

Status of High Field Magnet R&D Programme

Andrzej Siemko on behalf of HFM R&D Programme Team

Outline

- Current Consortium, organisation and main objectives of the HFM R&D Programme
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HFM R&D Consortium

(present main contributors)

Magnets



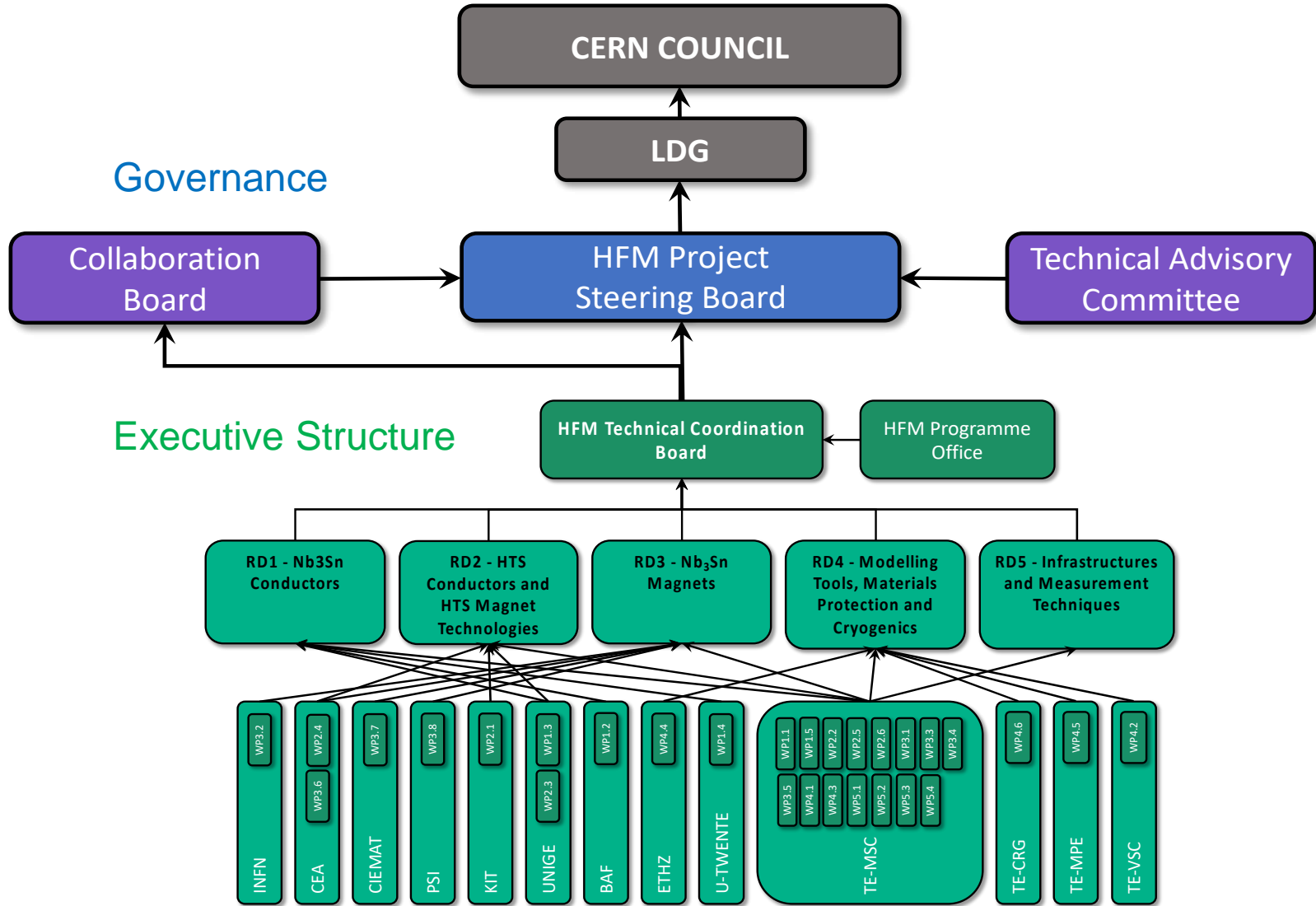
Conductors



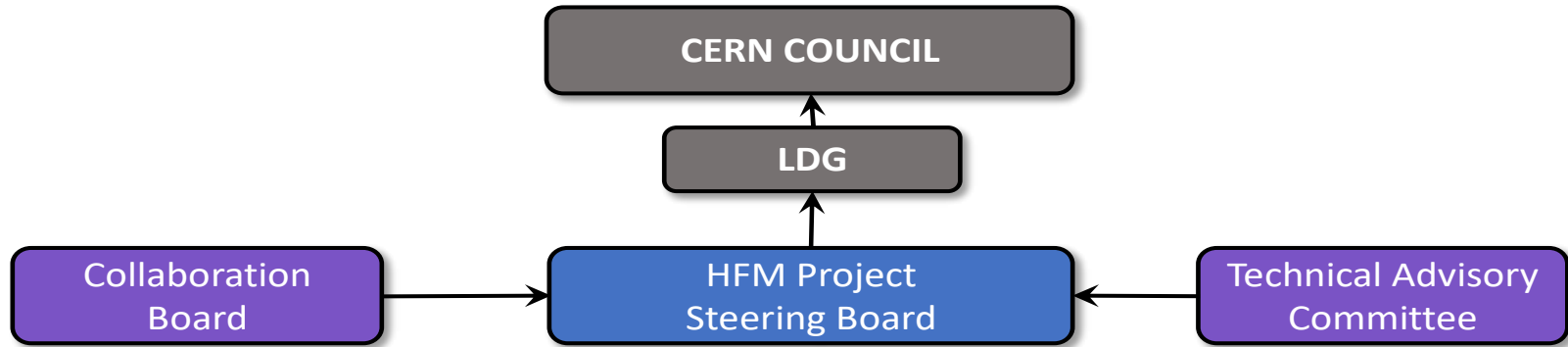
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HFM R&D Programme Structure



HFM Governance



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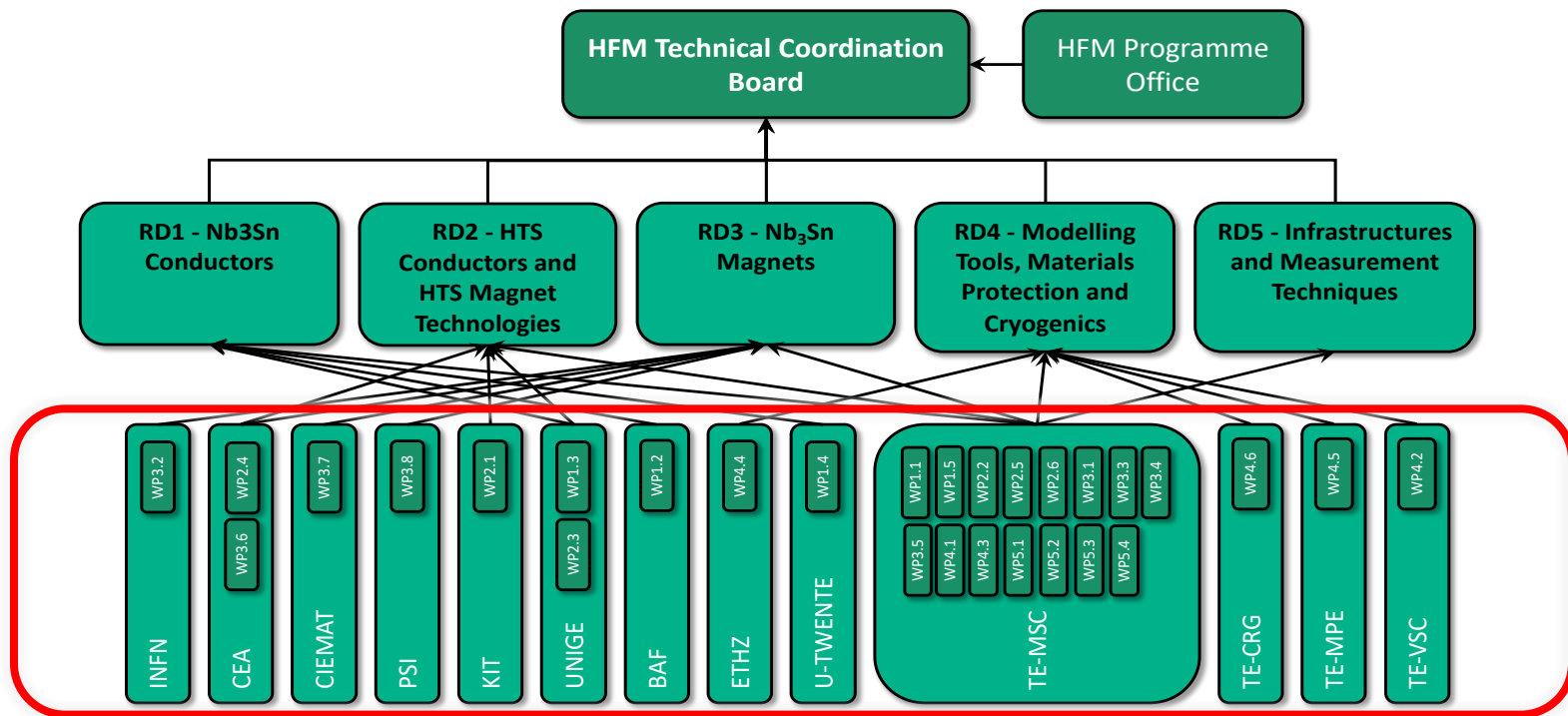
Advisory Committee to be defined, discussion in SB

HFM Executive Structure

- Work Packages

Work Packages refer to self-contained, focused units of work in the RD Line designed to achieve specific, measurable outcomes or deliverables within a predetermined timeframe and resources.

