



# Requirements for the background in the experiments

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## LHC Machine Induced Backgrounds

- **Introduction and short history**
- **sources, current knowledge**
- **LHC --> HiLumi LHC**
- **requirements -- vacuum**

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G. Corti, F. Alessio / LHCb, A. Di Mauro, A. Alici / ALICE



Machine induced backgrounds have been an issue and at times a performance limitation in many machines

Example : HERA, LEP

Based on this experience and advice from the machine advisory committees :

important to understand / monitor and minimize backgrounds

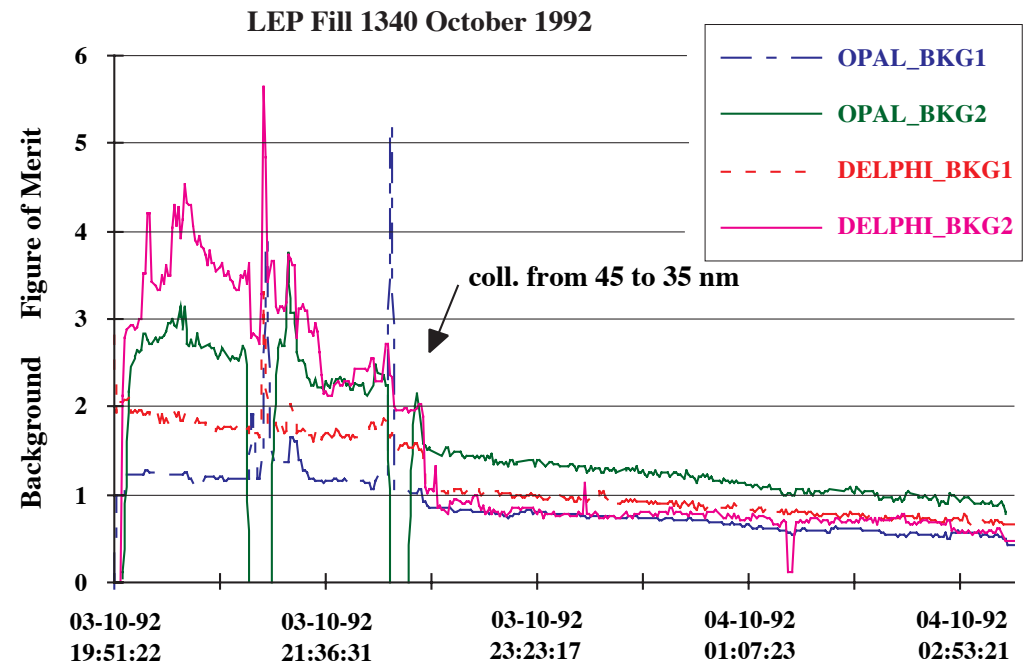
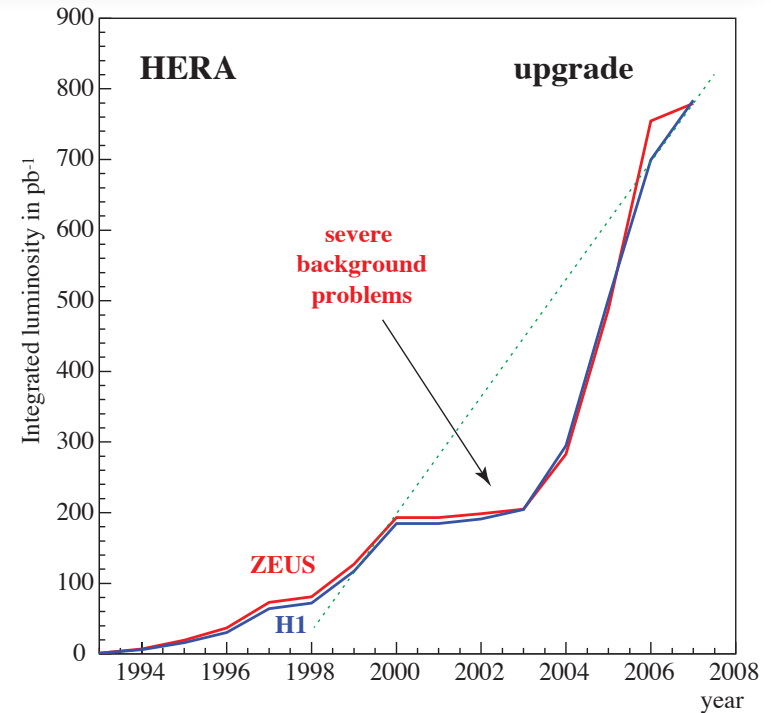
[BKG workshop](#) Apr. 2008,

