



# Unit 2

## Magnets for circular accelerators: the interaction regions

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*All the units will use International System (meter, kilo, second, ampere) unless specified*



# PLAN OF THE LECTURES

- Part 1 – From beam dynamics to magnet specifications
  - Unit 1: the energy of a synchrotron and the magnets in the arcs
  - Unit 2: the luminosity in a collider and the interaction region magnets – will be mostly focused on the LHC case
- Part 2 – Principles of electromagnets
- Part 3 – Basics of superconductivity
- Part 4 – Magnet design
  - Each unit lasting approximately 90 minutes
  - Additional units with exercises could be envisaged



# TENTATIVE RULES OF THE LECTURES

- Lectures are carried out in the early European morning to allow participation from Eurasia
- Please register yourself for each unit, so we have an idea of the attendance
  - Put also your institute
- When entering video, please use your name and surname
  - Please, not email or initials ...
- During the lecture mute the microphone
- Questions (please ask !)
  - I will stop from time to time to open for questions
  - Otherwise please use the dialog box
  - When you make questions, please switch camera on, and tell your name and institute
- Lectures will be registered, **but this should not limit the possibility to put questions (even naïve, wrong, or stupid)** – we are here to learn



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- Equation for luminosity
- A few words about detector magnet size
- The interaction regions: low-beta magnet specifications
  - How to squeeze the beam to get more collisions
  - Gradient and aperture requirements for low-beta quadrupoles

- After the energy, the luminosity is the other main characteristic of an accelerator
  - Related to the quantity of collisions per second
- The property of the accelerator is the rate of collisions divided by the cross section: this is the luminosity  $L$ 
  - Expressed in  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  (CGS units)
- Luminosity multiplied by the cross section gives the rate of collisions
- **Cross-sections usually given in barn**
  - $1 \text{ barn} = 10^{-28} \text{ m}^2 = 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$
- Order of magnitudes for the LHC
  - Nominal luminosity is  $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - Cross-section for proton-proton is about 100 mbarn, 1 billion events per second
  - If the LHC were colliding cherries (1  $\text{cm}^2$  of area) we would have  $10^{34}$  collisions per second



This is not a barn





# LUMINOSITY

- Equation for the **luminosity**, and LHC design parameters

$$L = \frac{N_b^2 n_b f_{rev} \gamma}{4\pi \epsilon_n \beta^*} F = \frac{c}{4\pi l} \gamma N_b^2 n_b \frac{1}{\epsilon_n \beta^*} F$$

## Accelerator features

Energy of the machine 7 TeV  
 Length of the machine 27 km

## Beam intensity features

$N_b$  Number of particles per bunch  $1.15 \times 10^{11}$   
 $n_b$  Number of bunches  $\sim 2808$

## Beam geometry features

$\epsilon_n$  Size of the beam from injectors:  $3.75 \times 10^{-6}$  m  
 $\beta^*$  Squeeze of the beam in IP (LHC optics): 55 cm  
 F: geometry reduction factor: 0.84

**Nominal luminosity:**  $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
 (considered very challenging in the 90's,  
 this parameter was pushed up to compete with SSC)

- Equation for the **luminosity**

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- We will outline some of the limits to getting large luminosities
  - **Beam beam** (limit on  $N_b / \epsilon_n$ )
  - **Parasitic beam-beam** and the crossing angle
  - **Electron cloud** (limit on  $n_b$ )
  - **Squeeze** (limit on  $\beta^* \epsilon_n$ )
  - **Injectors** (limit on  $N_b, n_b, \epsilon_n$ )

# LIMITS TO LUMINOSITY HEAD ON BEAM-BEAM

- The **beam-beam** limit (Coulomb)

$$\xi = n_{IP} \frac{r_p}{4\pi} \frac{N_b}{\varepsilon_n} < 0.01?$$

$$L = \frac{N_b^2 n_b f_{rev} \gamma}{4\pi \varepsilon_n \beta^*} F = \left( \frac{N_b}{\varepsilon_n} \right) N_b n_b \frac{f_{rev} \gamma}{4\pi \beta^*} F$$

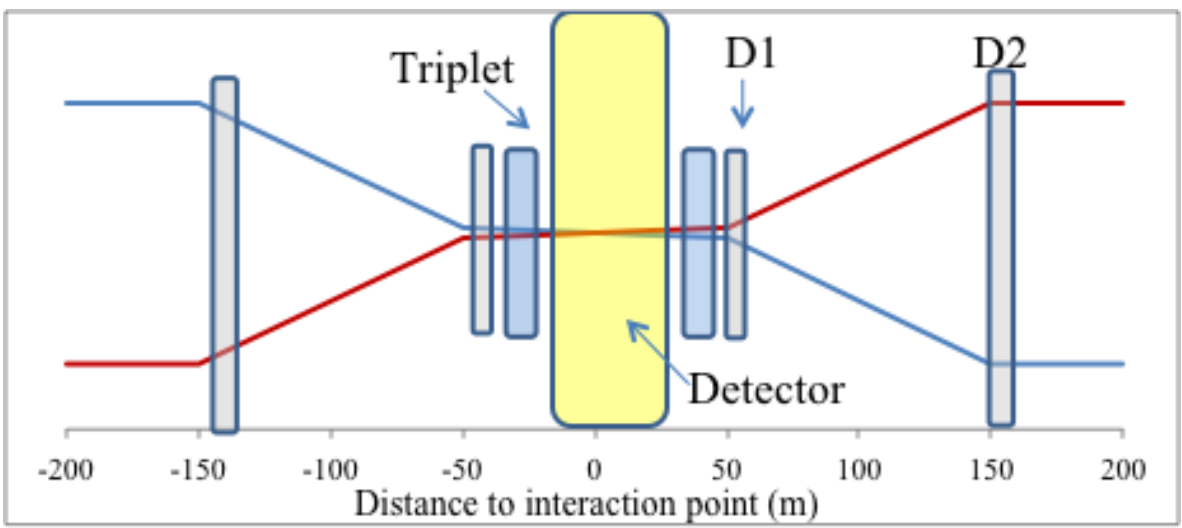
- $N_b$  Number of particles per bunch       $\varepsilon_n$  transverse size of beam
- One cannot put too many particles in a “small space” (brightness)
  - Otherwise the **Coulomb interaction** seen by a single particle when collides against the other bunch creates instabilities (tune-shift)
- This is an **empirical limit**, of the order of 0.01
  - Very low nonlinearities → larger limits
  - LHC design assumed a conservative value of 0.007
  - LHC behaves **better than expected** and can operate with a beam-beam of 0.02
  - This allows to fill a smaller space with more particles, i.e. collide beams with smaller emittance and larger beam intensity than initially foreseen