Work Packages are undertaken by collaborating institutions or CERN groups and outline the tasks, resources, dependencies, and milestones required to achieve tangible results. They are characterized by clear, focused deliverables, enabling monitoring and evaluation of progress towards the overall goals of the RD Line and HFM Programme

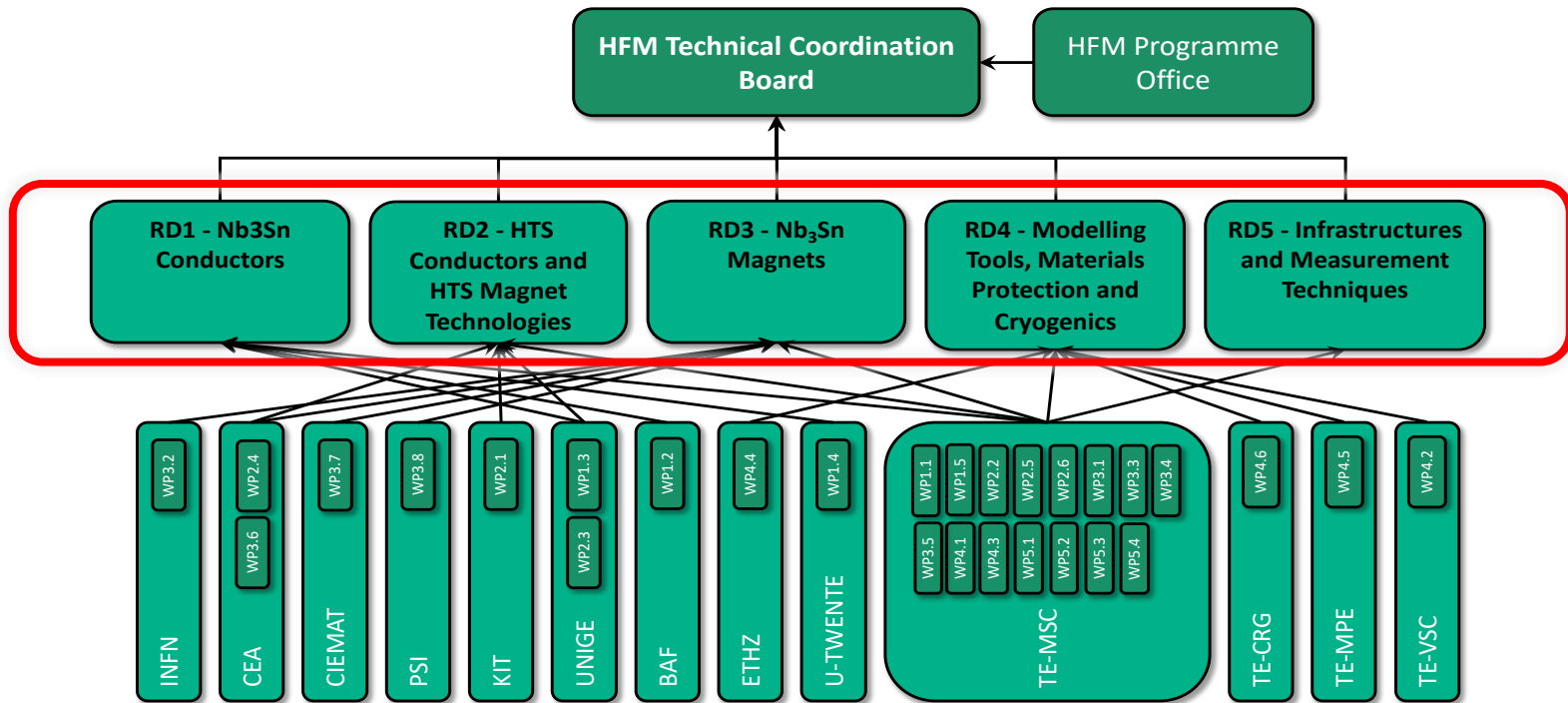


HFM Executive Structure

- RD Lines

These are technical domains in the context of the LDG HFM Roadmap document, such as 'Nb₃Sn magnets' or 'HTS conductors and HTS magnet technologies'. The RD Lines are conducting research in a collaborative, complementary, and, where appropriate, competitive spirit.

Each RD Line provides a community-wide forum for discussion and agreement on the technical aspects of the respective RD Line roadmap, including the formulation of new proposals.



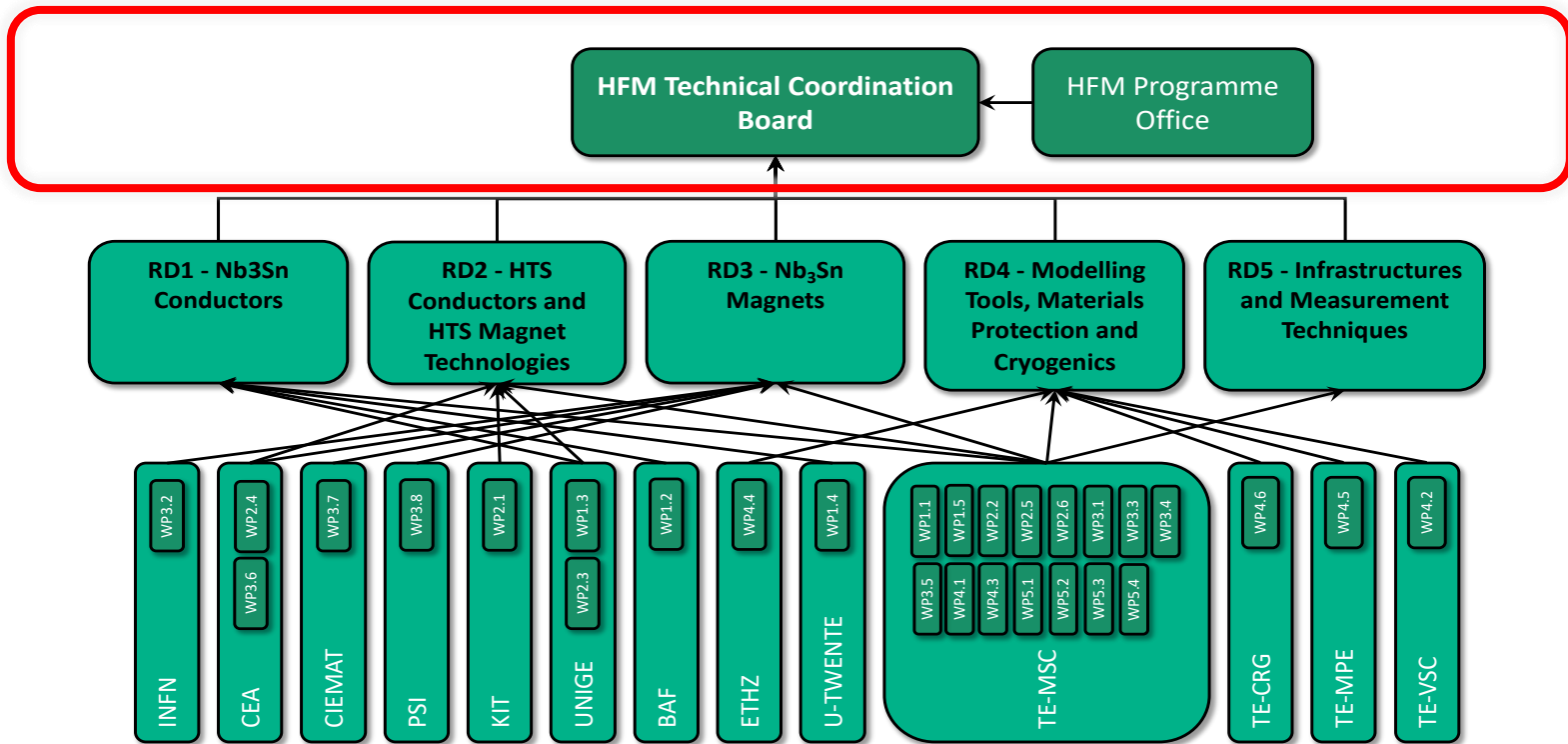
HFM Executive Structure

- **Technical Coordination Board**

Ensures and facilitates communication and coordination between Work Packages and RD Lines, the Steering Board, Collaboration Board, and the broader HFM community

- **Programme Office**

Manages all administrative aspects required by the HFM R&D Programme (WBS, budget structure, EVM, EDMS, master plan documentation) and assists in the tracking of resources and schedules



HFM R&D Programme – broad goals

- **The EU Accelerator R&D Roadmap identifies main objectives for the High Field Magnet Programme:**
 - **OBJECTIVE 1:**

Design and demonstrate a full-size Nb₃Sn accelerator magnet to proof the maturity of the most advanced technologies today, based on the HL-LHC design, i.e., 12 T magnets, and applying all the lessons learned from the US LHC Accelerator Research programme (LARP), the US High-Luminosity LHC Accelerator Upgrade project (AUP) and the HL-LHC project
 - **OBJECTIVE 2:**

