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2009-10 OPERATION

Abstract

This document specifies the thresholds to be used in the generation of mission critical flags in the Safe Machine Parameters System of both the SPS and LHC.

The definition of these values is intended for the operation of LHC and SPS in 2009-10, a subsequent specification is required for operation beyond LHC hardware and beam related commissioning to 3.5 TeV.

This document also includes the description and specification of the trim settings which can be applied to the Safe Machine Parameters Systems.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The SPS and LHC are each equipped with a Safe Machine Parameter System, charged with the generation of several flags and values which are critical for the operation of each machine. These two systems are distinct and separate, but their functions are similar.

For a full specification of the systems, consider [EDMS 810607](#)

This document further refines EDMS 810607, to accommodate operational requirements in 2009-10, for both the SPS and LHC accelerators.

1.1 INSTRUCTIONS TO READERS

This specification forms the basis of thresholds settings and trimming capabilities of each of the systems, not all values are of interest to all readers:

SPS Operations – Please consider SPS Unique Thresholds in section 3 on page 9, and in particular the PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT trim described in section 5.1, on page 13.

LHC Operations – Please consider LHC Unique Thresholds in section 4 starting on page 9, in addition the SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_FORCE trim described in section 5.2 on page 13, and ENERGY trims, described in section 5.3 on page 14.

Experiments – Please consider the LHC Unique Thresholds in section 4 starting on page 9. In addition, STABLE_BEAMS and MOVEABLE_DEVICES flags require ENERGY trims, described in section 5.3 on page 14.

2. SMP SYSTEMS INTRODUCTION

To facilitate the understanding of this document, the key parameters of the two SMP Systems are introduced in the following sections. Other widely used names are presented as aliases in parentheses.

2.1 SPS SAFE MACHINE PARAMETERS

The basic function of the Safe Machine Parameters in SPS is to take (in the SPS context) **MACHINE_ENERGY** and **MACHINE_INTENSITY**. Then using **thresholds** and **trims** derive four flags:

1. E400_FLAG (CNGS_CYCLE_FLAG)
2. E450_FLAG (LHC_CYCLE_FLAG)
3. SPS_SBF (SPS_SAFE_BEAM_FLAG or SPS_SET_UP_BEAM_FLAG)
4. SPS_PBF (SPS_PROBE_BEAM_FLAG)

2.1.1 E400_FLAG (CNGS_CYCLE_FLAG)

Requires Data: **MACHINE_ENERGY**

Requires Threshold(s): **E400_LOWER_LIMIT**

E400_UPPER_LIMIT

Parameter transmitted to: Beam-2 Extraction Master (1kHz)

Calculation:

E400_FLAG = TRUE when

(**MACHINE_ENERGY** \geq **E400_LOWER_LIMIT**) AND (**MACHINE_ENERGY** \leq **E400_UPPER_LIMIT**)

else **E400_FLAG** = FALSE

2.1.2 E450_FLAG (LHC_CYCLE_FLAG)

Requires Data: **MACHINE_ENERGY**,

Requires Threshold(s): **E450_LOWER_LIMIT**

E450_UPPER_LIMIT

Parameter transmitted to: Beam-2 Extraction Master (1kHz)

Calculation:

E450_FLAG = TRUE when

(**MACHINE_ENERGY** \geq **E450_LOWER_LIMIT**) AND (**MACHINE_ENERGY** \leq **E450_UPPER_LIMIT**)

else **E450_FLAG** = FALSE

2.1.3 SPS_SBF (SPS_SET_UP_BEAM_FLAG, SPS_SAFE_BEAM_FLAG)

Requires Data: **MACHINE_INTENSITY**,

Requires Threshold(s): **SAFE_BEAM_LIMIT**

Parameter transmitted to: Beam-1 Extraction Master (1kHz)

Beam-2 Extraction Master (1kHz)

SPS General Machine Timing (10Hz)

Calculation:

SPS_SBF = TRUE when

(**MACHINE_INTENSITY** \leq **SAFE_BEAM_LIMIT**)

else **SPS_SBF** = FALSE

2.1.4 SPS_PBF (SPS_PROBE_BEAM_FLAG)

Requires Data: **MACHINE_INTENSITY**

Requires Threshold(s): **PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT**

