



Pushing the performance

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Pushing the performance

- “Performance” intended as:
 - Intensity and brightness increase
 - Orbit optimization
 - Losses control
 - Working point control, resonances
 - RF gymnastics (See Roland’s talk)
 - Machine lifetime, availability...
- Many challenges to face:
 - Single bunch stability at injection and transition crossing
 - Space charge limit
 - Coupled bunch instabilities
 - Electron clouds
 - Conserving the brightness

The PS: an exceptionally versatile multiparticle machine, and a machine of many “firsts” that is still also an invaluable scientific tool for accelerator physics

- Unfortunately no time to talk about in details about :
 - Leptons and antiprotons
 - Beam instrumentation
 - Vacuum
 - Control system
 - Etc..

SPEECH DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR NIELS BOHR

ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE CERN PROTON SYNCHROTRON

ON 5 FEBRUARY, 1960

Press Release PR/56
12 February, 1960

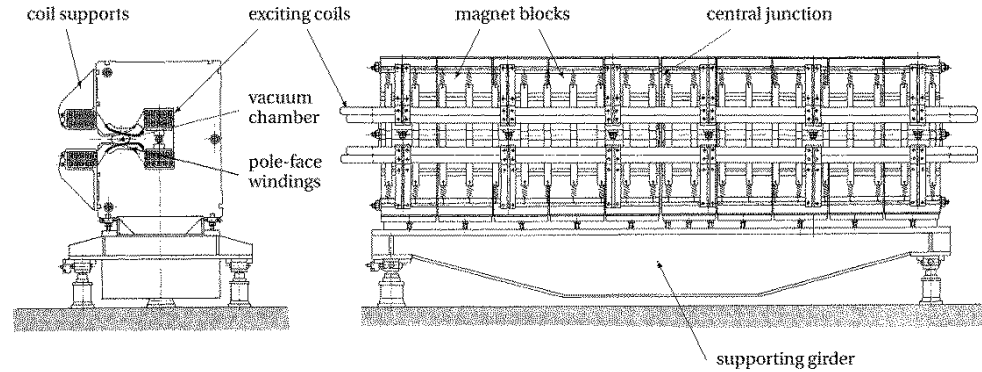
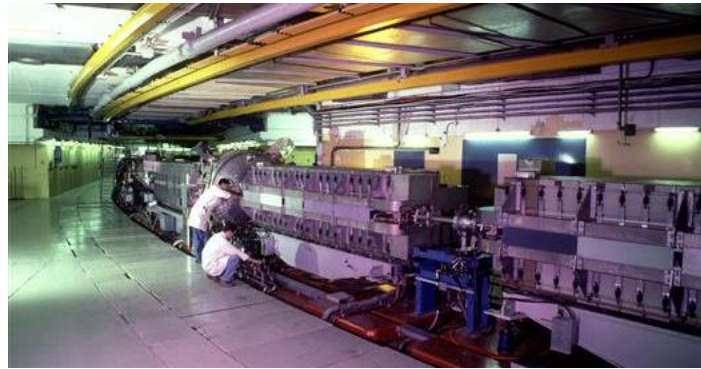
It may perhaps seem odd that apparatus as big and as complex as our gigantic proton synchrotron is needed for the investigation of the smallest objects we know about. However, just as the wave features of light propagation make huge telescopes necessary for the measurement of small angles between rays from distant stars, so the very character of the laws governing the properties of the many new elementary particles which have been discovered in recent years, and especially their transmutations in violent collisions, can only be studied by using atomic particles accelerated to immense energies. Actually we are here confronted with most challenging problems at the border of physical knowledge, the exploration of which promises to give us a deeper understanding of the laws responsible for the very existence and stability of matter.

Make it simple ... But with Strong Focusing

Circumference = $2 * \pi * 100$ m

100 main combined function dipoles

100 straight sections



First parameter tables

Accelerator	Max. energy GeV	Mean intensity Particles per sec.	Completion date
Brookhaven proton synchrotron (COSMOTRON)	3	2.10^{10}	1952
Saclay proton synchrotron (SATURNE)	3	10^{10}	1958
Princeton-Pennsylvania proton synchrotron	3	2.10^{12}	1960
Berkeley proton synchrotron (BEVATRON)	6	2.10^{10}	1954
Rutherford Laboratory proton synchrotron (NIMROD)	7	10^{12}	1961/62
Russian A.G. proton synchrotron	7	$\approx 2.10^{10}$	1960
Russian proton synchrotron (Synchrophasotron)	10	$\approx 10^9$	1957
Australian proton synchrotron	10	10^{12}	1962/63
Argonne zero gradient proton synchrotron	12.5	2.10^{12}	1962
CERN proton synchrotron	28 25 6-10	2.10^9 3.10^9 10^{10}	1959
Brookhaven A.G. proton synchrotron	30	$\approx 3.10^{10}$	1960
Russian A.G. proton synchrotron	50	$\approx 10^{10}$	1961/62

For reference (2018): 1 PS batch for LHC \rightarrow 72 bunches, $1.2 \cdot 10^{11}$ ppb

Parameters of the 28 GeV Proton Synchrotron

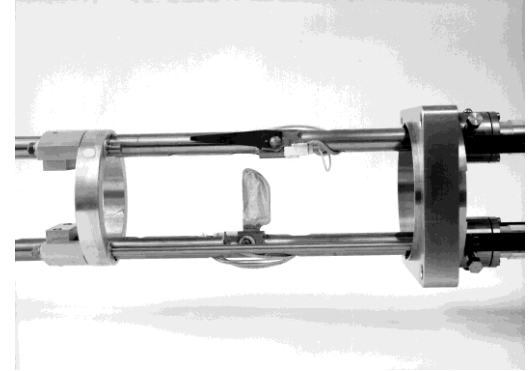
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Number of r.f. units	16	14
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What about extractions ?

Internal target

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At the beginning, no extractions at all

Up to today :

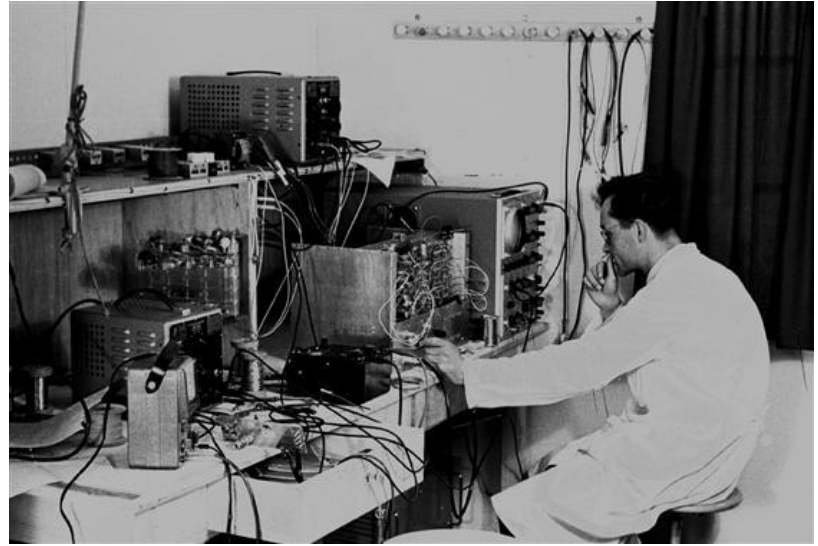
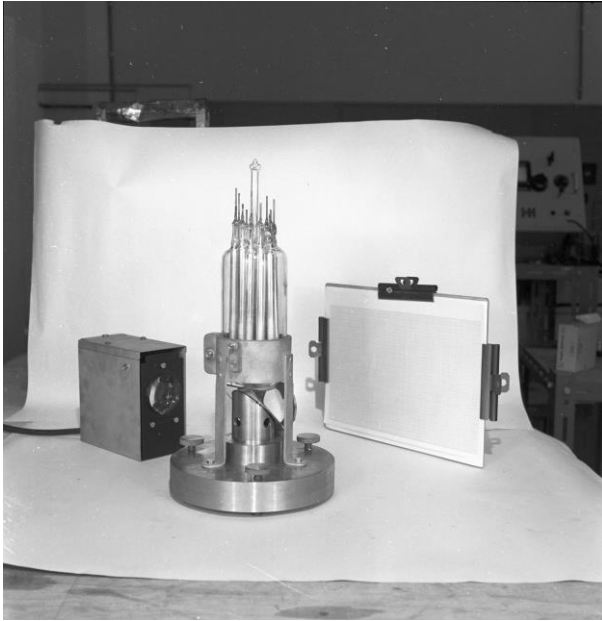
- Two fast extraction (particles and anti-particles)
- Two/three types of slow extractions
- Two 5-turns extractions (CT-continuous transfer and MTE-Multiturn extraction)

Early days...

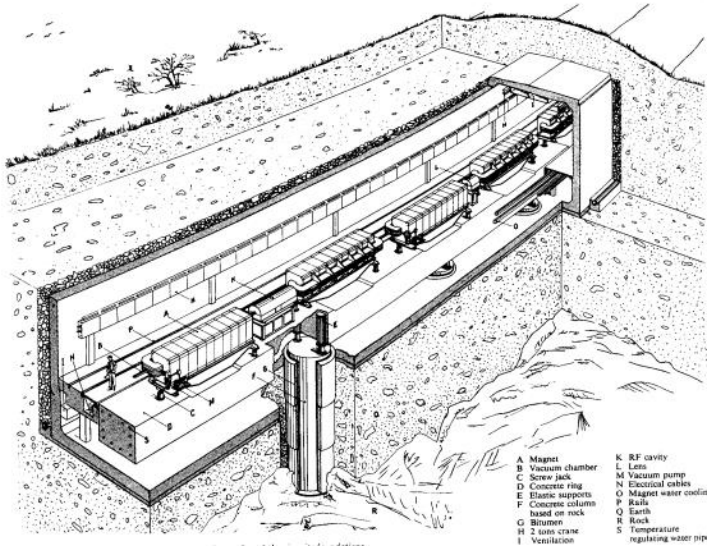
Starting from green fields



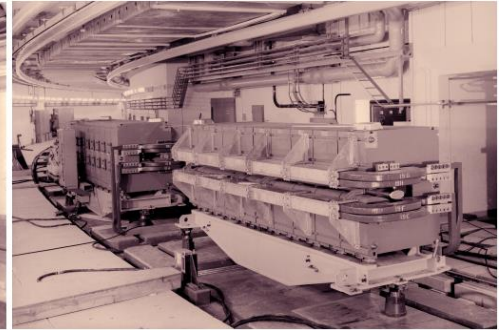
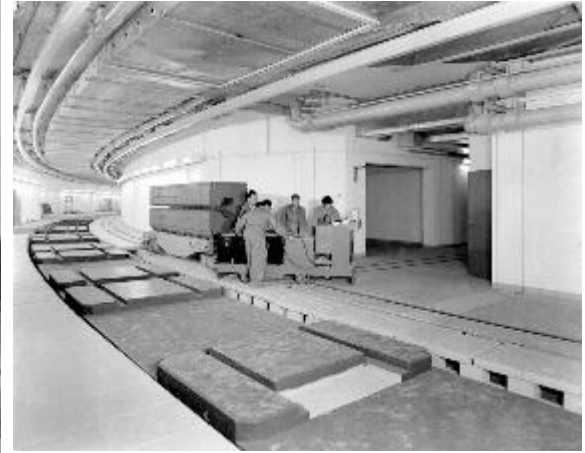
Simulating non-linear behaviour and betatronic resonances



Constructing everything on a floating concrete cooled ring



1979 : **explosives** used as part of the excavations for the new AA
 Detonations timed to permit the effect of ground movement to be
 observed on the beam in the PS.
Nothing measurable was seen



First circulating beam in September 1959

From : International conference on high-energy accelerators and instrumentation

14th – 19th September 1959 at CERN

No status report on the CERN Proton Synchrotron was presented at the Conference : instead, the participants were invited to visit the P.S. Division on the evening of September 15th, and were shown the machine.

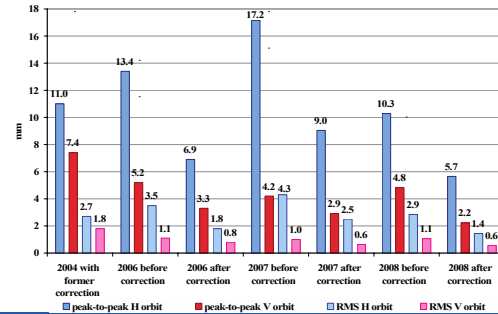
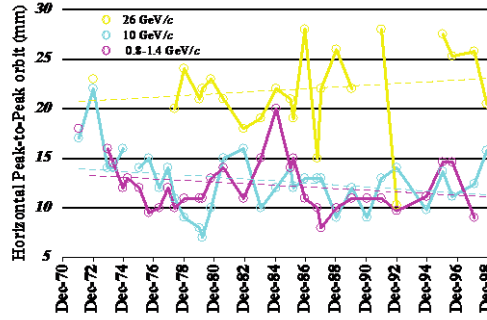
During the Conference, studies of the injected beam in the synchrotron were in progress, and on September 16th this beam made one revolution of the vacuum chamber for the first time.

