# **LHC Status**

LHCC 8th July 2009 Steve Myers

# **Topics**

- LHC Shutdown work
  - Update on tunnel news
- Splice Measurements

Powering Tests

- Schedule and Strategy
- Future Work Programme

### **Update on Tunnel News**

#### Sector 3-4:

- last W bellows closed Tuesday 23 June
- Pressure test last weekend (4 July)

#### Sector 5-6:

- last W bellows closed Friday 26 June
- Vacuum leak located and repaired

#### Sector 1-2: cool-down started

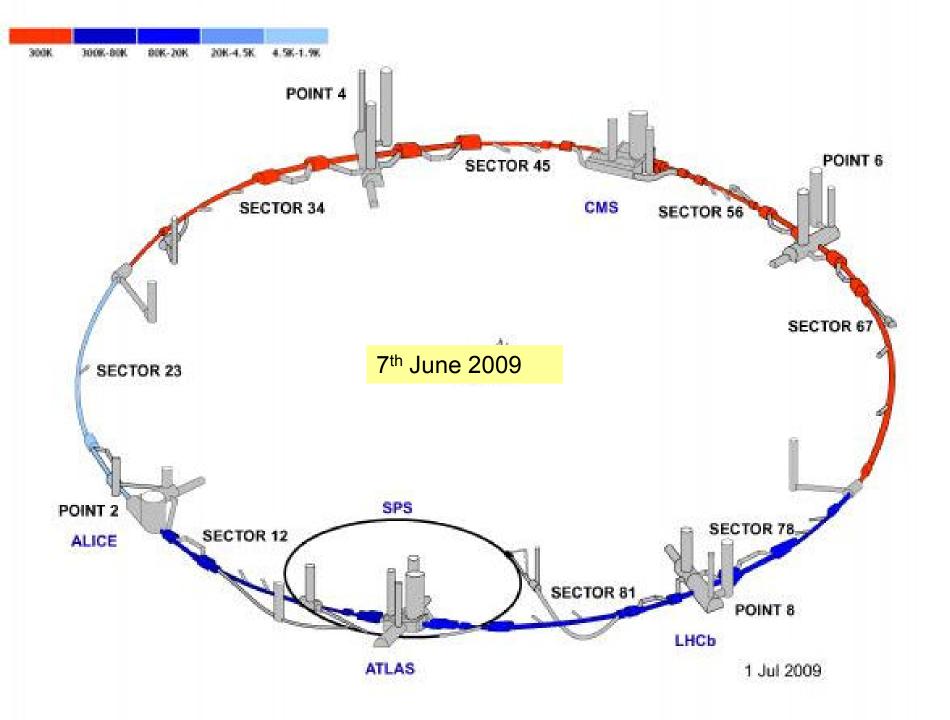
 The pressure test to validate the magnet which has been changed was successfully performed up to 15Bar; the cool down of the sector is now ongoing. 80K should be reached by end of week 29.

#### Sector 23

 Phase I powering tests have been successfully performed in the sector with 146 circuits fully commissioned. liquid He has been taken out in order to perform some consolidation. sector is floating, the temperature is now increasing but will be kept at 80K to avoid thermal expansions.

#### Sector 6-7: objective is to close by end W28

- Large workload: overall 67 M to be rewelded and W to be closed, 46 busbar splices to be resoldered, 25 (x5) spools for US welding
- All electrical connections done
- W28: last insulations and ELQA, last M and K welds, close last W

