

# An introduction to Magnets for Accelerators

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## If you want to know more...

1. Special CAS edition on magnets, St. Pölten, Nov.-Dec. 2023
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3. N. Marks, Magnets for Accelerators, JAI (John Adams Institute) course, Jan. 2015
4. D. Tommasini, Practical Definitions & Formulae for Normal Conducting Magnets
5. Lectures about magnets in CAS (CERN Accelerator School) and JUAS (Join Universities Accelerator School)
6. Superconducting magnets for particle accelerators in USPAS (U.S. Particle Accelerator Schools)
7. J. Tanabe, Iron Dominated Electromagnets
8. P. Campbell, Permanent Magnet Materials and their Application
9. K.-H. Mess, P. Schmüser, S. Wolff, Superconducting Accelerator Magnets
10. M. N. Wilson, Superconducting Magnets
11. A. Devred, Practical Low-Temperature Superconductors for Electromagnets
12. L. Rossi and E. Todesco, Electromagnetic design of superconducting dipoles based on sector coils

# This is an introduction to magnets as building blocks of synchrotrons / transfer lines

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//  
// MADX Example 2: FODO cell with dipoles  
// Author: V. Ziemann, Uppsala University  
// Date: 060911
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TITLE, 'Example 2: FODO2.MADX';
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BEAM, PARTICLE=ELECTRON, PC=3.0;
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DEGREE:=PI/180.0;
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QF: QUADRUPOLE, L=0.5, K1=0.2;
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QD: QUADRUPOLE, L=1.0, K1=-0.2;
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B: SBEND, L=1.0, ANGLE=15.0*DEGREE;
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FODO: SEQUENCE, REFER=ENTRY, L=12.0;
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  QF1:  QF,      AT=0.0;
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  B1:   B,      AT=2.5;
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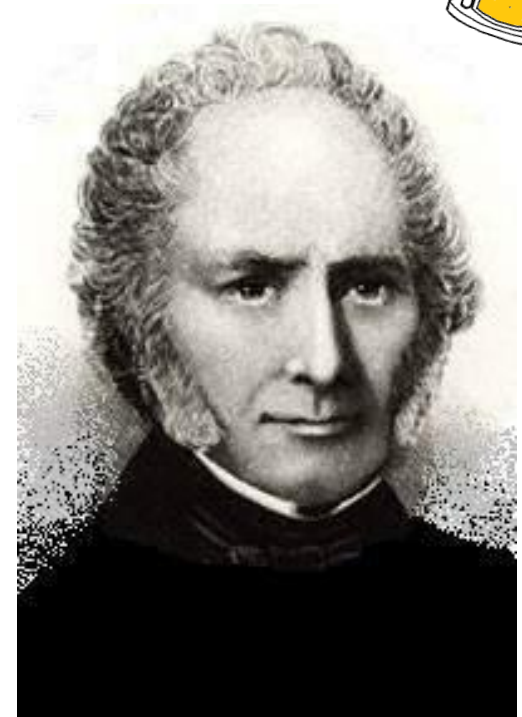
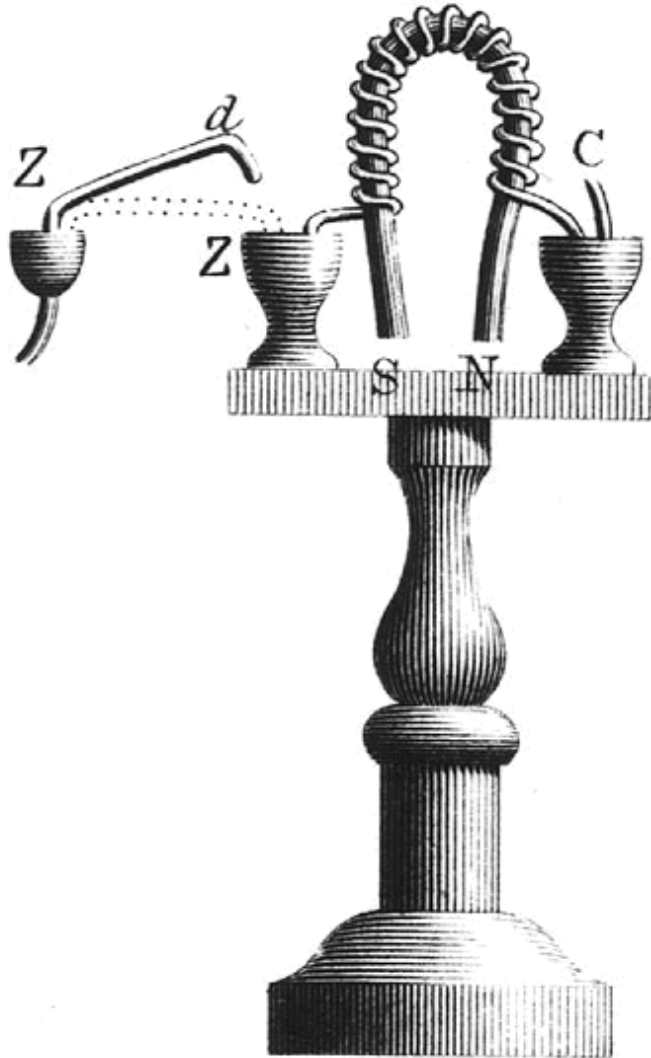
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  QD1:  QD,      AT=5.5;
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  B2:   B,      AT=8.5;
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  QF2:  QF,      AT=11.5;
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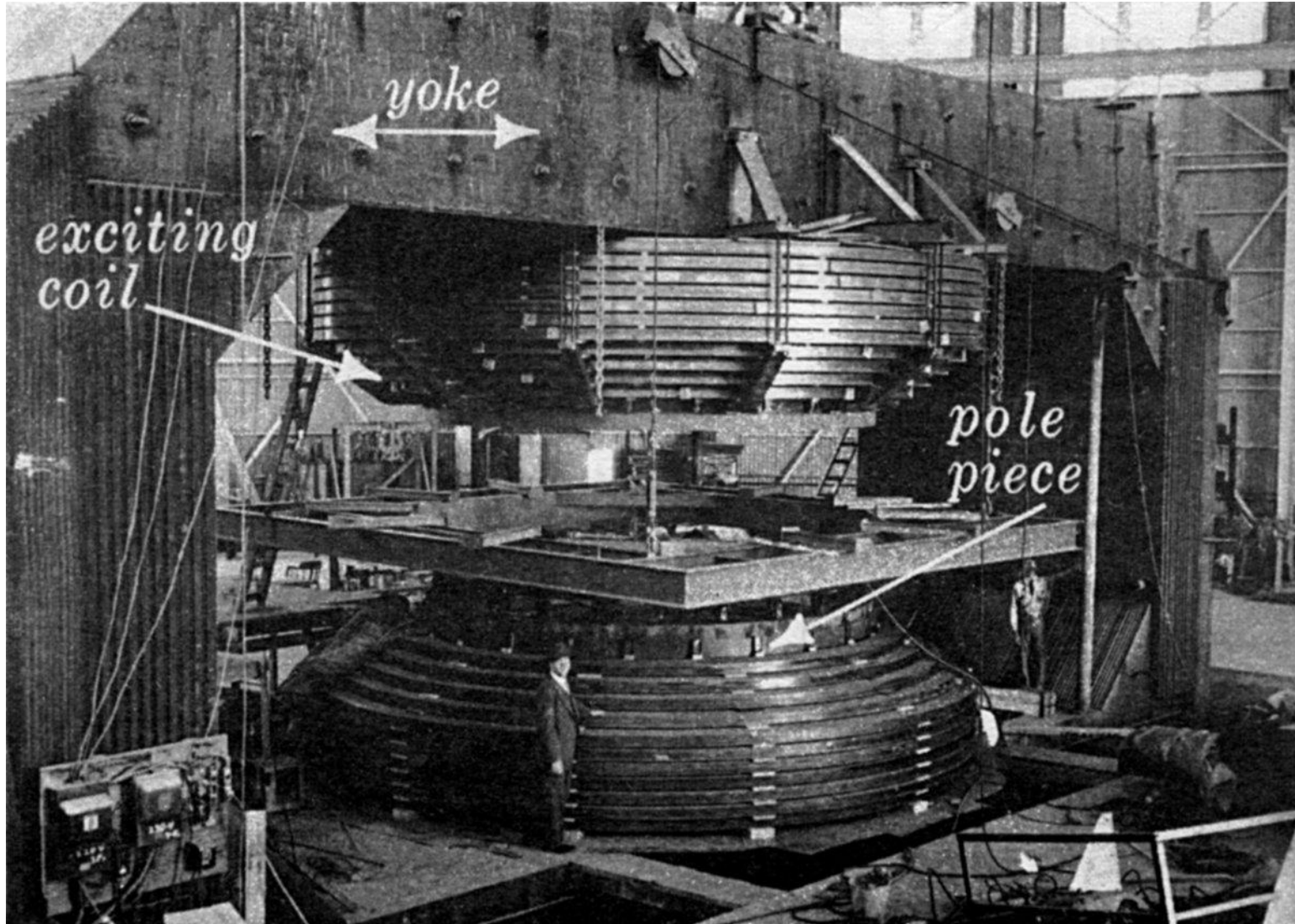
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According to history, the first electromagnet (not for an accelerator) was built in England in 1824 by William Sturgeon



William Sturgeon

The working principle is the same as this large magnet, of the 184'' (4.7 m) cyclotron at Berkeley (picture taken in 1942)



# This short course is organized in several blocks

1. Introduction, jargon, general concepts and formulae
2. Resistive magnets
3. Superconducting magnets
4. Tutorial with FEMM

# Magnets can be classified based on their geometry / what they do to the beam

dipole

quadrupole

sextupole

octupole

kicker

solenoid

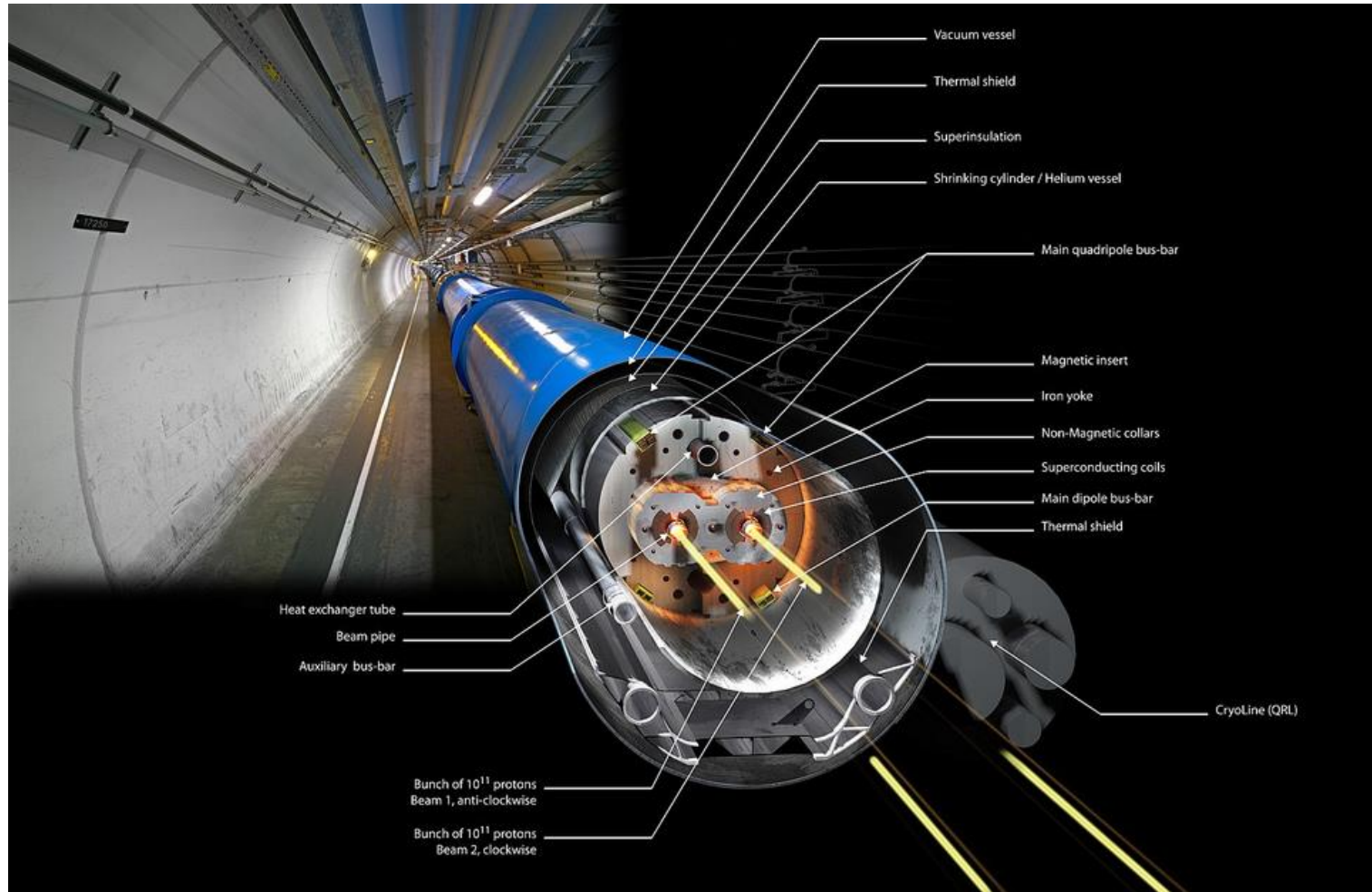
combined function  
bending

corrector

skew magnet

undulator /  
wiggler

# This is a main dipole of the LHC at CERN: 8.3 T × 14.3 m

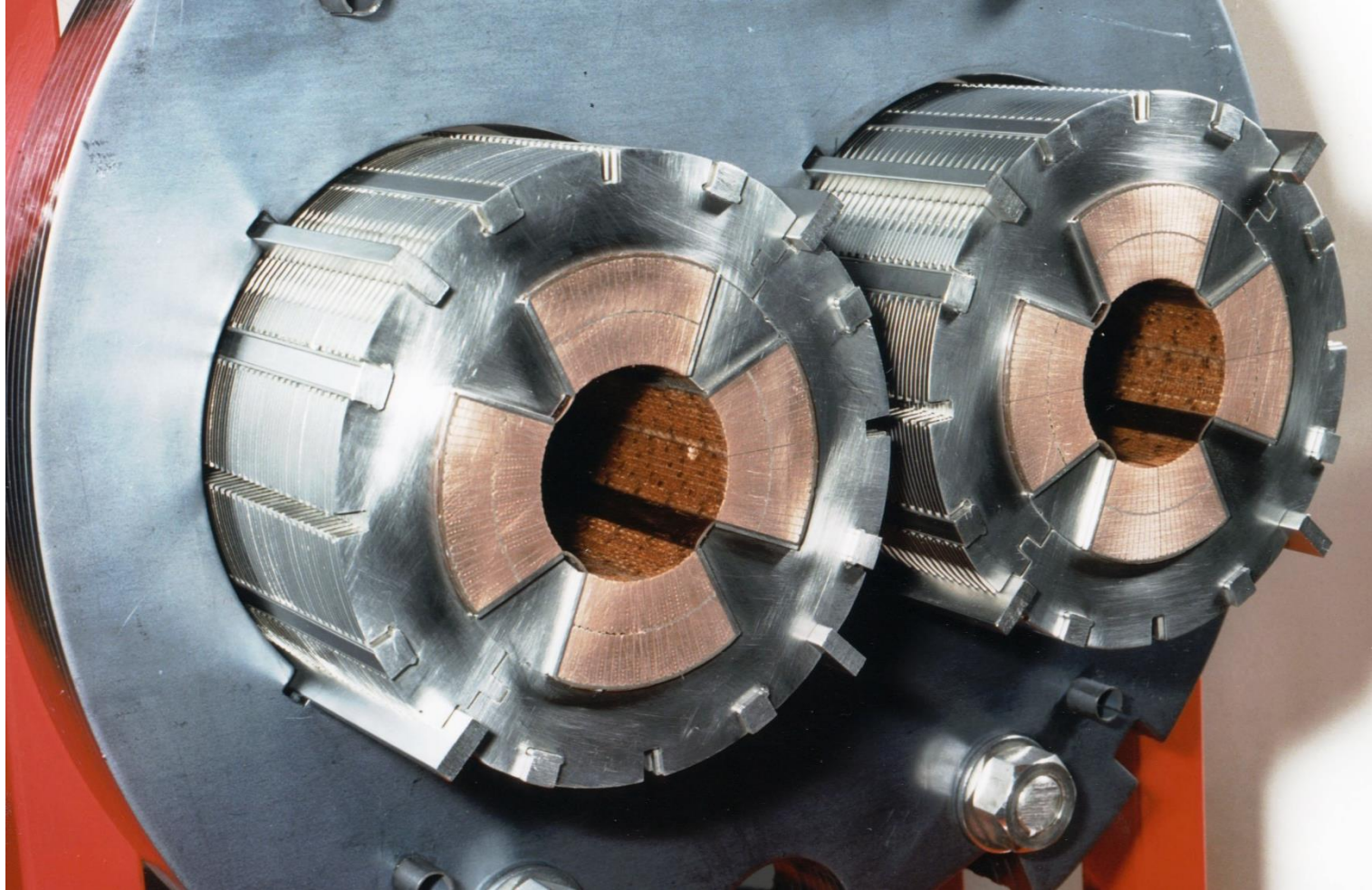




These are main dipoles of the SPS at CERN: 2.0 T  $\times$  6.3 m



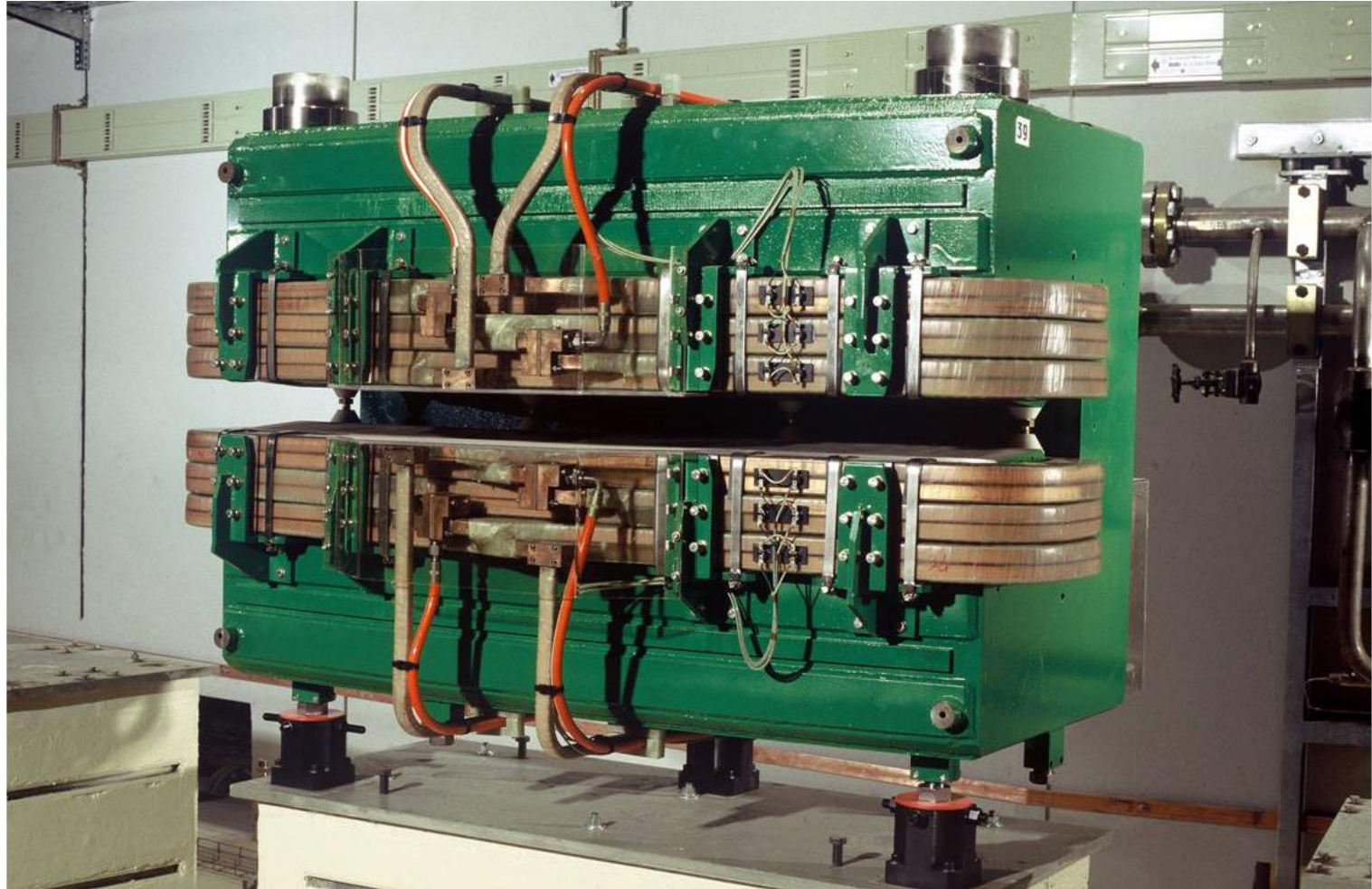
This is a cross section of a main quadrupole of the LHC at CERN: 223 T/m × 3.2 m



