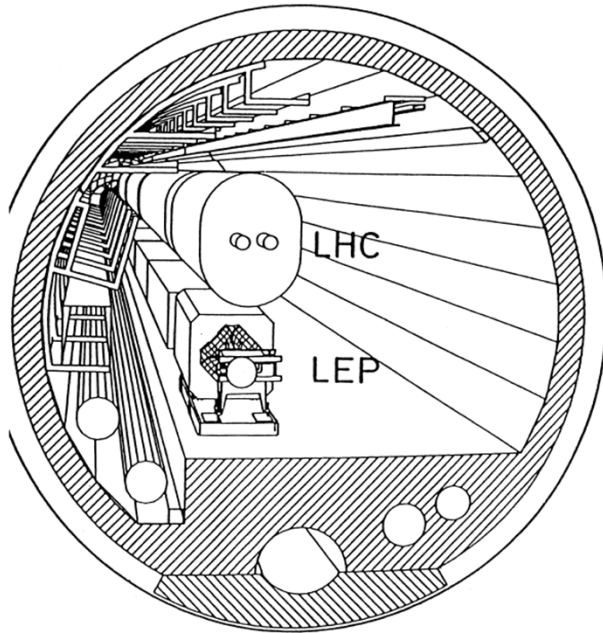


LHC - challenges in handling beams exceeding 140 MJ

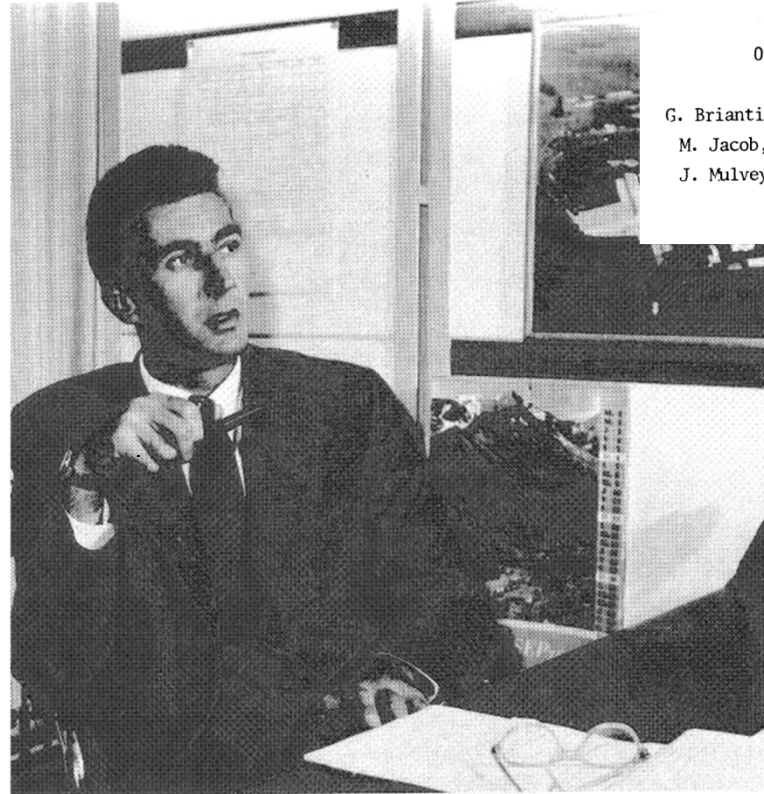


LARGE HADRON COLLIDER
IN THE LEP TUNNEL

Vol. I

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ECFA-CERN WORKSHOP

held at Lausanne and Geneva,
21-27 March 1984



Organizing Committee

G. Brianti, CERN; W. Hoogland, NIKHEF;
M. Jacob, CERN; C. Joseph, Lausanne
J. Mulvey, Oxford; C. Rubbia, CERN
J. Sacton, Brussels

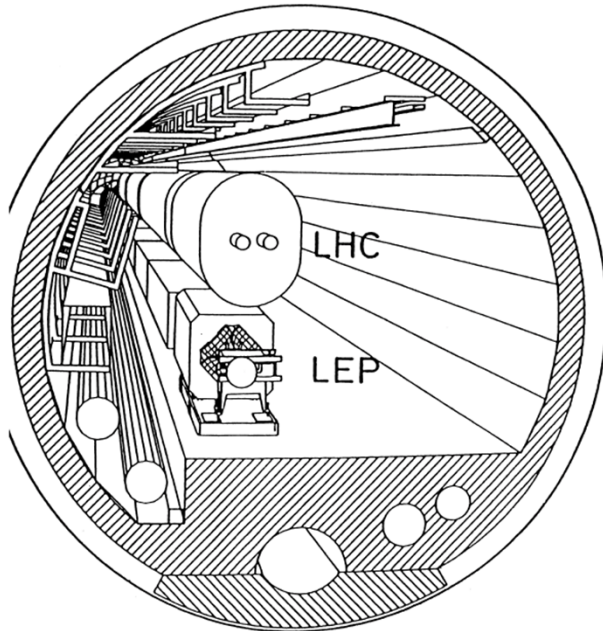
These Proceedings are dedicated

HB2012

Institute of High Energy Physics, Beijing
September 17-21, 2012

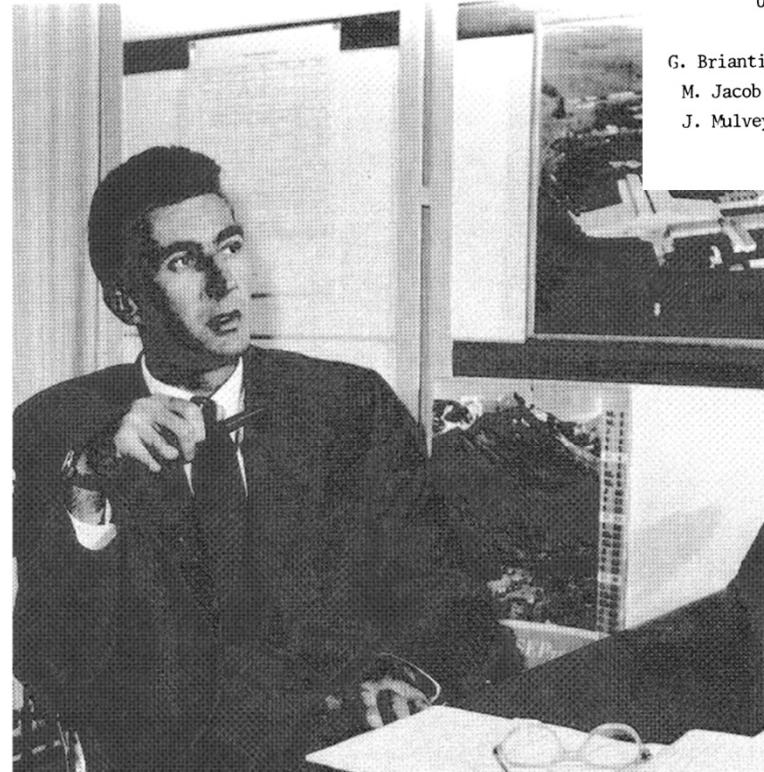


Rüdiger Schmidt, CERN
17 September 2012



LARGE HADRON COLLIDER
IN THE LEP TUNNEL

Vol. I



Organizing Committee

G. Brianti, CERN; W. Hoogland, NIKHEF;
M. Jacob, CERN; C. Joseph, Lausanne
J. Mulvey, Oxford; C. Rubbia, CERN
J. Sacton, Brussels

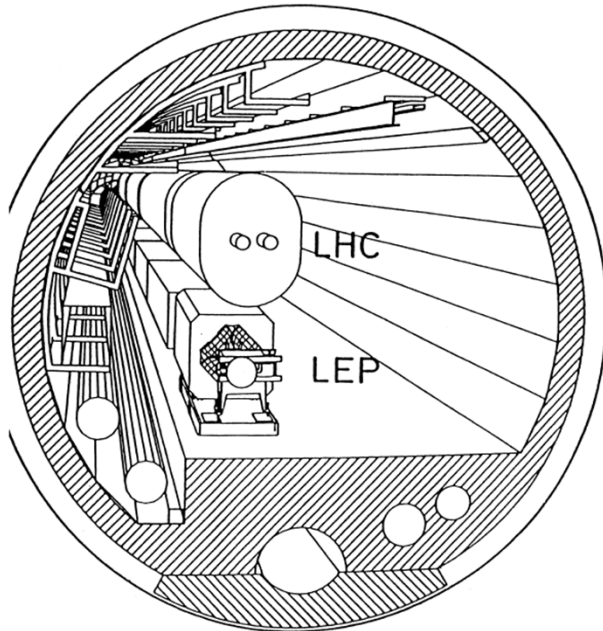
Introduction to the LHC and its challenges

Machine protection and collimation

Operational cycle and observations

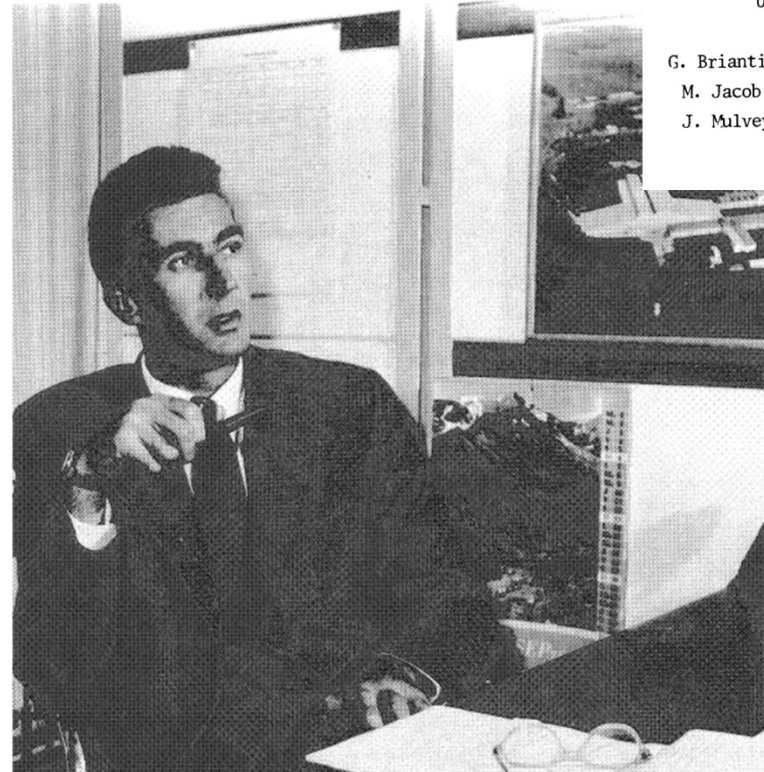
Final remarks

also be big enough to accommodate another ring of magnets.



LARGE HADRON COLLIDER
IN THE LEP TUNNEL

Vol. I



Organizing Committee

G. Brianti, CERN; W. Hoogland, NIKHEF;
M. Jacob, CERN; C. Joseph, Lausanne
J. Mulvey, Oxford; C. Rubbia, CERN
J. Sacton, Brussels

This presentation is an introduction to LHC challenges, details are presented in a large number of presentation on LHC and its Injectors during this workshop

This presentation is on behalf of the large team working on LHC and its injectors. Acknowledgements to many colleagues for their help and material.

also be big enough to accommodate another ring of magnets.

Nominal

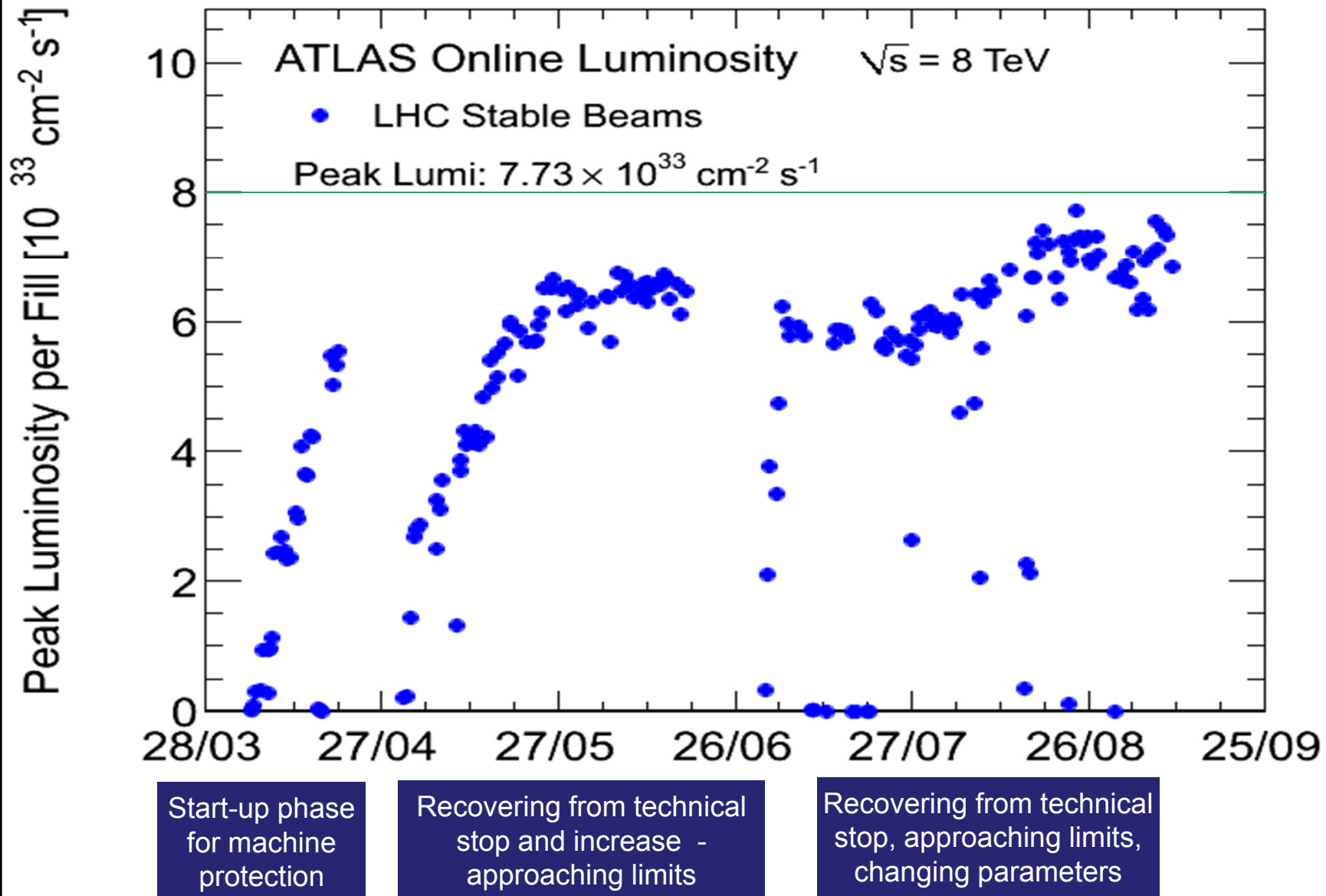
- Proton momentum: **7 TeV/c**
- Peak Luminosity: **10^{34} [cm⁻²s⁻¹]**
- Stored energy/beam: **2808 bunches (25 ns): 362 MJoule**

