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Experience with damping links at E.S.R.F.

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The Magnet/girder assembly shows several vibration Eigen modes detrimental to beam stability:

- Transverse rocking mode (8 Hz)
- Longitudinal rocking mode (12 Hz)
- ✤ Horizontal rotation (14 Hz)

These modes are excited by the ground motion. They were observed on both electron and photon beam motions. Mechanical damping devices were studied to minimise this effect.

Constraints

Must allow the periodic realignment of the machine

- Must be installed on a running machine
 - Space constraints, easy installation

Preliminary studies

- Tuned vibration absorbers
 - Added weight: 450 kg !
- Damping plates
 - Efficient
 - Difficulty to force the precise positioning of the girder without "shunting" the damping plate.
- Damping links
 - Efficient
 - Possible transverse and vertical displacement by 2mm without degrading the damping performance

Installation

From July 2000 to May 2001

Monitoring with fast BPMs all along the installation:

The beam position is measured at 4.4 kHz. 240 data sets of 1024 samples are averaged every day.





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Conclusions

- The installation of damping links reduced the rms horizontal motion of the electron beam (in the range 4-200Hz) by a factor 3. The improvement was also visible in the vertical plane.
- The mechanical motion is now coming from the individual motion of each quadrupole on the girder (transverse rocking motion again), in the 30Hz range.
- Additional sources of motion are now visible on the electron beam: Booster operation...

		4-12 Hz	4-200 Hz
no damping links	(μ m)	10	12
with damping links	(μ m)	2.7	4
damping links+feedback	(μ m)	0.28	1

Horizontal motion ($\beta_x = 35.4 \text{ m}$)