LHC status after the long shutdown and prospects for run 2

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LHC ring layout



□ Total length 26.66 km, in the former LEP tunnel. □ 8 arcs (sectors), ~3 km each. 8 straight sections of 700 m. □ beams cross in 4 points. Momentum collimation □ 2-in-1 magnet design with separate vacuum chambers. ALICE **2 COUPLED rings**. The LHC can be operated with





Key technology



1232 NbTi superconducting dipole magnets – each 15 m long
 Magnetic field of 8.3 T (current of 11.8 kA) @ 1.9 K (super-fluid Helium).

 \circ But they do not like beam loss – quench with few mJ/cm³.





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LHC magnet interconnection





On 19th September 2008, just 9 days after startup, magnet interconnections became a hot topic of the LHC – until today!



Incident September 19th 2008



An electrical arc in a defect interconnection of sector 34 provoked a Helium pressure wave that damaged ~700 m of the LHC and polluted the beam vacuum over more than 2 km...

- Resistance at 1.9 K was ~200 $n\Omega$ instead of 2 $n\Omega$ – soldering issue !

Arcing in the interconnection





LHC repair and consolidation





Collateral damage mitigation



More problems on the joints



- The super-conducting bus bar that carries the current is stabilized by copper in the event of a cable quench (=bypass for the current while the energy is extracted from the circuit).
- During repair work of S34, inspection of the joints revealed systematic voids caused by the welding procedure (and lacking quality control).





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The LHC run1 timeline









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- Repair and consolidation of the magnet interconnections,
- Replacements of 'weak' magnets,
- Relocation of electronics to reduce impact of radiation (Single Event Upsets),
- General maintenance of the cooling-ventilation system and of the cryogenic plants,
- □ Upgrades, changes and fixes in essentially all systems !

After LS1 we have a 'new' machine (but with experience on how to run it !)





- Consolidation of the cable interconnections was the main driver of LS1
- As a first step, electrical resistance measurements (at room T) along the interconnection and quality checks were performed for 10'000 high current magnet interconnections. As a result 30% had to be de-soldered and redone.
 - o 15% due to excess resistance,
 - 15% due to geometrical issues not expected !
 - Flatness, width, deformations.





Resistance results



- Distribution of excess resistance sorted by descending excess value.
 - 2 values (for left and right side) for each interconnection.

Largest excess resistances for each LHC sector

Sector	Max R _{excess} Dipoles (μΩ)	Max R _{excess} Quadrupoles (μΩ)
56	29	21
67	35	32
78	72	107
81	42	34
12	30	46
23	28	43
34	34	36
45	48	35

The max. excess R estimated in 2009 was \approx 70-80 $\mu\Omega$ for the dipoles \rightarrow base for 3.5 TeV max energy !



Good resistance values:

~6 $\mu\Omega$ for dipoles,

- ~10 $\mu\Omega$ for quadrupoles.
- S78 (first installed) has the worst outliers – was expected.
 - A quench of the worst interconnect at a energy ≥ 4 TeV could have triggered a 19th September-like incident.





Once the quality (electrical resistance and shape) was within tolerance, the high current magnet interconnections were consolidated with bypass shunts to increase the Cu cross-section at the junctions of the cables.



4 bottom shunts (2 not visible)

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13 kA cable interconnections



The interconnections were finally surrounded by an improved mechanical stabilization and electrical insulation system ('insulation box').





After welding: ready for leak tests



Quadrupole lines



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Connection box DFBA issues



- A bad surprise was waiting on some bellows inside the connection boxes between room temperature and super-conducting cables ('DFB').
- Bellows were found 'imploded' on 4 of them, 2 requiring repair on the surface in a workshop.
 - Cold Helium most likely diffused (through cracks in the weldings) between the sheets of the multi-sheet bellows. During warm up the Helium was trapped, building up an over-pressure that ruptured the bellows.





Magnet exchange



- □ 18 cryo-magnets were exchanged:
 - Large internal resistance @ 1.9 K.
 - Confirmed by inspections: imperfect soldering.
 - Problems with quench protection, electrical isolation,
 - S34 magnet exchanges.
- 15 additional magnet will be exchanged in LS2 (2018).







The main 2013-14 LHC consolidations

1695 Openings and final reclosures of the interconnections



Consolidation of the 10170 13kA splices, installing 27 000 shunts Installation of 5000 consolidated electrical insulation systems 300 000 electrical resistance measurements 10170 orbital welding of stainless steel lines



18 000 electrical Quality Assurance tests 10170 leak tightness tests

3 quadrupole magnets to be replaced

15 dipole magnets to be replaced

Installation of 612 pressure relief devices to bring the total to 1344

Consolidation of the 13 kA circuits in the 16 main electrical feedboxes





All the scheduled and repair work is finishing and the machine is prepared for cool-down and powering.

