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Superconducting Magnets

Section I

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Introduction Goal of the course

- Overview of **superconducting magnets** for particle accelerators (dipoles and quadrupoles)
 - Description of the components and their function
- From the superconducting material to the full magnet





Introduction Superconducting magnet technology

- Multidisciplinary field: mixture of
 - Chemistry and material science: **superconducting materials**
 - Quantum physics: the key mechanisms of **superconductivity**
 - Classical electrodynamics: magnet design
 - Mechanical engineering: support structures
 - Electrical engineering: powering of the magnets
 - Cryogenics: keep them **cool** ...
- Very different order of magnitudes









Outline

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- Particle accelerators and magnets
- Superconductivity and practical superconductors
- Magnetic design

• Section II

- Coil fabrication
- Forces, stress, pre-stress
- Support structures
- Section III
 - Quench, training, protection



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Particle accelerators and magnets

- Principle of synchrotrons
 - Driving particles in the same accelerating structure several times
- Electro-magnetic field accelerates particles

$$\vec{F} = e\vec{E}$$
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• Magnetic field steers the particles in a ~circular orbit

$$\vec{F} = e\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$
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 Particle accelerated → energy increased → magnetic field increased ("synchro") to keep the particles on the same orbit of curvature *ρ* by E. Todesco

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Particle accelerators and magnets Dipoles

- Main field components is B_y
 - Perpendicular to the axis of the magnet *z*
- Electro-magnets: field produced by a current (or current density)

$$B_{y} = -\frac{\mu_{0}J_{0}}{2}(r_{out} - r_{in})$$

• Magnetic field steers (bends) the particles in a ~circular orbit









Particle accelerators and magnets Quadrupoles

- The force necessary to stabilize linear motion is provided by the quadrupoles
 - They provide a field
 - equal to zero in the center
 - increasing linearly with the radius
- They act as a spring: **focus the beam**
- Prevent protons from **falling** to the bottom of the aperture due to the **gravitational force**
 - it would happen in less than 60 ms



$$G = \frac{B_y}{r} = -\frac{\mu_0 J_0}{2} \ln \frac{r_{out}}{r_{in}}$$





- Dipoles: the larger **B**, the larger the **energy**
- Quadrupoles: the larger **B**, the larger the focusing strength
- For an electro-magnet, the larger **B**, the larger must be **J**



- In normal conducting magnets, J ~ 5 A/mm²
- In superconducting magnets, Je ~ 600-700 A/mm²



Superconductivity Critical surface

- A type II material is supercond. below the critical surface defined by
 - Critical temperature *Tc*
 - Property of the material
 - Upper critical field *B_{c2}* Property of the material
 - Critical current density *J_c* Hard work by the producer



Superconductivity Nb-Ti (1961) and Nb₃Sn (1954)

- Nb and Ti \rightarrow ductile alloy
 - Extrusion + drawing
- *T_c* is ~9.2 K at 0 T
- **B**_{C2} is ~**14.5 T** at 0 K
- Firstly in **Tevatron** (80s), then all the other
- ~50-200 US\$ per kg of wire (1 euro per m)
- Nb and Sn \rightarrow intermetallic compound
 - Brittle, strain sensitive, formed at ~650-700°C
- *T_C* is ~**18 K** at 0 T
- B_{C2} is ~28 T at 0 K
- Used in NMR, ITER
- ~700-1500 US\$ per kg of wire (5 euro per m)



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Superconductivity <u>Nb</u>-Ti vs. Nb₃Sn





Superconductivity from Cu to Nb₃Sn

• Typical operational conditions (0.85 mm diameter strand)





Practical superconductors

• Typical operational conditions (0.85 mm diameter strand)





Practical superconductors Introduction

- Superconducting materials are produced in small filaments and surrounded by a stabilizer (typically copper) to form a *multi-filament wire* or *strand*.
- A superconducting cable is composed by several wires: *multi-strand cable*.







