



Finite Element Thermal Thin Shell Approximation for Simulation of Transients in Accelerator Magnets

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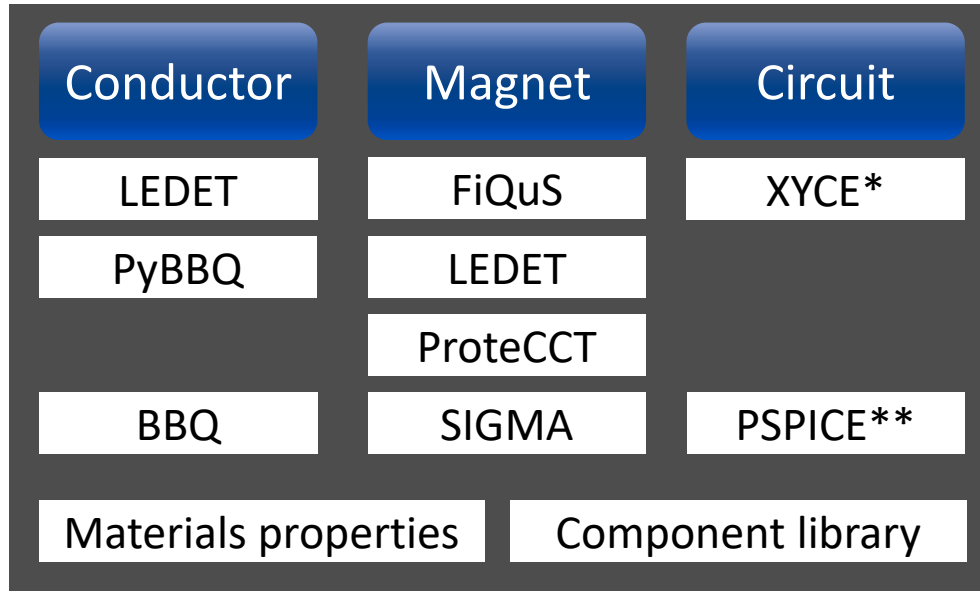
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2. Introduction to FiQuS

3. FiQuS Structure & Features

4. Thermal Thin Shells

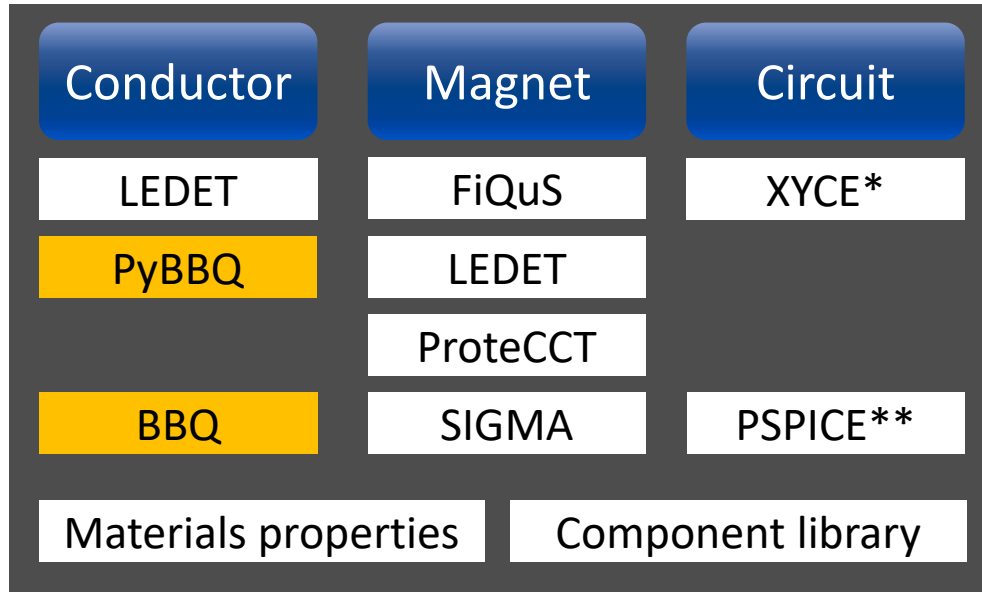


CHALLENGES

- ✓ Need of trusted simulation tools.
- ✓ Time consuming validation process.
- ✓ Dealing with diverse physics phenomena at different scales.

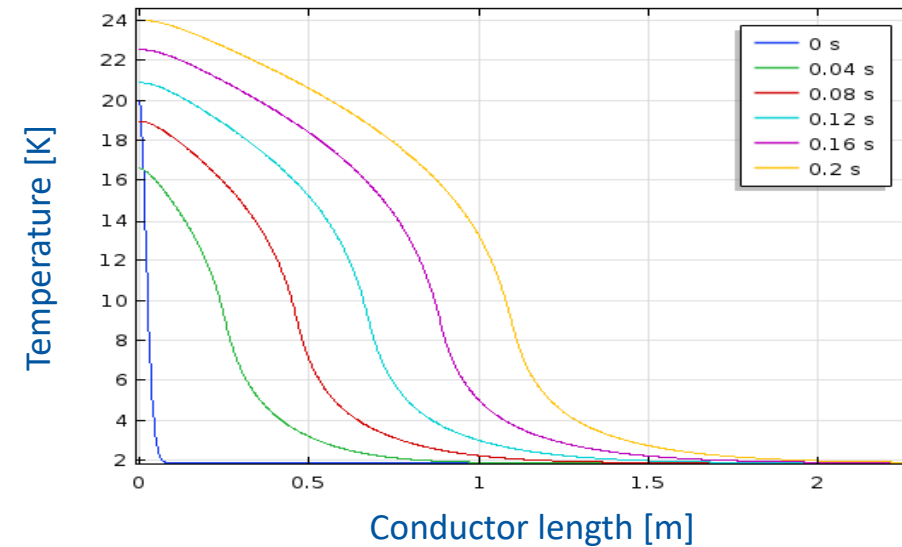
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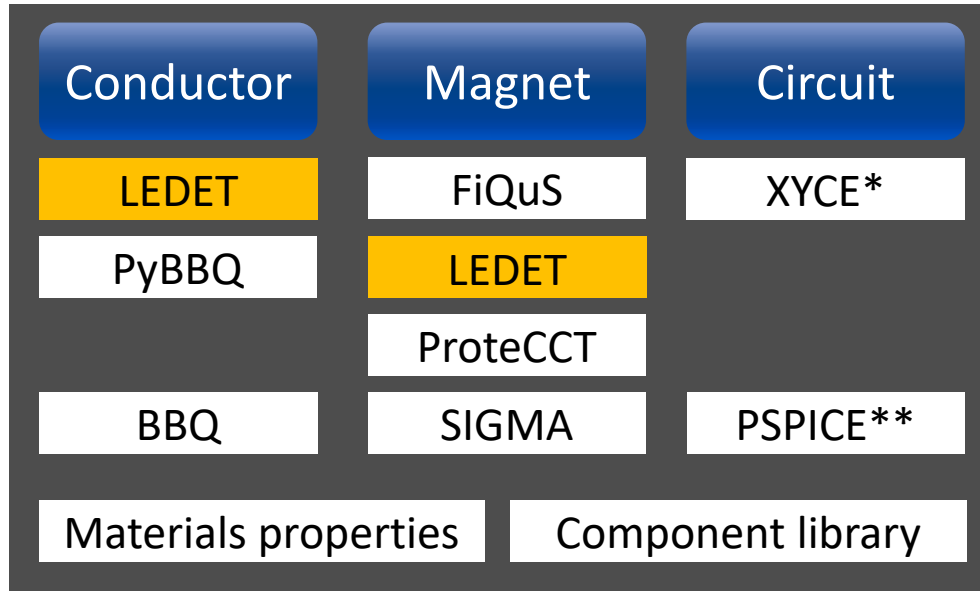
BusBar Quench

- Simulate 1D quench propagation in superconducting busbars.
- Legacy: BBQ (COMSOL model, finite elements solver).
- New development: PyBBQ (Python program, FDM).



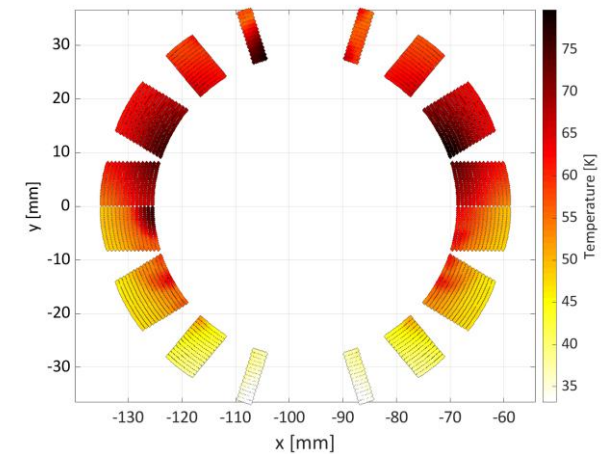
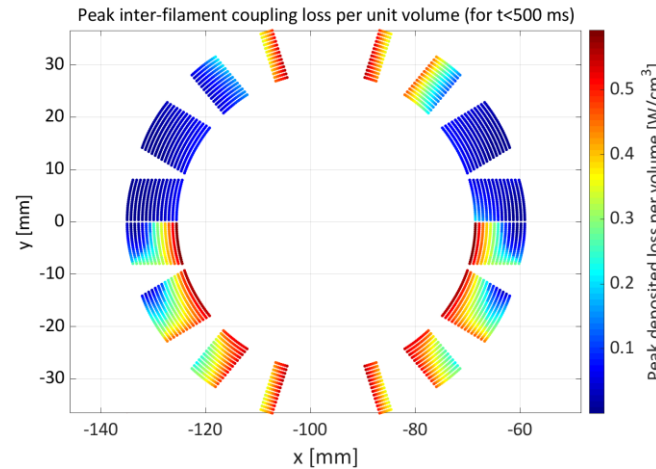
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Lumped-Element Dynamic Electro-Thermal
 → Simulate electro-magnetic and thermal transients in superconducting magnets in 2D and 3D geometry using the finite-differences method.

