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# WP 3.4

## Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Magnet Technology Development Program (TDP)

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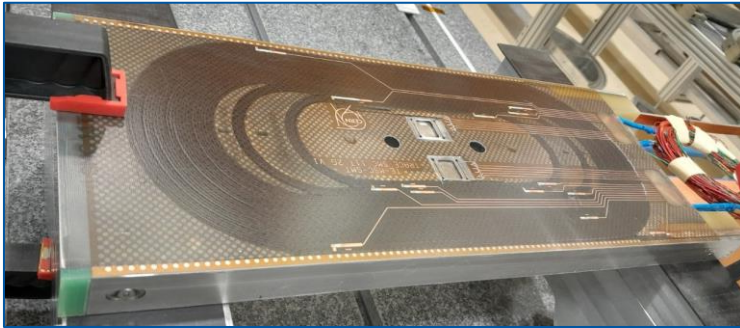
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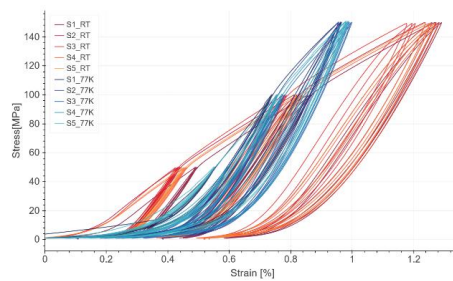
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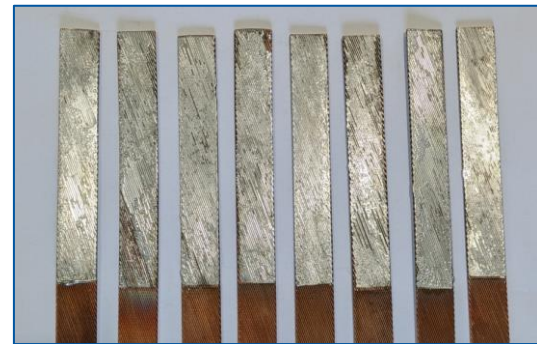
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## Description of the scope

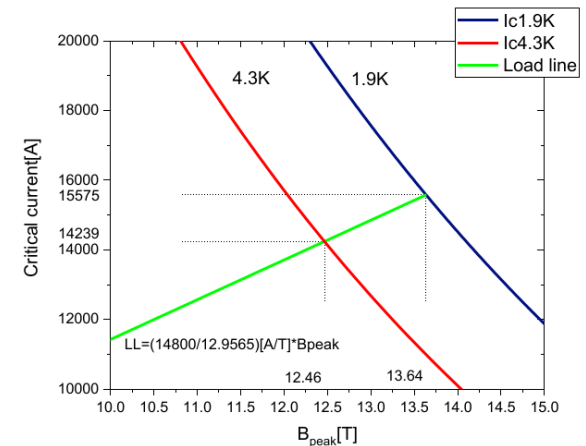
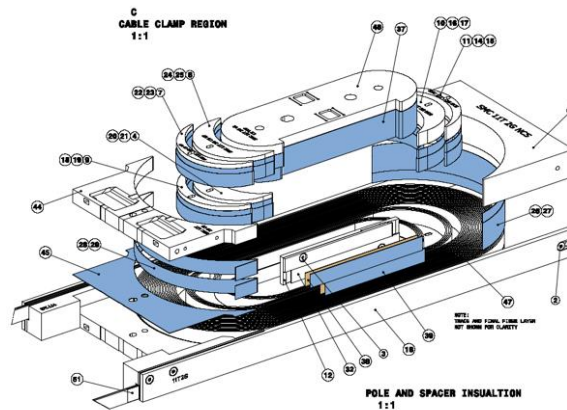
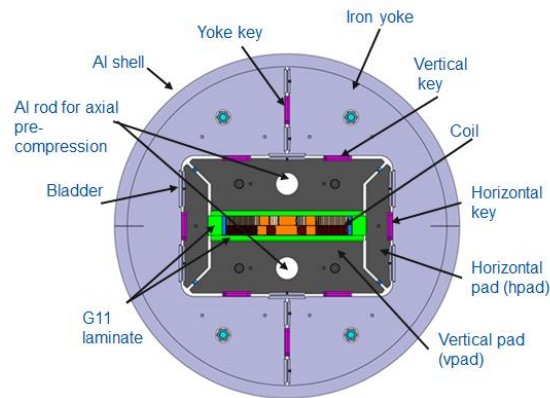
The **Short Model Coil (SMC)** assembly has been designed as a **test bench for short racetrack coils** wound with **Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn** cable.

- A double pancake racetrack coil.
- An assembly relying on a **bladder and key structure** and hosting 1 coil.

The SMC program led by J.C. Perez since 2009 now enters the TDP.

The SMC 11T 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation features:

- A conductor with 40x0.7 mm Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn strands
- A layer jump in the straight section



Main persons involved:

J. Ferradas Troitino, J. Feuvrier, M. Guinchard, T. Mulders, J.C. Perez, E. Ravaioli, G. Willering, 927 and SM18 teams



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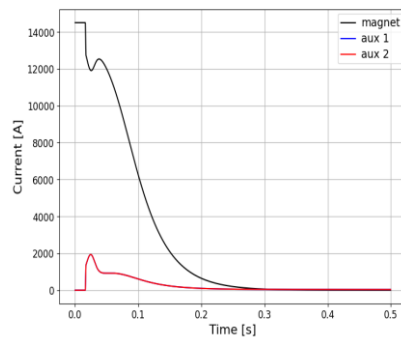
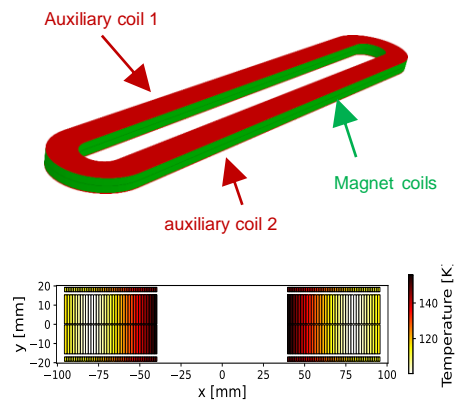
## Goals of the program

