



**HFM**

High Field Magnets  
Programme

# TE-HFM Workshop

## RD2: HTS Program

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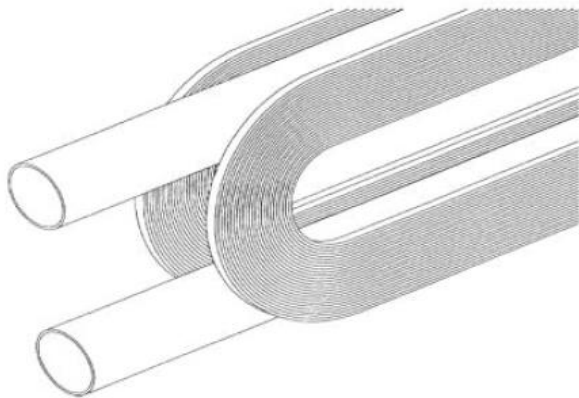
# Strategy

- **MSC HFM HTS Activities, EDMS 2685835, Jan 2022**

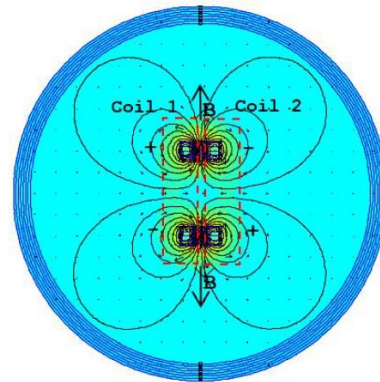
- **REBCO Conductor, Iron Based Superconductors**

- **REBCO Tape:** procurement, characterization, optimization via interface with tape manufacturers
- **Iron Based Superconductors:** development of wire via R&D. Production at the collaborator(s)'s site(s)

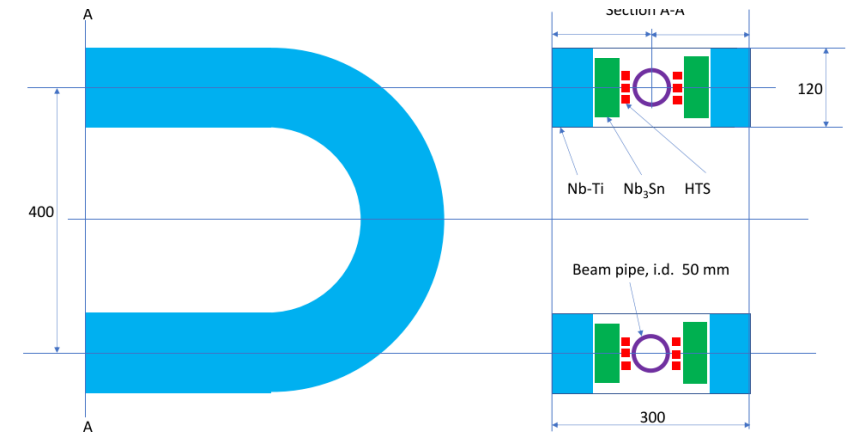
- **REBCO Coils:** Short Model Coil Program, from racetracks to Common Coil Dipole demonstrator



Common Coil (BNL)



Common Coil (EDMS 2685835)



Tests in SM-18 (EDMS 2685835)



# Structure – RD2

Task	Deliverable	Description	Start date	End date	
WP2-T1 Procurement REBCO conductor	Specification document		01.01.2023	30.09.2025	REBCO Conductor
	REBCO Tape procurement - Phase 1 HFM FCC		30.09.2023	31.12.2025	
	REBCO Tape procurement - Phase 2 HFM FCC		30.06.2025	31.12.2028	
	REBCO Tape procurement - Solenoids		30.09.2023	31.12.2023	
WP2-T2 Characterization	Definition and implementation, including reproducibility and scaling of performance		01.06.2023	31.12.2023	
	Continuous Critical Current Measurement set-up (liquid nitrogen, 5 K - 77 K): procurement/development, installation and commissioning		01.10.2023	31.12.2024	
	Test station for higher temperatures (20 K- 50 K, 1 T to 2 T): procurement, design and construction of components, installation and commissioning	Important also for critical current scaling	01.01.2025	31.12.2026	
	Outserts for split coils (10 T) and solenoid (20 T)	As from 2026			
	Liquid nitrogen test station for coils		01.01.2024	31.12.2025	
	Qualification of splices, cables and coils: inserts for measurements at 77 K and 4.2 K. Design, construction and commissioning	Synergy with Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn conductor WP1	01.10.2023	31.12.2028	
	Cooling and consumables (sample holders for various measurements at 77 K and 4.2 K, instrumentation, connectors, cooling for microscopic analysis, liquid nitrogen,...)		01.10.2023	31.12.2028	
WP2-T3 Development of REBCO cables	Measurement of REBCO in external high field laboratories	Grenoble/FSU	01.03.2024	31.12.2028	
	Cable concepts and cabling equipment (R&D)	Cabling/braiding machine	01.01.2024	31.12.2026	
	Electrical insulation and impregnation techniques	Oven/Impregnation facility	01.01.2024	31.12.2028	
	Coating technologies	Tinning and coatings for cable properties	01.01.2024	31.12.2028	
WP2-T4 Development of small prototype coils	Winding tests and winding/cabling equipment (long units)	Winding machine(s)	01.10.2024	31.12.2025	
	TS prototype coils. Concepts, modelling, assembly, test	Tests in buildings 268 (LN <sub>2</sub> ) and 163 (LHe). Background fields: 12.5 T and 15 T			
	Measurement of REBCO solenoids in external high field laboratories	Grenoble/FSU			
	TS Racetrack model coils. Concepts, modelling, assembly, test	Tests in buildings 288 and SM-18			
	Hybrid model coils. Concepts, modelling, assembly, test	Tests in SM-18			
WP2-T5 Magnet demonstrator(s)	Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn Outserts for racetracks	Synergy with Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn Magnet WP			
	High field demonstrator(s): Common Coil Design. Concepts, modelling, design, manufacturing, assembly	5 T @ 4.2 K and 10 K in background of 15 T			
	High field demonstrator(s): Solenoids. Concepts, modelling, design, manufacturing, assembly. Budget includes specific winding equipment/machine	Up to 30 T			
WP2-T6 Other Superconductors and low-temperature laboratory infrastructure					Other HTS Laboratory
	Other superconductors and low-field applications				
	Upgrade of HTS laboratory				

REBCO Conductor

REBCO Coils

Other HTS Laboratory



# Implementation of strategy – Progress - Milestones

REBCO  
Iron Based Superconductors

Demonstrator Coils and Milestones

Laboratory




# Procurement of Tape

Procurement of tape based on Technical Specification (synergy with HL-LHC WP6a). IT-4924, 'Supply of REBCO Coated Conductor for the HFM Programme', was dispatched on 9th October 2023 to **six firms**. Tape started to be delivered in May 2024

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Target	Reference
Critical Current, $I_c$ , per width (A/cm)				
at 4.2 K and 20 T	800	-	-	§ 3.3.1
at 20 K and 20 T	375	-	-	
Engineering Critical Current Density, $J_e$ (A/mm <sup>2</sup> )				
at 4.2 K and 20 T	-	-	≥ 1500	§ 3.3.1
at 20 K and 20 T	-	-	≥ 700	
Nominal substrate thickness (µm)	38	60	-	§§ 3.5 and 3.4.1
Nominal copper Stabiliser thickness, each face (µm)	5	-	20	§ 3.4.3
Minimum out-of-plane bend radius (mm)	-	20	≤ 10	§§ 3.3.3
Internal Resistance (nΩ cm <sup>2</sup> )				
for a test duration of 0 h	-	100	≤ 60 <sup>1</sup>	§§ 3.3.2 and 9.1.2
for a test duration of 1 h	-	125	≤ 60 <sup>1</sup>	
Piece Length (m)	100	-	≥ 200 <sup>2</sup>	§ 3.3.5

**New**  
(outcome of WP6  
Activities)



200 ± 5 °C  
≤ 50 °C/min



# Orders placed and status of deliveries

Supplier	Line Item	Lot	Leat time (mo)	Quantity (m)	Min. Piece length (m)	Width (mm)	Copper (mm), per side	Solder coating	Delivered length (m)	Delivered % of order	Order submitted	Receipt delay (days)
SST	1	1	4.5	1500	100	2	0.02	No	0	0.0%	03/04/2024	26
SST	2	1	4.5	1500	100	2	0.02	Pb37Sn63	0	0.0%	03/04/2024	26
SST	3	2	4.5	3500	100	4	0.02	Pb37Sn63	0	0.0%	03/04/2024	26
SST	4	2	4.5	3500	100	4	0.02	No	0	0.0%	03/04/2024	26
SST	5	2	4.5	1000	100	4	0	No	0	0.0%	03/04/2024	26
SST	6	2	2	2100	100	4	0.01	No	102	4.9%	03/04/2024	101
SST	7	3	4.5	800	100	12	0.02	Pb37Sn63	0	0.0%	03/04/2024	26
SST	8	3	4.5	800	100	12	0.02	No	0	0.0%	03/04/2024	26
Superpower	1	1	8	550	100	2	0.02	No	0	0.0%	03/04/2024	-79
Superpower	4	2	5	1100	100	4	0.02	No	0	0.0%	03/04/2024	11
Superpower	7	3	4	220	100	12	0.02	No	0	0.0%	03/04/2024	41
Faraday Factory	1	2	2	1000	100	4	0.02	No	0	0.0%	11/04/2024	93
Faraday Factory	2	2	6	7300	100	4	0.02	No	1344	18.4%	11/04/2024	-27
Faraday Factory	3	2	2	2000	100	4	0.02	Sn60Pb40	0	0.0%	11/04/2024	93
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Faraday Factory	6	3	2	1500	100	12	0.02	No	1500	100.0%	11/04/2024	
Fujikura	1	1	2	1000	30	2	0.02	No	1000	100.0%	03/04/2024	
Fujikura	2	2	1.25	1000	100	4	0.02	No	1000	100.0%	03/04/2024	
Fujikura	3	2	2	2000	100	4	0.02	No	2000	100.0%	03/04/2024	
Fujikura	4	3	1.25	200	100	12	0.02	No	200	100.0%	03/04/2024	
Fujikura	5	3	2	400	100	12	0.02	No	400	100.0%	03/04/2024	