The first circulating beam in a strong-focusing proton synchrotron

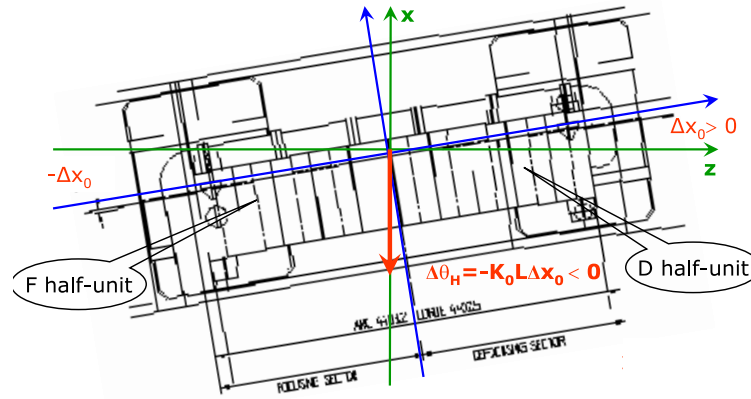
And already the intensity was at some 10^{10}

Closed orbit, a long-term concern

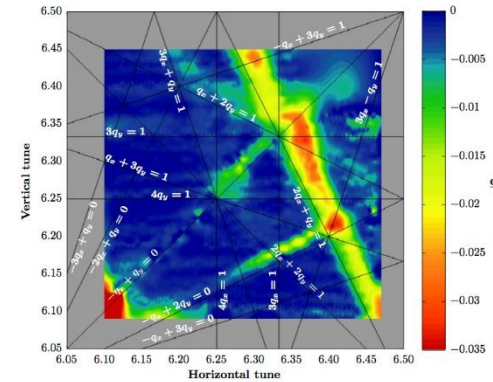
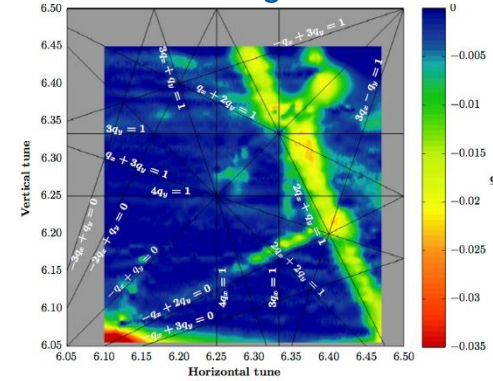
Orbit control/optimization always a must to maximize aperture
And reduce transverse emittance blow-up.



- Beam based orbit correction done by **rotating main combined function dipoles**
- Unfortunately some of the resonances are enhanced

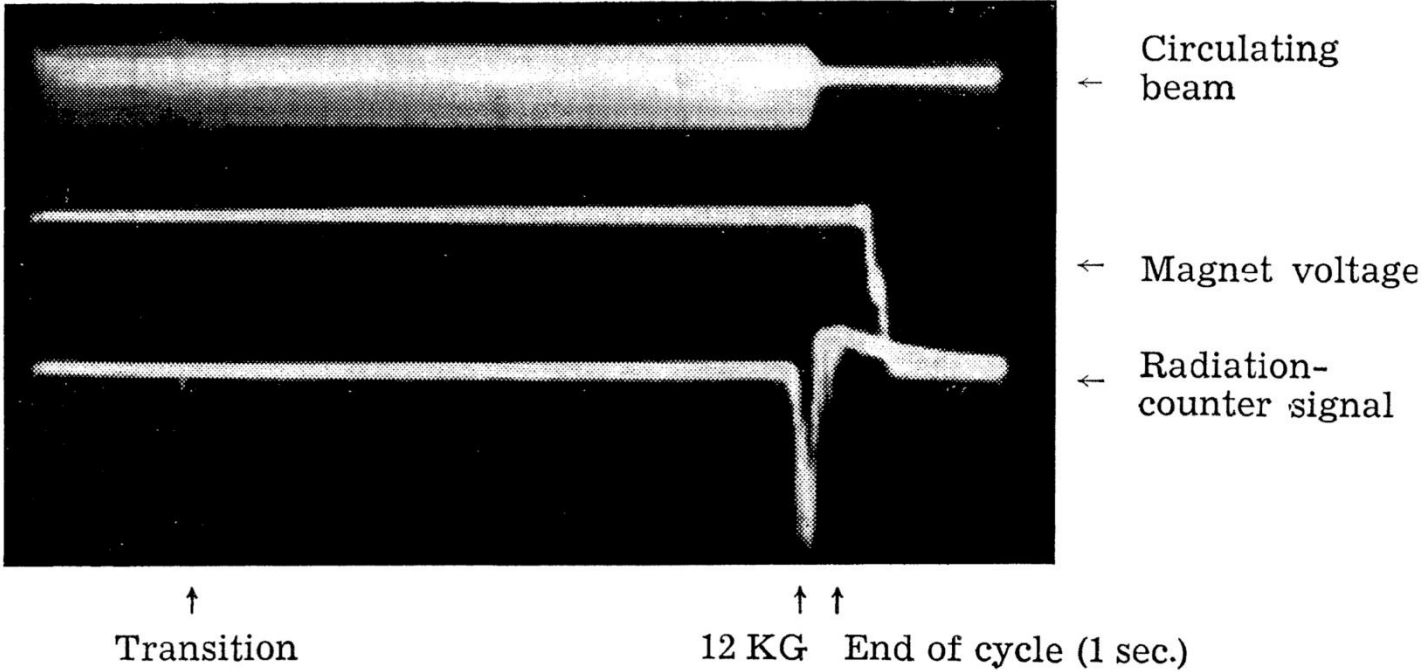


Before alignment



After alignment

The first accelerated beam to top energy: 24/11/59



After 10 years

CERN Courier, n.11, Vol.9, 1969
10th PS anniversary

An important question on the PS magnet will need an answer in the next year or two. After ten years of operation and with much higher beam intensities coming up, some of the synchrotron magnet units are almost certain to receive more radiation than they can stand. Will it be necessary to replace the whole magnet ring with new magnets using more radiation resistant components (and maybe without pole face windings)? Or will the magnet units be rebuilt one after another spread over many years? (This problem is the result of the performance of the machine far exceeding expectations. Since the magnets have withstood ten years of operation at beam intensities very much higher than they were designed for, they might — from the radiation point of view — have survived a thousand years if they had operated with the design beam. This would probably have been adequate... even for particle physics!)

Open questions:

- How to preserve the machine from radiation damage while operating well beyond design parameters?
- Are pole face windings the future to control the working point?

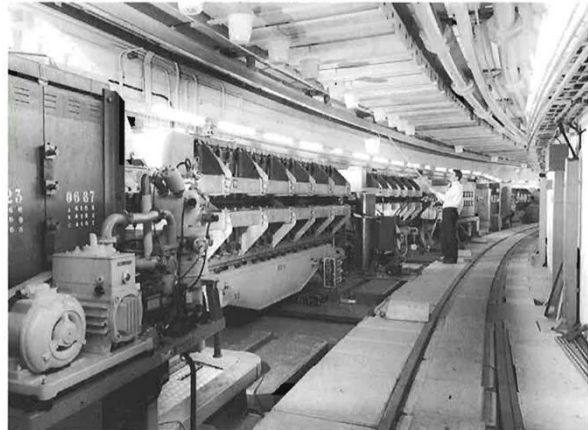
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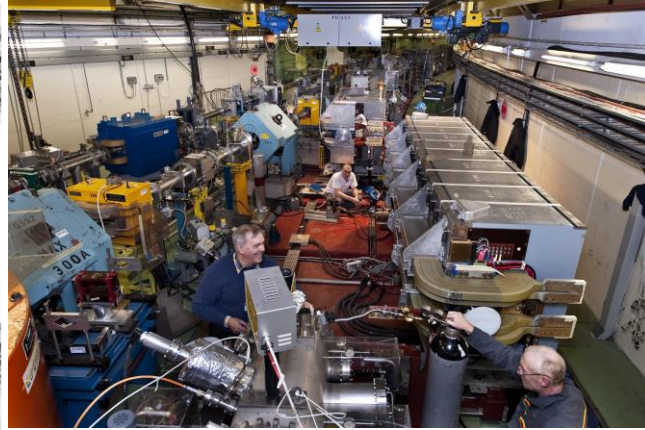


Magnet renovations

1960's



2005-09 : First renovation campaign



2019 : Second renovation campaign



Few magnets changed during the years, **but only 1 failed during a run (July 2008)**

Pole-face windings (and Figure-of-eight loop)

Working point controlled (at first for saturation compensation) by auxiliary windings since the early days, and it will be still for a very long time.

Both for windings (and F8L) and power converters:

- First renovation in 1978
- Continuous improvement 1978 – 1981
- Second big campaign started in 2006 still ongoing



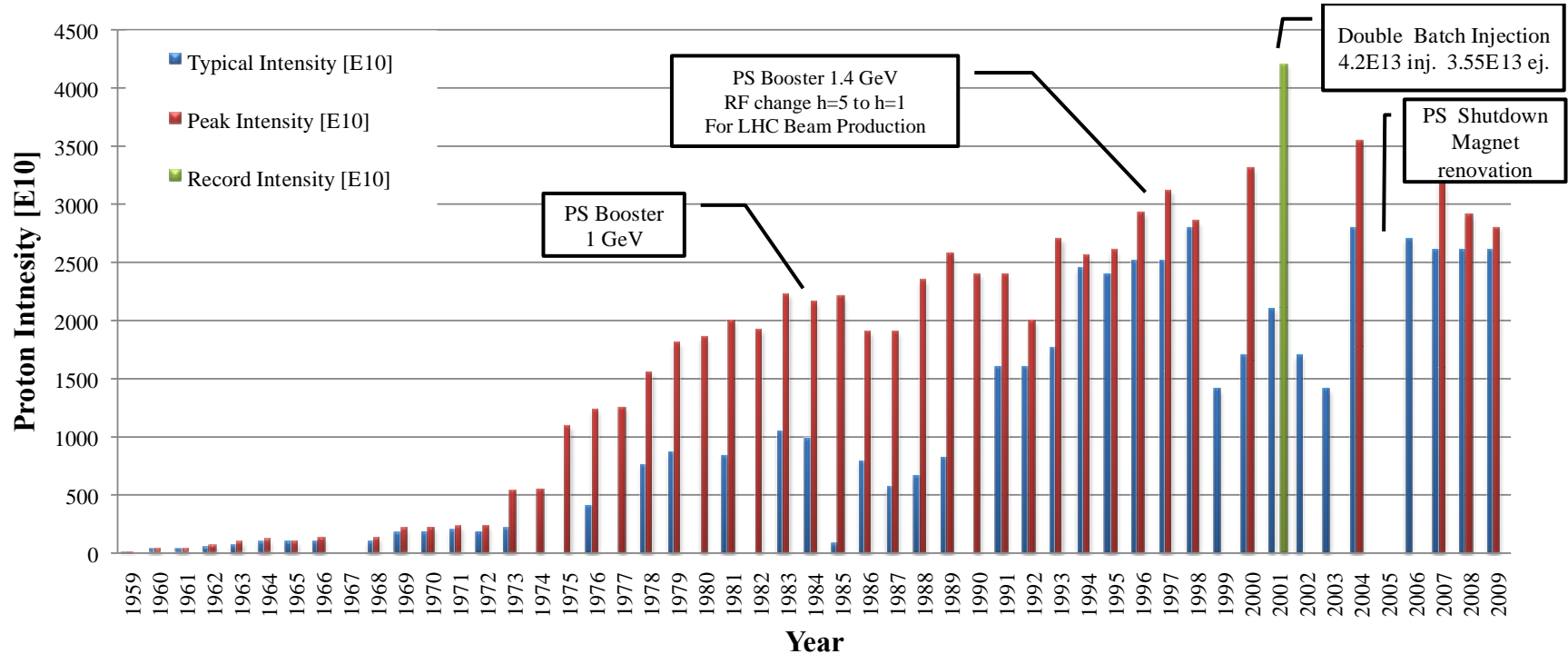
Combined degradation of organic material with high irradiation and **poor resistance against microbes**



