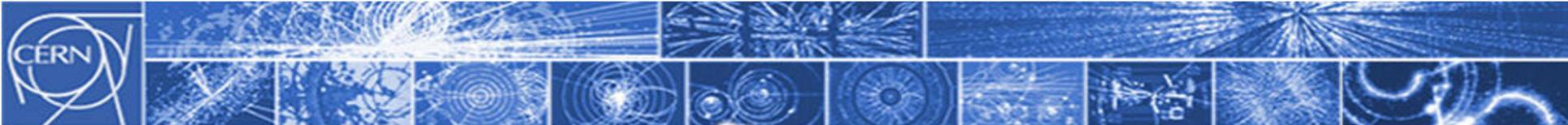


Status of splices in 6 kA circuits

[Progress report]

- Inventory of 6 kA splices
- Currents expected in function of energy level
- Example of Q7L2
- Measurement of splice electrical resistance at cold (SC)
- QPS characteristics for IPQs/IPDs
- Praying hand splices
 - Design
 - Production method
 - Tests performed
 - MCI
 - Proposed actions for the future
- Further work
- Conclusions



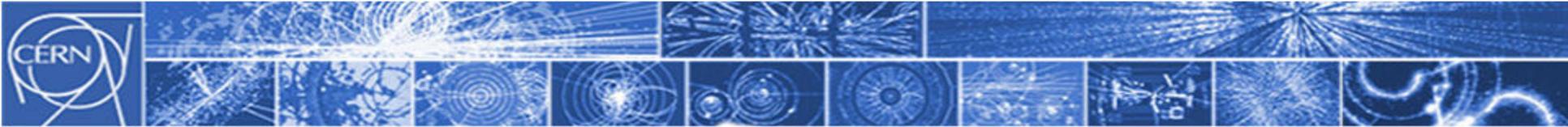
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Inventory of 6 kA circuits (1/2)

**TOTAL : 94 circuits
78 IPQs + 16 IPDs**

Individually Powered Quadrupoles and Dipoles (IPQ/IPD):

- In the continuous cryostat:
 - DS : Q8, Q9, Q10 @ P1,2,4,5,6,8 Left & Right: # 36
 - MS : Q7 @ P1,2,4,5,8 (Not P6) Left & Right: # 10
- In Stand-Alone cryostats:
 - Q6 @ P1,2,4,5,8 (Not P6) Left & Right: # 10
 - Q5 @ P1,2,5,6,8 Left & Right: # 10
 - Q4 @ P6 Left & Right: # 2
- In Semi Stand-Alone cryostats:
 - Q5 @ P4 Left & Right: # 2
 - Q4 @ P1,2,5,8 Left & Right: # 8
 - D4 @ P4 Left & Right: # 2
 - D3 @ P4 Left & Right: # 2
 - D2 @ P1,2,5,8 Left & Right: # 8
- In triplets
 - D1 @ P 2&8 Left & Right: (In Nuria's talk) # 4



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Inventory of 6 kA circuits (2/2)

Sector	#
1-2	17
2-3	9
3-4	8
4-5	16
5-6	13
6-7	5
7-8	9
8-1	17
TOTAL	94

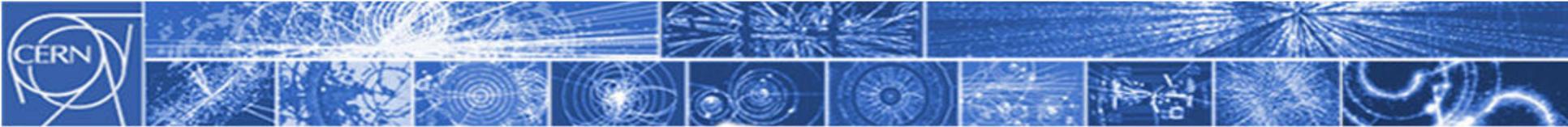
Powered by	#	
DFBA	49	Q7 to Q10 + some Q6
DFBM	25	D3, D4 + some D2, Q4, Q5, Q6
DFBL	16	D2, Q4,5,6 @ P1 & P5
DFBX	4	D1 @ P2 & P8

TOTAL : 94 circuits

* 5 to 17 per sector (12 in average)

* 4 different powering units

Many different types & specificities

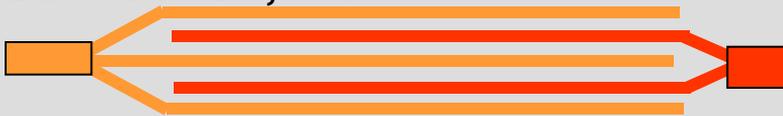


Different types of joints: Example of Q7L2

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Cable to Pigtail Connection, inside DFB

Round Cable « Flattened »
HTS Side



Round Cable « Flattened »
HCM Side

Shake-hands Connection, inside SSS

Flat Cable
SSS Side



Round Cable « Flattened »
Interconnection side

At least 5 different types

Shake-hands Connection, Interconnections HCM-SM & DFB-Q7

Round Cable « Flattened »



Round Cable « Flattened »

Pray-hands Connection, inside cold masses

Round Cable « Flattened »
Flat Cable

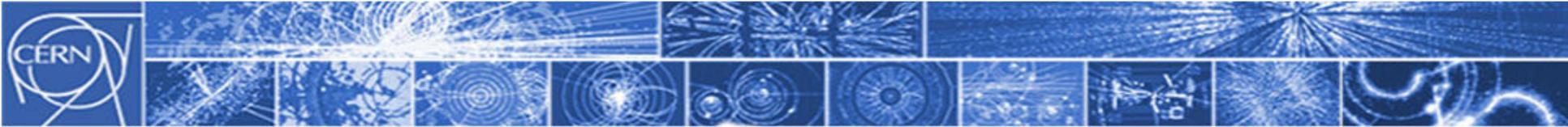


Pray-hands Connection, in Line N



Round Cable « Flattened » from SSS

Round Cable « Flattened » from Line N

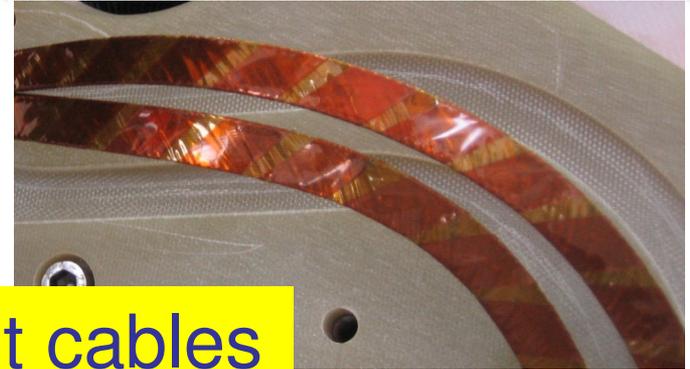


Different types of cables: Example of Q7L2

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Two types of cables:
Rutherford flat type inside magnets

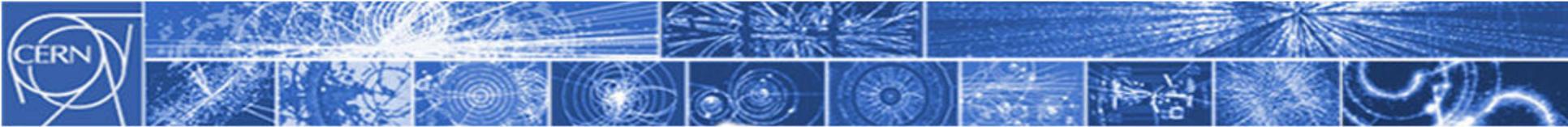


At least 2 different cables

Circular type in the powering lines and
DFB's



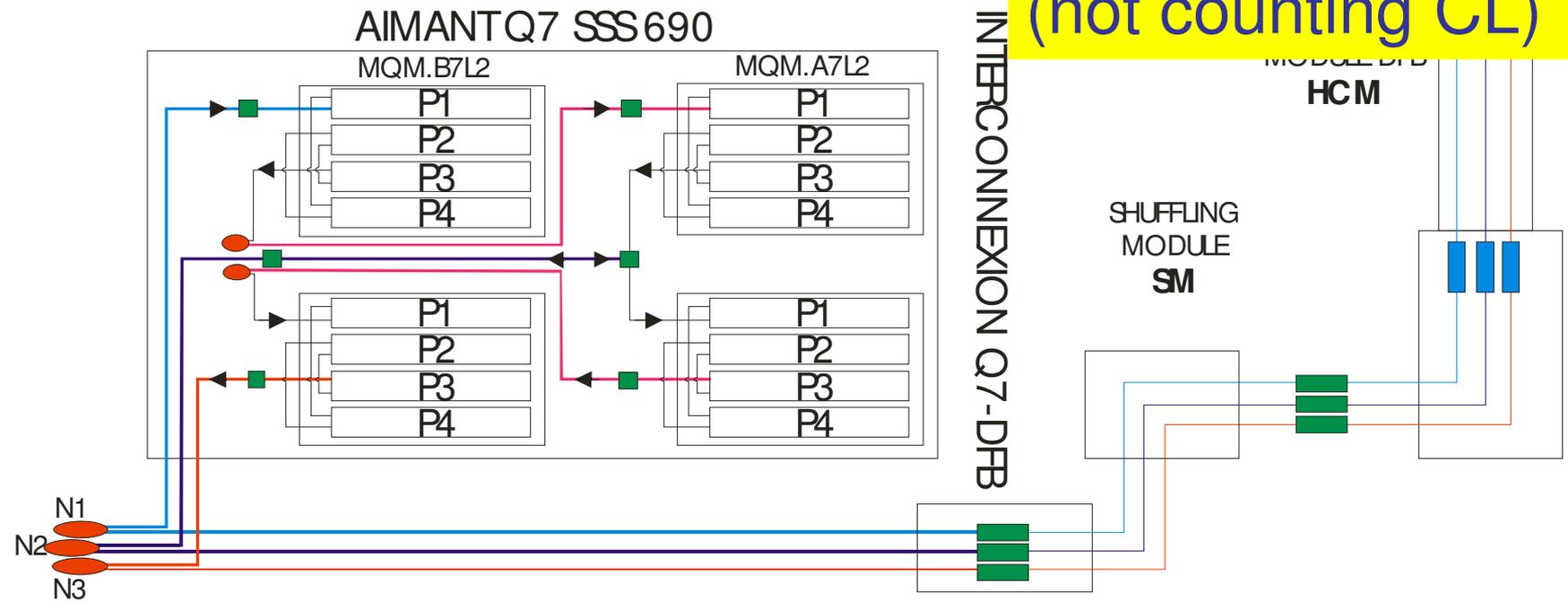
Many different configurations ; inventory to be continued



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Electrical circuit : Example of Q7L2

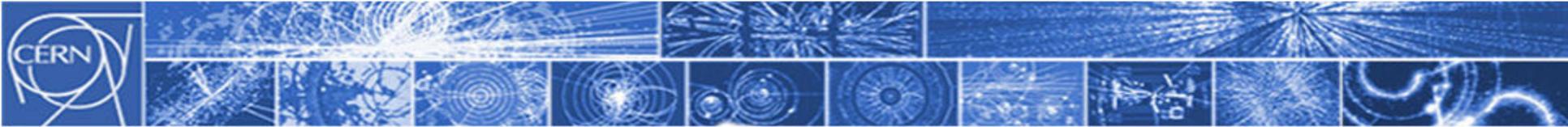
TOTAL : 20 splices (not counting CL)



- █ = Cable to Pigtail Connection, inside DFB
- █ = Shake-hand Connection, inside SSS
- █ = Shake-hand Connection, interconnection
- = Pray-hand Connection, inside SSS
- = Pray-hand Connection, in line N Box

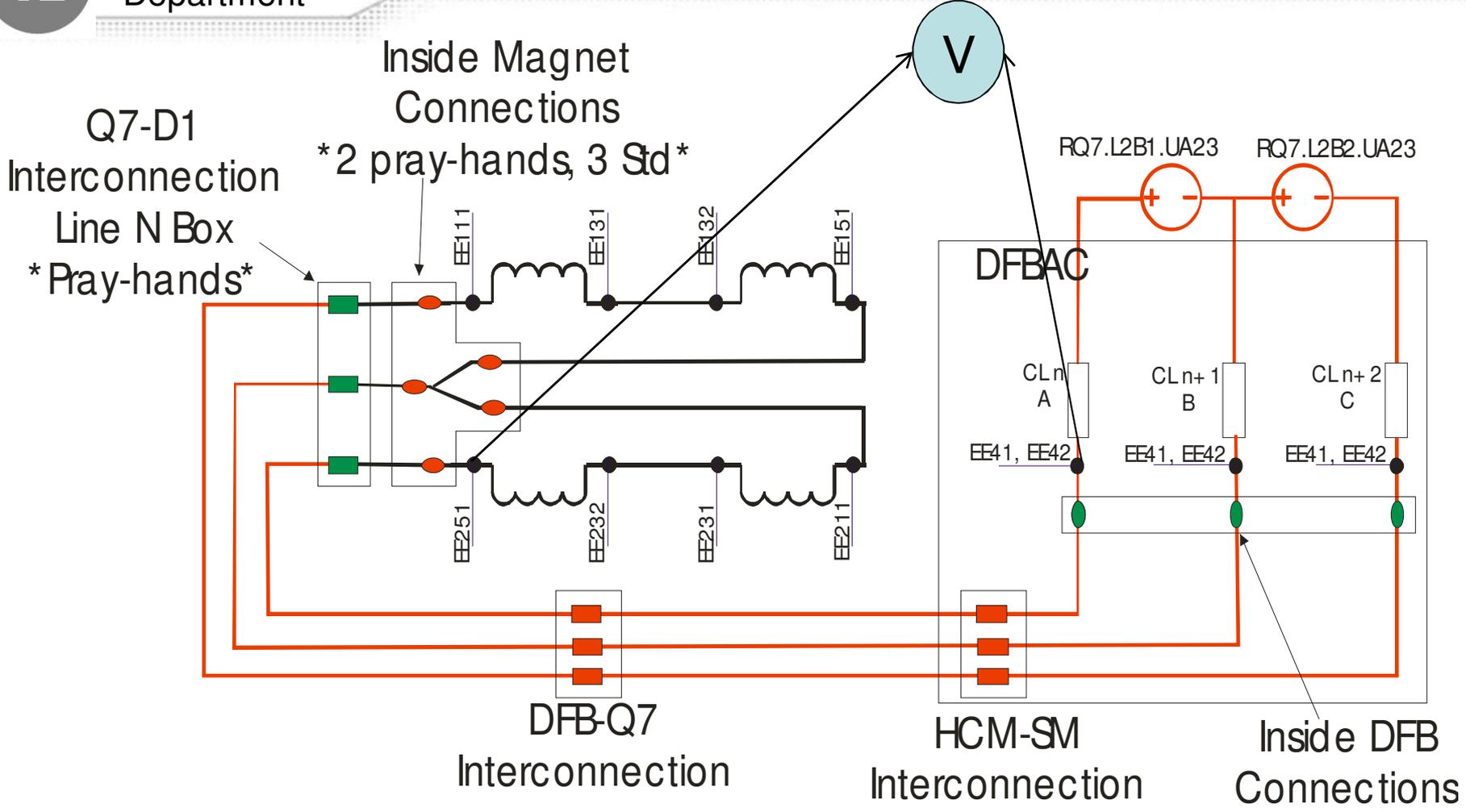
Black Wire = Flat Cable
Color Wire = Round Cable

