



EP R&D WP8, Future Plans

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Where are we coming from?

Advanced Magnet Powering (Prioritized, in time for LS2)

- CMS Free-wheeling diode for increased magnet availability: Completed
- ATLAS Toroid Snubber for breaker arc suppression: Completed

Reinforced Super Conductors and Cold Masses (on hold)

 (Limited effort) Cryogenic compatibility studies of 3D printed structures (cold masses, coil suspension, support structure): On-going

New 4 T General Purpose Magnet Facility for Detector Testing

- Conceptual design study: Well-advanced (See talk Shuvay Singh)
- Construction of cryogenic test station for conductor and coil demonstrator testing: Welladvanced
- Aluminum-stabilized HTS demonstrator conductor for superconducting busbars and cooling-efficient high-temperature transparent superconducting magnets, including novel quench protection method for HTS-based coils, and towards coil design: On-going (See talk Anna Vaskuri)

Innovation in Magnet Controls, Safety & Instrumentation

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- Optical position measurement for high-resolution field mapping: On-going
- Mosfet-based flux pump for current generation and cryogenic power savings: On-going

Where do we want to go?

To develop the technology and expertise needed for superconducting detector magnet projects (NA 4T dipole, BabyIAXO, Alice-3, CLIC, FCC-ee, FCC-hh, ...)

Challenges:

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- The typical development and construction time-line for a (very) large superconducting magnet is 10-20 years. For example, CMS solenoid, from CDR to TDR (core team of 20 persons): 3 years, from TDR to commissioning-on-surface: 10 years, so a long-term strategic view would be needed to ensure that the required superconducting detector magnets do not delay the projects → Long-term strategy should be formulated.
- Superconducting detector magnets can last for decades (For example: ATLAS H8 Morpurgo Superconducting dipole since 70s) and expertise disappears over time → Training of the next generation of specialists is important, and cost-effective demonstrator studies can contribute towards this objective.
- Conduction-cooled superconducting detector magnets require aluminum-stabilized Nb-Ti/Cu conductors, which are no longer commercially available → Investigate aluminumstabilized conductor production for the purpose of enabling detector magnet projects.

HTS-based aluminum-stabilized conductor technology

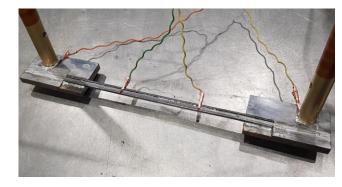
On-going: Study of aluminum-stabilized HTS-based conductors (see talk Anna Vaskuri)

- Motivation: HTS-based conductors (ReBCO and Bi-2223) offer alternative to the superconducting detector magnet workhorse superconductor Nb-Ti
- HTS is relatively expensive, but technological developments are on-going in recent years, whereas Nb-Ti was optimized some decades ago
- In addition to increased field strengths, HTS allows operation at elevated temperatures, allowing substantial cryogenic cost savings and reduced energy consumption, which is compatible with the CERN objective of sustainable science.
- HTS is expected to give enhanced particle transparency
- Near-term use: Busbars, current leads
- Long-term use: Superconducting coils

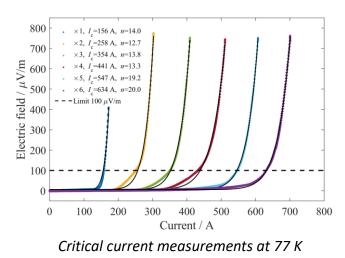
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R&D challenges: Basic conductor technology investigation (ongoing), commercial production of long lengths (long-term), quench detection and protection (on-going), coil winding (long-term)

 \rightarrow Towards characterization at variable temperature and magnetic field, and then towards a conceptual coil design, including quench protection studies



Experimental HTS-based aluminum-stabilized conductor



North-Area 4 T dipole: Split-coil solenoid demonstrator (1/2)

Towards table-top demonstrator of a Nb-Ti/Cu split-coil solenoid

Motivation:

- Conceptual design of North-Area 4 T dipole is well-advanced (see talk Shuvay Singh), but how to check aspects of the conceptual design and move beyond it?
- Split-coil solenoid demonstrator, helps to test superconducting detector magnet concepts in a comprehensive (from coil winding to vacuum vessel) but cost-effective manner
- To ensure that all the details that don't appear in a conceptual design (current leads, joints, busbars, cryogenics, vacuum vessel etc.), are designed, implemented, and tested
- To provide a training platform for the next generation of superconducting detector magnet experts
- Step towards cost-effective intermediate-size superconducting detector magnets as needed by the CERN community, and would be useful for conductor and (small) detector component testing

This includes:

- Coil winding
- Current leads and busbars
- Quench detection and protection
- Cryogenics and thermal shield
- Vacuum vessel

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North-Area 4 T dipole: Split-coil solenoid demonstrator (2/2)

Specifics:

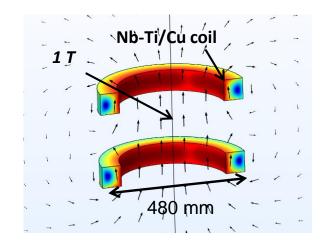
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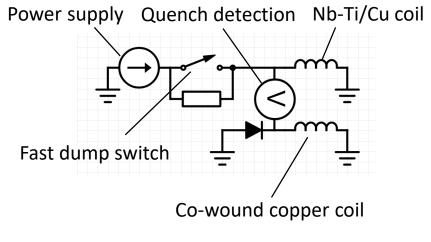
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- Coil winding (with EP-DT-EF support): Co-wound coils features insulated Nb-Ti/Cu and Cu conductors
- Quench protection:
 - Novel quench detection concept featuring intrinsically-optimal inductive balancing, for reduced quench detection complexity
 - Novel quench protection concept featuring inductive energy transfer between coupled coils resulting in low voltages and very homogeneous quench behaviour
- Cryogenics, thermal shield, current leads: Stand-alone cryogenics utilizing a cryo-cooler, with HTS-based current leads for thermal efficiency
- Mechanics: Lorentz forces are mainly handled by conductor, with net forces between coils to be resolved by support structure
- Vacuum vessel: Could make interesting test case for WP4 vacuum vessel technology, to be discussed

