

Conceptual Design Study of a 40^+ T ReBCO Solenoid for the MUON Collider

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Reference Conductor for the study 1/2

● **Reference Conductor** for the following analysis is the **Fujikura FESC-SH12**¹

➤ **12 mm wide** EuBCO+BHO tape with a **Hastelloy** and **Copper thickness** respectively equal to **50 μm** and **40 μm**

➤ **Measured² J_e (4.2 K)**

1. $J_e(B_{\perp} = 15 \text{ T}) \sim 1.5 \text{ kA/mm}^2$

2. $J_e(B_{\parallel} = 15 \text{ T}) \sim 4.5 \text{ kA/mm}^2$

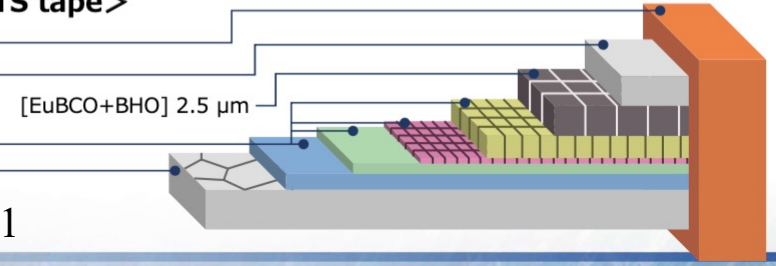
➤ **Estimated I_c (4.2 K)**

1. $I_c(B_{\perp} = 50 \text{ T}) \sim 300 \text{ A}$,

2. $I_c(B_{\parallel} = 50 \text{ T}) > 1000 \text{ A}$

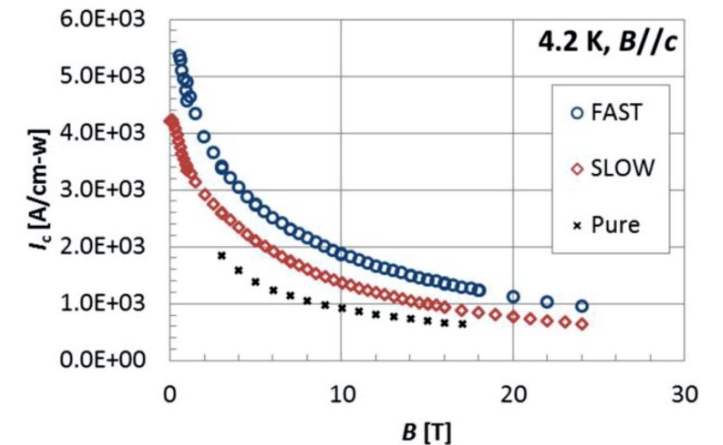
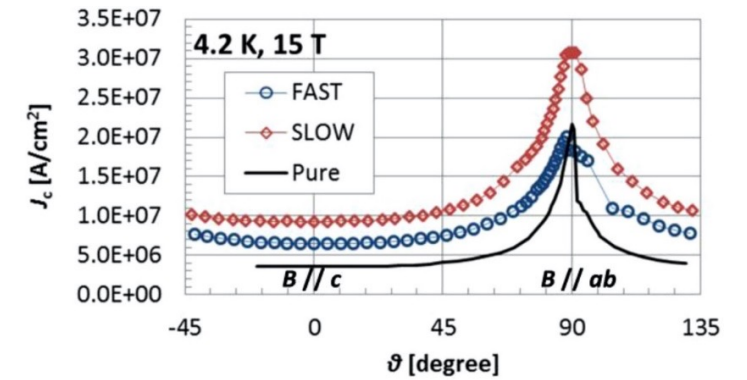
<Schematic of RE-based HTS tape>

- Stabilizer [Cu plating] 20μm
- Protection layer [Ag] 2μm
- Superconducting Layer [EuBCO+BHO] 2.5 μm
- Buffer layer [MgO, etc.] 0.7μm
- Substrate [Hastelloy®] 50 μm



Sketch taken from ref. 1

Plots taken from ref. 2



¹ <https://www.fujikura.co.jp/eng/products/newbusiness/superconductors/01/superconductor.pdf>