Explore the limitations of the LTS state-of-the-art technology and push Nb₃Sn magnet technology to its practical limits in terms of ultimate performance, towards the 16 T target targeted by the FCC-hh
 - **OBJECTIVE 3:**

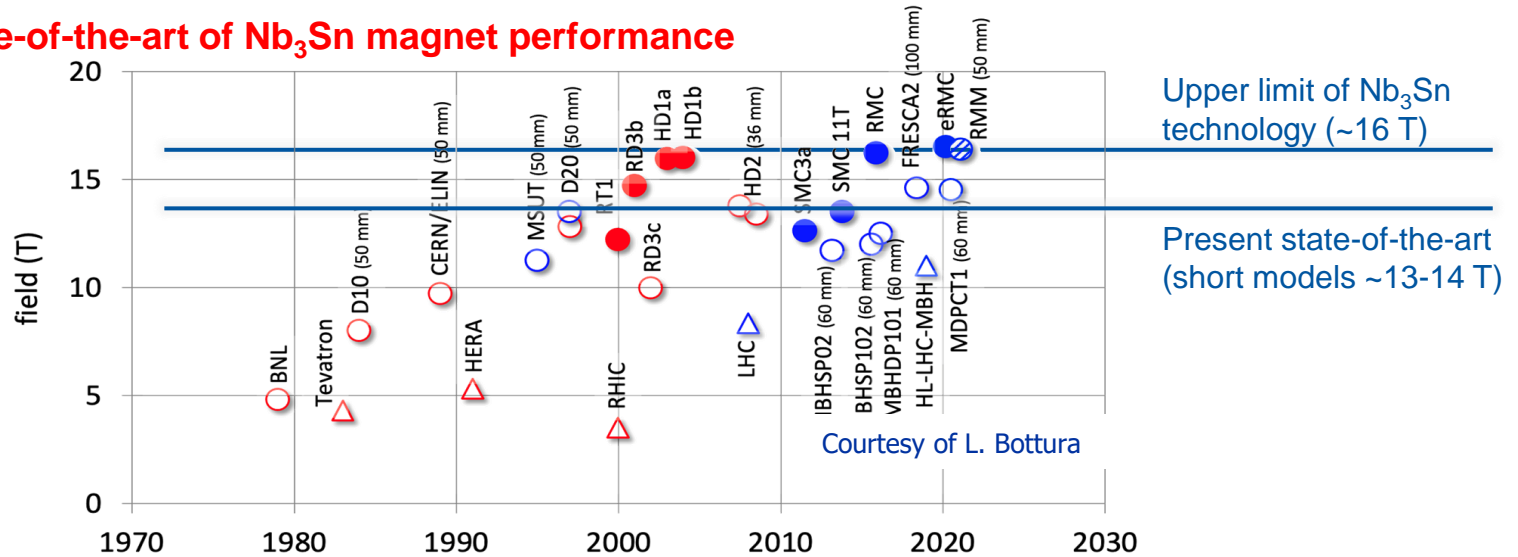
Explore the capabilities and limitations of state-of-the-art HTS and magnet technology based on these superconductors. Demonstrate the suitability of HTS
 - **Create a European Research Network involving CERN and National Labs**

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State-of-the-art LTS superconductors and magnet technology

State-of-the-art of Nb₃Sn magnet performance

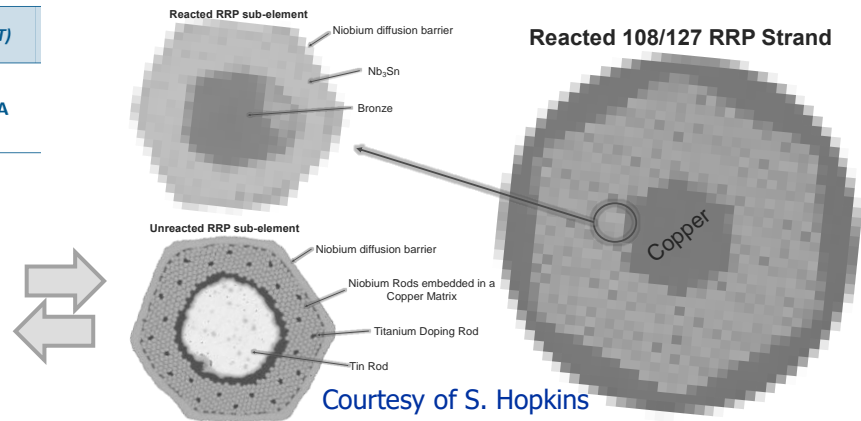


State-of-the-art Nb₃Sn conductor (HL-LHC)

| Technology | # of subelements | Cu/non-Cu | Subelement size/shape | Diameter | <i>I_c</i> (16 T) |
|------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| RRP | 108/127 | 1.2 | ~55 μm | 0.85 mm | 280 A |

Heat treatment

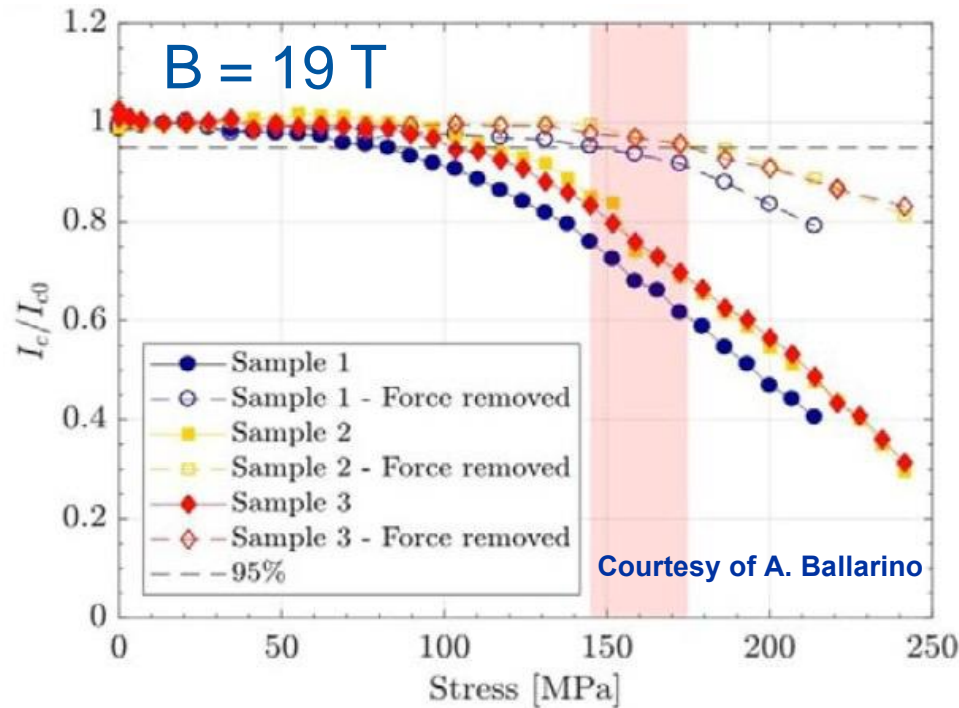
| HT N: | 535 | Code: | 3_665_B |
|----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Furnace: | GERO_CERN163 | Date: | 13/09/2019 |
| Plateau | T [°C] | Duration [h] | Ramp (up) rate [°C/h] |
| 1 | 210 | 48 | 25 |
| 2 | 400 | 48 | 50 |
| 3 | 665 | 50 | 50 |



Main challenges facing the development of future 14+ Tesla LTS high-field magnets

Nb₃Sn Conductors

- Present limitations of Nb₃Sn technology are linked to:
 - conductor stress/strain sensitivity and degradation
 - thermomechanical behaviour and degradation of magnet performance



- $\sigma_{irr} = 145\text{--}175$ MPa

- I_c/I_{c0} @ 150 MPa
→ 16 % - 28 %

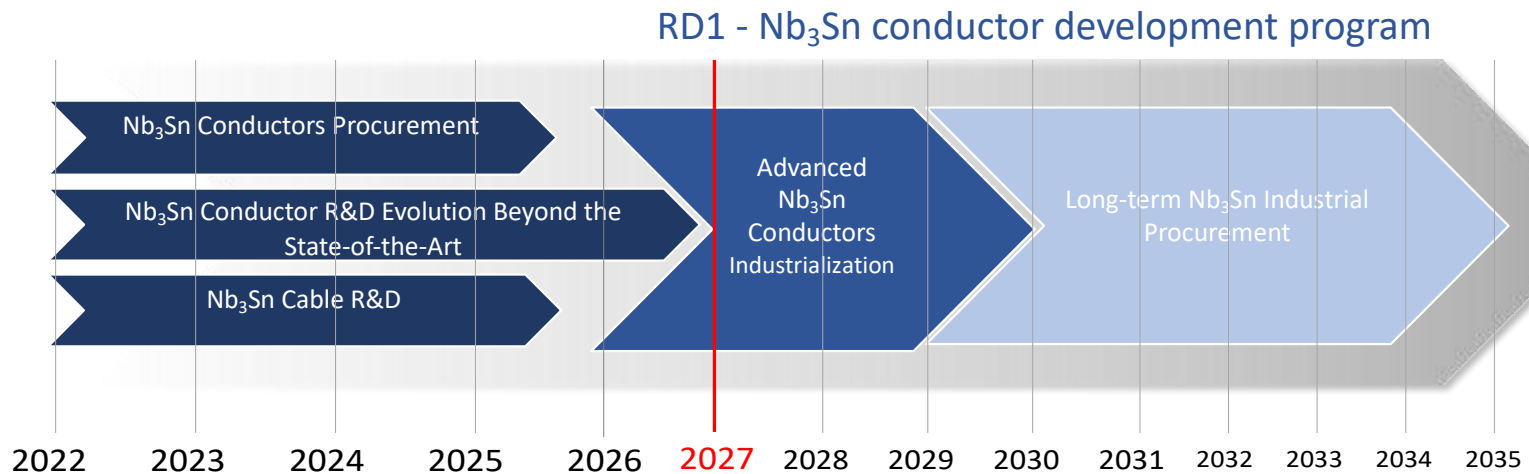
R&D Strategy and Focus Areas for the LTS high-field 14+ T magnets

