



# HL-LHC filling schemes: possible optimization

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In the following we assume (as in Run 2):

- **Gap between injections into the SPS ( $T_{MKP}$ ): 200 ns (7 slots)**
- **Gap between injections into the LHC ( $T_{MKI}$ ): 800 ns (31 slots)**
- **Abort gap length: 3.05  $\mu$ s (121 slots)**
- **Kicker pulses (MKI, MKE) long enough to inject 4x80b into the LHC**
- The **first injection** consists in a short batch (8b or 12b)
  - These are left **non-colliding** in IP1&5
- **All other bunches are colliding in IP1/5**
- As close as possible to **four-fold symmetry** to maximize number of collisions in **IP8**



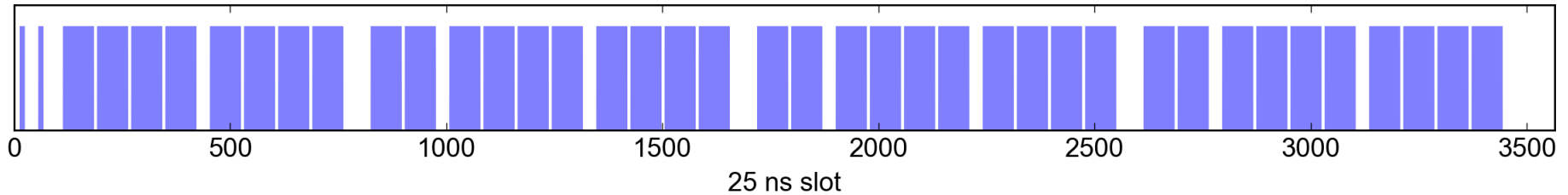
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# (4 x 72b) scheme - baseline

This is the **HL-LHC baseline scheme** (assumed in TDR)

25ns\_2760b\_2748\_2495\_2560\_288bpi\_14inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_STD



Scheme name: 25ns\_2760b\_2748\_2495\_2560\_288bpi\_14inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_STD

## N. collisions

ATLAS/CMS: 2748  
LHCb: 2560  
ALICE: 2495

N. bunches: 2760

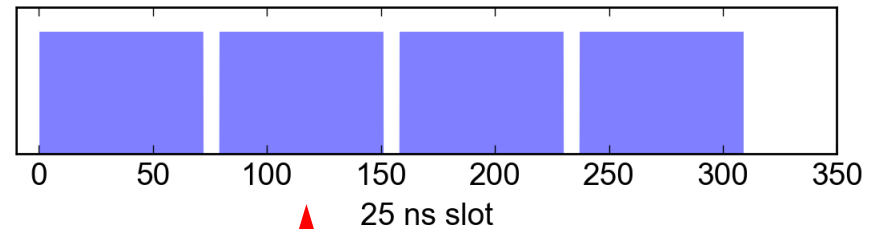
N. injections: 13

Unused(\*): 122 slots  
(3.4% LHC)

(\*) Not used by bunches, kicker rise-times, abort-gap

## Patterns from the injectors:

(4 x 72b)



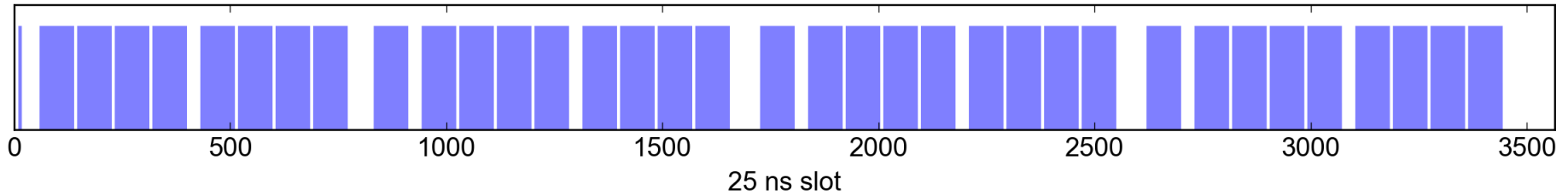
Requires trains of 72b from the injectors

There is some **unused space in the ring**, but it cannot be used if the injectors can provide only trains of 72b



Can we gain something better by using **trains of 80b**?

