Advances in Nb_3Sn Superconducting Accelerator Magnets

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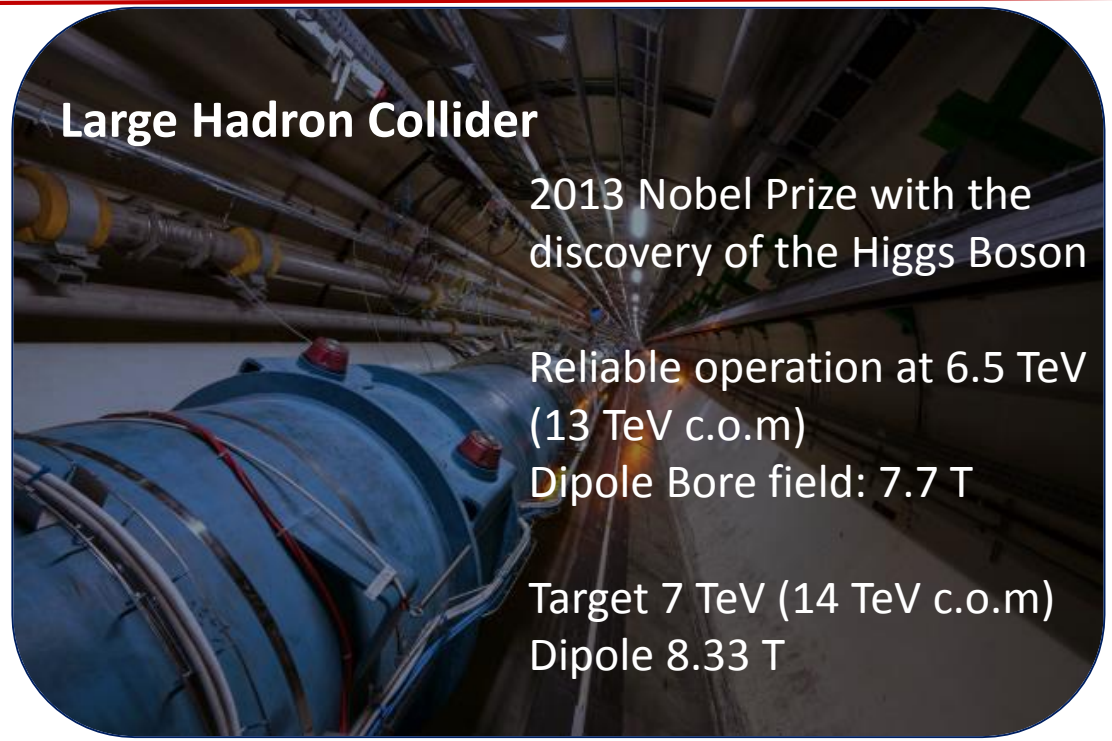

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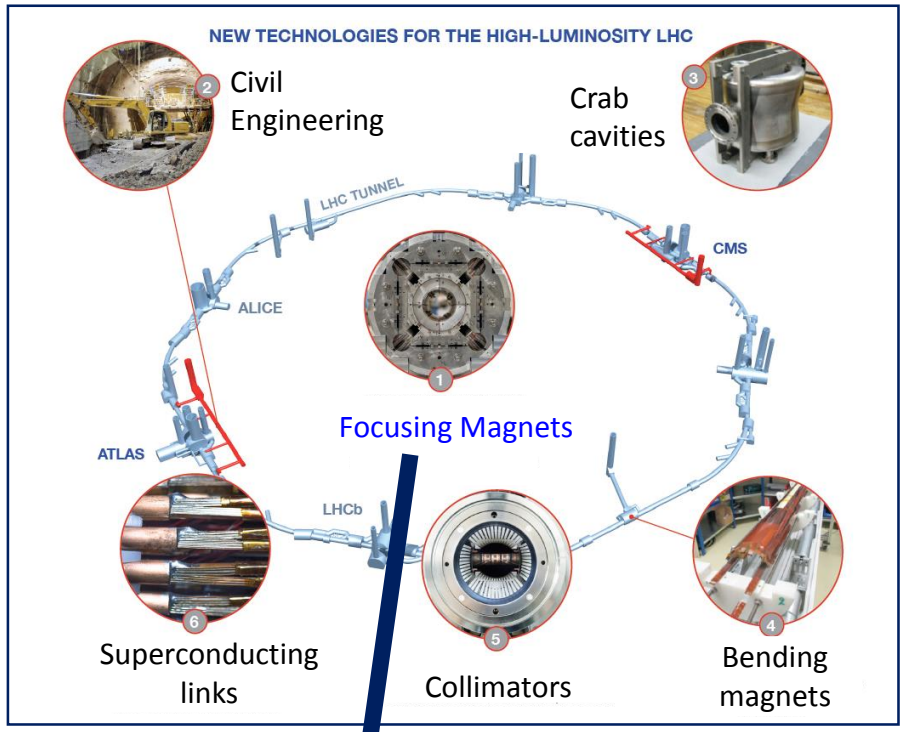

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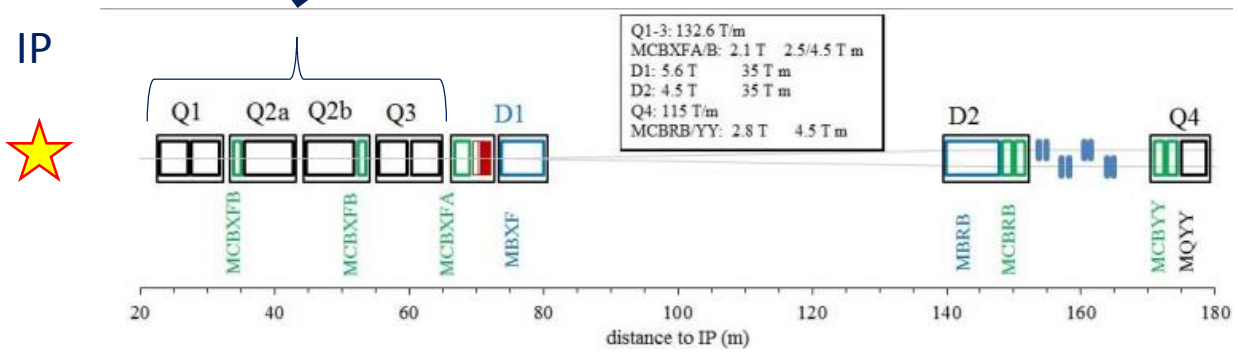

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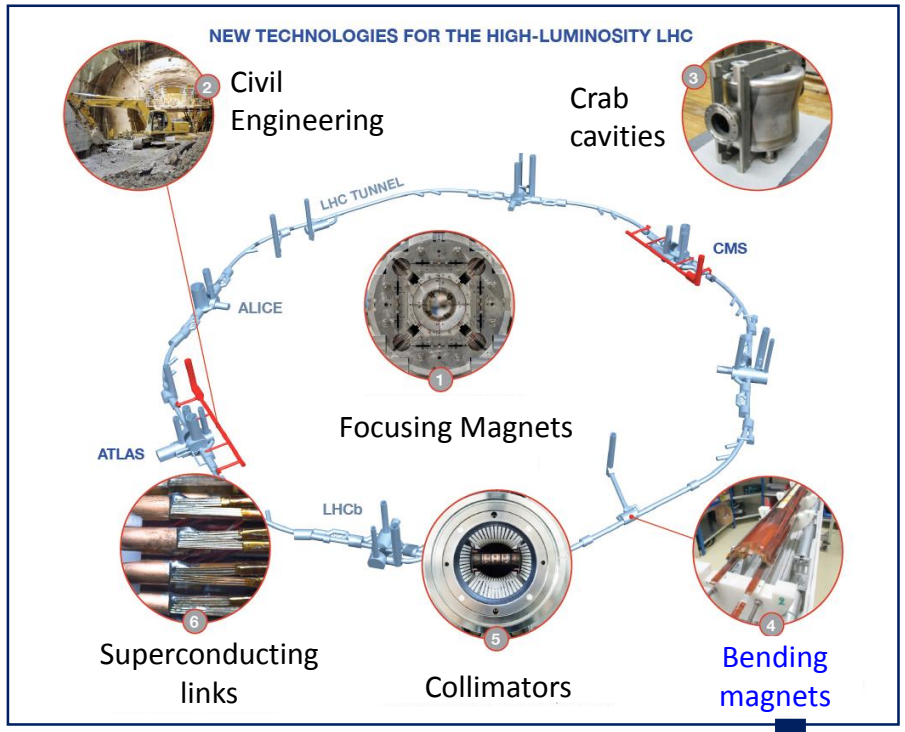

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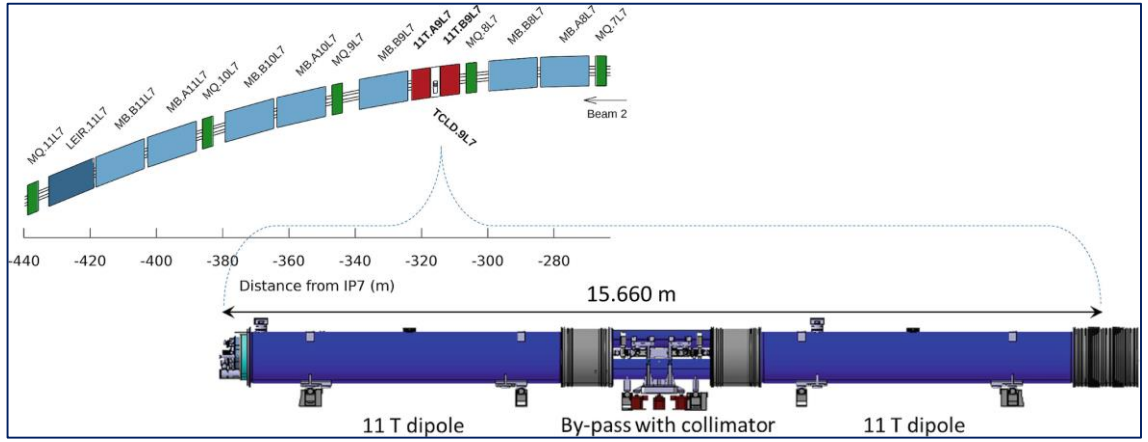

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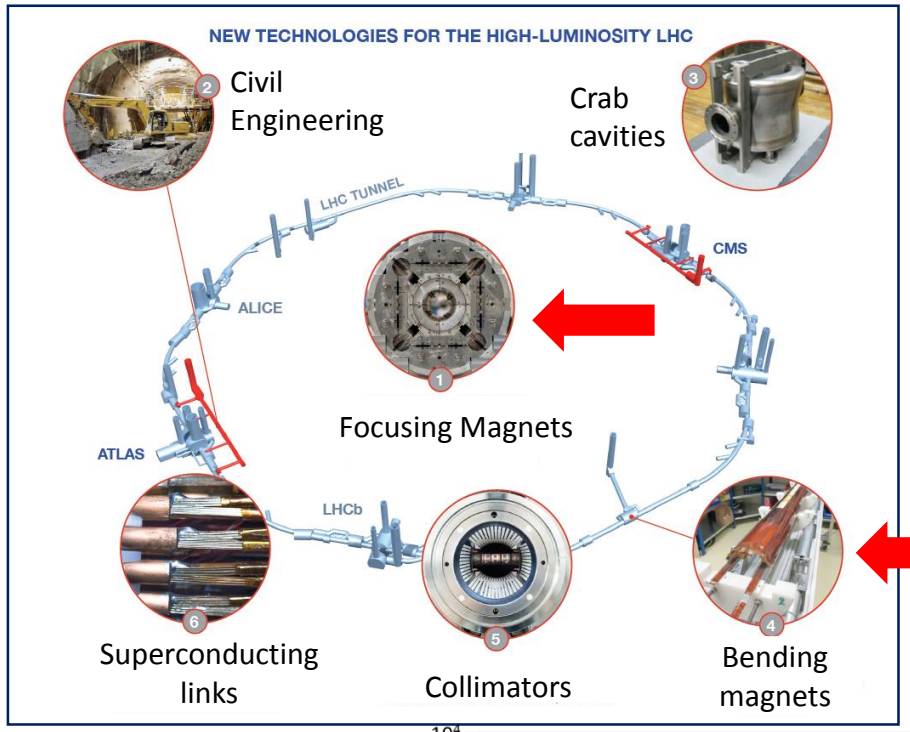

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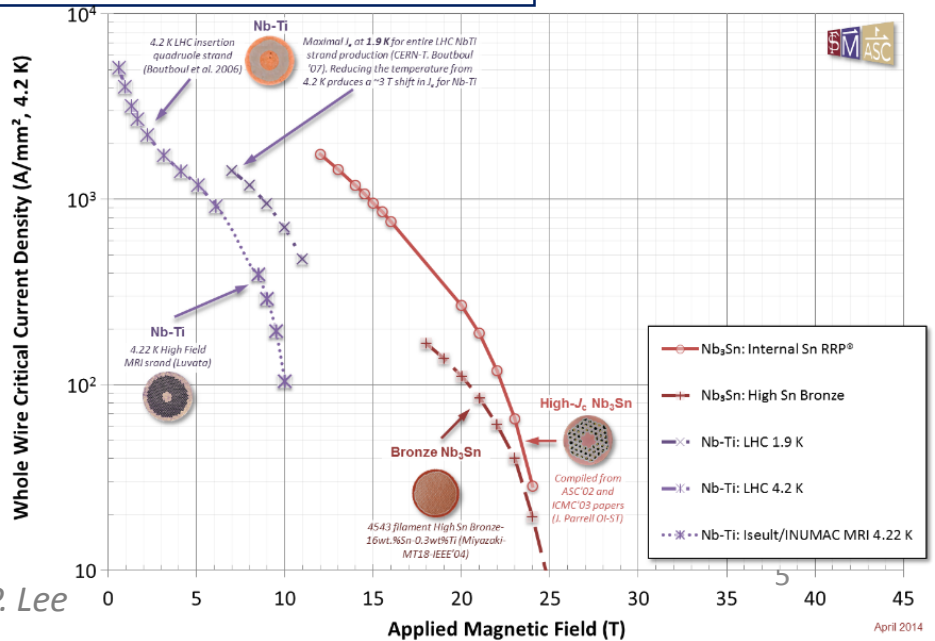

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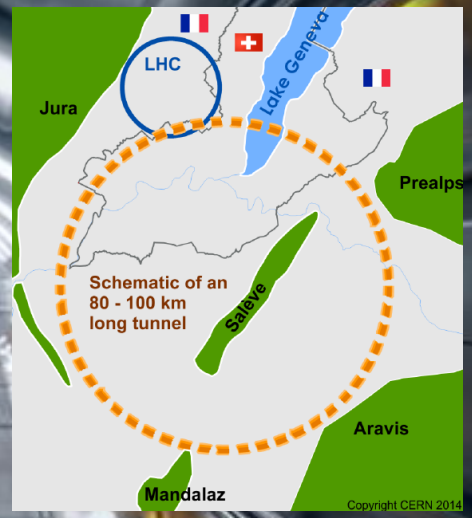
Future Circular Collider

100 km - **16 T**: 100 TeV (c.o.m)



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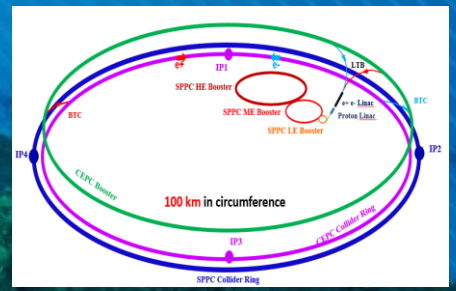
SPPC
Super Proton Proton Collider

100 km - **12-24 T**:
=> 75 to 150 TeV (c.o.m)



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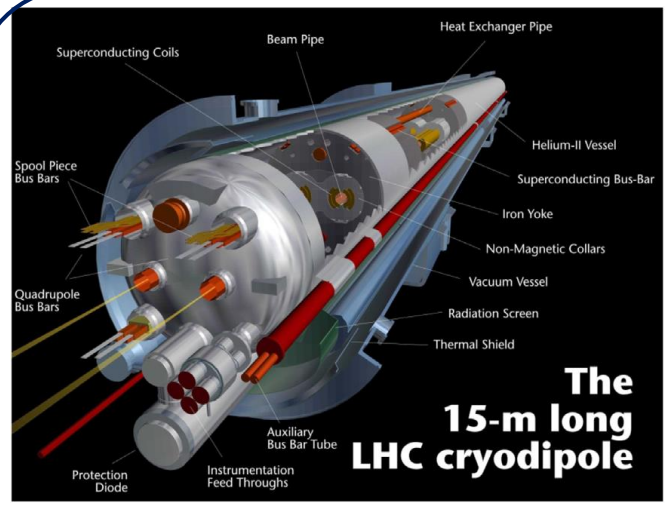
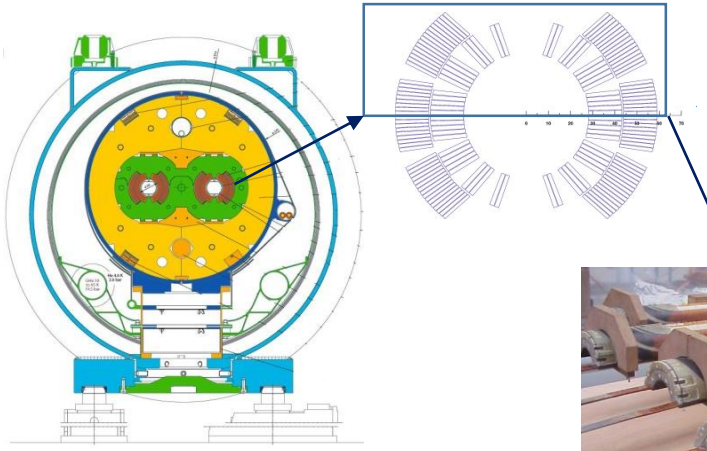
From NbTi to Nb_3Sn

LHC Technology





LHC NbTi dipoles

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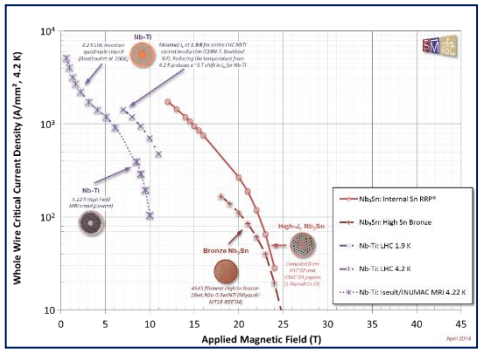
Beyond LHC



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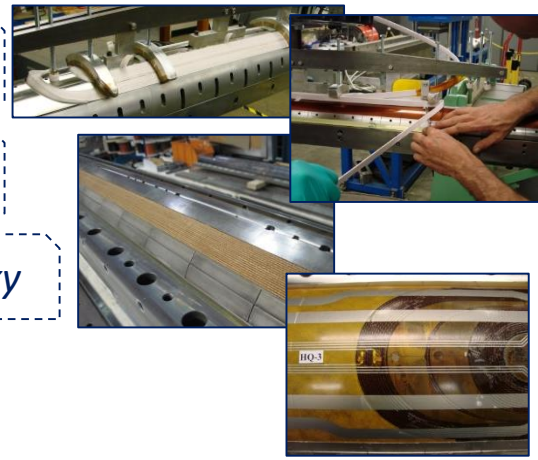
Coil technology

- *Heat treatment around 650°C*
- *Wind and react technology*
- *Vacuum impregnation with Epoxy*



Nb_3Sn strain sensitivity

- *I_c reduction (reversible)*
- *I_c degradation (permanent)*

Strain sensitivity: a challenge impacting all the aspects of Nb_3Sn magnet design & fabrication

Toward 16 T magnets

- Compact cost effective magnets
- Reliable series production
- Field quality
- Fast training magnets

- High Je > 600 A/mm2
- Large Cu fraction Cu/NonCu > 1.2
- Jc (@4.2 K , 16 T) > 1500 A/mm^2
- RRR > 100
- Φ_{eff}< 20 µm

Operation close to critical surface => Ensuring Nb_3Sn integrity during its life cycle

Some Conclusions

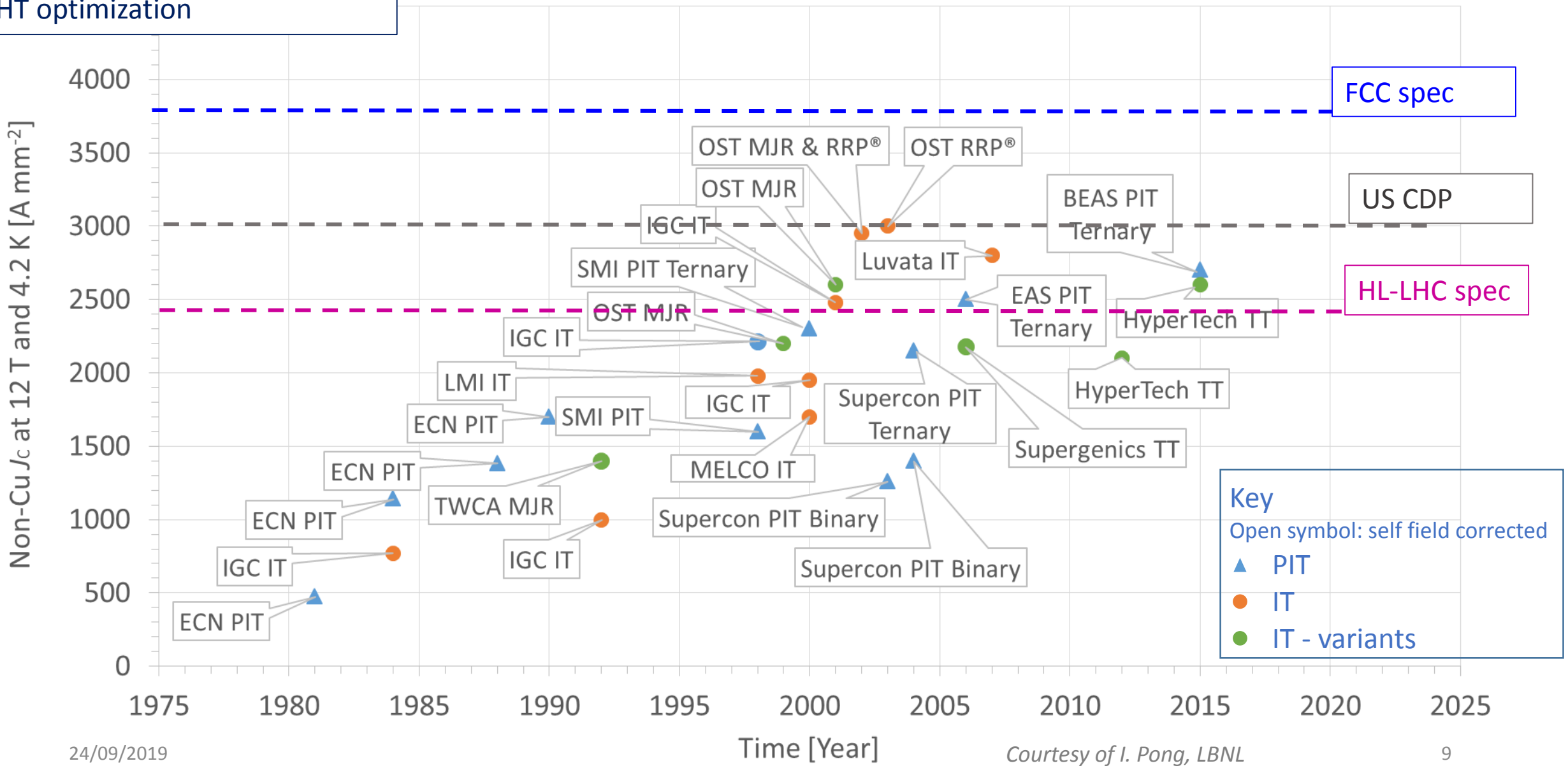
$10T < B_0 < 13$ T	—	Conductor dominated Nb3Sn magnet.
$13T < B_0 < 15$ T	—	High Field Nb3Sn magnet, will require improvement in Jc to reduce volume of superconductor required.
$B_0 > 15$ T	—	Volume dominated magnet, will require future "break through" in Nb3Sn, Jc.

From LBNL internal report
By Shlomo Caspi, 1990s

Non Cu Jc improvement through

- Strand architecture
- Strand fabrication process
- HT optimization

A constant Non-Cu J_c improvement



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J_c development toward FCC target

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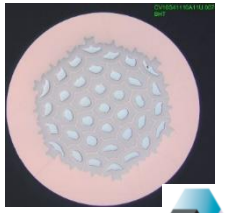

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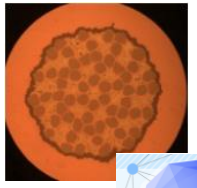

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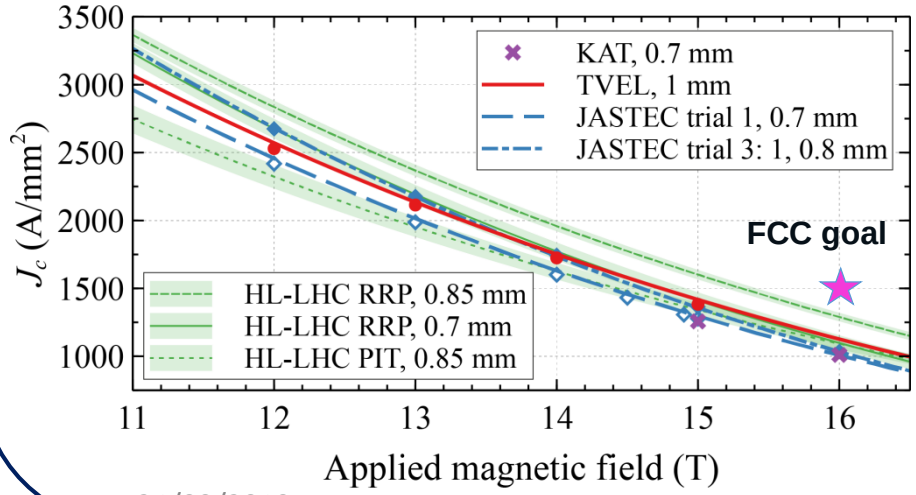

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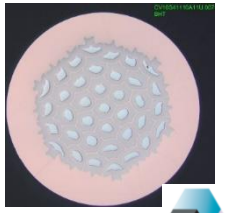

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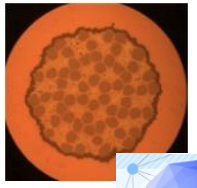

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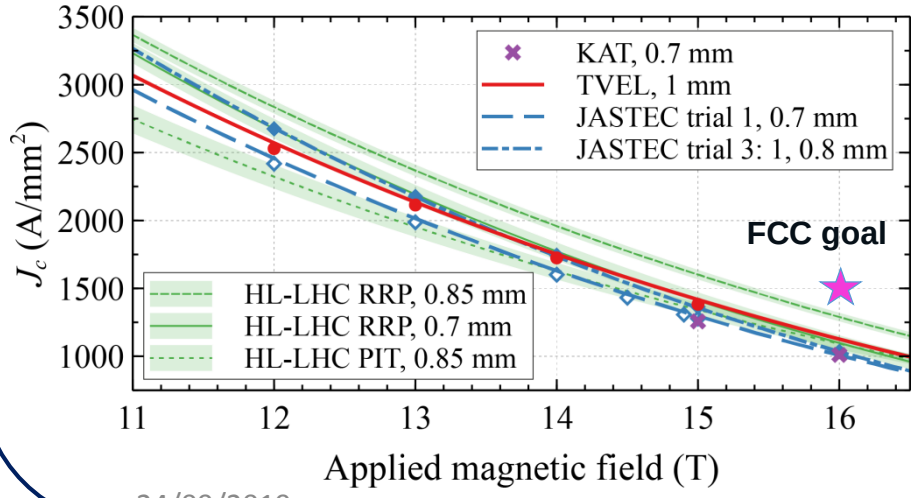

Artificial Pinning Center

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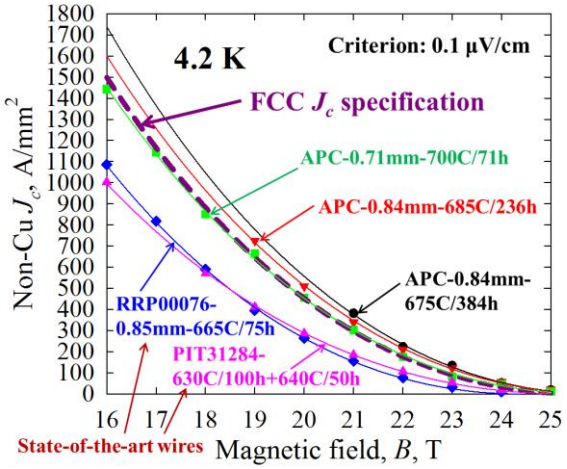
Internal oxidation of Nb-1%Zr