Nb₃Sn Conductors : pushing towards ultimate performance

- **Stress/strain sensitivity** and degradation of Nb₃Sn conductors **to be improved** by ~50% above the present state-of-the-art

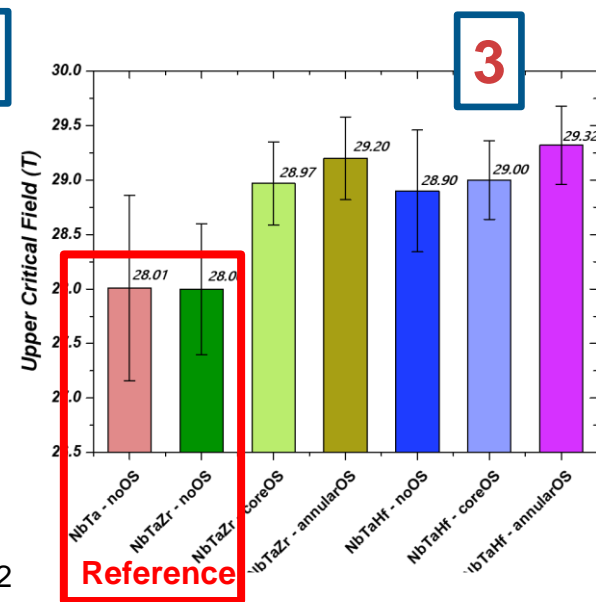
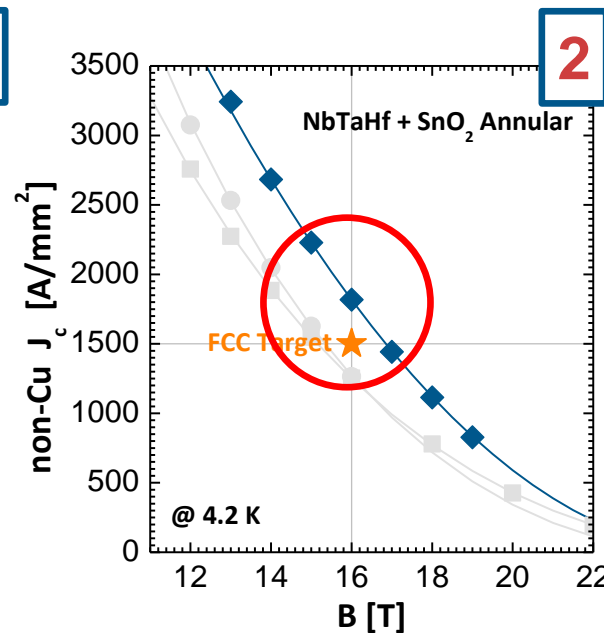
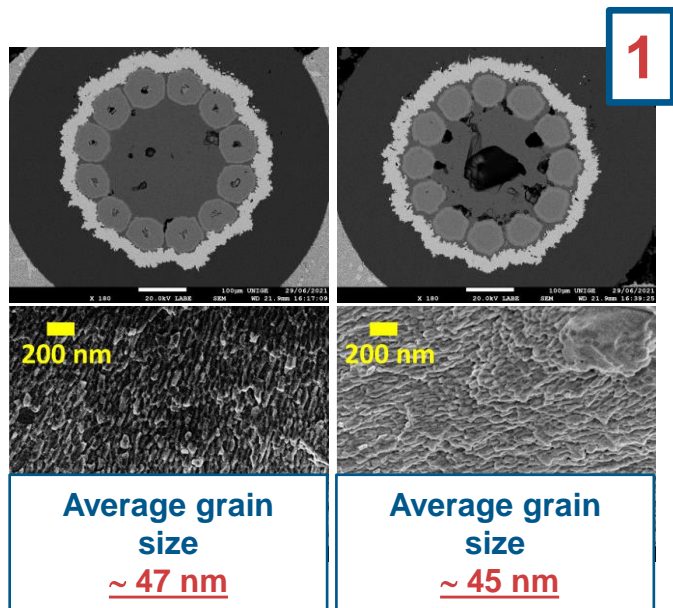
- New Nb₃Sn wire structures with enhanced mechanical strength
- Higher J_c (increased margins)
- Industrialization of improved superconductors

Nb₃Sn
Conductor
R&D



Pushing Nb₃Sn towards its ultimate performance Internal Oxidation in prototype multifilamentary wires

- 1 Refinement of the grain size: 100 nm → 50 nm
- 2 Large increase of the layer J_c → exceeding the FCC target
- 3 Enhancement of B_{c2} by > 1 T → improved in-field performance



Courtesy of C. Senatore

Focus areas for the LTS magnet technology

Demonstrator of the maturity of state-of-the-art Nb₃Sn technology “12 Tesla Robust Dipole”

- So far, no full-size dipole magnet using Nb₃Sn technology has been built
- As stipulated by the Accelerator R&D Roadmap, in order to demonstrate the maturity of the most advanced technologies today applying all the lessons learnt so far, and to investigate the physical and technological effects related to the length of the magnets, an accelerator-size magnet demonstrator will be built, taking HL-LHC as a benchmark, i.e., 12 T

- Accelerator-size demonstrator of maturity of Nb₃Sn technologies, including improved manufacturability through collaboration with industrial partners
- Reaching 14+T with this 12 T robust technology will be aided by increased J_c and enhanced mechanical properties of Nb₃Sn conductor

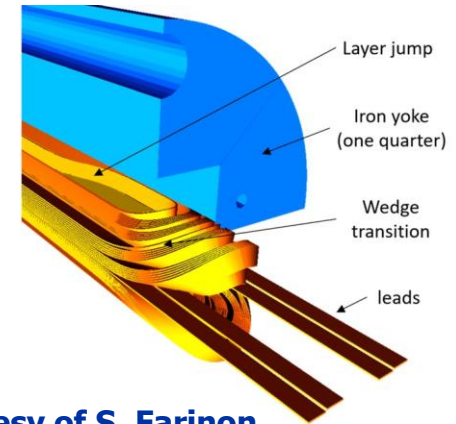
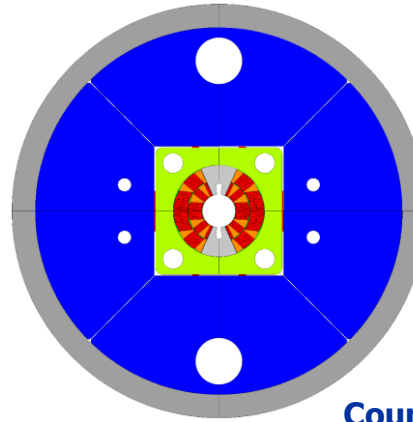


12 Tesla
Robust

Development of a single aperture 12 T “robust dipole” in INFN, Genova

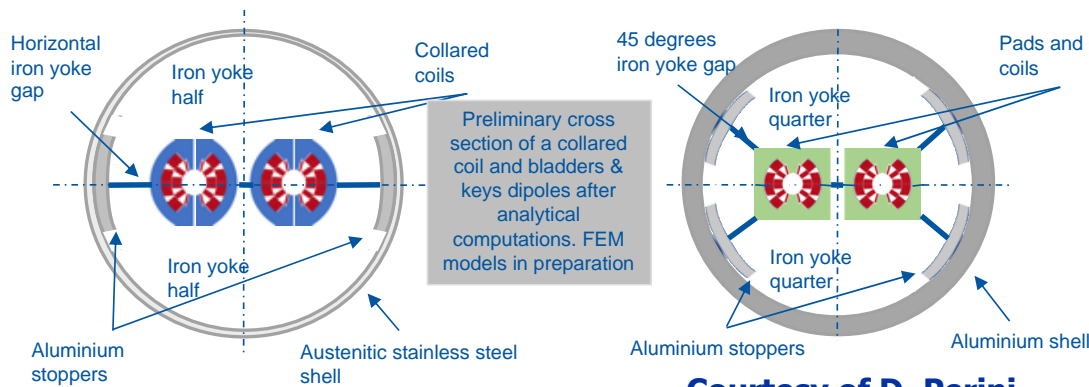
Main characteristics :

- ▣ 2 layers ; 50 mm bore
- ▣ Rutherford 40 strands ($\rho = 1 \text{ mm } J_c(4.5 \text{ K}, 16 \text{ T})=1200 \text{ A/mm}^2$)
- ▣ Nominal magnetic field: 12 T
- ▣ Ultimate (mechanical limit) field: 14 T
- ▣ Short sample limit : 15.7 T
- ▣ Mechanical structure: bladder & key
- ▣ Stress in conductors $\lesssim 150 \text{ MPa}$ in all conditions
- ▣ Outer diameter: 640 mm (LASA test)