Requires Trim(s): **OPERATOR_PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT**

Parameter transmitted to: Beam-1 Extraction Master (1kHz)

Beam-2 Extraction Master (1kHz)

Calculation:

SPS_PBF = TRUE when

(**MACHINE_INTENSITY** \leq **PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT**)

else **SPS_PBF** = FALSE

PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT can be trimmed by **OPERATOR_PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT**

2.2 LHC SAFE MACHINE PARAMETERS

The basic function of the Safe Machine Parameters in LHC is to take (in the LHC context) **MACHINE_ENERGY**, **MACHINE_INTENSITY_1**, **MACHINE_INTENSITY_2** and **BEAM_MODE**. Then using **thresholds** and **trims** derive:

1. LHC_SBF1 (LHC_SAFE_BEAM1_FLAG, LHC_SET_UP_BEAM1_FLAG)
2. LHC_SBF2 (LHC_SAFE_BEAM2_FLAG, LHC_SET_UP_BEAM2_FLAG)
3. LHC_BPF1 (LHC_BEAM1_PRESENCE_FLAG)
4. LHC_BPF2 (LHC_BEAM2_PRESENCE_FLAG)
5. STB (STABLE_BEAM_FLAG, SAFE_STABLE_BEAM_FLAG)
6. MDI (MOVEABLE_DEVICES_FLAG, MOVEABLE_DEVICES_ALLOWED_IN_FLAG)

2.2.1 LHC_SBF (LHC_SAFE_BEAM_FLAG, LHC_SET_UP_BEAM_FLAG)

Requires Data: **MACHINE_ENERGY**

MACHINE_INTENSITY_1

MACHINE_INTENSITY_2

Requires Threshold(s): **SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_1 to _64**

Parameter transmitted to: Beam-1 Extraction Master (1kHz)

Beam-2 Extraction Master (1kHz)

LHC General Machine Timing (10Hz)

Calculation:

Using **MACHINE_ENERGY**, select a **SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_n** bin

LHC_SBF = TRUE when

(MACHINE_INTENSITY ≤ SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_n)

else LHC_SBF = FALSE

Note: Beam-1 and Beam-2 flags are independent, but the same calculation is used for both, in the formula above, replace **MACHINE_INTENSITY** with **MACHINE_INTENSITY_1** to determine LHC_SBF1, replace with **MACHINE_INTENSITY_2** to determine LHC_SBF2.

Due to the limitations of the controller, this calculation is approximated; see section 4.1 starting on page 10.

The LHC_SBF1 and LHC_SBF2 are transmitted as a redundant pair, 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B. They can be individually forced to FALSE for testing or sequential purposes.

2.2.2 LHC_BPF (LHC_BEAM_PRESENCE_FLAG)

Requires Data: **MACHINE_INTENSITY_1**

MACHINE_INTENSITY_2

Requires Threshold(s): **BEAM_PRESENCE_LIMIT**

Parameter transmitted to: Beam-1 Extraction Master (1kHz)

Beam-2 Extraction Master (1kHz)

LHC General Machine Timing (10Hz)

Calculation:

```
LHC_BPF = TRUE when
(MACHINE_INTENSITY ≥ BEAM_PRESENCE_LIMIT)
else LHC_BPF = FALSE
```

Note: Beam-1 and Beam-2 flags are independent, but the same calculation is used for both, in the formula above, replace MACHINE_INTENSITY with MACHINE_INTENSITY_1 to determine LHC_BPF1, replace with MACHINE_INTENSITY_2 to determine LHC_BPF2.

For the 2009-10, this flag will be generated in the Beam Current Transformer electronics, the Safe Machine Parameter System will only retransmit the value received.

2.2.3 STB (STABLE_BEAM_FLAG, SAFE_STABLE_BEAM_FLAG)

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Requires Data: | BEAM_MODE MACHINE_ENERGY |
| Requires Threshold(s): | ENERGY_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT ENERGY_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT |
| Requires Trims(s): | OPERATOR_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT OPERATOR_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT |

Parameter transmitted to: LHC General Machine Timing (10Hz)

Calculation:

```
STB = TRUE when
(BEAM_MODE = "STABLE BEAMS") AND
[(MACHINE_ENERGY ≥ OPERATOR_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT) AND
(MACHINE_ENERGY ≤ OPERATOR_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT)]
else STB = FALSE
```

OPERATOR_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT and _UPPER_LIMIT must be used, this is a trim which is applied, ENERGY_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT and _UPPER_LIMIT as boundary conditions. See section 5.3 starting on page 14 for detailed requirements.