- Pinning point: ZrO_2 particles
- enhance J_c

- High J_c but stability < 16 T compromised
- Stability but J_c compromised



Collaboration between FNAL [LDRD], Hypertech and OSU

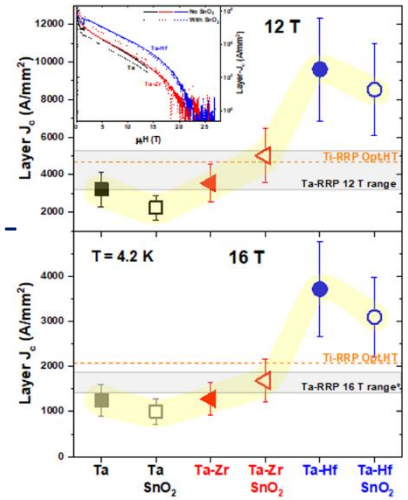
U.S. MAGNET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Hf alloying of Nb-Ta

Courtesy of S. Balachandran

- Improved pinning through Hf dopping
- Nb or NbTa rods can be replaced by Nb-Ta-Hf alloy without change of architecture
- Prototype wire *(Extrapolated values)*

Alloy	SnO_2	J_{clayer} (A/mm²)		Eq. RRP non-Cu J_c
		12 T	16 T (A/mm²)	
Nb-Ta-Hf	No	9609 ±2744	3714 ±1061	2229 ± 636
Nb-Ta-Hf	Yes	8523 ±2434	3093 ± 883	1856 ± 530



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Shows untapped potential of Nb_3Sn
Optimization in progress

ASC/NHMFL, FSU

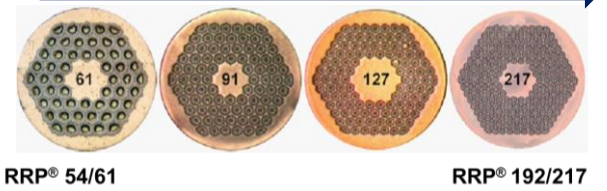
Strand to Rutherford cable

US conductor development program

CERN conductor development program

Magnetization reduction

Smaller filament size



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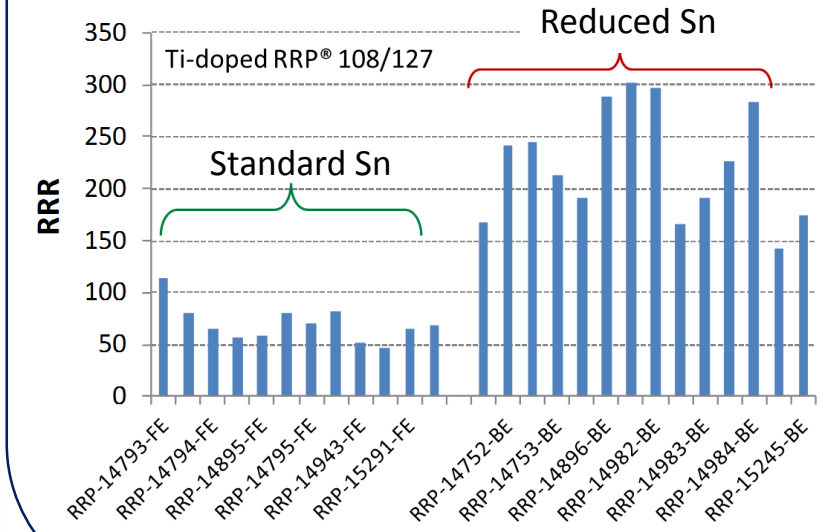

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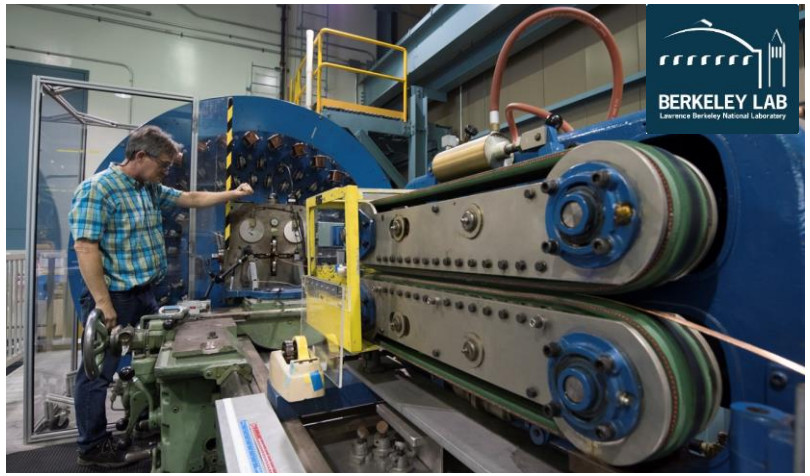

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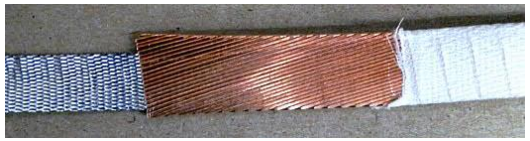

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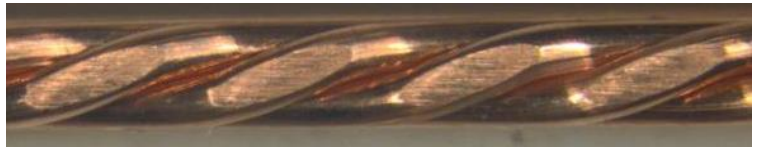

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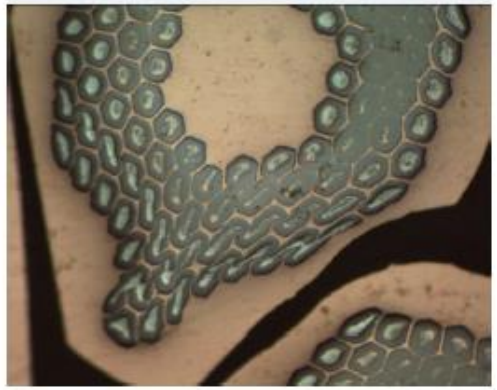
Cabling optimization required to:

- limit J_c and RRR degradation due to subelement damage
- While ensuring Rutherford cable mechanical stability

Assessement through:

- Extracted strand I_c measurement
- Facet size inspection
- metallography

1044Z-6 – B position



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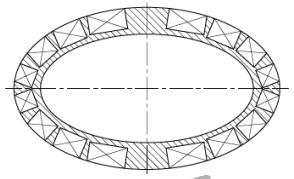

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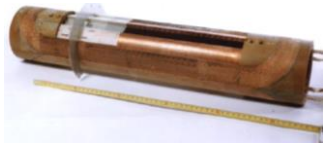

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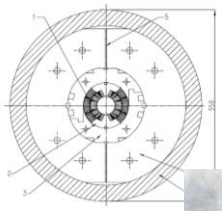

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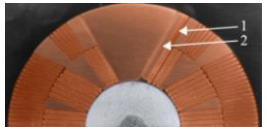

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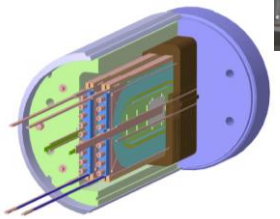

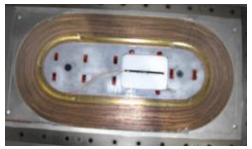

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Fermilab

1960s | 1990s | 2000s

1954
DISCOVERY

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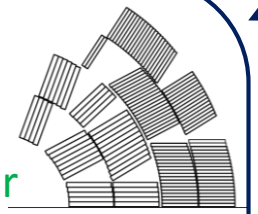


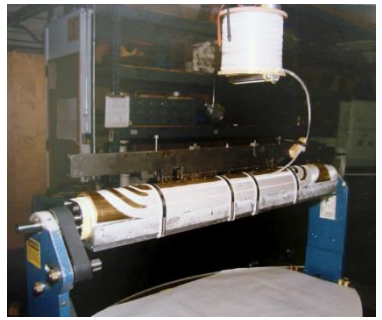
Grading / double layers

MJR and other IT conductor

50 mm aperture

1m long

12.8 T at 4.4 K
13.5 T at 1.8 K
in 1996



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RD3b

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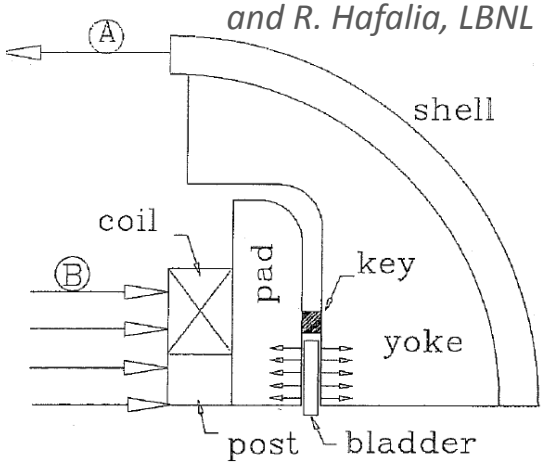
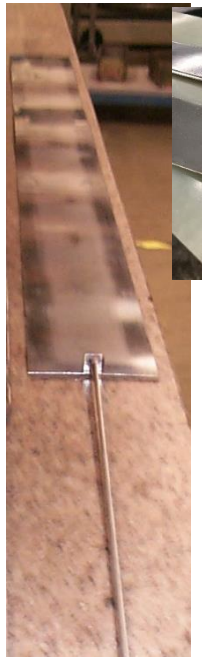
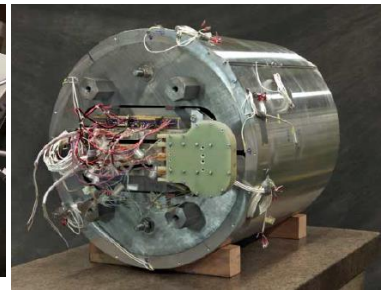


14.7 T bore at 4.5 K
in 2001





- common coil configuration
- W&R
- MJR conductor

=> Birth of the bladder and Key technology

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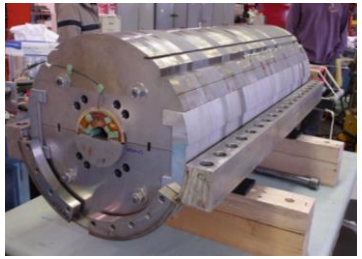
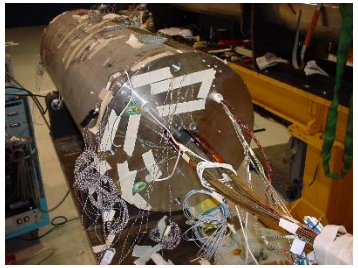
Bladder and keys: one Stepping stone for today's technology

2000s: progress on dipoles and quadrupoles

DIPOLES

Fermilab





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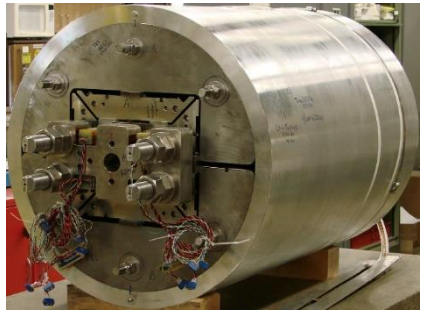

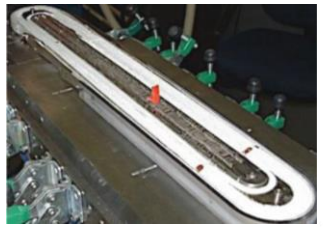

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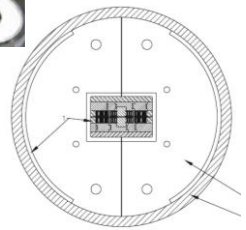

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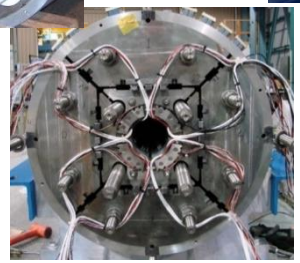

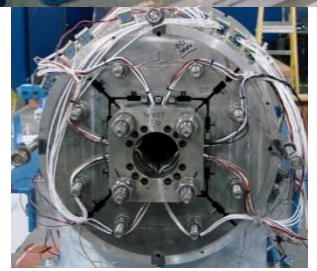

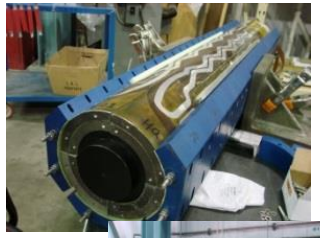

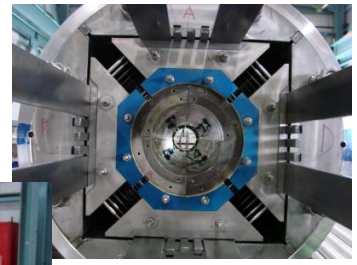

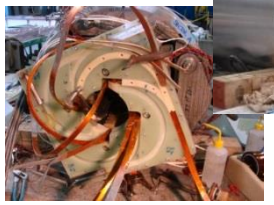

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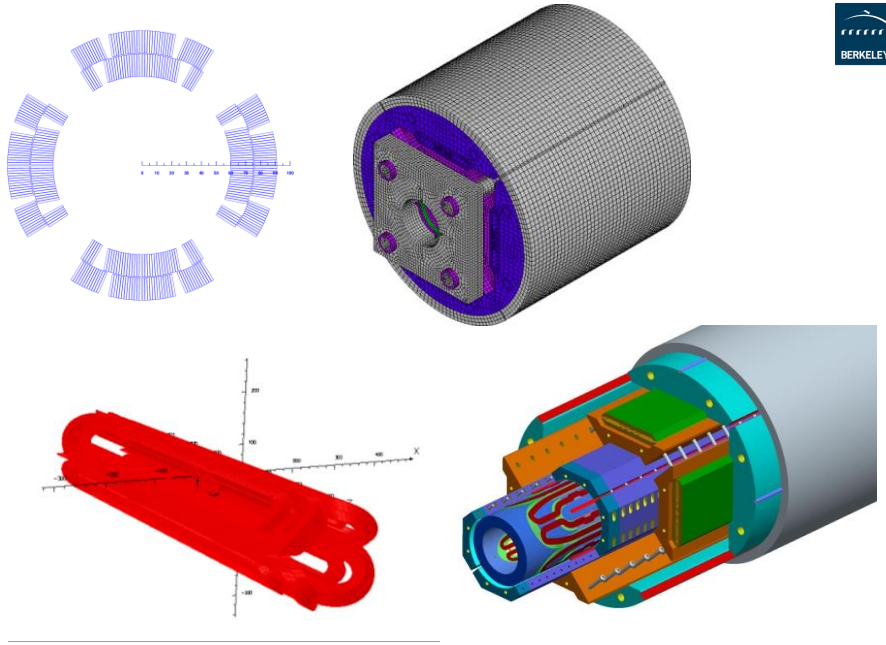
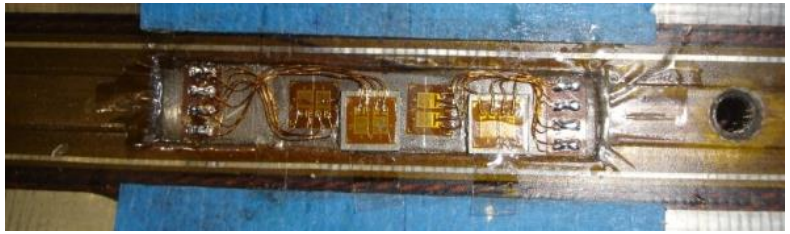


Supporting tools:

- **Integrated** magnetic, mechanical **analysis** and CAD
- **Mechanical instrumentation** on magnets



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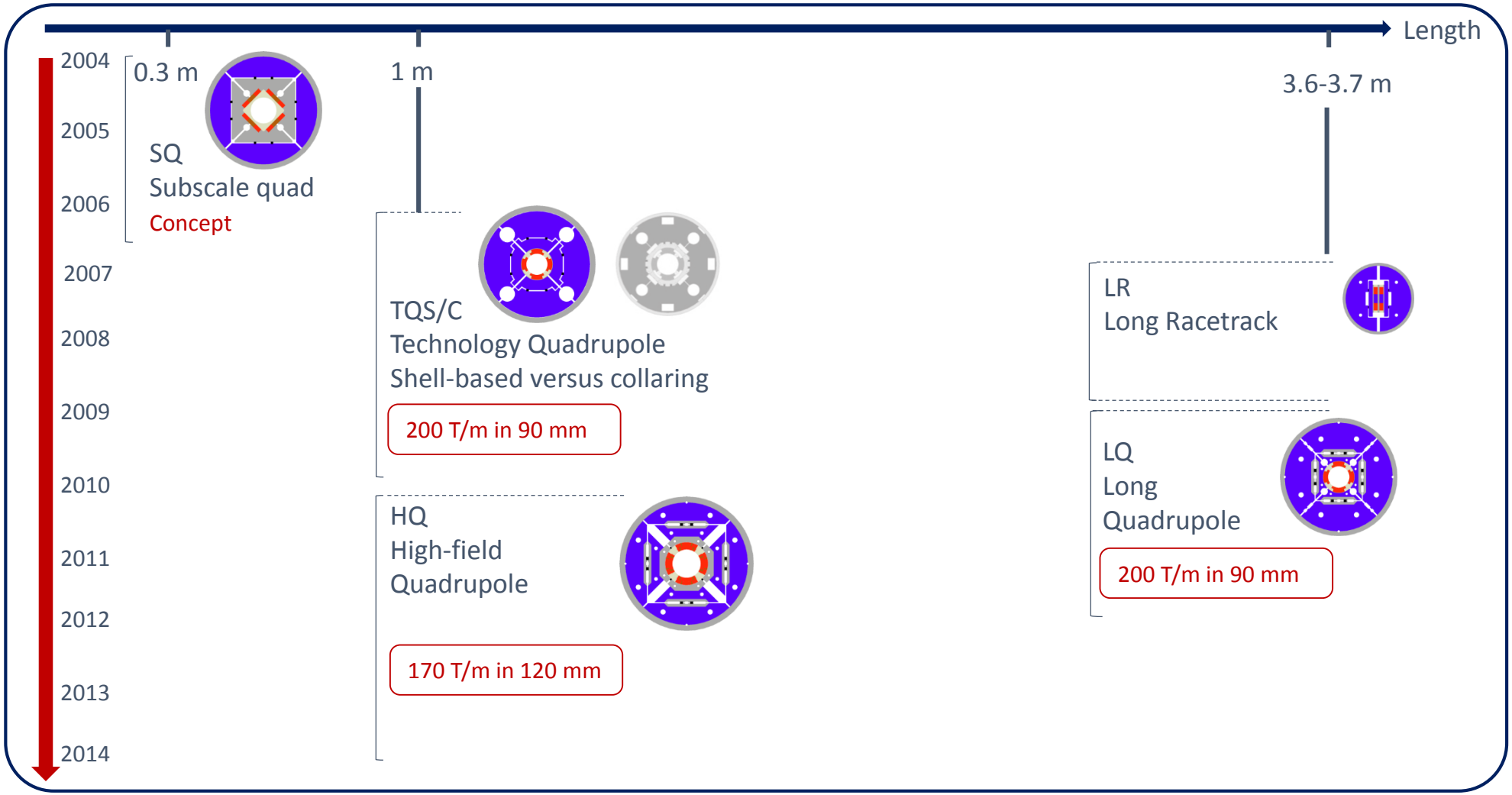

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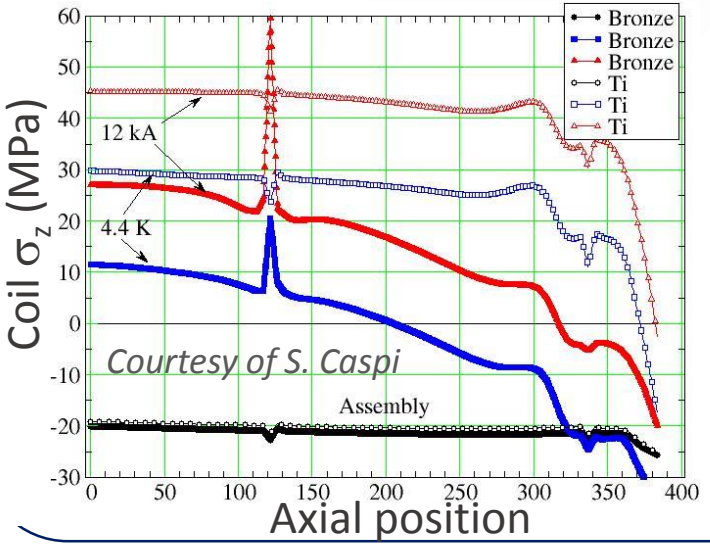
Minimization of the strain

- after coil HT
- due to axial tension after cooldown and energization

⇒ ***Ti pole in Nb_3Sn coils to limit stress concentration at the gaps***



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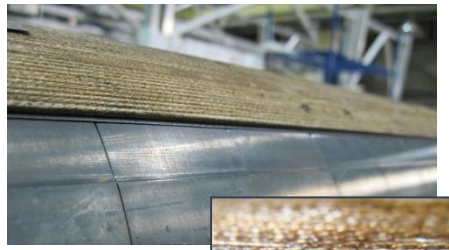

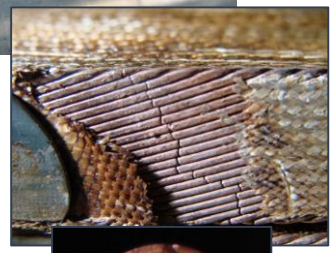

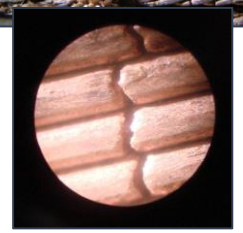

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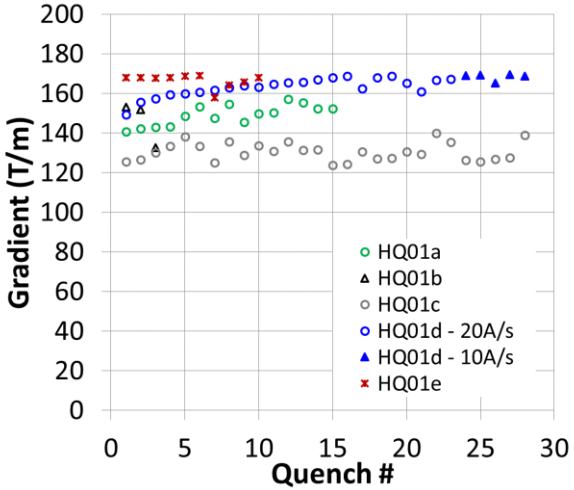

Reacted cable dimension

- in tooling design
- In components design
- ***in magnetic design***

3.7 m Long Coil technology

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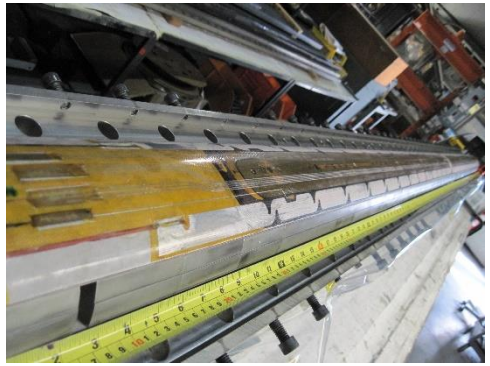

Process, Design and material choices adopted by the community

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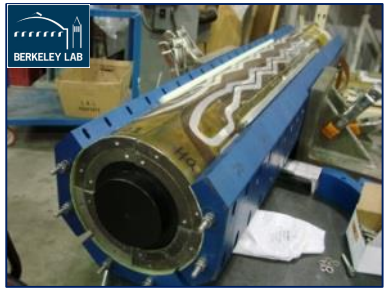

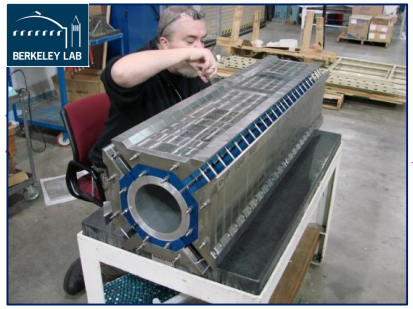

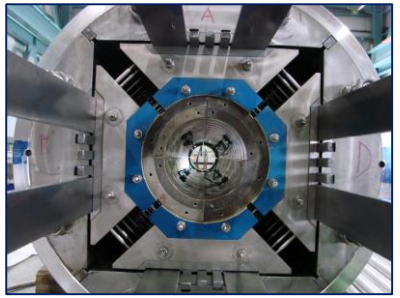

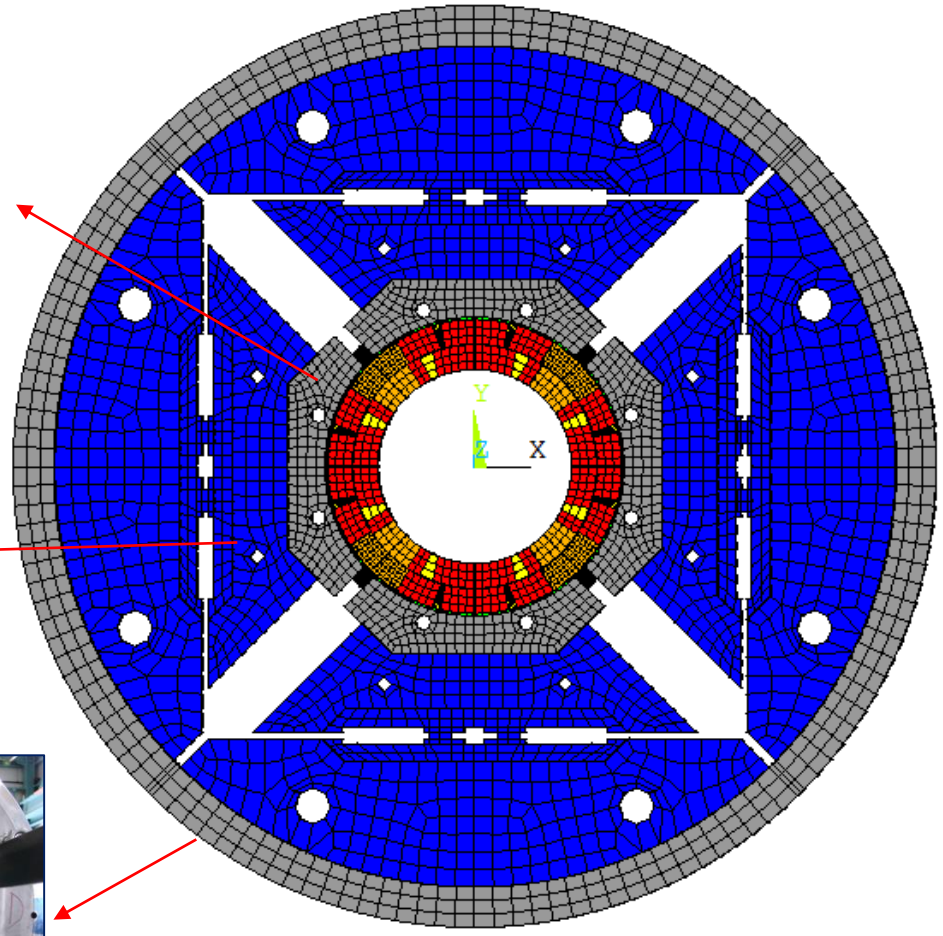

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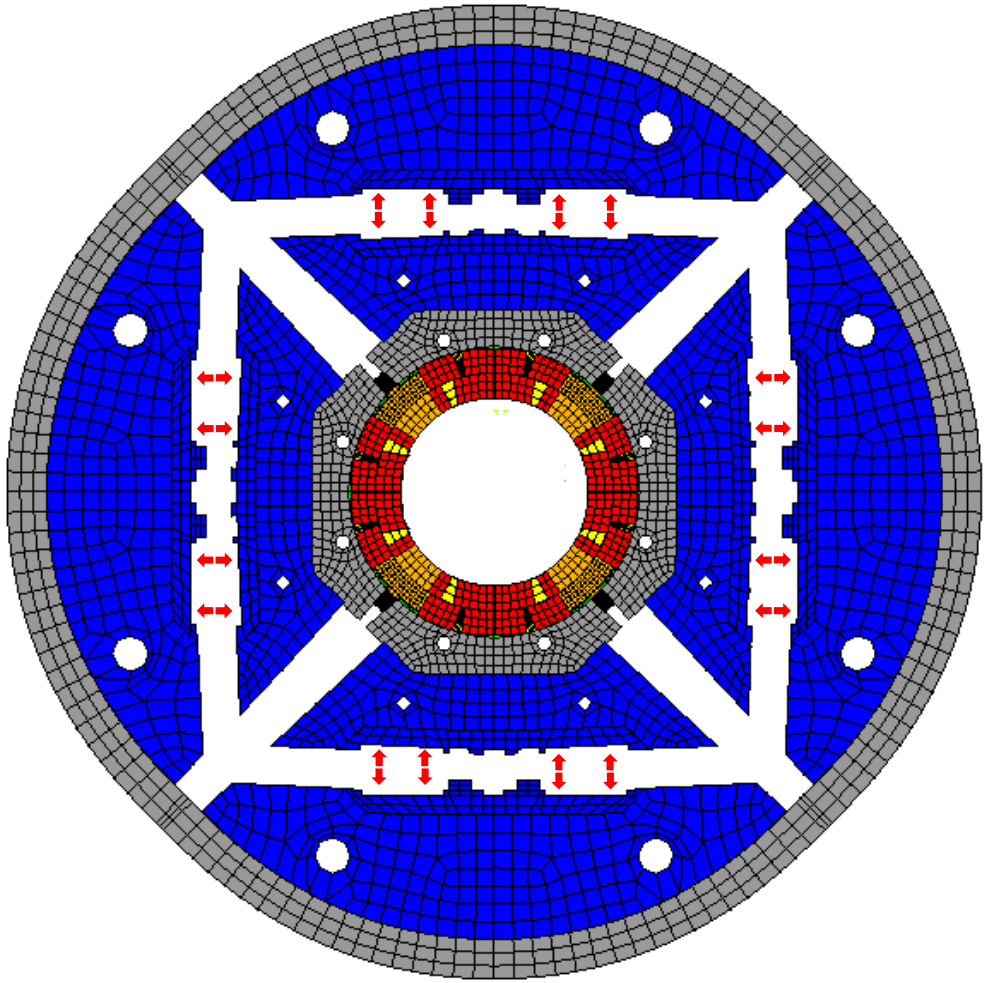

