

CT-PPS Roman Pot Insertions

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3 July: Beam-based alignment of all 14 low-beta RPs in 1½ hours, afterwards 45 minutes of diagnostic data taking in quiet beams with pots @ 6–8 σ

4 July: Loss maps with RPs in very conservative positions ~ 30σ horizontally, ~ 20.5σ vertically still nominal TCL configuration: TCL5 in (i.e. intercepting all physics protons), TCL6 out

- 5 14 July: successful RP insertions in all intensity steps of 50 ns intensity ramp-up 3, 50, 152, 296, 476 bunches per beam → lumi up to 1.3 x 10³³ cm⁻² s⁻¹
- 12 August: New loss maps with RPs closer by 1 mm (without safety margin) but agreed positions for 25ns ramp-up still with 0.5 mm safety margin: ~ 25 σ horizontally, ~ 19.5 σ vertically final TCL configuration: TCL5 out (i.e. diffractive protons reach RPs), TCL6 @ 25 σ
- 13 21 August: successful RP insertions in first part of 25 ns intensity ramp-up 2, 86, 157, 219, 315 bunches per beam → lumi up to 0.7 x 10³³ cm⁻² s⁻¹ 450 bunches: still missing (fills did not live long enough)



Example Insertion in 50ns Beam (XRPH @ ~30 σ)



Fill 3996: 476 bunches, lumi @ insertion: 1.3 x 10³³ cm⁻² s⁻¹



~ 1/3 of XRP BLM rate comes from TCL5 (or further upstream)

50 ns Intensity Ramp: XRPH @ ~30 σ



Quadratic dependence on current \rightarrow try and plot vs. lumi

50 ns Intensity Ramp: XRPH @ ~30 σ



BLM dose rate linear with lumi \rightarrow collision debris, not single-beam background



Example Insertion in 25ns Beam (XRPH @ ~25 σ)



Fill 4243: 315 bunches, lumi @ insertion: 0.7 x 10³³ cm⁻² s⁻¹



•Retraction of TCL5 → rate decrease in all XRP BLMs except in the B6R5 BLM → albedo from TCL6 ??
•BLM levels with: only TCL5 in, only TCL6 in, TCL6+XRP in → disentangle contributions
•TCL6 BLM sees mainly the showers from TCL6, very small contrib. from XRPs

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25 ns Intensity Ramp: XRPH @ ~25 σ





Can we reach 20 σ Distance ?

(or even closer from 2016 on)

- Extrapolate the 25 σ and 30 σ BLM data to L=10³⁴ cm⁻² s⁻¹ (see previous slides)
- 2. In 30 σ data: remove TCL5 contribution, add background (losses with RP and TCL5 out)



Problem: functional form? Only 2 points! Hypothesis: dominance by diffraction $\rightarrow d\sigma/dx \sim 1 / x + background$ Incompatible with the 2 points

Empirical parameterisation with $1 / x^n + background$ gives n = 5.8 (B1), 6.5 (B2)

Or gaussian ? But why ?

Very speculative \rightarrow more measurements needed

Strategy:

- A. Complete the 25ns intensity ramp-up to highest lumi, Measure BLM response at different distances: after automatic insertion retract in steps from 25 σ to 50 $\sigma \rightarrow$ more constraints for empirical extrapolation
- B. Direct measurement: If orbit reliability allows, remove (or reduce further) the 0.5 mm margin

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Vacuum in 50ns Intensity Ramp

XRPH @ ~30 σ

Equilibrium pressure after RP insertion:

Beam 1, 50ns

Beam 2, 50ns



VGPB.232, VGPB.235: almost no effect from XRP insertion, but general pressure rise with beam current and lumi





Vacuum in 25ns Intensity Ramp

XRPH @ ~25 σ

Equilibrium pressure after RP insertion:

Beam 1, 25ns

Beam 2, 25ns



VGPB.232, VGPB.235: pressure rise with beam current, but not at XRP insertion Functional dependence on current or lumi still unclear (non-linear in both) \rightarrow no extrapolation possible VGPB.2 and VGPB.4: very steep in last point \rightarrow do we have to worry ?



Temperatures during a Fill with XRP Insertion

(Fill 4243, 25 ns Ramp, highest lumi of the series)







Conclusions



- \bullet XRP BLMs do not indicate any show stopper for the 25ns intensity ramp with XRPH @ 25σ
- MQML BLMs see almost nothing
- TCL6 BLMs will probably reach their thresholds at $L = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- \bullet Distances < 25 σ : study of BLM dose rate dependence on distance needed for extrapolation, then direct test
- Possible upcoming vacuum problem at higher intensities near C6 units, but no indications from temperatures
- → in next intensity step consider sequential insertion:
 XRPH.E6 → XRPH.D6 → XRPH.C6 → XRPV.D6 → XRPV.C6