- 5 out of 8 sectors are cold / in cool-down.
 - ✓ Sector 67 is at 1.9 K ready for powering,
 - ✓ Sector 81 is at 20K,
 - ✓ Sector 12 is cooling down to 20K,
 - ✓ Sectors 45 ad 78 are cooling down to 80K.

Current issues:

- ✓ Vacuum leak in sector 23 localized and fixed,
- ✓ Sextupole circuit with Earth fault in S34 not critical, will be condemned,
- Quench protection electronics damage during high voltage qualification (ELQA) tests – apparently due to an isolation problem on a new design. Old system available for replacement → delay for sector 67.



New circuit tests



- Each of the large dipole and quadrupole circuits has a large number of discontinuities which can be external or internal to the magnets.
 - The 8 dipoles circuits have ~28'000 discontinuities !
- The discontinuities between magnets (interconnects) as well ad the bypass diodes of the quadrupoles were checked an consolidated during LS1.
- □ The main unchecked discontinuities are in the dipole bypass diodes.
 - → CSCM (Copper Stabilizer Continuity Measurement) test



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CSCM



The CSCM is a test to **ensure** that the current can safely bypass the magnets if case of a quench. Requires a reconfiguration of the powering and protection \rightarrow 2 weeks / sector \rightarrow was recently added to the schedule !

- Stabilize a sector around 20 K, *the magnets are not superconducting*.
- Send a current pulse of up to 11 kA (ramp up in 6 steps).
- Excessive resistance leads to thermal run-away and increasing voltage → observe voltages over interconnections.

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- Type test in S23 in 2013, 3 bad interconnections were localized.
- Sectors 67 and 81 were tested and validated for 7 TeV.



The 'latest' planning – towards beam





□ We are entering >5 months of magnet tests.

- Powering tests should have started last week delay due to problem during HV testing.
- First dipole magnets > 6 TeV in October.

Beam injection tests into 1-2 sectors may take place in Jan/Feb.

• S23 (B1) or S67+S78 (B2)

Beam commissioning starts 2nd week of March!



Energy after LS1



- In 2008 attempts to commission the first LHC sector to 7 TeV revealed a problem on the magnets from one manufacturer.
 - The magnets that had been trained on test stands started to quench again.
 - $_{\odot}$ The number of quenches increased rapidly beyond 6.5 TeV.
- Extrapolations show that the number of training quenches required to reach 7 TeV is very large.
 - Training the magnets is part of the powering tests.
- We are planning to restart at <u>6.5 TeV</u>.
 - We will have a clearer picture towards the end of 2014.

Courtesy of A. Verweij

Energy [TeV]	I _{oper} [A]	I _{max,HWC} [A]	Exp. No. training quenches
6	10120	10220	5-10
6.1	10300	10400	10-20
6.2	10470	10570	20-30
6.3	10640	10740	30-40
6.4	10810	10910	50-80
6.5	10980	11080	90-130
6.6	11160	11260	>150
6.7	11330	11430	>300





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□ Operate the LHC at 6.5 TeV (or higher).

- Operate with 25 ns bunch spacing.
 - 50 ns spacing not favored due to pile-up.
- □ Maximize the integrated luminosity.
 - Small focusing β^* as small as possible.
 - Highest possible efficiency.

The run in 2015:

- □ The learning year of Run 2 (6.5 TeV, 25 ns etc),
- □ Top priority is to establish reliable operation with 25 ns spacing.



Collider luminosity



The key parameter for the experiments is the event rate dN/dt. For a physics process with <u>cross-section σ </u> it is proprotional to the collider

Luminosity L:







Collider luminosity



Expression for the luminosity L (for equal particle populations, Gaussian profiles and round beams) : \uparrow

$$L = \frac{k f N^2}{4\pi \sigma_x^* \sigma_y^*} F = \frac{k f N^2}{4\pi \beta^* \varepsilon} F$$



- $\sigma *_{x}, \sigma *_{y}$: transverse rms beam sizes.
 - $(\sigma^*)^2 = \beta^* \varepsilon$
- β^* : betatron (envelope) function \Leftrightarrow optics
- \circ ε : beam emittance (pahse space volume)
- **k** : number of particle packets / bunches per beam.
- **N** : number of particles per bunch.

k×N : total beam intensity

- f : revolution frequency = 11.25 kHz.
- **F** : geometric correction factor (crossing angles...).

k = 2808 $N = 1.15 \times 10^{11}$ $\sigma_x^* = \sigma_y^* = 16 \ \mu m$

LHC design

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* refers to the IP



Beams in Run 1



During Run 1 beams with 50 ns bunch spacing were used operationally since April 2011 instead of the design 25 ns spacing.