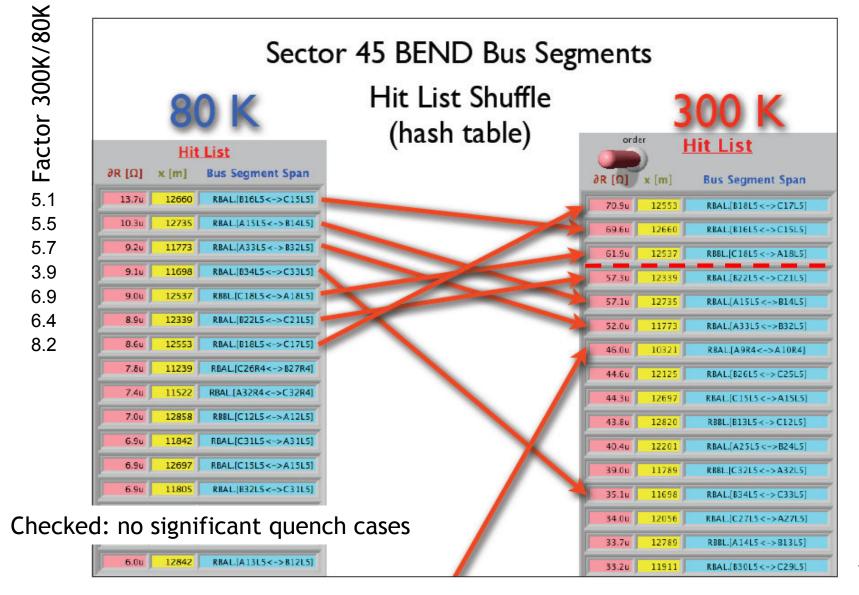


### Sector 4-5: beam lines

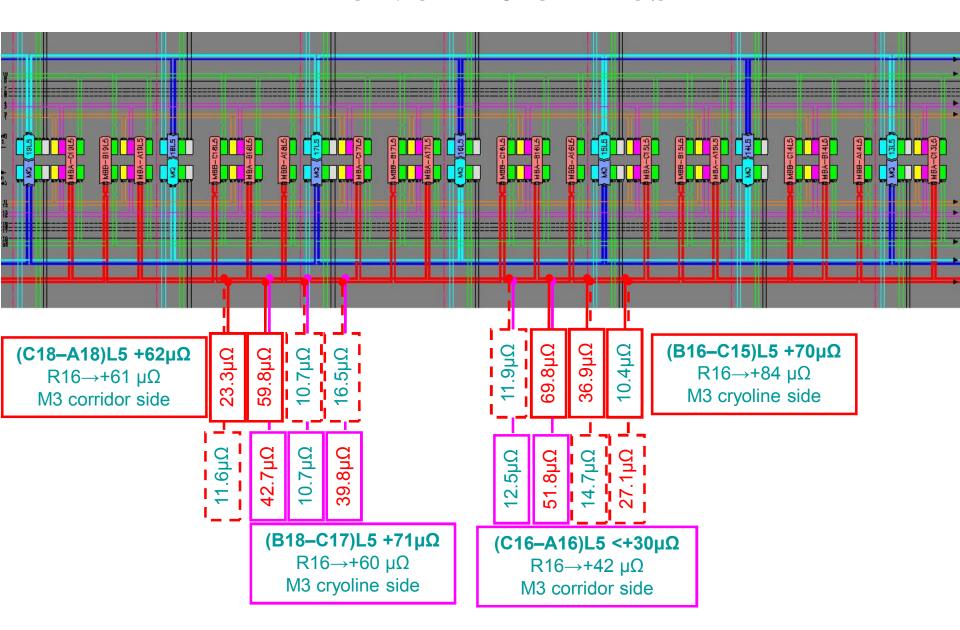
PIM intervention was required



### 4-5 First M3 Hit List (for repairs)



### 4-5 M3 R16 cf "Bob"



### 4-5 splices repaired

Inter. number	Main busbars	Photos (before unsoldering)	US-test (before unsoldering)	Additional US test bus bar noses	R-16 before unsoldering	Gamma ray control (before unsoldering)	Visual inspection and photos after repair	US-test after repair	R-16 after repair	QC insulation main bus bars	QC insulation spools
4-5											
QEBL11L5	M3-corridor	done	4 out of 4, P.B., 26.6.09	both OK, P.B., 26.6.09	12.0						
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4, P.B., 26.6.09		19.4				10.4		
QQEL11L5	M1-corridor	done	4 out of 4, P.B., 26.6.09	both OK, P.B., 26.6.09	20.4						
	M1-cryoline	done	4 out of 4, P.B., 26.6.09		19.0						
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	M2-cryoline	done	4 out of 4, P.B., 26.6.09	both OK, P.B., 26.6.09	19.6						
	M3-corridor	done	4 out of 4, P.B., 26.6.09	both OK, P.B., 26.6.09	13.0						
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4, P.B., 26.6.09	both OK, P.B., 26.6.09	11.7						
QQBL15L5	M3-cryoline				10.4						
	M3-corridor				27.1						
QBQL16L5	M3-cryoline				36.9						
	M3-corridor				14.7						
QBBLA16L5					69.8						
	M3-corridor				51.8						
QBBLB16L5	M3-cryoline				11.9						
	M3-corridor				12.5						
QQBL17L5	M3-cryoline				39.8						
	M3-corridor				16.5						
QBBLA18L5	M3-cryoline				42.7						
	M3-corridor				59.8						
QBBLB18L5	M3-cryoline				11.6						
	M3-corridor				23.3						
QBQL18L5	M3-cryoline				10.7						
	M3-corridor				10.7						

~13 splices being repaired

### Pressure relief nozzles

- Paint removal: all done (BLM reinstallation to start?)
- DN200:
  - DSR4 and 31R4-33R4 done, W closing started
  - Cutting soon finished Monday 6 July, welding by Wednesday 8 July
- DFBA: workshop work finished, re-installation to start

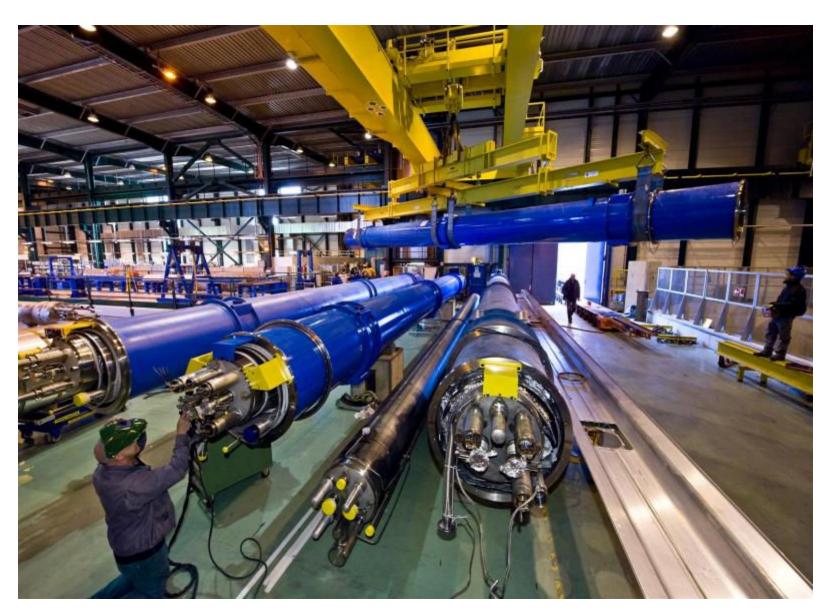
### Sector 4-5 Plan W28

- Final segment measurements:
  - Monday: partial and complete busbars
  - Tuesday: MQ
  - Wednesday morning: MB
- Splice repairs: finished Tuesday evening
- VACSEC: start pumping Wednesday afternoon (follows segment resistance measurements)
- Close 4-5: 1-2 working days later than planned, mid W29
- [Resources starting W29 will be strongly reduced]

### Magnet transport in the tunnel without a single incident



### sector 3-4: Magnet repair in SMI2



### Last Repaired Magnet (SSS) going down (30/4/2009)



### Repair of QRL service module in S3-4





Before repair

After repair

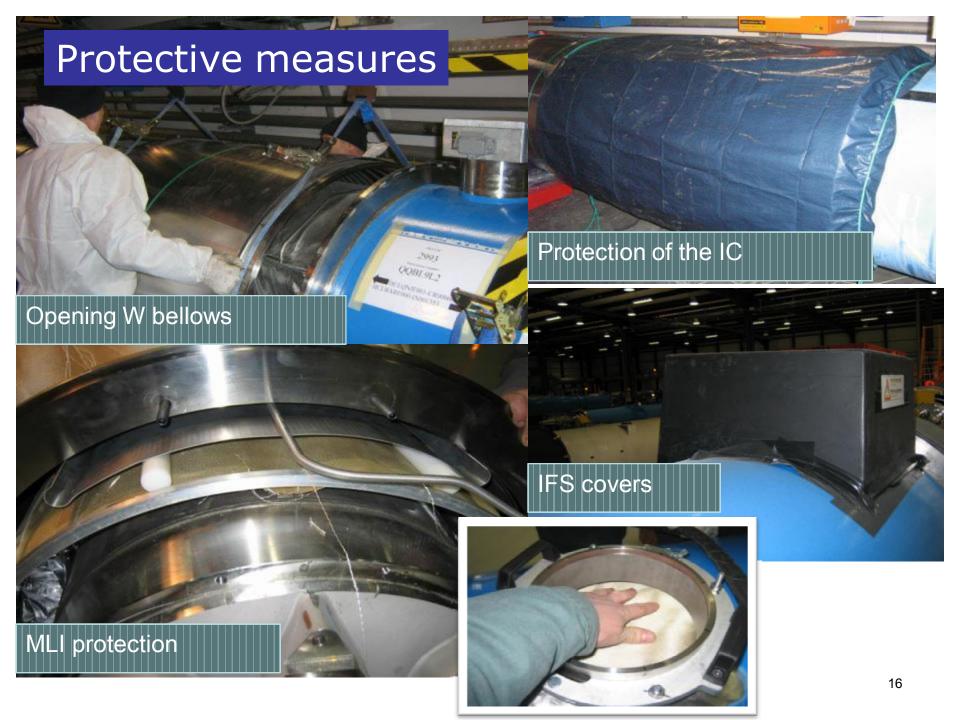
Q27

### DN200 installation (Arc + DS)



2 DN200 / dipole (DS and mid-arc)

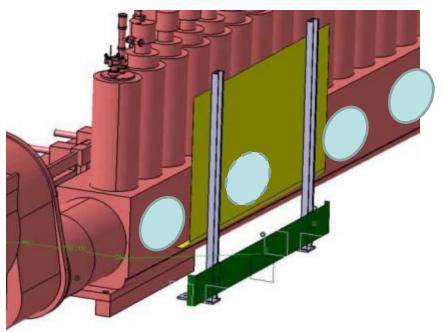
P6 singularity



### **In Triplet DN200**



### Main Cryoboxes (DFBA)







- Machining of doors started W23
- Consolidation rate: ~ 1.5 week per sector (including logistics & excluding deflector work)
- Deflector Interference with survey equipment to be studied

