



LHC Injectors Upgrade

Q20 in SPS

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Introduction

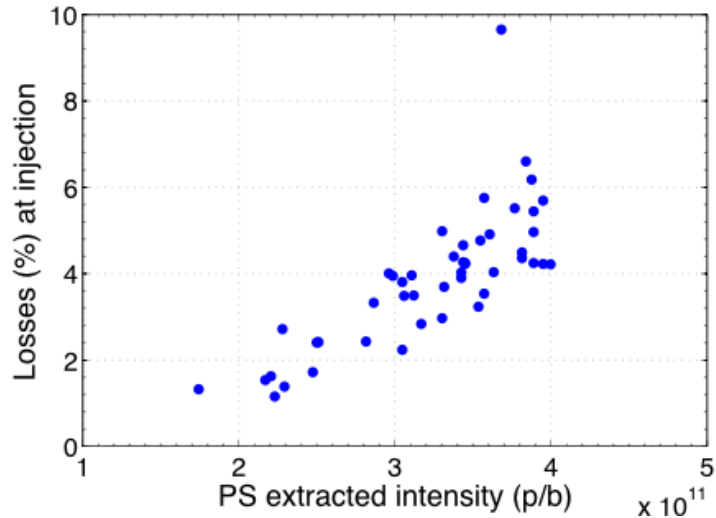
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- **Longitudinal stability (see talk of T. Argyropoulos)**

- Longitudinal instability threshold **scales with slip factor η**
- Clear improvement with Q20 optics wrt. Q26
 - For single and multi bunch beams
- Less controlled longitudinal blow-up for same intensity in Q20

$$N_{th} \sim |\eta| \epsilon_l^{5/2}$$

- **Important step in 2012: making Q20 operational**

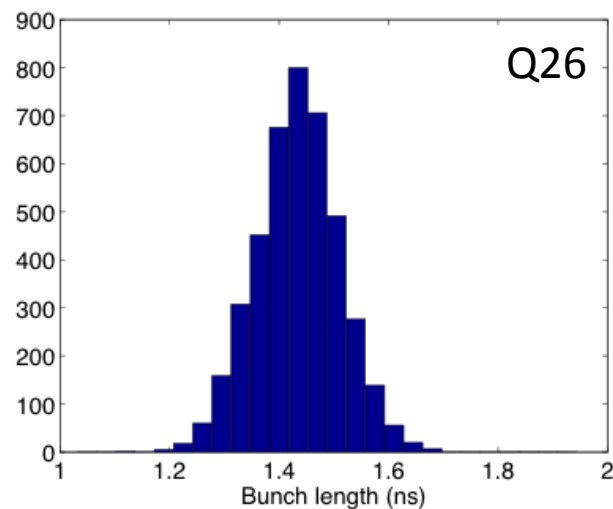
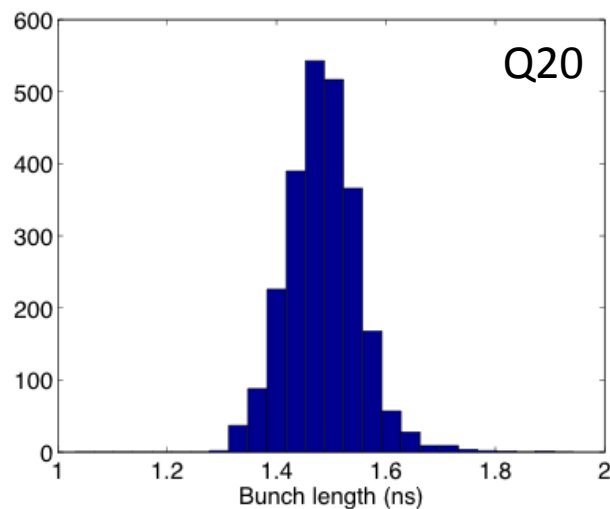
- LMC decided to switch to Q20 when longitudinal setup with Q26 became difficult





Extraction to LHC

- **At flat top maximal need to shorten bunches for transfer to LHC**
 - Maximal RF voltage already used in Q26 optics
 - Beam with same longitudinal emittance would have larger bunch length in Q20
- **Similar bunch length at flat top in both optics for same longitudinal stability**
 - With smaller longitudinal emittance in Q20 optics (due to higher threshold)
 - Demonstrated in MD studies and in preparation for testing injection into LHC
 - Smaller rms spread in bunch length at extraction with Q20