² Shinji Fujita, Satoshi Awaji et al. IEEE TAS, VOL. 29, NO. 5, AUGUST 2019

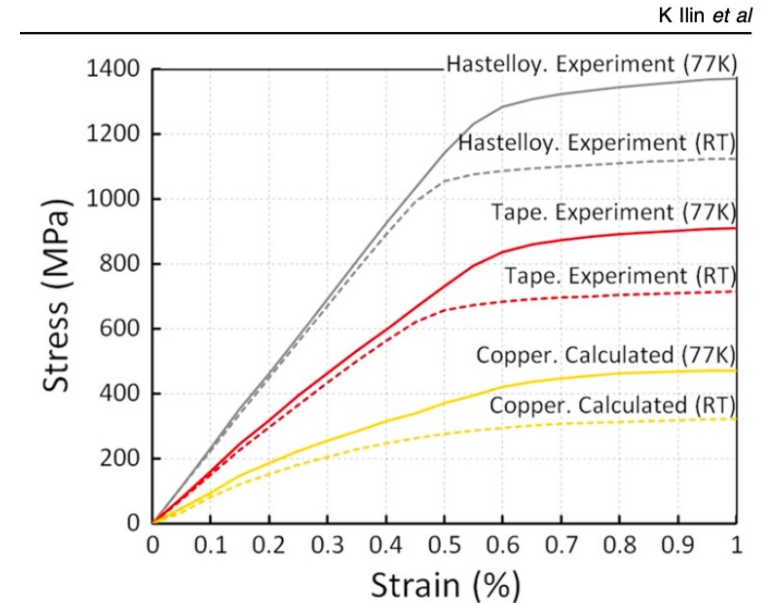
- Mechanical **stresses** producing **irreversible** critical current I_c **reduction**

- **Tensile longitudinal** stress $> 600 \text{ MPa}^1$ (this number can be substantially increased by reducing the copper thickness, Hastelloy deforms plastically at tensile stresses above 1000 MPa^2)
- **Compressive** stress in **thickness direction** $> 400 \text{ MPa}^1$
- **Compressive** stress in **width direction** $> 100 \text{ MPa}^1$
- **Tensile** stress in **thickness direction**: $10\text{-}100 \text{ MPa}^3$
- **Shear** stress $> 19 \text{ MPa}^3$
- **Cleavage/Peel** stress³ (tensile at tape extremities) $< 1 \text{ MPa}^3$

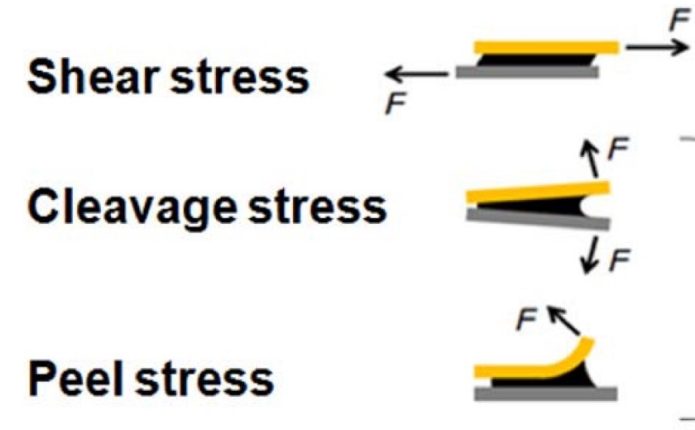
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² K Ilin *et al* 2015 *Supercond. Sci. Technol.* **28** 055006