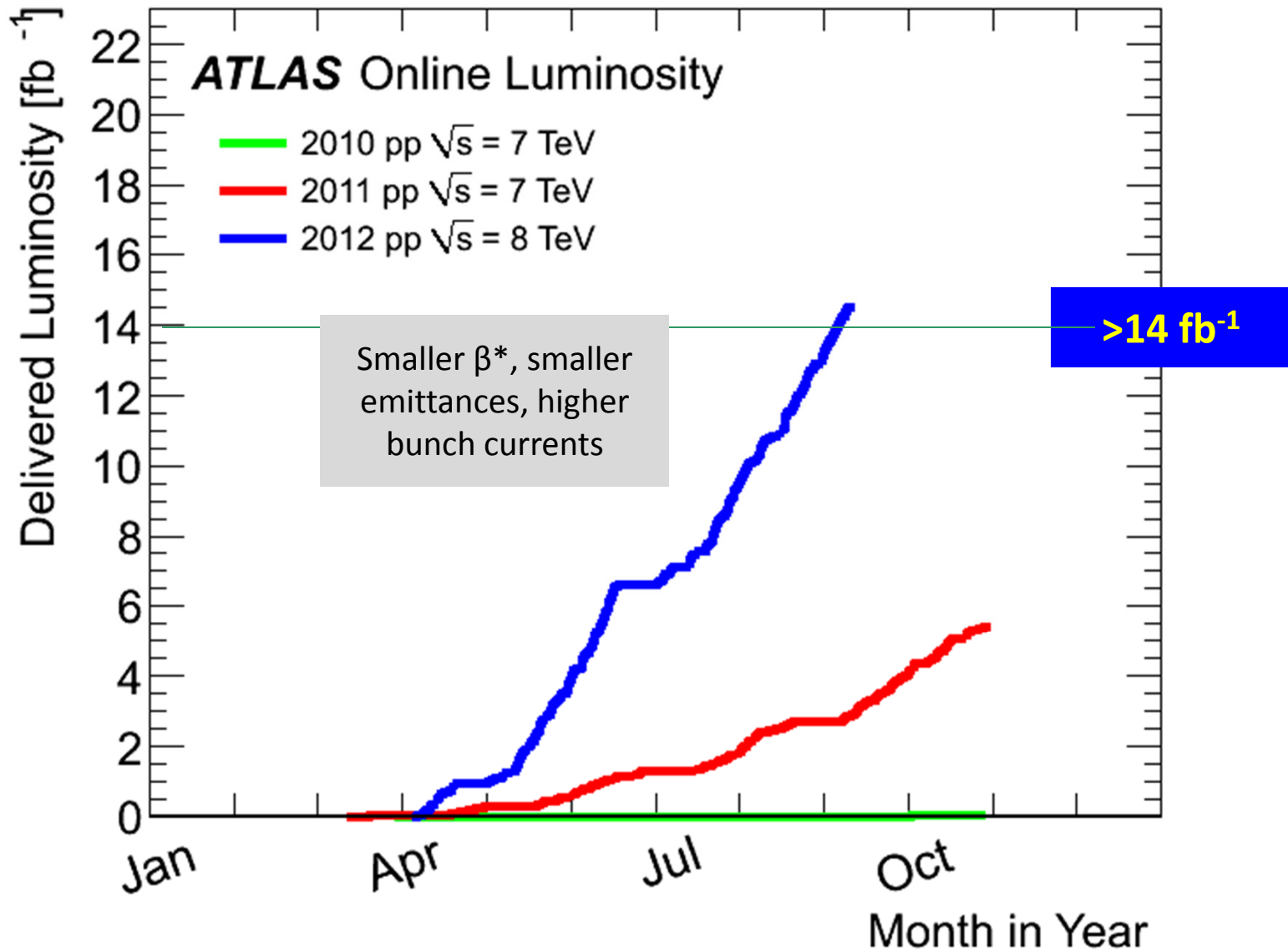
Operation in 2008-2011

- LHC start of beam operation in 2008, followed by the accident
- LHC re-start of beam operation limited to 3.5 TeV in 2009
- Successful operation in 2010 and 2011 at 3.5 TeV

Operation in 2012

- Proton momentum: **4 TeV/c**
- Peak Luminosity: **$7.7 \cdot 10^{33}$ [cm⁻²s⁻¹]**
- Stored energy/beam: **1380 bunches (50 ns): 140 MJoule**







excellent

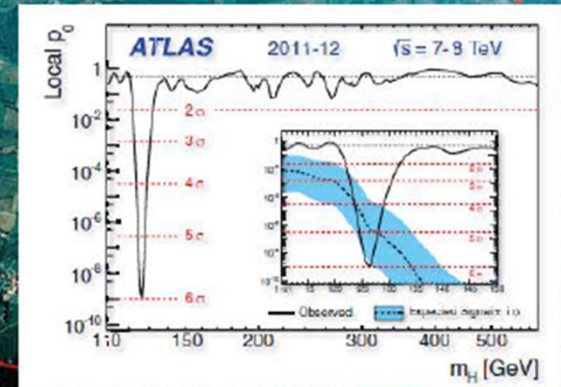
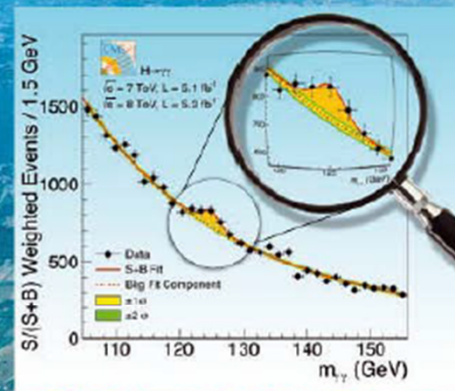
ATLAS Collaboration, *Observation of a new particle in the search for the Standard Model Higgs boson with the ATLAS detector at the LHC*, Phys.Lett.B (2012)

CMS Collaboration, *Observation of a new boson at a mass of 125 GeV with the CMS experiment at the LHC*, Phys.Lett.B (2012)

PHYSICS LETTERS B

Available online at www.sciencedirect.com

SciVerse ScienceDirect



<http://www.elsevier.com/locate/physletb>

Number of protons per bunch limited to about $1\text{-}3 \times 10^{11}$ due to the beam-beam interaction and beam instabilities, nominal 1.15×10^{11}

$f = 11246 \text{ Hz}$

Emittance given by injectors, nominal emittance constant

Beam size $16 \mu\text{m}$
for $\beta = 0.5 \text{ m}$ (β function)

$$L = \frac{N^2 \times f \times n_b}{4 \times \pi \times \sigma_x \times \sigma_y} = 3.5 \times 10^{30} [\text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}] \text{ for one bunch}$$

with **2808** bunches (every 25 ns one bunch)

$$L = 10^{34} [\text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}]$$

- The luminosity depends on the **emittance** and the **intensity per bunch (=> high brightness)**, given to a large extent by the complex chain of injectors (LINAC, Booster, PS and SPS)
- Other parameters are the number of bunches
 - Beam structure (25 ns or 50 ns bunch spacing), also defined by the injectors
 - Number of bunches in a batch (e.g. 144 bunches/batch from SPS -> LHC)
 - In total, 1380 bunches in 2012
- A large amount of work is going on to understand and improve the beam parameters in the injector complex
 - Understanding and improving present performance
 - Improvement program during the next decade

- **Brightness** Evolution for LHC Beams during the 2012 Run, Bettina Mikulec (CERN, Geneva)
- Low gamma transition optics for the SPS: simulation and experimental results for **high brightness** beams, Hannes Bartosik (CERN, Geneva)
- Beam Stability and Tail Population at SPS Scrapers, Bettina Mikulec (CERN, Geneva)
- Review of longitudinal instabilities in the SPS and beam dynamics issues with high harmonic RF systems in accelerators, Elena Shaposhnikova (CERN, Geneva)
- Tune Spread Studies at Injection Energies for the CERN Proton Synchrotron Booster, Bettina Mikulec (CERN, Geneva)
- Longitudinal Beam Loss Studies of the CERN PS-to-SPS Transfer, Helga Timko (CERN, Geneva)
- Fully 3D long-term simulation of the coupling resonance experiments at the CERN PS, Ji Qiang (LBNL, Berkeley, California)

Longer term programme

- The high intensity/**high brightness** upgrade program at CERN: status and challenges, Simone Silvano Gilardoni (CERN, Geneva)
- Linac4 beam dynamics and commissioning strategy, Jean-Baptiste Lallement (CERN, Geneva)

Challenges

	Start	Type	Max proton energy [GeV]	Length [m]	B Field [Tesla]	Luminosity [cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]	Stored beam energy [MJoule]
TEVATRON Fermilab Illinois USA	1983	p-pbar	980	6300	4.5	4.3 10 ³²	1.6 for protons
HERA DESY Hamburg	1992	p – e+ p – e-	920	6300	5.5	5.1 10 ³¹	2.7 for protons
RHIC Brookhaven Long Island	2000	Ion-Ion p-p	250	3834	4.3	1.5 10 ³²	0.9 per proton beam
LHC CERN	2008	Ion-Ion p-p	7000 Now 4000	26800	8.3	10 ³⁴ Now 6 10 ³³	362 per beam
Factor			7	4	2	20	100

- Large amount of energy stored in the beams
- Injecting beams, performing the energy ramp and bringing the beams into collisions without quenching or even damaging accelerator and experiments
- Dumping 130 MJ beam without quenching magnets
- Detecting all failures that could lead to uncontrolled beam losses
- Avoiding beam losses, in particular in the superconducting magnets
 - Superconducting magnets might quench when 10^{-8} - 10^{-7} of beam (10^6 - 10^7 protons) hit magnet
 - Beam cleaning using collimators (betatron and momentum cleaning) is vital during operation
- Radiation, in particular in experimental areas from beam collisions
 - Single event upset in the tunnel electronics
 - Radiation induced damaged of material (not yet observed)

- Beam-Beam effects, head-on and long range
- Beam instabilities due to the machine impedance
 - Collimators with jaws very close to beam contribute to the impedance
 - Collimator position depends on energy and on beta function at collision point (collimators move close to the beam during energy ramp)
- Heating of components close to the beam (kickers, collimators, beam instruments, vacuum bellows, ...), already (limited) damage of components
- Electron cloud effects
 - Photo electrons, generated by beam losses - accelerated by the following bunches – lead to instabilities
- Tools to fight instabilities
 - Octupoles, chromaticity, transverse damper, ...
 - Head-on beam-beam effect provides stability (tune spread)

7 TeV and 2800 bunches 360 MJoule - what does this mean?

The energy of an 200 m long fast train at 155 km/hour corresponds to the energy of 360 MJoule stored in one LHC beam



360 MJoule: the energy stored in one LHC beam corresponds approximately to...

- 90 kg of TNT
- 8 litres of gasoline
- 15 kg of chocolate



It's how easy the energy is released that matters most !!

360 MJoule - what does this mean?

The energy of an 200 m long fast train at 155 km/hour corresponds to the energy of 360 MJoule stored in one LHC beam



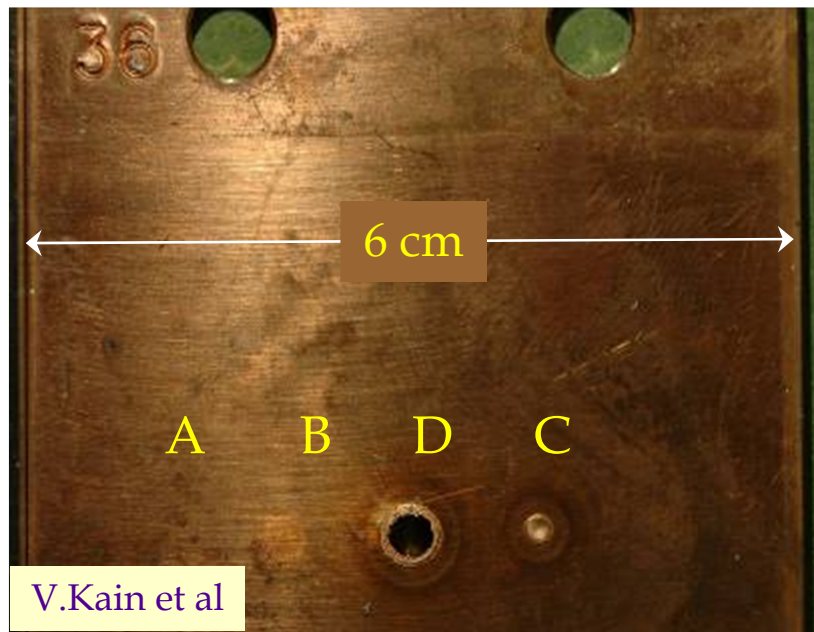
An experiment on hydrodynamic tunnelling of the SPS high intensity proton beam at the HiRadMat facility, Juan Blanco (CERN, Geneva)

High Energy Tests of Advanced Materials for Beam Intercepting Devices at CERN HiRadMat Facility, Alessandro Bertarelli (CERN, Geneva)

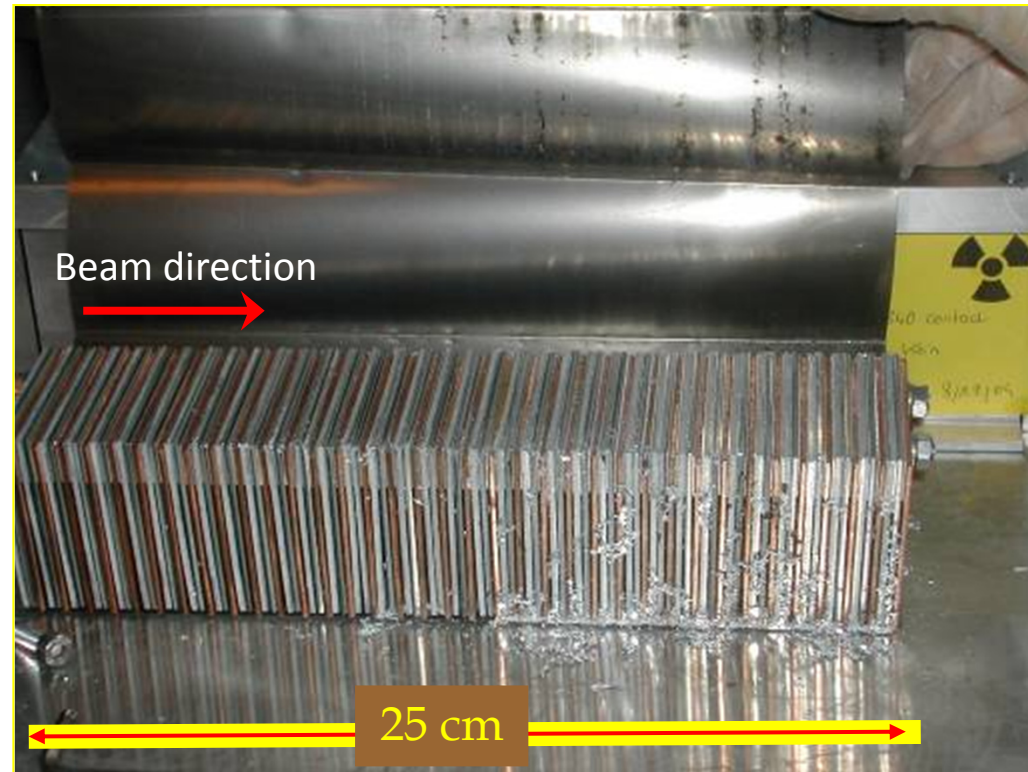
SPS experiment: Beam damage with 450 GeV proton beam

Controlled SPS experiment

- $8 \cdot 10^{12}$ protons clear damage
- beam size $\sigma_{x/y} = 1.1\text{mm}/0.6\text{mm}$ above damage limit for copper
- $2 \cdot 10^{12}$ protons below damage limit for copper



V.Kain et al



- Damage limit ~ 200 kJoule
- 0.1 % of the full LHC 7 TeV beams
- Energy in a bunch train injected into LHC: factor of ~ 10 above

