



Beam Intensity for Collimator Alignment and Loss Maps

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- The use cases: alignment and loss maps
- Proposed safe beam flag for 7 TeV
- Alignments: required intensity
- Loss maps: required intensity
- Operational efficiency



Collimator Alignment



- Alignment: needed to measure the beam centre and beam size at each collimator to calculate the operational settings.
- **Procedure:** move in left and right jaws in 5 20 μ m steps until a BLM signal spike appears.



- Beam parameters:
 - **beam intensity:** defined by the "Very Relaxed SETUP BEAM FLAG".
 - **bunch configuration:** typically used ~1 nominal bunch, but sometimes needed more for establishing collisions / performing loss maps after alignment in the same fill.



Beam loss maps



- **Beam loss maps**: used to measure the performance of the collimation system for a given set of settings.
- **Procedure:** in both cases, generate high losses around the ring:
 - Betatron offset: pre-2012 \rightarrow cross the 3rd order tune resonance in H/V.

- post-2012 \rightarrow beam blow-up using ADT in H/V.

• Momentum offset: - RF trim ± 500 Hz for -ve / +ve off-momentum.

- B1+B2 done in parallel to save time as losses typically dump beam.

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 - **beam intensity:** defined by the "Very Relaxed SETUP BEAM FLAG".
 - **bunch configuration:** Typically used 1 nominal bunch per beam for tune resonance method, then moved to several bunches for ADT blow-up (combination of colliding / non-colliding for collisions).



Proposed setup beam flag for Run II (scaling with energy)



Proposal to ensure adequate protection and an efficient setup

1) Normal SBF: 1.1e10

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- 2) Restricted SBF: 1.4e11 x 1 bunch
- 3) Restricted SBF: 1.1e10 x 12 bunches
 - SIS interlock on bunch intensity

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Questions to be addressed



• Alignment

- What is the **minimum intensity** to see good BLM spikes during alignment, and to complete the alignment of all collimators in a single fill?
- **Operational efficiency:** would a reduced intensity be sufficient for multiple alignments + qualifications in the same dedicated fill?

• Loss maps

- What is the minimum intensity and needed to measure the collimation system performance?
- **Operational efficiency:** what is the required bunch configuration and intensity to perform all loss maps in the same dedicated fill?



Intensities during alignment (2011-2012)





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This was tested during the p-Pb run, the loss maps were done by exciting single bunches of few 10¹⁰ protons/bunch. The plot shows that with 1 pilot bunch we got enough resolution to measure the cleaning in IR7 at 4TeV.

We could excite smoothly the bunch keeping the losses below the dump threshold

- → No need to mask BLMs
- → Loss maps could be done with "unsafe" intensities see M.Solfaroli presentation





These estimates will have losse

to be re-assessed for 7 TeV!

see M.Solfaroli presentation intensities



Off-momentum loss maps: The efficiency bottle-neck!





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Some considerations



- **The bottle-neck:** two nominal bunches are required for establishing and optimizing collisions.
 - i.e. we need 2 nominal + non-colliding probes (1 per plane) for loss maps.
- Constraint from BPM intensity sensitivity:
 - will not allow nominal bunches to be reduced to pilot intensities safe for alignments / loss maps.
 - sensitivity limit: 5E10 for all BPMs, now reduced to 2E10 for interlocked BPMs (E. Calvo).
- If the SBF is too low:
 - we may need to do loss maps with unsafe beam and without masking the BLMs.
 - What is the max RF trim which we can apply for off-momentum loss maps?
 - More creative schemes: alignment with emittance blow-up, remove intensity margin just before loss maps.



Margin to dump during loss maps in 2012





- If intensity > SBF, we may be limited by BLM thresholds during loss maps (no masking).
- Only one example, no time for a detailed study..

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Operational efficiency



- As of 2012, it is possible to complete the alignment of all 86 ring collimators in a single fill.
- Thanks to the ADT, it is also possible to align in different machine modes and perform qualification loss maps at each stage:



 Not representative of the p-p run, but could aim for 2 nominal + pilots after experience is gained.



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After Squeeze	1.5	1 nominal	1.5	2 probes (H/V)	1.5 / 1*	prev. config / 1 nominal*
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- For eventual frequent configuration changes which require alignments and loss maps, we can have 1 fill for squeeze + colliding, and inject 2.5E11 p directly from the start.
- Once experience is gained with embedded BPMs in TCTs, alignment in squeeze + collisions won't consume any intensity.
- Would prefer 3 nominal bunches for collisions for operational margin..



Conclusions



- Alignments have been performed with low intensities (down to 5E9 p) **without** issues in measuring the beam centre, but **with** issues in measuring the beam size. Typical consumption for a full alignment is 5E10 p.
- A minimum intensity of 8E9 p is required to obtain a loss map from which the cleaning efficiency can be measured.
- Reducing the allowed intensity for alignment and loss maps could reduce the operational efficiency. The bottle-neck is the requirement of 2 nominal bunches to align and qualify the machine in collisions mode.
- Proposal to move in BPM-equipped TCSP in IR6 with IR7 TCP during alignment to increase protection in the event of asynch dump (as done for some TOTEM data-taking runs).
- Other:
 - New embedded collimator BPMs: M. Gasior confirms that it will be possible to make orbit measurements at beam intensities of 5E9 p.
 - Roman pot alignment + data-taking: request 2 bunches of 7E10 due to pile-up (M. Deile).



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betatron losses B1 4000GeV hor norm F (2012.04.02, 23:17:01)





Zoom in IR7





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Typical off-momentum loss map



momentum losses B1 and B2 4000GeV neg offset norm F (2012.04.02, 23:58:03)





local cleaning inefficiency

Zoom in IR3





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