# Enhanced QPS

# Preliminary Results from Powering Tests – Weekend of 27-28 June

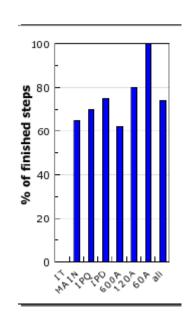
- Precision Busbar Splice Measurements:
  - Very satisfactory results were obtained immediately in the RB circuit.
    - 1.28 nOhm for segment DCBA.13R2.L (long segment including 3 joints) with measuring plateau of 10 mins
  - Powering both QF/QD circuits gave resistances
    - typically 10 nOhm for the 110 m long busbar segment with 8 splices.

# Preliminary Results from Powering Tests – Weekend of 27-28 June

### SymQ:

- Verified in Standard crate and Studied through Labview application with separate monitoring crate.
- The 4-dipole algorithm operates correctly
- During ramping with up to 10 A/s the residual signals remains insignificant.
- The nQPS crate powering system (the two Power Packs), the new WorldFip link and all the new Software tools worked perfectly.

## Results Powering Tests



Performed 74 % of the Phase I + Phase II steps

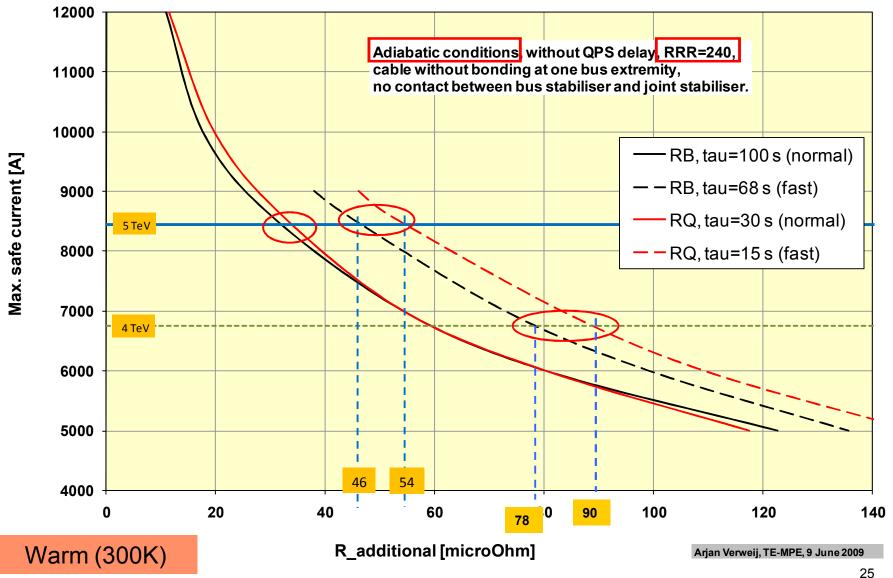
- 60A all commissioning
- 80/120A most commissioned
- 600A many circuits commissioning started, some issues
- IPQ/IPD commissioned for step in phase I
- RB commissioned to 1 kA
- RQ commissioned to 1 kA
- Inner triplet not started

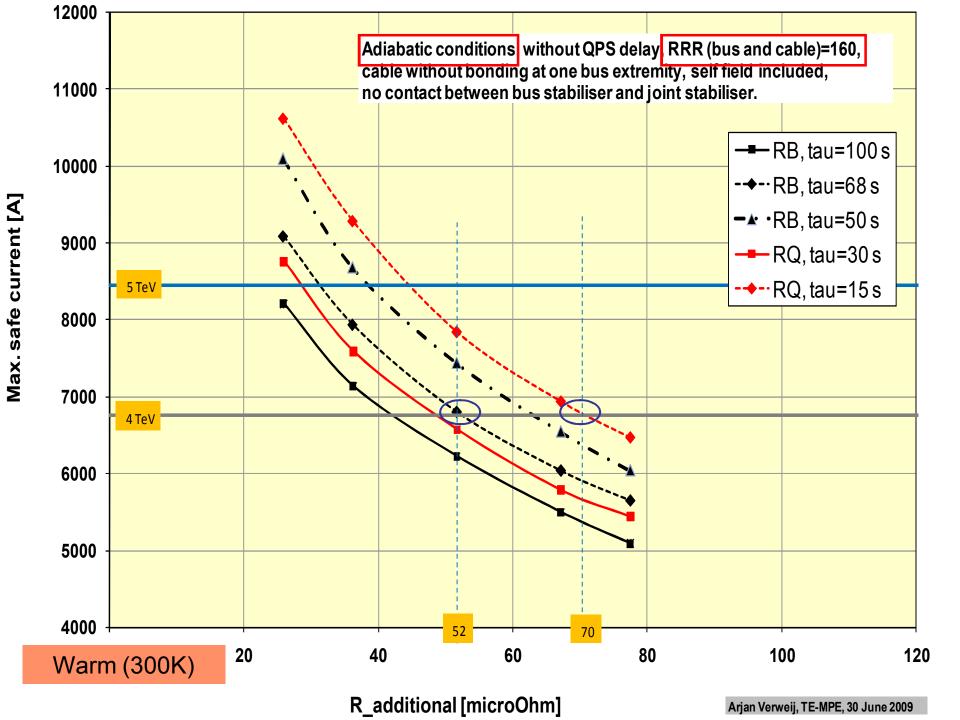
# **LHC Schedule**

### Strategy for Start-Up

- ~3 weeks delay with respect to baseline due to
  - R-long and R-16 measurements
  - Splice repairs
  - Delay in cool down of S12 and repairs of splices
  - (Re-warming of S45)
- BUT the story of the copper stabilizers goes on
  - Need to measure the remaining sectors (S23, S78, and S81) ?at 80K
  - Need to understand the extrapolation of measurements at 80K to 300K
    - Measurement of variation of RRR with temperature
  - Need to gain confidence in the simulations for safe current
    - Compare different simulation models/codes

