Radiation Resistance Issues for Superconducting Magnets

- Toward SLHC and High Intense Muon Experiments at J-PARC -

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LHC and Experimental Insertions

Circumference: 27 km Injection Energy: 450 GeV (p) Collision Energy: 7+7 TeV Peak Luminosity: 10³⁴ cm²/sec



LHC at CERN

An R&D program to Address Irradiation Effects in Superconductors for LHC Upgrade

L. Bottura, R. Flukiger, A. Ballarino,

F. Liberati, L. Oberli, I. Pong, G. de Rijk

EuCARD workshop on insulator irradiation

CERN, December 2, 2009

Remember : LHC Upgrade 2.5 X « present » values (Phase I) 10 X « present » values (Phase II) >> SLHC



- Total fluence in 10 years (200 d/year):
 - neutrons: 2.5 x 10¹⁷ n/cm²
 - protons: 6.2 x 10¹⁵ p/cm²



Source of radiation is secondary (& primary?) at IP

Present TAS between IP and IR

*Target Ahsorher Secondaries: conner



J-PARC

- Constructed by JAEA and KEK
- Completed 2009
- Proton accelerator complex aiming high beam power:
 - 3 GeV 1MW at RCS 50 GeV - 750 kW at MR
- Material and Life Science: Neutron and Muon >> SuperOmega
- Elementary Particle Physics: Pion, Muon, Neutrinos, etc. >> g-2, COMET



COMET Overview

Search for " μe conversion": μ -+(A, Z) \rightarrow e⁻ + (A, Z) >> forbidden by Standard Model.

>> very sensitive to a new physics beyond S.M.
Stage 1 approved by PAC of J-PARC: candidate of flagship experiment



COMET Pion Capture SC Solenoid

Tungsten target in the magnet bore >> Radiation shield 300 mm thick \$\operatorname{1000-1300mm, 5T, AI-stabilized NbTi}
Indirect pipe cooling

- Al-stabilized superconducting cable
 - to reduce heat load by radiation from target
 - □ cable dimension: 15mmx4.7mm



Al/Cu/NbTi : 7.3/0.9/1.0

Coil parameters:

	length (mm)	thickness (mm)	current density (A/mm²)
Coil1	1200	90 (6 layer)	53.0
Coil2	1400	30 (2 layer)	53.0
Coil3	600	30 (2 layer)	53.0
Coil4	300	60 (4 layer)	62.9





Irradiation: Energy deposition



Total Energy Deposition (GeV/g/1ppp)

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Irradiation: Neutron Fluence



New Demand: Radiation Resistant SC Magnets

- Application:
 - SLHC (>2018)
 - Pion Capture Solenoids: COMET (201x?), g-2, Mu2e
 - Muon Transport: SuperOmega (2010?)
 - Long-term: Muon collider??
- Design Dose Guideline: 10²² n/m², >10 MGy
 Similar level as ITER SC magnets!!
- Watch: difference in radiation type, spectrum, environment.

How can we realize the magnet system?

Interaction and Particle Energy

$$p = \frac{\sqrt{\left(\left(T + m_0 c^2\right)^2 - \left(m_0 c^2\right)^2\right)}}{c}$$
$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$

p: Momentum (MeV/c) T: Kinematic Energy (MeV) m_0c^2 : Rest Mass (MeV) h: Planck's Constant(=4.1357e-15 eV s) λ : de Broglie Wave Length (m)

Lattice Constant: ~ 10^{-10} m >> En ~ 0.025 eV Nucleus: ~ 10^{-14} m >> En ~ 10 MeV Nucleon: ~ 10^{-15} m >> En ~ 1 GeV Quark...

- Physics model is energy-dependent:
 - Quark-Gluon String, INC-Evaporation, Optical Model, END...
- Displacement of atom is induced by neutron bombardment beyond ~0.1 MeV.
- But at higher energies, intra-nuclear reaction is more dominant.
- For organic materials, ionization by gamma rays is most influenced.

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R&D for Radiation Resistant SC Magnets

- Simulation for magnet design with acceptable dose
 - MC Codes: MCNPX, Geant4, MARS, PHITS, FLUKA
 - Discrepancy in dose among codes.
 - Uncertainty (factor 2-5 in my impression)
 - Geometry modeling. Suitable setting. Benchmark.
 - Discussion on results of fluence, heat deposition, radioactivity, etc. Feedback to the magnet design with redundancy: enlarging shield, aperture >> COST !!
- Evaluation of Radiation Resistance
 - Choice of appropriate materials.
 - Literature survey and experiment to evaluate the limit.
- Development of Radiation Resistant Materials
 - Cyanate Ester Resin, Ceramic Insulation, etc...