Particles are lost due to a variety of reasons

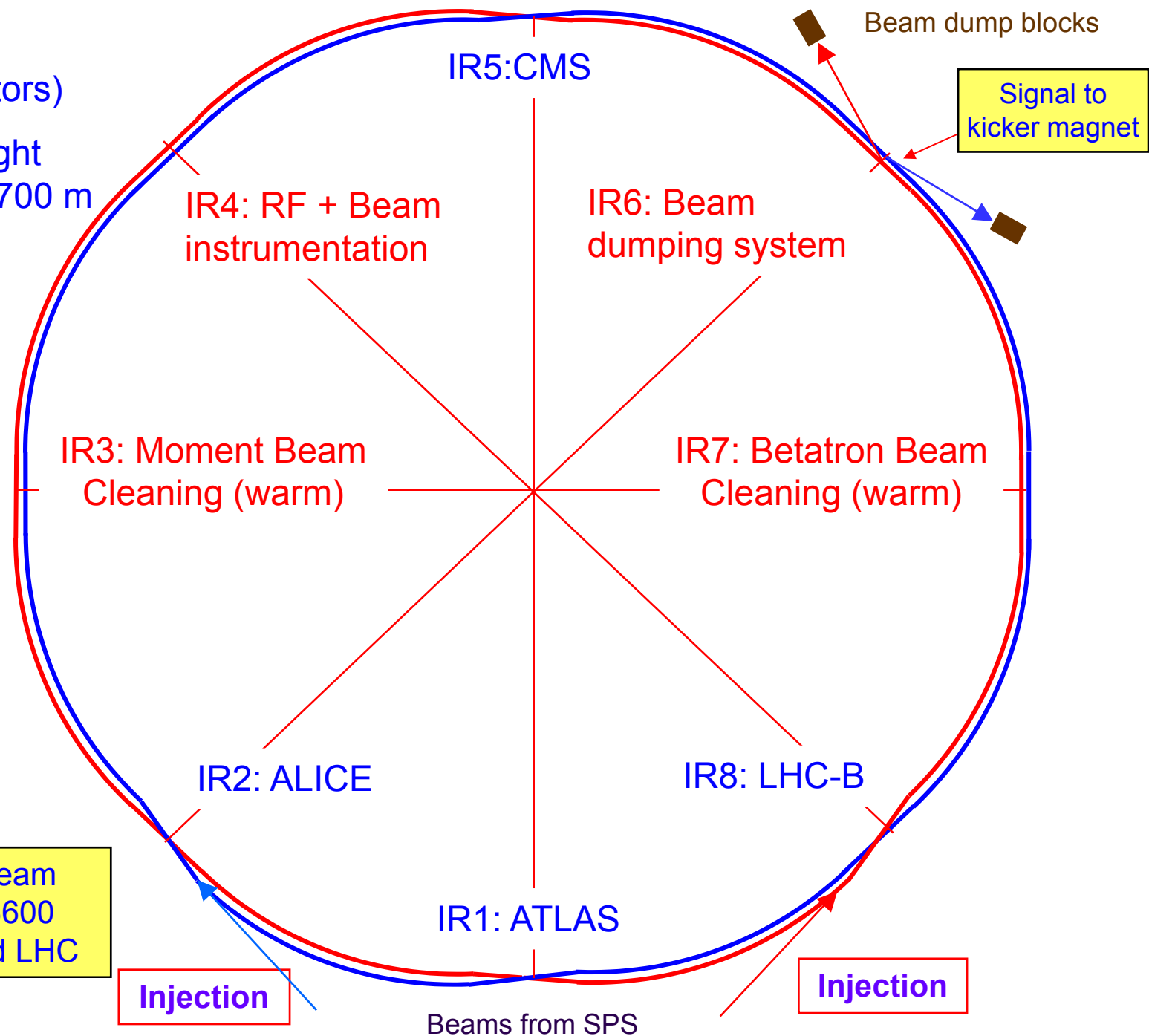
- Beam-gas interaction
- Losses from collisions
- Losses due to the beam halo touching the aperture
- Losses due to instabilities
- Losses due to failures (e.g. power converters, RF, controls,)
- End of a physics fill
- **Continuous beam losses** are inherent to the operation of accelerators
 - Taken into account during the design of the accelerator
- **Accidental beam losses** are due to a multitude of failures mechanisms
 - The number of possible failures leading to accidental beam loss is (nearly) infinite
 - Any failure must result in beam dumps to avoid uncontrolled beam loss

Machine protection and collimation

LHC Layout

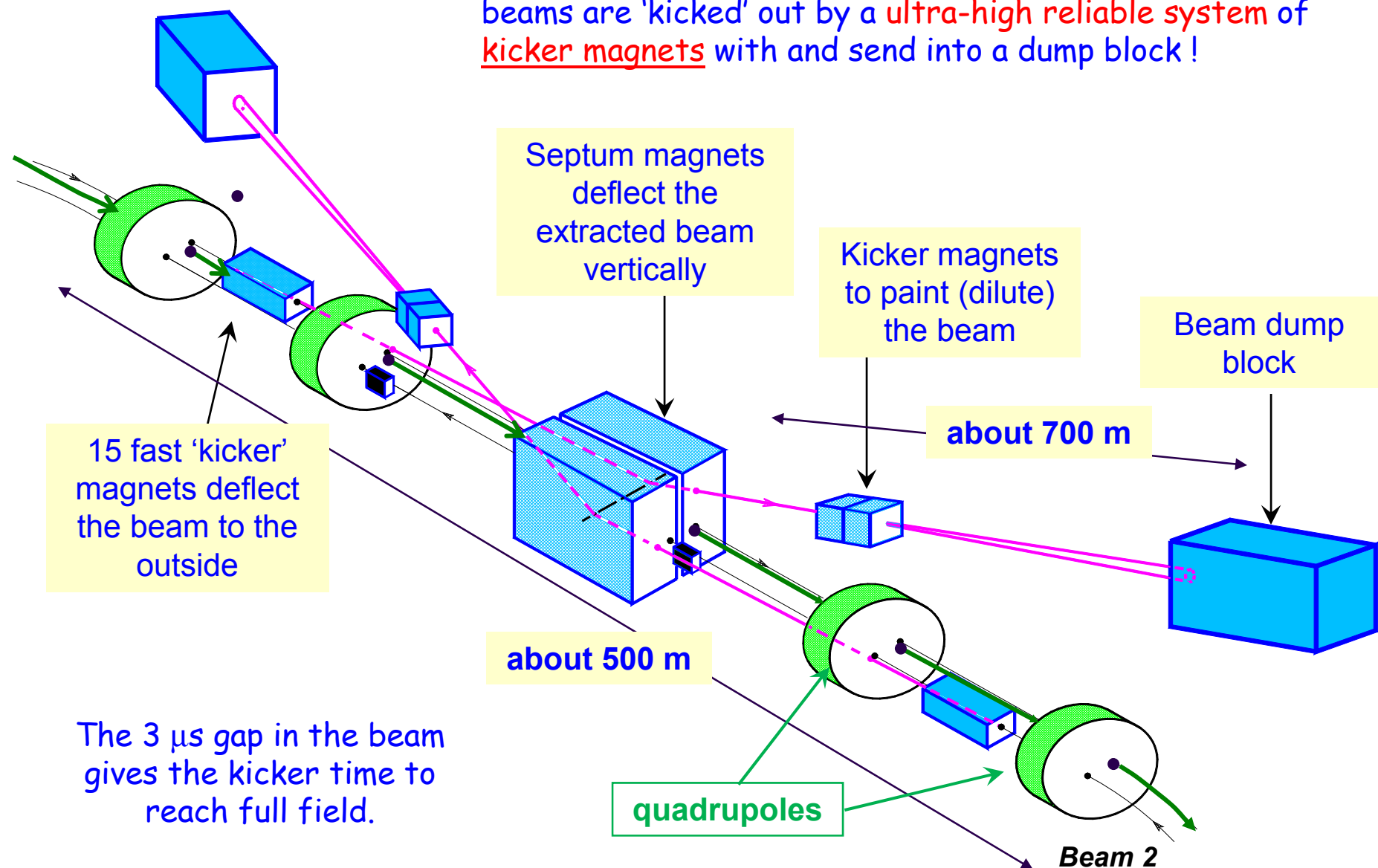
eight arcs (sectors)

eight long straight
section (about 700 m
long)



Layout of beam dump system

To get rid of the beams (also in case of emergency!), the beams are 'kicked' out by a **ultra-high reliable system of kicker magnets** with and send into a dump block !



The 3 μ s gap in the beam gives the kicker time to reach full field.



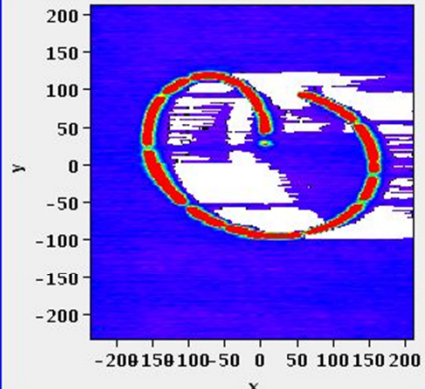
Beam dump line and graphite absorber at the end

LHC Page1
Fill: 2845
E: 4000 GeV
t(SB): 00:00:00
15-07-12 11:12:17

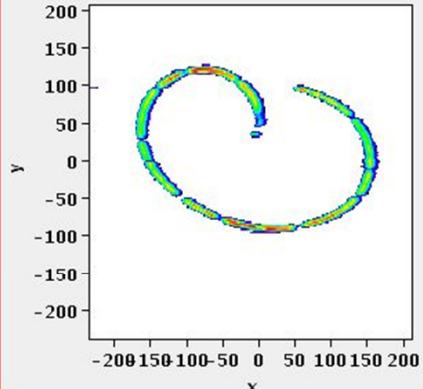
PROTON PHYSICS: BEAM DUMP

Energy:	4000 GeV	I(B1):	2.60e+09	I(B2):	4.30e+08
---------	----------	--------	----------	--------	----------

BTVDD.689339.B1 Updated: 11:06:52



BTVDD.629339.B2 Updated: 11:06:52



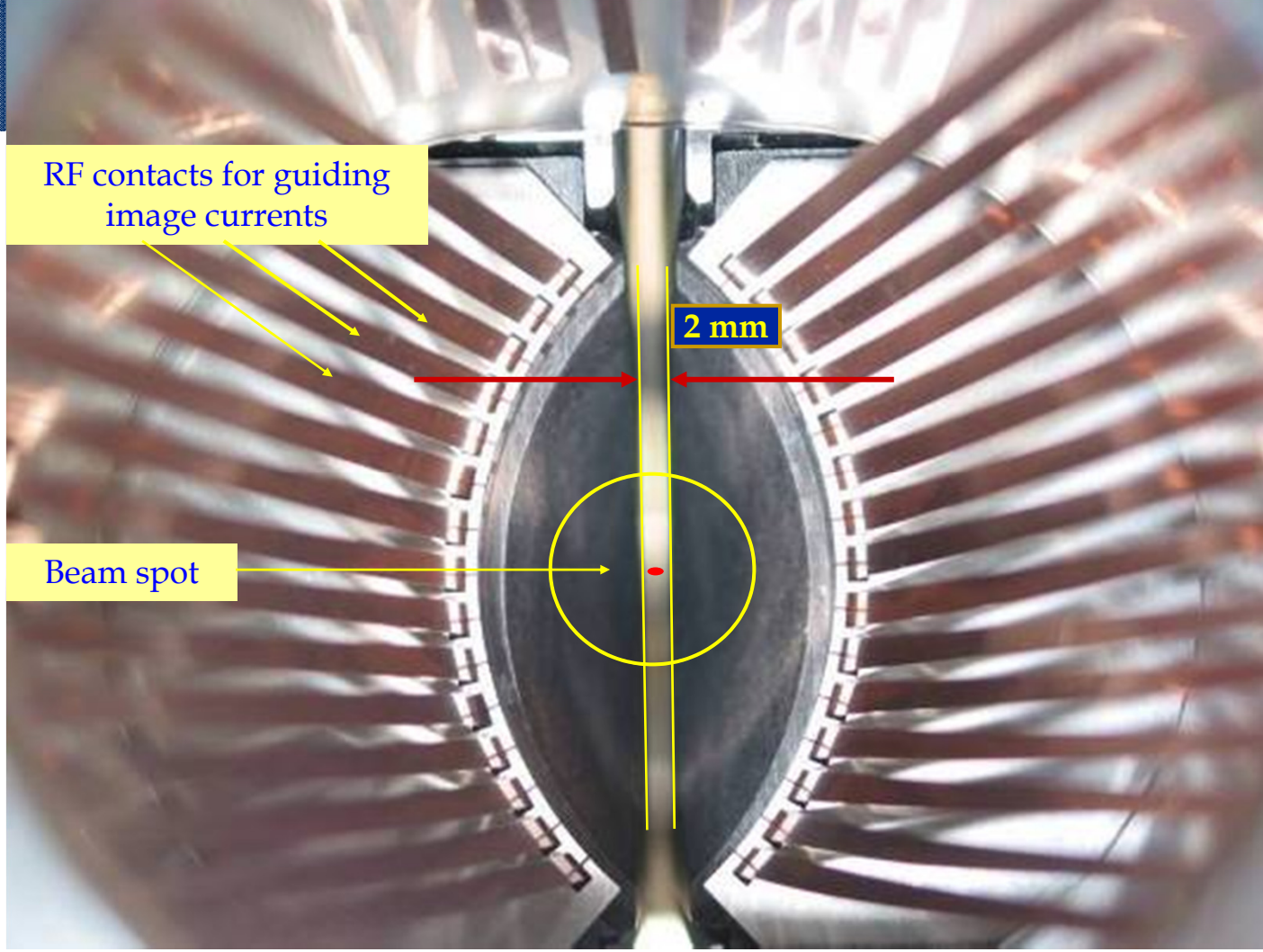
Comments 15-07-2012 11:08:15 : beams dumped, converter trip in S67	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; padding: 2px;">BIS status and SMP flags</th> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">B1</th> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">B2</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Link Status of Beam Permits</td> <td style="text-align: center; background-color: #00FF00; padding: 2px;">true</td> <td style="text-align: center; background-color: #00FF00; padding: 2px;">true</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Global Beam Permit</td> <td style="text-align: center; background-color: #FF0000; padding: 2px;">false</td> <td style="text-align: center; background-color: #FF0000; padding: 2px;">false</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Setup Beam</td> <td style="text-align: center; background-color: #FF0000; padding: 2px;">false</td> <td style="text-align: center; background-color: #FF0000; padding: 2px;">false</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Beam Presence</td> <td style="text-align: center; background-color: #FF0000; padding: 2px;">false</td> <td style="text-align: center; background-color: #FF0000; padding: 2px;">false</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Moveable Devices Allowed In</td> <td style="text-align: center; background-color: #FF0000; padding: 2px;">false</td> <td style="text-align: center; background-color: #FF0000; padding: 2px;">false</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Stable Beams</td> <td style="text-align: center; background-color: #FF0000; padding: 2px;">false</td> <td style="text-align: center; background-color: #FF0000; padding: 2px;">false</td> </tr> </table>	BIS status and SMP flags	B1	B2	Link Status of Beam Permits	true	true	Global Beam Permit	false	false	Setup Beam	false	false	Beam Presence	false	false	Moveable Devices Allowed In	false	false	Stable Beams	false	false
BIS status and SMP flags	B1	B2																				
Link Status of Beam Permits	true	true																				
Global Beam Permit	false	false																				
Setup Beam	false	false																				
Beam Presence	false	false																				
Moveable Devices Allowed In	false	false																				
Stable Beams	false	false																				

AFS: 50ns_1374_1368_0_1262_144bpi12inj
PM Status B1 ENABLED PM Status B2 ENABLED

Beam spot at the end of the beam dumping line, just in front of the beam dump block

View of a two sided collimator

about 100 collimators are installed in LHC



length about 120 cm

Faster alignment technique for the LHC collimation system, Stefano Redaelli (CERN, Geneva)

Experimental Verification for a Collimator with In-Jaw Beam Position Monitors, Daniel Wollmann (CERN, Geneva)