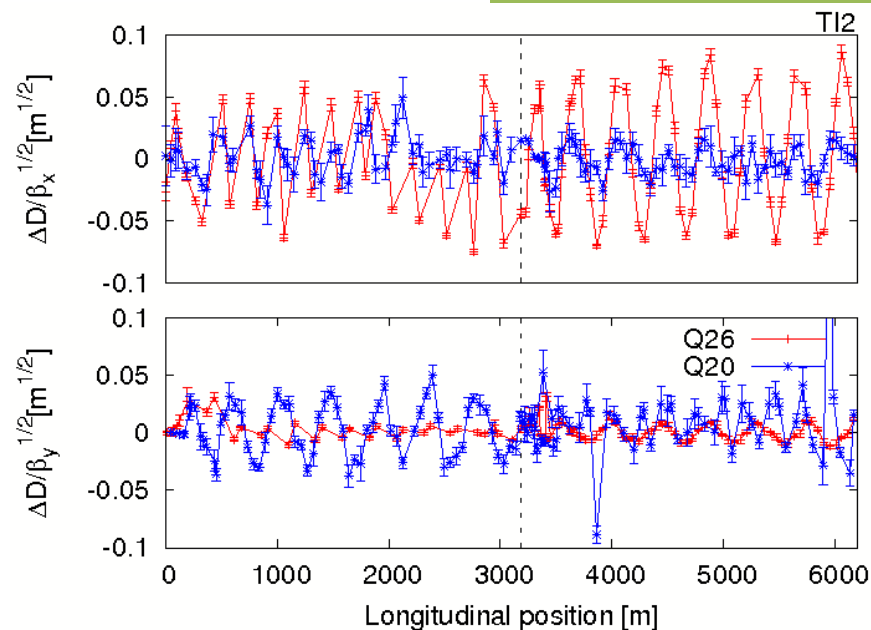
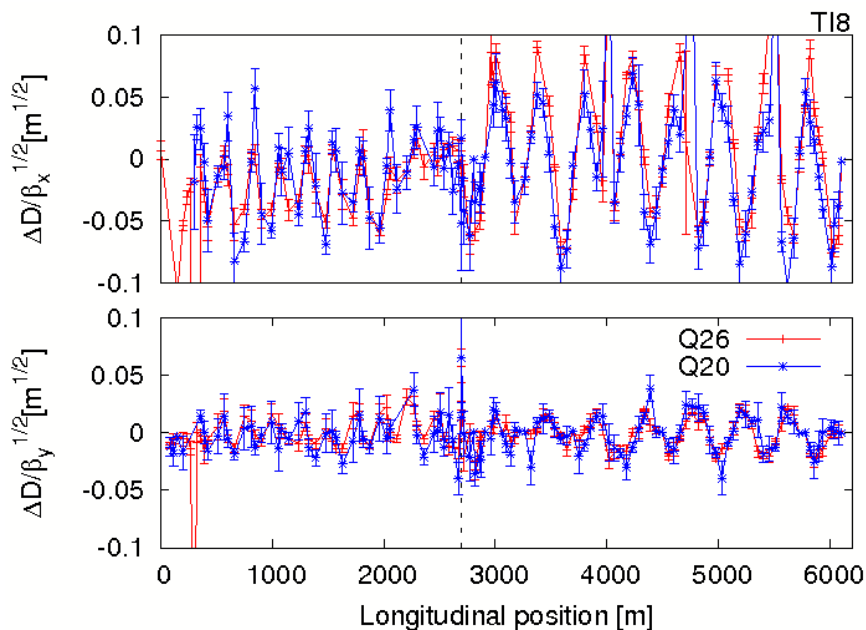
⇒ **SPS Q20 ready to deliver to LHC**



Preparation of injection into LHC

- Series of MDs for setting up extraction bumps and transfer lines
- Transfer line matching (ABT and collaborators)
 - Dispersion measurements
 - Similar errors for both optics for Beam 1
 - Small differences between two optics for Beam 2

