

# First experimental demonstration of the **ESC** quench protection method

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# High-field accelerator magnet designs are often limited by

**Critical  
current density**

**Stress  
in the conductor**

**Quench protection  
performance**

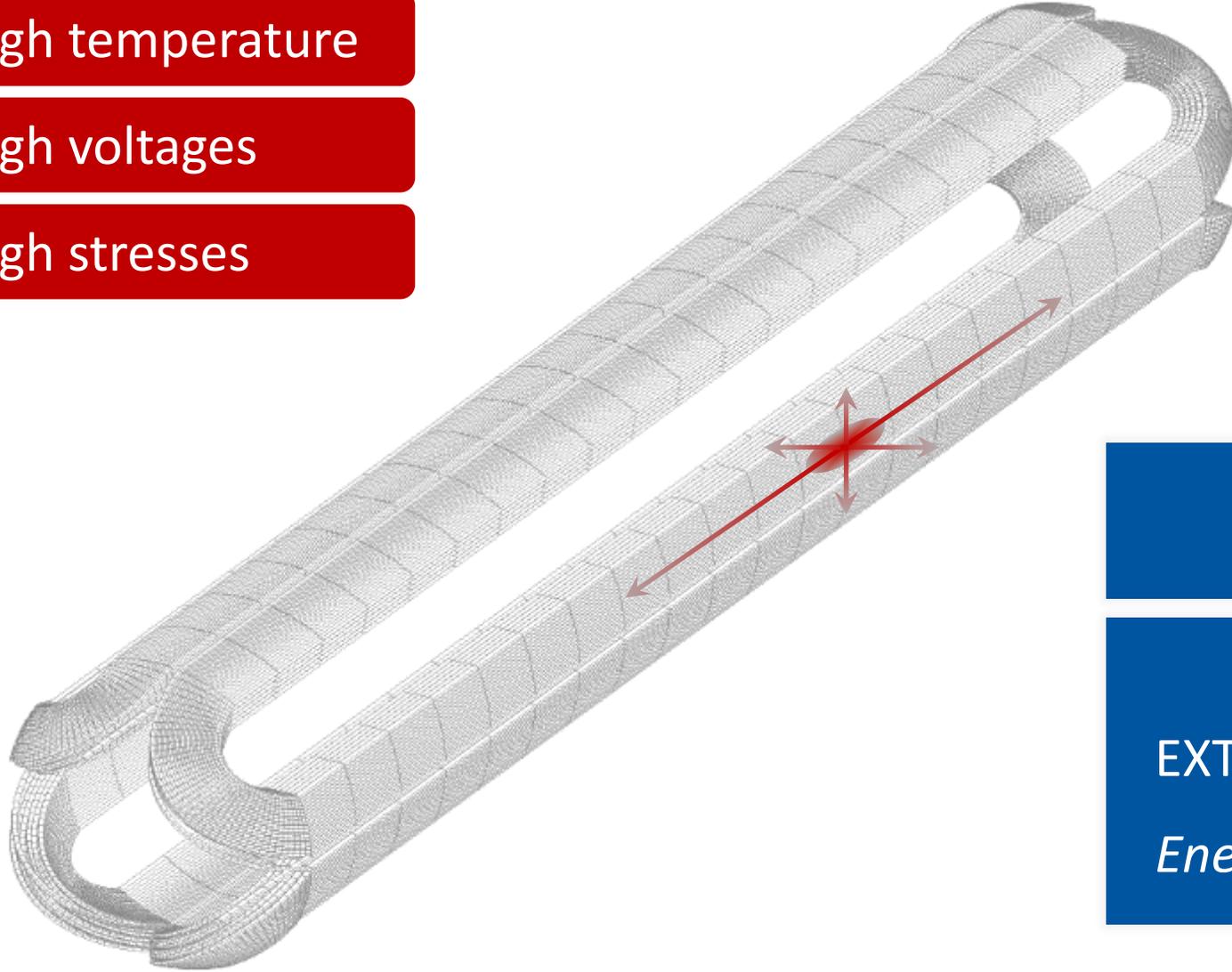


# Quench protection in a high-magnetic field magnet

High temperature

High voltages

High stresses



DETECT QUENCH

ACTIVELY  
EXTRACT ENERGY  
*Energy extraction*

ACTIVELY  
SPREAD ENERGY  
*Heaters, CLIQ*



## Energy Extraction

Extracts part of the magnet energy

## CLIQ

Achieves very fast quench initiation

## Quench Heaters

Make it easy to add redundancy

## Energy Extraction

It requires high voltage across the magnet coil

## CLIQ

It requires direct electrical connection to the magnet circuit

## Quench Heaters

They require thin insulation between protection elements and magnet coil





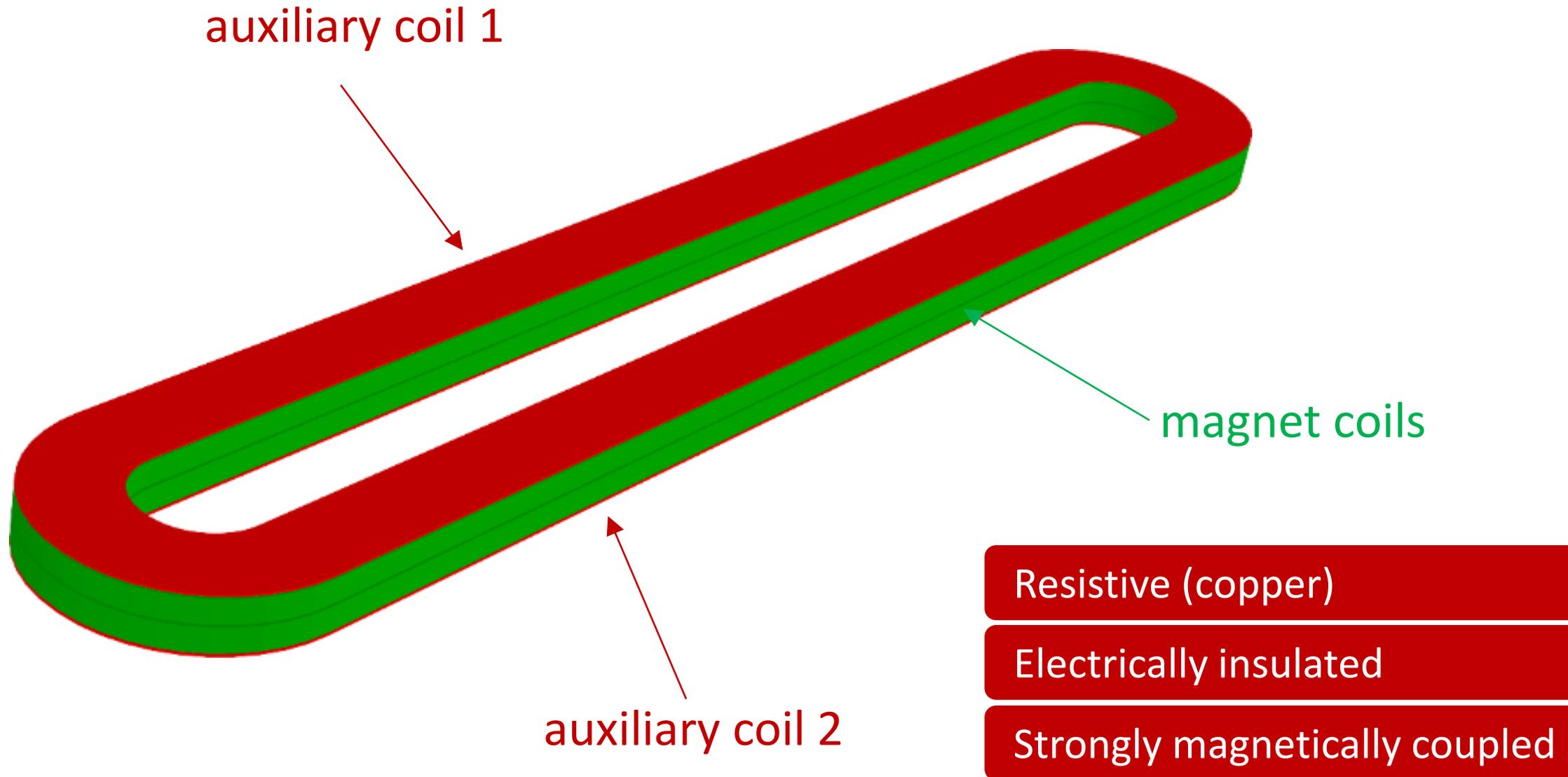
# ESC

# Energy Shift with Coupling

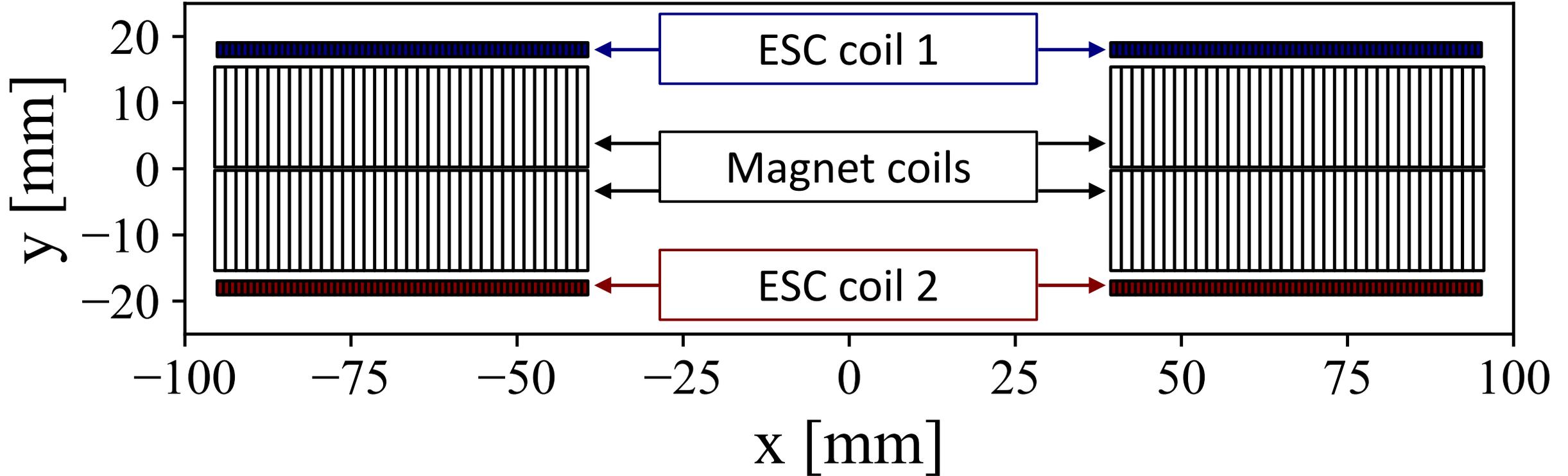
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# ESC auxiliary coils



# Short Model Coil (SMC) cross-section including two ESC auxiliary coils



Magnetic field of 12.5 T at 1.9 K

ESC coils made of 0.8x2 mm Cu single wire

Cable made of 40 Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn 0.7 mm strands

Thick insulation between ESC and magnet coils

Design of the Short Model Coil (SMC) magnet by J.C. Perez and team (CERN).

Design of the ESC coils for SMC: E. Ravaioli, J. Bauche, M. Dumas, I. Garcia-Aguirrebeitia Sanchez, M. Masci, J.C. Perez, P. Wachal, M. Wozniak (CERN).



# ESC working principle

1

Immediate reduction of  
the magnet current

reduces ohmic loss  
and magneto-resistance

2

Very high dB/dt  
( $\sim 1E2-1E3$  T/s)

transfers most/all turns  
to the normal state due  
to transient losses

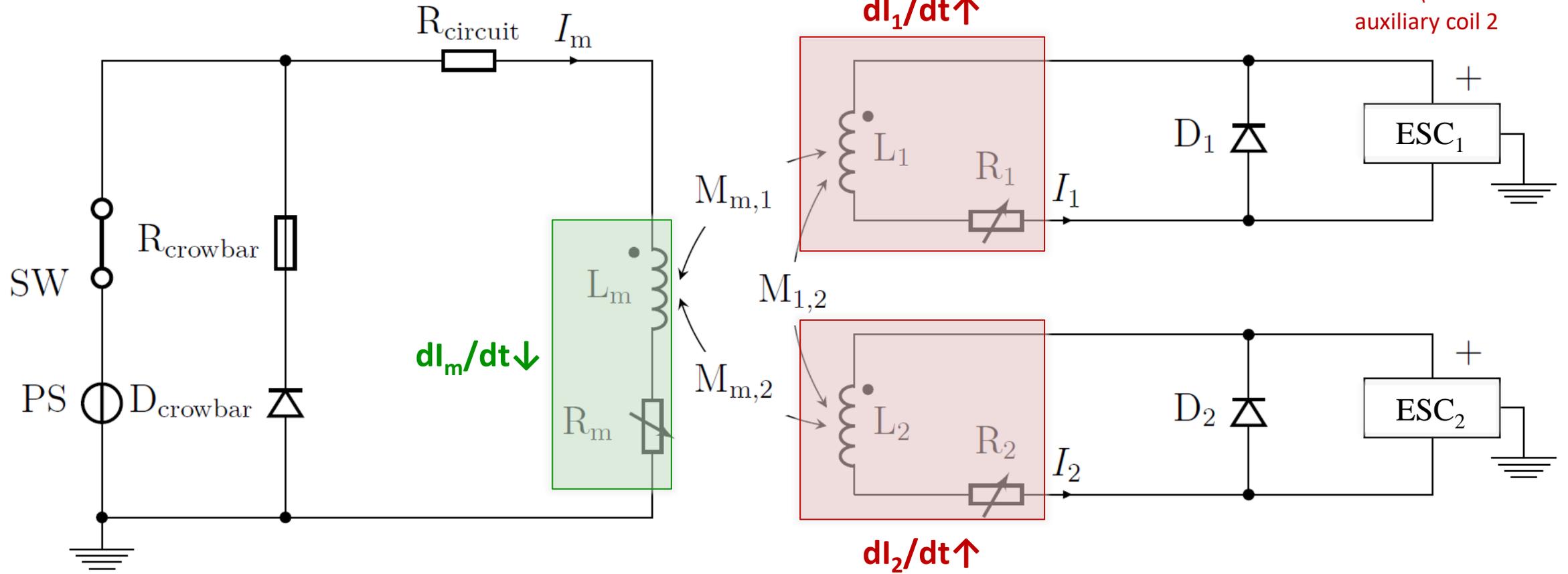
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Energy transfer  
from magnet coils  
to auxiliary coils

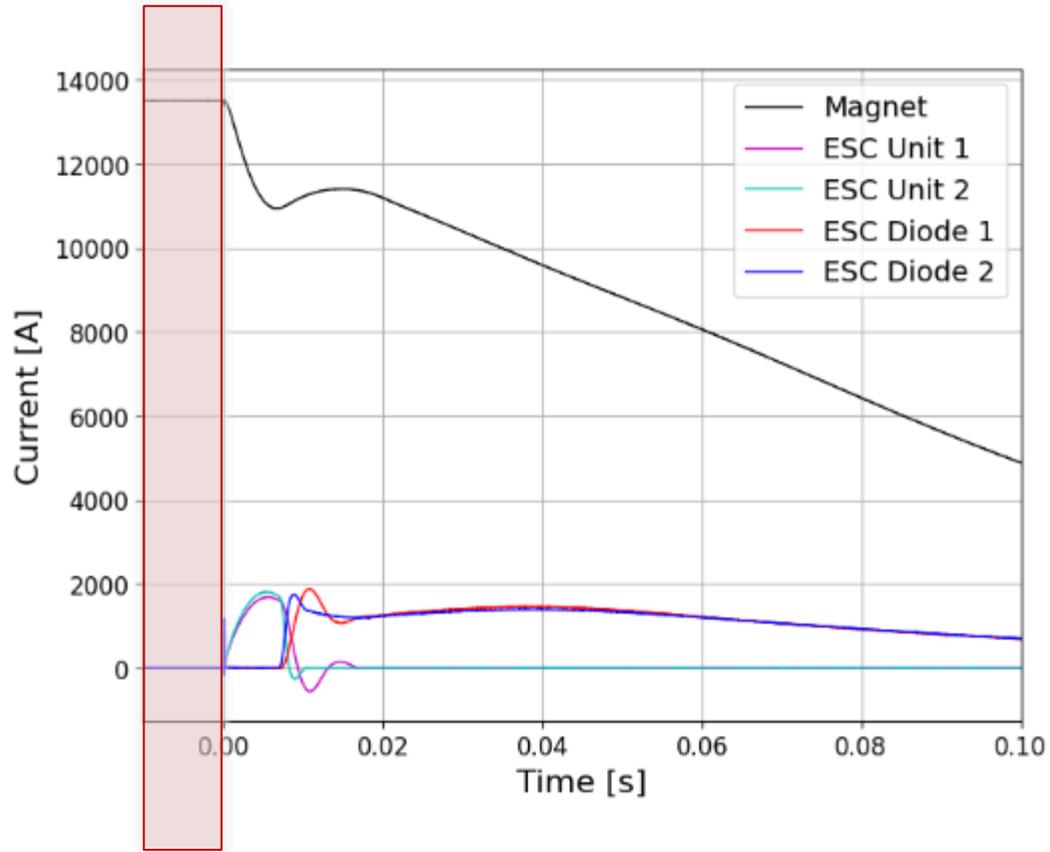
induced by ESC unit and  
coil resistance increase



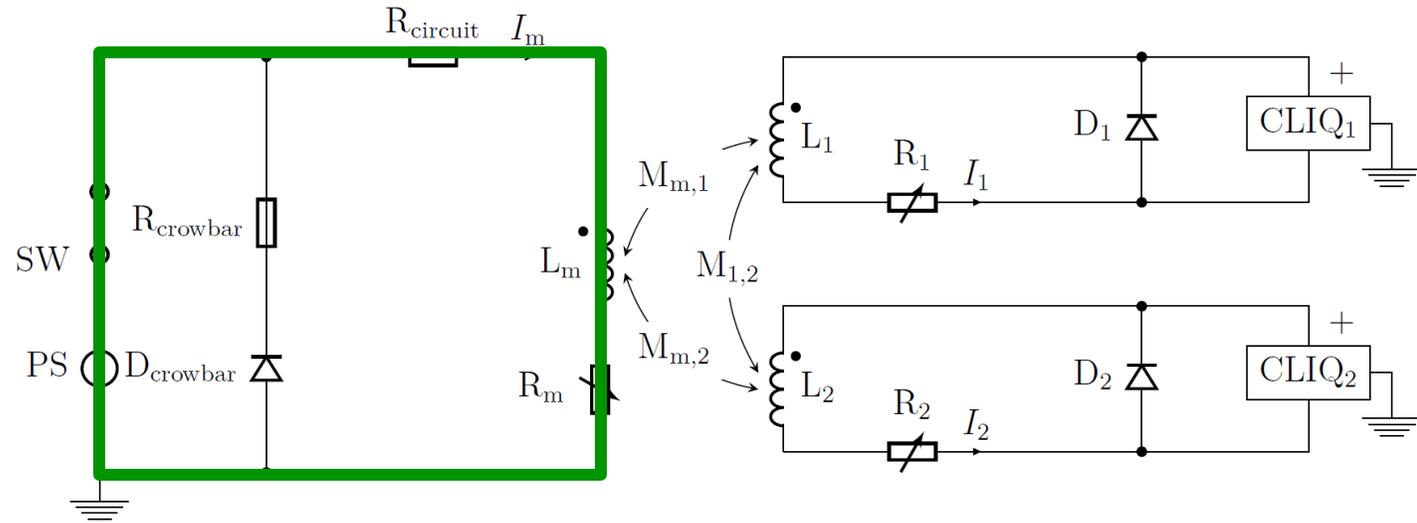
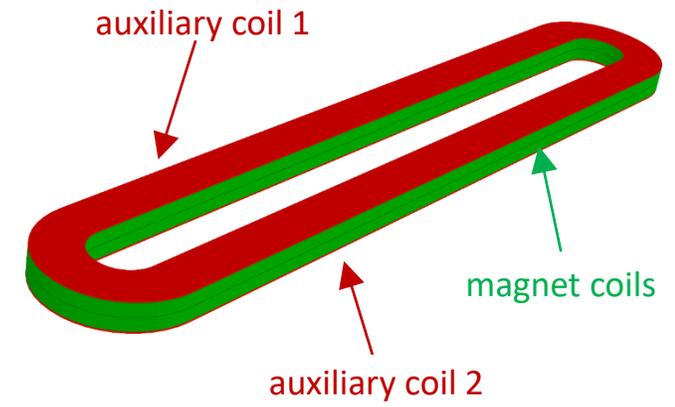
# Energy Shift with Coupling (ESC) simplified schematic



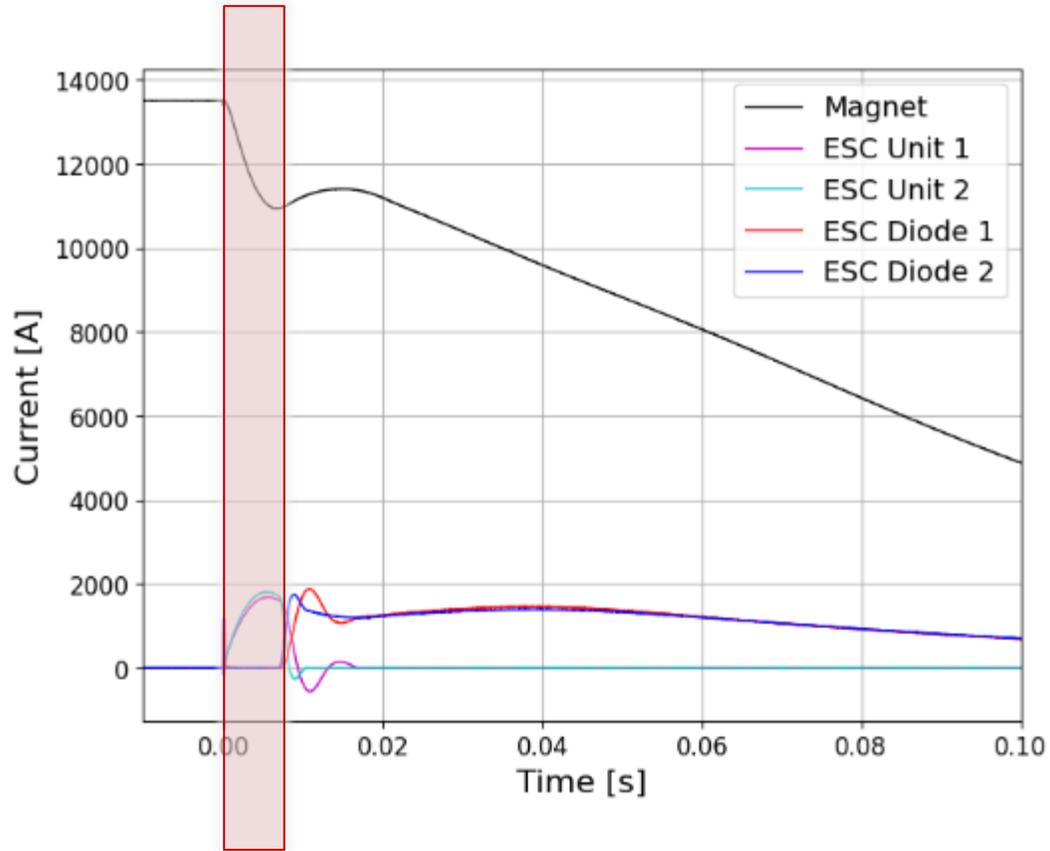
# Typical ESC transient – Phase 0 – Powering



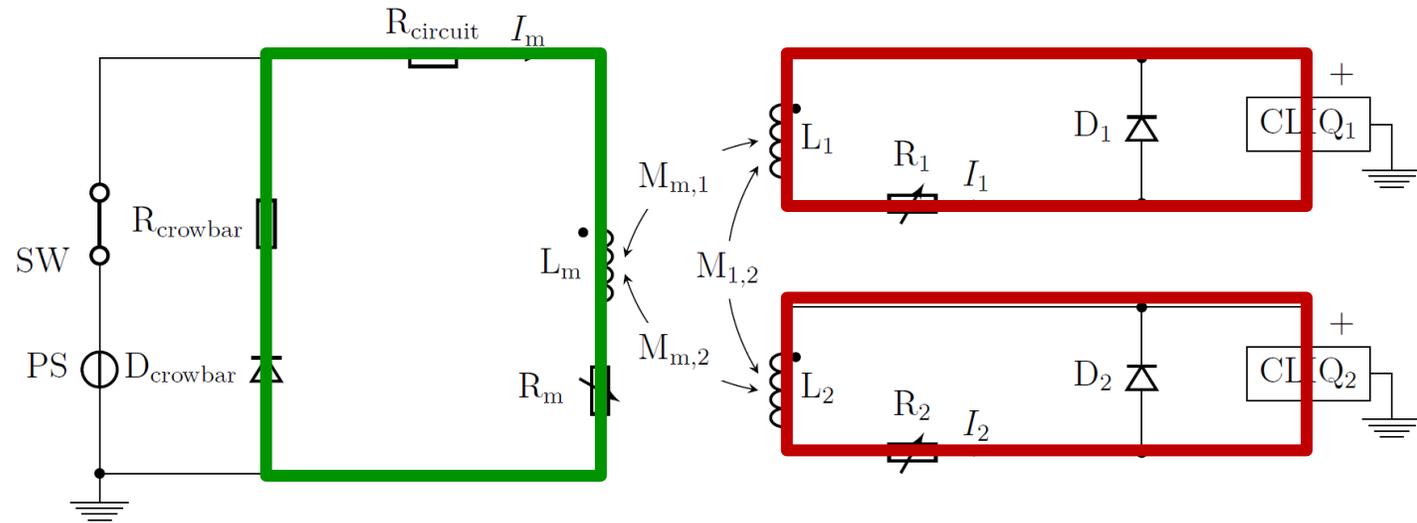
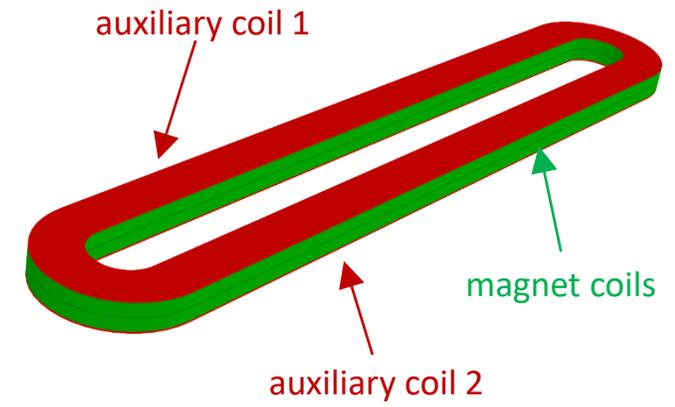
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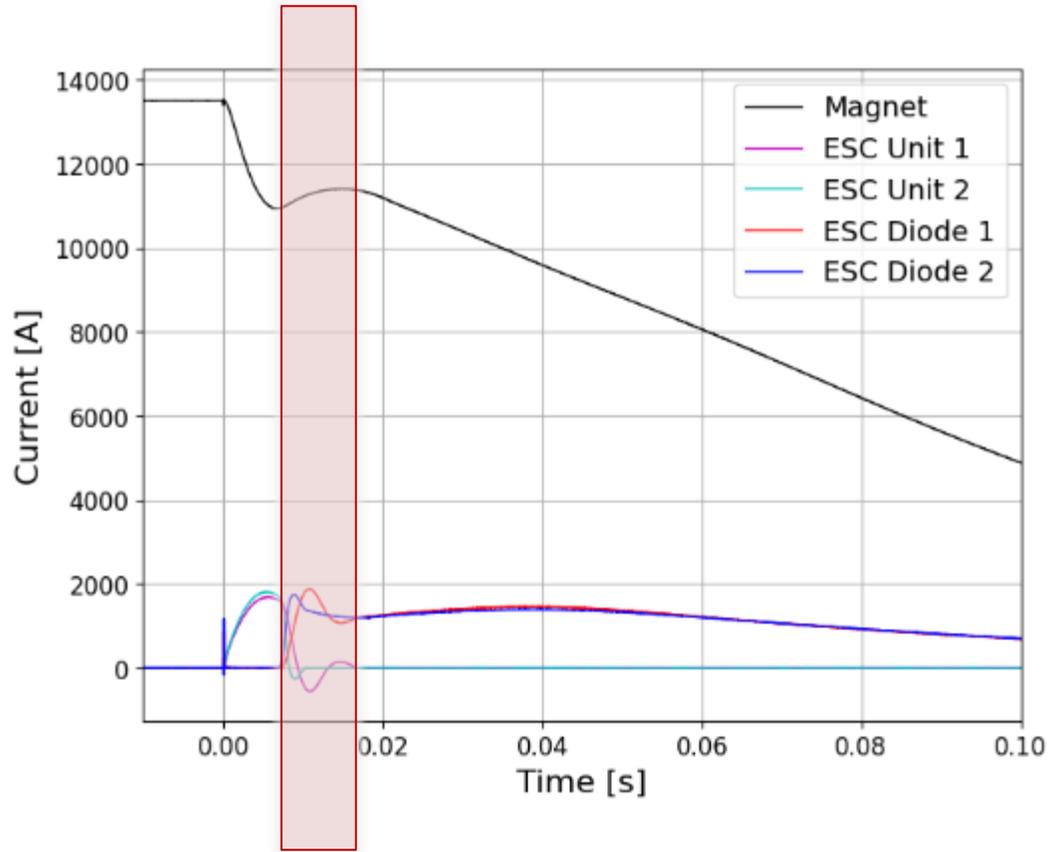
# Typical ESC transient – Phase 1 – Unit discharge



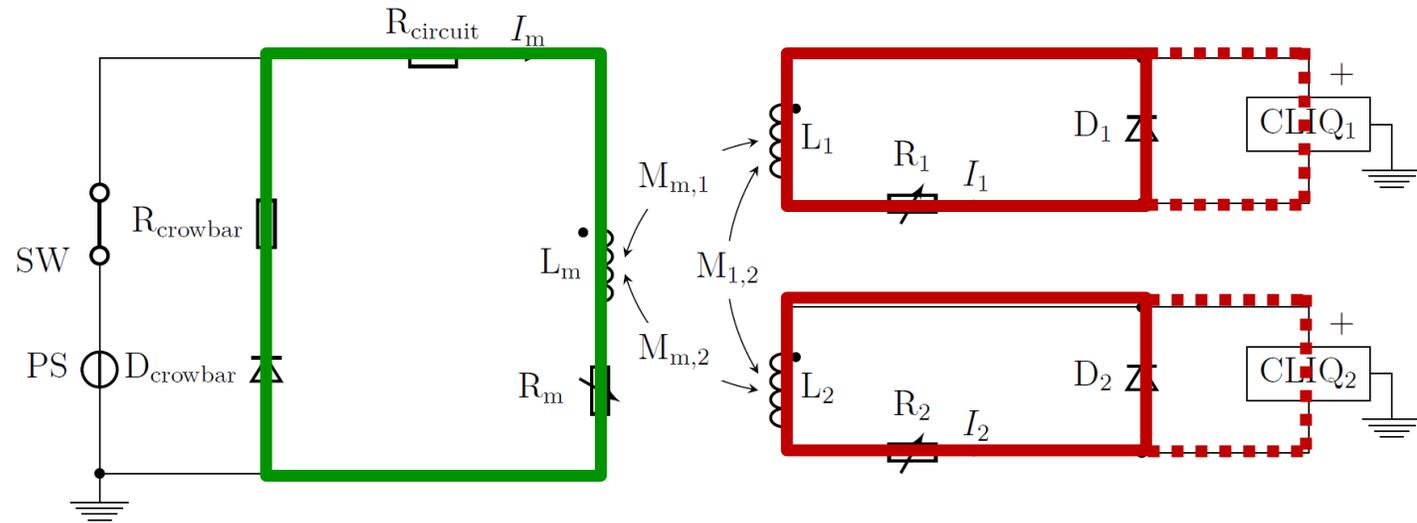
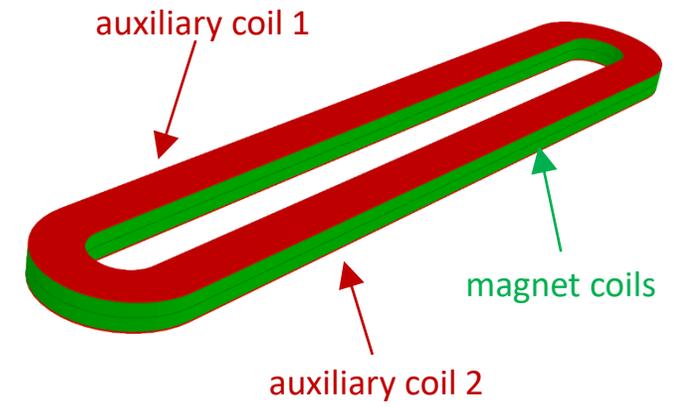
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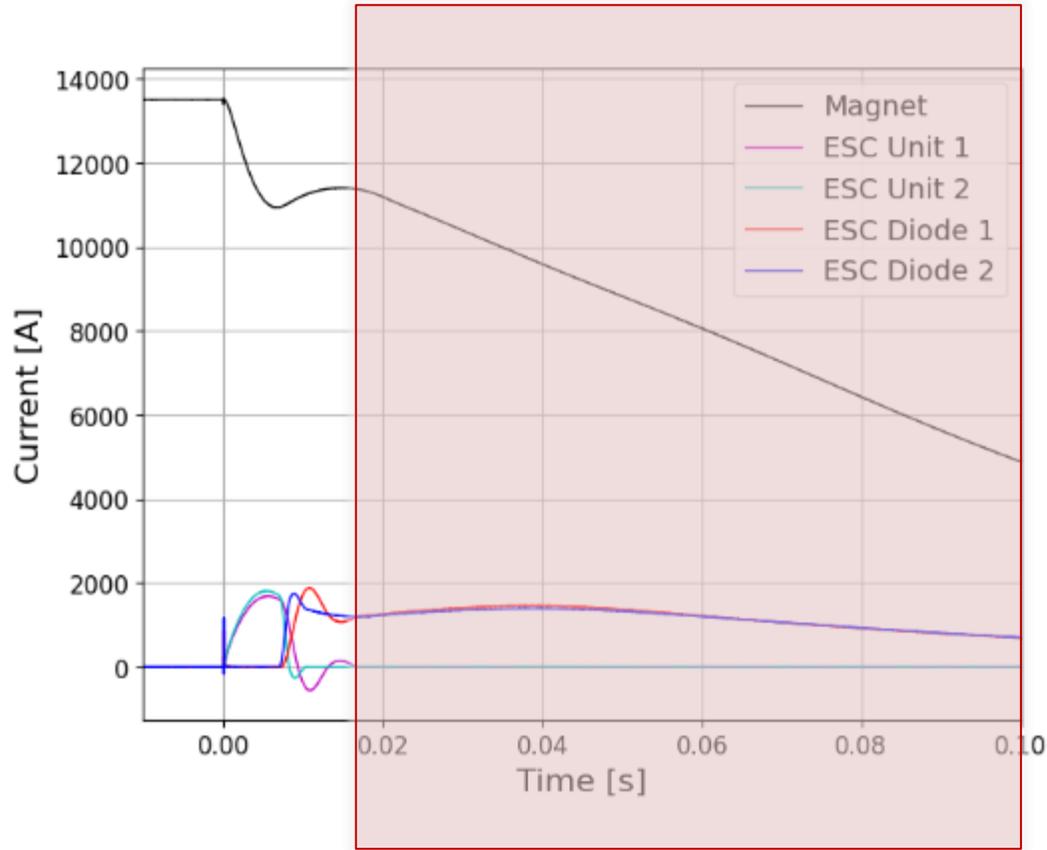
# Typical ESC transient – Phase 2 – Diode conduction



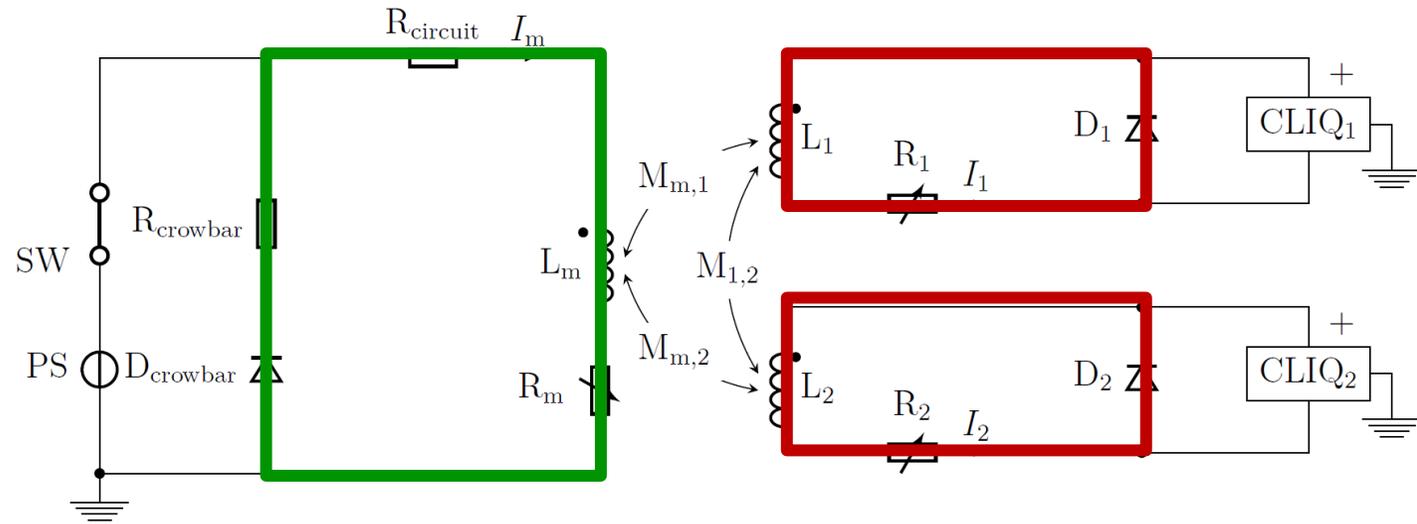
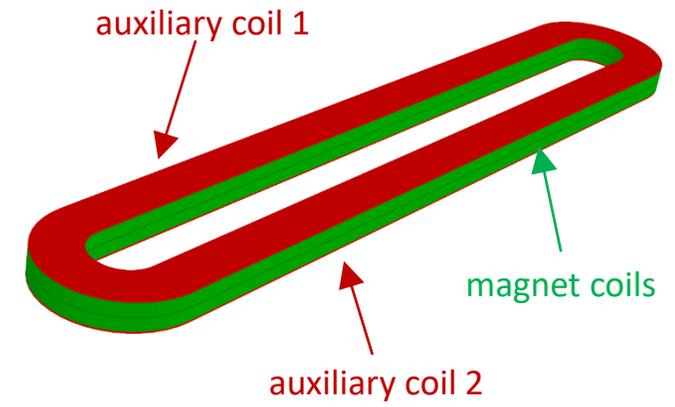
**Phase 2**



