

THERMAL MODELING OF THE TEVATRON MAGNET SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

Operation of the Tevatron at lower temperatures, for the purpose of allowing higher energies, has resulted in a renewed interest in thermal modeling of the magnet strings. Static heat load and AC losses in the superconducting coils are initially transported through subcooled liquid helium. Heat exchange between the subcooled liquid and a counter flowing two-phase stream transfers the load to the latent heat. Stratification of the two-phase helium stream has resulted in considerably less heat exchange compared to the original design. Spool pieces have virtually no heat transfer to the two-phase resulting in a “warm” dipole just downstream. A model of the magnet string thermal behavior has been developed. The model has been used to identify temperature profiles within magnet strings. The temperature profiles are being used in conjunction with initial magnet quench performance data to predict the location of quench limiting magnets within the Tevatron. During thermal cycles of magnet strings, the model is being used to “shuffle” magnets within the magnet string in order to better match the magnets quench performance with its actual predicted temperature. The motivation for this analysis is to raise the operating energy of the Tevatron using a minimal number of magnets from the spares pool.

DEFINITIONS

C_p	[J/g-K] =	fluid specific heat
f	[-]	fraction of the 1ϕ flow passing through the $1\phi_{\text{inner}}$ (coil) passage
f_{HX}	[-]	fraction of the $1\phi_{\text{outer}}$ mass flow which effectively heat exchanges with the 2ϕ
m	[g/s] =	total bulk 1ϕ mass flow for the magnet string
ϵ	[-]	heat exchanger effectiveness
N_{tu}	[-]	number of heat transfer units

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- $Q_{1\phi-2\phi}$ [watts] = distributed heat transfer between the $1\phi_{\text{outer}}$ and 2ϕ passages
- $Q_{1\phi_{\text{outer}}}$ [watts] = distributed static heat load into the $1\phi_{\text{outer}}$ passage (predominately through supports)
- $Q_{2\phi}$ [watts] = distributed static heat load into the 2ϕ circuit
- Q_{AC} [watts] = distributed hysteresis and eddy current losses (predominately hysteresis in the superconductor)
- Q_{ds} [watts] = static heat load into the 1ϕ at the downstream end of the magnet
- Q_{net} [watts] = distributed net heat transferred out of the $1\phi_{\text{outer}}$ passage
- Q_{us} [watts] = static heat load into the 1ϕ at the upstream end of the magnet
- $T_{2\phi}$ [K] = 2ϕ fluid temperature
- T_{x3} [K] = 1ϕ fluid temperature at the cold end of the exchanger
- T_{x2} [K] = 1ϕ fluid temperature at the warm end of the exchanger
- UA [watts/K] = overall heat conductance of the heat exchanger

MODEL

The Tevatron satellite refrigeration system consists of twenty-four refrigerators, each cooling two 125 m magnet strings as in FIGURE 1. Each magnet string is typically made up of four optical half cells. A half cell consists of a quadrupole magnet, spool piece and four dipole magnets. The dipoles and quadrupole magnets are of a warm iron design. This results in a relatively high heat leak per magnet. The superconducting coils are cooled by subcooled liquid helium at 2.2 bar. At the end of the 125 m string, this single-phase subcooled liquid is throttled through a JT valve into two-phase at a pressure determined by the cold compressor operating point and the magnet string two-phase pressure drop.

In FIGURE 1, D, Q, S, T and F stands for dipole, quadrupole, spool piece, turnaround box and feed can, respectively. The magnet string on the left is considered upstream, while the one on the right is considered downstream. Existing instrumentation is also shown as T, P, F and DP for temperature, pressure, flow and differential pressure, respectively. For convenience, the single-phase is shown on the bottom and two-phase on the top, although in actuality, they are mostly concentric with the two-phase on the outside. The interconnect between magnets is not concentric.