### Simulations: Maximum safe currents vs copper joint resistance





# Strategy

- Measure S45 at 300k (DONE)
  - being redone W28 (better temperature stability). Will allow better conversion of 80K measurements with 300K
- Measure remaining 3 sectors (at 80K); last one (81) presently foreseen at beginning August
- Measure variation of RRR with temperature during cool down
- Update simulations (3 simulation models) of safe current vs resistance of splices
  - Decay times of RB/RQ circuits following a quench (?quench all RQs)
- For a specified safe current (beam energy) determine which splices would need to be repaired
- Evaluate time needed to heat up to 300K and repair these splices
- Prepare scenarios of safe operating energy vs date of first beams
- Discuss with Directorate and experiments and decide on preferred scenario.
  - Highest possible energy associated with earliest date
    - (what is the maximum energy that needs no repairs?)
- At start-up confirm all splice resistance measurements at cold using new QPS

# Future Work Programme

### **Operational Consolidation: Strategy**

- 1. we have prepared an inventory of
  - a) the existing spares and spare components for the LHC
  - b) the existing spare components of the LHC infrastructure
  - c) Consolidation needed to increase the efficiency of safe operation of the machine in the longer term
- we have prepared a preliminary estimate of the total materials cost
- 3. In the MTP, we have planned a budget of 25MCHF/year to carry out this programme
- 4. The time prioritization of the operational consolidation work will be done by Risk Ranking of the inventory (by September 2009)
- 5. The manpower needed to carry out this programme has not yet been identified

### **Operational Consolidation**

- Spares (29MCHF)
- Helium storage (7.7MCHF)

#### Materials cost only

- Cooling Tower maintenance and consolidation (LEP/LHC HVAC) (33MCHA
- Electrical network consolidation (43MCHF)
- Radiation to electronics SEU; continuation of protection (4) 1

#### Vertical Pits/shafts (30MCHF)

- Tunnel modifications for overpressure: safety requirements (5MCHF)
- ARCOM RAMSES repricement (10 MCH
- Improvement in controlled access system (5MCHF)
- Clamping of busbar splices, development followed by campaign of replacements?
   (12MCHF)
- Vacuum consolidation to reduce collateral damage in case of splice rupture (+ protection of experiments)

  Not yet known how to do technically)
- Centralised radiation workshop (3.0MCHF)
- Consolidation workshops (3) Transport (12.8), Radio protection (4)...19.8MCHF
- Water cooled cable replacement (if FLOHE would not pay).. (4MCHF)

Very preliminary total cost 176MCHF or if shafts needed ~ 200MCHF + vacuum consolidation

# Thank you for your attention

- LHC Shutdown work
  - Sector 34 repair
  - Consolidation in Other Sectors
  - "Collateral damage" work
  - Vacuum Work
  - New Quench protection system
  - Single Event Upset (radiation to electronics shielding etc)
- Splice Measurements
  - At superconducting temperatures
  - At non-superconducting temperatures
- Powering
  - Tunnel access restrictions
- Schedule and Strategy
- Future Work Programme

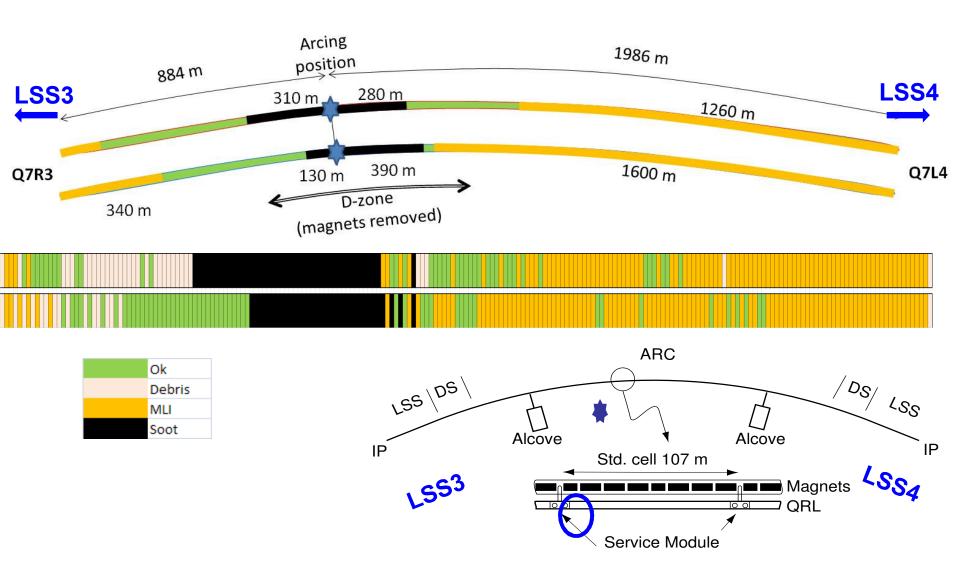
# S34 repair

### Status S34

### Sector 3-4:

- 39 dipoles and 14 quadrupoles re-installed
  - (last magnet in the tunnel 30.04.09)
- last M electrical connection finished 2<sup>nd</sup> June (13kA)
- Finished electrical ELQA tests
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June weld last N electrical connection
- All the PIMs are welded (28<sup>th</sup> May 09) and RF ball has cleared the aperture
- Vacuum cleaning in 3-4 completed
  - After removing the D-zone, ¾ of them were polluted with super insulation debris
  - In-situ cleaning was mandatory

# Beam vacuum recovery in sector 3-4 Review of Damages to Beam Vacuum

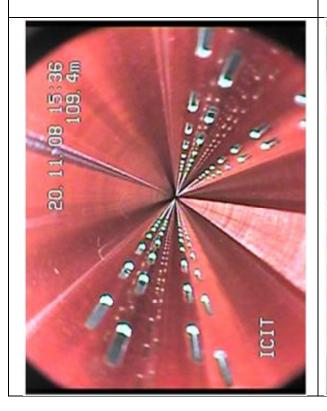


# Beam vacuum recovery in sector 3-4 Beam Vacuum Contamination

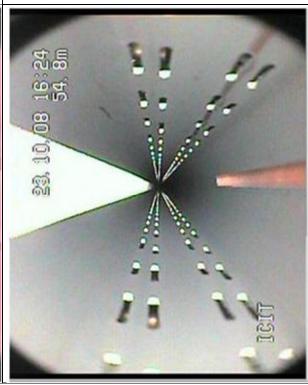
Beam Screen (BS): The red color is characteristic of a clean copper surface

BS with some contamination by super-isolation (MLI multi layer insulation)

BS with soot contamination. The grey color varies depending on the thickness of the soot, from grey to dark.