# Typical ESC transient – Phase 3 – Magnet discharge



**Phase 3**



# Typical ESC transient – Measured currents

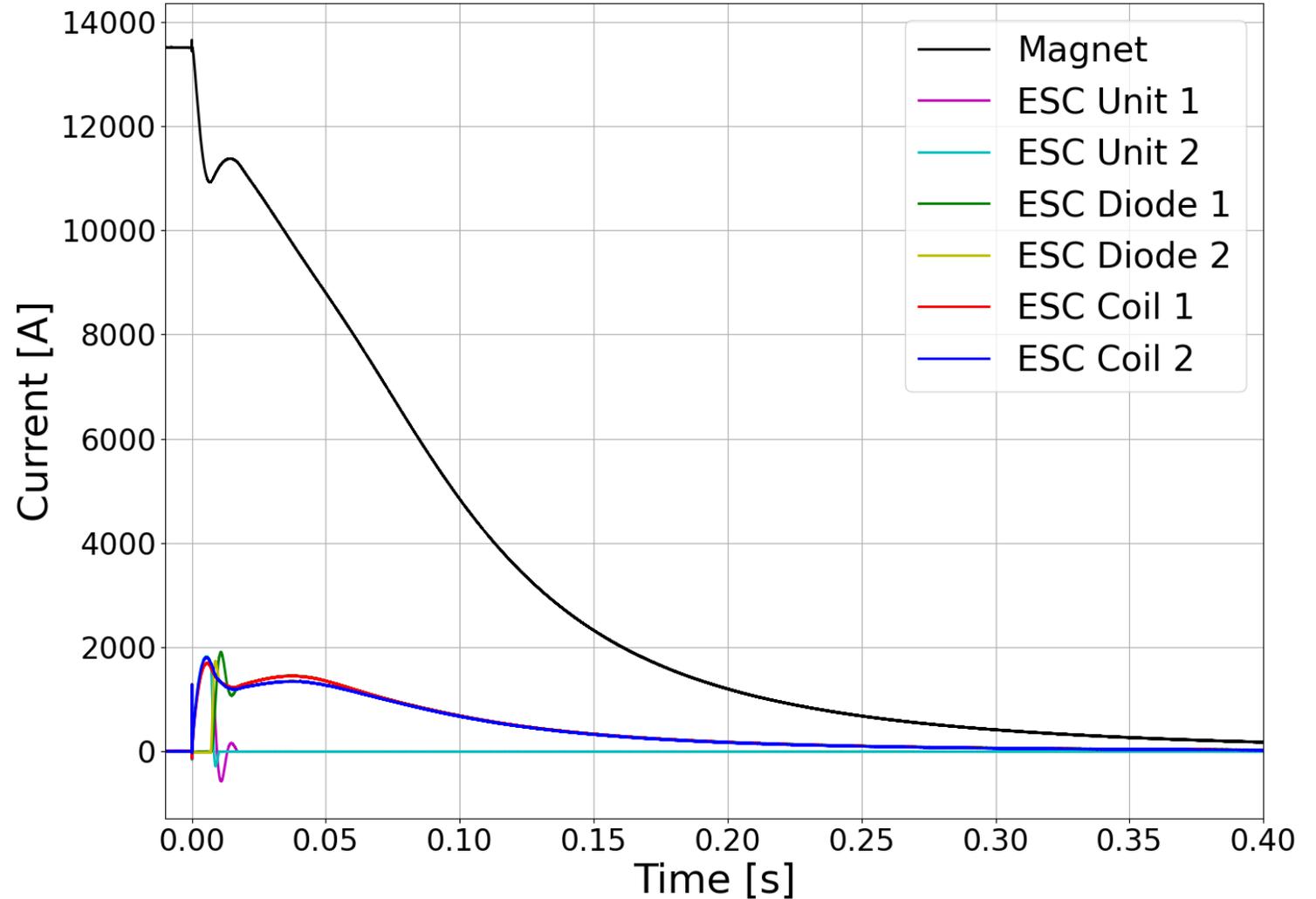
Peak  $di/dt \approx 0.5 \text{ MA/s}$

Peak  $dB/dt > 1000 \text{ T/s}$

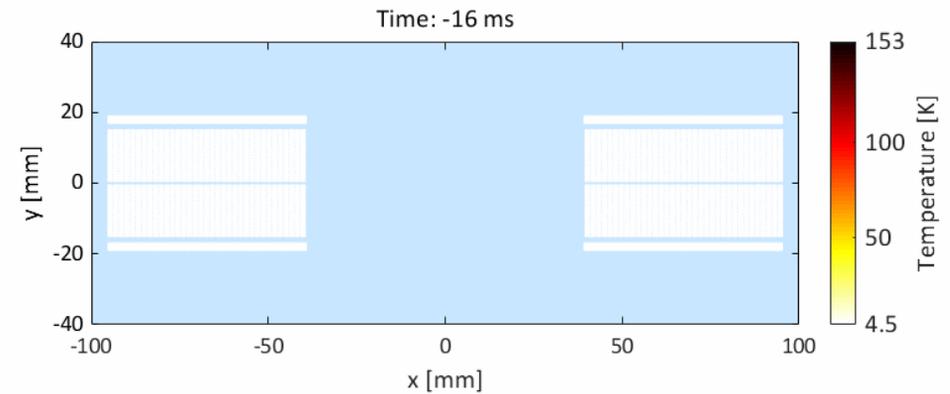
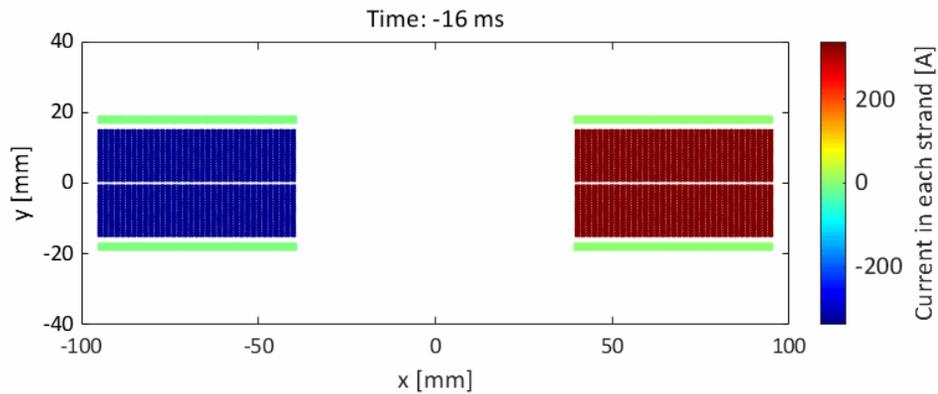
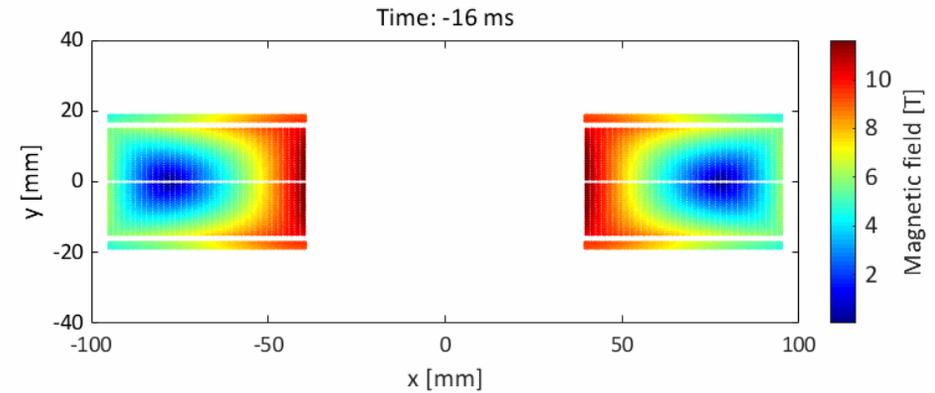
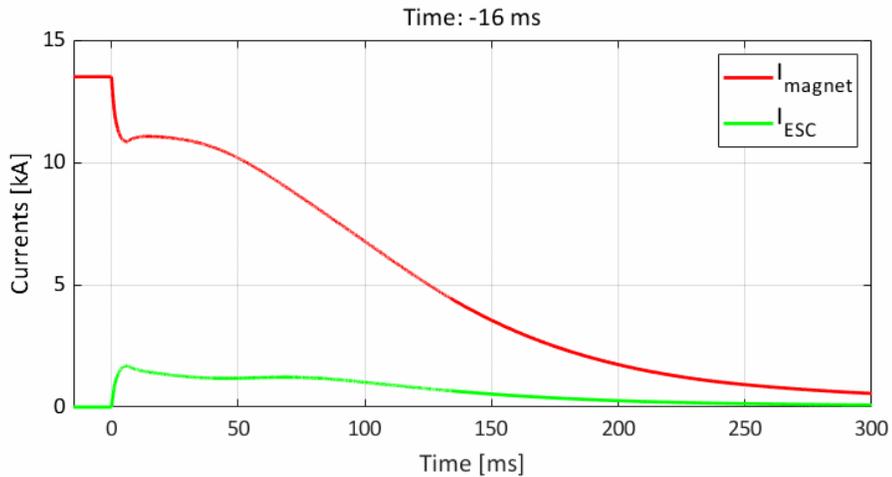
100% magnet coil  
quenched in  $< 3 \text{ ms}$

Extracted  $> 15\%$   
of the magnet's stored energy

Voltage across the magnet  $< 30 \text{ V}$



# Simulation of a typical ESC transient

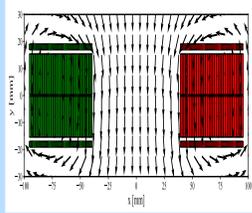


Simulations performed with STEAM-LEDET electro-magnetic and thermal magnet model

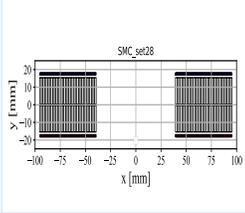


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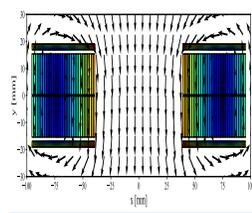
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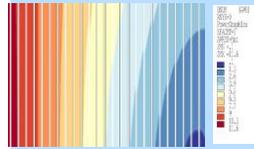
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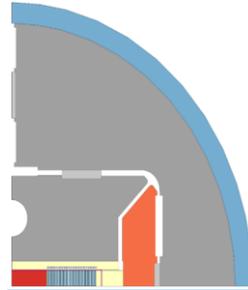
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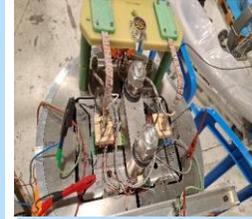
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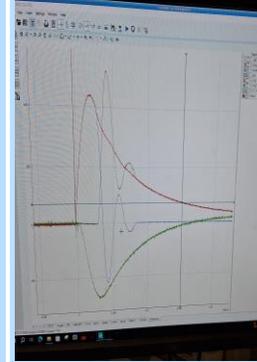
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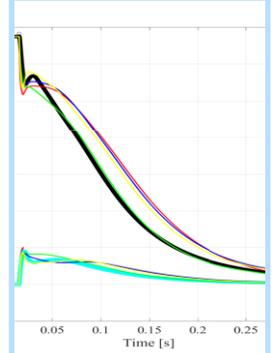
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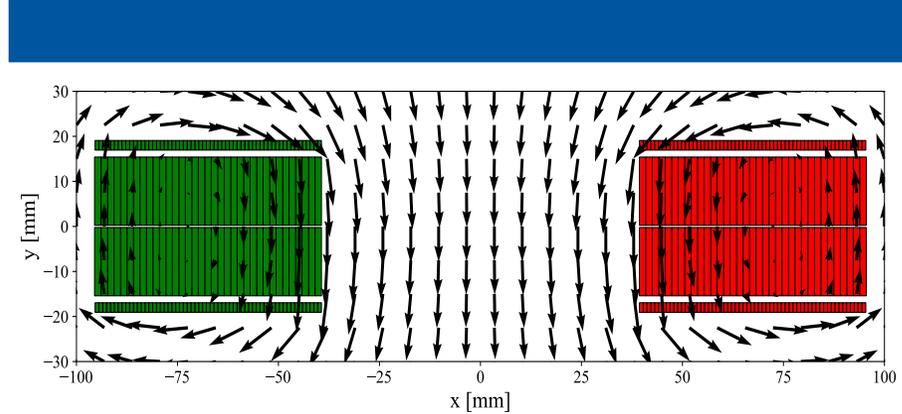
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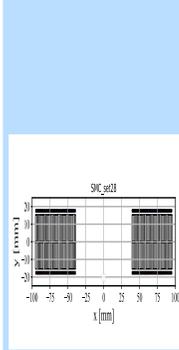
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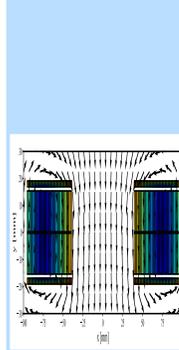
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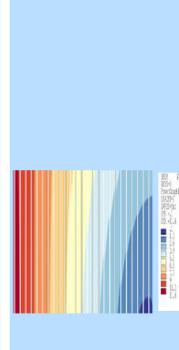
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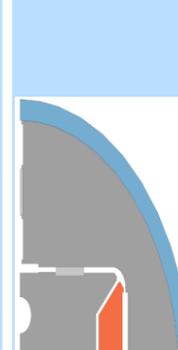
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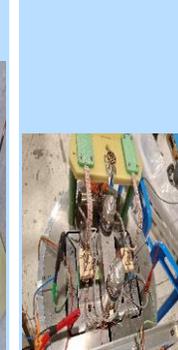
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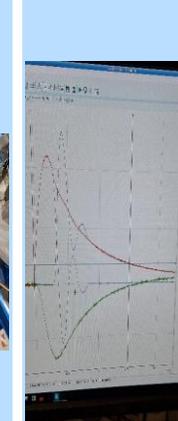
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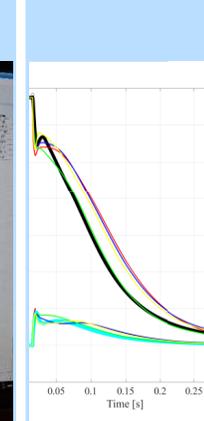
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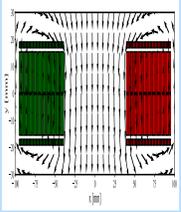
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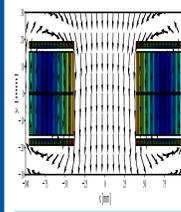
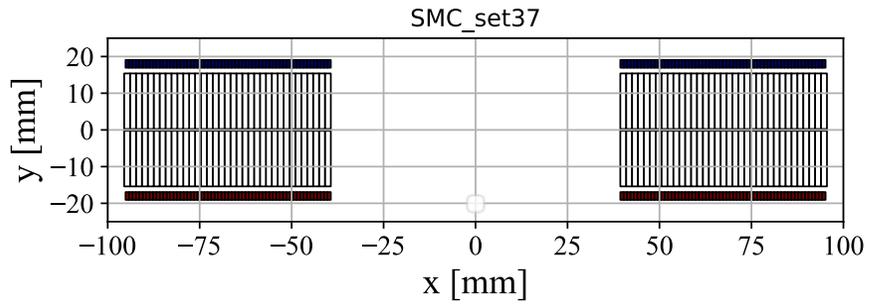
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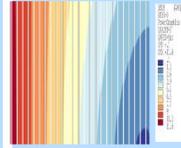
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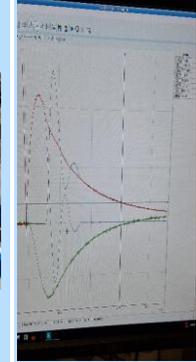
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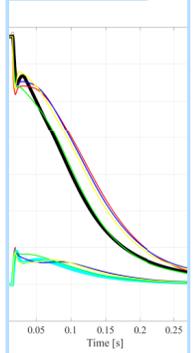
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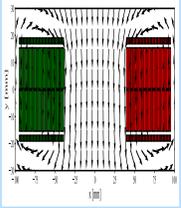
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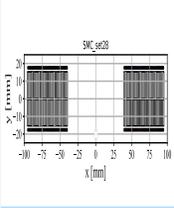
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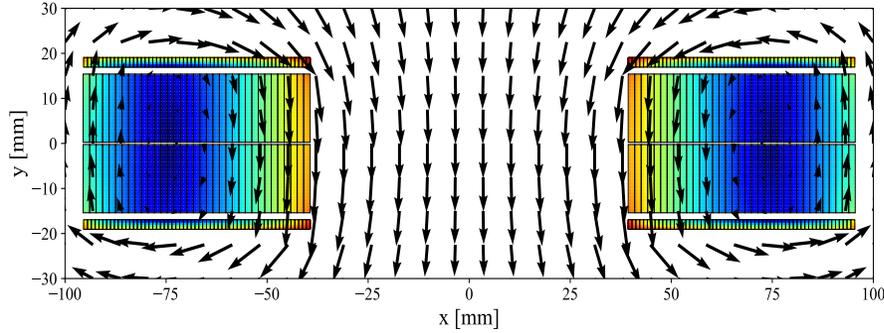
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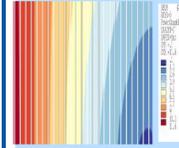
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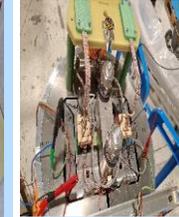
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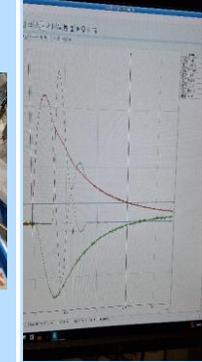
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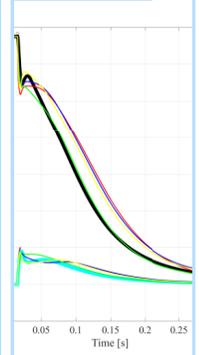
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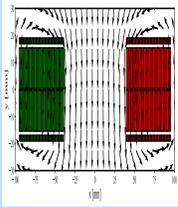
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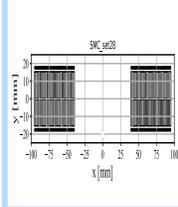
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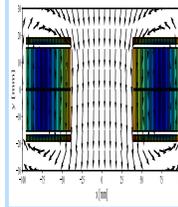
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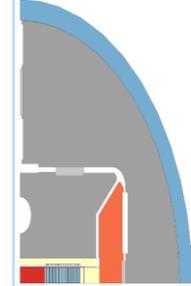


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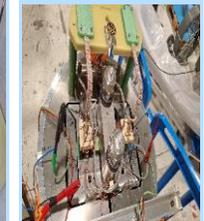
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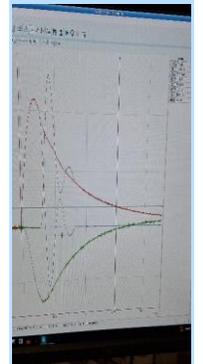
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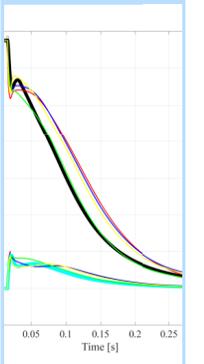
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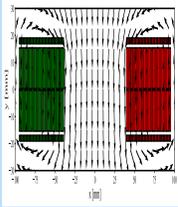
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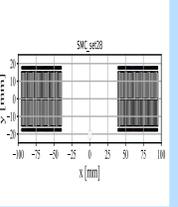
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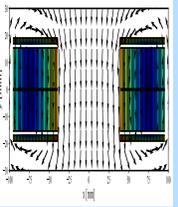
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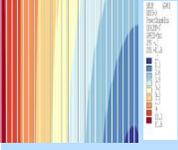
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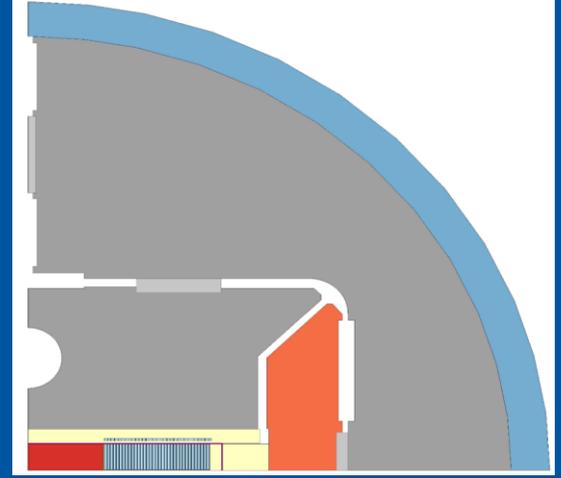
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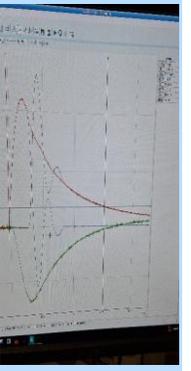
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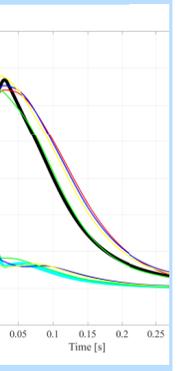
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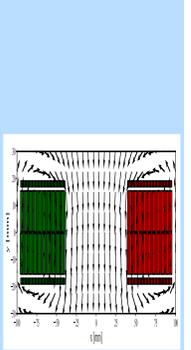
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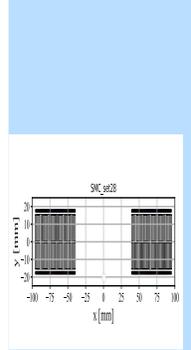
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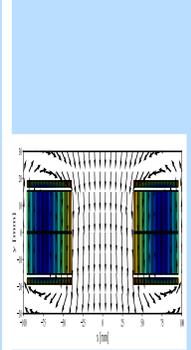
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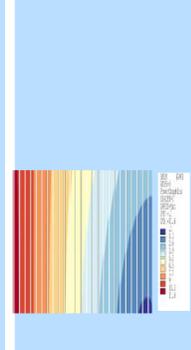
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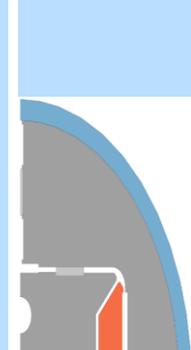
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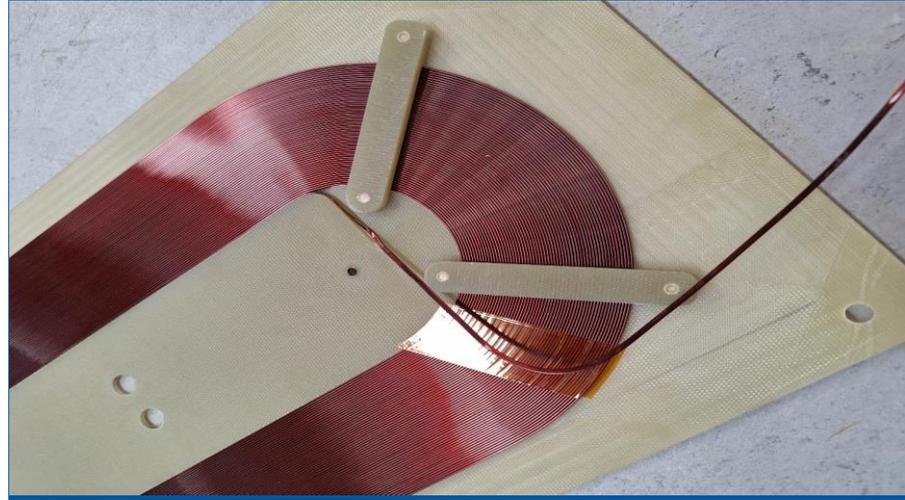
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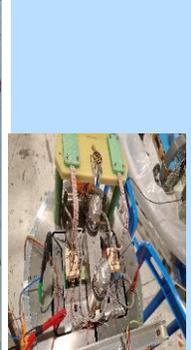


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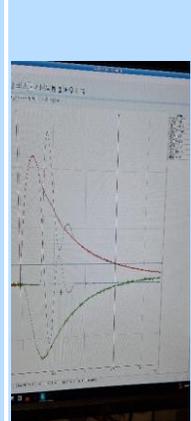


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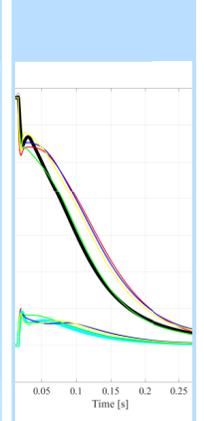
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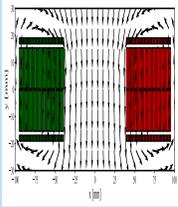
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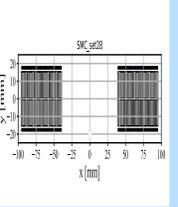
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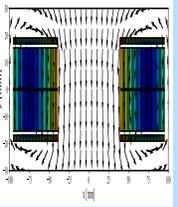
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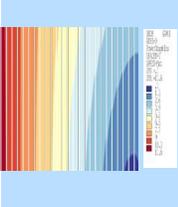
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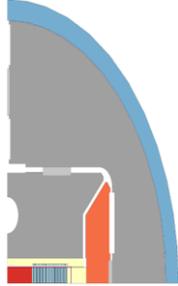
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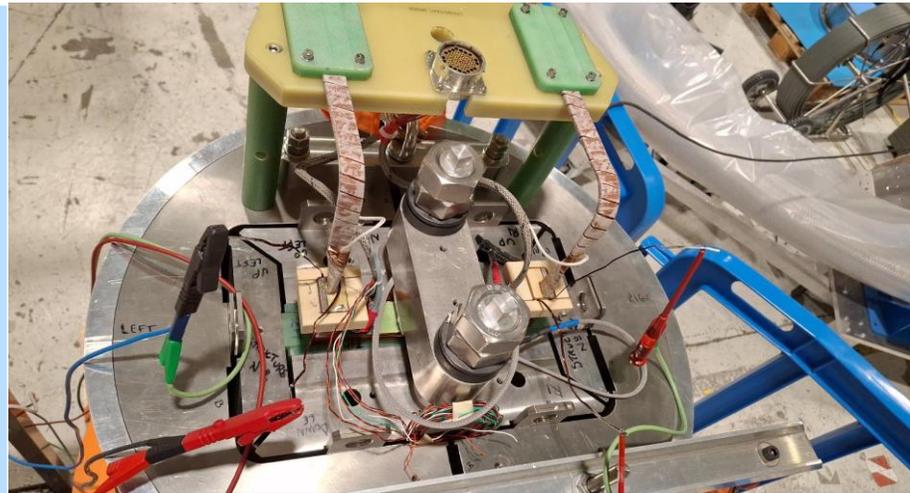
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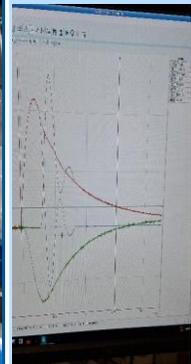


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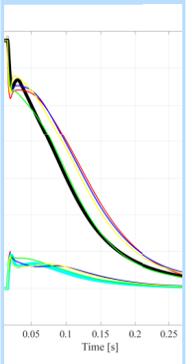


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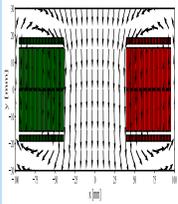
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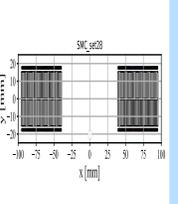
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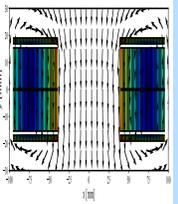
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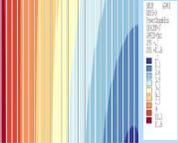
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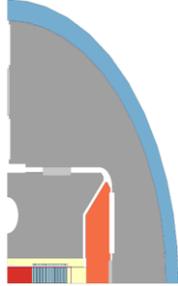
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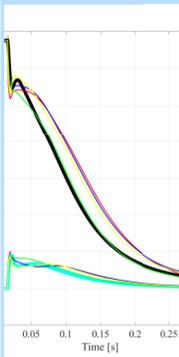


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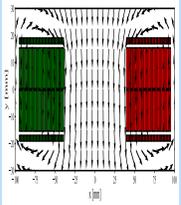
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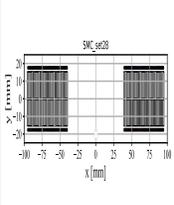
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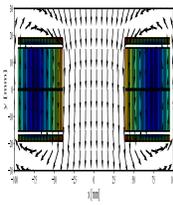
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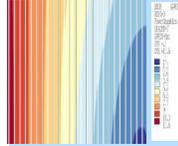
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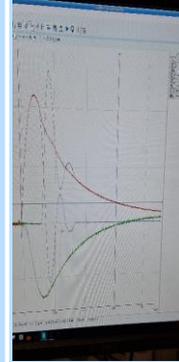
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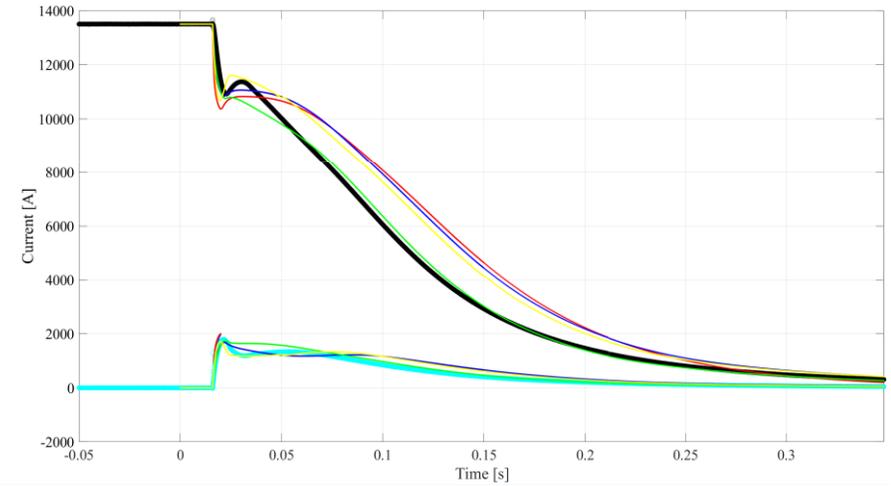
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## Performance analysis

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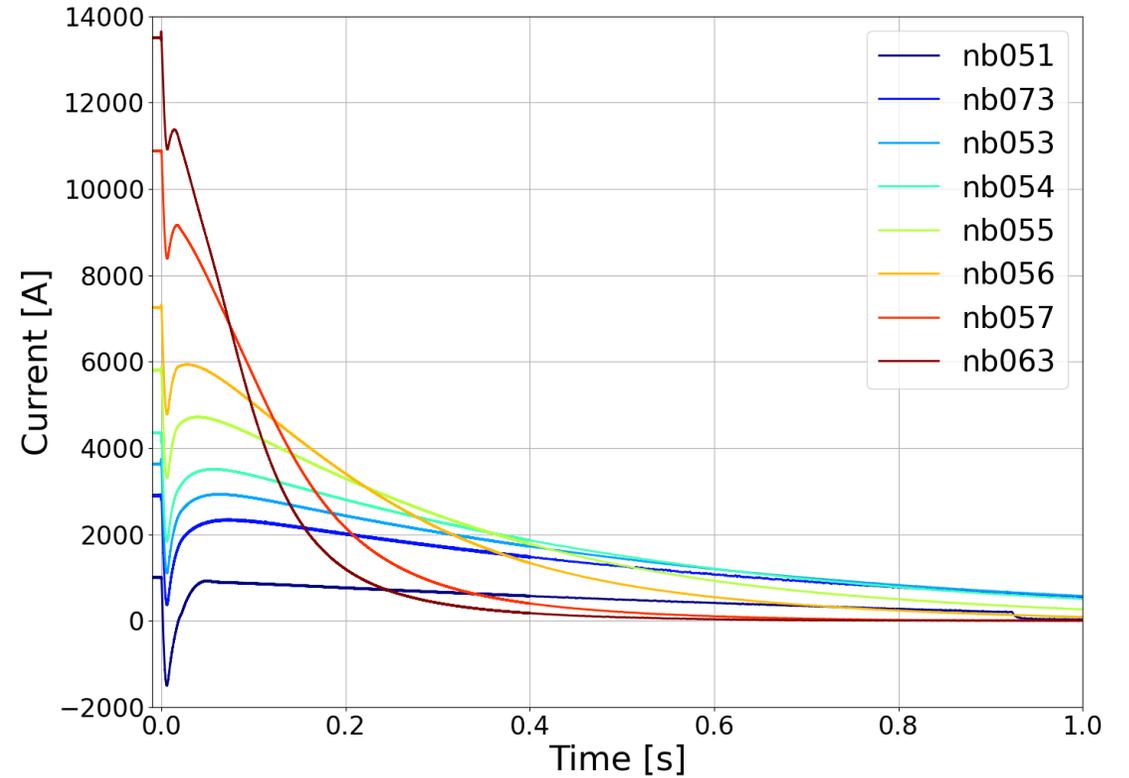
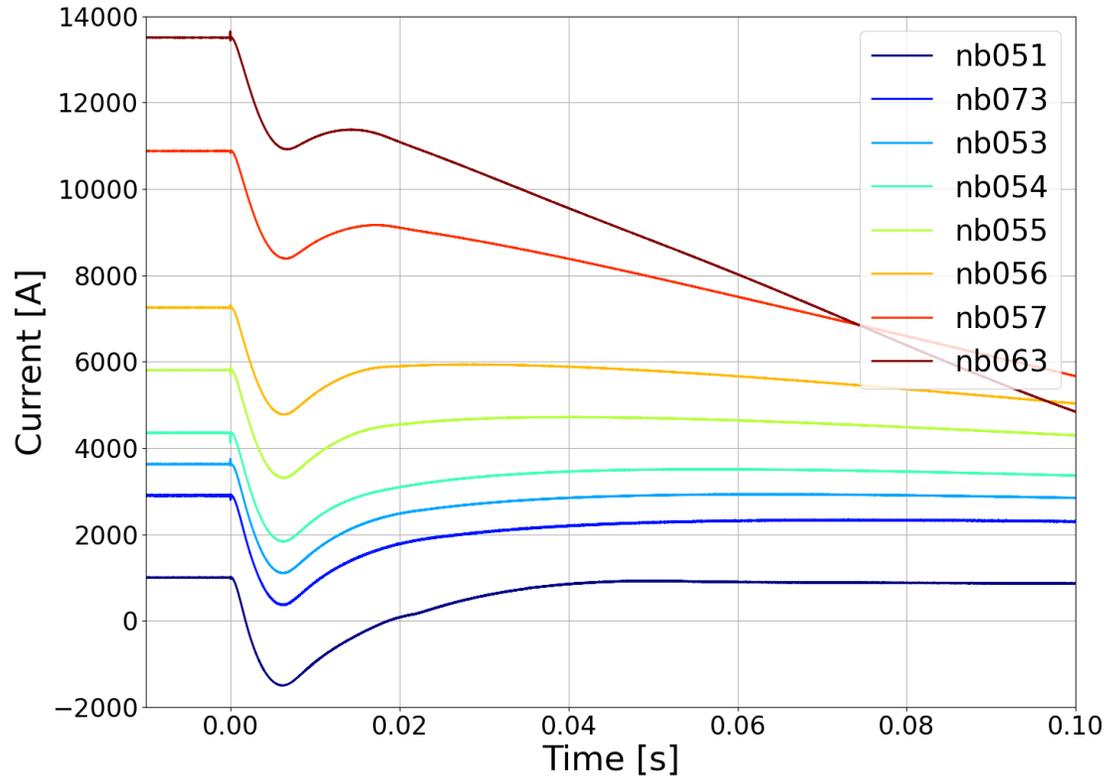
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- **Last minute current sensor loan:** B. Panev, V. Vizziello (CERN).
- **SMC 107b frequency transfer measurements:** M. Bednarek, E. Ravaioli (CERN).
- **SMC 107b ESC simulations:** E. Ravaioli, M. Wozniak (CERN).



Highlights from ESC **first**  
experimental demonstration

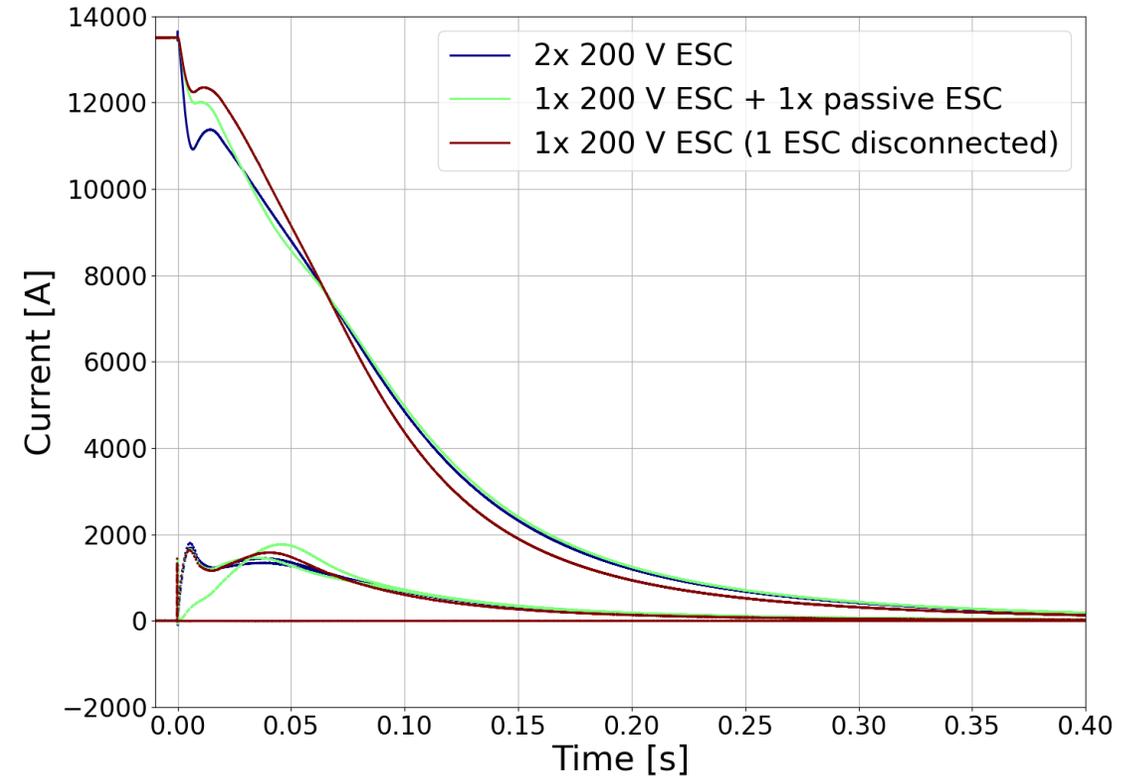
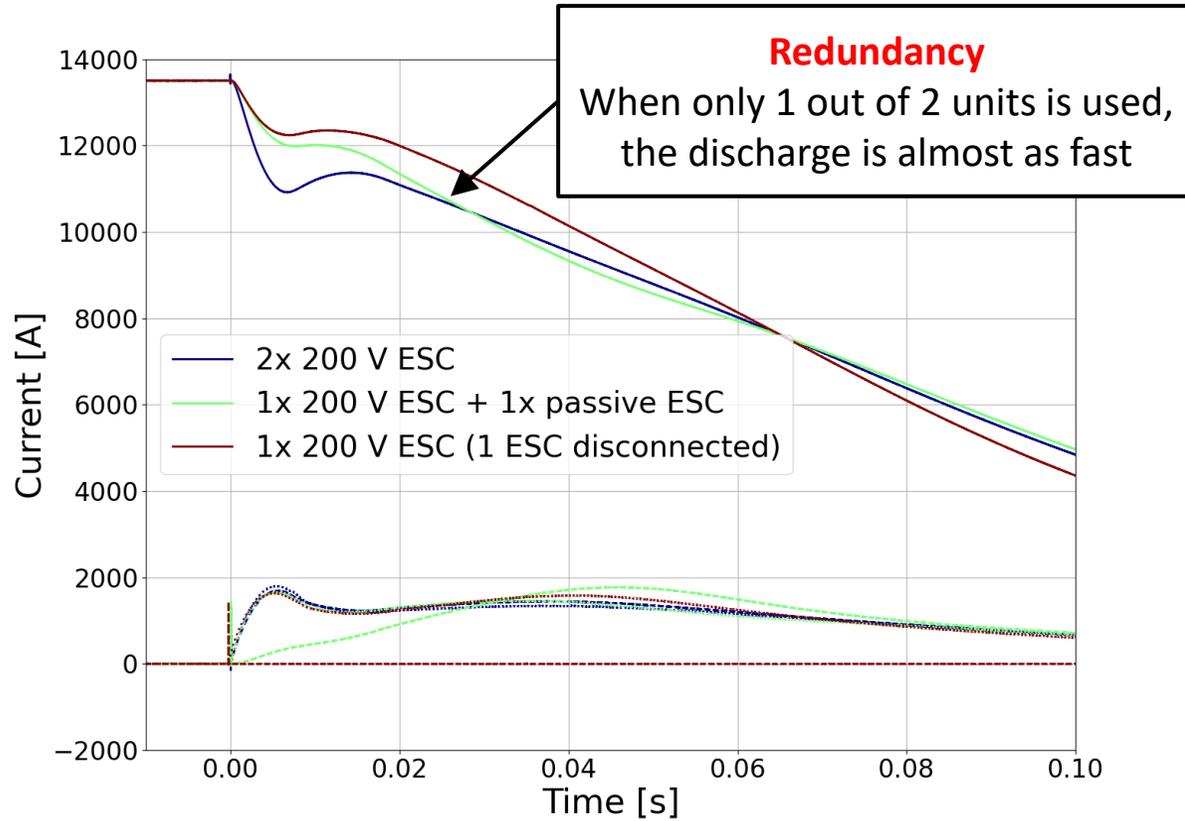
# Quench protection at all relevant current levels



Quench was certainly induced when the magnet current is in the range 3625-15000 A.  
Analysis is still ongoing for the currents  $\leq 2900$  A.



