Shielding magnetic fields of several Tesla: the FCC SuShi project

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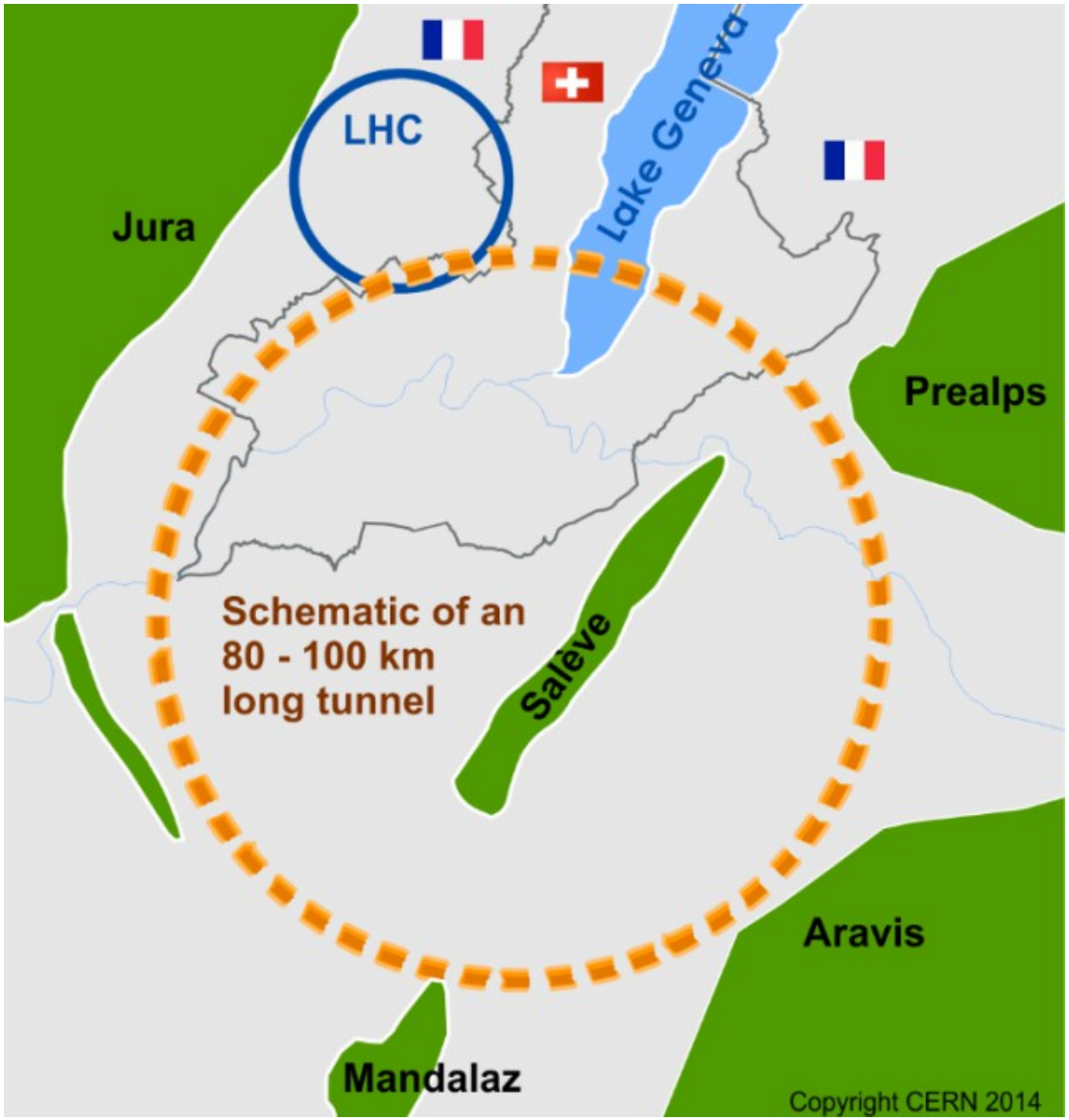
The Future Circular Collider

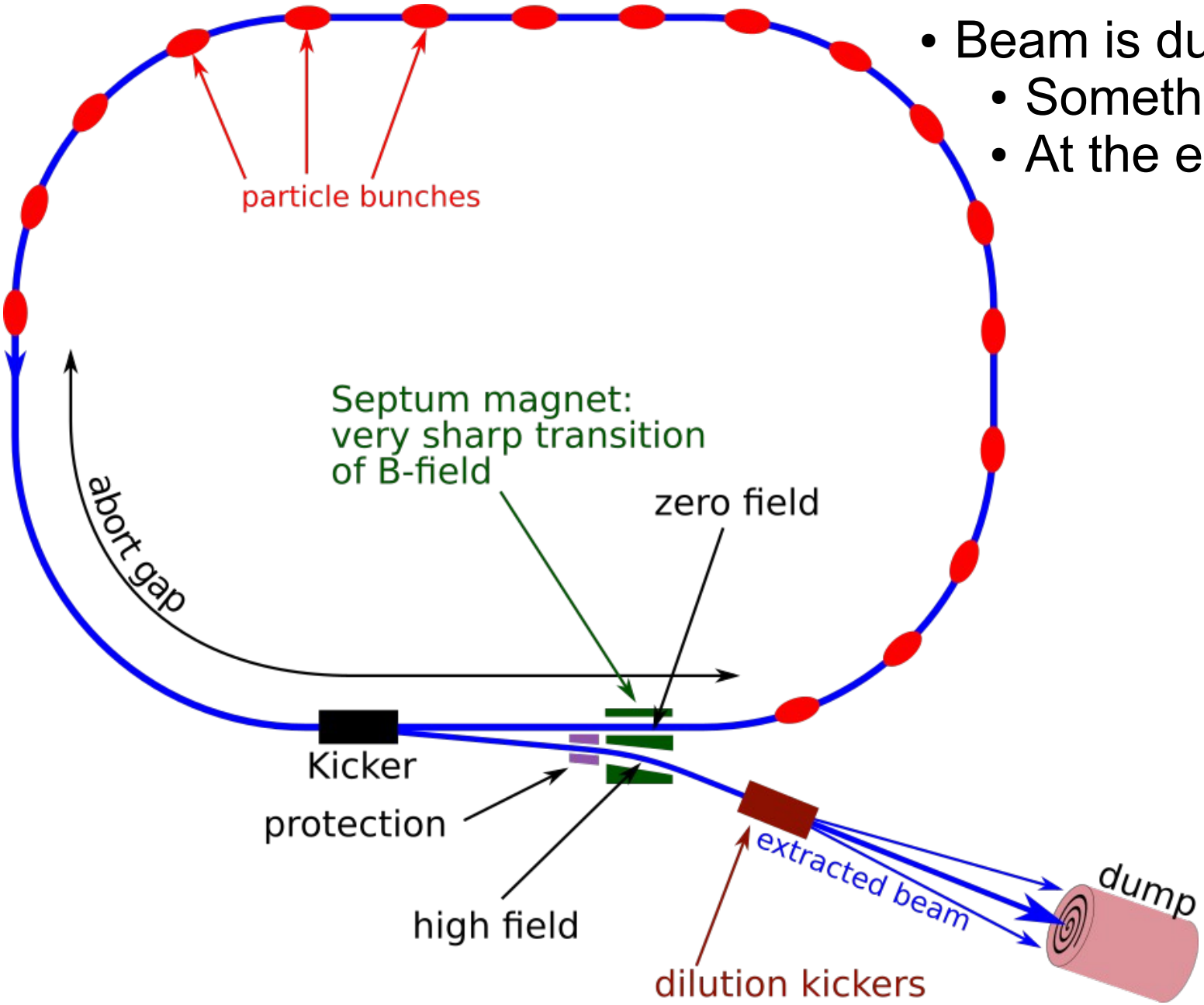
Baseline:

- 50+50 TeV proton-proton collider
- 100 km ring
- Using existing CERN infrastructure as injector

Targeted problem: extraction of the 50 TeV beam towards the beam dump



Extraction scheme



- Beam is dumped when:
  - Something misbehaves
  - At the end of the cycle

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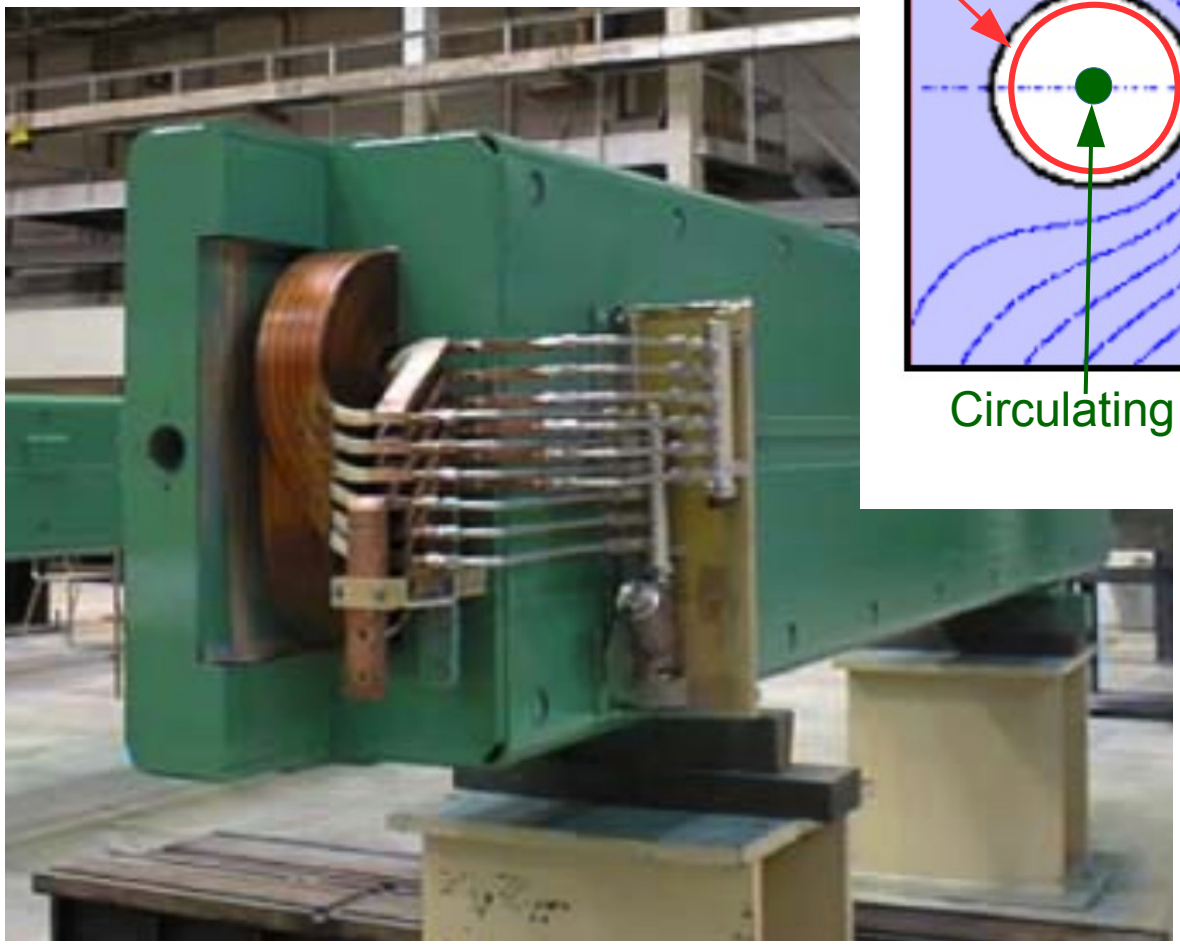

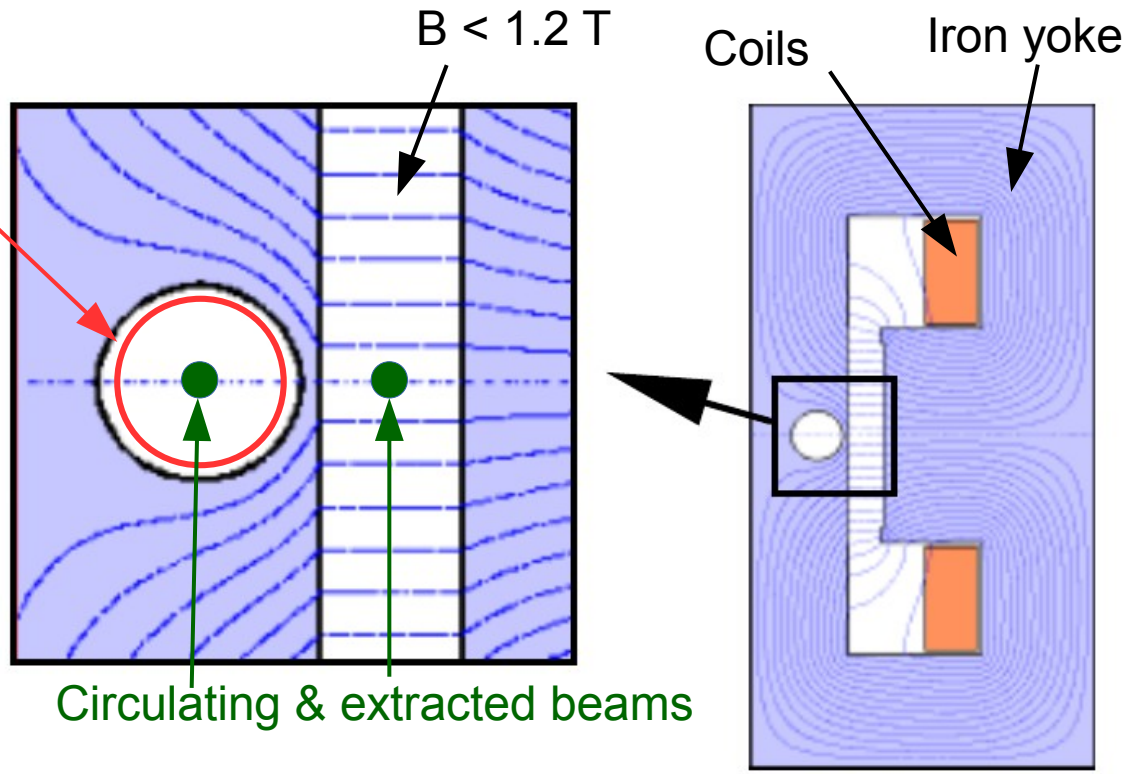

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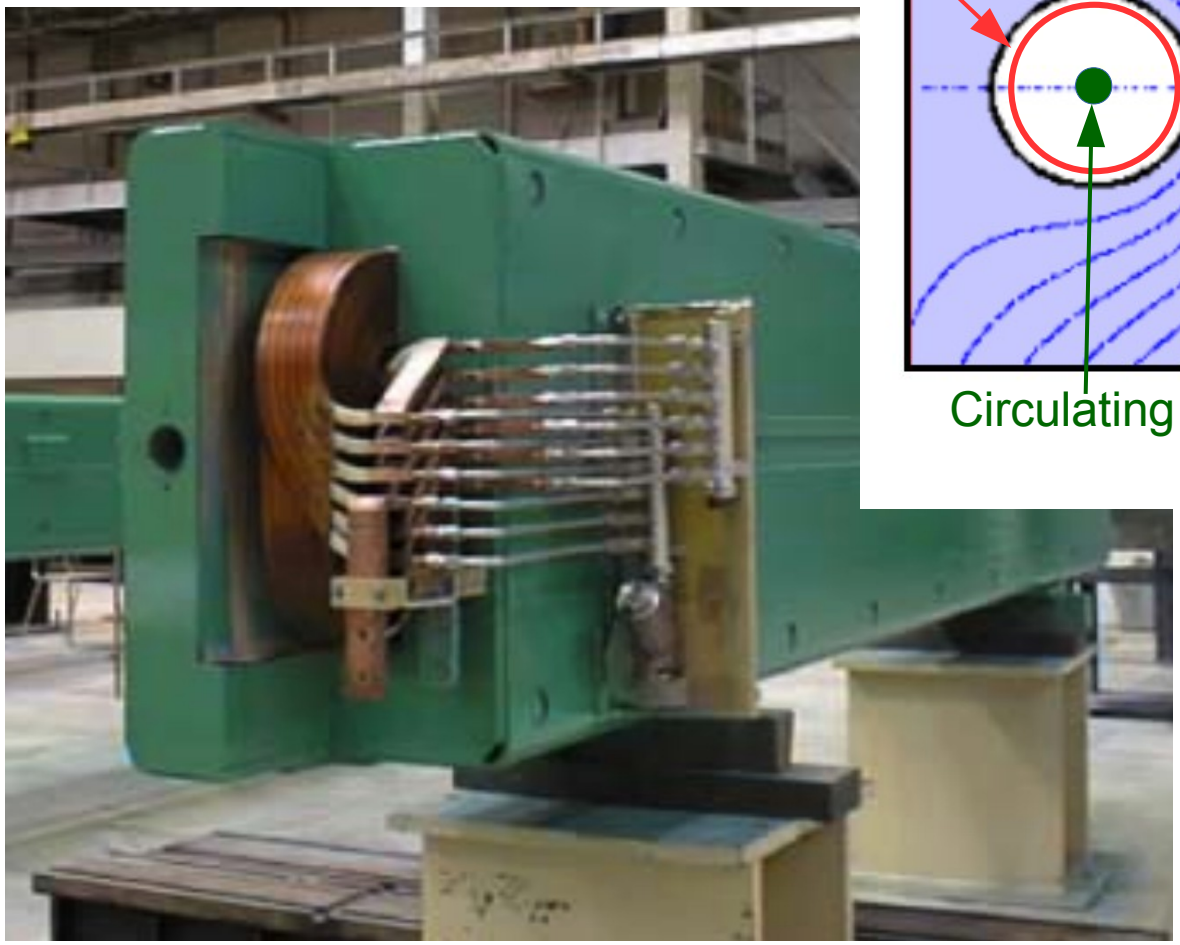