- The superconducting materials used in accelerator magnets are
 - subdivided in filaments of small diameters
 - to reduce magnetic instabilities called flux jumps
 - to minimize field distortions due to superconductor magnetization
 - twisted together
 - to reduce interfilament coupling and AC losses
 - embedded in a copper matrix
 - to **protect** the superconductor **after a quench**
 - to reduce magnetic instabilities called flux jumps







- Fluxoid distribution depends on the applied **B** and on J_c .
- Thermal disturbance → the local change in J_c → motion or "flux jump" → power dissipation
- Stability criteria for a slab (adiabatic condition)

$$a \le \sqrt{\frac{3\gamma C(\theta_c - \theta_0)}{\mu_0 j_c^2}}$$

- *a* is the half-thickness of the slab
- j_c is the critical current density [A m⁻²]
- γ is the density [kg m⁻³]
- **C** is the specific heat [J kg⁻¹]
- θ_c is the critical temperature.
- Nb-Ti filament diameters usually < 50 μm







Superconductor magnetization

- When a filament is in a varying *B*_{ext}, its inner part is shielded by currents distribution in the filament periphery
 - They do not decay when B_{ex} is held constant → persistent currents



- These currents produce field errors and ac losses proportional to $J_c r_f$
 - LHC filament diameter 6-7 μm.
 - HERA filament diameter 14 μm.





Inter-filament coupling

- When a multi-filamentary wire is subjected to a time varying magnetic field, current loops are generated between filaments.
- If filaments are straight, large loops with large currents → ac losses
- If the strands are magnetically coupled the effective filament size is larger → flux jumps
- To reduce these effects, filaments are **twisted**
 - twist pitch of the order of 20-30 times of the wire diameter.





Quench protection

- Superconductors have a very high normal state resistivity
 - If quenched, could reach very high temperatures in few ms.
- If embedded in a copper matrix, when a quench occurs, current redistributes in the low-resisitivity matrix → lower peak temperature



- The copper matrix provides **time to act** on the power circuit
- In the case of a small volume of superconductor heated beyond the critical temperature the current can flow in the copper for a short moment, allowing the filament to **cool-down and recover** supercond.
- The matrix also helps stabilizing the conductor against **flux jumps**



• Flux jumps

Persistent currents

• AC losses

Quench protection



Practical superconductors Fabrication of Nb-Ti multifilament wires

- Nb-Ti ingots
 - 200 mm Ø 750 mm long
- Monofilament rods are stacked to form a multifilament billet
 - then extruded and drawn down
 - can be re-stacked: double-stacking process











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Insulate

Multifilament wires Fabrication of Nb₃Sn multifilament wires

- Since Nb₃Sn is brittle
 - it cannot be extruded and drawn like Nb-Ti.
- Process in several steps
 - Assembly multifilament billets from with **Nb and Sn separated**
 - Fabrication of the wire through extrusion-drawing
 - Fabrication of the cable
 - Fabrication of the coil

"Reaction"

- Sn and Nb are heated to 600-700 C
- Sn diffuses in Nb and reacts to form Nb₃Sn



Diffusion barrier





by A. Godeke



Practical superconductors Multi-strand cables motivations

- Most of the superconducting coils for particle accelerators wound from a multi-strand cable (Rutherford cable)
 - Reduction of strand **piece length**
 - reduction of **number of turns**
 - easy winding
 - smaller coil inductance
 - less V for power supply during ramp-up;
 - after a quench, faster discharge and V
 - **current redistribution** in case of a defect or a quench in one strand
- The strands are **twisted** to
 - Reduce inter-strand coupling currents
 - Losses and field distortions
 - Provide more **mechanical stability**







by M. Wilson



Practical superconductors Multi-strand cables motivations

- Rutherford cables fabricated by **cabling machine**
 - Strands wound on spools mounted on a rotating drum
 - Strands twisted around a conical mandrel into rolls (Turk's head)
 - The rolls compact the cable and provide the final shape









Practical superconductors Multi-strand cables

- A Rutherford cable can be **rectangular** or **trapezoidal**
 - To stacking cables in an arc-shaped coil around the beam pipe

• Cable compaction



- Ratio of the sum of the cross-sectional area of the strands (direction parallel to the cable axis) to the cross-sectional area of the cable
 88% (Tevatron) to 92.3% (HERA).
- Chosen to provide good mechanical stability + high current capability + enough space for helium cooling or epoxy impregnation.

