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- The LHC will provide high intensity proton and lead ion beams. The ultimate intensities after injection into the LHC will be about
 4.8.10¹⁴ particles for the proton beam with an energy of 450 GeV,
 4.1.10¹⁰ ions for the ²⁰⁸Pb⁸²⁺ beam with an energy of 177 GeV/u.
 - These intensities can lead to coherent transverse instabilities.
- The theoretical prediction for the instability rise time τ_{inst} , dominated by the resistive wall effect, is about 18.5 ms or 208 turns at injection energy, and a significant contribution of the LHC collimators at collision energy to τ_{inst} is also predicted.
- The LHC Damper will stabilize the beam
 - against coupled bunch instabilities as well as damp the transverse oscillations of the beam originating from steering errors and kicker ripple.
 - It will also be used for the purposes of tune measurement and for abort gap cleaning.



The LHC Transverse Feedback System







Livingston type plot: Energy stored in the beam (and magnets)









Performance specification

"Electro-static" kickers	base-band
Integrated transverse electric field $\int E_{\perp} ds$ (for 450 GeV/c)	900 kV per turn
Aperture of kickers	52 mm
Number of kickers per beam and plane	4
Length electrodes in kicker	1.5 m
Nominal voltage up to 1 MHz (at $\beta = 100$ m)	±7.5 kV
Kick per turn at 450 GeV/c (at $\beta = 100$ m)	2 μrad (0.2 σ)
Rise-time 10-90% , $V_{max} = \pm 7.5 \text{ kV}$	350 ns
Rise-time 1-99% , $V_{max} = \pm 7.5 \text{ kV}$	720 ns *)
Frequency range for gain	1 kHz – 1 (20) MHz

*) Rise time fast enough for gap of 38 missing bunches

(900 ns for rise time (0.5 %-99.5 %) in the LHC injection kicker)

All LHC Damper systems must operate on day ONE !

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Layout of the LHC Damper

(four independent systems, one per plane (H/V) and beam) and block-diagram of the transverse feedback system for vertical oscillations.

The feedback loop contains all functionalities for transverse damping and controlled bunch excitation as well as many built-in features allowing the user full remote operation and diagnostics.







Beam Position Monitor in Cryomodule

ANDREW. A CommScope Company

























200 W solid state driver amplifier: 43 dB gain, very flat, 3 kHz – 20 MHz.















A fragment of an assembly drawing of a vertical kicker:
1 - vacuum tank (wall thickness: δ = 14 mm),
2 - electrodes, 3 - input of a signal,
4 - coupler, 5 - feedthrough for coupler,

6 - device of fixing of the electrode module.



Internal diameter D











The obtained pressure limits of outgassing (stainless steel 304L) were from 2.0·10⁻¹⁰ Torr to 1.7·10⁻⁹ Torr. All data (blue lines) are better than the expected limit of 2·10⁻⁹ Torr (red line: bake-out 200°C, 24 h, surface ougassing rate≈4·10⁻¹²mbar·l/s/cm², S=2·10⁴cm², P=30 *l*/s for hydrogen).



NEG pumps around the kickers are used in the LHC tunnel.

During hardware and beam commissioning the vacuum at the kickers was better than 10⁻¹¹ mbar.









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"Push-pull" wideband power amplifier:

Class of operation: AB

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- Input amplitude: ±150 V
- Output amplitude: ±7500 V
- Bandwidth: 1 kHz 1 (20) MHz
- Power elements: two 30 kW "Thales" RS 2048-CJC tetrodes







Parameter	Required	Achieved
Lowest frequency	1 kHz	1 kHz
Highest frequency	20 MHz	20 MHz
Nominal - 3dB bandwidth	3 kHz – 1 MHz	2 kHz - 0.95 MHz
Nominal voltage up to 1 MHz	±7.5 kV	±7.8 kV
Gain, dB	34	34.3
Gain ripple	±0.7 dB	±0.5 dB
Rise-time 10-90%, $V_{max} = 7.5 \text{ kV}$	350 ns	410 ns
Rise-time 1-99%, $V_{max} = 7.5 \text{ kV}$	720 ns	760 ns



The measured characteristics of the amplifier in the frequency range from 1 kHz to 30 MHz correspond globally to the design specifications.

An amplitude of \pm 7.8 kV was obtained on the deflector which is higher the required magnitude of \pm 7.5 kV.





Beam stability is achieved for a damping rate

$$\frac{T_{\text{rev}}}{\tau_{\text{d}}} = \frac{1}{2}g(\omega)\cos(\varphi(\omega)) > \frac{T_{\text{rev}}}{\tau_{\text{inst}}}$$

where $g(\omega)$ and $\varphi(\omega)$ are gain and phase transfer characteristics of the feedback loop.

Due to the LHC specifications, the gain transfer function of the feedback loop is constant starting from 1 kHz and decreases by 3 dB at 1 MHz.



Frequency characteristics for kicker voltage measured via the HOM port and recalculated from high pass with a cut-off of $f_{\rm HP}$ = 500 MHz (blue, solid) and tetrode anode voltage (green, dashed)







The 16 amplifiers were tested at full DC anode voltage of 12kV, 7A of DC current per amplifier and with 0dBm signal source.

Input circuit, amplitude and phase characteristics of all 16 amplifiers were stored in pictures and data files.





Hardware commissioning:

 all extensive tests required were completed in full volume and in time; the design specifications have all been met, the available peak voltage 11kV at up to 100kHz has exceeded the design value 10.5kV at kickers.

Beam commissioning:

 16 kickers (JINR) and front-electronics (CERN) were successfully checked for first beams in the LHC.



Signals from the LHC Damper pick-up for the first shot of beam 1. 7 September 2008.

Signals from the LHC Damper pick-up for the first shot of beam 2. 10 September 2008.

The LHC Damper & Tune Measurements

 Tune measurements were the first operational option for the LHC Damper when it was used as exciter after obtaining the circulating beam 2 on 22:23, 11 September 2008.

 Beam was scanned by sweeping-frequency generator as external signal source in the feedback loop at half the level of the maximum power of the wideband power amplifiers.



A Tune Measurement using "Chirp" Excitation (courtesy AB/BI). The bottom trace shows the vertical beam response; the top trace is the spectrum of the signal with the vertical tune peak.

The LHC Damper commissioning plans

Tek Stop: 50.0kS/

Gh1 20.0mVΩ

- low-level damper hardware deployed to be ready to close the loops on all dampers;
- transverse position measurement checked
- getting ready to close the loops.



40 MHz sampling clock adjustment started on beam 2 damper pick-ups shortly after first beam capture

Vertical oscillations on beam 2, @Q7, seen by damper pick-up signal processing

M 500µs Ch1 J 12.4mV 12 Sep 2008

01:31:09

53 Acqs





