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QUENCH PERFORMANCE OF SIX SIMILAR 17 m-LONG, 40 mm-APERTURE

# SSC MODEL DIPOLES

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## SUMMARY

The quench performance of the final six 17 m-long, 40 mm-aperture SSC model dipoles made at Brookhaven National Laboratory is presented in summary form. The six magnets are of similar construction, except for two features: (1) the copper-to-superconductor ratio of the inner cable (either 1.3:1 or 1.5:1) and (2) the axial preload at 4.35K. The inner coil quench performance does not appear to be correlated with the copper-to-superconductor ratio. There does appear to be a correlation between the outer coil quench performance and the cold axial preload.

### INTRODUCTION

The construction of the final six full-length 40 mm-aperture Collider dipoles at BNL was intended, among other things, to test the effect of the inner coil copper-tosuperconductor ratio on quench performance. The first three magnets, DC0201 - DC0203, had Cu:S.C. = 1.5:1 and the last three, DC0204 - DC0206, had Cu:S.C. = 1.3:1. The stability of cable in short-sample measurements has been found to be dependent on the Cu:SC ratio.<sup>1</sup> In other respects the magnets were intended to be alike, with axial and azimuthal preload in operation up to 6.5 kA (6.6 T). Construction details pertinent to this note are listed in Table I. The remaining construction features are described more fully elsewhere<sup>2.3</sup>.

First, this note examines the quench performance of the inner coils. The quench performance of the magnets is shown in Figs. 1 - 6. All of the magnets achieved a plateau at 4.35 K, with the plateau quenches originating in the inner coil. Four of the magnets quenched repeatedly in the pole turn (turn 16), indicating conductor limited quenches. For these magnets, the ratio of the conductor limited quench current,  $I_{cL}$ , to the quench current



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estimated from short-sample tests,  $I_{ss}$ , is tallied in Table II. In two of the magnets, the plateau quenches originated in turns near the pole turn as noted in Table II. For these magnets, the data yield only a limit on the ratio  $I_{CL}/I_{ss}$ . The limit is probably 1% - 2% below the actual value of the ratio. This uncertainly limits the accuracy of the comparison to about 2%, which is comparable to the uncertainty from other sources such as magnet temperature and short-sample measurements. (The three magnets made with Cu:S.C. = 1.3:1 all contain cable from the same spool;  $I_{CL}/I_{ss}$  varies 1% in this set.) Within this 2% uncertainty,  $I_{CL}/I_{ss}$  shows no dependence on the Cu:S.C. ratio.

Another approach to testing for effects of the Cu:S.C. ratio is to count the number of inner coil training quenches. This enumeration can be broken into three parts: initial quenching, quenching after a thermal cycle, and quenching at low tempeerature. (Outer coil quenches have been ignored for this exercise.) In the initial quench testing, one of the three magnets in each group has no training quenches and the other two do. The total number of training quenches for each group of three magnets (two for the magnets with Cu:S.C. = 1.5:1, four for the magnets with Cu:S.C. = 1.3:1) is small and not significantly different for the two groups. After the thermal cycle, the two groups have the same performance (one magnet with no retraining, two magnets with one retraining quench each). At low temperature, all three magnets with Cu:S.C. = 1.5:1 reach plateau with little additional training as does the one magnet (DC0206) with Cu:S.C. = 1.3:1whose low temperature performance was not limited by the outer coil. In all, no significant difference is found between the number of training quenches in the two groups of magnets.