# Consolidation in Other Sectors

# Sectors 12, 67, 56

# Sector 12 and 67: exchange of dipole magnets done (required warming up the sector)

(1-2: RF ball OK; closed week 23)

(6-7 : RF ball OK; interconnects repaired under progress, will be closed week 27)

# Sector 56 repair of connection cryostat

(RF ball OK; closed week 24)

# Collateral damage work

## Status Collateral Work

- DN200 installed in 4 sectors (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 6-7)
   according to schedule
- DN200 in Inner triplet (last one 12.05.09),
- Standalone Magnets: 100% and DFBs: >80%
- Anchoring:
  - Arc quadrupole (total 104 with vacuum barrier): >50% done
  - Semi-stand alone magnet : done except 8L
  - Inner triplet and DFBA: started week 23

## Strengthening the anchoring of magnets:

For the triplet bumpers the weak point is anchoring to the floor.

Since there are no guidelines for cracked concrete it was decided to follow the HILTI recommendations and add an extra safety margin of 1.5

All Q1 bumpers improved Q3L5 and Q3R8 bumpers are to be modified, and the DFBX in P1 and P5 have to have new bumpers (install w23).

The semi-SAMs were given top priority since the worst case load is generally present, not just in the event of an MCI.

For the DFBAs in cold sectors the reinforcements are to be added.

# Beam vacuum recovery in sector 3-4 Beam Vacuum Cleaning

- 78 % (~2.4 km) of the beam pipes in the sector 3-4 were spoiled
  - 19 % by soot, 59 Magnets affected,
    - 53 (14 MQ and 39 MB) within the D-zone were removed
      - 37 (7 MQ and 30 MB) replaced by spare magnets
      - 16 (7 MQ and 9 MB) recovered requiring the exchange of 13 beam screens and a cleaning of the cold bore (wet process, detergent circulation)
    - 6 magnets (half-cells 19R3-20R3) left in the tunnel
      - Only one aperture contaminated by soot
      - Cleaned in-situ mechanically
      - 50 passages per aperture alternating wet (alcohol) and dry foams
  - 59 % by MLI
    - In-situ cleaning was mandatory
      - ~58 km CLEANED and INSPECTED cm-by-cm! (12 passage)

Today, the cleaning is completed and all magnets are reinstalled, closure and leak detections ongoing

#### Testing of a (Magnet) High Resistance sc Cable Splice

#### MB2303 Cold Testing

#### After 10h @ 9000 A

Before test: **51.1** nOhm After test: **50.6** nOhm

#### After provoked quench @ 9000 A

Before test: 50.6 nOhm

After 6 quench: 51.1 nOhm

#### <u>After Thermal Cycling (1.9 K – 300 K – 1.9 K)</u>

Before test: 51.1 nOhm

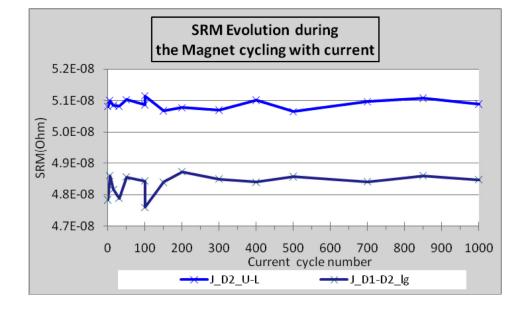
After thermal cycling: 51.6 nOhm

#### **Training up to 11850 A**

Before test: 51.6 nOhm

After quench @10898 A: 51.5 nOhm

After this quench, the magnet reached 11850 A.



#### After 500/500 cycles @ 5000-11850-5000 A

Initial Value: **53.4** nOhm (cycle measurement: 5000-8500-11850-8500-5000 A)

After 170 cycles: 53.9 nOhm

Courtesy M. Bajko

# Role of the Enhanced QPS System

- To protect against the new 'problems' discovered in 2008
  - The Aperture-Symmetric Quench feature in the Main Dipoles and
  - Defective Joints in the Main Bus-bars, inside or inbetween the magnets.

### QPS Upgrade also allows

- precision measurements of the joint resistances at cold (sub-n $\Omega$  range) of every Busbar segment. This will allow complete mapping of the splice resistances (the bonding between the s.c. cables).
- To be used as the basic monitoring system for future determination of busbar resistances at warm (min. 80 K), to measure regularly the continuity of the copper stabilizers.



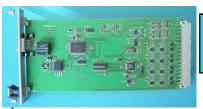
#### The nQPS project

DQQTE board for ground voltage detection

(total 1308 boards, 3 units/crate)

DQLPUS Power Packs
2 units / rack (total 872 units)

DQLPU-type S crate total 436 units



DQAMG-type S controller board 1 unit / crate, total 436 units

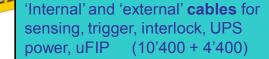


DQQBS board for busbar splice detection 5 such boards / crate, total 2180 units



DQQDS board for SymQ detection

4 boards / crate, total 1744







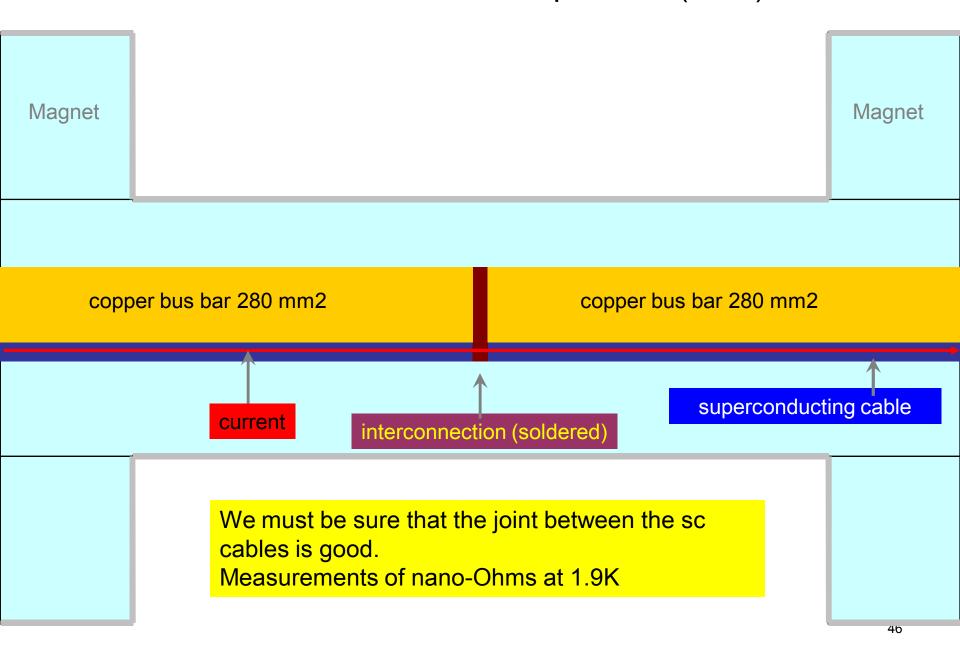
2 UPS Patch Panels / rack & 1 Trigger Patch Panel / rack total 3456 panel boxes