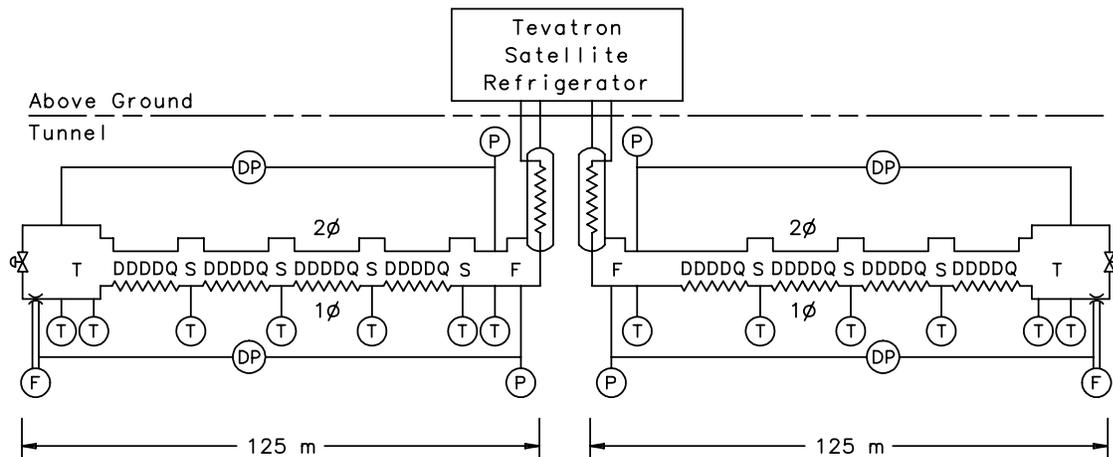


FIGURE 1. Schematic representation of a Tevatron magnet string.

On its way back to the refrigerator, the two-phase stream counter heat exchanges with the single-phase stream in order to maintain its subcooling. Static and dynamic heat load of the magnet string is therefore absorbed by the latent heat of the two-phase. Single-phase helium acts as a transport media in order to direct heat to the liquid in the two-phase stream. The spool pieces have minimal heat exchange between the single and two-phase helium streams. As a result, the single-phase stream heats up as it passes through the spool.

The quadrupole and dipole magnets have a heat transfer model depicted in FIGURE 2 for a downstream magnet string. X1 through X5 represent station points in the model. X is incremented from 1 to n for n components in the magnet string. Within a magnet, the single-phase flow evenly splits into two streams (inner and outer). The inner stream bathes the superconducting coil. If AC losses are present, as there would be in a ramping Fixed Target physics mode, then this stream increases in temperature as it goes through the magnet. In Collider mode, the stream passes through the magnet with virtually no change.

The purpose of the outer flow stream was to heat exchange with the two-phase and then recombine with the inner stream at the end of the magnet. In practice, it was found that this heat exchange was limited due to stratification of the two-phase stream [2]. As a result, the model further divides the outer stream into an upper and lower stream. Only the lower stream effectively heat exchanges with liquid in the the two-phase stream. The lower stream reduces in temperature as it passes through the magnet and approaches the two-phase temperature. The upper stream increases in temperature through the magnet due to its share $(1-f_{HX})$ of the $Q_{1\phi\text{ outer}}$. (For clarity, this stream is not shown in FIGURES 3-6.)

The original design of the magnet was intended for the entire heat leak to helium temperatures, except Q_{AC} , to be intercepted by the two-phase. This was based on the design intention of the two-phase to operate in the froth flow regime. It was later found that the two-phase operates in a highly stratified flow regime [3].

Calculations and flow tests have shown the inner flow split to be 50% ($f = 0.5$). Geometry of the outer flow passage suggests an effective heat transfer flow split of 50% ($f_{HX} = 0.5$). For this paper, the model used the following heat loads, in watts, for Tevatron dipoles in Collider mode: $Q_{AC} = 0$, $Q_{us} = 1$, $Q_{ds} = 3$, $Q_{1\phi\text{ outer}} = 2$, $Q_{2\phi} = 2$. A mass flow rate of 20 g/s was used for each magnet string.