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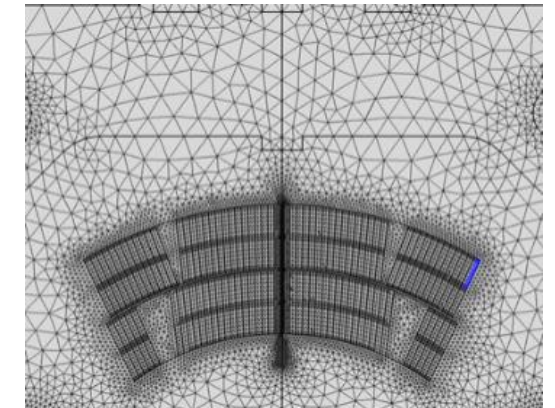
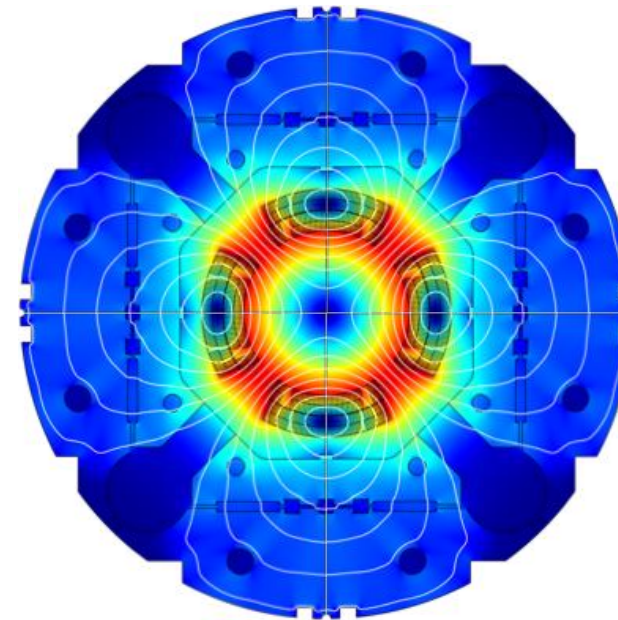


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Conductor	Magnet	Circuit
LEDET	FiQuS	XYCE*
PyBBQ	LEDET	
	ProteCCT	
BBQ	SIGMA	PSPICE**
Materials properties	Component library	

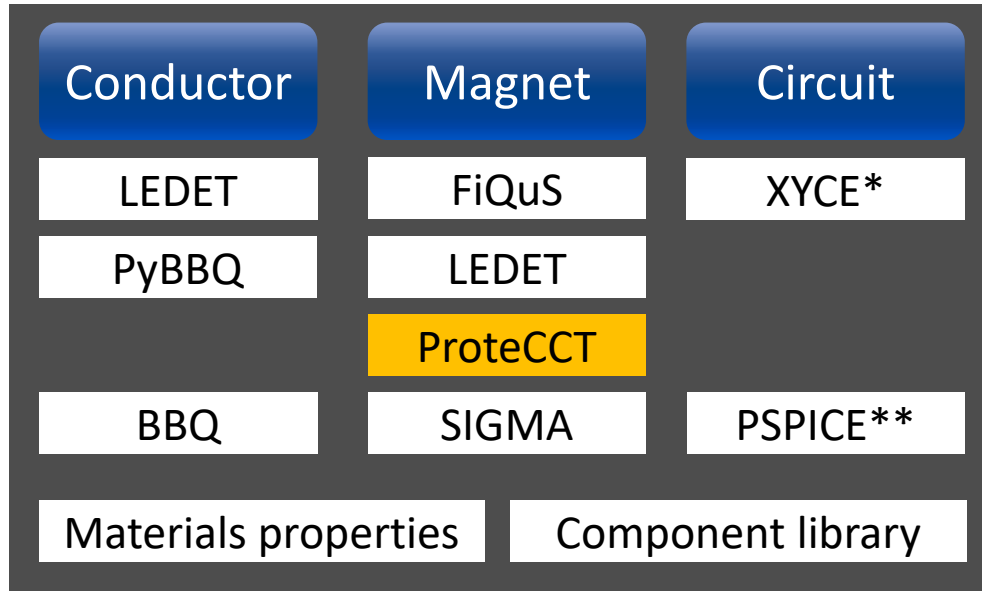
STEAM Integrated Generator of Magnets for Accelerators

→ Simulate electro-magnetic and thermal transients in superconducting magnets in a 2D geometry using a COMSOL finite-elements (FE) model.

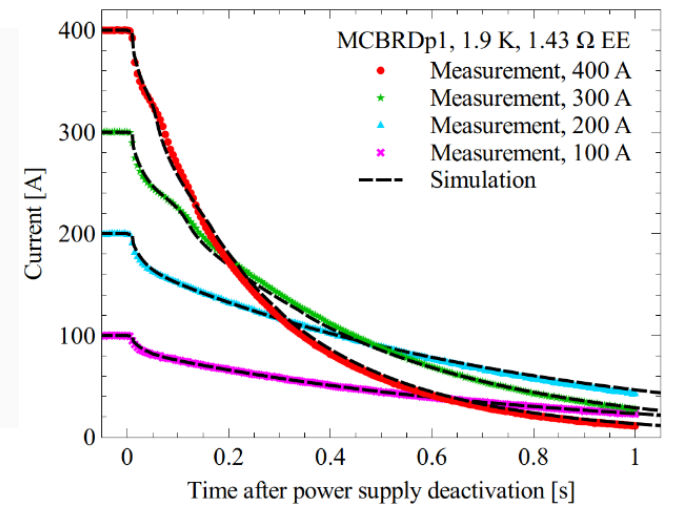
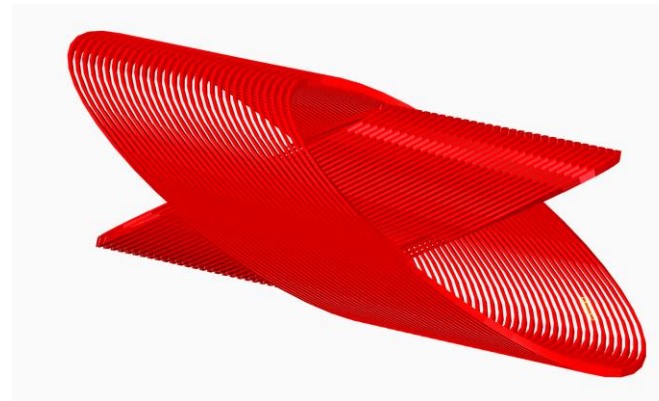


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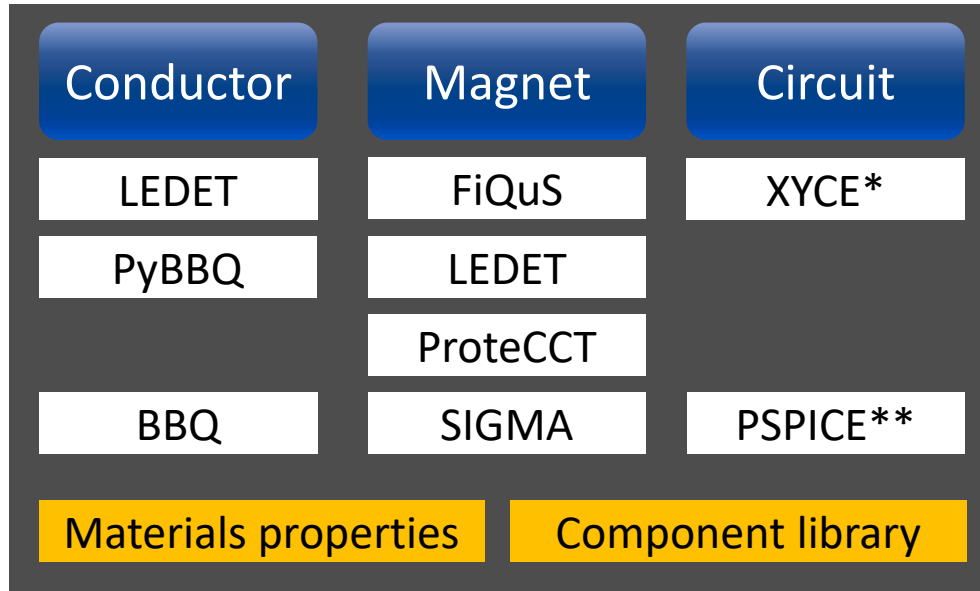


Protection of Canted-Cosine-Theta
 → Simulate electro-magnetic and thermal transients in canted-cosine-theta (CCT) using finite-differences method.



