

LHC Machine Advisory Committee, CERN 26th October 2009

RETRAINING AND DETRAINING IN THE LHC

E. Todesco

Magnets, Superconductors and Cryostats Group Technology Department, CERN

Acknowledgements: C. Lorin, A. Musso, A. Siemko, L. Rossi, A. Verweij, and all the colleagues involved in manufacturing, testing and commissioning

E. Todesco



CONTENTS

- Available data
- Forecast to 7 TeV
 - MonteCarlo
 - Previous estimates
 - Extrapolation
- The Firm3 anomaly
 - Virgin cycle
 - Detraining after thermal cycle
- Analysis
 - Homogeneity of the production
 - Correlations vs storage time
 - Correlations vs elastic modulus



THE AVAILABLE DATA FROM HARDWARE COMMISSIONING

- Sector 5-6 has been trained up to 6.6 TeV
 - First quench at 10 kA, 700 A gained rapidly (5 quenches)
 - Then a slow training all in Firm3 magnets
 - Only one magnet quenched twice (perhaps), only one detraining
 - Remember that in this sector 55% are from Firm3, but ...



Training in 5-6 during hardware commissioning



THE AVAILABLE DATA FROM HARDWARE COMMISSIONING

- Other sectors:
 - 5 TeV (8.46 kA) all sectors went to this energy wihtout quenches
 - 5.5 TeV (9.31 kA) 6 sectors went to this energy with 1 quench
 - 6 TeV (10.16 kA) 2 sectors (4-5 and 5-6) went to this energy with 3 quenches
 - 6.5 TeV (11.0 kA) 1 sector (5-6) went to this energy with 17 quenches



CONTENTS

- Available data
- Forecast to 7 TeV
 - MonteCarlo
 - Previous estimates
 - Extrapolation
- The Firm3 anomaly
 - Virgin cycle
 - Detraining after thermal cycle
- Analysis
 - Homogeneity of the production
 - Correlations vs storage time
 - Correlations vs elastic modulus



FORECAST BASED ON SURFACE TEST DATA: MONTECARLO ON 5-6

- MonteCarlo method based on surface test data (SM18):
 - For each 5-6 magnet:
 - Take the first virgin quench measured in surface (available for all)
 - Add the correlation with the quench after a thermal cycle, as measured on the 138 dipoles tested in surface, split per Firm
 - This correlation has a linear part, plus a random one, this is why you need a MonteCarlo



Tested after thermal cycle				
Firm1	44	32%		
Firm2	58	42%		
Firm3	36	26%		
Total	138	100%		

Correlation between 1st virgin quench and 1st quench after thermal cycle measured in 138 dipoles [B. Bellesia, N. Catalan Lesheras, E. Todesco, Chamonix 2009]



FORECAST BASED ON SURFACE TEST DATA: MONTECARLO ON 5-6

- MonteCarlo method based on surface test data:
 - ☺ Gives the first quench level (10 kA)
 - Output: Second Secon
 - ⊗ Overestimates level reached after 26 quench by 500 A
 - ⊗ Slope is different!!



MonteCarlo forecast for 5-6 and hardware commissioning data [B. Bellesia, N. Catalan Lesheras, E. Todesco, Chamonix 2009]



- MonteCarlo method:
 - For 5-6 to reach nominal: 5 quenches from Firm1, 15 from Firm2, 35 from Firm3
 - Correcting for the composition of 5-6, we get 400 quenches to reach nominal for the LHC, or 50 quenches per octant

	Sector 5-6		A generic octant		All the LHC	
	% of magnets	n. of quenches	% of magnets	n. of quenches	% of magnets	n. of quenches
Firm1	19%	5	33%	9	33%	72
Firm2	26%	15	33%	19	33%	155
Firm3	56%	35	33%	21	33%	168
Total	100%	55	100%	49	100%	394





Previous estimates to reach nominal in the tunnel



SCALING-1 HYPOTHESIS: Applying the 80% reduction to the whole sample → 0.2 quenches needed to go to nominal → 30 quenches per octant
[P. Pugnat, A. Siemko, IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond. 17 (2007) 1091]

26th October 2009 – Training and detraining - 9

E. Todesco



FORECAST BASED ON SURFACE TEST DATA: COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS ESITMATES

• On the other hand ...



SCALING-2 HYPOTHESIS: assuming that all magnets after thermal cycle behave as the sampled ones → 0.35 quenches per octant to reach nominal applies to the LHC → 50 quenches to reach nominal [C. Lorin, A. Siemko, E. Todesco, A. Verweij, MT-21 IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond. 20 (2010) to be published]



 Empirical extrapolation of hardware commissioning data based on exponential fit (very pessimistic)



The exponential fit of current vs quench number for 5-6 hardware commissioning

- ~200 quenches per sector 5-6
- For generic sector having 33% of Firm3: 110±35 quenches per octant to reach nominal [A. Verweij, Chamonix 2009]



- Last method: MonteCarlo for Firm1 and Firm2, plus total loss of memory of Firm3
 - Remember Firm3 took 1 quench per magnet to go to 7 TeV in virgin conditions
 - Estimate= 72 (Firm1)+155 (Firm2)+416 (Firm3)=640 quenches = 80 quenches per octant
- Summary training to 7 TeV