These are main quadrupoles of the SPS at CERN:  
22 T/m  $\times$  3.2 m



This is a combined function bending magnet of the ELETTRA light source



These are sextupoles (with embedded correctors) of the main ring of the SESAME light source



# Magnets can be classified also differently, looking for example at their technology

electromagnet

permanent  
magnet

iron dominated

coil dominated

normal conducting  
(resistive)

superconducting

static

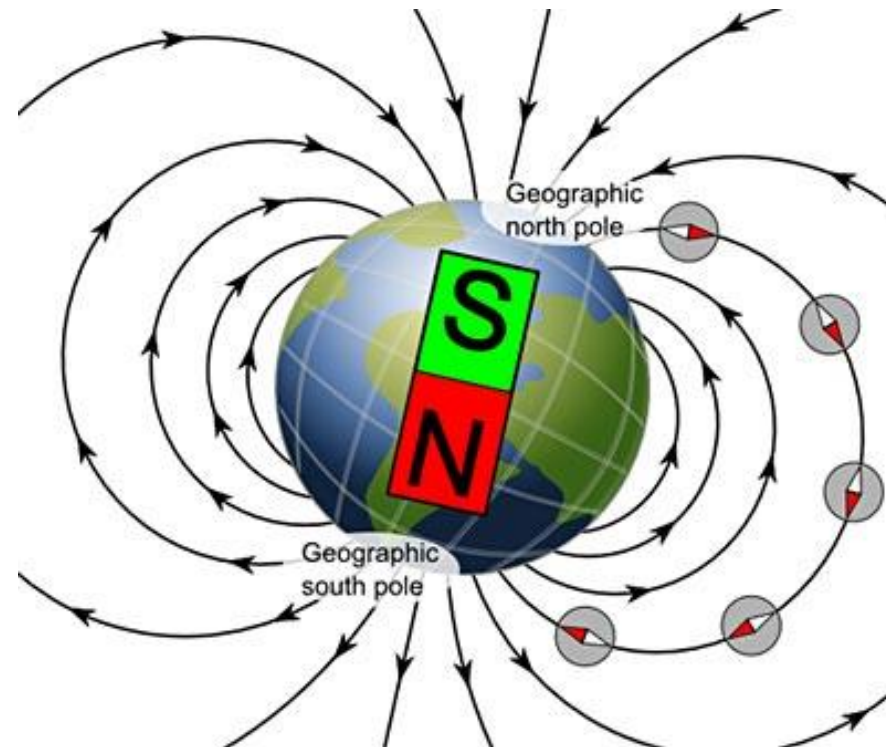
cycled / ramped  
slow pulsed

fast pulsed

# Nomenclature

B	magnetic field B field magnetic flux density magnetic induction	T (Tesla)
H	H field magnetic field strength magnetic field	A/m (Ampere/m)
$\mu_0$	vacuum permeability	$1.25663706212(19) \cdot 10^{-6}$ H/m $4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}$ H/m (Henry/m)
$\mu_r$	relative permeability	dimensionless
$\mu$	permeability, $\mu = \mu_0 \mu_r$	H/m

The polarity comes from the direction of the flux lines, that go from a North to a South pole (outside the magnetic material)



in Oxford, on 22/01/2025

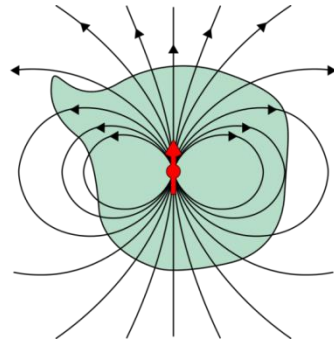
$$|B| = 49099 \text{ nT} = 0.049099 \text{ mT} = 0.000049099 \text{ T}$$



Magnetostatic fields are described by Maxwell's equations, coupled with a law describing the material

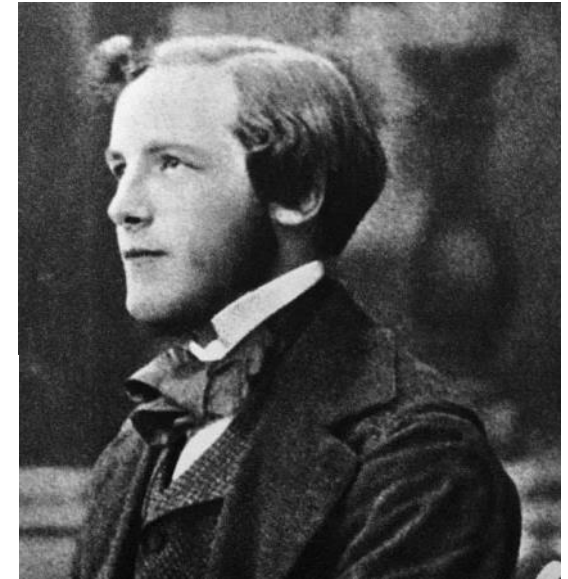
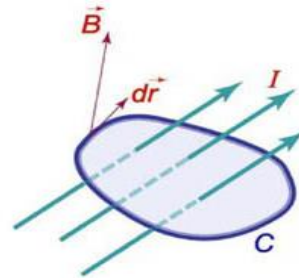
$$\operatorname{div} \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$



$$\operatorname{rot} \vec{H} = \vec{j}$$

$$\oint_C \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_S \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{S} = NI$$



James Clerk Maxwell

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 \mu_r \vec{H}$$

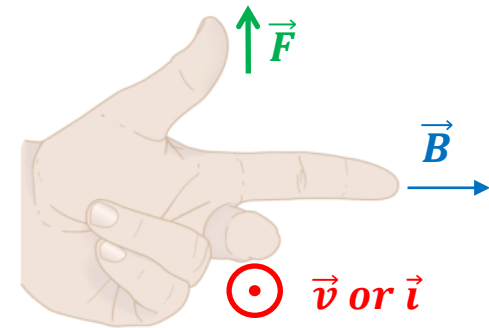
# The Lorentz force is the link between electromagnetism and mechanics

$$\vec{F} = q[\vec{E} + (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})]$$

for charged particles

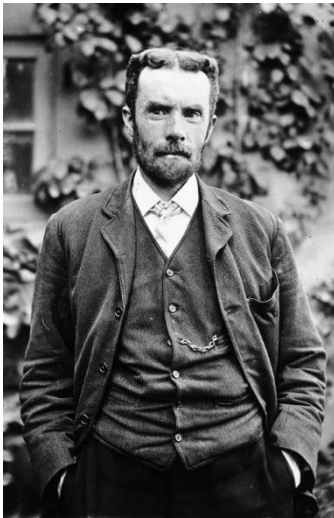
$$\vec{F} = \vec{B} \times \vec{I}l$$

for conductors



My mnemonic: “F.B.I.”

$\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{I}$  are a flow (current) of positive charges



Oliver Heaviside



Hendrik Lorentz

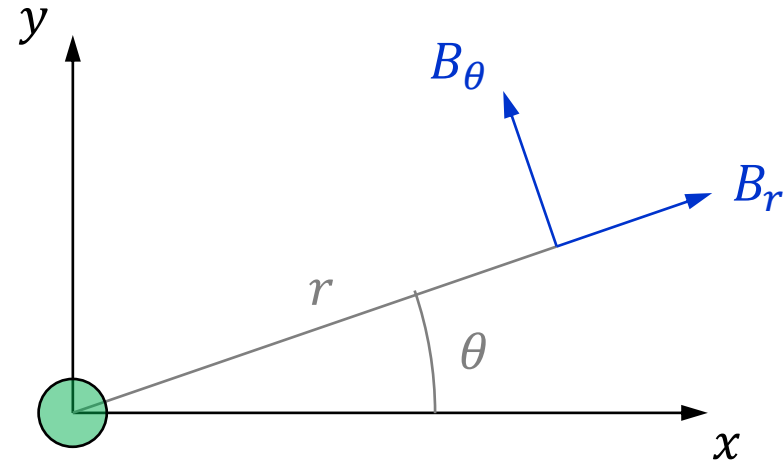


Pierre-Simon, marquis de Laplace

In synchrotrons / transfer lines magnets, the B field seen from the beam is often expressed as a series of multipoles

$$B_r = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{n-1} [B_n \sin(n\theta) + A_n \cos(n\theta)]$$

$$B_\theta = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{n-1} [B_n \cos(n\theta) - A_n \sin(n\theta)]$$



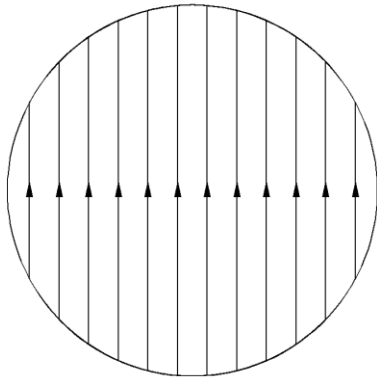
direction of the beam  
(orthogonal to plane)

$$B_y(z) + iB_x(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n + iA_n) \left(\frac{z}{R}\right)^{n-1}$$

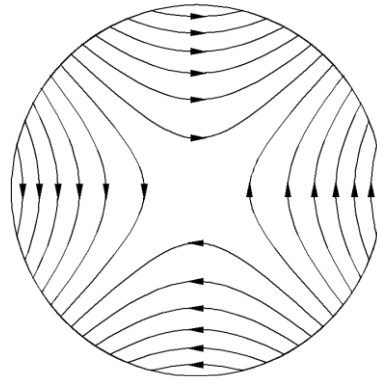
$$z = x + iy = r e^{i\theta}$$

Each multipole term corresponds to a field distribution; they can be added up (exploiting linear superposition)

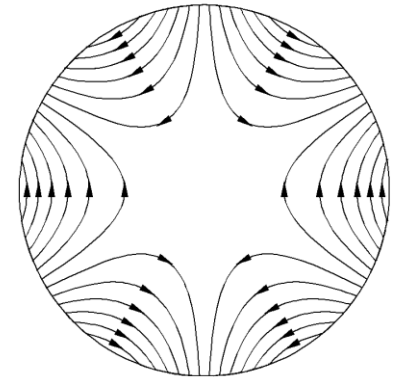
$B_1$ : normal dipole



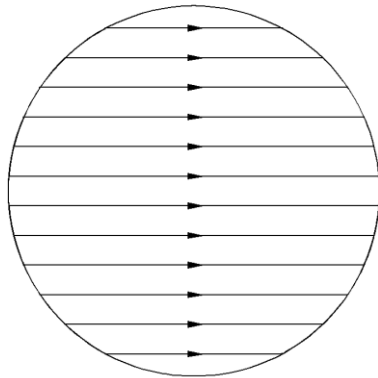
$B_2$ : normal quadrupole



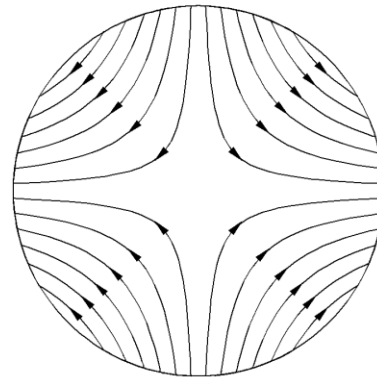
$B_3$ : normal sextupole



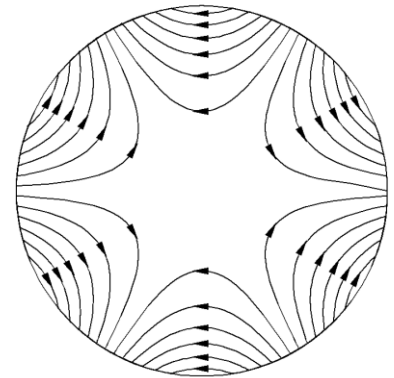
$A_1$ : skew dipole



$A_2$ : skew quadrupole

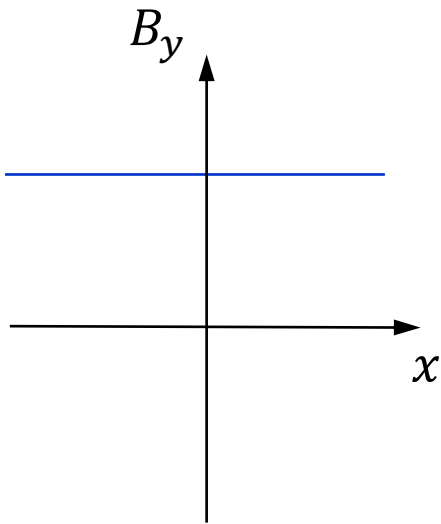


$A_3$ : skew sextupole

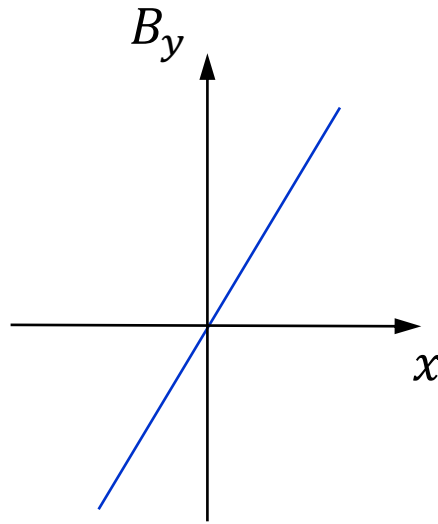


# The field profile in the horizontal plane follows a polynomial expansion

$$B_y(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \left(\frac{x}{R}\right)^{n-1} = B_1 + B_2 \frac{x}{R} + B_3 \frac{x^2}{R^2} + \dots$$

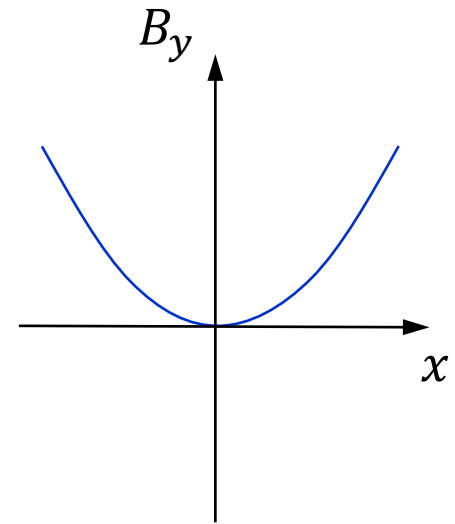


$B_1$ : dipole



$B_2$ : quadrupole

$$G = \frac{B_2}{R} = \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x}$$



$B_3$ : sextupole

$$B'' = \frac{2B_3}{R^2}$$

For the optics, usually the field or multipole component is given, together with the (magnetic) length: ex. from MAD-X

### Dipole

bend angle  $a$  [rad] & length  $L$  [m]

$k_0$  [1/m] & length  $L$  [m]                      obsolete

$$k_0 = B / (B\rho) \qquad B = B_1$$



### Quadrupole

quadrupole coefficient  $k_1$  [1/m<sup>2</sup>] × length  $L$  [m]

$$k_1 = (dB_y/dx) / (B\rho)$$

$$G = dB_y/dx = B_2/R$$

### Sextupole

sextupole coefficient  $k_2$  [1/m<sup>3</sup>] × length  $L$  [m]

$$k_2 = (d^2B_y/dx^2) / (B\rho)$$

$$(d^2B_y/dx^2)/2! = B_3/R^2$$

# Here is how to compute magnetic quantities from MAD-X entries, and vice versa

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BEAM, PARTICLE=ELECTRON, PC=3.0;  
DEGREE:=PI/180.0;  
QF: QUADRUPOLE, L=0.5, K1=0.2;  
QD: QUADRUPOLE, L=1.0, K1=-0.2;  
B: SBEND, L=1.0, ANGLE=15.0*DEGREE;
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$$\begin{aligned}(B\rho) &= 10^9/c*PC \\ &= 10^9/299792458*3.0 \\ &= 10.01 \text{ Tm}\end{aligned}$$

$$B\rho = \frac{1}{c} \frac{A}{q} \sqrt{E_k^2 + 2E_k E_0}$$

dipole (SBEND)

$$\begin{aligned}B &= |\text{ANGLE}|/L*(B\rho) \\ &= (15*pi/180)/1.0*10.01 \\ &= 2.62 \text{ T}\end{aligned}$$

$$B \cdot L_{mag} = \theta \cdot B\rho$$

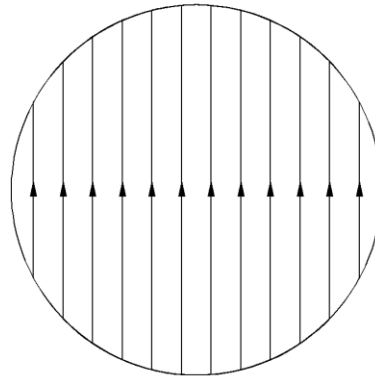
quadrupole

$$\begin{aligned}G &= |K1|*(B\rho) \\ &= 0.2*10.01 = 2.00 \text{ T/m}\end{aligned}$$

The harmonic decomposition is used also to describe the field quality (or field homogeneity), that is, the deviations of the actual B with respect to the ideal one



(normal) dipole



$$\vec{B}_{id}(x, y) = B_1 \vec{j}$$

$$B_y(z) + iB_x(z) =$$

$$= B_1 + \frac{B_1}{10000} \left[ ia_1 + (b_2 + ia_2) \left(\frac{z}{R}\right) + (b_3 + ia_3) \left(\frac{z}{R}\right)^2 + (b_4 + ia_4) \left(\frac{z}{R}\right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

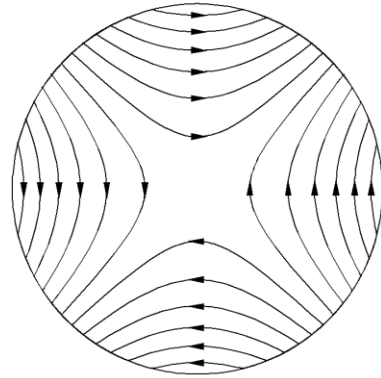
$$b_2 = 10000 \frac{B_2}{B_1} \quad b_3 = 10000 \frac{B_3}{B_1} \quad a_1 = 10000 \frac{A_1}{B_1} \quad a_2 = 10000 \frac{A_2}{B_1} \quad \dots$$



# The same expression can be written for a quadrupole



(normal) quadrupole



$$\vec{B}_{id}(x, y) = B_2[x\vec{j} + y\vec{i}] \frac{1}{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_y(z) + iB_x(z) &= \\ &= B_2 \frac{z}{R} + \frac{B_2}{10000} \left[ ia_2 \left( \frac{z}{R} \right) + (b_3 + ia_3) \left( \frac{z}{R} \right)^2 + (b_4 + ia_4) \left( \frac{z}{R} \right)^3 + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

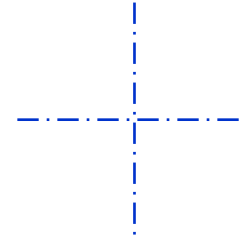
$$b_3 = 10000 \frac{B_3}{B_2} \quad b_4 = 10000 \frac{B_4}{B_2} \quad a_2 = 10000 \frac{A_2}{B_2} \quad \dots$$

# The *allowed / not-allowed* harmonics refer to some terms that shall / shall not cancel out thanks to design symmetries

## fully symmetric dipoles

allowed:  $B_1, b_3, b_5, b_7, b_9$ , etc.

not-allowed: all the others



## half symmetric dipoles

allowed:  $B_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5$ , etc.

