

Design of a Tabletop Liquid-Helium-Free, Persistent-Mode 1.5-T/90-mm MgB₂

“Finger” MRI Magnet for Osteoporosis Screening

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OUTLINE

- ❑ Introduction – MIT 1.5 T *Finger* MRI Project
- ❑ Preliminary Studies at the MIT FBML/PSFC
 - : Small-scale Prototype and Superconducting Joints
- ❑ Final Design Report
 - : SN_2 -cooled, Shielded, 1.5-T/90-mm MgB_2 Magnet
 - : Active Shielded Gradient Coils
- ❑ Conclusion

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REQUIREMENT

Compact, Affordable *Osteoporosis Screening* MRI



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Design, construction, test of *LHe-Free, iron-Shielded, persistent 1.5-T/90-mm MgB₂ magnet.*

Gradient coil design confirm and fabrication.

MRI system assembly.

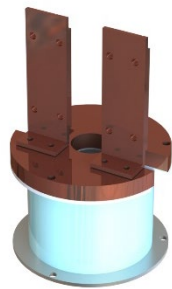
Active-shield gradient coil design

MRI spectroscopy, amplifiers, power supplies

System testing with phantom and specimen

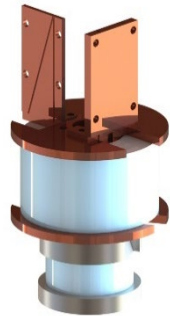
Preliminary Researches at MIT

Small-scale MgB₂ magnets



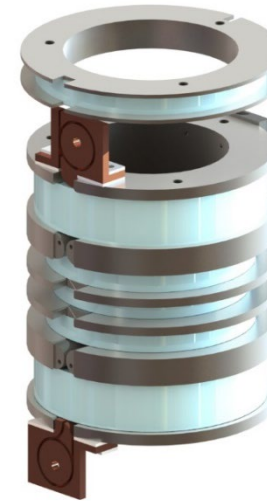
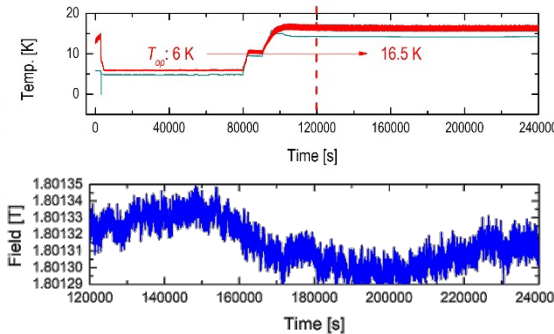
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SN₂-cooled single coil with use of 76-m MgB₂ wire



(2018)

SN₂-cooled persistent two-coil magnet with 86-m MgB₂ wire



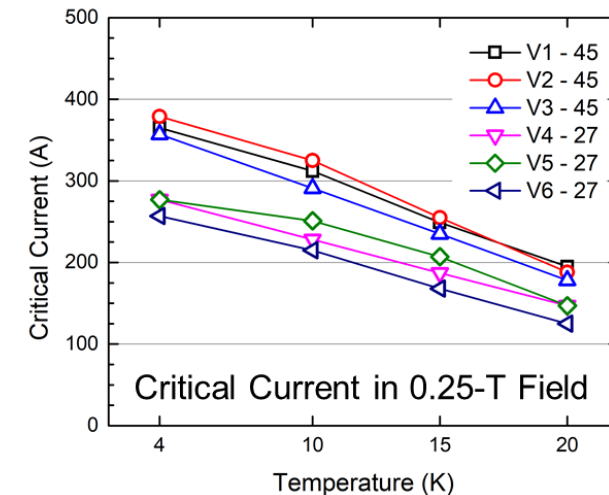
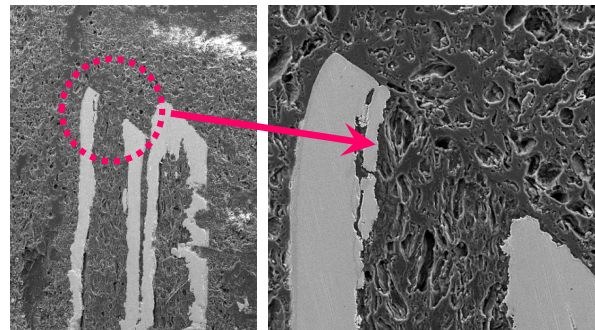
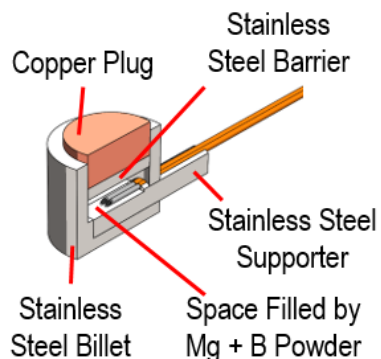
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SN₂-cooled persistent 5-Coil MRI-field quality 1.5T/(RT)54mm magnet with 580-m MgB₂ wire

Construction, operation details to be presented:

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Superconducting joint technique

