



I-LHC Project Overview and Status

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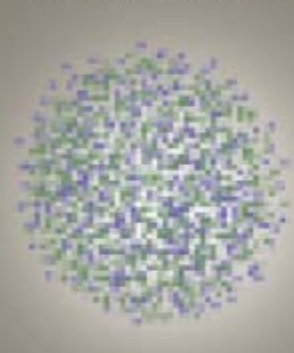
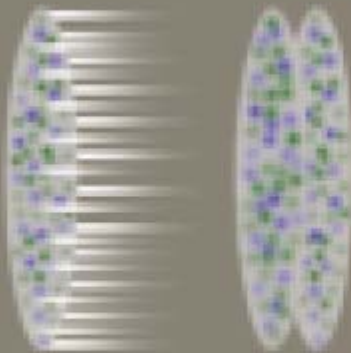
Initial state

Preequilibrium

Quark-gluon plasma
and
hydrodynamic
expansion

Hadronization

Hadronic phase
and freeze-out



Time





Heavy Ion Physics Parameters

		SPS	RHIC	LHC	
CM energy / nucleon	$\sqrt{s} / u / [\text{GeV}]$	17	200	5500	$\times 28$
Charged multiplicity	$\frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{dy}$	400	800	> 3000	challenge
Energy density	$\epsilon / [\text{GeV} / \text{fm}^3]$	3	5	15 – 60	denser
Freeze – out volume	V_f / fm^3	$\approx 10^3$	$\approx 10^4$	$\approx 10^5$	larger
QGP lifetime	$\tau_{\text{QGP}} / [\text{fm} / c]$	≤ 1	1.5 – 4	> 10	longer
Thermalization time	$\tau_0 / [\text{fm} / c]$	≥ 1	≈ 0.2	≤ 0.1	faster
	$\tau_{\text{QGP}} / \tau_0$	1	6	≥ 30	

With increasing energy, more partons are available, interact more effectively. Thermalized high-T phase established more quickly and lasts longer.



I-LHC Long-Term Planning

■ Baseline: Lead-Lead collisions

- “Early Pb Scheme” – much easier to achieve – for 2008 (and 2009?)
 - Allows study of performance limitations.
- “Nominal Pb Scheme” by 2009
 - Pb-Pb is perceived as posing the most difficult accelerator physics problems

■ Future “upgrades” not in Baseline:

- p-Pb collisions under study
 - Effects of revolution frequency difference at injection expected to be *much weaker* than at RHIC
- lighter ion-ion collisions (e.g. Ca, Ar, O, ...) appear possible without major upgrades, to be studied.



Nominal vs Early Ion Beam in LHC

■ Why Early Beam?

- Easier for injectors, shorter LHC filling time (4 min/ring)
- Keep nominal bunch population ($7 \cdot 10^7$ ions/bunch) to study limitations without risks
- A Luminosity of $L=5 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (lower by a factor 20) by fewer bunches (1/10) and $\beta^* = 1 \text{ m}$ (factor 1/2) useful for physics (early results)
- Improved Luminosity lifetime because of larger β^*



Nominal vs. Early Ion Beam: Key Parameters

Parameter	Units	Nominal	Early Beam
Energy per nucleon	TeV/n	2.76	2.76
Initial Luminosity L_0	$\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	$1 \cdot 10^{27}$	$5 \cdot 10^{25}$
No. bunches/bunch harmonic		592/891	62/66
Bunch spacing	ns	99.8	1350
β^*	m	0.5 (same as p)	1.0
Number of Pb ions/bunch		$7 \cdot 10^7$	$7 \cdot 10^7$
Transv. norm. RMS emittance	μm	1.5	1.5
Longitudinal emittance	eV s/charge	2.5	2.5
Luminosity half-life (1,2,3 expts.)	H	8, 4.5, 3	14, 7.5, 5.5



Electromagnetic Interactions of Heavy ions

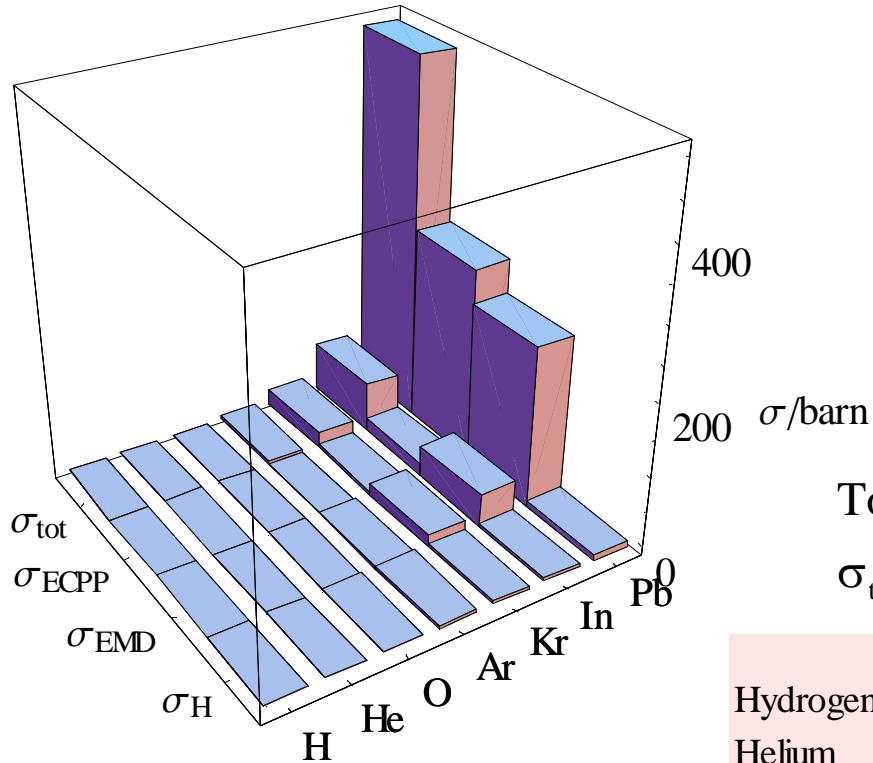
QED effects in the peripheral collisions of heavy ions		
Rutherford scattering:	$^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} + ^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} \xrightarrow{\gamma} ^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} + ^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+}$	Copious but harmless
Free pair production:	$^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} + ^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} \xrightarrow{\gamma} ^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} + ^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} + e^+ + e^-$	Copious but harmless
Electron capture by pair production (ECP)	$^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} + ^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} \xrightarrow{\gamma} ^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} + ^{208}\text{Pb}^{81+} + e^+$ Electron can be captured to a number of bound states, not only 1s.	Secondary beam out of IP, effectively off-momentum" $\delta_p = \frac{1}{Z-1} = 0.012$ for Pb
Electromagnetic Dissociation (EMD)	$^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} + ^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} \xrightarrow{\gamma} ^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+} + (^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+})^*$ \downarrow $^{207}\text{Pb}^{82+} + n$	Secondary beam out of IP, effectively off-momentum: $\delta_p = -\frac{1}{A-1} = -4.8 \times 10^{-3}$ for Pb

