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# Introduction to RD Line 1 Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Conductor

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# R&D strategy on Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn conductor

- The first of the two main objectives, identified by the update of the European strategy for Particle Physics and LDG Accelerator R&D Roadmap for the HFM programme, is to **demonstrate Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn magnet technology for large-scale deployment**
- In terms of **conductor development**, this involves:
  - **Overcoming the present limitations** linked to **stress/strain** sensitivity and degradation
  - **Pushing the Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn performance to its ultimate limits**, towards the 16 T target required for the FCC-hh dipoles
  - **Driving the industrialization** of improved superconductors.

# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wire requirements

- **Performance targets for Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn conductor development** for future accelerator magnets were initially defined in 2015 as:
  1. non-Cu  $J_c \geq 1500 \text{ A/mm}^2$  (16 T and 4.2 K);
  2.  $\mu_0 \Delta M \leq 150 \text{ mT}$  (1 T, 4.2 K);
  3.  $d_{\text{eff}} \leq 20 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ;
  4. RRR  $\geq 150$ .
- **Considering the disparity in manufacturers' capabilities** at the start of the programme, it was decided (circa 2018) to:
  1. **Prioritise  $J_c$  increase over  $d_{\text{eff}}$  decrease;**
  2. **Set intermediate objectives** comparable to specification of HL-LHC procurement:
    - non-Cu  $J_c \geq 1000 \text{ A/mm}^2$  (16 T and 4.2 K), target:  $1200 \text{ A/mm}^2$ ;
    - $d_{\text{eff}} \leq 60 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .

# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn conductor: Roadmap for HFM (1)

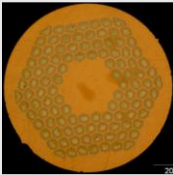
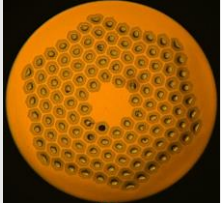
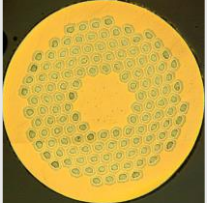
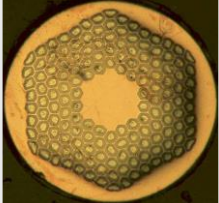
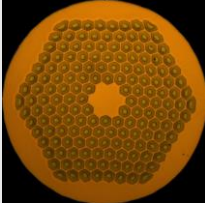
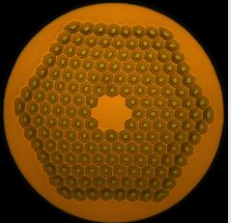
- Following the gradual approach already mentioned, the HFM program is divided in two sub-programs: the 12 T value-engineered dipole and the 14+ T dipole.
- For 12 T value-engineered sub-program, the baseline is MQXF cable made of 40 108/127 RRP<sup>®</sup> wires (0.85 mm in diameter). The Roadmap is:
  1. Continue strategic partnership with Bruker OST (in synergy with HL-LHC);
  2. Procure and characterize strands for HFM needs at CERN and collaborators (**~400 km** of wire altogether);
  3. Manufacture and characterize cables for HFM needs at CERN and collaborators (more than **8 km** of cables altogether);
  4. To continue efforts to qualify additional suppliers on top of Bruker OST for the production at industrial scale of wires starting with MQXF-type requirements (e.g., non-Cu **J<sub>c</sub> ≥ 1000 A/mm<sup>2</sup>**, 16 T and 4.2 K). Technical requirements could be reviewed in due time.

# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn conductor: Roadmap for HFM (2)

- The non-copper critical current density target for **14+T** is at least **1500 A/mm<sup>2</sup>** at 16 T and 4.2 K, which constitutes a **salient** technological **breakthrough** as compared to ~ 1100-1200 A/mm<sup>2</sup> for current wire designs.
- This target will **not** be **achievable** within **1-2 years**, therefore there is need to select wire and cable designs for **14+T medium** term based on **known designs**.
- The idea is to **review different** strand/cable **designs** and see if one could be more promising as **14+T wire** for **medium term** (see next slides for more details).
- In parallel:
  1. Continue ongoing **optimization** of Bruker OST strands (e.g., stability);
  2. Develop/update technical requirements, procure and characterize wires (>**200 km**) and manufacture and characterize cables (>**7 km**) for HFM needs at CERN and collaborators;
  3. Continue ongoing R&D efforts to achieve non-Cu J<sub>c</sub> of **1500 A/mm<sup>2</sup>** at 16 T and 4.2 K, e.g. by **internal oxidation** process (plan to be assessed).

# RRP<sup>®</sup> Strand Characteristics

- BOST (NJ, USA) can produce Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wire by RRP<sup>®</sup> (Restacked Rod Process) with different designs.
- Various designs of interest are given, showing the various important parameters, in the following table.

	Comparisons				HFM	
	MQXF	ERMC#101	FRESCA 2	ERMC#102	ERMC-1	DEM-1.1
						
<b><i>d</i> (mm)</b>	0.85	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
<b>Layout</b>	108/127	120/127	132/169	150/169	162/169	162/169
<b><i>d<sub>s</sub></i> (μm)</b>	54	64	58	57	58	64
<b>Cu/non-Cu</b>	1.2 ± 0.1	1.06 ± 0.1	1.25 ± 0.1	1.08 ± 0.1	0.9 ± 0.2	
<b>Nb:Sn</b>	3.6 (red. Sn)	*	3.4 (std. Sn)	*	3.4 (std. Sn)	
<b>Heat treat.</b>	665 °C 50 h	665 °C 50 h	650 °C 50 h	665 °C 50 h	650 °C 50 h	665 °C 50 h

# HFM medium working plan for 14+ T conductor

- Wire/strand designs mentioned in previous slides will be tested for:
  - V-I stability measurements made on strands extracted from existing cables,
  - Virgin strands measured under compressive stress at UNIGE for a semi-quantitative comparison,
  - Heat treated and impregnated cable samples will be submitted to various levels of compressive stress and cable cross-sections examined for defects/broken sub-elements.
  - This combined study will allow to select an adequate strand/cable design before confirmation at FRESCA/FRESCA 2 station.



# Current partners and WPs of RD Line 1



**WP1.1** Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn conductors for high field magnets (see talk by Simon Hopkins)



**WP1.2** R&D on optimization of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn microstructure and pinning (see presentation by Andreas Leineweber)