Inflated bladders

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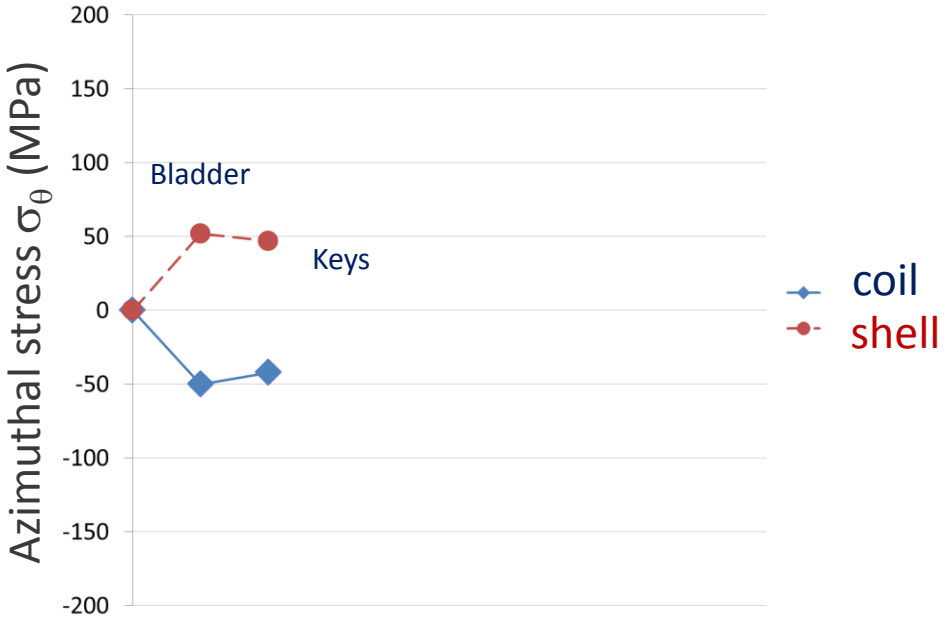

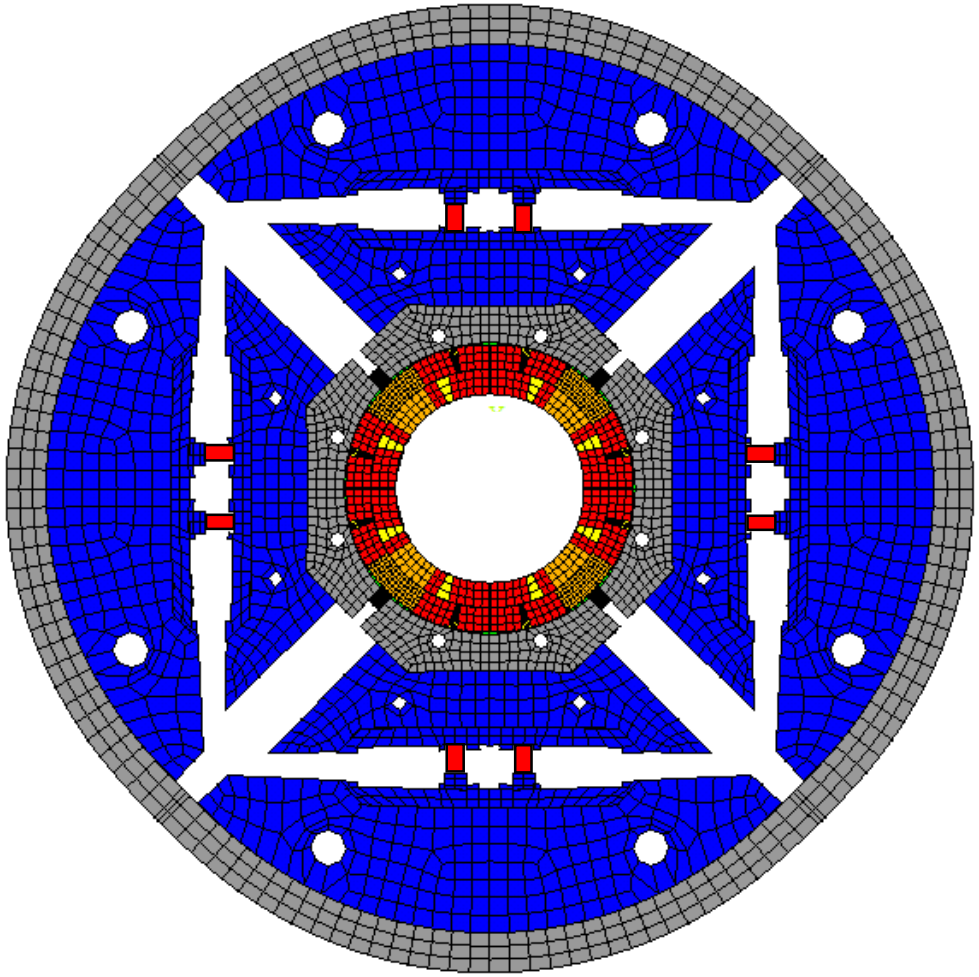

shimming

Gradual application of the preload

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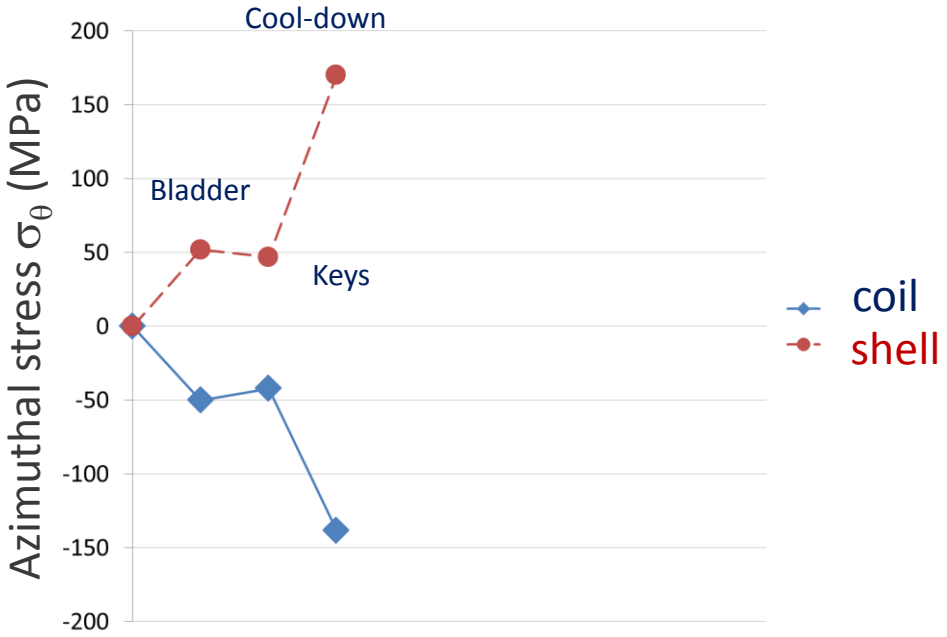

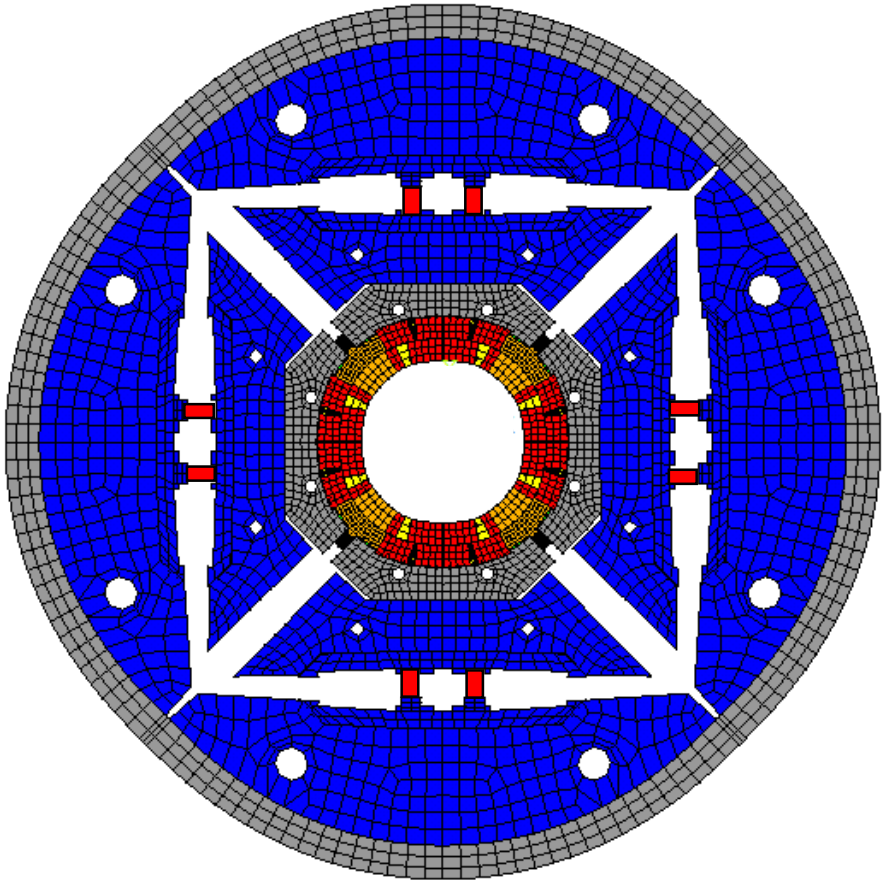

Cool-down

Gain of preload during cool-down
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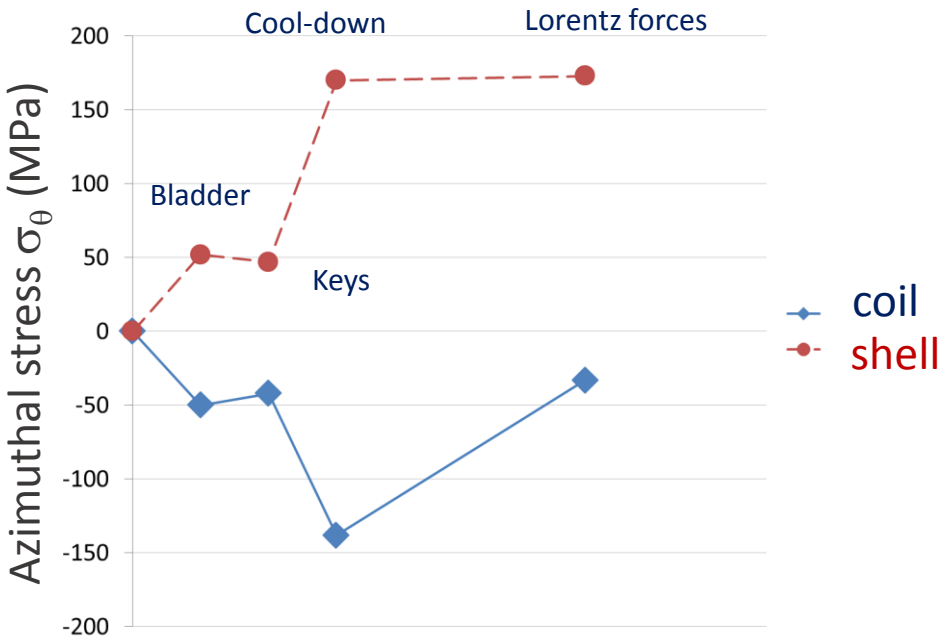

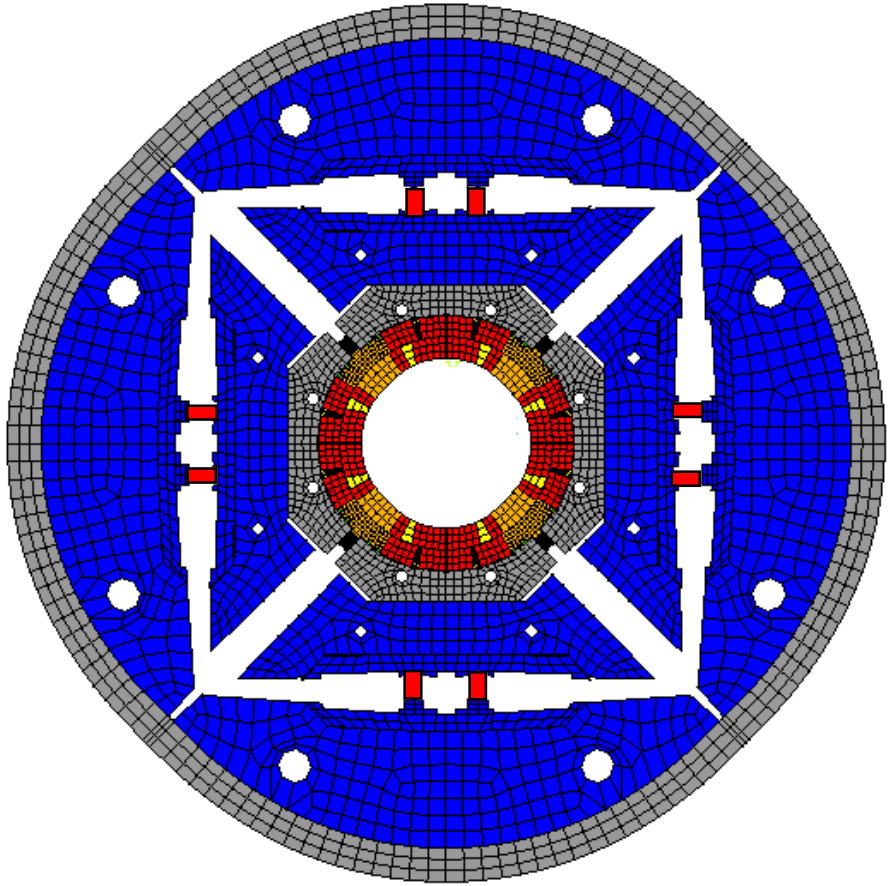

Energization

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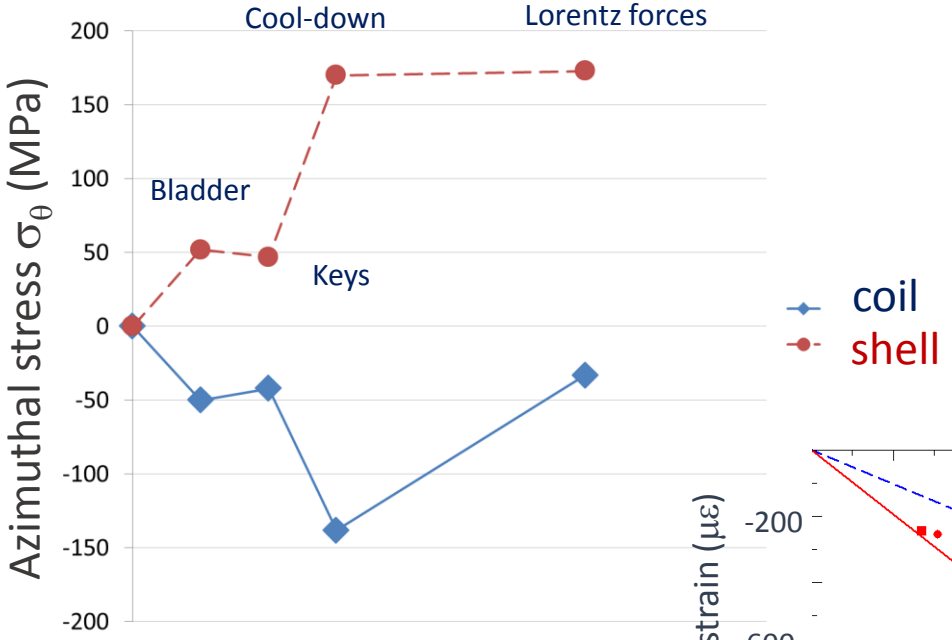

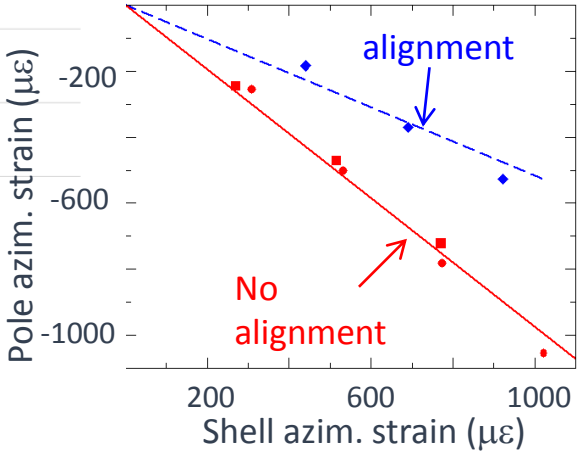

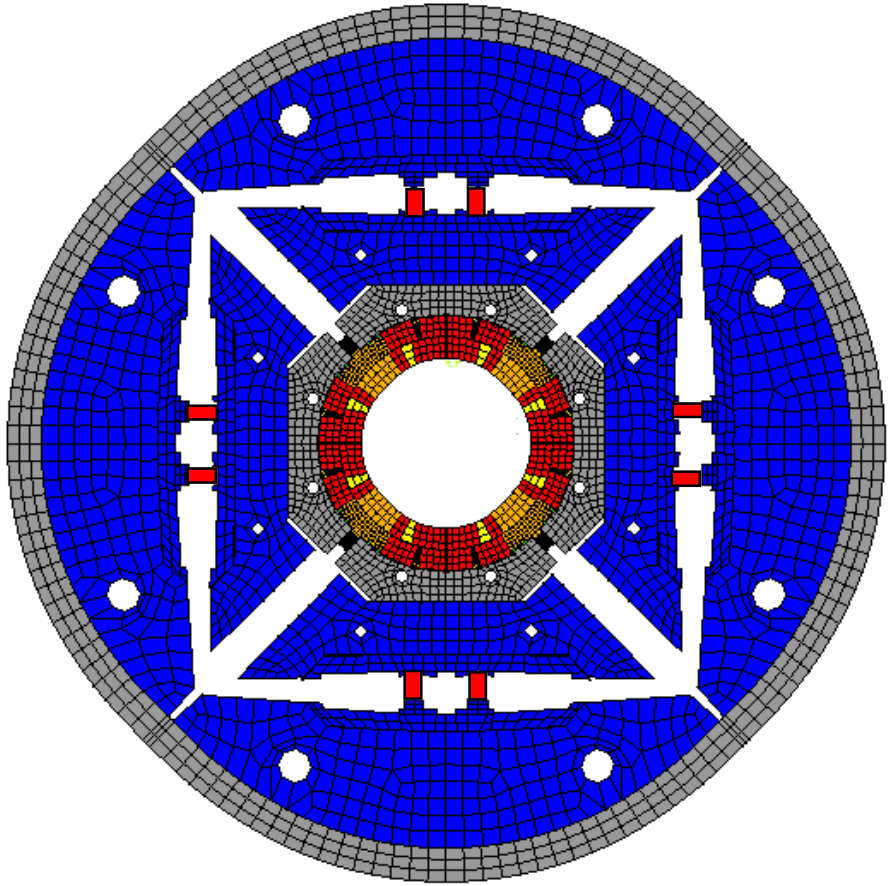

Definition of a preload transfer function

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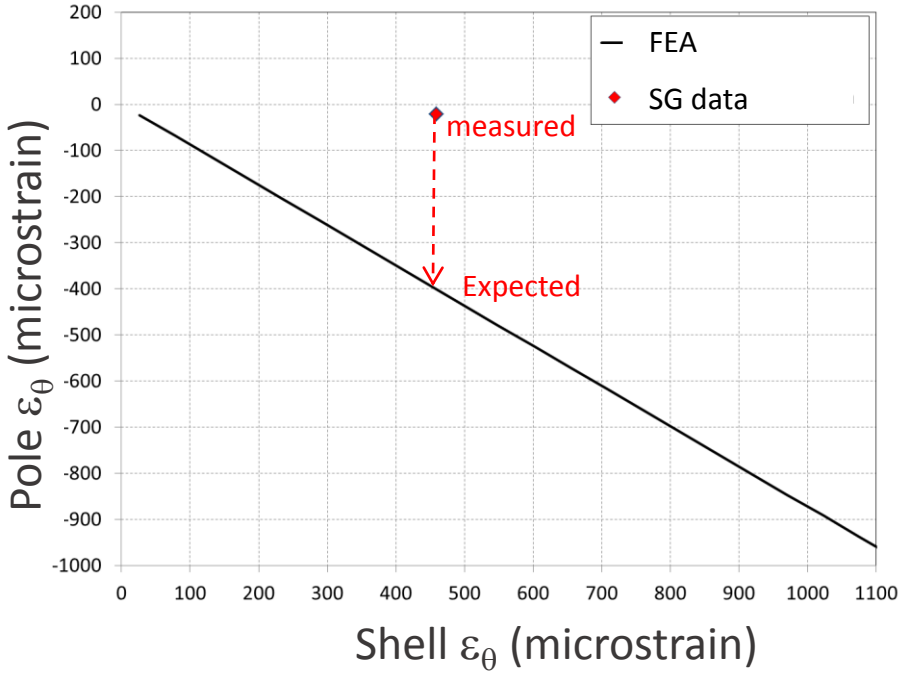

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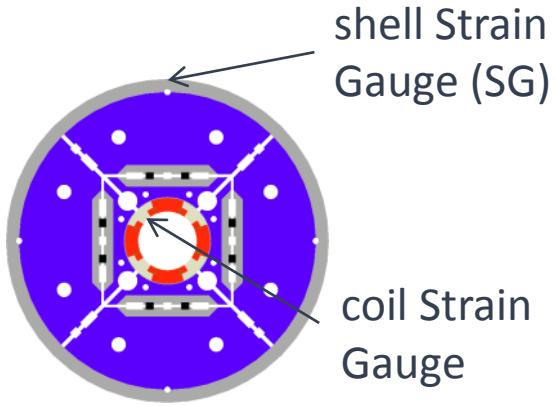

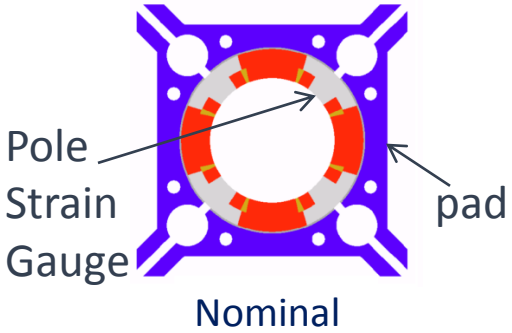

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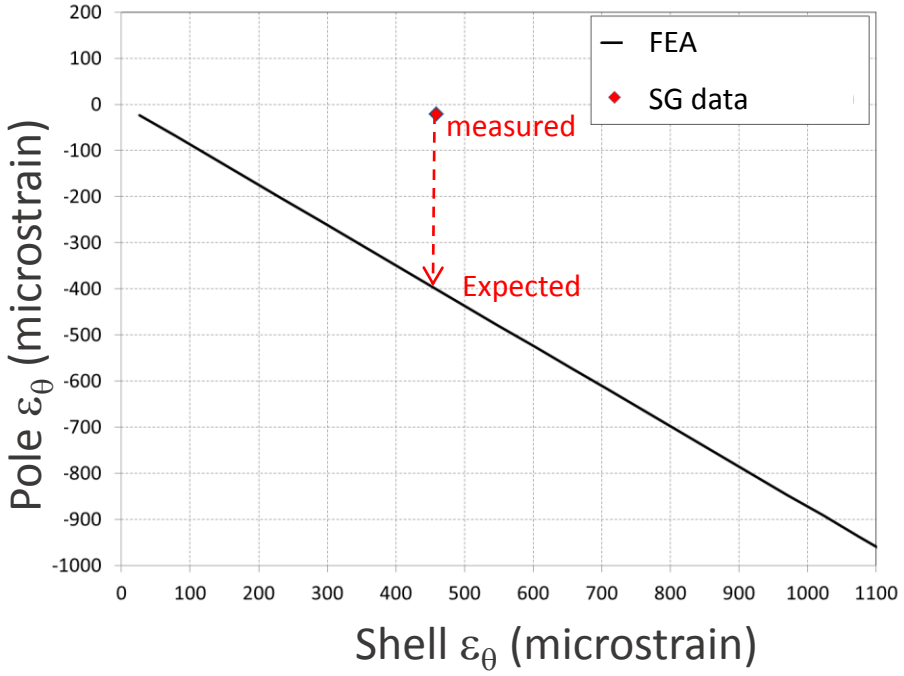

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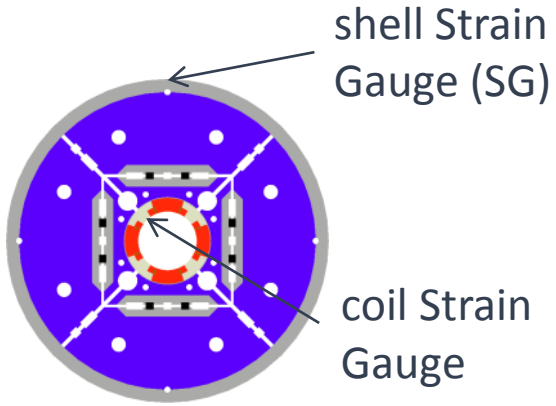