(Numerous other changes of ion charge and mass state happen at smaller rates.)

$$\delta(\Delta Q, \Delta A) \simeq \frac{1 + \Delta A/A}{1 + \Delta Q/Q} - 1$$



Nuclear cross sections



- Cross-section for Pb totally dominated by electromagnetic processes
- Values for non-Pb ions may need upward revision

BFPP(=ECPP) from Meier et al, Phys. Rev. A, **63**, 032713 (2001), calculation for Pb-Pb at LHC energy

Total cross - section for ion removal from beam

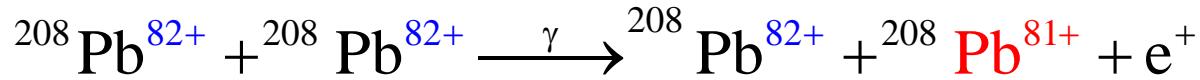
$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sigma_{\text{H}} + \sigma_{\text{EMD}} + \sigma_{\text{ECPP}}$$

	σ_{H}	σ_{EMD}	σ_{ECPP}	σ_{tot}
Hydrogen	0.105	0	4.25×10^{-11}	0.105
Helium	0.35	0.002	$1. \times 10^{-8}$	0.352
Oxygen	1.5	0.13	0.00016	1.63016
Argon	3.1	1.7	0.04	4.84
Krypton	4.5	15.5	3.	23.
Indium	5.5	44.5	18.5	68.5
Lead	8	225.	280.756	513.756

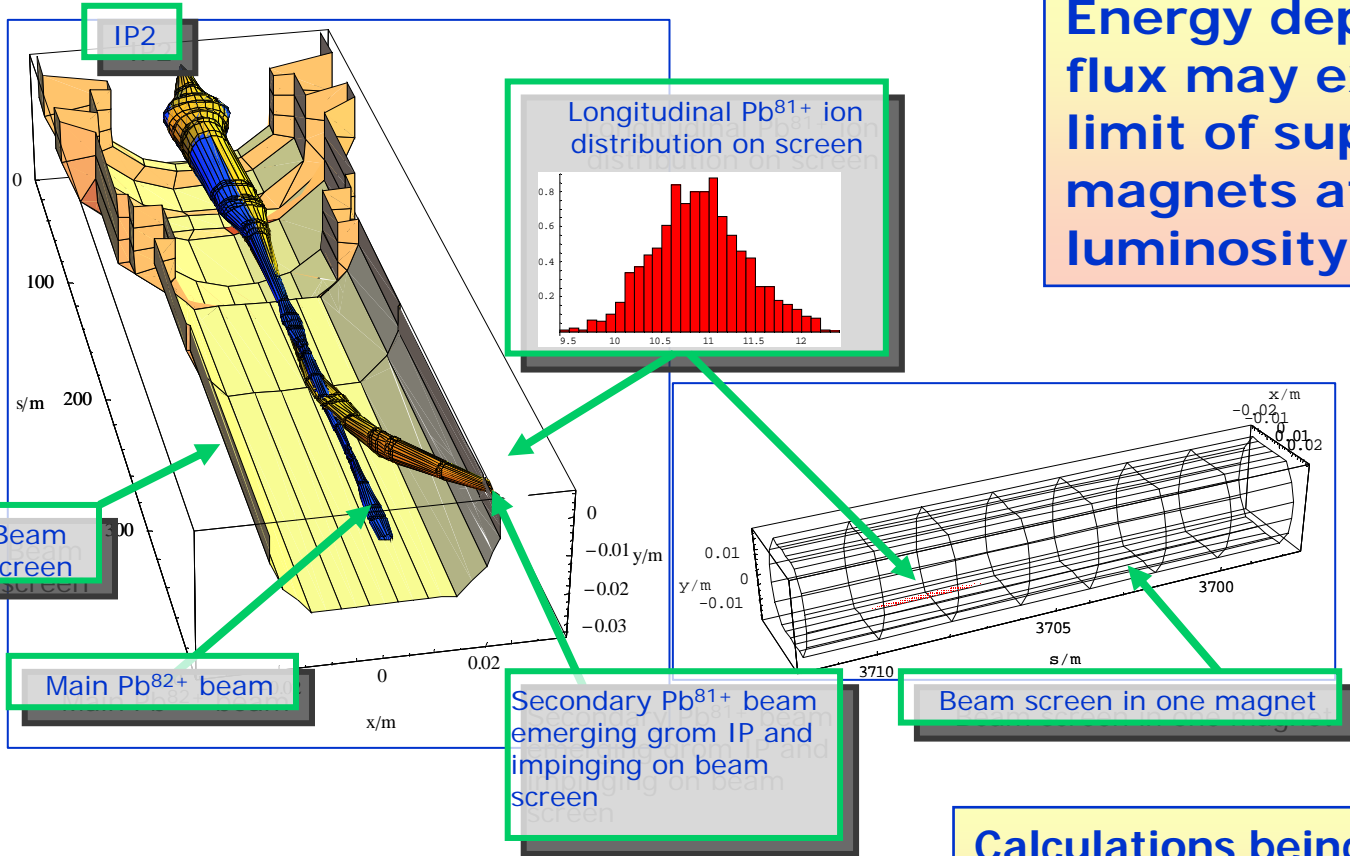
$$\delta(\Delta Q, \Delta A) \simeq \frac{1 + \Delta A/A}{1 + \Delta Q/Q} - 1$$



Luminosity Limit from BFPP



Energy deposition by ion flux may exceed quench limit of superconducting magnets at nominal luminosity.

