Online monitoring of the ADS Test Cryostat Cold Mass with WPM

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Abstract

Superconducting devices in particle accelerator demand strict operating environment: cryostat with ultra high vacuum and almost absolute zero temperature 2K-4K. This brings a big problem to survey and alignment work: how to preserve the magnets alignment precision in the cryostat, especially after such a big range temperature change. The complicate structure of magnet girder and cryogenic pipes make it difficult to do precise contraction simulation. So wire position monitor (WPM) is designed to measure the device contraction in cryomodule. Accelerator Driven System (ADS) Injector-I is a proton Linac, WPM system was assembled in its first cryomodule TCM. WPM is precisely calibrated, assembled at the same height as magnets. System noise, contraction stability and repeatability are analyzed in detail. Contraction coefficient of girder system is calculated by contraction data and temperature data, the result matches with the thermal coefficient of stainless steel very well. After commissioning, two thermal cycles were recorded, average contraction value was 1.35mm. The commissioning data shows about 0.2mm contraction difference with the same girder structure.

Introduction

More and more superconducting technology is used in particle accelerators. These superconducting devices demand strict operating environment: cryostat with high vacuum and almost absolute zero temperature 2K-4K. Regular survey & alignment method only can work at room temperature, there is no precedent alignment experience to realignment the devices within cryostat at any accelerator center [1-3]. The most important issue is how to preserve the alignment precision after big range temperature change. The complicate structure of magnet girder and cryogenic pipes make it difficult to do precise contraction simulation. So it’s necessary to measure the device position all along the thermal cycle in case of any dramatic change during especially cooling down procedure, then get real contraction value to correct devices’ center. The wire position monitor is designed to realize this function to monitor the device absolute position change. WPM system was firstly assembled in ADS Injector-I cryomodule TCM.

TCM is 2m long, includes two cavities and two solenoids. WPMs are installed at the same height as each device center, as shown in Fig.1. WPM and devices are included within 5K cold shield, connected with G10 girder. G10 is a kind of thermal insulation material.

Wire Position Monitoring System

Principle

The WPM’s principle is similar to microstrip BPM’s [4], with directional coupler structure. Four electrodes generate induced voltage when an RF signal passes through the center. One can get X,Y position from the voltage on the opposite pairs of strips [5]. Equation 1 is the horizontal direction equation [6-9]. The signal source is a stretched BeCu wire fed with 215MHz RF signal, one end of the wire is fixed to cryomodule end cap, the other end is pulled by 5Kg weight through a pulley to keep the wire straight. So wire position is not affected by the temperature.

\[ D_X = \frac{V_B - V_D}{V_B + V_D} = \frac{4\sin(\varphi/2)}{\varphi/2} \frac{x}{2b} + \frac{2\sin(3\varphi/2)}{3\varphi/2} \left[ \frac{x^3}{b^4} + \frac{3xy^2}{b^4} \right]. \]

Calibration

Because the machine error and nonlinearity, each WPM must be precisely calibrated before installation. According to Eq.1 about third of the diameter is linear area. The WPM diameter is 28mm, so ±4mm is linear area. All the WPMs are calibrated at step of 0.1mm and 0.2mm within D/2, covering all the linear area and part of nonlinear area [10-11]. The calibration map is shown in Fig.2. The map shows good symmetry in the center and nonlinearity at the edge.

U-V is the sensing voltage at each position, 100mv corresponds to 0.1mm displacement at center [12]. High order polynomials are used to express the nonlinearity between sensing voltage and position.
**System Noise**

The difference between successive readings of WPM are an indication of the noise level of the system, keeping the wire still allows making an estimate of the upper limit of the noise [7]. Two hours static data was used to do the analysis. The distribution was found to be Gaussian, with an RMS 0.6um. This is sufficient for Injector-I alignment requirement.

**LIQUID NITROGEN TEST**

Before the cryomodule was installed in the tunnel, several experiments were done to make sure the cavities and magnets performance under helium temperature. So we can get real contraction data for each device.

**Vacuum Pump Test**

During the vacuum pump stage, a displacement was detected, so two sequent vacuum pump tests were done to check the repeatability. The test results are shown in Fig.3.

**Cooling Down Procedure**

Historical graph of the vertical direction is shown in Fig.4. Cooling firstly started from 80K cold shield, then 5K cold shield, obvious contraction stage are shown in the historical graph. Final contraction is not even, POS1 and POS2 is about 1.4mm, POS3 and POS4 is about 1.2mm, average value is 1.25mm.

**Cooling Down Procedure**

Temperature data was recorded by Cryogenic colleagues. So contraction data and temperature data are combined together to analyze girder’s thermal coefficient, as shown in Fig. 5.

**COMISSIONING**

After its commissioning, two thermal cycles were recorded, the historical graph is shown in Fig.6. Because the cooling down process were not exactly the same, two contraction courses are different. In the first cycle, temperature was stable at 4K for two weeks, then went through several ups and downs to 2K. This temperature change had bigger influence in horizontal direction than in vertical direction. Horizontal contraction increased about 0.12mm. But vertical contraction decreased about 0.05mm. The repeatability was very good. Then cryomodule went through a steady warm up process to room temperature, the devices position all recovered within ±0.1mm at both direction. The two thermal cycles are all in vacuum circumstances.
**Stability of Contraction**

The difference between successive readings of WPM is an indication of the stability of contraction. The distribution of two hours’ successive data at 4K of both thermal cycles is shown in Fig. 7 and Fig. 8. The rms is 3μm and 0.62μm respectively. According to section 2.3, 0.62μm is almost the system noise. Apparently stability of cold mass was improved after several thermal cycles.

![Figure 7: Distribution of the difference in the first cycle.](image)

![Figure 8: The difference in the second cycle.](image)

**Repeatability of Contraction and Position**

The position and contraction at 4K are compared in Table 1 and 2.

**Table 1: The Contraction of Two Thermal Cycles**

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**Table 2: Position Difference of Two Thermal Cycles**

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The repeatability of contraction is better than 0.2mm in horizontal direction, better than 0.15mm in vertical direction. The repeatability of position is better than 0.15mm in both directions.

**SUMMARY**

Many experiments had been done to test the performance of the WPMs. The monitoring data show that there was no abrupt contraction in all the thermal cycles. Combining the contraction data and temperature data together to analyses the thermal expansion law of the whole girder structure, and the result matches with the stainless steel’s expansion law. Based on early experiment result, the reserved contraction value meet the alignment requirement very well.

**REFERENCE**


