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Magnetic Field Error Cancellation with HTS-Based Magnetic Screens

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Introduction (1/2) - Motivation

What if future particle accelerators will be based on HTS magnets?



Topic:

Numerical methods for large-scale superconducting technologies



Research question:

Transient effects in HTS accelerator magnets, with emphasis on:

- Quench protection
- Magnetic field quality



Feather M2 magnet. Left: Magnetic flux density. Right: current density distribution in the coil



Introduction (2/2) - Theoretical Background

Formulation

Coupled **A-H** field formulation for time-domain analysis of HTS magnets [*]

Domain decomposition:

- A (Wb/m) where $\sigma \rightarrow 0$ (e.g. air, iron)
- **H** (A/m) where $\rho \rightarrow 0$ (e.g. coils)



Finite material properties \rightarrow solver stability

Numerical Validation

Magnetic field quality analysis in the HTS dipole insert-magnet Feather M2

Simulations () VS Experiments (---)



Very good agreement



[*] Bortot, Lorenzo, et al. "A Coupled AH Formulation for Magneto-Thermal Transients in High-Temperature Superconducting Magnets." *arXiv preprint arXiv:1909.03312* (2019). Presented at COMPUMAG 2019.

Magnetic field Quality in Accelerator Magnets

Importance: Stability of particle beams

Influence factors: mechanical tolerances, dynamic effects, iron saturation, **persistent magnetization**

Quantification: Magnetic field as multipole series expansion, with A_i , B_i skew and normal multipoles

Example: dipole magnet

• B_1 dipole field, $(A_{m \ge 1}, B_{n \ge 2})$ field error

Total Harmonic Distortion:

THD₁ =
$$1e^{-4} \frac{\left(\sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} A_m^2 + \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} B_n^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{B_1}$$



Magnetic field representation by means of a multipole series expansion



Issue: Persistent Magnetization in Superconductors

Superconducting coil in a changing magnetic field $\partial_t B$

- Faraday Law, Screening currents J_{screen}
- Screening magnetic field B_{screen}
- $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty \rightarrow$ no decay \rightarrow persistent magnetization

Smaller filaments \rightarrow smaller B_{screen}



Coils made of HTS tapes:

- Wide filaments, 4-12 mm \rightarrow ~1000x more than in Nb-Ti / Nb₃Sn strands!
- Significant B_{screen}
- Magnetic field quality degradation, especially at low current

→ Potential showstopper for accelerator magnets



.. but the Problem may also be the Solution!

Thin layer approximation:

High aspect ratio (~1000), HTS thickness neglected



Example:

Selective field-cancellation for dipole field



ReBCO tapes in external magnetic field

HTS tapes can shape the magnetic field!



Magnetic Field Error Cancellation

Idea

HTS-based magnetic screen for magnetic field errors in the magnet aperture

Key Features

- Tapes aligned with main magnetic field component
- \checkmark Persistent magnetization \rightarrow screening of field errors
- \checkmark Brick wall geometry \rightarrow effective tape width increased
- ✓ Passive device

HALO: Harmonics-Absorbing Layered Object



Screens for dipoles (left) and quadrupoles (right)





Proof Of Concept

Key Ingredients:

- Reference magnetic field 1.
- Source of magnetic field error 2.
- Correction of the magnetic field error 3.
- \rightarrow Differential field quality measurement



Normal conducting dipole MCB22 @ Magnetic Measurement Lab (Bdg. 311), CERN





Proof Of Concept (cont'd)



Cross sectional view



86 mm

Cross sectional view of the rotating probe and the magnetic screen



Simulations: Magnetic field in the HB2 Dipole

Magneto-quasistatic analysis

- 100 mT peak field in the aperture
- 10 A/s ramp rate, then plateau





Magnetic flux density in (T) in the magnet aperture, with iron bars



Simulations: Magnetic Screen Baseline Design

Simulation of field quality (*) for:

- Iron bars scenario \rightarrow field error
- Magnetic Screen scenario → field correction



Comparison of field quality: Magnetic field multipoles

> 80% reduction of total harmonic distortion



Simulations: Magnetic Screen Optimized Design

Optimization

- 111 Increased no. of layers \rightarrow Compensation for skew multipoles a_i
- $\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$ Increased no. of tapes per layer \rightarrow Compensation for normal multipoles b_i



Significant reduction of the field error!



Project Status

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Step	Status	Time	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	
Procurement	100%																							
Manufacturing	90%																							
Assembly	0%	1 W (*)																						
Commissioning	0%	1 W (*)																						
Test campaign	0%	2 W (*)																						
Result Analysis	0%	?																				?		

(*) estimated

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Use of HTS tapes in accelerator magnets:

→ Magnetic field quality errors (especially at low current) due to persistent magnetization

HTS-based magnetic screens for magnetic field correction

→ Passive device to cancel undesired field multipole components in the magnet aperture

Next Steps

- 1. Finalization of the first magnetic screen model
- 2. Experimental campaign, performance analysis
- 3. Prototype within an accelerator magnet

Thank you for your attention!

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Annex

Simulations: Magnetic Screen Baseline Design

Comparison of field quality (*) in :

- Iron bars scenario \rightarrow field error
- Magnetic Screen scenario → field correction



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