The main objective of the program is to explore the influence of different variables:

- the impregnation system
- the adhesion condition
- the conductor
- the electrical insulation

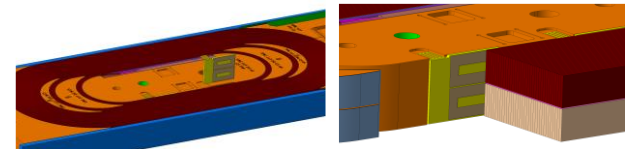
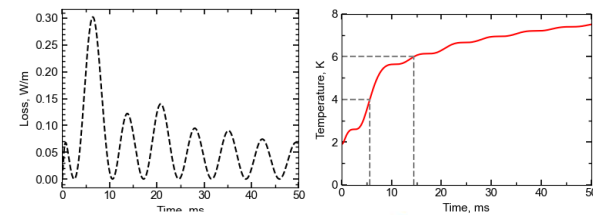
The SMC program is also used as a **test bench for new magnet protection systems**.  
(in collaboration with WP4.5)

### ESC (Energy Shift with Coupling)



<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1321217/>  
Courtesy to E. Ravaioli

### E-CLIQ



Courtesy of T. Mulder

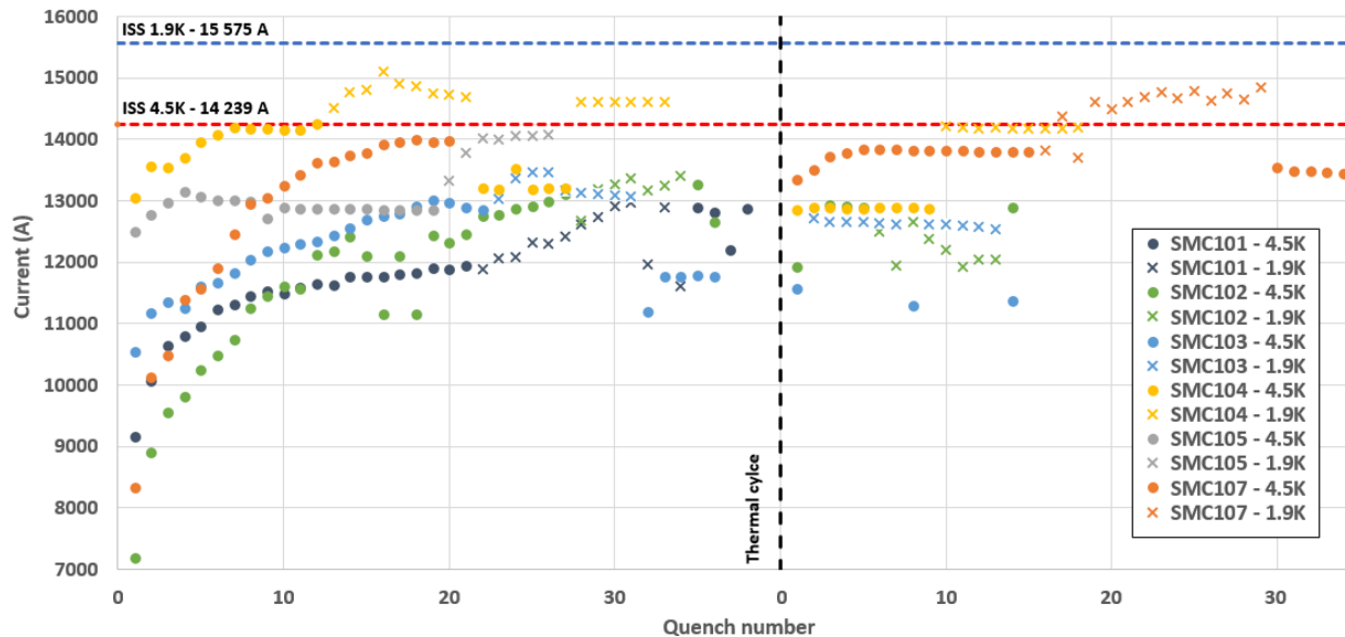


# Racetrack magnets program (SMC)

## Overview of the results from SMC 11T 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation

- 6 SMC 11T 2G have been tested in 2 years.
- All coils exhibit a **current limitation**, and a **weak point located in the layer jump**.
- Tomography studies seems to confirm a degradation of the cable in the area.
- It is **difficult then to pronounce any strong conclusion** on the influence of the resin.
- The layer jump area has been modified since.

Name	Impregnation	Comment	Status
SMC2G-101	CTD-101K		Tested: 11.2022
SMC2G-102	MY750		Tested: 02.2023
SMC2G-103b	Mix61 (NHMFL)	Tomography	Tested: 07.2023
SMC2G-104	MY740 (MSU)		Tested: 10.2023
SMC2G-105	CTD-101K	Removable pole	Tested: 01.2024
SMC2G-106	(to be selected)	Removable pole	Not built yet
SMC2G-107	CTD-101K + DY040 (Polab)	CIEMAT training	Tested: 06.2024





# Racetrack magnets program (SMC)

Coming next on SMC 11T 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation

- Test of #107b (Q4 2024)
  - ESC coils
- Test of #108 and #109 (Q1 2025)
  - Modified layer jump
  - E-CLIQ
- Assembly of #110 (Q1 2025)
  - New layer jump geometry
  - Possibly impregnated with filled wax (collaboration with WP4.3)
- Assembly of #106 (Q2 2025)
  - New layer jump geometry
  - Best impregnation system
  - Removable pole
- Test of #110 and #106 (Q2 2025)