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26 GeV/c

P = 26.0 GeV/c									
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ΔI _{FW}	.4104E+01	.4109E+01	.6407E+01	.6150E+01	.7283E+02				ΔI _{FW}
ΔI _{OW}	.1565E+01	.3048E+00	.8909E+00	.1872E+00	.3395E+02				ΔI _{OW}
ΔI _{OB}	.1012E+01	.2102E+00	.1332E+01	.2606E+00	.4297E+02				ΔI _{OB}
ΔI _{IB}	.4058E+04	.8075E+05	.4058E+04	.8075E+05	.1445E+04				ΔI _{IB}
ΔI _{FB}	.4875E+00	.4875E+00	0.	0.	0.				ΔI _{FB}
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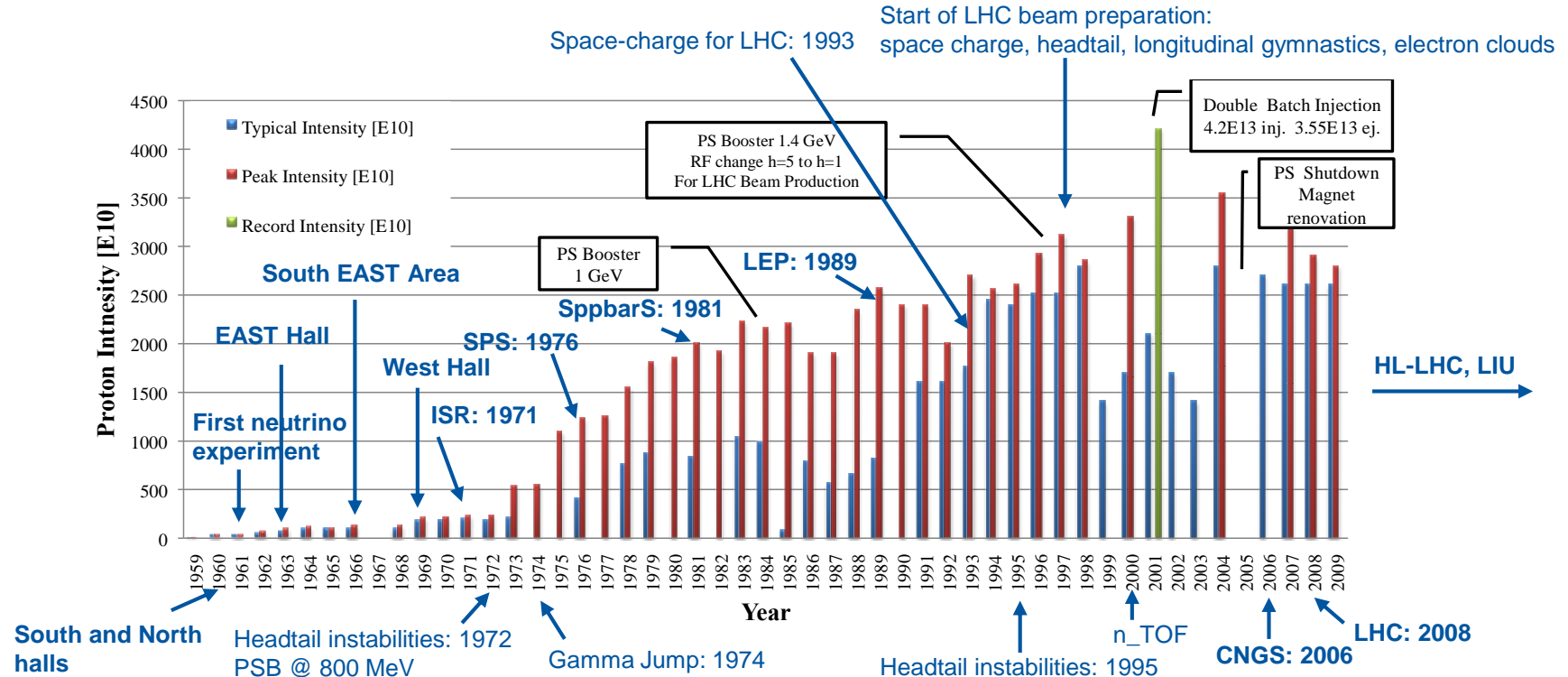
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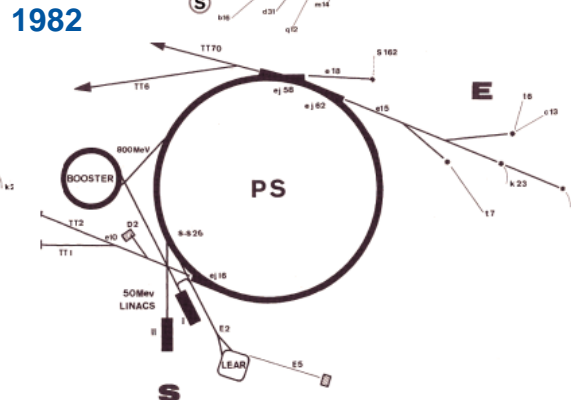
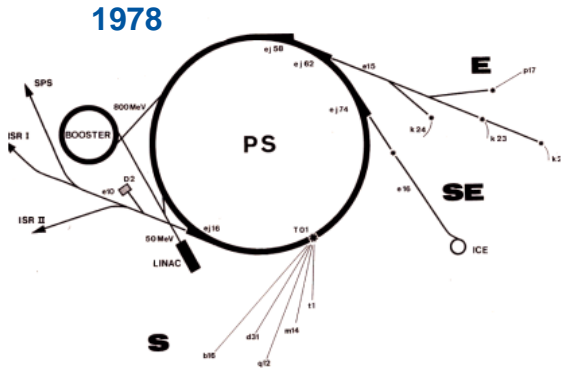
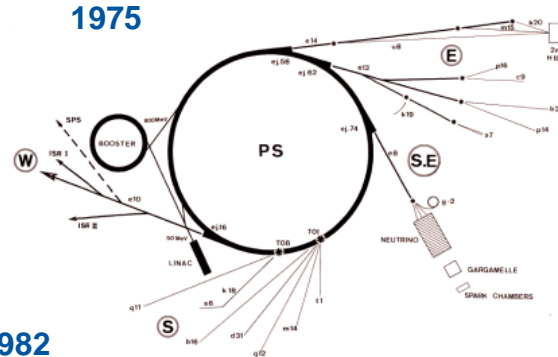
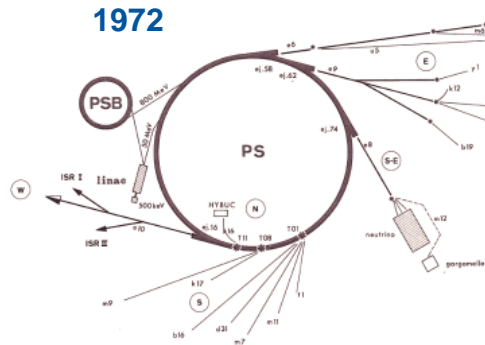
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More and more users



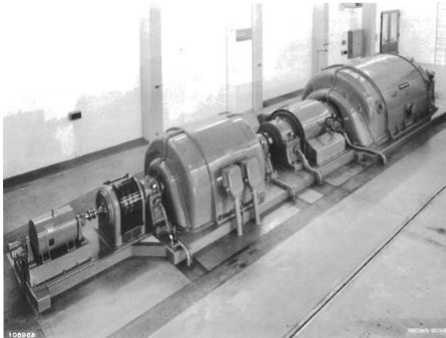
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Powering the PS

First power supply into operation in 1959 changed after nine years.

First issue after
→ 40 924 500 pulses.



- Higher repetition rate
- “Flat tops”

- Potentially higher repetition rate
- Improved B field stability

First Service : 1968
Dismissed after > 200 10^6 cycles



POPS : 2011

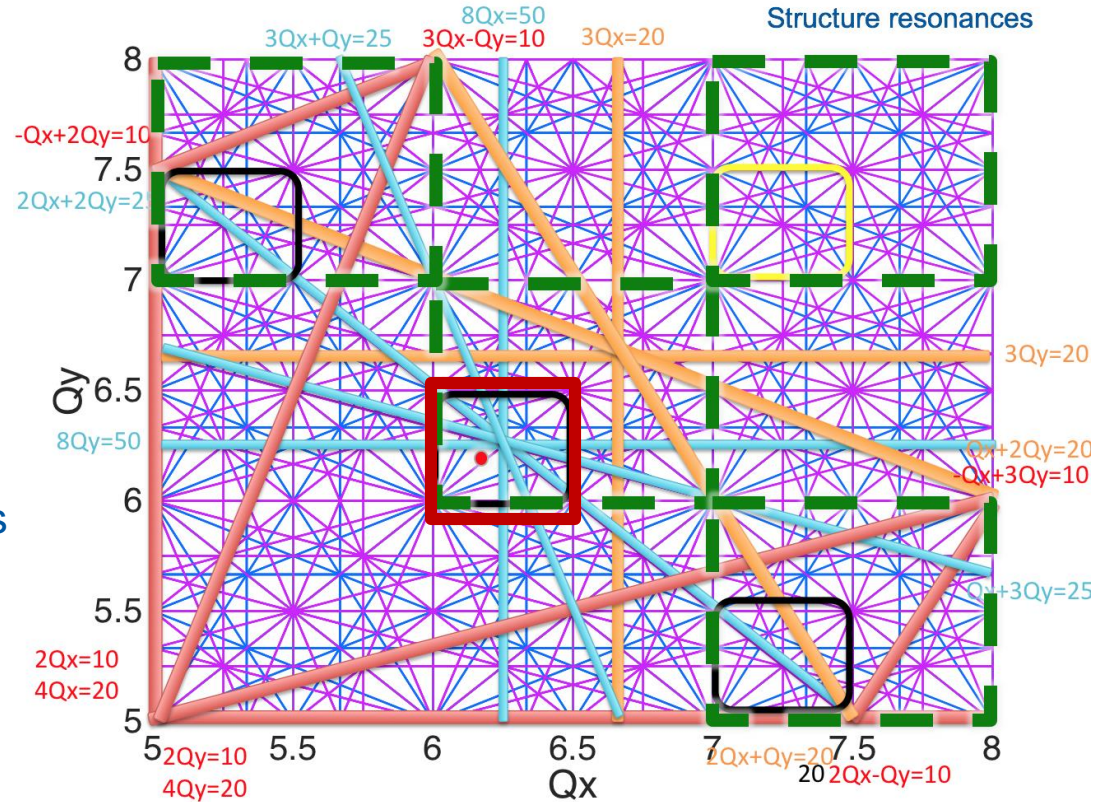


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A forest of resonances

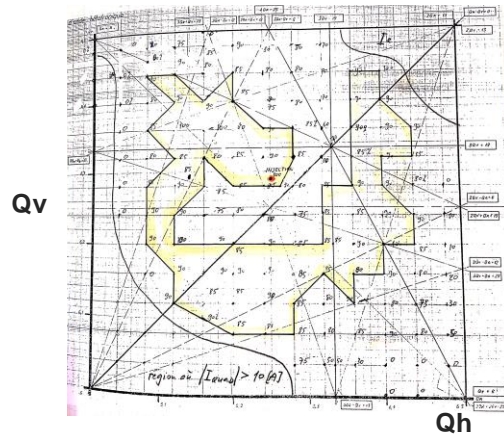
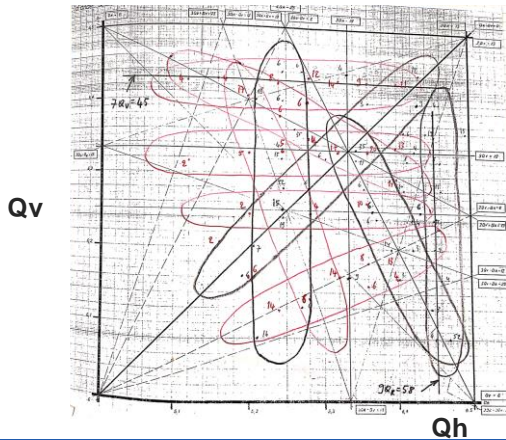
- Choice of the best working point for PS operation is a story as old as the PS
- PS integer chosen as (6,6) far away from main structure resonances



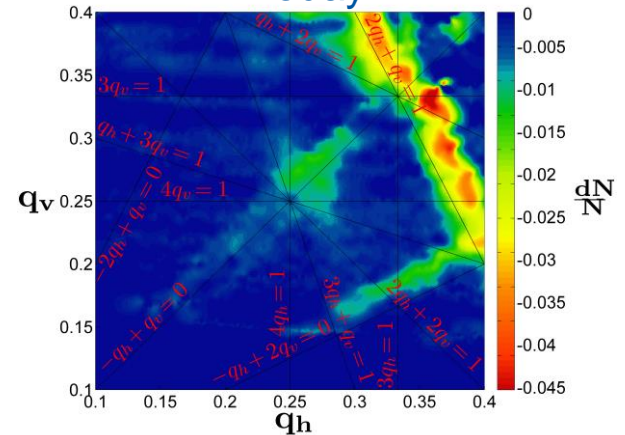
Which resonances are the worst ?

- Losses at low energy measured during tune scan typically with low energy quadrupoles to determine best operational working point
- Best working point to be found to avoid losses for high intensity operation and transverse emittance blow-up, in particular while preparing the PS to serve the LHC
- Some resonances could be compensated by dedicated auxiliary magnets

From MD Logbook, late '80

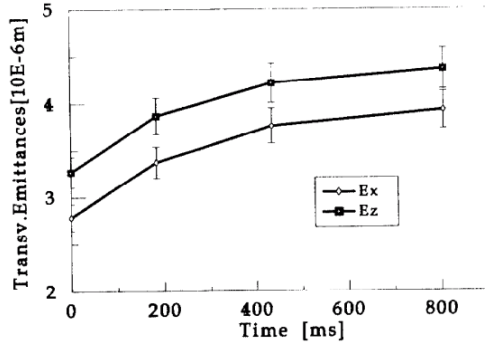
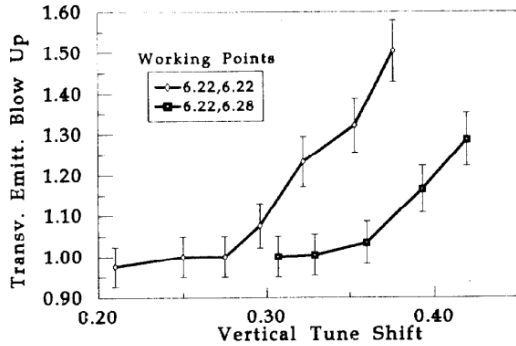


Today



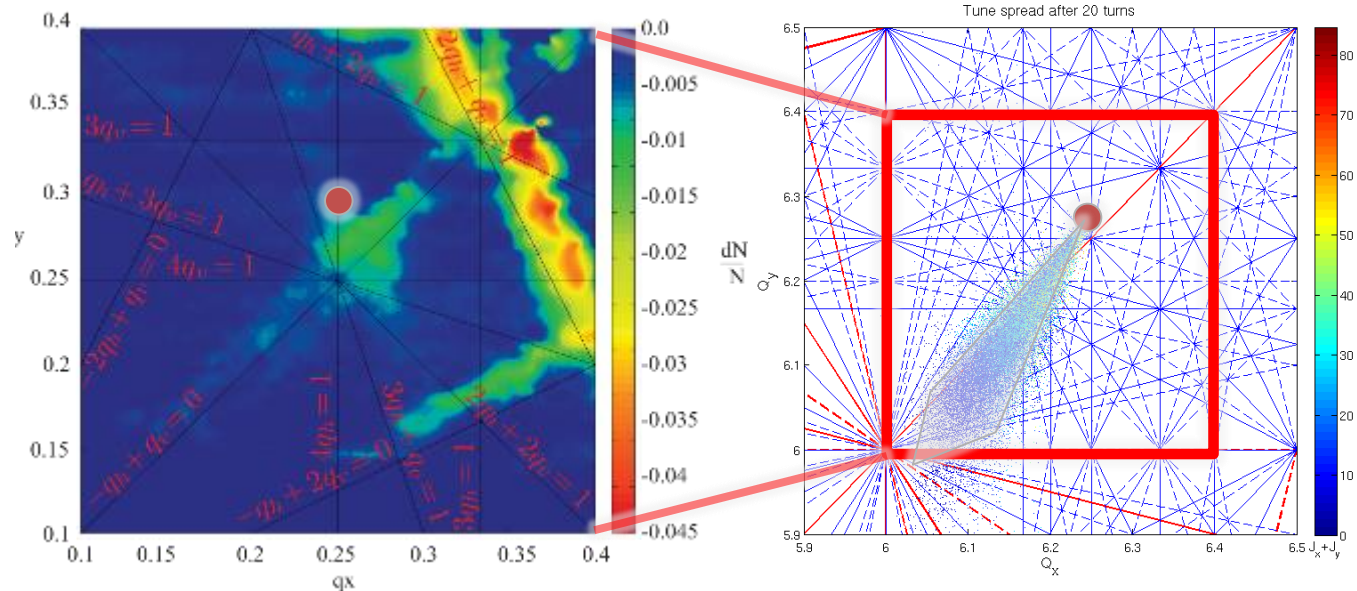
Direct space charge limit and resonances

