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User Defined Elements in ANSYS for Multiphysics Modeling of Superconducting Devices

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A multiphysics approach in ANSYS for multi-filamentary conductor magnets

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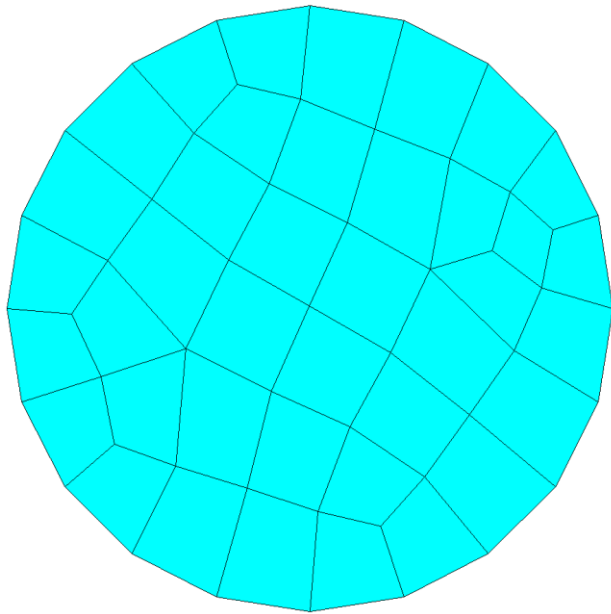
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- field trapping in bulk cylinder (axisymmetric)
- round filament magnetization (plane)

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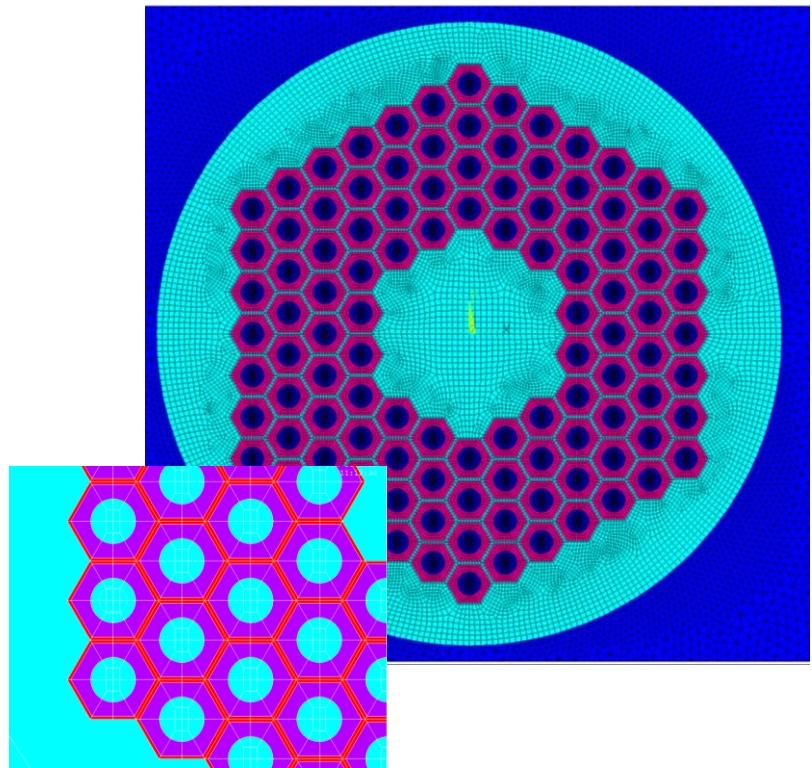
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- equivalent magnetization used for coupling currents (a priori current path)
- optional resistive/inductive coupling to external circuit
- use for conductor regions of NbTi, Nb₃Sn magnet models

A-V formulation with E-J power law



- conductive paths resolved by mesh
- current distribution follows from DOF solution
- use for bulk devices, filament magnetization, etc.



Keep all features of standard ANSYS...

- modeler, mesher, post-processor
- transient electromagnetic and thermal solvers
- eddy currents in structure
- external circuit coupling
- yoke saturation

New 2D elements created by

- writing code which generates FEM matrices
- compiling a custom version of ANSYS

... and add what is missing with user elements

- equivalent magnetization for interfilament coupling currents
- current sharing + quench loss
- coupling to thermal model with full (T,B) mat. prop.