2.2.4 MDI (MOVEABLE_DEVICES_FLAG, MOVEABLE_DEVICES_ALLOWED_IN_FLAG)

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Requires Data: | BEAM_MODE MACHINE_ENERGY |
| Requires Threshold(s): | ENERGY_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT ENERGY_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT |
| Requires Trims(s): | OPERATOR_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT OPERATOR_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT |

Parameter transmitted to: LHC General Machine Timing (10Hz)

Calculation:

```
MDI = TRUE when
[(BEAM_MODE = "STABLE BEAMS") OR (BEAM_MODE = "UNSTABLE BEAMS")] AND
```

```
[(MACHINE_ENERGY ≥ OPERATOR_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT) AND  
 (MACHINE_ENERGY ≤ OPERATOR_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT)]  
 else MDI = FALSE
```

OPERATOR_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT and **_UPPER_LIMIT** must be used, this is a trim which is applied, **ENERGY_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT** and **_UPPER_LIMIT** as boundary conditions. See section 5.3 starting on page 14 for detailed requirements.

3. SPS UNIQUE THRESHOLDS

Note that Energy values must be a multiple of 120MeV.

| Threshold Name | Typical value [units] | Function [Accelerator] |
|------------------|-----------------------|---|
| E400_UPPER_LIMIT | 402.600 [GeV] | This is the upper limit for the Energy 400 flag to be considered TRUE [SPS] |
| E400_LOWER_LIMIT | 397.440 [GeV] | This is the lower limit for the Energy 400 flag to be considered TRUE [SPS] |
| E450_UPPER_LIMIT | 455.040 [GeV] | This is the upper limit for the Energy 450 flag to be considered TRUE [SPS] |
| E450_LOWER_LIMIT | 444.960 [GeV] | This is the lower limit for the Energy 450 flag to be considered TRUE [SPS] |
| PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT | 1E11 [p] | This is the limit below which the Probe Beam Flag will be TRUE [SPS] |
| SAFE_BEAM_LIMIT | 1E12 [p] | This is the limit below which the Safe Beam Flag will be TRUE [SPS] |

4. LHC UNIQUE THRESHOLDS

Note that Energy values must be a multiple of 120MeV.

| Threshold Name | Typical value [units] | Function [Accelerator] |
|---|------------------------------|---|
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_1 to SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_64 | 1 = 1E12 ... 64 = 1E10 | This is the range of limits below which the Safe Beam Flag will be TRUE [LHC] |
| BEAM_PRESENCE_LIMIT | 3E9 [p] | This is the limit above which the Beam Presence Flag will be TRUE [LHC] |
| ENERGY_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT | 3510.000 [GeV] | This is the absolute upper limit use by Stable Beam Flag and the Moveable Devices In Flag [LHC] |
| ENERGY_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT | 440.040 [GeV] | This is the absolute lower limit use by Stable Beam Flag and the Moveable Devices In Flag [LHC] |

4.1 FULL LISTING OF SAFE_BEAM_FLAG THRESHOLDS

The Safe Beam Flag in LHC is based on a simple calculation involving the machine Energy and Intensity. As of September 2009, the basic definition is as follows:

The Safe Beam Flag is True if:

$$\left(\frac{E [GeV]}{450 [GeV]} \right)^{1.7} \times I [p] \leq Threshold$$

Where *Threshold* is a fixed value of 1×10^{12} protons, this implies that:

1. At injection energy (450GeV), beam with intensity 1×10^{12} protons will be considered SAFE, anything above this will be considered UNSAFE.
2. At initial collision energy (3500GeV), beam with intensity $\approx 3.1 \times 10^{10}$ protons will be considered SAFE, anything above this will be considered UNSAFE.
3. At later collision energy (5000GeV), beam with intensity $\approx 1.7 \times 10^{10}$ protons will be considered SAFE, anything above this will be considered UNSAFE.

