

High Field Magnets

RD Line 3 third forum meeting – Nb₃Sn magnets

Activities of the WP3.4 at CERN

Technology development program

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Scope of the Work Package 3.4

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- Mirror coil testing device
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 - Internal inside the pole (plan A)
 - External outside the pole (plan B)
- Preparation studies for long coils



Cable and coil properties



- Ten stacks and coil mock-ups to measure mechanical and thermal properties.
- Refurbishing of existing E modulus press. Systematic measurements of stress strain curve of coils



Nonlinear coil stressstrain curve used in FEM computations.



Systematic winding tests based on quantifiable parameters

- Torque (T)
- Soft bending (SB) Parameters defined and computed in Roxie
- Hard bending (HB) J
- Cable and strand characteristics

- 3D rapid prototyping allows us a quick and low-cost way to compute and test end spacers. Variants characterized by parameters (T, SB, HB).
- Tests for both HFM magnets and other projects using NbTi cables as well.
- Construction of a documented and traceable database. Feedback to design code(s).



Mirror – test coil structure



- Design completed
- Assembly tools under study (re-use of many existing devices
- Components for external structure under procurement (price enquires)



There is the possibility of having Instrumentation to read the coil prestress at the midplane and better calibrate the strain gages in the collars.







Component	Drawings	Status
External cylinder	Approved	Under construction
Iron yoke - stoppers	Ready	Price enquiries of components
Central coil support	Ready	Price enquires
End plates	Ready	Price enquiry
Pads for 11 T coil	Almost ready	
Pads for 12 T coils	Almost ready	

Splices



Splice conceptual designs



The cable ends are spliced to Nb-Ti outside the coil, before impregnation.

The two layers are then spliced through a Nb-Ti – Nb-Ti joint, during the magnet assembly.

- Support the brittle Nb₃Sn cable
- **Two layer-jumps** of different shapes to be accommodated into the coil pack
- **Double-layer jump** for the inner layer cable

- $Nb_3Sn - Nb$ -Ti splice - Nb-Ti - Nb-Ti splice - $Nb_3Sn - Nb_3Sn$ splice

INTERNAL SPLICE



A $Nb_3Sn - Nb_3Sn$ joint connects the two layers within the coil at the pole turn level. It is performed after impregnation.

- Support the brittle Nb₃Sn cable
- Splicing in the **limited space** of the pole region
- Splice in the high field region



Study of possible layer jump and splice configurations in view of manufacturing separate first layer and second layer



Modular moulds to realize the two different splices or a 11 T type pole (which is not our baseline).







Conclusions

- We introduced the nonlinear behaviour of the cable in all our computations. Systematic measurement program and a data base for different cables and coils.
- Winding tests on going and further tests planned. Parameters to quantify the results and give feedback to the design.
- A test structure to validate the coil design choices is under construction.
- Splice design, characterization and validation tests on going.