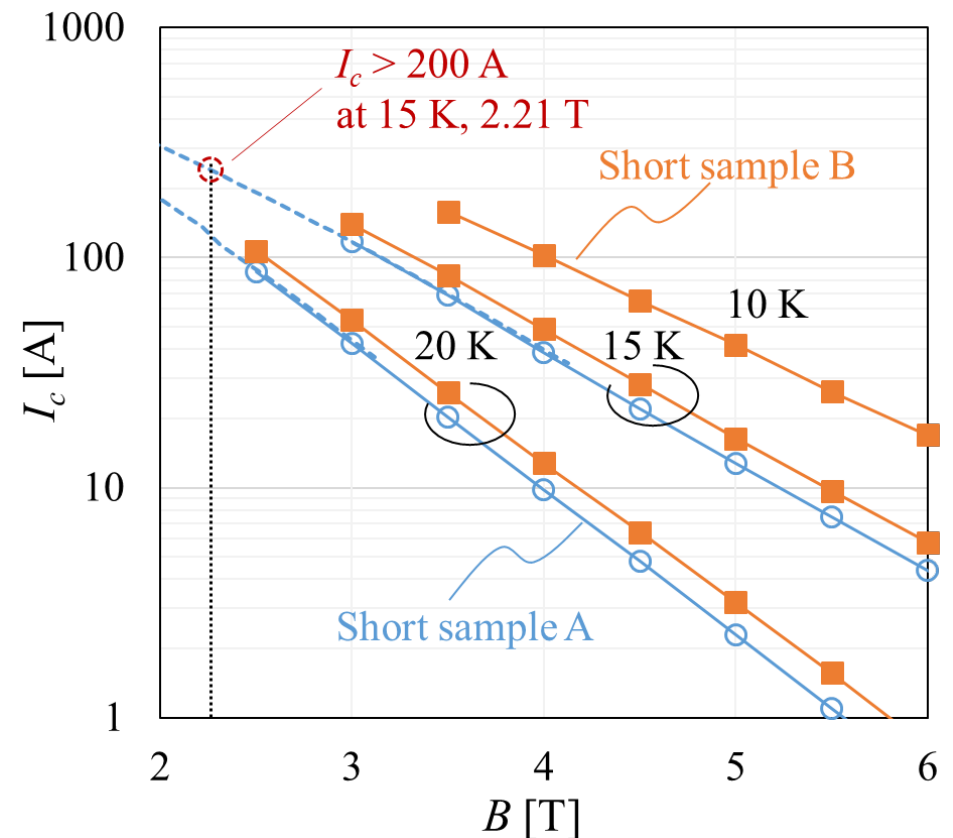


Design Requirement and MgB₂ Wire

Field Intensity	[T]	1.5
Magnet Bore	[mm]	>90
Region of Interest, (DSV)	[mm]	25
Homogeneity (Peak-to-Peak)	[ppm]	<5
Temporal Stability	[ppm/hr]	<0.1
Radial 5-Gauss Fringe Field Radius	[m]	<0.5
Operating Temperature	[K]	10 – 15
Time 10 → 15 K in SN₂ (cooler off)*	[hr]	>5

*To Eliminate cryo-cooler vibration during scanning

Total length (Unit length)	1,400 (m)
Diameter	Bare 0.64-0.65 (mm) w/insulation 0.74-0.78 (mm)
Insulation	T-glass (typically 0.06 mm ^t)
Cross-section	-
Heat treatment	600 °C 12 hr
I _c	117 A at 15 K, 3 T > 200 A at 15 K, 2 T
N-index	30 at 20 K, 3 T (> 30 at 15 K, 2 T)



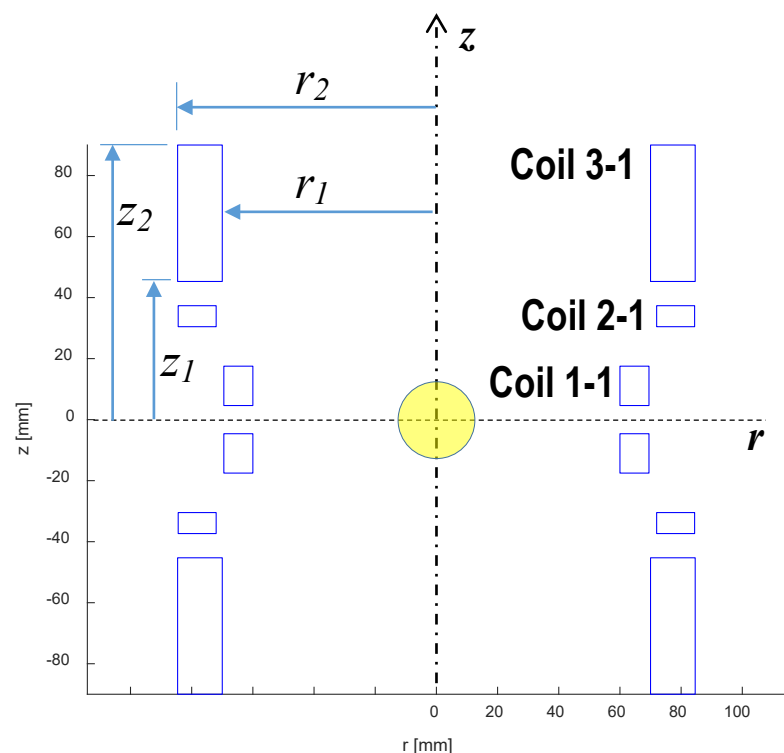
Magnet Design: Method

- ❑ Unshielded 6-coil design optimization by use of *genetic algorithms with **simulated annealing***
 - Cost function is evaluated with different weight parameters: B0 (**1.35 T**), homogeneity (**<5 ppm**), length (**<1.4 km**).
 - Find the lowest function value within the magnet size confinement.
- ❑ Re-optimization with **an iron-shield** using 2D FEM
 - Parameter: B0 (**1.5 T**), fringe field (5-gauss at **0.5-m** radius)
- ❑ Refine design using 3D FEM model with more detailed shapes of magnet taken into account.
- ❑ From cooled-down/energized dimensions to **RT dimensions** for manufacture.

Limit: Heat treatment inducing irreversible deformation, maybe occurred in MgB₂, is ignored.


Magnet Design: Main Coil

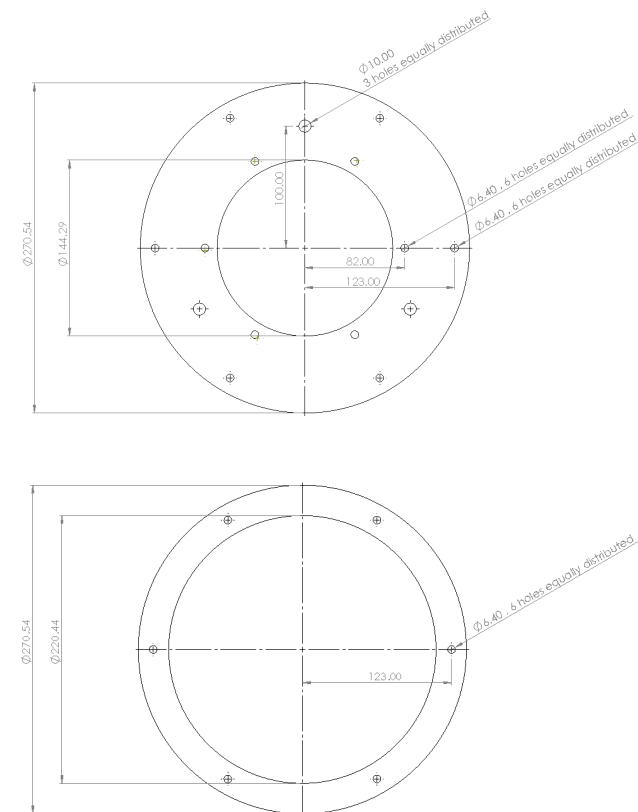
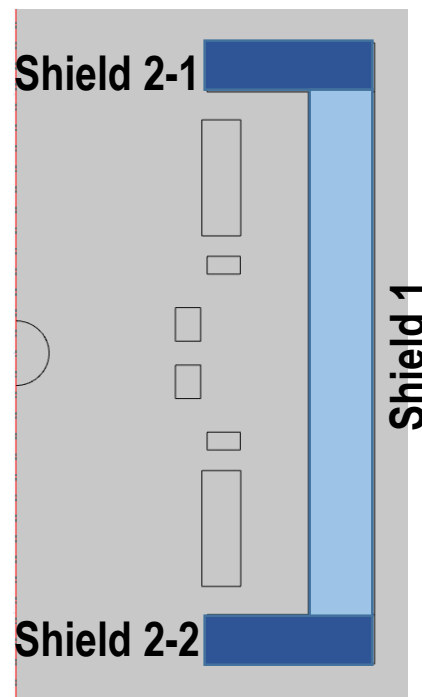
- ❑ Wire dimension from actual winding practice.
- ❑ Cooled-down, energized coil dimension.



