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The schedule drivers: key dates

See Session 3: G. Ferlin, "Cryogenics"

Cooling&ventilation

Cooling towers maintenance

Cryogenics

Heavy maintenance on cold boxes All magnets and DFBs "<<80K"

See LMC on 11/11/15: V. Chareyre "Re-validation of redundant UPS power distribution"

UPS tests

Powering redundancy check

See LMC on 20/01/16: M. Bernardini, YETS status and update "The regular maintenance and test activities are proceeding well and without delay"

- DSO tests (machine in general mode before)
 - DSO tests on February 26 (and 27)
 - Both machine and experiments will be closed!
 - No activity can be planned on these dates!
- March, 1 start of UPS tests
- March, 4 LHC tunnel closed and start of powering tests
- March, 16 end of powering tests, experiments closed and (official) start of machine check-out
- March, 21 start of beam commissioning

It would be important to close the experiments already from Mon.14 during night time

EPC: impact on PT

See Session 3: V. Montabonnet, "Power converters"

- FGC CPLD & Software upgrade
- Current Calibration of
 - 13 kA circuits (main dipoles and quadrupoles, ITs)
 - o RMSIs
- Additional intervention of maintenance / power module replacement
 - RB.A56, RQD-RQF.A56
 - Earth Fuse Change from 1A to 200mA as discussed with TE-MPE for better localisation of an earth fault on the cold part
 - LHC4-6-8kA
 - Change of FWD fault (too sensitive) into warning
 - LHC120A-10V
 - Change of WATCHDOG fault (SEE sensitive) into warning
 - LHC600A
 - Over I Current switch selector to be replaced by a PCB
 - Check the fans for RPHx, RPHGx 1Q converters

No major impact on re-commissioning (precise procedures and follow-up)
Required validation tests already in the baseline



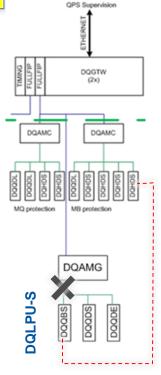
MPE - QPS:

Important to get a sector to test ASAP! **Test bench for HW and SW is needed!**

Could strongly impact the commissioning time!!

- Installation (this week?) & commissioning (QPS-IST, interlock tests and powering tests) of radiation tolerant detection systems for 600 A circuits
 - Two 2 cases (causing beam dumps) were observed in 2015 (RR13 17/10/2015, RR57 31/10/2015)
 - Installation foreseen in RR13, 17, 53, 57, 73 and 77
- Upgrade of the firmware for the nQPS DAQ systems allowing easier recovery from local bus errors (436 units concerned)
 --> no more QH firing
 - Locations: 8 sectors (COMPLETED) Impact to be assessed
- Installation & commissioning of new detection systems for circuits RU.L4 and RU.R4 ('undulator').
 - New detection boards developed
 - Upgrade of the corresponding current sensors performed by EE team (replacement of LEMs by DCCTs)
 - -> Might be able to ramp faster (ACCESS!), no more drift/dumps

All **must** be up and running for the UPS tests!





Detection boards suffer from meas. drift and very noisy signal due to high inductance and LEM hall probe sensor



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MPE - EE+EIQA: impact on PT

See Session 3: F. Rodriguez, "Electrical Performance of Magnet Circuits"

- A general and specific overhaul of the 32 installations of energy extraction in the LHC main dipole and quadrupole circuits is in progress
 - A 500 VDC voltage withstand test has been requested, involving the warm and cold part of the circuits; plus extraction at different current level
- All quench heater PS are switched off during the YETS; those with anomalies discovered in 2015 have been repaired or replaced
 - No global QH firing; only test of those affected by intervention
 - The QPS team foresees as well a test of the QPS interlocks

Additional verification to be done

- ELQA investigations of the earth fault on the circuit RCS.A78B2 (near DFB)
 - Decision taken by LMC to do the type test
 - Final test to be discussed later

Would require more extensive test!

