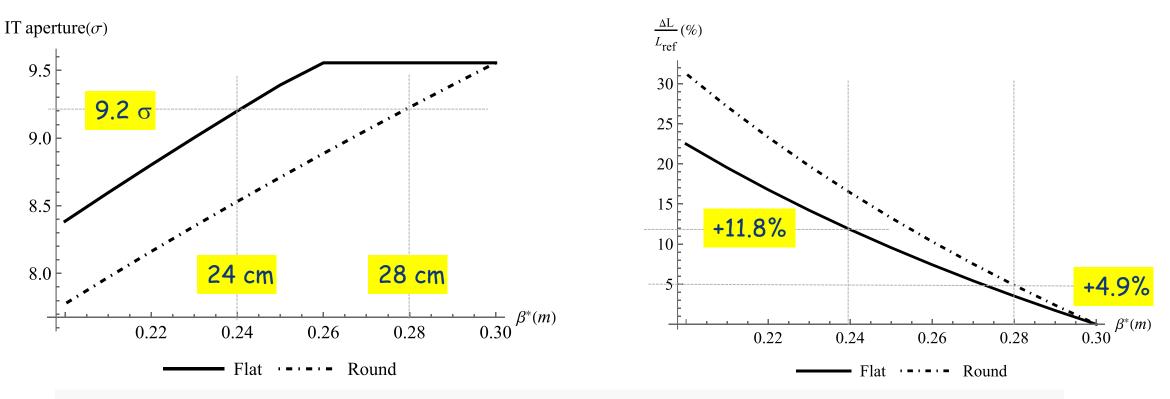


Extending β^* -levelling in flat mode down to 24 cm in the || plane

[aperture estimate for 6.8 TeV & fixed $\theta_x/2=160 \mu rad$; lumi estimate for $\gamma \epsilon=2.5 \mu m$, $\sigma_z=8 cm$]

IT aperture [σ]

Peak lumi gain [%]





*2.4 more efficient than round optics at constant IT aperture

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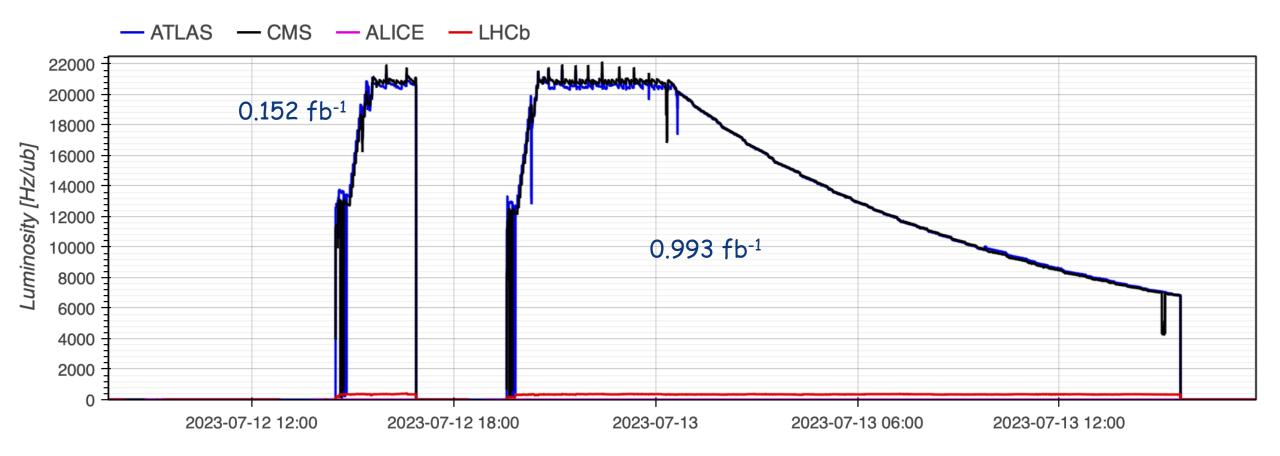
Overview of "10 Hz-like" dumps

- ► Run 2 and run 3, all dumps due to **B1 horizontal plane**.
- All but 2 cases in 2018 in Pb operation reduced cleaning efficiency !
- Cell 13L8 was candidate for 2 dumps in pPb in 2016, alive again in 2023.