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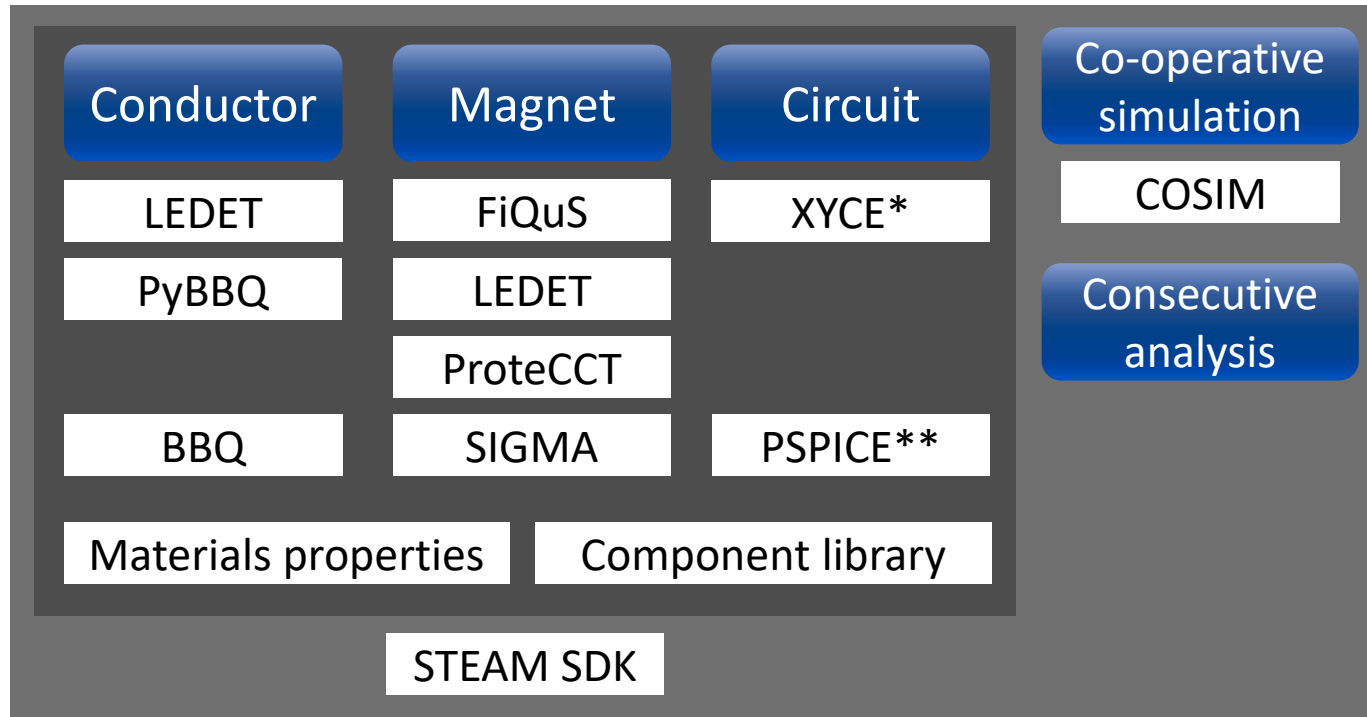
CHALLENGES

- ✓ Maintain consistency across simulation tools.
- ✓ Use the same material properties.
- ✓ Duplication of the same inputs.
- ✓ Maintain a library of validated reference models.

- Unified material properties coded in C.
- Unified model library for different programs.
- GitLab-versioned code and library.

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Co-operative Simulations

→ Run co-operative simulations of models developed in different software.

Consecutive Analysis

→ Maintain long-term reproducibility.

→ Programmatically setup folders, change parameters, and run models.

→ Record software versions.

→ Typical steps in YAML analysis files:

Setup folder;

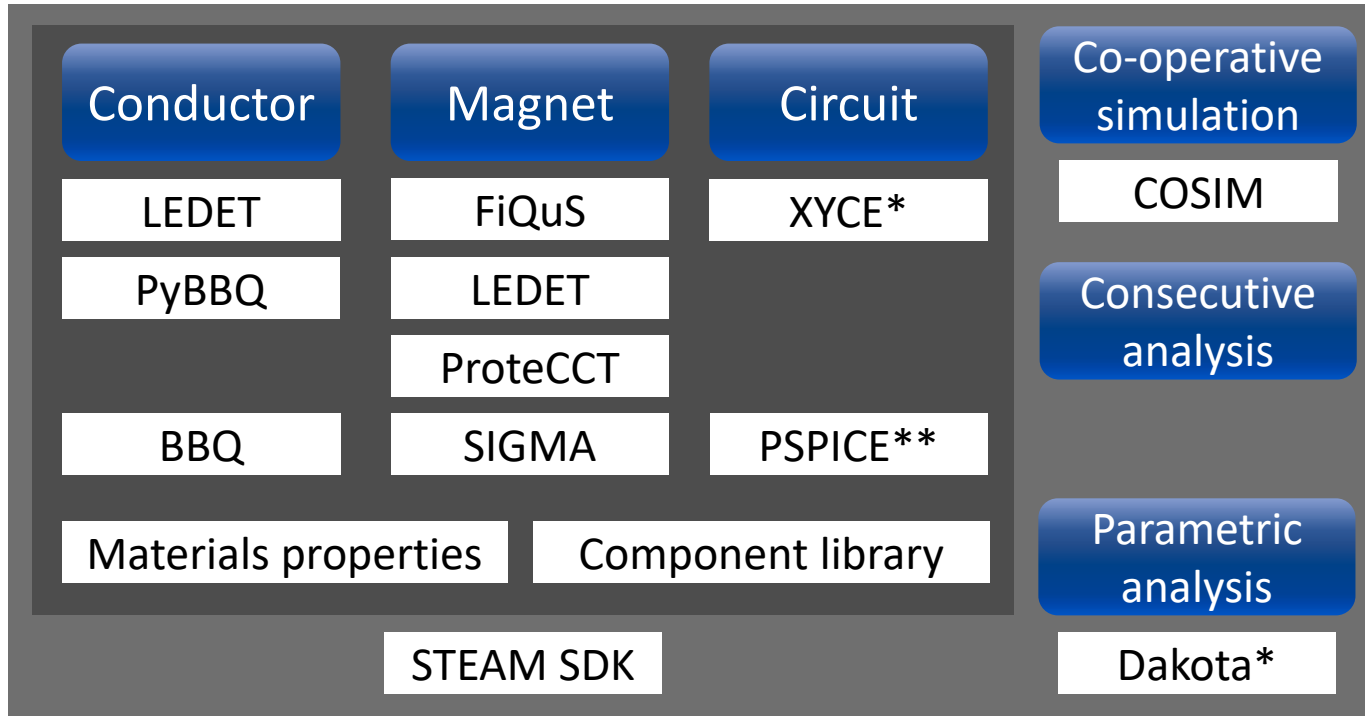
↳ Load reference model;

↳ Change parameters for new model;

↳ Change other parameters for another model;

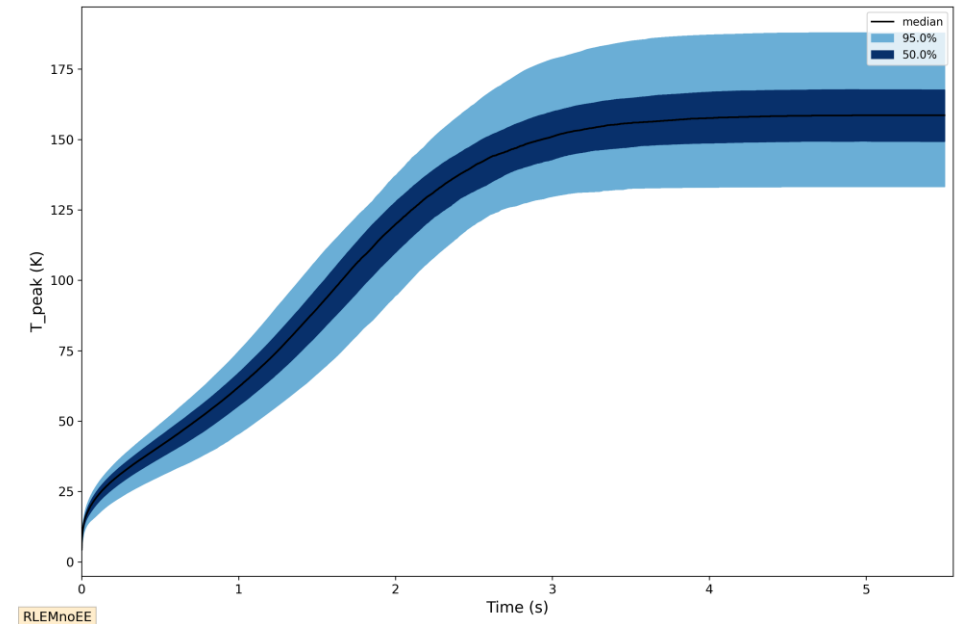
↳ Run all simulations.

