

Status and Test Results of the 11T Magnets

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S2 and S4 on test in SM18 – Picture taken on 2020-02-20

S2 ready for CD2

S1 (LMBHB002) – Powering tests results

Courtesy G. Willering et al. – See also A. Devred et al. @ [https://indico.cern.ch/event/806637/](https://indico.cern.ch/event/806637/timetable/#20191014.detailed) **Decision management** document EDMS 2213035 (Sept. 2019): Qualification of the 11T magnets as **suitable for installation in the LHC if they can be powered stably at a current of 11950 A** (i.e. nominal design current for beam energy of 7 TeV plus 100 A operating margin as required for HWC)

MBHB-002 training

- **Virgin training with only 2 quenches (in Ap2) to 11.95 kA**, one in each coil. The first one at rather low current (not uncommon in models too)
- After thermal cycle, no quench up to 11.95 kA, **good memory**
- After the two quenches at the initial training, **no additional quench** recorded throughout all subsequent powering tests, at all ramp rates, and temperatures (1.9 K and 4.5 K)
- The magnet reached nominal current at 4.5 K, indicating a temperature margin > 2.6 K
- The magnet has been subject to 330 electro**magnetic cycles**, and **4 holding current tests** for a total of 20.5 hours (of which one plateau of 12 hours)

Lock-down Covid-19 **S2 (LMBHA-001) – Powering tests results**

Courtesy G. Willering et al.

Cool down 1 and 2:

- **Four quenches to 11.95 kA**
- \checkmark The **magnet** is **OK**, no sign of degradation
- **12-hour holding current test at 11.85 kA**
- **Spikes on V-signals**,

D1 & D2 in the capillary tube originally attibuted to an intermittent short between

- \checkmark No quench in the beginning up to 11.95 kA, then **4-hour holding current test at 11.85 kA w/o quench**
- \checkmark Instability as from 2nd week of testing in coil D2L @ 1.9 K
- \checkmark V-I measurements show degradation in coil D2L
- **120 electromagnetic cycles** (3 series of 10, 30, and 80) between 5 kA and 11.85 kA **without degradation** (checked on V-I measurements)
- \checkmark No quench at 4.5 K

Cool down 4:

- \times At 4.5 K, quench limit in coil D1L
- \times At 1.9 K, quench limit in coil D2L, like during CD3
- \checkmark V-I measurements show conductor degradation in both D1L and D2L

S3 & S4 (LMBHA&B-002&3) – Powering tests results

Courtesy G. Willering et al. s4:

 Did not reach the target current of 11.95 kA (nominal + 100 A) at nominal ramp rate of 10/s

- **2 training quenches to nominal** (Q1 @ 8.5 kA and Q2 @ 10.4 kA) both in Ap1, Coil-Up, Head CS
- Ramp to 11.95 kA (nom. + 100 A), 2' stable, then 11.85 kA, 1h stable
	- Q3 @ 11.5 kA in Ap1, with precursor (training), Coil-Down, towards head NCS, during VI-splice cycle. Quench Heater YT-221 failed in open loop. We suspect at the same location as for S3 (QH to pin connector jointing), as indicated by reflectometry tests. **This is a major NCR, which is putting in question the qualification of the magnet for installation**
- Q4 @ 11.84 kA in Ap1, with precursor (training), Coil-Up, towards head NCS, during 50 A/s ramp rate. A second 50 A/s ramp up was OK without quench
- At 4.5 K, the magnet reached nominal current without quench
- The **12h holding current test at nominal current was successful, and without quench**
- Splices OK (max. 0.6 nOhm for 3 splices combined), and VI measurements (1.9 K and 4.5 K) do not show degradation
- The thermal cycle was done between 25 September and 2 October

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Powering test – Overview on coil degradation

Plan

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Background on QHs

- The **prototype** LMBHB-001 did not reach the performance target (Jul. 18)
	- Limited to circa 10 kA, one coil limiting the performance (D2-Up, coil CR07)
	- Decision to disconnect D2, in order pursue the cold tests with only D1 powered
- Upon completion of the cold mass reconstruction, the electrical tests revealed **dielectric strength issues** with a systematic breakdown at circa 2.1 KV between the QH circuits and the coils, resulting in reduced electrical insulation, well below $1GΩ$

Short after successive

C bank discharges in CR06 Last discharge before burn through Short detail after peeling test

- After a review held on 2019-01-11, it was decided to change for external QHs
- External QHs were used as from the magnet S3

different operation and test conditions (including quench) \prec **Additional HV tests** were specified as follows: In GHe, [200K, 10bar, 1.6kV], [200K, 3bar, 1.6kV], and [200K, 1.3bar, 1.6kV] in order **to make sure the magnet would survive the**

