

# Progress in GaToroid

## A novel gantry for Hadron therapy

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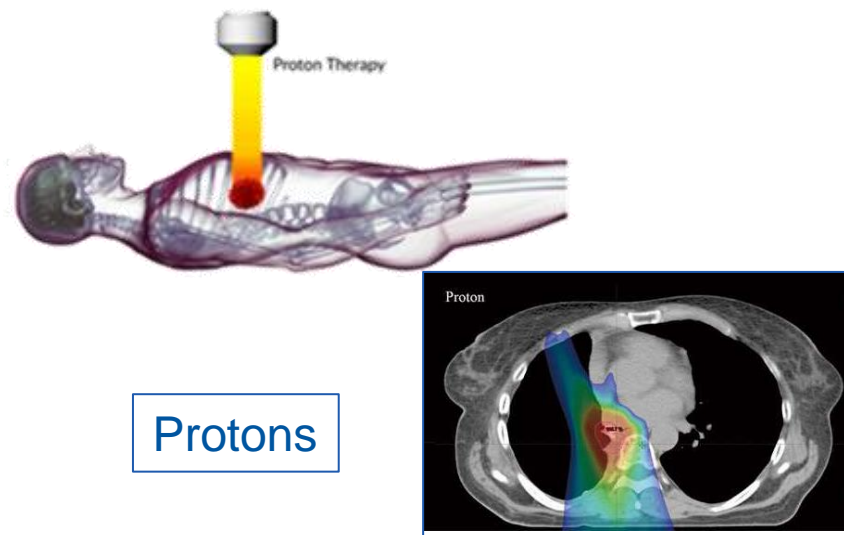
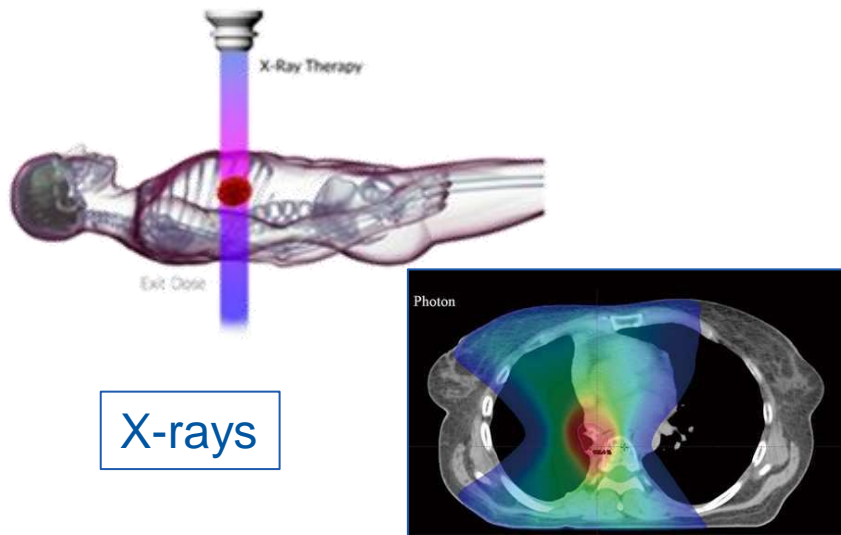
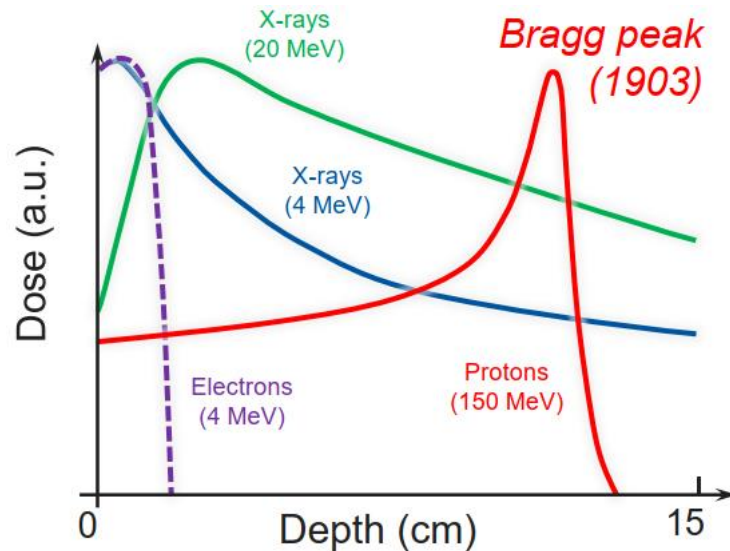
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# Context

## Hadron therapy

Various types of ionizing radiations can be used to kill cancerous cells:

- Photons (X-rays)
- Electrons
- Hadrons
  - Protons
  - Ions (He, C, Ne,...)



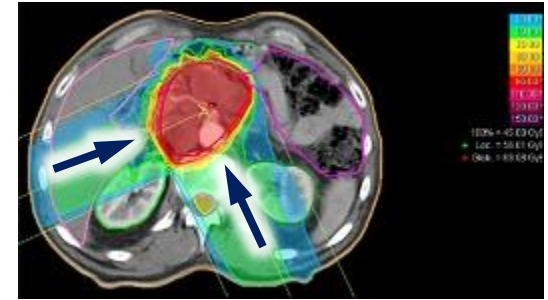
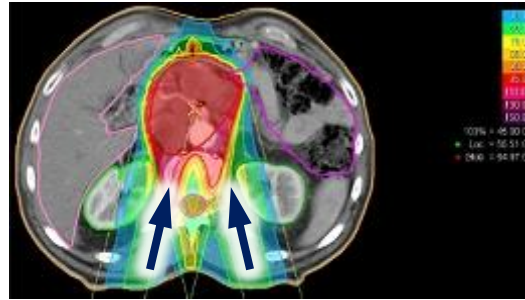
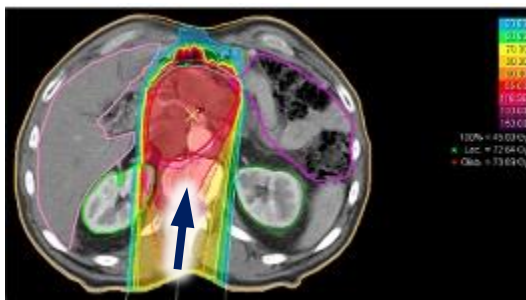
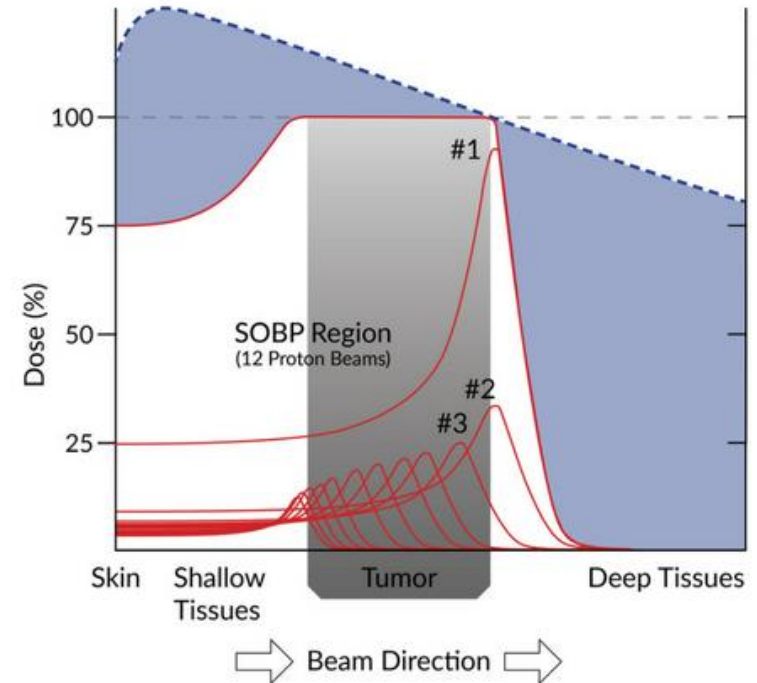
*Translational Lung Cancer Research 6(2) (2017)*

# Context

## Hadron therapy

The tumor is targeted by controlling 2 variables:

- The **depth** of the Bragg peak depends on the particle energy:
  - 70-250 MeV for protons
  - 100-500 MeV for C ions
- **Stereotaxis** superimposes several beams from different directions to map the volume.



PLoS ONE 11(10), e0164473 (2016)

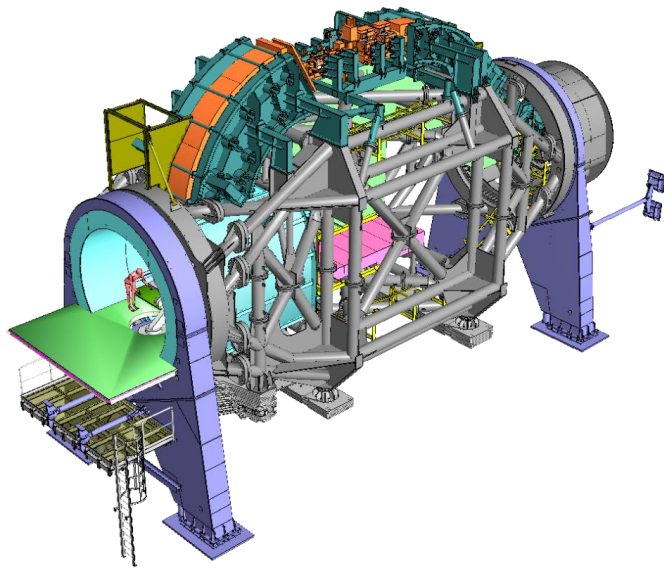


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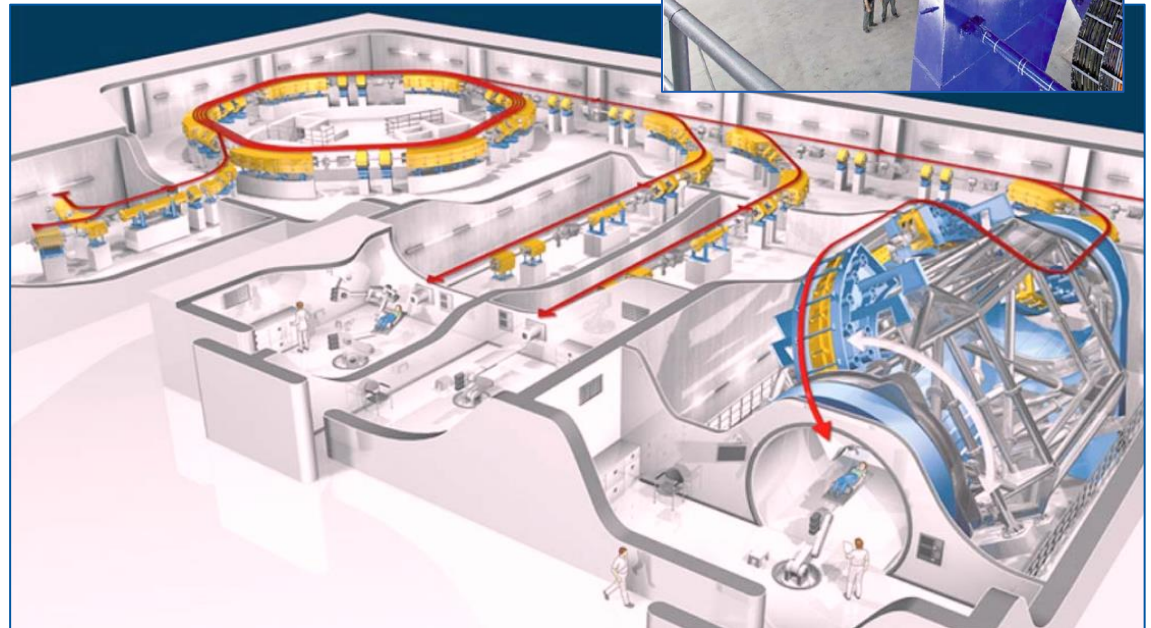
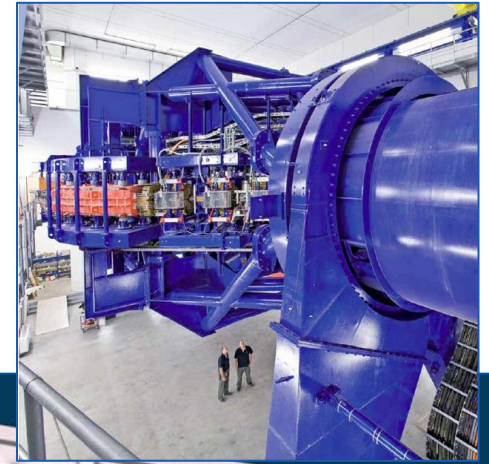
## Gantries

Transfer lines able to irradiate from multiple directions.

Carried by a rigid and precise rotating structure.



The Heidelberg gantry (HIT)



- Proton Gantries: radius 4 - 10 m / weight 100 - 200 tons
- C-ions Gantries: radius 10 - 25 m / weight 350 - 670 tons

# Context

## Gantries

Gantries are massive and account for about half the whole installation.

### What can we do ?

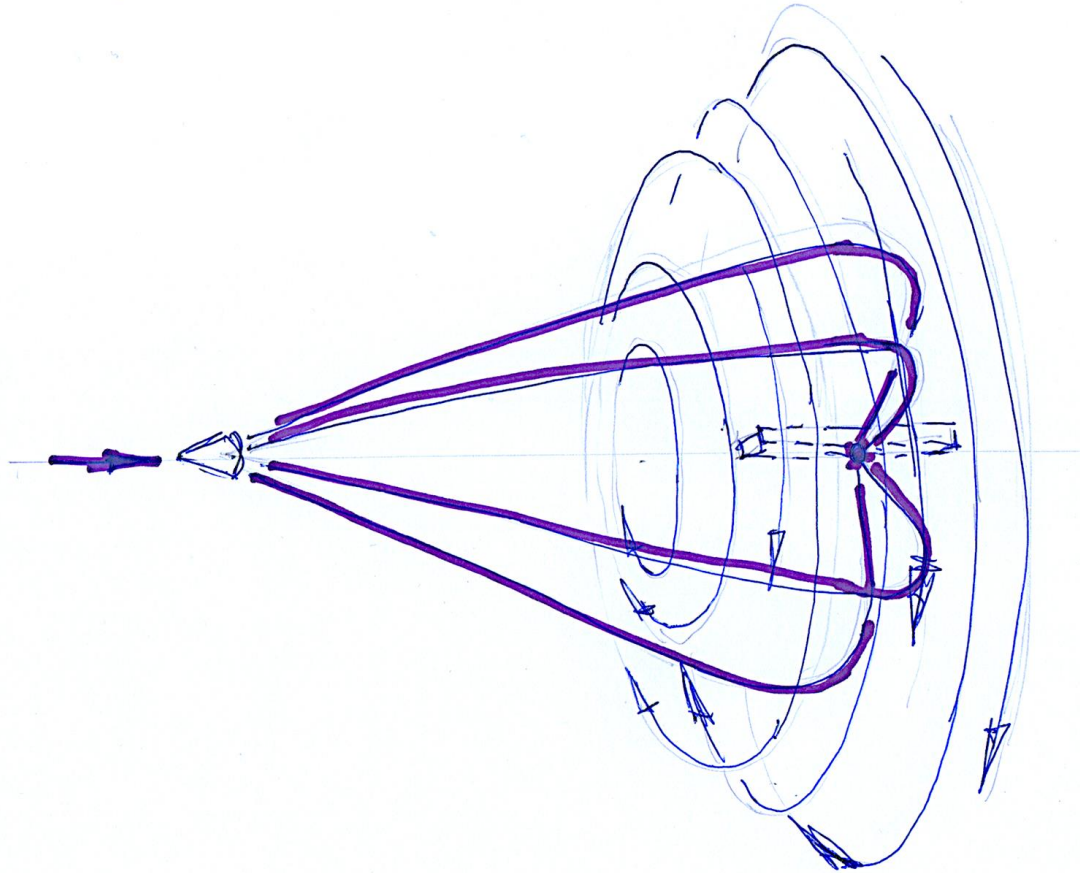
- Use superconductor to increase the bending field in large bore magnets. (more compact, lighter and more efficient)
- Find a magnetic configuration which does not need to be nor rotated nor ramped to focus the beam on the patient. (reduce stability req. and so mass and footprint)

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# From concept to demonstrator

The idea by Luca Bottura

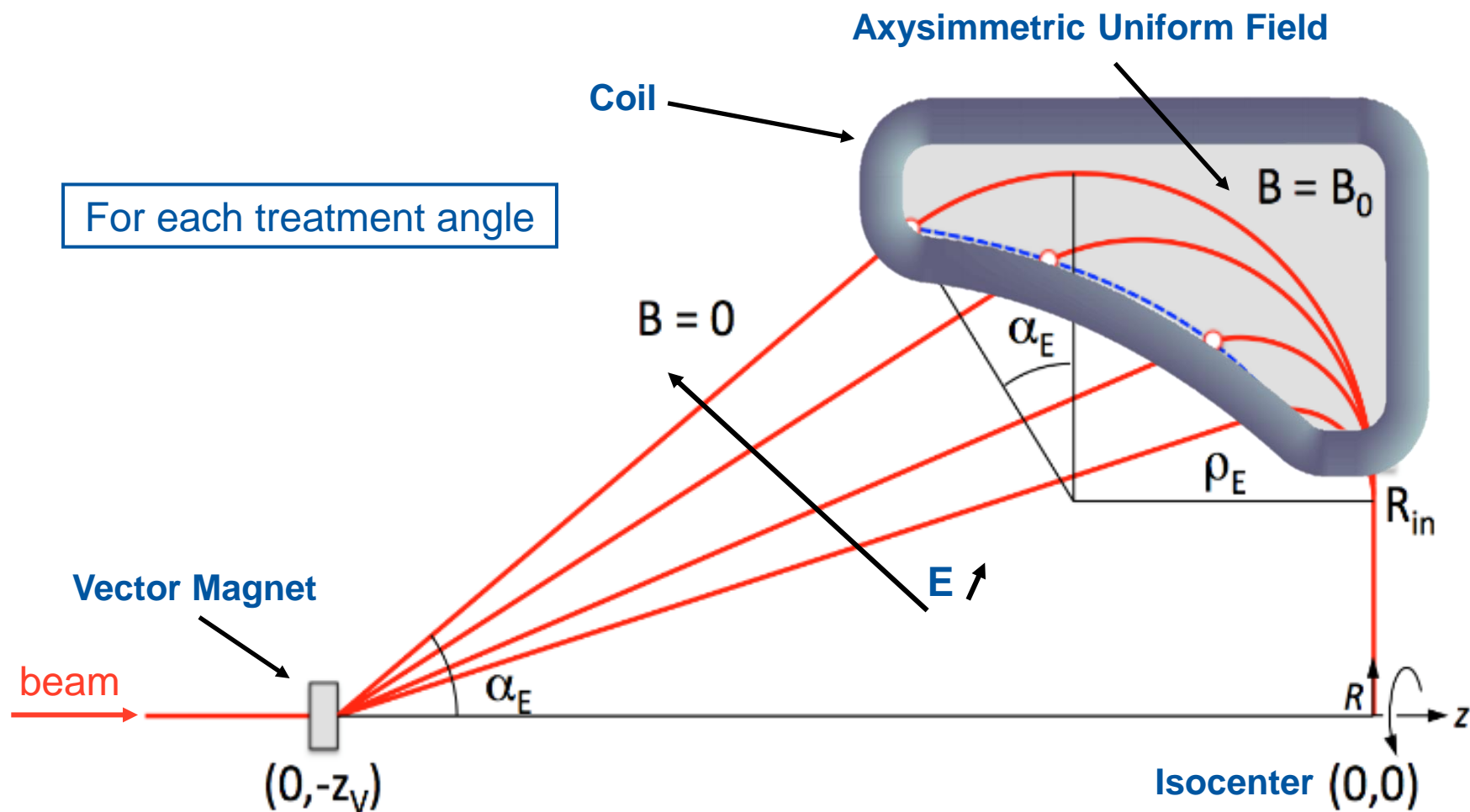


L. Bottura, **A Gantry and Apparatus for Focusing Beams of Charged Particles**,  
European Patent, Application EP 18173426.0, May 2018



# From concept to demonstrator

Development of the idea

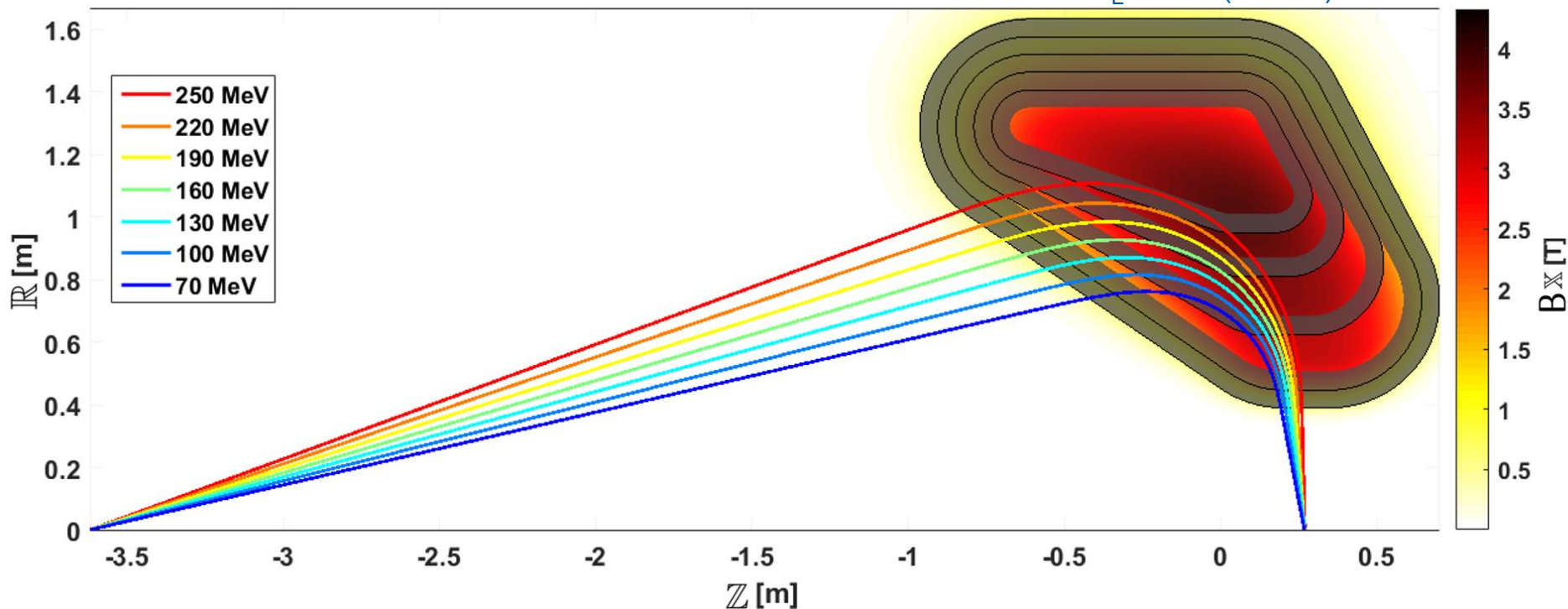


# From concept to demonstrator

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Proton version by Enrico Felcini