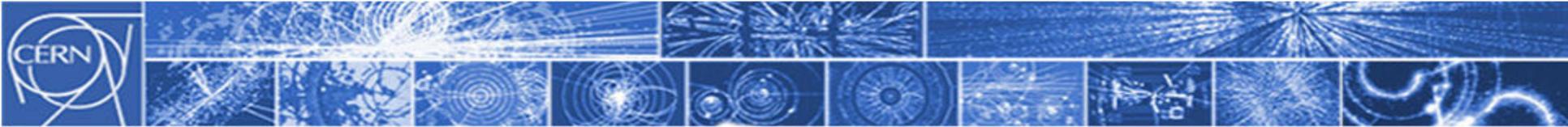
Other praying-hand splices in cold masses, held in a box



Measurement of electrical splice resistance at cold

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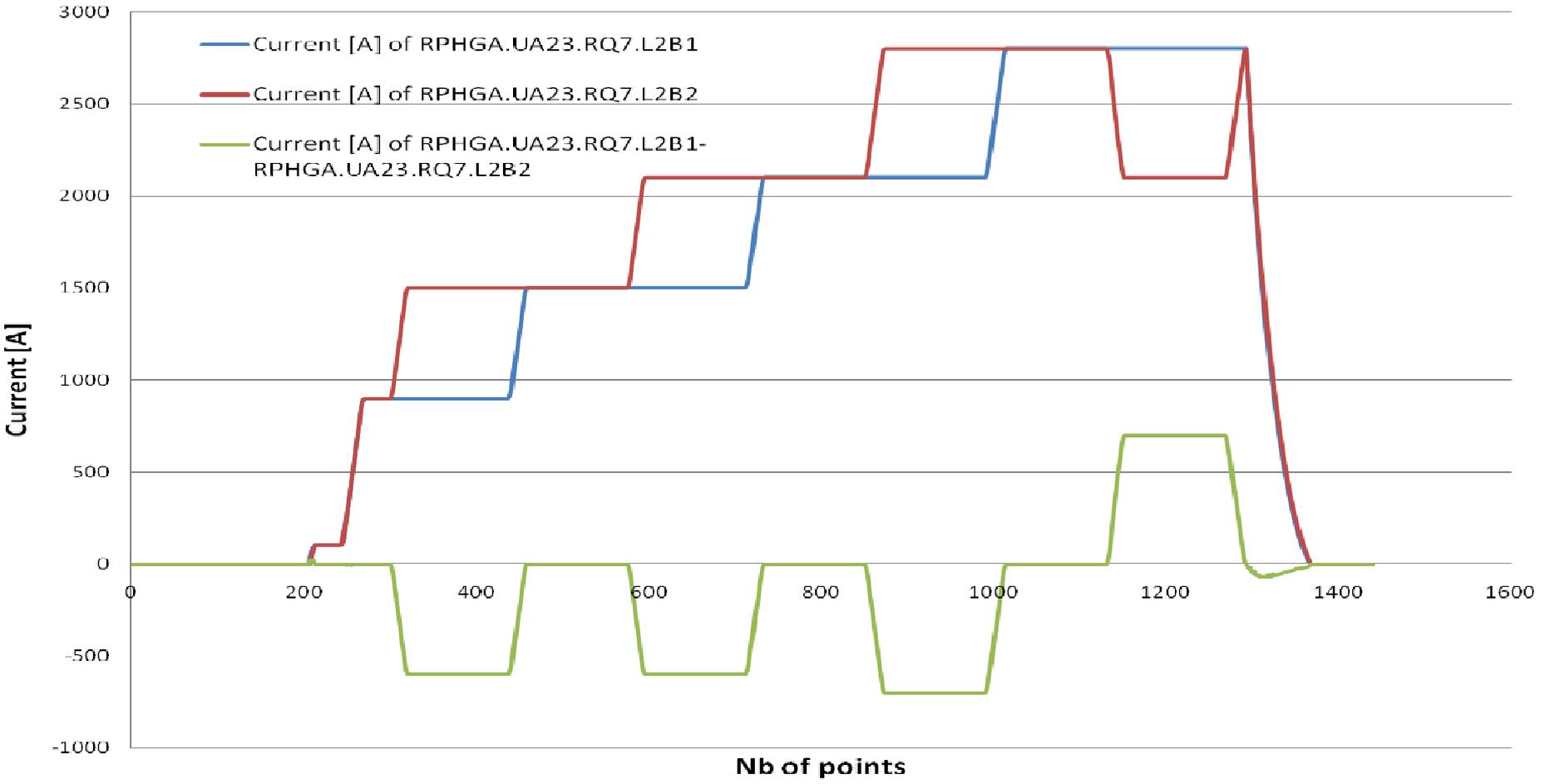


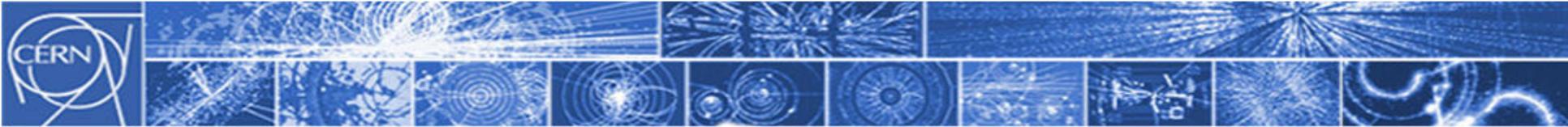
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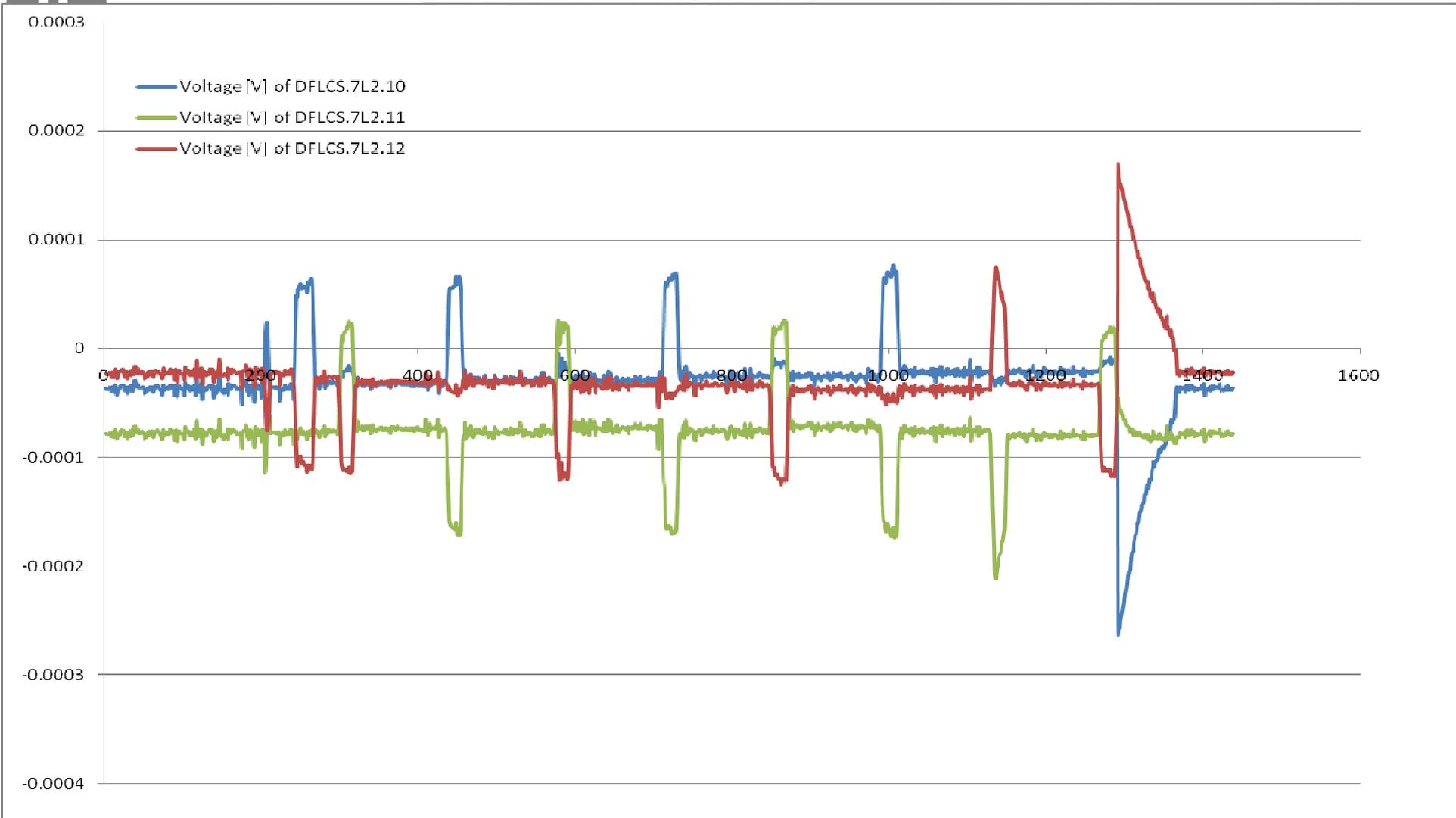
Current cycles performed on RQ7.L2

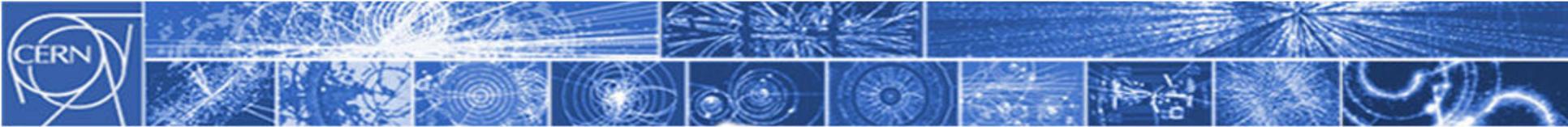




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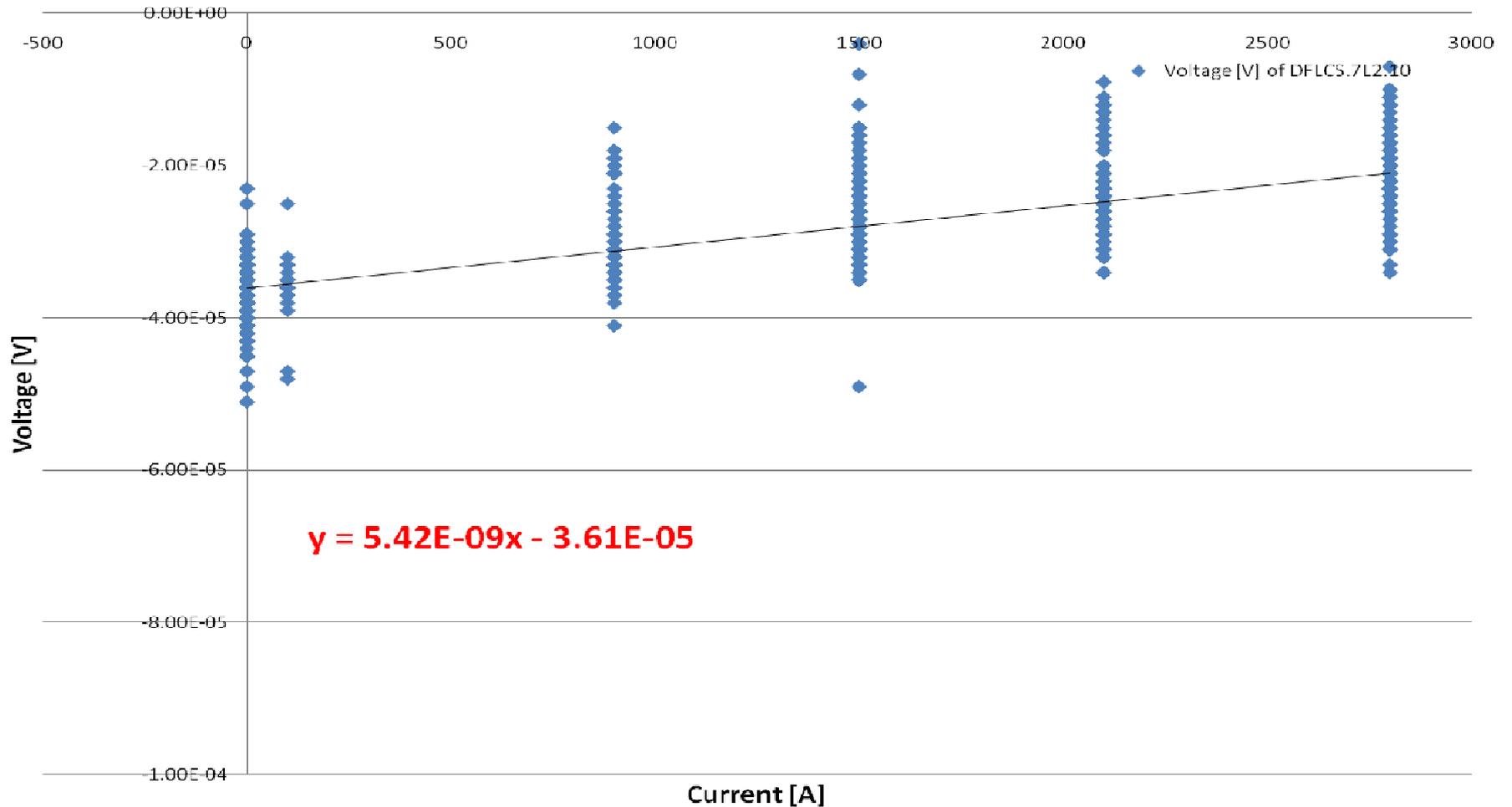


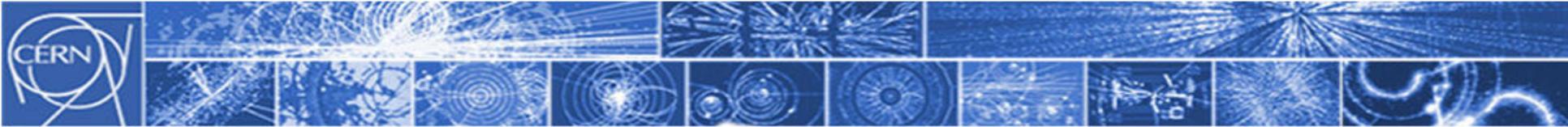


Measurement of electrical splice resistance at cold

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Voltage measured across RQ7.L2 busbar connected to DFLCS.7L2.10