³ Hideaki Maeda and Yoshinori Yanagisawa IEEE TAS, VOL. 24, NO. 3, JUNE 2014

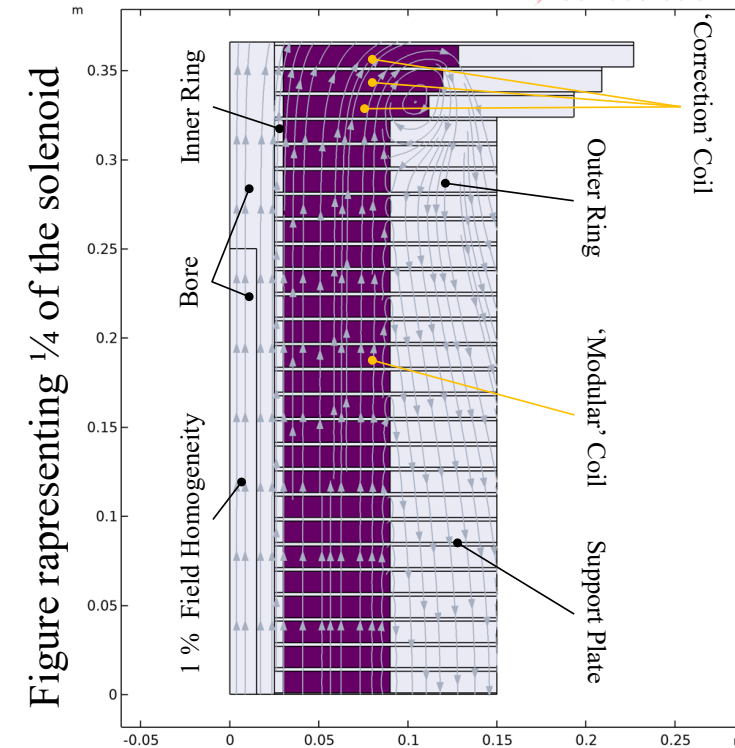


Picture taken from ref. 3



Main Specs & Principles guiding the design study

- Main **Specs**: 1) **bore field > 40 T**; 2) **aperture 50 mm**;
3) magnetic field **homogeneity 1 %** over **0.5 m**
- **Principles** guiding this conceptual design **study** (based on a **stationary analysis** - dynamic studies to be performed at a later time)
 - **non-insulated coils** (protection, mechanical robustness)
 - **avoid tensile radial stresses** (minimize the risk of critical current degradation)
 - **modular single layer pancakes** (design as simple and flexible as possible)
 - use as **wide** as possible **tapes** (12 mm, to **limit** the number of **pancakes**)
 - **intercept axial Lorentz forces** between pancakes via support plates (minimize the pancakes mechanical interactions)
 - In the 'modular' coils, maintain, as much as possible, the magnetic **field lines parallel** to the **tapes (minimize axial Lorentz forces and maximize the conductor critical current)**
 1. **current per tape < 1000 A** < estimated $I_c(4.2\text{ K}, B_{\parallel} = 50\text{ T})$
 - **Radially support** each **coil** via an **outer ring** that could eventually apply a **precompression** on the coil (**limit the hoop stress** and to **avoid tensile radial stresses**)



Reference Solenoid

Magnetic Field and Current Density Distribution

- **46** identical '**modular**' pancakes and **6** '**correction**' pancakes

- **Coil** of the '**modular**' pancake:

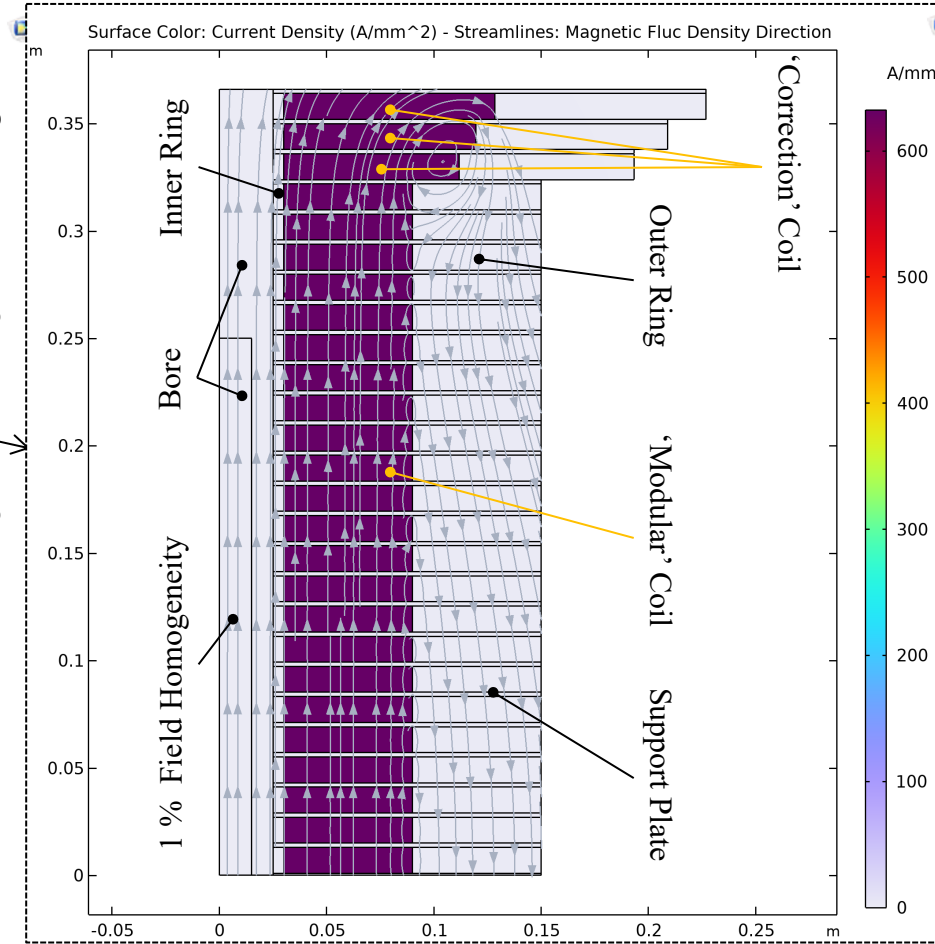
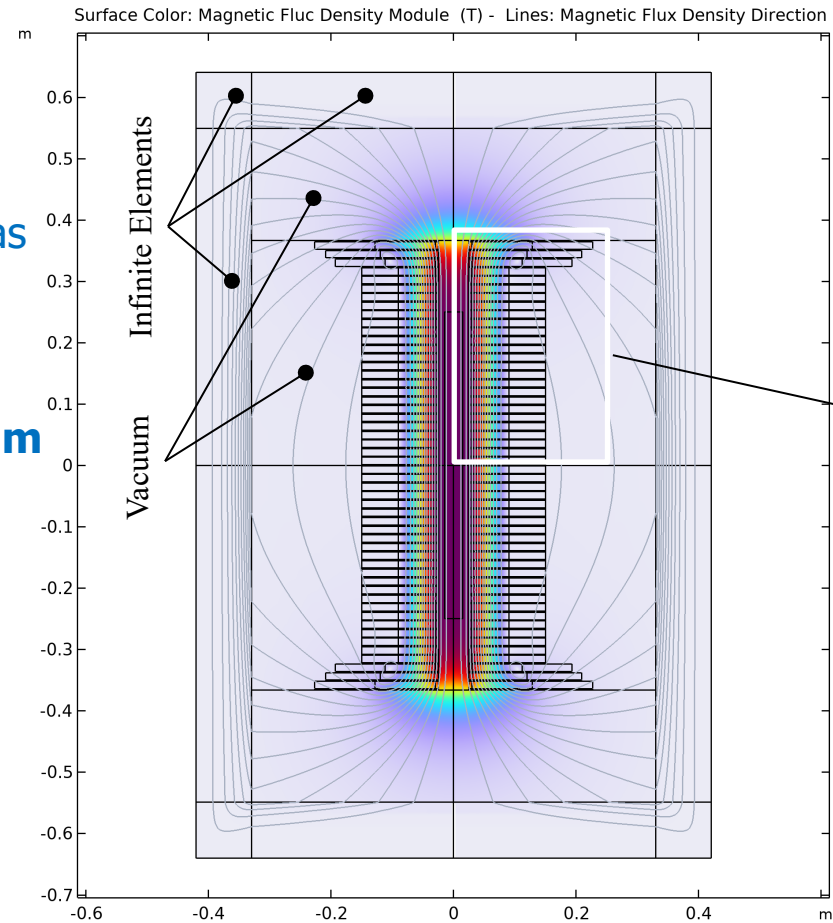
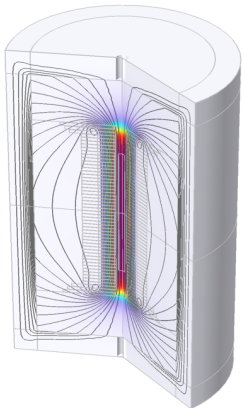
1. **6 cm** thick
2. **600** turns
3. **12 mm** tape carrying **760 A**

