LHC beam-machine interaction studies with FLUKA and DPMJET

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LHC beam-machine interaction studies: from beam losses to secondary shower description



FLUKA/DPMJET regularly used at CERN to perform LHC beam-machine interaction simulations in the context of

- machine protection
- collimation
- high-luminosity upgrade
- design studies
- radiation to electronics (R2E project)
- activation
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Beam losses in the LHC – both, normal and accidental ...

- luminosity production in experiments
- halo collimation
- injection failures
- asynchronous beam dump
- residual gas in vacuum chamber
- dust particles falling into beam

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Unprecedented operational conditions ...



- The energy stored in a nominal LHC beam (@7TeV) is 362 MJ
- About ~80 J/cm³ are sufficient to induce damage in coils of a superconducting LHC magnet
- Some ∼mJ/cm³ can lead to a magnet quench in case of fast (msec) beam losses (∼mW/cm³ in case of steady-state losses)

Beam loss detection

- More than 3000 Beam Loss Monitors (BLMs) are mounted along the ring (ionisation chambers filled with N₂ gas)
- The monitors trigger a beam extraction request in case of critical beam losses
- Often BLM signals are the only measured quantity available when analysing loss events ... and they give absolute dose values!





Validation I: BLM response due to losses induced by wire scanner (p@3.5 TeV)

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- First years of LHC operation yielded opportunity to perform validation against dose measurements
- Wire scanner test: controlled benchmarking conditions (well defined source term), allowing for an absolute comparison → # of impacting protons well known;

 $N_{prot impact} = N_{beam} f_{LHC} d_{wire} / v_{wire}$

 Figure bottom right: comparison of calculated and measured BLM pattern, agreement within 30%!

BLM 4

BLM 5

BLM 3

~ 18 m





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FLUKA geometry (upstream of D4)

FLUKA geometry (downstream of Q5)

Validation II: BLM response due to collision debris from IP5 (p@3.5 TeV)

- Another validation study, this time concerning the collision debris from CMS
- Simulation of p-p collisions with DPMJET
- Figure bottom right: Comparison of calculated and measured BLM pattern along the inner triplet in IR5, generally good agreement!
- Note: comparison incorporates CMS luminosity measurement and 73.5 mb p-p cross-section (from TOTEM)





FLUKA study: L.S.Esposito et. al.



BLM dose from 2011 data



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Unexpected beam losses: hunting UFOs

- Beam losses due to proton interactions with micrometer dust particles in the vacuum chamber, UFOs = Unidentified Falling Objects
- During past years of operation, UFOs have caused several beam dumps
- Figure bottom right: by analysing BLM pattern, FLUKA studies allowed to determine UFO locations around IR2 injection kickers (MKIs)





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Hunting even more UFOs, this time in the LHC arcs

- UFOs can be observed all around the LHC ring
- They are expected to pose a performance limitation for post-LS1 operation (towards nominal energy)
- · Arc-BLM configurations, in particular beam abort thresholds, are currently being optimised with FLUKA





Expected losses: collimation

- Machine study: 500 kW power impacting on primary collimator (TCP) in IR7
- Corresponding FLUKA shower calculations were performed, spanning over several hundred meters (from TCPs until dispersion suppressor)
- BLM signal ratio straight section/Q11 nicely reproduced





Measurements: R. Assmann et. al.



Collimation region: magnet deterioration





MBW.B6L7 GAUCHE



Measurements: J. Trummer et. al.



Radiation to electronics

- Radiation to electronics: single event effects always a critical issue
- FLUKA/DPMJET heavily used (here an example of IR7 is given)
- Figure below: calculated high-energy hadron fluence in the IR7 collimation region (1/cm²)
- <u>Table bottom right: comparison of</u> measured and simulated Single Event Upsets (SEUs) througout 2010 operation







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NUMBEROF SEUS MEASURED BY THE RADMONS INSTALLED IN IR7 AND COMPARED TO FLUKA PREDICTIONS FOR 2010 LHC OPERATION.

RadMon	Measured (Err [%])	FLUKA (Err [%])	F/M (Err [%])
RML703	13246 (± 1)	13800 (±19)	1.0 (±19)
RML702	4601 (± 2)	7650 (±20)	1.7 (±21)
RML701	2406 (± 2)	3590 (±20)	1.5 (±20)
RMR703	878 (± 3)	641 (±20)	0.7 (±21)
RMR704	17903 (± 1)	17600 (±20)	1.0 (±20)
RMR705	264 (± 6)	731 (±18)	2.8 (±19)
RMR706	13 (±30)	7 (±28)	0.6 (±40)

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Towards high luminosity

- 7 TeV, 3000 fb⁻¹
- New inner triplet design heavily based on FLUKA studies, p-p collisions simulated by means of DPMJET
- Figure bottom left: peak dose, peak DPA and peak NIEL in the triplet coils



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I think it is evident that FLUKA/DPMJET are essential simulation tools for the LHC \ldots a success story to be continued!

Thank you for your attention!

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