

# Superconducting magnets for particle accelerators - 4

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## INTERLUDE: THE TERMINATOR-3 ACCELERATOR

- We apply some concepts to the accelerator shown in Terminator-3 [Columbia Pictures, 2003]
- Estimation of the magnetic field

$$E[GeV] = 0.3 \times B[T] \times \rho[m]$$

- Energy = 5760 GeV
- Radius ~30 m
- Field = 5760/0.3/30 ~ 700 T (a lot !)





Energy of the machine (left) and size of the accelerator (right)

• Is it possible to have 700 T magnets ??





## LIMITS TO HIGH FIELDS

- The material is superconductor as long as *B*, *j*, and temperature stay below the critical surface
  - The maximum current density ~ 10 000 A/mm<sup>2</sup>, but this at zero field and zero temperature
  - In a magnet, the winding has a current density to create a magnetic field → the magnetic field is also in the winding → this reduces the current density
  - The obvious ultimate limit to Nb-Ti dipoles is 14 T at zero temperature and zero current density, and 13 T at 1.9 K
  - In reality, we cannot get 13 T but much less – around 8 T in the LHC – why ?





Section of the Nb-Ti critical surface at 1.9 and 4.2 K, and linear fit



- We compute what field can be reached for a sector coil of width *w* 
  - We characterize the critical surface by two parameters

$$j_c = \kappa c (B_{c2}^* - B)$$

and we added  $\kappa$  which takes into account that only a fraction (~<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) of the coil is made up to superconductor

• The relation between current density *j* and field *B* is  $B = \gamma_0 w j$ 

(w thickness of the coil,  $\gamma_0$  is a constant)

and the field that can be reached is given by  $B_c = \gamma_0 w j_c = \gamma_0 w \kappa c (B_{c2}^* - B_c)$ 

$$B_c = B_{c2}^* \frac{\kappa c \gamma_0 w}{1 + \kappa c \gamma_0 w}$$

• The larger coil, the smaller *j*<sub>*c*</sub>, the larger *B* 



Critical surface for Nb-Ti: j versus B and magnet loadline



# LIMITS TO HIGH FIELDS

- We have computed what field can be reached for a sector coil of width *w* for Nb-Ti
  - There is a slow saturation towards 13 T

$$B_c = B_{c2}^* \frac{\kappa c \gamma_0 w}{1 + \kappa c \gamma_0 w}$$

- The last Tesla are very expensive in terms of coil
- LHC dipole has been set on 30 mm coil width, giving ~10 T





- One cannot work on the critical surface
  - Any disturbance producing energy (beam loss, coil movements under Lorentz forces) increases the temperature and the superconductivity is lost
    - In this case one has a transition called **quench** the energy must be dumped without burning the magnet
    - The energy in the LHC dipoles is 8 MJ !
  - A margin of ~10-20% is usually taken, i.e. you work at 80-90%
    - LHC dipoles are giving the maximum field 10 T given by a reasonable amount of coil (30 mm) for Nb-Ti at 1.9 K
    - With a 20% operational margin one gets ~ 8 T which is the baseline value



Operational limit of 20% [Terminator-3, Columbia Pictures, 2003]



- Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn has a wider critical surface
  - But the material is more difficult to manufacture
  - It has never been used in accelerators, but tested successfully in short models and used in solenoids
  - With Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn one could go up to 15-18 T
  - World record is 16 T (HD1, Berkeley)





Critical surface for Nb-Ti and Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn



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## SHIELDING

- The coils are surrounded by iron to avoid to have magnetic field outside the magnets
  - The iron can take at least 2 T, then it saturates





The iron lady got stuck on a magnet whose field is not shielded [Terminator-3, Columbia Pictures, 2003]

LHC dipole cross-section

- For the LHC case: 28 mm aperture radius \* 8 T ~ 120 mm iron at 2 T
  - For the Terminator-3 field is 700 T, aperture could be ~ 50 mm, one would need 700/2\*50 ~ 17 m of iron ! that's why their magnets are not shielded



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• The beam is small ... why are detectors so large ?



The toroidal coils of ATLAS experiment



- Detector magnets provide a field to bend the particles generated by collisions (not the particles of the beam !)
  - The measurement of the bending radius gives an estimate of the charge and energy of the particle
- Different lay-outs
  - A solenoid providing a field parallel to the beam direction (example: LHC CMS, LEP ALEPH, Tevatron CDF)
    - Field lines perpendicular to (*x*,*y*)



Very-forward Pixel Detector Preshower Hadron Calorimete Electromagnetic Calorimeter Muon Detectors Compact Muon Solenoid

Superconducting Solenoid

Silicon Tracker

Sketch of a detector based on a solenoid

- A series of toroidal coils to provide a circular field around the beam • (example: LHC ATLAS)
  - Field lines of circular shape in the (x,y) plane





The solenoid of CMS experiment



- Detector transverse size
  - The particle is bent with a curvature radius

 $E = eB\rho$ 

- *B* is the field in the detector magnet
- *R<sub>t</sub>* is the transverse radius of the detector magnet
- The precision in the measurements is related to the parameter *b*
- A bit of trigonometry gives
- $b = \frac{R_t^2}{2\rho} = \frac{e}{2} \frac{R_t^2 B}{E}$





- The magnetic field is limited by the technology
- If we double the energy of the machine, keeping the same magnetic field, we must make a 1.4 times larger detector ...