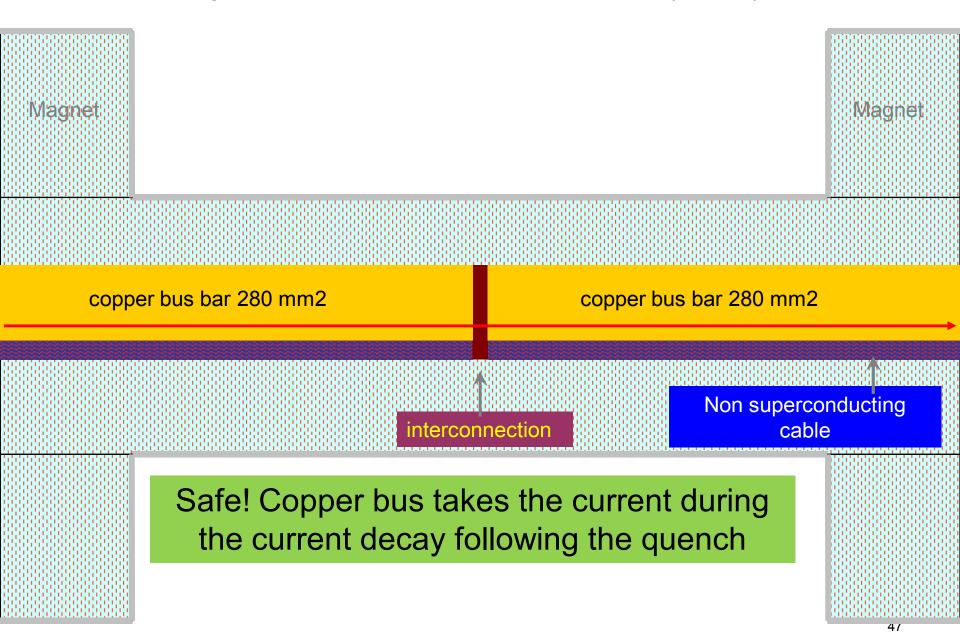
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- One standard nQPS crate installed and connected in position B12.R2 and a special monitoring crate for SymQ monitoring was installed and connected in B13.R2.
- Discharge Time Constants: 67 s for dipole circuit and 28 s for QF/QD.
- Noise Levels at zero DC current
  - Values from 2008 were confirmed: 4-6 microV peak-peak noise floor for RB busbar segments. For the Quad segments the value is typically 25 microV.

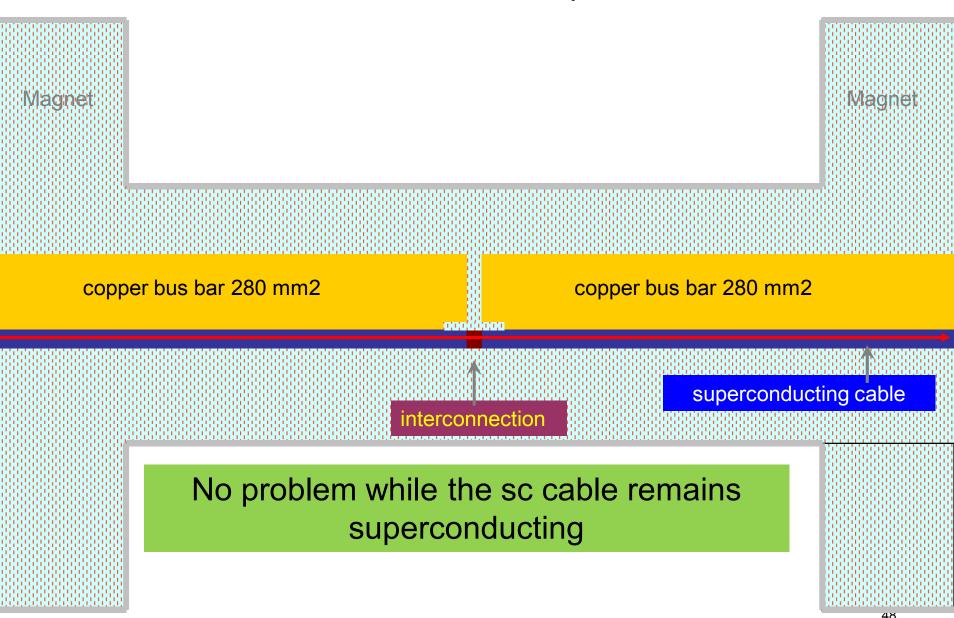
#### Good interconnect normal operation (1.9K)



#### good interconnect, after quench (>10K)



#### Bad interconnect, normal operation 1.9K

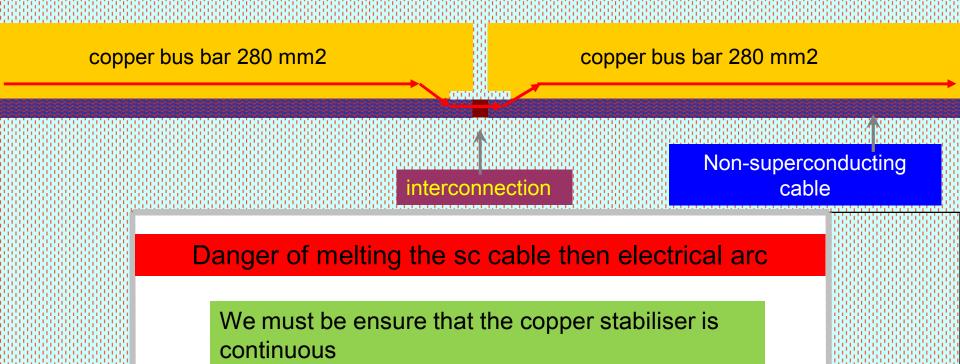


#### Bad interconnect, after quench

Magnet

Current path is deviated through the sc cable (which is no longer sc). Depending on the current and length of this path, the cable can suffer thermal runaway

Magnet

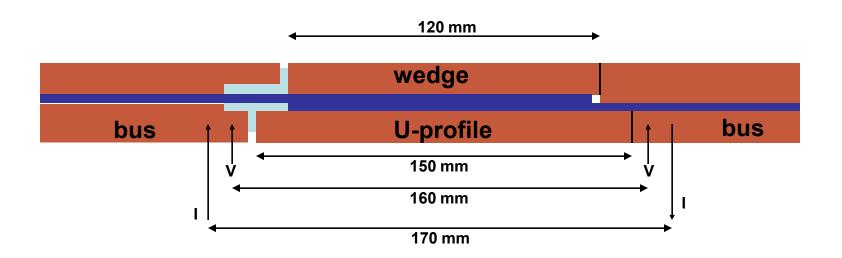


Measurements of micro-Ohms at warm

#### Electrical Resistance Measurements at Warm Temperatures

- New electrical tests have been developed
  - $\blacktriangleright$  Warm measurements of R<sup>long</sup> give possibility to detect surplus joint resistance larger than about 20-30 μΩ (RB).
    - ➤ Tests have been done for four sectors at room temperature and one sector at 80 K.
    - Remaining 3 sectors still to be measured
  - $\blacktriangleright$  Warm measurements of the joint resistances (socalled local R<sup>16</sup> measurement) give possibility to detect surplus joint resistance of a few  $\mu\Omega$ .