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<b>SMC2G-106</b>	(to be selected)	Removable pole	Not built yet
<b>SMC2G-107</b>	CTD-101K + DY040 (Polab)	CIEMAT training	Tested: 06.2024
<b>SMC2G-107b</b>	CTD-101K + DY040 (Polab)	ESC coils	Assembled: 10.2024
<b>SMC2G-108</b>	CTD-101K + DY040 (Polab)	E-CLIQ & Mod. layer Jump	Impregnated: 07.2024
<b>SMC2G-109</b>	CTD-101K + DY040 (Polab)	E-CLIQ & Mod. layer Jump	Impregnated: 08.2024
<b>SMC2G-110</b>	Possibly filled wax (WP4.3)	E-CLIQ & New layer Jump	Not build yet

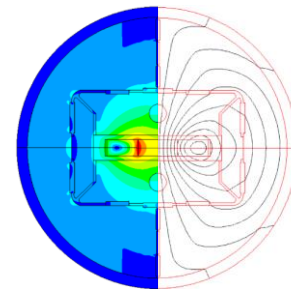
No more 11T cable length are available for building more SMC 2<sup>nd</sup> generation after that.





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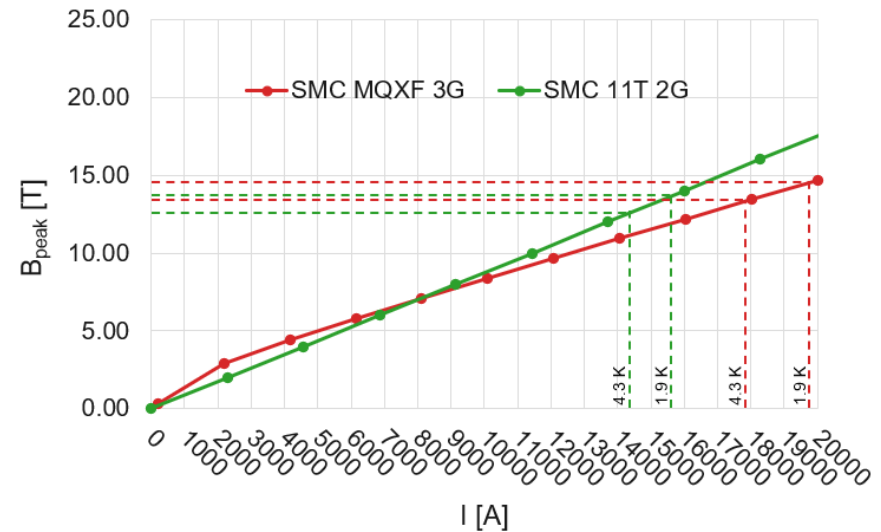
Coming soon: SMC\_MQXF (3<sup>rd</sup> Generation)



A new SMC coil using available MQXF strand has been proposed by J.C. Perez:

- It is compatible with the tooling we have today (used for SMC 11T 2G)
- It can be assembled in the 2 SMC structures we have

Cable		2 <sup>nd</sup> Gen.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gen.
No. strand		40	32
Strand diam.	[mm]	0.700	0.850
Cu/NonCu		1.2	1.0
Bare cable thickness (R)	[mm]	1.31	1.59
Bare cable width (R)	[mm]	14.89	14.88
Coil		2 <sup>nd</sup> Gen.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gen.
No. of turns per pole		35	31
Number of layer		2	2
Magnet		2 <sup>nd</sup> Gen.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gen.
Short sample current (4.3K)	[kA]	14.24	17.84
Short sample current (1.9K)	[kA]	15.58	19.80
Short sample Field (4.3K)	[T]	12.46	13.30
Short sample Field (1.9K)	[T]	13.64	14.53



- Design completed in September 2024
- New parts procured for Q4 2024
- 1<sup>st</sup> coil for Q1/Q2 2025

The test program for this new SMC generation is under discussion.



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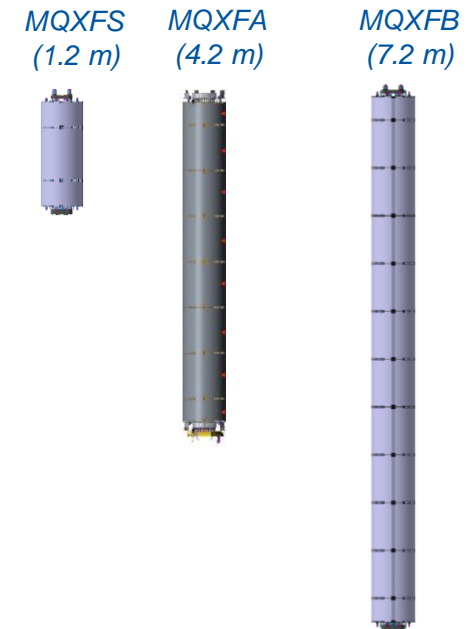
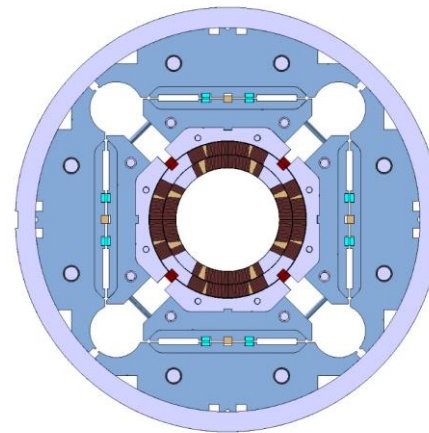


# Quadrupole short model program (MQXFS)

## Description of the scope

The quadrupole short model (MQXFS) is a 1.2-m long magnet with the **same design as MQXFA/MQXFB**, and very similar manufacturing and assembly procedure.