$J_E = 100 \text{ (A/mm}^2\text{)}$

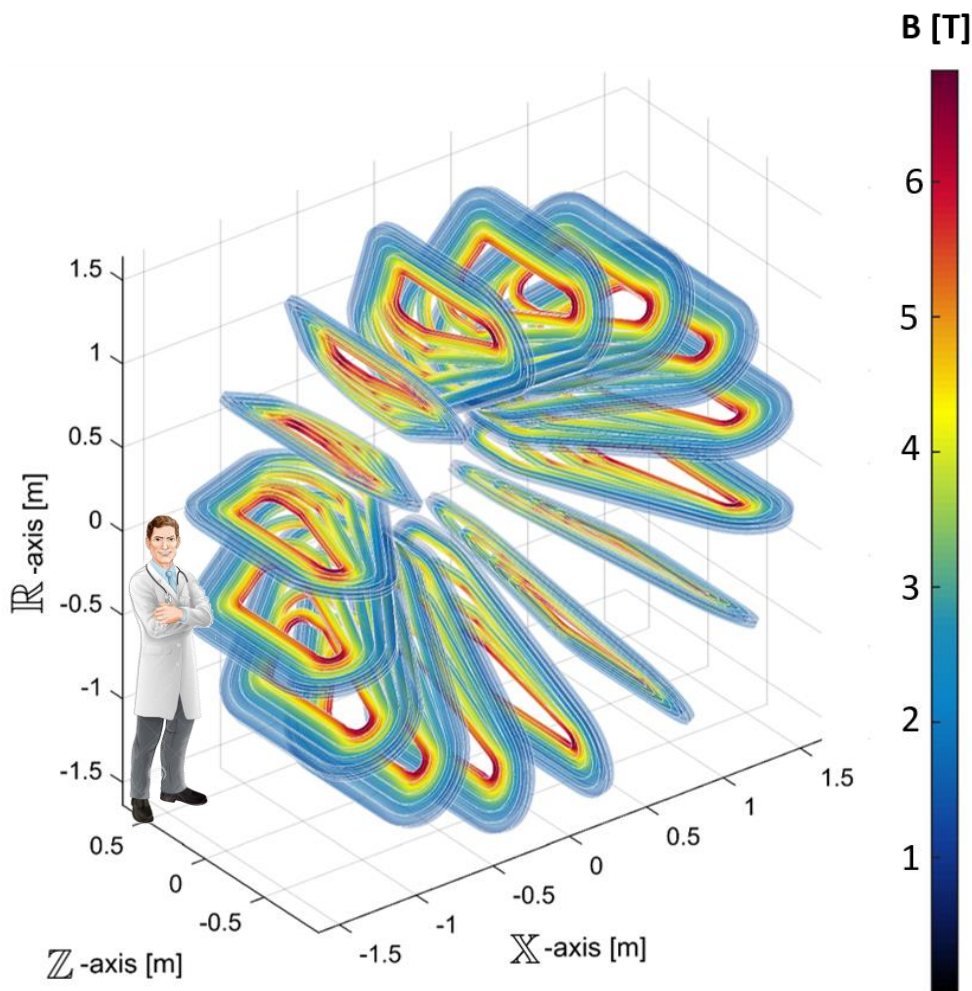


Beams directed at the isocenter within 1 mm, in the 70-250 MeV range  
(Forward parametric optimization done with 7 variables)

E. Felcini *et al.*, **Magnetic design of a superconducting toroidal gantry for hadron therapy**,  
*IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond.*, **30** (4) (2020)

# From concept to demonstrator

Proton version by Enrico Felcini



Number of angles	16
Peak magnetic field	6.8 T
Eng current density	100 A/mm <sup>2</sup>
Stored Energy	31 MJ

Coil dimension	1.7 m x 1.2 m
Torus dimension	1.7 m x 3.3 m
Bore size	0.8 m
Vector Magnet position	3.6 m

Operating temperature	4.5 K - 20 K
Operating current	1800 A

Estimated total mass	12 tons
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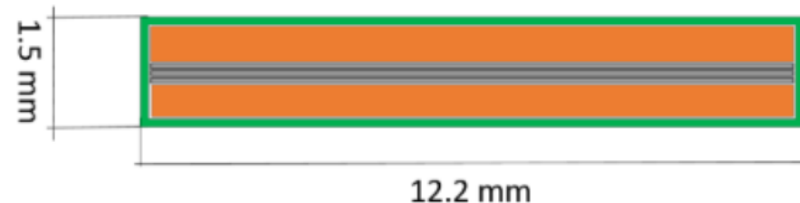


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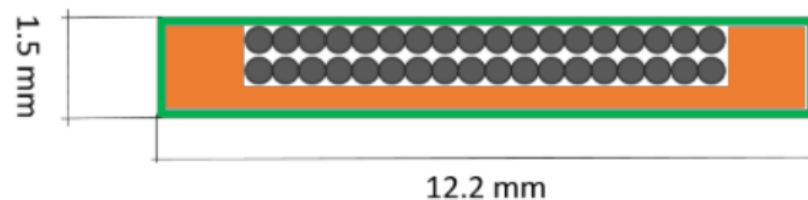
## HTS

Superconductor	ReBCO
Topology	Non twisted stack
Number of tapes	3
Cu:Sc ratio	7.3
Operating temperature	20 K



## LTS

Superconductor	NbTi
Topology	Rutherford
Number of strands	36
Cu:Sc ratio	7.3
Operating temperature	4.2 K

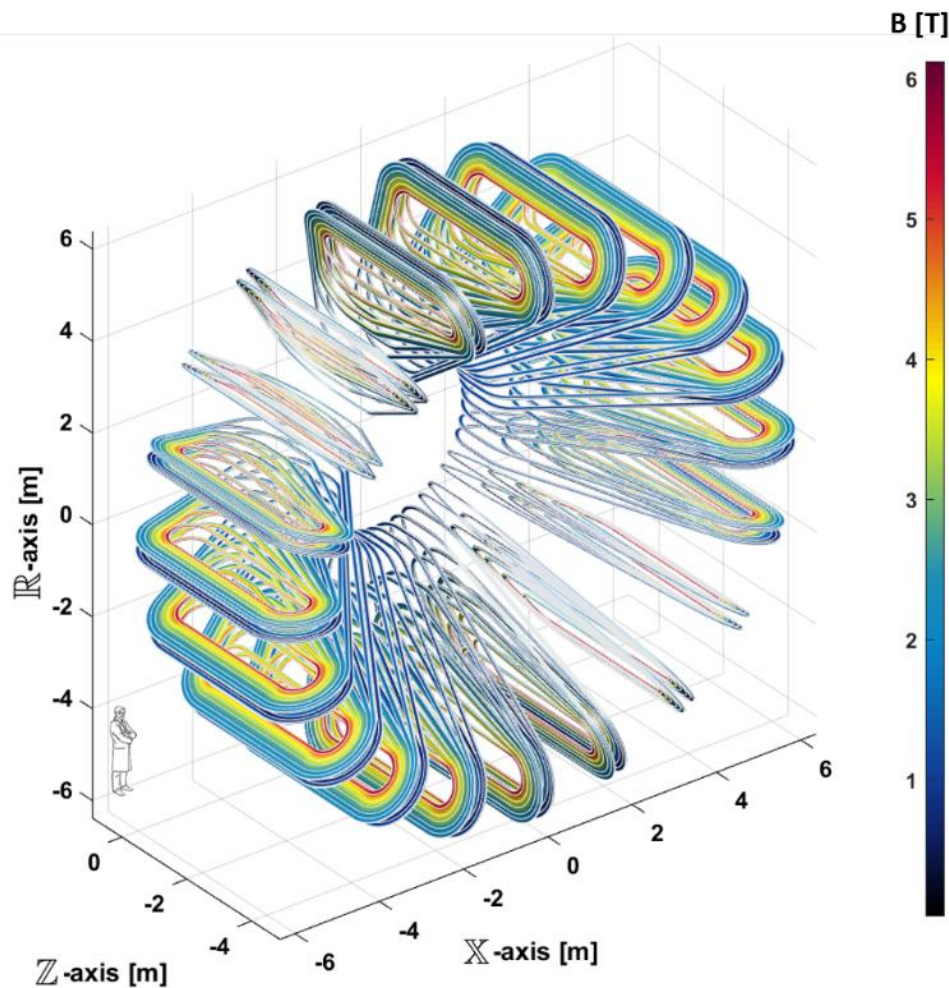


Operating current	1800 A
Eng current density	100 A/mm <sup>2</sup>

- Copper
- Nb-Ti Strands
- ReBCO Tapes
- Insulation

# From concept to demonstrator

## Carbon ions version



Number of angles	20
Peak magnetic field	6.1 T
Stored Energy	1300 MJ

Coil dimension	5.8 m x 4.5 m
Torus dimension	5.8 m x 12.8 m
Bore size	3.7 m
Vector Magnet position	9.2 m

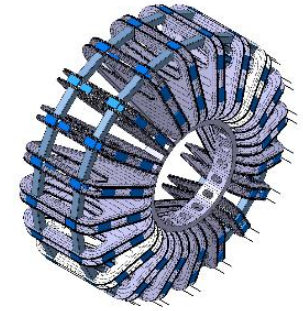
Operating temperature	4.2 K
Operating current	10.8 kA

Estimated total mass	300 tons
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GaToroid – Status and Perspectives (NIMMS – Note – 003, EDMS: 2444379)

# From concept to demonstrator

## Carbon ions version



### Protection

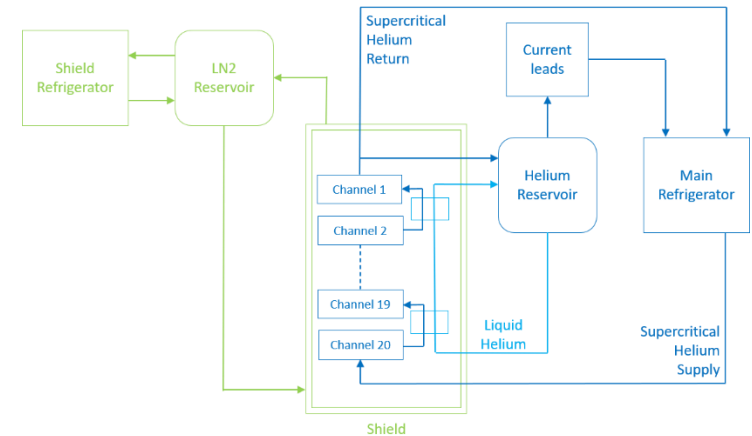
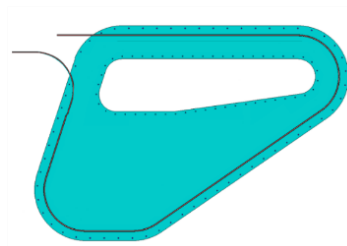
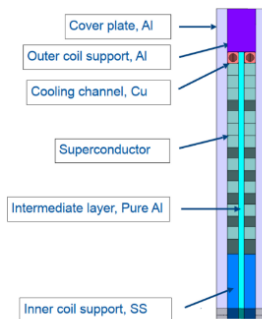
2 types of protection are feasible:

Low voltage (50 V)	Internal quench heaters	$J_{eng} = 105 \text{ A/mm}^2$	$T_{max} = 130 \text{ K}$	Cu:Sc ~ 7
High voltage (500 V)	External dump resistors	$J_{eng} = 70 \text{ A/mm}^2$	$T_{max} = 100 \text{ K}$	Cu:Sc ~ 12

### Heat loads

Broad estimations (50 W at 4 K and 650 W at 50 K) are not out of order and the thermal loads on the Carbon ions GaToroid are very manageable.

### Cryogenics

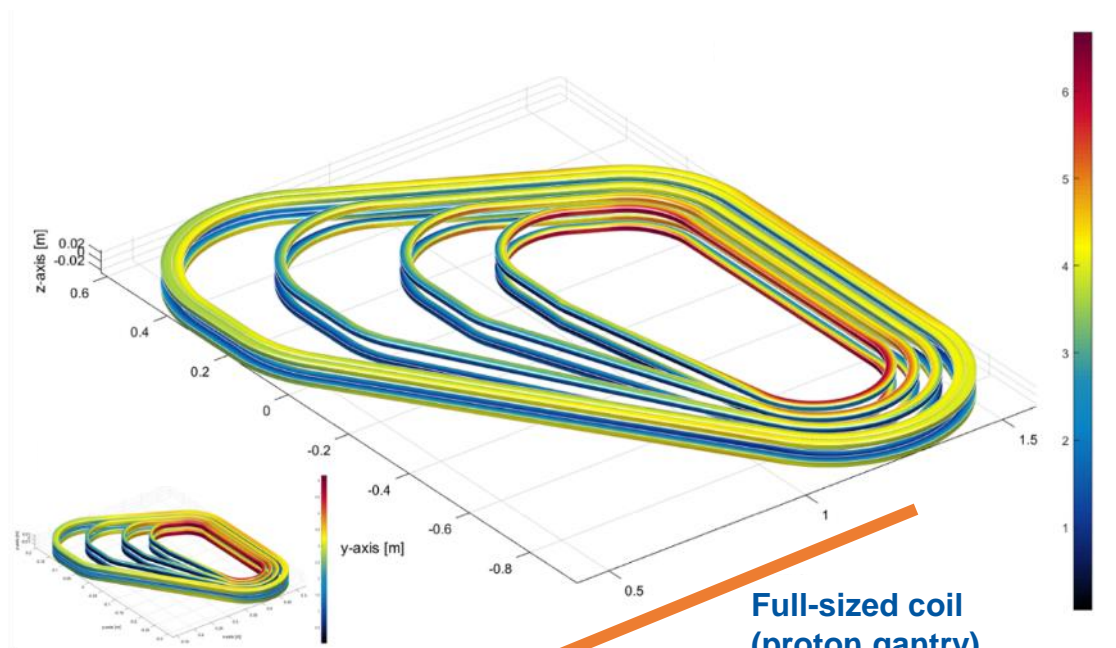
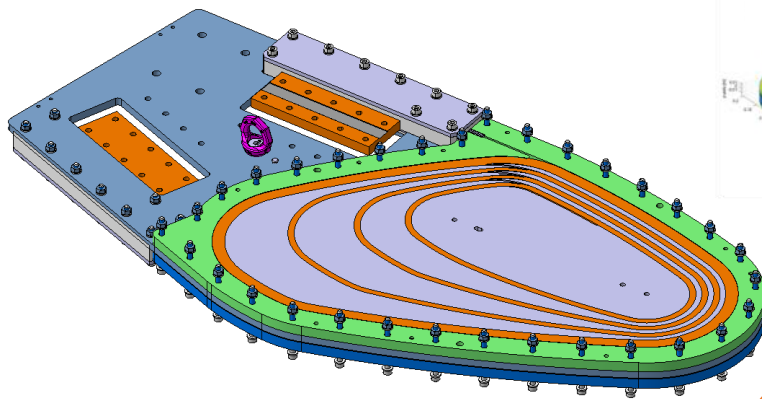


# From concept to demonstrator

## Demonstrator strategy

Build a Single coil scaled down from the proton design by a factor 3 so we can test it at CERN:

- Magnet performance
- Quench protection
- Field quality
- Coil manufacturing



Full-sized coil  
(proton gantry)

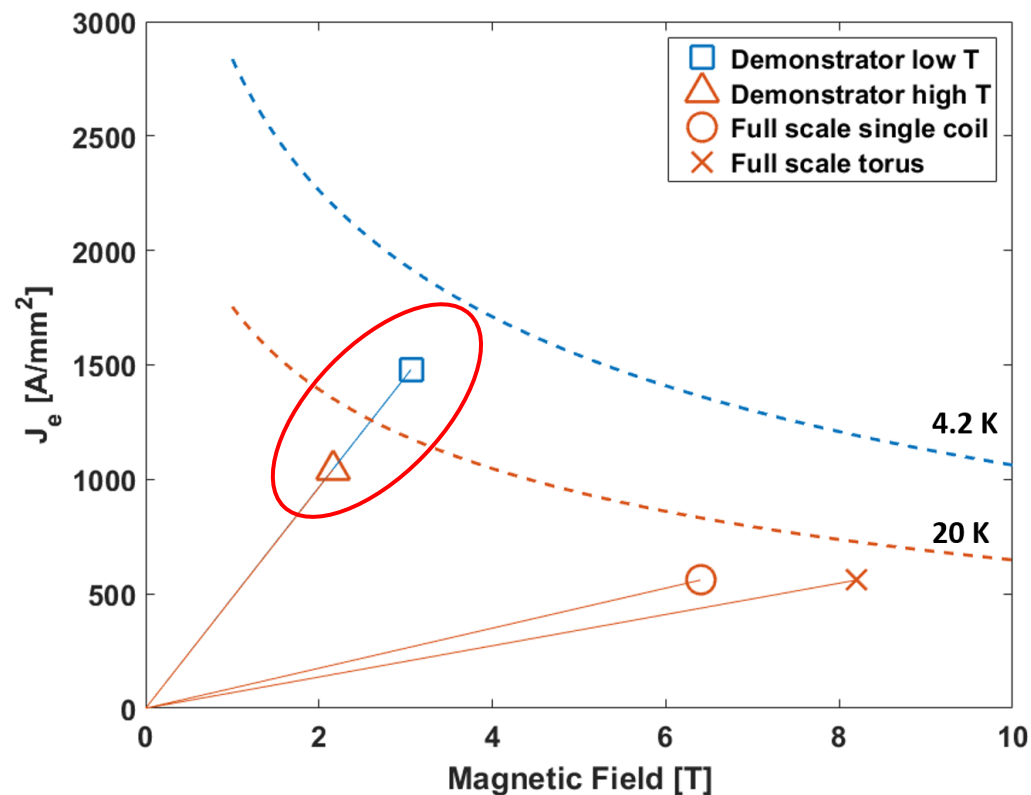
1:3 Scaled  
down

2x Demonstrators  
HTS & LTS



# From concept to demonstrator

## Operating conditions for HTS demonstrator



### High T / Low I

Operating temperature	20 K
Operating current	5000 A
Peak magnetic field	2.16 T
Op. current density (tape)	1042 A/mm <sup>2</sup>
Eng. current density (cable)	241 A/mm <sup>2</sup>

### Low T / High I

Operating temperature	4.2 K
Operating current	7100 A
Peak magnetic field	3.06 T
Op. current density (tape)	1479 A/mm <sup>2</sup>
Eng. current density (cable)	342 A/mm <sup>2</sup>

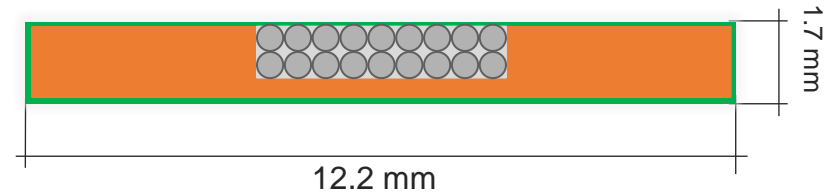
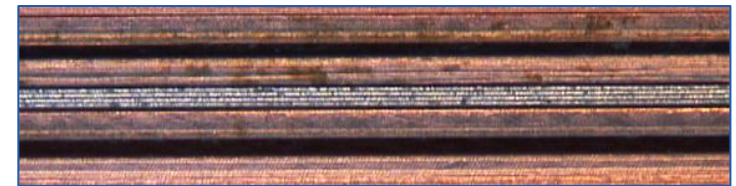
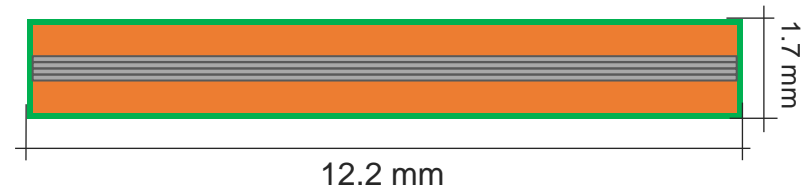
# From concept to demonstrator

## Demonstrator cable geometry

■ Copper  
■ ReBCO Tapes  
■ Insulation

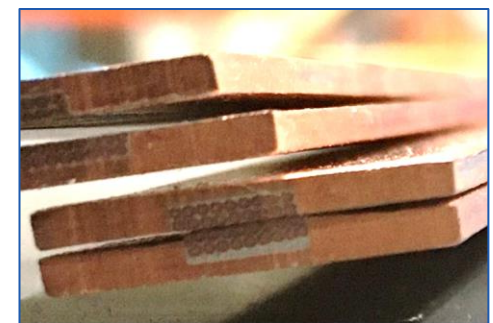
### HTS

Superconductor	ReBCO
Topology	Non twisted stack
Number of HTS tape	4 (0.1 mm)
Number of Copper tape	2 (0.55 mm)
Cu:Sc ratio	5.3
Operating temperature	20 K



### LTS

Superconductor	NbTi
Topology	Rutherford (MCBXF)
Number of strands	18
Cu:Sc ratio (with Cu profile)	10.8
Operating temperature	4.2 K



# From concept to demonstrator

## Quench protection

### LTS (NbTi):

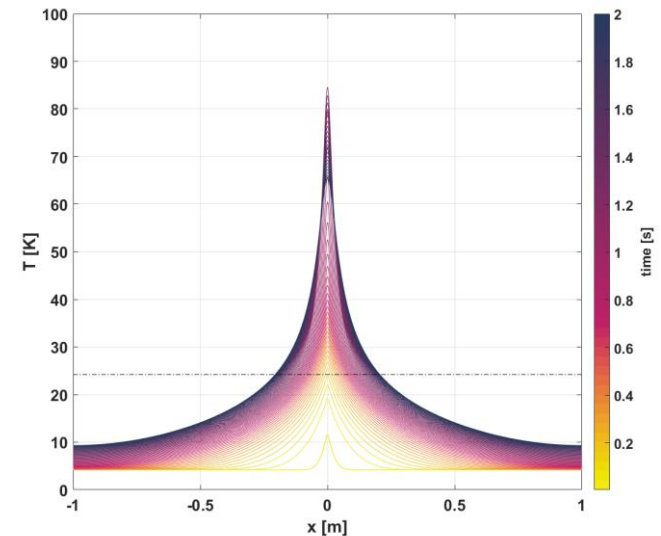
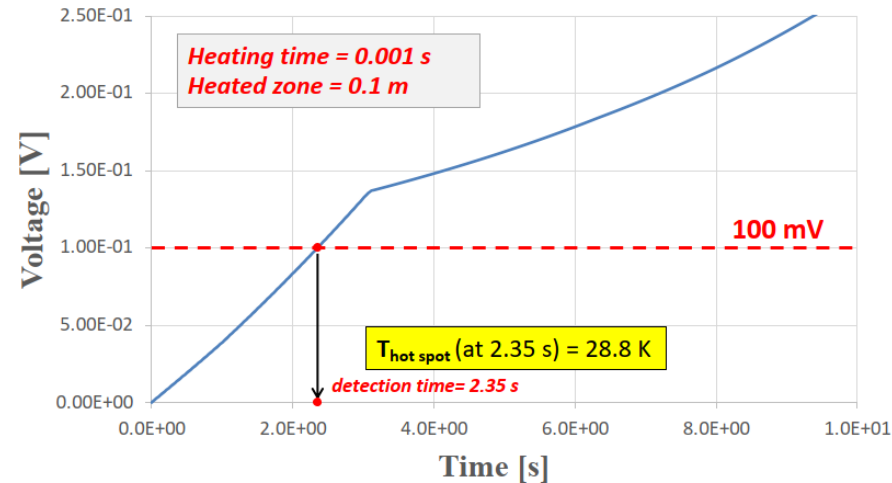
1D adiabatic model for quench propagation. Cable as single element.