Mid-plane symmetry	Coil 1-1	Coil 2-1	Coil 3-1
Wire (insulated) dimension	0.86 mm × 0.73 mm		
$2r_1; 2r_2$ [mm]	120.00; 138.98	144.00; 168.82	140.00; 169.20
$z_1; z_2$ [mm]	4.62; 17.52	30.46; 37.34	45.28; 90.00
# turns/layer; # layers	15; 13	8; 17	52; 20
Total length [m]	1,303		
I_{op} [A]	105		
Center field [T]	1.33		
Max field [T]	1.55	1.25	1.88
σ_{hoop} (EM only) [MPa]	16	15	22
Total inductance [mH]	619 (Stored energy: 3.4 kJ)		
Homogeneity @ 25-mm DSV [ppm]	1400		
5-gauss line [m]	(Radial) 1.01 ; (Axial) 1.28		

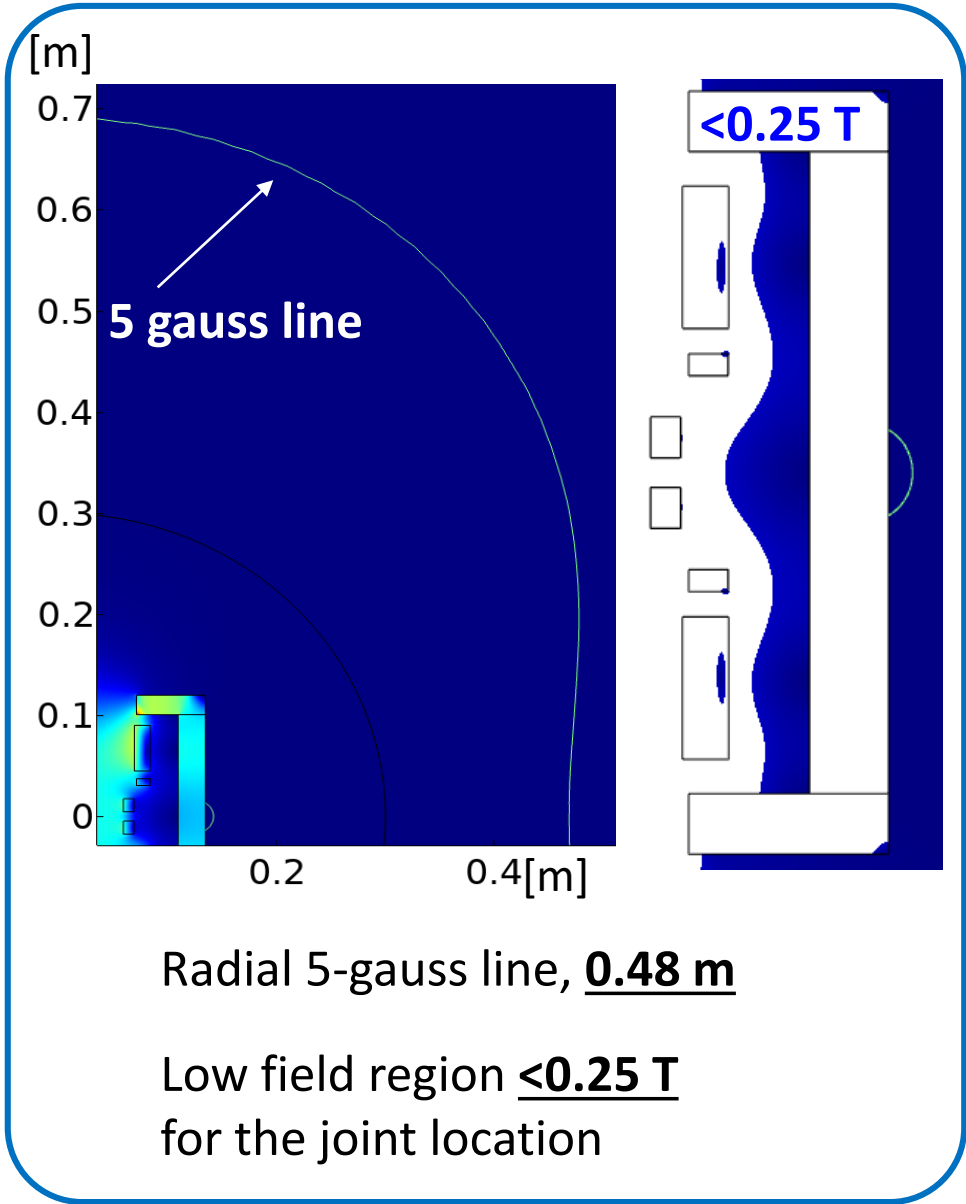
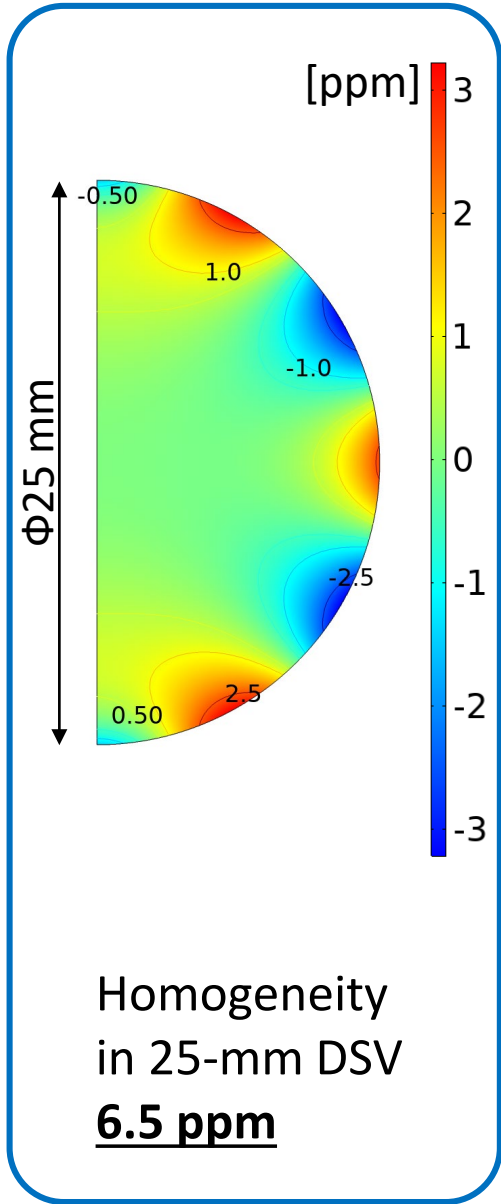
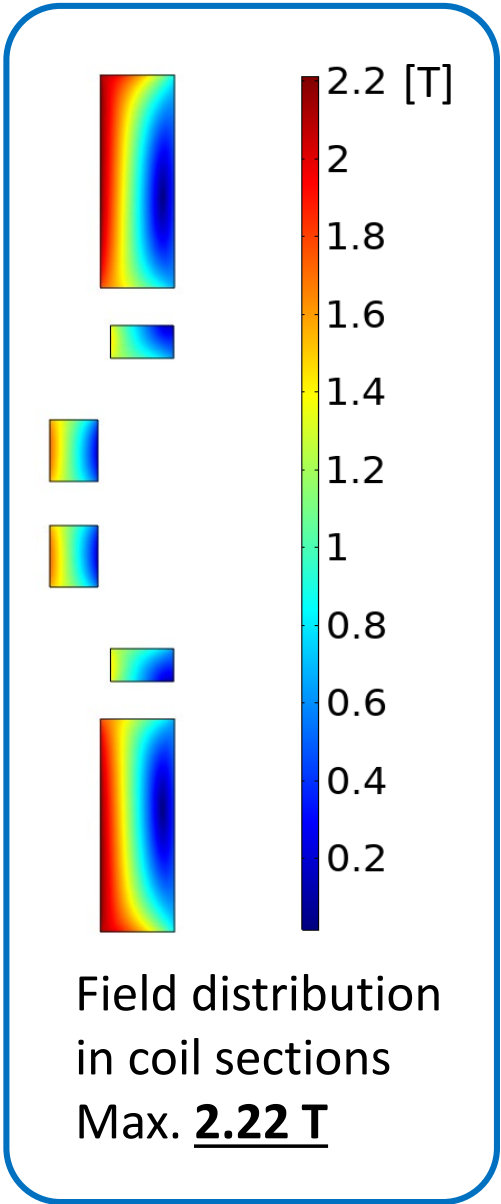
Magnet Design: Iron-Shield