- Initially, used for **design and parameter validation**
- Then, used as a tool to validate **new measures implemented in full length magnets**
- Now, used for **technological studies**



Main persons involved:

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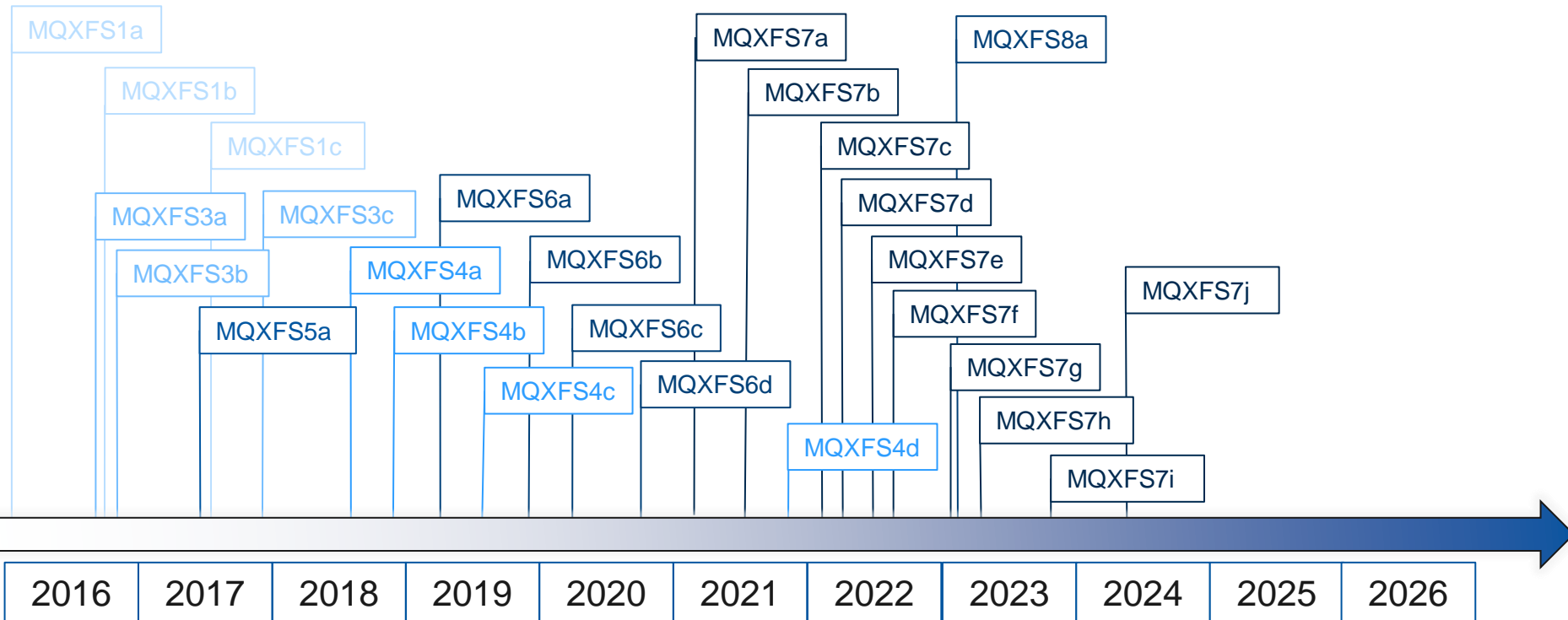


# Quadrupole short model program (MQXFS)

## Overview of MQXFS

Since the first tests of MQXFS1 at Fermilab in 2016:

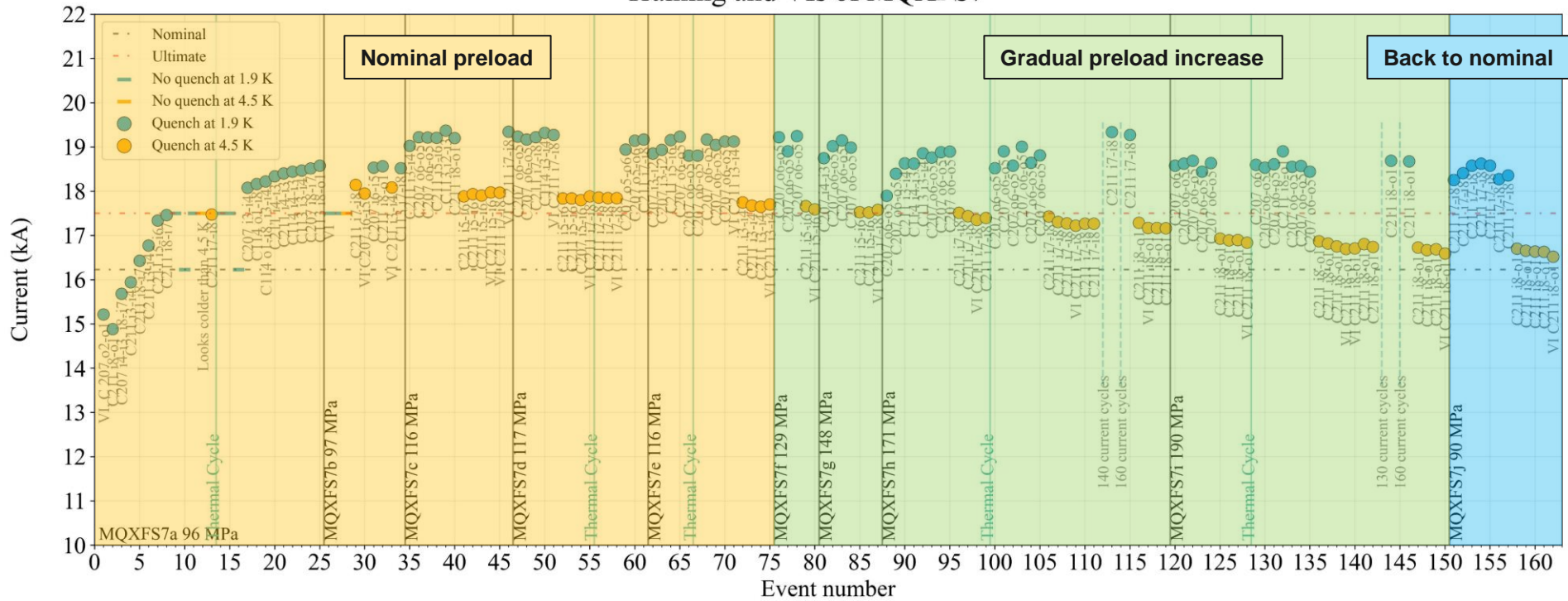
- 7 magnets fabricated and tested
- 27 coils tested
- 4 different conductors
- 11 pre-load configurations
- 2 test stations commissioned at CERN
- 2 beam screens tested
- 4 protection systems tested