25ns\_2808b\_2800\_2618\_2658\_320bpi\_14inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_4x80



Scheme name: 25ns\_2808b\_2800\_2618\_2658\_320bpi\_14inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_4x80

### N. collisions

ATLAS/CMS:	2800	(+1.9%)
LHCb:	2658	(+3.8%)
ALICE:	2618	(+4.9%)

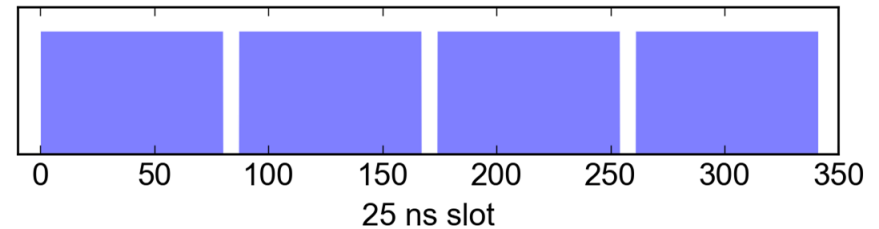
N. bunches: 2808

N. injections: 12

Unused: 126 slots  
(3.5% LHC)

### Patterns from the injectors:

(4 x 80b)



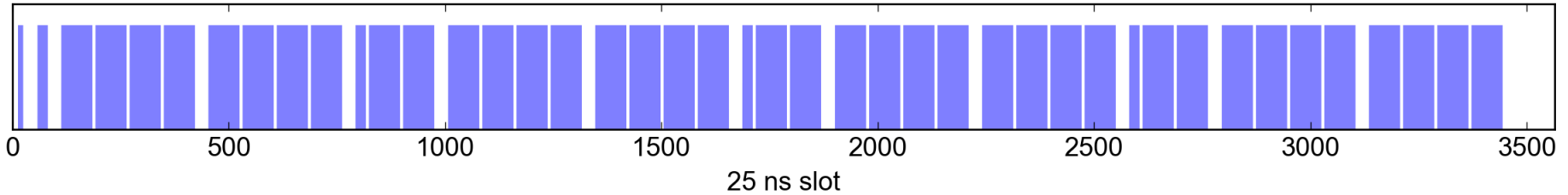
We can gain **2% more collisions in IP1&5** w.r.t. to the baseline, but **there is still quite some unused space in the ring**



# Optimized (4 x 72b) scheme

We can better exploit the used space by requesting **two types of trains from the injectors...**

ons\_4x72\_opt



Scheme name: 25ns\_2844b\_2832

Number of collisions in IP1&5 **increased by 3% w.r.t. the baseline.**

bs200ns\_4x72\_opt

## N. collisions

ATLAS/CMS:	2832 (+3.1%)
LHCb:	2631 (+2.8%)
ALICE:	2560 (+2.6%)

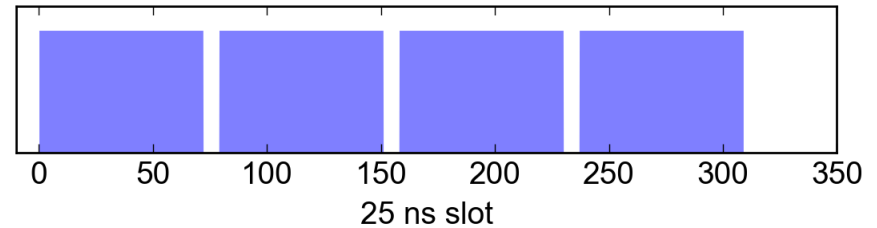
N. bunches: 2844

N. injections: 13

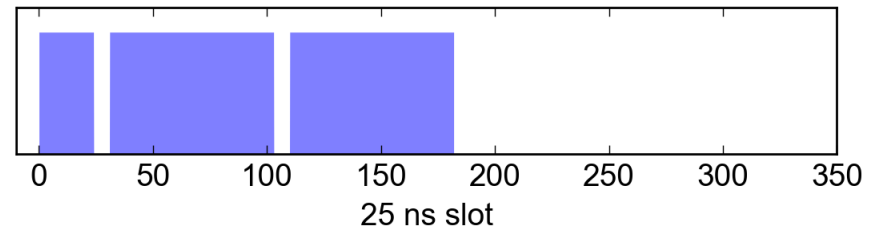
Unused: 17 slots  
(0.5% LHC)

