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Fermilab Main Injector status and plans



Main Injector • Performance & Improvements Collider • NuMI • Future





Main Injector

- Main Injector is a rapid cycling (up to 240 GeV/s) proton synchrotron
- ▶ h = 588
- 8.9 to 120 and 150 GeV/c
- Currently ramp to 120 Gev/c every 2.2 s
- Protons and antiprotons



- Protons from Booster to NuMI / antiproton source / Switchyard 120
- Protons from Booster to Tevatron
- Antiprotons from Accumulator to Recycler
- Antiprotons from Recycler to Tevatron
- Intensities from 10¹⁰ particles

 (antiprotons) up to 4 × 10¹³ (protons to NuMI)



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 - Lots of effort in whole complex to speed this up
 - Automation
 - For transfers to Recycler, implementing transverse injection damping for pbars reduces need for tuneups
 - For Tevatron shots, speedups elsewhere in complex → worth speeding up 36 bunch proton load (...)
 - \Rightarrow Transfer efficiency
 - \Rightarrow Emittance
 - Transverse scraping of protons to Tevatron with collimator
 - (brightness, fewer quenches)





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Beam loading compensation ~

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Good coalescing

Not enough beam loading compensation

Improved BLC achieved with separate delay paths for 8 and 150 GeV, feedback for 106 MHz cavity and much attention to detail





- For single batch injection, kickers only select one bunch
- ▶ Is there a problem with two batches?
 - ⇒ No—uncaptured beam moves far away from beam by extraction time
- We have always coalesced 4 antiproton batches at a time, but they aren't as intense
 - ⇒ 4 pbar batches are about the same total intensity as a single proton batch
- Two batch coalescing now ~ 90% efficient—same as single batch
- \triangleright Reduces shot setup time by \sim 7 minutes







Beam to NuMI

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Neutrino flux proportional to number of protons (no nonlinearities!)



Slip-stacking

- Have been slip-stacking 11 batches for mixed-mode NuMI and pbar operation since January 2008
- Works well, but process is lossy due to small RF buckets
- Losses constrain operational beam power
- MI beam power 340 kW







MI beam power



- ▶ MI beam power at 120 GeV, September 2007 to April 2009
- Scatter in power is due to timeline effects (Tev shots, SY120, ...)



Small RF buckets



- Tomographic reconstruction of one bunch at slip-stack recapture
- Slipping buckets sketched in magenta
- Injection buckets must be small to allow two to fit in one full 8 GeV bucket
- ▷ Not all beam captured at injection → losses



Slip-stack injection

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MI circumference

- Some beam escapes from small slip-stack buckets
- Injection kickers fire—displaced beam hits 104-105 region
- At recapture, some beam is captured in the "wrong" place, and becomes extraction loss
- Some other beam isn't captured and is lost at start of ramp



Slip-stacking losses

- Three major losses—three solutions
 - \Rightarrow Loss at start of ramp
 - Uncaptured beam is not accelerated
 - \Rightarrow Injection kicker loss
 - Beam strays into injection gap.
 When injection kicker fires, beam hits quads in injection region
 - \Rightarrow Extraction loss
 - Beam under extraction kicker rising/falling edge sprayed over extraction region





Collimators

- Primary scraper (0.25 mm W) in dispersive region
- 4 marble-clad 20 ton steel secondary collimators
- steel/marble and steel/concrete masks to protect downstream elements from spray





Losses with collimation



- Losses around MI (log scale)
- 3 colours—8 GeV, start of ramp, high field
- Collimators 97-99%
 efficient for uncaptured
 beam
 - \Rightarrow B. C. Brown *et. al.*, PAC 2009
- Residual activation at lambertsons reduced 30-35% (so far!)



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- How to stop injection kickers from hitting beam?
 - ⇒ Build some new kickers (84 buckets long, fast rise and fall time) and kick beam to MI abort instead
 - ⇒ Fire kickers half a turn before each injection
- ▷ MI gap clearing kicker project
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 - Drive transverse kicker at machine tune (beam signals too small for active feedback to work)
 - \Rightarrow Chromaticity makes this harder
 - \Rightarrow Power limited
- Build new system
 - ⇒ "spare" injection kicker in tunnel (no vacuum work)
 - ⇒ FET pulser, NIM module with FPGA and ethernet for control
 - ⇒ Production system installed just before shutdown
- ▷ Fuzz at 8 GeV → energy deposited in ring reduced by factor 15
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Fuzzing on (top) and off with existing damper system

MI wall current monitor at extraction:

DPF, July 2009 – p.17/20



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- Blue—loss with damper fuzzing
- Red—loss with new fuzzer



Losses summary



- Three major losses during slip-stacking
 - ⇒ Ramp loss mitigated with collimator system
 - ⇒ Extraction loss eliminated with Fuzzer
 - ⇒ Injection loss will be
 eliminated with gap
 clearing system
- Nothing else stands in the way of design 400 kW



The Intensity Frontier

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- Tevatron run ends 2011
 - ⇒ Pass the high energy baton to CERN
- NOvA is the first step in a program of proton beam intensity upgrades
- ▷ Repurpose recycler as proton stacker—cycle time 2.2s → 1.33s
- ▷ Small increase in per-pulse intensity (11 batches \rightarrow 12) 4.9×10^{13} protons
- Design: 700 kW
- Year-long shutdown after Tevatron finishes

NOvA upgrades:

- Remove unnecessary bits (MI 2.5 MHz, 5MHz cavities, pbar extraction, recyler electron & stochastic cooling, ...)
- ▶ Add 2 RF stations (18 \rightarrow 20)
 - $\Rightarrow \ 204 \rightarrow 240 \ GeV/s \ at \ same \ bucket$ size
- New vertical quad bus supply
- $\blacktriangleright \text{ New transfer lines (MI8} \rightarrow \text{recycler}, \\ \text{recycler} \rightarrow \text{MI})$
- Recycler 53 MHz RF system
- New kickers
- New recycler BPM cables/electronics
- Project X (8 GeV SC linac) increases per-pulse intensity by factor of ~3—need new RF system. Electron cloud?



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