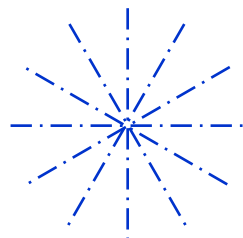
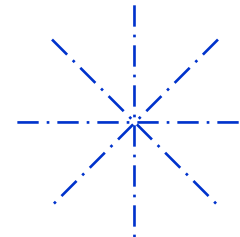
not-allowed: all the others



## fully symmetric quadrupoles

allowed:  $B_2, b_6, b_{10}, b_{14}, b_{18}$ , etc.

not-allowed: all the others



## fully symmetric sextupoles

allowed:  $B_3, b_9, b_{15}, b_{21}$ , etc.

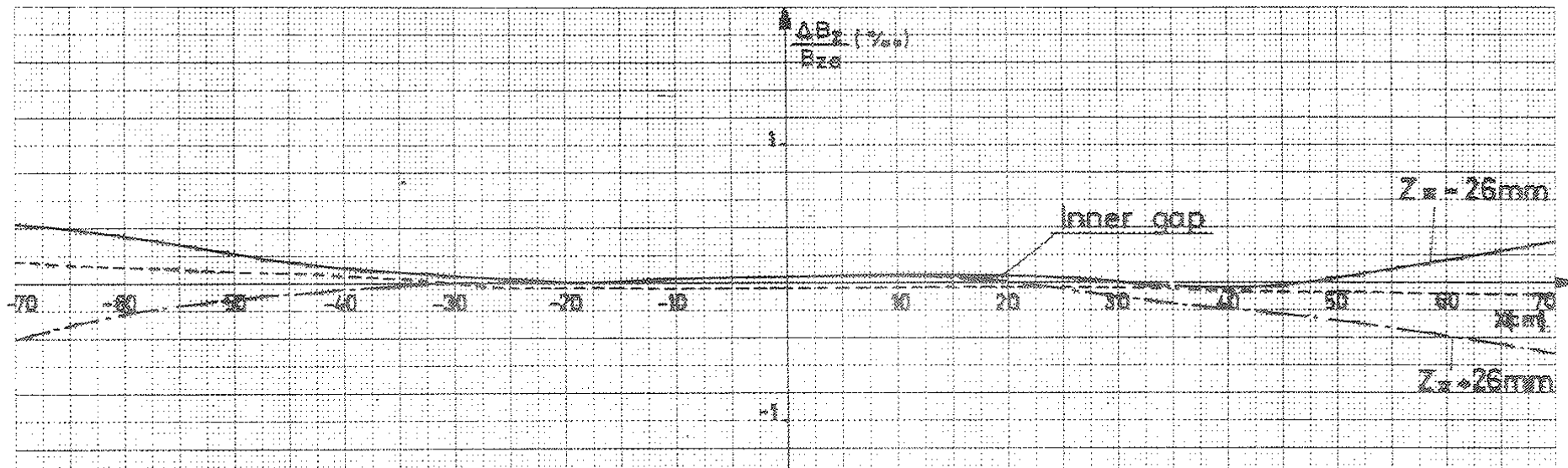
not-allowed: all the others

The field quality is often also shown with a  $\Delta B/B$  plot



$$\frac{\Delta B}{B} = \frac{B(x, y) - B_{id}(x, y)}{B_{id}(x, y)}$$

done on one component,  
usually  $B_y$  for a dipole



$\Delta B/B$  can (at least locally) be expressed from the harmonics:  
this is the expansion for a dipole



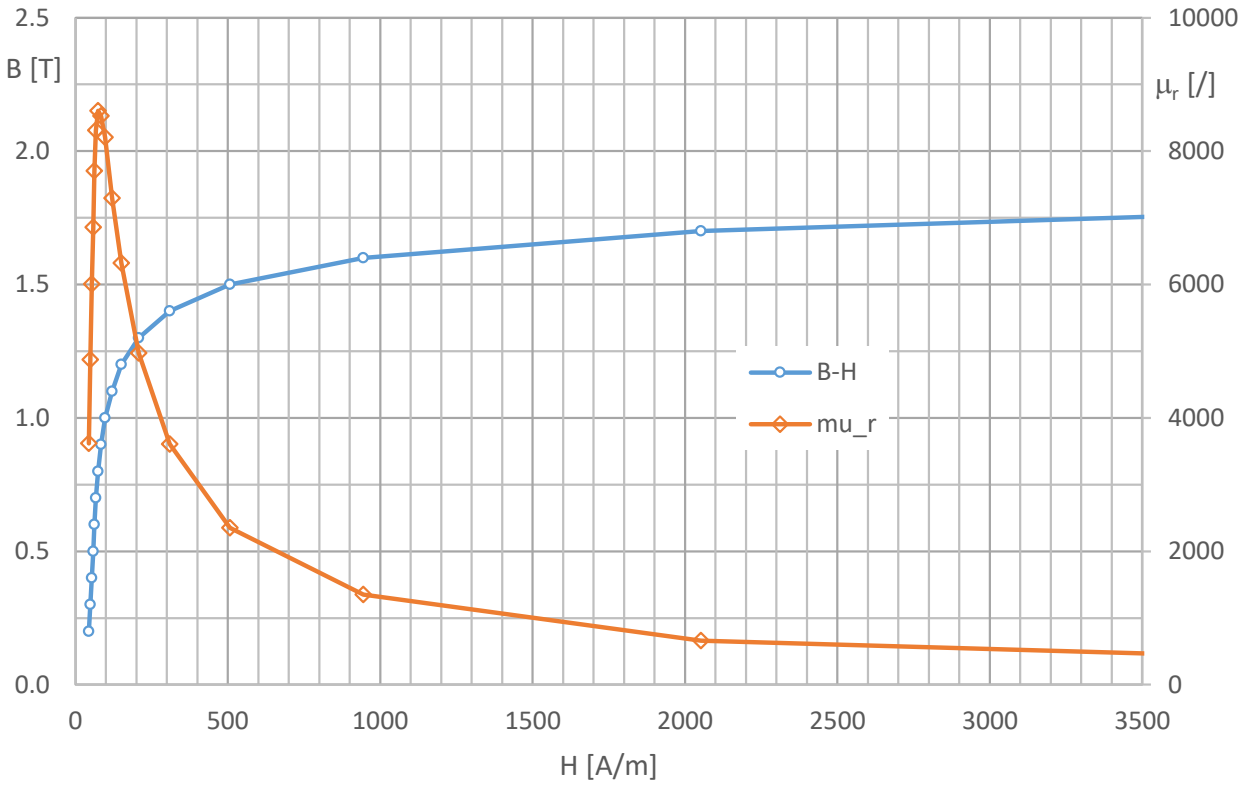
$$B_{y,id}(x) = B_1$$

$$B_y(x) = B_1 + \frac{B_1}{10000} \left[ b_2 \left( \frac{x}{R} \right) + b_3 \left( \frac{x}{R} \right)^2 + b_4 \left( \frac{x}{R} \right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{\Delta B}{B}(x) = \frac{1}{10000} \left[ b_2 \left( \frac{x}{R} \right) + b_3 \left( \frac{x}{R} \right)^2 + b_4 \left( \frac{x}{R} \right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

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# Resistive magnets are in most cases “iron-dominated”: the BH response of the yoke material is important



curves for typical M1200-100 A electrical steel

# These are typical fields for resistive dipoles and quadrupoles, taken from machines at CERN



## PS @ 26 GeV

combined function bending  $B = 1.5 \text{ T}$   
( $G = 6.2 \text{ T/m}$ )

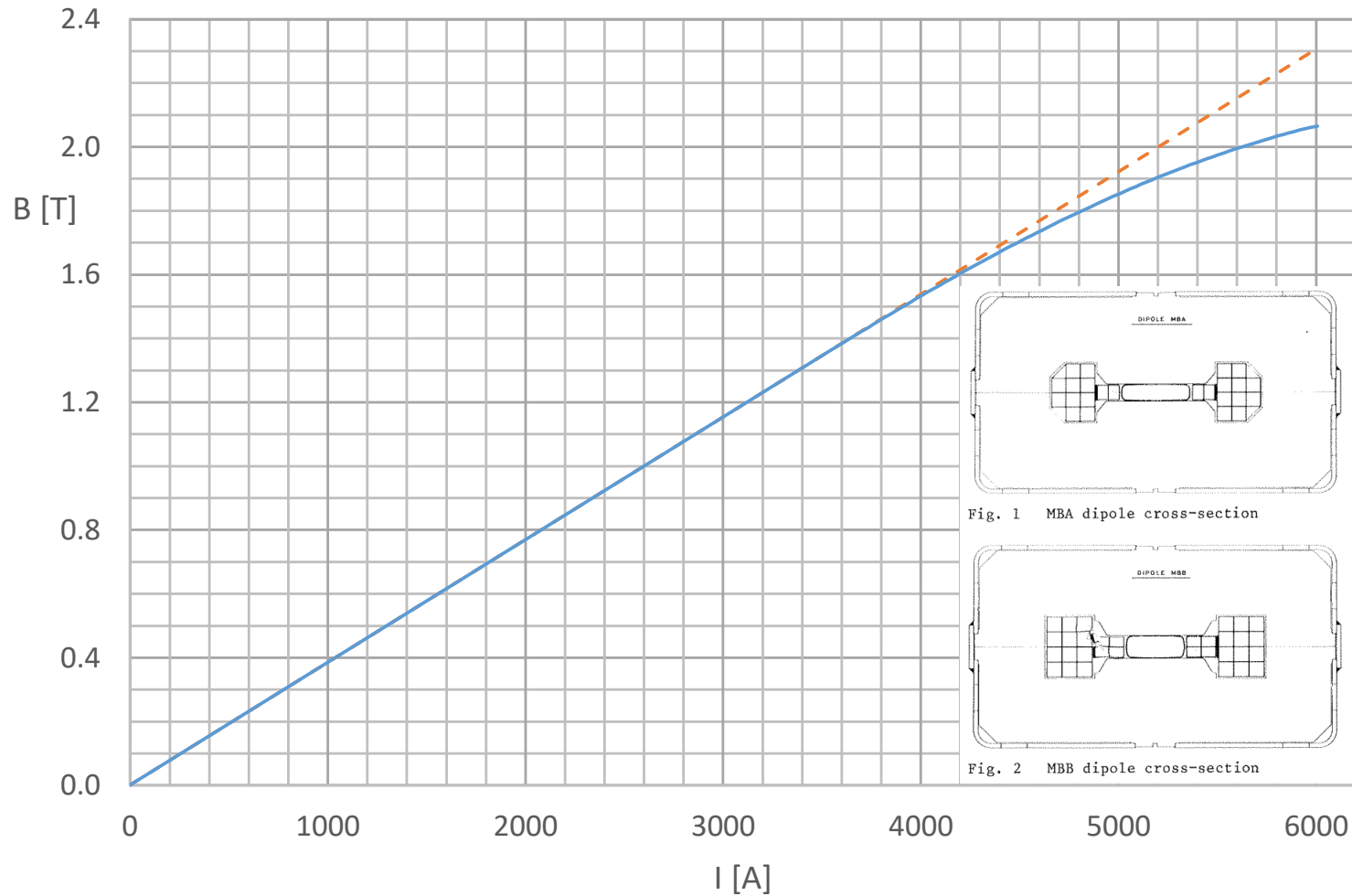
## SPS @ 450 GeV

bending  $B = 2.0 \text{ T}$   
quadrupole  $B_{\text{pole}} = 21.7 * 0.044 = 0.95 \text{ T}$

## TI2 / TI8 (transfer lines SPS to LHC, @ 450 GeV)

bending  $B = 1.8 \text{ T}$   
quadrupole  $B_{\text{pole}} = 53.5 * 0.016 = 0.86 \text{ T}$

# This is the (average) transfer function field B vs. current I for the SPS main dipoles





If the magnet is not dc, then an rms power / current is taken, considering the duty cycle



$$P_{rms} = RI_{rms}^2 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T R[I(t)]^2 dt$$

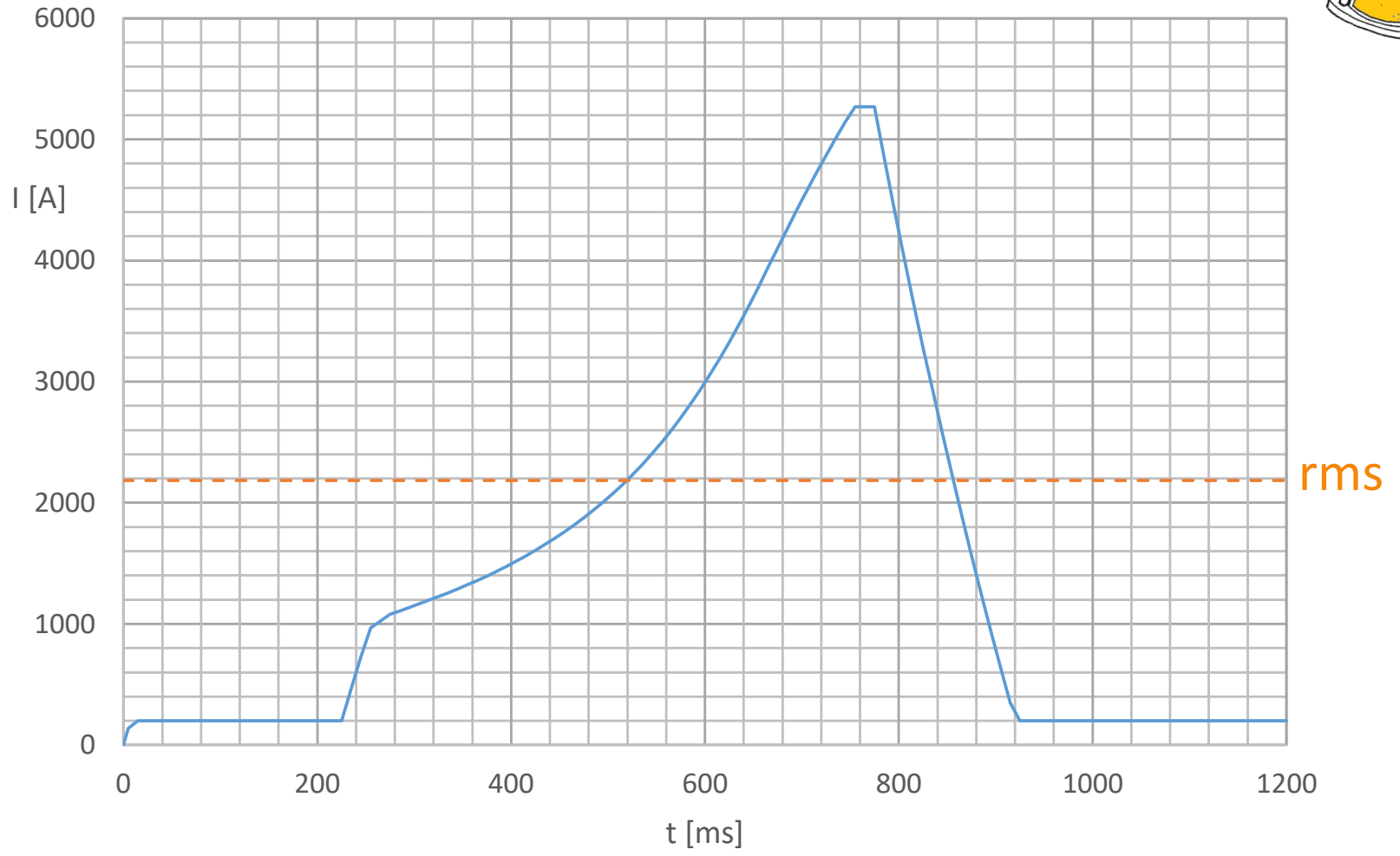
for a pure sine wave

$$I_{rms} = \frac{I_{peak}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

for a linear ramp from 0

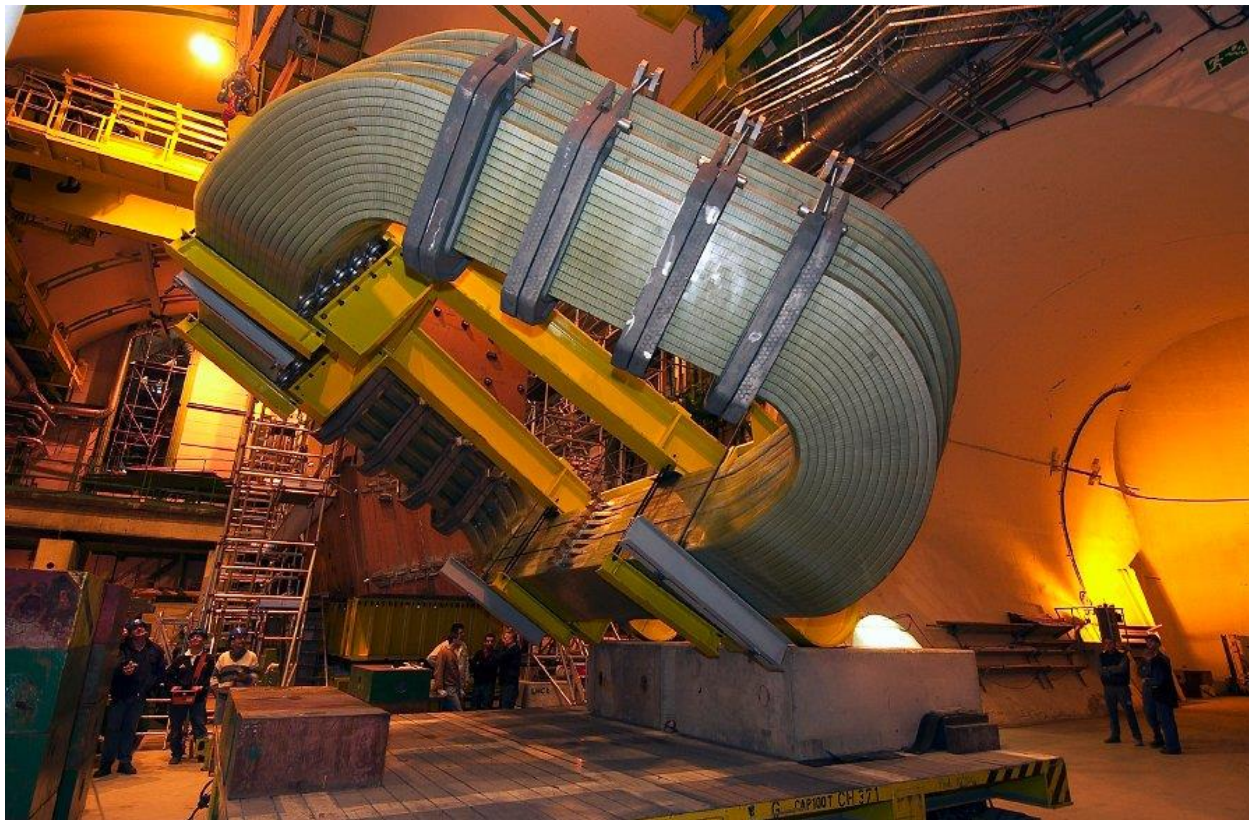
$$I_{rms} = \frac{I_{peak}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

