Status of the LHC

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Cross-section of LHC cryodipole





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The Large Hadron Collider





The coldest ring in the universe!

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Critical current density of technical superconductors



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Specific heat of LHe and Cu













Phase diagram of Helium





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LHC magnet string cooling scheme





Descent of the last magnet, 26 April 2007





30'000 km underground at 2 km/h!





DFBAO in Sector 7-8







Dipole-dipole interconnect: electrical splices









 From RT to 80K precooling with LN2. 1200 tons of LN2 (64 trucks of 20 tons). Three weeks for the first sector.

 From 80K to 4.5K. Cooldown with refrigerator. Three weeks for the first sector. 4700 tons of material to be cooled.

From 4.2K to 1.9K. Cold compressors at 15 mbar.
Four days for the first sector.



Large helium refrigerator for cooling down to 4.5 K





33 kW @ 50 K to 75 K 23 kW @ 4.6 K to 20 K 41 g/s liquefaction

600 kW precooling to 80 K with LN2 (up to ~5 tons/h)





Cool-down of LHC sector















Two 300 kW klystrons with circulators and loads







the RF cavities and transverse dampers





Fibre-optics signal distribution from RF in SR4 to Experiments, BT & BI equipment and to CCC.

40 MHz bunch clocks, revolution frequencies, 40 MHz 7TeV reference. Injection & dump kicker pulses

Preparation for Beam

RF synchronization in place – clocks and timing now going from SR4 to all users. Recent successful *dry run tests* with all users and OP group, including basic software.

Cavity Beam Control systems in advanced state but some items on critical path.

Transverse Damper electronics being tested.

Software for beam control also critical, but basic functionality will be available for this run.

Procedures for beam commissioning well defined.

Longitudinal diagnostics in good shape to study and commission first beams....



the superconducting circuits of an LHC sector







Totalling 190 circuits





SECTOR 5-6



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re-training of dipoles in Sector 5-6









 7 out of 8 sectors fully commissioned for 5 TeV operation and 1 sector (3-4) commissioned up to 1 TeV.















Beam on turns 1 and 2





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Few 100 turns





Fast BCT

LHC Fast BCT V0.1-2007





Dump dilution sweep







No RF, debunching in ~ 25*10 turns, i.e. roughly 25 mS



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First attempt at capture, at exactly the wrong injection phase...





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Capture with corrected injection phasing





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Capture with optimum injection phasing, correct reference



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LHC longitudinal bunch profile Beam 2





Integer tunes









Tune measurements





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Fractional tune spectrum H & V (Beam2) – closest Q approach ~ 0.06 due to coupling







Corrected closed orbit on B2. Energy offset of \sim -0.9 permill due to the capture frequency.





H wire scan





Kick response compared with theoretical optics





Beam 1 H dispersion on first turn Injection to beam dump









- At 23:30 on Friday a 12 MVA transformer at Point 8 failed.
- There is no spare unit but CMS has 2 similar transformers and a lot of over-capacity.
- The cryogenics at point 8 (7-8 and 8-1) was lost.
- The CMS transformer was installed on Saturday and Sunday.





- During commissioning of the last main bend circuit to 5 TeV an incident occurred resulting in the triggering of quench heaters of about 100 magnets and a large He discharge into the tunnel.
- The most probable cause is a faulty electrical connection between two magnets. The sector is being brought to room temperature for repair.
- The time needed for warmup, repair and cooldown precludes a restart before CERN's obligatory winter shutdown.
- The shutdown schedule is being modified to gain ~ 1 month of LHC operation in 2009.



Dipole-dipole interconnect: electrical splices









- To all our Russian colleagues who have put such an effort into building the LHC. Your equipment worked perfectly
- Once we can assess the full extent of the repair work, we may gladly accept your offers to help.