

#### **Test result of MBXF1**

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## Outline

- Test result of the 1st cycle for MBXF1
  - 1.9 K Hi-pot test
  - Validation of newly implemented varistor
  - Training performance
  - Energy extraction with varistor
  - He gas recovery with an additional storage bag
  - Other test items (Joint resistance, RRR measurement)

The results of MFM will be presented in another talk by Kento SUZUKI.



# D1 magnet (MBXF)





- Beam separation dipole (D1) by KEK
  - Design study of D1 for HL-LHC within the framework of the CERN-KEK collaboration since 2011.
  - 150 mm single aperture, 35 Tm (5.6 T x 6.3 m), Nb-Ti technology.
  - Development 2-m long model magnets (3 units) at KEK
- Deliverables for HL-LHC
  - 1 full-scale prototype cold mass (LMBXFP)
  - 6 series cold masses (LMBXF1-6)
- Current status of D1 prototype and series production magnet
  - MBXFP1 : In preparation for the horizontal test at CERN
  - MBXF1: The 1st test cycle was completed. The 2nd test cycle is being conducted. This slide
  - MBXF5: Magnet assembly has been almost completed in Hitachi.
  - MBXF2: Coil winding and curing was completed.

## **Remaining issues in the KEK test facility**

- Sufficient energy extraction with the allowable maximum voltage and complete He gas recovery is needed.
- Dump resistors of 25 m $\Omega$  or 50 m $\Omega$  were used for the cold test of MBXFP1.
  - 25 mΩ: Insufficient energy extraction resulted in incomplete He gas recovery.
  - 50 mΩ: The maximum voltage exceeded the allowable limit of 600 V for the DCCB of the power converter. Training above 106% of the nominal current could not be performed.
- Target: Maximum voltage < 600 V at the ultimate current Magnet dissipation energy < Safety limit = 1.6 MJ (Max. experienced energy in the cold test of MBXFP1)
- To satisfy these targets, varistor and additional He gas bag were implemented before the cold test of MBXF1.



## Installation of the new EE system: Varistor

Non-linear resistor: varistor (Metrosil®)

- Composed of SiC disks
- C=32.01
- **β** =0.3

Technical meetings with CERN experts had been held twice so far, and some concerns attributed to "parallel connection scheme" were raised

- Imbalance of the circuit current
- Imbalance of the turn-on time
- KEK had proposed a "gradual powering plan" to check the EE system and setup for monitoring current imbalance using Rogowski coils (PEM Ltd.)





#### Recall **Additional Helium Gas Storage Bag**

- Limitation of helium gas recovery at quenches of MBXFP1.
- Present capacity: 280 m<sup>3</sup> (#2: 80 m<sup>3</sup>, #4: 200m<sup>3</sup>)
- Helium gas at 13.23 kA w/ Varistors: 294 m<sup>3</sup> (prediction)
- Plan: new Helium gasbag (#4b, 40 m<sup>3</sup>)
  - Total capacity: 320 m<sup>3</sup> > 294 m<sup>3</sup>
- ited at the 5th D7 #4b Gasbag to be installed next to #4 Gasbag in the same tent warehouse
  - $\succ$  The gasbag is already available. The drawings are being prepared in a rush.



In the event of MBXFP1 quench





#### **Additional Helium Gas Storage Bag**

New Helium gasbag (#40-sub, 40 m<sup>3</sup>):

- construction and system commissioning completed in March 2023.
- In operation for MBXF1 powering test.









### **Test schedule**

- Insertion of MBXF1 into the vertical cryostat: April 7
- 1st test cycle
  - Cool-down: April 12 17
  - 1.9 K Hi-pot test: April 17
  - System check: April 18 26
  - MFM at 3 kA: April 19
  - Training: April 27 May 2
  - MFM: May 10 17
  - Current holding at the ultimate current: May 18
  - Warm-up: May 18 26
- 2nd test cycle
  - Cool-down: May 28 31
  - 1.9 K Hi-pot test: June 1
  - System check: June 2
  - MFM at 3 kA: June 2
  - Training: June 5
  - MFM: June 6 –



