

Beam Transfer at CERN's Accelerator Complex.

Septa magnets for injection and extraction, state-of-the-art and future plans

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The synchrotron



Charged particles are kept in circular trajectories using dipole magnetic fields, which are synchronised with the accelerating (or decelerating) electric fields, in such a way, that for every increase of the particle energy, there is a corresponding increase of the bending magnetic field, such that the particle trajectory remains unchanged.



The CERN accelerator complex Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN



H⁻ (hydrogen anions) | p (protons) | ions | RIBs (Radioactive Ion Beams) | n (neutrons) | p (antiprotons) | e⁻ (electrons) | μ (muons)

LHC - Large Hadron Collider // SPS - Super Proton Synchrotron // PS - Proton Synchrotron // AD - Antiproton Decelerator // CLEAR - CERN Linear Electron Accelerator for Research // AWAKE - Advanced WAKefield Experiment // ISOLDE - Isotope Separator OnLine // REX/HIE-ISOLDE - Radioactive EXperiment/High Intensity and Energy ISOLDE // MEDICIS // LEIR - Low Energy Ion Ring // LINAC - LINear ACcelerator // n_TOF - Neutrons Time Of Flight // HiRadMat - High-Radiation to Materials // Neutrino Platform

- Each accelerator has a limited dynamic range;
- A chain of accelerators is required in order to reach high energies.



Beam transfer



Kicker – a fast-pulsed electromagnet giving a small initial deflection of the beam trajectory (a few mrad or less) into the high field region of the septum;
Septum – produces a magnetic field strong enough for the final deflection of the beam into the accelerator (injection), or the transfer line or fixed-target experiment (extraction), without perturbing the circulating beam.



Accelerator Beam Transfer group

The ABT group covers:

- Beam Transfer Physics (BTP)
- Kicker Magnets (KSC)
- Kicker Generators (PPE)
- Controls (software, slow controls, fast controls) (BTC and BTE)
- **SEpta** section:
 - Electrostatic Field Devices (incl. septa)
 - Magnetic Septa
 - Extraction Protection Devices



Septa

Septum (pl. septa) is a partition separating two cavities or regions (in medicine, for example – the part between the nostrils). In a particle accelerator a septum is a device that separates two field regions:



The important features of septa devices are the absence of field in one region (so that a passing beam is not perturbed), and the presence of a homogenous field in the other region (for the required deflection of the other beam). The septum thickness should be as thin as possible in order to reduce the strength of the highly complex kicker magnet.



Electrostatic septum



Typical parameters:

- Electrode length: 500 3000 mm;
- Variable gap width (d): 10 35 mm;
- Septum thickness: <=0.1 mm;
- Vacuum (10⁻⁹ to 10⁻¹² mbar);
- Voltage: up to 300 kV;
- Electric field strength 10 MV/m;
- Septum made of Mo foil or WRe wires;
- Electrode made of anodised aluminium, stainless steel or titanium;
- Bake-out up to 300 °C for achieving ultra-high vacuum up to 10⁻¹² mbar;



Electrostatic septum (SEH23 in PS)







Electrostatic septum (ZS in SPS)





Electrostatic septum (SEH10 in LEIR)





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Magnetic septum





DC magnetic septum



DC powered (up to 10 kA).

Usually a multiturn coil to reduce the current.

The yoke and coil are made of two parts to allow "splitting" of the magnet for installation of the vacuum chamber.

Rarely under vacuum.



Magnetic septum (SMH61 in PS)



Circulating beam Water cooling

Electrical connections

Typical parameters:

- Yoke length: 400 1200 mm;
- Air gap: 25 60 mm;
- Septum thickness: 6 20 mm;
- Installed outside vacuum;
- Laminated steel yoke;
- Water-cooled multi-turn coil (12 60 l/min);
- Rated current: 1 10 kA;
- Power supplied by controllable rectifier;
- Power consumption: 10 100 kW !