# Quadrupole short model program (MQXFS)

MQXFS7: 2 RRP coils and 2 PIT coils tested at stresses up to 190 MPa

Training and VIs of MQXFS7



- No degradation observed in the RRP coils up to 190 MPa up to 85% of  $I_{ss}$ .
- The quench limitation was on the PIT coil with bundle barrier, and located in the pole turn (HF region).
- The induced degradation at 190 MPa is permanent.
- At high pre-stress levels (170-190 MPa), the performance of the magnet reduces after thermal cycles.

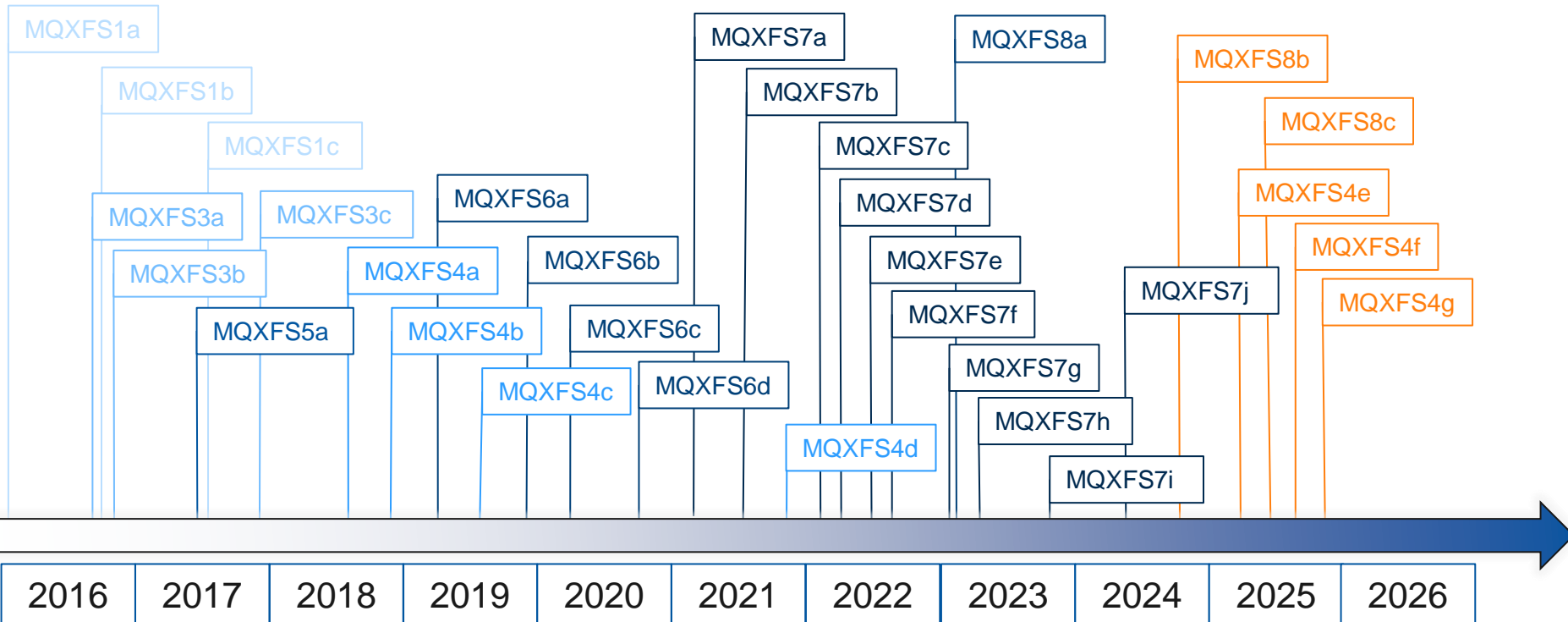
See presentation given at ASC-24 and article to be published by F.J. Mangiarotti *et al.*



# Quadrupole short model program (MQXFS)

Coming next on MQXFS

- Re-assembly of **MQXFS4** to test the stress limit on 4 RRP Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coils
  - Similar campaign as MQXFS7
  - Fast iteration using experience from MQXFS7
- Iterations on **MQXFS8**, toward lower axial pre-load and possibly azimuthal
  - Investigate the role of axial pre-load and the inter-play between axial and azimuthal
- Test of **ESC (Energy Shift with Coupling)** on MQXFS 4/8 depending on timeline
  - New collar sets will be procured, and secondary copper coils will be manufacture at 927



# Thermomechanical properties of coil composite material





# Properties of coil composite material

## Description of the scope

**Context:** Degradation occurs in some Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn magnets at computed stress below the “limit”, some other work at computed stress higher than the “limit” (e.g. 11T can degrade at simulated 60 MPa, RMM can work at simulated 200 MPa).