# Redundancy

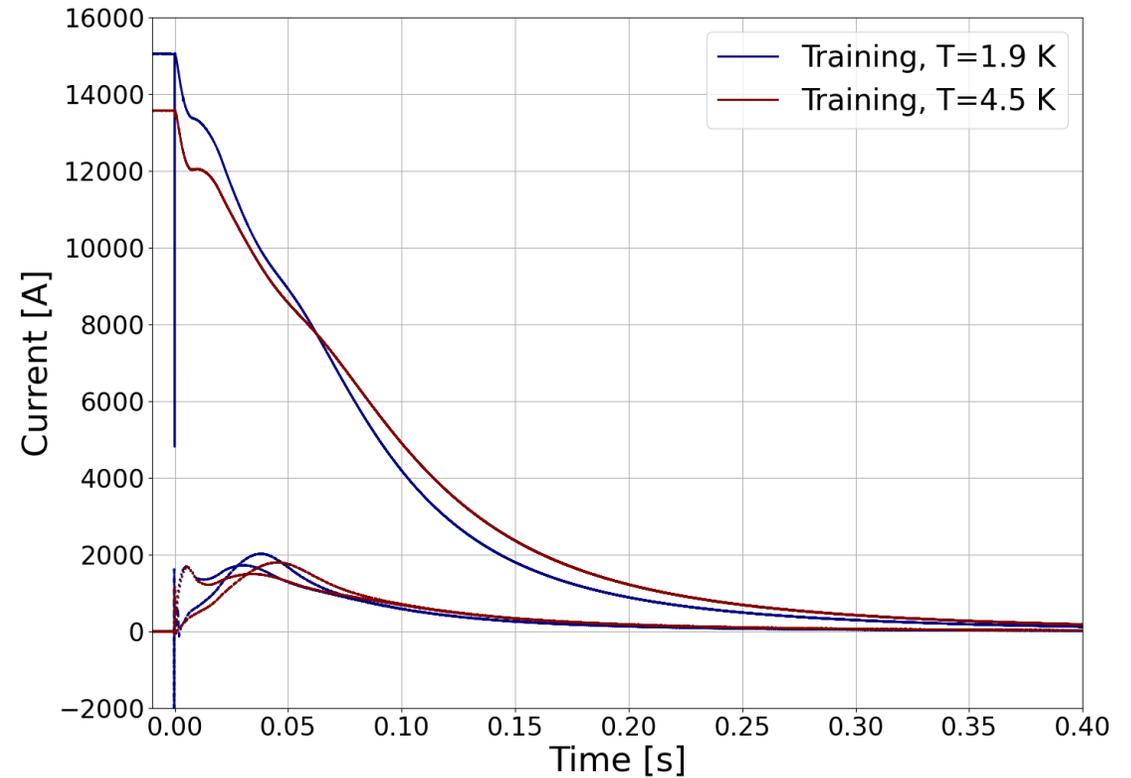
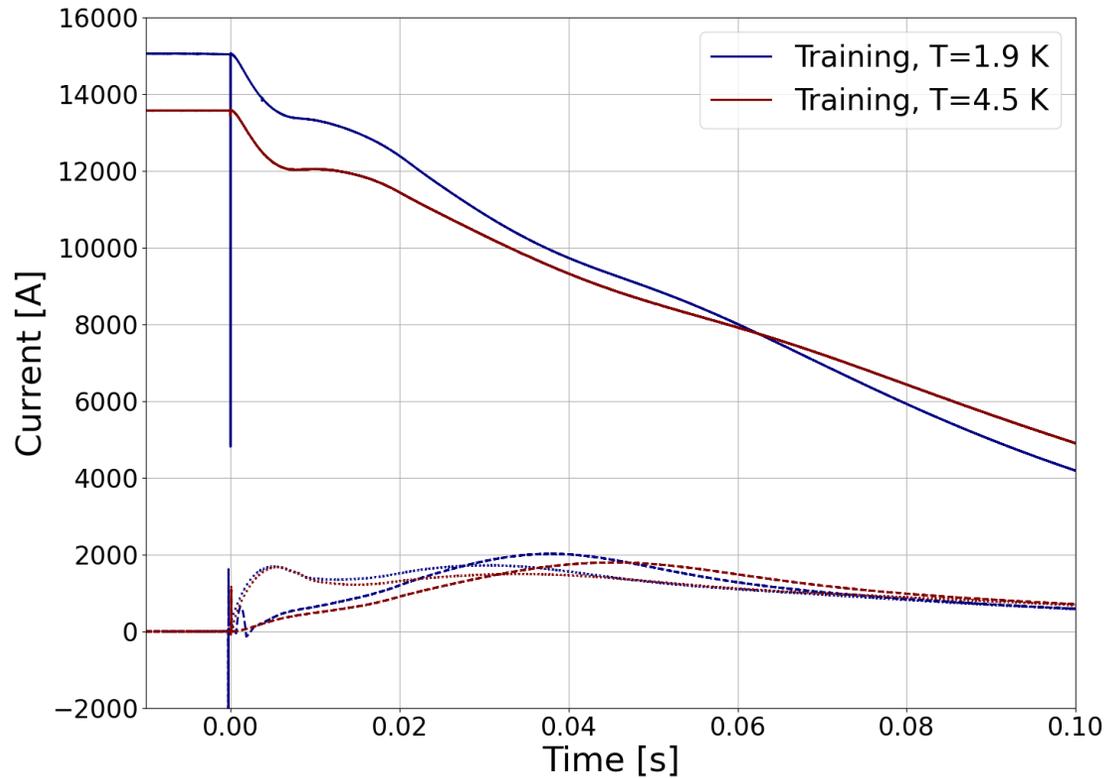


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Redundancy demonstrated: performance was acceptable also when 1 out of 2 units was disconnected.



# Training quenches protected only by ESC [1 ESC active, 1 ESC passive]



The training quenches at T=1.9 K and T=4.5 K reached 12.1 and 11.1 MIIt, respectively.

The conservative limit of 12 MIIt written in the test plan corresponds to 200 K adiabatic hot-spot temperature.



Extract part of the  
magnet energy

**= Energy Extraction**

Make it easy to add  
redundancy

**= Quench Heaters**

Achieve very fast  
quench initiation

**= CLIQ**

Without high voltage  
across magnet coil

**≠ Energy Extraction**

Without requiring  
thin insulation layers

**≠ Quench Heaters**

Without electrical  
contact to the coil

**≠ CLIQ**

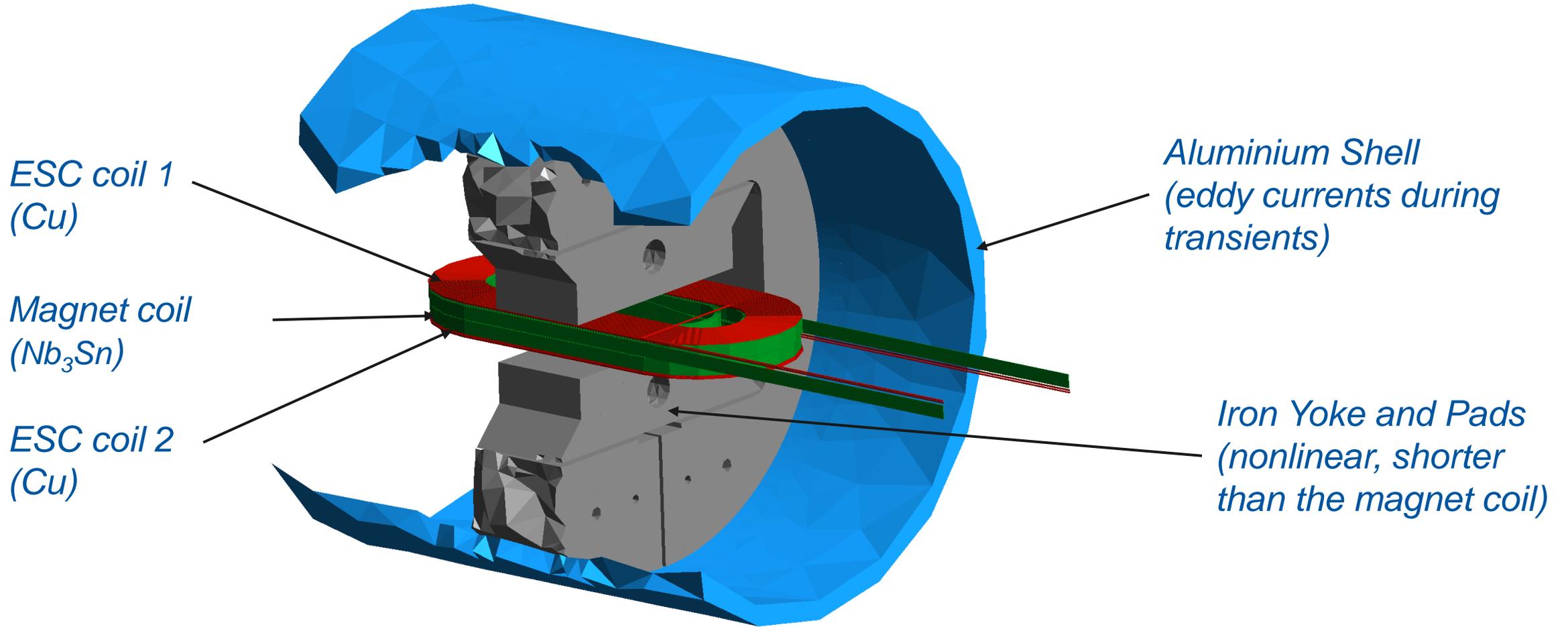


# Conclusion: Very successful first ESC test campaign

- ✓ **Demonstrated** that the ESC method works as expected
  - ✓ Fast  $di/dt$  ( $\approx 0.5$  MA/s) induced in the ESC and magnet coils
  - ✓ Little voltage ( $< 30$  V) induced across the magnet coils
  - ✓ Quench induced in the magnet conductor due to transient losses
  - ✓ ESC circuit current diverted from the units to the diodes
- ✓ **Demonstrated** quench protection at all relevant current levels
- ✓ **Demonstrated** quench protection during a training (detection  $\rightarrow$  trigger  $\rightarrow$  protection)
- ✓ **Demonstrated** the redundancy of the method when only one unit is triggered
- ✓ **Demonstrated** no magnet performance degradation after using ESC
- ✓ **Demonstrated** reproducibility
- ✓ **Demonstrated** that ESC transient introducing negative current in the magnet circuit is fine
- ✓ **Collected** data to validate simulations in a wide range of configurations & operating conditions



# Further analysis is ongoing to fully understand the transients



3D transient analysis performed by M. Wozniak (CERN) using STEAM-FiQuS



# The future of ESC technology

# The **future** of ESC technology

Fast **design/simulation tools** to study different applications

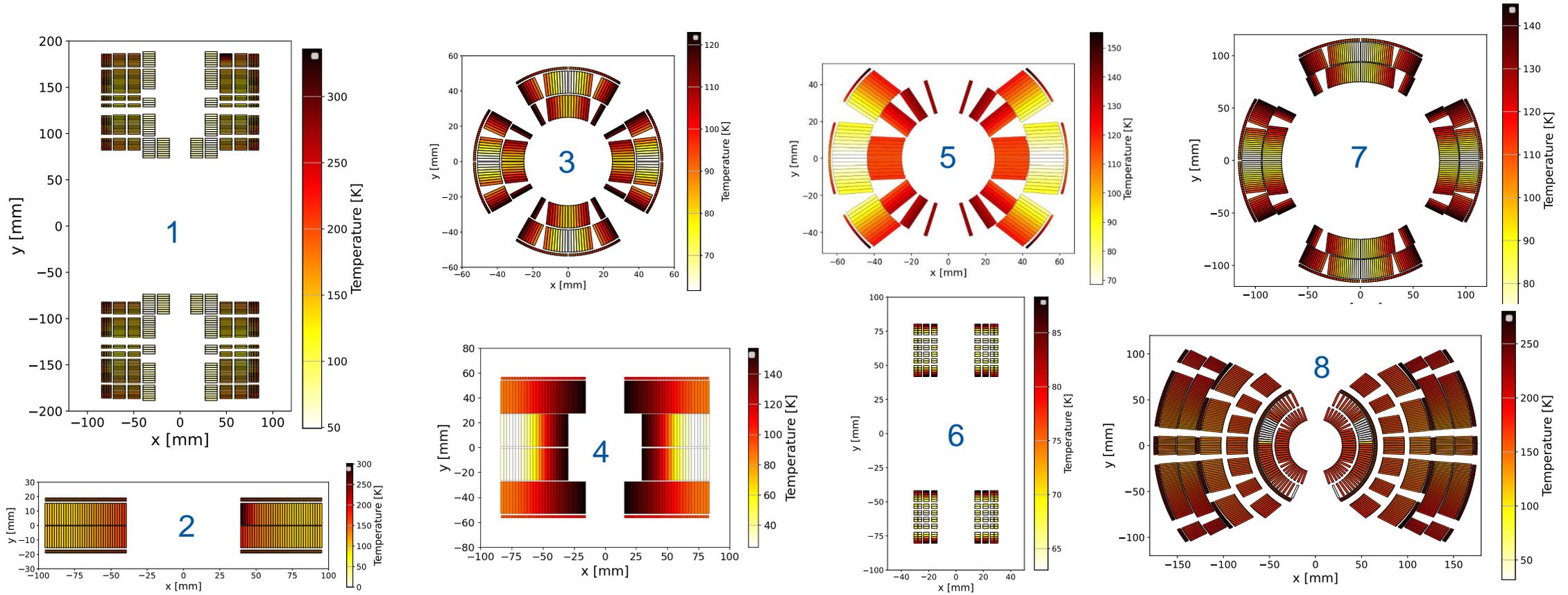
Demonstrate ESC on insulated **high temperature superconductor** magnets

Focus on applications that remove technology bottlenecks and **enable**

Keep an **open mind** (and eyes) for other protection techniques



# ESC studies for future magnets (not in scale)



1 - SMACC2 (D. Araujo, PSI), 2 - SMC (J.C. Perez, CERN), 3 - FCC MQ (M. Karppinen, CERN),  
4 - BOND (A. Haziot, J.C. Perez, CERN), 5 - HFM 12 T (L. Fiscarelli, CERN), 6 - SMCC (D. Araujo, PSI),  
7 - MQXF (P. Ferracin, S. Izquierdo Bermudez, et al., CERN, US HL-LHC AUP),  
8 - US MDP 20 T cos-theta (M. D'Addazio (LBNL), V. Marinozzi (FNAL), E. Ravaioli (CERN), G. Vallone (LBNL))



# Enabling a new design space for superconducting magnets?

Conventional high-field magnet designs are often limited by

- Critical current density
- Stress in the conductor
- Quench protection

It's likely that past rules of thumb for designing quench protection will need to evolve. For ex:

- Current density  $J$
- $J^2/f_{\text{stabilizer}}$
- "Time margin"

## Targets for Optimized ESC

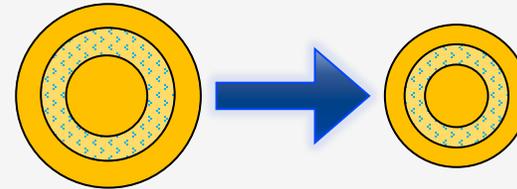
- ✓ 90% magnet conductor quenched in 5 ms
- ✓ 90% magnet's stored energy extracted

## Challenges

- ✓ Integrate ESC coils
- ✓ Mechanical analysis including transients
- ✓ Identify most effective ESC coil concepts

## Less stabilizer needed

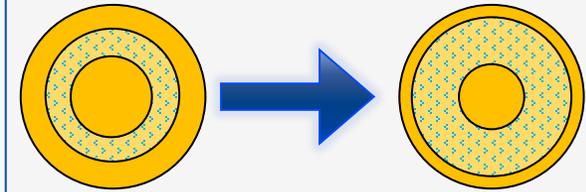
- ✓ Lower Cu/Ag fraction
- ✓ Smaller conductor
- ✓ More compact magnet



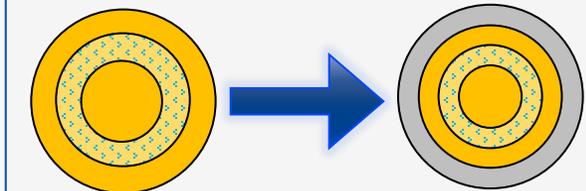
- Cu/Ag can't be reduced at will (due to stability, mechanical strength)
- Current density can't be increased at will (stress in the conductor)

## Future R&D efforts

- ✓ Lower Cu/Ag fraction

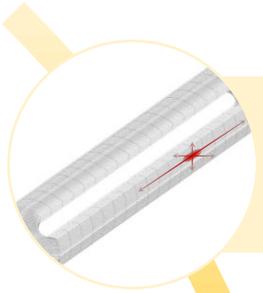


- ✓ Use the extra space for strand reinforcement



- ✓ Use the extra space for stress-management elements

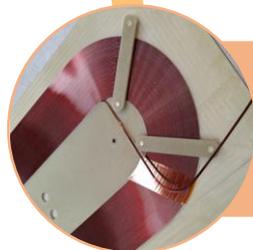




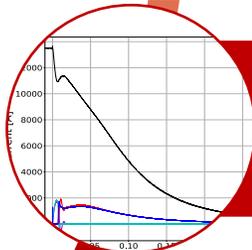
Magnet quench protection



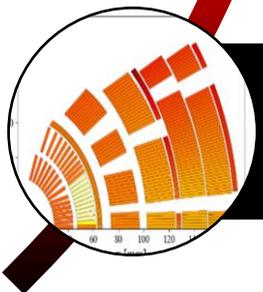
ESC (Energy Shift with Coupling)



ESC technology development



ESC first demonstration



Enabling a new design space?

*We did it*  
~~*Let's do it*~~  
*together*



# Annex 1 – Additional measurements



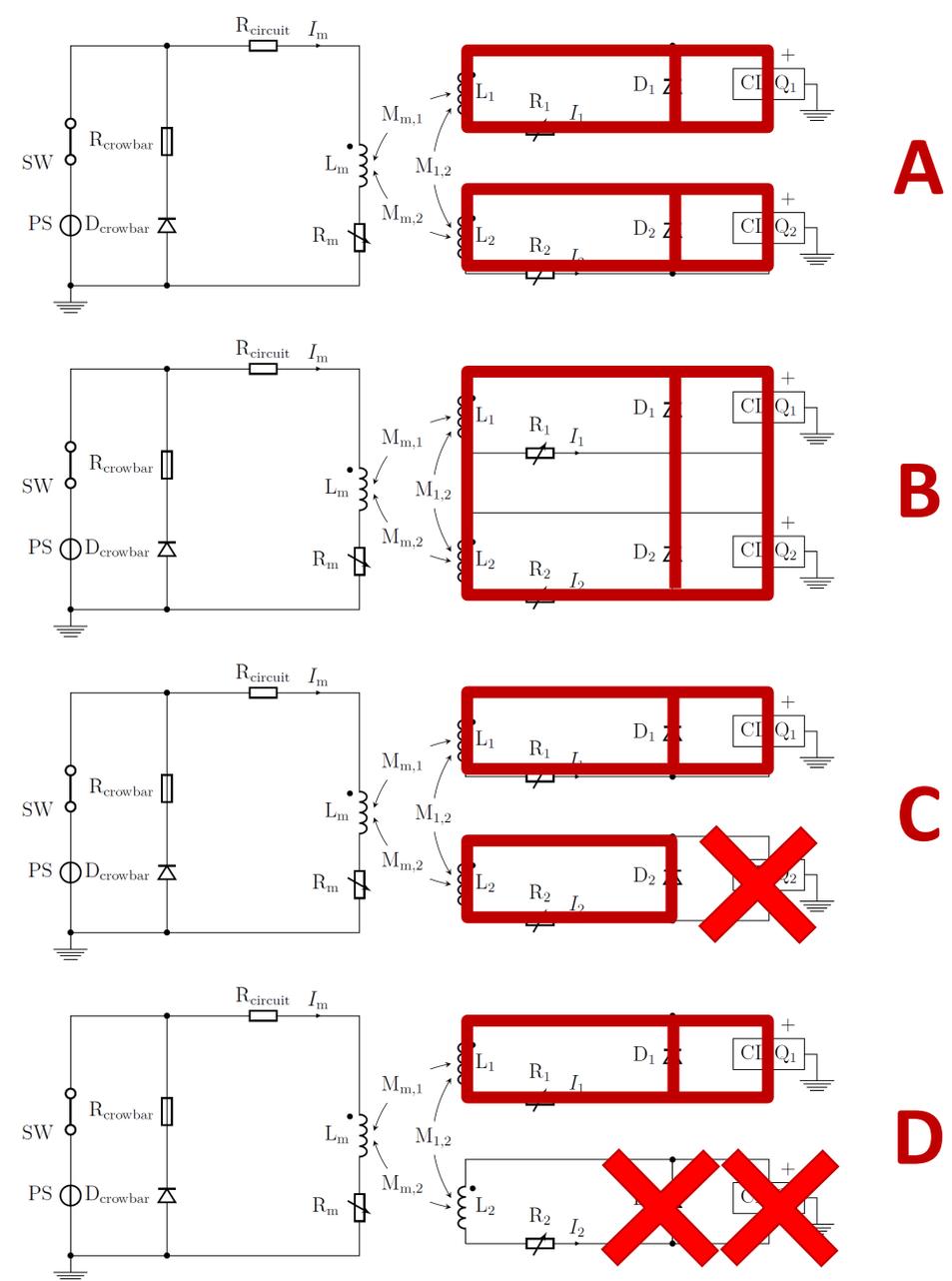
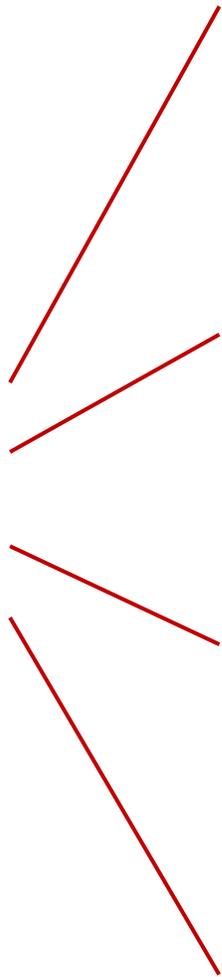
# A few words on SMC 107b training performance

- 5 training quenches at  $T=4.5$  K. Last quench at 13695 A
- V-I curve at  $T=4.5$  K. Quench at 13640 A
- 9 training quenches at  $T=1.9$  K . Last quench at 15136 A
- 2 training quenches at  $T=4.5$  K. Last quench at 13625 A
- V-I curve at  $T=4.5$  K. Quench at 14290 A
- **>110 ESC discharges**
- 1 training quench at  $T=1.9$  K at 15045 A (protected by ESC)
- 1 training quench at  $T=4.5$  K at 13563 A (protected by ESC)
- 1 training quench at  $T=4.5$  K at 13567 A (protected by EE)
- V-I curve at  $T=4.5$  K. Quench at 14203 A



# SMC 107b test campaign in a nutshell

Test type
Training at 4.5 K and 1.9 K using EE
V-I curve
ESC checkout
EE + ESC with 2 units
<b>A. ESC with 2 units and 2 separate coils</b>
<b>B. ESC with 1 unit and 2 coils in series</b>
<b>C. ESC with 1 unit + 1 passive ESC coil</b>
<b>D. ESC with 1 unit (1 ESC coil disconnected)</b>
EE with 2 passive ESC coils
ESC minimum energy to quench
Training at 4.5 K and 1.9 K using ESC
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V-I curve
Transfer Function Measurements

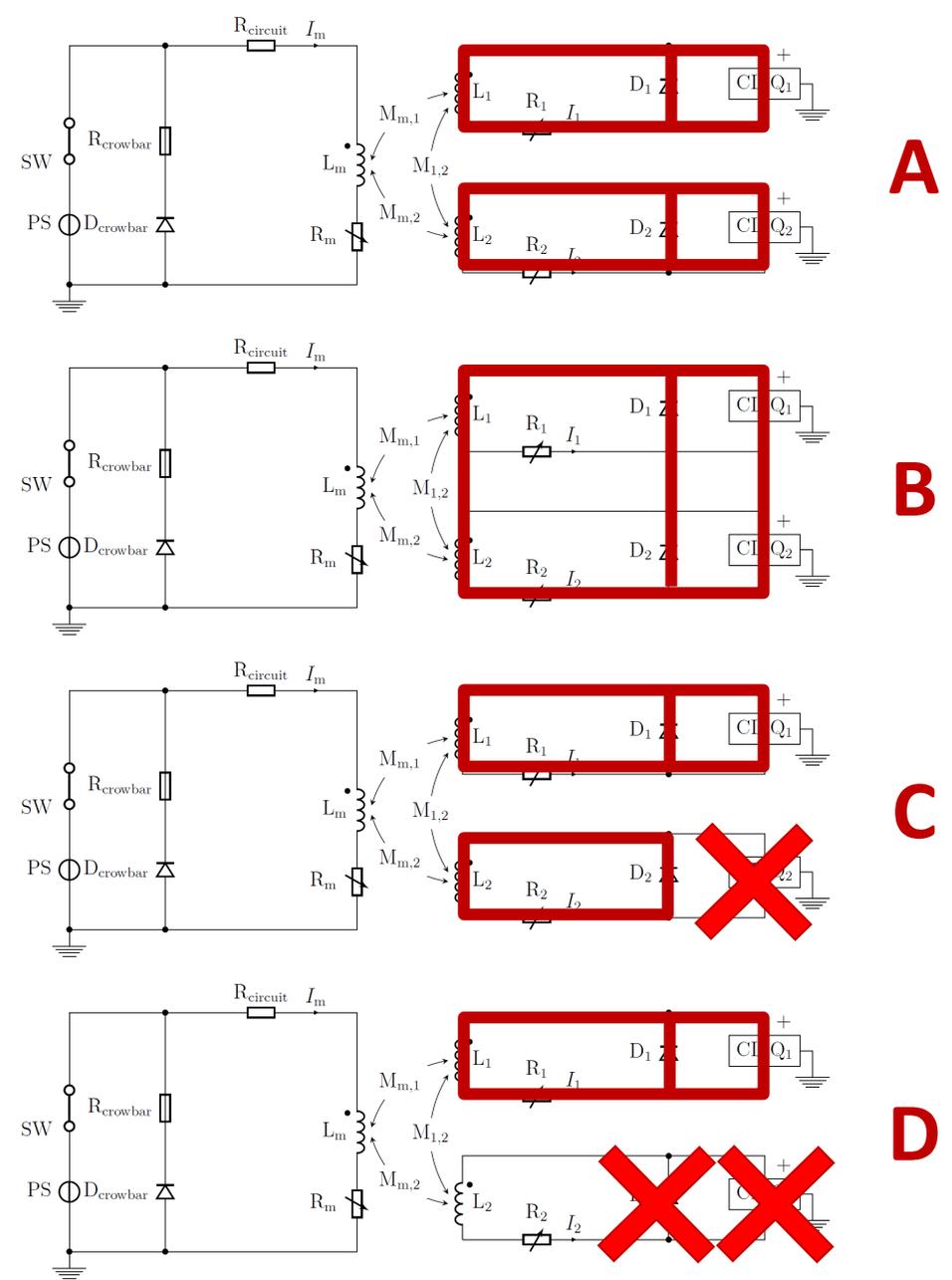


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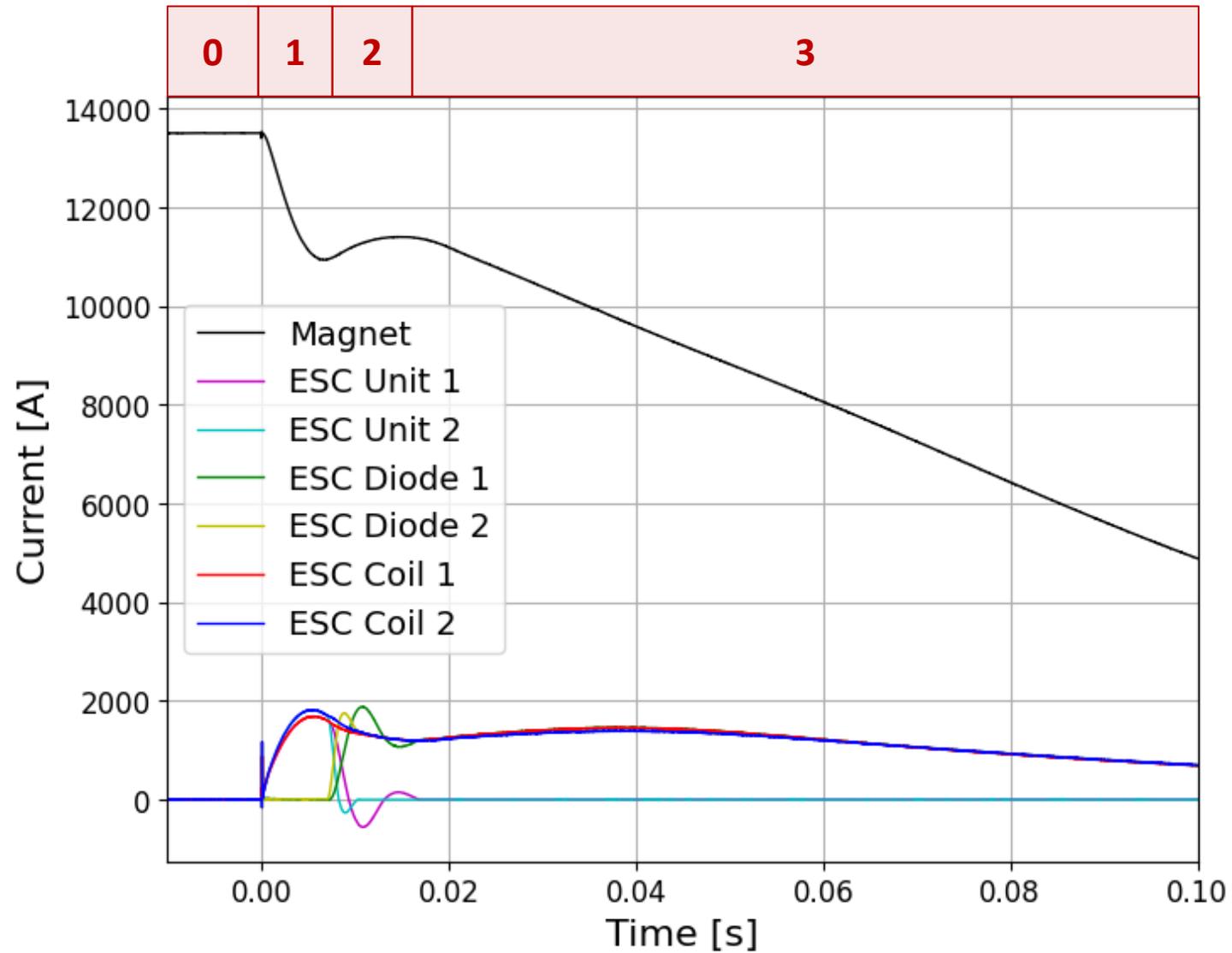
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15000			50	-	-	-	-	-
13500	50	50		50	50	50	50	50
10875	50			50	50		50	50
7250	50	50		20-50	50	50	50	50
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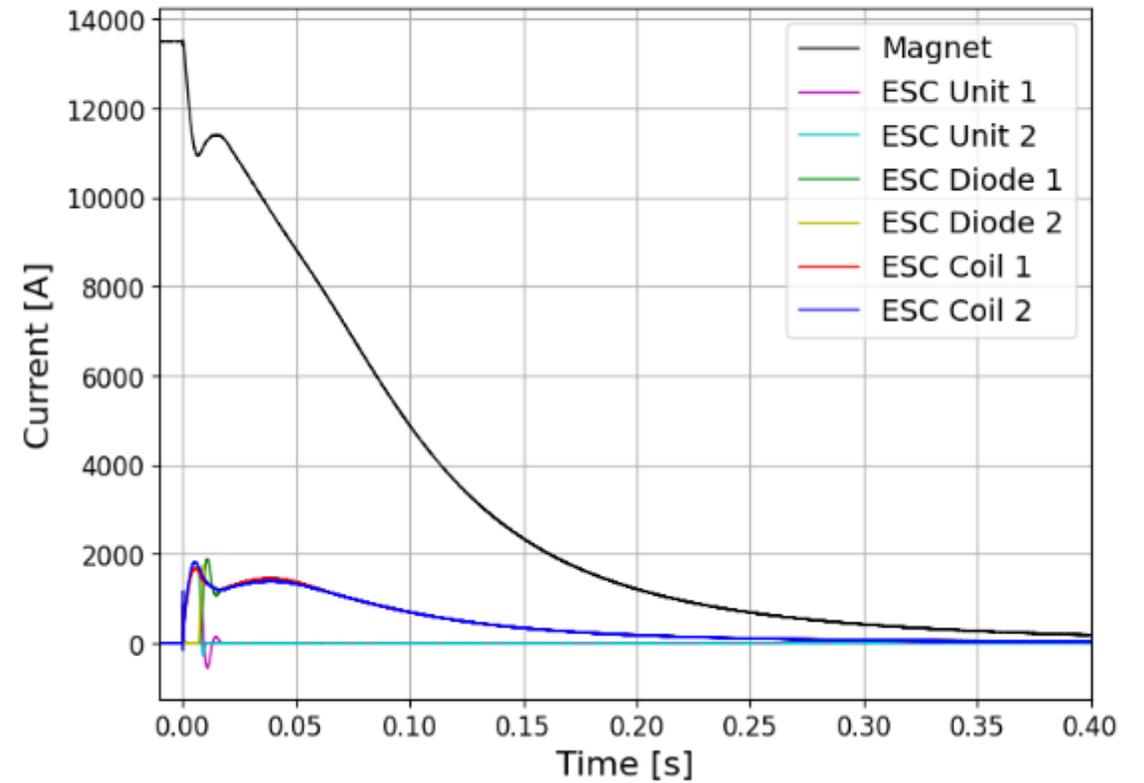
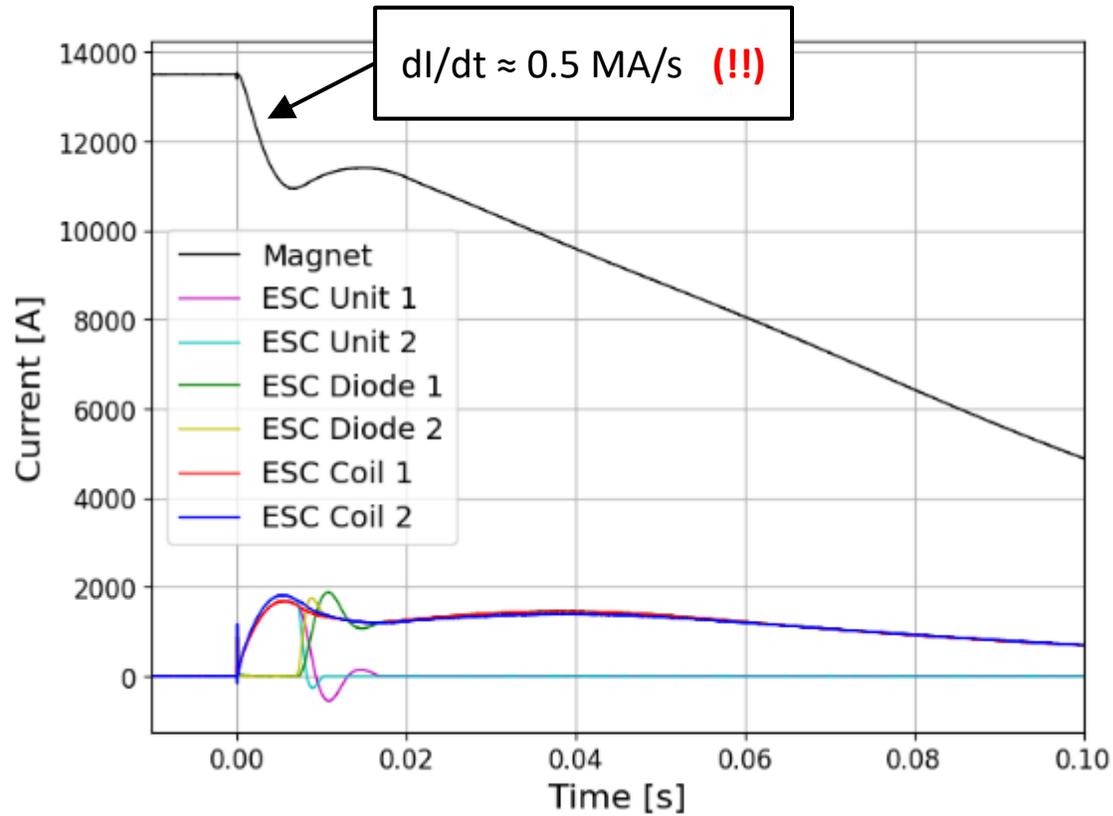
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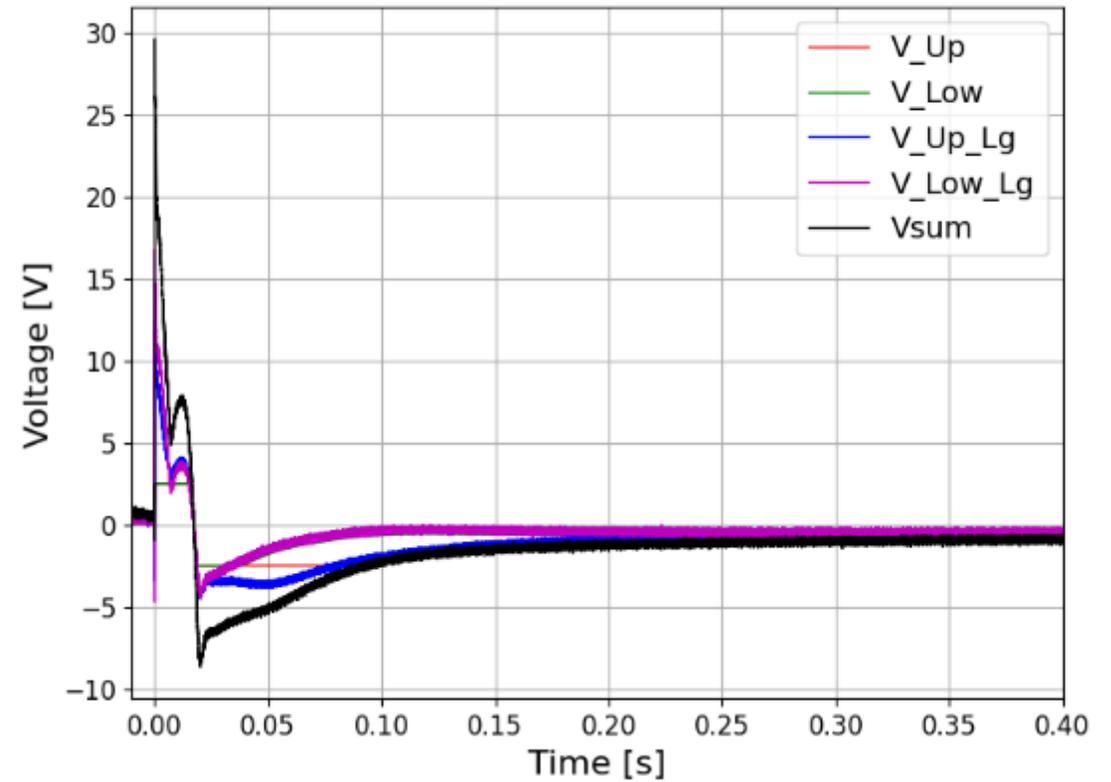
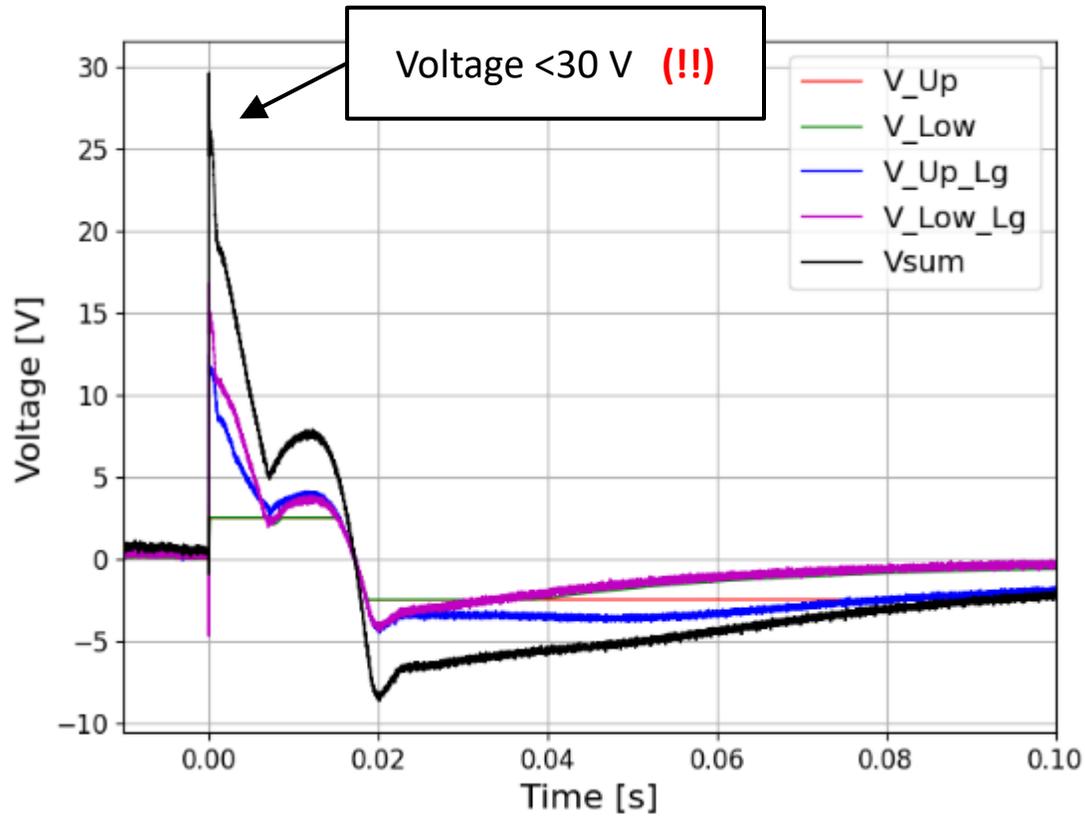
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When a positive  $di/dt$  is imposed on the ESC coils, a negative  $di/dt$  of **0.5 MA/s** is imposed on the magnet coils. It is estimated that 100% of the magnet conductor is actively quenched within **1-3 ms** by transient (AC) losses.