#### R-measurement at 300 K



The "R<sup>16</sup> method" will give some indication whether wedge, U-profile, and bus stabilizer are in good electrical contact.

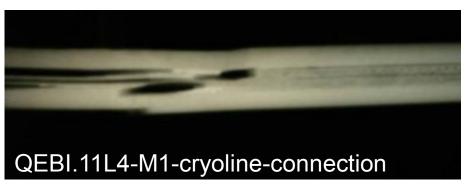
'Perfect' values for R<sup>16</sup> are: (T=18 °C, gap is 0.1 mm fully filled with SnAg, perfect bonding everywhere, uniform current)

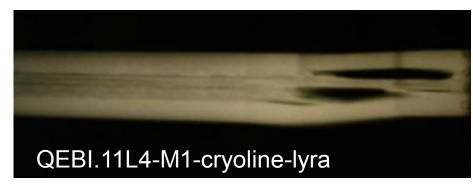
RB: 9.45  $\mu\Omega$  RQ: 16.0  $\mu\Omega$ 

Due to point-like current insertion the measured resistances are about 1  $\mu\Omega$  higher.

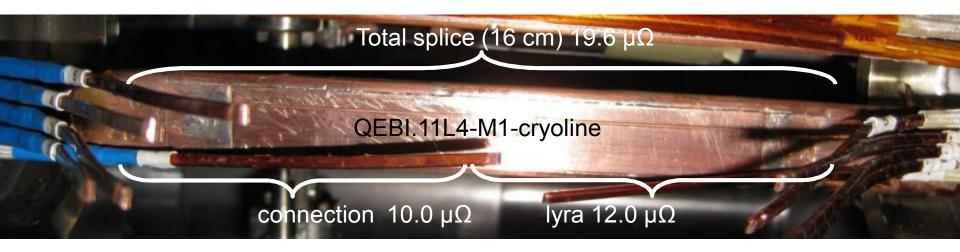
#### Sector 3-4: QEBI.11L4-M1-cryoline before repair







#### Sector 3-4 : QEBI.11L4-M1-cryoline repaired







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## Two phases during the powering tests

#### PHASE I - Low current powering tests:

- Current limited to a value to be defined, with negligible risk of massive helium release
  - Restricted access to the tunnel, to powering sub-sectors where no test is ongoing
  - Access during powering tests only for people involved in the tests (PO, QPS and ELQA teams)

#### PHASE II - High current powering tests:

- The current in the circuits is not limited, massive helium release cannot be fully excluded
  - Access is closed & all necessary areas (tunnel AND service areas) are patrolled

For each circuit (type), defined the maximum current in powering phase I

For powering phase II, define the areas that cannot be accessed

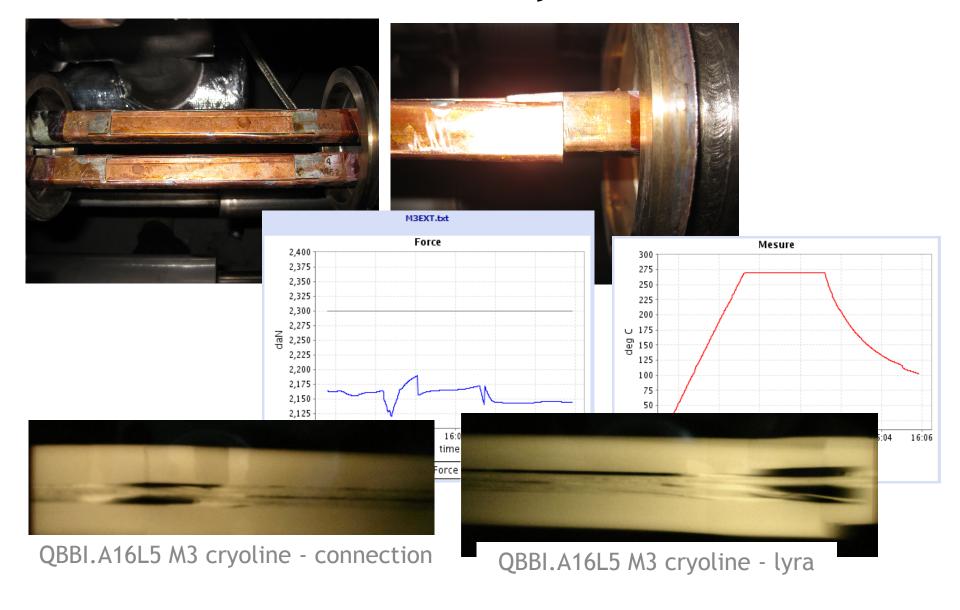
# **Maximum current** in the different

Circuit type	L [H]	Maximu current le		Energy [J]	Corresponding powering test step
main dipoles	15.708		0A	0.0E+00	PIC1
main quadrupoles	0.263		760A	7.6E+04	PLI1
arc individually powered				2.4E+04	
quadrupoles	0.06		900A		PLI2
600A circuits	0.432 (400A)	400A	/ 550A	3.5E+04	PNO
120A orbit correctors	2.84		120A	1.4E+04	PNO
60A orbit correctors	6.02		60A	9.1E+03	PNO
Stand alone quadrupole	0.296		600A	5.3E+04	PLI2
Stand alone dipoles	0.052		1000A	2.6E+04	PLI2
inner triplet	L1 = 0.09				
quadrupoles	L2 = 0.038		n.a.	5.9E+03	PCC
(Q1+Q3/Q2a+Q2b)	L3 = 0.09				

- Very similar to last year's limit of 1000 A, except RB.
- For the 600 A circuits, the maximum stored energy will be substantially below (35 kJ). Since the last test step is PLI2 for many circuits, the energy in other circuits is also far below 100 kJ.

