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First Beam-Beam observations at high intensity collisions.

Measurements on May 2nd and 3rd, 2010

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Motivations

- Test scan behavior with high intensity hadron collisions.

- Test operations with separated beams (ALICE).

- Exploit available tune spread and tune spectra.

Conditions

- 2 bunches per beam, one collision per IP.

- 10¹¹ protons per bunch.

- End of fill measurements.

	Beam 1		Beam 2	
-	Bunch 1	Bunch 2	Bunch 1	Bunch2
Bucket	1	17851	1	8911
Number of collisions	3	1	2	2



Beam1:

Beam2:







Test runs summary

- Stability: we saw that for 10¹¹ protons per bunch and full collisions and full beam-beam tune shift the lifetime was good for 10 h

- The lifetime of bunch 1 in beam 1 was worst than bunch 2, we believe because the number of collisions is different (3 vs. 1).

IP2 Separation scan (ALICE)



Beam1:



Beam2:

Separation scan summary

End-of-fill test separated collisions

- Test of separated collisions in ALICE
 - 09:00-10:30 3 May 2010, ADJUST, 450 GeV
 - 2 x 2 bunches, N_b \sim 0.8 \times 10^{11}
 - Emittance: Beam 1~nominal,
 Beam 2 ~ twice nominal
 - Beams colliding in IP1, IP5, IP8
 - Re-separated horizontally in IP2 to ±2 mm
 - Separation scanned from +2 to -0.5 mm, few minutes each point
 - No significant effects on emittance, lifetime or losses
- Encouraging for high energy operation with luminosity reduced in ALICE











Estimate of tune-shift

$$\Delta Q = \frac{1}{4\pi} r_p \frac{N_p}{\epsilon_n}$$

In this fill, the emittance and charge per bunch (for B1 that acts on B2) are:

$$\epsilon_n \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-6}, \ N \approx 0.7 \cdot 10^{11}$$

 $\Delta Q \approx -2.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$

and for B2 that acts on B1are:

$$\epsilon_n \approx 7 \cdot 10^{-6}, \ N \approx 0.7 \cdot 10^{11}$$

 $\Delta Q \approx -1.22 \cdot 10^{-3}$

for B1 one bunch see 3 encounters and the other bunch 1, so the difference in tune is:

$$2\Delta Q \approx -2.44 \cdot 10^{-3}$$



Summary

- Successfully collided bunches with (about) nominal intensity and tune shift at 450 GeV, asymmetric collision scheme (PACMAN effects observed as expected) collision data taken by experiments.

- Good beam lifetime, no deterioration due to beam-beam effects.
- No lifetime problems when beams still separated.

- Separation scan done in ALICE: no detrimental effect on beam, stability of collision point to be checked.

- Done or partially done: tune scan and beam-beam deflection scan (to be analyzed).

- Highly desirable: bunch-by-bunch diagnostics.