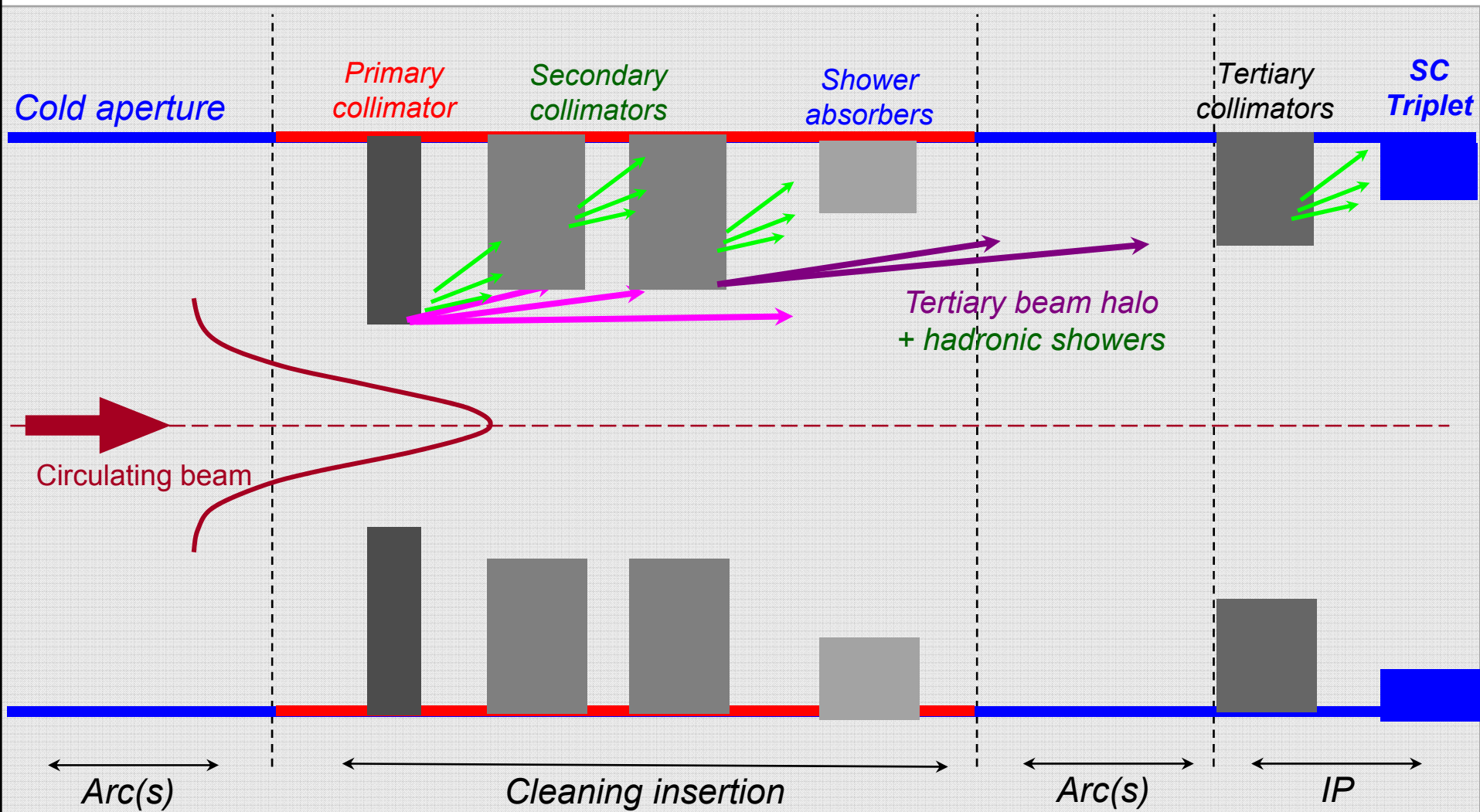


Illustration
drawing

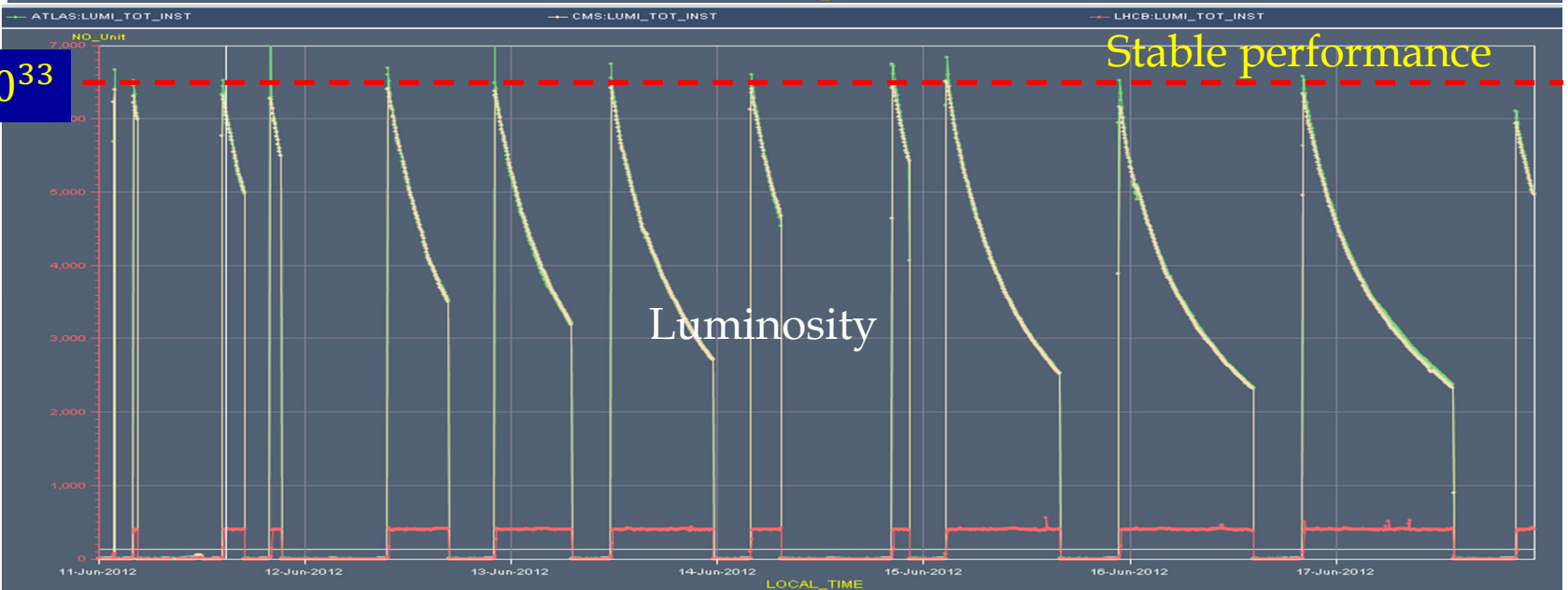
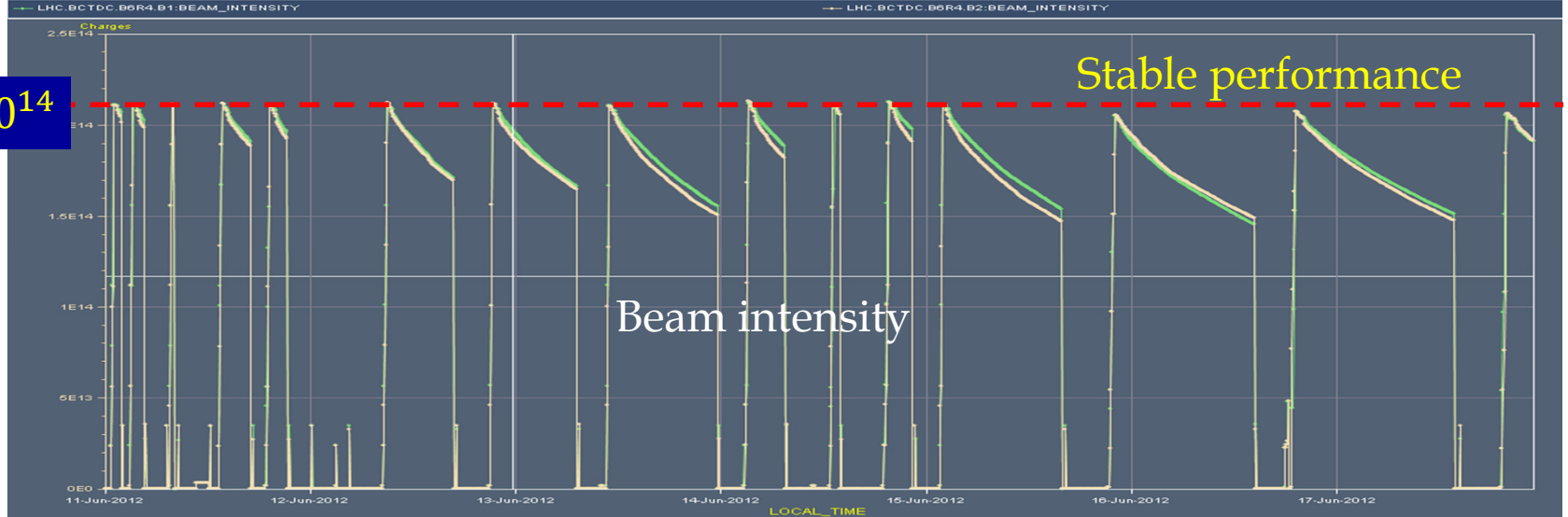
- Ionization chambers to detect beam losses:
 - Reaction time $\sim \frac{1}{2}$ turn ($40 \mu\text{s}$)
 - Very large dynamic range ($> 10^6$)
- **~3600** chambers distributed over the ring to detect abnormal beam losses and if necessary trigger a beam abort (happened many times...)



Operational cycle and observations

Beam Intensities and Luminosity, 11-18/6/2012

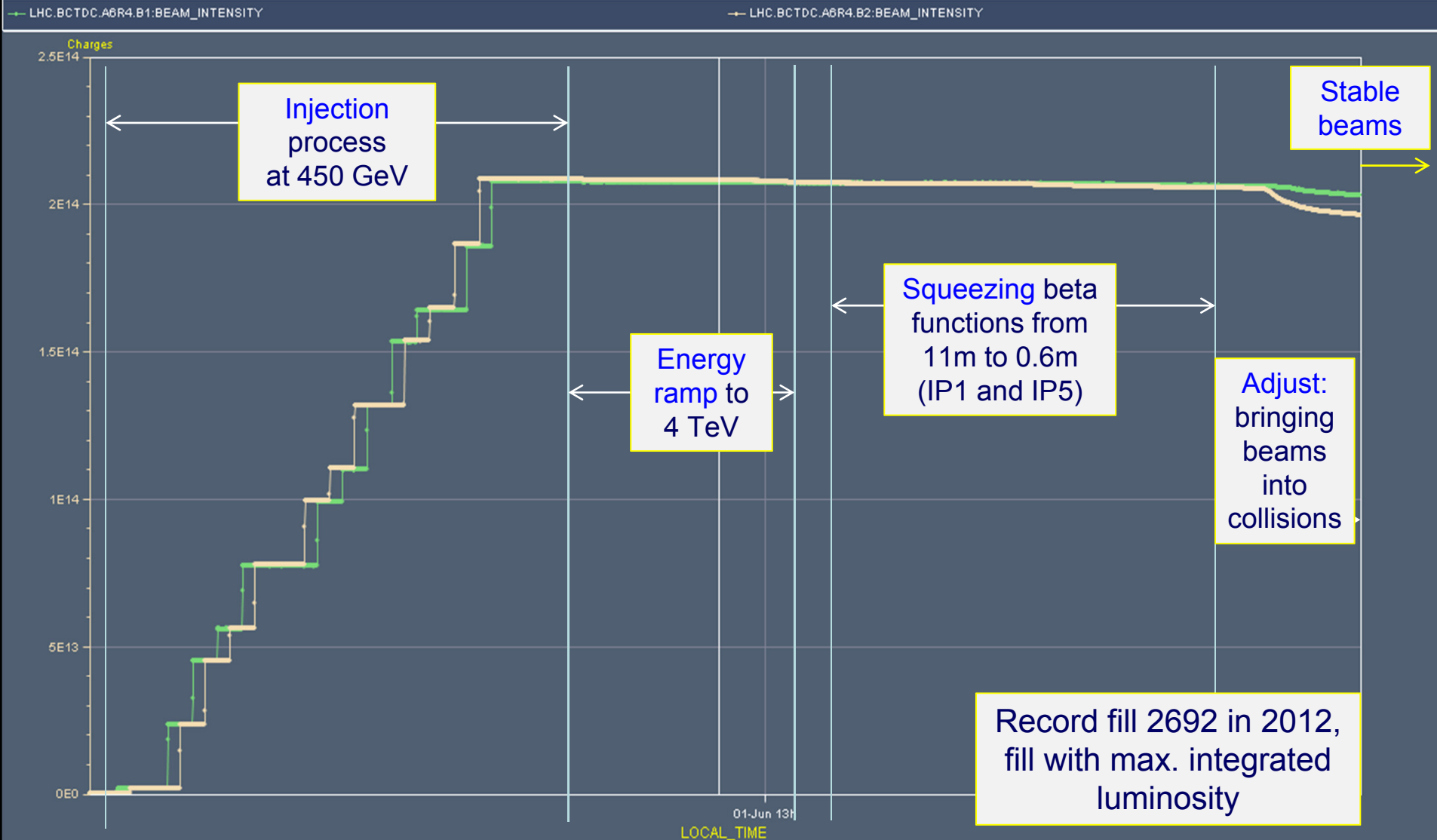
Timeseries Chart between 2012-06-11 00:00:00.000 and 2012-06-17 23:02:18.150 (LOCAL_TIME) Timescaled with MAX every 5 MINUTE



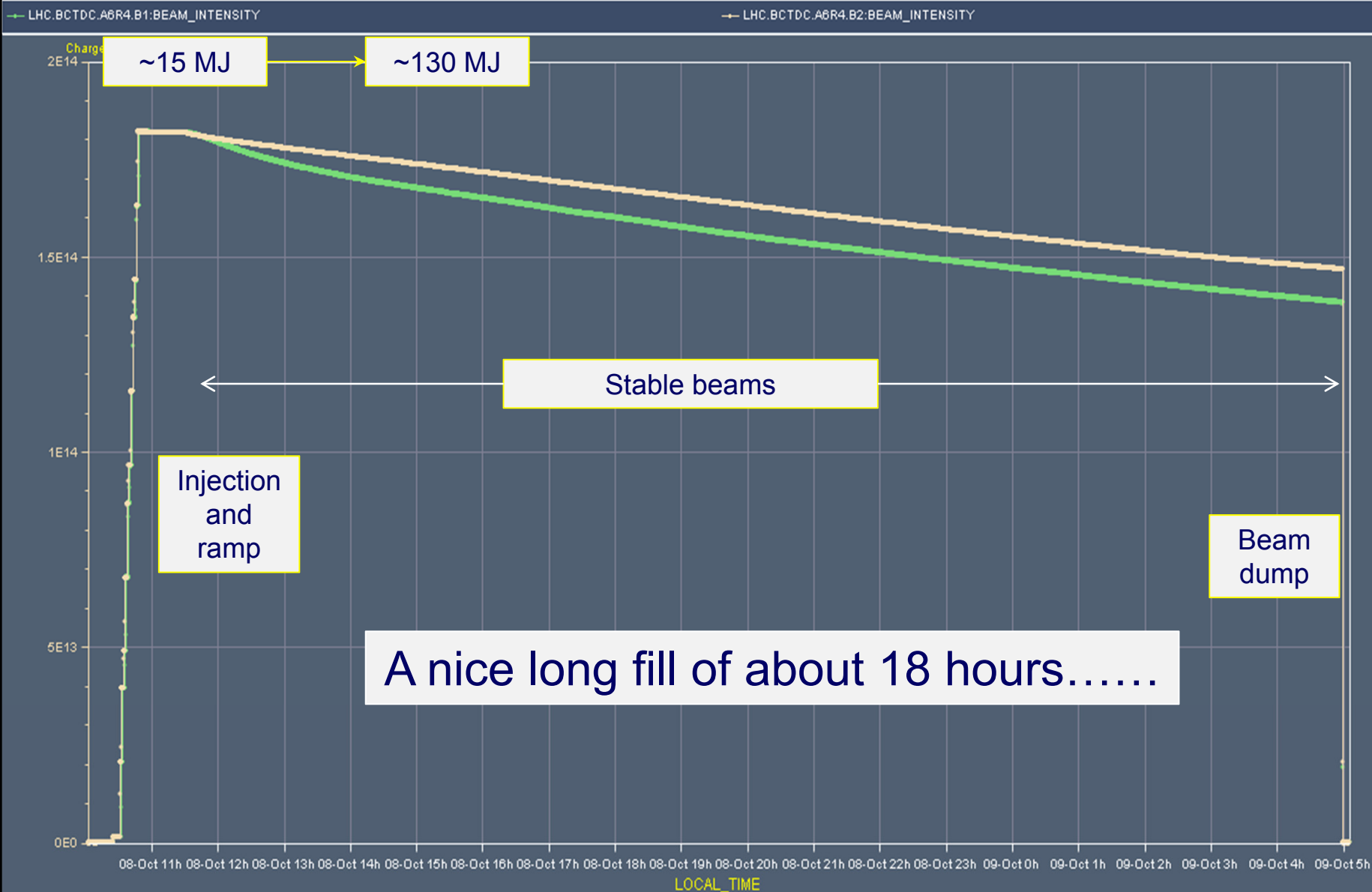
Fill	Duration	Ibeam	Lpeak [e30 cm-2s-1]	Lint [pb-1]	Dump
2723	2:26	2.03E+14	6406	46.06	Trip of ROD.A81B1, SEU?
2724	1:13	2.03E+14	6329	25.905	Electrical perturbation
2725	7:04	2.05E+14	6520	115.5	Trip of S81
2726	8:58	2.05E+14	6499	142.5	Electrical perturbation, FMCM
2728	11:41	2.06E+14	6525	171.5	Operator dump
2729	3:28	2.06E+14	6502	67.7	BLM self trigger
2732	1:52	2.06E+14	6592.5	40	QPS trigger RQX.R1, SEU?
2733	12:34	2.06E+14	6674	183	Triplet RQX.L2 tripped.
2734	15:33	2.01E+14	6257.5	203.5	Operator dump
2736	17:29	2.02E+14	6465.5	233	Operator dump
2737	3:36	1.99E+14	6021	66.1	RF Trip 2B2
Total	51.1%			1301	

51 % of time in stable beams; total of 1.3 fb-1 in one week !

