

Magnetic Shielding and the SuShi Magnet

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Overview

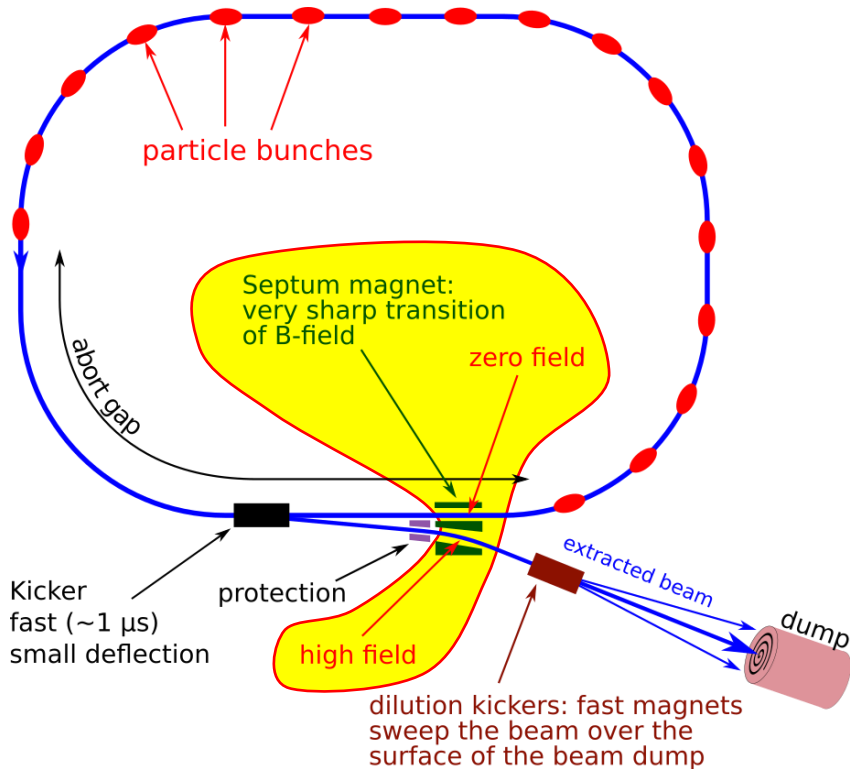
- **The SuShi septum magnet**
 - Beam extraction in the FCC-hh: septum magnets
 - The SuShi concept – overview of other applications
 - Proof-of-concept tests
 - Magnet design
 - Magnet construction
 - Magnet testing
 - Development of NbTi/Cu multilayer shielding material
- **Teaser: the I.FAST HTS CCT magnet prototype**
 - Project overview
 - Highlights of the R&D

Disclaimer: slides have animations, their absence in the PDF version hides some content and hinders understanding

Beam extraction from the FCC-hh

Septum magnet concepts

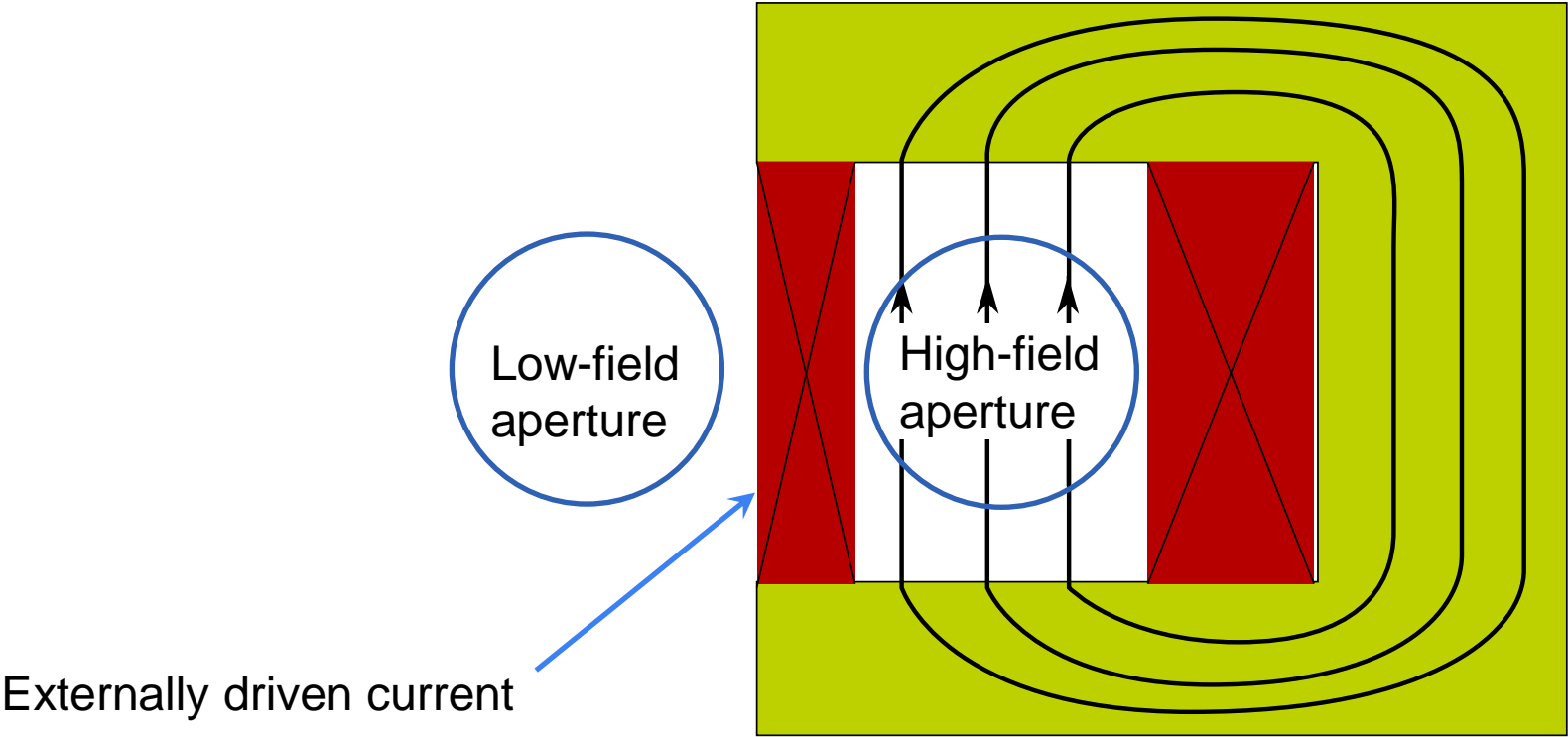
Future Circular Collider: beam extraction



- Fast extraction of the **8 GJ** proton beam from FCC-hh (programmed, or safety abort)
- Need **thin** wall...
- ... yet high field (≥ 3 T)
- Quasi-DC (following beam energy), but avoid high power consumption

⇒ Superconducting solution

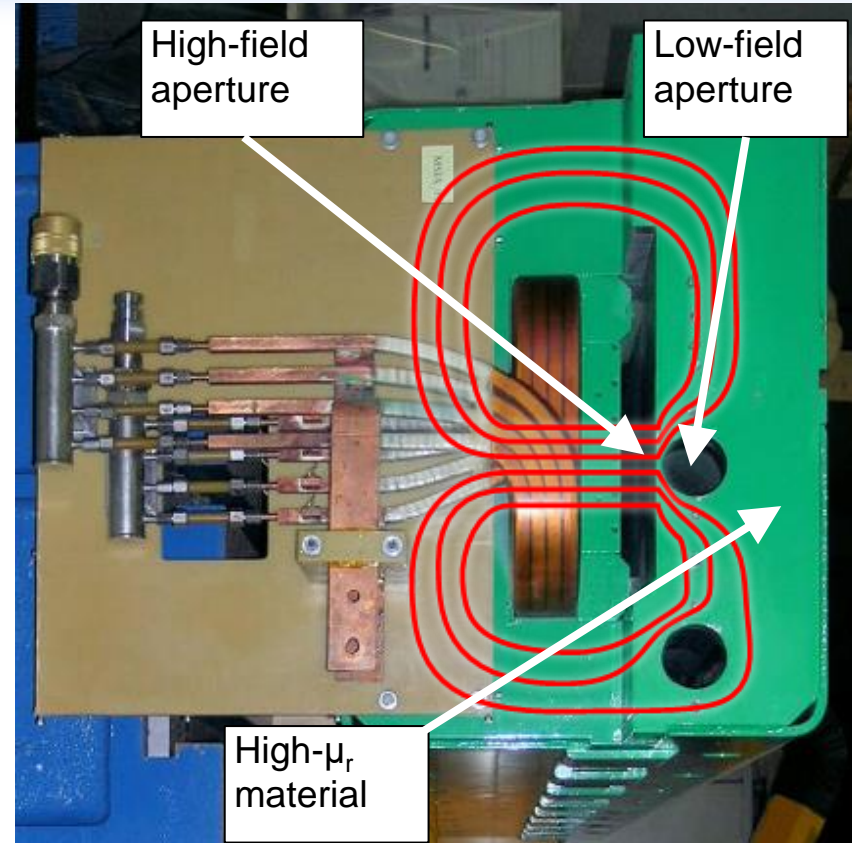
Septum configurations – active wall



Septum configurations – passive wall

No externally driven current between the two domains

- **Ferromagnetic, high μ_r**
LHC Lambertson septum
- **High- μ_r** shield “**sucks out**” the induction lines from the low-field aperture



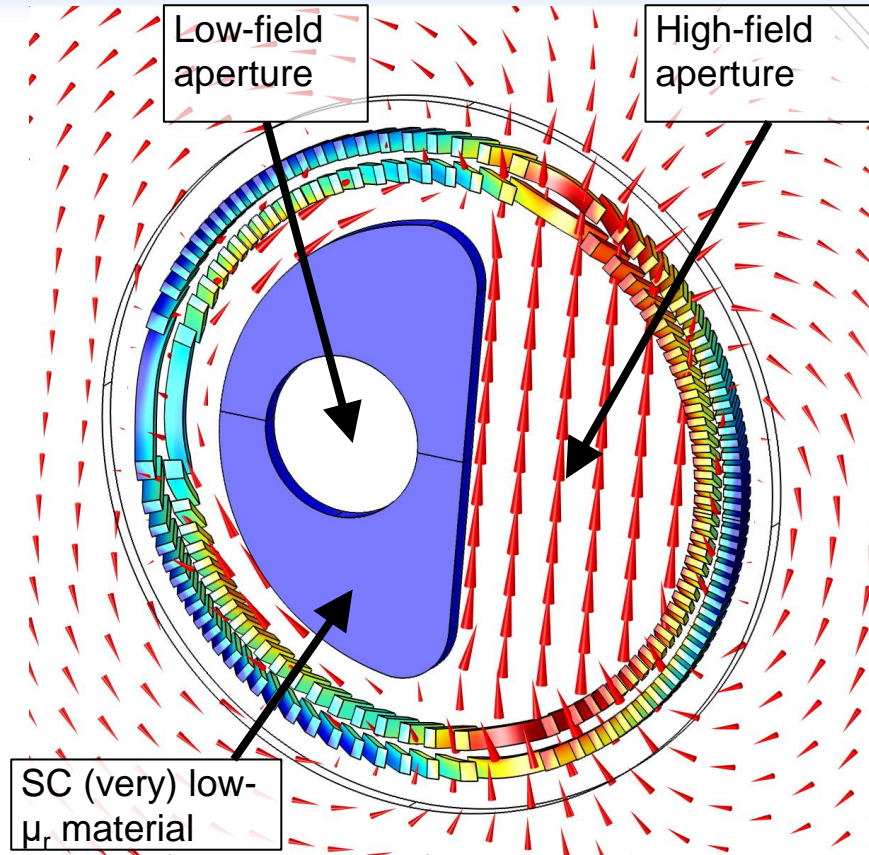
Septum configurations – passive wall

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- **Diamagnetic, very low μ_r (SC)**
SuShi septum
- **Low- μ_r shield “pushes out”** the induction lines from the low-field aperture

Under the hood (diamagnetism of SC-II):

- Eddy-current septum: transient currents shield the aperture
- Transients last “forever” (persistent currents)



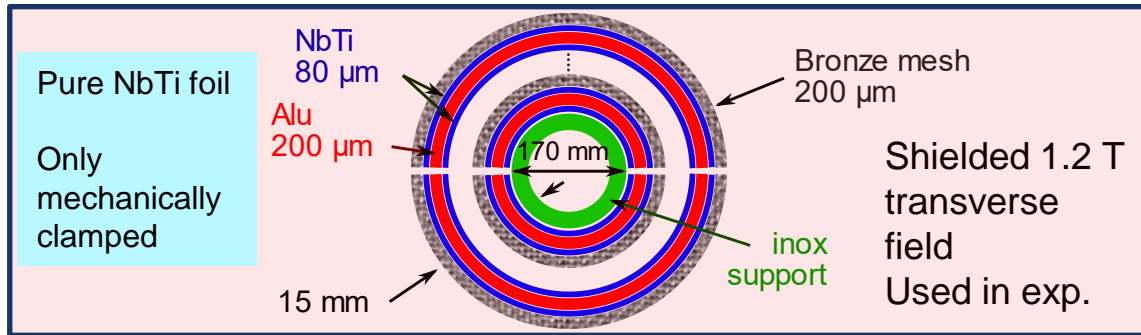
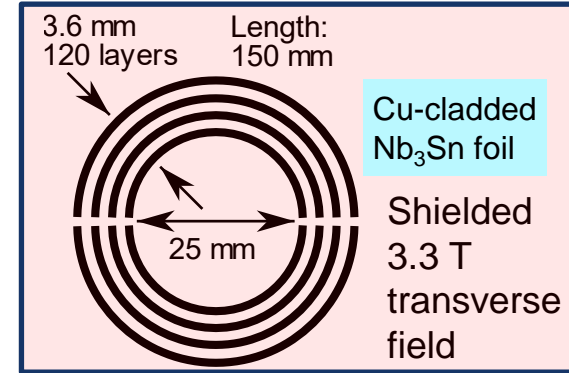
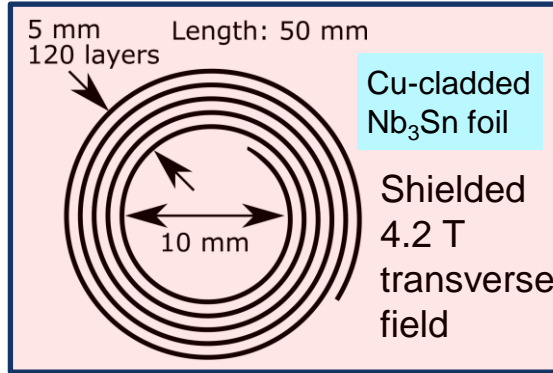
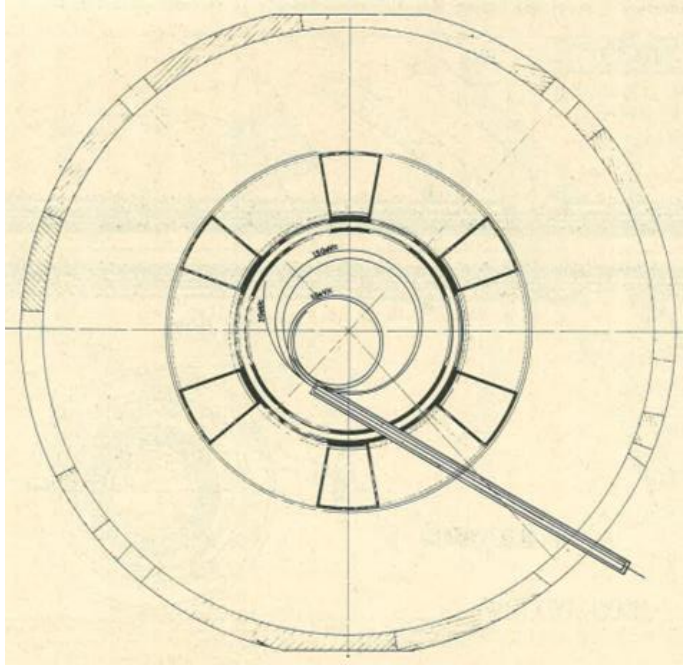
Pros and cons

- **Advantages**
 - Continuous 2D current distribution (in contrast to discrete wires in windings), no leaking field
 - Perfect shield by Nature
 - Shield can be a bulk material, no epoxy, no cracking
 - Partially self-supporting, smaller total thickness (high forces!)
 - Bean (critical state) model: everywhere $J_c(B)$ - optimal, automatically graded current density, the highest possible → thinnest possible
- **Disadvantages**
 - No external control over the persistent currents
 - Sensitive to beam loss
 - Needs a “reset” in case of the collapse of the shielding currents (warm up and cool down in zero field)

