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CMS Measurements and interpretation of transverse beam instabilities in the CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and extrapolations to HL-LHC

LHC 27 km

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Simple model used (externally given elliptical spectrum...) => Detailed simulation study currently being performed for the LHC by L.R. Carver (see after)

pyHEADTAIL simulations with an octupole as detuner



























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$$Q_u = Q_x - \frac{\left|C^{-}\right|}{2}\tan\alpha$$

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See also R. Tomas et al., "Amplitude dependent closest tune approach" (submitted to PRAB) => However, the amplitudedependent C⁻ discussed before is not the same as the one in the paper and has been deduced empirically => To be continued... Dedicated instability measurements in the LHC on 16/04/2016

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- Instability observed with LOF = + 285 A, i.e. ~ 4 times higher octupole current than uncoupled threshold
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This gives a factor 310 / 71 = 4.4 increase in Landau octupole current compared to the uncoupled case



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=> Was cured by increasing the vertical chromaticity (+7) in stable beam (to ~ 22)!







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Possible mechanism? (G. ladarola and G. Rumolo)



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