# LIMITS TO LUMINOSITY: PARASITIC BEAM-BEAM AND X-ANGLE

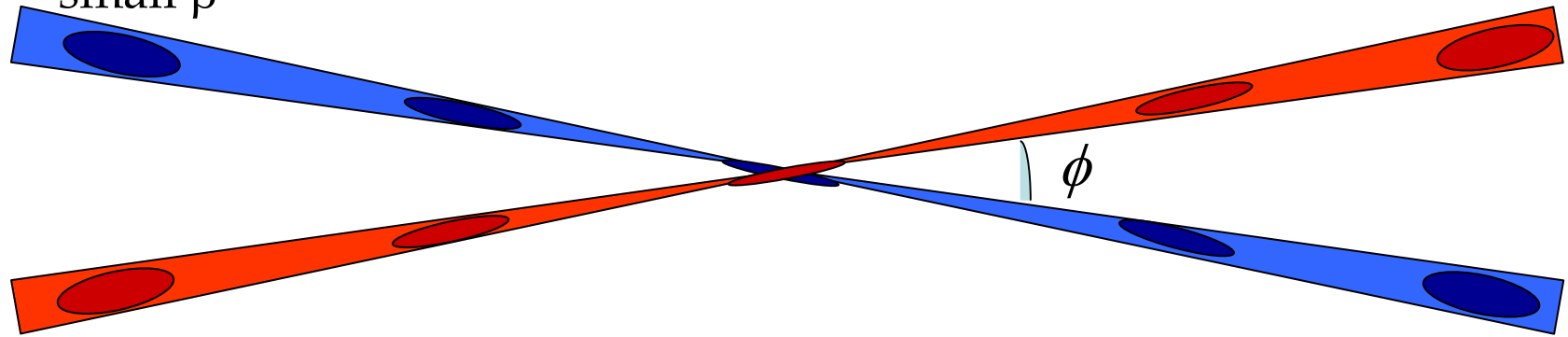
- The parasitic **beam-beam and crossing angle**
  - In the LHC bunch spacing is 25 ns = 7.5 m
  - Since experiments are about 50 m long, one had several collisions, not only in the detector centre
  - One has to open a crossing angle to avoid collisions inside the detector – this sets a limit to the increase for small  $\beta^*$
  - Parasitic beam beam is the **Coulomb interaction between non colliding bunches** that are separated through the crossing angle



Layout around the detectors ATLAS and CMS in the LHC

# LIMITS TO LUMINOSITY: PARASITIC BEAM-BEAM AND X-ANGLE

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Detail of beam crossing in the detectors with non zero crossing angle

- One can prove that in a free space beam size is shrinking linearly up to a minimum  $\beta^*$  the interaction point
  - The non orthogonal collision gives a luminosity loss  $F$
- $F$  is the geometric reduction factor due to the crossing angle  $\phi$

$$\beta(s) = \beta^* + \frac{s^2}{\beta^*}$$

$$L = \frac{N_b^2 n_b f_{rev} g}{4 p e_n b^*} (F)$$

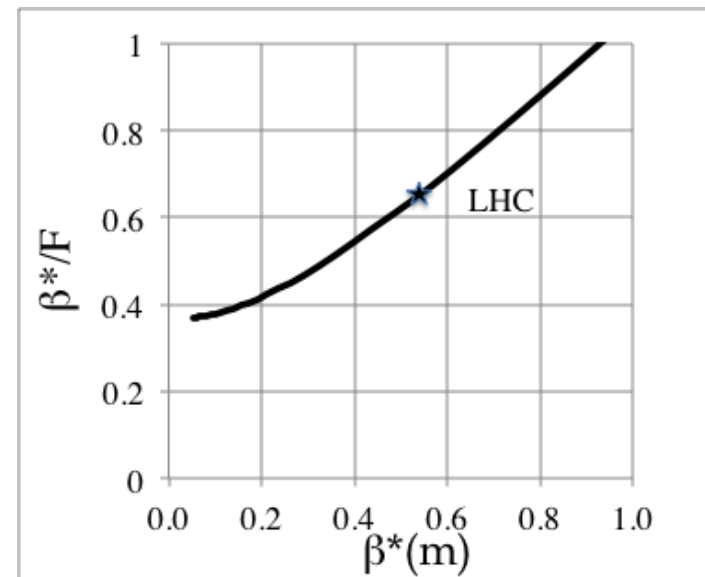
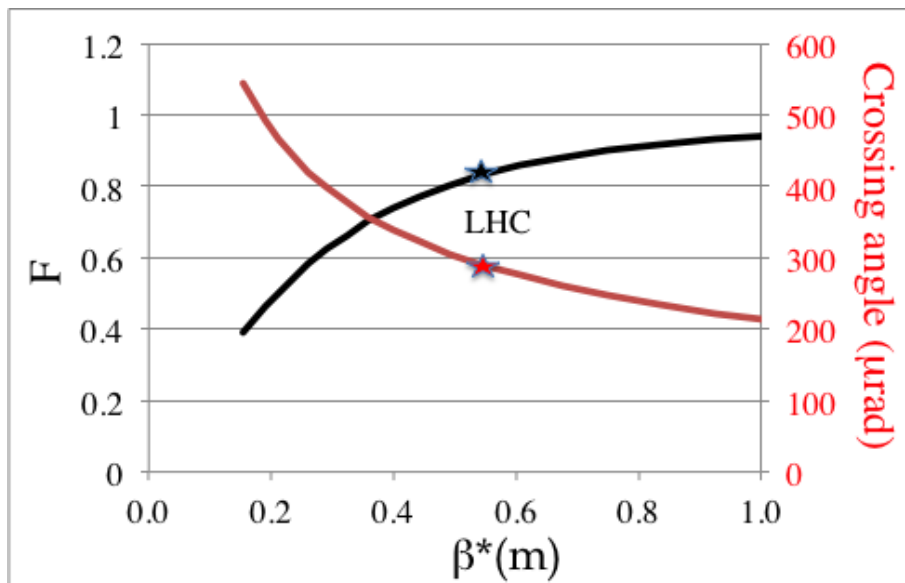
$$F(\phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\sigma_z \phi}{\sigma_x 2}\right)^2}}$$

- LHC case, design value

- Crossing angle is of the order of 200  $\mu\text{rad}$
- $\beta^*=55\text{ cm}$ ,  $F=0.86$  - 14% lost !
- Non negligible, and get worse with smaller beta