User chooses materials and fits using element key options and real const.

```
! thermal for conductor region only
et,12,user101
keyopt,12,1,0      ! 0=internal fits, 1=ANSYS tabl
keyopt,12,2,1      ! 0=no transfer to mag, 1=trans
keyopt,12,3,1      ! 0=NbTi, 1=Nb3Sn, 2 = Bi2212
keyopt,12,4,0      ! 0=Cu, 1=Ag
keyopt,12,5,0      ! 0=G10
keyopt,12,6,1      ! 0=NIST Cucv, 1=CUDI, 2=MATPRO
keyopt,12,7,0      ! 0=NIST Cukxx, 1=CUDI, 2=MATPR
keyopt,12,8,0      ! TBD (NbTi Cv)
keyopt,12,9,0      ! 0=NIST, 1=CUDI, (Nb3Sn Cv)
keyopt,12,10,0     ! TBD (Bi2212 Cv)
keyopt,12,11,0     ! 0=NIST (G10 Cv)
keyopt,12,12,0     ! Agcv
keyopt,12,13,0     ! Agkxx

fcond = nturns*nstrand*ds*ds*pi/(4*across) !cond
fsc=0.24      ! S.C. fraction
fst=0.25      ! Ag/Mg mech. stab fraction
Lp = 20.0e-3 ! filament twist pitch
feff = 1.0    ! rho_eff scaling
RRR = 187.5   ! Ag matrix RRR (from 273)

R,21,across,nturns,fcond,fsc,curdir,Lc !set rea
Rmore,Li,RRR,Lp,feff,0,TauMult
Rmore,0,0,0,0,0,scIFCU
Rmore,fst,Mmult,
```