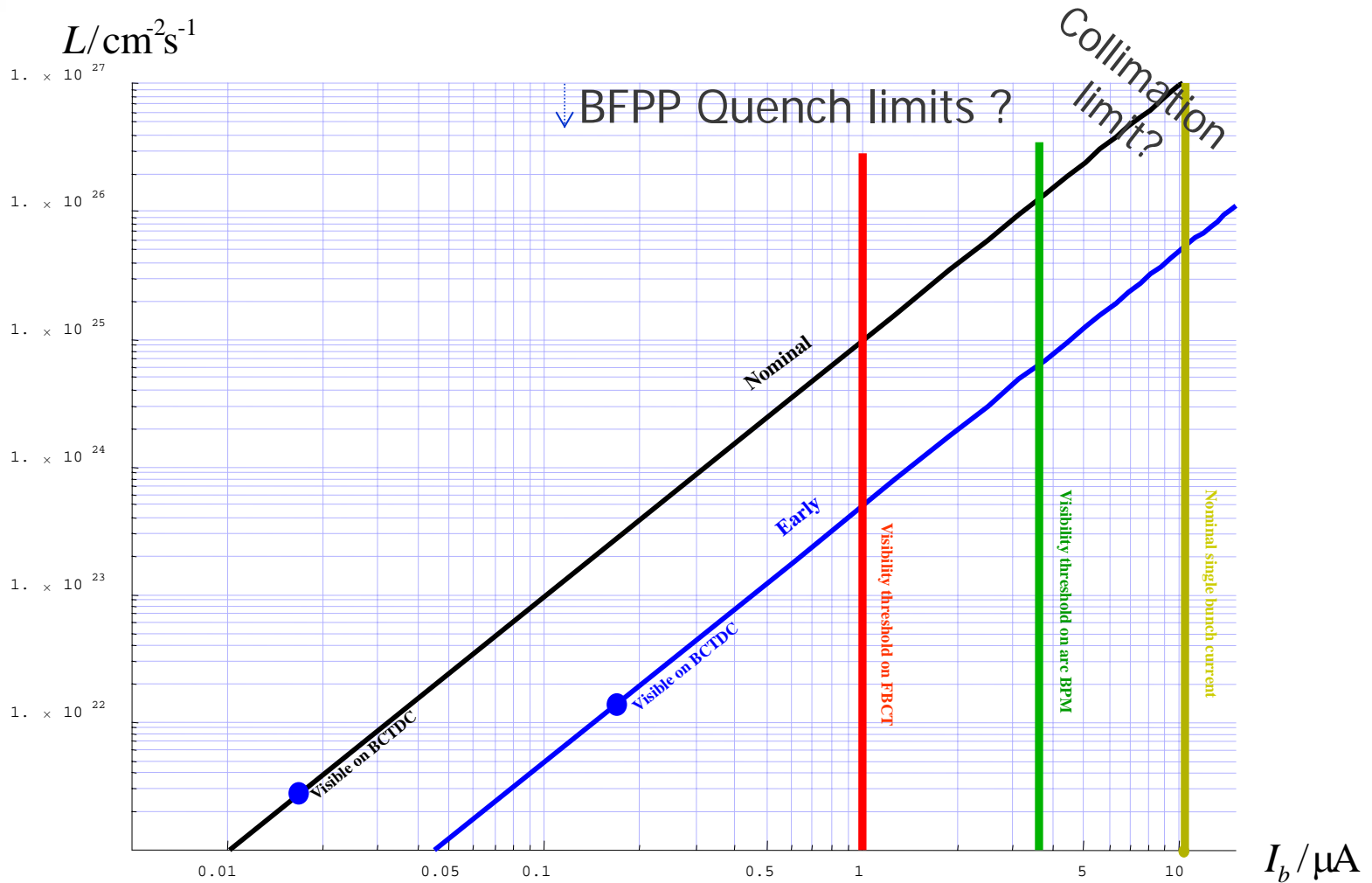


*See LHC Project Note 379,
New estimates for dipole quench limit*

Calculations being refined with new ion-matter interaction models in FLUKA



Operational Parameter Space for Pb Ions



Thresholds for visibility on BPMs and BCTs.



Optical Parameters at the IPs (Nominal)

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	IP1	IP2	IP5	IP8	IP1.L1
β_x/m	0.55	0.5	0.55	10.	0.55
β_y/m	0.55	0.5	0.55	10.	0.55
x_c/mm	1.1×10^{-9}	-3.59×10^{-9}	0.5	-3.18×10^{-9}	1.1×10^{-9}
y_c/mm	-0.5	5.77×10^{-9}	2.08×10^{-9}	-0.5	-0.5
$p_{xc}/\mu rad$	-2.95×10^{-6}	2.63×10^{-6}	142.	-210.	-2.95×10^{-6}
$p_{yc}/\mu rad$	143.	-10.	-7.9×10^{-6}	-1.81×10^{-7}	143.

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β_x/m	0.55	0.5	0.55	10.	0.55
β_y/m	0.55	0.5	0.55	10.	0.55
x_c/mm	4.11×10^{-9}	3.94×10^{-9}	0.5	-2.43×10^{-8}	4.11×10^{-9}
y_c/mm	-0.5	-6.01×10^{-9}	-2.72×10^{-9}	0.5	-0.5
$p_{xc}/\mu rad$	-2.79×10^{-6}	5.5×10^{-6}	-142.	210.	-2.79×10^{-6}
$p_{yc}/\mu rad$	-142.	10.	-0.0000107	-2.69×10^{-6}	-142.



Optical Parameters at the IPs (Early)

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β_x/m	2.	1.	2.	10.	2.
β_y/m	2.	1.	2.	10.	2.
x_c/mm	-1.11×10^{-9}	2.29×10^{-9}	0.322	1.78×10^{-9}	3.08×10^{-9}
y_c/mm	-0.322	2.78×10^{-9}	3.61×10^{-10}	-2.	-0.322
$p_{xc}/\mu rad$	2.37×10^{-6}	-1.83×10^{-6}	92.	-170.	1.86×10^{-6}
$p_{yc}/\mu rad$	92.	-2.13×10^{-6}	-1.98×10^{-6}	8.67×10^{-7}	92.

