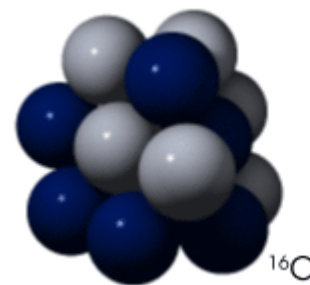


# LHC machine scenario for a short oxygen run



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# Introduction

- Two previous pilot runs of LHC with *new colliding species* :
  - p-Pb in 2012 – discoveries
  - Xe-Xe in 2017 – results at Quark Matter 2018
  - **very successful** both operationally *and* in terms of physics output

## Reminder: 2017 Xe-Xe run

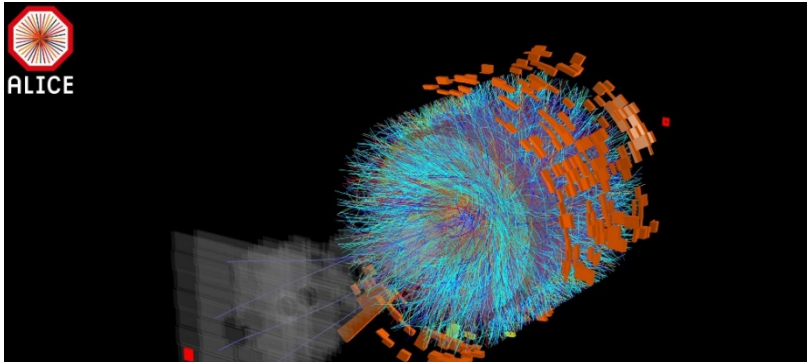


Table 1: Beam parameters at start of Stable Beams, fill 6295. Sets of three values correspond to the interaction points of ATLAS/CMS, ALICE, LHCb. Luminosity values are calculated from beam parameters.

Parameter	Fill 6295
Beam energy [Z TeV]	6.5
No. of bunches colliding	(8, 16, 8)
$\beta^*$ [m]	(0.3, 10, 3)
Bunch intensity [ $10^8$ ions]	$2.87 \pm 0.14$
Normalized emittance (H, V) [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	( $\sim 1.5 / \sim 1.0$ )
Bunch length [cm]	$9.1 \pm 0.2$
Luminosity [ $10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ]	(0.28, 0.03, 0.04)

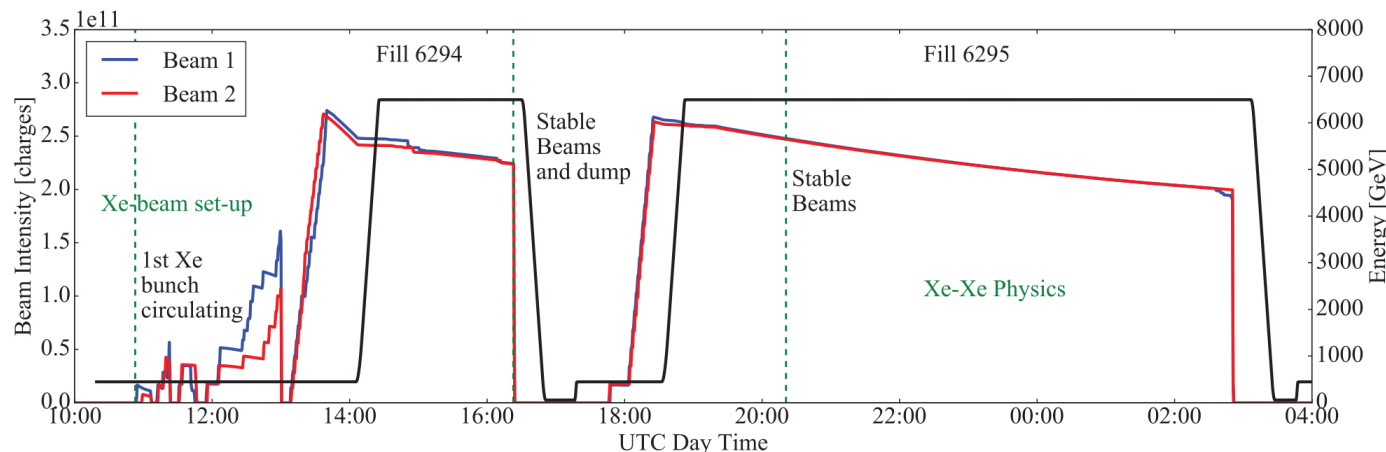


Figure 1: Evolution of the beam intensity and energy throughout the Xe-Xe run.

References at IPAC2018

<https://accelconf.web.cern.ch/AccelConf/ipac2018/>

**MOPMF039** First Xenon-Xenon Collisions in the LHC  
**MOPMF038** Cleaning Performance of the Collimation System with Xe Beams at the Large Hadron Collider

**TUPAF020** Performance of the CERN Low Energy Ion Ring (LEIR) with Xenon  
**TUPAF024** Impedance and Instability Studies in LEIR With Xenon

Data on Xe-Xe data features in very large number of papers since 2018

This run used p-p optics for fast set-up  $\Rightarrow$  ALICE had  $\beta^*=10$  m so lower luminosity than ATLAS/CMS. Avoid this in future O-O run prefer to use a heavy-ion optics.

# Future light-ion operation

- **HL/HE-LHC physics workshop has considered high-intensity operation with lighter species for beyond Run 4**
  - Motivation is higher nucleon-nucleon luminosity than Pb-Pb
  - See [yellow report](#) (input to European strategy)
- **Also requested pilot-like O-O and p-O run**
  - Much earlier (Run 3), a few days, low luminosity
  - **Different motivations:** O-O intermediate system (as Xe-Xe since QM2018)
  - p-O requested by cosmic ray community for several years
  - Not necessarily a prelude to Run 5 light-ion physics interest
  - A pilot run would be very useful to understand limitations and performance in the injectors and LHC, in view of Run 5 high-intensity operation
- This pilot run discussed previously at the [LMC](#) and [LPC](#)
- News since then: some updates on beam assumptions and levelling scenarios – see later

# Constraints and requests for oxygen in Run 3

- **It should be a short run**, ideally not more than about a week
- **Requests for both O-O and p-O**
  - LHCb requests p in beam 1
  - No request to reverse, i.e. O-p not requested
- **Luminosity targets:** (from B. Petersen at [LMC](#))
  - **O-O:  $\sim 0.5/\text{nb}$**  for soft physics program,  $\sim 2/\text{nb}$  equivalent to 2010 PbPb run for hard-probes
  - **p-O:** LHCb would like  $> 2/\text{nb}$ , LHCf would like  $\sim 1.5/\text{nb}$
  - LHCf requests low pileup of 0.02 in p-O (update: previously 0.01)
  - ALICE wants low pileup of 0.1-0.2
- **Beam energy:**
  - Previously assumed same energy per charge as main Pb run (probably **7 Z TeV**)
  - Some wishes from experiments for same energy per nucleon as for Pb-Pb (i.e. **5.52 Z TeV** if Pb-Pb runs are done at 7 Z TeV), or at **5.02 Z TeV** to match the existing pp, Pb and p-Pb datasets

# Heavy-ion and pp ref energies/TeV

$E_{\text{beam}} / Z$	$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}(\text{pp})$	$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}(\text{PbPb})$	$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}(\text{XeXe})$	$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}(\text{OO})$	$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}(\text{pPb})$	$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}(\text{pO})$	Year
2.51	5.02						2015, 2017
2.76	5.52						?
3.19	6.37						?
3.5	7						?
4					5.02		2012, 13,16
5.02				5.02			??
5.52				5.52			??
6.37	5.02		6.37		8.00	9.00	2015,18, Run 3,4?
6.5			5.44		8.16		2017, 2016
7		5.52		7.00	8.79	9.90	Run 3,4?

