- Brief overview of the Tevatron cryogenic system
- Operations for Run II

* reliability and availability of the overall system and its components

* helium losses and cryogens inventory (vendors, distribution, availability)

* interactions with power distribution system

* manpower: aging, shift work, call-ins, availability of experts

* aging of cryogenic components: radiation, environmental, duty cycles
Specific technical info:

* helium leak detection

* Cold compressors stable operations

* safety in operations and compliance with ASME, B31, CGA, API codes
There have not been any major upgrades of the Tevatron cryo system since late 90s (980 GeV –Cold compressors upgrade), though many refinements, tuning, rotations of spares, etc. were implemented. Typical examples are cold compressor surge protection, helium leak detection, scheduled maintenances for the reciprocation expanders, replacement of older Cuttler-Hammer with Benshaw motor starters.
Tevatron Accelerator:
Tevatron is a 6.5 km superconducting ring of ~ 800 dipoles, 216 quads, 204 correction elements, and 86 specialty components located in a 2.1 m diameter concrete tunnel 6.0 m below ground.

The helium inventory of the cold refrigeration system is 20000 liters, plus additional 10000 liters in the Tevatron transfer line. Losses of the helium inventory are made up via the 80000 liters liquid helium storage at CHL and 1500 m³ warm storage.
Six sectors, composed of four houses of 1-kW refrigerators (FRIG), four 1-km magnet string in the tunnel, and a compressor building with 4-8 Mycom 2-stage 300 kW screw compressors, which supply high pressure gas helium (2.03 MPa) to the satellite refrigerators coldboxes via a common 75 mm header. The refrigerators use counter flow heat exchangers to cool the high pressure helium flow from room temperature to 5.5°K at the inlet of 5.6 kW “wet” expander. The “wet” expander is controlled with AC variable frequency drive with Mitsubishi regenerative unit.
Each FRIG has 130 liter phase separator for a “cold” compressor manufactured by Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries Co., Ltd. (IHI). Each “cold” compressor pumps on a dewar to maintain the two-phase pressure as low as 50.7 kPa producing 3.56\(^\circ\)K helium. The “cold” compressor is driven by 1.25 kW induction motor controlled with a Toshiba inverter controller incorporated into IHI control package.

All two-phase to atmospheric connections are “hardened” for reliable subatmospheric operation. Typical temperature for the two-phase is 3.8\(^\circ\)K for 900 GeV operations. The superconducting coils operate 10 to 400 mK higher due to heat leak and AC losses.
Central Helium Liquefier: CHL liquefaction capacity is 2 x 5500 liters/hour (though limited by compressor capacity). Gas helium inventory control is available via 15 tanks (total volume of 1500 m3, 1.7 MPa at room temperature). A Nitrogen Reliquefier (NRL), rated at 4680 liters/hour with three stages of compression, R22 precool, and 600,000 liters of liquid nitrogen storage. NRL provides 80% of the LN2 consumed for precool during normal 900 GeV operations with the remaining needs supplied from local LN2 vendors.
CHL helium plant consists of:
- four parallel reciprocating compressors rated at 6.8 MW total power *
- hydrocarbon removal system *
- two independent Claude cycle cold boxes rated at 5400 liters/hour with LN2 precool
- helium distribution and storage system
- helium purification system.
  Both coldboxes have almost identical design with the plate fin heat exchangers from Altec International Inc., and are tied in parallel to the common compressor suction and discharge headers. They have * expanders from Atlas Copco Rotoflow Inc (58.3 kW, 32.2 kW, 13.2 kW). The equivalent refrigeration capacity can be assessed as 12.5 kW per coldbox at 4.6ºK.
# Downtime Summary

