



# What did we learn about halo population during MDs and regular operation?

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### Introduction



- Collimator scans are a useful diagnostic tool to gain insight into the properties of a beam
  - Tried and tested techniques already used in other accelerators
  - The time evolution of losses gives information on halo diffusion and population.
  - Beam intensity and beam loss measurements provide information on beam distribution
- Several measurements performed over 2011-2016 during dedicated MDs and in standard operation.
- This talk will review the results obtained, and try to extrapolate towards HL-LHC parameters to understand whether assumptions related to beam halo are valid.

# **Collimator scan technique**





- Idea:
  - Move collimator jaw(s) into the beam in 5-20 um steps.
  - Record losses: shower from the jaw/beam interaction or beam intensity.

Done with primary collimators (TCP): robust, in warm insertion, hor/ver/skew.



### **Beam distribution**



Dedicated full scrapings of B1+B2, H/V/S done at 450 GeV in 2011:



#### F. Burkart Masters thesis

Double-Gaussian fit required due to larger tails

• Also done for B2 H at 6.5 TeV:





### Single beam: Halo population





- Around 5% of the beams is in the tails (> 3.5 sigma), compared to 0.22% for Gaussian
- Factor 22 difference: scaling to HL-LHC parameters = 33.6 MJ vs 1.48 MJ
- No apparent correlation with energy



### **Beam diffusion**



- Macroscopic particle motion can be considered to be a stochastic diffusion process due to spikes and dips in loss rates decaying in time as 1/sqrt(t)
- Diffusion model: the temporal losses observed during a collimator scan can be related to the particle flux at a certain collimator position (action) via a diffusion constant.

$$L = -D \times [\partial_J f]_{J=J_c}$$

• The diffusion constant can be obtained empirically by fitting the losses via:

$$\partial_J f_I(J_c, t) = -A_i + 2(A_i - A_c) P\left(\frac{-J_c}{w}\right) - \frac{2A_i(J_{ci} - J_c)}{\sqrt{2\pi w}} + \frac{2(A_i J_{ci} - A_c J_c)e^{[-(J_c/w)^2/2]}}{\sqrt{2\pi w}}$$
(Inward step)

$$\partial_J f_O(J_c, t) = -2A_i P\left(\frac{J_{ci} - J_c}{w}\right) + 2(A_i - A_c) P\left(\frac{-J_c}{w}\right) + 2\frac{A_i J_{ci} - A_c J_c}{\sqrt{2\pi}w} e^{\left[-(J_c/w)^2/2\right]} \quad \text{(Outward step)}$$

where:  $w \equiv \sqrt{2Dt}$ .

Developed by G. Stancari for use at Tevatron A is the slope of the distribution function

P(x) is the cumulative Gaussian distribution

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# Single beam: diffusion at 4 TeV



Gray line: diffusion expected from

core emittance growth rates

- First such MD held in the LHC was in 2012, drawing on the experience in the Tevatron (sampled 7 down to 2 sigma)
- Done with separated & colliding beams with 1 nominal bunch



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- Dedicated MD performed at 6.5 TeV with separated and colliding beams
  - Sampled range from 7 to 2 sigma
  - Measurements done with 100 Hz BLM data
- Performed scraping also with gentle ADT transverse blow-up running to evaluate effect on diffusion







### Single beam: diffusion at 6.5 TeV





- Difference between inward and outward steps possibly due to different population being sampled.
- Difference between H & V could be due to off-momentum component (only left jaw used).

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## **Single beam: diffusion at 6.5 TeV**



- We can calculate the halo population for a given sigma value by using a calibration factor on the BLM spikes during the scraping exercise.
- Advantage: more sensitive to losses than BCT particularly at large amplitudes.



Gy/p fit coefficient: 7.721975e-12, R-squared: 0.8992408





- Two End of Fill (EoF) studies were performed in May and July with 300b and 2076b respectively after 6.5 and 20 hours of stable beams.
  - 30 MJ and 172 MJ of stored energy respectively!
- The measurements could only be done in collisions (standard physics resumed after)
- Challenging conditions (jaw could not be moved in further than 3 sigma for MP reasons), but demonstrated feasibility of diagnostic technique!





### Physics beam: diffusion at 6.5 TeV



#### 300b & 2076b



• Very reproducible results from one intensity to another!

### **Physics beam: Particle escape time**



300b



2076b

TCP at  $6\sigma$ 

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## Physics beam: halo population





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# Frequency analysis of beam losses



• The time structure of losses with tight collimator settings is a sensitive probe of beam vibrations.



- A distinctive peak is observed at 4.6 Hz, similar to what was seen at 4 TeV (also seen at Tevatron: corresponded to mechanical vibrations of compressors in Central Helium Liquefier).
- Amplitudes in standard physics are lower as jaw is further away.

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Primary collimator halfgap,  $\varepsilon = 2\mu m [\sigma]$ 6.09 5.82 6.35 6.61 6.88 Relative beam losses 0.99 0.98 B2 - Best **B2 - AVG** B2 - Worst **B1 - AVG** 0.97 4.4 4.6 4.8 5.2 Primary collimator halfgap,  $\varepsilon$ =3.5µm [ $\sigma$ ]

Qualitatively different loss behaviour between 2011 and 2012:
"tight" collimator settings deployed to fit 60 cm β\* at 4TeV.
Primary cut: 5.7σ - 4.3σ (ε=3.5μm) during the ramp.
"Slow" losses at the end of the ramp; sensitive on orbit jitters in the squeeze.

# **Observations in operation**



- Observed losses appearing in the last 200 s of the ramp
- Significant losses started below 5 nominal sigma (or 6.6 real sigma)
- A single measurement was carried out on May 15th 2012 to understand to what extent these ramp losses are related to the tail population at injection
- Scraped down to ~4.2 nominal sigma in H and V





Transverse tails scraped at injection - no difference in losses (note - low statistics: tried only once).

Beam tails are therefore repopulated during the ramp

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#### Losses in the squeeze (2012)

- No changes in IR7, so losses at TCP are driven by local orbit jitters
- Maximum orbit drifts at TCPs wrt absolute reference from collimator alignment are around 0.36 nom sigma (H) and 0.43 nom sigma (V)



Data from 65 squeezes

Table 1: Tail populations measured in ramp and squeeze of standard physics fills in 2012.

	Ramp		Squeeze	
	<b>B</b> 1	B2	<b>B</b> 1	B2
Percent losses	0.7 %	0.9 %	0.7 %	1.8 %
Amplitude, $\sigma_{nom}$	4.3-5.7	4.3-5.7	4.0-4.3	3.9-4.3

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# **Observations in operation**





# Off-momentum tail population

End-of-fill study in 2012: 400 bunches at 25ns spacing.

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- TCP jaw on negative off-momentum side closed from 12 to 6 nominal sigma
- Disregarding initial beam loss rate in collision, only a fraction of a percent of beam is found in the  $\Delta p/p$  range between 0.8E-3 and 1E-3





### Conclusions



- **Reviewed the experience** in operation and with dedicated collimator scans for halo measurements at the LHC
  - Scans provide good diagnostics for precise measurements below 5 sigma
  - Several measurements performed at different energies and beam conditions
- Halo population: in a majority of cases, the beam tails above 3.5 sigma are more populated than a standard Gaussian by a factor 20.
- **Diffusion speed and escape times** provide valuable input for HEL operation in HL-LHC.
- Bunch-by-bunch analysis of latest scraping MD with 2076b ongoing
  - Look forward to additional measurements now that diamond BLMs are available!



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