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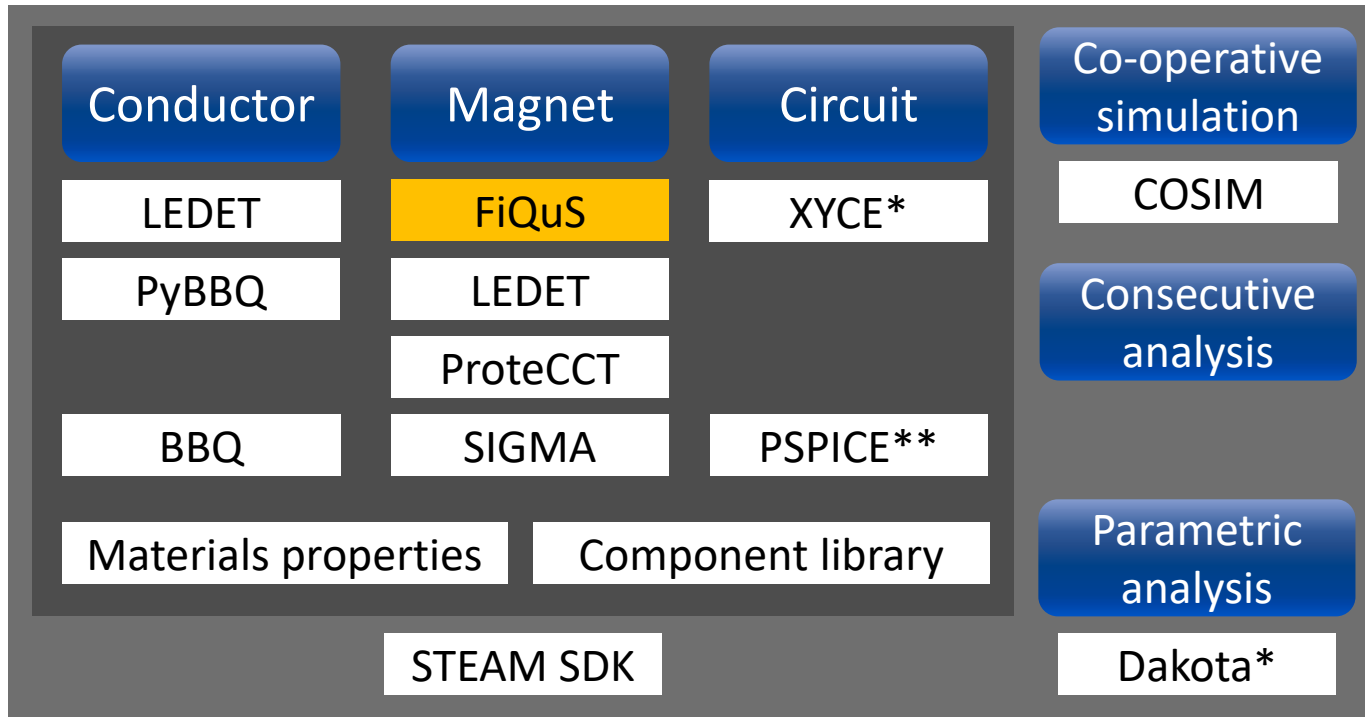
Parametric Analysis

- Run sensitivity studies, multi-objective optimization, uncertainty quantification.
- Directly coupled to model data files.
- Compatible with consecutive analysis.



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Finite Element Quench Simulator

- Coded in Python and uses its libraries.
- Based on Gmsh and GetDP.



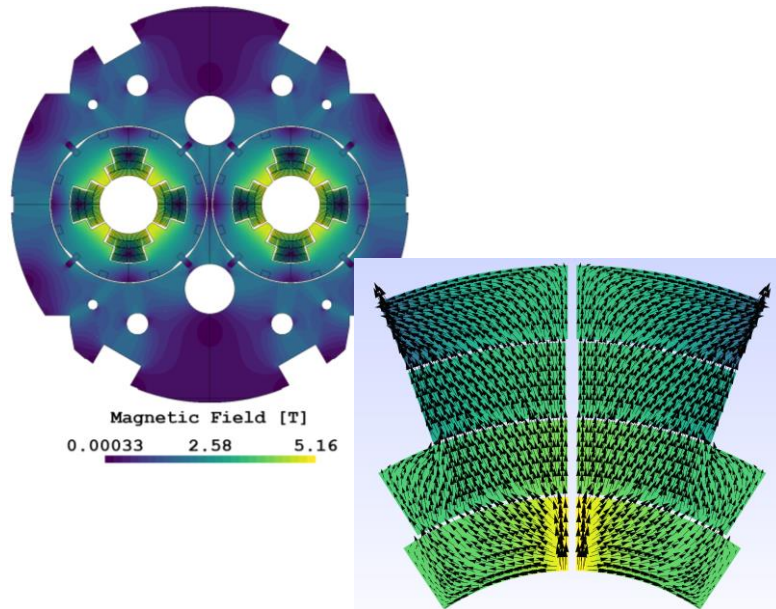
- Lives in CERN GitLab and uses CI/CD.
- Free and open-source!

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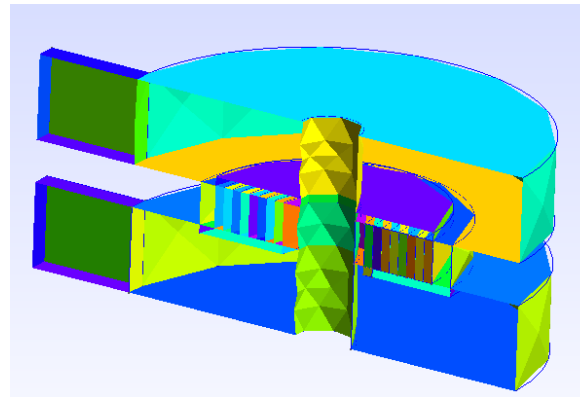
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2D multi-pole magnets



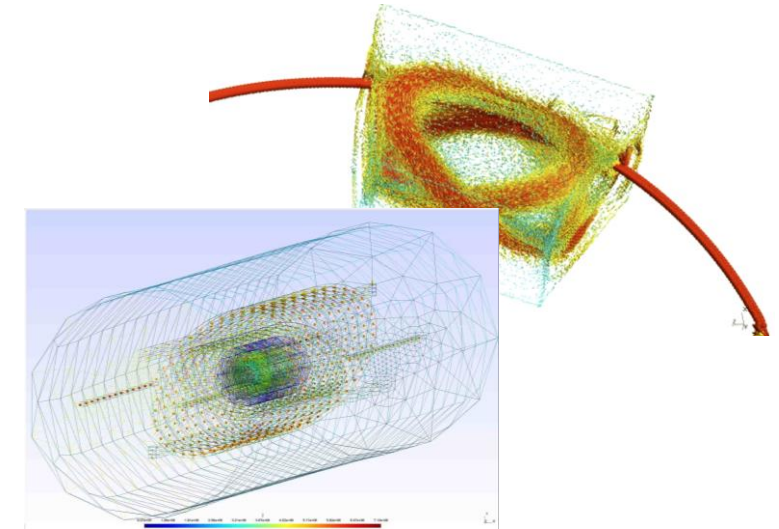
- B and M calculation.
- Thermal transient and steady state sim.
- Stand-alone quench simulations.

3D NI HTS coils



- HTS coils ramp up and down simulations.
- HTS coils quench simulations.
- Coils with insulation, no-insulation, partial-insulation.

3D CCT magnets

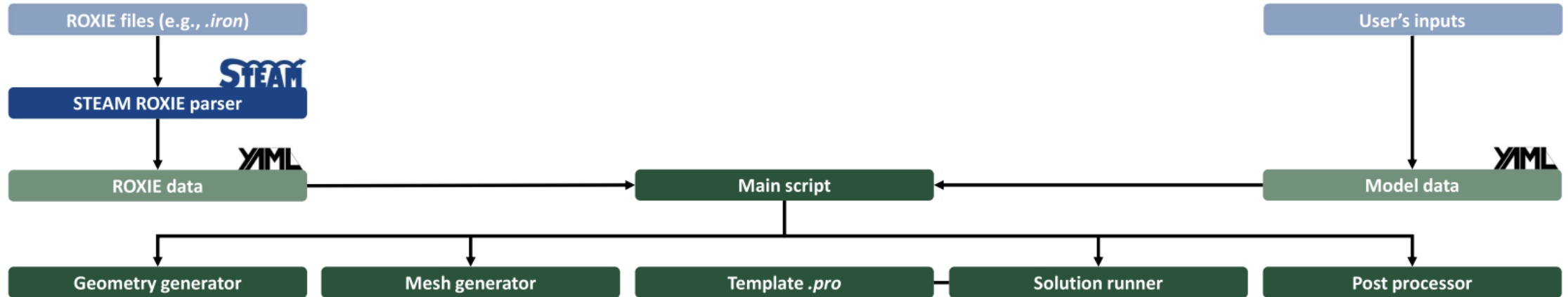


- B, M, V, T calculation.
- Eddy currents in the formers.
- Temperature of the formers.
- Co-simulation with LEDET.