Timeseries Chart between 2012-06-01 11:08:32.333 and 2012-06-02 03:43:05.520 (LOCAL_TIME)

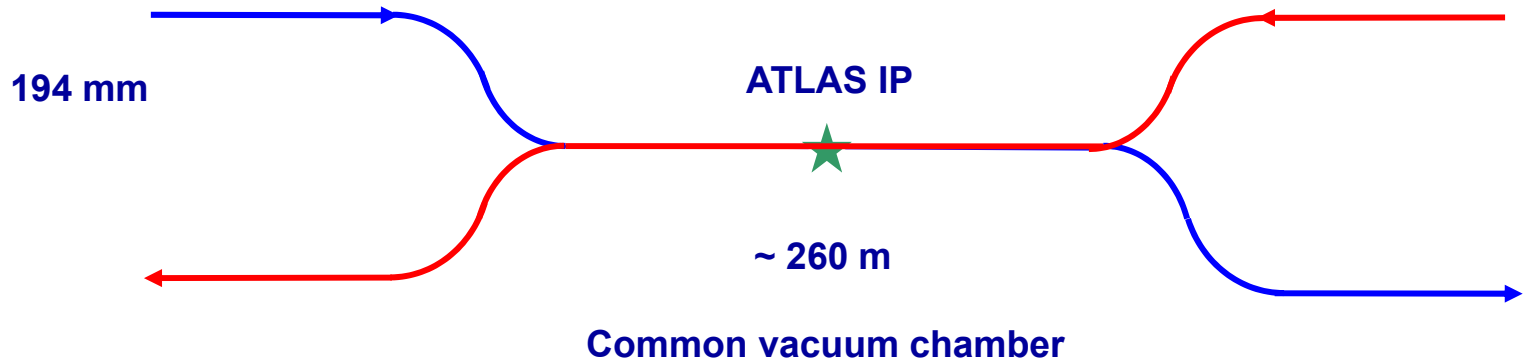


Timeseries Chart between 2011-10-08 05:17:16.586 and 2011-10-09 05:05:14.465 (LOCAL_TIME)



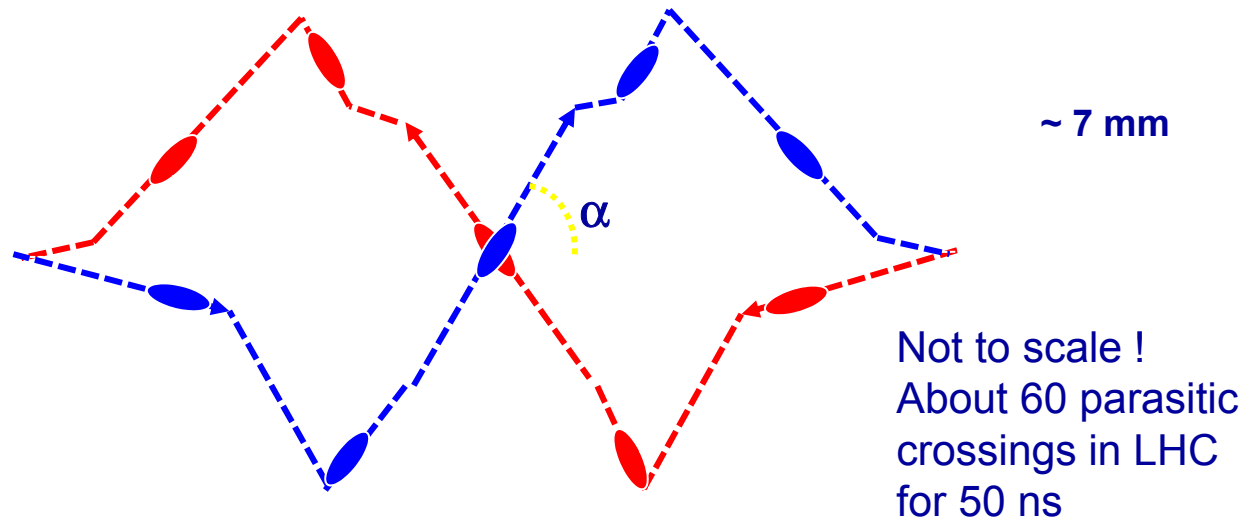
Separation and crossing: example of ATLAS

Horizontal plane: the beams are combined and then separated



Vertical plane: the beams are deflected to produce a crossing angle at the IP to avoid undesired encounters in the region of the common vacuum chamber

	α (μrad)
ATLAS	-145 / ver.
ALICE	90 (145) / ver.
CMS	120 / hor
LHCb	-220 /hor

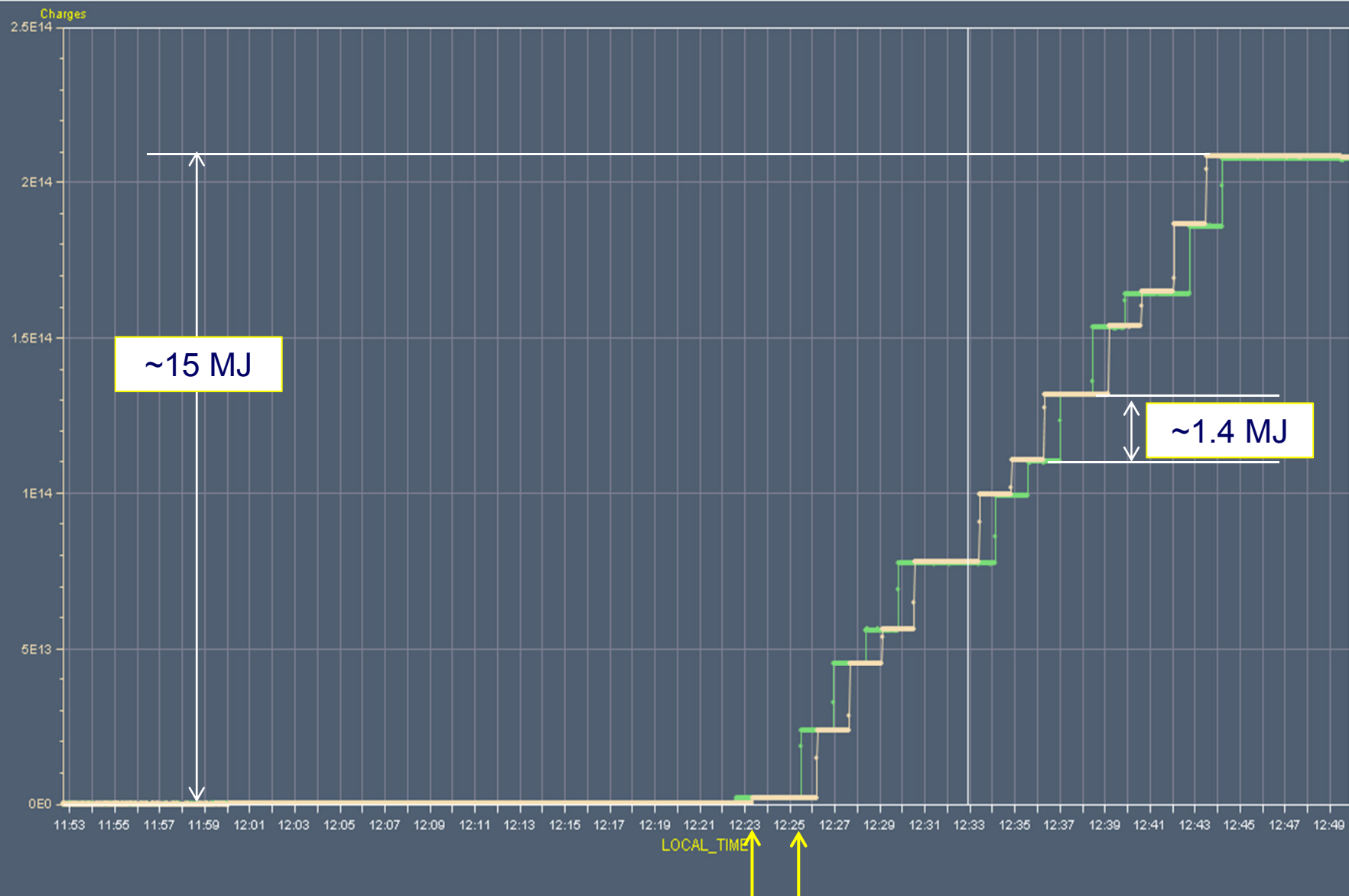


Injecting 1370 bunches - in batches of 144 bunches

Timeseries Chart between 2012-06-01 11:08:32.333 and 2012-06-02 03:43:05.520 (LOCAL_TIME)

→ LHC.BCTDC.A6R4.B1:BEAM_INTENSITY

→ LHC.BCTDC.A6R4.B2:BEAM_INTENSITY

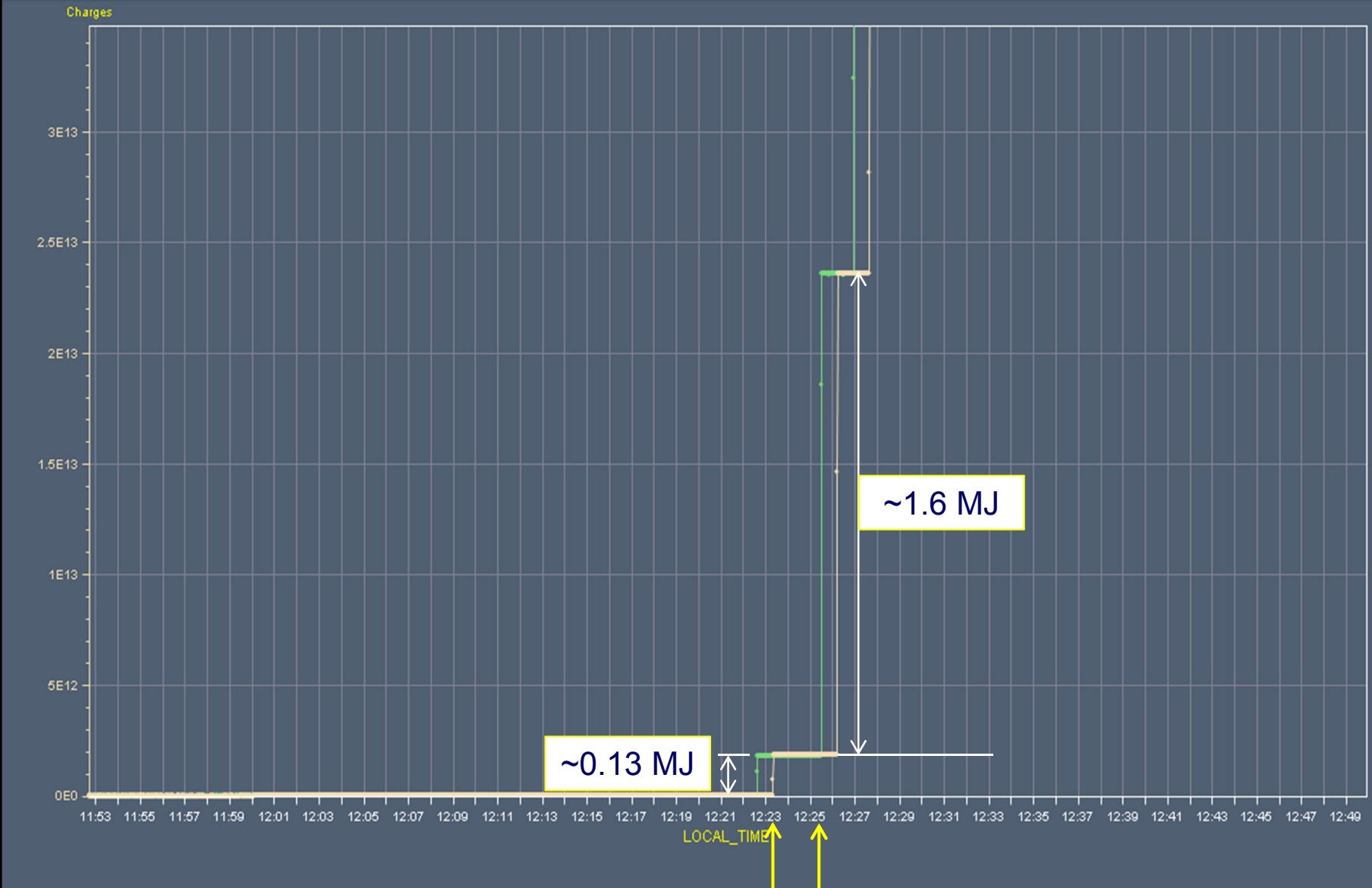


Zoom: injection of first batch with 12 bunches

Timeseries Chart between 2012-06-01 11:08:32.333 and 2012-06-02 03:43:05.520 (LOCAL_TIME)