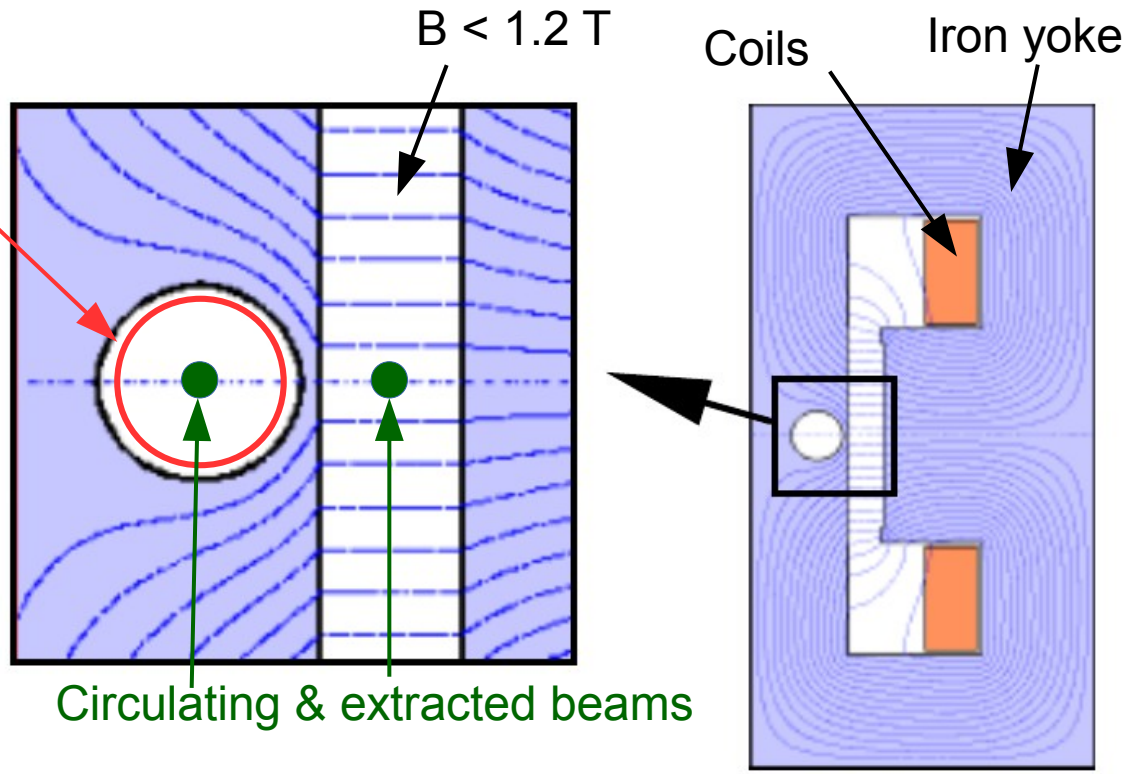

Using $\mu_r \gg 1$
to „suck out" the field lines from the circulating beam

Can't go above ~1.5 T due to saturation of iron

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FCC parameters for extraction

At top energy (most difficult):

Septum integrated field	190	T m
Available space for septum	120	m

Need ≥ 2 T field (to accomodate gate valves, pumps, etc)

(Space would be even more tight in the „high-energy LHC" - LHC tunnel with FCC technology)

- B > 2 T (target: 3 Tesla)

  Not easy with normal-conducting devices

  need superconductors?

- Must follow the ring energy to be ready for beam-abort at any time (quasi-DC mode)
- Field homogeneity: ~1%
- Leakage field at circulating beam: < 10⁻⁴ relative

Doing it at the FCC: the SuShi idea

- If cooled down in 0 field, a superconductor can shield the outside field
- Persistent currents

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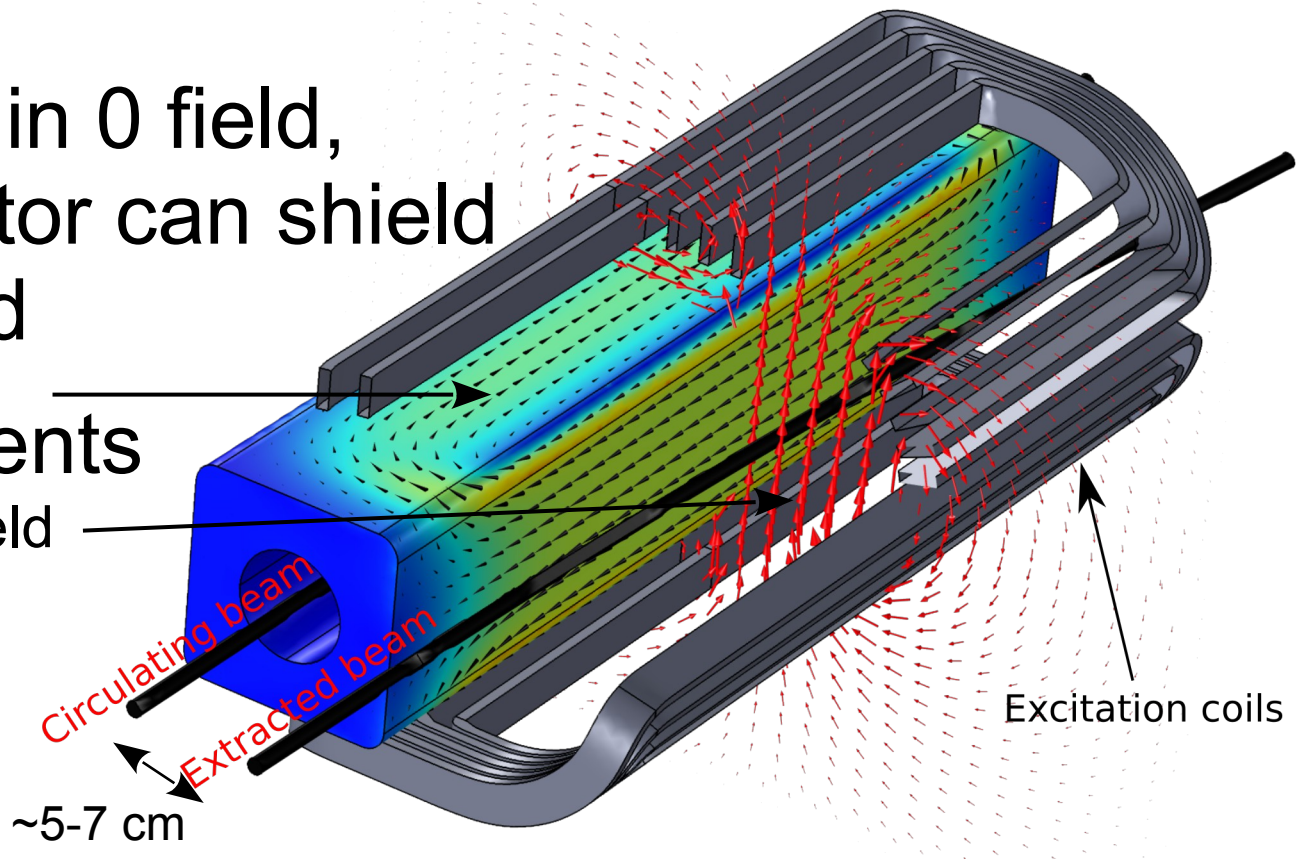

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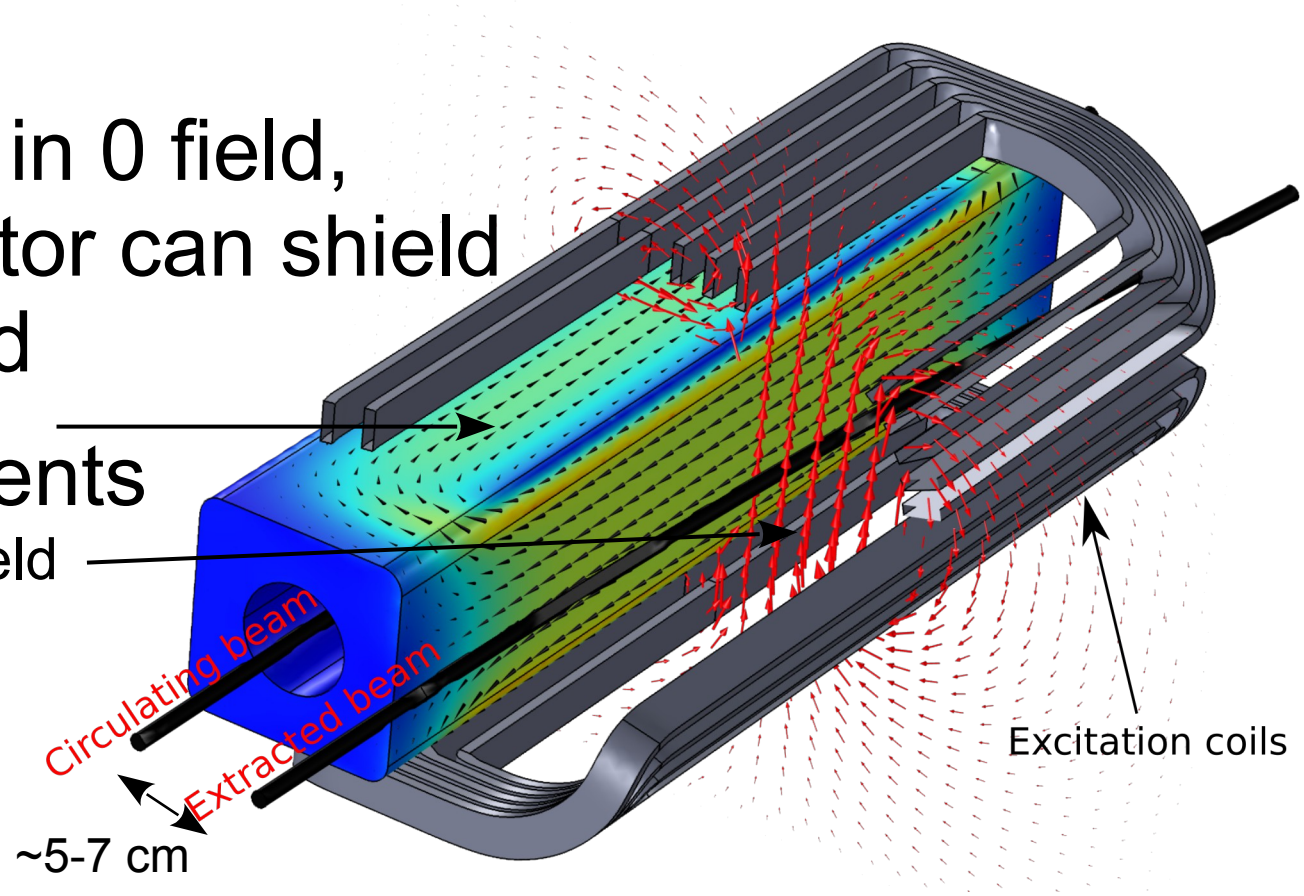

Using $\mu_r \ll 1$ material to expel the field lines

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Pros & cons

Pros

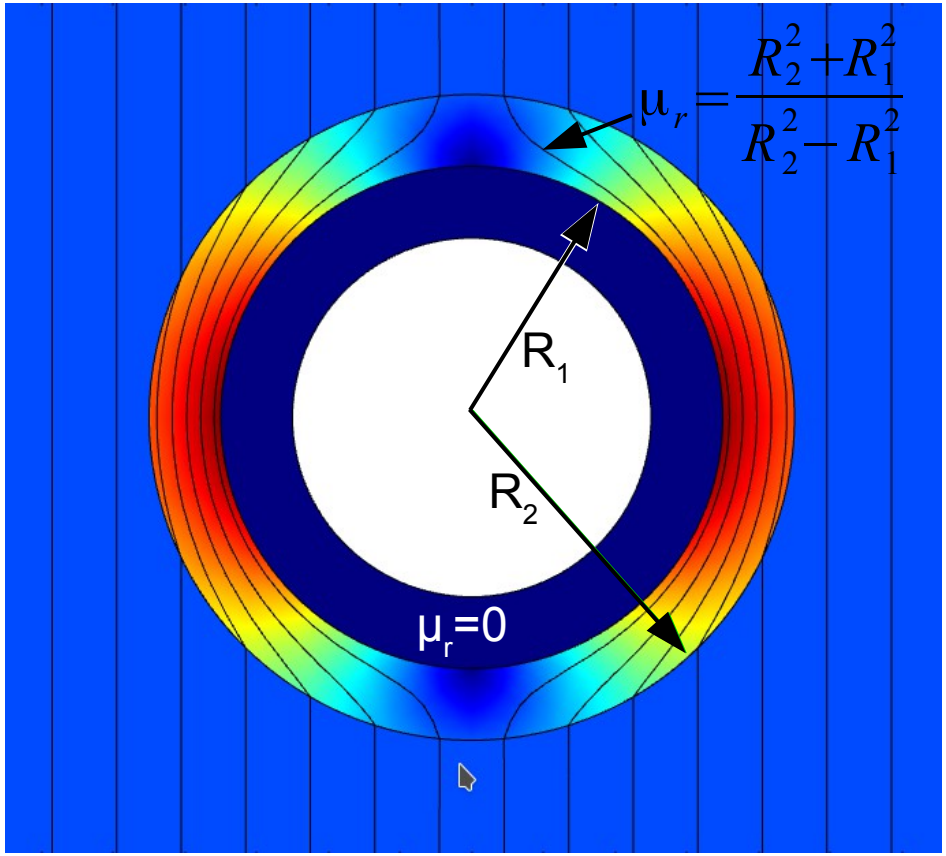
- Shielding currents arranged by nature (high precision zero field)
- Continuous 2D current distribution (unlike a winded magnet) → perfect shielding
- Bulk shield, better mechanical, and thermal stability
- Highest possible current density(critical state model) →thinnest shield

Cons

- Superconductor in high rad zone (quench)
- Hysteretic behavior, always have to start from virgin state
- To erase ‘memory’ of shield, temperature has to be increased

Combining $\mu_r \gg 1$ and $\mu_r \ll 1$

The „magnetic cloak”



- Ferromagnet absorbs the induction lines expelled by the superconductor
- Seems a natural choice, since it does not distort the external field

