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Fabrication of the new coils and assembly of LPF3-U

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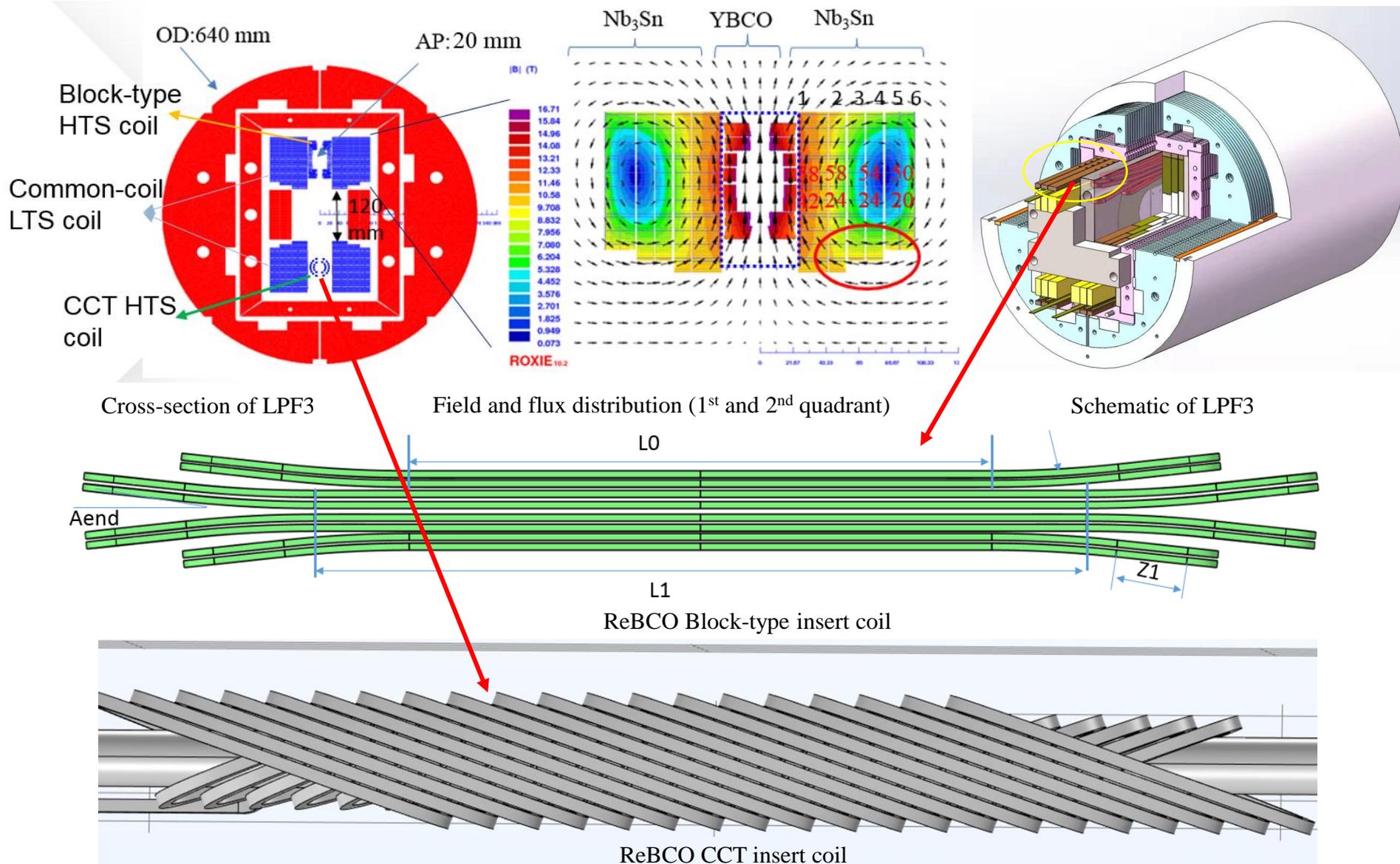
Outline

- A brief review of the fabrication of LPF3 magnet
- Design of LPF3-U magnet
- Recent progress of the new coils fabrication and assembly of LPF3-U

Development of LPF3 magnet

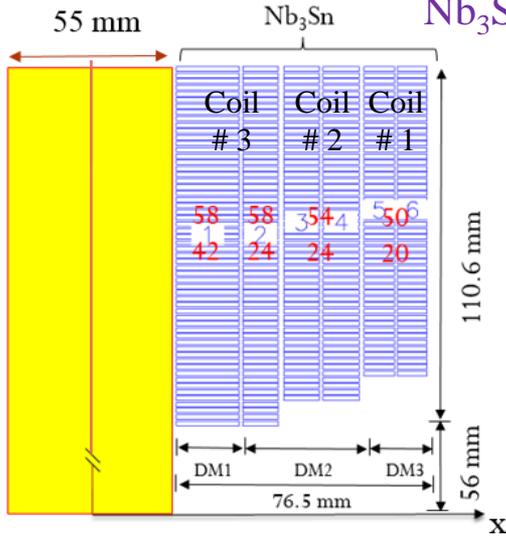
➤ Aiming at 16 T: 13 T (LTS) + 3 T (HTS)

To be 16 T

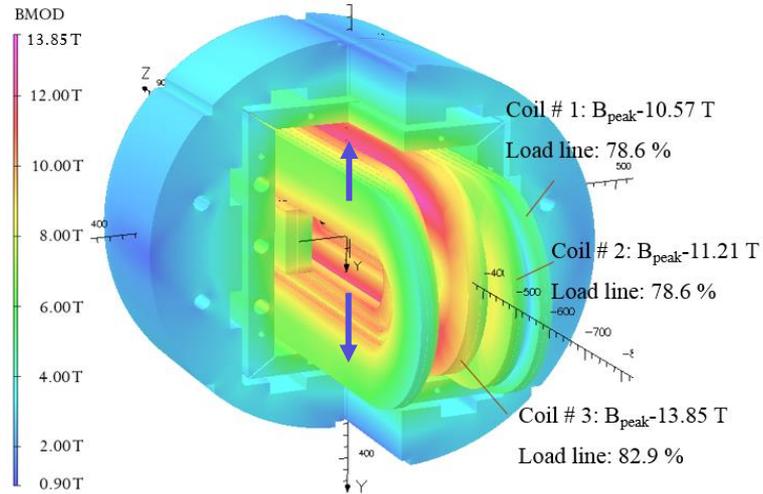


Main parameters of LPF3

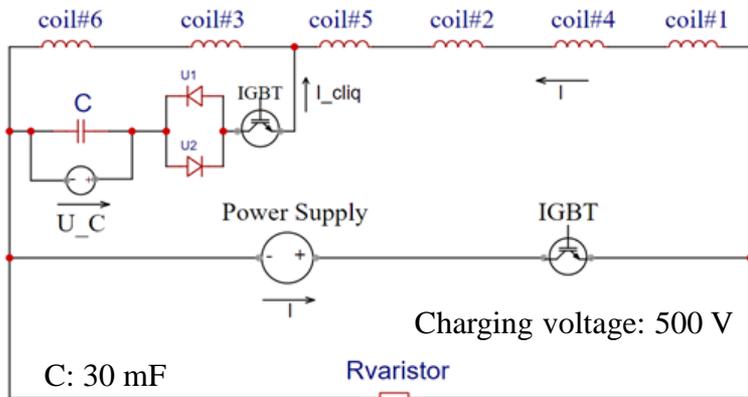
Nb_3Sn : 8300 A, main field: 13 T @ 4.2 K & two 55 mm apertures