# This is a cycle to 2.0 GeV of the PSB at CERN



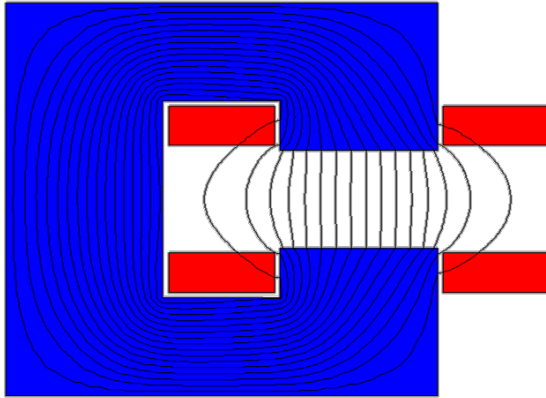
For resistive coils, the material is most often copper,  
sometimes aluminum

	Cu	Al
raw metal price	$\approx 9300$ \$/ton	$\approx 2650$ \$/ton
electrical resistivity	$1.72 \cdot 10^{-8}$ $\Omega\text{m}$	$2.65 \cdot 10^{-8}$ $\Omega\text{m}$
density	$8.9$ kg/dm <sup>3</sup>	$2.7$ kg/dm <sup>3</sup>

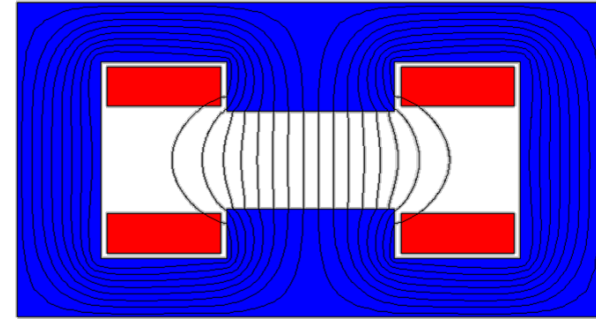


LHCb detector dipole  
Al coils  
coil mass  $2 \times 25$  t  
power  $2 \times 2.1$  MW

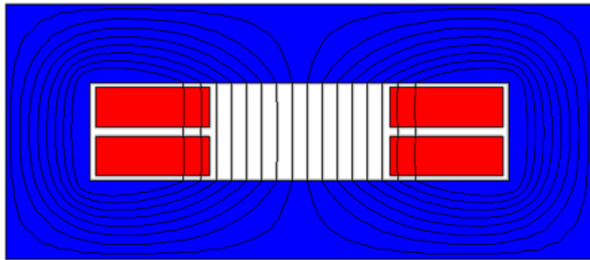
# These are the most common types of resistive dipoles



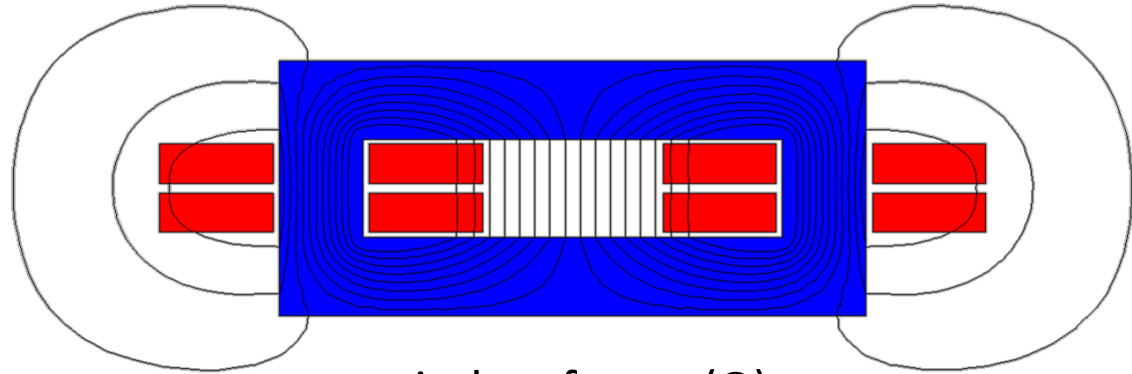
C



H



window frame  
(O)



window frame (O)  
with windings on both backlegs

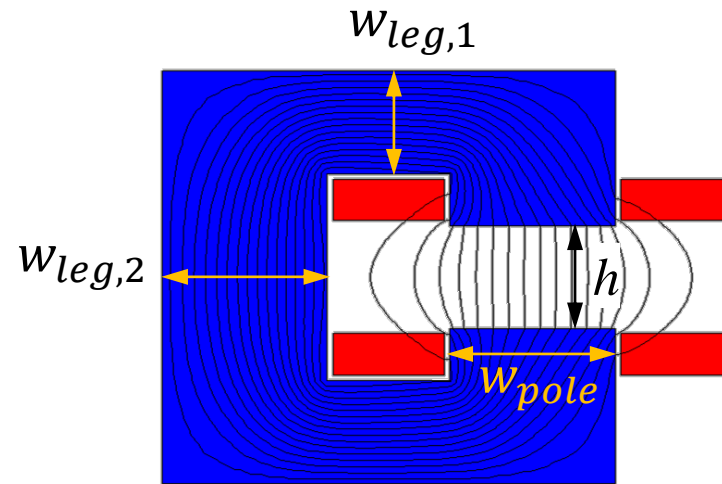
The table describes the field quality – in terms of allowed multipoles – for the different layouts of these examples



	C-shaped	H-shaped	O-shaped
$b_2$	1.4	0	0
$b_3$	-88.2	-87.0	0.2
$b_4$	0.7	0	0
$b_5$	-31.6	-31.4	-0.1
$b_6$	0.1	0	0
$b_7$	-3.8	-3.8	-0.1
$b_8$	0.0	0	0
$b_9$	0.0	0.0	0.0

$b_n$  multipoles in units of  $10^{-4}$  at  $R = 17$  mm  
 $NI = 20$  kA,  $h = 50$  mm,  $w_{\text{pole}} = 80$  mm

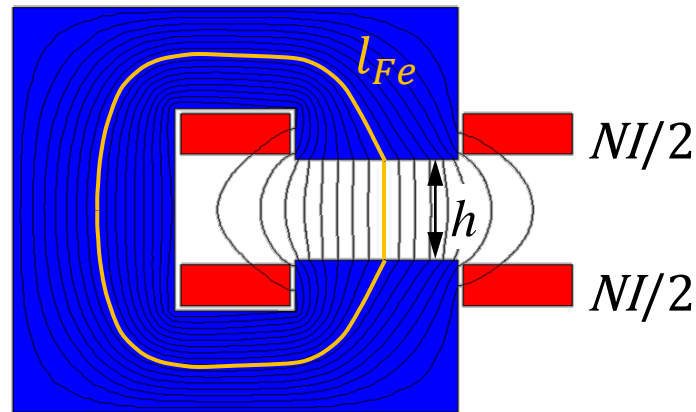
The magnetic circuit is dimensioned so that the pole is wide enough for field quality, and there is enough room for the flux in the return legs



$$w_{pole} \cong w_{GFR} + 2.5h$$

$$B_{leg} \cong B_{gap} \frac{w_{pole} + 1.2h}{w_{leg}}$$

The Ampere-turns are a linear function of the gap and of the B field (at least up to saturation)



$$NI = \oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = \frac{B_{Fe}}{\mu_0 \mu_r} \cdot l_{Fe} + \frac{B_{gap}}{\mu_0} \cdot h \cong \frac{B_{gap} h}{\mu_0}$$

$$NI = \frac{Bh}{\eta \mu_0} \quad \eta = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\mu_r} \frac{l_{Fe}}{h}}$$

# Example of computation of Ampere-turns and current

central field  $B = 1.5 \text{ T}$

total gap  $80 \text{ mm}$

$$NI = \frac{Bh}{\eta\mu_0}$$

$\eta \cong 0.97$

$$NI = (1.5 * 0.080) / (0.97 * 4 * \pi * 10^{-7}) = 98446 \text{ A total}$$

low inductance option

64 turns,  $I \cong 98500 / 64 = 1540 \text{ A}$

$L = 62.9 \text{ mH}$ ,  $R = 15.0 \text{ m}\Omega$

low current option

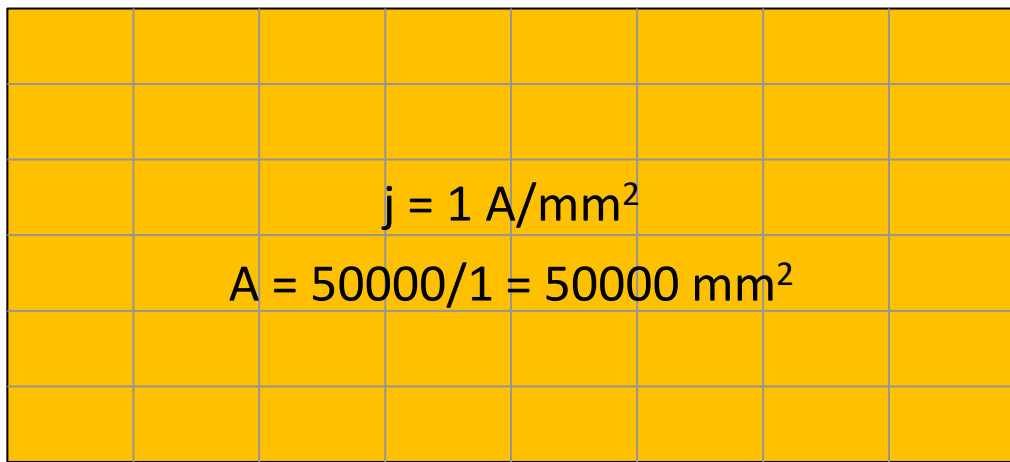
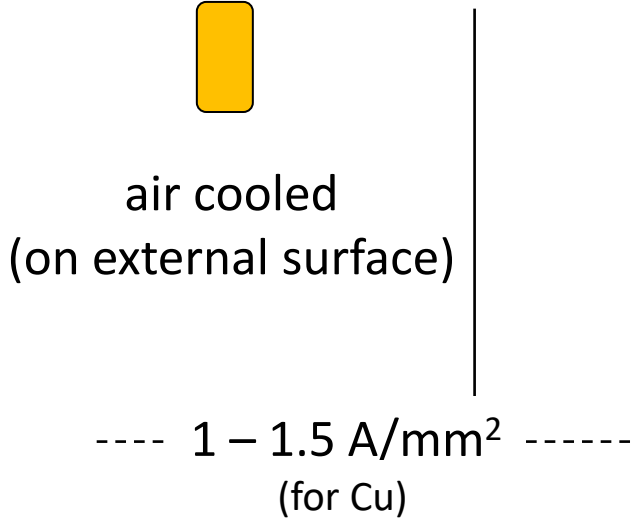
204 turns,  $I \cong 98500 / 204 = 483 \text{ A}$

$L = 639 \text{ mH}$ ,  $R = 160 \text{ m}\Omega$

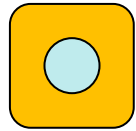


Besides the number of turns, the overall size of the coil depends on the current density, which drives the resistive power consumption (linearly)

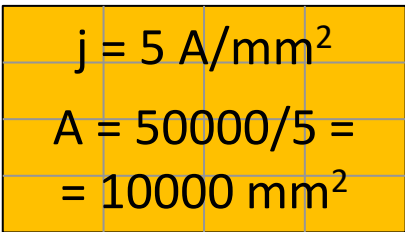
ex.  $NI = 50000 \text{ A (rms)}$



water-cooled  
(hollow conductor)



$j$   
(rms)



# These are common formulae for the main electric parameters of a resistive dipole (1/2)



Ampere-turns (total)  $NI = \frac{Bh}{\eta\mu_0}$

current  $I = \frac{(NI)}{N}$

resistance (total)  $R = \frac{\rho N L_{turn}}{A_{cond}}$

inductance  $L \cong \eta\mu_0 N^2 A/h$

$$A \cong (w_{pole} + 1.2h)(l_{Fe} + h)$$

# These are common formulae for the main electric parameters of a resistive dipole (2/2)



voltage

$$V = RI + L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

resistive power (rms)

$$\begin{aligned} P_{rms} &= RI_{rms}^2 \\ &= \rho j_{rms}^2 V_{cond} \\ &= \frac{\rho L_{turn} B_{rms} h}{\eta \mu_0} j_{rms} \end{aligned}$$

magnetic stored energy

$$E_m = \frac{1}{2} LI^2$$

# These are useful formulae for the main cooling parameters of a water-cooled resistive magnet



cooling flow  $Q_{tot} \cong 14.3 \frac{P}{\Delta T}$   $Q_{tot} \cong N_{hydr} Q$

water velocity  $v = \frac{1000}{15\pi d^2} Q$

Reynolds number  $Re \cong 1400dv$

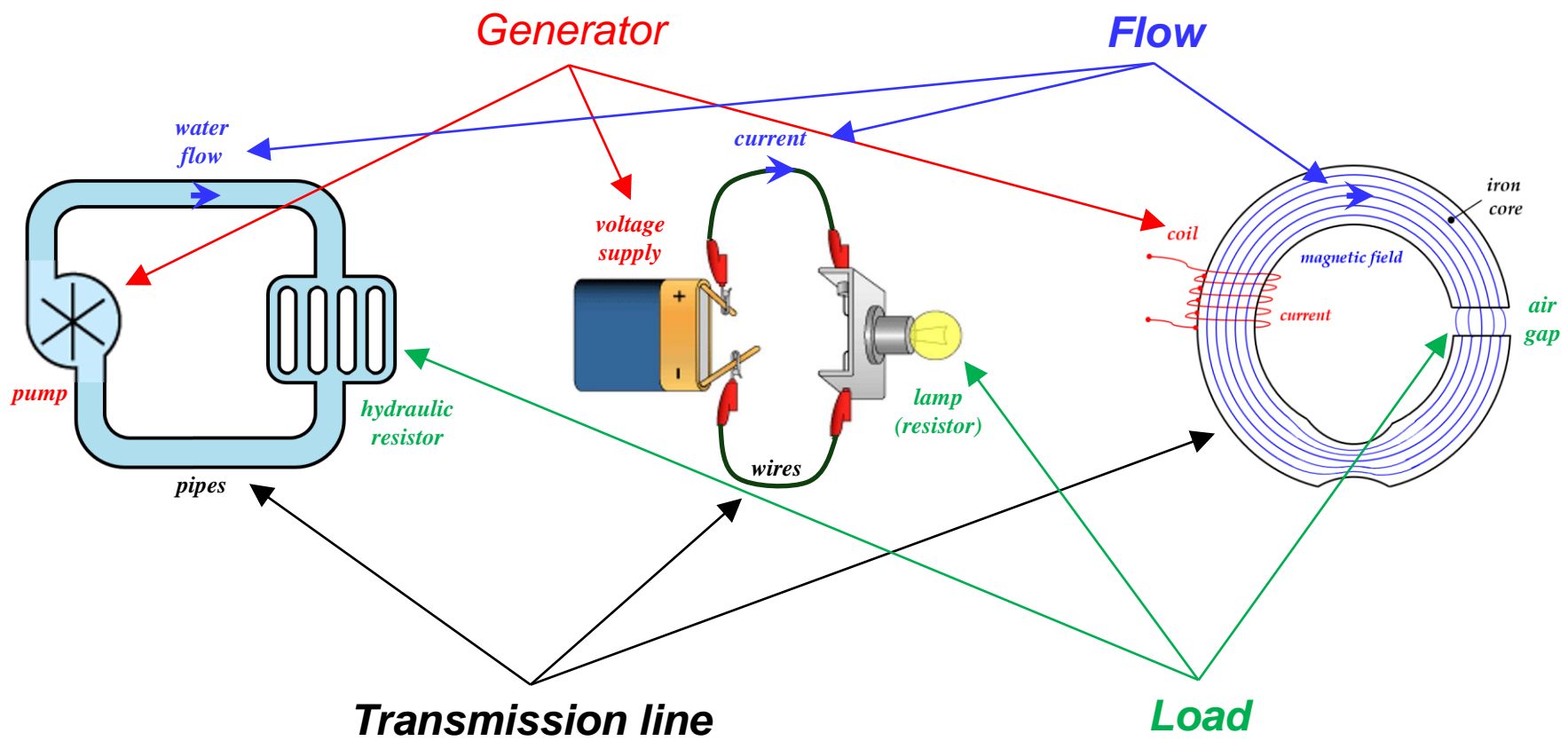
pressure drop  $\Delta p = 60L_{hydr} \frac{Q^{1.75}}{d^{4.75}}$

# Analogy of electromagnetism with other domains

Hydraulic circuit

Electrical circuit

Magnetic circuit

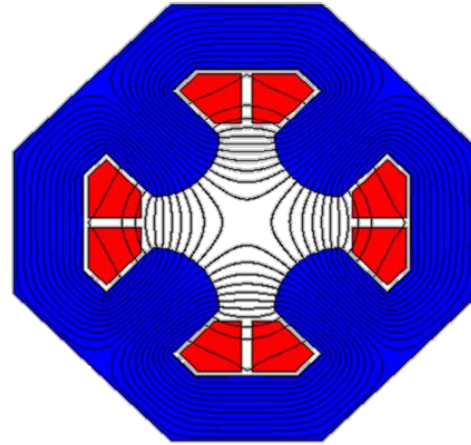


# Analogy of electromagnetism with other domains

Fluid dynamics	Electricity	Electromagnetism
$\Delta P = \mathcal{R} \times Q$ $Q = V \times A$ $\mathcal{R} = L / \psi A$	$\Delta V = R \times I$ $I = J \times A$ $R = L / \sigma A$	$NI = \mathcal{R} \times \phi$ $\phi = B \times A$ $\mathcal{R} = L / \mu A$
P: pressure $\mathcal{R}$ : hydraulic resistance Q: fluid volumic flow V: fluid velocity A: pipe area L: pipe length $\psi$ : hydraulic conductance	V: voltage R: resistance I: current J: current density A: conductor area L: conductor length $\sigma$ : electrical conductivity	NI: ampere-turns $\mathcal{R}$ : reluctance $\phi$ : magnetic flux B: magnetic flux density A: magnetic circuit area L: magnetic circuit length $\mu$ : magnetic permeability

Similar analogies exist in mechanics, electrostatics...

