#### Particle Identification at the LHC Daniel Fournier-LAL Orsay

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### Introduction

- LHC parameters
- Cross-sections at  $\sqrt{s}=14$  TeV
- "Particles" in soft and hard collisions



1232 main dipoles B=8.33 T nominal,9T for cold test L=14.3 m

## Some LHC parameters (1)

Nominal settings	
Beam energy (TeV)	<b>7.0</b>
Number of particles per bunch	1.15 10 <sup>11</sup>
Number of bunches per beam	2808
Crossing angle (µrad)	285
Norm transverse emittance (µm rad)	3.75
Bunch length (cm)	7.55
Beta function at IP 1, 2, 5, 8 (m)	0.55,10,0.55,10

<b>Related parameters</b>	
Luminosity in IP 1 & 5 (cm² s-1)	1034
Luminosity in IP 2 & 8 (cm² s-1)	~5 102
Transverse beam size at IP 1 & 5 (µm)	16.7
Transverse beam size at IP 2 & 8 (µm)	<mark>70.</mark> 9
Stored energy per beam (MJ)	362





# Some LHC parameters (2)



Figure "misleading": -two beams are side by side -proton change tubes at **IP1=Atlas** IP2=LHCb IP5=CMS **IP8=Alice** 

- Bunch
- Alice in pp :  $L < 5 \times 10^{30}$  to cope with detector features (TPC)  $\beta^*$  increased to 200m, and/or transversally displaced beams
- LHCb : L < 2 10<sup>32</sup> to have <~1 int/crossing
  - $\beta^*$  and/or transversally displaced beams
- Lead -ion mode :  $\sqrt{s=5.5}$  TeV/nucleon, 592 bunches(collisions every 100ns), 10<sup>8</sup> ions/bunch,  $\beta$  =50cm, L=10<sup>27</sup>
- Light ions and p-ions collisions also possible, and foreseen, later

#### 2007 possible start-up conditions



#### Stage I physics run

- Start as simple as possible
- Change 1 parameter (k<sub>b</sub> N β\*<sub>1,5</sub>) at a time
- All values for
  - nominal emittance
  - 7TeV
  - 10m β\* in point 2 (luminosity looks fine)



From L.Evans

Protons/beam ? 10<sup>13</sup> (LEP beam currents)

Stored energy/beam ? 10MJ (SPS fixed target beam)

P	aramete	rs	Beam	levels	Rates in	n 1 and 5	Rates	s in 2
k <sub>b</sub>	N	β* 1,5 (m)	l <sub>beam</sub> proton	E <sub>beam</sub> (MJ)	Luminosity (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Events/ crossing	Luminosity (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Events/ crossing
1	10 <sup>10</sup>	18	1 10 <sup>10</sup>	10 <sup>-2</sup>	10 <sup>27</sup>	<< 1	1.8 10 <sup>27</sup>	<< 1
<b>43</b>	10 <sup>10</sup>	18	4.3 10 <sup>11</sup>	0.5	4.2 10 <sup>28</sup>	<< 1	7.7 10 <sup>28</sup>	<< 1
<b>43</b>	4 10 <sup>10</sup>	18	1.7 10 <sup>12</sup>	2	6.8 10 <sup>29</sup>	<< 1	1.2 10 <sup>30</sup>	0.15
<b>43</b>	4 10 <sup>10</sup>	2	1.7 10 <sup>12</sup>	2	6.1 10 <sup>30</sup>	0.76	1.2 10 <sup>30</sup>	0.15
156	4 10 <sup>10</sup>	2	6.2 10 <sup>12</sup>	7	2.2 10 <sup>31</sup>	0.76	4.4 10 <sup>30</sup>	0.15
156	<b>9</b> 10 <sup>10</sup>	2	1.4 10 <sup>13</sup>	16	1.1 10 <sup>32</sup>	3.9	2.2 10 <sup>31</sup>	10 days at

give 100 pb<sup>-1</sup>

Proton-proton at  $\sqrt{s=14 \text{ TeV}}$ Cross-sections •Inelastic , non-diffractive pp cross-section ~70mb

•Bb-bar pairs production is 1% of total

High p<sub>T</sub> phenomena (hard processes)?<sup>b</sup> scale given by M<sub>W</sub> /2 ,with some margin for triggering,.. ~30 GeV/c

•Jet-cross section above a fixed  $\mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{T}}$  increases fast with energy

 $\rightarrow$ QCD Background to e,µ from W/Z decays-or new physics-becomes worse at LHC as compared to Tevatron!