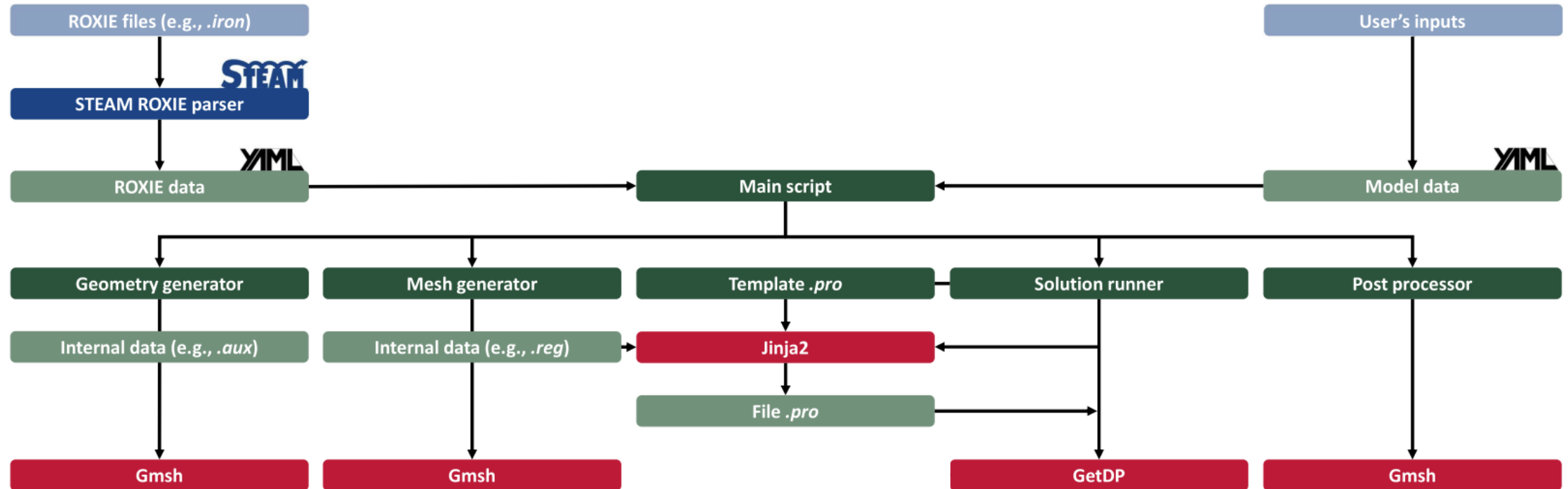
FiQuS code structure



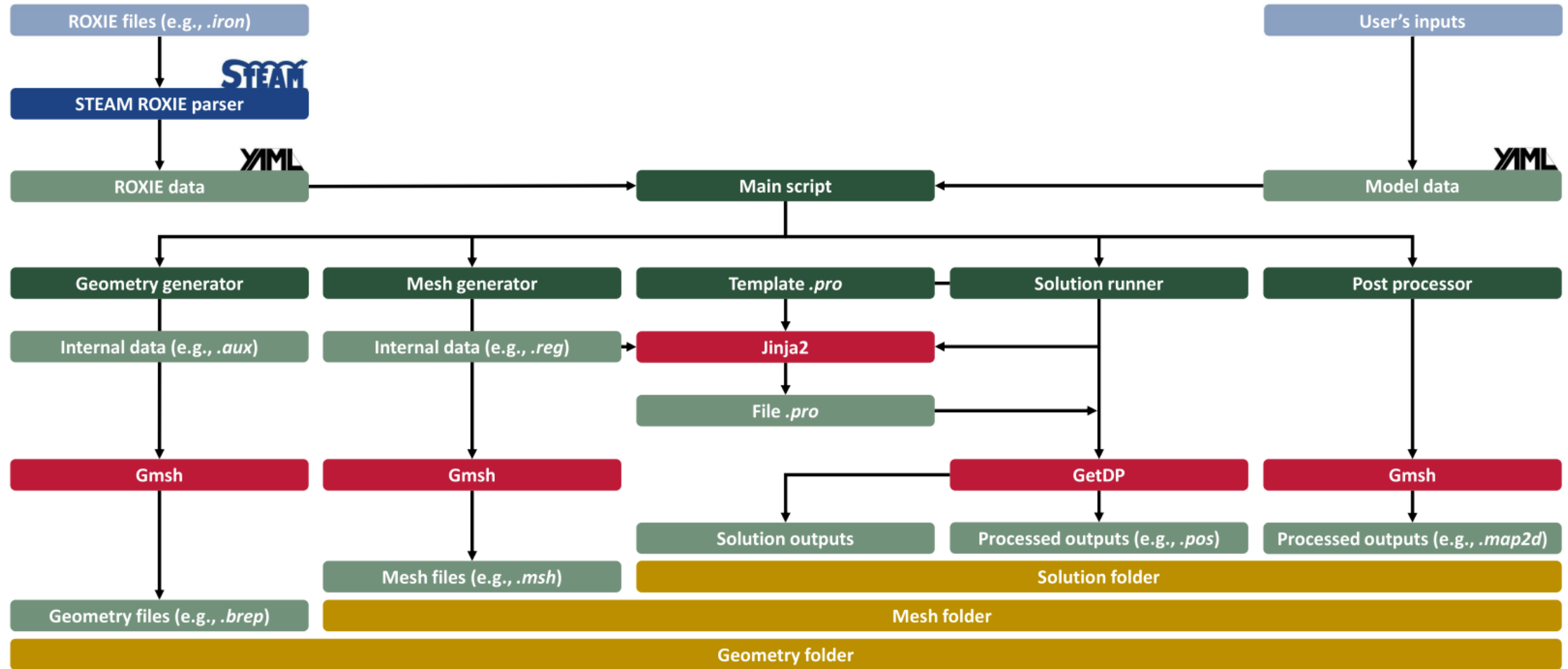
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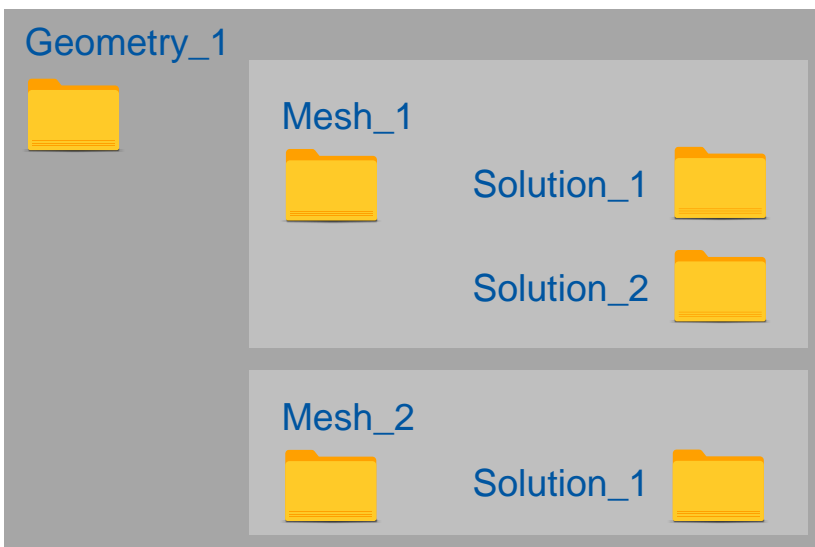
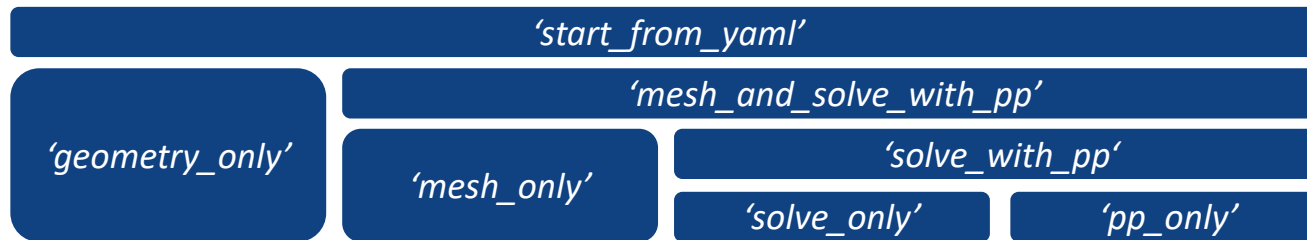
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FiQuS input file, run types, and folder structure



```
general:
  magnet_name: MQXA
run:
  type: mesh_and_solve_with_pp
  geometry: 1
  mesh: null
  solution: null
  launch_gui: true
  overwrite: false
magnet:
  type: multipole
  geometry:
    with_iron_yoke: false
    with_wedges: true
  mesh:
    default_mesh: true
    mesh_iron:
    mesh_coil:
solve:
  thermal:
    solved: 'transient'
    coolant_temperature: 4.2
    boundary_conditions:
      temperature:
      heat_flux:
      cooling:
    transient:
      time_pars:
        initial_temperature: 4.2
        quench_initiation:
  electromagnetics:
    solved: ''
    boundary_conditions:
    transient:
  thin_shells: true
  pro_template: Multipole_TH_TS_template.pro
postproc:
```



- YAML input file.
- Tree structure.
- Python types compatibility.
- Parametric analysis friendly.

FiQuS project started in 2022 and is under active development.

FiQuS code is released for these magnet types:

1. **Magnetostatic** solution of **2D multipole** magnets with iron and integrated with STEAM SDK [1].
2. **Magnetostatic** solution of **3D CCT** magnets and integrated with STEAM SDK [2].

We are working on and plan to release:

3. **Transient** electromagnetic + **thermal** of **2D multipole** magnets
4. **Transient** electromagnetic + **thermal** of **3D CCT** and co-simulation with other STEAM tools.
5. **Full integration** of **3D pancake HTS coils** in FiQuS.