Delivery delayed because of identified \*NCs (HL-LHC WP6a Activity)

Identified \*NC

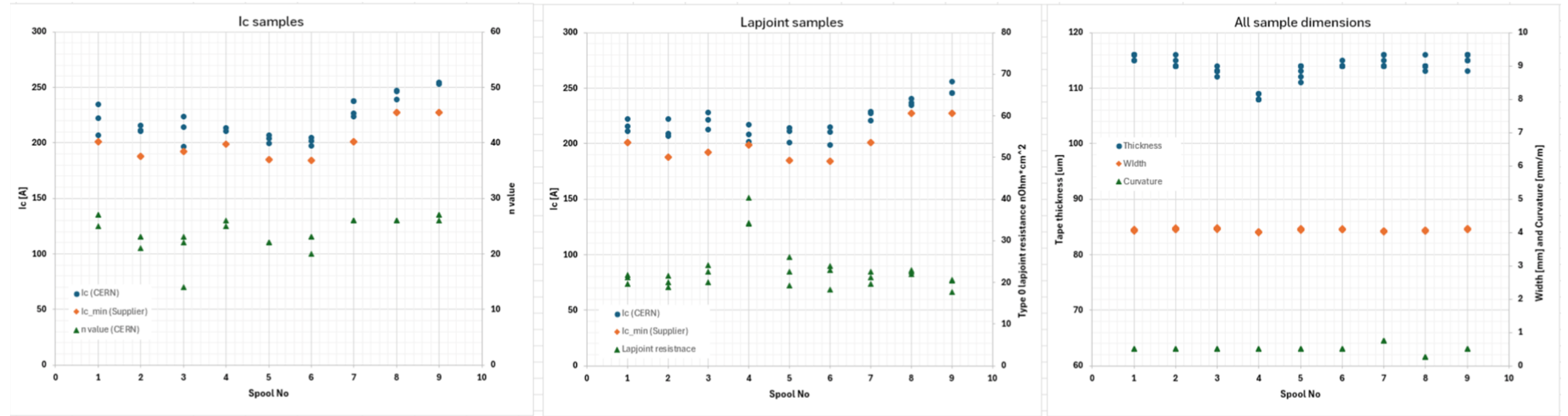
Deliveries started in Q2 2024

TOT ~ 32 km

\*Identified Non-Conformities (NC) would have an impact on coils' performance. Iteration with manufacturers on-going



# QA of delivered REBCO tape





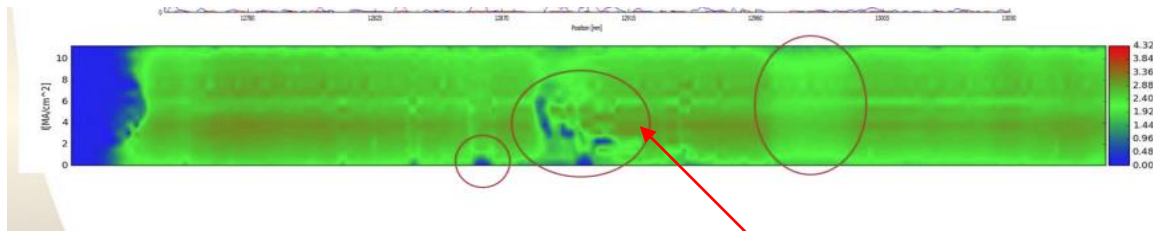
# New Equipment

Procured: THEVA TapeStar™ XL-HF  
Reel-to-reel set-up for critical current

- Common throughout the industry
- High throughput (**200 m/h**)
- Can accommodate tape 2 - 12 mm wide
- Subcooling to ~67 K
- Variable magnetic field to 1 T
- Tape marking (to mark length and defect positions)
- Yields information on **I<sub>c</sub> along the tape length as well as information on defects**
- Accuracy **±3 %** (calibration required)
- Compact footprint (2.7 x 1 m)



Being commissioned  
in Building 288



**Delivered in August 2024 (on schedule)**



# New set-ups

## Critical current, magnetization and indirect measurements

### Hall-probe scanner



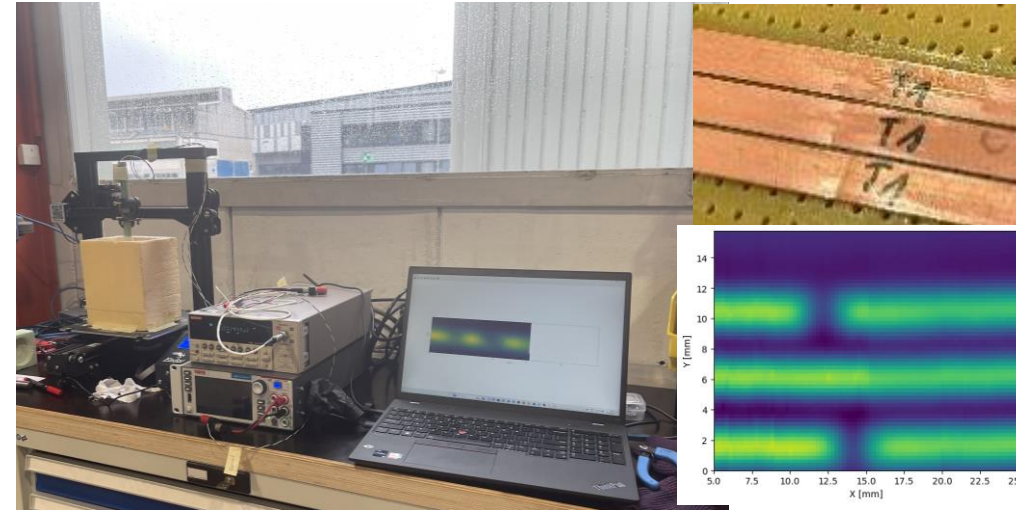
Acceptance tests  
77 K at s.f.  
 $I_c$  and lap-joint



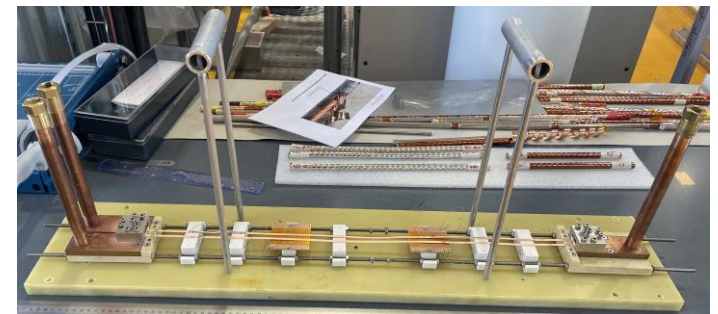
U-shape  
0-15 T at 4.2 K



Vibrating sample  
magnetometer  
0-10 T, 4.2–80 K

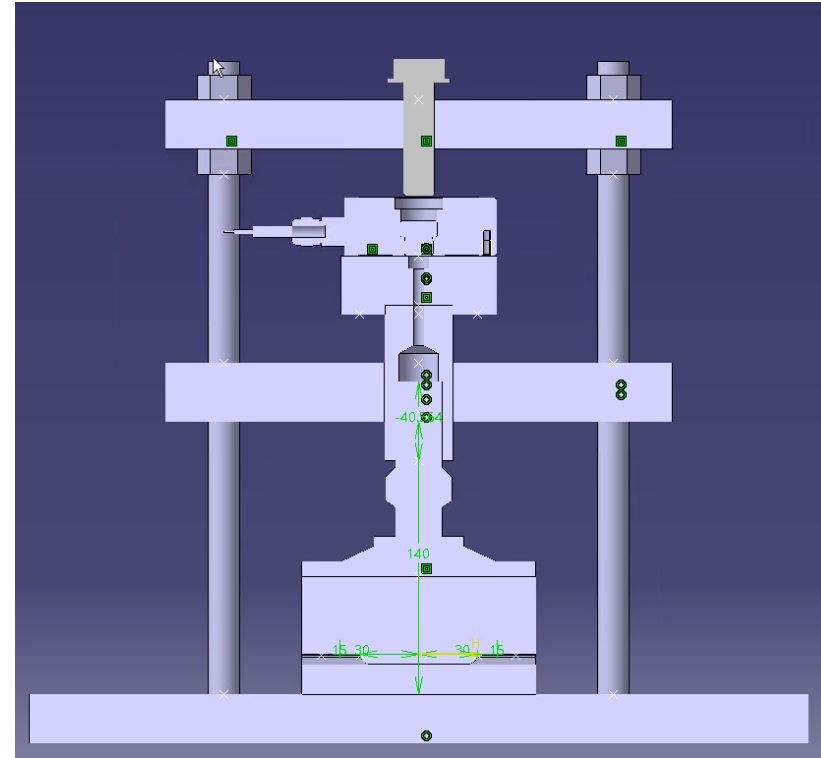
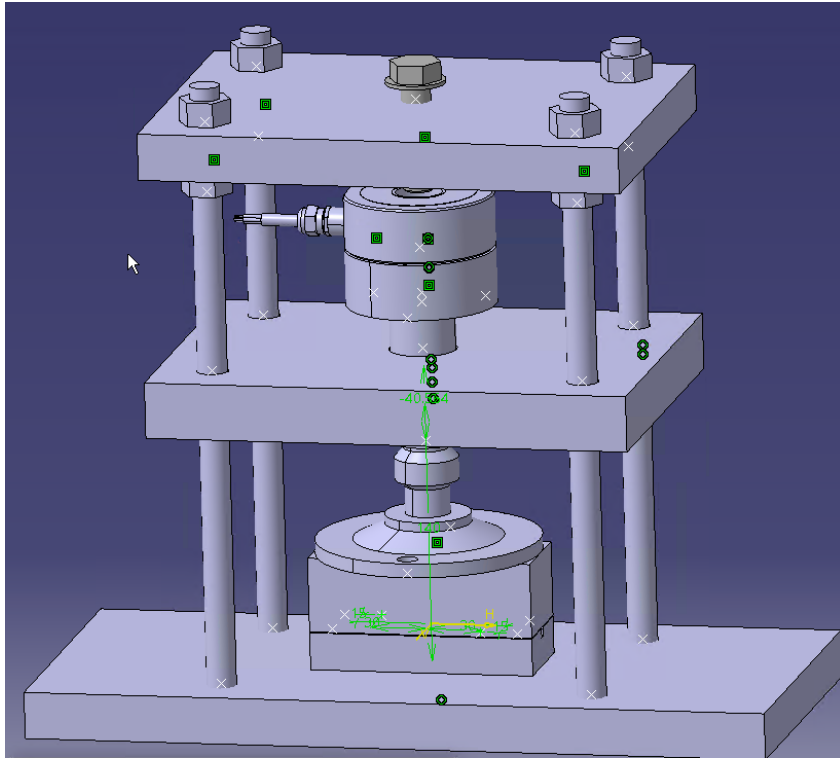


Extracted strand testing  
77 K, s.f.