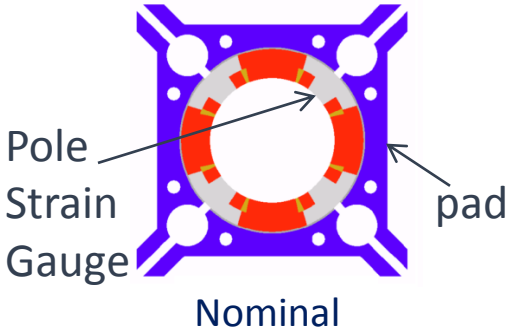

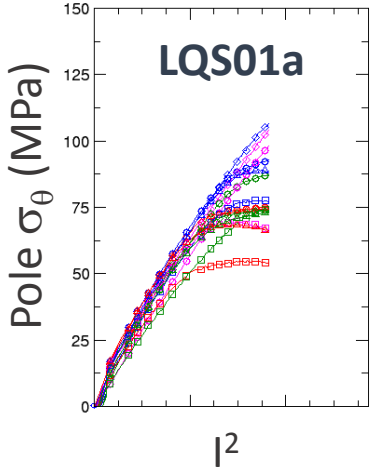

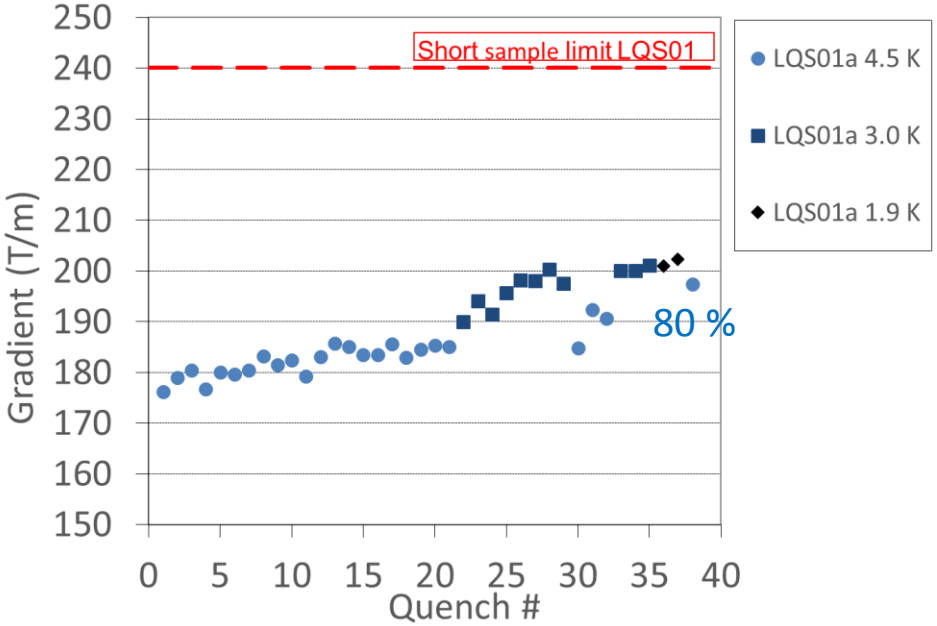

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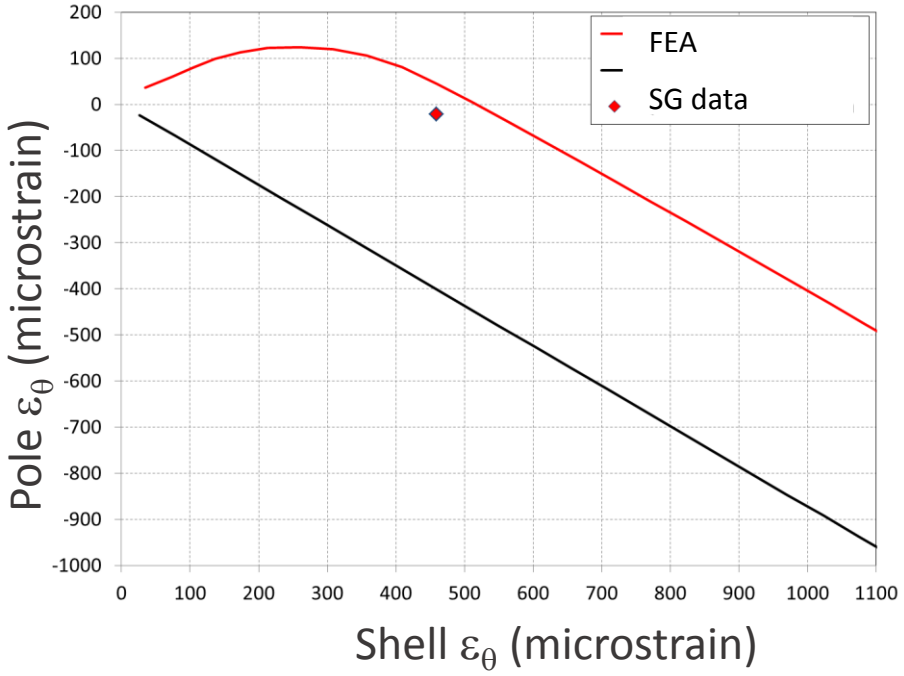

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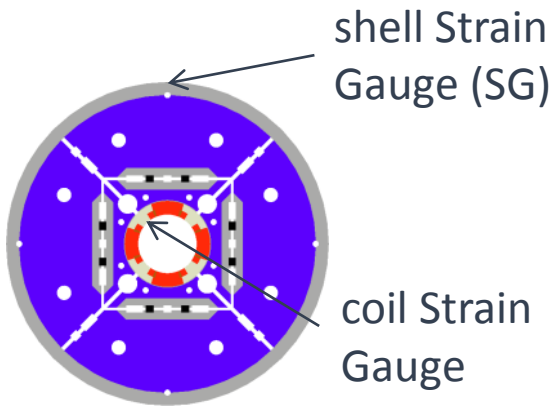

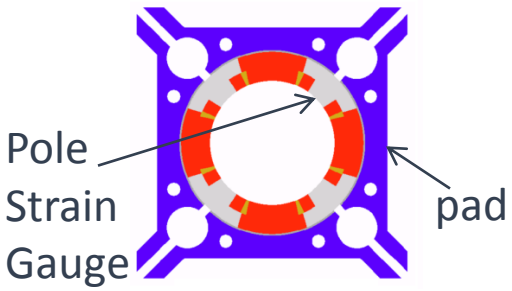

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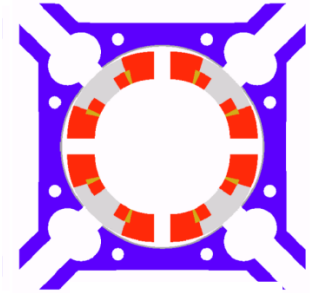

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Oversized coils
Change of prestress distribution

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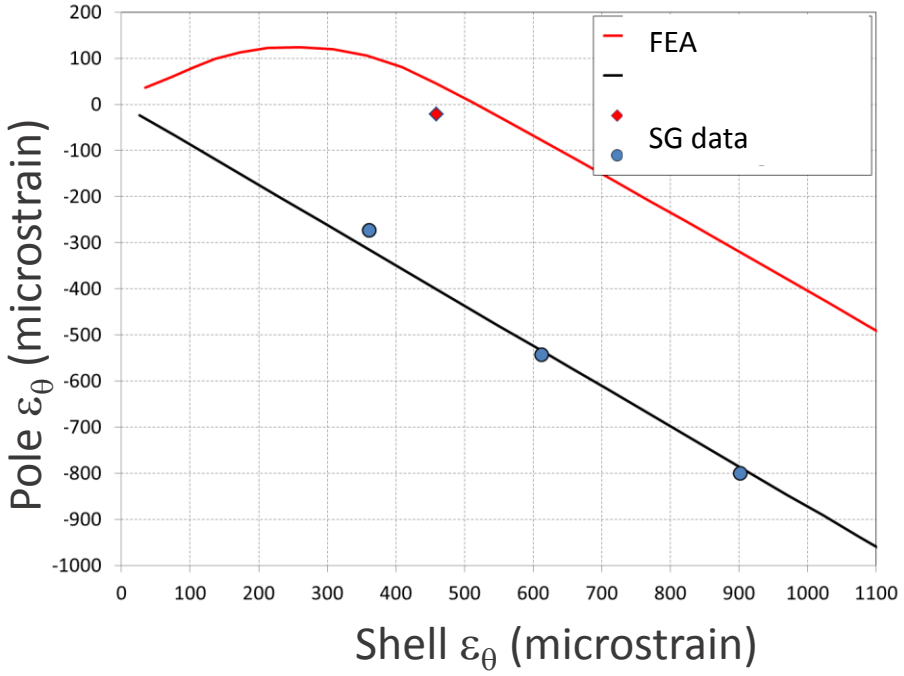

- Agreement modeling/strain gauges
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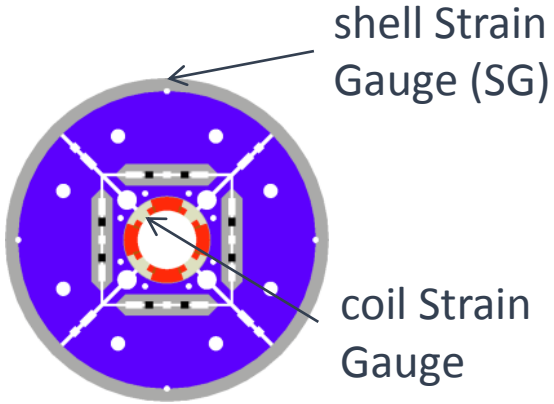

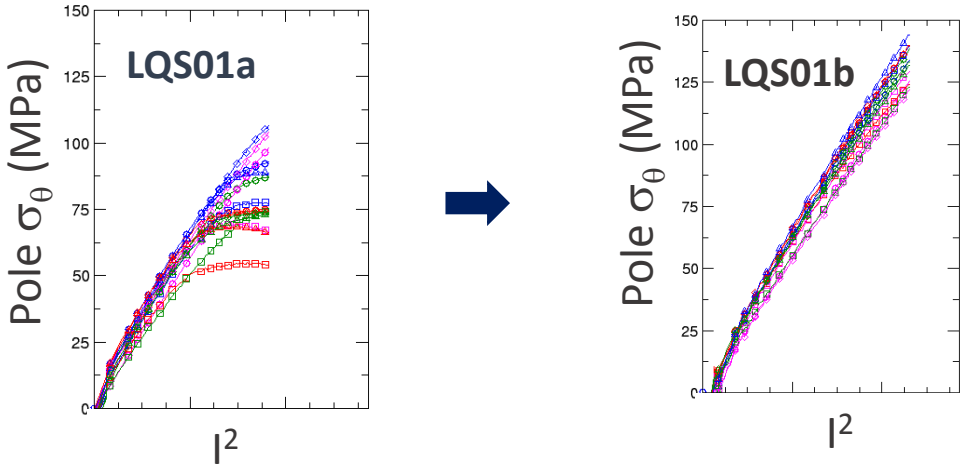

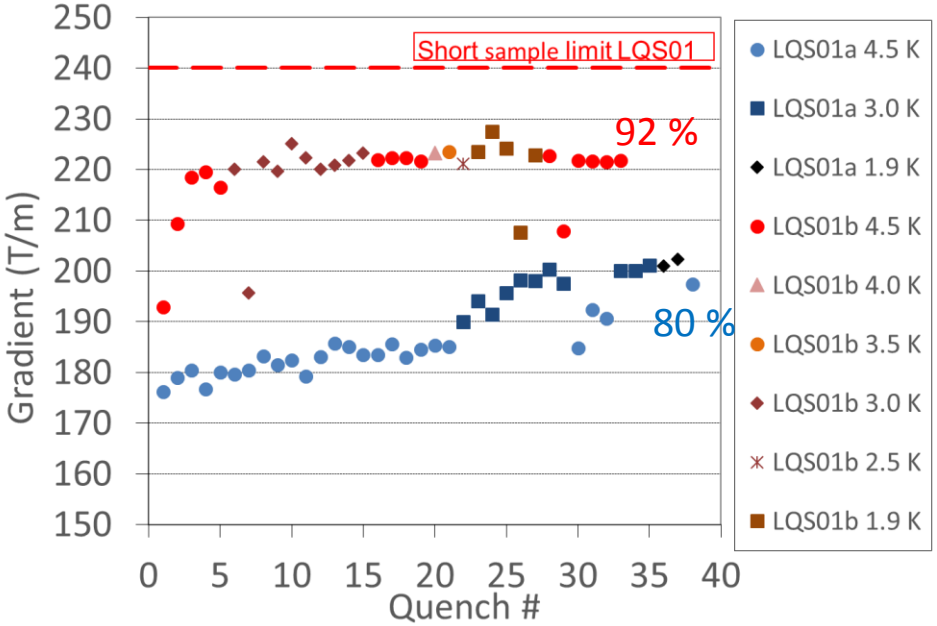

Preload, Strain gauges, modeling and performance correlation

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2000s: progress on dipoles and quadrupoles

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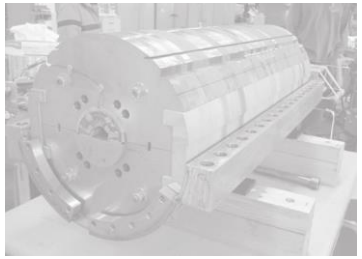

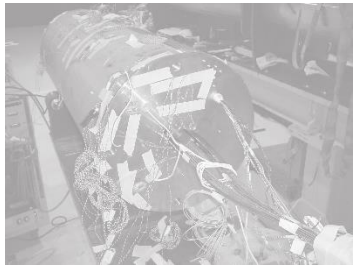

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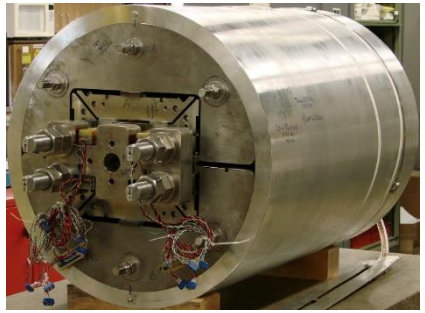

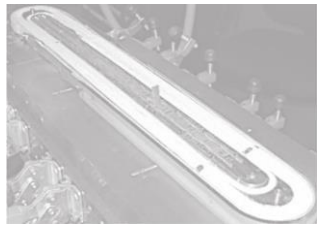

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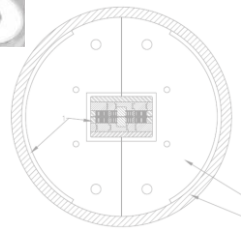

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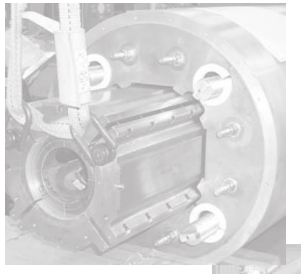
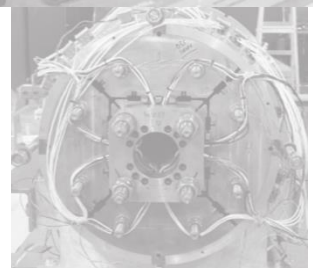
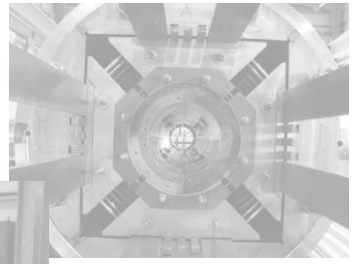


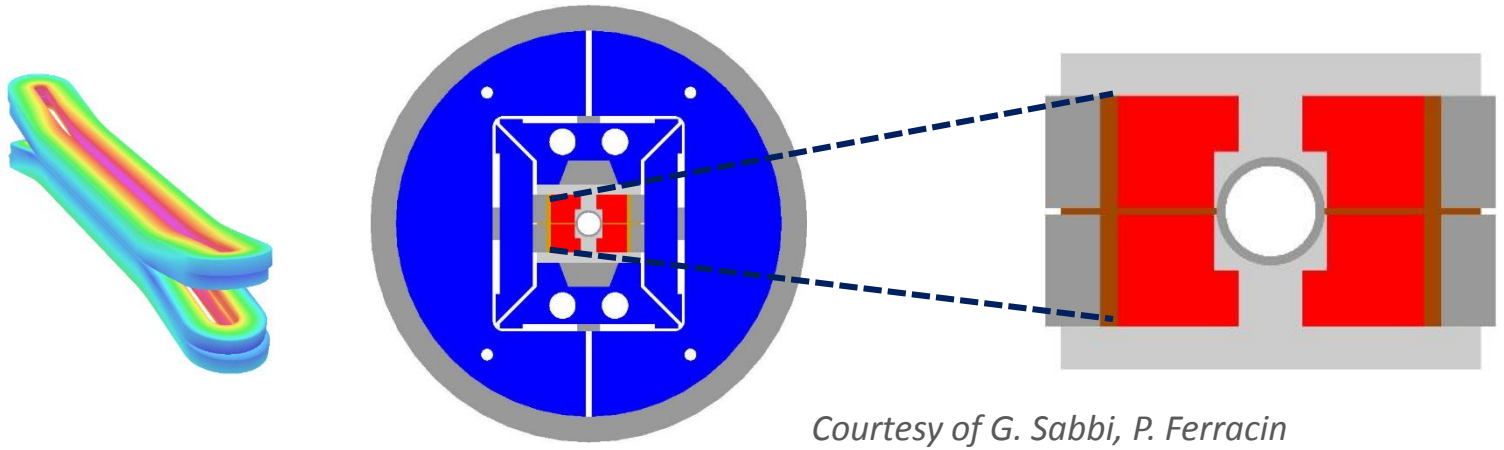




Block configuration: an option for high field dipoles

Following the quest toward simplicity : Dipoles for future colliders (energy frontier)

=> **Block configuration**



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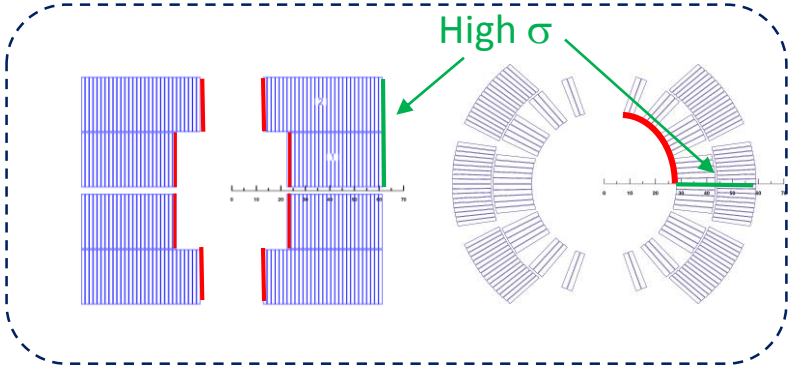


Pros

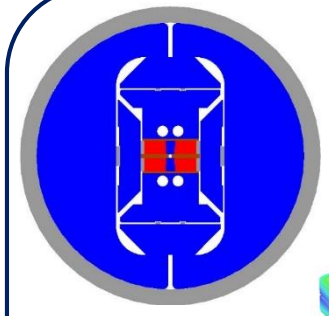
- Flat cable
- Coil width controlled by number of turns => high field
- Low number of coil components
- No end spacer (3D)
- High field versus high stress location

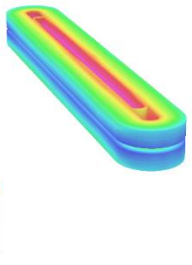
Challenges

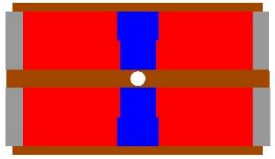
- Inner support required
  - Smaller clear bore
  - Coil Assembly can be delicate
- Flared ends to clear the beam

Block type magnets

2000s | 2010s | 2020s







HD1

- 8 mm aperture
- Racetrack, 1-m
- 155-185 MPa

16 T bore field @ 4.3 K in 2003

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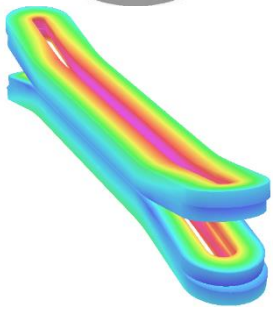
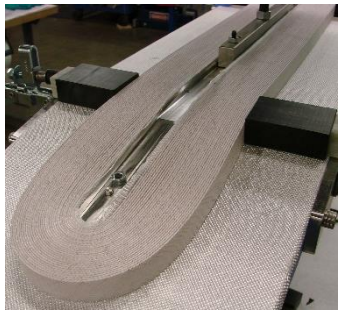
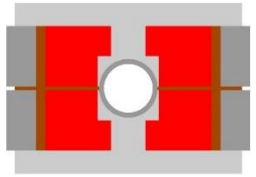


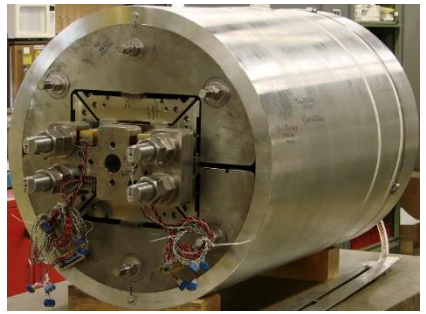


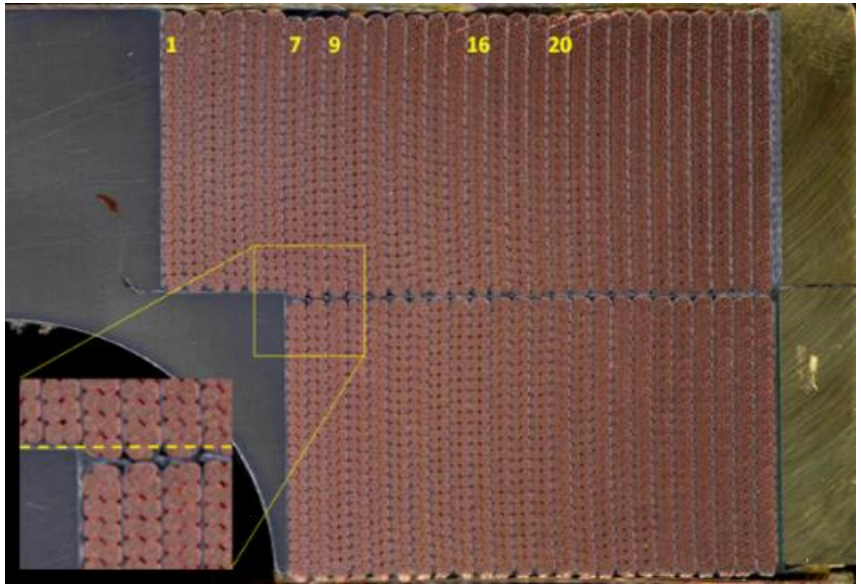
HD2-3

- 36 to 43 mm aperture
- Flare ends
- 1m-long
- 140-180 MPa

13.8 T @ 4.3 K in 2008 in HD2
13.4 T @ 4.3 K in 2013 in HD3







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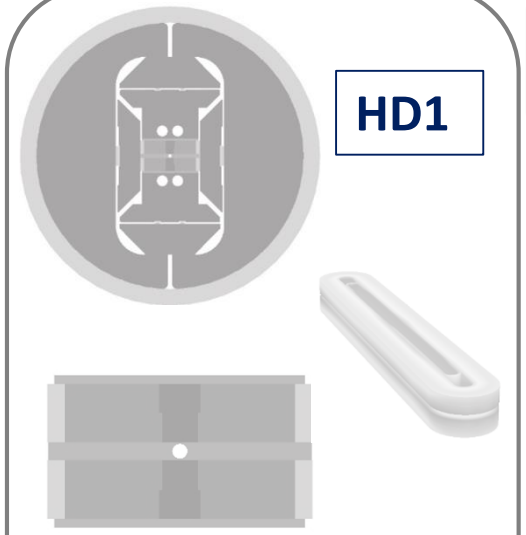

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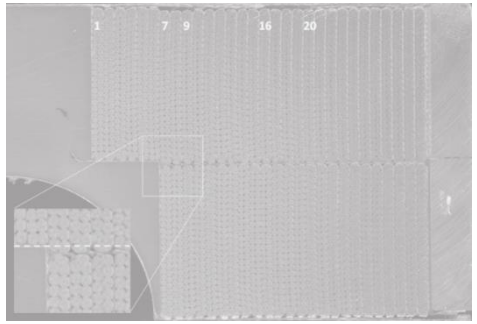

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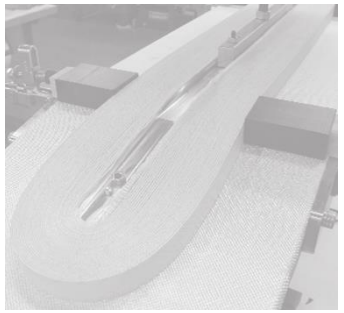

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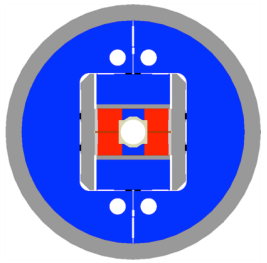
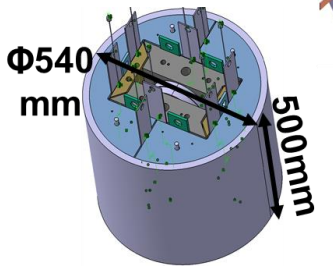
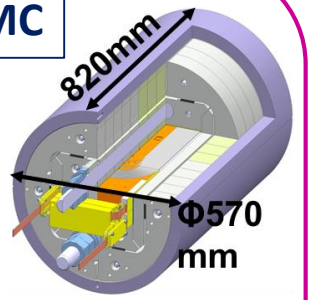


14.6 T at 1.9 K in 2018

SMC

RMC

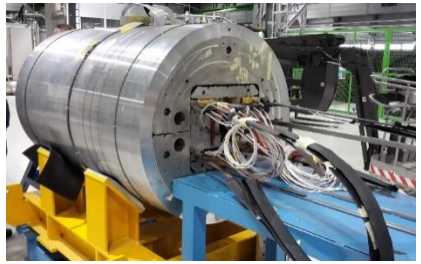




16.2 T peak @ 1.9 K in 2015

Courtesy of JC Perez, CERN

Test facility (13 T) and Technology carrier for HFM



100mm bore
2.2-m long
~120 MPa

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On the way to HiLumi

DIPOLES

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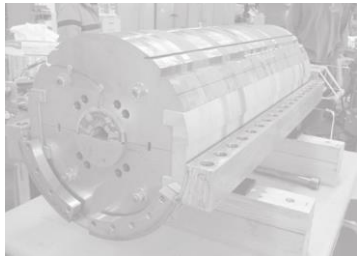

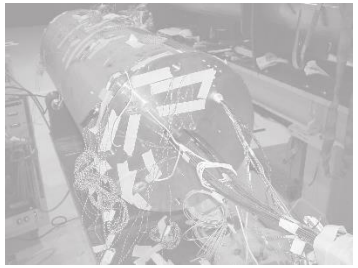

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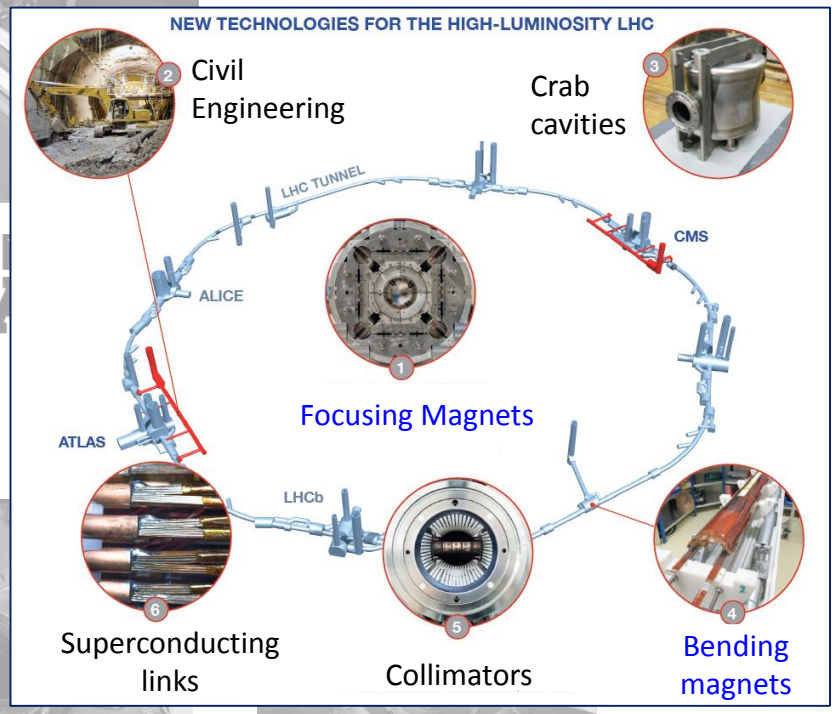
HiLumi HL-LHC PROJECT