Does not work for FCC with realistic geometrical parameters:

field in ferromagnet would be too high: ~13-18 T

Challenges

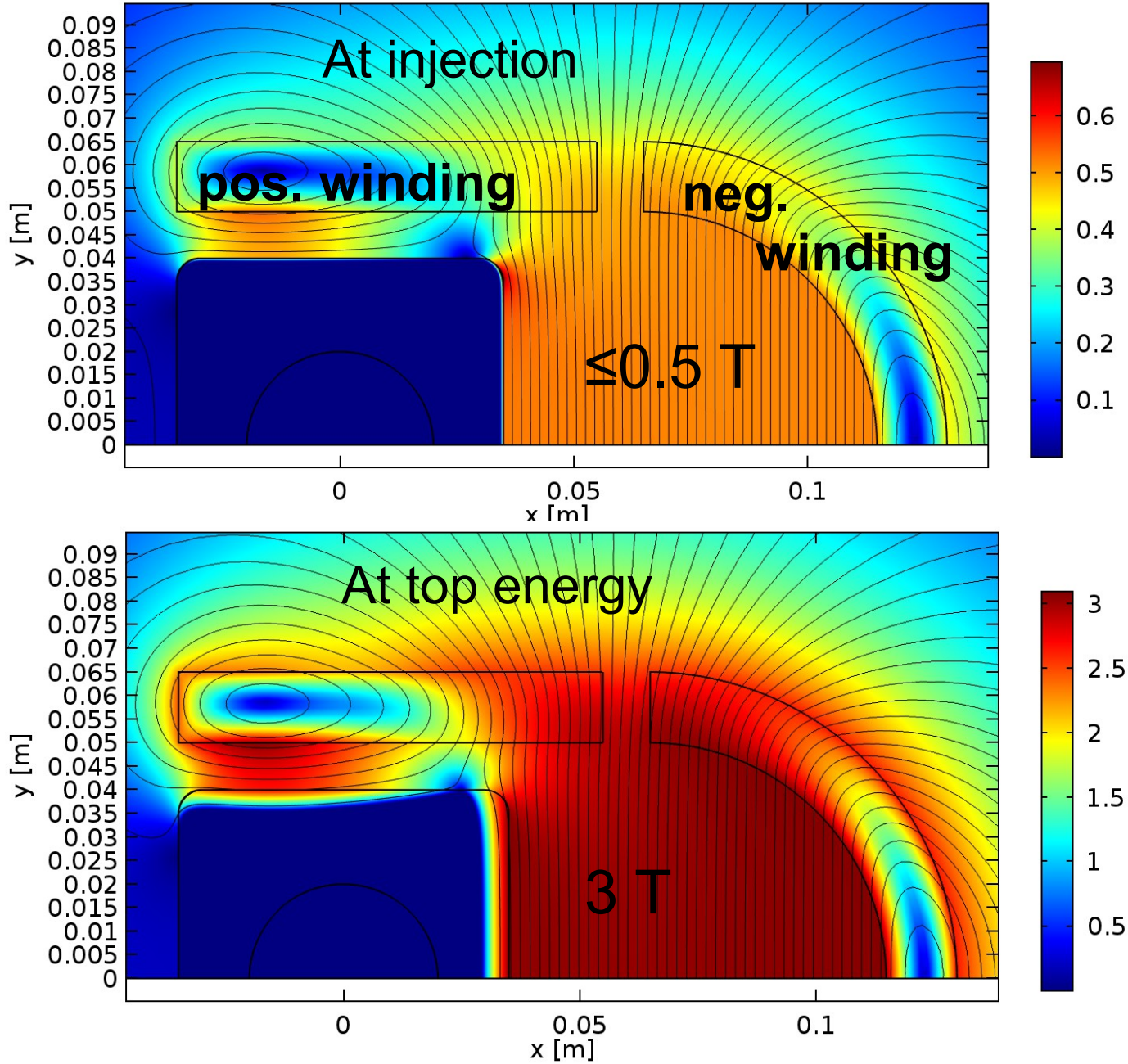
- Max. physical septum width: 25 mm (including vacuum pipe walls etc!)
- Go against „common practice” of superconductors (very fine filaments to avoid flux jumps – thermomagnetic instability)

  Want to exclude B from a large area

  Need special measures to ensure stability
- Care about the excluded field's quality (homogeneity)
- „Reset cycle” (warm-up and zero-field-cool) to be on the „virgin curve” of magnetization

Homogeneity at various field strengths

Flat wall → homogeneity despite significantly different penetration depths



CERN Bubble chambers

- In the '70ies: superconducting tube to shield high magnetic field
- To introduce low-momentum particles into the high field of the bubble chamber
- Different materials, and techniques could bring the shielded field strength from 2 T up to 5.9 T

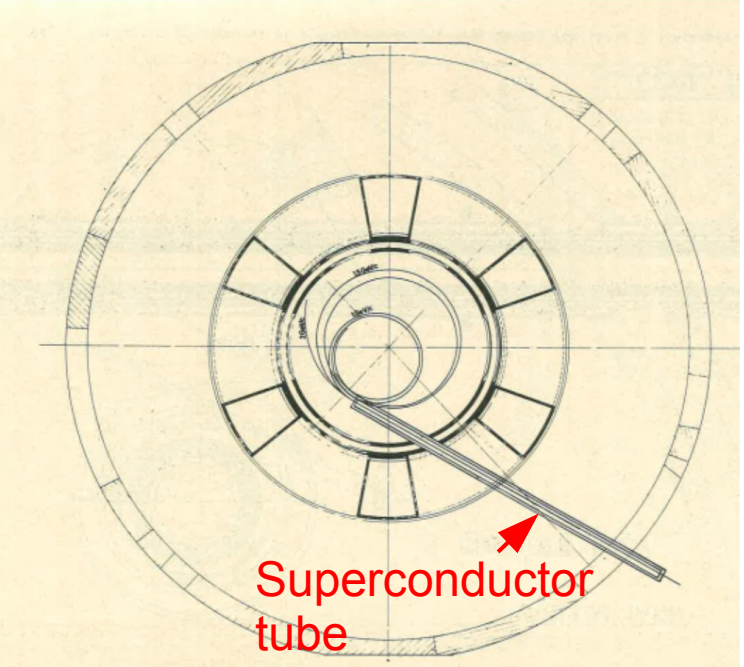


Fig. 2 Trajectories of Low Momentum Particles Emerging from a Field Free Path.

- M.Firth, et.al.: Performance of the superconducting field shielding tube for the CERN 2m hydrogen bubble chamber
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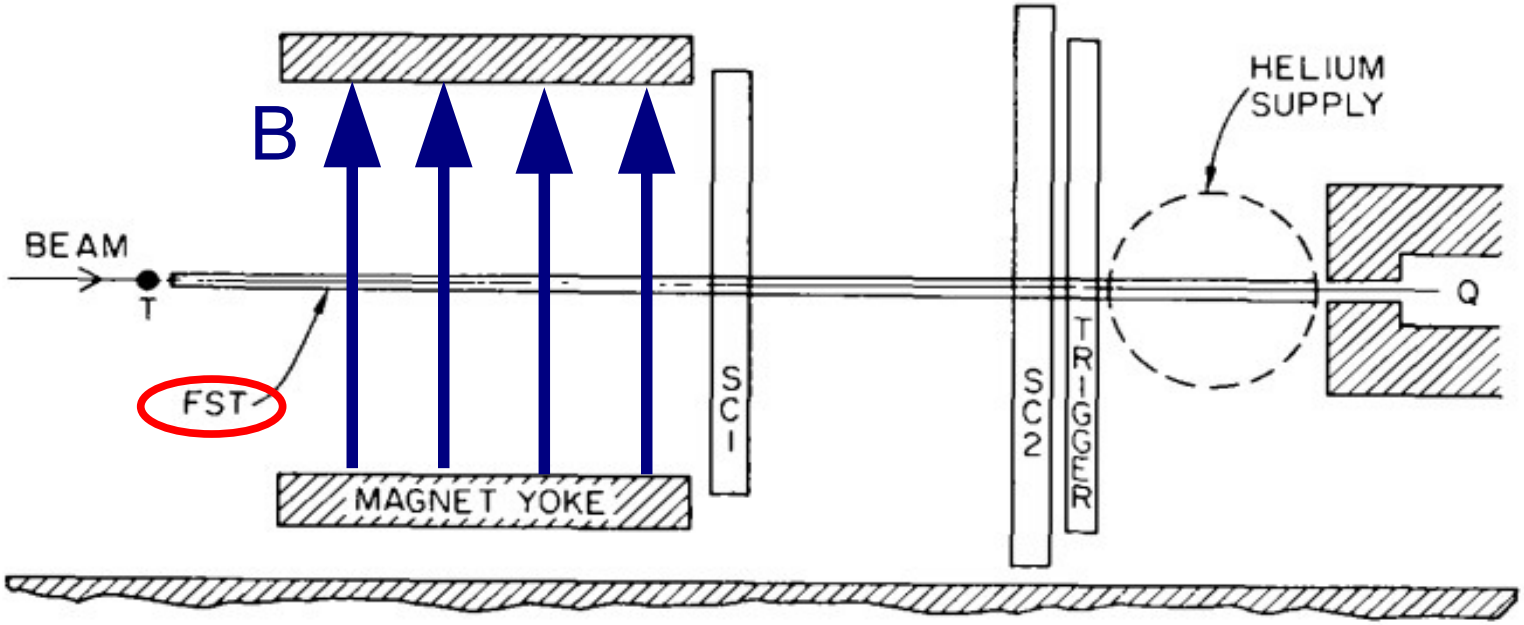
SLAC

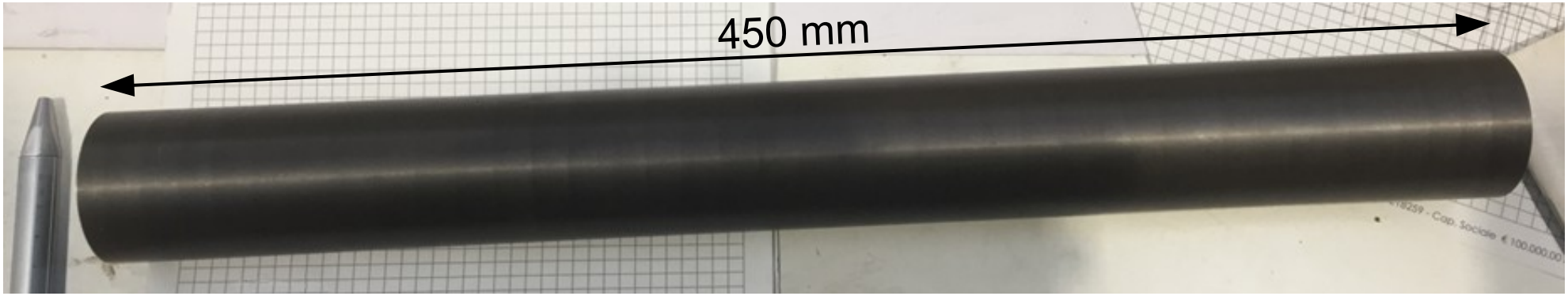


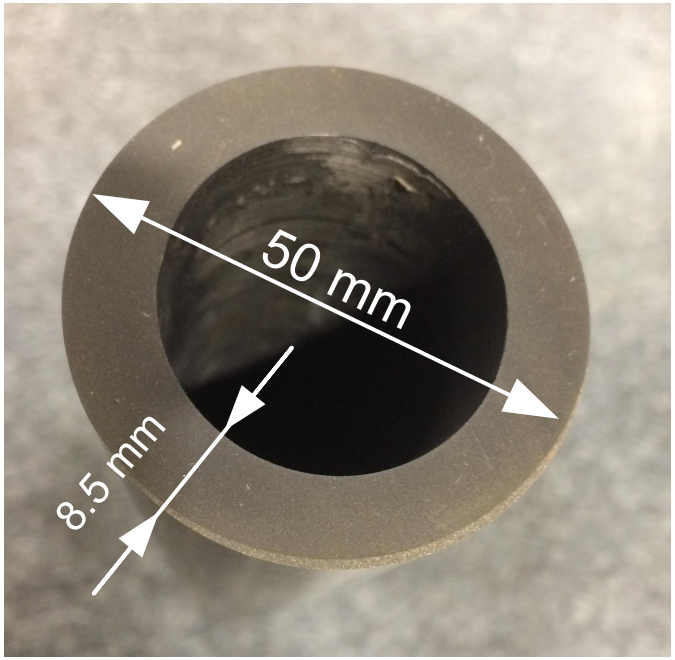
BEAM. $e^{+(-)}$ 2×10^4/pulse.
T: Liquid H_2/D_2 target. 4cms long
FST· Superconducting flux shielding tube
SC1, SC2 Optical spark chambers.
TRIGGER: Lead-lucite shower counters.
Q· Quantameter

1 meter

F.Martin, S.J.St.Lorant, W.T.Toner: A four-meter long superconducting magnetic flux exclusion tube for particle physics experiments – NIM 103 (1972) 50

MgB_2





- Produced by the Reactive Liquid Magnesium Infiltration (RLI) process
  (G. Giunchi, Int.J.Mod.Phys.B17,453)
- Extra large boron grainsize (160 μm) to be stable against flux jumps
  (G.Giunchi et al,
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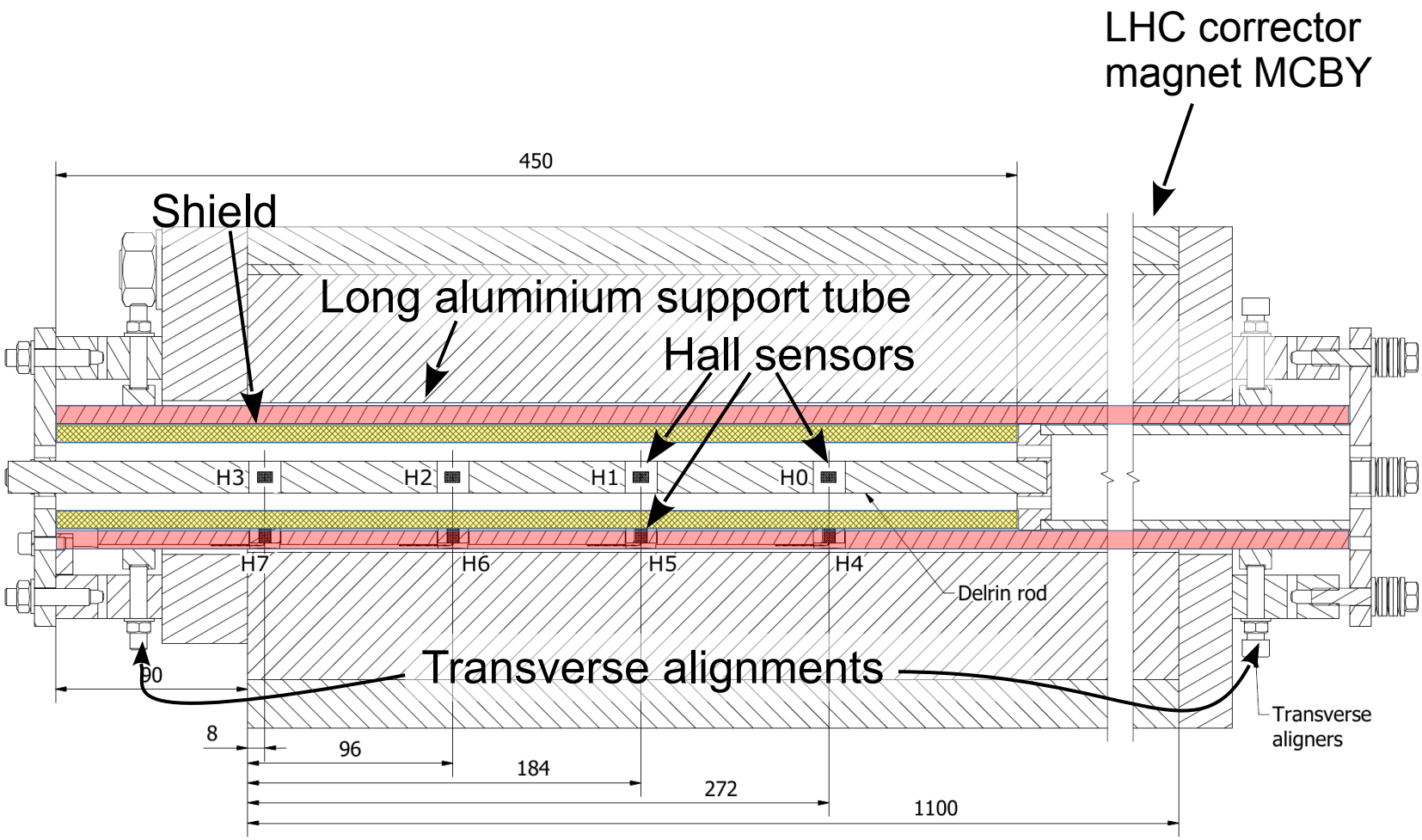
Testing of prototypes at SM18