**Tevatron Systems**

Mon Jan 1 00:00:00 2001 to Tue Apr 11 12:12:40 2006

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| TEVATRON ACCELERATOR SYSTEMS -- TMAG | Magnets, leads, header, etc. | - 1327.00 hrs.  
- 9.04% of total downtime (14675.18 hrs.)  
- 2.87% of Interval (46235.21 hrs.) | 25 Examine |
| TEVATRON ACCELERATOR SYSTEMS -- TQUEN | Magnet quenches (all causes) | - 1311.02 hrs.  
- 8.93% of total downtime (14675.18 hrs.)  
- 2.84% of Interval (46235.21 hrs.) | 498 Examine |
| TEVATRON ACCELERATOR SYSTEMS -- TPS | Main PS, corr., ramped corr., etc. | - 786.85 hrs.  
- 5.36% of total downtime (14675.18 hrs.)  
- 1.70% of Interval (46235.21 hrs.) | 251 Examine |
| OTHER SYSTEMS -- POWER | Power systems, feeders, Master & Kautz Rd substations | - 506.22 hrs.  
- 3.45% of total downtime (14675.18 hrs.)  
- 1.09% of Interval (46235.21 hrs.) | 112 Examine |
| TEVATRON ACCELERATOR SYSTEMS -- TCRYO | Cryo systems, frigs, compressors, etc. | - 470.77 hrs.  
- 3.21% of total downtime (14675.18 hrs.)  
- 1.02% of Interval (46235.21 hrs.) | 156 Examine |
| TEVATRON ACCELERATOR SYSTEMS -- TVAC | Vacuum systems | - 207.88 hrs.  
- 1.42% of total downtime (14675.18 hrs.)  
- 0.45% of Interval (46235.21 hrs.) | 44 Examine |
| TEVATRON ACCELERATOR SYSTEMS -- TQPM | Quench protection system, heaters, VFC, etc. | - 132.30 hrs.  
- 0.90% of total downtime (14675.18 hrs.)  
- 0.29% of Interval (46235.21 hrs.) | 62 Examine |
| OTHER SYSTEMS -- CHL | Central Helium Liquifier | - 54.13 hrs.  
- 0.37% of total downtime (14675.18 hrs.)  
- 0.12% of Interval (46235.21 hrs.) | 5 Examine |
### Tevatron Cryo Operations - Run II - Lessons Learned

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<td>Fri Jan 2 07:30:00 2004</td>
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<td>A3SPCC shut off accidentally in Frig bldg, causing 980 Gev Store quench.</td>
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<td>5 min.</td>
<td>TCRYO</td>
<td>T:E4TRQ6 readback broken/removed from ramp permit</td>
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<td>Sun Apr 4 23:30:00 2004</td>
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<td>TCRYO</td>
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<td>4.83 hrs.</td>
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<td>A1 Cold compressor trip and subsequent changeout</td>
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<td>Tue May 18 05:48:00 2004</td>
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<td>Quench at C3 due to CC trip on 10-sec low speed S/D; loop sample time error</td>
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<td>A4 recip cold comp failed holding off shot setup; unit replaced with IHI unit</td>
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<td>CHL</td>
<td>Store 619 lost due to CHL turbine tripping off.</td>
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<td>Mon Jul 22 05:00:00 2002</td>
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<td>CHL tripped Compressor B - low LH Xfer Line pressure = No Tev ramps</td>
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<td>3.08 hrs.</td>
<td>CHL</td>
<td>Store 1808 terminated due to fire at CHL.</td>
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Typical Failures for the CRYO System Components:

- CC failure, replac-t
- CC trip
- WE/DE
- Valves (incl. KV)
- Electr, Instrum, Controls
- Cryo leak
- Mycom (incl bldg electr, oil, H2O*)
- Leads
- Oper. Warmup
- Cryostats rupture
### Typical distribution of % CRYO downtime 2001 - 2006

**Engine typical failures:**
- con rod brngs
- flywheel runout
- belts

**Controls typical failures:**
- I/O cards
- valves
- noise (noise rejection solution)

**CC typical failures:**
- surge / stall
- controls

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**Legend:**
- WE
- LEADS
- CC
- CONTROLS
- KV
- Mycoms
- OTHER
### Electrical Controls to Chillers

#### Power Glitches / Outages:

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<td>% of trips resulted in full CHL trip</td>
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#### Contributions to CHL full trips