- Minimum quench energy for heating lengths of 1 m and 0.1 m during 1 ms is below 10 mJ/cc .
- Time to reach threshold (100 mV): 2.35 s
- Peak temperature: 30 K
- Quench velocity 3.1 m/s

### HTS:

1D adiabatic model for quench propagation. Cable as single element.

- 1 cm local defect as MQE is too high (16 J/cc)
- Time to reach threshold (50 mV): 1.1 s
- Peak temperature: <100 K
- Quench velocity 25 cm/s



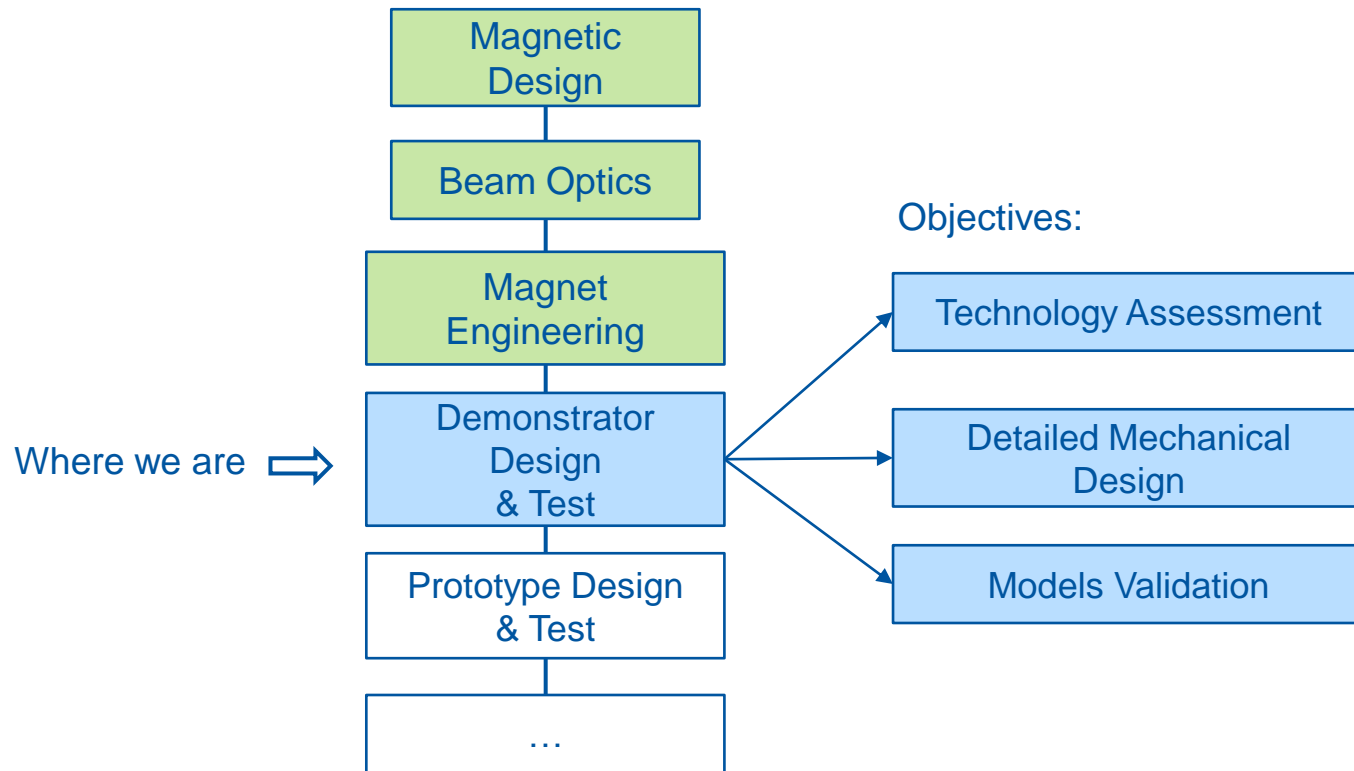
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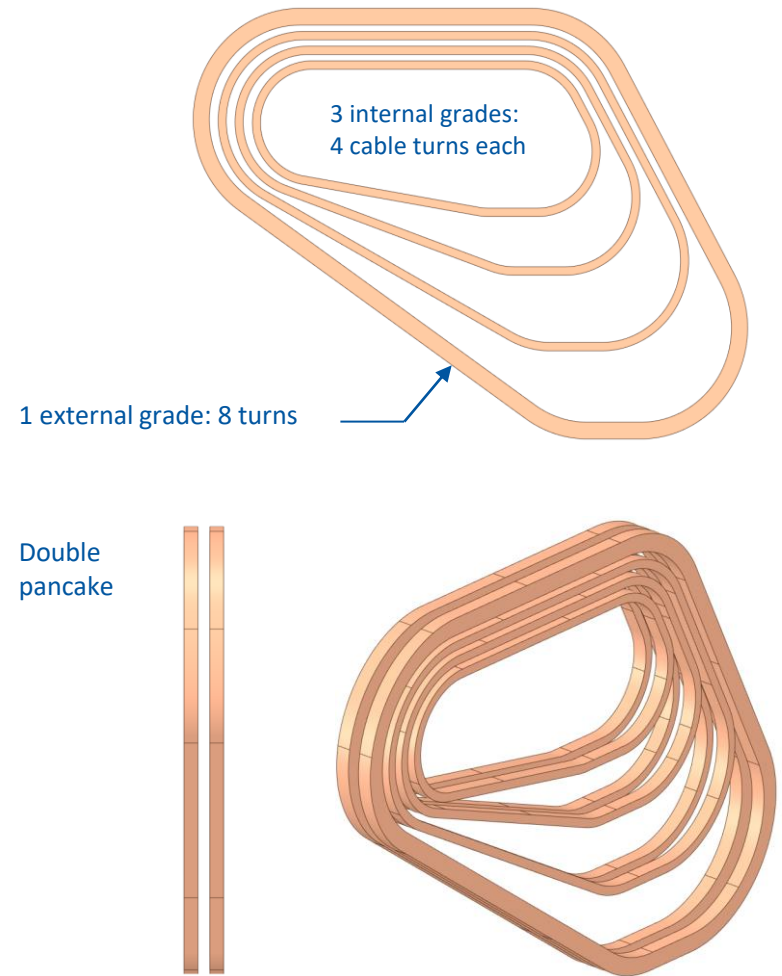
# Demonstrator design & analysis

## Project workflow



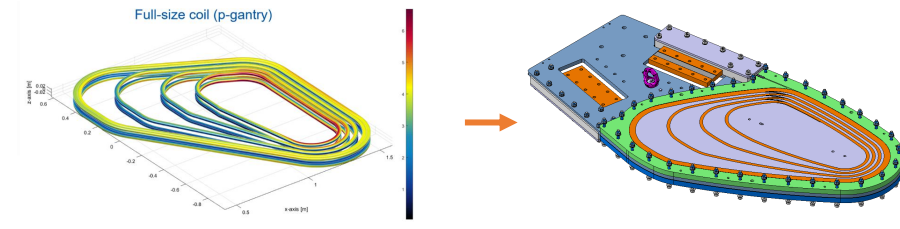
# Demonstrator design & analysis

- Geometry: Coil of the **proton gantry** scaled down of a factor 3
- Baseline version meets only field requirements
- The goal now is to design a magnet whose geometry can be manufactured **both** in HTS and LTS versions.
- The design of the demonstrator should be representative of the full scale coil for the toroidal gantry.

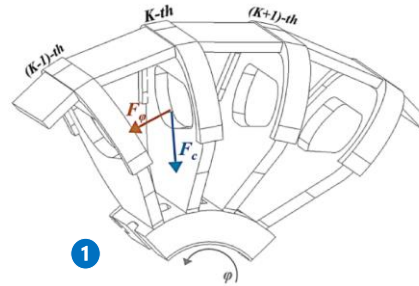


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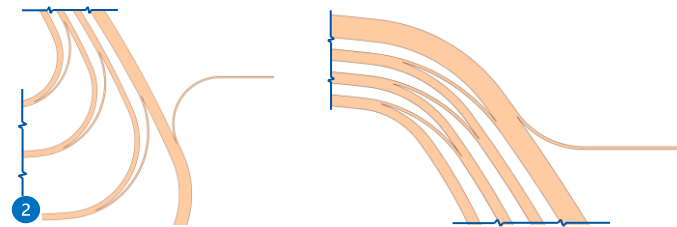
Requirements to be fulfilled moving from an ideal coil to the real one:



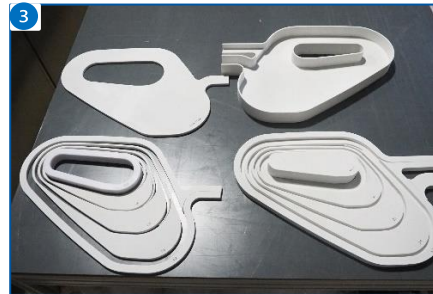
Structurally stable magnet 1



To be powered at cold 2



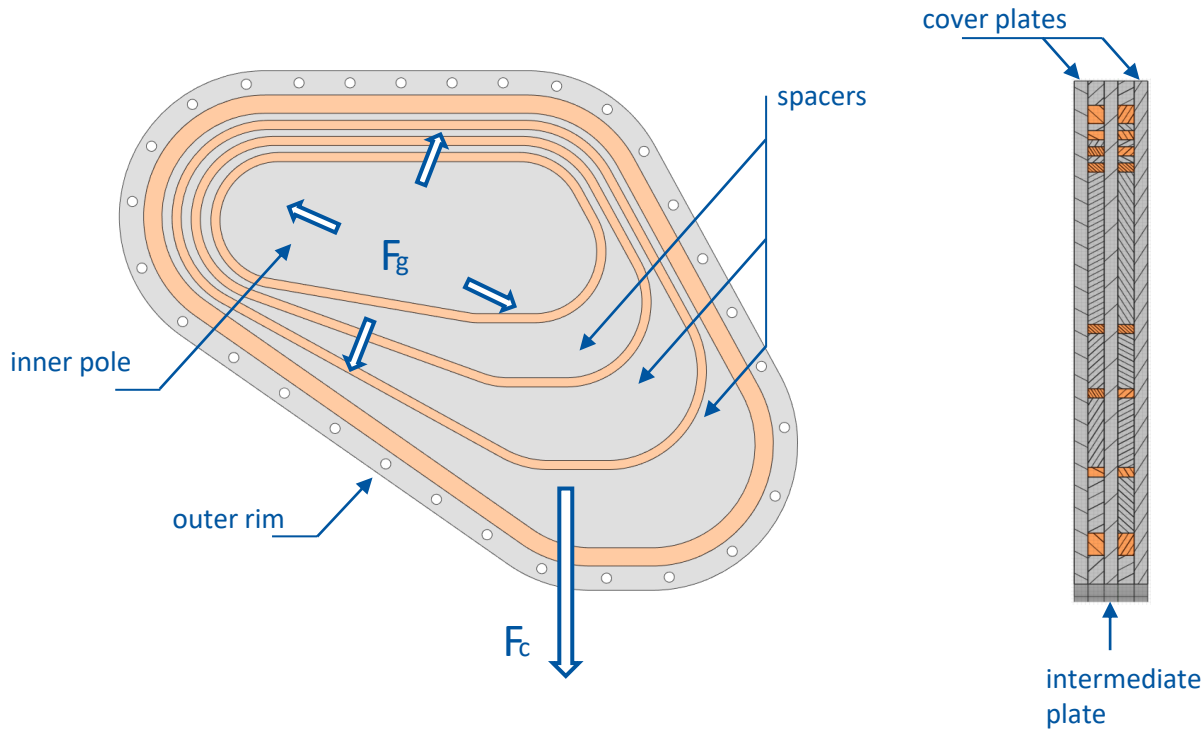
To be manufactured/assembled 3



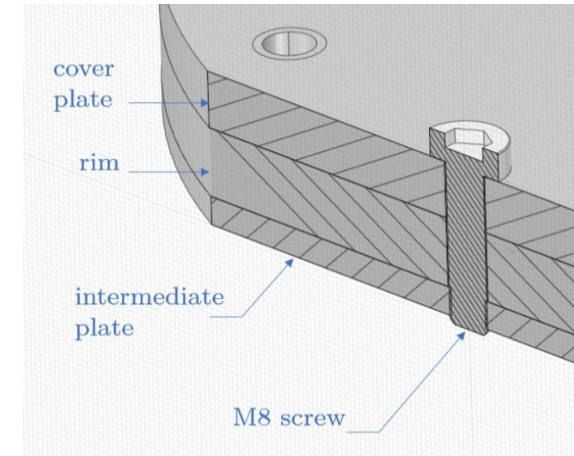
# Demonstrator design & analysis

## Design process

### Structural aspects: casing



### AISI 316 L - Stainless Steel



$F_g$ : Operational forces acting on grades (always present)  
 $F_c$ : Centering force on coils only when in **toroidal** configuration

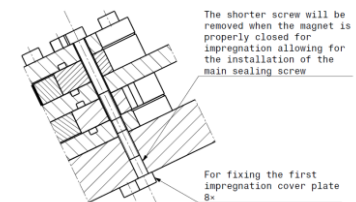
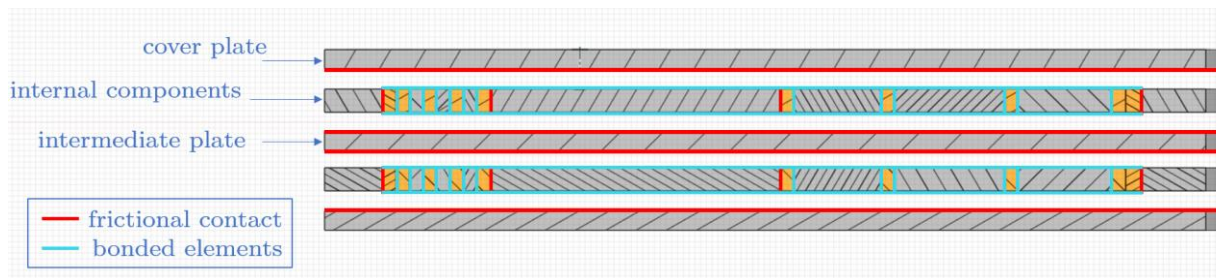
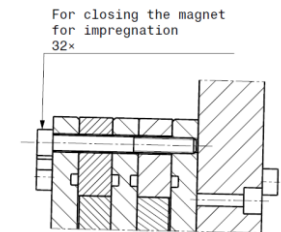
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## Design process

### Impregnation

Brings to a **monolithic** structure, **preventing** reciprocal **movements** of components.  
Two **consequences** on the design:

- **Details** in the magnet casing for it to be used as impregnation mould;
- Clear definition of the **behavior** of components **at interfaces** (relevant for FEA\*).



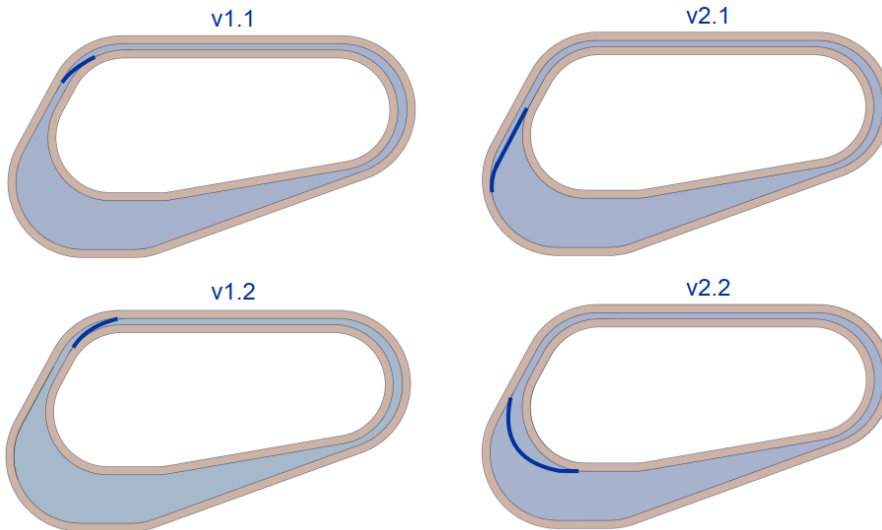
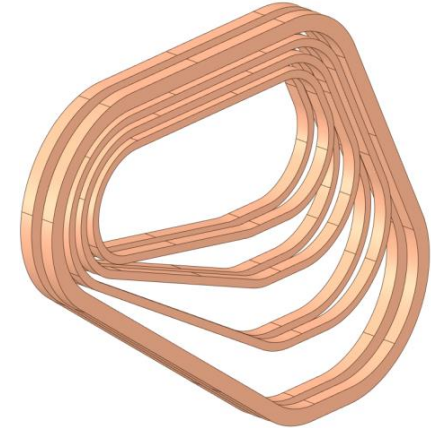
\*Surface contact properties ( $\mu$ ) from experimental tests' results – courtesy of G. Spigo

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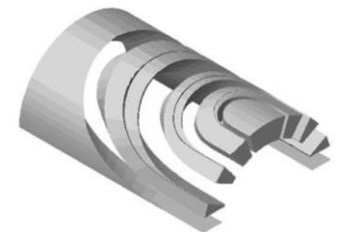
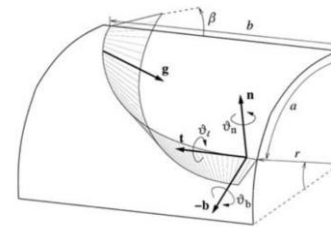
## Design process

### Operational aspects

- Need for **electrical connection** to the power source;
- Electrical continuity between layers: **layer jump**;
- Electrical continuity between grades\*: **grade jumps**;



$$E = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{s_c} (f_\tau \tau(s)^2 + f_{\kappa_n} \kappa_n(s)^2 + f_{\kappa_g} \kappa_g(s)^2) ds$$



\* Concepts developed and studied by J. Harray, T. Lehtinen, E. Felcini, *et al.*



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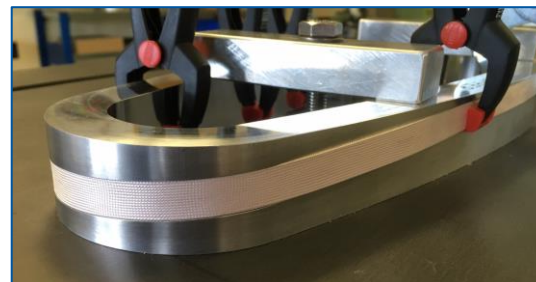
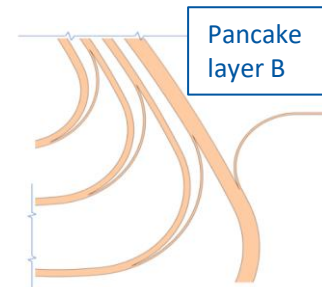
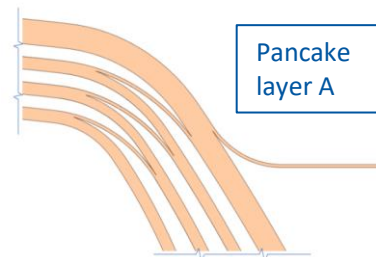
### Grade and layer jumps

Jumps between grades and pancake layers **perturbate** the magnetic field map in two ways:

1. Contribution due to the current flowing inside the conductor itself;
2. Local reduction of the number of cable turns in grades.

Minimal field variations and beam delivery properties close to nominal are granted if the jumps' **length** is **minimized**, and if these happen in the "**back**" of the magnet.

Regarding the layer jump, added complexity due to hard-way **bending** of the cable. Multiple options proposed and **manual tests** carried to find the easier and more robust solution.