Energies that have been used in heavy-ion and pp reference runs since 2012 (colours) or that might be considered for the future (black). **Efficient OO/pO options for Run 3.**

Operational preference for all runs in Run3 (and/or Run 4) to be made at same beam rigidity (first column).

# So what oxygen levels could we get in the LHC?



**SAFE  
OXYGEN  
LEVELS:**

What Should  
My Oxygen  
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# Potential machine scenarios

- **How can we combine these constraints to a realistic machine scenario?**
  - To fit in about a week, **need to minimize commissioning**
- **Scenario 1:** use “EARLY” ion beam with single injections, (see talk R. Alemany) at standard Run 3 beam energy (7 Z TeV or maybe 6.37 Z TeV)
  - keep total charge per beam below  $3 \times 10^{11}$  => allows “light” machine validation
  - Reuse machine settings from previous Pb-Pb or p-p run to minimize commissioning
    - use the same optics cycle, and therefore same rigidity as in the other HI runs in Run 3
    - Pb-Pb cycle preferred – much smaller  $\beta^*$  in ALICE. Could use identical or similar combined ramp and squeeze to 2018
- **Scenario 2:** use “EARLY” ion beam with single injections, (see talk R. Alemany) at same energy per nucleon as Pb-Pb (probably 5.52 Z TeV)
  - keep total charge per beam below  $3 \times 10^{11}$  => allows “light” machine validation
  - Cannot reuse previous machine settings – need to commission new cycle
- **Scenario 3:** Use high intensity with trains, “NOMINAL” beam at 7 Z TeV
  - We cannot mask interlocks and need a full machine recommissioning and validation
  - We could potentially reuse the previous cycle



# Needed commissioning – first estimates

## Scenario 1: Assuming same energy per charge as in Pb-Pb, probably 7 Z TeV

- **O-O commissioning**

- Recheck entire cycle: orbit, tune, Q', coupling collisions, optics @ low beta – 3 shifts.
  - Time estimate based on the fact that optics reproducible
  - Could do it with protons
- Clean-up the cycle with new settings (assume optics is stable !) – 1 shift.
  - Might need some additional time for BPM setup if using bunch charge around  $4E10$
- Setup of injection and capture – 1 shift
- Validation
  - 1 shift for tertiary collimators (if needed), and loss maps + asynch dump test
  - Low-intensity setup beam with bunch spacing > abort gap: do asynch dump test only at injection and collision (TBC with MP and ABT)
- **Total time 6 shifts → ~2-3 days**

- **p-O commissioning**

- Setup of injection frequencies, p-beam, cogging – 1 shift
- Validation - 0.5 shift. Use cogging fill?
- Sufficient with p-O (O-p not requested)
- **Total time ~2 shifts → ~0.5-1 day**


- **The above estimates assume that the LHC machine and injectors are available – we could potentially lose time in case of faults**

# Extra time needed in other scenarios

- **Scenario 2: For a lower beam energy: 5.52 Z TeV or 5.02 Z TeV**
  - Need to commission new machine cycle: cut existing ramp at lower energy, add new squeeze
    - Achievable  $\beta^*$ -value to be verified
  - Needed commissioning in addition to scenario 1
    - 2-3 shifts for optics commissioning
    - 1 shift collimator alignment
    - 1 shifts for additional qualification
    - **In total 4-5 extra shifts**
  - **In addition: lower luminosity** expected => need more time for data taking. See later
- **Scenario 3: For higher intensity (>3E11 charges, “NOMINAL” beam) at 7 Z TeV**
  - Need full qualification, all interlocks active
  - Extra commissioning compared to scenario 1
    - 1 shift for collimator alignment
    - 1 shift for generation of new settings, cycle with new settings
    - 2 shifts for qualification
  - **In total about 3 days more commissioning + contingency**
  - **In addition, intensity rampup needed before we arrive at top intensity**
    - Took about 3.5 days in the 2018 Pb-Pb run
  - **This scenario does not seem suitable for a 1-week run.** Could reconsider if more time is allocated.
- **Given the 1-week target, the most realistic option is to stay with the previous cycle at 7 Z TeV (scenario 1)**

To be done for both O-O and p-O

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# Assumptions: O-O

- **Consider scenarios 1 (7 Z TeV) and 2 (5.52 Z TeV)** for detailed simulations of luminosity performance
- **Expected beams from injectors** (see talk R. Alemany)
  - Significant uncertainty on achievable emittance and intensity
  - Assume same emittance as for Pb (2.1  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - Two options for intensity:
    - $3.97 \times 10^{10}$  charges/bunch ( $4.96 \times 10^9 \text{ O}^{8+}$ ) can be handled in the SPS
    - We have to split these bunches in 2 to avoid SPS losses
  - Assume 7% intensity loss between injection in the LHC and collisions
- **Machine optics**
  - Scenario 1, at 7 Z TeV: identical  $\beta^*=(0.5,0.5,0.5,1.5)$  to 2018
  - Scenario 2, at 5.52 Z TeV: assume 0.65 m instead of 0.5 m from aperture scaling
- **Crossing angles as assumed for Run 3 Pb-Pb**
  - In principle no crossing needed, but removing it would cost some commissioning time. Possible optimization to be studied

# Assumed parameters, O-O, scen. 1

<i>Beam parameters</i>	Without SPS split	With SPS split
Beam energy (Z TeV)	7	7
Beam energy per nucleon (TeV)	3.5	3.5
Number of bunches	6	12
O ions per bunch	$4.6 \times 10^9$	$2.3 \times 10^9$
Charges per bunch	$3.7 \times 10^{10}$	$1.8 \times 10^{10}$
Normalized emittance ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	2.1*	2.1*
Total charges per beam	$2.4 \times 10^{11}$	$2.4 \times 10^{11}$

\*We don't know – this is a guess

<i>IP parameters</i>	IP1/5	IP2	IP8
$\beta^*$ [m]	0.5	0.5	1.5
External half crossing [ $\mu\text{rad}$ ]	170	170	-170
Total half crossing [ $\mu\text{rad}$ ]	170	100	-305
N.o. collisions (no split, split)	4, 8	4, 8	4,8
Peak luminosity [ $10^{27}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ] (no split, split)	21.1, 10.6	6.7*, 12.3	6.9, 3.5
Peak pileup (no split, split)	0.63, 0.18	0.20*, 0.18	0.21, 0.05

\*levelled

# Simulation setup

- Luminosity in one fill simulated with two independent simulation codes
  - CTE and MBS – see [CERN-ACC-2020-0011](#)
  - Simulates coupled beam evolution under influence of e.g. collisions, intrabeam scattering, radiation damping
  - Non-collisional lifetime of 50h assumed – possibly pessimistic, but cannot count on fully optimized machine
- Burnoff cross sections
  - hadronic interactions dominate for oxygen operation

	Pb-Pb	p-Pb	O-O	p-O
Bound-free pair production(barn)	281	0.044	< 0.01	<10 <sup>-5</sup>
Electromagnetic dissociation (barn)	226	0.035	0.133	0.0012
Hadronic cross section	8	2.12	1.343*	0.45**
Total cross section	515	2.20	1.48	0.45