#### Parton-parton collisions

Hard collisions take place between partons in the protons: quarks and gluons

- •The effective center of mass energy is  $\sqrt{s} = 2x_1 x_2 \sqrt{S}$ where  $x_i$  is the fraction of momentum carried by parton "i" and  $\sqrt{S}=14$ TeV
- •The center of mass of the sub-process is boosted with  $\beta = (x_1 x_2)/(x_1 + x_2)$ •2 components only (transverse plane) of the (E,p) conservation useful
- •The parton-parton luminosity is calculated from the parton distributions:  $f(x,Q^2)$  being the probability to find a parton with momentum x in the proton



•Gluon-gluon collisions dominate QCD processes as long as  $x_1x_2$  is not too large(40% of momentum carried by gluons). With  $\tau = x_1x_2$  $\tau dL/d\tau = \int_{\tau}^{1} G(x,Q^2) G(\tau/x,Q^2) dx/x$ 

### Minimum bias events

•Most collisions are peripheral, without hard scattering. •Soft particles (mostly pions )are produced with a constant density in pseudo-rapidity  $\eta = -\log(tg(\theta/2))$  $\eta \sim y$  (rapidity)  $y = \log[(E+Pz)/(E-Pz)]$ at LHC ymax~10



- •There is still rather large uncertainty on the level of the "rapidity plateau" expected at LHC.
- The average  $p_T$  of min bias charged particles (pions) is ~0.7GeV/c



#### Constant $d\eta$ detector elements

Elements of fixed transverse size, aligned along a cylinder, correspond to a constant  $d\eta$ 

 $\rightarrow$  the flux of particles they intercept is independent of z

(but the energy intercepted increases as  $1/\sin(\theta)$ )



dl1=dl2  $\rightarrow$  d $\eta$ 1=d $\eta$ 2

# "Particles" in hard collisions

Elementary constituents interact as such in "hard processes" namely : quark and leptons as matter particles, and

	<b>e</b> (0.0005)	μ(0.105)	τ (1.777)	
leptons	ν <sub>e</sub>	$\nu_{\mu}$	$v_{\tau}$ –	→non zero
quarks	Up<0.005	C~1.25	T (173±3)	
	Down	S~0.1	B ~4.2	

#### gluons and EW bosons as gauge particles

Gluon(0)	Photon	W+,W-	Z
Color octet	(0)	(80.420)	(91.188)

γ,W and Z have SM couplings to quark and leptons:
Γ(W)= 2.12 GeV ev :10.6 % hadrons:68.5% (ud,cs)
Γ(Z)=2.496 GeV ee :3.37% vv :6.6% each hadrons:70% (uu,dd,ss,cc,bb)
Heavy quarks decay by V-A (W coupling)+CKM. No FCNC

- Missing : the Higg(s) boson(s) M>114 GeV (LEP) and "probably" <~250
- Predicted/Speculated : SUSY particles, KK excitations,...

## "Particles" in soft collisions

•Particles with strong interactions = Gluons and quarks materialize as jets (non perturbative aspect of QCD).

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•Below some  $p_T$  (few GeV) the structure in jets is no longer visible and soft gluons "conspire" to hadrons ( $\pi$ , K,...) of the "minimum" bias evts".

In this regime of soft collisions the "particles" are pions, kaons, ..... with in general intermediate hadronic resonances ( $\rho \ \omega \ \eta \ \phi$ ,...)

•Heavy quarks decay by W exchange (no FCNC) and CKM mixing, and appear finally as well as "groups" of pions, kaons, ... with also electrons/, muons from the intermediate Ws.

The long life time of b,c (and s) lead to visible path length which allows to sign them. The higher mass states(B) generate distinctive pT(~M/2~2.5GeV) in their decay.

•Narrow resonances of heavy quarks ( $\psi$ , Y,...) are interesting signatures, including in heavy ion collisions.