G. Vanbavinckhove

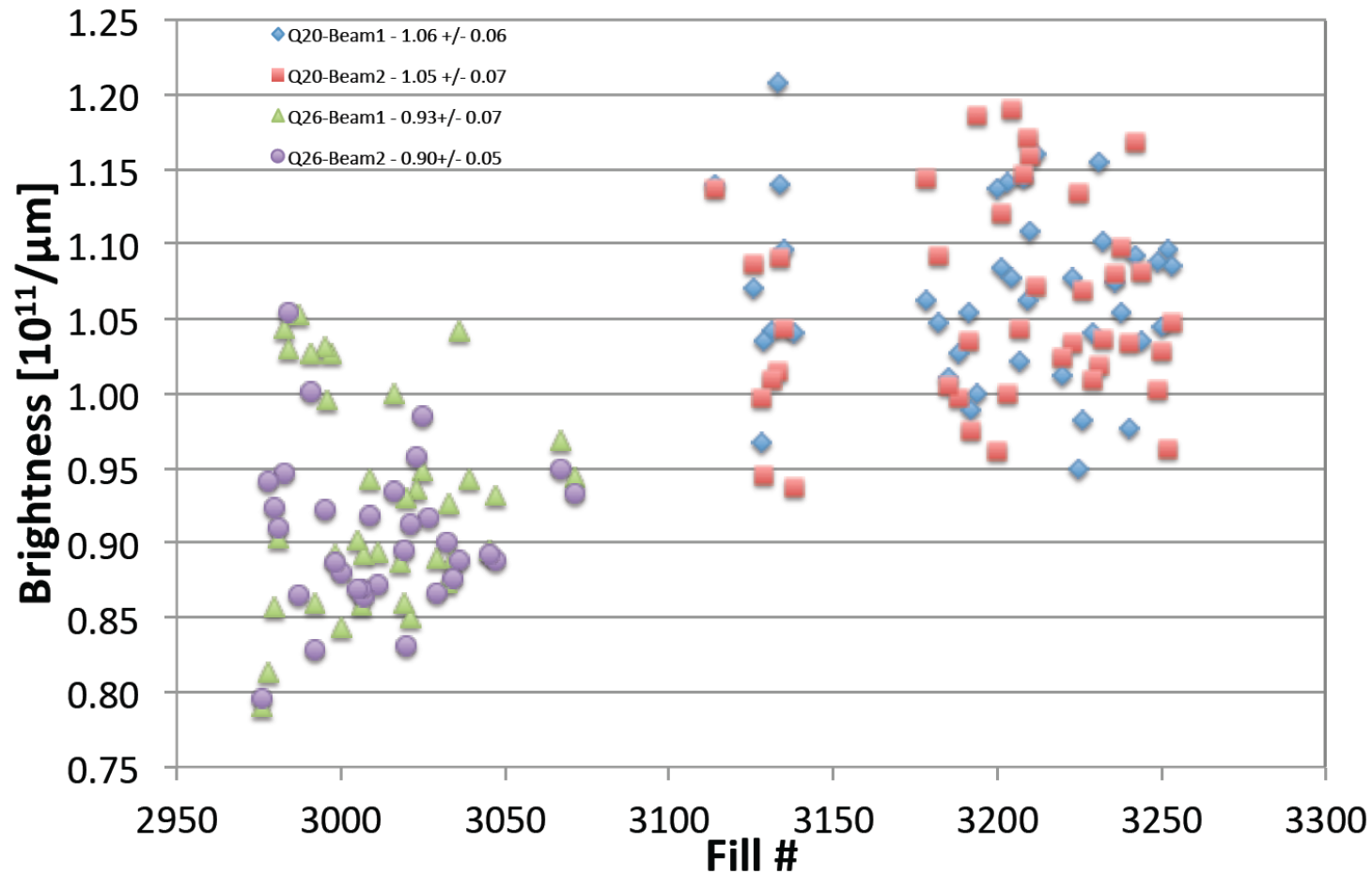




Operational performance

Brightness measured on LHC flat bottom

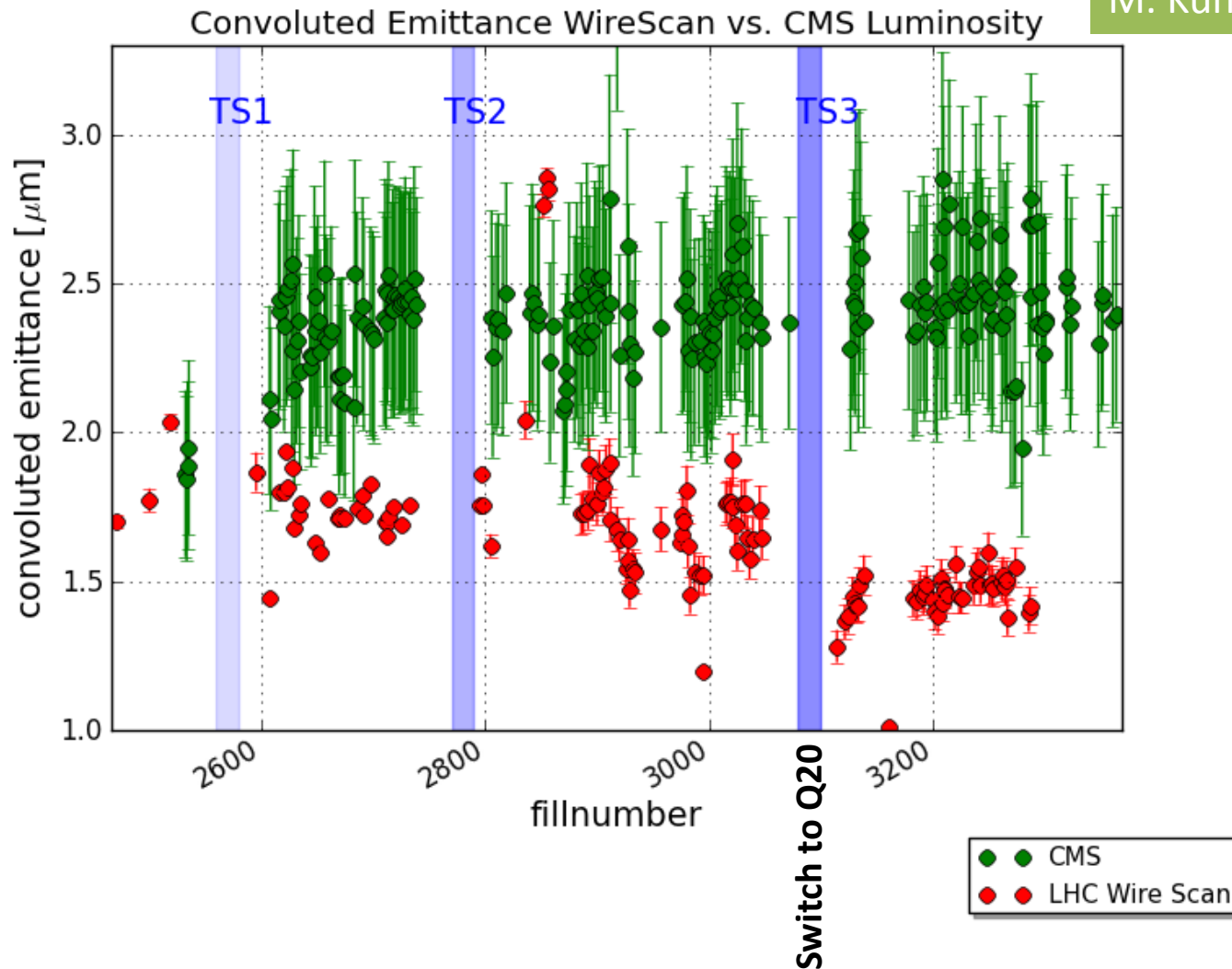
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Operational performance

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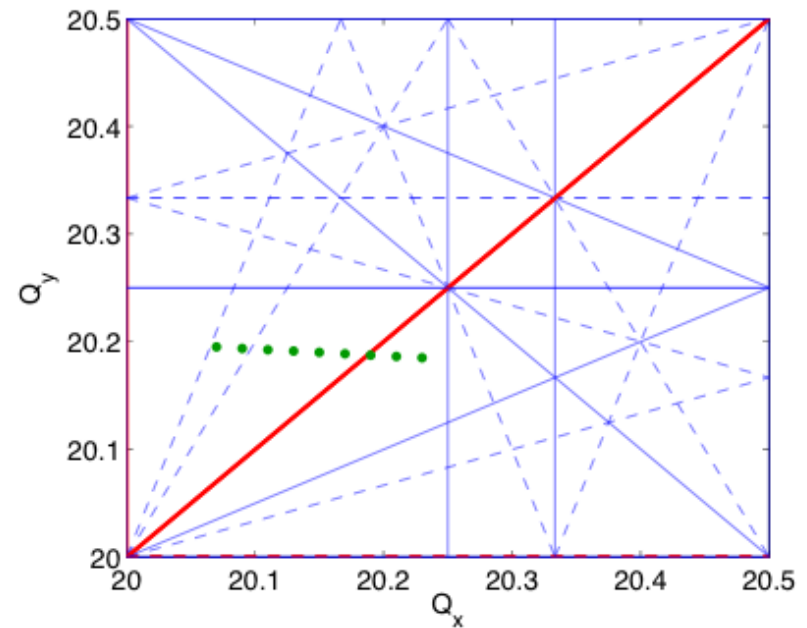
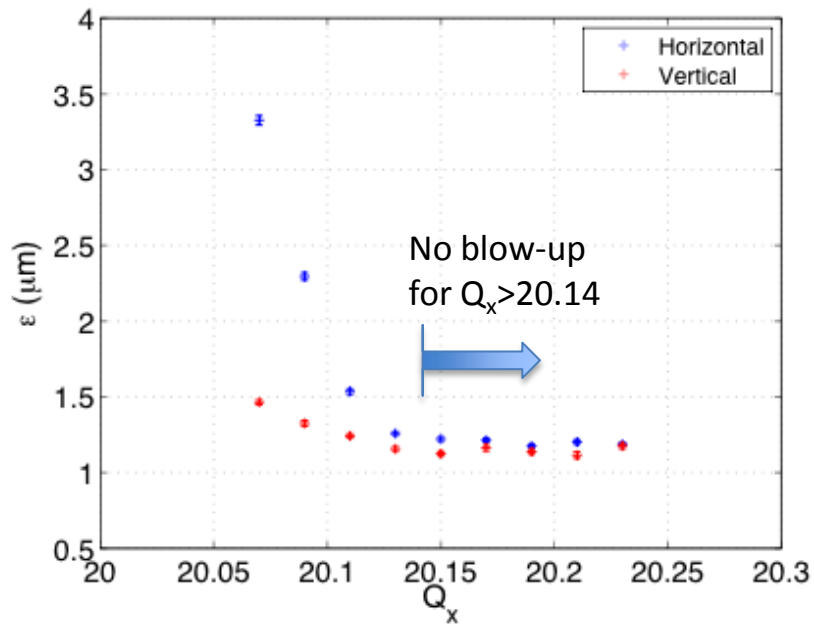