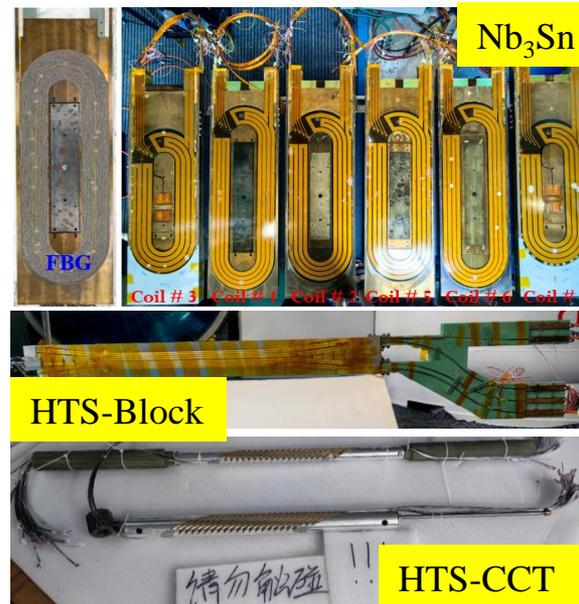
First quadrant coil layout



Field distribution in the magnet (3D)

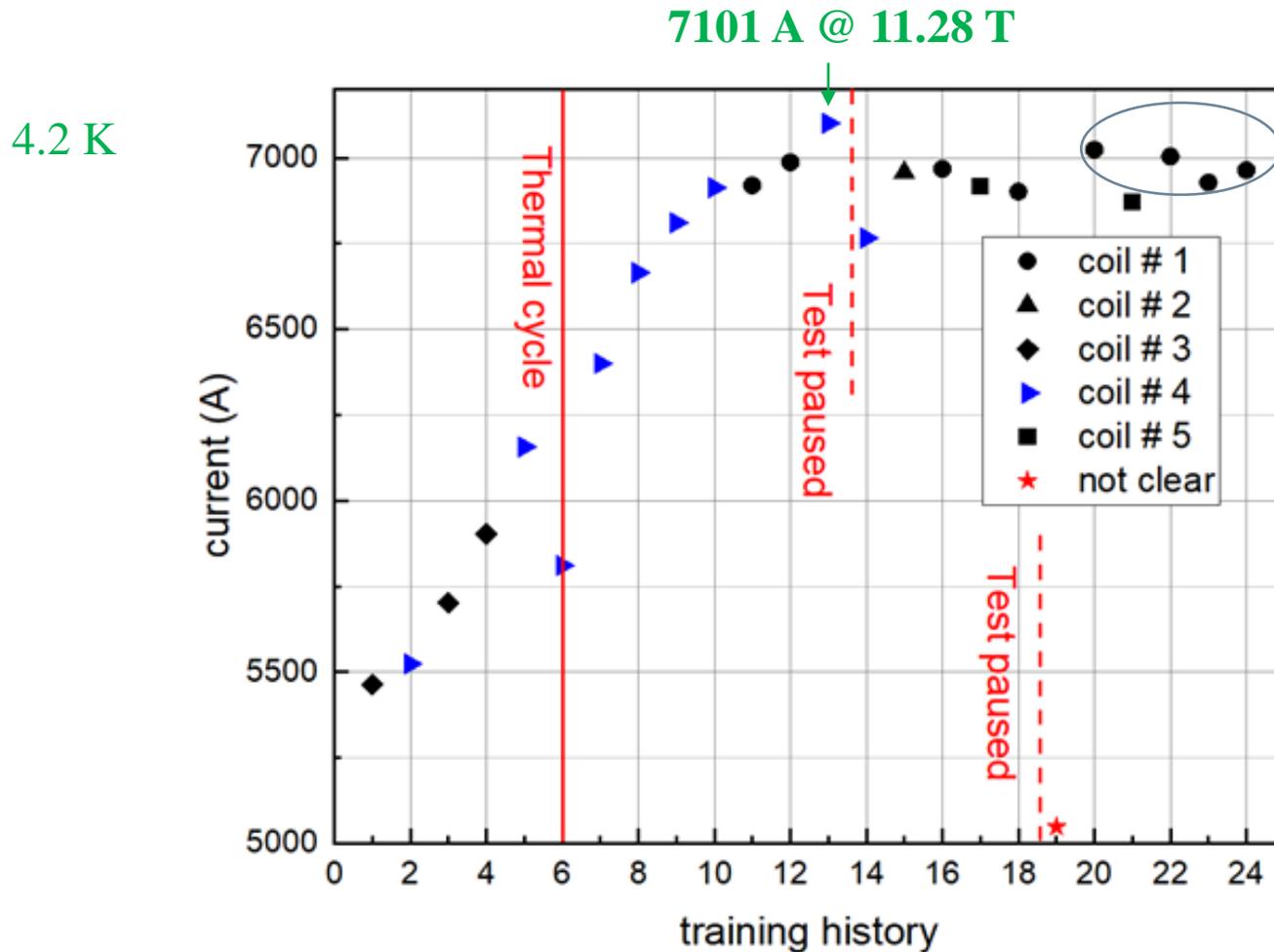


- CLIQ + varistor; 2.2 MJ @ 13 T
- Hotspot temperature is 224 K at main field.