# Soft particles in lead-lead collisions

- At small impact parameter and high energy, the head on collisions of nuclei generate a large number of soft gluons, which in turn materialise into hadrons.
- Expected density of gluons per pseudo-rapidity interval is ~3000 at LHC

There is interest in understanding:

- In which conditions (energy density ε)this evolves through an intermediate quarkgluon plasma (new state of matter, possibly already observed)
- How hard probes  $(\psi, Y)$  behave when traversing such a medium



 How this medium "cools-down" to ordinary hadrons.

This last part is best studied with soft particles . Important observables are:

- $\cdot$  Nature of produced hadrons (fraction of strange part,...)
- Transverse momentum spectrum
- Intermediate states (resonances like  $\phi \rightarrow KK$ ),....
- $\rightarrow$ ALICE is aiming at  $3\sigma \pi$ /K/p ID in the 0.1 GeV to "few GeV" range

#### **ALICE** Detector



Pb-Pb total Xsection= 8barns  $\rightarrow$  at L=10^{27} cm^{-2}s^{-1} the rate is only 8 kHz Multiplicity is the problem....

### An event in STAR at RHIC



The centrality of the collision (impact parameter between the two line of flights) is measured from several observables, in particular :

-the energy in ZDC which allows to count the number of "non-interacting nucleons" -the multiplicity of charged particles at the vertex.

Central events have the highest probability to contain high energy density areas

# The Alice TOF(1)

For non relativistic particles TOF is a powerful tool

t=l/βc  $\beta=p/\sqrt{p^2+m^2}$  p measured by TPC+ITS

Useful range increases with accuracy of time measurement and lever arm

 $-T_0$  bunch collision rms ~200ps (~6 cm bunch length)

-only one collision/bc in Pb-Pb  $\rightarrow$ average of fast tracks better



# The Alice TPC (1)

- At sufficiently low rate (<time drift over detector length)a TPC is the choice detector for high multiplicity final states
- Demonstrated by PEP4, Aleph-Delphi, NA49, STAR
- Measurement of dE/dx gives "some" particle id at low momentum  $-dE/dx=k 1/\beta^2 (0.5 Log(2m_e c^2\beta^2\gamma^2Tmax/I^2) \beta^2-\delta/2)$
- Specific constraint on gas for HI: low momenta (~150 MeV/c)  $\rightarrow$ low diffusion, low scattering, high ion mobility  $\rightarrow$  Neon + 10% CO<sub>2</sub>
- Overall size: 88 m3 ,5 m diameter,5m overall length
- 100kV on central plane to create E<sub>drift</sub>=400V/cm
- Transverse diffusion suppressed by B=0.5T;  $\sigma$ =220  $\mu$ m  $\sqrt{L(cm)}$
- Pad size : 4 mm2 at inner radius, in total 560 000 channels with 10 bit dynamics

# The Alice TPC (2)



# The Alice TPC (3)

- dE/dx resolution goes like N<sup>-0.43</sup> x (PI) <sup>-0.32</sup>
   (N nb of samples , P pressure, I length of sample)
- Best dE/dx precision (~2%) was achieved by PEP4 (8 bars)
- Alice expects 5.5% for isolated tracks and 7% with dN/dy ~ 8000
- STAR (at RHIC) obtains the performance below:





#### LHCb: single arm spectrometer



## LHCb hadron ID

#### **Requirements:** •Speed: 25 ns or faster •Angular coverage: 10 to 330 mrad •Momentum range: 2 GeV/c to 150 GeV/c •Particle density: ~20/m²/interaction at 10 m from vertex •Quality of separation : pion rejection>20 Technology choice: Rich with HPD readout •Aerogel and $C_4F_{10}$ for Rich1 (near= 1m) • $CF_4$ for Rich2 (far =10 m)



# LHCb Rich



C4F10	3	30	
	GeV/c	GeV/c	
β (pion)	0.9989	0.999989	
$\theta$ (cerenkov)	0.160 rad 0.0526 r		
β (kaon)	0.9864	0.99986	
$\theta$ (cerenkov)	0.020 rad	0.0502rad	



Figure 4.7: Distribution of the reconstructed Cherenkov angle for 4 cm-thick aerogel.