- More luminosity with 50 ns beams, smaller beams, easier to operate.
- $_{\circ}$ Much less susceptible to electron clouds \rightarrow see later.
- But luminosity concentrated in $\frac{1}{2}$ as many bunch crossings \rightarrow pile-up !

2012	Spacing k		N (p/bunch)	ε [μ m]	Relative Iuminosity / Bunch Crossing
	50 ns	1380	1.65 x10 ¹¹	1.8	4
	25 ns design	2750	1.15 x10 ¹¹	3.5	1

LHC beam parameters (LHC injection)

$$L = \frac{kN_b^2 f \gamma}{4\pi \beta^* \varepsilon} F$$



Beams for Run 2



- A new production scheme providing much lower emittances (at the price of reduced k) was developed in 2011/2012 – the BCMS scheme (Batch Compression and Merging Scheme).
- □ We will start 25 ns operation with the standard or low emittance version.
 - An emittance blow-up factor has to be applied (injection \rightarrow collisions)– in particular for 25 ns beams $\Rightarrow \Delta \varepsilon \sim +0.5 \ \mu m$.
- □ Other 25 ns beam variants exist in case the electron cloud is not fully controlled (with 'holes') \Rightarrow fewer bunches (<2000).



Spacing	k	N (p /bunch)	ε [μ m]	Relative luminosity / Bunch Crossing
50 ns	1380	1.7x10 ¹¹	1.6	4.7
25 ns standard	2750	1.3x10 ¹¹	2.4	1.9
25 ns BCMS	2600	1.3x10 ¹¹	1.3	3.4
25 ns design	2750	1.15 x10 ¹¹	3.5	1

LHC beam parameters (LHC injection)

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- In 2012 instabilities became critical due to higher bunch intensity and tighter collimators settings – collimators are main drivers !
- Cures that we will have to use again in Run 2:
 - Transverse feedback 'kicks' the bunches back to the center of the vacuum chamber,
 - Non-linear magnetic fields (sextupoles, octupoles, beam-beam collisions !) that produce a frequency spread among particles kill coherent motion.



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Interaction regions geometry



D1.D2 :

- In the IRs, the beams are first combined into a single common vacuum chamber and then re-separated in the horizontal plane,
- □ The beams move from inner to outer bore (or vice-versa),
- □ The triplet quadrupoles focus the beam at the IP.







- Because of the tight bunch spacing and to prevent undesired parasitic collisions in the common vacuum chamber:
 - Parallel separation in one plane, collapsed to bring the beams in collision.
 - Crossing angle in the other plane (vertical for ATLAS, horizontal for LHCb).
 - Both extend beyond the common region.





Crossing angle



- Needed to minimize the electromagnetic interactions between the beams (*beam-beam* effects) in the common vacuum chamber.
 - Min. separation ~11-12 beam sizes
- Drawbacks:
 - Geometric luminosity reduction factor due to bunch length σ_s and crossing angle becomes significant for low β^*

$$F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_{x/y}^*} \tan \theta\right)^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma_s^2}{\beta^* \varepsilon} \tan^2 \theta}}$$

- Reduction of the aperture

$$L = \frac{kN_b^2 f \gamma}{4\pi \beta^* \varepsilon} F$$





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Aperture and β^*



 \Box Focusing (lowering β^*) at the collision point is limited by the aperture of the triplet quadrupoles \Leftrightarrow phase space conservation.



better than expected thanks to small

alignment errors and mechanical

tolerances, allowing to reach a

smaller than anticipated β^* .

- Distance to IR1/5 (m)
- $L = \frac{kN_b^2 f}{A f}$

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Aperture and β^*



- The minimum β* depends on the available aperture, the required crossing angle and the margin within the collimation system and between the last collimator and the triplet quarupoles.
 - o If the collimators are too tight, beam instabilities may be triggered that limit the beam intensity optimization β^* versus intensity reach difficult to make precise predictions !
- Scaling the Run 1 performance with conservative collimator settings one arrives at β* of 65 to 70 cm (design 55 cm).