- **Outer ring** thickness **same** as the respective **coil**

- **Inner ring** thickness **5 mm**

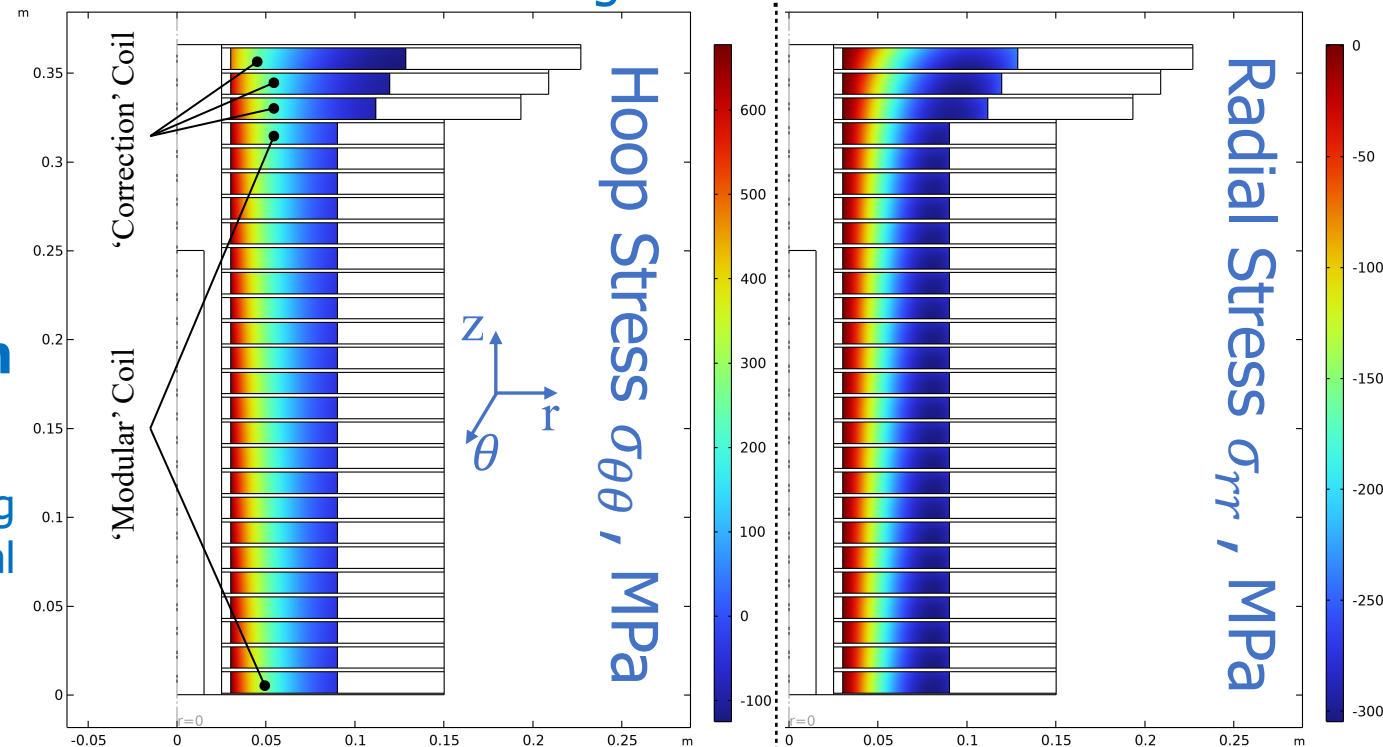