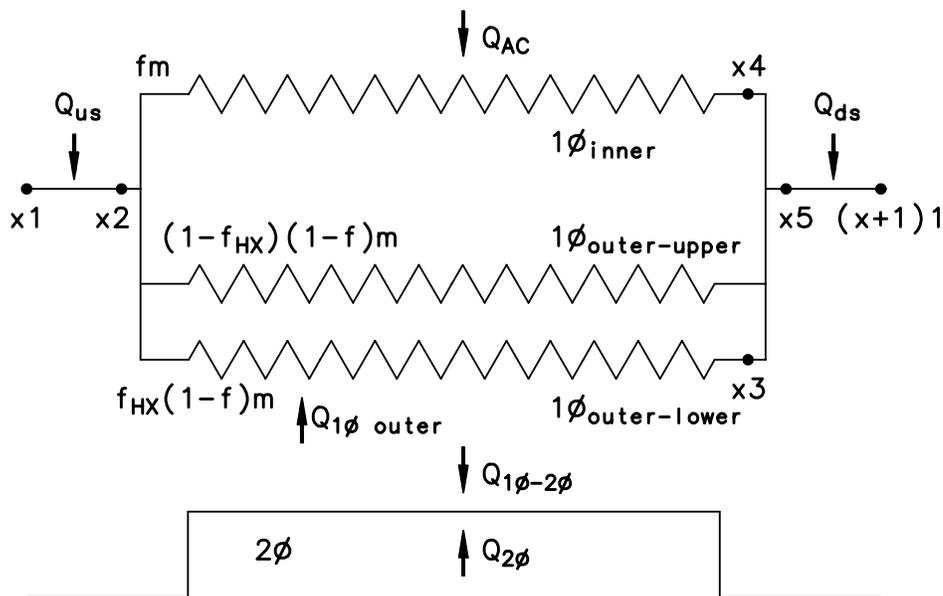


FIGURE 2. Schematic representation of heat transfer in a downstream Tevatron dipole.

The energy balance for the $1\phi_{\text{outer-lower}}$ is given as

$$Q_{1\phi - 2\phi_{\text{lower}}} = f_{HX}(1-f)mCp(T_{x2} - T_{x3}) + f_{HX}Q_{1\phi_{\text{outer}}} \quad (1)$$

which can be rearranged to

$$T_{x2} = T_{x3} + \frac{Q_{1\phi - 2\phi_{\text{lower}}} - f_{HX}Q_{1\phi_{\text{outer}}}}{f_{HX}(1-f)mCp} \quad (2)$$

and

$$T_{x3} = T_{x2} - \frac{Q_{1\phi - 2\phi_{\text{lower}}} - f_{HX}Q_{1\phi_{\text{outer}}}}{f_{HX}(1-f)mCp}. \quad (3)$$

Heat transfer between the $1\phi_{\text{outer}}$ and 2ϕ can be modeled as an evaporator. Soyars [4] has shown that an evaporator with external heat leak can be modeled using the effectiveness-Ntu method as:

$$Q_{\text{net}} = \varepsilon f_{HX}(1-f)mCp \left[T_{x2} - \left(T_{2\phi} + \frac{f_{HX}Q_{1\phi_{\text{outer}}}}{f_{HX}UA} \right) \right] \quad (4)$$

$$Q_{\text{net}} = Q_{1\phi - 2\phi_{\text{lower}}} - f_{HX}Q_{1\phi_{\text{outer}}} \quad (5)$$

$$Q_{\text{net}} = f_{HX}(1-f)mCp(T_{x2} - T_{x3}) \quad (6)$$

where,

$$\varepsilon = 1 - e^{-Ntu} \quad (7)$$

and

$$Ntu = \frac{f_{HX}UA}{f_{HX}(1-f)mCp}. \quad (8)$$

Note that the consequence of the external heat leak ($Q_{1\phi_{\text{outer}}}$) is to raise the effective 2ϕ temperature by the factor shown in equation (4).

A model, which rigorously considers the convective heat transfer on the single-phase and a superimposed convective and boiling heat transfer on the two-phase, was developed. In order to avoid iterative solutions, a simplified model was also developed when combining the model with the database of quench currents for all 1,000 magnets.

Simple mixing of flow streams or direct addition of heat leak determines the remaining state points. The model for each magnet is then linked together for the entire magnet string. A quadrupole magnet is similar to the dipole with the exception of the single-phase flow split ($f = 0.75$) and the heat transfer area and distributed heat leaks were scaled to the shorter quadrupole length.

APPLICATION

FIGURES 3 and 4 show the resulting temperature profiles of an upstream and downstream magnet string, respectively, for a 900 GeV colliding beam physics run. The refrigerator is on the right side of FIGURE 3 and on the left side of FIGURE 4. The lower line represents the two-phase temperature; the upper line represents the single-phase inner flow and the intermediate curved saw tooth represents the lower single-phase outer flow heat exchanging with the two-phase. Each gridline on the abscissa represents interfaces between components, either a dipole magnet, quadrupole magnet or spool piece.