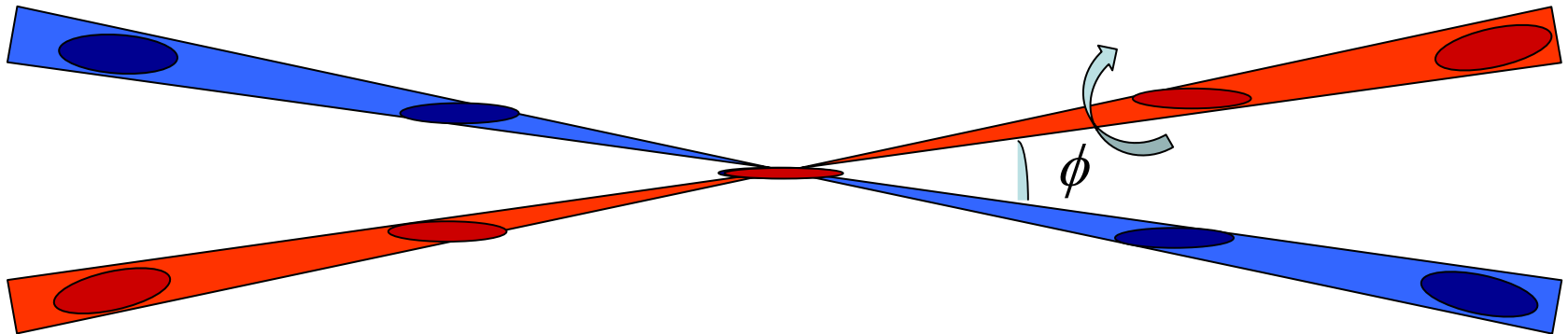
$$F(\phi) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{\sigma_z \phi}{\sigma_x 2}\right)^2}}$$

$$\phi(\beta^*) \propto \sqrt{\frac{1}{\beta^*}}$$



# LIMITS TO LUMINOSITY: PARASITIC BEAM-BEAM AND X-ANGLE

- Crab cavities are a device that allow to avoid this reduction
  - Rotates the bunch like a crab
  - $F$  stay equal to one with this rotation: no loss!



Detail of beam crossing in the detectors with non zero crossing angle and crab cavities

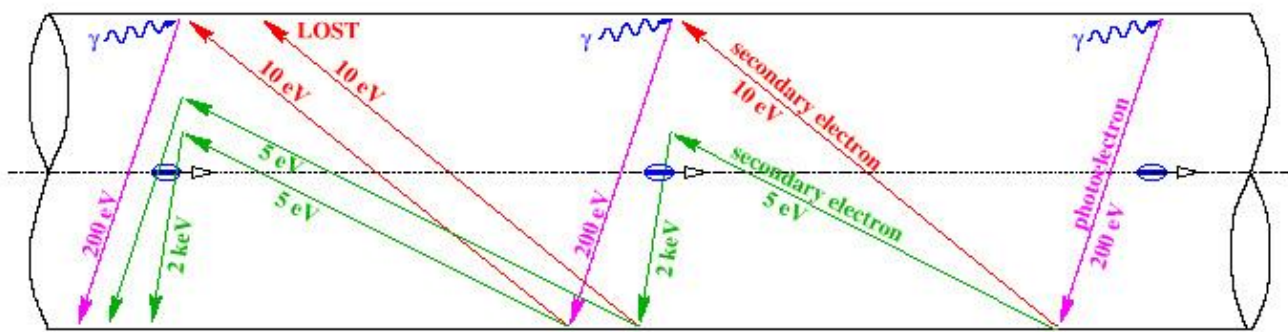
- They are one of the enabling technologies of the upgrade in luminosity of the LHC (HL-LHC project, lead by L. Rossi)
- Were used in electron machines (KEK, Japan) and tested successfully in the SPS at CERN with protons



# LIMITS TO LUMINOSITY: THE ELECTRON CLOUD

- The **electron cloud**

$$L = \frac{N_b^2 n_b f_{rev} \gamma}{4\pi \epsilon_n \beta^*} F = \frac{c}{4\pi} \gamma \frac{1}{L} N_b^2 n_b \frac{1}{\epsilon_n \beta^*} F$$



Mechanism of electron cloud formation [F. Ruggiero]

- This is related to the extraction of electrons in the vacuum chamber from the beam
- A critical parameter is the **spacing of the bunches**: smaller spacing larger electron cloud – threshold effect
  - So this effect pushes for 50 ns w.r.t. 25 ns
- Spacing (length) ↔ spacing (time) ↔ number of bunches  $n_b$ 

7.5 m                      ↔                      25 ns                      ↔ 3560 free bunches (2808 used)



# LIMITS TO LUMINOSITY: PARASITIC BEAM-BEAM AND X-ANGLE

- Electron cloud in the LHC has been **observed where expected in RunI during 50 ns ramp up**
  - Was cured by **scrubbing of surface** with intense beam
  - In RunI we operated in a reliable way with 1300 bunches at 50 ns
- In LHC RunII we used 25 ns
  - After initial run at 50 ns, scrubbing allowed a ramp up of bunch number to about nominal value
  - Scrubbing run lasts few weeks – beam operation also cleans the beampipe



# LIMITS TO LUMINOSITY: THE OPTICS IN THE INTERACTION REGIONS

- Optics: **squeezing the beam**

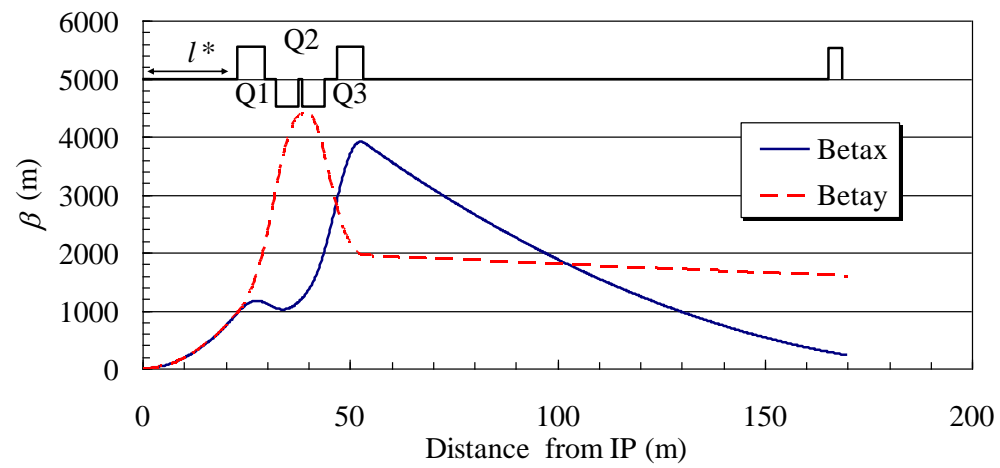
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- Size of the beam in a magnetic lattice
- Luminosity is inverse prop to  $\epsilon$  and  $\beta^*$

$$|x(s)| = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon \beta(s)}{\gamma_r}}$$