- Support **Plate** thickness **2 mm**

- **Bore aperture** **50 mm**



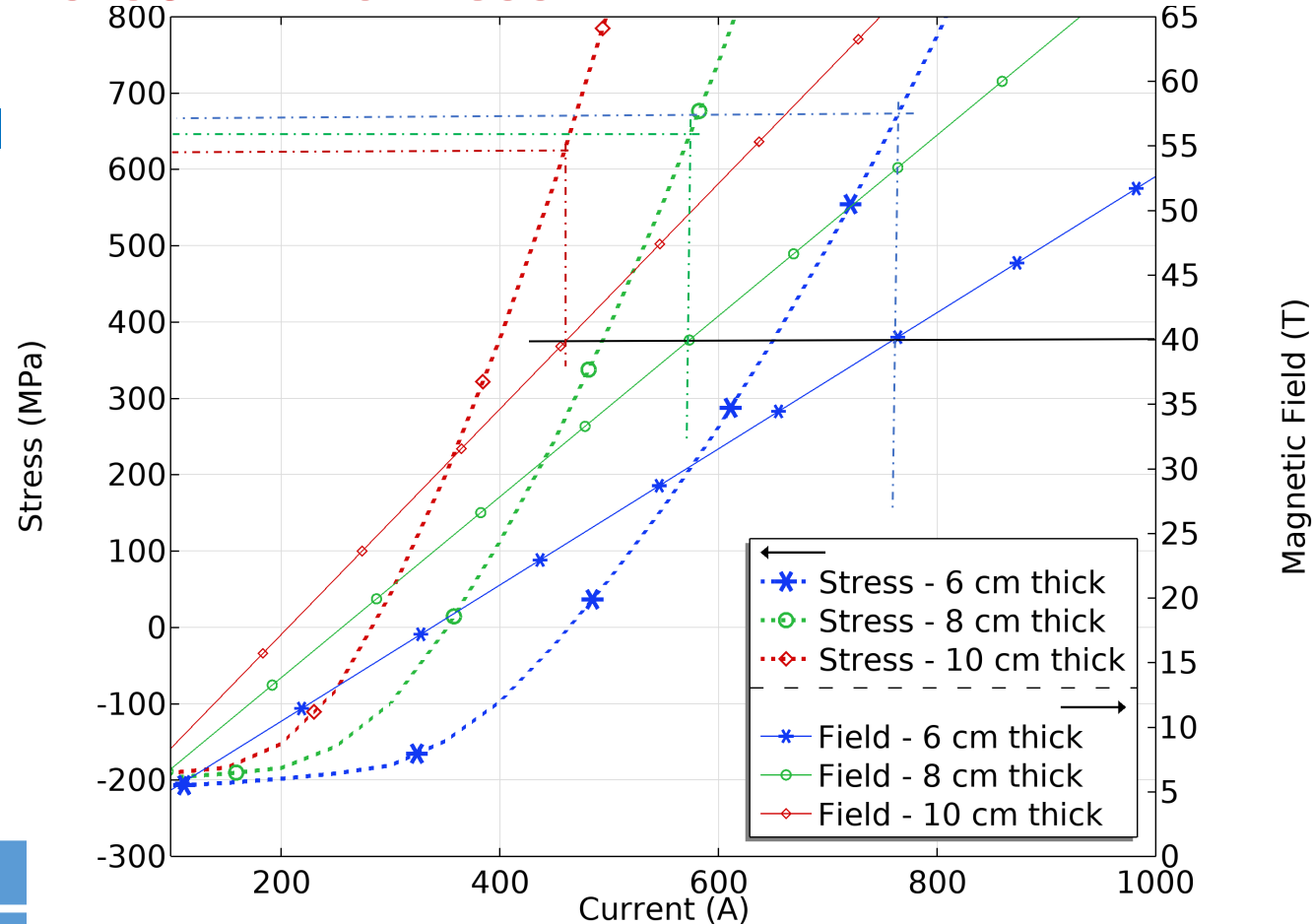
Reference Solenoid Mechanical Stresses in the Coils