R. Cappi et al., 1993



Max. Laslett
Tune-spread

$$\Delta Q_{x,y} = \frac{r_p N_b}{(2\pi)^{3/2} \gamma^3 \beta^2 \sigma_z} \oint \frac{\beta_{x,y}(s) ds}{\sigma_{x,y}(s) [\sigma_x(s) + \sigma_y(s)]}$$



The PS long-term improvement program

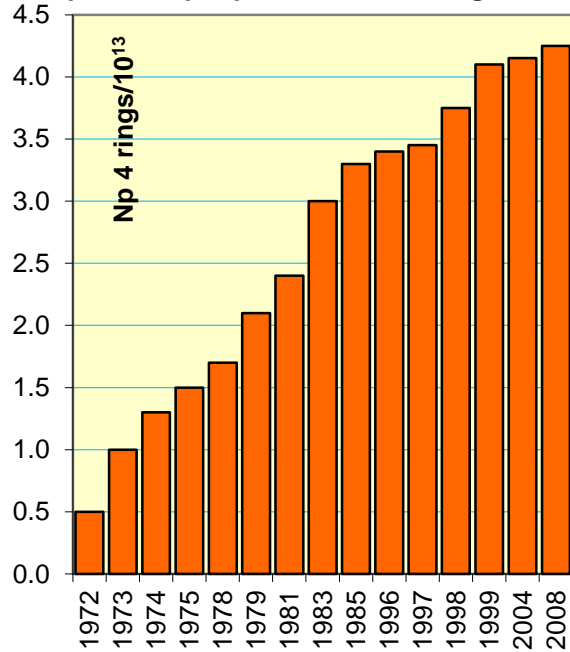
Beating direct space-charge by increasing injection energy:

- Linac1 → Linac2 with PSB (50 MeV → 800 MeV, 1972)
- PSB at 1 GeV (1985)
- PSB at 1.4 GeV → PS as LHC injector (1998)
- PSB at 2 GeV → PS as HL-LHC injector Today*

* (see Klaus presentation)

PSB – an unbeatable companion

particles per pulse: sum of 4 rings



1972 Running-in since May 1972. $(Q_x, Q_y) \sim (4.8, 4.8)$.

1973 Q-split by one integer: $(Q_x, Q_y) \sim (4.2, 5.3)$ at injection, dynamic working point, first physics (neutral currents).

1974 Design intensity in PS: $1 \cdot 10^{13}$ ppp.

1975 Feedback for longitudinal coupled modes between $h=5$ bunches.

1978 New Linac, Hereward damping of bunch shape oscillations.

1979 3rd order stopband compensation, enabling $(Q_x, Q_y) \sim (4.25, 5.45)$.

1981 Increase of machine acceptance, transverse feedback system.

1983 2nd harmonic ($h=10$) cavities.

1985 Beam loading feedback, PSB \Rightarrow 1 GeV, Ring 2 champion.

1996 Preparation for ISOLDE.

1997 PS reaches $>3E13$.

1998 "Big Bang": PSB $h=5 \Rightarrow h=1$.

1999 PSB \Rightarrow 1.4 GeV; higher longitudinal acceptance with $h=1$, Linac2 \Rightarrow 180 mA, Ring 2 champion.

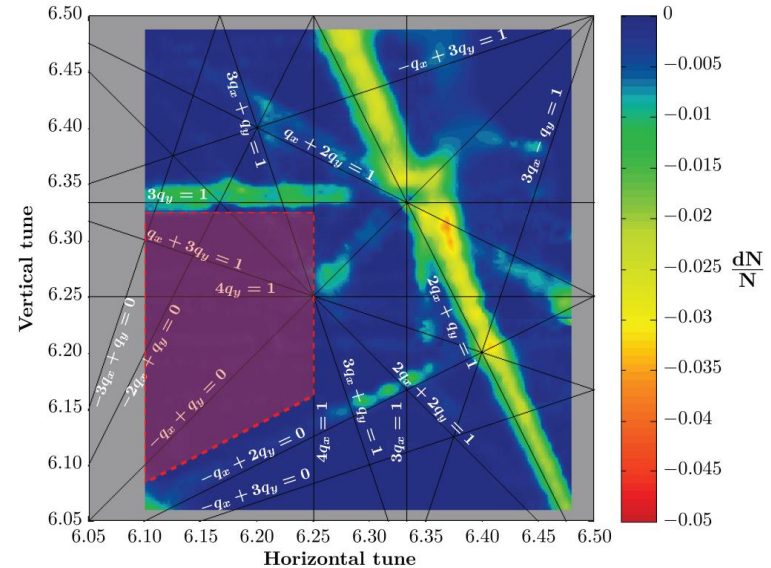
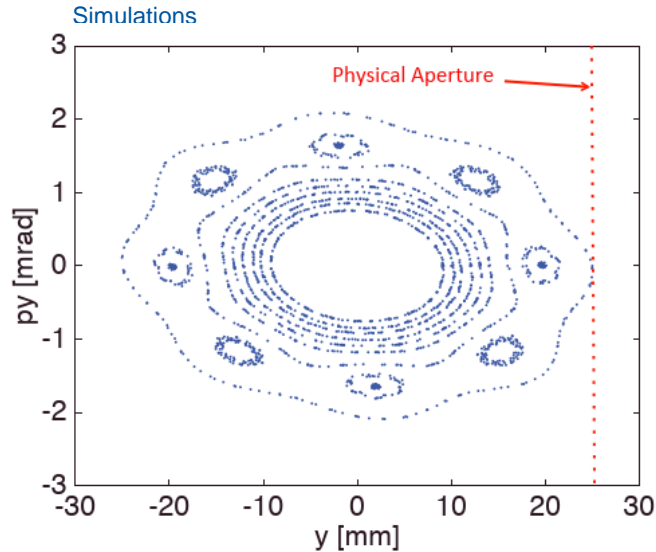
2004 Change of working point to $(Q_x, Q_y) = (4.17, 4.23)$. All rings equal.

2008 Better orbit correction increased acceptances.

Latest result (2017): 8th order resonance excited by space-charge

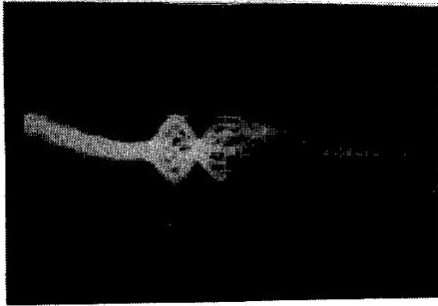
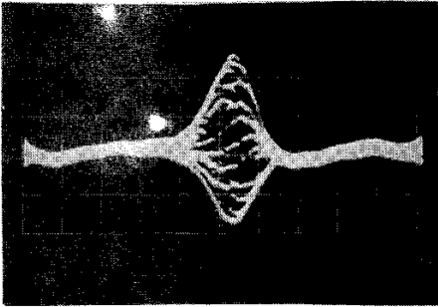
Losses observed close to $Q_v=6.25 \rightarrow$ structure resonance excited by space-charge
Loss mechanism from $8 Q_v = 50$ with $Q_v=6.25$

Changing the working point integer, chosen more than 60 years ago, might help



Headtail: injection single bunch instabilities

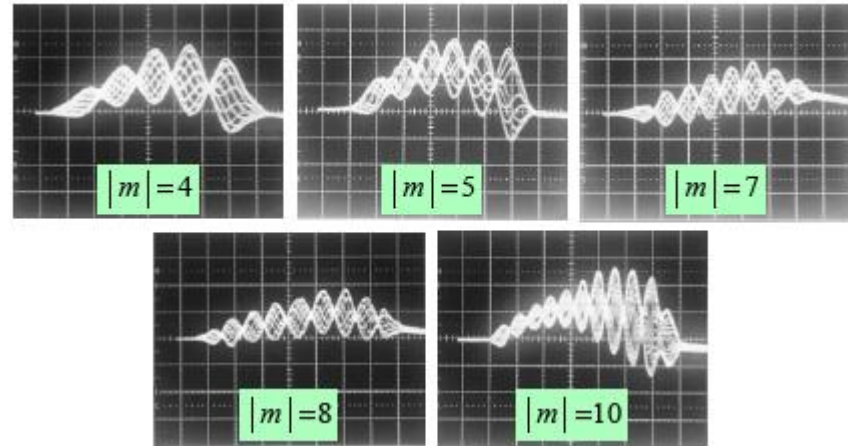
Headtail: 1978



Headtail instabilities limiting the PS intensity in the 1970 at 10^{12}

Then brightness limit for PS in the LHC era cure by:

- Linear coupling
- Transverse damper and chromaticity control



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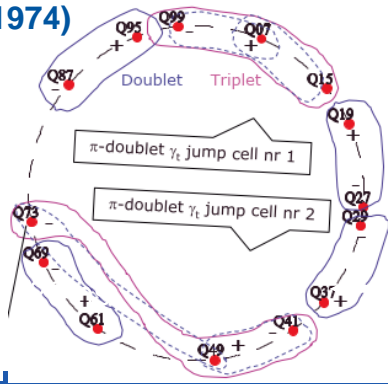
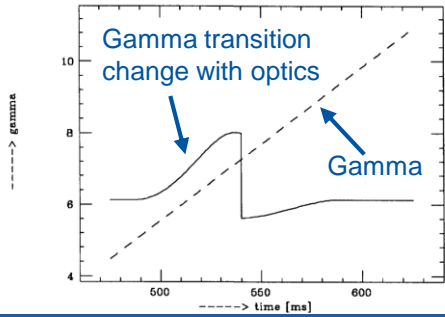
Transition and instabilities

Losses at transition crossing

limiting maximum single bunch intensity from:

- Non-adiabatic and non-linear synchrotron motion
- Head-Tail instability : cured by octupoles and then by chromaticity sign change
- Negative mass and microwave instabilities
- Space-charge

Change dynamically the transverse optics to cross as fast as possible transition energy:
Q-jump, later **Gamma Jump (1974)**

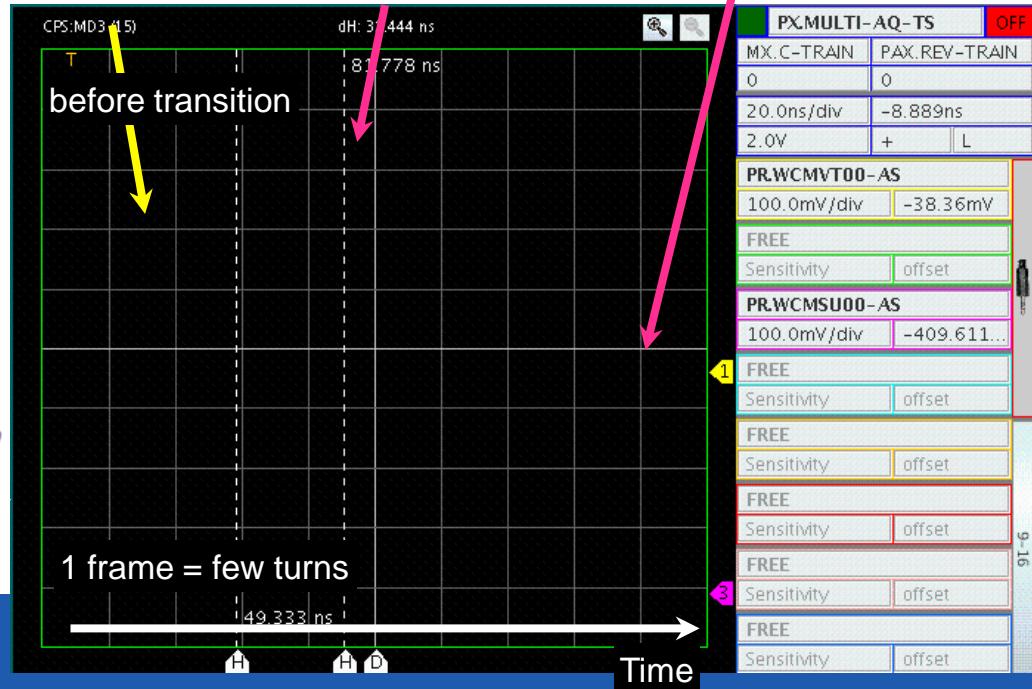


Vertical position of the beam within a bunch

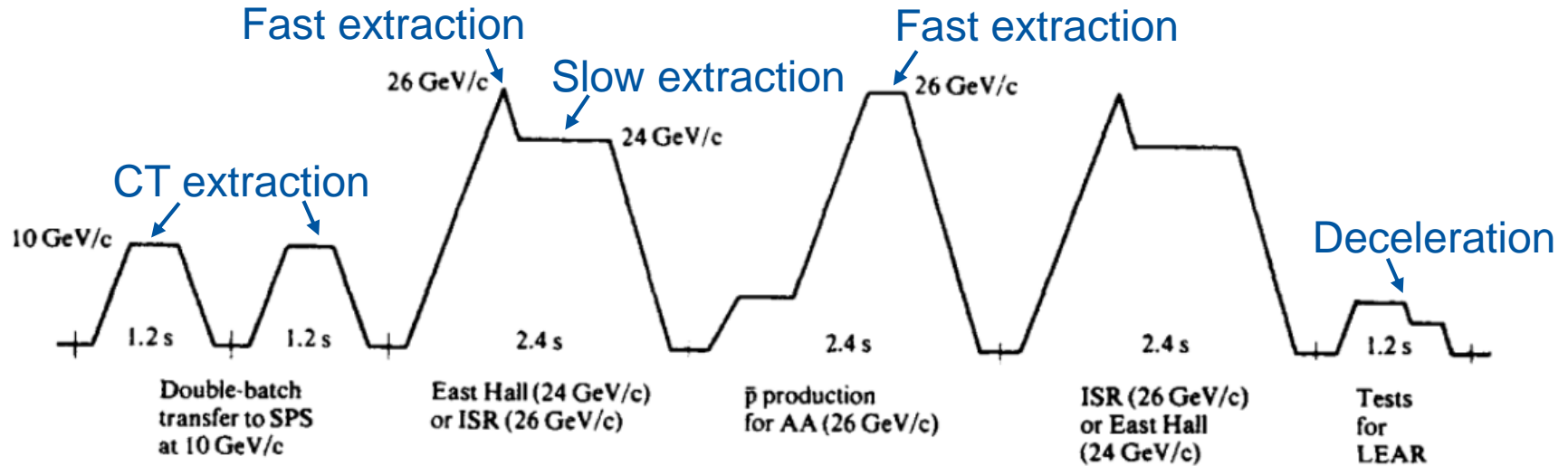
Bunch intensity

Beam losses

A fraction of the beam touched the vertical aperture



A versatile machine: the Supercycle



First machine capable of executing a **different cycle (user) every 1.2 s** with **different destination, extraction energy and extraction type**, and **different particles**, and even **two different extractions in the same cycle**.