	Shield 1	Shield 2-1
Material	0.5-mm thick Silicon Steel NGO 50PN1300	
$2r_1; 2r_2$ [mm]	220; 270	144; 270
$z_1; z_2$ [mm]	-100.80; 100.80	100.80; 119.76
Stack #	404	2 × 38
Cutting Method	Laser Cut	
		



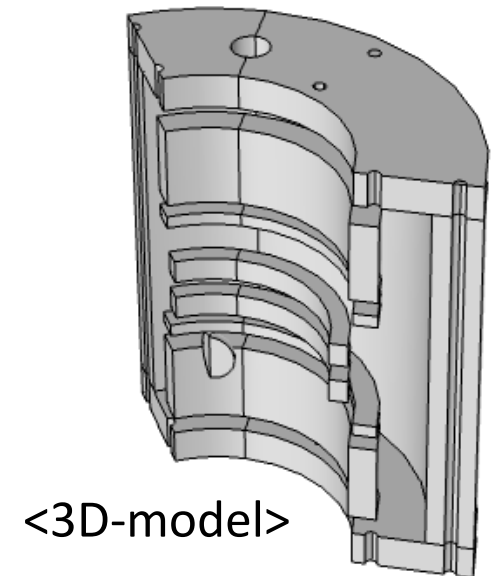
Mid-plane symmetry	Coil 1-1	Coil 2-1	Coil 3-1
Center field [T]	1.33 → 1.5		
Max field [T]	1.73	1.45	2.21
σ_{hoop} (energ. only) [MPa]	17.4	17	26
Total inductance [mH]	720 (Stored energy: 3.97 kJ)		
Homogeneity @ 25-mm DSV [ppm]	1400 → 6.4		
Sensitivity with 0.1 mm error [ppm]	570	210	630
5-gauss line [m]	(Radial) 1.01 → 0.48 ; (Axial) 0.69		

