

MQXFS Test Results

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Preamble

What is new with respect the 12th HL-LHC collaboration meeting (link here)?

- Pre-load experiment in MQXFS7
- Mini-swap quench heater validation in MQXFS8





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High preload experiment: MQXFS7

- MQXFS7 history:
 - Short model built with 4 virgin coils:
 - Two coils with final series conductor (RRP 108/127) and external quench heaters (113&114).
 - One coil (211) PIT 192 with bundle, and a broken strand in the splice region
 - One coil (207) PIT 192



The broken strand in 211 coil

- MQXFS7 reached performance (2021).
- MQXFS7b validated the new welding procedure for MQXFB cold masses (no coupling of the SS vessel to the magnet after cool down)
- In MQXFS7c, the SS vessel was removed, and the azimuthal pre-load was increased by 15-20 MPa
- MQXFS7d demonstrated that the machining of a hole in the yoke for the implementation of MQXFB fixed point does not impact magnet performance.
- In MQXFS7e, validated the new pre-load procedure for MQXFB magnets to limit the peak stress during loading
- The goal of MQXFS7f/g/h/i is to determine what is the maximum level of preload before impacting magnet performance



MQXFS7/7b/7c

- MQXFS7 reached nominal and ultimate current at 4.5 K. Good memory after thermal cycle
- The welding of the SS vessel in MQXFS7b did not impact the magnet performance
- MQXFS7c, assembled with 15-20 MPa higher coil pre-load, reached higher current at 1.9 K with a similar performance at 4.5 K. The behavior is consistent with MQXFS6 experience: larger preload is beneficial to reach 90% of short sample at 1.9 K. We reached 97 % of the short sample limit at 4.5 K.



MQXFS7e

- A new loading procedure was developed for MQXFB magnets to limit the peak stress in the coil during loading using auxiliary bladders in the cooling hole channels
- Loading quadrant by quadrant or all quadrant at the time using cooling channels (CH) we expect for a given key size:
 - The same Al-shell stress
 - ≈ 10 MPa lower pole stress
- This is a frictional effect that was predicted by the FE model. According to the FE model, the stress state at cold is independent of the loading process (friction effect during loading 'resets')

For MQXFB magnets, starting from MQXFB02 we modified the target RT per-load target to 70 \pm 10 MPa (it was 80 \pm 8 MPa) to account for this effect.





Data: Michael Guinchard, Keziban Kandemir Sylvain Mugnier Analysis: Jose Ferradas Troitino

MQXFS7e

- The quench performance of MQXFS7e is similar to MQXFS7d: the new loading procedure does not have a detrimental effect in the magnet performance
- As expected from the FE model, the coil stress at cold is independent of the loading process (friction effect during loading 'resets') → MQXFS7d and MQXFS7e have identical pole unloading behavior



Data: Salvador Ferradas Troitino, Franco Mangiarotti

Pole unloading in coil 113 S7d vs S7e

Next steps: Gradual increase (Δ 15-10 MPa) of the coil pre-load up to performance degradation limit



MQXFS7f

- In MQXFS7f, key thickness was increased from 13.8 to 13.9 mm (required bladder pressure 350 bars)
- RT pre-load went smoothly. At cold:

H-LHC PRO

 Similar performance to MQXFS7e, the measured increase of azimuthal pole stress is in line with expectations (pole azimuthal stress at cold 130 MPa)



MQXFS7g

- In MQXFS7g, key thickness was increased from 13.9 to 14.0 mm
- Bladder failure at 400 bars when inserting the last 14 mm key
 - Root cause: Tubular bladders re-used from MQXFS8 (flattened) → from MQXFS7g assembly, we don't re-use bladders
 - One key missing after bladder failure → measured peak az. stress ~ 145 MPa. Large coil imbalance upon completion of the pre-load.





2D FE simulations for the failure case



MQXFS7g

- In spite of the bladder failure, MQXFS7g reached similar level of current both at 1.9 K and 4.5 K.
- The measured increase of azimuthal pole stress is in line with expectations (pole azimuthal stress at cold 150 MPa)



II-IHC PRO.

MQXFS7h

- In MQXFS7h, key thickness was increased from 14.0 to 14.1 mm (required bladder pressure 440 bars)
- RT pre-load went smoothly. At cold (pole azimuthal stress \approx 190 MPa) :
 - 1st Thermal Cycle:
 - Loose about 1 kA of memory, but re-training at 1.9 K to similar current levels
 - Small drop on the guench current at 4.5 K
 - 2nd thermal cycle (mainly to verify memory): a bit more erratic behavior at 1.9 K and slight decrease on the guench current at 4.5 K. After 300 cycles to ultimate current, 19.4 kA at 1.9 K (94 % I_{ss})



Pole unloading, data courtesy EN-MME

MQXFS7i

- In MQXFS7i, key thickness was increased from 14.1 to 14.2 mm (required bladder pressure 550 bars). RT pre-load went smoothly.
- Cold powering test just started. Maximum reached current at 1.9 K 450 A below the maximum reached the previous cycle, but the magnet is still training. 4.5 K test in the coming days



MQXFS7 maximum quench level



S7a/b: 95 MPa S7c/d/e: 115 MPa S7f: 130 MPa; S7g: 150 MPa; S7h: 170 MPa ; S7i: 190 MPa

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MQXFS8 – Magnet features

- MQXFS8 features
 - Short model built with 2 virgin coils; 2 coils already tested:
 - Two virgin coils with final series conductor (RRP 108/127) and mini-swap quench heaters (115&116).
 - Two coils PIT 192 with bundle already tested in MQXFS6b-d
- The goal main goal of MQXFS8 is to gualify the mini-swap guench heaters (see EDMS 2646046)
 - As a secondary goal, we want to prove our capability to mix virgin and already tested coils
- 'New' loading target and procedure, as MQXFB02, with bladders in the cooling hole channels