Space charge tune spread

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- $\varepsilon \sim 1.15 \mu\text{m}$
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- Transmission up to flat top around 94% (without scraping)

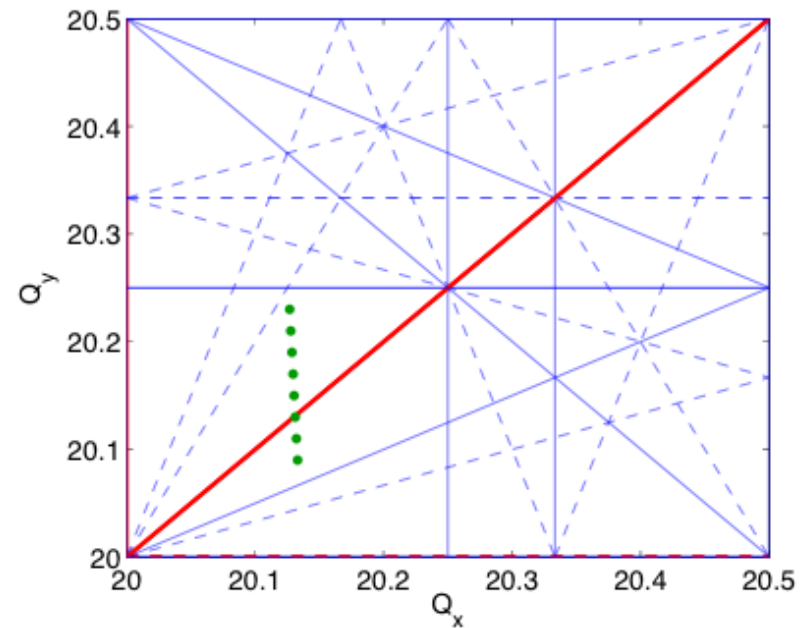
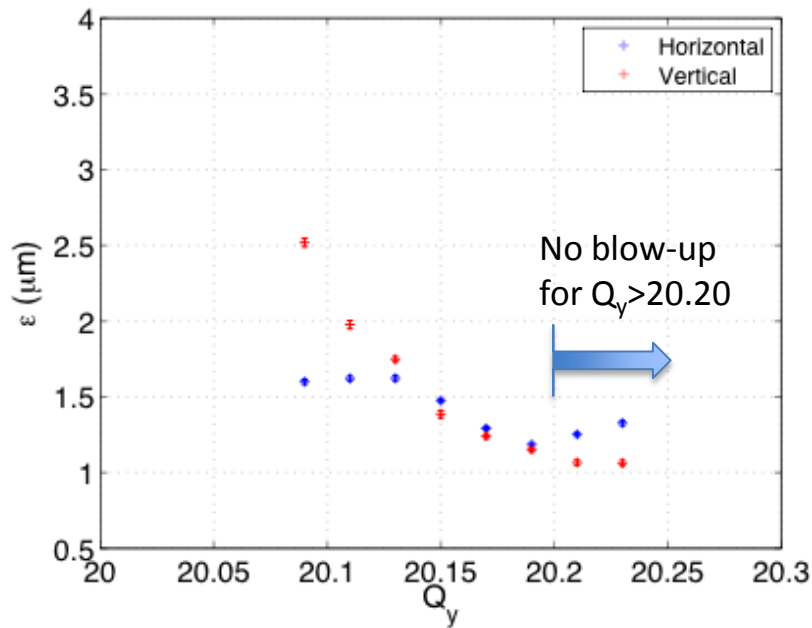