# Contact resistance vs pressure

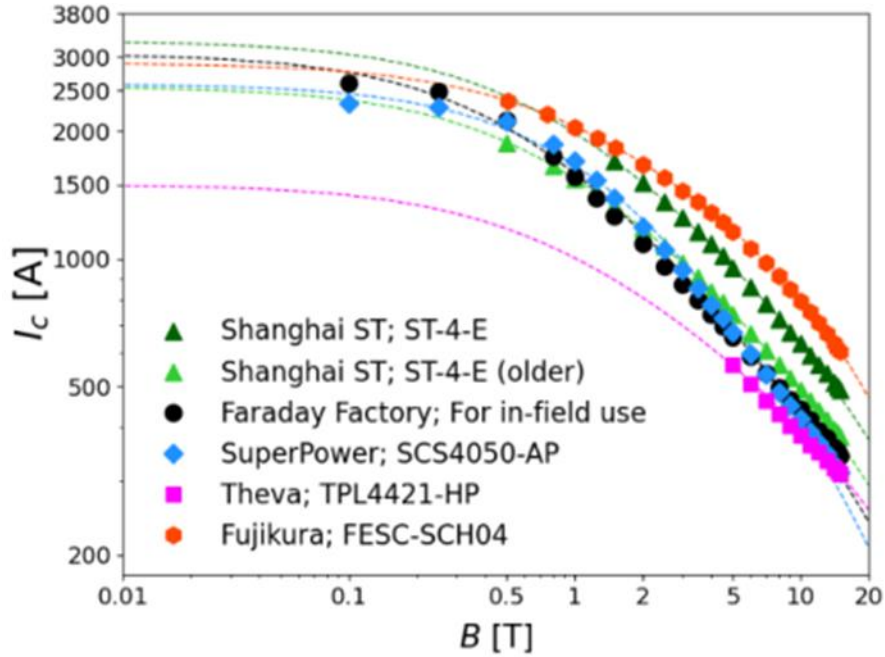
## Current distribution in REBCO cables





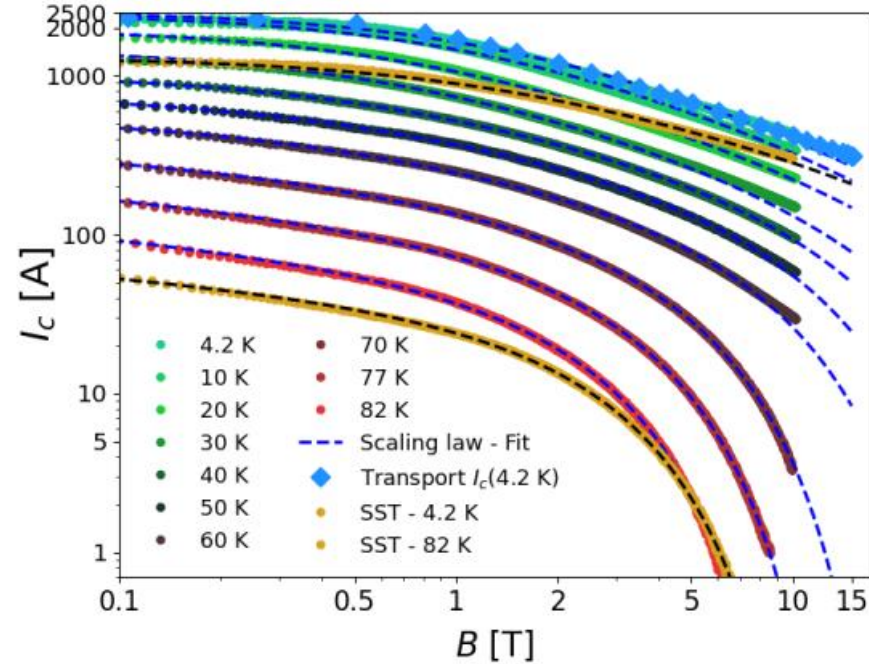
# Measurements at CERN and Scaling Law

$I_c$  @ 4.2 K, 4 mm width,  $B_{\perp}$

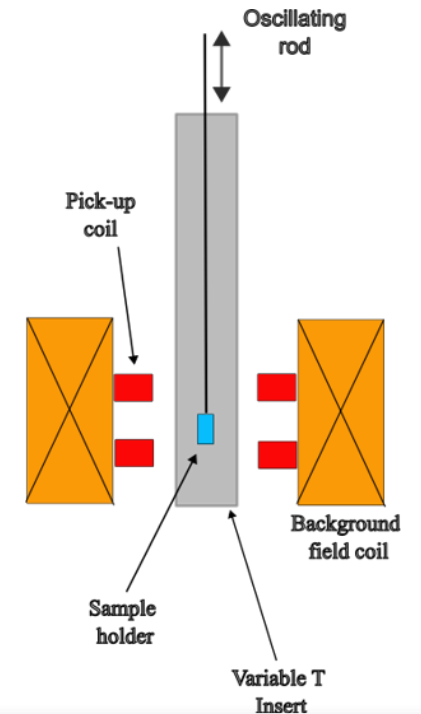
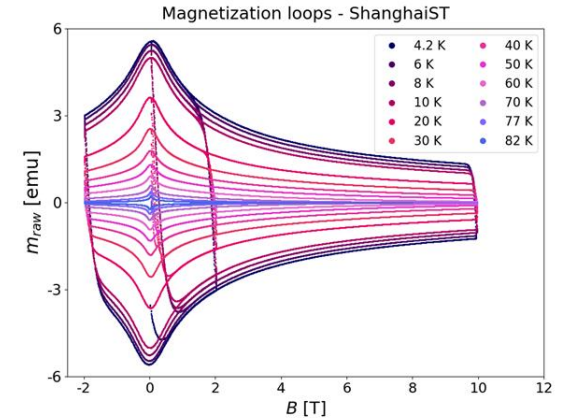