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Elements of SC Magnet

- SC Coil
 - SC: NbTi (or Nb3Sn), MgB2
 - Stabilizer:
 - Resin: Epoxy, Cyanate Ester
 - Insulator: Polyimide, glass sheet, GFRP, Ceramics

copper, aluminum

- Mechanical Structure & Cryostat
 - Support: metal, GFRP (w/ Epoxy or CE)
 - MLI: Polyimide w/ Al coating
 - Instrument.: thermometer (Cernox, Pt..), wires,
 - Protection: bypass diode, heaters,
 - Bus Leads: HTS, copper

Metal, semiconductor, ceramics: influenced mainly by n, p, ions Organic materials: influenced by gamma rays (<u>e</u>), n (<u>p</u>) (& <u>charged particles</u>) Composites: gamma rays, n,

Irradiation effects are determined by nature of materials, radiation types, energy, ambient gas, temperature.

SC Magnet Operation: mostly around 4K, vacuum or LHe >> better radiation environment compared with one at RT and in air (oxygen).

Neutron Spectra at Irradiation Facilities



Fig. 1. Neutron flux density distribution for four different neutron sources: fission reactor (TRIGA, Vienna), spallation source (IPNS, Argonne), DT-source (RTNS-II, Livermore), fusion spectrum at the magnet location (STARFIRE).

- Reactor (& SNS) provides both neutrons & gamma rays.
- Those neutron spectra widely range from thermal to MeV.
- DT neutron is rather monochromatic at 14 MeV with negligible gamma-rays.

Gamma-ray Irradiation Facilities

Cs137(0.66MeV) or Co60(1.17, 1.33MeV) gamma ray sources

- In reality, irradiated by a variety of particles with higher energies up to several GeV.
- Difficult to perform irradiation tests with similar radiation environment.

>> Redundancy must be taken into account.

SC: NbTi (1)

Degradation on Tc: 0.15 K to 0.6 K @up to 10^23/m2

Adv. Cryo. Engineering, 32, p853 (1986)



Jc: < 10% reduction up to 10^22/m2



Fig. 2. Dependence of critical current vs magnetic field for 37core industrial superconducting NbTi wire: (a) before irradiation; (b) after irradiation by the neutron fluence of 8.6×10^{17} cm⁻²; (c) after irradiation by the neutron fluence of 1.6×10^{18} cm⁻².

I: Significant reduction at 5T @ 10^22/m2





Fig. 11. Changes of critical current densities measured at 5 T with fast neutron fluence. AT, LT: irradiation at ambient temperature and 77 K, respectively; LTTC: irradiation at 77 K and thermal cycle to room temperature. No. 1: Nb-42 wt% Ti, lowest j_{c0} ; Nos. 1 32, 33: Nb-42, 49, 54 wt%Ti, highest j_{c0} of each series; Nos. 34, 35: Nb-49 wt%Ti, Multifilamentary conductors [41].

J. Nucl. Materials, 108&109, p572 (1982)

Jc: Drop and recovery observed to 10²²/m². 10-20% reduction up to 10²³/m². Recovery by annealing to RT is observed.



SC: Nb3Sn

Adv. Cryo. Engineering, 32, p853 (1986)



Fig. 6. Change of critical current densities with neutron fluence. The scaling is not completely accurate because of slight differences in damage energy cross sections. Low temperature irradiations on an alloyed conductor are compared to ambient temperature irradiations of pure Nb₃Sn²⁹. Fusion Eng. Design, 84, p1425 (2009)



Jc: Improvement bwn 10^22 and 10^23/m2. Significant degradation beyond 10^23/m2.

NbSn would be OK up to 10^22/m2 as well.

SC: MgB2

Physica C, 463-465, p211 (2007) SNS, Irradiated at RT

Natural abundance ratio: B10 19.9%, B11 80.1%

Large neutron capture cross section of B10.

Recent work on **B11 enriched MgB2** to improve radiation resistance: **B10 < 0.5%**.

Table 1





Fig. 2. Critical current density measured at 5 and 20 K as a function of magnetic field.

Jc at higher field improved by irradiation up to 6*10^21/m2.

Fig. 1. Upper critical field as a function of temperature estimated at 90%



MgB2 with enriched B11 would be OK up to 10^21/m2. Availability of production wire should be checked. Further irradiation tests should be done.

Anneal Effect: Stabilizer - Elec. conductivity-

Irradiated at 4K, and warmed up to RT.