Measurement of electrical splice resistance at cold

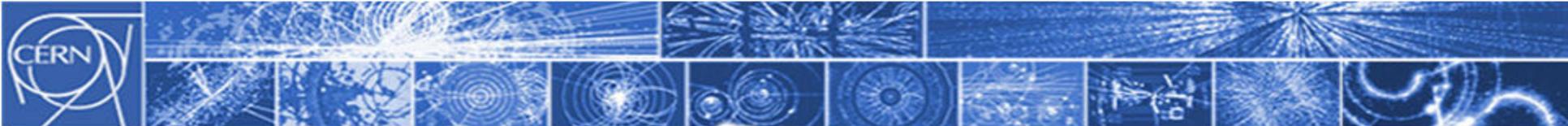
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Magnet	Bus-bar of lead	Resistance [?]	Uncertainty (1σ) [?]	Offset [V]
Q10	DFLCS.7L2.1	5.3E-09	1.E-09	-6.1E-05
Q10	DFLCS.7L2.2	5.4E-09	3.E-09	1.3E-05
Q10	DFLCS.7L2.3	5.3E-09	1.E-09	2.4E-05
Q9	DFLCS.7L2.4	5.7E-09	1.E-09	9.4E-06
Q9	DFLCS.7L2.5	5.9E-09	2.E-09	1.0E-05
Q9	DFLCS.7L2.6	6.1E-09	1.E-09	1.8E-05
Q8	DFLCS.7L2.7	5.3E-09	7.E-10	2.9E-05
Q8	DFLCS.7L2.8	6.1E-09	2.E-09	1.7E-05
Q8	DFLCS.7L2.9	5.4E-09	7.E-10	5.6E-06
Q7	DFLCS.7L2.10	5.4E-09	1.E-10	-3.6E-05
Q7	DFLCS.7L2.11	5.7E-09	3.E-10	-7.7E-05
Q7	DFLCS.7L2.12	5.3E-09	1.E-10	-2.4E-05

4 SSS tested (12 segments with 5 splices per segment):

- Max is 6.1 nOhm
- Average splice resistance is 1.1 nOhm
- Expected: 1 nOhm / Specified < 1.5 nOhm

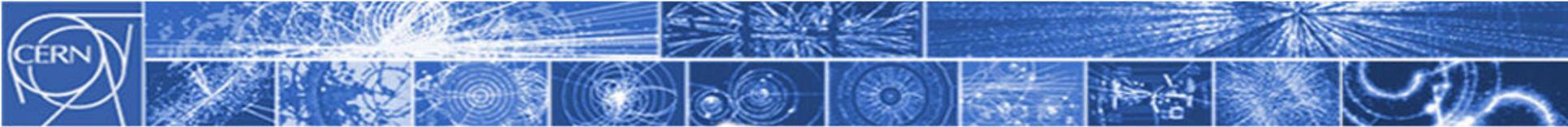
Sequence of events :

- Method was not available at the beginning of the commissioning
- Proposal / Recommendation to commission the circuits to reduced currents to 3.5 TeV level (MP3 on 30/09/2009 & TEMB on 05/10/2009), so not requiring splice mapping
- In parallel, the system and the method have been developed by TE-MPE

Proposal :

To measure all splices before increasing energy higher than 3.5 TeV

This will require time and access

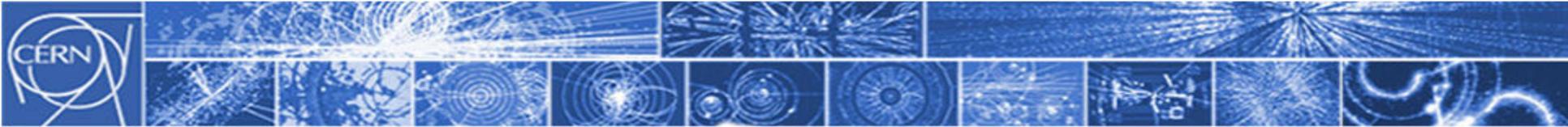


QPS for IPQs/IPDs

Characteristic	IPQ/IPD (pres)	Dipole (nQPS)
Detection time	10 msec	10 sec
Detection threshold	100 mV	0.3 mV
Figure of Merit	1 mV sec	3 mV sec
Discharge time	< 1 sec	50 / 100 sec
Supply	2 UPSs	2 UPSs

Present QPS for IPQs/IPDs is already “better” than nQPS for dipoles

Upgrade of QPS could be done for end of 2010 to protect magnet and busbars separately. This would allow to reduce the threshold and make diagnostics / monitoring measurements of splices

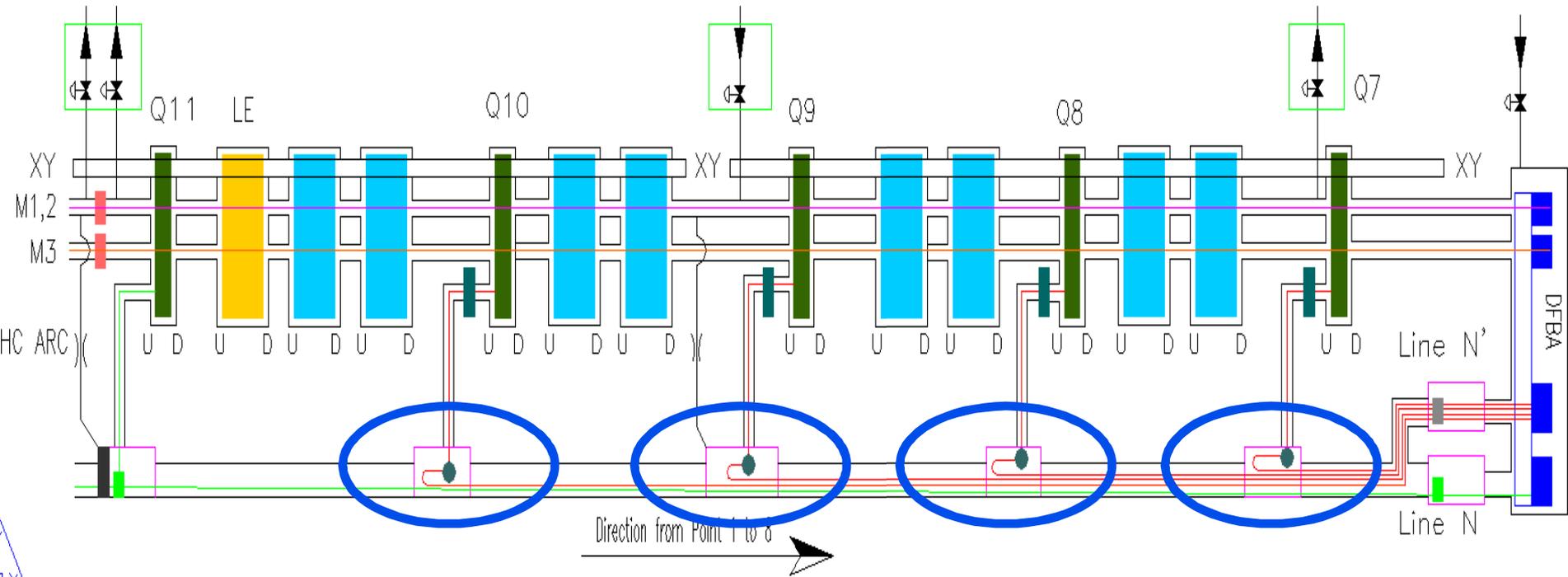


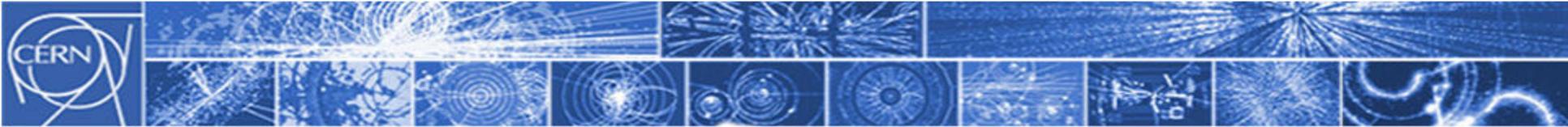
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Interconnection praying hand splices

- In DS zones for IPQs (Q7 to Q10) @ P1,2,4,5,6,8 :
 - 23 quadrupoles (No Q7 @ P6)
 - 69 splices



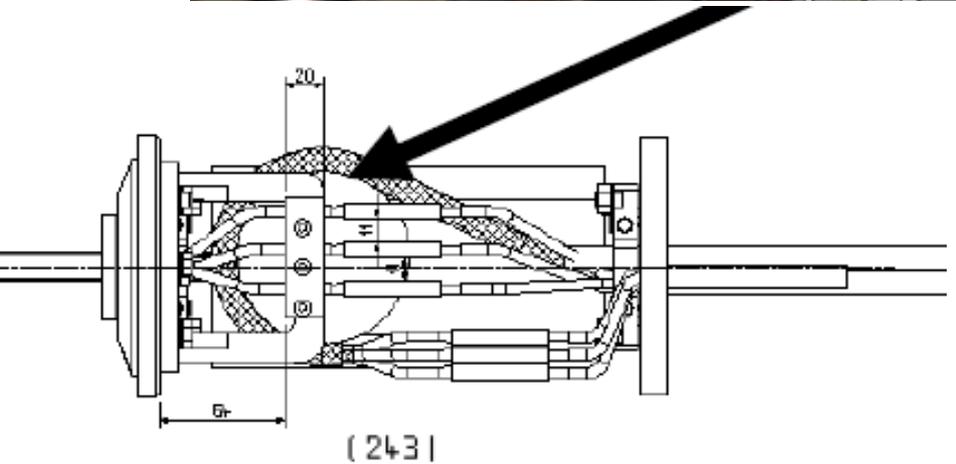
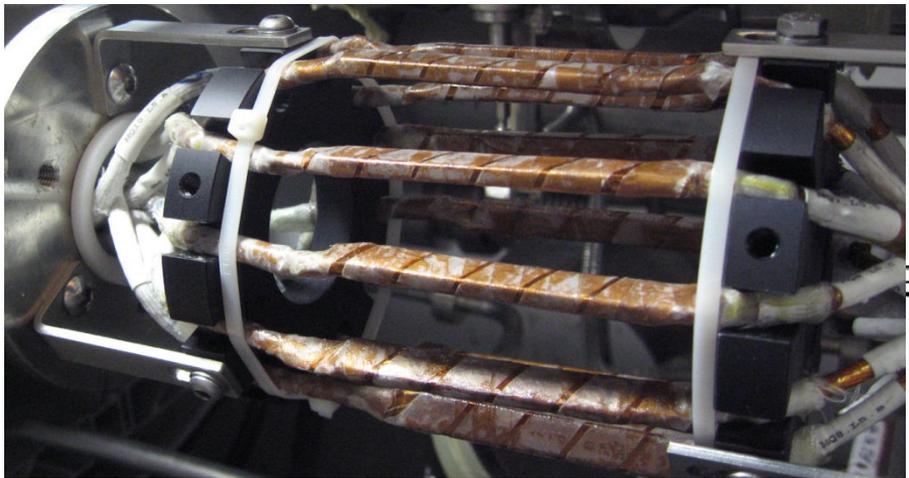
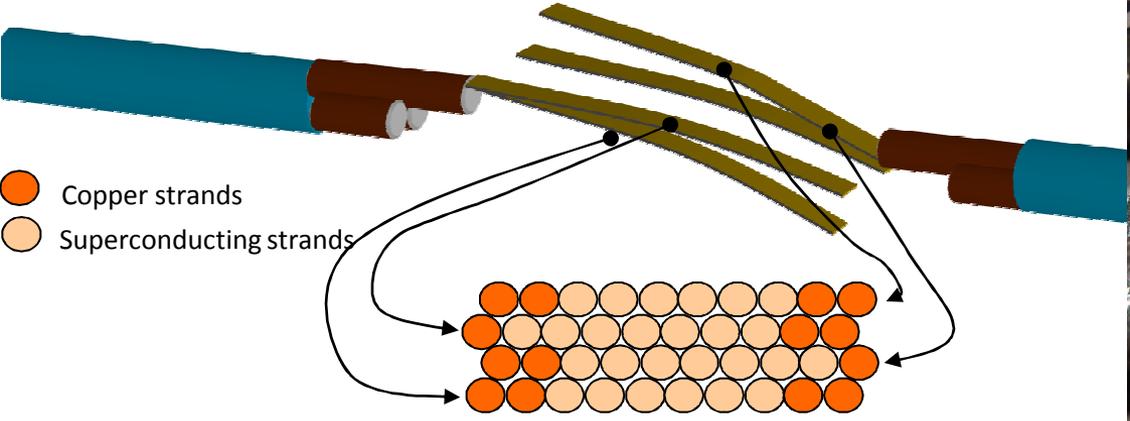


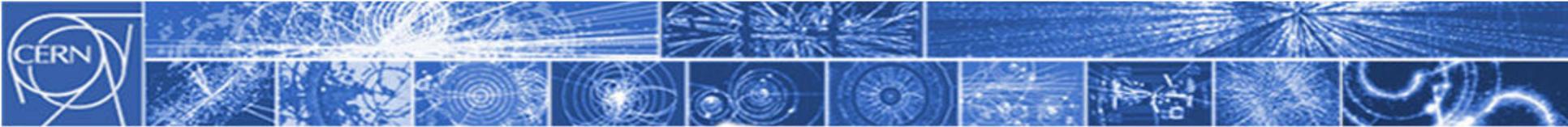
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- Initial design was in-line ; as applied at the right of IP and between DFBA and Q7