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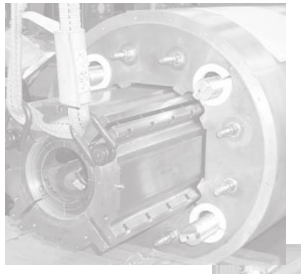
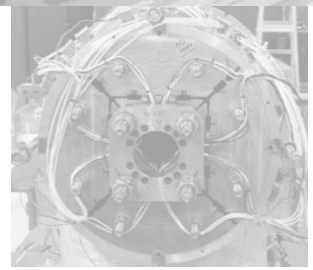


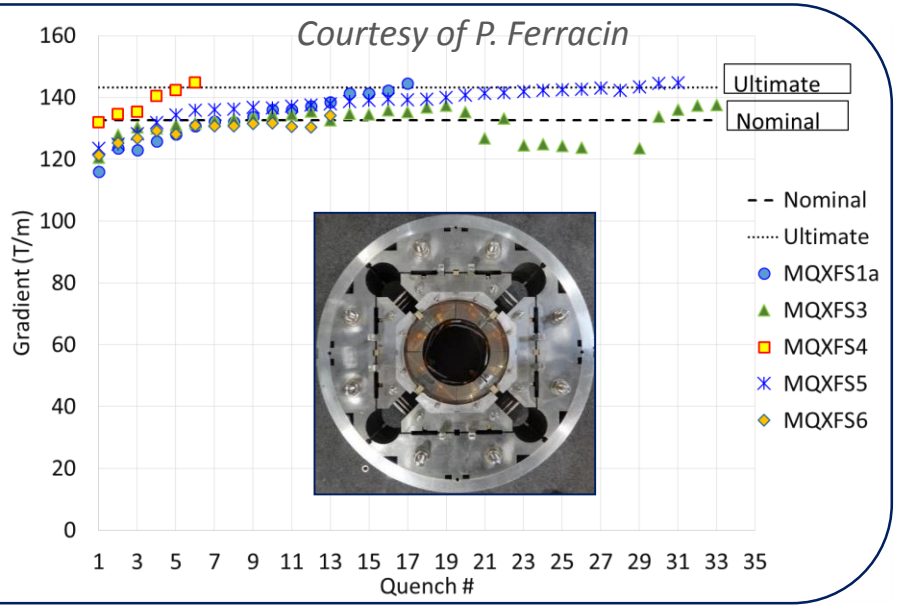


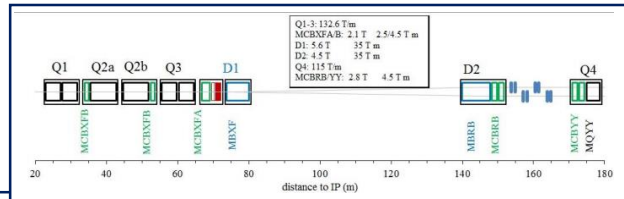
Nb_3Sn in HL-LHC: MQXF an outcome of LARP

Short Model program

Courtesy of D. Cheng, LBNL

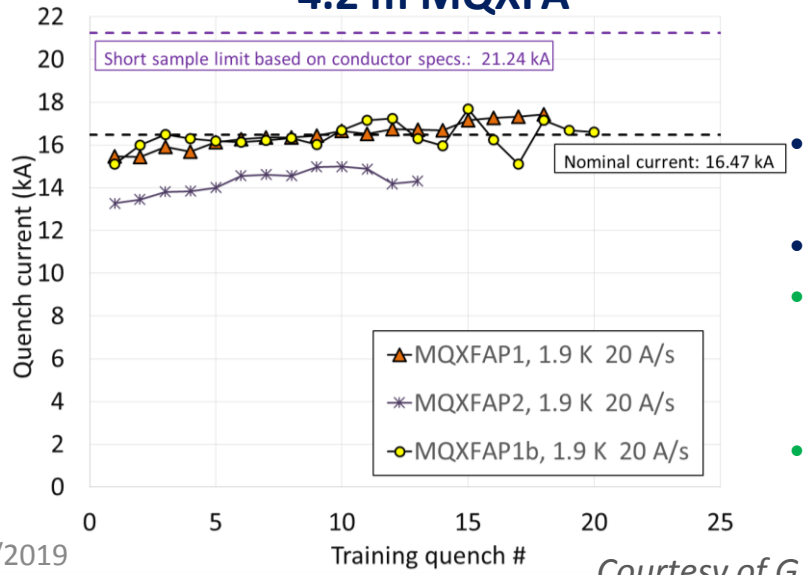
- RRP and PIT (CERN) coils
- Exploration of preload parameter space





150 mm aperture
G_{op} 132 T/m @1.9K
B_{peak} 11.4 T
77 % on the LL

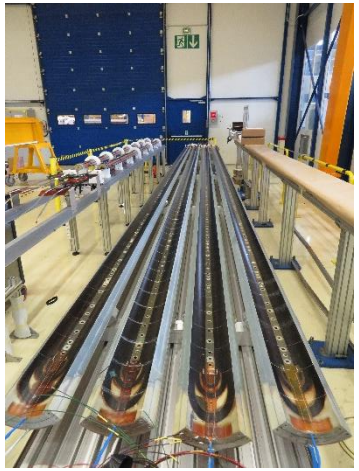
4.2 m MQXFA



Prototypes

- 2 MQXFA prototypes tested
- Pre-series on its way
- MQXFA3 to be tested in October 2019
- MQXFBP1 to be tested early 2020

7.15 m MQXFB



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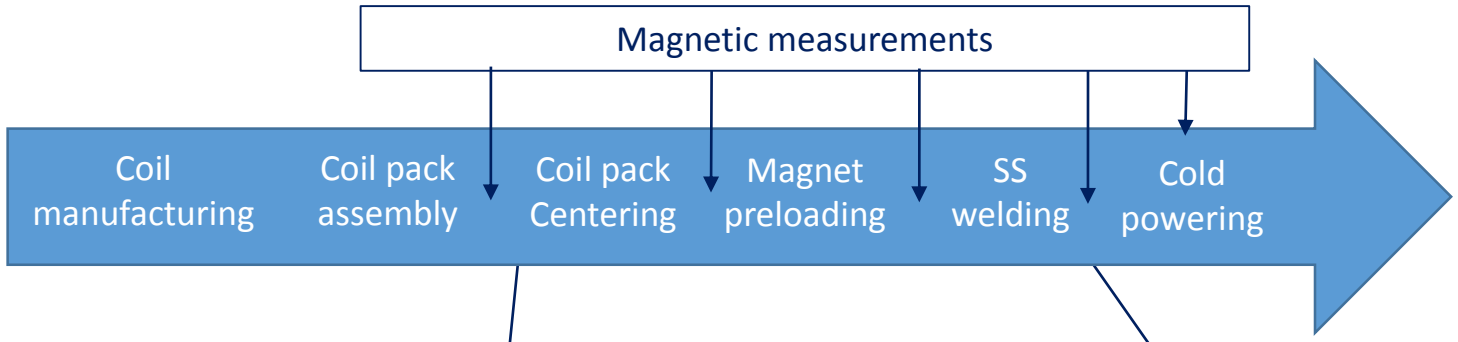
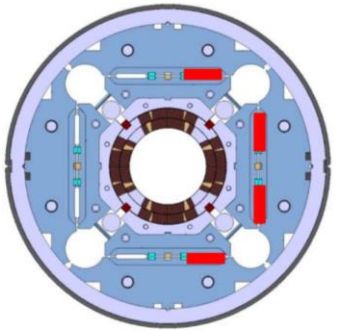
MQXF : a word on field quality



- Systematic b_6 => cross-section tweaking
- Good correlation warm/cold allowing for partial correction of non allowed harmonics by magnetic shims



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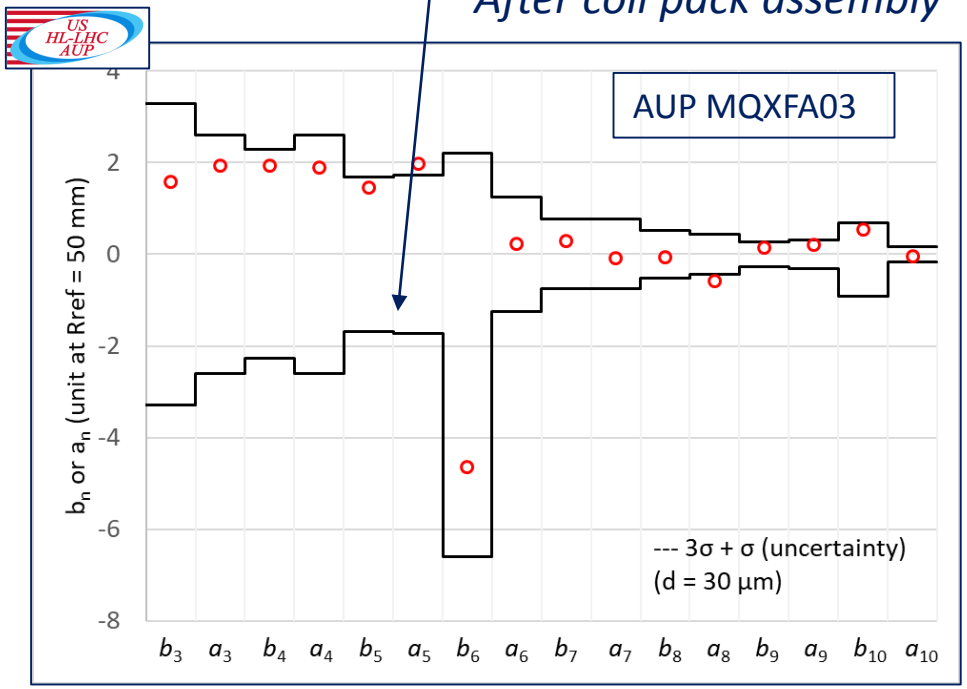
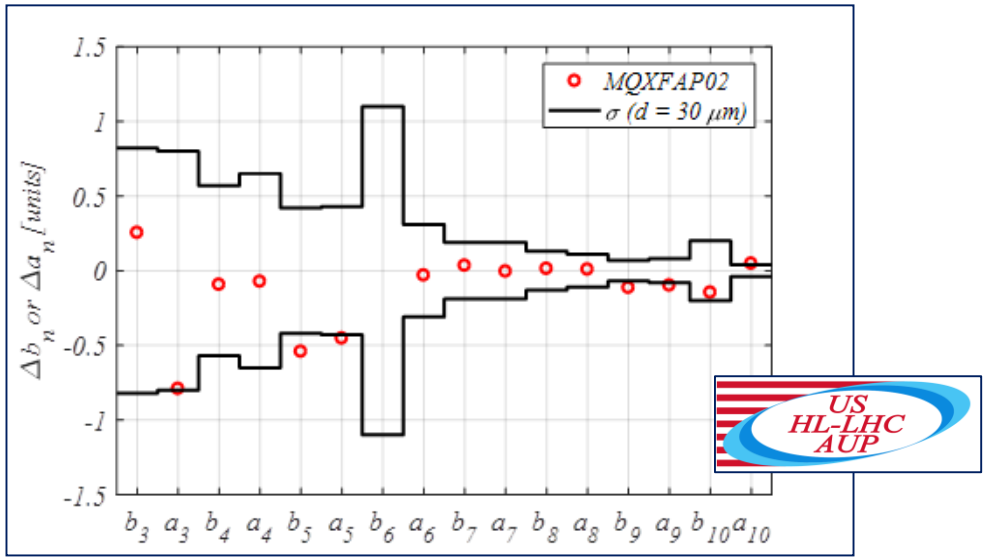


Change of harmonics due to cold powering

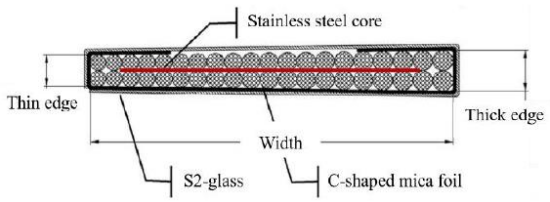


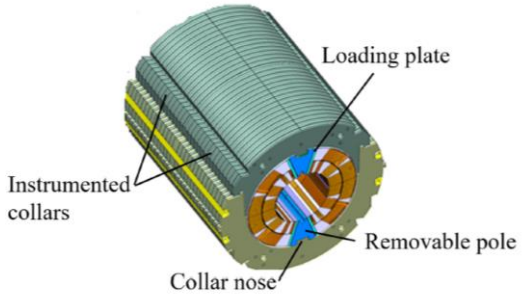
Ready for HL-LHC

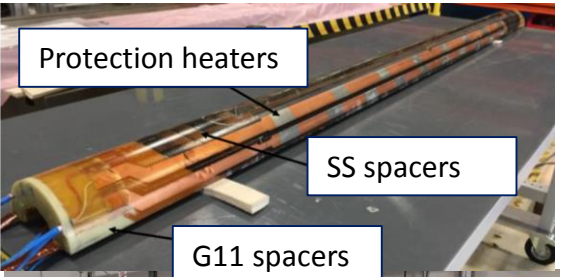
Courtesy of S. Izquierdo Bermudez (CERN), X. Wang (LBNL) and H. Song (BNL)

Nb_3Sn Dipole in HL-LHC: 11 T dipole

Double aperture magnets (5.5 m)
Short model program (Single and 2-in-1 model)







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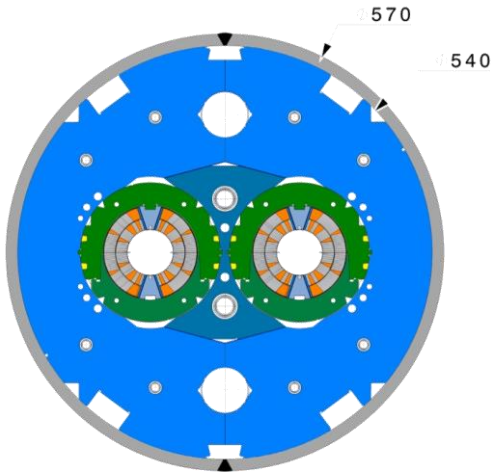
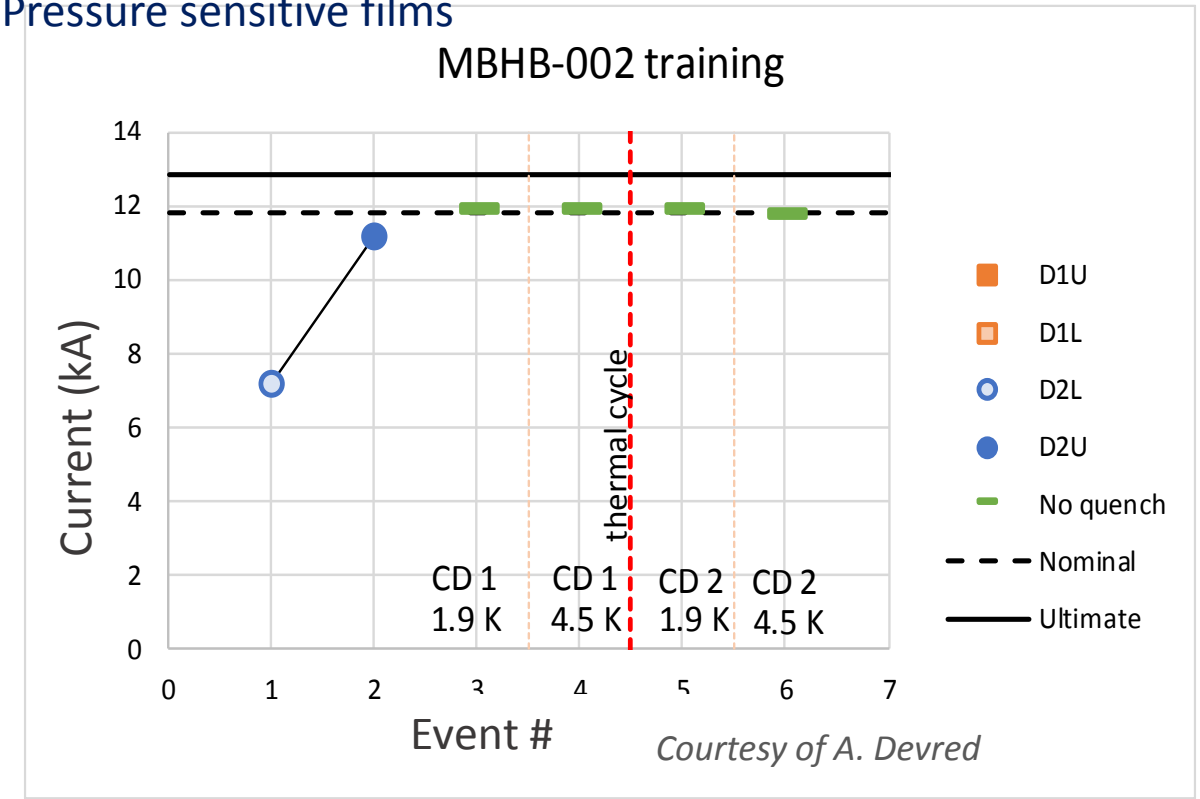
Optimisation of the insulation scheme
Optimisation of the collaring process through:

- Mock ups
- Instrumentation
- Pressure sensitive films





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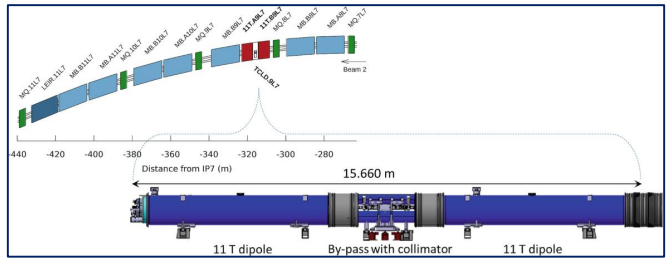
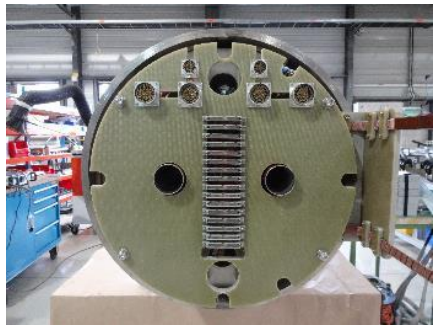


60 mm aperture
B_{nom} 11.2 T @ 1.9 K
80 % on the LL

Courtesy of F. Savary



1st dipole tested => ready for tunnel in 10/2019

All four dipoles should be ready in April 2020

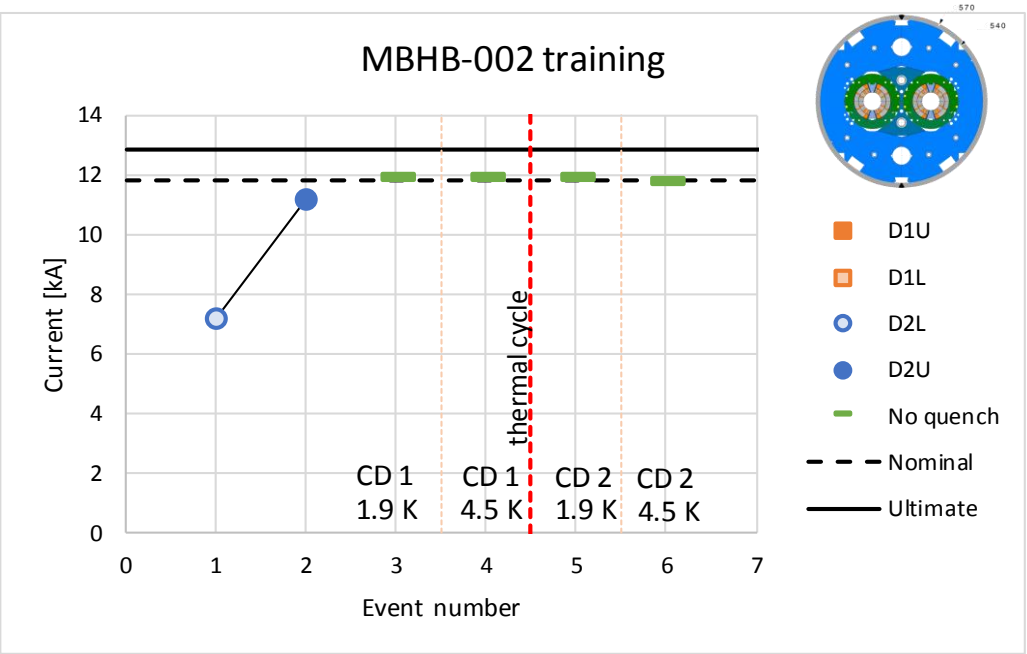
Looking closely at performance

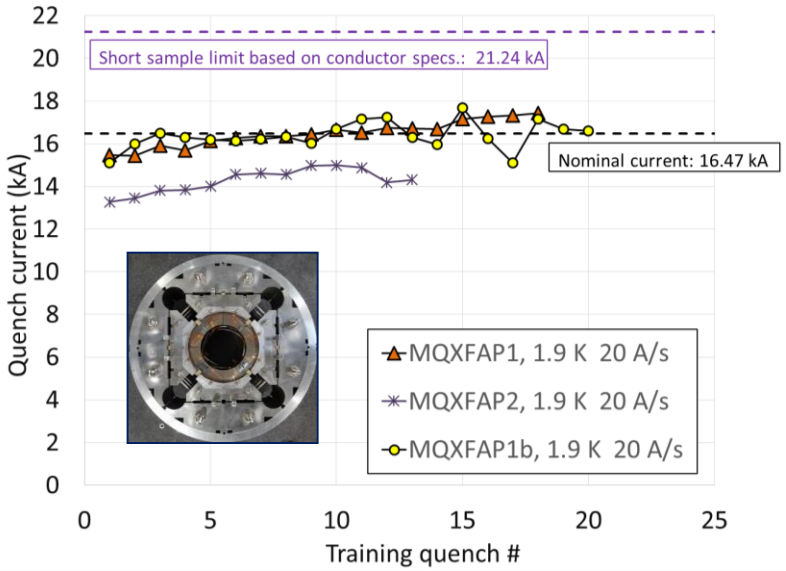
Successful 11⁺ T Nb_3Sn **long** dipoles and quadrupoles

⇒ **User point of view**: operating field and gradient

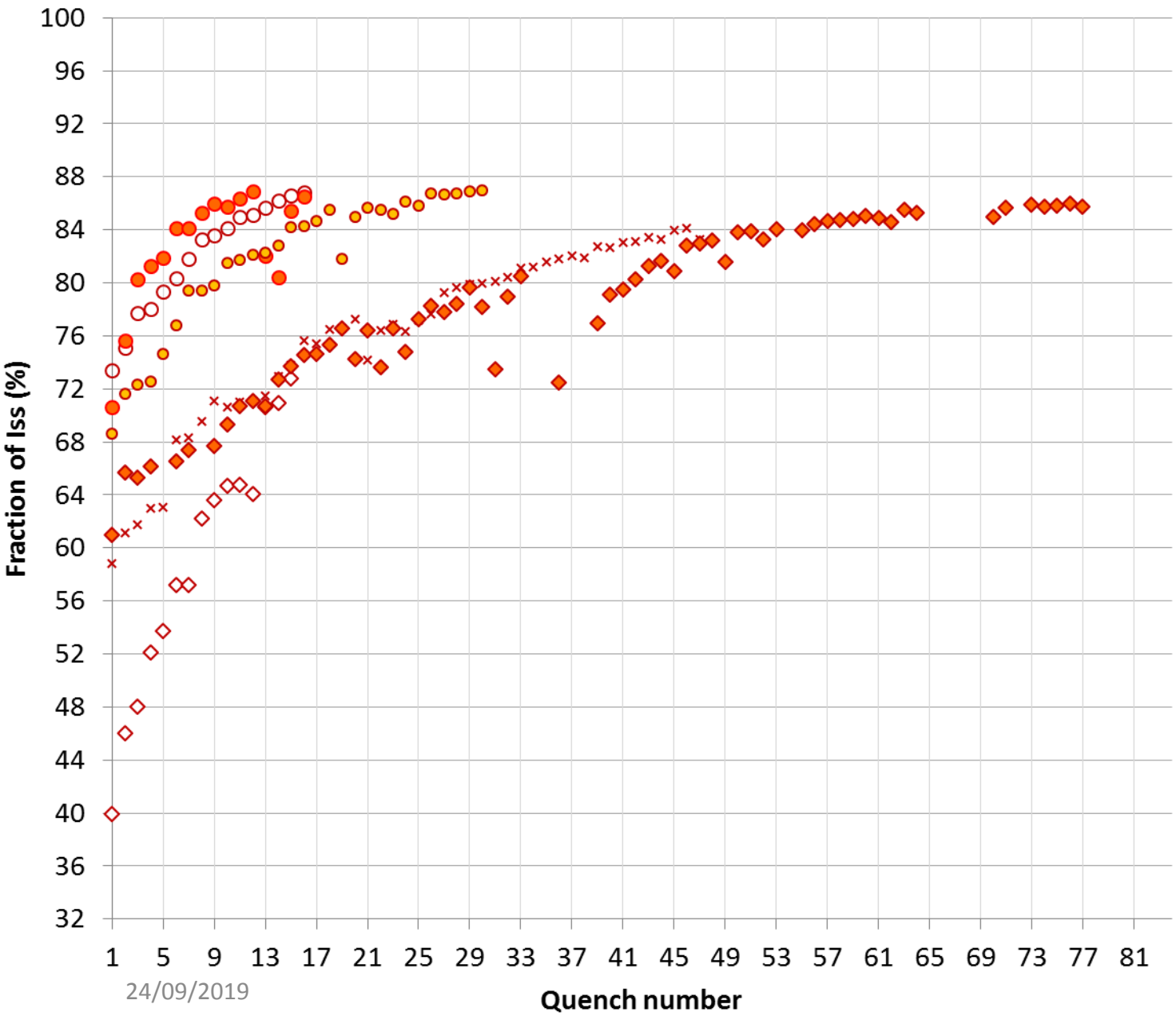
⇒ **Magnet engineer stand point**: how close are we from the critical surface/ maximum performance?

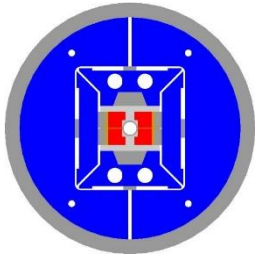
Short models are a great tool!