Direct measurements

$I_c$  vs  $T$ , 4 mm width,  $B_{\perp}$



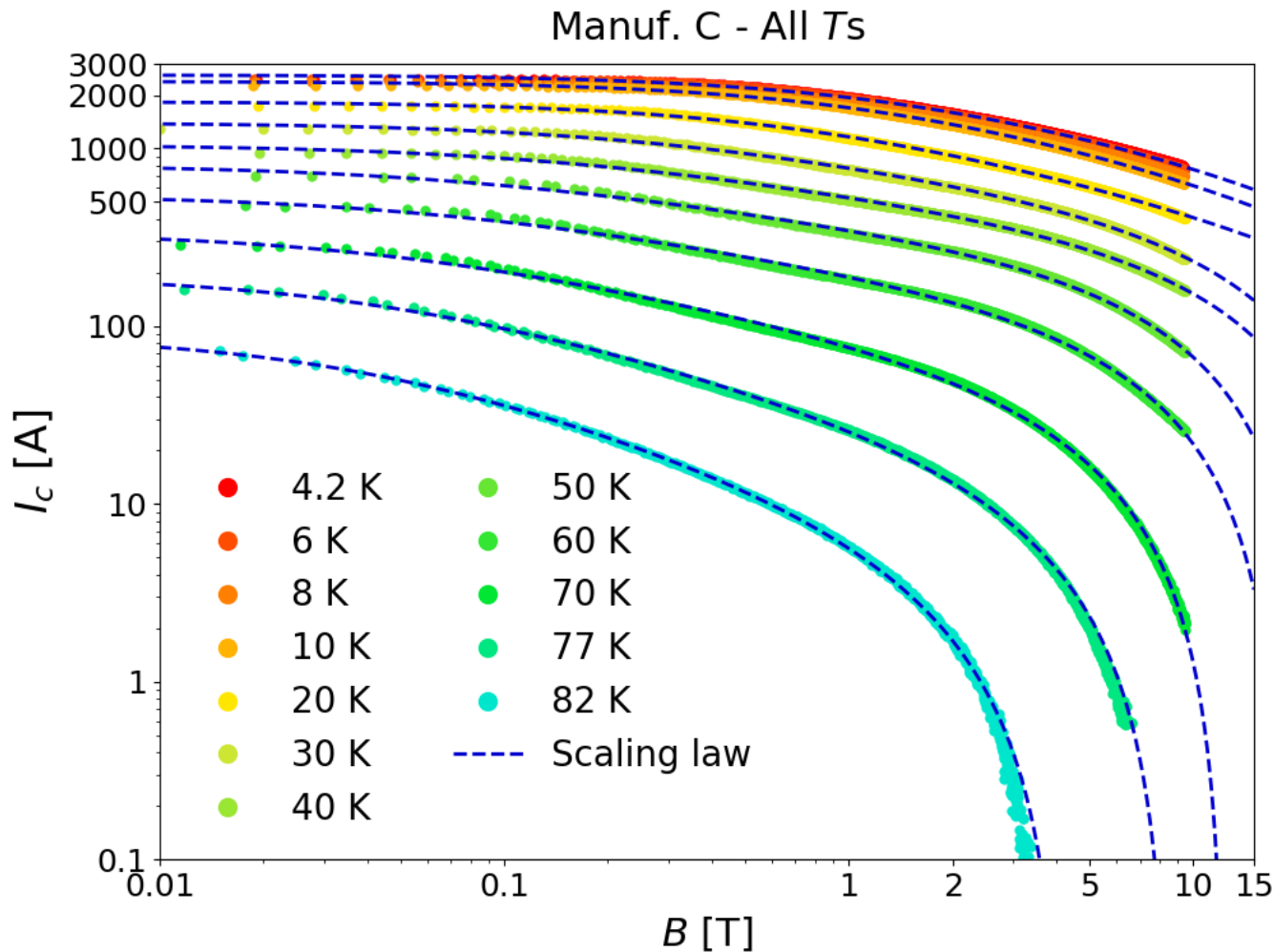
Magnetization measurements



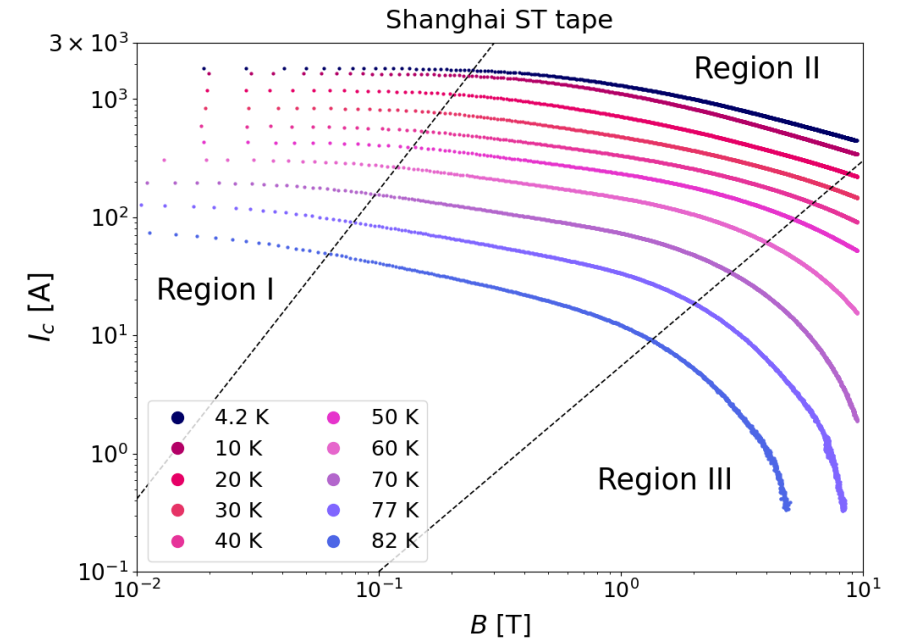
Creation of a database on REBCO tape properties



# Measurements at CERN and Scaling Law



$$I_c(B, T = T^*, \theta = \theta^*) = I_{c,0}^* \cdot \left(1 + \frac{B}{B_0^*}\right)^{-\alpha^*} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{B}{B_{irr}^*}\right)^{q^*}$$



- Hundreds of measurements in the last few months
- Focus ALSO on  $I_c$  at low fields

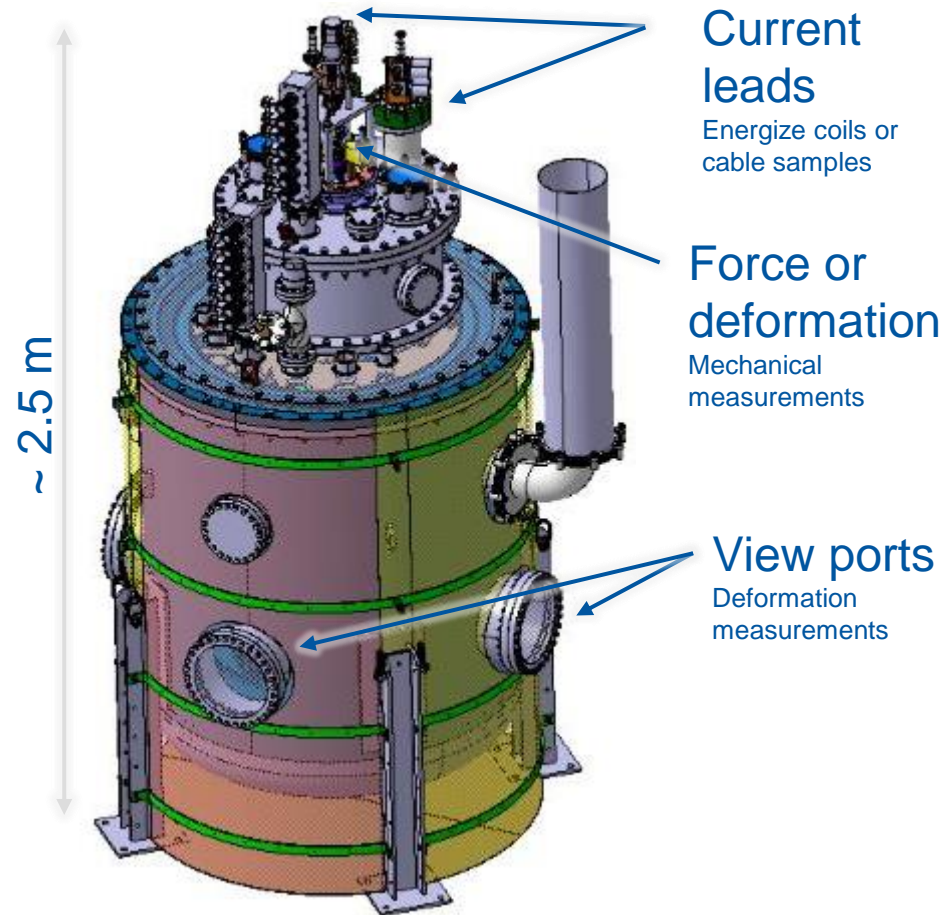
G. Succi et al, proceedings of ASC 2024



# Test Infrastructure

Design and manufacture of **multi-purpose cryostat** (operational in spring 2025). Highlights:

- Liquid helium or variable temperature He gas cooling
- Sample volume 0.6 x 0.6 x 0.6 m
- Four viewports for optical measurements
- Flexible feed-through for mechanical measurements
- 2 kA HTS current leads, with space for 2 more
- Mu-metal magnetic shielding
- Operation at 2.5 bar



# Synergies with Collaborators

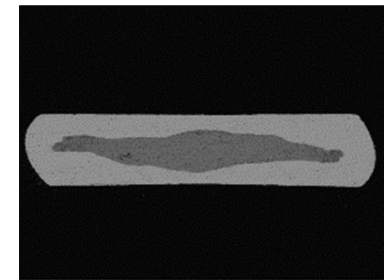
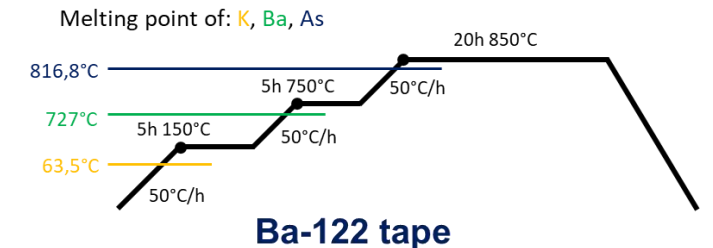
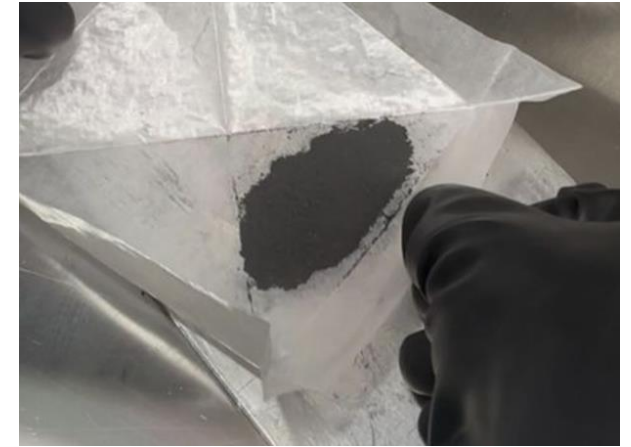
## Iron Based Superconductors at SPIN, Genova.

Development of multi-filamentary iron based round wire.  
To date: production/synthesis of powder with the highest achievable purity. Production and characterization of mono-filamentary PIT Ba-122 wires. React&Wind.

Target  $J_c$ :  $10^5$  A/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 4.5 K and 16 T,  $10^4$  A/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 20 K, 10 T

Industry has already declared interest in joining the effort.

**REBCO tape at KIT, Karlsruhe:** production of REBCO tapes (12 mm width). Study of specific aspects, e.g. origin of internal (in between layers) resistance in tapes



Width~2 mm, Thickness~0.4 mm  
Short samples (~ 2 m long)



# Implementation of strategy – Progress - Milestones

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# REBCO Cables and Coils

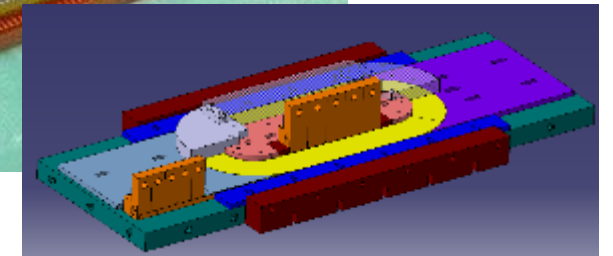
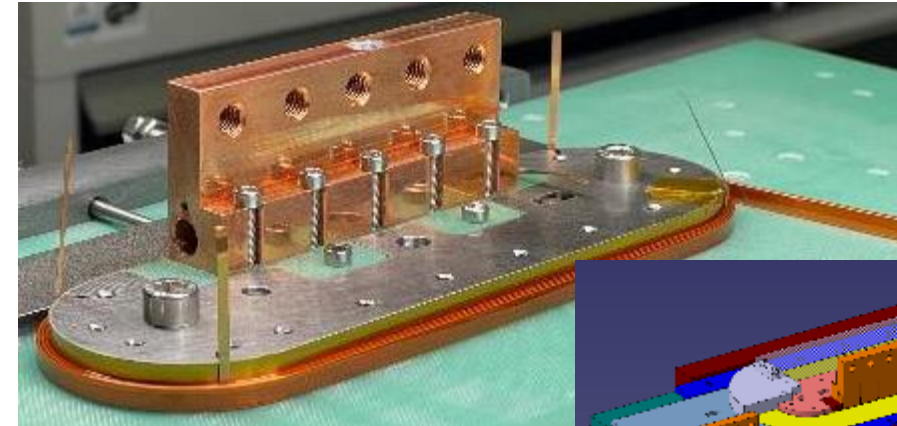
Modular approach, Intermediate milestones