#### LHCb Rich : mirrors and photodetector

 Thick radiator→spherical mirror (convert direction to point in focal plane)

Photodetector out of particle path

•Granularity of photon detector good enough not to compromise accuracy of ring measurement

UV sensitive

 $\rightarrow$ "pad HPD"

(alternative: Multi anode PM)

Thin mirrors needed (beryllium or Carbon fiber)



# LHCb pad HPD

- Photocathode at -20kV
- Vacuum tube, window transp to UV
- •Demagnified image/5 on pixel sensor
- •256x32 pixels of 62x500 microns
- Electronics bump-bonded40 MHz readout

•Long and difficult R&D at CERN (bonds melt under tube bake out) Works fine now-tested in beam with aerogel in 2003.

•~500 pieces needed



Figure 3: Schematic principle of the HPD.



#### Full evt simulation

### LHCb Rich1



Simulated accuracy of Cerenkov angle =1.9/1.3/0.7 mr/ $\sqrt{N_{pe}}$  in aerogel,.. Need of course efficient tracking and accurate enough momentum measurement for the identification approach to be effective.

# LHCb : example of trigger steps

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•LVL0: Had-cal E<sub>T</sub> threshold 2.4 GeV acc=40% rej=50
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(+electron & muon) \rightarrow enter at 1 MHz in a pipeline 256 bc deep
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•LVL1:

-with the calo seed, walk backward with Kalman filter, and find-or nota track with similar  $p_T$  pointing to the cluster acc=0.3, rej=10

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-AND verify existence of a detached vertex (2D-straight tracks inVELO)
0.15</br>0.15do<3mm</td>acc=0.5(includes flight dist) rej=25
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.LVL2(input 40 kHz): reconstruct 3D tracks, use mom, ask for ge.3 detached

.HLT(input 5 kHz) compute invariant masses, apply PID, select phys channels

New approach: (L1,L2,HLT) mixed in a single PC farm

Low  $PT \rightarrow start$  with high rate

# LHCb-HLT-DAQ



# LHCb performances in perspective (1 year)

Measurement	Channel	LHCb	ATLAS	CMS
β [sin(2β)]	$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_s^0$	0.3 <sup>°</sup> to 0.5 <sup>°</sup>	0.5 <sup>0</sup>	0.7 <sup>0</sup>
<b>α [sin(2α)]</b>	${f B}^0 { ightarrow} \pi^+  \pi^-$ (assuming no penguin)	2 <sup>o</sup> to 10 <sup>o</sup>	down to 5 <sup>0</sup>	down to 5 <sup>0</sup>
α [sin(2α) and cos(2α)]	$B^0 \rightarrow \rho \pi \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	5 <sup>°</sup> to 15 <sup>°</sup>		
<b>2</b> β + γ	$B^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} \pi^-$	down to 7 <sup>0</sup>		
γ <b>- 2</b> δγ	$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- K^+$	3 <sup>°</sup> to 16 <sup>°</sup>		
γ	$B_d^{0} \rightarrow D^0 K^*$	4 <sup>o</sup> to 18 <sup>o</sup>		
δγ	$B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Phi$	0.6 <sup>0</sup>	0.9 <sup>0</sup>	
X <sub>s</sub>	$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$	< 90	< 36	< 48
Rare decays	$ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{B}_{s}^{0} \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-} \\ \text{(SM. BR. ~3.5x10^{-9})} \end{array} $	<b>4.4</b> $\sigma$ <b>SM</b> signal	$4.7\sigma$ SM signal	$10\sigma SM$ signal
	$B_d^{\ 0} \rightarrow K^* \gamma$	26k evts.		

# Particle ID in high $P_{T}$ reactions(1)

o Parton reactions,QCD effects
o Parton fragmentation -jets
o Showering/absorption in calorimeters
o ATLAS and CMS design principles

### Parton reactions, QCD effects

Exemple of "pedagogical" reaction: Final state looks simple : 2 b-quark-partons 2 electrons Each quark-parton will materialize as a jet.



However QCD coupling α<sub>s</sub> is large enough that, with sizeable probability: -further gluon lines are attached to initial gluons (or quarks) = ISR -gluon lines are attached to final quarks (FSR)

Depending on the random occurrence of ISR/FSR, and on the  $P_T$  threshold to define a jet, the "bare" graph above will lead to a final state with 2,3,4... Jets (plus the electrons..)