- Max **hoop** stress ($\sigma_{\theta\theta}$) < **700 MPa** and **no tensile radial** stress ($\sigma_{rr} \leq 0$)
- **Outer ring** in stainless steel applying a **radial precompression** of **200 MPa** on the coil
- A **stiffer material** for the **outer ring** or a **reduction** of the **tape copper content** (now $\sim 40\%$) would further **reduce** the **hoop stress** and the **risk** of having **tensile radial stress**
- **Coil young modulus: 150 GPa** (isotropic)
- **Compressive stress in thickness direction < 300 MPa**
- **Compressive stress in width (z) direction**
 - $-\sigma_{zz} < 80$ MPa in the 6 **correction coils**
 - $-\sigma_{zz} < 15$ MPa in the **modular coils** (assuming the support plate intercepting the whole axial force between two adjacent coils)
- **Shear stress (σ_{rz}) < 5 MPa**



200 MPa Precompression Hoop Stress vs Coil Thickness

- The **maximum hoop stress** in a 'modular' coil is almost **independent** on the coil **thickness** and is about **650 MPa** for a **40 T** solenoid
- At **50 T** the **hoop stress** largely **exceed** the **limit** of the conductor
- For a **single layer pancake**, **40 T** seems a reasonably **achievable target**



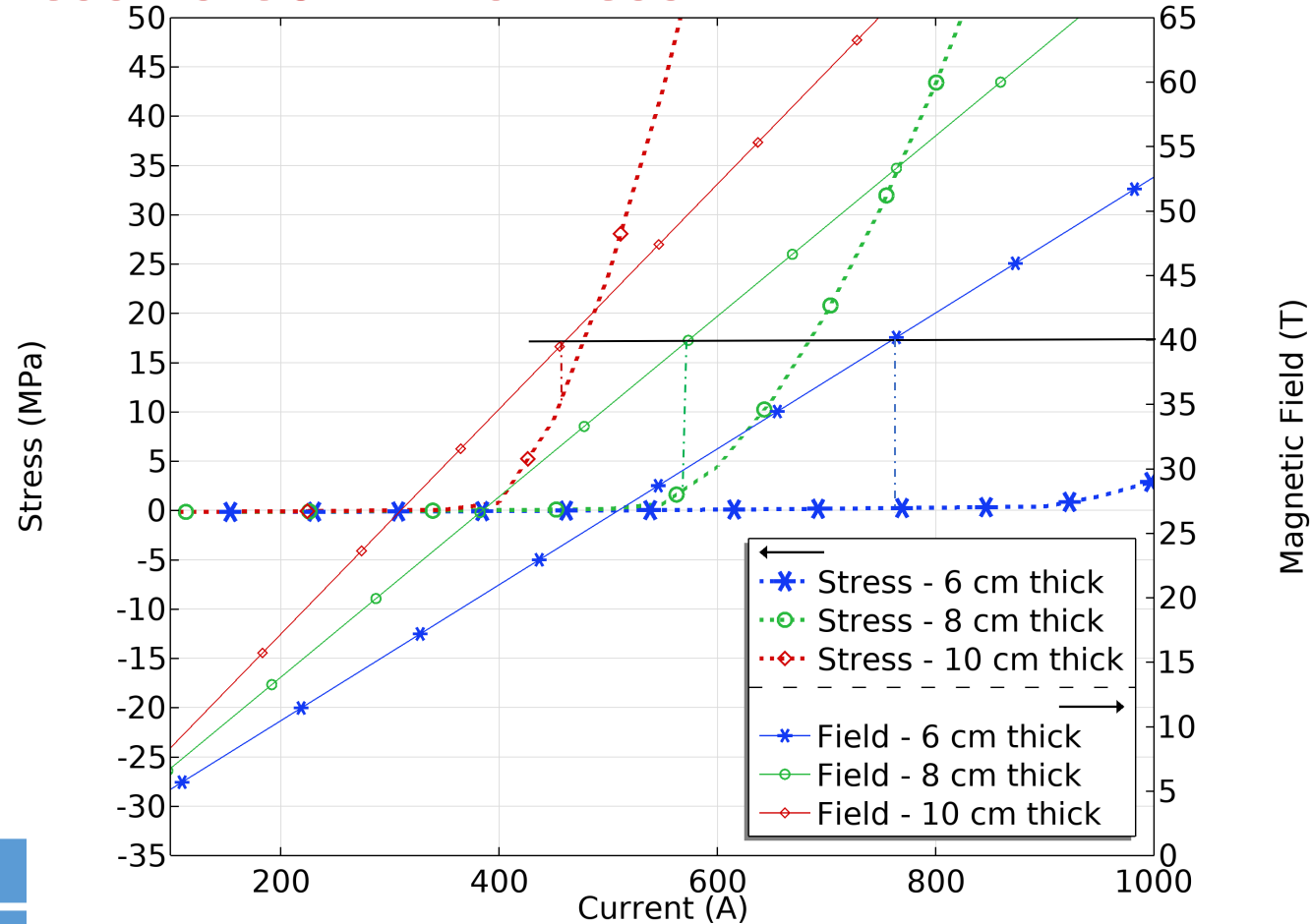
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	10 cm	8 cm	6 cm (Ref.)