- **Racetrack Model Program**

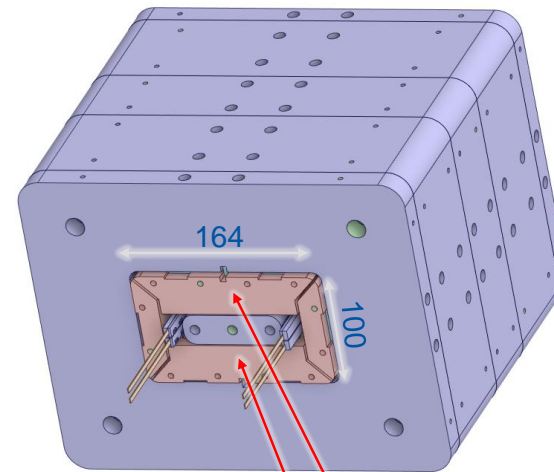
- **Single Racetrack Demonstrators.** Fast throughput. Development of winding techniques, **qualification of different REBCO cables** (as from Q2 2024)
- **Double Racetrack Demonstrators** (as from Q3 2024)

- **Mechanical structure for Common Coil Demonstrators (CCD):**

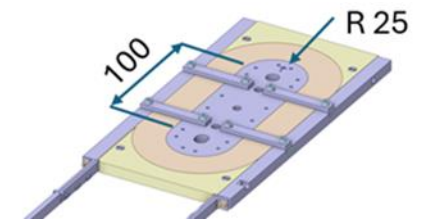
- **Two Double Racetracks** (3 T at 4.5 K)
- **Four Double Racetracks** (5 T at 4.5 K)
- **Six Double Racetracks** (10 T at 4.5 K)



Straight section ~ 10 cm  
 $L = 250$  mm



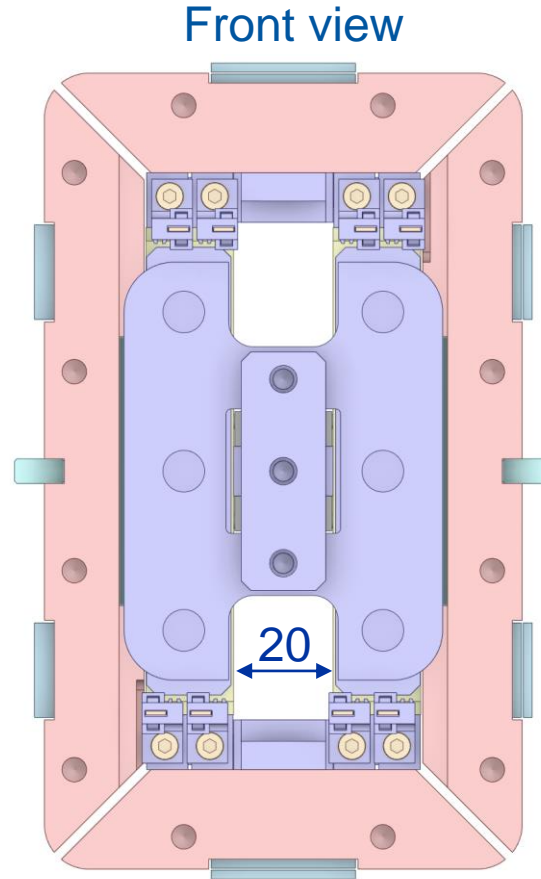
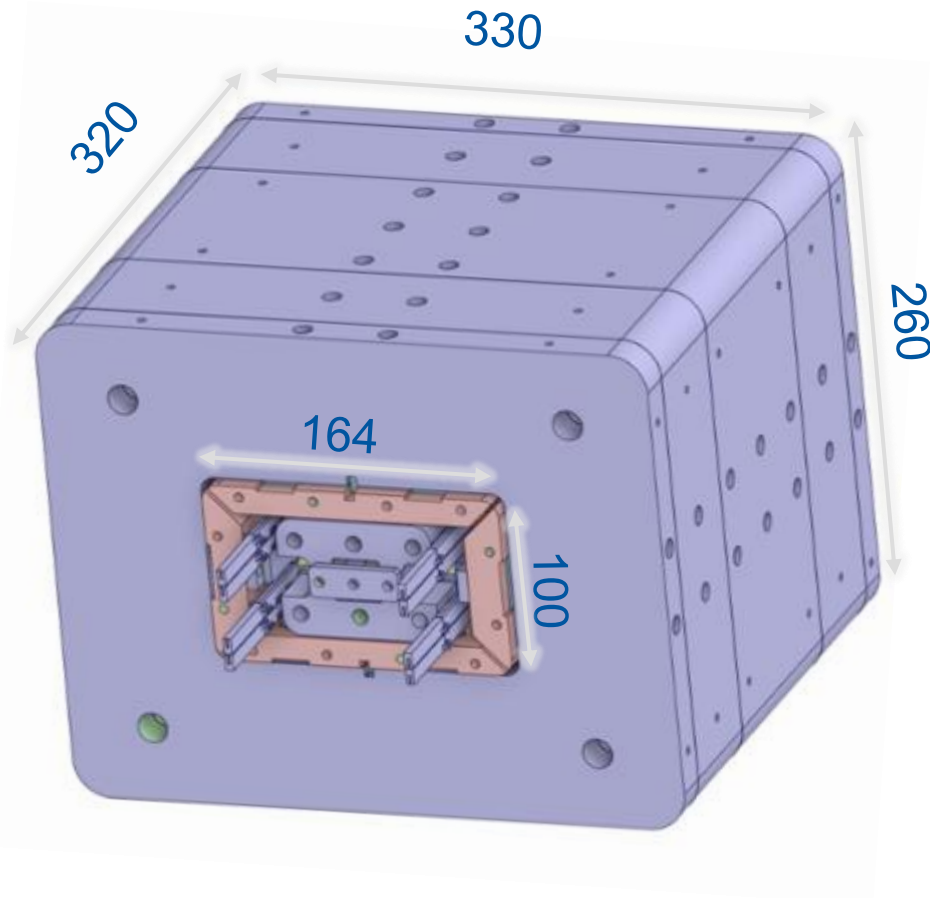
Optimized for number of racetracks



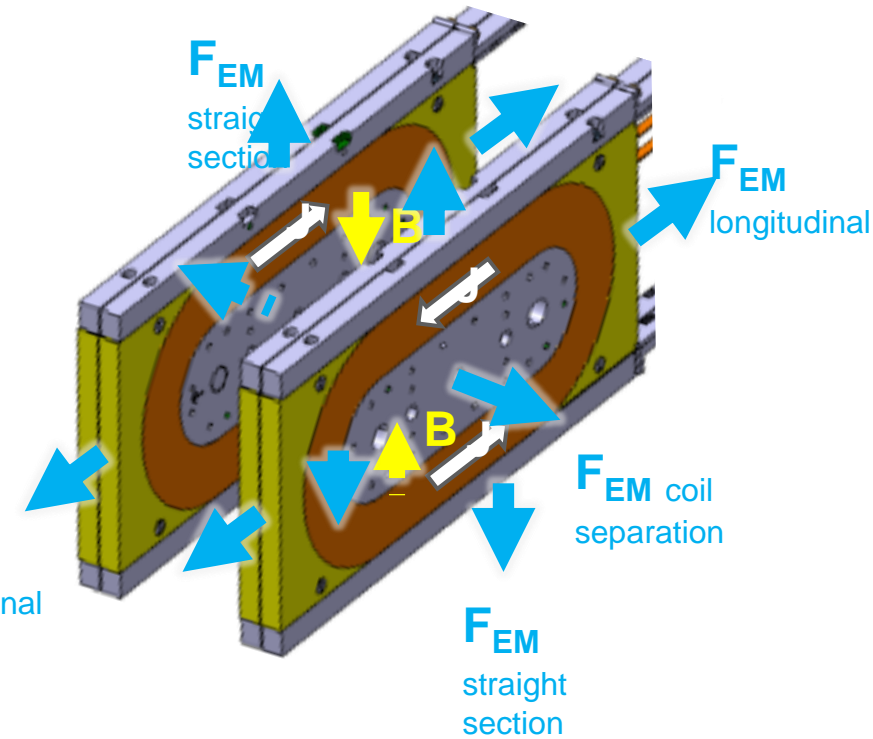
Development of **electrically insulated** REBCO cables



# Common Coil Demonstrator



Weight ~ 300 kg



Moving toward higher temperatures

Coils will be measured also at higher temperatures

For there double racetracks:  $B_{bore} = 10 \text{ T @ } 4.5 \text{ K}$ ,  $B_{peak} = 12.7 \text{ T @ } 4.5$ ,  $\sim 7.7 \text{ T @ } 20 \text{ K}$



# Winding machine



Winding table from TE MSC MDT.  
Modification of the winding system  
with the addition of motors/brakes.  
System able to wind and keep in  
tension up to **7 tapes** in parallel

Parameter	Value
HTS tape	4 mm wide from SST
Required $I_c$ @ 12.5 T	> 550 A
Number of HTS tapes	4
Additional copper	2 x 100 $\mu\text{m}$
Insulation thickness	100 - 150 $\mu\text{m}$ Kapton

Up to 2 kA ( $J_e = 625 \text{ A/mm}^2$ )