Fig. 3. Recovery and differential recovery versus logarithm of absolute temperature for aluminum irradiated at 4.5 K to 2×10^{18} n/cm² of E > 0.1 MeV.



 $n/cm^2 \text{ of } E > 0.1 \text{ MeV.}$ fluence up to 2*10^22/m2.



- Double of electrical conductivity can be observed at 10^21/m2.
- Full recovery in Al expected by T.C.
- Degradation in Cu will be accumulated even after T.C.

Why is ρ of Stabilizer Important? >> very concerned with quench protection.







Neutron irradiation test for stabilizers (copper, aluminum) is undoubtedly necessary.

minimum fluence to start of degradation

anneal effect on recovery

R&D of witness sample for the operation

Organic Materials: Overview

CERN Yellow Report, Compilation of radiation damage test data, CERN 98-1 & 2001-06

Table 2: Classification of adhesives according to their radiation resistance







• Polyimide for electrical insulation is OK over 10MGy.

• Our previous work (only w/ γ) shows GFRP (G11) and insulator (GUG) with epoxy-resin could be used in LT environment up to several MGy.

>> Need to check neutron effects.

>> Evaluation tests should be re-considered. What purpose? Function? Type of loads?

• As explained later, CE has a better radiation resistance than Epoxy.

* Note difference is within factors.



Organic Materials: Epoxy vs. Cyanate Ester



Austria TRIGA Reactor Irradiation

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- 80% gamma, 20% neutron, 340 K
- $10^{21} \text{ n/m}^2 = 4.7 \text{ x} 10^8 \text{ Rads}$

Fabian and Hooker et. al., presented at "HHH-AMT, Topical Meeting on Insulation and Impregnation Technologies for Magnets" Slides available: http://at-hhh-amt.web.cern.ch/AT-HHH-AMT/

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R&D on AI stabilized NbTi conductor

• COMET, Mu2e

- Collaborative work with Hitachi Cable.
- Production of Al stabilized NbTi superconductor for test coil. (>500m)
- Fundamental study on Al stabilizer: doping of different elements, cold-work.
 >> RRR, Yield Strength, Bonding Strength.
- Property change due to neutron irradiation



Neutron Irradiation - Plan-

- Kyoto Univ. Research Reactor (5 MW, 3x10¹³n/cm²/s for n_{thermal})
- Shutdown until spring 2010 for fuel replacement. New operational power is lowered to be 1 MW.
- Low temperature irradiation facility available:
 - T_{irrad.} from 10 K to 370 K
 - Max. fast-neutron flux of 1 x 10¹⁶ n/m²/s
- Sample candidates: Copper (RRR~100), Pure AI (see next slide), others...
- In-situ resistance measurement under the irradiation, hopefully up to 10²² n/m²
 - Fluence of degradation start
 - Anneal effect on recovery by warm-up to RT
- Irradiation test anticipated in fall 2010.



Ceramic Insulation

- A15 type SC wire application: SLHC
- Alumina Insulation Tape, Cloth:
 - Up to 1200 °C
 - t0.125 mm or thinner (0.08 mm?)
- Intrinsically Radiation Resistant ??







Cyanate Ester Based Resin for Nb3Al Coil Impregnation

- Collaboration for accelerator HFM application (SLHC): Mitsubishi Gas Chemical: provider of Cyanate Ester resin Univ. of Hyogo: evaluation (bonding & mechanical properties) JAEA: gamma-ray irradiation, evaluation (evolved gas) KEK: specification, specimens
 - Radiation resistant resin of Cyanate Ester is being developed for the Nb3AI coil impregnation.
 - Spec.
 - low viscosity
 - control of solidification
 - mechanical strength

A first resin will be delivered to KEK.





Newly developed CE resins for HF accelerator magnets

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Summary

- Importance of radiation resistance has been risen through development of SC magnets for SLHC and high intense muon experiments such as COMET.
- Tentative design guideline: 10²² n/m², 10 MGy. (≅ITER spec.)
- Magnet design relies on the MC simulation with taking into account uncertainty and redundancy.
- Based on literature survey and irradiation experiment, appropriate choice of material and property evaluation must be required.
- Thermal cycle to RT may help to recover properties of metal, but not for organic materials.
- Ceramic insulation and Cyanate Ester resin for Nb3Al SC magnet are being developed.
- For COMET pion capture SC solenoid with Al-stabilized NbTi SC, neutron irradiation at cold at KURR is planned in 2010 to mainly evaluate degradation/recovery property of resistivity of stabilizer.

Question: Validity of "Fluence"? Use DPA? Other better index?