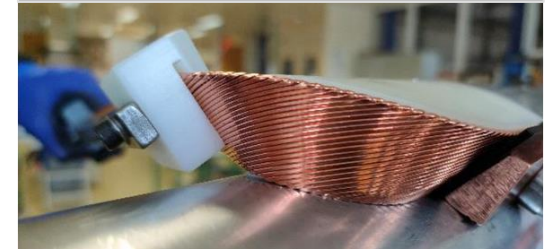
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Development of twin 12 T “robust dipole” at CERN



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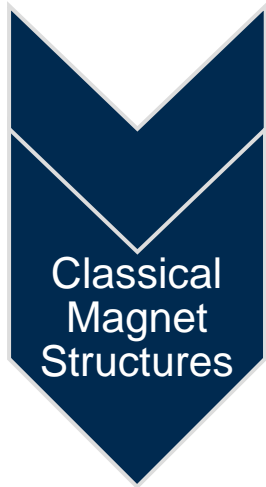
Winding tests are ongoing in INFN Genova



Both the INFN and CERN 12 T short robust dipole models are expected to be ready in 2025

R&D Strategy for the LTS 14+ T magnets

Nb₃Sn magnets: pushing towards ultimate performance



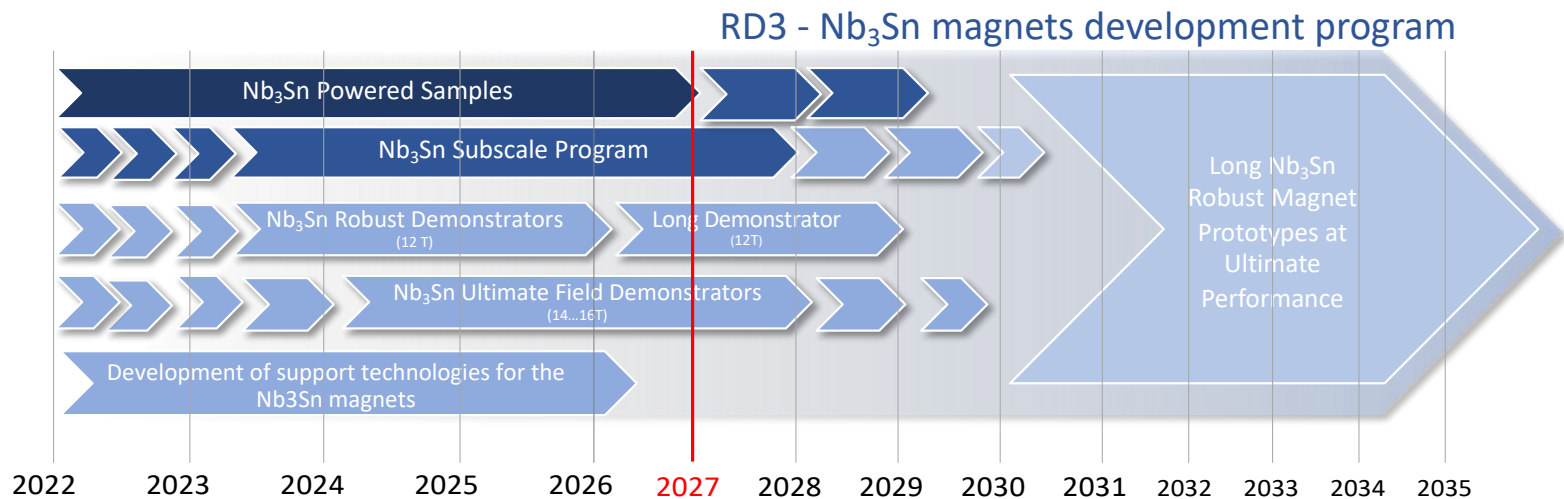
Direct path to overcome conductor stress/strain limitations

- New generation of Nb₃Sn wire structures with **enhanced mechanical strength** will allow to exploit classical magnet structures at required stress level for 14+ T field level



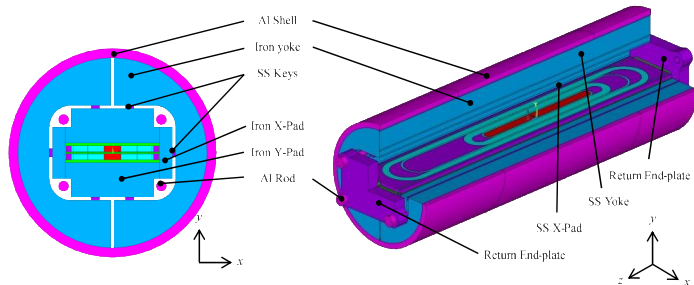
Indirect path to overcome conductor stress/strain limitations

- Magnet structures need to be adapted via **stress management** to cope with performance limitations due to Nb₃Sn stress/strain sensitivity and thermomechanical behaviour



Ongoing work highlights : R2D2 subscale demonstrator towards 16 T Nb₃Sn dipoles with block coil structure

R2D2 = Research Racetrack Dipole Demonstrator

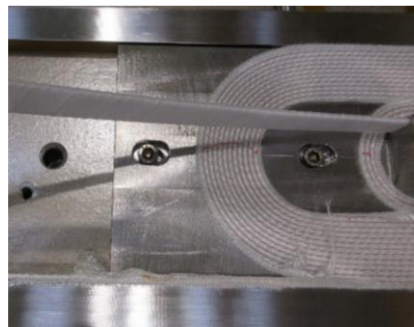


| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Aperture | None |
| Outer diameter | 480 mm |
| Structure length | 2.0 m |
| Nominal central field | 11.1 T |
| Ultimate central field | 12.0 T |
| Nominal peak field | 12.7 T |
| Ultimate peak field | 13.7 T |

| Parameter | Unit | HF cable | LF cable |
|---------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Strand type | | DEM-1.1 | DEM-0.7 |
| Strand layout | | RRP® 162/169 | RRP® 60/91 |
| Strand diameter | mm | 1.1 | 0.7 |
| Number of strands | | 21 | 34 |
| Cable mid-thickness | mm | 1.969 ± 0.010 | 1.253 ± 0.010 |
| Cable width | mm | 12.579 ± 0.050 | 12.579 ± 0.050 |
| Pitch | mm | 84 ± 3 | 79 ± 3 |
| Core | | No core | No core |

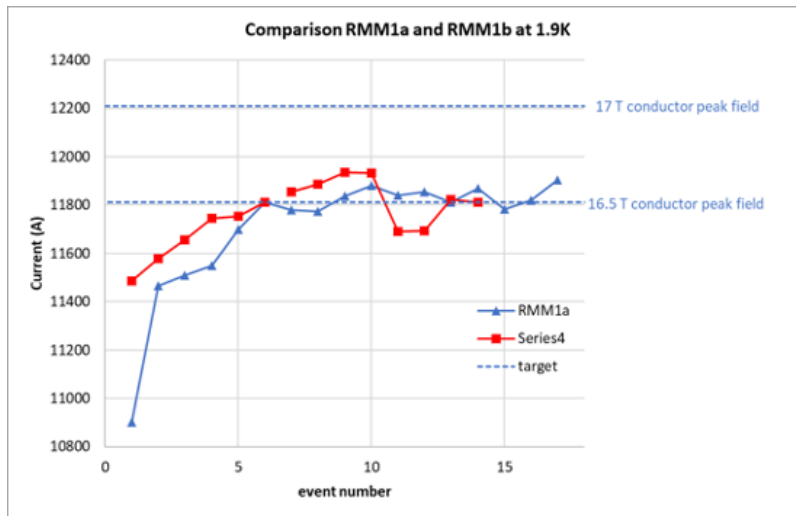
- ✓ **Conceptual design done and reviewed**
- ✓ **External joint procedure validated at CEA**
- ✓ **Nb₃Sn prototype cables validated at CERN**
- ✓ **Coil components and tooling received and qualified at Saclay**

➤ **Fabrication started at CEA**



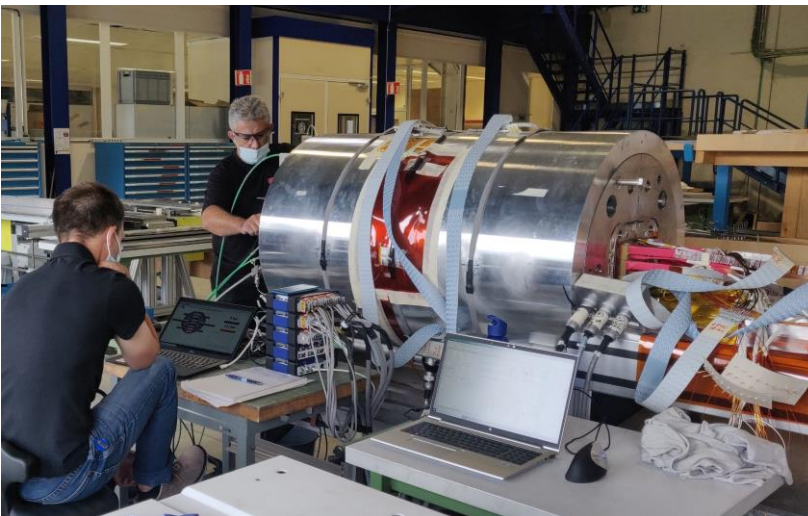
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Ongoing work highlights : RMM1b demonstrator tests at CERN