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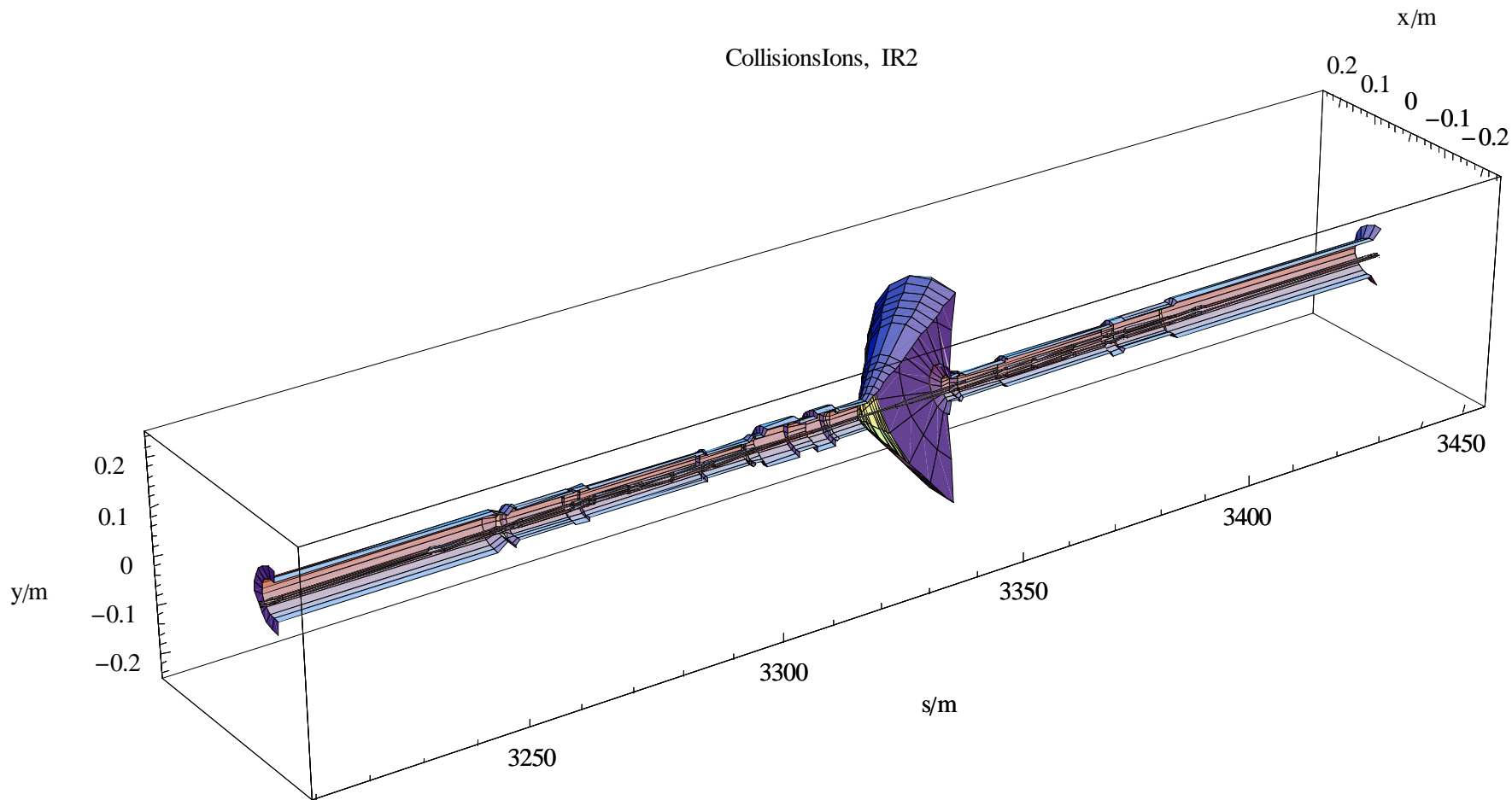
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β_x/m	2.	1.	2.	10.	2.
β_y/m	2.	1.	2.	10.	2.
x_c/mm	3.94×10^{-9}	3.09×10^{-9}	0.322	-8.36×10^{-9}	3.94×10^{-9}
y_c/mm	-0.322	-4.5×10^{-9}	-5.35×10^{-9}	2.	-0.322
$p_{xc}/\mu rad$	-1.74×10^{-6}	1.11×10^{-8}	-92.	170.	-1.74×10^{-6}
$p_{yc}/\mu rad$	-92.	-3.55×10^{-7}	-1.07×10^{-6}	-1.13×10^{-6}	-92.