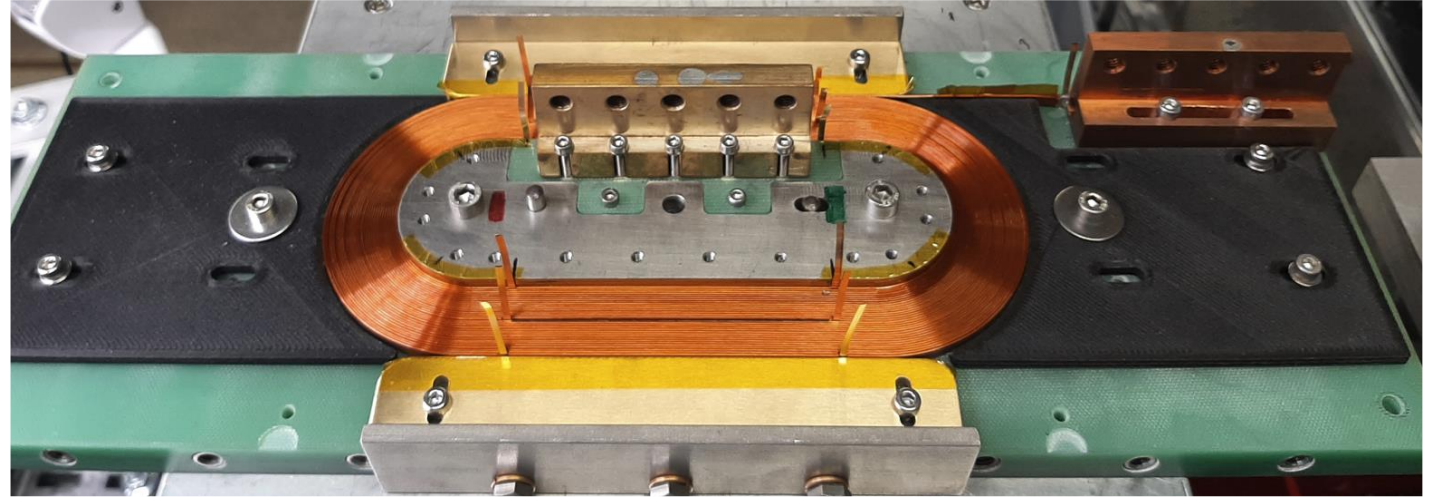




# Racetrack Coils

Produced in 2024:

- **Two** dummy **copper** racetracks
  - **Three** **REBCO** single racetracks
- Characterized in liquid nitrogen
- **One** **REBCO** double racetrack



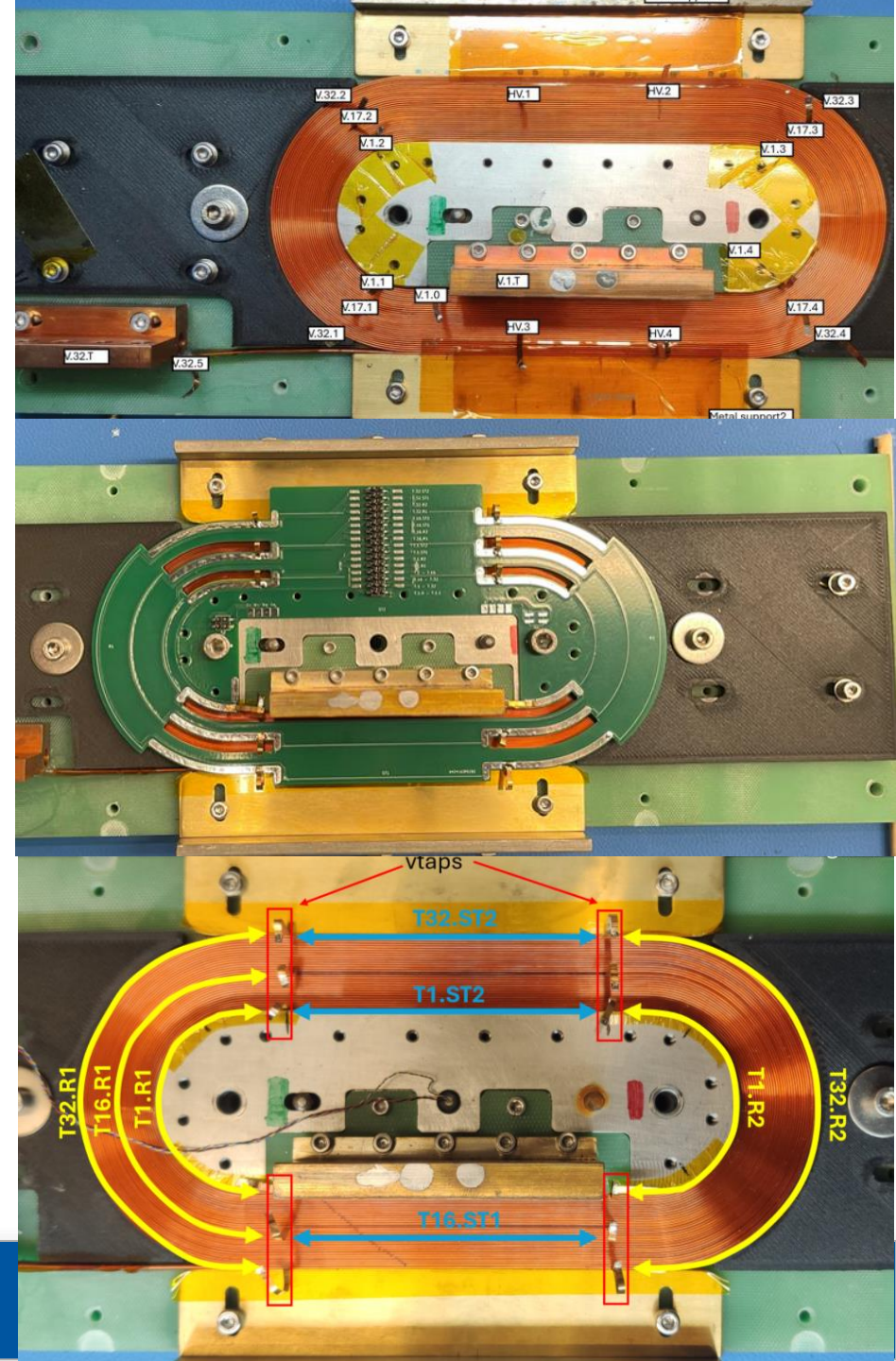
Development of test procedure for **localizing** and **analyzing defects** after measurement of the **coil**



# Racetrack coils

- **RC1:** Winding problem in the first layer (popping out of tape). New tooling and winding procedure implemented in RC2  
Tape manufacturer: SST
- **RC2:** Conductor locally damaged by V-tap.  
Developed new procedure for implementing V-taps in the coil. Implemented in RC3  
Tape manufacturer: SST
- **RC3:** Coil conform. After qualification, launched assembly of double pancake  
Tape manufacturer: Faraday Factory

For all coils, successful HV tests (5 kV at RT)

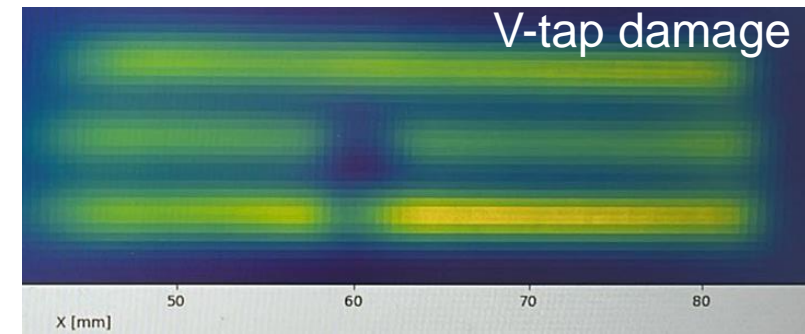
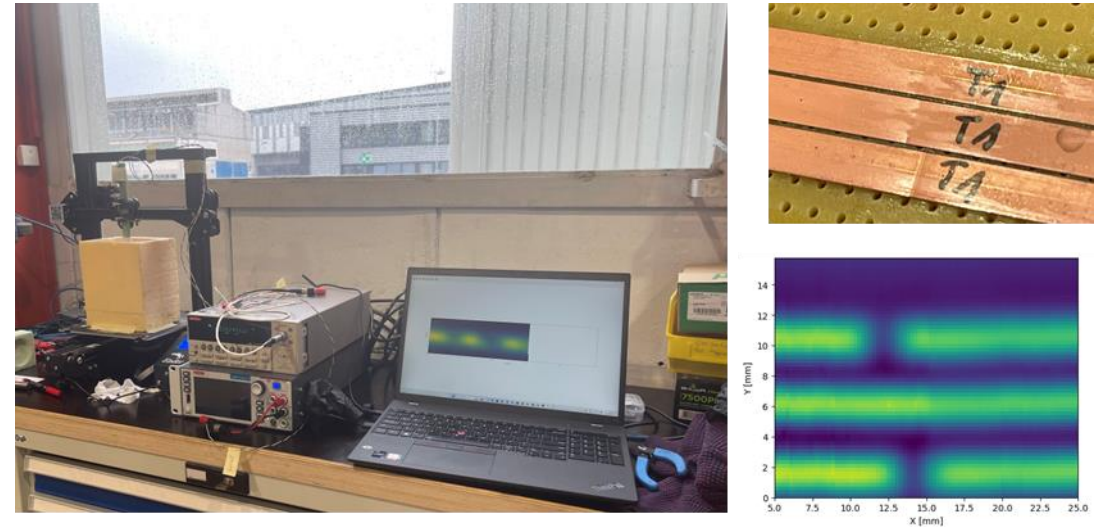




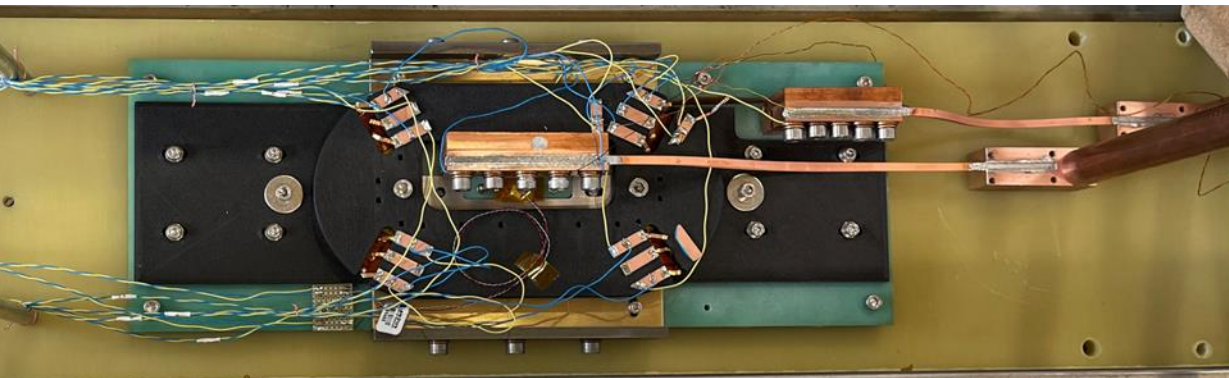
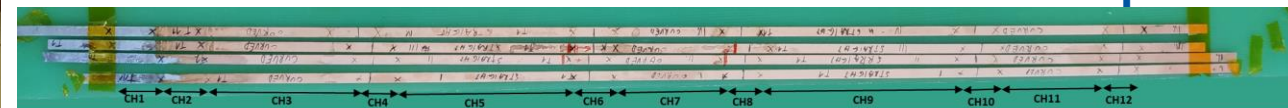
# Racetrack coils – Measurements at 77 K

