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Instability observations in the LHC in special high- β^* runs

Typical beam conditions in the high-β* runs done for IP1 ATLAS/ALFA and **IP5** TOTEM/CMS

- IP1 and IP5 : $\beta^* = 90m$, ... 1000m, no crossing angle, colliding head-on
- Injection / end of ramp optics (including crossing angles, parallel separation on) in the rest of the machine
- small number of bunches
- absence of parasitic crossings
- very tight collimator settings





De-squeeze to $\beta^* = 1000$ m to get very parallel beams.

Beam-divergence at IP1&5 reduced 40× compared to normal physics to

0.7 µrad (0.7 mm spread in 1 km) **Primary Collimators down to** 2σ and **Roman Pot detectors very close to the beam** (0.87 mm, 3σ)





measure pp
scattering down to
~ 5 μrad, reaching the
Coulomb interference

region

(120 µrad in UA4 SPS) Fundamental measurements with major consequences $\sigma_{in} \approx 85$ mb (not 60 mb) at 7 TeV





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| Single_3b_2_2_wp_nLR | | |
|-------------------------|-------|---------------|
| nLR means no long range | | |
| 1 | 1 | pilot |
| 1001 | 1001 | |
| 9001 | 9911 | non colliding |
| 18851 | 18851 | |

Beam 1, 2 intensities, energy and β^* as a function of time over 23 h for the 1000 m runs on the 24 to 25 October.

3 bunches + 1 pilot each beam, one pair not colliding Evidence for instabilities : look at single bunch intensities



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Beam (solid lines) and beam 2 (dashed lines) bunch intensities beam sizes in σ in collimation convention, for $\epsilon_N = 3.5 \mu m$ normalized emittance octupoles at 208 Amps



bunch intensities, zoomed 22:00 to 3:00





Instability : seen on strongest non-colliding bunch (lack of Landau damping) shortly after moving the primary collimator to 2σ

and again at the end of the fill when beam2 was weak so that the damping from beam-beam head-on became insignificant

Other losses from scraping transverse tails



primary collimators, further zoomed 22:00 to 23:30





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bunch intensities, further zoomed 22:00 to 23:30





Backup





Observation of beam instabilities with very tight collimation

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Abstract : We report about the observation of instabilities in the LHC in special runs with high beta* and very tight collimation down to 2 sigma which increases the transverse impedance significantly. The losses appeared primarily on the highest intensity, non-colliding bunches which can be interpreted as evidence for insufficient Landau damping. We describe the beam conditions, observations and possible explanations for the observed effects.



Primary collimators 22:00 to 9:00







Beam intensities 22:00 to 9:00