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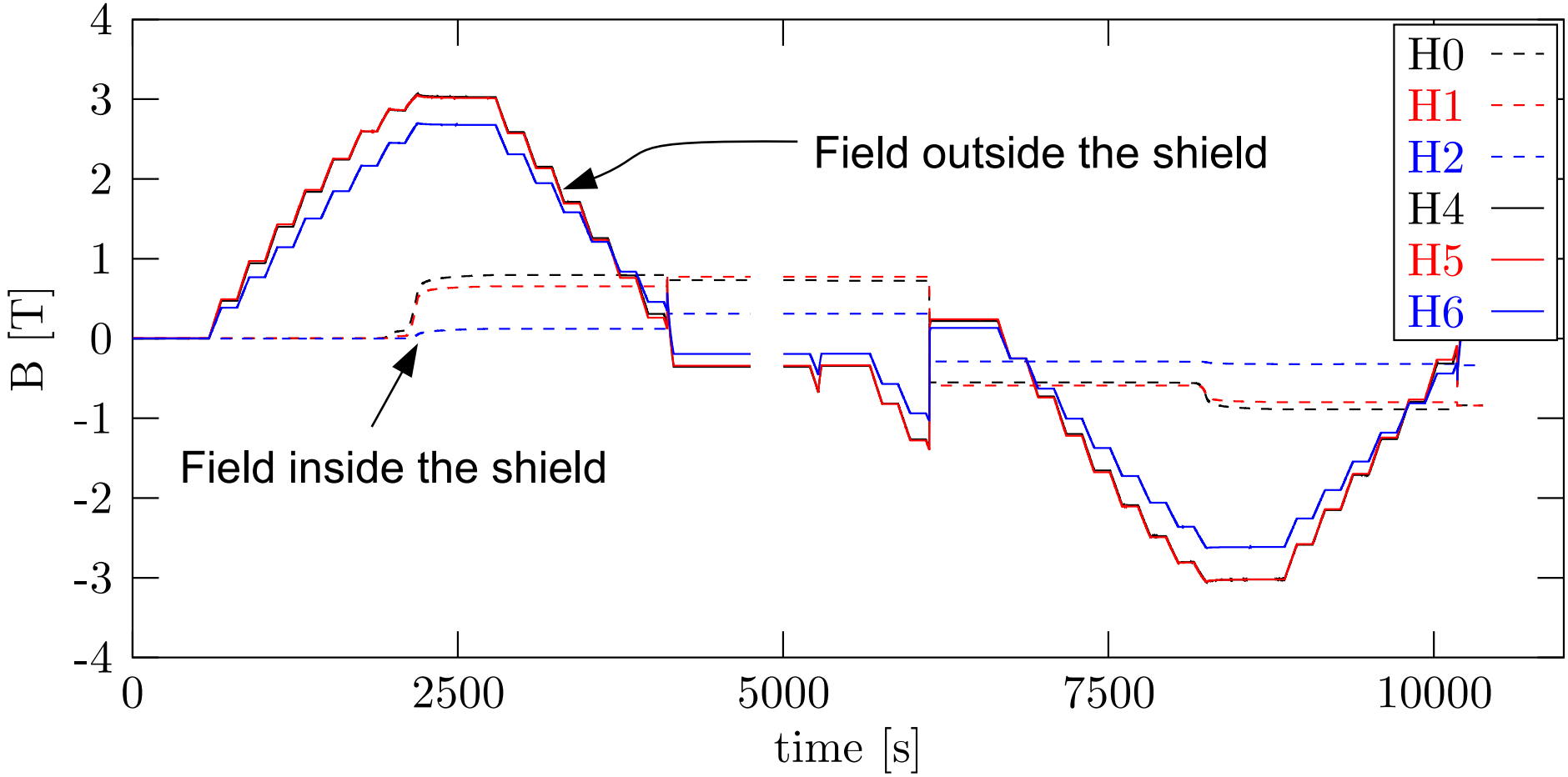

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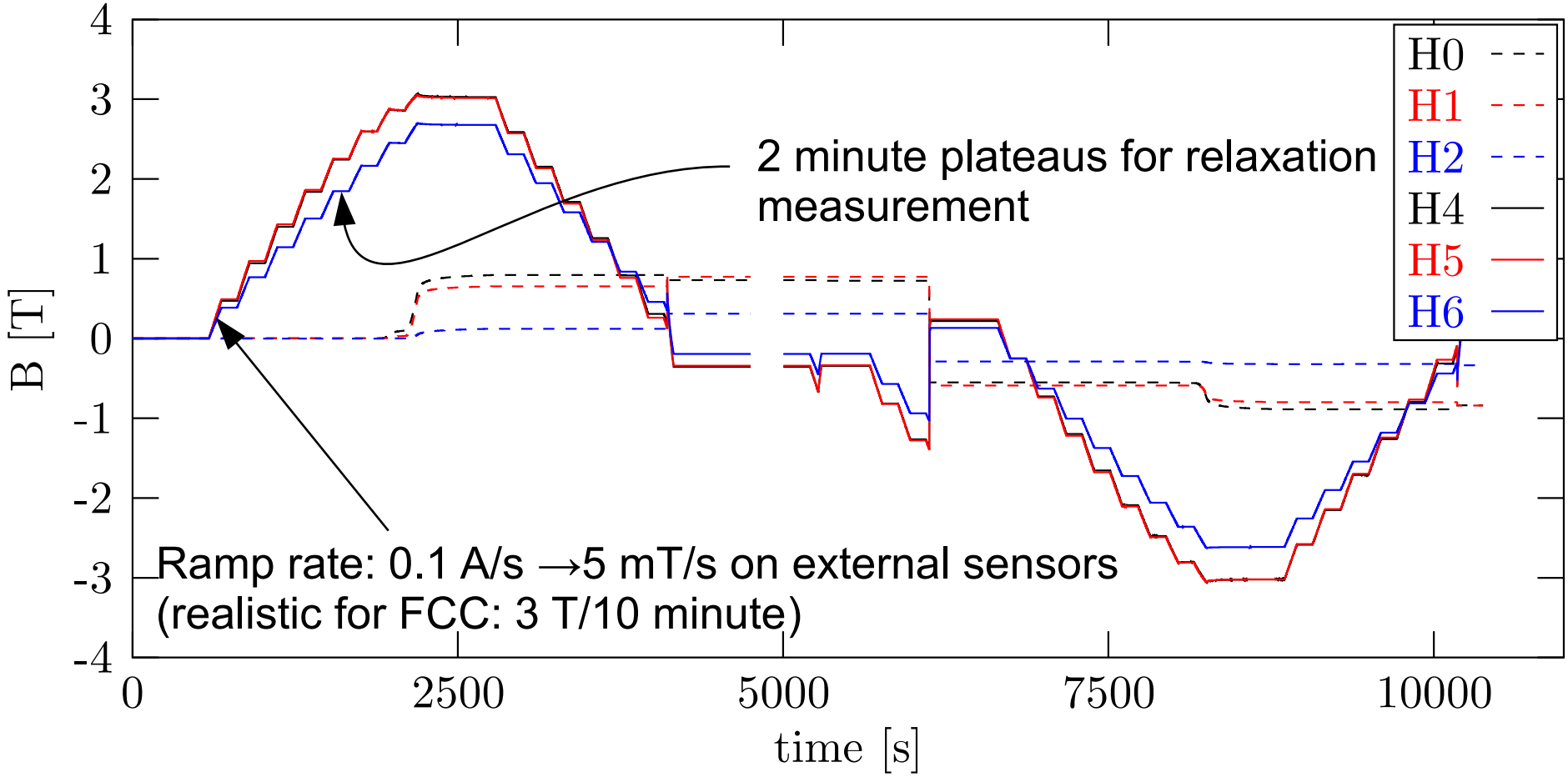

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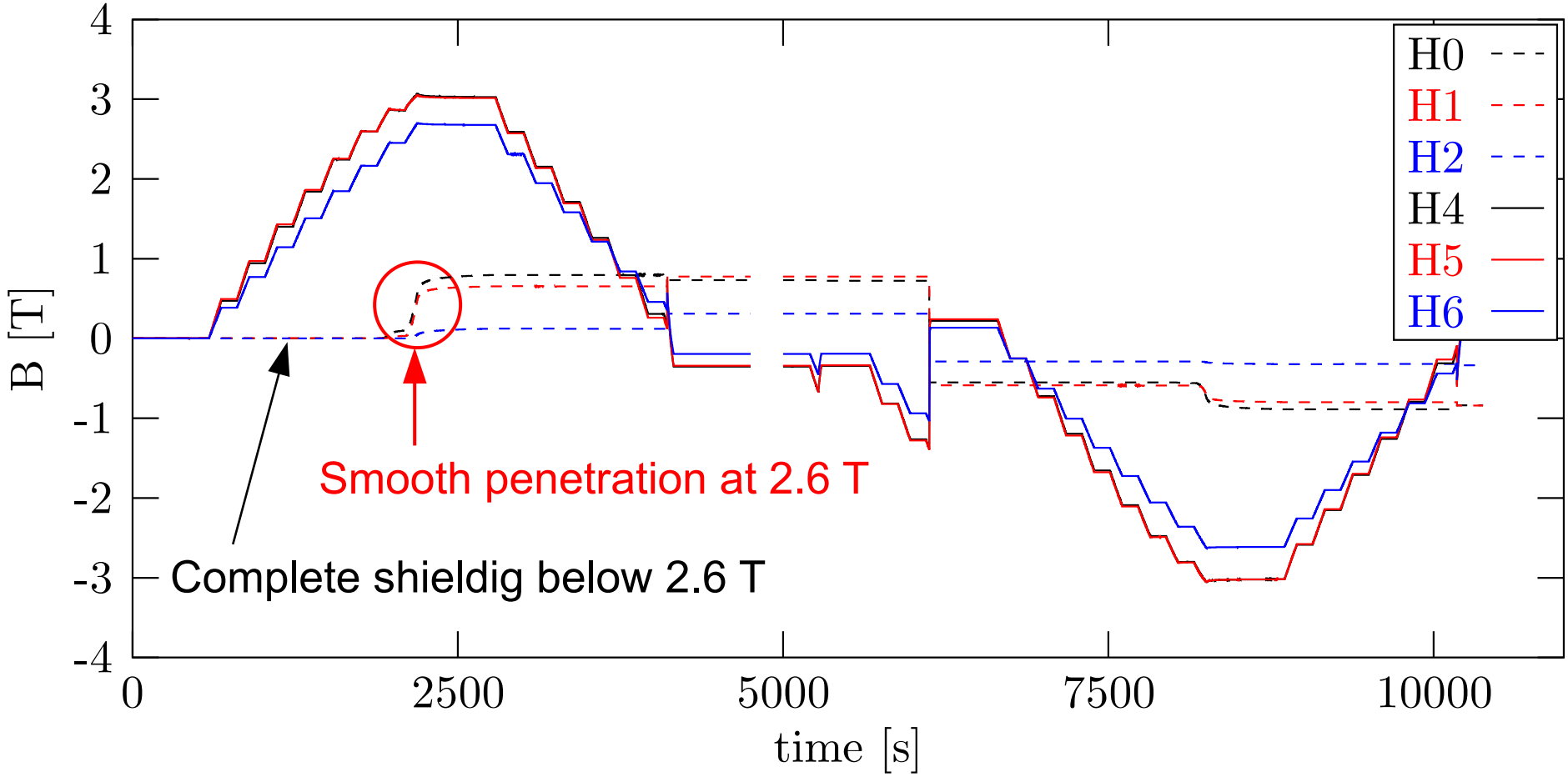

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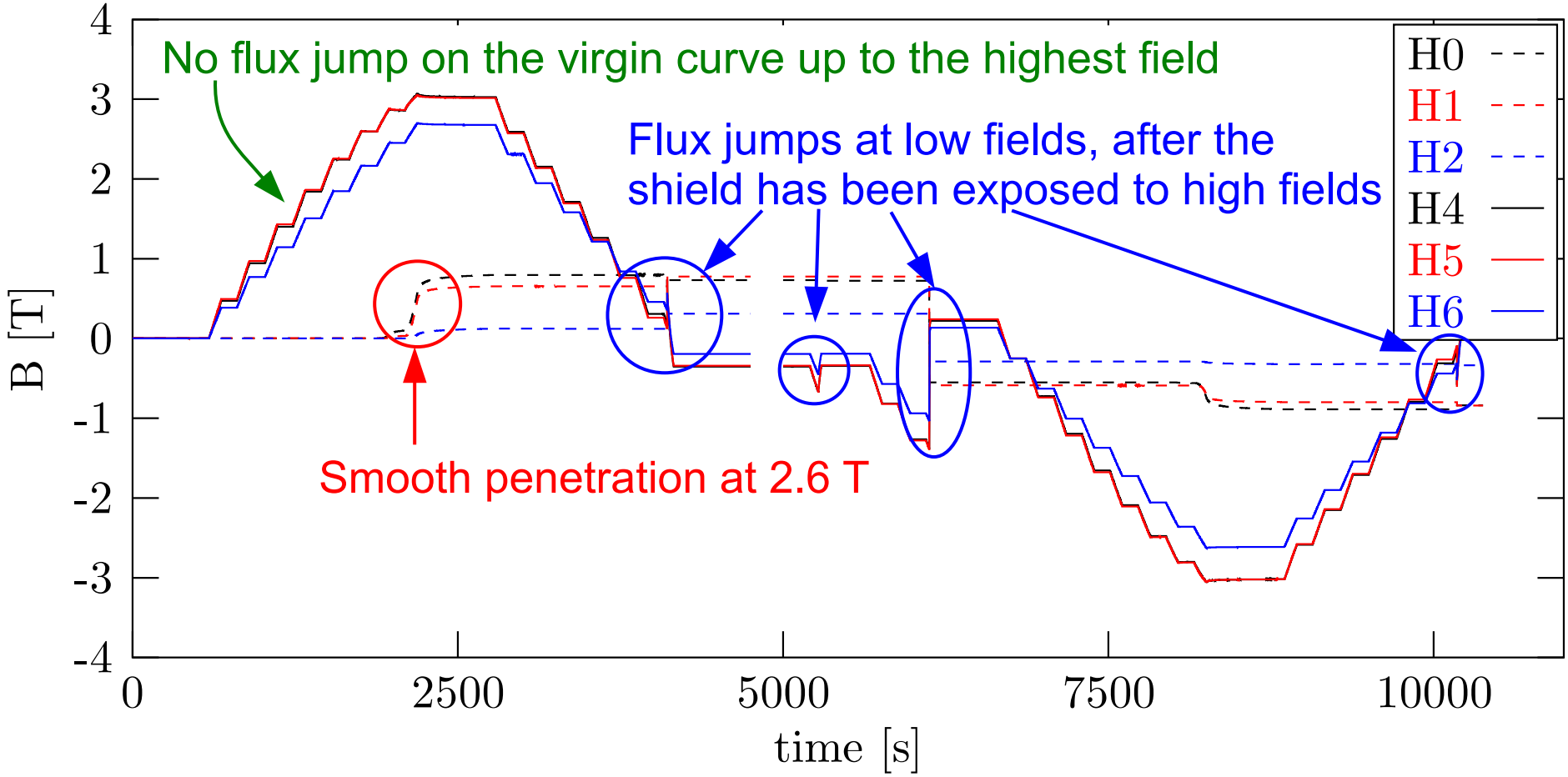