Yellow Report [CERN-2009-003](#)

LBS working group

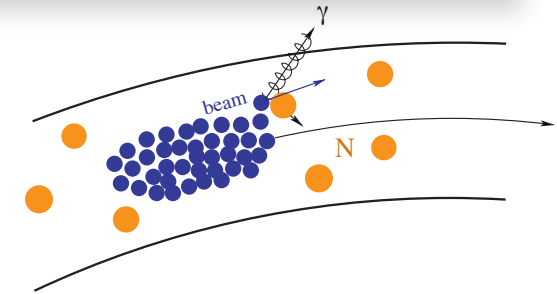
<http://cern.ch/lbs> started march 2009

next [LBS#79](#) on 21 Nov.





- 1. Beam gas scattering on residual gas, always present; pressure and intensity dependent**



**most relevant: inelastic scattering, straight IR sections + beginning of arcs**

- 2. Halo - losses by slow drift, on primary, secondary, tertiary collimators ; lifetime and collimation dependent**

- 3. Collision related - only there when in collisions**

**“signal” if originating by collisions at the IP + backscatter and out of time afterglow**  
**non-colliding isolated bunches required for quantitative monitoring**

**“collision - cross talk” background generated in collisions by other IPs**

## Some Refs :

G. Corti, R. Appleby, H. Burkhardt, Y. Levinsen, M. Lieng, V. Talanov, Simulation of Machine Background in the LHCb Experiment: Methodology and Implementation, Proc. 2010 IEEE Conf. Nov. 2010

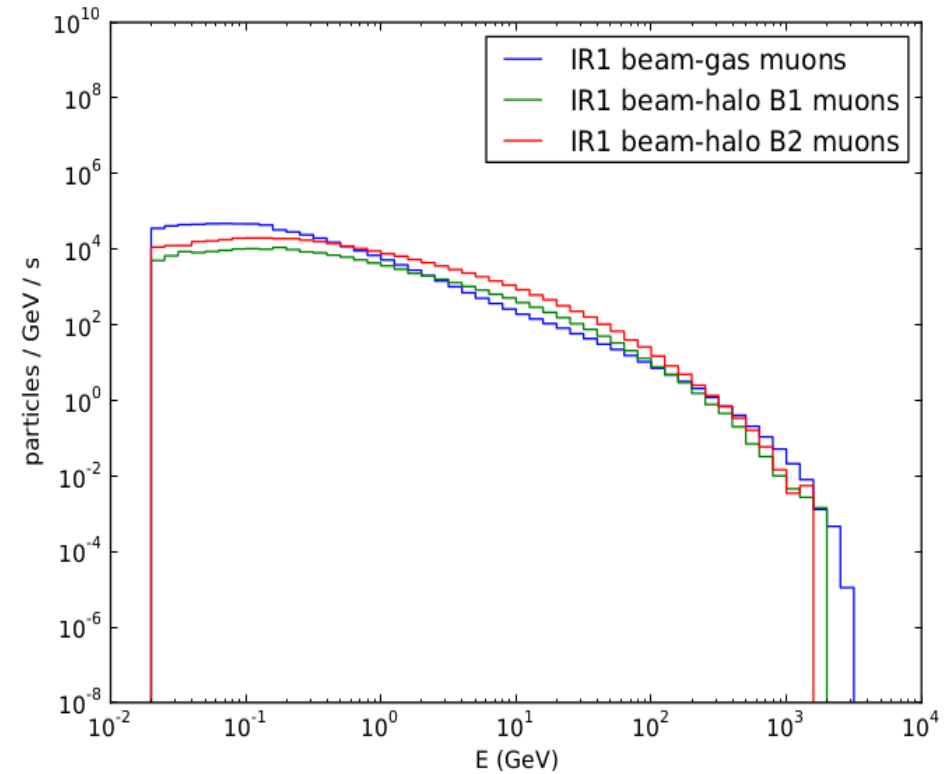
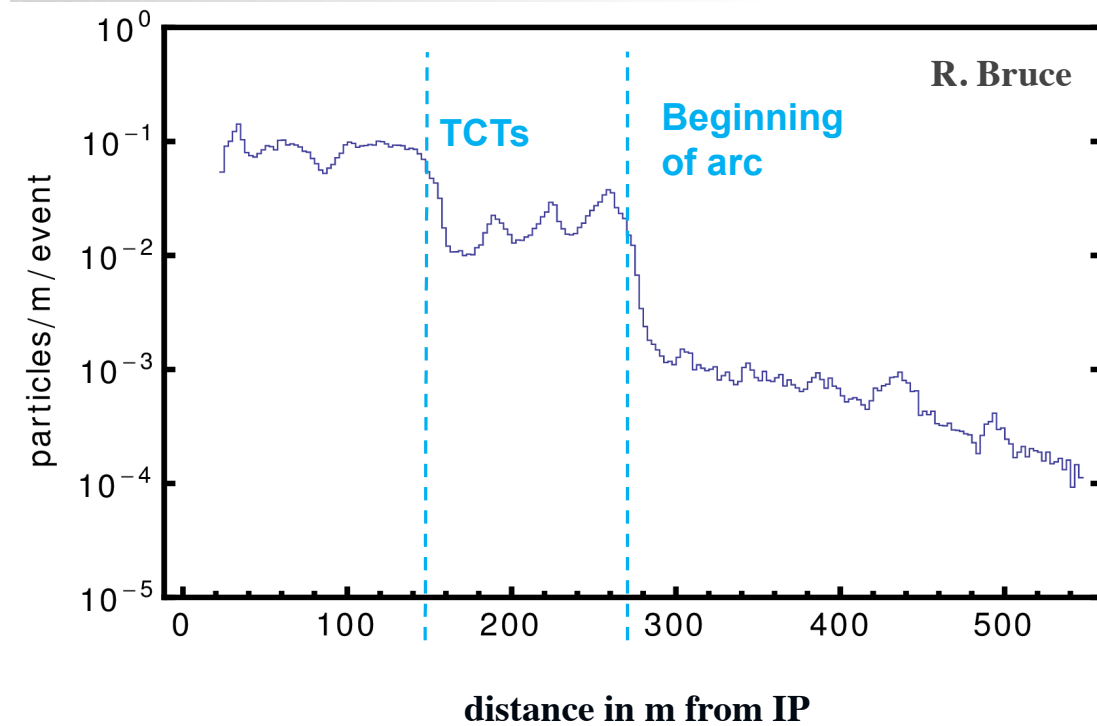
Yngve Levinsen, Machine Induced Experimental Background Conditions in the LHC, [PhD thesis](#), CERN + Oslo university, 9/2012