The two figures point out that the half cell just downstream of the refrigerator (x5 Half Cell) is the coldest, and thus the most favorable location for lower quench energy magnets. FIGURE 4 also shows that the bulk single-phase flow warms as it passes through the x5 half cell. This is due to the heat leak in being higher than can be transferred out at the given 1ϕ to 2ϕ temperature difference. Half cell x4 in FIGURE 3 shows that the break-even temperature difference is about 175 mK. For higher temperature differences, the bulk single-phase temperature decreases through the half cell.

The single line connecting half cells represents a spool piece. All helium temperature heat leak to a spool is considered to go directly into the bulk single-phase flow stream. The dot in the middle of the line represents the approximate location of a thermometer. Spool piece thermometers, as well as magnet string inlet and outlet, are the only thermometers in the magnet strings.

The figures show the adverse effect a spool piece heat leak has on the magnet temperature profile. The dipole just downstream (flow direction, away from the refrigerator) of a spool is typically the warmest in the half cell. These locations are generally reserved for higher quench performance magnets. Note that the upstream magnet string begins with a spool piece (right side of FIGURE 3). Otherwise, the x4 half cell would also be a thermally favorable location.

FIGURES 5 and 6 show the same plots for 980 GeV collider operation in a typical satellite refrigerator. The two-phase temperature was lowered 630 mK using the cold compressor. This resulted in only a 480 mK decrease in peak magnet temperature, due to the reduction in helium specific heat at lower temperatures. Lower specific heat has the effect of exaggerating the temperature profile throughout the string.

The thermal model was combined with the magnet quench database for each of the 1,000 superconducting magnets in the Tevatron. This allowed the individual magnet quench data obtained from our magnet test facility to be scaled to its actual operating temperature. Plotting the resulting scaled quench currents then allows us to quickly identify potentially limiting magnets. We use this technique to aid us in shuffling magnets to better achieve a flat quench profile anytime we warm a pair of magnet strings to room temperature. To date, this technique has been used to shuffle magnets in nine of the twenty-four refrigerators of the Tevatron.

Spare Tevatron magnets are in limited supply and considerable time would be required to restart a production line. As a result, we must ensure that we are using existing magnets in the most effective way possible. To aid in that process and to help guarantee cryogenic margin, ways to locally lower the temperature in the Tevatron are being pursued. The model has been used to locally improve the temperature profile using re-cooled spool pieces [5,6]. This method builds another thermally favorable half cell into the temperature profile as well as improve the profile in half cells downstream.