- RC1 and RC2 showed small reduction in  $I_c$  wrt calculated values. We decided to go through a post-test analysis. This enabled identification and localization of defects as well as development of a dedicated procedure
- Quench protection worked as expected ( $LN_2$ , lower current).  $V_{th} \sim 10$  mV. No damage of the coils after quench

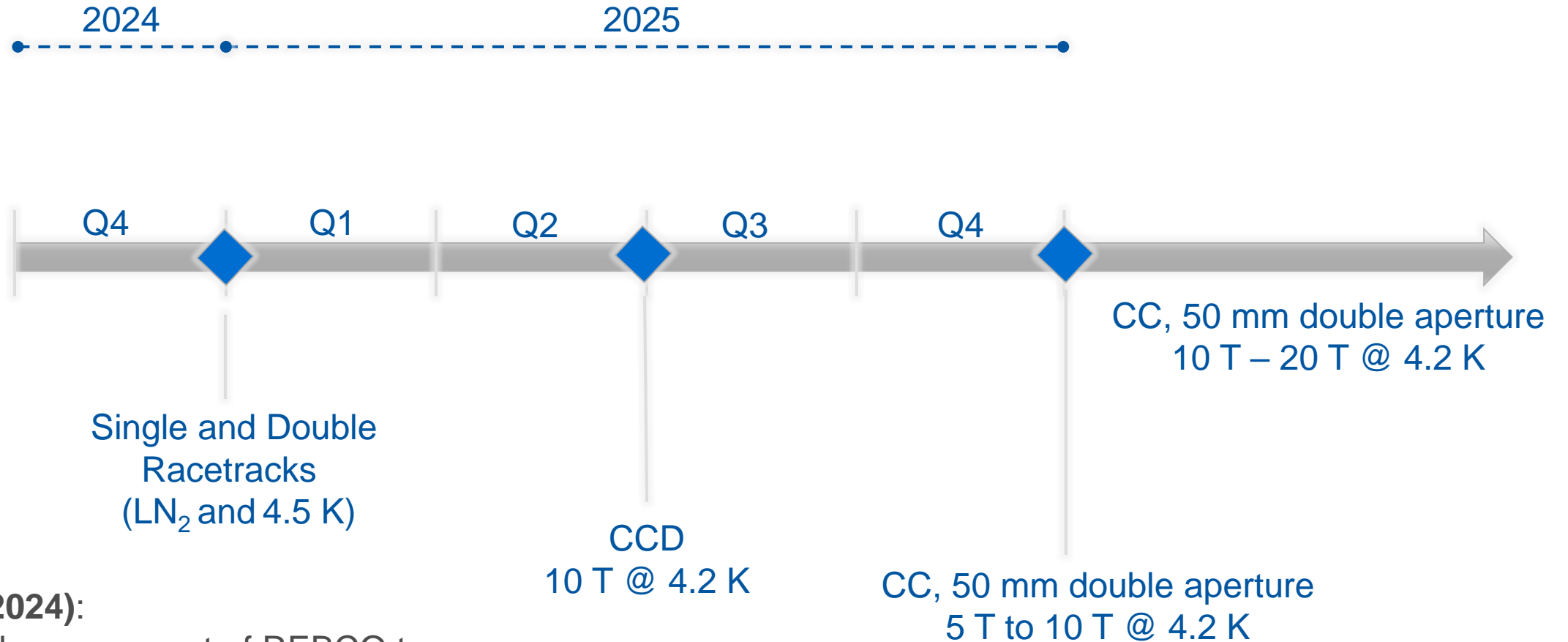
Hall Probe Scanner for identification of sub-mm size defects



Direct current measurement of extracted tape



# Upcoming Milestone

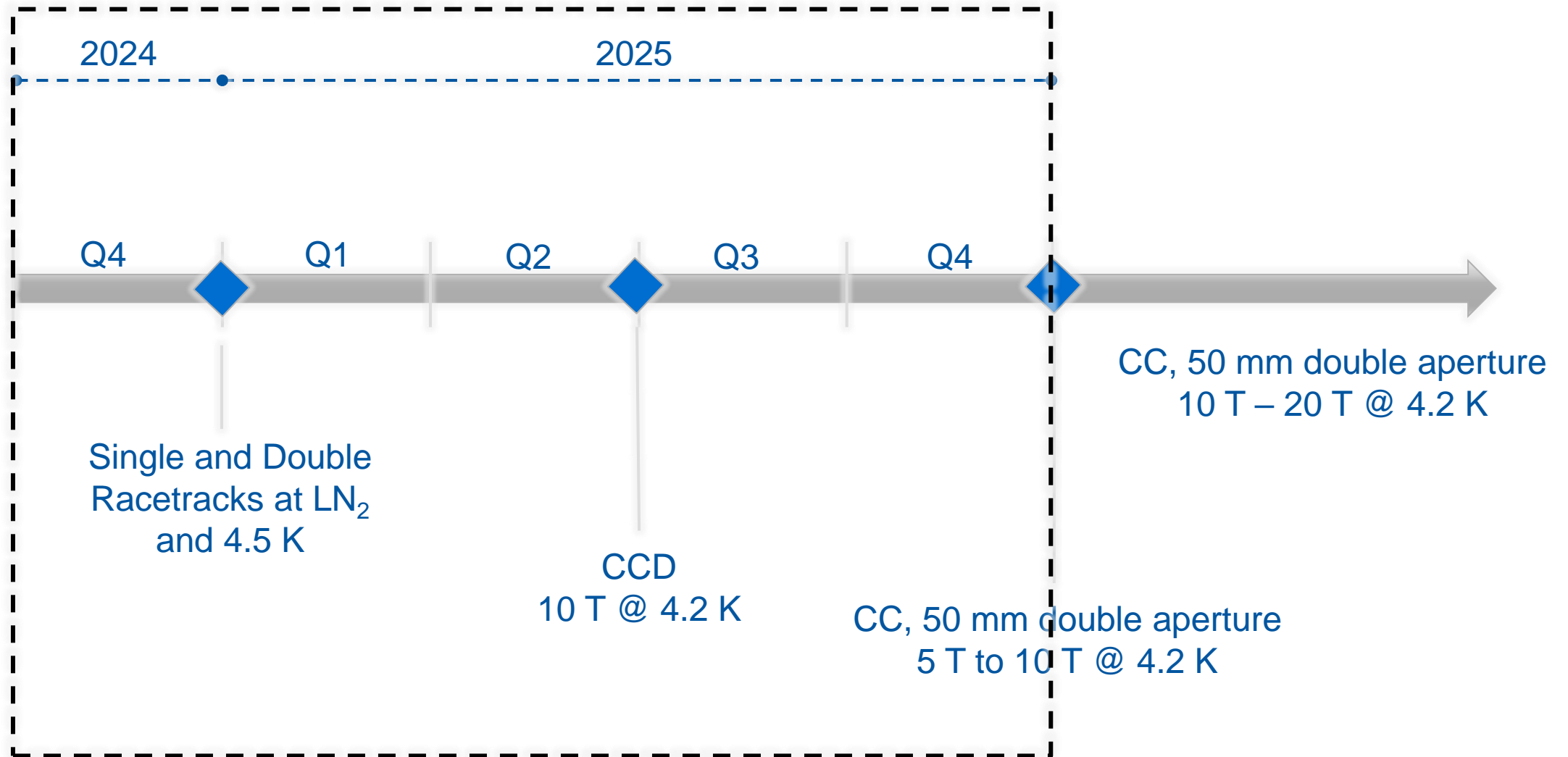


## Achieved (2024):

- Launched procurement of REBCO tape
- Procured THEVA TapeStar™
- Launched Racetrack Model Coil Program (Single and Double racetracks)
- Developed REBCO Tape test equipment



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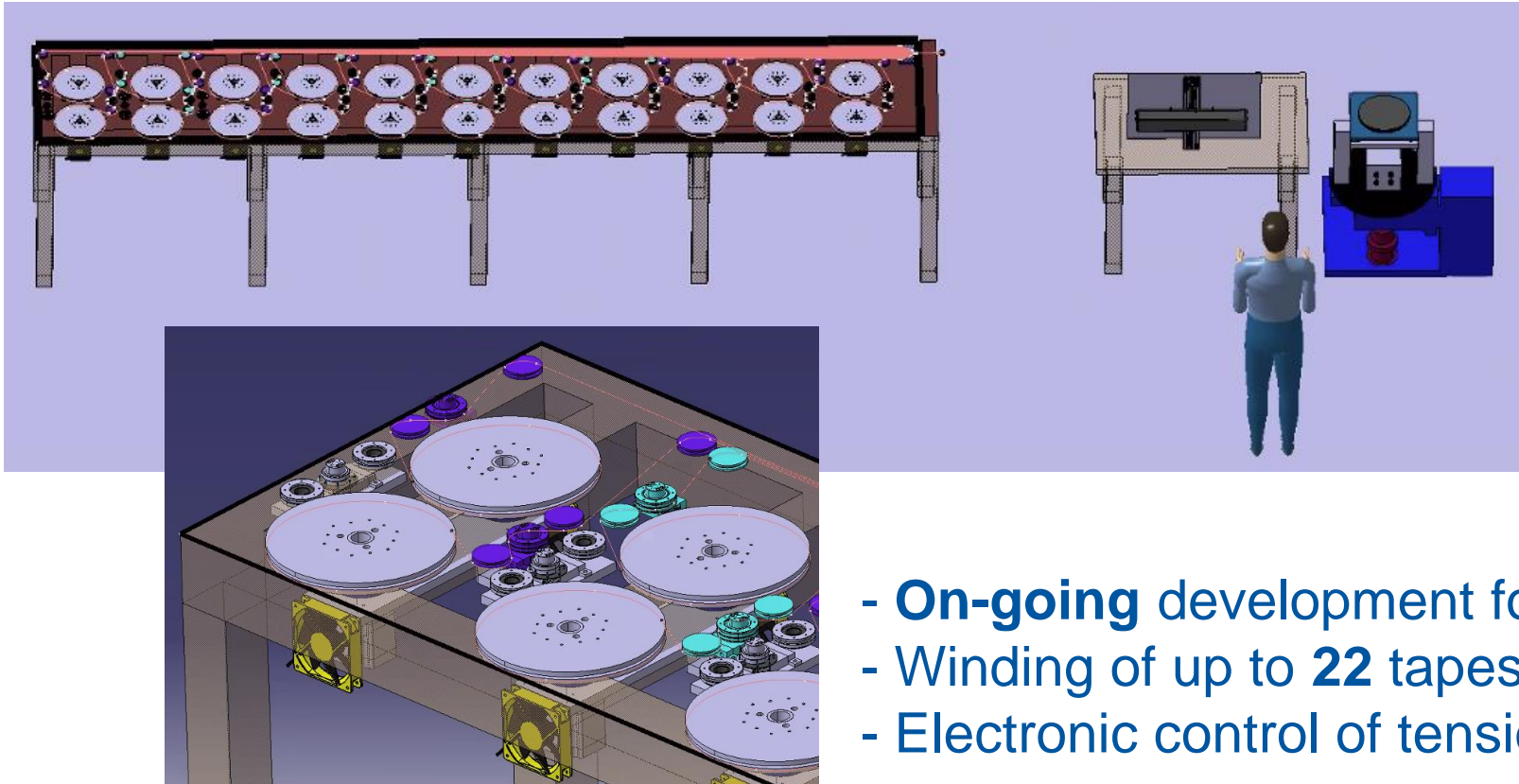
Development of cables, with different layouts, tested in a single racetrack configuration