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**Contributions to CHL full trips 2003-2005**
### Helium Losses

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<td>Published helium losses</td>
<td>20,000 kg/year</td>
<td>11,500 scf/day</td>
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<td>Annual loss, kg</td>
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<td>Annual loss in multiples of the inventory</td>
<td>1.66</td>
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<td>1.2 (1991) - 0.3 (2001)</td>
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### NOTES:
1. Data for helium inventory and losses have been presented at the workshop and reviewed by the listed laboratories.
2. CERN LEP2 helium inventory and losses include all CERN and losses from distributed users.
3. By 2006 BNL RHIC reduced losses to 8,000 scf/day while reducing the total inventory to ~6 MSCF.
4. Tevatron helium losses are very much dependent on power outages, quenches, and other causes non related directly to the failures of cryogenic components.

Tevatron helium losses have always been a problem, even after extensive leak hunting/repairs during accelerator downtime periods. High losses are due to many factors, including distribution system design (24 FRIGs and CHL) with many valves and seals, plus low pressure rating of system (quenches and power outages relieve helium to atm at 6 psig). Aging of equipment also show up in higher losses due to o-ring seal failures. Continuous monitoring for helium losses have been improved with better software calculations of helium inventory and installation of helium “sniffer” leak detectors at low pressure relief valve vents. Recovery of helium from test areas that typically use 500-liter portable dewars have helped replenish almost 50% of the Tevatron helium losses, thus financially rewarding.
Tevatron cryogenic system is powered via several 13.8 kV feeders. To increase power grid availability for the equipment, Fermilab has two substations to step down the 345 kV transmission power from Commonwealth Edison to 13.8 kV. Each substation is capable of running the entire Tevatron accelerator complex. Most of the failures are directly resulted to either glitches or power outages from the supplier, or faulting in the underground 13.8 kV transmission cables (feeders). Failing of a feeder may result in consequent trip of the substation breakers adjacent to the fault source. Tevatron cryogenic system is powered from both substation with the helium screw compressors a equally divided between two substations. Loss of compressors result in loosing helium to atmosphere. The inventory control is switcheable between two feeders with short duration UPS backup.
Severity count does not translate directly to helium total loss.
NRL provides 80% of the LN2 consumed for precool during normal 900 GeV operations with the remaining needs supplied from local LN2 vendors. NRL provides up to $1M/year savings if operated at design capacity.

In both instances the downtime was due to rupturing, plugging or inefficiency of the heat exchangers. In 2005-06 the water sprayed external N2/air coolers were found to be severely deteriorated on the outside due to calcium deposits. When we removed the towers and examined the tubes, we found high-temperature corrosion, specifically chloride triggered corrosion. Since the tubes were made from the expensive and not readily available duplex steel (nickel-chrome alloy), we had the plant down for repairs for 4 weeks at a time.
CHL cryo operations and maintenance is done by 4 crews, 3-4 technicians each (14 total currently with mixture of electronic and mechanical specialization), with support by 3 on-call staff, on 24/7 basis. FRIG system is monitored by CHL cryo operators, as well as MCR accelerator operators. FRIG operations, maintenance & repairs are support by cryogenic coordinators (7 weekly rotation) and ~12 technicians available on-call. 12-hour shiftwork schedule is preferred by technicians and has operational benefits in less turnovers (thus better communication and less errors) and better process plant activity coordination (CHL plant activity such as compressor repairs, liquid helium inventory transfers, cooldowns, etc, typically take 8-12 hours).

CHL 12-hr shift work schedule implemented in 1995.
## A typical shift schedule for operators (based on DuPont)

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Tevatron Cryo Operations - Run II - Lessons Learned

Cryo Operations Workshop - SLAC - May 2006 - M.Geynisman - Fermilab-CONF-06-096-AD
SONIC LEAK DETECTORS

Helium sniffers with high sensitivity (up to 10 ppm) and low cost. Battery operated portable unit and temperature controlled weather proof stationary unit. Principle is based on a sonic resonance in a cylindrical cavity.