Tevatron Upstream Magnet 1 ϕ Analysis

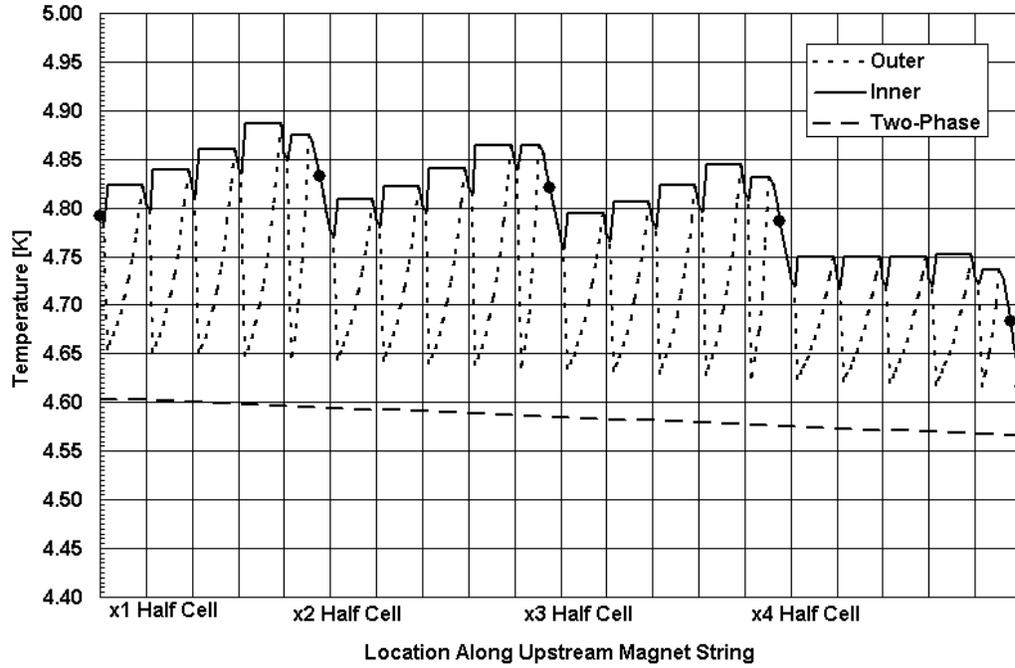


FIGURE 3. Nominal upstream magnet string temperature profile.

Tevatron Downstream Magnet 1 ϕ Analysis

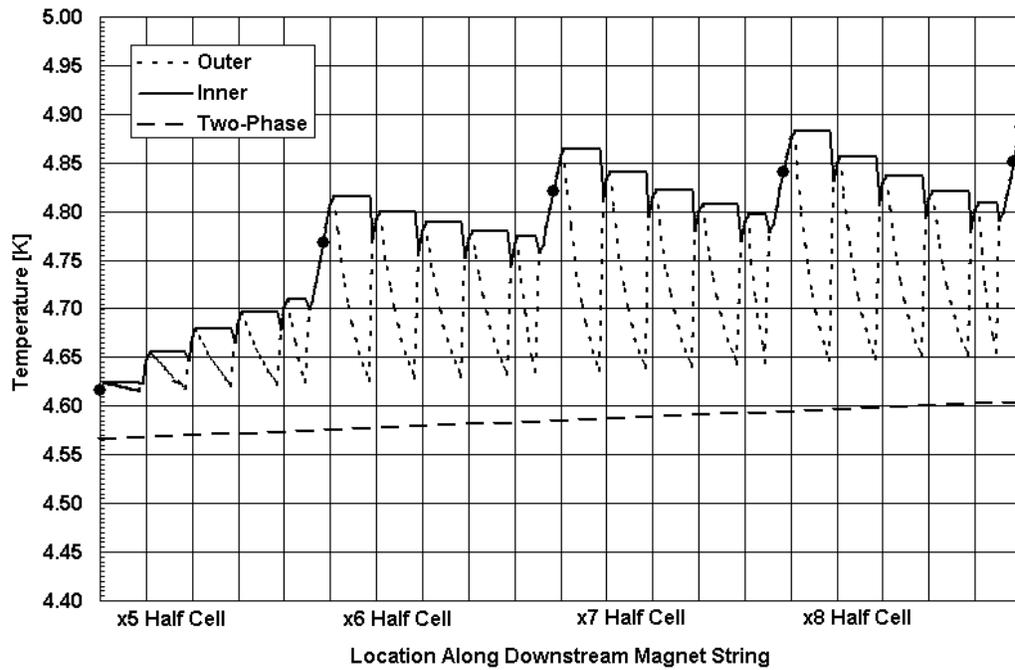


FIGURE 4. Nominal downstream magnet string temperature profile.