Septum vacuum chamber (SMH40 in LEIR)









Pulsed magnetic septum



- Pulsed with a half sine over 3 ms.
- Single turn coil to reduce self-inductance.
- Transformer between power convertor and magnet.
- Often installed under vacuum to reduce the effective septum thickness.
- Remote displacement system for precise positioning wrt the circulating beam.
- Large forces between conductors require a special coil fixation and retention system to absorb vibrations and reduce fatigue.



Pulsed magnetic septum (SMH16 in PS)

Infrared lamp for bakeout up to 200 °C



Beam observation sensor

Screen for the

circulating beam

Typical parameters

- Yoke length: 300 1200 mm;
- Air gap: 18 60 mm;
- Septum thickness: 3 20 mm;
- Vacuum levels (~10⁻⁹ mbar);
- Laminated steel yoke (0.35 1.5 mm);
- Water-cooled single-turn coil (1 80 l/min);
- Current (half sine): 7 40 kA;

 Powered by a capacitor discharge unit and a superposition of a 1st and 3rd harmonic + active filters for increased waveform stability;



Septum

Pulsed magnetic septum (SMH42 in PS)







Pulsed magnetic septum magnet gap

Insulation between return conductor and yoke of Kapton® (highly resistant to heat and radiation polyimide) The cooling channels are made of SOT SOT stainless steel pipes embedded in the bulk copper conductor Air gap Contact between spring and coil of Vespel® (Vacuum-compatible 10) 10 For 10, 10, polyimide resistant to heat and radiation)



Pulsed magnetic septum conductor





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Finished septum blade





Complete septum coil





Pulsed magnetic septum (BE.SMH in PSB)







Eddy current septum



- Pulsed with a half sine or full sine.
- Single-turn coil is in the backleg of the yoke, exiting eddy currents into a thin eddy-current copper sheet.
- Current densities in this drive coil can be significantly reduced as compared to direct-drive pulsed septa.
- Increased mechanical robustness of coil
 -> increased lifetime.
- But: fast pulses (for example 400 µs full sine) lead to high voltages.
- Installed under vacuum



Eddy current septum (PS)





Lambertson septum for LHC injection (MSI)

Injected beam



- 1. The septum provides horizontal deflection towards the right;
- 2. The downstream kicker deflects vertically onto the central LHC orbit.





Protective absorbers/diluters





The High Energy Frontier





The High Energy Frontier Main parameters for FCC extraction

Beam parameters

Septa parameters (scaled up from LHC)

Parameter	Unit	LHC	FCC	Parameter	Unit	LHC	FCC
Kinetic Energy	TeV	7	50	Magnetic Field	т	1	1
				Deflection Angle	mrad	2.4	2.4
Beam Rigidity	T.km	23.4	166.8	Number of Magnets	-	15	108
B.dl	T.m	56	400	Total required length	m	73	530
				Available length	m	74	245
Stored Beam Energy	GJ	0.36	8.4	Power Dissipation	MW	0.42	3

A simply scaled up version of the LHC Lambertson septa is unsuitable because of the required length as well as the power consumption.



The High Energy Frontier Pursued septa layout





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The SuShi concept

A superconducting shield to create a field free region within a strong dipole field.

- Put a superconducting shield around the circulating beam
- Add a superconducting magnet around it
- Cool down below T_c in zero external field
- Ramp magnet up or down; shielding currents automatically follow the external field to cancel it inside.
- Principle similar to eddy current septa, but with persistent eddy currents – allows slow-ramp/DC mode
- 3 candidate technologies have been tested:
- HTS
- MgB₂
- NbTi multilayer sheet





HTS tape

• 25 layers of helically wrapped 2G HTS tape, 8.5 mm wall thickness





Bulk MgB₂

• Bulk MgB₂ - 8.5 mm wall thickness





Multilayer NbTi/Nb/Cu

• Multilayer NbTi/Nb/Cu, 3.2 mm wall thickness





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