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LHC Beam Loss Monitor System

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detect shower particles outside cryostat induced by beam particle losses

relation between beam particles and quenchlevels

» J.B.Jeanneret et al., LHC Project Report 44, CERN (1996)

•correspondance between particle fluence outside cryostat and quenchlevels

» E. Gschwendtner et al., EPAC 2002, Paris

» A. Arauzo-Garcia et al., CERN-SL-2001-027-BI, CERN (2001)



- → define quench levels
- → get proton loss distribution along the magnets misalignment, β_{max}
- → perform proton loss shower simulation in the magnets
 - to get expected detector signals, positions and dynamic range
 - Aim:
 - distinguish between 2 beams
 - find out where loss has happened
- → develop monitors
- → Some words on reliability



Quench levels (I)





Quench levels (II)-energy dependence 14 June, 2002





Primary and secondary halo of the beam is absorbed by the collimation system.

Tertiary halo will be lost at aperture limits in the ring.



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14 June, 2002 Beam loss distribution along a part cell of the LHC for 450GeV.









Geant 3.21

Dispersion Suppressor

→ Detailed simulation of magnet geometry, Version 6.3 MB,MQ,MQM, MQML,MQMC,MQTL, MCBCB,MSCBA,MCDO,MCS,BPOM,

→ magnetic field maps for Quadrupoles, Dipoles (Roxie)

- incident angle of 0.25mrad (other angles vary only marginally)
- losses in horizontal (QF) and vertical plane (QD) of beam screen
- 100 events with same impact parameters





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- Signals very high when losses between magnets (bellows)
- Lower when in magnet:
 - → Point-like
 - → Distributed
- 3 monitors/beam around quadrupole
 - → For location of losses: combine several monitor signals

	min: ch/p/cm ²	max: ch/p/cm ²
450 GeV	5 · 10-4	3 · 10 ⁻³
7 TeV	4 · 10 ⁻³	6 · 10 ⁻²





Baseline detector:

Ionisation chamber

N₂ filled cylinder, 80 cm², 19cm length, bias voltage of 800V





Chamber current varies between 60pA and 150 μ A



Readout electronics

Charged balanced current-to-frequency converter (CFC)





performance





frequency evaluation circuit





• Tests in SPS dump





- Monitor design criteria:
 - → Electronics: same concept for BLMC, BLMS, BLMA.
 - I.e. same dynamic range: 1 turn, although for BLMA only ms range demanded.
 - Reduces complexity and increases reliability
 - → From 8-bit counter on: everything is twice
- In specifications: for each magnet 2 monitors
 - → We have 6 monitors
 - Additional reliability
 - Distinguish loss locations





• Loss distribution & shower simulations:

• More studies for detector locations and geometry.

• Monitors:

- Front end electronics finished, circuits will be built and testet soon
- Signal transmission: twisted pair or fibre optics, will be decided in a few weeks.
- Dump controller: starting of design in a few weeks. Timescale: 1.5-2 years
- High intensity behaviour of detectors will be tested this summer at PS
- **Reliability studies:**
 - PhD student this summer