Other applications of the SuShi concept

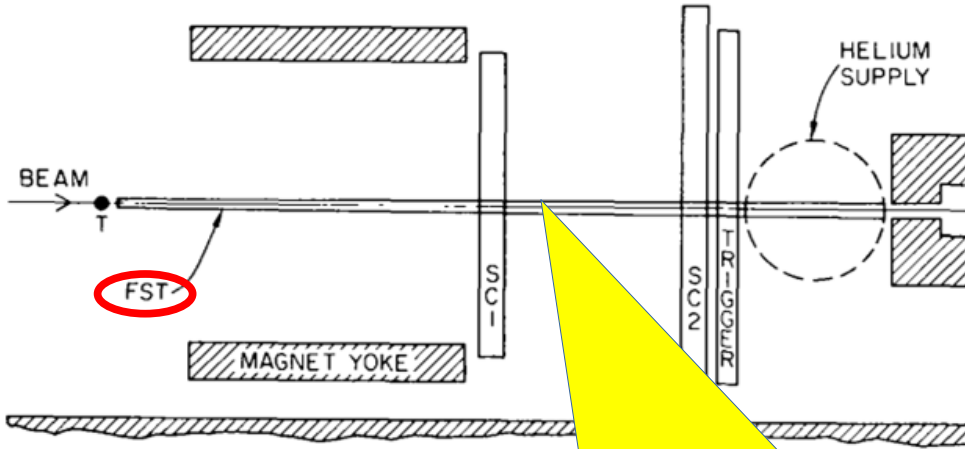
CERN bubble chambers

Goal: field-free channel to enter low-momentum particles

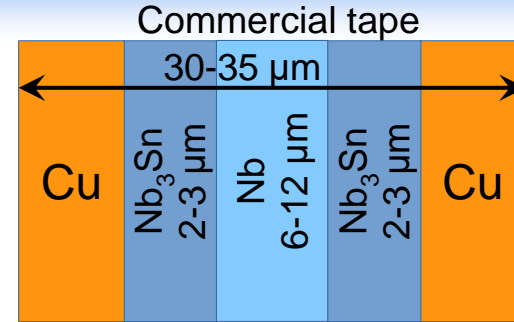


M.Firth, L.Krepasky, F.Schmeissner: Preliminary work on field-free particle beam paths from hollow superconducting shielding tubes – Proc. 3rd. Int. Conf. Magn. Tech. (1970) 1178
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Flux exclusion tube @ SLAC



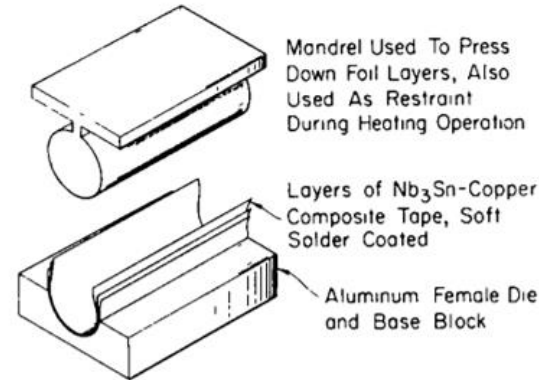
Nb₃Sn flux shield tube
 Field-free path within 1.5 T field to guide out low-momentum particles from the magnet, avoiding detector saturation



Pb-Sn solder bonded half cylinders

80 layers
 2.4 mm thickness

Shielded
 1.7 T field

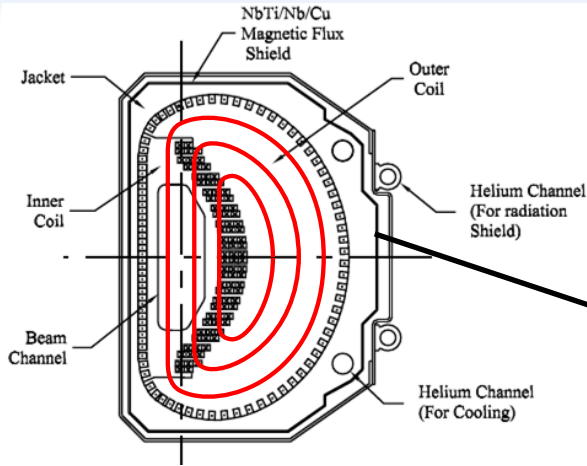


A. Lamination, Bonding with Solder and Shaping Operation

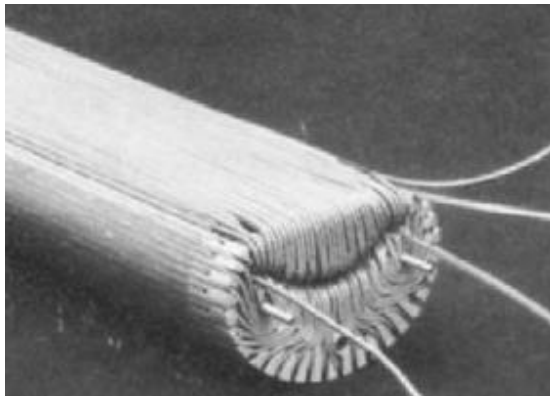
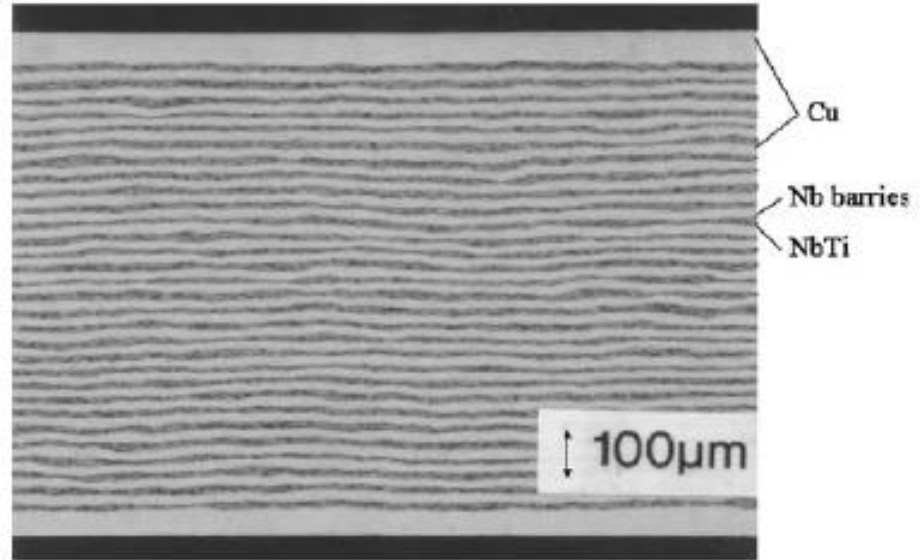
F.Martin, S.J.St.Lorant, W.T.Toner: A four-meter long superconducting magnetic flux exclusion tube for particle physics experiments, [NIM 103 \(1972\) 50](#)

S.J.St. Lorant: Superconducting Shields for Magnetic Flux Exclusion and Field Shaping, [SLAC note](#)

BNL g-2 inflector

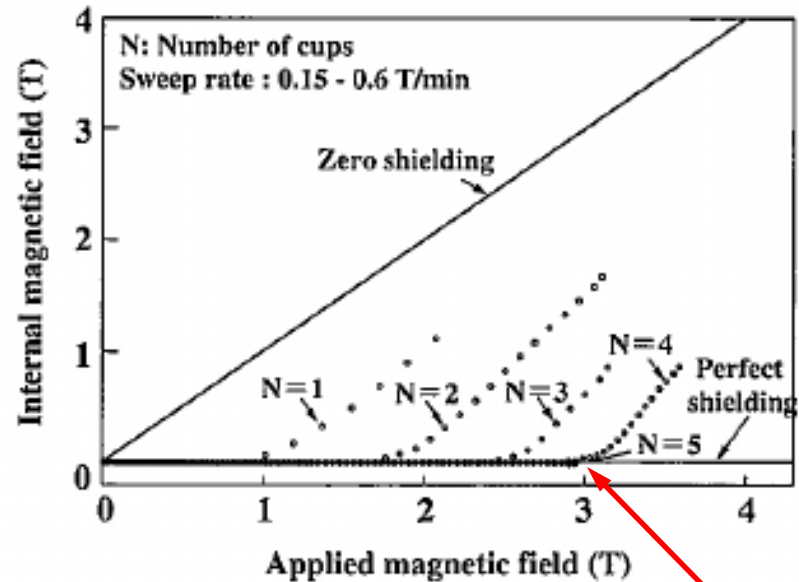
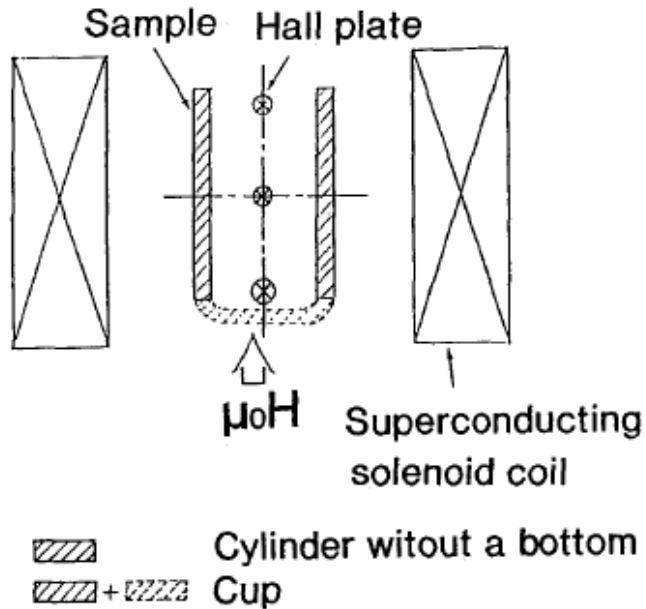


30 NbTi layers (10 μm) between Cu
SC shield to contain stray field (0.1 T)



A. Yamamoto, et al., The superconducting inflector for the BNL g-2 experiment, [NIM A491 \(2002\) 23-40](#)

The NbTi/Nb/Cu multilayer shield (Nippon Steel Ltd)



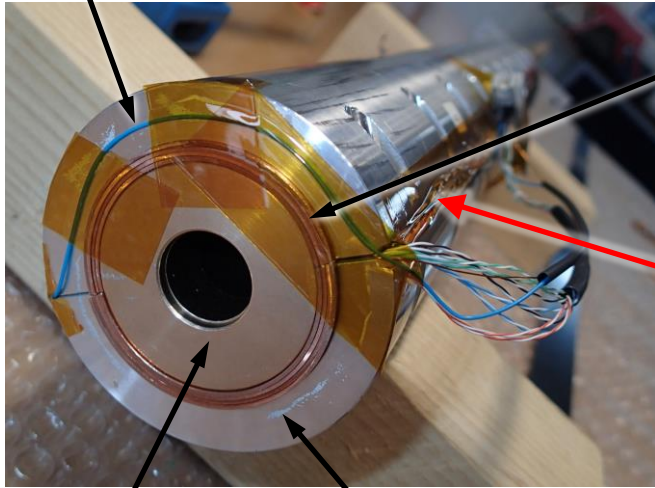
4 cups (4 x 0.8 mm)
could shield 3 Tesla

I.Itoh,K.Fujisawa,H.Otsuka: NbTi/Nb/Cu multilayer composite materials for superconducting magnetic shielding, [Nippon Steel Technical Report No. 85, January 2002](#)
And many others...

Proof of concept tests

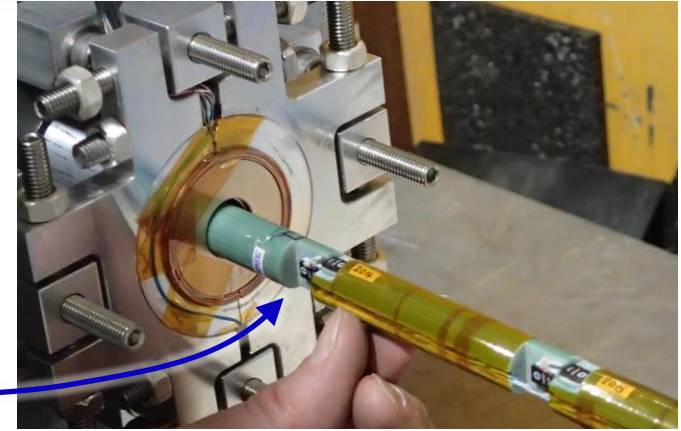
NbTi/Nb/Cu multilayer (Nippon Steel Ltd)

Saddle-shaped pick-up coil



4 x 0.8 mm
2 half cylinders

Hall sensors
outside and
inside



Bronze support Alu clamp

Shield in MCBY
magnet

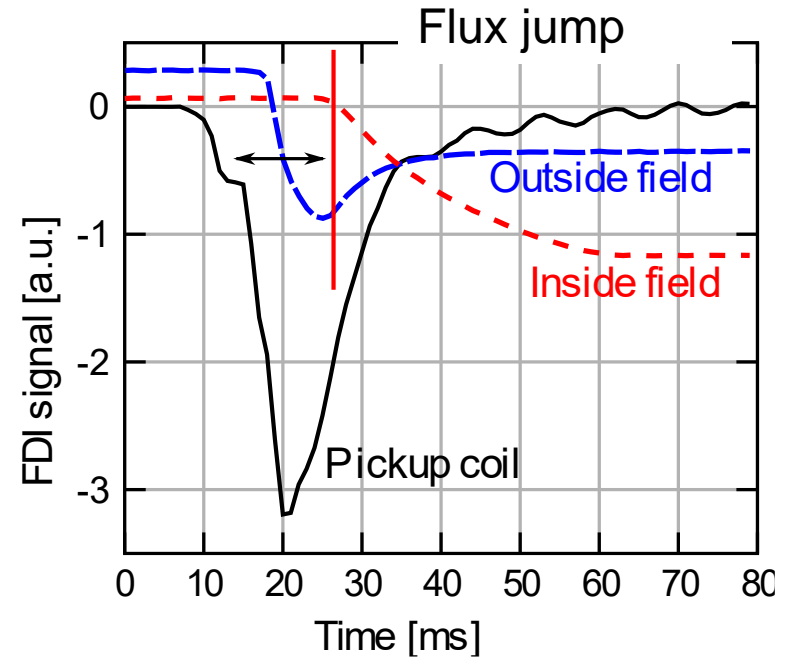


D. Barna, et al: NbTi/Nb/Cu multilayer shield for the superconducting shield (SuShi) septum, [IEEE TAS 29 \(2019\), 4900108](#)

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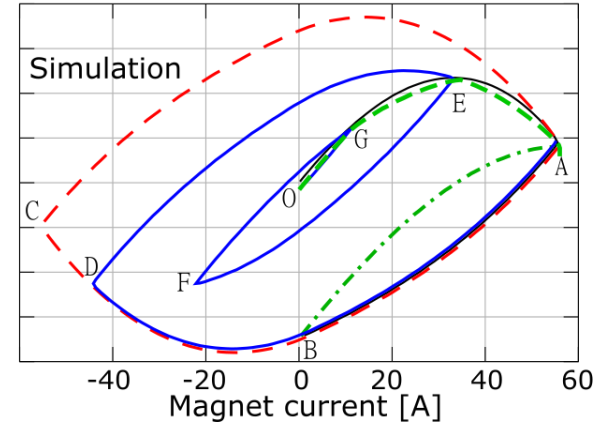
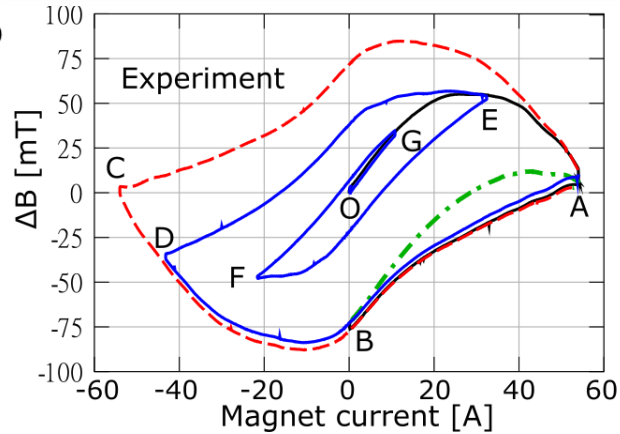
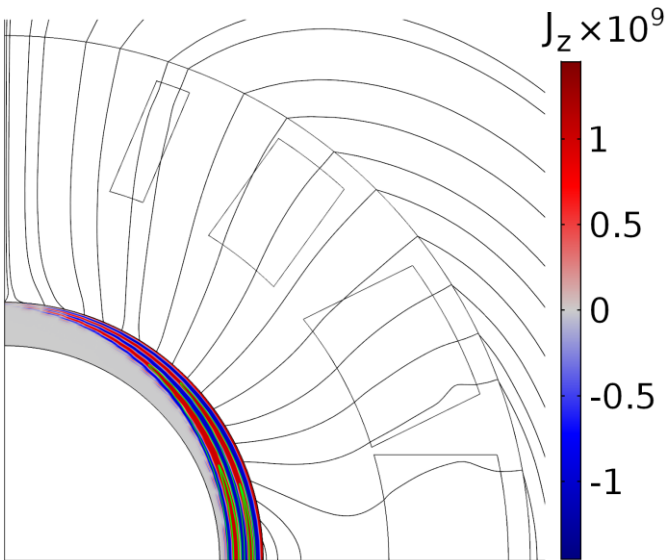
Performance:

- 3.1 Tesla on-surface field shielded
- 4.2 K: no flux-jumps
- 1.9 K: unstable, flux jumps



Sufficient time (~10 ms) to extract the beam

NbTi/Nb/Cu multilayer – trapped field

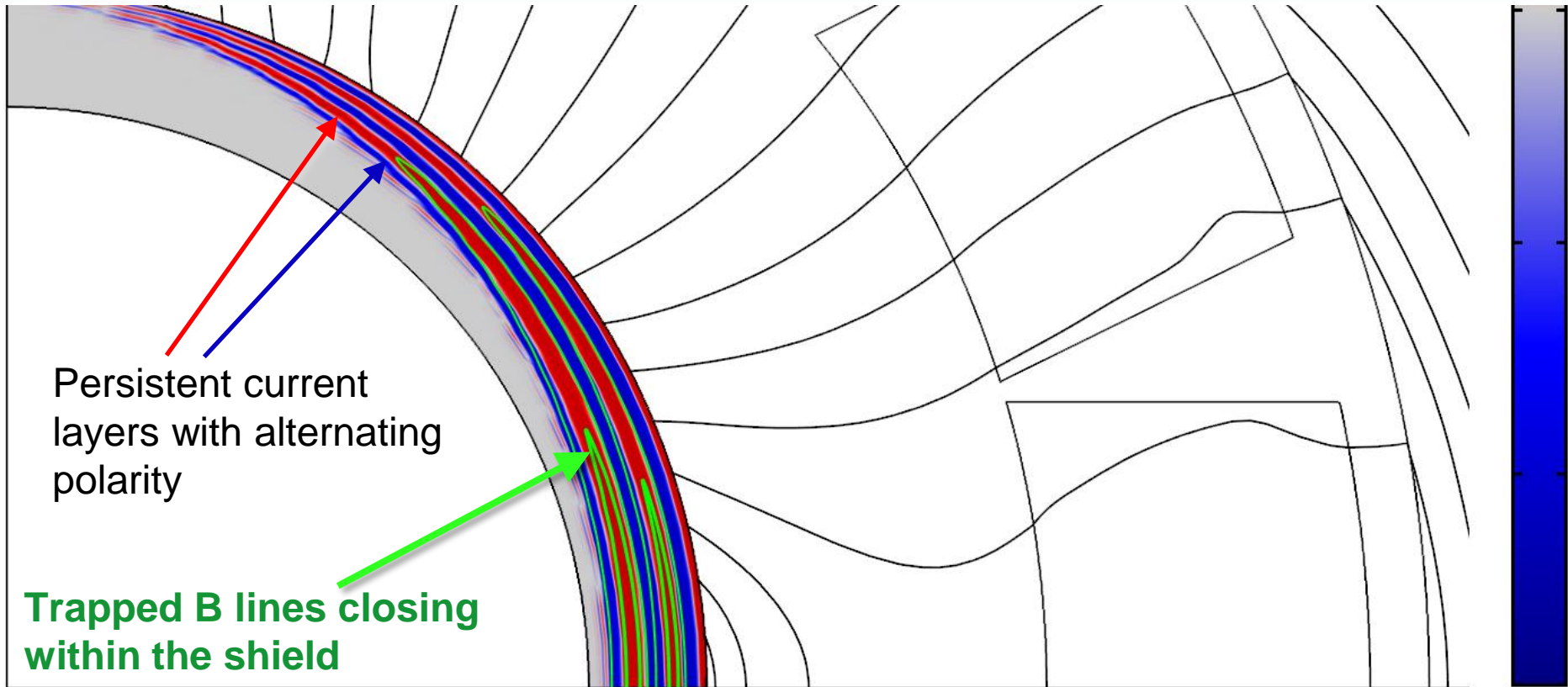


Did we restore the virgin state?
The shield shows no trapped field...

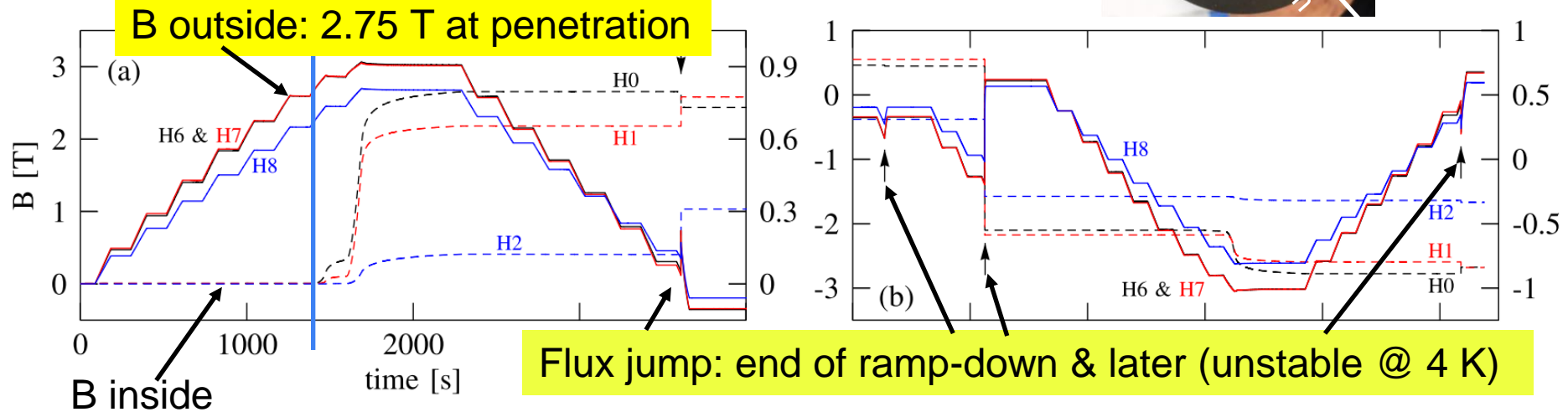
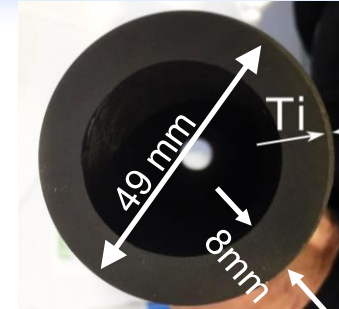
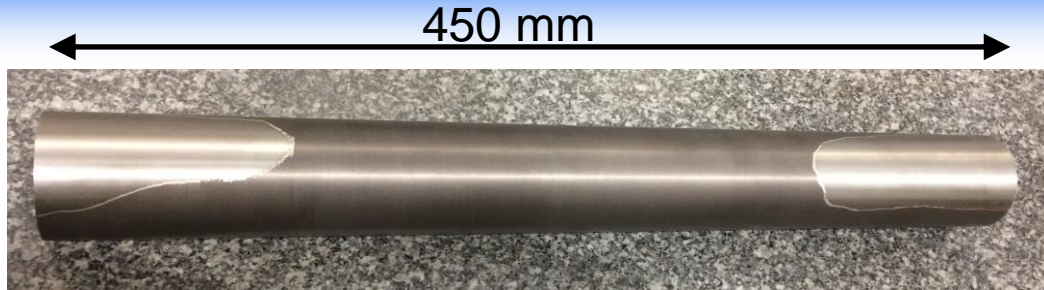
No! Micro-structure of persistent currents, partially cancelling out

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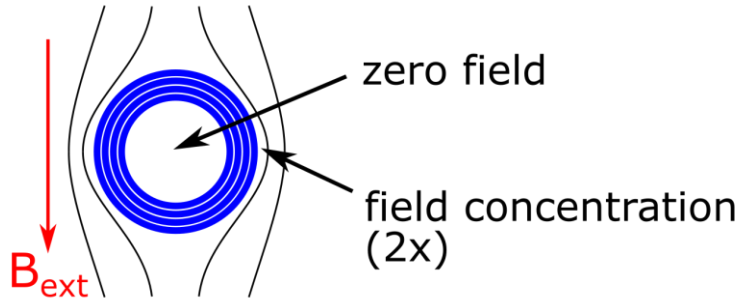


MgB₂ tube

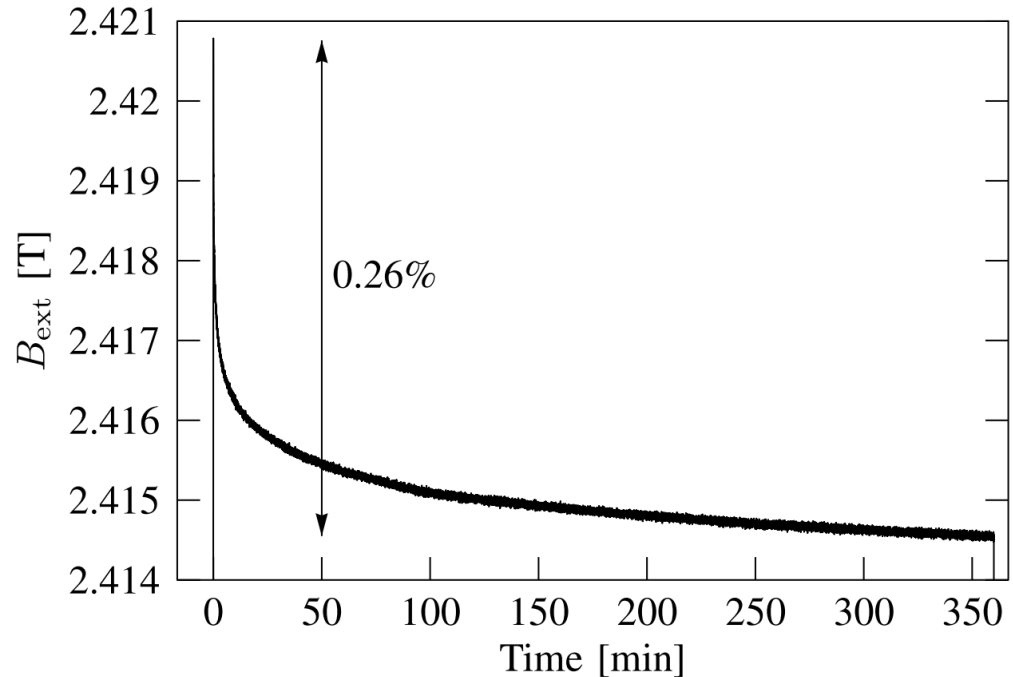


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MgB₂ – persistent current relaxation

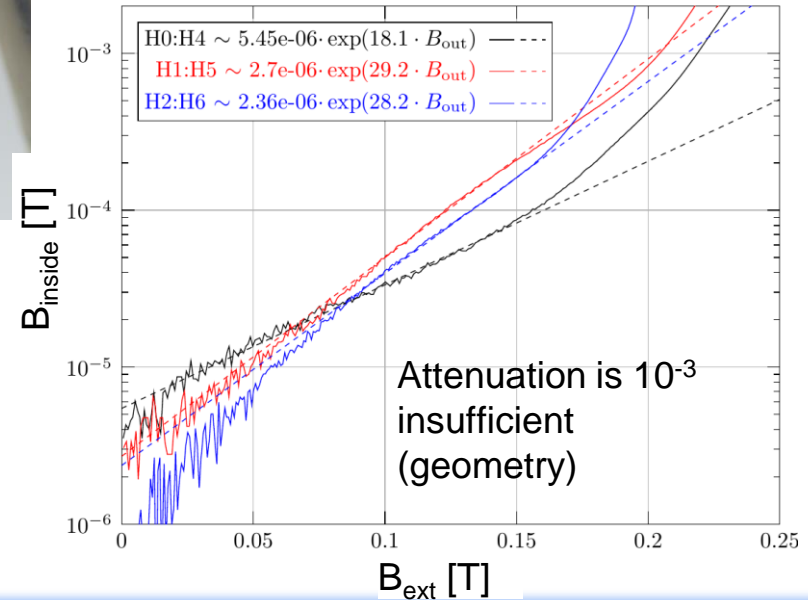
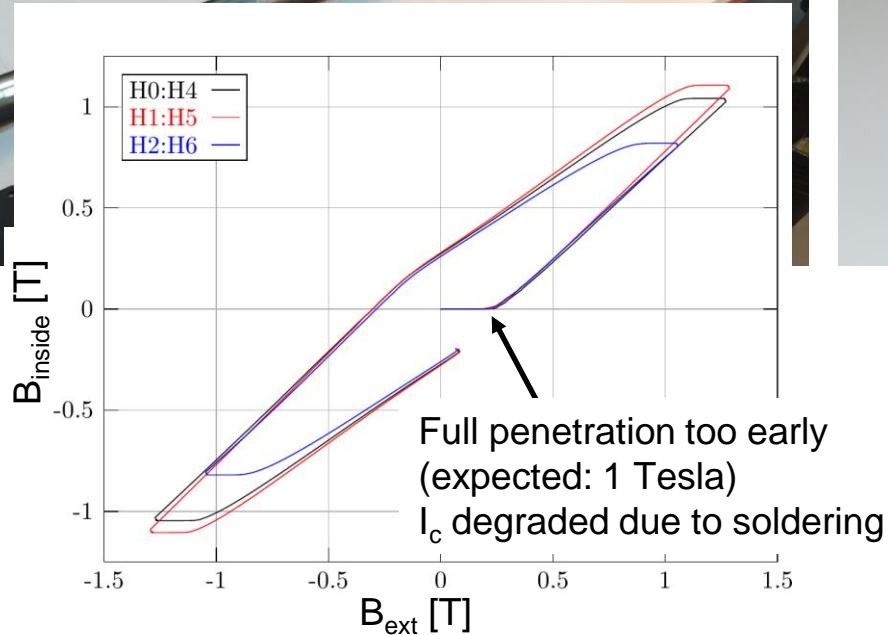
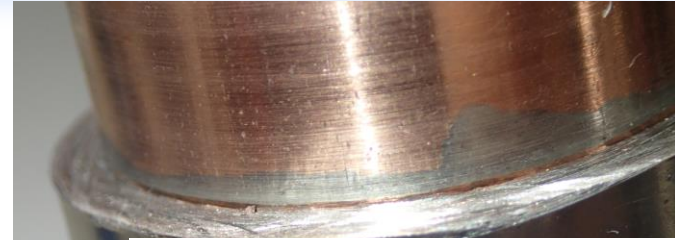
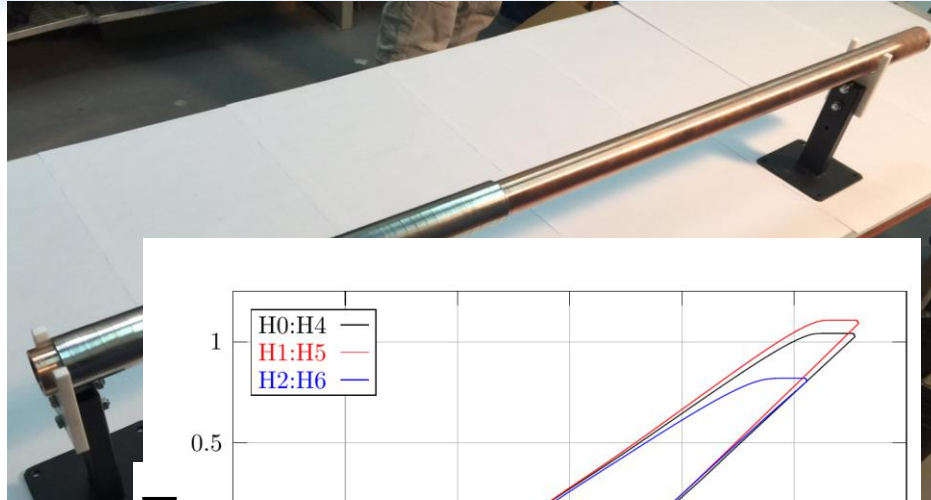