## Patterns from the injectors:

(4 x 72b)



(24b)  
+  
(2 x 72b)



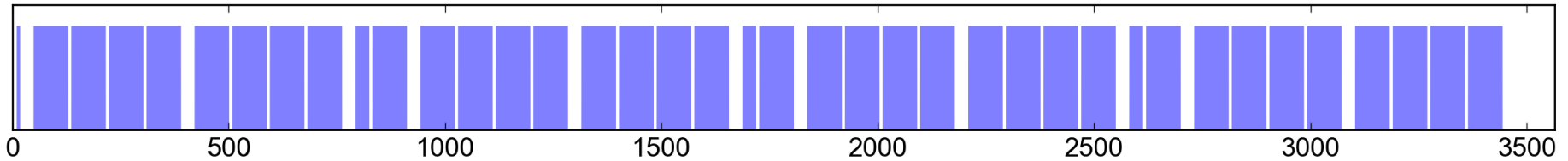
The **space** in the ring is now **almost fully used.**



# Optimized (4 x 80b) scheme

We can use **both strategies together**

25ns\_2904b\_2896\_2656\_2734\_320bpi\_12inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_4x80b\_opt



25 ns slot

Scheme name: 25ns\_2904b\_2896\_2656\_2

A **train of 32b** could be produced with the same technique used for the 80b (removing one bunch in H21 in the PS)

## N. collisions

ATLAS/CMS:	2896 (+5.4%)
LHCb:	2734 (+6.8%)
ALICE:	2656 (+6.5%)

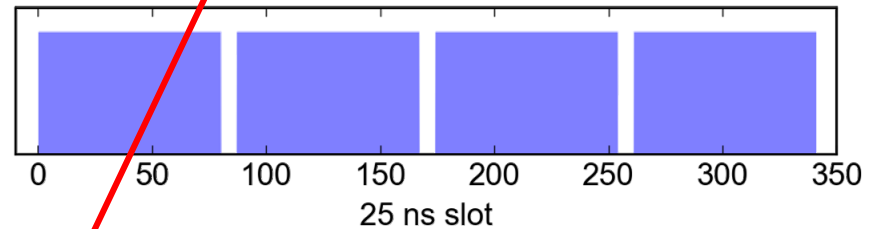
N. bunches: 2904

N. injections: 12

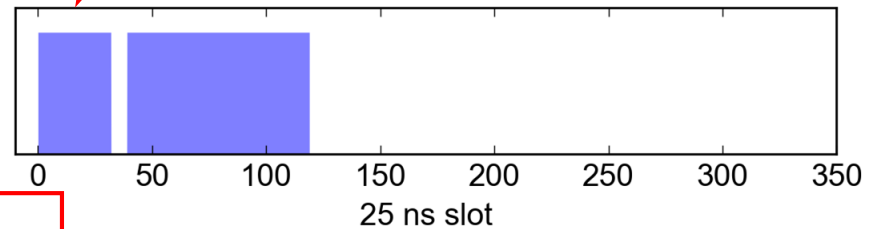
Unused: 9 slots (0.3% LHC)

## Patterns from the injectors:

(4 x 80b)



(32b) + (80b)



We could have **>2900b** in the LHC and increase the **number of collisions by 5.4% w.r.t. baseline.**





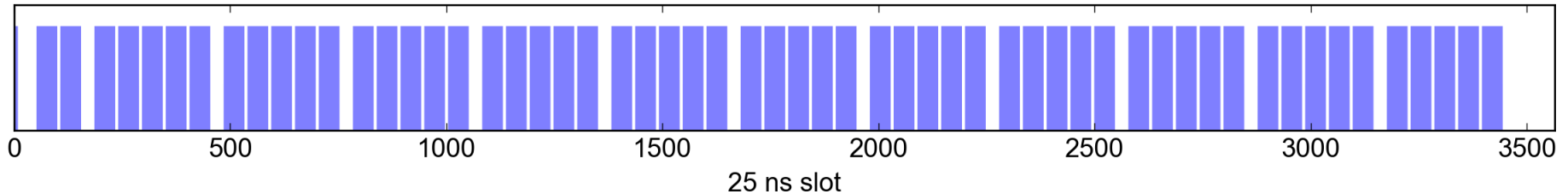
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Trains of 48b can be useful to **mitigate different issues**:

- Filling schemes made of trains of 48b produce **less e-cloud** (-10% w.r.t. 72b)
- Trains of 48b **can be produced with BCMS scheme**:
  - **25% higher brightness** w.r.t. standard production
  - **Backup** in case of un-expected **emittance blow-up**
- Can also be produced with STD scheme using **single-batch transfer from PSB to PS**:
  - Same brightness as baseline
  - Very short injection plateau in PS (no second injection)
  - Shorter injection plateau in SPS
  - Can be used to **mitigate issues with losses/blow-up at low-energy in PS/SPS**
  - Can give slightly shorter injection time

25ns\_2744b\_2736\_2246\_2370\_240bpi\_13inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_5x48b\_opt



Scheme name: 25ns\_2744b\_2736\_2246\_2370\_240bpi\_13inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_5x48b\_opt

## N. collisions

ATLAS/CMS:	2736	(-0.4%)
LHCb:	2370	(-7.4%)
ALICE:	2246	(-10.0%)

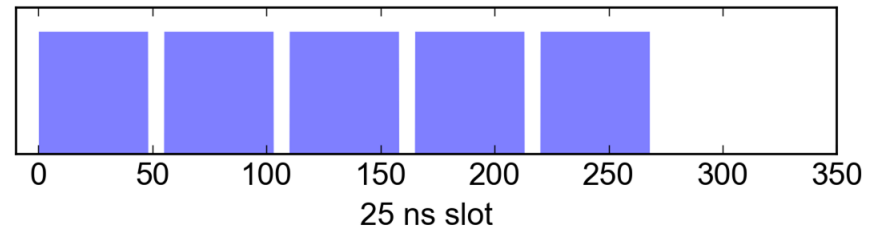
N. bunches: 2744

N. injections: 13

Unused: 12 slots  
(0.3% LHC)

## Patterns from the injectors:

(5 x 48b)



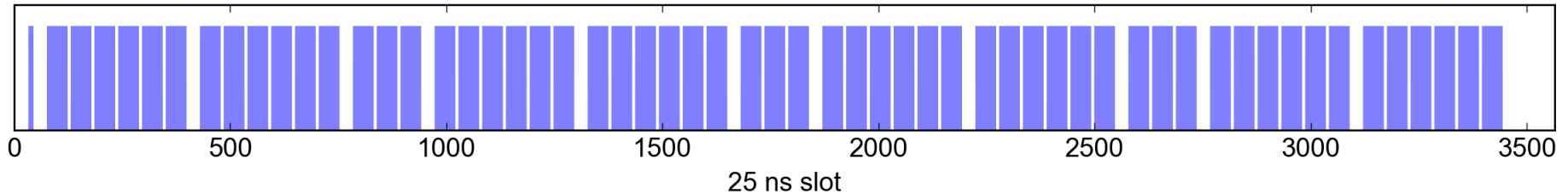
- Using injections of **5x48b** we can get the **same number of collisions in IP1&5** as for the **baseline scheme**
- Less collisions in IP2 and IP8

All space in the ring is used  
→ **no room for further optimization**



# Optimized (6 x 48b) scheme

25ns\_2748b\_2736\_2258\_2378\_288bpi\_12inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_6x48



Scheme name: 25ns\_2748b\_2736\_2258\_2378\_288bpi\_12inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_6x48

## N. collisions

ATLAS/CMS:	2736	(-0.4%)
LHCb:	2378	(-7.1%)
ALICE:	2258	(-9.5%)