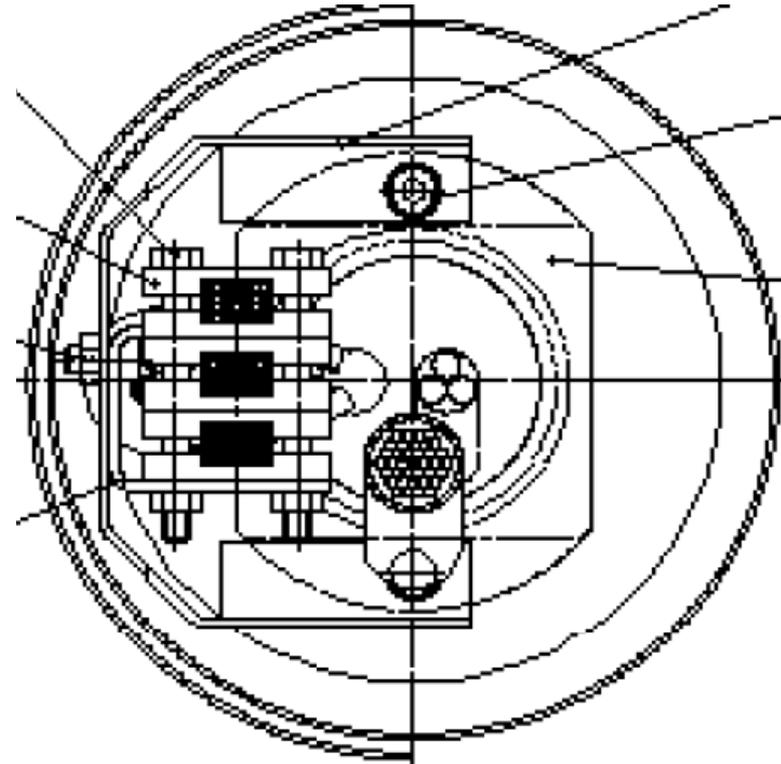
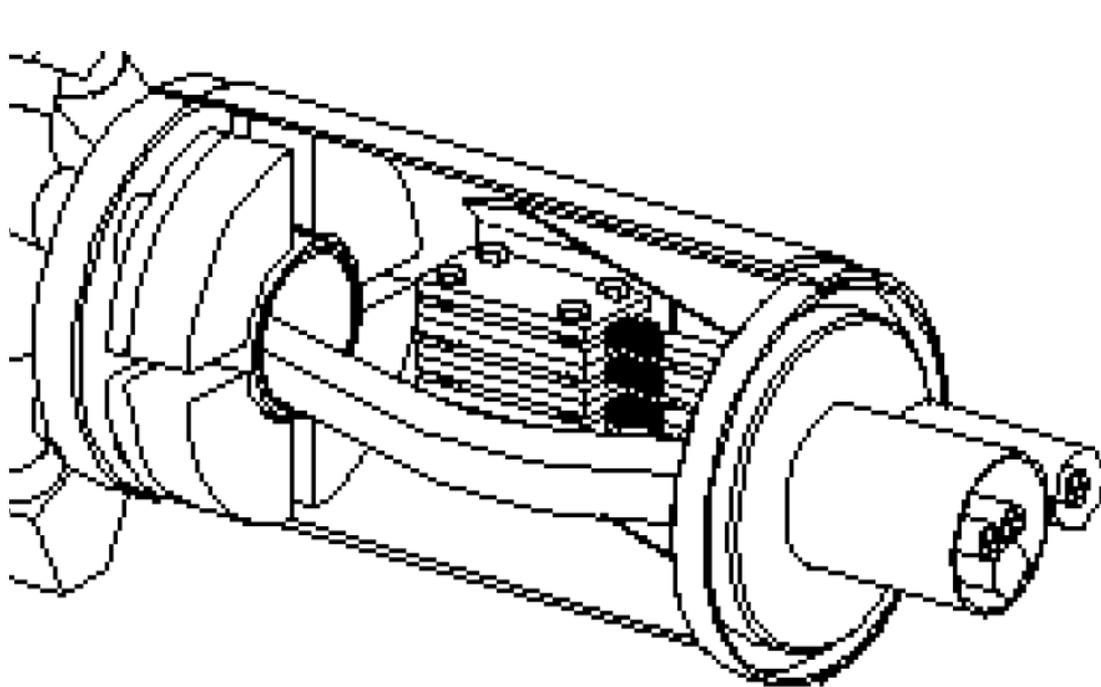


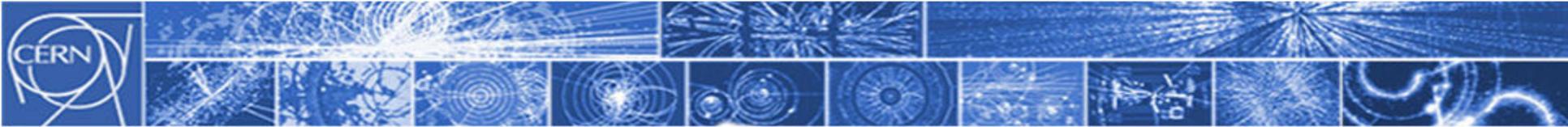
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- Not possible have a “U” turn for space limitation reasons
- A too small radius of curvature would have broken superconducting filaments
- **So design changed to “hair pin” or “praying hand” splices**





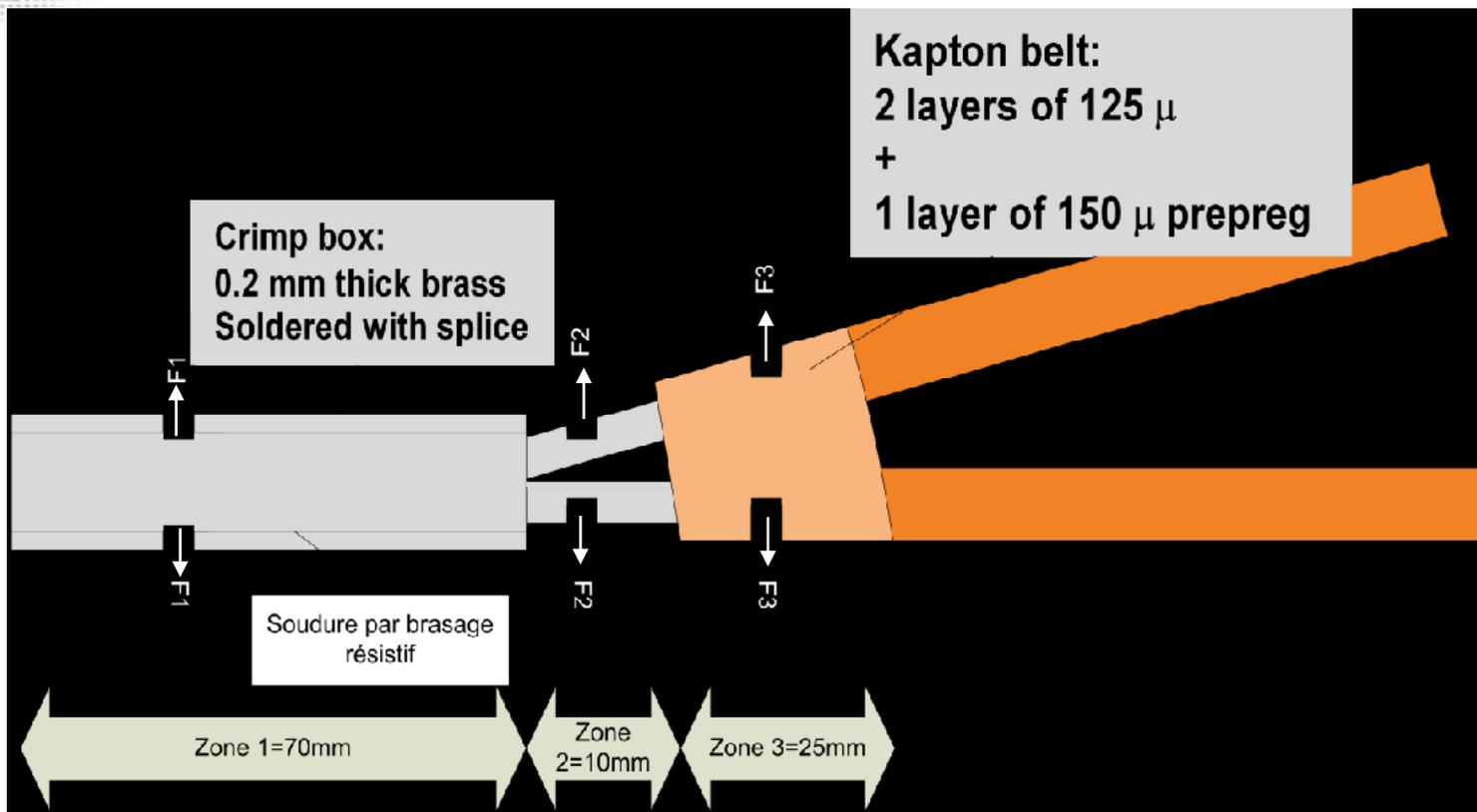
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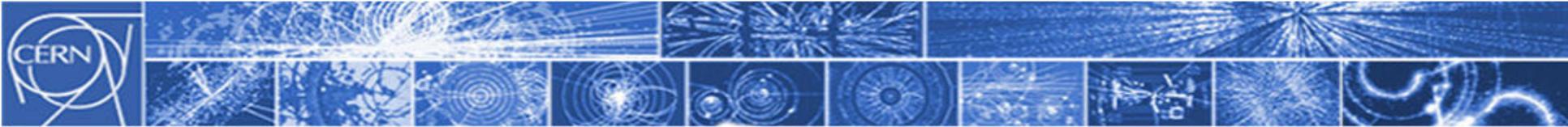
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Divided in 3 zones :

- ❖ The box
- ❖ Free zone
- ❖ Kapton belt

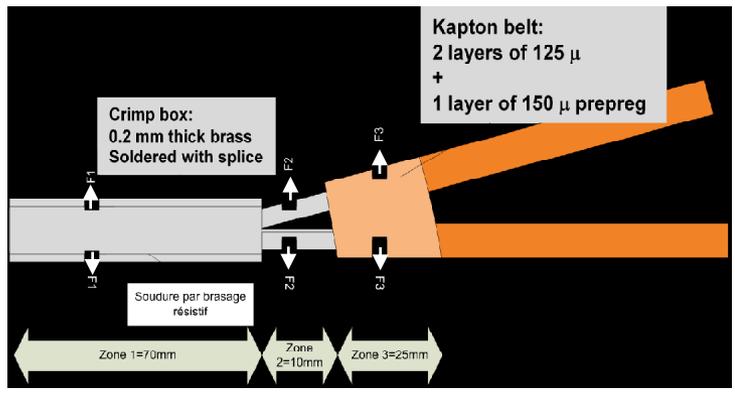




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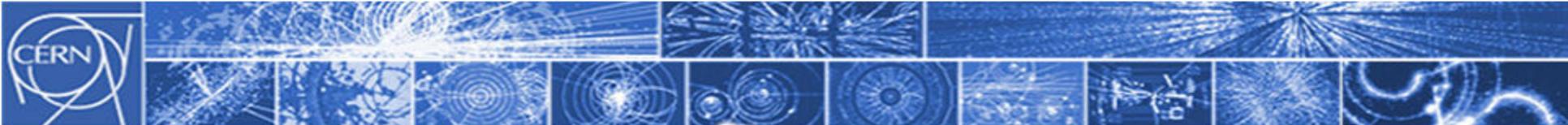
Interconnection praying hand splices: Mechanical design

Zone	1	2	3
Name	Box	Free	Belt
Force [N]	138	2	12
σ [MPa]	5	25	1.2
Deflection [mm]		0.008	< 0.1
Yield strength @ 4K [MPa]	Brass>270		333
Infinite lifetime @ RT [MPa]	80 to 100	80 to 100	



Ample margin in all zones

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Interconnection praying hand splices: Tests performed :
Electrical resistance

ANNEX B

**Résultats des mesures de résistances de busbars
supraconducteurs de type 6 kA-6 kA**

Inductance bus bars L = 161 nH

Mesures du 02/09/04 Ech 7-6 kA-6 kA

Courant primaire d'alimentation 10 A :

Ech 7-10a	$\tau = 233.76$ s	R = 0.689 n Ω
Ech 7-10b	$\tau = 244.17$ s	R = 0.659 n Ω
Ech 7-10c	$\tau = 244.11$ s	R = 0.659 n Ω

Moyenne R = 0.669 n Ω

Courant primaire d'alimentation 20 A :

Ech 7-20a	$\tau = 220.12$ s	R = 0.731 n Ω
Ech 7-20b	$\tau = 233.60$ s	R = 0.689 n Ω
Ech 7-20c	$\tau = 235.52$ s	R = 0.684 n Ω

Moyenne R = 0.701 n Ω

Loops tested at
CRYOLAB

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R < 1.5 nOhm
(Average : 1 nOhm)

Mesures du 09/06/04 Ech 6-6 kA-6 kA

Observation : l'échantillon comporte une soudure non entrelacée.

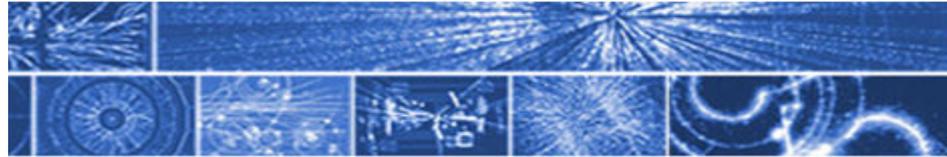
Niveau initial d'hélium = 587 mm

Niveau final d'hélium = 578 mm.

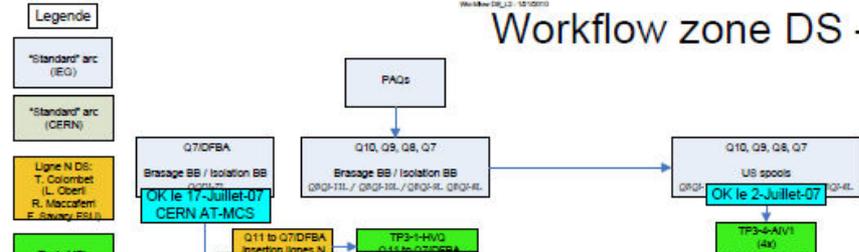
Ech 6-20a	$\tau = 142.867$ s	R = 1.127 n Ω
Ech 6-20b	$\tau = 142.456$ s	R = 1.130 n Ω
Ech 6-20c	$\tau = 142.778$ s	R = 1.128 n Ω