- Decaying currents → smaller B-field concentration on the surface
- Long-term relaxation is ok
- (similar in NbTi)
- Per-mill level over 6 hours

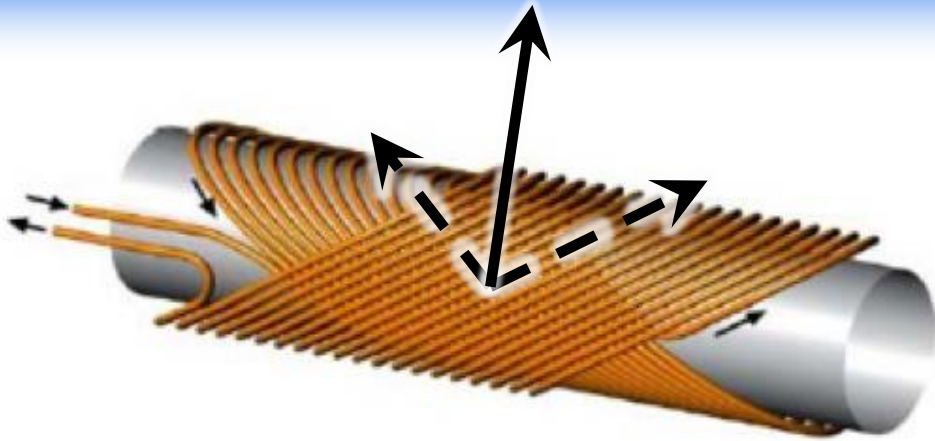


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HTS shield (SuperOx 2G HTS tape)



The magnet: canted cosine theta (CCT) concept



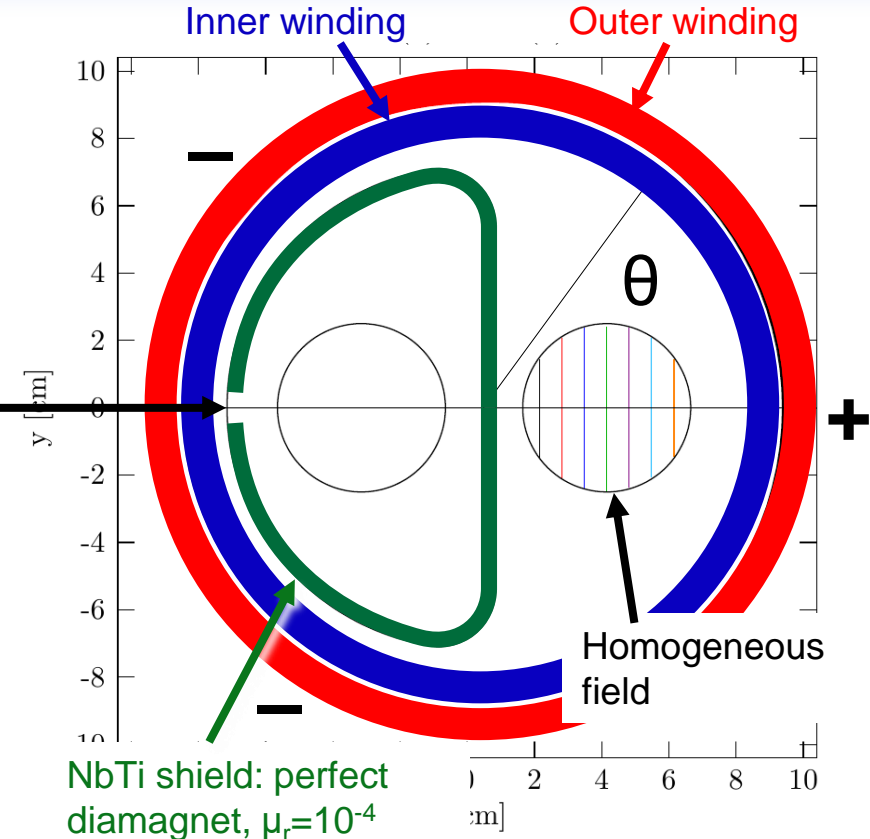
- Two canted solenoids
- Resulting field: transverse
- Regular, simple geometry
- Naturally open aperture for the beam

- Machining grooves in a cylinder
- **Easy** and **precise** in these days (modern CNC machines)
- **Each turn is individually supported** by a mechanical structure (“stress managed”) - robust

Original idea: D.I. Meyer and R. Flasck, [Nucl. Inst. Meth. 80 \(1970\) 339](#)

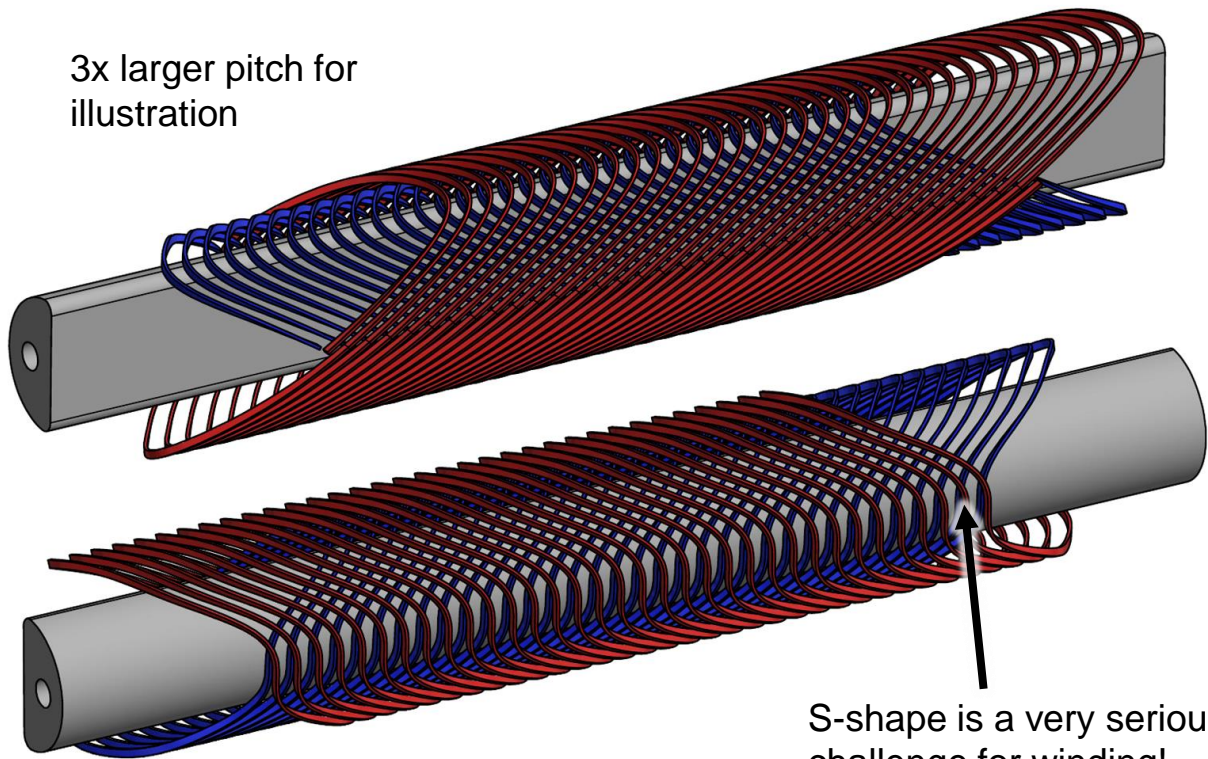
Coil design in 2D

- Goal: homogeneous field in the presence of the shield
- Assume perfect diamagnet
- Simulate with $J_z(\vartheta) = J_n \cdot \cos(n\vartheta)$ ($n=1..6$)
- Multipole analysis
- Invert linear problem to get J_n producing dipole-only field
- Reduce B at 180° , require $J_z(180^\circ) = 0$ (an extra linear constraint on J_n)

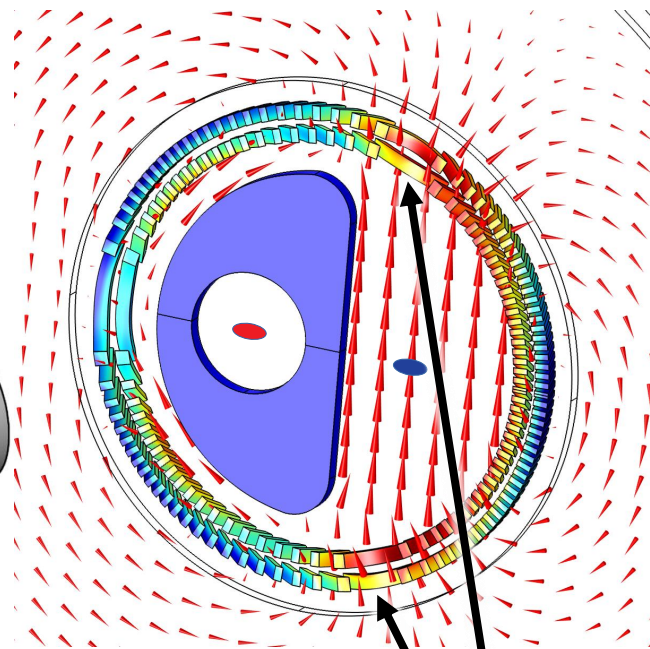


Coil geometry in 3D

3x larger pitch for illustration



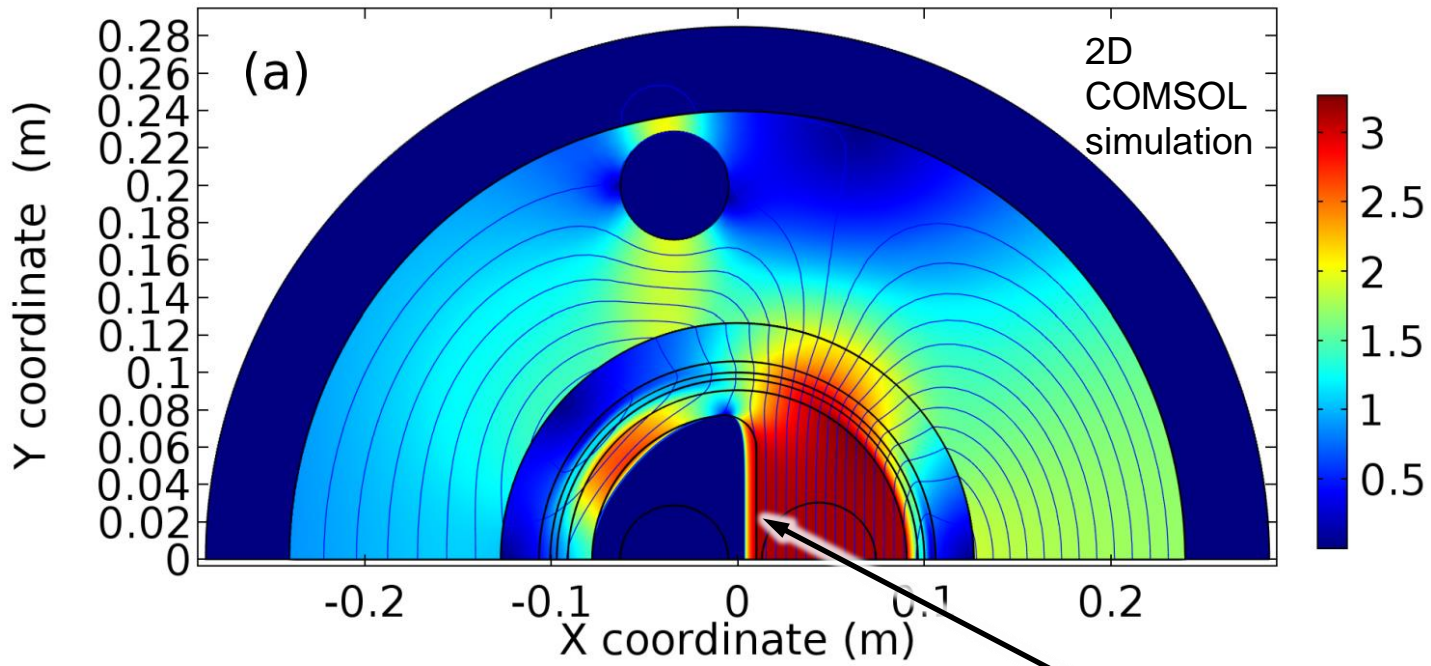
S-shape is a very serious challenge for winding!



Poles displaced w.r.t. pure dipole

D. Barna et al, [Review of Scientific Instruments, 90 \(2019\) 053302](#)

Check field quality with realistic shield (not a perf. diamagnet)



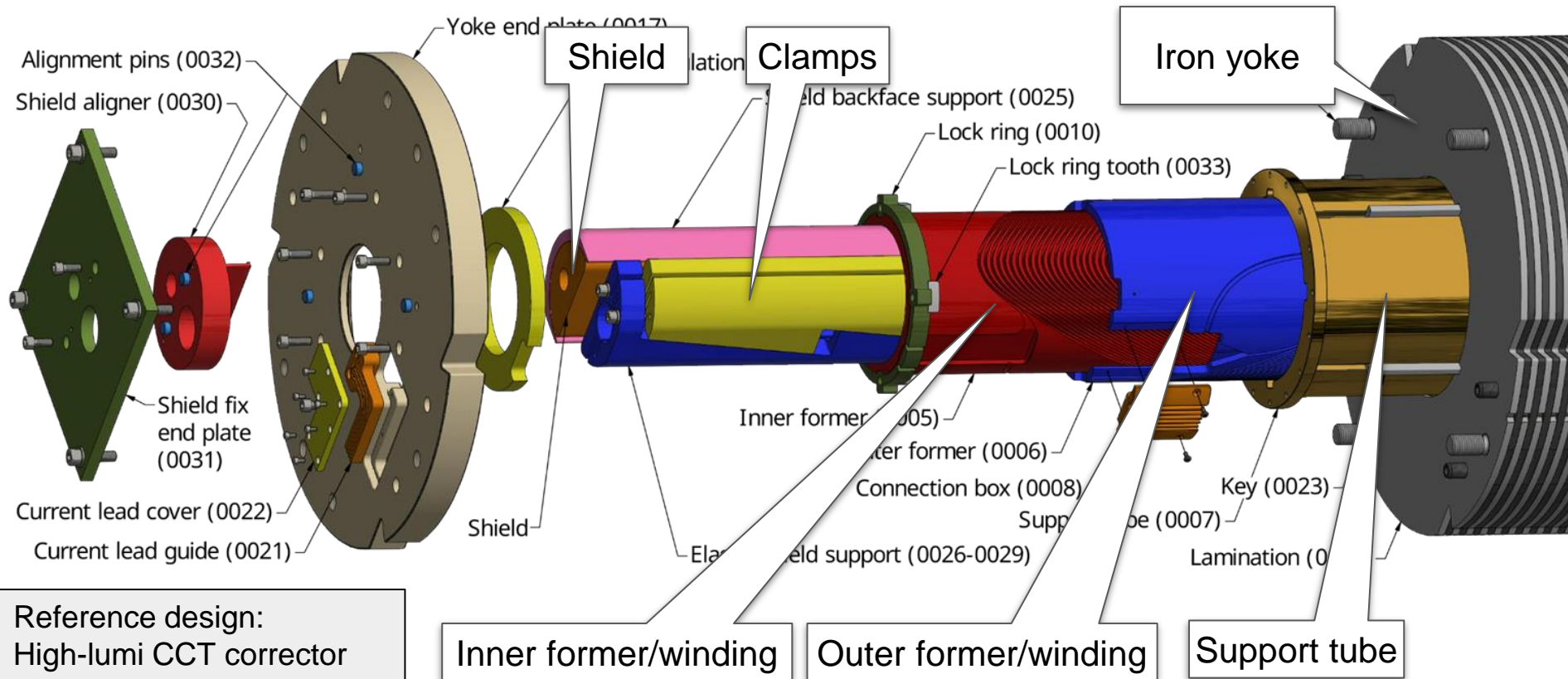
Homogeneity remains within required +/- 1.5% for full range

