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Superconducting Magnets for the LHC

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- Accelerators and magnet shape
- Accelerator Magnets : basic design, magnet types
- The heart: superconductors (and superconductivity)
- Mechanical structure
- Making it suitable for LHC: Field Quality
- Alignment issues
- Snapshot at construction in Industry
- Quench and stability



Circular accelerator: magnet festival











- The LHC has a circumference of 26.7 km, out of which some 20 km of main superconducting magnets operating at 8.3 T. Cryogenics will consume about 40 MW electrical power from the grid.
- If the LHC were not superconducting:
- If it used resistive magnets operating at 1.8 T (limited by iron saturation), the circumference would have to be about 100 km, and the electrical consumption 900 MW (a good-size nuclear power plant), leading to prohibitive capital and operation costs.





Accelerators and Magnet Shape





- Thin field tubes that follow the particle trajectories
- Dipole to bend
- Quadrupoles to focus
- Sextupoles and Octupoles
- Correctors (from Dip to Decap)
- Correctors are mostly local

- The cost and the difficulties scales as the amount of the stored energy: Vol \times $B^2/2\mu_0$
- Rush for high field \Rightarrow small volume of field





Detector Magnets



Magnetic fields needed for - electric charge identification - momentum spectrometry - p = mv = q ρ B; φ = q/p B L ⇒ BL is often the comparison parameter

If momentum analysis is done by tracking inside the field volume:

- $\Delta p/p \propto 1/BL^2 \Rightarrow$ large volume better than high field - Field homogeneity appreciated but NOT critical (field knowledge of 0.1% usually suffices)



Accelerator Magnets Basic Design – I

+J

-J

 $B_{y} = \frac{\mu_{0}Jbd}{a+b}$



-J

 $B_x = \frac{\mu_0 J(a-b)}{a+b} y$

 $B_y = \frac{\mu_0 J(a-b)}{a+b} x$

+J

-J

Intersecting ellipses generate uniform field.

Two intersecting ellipses, rotated of 90°, generate a perfect quadrupole fields:.

All these configurations follow: $J_s = J \cdot \cos(\theta)$, $J_s = J \cdot d \cdot \cos(2\theta)$, ...

d = coil thickness

a, b, ellipses parameter

In practice the above current distributions are approximate, so the field contains also higher order harmonics (see later). It can be shown that if the $cos(n\theta)$ is approximate by step function, there is a "magic" angle that makes nil the first higher order harmonics.



Accelerator Magnets Basic Design – II





Approximation of $\cos\theta$ with coil blocks (left) and multiple shells (centre) and of intersecting ellipses (from Wilson book).

DEVIATION FROM PERFECT FIELD: 10⁻⁴ (0.01%) that is taken as the unit.



Accelerator Magnets Basic Design - IV



J_{overall} ≈ 500 A/mm² ! e.m. forces are not kept by conductors but tend to torn apart the winding.

Principle





coil-collars-cylinder structure



- The approach chosen by LHC is to have a design where most of the force can be taken by collars
- Then to have a vertical gap almost closed at RT and the outer skin welded such as to have a strong prestress
- Part of this is lost during cooldown but there is enough to assure azimuthal prestress of the coil up to 9 T and to have at least radial contact radial between collar and yoke
- The choice of stainless steel has released the tolerances on the skin stress: ideal 150 \pm 15 MPa We can live even if all tolerance goes in the too low or too high direction.





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DIPOLE MAGNETS



HERA B = 4.7 T BORE : 75 mm



TEVATRON B = 4.5 T Bore : 76 mm





SSC B = 6.6 T Bore : 50-50 mm





MQ Main Quad

CERN- CEA collaboration

- Cu-NbTi cable @ 1.9 K. G_{op} = 223 T/m
- e.m. forces kept by collars only (iron is a mere flux return yoke)
- Two-in-one concept (two apertures are de-coupled both magnetically and mechanically).
- 3.5 m long, coil ap.56 mm, straight, alignment given by inertia tube
- Correctors are fixed on the inertia tube



MQY wide aperture quadrupole





70 mm ID coil G = 160 T/m at 4.5 K I = 3620 A E = 141 kJ/m/aperture $L_{mag} = 3.4$

- Four-layer, graded shell coil.
- Free standing collars, fully supporting the forces.
- Two-in-one iron yoke.