- Detector transverse size
  - *B* is the field in the detector magnet
  - $R_t$  is the transverse radius of the detector magnet
  - The precision in the measurements is  $\propto 1/b$



 $b \sim 0.15 \frac{R_t^2 B}{E[\text{GeV}]}$ 

- Examples
  - LEP ALEPH: E=100 GeV, B=1.5 T,  $R_l=6.5 \text{ m}$ ,  $R_t=2.65 \text{ m}$ , b=16 mm
    - that's why we need sizes of meters and not centimeters !
- The magnetic field is limited by technology
  - But fields are not so high as for accelerator dipoles (4T instead of 8 T)
  - Note that the precision with  $BR_t^2$  better large than high field ...
- Detector longitudinal size
  - several issues are involved not easy to give simple scaling laws



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- The energy is not the only relevant parameter: the other is the frequency of collisions (how many data?)
  - The number of collisions (events) per second is given by the luminosity times the cross-section of the event

$$N_{event}\left[s^{-1}\right] = L\left[cm^{-2}s^{-1}\right]\sigma_{event}\left[cm^{-2}\right]$$

- The cross-section depends on the type of event ("surface of the particle")
- The luminosity depends on the accelerator and on the beam it is a parameter of the whole machine
- One needs large luminosities to have more statistics!
  - But the detectors must be able to swallow all these events!



 $N_b^2 n_b \int \frac{1}{\varepsilon_n \beta^*} F$ 

 $L = \frac{N_b^2 n_b f_{rev} \gamma}{4\pi\varepsilon} F = \frac{c}{4\pi} \gamma$ 

• Equation for the luminosity

### Machine features

Energy of the machine 7 TeV Length of the machine 27 km

Beam intensity features  $N_b$  Number of particles per bunch ~10<sup>11</sup>  $n_b$  Number of bunches ~3000

#### Beam geometry features Size of the beam at collision



• The beam-beam limit

$$\xi = \frac{r_p}{4\pi} \frac{N_b}{\varepsilon_n} < 0.02$$

$$L = \frac{N_b^2 n_b f_{rev} \gamma}{4\pi\varepsilon_n \beta^*} F = \frac{c}{4\pi} \gamma \frac{1}{L} N_b^2 n_b \frac{1}{\varepsilon_n \beta^*} F$$

- $N_b$  Number of particles per bunch  $\varepsilon_n$  transverse size of beam
- One cannot put too many particles in a "small space"
- Otherwise the Coulomb interaction when the beam collide make the beam unstable
- The stored energy

 $E \propto N_b n_b \gamma$ 

- The higher the energy, the most challenging is the protection of the machine
  - A beam lost makes holes! Collimators protect the machine
- For the LHC the beam has a total energy of 350 MJ



Achieving the nominal performances is a long process!!
It usually takes years ...



Increase in luminosity in Tevatron Run II [V. Shiltsev]



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Increase in luminosity in LHC 2010 [M. Lamont, M. Ferro Luzzi]



- Achieving peak luminosity is not everything: one has to do it continuously
  - In 2010 we had 1/6 of the time used for making collisions not bad





• Where are we today?

$$L = \frac{N_b^2 n_b f_{rev} \gamma}{4\pi\varepsilon_n \beta^*} F = \frac{c}{4\pi} \gamma \frac{1}{L} N_b^2 n_b \frac{1}{\varepsilon_n \beta^*} F$$

	Nominal	2010	Loss w.r.t. nominal	Reason
N <sub>b</sub>	1.15×10 <sup>11</sup>	1.2×10 <sup>11</sup>	0.9	Better than expected - injectors can put many protons!
n <sub>b</sub>	2808	400	7.0	Above 400 one start to see electron cloud - to be cured with scrubbing
γ	7000	3500	2.0	Limited to 3.5 TeV for interconnection problems (2010 incident)
3	3.75	2.5	0.7	Much better than expected - injectors can give smaller beams!
β	0.55	3.5	6.4	Limited to 3.5 m, but 2 m reached
L			54	

- Total reached in 2010: around a factor 50 less than nominal
- Very good for first year! But the hard part has to come ...