Beams crossing inside LHC aperture, Nominal, IR2

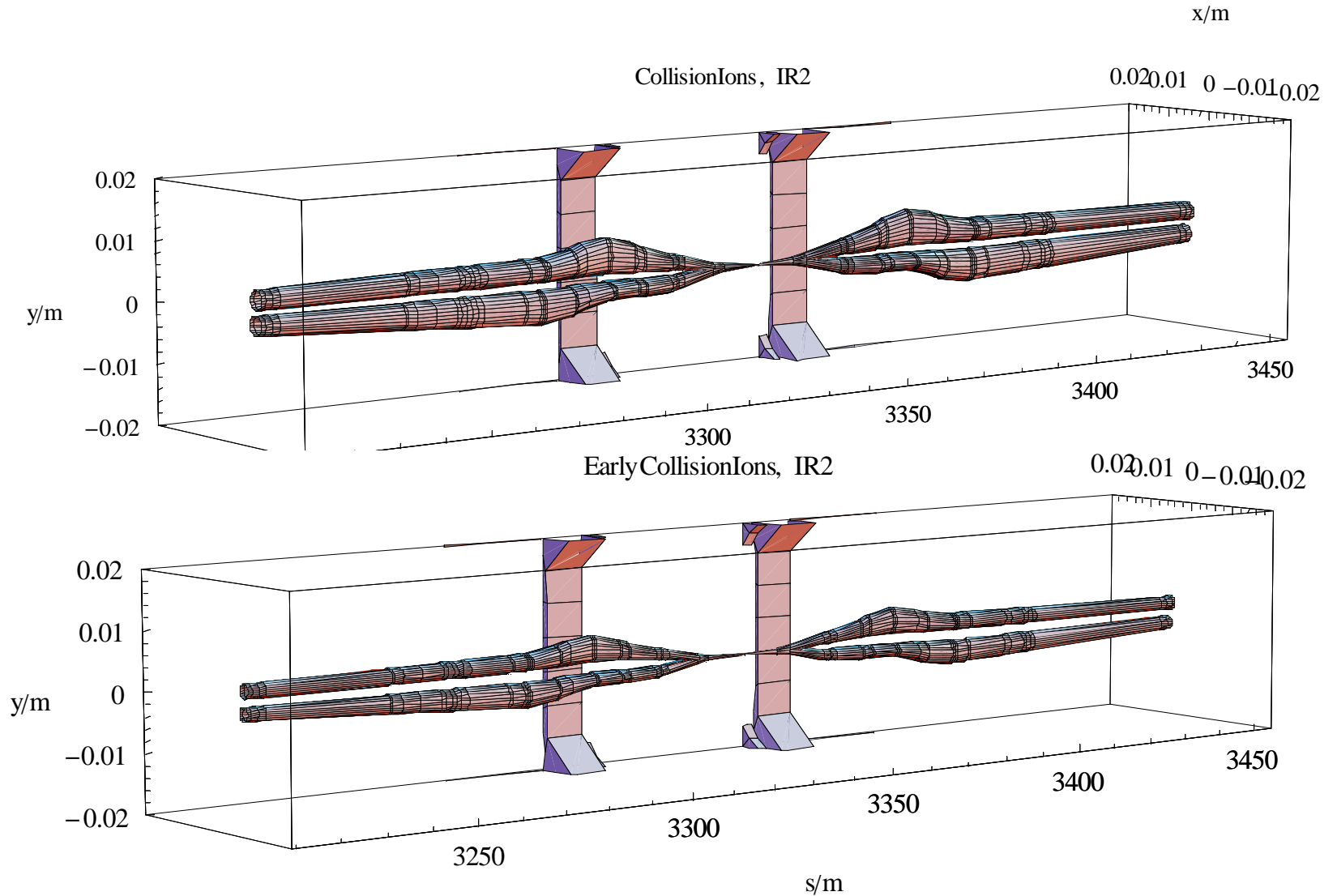
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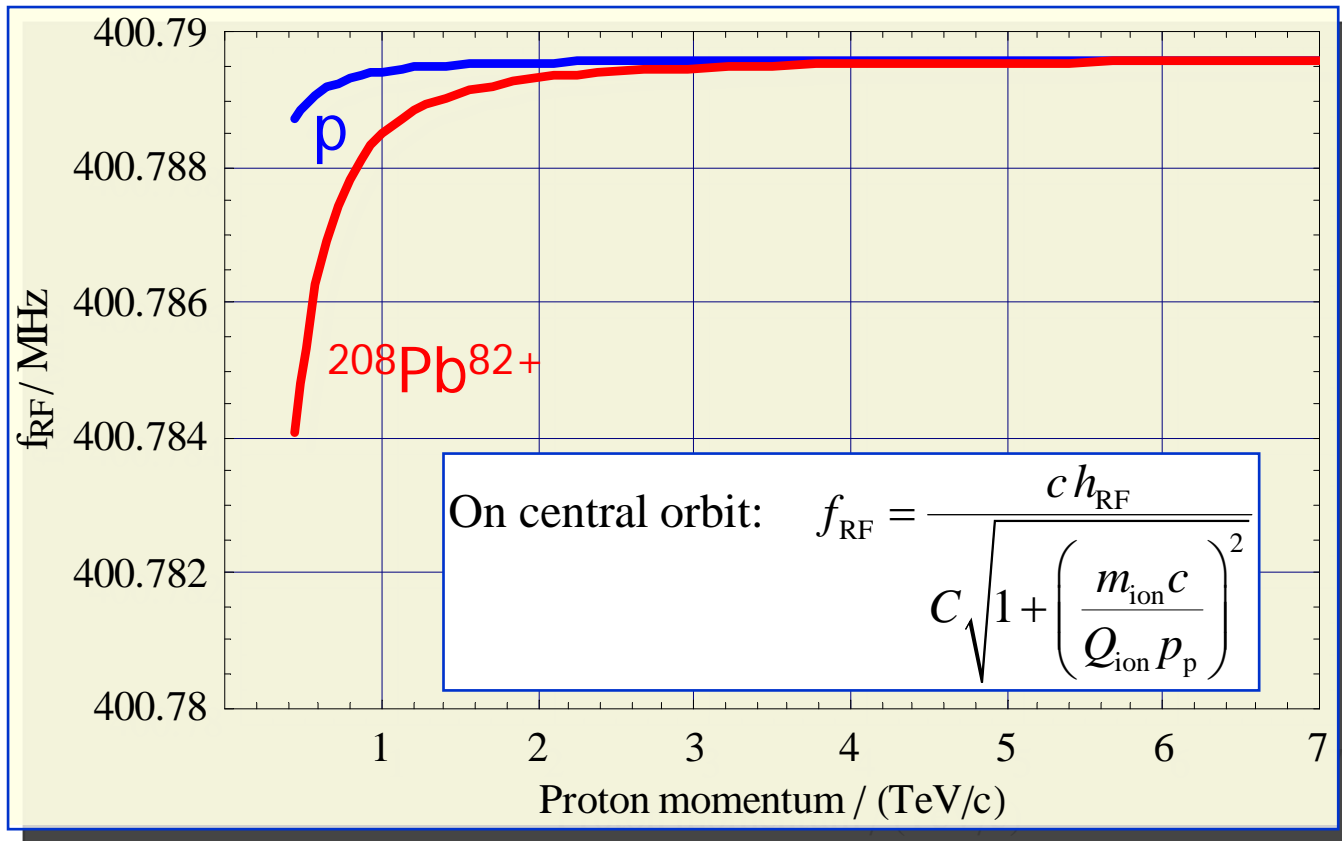
Beams crossing, Nominal+EARLY, IR2 (2σ beam)

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RF



- Larger frequency swing than with protons, no problem
- Different bunch filling schemes
- RF noise to be clarified (SPS MD to test continuous use)
- Needed to blow-up longitudinal emittance at collision energy (IBS)



Optics for the Early and Nominal Ion Schemes

- Same *geometrical* transverse beam size and emittance
 - Optics, dynamic aperture, mechanical acceptance, etc. similar to protons.
- Injection and ramp done with **exactly the same** optics, orbits, corrections, etc. as for protons
 - Should shorten ion commissioning time considerably!
- Colliding in ATLAS, CMS \Rightarrow same squeeze as protons
- Leave IR8 in injection configuration
- Main difference is that IR2 is squeezed to $\beta^* = 2.,1.,0.5$ m
 - May - or may not - be operationally convenient to commission the ion optics first with low-intensity protons.
- Crossing angle at IP2 (1,5?) may be small (includes ALICE muon spectrometer, details in Design Report)
 - Aperture requirements somewhat relaxed w.r.t. protons
 - Operational time for polarity reversals



Plan for Commissioning LHC Rings with Lead Ions (1)

- Assume that protons can be collided
 - Injection, ramp, squeeze (where applicable) are set up
- Re-commission injection and first turns with single ion “pilot” bunch (close to nominal intensity)
 - Adjust BST
 - Energy matching to different SPS cycle, each ring
 - Should go quickly (magnetic reproducibility...)
 - Deal with any difference of geometric beam size from protons (collimator settings, etc.)
- Set up RF and capture (“few shifts”), instrumentation



Plan for Commissioning LHC Rings with Lead Ions (2)

■ Re-commission ramp

- Should also go quickly (magnetic reproducibility again)
- Deal with any difference of geometric beam size from protons (collimator settings, etc.)