The 90's: the CERN hub

Different particle and antiparticle species accelerated and decelerated in the PS to serve all CERN users

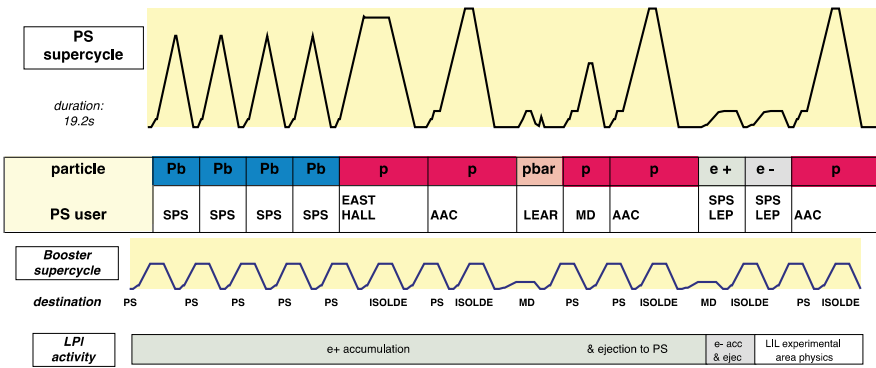
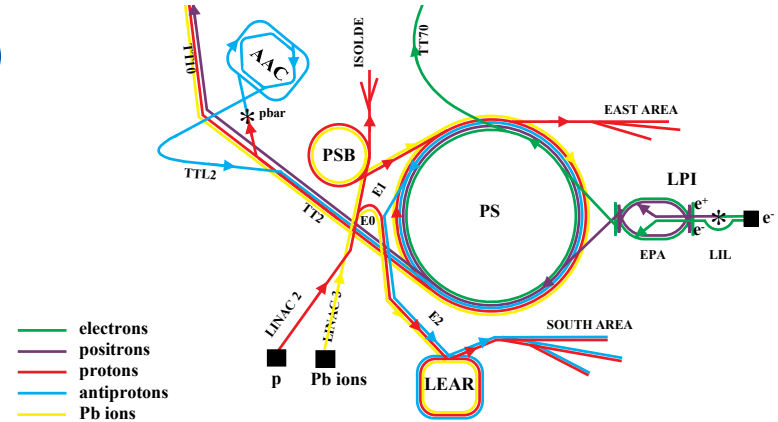
Beam Label	User	Particle	Inj./ej momentum [GeV/c]	Intensity [ppp]	RF harm. Nr	No of bunches	ϵ_x, ϵ_y [μm (1)]	ϵ_z [eVs]	Bunch length [ns]	Inj./ej. straight section	Peculiarities
SFT	SPS	p^+	1.69 / 14	$2.5 \cdot 10^{13}$	20, 420	420x5	11 / 7	0.1	5	42 / 16	Highest intensity beam, 5 turn extraction
SPP	SPS-LEP	e^+	0.5 / 3.5	$2 \cdot 10^{11}$	8 + 240	8	$0.05 / 0.01^{(2)}$	0.01	4	92 / 16	Robinson wiggler to change J_z & J_x
SPN	SPS-LEP	e^-	0.5 / 3.5	$2 \cdot 10^{11}$	8 + 240	8	$0.05 / 0.01^{(2)}$	0.01	4	74 / 58	Robinson wiggler to change J_z & J_x
AA	AAC p^+ product ion	p^+	1.69 / 26	$1.6 \cdot 10^{13}$	10, 12, ..., 20	5	13 / 9	2	20	42 / 16	Transverse funneling, longitudinal merging and batch compression
TSTAAC	AAC p^+ transfer simul.	p^+	1.69 / 3.5	$2 \cdot 10^{10}$	20, 6	1	4 / 1.5	0.5	70	42 / 16	Test beam for steering adjustments of AA-PS transfer line
LEAR	LEAR p^+ physics	p^+	3.5 / 0.6	10^{10}	10	1	2 / 2	0.2	160	16 / 26	Deceleration on a digital frequency program
PHYSE	East Hall	p^+	1.69 / 24	$3 \cdot 10^{11}$	20	N/A	3 / 5	0.2	N/A	42 / 61	Slow extraction (400ms)
SFTION	SPS	Pb^{58+}	$0.43 / 5.1^{(3)}$	$2 \cdot 10^8$	20	20	$1.7 / 1.6$	$0.04^{(4)}$	11	42 / 16	Stripped to $82+$ in the transfer line to SPS
PHYFE	East Hall	p^+	1.69 / 3.5	10^9	20	1-5	2.0/1.5	0.5	30	42 / 61	Low but precise intensity

(1) $\epsilon_{x,y} = \beta\gamma \sigma^2 / \beta_{x,y}$

(2) non normalized

(3) [GeV/c/u]

(4) [eVs/u]

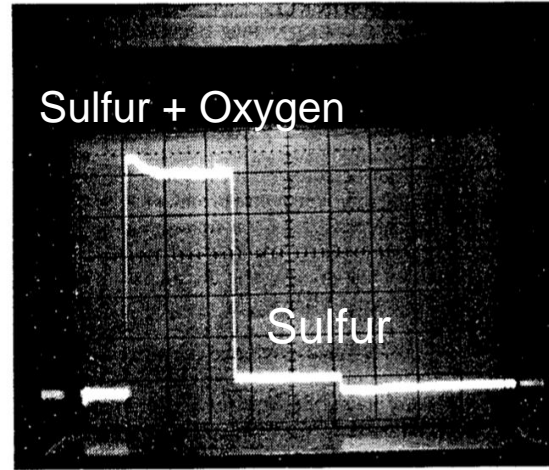
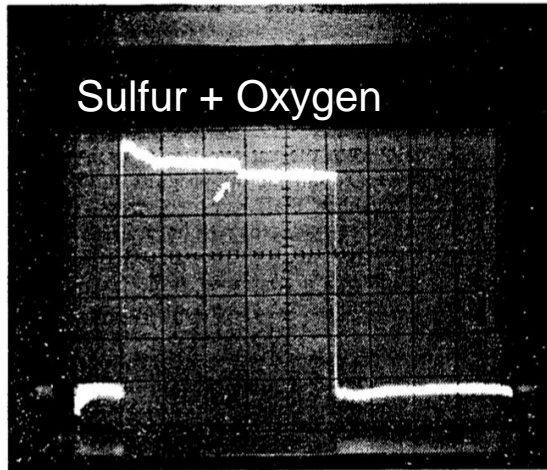


D. Simon, 1995

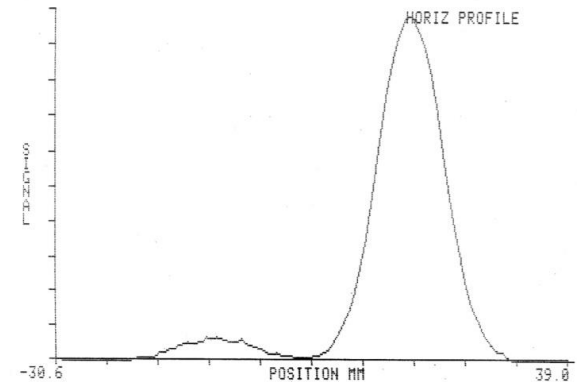


Even two species in the same cycle

Separating Sulphur ions from oxygen at transition



Transverse profile of oxygen and sulfur beams

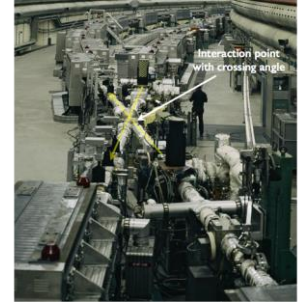


Today: PS extracting Pb^{54+} at 1.22 TeV (total energy)

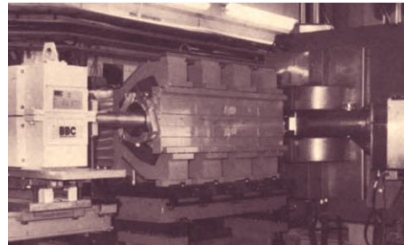
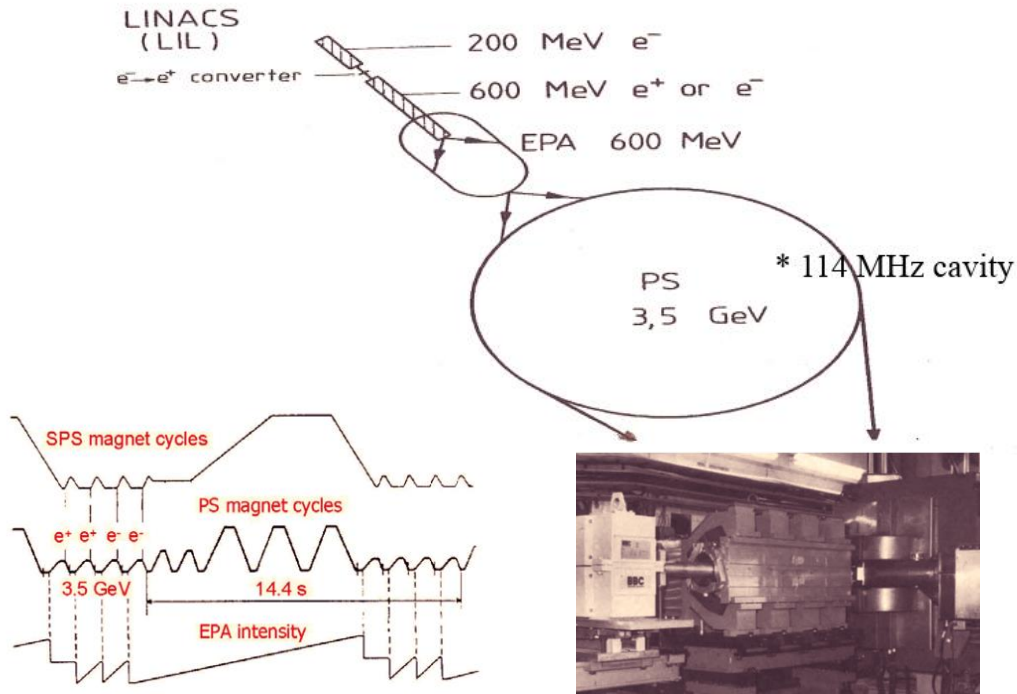
The PS accelerated a large variety of ions: D, He, S, O, In, Xe, Ne, ...

As injectors for many colliders

- ISR (p-p): proof of principle for future colliders
- p-pbar in the SPS
- LEP (e⁺- e⁻): the largest lepton synchrotron
- LHC (p-p, Pb-Pb, Pb-p, Xe-Xe)

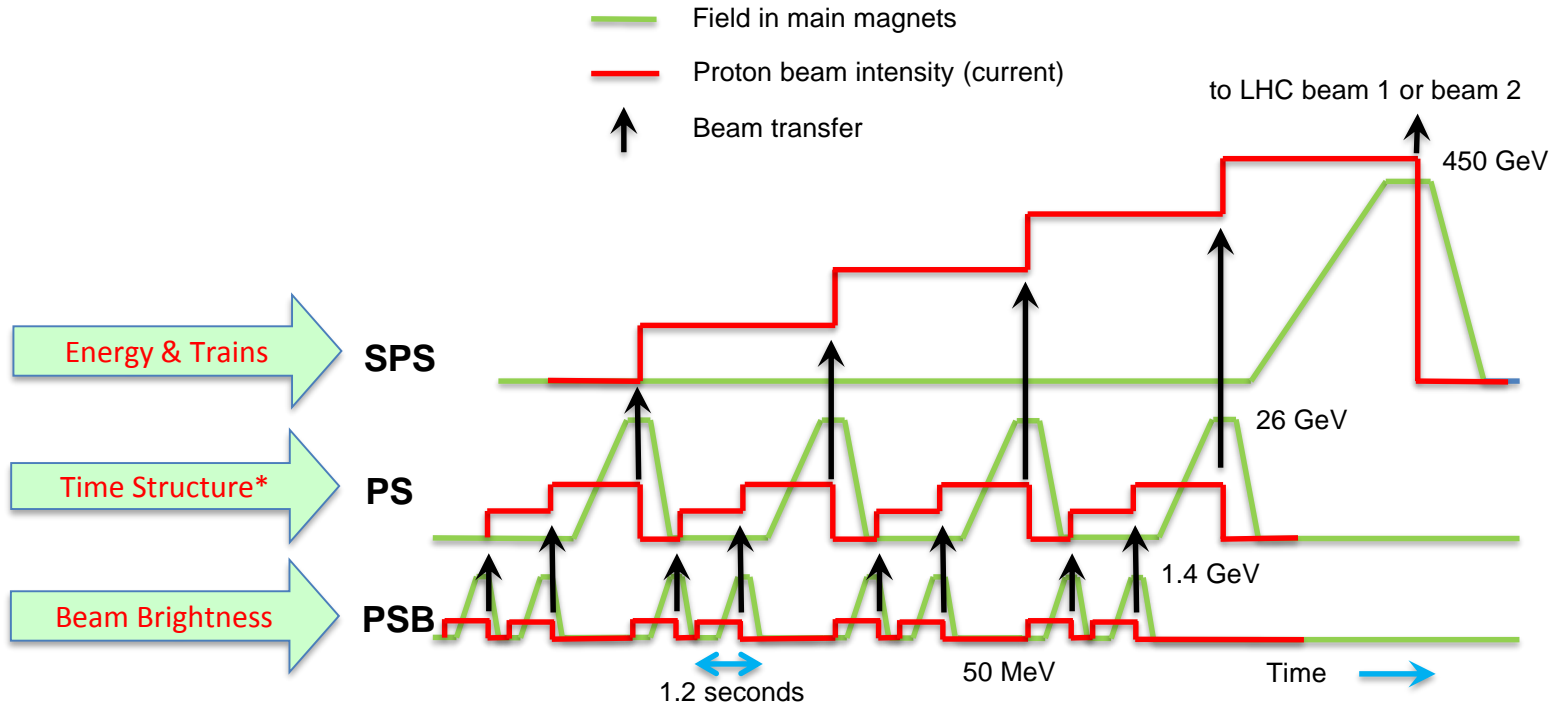


As LEP injector



- Completely new twin injections from EPA
- Full vacuum chamber renovation to cope with vacuum requirement and synchrotron radiation
- Extraction to SPS at 3.5 GeV in common with p and pbar
- 114 MHz dedicated to leptons
- Robison wigglers
- Beams ready by 1987

