

Scientific Reporting for project: FCC-hh and HE-LHC Stability

In the last reporting period the beam dynamics studies have been focused on three different topics:

- 1. Continue and extend the instability, Landau damping and emittance evolution studies related to FCC via simulations. In addition a full analysis of data from the LHC available from the RUN2 dedicated experiments have been conducted.
- 2. Develop a new correction scheme for the LHC experiments evaluation of the absolute luminosity determination with beam-beam effects during Van der Meer (VdM) scans analysis
- 3. Machine Learning exploration for possible use in future colliders design or for further exploitation of LHC data or operation time. Thanks to the competitive Suisse Data Science Center grant.

1. Beam Stability

The study of beam stability and preservation of beam parameters have been conducted for the FCC hadron colliders and studies have been described in the extended version of the Conceptual Design Report for FCC-hh. The main results have been summarized and used to define the operational scenario for the hadron colliders to reach the luminosity goals. Studies have been carried in static considerations without considering dynamic changes of parameters as emittance and intensities of the beams. The effects analyzed with the proposed scenarios are summarized in [1] and [2] for the baseline choice. In addition results have been published in [3][4][5].

In parallel during the last year we have focused on comparing existing models used for FCC-hh design with LHC data to verify the validity of such models. A full analysis of the available data from dedicated machine experiments on the LHC during RUN2 has been carried out and documented in [6][7][8]. The studies where covering the modification of the stability thresholds when an impedance is presence and in the presence of an external noise source as for example the transverse feedbacks used to suppress dipolar oscillations.

The presence of a diffusive mechanism has shown to be detrimental for Landau damping and therefore in the design one should account for keeping these effects under defined threshold dictated by stability. This means tighter tolerances for element vibrations in general respect to the LHC. The tolerances should be revised and impact to stability should be re-evaluated. This is evident in the experimental and numerical prove of the deviation of the stability thresholds when diffusion is present as described in [9]. In Figure 1 the stable phase scale which represent the stability expectation is shown from models solid line and from LHC measurements. A deviation from models reducing the stability if visible for the Vertical plane (red line) and this can be correlated to a faster diffusion in the vertical plane as shown in Figure The development the Beam Transfer Function measurements 2. of



[10][11][12][13][14] have opened the possibility to explore experimentally the Landau damping properties of the beams and more recently also to possibly use such device for a parasitic measurements of chromaticity. In addition the effect of the transverse impedance and chromaticity on the BTF measurements have highlighted a factor 1.5 stronger impedance in the LHC [7].



Figure 1 The phase scale parameter evaluated from the fitting function applied to the BTF measurements at injection energy as a function of the octupole current. The blue dots represent the BTF measurements in the horizontal plane, and the red dots are the measurements in the vertical plane. The solid black line represent the expectations from the model with respect to a which no asymmetry in the two transverse planes has been observed and for direct comparison with the operational octupole settings at the time of the measurements. As expected for such a current, the phase scale of the model is equal to one. The red shadow is given by the model expectations including the initial nonzero tune spread corresponding to ≈ 5.5 A and considering an uncertainty of 10% on the measured emittance.



Figure 2 Particle losses detected by the Beam Loss Monitors (BLMs) at the primary collimators location in IR7 as a function of time while changing the octupole current (the dashed red line).

The present understanding of the emittance growth rate of colliding beam due to decoherence in the LHC can be described with a numerical model based on



macroparticle tracking simulations. The models well describe the observed emittances qualitatively but can give a realistic numerical comparison when an external source of noise is introduced. Present models can be used for extrapolation to future machine. The experiments revealed a significant contribution of the existing transverse feedback to the emittance growth driven by its BPM noise floor, such that mitigations might be required to achieve the performances goals. The other sources of noise in the LHC remains to be identified and therefore will require further studies during RUN3. All the findings will have to be translated in terms of tolerances for the FCC-hh and HE-LHC design. The full analysis can be found in [15] with estimates for the HL-LHC. With these findings in mind a study on the possible impact on noise due to an electron lens has started and a clear impact is visible [16]. The side effects of such element should be analysed from the stability point of view also in view of a possible use of such devices in the HL-LHC.

2. Absolute Luminosity and beam-beam effect

LHC experiments need the evaluation of the absolute luminosity to be able to calibrate their detectors. This calibration occurs during dedicated experiments in the LHC and uses the well established Van der Meer (VdM) methodology. In 2019 it has been shown that the collective effect known as beam-beam interaction does contribute to the luminosity determination when the VdM method is used. In this frame we have developed the numerical tools to be used to determine the absolute luminosity during a VdM scan and to account for the beam-beam bias to the visible cross section measurements [17]. A full parameter and sensitivity studies campaign has been carried out to provide the four LHC experiments(ATLAS, CMS, LHCb and Alice) with a common correction scheme to be applied in their luminosity analysis. Results and the correction strategy will be published in [18] for the VdM cases. In Figure 3 the luminosity ratio is shown as a function of the beam to beam separation during a typical van der Meer scan. In the figure we compare the ratio using the old linear correction (blue line), when a correct beam-beam beating is accounted for (red line) and if the luminosity is computed by the overlap integral without assuming a Gaussian distribution for the particles. Further studies will follow to address the impact of such beam-beam interactions in the presence of bunch train configurations and crossing angles as in operational mode.





Figure 3 Luminosity ratio between computed luminosity without beam-beam effect L_0 and the results of multi-particle effects L for different relative beam to beam separations during a typical Van der Meer scan expressed in units of the transverse RMS beam size σ_0 for the different models used.

3. Machine Learning

Another important path that is under exploration is the possibility to use Machine Learning (ML) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies to the design and operation of colliders. These studies are done in collaboration with the SDSC and the LHC operation group at CERN. In this frame we have explored three possible applications:

- Beam lifetime optimization for the LHC
- Instability detection using the ADT ObsBox for online fast data analysis and instability classification for RUN3
- Anomaly detection of anomaly beam loss maps from RUN2 LHC data and possible implementation for RUN3

The first two topics have been described in a common paper [19]. In Figure 4 an example of the comparison of a machine learning optimized working point (red dot) versus the machine operational working point (blue dot) and data acquired during a dedicated experiment in the LHC during RUN2 (yellow dots have higher beam lifetime). The new optima seems showing a better operational set-up with much larger lifetimes.



Figure 4 Normalised beam lifetime as a function of the LHC tune working point as measured for Beam 1. Blue dot: Nominal working point. Red dot: Lifetime-optimised working point as determined by the ML model. The model prediction is close, but not exactly equal, to the measured maximum lifetime. The absolute minimum and maximum value of the beam lifetime is 1.05 h and 32.7 h, respectively.

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