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From Source to Collision

Tracing the Beams Up to Their Final Collisions at the LHC

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LHC 27 km







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OUTLINE







► H⁻ (hydrogen anions) ► p (protons) ► ions ► RIBs (Radioactive Ion Beams) ► n (neutrons) ► p̄

▶ p̄ (antiprotons) ▶ e⁻ (electrons)



Overview of the injector complex

Experiments along the chain

Introducing the LHC for proton Physics: LHC Cycle LHC beams LHC Collisions

Glance at Ions Operation

Why Accelerators and colliders?



Creating Matter from Energy

In our accelerators we provide energy to the particles we accelerate.

In the detectors we observe the matter created

Fixed target



 $E \propto \sqrt{E_{beam}}$

Collider



 $E = E_{beam1} + E_{beam2}$

History of the Universe



During the Big Bang Energy was transformed in matter



- Chain of accelerators providing beams up to 7 TeV (LHC design, protons)
- A total acceleration exceeding x10⁸
- Featuring experiments at various energy levels, very broad physics reach
- (De)Accelerated Species: hydrogen anions, protons, ions, Radioactive Ion Beams, neutrons, antiprotons and electrons.







LHC injectors – LINAC 4



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Acceleration and Bunching



Particle Acceleration Principle





Acceleration and Bunching



By accelerating on the rising slope of the positive RF wave, a longitudinal force keeps the beam **<u>bunched</u>**.

RF gymnastics are just a very fine control over the frequency and phase of the voltage seen by the beams. <u>Additional RF systems provide the machine with the "flexibility"</u>

LHC injectors – LINAC 4

Drift Tube LINAC ٠

> proton source

Particles accelerated by a sequence of gaps

drift tubes

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Distance between gaps increases proportionally to the particle velocity, to keep synchronicity

cavity

beam

2020

radio-frequency

power source

Used in the range where velocity increases rapidly





LHC injectors – LINAC 4





Proton Synchrotron Booster

LHC injectors – PS Booster





- 1st Synchrotron with 4 superposed rings
- Circumference of 157 m
- Proton energy from 160 MeV to 2 GeV
- Can cycle every 1.2 s
- Each ring will inject over multi-turns, using charge exchange injection



PSB – Experiments - ISOLDE





- The PSB proton beam impinges on a target producing a range of isotopes
- Two mass separators (GPS & HRS) allow selection of isotopes
- The post acceleration of isotopes is being extended
 - REX, normal conducting accelerating structures
 - HIE-ISOLDE, super conducting LINAC (3x of Energy/nucleon up to 10 MeV/u)





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Proton Synchrotron

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LHC injectors – Proton Synchrotron (PS)



- The oldest operating synchrotron at CERN
- Circumference of 628m
 - o 4 x PSB circumference (200p m)
- Increases proton energy up to max. 26 GeV
- Cycle length ranges from 1.2s to 3.6s
- Many RF systems allow for complex RF gymnastics
- Various types of extractions:
 - Fast extraction
 - Multi-turn extraction (MTE)
 - Slow extraction



PS – Experiments - AD-ELENA





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Secondary Beams:

Momentum range 1-15 GeV/c Electrons, Hadrons & Muons (Max 1-2 10⁶ particles per spill)

- Detector calibration
- Proton& neutron irradiation facilities for particle detectors and satellites
- environmental physics (CLOUD):
 - Study influence of natural and manmade aerosols on the development of clouds, cosmic rays "simulated" by PS beam





Super Proton Synchroton

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LHC injectors – SPS





Provides

HiRadMat

to

SPS - Experiments





SPS – Experiments – NORTH AREA







Lower energy experiments at PS or SPS (in 1 - 400 GeV range) allow precision measurements and comparison with theory. Deviations can be sign of new physics at higher energies.