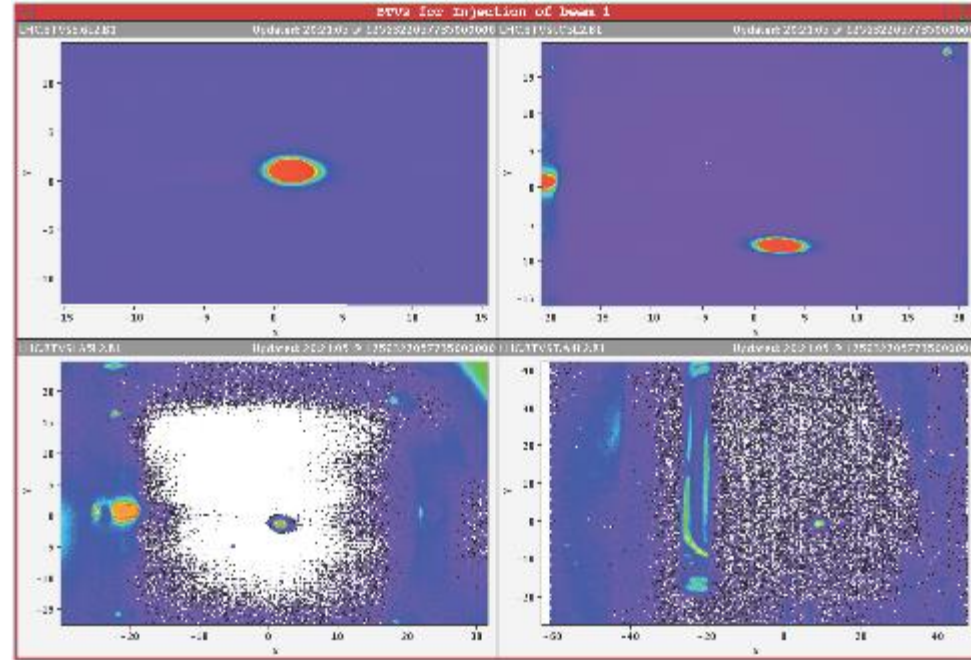
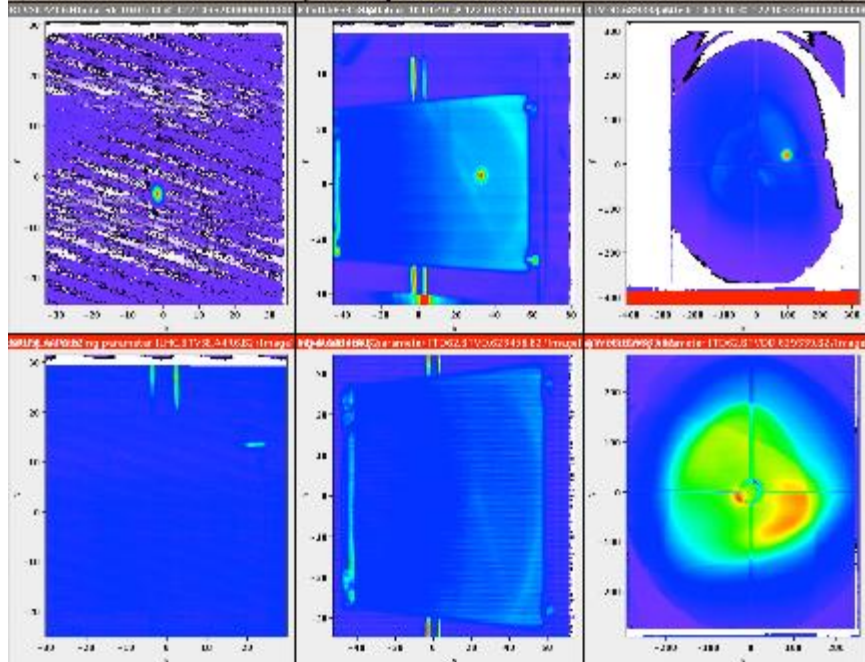
The PS in the LHC era



First protons and ions (Pb^{82+}) to the LHC

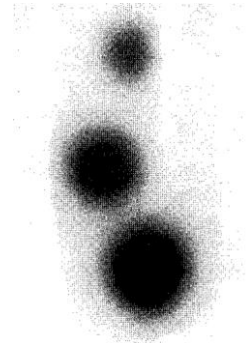
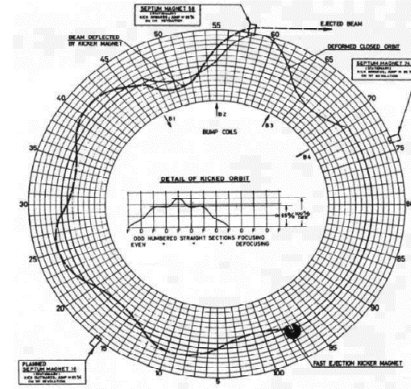
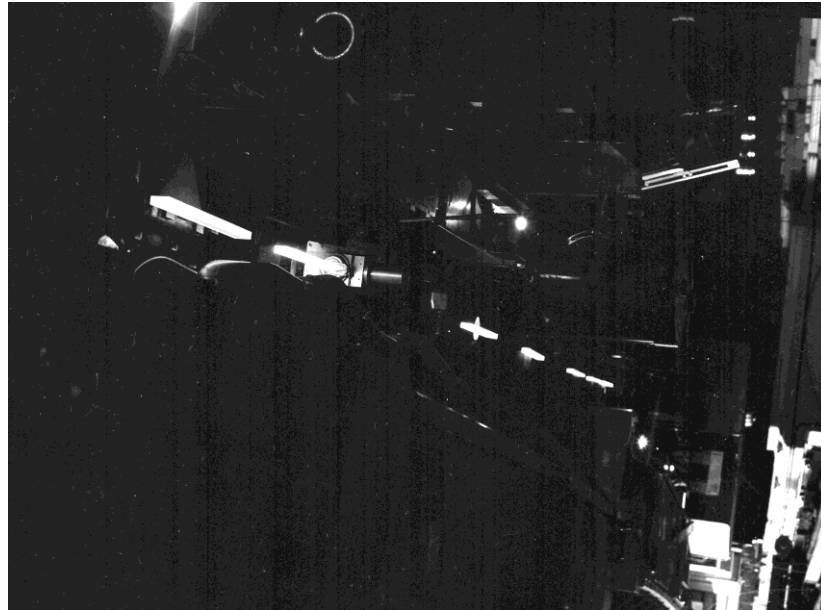
10 September 2008, first protons to LHC

2010, Pb^{82+} to LHC



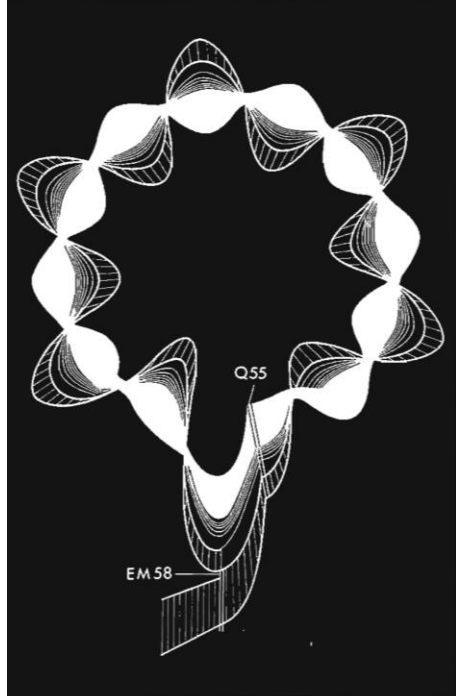
Fast Extraction

12 May 1963 : First 25 GeV fast extracted beam (in air)



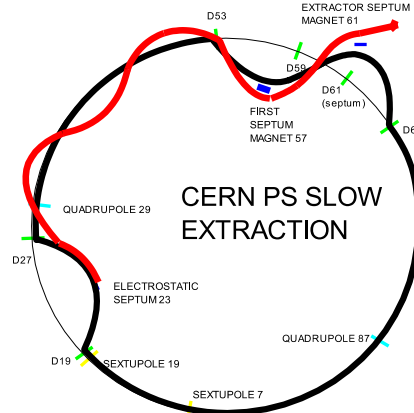
Slow Extraction

1965: integer resonant extraction



3rd order slow extraction serving the EAST area, 1992.

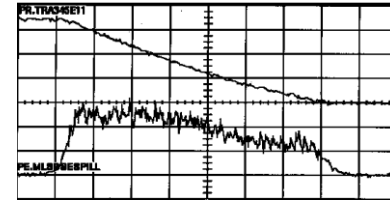
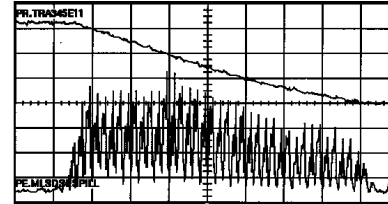
Preceded by ‘Squared extraction’



Some 10^{10} protons extracted over 400 - 500 ms



Spill noise reduction with air quadrupoles powered by an audio-frequency amplifier

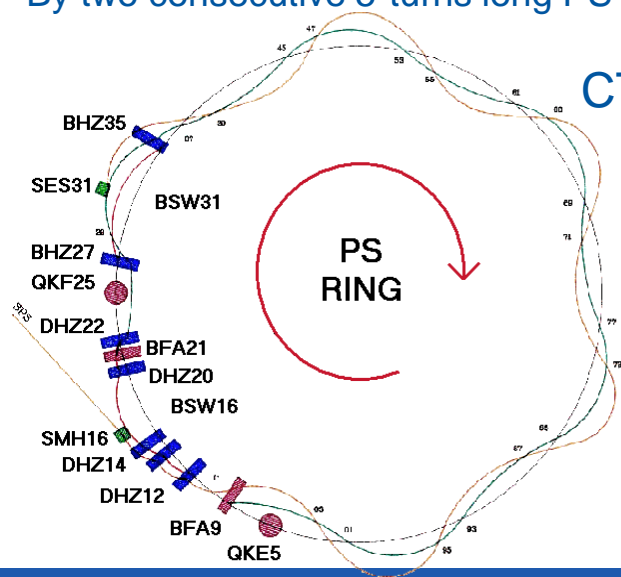


Not necessary anymore thanks to new PFW and auxiliary magnets power converters

Filling the SPS: CT-extraction

Filling the maximum of the SPS (10/11 of the SPS circumference)
in the minimum amount of PS cycles ($C_{SPS}=11C_{PS}$)

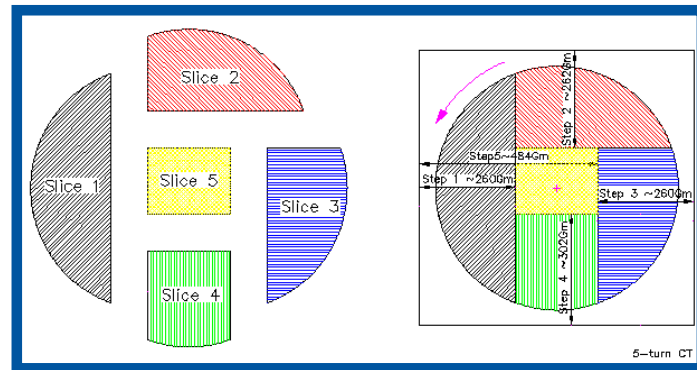
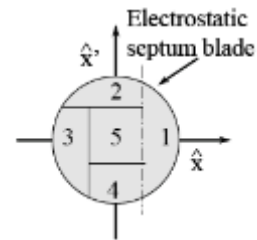
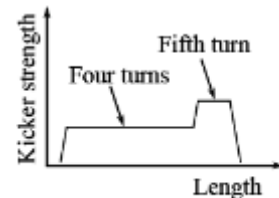
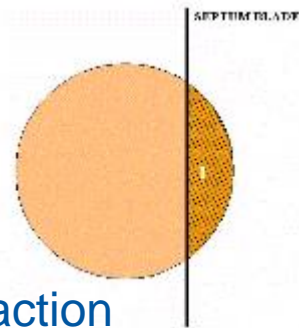
- By a single 10-turns long extraction (1973, 10 GeV/c)
- By two consecutive 5-turns long PS extractions (14 GeV/c)



CT : continuous transfer extraction

Legend

- Nominal Closed Orbit
- Orbit Deformed by BSW
- Orbit deformed by BFA (Beam not kicked by SES31)
- Trajectory of ejected Beam (Beam kicked by SES31)
- Slow Bumper Dipoles
- Fast Bumper Dipoles
- Septa
- QKE Quadrupoles



Filling the SPS: CT-extraction

1973 : 10-turns

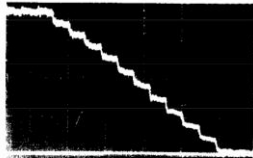


FIG. 4 a)
FALLING INTENSITY OF
CPS BEAM OVER 11 TURNS
(5 μ s/cm; RF STRUCTURE
FILTERED OUT)

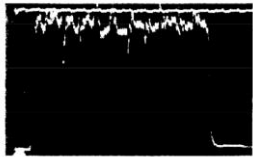


FIG. 4 b)
TYPICAL EJECTED BEAM
INTENSITY
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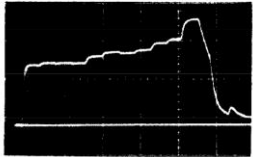


FIG. 4 c)
TYPICAL CURRENT OF FAST
BUMBERS
(5 μ s/cm)

1979 : 5-turns

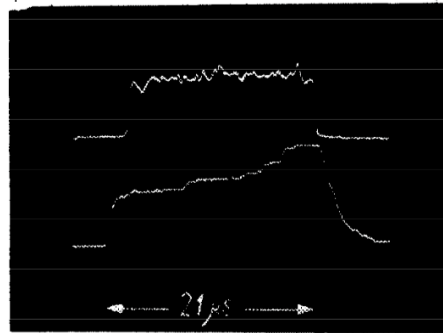
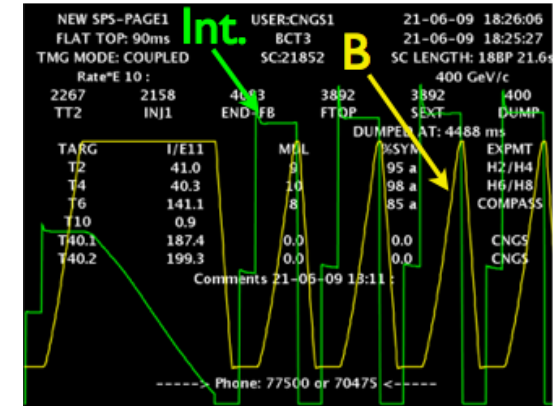


Fig. 3

- Ejected beam signal (optimized) from beam current transformer.
- Fast bump current signal.