5-10 μ m Cu 25 um 304L 15 um Adhesive

50 um Polvimide

An overview of the HV tests at 200 K in GHe

- **Coils equipped with external QHs pass the test successfully**, not those equipped with impregnated QHs
- expected dielectric strength of 10kV, at RT, after the coils have been exposed to helium during cold tests F. Sava \sim 10th HL-LHC Collaboration Meeting on 202 **It has also been shown** recently (August 2020) on the last model MBHDP-201 (PIT conductor), equipped with external QHs, **that the QH to coil insulation system can withstand the**

QH trace to wire jointing issue

- Two QH failures have occurred, one in the magnet S3 (Jan. 20), and one in S4 (currently in test)
- So far, none of the 40 connections of the coils equipped with impregnated QHs (10 series coils) has shown any issue, and 2 out of 32 connections of the coils equipped with external (8 series coils) QHs have failed in open loop

- Work is ongoing in order (1) to consolidate the current procedure (use of a soldering jig) and QA/QC, or (2) to devise an other jointing concept (direct soldering wire to trace, or use of a flat connector), also with the soldering jig and consolidated QA/QC
- In parallel, tests on representative samples are ongoing, as follows
	- Discharges tests @ RT (endurance, limit), with thermography
	- lara e_a **Micro-tomography and metallography (size, interface between** the parts, i.e. quality of the soldered joint)
- Case of the magnet **S3**, coil **C14**, **D2-Lo**
	- At RT, in production, 4 discharge tests are made, 1 after collaring, 3 during CM construction (400 V, 80 A)
	- Failure at 3rd discharge during reception tests at cold prior to powering (900 V, 150 A)
	- No sign of degradation during the first 2 discharge tests

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S2 – MBHA-001, quench at 8.5 kA **S4** – MBHB-003, quench at 8.5 kA

 $Time(s)$

 $-D1$ D₂

 $-D1$ U D₁L $-D2 L$

D2 U

Time (s) 0.5

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- Spikes appear on the voltage signals following a quench, during the current decay
- **S2 was subject to > 40 discharges** (provoked quenches) in different conditions in order to understand their origin. An **Electrical Conformity Assessment Panel** was put in place in the middle of April for the installation of the S2
- Spikes are **also present in S4 – MBHB-003**, and other 11T dipole magnets to a certain extent (also in some short models)
- The spikes are **most likely related to changes in magnetization, or differences in quench propagation velocity**. This feature still needs to be understood and explained!

as originally thought, for which there was a demand to carry out electrical tests in specific conditions ("lifted voltage"). One shall review whether these special tests are still needed, as there isn't any electrical weakness (tbc by ECAP)
. Given this, **we are convinced that we can rule out the idea of an intermittent short between the two apertures**,

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CD-WU tests and thermo-mechanical analysis

- **Determine**, both experimentally and by FE-modeling, the **temperature mapping** (in both the time-domain and the space-domain, in radial and longitudinal directions) **inside the cold mass** of the cryo-magnet, **down to the coils**, during transients and nominal operation
- **Determine the associated stress distribution** (at macroscopic level) resulting from the differential thermal contraction/expansion due to material properties and/or thermal transients
- Identify features, cryogenic parameters, which may impact on the temperature distribution in the cold mass
- **The magnet S2 was used** for the CD-WU tests. A max. delta T of 30 K was imposed, like for the CD-WU conditions, which have become standard as from the cold tests of the magnet S1-LMBHB002 (previously of the order of 200 K)
- The **mass flow rate of helium gas was changed with values comprised between 30 and 50 g/s** (usually, 60 g/s) for the range 300 K – 80 K in order to understand better the thermo-mechanical behavior of the magnet, and for benchmarking the FE Modeling

Connection to CFB & Magnet instrumentation

Courtesy Y. Leclercq et al.

- Connection to CFB:
	- $1 \times \text{inlet} + 1 \times \text{outlet}$
	- Cryo control from T GH e_{OUT} T GH e_{IN}
	- Inlet mass flow rate measured
- Monitored temperatures:

Inlet / Oulet T-sensors

- Gas T-gradient in **Channel 1** (**6 x Cernox**)
- Outer **CM envelope** (**15 x PT100**)
- **Coils average temperature (indirect via V-taps)**
- \blacksquare Nb-Ti/Nb-Ti & Nb-Ti/Nb₃Sn splices (indirect via V-taps)

Installation of PT100 on outside surface of CM shells

S2 instrumentation layout on bench C2 Insertion of TT00X in channel 1

1

TTX004

D1_Up

D1_Low

TT00X TT821

2

TTX003 TTX005

TTX001 TTX002

Sensors / coils locations in section view 5 positions for T-sensors in each of the 3 sections