→ LHC.BCTDC.A6R4.B1:BEAM_INTENSITY

→ LHC.BCTDC.A6R4.B2:BEAM_INTENSITY

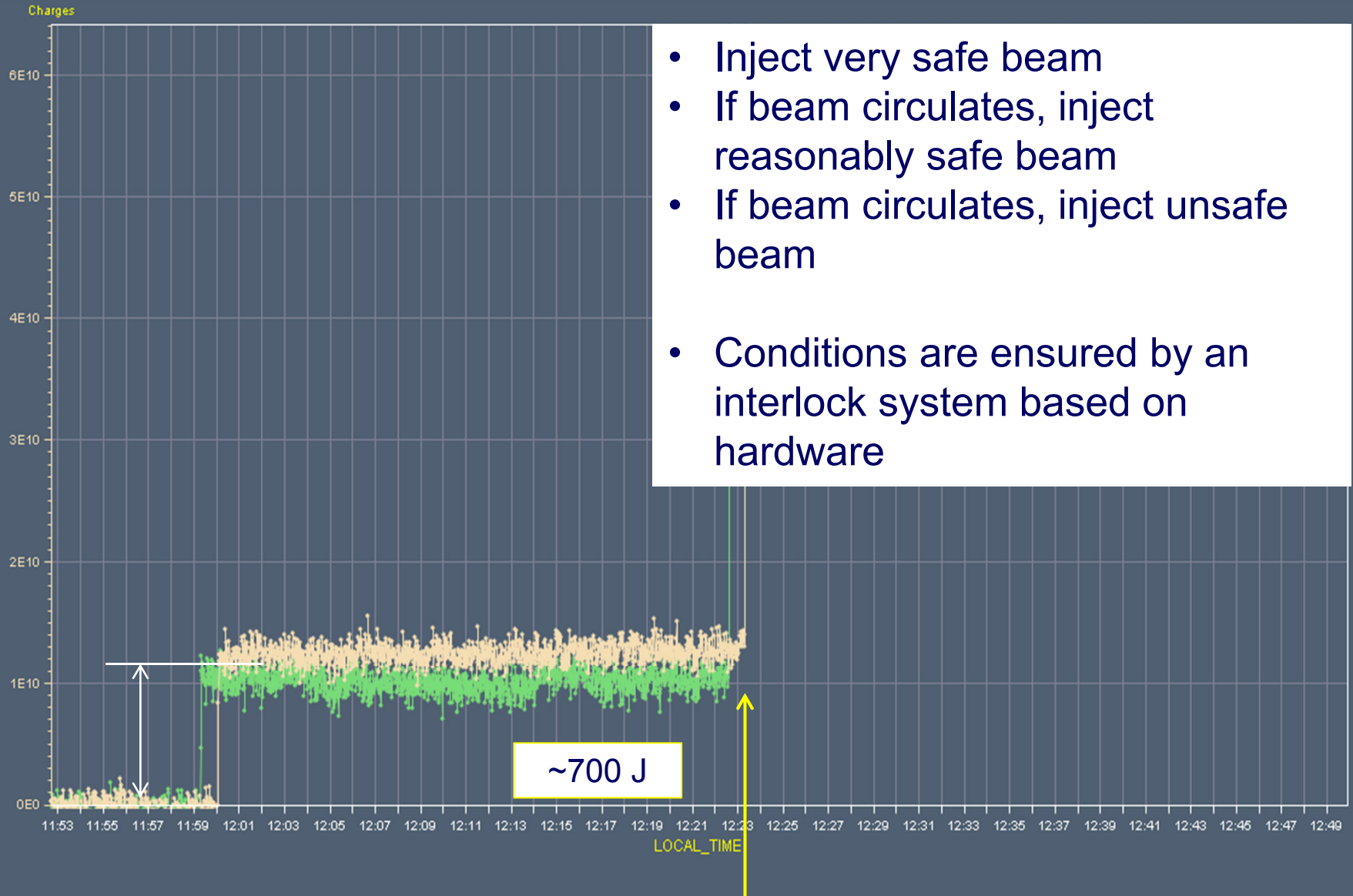


Zoom: injection of first bunch with pilot bunches

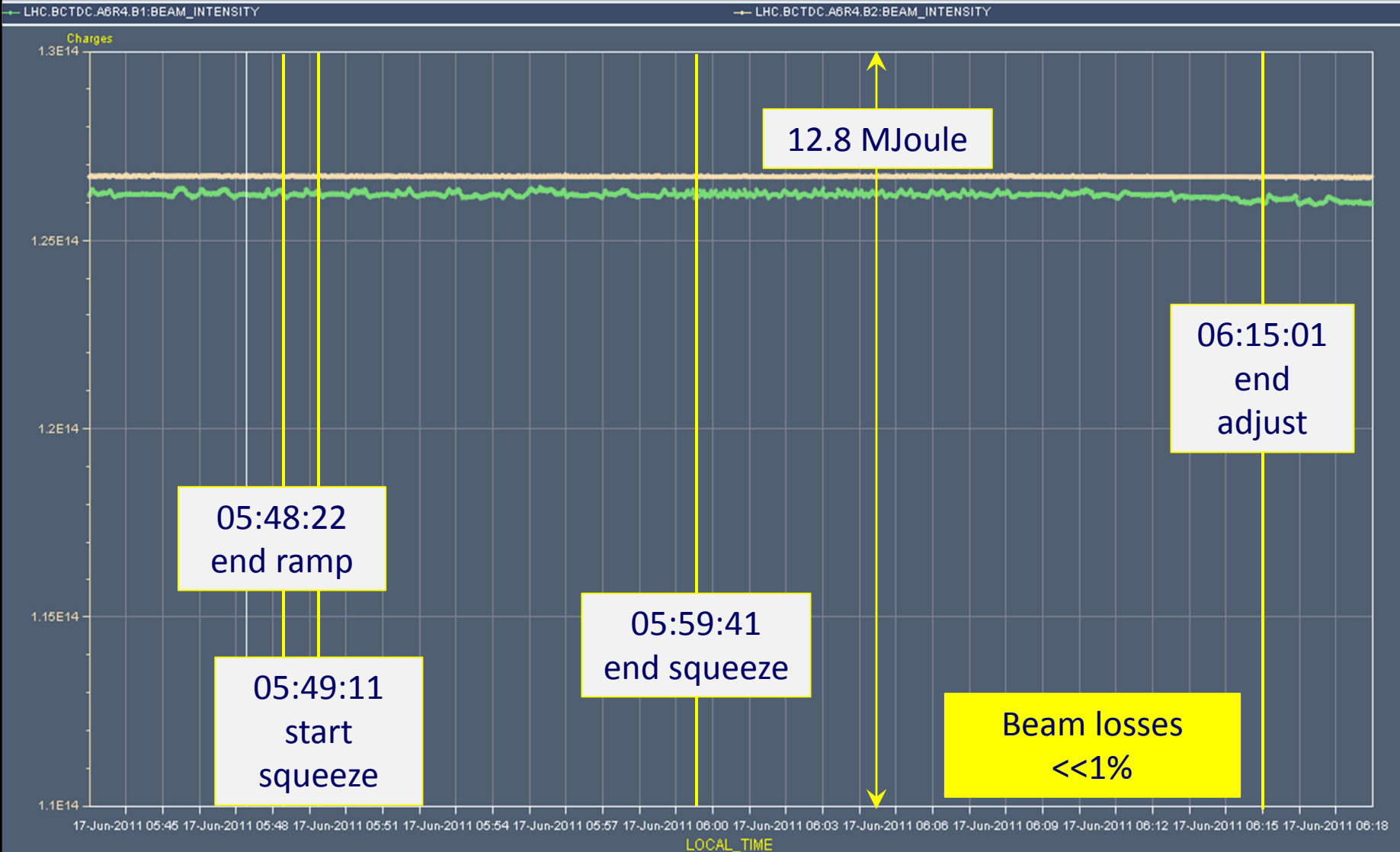
Timeseries Chart between 2012-06-01 11:08:32.333 and 2012-06-02 03:43:05.520 (LOCAL_TIME)

— LHC.BCTDC.A6R4.B1:BEAM_INTENSITY

— LHC.BCTDC.A6R4.B2:BEAM_INTENSITY



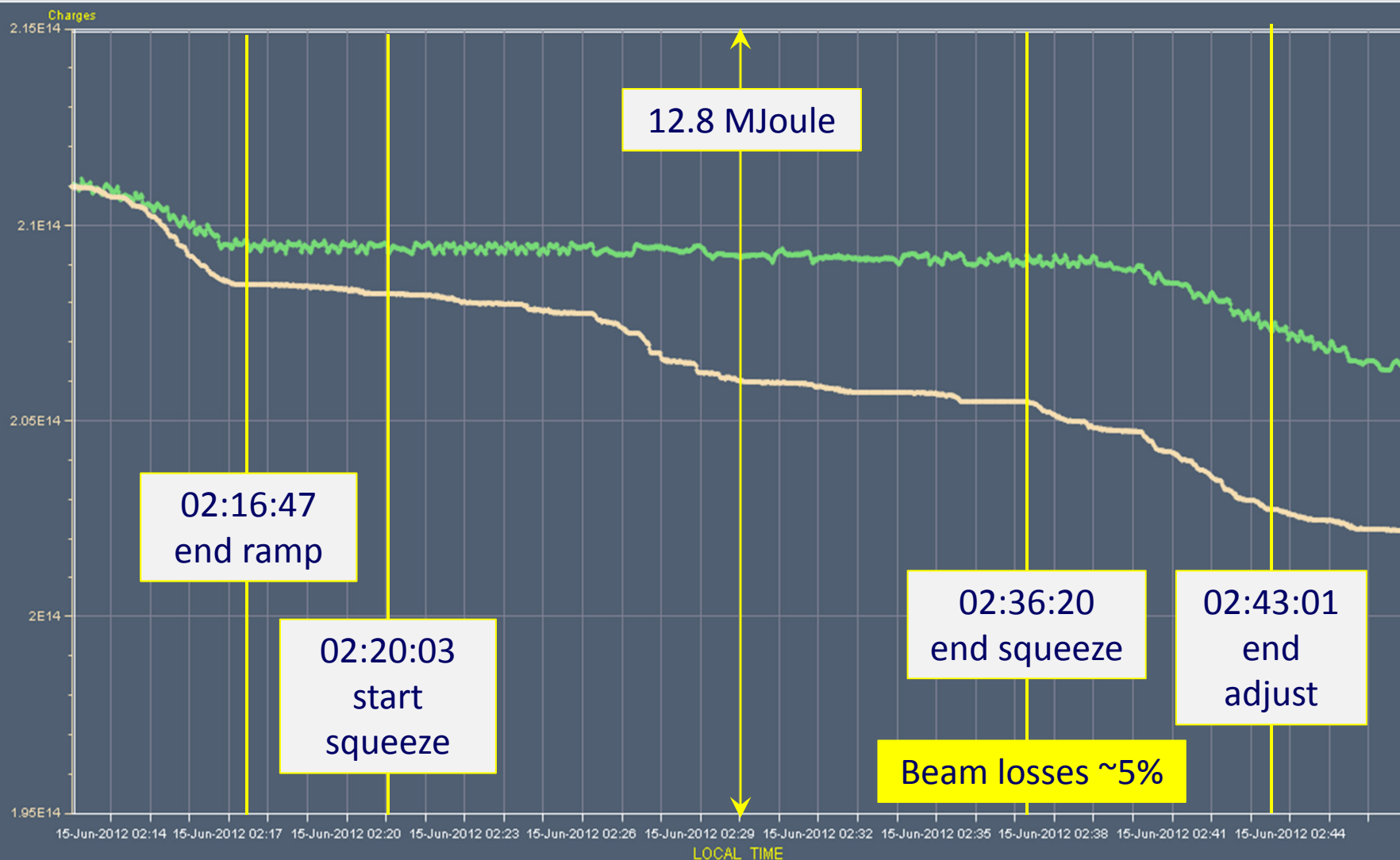
Timeseries Chart between 2011-06-17 05:44:00.000 and 2011-06-17 06:19:00.000 (LOCAL_TIME)



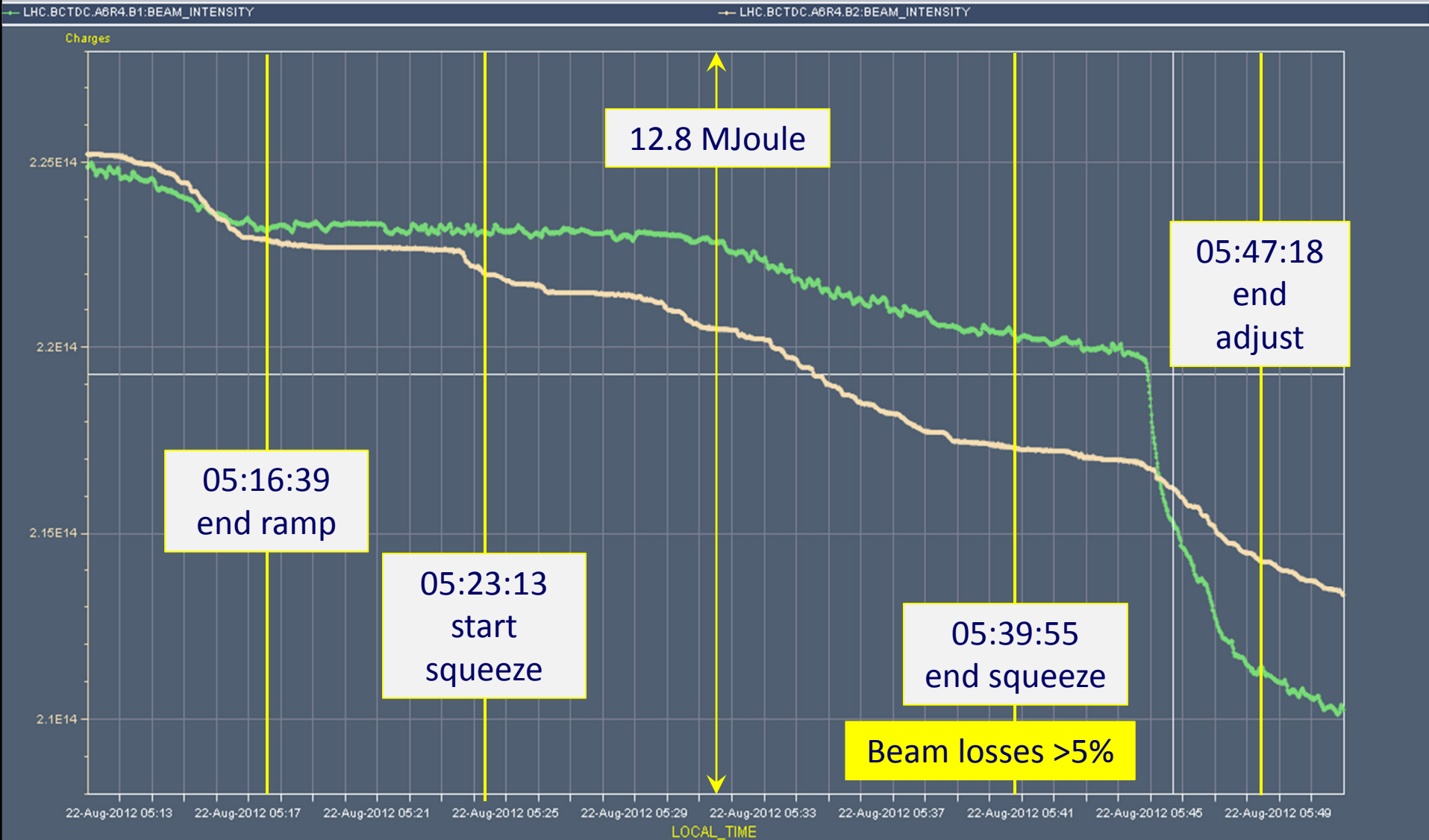
Timeseries Chart between 2012-06-15 02:13:00.000 and 2012-06-15 02:47:00.000 (LOCAL_TIME)