- RMM1b test performed at CERN Aug/Sept 2022
- Maximum current reached in Q #9 & Q #10 of 11.94 kA corresponding to conductor peak field B_p of **16.7T and 16.5 T** in aperture cavity
- Small detaining is attributed to insufficient prestress in the coils
- Magnet was warmed up and will be assembled with higher prestress in the coils

Courtesy of J. C. Perez



State of development of other magnet structures within the LTS exploratory phase

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- Collaboration agreement for the development of technological steps towards 16 T Nb₃Sn magnets with common coil structure: **preparation of workshops for the implementation phase**

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- Collaboration agreement for the development of technological steps towards 16 T common coil Nb₃Sn magnets with stress management: **collaboration agreement is undergoing approval**



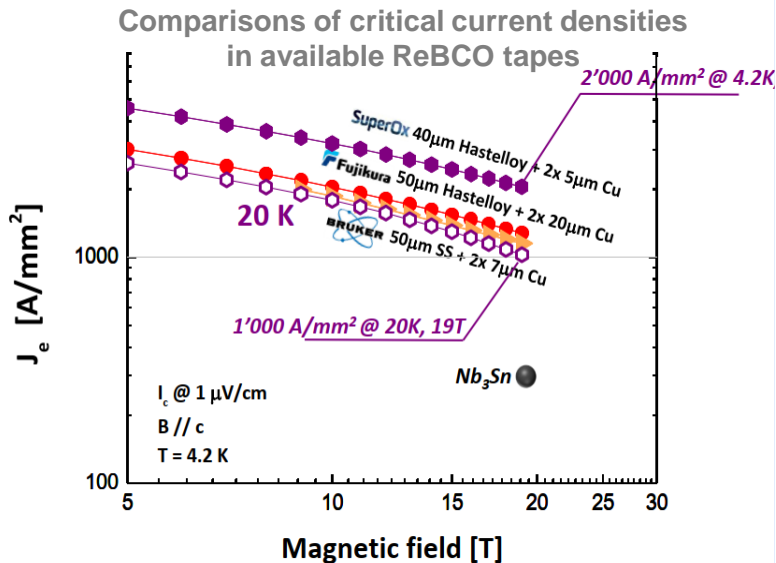
- Development of technological steps towards 16 T block coil Nb₃Sn magnets with stress management: **conceptual design has started**

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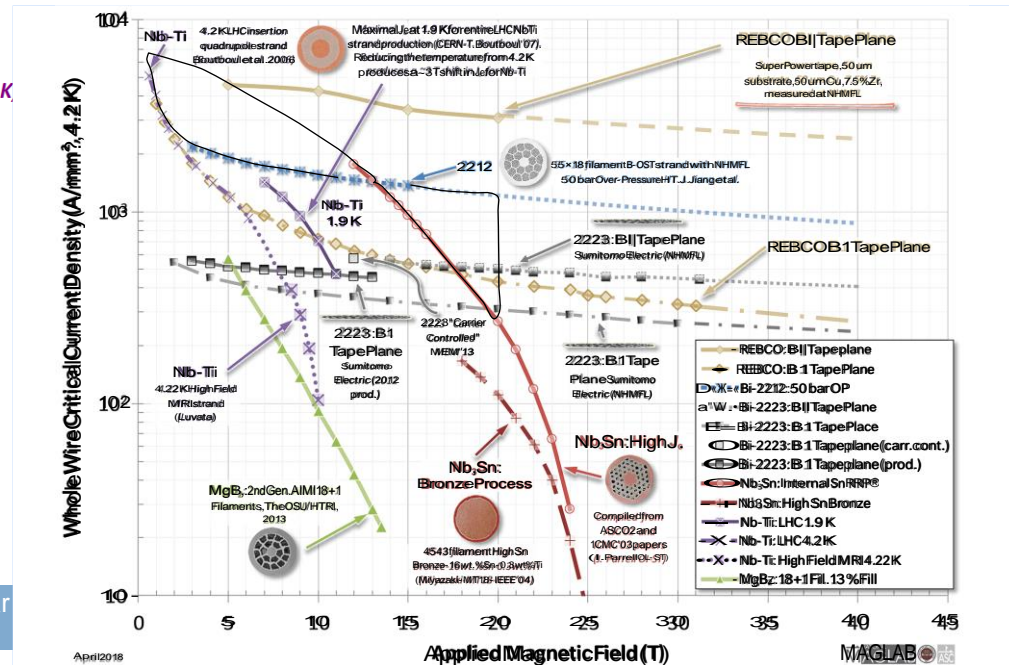
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HTS REBCO and BSCCO conductors: State of the Art

- ReBCO ($\text{ReBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-x}$) coated conductor is a potential enabling technology for **magnets beyond 16 T**
- J_c is sufficient for most application requirements, J_e (4.2 K, 20 T) > 1000 A/mm²
- HTS ReBCO and BSCCO materials outperform LTS Nb_3Sn at higher fields, but under-perform at low fields

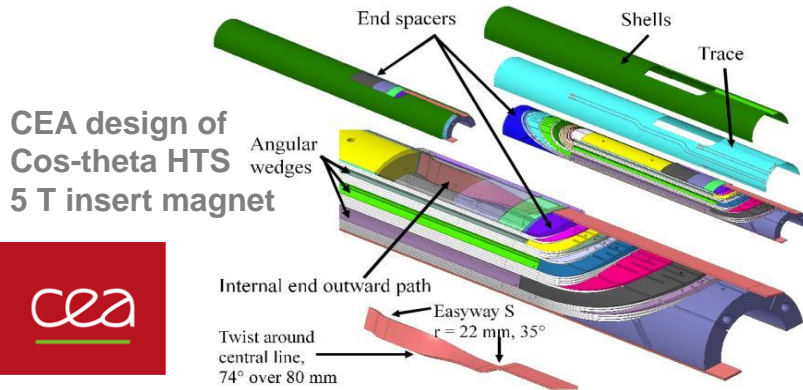


Engineering current density (J_e) in magnetic field perpendicular to substrate for selected conductors (C. Senatore, UNIGE)

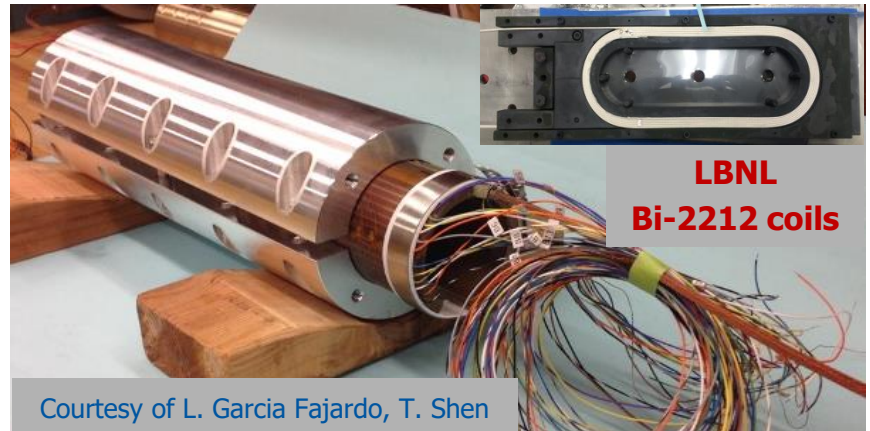
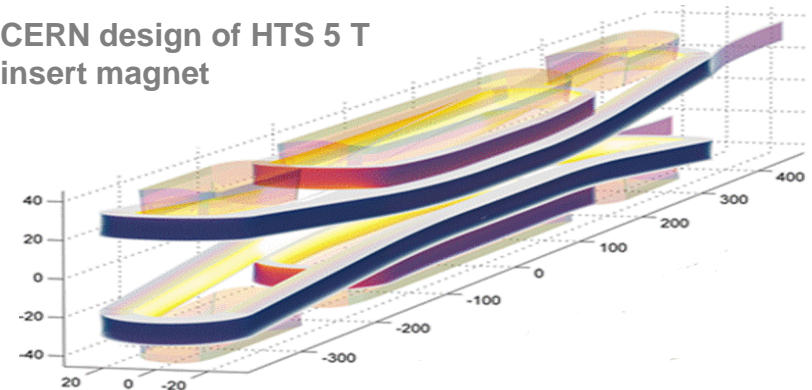


State-of-the-art of HTS magnet technology

- The broader HTS magnet technology, including cable design, coil design, joints, quench detection and magnet protection remains at an early stage of development
- So far, many small experimental solenoid magnets have been built, but only a few coils for accelerator type dipole magnets made either of ReBCO tapes or Bi-2212 cables, such as the first HTS inserts for hybrid dipole demonstrators e.g., 5 T inserts at CERN and CEA and 3 T at BNL, but **all these insert coils had significant performance limitations**

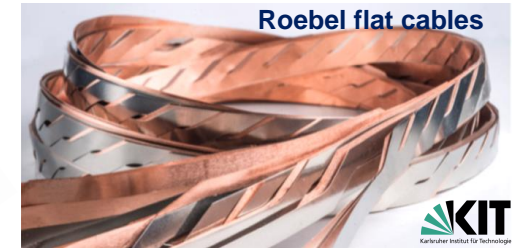
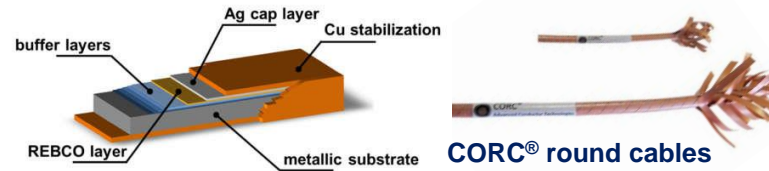


CERN design of HTS 5 T insert magnet



Main challenges facing the development of future HTS high-field magnets

HTS Conductors



Are we ready for the HTS revolution in accelerator magnets now?