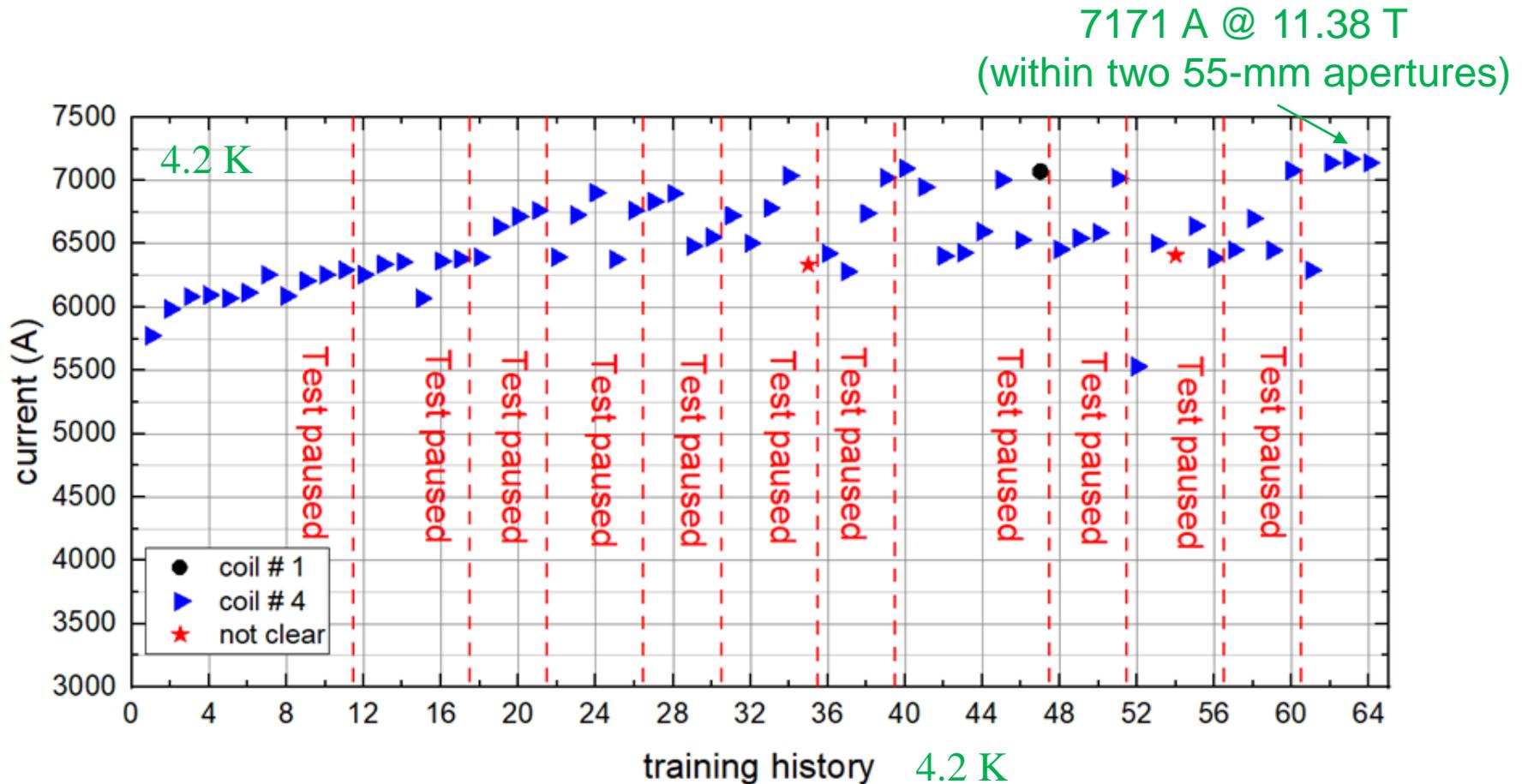
First run test results of LPF3-LTS

- ◆ The 1st preliminary test carried out in the week Sep 3-8 2023. The six Nb₃Sn coils were firstly ramped
- ◆ The performance test of LPF3 was continued after the thermal cycle. A maximum field of 11.28 T has been reached within two apertures.



Test results of LPF3-LTS after reassembly

- ◆ The vast majority of quench events occurred in coil 4#. Reassembly of the magnet with sufficient preload effectively reduced quench events in coil 1#.
- ◆ Despite experiencing many quenches, the overall performance of the magnet is still on an upward trend.



Training history of Nb₃Sn coils after reassembly

Lessons learned from LPF3

- ◆ In order to achieve the goal of 16 T earlier, the team engaged in long hours of high-intensity work. **But are often more haste, less speed.** Fatigue at work can easily lead to mistakes.
- ◆ During the 65th training test, the test personnel forgot to activate the quench detection system, causing the quench protection system to fail to work, resulting in the burning out of the two coils of the magnet after a quench
- ◆ **Dump proof-** The upgrade of the testing system, including the interlock of the power supply and quench detection & protection system, is currently in progress to ensure effective protection of the magnet in the next steps.



Quench detection system



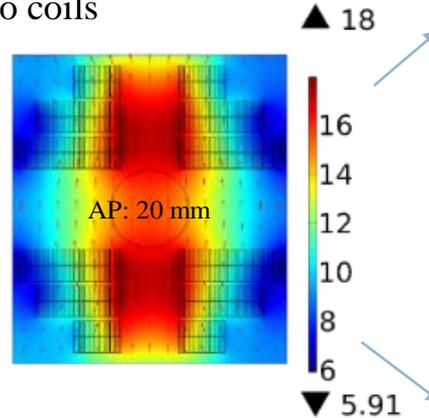
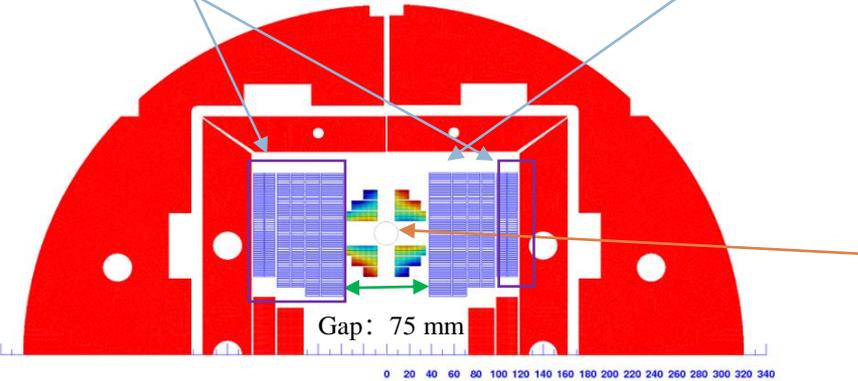
Coil 4[#] and 5[#] were burned out



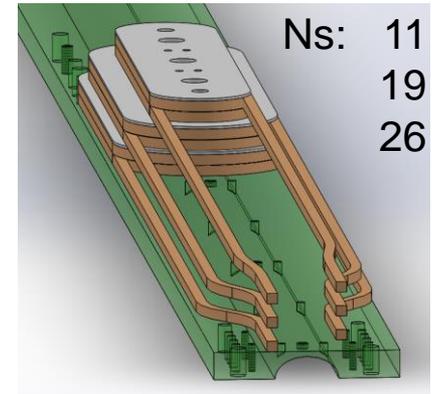
Design of LPF3-U

➤ A design combining a 10-tesla magnetic field generated by the six Nb₃Sn coils with a 6-tesla field produced by the newly fabricated racetrack HTS insert coils has been proposed.