Two matched tubes are operated at their acoustic resonant frequency. One is designated as the reference and the other as the sample. A heater and feedback circuit keep the internal temperature of the cell at 110F. A heat exchanger equalizes the temperature of the sample and reference gas. The only major variable left that effects the density is the composition of the gas.

Under ordinary conditions the frequency the units run at is between 1150 and 1200 Hz. This varies slightly from unit to unit and also with the relative humidity. For best sensitivity, a phase locked loop circuit keeps the tubes operating at their resonant frequency. An analog voltage signal is available from the unit which represents the operating frequency.
The pump board has the pump, the 5VDC power supply, the main power fuse, the relay for the discrete output signal, a solid state relay to drive the heater, and an over-temperature switch which will open at 125F if the temperature regulation circuitry fails.
DESIGN:
At present there are units in operations in each frig building and each compressor building, and 5 units at CHL. All of the detectors except for the CHL units have the digital status, the error signal analog voltage and the VCO analog signal connected to ACNET.
F4 engine problem (June 17-2002)
COLD COMPRESSORS ANTI-SURGE ALGORITHM

In the Tevatron, during a quench event, typically a cold compressor undergoes a surge cycle. This is because a quench is a highly transient event with peak pressures being reached within 280 ms of quench onset. The momentary increase in discharge pressure of the cold compressor rapidly reduces the flow rate of the cold compressor and increases the pressure ratio, driving the compressor towards the surge region. The surge recovery scheme was automated using sequential cryogenic control algorithms, a.k.a. finite state machines. The FSM’s work in conjunction with the control system I/O such as PID loops, analog inputs and digital outputs to monitor process conditions and responds accordingly.
COLD COMPRESSORS ANTI-SURGE ALGORITHM

Cold Compressor Quench Data for July 2005 and July 2004

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* Multiple Quenches on these dates

Diagram:

- Initial State
  - Quench Detected at House
    - Turn Cold Compressor Off
  - Quench Detected Elsewhere
    - Lock Compressor Speed
      - Surge Detected
        - Drop Speed by 10 krpm
      - Pressure Normal
Safety in operations and compliance with ASME, B31, CGA, API codes and DOE rules.

* Engineering and safety review of new/modified pressure vessels and piping systems. Which codes are applicable, clarifying state code requirements versus national (ASME). Oil/Water heat exchanger requirements especially may differ in state codes, sometimes less conservative.

* Inspection and testing of safety equipment, i.e. reliefs. Guidelines should be established for consistency of addressing required relief capacities due to various factors such as loss of vacuum, system process supply, and fire conditions. A formal review of such systems must be well documented, especially controlling modifications that would require a re-review of such. Inspection and testing of relief systems for vessels must be well defined and documented, incorporating controls necessary not to invalidate ASME UV rating of such.

* Safety review of all cryogenic systems non-operational for longer than 60 days or longer.
* DOT vessels can also be used though retesting requirements must be fully addressed. Portable dewars, though DOT 4L designed, often are not certified as such and thus left completely ignored in safety reviews relating to relief capacities and such.

* Special rules for installation and operations of liquid nitrogen dewars (i.e. protection from pumping overpressure, or considering flashing per API 520-I and API 521).

* Special considerations for vacuum-jacketed vessels, DOT vs. ASME coded vessels, portable dewars. Issues have come up with insufficient record availability (e.g. ASME Form U-1) due to lack of required filing with National Boards. Cryogenic vessels that are covered by vacuum shells sometimes ignore issue of vacuum pressure during pressure tests, easily verified on ASME Form U-1.

* Special considerations for using PLC and PC for safety interlocks.
Summary:

* Reliability of the cryogenic system has a direct impact on the uptime of the Tevatron Accelerator. At least three more years are scheduled for the Tevatron Collider operations.

* Cryogenic maintenance is scheduled around accelerator operations thus has to have ready-to-go components and available manpower

* Aging of components results in increased awareness for failures

* Management of helium losses and cryogens inventory plays a prominent role in cryogenic operations

* Value-added engineering for cryogenic operations -> Improvements - > Savings