### Non exhaustive list of unsolved questions in a general context

- More accurate definition of the stress limit on conductor (3D)
- Model and experimental data are not in phase during cooldown and requires fine tuning (loss of prestress at cold)
- Local structural effect (peak stresses)
- Stress during reaction

### Our objectives:

- Provide harmonized and model adapted experimental data for the coil pack (ID card for each coil)
- Explore and investigate the impact of different parameters:
  - Resin fraction and the use of new fiberglass layout (in collaboration with WP4.3)
  - Conditions during the reaction cycle (in collaboration with WP4.2)
  - ...

Main persons involved:

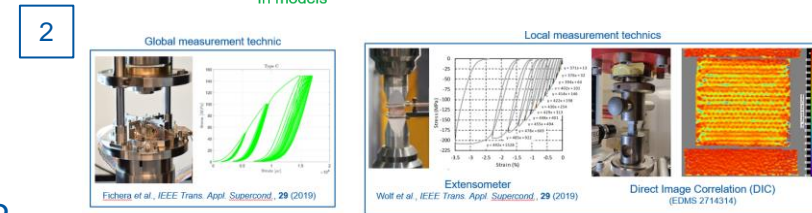
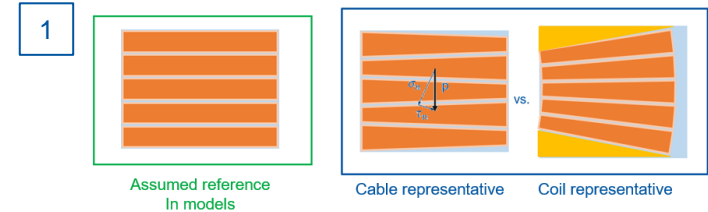
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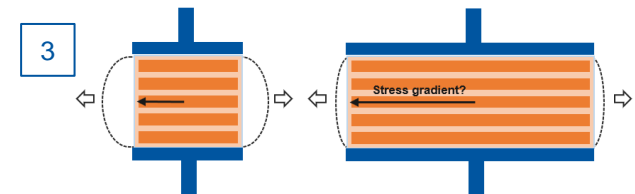
Thermomechanical properties measured on 10-stack samples

10-stack samples are used to extract mechanical properties. However, there exist **no standard and no harmonized database.**



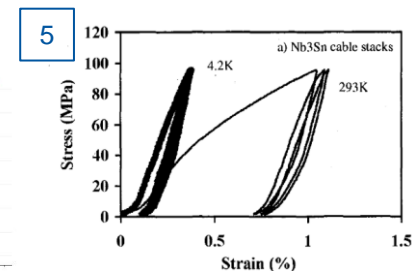
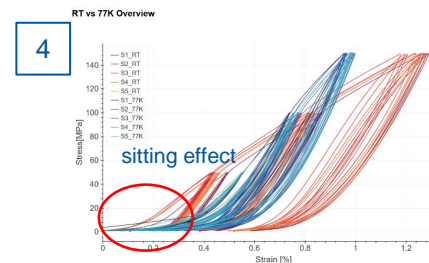
## Phase 1: Solve questions towards standardization

1. Relevant sample configuration?
2. Stress/strain measurements methods: global vs local?
3. Influence of sample's length?
4. Effect of contact surfaces?
5. Load effect on CTE?



## Phase 2: Only then...

- Characterize and compare 10-stack samples of different cables
- Investigate impact of resin fraction, use of new fiber
- Investigate conditions during reaction
- ...



M. Reyrier et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond., 11 (2001)



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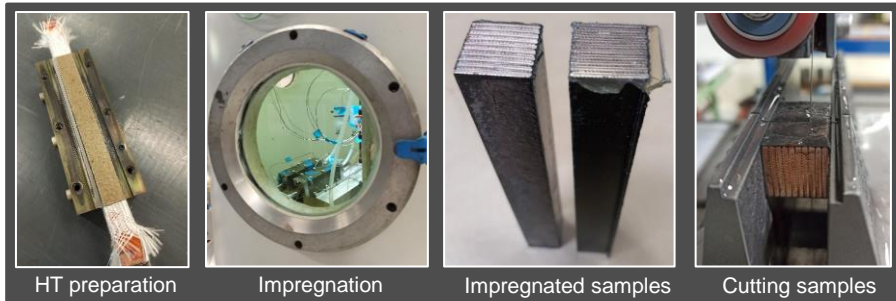
Thermomechanical properties measured on 10-stack samples

## 1<sup>st</sup> campaign

- Validate fabrication reproducibility
- Validate measurement reproducibility
- Start to answer some questions (local vs global, length,...)

## Sample preparation

- Study case: Flat MQXF cable
- 3x 150 mm long samples were manufactured

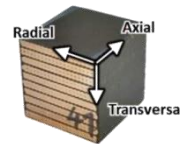
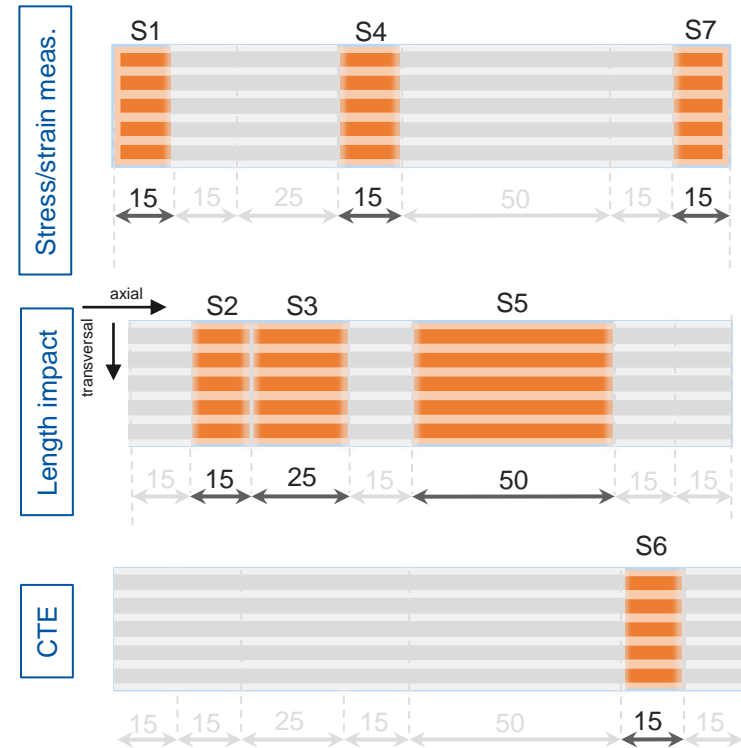