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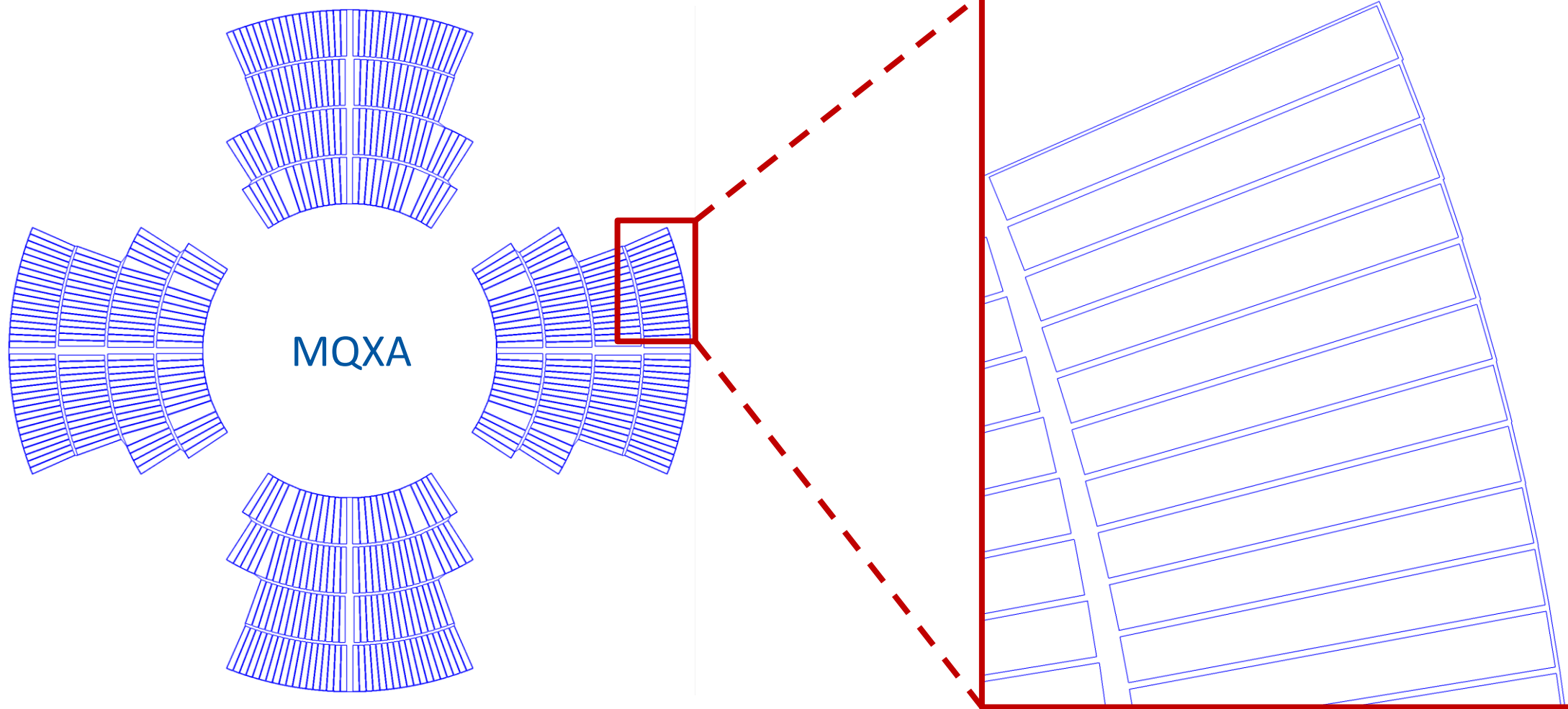
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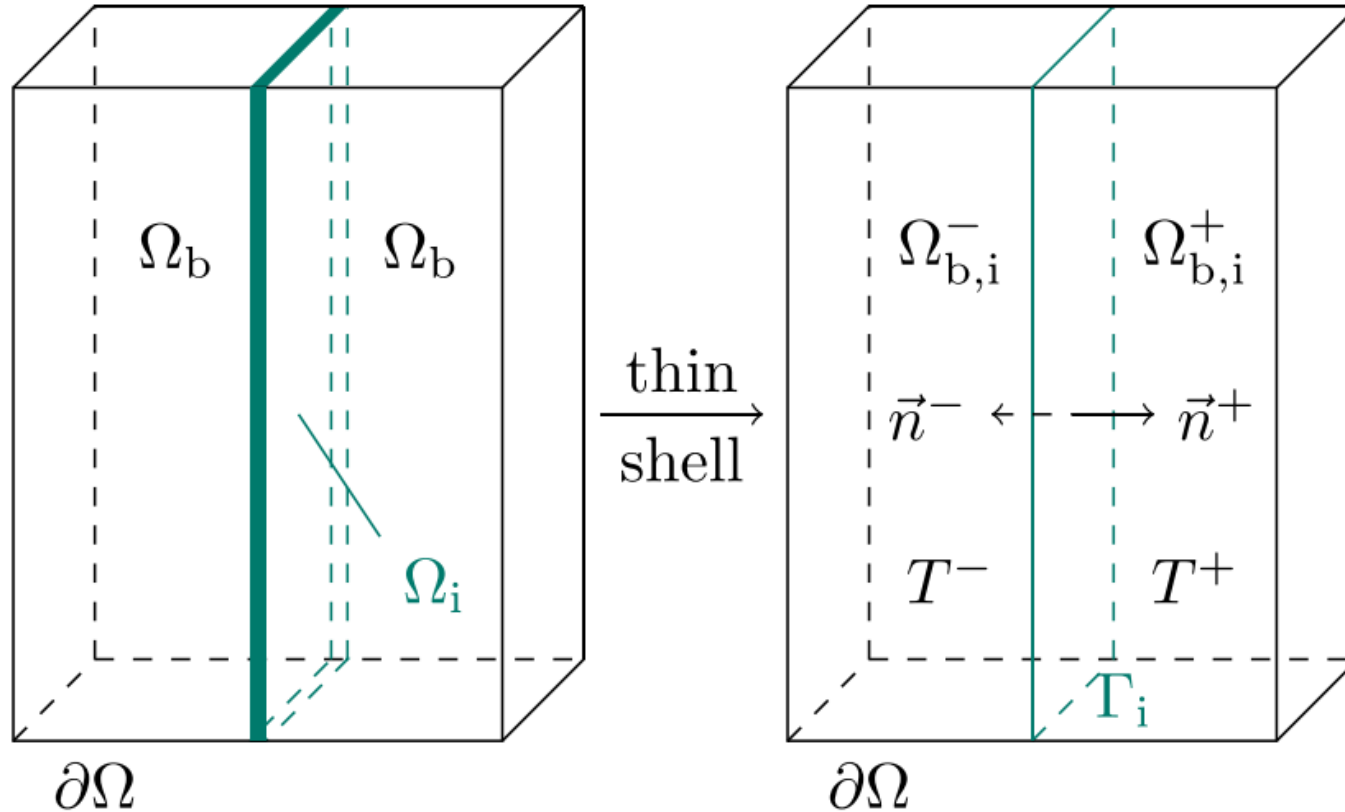
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Thin shell approximation motivation



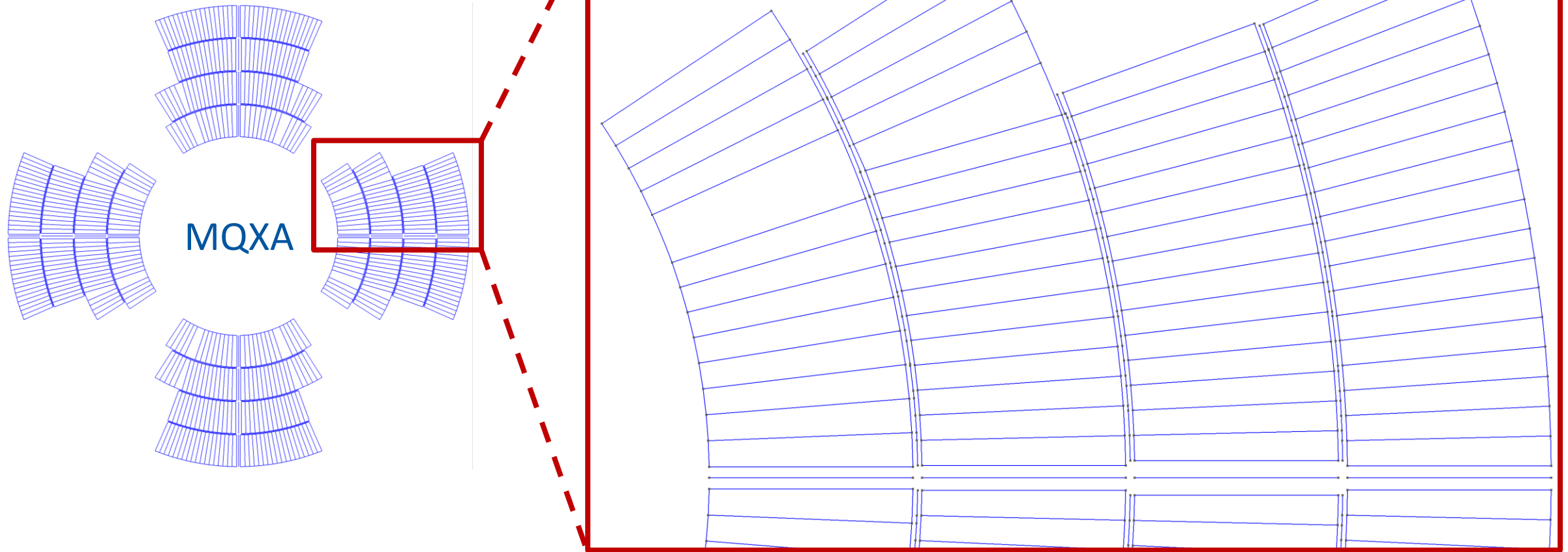
Thin shell approximation basics



- Volume $\Omega_i \rightarrow$ Surface Γ_i .
- Internal 1D FE discretization of Ω_i :
 - Able to handle non-linearities;
 - Supports classical BCs;
 - Supports quench heaters;
 - Supports multiple layers.

Schnaubelt, E., Wozniak, M., & Schöps, S. (2023). Thermal thin shell approximation towards finite element quench simulation. *Superconductor Science and Technology*, 36(4), 044004.