← LHC.BCTDC.A6R4.B1:BEAM_INTENSITY

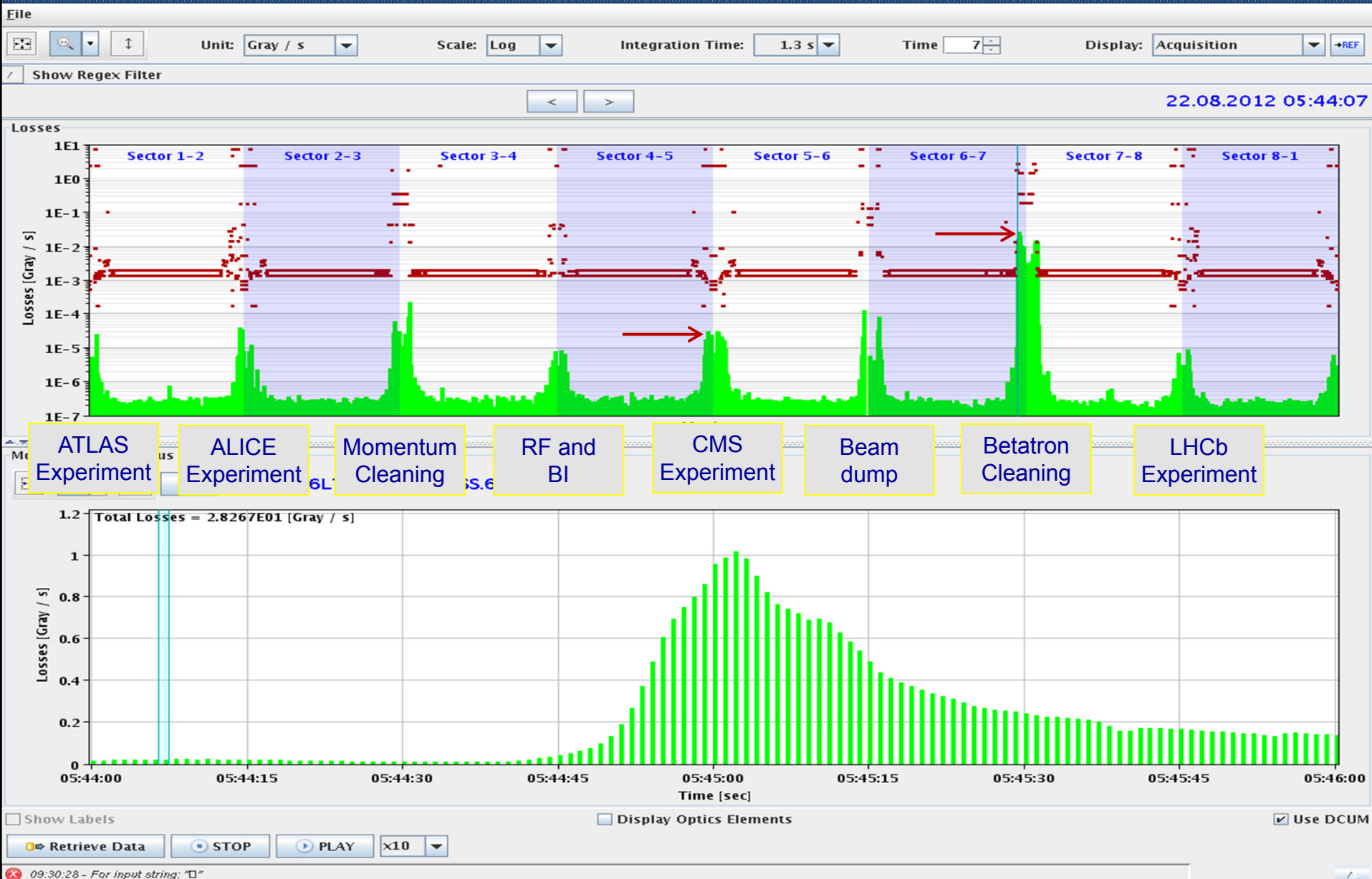
→ LHC.BCTDC.A6R4.B2:BEAM_INTENSITY



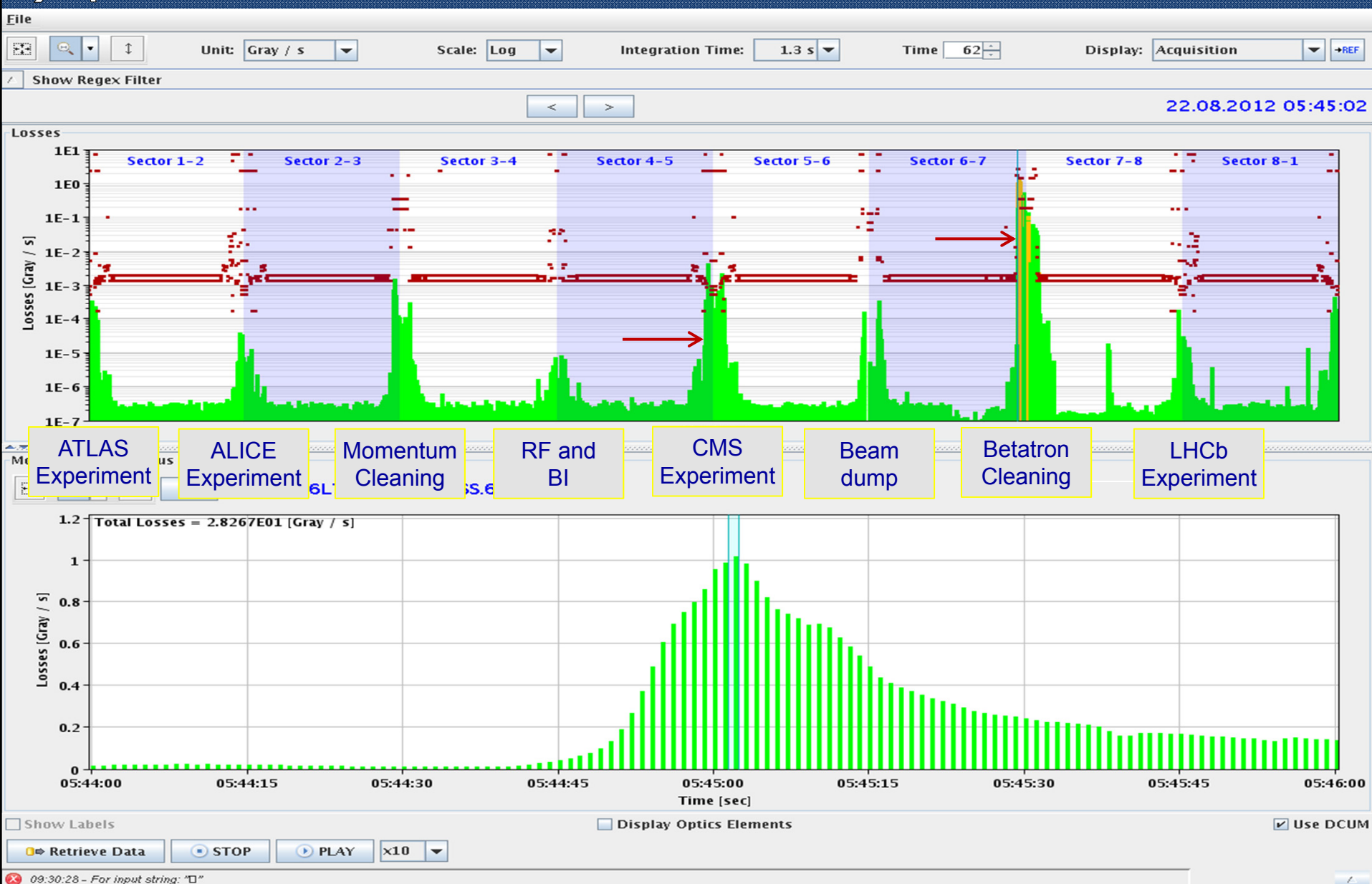
Timeseries Chart between 2012-08-22 05:12:00.000 and 2012-08-22 05:51:00.000 (LOCAL_TIME)



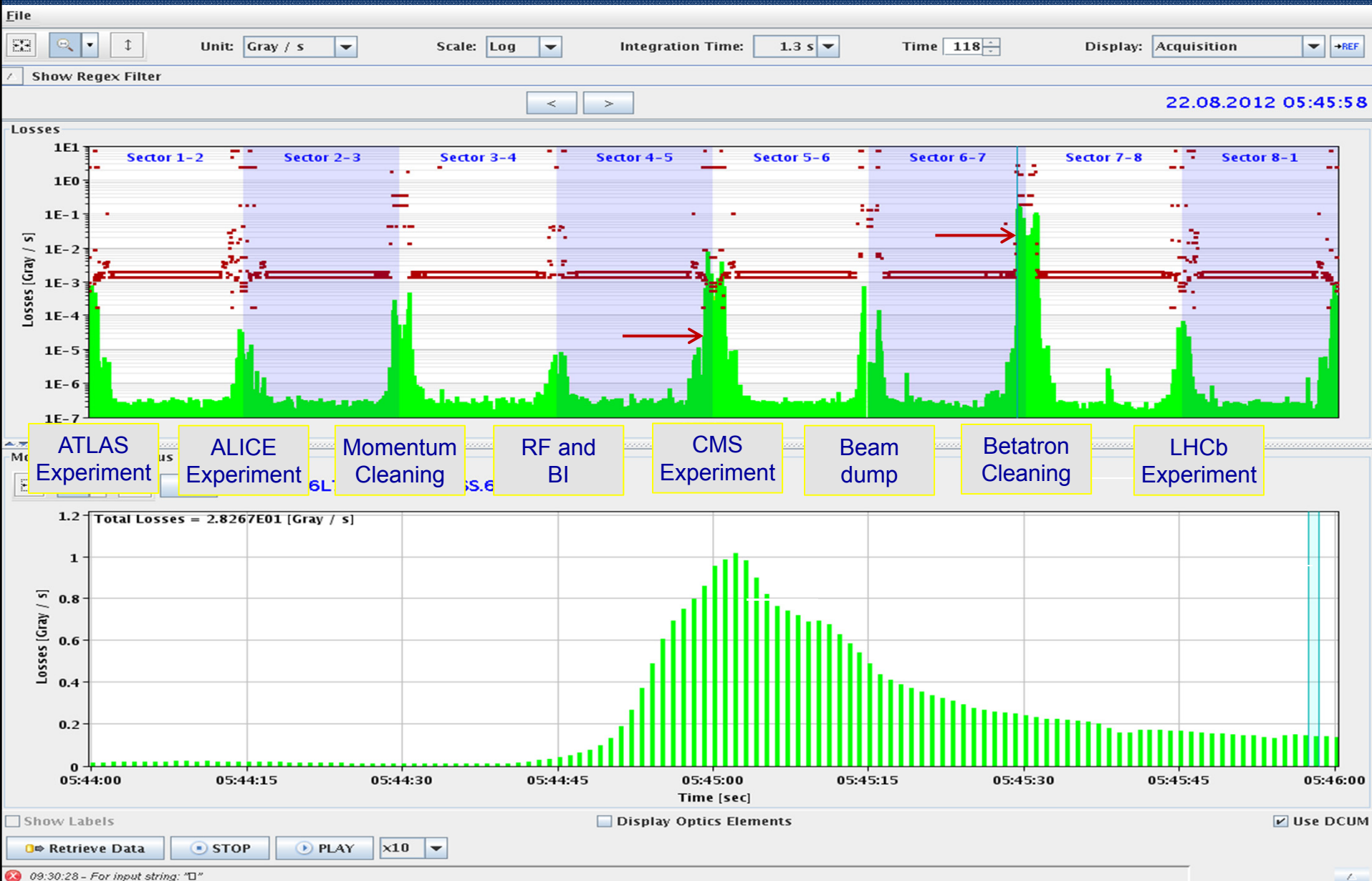
beam losses before bringing beams into collisions



beam losses when bringing beams into collisions

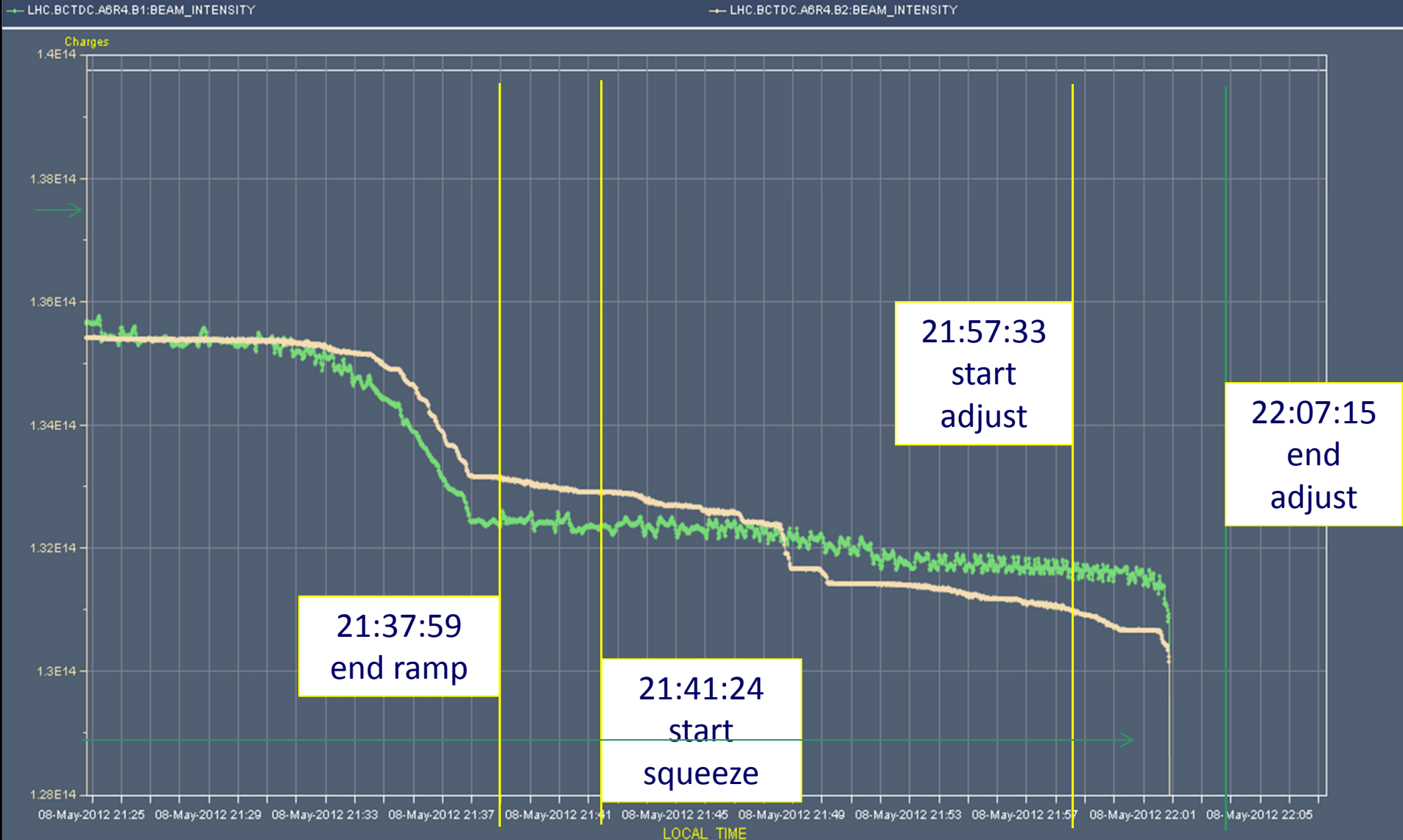


beam losses after bringing beams into collisions

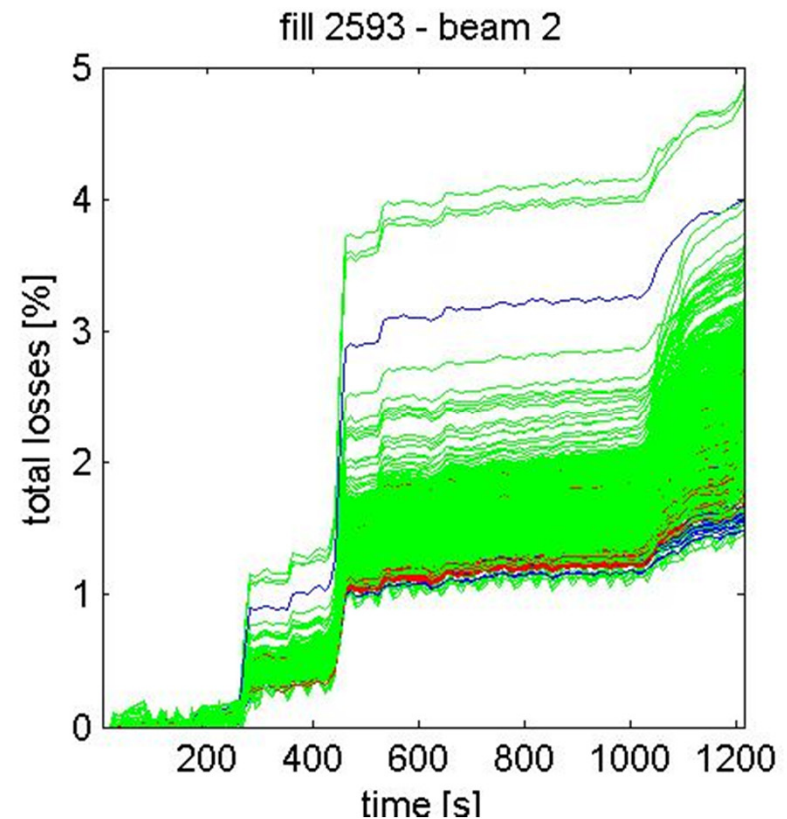
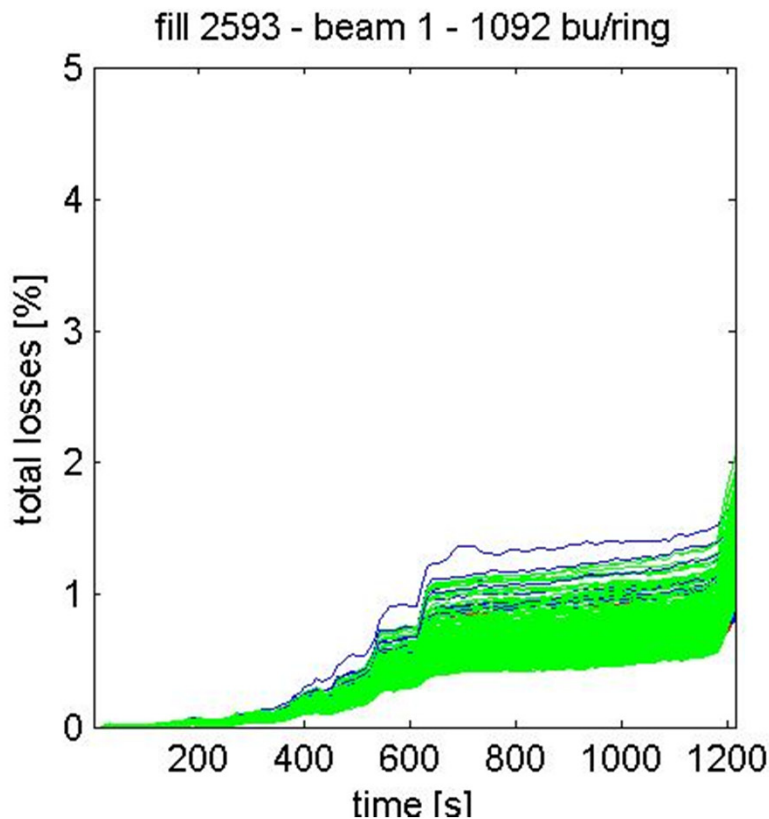


Fill 2602, also a typical fill in 2012.....