R. Bruce et al., Sources of machine-induced background in the ATLAS and CMS detectors at the CERN Large Hadron Collider, [NIM A 729 \(2013\) 825–840](#)

R. Alemany et al., Run 2 experiments background information sent to LHC, June 2015, [EDMS#1513755](#)



presentations by Yngve Levinsen LBS#29, Roderik Bruce, LBS#37 18/06/2012



**Background muons, energy spectrum**

**Beam-gas backgrounds generally dominate, generated over several hundred meters from IP**  
**Followed by halo-background, of similar importance in the muon background component**



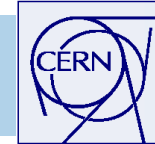
# Early observation : high signal + afterglow hard to distinguish signal & background



slide shown by Mika Huhtinen / ATLAS at Lumi Days 2011



## Background



### Types of background potentially affecting the luminosity measurement

**Beam gas & beam halo**

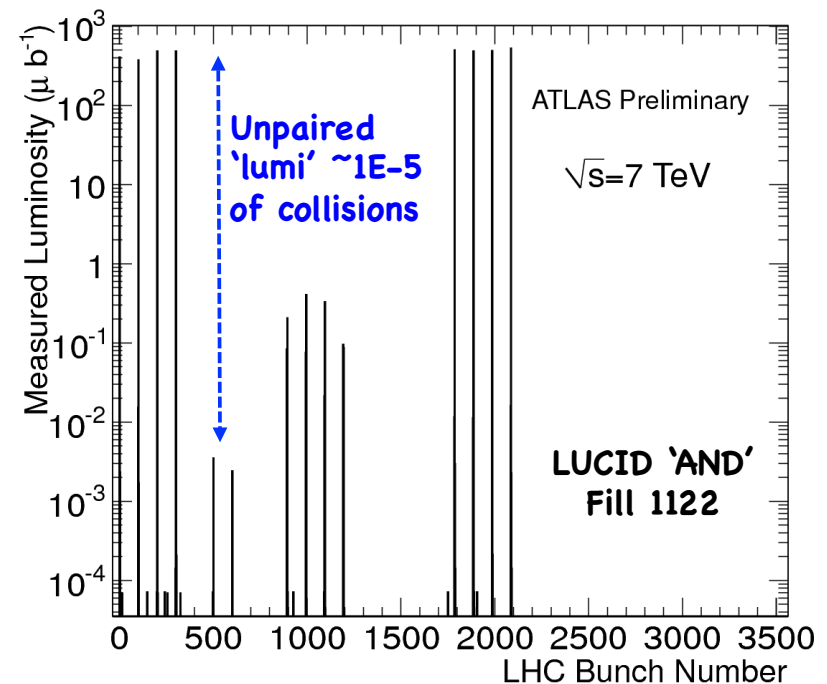
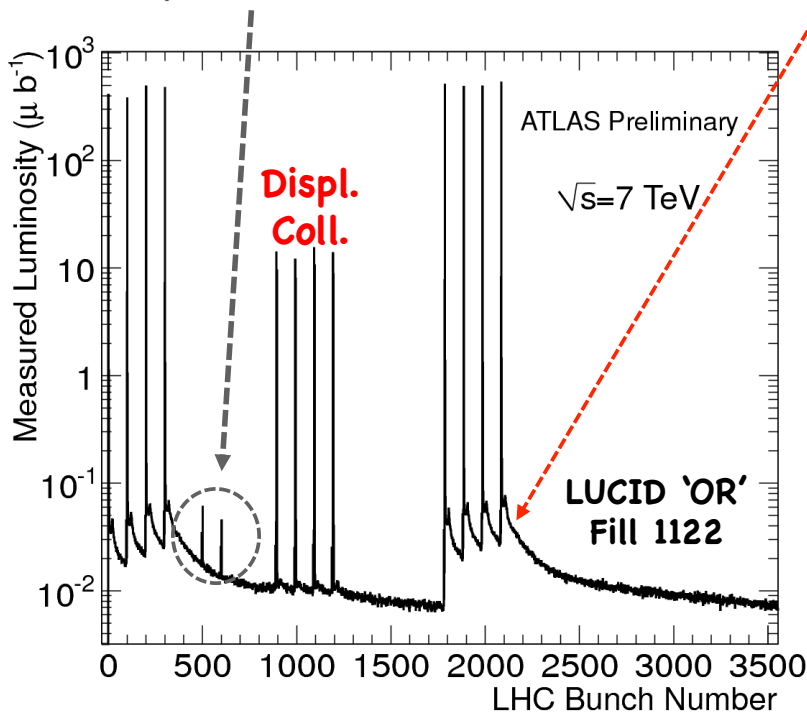
'AND' less sensitive than 'OR'