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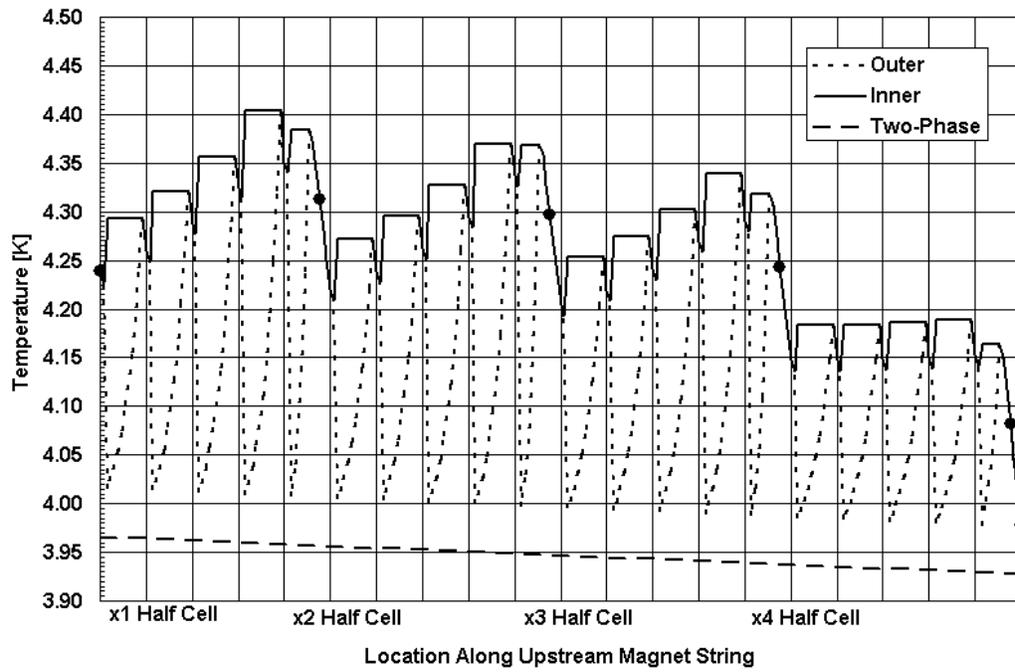


FIGURE 5. Lower temperature upstream magnet string temperature profile.

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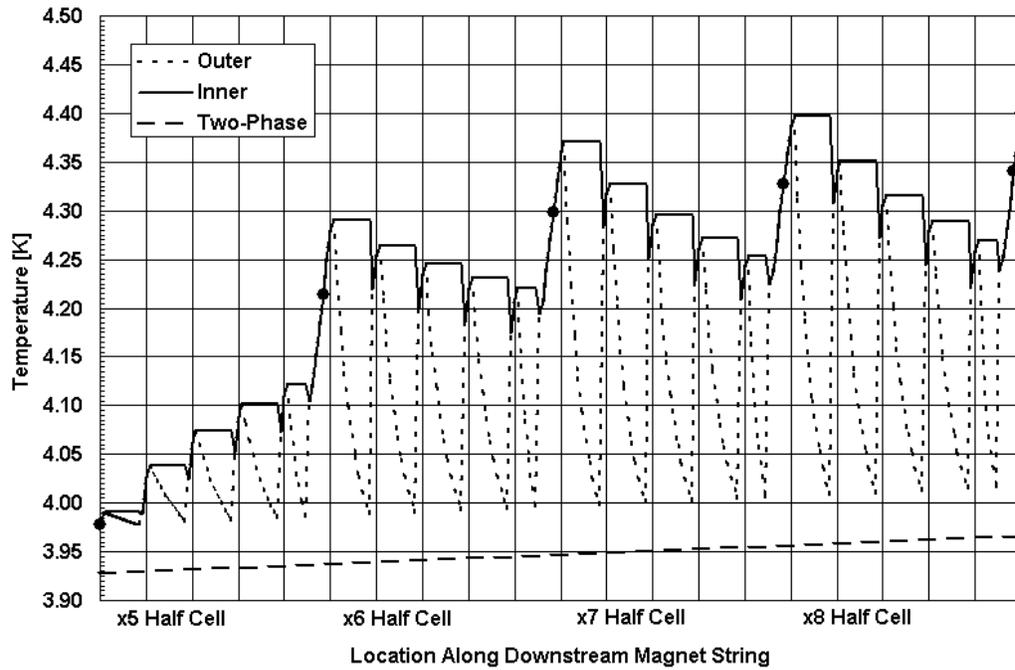


FIGURE 6. Lower temperature downstream magnet string temperature profile.

CONCLUSIONS

An effective thermal model of the Tevatron magnet strings has been developed. The model is used to predict the temperature profile throughout the magnet string. When coupled with the individual magnet quench data, the model becomes an effective tool for estimating the limiting magnets in a magnet string. This information is being used to shuffle magnet locations to best match the quench performance with the thermal locations. Improvements in the thermal profile of the magnet strings have been implemented, using the model to predict the performance improvement.

Verification of the model using the Tevatron is very difficult due to the limited thermometry available. Inputs to the model have been refined following the test of a single highly instrumented dipole in our Magnet Test Facility. The model will continue to be improved and enhanced as a tool to optimize the required operating temperature in the Tevatron.

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