Moyenne R = 1.128 n Ω

Workflow zone DS – L2

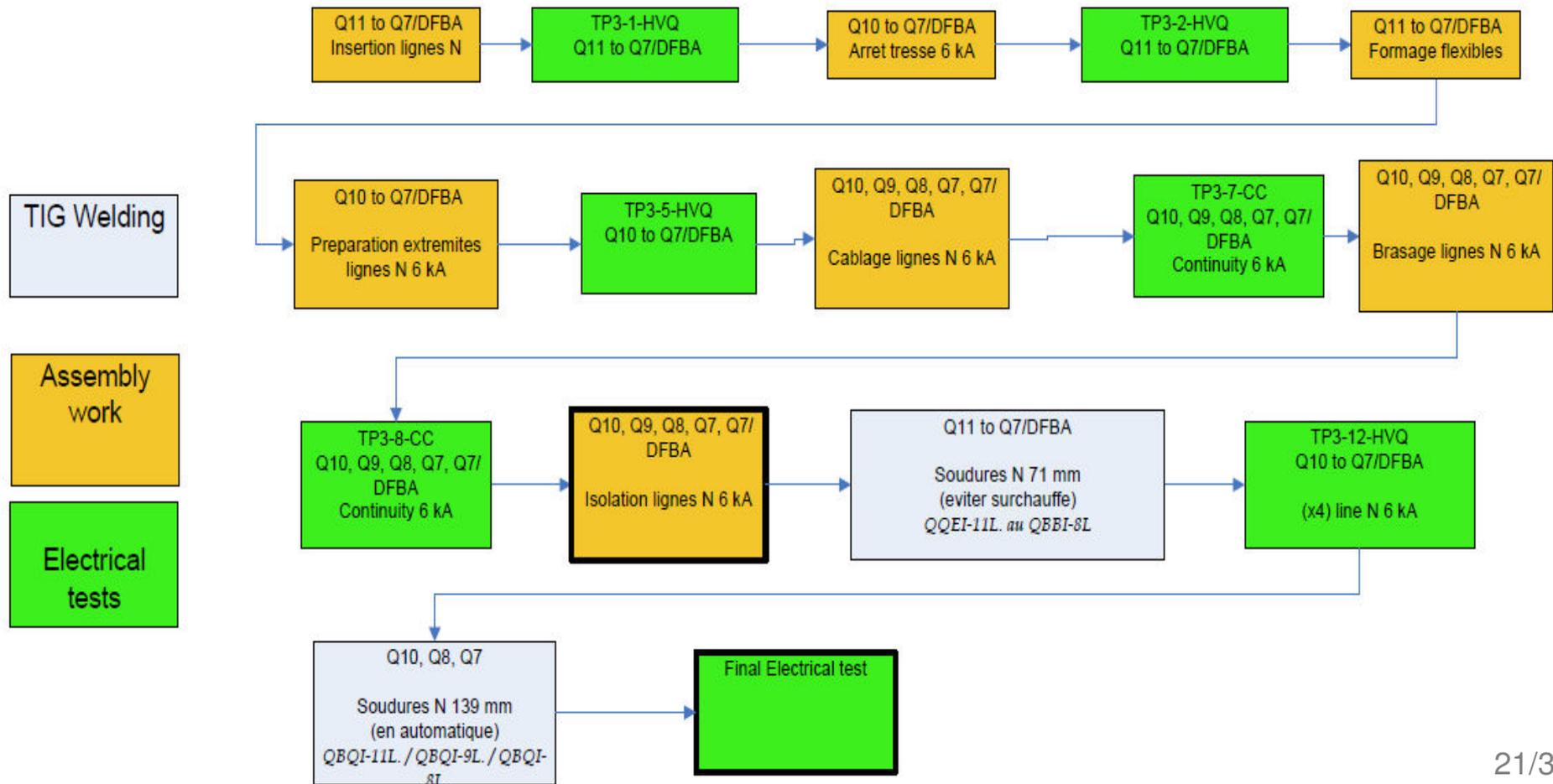


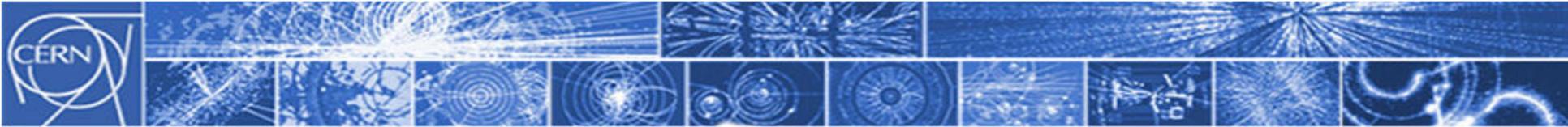
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Workflow DS_L2_splice - 10/12/2010

Simplified Workflow zone DS – L2 (Splices only)



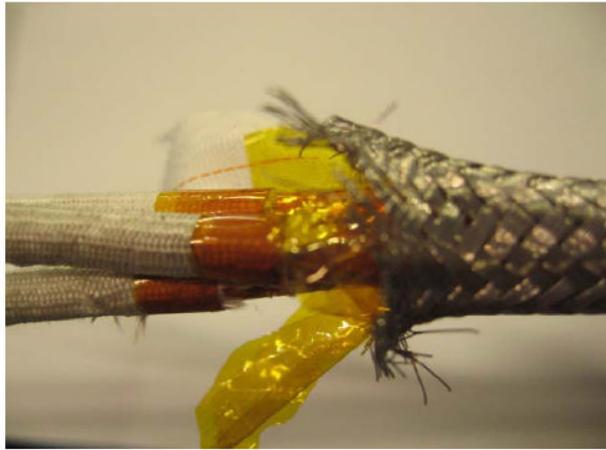


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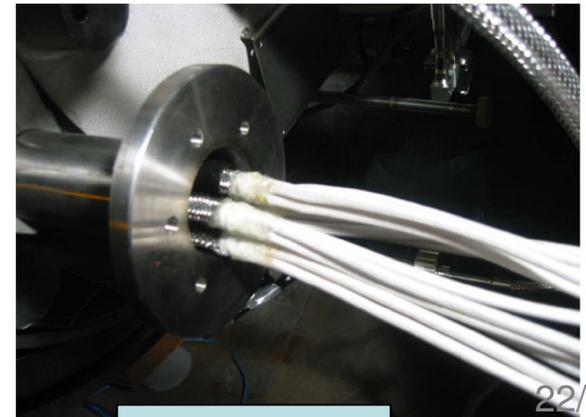
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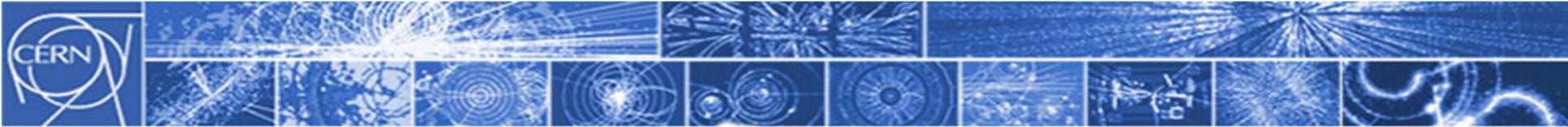
Interconnection praying hand splices: Assembly procedure

1. Preparation of cable extremities : A : Braid stopping



Arrêt de tresse (L1- Q7-DFB)



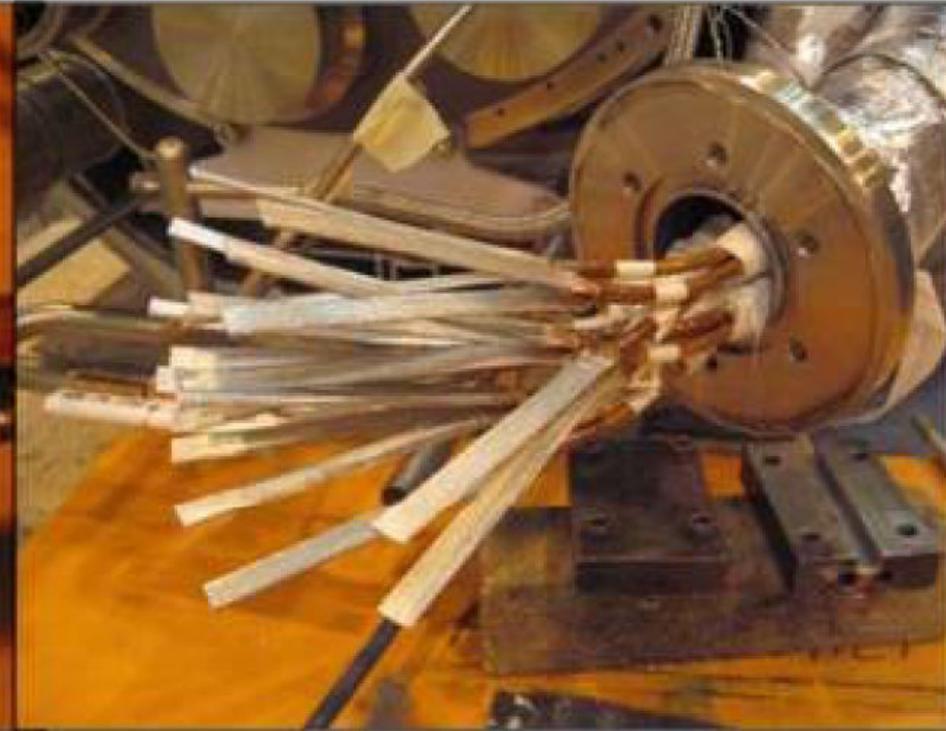


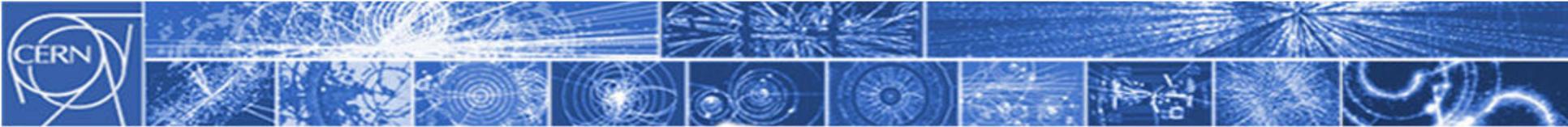
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2. Preparation of cable extremities (Flattening and stabilisation)



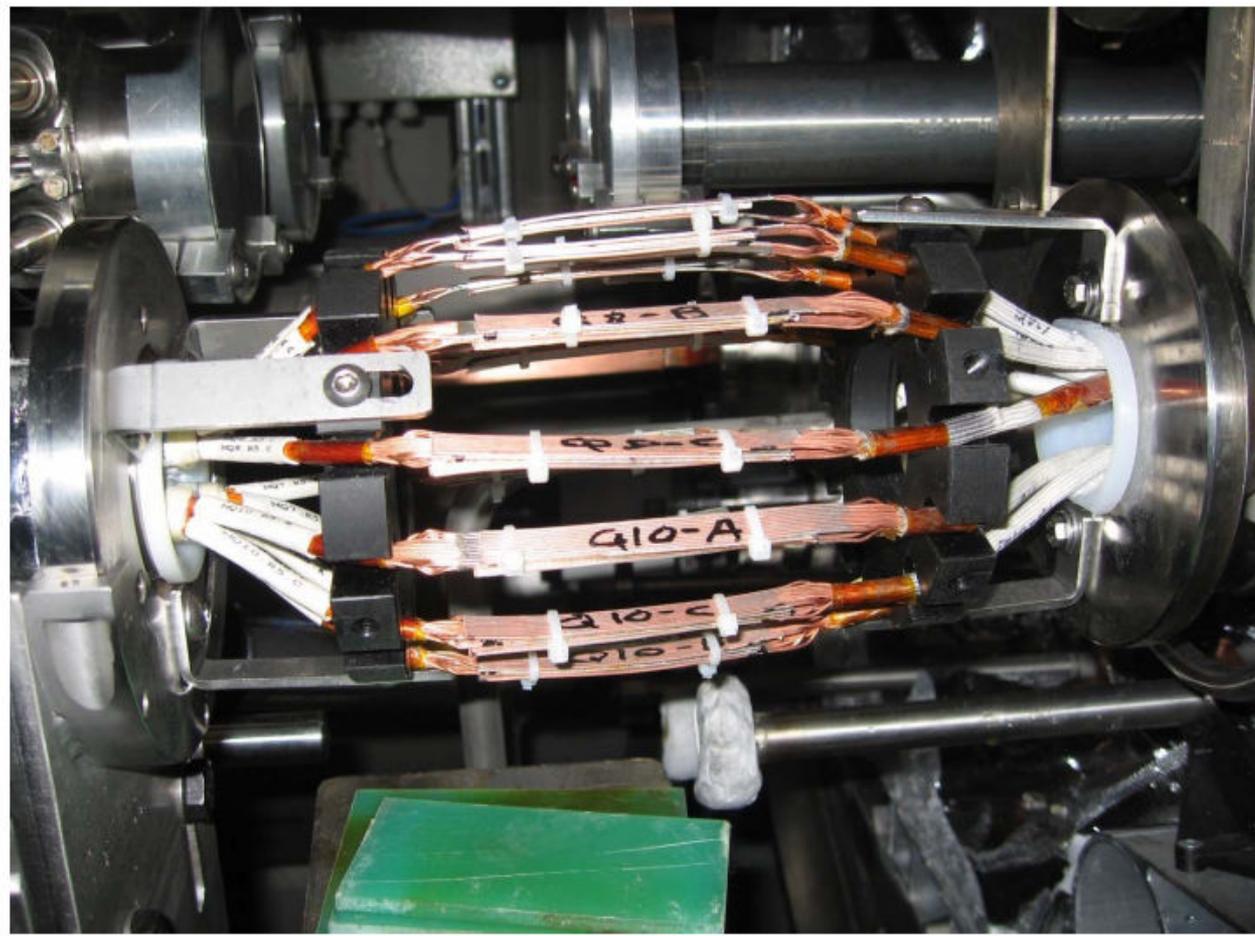


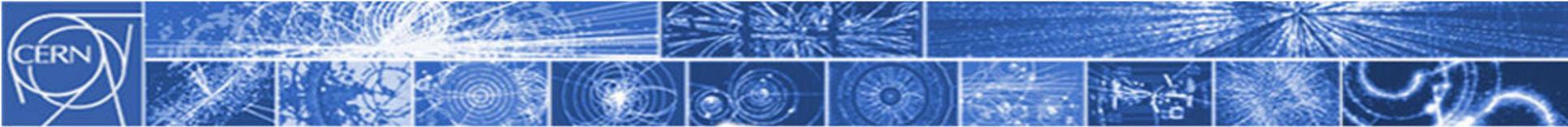
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3. Cabling without soldering for electrical test