The remaining four coils The newly fabricated two coils

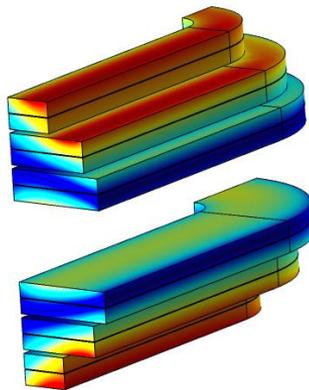
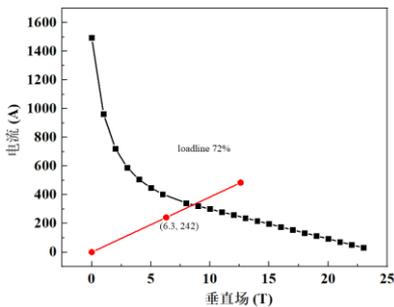


Wound in parallel in seven layers



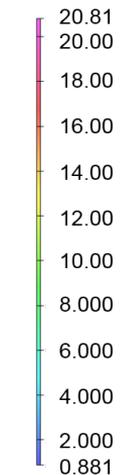
Six layers ReBCO + one layer SSL

LPF3-U: 10 (LTS) + 6 (HTS) T magnet design

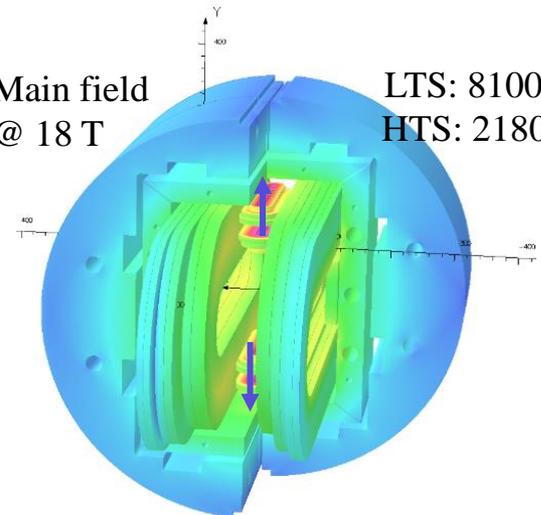


HTS load line ratio: 72 %

B_{MOD} (T)



Main field @ 18 T



LTS load line ratio: 85 %

Fabrication of the two new Nb₃Sn coils - Rutherford cable

➤ With OST strand:

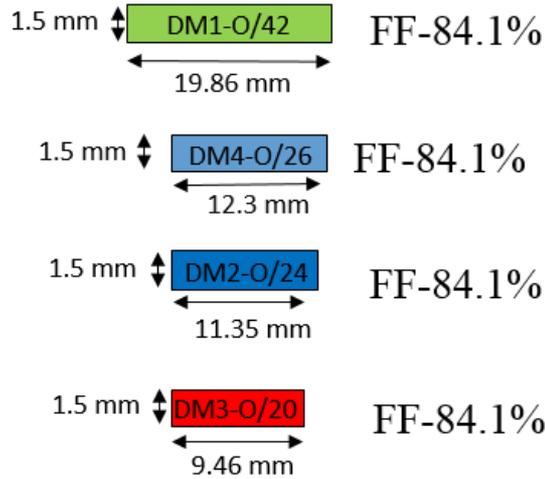
0.85 mm

Non- Cu: ~ 45%

RRR: ~ 300

I_c @ 12 T: ~ 650 A

I_c @ 15 T: ~ 370 A



Main parameters of the strands and Rutherford cables



Cabling machine



24-strands



42-strands



- 20-strands & 24 strands Rutherford cables- More than 200-m long
- 26-strands & 42 strands Rutherford cables- More than 100-m long

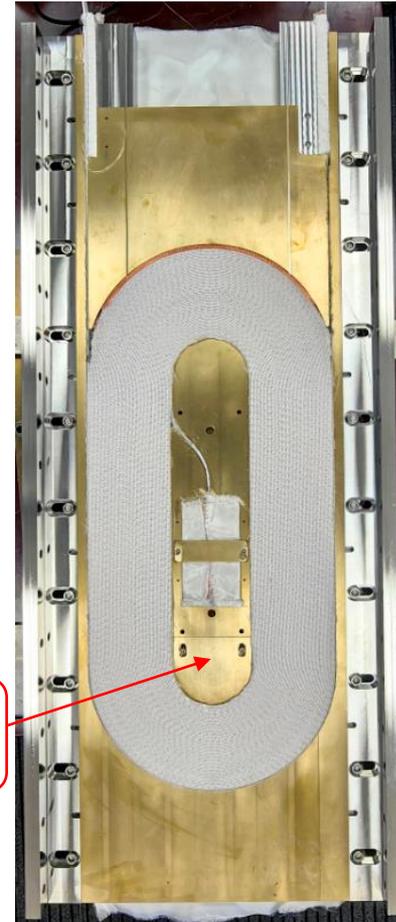
Coil winding



Coil winding machine



Heat treatment furnace



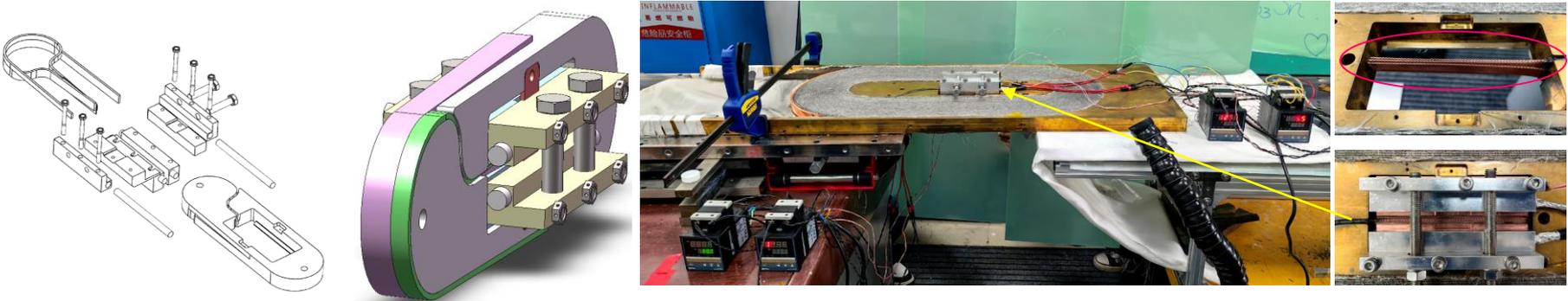
New coil 4# after winding

- ◆ The horse-shoes and end-shoes (used as the coil container) were produced with aluminum-bronze due to its similar coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) with Nb₃Sn cables
- ◆ The central posts were designed and manufactured in two parts. After the coil winding, the bolts were loosened, and part 2 could move freely to accommodate the cables' expansion and shrinkage during heat treatment, with the consideration of minimizing the damage to the cables.

