

# beam-gas scattering

two effects: (1) lifetime limited by nuclear interactions & proton loss  $\frac{1}{\tau} \approx nC\sigma_{nucl}$   
 (2) emittance growth due to multiple Coulomb scattering

$$\frac{d(\gamma\epsilon_{x,y})}{dt} = \beta_{x,y}\gamma \left( \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}}{\beta c \gamma} \right)^2 \frac{cnm_{gas}}{X_0}$$

Table 5.5: Nuclear scattering cross sections, the implied maximum allowed densities, and the accompanying emittance growth at injection for various gas species.

molecule	$\sigma$ [barn] at 7 TeV	$n$ [ $\text{m}^{-3}$ ] at 7 TeV for $\tau_{nucl} = 100$ h	equiv. gas pressure at 300 K [ntorr]	$\tau_\epsilon$ [h] at 450 GeV for $\tau_{nucl} = 100$ h
$H_2$	0.078	$1.2 \times 10^{15}$	37.8	17.0
$He$	0.133	$6.9 \times 10^{14}$	21.7	12.5
$CH_4$	0.511	$1.8 \times 10^{14}$	5.6	7.6
$H_2O$	0.510	$1.8 \times 10^{14}$	5.7	9.5
$CO$	0.751	$1.2 \times 10^{14}$	3.8	7.5
$CO_2$	1.171	$7.9 \times 10^{13}$	2.5	5.0

from LHC  
design report

also calculated  
by B. Jeanneret

gas density  
for lifetime  
of 100 h (at  
inj. or top)

corresponding  
emittance growth  
time at injection

- open issues / plans: (1) heat load & cryogenic limit  
 (2) effect of elastic nuclear interactions on emittance  
 (3) halo generation & tails using Lebedev/Nagaitsev approach