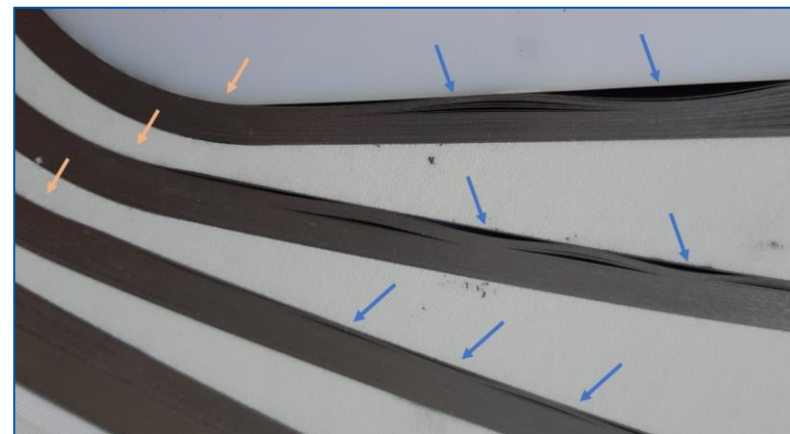
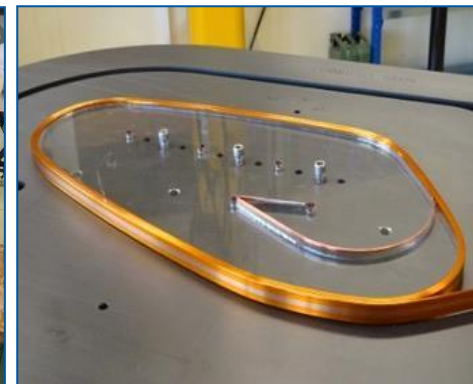
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## Design process

### Manufacturing aspects

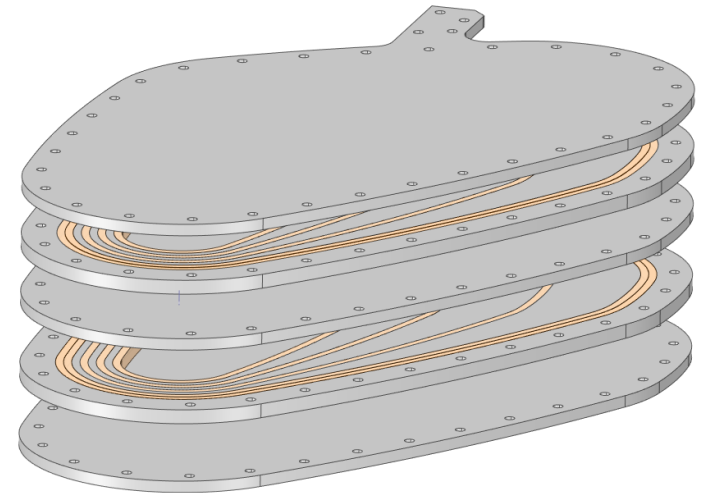
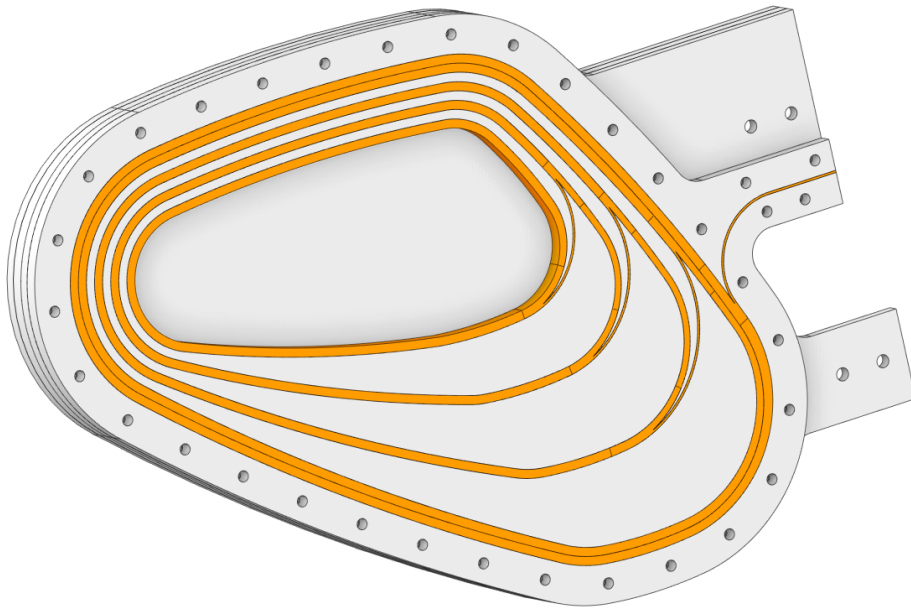
- “Dummy” windings with Cu or SS strips
- Winding tension to apply initial tension of  $\approx 2$  MPa to the cables
- “**Snaking**” effect noticed (blue arrows) →
  - possible cause: too rapid transition from circular sectors to the straight ones
  - possible solution: change grades shape, and use **large radius arcs**

Tangency maintained and less abrupt **curvature** variation.  
**Convexity** of the grade ensures constant contact with underlying spacers.



# Demonstrator design & analysis

Baseline for FEA



Geometries prepared for FEA in  **SPACECLAIM**  
CORPORATION

# Demonstrator design & analysis

## Verification through FEA

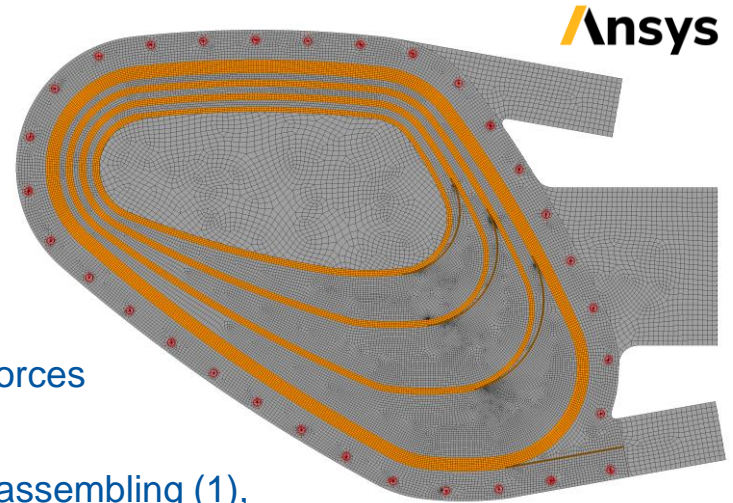
### Approach

3D Finite Element Analyses using Ansys APDL.

Three steps analyses:

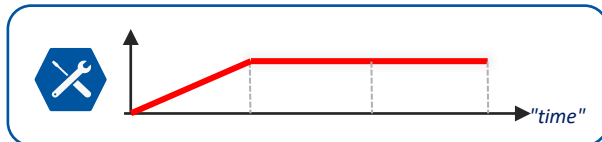
1. **Electric:** to find the current density distribution inside the coils;
2. **Magnetostatic:** to compute the field and retrieve the forces acting on the conductor;
3. **Thermomechanical:** to assess the stress state after assembling (1), cooling (2) and powering (3).

Elements ~ 500 000 (second order)  
Runtime ~ 48 h per model

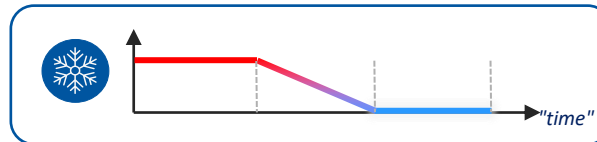


**Geometric** non-linearities;  
Non-linear **boundary conditions**;  
Symmetry modeling

1. Bolts' pretension to 13.3 kN



2. Cryogenic cool down to 4.2 K



3. Magnetic (Lorentz) forces



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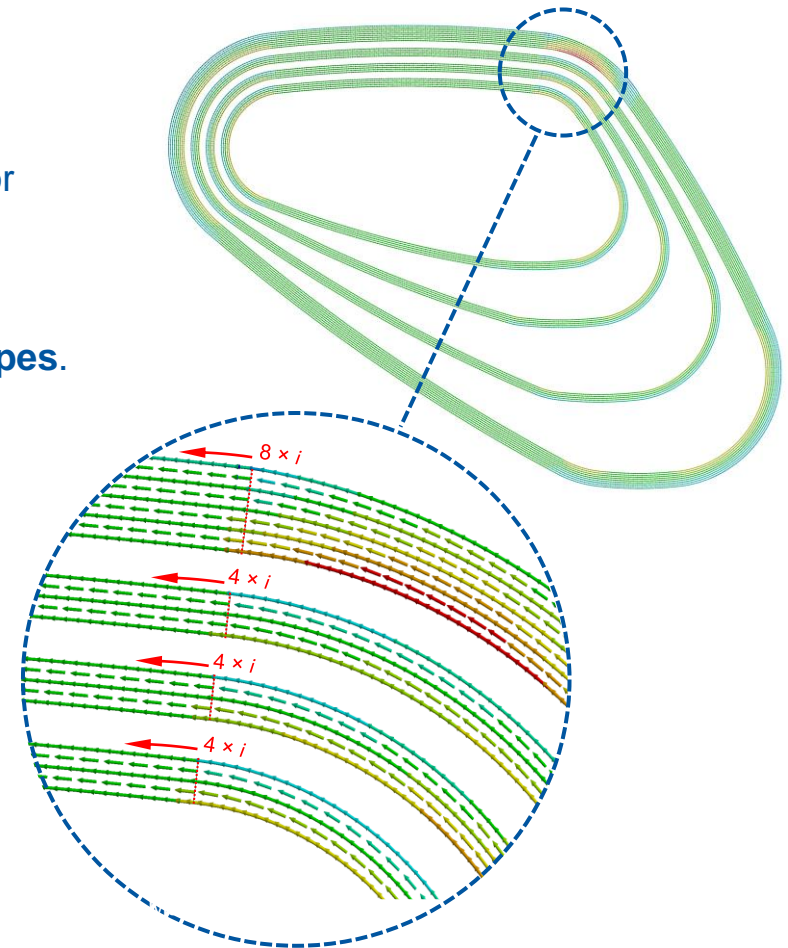
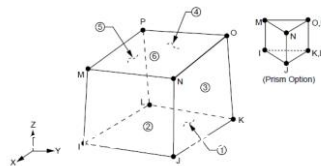
### Electrical analysis

Fairly simple geometry, but direct assignment of current densities ( $J_i$ ) requires definition of local coordinate system for each arc (or even element).

Electric (stationary) analysis instead allows for a quick determination of the current densities also for **complex shapes**.

- Definition of a cross section where elements are not to be connected (i.e. different nodes existing at same location);
- Coupling the DOFs for nodes relying on the same cross-section;
- Application of boundary conditions ( $i$  and  $V$ ).

Ansys Element\*: SOLID5  
DOF: Volt





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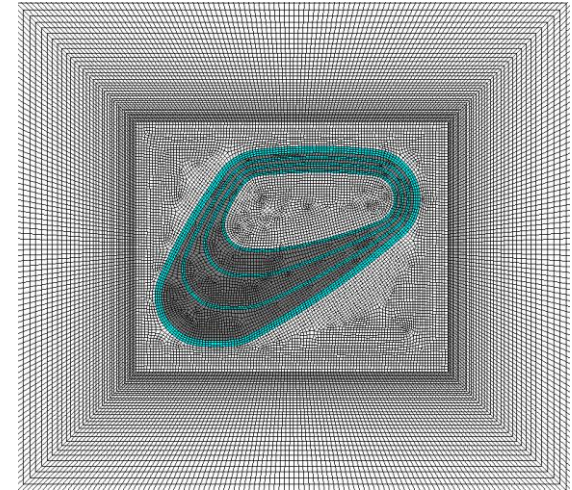
### Magnetostatic analysis

Subsequently  $J_i$  are used as input for computing the magnetic field.

Ansys Element SOLID97\* uses a differential formulation in terms of magnetic vector potential  $A$ .

Allows for extraction of **magnetic forces** but is also subjected to approximations and differentiation errors.

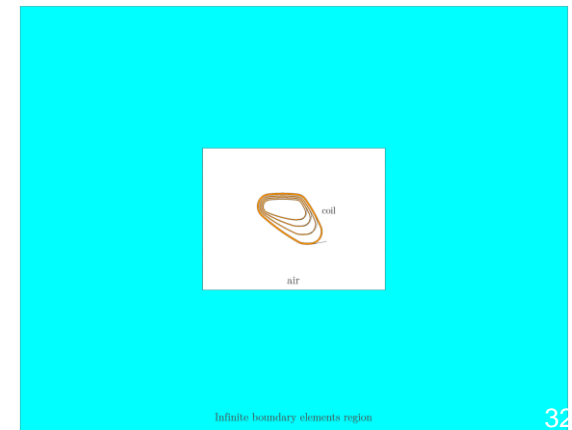
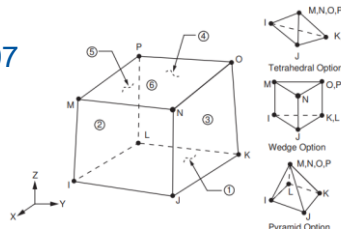
Only one pancake layer is modelled, with **symmetry** boundary conditions on the middle plane.



Ansys Element\*: SOLID97

DOF:  $A_x, A_y, A_z$

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$



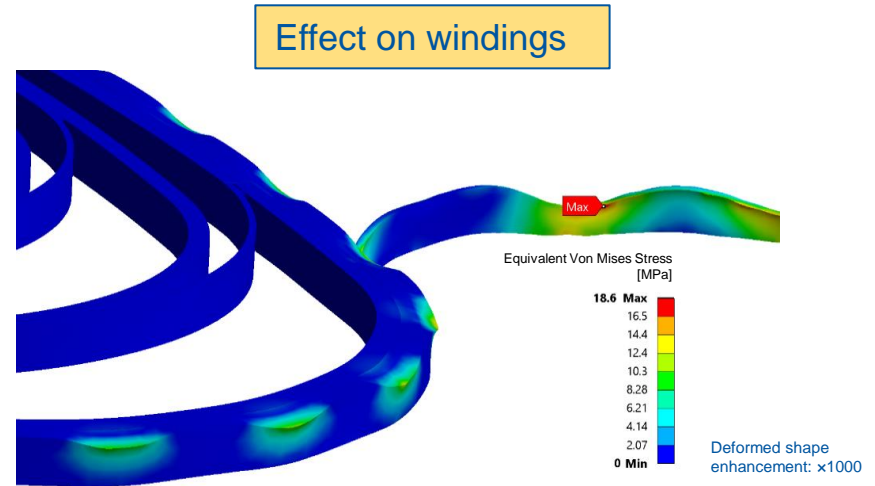
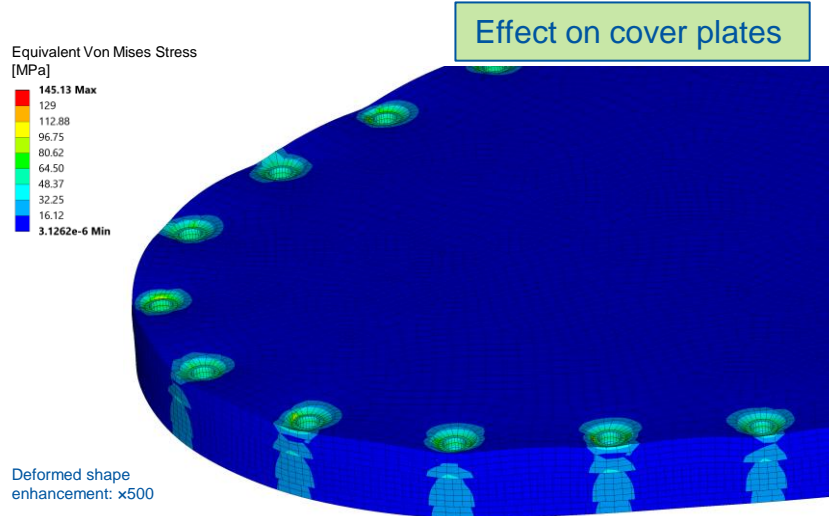


# Demonstrator design & analysis

## Verification through FEA

### Mechanical analyses: Bolts' pretention

Preliminary bolted joint dimensioning according to VDI 2230 and ISO 3505.  
Preload of 13.3 kN



Suggestion:

PTFE (Teflon) or MoS<sub>2</sub> (molykote) **coating** on steel components to prevent **frictional stresses** at the interface.

# Demonstrator design & analysis

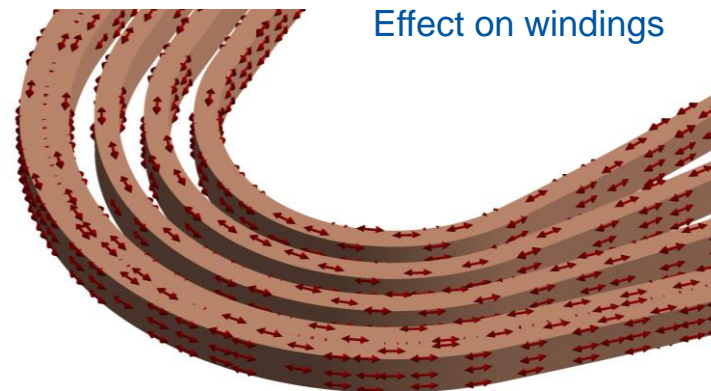
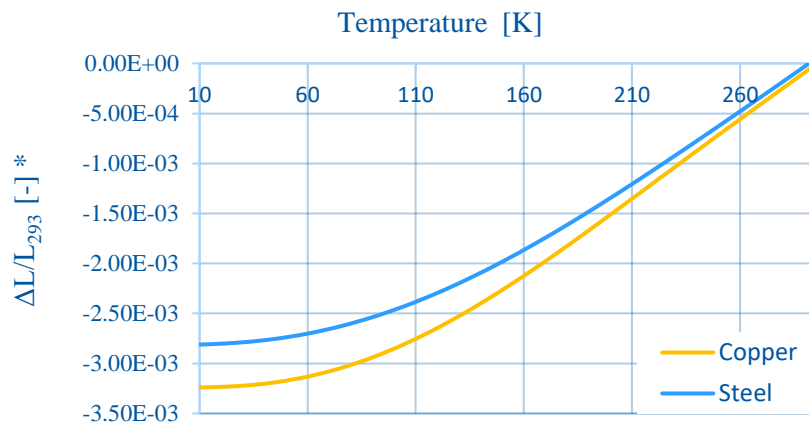
## Verification through FEA

### Mechanics: Cryogenic cooldown

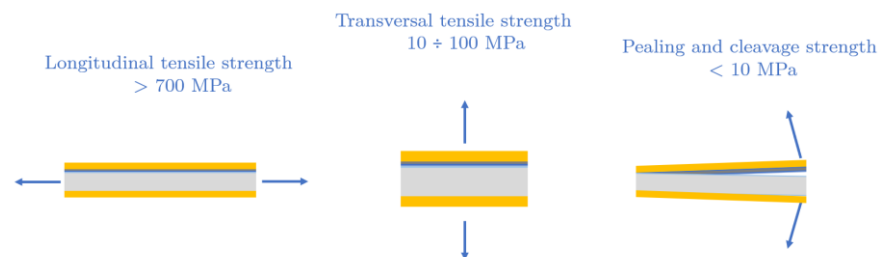
Stresses develop due to **CTE differences**:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CTE}_{\text{SS}} &= 9.9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1} \\ \text{CTE}_{\text{cables}} &= 11 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Values refer to integrated CTEs.



### ReBCO tapes (laminated) strength characteristics



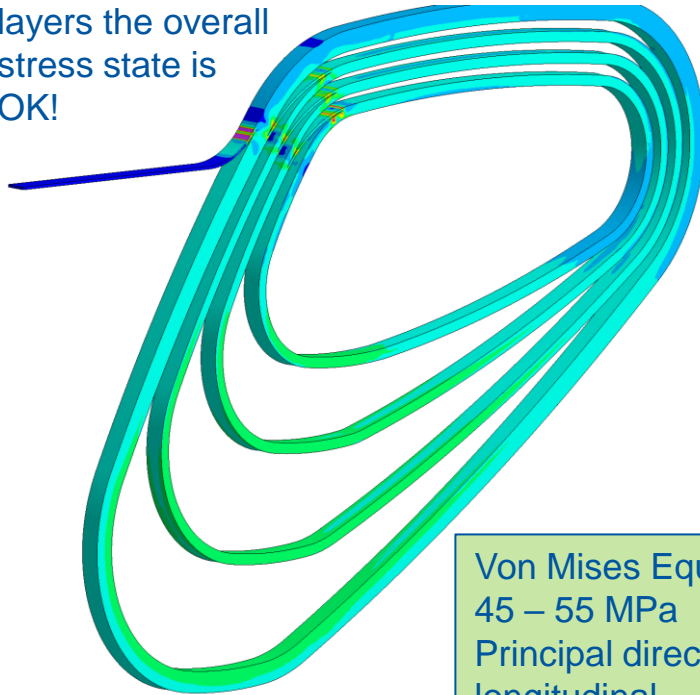
\*Thermoelastic properties from EuCARD<sup>2</sup> - Thermal Contraction Data – Glyn Kirby et Al.

# Demonstrator design & analysis

## Verification through FEA

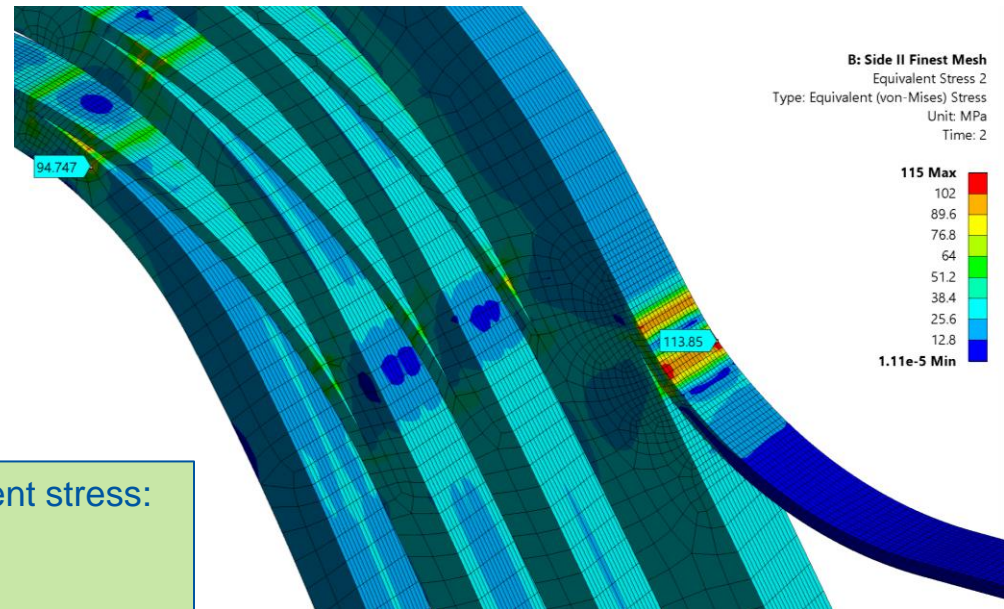
### Cryogenic cooldown

For both pancake layers the overall stress state is OK!