\* Glauber calculation by G. Contreras

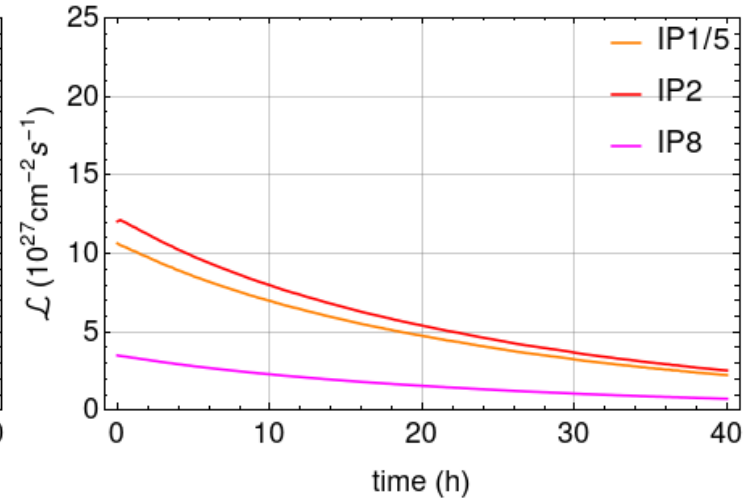
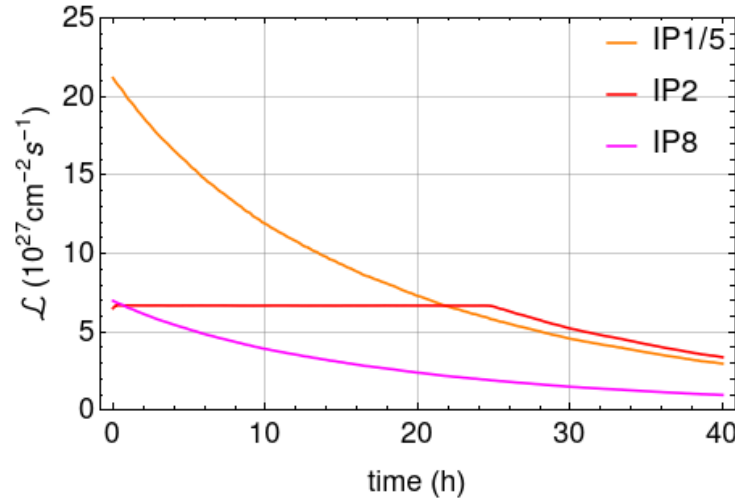
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# Results: O-O

## Instantaneous luminosity

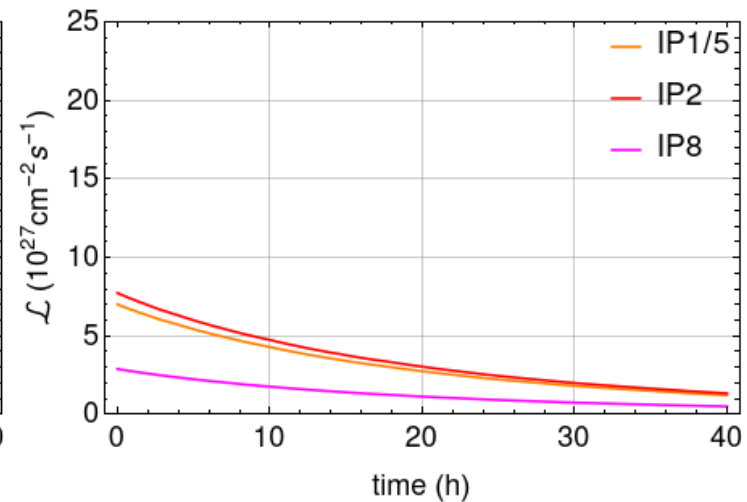
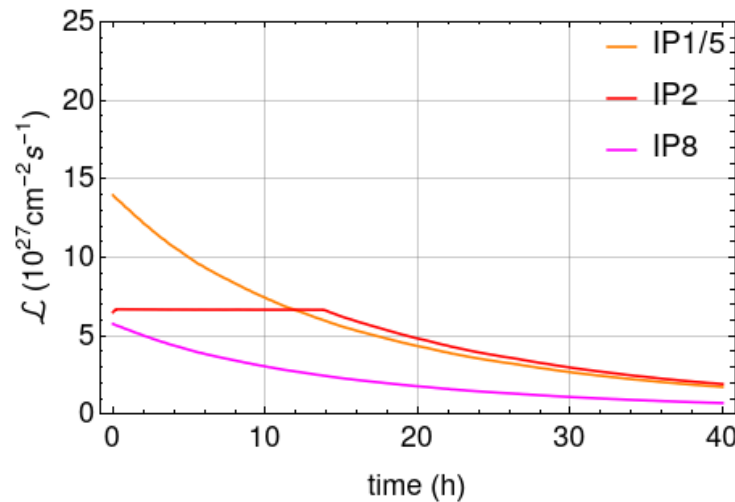
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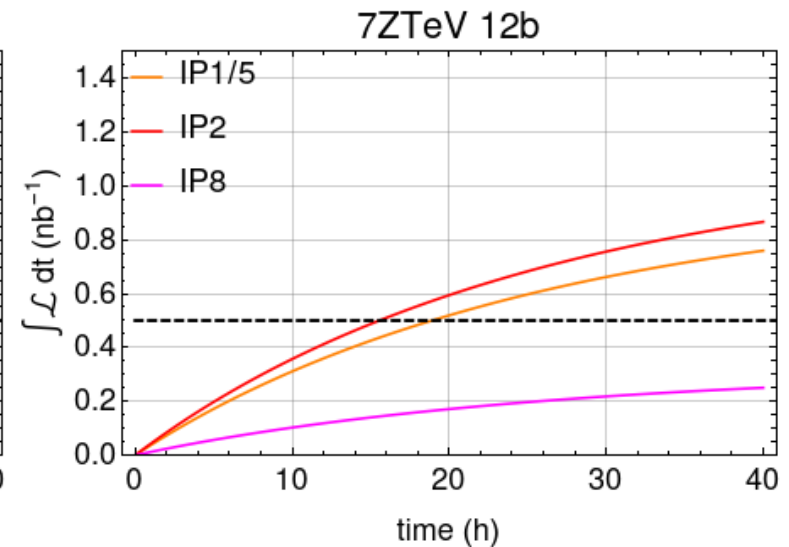
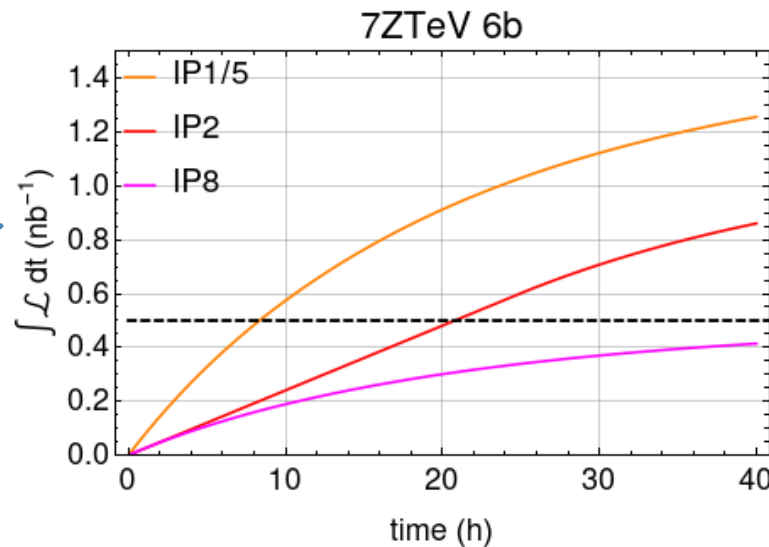
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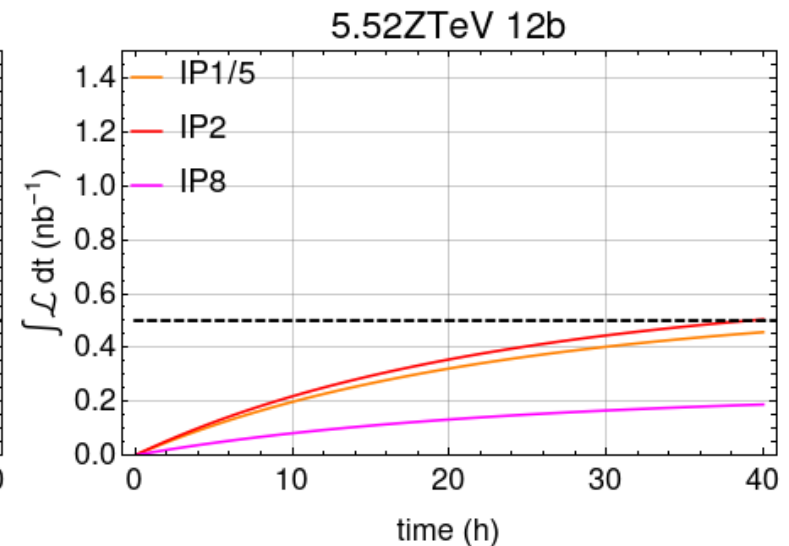
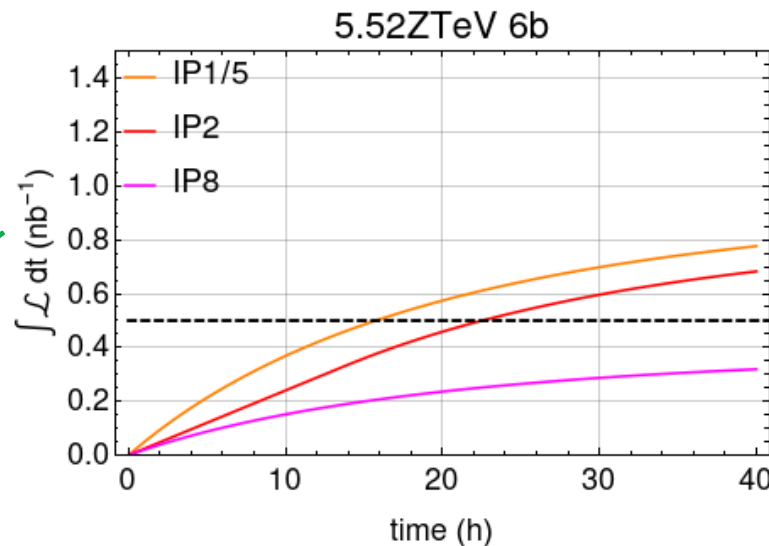
# Results: O-O