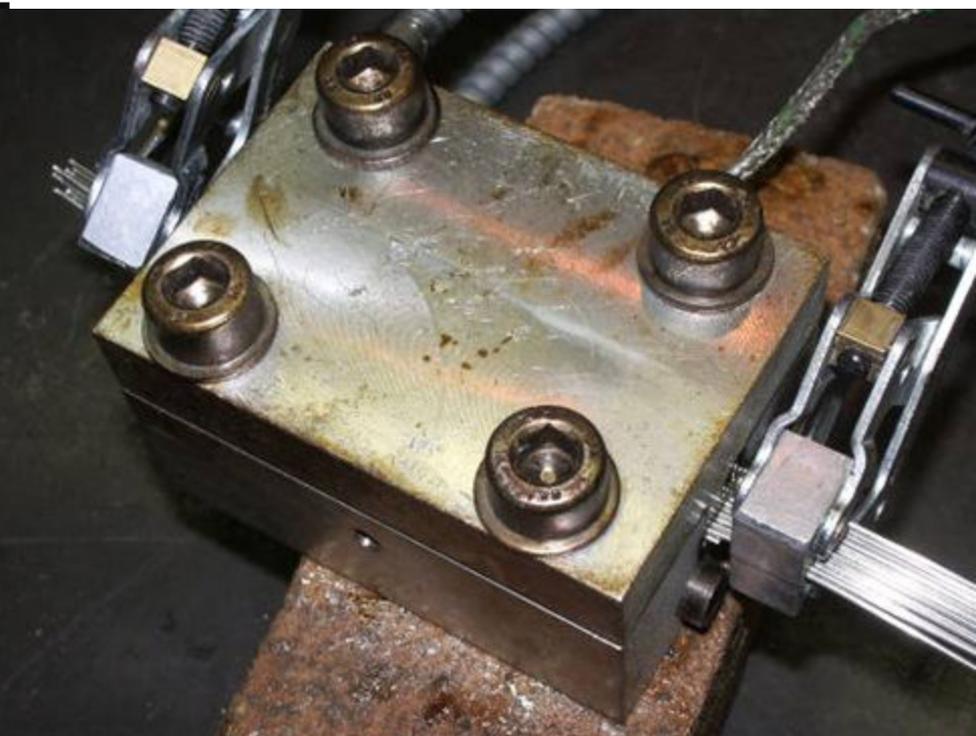
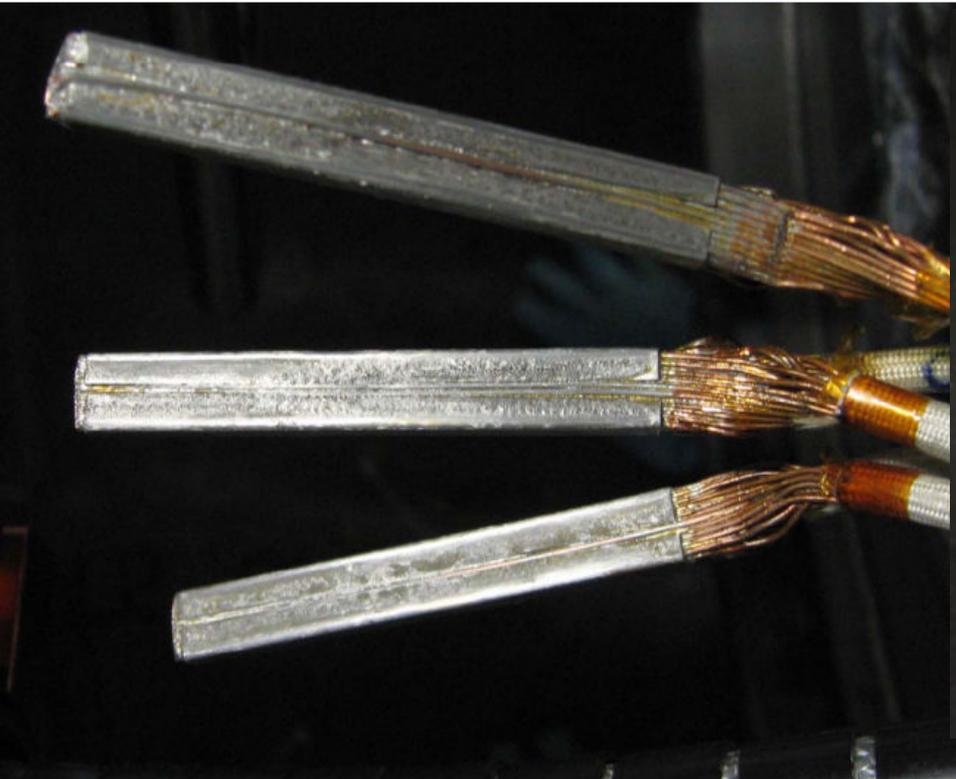


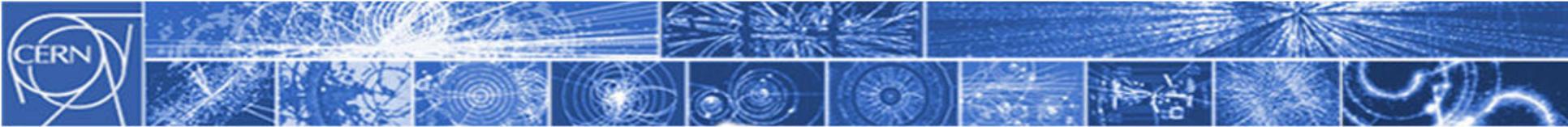
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4. Soldering





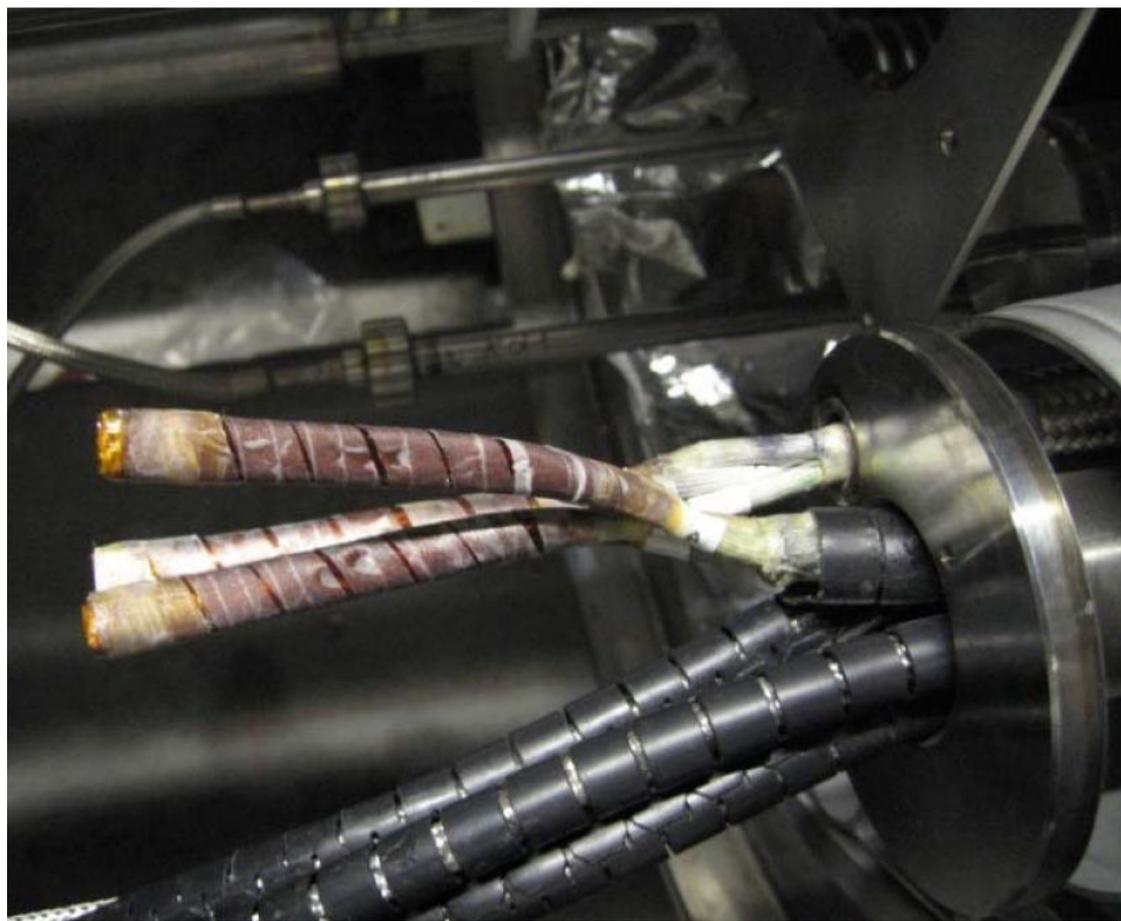
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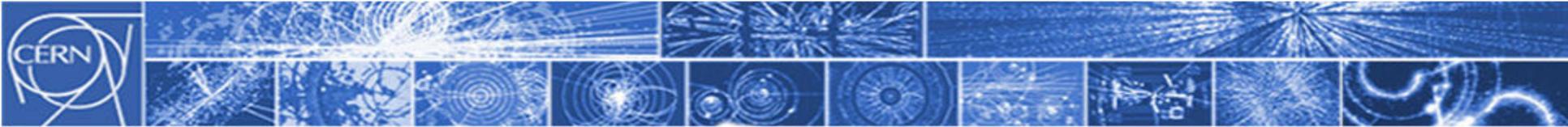
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4. Electrical insulation

- Wrap 4 layers of polyimide film (overlapping 50 %)
- Wrap self adhesive glass cloth tape at both extremities
- External layer of prepreg



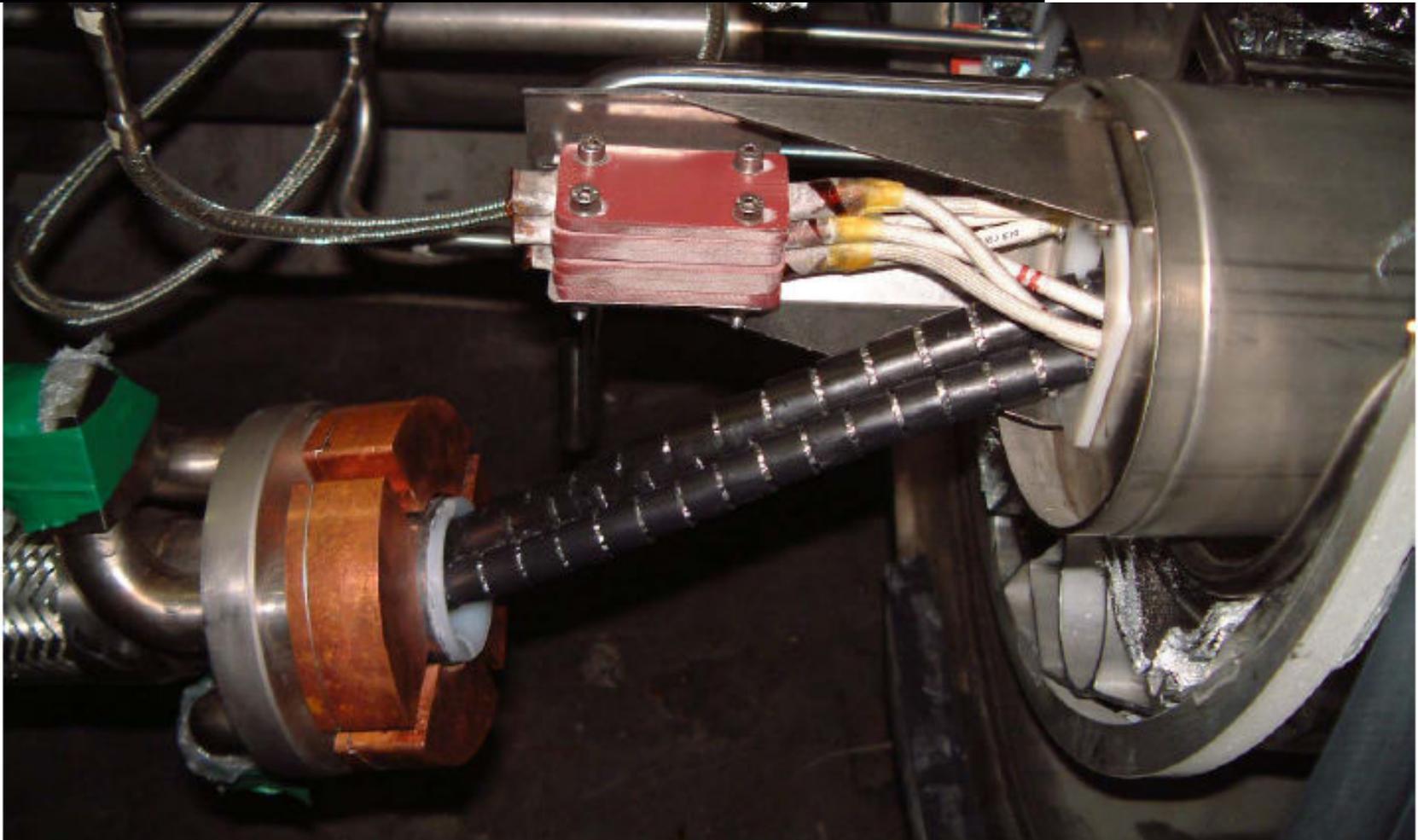


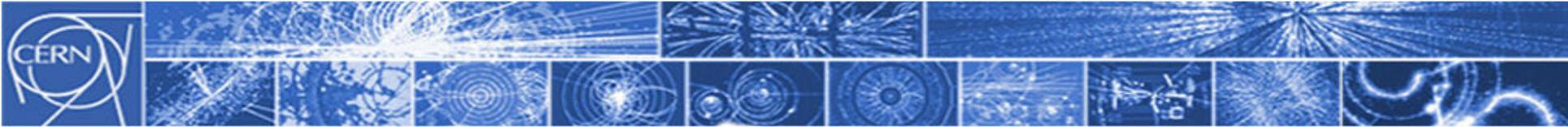
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5. Install and fix an insulating / clamping box around the splices





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Interconnection praying hand splices: Tests performed : Fatigue testing at room temperature

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Test configuration much more severe than actual conditions
So tested in FRESCA

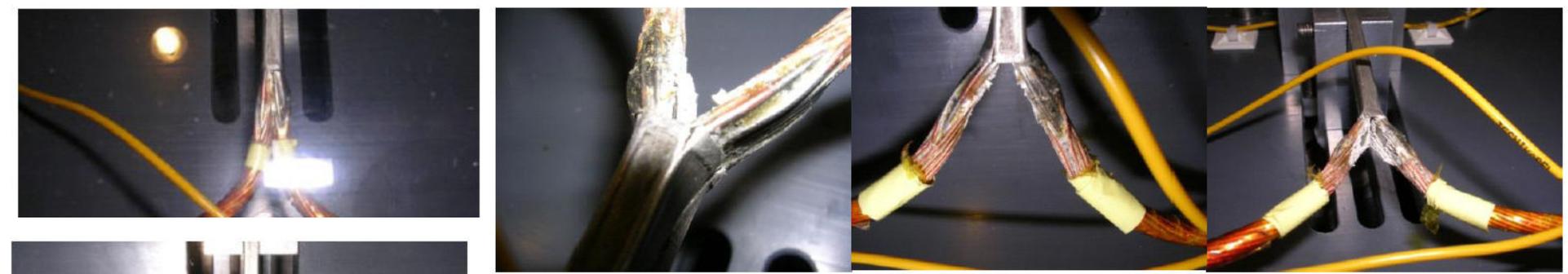
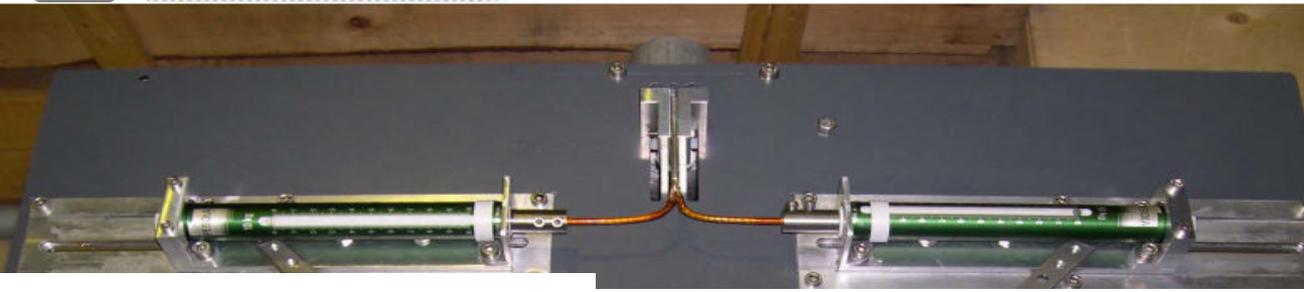