- ELQA integrity verifications at the end of YETS
 - Depending on the temperature variations and the interventions on the circuits
 - Discussions have been started to assess the need for circuits hi-potting

The necessary validation tests have been included in the baseline Impact on re-commissioning depends on the list of EIQA tests



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Organization

- We could test some circuits just before the UPS tests (February, 28-29) for debugging purpose (1 week to roll-back in case of issues...)
 - A 120 A test bench is being made available by EPC, but it would be important to test
 SW and HW modifications on all circuit types!
- From March 4, the machine will be closed (excluding urgent, spot interventions)
- Powering tests will be executed all around the clock
 - More than 7000 tests in 12 days (typically, interlock tests+ramp to training current)
- Tunnel accesses (exclusively related to powering) will be during the normal working hours
- Sequences and SW
 - Powering procedures have been updated by MP3 colleagues
 - Test sequences will be modified according to the latest needs
 - MTF campaign is being created
 - Acc_Testing campaign is being edited





Warm magnets

EIS circuits

No intervention on power part; powering (1 day per converter hors-chaine) and EIS interface

- RMSI Point 2 and 8
 - Installation of a new Control Crate for a better reliability and an optimisation of the spare card management
 - Rework at the level of the EIS for a better diagnostics
- RD34.LR7
 - Change of a DIVISOR MODULE card to solve a voltage measurement issue
- RD34.LR3
 - Change of the ACTUACTOR board; MCB Fault to be investigated

Experiments

- LHCB Dipole: 1 day for test
 - RPTI.SR8.RBLWH.R8
 - o Installation of a new Control Crate to solve the issue of PC PERMIT bad contacts
 - o RBXWSH.R8
 - Partial DC cable replacement (EN/EL)
- Alice Solenoid
 - PC flow-meter to replace the internal flowmeter which failed in Run2
 - Replacement of all water hoses of the thyristor cooling circuits
 - SX2 FGC Spare to put on WorldFip network

Exchange of some coil retainers in point 3 and possibly point 7 on all MQW magnets

- Foreseen from mid-February
- Verification by powering the circuits (ramp up and down)
- No cable disconnection → no polarity check needed

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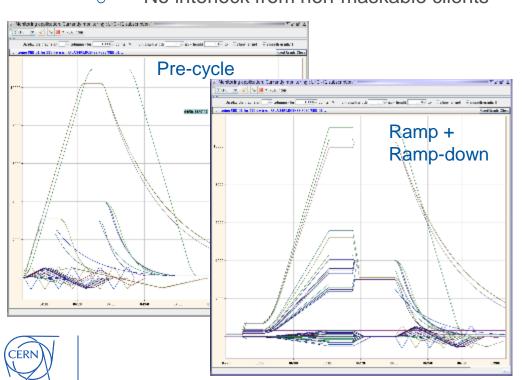
Machine check-out in a nutshell I

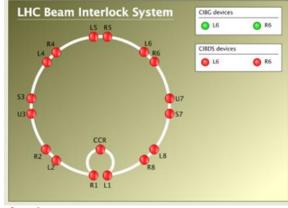
- Check all equipment control functionality
- Check the synchronization
- Check the beam instrumentation acquisition chain
- Drive all relevant systems, in a synchronized way, through the standard operational sequence
- Check the functionality of the control system from the control room high level applications
- Check machine protection and interlock systems
- During this phase many machine protection test without beam are accomplished
- All system have to be declared operational
- Test the readiness of the LHC to inject and accelerate a low intensity beam



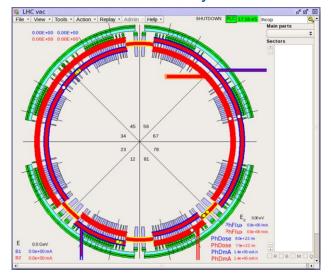
Machine check-out in a nutshell II

- The beam can not be injected and circulate without closing the BIS loop
 - LBDS connected
 - All clients connected to the loop
 - LHC access key on beam mode
 - LHC vacuum valves open
 - Hardware commissioning finished; all circuits ON and no faults
 - No interlock from non-maskable clients





Interlocks will be tested by VSC and OP



LBDS

- Replace MKD generator side panels (full closure for improved dust protection)
- Replacement TSDS ELMA crates (redundant power supplies monitoring)
- Visual inspection MKD/MKB generators
- Replacement of 2/3 GTO switches (bad switch ratio)
- Full revalidation of the system needed during machine check-out
- Full recalibration at the end of the YETS
- Short reliability run in local
- UPS tests at the end of the YETS
- The different functionalities have to be checked
 - BETS
 - XPOC
 - Synchronization LBDS and RF
 - Full check-out tests needed with system fully connected
 - Energy tracking tests up to 6.5 TeV
 - Arming the system connected to BIS once beam permits are OK
 - Circulate and dump sequence
 - Machine protection tests with loop closed