- In the free path (no accelerator magnets) around the experiment, the  $\beta^*$  has a nasty dependence with  $s$  distance to IP

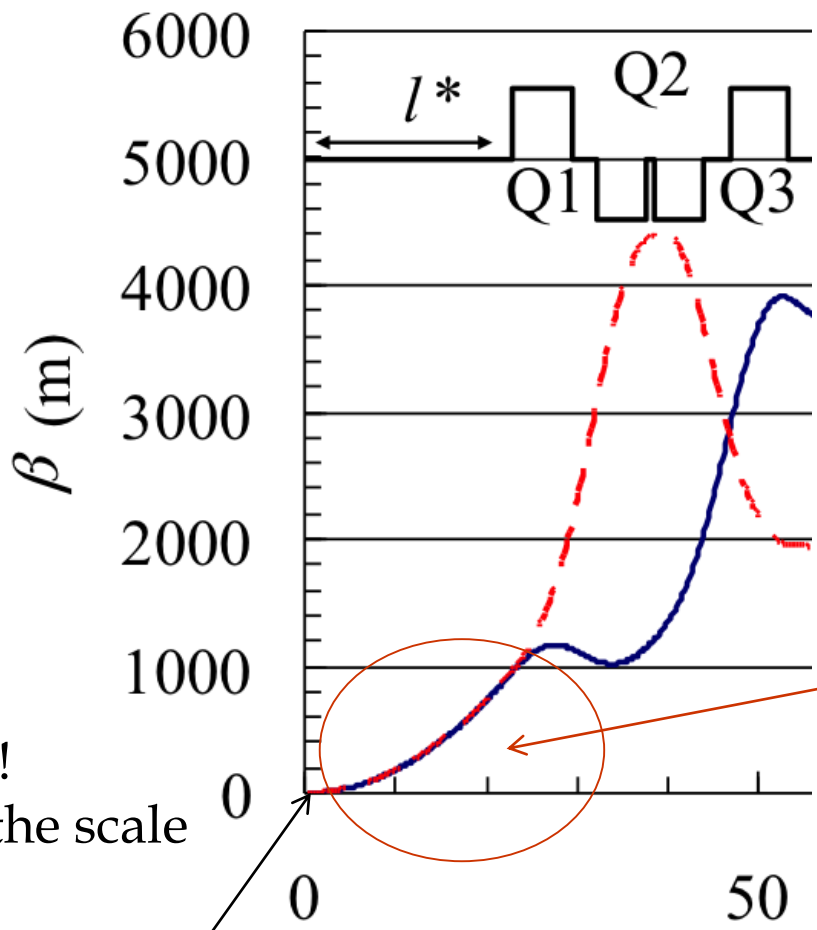
$$\beta(s) = \beta^* + \frac{s^2}{\beta^*} \approx \frac{s^2}{\beta^*}$$



- The limit to the squeeze is the **magnet aperture**
  - Key word for reducing  $\beta^*$ : not stronger magnets but **larger magnets**



# LIMITS TO LUMINOSITY: THE OPTICS IN THE INTERACTION REGIONS



$$\beta(s) = \beta^* + \frac{s^2}{\beta^*} \approx \frac{s^2}{\beta^*}$$

Looks zero, but it is not!  
It is 0.5 m, invisible in the scale

$$b(0) = b^*$$





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- Size of the beam in a magnetic lattice

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- LHC was **designed to reach  $\beta^* = 50$  cm** with 70 mm aperture IR quads

- In Run I 60 cm were reached
- In Run II 25 cm were reached, thanks to a much lower emittance than nominal ( $\epsilon = 2.2 \times 10^{-6}$  m instead of  $3.75 \times 10^{-6}$  m)

(see [Evian workshop 2019](#) for a complete outlook, introductory talk from R. Steerenberg)

The HL-LHC aims at reducing  $\beta^*$  to 15 cm though larger aperture magnets (see O. Bruning, L. Rossi Eds. "The high luminosity large hadron collider" World Scientific)



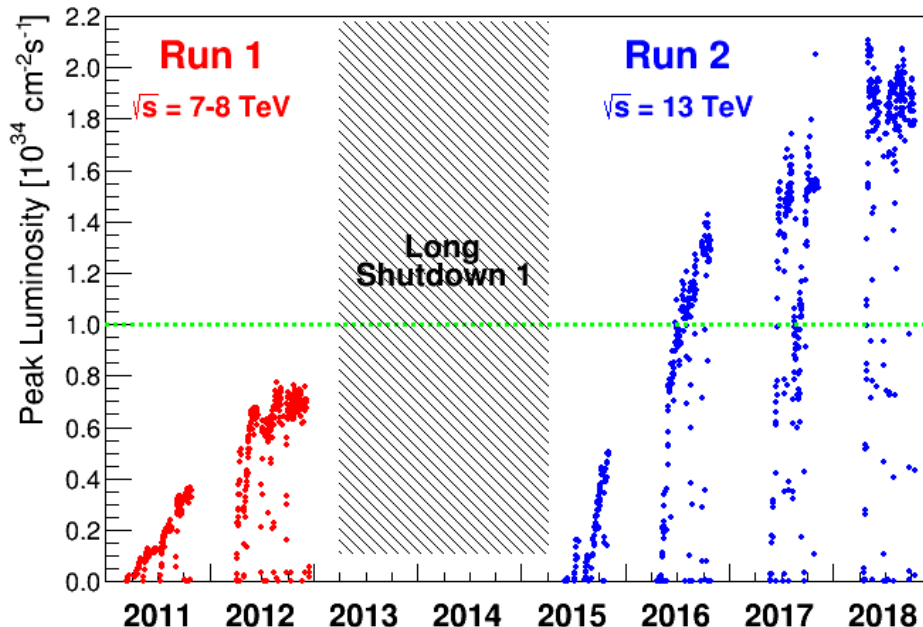
# LIMITS TO LUMINOSITY: THE BEAM FROM THE INJECTORS

- The **injector chain limits**

$$L = \frac{N_b^2 n_b f_{rev} \gamma}{4\pi \varepsilon_n \beta^*} F = \frac{c}{4\pi} \gamma \frac{1}{L} \left( N_b^2 n_b \frac{1}{\varepsilon_n \beta^*} \right) F$$