Magnet Design: Analysis Results

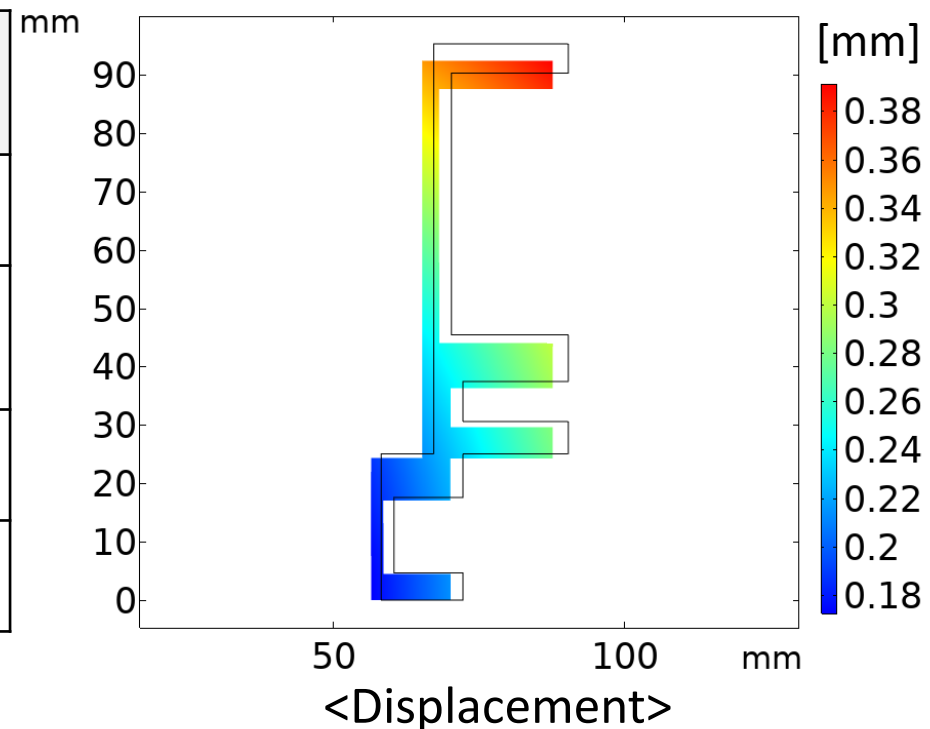


Magnet Design: Manufacture Dimension

- ❑ Refine design with considering **holes of an iron shield**.
- ❑ RT dimension for manufacture determined by **Thermal contraction (Major)** and **Deformation (Minor)** by energization.

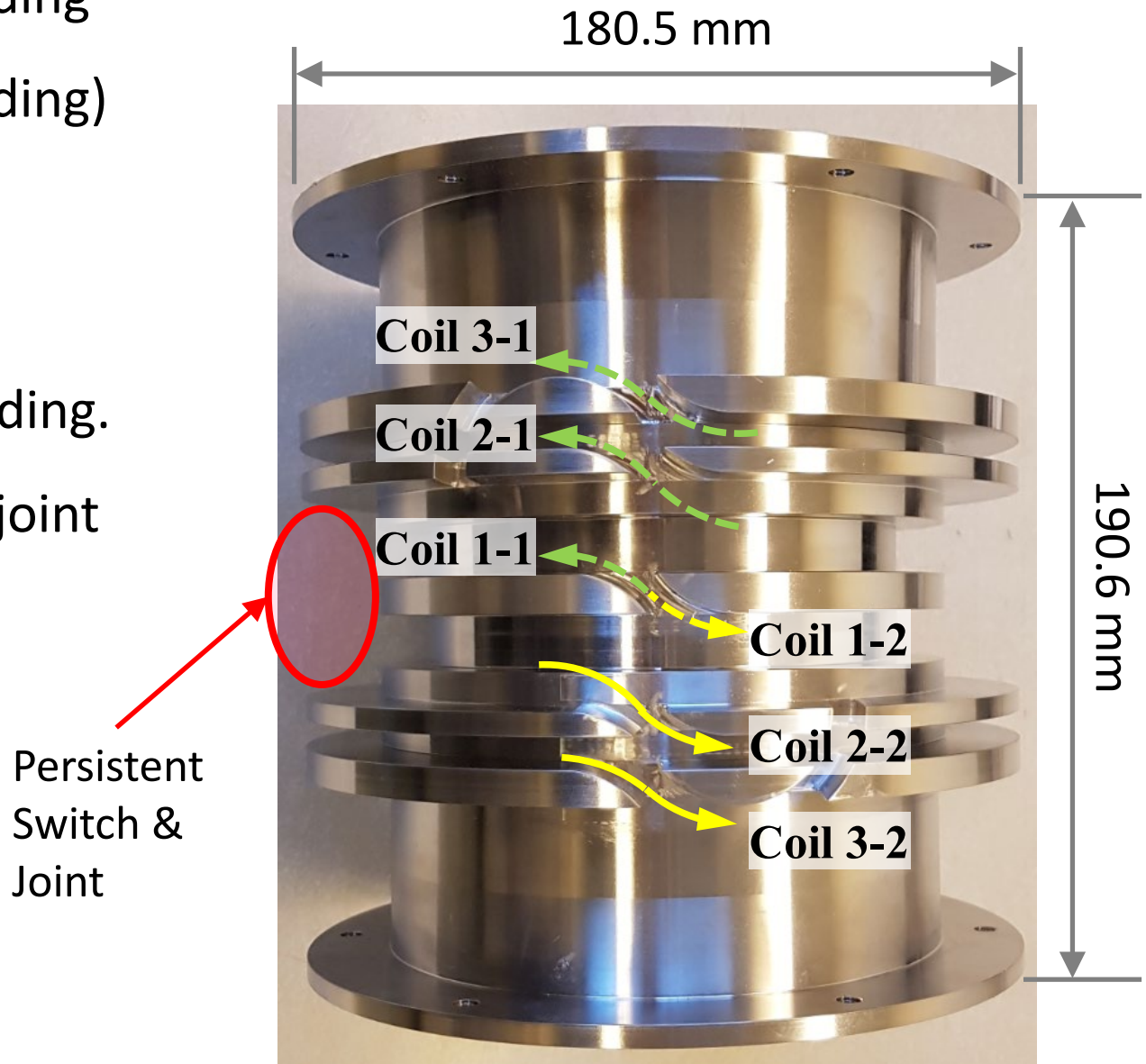


Mid-plane symmetry	Coil 1-1	Coil 2-1	Coil 3-1
$\Delta 2r_1$ [mm]	0.74	0.43	0.41
$\Delta z_1; \Delta z_2$ [mm]	0.01; 0.05	0.09; 0.12	0.14; 0.27
# turns/layer	15	8	52
# layers	13	17	20