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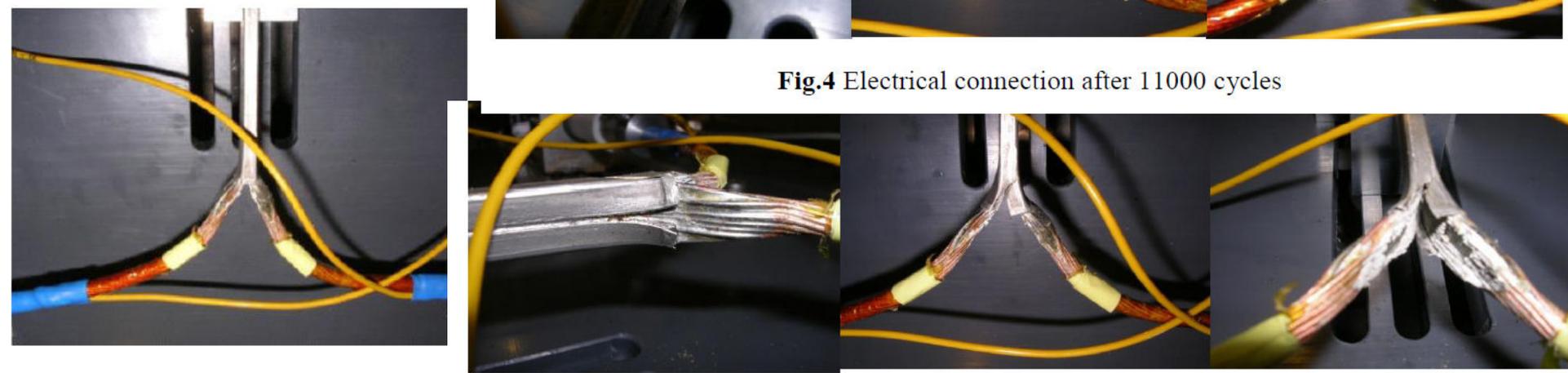
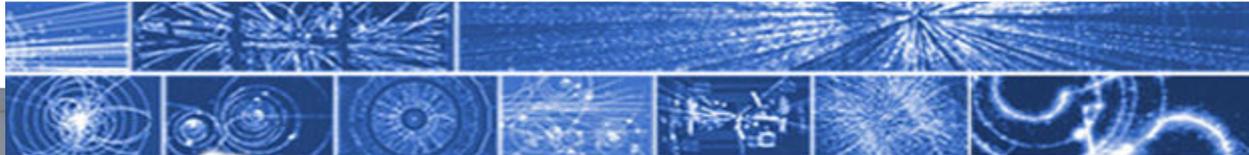
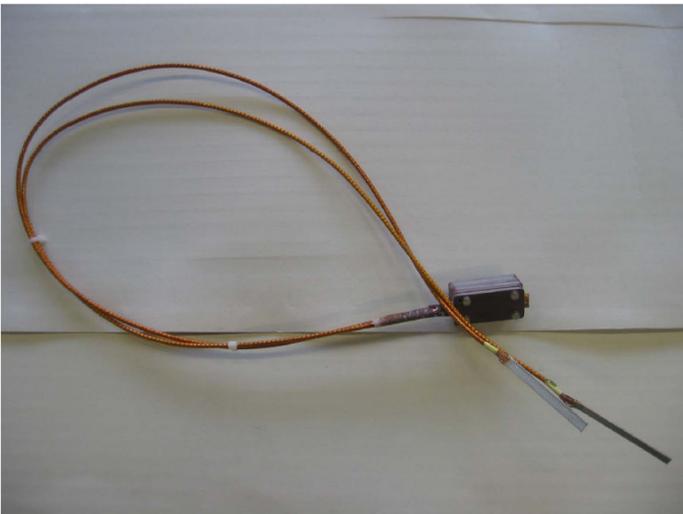


Fig.5 Electrical connection after 17190 cycles

Electrical connection after 2200 c

Fresca test – 6 kA

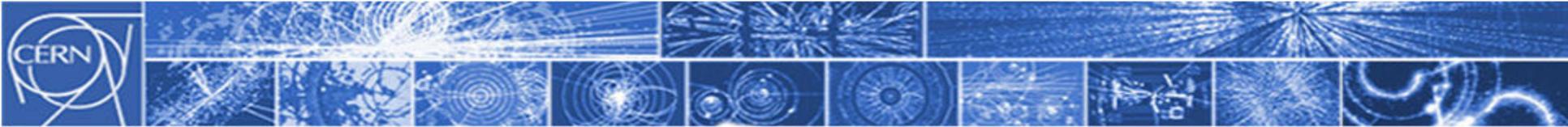


Interconnection praying hand splices: Tests performed :
Fatigue testing at cold in FRESCA



Junction tested in FRESCA:

- 2 tests conducted
- Constant splice resistance monitoring
- 1328 cycles @ 6 kA ; no resistance increase
- 1416 cycles @ 9 kA
 - 2.25 mechanical loads
 - lifetime reduction of a factor 10
 - no resistance increase
- Oxygen free atmosphere/ few MPa so lifetime * > 10
- Visual inspection : No sign of damage
- Micrographic examination done (see next slide)

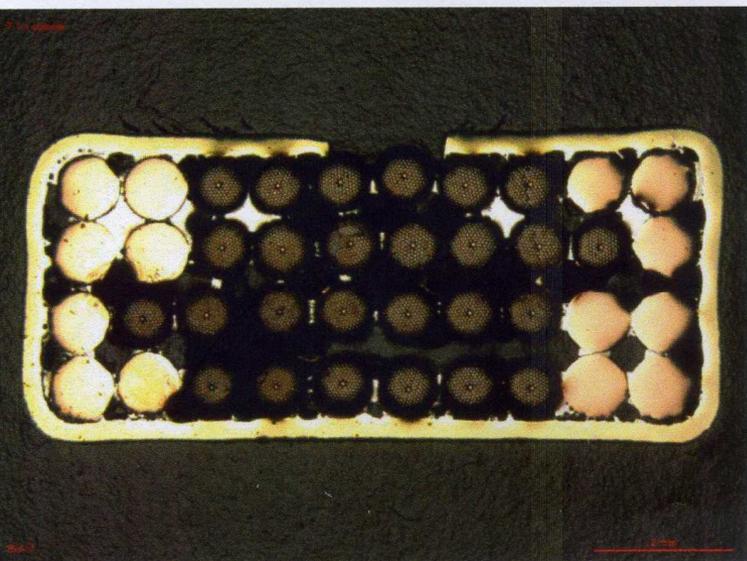


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Interconnection praying hand splices: Tests performed : Fatigue testing at cold in FRESKA

- Micrographic examinations
- Conclusions ?

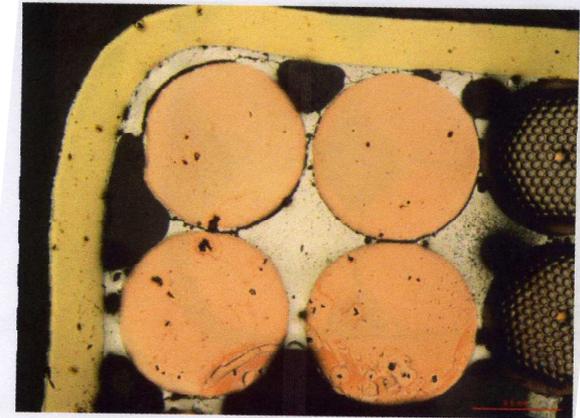


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Magnification:
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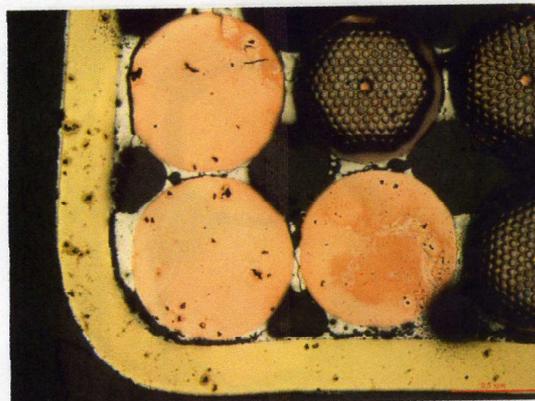
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Description:
Cross-section, at crimp, slight presence of brazing



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Sample Id: 6 kA hairpin connection
Description: Cross-section corner 3, at crimp, lack of wetting
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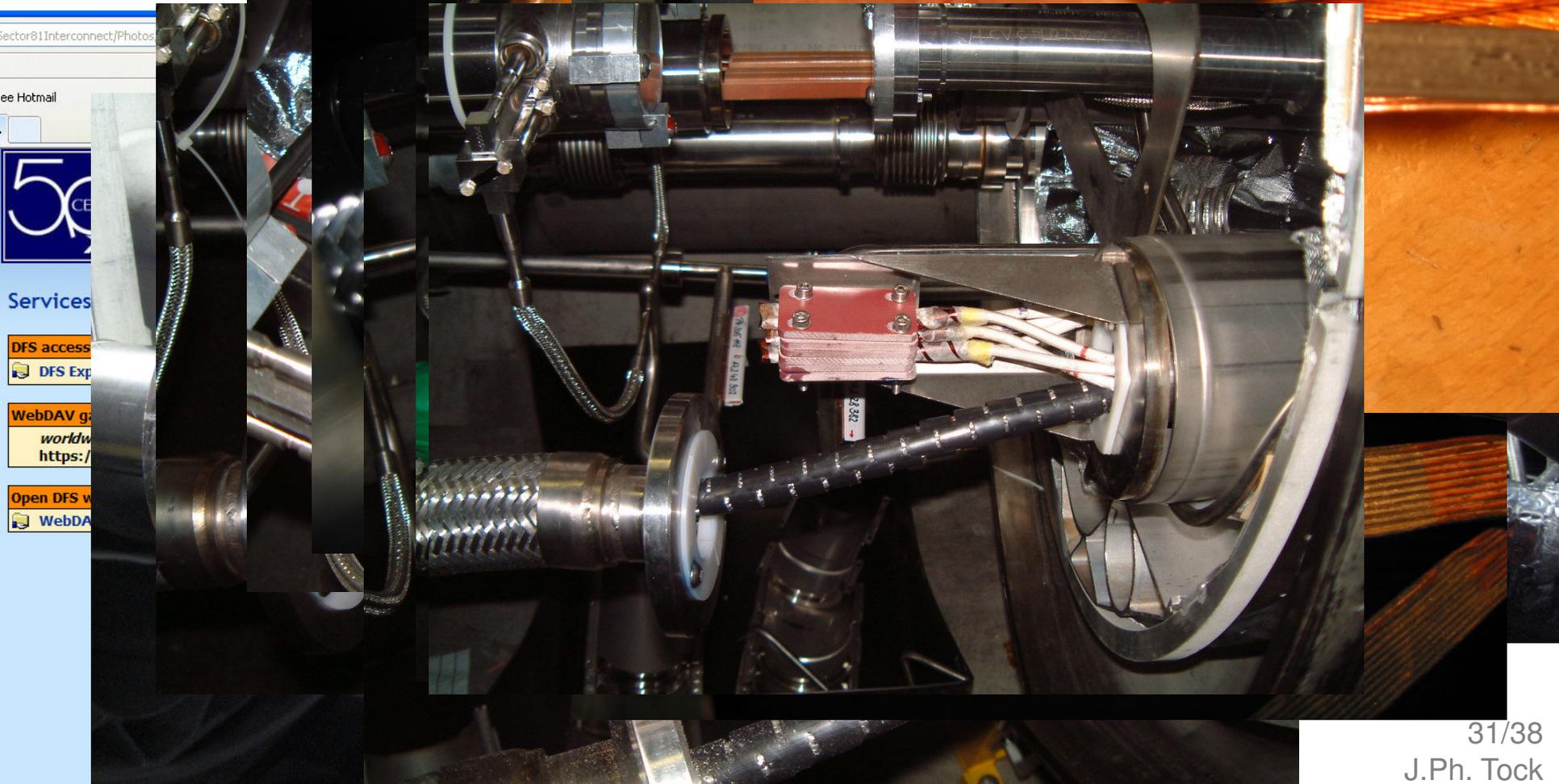


Sample Id: 6 kA hairpin connection
Description: Cross-section corner 4, at crimp, lack of wetting + presence of cracks in the brazing
Original magnification: 25.0 x coaxial



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- No info on L8 (the first sector)
- A lot of pictures for the other points (Not 100 %)