Field penetration increases with current → distortion

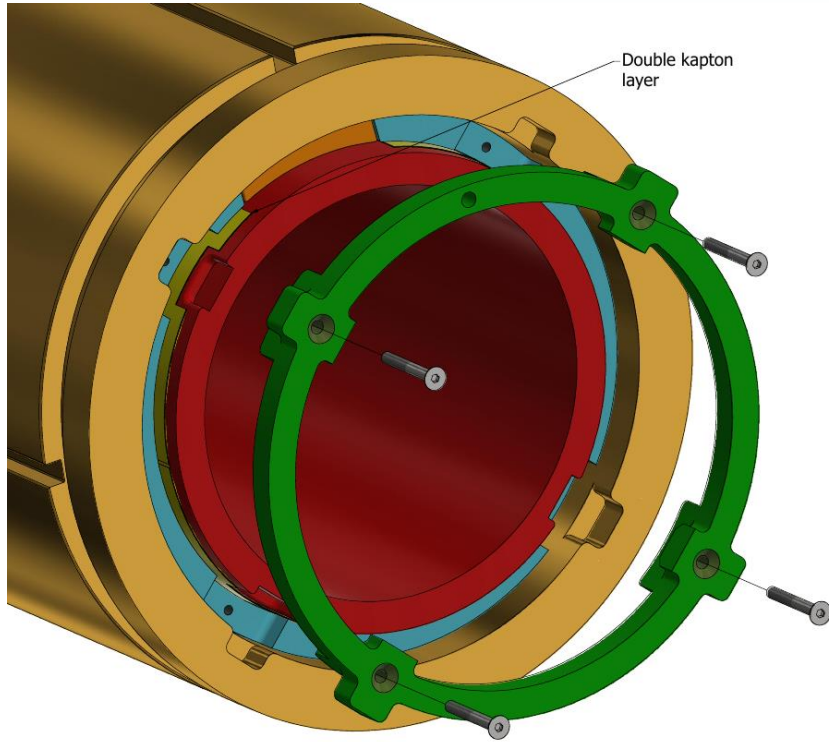
Magnet properties

Conductor	2 x 5 LHC dipole strands (0.85 mm)
Groove dimens.	2.1 x 5.1 mm
Inductance	148/189 mH (with/without shield)
Nominal current	430 A
Nominal field	3 T
Peak field	3.6 T
Turns	102
Minimum rib thickness	0.35 mm
Load line current	75% of I_c

SuShi septum 3D model



Magnet design features

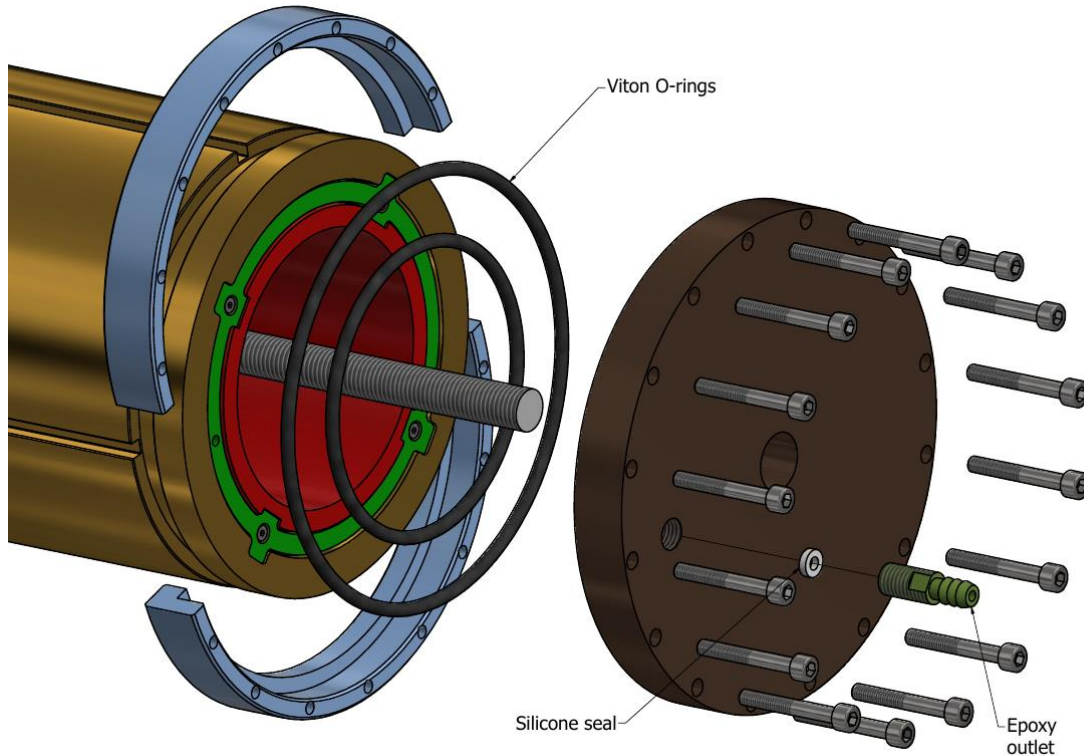


Azimuthal lock ring
at magnet end

Avoid holes through
tube walls



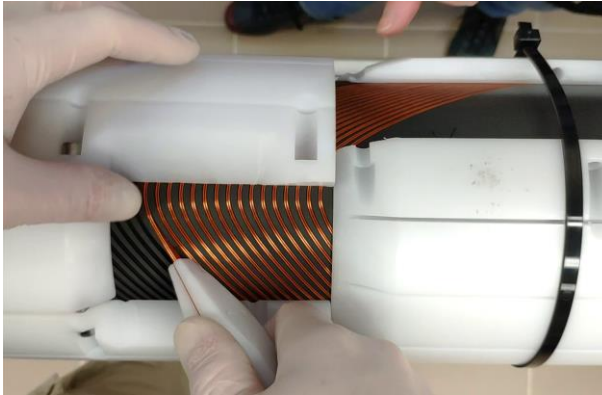
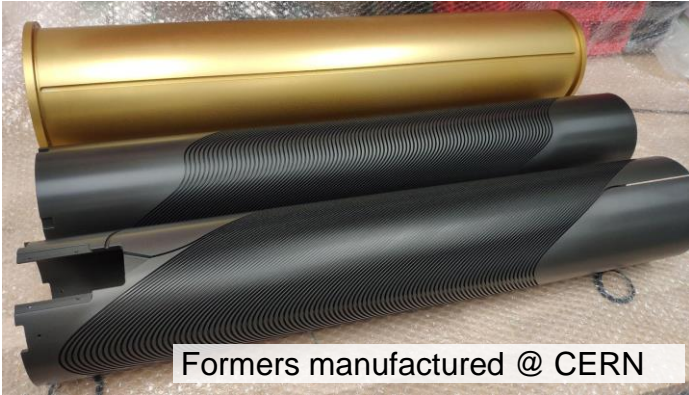
Magnet design features



Impregnation

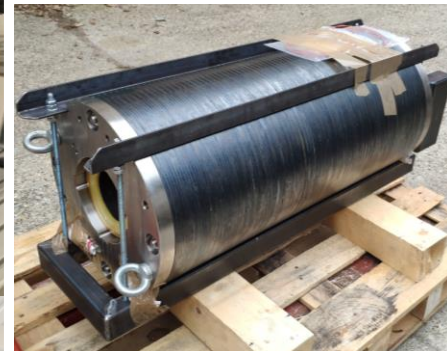
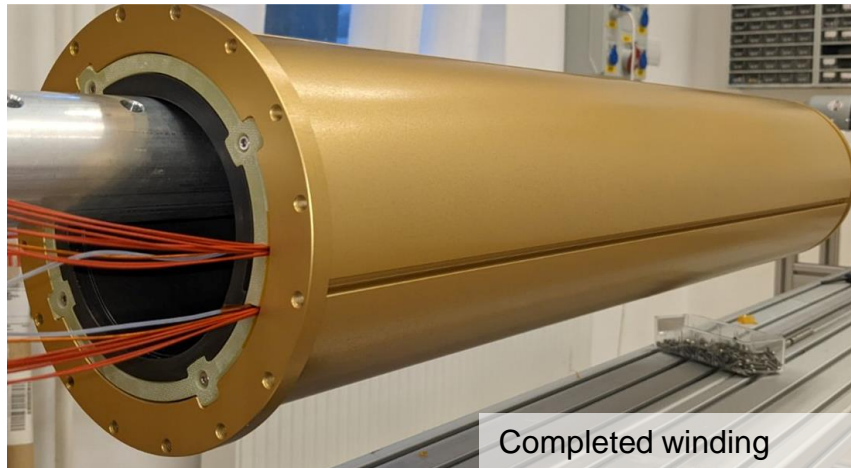
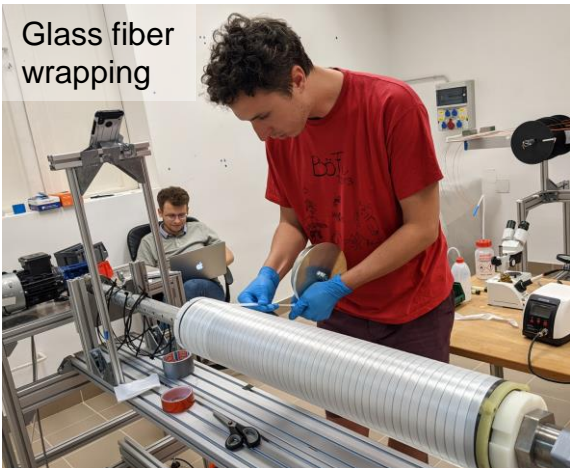
- No autoclave system
- Magnet is its own vacuum chamber
- Avoid long tie rods, locally tighten seals

Construction – winding

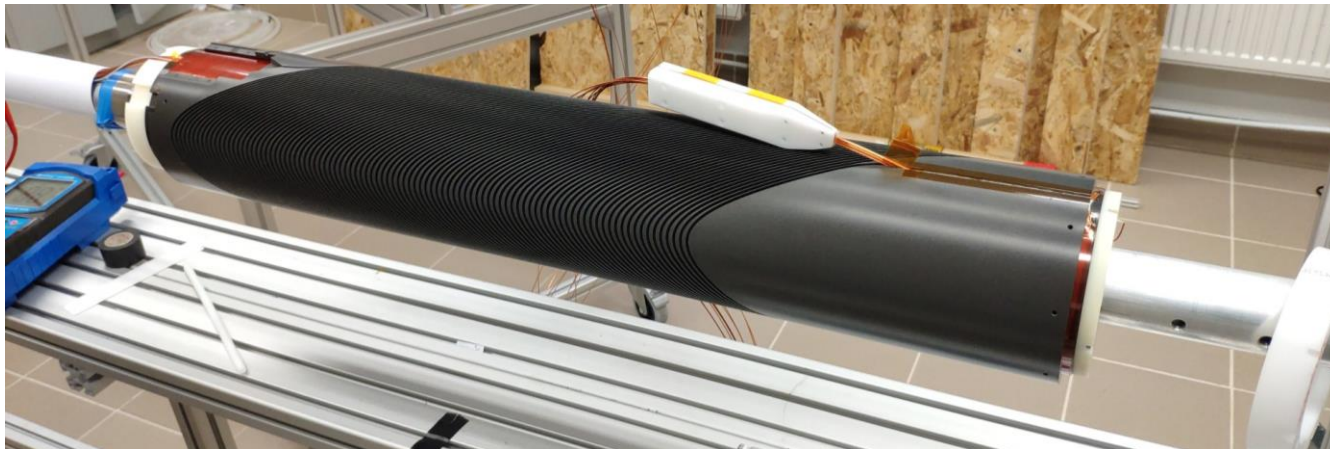
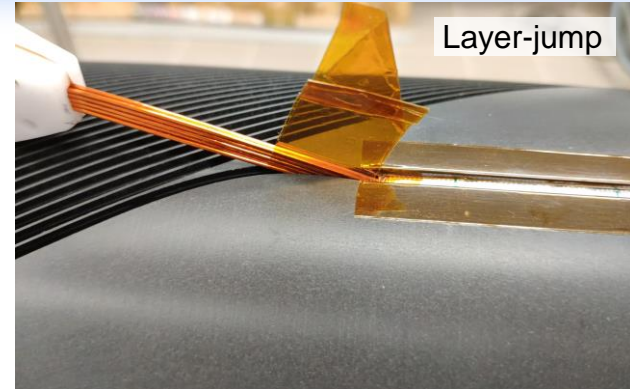
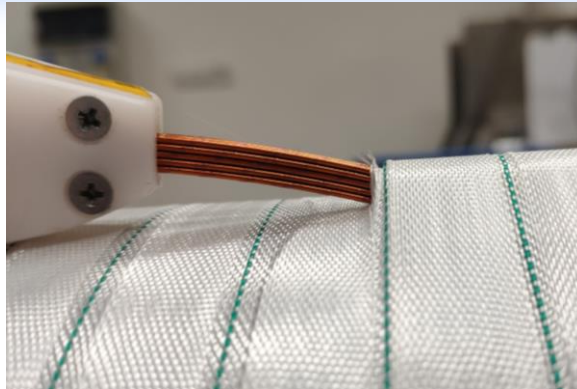
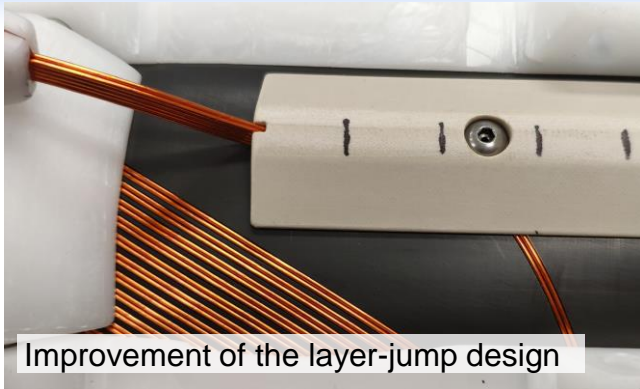


Winding in-house, gaining **experience** → HITRIPlus & I.FAST projects

Several insulation problems - unwind, find, fix (kapton tape)

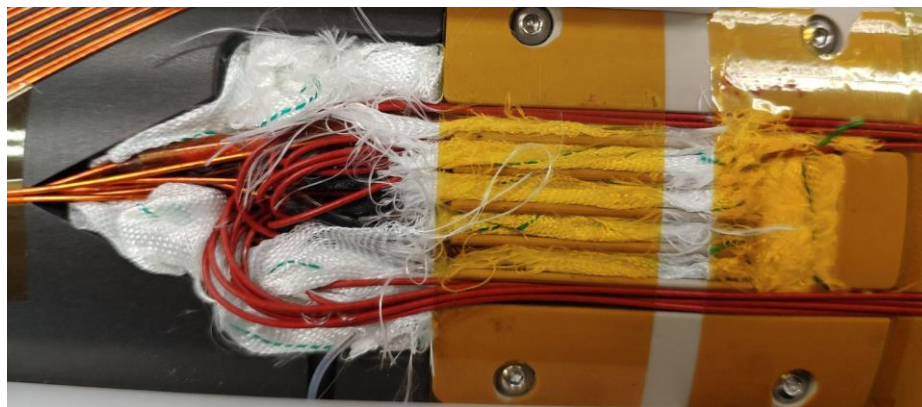
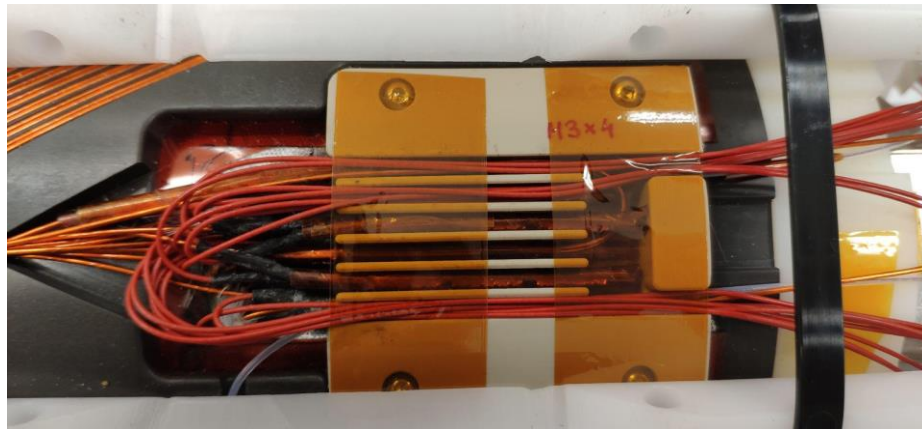
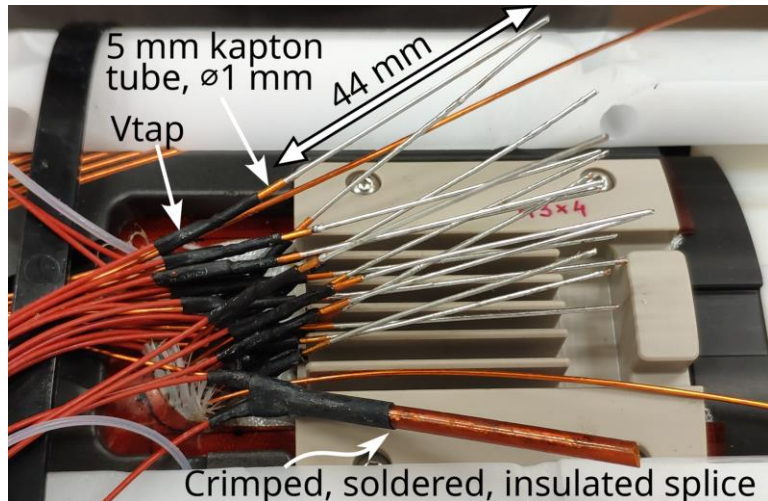


