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UA9 - Crystal collimation at CERN-SPS

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Outline

- Introduction:
 - Few words about crystals
 - Few words about beam collimation
- The UA9 experiment at CERN:
 - facilities & installations
 - results
 - future plans





Few words about crystals

Particle-crystal interactions

- Atoms are distributed according to a lattice in crystals
 - Lindhard describes the potential among planes with a continuous function (1965)
- Particles traversing a crystal may undergo coherent interaction:
 - depending on the impinging angle of the particle with respect to the lattice orientation



 interaction cross-sections reduced with respect to amorphous materials (including multiple Coulomb scattering and nuclear interaction)

- reduced energy deposition
- particles trapped between crystal planes or along crystal axes (channeling)

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Bent crystals
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- For a moderately **bent crystal**:
 - particles still subjected to coherent interaction
 - bent channels can deflect impinging particles (channeling)
 - particles can be reflected by crystal planes as predicted by Taratin and Vorobiov in 1988 (volume reflection)

volume-reflected

particle

volume-captured

particle

channeled

particle

interaction with planes can trap particles into channels (volume capture)

	Deflection angle	Angular acceptance	I = crystal length R = bending radius
Channeling	α	$\pm \theta_c$	height E = particle energy
Volume reflection	~1.5 θ _c	α	a = I / R $\theta_c = \sqrt{(2U_0 / E)}$





Few words on beam collimation

Beam collimation

- In any accelerator, beam particles are subjected to a diffusive process (from the beam core to the beam halo):
 - due to scattering on beam pipe residual gas, magnetic field imperfections, intrabeam or beam-beam interaction, ...
 - particles in the beam halo are eventually lost in the machine
 - beam intensity has a lifetime.
- Collimators are use to intercept particles that are lost in the machine:
 - radiation protection: stop particles at well defined locations (minimal losses and minimal activation at other locations)
 - superconducting magnet integrity: prevent beam loss-induced quenches of superconducting magnets.
 - physics reach: control background from beam halo in experiments
 - hardware integrity: passive machine protection (beam lost first at collimators).

Multi-stage collimation system

- Diffusive primary halo intercepted by massive targets (primary collimators):
 - **primary particles deflected** by Multiple Coulomb Scattering $(<\theta> \sim 3.6 \text{ urad for graphite at 7 TeV}),$
 - hadronic showers produced by interaction on the target
- Secondary collimators and absorbers stop deflected particles & showers
 - Tertiary collimators and masks protect sensitive equipment from secondary halo.





Collimation in LHC

- Three stages of collimation system:
 - Optimal performances reached
 (99.97% collimation efficiency in 2011)
- Limitations:
 - single diffractive scattering
 - particles back-scattered towards the machine aperture, eventually lost in high dispersion areas
 - ion fragmentation and dissociation
 - high impedance of the collimators (1 m long CFC jaws at few mm from the beam center)



Normalized population

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Crystal collimation

- Bent crystals as primary collimators:
 - **coherent interaction** (channeling) of particles impinging on the crystal:
 - ✓reduce probability of diffractive events and ion fragmentation and dissociation
 - ✓reduce loss rate close to the crystal
 - **localization of the losses** on a single absorber, at larger distance from the beam (thanks to large deflection angle)
 - small angular acceptance $(2 \times \theta_c)$





 $\theta_c = \sqrt{\frac{2U_{\text{max}}}{E}}$

θ_c [µrad]	
18.26	
7.30	
9.42	
3.38	
2.39	



The UA9 experiment

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MISSION: Assess the possibility to **use bent crystals as primary collimators** in hadronic accelerators and colliders.

Test beams at CERN North Area

(400 GeV/c/n protons or Pb ions, 3--5 weeks per year):

- Study of crystal beam interactions.
- Measurement of crystal properties before installation in CERN-SPS.
- Prototype crystal collimation system installed in CERN-SPS (120 or 270 GeV/c/n protons or Pb ions in COAST, ~ 5 days per year):
 - Test crystals and instrumentation suitable for an operational system.
 - Study the properties of a crystal collimation system.
- Working for future installation of a prototype system in LHC.