## Integrated luminosity

Scenario 1



Scenario 2





# Observations O-O

- Scenario 1: At 7 Z TeV, to accumulate  $0.5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  in single, long fill:
  - ATLAS/CMS need  $\sim 8\text{h}$  for 6b and  $\sim 19\text{h}$  with 12b
  - ALICE needs  $\sim 21\text{h}$  with 6b and  $\sim 13\text{h}$  with 12b
  - LHCb: Could reach  $\sim 0.3 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  in single long fill of  $\sim 20\text{h}$
  - Of course, the fill might be dumped earlier, and we make a second fill
- Scenario 2: At 5.52 Z TeV, to accumulate  $0.5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  :
  - ATLAS/CMS need  $\sim 16\text{h}$  for 6b and  $>40\text{h}$  for 12b
  - ALICE needs  $\sim 22\text{h}$  with 6b and  $\sim 39\text{h}$  with 12b
- Clear risk that we need significantly longer running time if we go for 5.52 Z TeV, which comes on top of the additional commissioning
  - Need  $>1$  day longer running than at 7 Z TeV if we're forced to use the 12-bunch scheme

# Assumptions: p-O

- Consider scenarios 1 (**7 Z TeV**) and 2 (**5.52 Z TeV**) for detailed simulations of luminosity performance
- For **LHCf**, where **pileup = 0.02 is requested**: need to split beam in more bunches to make luminosity goal feasible
  - Assume 36 bunches, with 24 colliding at each IP
  - Level LHCf at  $1.2 \times 10^{28} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ : expect just below 40h to reach  $1.5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
  - Upper intensity limit on both O and p beams given by max allowed total intensity of  $3 \times 10^{11}$  charges
  - Need ~10% margin at injection, since we cannot control the intensity better shot-by-shot
  - Assume 7% intensity loss between injection in the LHC and collisions
- Same machine optics and crossing angles as for O-O

# Assumed parameters, p-O, scen. 1

<i>Beam parameters</i>	Protons	Oxygen
Beam energy (Z TeV)	7	7
Beam energy per nucleon (TeV)	7	3.5
Number of bunches	36	36
Particles per bunch	$7 \times 10^9$	$8.7 \times 10^8$
Charges per bunch	$7 \times 10^9$	$7 \times 10^9$
Normalized emittance ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	2.5	2.1*
Total charges per beam	$2.5 \times 10^{11}$	$2.5 \times 10^{11}$

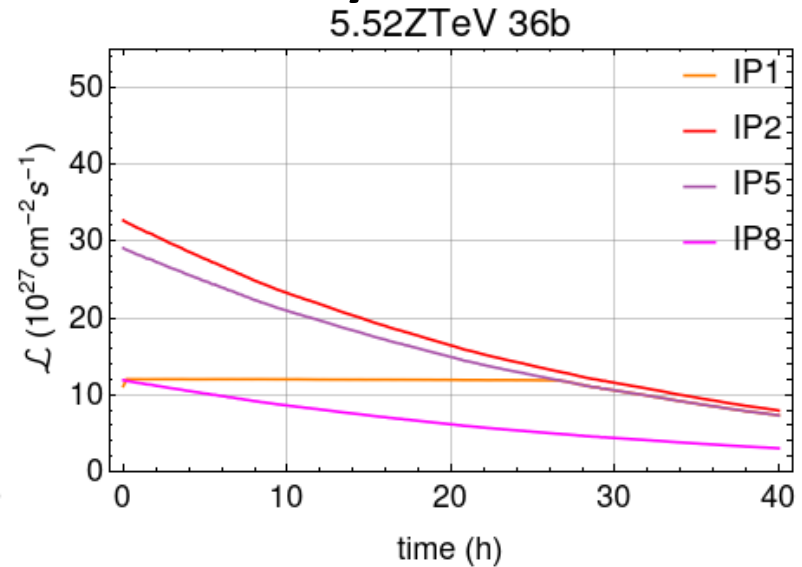
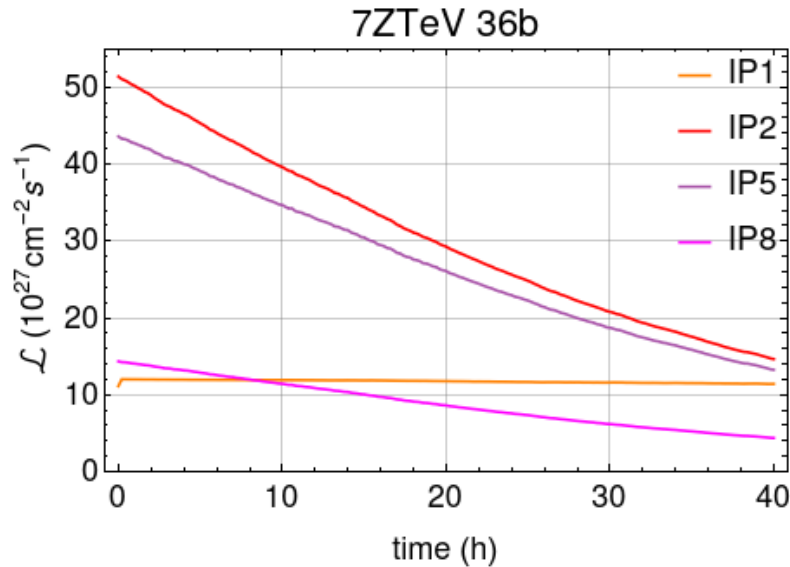
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N.o. collisions	24	24	24
Peak luminosity [ $10^{27}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ]	45 (12*)	53	15
Peak pileup (no split, split)	0.075 (0.02*)	0.08	0.025