We aim to do this within existing EP R&D budget allocation



1 T split-coil solenoid

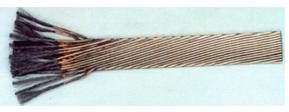


Proposed electrical circuit

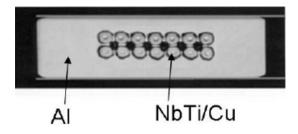
Aluminum-stabilized Nb-Ti/Cu conductor (1/2)

Challenge:

- Similar to existing superconducting detector magnets (ATLAS, CMS, ...), future superconducting detector magnets require aluminum-stabilized Nb-Ti/Cu conductors, which are presently no longer commercially available
- Why not use individual Nb-Ti/Cu strands or accelerator magnet conductors instead?
 - Superconducting detector magnets develop internal voltages during quench, voltage amplitude is inversely proportional to operating current, and, for insulation purposes, the maximum voltage is practically limited to < 1000 V → Large detector magnets require large operating currents, and so cabling of strands is unavoidable (→ Rutherford cables)
 - Superconducting detector magnets are typically conductioncooled, where aluminum ensures the thermal, electrical, and mechanical stability of the superconductor, temporarily carries the current during a quench, and provided needed heat capacity. Aluminum-stabilized conductors is a niche technology, and accelerator magnet technology (where conductor is in direct contact with helium and the stored magnetic energy is much smaller) does not work for superconducting detector magnets



Nb-Ti/Cu Rutherford cable



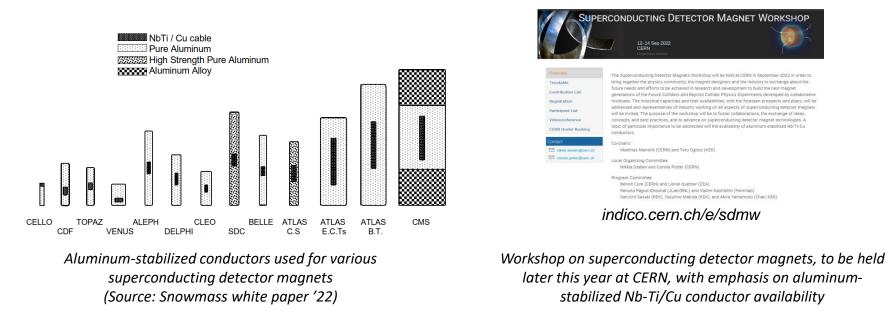
Rutherford cable encased in pure aluminum



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Aluminum-stabilized Nb-Ti/Cu conductor (2/2)



- To address lack of commercial availability, we are organizing a workshop together with KEK on superconducting detector magnets later this year at CERN with world-wide colleagues and industry
- Must-have technology for present and future superconducting detector magnet projects (BabyIAXO, Alice-3, CLIC, FCC-ee, FCC-hh, ...)
- Request: To fund aluminum-stabilized Nb-Ti/Cu conductor development, as was originally foreseen (EP R&D WP8.2)

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Summary

- Goal: To ensure we have technology and expertise needed to contribute to superconducting detector magnet projects
- Aluminum-stabilized HTS-based conductor:
 - Long-term alternative to traditional aluminum-stabilized Nb-Ti/Cu conductor with attractive features
 - On-going: Short-length conductor development, towards testing at various temperature and field, addressing quench protection challenges, and towards conceptual design
- Table-top Split-coil solenoid demonstrator:
 - Comprehensive but cost-effective effort, for training the next generation of superconducting detector magnet experts
 - Towards cost-effective intermediate-sized superconducting detector magnets as needed by the CERN community, and demonstrator itself is useful for testing conductors and small detector components
 - Novel technologies (Quench detection and protection, current leads, cryogenics, vacuum vessel)
- Aluminum-stabilized Nb-Ti/Cu conductor:

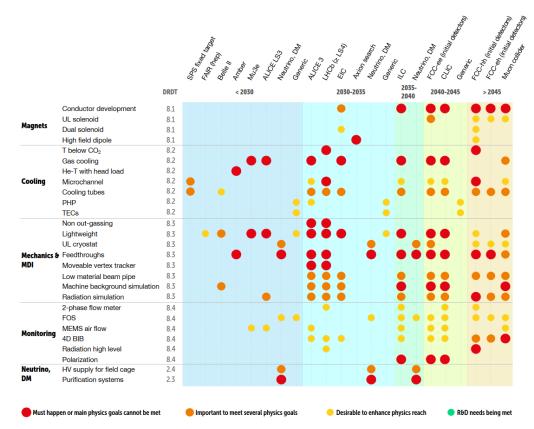
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- Traditional workhorse conductor for superconducting detector magnets
- Must-have for present and future superconducting detector magnet projects, but no longer commercially available
- We request to fund WP8.2 aluminum-stabilized conductor development, as was originally foreseen, to address this issue
- EP R&D WP8 benefits from the contributions of various colleagues at CERN. We thank everyone for their contributions!



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DRDT 8.1 - Develop novel magnet systems. Magnet requirements are very specific to the

design of the detector. Considering the very long lead time, generic R&D programmes must be established and maintained on dedicated conductors and prototyping to achieve the variety of magnet specifications.

2021 ECFA Detector Research and Development Roadmap