Von Mises Equivalent stress:  
45 – 55 MPa  
Principal direction:  
longitudinal

But stress peaks on one side!

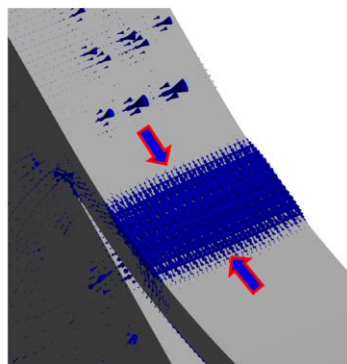
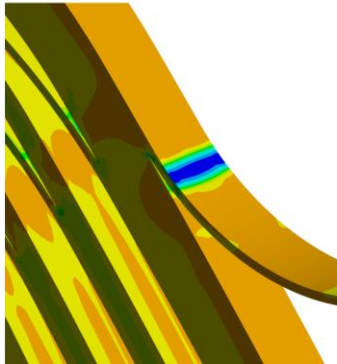
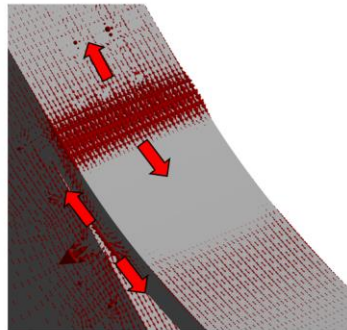
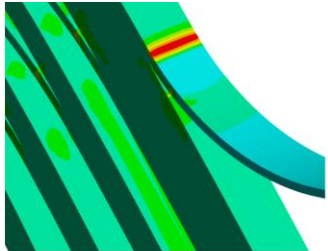


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## Verification through FEA

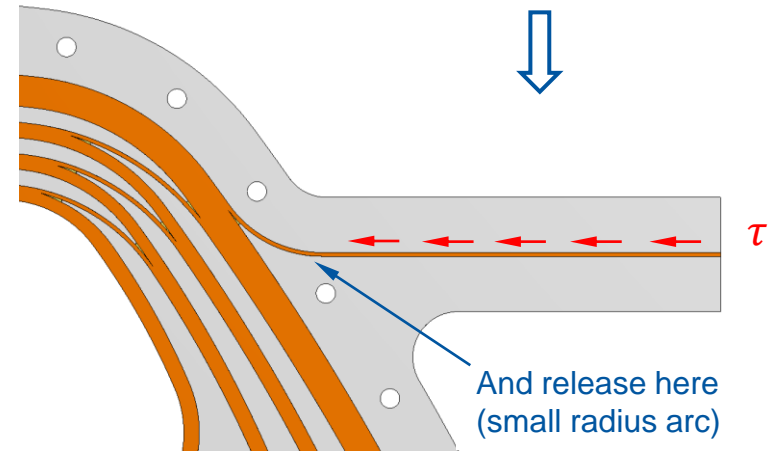
### Critical phase: cooldown

Behavior proper  
of BUCKLING



Possible cause:

sum of tangential stresses along the cable



Suggestion:

**Modify the geometry** and PTFE (Teflon) or MoS<sub>2</sub> (molykote) **coating** to reduce frictional stresses.

# Demonstrator design & analysis

## Verification through FEA

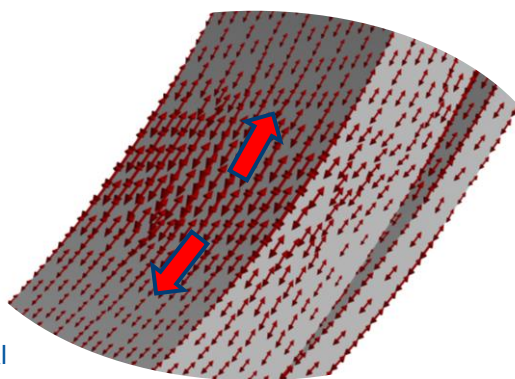
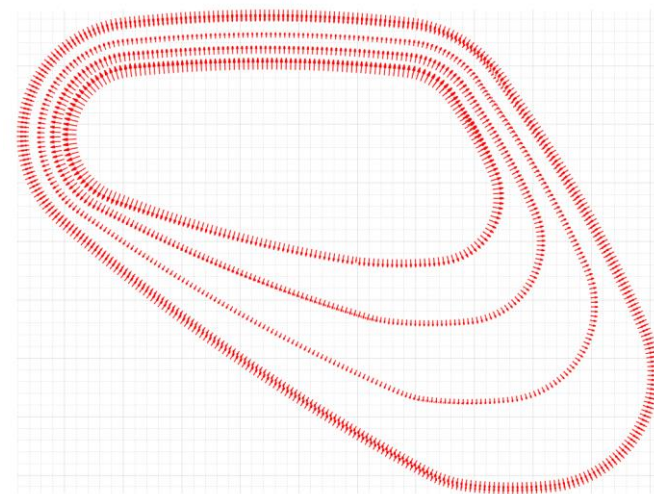
### Lorentz forces

**Minor** effects of Lorentz forces.

Tend to expand the coil  
→  
longitudinal stresses

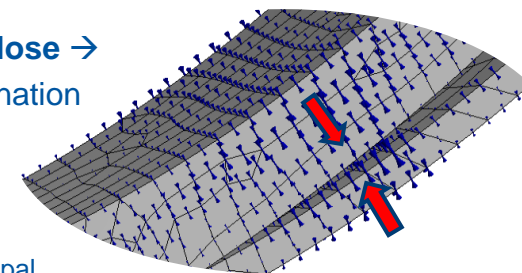
Von Mises Equivalent stress increments of 5 – 20 MPa  
Mean value inside windings: **60 MPa**

Maximum principal **stress direction** remains **longitudinal**  
→ compatible with cable's characteristics



Vector-plot of **maximum** principal stresses

Cable jumps tend to **close** →  
reduced risk of delamination  
near grade jumps



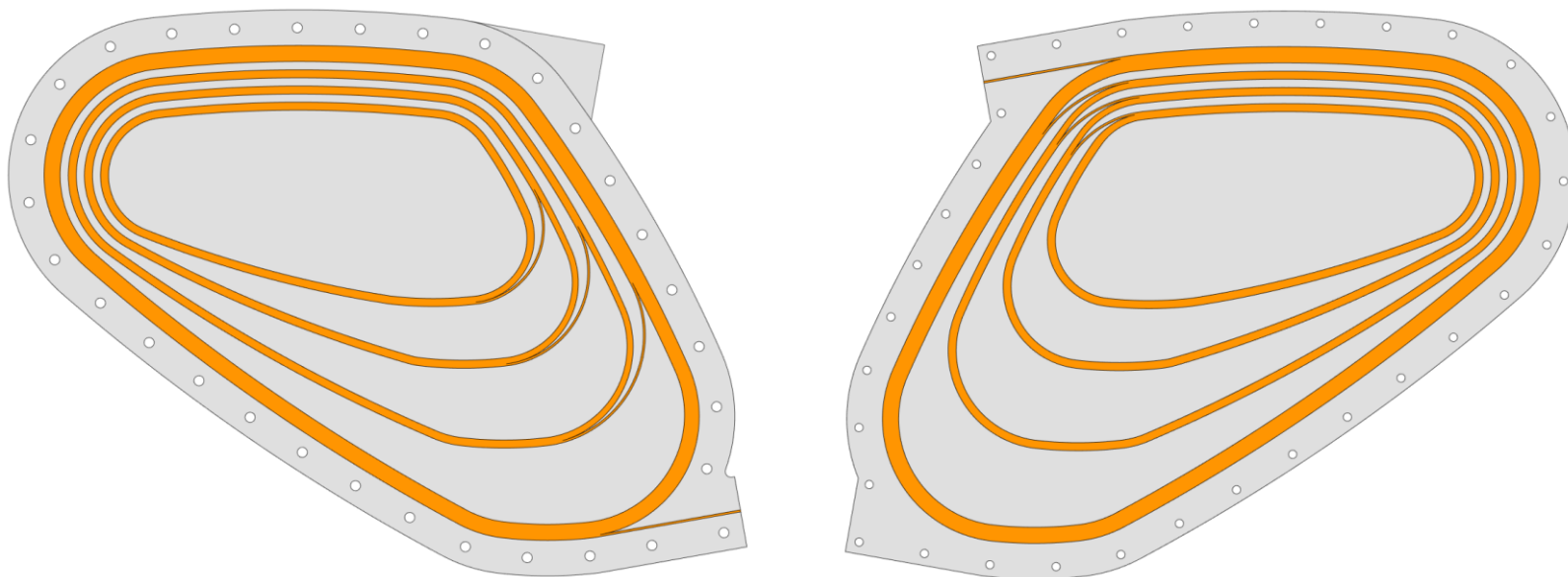
Vector-plot of **minimum** principal stresses



# Demonstrator design & analysis

## New geometry

Straighter cable inlet and outlet and new behavior at interfaces.





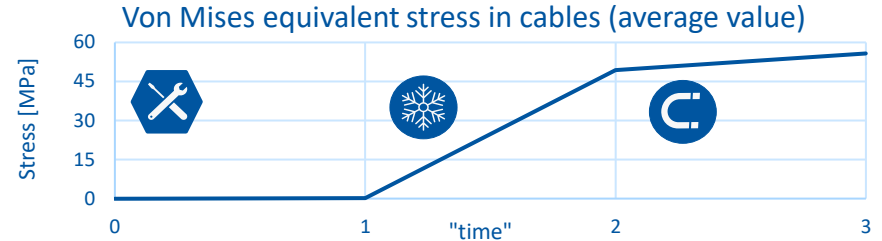
# Demonstrator design & analysis

## Final configuration results

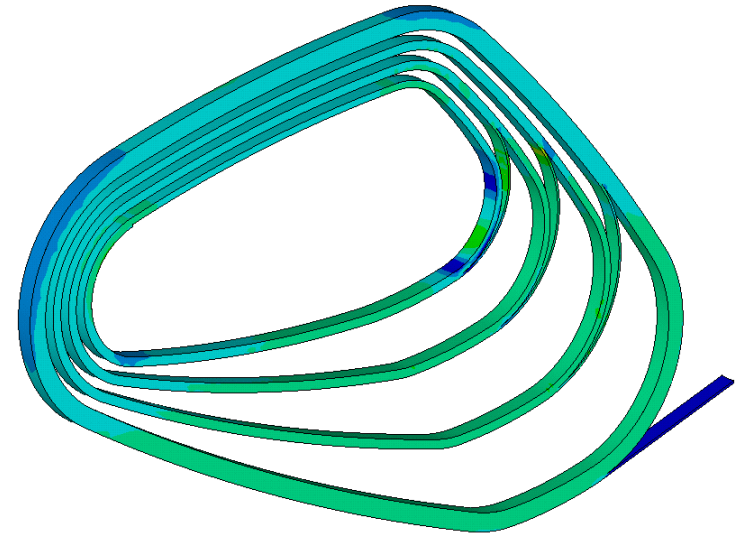
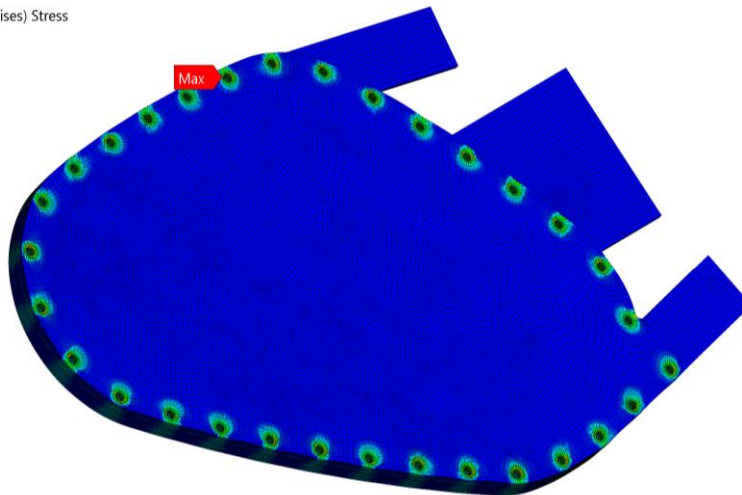
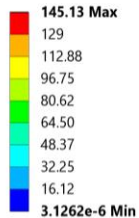
Stress state is stable.

Von Mises Equivalent stress intensity:

- At the end of cooldown : 45 – 50 MPa
- At the end of powering : 55 – 60 MPa (+10 MPa)

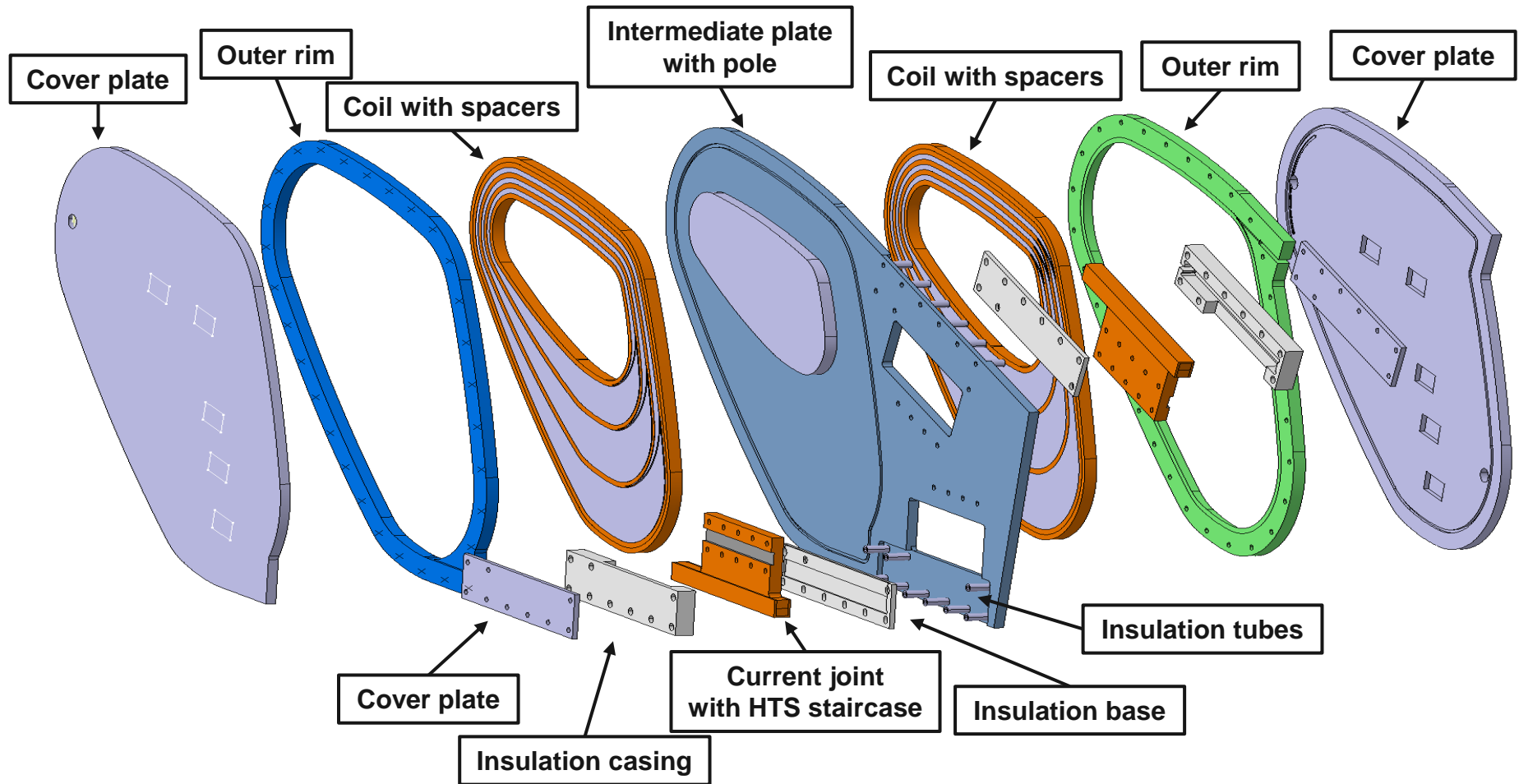


Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress  
Unit: MPa  
Time: 1



# Demonstrator design & analysis

## Final design



# Demonstrator design & analysis

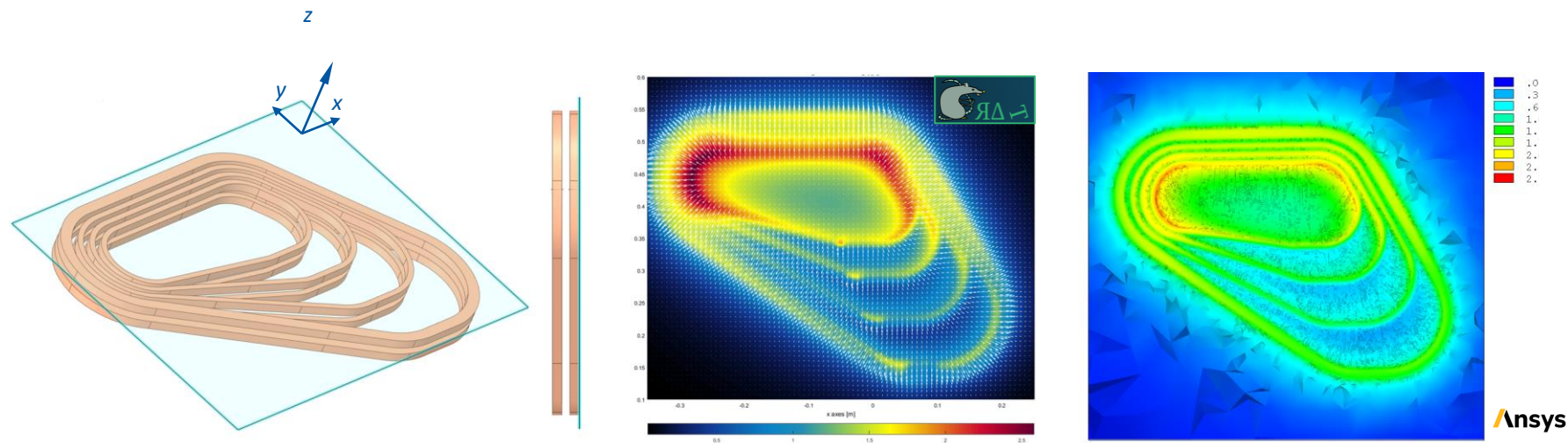
## Magnetic field and instrumentation

To **validate** the FE procedure, Ansys results on the ideal coil have been compared to those previously calculated with RAT\* (E. Felcini) in its Matlab version.

The comparison is done on a **reference plane**, where the magnetic sensors will be ideally positioned.

The computed field show the same **trend**, and the **peak field** differs for less than 5 %.

The procedure is therefore considered **valid** and it can be applied to the newer geometry.



\* Jeroen van Nugteren - <https://indico.cern.ch/event/856850/>

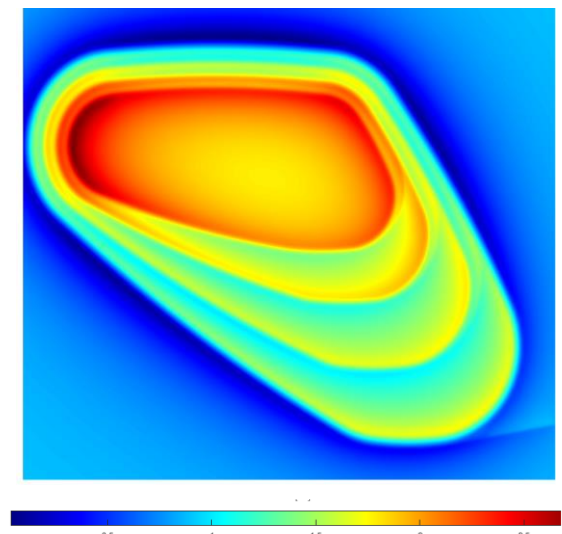
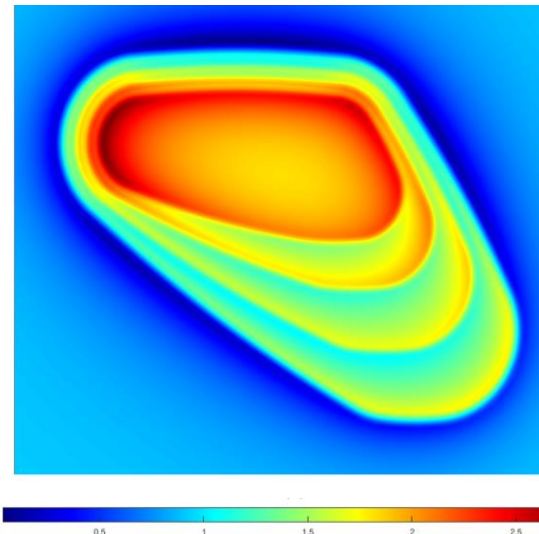
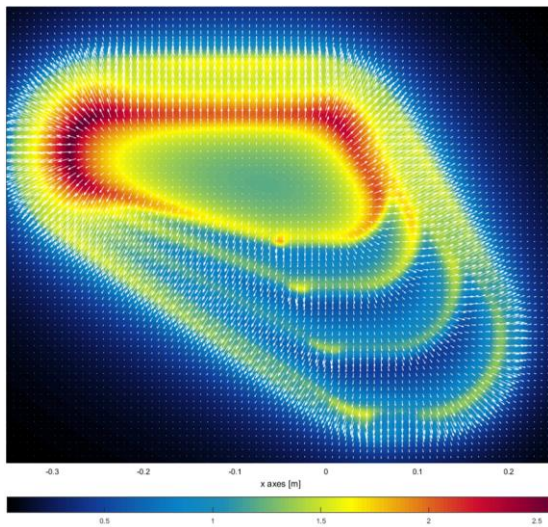
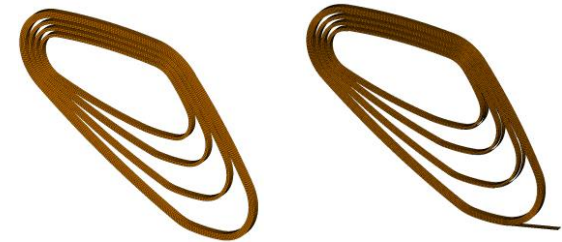
# Demonstrator design & analysis

## Magnetic field and instrumentation

### Procedure

The subsequent magnetic analyses have been carried with an **increasing level** of detail.