Construction – winding (“layer jump”)



This design is inherited into the HITRplus and I.FAST NbTi CCT prototypes

Construction - In-magnet soldered joints



Strands connected in series

Shaking-hand crimped/soldered splices

Consistently 5-8 n Ω resistance

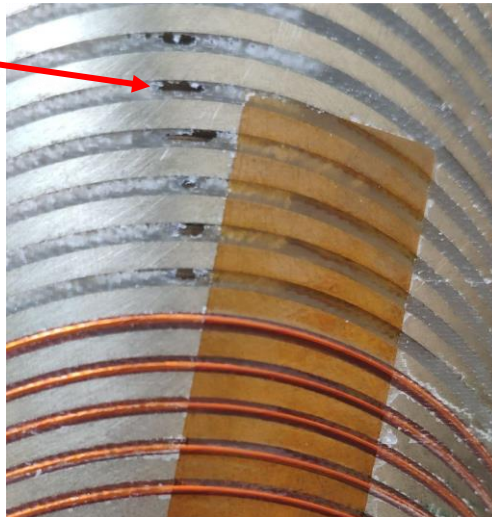
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Need controlled freeze-out

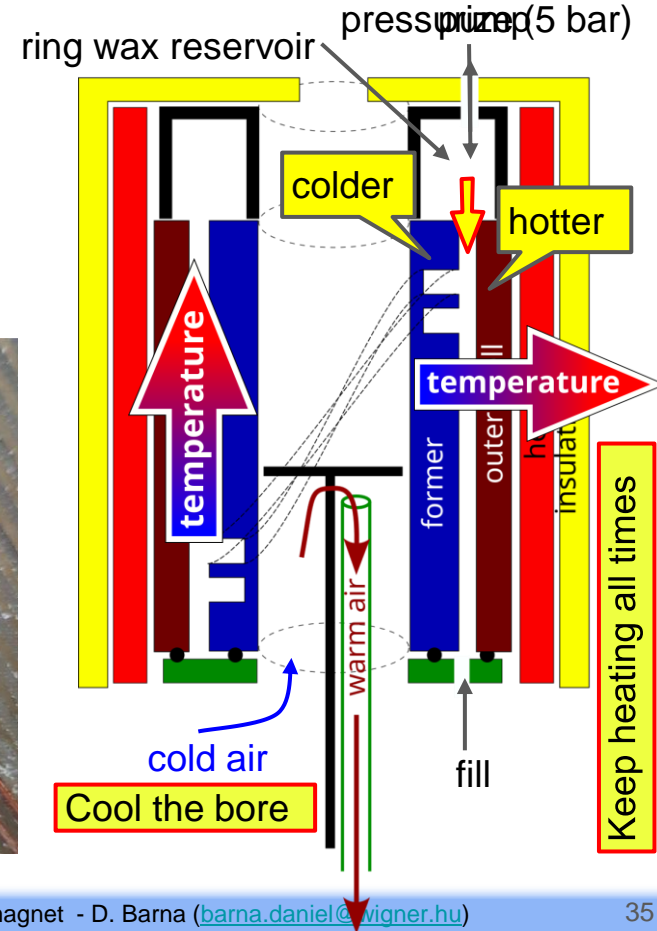
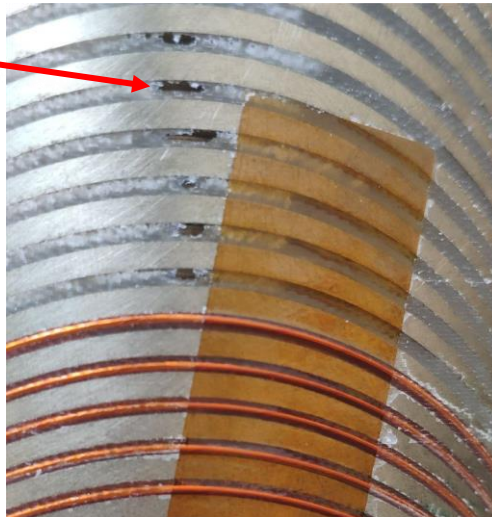
Controlled progress of liquid-solid interface

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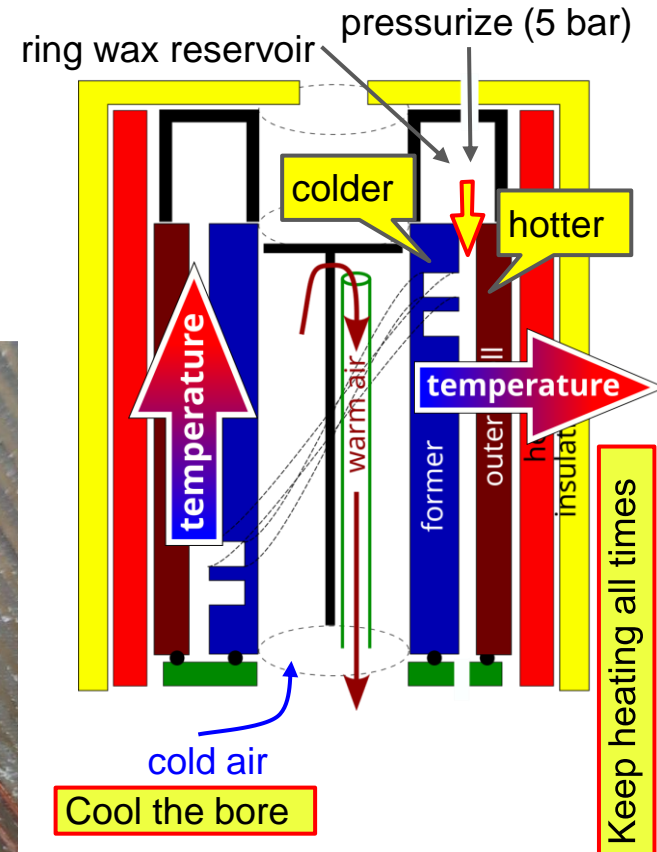
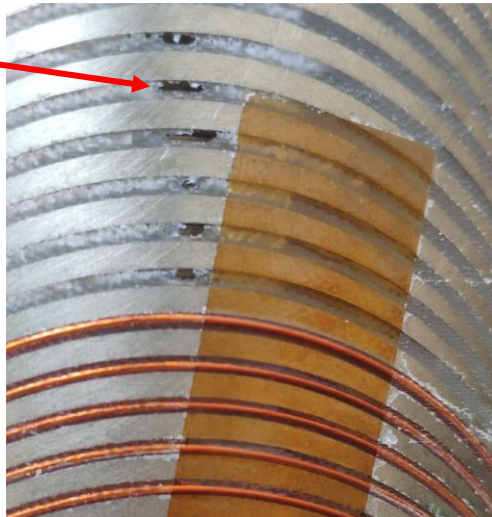


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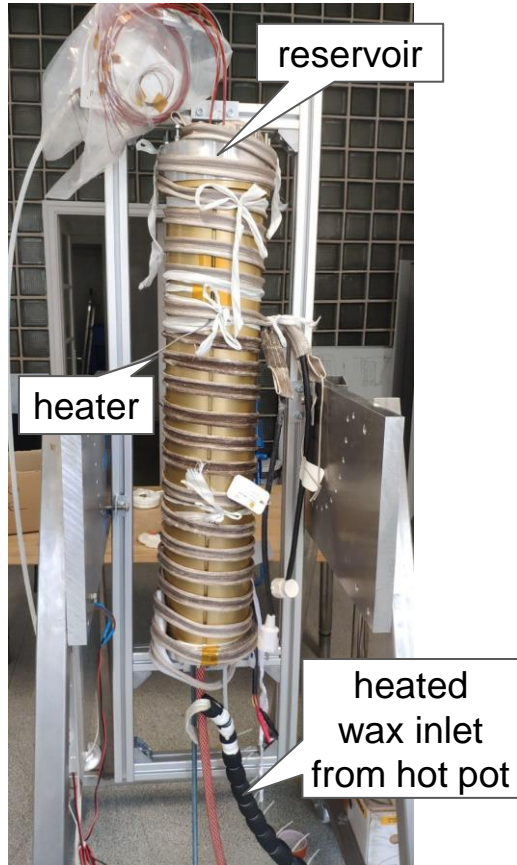
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Construction - Wax impregnation of the magnet

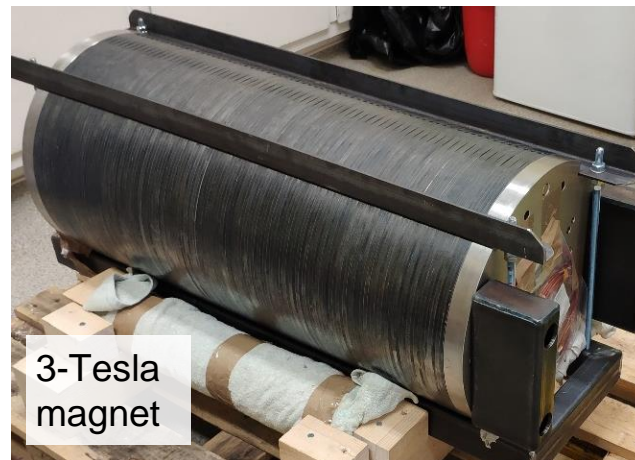
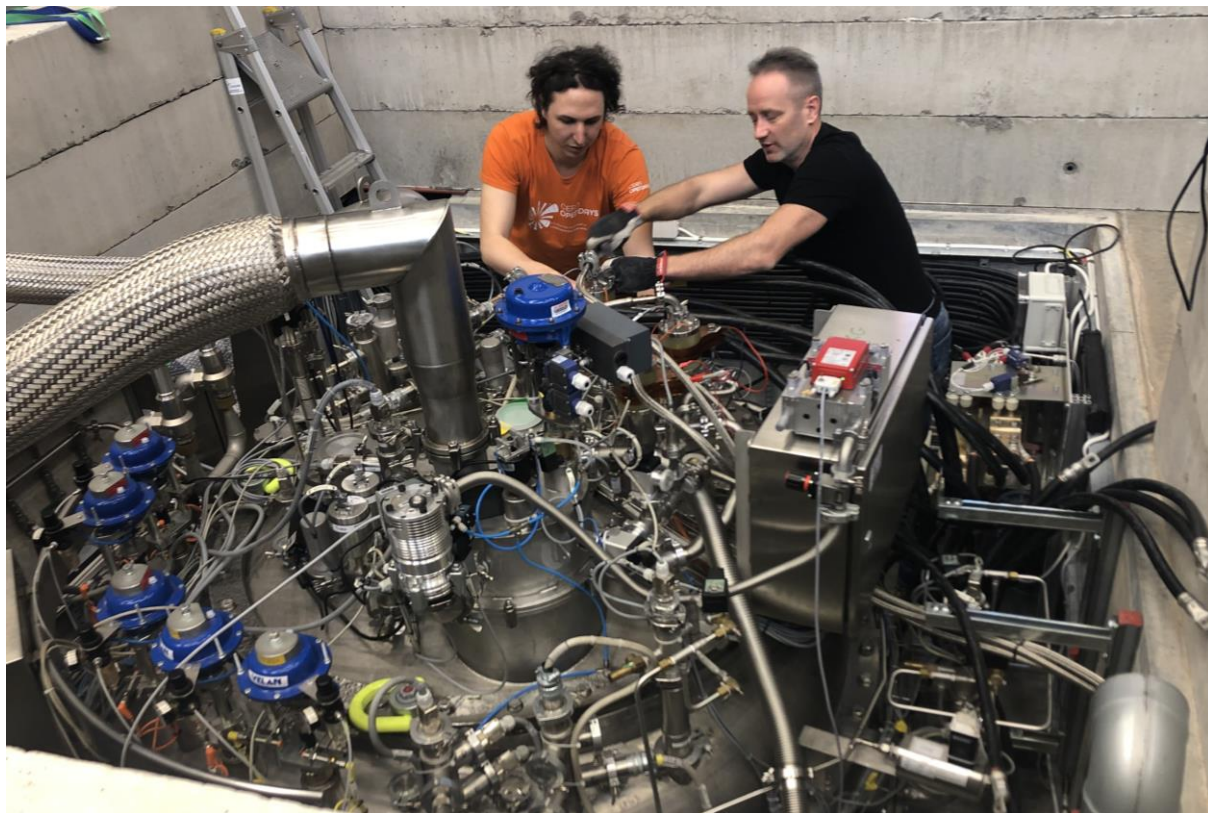


- Extremely simple and cheap setup
- Know-how → FCC-ee final focus CCT quadrupole wax impregnation (M. Koratzinos, PSI)

Further info on manufacturing the SuShi magnet

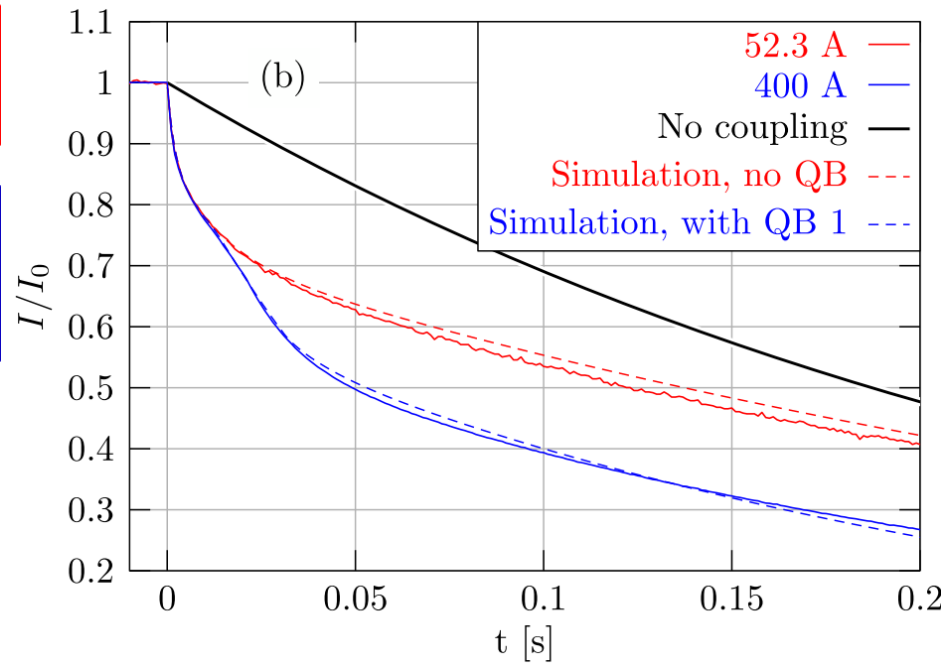
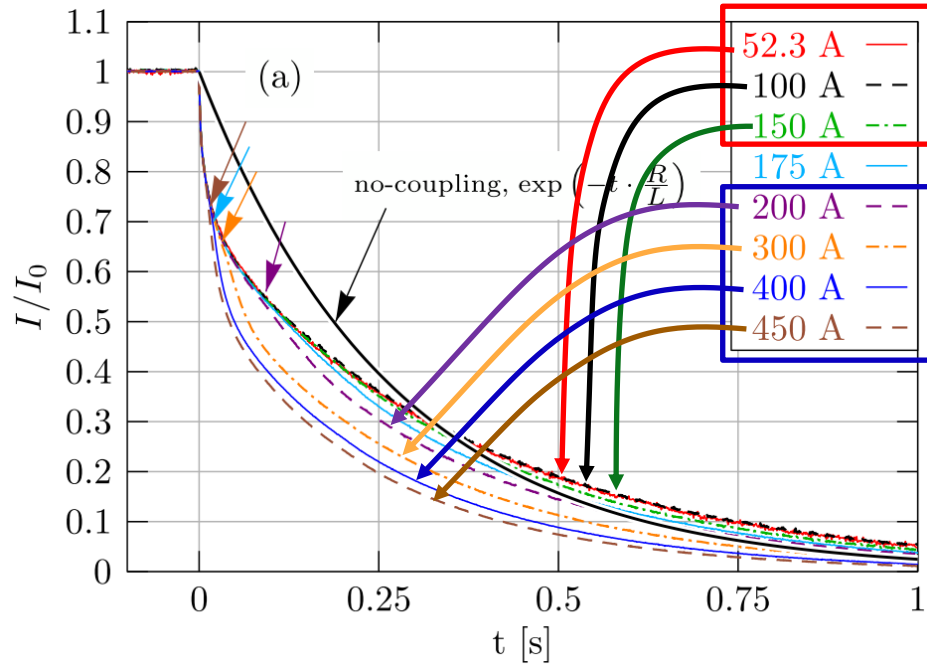
- Winding videos (timelapse/explanation) on YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BVQtau7L5w&list=PLeC-OFQnTJU_-4SBEik2P-025CHFe9ZzN
- Wax impregnation development and testing on YouTube:
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- Papers
 - <https://journals.aps.org/prab/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevAccelBeams.20.041002>
 - <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8478800?arnumber=8478800>
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First testing @ FREIA (Uppsala University) – 2023 April