Example format: NIST rhocu(T, RRR, B)*

```
!*****
function rhocunist(tt,rrr,bb)
!*****

! rhocu returns the resistivity of copper in the SI
! for a given temperature, RRR and magnetic field.
! Units are ohm*m

DOUBLE PRECISION tt, rrr, bb, b, rhocunist
DOUBLE PRECISION rho0, rhoi, rhoiref, rhcu, lgs, poly, corr

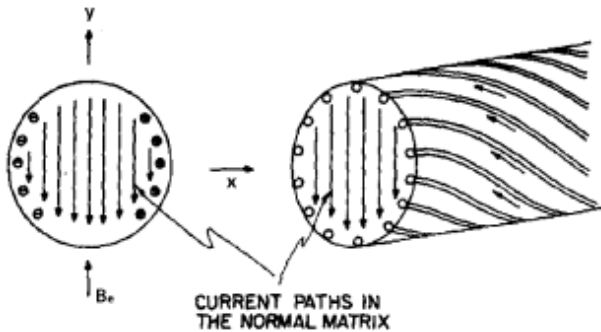
b=abs(bb)
rho0=1.553D-8/rrr
rhoi=1.171D-17*(tt**4.49)/(1+4.48D-7*(tt**3.35)*exp(-(50/tt)**6.428))
rhoiref=0.4531*rho0*rhoi/(rho0+rhoi)
rhcu=rho0+rhoi+rhoiref
if (b.lt.1D-1) then
  rhocunist=rhcu
else
  lgs=0.43429*log(1.553D-8*b/rhcu)
  poly=-2.662+lgs*(0.3168+lgs*(0.6229+lgs*(-0.1839+lgs*0.01827)))
  corr=(10**poly)
  rhocunist=(1.+corr)*rhcu
endif
end function rhocunist
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Heat capacity, resistivity, thermal conductivity, critical current, etc.



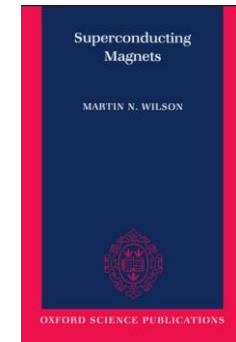