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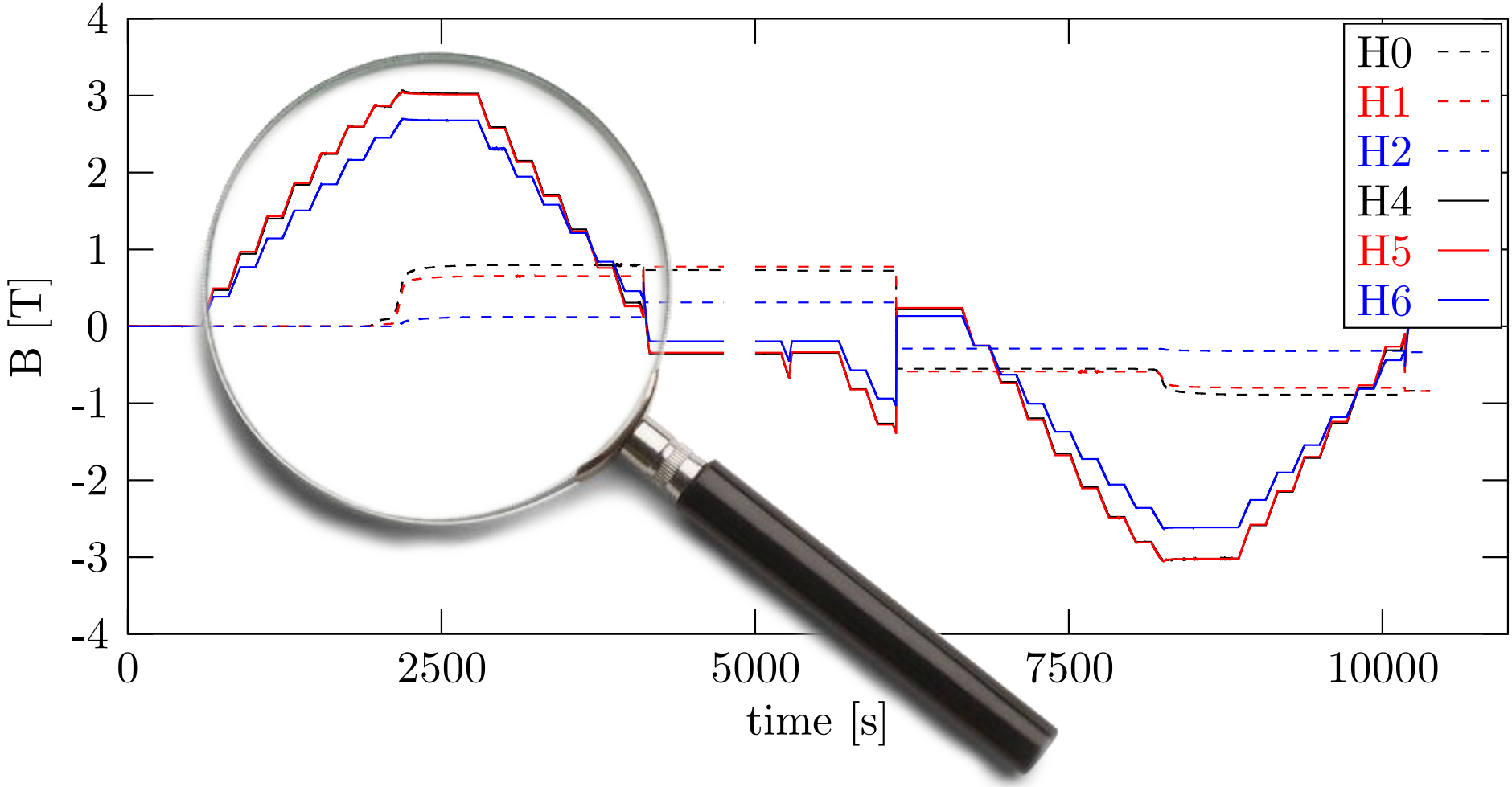
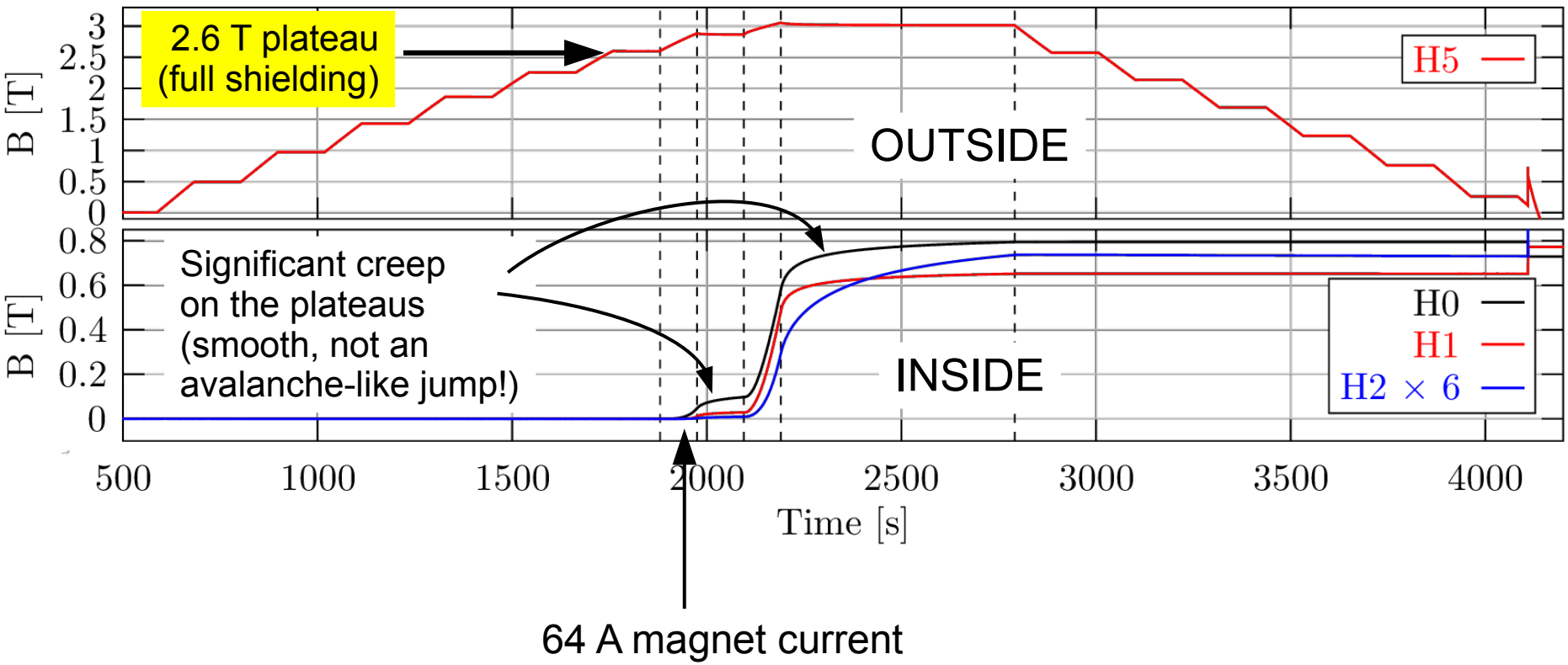


MgB_2: field penetration



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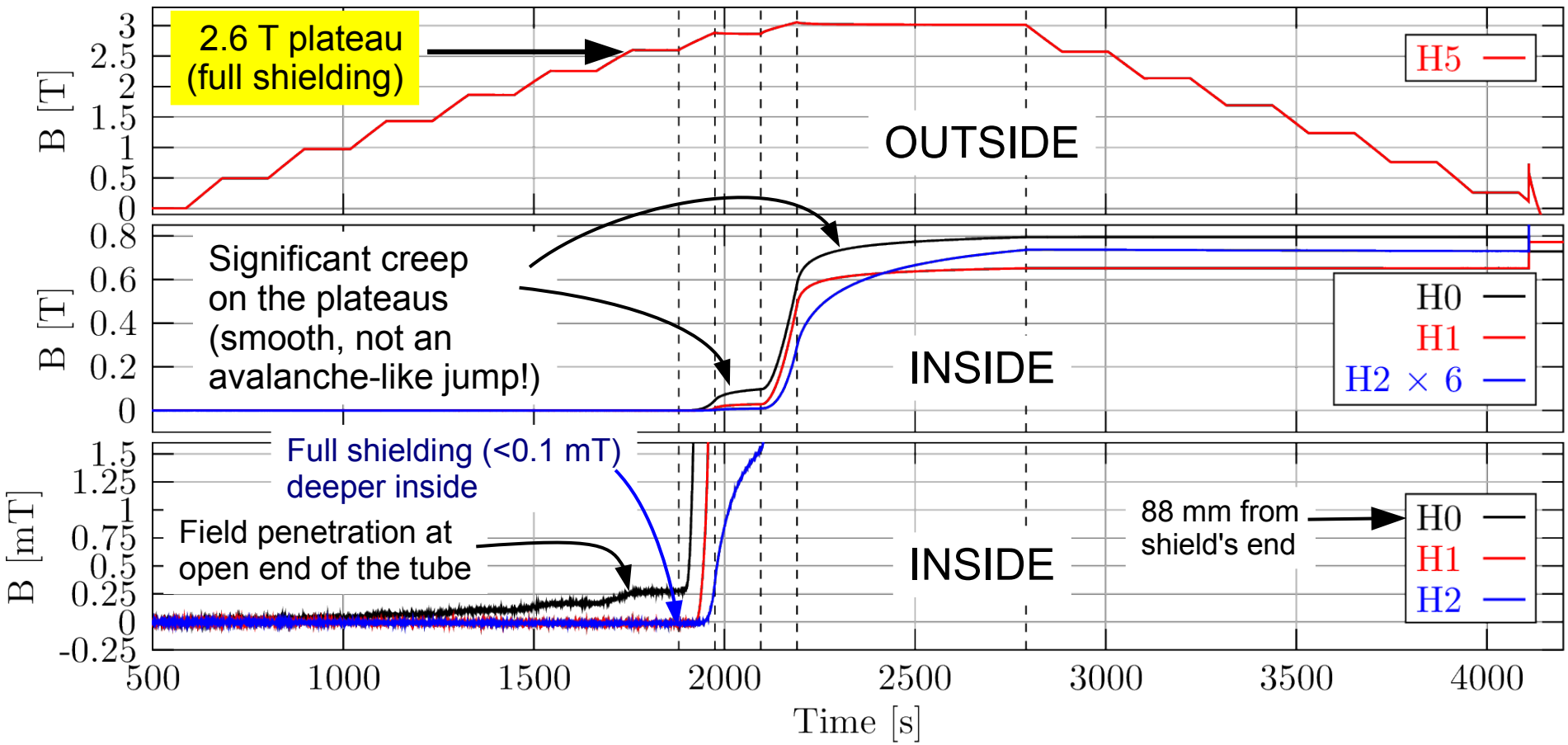

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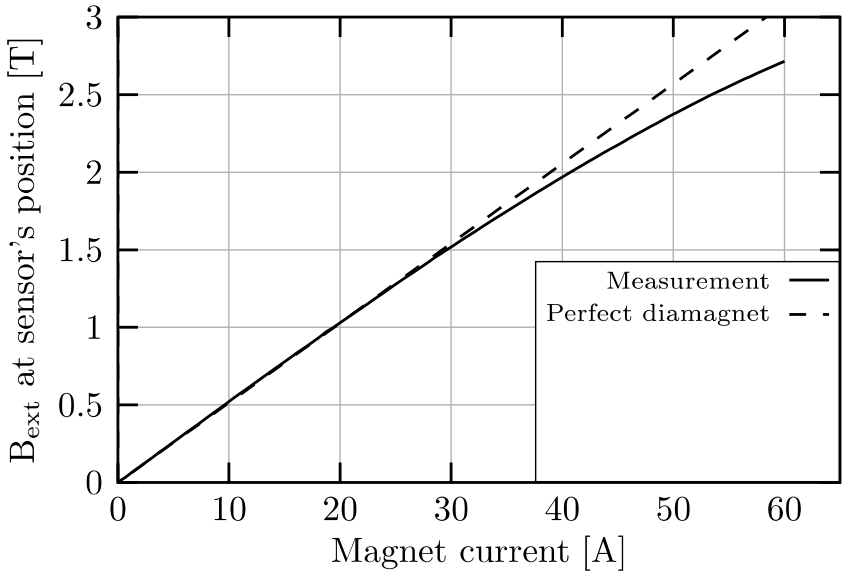

Measured external magnetic **field is non-linear as a function of magnet current**!

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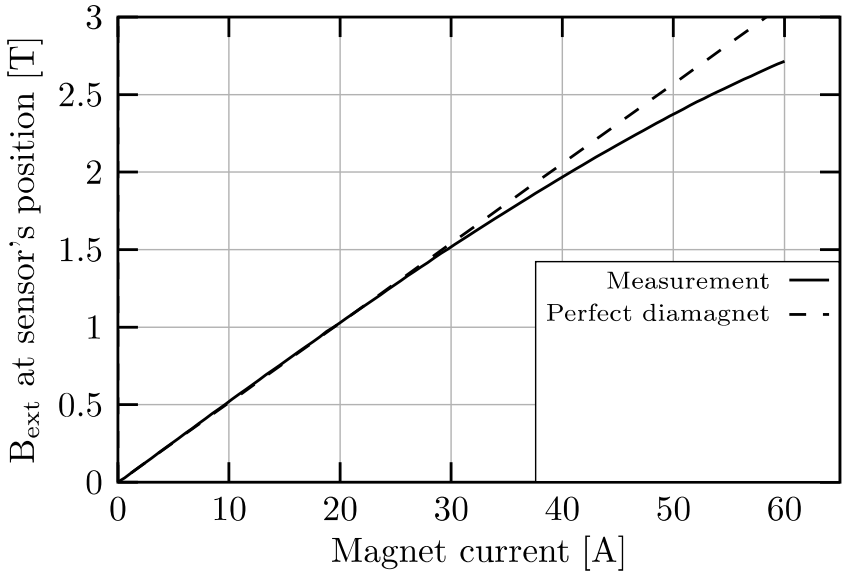

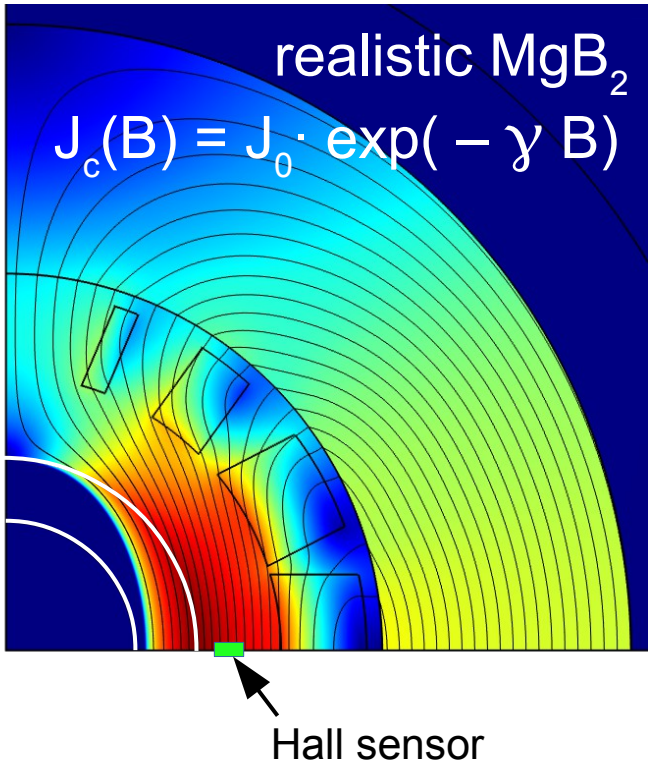

COMSOL simulation in precise model of MCBY magnet

- Increasing field → more penetration
- Effective shielding surface drifts away from Hall sensor
- Less field concentration at sensor

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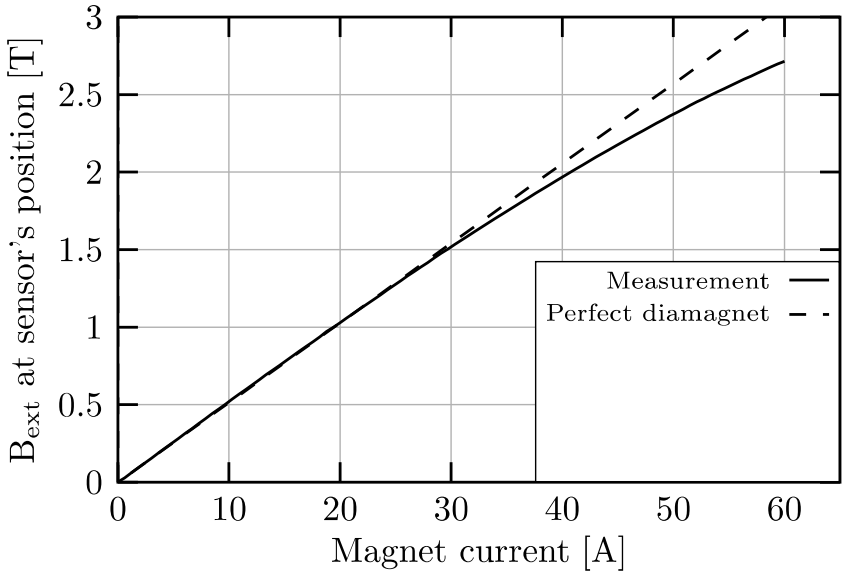