NbTi & Nb₃Sn joints soldering

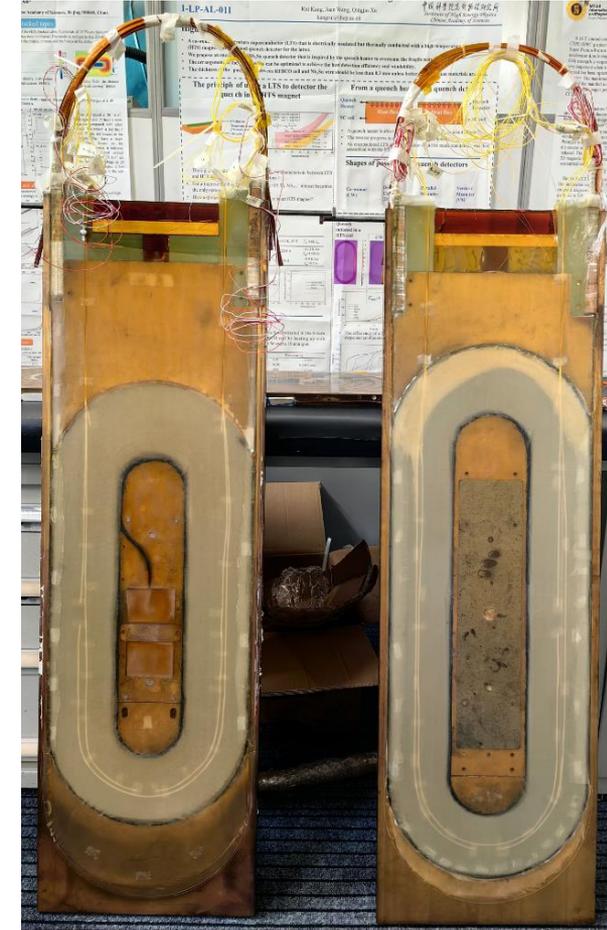
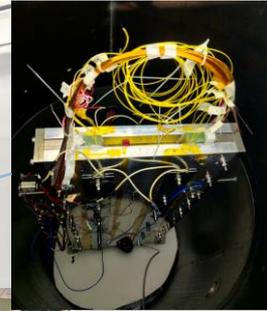
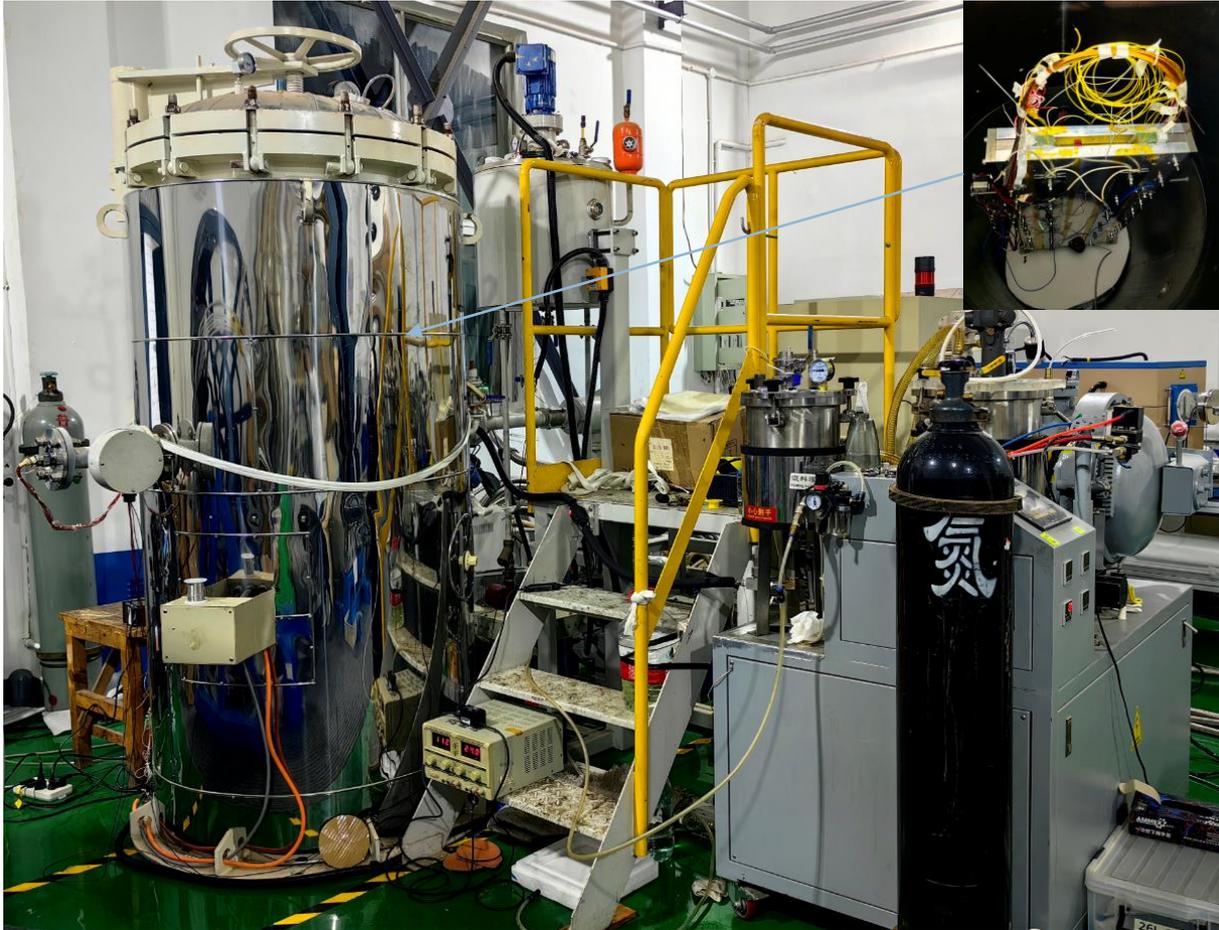


NbTi & Nb₃Sn joints soldering system



Inner joints soldering system

- Double pancake with graded coil configuration; 2-in-1 structure to improve the efficiency