Magnet Design: Former and Winding

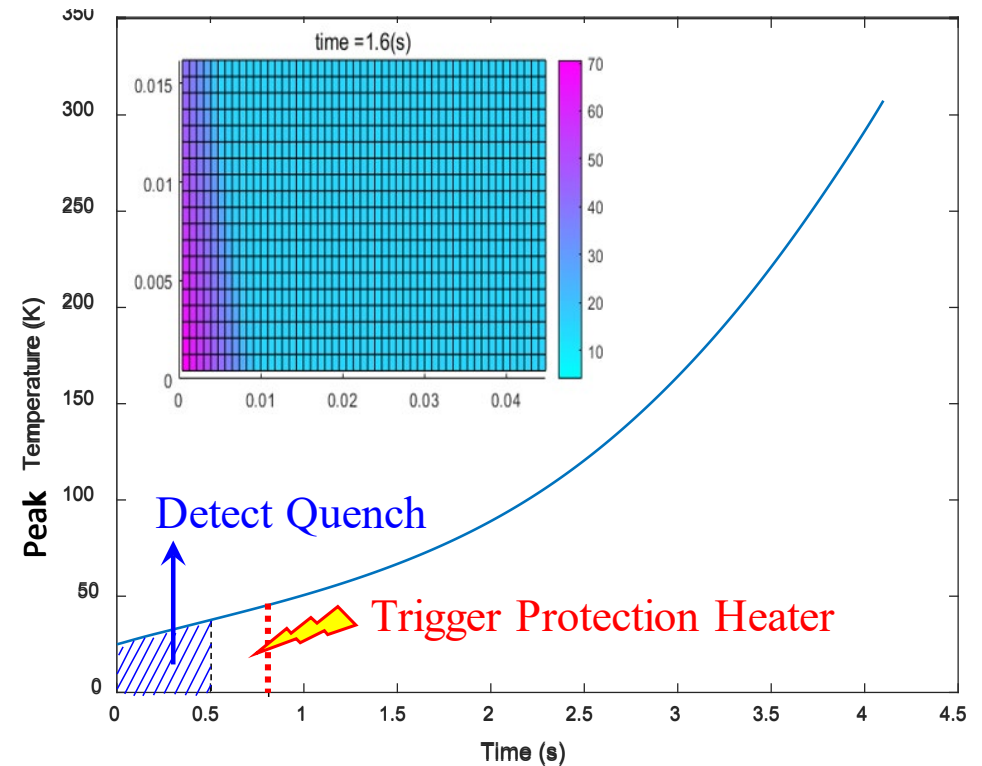
- ❑ Former made of Stainless Steel 304L with $\leq 10 \mu\text{m}$ manufacturing tolerance.
- ❑ Continuous solenoid winding (like double pancake winding) to have **one joint**.
- ❑ Persistent Switch **non-inductive bifilar** winding.
- ❑ Place a superconducting joint at **$< 0.25 \text{ T}$ region.**



Quench Protection Design

- When local hot spot (1 inner most turn) in Coil 3 quenched, the peak temperature rise goes up to 300 K in 4 seconds.

Operation Current [A]	105
T_{op} [T]	15
Representative T_c @ Operation [T]	20
Representative NZPV [m/s]	0.5
Non-Sc / SC	1.5



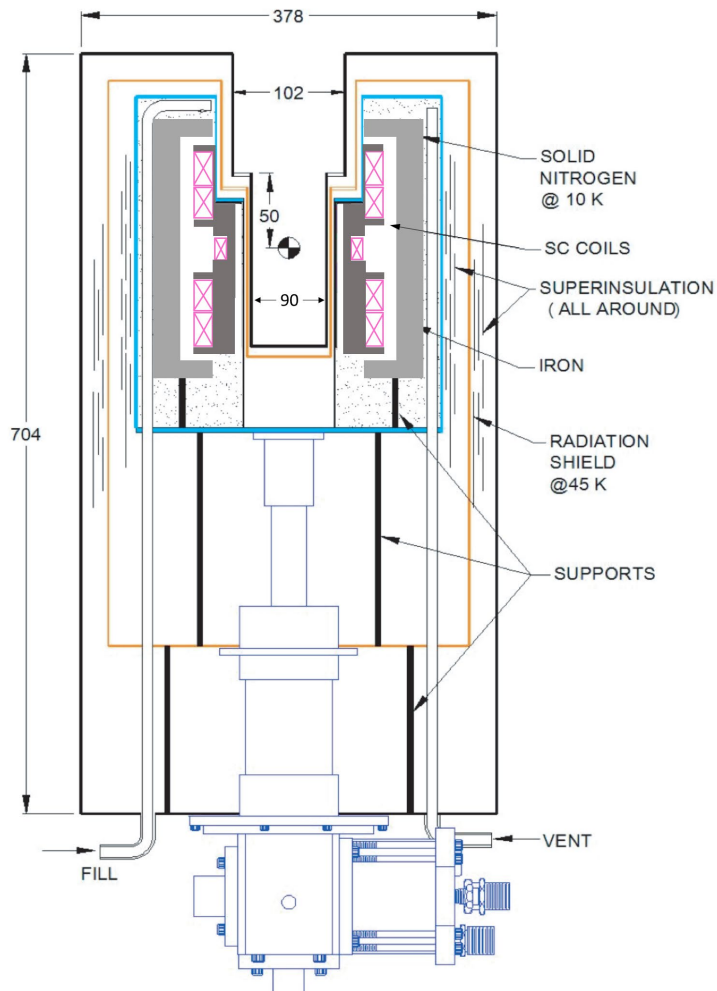
- Active protection required.

- Detect in **0.5 s**.
- Trigger the quench heater in **0.3 s** to suppress the maximum temperature rise below **200 K**.
(to be determined after further analysis and tests)