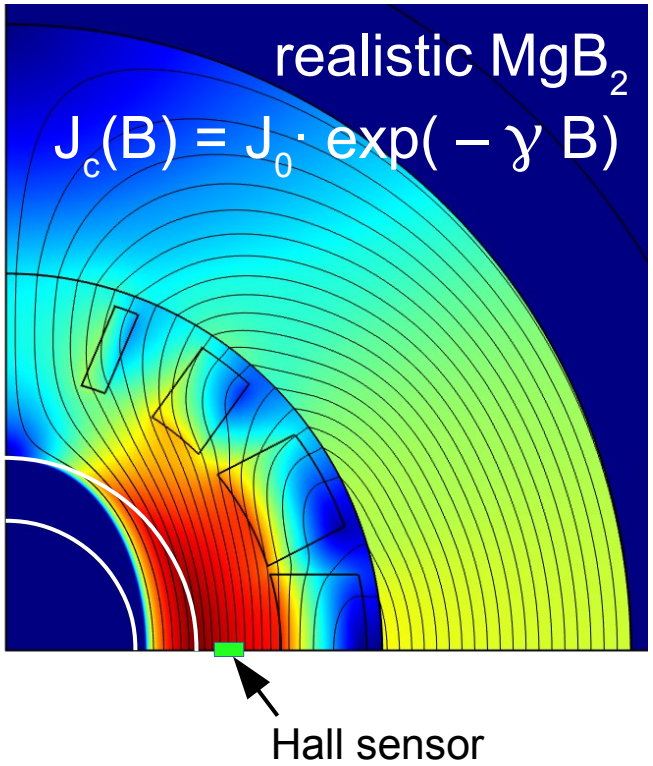

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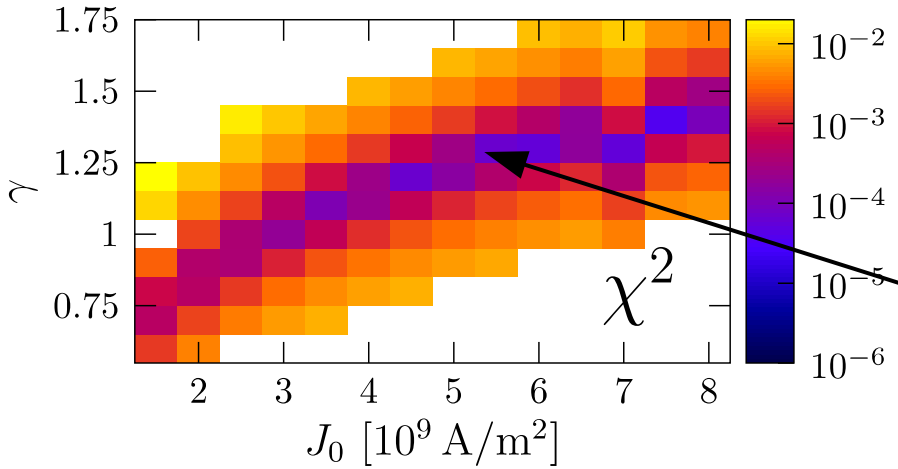

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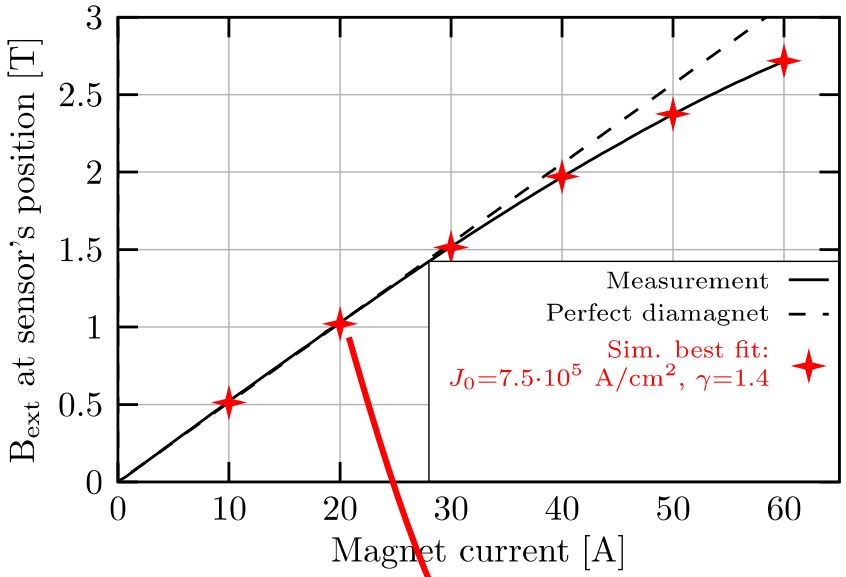

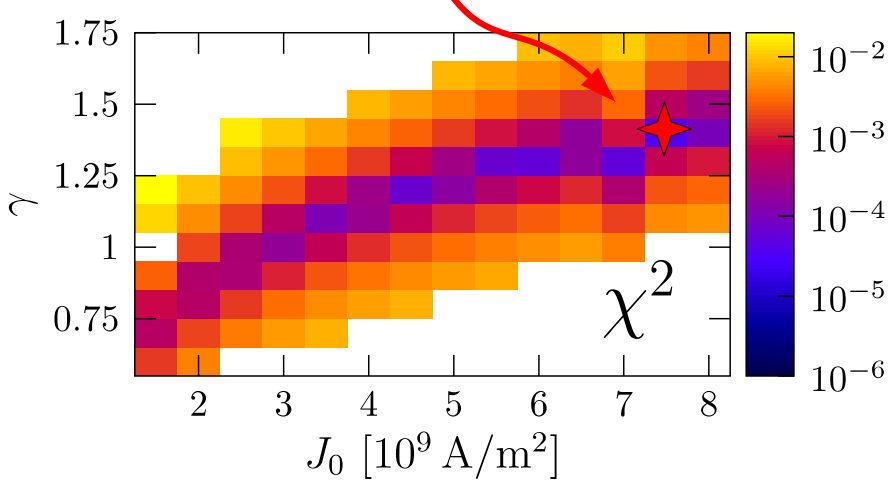

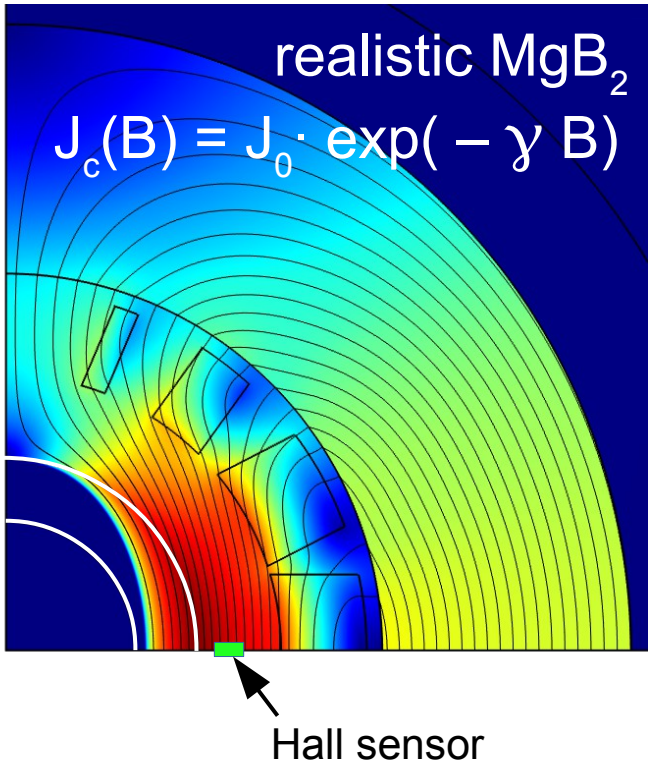

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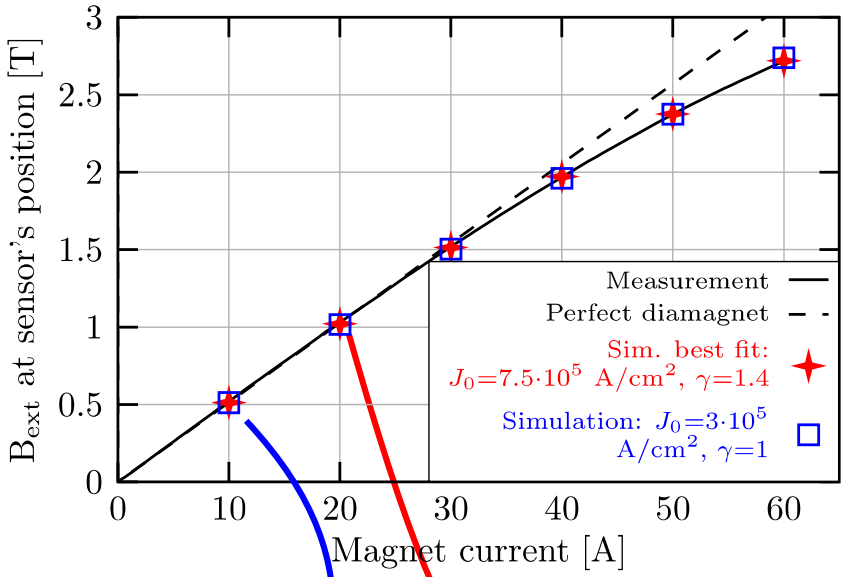