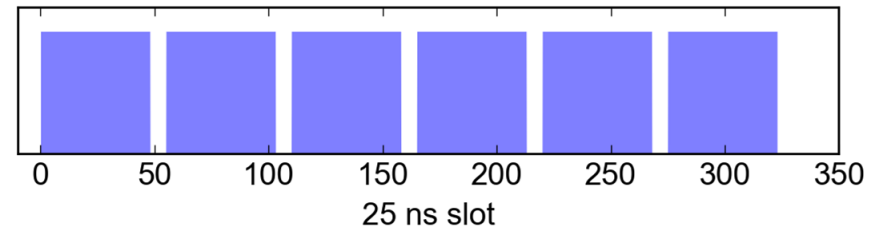
N. bunches: 2748

N. injections: 12

Unused: 32 slots  
(0.9% LHC)

## Patterns from the injectors:

(6 x 48b)



- Using injections of 6x48b does not provide any gain with respect to injections 5x48b
- Therefore 5x48b scheme is preferred (shorter injection plateau in the SPS)



# Summary table

- Having the possibility of injecting **two different patterns for the injectors** allows increasing the number of bunches in the LHC
- A further increase can be obtained using **trains of 80b**

Pattern from injectors	N. injections	Unused space	Collisions in IP1/5	Collisions in IP8	Collisions in IP2
(4 x 72b)	13	122 (3.4%)	2748 (ref.)	2560 (ref.)	2495 (ref.)
(4 x 72b) and (24b + 72b)	13	17 (0.5%)	<b>2832 (+3.1%)</b>	2631 (+2.8%)	2560 (+2.6%)
(4 x 80b)	12	126 (3.5%)	2800 (+1.9%)	2658 (+3.8%)	2618 (+4.9%)
(4 x 80b) and (32b + 80b)	12	9 (0.3%)	<b>2896 (+5.4%)</b>	2734 (+6.8%)	2656 (+6.5%)

- Using **injections of 5x48b** it is possible to have **the same number of collisions in IP1&5** as in the baseline (no further optimization possible)
- Injections of **6x48b do not provide any further gain** → 5x48b is preferred

Pattern from injectors	N. injections	Unused space	Collisions in IP1/5	Collisions in IP8	Collisions in IP2
(5 x 48b)	13	12 (0.3%)	<b>2736 (-0.4%)</b>	2370 (-7.4%)	2246 (-10%)
(6 x 48b)	12	32 (0.9%)	<b>2736 (-0.4%)</b>	2378 (-7.1%)	2258 (-9.5%)



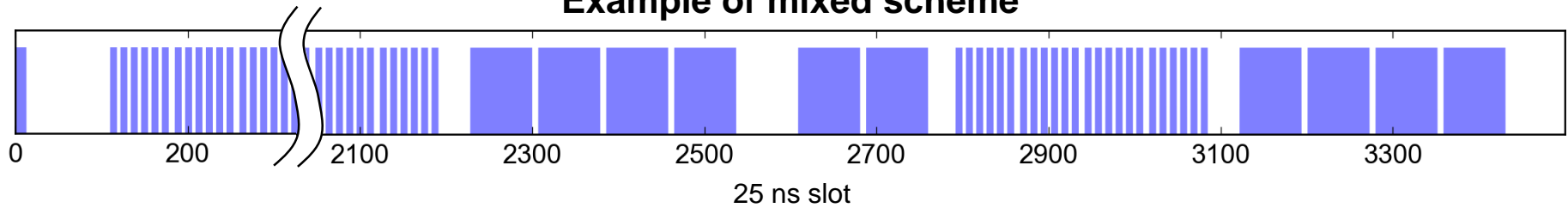
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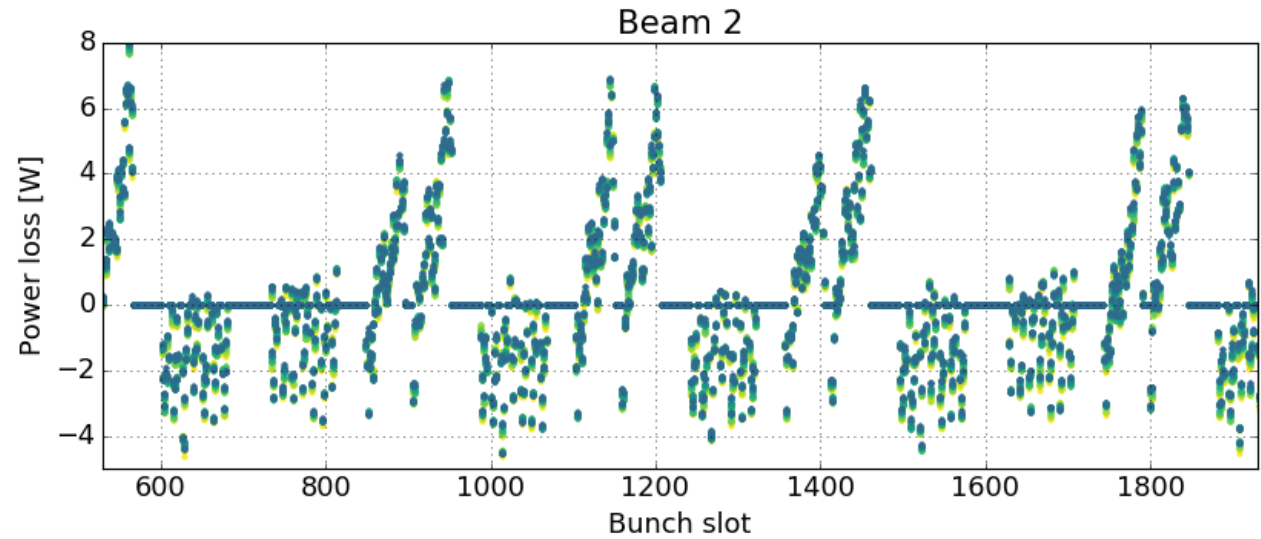
Standard **25 ns** trains and **8b4e** trains can be **combined** in the same filling scheme to **mitigate e-cloud effects**