\* For IP1 levelled to 0.02 pileup

# Results: p-O

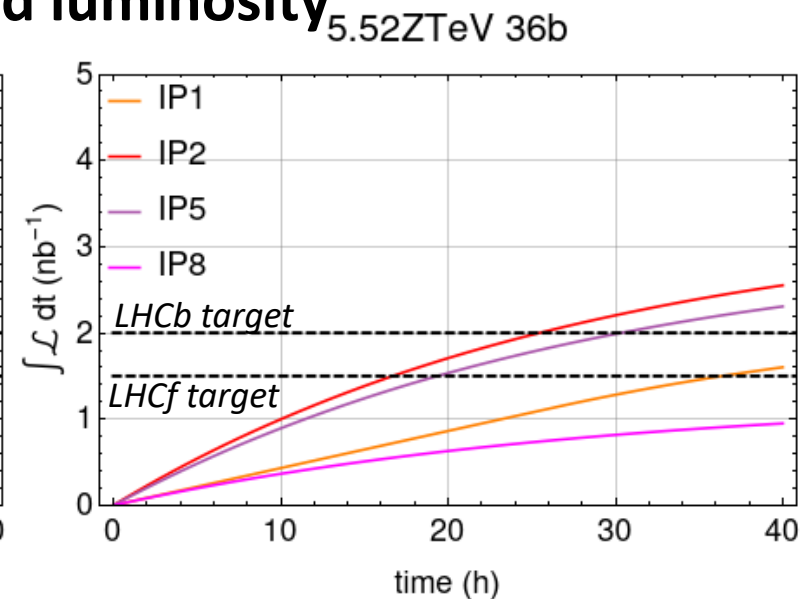
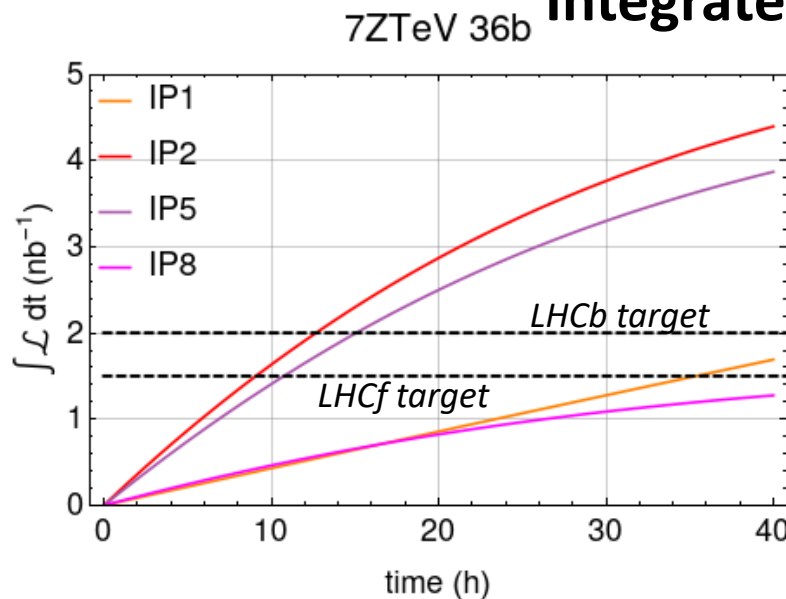
## Instantaneous luminosity



Scenario 1

Scenario 2

## Integrated luminosity



# Observations p-0

- **Need ~36h** in stable beams **to give  $1.5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  to LHCf** at pileup=0.02
- **Scenario 1:** At 7 Z TeV, **LHCb target of  $2 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  can be reached in 3 fills of about 15-16h each** (optimum fill length for IP8) **+ turnaround**
  - Total time needed: 2.5 days without contingency
  - Future study: Can we optimize the filling scheme further to give more collisions to LHCf and LHCb?
  - In those 3 fills CMS and ALICE could hope for some  $6-7 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
  - LHCf would be at about  $2 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
  - Still might need some additional contingency
- **Scenario 2:** At 5.52 Z TeV, **LHCb needs an additional ~15h of stable beams** to reach  $2 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  (need to add some hours for turnaround)

# First thoughts on tentative schedule


**For scenario 1: Same beam energy as in Pb-Pb, probably 7 Z TeV**

- O-O commissioning: 2-3 days
- O-O physics run: 1 day
  - Goal: above  $0.5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  in ALICE, ATLAS, CMS.
- p-O commissioning: 0.5 – 1 day
- p-O physics run: 2.5-3 days
  - Goal: above  $1.5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  in LHCf and  $2 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  in LHCb
- **Total: ~6-8 days**
  - Less physics time would still be useful

**For scenario 2 (5.52 ZTeV):**

- add 2-3 days of commissioning and 1-2 days of physics

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# Uncertainties and complications

- Large uncertainty on emittance and bunch intensity from injectors
  - Presented performance could go in both directions
- Assuming a good machine availability – any major fault in the LHC or the injectors would cause additional delays
- Oxygen beam transmutation effect under study – could potentially pollute the collisions

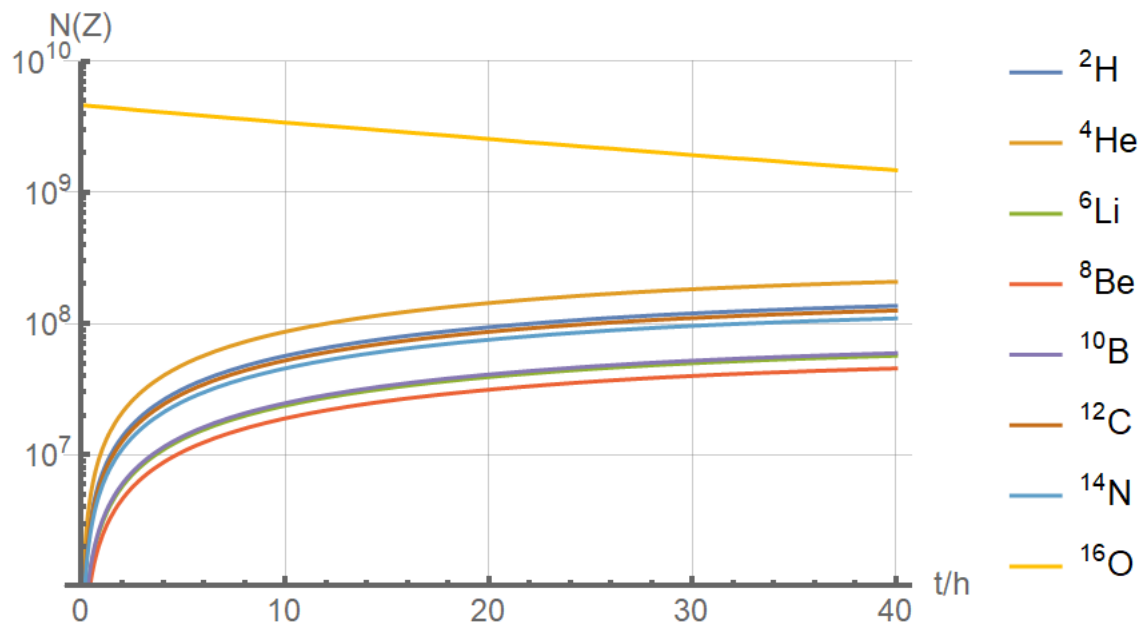


# Transmutation of O beam

- Electromagnetic dissociation and hadronic interactions in collisions can create nuclei with  $A=2Z$ , like initial  $^{16}\text{O}^{8+}$  and with small momentum recoil.
- Rigidity shift is small so they can potentially stay in beam.