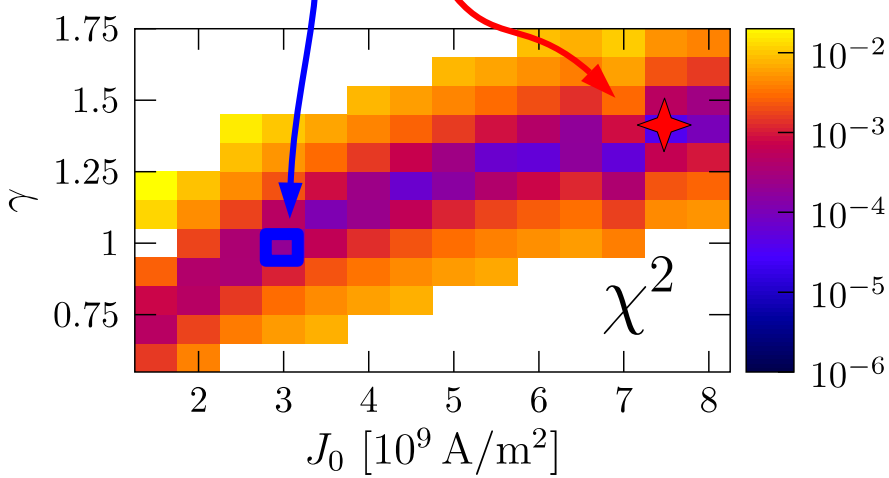

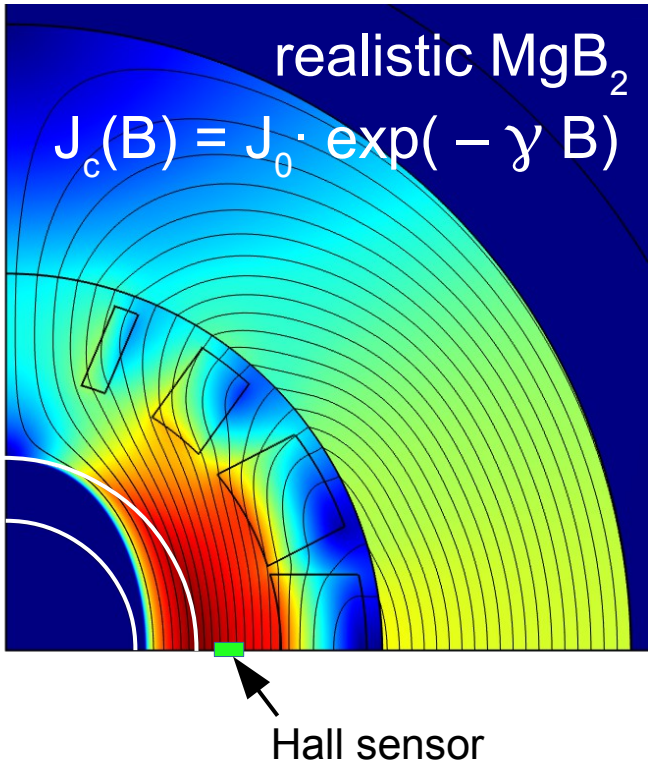

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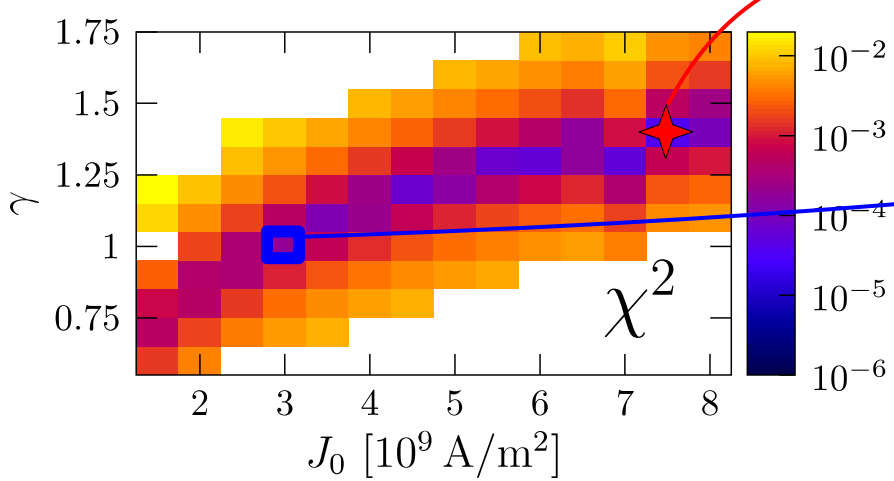
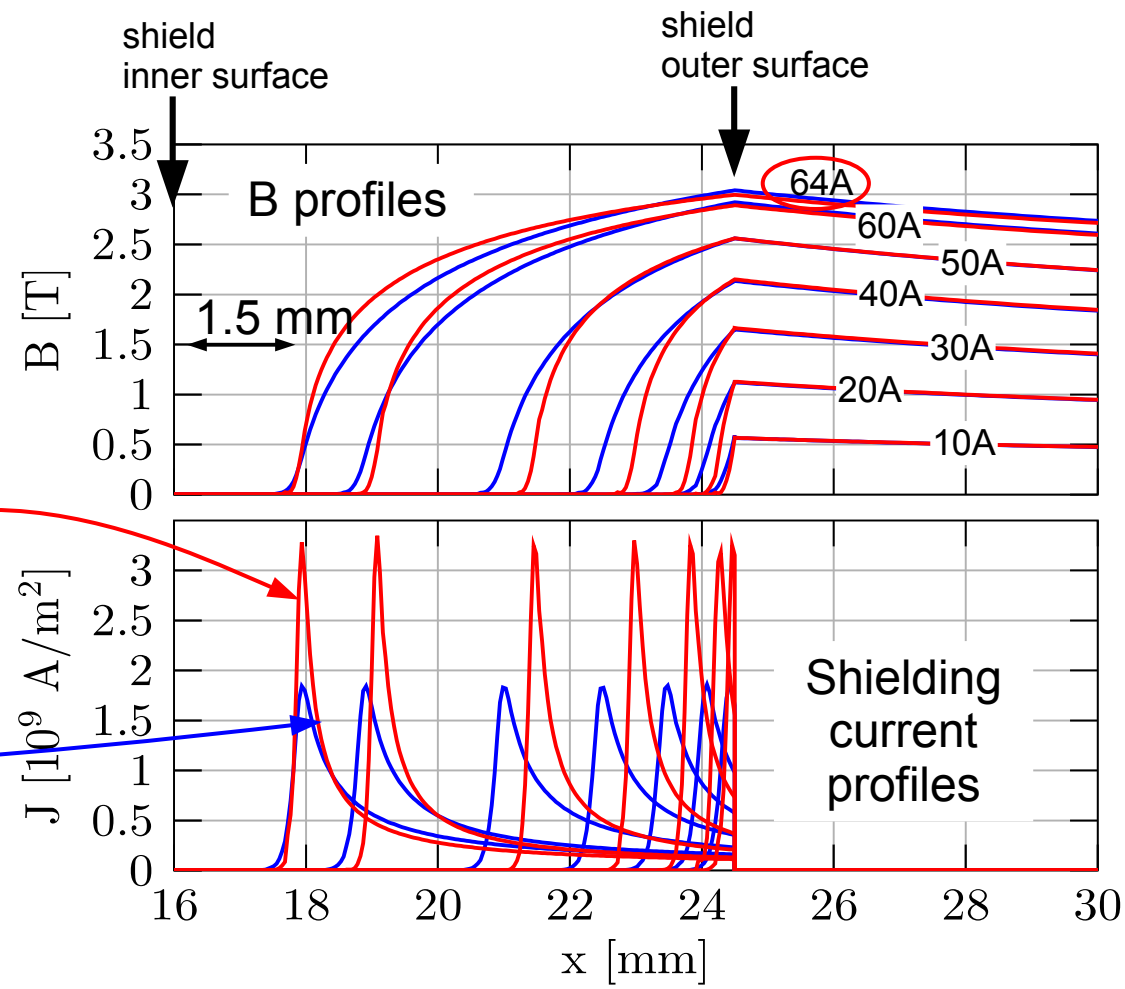
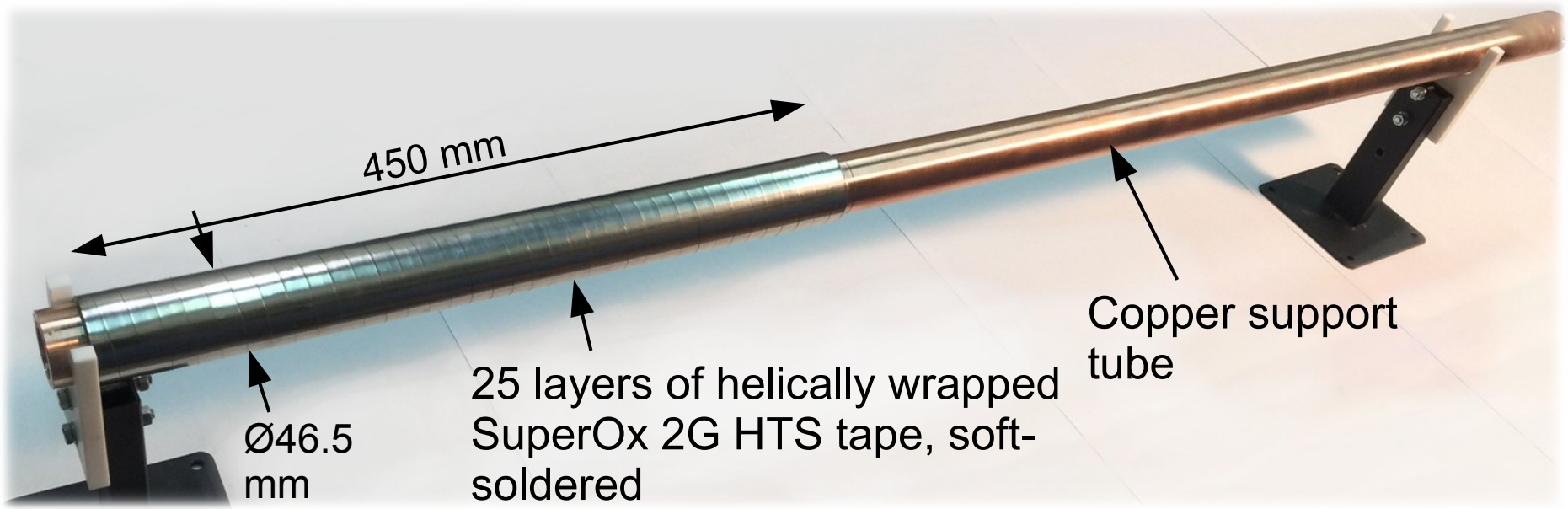
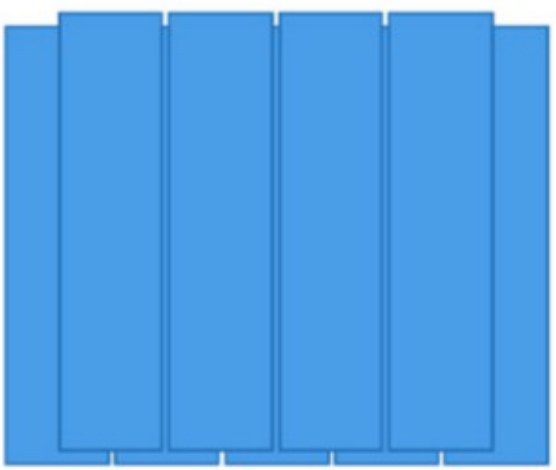
- From observed nonlinearity one can get **some** info on $J_c(B)$
- At 64 A different parameters give B penetration profiles with same, almost full depth



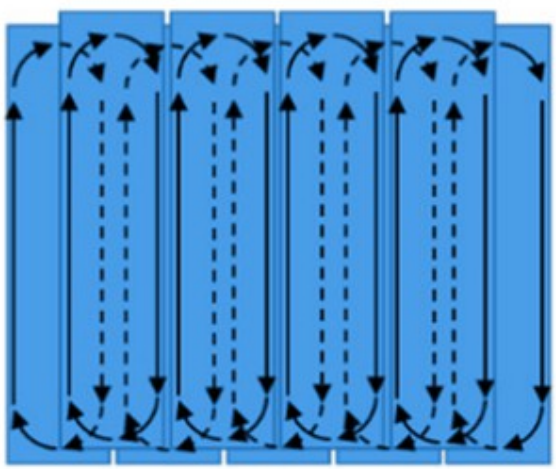


HTS tape covered tube

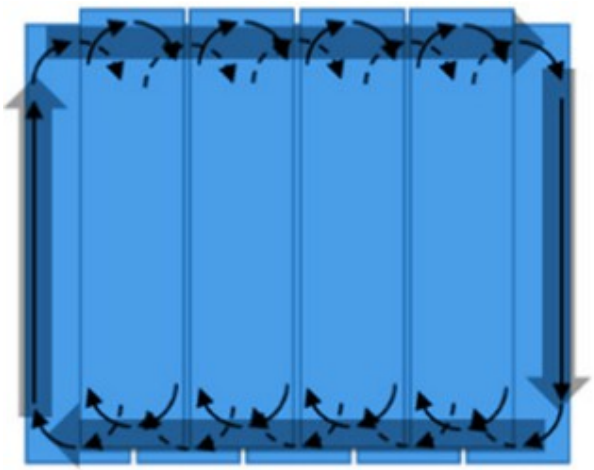




Layers overlapping

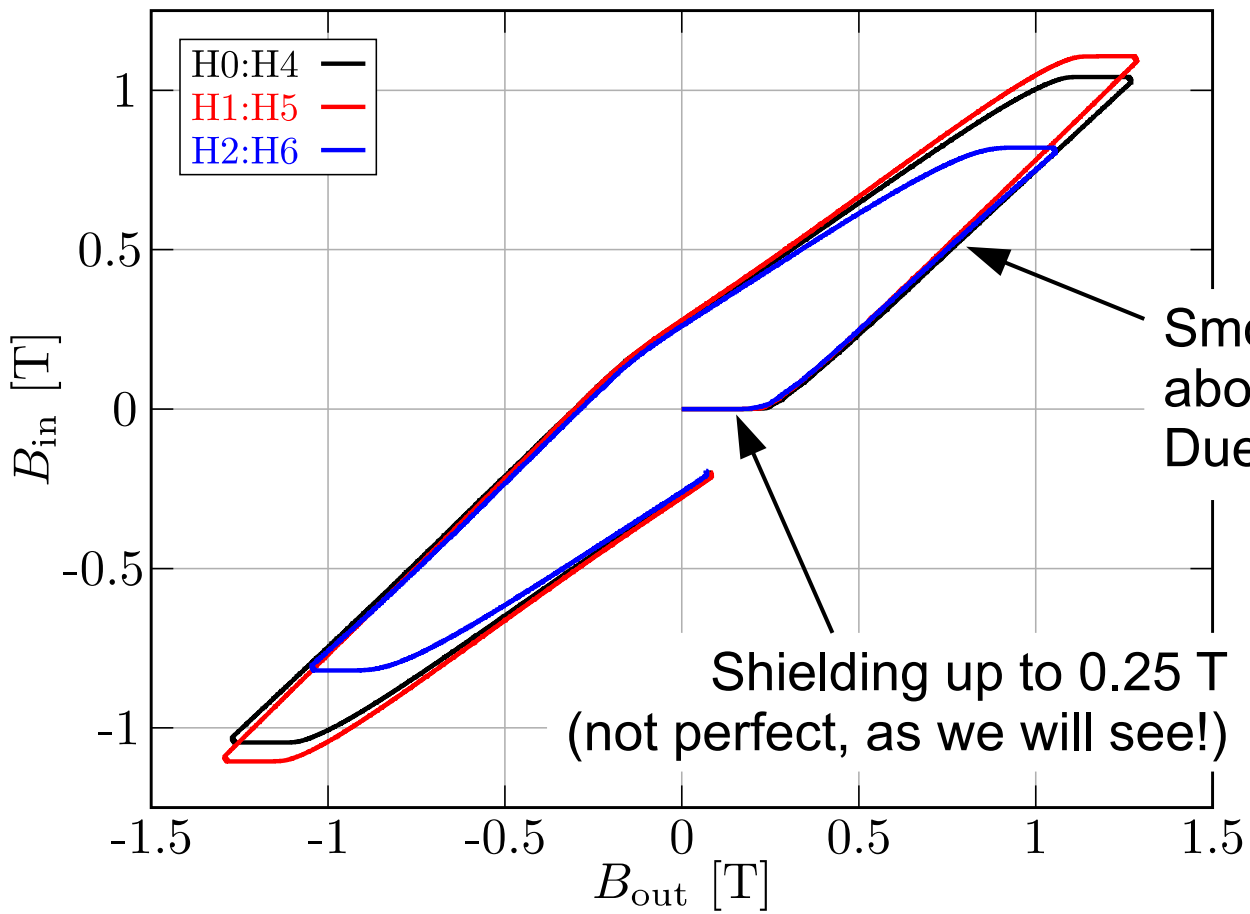


Little current loops



Superposition

HTS: Shielding performance

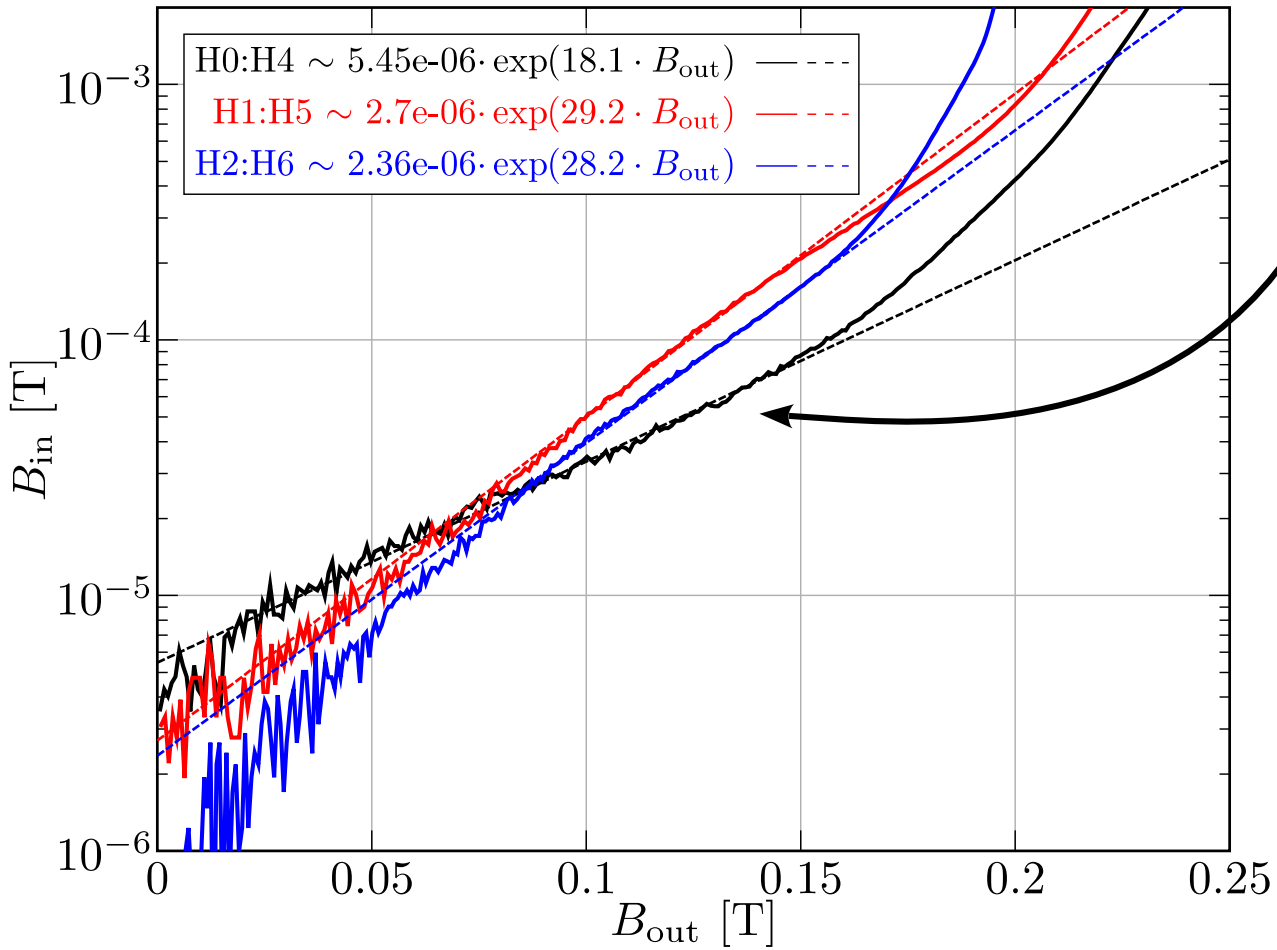


No flux jumps!

Smooth, full penetration
above 0.25 T
Due to limited J_c?

Shielding up to 0.25 T
(not perfect, as we will see!)

HTS: penetration at low field!



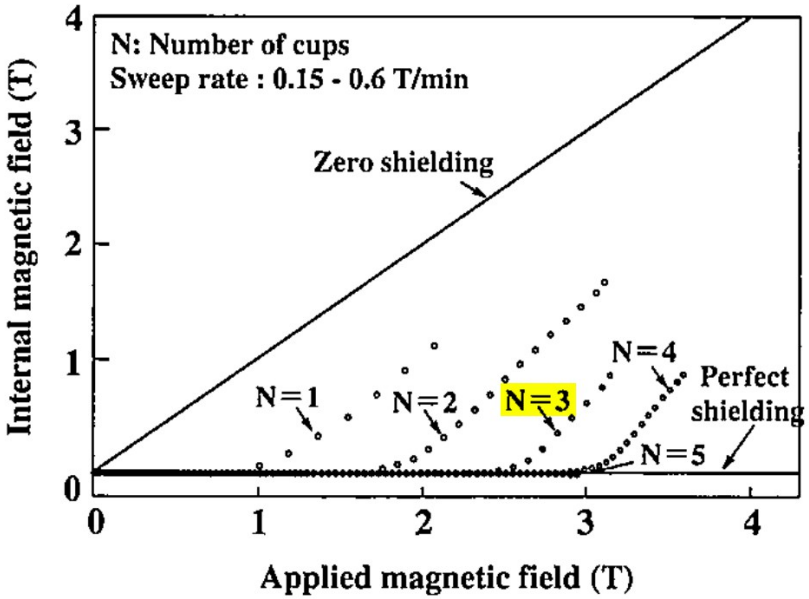
Continuous penetration from zero field!