TCDQ

Calibration verification



Kickers

MKI

- Replace terminating resistors (MKI2 & MKI8)
- Deploy acquisition system for magnet capacitive pick-ups (precise location of HV breakdown inside the magnet)
- Upgrade thyratron heating system
- Implement fast vacuum acquisition of MKI interconnects
- Surveillance low voltage power supply in timing system
- Replacement fine delay V850 module by SVEC-FD module

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General software maintenance

MKQAc

- Upgrade from RIO3/LynxOS to MEN-A20/SLC6
- Verification HV contacts in AC-Dipole generators
- General software maintenance

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Collimators

- Hardware and FESA should be tested with systematic ramps
- Machine protection tests to check position, energy and beta-star interlocks
- Injection protection tests (to check also the interlock chain)
- Additional tests will be done without beam, using a simulator to optimize the BLM alignment
 - during 3-4 hours without beam with as many collimators, to move them in parallel





Timeseries Chart between 2015-03-13 00:00:01.000 and 2015-03-13 08:00:00.000 (LOCAL_TIME)

- TGG ARD \$2 MAG_UNDT_CO - TGG ARD \$2 MAG_UNDT_CU - TGG ARD \$2 MAG_UNDT_UU - TGG

Beam instrumentation

BLM

- Test of the successful transition of USER_PERMIT [T→F] (5'x8 sectors) and the signal arrival at the BIC
- Test the change of the threshold values according to the beam energy signal received (1h)
 - Sectors 45, 56, 67 and 78 ramped to 6.5 TeV or in a simulation energy ramp (timing system fully operational)
- Check of the correct detection and propagation to the SIS for requesting a beam dump due to missing HV power supply on the system's detectors (1h)

BPM

- Will do BPM Fibre connectivity tests and software checks as much as they can to validate the new FESA3 server (BPMD class and BPMLHC class)
- Intensive check of FW and SW:
 - Calibration, logging process, Post-Mortem buffers
- WS (mostly qualified with beam)
 - Check of the movements
 - Check of the FESA class
 - Check of the new functionalities of the FESA class.
- Standard checks on BTV images/movements, applications get data, sequences work etc.





RF

- Must have 4 weeks available for RF conditioning and commissioning,
 - Major controls validation on the new FESA3 software with some conditioned cavities
 - For the LLRF, 2 weeks (without beam) to complete the setting-up of the loops after some cavities are conditioned
- Additional time is requested for conditioning the klystron with higher cathode current
 - At present the power is sufficient because the voltage is reduced to 10 MV in physics (we used 12 MV during run 1 and the LHC design assumed 16 MV!)
 - To increase the voltage above 12 MV, the 250 kW saturation will not be sufficient and we will need the design 300 kW.



Controls

From V. Baggiolini:

- Smooth upgrades are proceeding as planned:
 - Major Controls upgrades (OS, Middleware, RBAC, Databases, Timing, LSA/InCA, etc) done successfully
 - Other upgrades (FESA classes, FGCs, PLC code, Firmware, etc) are ongoing
 - No problems anticipated for re-commissioning
 - Up-to-date information here
 https://wikis.cern.ch/display/SUWG/YETS+2015-16+Follow-up

We'll have to test extensively before beam!
We'll profit from the experience (and debugging) of the injectors!



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Concluding remarks

- The boundary conditions for the YETS are well defined; however
 - Few critical activities could have an impact
 - o 7000 tests have to be done in 12 days
- As usual, the good coordination between PT and machine check-out will be fundamental for a smooth transition to the operational mode
 - A lot of tests and verifications to be done
 - All the systems finally connected together
- All experts are already working on their systems to get ready for beam;
 machine check-out coordination will kick in starting from mid-February
- Ways can be studied to reduce the time for commissioning, but this has to be done without forgetting the priorities (S-Q-P), since the rigorosity of the process is the key for a safe and successful operation of the machine throughout the year



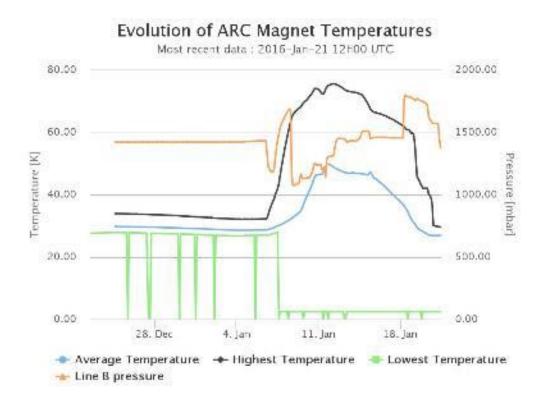
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Thank you for the attention!