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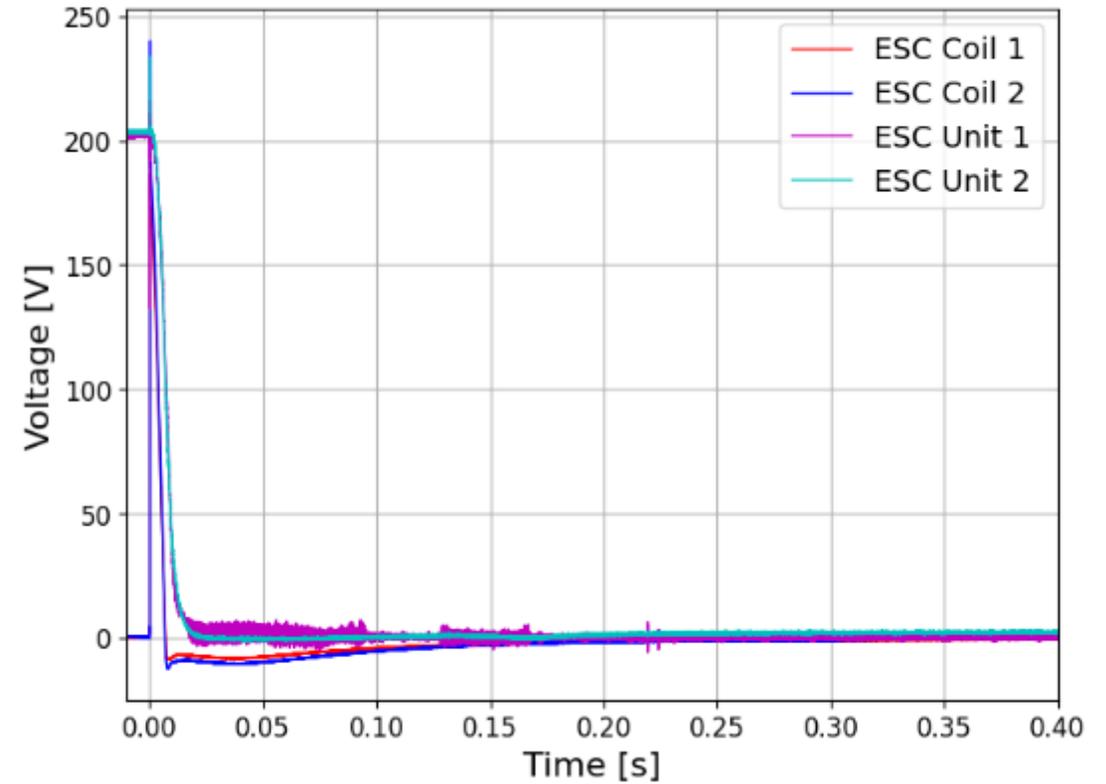
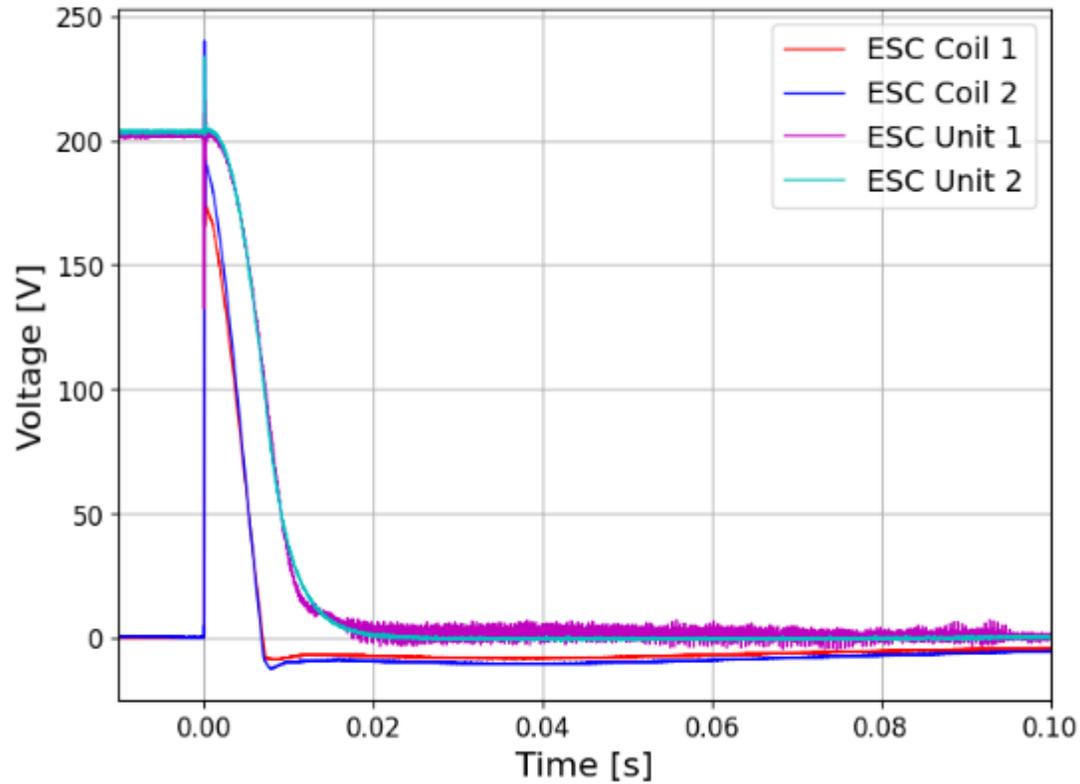


The huge  $di/dt$  was imposed to the magnet current with <30 V peak voltage across it.

The voltage is not exactly 0 V only because of the warm circuit. Its value doesn't scale up with the magnet length.



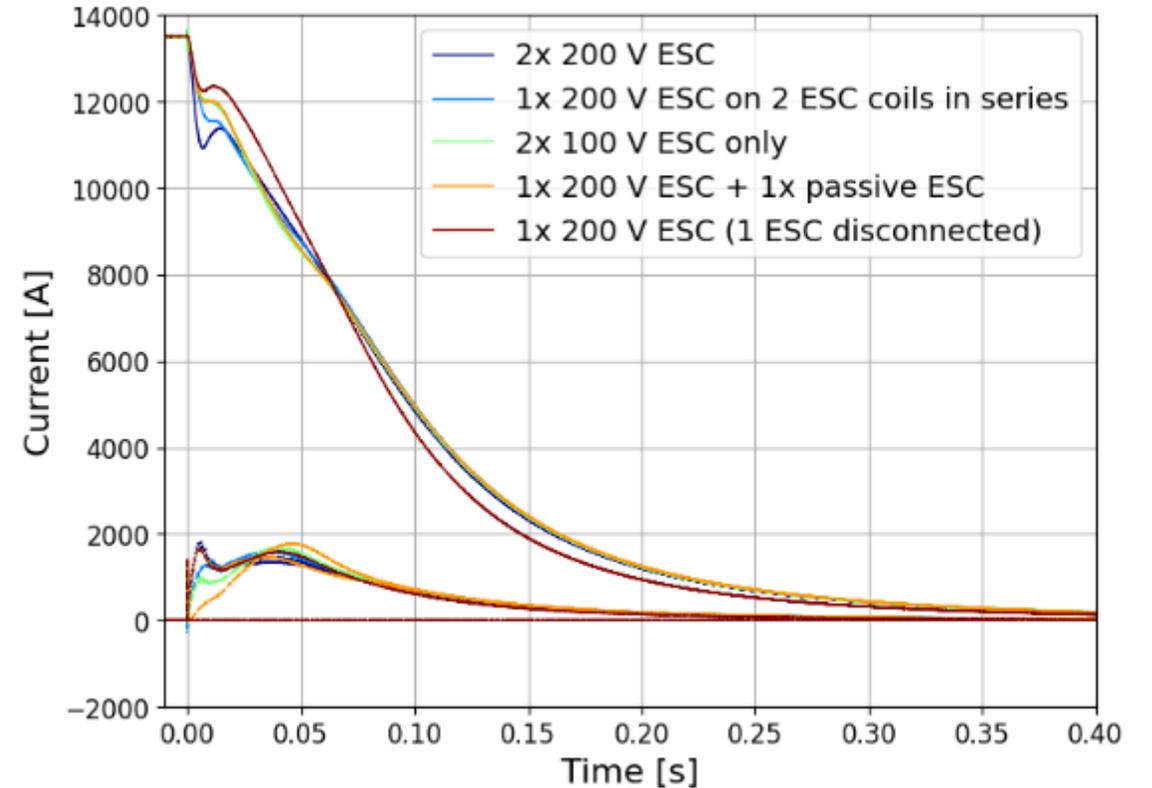
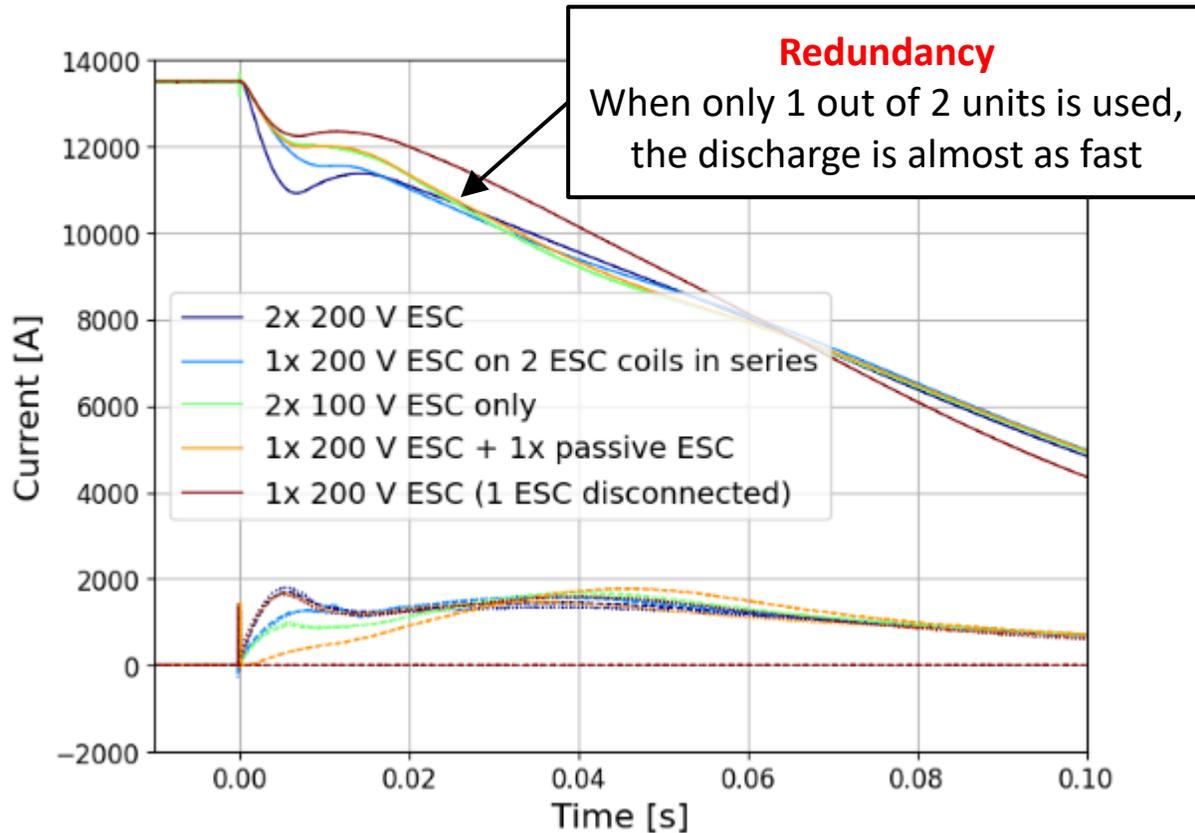
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The voltage across the ESC units is applied across the ESC coils.



# Different configurations – T=4.5 K – I=13500 A

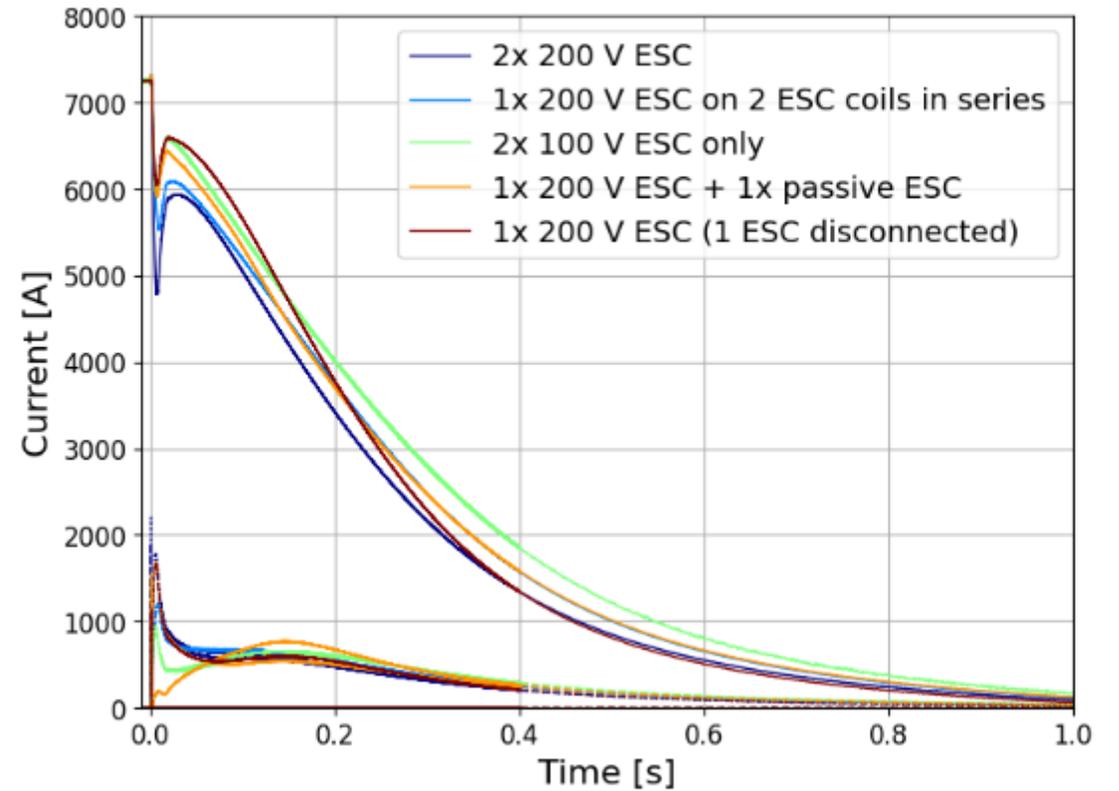
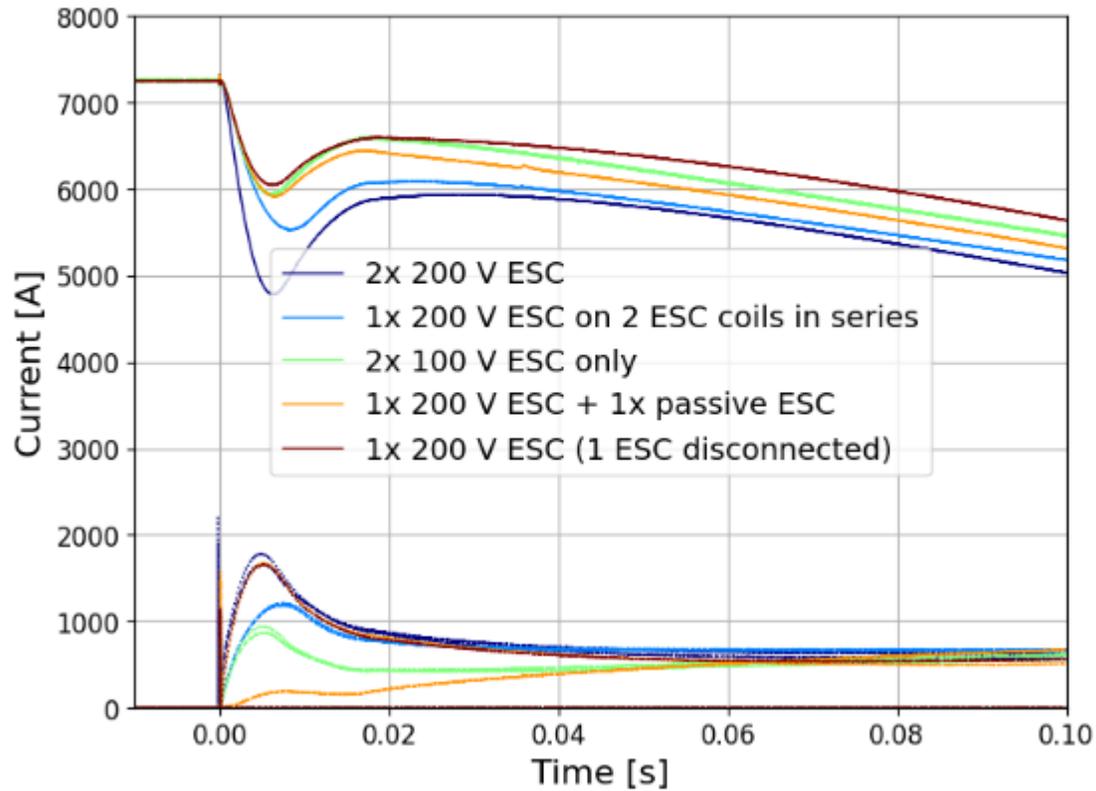