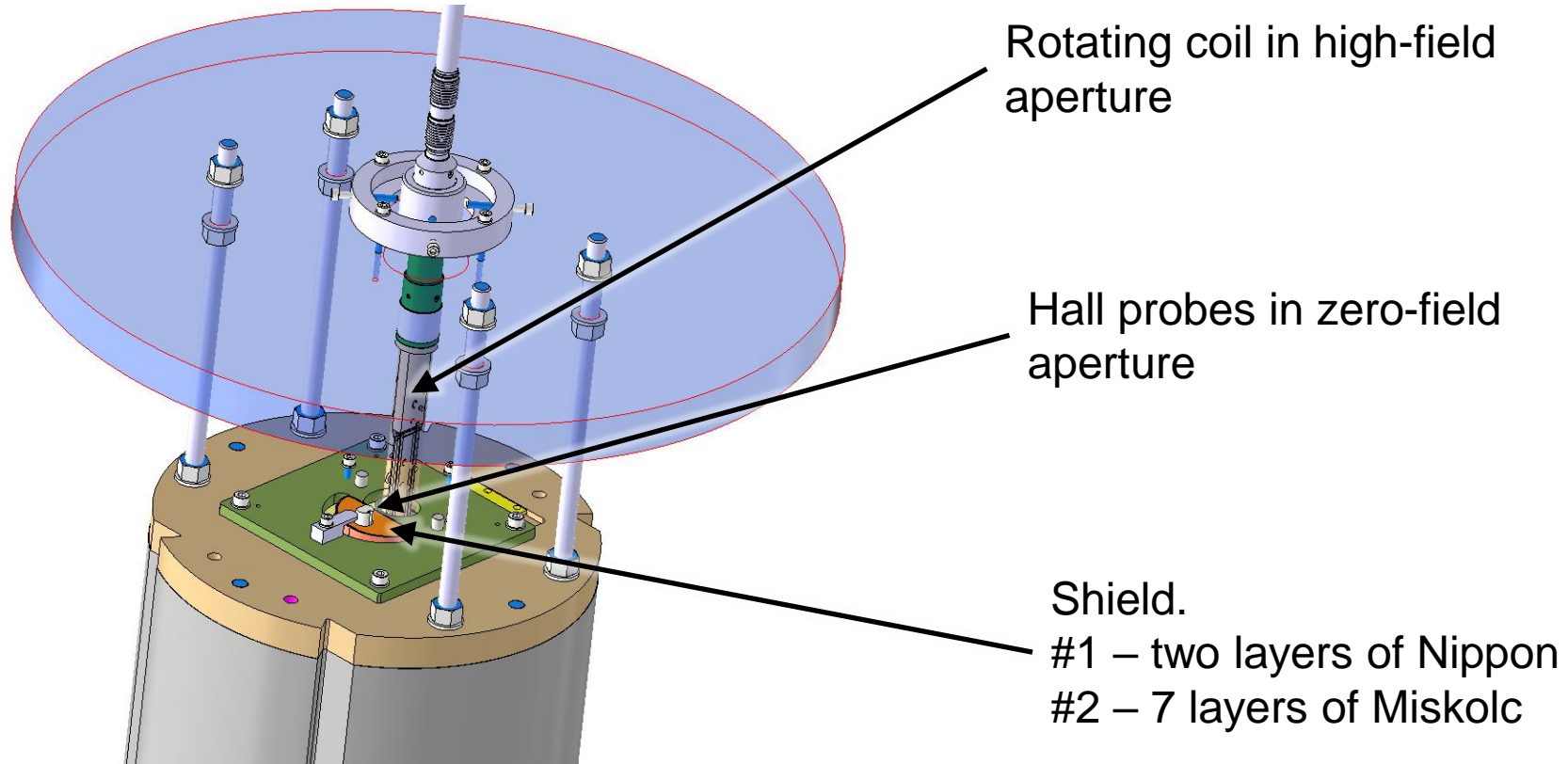
- Empty magnet reached nominal current **without training**
- **Not a single quench** during entire testing period

Energy extraction, quench-back



D. Barna et al, [Superconductor Science and Technology 37 \(2024\) 045006](#)

Test with shield @ CERN SM18 soon

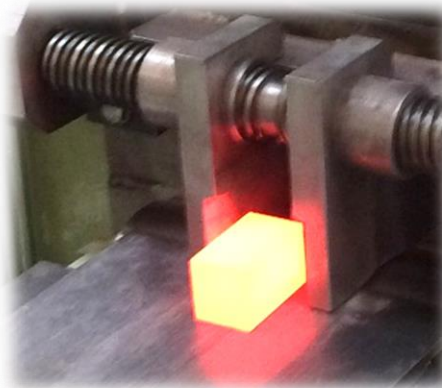


NbTi/Cu multilayer sheet development

University of Miskolc
Wigner RCP
CERN
Ikuo Itoh (ex Nippon)

Superconducting material R&D @ Miskolc (HU)

- Key component of SuShi: the shield
- Best candidate: NbTi/Nb/Cu multilayer (Nippon Steel, Japan)
 - Very expensive
 - Discontinued, experts retired, know-how disappearing
- Keep the technology – started an R&D collaboration (many thanks to Akira Yamamoto)
 - CERN
 - Wigner RCP (HU)
 - University of Miskolc (HU)
 - Ikuo Itoh (ex Nippon Steel)



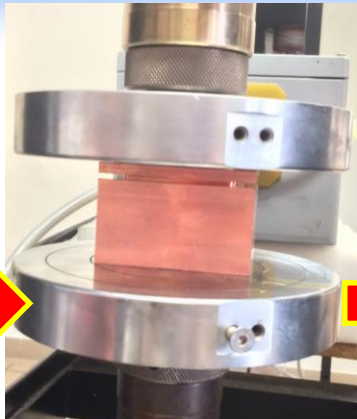
3D Lab
Infrastructure for Fine
Structure Analysis



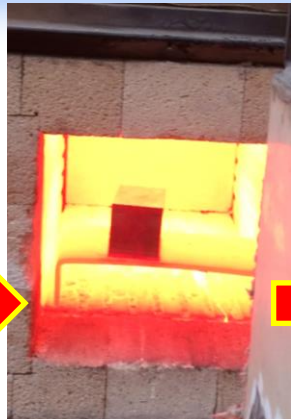
Production of NbTi/Cu multilayer composite sheet



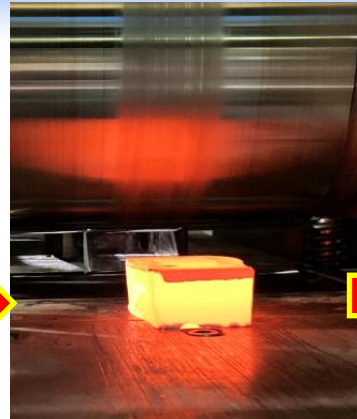
Assembling



Pressing + EB welding



Preheating

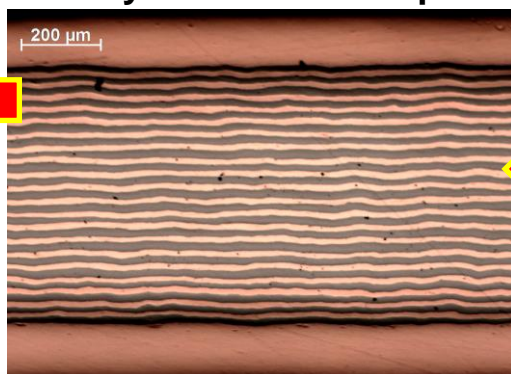


Hot rolling



Cold rolling

Multilayer NbTi/Cu composite



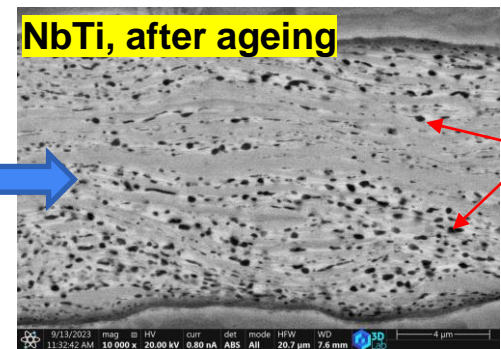
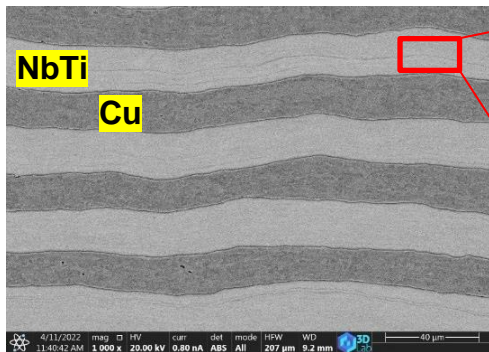
Final HT!
Ageing!

Rolled composite sheet



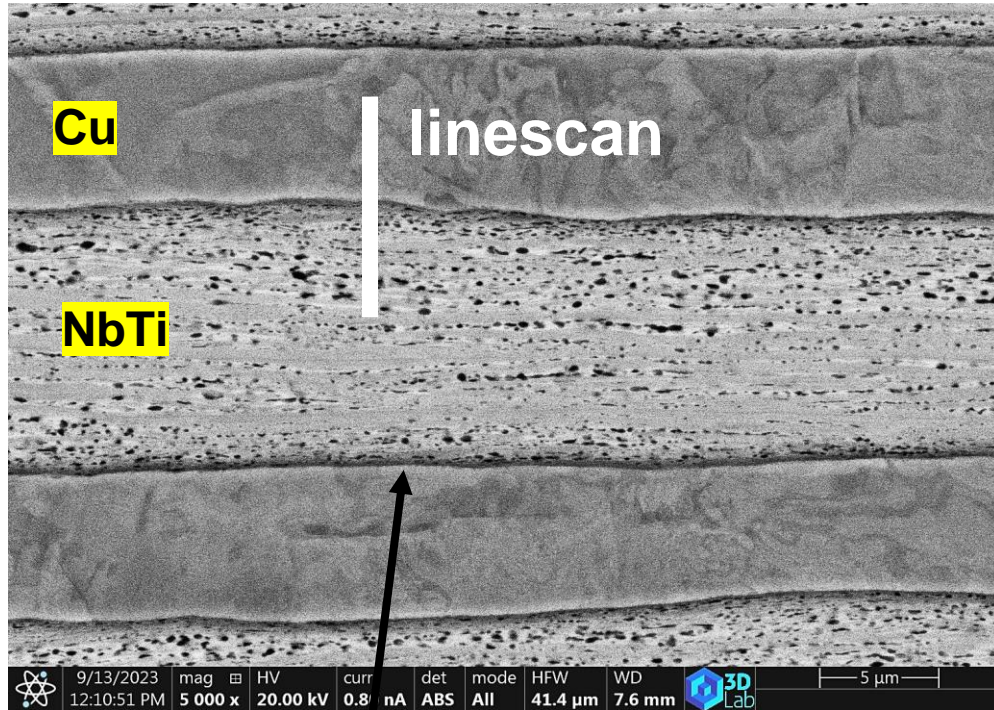
Ageing of the NbTi/Cu composite

- Cold work + heat treatment
 - α -titanium precipitates
 - pinning centers
 - high J_c

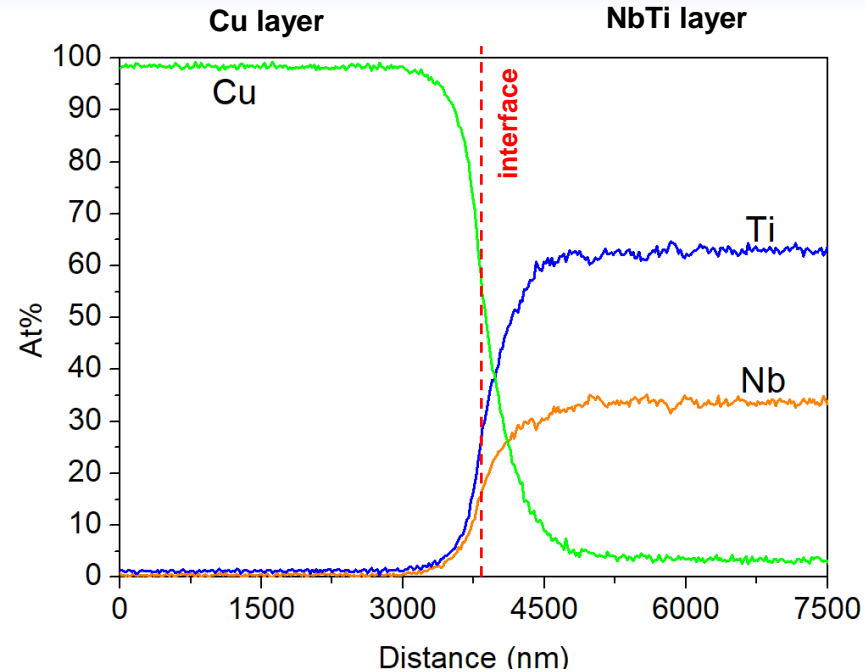


α -Ti

NbTi/Cu multilayer – layer interface

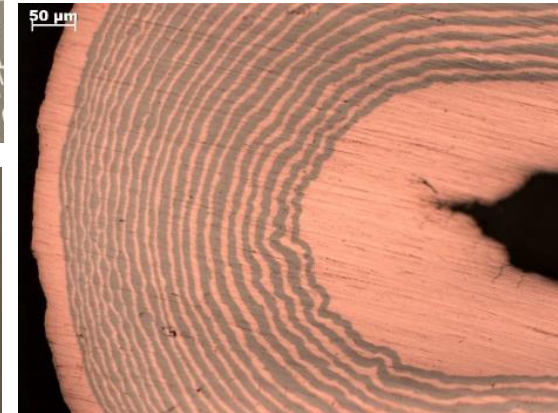
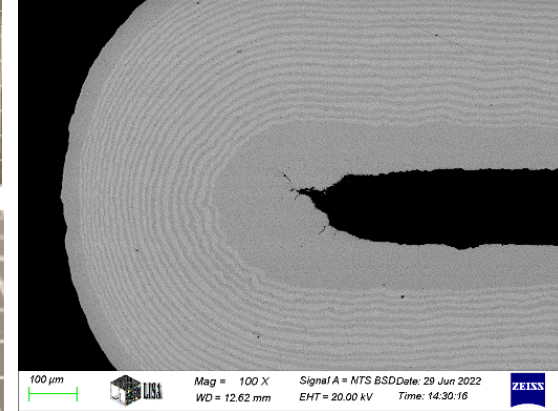
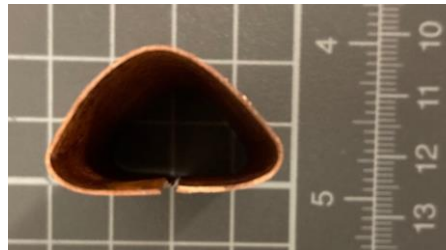
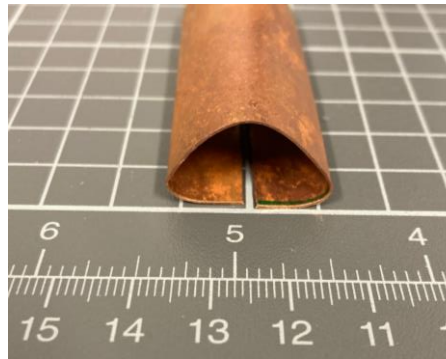
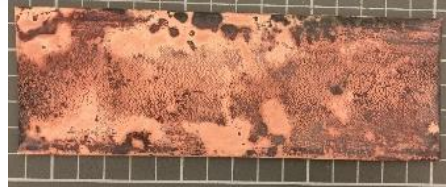
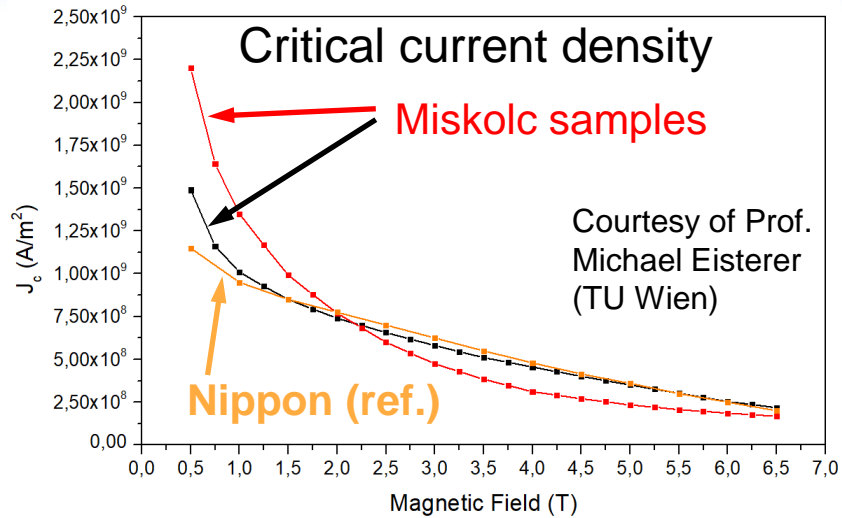