Production of bent crystals

- Strip crystals (INFN Ferrara and IHEP):
 - the applied vertical bending induces an anti-clastic deformation 70 (radius R)
 - minimal crystal length ~ 1 mm
 - particles interact with crystallographic planes <110>
 - planes are equidistant
- Quasi-mosaic crystals (PNPI):
 - the initial bending (radius ρ) induces a deformation -due to anisotropy- along the "T" direction
 - minimal crystal length is few tenths of mm
 - the anti-clastic deformation (radius ρ') is parasitic in this case
 - particle interact with the crystallographic plane (111)
 - Non-equidistant planes d1/d2 = 3







STF49 (strip crystal) length: 0.8 mm bending angle: 246 µrad bent planes: <110> torsion < 10 µrad / mm amorphous layer < 100 µm mis-cut angle < 170 µrad

QMP32 (quasi-mosaic crystal)

length: 1 mm bending angle: 175 μrad bent planes: <111> amorphous layer < 100 μm mis-cut angle < 50 μrad





UA9-H8 test beam facility

Test beam facility in SPS North Area

- Semi-permanent installation:
 - tracking detectors
 - 4-axis goniometer
 - GEM and Medipix
 detectors for imaging



M Pesaresi et al 2011 JINST 6 P04006

- Crystal tested with a primary beam (400 GeV/c/n protons or Pb ions):
 - crystal optimized for SPS or LHC (constant technological improvements)
 - **"exotic" crystals** (multi-crystals, crystals with variable curvature, ...)
 - **new physics** (radiation production, interaction rates, ultra-thin crystals, ...)



Proton beam impinging on a bent crystal target



- (1) particles on average not deflected, undergoing multiple Coulomb scattering (amorphous regime)
- (2) particles deflected by **channeling** interaction
- (3) particles escaping from channeling interaction (dechanneled particles)
- (4) particles deflected by reflection on atomic planes (volume reflection regime)
- (5) particles starting channeling interaction inside the crystal (volume capture)
- (6) particles on average not deflected, undergoing multiple Coulomb scattering (amorphous regime)

Recent results (UA9 test beam)



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UA9 installation in the SPS

Layout of the installation in SPS



$\sim 60 \text{ m}$, $\Delta \mu = 90^{\circ}$ $\sim 45 \text{ m}$, $\Delta \mu = 60^{\circ}$ $\sim 67 \text{ m}$, $\Delta \mu = 90^{\circ}$ Roman Pots Roman Pot $\sim 45 \text{ m}$, $\Delta \mu = 60^{\circ}$ Scraper (Prototype Scraper (2 Medipix) detectors) Collimator \bigcirc **—** Ö 519 00 **Primary Beam** 520 51 52 2 S OO Deflected beam 3 4 Crystals Absorber + 2 spare + ∠ spare tanks + graphite BLM Collimator BLM BLM BLM (W, 60 cm) Roman Pots RP (graphite, 1 m) Scraper (Medipix + Scraper (W, 10 cm) scraper fiber detector) (W, 10 cm)





Local beam loss reduction



- When the crystal is oriented in channeling (angle = 0 µrad) or in volume reflection mode (50 µrad < angle < 200 µrad), the loss rate is reduced:
 - the "angular scan" is routinely used to identify channeling orientation
 - loss reduction depends on crystal imperfections

 (amorphous layer, torsion, mis-cut angle, ...) and length:
 - 5÷20x reduction for protons
 - 3÷7x reduction for Pb ions
 - simulation can reproduce data with few minor discrepancies



Beam loss reduction in the high dispersion area



- good correlation with beam losses at the crystal location
- 3+7x reduction for Pb ions (equal to the crystal region)

Beam loss maps

- Beam loss monitor rates along the accelerator ("loss maps") are the natural validation for collimation systems.
- Loss map measurement is not trivial in UA9:
 - the SPS BLM system is optimized for high-intensity operation in pulsed mode,
 - UA9 operates at low intensity and low loss rate (loss signal below the BLM threshold).
- Loss map measurement in 2011:
 - intensity increased from 1 bunch (I = 1.15 x 10¹¹ p) to 48 bunches,
 - clear reduction of the losses seen in Sextant 6.
- maximum possible intensity: 3.3 x 10¹³ protons

Loss map measurement in 2012:

- (4 x 72 bunches with 25 ns spacing),
- average loss reduction in the entire ring!



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Recent results (UA9 SPS installation)



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- W. Scandale et al., Strong reduction of the off-momentum halo in crystal assisted collimation of the SPS beam. Phys. Lett. B, 714 (2012), 231–236.
- Last data taking session ended in November 2012: Beam loss reduction in the whole SPS using crystal assisted collimation.

Following these results the UA9 collaboration has proposed to install a prototype system in the LHC.