→ It can be done **both starting from 72b and 48b filling scheme**

## Example of mixed scheme



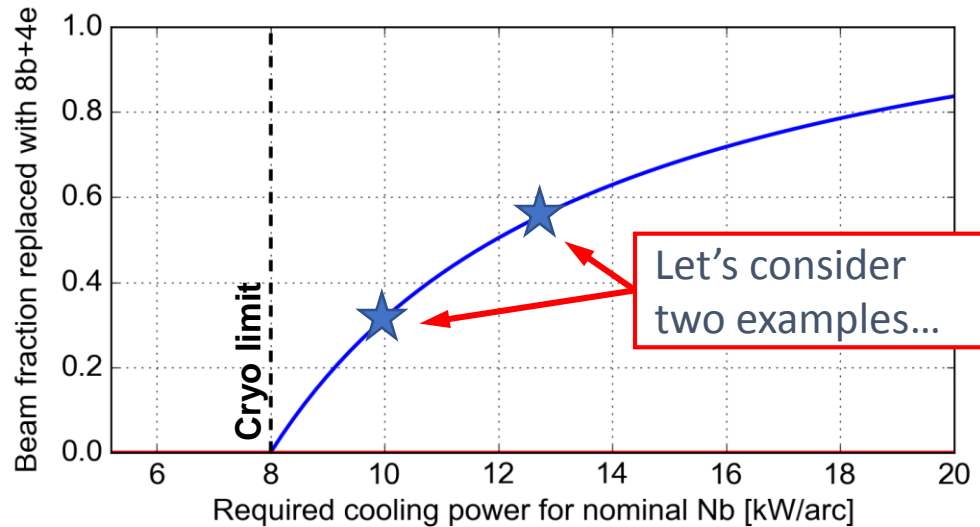
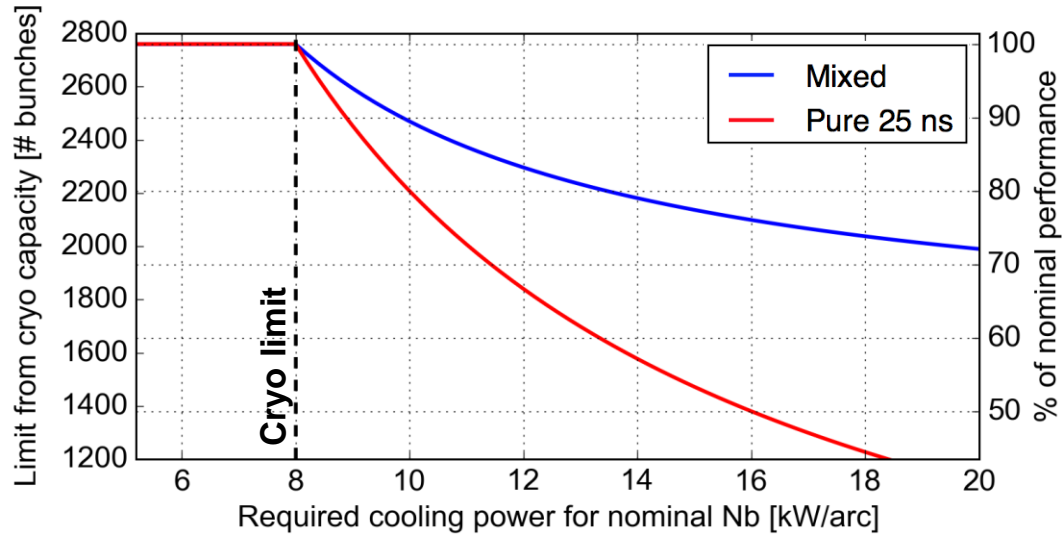
Confirmed in MD  
in 2016



