Electrical characterization of S/C conductor for the CMS solenoid





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Strand→Cabling→Co-extrusion→EB-welding

21 conductors, 2250 m each

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Importance of Ic survey

-quality control during the multi-step conductor fabrication→degradation control -I/Ic~1/3→large enthalpy margin

-analysis of field distribution on the layers for each module→choice of the "best"conductor



4.2

3.4

3.2

2.9

3

1st layer

5

4.3	4.4
3.2	3.3
2.2	2.3
1.2	1.2

Where and how: CEA-Saclay: critical current measurement single strands in the CHRISTIANE facility Infn-Genova: critical current measurement of the finished conductor in Ma.Ri.S.A facility



Property	Single strand	32-Strand Cable
Diameter/	1.28	20.63×2.24
Dimensions (mm)		
Cu/Sc ratio	1.1/1	1.1/1
Number of NbTi	500 to 700	$32 \times$ (filaments in one strand)
filaments		
Twist pitch (mm)	45	180-190
Sample holder	Straight /hairpin	Circular
Ic measurement	Direct	Transformer



Measurements at 4.2 K & 5T ntro

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Infn-Genova: direct transformer method



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How to compare?

Definition of Ic without ambiguity *Voltage Criterion*, 0.1 μV/cm

Definition of critical field *Not unique* •Self-field •Complex field distribution in multi-strand cables



Rutherford cable B_{ext}=3.18 T+Self-field I=1860x32 A



Single strand B_{ext}=5T+Self-field I=1860 A ntro

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How to compare?

Apply an external field so that the strands in the cable at higher field experience a mean field equal to that of the single-strand distribution .

 $B_{ext} = 3.17 \text{ T}$ $B_{mean} = 5 \text{ T}, B_{peak} = 5.52 \text{ T}$



We made in Ma.Ri.S.A. some measurements on coextruded samples to compare our results with the critical current of single strands. There is a very good agreement; the max difference is within the error value of 2%. ntro

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ebw12-cms13

ebw13-cms14

ebw14-cms15

ebw15-cms16

ebw16-cms17

ebw17-cms19

ebw18-cms20

ebw20-cms21

ebw21-cms22

ebw19-cms18-t2

ebw19-cms18-t1

2040

2057

2028

2023

2008

2003

2000

2013

2013

2015

2017

1938

1945

1926

1907

1917

1920

1924

1867

1904

1909

1951

-5.0%

-5.4%

-5.0%

-5.8%

-4.6%

-4.2%

-3.9%

-7.3%

-5.5%

-5.3%

-3.3%

Max degradation, -7.4% Min degradation, -3.3%



Ic spec = 56 kA at 5 T and 4.2 K

All conductors have critical current higher than the spec value from a minimum of 6% to a maximum of 11%. Ic statistics

Joints

Electrical characterization of joints Rj required <10⁻⁹ Ω





Praying hands configuration

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Ansaldo Superconduttori procedure

- 3 mm deep chamfer, 45° angle
- One pass, fore-heting at 120 °C, max temperature 320 °C
- Spot welding

INFN tests on round samples in *shaking hands* configuration Rj=4.9 10⁻⁹ Ω on a 28 cm long joint \rightarrow need 140 cm

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CEA tests on straight samples in *praying hands* configuration Rj=7.8 $10^{-10} \Omega$ on a 99.3 cm long joint \rightarrow need 78 cm

Joints are welded two meters long to be very safe!

Conclusions

We have electrically characterized the S/C conductor for the CMS solenoid at CERN.

All the conductors used for winding the magnet have a critical current at least 6% higher than the specification value. The total degradation from the virgin strand to the finished conductor is in the worst case 7.4%.

We have qualified the method used for making the electrical joints between layers in a single module and between modules and bus-bars.

Both round and straight samples were measured. According to these measurements, it has been decided a conservative length of two meters corresponding to a resistance of 3.8 $10^{-10} \Omega$ with an external field of 1 T. ntro

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