■ Commission squeeze of IP2 (if applicable)

- Including crossing angle with ALICE spectrometer bump
- (Alignment of IR2 triplet quadrupoles?)
- Could take a few days (see experience with IP1 and IP5)

■ Collide Pb-Pb

- Re-optimise collimation (how?), measurements, etc.

Need to review time requirements with proton experience.

Provide > 4 weeks of physics with Early Scheme for ALICE, ATLAS, CMS.

Don't forget MD time (→ **Nominal Scheme**) with Pb ions



Synchrotron Radiation

- LHC is the first *proton* storage ring in which synchrotron radiation plays a noticeable role, (mainly as a heat load on the cryogenic system)
- It is also the first *heavy ion* storage ring in which synchrotron radiation has significant effects on beam dynamics.
 - Surprisingly, perhaps, some of these effects are **stronger for lead ions than for protons.**
 - Nucleus radiates coherently:

Synchrotron radiation loss per turn

$$U = \frac{4 \pi r_{\text{ion}} E_{\text{ion}}^4}{3 c^6 m_{\text{ion}}^3 \rho} = \frac{4 \pi Z^2 r_p E_{\text{ion}}^4}{3 c^6 A^4 m_p^3 \rho}, \quad E_{\text{ion}} = \frac{Z}{A} E_p$$



Synchrotron Radiation

- Scaling with respect to protons
in same ring, same magnetic field

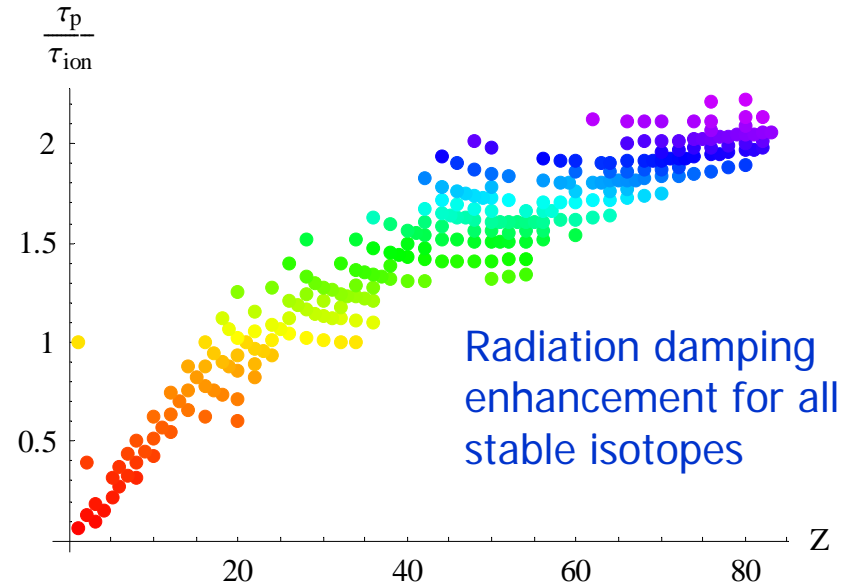
$$\frac{U_{\text{ion}}}{U_{\text{p}}} \simeq \frac{Z^6}{A^4} \simeq 162,$$

$$\frac{N_{\text{ion}}}{N_{\text{p}}} \simeq \frac{Z^3}{A} \simeq 2651,$$

$$\frac{u_{\text{ion}}^c}{u_{\text{p}}^c} \simeq \frac{Z^3}{A^3} \simeq 0.061,$$

$$\frac{\tau_{\text{ion}}}{\tau_{\text{p}}} \simeq \frac{A^4}{Z^5} \simeq 0.5$$

- Radiation damping for Pb is twice as fast as for protons
 - Many very soft photons
 - Critical energy in visible spectrum



Lead is (almost) best, deuteron is worst.