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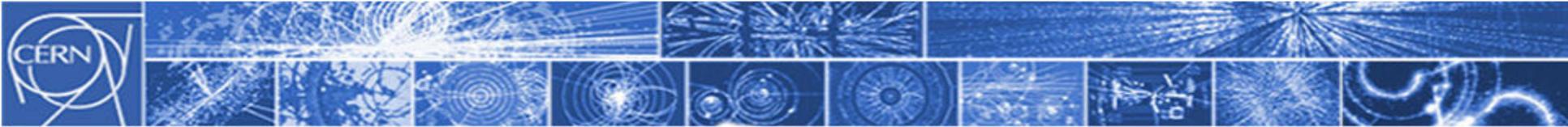
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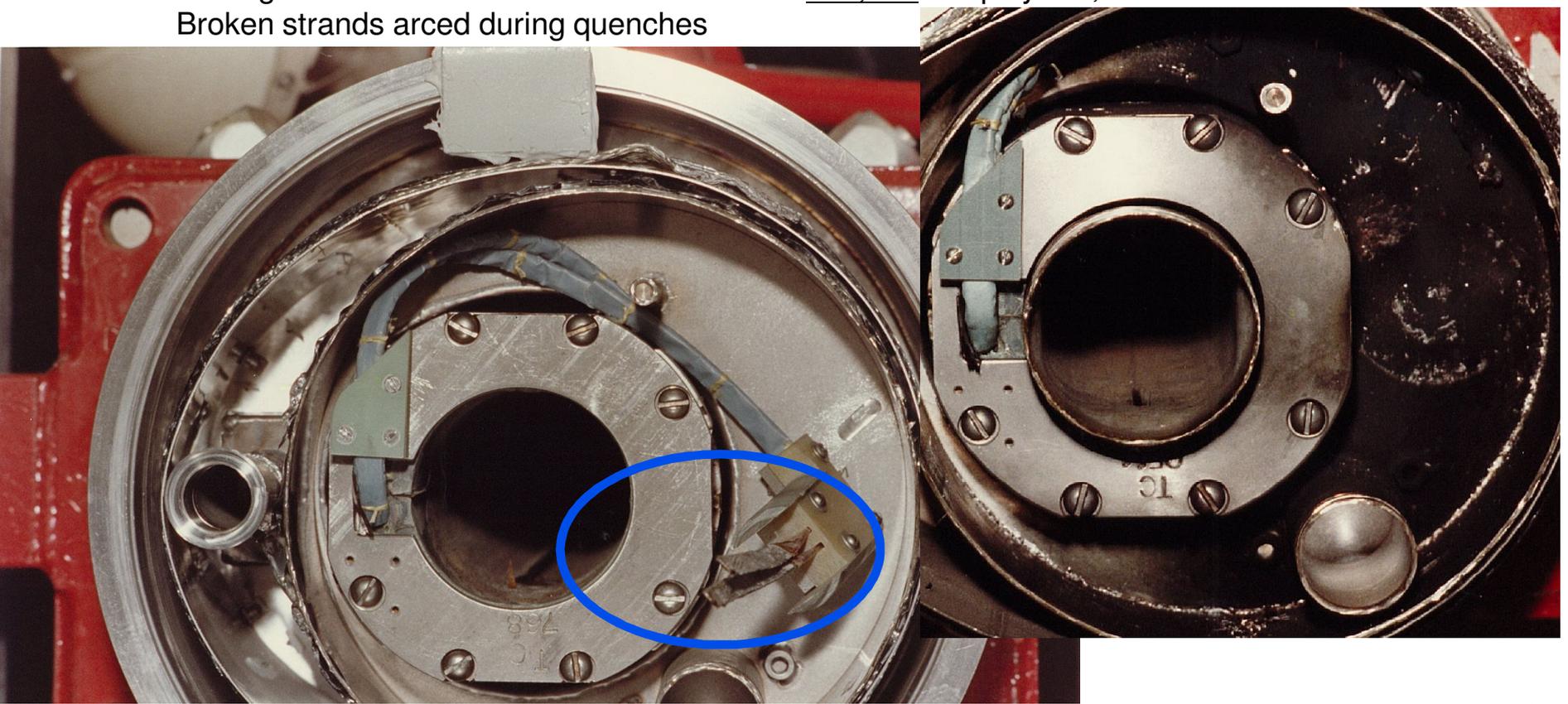
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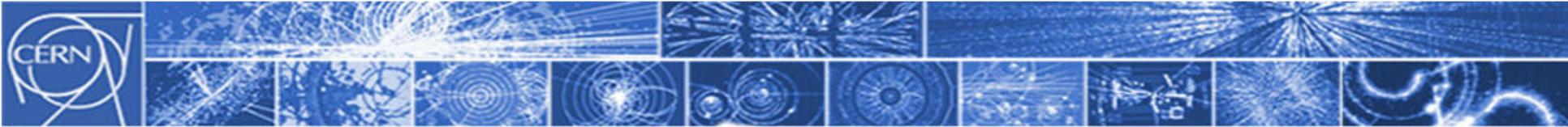
Hand praying splices : A reason to be prudent ?

Experience from Tevatron (P Limon @ splices Task force) 20/01/2010

The TC magnet leads problem

Leads on one end of TC magnets not properly tied together
Flexing resulted in broken strands after about 100,000 ramp cycles, motion of a few cms
Broken strands arced during quenches

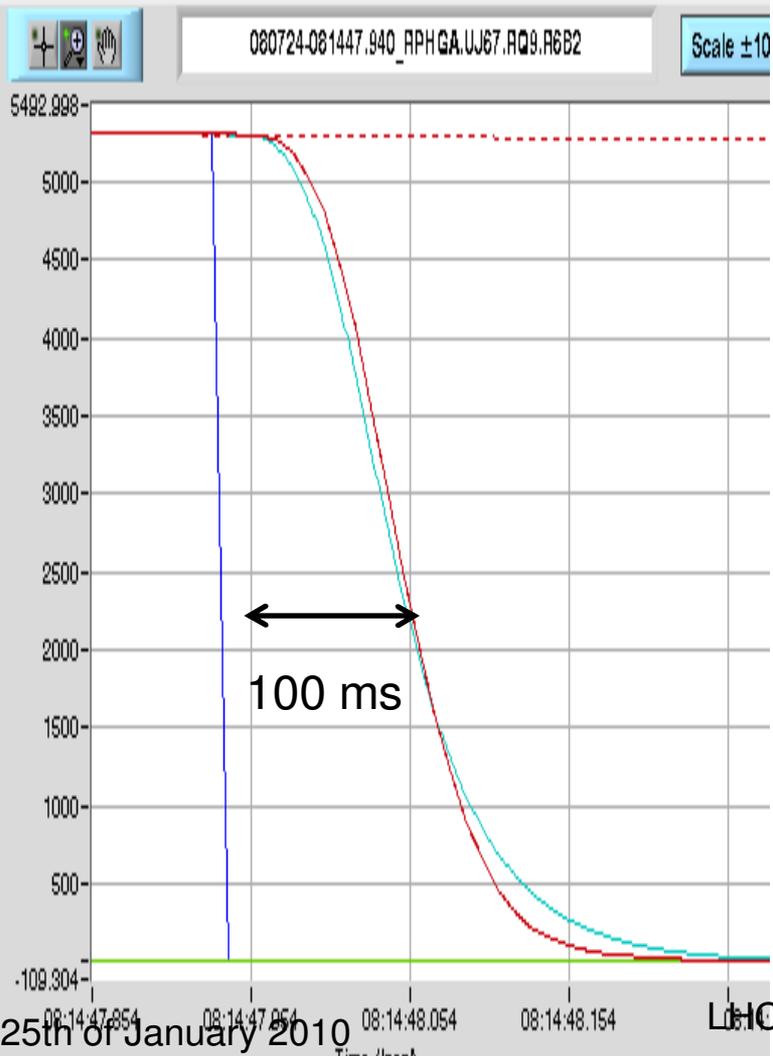




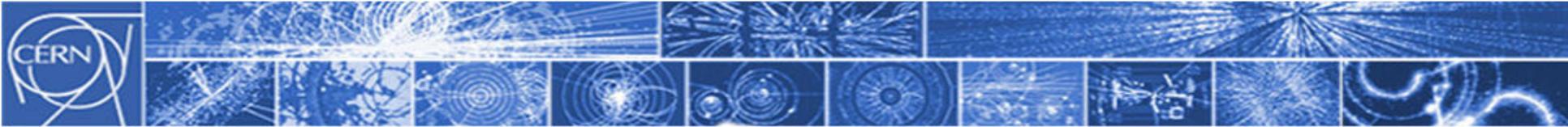
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Interconnection praying hand splices: MCI

- Current decay is very fast (I/2 in < 100 msec)
 - Detection time is < 10 msec
- At ultimate current (5820 A),
Assuming an arc (20 V): dissipated energy < 12 kJ

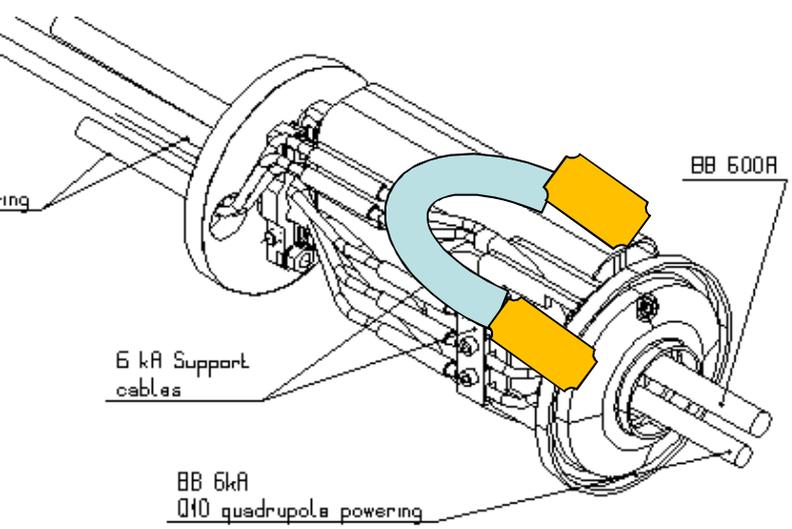


Limit phase I/II is 100 kJ
 If hole is done, He flow << 1 kg/s
 assuming 0.33 kg/s cm² (34 task force report)
 OK without extra pressure relief devices

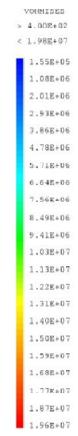
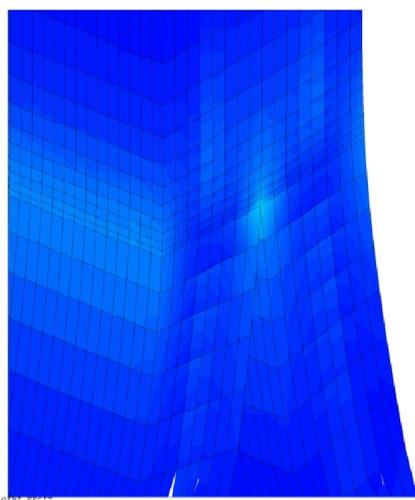


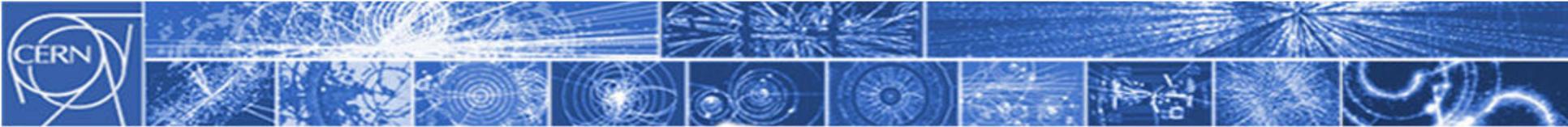
Hand praying splices : Future work (1/2)

- + Revalidate the design with an extra set of samples in representative configuration (FRESCA)
- + Perform extra mechanical studies (FEM)
- + Make a new design with only in-line splices, test it and qualify it
 - Another cable accepting smaller radius of curvature, 2 splices, ... Considerable amount of work. Priority ?
- + Tomograph images in parallel with powering to check displacement
 - TBC : Feasibility and safety



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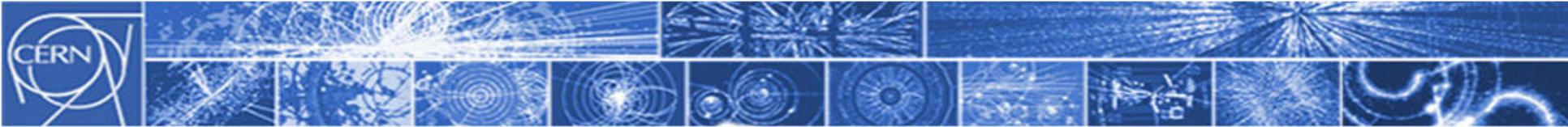




Intervention in the tunnel : 3 scenarios

- ❖ Open all 23 IC (8 sectors), inspect, consolidate splices if necessary or implement new design
- ❖ Open only 8L (4 IC in sect 78), inspect and reinforce if necessary (present design)
- ❖ No intervention

Proposal : Intermediate scenario (Worst case: 1st one and no documentation)
Massive intervention not required shortly as current levels are reduced (<5 TeV)
To update after next shutdown

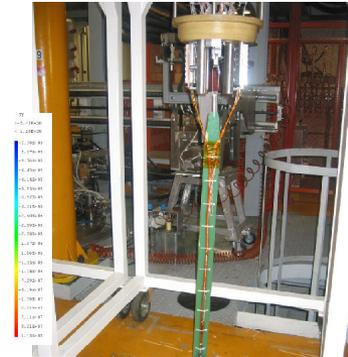
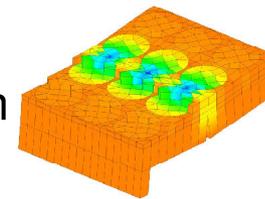
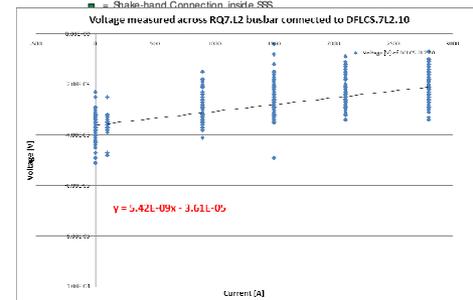
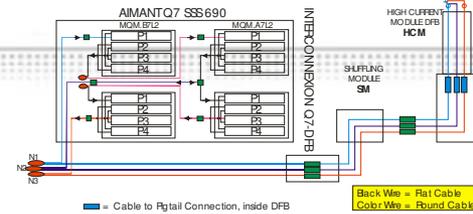


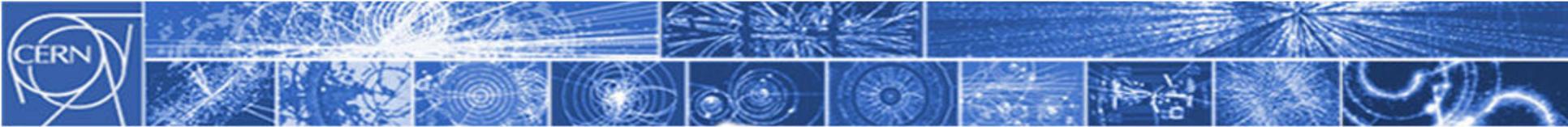
Further work on 6 kA splices

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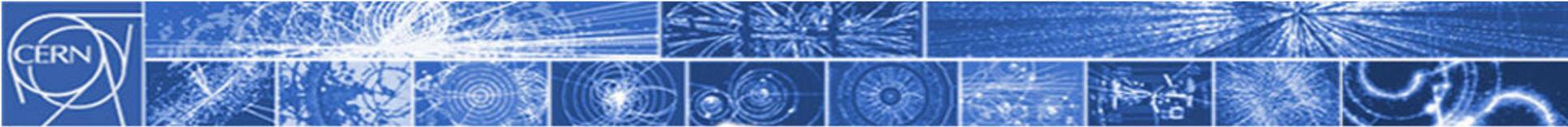
- Complete inventory and schemes of all 6 kA circuits/families
- Map all 6 kA splices at cold, prior to powering at E > 3.5 TeV
Time window to be allocated
- Upgrade the QPS for IPQ/IPDs during next shutdown
- Praying hand splices :
 - New samples to definitively validate the present design
 - FEM mechanical verification of the present design
 - Develop an alternative design and qualify it
 - Refine MCI scenario
 - Tomograph investigation with current (if confirmed)
 - Inspect and possibly reinforce splices in 8 L
 - Then review the situation





Conclusions

- The present status of the 6 kA splices has been presented (progress report)
- No show-stopper has been identified so far
- Approach is proposed for the praying hand splices
- Work is still required to carefully scrutinized all 6kA splices
- Priority wrt other projects will need to be defined



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Thank you for your attention