## Parton reactions and background

•Events with 4 jets or more, of  $p_T$  50GeV ore more are produced with a cross-section of ~30nb from which the candidate reaction should be distinguished. A rejection >>10<sup>6</sup> is needed

The task is not simple!.....

Fortunately an electron appears extremely different from a jet..... But

- •Among the background are tt events, Zbb events,...containing also b-jets and electrons with a  $\sigma$  BR of ~ 1pb for the former....
- And another problem is pile-up

In average 7 x 23 x5 ~ 800 charged, and as many neutrals soft particles are produced in any bunch-crossing (at  $10^{34}$  ), complicating significantly the electron-jet identification at high luminosity

THREE STEPS for particle ID: Understand the lepton signatures Understand the jet background= fragmentation Understand the experimental effects (resolution, pile-up,..)

# Parton fragmentation -jets(1)

Two main quantities of interest: -transverse momentum of fragment/jet axis. -fraction x of longitudinal parton momentum taken by fragment.

Best info from e+e- , in particular LEP/Z<sup>0</sup>

$$F^{h}(x,s) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \frac{d\sigma}{dx} (e^{+}e^{-} \to V \to hX)$$
$$F^{h}(x,s) = \sum_{i} \int_{x}^{1} \frac{dz}{z} C_{i}(s;z,\alpha_{s}) D_{i}^{h}(x/z,s)$$

 $D_{i}^{h}(x/z,s) = parton fragmentation function$ In lowest order  $C_{g}=0$ ,  $C_{i}=g_{i}(s) \delta(1-z)$ 

Evolution of D(x,t) - increase at low x- is reproduced by DGLAP equations.

This effect governs multiplicity increase (at the ZO pole <Nch>=20)



# Parton fragmentation (2)

Flavor tagging allowed to separate charm jets, bottom jets, and also Gluons jets as "third jet" in bbg 3 jet events. Gluon fragmentation also from  $\sin^2(\theta)F_L(x)$  term in  $d\sigma/dxdcos(\theta)$ :  $1/\sigma d^2 \sigma/dxdcos(\theta)=3/8(1+cos^2(\theta))F_T+3/4 sin^2(\theta)F_L(x)+3/4 cos(\theta)F_A$  $\rightarrow b$  jets and gluon jets give softer particles than light quarks  $\rightarrow$ however fragmentation of b parton in b hadron is very hard



# Parton fragmentation (3)

Monte-Carlo modelisation : string model

A string representing the QCD colour field is "stretched' between partons:

If energy stored is sufficient: A qqbar pair is emitted from vacuum

P(pair creation) $\alpha \exp(-\pi m_{qT}^2/\kappa)$  where  $\kappa$ =string tension ~ 1GeV/fm  $m_{qT}^2 = m_q^2 + p_q^2$   $f(z)=1/z(1-z) \propto \exp(-bm_{qT}^2/z)$ heavy hadrons-even kaonsheavily suppressed

When  $x \rightarrow 1$  the jet has only one hard particle,....plus pile-up



# Parton fragmentation (4)

•The transverse momentum structure of a jet is analyzed measuring the fraction  $\rho$  of energy contained in a cone of radius r as compared to a radius R taken as reference.

•Data from HERA and Tevatron are well reproduced by NLO calculations.

·Jets defined in this way (cone) vary only slowly in shape with  $\mathsf{E}_{\tau}$ 





DO data NLO calculations Separation between jets as parameter

### Showering in calorimeters

Particles from the jets go through the "light" tracking systems with a minimum of interactions. Then showering in calorimeters starts

Two rather well separated processes take place:

<u>Electromagnetic showers</u>: photons( prompt or from  $\pi^0$ ,...) electrons

Hadronic showers: charged pions, kaons, nucleons,,,from jets

While the hadronic shower develops, secondary  $\pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$  are produced with equal probability (isospin invariance), and thus a hadronic-initiated shower develops an EM component.