'Encapsulated' quench heaters, gualified to 8 kV before installation in the coil instead of 3.7 kV



Additional 0.055 mm glass between heater and coil



Az. transfer function





Penelope Quassolo

MQXFS8 – Quench performance

- Target current (I_{nom} + 300 A) reached after 5 quenches
- 14 quenches to reach ultimate current (17.5 kA).
 - Stable operation at I_{ult} and 4.5 K
- The magnet will be pushed to its maximum current in the next thermal cycle





MQXFS8 – Quench performance

- All quenches in coil 115 (virgin coil), mostly pole turn inner layer
- We are able to reach ultimate current at 200 A/s at 4.5 K
 - Quench current at 400 A/s higher than in MQXFS6d (two shared coils)





MQXFS8 - Mechanics

Rather 'nominal' magnet from the mechanical point of view





QH performance - delay

- 14 quenches done, ~50 more do to in the next cool down
- First results: QH delay with the mini-swap close to expectations. At Inom:
 - High Field expected 14 ms, measured 12 ms
 - Low Field expected 19 ms, measured 18 ms





QH performance – min. quench energy

- At 1.6 kA, mini-swap QH effective to provoke a quench
 - Nominal Energy Density = 3.5 J/cm²
 - Minimum Energy Density = 2.5 2.7 J/cm² (to initiate a quench at 2 kA)





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Conclusions

- 7 years after the test of the first MQXFS at CERN, short magnets are still providing very useful feedback
- Based on MQXFS7 pre-load experiment, small impact on performance at 1.9 K up to a level of pole azimuthal stress of 190 MPa (MQXFS7i)
 - Small drop on the maximum current at 4.5 K (3 %), but not clear if it is only related to the increase of azimuthal preload. Tests at 4.5 K in MQXFS7i expected in the coming days.
- After competition of MQXFS7 experiment we will proceed with MQXFS4 (final conductor, RRP 108/127) implementing lessons learnt from MQXFS7.
- MQXFS8 reached ultimate current at 4.5 K, the magnet will be pushed to its maximum current in the next thermal cycle.
- Protection studies in MQXFS8 coils with mini-swap quench heater layout are in line with expectations.





Additional slides



Magnet design

- Target: 132.2 T/m; 150 mm coil aperture, 11.3 T B_{peak}
- Q1/Q3 (by US-AUP Project), 2 magnets MQXFA with 4.2 m L_m
- Q2a/Q2b (by CERN), 1 magnet MQXFB with 7.15 m L_m
- Joint short model development program (MQXFS) to validate the design
- Different lengths, same design, very similar assembly procedure and loading target
- SS vessel mechanically decoupled from the magnet → results discussed here are mainly without the contribution of the SS Shell





Magnet assembly

	Bladder pressurization*	Key insertion	Cool down	Powering
	Open enough clearance to insert the keys (key size + ≈ 0.2-0.3 mm clearance)	Insert the keys to set the RT pre-load level	Increase of pre-load due to the diff. of thermal contraction between aluminum and iron	Coil un-loading due to electromagnetic forces
F _e /F _{em} shell		40 %	87 %	93 %
F_{θ}/F_{em} pole	40 %		87 %	10 %



*Depends on the bladder procedure, numbers reported here correspond to the new MQXFB baseline procedure (all bladders at the time including auxiliary bladders in the cooling holes)

Coil stress for target pre-load

		Bladder pressurization	Key insertion	Cool down	Powering (16.23/17.5 kA)
		Open enough clearance to be insert the keys (key size + 0.2-0.3 mm)	Insert the keys to set the RT pre-load level	Increase of pre-load due to the diff. of thermal contraction between aluminum and iron	Coil un-loading due to electromagnetic forces
σ _θ coil, MPa	Ave Pole turn IL	-58	-52	-97	-6/-2
	Peak Pole turn IL	-72	-86	-113	-14/-8
	Peak Coil	-72	-86	-124	-109/-120
ANSYS Release 19.2 Build 19.2 NODAL SOLUTION STEP=2 SUB =1 σ_{θ} TIME=2 SY (AVG) RSYS=1 POWErGraphics EFACET=1 AVRES=Mat DMX = .138E-03 SMN = .857E+08 SMX = .137E+08 125E+09 125 MPa 125E+09 125 MPa 10E+09 500E+08 500E+08 500E+08 500E+08 500E+08 500E+07 .100E+08 0 MPa		Pole IL OL Bladdere Mid-plane	Keys 1	Cool-down	Current 9

Stress map and stress values for the new procedure, loading with auxiliary bladders in the cooling holes. Nominal assembly with 80 MPa pole compression at warm, 110 MPa at cold Uncertainty due to material properties and assembly tolerances \pm 15-20 MPa

Az. transfer function







S7 – Frankenstein magnet



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High ramp rate quenches of MQXFS7







211 I8-O1





Delta pole stress during powering





Mechanical instrumentation

Coils instrumented with strain gauges and FBGs



Mechanical behavior monitored. Strain is measured in:

- 1. Rods
- 2. Aluminum shell
- 3. Coil titanium pole

Measurements are performed in the middle of the magnet

Rods instrumented with strain gauges



$$\sigma_{\theta} = \frac{E}{(1 - v^2)} (\varepsilon_{\theta} + v\varepsilon_z)$$
$$\sigma_z = \frac{E}{(1 - v^2)} (\varepsilon_z + v\varepsilon_{\theta})$$





Al-shells instrumented with strain gauges



Mechanical instrumentation



FE Model

<u>Aluminum</u>





Coil stress





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