Cables degradation

• Critical current density of a virgin wire before cabling is higher then the one of a wire after cabling





Practical superconductors Multi-strand cables

• Edge deformation may cause

- reduction of the filament cross-sectional area (Nb-Ti)
- breakage of reaction barrier with incomplete tin reaction (Nb₃Sn)

• In order to avoid degradation

- strand cross-section investigated
- Edge facets are measured
 - General rule: no overlapping of facets



• **Keystone angle** is usually of ~ 1° to 2°







Practical superconductors Cable insulation

- The cable insulation must feature
 - Good **electrical properties** to withstand turn-to-turn *V* after a quench
 - Good **mechanical properties** to withstand high pressure conditions
 - Porosity to allow penetration of helium (or epoxy)
 - Radiation hardness
- In Nb-Ti magnets overlapped layers of **polyimide**
- In Nb₃Sn magnets, **fiber-glass** braided or as tape/sleeve.
- Typically the insulation thickness: 100 and 200 μm.









Practical superconductors Superconducting cables





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Magnetic design Introduction

- The magnetic design is one of the first steps in the a superconducting magnet development
- It starts from the **requirements** (from accelerator physicists, researchers, medical doctors...others)
 - A field "shape"
 - Dipole, quadrupole, etc
 - A field magnitude
 - Usually with low T superconductors from 5 to 20 T
 - A field homogeneity
 - Uniformity inside a solenoid, harmonics in a accelerator magnet
 - A given **aperture** (and **volume**)
 - Some cm diameter for accelerator magnets, much more for detectors and fusion magnets

Magnetic design

- How much conductor do we need to meet the requirements?
- And in which configuration?

• Outline

- How do we create a **perfect field**?
- How do we express the field and its "**imperfections**"?
- How do we **design a coil** to minimize field errors?
- **Overview** of different designs





Perfect dipole field Intercepting circles (or ellipses)

 Within a cylinder carrying *j*₀, the field is perpendicular to the radial direction and proportional to the distance to the centre *r*:

$$B = -\frac{\mu_0 j_0 r}{2}$$

• Combining the effect of two intersecting cylinders

$$B_{x} = \frac{\mu_{0} j_{0} r}{2} \left\{ -r_{1} \sin \theta_{1} + r_{2} \sin \theta_{2} \right\} = 0$$

$$B_{y} = \frac{\mu_{0} j_{0} r}{2} \left\{ -r_{1} \cos \theta_{1} + r_{2} \cos \theta_{2} \right\} = -\frac{\mu_{0} j_{0}}{2} s$$

- A uniform current density in the area of two **intersecting circles** produces a pure dipole
 - The aperture is not circular
 - Not easy to simulate with a flat cable
- Similar proof for **intersecting ellipses**







Perfect dipole field Thick shell with $cos\theta$ current distribution

- Thick shell
 - Current density $J = J_0 \cos\theta$ on a shell with a finite thickness

$$B_{\rm bore} = -\frac{J_0 \mu_0}{2} w$$

- Where, B_{bore} is the bore field, J_0 is overall current density and w is the coil width
- Ideal case
 - Conductor peak field $B_{peak} = B_{bore}$
 - Perfect field quality
- Comparison:
 - For solenoid
 - $B_1 = -J_0 \mu_0 w$
 - Twice more efficient than a dipole





From ideal to practical configuration

- How can I reproduce **thick shell with a** *cosθ* distribution with a cable?
 - Rectangular cross-section and constant *J*



- First "rough" approximation
 - Sector dipole



Computation of the load line Approximations of practical winding cross-sections

• Sector coil

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Current density *J* = *J*₀ (A per unit area) on a sector with a maximum angle *α*

$$B_{\rm bore} = -\frac{2J_0\mu_0}{\pi}w\sin(\alpha)$$

- Where, *B*_{bore} is the bore field, *J*₀ is overall current density and *w* is the coil width
- "Less ideal" case
 - "Not so perfect" field quality
 - Best with α = 60 degrees
 - $B_{\text{peak}} = B_{\text{bore}} \cdot \sim 1.04$



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• With a *w*/*r* of $30/30 = 1 \rightarrow 1.04$

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From ideal to practical configuration

- How can I reproduce **thick shell with a** *cosθ* distribution with a cable?
 - Rectangular cross-section and constant *J*
- First "rough" approximation
 - Sector dipole
- Better ones
 - More **layers** and **wedges** to reduce *J* towards 90°



- As a result, the field is **not perfect** anymore
 - How can I express in improve the "imperfect" field inside the aperture?