- The emittance  $\varepsilon_n$  is a linear invariant so if the accelerator chain is totally linear this quantity is preserved
  - But there are nonlinearities and optics mismatch that can increase emittance
- The beam intensity  $N_b$  is preserved if there are no beam losses
  - But there are nonlinearities that may provoke particle loss
- There are different limits on the emittance/beam intensity that can be provided by the injectors, in any of the accelerating rings
- LIU (LHC Injector Upgrade) **R. Garoby, M. Meddahi, see Technical Design Report I: protons, [CERN-ACC-2014-0337](#)**
  - Project to improve the performance of the injectors to match the requirements of the upgrade of the LHC
  - Bring the  $N_b$  to  $2.2 \times 10^{11}$  protons with an  $\varepsilon_n$  of  $2.5 \times 10^{-6}$  m

- The ramp up to LHC performance
  - Notwithstanding a very challenging target, nominal value was reached, and doubled - close to what in the design report was indicated as ultimate peak luminosity



LHC luminosity ramp up in the 10's (M. Lamont, J. Wenninger, and many many others)

- No visible bottlenecks in magnet operation due to 6.5 TeV

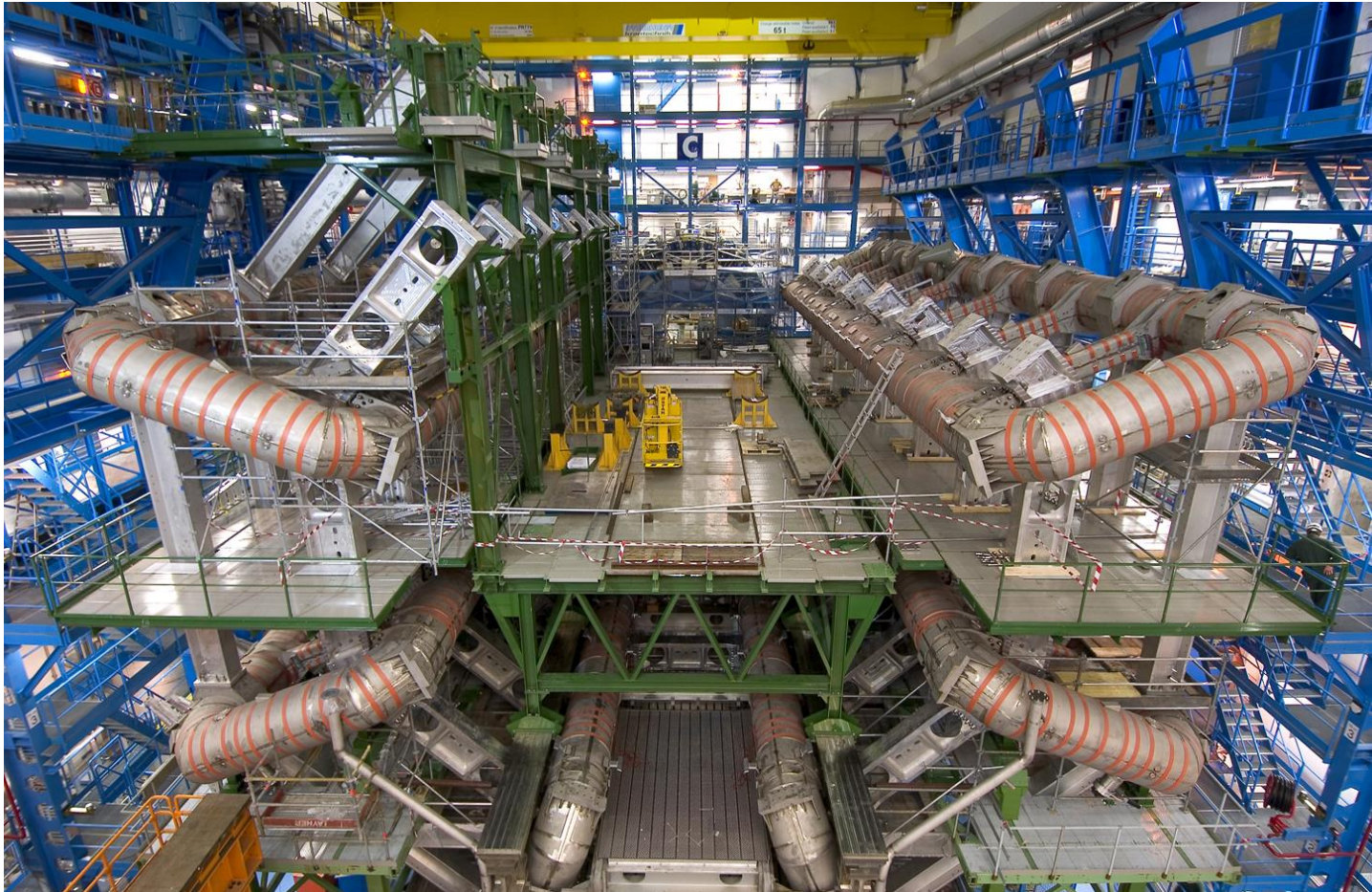


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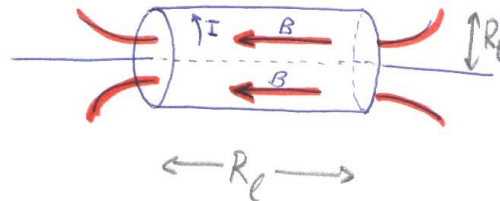
- The beam is small ... why are detectors so large ?



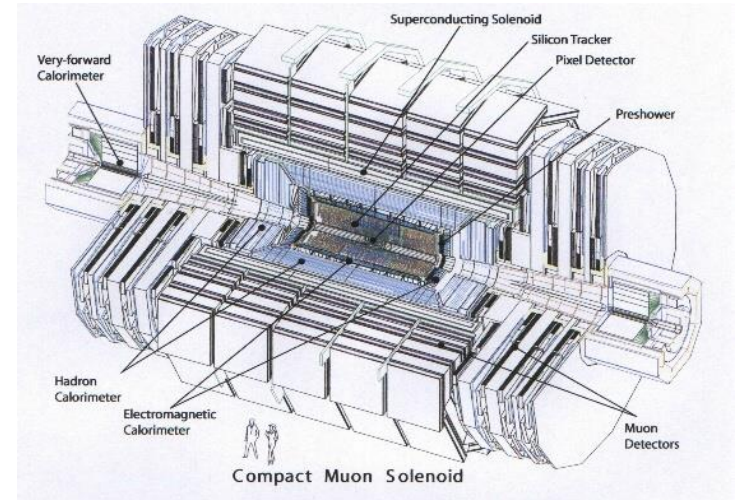
The toroidal coils of ATLAS experiment

# THE INTERACTION REGIONS: DETECTORS

- Detector magnets provide a field to bend the particles generated by collisions (not the particles of the beam !)
  - The measurement of the bending radius gives an estimate of the **charge and energy of the particle**
- Different lay-outs
  - A **solenoid** providing a field parallel to the beam direction (example: LHC CMS, LEP ALEPH, Tevatron CDF)
    - Field lines perpendicular to  $(x,y)$