2006 : start of CNGS run



During 1973, CT extraction total losses in the PS corresponding to initial machine maximum design intensity, because of low intensity extracted. With $2.5 \cdot 10^{13}$ extracted, losses up to 10% of the circulating beam, two order of magnitude more than machine maximum design intensity.

The Multi-Turn Extraction

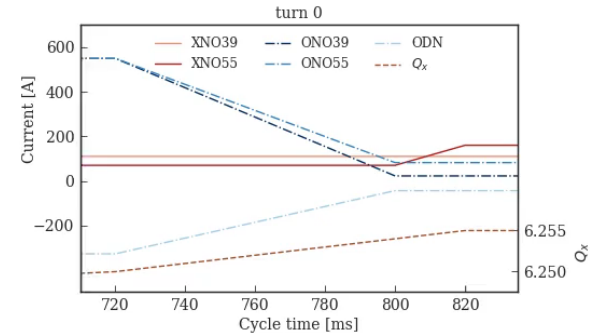
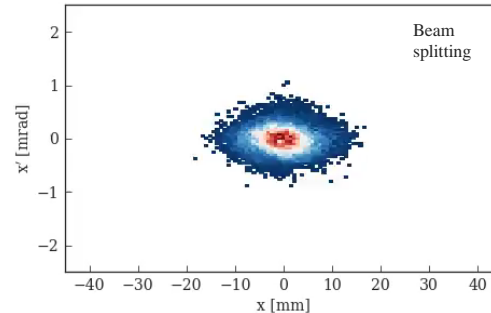
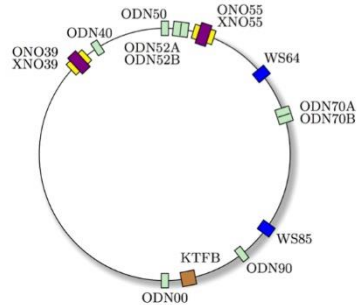
- Multi-Turn Extraction (MTE) put in operation in 2015 as replacement of the former Continuous Transfer (CT) extraction to serve SPS fixed-target physics programme
 - Significant **reduction of beam loss** at PS extraction and therefore reduced activation of ring elements
 - Indispensable step to allow production of future high-intensity beams
- MTE principle: resonant extraction process based on beam splitting in the horizontal phase space
 - **Non-linear elements** (sextupoles and octupoles) applied to excite fourth order resonance $4Q_x = 25$
 - Controlled **adiabatic crossing** of this resonance to **split the beam** into four islands and one core
 - Extraction of two consecutive **five-PS-turns long pulses** to uniformly fill the SPS circumference

ONO**/XNO**: octupoles/sextupoles to control islands' geometry

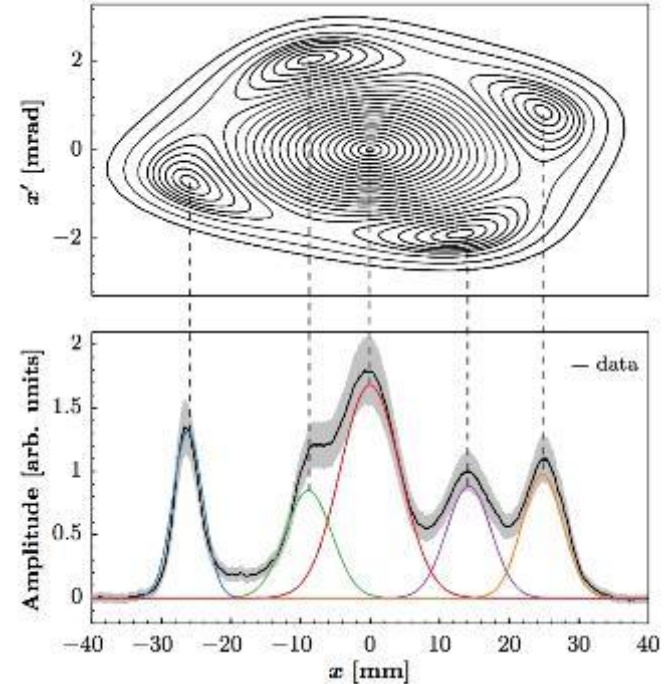
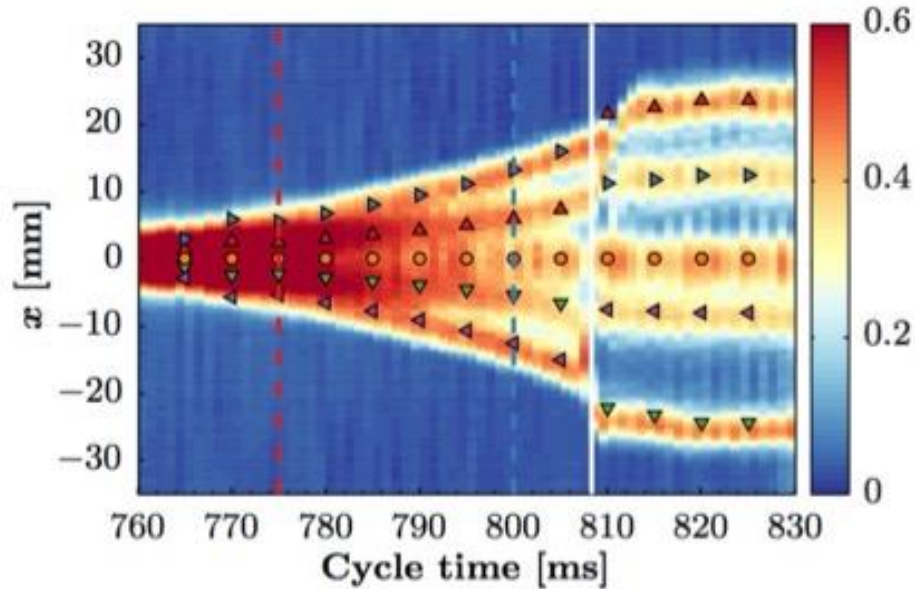
ODN**: octupoles to correct non-linear coupling between transverse planes

KTFB: kicker of the transverse feedback system for excitation during splitting

WS**: wire scanners



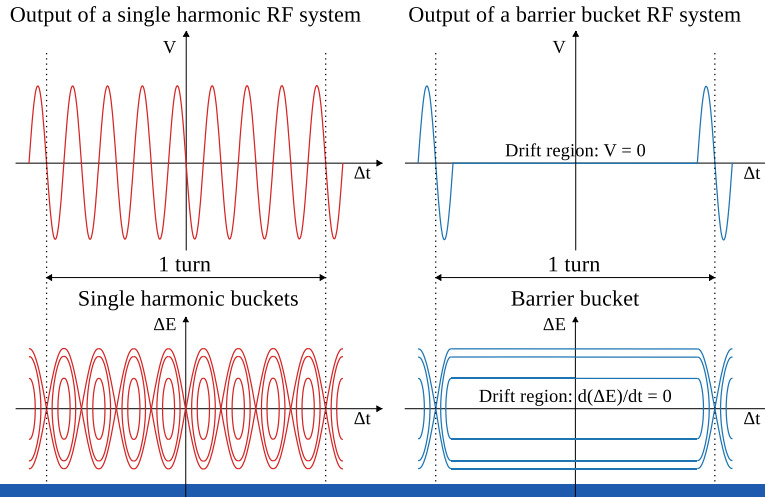
Filling the SPS: MTE-extraction



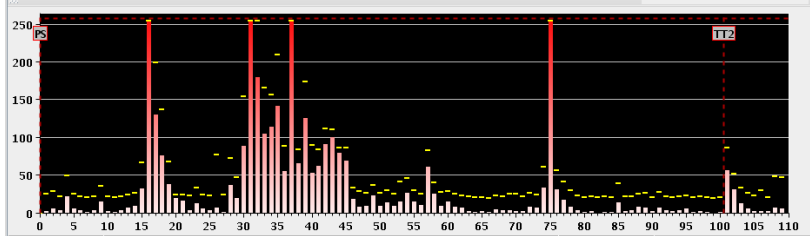
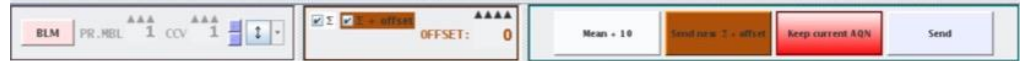
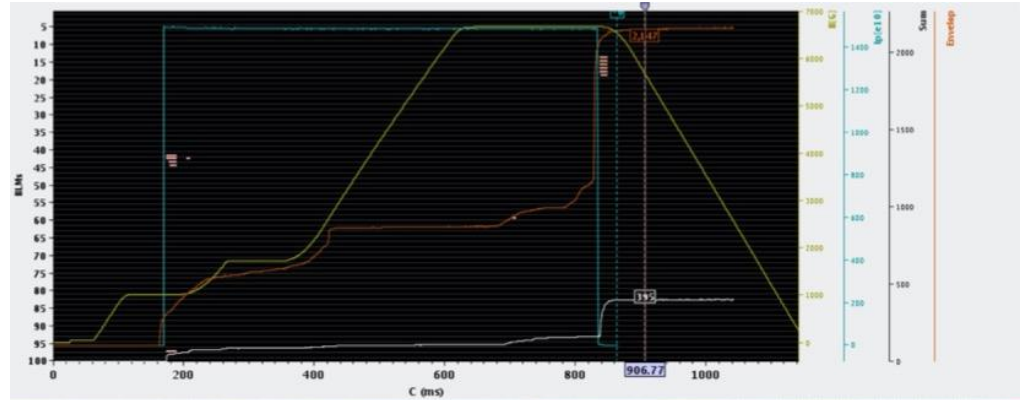
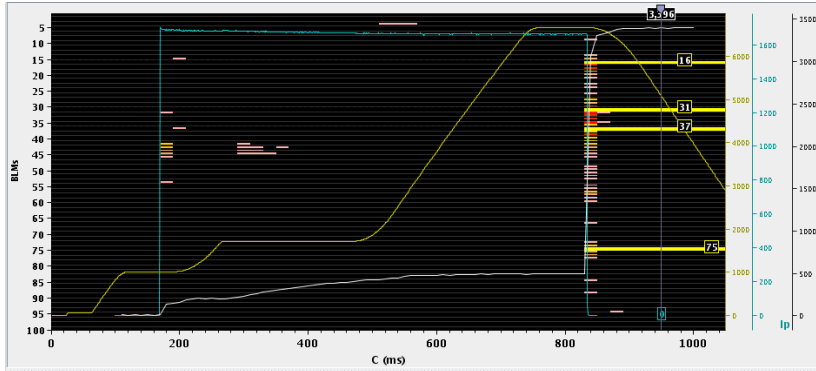
The newcomer: barrier bucket and MTE

Barrier Bucket characteristics and technical implementation

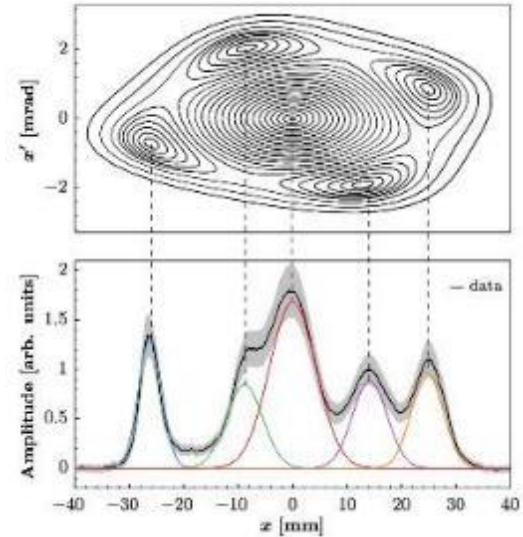
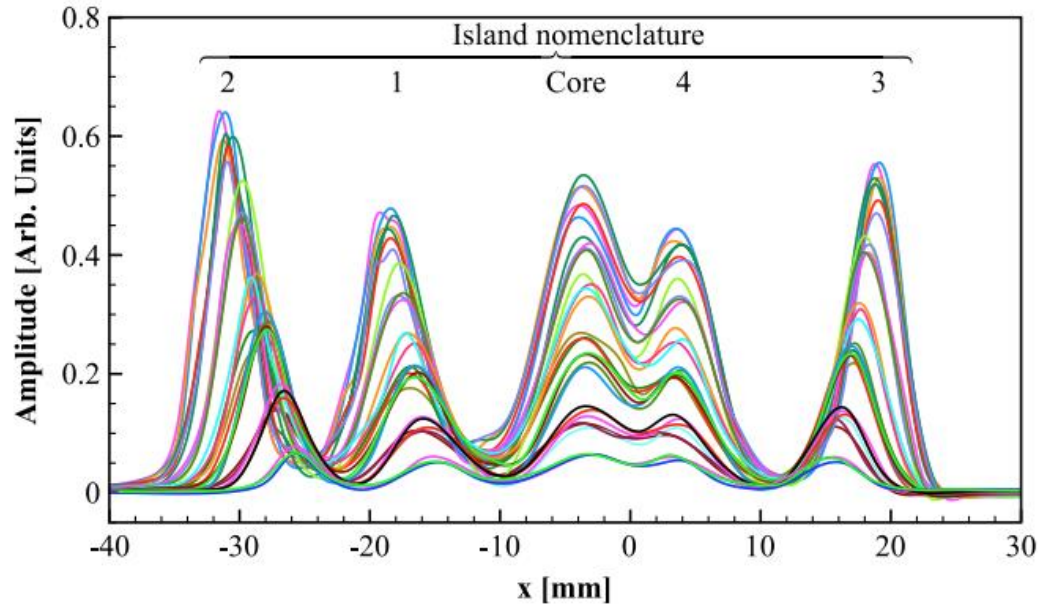
- Long, flat RF bucket created by isolated RF pulses
- Particles are confined within **two potential barriers** and drift freely in-between, as in a coasting beam
- $d(\Delta E)/dt = 0$ within drift region as RF voltage is zero
- **Wide-band RF system** required for BB production: Prototype LLRF system for the PS Finemet® cavity



Losses, as low as possible (<1%) for high intensity



Space charge and resonances



First observation of dependence of the beamlets' parameters (position) on the total beam intensity due to space charge

Increasing the intensity: reducing the losses while improving the shielding

Original shielding not compatible with increasing performances.
Two improvements: 1970' and 2000'



Started from green field



and looking into the future



while always working together...