Timeseries Chart between 2012-05-08 21:24:47.320 and 2012-05-08 22:07:15.299 (LOCAL_TIME)



- Typical beam loss pattern – not all bunches are affected in the same way (e.g. few bunches that are not colliding)



- Initially, the BLM thresholds were set to dump the beams when the beam power loss exceeded about 50 kW
- By gaining experience we observed that the cleaning worked very well and there was no risk to quench magnets
- The thresholds of the BLMs for beam losses in the range of few seconds was increase, to allow for beam power losses of up to 200 kW
- This has been done for «slow» beam losses, with time constants of about one second and more
- There is still some margin, the power deposition in the collimation insertion can go up to a value between 500 kW – 1 MW

Beam losses at LHC and its injector,
Laurette Ponce (CERN, Geneva)

Colliding High Brightness Beams in the
LHC, Tatiana Pieloni (CERN, Geneva)

LHC impedance model: experience with
high intensity operation in the LHC, Benoit
Salvant (CERN, Geneva)

Quench tests at the LHC with collimation
losses at 3.5 TeV, Stefano Redaelli (CERN,
Geneva)



An object falls into
the beam

Detection of 'unidentified falling objects' at LHC,
Eduardo Nebot Del Busto (CERN, Geneva)

Bunch to Bunch Diagnostics with Diamond
Detectors at the LHC, Maria Hempel (BTU, Cottbus)

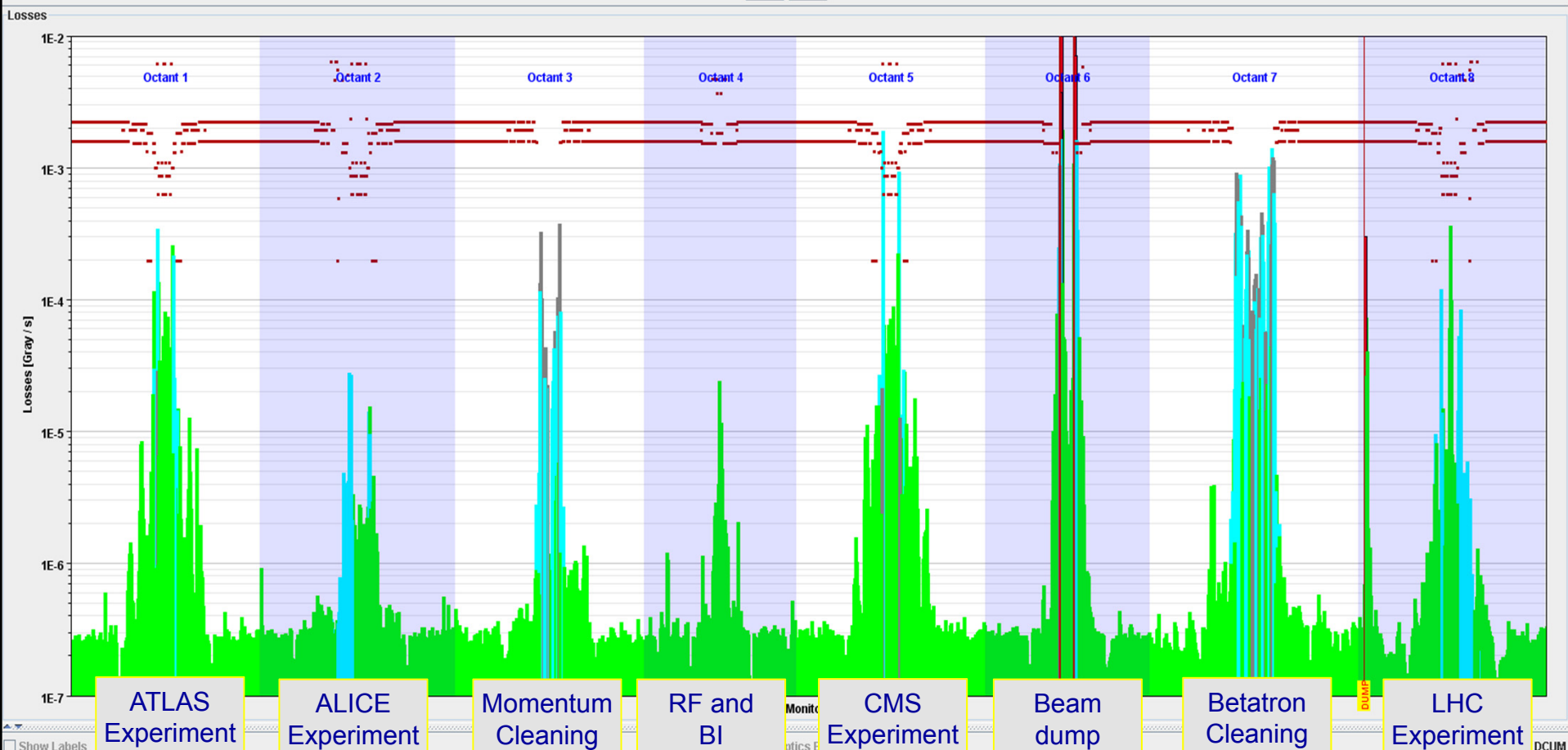


Accidental beam losses during collisions

Unit: Gray/s Scale: Log Integration Time: 1.3 s Start 490 End 511 Losses: Max Display: Acquisition +REF

Sectors Filter	Octant Filter	Dump Filter	List Filter	Regex Filter	Beam Permit Filter												
Filter (3550 / 3892)																	
Monitor	40 us	80 us	320 us	640 us	2560 us	10 ms	82 ms	655 ms	1.3 s	5.2 s	20.9 s	83.8 s	Type	Section	Left Right	Octant	Beam
BLMQ1.31L8.B1E10_MQ	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	☒ IC	☒ LSS	☒ Left	☒ 1 ☒ 5	☒ Beam 1
BLMEI.04L6.B1E10_TCD5A.4L6.B1	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	☐ LIC	☒ DS	☒ Left	☒ 2 ☒ 6	☒ Beam 1
BLMEI.04L6.B1E10_TCD5B.4L6.B1	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	☐ SEM	☒ ARC	☒ Right	☒ 3 ☒ 7	☒ Beam 2
BLMEI.04L6.B2I10_TCDQA.4L6.B2	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok				☒ 4 ☒ 8	
BLMEI.04R6.B2I10_TCD5B.4R6.B2	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok					
BLMEI.04R6.B2I10_TCD5A.4R6.B2	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok					
BLMEI.04R6.B1E10_TCDQA.4R6.B1	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok					

☒ Show Dump Indicators 30.07.2011 23:53:11





Zoom one monitor: beam loss as a function of time

Unit: Gray / s Scale: Log Integration Time: 40 us Start 1900 End 2047 Losses: Max Display: Acquisition

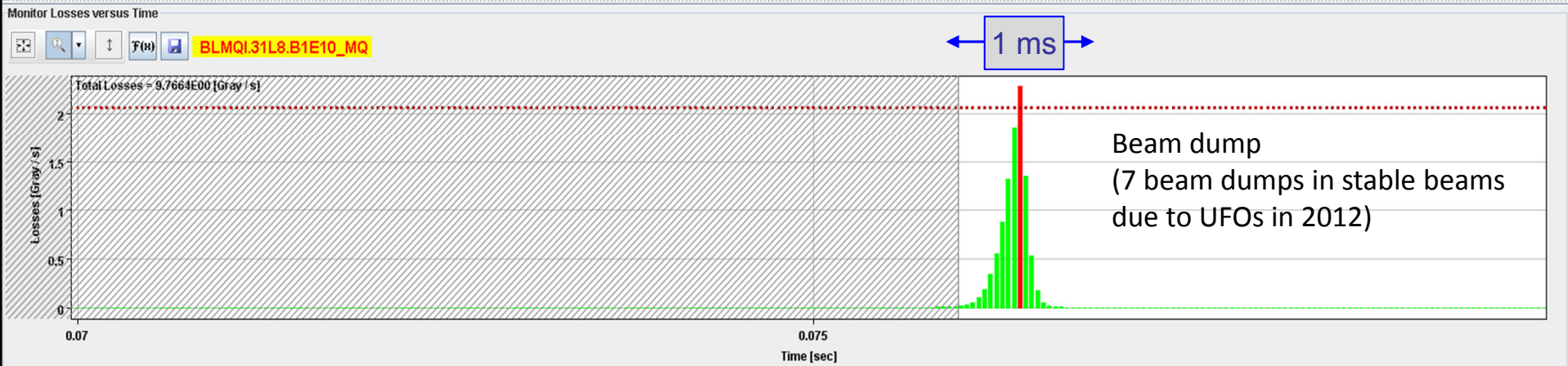
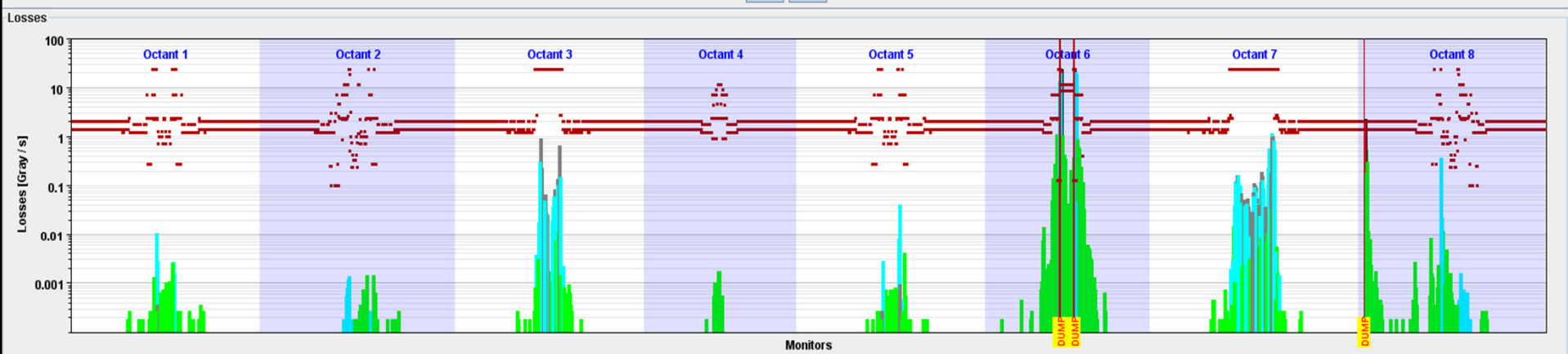
Sectors Filter Octant Filter Dump Filter List Filter Regex Filter Beam Permit Filter

Filter (3550 / 3892)

Monitor	40 us	80 us	320 us	640 us	2560 us	10 ms	82 ms	655 ms	1.3 s	5.2 s	20.9 s	83.8 s
BLMQ1.31L8.B1E10_MQ	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok
BLMEI.04L6.B1E10_TCDQA.4L6.B1	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok
BLMEI.04L6.B1E10_TCDDB.4L6.B1	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok
BLMEI.04L6.B2I10_TCDQA.4L6.B2	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok
BLMEI.04R6.B2I10_TCDDB.4R6.B2	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok
BLMEI.04R6.B2I10_TCDQA.4R6.B2	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok
BLMEI.04R6.B1E10_TCDQA.4R6.B1	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Dump	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok

Type: ☒ IC ☐ LIC ☐ SEM Section: ☒ LSS ☒ DS ☒ ARC Left Right: ☒ Left ☒ Right Octant: ☒ 1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☒ 4 ☒ 5 ☒ 6 ☒ 7 ☒ 8 Beam: ☒ Beam 1 ☒ Beam 2

☒ Show Dump Indicators 30.07.2011 23:53:11



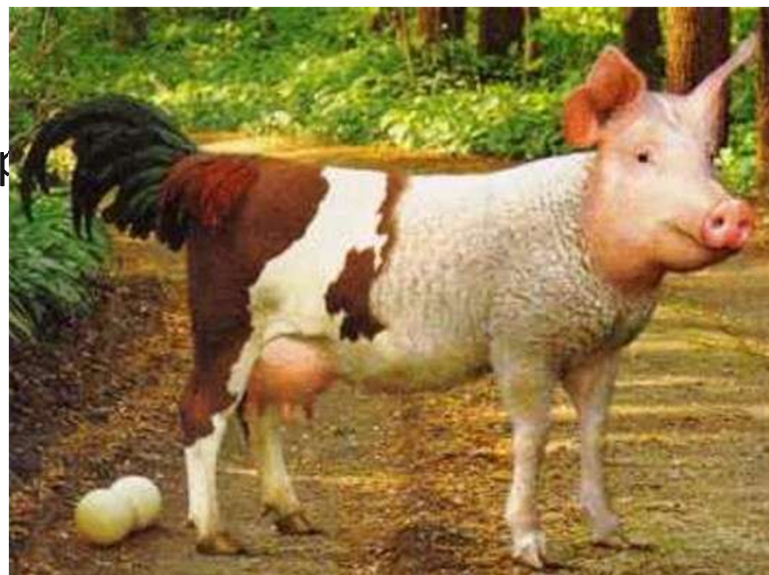
Final remarks

Longitudinal beam dynamics – excellent performance of the RF system

- Performances and future plans of the LHC RF, Philippe Baudrenghien (CERN, Geneva)
- Batch-by-batch longitudinal emittance blow-up in the LHC, Philippe Baudrenghien (CERN, Geneva)
- Measurements of the LHC longitudinal resistive impedance with beam, Juan Esteban Muller (CERN, Geneva)

Excellent performance of the transverse damp

- Fighting transverse instabilities
- Damping injection oscillations
- Cleaning of beam abort gap
- Produce beam losses on selected bunches hierarchy
- Measuring betatron tunes



Swiss German animal:
Eierlegendewollmilchsau

- High-intensity operation close to beam instability limits
- Established β^* reach (aperture, collimation, optics)
- Luminosity levelling via offset tested – works fine in LHCb!
- Head-on beam-beam effect is not a limitation
- Long range beam-beam effects have to be taken seriously
 - Need separation of 10 -12 σ (otherwise bad lifetime and beam loss)
- As small as possible emittances are good
- Instabilities were observed... and to some extent understood
 - For small beam offsets at collision point while going into collisions,
 - Impedances (kicker, collimator heating), collective effects, ...
- Availability of such ultra-complex machine
 - Single Event Upsets, vacuum pressure increase, UFOs, cryogenics, magnet protection system,
 - Vigorous follow-up and consolidation

- Energy 6.5 TeV during 2015
- Bunch spacing 25 ns (in case of problem fall back to 50 ns)
- Beta-function at experiments ~ 0.5 m
- Pile-up of events in the experiments– assume acceptable
 - Depends on bunch spacing and squeeze beyond 0.5 m
 - Beta* luminosity-levelling to mitigate the initial large pile-up
- Performance could be impacted by
 - UFOs at higher energy and with 25 ns bunch spacing
 - Radiation to electronics – SEU's
 - Electron cloud & high energy & at 25 ns
 - Long-range beam-beam & smaller crossing angle & at 25 ns
 - Single- and bunch-by-bunch beam instabilities (impedances...)
- It should be possible to achieve nominal luminosity of 10^{34} [cm⁻²s⁻¹] or more

- Operation in 2012 is at 4.0 TeV
- In 2012 the peak luminosity exceeded $7.5 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ in ATLAS and CMS with beams of 50 ns spacing
 - The stored energy of the beams exceeded by a factor ~ 50 that of existing or previous machines
 - No beam induced magnet quench with stored beams
- Integrated luminosity for 2012 is in excess of 14 fb^{-1} , hope to reach more than 20 fb^{-1} until the end of the run in February 2013
- The consolidation of the splices between magnet will be done in 2013/14, to restart autumn 2014/ 2015 at about 6.5 TeV
- UFOs could become a limitation for the availability of LHC at 6.5 TeV