Instead of modeling currents themselves (A-V), assume the induced current path is known and use an equivalent magnetization

For a transverse field (2D magnet) this leads to (from Wilson, etc.)



$$M_e = -\frac{2\tau}{\mu_0} \dot{B}_i$$

$$\tau = \frac{\mu_0}{2\rho_{et}} \left(\frac{L}{2\pi}\right)^2$$



Heat deposition (which can drive coil to quench)

$$P_e = \vec{M}_e \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

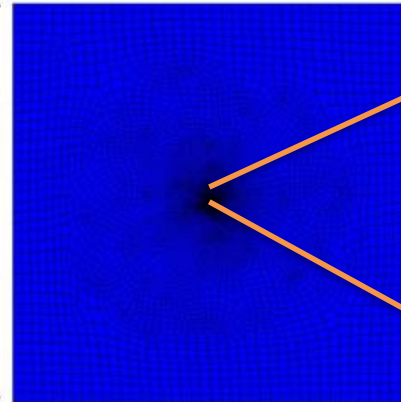


mechanism for CLIQ*

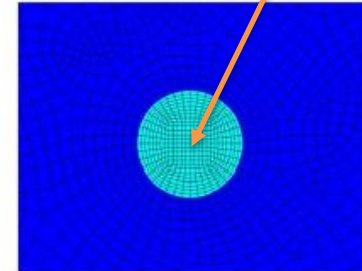


The simplest example: magnetization of a single strand in a changing background field

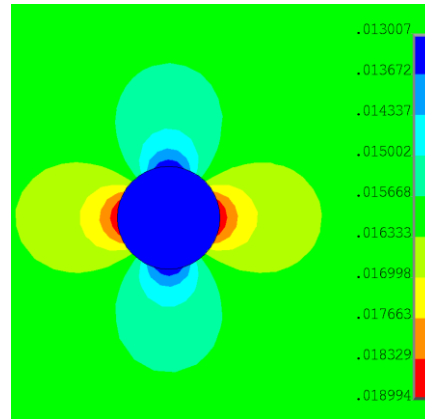
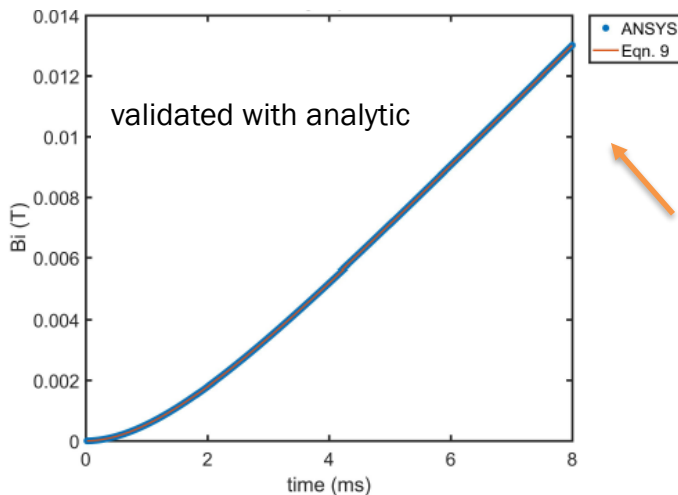
B.C. on edges of air used to apply constant ramp of background field, set IFCC time constant as constant 1.5 ms



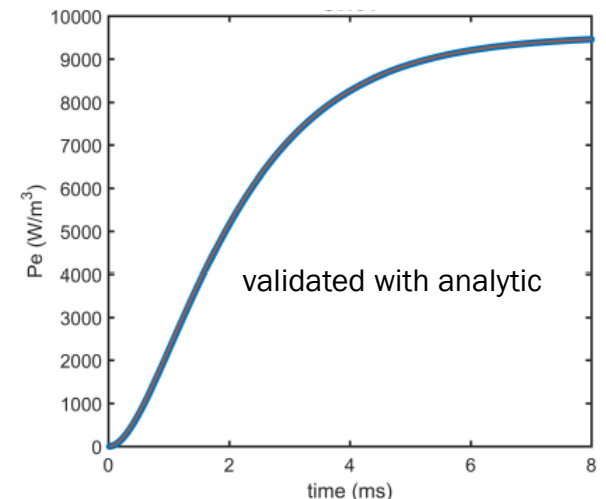
strand meshed with user elements



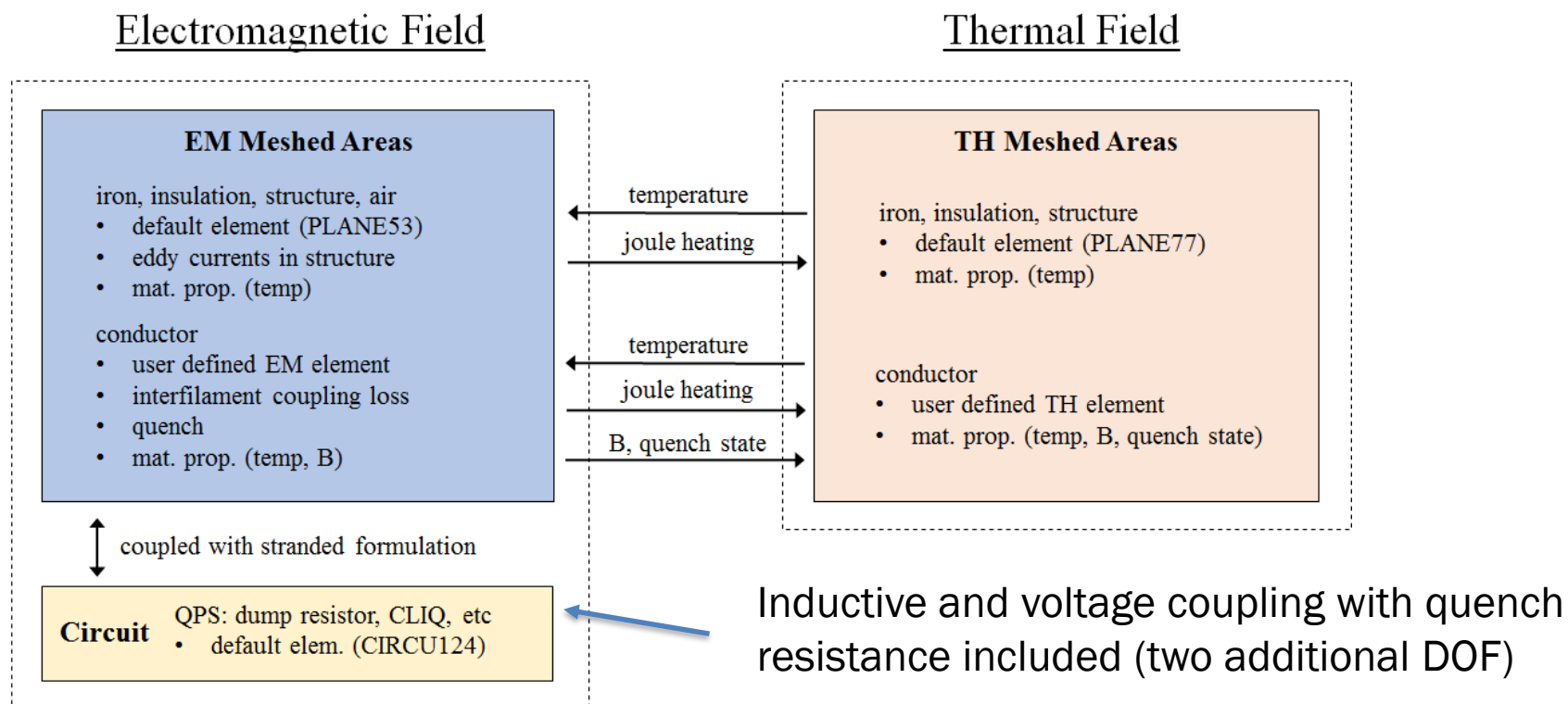
Magnetic field inside the strand