$\delta$  (%) from mass only

$^2\text{H}$	0.737309
$^4\text{He}$	0.0969224
$^6\text{Li}$	0.283998
$^8\text{Be}$	0.0981555
$^{10}\text{B}$	0.161249
$^{12}\text{C}$	0.0318025
$^{14}\text{N}$	0.0537726
$^{16}\text{O}$	0.



**Very(!) preliminary estimates of upper limit** based on: EMD cross sections (RELDIS), rough approximations for hadronic contributions, luminosity evolution data.

**Collimation system can remove some** but not all of these nuclei.

Potential pollution of few % of O beam population by lighter nuclei, esp  $^{14}\text{N}$ .  
Collisions between, eg, C-O difficult to distinguish from peripheral OO events.

# Conclusions

- Studied various **options for a short LHC run, of about 1 week, with O-O and p-O**
  - **Motivated both by physics interest and for studying the machine performance** in view of future light-ion operation
  - Most efficient option is to **re-use the machine cycle of the previous Pb-Pb run at the same beam energy (possibly 7 Z TeV), using pilot beams** with single injections (below  $3 \times 10^{11}$  charges per beam)
- For this option, estimated **~2.5-4 days of commissioning and 3.5-4 days of running** to reach luminosity goals
  - Assuming good machine availability – any long faults will extend the schedule
  - **Large uncertainties on beam parameters apply** – performance and hence needed time directly affected
- If we run at lower energy, e.g. **at 5.52 Z TeV, expect some 3-5 days more total time**
- Points for further study
  - Optimization of filling schemes
  - Oxygen beam transmutation effect

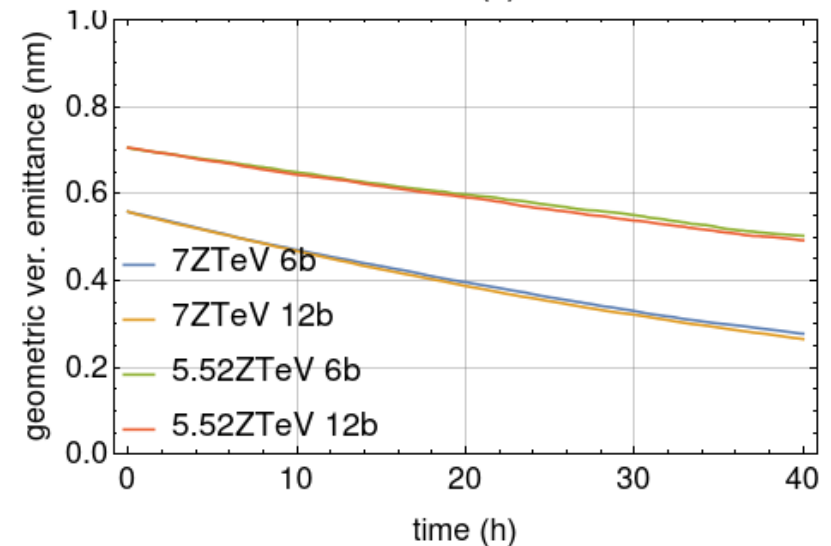
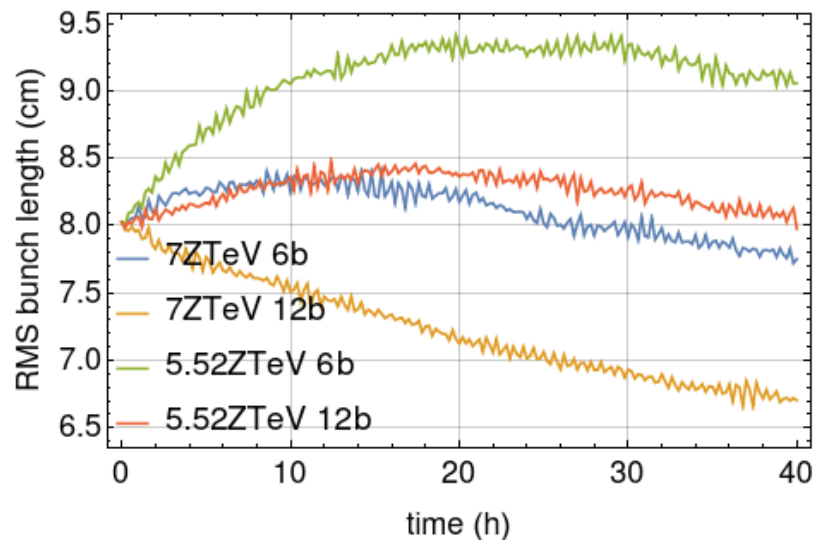
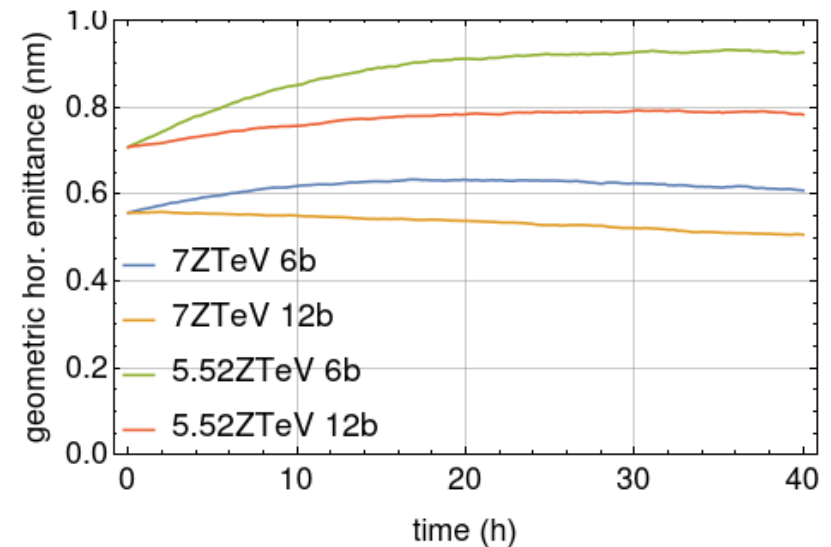
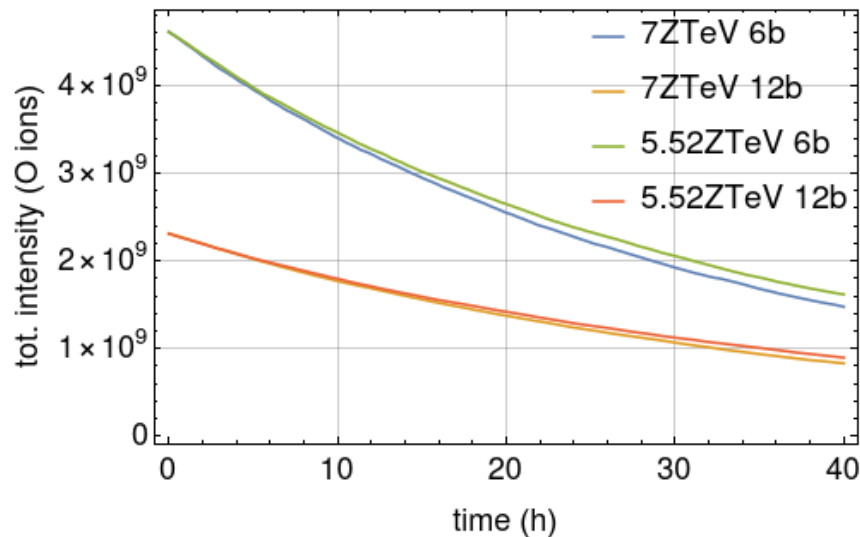