# These are the most common types of resistive quadrupoles



standard  
quadrupole

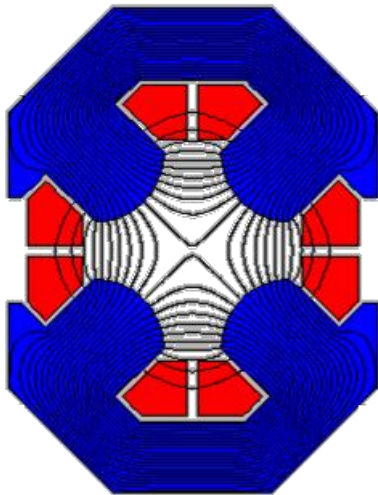
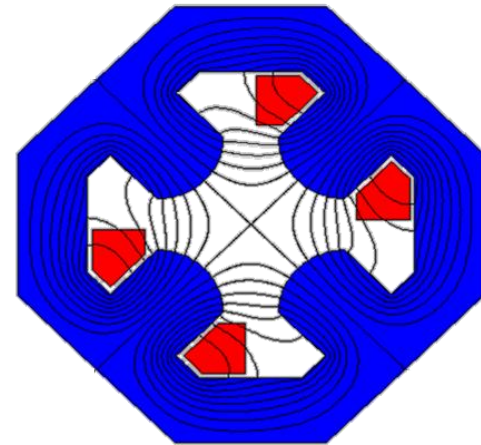


figure-of-8  
(useful because  
narrow)



quadrupole  
with half the coils  
(maybe not so common)

# These are useful formulae for standard resistive quadrupoles



pole tip field

$$B_{pole} = Gr$$

Ampere-turns (per pole)

$$NI = \frac{Gr^2}{2\eta\mu_0}$$

current

$$I = \frac{(NI)}{N}$$

resistance (total)

$$R = 4 \frac{\rho N L_{turn}}{A_{cond}}$$



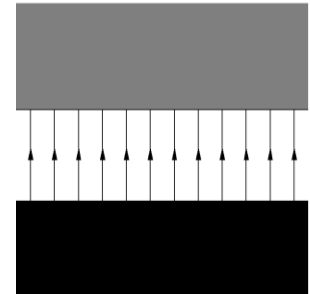
# The *ideal* poles for dipole, quadrupole, sextupole, etc. are lines of constant scalar potential

dipole

$$\rho \sin(\theta) = \pm h/2$$

$$y = \pm h/2$$

(straight line)

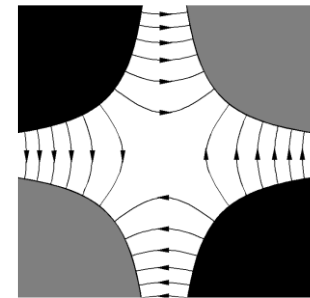


quadrupole

$$\rho^2 \sin(2\theta) = \pm r^2$$

$$2xy = \pm r^2$$

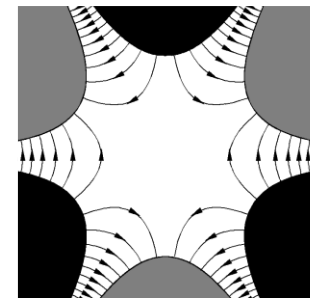
(hyperbola)



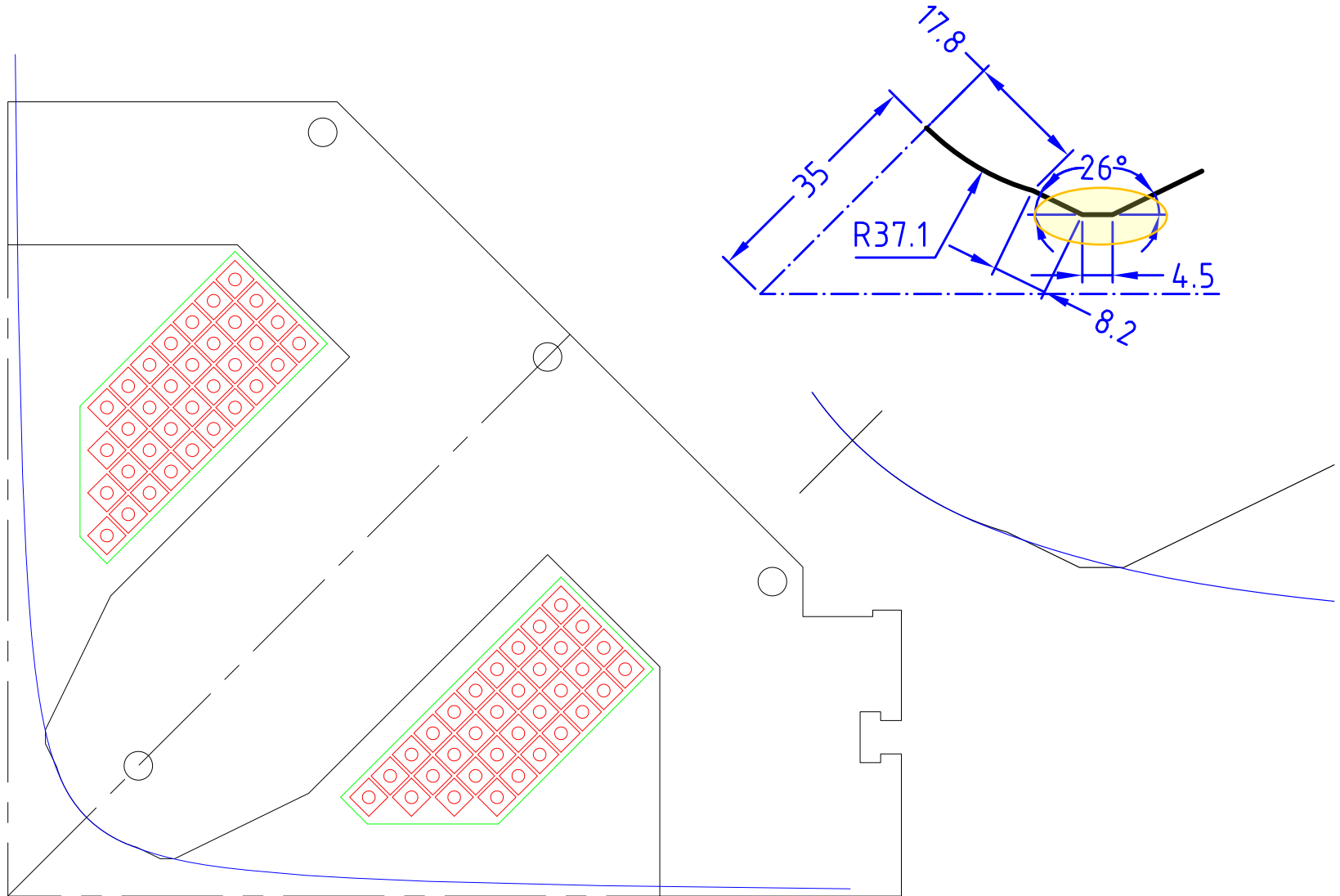
sextupole

$$\rho^3 \sin(3\theta) = \pm r^3$$

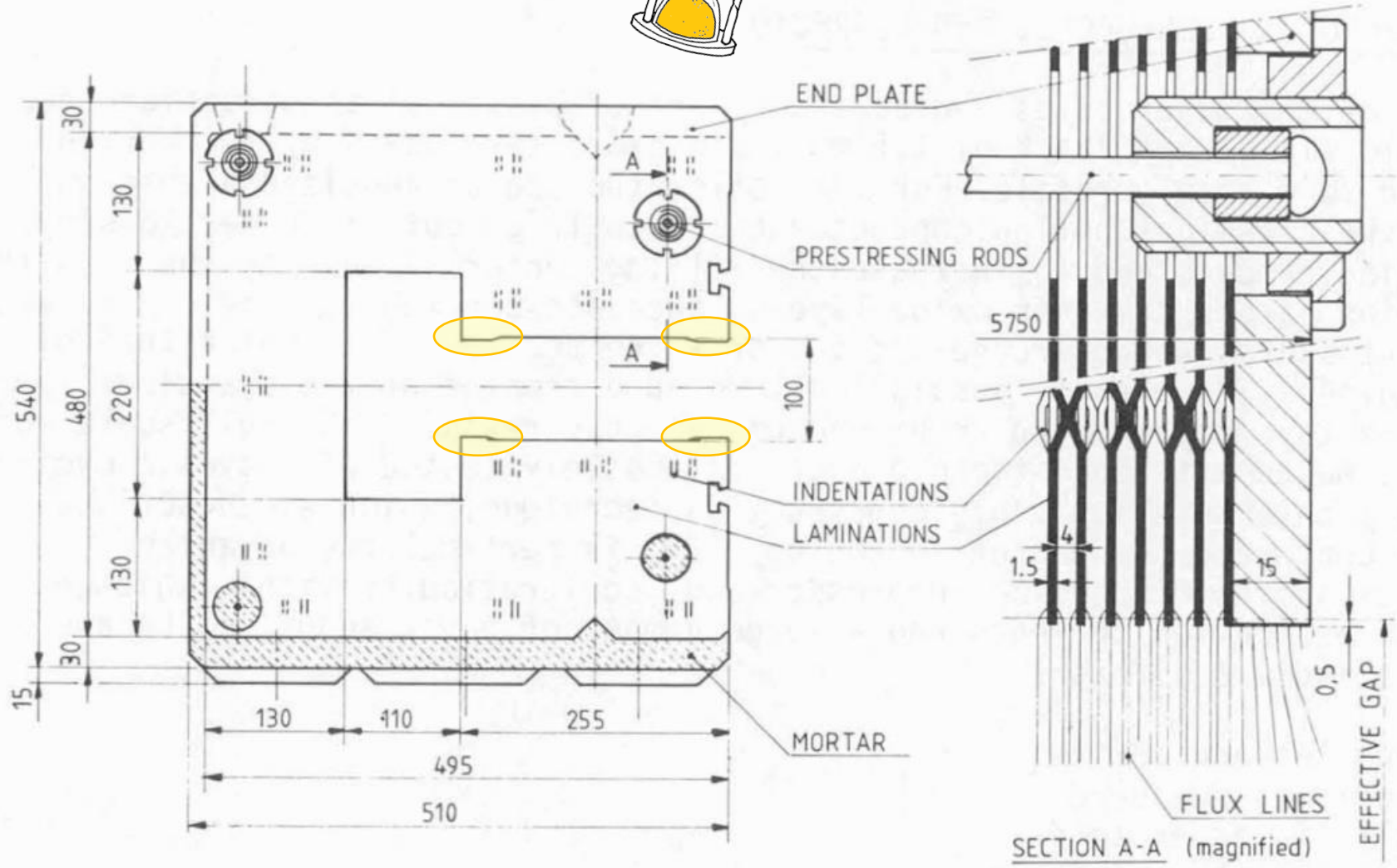
$$3x^2y - y^3 = \pm r^3$$



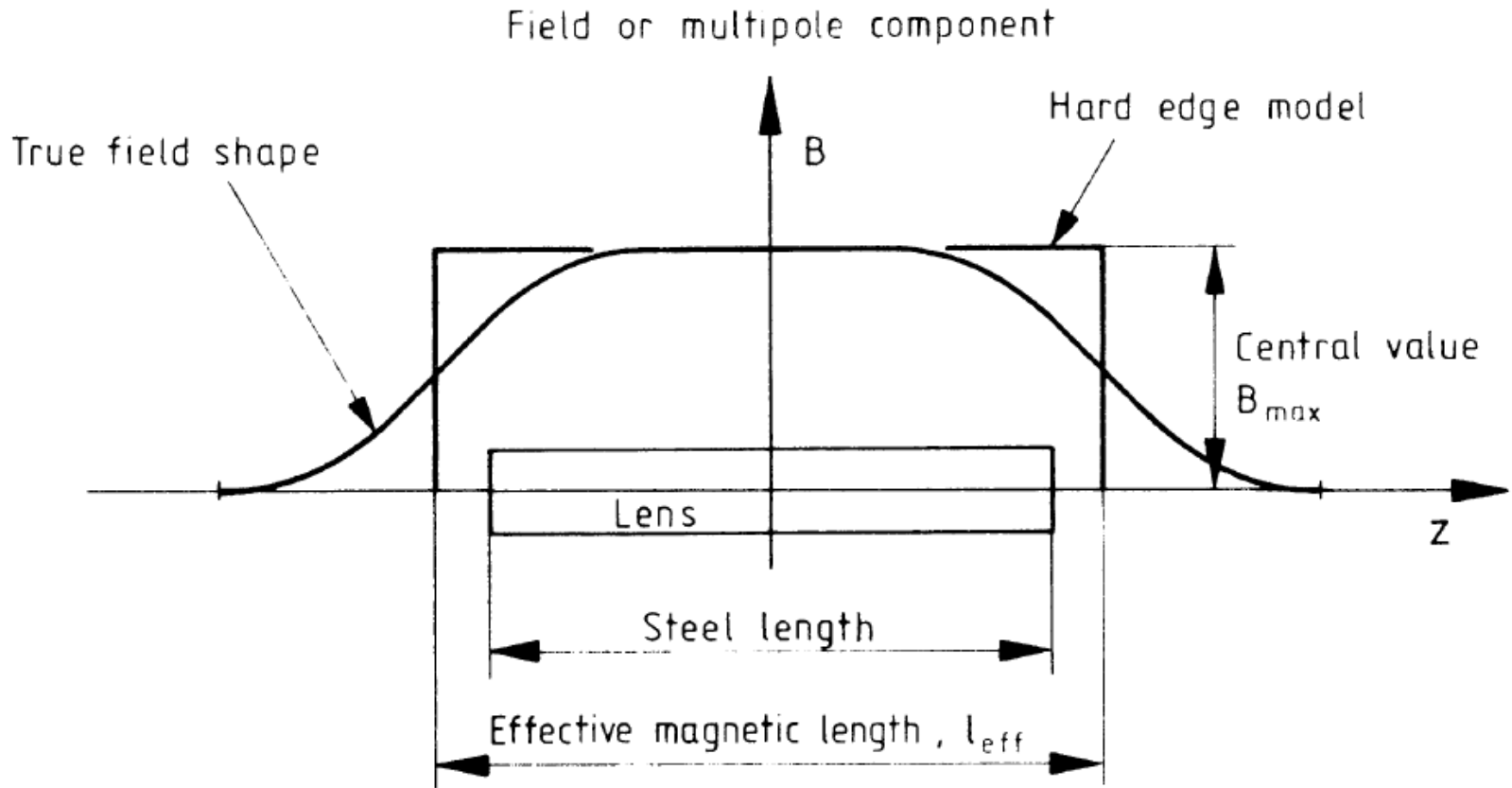
As an example, this is the pole tip used in the SESAME quadrupoles vs. the theoretical hyperbola



This is the lamination of the LEP main bending magnets, with the pole shims well visible



In 3D, the longitudinal dimension of the magnet is described by a magnetic length



$$l_m B_0 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B(z) dz$$

The magnetic length can be estimated at first order with simple formulae

$$l_m > l_{Fe}$$



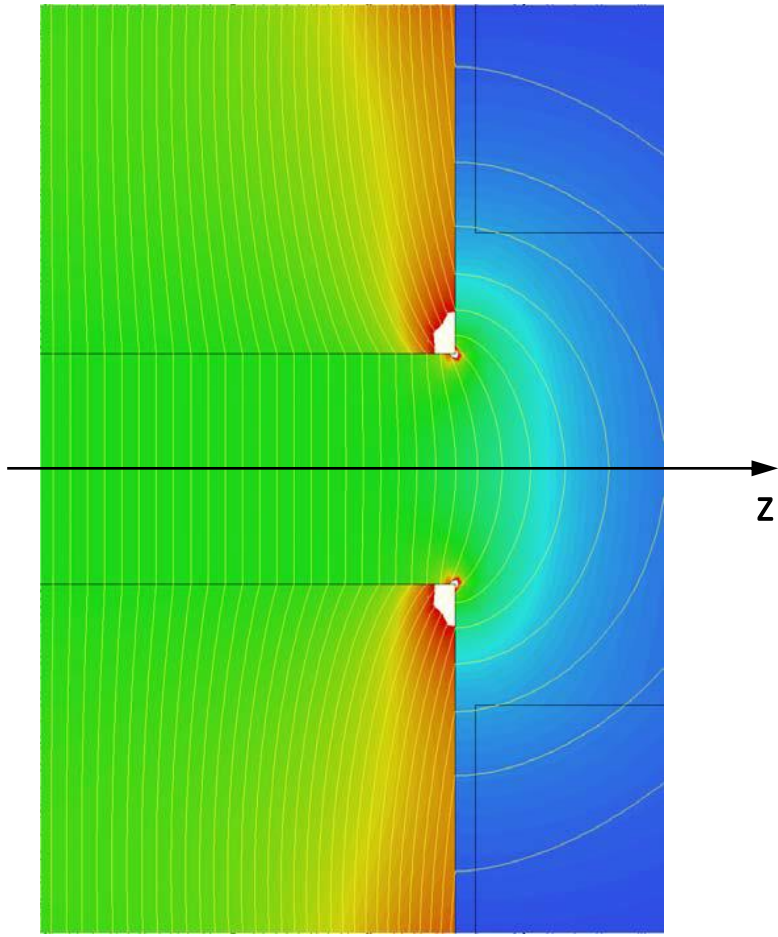
dipole

$$l_m \cong l_{Fe} + h$$

quadrupole

$$l_m \cong l_{Fe} + 0.80r$$

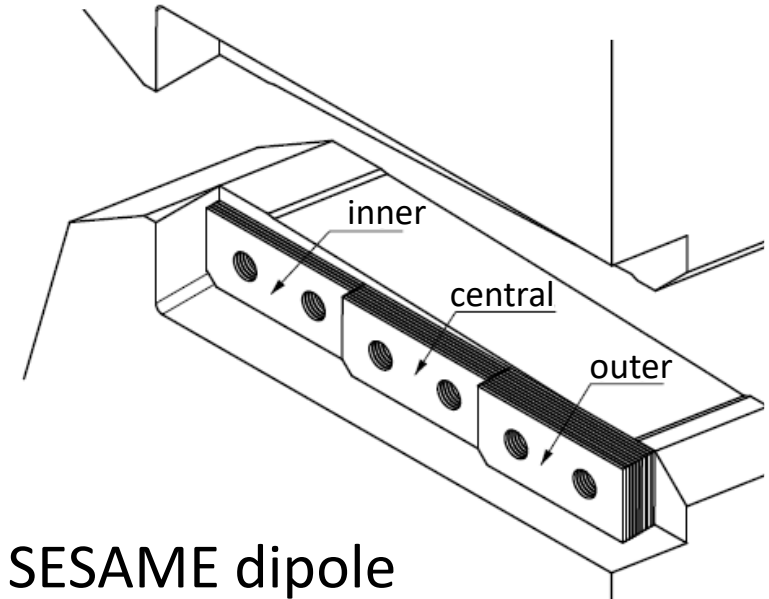
There are many different options to terminate the pole ends, depending on the type of magnet, its field level, etc.