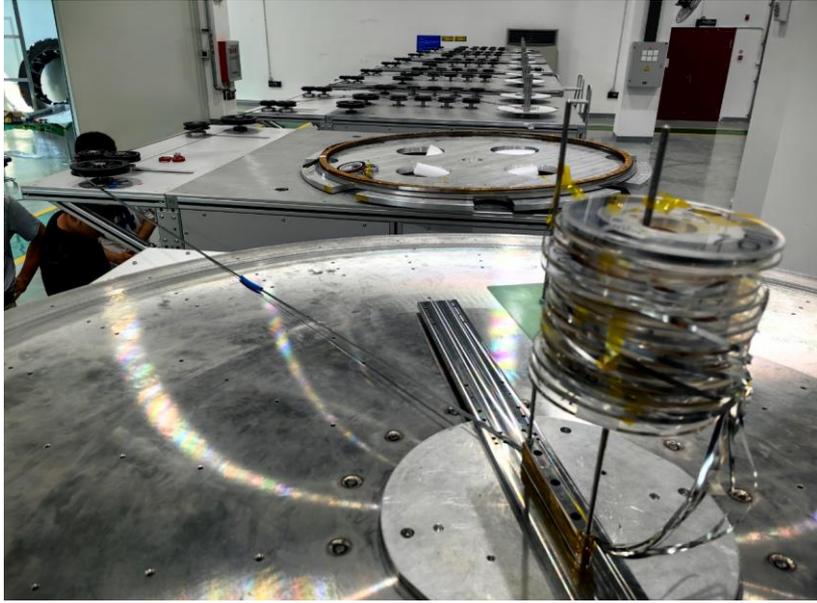


VPI system

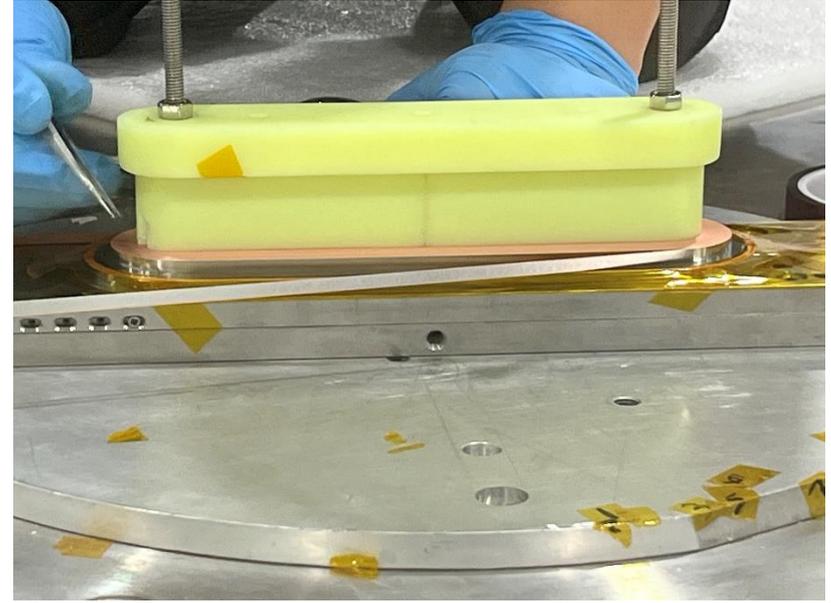
Coils after VPI

- ◆ Fiber optical sensors based on Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) has been confirmed in LPF series magnets. They have also been used in LPF3-U magnets, implemented in all the six coils and mounted on the surface of the shell to monitor the stress variation during all three loading steps
- ◆ After instrumentation, the coils were dipped with CTD-101K using our self-developed VPI system, which has been updated with a much bigger impregnation tank with the function of providing 0.5 MPa positive pressure.