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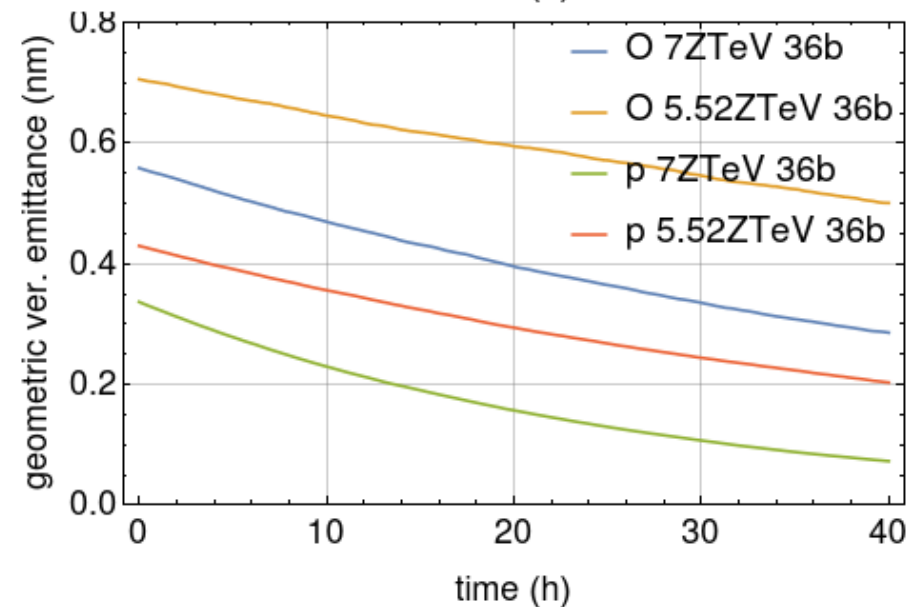
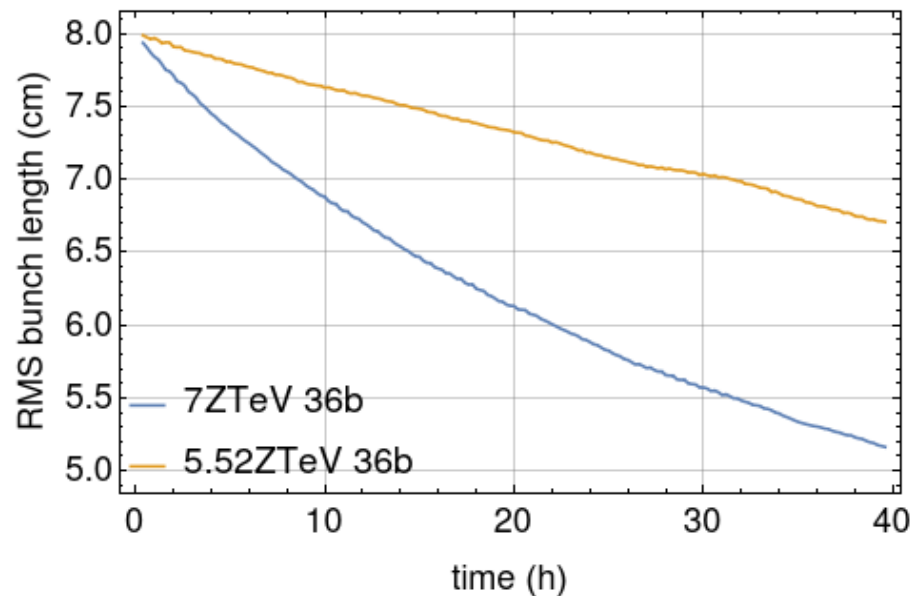
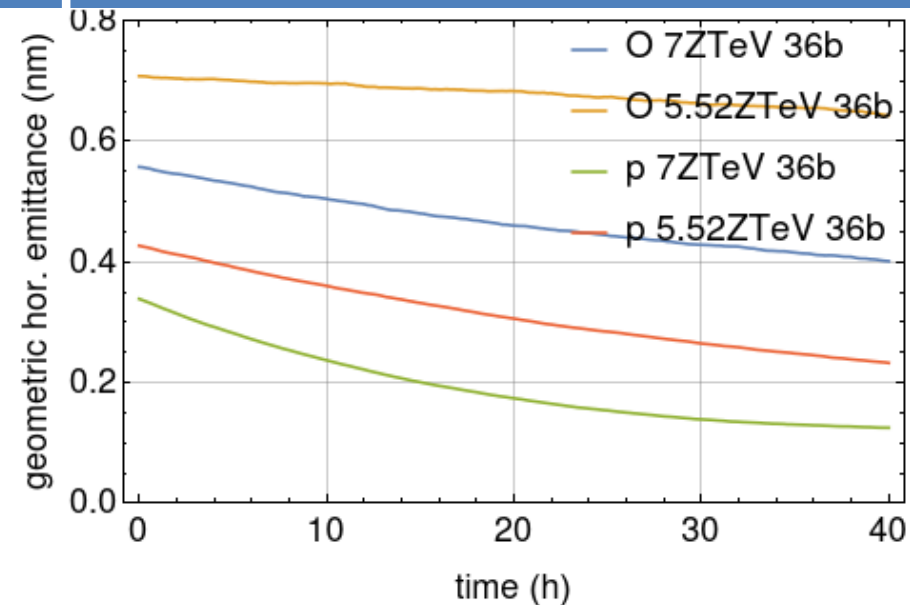
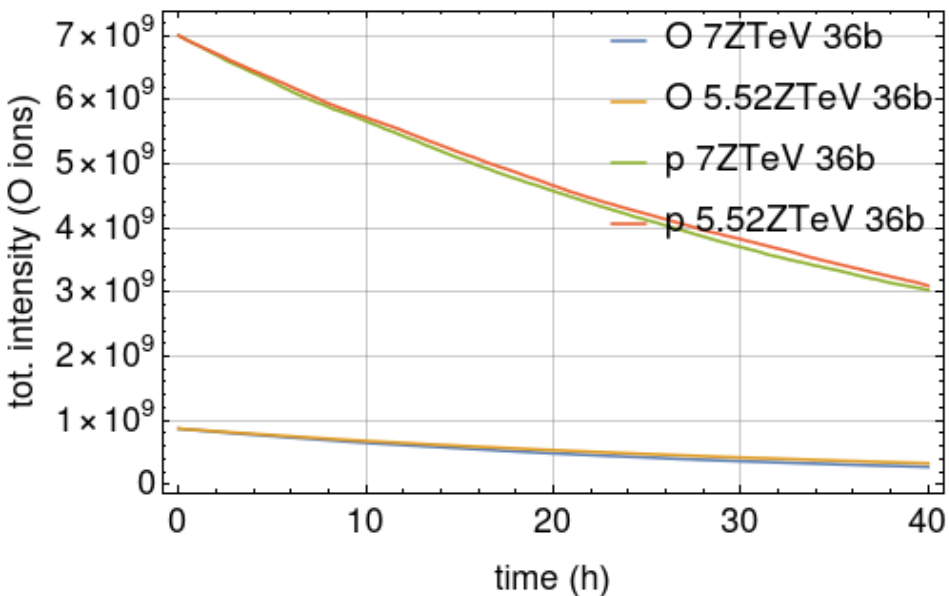
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# Results: O-O