Sketch of a detector based on a solenoid

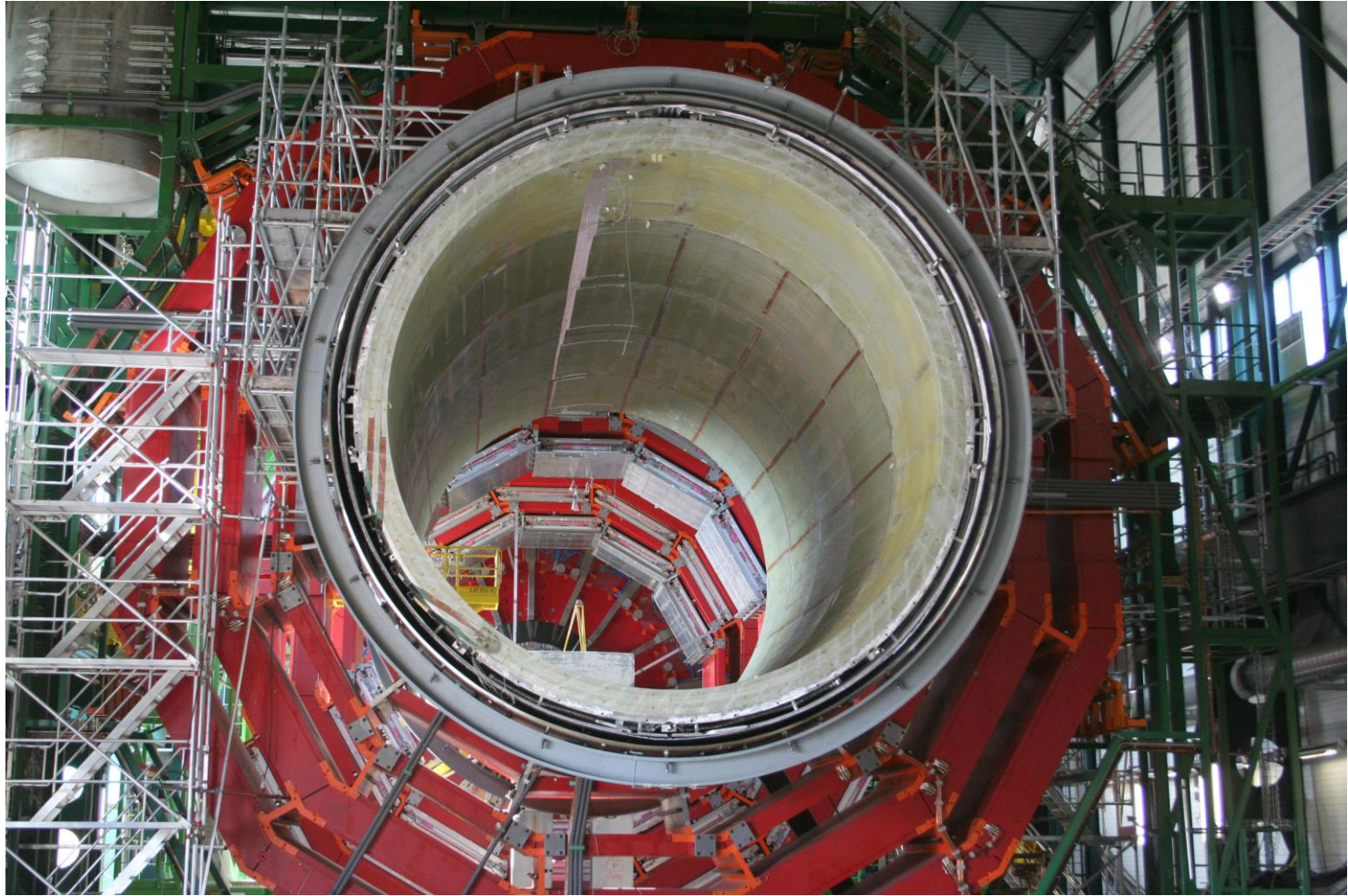


Sketch of the CMS detector in the LHC

- A series of **toroidal** coils to provide a circular field around the beam (example: LHC ATLAS)
  - Field lines of circular shape in the  $(x,y)$  plane



# THE INTERACTION REGIONS: DETECTORS



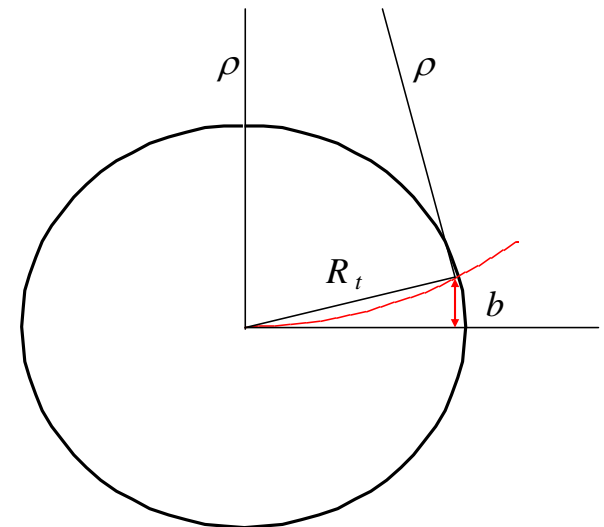
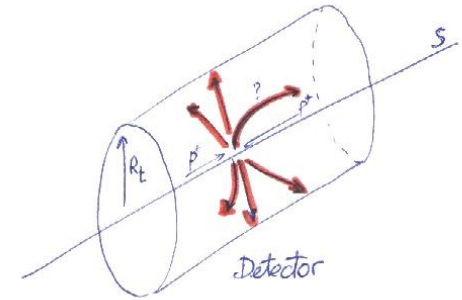
The solenoid of CMS experiment