Dipoles with bore: training performance summary





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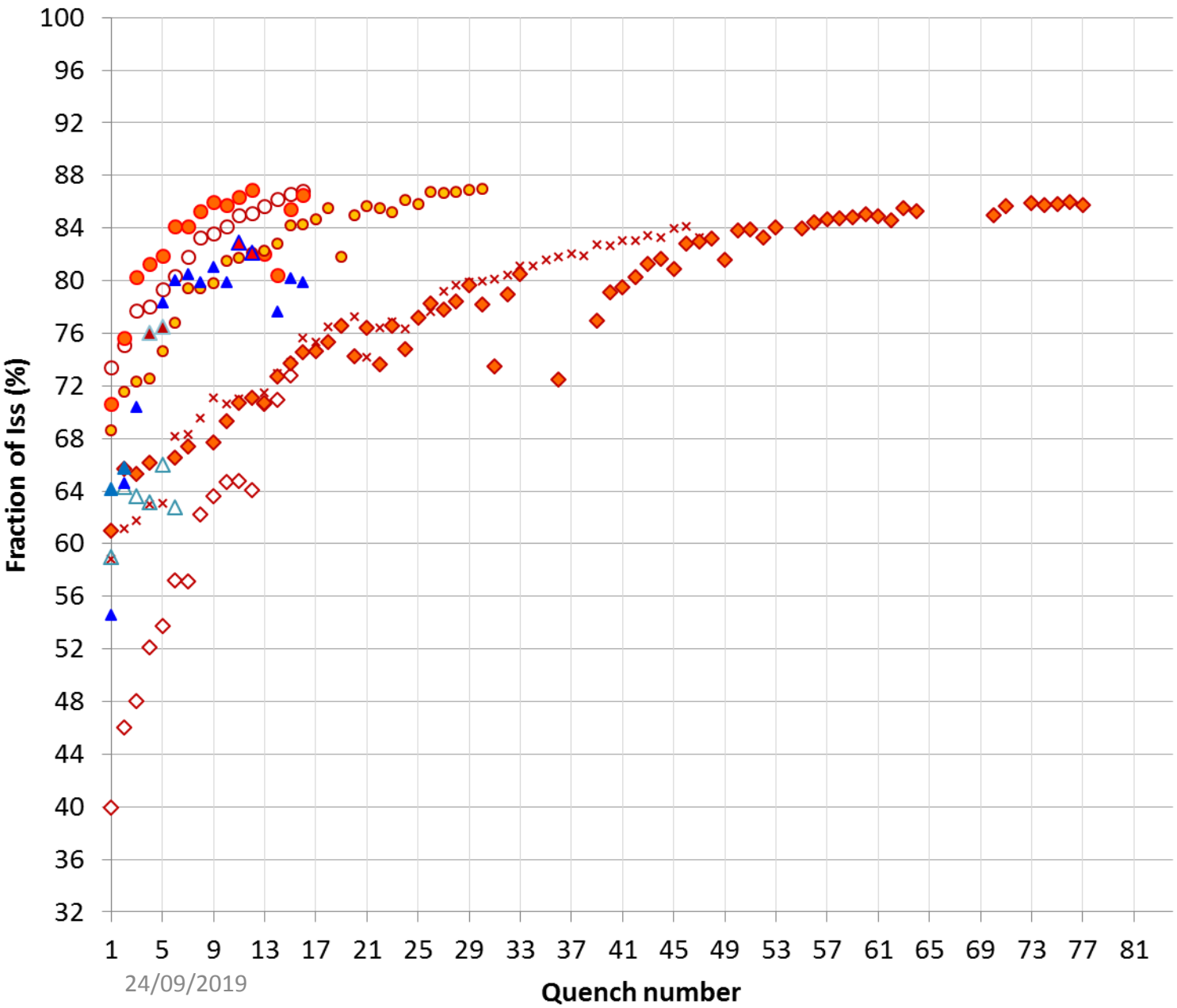

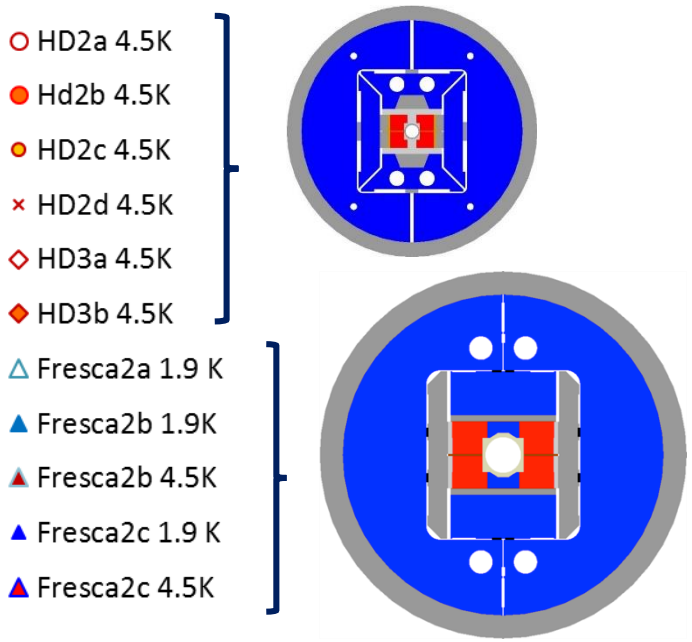

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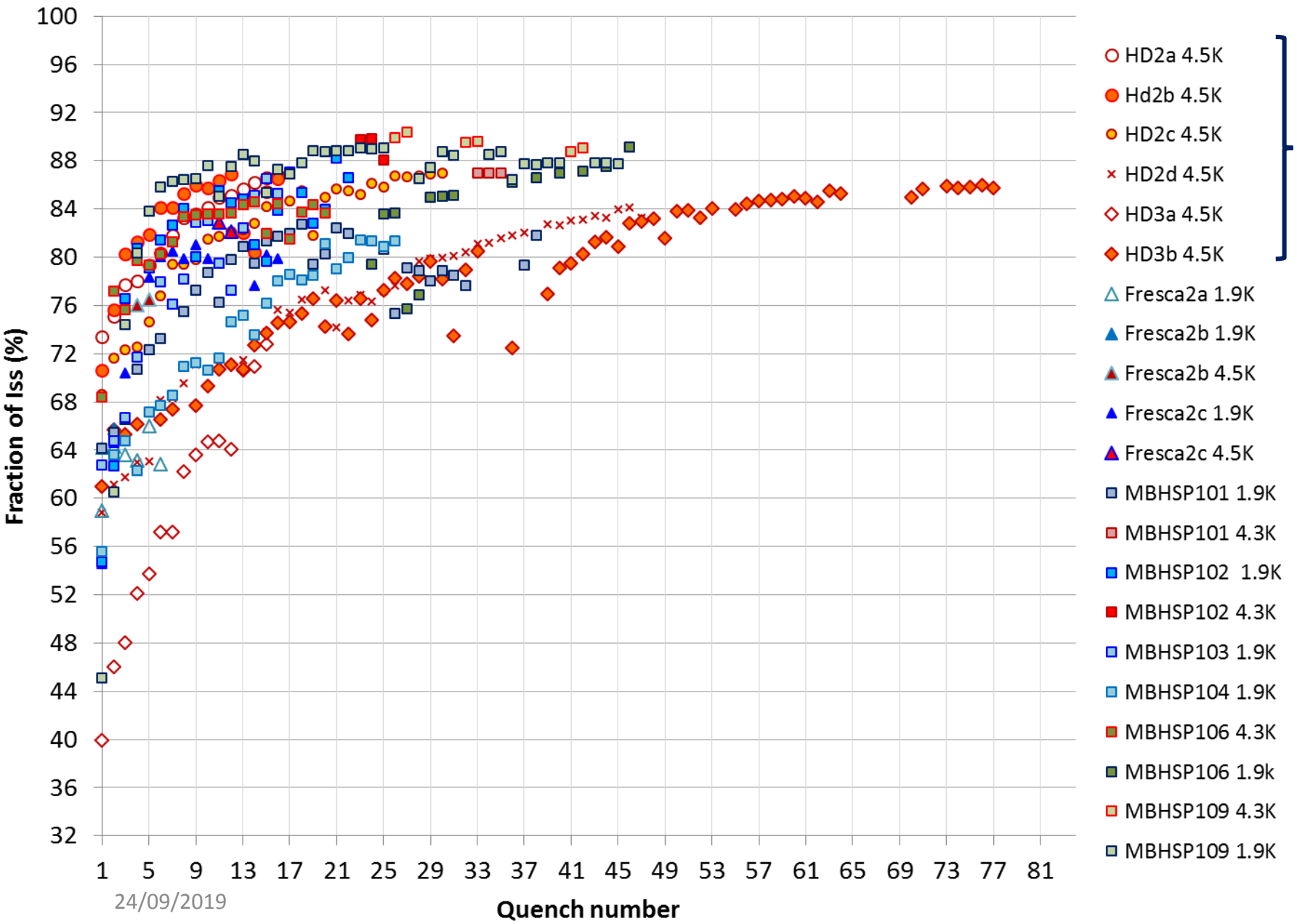

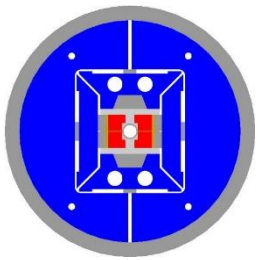

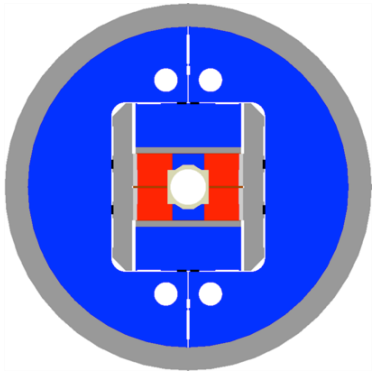

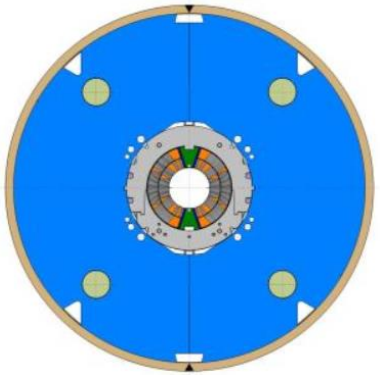

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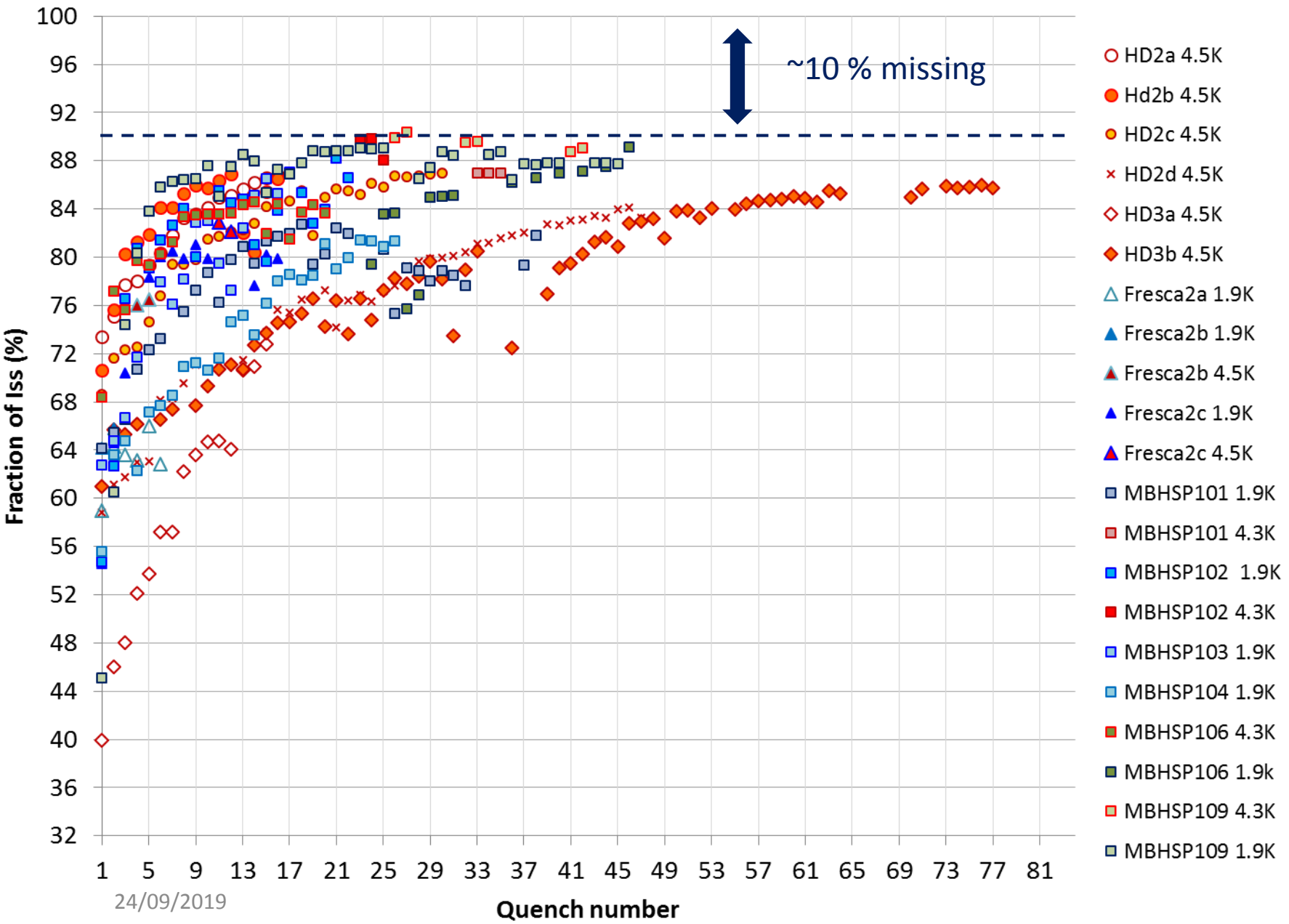

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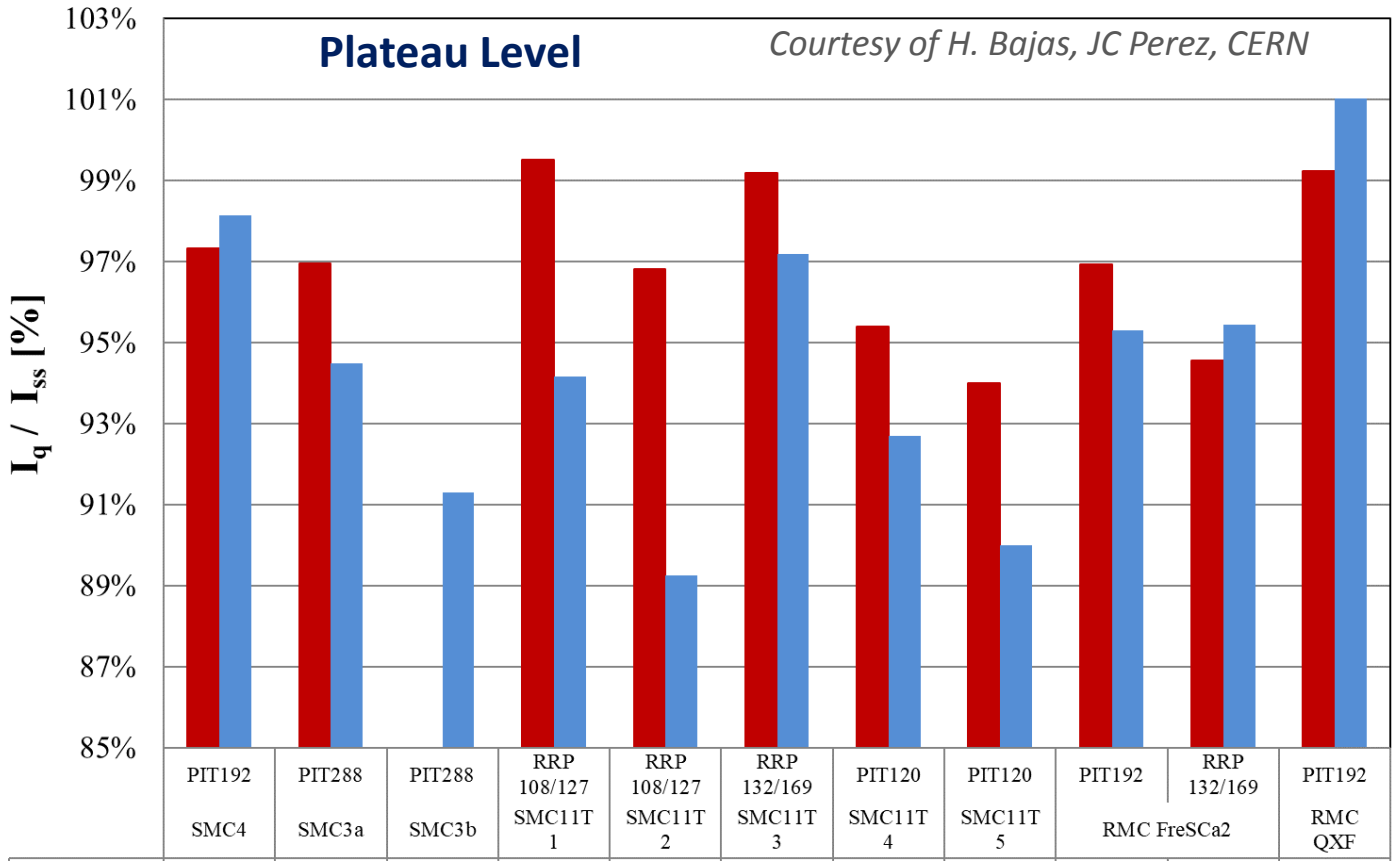

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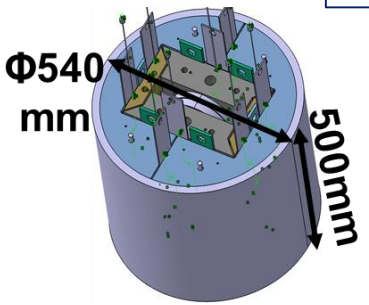

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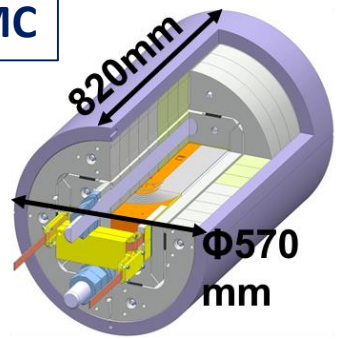

Performance limitation and Long training

- Conductor degradation
- Disturbance spectrum?

- Quantification of Nb_3Sn degradation during magnet life cycle
- Innovative magnet configuration
- Innovative diagnostics

Programs and collaborations aiming at tackling these topics

U.S. MAGNET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM *ASC/NHMFL, BNL, FNAL, LBNL*

Leveraging past experience

Item 2.2 : High Field Dipole Development to Explore the Limits of Nb_3Sn

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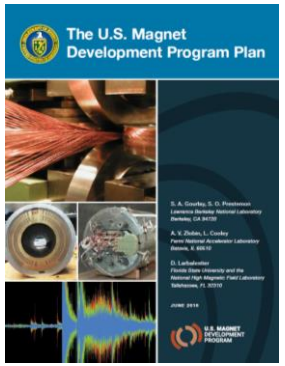

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EuroCirCol A key to New Physics

CEA, CERN, CIEMAT, UNIGEneva, KEK, INFN, TampereU, UTwente

- Design study for FCC CDR
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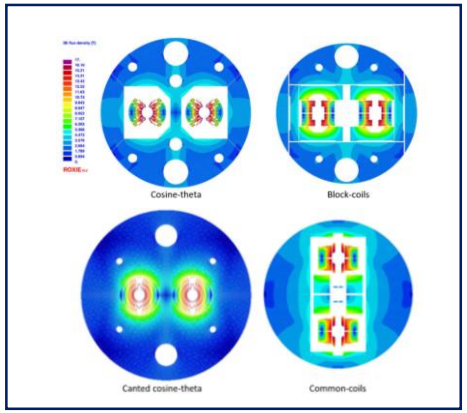


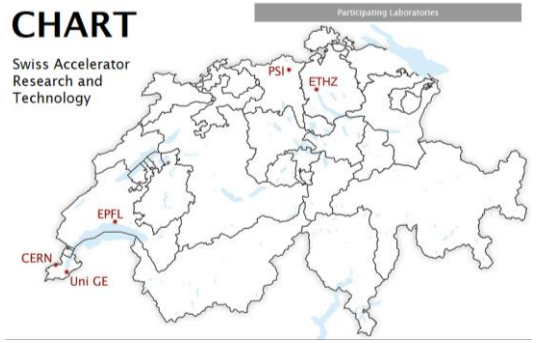
Series of Worskhops on Nb_3Sn technology for accelerator magnets

- **2017:** https://indico.cern.ch/event/665458/
- **2018 :** https://indico.cern.ch/event/743626/
- **2020 in preparation**

Budker INP Novosibirsk

Ongoing discussion on high field dipole program definition

CHART Swiss Accelerator Research and Technology



High field magnets development
Focus on innovative concept

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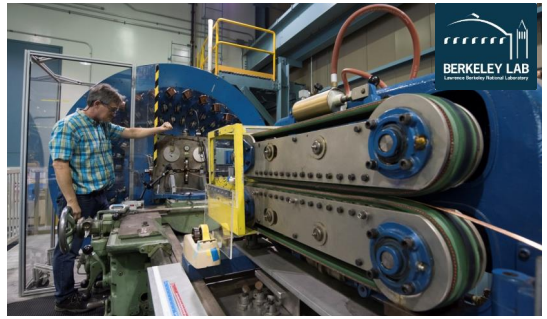

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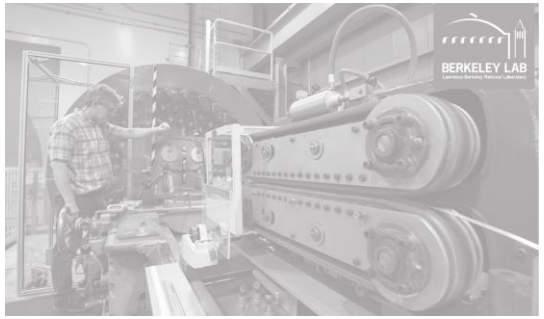

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Study of Nb_3Sn cable dimensional changes during HT

Empirical approach to assess cable dimensional changes during HT

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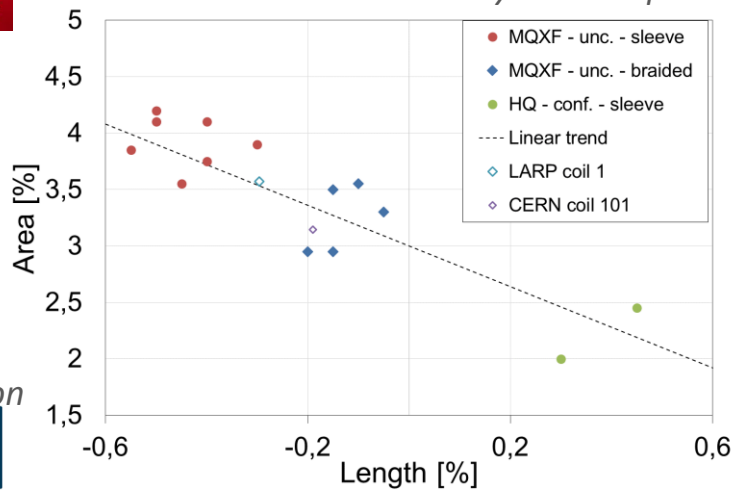
Courtesy E. Rochepault



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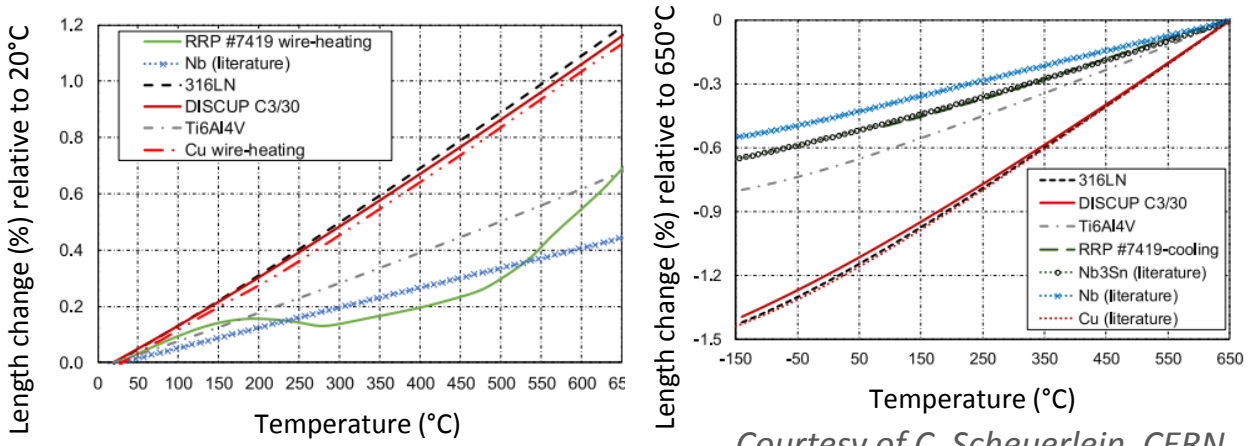
We know how to empirically minimize post-HT strain

We do not know (yet):

- how to predict dimensional changes w/o direct measurement
- the Nb_3Sn strain state at the end of the HT

In situ measurements of thermal expansion/contraction



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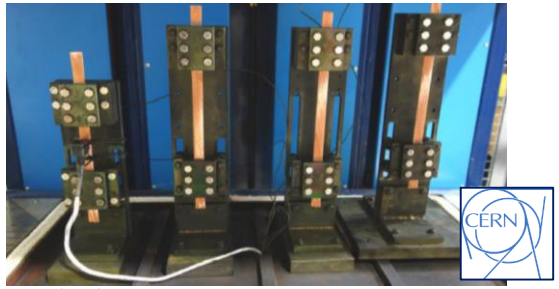
In situ length change tracking via extensometers



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- In situ tracking of the displacement field via Digital Image correlation
- Modeling

=> Ultimate goal: predictive model

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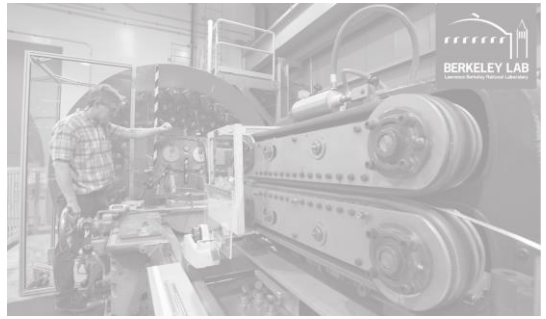

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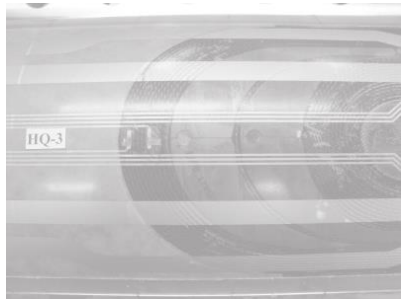

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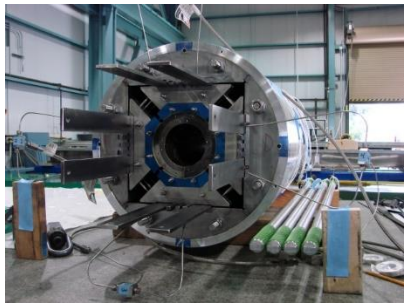

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Ongoing progress on mechanical behavior characterization of Epoxy impregnated Nb_3Sn

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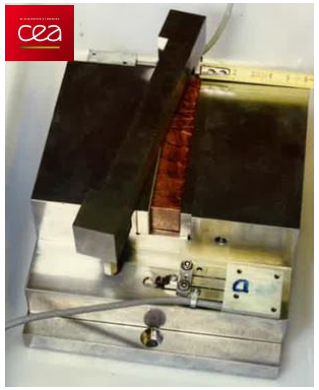

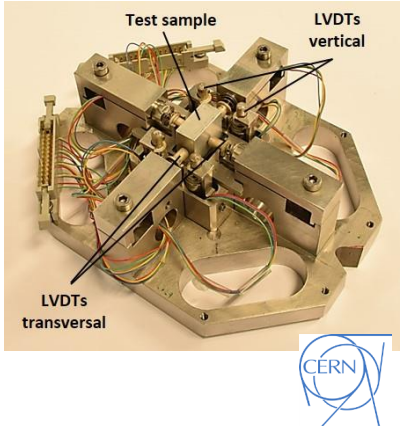

σ–ε curves along the 3 sample directions

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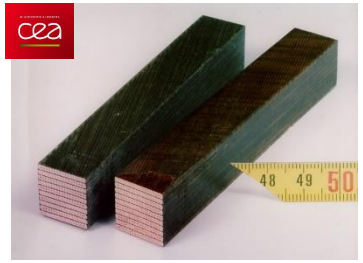

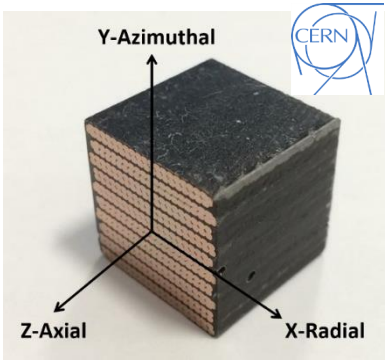

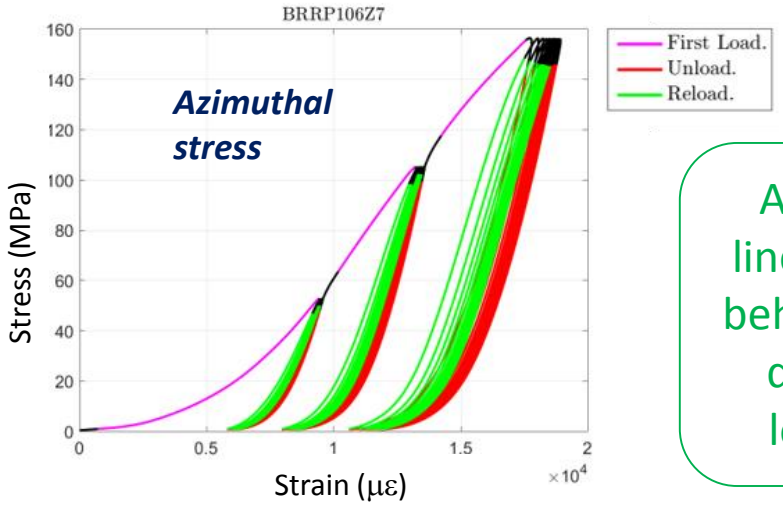

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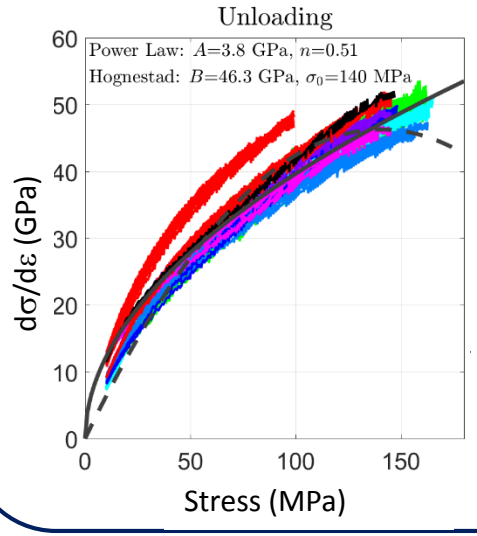