When the magnets were tested, quench origins in the outer coil were found in fourof the magents. A careful review of the construction features (Table I) and quench performance (Table II) was made. The experiment with magnet DC0201, where outer coil quenches were observed after the end preload was reduced, coupled with experience with the 1.8 m-long, 50 mm-aperture magnets, which had improved quench performance as a result of increasing the end preload,<sup>4</sup> suggested that increasing the end preload might help. Consequently, the room temperature end preload in the last magnet, DC0206, was increased significantly. No quenches occurred in the outer coils of this magnet. A review of the outer coil quenches and end loading of these magnets shows a simple correlation: magnets with end preload at 4.35 K of 5600 lbs. or more do not quench in the outer coil; those with cold end preload of 2000 lbs. or less do.<sup>5</sup>

In addition to the warm end preload, two factors influenced the cold end preload. First, the interface between the yoke and collars was changed due to the addition of 3 mil shims after magnet DC0201. Second, the yoke packing factor was increased for the last four magnets. The combination of these two changes clearly influenced the axial preload during cooldown. The DC0201 end preload increased 5600 lbs. during cooldown, whereas the largest increase in the later magnets was 200 lbs., and most lost significantly. The large increase in the warm end preload of DC0206 compensated for the observed cooldown loss in the magnets with yoke-collar shims and extra laminations.

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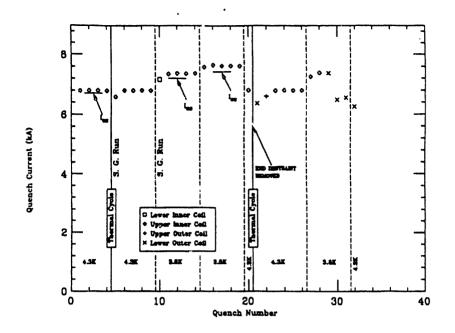


Figure 1. Quench history for magnet DC0201. This magnet was conditioned by ramping three times to 6.8 kA at 3.5 K before the first quench.

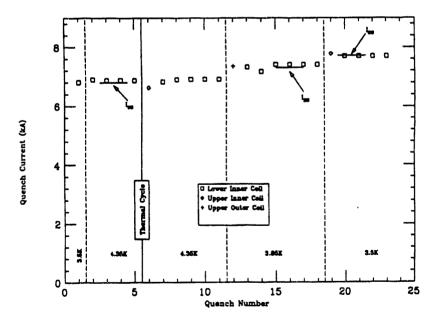


Figure 2. Quench history for magnet DC0202

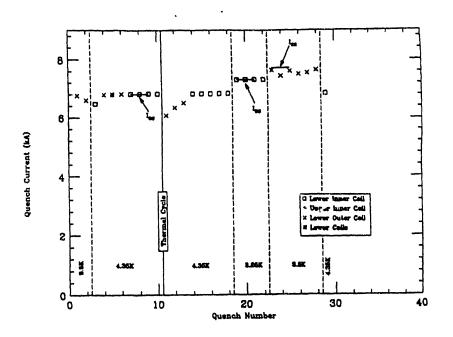


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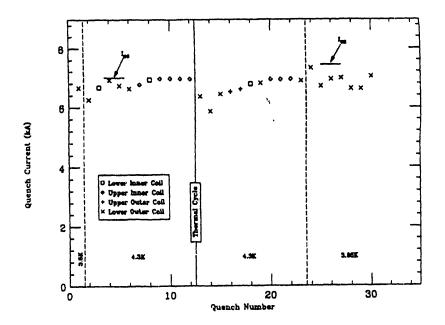


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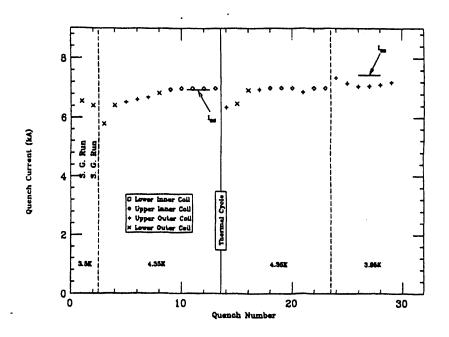


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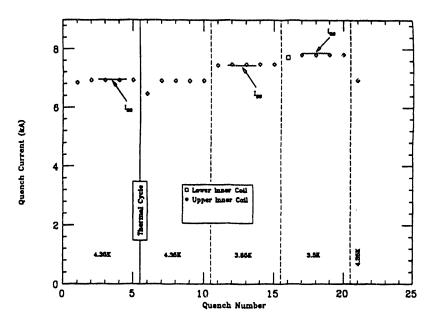


Figure 6. Quench history for magnet DC0206. This magnet was conditioned by ramping three times to 6.8 kA at 3.5 K before the first quench.