Beam scraping with a crystal

• Beam scraping in the SPS:

- reduce beam tails before injection in the LHC (reduce losses at injections)
- current system relies on the fast movement of a graphite foil across the beam periphery
- possible upgrade with a local orbit bump that deflects the beam towards a fixed scraper.
- A crystal could be used to localize all the losses in the absorber:
 - **particles** intercepted by the crystal are **extracted** (by volume reflection) rather than absorbed:
 - **absorber not subjected to multi-turn** passage of particles (heating reduced)
 - impact parameter on the absorber defined by crystal deflection angle (i.e. possibly one or more mm)
 - reduced probability of diffractive events (and fragmentation and dissociation, if used with ions).



- Beam: Local Orbit Bump
- tests performed in November 2012 (at low energy)
- results presented in January 2013:
 - investigation will continue after the CERN long shutdown



LUA9 future installation in LHC

Towards an installation in the LHC

Crystal installation in LHC recommended by the LHCC.

- Roadmap for the experiment in LHC:
 - propose and install a minimal number of devices in the LHC (possibly during the shutdown in 2013-2015)
 - demonstrate the extraction of the beam halo in the LHC with low intensity
 - assess the theoretical improvements with respect to standard collimation
- Possible experimental layout under investigation:
 - only one beam (beam 1), two crystals (horizontal & vertical) close to the primary collimators
 - · highest radiation area, tight space allowance
 - extracted beam absorbed by secondary collimators
 - simulation work ongoing to assess the optimal collimation system setup during the tests
 - Cherenkov detector (in vacuum) in front of the absorber



Crystal alignment in LHC

- Angular acceptance for channeling interaction is defined by the critical angle ($\theta_c = 2.39 \mu rad$ at 7 TeV)
- Goniometer accuracy must be smaller than channeling angular acceptance:
 - Mechanical goniometer (in-kind contribution) installed in 2012 in SPS (see pictures) has resolution < 10 µrad.
 - New mechanical device developed in 2012 by industrial partner CINEL for tests in the SPS:
 - static resolution ok, dynamic behavior and impedance to be improved.
 - Piezoelectric device under design in collaboration with industrial partners ATTOCUBE and CEDRAT/MECARTEX/CINEL
 - all requirements theoretically met, very compact design





- Linear stroke: 70 mm
- Linear resolution:
 1 μm
- Angular range: ±10 mrad
- Angular resolution:
 0.1 µrad
- Angular overshoot: 10%

- Angular accuracy (70 mm travel): ±1 µrad
- Angle settling time: 20 ms
- Max angular speed in scan mode:
 50 steps/s (1 µrad step)

Crystal resistance to irradiation

- IHEP U-70 (Biryukov et al, NIMB 234, 23-30):
 - 70 GeV protons, 50 ms spills of 10¹⁴ protons every 9.6 s, several minutes irradiation
 - equivalent to 2 nominal LHC bunches for 500 turns every 10 s
 - 5 mm silicon crystal, channeling efficiency unchanged
- SPS North Area NA48 (Biino et al, CERN-SL-96-30-EA):
 - 450 GeV protons, 2.4 s spill of 5 x 10¹² protons every 14.4 s, one year irradiation, 2.4 x 10²⁰ protons/cm² in total,
 - equivalent to several year of operation for a primary collimator in LHC
 - 10 x 50 x 0.9 mm³ silicon crystal, 0.8 x 0.3 mm² area irradiated, channeling efficiency reduced by 30%.
- HRMT16-UA9CRY (HiRadMat facility, November 2012):
 - 440 GeV protons, up to 288 bunches in 7.2 μs, 1.1 x 10¹¹ protons per bunch (3 x 10¹³ protons in total)
 - energy deposition comparable to an asynchronous beam dump in LHC
 - 3 mm long silicon crystal, **no damage to the crystal after accurate visual inspection**, more tests planned to assess possible crystal lattice damage
 - · accurate FLUKA simulation of energy deposition and residual dose







Conclusion

- The UA9 experiment is investigating the possibility to use crystals as primary obstacles in collimation systems:
 - Test beam facility at the SPS North Area.
 - Prototype collimation system in the SPS.
 - Future installation of a **prototype system in LHC**.
- Future plans of the UA9 collaboration:
 - look forward for the experiment installation in LHC, followed by exciting results,
 - study the optimization of the prototype crystal collimation system in SPS,
 - study new crystal physics and technological improvements with the test beam facility at the SPS North Area,
 - offer expertise to possible projects involving crystals as beam deflecting devices
 - beam scraping in SPS as an example
 - AFTER@LHC ?

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Thank you for your attention!