Current (A) to reach 40 T	461	574	760
Current (A) to reach 50 T	580	720	950

Bore **magnetic field** and **maximum hoop stress** in a 'modular' coil as a function of the tape current for **different coil thicknesses**. The coil is constrained by a stainless-steel outer ring that has the same thickness as the coil and applies **200 MPa of radial pre-compression**

200 MPa Precompression Radial Tensile Stress vs Coil Thickness

- The **maximum radial stress** (σ_{rr}) in a 'modular' coil of a 40+ T solenoid, **increases with the coil thickness**
- For a **40 T** solenoid, if the coil **thickness is 8 cm or larger**, a **tensile radial stress appears** ($\sigma_{rr} > 0$) and that could cause conductor degradation
- A **6 cm thick** coil guarantees a **sufficient margin to prevent** the occurrence of **tensile radial stress** for a **40 T** solenoid



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'Modular' Coils: some numbers

	Coil thickness		
	10 cm	8 cm	6 cm (Reference Solenoid)
Max Sustainable Current ¹ (radial tensile stress < 1 MPa)	400 A	550 A	930 A
I and J in the tape	400 A – 391 A/mm ²	550 A – 457 A/mm ²	760 A – 632 A/mm ²
Magnetic Field in the solenoid	34.6 T	38.3 T	40 T
Max radial compression ¹	250 MPa	275 MPa	300 MPa
Max tensile hoop stress ¹	378 MPa	559 MPa	660 MPa
Pancake Inductance <i>single tape conductor</i> ²	1.22 H	0.62 H	0.27 H
Magnetic Energy x Pancake	98 kJ	93 kJ	77 kJ
Tape length x coil	503 m	352 m	226 m
Energy density in the coil ³	170 J/cm ³	230 J/cm ³	300 J/cm ³

¹ Assuming a 200 MPa radial precompression imposed by a stainless-steel outer ring that has the same thickness as the coil

² The inductance would be ¼ of the reported one in the case of a double tape conductor

³ For reference: the variation of enthalpy from 4.2 K to 195 K for the copper is about 370 J/cm³

Conclusions

- **CERN** started to **investigate** the **possibility** of developing a **40+ T solenoid** (fully based on ReBCO) for the **Muon Collider** and to **get a 'feel'** for what the **limits** are
 - The **critical current** seems **not** to be a **limiting factor** for a 40-50 T solenoid
 - The **electro-mechanical design** will play a **decisive** role because the **stresses** on the conductor are **very large**
 - Considering the **electro-mechanical** behavior in **stationary** conditions, **40 T** appears a reasonably **achievable target** for the proposed design while **larger fields** would most likely require **double layers pancakes**, which would **increase** the design **complexity**

Much work to be done but the mission does not look impossible, and a success would be extremely beneficial for the community