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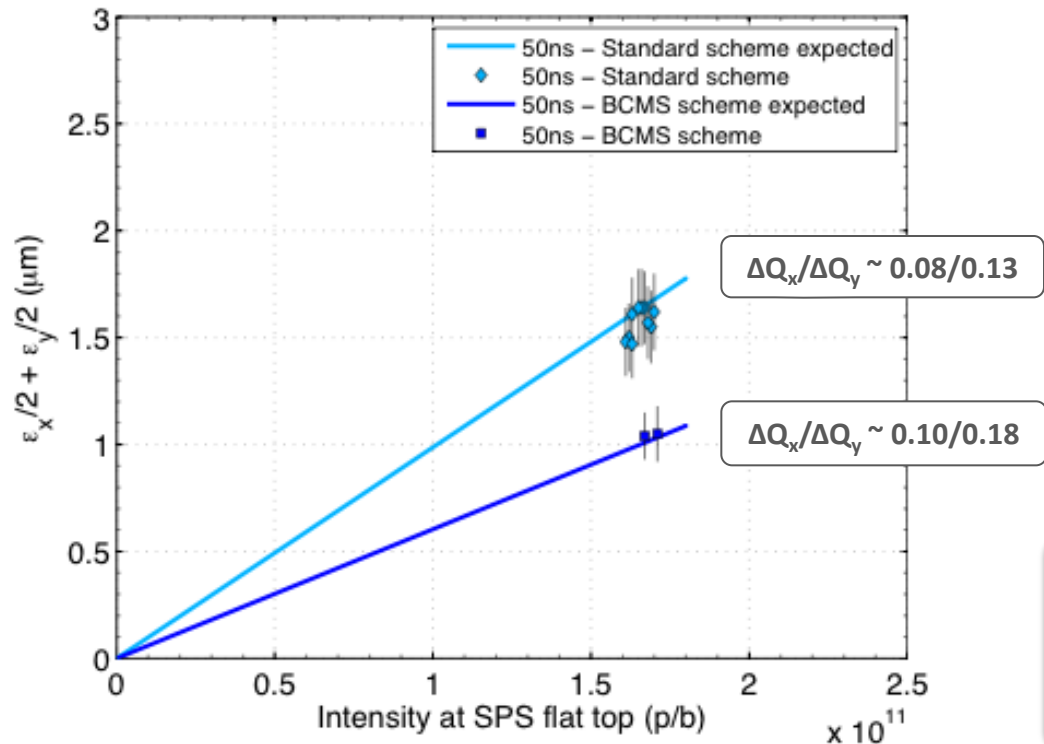
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2012 achieved beam parameters – 50ns



Expected performance:
Scaling PSB measurement
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- **50ns standard scheme**

- Regularly used to fill LHC since September 2012 using Q20 optics, at present PS intensity limit
- Measurements done with 4 batches

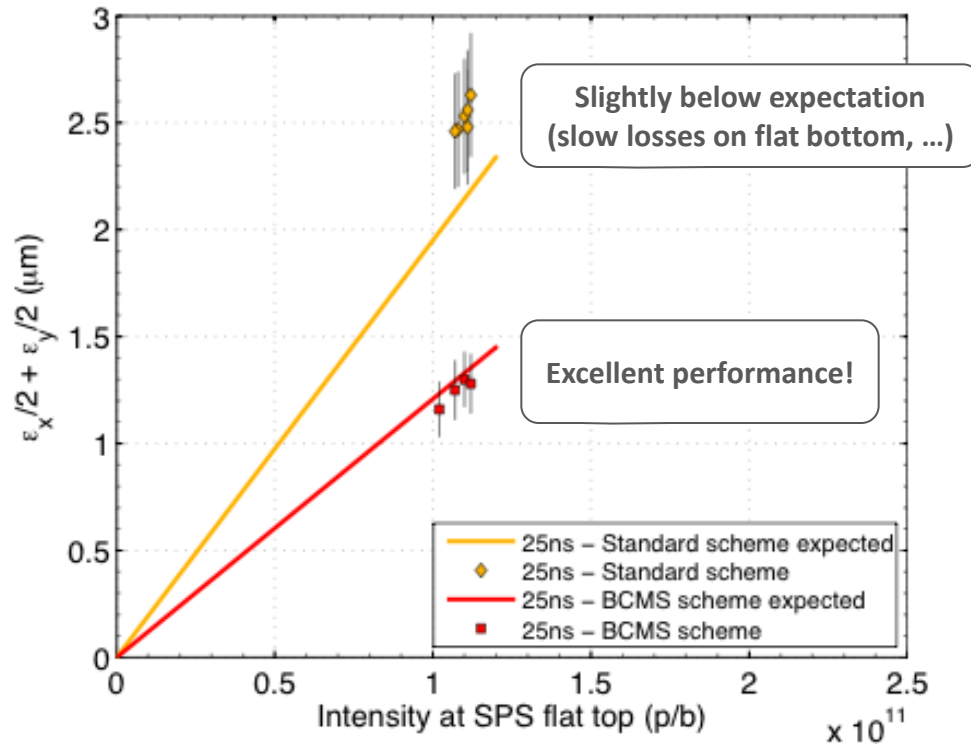
- **50ns BCMS scheme**

- Beam sent to the LHC once to check emittance preservation and luminosity gain in LHC
- Measurements done with 3 batches





2012 achieved beam parameters – 25ns



Expected performance:
Scaling PSB measurement
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- **25ns standard scheme**

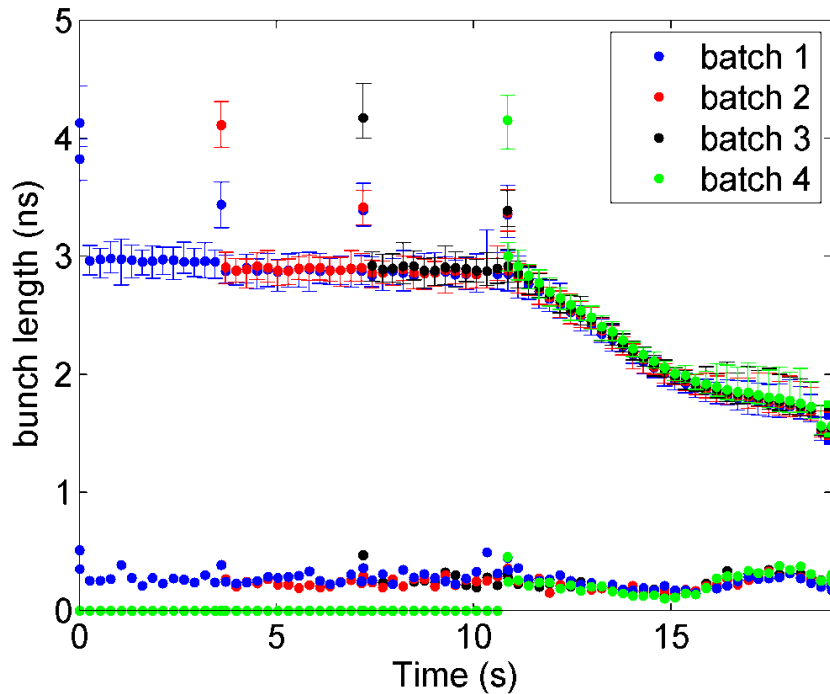
- Regularly used during the LHC scrubbing run
- Measurements done with 4 batches