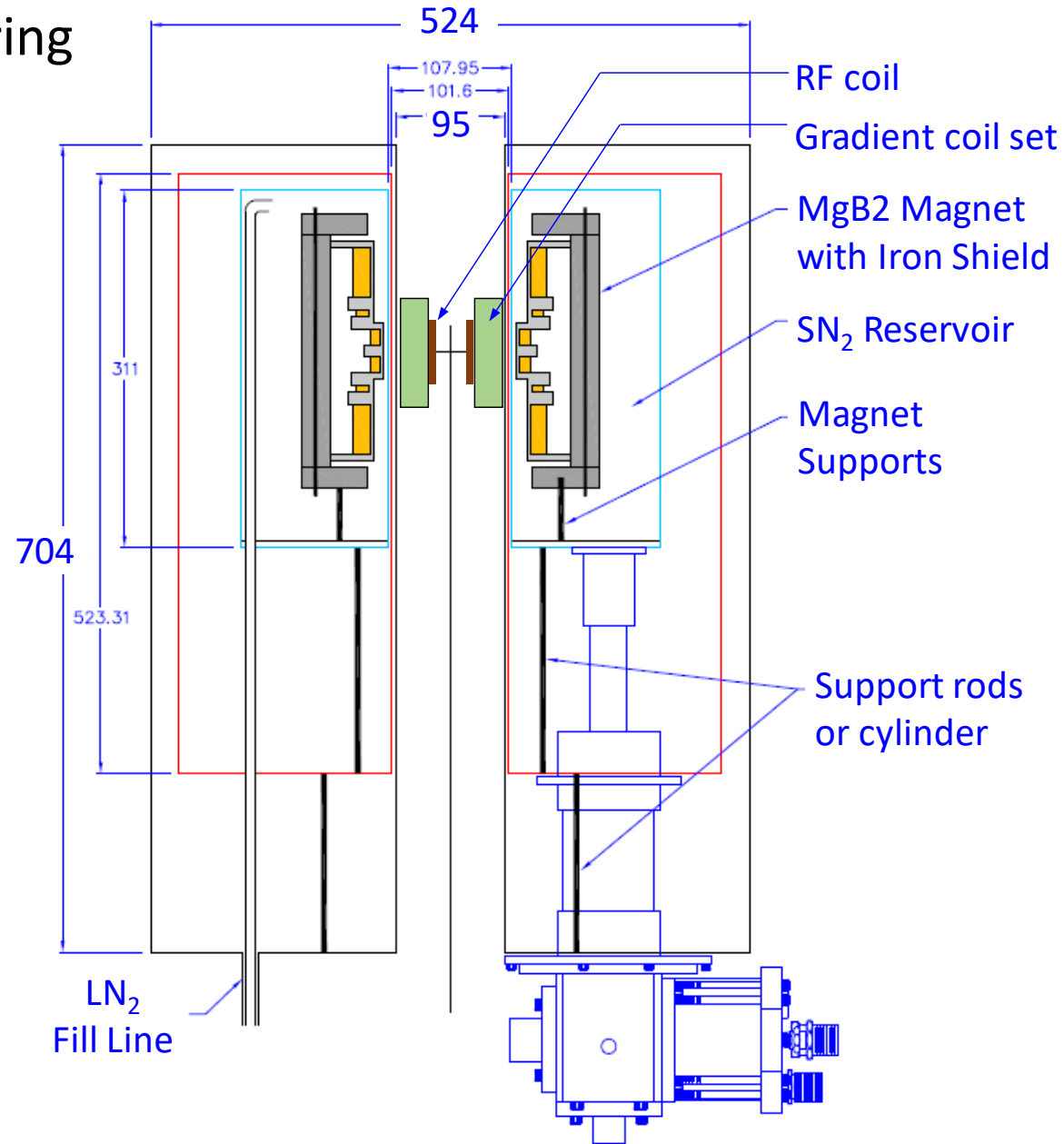
SN₂-Cooling Cryostat Design

Key Changes

- Open bore for gradient coil wiring
- O.D. 378 → 523 mm
- Bore size: 102/90) → 95 mm