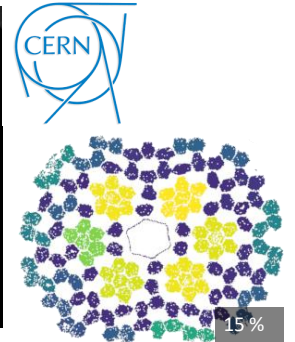
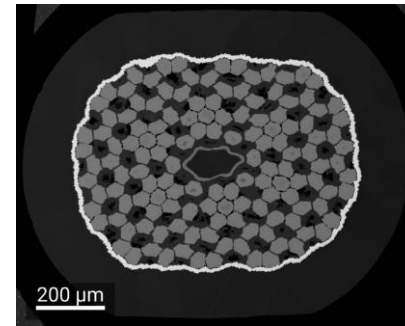
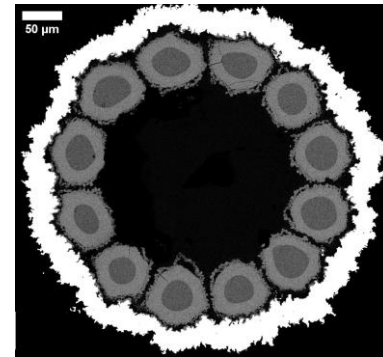
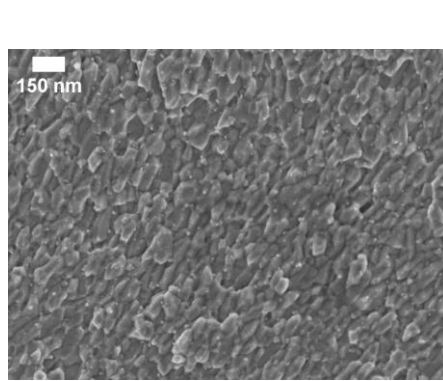
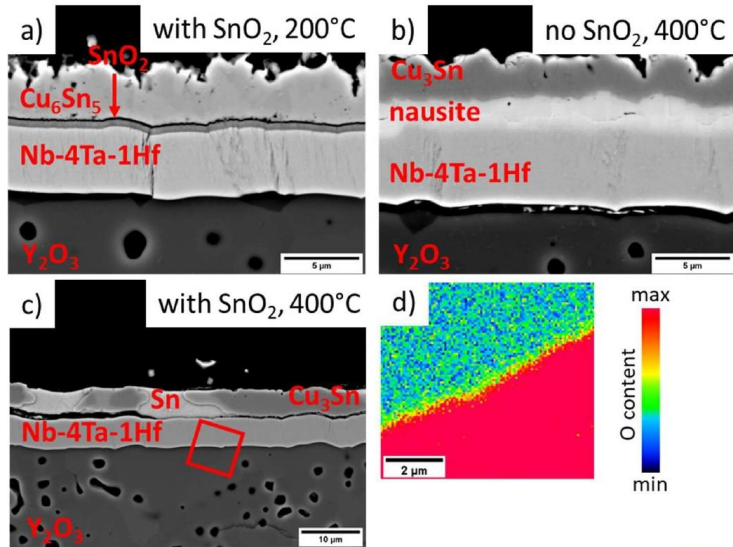


**WP1.3** Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn conductor J<sub>c</sub> performance and electromechanical properties beyond state of the art (see presentation by Gianmarco Bovone)

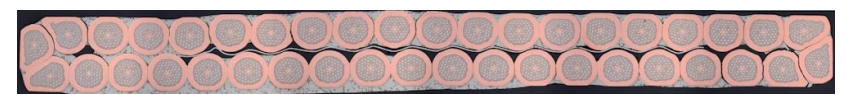
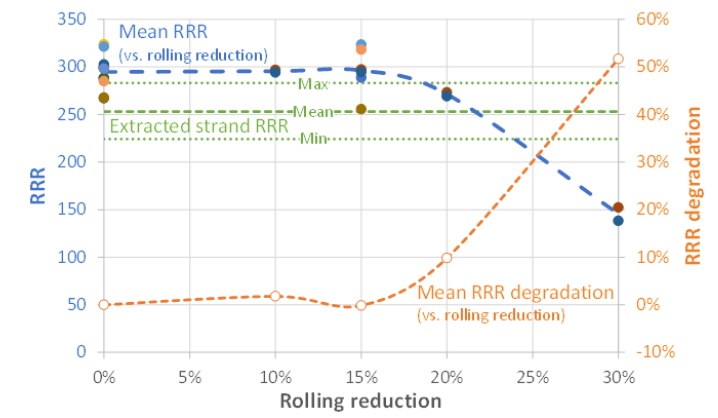
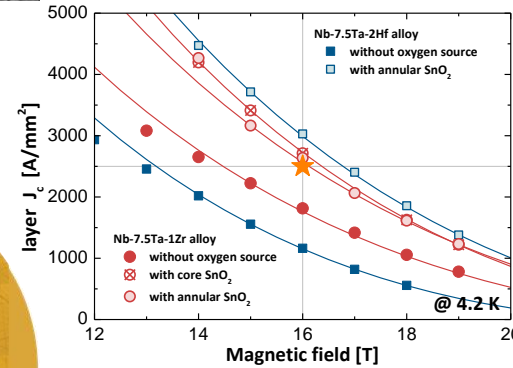


**WP1.4** R&D on mechanical properties of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires and cables

# From material studies... ... to wire and cable development/testing



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