- **25ns BCMS scheme**

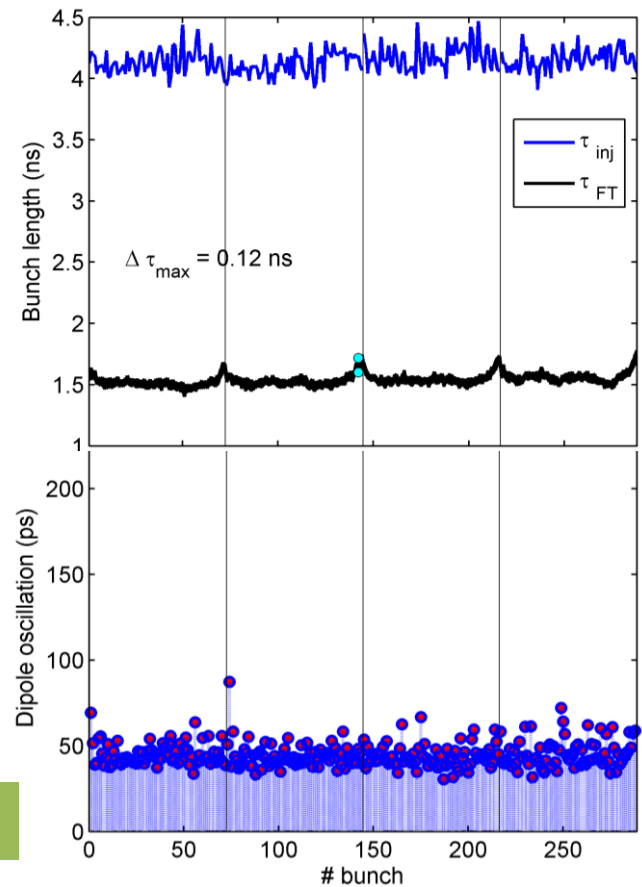
- Used for the LHC 25ns pilot physics run at the end of 2012
- Measurements done with 3 batches



25ns beam – longitudinal



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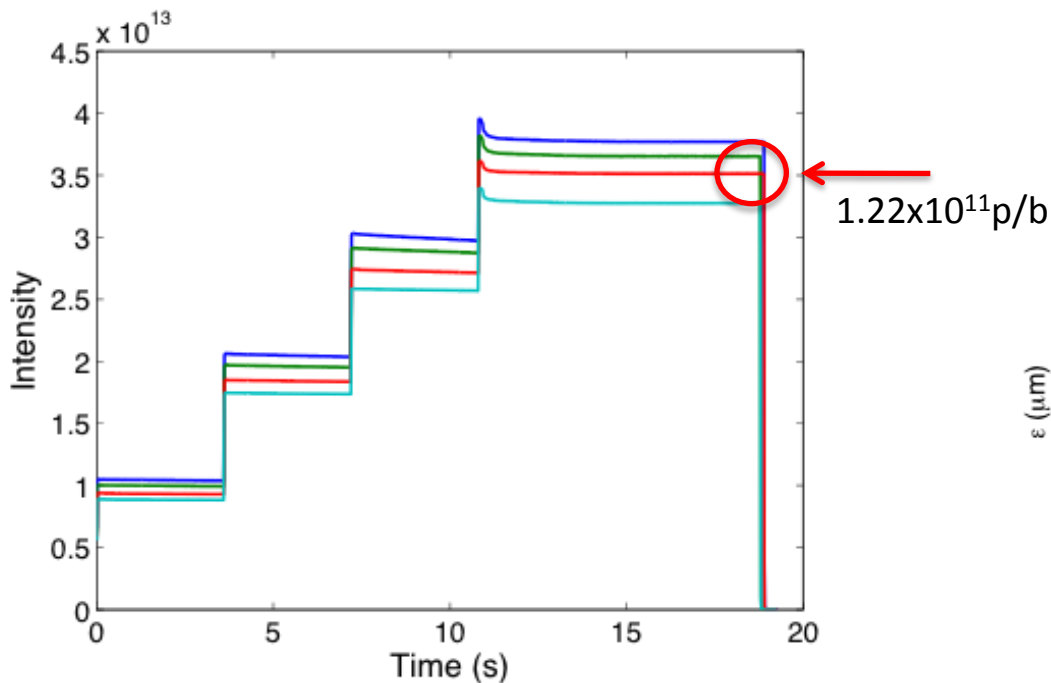
- **Classical 25ns beam**

- 4 batches with up to 1.25×10^{11} p/b at flat top ready to be injected into LHC
- Longitudinal setup becomes difficult for higher intensity (see talk of T. Argyropoulos)