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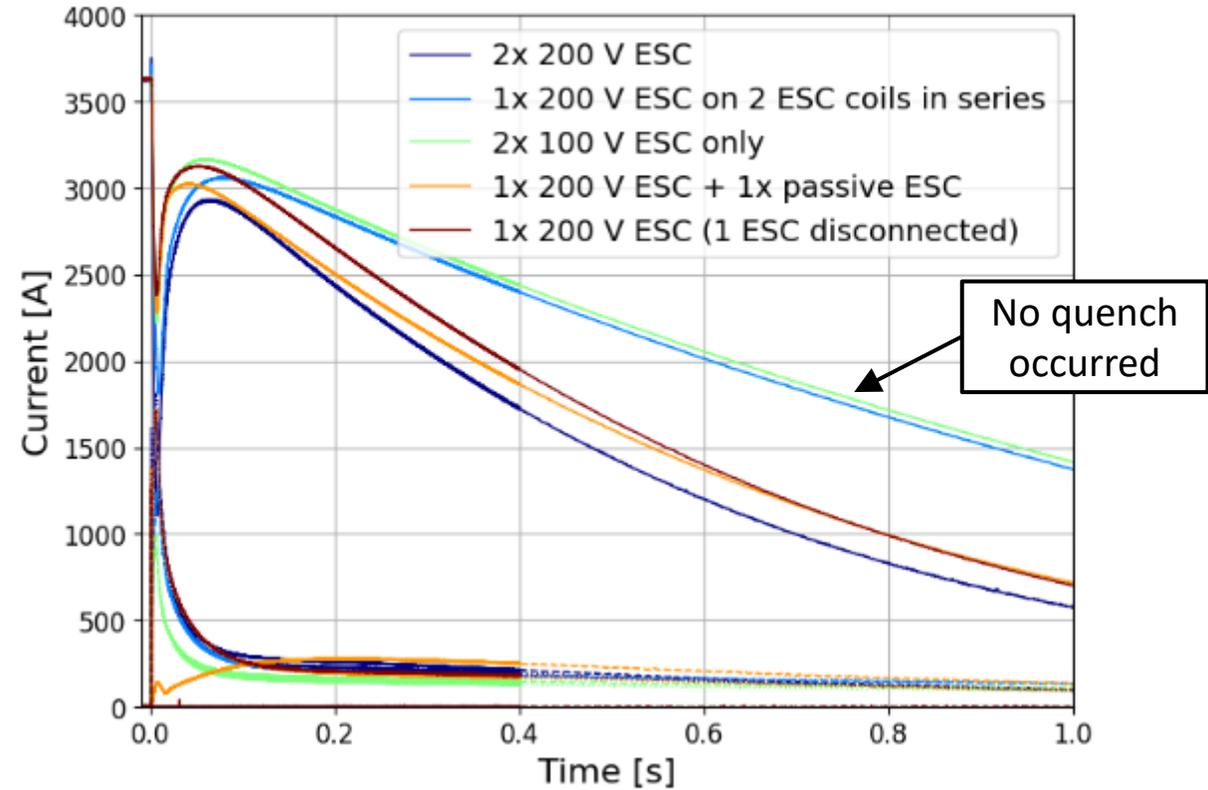
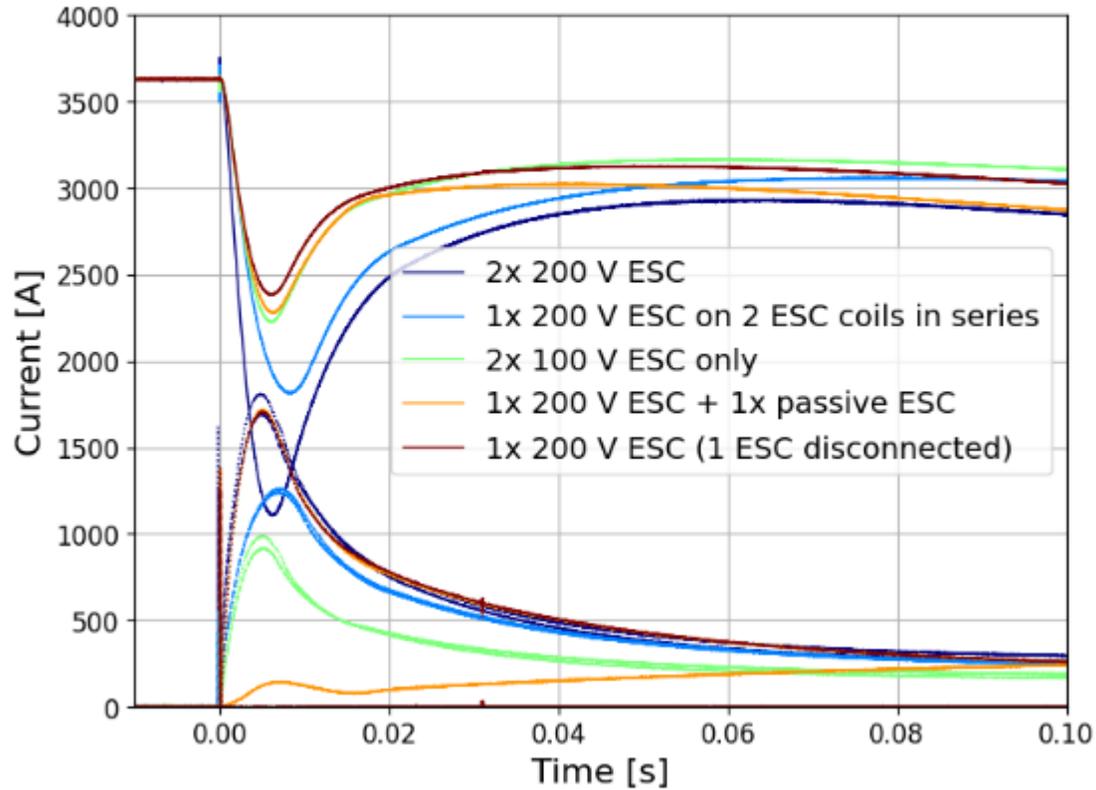
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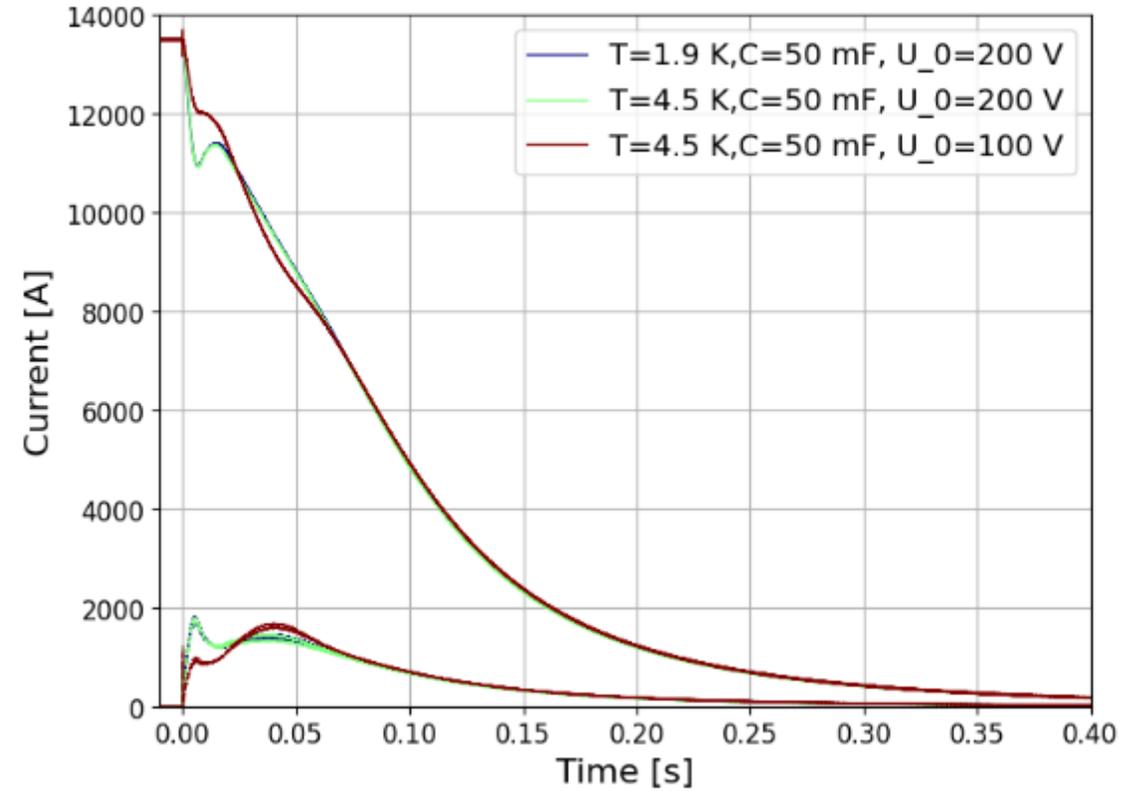
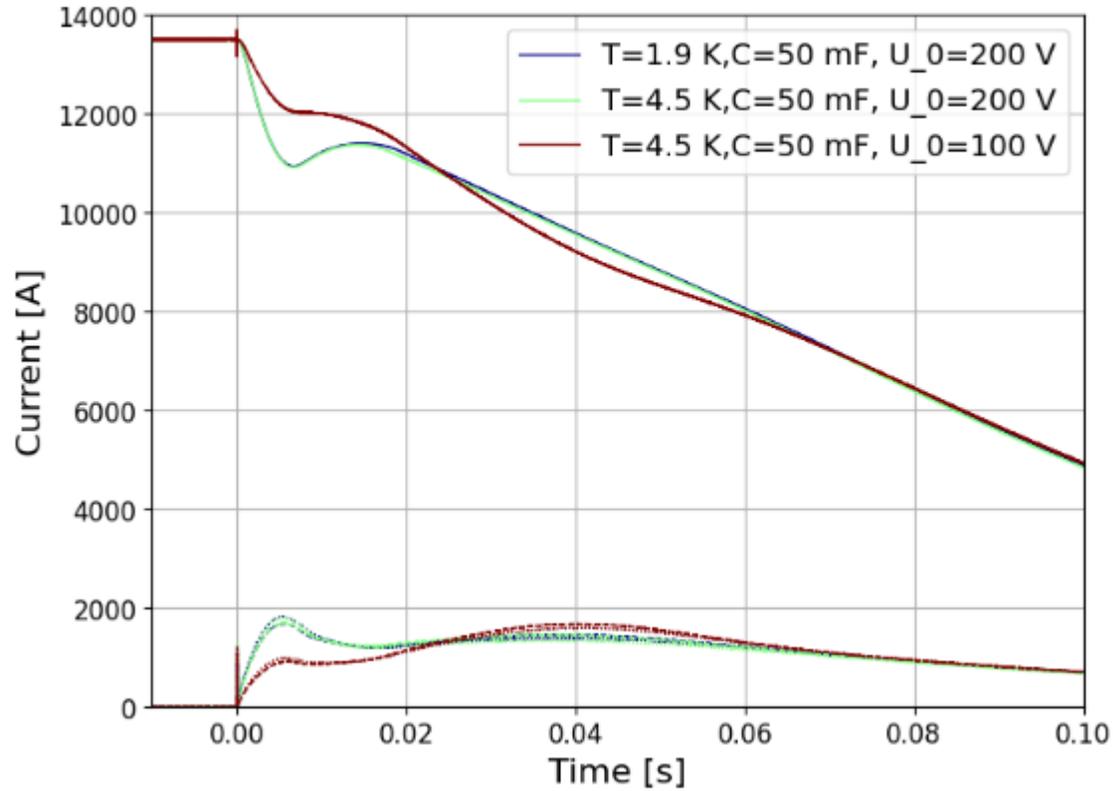
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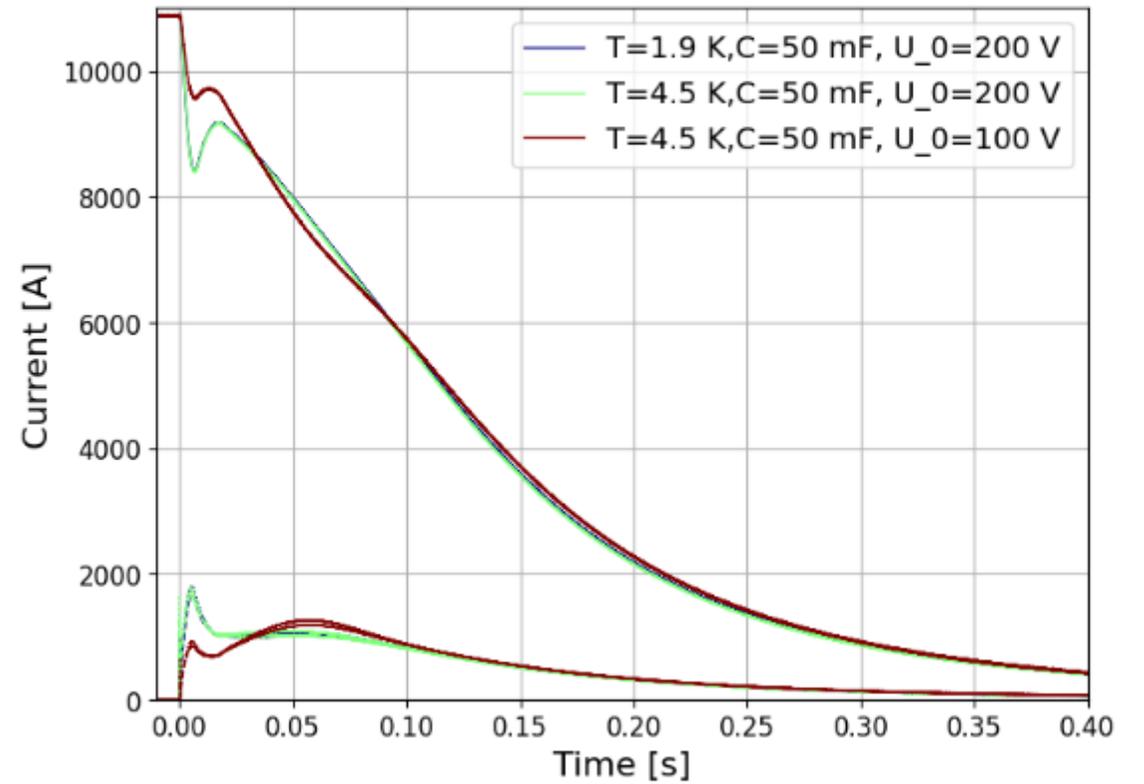
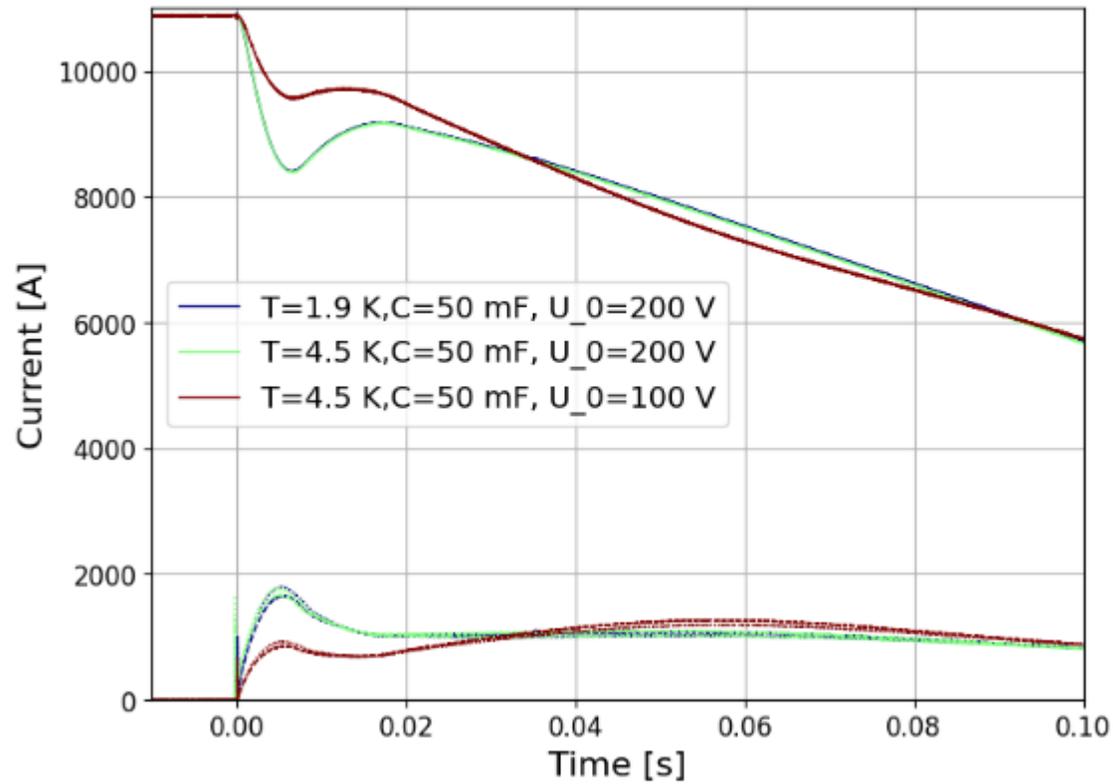
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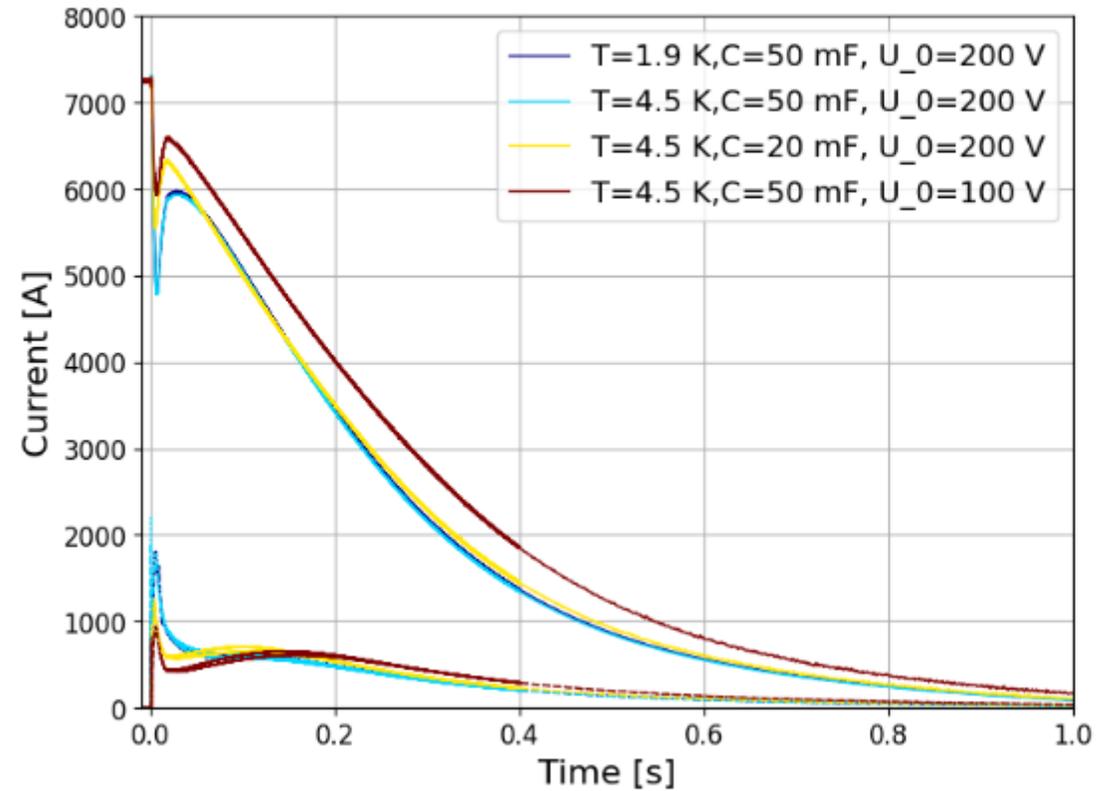
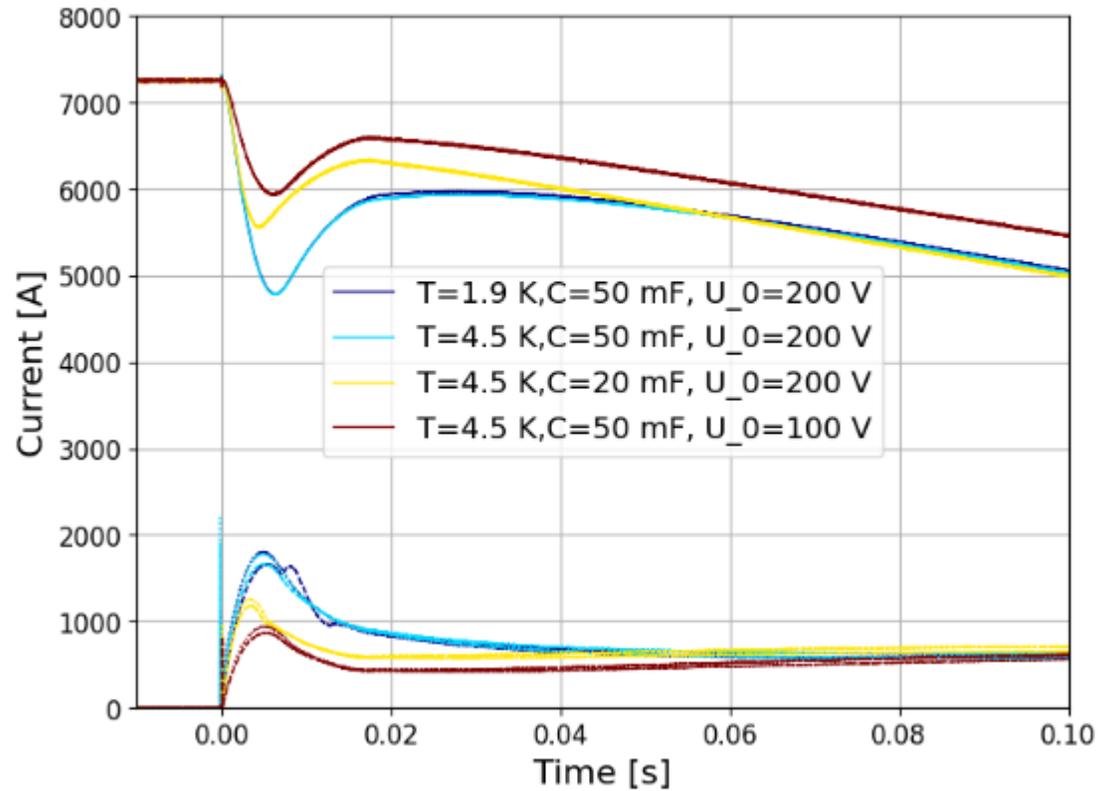
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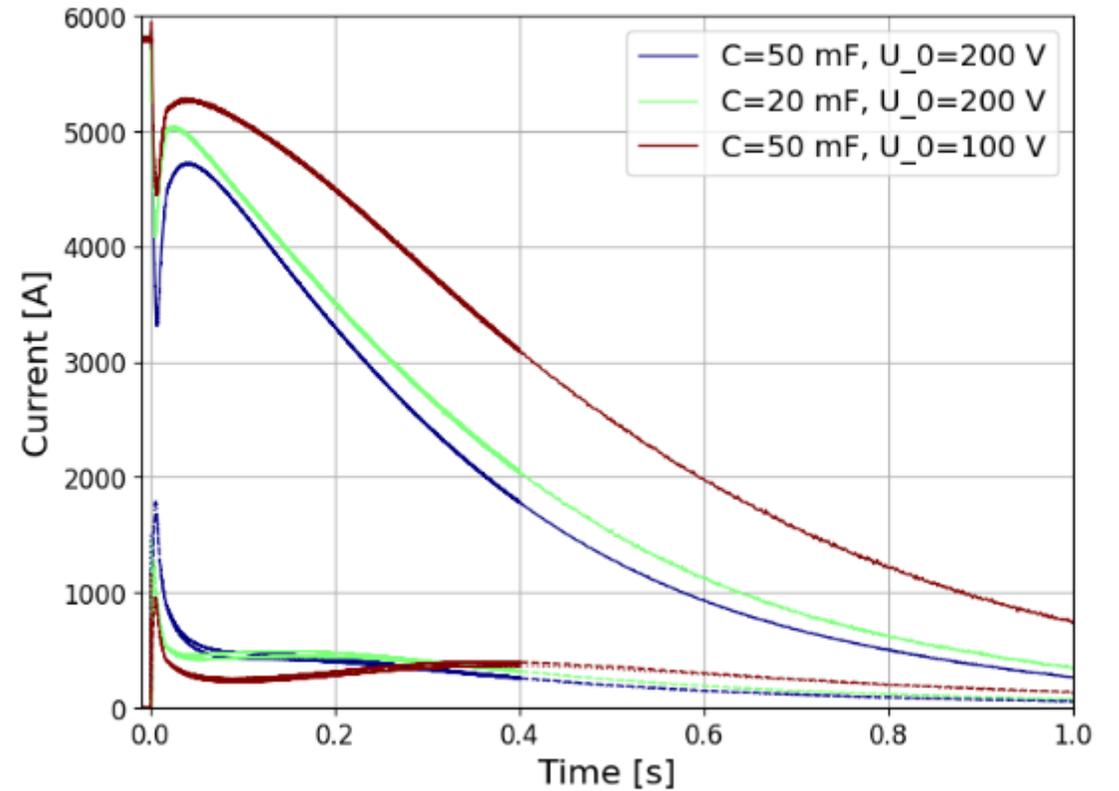
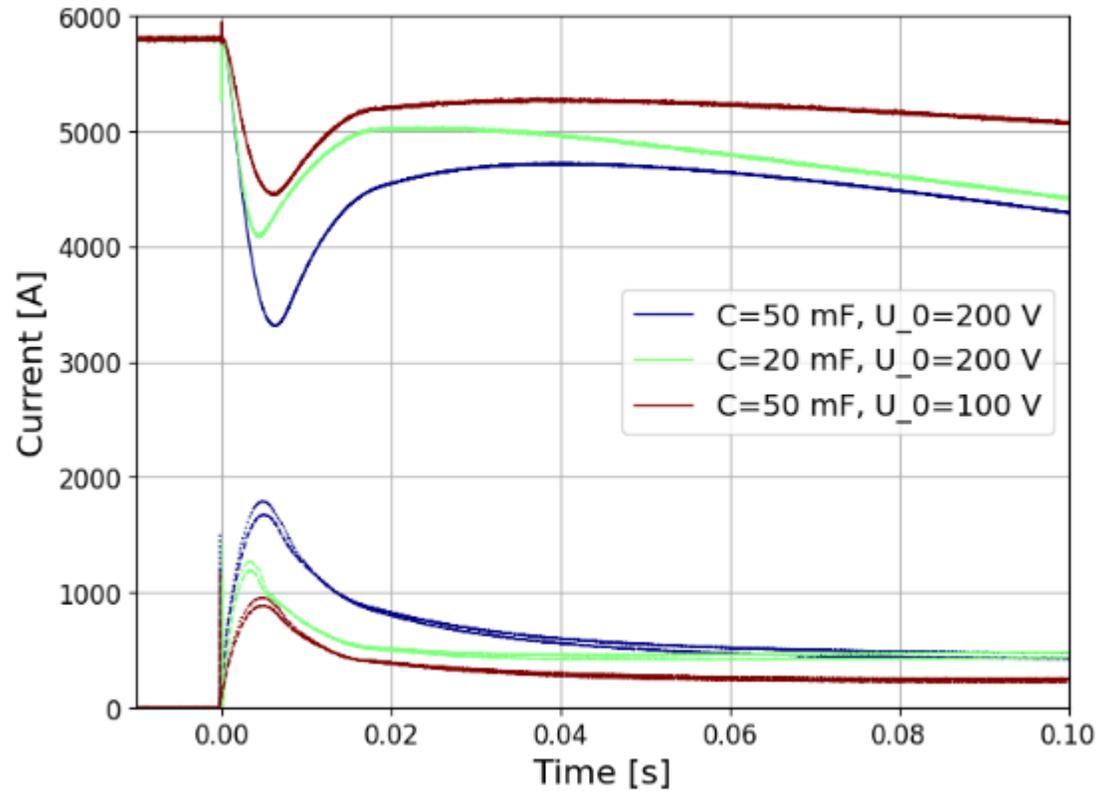
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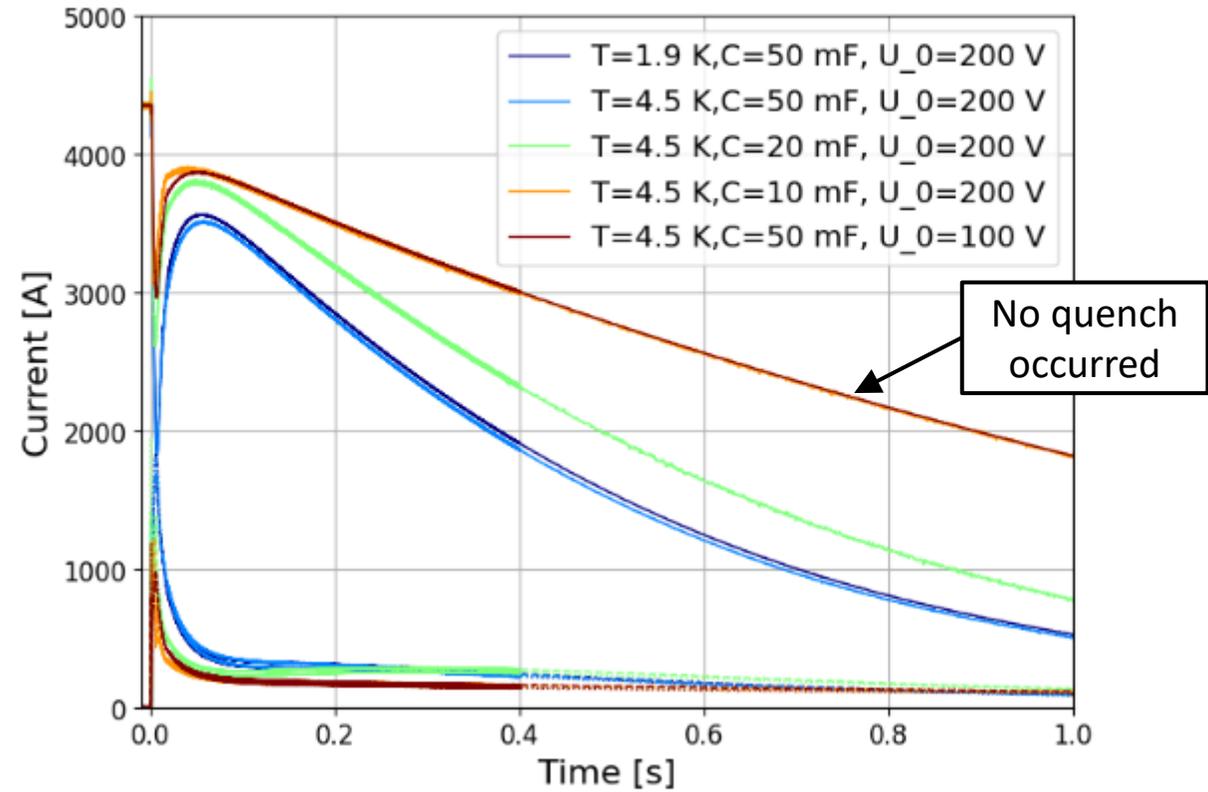
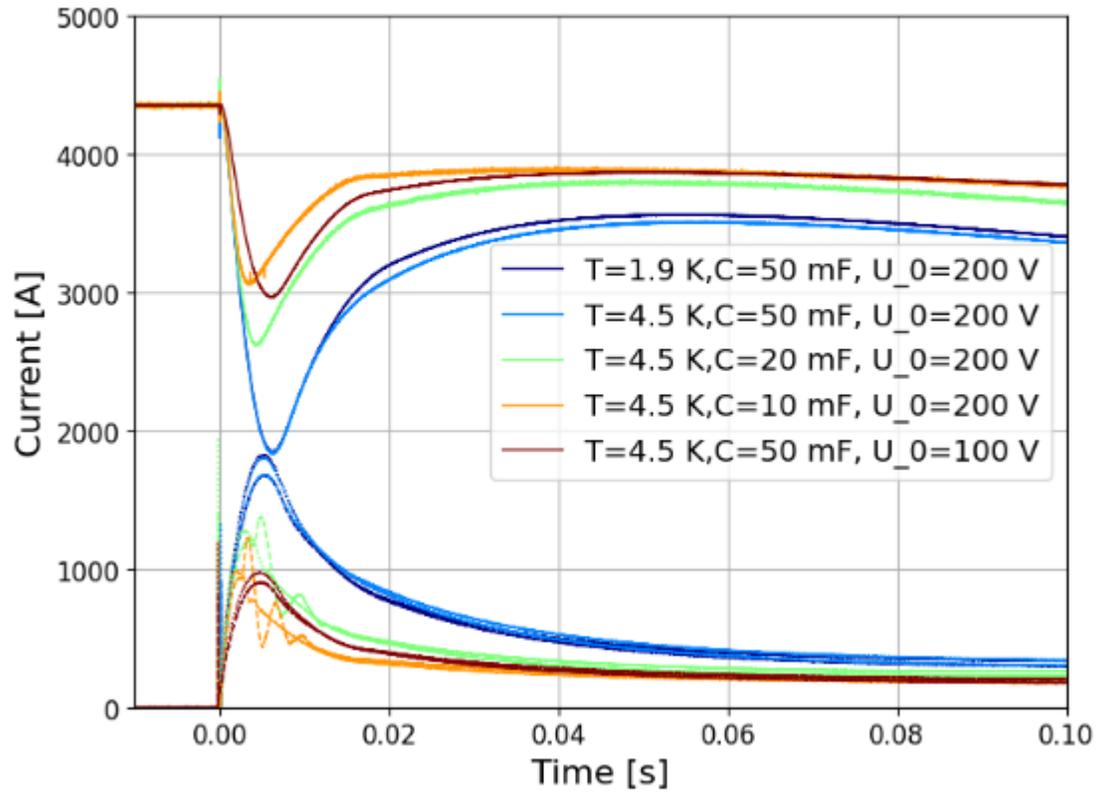
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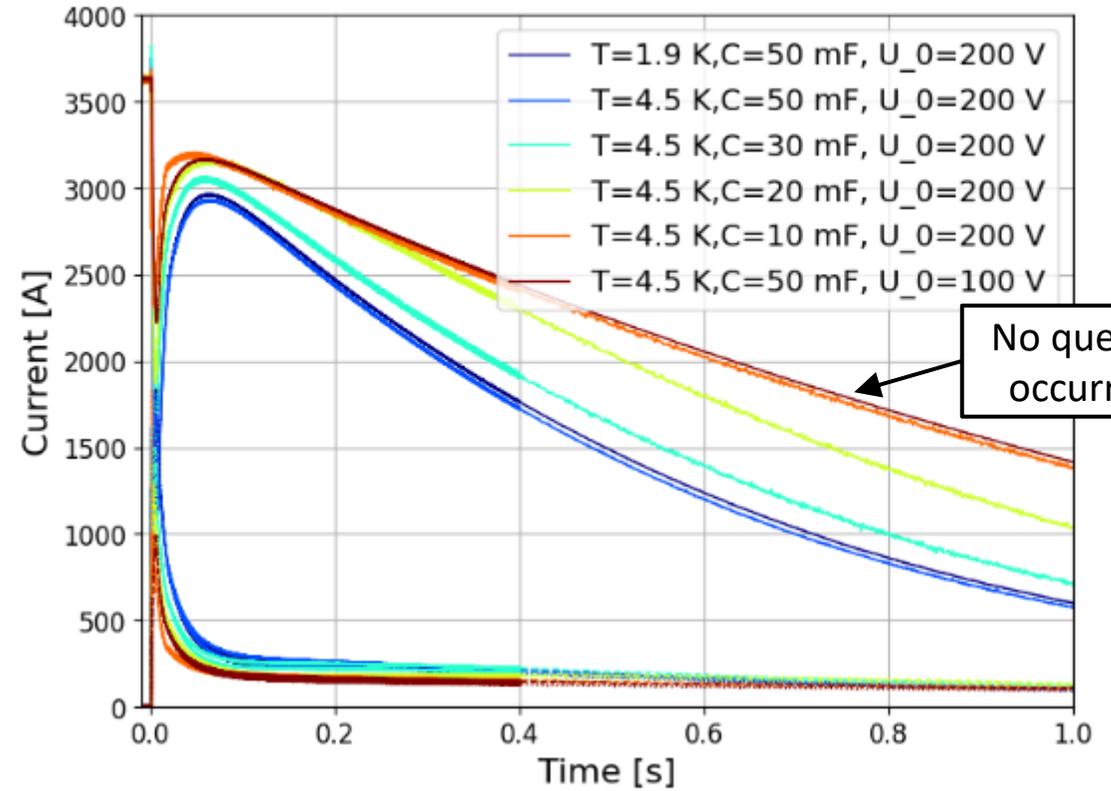
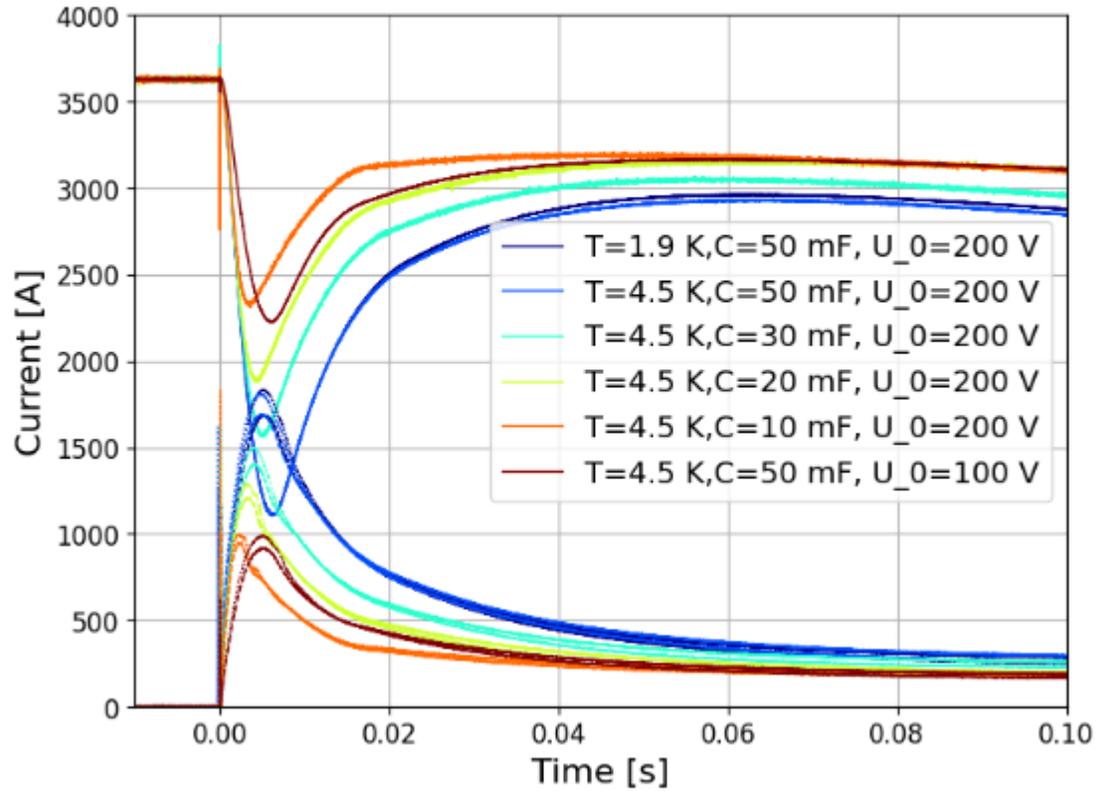
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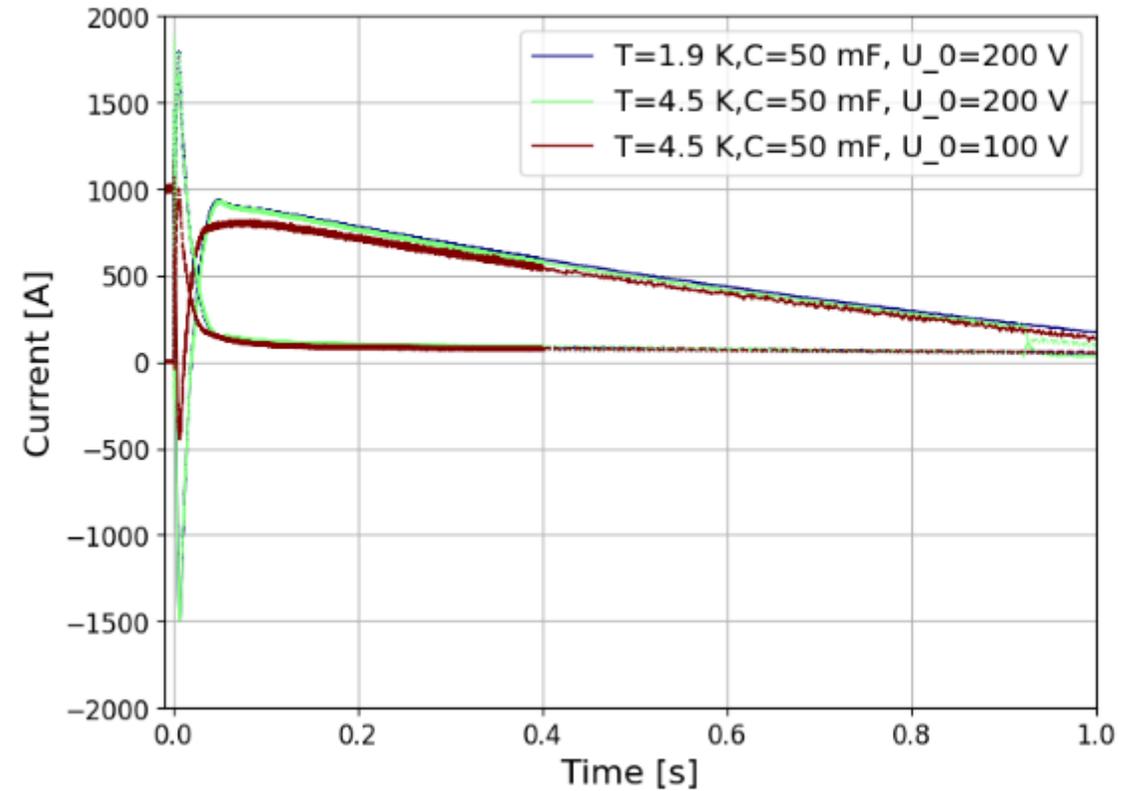
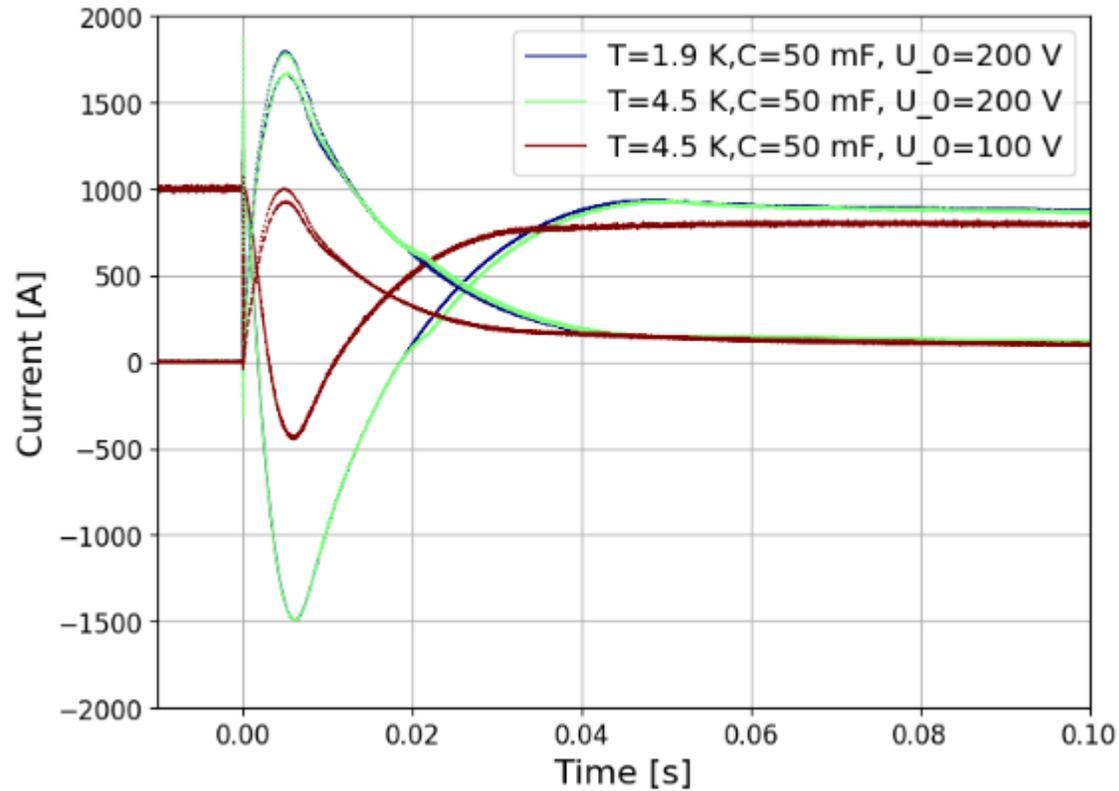
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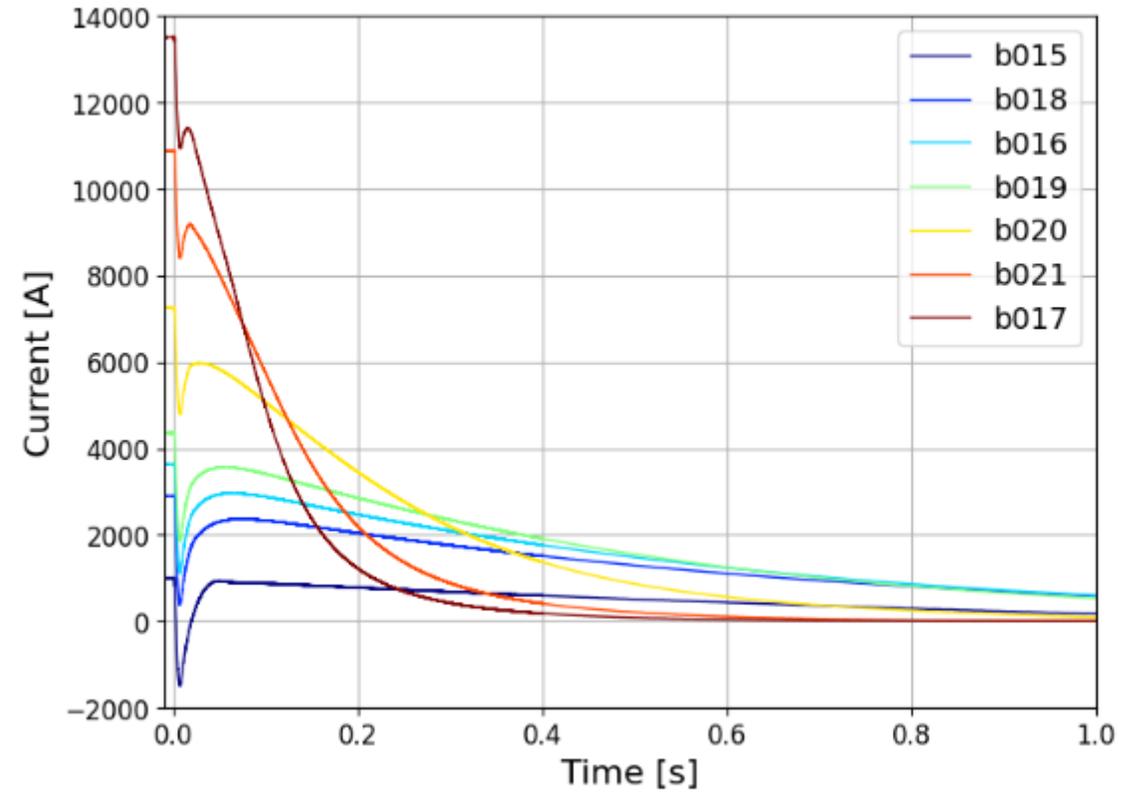
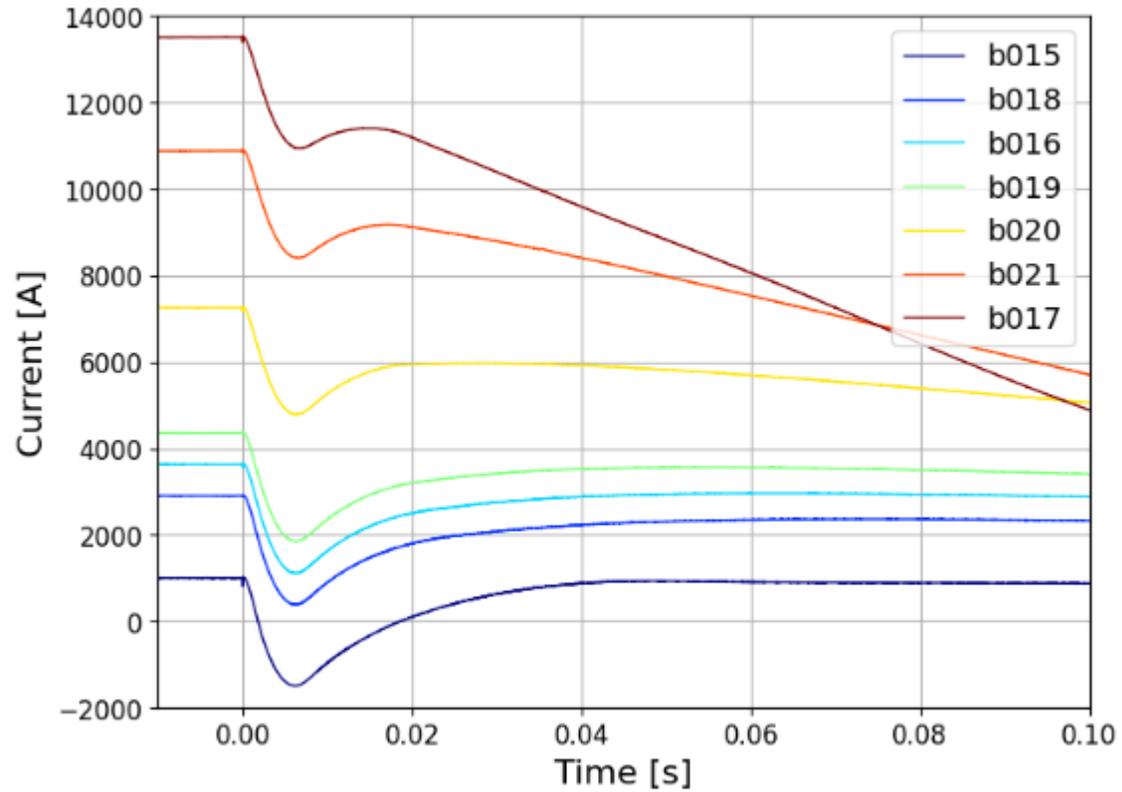
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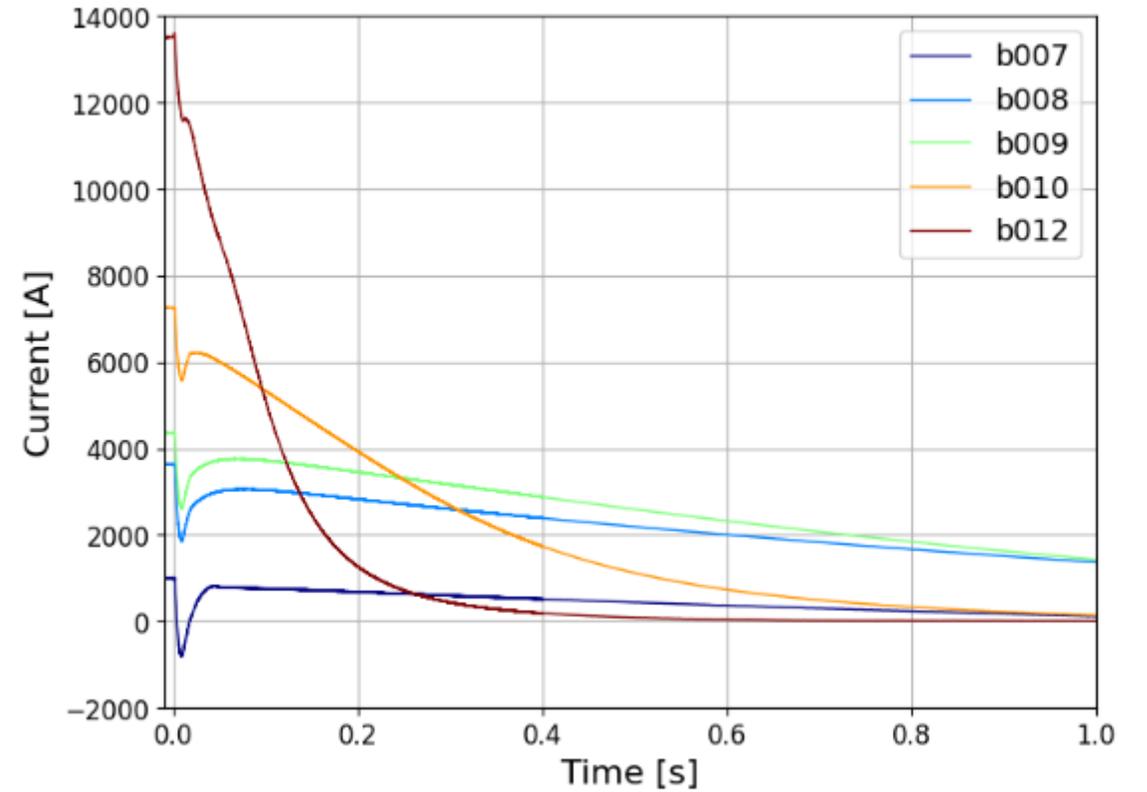
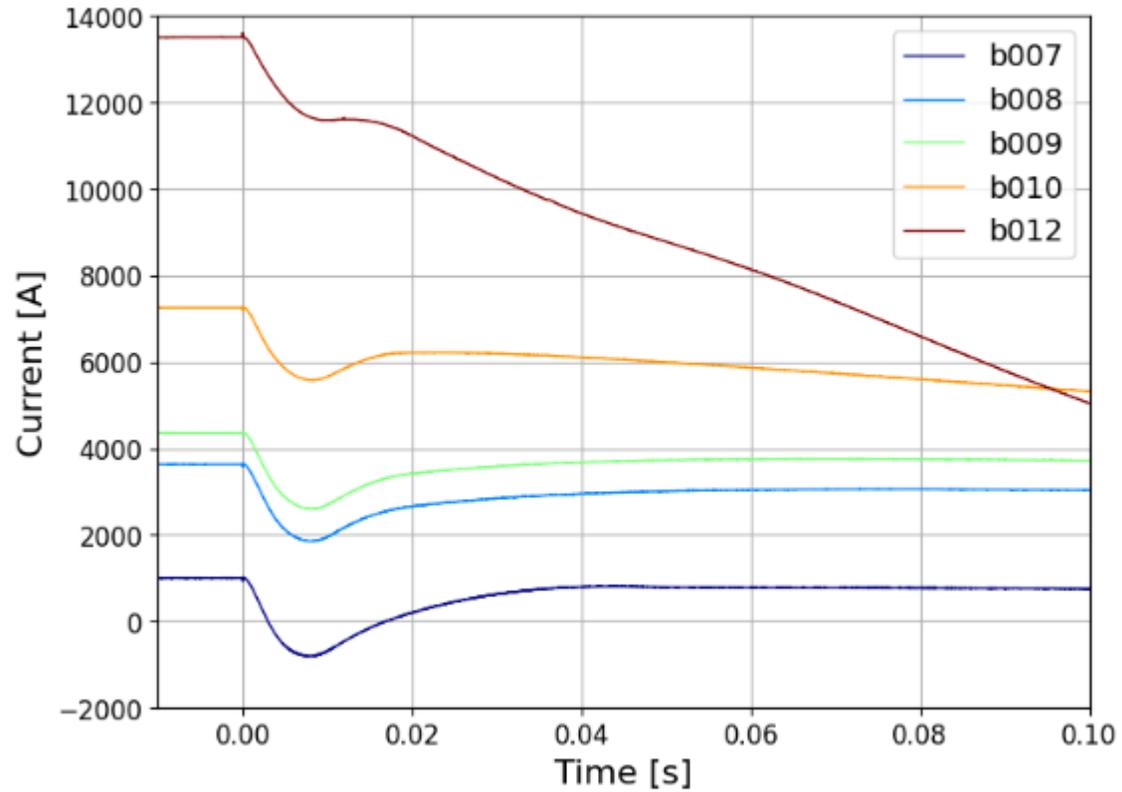
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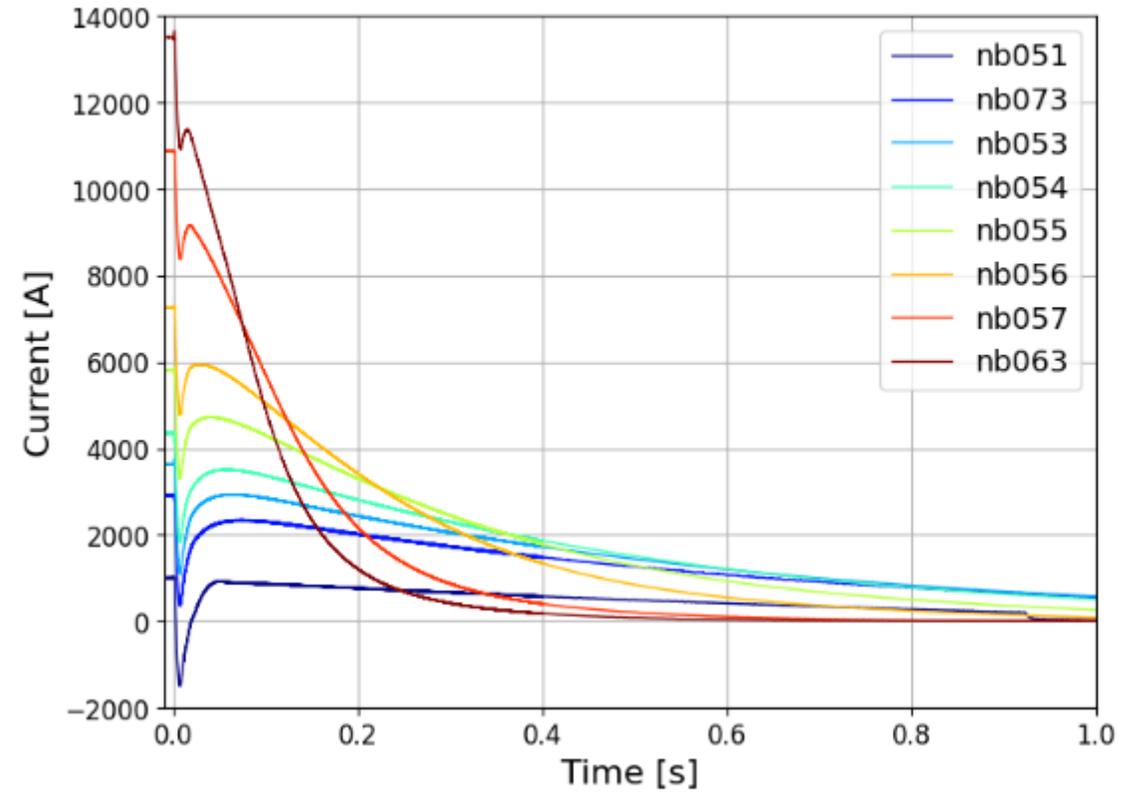
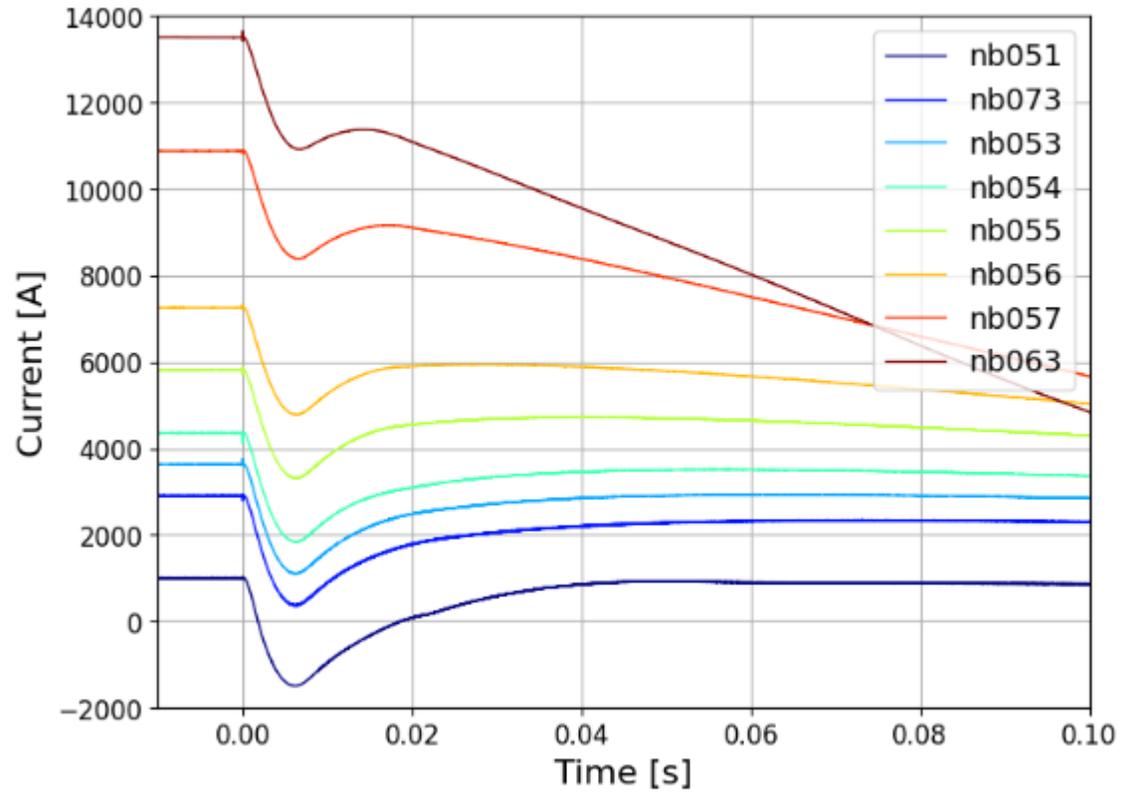
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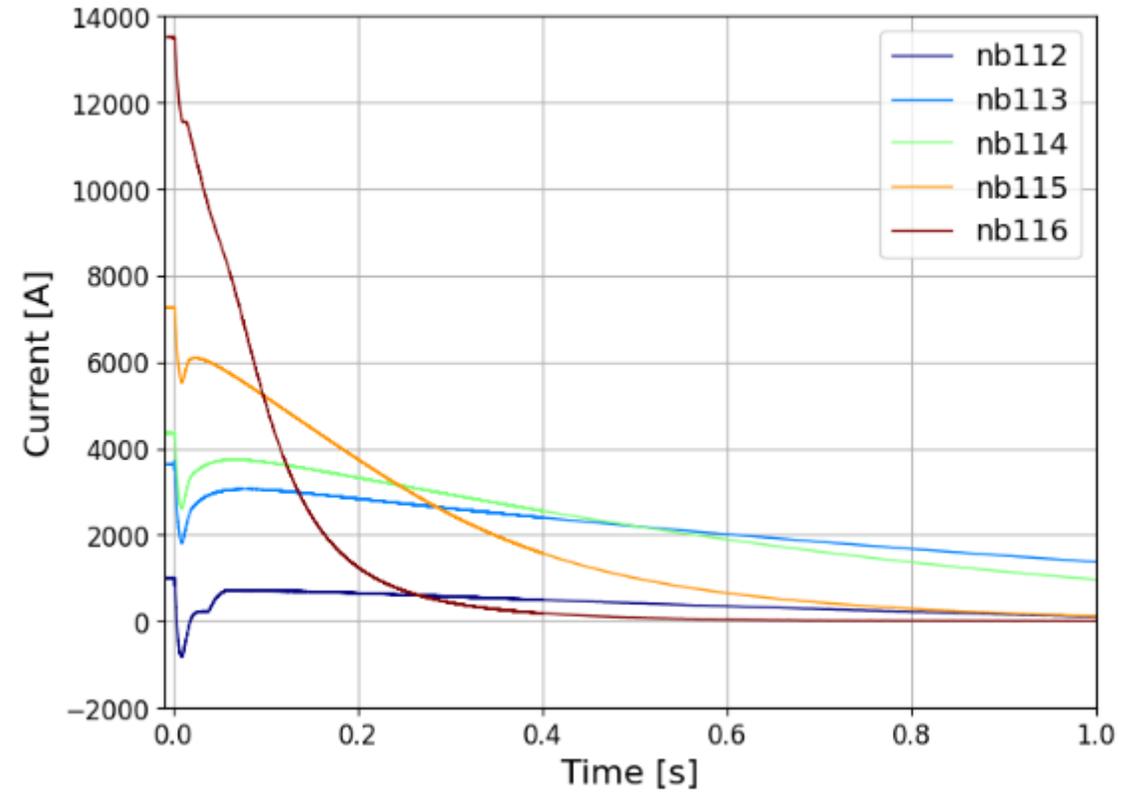
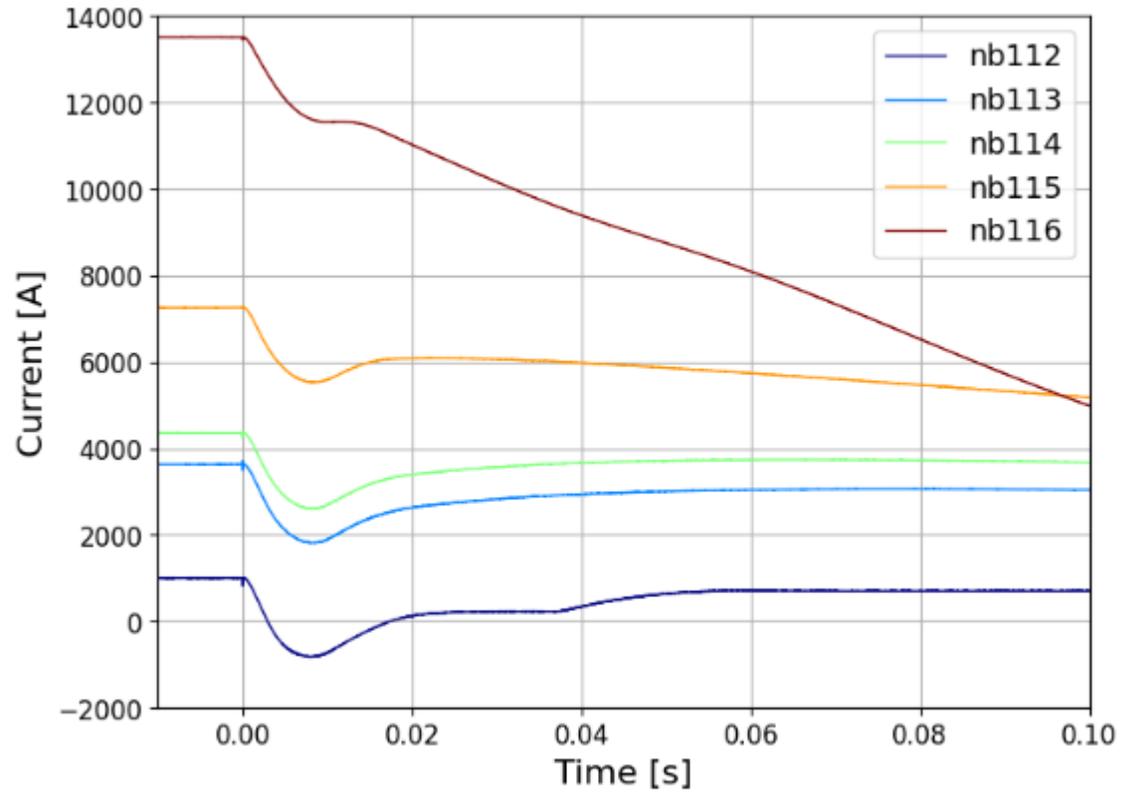
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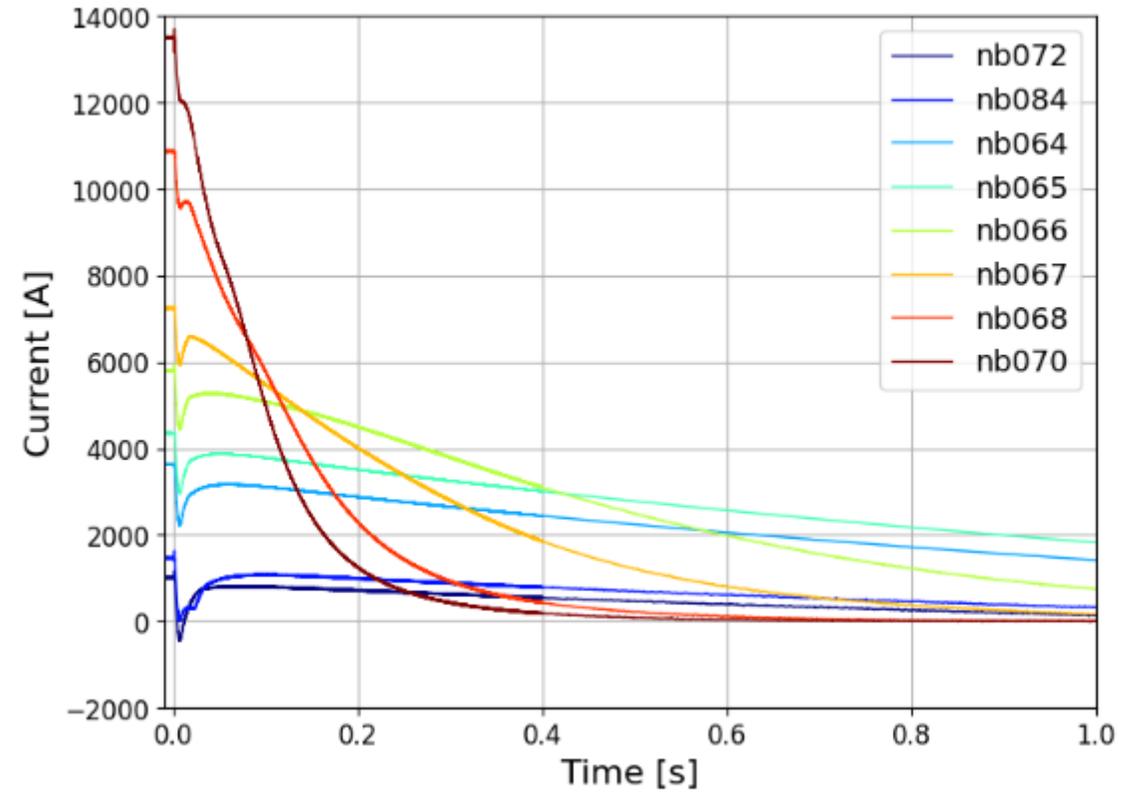
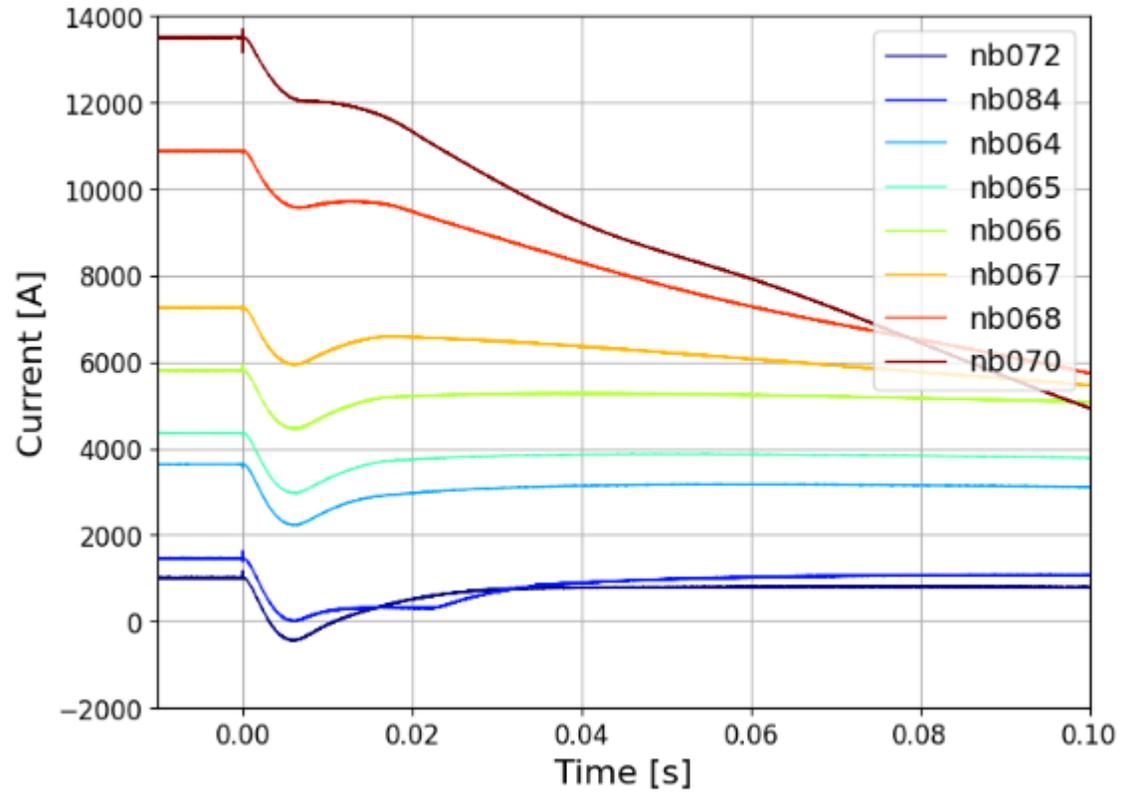
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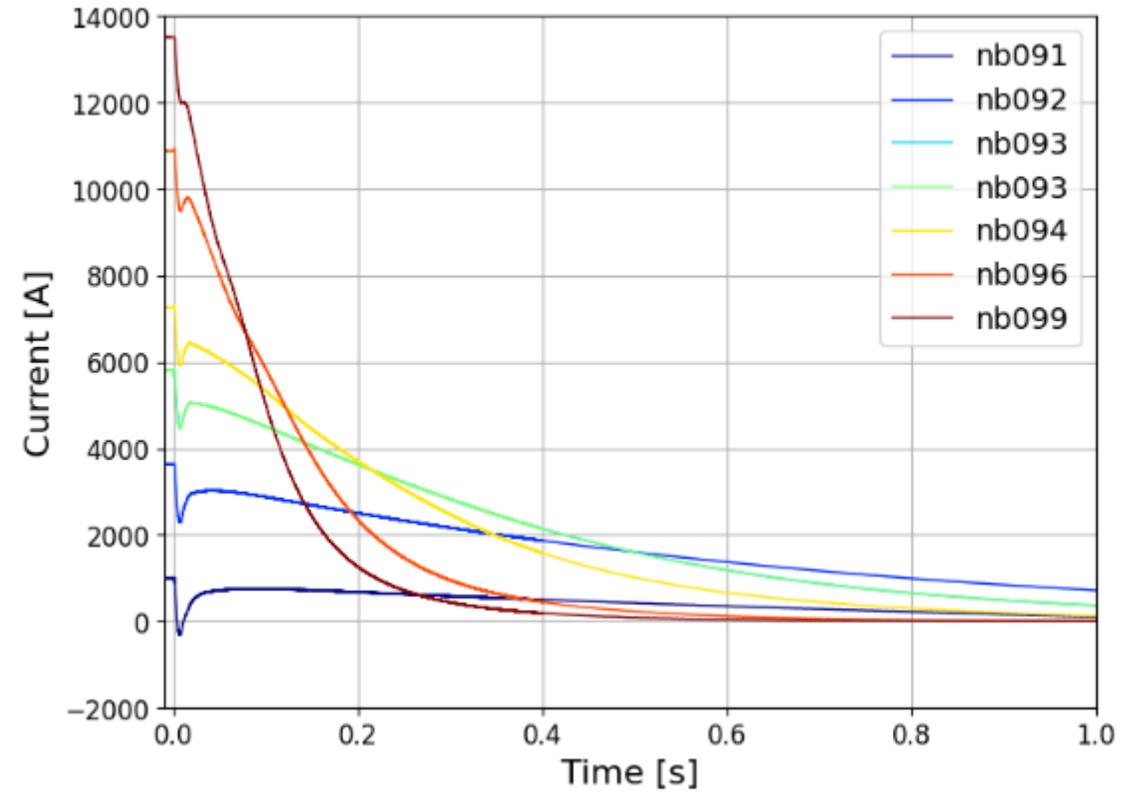
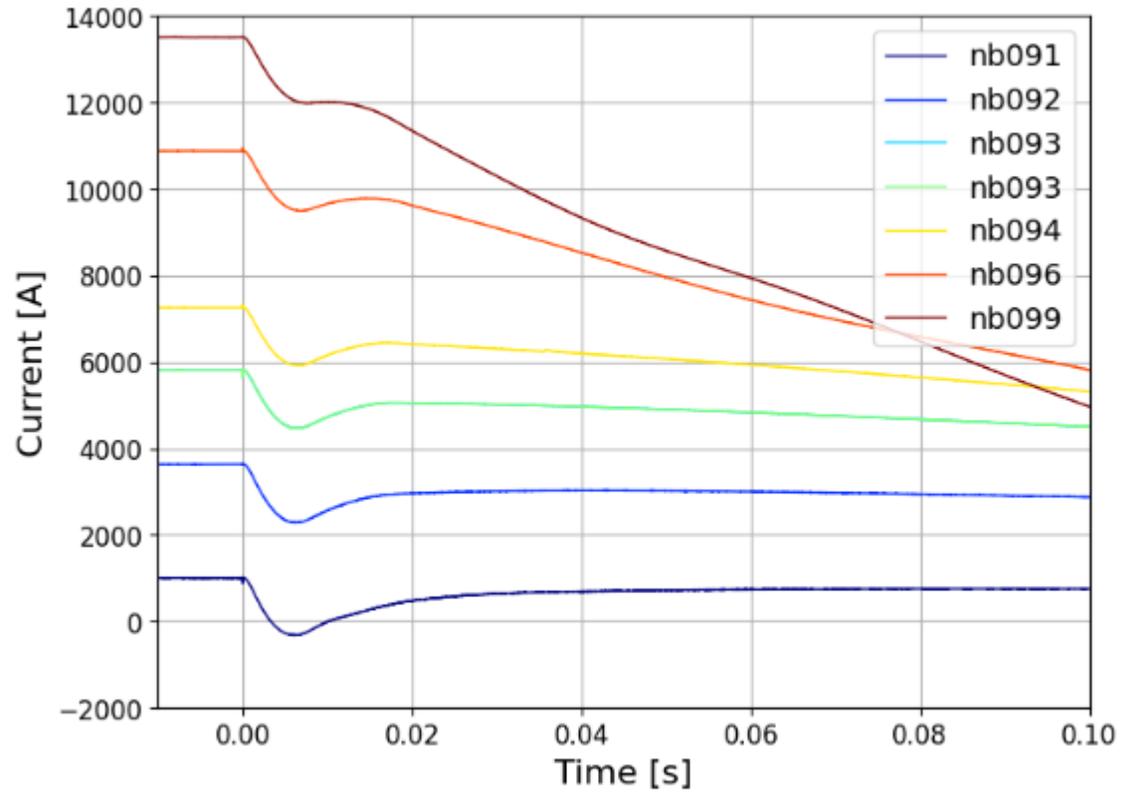
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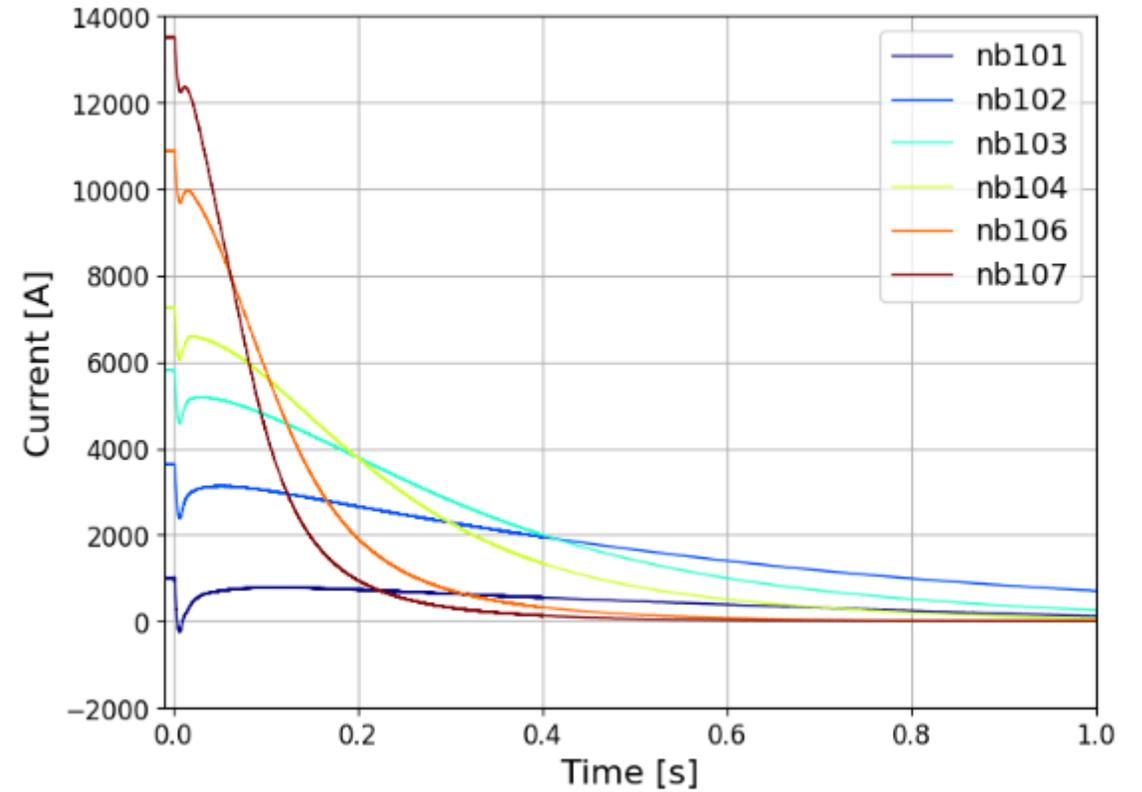
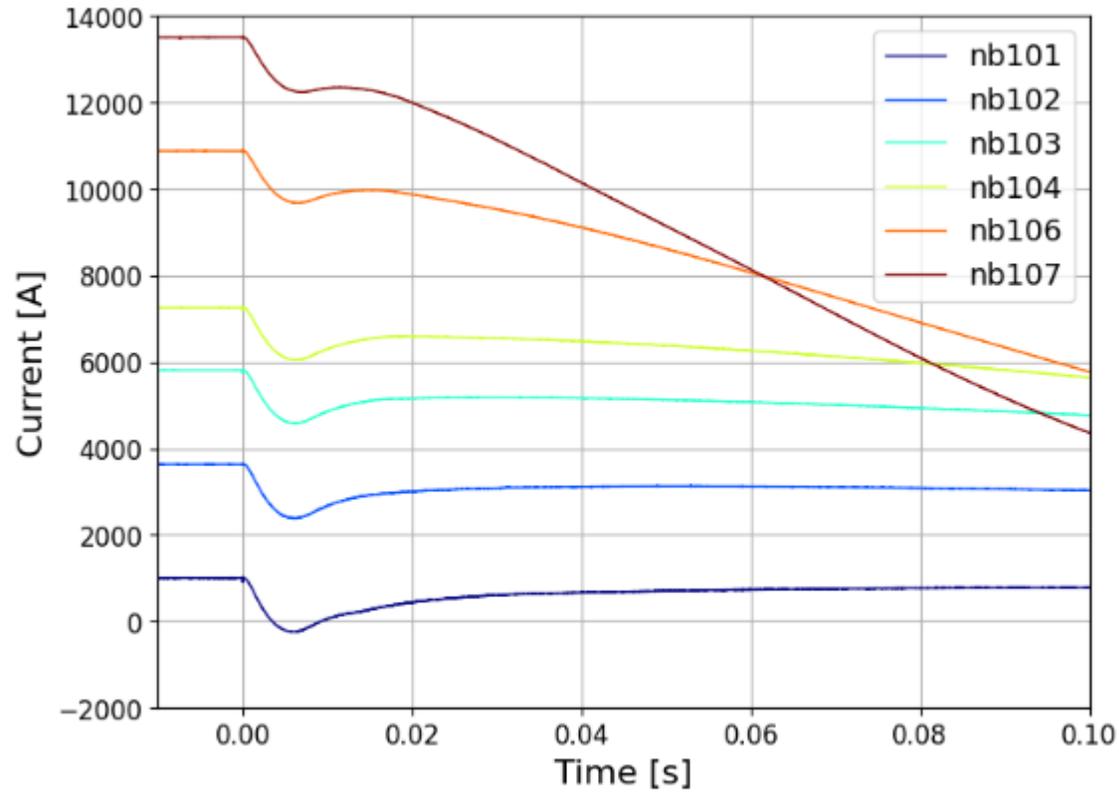
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# 1 ESC 50 mF 200 V – 1 active and 1 passive ESC coils – T=4.5 K – All current levels