abrupt

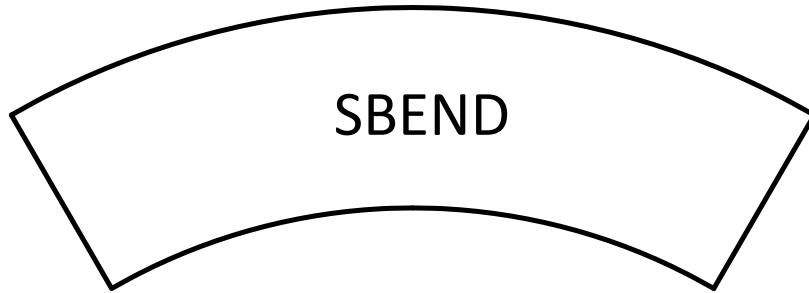


DIAMOND dipole

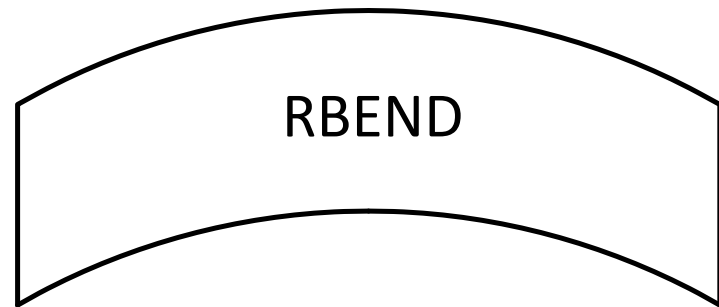


SESAME dipole

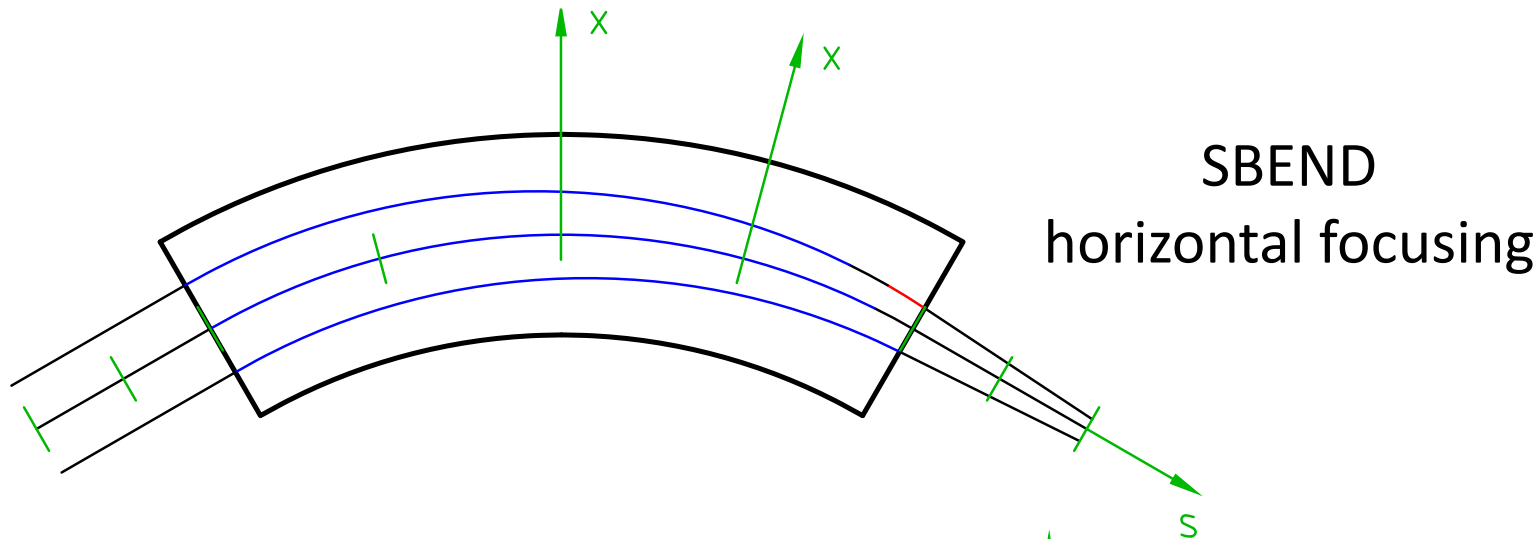
Usually two dipole elements are found in lattice codes: the sector dipole (SBEND) and the parallel faces dipole (RBEND)



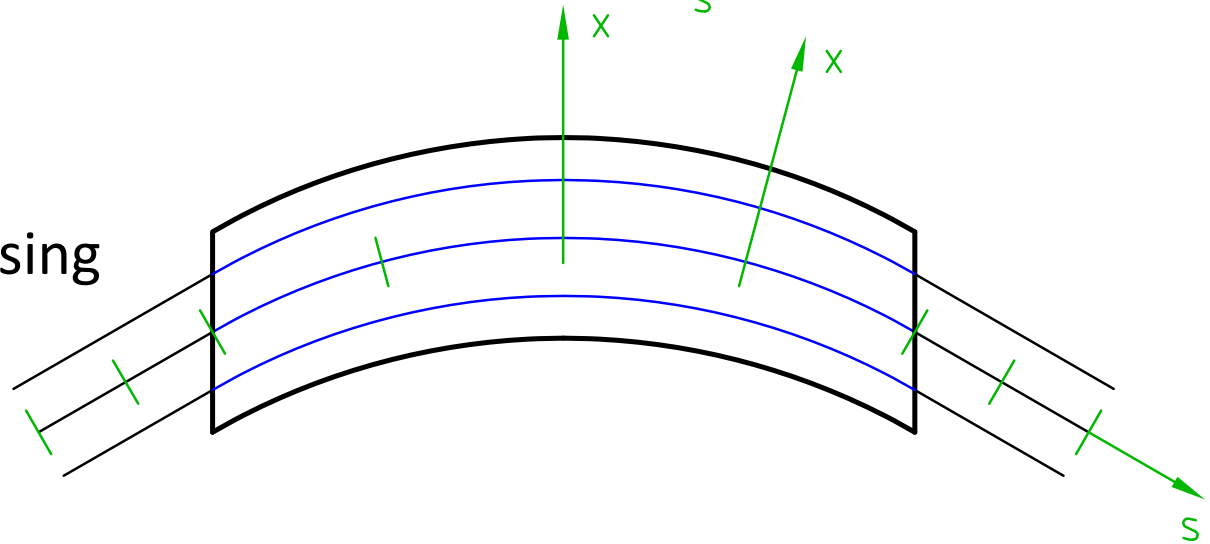
top views



The two types of dipoles are slightly different in terms of focusing, for a geometric effect



RBEND  
vertical edge focusing

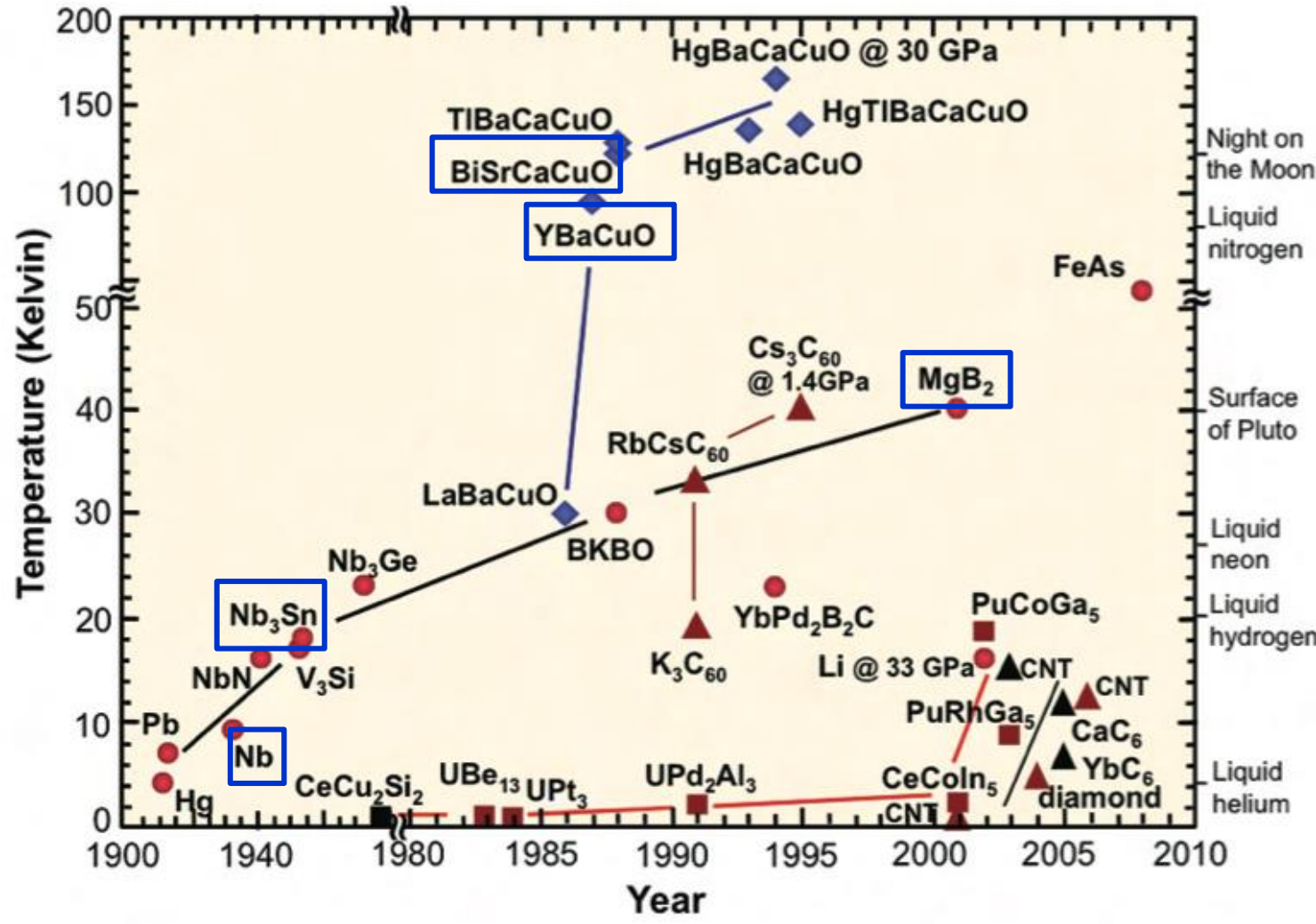


- and anything in between (playing with the edge angles) -

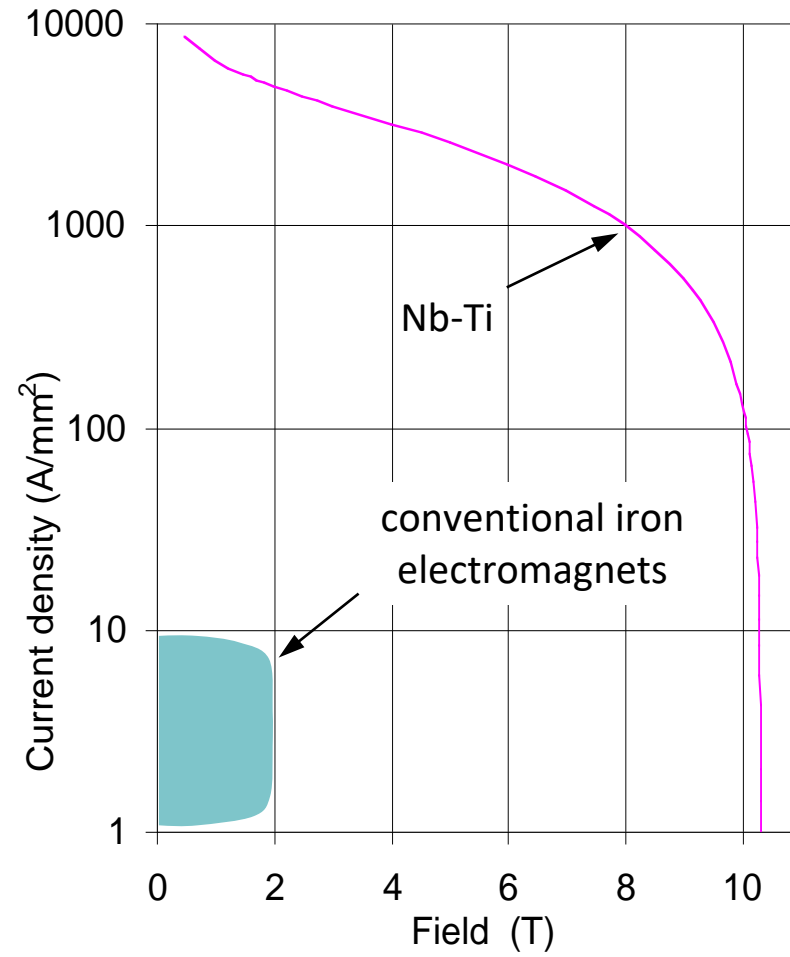


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# This is a history chart of superconductors, starting with Hg all the way to HTS (High Temperature Superconductors)



# Superconductivity makes possible large accelerators with fields well above 2 T



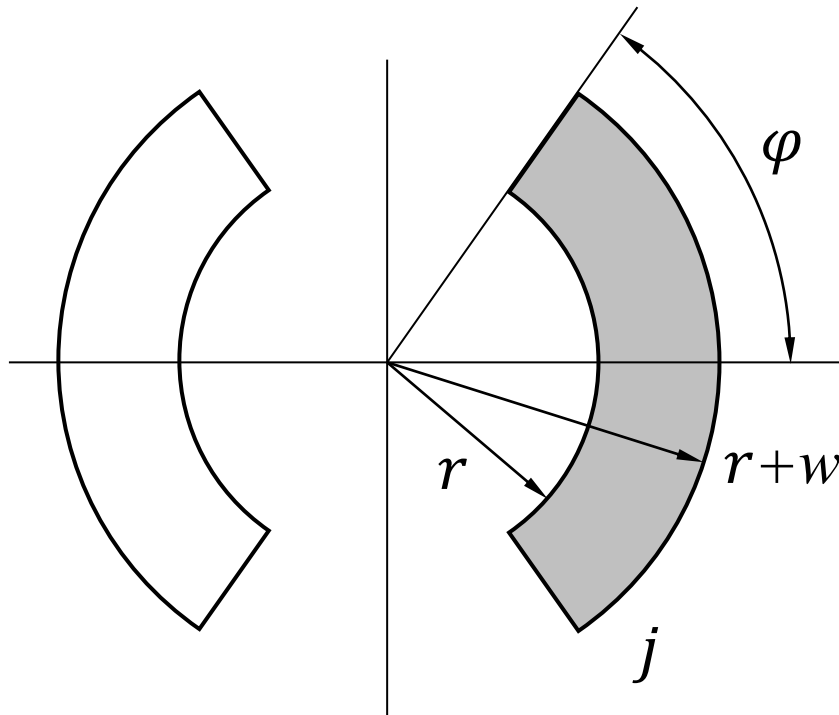
# This is a summary of (somehow) practical superconductors

	LTS			HTS		
material	Nb-Ti	Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn	MgB <sub>2</sub>	REBCO	BSCCO	Fe based
year of discovery	1961	1954	2001	1987	1988	2008
T <sub>c</sub> [K]	9.2	18.2	39	≈93	95 / 108	up to 58
B <sub>c2</sub> [T]	≈14.5	≈30	>30	120...250	≈200	>100

The field in the aperture of a superconducting dipole can be derived using Biot-Savart law (in 2D)

$$B_{\theta} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi\rho}$$

Biot-Savart law for an infinite wire



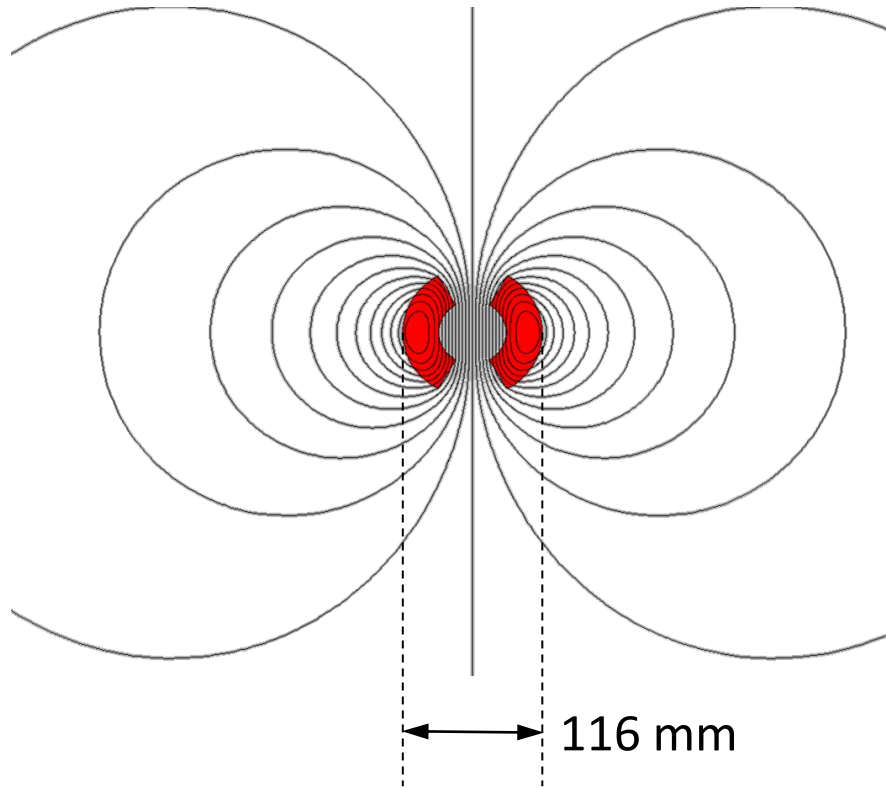
$$B = \frac{2\mu_0 \sin \varphi}{\pi} jw$$

for a sector coil

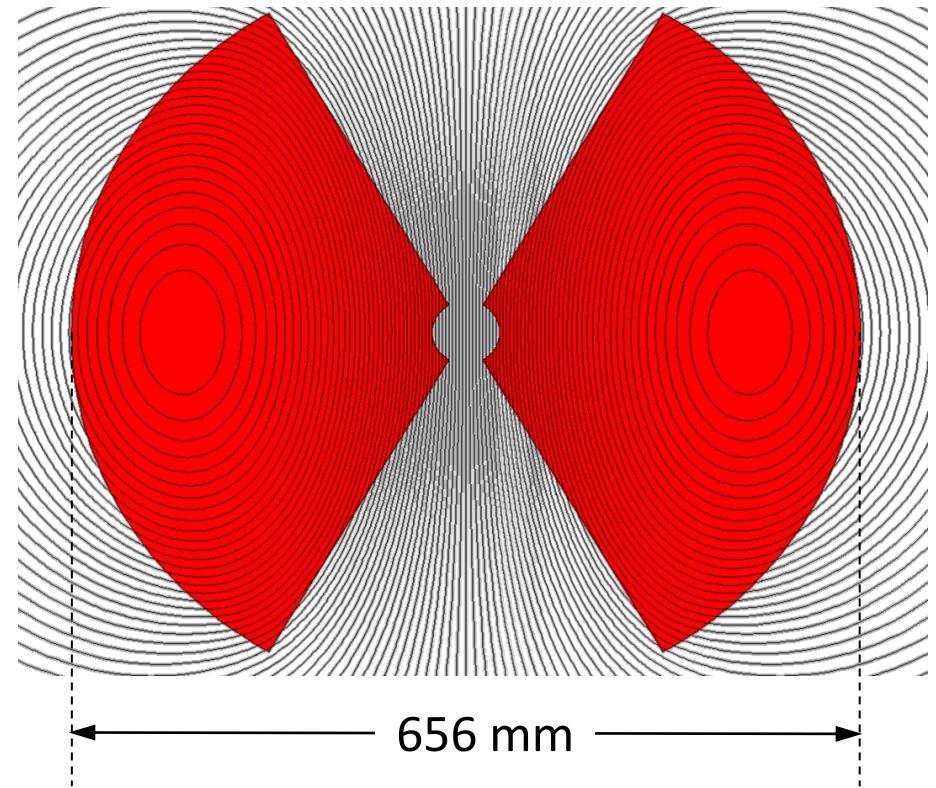
$$B = \frac{\sqrt{3}\mu_0}{\pi} jw$$

for a 60 deg sector coil

This is how it would look like one aperture of the LHC dipoles at 8.3 T, with two different current densities (without iron)