Tests ongoing. Results at the end of September 2024

## Test plan for next year

- Measure samples with keystone (Q4 2024)
- Repeat measurements at 77K (newly commissioned optical cryostat) (Q1 2025)
- Study samples with different boundary conditions during reaction (Q2 2025)
- Study effect of contact surface, toward a coil representative stack (Q2 2025)

## Tests to be performed on each samples

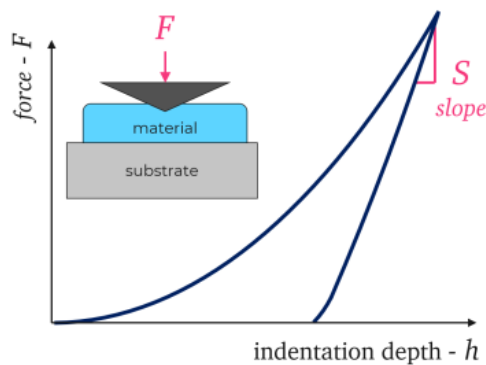


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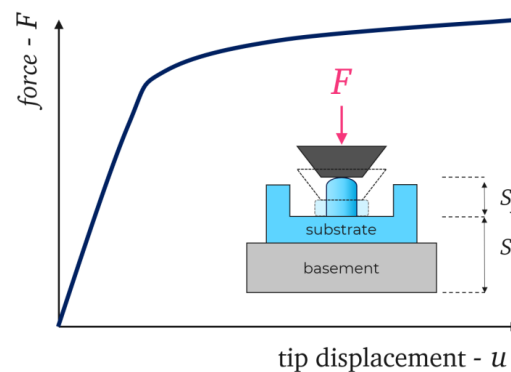
Perspective work: other methods of characterization

Use innovative characterization methods to extract **independent mechanical properties** of each material in the cable at the **microscopical level**.

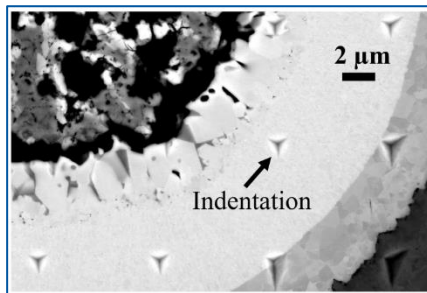
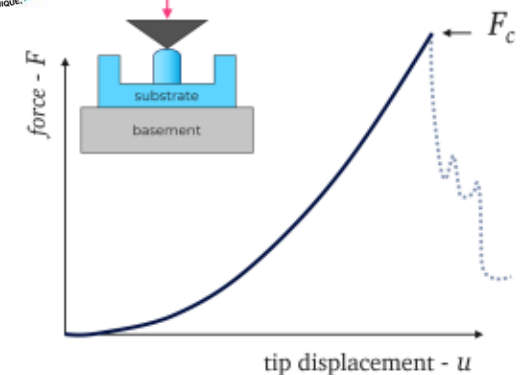
## Nano indentation Elastic modulus



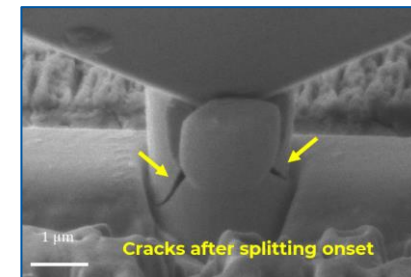
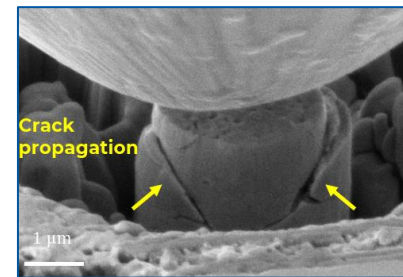
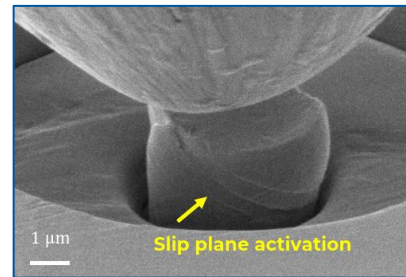
## Micropillar compression stress/strain curves



## Micropillar splitting fracture toughness



G. Lenoir et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond., 5 (2019)



Courtesy of G. Vernassa, ASC 2024





# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn/Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn electrical connection - Splice -



# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn/ Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn electrical connection

## Description of the scope

Development of the **splice technology for Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cables**, suitable for high field and integrating the constraints inherent to this superconductor technology.