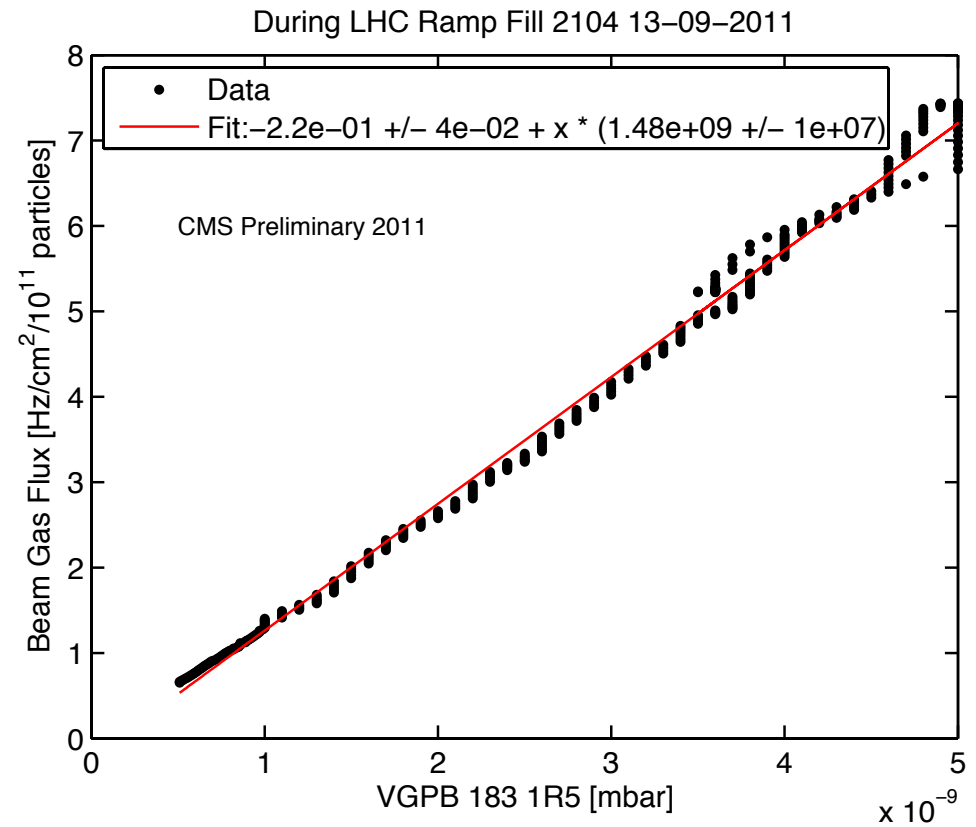
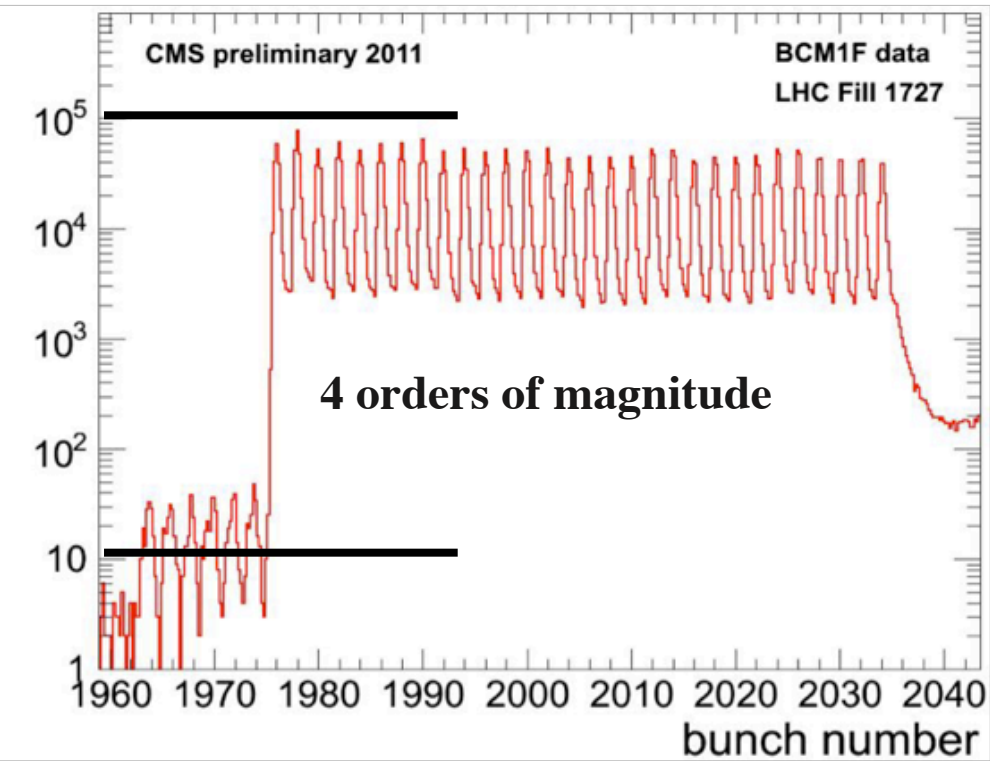
Easy to monitor with unpaired bunches