Temperature drifts during YETS...





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Activities that could impact the PT

Prerequisites:

- Cryogenics CS/CM should be there at the beginning
- Services (CV, EL,...)
 - Electricity, water, ventilation
 - The UPS tests will have to be (successfully) completed in the sectors under powering
- Power converter
- MPE
 - QPS
 - o EE
 - o EIQA
- PIC No intervention foreseen during YETS
- EN/EL
 - Visual inspection on warm bus-bars should be conducted by EN/EL to avoid surprises when restarting (consolidation already done during 2015 TSs)



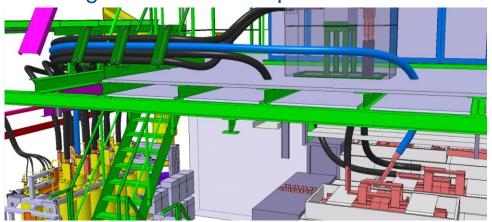
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RQ4.L/R1 modification

ALFA project: adding one more WCC per RQ on Q4 circuit around point 1



Add plan for this/n Add photo from ins

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Short-circuit test + 24h heat run to be done during the YETS Complete re-commissioning of the 2 circuit during powering

- For RR17, the installation is already completed and the tests are on-going
 - Electrical insulation test "à sec", PC connection and interlock test, water reconnection and insulation test are done
 - 24h heat run on-going
- For RR13, the tests will be around mid-February

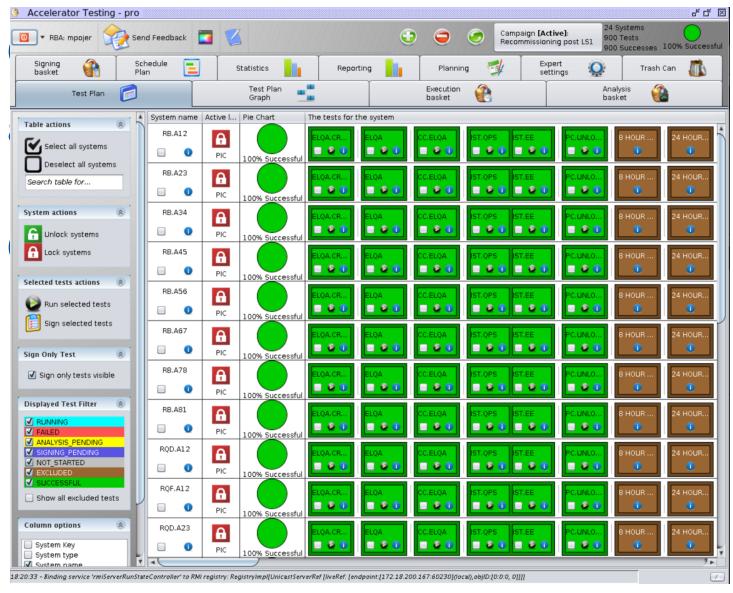


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List of powering tests to be done



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MPE critical changes

- Normal checks before beam
- BIS no additional tests needed
 - Displacement of many socket-outlet blocks (reglettes)
 - o in all cases these units prevent the access to the VME redundant power supplies (namely 'Wiener' P.S.) (to be coordinated with EN-EL)
 - Locations: all UAs, US15, UJ33, USC55, TZ76, SR2 and SR8

-WIC

- WIC upgrade to new generic code base: remote download followed by (partial) re-commissioning of the system – max half a day / point....
 - Locations: US15, UA23, UJ33, UA47, USC55, US65, TZ76 & US86
- SMP only SW change, no HW no additional tests
 - Replacement of the VME-bus master module family: 'RIO3' type replaced by 'MenA20' type (this depends on successful lab tests still to be confirmed)
 - Location: CCR
- Misc
 - Various SW upgrades (e.g. FMCM FESA class, QPS Swiss Tool, ACCTESTING,...) – time certainly needed to deploy and test!
 - All issues should be cleaned before start of powering tests



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LHC Beam Interlock System