Method	Quenches per octant to nominal	Comments
Scaling-1	30	Based on test data
Scaling-2	50	Based on test data
MonteCarlo	50	Based on test data
MonteCarlo Firm1/2 + total detraining Firm3	80	Based on test and HC data
Extrapolation	110±25	Based on HC data

- For 6.5 TeV, a short training is expected (10-15 quenches per octant)
 - Needed time: a few days of training per sector

Method	Quenches per octant to 6.5 TeV	Comments
Scaling	12	Based on HC data



CONTENTS

- Available data
- Forecast to 7 TeV
 - MonteCarlo
 - Previous estimates
 - Extrapolation

• The Firm3 anomaly

- Virgin cycle
- Detraining after thermal cycle

• Analysis

- Homogeneity of the production
- Correlations vs storage time
- Correlations vs elastic modulus



- Firm3 anomalies in quench perfomance were visible in two different aspects in surface test data
 - (1) Virgin training: Firm3 is dominating the training at low fields
 - Around 10 kA, Firm3 quenches are more numerous than Firm2 and Firm1



• But the Firm3 magnets were the first to reach ultimate! This is why they had a lot of bonus



- Firm3 anomalies in quench perfomance were visible in two different aspects in surface test data
 - (2) De-training after thermal cycle
 - On the 138 magnets tested after thermal cycle, Firm3 is the only one showing more detraining, and net loss after thermal cycle in a few cases



Correlation between level of the first virgin quench and gain after thermal cycle



THE FIRM3 ANOMALY

 Nevertheless, during hardware commissioning the Firm3 detraining was much worse



Correlation between level of the 1st quench and gain after thermal cycle, Firm3 magnets, and hardware commissioning data

 Please note: plot is not fair, we compare a distribution of 84 magnets (balls) in 5-6, unveiled up to the dotted line, with a distribution of 36 magnets tested after thermal cycle (crosses)



- An additional « strangeness » of Firm3 (w.r.t. Firm1 and Firm2): location of the second quench
 - 95%-100% of the 1st quench is in the heads, in all firms
 - 10% of the 2nd quench is in the straight part for Firm1 and Firm2, 2% only for Firm3
 - Is this relevant ?
 - Does it mean that Firm3 has worse heads or that it has a better straight part ?

	1st quench			2nd quench		
	Average	Stdev	Fraction in heads	Average	Stdev	Fraction in heads
Firm1	8.32	0.40	97%	8.70	0.27	89%
Firm2	7.87	0.53	100%	8.53	0.38	88%
Firm3	7.95	0.79	96%	8.57	0.46	98%

Average and stdev of first and second virgin quenches, and fraction of them in the heads (measured on a sample) [courtesy of C. Lorin]



CONTENTS

- Available data
- Forecast to 7 TeV
 - MonteCarlo
 - Previous estimates
 - Extrapolation
- The Firm3 anomaly
 - Virgin cycle
 - Detraining after thermal cycle

• Some analysis

- Homogeneity of the production
- Correlations vs storage time
- Correlations vs elastic modulus



- 1st question: are Firm3 magnets in 5-6 anomalous w.r.t. the whole Firm3 production?
 - No, the cumulated training of Firm3 magnets in 5-6 is very similar to the whole batch



Cumulated performance of virgin training of all Firm3 magnets, and of Firm3 magnets in 5-6



- 1st question: are Firm3 magnets in 5-6 anomalous w.r.t. the whole Firm3 production?
 - But it is true that there has been a degradation along the production: first 100 very good, than worse
 - 5-6 contains a specific batch, mainly magnets from 3300 to 3400





ANALYSIS: HOMOEGENITY

- 2nd question: is this detraining due to storage time ?
 - There is no indication of a correlation with storage time





- 3nd question: is this due to softer coils ?
 - There is no indication of a correlation with measured elastic modulus



Elastic modulus of coils for magnets in 5-6, inner layer [courtesy of A. Musso and C. Lorin]



- 3nd question: is this due to softer coils ?
 - There is no indication of a correlation with measured elastic modulus



Elastic modulus of coils for magnets in 5-6, outer layer [courtesy of A. Musso and C. Lorin]



CONCLUSIONS AND ACTIONS

- LHC Energy:
 - 6.5 TeV is at hand with a very limited training, a few days per sector
 - 7 TeV will need more training we have no data!
 - HC commissioning data of other sectors will not come before 1 year
- Causes of Firm3 anomaly are under analysis
 - Evidence of anomalies in surface test data:
 - Slow training at low fields and detraining after thermal cycle,
 - But this is not the whole story!



CONCLUSIONS AND ACTIONS

Actions

- Continue the analysis of correlations with production parameters
- One could make an extensive campaign of quenches over several thermal cycles on 2 magnets per Firm, with quench location [proposal from G .De Rijk]
 - After the incident this is possible, before all Firm3 magnets were in the tunnel ⁽ⁱ⁾
- But ...
 - One could risk to damage the spares
 - The statistics could be not significant
 - The magnets from Firm3 come out of the incident → one would keep the doubt of a bias