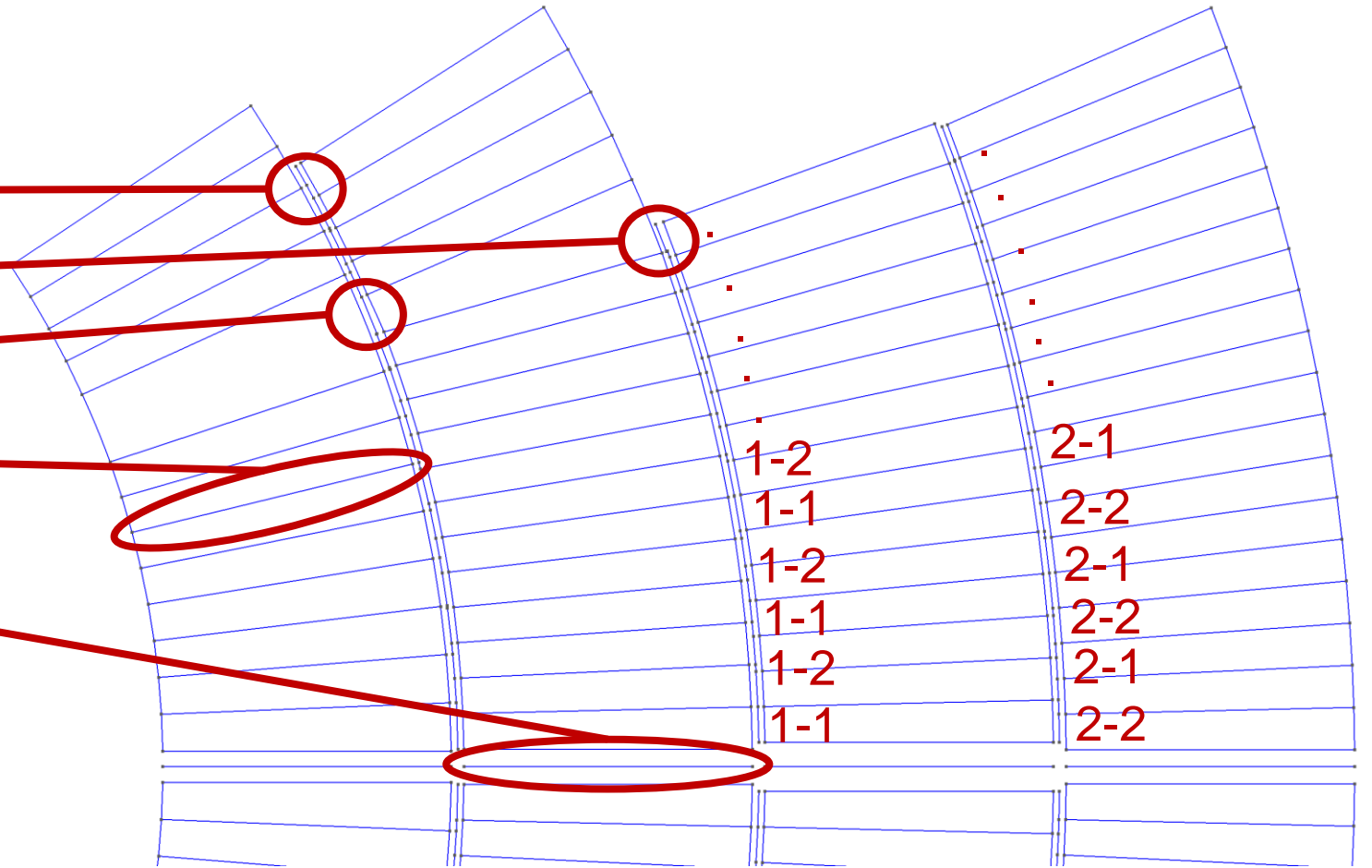
Thin shells in multi-pole magnets



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Thin shell geometry requirements:

- Turn-to-turn (mid-layer)
- Wedge-to-turn
- Wedge-to-wedge
- Turn-to-turn (in block)
- Mid-pole
- Specific line grouping



Needs to work for all the magnets!

Comparison test case for verification

MQXA:

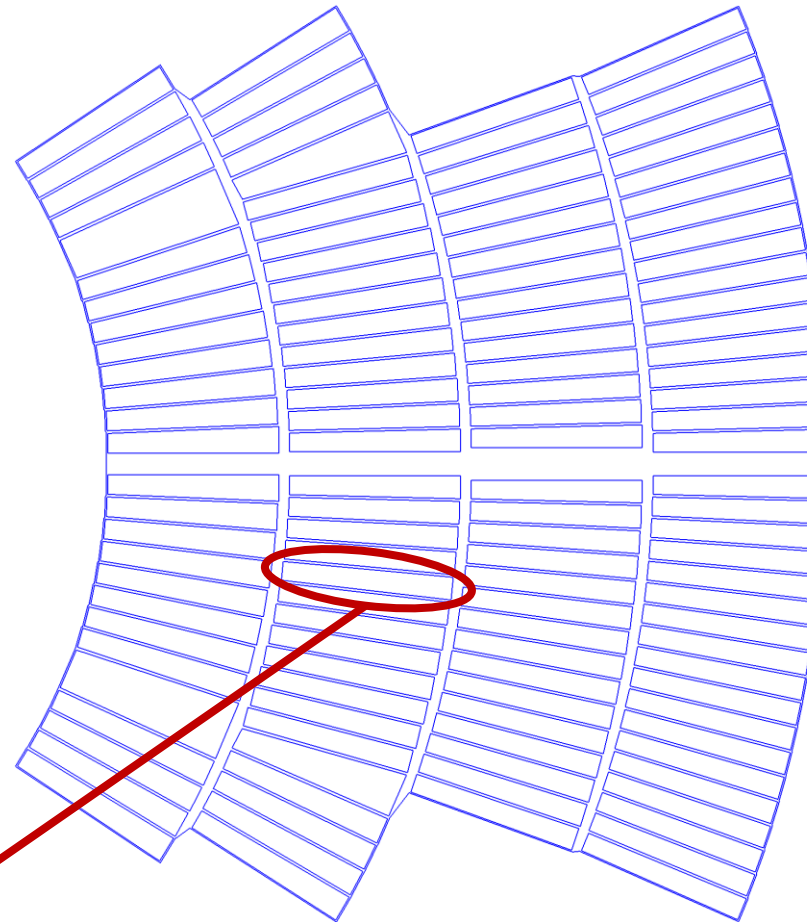
- Nb-Ti / Cu cables
- Cu wedges
- Kapton insulations

Assumptions:

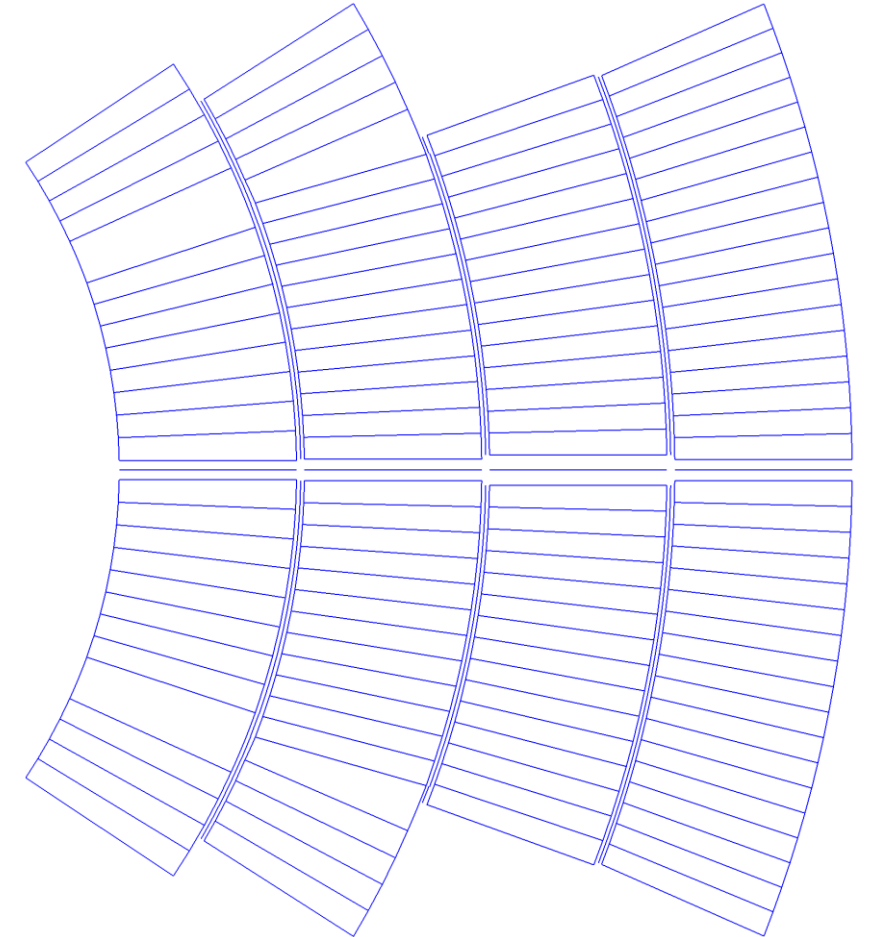
- Constant current
- Constant field

Simulation:

- Thermal transient
- Homogeneous Neumann
- Non-linear model
- Quenching half-turn