Current main **limitations of HTS conductors specific to accelerator magnets:**

- ReBCO conductor **shear stress sensitivity** and degradation caused by delamination
- **Large magnetisation** of ReBCO conductors (due to the tape shape) and resulting field errors
- **AC losses** (magnetic hysteresis, coupling and eddy currents) are major drawbacks of ReBCO. With significant “filamentation” the ReBCO losses could compare to Nb_3Sn (at > 10 T)
- **Limited ability to bend** at small radii of ReBCO tapes is forcing specific designs of coil ends
- **Quench protection** of accelerator size magnets due to **low quench propagation velocity**
- **Anisotropy** of ReBCO tapes properties, including mechanical properties. Uniformity of tapes and cables along the length and lot to lot, impacting on magnet protection
- **Bi-2212** conductor **stress/strain sensitivity and degradation**
- Very complex **Reaction Heat Treatment for Bi-2212**
- ...

While these limitations are not currently showstoppers, they must be carefully addressed within the HFM Programme and resolved to ensure the long-term success of HTS in accelerator magnet applications

HFM Strategy and Focus Areas for the HTS Magnets

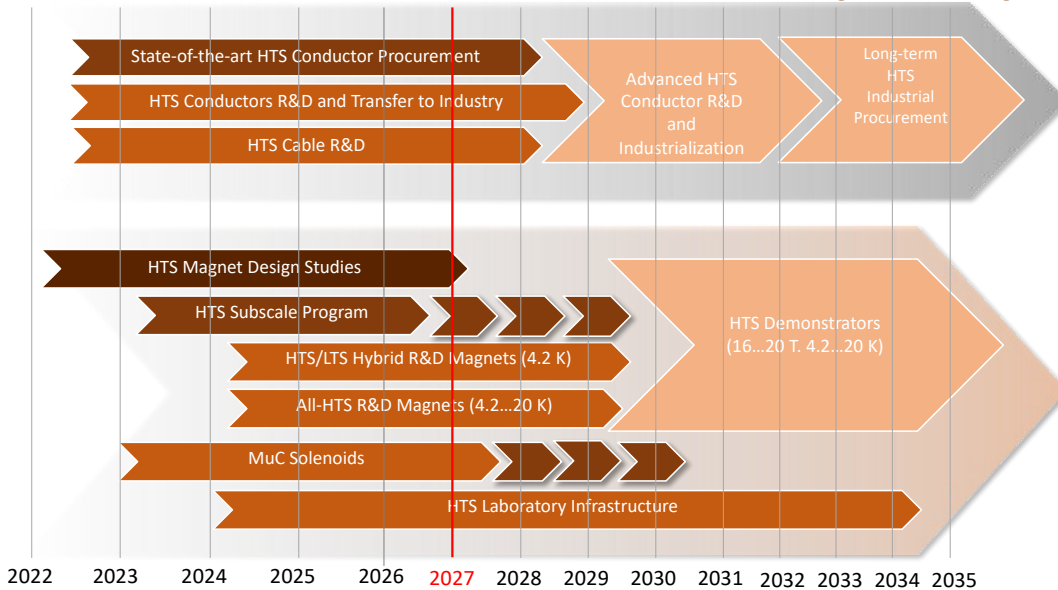


- Development of ReBCO for low AC loss, magnetisation and delamination
- Development of novel practical HTS cables
- Development of alternative HTS such as IBS



- Development of subscale HTS insert coils for background field and development of hybrid LTS/HTS magnets
- Development of stand-alone all-HTS demonstrator magnets

RD2 - HTS Conductor and HTS Magnet Technologies



- The primary objective is to **develop and demonstrate the suitability of state-of-the-art HTS conductors** for accelerator magnets, and provide a proof of principle for HTS magnet technology beyond the capabilities of LTS Nb₃Sn
- Exploring the potential of **hybrid LTS/HTS magnets** is a natural step at the present stage of R&D and the most promising way to go beyond 16 T by the end of this decade

Ongoing work highlights: KIT-CERN Collaboration on Coated Conductors

KC⁴ mission

- **Development of tailored HTS-tapes for magnet and energy applications**
 - Company independent
 - Special tape architectures for R&D
 - Tape length up to 100m to meet demonstrator needs
- **Commissioning of CC deposition equipment**
 - PLD setup adapted to local lab requirements
 - Short sample (10m batches) synthesis **just started**



Courtesy of B. Holzapfel

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R&D strategy in other areas of interest

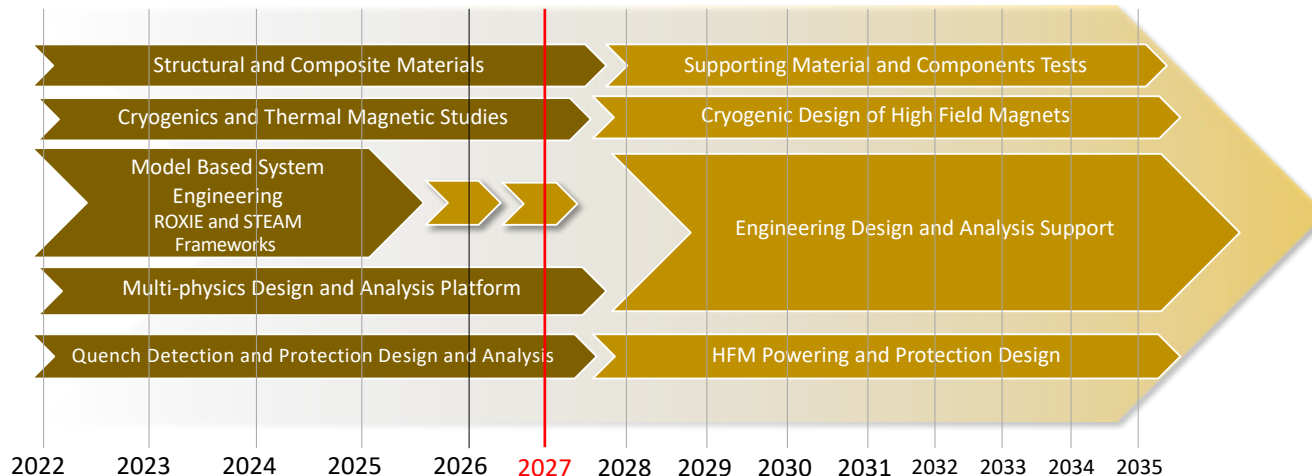
Enabling Technologies R&D

- Present limitations of state-of-the-art HFM are often linked to enabling technologies that need to be further developed and advanced

- Enhanced impregnation materials for HFM magnet coils
- Enhanced insulation materials for HFM conductors and coils
- New structural materials for HFM magnets with enhanced functionality through additive manufacturing
- Common modelling and simulation tools for HFM magnets
- Novel quench detection and protection methods for both Nb3Sn and HTS high-field magnets
- Cryogenic and thermal management studies for HFM magnets

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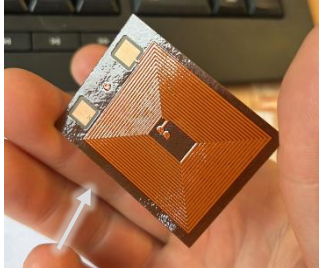
RD4 - Modelling Tools, Materials, Protection and Cryogenics





Ongoing work highlights: Novel Magnet Protection Method

E-CLIQ: External Coil Coupled Loss Induced Quench

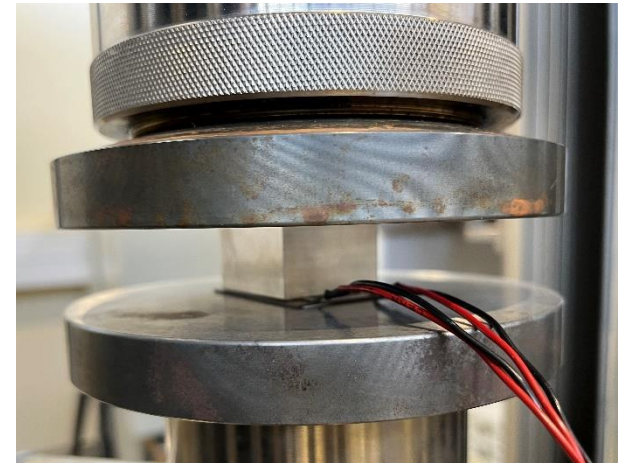
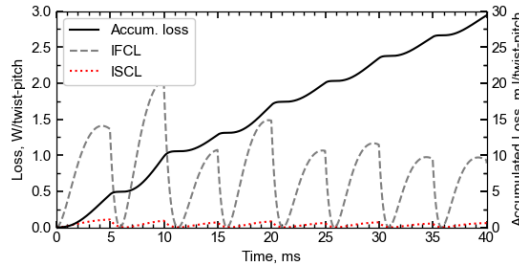
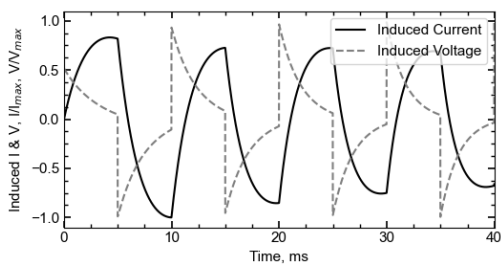