### Outcomes:

- Possibility of independent layers with internal connection
- Possibility of graded coils with internal splice

### Challenges:

- Compliance with the manufacturing steps: heat treatment, impregnation,...
- Specialized tooling and tight spaces in the splicing area

### A research plan in 3 phases:

1. Initial assessment of splicing process – **On going**
2. Process feasibility assessment and qualification – **On going**
3. Performance validation in high field - **Coming**

Main persons involved:

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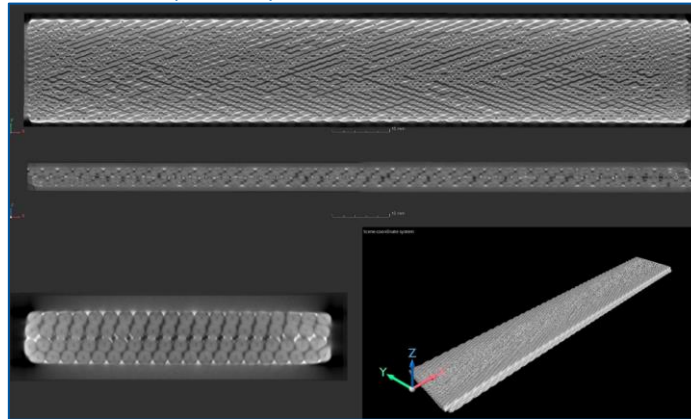
# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn/ Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn electrical connection

Phase 1: Initial assessment of splicing process – Solder analysis

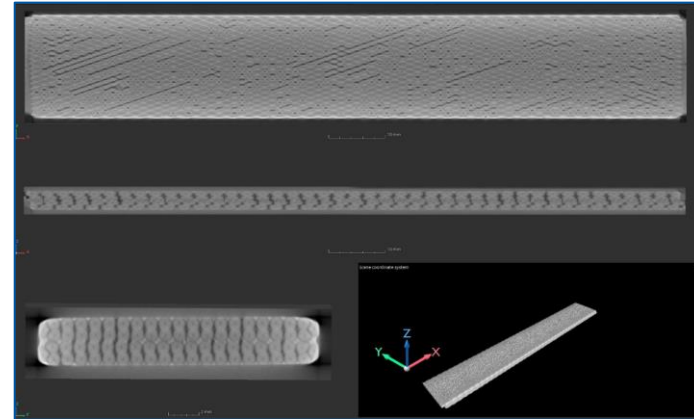
**Goal:** Evaluate different soldering materials by assessing their **wettability and melting temperature**.

- Solder distribution analysis (tomography, metallography)
- Lead and silver based solders have been tested.
- Indium base solder to be explore further.

Sn60Pb40 (250°C)



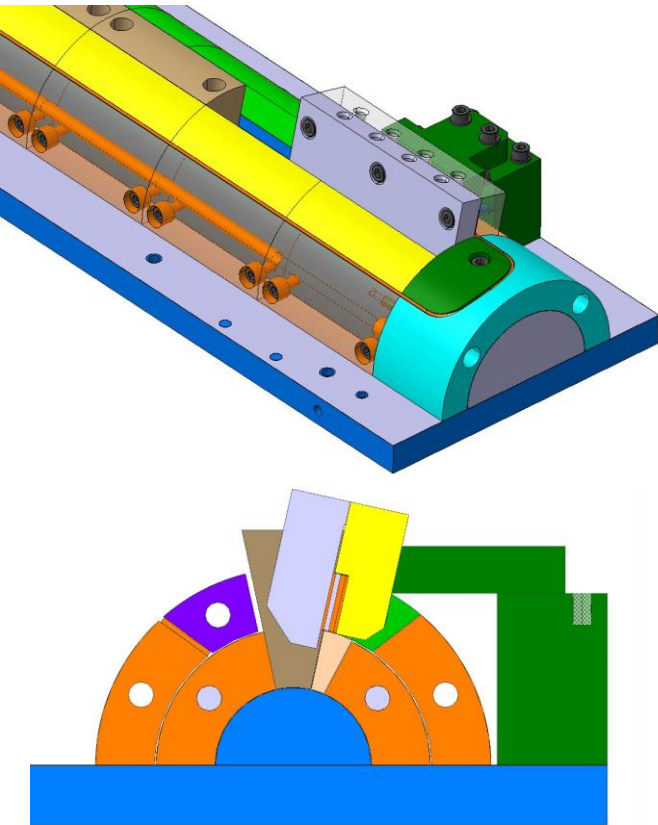
Sn96.5Ag3.5 (190°C)



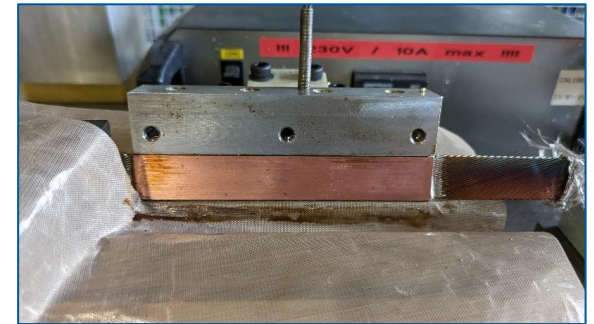
# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn/ Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn electrical connection

Phase 2: Process feasibility assessment and qualification – Mock-up of the splice area

**Goal:** Develop specialized **tooling and mock-ups** to validate the feasibility of the splice in a particular environment **specific to each project**.



Mock-up developed in 2024 in the context of the 12T cos-theta magnet for internal splice between layers



Courtesy of M. Canale



# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn/ Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn electrical connection

Phase 3: Performance validation – Tests in FRESCA

**Goal:** Validate the splice performance by measuring the **resistance at low temperature, and under high magnetic field.**

Tests to be carried in the **FRESCA test station** (and later FRESCA 2) at 9.7 T (or more):

- On a simpler **praying hand configuration**
  - Validate with experimental data the computed value
  - Test the impact of soldering length
  - Test the impact of reaction cycle
- Validate the quality of **splices made with specific tooling** representative of the manufacturing process

First measurements to come in Q2 2025 after the commissioning of FRESCA 2.





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# Conclusion