# 1 ESC 50 mF 200 V – 1 active and 1 disconnected ESC coils – T=4.5 K – All current levels



# Annex 2 – Additional information



# Quench Protection in a Superconducting Magnet

## High Current Density

$$J \approx \text{kA/mm}^2$$

## High Magnetic Field

$$B = 5\text{-}10 \text{ T} \dots 16\text{-}20 \text{ T} \uparrow$$

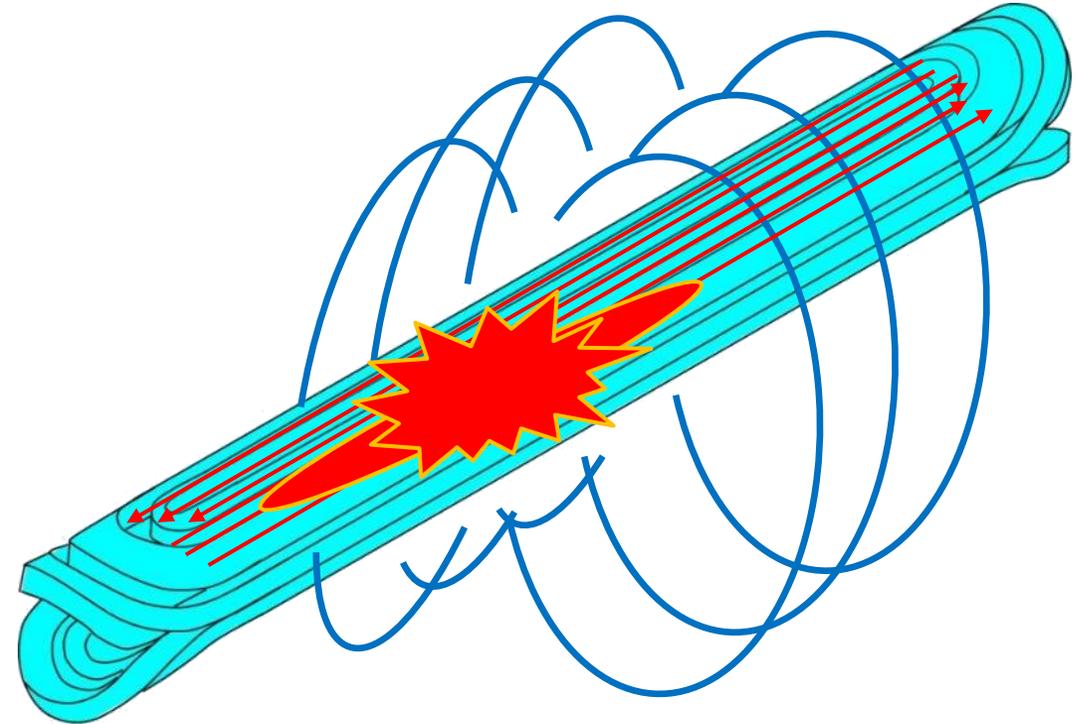
## High Energy Density

$$e = B^2 / (2 \mu_0) \approx 10\text{-}40 \text{ MJ/m}^3 \uparrow$$

## Quench

If of a portion of cable suddenly becomes non-superconducting, it starts heating up

**The energy stored in the magnet is usually sufficient to melt kilos of copper and permanently damage the magnet!**



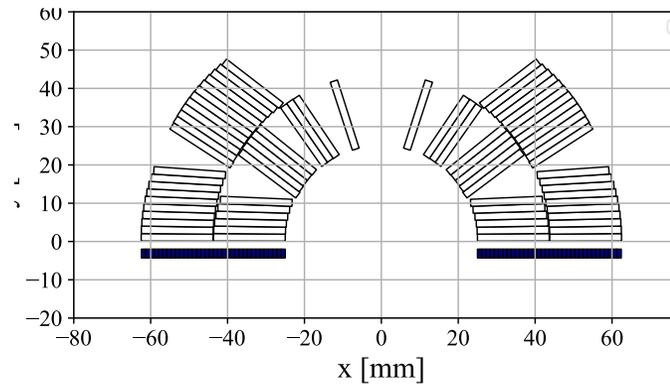
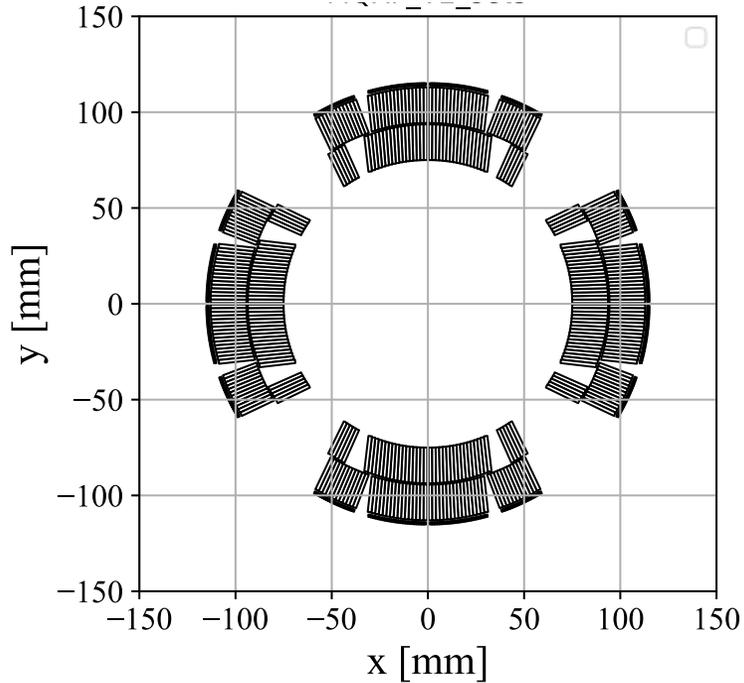
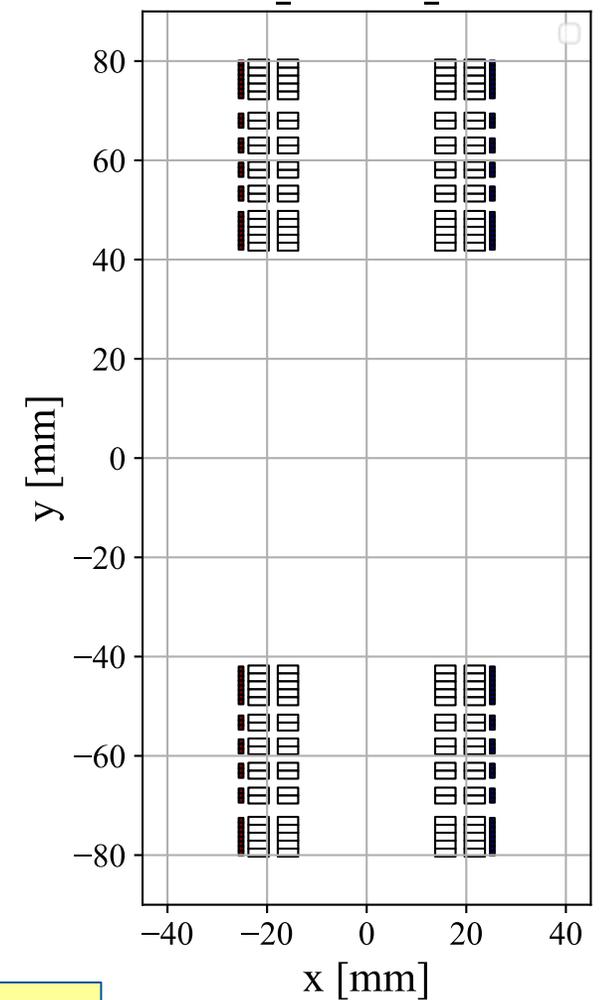
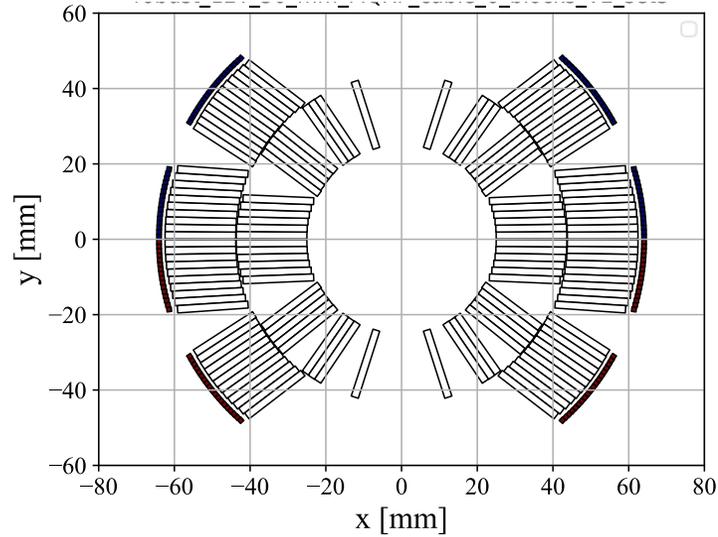
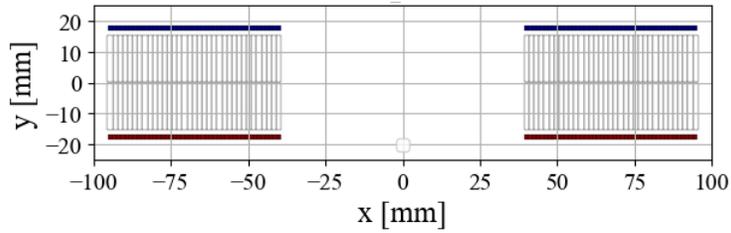
**Quick propagation** of the normal zone needed

**Homogeneous** distribution of the magnet energy

**Discharge** of the magnet energy with coil resistance



# Examples of ESC coils applied to different magnet geometries

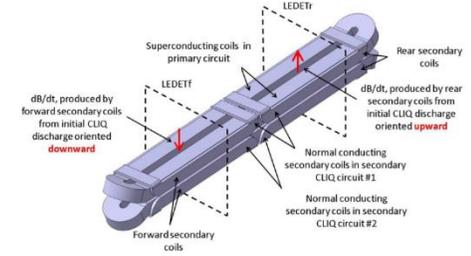
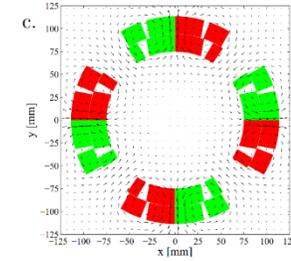
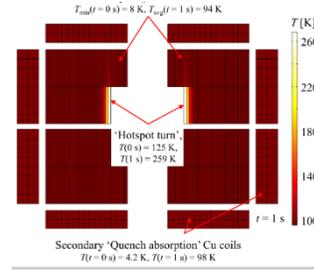
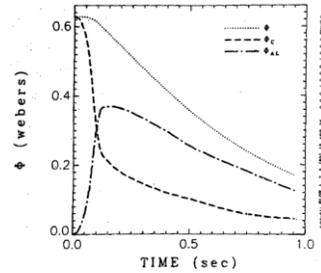
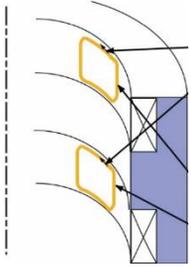


**A good rule of thumb:**  
***Build small copper coils around the magnet coils***

Designs not really in scale



# The 5 concepts that inspired the development of ESC



1. Inducing a quench with inductive heating using insulated coils

2. Extract energy with a coupled secondary

3. Design auxiliary coupled coils to extract energy

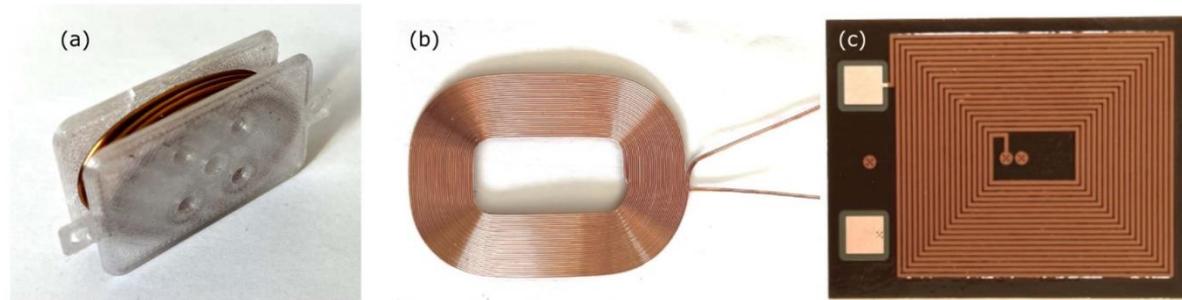
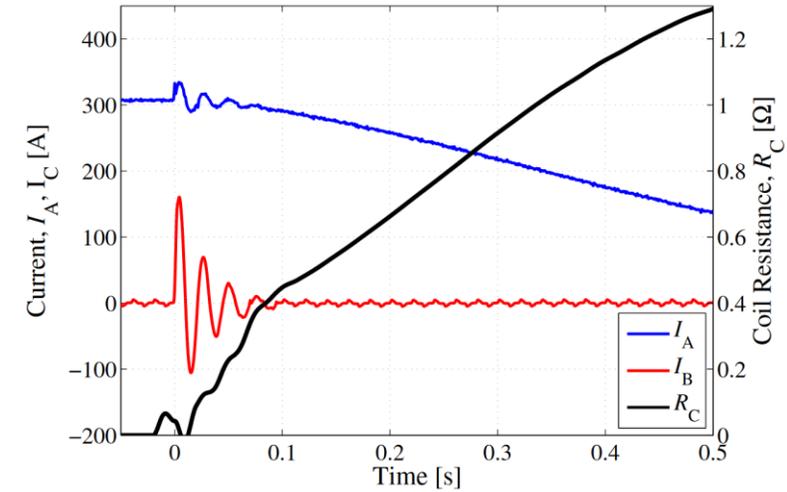
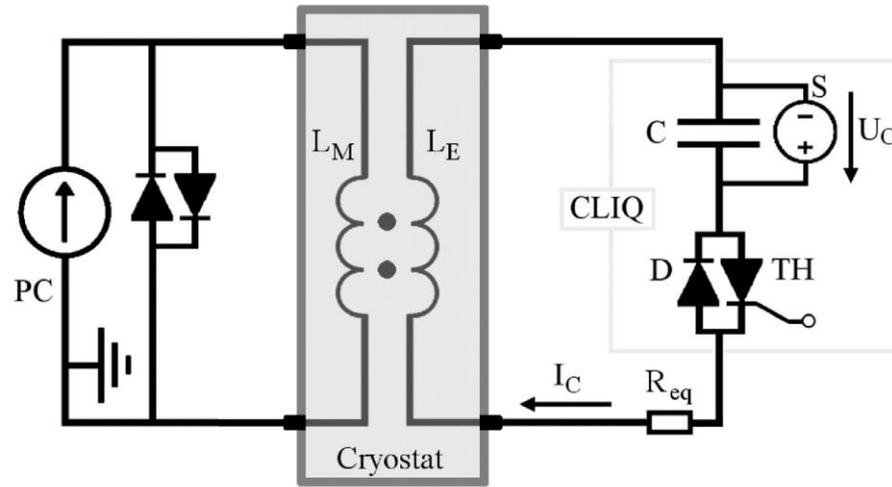
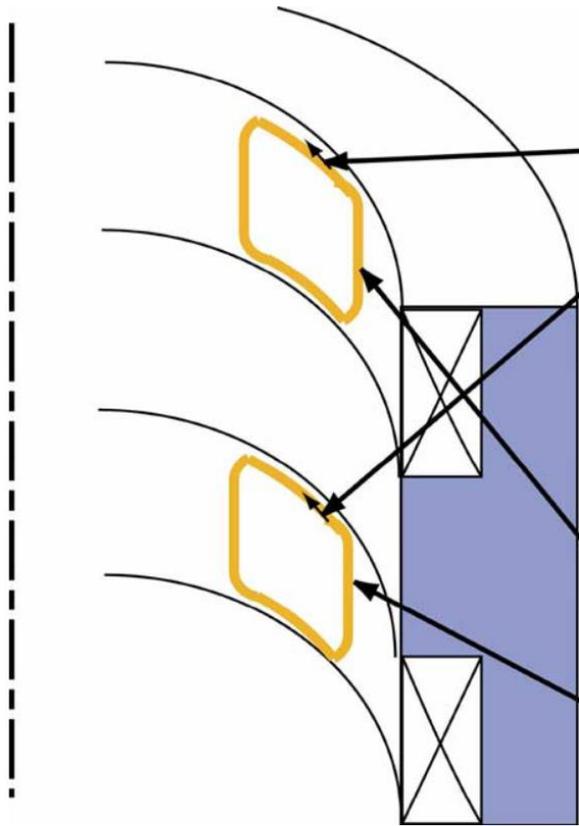
4. Inducing a quench with transient losses using the magnet coils

5. Double-purpose auxiliary coils

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## 2. Extract energy with a coupled secondary

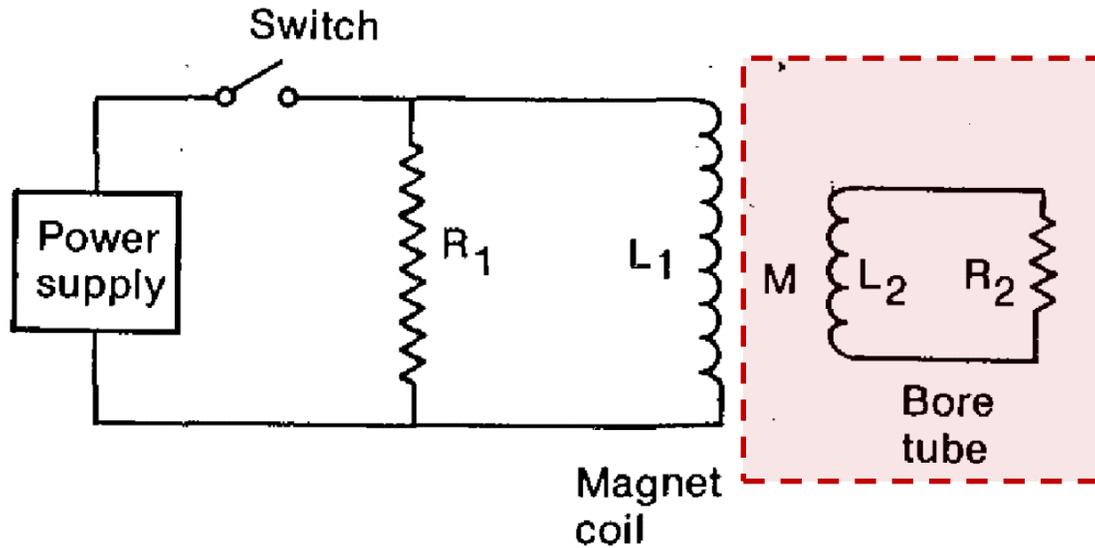
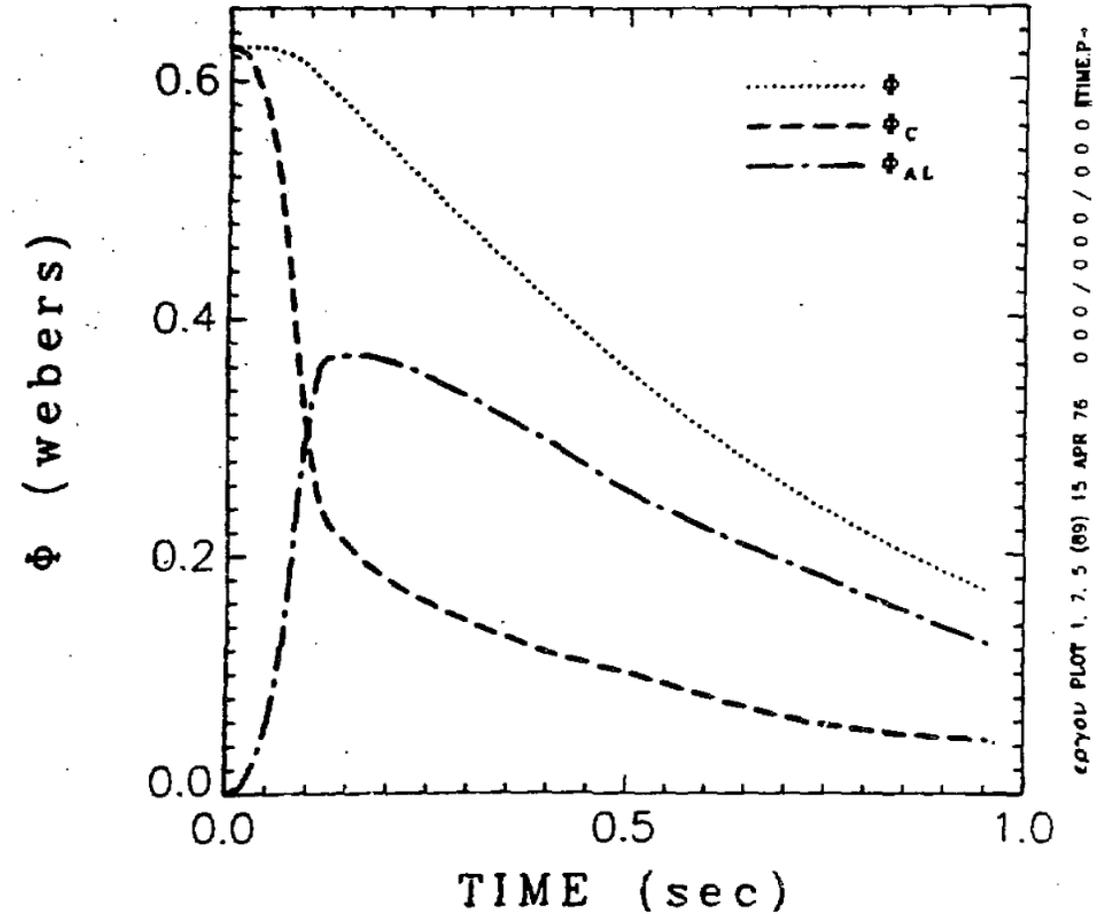


Figure 5. Quench protection circuit for a simple coil with a coupled bore tube.