Measurement *J. Esteban Muller*



The **share between 8b+4e and 25 ns strains can be changed** to match the excess of heat load

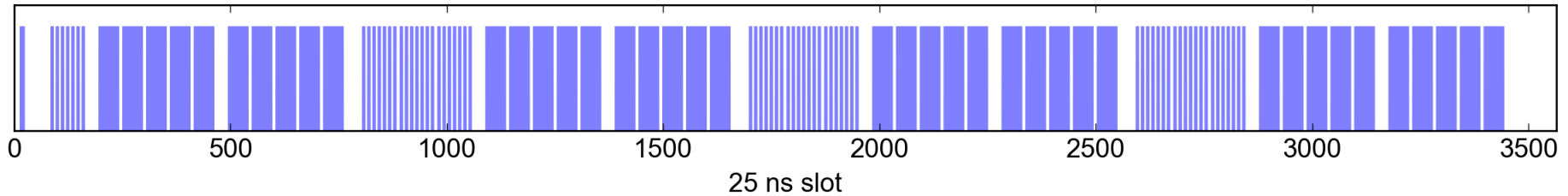






# Mixed scheme – example 1

25ns\_2492b\_2480\_2048\_2301\_240bpi\_13inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_run3\_study\_corrected



Scheme name: 25ns\_2492b\_2480\_2048\_2301\_240bpi\_13inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_run3st\_co

## N. collisions

ATLAS/CMS:	2480	(-9.8%)
LHCb:	2301	(-10.1%)
ALICE:	2048	(-17.9%)

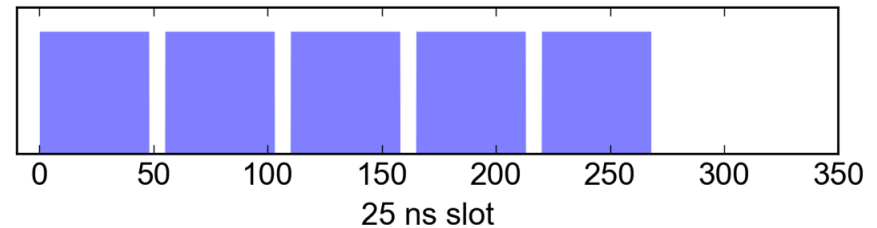
N. bu Again **two types of injections from the SPS**

N. injections: 13

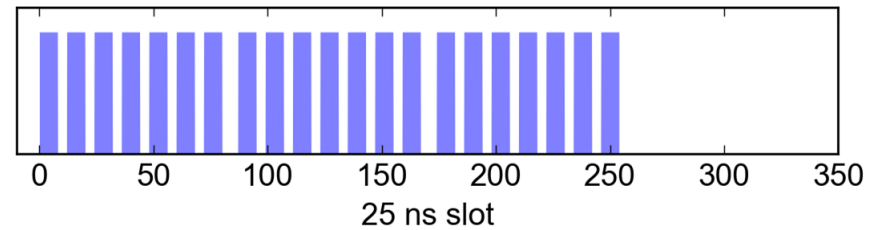
Unused: 73 slots  
(2.0% LHC)

## Patterns from the injectors:

(5 x 48b)



