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Rare-Earth Barium Copper Oxide (REBCO) coated conductors are an attractive option for application in high-field accelerator magnets due to their high critical field and the convenience of fabrication without heat treatment compared to some other superconductors.

Fermilab plays a vital role in superconducting accelerator magnet R&D under the framework of the U.S. Magnet Development Program. An integral part of that program is the accelerator magnet development based on REBCO conductors to demonstrate self-fields of 5 T or greater compatible with operation in hybrid configurations to generate fields beyond 16 T for future High Energy Physics (HEP) applications.

A small, two-layer REBCO dipole magnet based on the Conductor on Molded Barrel (COMB) magnet technology, developed at Fermilab with Symmetric Tape Round (STAR®) wires from AMPeers LLC was recently fabricated and tested in liquid helium, demonstrating the design feasibility.

A second dipole magnet based on the same technology is currently under development at Fermilab. The coil has a 60-mm clear bore and a 120-mm OD and consists of six layers of graded STAR® conductor, which allows to significantly increase the magnetic field compared to the previous design, and potentially probe the 5 T self-field target.

The magnet is tested standalone in liquid nitrogen and liquid helium and may also be re-assembled and tested later as an insert into a Nb3Sn magnet. This paper reports the progress in the magnet development and discusses the preliminary test results.

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