Beside this being usual practice in FE modelling, it helps **understanding the errors committed** with different levels of approximations.





# Demonstrator design & analysis

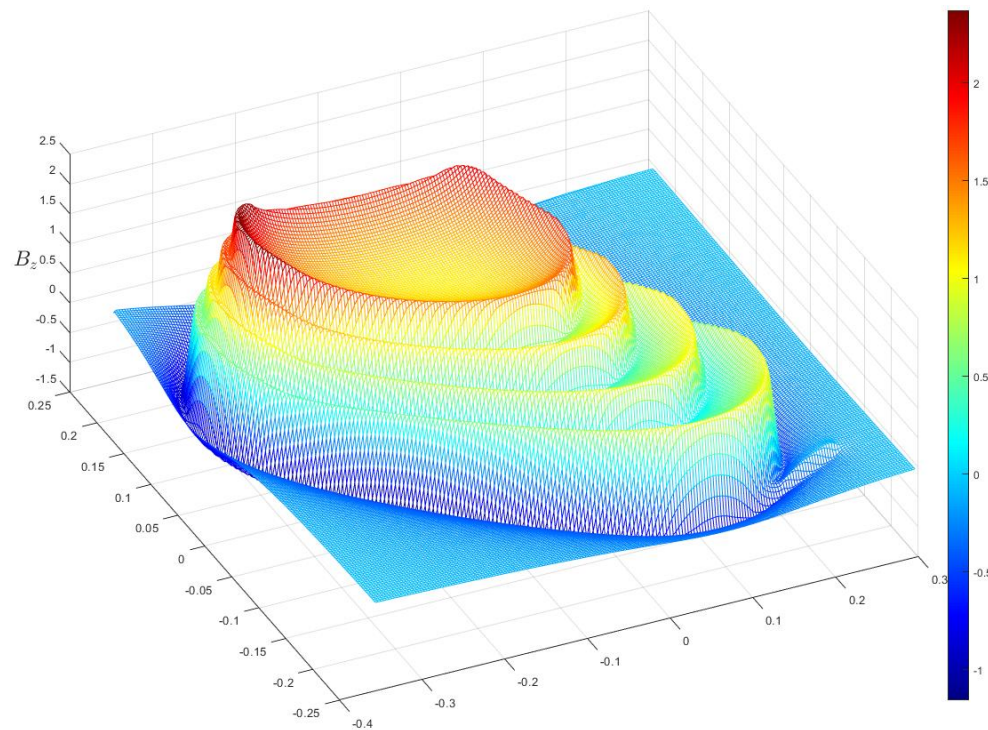
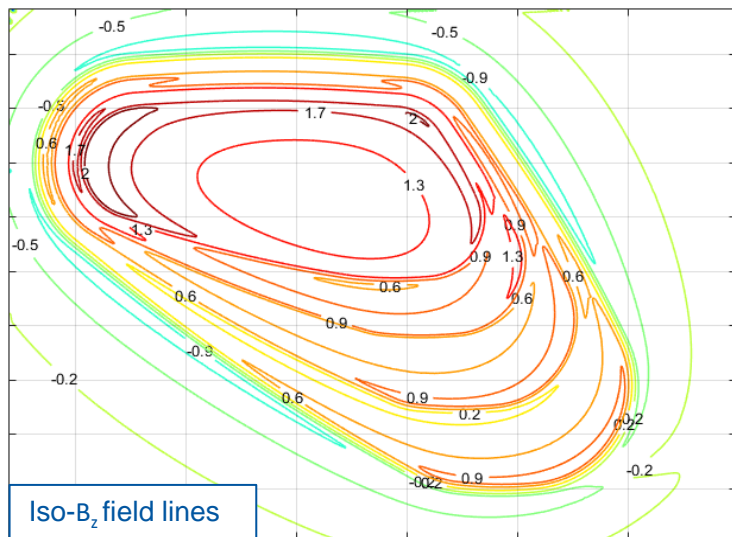
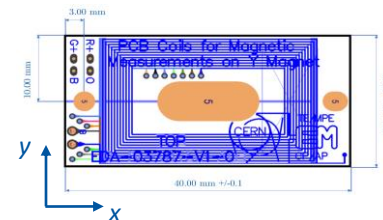
## Magnetic field and instrumentation

### Positioning of magnetic sensors (PCB)

Final field map from FE taken as a reference.

To be validated by **measurements** during cold test.

PCB: **pick up coil** + **Hall probe** sensitive to out-of-plane component ( $B_z$ )



# Demonstrator design & analysis

## Magnetic field and instrumentation

### Positioning of magnetic sensors

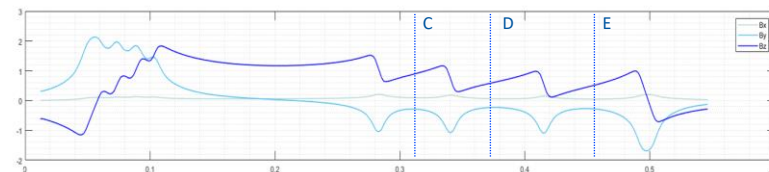
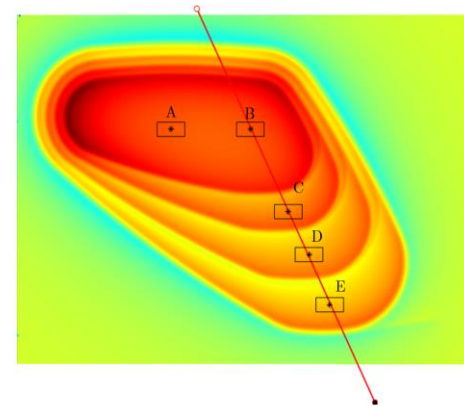
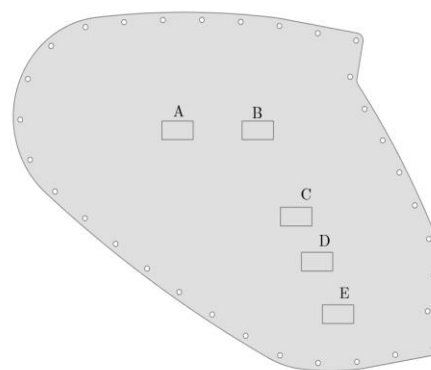
**First hypothesis on sensors' positions** and calculation of expected measures.

Mean field **perpendicular** to PCB :  $\hat{B}_z$

$$\hat{B}_z = \frac{\phi}{A} = \frac{1}{A} \iint_{PCB} B_z \cdot dA$$

Mean field **parallel** to PCB:  $\hat{B}_p$

$$\hat{B}_p = \frac{1}{A} \iint_{PCB} \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2} \cdot dA$$



	A	B	C	D	E
$\hat{B}_z$ [T]	1.165	1.188	0.935	0.672	0.549
$\hat{B}_p$ [T]	0.036	0.089	0.312	0.247	0.297

Very good. We don't move them.

High ratio  $\hat{B}_p / \hat{B}_z$ , need to be re-thought



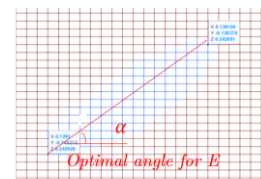
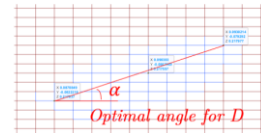
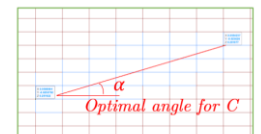
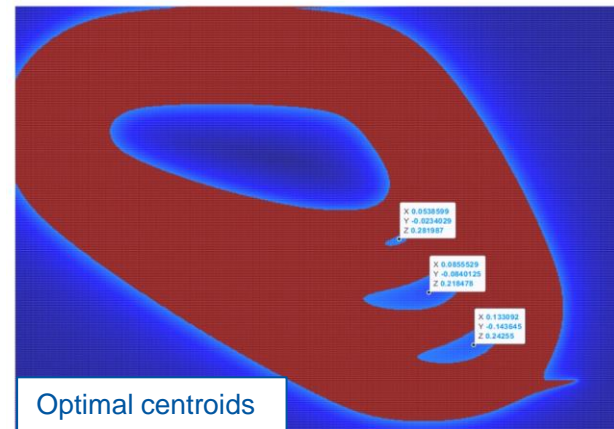
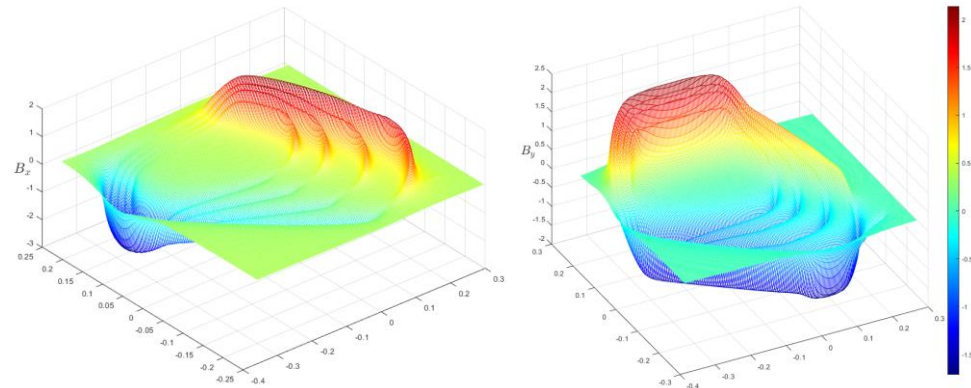
# Demonstrator design & analysis

## Magnetic field and instrumentation

### Finding the optima

- We can observe the **in plane-components** of **B** to understand the field map better.
- And the hypothesis of **tilting** the PCBs' in the plane emerges.
- We can then identify the best **center points** based on  $B_z$
- And finally **rotate** the coordinate system with a rotation matrix [R]

$$\overline{x}_{new} = \overline{x}_{old} \cdot [R] = \overline{x}_{old} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\alpha) & \sin(-\alpha) \\ \sin(\alpha) & \cos(-\alpha) \end{bmatrix}$$

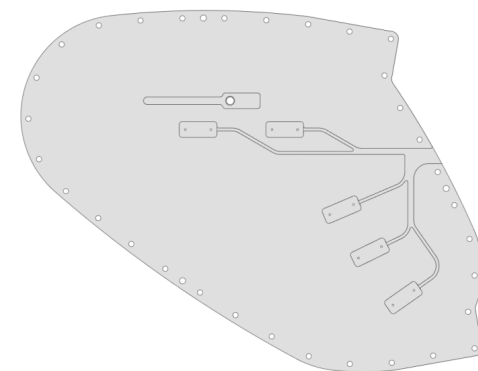
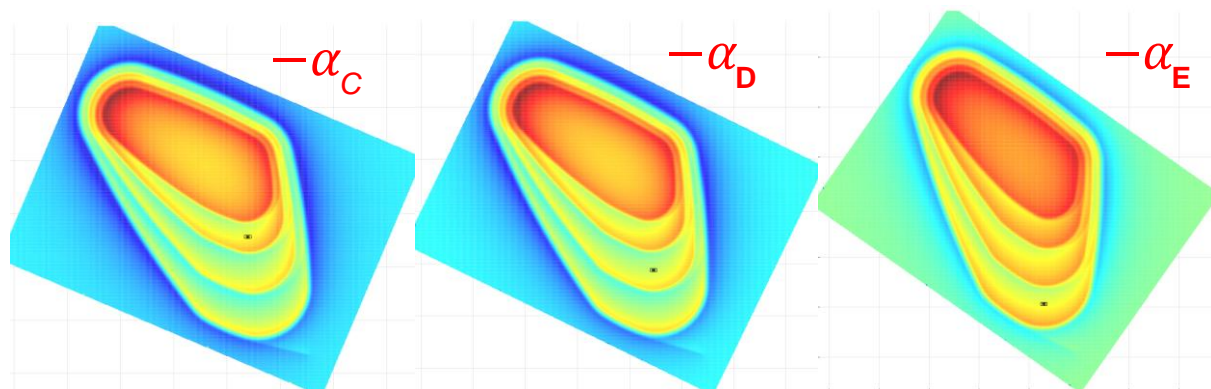


# Demonstrator design & analysis

## Magnetic field and instrumentation

### New results after rotation

Numerical integration at new locations, on tilted areas.



New CAD coordinates of PCB centers, and inclinations:

	A	B	C	D	E
$\hat{B}_z$ [T] *	1.165	1.188	0.944	0.699	0.472
$\hat{B}_p$ [T] **	0.036	0.089	0.287	0.231	0.238

Minimized  
the ratio  
 $\hat{B}_p / \hat{B}_z$

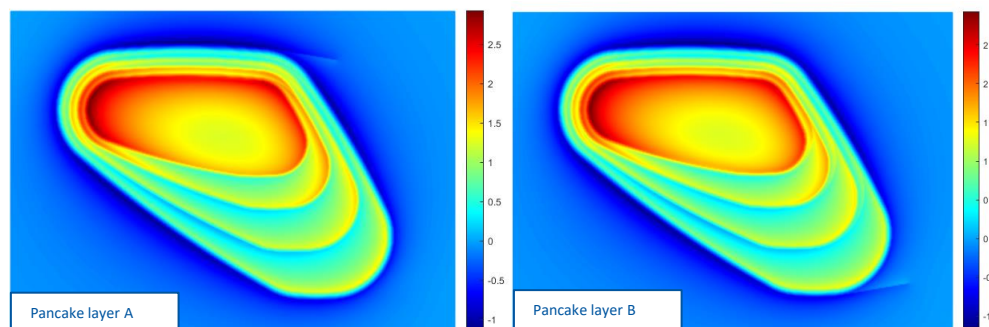
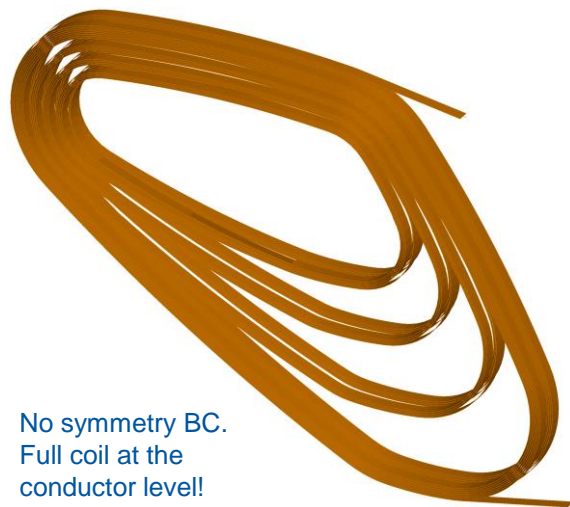
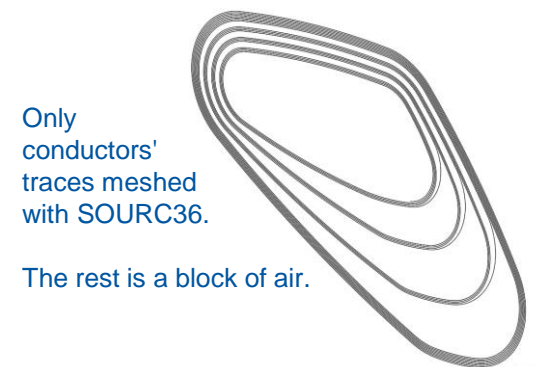
PCB	X [mm]	Y [mm]	$\alpha$ [deg]
C	53	316.5	23
D	90.5	260	26
E	135	200	35

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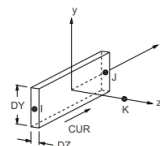
## Future perspective

### Magnetic scalar potential model

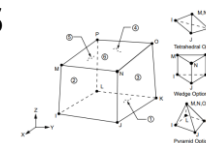
- Reduce computational resources
- Ease of direct generation of conductors' path (**parametrically**)
- Integro-differential formulation **less** subjected to **approximations**
- But **no forces** on conductors



Ansys Element: SOURC36  
Properties: Current



Ansys Element: SOLID96  
DOF: MAG ( $\Phi$ )

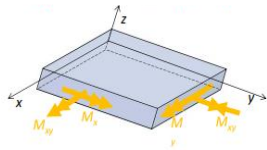
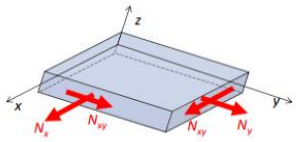


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## Future perspective

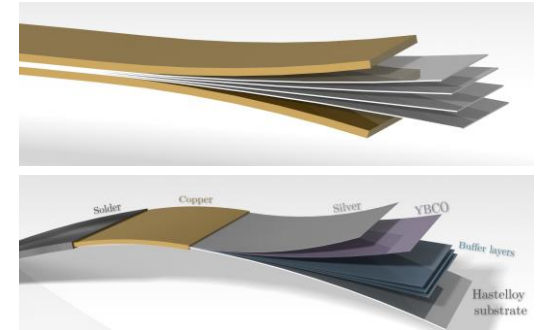
### Mechanical models

In light of the layered nature of the cables and tapes we can think of applying the modelling techniques proper of **composites**.



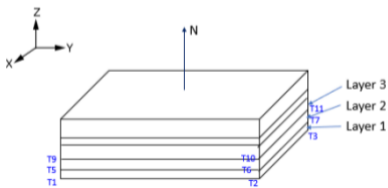
$$\begin{Bmatrix} N_x \\ N_y \\ N_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{z_{k-1}}^{z_k} \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_{xx}(z) \\ \sigma_{yy}(z) \\ \tau_{xy}(z) \end{Bmatrix} dz$$

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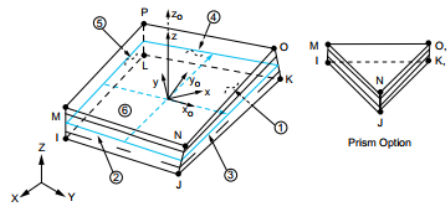


Several Ansys elements could serve this purpose:

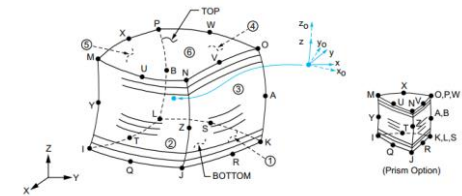
Ansys Element: **SHELL181**  
Theory: **Kirchhoff** (thin plates and shells)  
4 nodes, DOF:  $U_i, ROT_i$



Ansys Element: **SOLSH190**  
Theory: **Mindlin** (thick plates and shells)  
8 nodes, DOF:  $U_i$



Ansys Element: **SOLID186**  
Theory: **Solid mechanics**  
8 nodes, DOF:  $U_i$



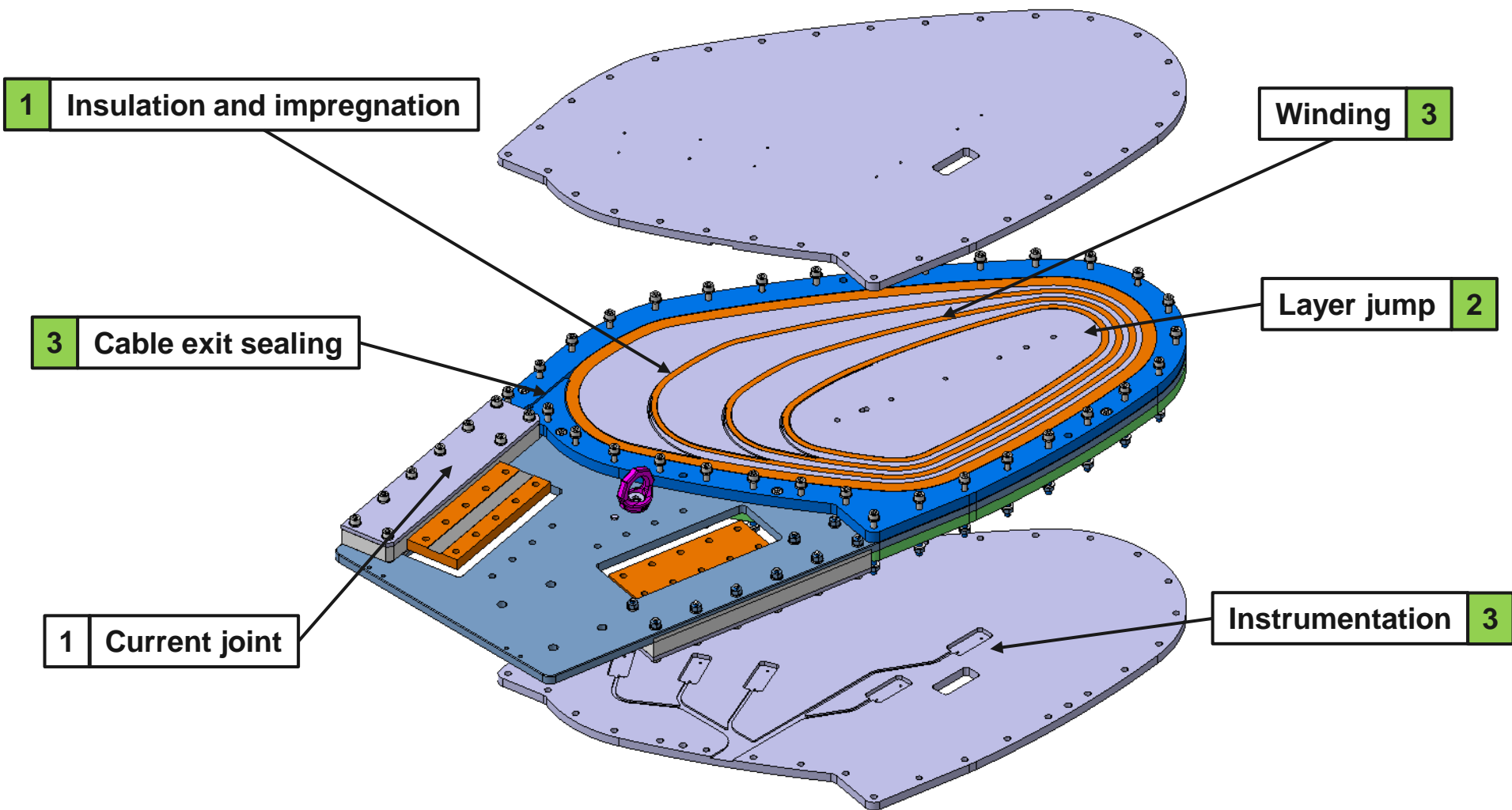
For formulation and shape functions refer to ANSYS Element Reference Manual