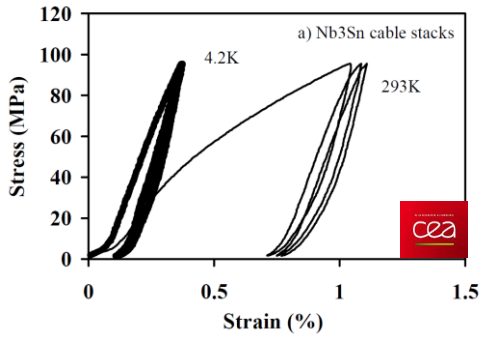

Ongoing attempt to have a coil rigidity formulation in FE

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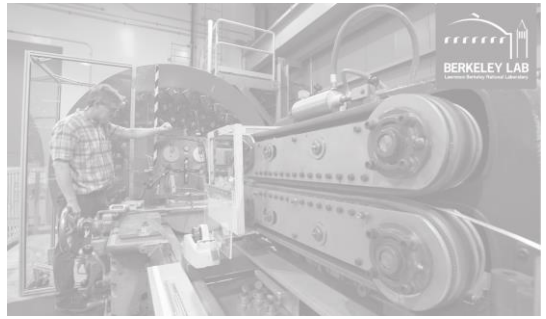

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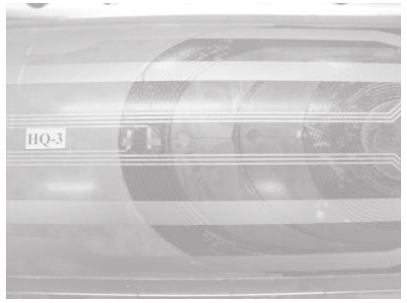

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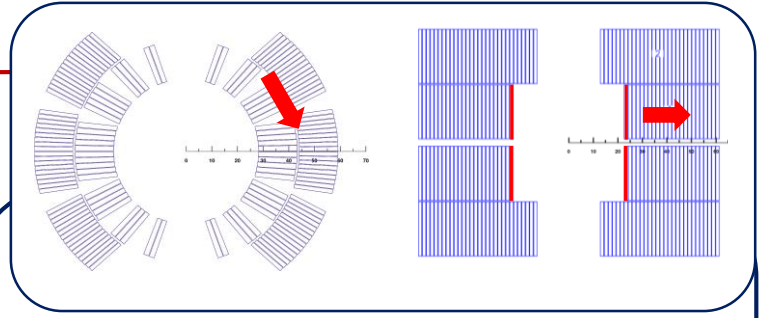

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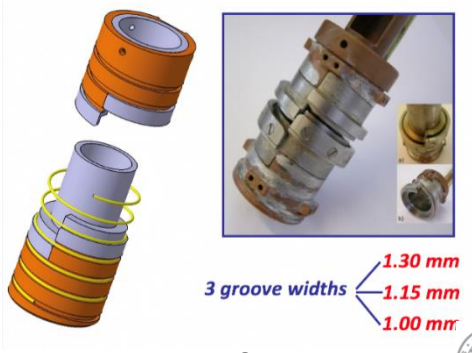

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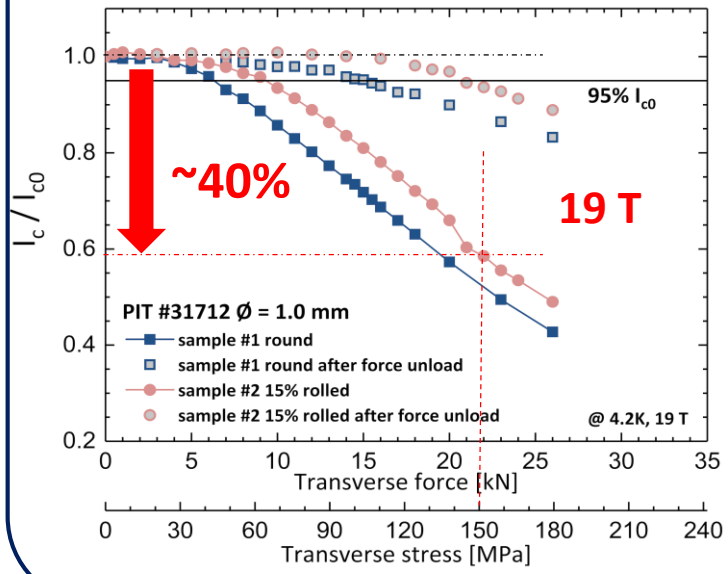

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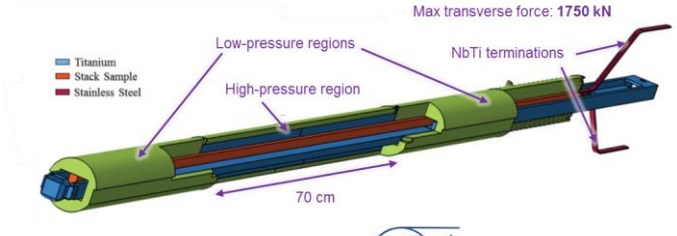

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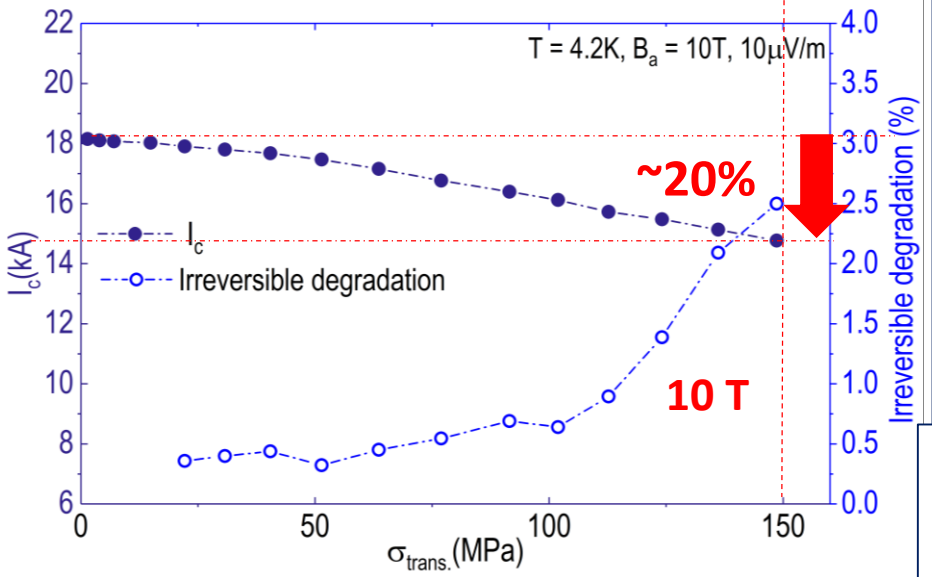

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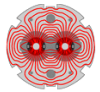
Magnet performance



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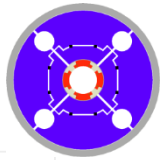
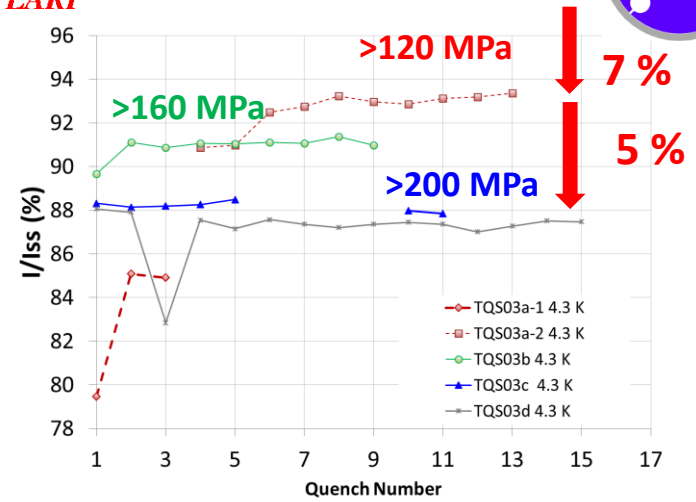




88 % of I_{ss} operation with >200 MPa

~ 12 T

I_c reduction due to transverse stress:

- Reversible (B_{c2} reduction)
- Irreversible (filament breakage)

Challenge: from conductor to magnet

Accounting for I_c reduction in the magnet design

Scaling Law to fit I_c (B,T,ε)

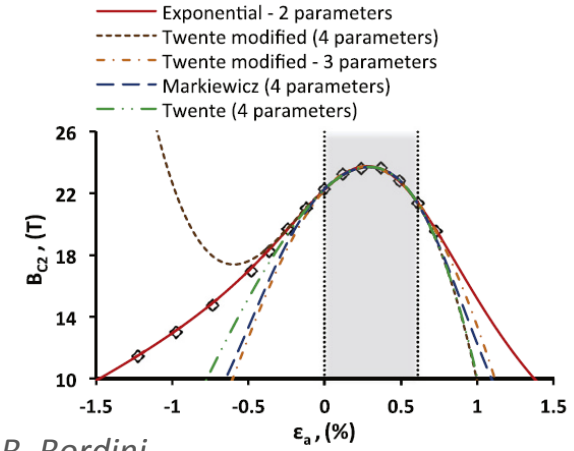
$$J_c(B,T,\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = C_0 \frac{B_{c20}}{B} (s(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}))^{\sigma} \left[(1-t^{1.52})(1-t^{2})\right]^{\alpha} b^{0.5}(1-b)^{2}$$

Where: $b = \frac{B}{B_{c2}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})}$; σ and α are parameters very close to 1 and; C_0 is a constant

Where $B_{c20} = B_{c2}(0,0)$, $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ is the strain tensor, $t = \frac{T}{T_c(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})}$

$$s(\varepsilon) = \frac{e^{-C_1\left(\frac{J_2+2}{J_2+1}\right)J_2} + e^{-C_1\left(\frac{I_1^2+2}{I_1^2+1}\right)\frac{I_1^2}{2}}}{2}$$

With I_1 the hydrostatic invariant
With J_2 the second deviatoric strain invariant



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Fitting experimental data

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$I_c(B,\sigma)$ at operating T

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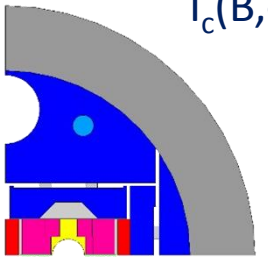
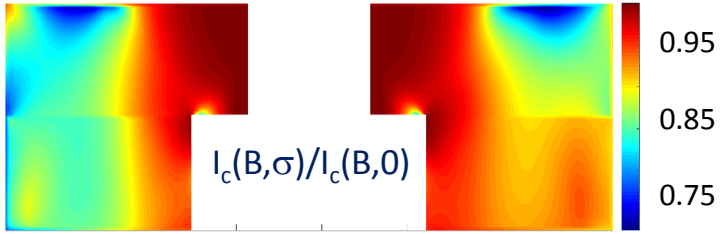
I_c reduction map using present FEM





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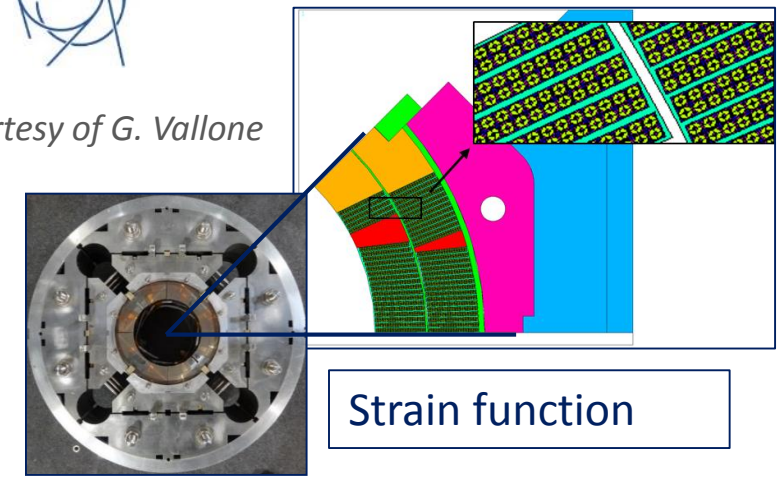

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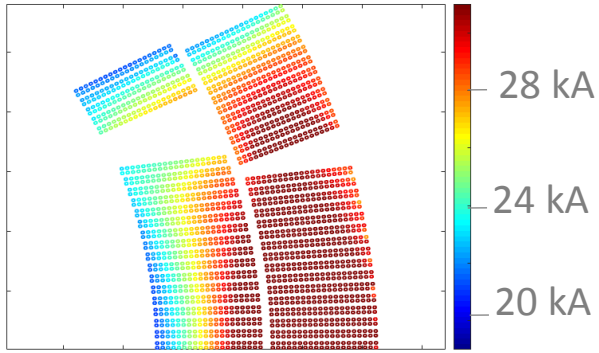

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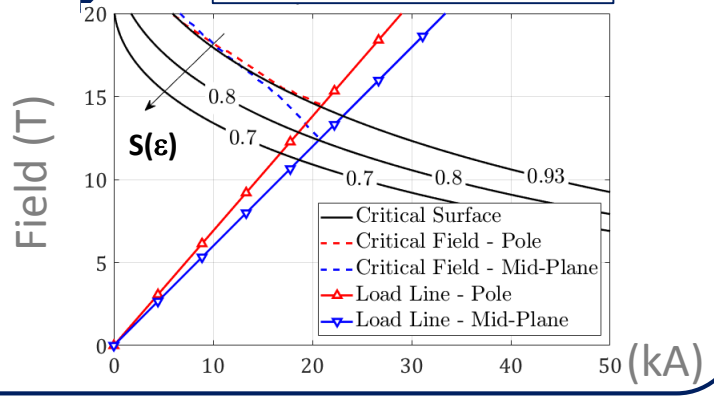

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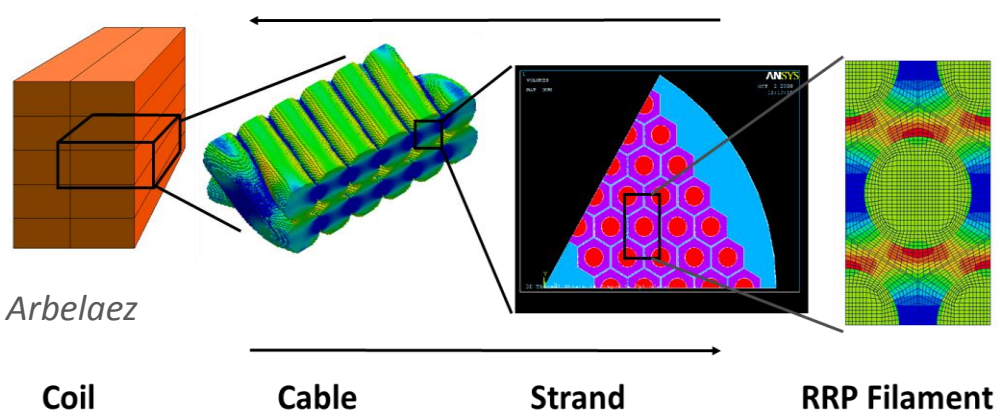
The multiscale approach

Macroscale problem with microscale details

⇒ Multiscale approach
⇒ Relevant physics at different length scales



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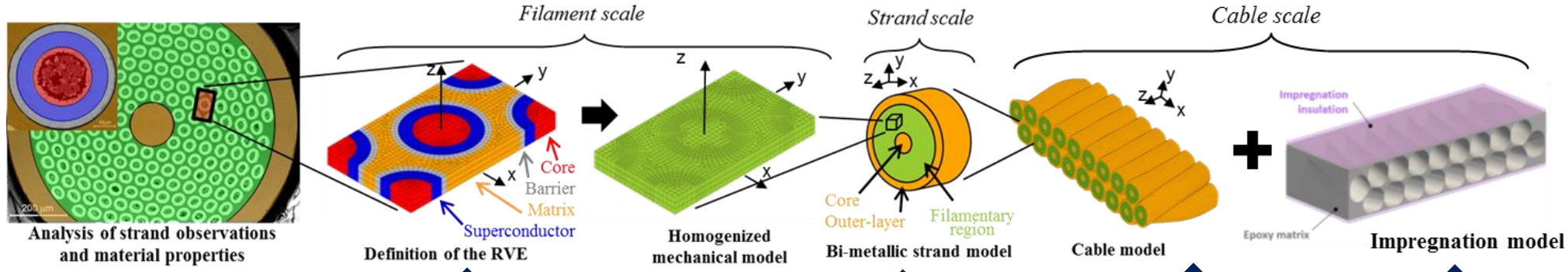
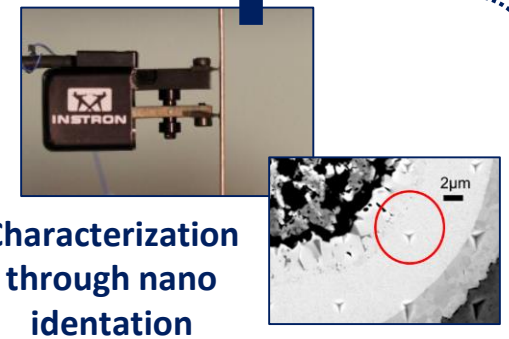
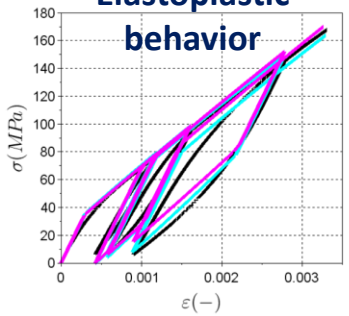
A multiscale approach based on the material properties at the microstructural scale





Characterization through nano identation

Elastoplastic behavior



Cabling process modeling

Fully conformal mesh

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Ultimate goal: Estimate the reduction of I_c

Understanding training: a key issue for the accelerator

Filaments
Sub-elements

microstructure

stabilizer

Strand

Friction, sintering

Cable

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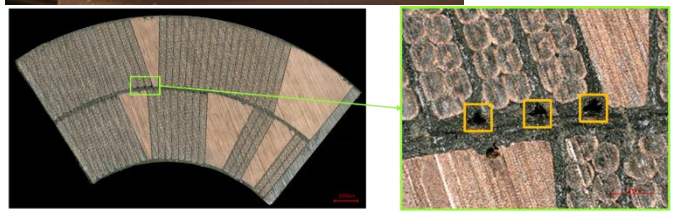

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Coil

Interfaces with components
Impregnation

Thermal stress due to quench

Magnet

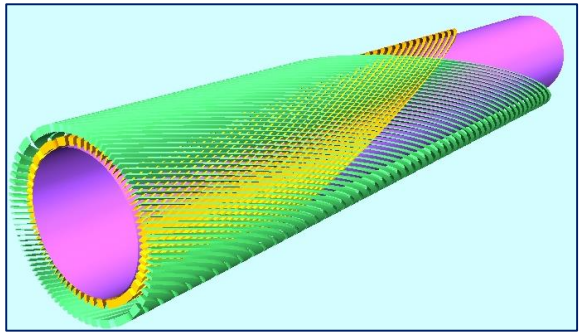
Preload
Macroscopic motions

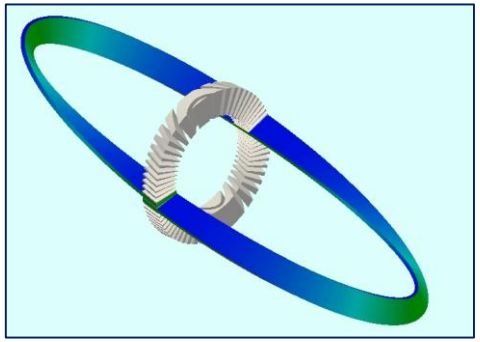
Back to user's point of view:
Key issue is training for installation in an accelerator

"Physical mechanisms potentially responsible for training coexists at very different length and energy scales"
M. Marchevsky, IDSM01

A reborn concept: the Canted Cosine Theta (CCT)

Presented in 1970 by D. Meyer, U. of Michigan => redescovered in the 2010s





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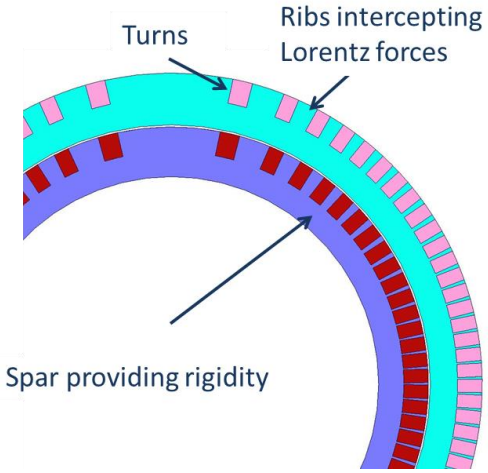
Pros'

- Structure "embedded" in the coil
- Less components
- Field quality
- Easy grading

Cons'

- Electrical insulation

Potential for Fab Cost reduction



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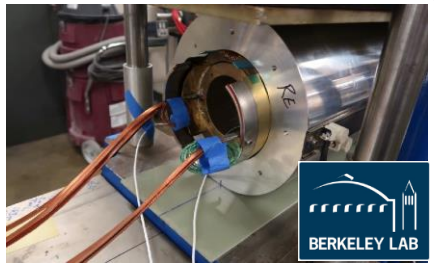
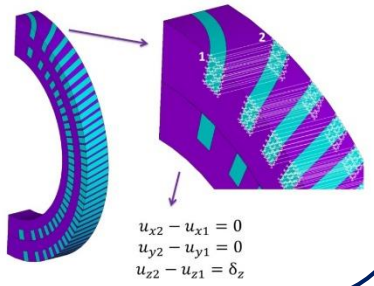
	CCT3	CCT4	CCT5
Bore size [mm]	90	90	90
Groove design	constant width	1.25 mm gap at pole	1.65 mm gap at pole
Conductor	RRP 54/61 Ta doped	RRP 54/61 Ta doped	RRP 108/127 Ti doped
HT Temp [C]	650	660	665
Potting configuration	full magnet	full magnet	individual layers
Epoxy	CTD-101K	CTD-101K	FSU Mix 61
Layer-to-layer interface	bonded	mold released	bend & shim



- Conductor damage
- Field quality
- Cost and scalability
- Training



- 10 T technology toward high field
- Analysis tools

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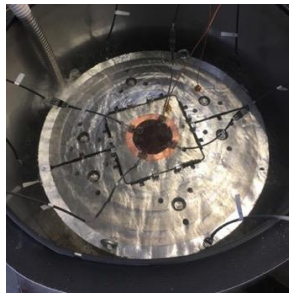
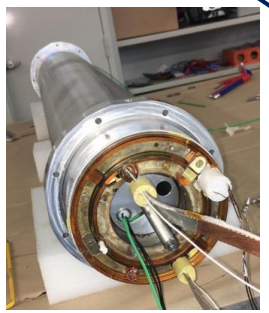
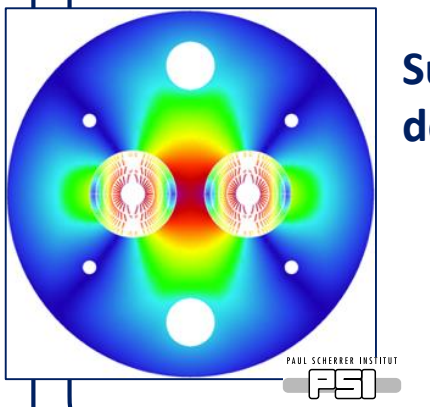
CD1 under construction

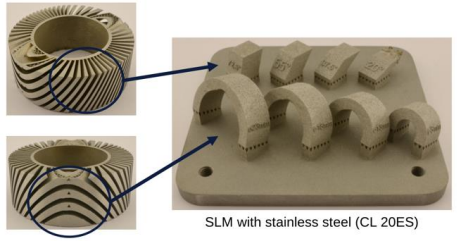
11 T in 65.6 mm bore







Supporting technology development



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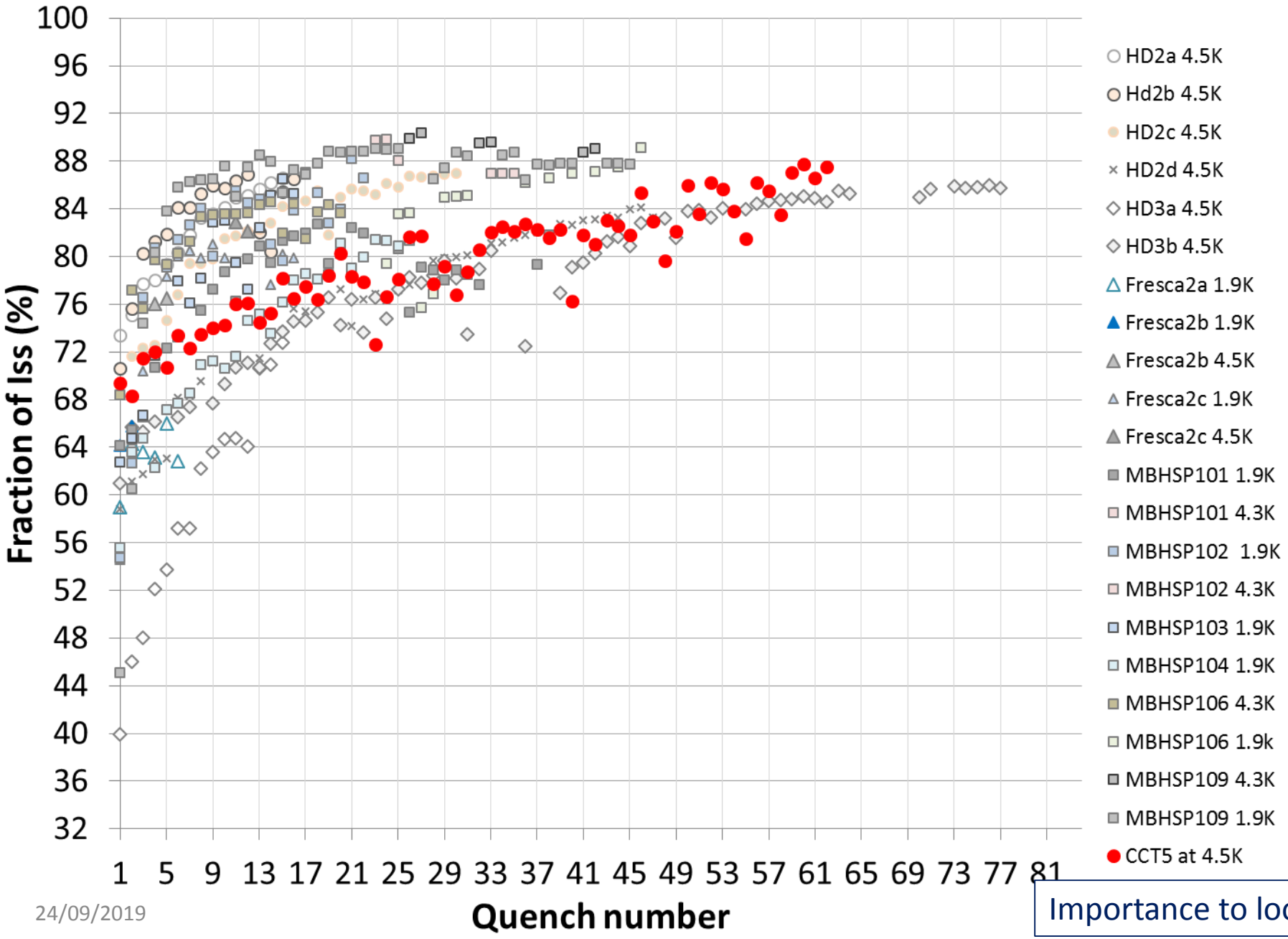
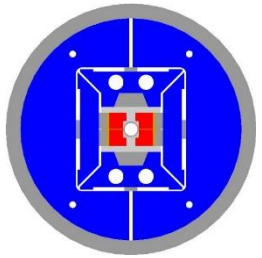
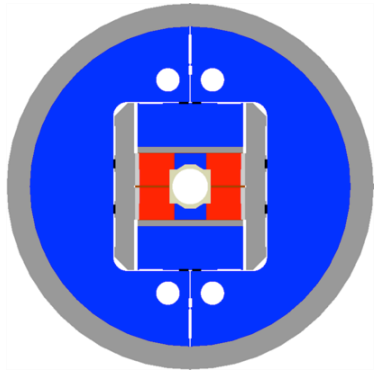
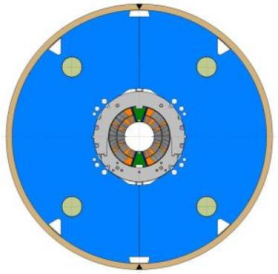
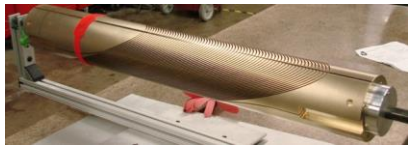
Is CCT behavior different?