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D2_Up

General observations 300-80K range @ 50 g/s

At the start of the transient

- Similar temperature decrease @ 1K/min for GHe_{IN} & splices
- **Structure and coils temperature** smoothly cool down @ 5 K/h
- Steady conditions
	- T GHe_{IN} \approx T Splices
	- Constant longitudinal T-gradient in structure
	- T GHe_{OUT} < Max ($T_{\text{STRUCTURE}}$)

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Outer structure T-mapping in 300K-80K range

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- Radial ∆T:
	- Asymmetric flow distribution → vertical ΔT in structure
	- Radial ∆T increases from injection to outlet
- Longitudinal ∆T
	- Rather constant, about 30 K
- Influence of mass flow (50 g/s & 30 g/s)
	- Limited on longitudinal ∆T (same gas T-gradient)
	- Longer cooling time \rightarrow more time for radial diffusion \rightarrow radial ∆T reduction

Outer envelope temperature profile along the 6-m long magnet 50g/s DT=30K Note: locally Twall-Tgas in ch1 = 10, 15, 20 K for resp. TTA, TTB, TTC

Radial position of the PT100 sensors & qualitative T-distribution on the envelope

Multi-physics model – CFD thermal benchmark (Main Channel)

S2 cooldown "Main cooling channel": Measurements vs Simulations

F. Savary @ 10th HL-LHC Collaboration Meeting on 2020-10-06 24

Multiphysics model – CFD thermal benchmark (on the shell)

Preliminary conclusions

- Heat transfer gas-to-CM is by convective heat exchange in parallel channels
- **In the 80 to 300K range, the measurements show ∆T in the outer structure up to 7K in the radial direction, and 30K in the longitudinal direction**
- **Within 30-50 g/s range, the CFB mass flow rate has:**
	- Limited influence on the longitudinal ΔT (gas and structure)
	- Visible influence on the radial ΔT (structure)
- **Splices Nb-Ti to Nb₃Sn follow closely the inlet gas temperature, likely due to thermal** conduction through busbars. At start, local ∆T between splices and surrounding structure may be over 20K
- **Work is still in progress in terms of analysis but the data is likely to confirm the presented** conclusions
- The part **thermal analysis of the CFD model** has been benchmarked against the temperature measurements
	- The **maximum difference in temperature between the measurements and simulations is below 3% for the main cooling channel and 9 % for the other cooling channels**
	- The temperature output/map of the CFD-thermal model will be used for the mechanical analysis during cooldown in a time dependent study (work in progress)

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Magnets equipped with impregnated QH

11T status Oct. 2020 – Coils, Collared Cs, Magnets

S5 left 180 this afternoon to go to SMI2 for cryostating

 $\mathsf{ERN}\ \mathsf{)}$ It will move to SM18 less than three weeks after cryostating, i.e. it should be in SM18 in the 1st week of November *Cold mass of S5 shown in bldg. 180 on 2020-10-01 (left), and on 2020-09-28 (right)*

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- **There are very good results in terms of magnet training**
	- Out of 4 series magnets, 3 went to target, 11.95 kA (nom. + 100 A), after only 2-4 quenches during the initial training
- S1 was the first series magnet to be tested. It passed all the qualification tests defined at the time. The readiness for installation is under assessment
	- It did not quench anymore after the first 2 training quenches (memory after thermal cycle, EM cycles, holding current tests, …)
- The magnet S2 was good till the end of CD2
	- Two coils have shown clear degradation during CD3 and CD4. The cause of these degradations still needs to be understood
	- An extensive campaign of discharge tests was conducted (>40 additional discharges) in order to understand the spikes
- The magnet S3 did not reach the target from the start, i.e. CD1, with a coil limiting the performance
- The magnet S4 is performing well. The test campaign is currently ongoing with the 2^{nd} CD
- The QH trace to wire jointing needs to be reviewed following two failures in the magnets S3 and S4
	- **These failures have occurred on the coils equipped with external QHs only. Although the jointing concept is the same as for the** impregnated QHs, the conditions of execution of the soldering operation are different (more difficult), and this might play a role
	- Work has been initiated (1) to characterize the joints made in S3, S4 and S5, and (2) to implement a consolidated solution for the magnets S6 and S7
- Work has been done in order to improve the CD-WU conditions by limiting the ΔT to 30 K in the temperature range [300K-80K]
	- The tests carried out recently on S2 are reassuring, showing limited radial/longitudinal gradients in the magnet
	- We still need (1) to complete the thermo-mechanical analysis, (2) to study what happens in the lower T range [80K-2K], and (3) to study what could happen during quenches (natural, and provoked like during the discharge tests)
- The spikes observed on the voltage signals after quench seem to be a systematic feature
	- **These are not due to any electrical insulation weakness, and should not be an issue for operation**
- Overall, nice results, even if there are still a few points to sort out!

Thank you for your attention