**'Afterglow' (= long lived radiation)**

'AND' almost insensitive

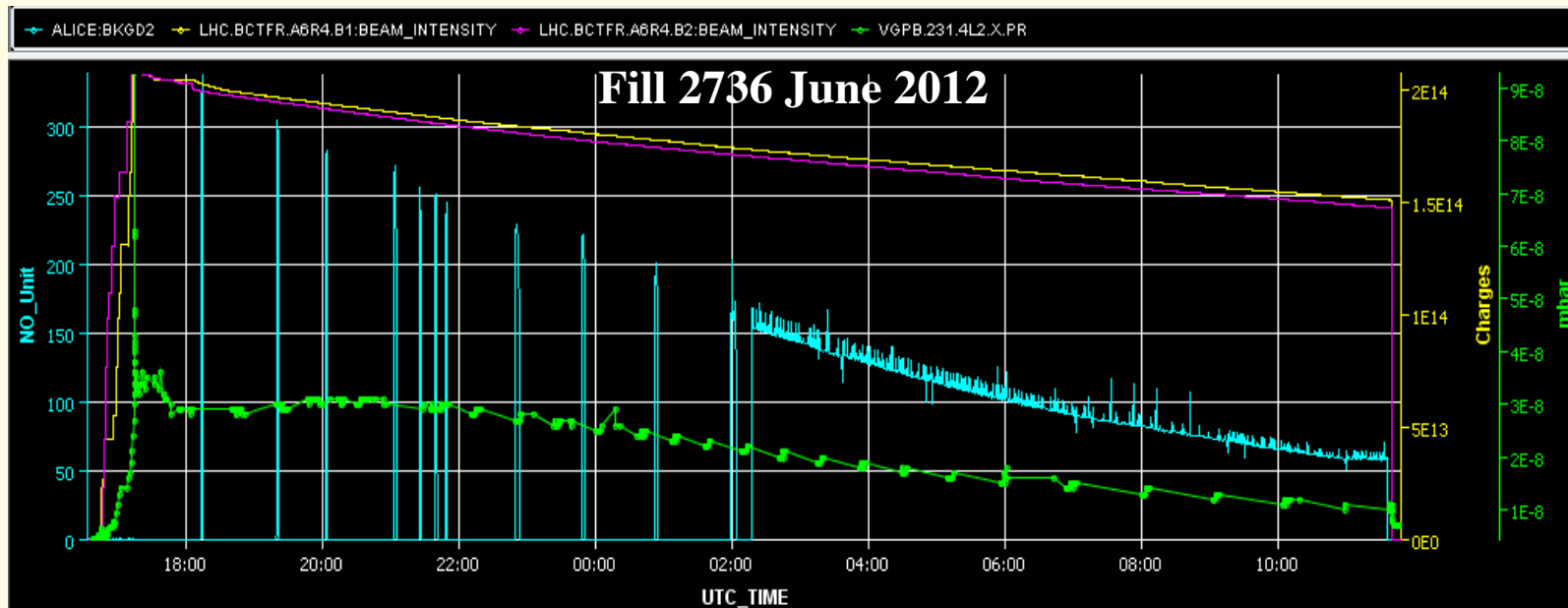
In 'OR'-mode makes a BCID-aware (bunch-by-bunch) analysis compulsory







**ALICE background issues RUN I pp, related to heating of the TDI at injection**  
**want  $P < 5 \times 10^{-9}$  mbar, cannot ramp up gaseous detectors  $P > 2-3 \times 10^{-8}$  mbar**  
**lost part of the pp running in 2012**



**Improved a bit when changing order of injection from Sept. 2012 Reported in [LBS#43](#)**

**LS1 : TDI vacuum upgrade and sectorization, NEG coating of ID800 chambers in LSS2 and RF inserts**

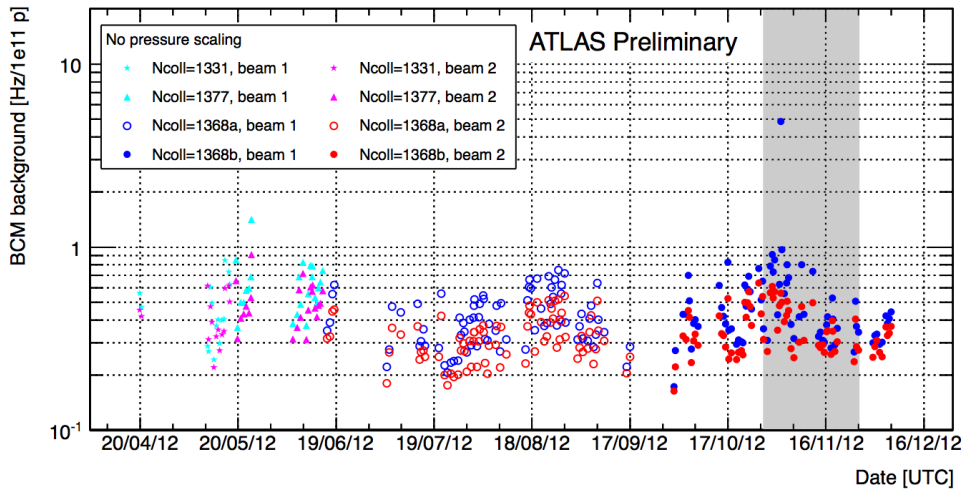
**-----> much better in RUN 2 so far , typically  $P < 3 \times 10^{-9}$  mbar**