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Table I. Magnet (	Construction Features
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	Cable				Cable FG Epoxy Content (%)			Yoke Weight (lbs.)		
Magnet	Inner	Outer	L <sub>c</sub> (7T)	I <sub>ss</sub> (A) 4.35K	I	0	Cu:SC Inner	Before extra Lams.	After extra Lams.	No. of Laminations Added
DC0201	I-B0310	S-2071	7851	6738	24	24	1.5:1	11295.06	11295.06	0
DC0202	I-5264	I-B0359	7791	6800	20	24	1.5:1	11306.20	11306.20	0
DC0203	I-5264	I-B0359	7791	6800	20	24	1.5:1	11306.76	11315.36	7
DC0204	S-2346	I-B0397	8368	6944	20	24	1.3:1	11307.64	11315.24	7
DC0205	S-2346	I-B0359 I-B0397	8368	6944	20	24	1.3:1	11309.29	11321.19	11
DC0206	S-2346	I-B0640 I-B0641	8368	6944	20	20	1.3:1	11309.39	11314.79	5

#### NOTES:

201: No shims; 202-206: 3 mil shims at poles between collar and yoke.
 202, 203, 205, 206: Increased end force before test.
 203: Asymmetry of one outer coil wedge reversed.
 201, 204: Bridge, via RTV/weld of end tubes, between end plate and yoke.
 This series of megnets used low carbon steel spacers between blocks rather than stainless steel spacers as used in earlier magnets.
 The yoke design specified a fixed weight of steel over the specified yoke length. When spaces between yoke blocks developed because of more compact yoke blocks, extra laminations were mistakenly added in the later magnets, giving a higher yoke density in these magnets.

	Cold Azimuthal Prestress			Total End Force (lbs.)					of ning		
Magnet	σ,Inner, I=0 (PSI)	$\sigma$ ,Outer, I=0 (PSI)	$I^{2} \text{ for} \\ \sigma, \text{Inner} = 0 \\ (kA)^{2}$		Cold, Before Q	Cold, After Q	Force at $[^2=40(kA)^2$	I	0	I <sub>ct</sub> (A)	ا <sub>دا</sub> /ا <sub>35</sub>
DC0201	4000	3800	27	1400	5600	7200	9000	0	0	6788	1.007
DC0202	3220	2970	28	3100	1600	4130	6800	1	0	> 6899	>1.015
DC0203	2340	4130	22	3690	1910	3060	5600	1	5	>6803	>1.000
DC0204	3000	3800	25	1600	1800	3600	6000	3	5	6961	1.002
DC0206	2820	3900	25	2800	2000	2800	4000	0	8	6985	1.006
DC0206	5200	4400	31	10000	6000	7400	10700	1	0	6920	0.997

# Table II. Magnet Performance.

### NOTES:

- 202: I<sub>CL</sub> from the second quench. The other plateau quenches originat 1 in turn 13.
  203: All plateau quenches originated in turn 15.
  The outer coil quenching observed in the training of some of the magnets persists also in the lower temperature quenching tests of these magnets.
  The fourth column indicates the value of I<sup>2</sup> beyond which the inner coil prestress is zero. For I = 6.5 kA, I<sup>2</sup> = 42 (kA)<sup>2</sup>.

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- 5. The outer coil quenches in DC0203 may not bear on the question of axial restraint, since all but three were near the location of the incorrectly-installed outer coil wedge (see Table I). The three quenches after the thermal cycle were far from this wedge. But the last two of these occurred near the warm end of the magnet when the temperature rise across the magnet was unusually high (100 mk versus 40 mk).



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