6 approved experiments:

- NA58 (COMPASS): muon spin physics, hadron spectroscopy
- NA61 (SHINE): strong interaction, quark gluon plasma, neutrino and cosmic ray program
- NA62: rare K decays BR(K+ $\rightarrow \pi$ +nn)
- NA63: electromagnetic processes in strong crystalline fields
- NA64: search for dark sectors in missing energy events
- NA65 (DsTau): study of nt production

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SPS – Experiments - AWAKE





- \rightarrow Inject 10-20 MeV electron beam
- → acceleration of electrons to multi-GeV





SPS – Experiments - HIRADMAT





HiRadMat is a facility designed, to study the impact of intense pulsed beam on materials, fundamental for testing and simulations benchmarking of beam matter interaction (ex: LHC beams up to 350 MJ)

- Thermal management
- **Radiation Damage to materials**
- Thermal shock beam induced pressure waves







Large Hadron Collider

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- Situated on average ~100 m under ground
- Circumference 26.7 km
- Accelerate protons up to 7 TeV (design)
- Four major experiments
- Two separate beam pipes going through the same cold mass 19.4 cm apart
- 150 tons of liquid helium to keep the magnets cold and superconducting
- Colliding up to ~2800 bunches at 11245 Hz



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- 1232 main dipoles of 15 m each that deviate the beams around the 27 km circumference
- 858 main quadrupoles that keep the beam focused
- 6000 corrector magnets to preserve the beam quality
- Main magnets use superconducting cables (Cu-clad Nb-Ti)
- 12'000 A provides a nominal field of 8.33 Tesla
- Operating in superfluid helium at 1.9K

LHC PHYSICS PRODUCTION

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LHC serves its experiments with up to 2800 bunches colliding at 11245 Hz (ideally over fills >10h of Stable Beams)

The Luminosity is the proportionality factor between: events per second (dR/dt) and the Physics cross-section (cm²) at the collision energy σ



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LHC - Luminosity





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LHC - Luminosity

Experiments wants the highest luminosity, however:

□ *Instantaneous luminosity* is limited by:

- The Experiment accepted rate of events/bunch crossing for efficient data reconstruction (pileup ~ 60-65 /bunch crossing)
- Cryogenic system ability of cooling the magnets surrounding the IP to compensate for the heat deposited from the debris of the collisions (Lmax: <2.4 E34 cm⁻²s⁻¹ for Stable safe operation)

- Integrated luminosity could be limited by the radiation damage to the magnets surrounding the IP caused by proton-proton collision products (mostly pions) impacting the final focus magnet string in specific hotspots
 - Machine is continuously optimized (change of optics) to ensure that the magnets lifetime will exceed the planned integrated luminosity in LHC lifetime









LHC CYCLE

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LHC is filled via a sequence of injections, each consisting of a "Train" of bunches grouped in "Batches"

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- = Field in main magnets
- = Proton beam intensity (current)
- = Beam transfer







LINAC 4 is accelerating H-

- Charge exchange H-Injection in PSB
- RF gymnastics in the PS (Triple splitting)
- SPS acceleration to LHC injection energy

Hydrogen bottle – atoms (proton+electron) are injected in the plasma chamber

An externally applied electric field heats the atoms and separates protons and electrons – creation of a plasma, confined by magnetic fields

The **RF field applied excites a resonance of the atoms,** that can attract an electron and **create an H- ion**

The H- is then extracted via the high voltage electrodes of the source.





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The beam brightness is defined in the PSB

For LHC high brightness beams, we over inject for several turns in the same phase space of the circulating protons





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The PS is the machine in the LHC Injector Chain where the Longitudinal characteristics of the LHC beam are determined



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How does beam transfer(injection/extraction) work

SPS kicker needs about 200 ns to reach full kick (minimum spacing to not perturb circulating beams)

LHC collisions scheme





LHC RF operating at 400 MHz => RF buckets 2.5ns

35640 buckets

Minimum bunch spacing production (injectors) 25ns

"Fillable" buckets 3564

Collisions scheme is obtained from the injected buckets And used for triggers computation



LHC collisions scheme









LHC systems are "ramped" synchronously:

- Magnets power converters
- Cavities RF
- Collimation system
- Feedback system (Dampers...)







At collision as small as 10 um In the squeezing magnets x100 bigger





LHC - Luminosity



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How to maximize L?

$$L = \frac{N_b^2 n_b f_{rev} \gamma}{4\pi\varepsilon_n \beta^*} F = \frac{c}{4\pi l} \frac{\gamma}{l} N_b^2 n_b \frac{1}{\varepsilon_n \beta^*} F$$

n_{b:} linked to bunch spacing, train length, number of injections, filling scheme

F: maximized reducing crossing angle, limited by parasitic "Long Range" encounters **b***: Minimum limited by physical aperture in the triplets (small beam at IP, big beam in surrounding magnets)

 N_b : capped by the most stringent of several factors (beam coupling impedance, e- cloud heatload, instabilities...)

en: At best preserve the injected emittance from injectors

"Virtual Luminosity" would be more than what the machine and Experiments can cope with!