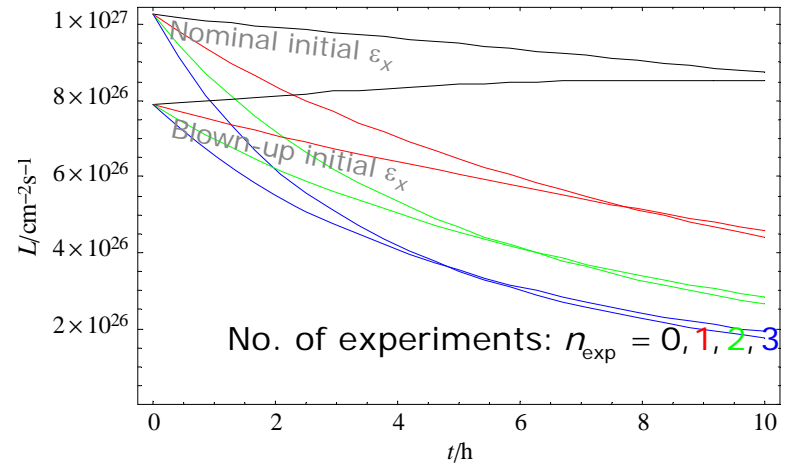
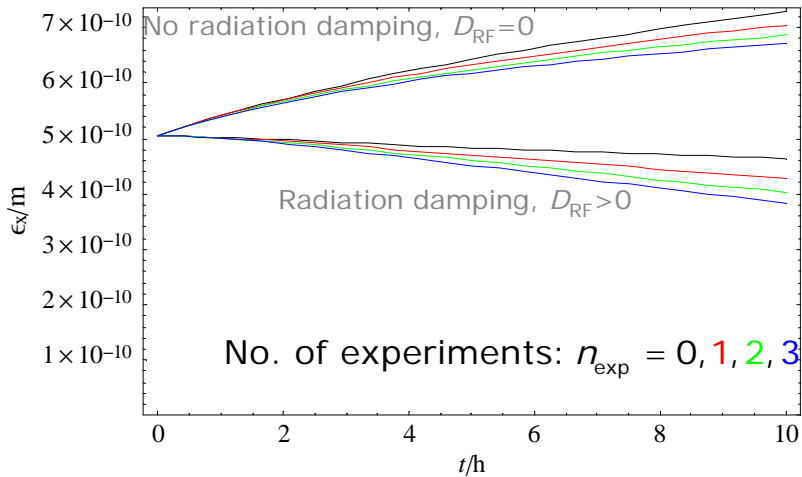
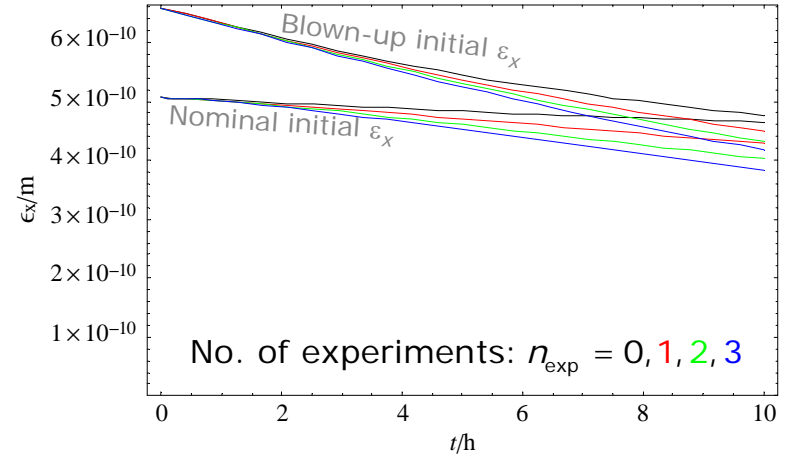


Evolution during a fill

$$\dot{N}_b(t) = - \underbrace{\left(\sum_g n_g \sigma_{bg} \right) v_b N_b(t)}_{\text{beam-gas}} - \underbrace{\frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}} n_{\text{exp}} f_0 N_b(t)^2}{4\pi \beta^* \epsilon_x}}_{\text{luminosity burn-off}}$$

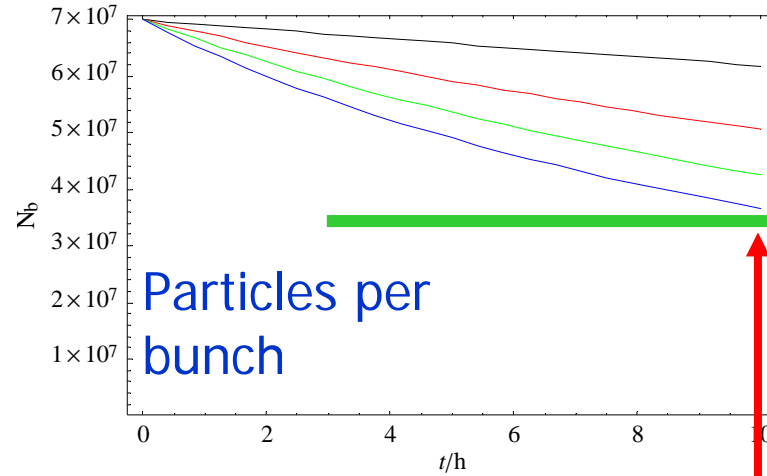
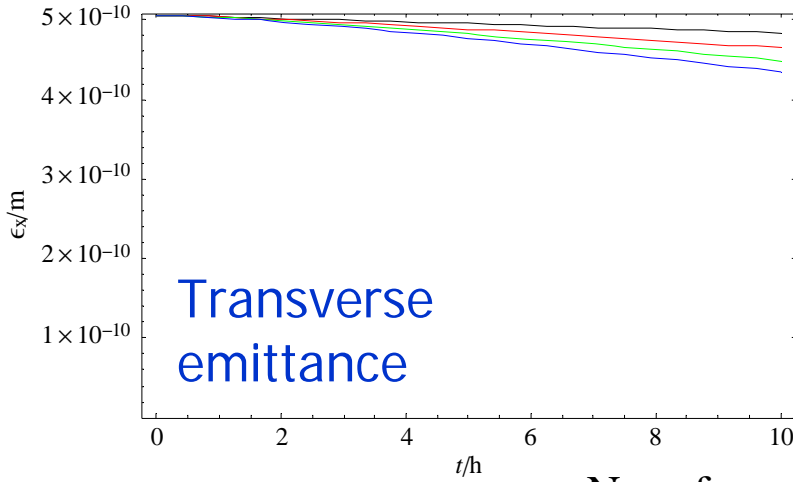
$$\dot{\epsilon}_x(t) = \frac{\epsilon_x(t)}{T_{\text{IBSx}}(N_b(t), \epsilon_x(t), \epsilon_l(t))} - \frac{2\epsilon_x(t)}{\tau_x}$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}_l(t) = \frac{\epsilon_x(t)}{\underbrace{T_{\text{IBS}l}(N_b(t), \epsilon_x(t), \epsilon_l(t))}_{\text{Bj-M in MAD, full lattice}}} - \underbrace{\frac{4\epsilon_l(t)}{\tau_x}}_{\text{radiation damping}} + \underbrace{D_{\text{RF}}(t)}_{\text{Injected RF noise}}$$