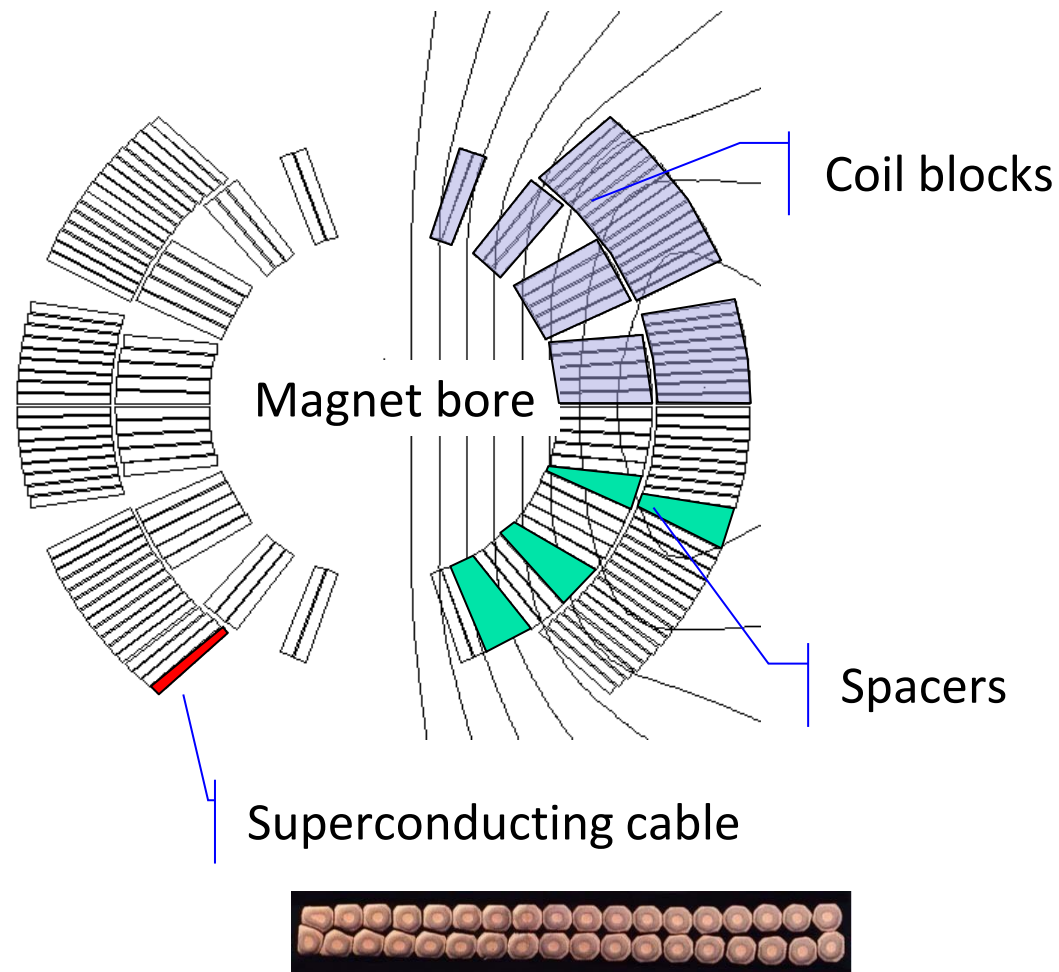


$j = 400 \text{ A/mm}^2$   
 $w = 30 \text{ mm}$   
 $NI = 1.2 \text{ MA}$   
 $P = 14.9 \text{ MW/m}$  (if Cu at room temp.)

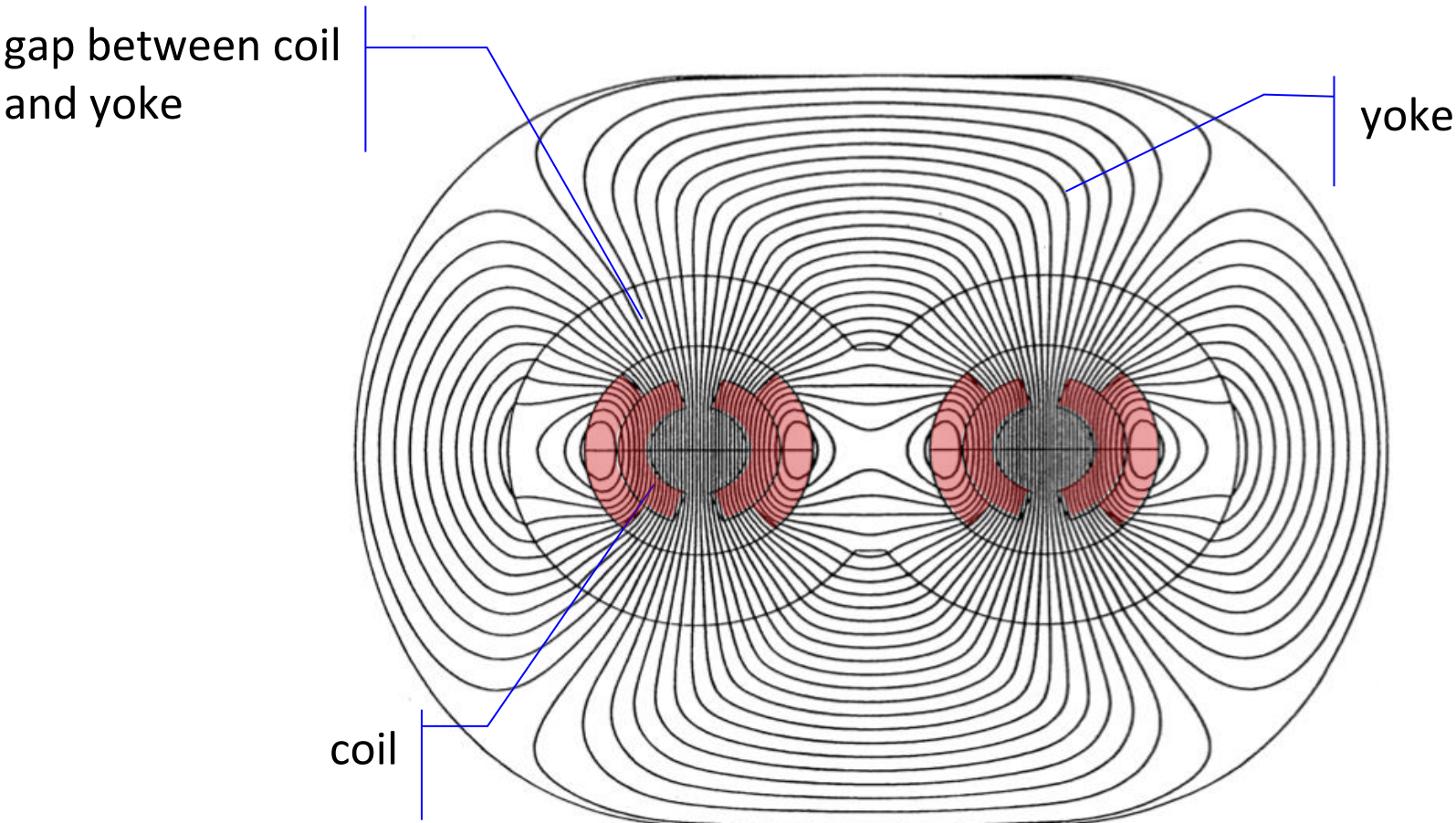


$j = 40 \text{ A/mm}^2$   
 $w = 300 \text{ mm}$   
 $NI = 4.5 \text{ MA}$   
 $P = 6.2 \text{ MW/m}$  (if Cu at room temp.)

This is the actual coil of the LHC main dipoles (one aperture), showing the position of the superconducting cables

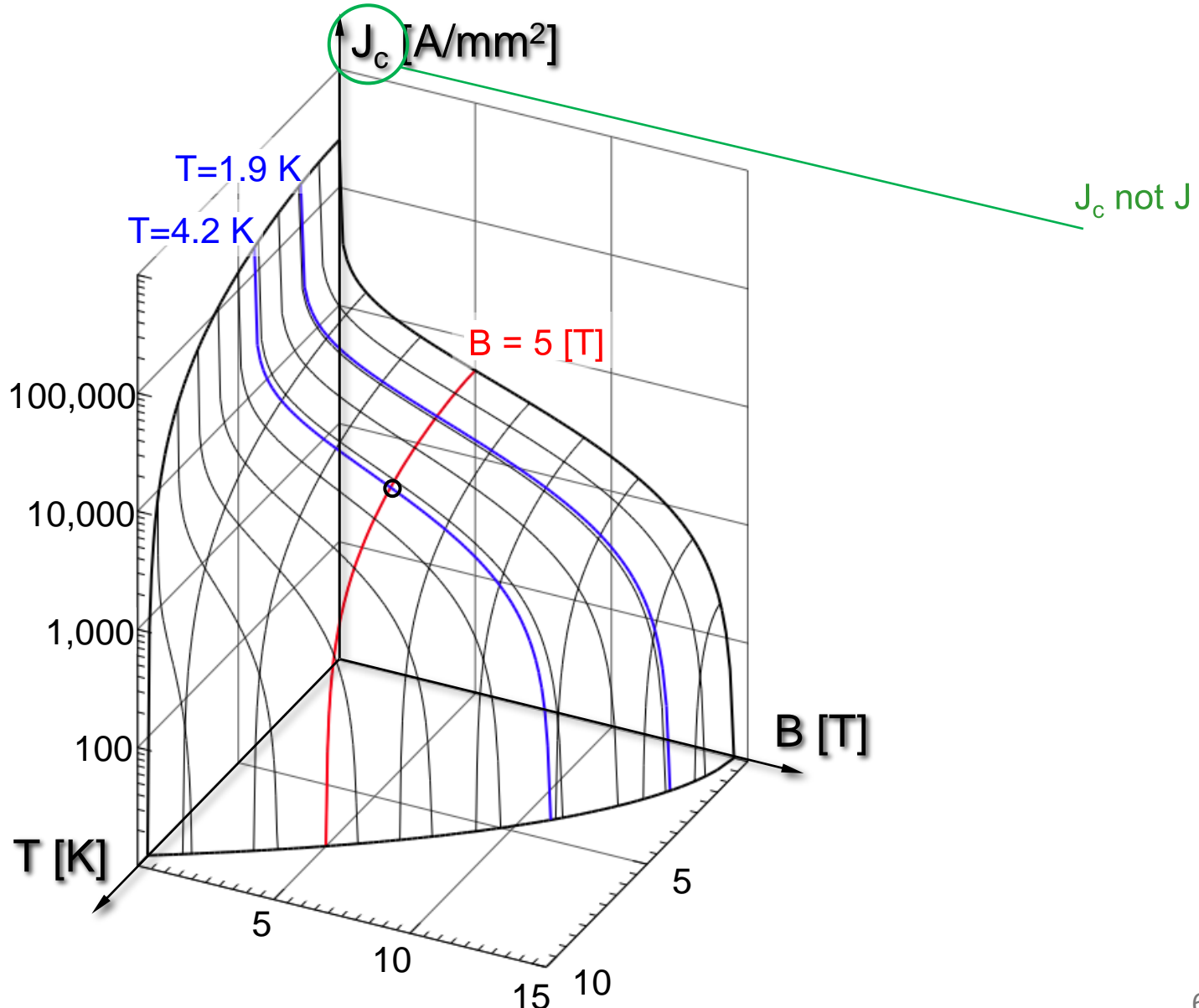


# Around the coils, iron is used to close the magnetic circuit



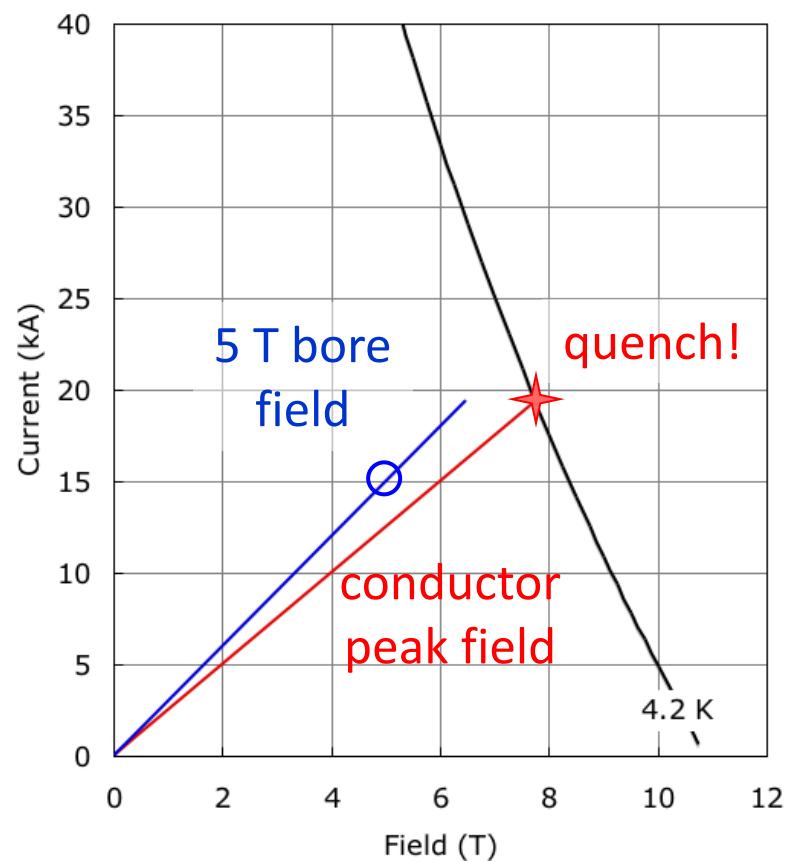
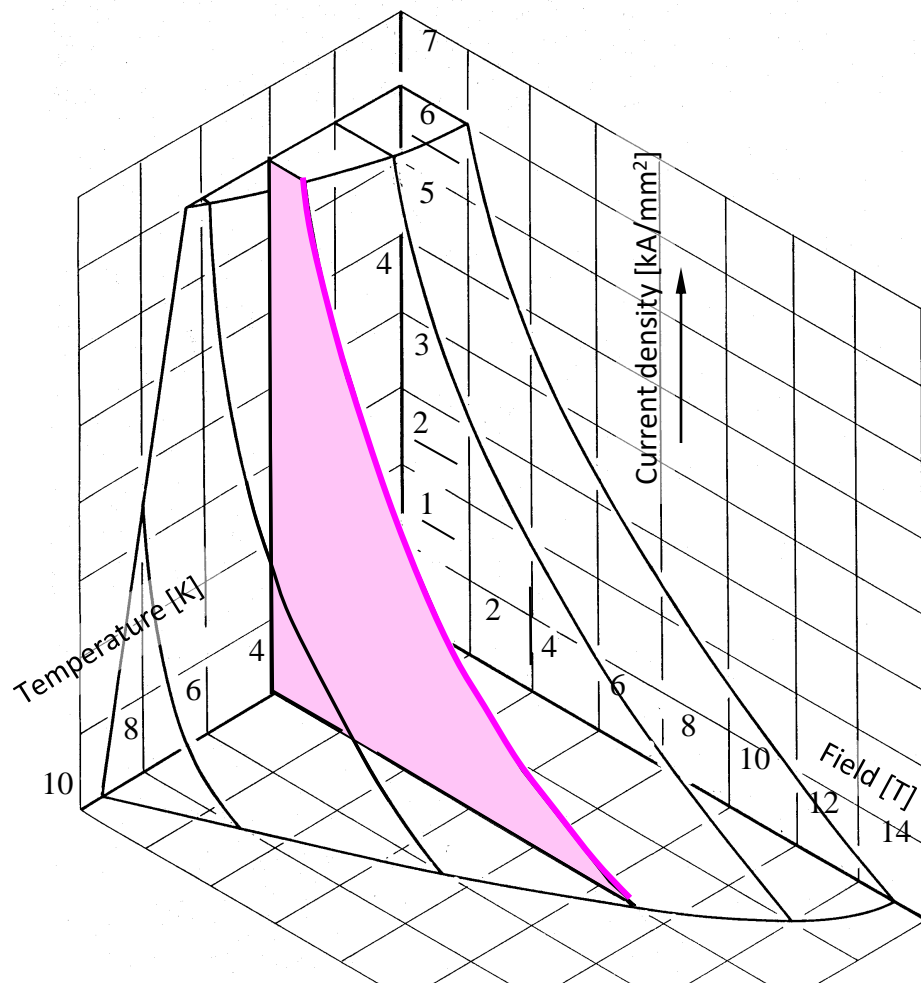


The allowable current density is high – though finite – and it depends on the temperature and the field