- Detector **transverse size**
  - The particle is bent with a **curvature radius**

$$E = eB\rho$$

- $B$  is the field in the detector magnet
- $R_t$  is the **transverse radius** of the detector magnet
- The **precision** in the measurements is related to the **parameter  $b$**
- A bit of trigonometry gives

$$b = \frac{R_t^2}{2\rho} = \frac{e}{2} \frac{R_t^2 B}{E}$$

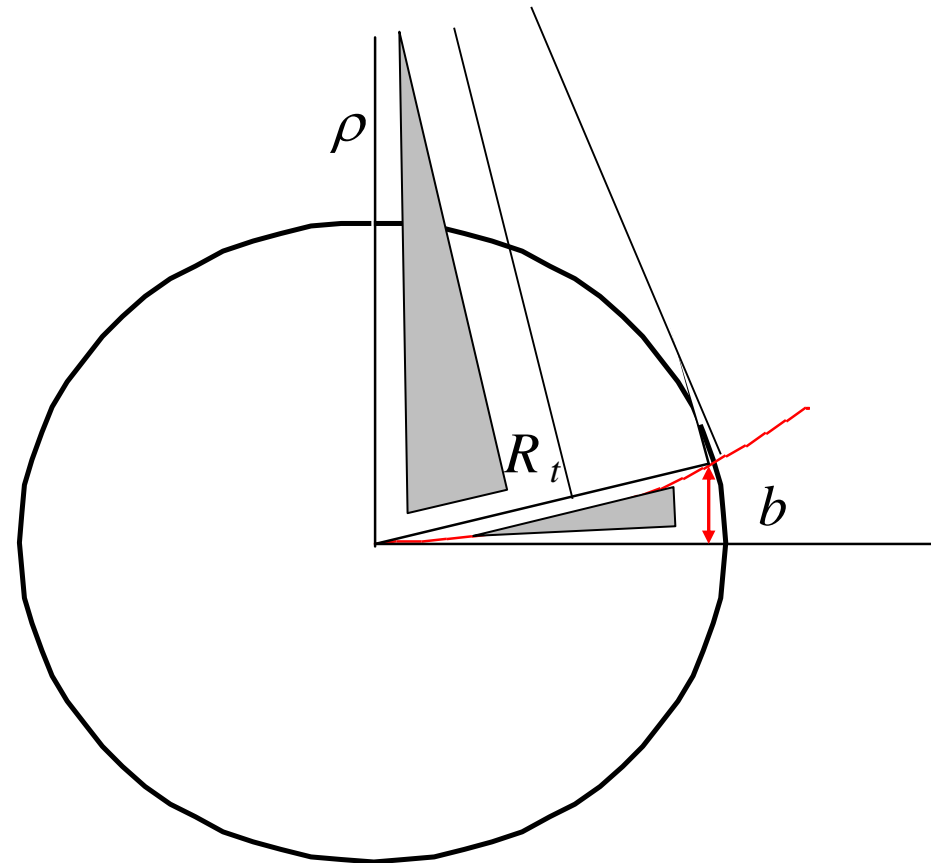




- Explication – the shadowed triangles are similar

$$\frac{b}{R_t} = \frac{R_t}{2r}$$

$$b = \frac{R_t^2}{2\rho} = \frac{e}{2} \frac{R_t^2 B}{E}$$



- Detector **transverse size**

- $B$  is the field in the detector magnet
- $R_t$  is the transverse radius of the detector magnet
- The **precision in the measurements is  $\propto 1/b$**

$$b = \frac{R_t^2}{2\rho} = \frac{e}{2} \frac{R_t^2 B}{E}$$

$$b \sim 0.15 \frac{R_t^2 B}{E[\text{GeV}]}$$

- Examples

- LEP ALEPH:  $E=100$  GeV,  $B=1.5$  T,  $R_l=6.5$  m,  $R_t=2.65$  m,  $b=16$  mm
  - that's why we need sizes of **meters and not centimeters** !

- The magnetic field is limited by technology

- But fields are not so high as for accelerator dipoles (4T instead of 8 T)
- Note that the precision with  $BR_t^2$  – **better large than high field** ...

- Detector longitudinal size

- At first order the same scaling can be assumed to preserve the overall shape

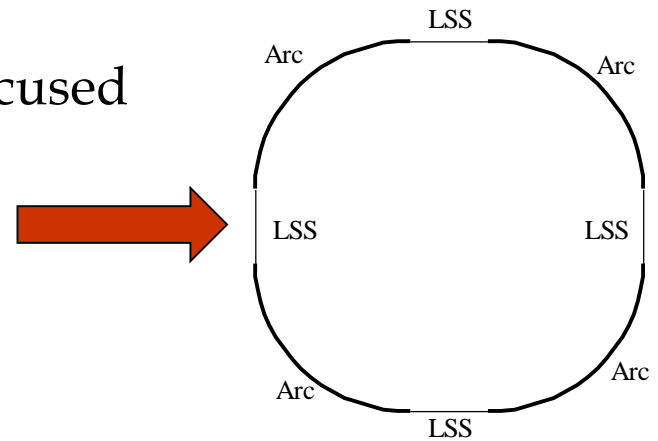


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# THE INTERACTION REGIONS: LOW-BETA MAGNET SPECIFICATIONS

- We are now in the **straight sections** of the machine
  - There are no dipoles
  - Only quadrupoles to keep the beam focused

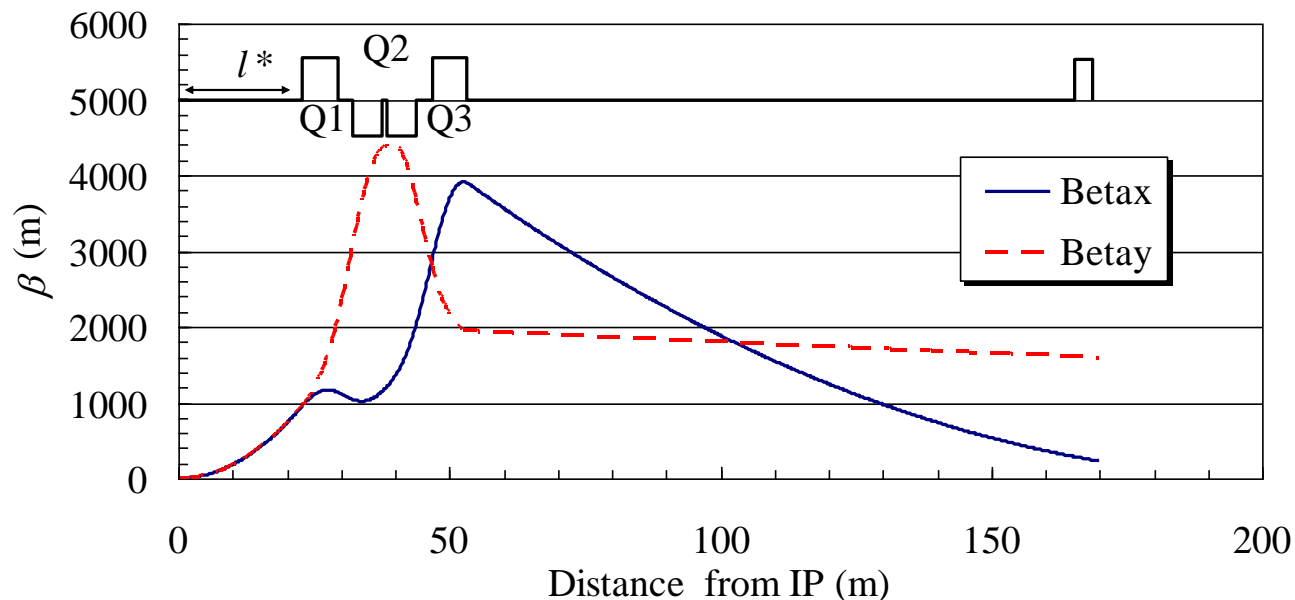


- In the middle of the straight section one has a free space for the experiment, with the interaction point (IP) where beams collide
  - Around the experiment the optics must keep two distinct aims
    - Keep the beam focused
    - **Reduce the size of the beam** in the interaction point (IP) to increase the rate of collisions (luminosity) → **reduce  $\beta$**