# Outline

- Context (Hadron therapy / Gantries)
- From concept to demonstrator
- Demonstrator design & analysis
- **Status on technology developments**
- Perspectives



# Status on technology developments

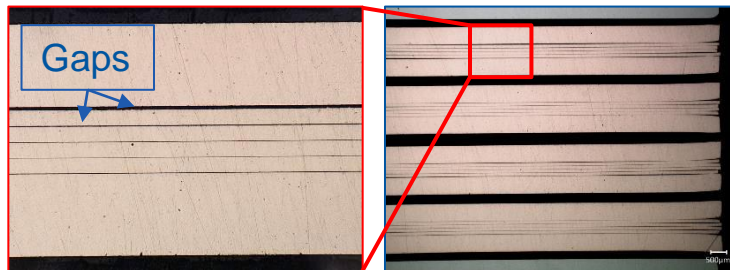
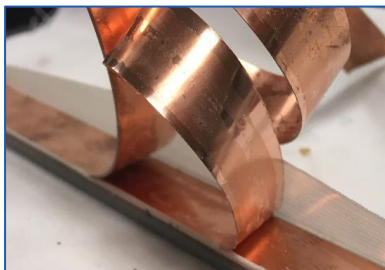


# Status on technology developments

## 1 Insulation and impregnation



Stack samples		Glass fiber sleeve					Polyimide C-shape			
		High compression		Low compression			Low compression			
		MY750	CTD101K	MY750	CTD101K	Mix61	MY750	CTD101K	Mix61	
Peeling observations		Hard to peel. A fair continuous pull is necessary	Easy to peel after a first crack	Hard to peel. A fair continuous pull is necessary	Easy to peel after a first crack	Hard to peel. A fair continuous pull is necessary	Very easy once the polyimide removed	Very easy, don't even need to remove polyimide	Very easy to peel no adhesion. Resin is pretty flexible	
Visual observation	Impregnation between cables	GF is impregnated but it did not wet the cable	GF is impregnated and it partially wet the cable	GF is impregnated but it did not wet the cable at all	GF is impregnated and it partially wet the cable	GF is impregnated but it did not wet the cable very well	Not Homogeneous some resin under the polyimide on both side of the "C"	Not homogeneous. No resin under the polyimide.	Not homogeneous	
	Resin between tapes	several traces	very few traces	several traces	very few traces	few traces	very few traces	almost none	almost none	
	Gap between cables	329 $\mu\text{m}$	334 $\mu\text{m}$	-	426 $\mu\text{m}$	-	Not homogeneous	Not homogeneous	Not homogeneous	
Electrical tests	Resistance between cables [G $\Omega$ ]	Before thermal cycles	705	1869	2162	> 2610	285	> 3000	> 3000	829
		After thermal cycles	593	1964	882	1269	633	> 2823	2913	536
	Resistance between tapes [m $\Omega$ ]	Before thermal cycles	3.012	2.222	2.323	2.491	1.882	1.403	1.944	1.535
		After thermal cycles	3.205	2.263	2.198	1.748	1.890	1.370	1.682	1.608
		At 77K	0.520	0.362	0.333	0.349	0.242	0.212	0.165	0.234

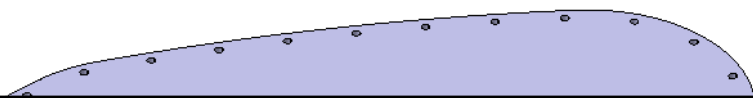


**Phase 1:** tests with dummy copper stacks selecting with:

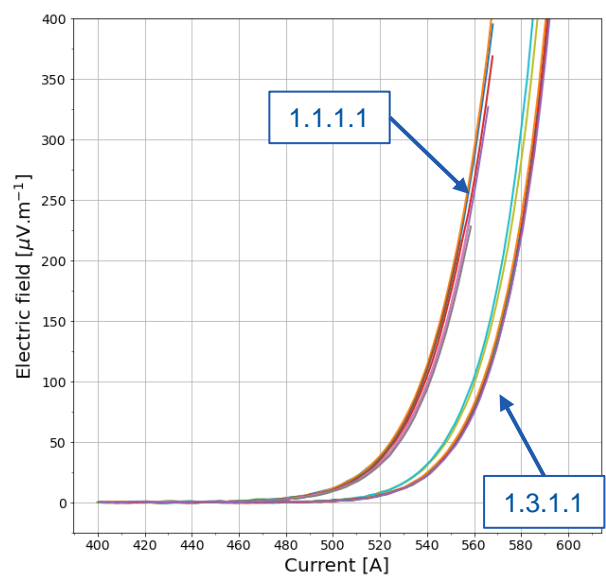
- Impregnation quality
- Mechanical properties
- Electrical insulation/contact

**Phase 2:** compatibility with HTS

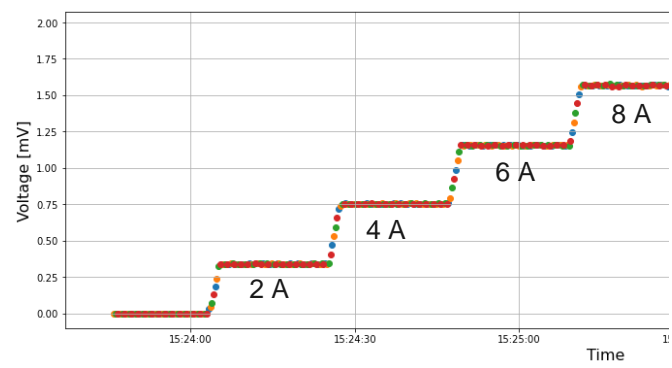
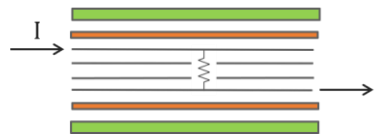
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## 1 Insulation and impregnation



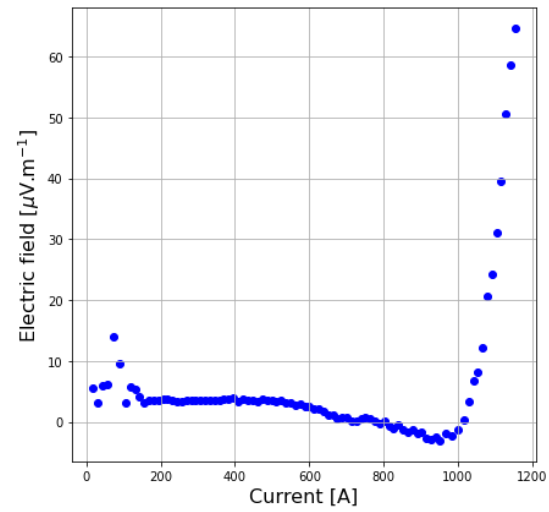
**Ic measurements (single)**  
No degradations with cooling cycles were observed.



**Resistance measurements**

- Current from 0.1 A to 14 A
- Temperature: 77 K

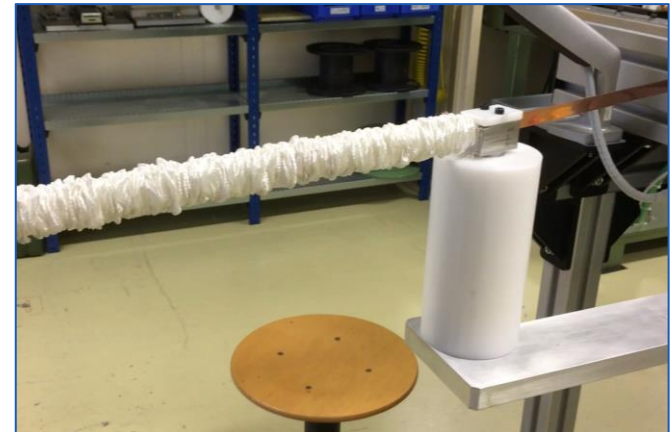
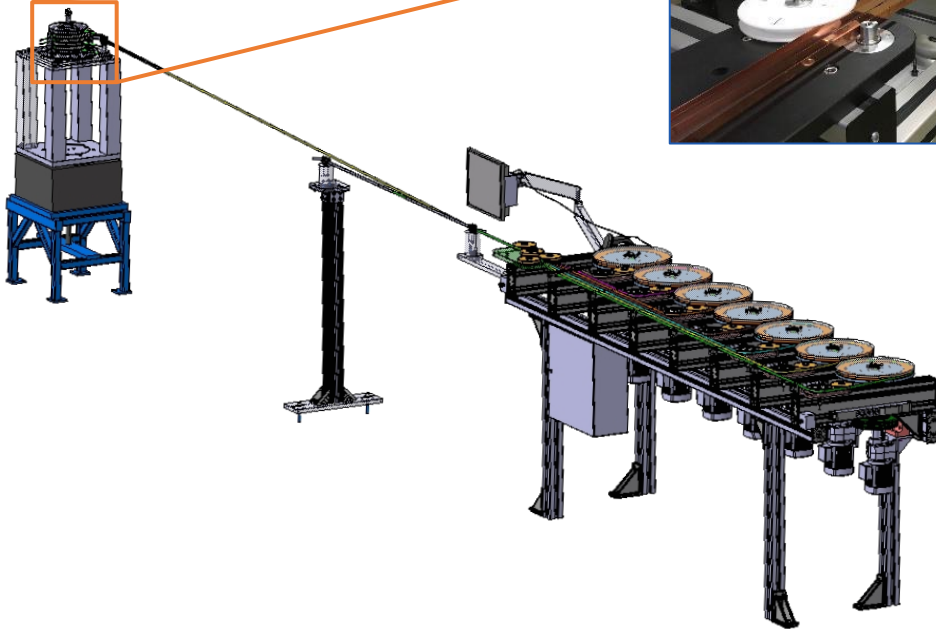
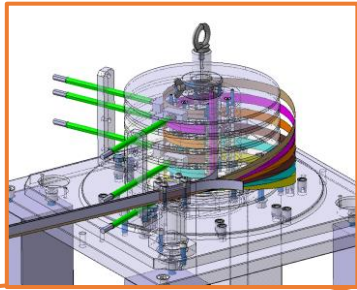
~2.35 mΩ.cm<sup>2</sup> similar to the contact resistance measured in a Metal co-winding configuration.



**Ic measurements (stack)**

- Higher current reached.
- Signs of current sharing between tapes.

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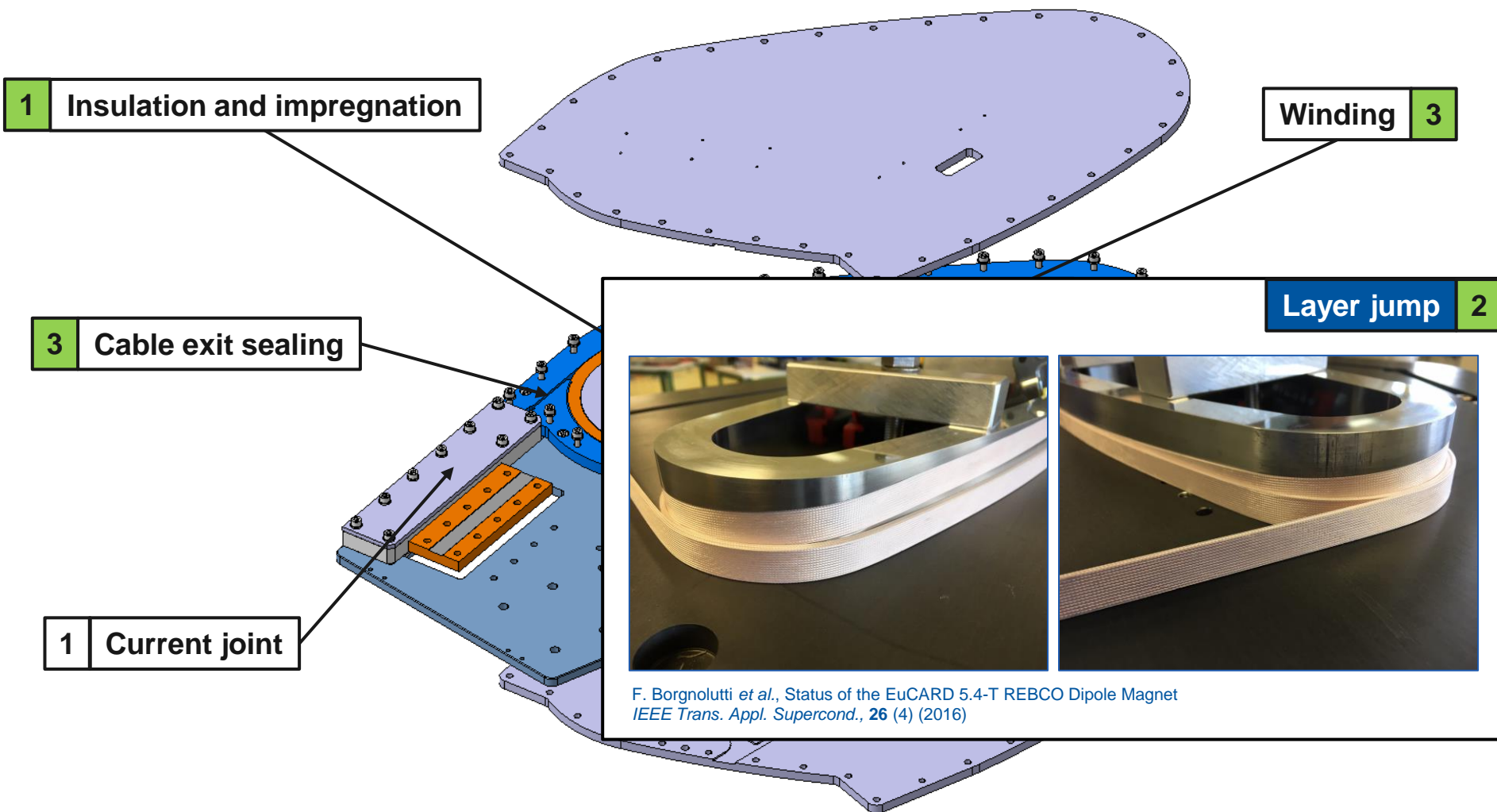


Winding 3

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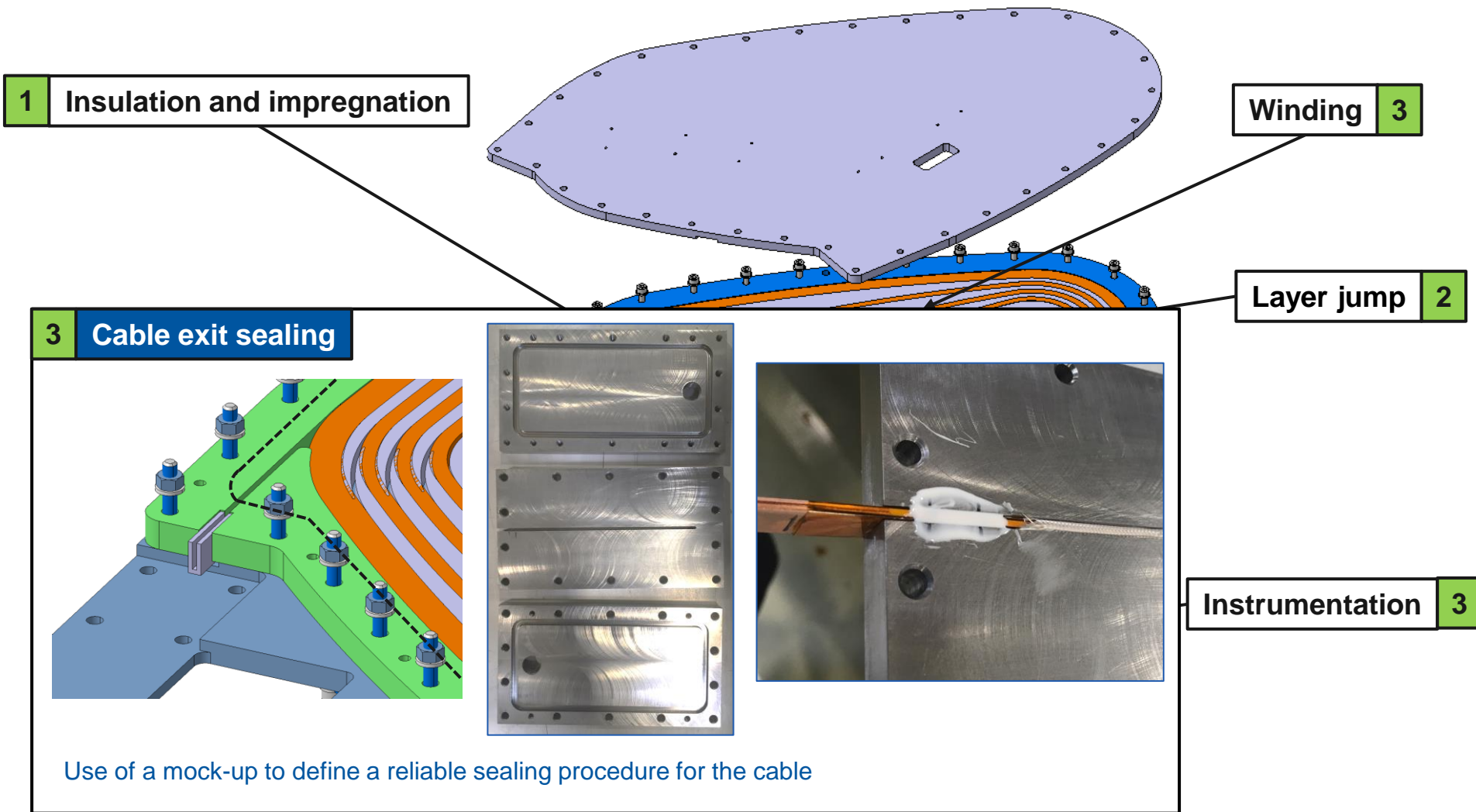
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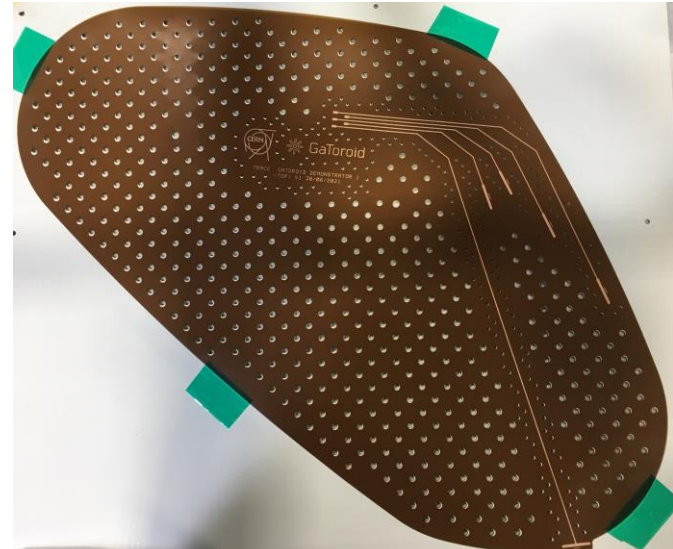
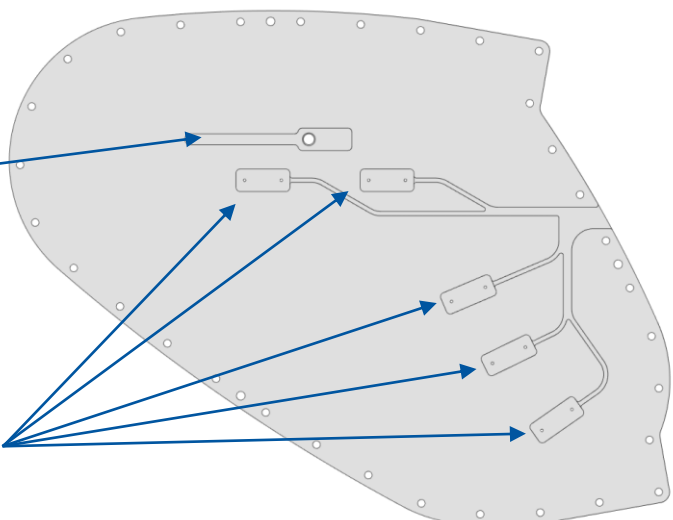
**2** sets of sensors on each side:

1 thermometer

5 PCBs with:

- Pick-up coils
- Hall probes

5 Vtaps with a connecting port in the centre on flex PCB



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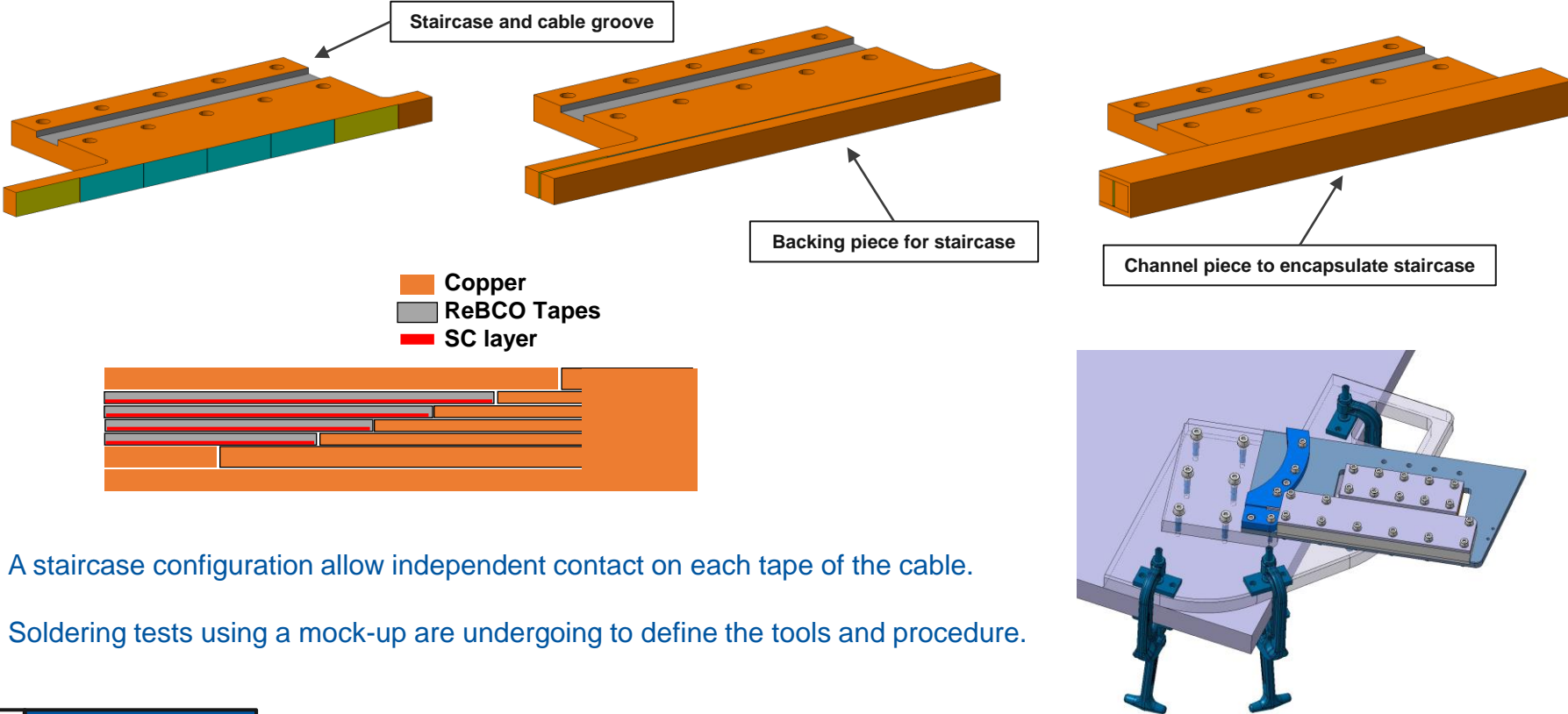
**1** Current joint

**Instrumentation** **3**

The diagram shows a cross-section of a current joint with two sets of sensors on each side. A thermometer is located at the top. Five PCBs are attached to the joint, each containing pick-up coils and hall probes. A photograph of a GaToroid flex PCB is shown, featuring a grid of holes and a central connecting port.