## Beam evolution



# Results: p-O

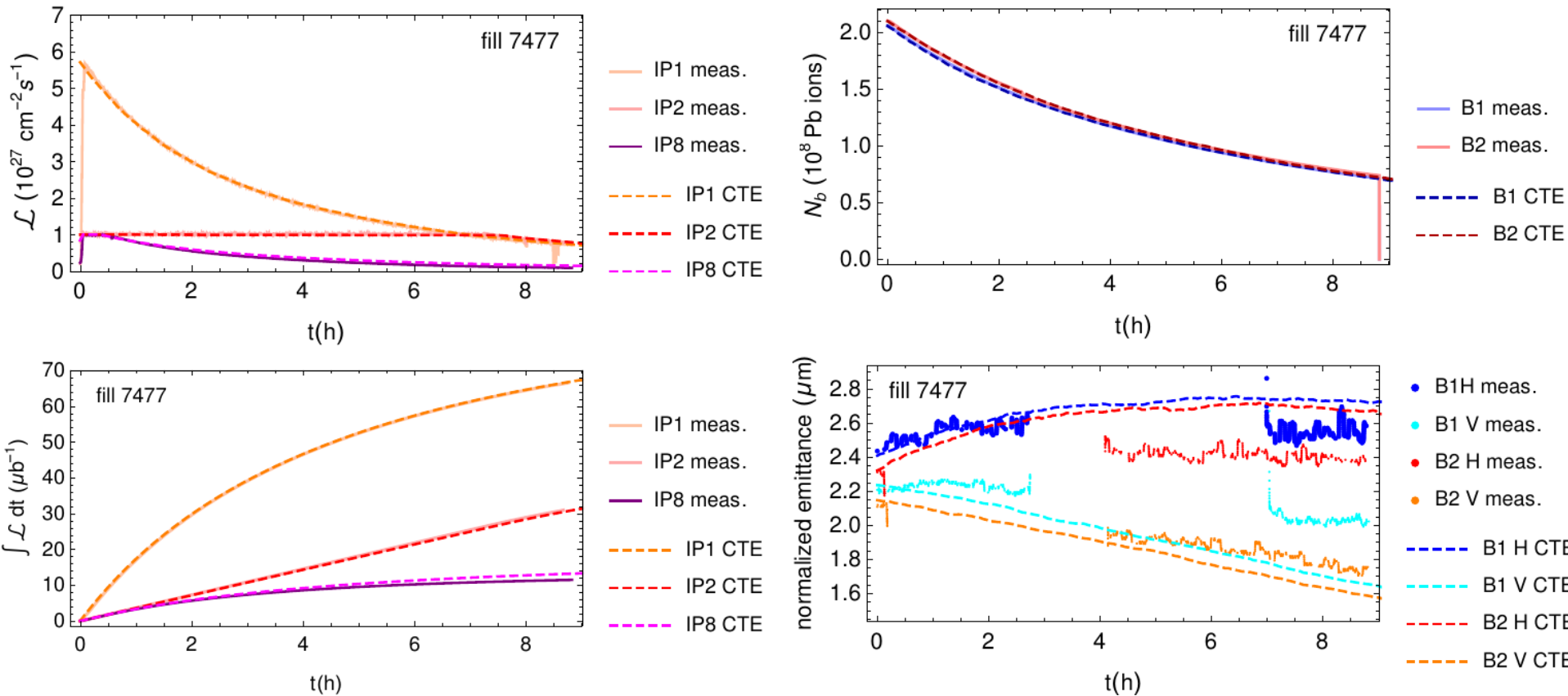


# O beam transmutation

- Broad spectrum of fragments created in nuclear collisions. Usually fragments cannot stay in the ring due to their charge-to-mass ratio
- New effect recently predicted: Nuclear breakup in oxygen collisions create fragments with the same charge-to-mass ratio as the main  $^{16}\text{O}^{8+}$  ions, e.g.  $^4\text{He}^{2+}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}^{4+}$ ,  $^{14}\text{N}^{7+}$
- These ions could potentially stay in the beam and pollute the collisions
  - To be investigated: are the kicks in energy and momentum from the scattering enough to make these particles impact on the aperture or collimators
- Effect is under study and the impact is still to be quantified

# Simulation benchmark

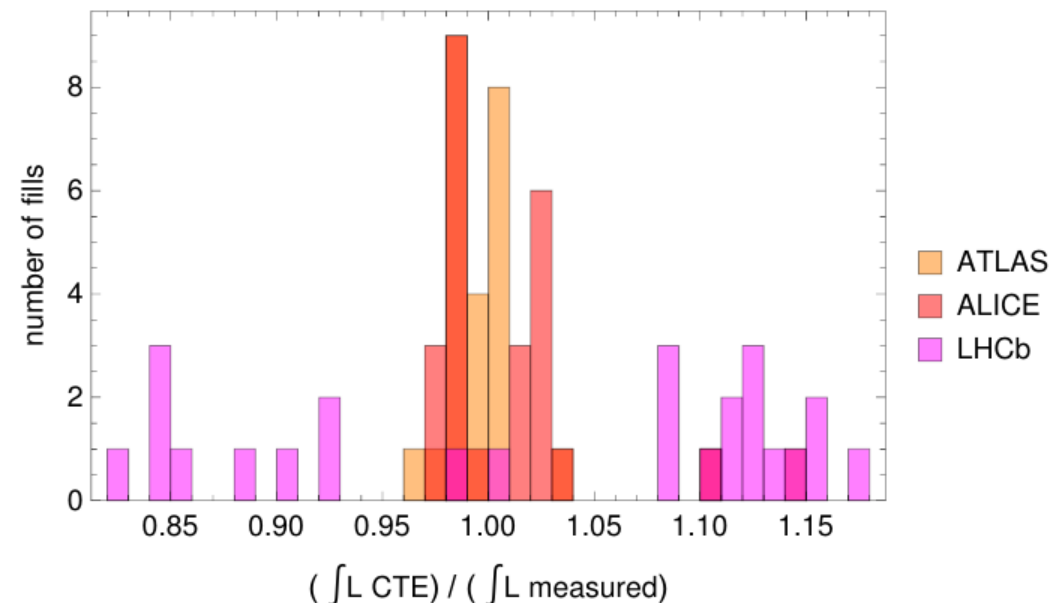
CTE simulation vs measurements of fill 7477, Pb-Pb @6.37 Z TeV, 2018





# Integrated Pb-Pb luminosity per fill

- Showing ratio of simulated/measured integrated luminosity in 30 stable-beam fills from 2018
- In general very good agreement
  - Large spread at LHCb not well understood. LHCb experts have doubts on the cross sections used for calibration



Ratio Sim./Meas.

	Mean	Std. dev.
ATLAS	1.00	0.03
ALICE	1.01	0.04
LHCb	1.02	0.12