Luminosity evolution during a fill: Early scheme



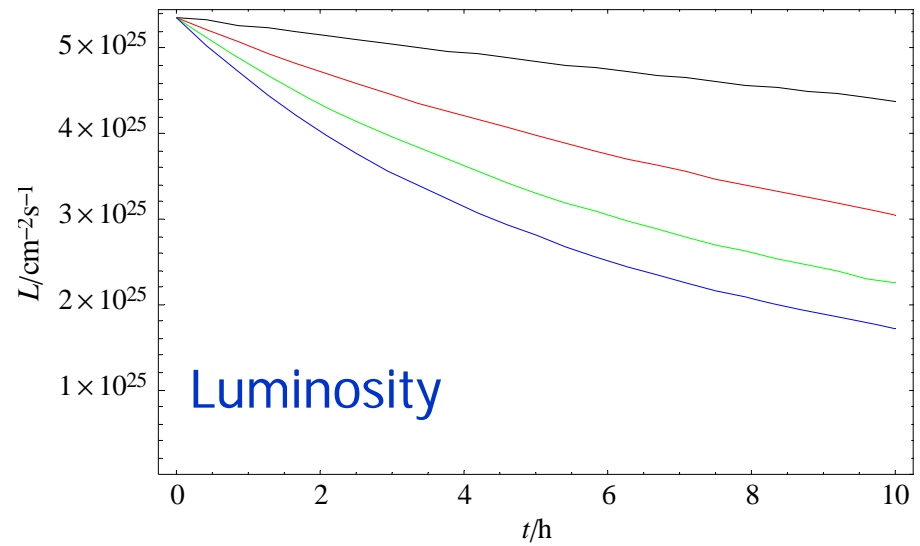
Arc BPM visibility threshold

No. of experiments: $n_{exp} = 0, 1, 2, 3$

Increasing number of experiments reduces beam and luminosity lifetime *but* we can still keep fills for a long time (useful if turn-round time is long).

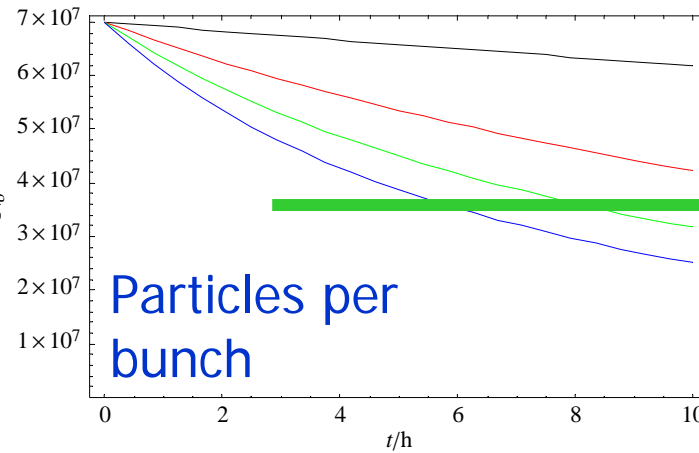
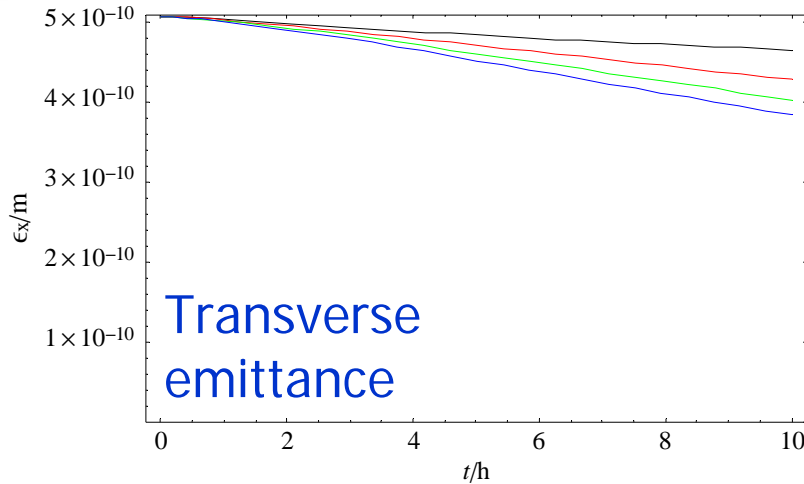
Assuming good vacuum conditions, but including all effects.

$\beta^* = 1 \text{ m}$





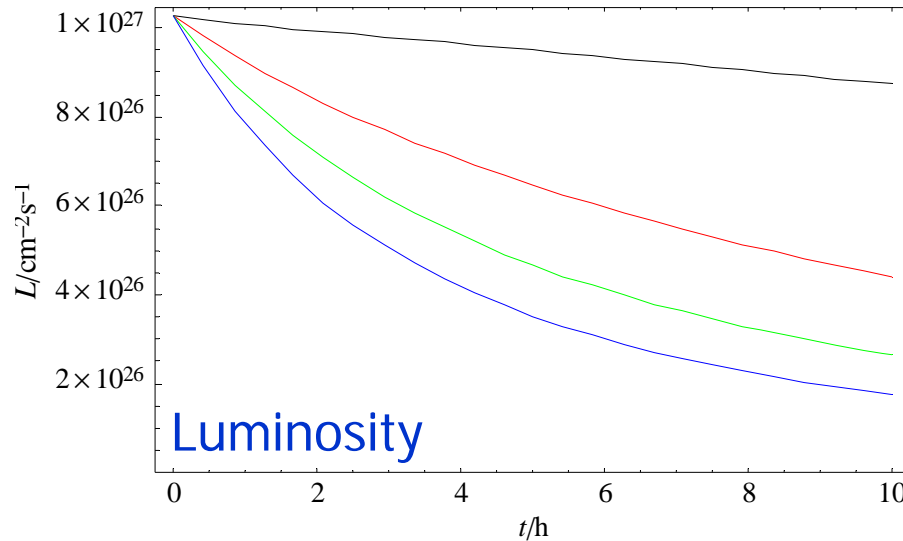
Luminosity evolution: Nominal scheme



BPM
visibility
threshold

No. of experiments: $n_{\text{exp}} = 0, 1, 2, 3$

An "ideal" fill,
starting from
design
parameters
giving nominal
luminosity.



Increasing number
of experiments
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luminosity lifetime.



Summary

- I-LHC Project remains on track for Pb-Pb collisions with “Early Scheme” at end 2008
 - See talk by S. Maury at Chamonix 2006
 - No serious performance limits expected
- Move towards Pb-Pb nominal parameters from 2009
 - Various performance limits, including collimation
- This is just the first step in the ion programme



Conclusions

- US DOE/NSAC Review 2004:
 - “LHC will open up a new regime of ultra-relativistic heavy-ion physics with significant opportunities for new discoveries.”
- Added-value for the world-wide investment in LHC.
- Operation of LHC with lead ions limited by new effects, qualitatively different from protons
 - Several effects important around design luminosity.
 - Challenge to achieve design luminosity.
- Extensive future programme, colliding p-Pb, Ar-Ar, O-O, p-Ar, p-O, ... with further challenges.