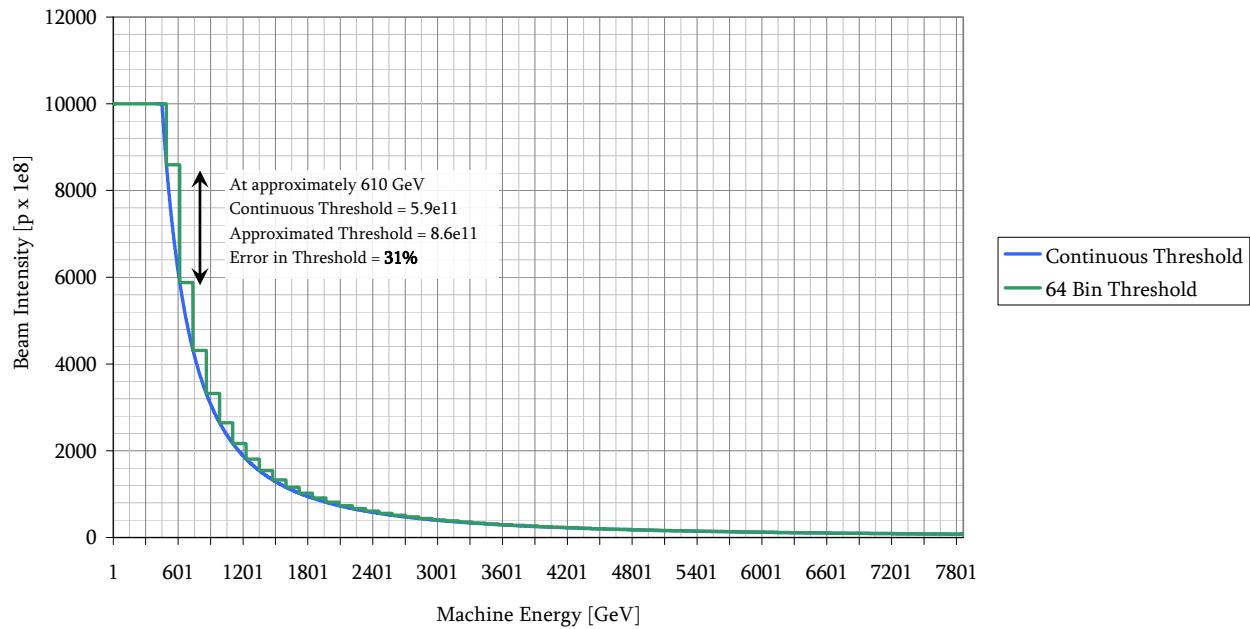
The range of possible energies has been windowed, and the relevant intensities pre-calculated in order to facilitate the calculation of the Safe Beam Flag within FPGA architectures.

| Name | Lower Energy Value | | Upper Energy Value | | Intensity Value | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| | [GeV] | [16-bit] [1 = 1.2×10^8] | [GeV] | [16-bit] [1 = 1.2×10^8] | [protons] | [24-bit] [1 = 1×10^8] |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_1 | 0.000 | 0000 | 122.760 | 3FF | 1.000E+12 | 002710 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_2 | 122.880 | 0400 | 245.640 | 7FF | 1.000E+12 | 002710 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_3 | 245.760 | 0800 | 368.520 | BFF | 1.000E+12 | 002710 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_4 | 368.640 | 0C00 | 491.400 | FFF | 1.000E+12 | 002710 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_5 | 491.520 | 1000 | 614.280 | 13FF | 8.607E+11 | 00219E |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_6 | 614.400 | 1400 | 737.160 | 17FF | 5.890E+11 | 001701 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_7 | 737.280 | 1800 | 860.040 | 1BFF | 4.320E+11 | 0010E0 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_8 | 860.160 | 1C00 | 982.920 | 1FFF | 3.324E+11 | 000CFC |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_9 | 983.040 | 2000 | 1105.800 | 23FF | 2.649E+11 | 000A59 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_10 | 1105.920 | 2400 | 1228.680 | 27FF | 2.168E+11 | 000878 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_11 | 1228.800 | 2800 | 1351.560 | 2BFF | 1.813E+11 | 000714 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_12 | 1351.680 | 2C00 | 1474.440 | 2FFF | 1.542E+11 | 000605 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_13 | 1474.560 | 3000 | 1597.320 | 33FF | 1.330E+11 | 000531 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_14 | 1597.440 | 3400 | 1720.200 | 37FF | 1.160E+11 | 000488 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_15 | 1720.320 | 3800 | 1843.080 | 3BFF | 1.023E+11 | 0003FF |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_16 | 1843.200 | 3C00 | 1965.960 | 3FFF | 9.099E+10 | 00038D |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_17 | 1966.080 | 4000 | 2088.840 | 43FF | 8.153E+10 | 00032F |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_18 | 2088.960 | 4400 | 2211.720 | 47FF | 7.355E+10 | 0002DF |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_19 | 2211.840 | 4800 | 2334.600 | 4BFF | 6.674E+10 | 00029B |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_20 | 2334.720 | 4C00 | 2457.480 | 4FFF | 6.088E+10 | 000260 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_21 | 2457.600 | 5000 | 2580.360 | 53FF | 5.579E+10 | 00022D |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_22 | 2580.480 | 5400 | 2703.240 | 57FF | 5.135E+10 | 000201 |