The zoo of the 6000 SC corrector magnets







Superconductivity



- Zero resistance !!
- But at low temperature
- And within certain limit of field and current
- Concept of critical surface





Who provide the current: type II superconductors



Flux penetration in the material is in quanta:

 $\Phi = h/2e \cong 2 \ 10^{-15} \text{ Wb}$





Lorentz force : $F_p = -J_c \times B$: to avoid movements and heating it is needed a **pinning** given by defects.

NbTi: $F_{p max} \approx 15 \text{ GN/m}^3 \text{ (or } 15 \text{ N/mm}^3 \text{ !!)} \Rightarrow J_c \approx 3 \text{ GA/m}^2 \text{ (3000 A/mm}^2 \text{) at } 5 \text{ T}$



Practical Materials



Long journey from material discovery to magnet application

From science to technology

Criterion	Number
Superconducting	~ 10,000
$T_c \cong 10 \text{ K}$.and. $B_{c2} \cong 10 \text{ T}$	~ 100
$J_{c} \cong 1 \text{ GA/m}^{2} @ B > 5 \text{ T}$	~ 10
Magnet-grade superconductor	~ 1











Critical field vs temperature (zero current)







Niobium-Titanium





Critical surface of NbTi (from Wilson textbook)

Critical current density vs field measured on NbTi multiflamentray wire at 4.22 and 2.17 K



Critical current of best Cu/NbTi with typical **3 T field shift at superfluid helium** (INFN-LASA lab, february 2000)









Transition at fixed temperature: $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{k} \mathbf{I}^{n}$, so we have to adopt a criterion to define I_{c} .

Electric field. I_c is the current generating an electric field $E_c = 10^{-5} \text{ V/m} \Rightarrow E = E_c (J/J_c)^n$ **Resistivity.** I_c is the current showing an apparent resistivity of $\rho_c = 10^{-14} \Omega \text{m}$. The exponent n, called also n-value or n-index, is related to the homogeneity of the material or of the superconducting properties. For good superconductors n ~30 – 60 or more. Near critical surface, B > 0.9 B_{c2} the n-values drops down to 20 or below.





Superconductors are not stable!



Superconductors are NOT stable against perturbation albeit very small. ΔE of μJ are enough to drive superconductor normal!

Heat capacity drops at low temperature (T<< T_{Debey}) : $C \propto T^3 \Rightarrow \Delta T = \Delta E/\gamma C$. So even small ΔE generates sensible ΔT \Rightarrow operating point of the magnet beyond critical surface \Rightarrow **QUENCH**

Electrodynamic stability: intimate contact between the superconductor and a good conductivity material.

Adiabatic (or intrinsic)stability: to cure the flux rearrangement that generates heat

Direct cooling : LHe and more HEII are very good coolant, capable to remove heating in milliseconds! Latent heat 10-1000 times that of solid specific heat!



Superconductor of LHC









Rurtherford cables, composed by the wire shown above.

View of the flat side (at right), with one end etched to show the Nb-Ti filaments. View of the cross section at the top





Effect of magnetization







Magnetization for LHC NbTi

Due to field imperfection generated by M:

Rejection of conductor

Limit in the dynamic range of the magnets

In LHC D_{fil} = 6-7 μ m





Rutherford cable





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Controlling the contact resistance

Rc measured by CERN on the cables for the inner dipole layer



CERN has developed the controlled oxidation method

Coating wire with 0.3-0.5 of SnAg then H.T. cable in air

What are the acceptable limits?

Too low (< 15-20) gives field errors (ad He consumption

Too high (>100-200) may raise instability or current distribution





Snap-back phenomena



•BICCs produce a field component which alternates \pm 20 mT along the magnet

•imagine the hysteresis curve of NbTi filaments subjected to this oscillation

•a 20 mT increase produces very little change in filament magnetization

•a 20 mT decrease produces a large change in filament magnetization

•thus the hysteresis curve acts as a 'rectifier' enabling the oscillating BICCs to produce a dc level

After Rob Wolf

•during the injection platform of an LHC dipole, the sextupole error term **integrated over the magnet length** decays with a time constant of ~ 1000sec.