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# QBBI.A16L5 cryoline side



#### **Tunnel News: Sector 4-5**

- Connection Cryostat intervention started Monday 23 June:
- Resistance measurements (R-long), MB and MQ at 300K
  - Measurements noisy but confirm the 2 dipole outliers (quads very noisy)
- RF Ball Test: passed Wednesday 24 June
- There will be no PIM intervention (no preventive replacement in QQBI.7R4, QQEI.11L5, QBQI.8L5)
- DN200 work started paint removal (ALARA)
- Open W and cut M3 for 2 dipole outliers, Monday 29 June
- Splice Quality Control, R16 measurements, gammas
- Start splice repair Wednesday (yesterday), ELQA Friday
- Plan to close 4-5 end W28

## SSS with vacuum barrier anchoring

- Withstand longitudinal load of 240 kN
- A total of 104 SSS with vacuum barrier in 8 sectors



Q15L2



# IT anchoring consolidation → "case by case" approach













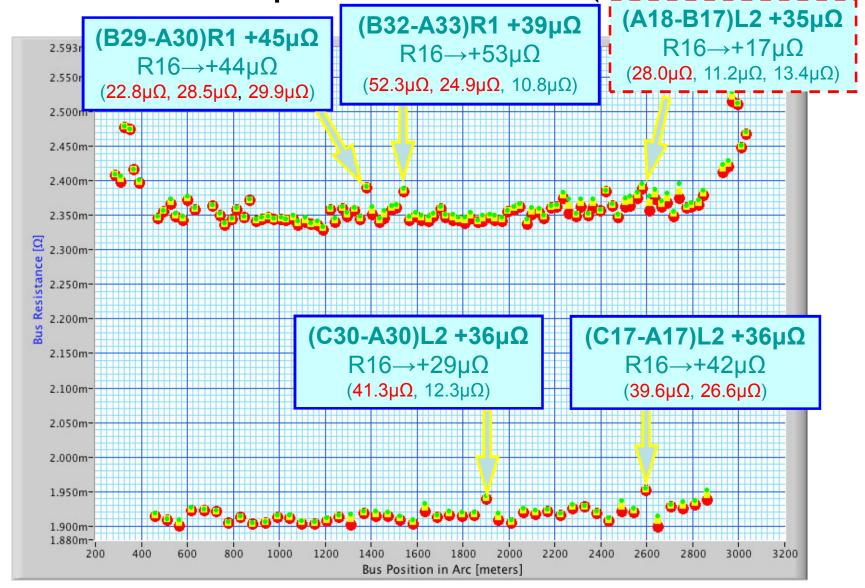
Q3 in 8R

DFBX

**D1** 

# Splice Resistance Measurements

1-2 M3 splice resistance (copper)



The cool-down of S12 was delayed in order to perform this "warm" measurement

# 1-2 M3 splice repair

Inter . number	Main busbars	Photos (before unsoldering)	US-test (before unsoldering)	R-16 before unsoldering	Gamma ray control (before unsoldering)	Visual inspection and photos after repair	US-test after repair	R-16 after repair	Gamma ray control after repair	QC insulation main bus bars	QC insulation spools
1-2				•							
QBBI.B29 R1	M3-corridor	done	4 out of 4 OK	11.7	done 8.5 D9, J.D.		><	_><_		OK, 2.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4 OK	22.8	done 8.5 D9, J.D.	OK, 28.509, G.T.	4 out of 4 0 K	10.0	done, 2.6.06, J.D.	OK, 2.6.09, C.S.	
<u>QBQI29R1</u>	M3-corridor	done	4 out of 4 OK	12.2	done 8.5 D9, J.D.	><	><	><		OK, 2.6.09, C.S.	_><
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4 OK	28.5	done 8.5 D9, J.D.	ОК, 28.5Д9, С.Т.	4 out of 40 K	11.5	done, 2.6.06, J.D.	OK, 2.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-corridor	done	3 out of 4 OK	25.2	done 8.5 D9, J.D.	OK, 29.509, C.S.	OK, 2.6.09, G.T.	10.7	done, 2.6.06, J.D.	OK, 2.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4 OK	29.9	done 8.5 D9, J.D.		OK, 2.6.09, G.T.	10.4	done 2.6.06 , J.D.	OK, 2.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-corridor	done	4 out of 4 OK	24.9	done 14.5.09, J.D.	OK, 29.509, C.S.	OK, 2.6.09, G.T.	10.2	done 2.606 , J.D.	OK, 2.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4 OK	11.2	done 14.5.09, J.D.	Y	><	><		OK, 2.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-corridor	done	3 out of 4 OK	52.3	done 14.5.09, J.D.		OK, 2.6.09, G.T.	10.2	done 2.606 , J.D.	OK, 2.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4 OK	12.5	done 14.5.09, J.D.	OK, 29.509, C.S.	OK, 2.6.09, G.T.		done 2.606 , J.D.	OK, 2.6.09, C.S.	
<u>QQBI32R1</u>	M3-corridor	done	4 outof 4 ok 2, 2,09	10.8	done 19.5.09, J.D.	OK, 29.509, C.S.	OK, 2.6.09, G.T.		done, 2.6.06, J.D.	OK, 3.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-cryoline	done	4 outof 4 ok 2, 2,09	10.8	done 19.5.09, J.D.	OK, 29.509, C.S.	OK, 2, 6, 09, G.T.	10.5	done 2.606 , J.D.	OK, 3.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-corridor	done	4 out of 4 OK	12.3	done 14.5.09, J.D.					OK, 2.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4 OK	12.7	done 14.5.09, J.D.		><	><		OK, 2.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-corridor	done	4 out of 4 OK	41.3	done 14.5.09, J.D.	OK, 29.509, C.S.	OK, 2.6.09, G.T.	10.2	done 2.6 £6 , J.D.	OK, 3.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4 OK	13.3	done 14.5.09, J.D.	$\searrow$	><	><		OK, 3.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-corridor	done	4 out of 4 OK	28.0		OK, 3.6.09, G.T.	OK, 3.6.09, G.T.	10.2		OK, 3.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4 OK	25.6		OK, 3.6.09, G.T.	OK, 3.6.09, G.T.	10.6		OK, 3.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-corridor	done	4 out of 4 OK	11.2			><	><		OK, 3.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4 OK	16.9		OK, 3.6.09, G.T.	OK, 3.6.09, G.T.	10.4		OK, 3.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-corridor	done	4 out of 4 OK	13.4	done 8.509, J.D.			><		OK, 3.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4 OK	26.6	done 8.5 D9, J.D.	OK, 29.509, C.S.	OK, 2.6.09, G.T.	10.5	done 2.606 , J.D.	OK, 3.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-corridor	done	4 out of 4 OK	13.0	done 8.509, J.D.		><			OK, 3.6.09, C.S.	
	M3-cryoline	done	4 out of 4 OK	39.6	done 8.5 D9, J.D.	OK, 29.509, C.S.	OK, 2, 6, 09, G.T.	10.3	done 2.6.06 , J.D.	OK, 3.6.09, C.S.	

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## Summary

- The enhanced quality assurance introduced during sector 3-4 repair has revealed new facts concerning the copper bus bar in which the superconductor is embedded.
- Tests have demonstrated that the process of soldering the superconductor in the interconnecting high-current splices can cause discontinuity of the copper part of the busbars and voids which prevent contact between the superconducting cable and the copper
  - Danger in case of a quench
- Studies are now going on to allow:
  - To find a safe limit for the measured joint resistance as a function of the current in magnet circuits (max energy in the machine)
  - Faster discharge of the energy from circuits

# Powering and Tunnel Access Restrictions