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|------|----------|------|-----------|--------|
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_23 | 2703.360 | 5800 | 2826.120 | 5BFF | 4.745E+10 | 0001DA |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_24 | 2826.240 | 5C00 | 2949.000 | 5FFF | 4.400E+10 | 0001B7 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_25 | 2949.120 | 6000 | 3071.880 | 63FF | 4.092E+10 | 000199 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_26 | 3072.000 | 6400 | 3194.760 | 67FF | 3.818E+10 | 00017D |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_27 | 3194.880 | 6800 | 3317.640 | 6BFF | 3.572E+10 | 000165 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_28 | 3317.760 | 6C00 | 3440.520 | 6FFF | 3.350E+10 | 00014E |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_29 | 3440.640 | 7000 | 3563.400 | 73FF | 3.149E+10 | 00013A |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_30 | 3563.520 | 7400 | 3686.280 | 77FF | 2.967E+10 | 000128 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_31 | 3686.400 | 7800 | 3809.160 | 7BFF | 2.801E+10 | 000118 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_32 | 3809.280 | 7C00 | 3932.040 | 7FFF | 2.649E+10 | 000108 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_33 | 3932.160 | 8000 | 4054.920 | 83FF | 2.510E+10 | 0000FA |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_34 | 4055.040 | 8400 | 4177.800 | 87FF | 2.382E+10 | 0000EE |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_35 | 4177.920 | 8800 | 4300.680 | 8BFF | 2.264E+10 | 0000E2 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_36 | 4300.800 | 8C00 | 4423.560 | 8FFF | 2.155E+10 | 0000D7 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_37 | 4423.680 | 9000 | 4546.440 | 93FF | 2.054E+10 | 0000CD |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_38 | 4546.560 | 9400 | 4669.320 | 97FF | 1.961E+10 | 0000C4 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_39 | 4669.440 | 9800 | 4792.200 | 9BFF | 1.874E+10 | 0000BB |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_40 | 4792.320 | 9C00 | 4915.080 | 9FFF | 1.793E+10 | 0000B3 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_41 | 4915.200 | A000 | 5037.960 | A3FF | 1.717E+10 | 0000AB |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_42 | 5038.080 | A400 | 5160.840 | A7FF | 1.647E+10 | 0000A4 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_43 | 5160.960 | A800 | 5283.720 | ABFF | 1.581E+10 | 00009E |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_44 | 5283.840 | AC00 | 5406.600 | AFFF | 1.519E+10 | 000097 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_45 | 5406.720 | B000 | 5529.480 | B3FF | 1.460E+10 | 000092 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_46 | 5529.600 | B400 | 5652.360 | B7FF | 1.406E+10 | 00008C |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_47 | 5652.480 | B800 | 5775.240 | BBFF | 1.354E+10 | 000087 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_48 | 5775.360 | BC00 | 5898.120 | BFFF | 1.305E+10 | 000082 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_49 | 5898.240 | C000 | 6021.000 | C3FF | 1.260E+10 | 00007D |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_50 | 6021.120 | C400 | 6143.880 | C7FF | 1.216E+10 | 000079 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_51 | 6144.000 | C800 | 6266.760 | CBFF | 1.175E+10 | 000075 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_52 | 6266.880 | CC00 | 6389.640 | CFFF | 1.136E+10 | 000071 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_53 | 6389.760 | D000 | 6512.520 | D3FF | 1.099E+10 | 00006D |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_54 | 6512.640 | D400 | 6635.400 | D7FF | 1.064E+10 | 00006A |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_55 | 6635.520 | D800 | 6758.280 | DBFF | 1.031E+10 | 000067 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_56 | 6758.400 | DC00 | 6881.160 | DFFF | 9.994E+09 | 000063 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_57 | 6881.280 | E000 | 7004.040 | E3FF | 9.692E+09 | 000060 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_58 | 7004.160 | E400 | 7126.920 | E7FF | 9.405E+09 | 00005E |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_59 | 7127.040 | E800 | 7249.800 | EBFF | 9.131E+09 | 00005B |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_60 | 7249.920 | EC00 | 7372.680 | EFFF | 8.869E+09 | 000058 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_61 | 7372.800 | F000 | 7495.560 | F3FF | 8.620E+09 | 000056 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_62 | 7495.680 | F400 | 7618.440 | F7FF | 8.381E+09 | 000053 |
| SAFE_BEAM_FLAG_63 | 7618.560 | F800 | 7741.320 | FBFF | 8.152E+09 | 000051 |
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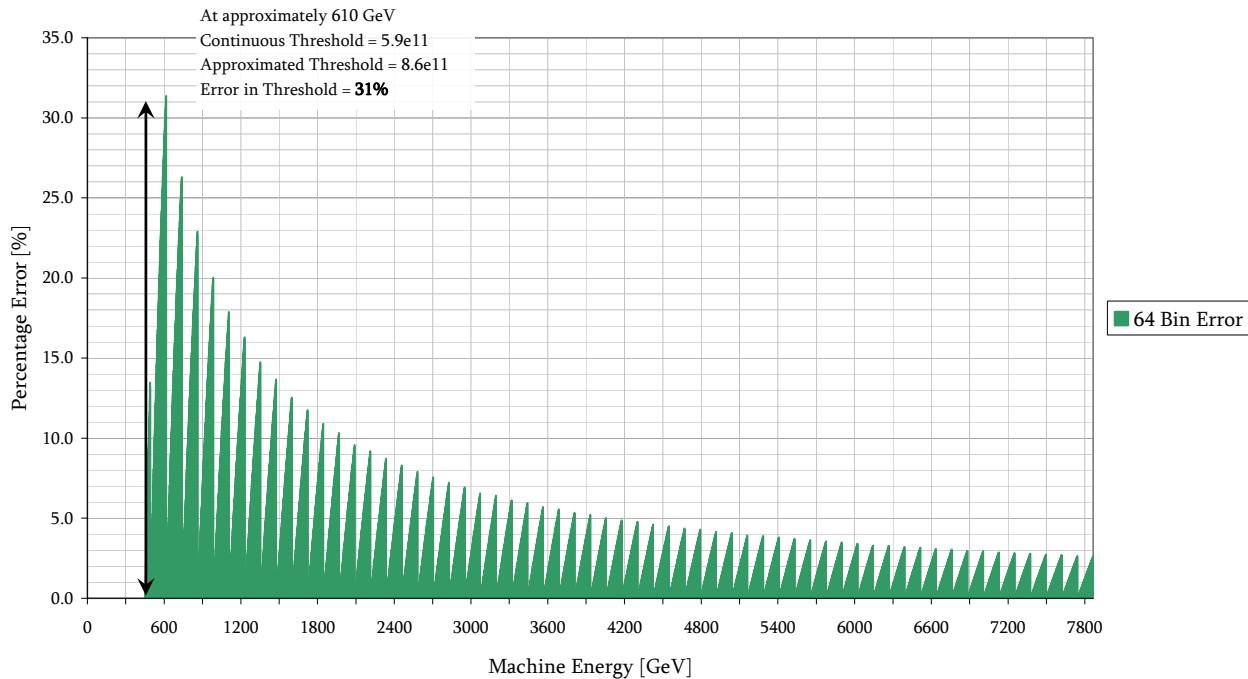
These 64 windows give the following characteristics for the LHC Safe Beam Flag Threshold as a function of Energy:

LHC Safe Beam Flag Threshold Approximation with 64 Linear Steps



The error in the applied threshold versus the continuous function is at worst 31%, as shown in the following diagram:

64 Step Linear Approximation Error



5. FORCING / TRIMMING FOR 2009-10

To facilitate operations, three mechanisms are in place:

1. Trimming PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT for the PROBE_BEAM_FLAG in SPS
2. Forcing the SAFE_BEAM_FLAGS to FALSE in LHC
3. Trimming ENERGY_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT and _LOWER_LIMIT in LHC

Note that this FORCING and TRIMMING must take into account that there will be two generators in the SPS SMP and two more in the LHC SMP. Multiple values must be written.

5.1 PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT

It is possible to adjust the value PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT which is used for the calculation of the PROBE BEAM FLAG in the SPS Flag Generator. The value used for the calculation is called OPERATOR_PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT and writing it is optional.

Rules for the trim:

Rule 1. OPERATOR_PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT must be beam intensity in 24-bits (1-bit = 1×10^8 charges).

Notification of failure: FESA Exception

Rule 2. OPERATOR_PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT must be less or equal to the value for PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT.

Notification of failure: FESA Property -> Value -> Status Flag

Rule 3. If the value is not written OPERATOR_PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT will be set to PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT.

Notification of failure: FESA Property -> Value -> Status Flag

Rule 4. If the written value does not obey the rules 1-2, then OPERATOR_PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT will be set to PROBE_BEAM_LIMIT.

Notification of failure: FESA Property -> Value -> Status Bit

5.2 FORCING LHC SAFE BEAM FLAG TO FALSE

The LHC Safe Beam Flags can be forced FALSE, by setting bits in the SMP Generators. It will be possible to force any of the four Safe Beam Flags to FALSE independently of the other safe beam flags.

1. SAFE BEAM FLAG 1 A
2. SAFE BEAM FLAG 1 B
3. SAFE BEAM FLAG 2 A
4. SAFE BEAM FLAG 2 B

5.3 ENERGY_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT AND LOWER_LIMIT

The window defined by **ENERGY_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT** and **ENERGY_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT** must be trimmed.

The trimmed values are called **OPERATOR_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT** and **OPERATOR_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT**.

This trimming allows operation at several different "physics energies" without requiring any intervention in the LHC Safe Machine Parameter System.

Rules for the trim:

Rule 1. **OPERATOR_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT** must be written as beam energy in 16-bits (1-bit = 120 MeV).

Notification of failure: FESA Exception

Rule 2. **OPERATOR_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT** must be written as beam energy in 16-bits (1-bit = 120 MeV).

Notification of failure: FESA Exception

Rule 3. A value must be written value for **OPERATOR_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT**

Notification of failure: FESA Property -> Value -> Status Flag

Rule 4. **OPERATOR_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT** must be less than or equal to **ENERGY_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT**

Notification of failure: FESA Property -> Value -> Status Flag

Rule 5. A value must be written value for **OPERATOR_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT**

Notification of failure: FESA Property -> Value -> Status Flag

Rule 6. **OPERATOR_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT** must be greater than or equal to **ENERGY_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT**

Notification of failure: FESA Property -> Value -> Status Flag

Rule 7. **OPERATOR_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT** must be greater than **OPERATOR_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT**

Notification of failure: FESA Property -> Value -> Status Flag

Rule 8. **OPERATOR_PHYSICS_UPPER_LIMIT** - **OPERATOR_PHYSICS_LOWER_LIMIT** must be less than 20.040 GeVⁱ.

Notification of failure: FESA Property -> Value -> Status Flag

Rule 9. If any of the Rules 1 – 8 are not adhered to then

STB (STABLE_BEAMS_FLAG) and

MDI (MOVEABLE_DEVICES_ALLOWED_IN_FLAG)

will be blocked **FALSE**

Notification of failure: FESA Property -> Value -> Status Flag

ⁱ This figure is chosen as 20.040GeV as it must be a multiple of 120MeV.