All oscilla	ations are	in the ho	rizontal plane !							
Fill	Run	Mode	Date	Time	Beam dump	Phase	f (Hz)	Dump BLM	Observation	
5562	2016	pPb	01.12.2016	00:39:32	B1	Stable	~7	TCSG RS08	Kick in 13L8, beta* 1.5m in LHCb, 2m in ALICE	
5567	2016	pPb	02.12.2016	10:07:09	B1	Stable	~7	TCSG RS08	Kick in 13L8, beta* 1.5m in LHCb, 2m in ALICE	
6952	2018	рр	20.07.2018	14:04:46	B1	End of squeeze	~8-9	TCLA RS01/02	Kick in 21L4, consistent for both beams	
7235	2018	рр	29.09.2018	18:10:35	B1	Stable	~8-9	TCLA RS01/02	Kick in 21L4, consistent for both beams	
7442	2018	PbPb	13.11.2018	23:45:49	B1	Stable	~8-9	TCSG RS08/09	Kick around Q6R2	
7447	2018	PbPb	16.11.2018	05:56:58	B1	Stable	~8-9	TCT RS07	Kick around Q6R2	
7451	2018	PbPb	17.11.2018	14:54:09	B1	Stable	~8-9	TCSG RS09	Kick around Q6R2	
7458	2018	PbPb	20.11.2018	20:34:33	B1	Stable	~8-9	TCSG RS08/09, Q13 RS08	Kick around Q6R2	
7459	2018	PbPb	21.11.2018	00:17:57	B1	Stable	~8-9	TCSG RS08/09, TCT RS07, Q13 RS08	Kick around Q6R2	
7465	2018	PbPb	22.11.2018	13:26:00	B1	Flat top	7?	TCSG RS10	No real trajectory oscillation visible	
7482	2018	PbPb	28.11.2018	23:38:35	B1	Stable	~8-9	TCSG RS08, Q13 RS08	Kick around Q6R2	
9234	2023	PbPb	06.10.2023	19:34:02	B1	Stable	~5-6 Hz	TCLD.R2 RS06	Kick in 12L8,13L8 + IT.2/Q6R2	
9251	2023	PbPb	13.10.2023	05:12:20	B1	Stable	~8.5	TCLD.R2 RS06	Kick in 13L8	
9267	2023	PbPb	16.10.2023	18:14:46	B1	Stable	~8.8	TCLD.R2 RS06	Kick in 13L8	



