

## **Electrodynamic Behaviour of the LHC Superconducting Magnet String during a Quench,**

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Geneva - A string of three dipole magnets and one

quadrupole magnet, representing a half cell of the

future LHC collider, was assembled and tested at

CERN. It is the task of the Magnet Protection System

to make sure that high temperatures in the magnets and

high voltages between coils and ground in case of a

quench are kept within safe limits. The magnets are

by-passed by protection diodes which are located in the

cold mass. In case of a quench most of the stored

magnetic energy is dissipated in the resistive parts of

the magnets. Several tests on this string configuration

were done during test runs at a temperature of 1.9 K.

This paper describes the electrodynamic behaviour

during a fast discharge (i.e. after a quench) of the LHC

Test String. A simulation program was developed to

evaluate parameters which cannot be directly measured,

like the current distribution in magnets and diodes, as

well as the dissipated energy. The simulation program

gives also the possibility for worst-case calculations,

for example non-uniform magnet quench characteristics

and protection heater delays. This paper reports on the

results of the experiments and the predictions of the

simulation program.