

# beam-beam compensation and crab cavities

*“time is now, people are here!”*

**long-range beam-beam is getting tougher but no show-stopper**

**wire compensator important for phase 1 and even before;  
~2 sigma gain in aperture**

**how many low-distance LR encounters can be accepted?**

- beam energy, lattice, chromaticity, tunes,...**
- experience/experiments at Tevatron, RHIC, SPS**
- reliable simulation tool**
- head-on important**

# Conclusions

- LHC with early separation scheme has between 1 and 3 LR encounters at  $4-5\sigma$ ;
  - Tevatron: 70 LR encounters at a mean separation of  $9-10\sigma$ . Losses start for minimum separation smaller than  $5-6\sigma$ ;
  - SPS:
    - Wire experiments indicates that 2 LR interactions at  $5\sigma$  can create losses that can not be tolerated at LHC; → **'07 results more optimistic**
    - Experiments with wire also show that for all 120 LR ( $I_{\text{wire}}=276$  A) losses start at  $8-9\sigma$ ;
  - RHIC:
    - experiments with 1 LR (100 GeV/n) show onset of losses at  $4\sigma$ ;
    - BBLR experiment with 1-10 LR ( $I_{\text{wire}}=5-50$  A) show onset of losses at  $5-9\sigma$  (very sensitive to working point);

**no universal rule, several important parameters - some not identified?!**

## Conclusions

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- Simulations for RHIC show that a 1 long range encounter at  $5\sigma$  imposes a diffusive aperture at  $10\sigma$  (for the nominal working point);
- Simulations with the wire at RHIC can reproduce the onset of losses around  $9\sigma$  for Experiment II;
- Simulations for the LHC shows that the wire compensator can increase the diffusive aperture by almost  $2\sigma$  and also that a few LR encounters at  $5.5\sigma$  (while the mean separation is kept constant at  $9.5\sigma$ ) does not affect the diffusive aperture;

**can we open collimators to 9 sigma if dynamic aperture is at 5-7 sigma?**

**wire successful at DAFNE (higher average luminosity);  
good understanding; can compensate with octupole**

**SPS experiments at 37 and 55 GeV indicate threshold**

**dc wire does well, RF BBLR does even better**

**impact of crab cavities on collimation?**

**funding: - BBLR for LHC**

**- RF BBLR prototype**

**- crab cavity prototype – SBIR**