Field representation Maxwell equations

• Maxwell equations for magnetic field

$$\nabla \cdot B = \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = 0 \qquad \nabla \times B = \mu_0 J + \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

• In absence of charge and magnetized material

$$\nabla \times B = \left(\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x}\right) = 0$$



• If $\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = 0$ (constant longitudinal field), then

$$\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} = 0 \qquad \qquad \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} = 0$$

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Field representation Analytic functions

If
$$\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

Maxwell gives

$$\frac{\partial B_{y}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_{x}}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial B_{y}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial B_{x}}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial y} = 0\\ \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial x} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Cauchy-Riemann conditions

and therefore the function $B_y + iB_x$ is analytic

$$B_{y}(x, y) + iB_{x}(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_{n}(x + iy)^{n-1}$$

where *C*_n are **complex coefficients**

$$B_{y}(x, y) + iB_{x}(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_{n}(x + iy)^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_{n} + iA_{n})(x + iy)^{n-1}$$

• Advantage: we reduce the description of the field to a (simple) series of complex coefficients



Magnetic design Harmonics

- The field can be expressed as (simple) series of coefficients
- So, each coefficient corresponds to a "pure" multipolar field $B_{y}(x, y) + iB_{x}(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_{n}(x + iy) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_{n} + iA_{n})(x + iy)$



• The field harmonics are rewritten as

$$B_{y} + iB_{x} = 10^{-4} B_{1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_{n} + ia_{n}) \left(\frac{x + iy}{R_{ref}}\right)^{n-1}$$

by K.-H. Mess, et al.

- The coefficients $b_{n'} a_n$ are called <u>normalized multipoles</u>
 - b_n are the <u>normal</u>, a_n are the <u>skew</u> (adimensional)

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Field representation Harmonics

- One can demonstrate that with line currents with a **dipole** or a **quadrupole symmetry**, most of the **multipoles cancelled**
- For $n=1 \rightarrow dipole$
 - Only b_3 , b_5 , b_7 , are present
- For $n=2 \rightarrow quadrupole$
 - Only b_6 , b_{10} , b_{14} , are present
- ...and so on



- These multipoles are called *allowed multipoles*
- The field quality optimization of a coil lay-out concerns only a **few** quantities
 - For a dipole, usually *b*3 , *b*5 , *b*7 , and possibly *b*9 , *b*11

Back to the original issue: From ideal to practical configuration

- How can I reproduce **thick shell with a** *cosθ* distribution with a cable?
 - Rectangular cross-section and constant J
- First "rough" approximation
 - Sector dipole
- Better ones
 - More **layers** and **wedges** to reduce *J* towards 90°

• Now, I can use the multipolar expansion to **optimize** my "practical" **cross-section**

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A "good" field quality dipole Sector dipole

- We compute the central field given by a sector dipole with 2 blocks
 - Equations to set to zero B_3 , B_5 and B_7

 $\begin{cases} \sin(3\alpha_3) - \sin(3\alpha_2) + \sin(3\alpha_1) = 0\\ \sin(5\alpha_3) - \sin(5\alpha_2) + \sin(5\alpha_1) = 0 \end{cases}$



- And the one given by a **3 blocks**
 - Equations to set to zero $B_3 B_5 B_7 B_9$ and B_{11}

$$\sin(3\alpha_{5}) - \sin(3\alpha_{4}) + \sin(3\alpha_{3}) - \sin(3\alpha_{2}) + \sin(3\alpha_{1}) = 0$$

$$\sin(5\alpha_{5}) - \sin(5\alpha_{4}) + \sin(5\alpha_{3}) - \sin(5\alpha_{2}) + \sin(5\alpha_{1}) = 0$$

$$\sin(7\alpha_{5}) - \sin(7\alpha_{4}) + \sin(7\alpha_{3}) - \sin(7\alpha_{2}) + \sin(7\alpha_{1}) = 0$$

$$\sin(9\alpha_{5}) - \sin(9\alpha_{4}) + \sin(9\alpha_{3}) - \sin(9\alpha_{2}) + \sin(9\alpha_{1}) = 0$$

$$\sin(11\alpha_{5}) - \sin(11\alpha_{4}) + \sin(11\alpha_{3}) - \sin(11\alpha_{2}) + \sin(11\alpha_{1}) = 0$$