	θ (μrad)	β* (cm)
Run 1 – 50 ns	145	60
Run 2 – 25 ns startup	160	65-70
Run 2 – 25 ns pushed	150	40



- □ There are proposals to start with 'relaxed' β^* of 1 m and push β^* only at a later stage when the machine and the 25 ns beam are better understood.
 - A similar change (from β^* 1.5 m to 1 m) was made in Sept. 2011 over 1 week.
 - Relax operation in the first months.

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- In parallel to the choice of β* there is a discussion on the general beam optics:
 - re-use the same optics as for Run 1,
 - ∘ or move to an ATS-compatible optics (\rightarrow HL-LHC type optics).
- Both options provide β* down to 40 cm, but the ATS-compatible optics opens the possibly to develop and test the HL-LHC optics schemes. The ATS-compatible version also provides flexibility for non-round beams (different β* in the 2 transverse planes).
- The ATS-compatible optics requires however an initial loss of 5 cm or so in β* as it is more critical for machine protection.
 - Direct impact of beam on the collimator in front of the CMS triplet is more critical – less tolerant to alignment errors...

The main choices of optics and β^* for the startup will probably be made by the end of September 2014





Some scenarios @ 6.5 TeV

Beam	k	N _b [10 ¹¹ p]	ε [μ m]	β* [m]	Peak L [10 ³⁴ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]	Event pile-up	Int. L [fb ⁻¹]
25 ns: initial	2760	1.2	3.0	0.65	0.95	26	~25
25 ns: pushed	2520	1.2	2.0	0.4	1.7	51	~40-50
50 ns	1360	1.60	2.2	0.4	1.65	90	~30

□ The cryogenic limit to the luminosity is expected ~ 1.75×10^{34} cm⁻²s⁻¹ !

• Cooling limit of the triplet quadrupoles (collision debris).

The 50 ns scenario (fallback) will require luminosity leveling. The pushed 25 ns scenario is at the limit.

• Discussion & optimization between machine & experiments.

• Current assumption on the maximum average pile-up :

- 50 for decaying luminosity, 30-40 for leveled luminosity (~flat).



Leveling luminosities



- In run 1 we have leveled the luminosity of LHCb by adjusting the offsets between the beams.
- In run 2 we are considering to level luminosities by adjusting β* (beam size at IP) – if required.
 - Better / mandatory for beam stability.
 - Baseline leveling tool for HL-LHC.





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In high intensity accelerators with <u>positively charged beams</u> and <u>closely</u> <u>spaced bunches</u> electrons liberated on vacuum chamber surface can multiply and build up a <u>cloud of electrons</u>.



- The cloud triggers vacuum pressure increases and beam instabilities! It may deposit excessive heat on the vacuum chamber walls → cryogenic cooling issues !
 - Electron energies are in the 10 to few 100 eV range.





Strong reduction of e-clouds with larger bunch spacing:



With 50 ns spacing e-clouds are much weaker than with 25 ns !

→ The main reason to operate in Run 1 with 50 ns spacing

- Cure for e-clouds: conditioning by beam-induced electron bombardment ("scrubbing") leading to a progressive reduction of the SEY.
 - e-clouds are produced deliberately with the beams to bombard the surface of the chamber to reduce the SEY until the cloud 'disappears' (self-destruction).
 - Performed at 450 GeV where fresh beams can be injected easily.
 - Scrubbing for 50 ns beams (2011-12) was done with 50 ns AND 25 ns beams.





- 3.5 days of test scrubbing for 25 ns beams at 450 GeV
 - Ring filled with up to 2748 bunches,
 - <u>Slower than anticipated</u> improvement on beam quality and heat load.
 - With such an e-cloud activity we can only fill <u>~1400 bunches</u> @ 6.5 TeV!





Doublet beam



- The scrubbing observed with 25 ns in 2012 was slower than expected – it is apparently not effective enough in the dipole magnets.
- To enhance the e-cloud generation for scrubbing: idea to use doubletbeams with 5 ns spaced bunch doublet.
 - Generated at RF capture in the SPS done !
 - To be confirmed that this beam can be accelerated in the SPS and injected into LHC !



Scrubbing planning







The UFO unknown



- Very fast and localized beam losses were observed during Run 1, traced to dust particles falling into the beam – 'UFOs'.
- If the losses are too high, the beams are dumped to avoid a magnet quench.
 - -~20 beams dumped / year due to UFOs.
 - Conditioning of the UFO-rate with time was observed.

