

#### First results of UFO type 1 dynamics studies Measurements and initial observations

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#### **Beam-macroparticle interaction**

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- Premature beam dumps and superconducting magnet quenches
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# **UFO impact on availability**

LHC first proton accelerator to suffer from their impact



In 2017, new type of UFO at specific magnet interconnect

- different loss pattern
- 67 premature beam dumps (out of ~350 total)
- significant impact on availability
- Also seen in 2018

Still many unknowns, impact expected to increase in future (higher beam energy, higher beam intensity...)

Understanding their dynamics important clue for employing countermeasures

#### **UFO types**



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#### Type 1

- Traditional type, present since high-intensity operations
- Short loss spike (~1 ms)
- Sporadic
- Along the entire length of the LHC

# Type 2

- Present at specific magnet interconnect (16L2)
- Hypothesis: caused by frozen nitrogen macroparticle
  - Contamination of beam vacuum by air at 16L2 confirmed
- Fastest observed beam instability in the LHC



# UFOs at end of run 2 proton physics

- Special beam configuration during ~3 weeks of normal physics fills
  - In non-colliding 12b train, two blown-up bunches: one horizontally, one vertically
- Number of events during this time: 14
  - Confirmed by existing UFO detection system: 7
- 3 at top energy, rest at 1096-4522 GeV





#### **Beam loss monitors**

#### icBLM

Good signal to noise ratio 3600 distributed around ring 40 µs temporal res

#### dBLM

Low signal to noise ratio, fluctuating signal 2 per beam at primary collimators

1.5ns temporal resolution





# icBLM vs dBLM correlation (30 Sep 2018)





# Turn by turn, bunch by bunch losses (30 Sep 2018)

Elevated losses in horizontally blown-up bunch

High amplitude, long event

Best signal we had





# Bunch-by-bunch losses (30 Sep 2018)

Losses highest and longest-lasting in horizontally blown-up bunch





# Turn by turn, bunch by bunch losses (17 Oct 2018)

Elevated losses in vertically blown-up bunch

Losses in other bunches very low

At the limit of what we can observe





# Bunch-by-bunch losses (17 Oct 2018)

Longest event with <sup>2.0</sup> increased losses from vertically blown-up bunch <sup>1.5</sup>

Note: factor ~10 lower signal than in previous event





# Insight into UFO dynamics

Aim is to study UFO dynamics

We want to reconstruct dust particle trajectory

Losses proportional to proton density

Proton density proportional to distance from beam center

If we know bunch-by-bunch losses and proton distributions, we can derive location of UFO





#### **Possible locations in both planes**

Location based on losses from horizontally blown-up bunch

Location based on losses from vertically blown-up bunch



#### **Possible locations in both planes**

Intersections are possible UFO locations





# Applying the method to measurements

- Correlating BLM signal to number of protons lost difficult
- A single lost proton should still always give the same signal
- Thus, correlate ratio between loss signals of blown-up and nominal bunches to proton distributions of blown-up and nominal bunches
- Still some challenges remain:
  - Signals not clean, low signal-to-noise ratio, erratic loss spikes



# Ratio of proton densities between bunches

The ratio of losses between normal and blown-up bunches are measured This is correlated to the ratio of the proton distributions, assuming they are Gaussian

-> allows deriving the UFO location within the beam, despite not knowing the absolute loss values from each bunch





Turn 8

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



Turn 9

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



**Turn 10** 

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



Turn 11

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



**Turn 12** 

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



Turn 13

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



Turn 14

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



Turn 15

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



Turn 19

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



**Turn 20** 

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



Turn 21

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



**Turn 22** 

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



Turn 23

Blown up proton distributions divided by nominal bunch distributions



# Outlook

- Comprehensive parameter scan with simulation model
  - Compare with measurements
- Error quantification
- Look into the full beam
  - Eg. PACMAN bunches with orbit offset



# Conclusions

- UFOs have an important effect on LHC
  - Studied with bunch-by-bunch resolution and blown-up bunches
  - 14 events recorded with blown-up bunches
- With bunch-by-bunch losses and knowing proton distributions and bunch sizes, we can reconstruct UFO trajectories
- Large error bars from fluctuating signals, background losses, uncertainties in proton distributions
- Nevertheless: observed one event with interaction mainly in the horizontal plane and one with mainly in the vertical plane
  - Analysis ongoing
- Gravity alone is not enough to explain the observations
  - Dust particle can likely be negatively charged and attracted to the beam





#### Thank you!



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#### Backup slide 1: UFO rate in 2018





#### **Backup slide 2: Bunch intensities**





# **Backup slide 3: Possible trajectories**

Physical model of beam-macroparticle interaction to study UFOs

 Partially validated against UFO type 1 events (temporal loss pattern, # inelastic collisions; assuming ~20-30 µm particles, Cu, C)

#### Comparing measured # of inelastic collisions with simulated:

Estimate of macroparticle size -> radius 15-30 µm (nitrogen, density 1.029 g/cm^3)





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