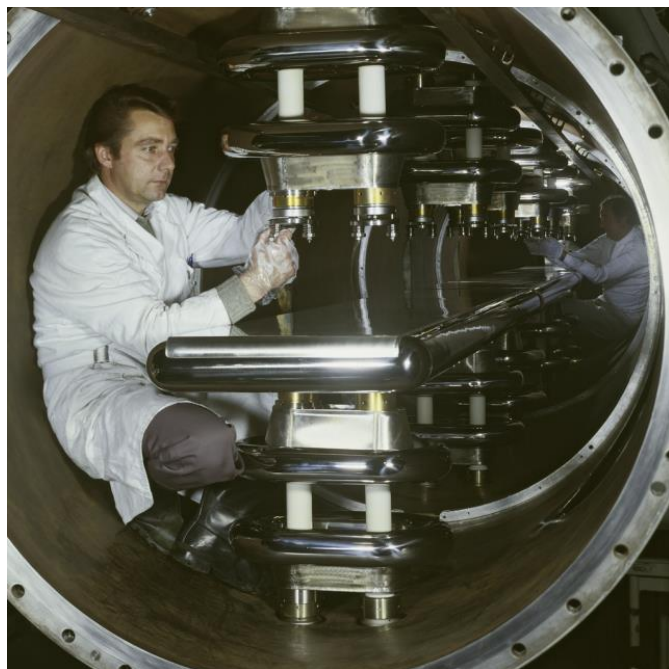
A quote to conclude ...

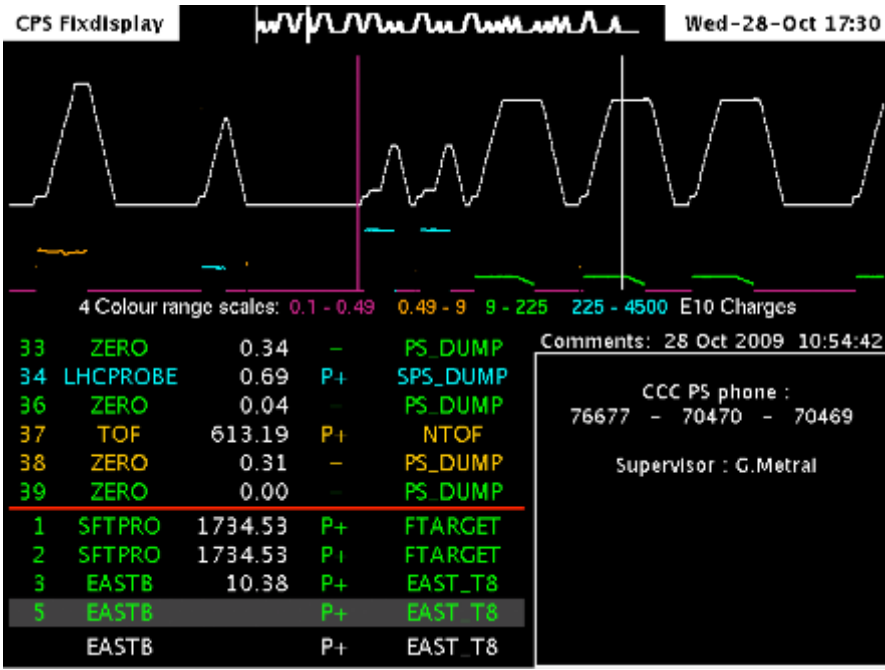
It was on 24 November 1959 that the proton beam in the CERN Proton Synchrotron was accelerated to a kinetic energy of 24 GeV. Thus the first strong-focusing proton synchrotron ever built has been faithfully serving the international physics community for 50 years. It has been the subject of a virtually continuous upgrade boosting its intensity per pulse from 10^{10} protons by more than three orders of magnitude to $3 \cdot 10^{13}$.

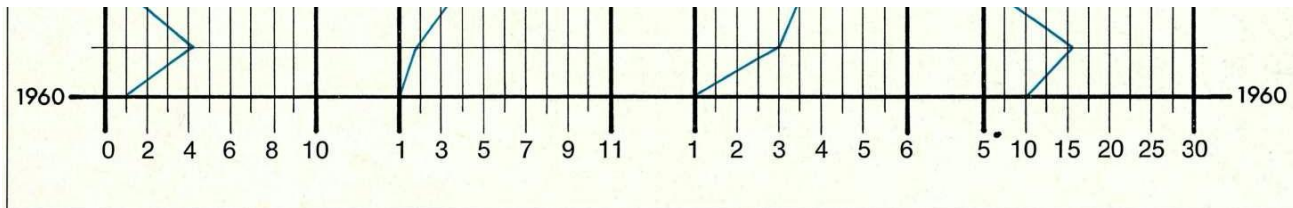
Various injectors have been added and it has been modified such that, in addition to protons, light and heavy ions, positrons and electrons, as well as antiprotons could be accelerated or even decelerated often within the same supercycle.

This would not have been possible had the initial design not been solid and sound allowing for maintainability, flexibility, and versatility and whose intrinsic potential was brought to fruition by the efforts and the ingenuity of generations of accelerator physicists, engineers, operators, and technicians.









In October 1961 a new M-pulse generator was put into service producing precise timing pulses in a fixed relation to the magnet cycle. This was necessary for general control and measurement. The timing improved further in 1963 when a new master timer came into action. The general timing was then adapted to new operational conditions and its reliability was improved.

The problem of high voltage ripple during flat-top was largely solved in 1963 when a dynamic ripple filter reduced it to 30 to 40 V peak to peak. This was vital for the operation of the slow ejection system but also improved in general the flat-top operation.

In December 1965 the last of the major

supply is to increase the number of pulses per second. Its design drew heavily on experience with the original supply.

It came into operation in September 1968 and roughly doubled the pulse repetition rate. In April of this year, a filter was added in the alternator exciter rectifier to improve the flat-top stability. In July, the grid control was replaced which has resulted in a much better overall shape and reproducibility of the flat-top.

Operation

Operation of the PS has also been an adventure in the sense of always moving ahead confronting new problems. The operators have never been able to rest on

understanding of the desires and worries of the physicists running their experiments.

During 1960, a large percentage of the running time was devoted to studies of the accelerator itself, mainly performed by the designers. It soon became clear, however, that continuous running for experimental physics should be entrusted to a professional operating staff and this has been done from the end of 1962. A staff strength in the Main Control Room (MCR) of one shift engineer and two operators has been kept constant over the years — in spite of the various extensions for new equipment and of the more complex operational schemes. This was accomplished by introducing job-tailored controls, improved

Heisenberg & PS : 20 or 30 GeV (1953)

V. DISCUSSION ON THE SIZE OF THE PROTON SYNCHROTRON.

by Professor W. Heisenberg.

In the cost estimate of the Proton-Synchrotron Group, it has been stated that the cost of the 30-GeV machine will probably be about 69 million S.F., including the building; this exceeds the planned budget by roughly 20%. Therefore, it has been suggested to lower the energy of the synchrotron to a value around 20 Gev, which would reduce the probable costs sufficiently to fit the original budget. The implications of such a reduction for the scientific output of the instrument are fairly important and the following conclusions have been reached.

For research on new elementary particles, the decisive quantity is not the energy in the laboratory system but the energy available for particle creation in the centre-of-mass system of the two colliding nucleons. This figure is, in the Brookhaven Cosmotron roughly 0.86 Gev, in the 20-GeV machine 4.6 Gev, in the 30-GeV machine 5.6 Gev. Therefore, if one considers the creation of π^- , γ^- , K^- or V^- particles, the advantage of the new machine over the Brookhaven Cosmotron is very marked, whereas the disadvantage of a 20-GeV machine against a 30-GeV machine is probably not too serious. The situation is somewhat different with respect to the important problem of nucleon-antinucleon-pair creation. This process, which cannot be observed in the Brookhaven Cosmotron, should occur in a 20-GeV and a 30-GeV machine. But the 20-GeV machine is rather near to the energetic limit of this process which, accordingly, may become very rare, so that here the 30-GeV machine may offer great advantages over the 20-GeV machine.

When collisions of the primary protons or of secondary particles with heavier nuclei are studied, the 30-GeV machine will obviously allow observations in a much wider energy range than the 20-GeV machine.

Finally, attention has been drawn to the fact that the new machine might, in the initial stage, only operate at a voltage somewhat lower than the voltage for which it is constructed. If this should be the case, the 20-GeV machine could possibly miss, for instance, the

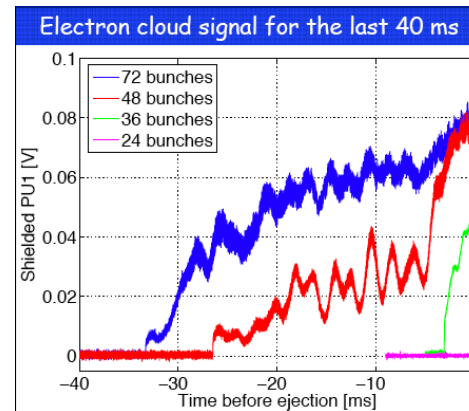
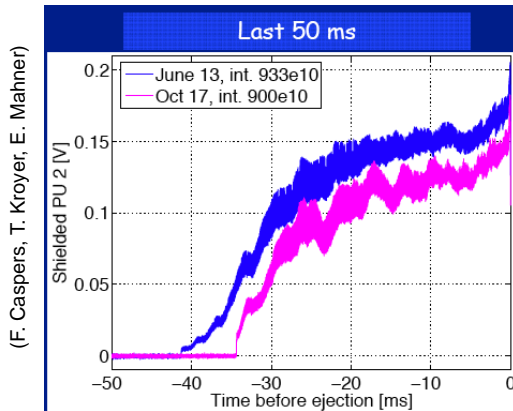
pair creation process altogether, while in the 30-GeV machine the excess energy would still be sufficient.

From all these considerations, then, one might for financial reasons build a machine that could be operated without difficulty in the region somewhat above 20 Gev but which could, in the extreme limit, be extended in energy to 30 Gev.



Electron cloud in the PS

- Electron cloud was observed but not clear yet if any deleterious effect on the beam. Might become more critical with higher brilliance.

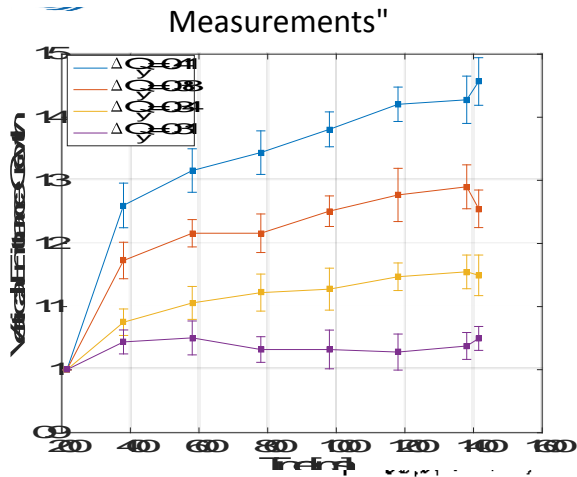


New studies in 2011 since direct impact on time available for last RF manipulation

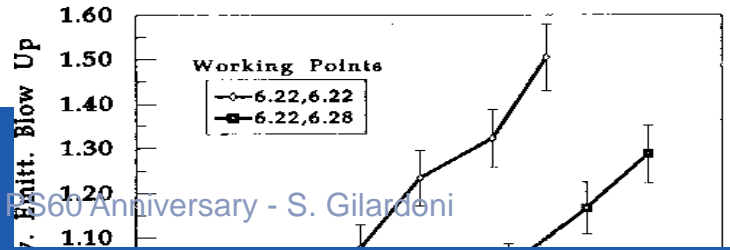
- *Transverse instabilities at flat top observed in 2001, 2004 and again 2006.*
- *Probably related to ecloud: why mainly horizontal and why not cured by chromaticity?*

If solution like coating needed → MU removal → staging the intervention or LS2

Emittance blow-up vs time



It can be used to estimate that the resultant transverse emittance blow-up would exceed 30%. An acceptable emittance increase requires $|\Delta Q_{x,z}| < 0.3$ which, from Eqn.1, implies that the PS injection energy must be raised to 1.4 GeV.



Fast emittance growth makes single batch injection less appealing for large space-charge tune shifts