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\beta \varepsilon}{\gamma}}$$

# THE INTERACTION REGIONS: LOW-BETA MAGNET SPECIFICATIONS

- The focusing system in the LHC
  - A system of quadrupoles is used to reach a very low beta function, called  $\beta^*$ , in the IP (LHC: **0.55 m** instead of the 30-200 m in the arcs)
  - Physical constraint: **empty space around the IP** – distance of the first magnet to the IP, called  $l^*$ , (LHC: 23 m) – needed for the detectors !



The lay-out of quadrupoles close to the interaction point in the LHC,  
and the beta functions



# THE INTERACTION REGIONS: LOW-BETA MAGNET SPECIFICATIONS

- Drawback: beta function **gets huge** in the quadrupoles !
  - But this happens **only in collision**, where the beam is smaller

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\beta \varepsilon}{\gamma}}$$

- In free space around IP ( $s=0$ ), one has  $\beta(s) = \beta^* + \frac{s^2}{\beta^*}$

- At the entrance of the triplet one has  $\beta(l^*) = \beta^* + \frac{l^{*2}}{\beta^*} \approx \frac{l^{*2}}{\beta^*}$

- And the beta function grows by a factor  $r$  within the triplet, depending on its length
- For instance in the LHC  $l_t=23$  m,  $l^*=23$  m,  $\beta_m=4400$  m, **about 4.5 times larger than**

$$\beta(l^*) \approx \frac{l^{*2}}{\beta^*} = \frac{23^2}{0.55} = 960 \text{ m}$$



# THE INTERACTION REGIONS: LOW-BETA MAGNET SPECIFICATIONS

- The integrated gradient of the triplet
  - Triplet is like an optical system, where the strength is the inverse of the focal length
  - One can take the focal length as the distance of the triplet midpoint to the IP
$$Gl_t \sim \kappa \frac{E}{l^* + \frac{l_t + l_g}{2}}$$
    - If the required gradient is not reached, we have to reduce the energy since the position is fixed
    - Remember:  $\beta^*$  is not inverse proportional to the gradient, but to the aperture
- Integrated gradient is limited by the magnet technology
  - The quadrupole gradient over an aperture  $\phi$  is limited by the maximum field  $B_m$  imposed by the technology
    - About 2 T for resistive, 8 T for Nb-Ti, 16 T for Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn
  - So to get a larger aperture one needs either to make much longer triplet (does it fit? Larger new infrastructure?), or go for more challenging technologies



# THE INTERACTION REGIONS: LOW-BETA MAGNET SPECIFICATIONS

- Example: the LHC interaction regions
  - Nb-Ti quadrupoles, 200 T/m, 70 mm aperture,  $\beta^* = 0.55$  m, total length of the quadrupole is 23 m (peak field around 8.5 T)
- Example: the HL-LHC interaction regions
  - Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn quadrupoles, 132 T/m, 150 mm aperture,  $\beta^* = 0.15$  m, total length of the quadrupole is 30 m (peak field around 11.5 T)
- Note that the first superconducting magnets (based on Nb-Ti) used in a particle accelerator were the 8 quadrupoles for the triplet of ISR (J. Billan et al, CERN yellow report 76-16)
- Then Tevatron came with a massive (700) production of 4.3 T dipoles, setting the standard for the magnet technology for the next 30 years





# TOWARDS HIGH LUMINOSITY IN THE LHC

- After the LHC construction, CERN has launched two projects
    - LIU: injector upgrade
      - Aiming at removing all bottlenecks in injectors to have a bunch intensity of  $2.2 \times 10^{11}$  protons with small emittance
      - The project is now in the installation phase, to be commissioned next year
- R. Garoby, M. Meddahi, see Technical Design Report I: protons, [CERN-ACC-2014-0337](https://cds.cern.ch/record/1354913/files/CERN-ACC-2014-0337.pdf)



# TOWARDS HIGH LUMINOSITY IN THE LHC

- After the LHC construction, CERN has launched two projects
  - HL-LHC: upgrade of the LHC
    - To remove the bottleneck in the beam squeeze (larger aperture triplets)
    - To install additional collimators to reduce beam losses through a higher field 11 T dipole in Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn
    - To install use crab cavities to remove the reduction of luminosity due to the factor  $F$  (crossing angle)
    - As to superconducting technology, magnets will be powered through a MgB<sub>2</sub> superconducting link, whose superconductive properties were discovered only in recent times (2001)
  - O. Bruning, L. Rossi Eds. "The high luminosity large hadron collider" World Scientific
- LHC has the triplet built as special contribution from US and Japan
  - HL-LHC as well (and more) relies on several contributions of international collaborations: US, Japan, Russia, China, ... and many member states as UK, Spain, Italy, Sweden...

- Luminosity is a measure of the quantity of data provided by the accelerator per second
  - It has a complex equation that mainly tells you
  - More fuel, more luminosity
  - More focused beam, more luminosity
- There are four limitations to luminosity
  - Beam-beam (Coulomb interaction)
  - Crossing angle
  - Electron cloud (beam pipe cleanliness)
  - Optics (magnets)
  - Injected beam (injectors)
- Experimental magnets are large since the resolution power is proportional to the square of the size and only to  $B$



# SUMMARY

- To reduce the beam size in the interaction, the beam becomes very large just outside the experiments
  - Beta function grows quadratically, beam size grows linearly
  - The experiment are large (order of 50 m), so the beam size grows a lot until the first quadrupole
  - An optical system as a telescope is used to reduce the beam size: a sequence of 3 quadrupoles in the LHC (triplet)
    - Then another sequence of quadrupoles (matching section quadrupoles) match the beam size to the arcs
  - The larger is the triplet quadrupole aperture, the smaller the beam can be made
- Putting together unit 1 and unit 2, magnets are an enabling technology for the accelerator performance
  - Both in terms of energy (yesterday) and of data quantity (today)
  - It is time to enter this domain ... next units