**--- ALICE can run from beginning of pp fills; reported on 17 Oct. in [LBS#78](#)**



**LBS#67** 14/9/2015, here ATLAS, reported by Mika Huhtinen

**Run 1 (2012)**



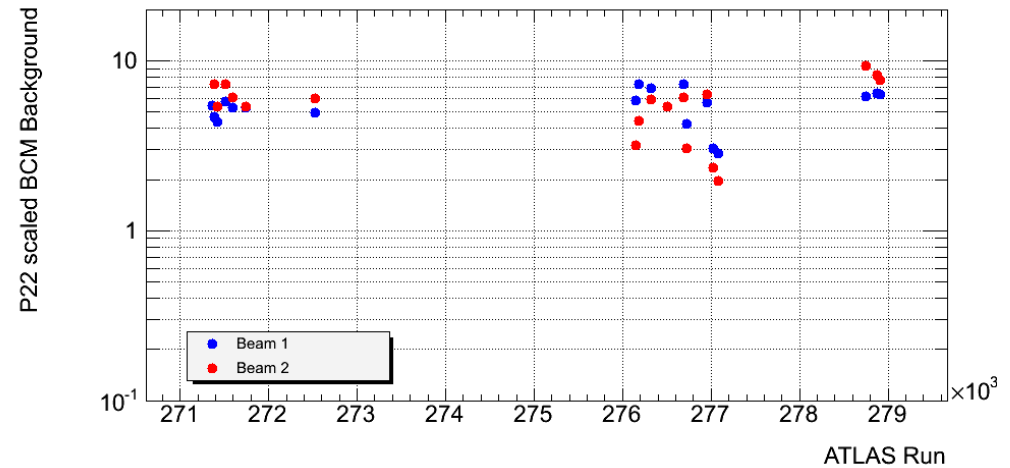
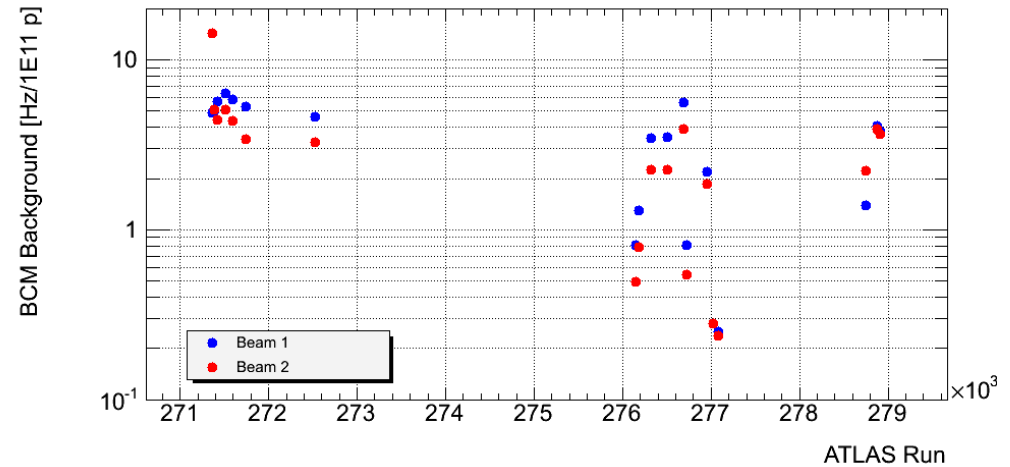
In Run 1 the (fill-averaged) rates were around 0.4 Hz/1E11p

**In Run 2 we observe 2-5 Hz/1E11p !**

Inconclusive if vacuum improves and background drops as run 2 progresses since many recent fills with low intensity vdM etc and now in intensity ramp-up.