Eliminated Nb diffusion barrier



No intermetallics at NbTi-Cu interface even after > 100 hours of ageing

NbTi/Cu multilayer performance



Manufacturing the final sheets for SuShi



Manufacturing in progress

Hot... (picture from yesterday)

Hot-rolled sheets
(4 mm thickness)
@ University of Miskolc

To be rolled further to
0.7 mm

I.FAST project

Innovation Fostering in Accelerator Science and Technology

Involve industry, improve European capabilities

(<https://ifast-project.eu>)



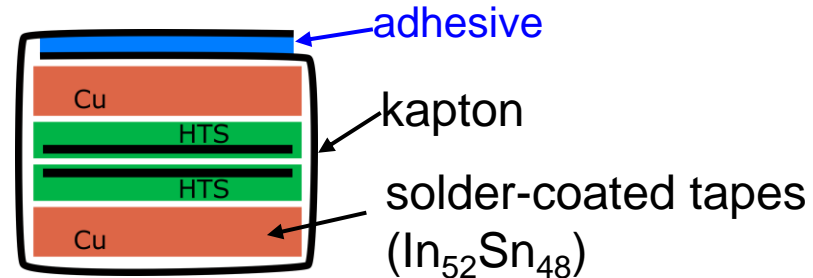
The I.FAST HTS CCT prototype

- 4 Tesla central field
- Length: ~ 1 meter
- Current: ~ 0.9 kA
- Operating temp: ~ 20 K
- Cooled by He gas
- Stacked flat cables

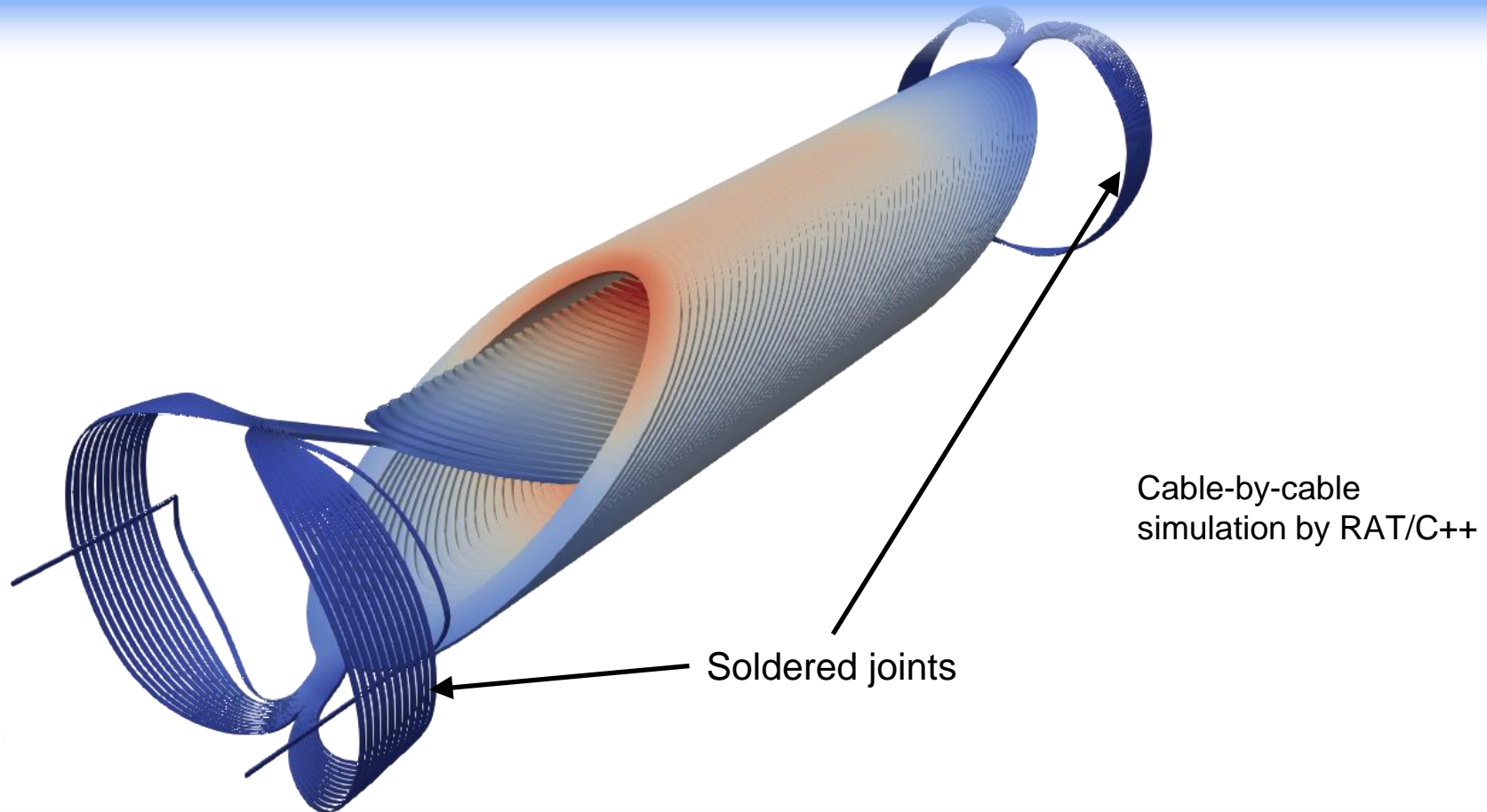


- Tape routing is highly non-trivial (no “hard-way” bends!)
- Developed C++ code to describe, optimize and design winding

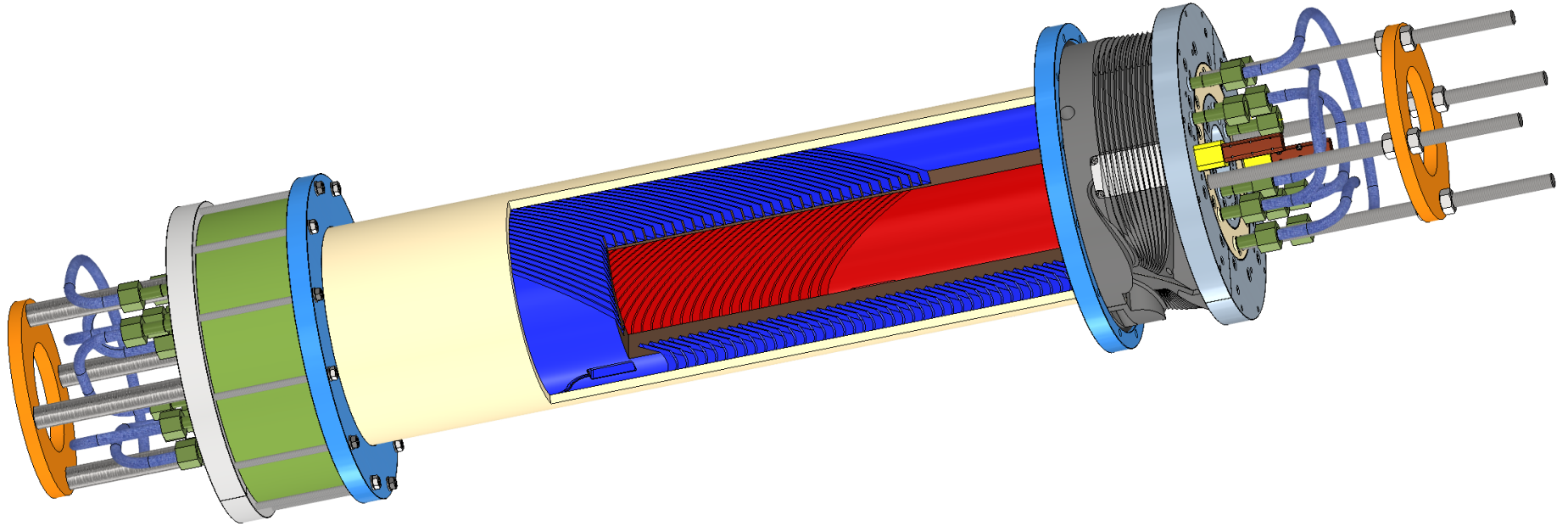
Composite, soldered cable



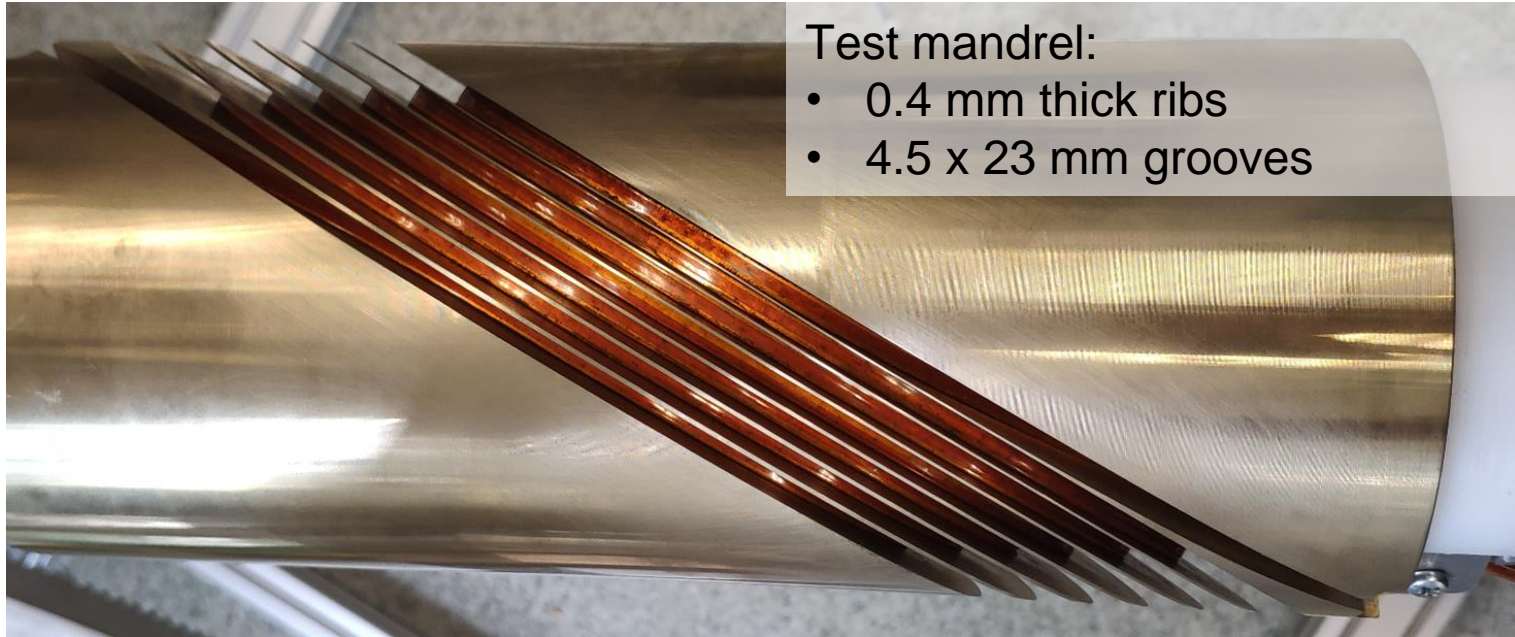
HTS CCT challenges – tape routing



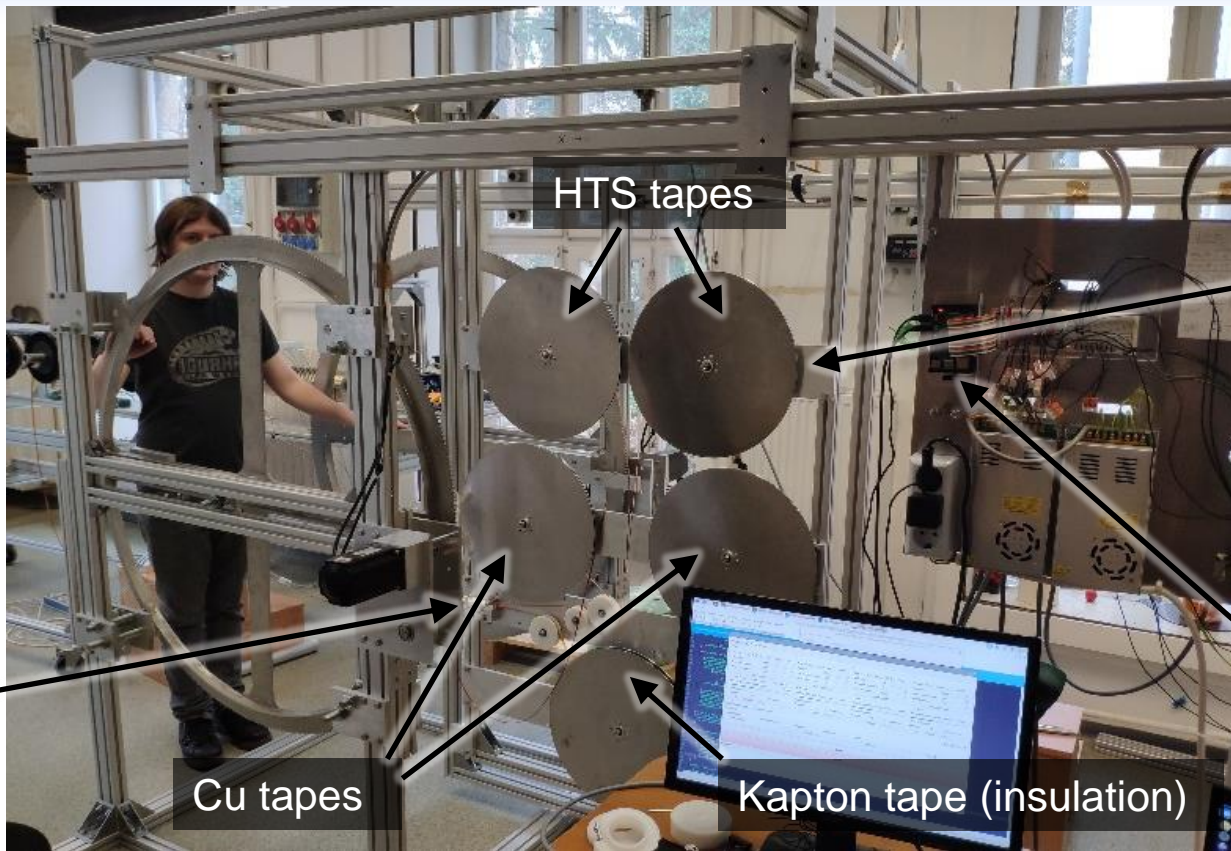
CAD design



Mandrel: a challenge on its own



Infrastructure constructed in-house: winding machine



Mandrel mounted-rotated with 30° inclination

Insulation wrapping tool

HTS tapes

Cu tapes

Kapton tape (insulation)

Tape spools on a moving frame, following mandrel rotation

Raspberry PI controlling the 5 stepper motors

Winding machine

(DIY – entirely in house)



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