A set of very compact copper coils strategically positioned close to the primary coils, similar to resistive quench heaters, see [Mulder et al. 2023](#)

PCB E-CLIQ in development for **integration with an SMC**

- Optimized for use with low-current amplifier
- Able to generate local dB/dt of > 100 T/s
- Compact envelope, width of a Nb₃Sn cable

The design is experimentally verified to withstand mechanical loads of over 200 MPa ✓



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Modeling tools further matured



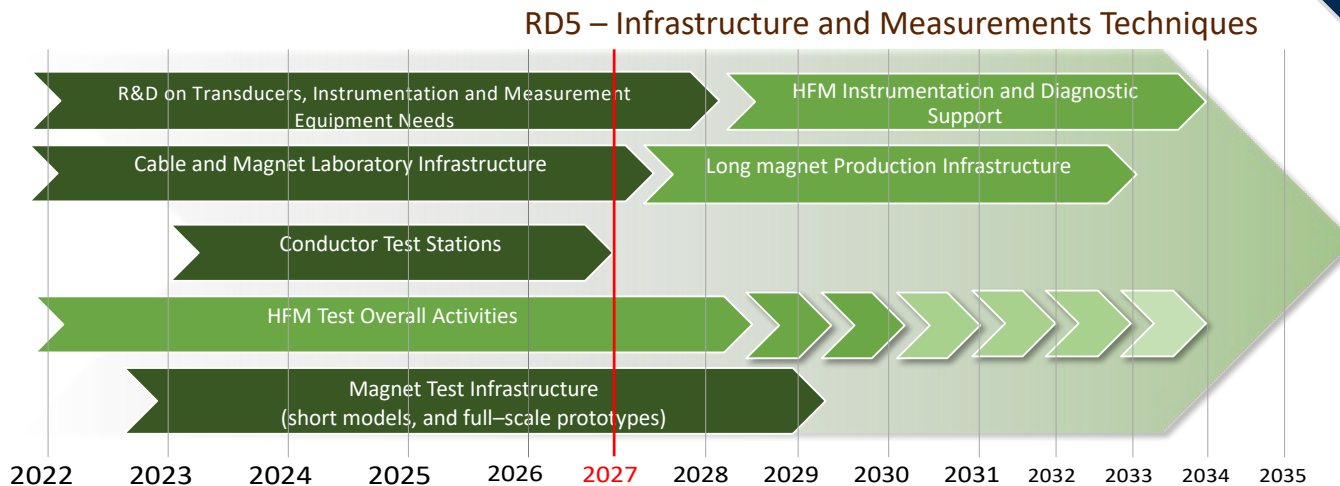
Challenges and Plans for Infrastructures and Novel Instrumentation

Main HFM Programme needs

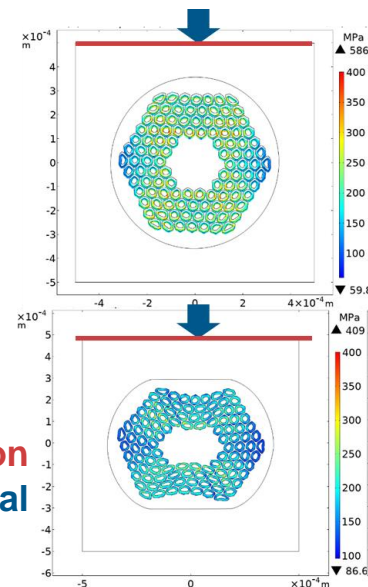
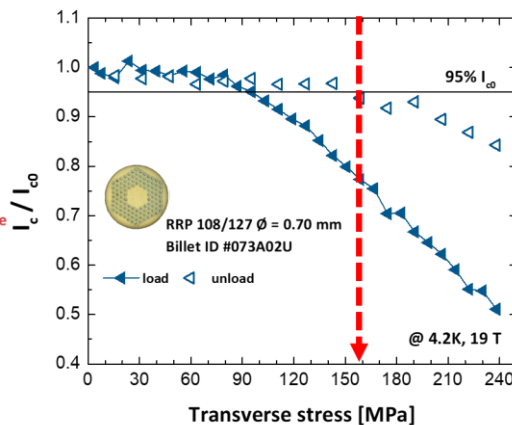
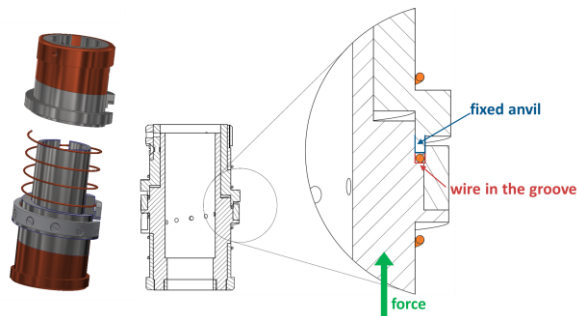
- HFM R&D programme will require the development of new infrastructures related to both superconducting cables and magnets

- Magnet test infrastructures for the HFM programme
- Infrastructures for conductors and characterisation
- Infrastructures for building demonstrators, short magnet models and full-scale prototypes
- Novel instrumentation, diagnostics and measurement equipment

Infrastructures needs

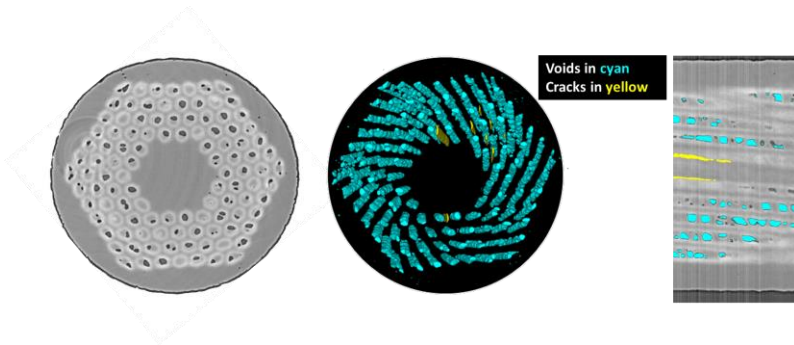


Assessing the mechanisms behind the permanent reduction of I_c



FE simulations to investigate the role of plastic deformation and residual stresses in the irreversible loss of critical current under transverse load, in collaboration with PSI

A comprehensive campaign of electromechanical tests on different wire types to gain knowledge on several practical aspects for magnet operations



Machine learning applied to X-ray tomography as a new tool to analyze crack formation and propagation in Nb_3Sn wires, in collaboration with ESRF

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Summary of main deliverables during 2023-2026 as an input to the next update of ESPP (LTS)

- **Development of new HFM grade Nb₃Sn conductor** with target Jc of 1500 A/mm² @ 16 T and enhanced mechanical properties
- **Demonstration of the maturity of Nb₃Sn technology for collider-scale production through 12 T robust dipole magnet design**, including industrial processes and cost reduction:
 - INFN – 12 T FalconD single aperture short dipole model
 - CERN – 12 T Robust twin aperture short dipole model (either collared coils or bladder and key)
- **Demonstrators of the Nb₃Sn potential above 14 T:**
 - CEA – FD single aperture 14 T graded conductor block coil demonstrator (no aperture)
 - CERN – 14+T block coil demonstrator with coil stress management (targeting 16 T)
 - CIEMAT – 14+ T common coil demonstrator
 - PSI – 14+ T common coil demonstrator with coil stress management (targeting 16 T)

Summary of main deliverables during 2023-2026 as an input to the next update of ESPP (HTS)

- **Exploration and demonstration of suitability of state-of-the-art HTS conductors for building accelerator magnets**
 - KIT – accelerator magnet grade REBCO prototype tapes with optimized magnetization and mechanical properties
 - CERN – development of practical HTS cables
 - CEA – development of MI racetrack coil demonstrator
 - PSI – development of dielectric-insulated soldered tape-stack racetrack demonstrator with stress management.
 - CERN – development of dielectric-insulated racetrack coil demonstrator

Final Remarks

- The High-Field Magnet R&D Programme, hosted at CERN, has begun to implement a strategic roadmap in Europe with the aim to provide timely feedback to the ESPP update(s) via technology demonstrators and credible milestones
- Substantial acceleration of the HFM Program with first promising results were obtained over the past 12 month, but to accelerate further the progress, we must:
 - Shorten the development cycle of magnet demonstrators and models introducing new fast-turnaround R&D vehicles to reduce the feedback time on technology choices and encourage creative risk taking
 - Foster communication, coordination, and exchange of know-how among all actors
- The LTS and HTS magnet technology challenges faced by the HFM Programme are many and significant, in particular requiring a decisive advancement beyond the state-of-the-art in the development of required practical LTS and HTS superconductors and superconducting cable designs, but no showstoppers identified so far
- **The target objectives until 2027 are defined and challenges to reach them are shared with EU national labs**

Thank you for your attention!