The reverse is not true: an EM initiated shower remains EM (to  $\sim 10^{-3}$ )

<u>Muons</u>, like electrons have "only" EM interactions, but at a much reduced rate due to the  $(e^2/m)^2$  factor in radiative cross-sections: Except at the highest energies they "happily" cross through several meters of iron.

 $\rightarrow$ This gives a robust way of identifying them.



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# Pipelined-multilevel-triggers



# EM showers(1)

High energy photons and electrons interactions with matter are governed by the radiation length :X<sub>0</sub>(g/cm<sup>2</sup>) =716 A/Z(Z+1)log(287/ $\sqrt{Z}$ ) (lead X<sub>0</sub> = 6 mm)

- Electron bremsstrahlung < E<sub>electron</sub> > after 1 : E=E<sub>0</sub> exp(-1/X<sub>0</sub>)
- Pair creation: mean free path of photon=9/7  $X_0$

At any energy electrons are subject, like any other charged particle to energy loss by ionisation (and Cerenkov if v/c>1/n)

- •The energy where the two losses are equal is the critical energy Ec.
- •The process of bremsstrahlung remains dominant until E~Ec
- •Small values of Ec and X<sub>0</sub> give better sampling calorimeters. For lead Ec=7MeV



# EM showers(2)

The longitudinal profile of showers expressed in X<sub>0</sub> is almost material independent, and depends only logarithmically of E
~30 X<sub>0</sub> (18 cm lead equivalent) is enough to absorb a TeV EM shower
The transverse profile is driven by multiple scattering (Es=21 MeV) of electrons. It is almost energy independent, and characterized by R<sub>M</sub> =X<sub>0</sub>Es/Ec the Moliere radius , proportional to the material density
At high enough energy EM shower fluctuations in shape&size are limited



# High energy muons in material



# Hadronic showers(1)

- Theory of hadron-nucleus collisions not able to reproduce data ,with multiparticle final states in a reliable way. Rely on models interpolating tabulated cross-sections,
- Analog of  $X_0$  is the interaction length  $\lambda$ , mean free path before the next inelastic collision of a hadron.  $\lambda$  goes with  $A^{1/3}$ .
- In general  $\lambda > X_0$ . For iron(lead)  $\lambda = 17 \text{ cm}(18 \text{ cm}), X_0 = 17,6 \text{ mm}(6 \text{ mm})$
- Hadronic interactions are more "inelastic" than EM ones,and ~12  $\lambda$  are enough to absorb a TeV pion
- The choice of material is dictated by density, cost, ease of machining, (non) magnetic properties (copper/iron),...
- In general a hadronic calorimeter is "non-compensating" ( $e/\pi > 1$ ). This is an important limitation which -to some extend- can be alleviated using (depleted) uranium as an absorber.
- Transverse behavior in showers is dominated by  $\textbf{p}_{T}$  of hadronic process
- Monte-Carlo simulations not yet at the level of EM ones. Geant4/LHEP,Geant4/QGSP, FLUKA,...

# Hadronic showers(2)



CMS(left) and Atlas Scintillator Had calorimeter response compared to Geant4

# Hadronic showers(3) -tails



"punch-through" probability of π<sup>+</sup> after 10λ as measured by RD-5



#### To-morrow:

Muons Electrons Photons Back-up transparencies

#### **CDF II Preliminary**



## Some LHC parameters (1)

- RF frequency 400.790 MHz
- Synchro signal TTC to experiments at f/10 in phase with bunch crossings
- Bunch collisions every 25 ns (train of 2808bunches of  $\sim 10^{11}$  p + some holes)
- Nominal high luminosity intersections(ATLAS & CMS): β\*=50cm L=10<sup>34</sup> → in average 23 collisions per bc (Poisson) (meaning the average collision rate is close to 1 GHz)
- First year nominal luminosity: 2 10<sup>33</sup> ie in average 4 collisions per bc (In 2007 luminosity will be significantly less ,with less bunches in the machine, ie for example 75 ns between crossings, which is good for timing) Main worry is safety (beams for 10<sup>34</sup> carry 360 MJ)
- Transverse size of beam spot ~ 15 microns x and y
- Longitudinal size of collision area  $\sigma$ = 6 cm at injection increasing to ~9cm at end of fill (~10hours)

#### Quark-gluon plasma conditions