# New winding machine

## Toward higher fields



- **On-going** development for **operation in 2025**
- Winding of up to **22** tapes
- Electronic control of tension of each tape



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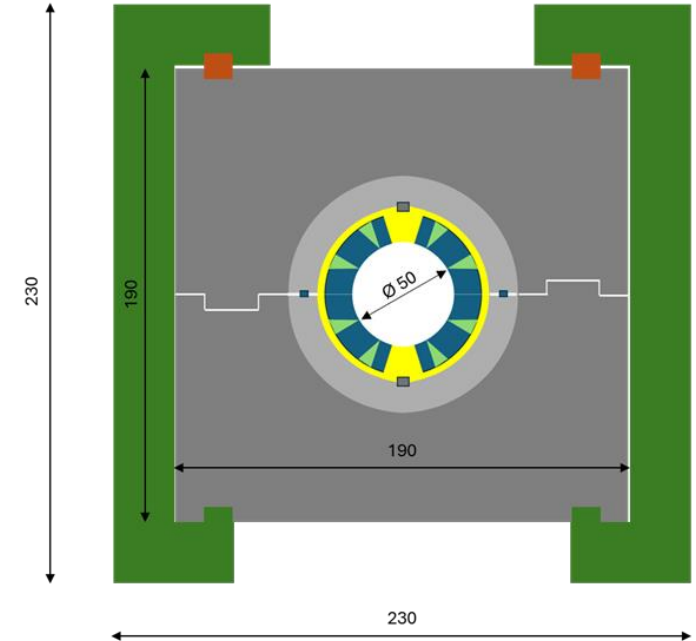
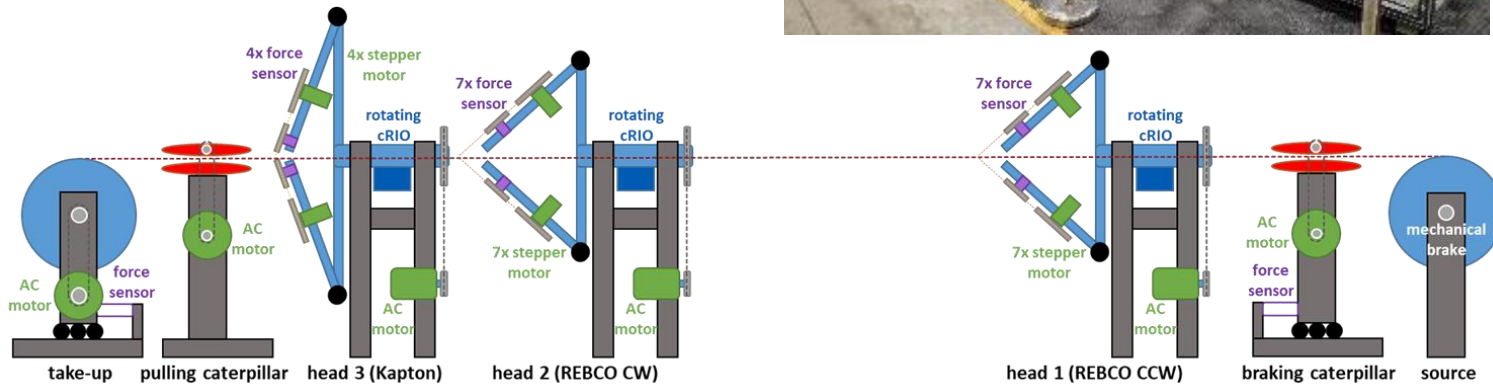
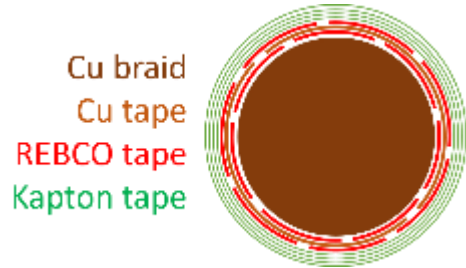
- Procurement of a laser cutting machine, to be used also for implementing striations in a tape
- On-going survey with tape manufacturers and laboratories to identify technical specification and potential suppliers



# Other Cables and Magnet Geometries

Round REBCO Cables, HL-LHC WP6a  
Cabling machine operated in building 927  
Up to 18 kA @ 25 K, s.f.

On-going study  
**Cos-theta** geometry



Suitable for **CCT** coils – activities at LBNL



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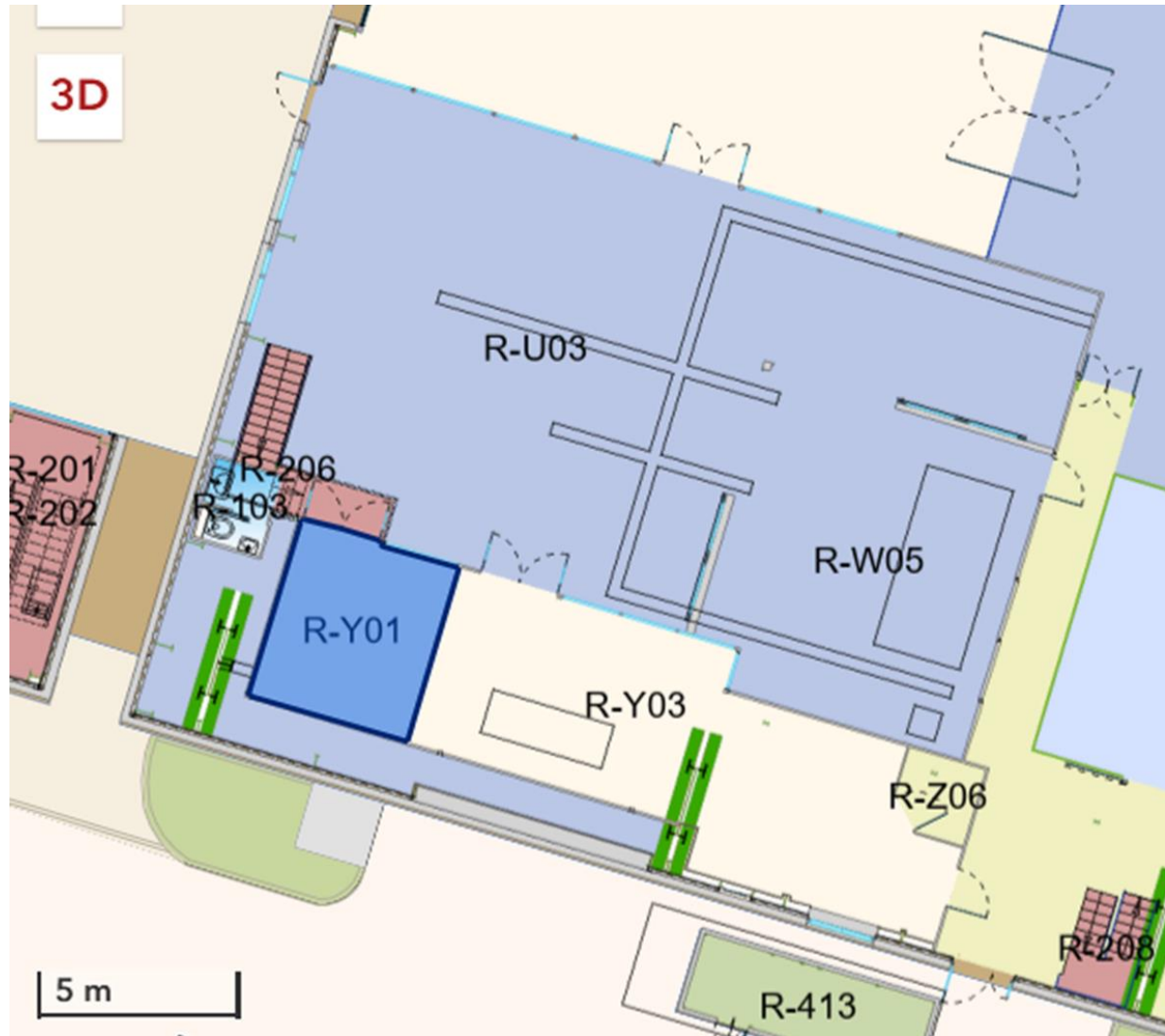


# Laboratory for HTS activities

- A dedicated laboratory for HTS activities
- It will be used for:
  - Conductor analysis and related equipment (optical image, SEM, reel-to-reel measurements at RT and in LN<sub>2</sub>,...)
  - Cable short length development
  - Measurements in LN<sub>2</sub>
  - Coil winding and assembly
- Tooling for CCD will be installed in the new laboratory



# Laboratory for HTS activities



Building 180, Jura corner.  
Ground floor



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