Two wedges, b₃=b₅=b₇=b₉=b₁₁=0 [0°-33.3°,37.1°-53.1°,63.4°-71.8°]



A "good" field quality dipole Sector dipole

- Let us see two coil lay-outs of real magnets
 - The RHIC dipole has four blocks





Two wedges, b₃=b₅=b₇=b₉=b₁₁=0 [0°-33.3°,37.1°-53.1°,63.4°-71.8°]



Iron yoke

- Keep the **return magnetic flux** close to the coils, thus avoiding fringe fields
- In some cases the iron is partially or totally contributing to the **mechanical structure**
- Considerably **enhance the field** for a given current density
 - The increase is relevant (10-30%), getting higher for thin coils
 - This allows using lower currents, easing the protection





- A **rough estimate** of the **iron thickness** necessary to avoid fields outside the magnet
 - The iron cannot withstand more than 2 T
 - **Shielding condition** for dipoles:

$$rB \sim t_{iron}B_{sat}$$

- i.e., the iron thickness times 2 T is equal to the central field times the magnet aperture One assumes that all the field lines in the aperture go through the iron (and not for instance through the collars)
- Example: in the LHC main dipole the iron thickness is 150 mm

$$t_{iron} \sim \frac{rB}{B_{sat}} = \frac{28*9}{2} \sim 130 \text{ mm}$$

• Shielding condition for quadrupoles:





• Tevatron MB





• RHIC MB





• HERA MB





• SSC MB





• HFDA dipole





• LHC MB





• FRESCA





• MSUT





• D20







Practical superconductors Fabrication of Nb-Ti multifilament wires

- Copper to superconductor ratio
 - ensure quench protection without compromising the overall critical current of wire.

• Filament diameter

- Minimize flux jumps and persistent currents
- Minimizing the wire processing cost

• The inter-filament spacing

- small so that the filaments, harder then Cu, support each other during drawing operation
- large enough to prevent filament couplings
- Cu **core** and **sheath** to reduce cable degradation
- Main manufacturing issue: piece length
 - It is preferable to wind coils with single-piece wire (to avoid welding)
 - LHC required piece length longer than 1 km







Field representation Harmonics

Important property: starting by the multipolar expansion of a current line (Biot-Savart law)

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

$$B(z) = \frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi(z - z_0)} = -\frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi z_0} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z}{z_0}}$$



$$B(z) = -\frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi z_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right)^{n-1} = -\frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi z_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{R_{ref}}{z_0}\right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{x+iy}{R_{ref}}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$B_{y} + iB_{x} = 10^{-4} B_{1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_{n} + ia_{n}) \left(\frac{x + iy}{R_{ref}}\right)^{n-1} \qquad b_{n} + ia_{n} = -\frac{I\mu_{0} 10^{4}}{2\pi z_{0} B_{1}} \left(\frac{R_{ref}}{z_{0}}\right)^{n-1}$$



A "good" field quality dipole Sector quadrupole

- Let's look at the quadrupoles
- First allowed multipole *B*₆ (dodecapole)

$$B_6 = \frac{\mu_0 j R_{ref}^5}{\pi} \frac{\sin(6\alpha)}{6} \left(\frac{1}{r^4} - \frac{1}{(r+w)^4} \right)$$

for $\alpha = \pi/6$ (i.e. a **30° sector coil**) one has *B***₆=0**

• Second allowed multipole *B*₁₀

$$B_{10} = \frac{\mu_0 j R_{ref}^8}{\pi} \frac{\sin(10\alpha)}{10} \left(\frac{1}{r^8} - \frac{1}{(r+w)^8} \right)$$

for $\alpha = \pi/10$ (i.e. a **18° sector coil**) or for $\alpha = \pi/5$ (i.e. a **36° sector coil**) one has *B*₁₀**=0**

• The conditions look similar to the dipole case ...