Reminder/Excuse

- So far, less experience to construct/operate SC magnets in severe radiation environment.
 - Problem of SC magnets in LHC IR, SRC/BigRIPS, or muon beam line at MLF-J-PARC in near future might be a good lesson...
 - Keep watching!?
- As far as I know, NO SC magnet, even for ITER, has experienced the fluence of 10²² n/m².

- Magnet development is NOT trivial at all.



Organic Materials: Cyanate Ester



Irradiated at 340K

Test at 77K

Organic Materials: Cyanate Ester

- CTD-422 (CE/Epoxy, VPI)
- CTD-10X (CE/Epoxy/BMI, hotmelt prepreg)
- CTD-15X (CE/BMI, hot-melt prepreg)
- CTD-7X (CE/BMI, HPL)
- CTD-HRBX3 (CE/BMI, HPL)



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08 1.00E+09 1.0 Total Dose (Rads)

1.00E+10

1.00E+11

1.00E+08

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Availability of CE at CTD



Range of Products

• VPI Systems

- CTD-101K Widely used, low viscosity, long pot-life epoxy system
- CTD-400 series Cyanate ester based, low viscosity, long potlife systems, highly radiation resistant
- CTD-528 Room temperature cure system, limited pot-life

Pre-Preg Systems

- CTD-115P Hot-melt epoxy system, comparable to CTD-112P used on ITER CS Model Coil
- CTD-10X New cyanate ester based hot-melt system

High Pressure Laminate Systems

- CTD-7X Cyanate ester/polyimide based HPL system
- CTD-HR3 Cyanate ester/polyimide based System
- CTD-HRBX3 Cyanate ester/bismaliemide system for high radiation resistance

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Insulation Systems for Magnet Applications



Range of Products

- Co-Processed Ceramic Hybrid Systems
 - CTD-1008X/1002X Ceramic system used with an organic VPI system
 - CTD-1012PX Ceramic Pre-preg system used with organic VPI system
- Hand Lay-up/ Wet Winding/ Pultrusion Systems
 - CTD-500 series Room temperature cure organic resin systems
 - CTD-540 Room temperature, accelerated cure system
 - CTD-422PC Radiation resistant potting compound
- Adhesive Systems
 - CTD-620 series Filled or neat resin, good cryo adhesive
 - CTD-920 Filled system, good over large temperature range
 - CTD-900 series High temperature systems

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Insulation Systems for Magnet Applications

- A variety of CE products is available at CTD, but more expensive.
- KEK has started a collaborative work with MGC on CE development. >> Need R&D and evaluation of radiation resistance for a while.

Thermometers: CR

Important role to check soundness of the magnet system.







ŸData available up to 10^20/m2.
ŸConventional CRTs (not TVO: Russian) varies within 0.1 K at 10^20/m2.

Adv. Cryo. Engineering, 47, p1700 (2002)

Thermometers: CR, Cernox, Others



Fig. 2 Influence of reactor irradiation at 4.6 K and of subsequent annealing treatments on the R(T) characteristics of five different Allen-Bradley carbon resistors

 ŸReading drift during irradiation at 4K is 1-2 K.
 >> Serious problem for conductioncooling magnets.
 ŸSome recovery due to anneal effect observed.

- >> Calibration method should be established
- for the hard radiation environment.







Figure 4 Irradiation-induced error on temperature read-out for Pt and Ge (T=1.8 K, dose=6 10⁺ n.cm²) **ÖDedicated for LHC environment. ÖIrradiated up to 10^19/m2.** >> All are OK.



Location of thermometers should be carefully chosen with respect to neutron dose.

In-situ calibration procedure may needs to be developed.

Bypass Diode

Irradiated by 450GeV proton (SPS)



FIGURE 3. Forward bias voltage V_f at forward current $I_f = 12$ kA versus accumulated dose at 77 K and 300 K for one prototype- and 3 series diodes with intermediate warm up. For comparison is also shown one diode without intermediate annealing.

FIGURE 5. Typical reverse bias voltage V_r ($I_r = 1mA$) at 77 K and 300 K versus accumulated dose of one diode with intermediate warm up to 300 K and one diode without intermediate warm up to 300 K.

Bypass diode for the quench protection is the most sensitive element against the hadronic irradiation. Its characteristic change would result in higher temperature rise or other serious damage of the magnet in case of quench. Radiation resistance depends on diodes.



Diode should be located as far as possible from the target and shielded.

Replacement work should be taken into account.

Gamma-ray Irradiation



原研高崎Co-60γ線照射用 液体窒素クライオスタット

線源プールで 見られるチェ レンコフ光







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