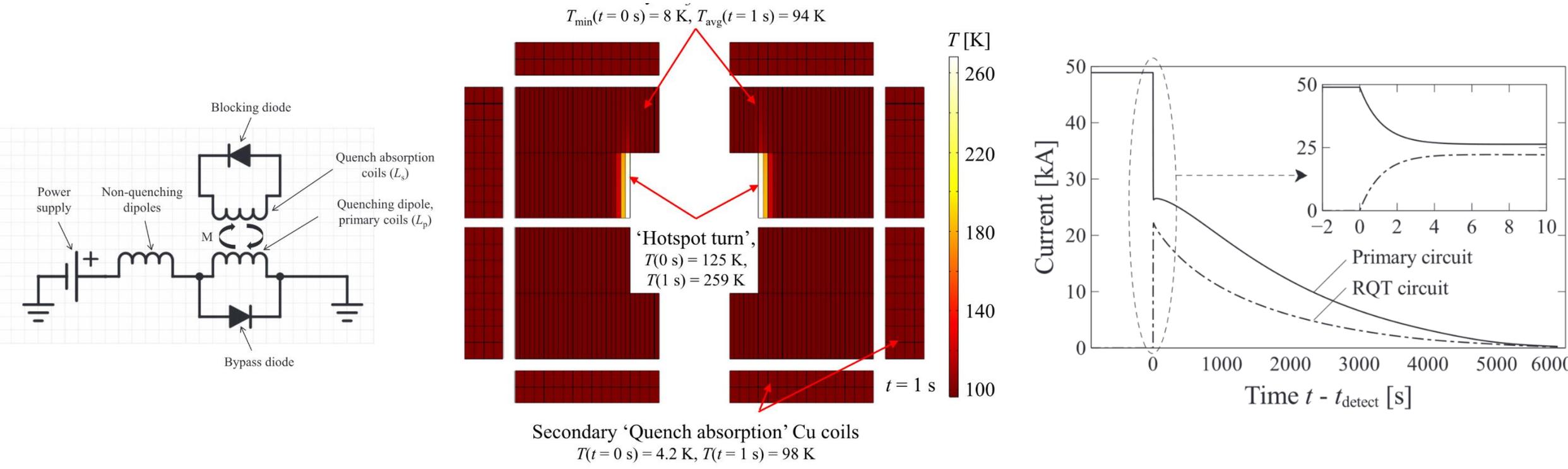
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# 3. Design auxiliary coupled coils to extract energy



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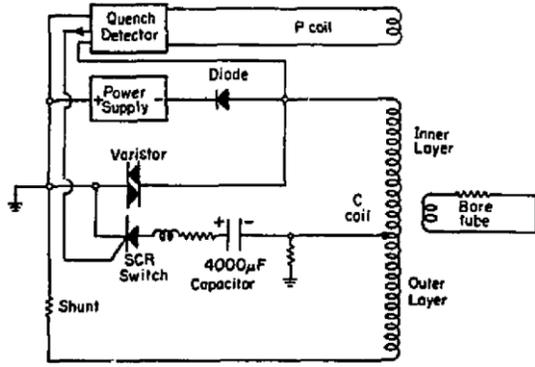
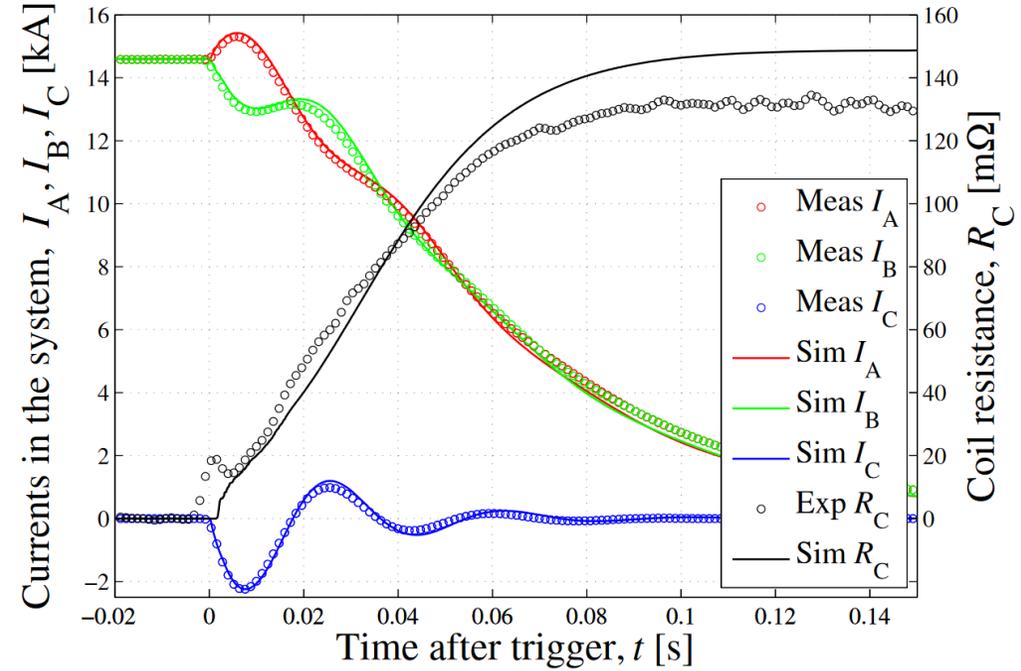
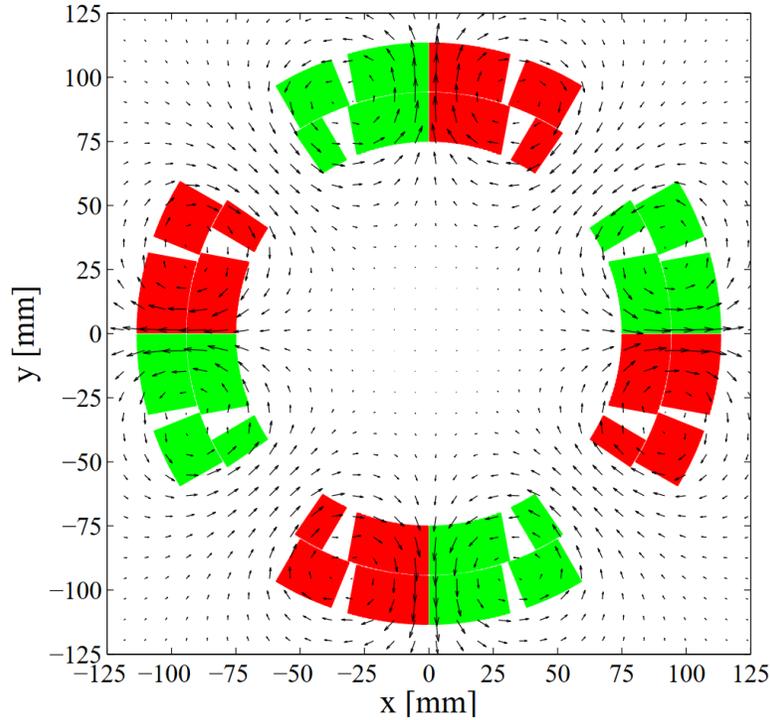
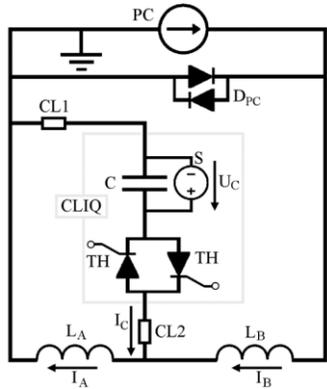


Fig. 6. Circuit schematic with protection by current pulse on center tap.



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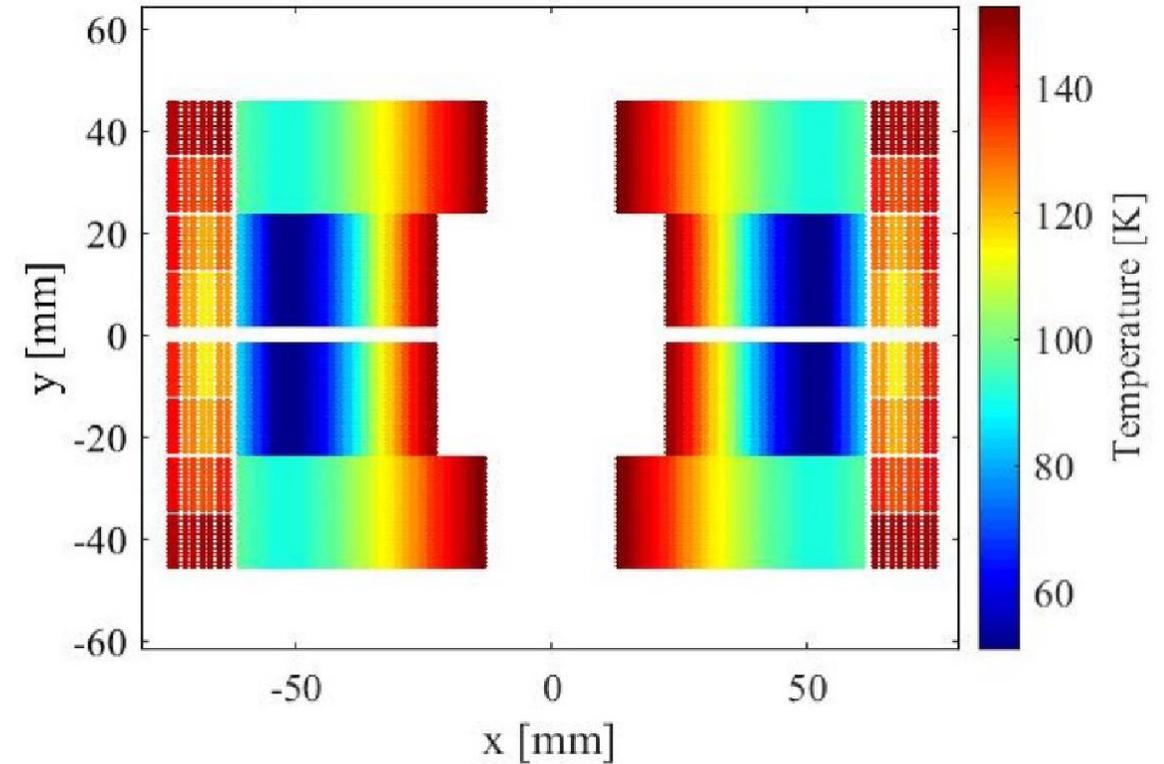
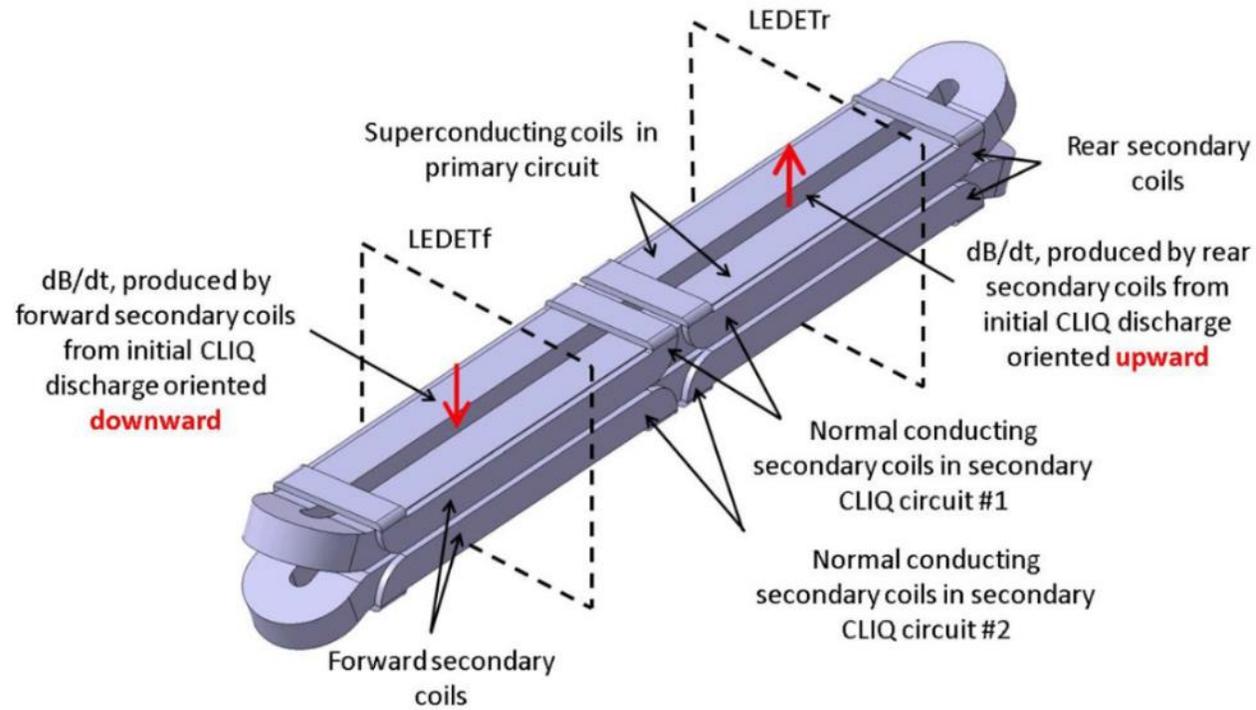
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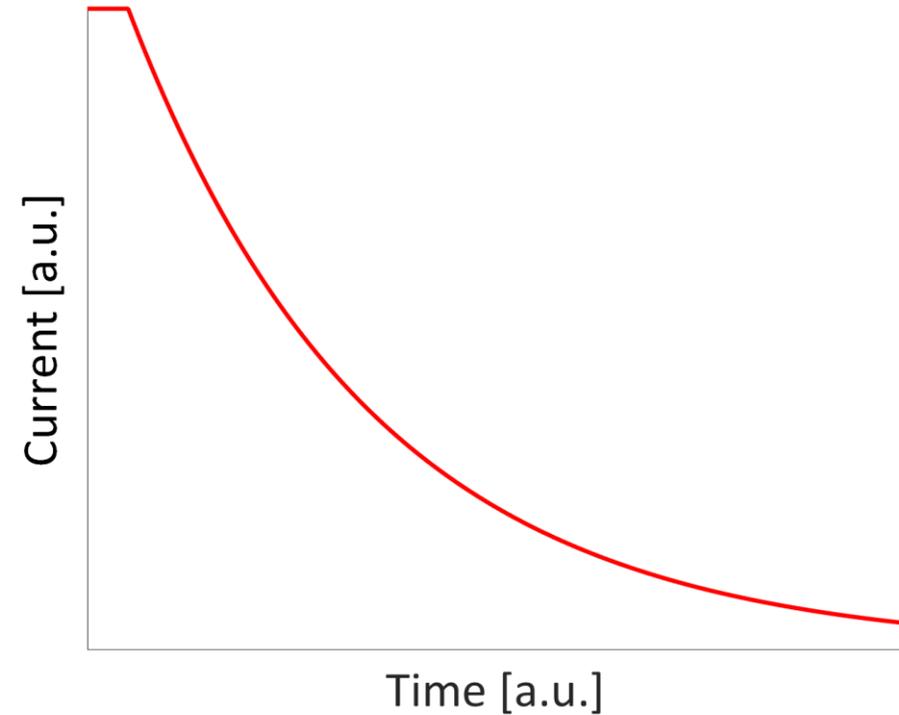
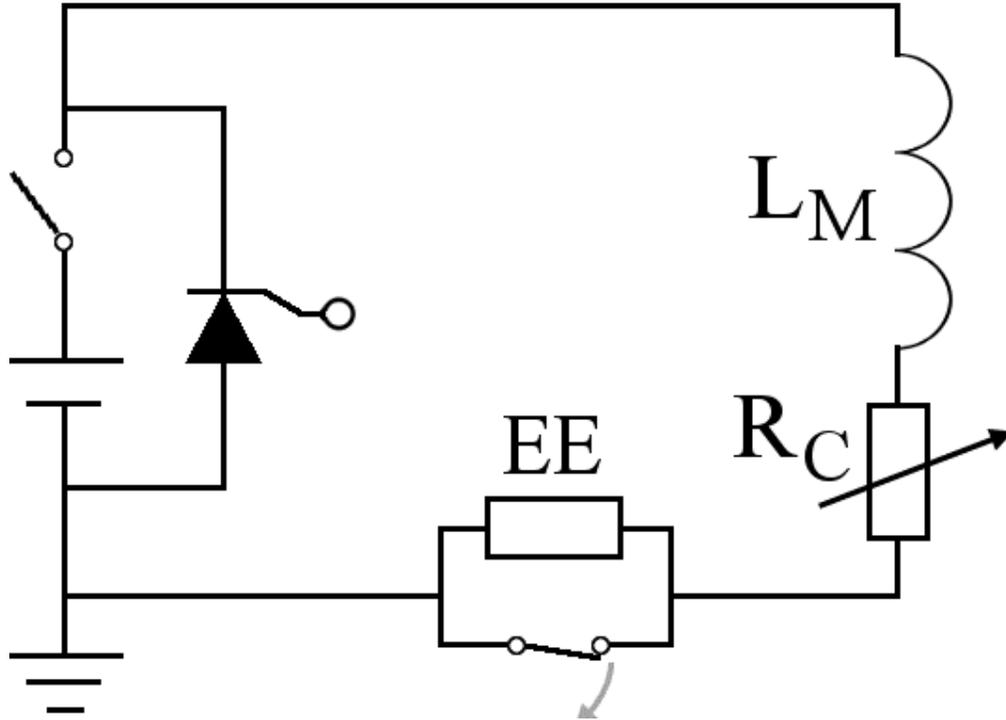
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# Energy extraction system (EE)



## Advantages

- Straightforward design and implementation
- Extracts energy from the cryostat

## Disadvantages

- Can be large and expensive for high current magnets
  - Impractically high voltage needed for high current density magnets
  - **Can't be applied to a chain of high-field magnets**
- Note: EE of LHC main dipole circuits doesn't protect magnets



# Quench Heaters (QH)

Strip heating

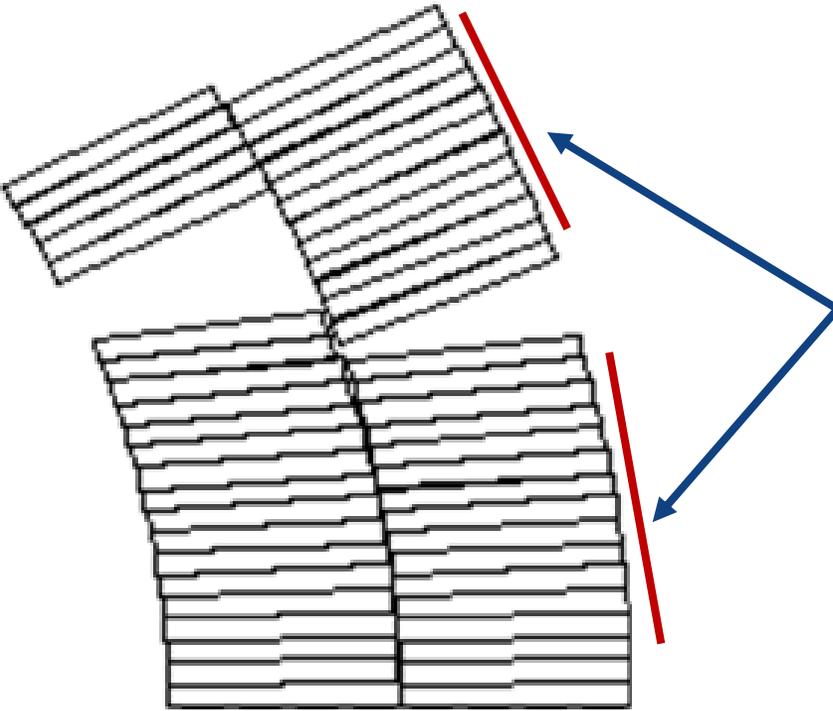
Heat transfer to coil

Temperature increase

Coil SC  $\rightarrow$  resistive

Magnet energy discharged

Reduced hot-spot temperature



Courtesy of D. Cheng

## Advantages

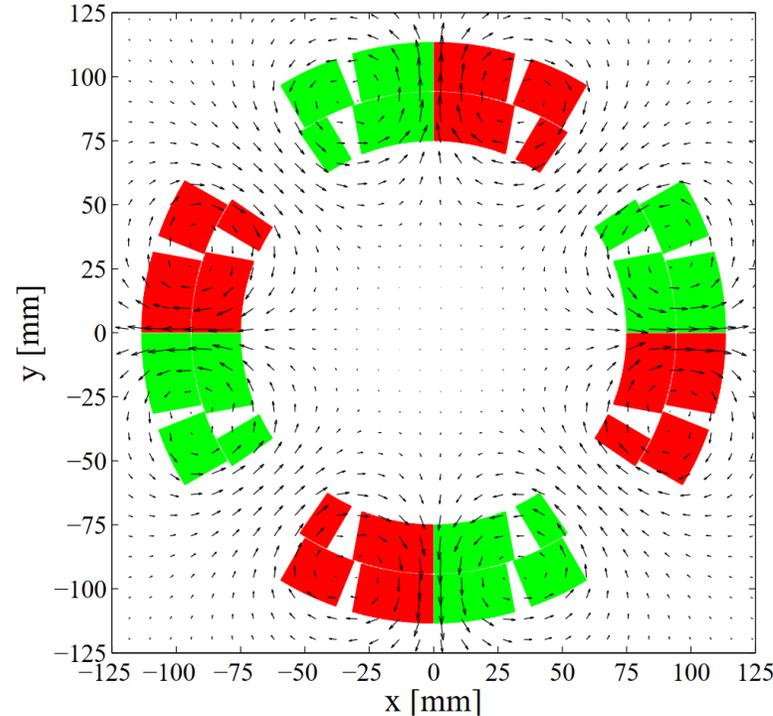
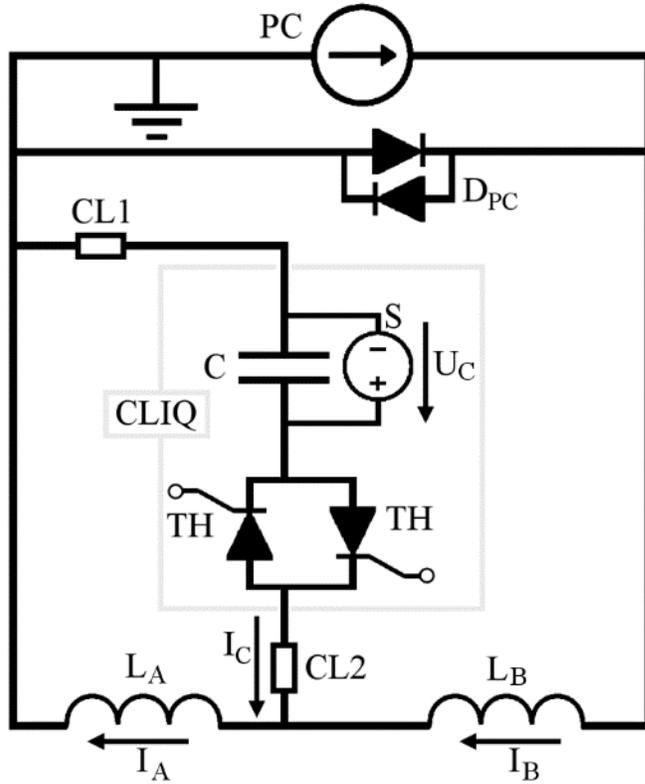
- Scales well with the magnet length
- Doesn't impose a voltage on the magnet coils
- Well known and established technology

## Disadvantages

- Thin insulation between QH and conductor is risky
- Challenging to cover all turns and layers
- Challenging to cover all length (heating stations)



# Coupling-Loss Induced Quench (CLIQ)



Current change

Field change

Transient losses

Temperature increase

Coil SC → resistive

Magnet energy discharged

Reduced hot-spot temperature

## Advantages

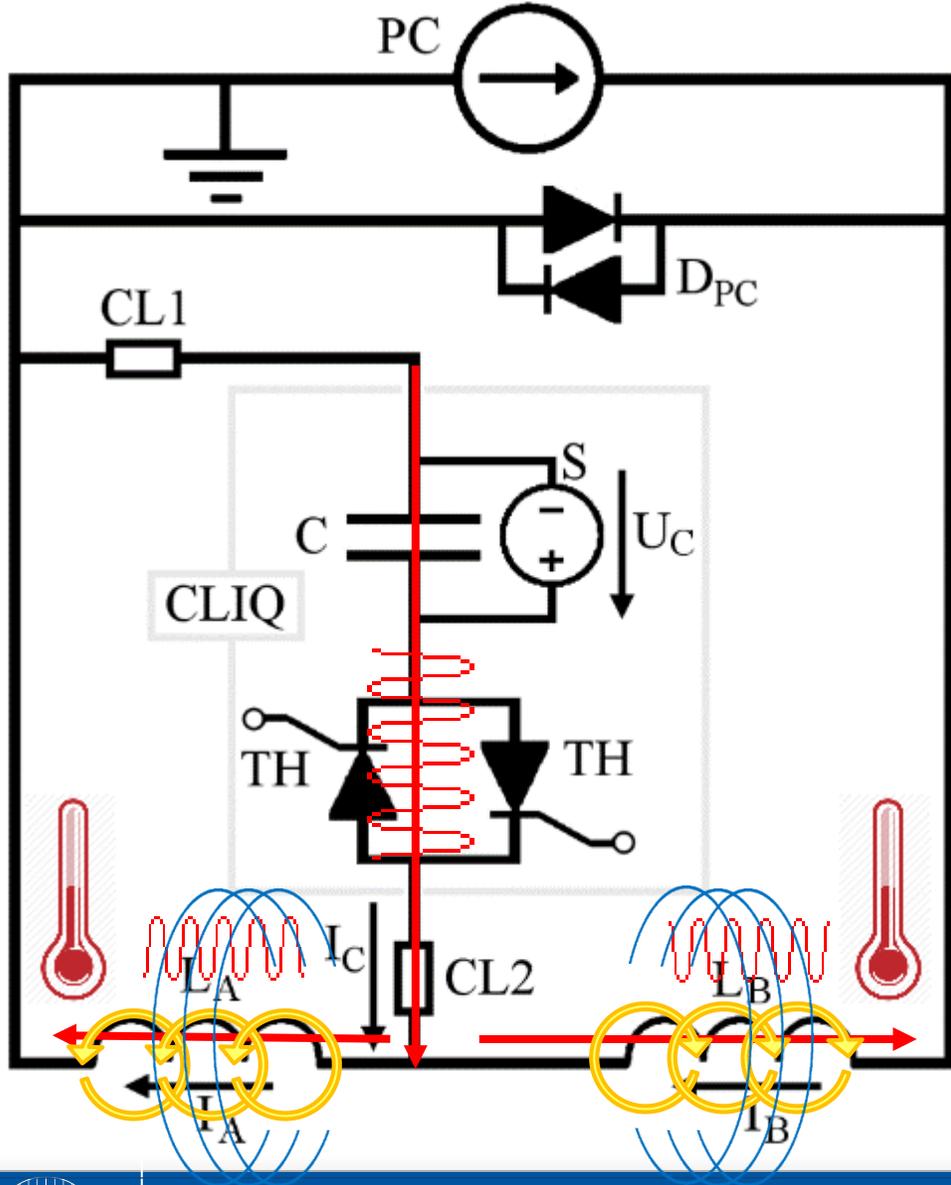
- Fast and effective heat deposition
- Heat deposited simultaneously in most of the coil volume
- Electrically robust system

## Disadvantages

- Direct electrical connection to the magnet circuit
- Challenging to make it redundant
- Additional asymmetric forces on the magnet coils



# CLIQ (Coupling-Loss Induced Quench) technology



Current change

Magnetic field change

Coupling losses (Heat)

Temperature rise

Coil SC  $\rightarrow$  resistive

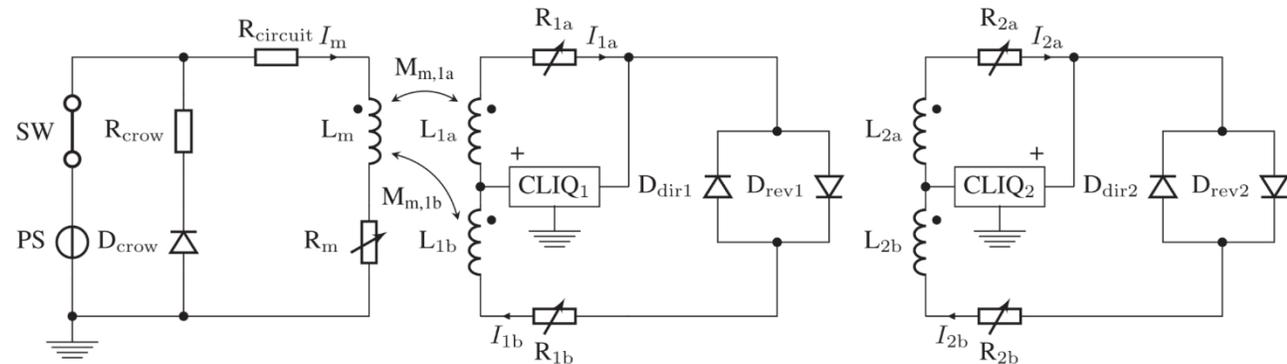
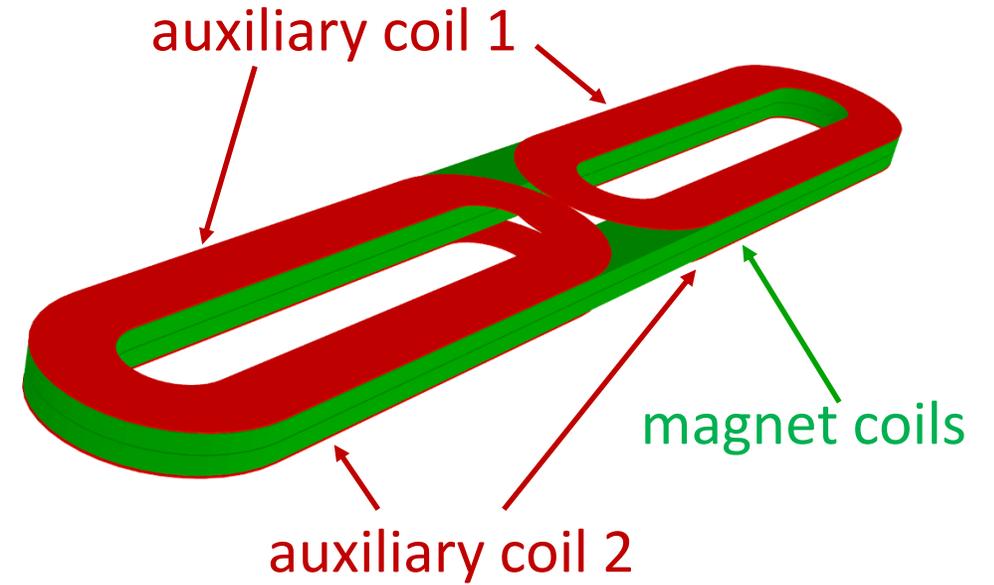
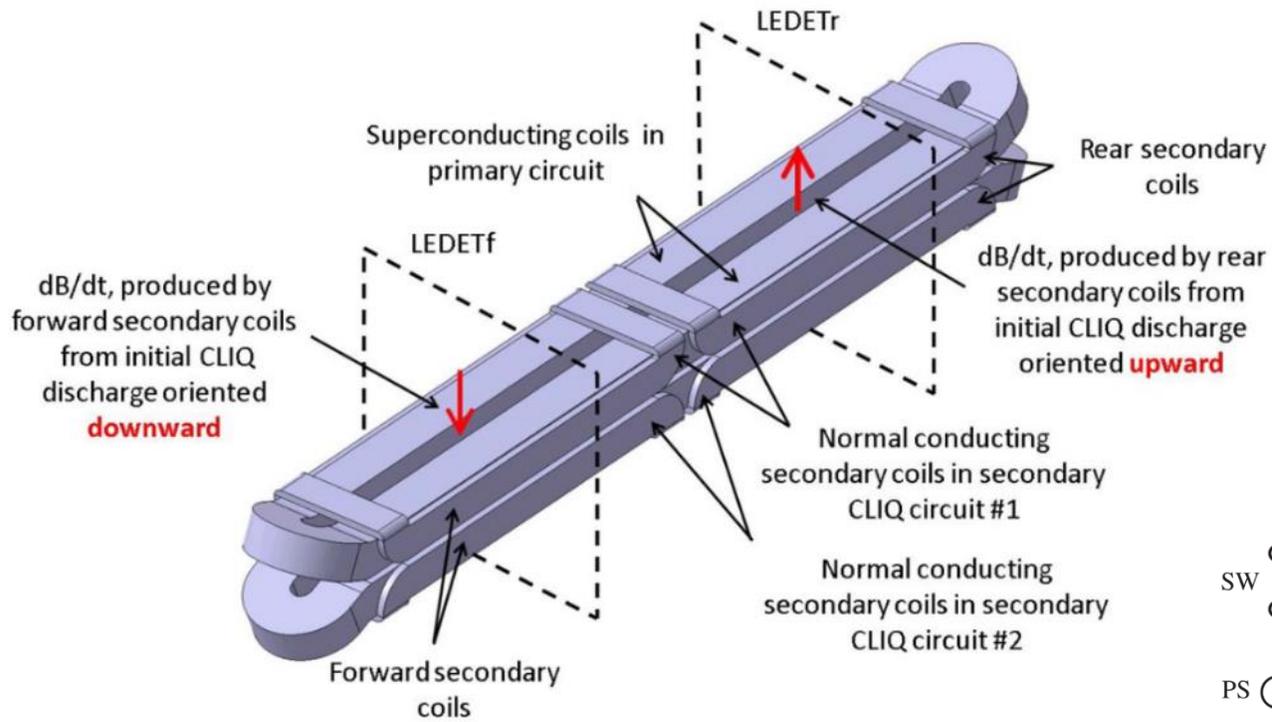
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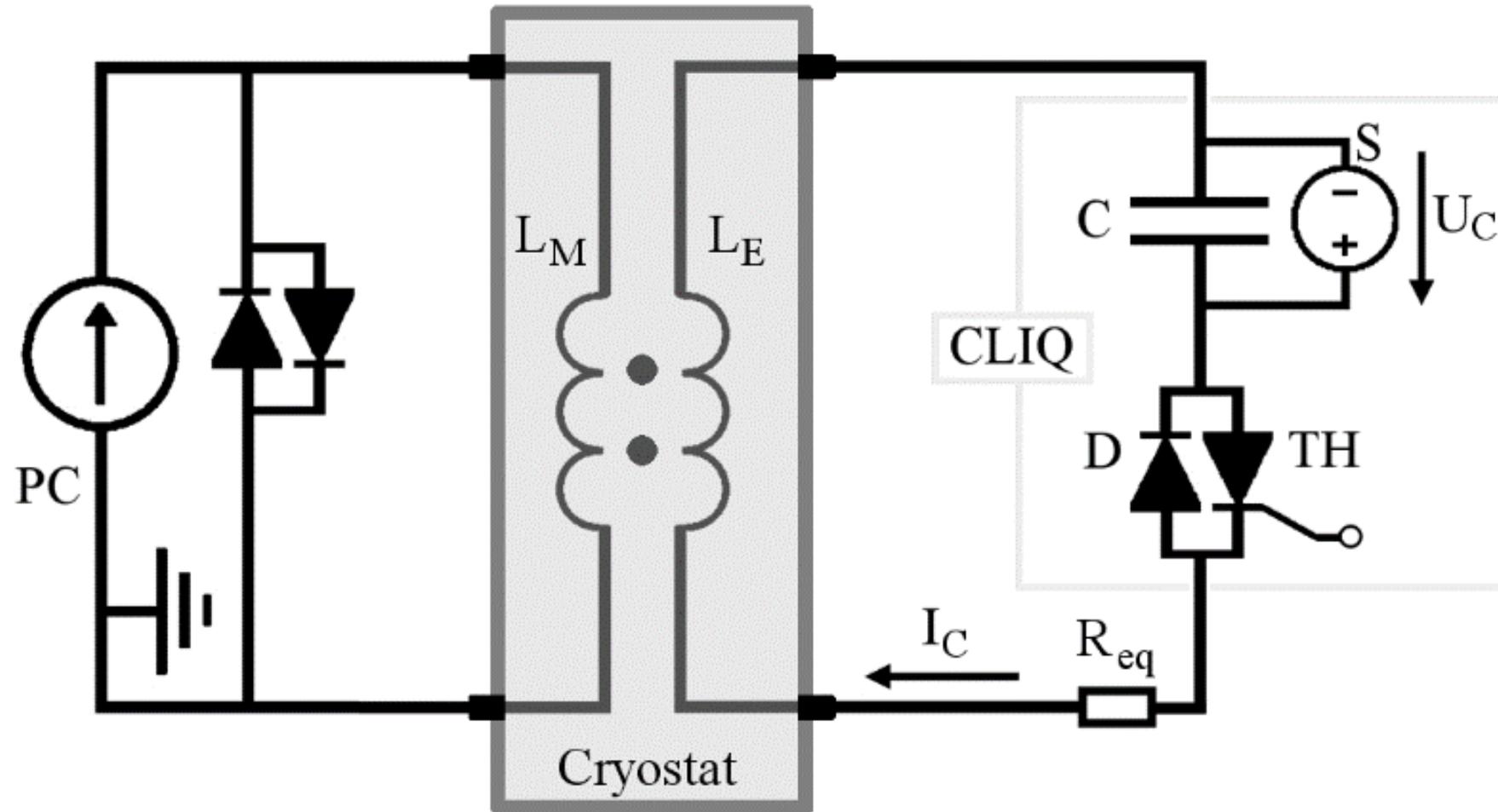
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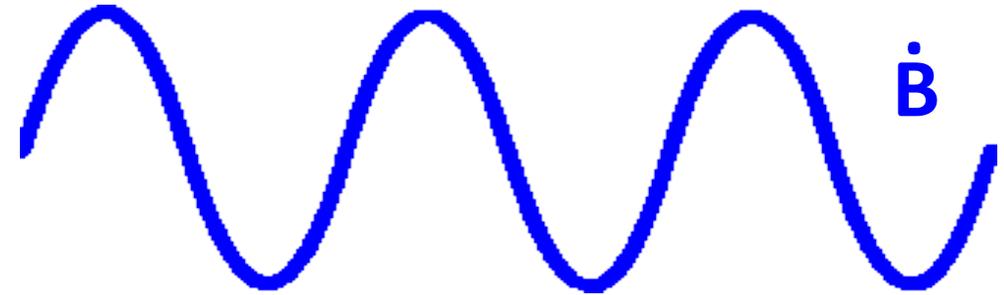
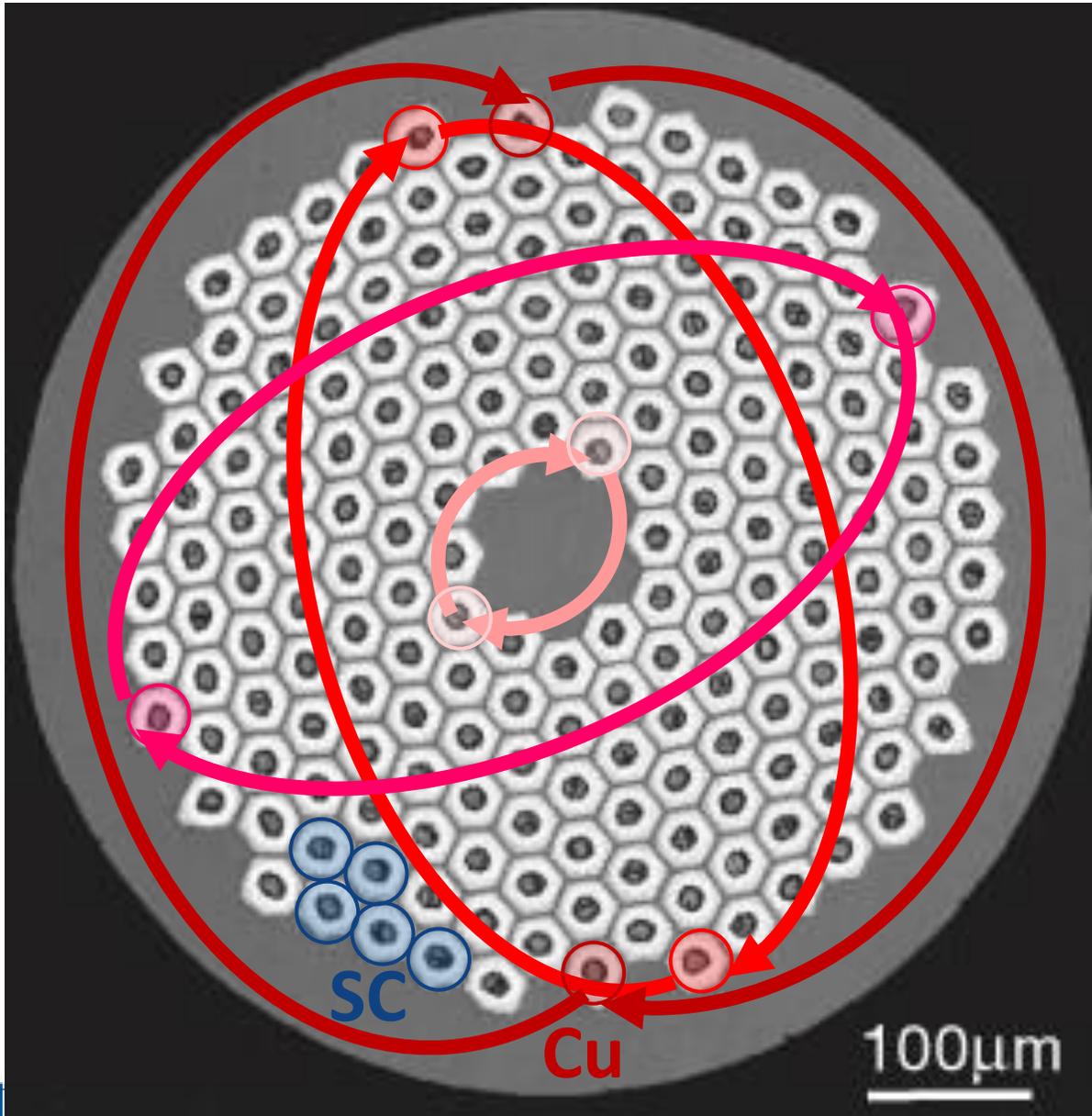
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# CLIQ using an external coil



# Inter-filament coupling loss



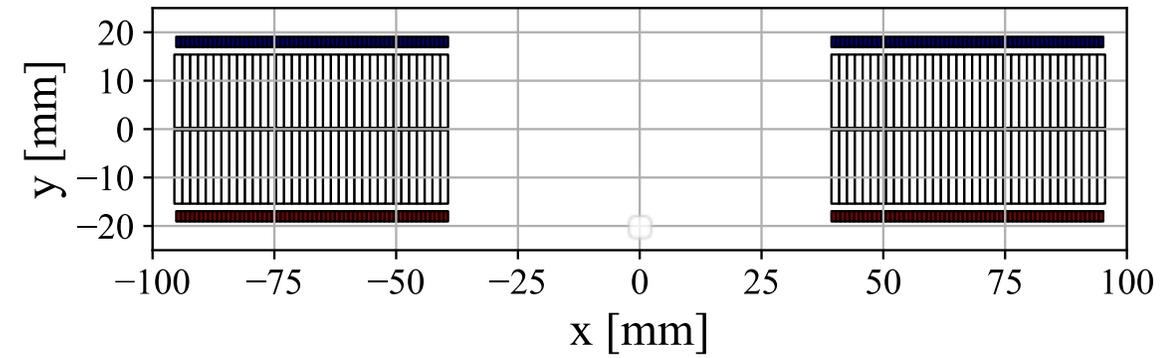
## “Fast” loss:

Characteristic time constant in the order of **ms** or **tens of ms**

Deposited **power** density roughly proportional to  **$(dB/dt)^2$**



# SMC magnet and ESC coil parameters



## SMC magnet parameters

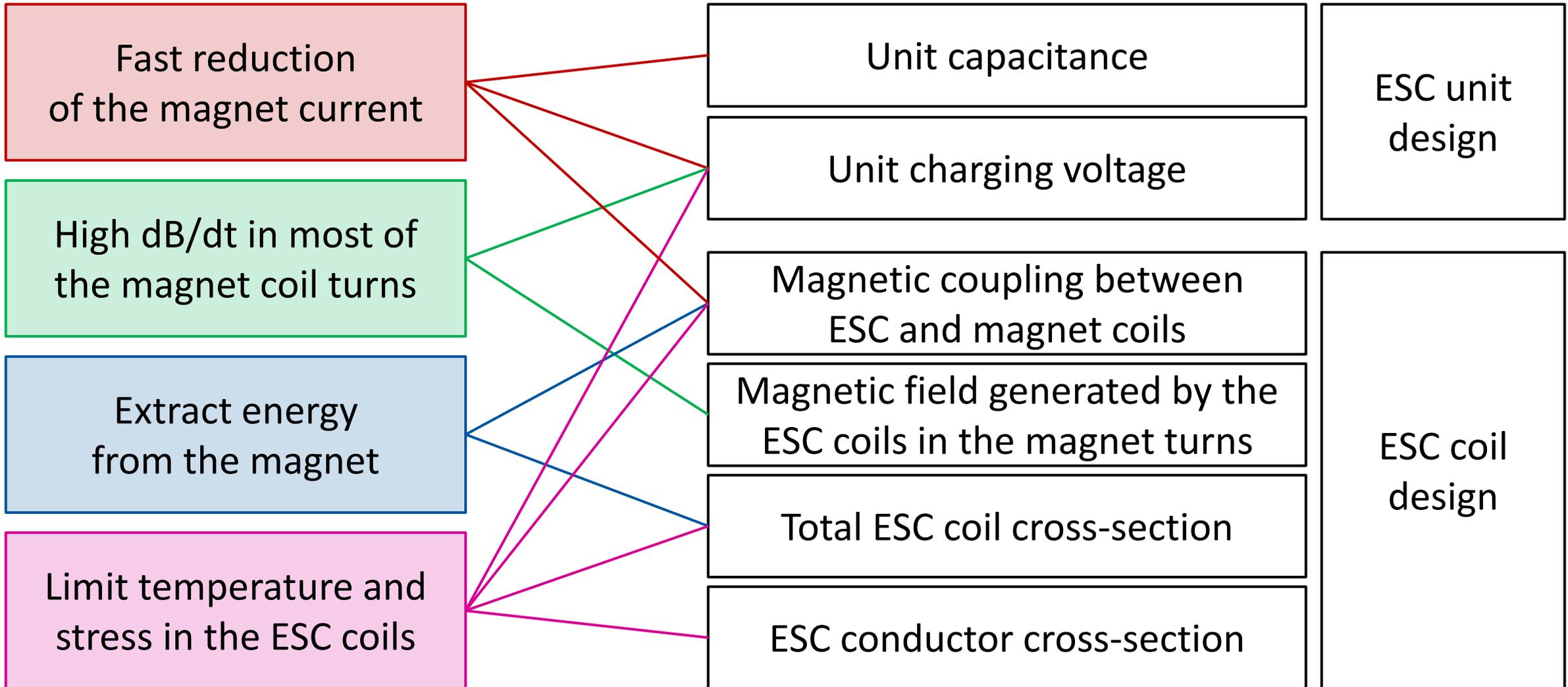
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Peak field on the conductor at $I_{\text{nominal}}$	12.5 T
Operating temperature	1.9 K
Differential inductance per unit length at $I_{\text{nominal}}$	3.8 mH/m
Magnetic length	0.38 m
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Number of strands	40
Strand diameter	0.7 mm
Cu/no-Cu ratio	1.19

## ESC coil parameters

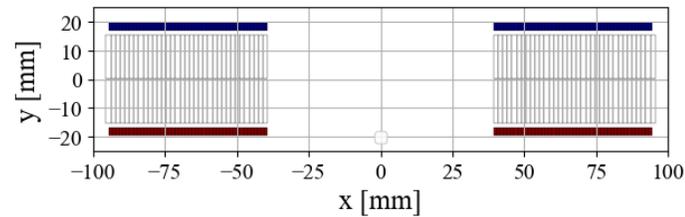
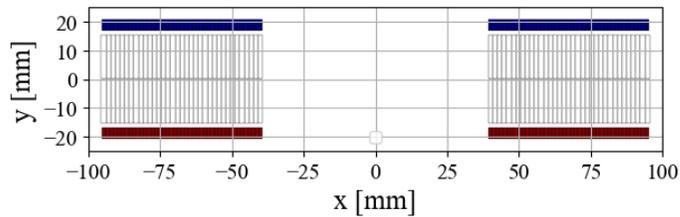
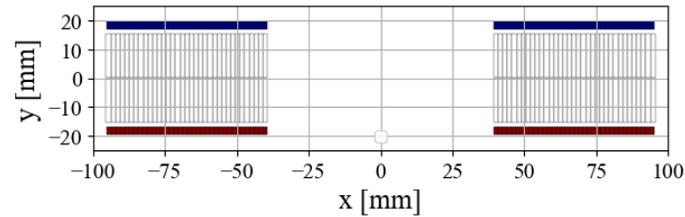
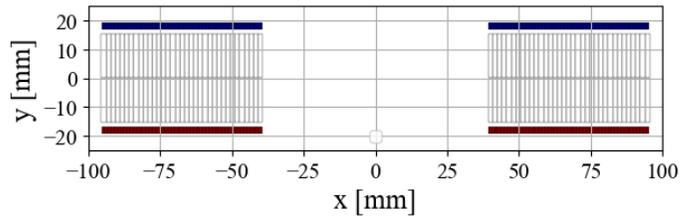
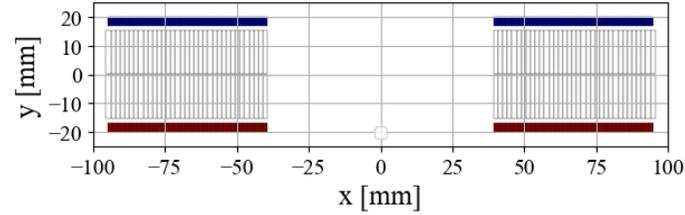
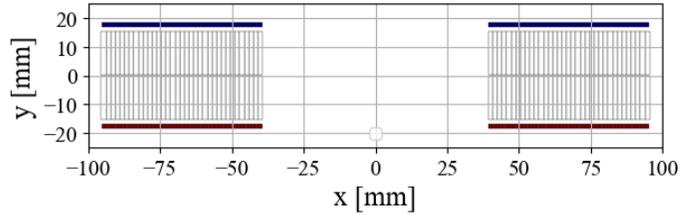
Conductor material	Copper
Insulation material	Enamel
Wire cross-section	2x0.8 mm <sup>2</sup>
Insulation thickness	60-65 μm
Number of turns	2x 60
Total cross-section	2x 189 mm <sup>2</sup>
ESC coils cross-section / magnet coils cross-section	2x 7%
Distance between magnet and ESC conductors	1.775 mm



# ESC unit and coil design



# ESC coil optimization



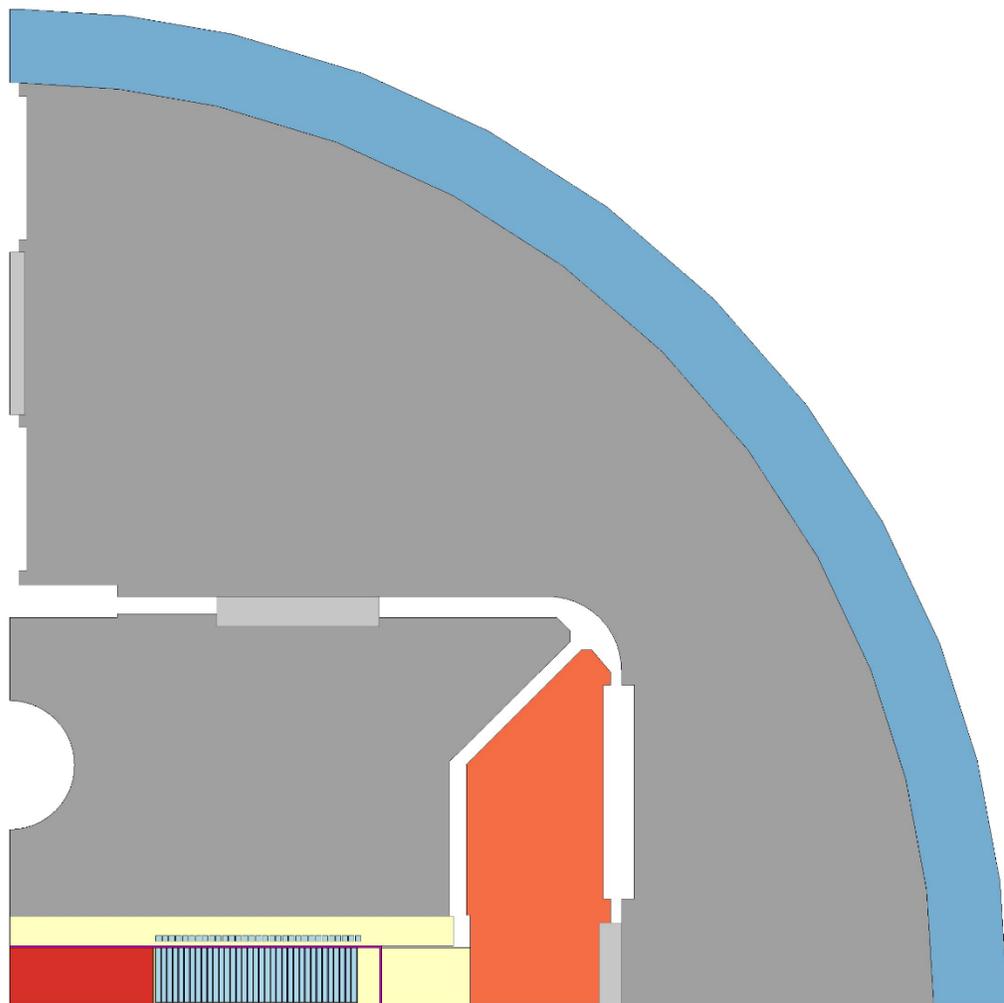
- ✓ Realistic conductor
- ✓ Magnetic design
- ✓ Quench protection performance
- ✓ Mechanical simulations
- ✓ Integration

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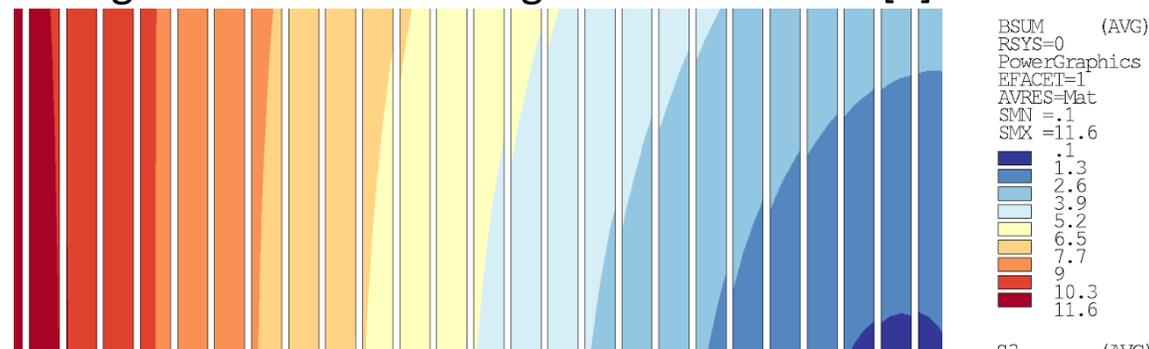
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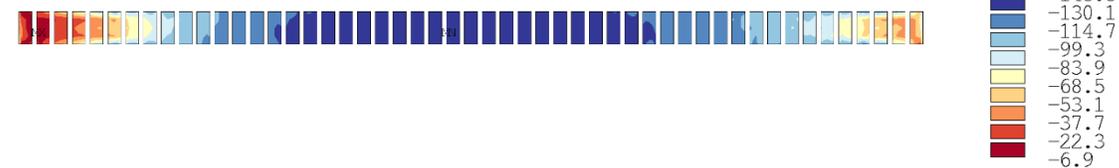
# Mechanical analysis of ESC transient



Magnetic field in the magnet and ESC coils [T]



Equivalent stress in the ESC coil [MPa]



X stress in the cover plate [MPa]

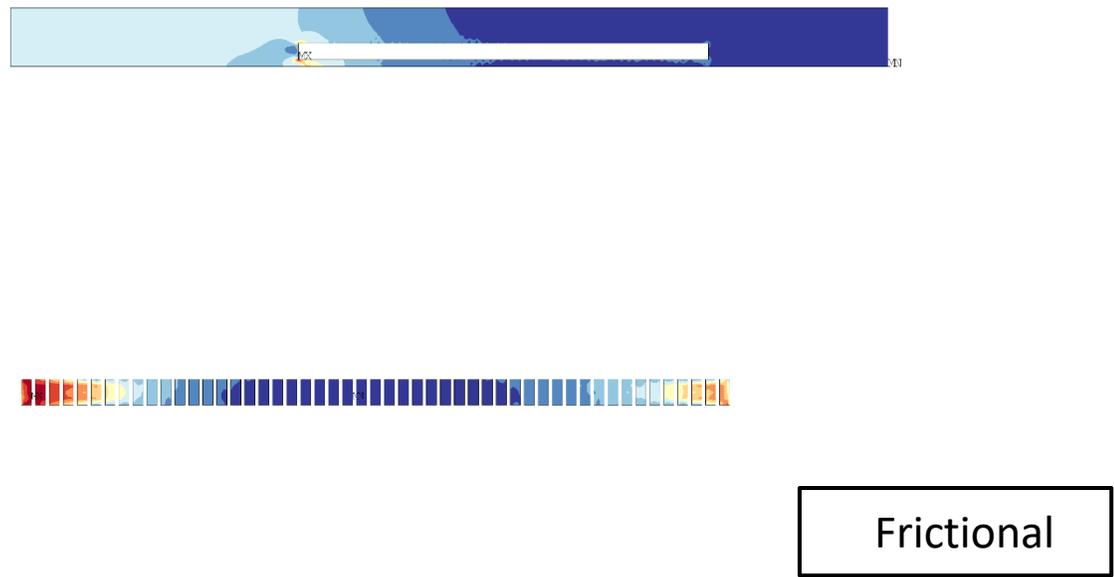
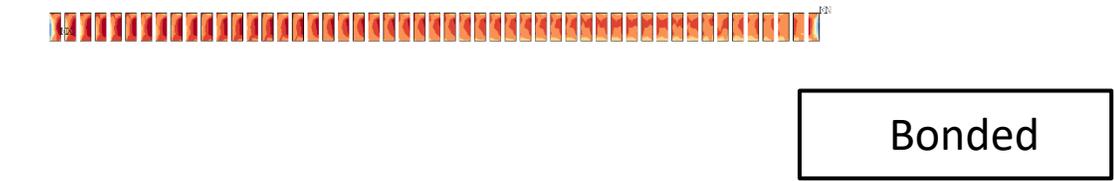
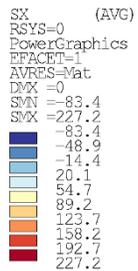
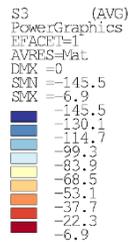
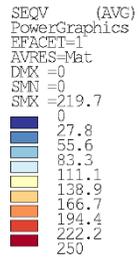
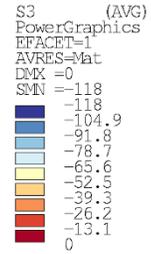
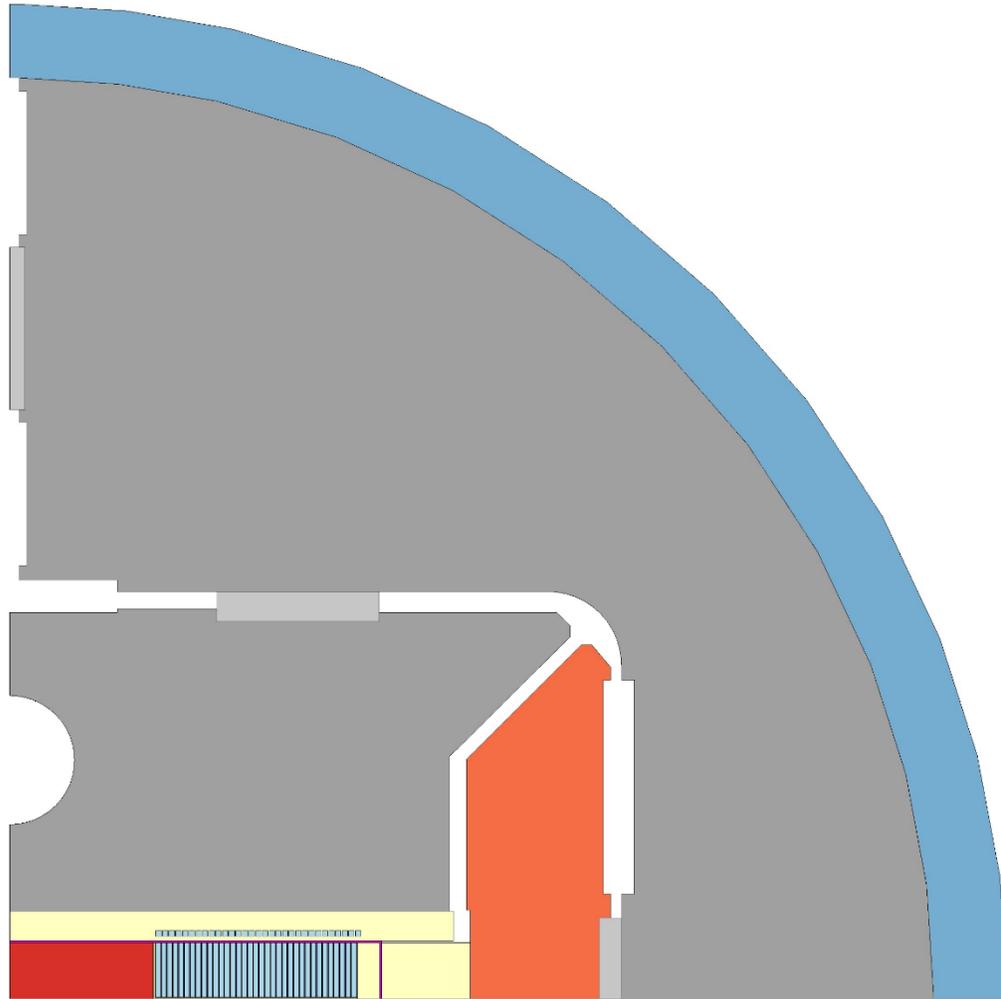


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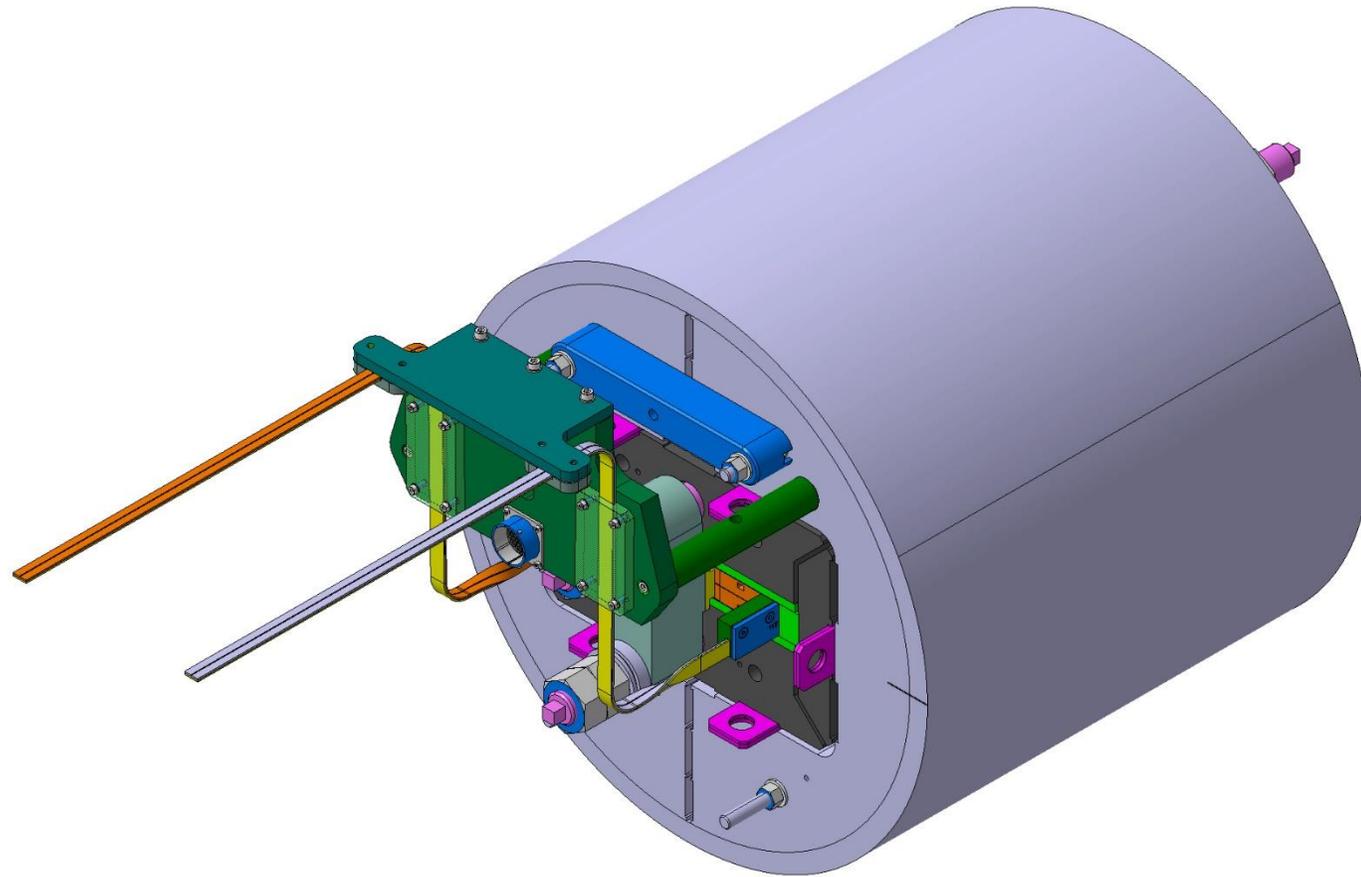
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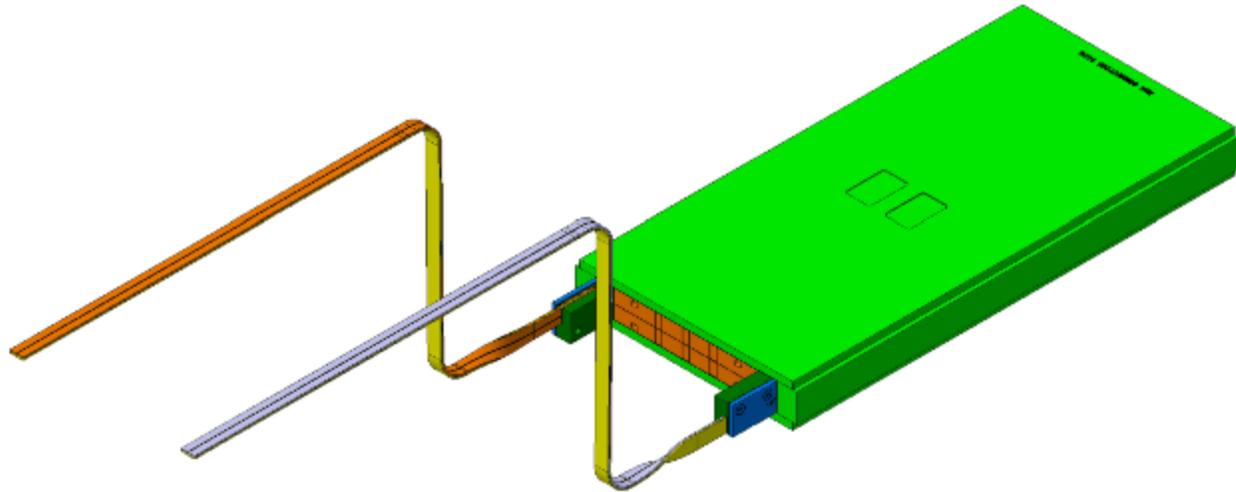
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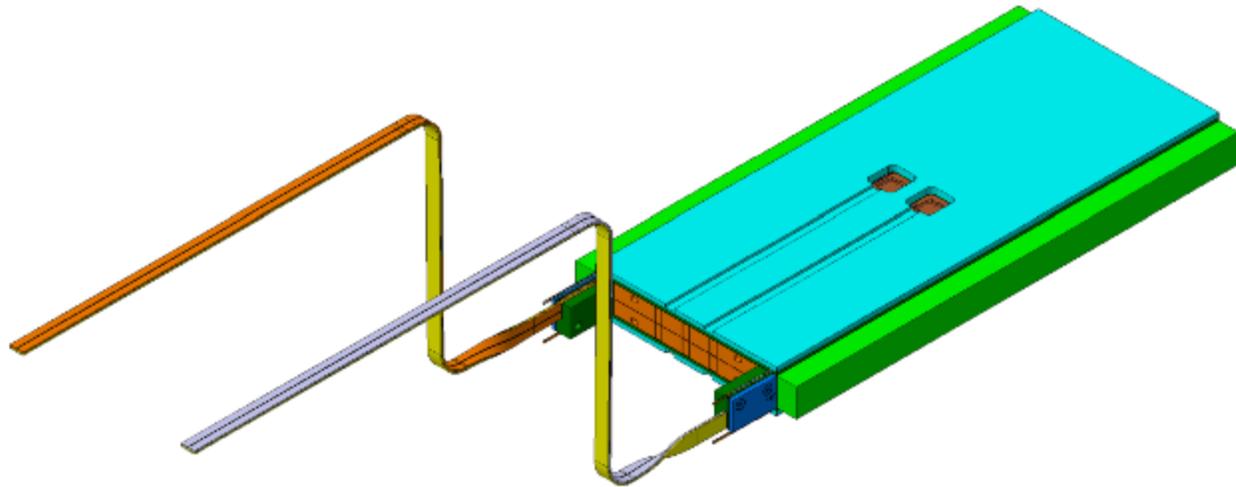
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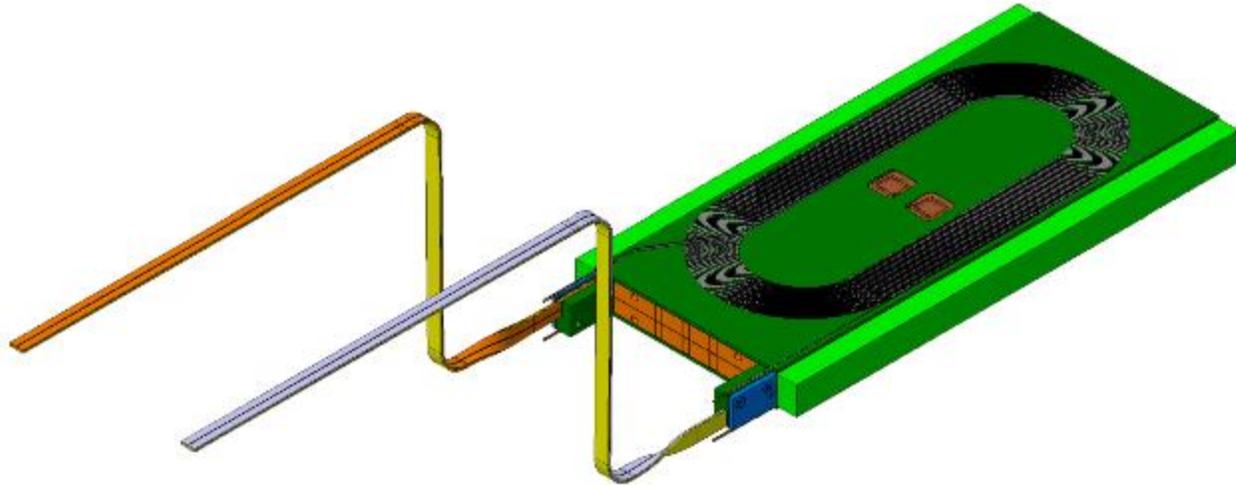
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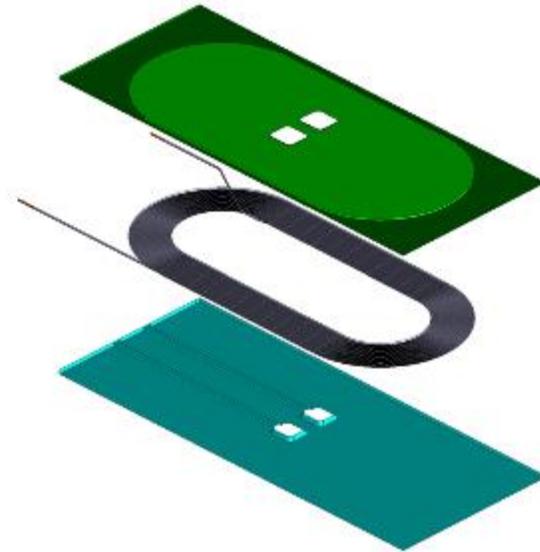
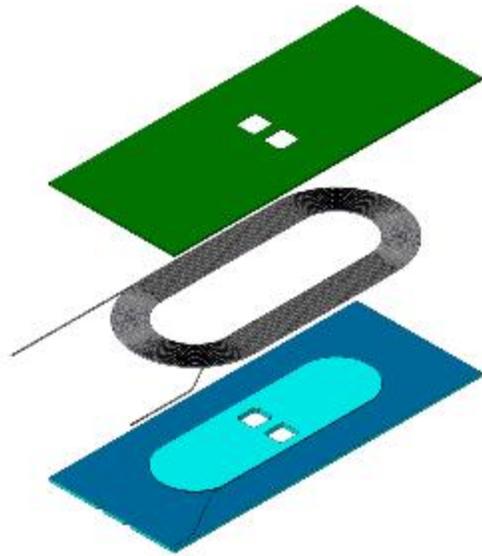
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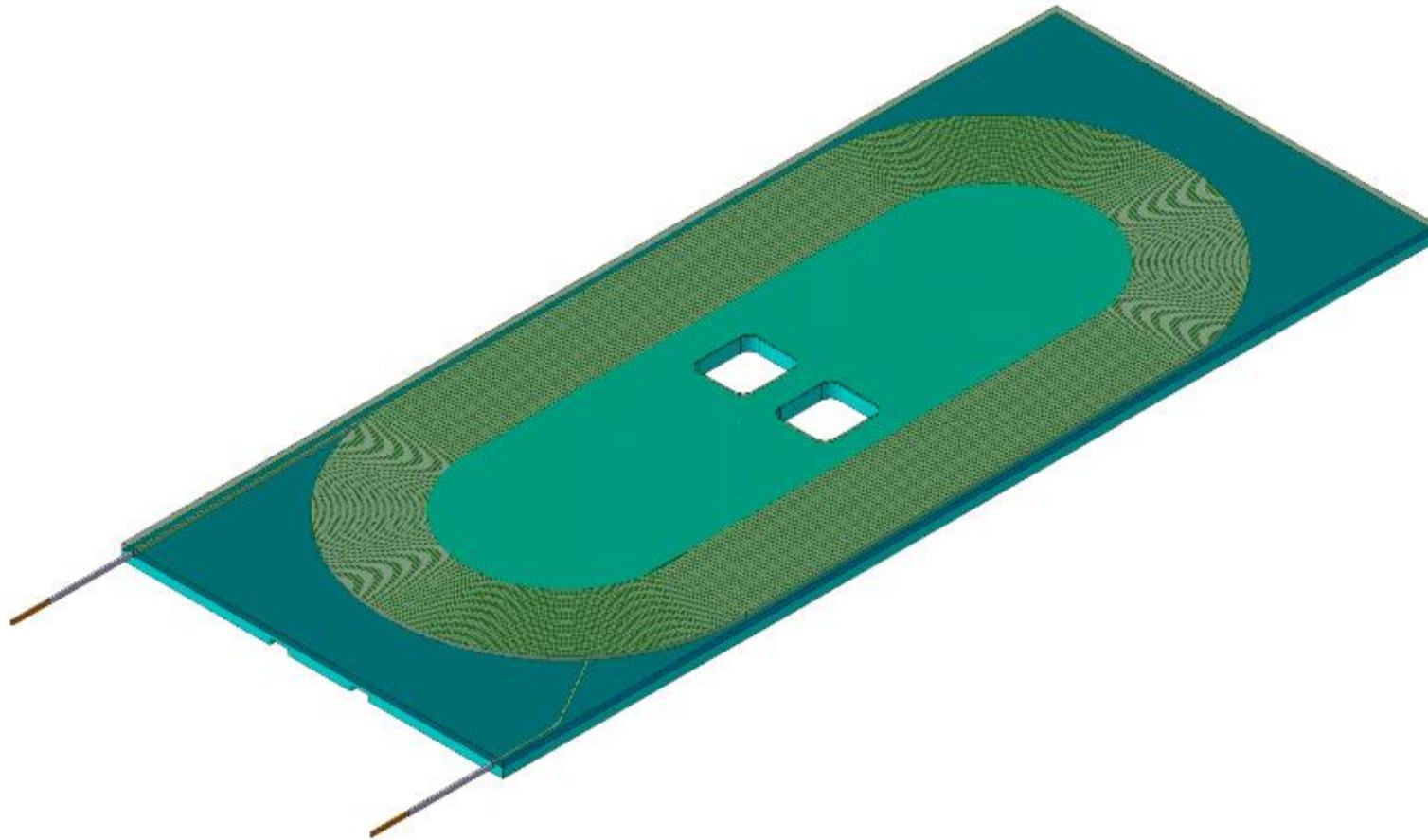
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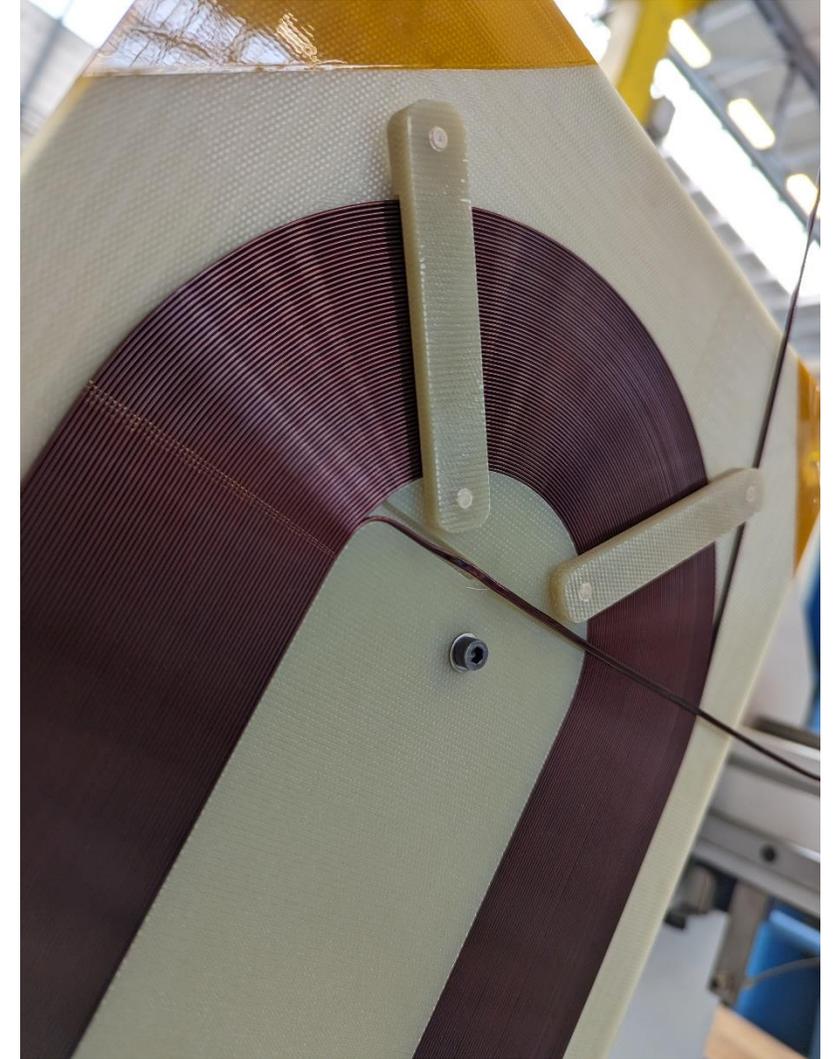
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# ESC coil fabrication

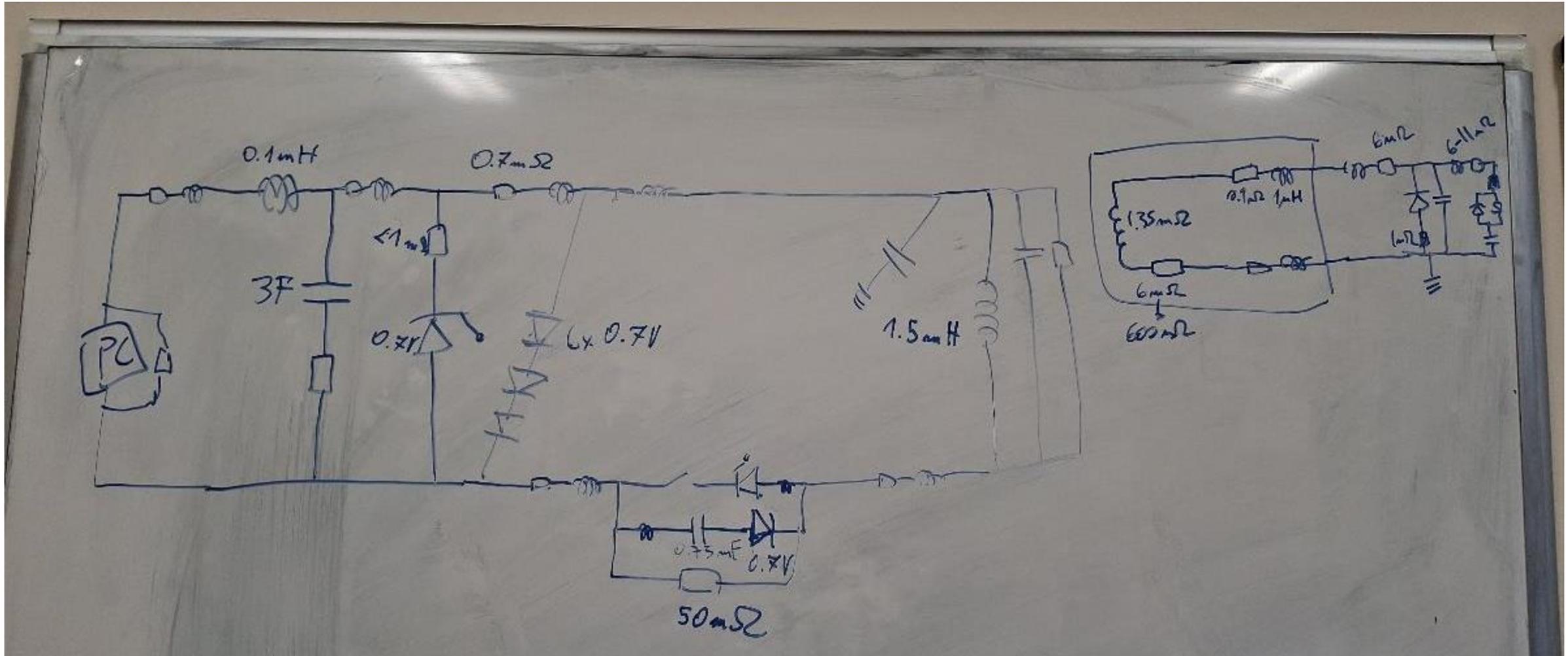


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# Deduced magnet and ESC test circuit



# ESC technology development

Magnet	Conceptual design	Conductor selection	Magnetic design	Mechanical design	Integration study	ESC coil manufacture	ESC coil assembly	Test	Performance analysis
SMC	done	done	done	done	done	done	done	done	ongoing
PSI subscale	done	done	done	done	done	ongoing			
MQXFS	done	done	done	ongoing	ongoing				
HFM 12 T	done								
HFM 12 T mirror	done								
BOND	done	ongoing	ongoing						
FCC MQ	done	done	done	ongoing	ongoing				
PSI 13 T SMACC	done	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing				
PSI 14 T SMACC	done	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing				
MDP 20 T dipole	done	ongoing	ongoing						

Many thanks to the designers who already considered using ESC.

It's relatively easy (and very interesting!) to study new cases, so you're very welcome to ask for a custom analysis.



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