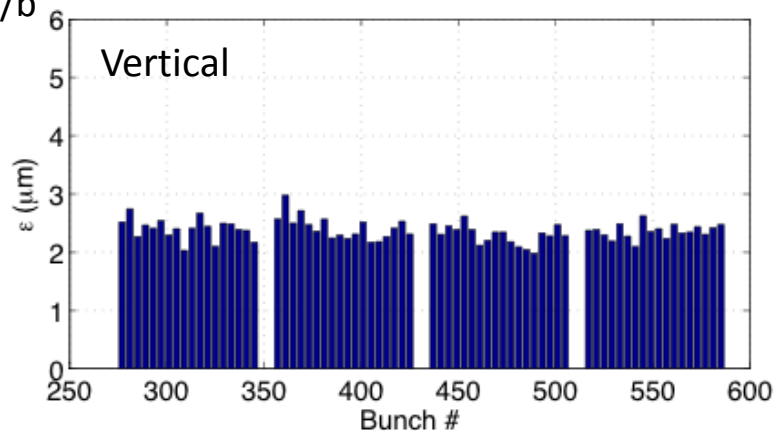
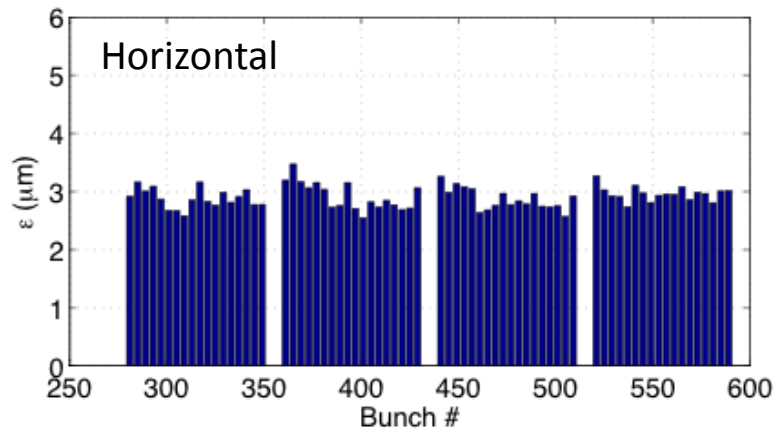


25ns beam – transverse

- 1.3×10^{11} p/b injected
- No emittance blow-up along bunch train



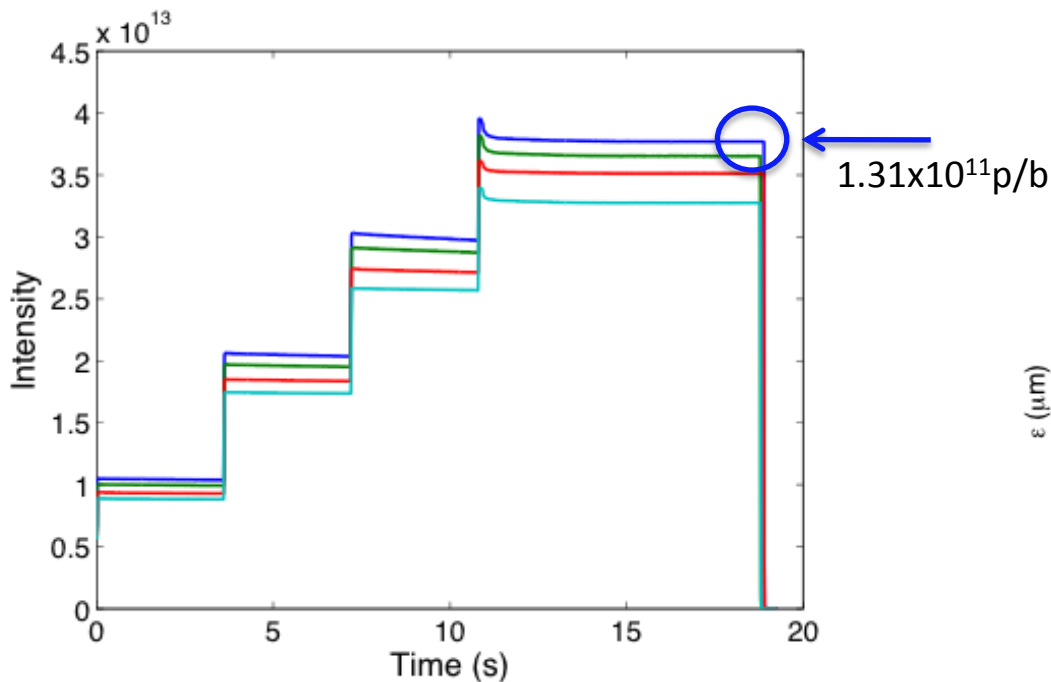
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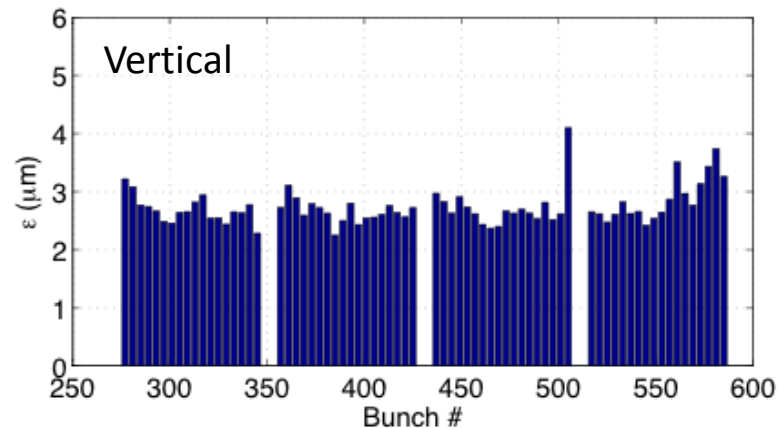
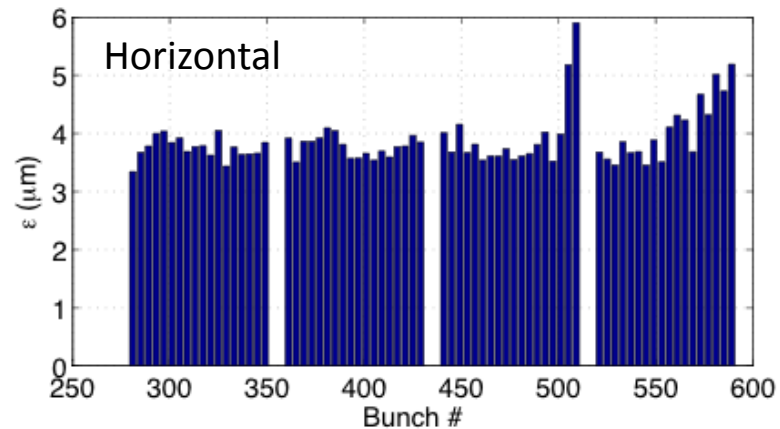