•when the ramp is started, the error term 'snaps back' to its earlier value

•it is difficult to find a time constant of 1000 seconds in any of the usual coupling modes







LHC MB X-sect: conductor (Rutherford cable)













Conductor position optimization:

Control of harmonics Balance of margin among blocks

Stable against inevitable errors

Minimum shear among conductors

Balance between T margin of inner/outer



LHC MB X-sect: copper wedges







LHC MB X-sect: conductor and ground Insulation, Interlayer



Rutherford Cables Insulation



-2 layers of Apical 200 AV insulation -1 layer Pixeo to glue cables together at 185°C (-0,+5 critical) Ground isolation

Four layers 125AH





Inter layer To allow HEII to flow

Polyimmide insulation

Around cable and around coils

Important elements are dimensions, ±3% of thickness, and creep (Apical creeps less than kapton)


LHC MB X-sect: insulated CBT





WHC MB X-sect: Quench Heater





Strips of stainless steels partially coated with copper to adjust resistance

Encapsulated like a sandwich in two foils of 75 µm of polyimide

Fired by current pulse, heat must diffuse from strip to coils in 20-50 ms !!



LHC MB X-sect: Collars











Collars and collaring are the main controllers of the final coil shape



LHC MB X-sect: magnetic insert



The iron Insert Punched together with the yoke lamination



Introduced to ease the mechanical assembly It serves for FQ By tapering we cured unwanted quadrupole and octupole components





One supplier for the steel 45,000 tons

Precise vertical gap

Regular **Nested**



The iron yoke: Stray field 15% field increase (but big gain in protection) If saturates affect FQ (sextupole)

Trim of magnetic length





Bus Bars

Quad BB

Focusing

Quad BB Defocusing

Corrector circuit bus bars on top of Quad BB

Dipole circuit BB



160 km of main **BusBars!!** We provide: -technology -SC 02 cables -Polyimmide foils and tapes



C MB X-sect: Shrinking cylinder and support



Two half shells, welded on the magnet

Many difficulties





LHC MB X-sect: beam screen and HXT









Copper Heat Exchange Tubes HEII satur. Beam Screen Inserted at **CERN** just before insertion in the tunnel



3D Inner layer lyre side

End Spacers: critical for Quench

Two slightly different design (in cable profile)

Only pre-series (4-5 suppliers can do)





LHC MB - end part CBTs and Yoke







LHC MB -end part end plate







LHC MB-end part Bus Bars postioning







LHC MB -end part Shrinking cyilinder







LHC Main Dipole -end part Cu HXT







LHC Main Dipole -end part Corrector Magnets (spool pieces)



Assembly in CMAs is purely mechanic al

(tolerance s of B axis wrt mech. frame given by supplier





LHC Main Dipole -end part End covers







LHC Main Dipole -end part « Cold foot »







LHC Main Dipole -end part Bellows and N-line







Interconnection between two superconducting magnets



6 superconducting bus bars 13 kA for B, QD, QF quadrupole 20 superconducting bus bars 600 A for corrector magnets (minimise dipole field harmonics)

To be connected:

- Beam tubes
- Pipes for helium
- Cryostat
- Thermal shields
- Vacuum vessel
- Superconducting cables

13 kA Protection diode

42 sc bus bars 600 A for corrector magnets (chromaticity, tune, etc....) + 12 sc bus bars for 6 kA (special quadrupoles)



Critical Process Winding-Curing-Coil formation

- Coils are cured under press
- Then measured all along 15 m
- Then collared with shims
- Shims influence also prestress and then coil movements (quench)
- Shift of radius of tens of micron as well deformation can easily drive harmonics out of tolerance







Stering production with actions





3 D: curvature measurements End tolerances







Measuring Instruments : Laser tracker (Leica) and moles







Snapshot at industry













The longitudinal welding



- Pre-developed at CERN
- Installed directly CMAs
- Two weldings synchronized
- Root welding STT: high quality very sophisticated control, a world *PRIMA* for this conditions and austenitic steel
- Problem on the press, now almost over : still quality of welding
- Each CM leak tested 26 bar !!!

Magnet performance and Training Curve







The spectrum of disturbances



Continuous Distributed Perturbances:

- AC losses (hysteretic and coupling losses, eddy currents)
- Intrinsic dissipation due to smooth transition $(I_{op} \text{ too near or above } I_c!)$
- Thermal load (vacuum degradation,...). This could be a serious effect in cryocooled system.

