Collimation aspects of the PSI beams in the LHC

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- 1. Results of the PSI MD in the LHC and first understanding
- 2. Proposed mitigation techniques



- 3. Available software tools
- 4. Quantitative results of simulations
- 5. First intensity limit estimates

Collimation of the PSI beams during the PSI MD

Collimation performance with PSI beams in the LHC

- The first experience of PSI beam collimation was acquired during MD3284 [1].
- Loss map measurements were performed for injection and flat top.
- The highest losses in both cases were recorded in cell 11.
- Severe losses were observed in the cold magnets of the dispersion suppressor of IR7 for flat top.
- With 24 low-intensity bunches a dump was triggered after only 2 minutes at flat top.
- Loss map was taken with only 6 low-intensity bunches.



[1] M. Schaumann, https://indico.cern.ch/event/781222/

Understanding the losses

- The most likely explanation of the extreme losses in the DS is that the primary collimators can strip the electron from PSI in the halo without fragmenting them.
- The resulting off-rigidity fully-stripped ions are lost on the cold aperture in the DS where the dispersion ramps up.
- Simulations of equivalent offmomentum trajectories in MADX backs this theory and predicts the loss location with good accuracy.



Mitigation strategies

• With the current collimation configuration the losses greatly limit the possible intensity reach. Mitigation strategies considered include:

Dispersion suppressor collimator (TCLD)

Crystal collimation

Orbit bump

Mitigation strategies - TCLD

- The plan is to install a dispersion suppressor collimator (TCLD) during LS2.
- The location of the TCLD was changed from cell 8 to cell 9 in December 2018.
- In cell 8 the collimator wasn't expected to intercept the losses, but in cell 9 it there is a good outlook that it will.
- At present, without energy deposition studies, it is not possible to quantify the intensity limit with the TCLD in as the load on the collimator will likely be very high.



Mitigation strategies - other

Crystal collimation

- Another potential strategy is to use crystal collimators.
- It is theorized that both partially stripped and fully stripped ions can be channeled onto an absorber before they leave the warm collimation insertion.
- In addition to this, the channeling is expected to suppress the interaction cross-sections.
- MD4166 was approved to test this concept, but never took place due to technical problems.

Orbit bump

- Orbit bumps are used to move cold losses from BFPP in the DS of experimental insertions to a more favorable location like the connection cryostat.
- Such a bump can be considered for the DS of IR7.
- May not be needed if the TCLD is found to be effective.

Simulations

Tools and first quantitative results

Simulation methods

- Due to the bound electrons and additional physics interactions involved, it is not currently possible to perform direct collimation cleaning efficiency studies for PSI beams.
- As a start, attempt to recreate the measured loss maps as accurately as possible using available tools and some assumptions, e.g. all beam ions fully stripped by the primary collimator.
- In addition, work towards integrating support for PSI tracking and physics interactions to existing radiation transport frameworks.

SixTrack – FLUKA active coupling

- The SixTrack-FLUKA coupling combines tracking in SixTrack and Monte Carlo simulation of physics interaction inside the collimators in FLUKA.
- One of the trusted standard frameworks for collimation studies.
- Supports arbitrary ions species.
- Available immediately.
- Does not currently support partially stripped ions, but there are some ideas of extending it.
- The plan is to **perform studies using off-rigidity fully-stripped ions starting at the primary collimator**, similar to the MADX studies.



Sixtrack – Fluka Simulation setup

- **Optics for** Beam1 Horizontal at Flat Top (worst cleaning inefficiency...)
 - Run2 LHC optics (as the one used for the PSI MD test in 2018) at 6.5 TeV
 - HL-LHC v1.2 (with TCLD in cell 9) at 7 TeV
- Sixtrack:
 - Machine setup for 208/81+ at 6.5TeV/7 TeV
 - Initial particle distribution 208/82+ but with an energy of 81+
 - Tracking start at the front of the **horizontal TCP**
- Fluka
 - Energy cuts ~100GeV
 - With Electro-magnetic Dissociation enabled for IONs



Sixtrack – Fluka Simulation results (2)

- Beam1 LHC / HLLHC (with TCLD out)
 - Reproduced the measured loss map
 - Highest peak identified in around the interconnection between SC dipole and DS (s=20413m)
 - Great agreement with the measurement and simple MADX trajectory estimate!
- Beam2 LHC
 - No measurement available
 - Loss peak localized downstream wrt to Beam1, into the other end of the DS (cell 11)







Cold Warm

Sixtrack – Fluka Simulation results (3)



Geant4 / BDSIM

- Geant4 natively supports the definition of ions with non-zero electron occupancy, but no relevant charge-changing physics processes are currently available.
- A stripping physics process and the other necessary physics configurations are being implemented in BDSIM and can later be integrated into a new Geant4 release.
- Can tie in with other processes like crystal channeling for ions and PSI laser excitation and de-excitation being developed for BDISM/Geant4.
- It is possible to couple Geant4/BDSIM to SixTrack and utilize those processes on a per-element basis.



Sixtrack – Geant4

Beam1 LHC, first preliminary results:

Qualitative agreement with measurements and Fluka-Sixtrack.

• First look with the same energy cuts and particles transported back to Sixtrack

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• More benchmarking needed – on more standard cases!



Intensity limits

Quench limits for the 11T dipoles

- VERY Preliminary estimation!
- for 7 Z TeV , 5 x10⁻⁷ mJ/cm3 deposed in the 11T magnet per ONE ion (Z>80) interacting with TCLD
 - Fluka calculation A.Lechner et al. for normal lead cleaning for HLLHC
 - For the GF the impact distribution may differ resulting in different value
- Quench limit for 11T dipoles assumed to be **70mW/cm3**.
- Assuming a minimum beam life time of **12 mins** (HLLHC base line).
- We come with an estimate for the max beam intensity **about** 3x10¹¹ ions.
 - More than HL-LHC baseline beam -> hope for no intensity limit (wrt 11T magnets).
- Energy deposition on TCLD collimator still to be investigated
 - Preliminarily ~10kW expected, probably no showstopper but to be studied.
- For better understanding dedicated Fluka studies in the TCLD region needed!

Summary

- In the first test with PSI in the LHC the collimation cleaning performance was observed to be prohibitively low for operation with high-intensity beams.
- Analysis of the measured loss maps and simulations have helped identify the reason for the inadequate cleaning – the stripping action of the primary collimators.
- Several mitigation strategies are being investigated TCLD collimator, crystal collimation and an orbit bump.
- First, preliminary estimates on the losses on the 11T dipoles indicate no additional intensity limits (wrt to the HL-LHC baseline)

Backup slides

Appendix - Injection B1H

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Appendix - Injection B1V



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Appendix - Flat top B1V

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