HTS coil fabrication



HTS coil winding machine



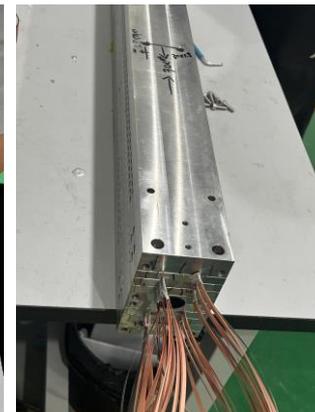
Coil winding process



Picture of one double pancake coil



Assembly of the six pancake coils

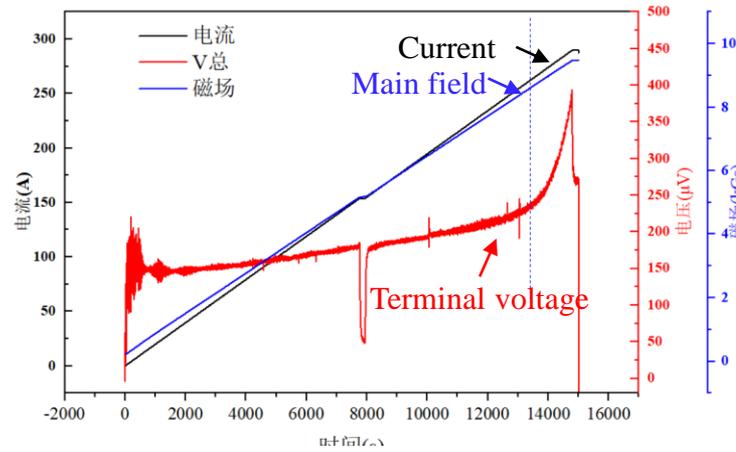


Coils connection

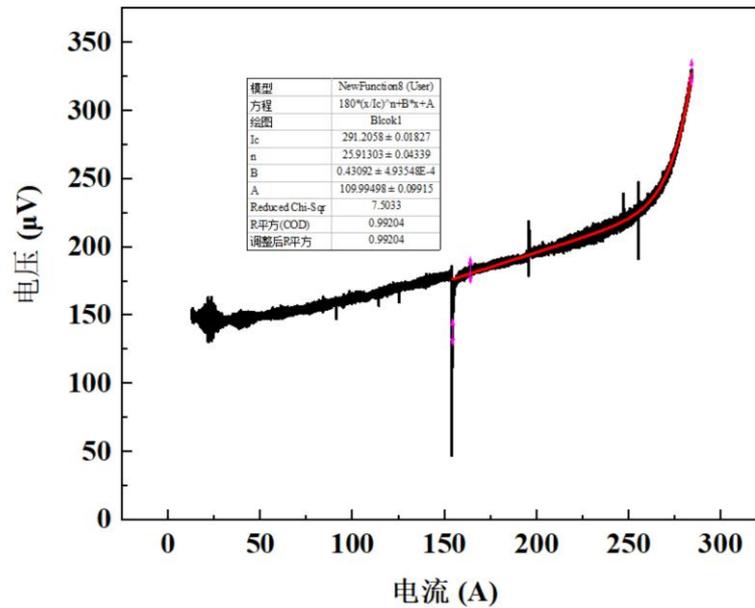
HTS coil stand-alone test at 77 K



HTS insert coil after assembly



Main field:
0.93 T @ 77 K



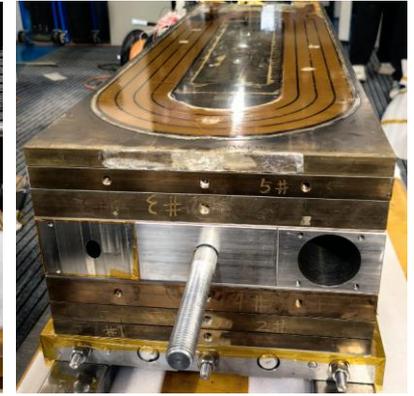
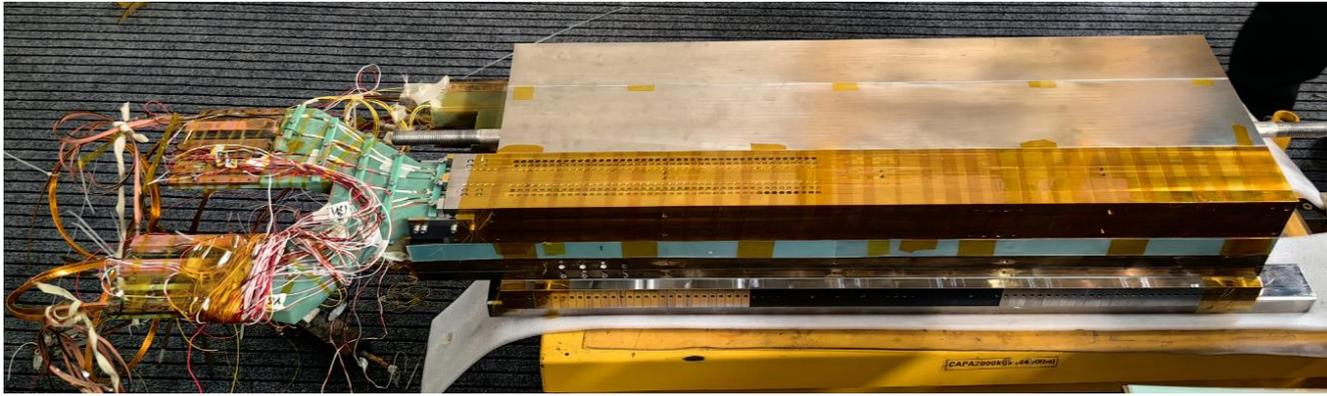
I_c : 291 A
(Criteria: 0.1 $\mu\text{V}/\text{cm}$)

N value: 26

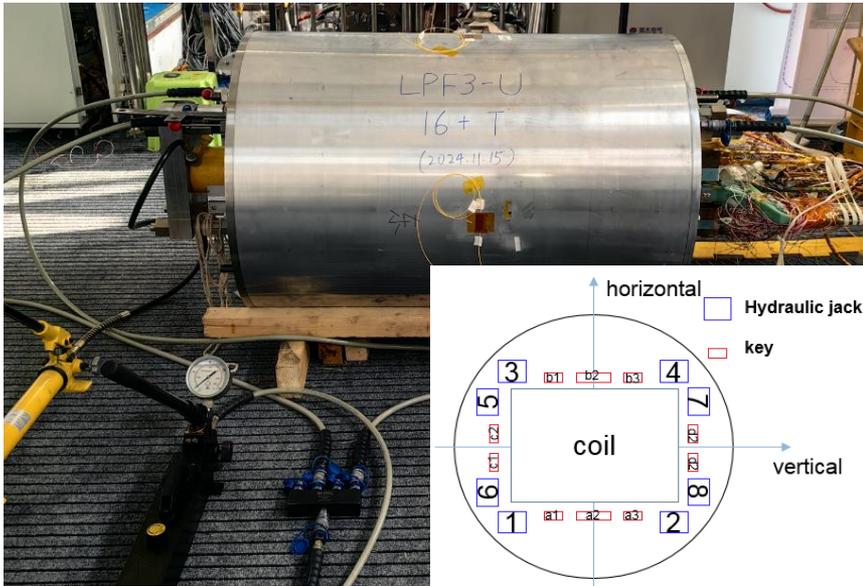
Test results

- The coil demonstrated favorable performance during the liquid nitrogen test @77 K. Subsequently, it will be inserted into the magnet LPF3-U for further evaluation under liquid helium conditions.