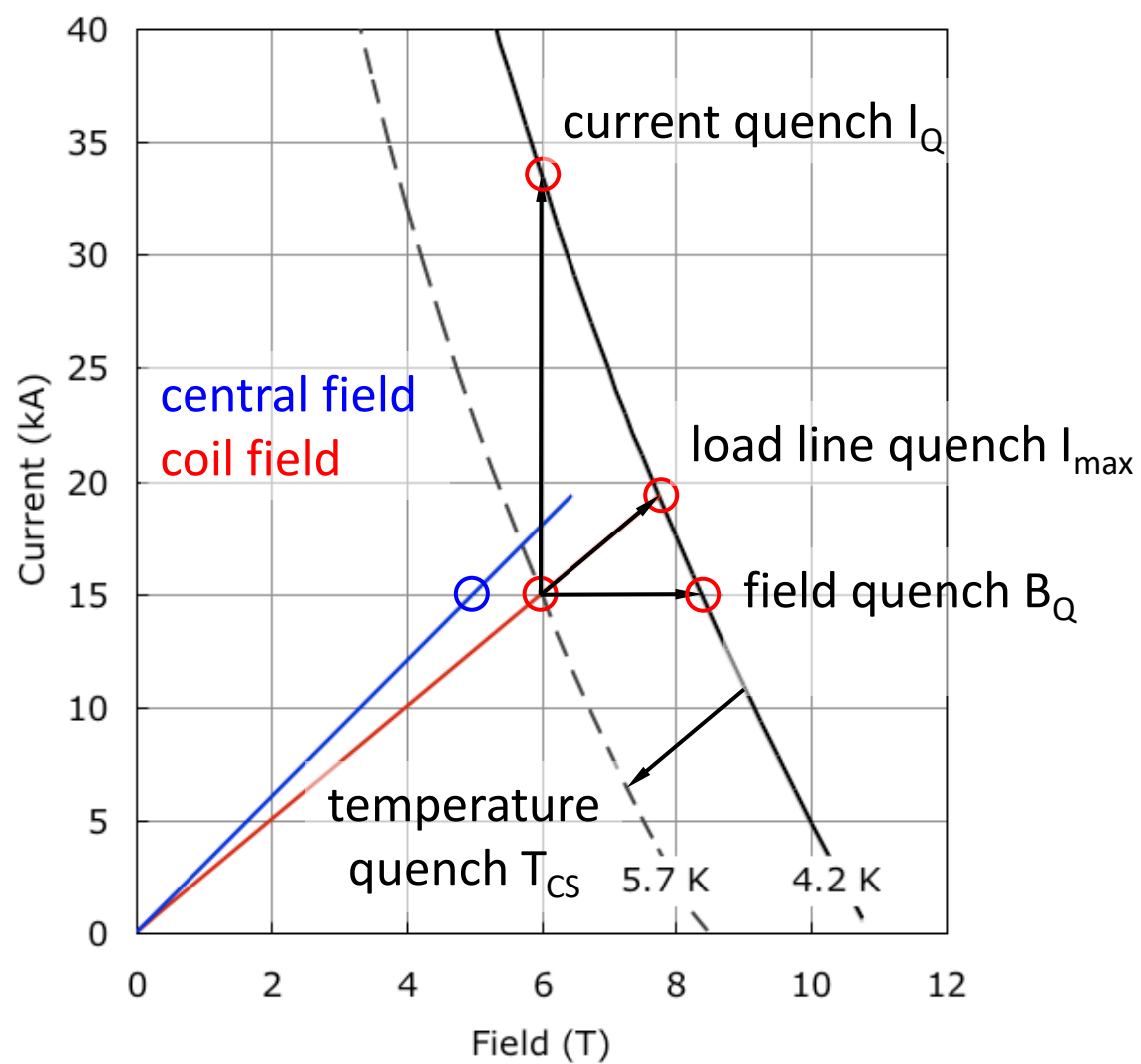


The maximum achievable field (on paper) depends on the amount of conductor and on the superconductor's critical line

Nb-Ti critical surface  $I_C = J_C \times A_{SC}$   $\longrightarrow$  Nb-Ti critical current  $I_C$  (B)

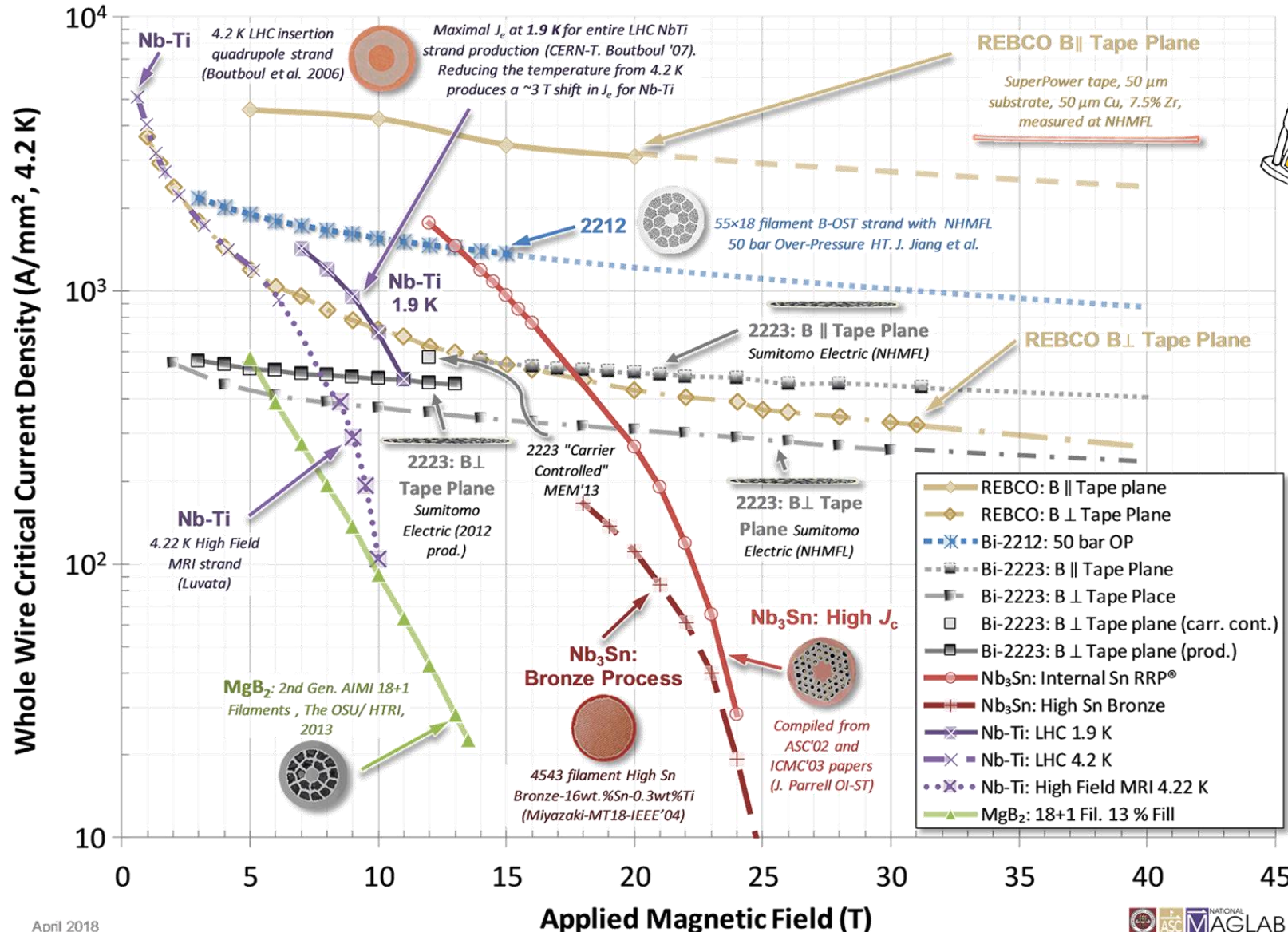


In practical operation, margins are needed with respect to this short sample limit

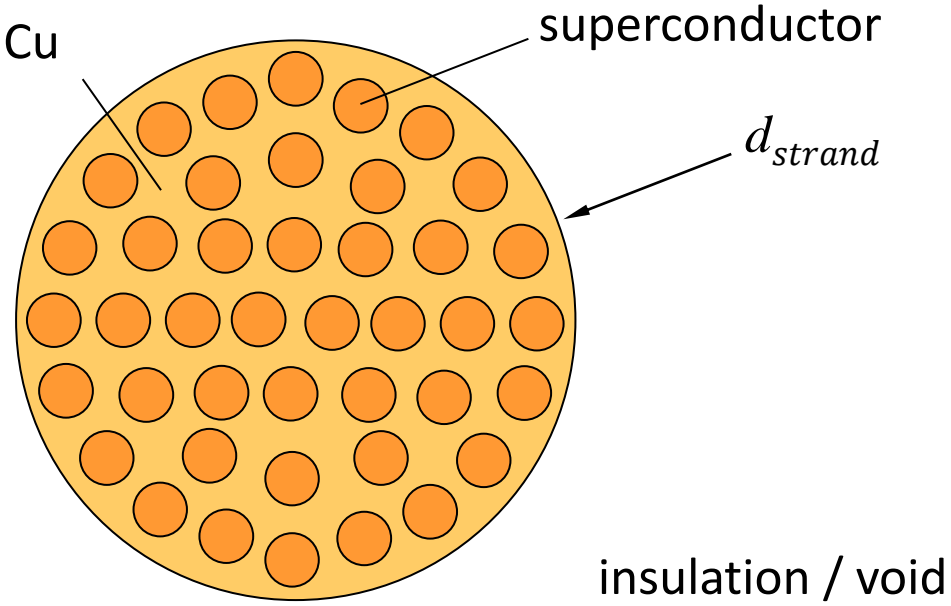


# This is the best (Apr. 2018) critical current for several superconductors

Applied Superconductivity Center at NHMFL



# The overall current density is lower than the current density on the superconductor

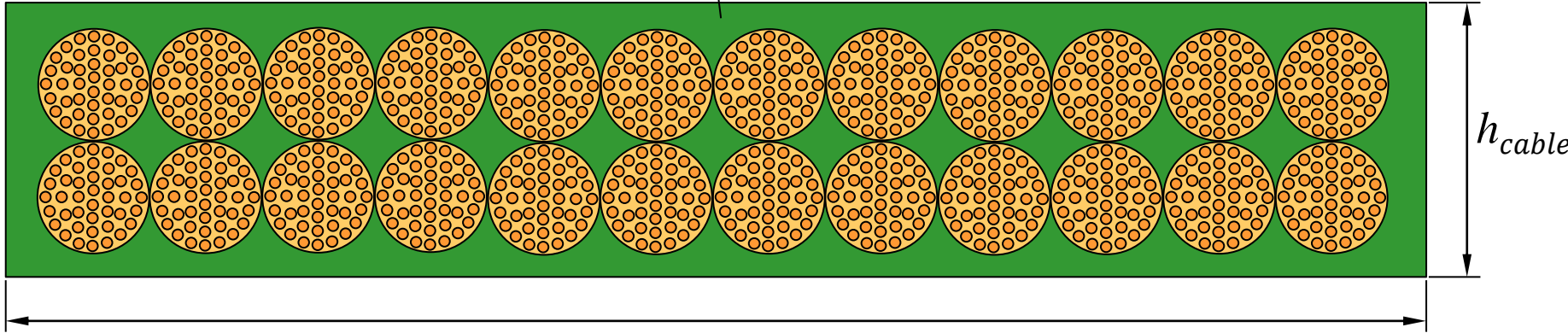


$$j_{overall} = \frac{I}{w_{cable} t_{cable}}$$

$$j_{cond} = \frac{I}{N_{strand} \frac{\pi d_{strand}^2}{4}}$$

$$j_{sc} = (1 + v_{Cu-sc}) j_{cond}$$

$$v_{Cu-sc} = \frac{A_{Cu}}{A_{sc}}$$



$w_{cable}$

The forces can be very large, so the mechanical design is important

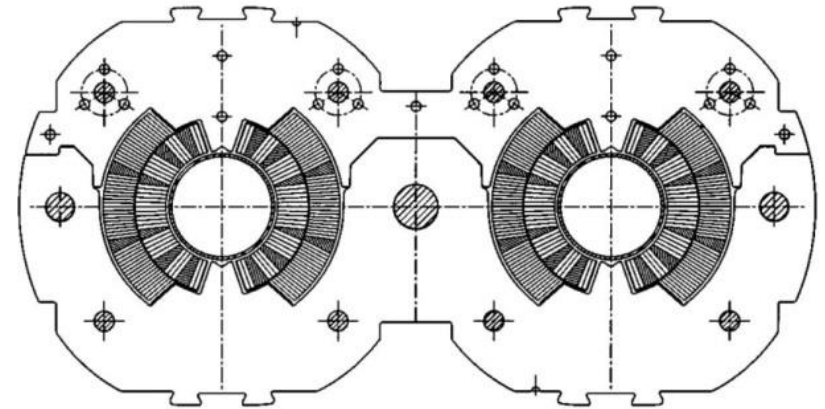


Nb-Ti LHC MB @ 8.3 T

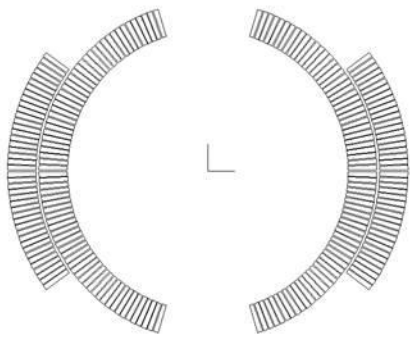
$F_x \approx 350$  t per meter

precision of coil positioning: 20-50  $\mu\text{m}$

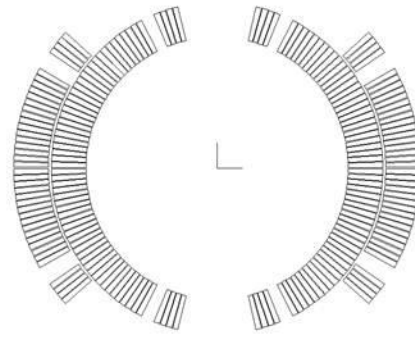
$F_z \approx 40$  t



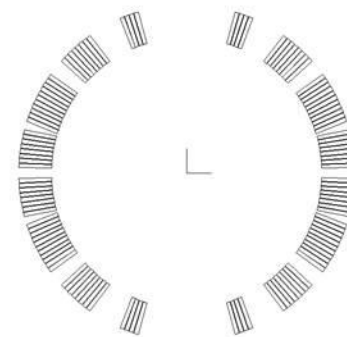
The coil cross sections of several superconducting dipoles show a certain evolution; all were (are) based on Nb-Ti



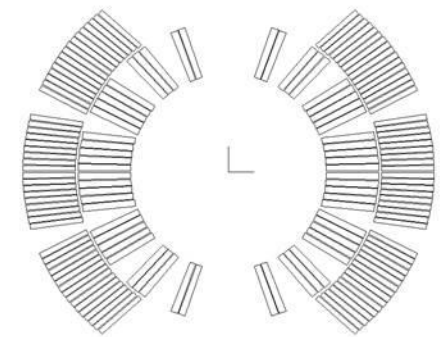
Tevatron



HERA

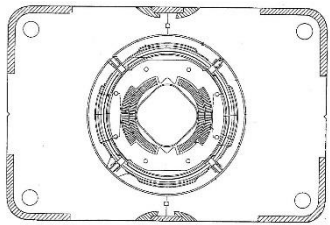


RHIC



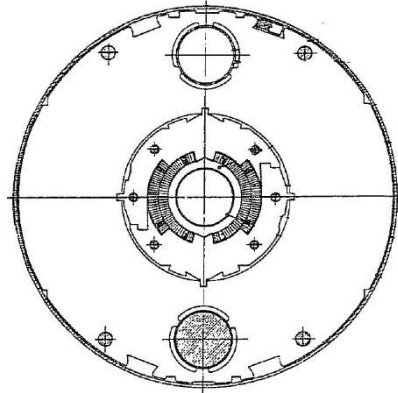
LHC  
(one aperture)

Also the iron, the mechanical structure and the operating temperature can be quite diverse



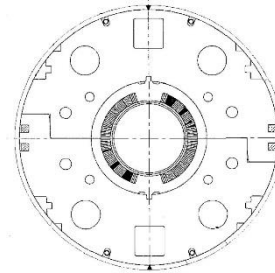
Tevatron

76 mm bore  
 $B = 4.3 \text{ T}$   
 $T = 4.2 \text{ K}$   
first beam 1983



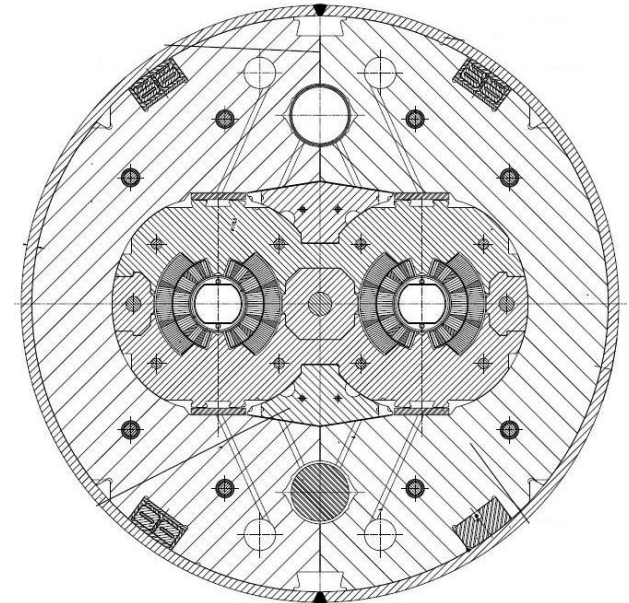
HERA

75 mm bore  
 $B = 5.0 \text{ T}$   
 $T = 4.5 \text{ K}$   
first beam 1991



RHIC

80 mm bore  
 $B = 3.5 \text{ T}$   
 $T = 4.3\text{-}4.6 \text{ K}$   
first beam 2000

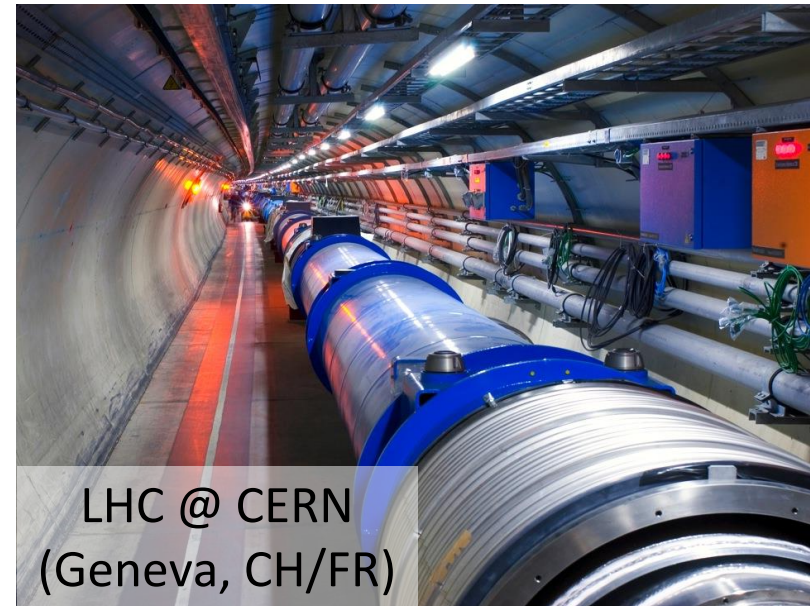


LHC

56 mm bore  
 $B = 8.3 \text{ T}$   
 $T = 1.9 \text{ K}$   
first beam 2008



# This is how they look in their machines



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# There are different programs used for magnetic simulations

1. OPERA-2D and OPERA-3D, by Dassault Systèmes
2. ROXIE, by CERN
3. POISSON, by Los Alamos
4. FEMM
5. RADIA, by ESRF
6. ANSYS
7. Mermaid, by BINP
8. COMSOL

