

Electrical Test Baseline

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Introduction

- Maximum expected voltages during operation are calculated through simulation of worst conditions during a quench, including failure of protection elements.
- Calculations are conducted at nominal current. Conditions at ultimate current should be covered by the margin in the components design without applying safety factors. Some exceptional conservative cases must follow the same rule, as they are realistic but with very low likelihood of happening (HL-LHC Project policy).
- Electrical test levels are obtained by applying factors regarding the different environments and temperature-pressure conditions under which the magnet will be tested.





11 T Dipole Worst-case Conditions

• Failure case analysis for a 11 T cryo-assembly during quench [1]:

	Nominal		1 QH circuit failure		2 QH circuits failure	
	I _{nom}	l _{ult}	I _{nom}	l _{ult}	I _{nom}	l _{ult}
Current [kA]	11.85	12.80	11.85	12.80	11.85	12.80
Quench integral [MA ² s]	15.8	16.2	16.1	16.4	16.2	16.5
Hot-spot temperature [K]	320	342	327	349	333	356
Peak voltage to ground [V]	245	340	570	680	950	1070
Peak turn to turn voltage [V]	75	80	80	90	90	95

 The failure of 2 heater power supplies or circuits at nominal current gives the worst-case voltage to calculate V_{sim} :



Assuming fuse failure in the heater power supply

Energy Extraction

voltage to ground



11 T Dipole Electrical Test Values

Test values at 'Manufacturing Facilities and Test Stations' stage:

Test name		Test voltage	Value	
Test voltage at NOC at 'Manufacturing Facilities and Test Stations' stage (V)	To ground	V _{test1 (ground)}	3300	
	To quench heater	V _{test1 (heater)}	3200	
Test voltage at warm before first helium bath (V)	To ground	V _{test2 (ground)}	5000	Limits set by
	To quench heater	V _{test2 (heater)}	3200 —	magnet designers
Test voltage at warm after helium bath (V)	To ground	V _{test3 (ground)}	660	
	To quench heater	V _{test3 (heater)}	640	Europe Constant for a discontinue of
Maximum leakage current (µA) for a cryo-assembly – not including leakage of the test station			30 —	Expecting feedback
Test voltage duration (s)			120	

• Test values at '*Tunnel*' stage:

Test name		Test voltage	Value	
Test voltage at NOC at 'Tunnel' stage (V)	To ground	V _{test4 (ground)}	2100 🛑	in LHC at cold
	To quench heater	V _{test4 (heater)}	1620	
Test voltage at warm after helium bath (V)	To ground	V _{test3 (ground)}	660	
	To quench heater	V _{test3 (heater)}	640	
Maximum leakage current (µA) for a cryo-assembly – not including leakage of the test station			30 —	Expecting feedbac
Test voltage duration (s)			120	nomitests



Tests Sequence and Possible Scenarios



Test levels to apply at each ELQA step



Proposed Intermediate Temperature Test

 Tests at an intermediate temperature at 1 bar allow to qualify the magnet in a well-known environment, close to the conditions in which the worst voltages are expected at quench;

Test voltage	Temperature [K]	Maximum detectable defect length [mm]
	80	~5
3200 V, 3300 V (V _{test1})	150	~10
	200	~13

- Reasons for such a test:
 - Verification of the effects of helium pockets after cold tests which might degrade an already weak insulation;
 - Test level at warm for refurbished magnets is still not clear (to be addressed after proper studies are conducted);
 - High dielectric strength of liquid helium and air might hide defects due to the less stringent test voltage at warm after helium bath, V_{test3} (660 and 640 V);
- Feasibility of this intermediate temperature test strongly depends on the test station capability in terms of voltage withstand and possible stable cooling conditions (temperature and pressure).





Thank you for your attention



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