UFOs may become a source of numerous beam dumps at 6.5 TeV due to higher beam losses and lower quench thresholds !



TS #1

TS #2

Winter TS – April 2012) In one accelerator component UFOs were traced to Aluminum oxide particles.

TS #3







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Draft beam schedule 2015









The start date of beam is shifted by 5 weeks with the latest schedule wrt this figure!

Main phases:

- Low intensity commissioning (2 months)
- 2. First physics with a few isolated bunches, LHCf run
- 3. First scrubbing run (50 ns)
- 4. 50 ns operation (up to 1380 bunches/beam)
- 5. 25 ns scrubbing run
- 6. 25 ns operation
- 7. Ion run





- The low intensity commissioning phase prepares the machine for the first low intensity collisions ('pilot physics').
 - All systems have to be recommissioned, many activities in // to the main stream.
 - An important activity is the setup and validation of the collimation system.
 - Estimated time ~45 days (non stop @ 100% efficiency) for 60 scheduled days.
- solenoids off Ramp Injection Injection First turn First turn \downarrow Squeeze Circulating Circulating beam beam Collision 450 GeV 450 GeV setup optics optics First stable 450 GeV 450 GeV beams intensity
- □ In 2015 we have to prepare a setup for physics with low β^* and a setup for LHCf / van De Meer scans (L calibration) at β^* 20 m.



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On the road to 25 ns







High luminosity 2011-2012



The initial intensity ramp up in 2014 with 50 ns should be similar to the initial ramp up in Apr-Jul 2011 (duration?).





Outlook



- □ The long shutdown is finally nearing completion.
- We are in front of a long commissioning period for the magnets, for the other machine components and finally for the beam.
- With the experience of Run 1 the commissioning and start-up planning is well established.
- □ Where we may find the main surprises and challenges:
 - Magnet performance and stability at 6.5 TeV,
 - E-clouds with 25 ns !
 - UFOs

Thank you for your attention!

... and be ready for the next events !









LHC progress 2010-2012

Low bunch intensity operation, first operational exp. with LHC

~1 MJ stored energy, learning to handle 'intense' beams

Reach out for records & Higgs !

LHC 2010-2012





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Superb performance of the machine protection system





Luminosity production 2011-2012



Mode: Proton Physics

Fills: 2469 - 3047 [484 Fills]

SB Time: 49 days 8 hrs 20 mins

The integrated luminosity of both ATLAS/CMS reaches now ~28 fb⁻¹.

• We spend 37% of the scheduled time delivering collisions to the experiments ('stable beams').



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LHC accelerator complex







Electron cloud effects



2012 25 ns beam injection tests (10 July 2012)



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Cryogenics challenge



A HUGE system !!

Most of the LHC magnets are cooled with superfluid He at 1.9K.

- Very low viscosity.
- Very high thermal conductivity.
- In 2012 the availability of the cryogenics reached ~95%!
 Availability ~97% if external failures are excluded !!







Beam collimation challenge



- The LHC requires a complex multi-stage collimation system to operate at high intensity.
 - Previous hadron machines used collimators only for experimental background conditions.



beam

Almost **100 collimators**, mostly made of Carbon and Tungsten, protect the superconducting magnets against energy deposition from the beam



140 MJ in each beam versus few mJ to quench a magnet





- To be able to absorb the energy of the protons, the collimators are staged – primary, secondary, tertiary – multi-stage system.
- The system worked perfectly also thanks to excellent beam stabilization and machine reproducibility – only one setup / year.
 - $\circ~$ ~99.99% of the protons that were lost from the beam were intercepted.
 - No magnet was quenched in operation at 3.5/4 TeV.



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Collimation cleaning at 4 TeV







Not without risk !



Effect of direct beam impact on a Tungsten collimator



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Radiation to Electronics (R2E)





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	25 ns standard	25 ns BCMS
(PS injections) and splittings	(4+2) x3 x2 x2	(4+4) /2 x3 x2 x2
bunches per PS batch	72	48
max number of injections into SPS	4	6 / 5
bunch population [10 ¹¹ p/b]	1.3	1.3
$\epsilon^*[\mu m]$ at LHC injection	2.4	1.3
number of bunches/ring	2748	2604 / 2508
colliding pairs IP1/5	2736	2592 / 2496





Beyond Run2



Physics Shutdown

Beam commissioning

Technical stop



(Extended) Year End Technical Stop: (E)YETS

LHC schedule approved by CERN management and LHC experiments spokespersons and technical coordinators (December 2013)