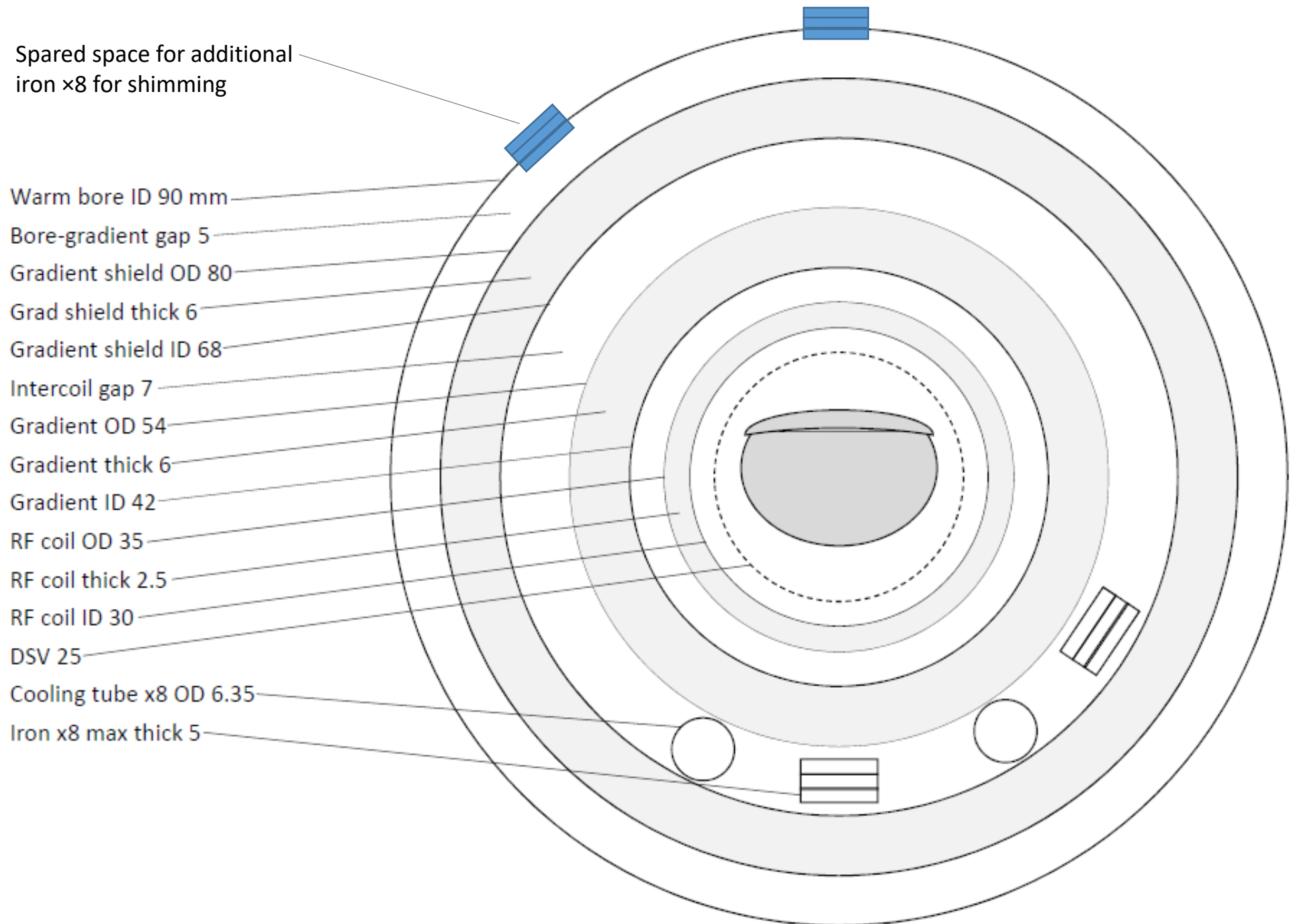


<1st Design, 2017>



<Final Concept Design, 2019>

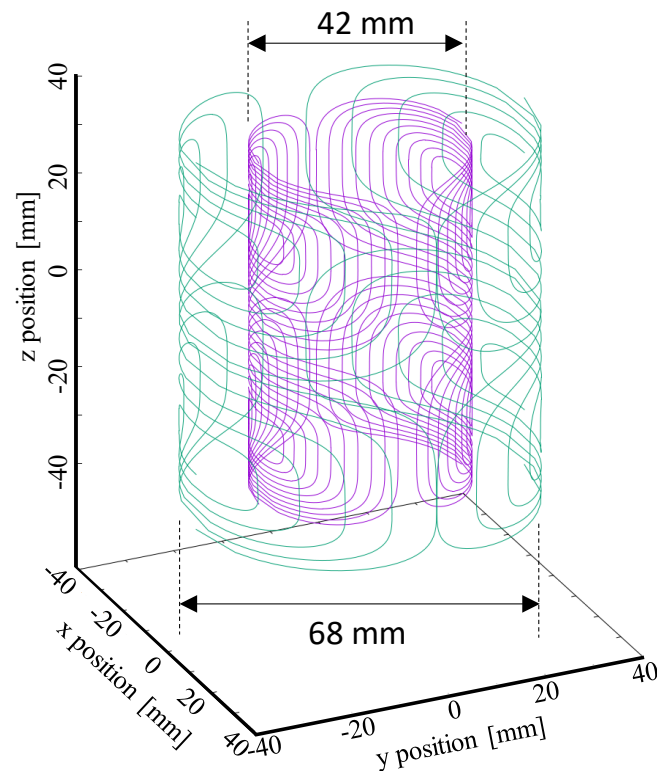
Magnet Bore Design



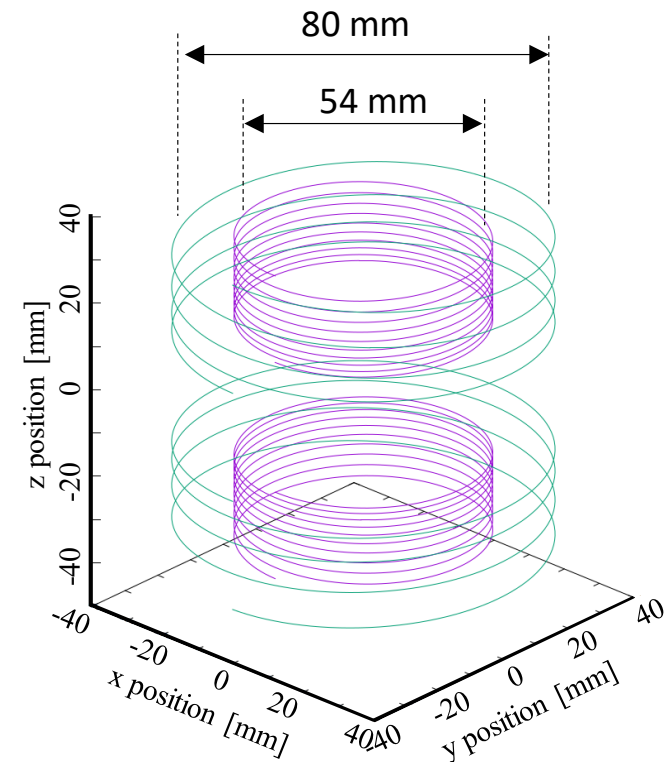
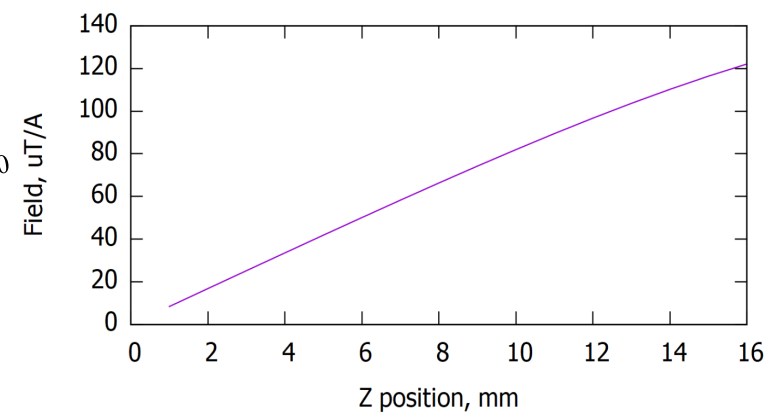
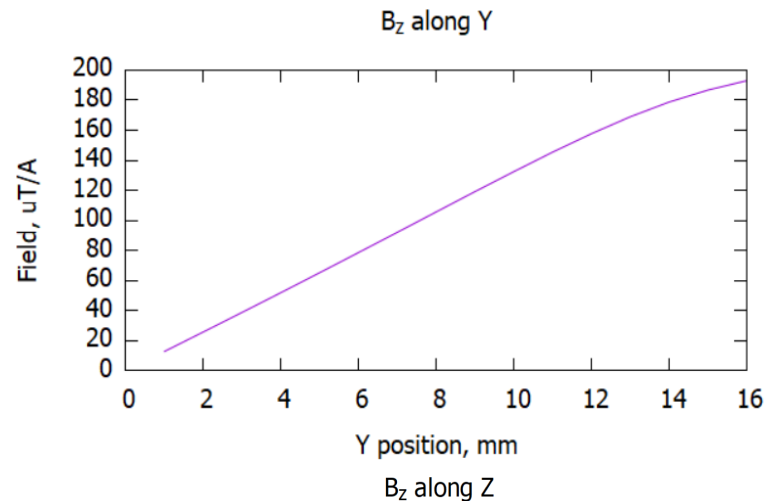
Gradient Coil 1st-Cut Design

- Computation based on the Biot-Savart formula in octant space (Symmetry).
- Wire path optimization (Nonlinear least squares problem):
Levenberg-Marquardt Algorithm (LMA) with conformity weighting
 (Target Fields, Stray Field, Power Dissipation and Self-Inductance).

Limit: Dynamic Effect (eddy-currents in nearby metals), Finite Wire Dimension are not taken into account.



Gradient Strength 13.2 mT/m/A
Wire length 7.25 meters



Gradient Strength 8.22 mT/m/A
Wire length 5.40 m

Conclusion

- ❑ Design results of 1.5-T “Finger” MRI Magnet (final) and Gradient coils (1st-Cut) are presented.

- ❑ Active protection method will be applied for reliable operation, although MgB₂ is immune to quench.

- ❑ We will complete:
 - SN₂-cooled Persistent 1.5-T MgB₂ Magnet **Construction** in 2019 and **Operation** in 2020.
 - Tabletop Osteoporosis MRI **Demonstration** in 2020.

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