25ns beam – transverse

- 1.3×10^{11} p/b injected
 - No emittance blow-up along bunch train
- 1.45×10^{11} p/b injected
 - Blow-up and losses end of 3rd and 4th batch ...
 - Electron cloud? (see talk of G. Iadarola)

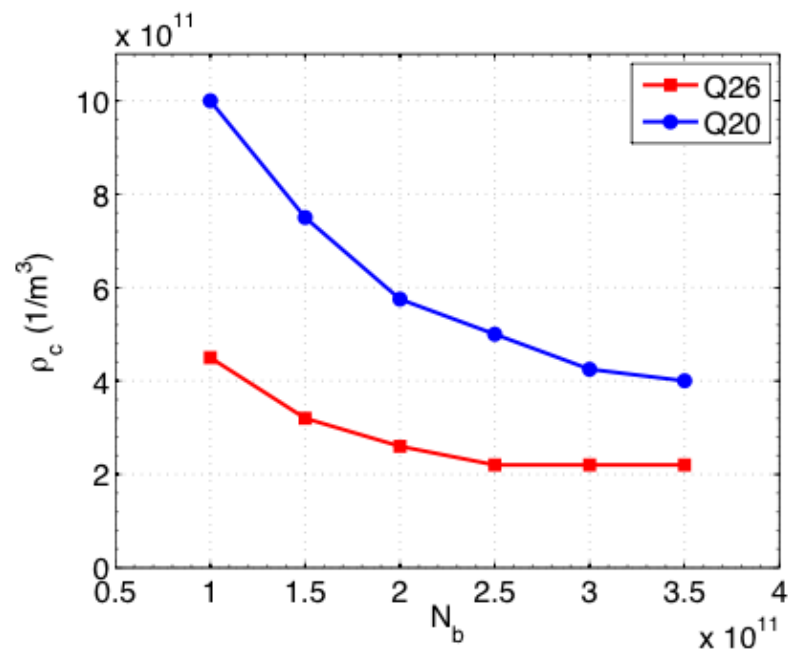
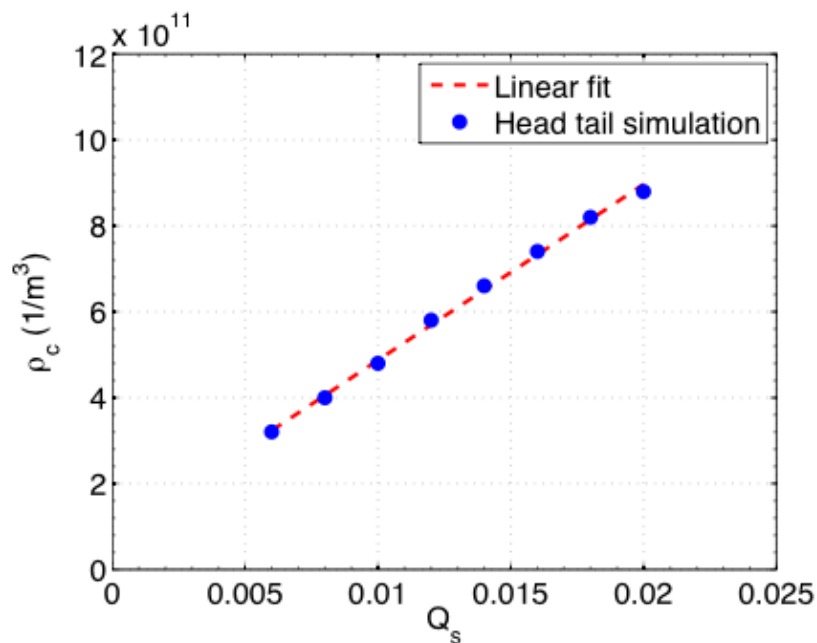


measured at flat top ...





Electron cloud instability - simulations



- **Head tail simulations**

- Uniform electron cloud distribution
- Injection energy
- Electron cloud is located in dipole regions

- **Instability threshold scales with Q_s ($\sim \eta$ for matched RF-voltage)**

⇒ **Clearly higher instability threshold with Q20!**

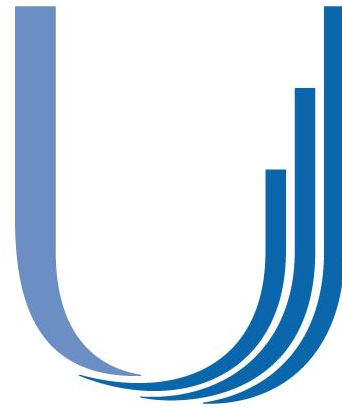
Presently the nominal 25ns beam does not suffer from e-cloud effects, but more margin with Q20 ...



Summary and conclusions

- **Successful implementation of Q20 as operational optics**
 - Continuation of successful MD studies since the end of 2010
 - No fundamental problems during 5 months of successful operation
 - Higher brightness measured in the LHC at injection energy after switching to Q20
- **No intensity limitation from transverse for single bunches within LIU target parameters**
 - Up to 4×10^{11} p/b injected with small chromaticity without instability for nominal long. emittance
- **High brightness multi-bunch beams**
 - Good brightness preservation of BCMS beam from the PS up to SPS flat top
 - Operation with large space charge tune spread ($\Delta Q_y \sim 0.18$) is feasible
 - Confirmation of results from single bunch measurements
- **25ns beam**
 - Ready for LHC with 4 batches up to 1.25×10^{11} p/b
 - Transverse instabilities for higher intensities need to be understood and cured (e-cloud?)
 - Longitudinal studies to be continued for optimizing and stabilizing beam at high energy
- **First operational experience with Q20 with ion beams**
 - Further studies and data analysis ongoing





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Thank you for your attention!