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Staircase and cable groove

Backing piece for staircase

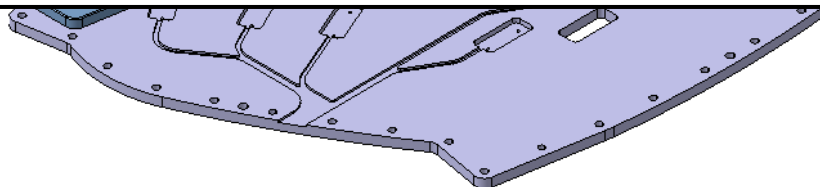
Channel piece to encapsulate staircase

Legend:  
Copper  
ReBCO Tapes  
SC layer

A staircase configuration allow independent contact on each tape of the cable.

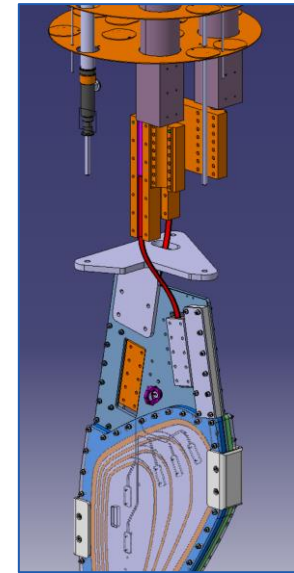
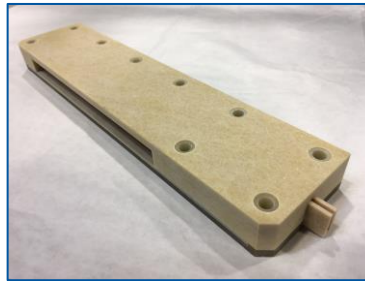
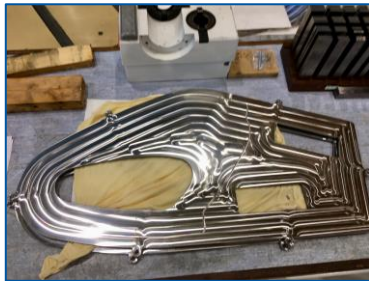
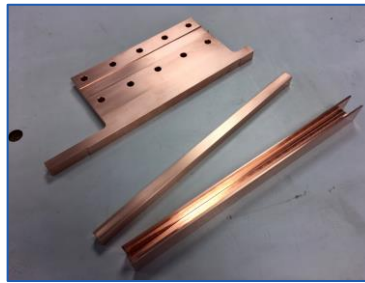
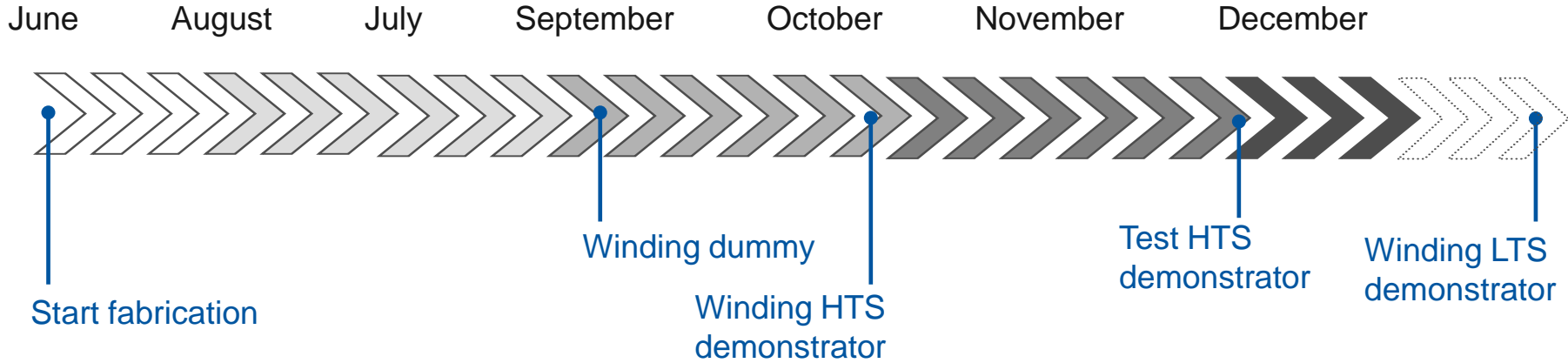
Soldering tests using a mock-up are undergoing to define the tools and procedure.

1 Current joint



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## Timeline 2021



# Outline

- Context (Hadron therapy / Gantries)
- From concept to demonstrator
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# Perspective

## Optic/magnetic optimization

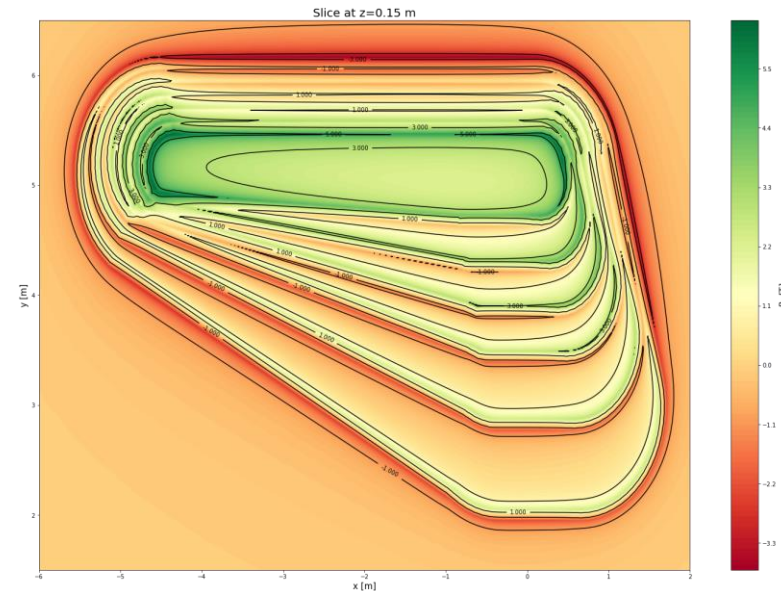
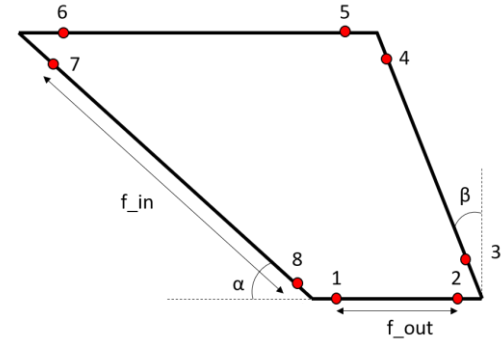
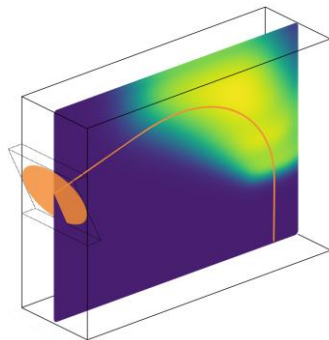
No theory for the optics in toroidal magnets as for dipoles.  
Simulations are the only tool for optimization

Development of a Python code to calculate analytically 3D  
magnetic field maps from few parameters defining one coil.

### In association with a tracking code:

Routine for optimizing the magnetic field with the clinical  
requirements on optics.

In collaboration with Ewa Oponowicz and Yann Dutheil  
(SY-ABT-BTP)



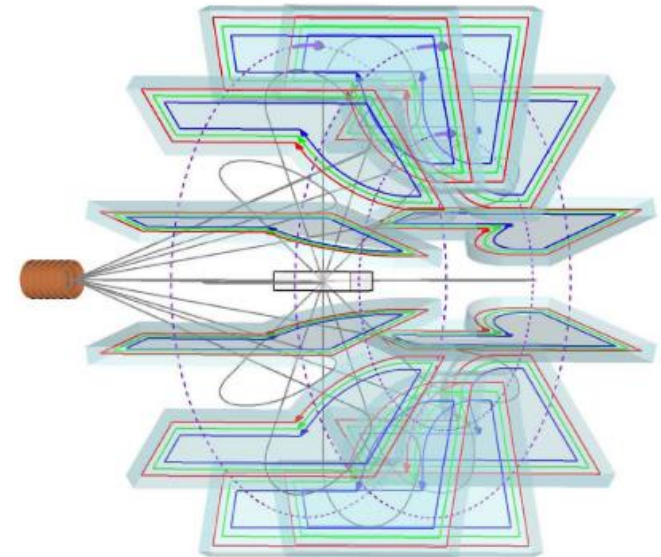
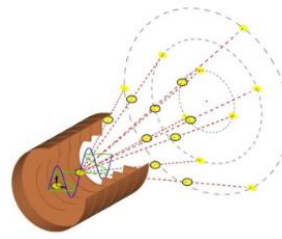
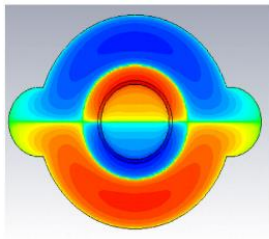
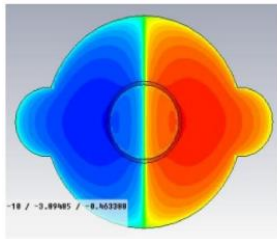
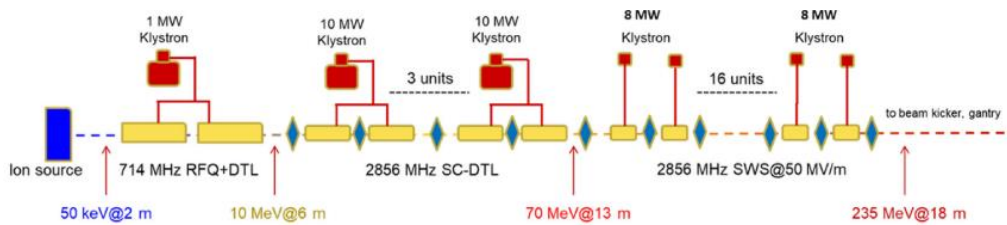
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W.C. Fang *et al.*, Proton linac based therapy facility for ultra-high dose rate (FLASH) treatment, *Nucl. Sci. Tech.*, **32** (4) (2021)

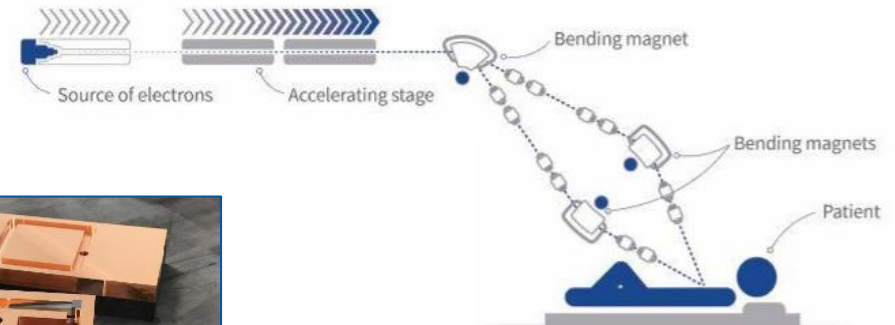
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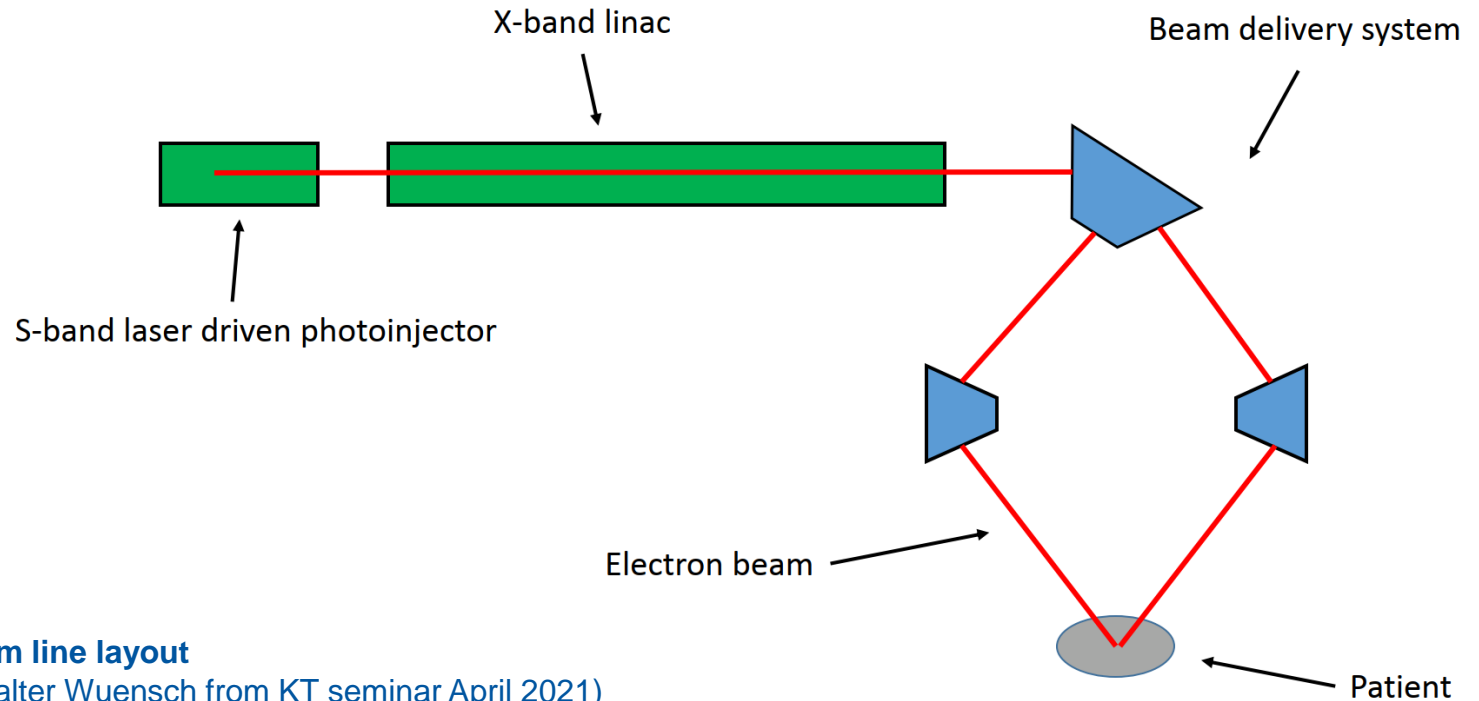


The DEFT (Deep Electron FLASH Therapy) facility  
(courtesy to W. Wuensch from KT seminar April 2021)

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## Flash therapy

### Associating the DEFT linac with an electron version of Gatoroid



#### The DEFT beam line layout

(Courtesy to Walter Wuensch from KT seminar April 2021)

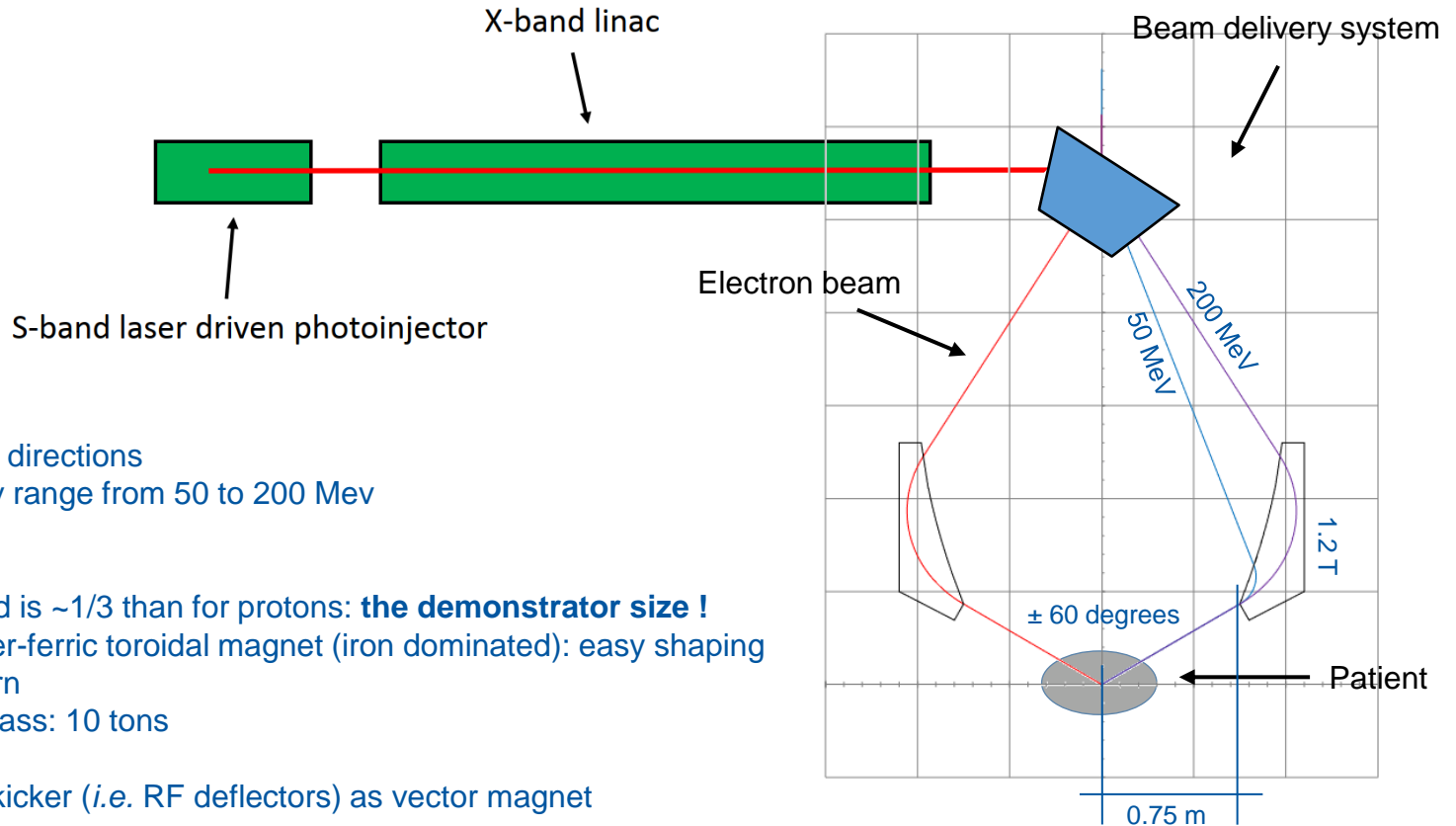
Beam delivery system is limited to:

- 2 energies
- 2 directions

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## Flash therapy

### Associating the DEFT linac with an electron version of Gatoroid



#### With GaToroid :

- 6 delivery directions
- All energy range from 50 to 200 MeV
- The bending field is  $\sim 1/3$  than for protons: **the demonstrator size !**
- Based on a super-ferric toroidal magnet (iron dominated): easy shaping
- Current: 1 MAturn
- Approximated Mass: 10 tons
- High frequency kicker (*i.e.* RF deflectors) as vector magnet





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