Importance to look at smaller scale causes for training

Understanding Ic reduction and training

Key importance of diagnostic tools

Franco Mangiarotti
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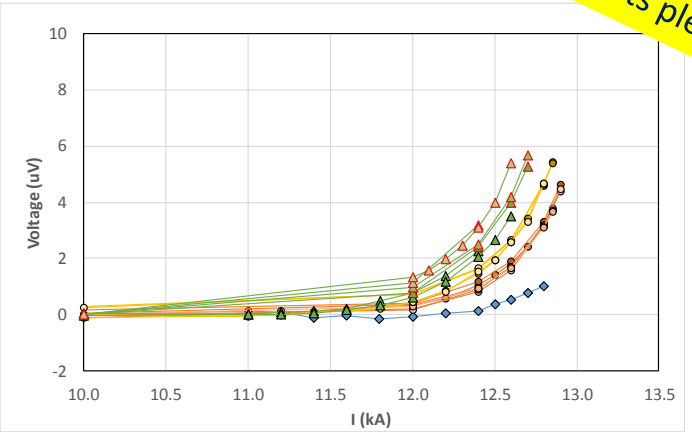
Localizing at Ic reduction

V-I transition in Segments of magnets



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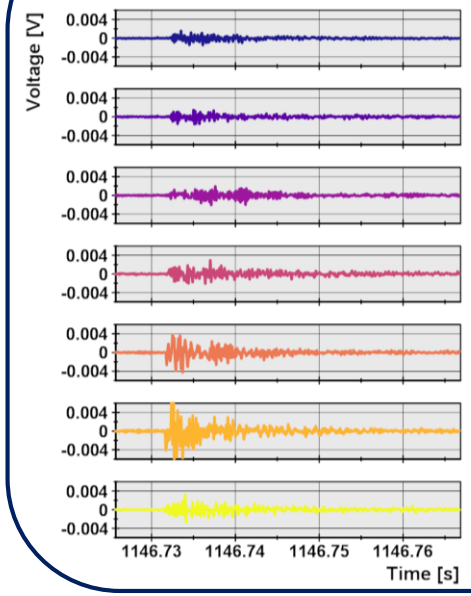
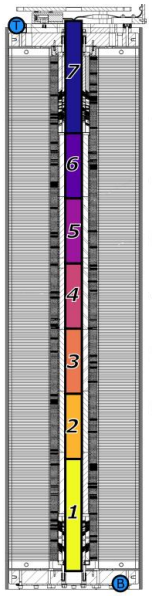
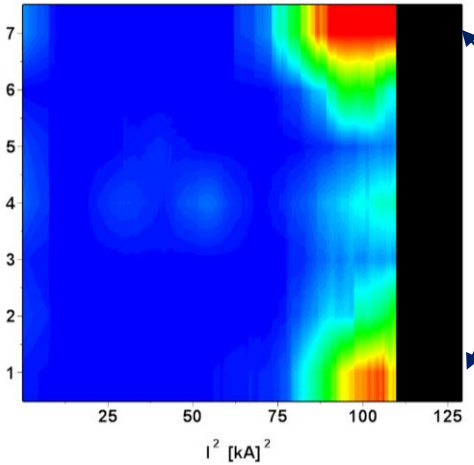
Investigation of Vibration spectrum thanks to pick up coils







Magnet ends

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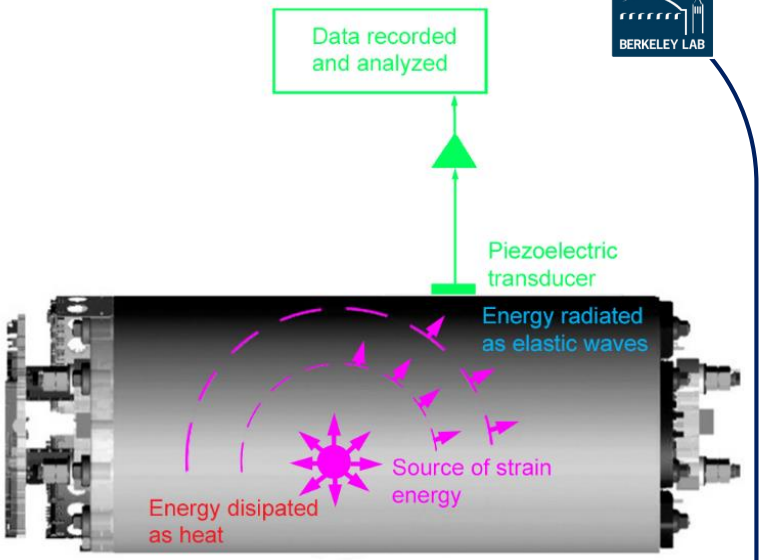
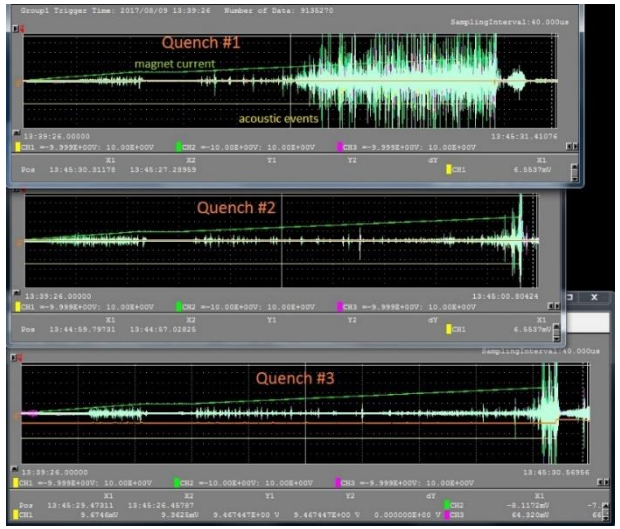
Accoustic sensors

A tool to localize and understand training sources





Mechanical memory: Magnet acoustically silent up to the current (stress) level seen in previous quench!

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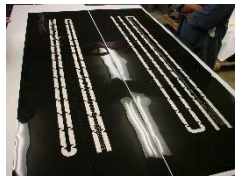
Protection hardware: how to protect?

Protection heaters

- Flexible circuit
- impregnated
- Long magnets:
  - Active heating stations
- Minimizing area covered by heaters



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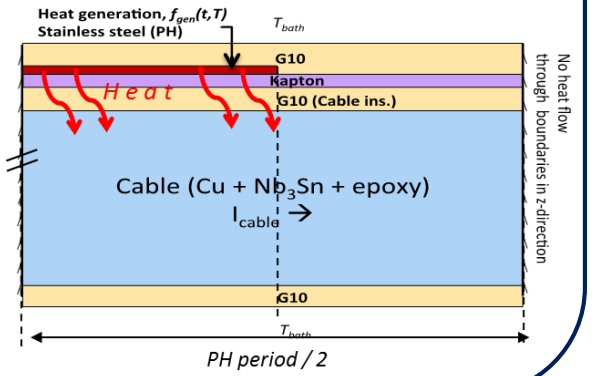
CoHDA: Code for Heater Delay Analysis

Heater delay computation



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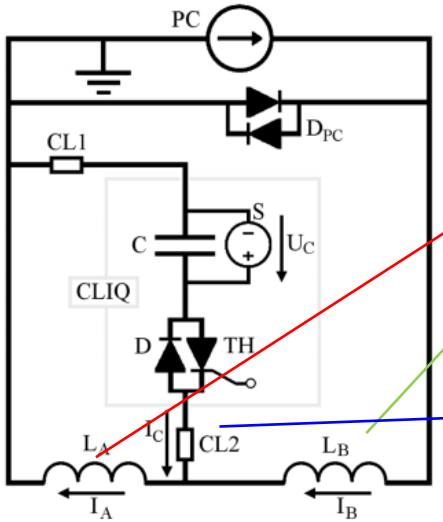
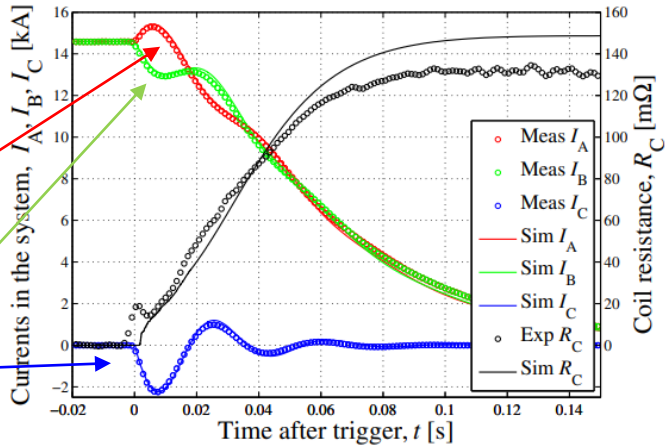
Coupling Loss Induced Quench (CLIQ)





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- **Capacitive discharge** inducing short oscillations in magnet transport current
- **Quenching through** inter strand and interfilament coupling losses

Protection hardware => transient effects => importance of simulation

Modeling quench behavior (some examples)

LEDET : Lumped-Element Dynamic Electro-Thermal

- Quench simulation including **coupling losses**
- Allows CLIQ parametrization
- Valid for stand alone magnets
- **Validation with MQXFAP1**

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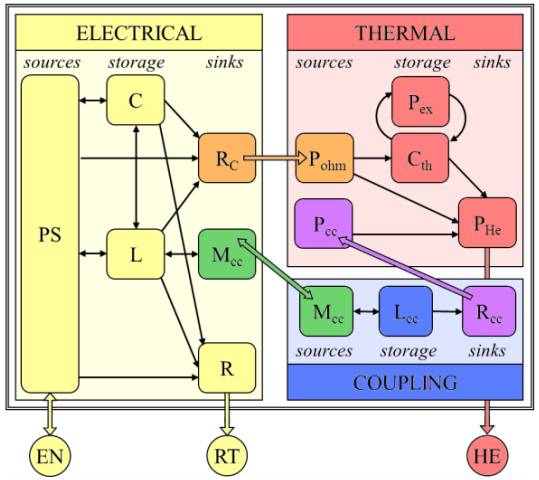

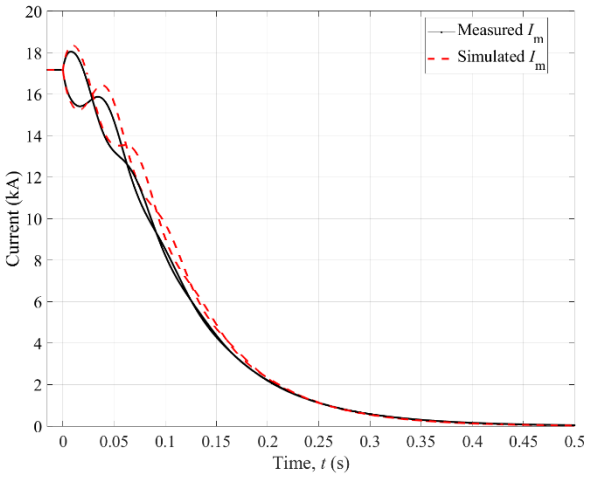

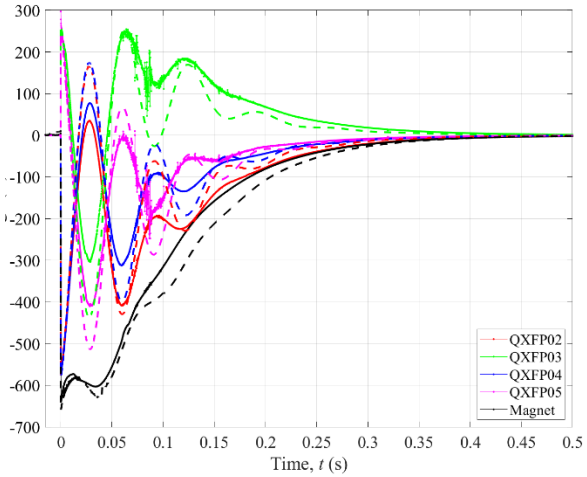

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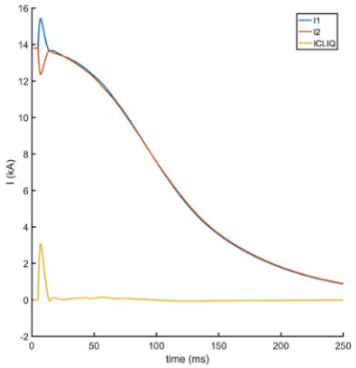
- Modeling **magnetization of the conductor** due to coupling currents
- Combining all the effects into a **single coupled simulation** with B and T dependant properties



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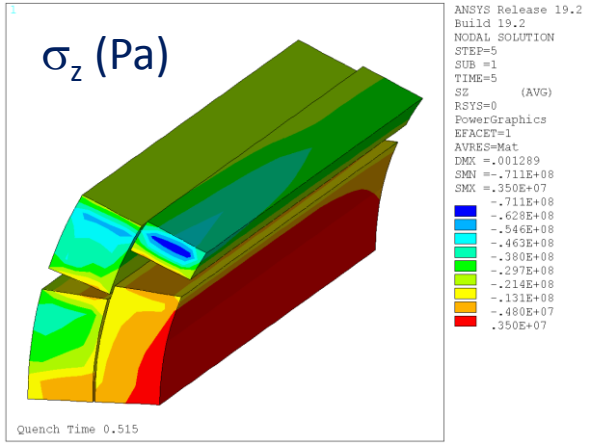

Ongoing study
3D modeling
AUP/HL-LHC cross-check ongoing

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Models development toward 16 T magnets

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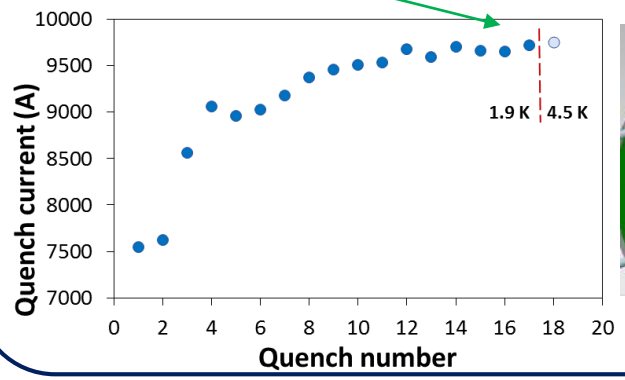
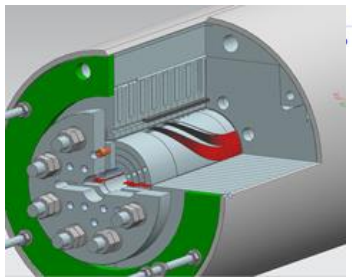
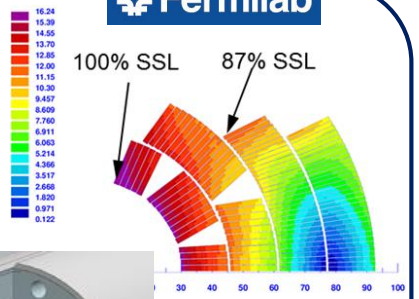
Key milestone: 15 T dipole

Fermilab

- 4 layer graded magnet, 1-m long
- 1st step: **14.1 T performance**







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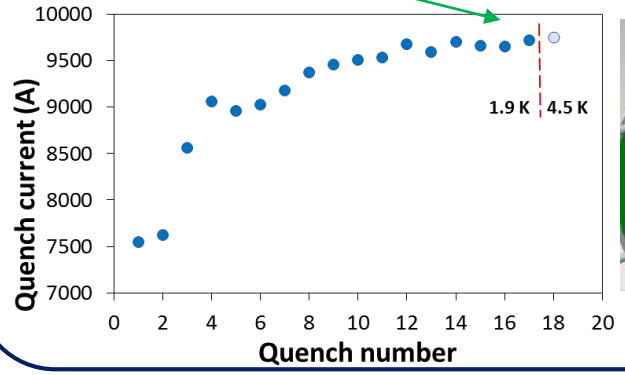

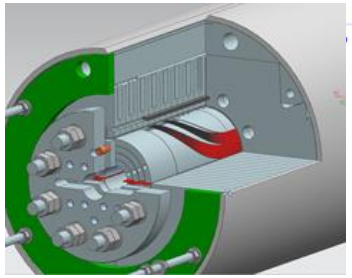

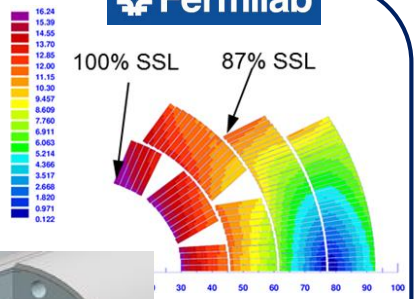

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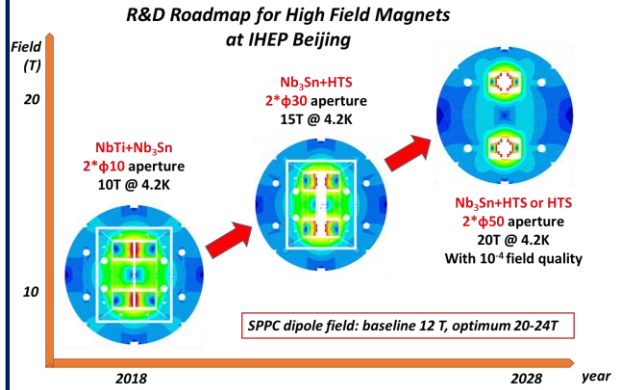

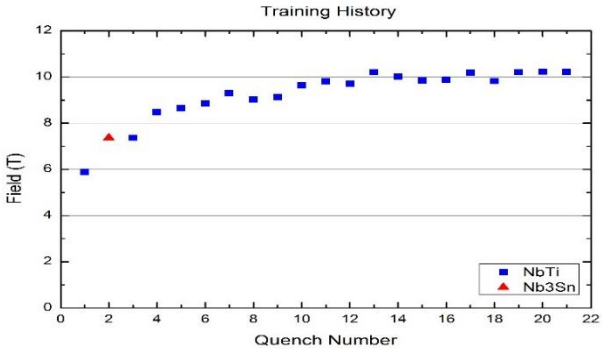

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10.2 T at 4.2 K in 2 apertures

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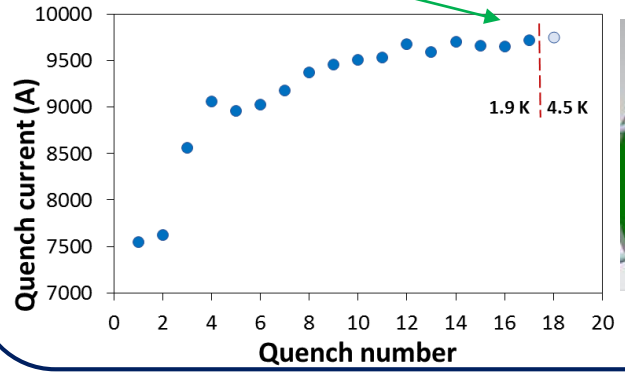

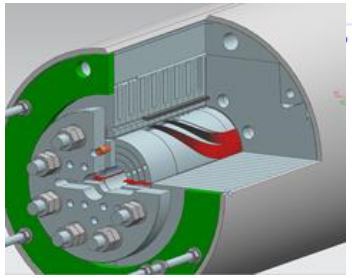

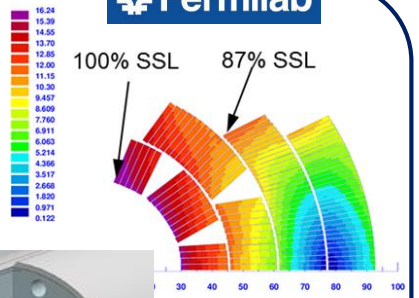

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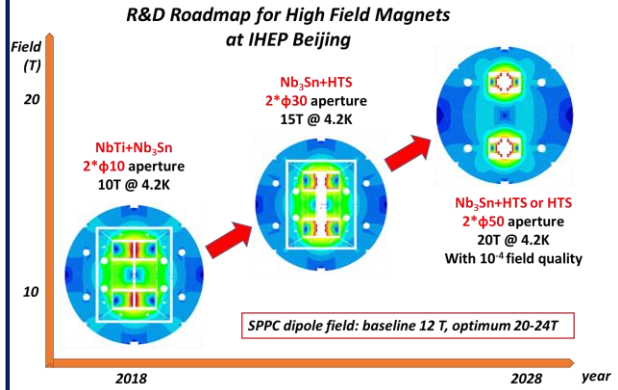

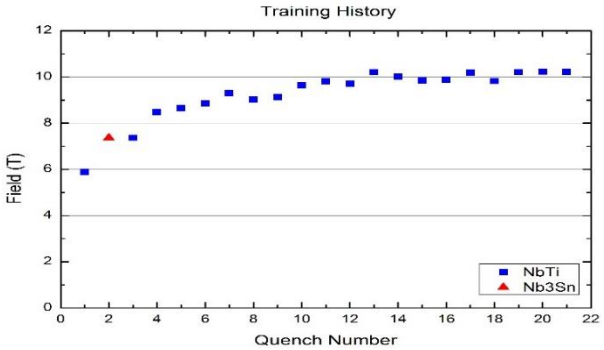

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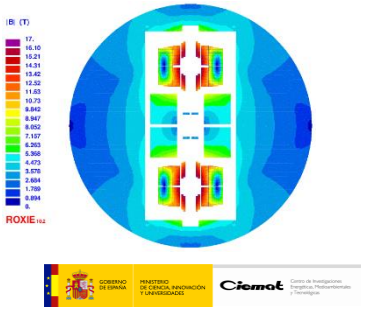
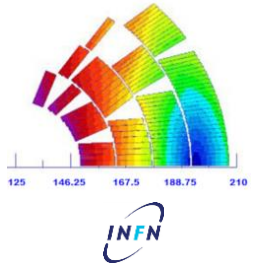
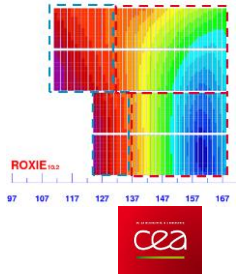
10.2 T at 4.2 K in 2 apertures

FCC 16 T Model Magnet Development







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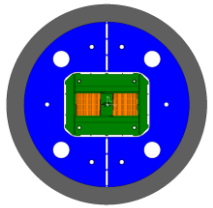

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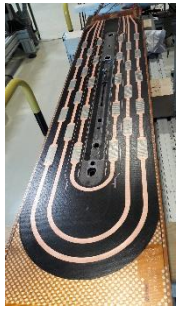
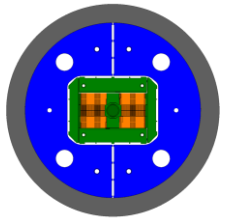
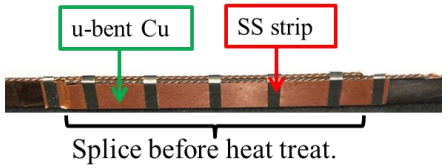
No bore
16 T target

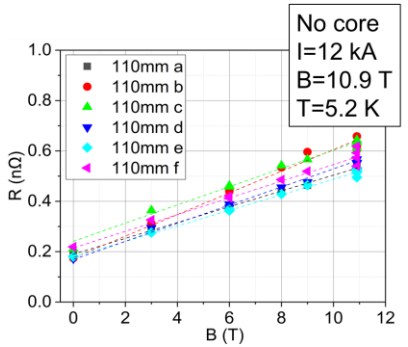




Racetrack Model Magnet = RMM
50 mm bore
16 T target

Nb_3Sn joints





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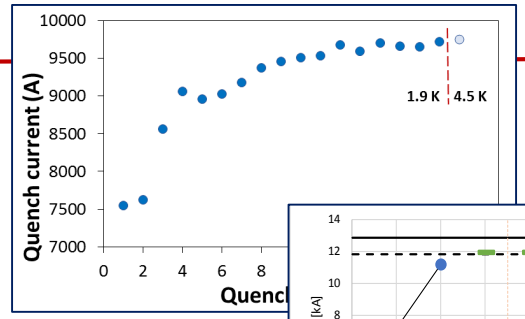
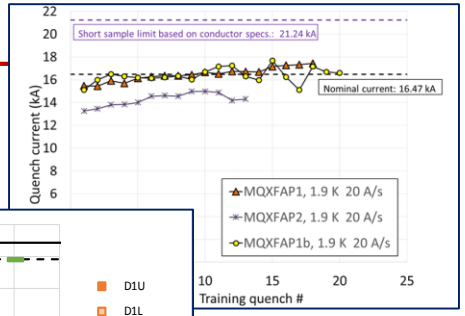
To wrap up

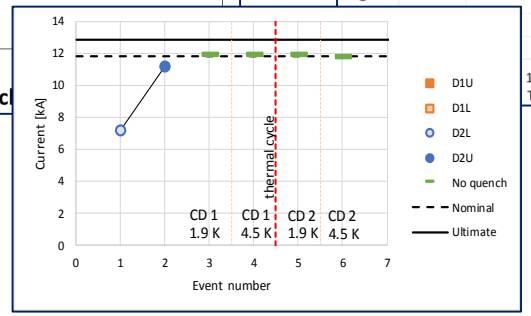
- Target for 16 T dipole: double LHC Main dipole field!!

- Successful 16 T Nb_3Sn magnets without bore
- Successful 11^+ T Nb_3Sn **long** dipoles and quadrupoles

- Encouraging Nb_3Sn model programs reaching 14^+ T bore field
- Excellent memory demonstrated







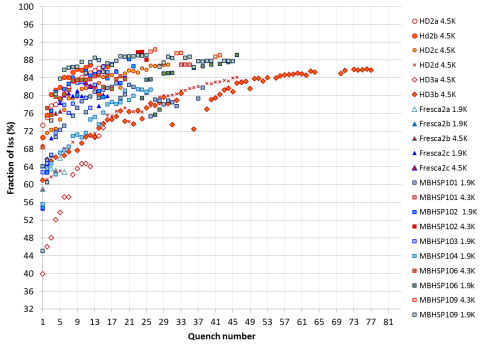
The community is working
- as an international team
- with a consistent development program

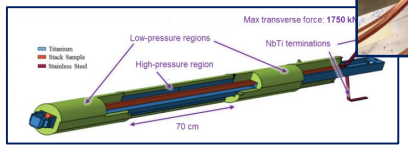
To understand and reduce training

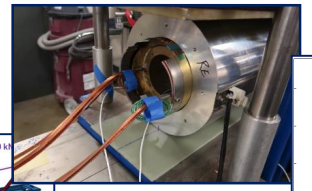
To master these 10% :
- by conquering them?
- by accounting for them in our designs?

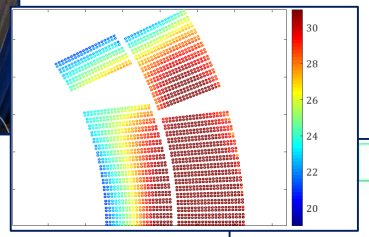
- A « missing » 10% margin is observed quite consistently

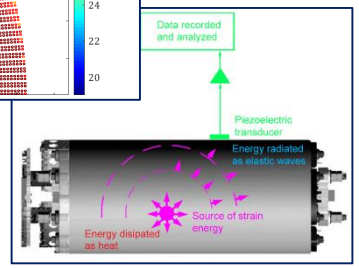
- Long training











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