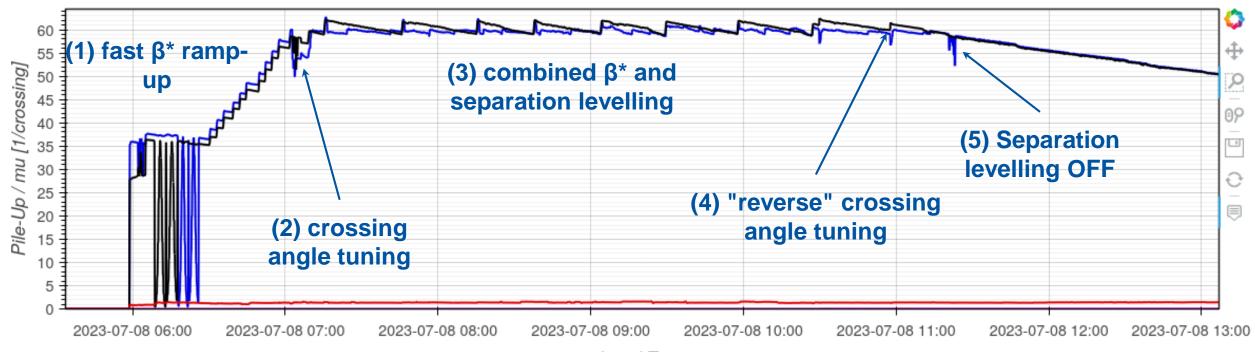
Luminosity





Orchestration of collisions

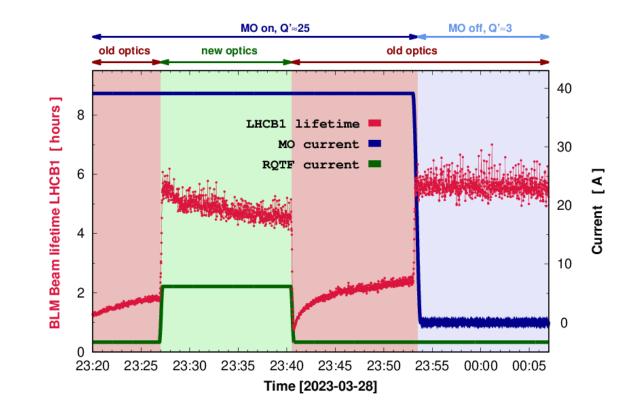
- ATLAS - CMS - ALICE - LHCb



Local Time

- 2. crossing angle tuning to reduce ATLAS wrt CMS (-10urad once ATLAS @ max PU)
- 3. combined β^* /separation levelling
- 4. crossing angle tuning back to nominal (once $\beta^* = 30$ cm)
- 5. ATLAS levelling not effective anymore back head-on

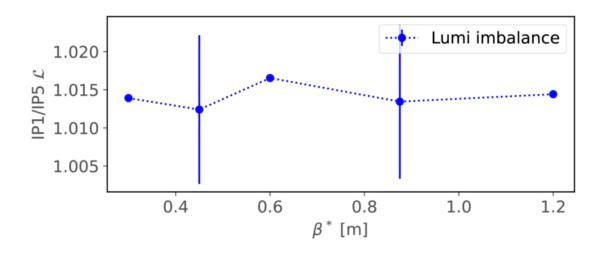






β* and luminosity

- The β^* was measured from 1.2m down to 30 cm
 - Offline analysis to align timing between the current reading and tune has been applied
- Analysis indicates a ~1.5% higher luminosity from β^* for ATLAS
 - Large error-bar, or none where we only have a single measurement
 - To reduce uncertainty we would need to perform more measurements

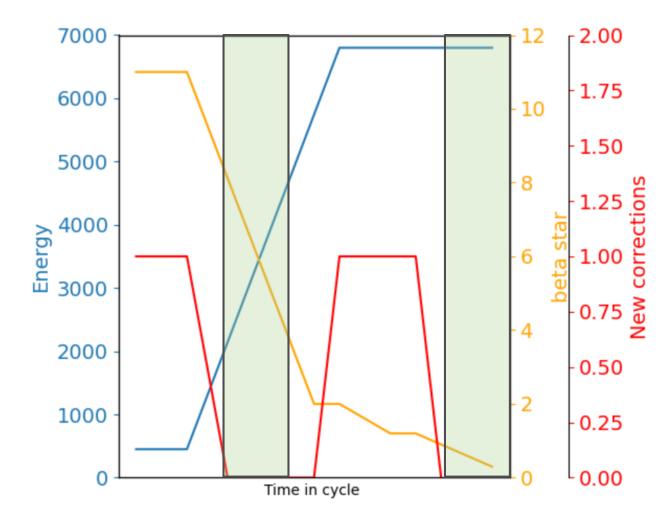


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2023 cycle

- Part of the cycle is the same as in 2022
 - In particular the most challenging part: β* between 60-30cm
 - The new cycle was already measured during MDs in 2022





Losses going to collision (Adjust)

- During the intensity ramp-up we got dumped due to losses when we went into collision
 - Collimator with an angle was retracted (TCSPM.E5R7.B1 to 8.2 sigma) which fixed the issues with the dumps coming from high losses going in collisions
 - Total losses were reduced by
 - Optimizing the tunes, different values depending on which BBQ that was used
 - Systematic effect of the trains on lead to non-perfect centring in the TCP
 - Effect compensated in orbit feedback -> Less losses in particular for beam 1.