Assembly of LPF3-U



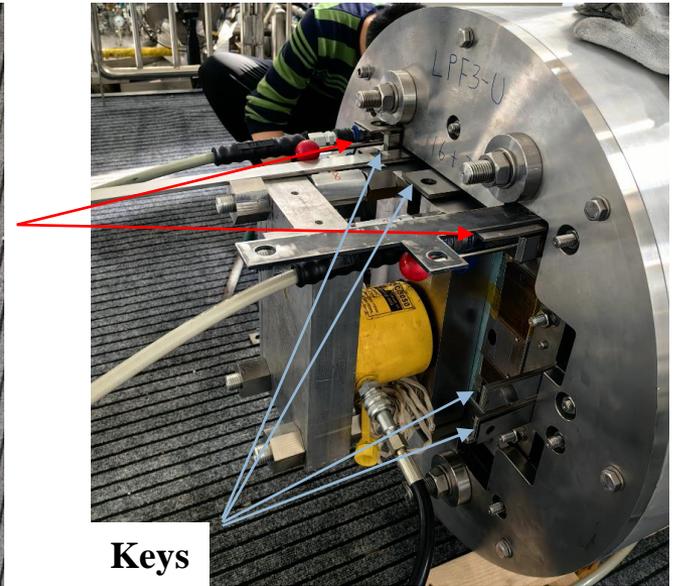
Coil assembly



Pre-loading system



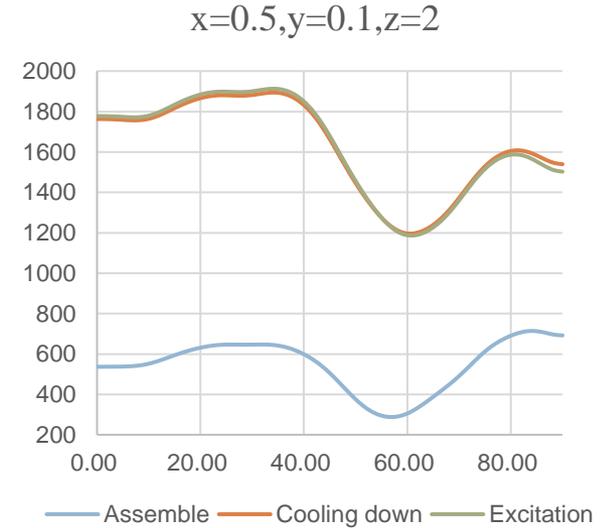
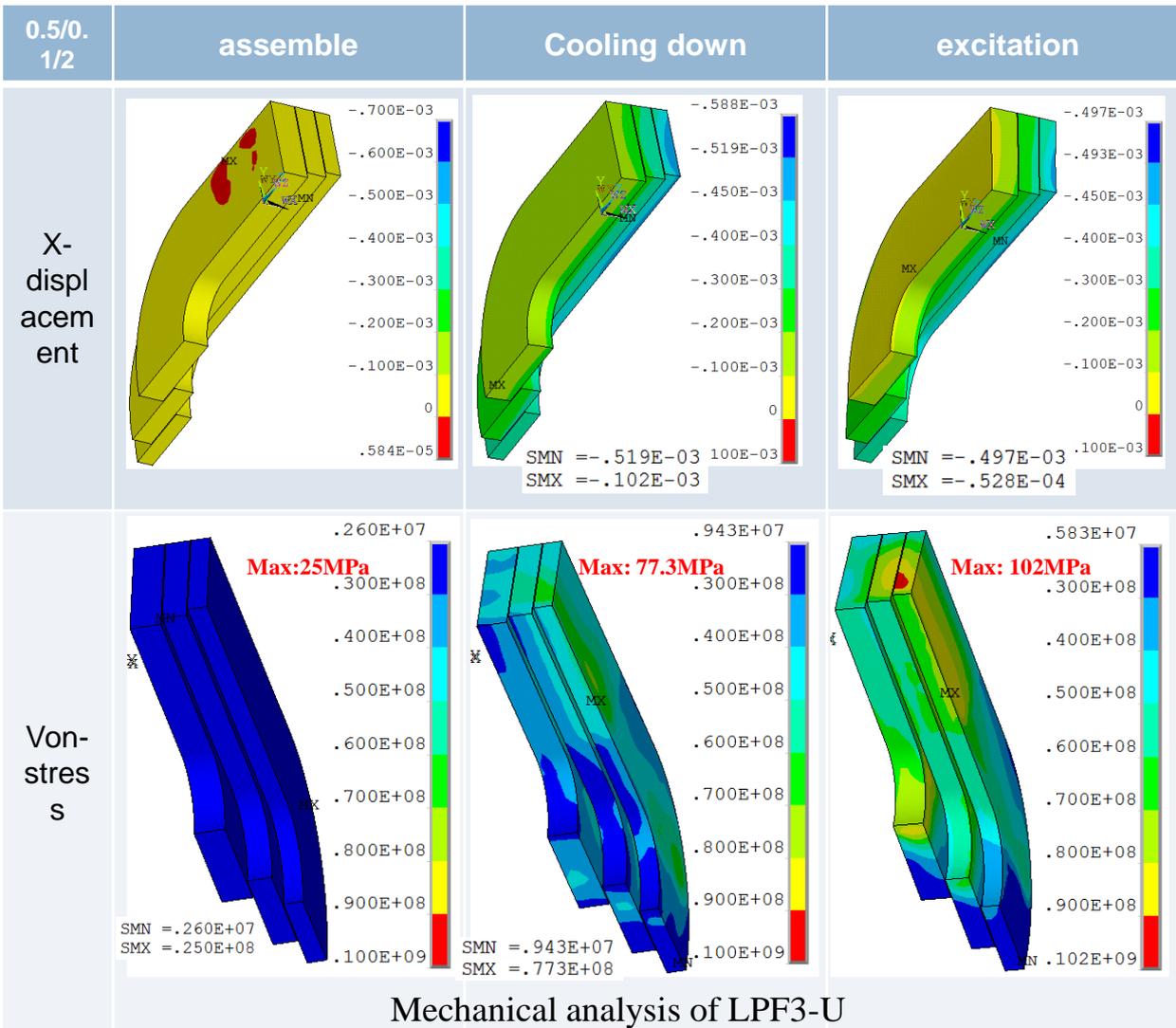
Hydraulic pistons



Keys

Magnet assembly

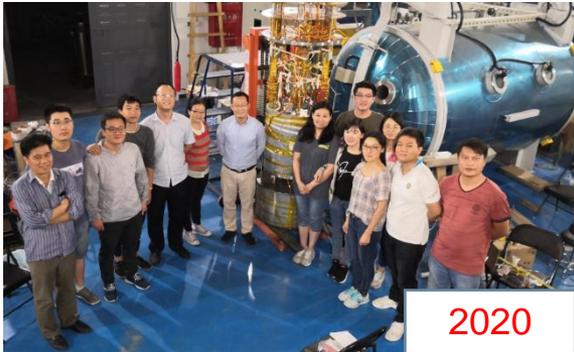
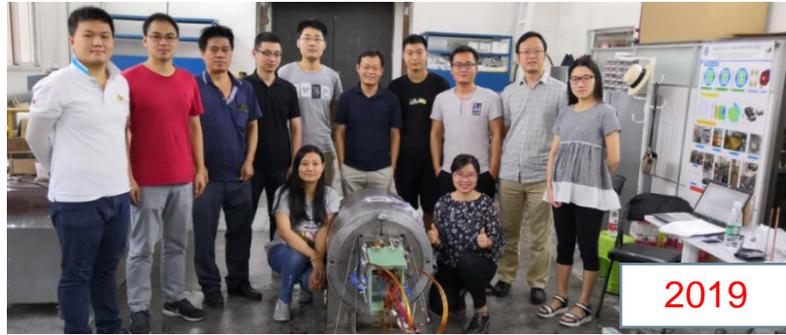
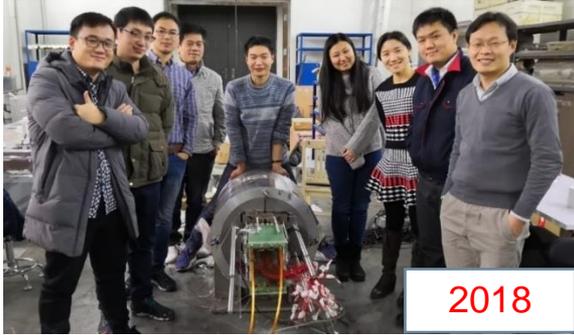
- The support structure for LPF3-U has adopted a shell-based design, with an improved "Bladder & Key" technology. Dedicated hydraulic pistons were investigated and utilized to replace the traditional bladders.



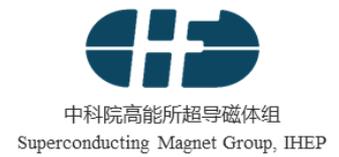
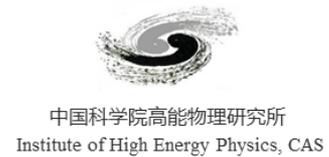
	Horizontal (0°)	Vertical (90°)
Assembly	540 $\mu\epsilon$	692 $\mu\epsilon$
Cooling down	1765 $\mu\epsilon$	1540 $\mu\epsilon$
Excitation	1778 $\mu\epsilon$	1503 $\mu\epsilon$

Strain distribution in the shell

- Fiber optical sensors were utilized to guide the pre-stress implementation during LPF3-U magnet assembly.
- Peak stress is around 100 MPa during the three loading steps from assembly to energization of the magnet to 16 T.
- Performance tests would be carried out next week, and we anticipate favorable outcomes.



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