Luminosity control techniques (Levelling):



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All levelling techniques are applied in the LHC during Stable Beams to maximize integrated luminosity

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \int_0^T \mathcal{L}(t') dt'$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} \cdot \sigma_p =$$
number of events of interest.

Aiming for average production of 0.8 fb⁻¹/day Reaching peaks of 1.4 fb⁻¹/day



Ongoing Lumi Production



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What about lons Operation?

IONs Chain – LINAC 3





IONs Chain - Low Energy Ion Ring (LEIR)







- LEIR Accumulates the 200 ms pulses from Linac3; then splits into 2 bunches (3.6 s)
- Electron Cooling is used to achieve the required brightness
- Acceleration to 72 MeV/nucleon before transfer to the PS
- The Pb54+ is finally fully stripped to Pb82+ in the transfer line from PS to SPS

Acceleration continues:

- in the PS where a double splitting also takes place (2b -> 4b, bunch separation 100 ns)
- In the SPS ions are accelerated to 17 GeV/u
- Run 3 lon physics started in 2023 and is scheduled also for 2024/25
- N.B: In Run 2 LHC also operated as Proton-Lead collider
- In 2023, 1240 bunch per beam were used for Physics (max. 740 b in 2018)
 - Key: 50ns beams from SPS (momentum split stacking)

IONs PHYSICS





SPS – SLIP STACKING (MSS)

- □ Injection of 14 PS-batches (4 bunches, spaced by 100ns):
 - Beaml: first 7 batches, Beam2: last 7 batches
- □ Ramp to slip-stacking energy plateau (300 ZGeV) \rightarrow cross transition energy
- □ Each beam follows different frequency programs: two groups of 200 MHz RF cavities (3 per beam) → slip longitudinally close to each other
- □ Interleave the beams: reduce bunch distance to 50 ns
- □ Recapture with a non-adiabatic voltage jump at the average frequency and accelerate





Conclusions





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100 KM LONG

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CERN staff in front of one of the first High Luminosity LHC quadrupoles 2023

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Why need to upgrade the PSB?

- Brightness Limitations: Space-Charge
- Particles within a bunch moving at speed lower than speed of light generate a repulsive force



- This is an additional defocusing force on single particles
 → transverse tune shift (negative)
- Particles feel different space charge defocusing forces according to their positions in the bunch
 → tune spread



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Brightness Limitations: Space-Charge

- Due to their shifted tunes, some of the particles can hit resonances so that the trajectories of those particles can
 - Grow to large amplitudes and get stabilised
 → emittance growth
 - Become unstable and hit the machine aperture → beam loss

$$\Delta Q_{x,y}^{\max} = -\frac{r_0 R N_b C}{2\pi e \beta \gamma^2 \epsilon_{x,y} \sigma_z}$$

Brightness limitation!



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Need to increase beam energy to overcome brightness limitation! Injection energy from 50 MeV to 160 Me







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BFPP bumps

orbit bumps method was implemented to move the secondary beam into the connection cryostat to reduce risk of quenches and successfully removed ATLAS and CMS limitation.



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LHC from design...





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...to reality





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The main dipoles

The Lorentz's force

$$F = q[vXB]$$





REQUIREMENTS

Bending radius 2803.95 m

Dipole field at 450 GeV **0.535 T**

Dipole field at 7 TeV 8.33 T





The main dipoles

1500 tonnes of top quality SC cables



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15000 MJ of magnetic energy



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Force tends to "open" the magnet, hence the Austenitic steel collars
The main quadrupoles

LHC FODO cell



The linear magnet lattice can be parameterized by a 'varying spring constant', K=K(s).