Background/pressure seems about constant, but more scatter than in 2012

**Run 2 (so far, early runs missing)**



Also seen RUN2 : background fluctuations - correlated with triplet temperature





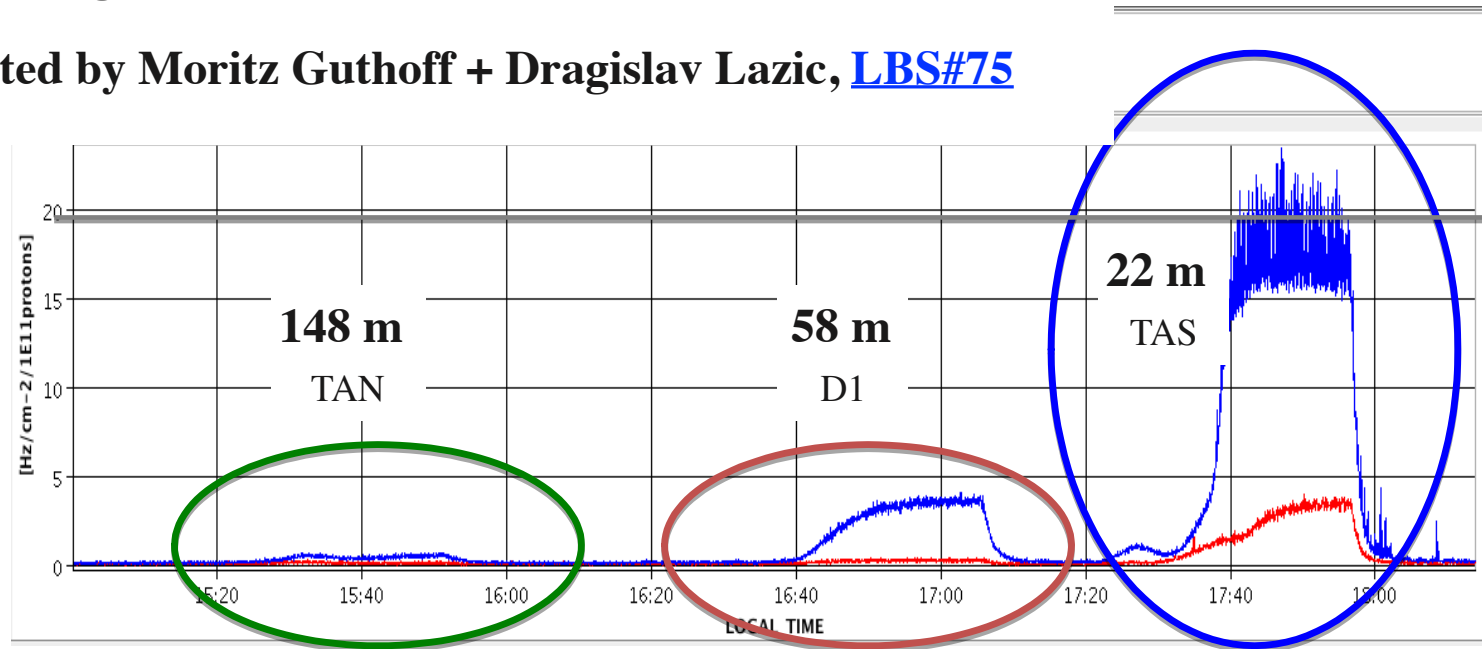
At reduced intensity -- during intensity ramp-up; MD1224 [EDMS#1683784](#) R. Alemany et al.

Local vacuum bumps (NEG heating) --- measure backgrounds in experiments

9-10 May, 11 June, 25 Sep. ( ATLAS)

## CMS backgrounds at Pixel detector

reported by Moritz Guthoff + Dragislav Lazic, [LBS#75](#)



Fitting background vs pressure, determine “efficiency” factors vs position  
 for ATLAS ~0.8 @ 22m, 0.025 @ 58 m, 0.027 @ 150 m for BCM, Pixel



**Beam gas collisions further downstream @ 150 m contribute less to background rates as seen by the BCM and Pixel detectors in the central region around the beam pipe.**

**But :**

**Far beam-gas important for backgrounds at larger radius, seen as “fake jets”, clearly observed in recent bump tests**

**Tend to increase trigger rates and dead time + some impact on data quality**

**Currently further studied and analyzed, including impact of TCTs, impact on detector muons, elastic beam-gas ...**

**---> Both local vacuum close to IP and vacuum in matching section important**



## Concluding remarks, Vacuum requirements



**RUN2 backgrounds generally increased and more dynamic than RUN1, but well acceptable**

**ALICE - improved thanks to vacuum upgrade in LSS2 during LS1**

**Expect further increase for HiLumi -- more intensity, detectors more exposed (TAXS)**

**increased halo component for tighter collimation / lower  $\beta^*$**

**still expect to be dominated by Beam Gas       $BKG \sim \#protons \times residual\ Pressure$**

**Rough spec. : aim  $P < few\ 10^{-9}\ mbar$  ( ALICE  $5e^{-9}$  scaled to HiLumi )**

**very important for the experiments that vacuum quality as best as (reasonably) possible**

**encourage all affordable C-coating ( ecloud minimization ) and pumping upgrades**

**with emphasis on long straight sections including matching section and beginning of arcs,**

**avoid / monitor any local heating ( kickers, TDIs )**