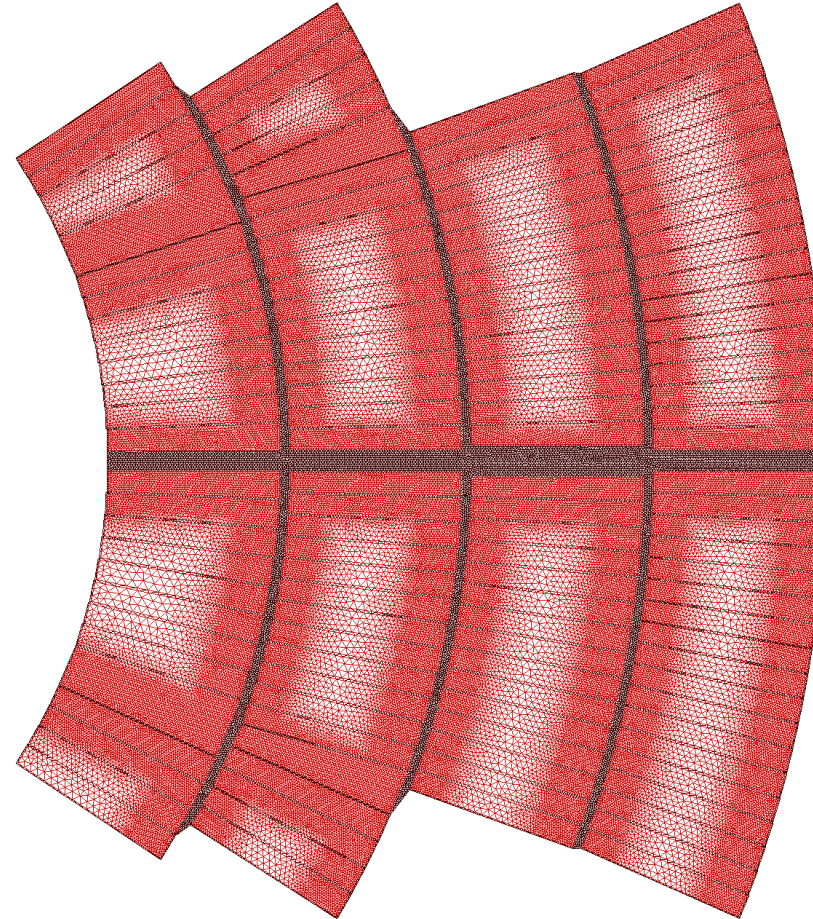
Reference (meshed insulation)



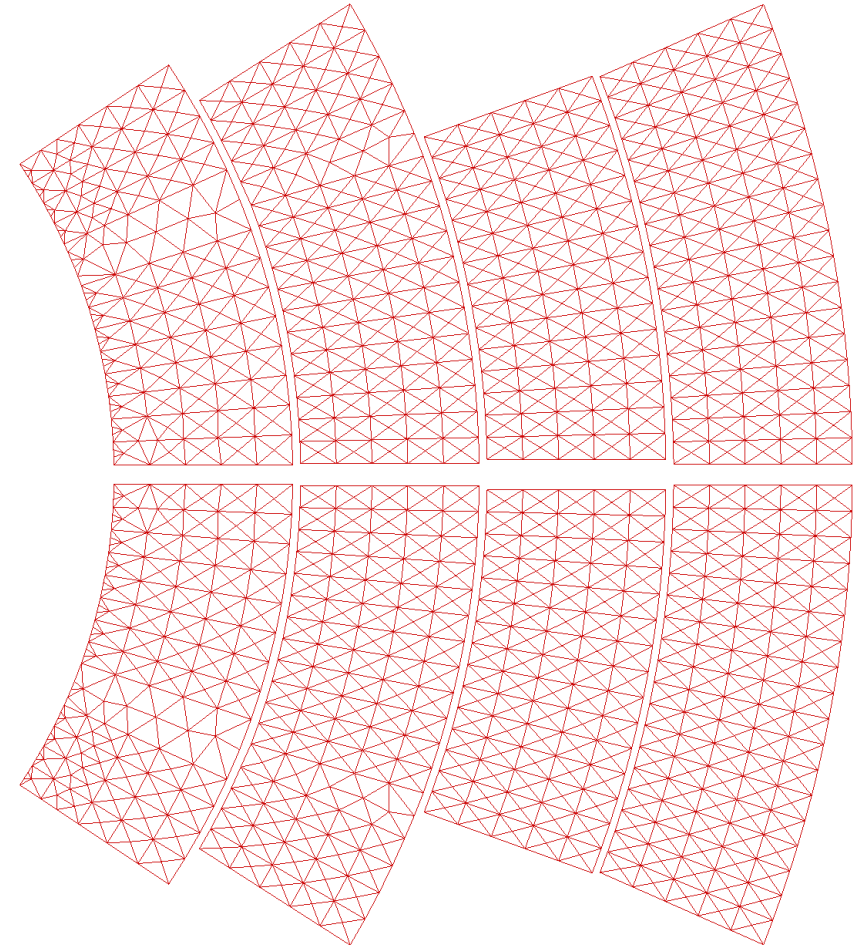
Thin shell model

Space discretization

- Mesh-free insulation
- Correction factors



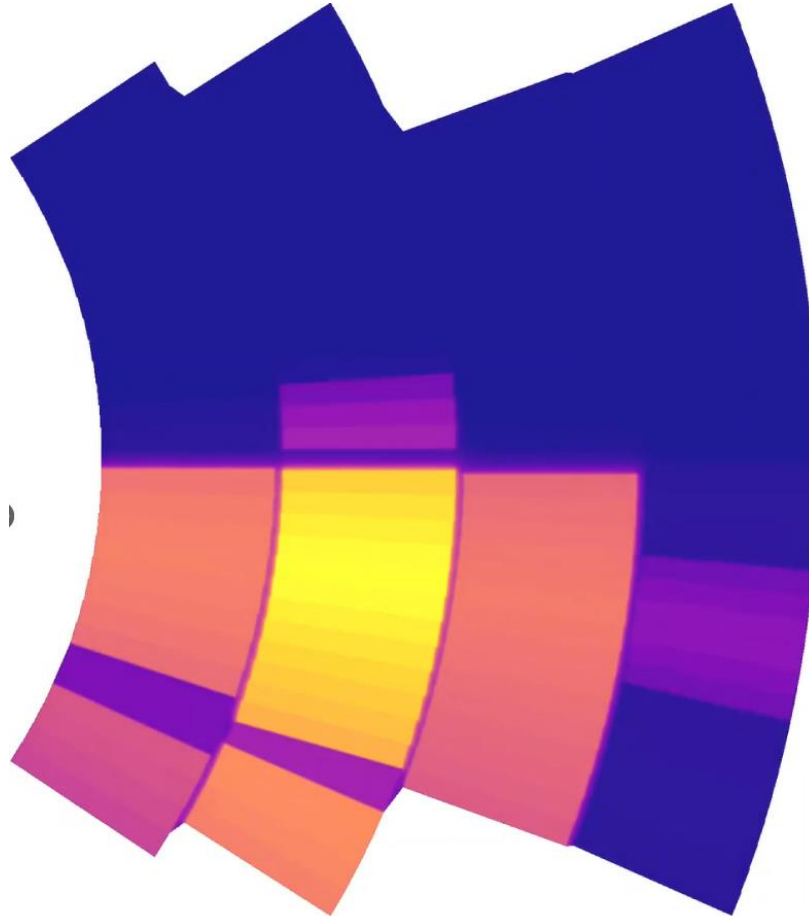
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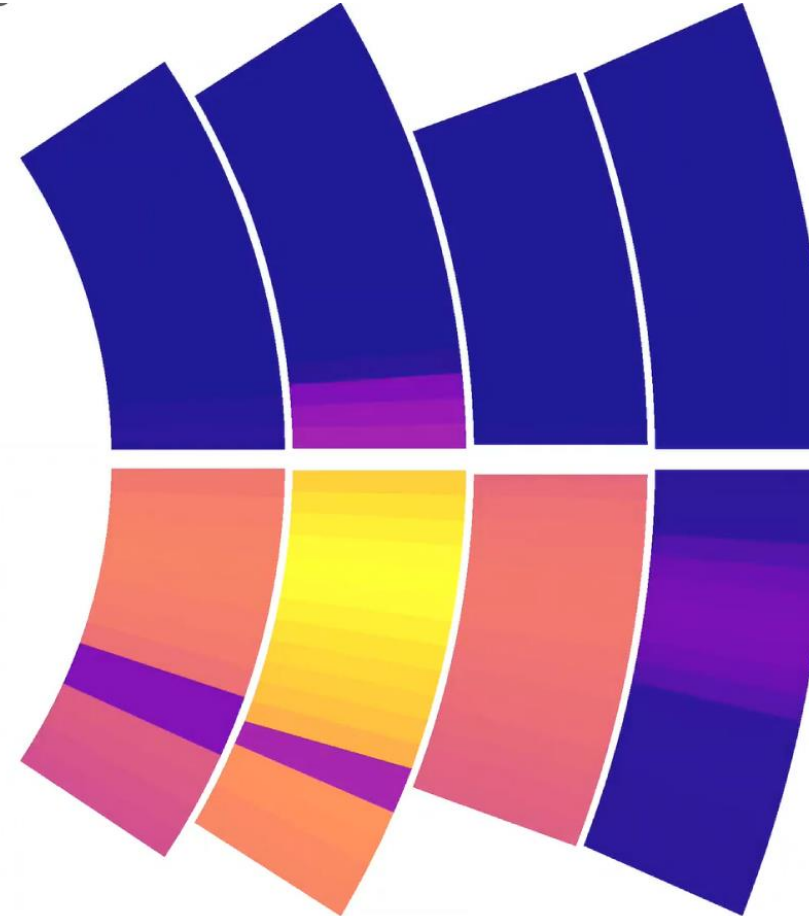
Thin shell model verification

77'380
DoFs



Reference Model T [K] - time 0.267
4.2 40.2 76.1

13'143
DoFs



Thin Shell Model T [K] - time 0.267
4.2 40.3 76.5

**~10
times
shorter
solution
time!**

- New FE tool called **FiQuS** is being developed within the STEAM framework.
- FiQuS is intended for **quench** simulations of accelerator magnets.
- Specific functionalities developed for 2D **multi-pole** magnet geometries.
- Thermal **thin shell** approximation is used to decrease DoFs and meshing effort.
- Promising preliminary results with good degree of accuracy and **decreased computational cost**.
- Needs to be extended:
 - Further **refinement of geometries** required to decrease reliance on correction factors;
 - Enable **EM-TH coupling** and coupling to circuit parameters;
 - Include **iron-yoke** in thermal solution.
- **Verify** quench simulation results against other STEAM framework tools.

STEAM



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