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Field Free Magnetic Length

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- Item stack up and integration
- □ Field Free Length among the LHC and HL-LHC magnets with numbers
- Quantification of the length of items along the FFML
- Some ideas to minimize the FFML
- Summary





Coil head end spacers (the extremity saddles)





- Materials can be Epoxy G11, EPGC22 or Al_2O_3 coated 316LN stainless steel.
- It must be electrically non-conductive and stiff enough to react to the coil longitudinal forces.
- Geometry depends on the magnet aperture, high dimensional precision required.
- On the Connection Side of the Nb₃Sn magnets, the coil head spacer is housing the NbTi/Nb₃Sn splices, minimum additional length is at least a cable pitch.



Radial and Azimuthal Pre-stress



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• The collars do not compromise the longitudinal space envelope



- The thickness required is proportional to the longitudinal load, factors including the magnetic field, the aperture, the magnet diameter and the materials.
- Compressive forces are transmitted from the coils to the end plate using pushers (bullets), additional plates can be inserted to enhance the contact distribution.
- Tensile forces are transmitted either to the cryogenic vessel through orbital welds and/or to the other side of the magnet through tie rods threaded at their extremities. Depending on the design the nuts can be embedded in the end plates.



Coil lead splices





- Non-magnetic steel laminations can be used to adjust the magnetic cut back on both magnet extremities and in some cases provide a favorable environment for the internal coil splices.
- Even by folding the coil leads radially to splice them, a minimum longitudinal space is required to house the connections.
- On the so-called non connection side (NCS), longitudinal space can be used to splice some quench heaters (LHC Main quads, MQXFB...)



- Busbar fixed points are usually located close to the splices on the connection side.
- Splices from the magnet leads to the busses are generally in the shadow of the magnet splices (counter example of the LHC SSSS).
- The expansion loops are usually located on the opposite side and must absorb the thermal contraction (3 to 4mm per meter)
- Several types of expansion shape exist: lyre, double lyre, omega, S, pig tails...



Insulation Assemblies



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• Additional thickness is required around the splice volumes to insert fixation points, protection and insulation boxes and covers.



Spool Piece (Correctors) Integration





• In the case of the LHC dipoles cold masses, MCS and MCDO spool piece correctors are integrated at the main dipole extremities.



Cold Mass Shells – Cryogenic Vessel





- The cryogenic helium vessel is generally composed of two stainless steel half shells welded longitudinally. In the case of the LHC SSS (with the main quads), the cryogenic vessel is an inertia tube.
- The magnet end pates are welded to helium vessel to hold the longitudinal forces.
- Overlengths in the extremities are needed to butt weld the cold mass closures.





- End covers are closing the volume of the cold masses in the extremities.
- End covers volume houses the busses expansion loops and the spool pieces correctors.
- Dished end covers can be used, flat ones also exist (SSS on the CS, HL-LHC cold masses). In this last case, material thickness must be adapted to sustain the pressure. It is not guaranteed that longitudinal space can be saved.

MuCol Interconnection of Cryogenic Transfer Lines and Busses



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In certain interconnections (not represented in this sketch) The beam pipe pumping lines.

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The pick-ups beam positioning monitors (BPM)





Upstream Magnet	Downstream Magnet	FFML (mm)	Comments		
MB	MB	1'360			
MB	MQ	2'365	Busbar splices, MQT, MQS, MO corrector, BPM, drift tubes		
MQ	MB	2'365	MSCB, busbars on top of the combined corrector		
MB	MQM	1'898			
MB	MBH (11T)	1'402.5	Splice NbTi/Nb ₃ Sn		
MBH (11T)	CWT	1260.5	Distance to Cold to Warm Transition extremity		
MBH (11T)	MB	1'402.5	Symmetry		
MQXFB	MQXFB	2'090	Q2A-Q2B interconnection for HL-LHC Flat end covers, Cryogenics distribution density, BPM, expansion loops on both sides, end plates thickness		



Quantification length of items along the Free Field Length



		MB (mm)	MBH(11T) (mm)	MQXFB (mm)
Magnetic length			5'307	7'172
Coil length		14'536	5'417	7'281
Magnetic Length/Coils	CS+NCS	236	110	109
Coil bood and appears	CS	17	160	171
Coll head end spacers	NCS	14	66	33
Longitudinal Constraint	CS	70	93	115
Longitudinal Constraint	NCS	70	93	90
Magnet end plate/cold mass extremity Coil lead splices Busses Integration Insulation, Assemblies	CS	226.5	226.5	228
Spool Piece Cold Mass Shells Cold Mass End Covers	NCS	226.5	240.5	NA
Interconnection of Cryogenic Transfer Lines a	500	500	1'000	
Interconnexion of Beam Lines			372	880







Some ideas to minimize the FFML



- Enhance the ratio of Magnetic Length/Coil length (coils head optimization, no splice in the interlayer...).
- > Minimize end spacer thickness, including the splice length and distance to the leads.
- Optimize the longitudinal constraints & retaining system to fit closer to the coils head and reduce its thickness.
- Integrate the busses expansion loops in parallel to the magnet yoke (see the example of the LHC arc SSS in the next slide).
- > Enhance the cold mass end cover design:
 - o Dished cap better to distribute the pressure (☆ thickness) but loss of volume,
 - Flat cap for either increasing the volume on the outside or to get closer magnet extremity.
- > Develop the interconnection between the cold masses taking into account:
 - For the beam line: the beam screen cooling lines continuity, the Plug In Module design to adapt the thermal expansion, the necessity of Beam Positioning Monitors, the beam vacuum pumping.
 - For the ancillary lines: the splicing lengths (minimum one cable pitch for LHC), the welding accessibility, the opening procedures in case of consolidation or magnet exchange, the ergonomics...



Example of Expansion loops integration inside the magnet yoke



LHC SSS MB busses integration inside the yoke

LHC SSS QF and QD busses busses integration inside the yoke







Integration to be carefully studied to prevent short to GND





Pictures of a short in MB1109 (C23R3). 226m away from the incident started in Sector 3-4 in 2008









- The LHC NbTi and HL-LHC Nb3Sn magnet configurations for mechanical components and their integration in the field free length were presented.
- The situation in between two LHC main dipoles is one of the most advanced and optimized that could have been designed.
- Only a few millimeters could have been gained here and there to minimize the field free length. In total this represents less that 10cm over 1.36m between the exit (s) of the magnetic length of a magnet and the entry (e) of its neighbor.
- Alternatives are possible but should be considered carefully to guarantee safe operation.
- For different technologies to the present superconducting magnet used in accelerator, not requiring HeII or beam screen cooling for example, the topology could be significantly different, but cold masses interconnections will still require longitudinal space to splice the busses, absorb the thermal dilatations and meet the needs in terms of ergonomics.