#### **Test items**

- 1.9 K Hi-pot test
  - Coils to ground: max 1.3 kV
  - Heater to coils: max 2.3 kV
  - R14: The magnet shall fulfil the electrical test requirements during assembly and at 1.9 K.
- System check with Metrosil varistors
- MFM at 3 kA
- Training up to the ultimate current
  - R1: Ramp to the ultimate current with ramp of 12 A/s and flattop for 4 hours.
  - R21: Ramp to and from the ultimate current at  $\pm$  30 A/s
- MFM up to the nominal current
  - Perform Z-scan field measurement at [687, 1k, 3k, 5k, 7k, 9k, 10k, 11k, 12k, 11k, 10k, 9k, 7k, 5k, 3k, 1k, 687] A.
  - Perform DC-loop at the magnetic center.
  - Splice joint resistance and inductance measurements along with the field measurement.
  - R8: The integral multipoles of the magnet at 1.9 K and at nominal current shall target the range "upper limit, lower limit" as defined in Table 1.
  - R19: Each internal splice shall have an electrical resistance lower than 1 n $\Omega$  at 1.9 K.
- 1.9 K Hi-pot test (only at the end of the 2nd cycle)
- Warm-up
  - RRR measurement



## 1.9 K Hi-pot test

- Hi-pot test was performed after cool-down in the 1st and 2nd cycles.
- MBXF1 passed all the following tests.

Criteria: Leak current < 10  $\mu$ A for 30sec

- Coil-GND: 1.3 kV
- Heater-GND: 2.3 kV
- Between adjacent heater strips: 2.3 kV



Another 1.9 K Hi-pot test will be conducted before the 2nd warm-up.



#### 3kA shutdown

## Validation of varistor



- Signals from Rogowski coils and temperature of SiC disks has been monitored every shutoff/quench event to ensure no sign of imbalance promotion
  - At every higher current we perform 3kA shutdown to check reproducibility
- In the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle:
  - Current imbalance < 7%</li>
  - Turn-on time imbalance < 300 µs</li>
- Detailed report can be found :
  - https://indico.cern.ch/event/1282199/



## **Training performance**



#### **Quench start location**



- The quench position was identified by using quench antennas.
- The first quench occurred at LE same as MBXFP1. Then the quench origin changed with progressing training. No specific weak point was found.

Normal training behavior was confirmed.

#### **Current holding**



- The current holding for 4 hours was successfully done at the nominal, nominal +200 A, and the ultimate current. This is the first time of current holding at the ultimate current for more than a half hour including the 2 m-long model magnets.
- The ramping-up/down up to the ultimate current with a ramp rate of 30 A/s was also successful.



#### **Measured maximum coil voltage**



- The maximum coil voltage was evaluated by the current shutdown and quench.
- Dump resistors of 25 m $\Omega$  or 50 m $\Omega$  were utilized for MBXFP1.
  - $R_{dump}$ =25 m $\Omega \rightarrow$  Insufficient energy extraction
  - $R_{dump}$ =50 m $\Omega \rightarrow$  Maximum coil voltage exceeding 600 V below the ultimate current
- In MBXF1, the varistors are confirmed to be effective to suppress the maximum coil voltage thanks to their non-linear V-I characteristics.

#### **MITTs, magnet dissipation energy**



- Through the commissioning of the Varistor system, it was found that parameter β has a current dependence and is smaller at lower current.
  - It turns out to be the higher MIITs and lower energy extraction at the current below 10 kA wrt the design.
- Nevertheless, profit of using the Varistor is obvious: the dissipation energy during the training quenches are significantly reduced wrt R<sub>dump</sub>=25 mΩ while the maximum voltage is below 600 V.



#### He gas recovery



- Measured evaporated He gas volume at the shutdown at the ultimate current = 290 m<sup>3</sup> (as prediction) < Capacity of the He gas bag = 320 m<sup>3</sup>
- Evaporated He gas could be completely recovered up to the ultimate current.
  An increase in the capacity of He gas bag was successful.



#### **Joint resistance**



• Joint resistance was evaluated to be 0.645 n $\Omega$  <1 n $\Omega$ .



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#### **RRR measurement**



 RRR was evaluated during the warm-up after the 1st test cycle. RRR is defined as the following equation.

 $RRR = \frac{R(293K)}{R_{low}}$ ,  $R_{low}$ : Normal resistance just before superconducting transition

RRR= 197 for MBXF1 (ex. RRR=217 for MBXFP1)



## Summary

- Cold test of the first series production magnet (MBXF1) is being performed at KEK. The results are summarized as follows.
  - 1.9 K Hi-pot test → Passed
  - Successful validation of newly implemented varistor
  - Good training performance: 2 quenches to the nominal, 7 quenches to the ultimate
  - Reaching the ultimate without quench after thermal cycle, perfect training memory
  - Current holding at the ultimate for 4 hours  $\rightarrow$  OK
  - Ramp to the ultimate with 30 A/s  $\rightarrow$  OK
  - Complete recovery of evaporated He gas in the shutdown at the ultimate
  - Joint resistance <  $1n\Omega \rightarrow OK$
- MFM in the 2nd test cycle is ongoing. The 2nd test cycle will be completed in the week of June 12.





#### **Current history**



Many shutdowns were repeated mainly for the validation test of the varistor.