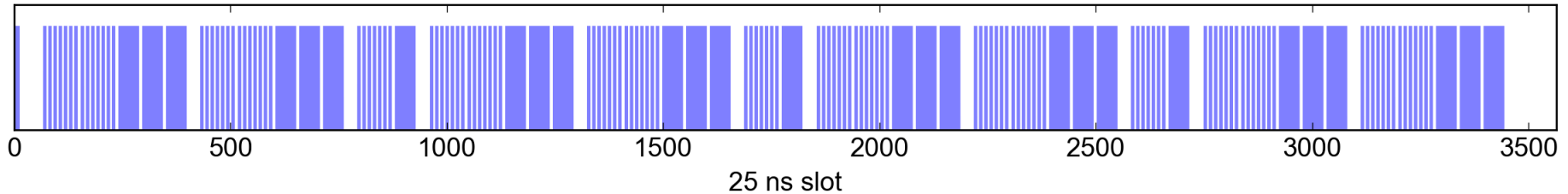
(3 x 56b)



**Reduces heat load by 20%** w.r.t. baseline (with 10% less collisions in IP5&5)



25ns\_2372b\_2360\_1784\_2216\_256bpi\_12inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_run3study



Scheme name: 25ns\_2372b\_2360\_1784\_2216\_256bpi\_12inj\_800ns\_bs200ns\_run3study

### N. collisions

ATLAS/CMS: 2360 (-14%)  
LHCb: 2216 (-13%)  
ALICE: 1784 (-28%)

N.

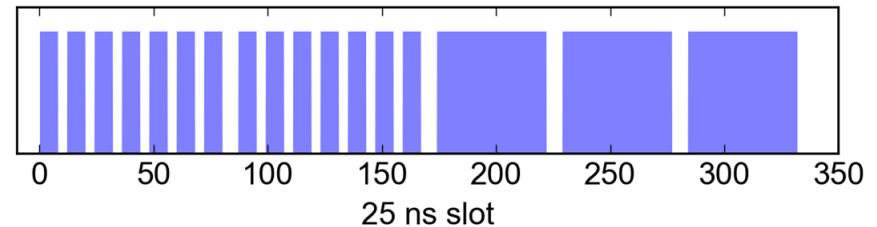
To achieve the required share **mixing need to be made in the SPS**

N.

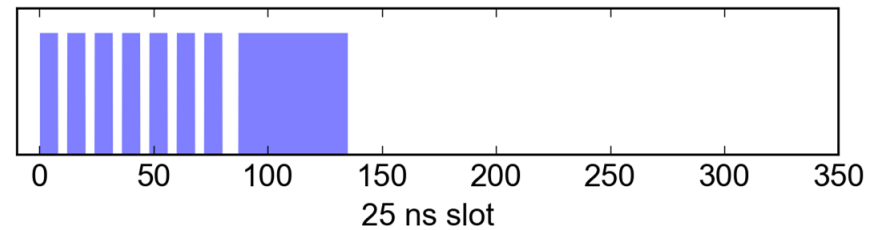
Unused: 29 slots  
(0.8% LHC)

### Patterns from the injectors:

(2 x 56b)  
+  
(3 x 48b)



(56b)  
+  
(48b)



**Reduces heat load by 40%** w.r.t. baseline (with **14%** less collisions in IP5&5)



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- Run 1 and Run 2 have shown that **injectors flexibility is a powerful tool to mitigate issues and push performance** (e.g. high-intensity 50 ns, 36b scheme, BCMS, 8b4e)
    - These capabilities should be certainly preserved and enhanced for HL-LHC
  - For several schemes (both for problem-mitigation and performance enhancement) it would be **desirable to inject two kinds of bunch trains within the same filling scheme**
    - Combined with possibility of having trains of **80b**, it allows obtaining **~2900b colliding in IP1&5**
    - Allows using **mixed 8b4e/25ns** schemes to fight e-clouds
- (Obvious?) reminder:** reliability is equally or more important than beam parameters!
- we can really gain in integrated luminosity from “complex” schemes only if:
    - Injectors availability remains high
    - Beam preparation stays in the shadow of LHC ramp-down and setup
    - Injection process is smooth and efficient