Attenuation is about 10^{-3} here

Due to geometry?
(non-continuous geometry, small gaps between tape layers, small current loops)

NbTi/Nb/Cu multilayer shield

- Consists of multilayer sheets of ~0.8mm, containing 30 layers of 9 µm NbTi
- From previous tests it seem possible to shield 2.5T field with 3 sheets (~2.4mm)
- A 4-sheet shield will be tested in the beginning of next year



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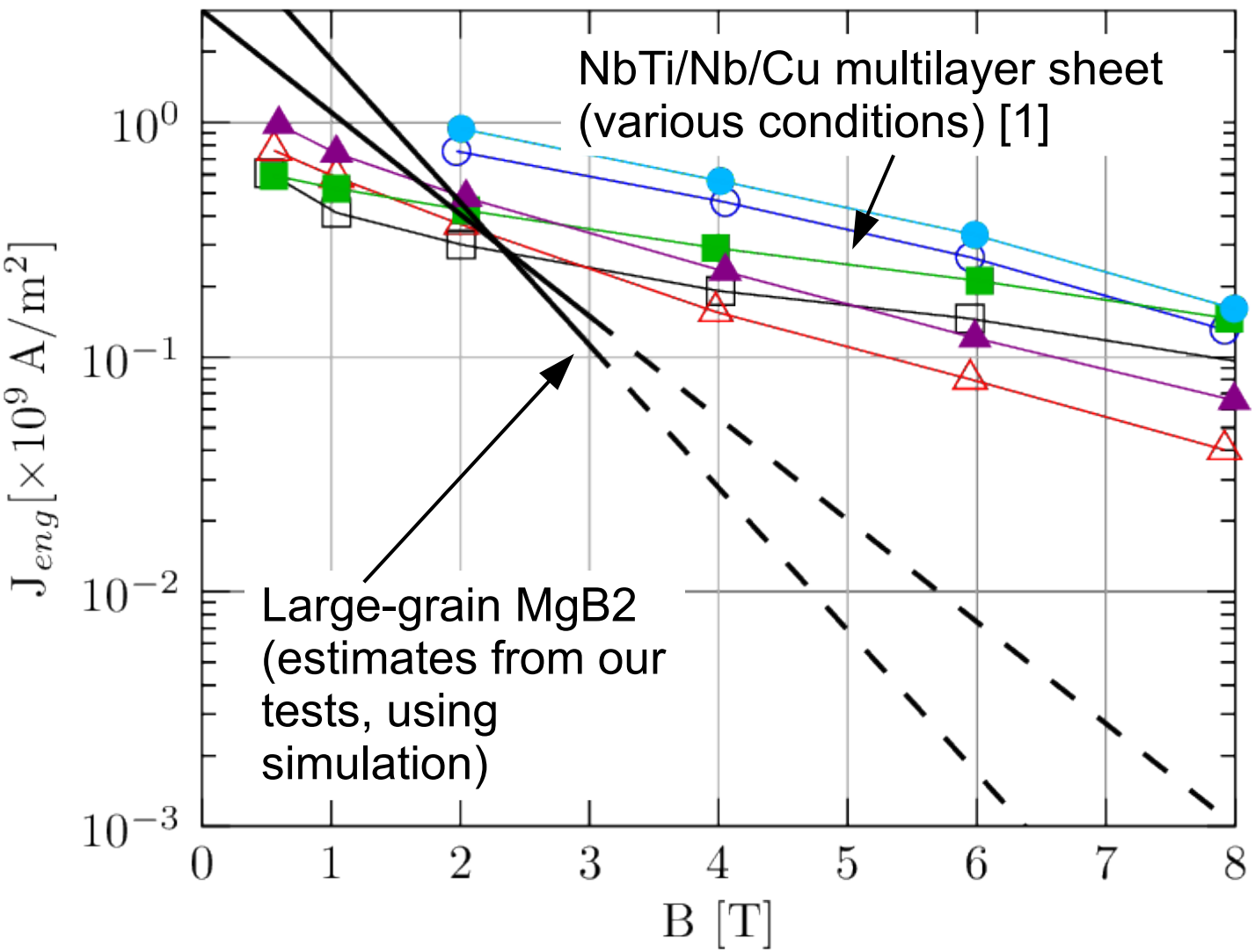

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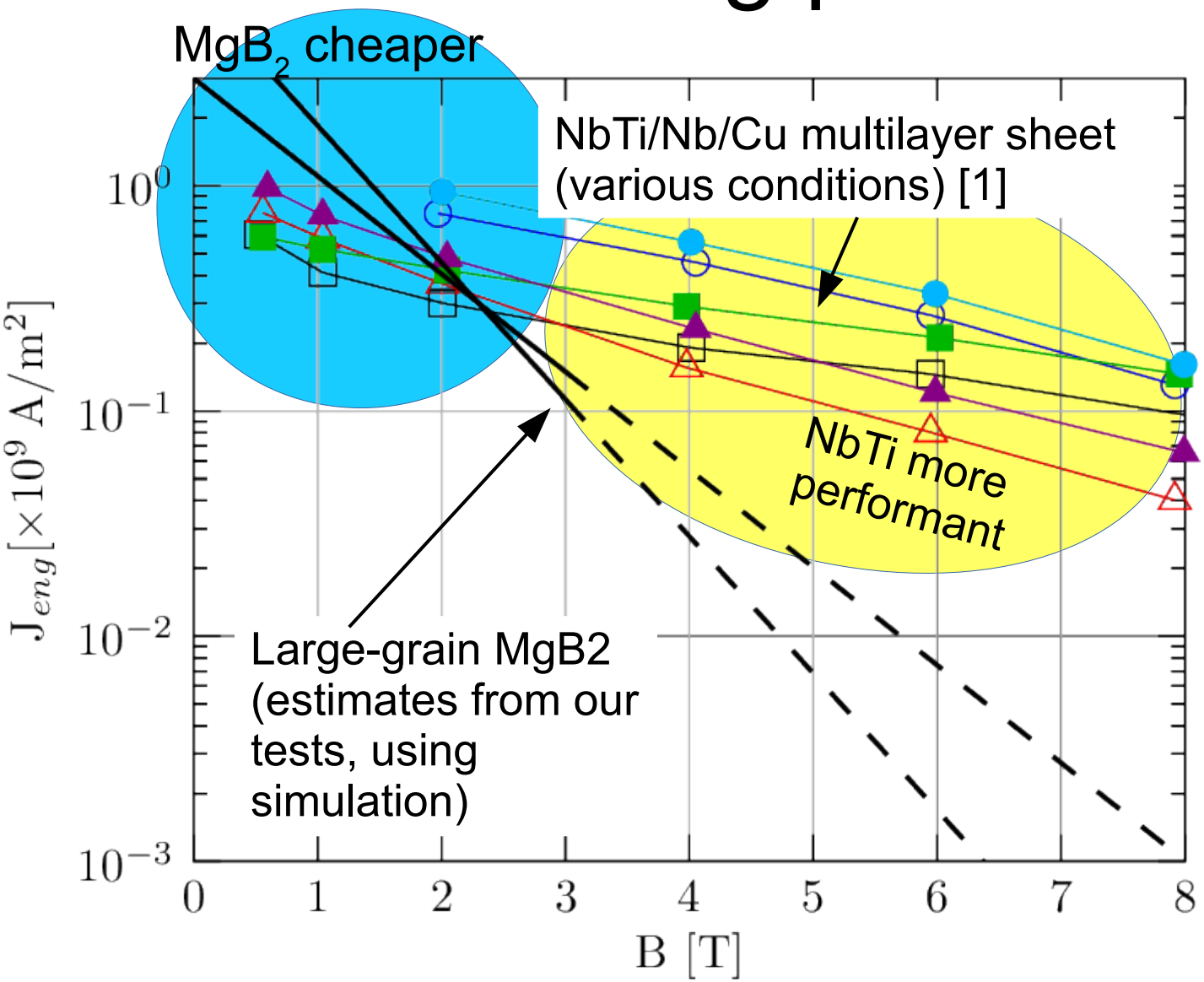

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Outlook

- Passive superconductors:
  - Perfect shielding if thickness is sufficient
  - Up to very high fields
  - DC and AC mode
  - Very attractive if space is tight
  - Very versatile:
    - MgB2: large bulk, complex shapes, EDM machining, cheap
    - NbTi multilayer: ductile, robust, formable
- Future plans:
  - Measurement of third prototype

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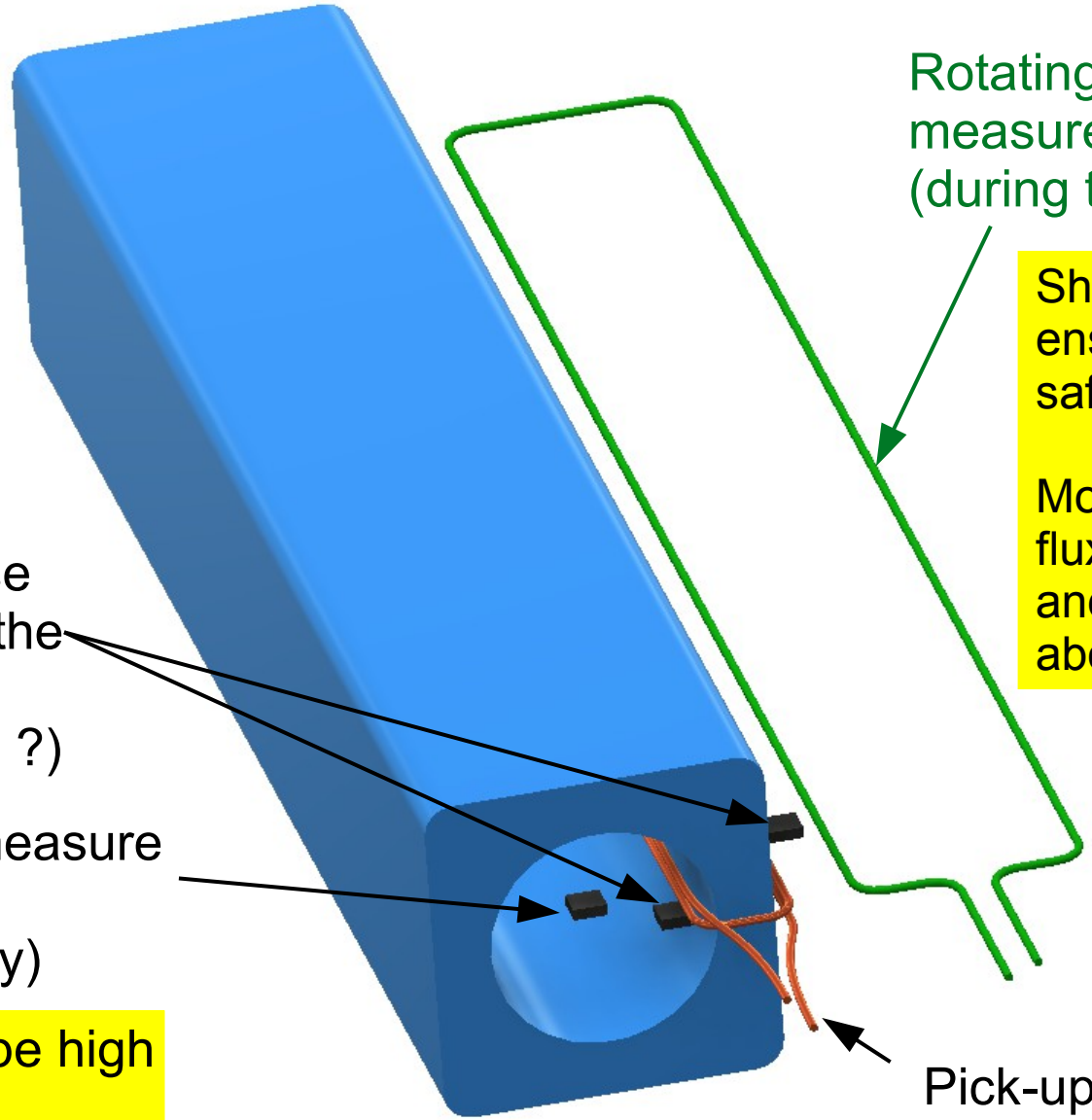
Additional slides

Measurement possibilities



Rotating coil to measure field quality (during tests only)

Shield thick enough to ensure **perfect shielding** safely...

Most important: detect flux-jumps (very quickly and reliably) →beam abort

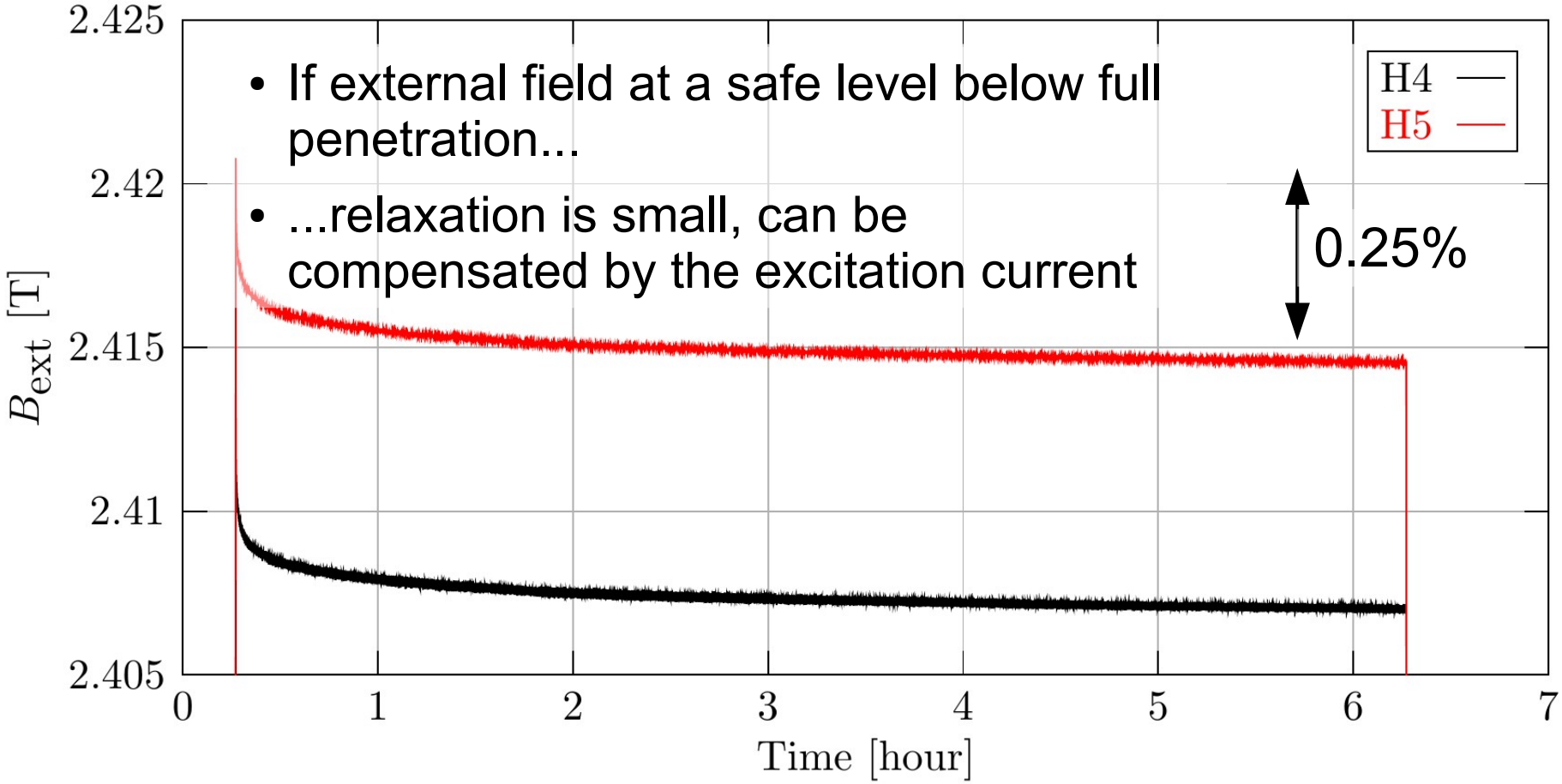
Hall sensors close to the shield (off the mid-plane) (tests & real app. ?)

Hall sensor to measure the „zero field" (during tests only)

Do not need to be high precision

Pick-up coil to detect flux-jump (tests & real app.)

MgB_2: long-term relaxation



- If external field at a safe level below full penetration...
- ...relaxation is small, can be compensated by the excitation current