These perturbations are usually predictable and estimate must be done at design level 2 coupling losses can depends on interstrand resistance, i.e. on manufacture technique and on prestress and e.m. forces \Rightarrow more difficult to evaluate **Continuous Point Perturbances:**

- Joints inside coils
- Release of mechanical energy (hysteresis of the stress-strain relation)
- Localised heat input (suspension rods with bad thermal anchoring)

These effects are well understood and predictable (it does not mean easy to cure !)



The spectrum of disturbances – II



Transient Distributed/Point Perturbances

• Flux jumps. This effect is cured almost definitely for NbTi. Effects could be seen on NbSn with very high current density and very large effective filament diameter. This effect can be detected at low field, during current ramp.

- Mechanical origin: movements, friction, sudden release of elastic energy...
- crack in the resin

Basically these last two mechanism are now understood, in principle, and acoustic emission experiments did prove it almost visually. Still they are less predictable and more difficult to avoid. They depend on magnet geometry, material properties, local conditions and on many details. They can depend on magnet history (previous quench, overheating, thermal induced stress, etc.)



Temperature and enthalpy margins



The main action to take is to have a reasonable energy margin, larger than the expected energy release, to make unlikely to pass the critical surface: but the specific heat of solids are pretty low near LHe and we can rely only on $\Delta T \approx 1-2$ K







Point Disturbances : MPZ



Energy density is not the only criterion, since most of the perturbations are localized.

MPZ : the Minimum Propagating Zone

with a simple balance between power dissipated in the normal zone and heat conducted along the cable we found:

$$l = \frac{2k(T_{cs} - T_{op})}{\rho J_c^2}$$



If there is no stabiliser, only NbTi, we see that $l \cong 1 \ \mu m \Rightarrow \Delta H \sim 1 nJ$ only !!



Stability of LHC



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PROTECTION



A superconducting magnet, whatever the stability margin, **it will quench**. And magnet integrity has to be preserved.

When working at current density like in the LHC dipoles, where dissipation per unit volume following a quench is $\rho J_{Cu}^2 \cong 6 \ 10^{-10} \Omega m \ 10^{18} \text{ A/m}^2 = 600 \text{ MW/m}^3$

Excessive voltage rise \Rightarrow insulation breakdown.

Temperature growth \Rightarrow **melting or serious trouble to insulators and conductor** Temperature gradients \Rightarrow excessive stress with subsequent de-training.





Impressive damage caused by a short circuit developed during a quench in a LHC dipole protype



Hot Spot Temperature

Let's suppose that heat is coming only by Joule effect and conduction is not significant

$$J^{2}(t)\rho(T)dt = \gamma C(T)dT \qquad \int_{0}^{\infty} J^{2}(t)dt = \int_{T_{op}}^{T_{m}} \frac{\gamma C(T)}{\rho(T)} dT \qquad J^{2}_{0}T_{d} = U(T_{m}) \qquad \text{MIITs}$$

The function U(T) is a computable a priori, based only on material properties. If the magnet is discharged on an external –dumping- resistors, R_D , $T_d=0.5 \cdot L_{mag}/R_D$.

The goal is to speed up the quench propagation by any means, to avoid too high hot spots:

1) Heater : activated in 20 ms !!

2) Benefit of quench-back

This goes against having LHe inside the coils (i.e. is against stability)!









LHC protection scheme (courtesy of F. Rodriguez Mateos, CERN)


Quench statistics (single magnet test)







Future for SC magnets ? No new LHC at view but...





Next Step: 120 mm Quadrupoles

Completed:

- Cable optimization & test winding (LBNL)
- Coil cross-section and end design (FNAL)
- Winding/curing tooling design (LBNL)

In progress:

- Reaction/potting tooling design (BNL)
- Coil parts procurements (FNAL)
- Support structure design (LBNL)

Plans:

- Test 1 m models (HQ) in 2009-10, 4 m models (QA) in 2011-12
- Aiming at full qualification based on Phase 1 upgrade requirements
- Conductor-limited gradient is about twice the Phase 1 requirement
- Will provide performance reference for Phase 2 upgrade design

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R&D for High Field Magnets

GianLuca Sabbi, LBNL

FAIR project at GSI

SIS100 – superferric fast cycled 2.1 T SIS300 – 4.5 T 0.1 Hz cycled magnets LHC luminosity upgrade Larger and higher gradiend quadrupoles... Higher field dipoles