K(s) describes the distribution of focusing strength along the lattice and is periodic.

$$\frac{d^2x}{ds^2} + K(s)x = 0$$



The Hill's equation



(and similarly for the vertical plane y)



The cryogenic system





The vacuum system

The insulation vacuum

- Between the cryomagnet and its cryostat – both wrapped with superinsulation
- Before the cooldown this vacuum is pumped out to **10⁻¹ Pa**
- The cooldown will bring a huge additional pumping of the water up to 10-4 Pa



The beam vacuum

- It aims at reducing beam-gas interactions, responsible for:
 - Machine performance limitations
 - Background to the experiments
- Innovative conceptual design with "beam screen" to absorb the heat load
- Pressure < 10⁻¹⁰ Pa (10 times lower than on the Moon) ULTRAHIGH VACUUM



Beam 1



Beam 2



Typical orbits

 2176 position readings
 Excellent availability



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Figure 1: Sketch of the BSRT light sources.

















- Around 4000 ionization chambers protect the LHC superconducting magnets against quenches and damage from beam loss.
- The system has been designed with high safety standard (SIL3) and is an essential component of the LHC Machine Protection System.
 - Smallest loss integration interval is 40 microseconds => ~½ LHC turn.
 - The BLM system will dump if a SINGLE monitor goes above threshold.





The Collimation System







The Collimation System

- Collimation is set up with multi-stage logic for cleaning and protection
- Let's look in normalized phase space, talking in nominal sigmas:





The Collimation System

- The hierarchy must be respected at all times.
- The collimators and protection devices are positioned with respect to the closed orbit. Therefore the closed orbit must be in tolerance at all times all along the cycle...REPRODUCIBILITY IS ESSENTIAL!

- Orbit feedback
 mandatory
- Interlock on orbit
 position mandatory







The beam energy

2808 bunches, 1.15 10¹¹ protons per bunch Energy per beam ~ 360 MJ



British aircraft carrier at 12 knots



...concentrated in the dimension of a hair!! ...sent through a very cold, dark and small hole!







It must be absolutely reliable...

ISOLDE Synchrocyclotron: 1967-1990 ISOLDE PSB: 1992

PSB Experimental Areas: ISOLDE



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ISOLDE (Isotope mass Separeton @P3Line Device) → on October 16, 1967 the first radioactive beam

Solid and liquid target materials -> wide spectrum of radioactive isotopes up to *A* =< 92. Radioactive isotopes are produced via proton-induced target fragmentation, spallation and **figsion reactions** HRS: High Resolution Separator **HIE-ISOLDE: High Intensity** and Energy ISOLDE







→ wide range of radioisotopes, some of which can be produced only at CERN thanks to the unique ISOLDE facility, for hospitals and research centres in Switzerland and across
↓ rope devise and test unconventional radioisotopes with a view to developing new approaches to fight cancer

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SPS Experimental Areas: A WAKE

Plasma wake acceleration A "wake" is created when something is quickly pushed through a f or gaseous substance, like a boat cutting through water. In this ca the substance is "plasma".

"Acceleration" simply refers to the effect: when a bunch of particles is placed behind a plasma wake, it accelerates, like a wake surfer.



There are a variety of ways to create plasma wake-field acceleration (PWFA): bv sending a laser beam or a beam of particles

The concept was developed in an audacious 1979 paper by scientists Toshiki Tajima and John Dawson, both then at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Proof-of-principle:



- \rightarrow Inject 10-20 MeV electron beam
- \rightarrow acceleration of electrons to **multi-GeV energy range** in the wakefield driven by protons.
- \rightarrow first proton driven PWA experiment world-wide





Antiproton Decelerator : AD

Built in 1999 (from the old AC) 26 GeV/c PS Proton beam produces p (1 in 10⁷) which are focused and captured in the AD and decelerated to 100 MeV/c (5.3 MeV)





















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- System capacity to remove "heatload" is limited
- Heatload from beam coupling to accelerator equipment (impedance)
 - Cryo systems by design are dimensioned to deal with it;
- \rightarrow Heatload from Collisions debris around the Interaction regions
 - Limits maximum instantaneous luminosity at the experiments;
- Heatload from "e-cloud" (multipacting)
 - Depends on Surface SEY, Bunch intensity, bunch spacing, batch spacing
 - Limits the trains length, total number of bunches, bunch intensity
 - Opens the door to get "creative" with beams; i.e. 8b4e beams



- → In high luminosity Interaction points (IP1/IP5) debris from collisions irradiate the machine components (triplets and separation dipoles)
- Total integrated luminosity accumulated may create hot spots that exceed equipment tolerances leading to failure
- → Clever solutions tackling the problems to spread the radiation spatially by changing the optics configuration around the IP or change the crossing angle (RP optics!)