Heating inside the strand



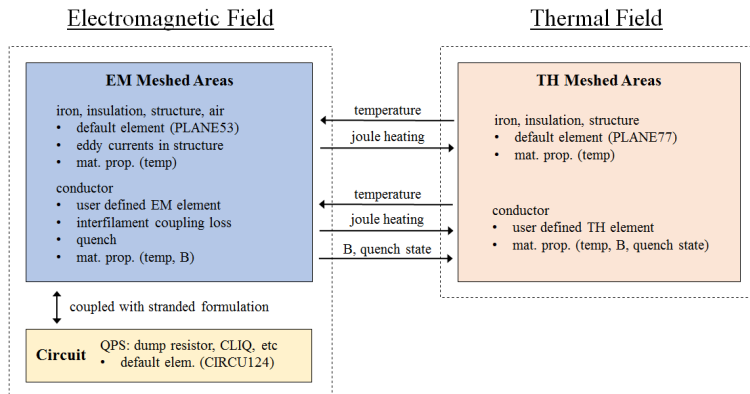
A fully coupled magnet simulation uses independently meshed electromagnetic and thermal domains, each with their own user element



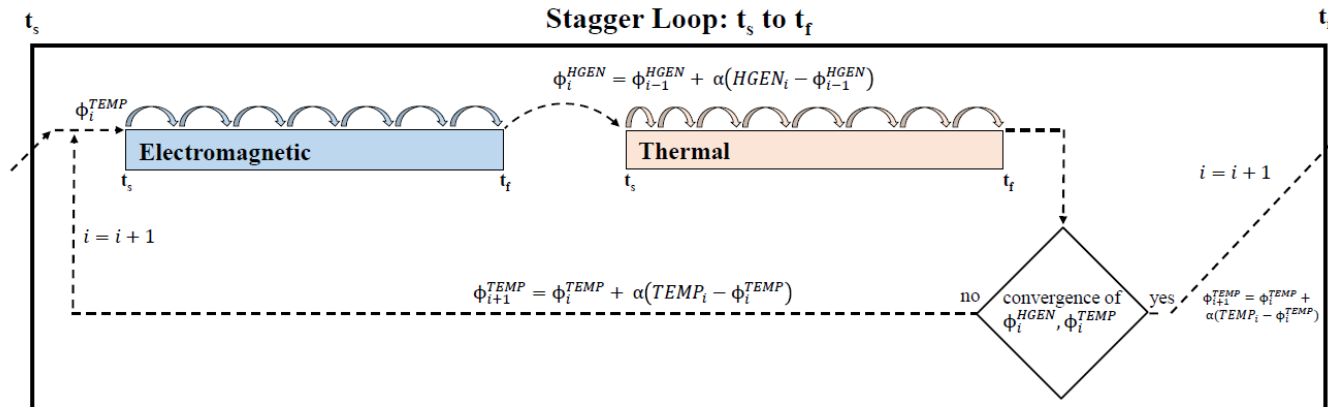
$$[C^{AA}] \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \{A\} + [K^{AA}] \{A\} + [K^{Ai}] \{i(t)\} = \{0\}$$

$$[C^{eA}] \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \{A\} + [K^{ee}] \{e(t)\} + [K^{ei}] \{i(t)\} = \{0\}$$

Iterative coupling across domains is achieved using the multi-field solver



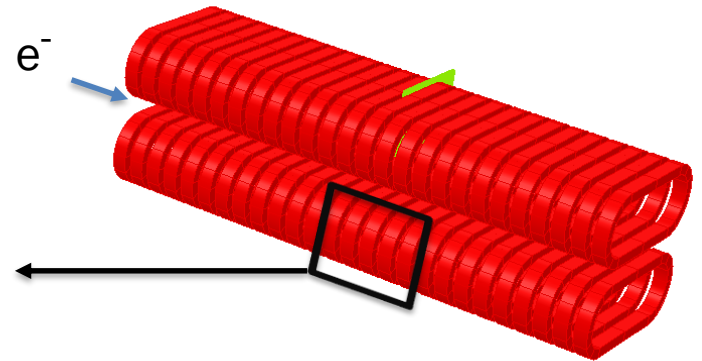
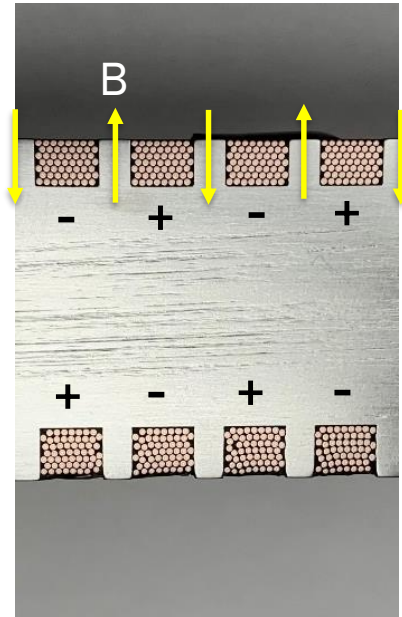
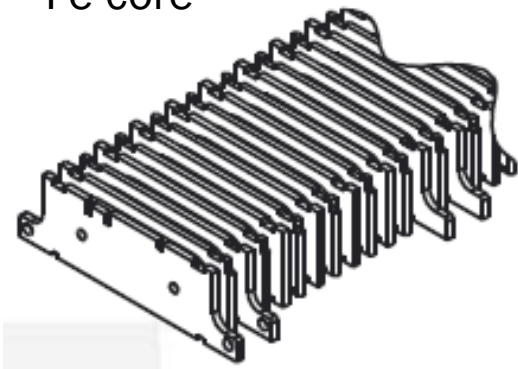
Total time is broken up into “stagger” loops which iterate until loads converge



Example 1: Superconducting Nb₃Sn Undulators for Free Electron Lasers

Interaction of electron beam with alternating fields produces light in a FEL

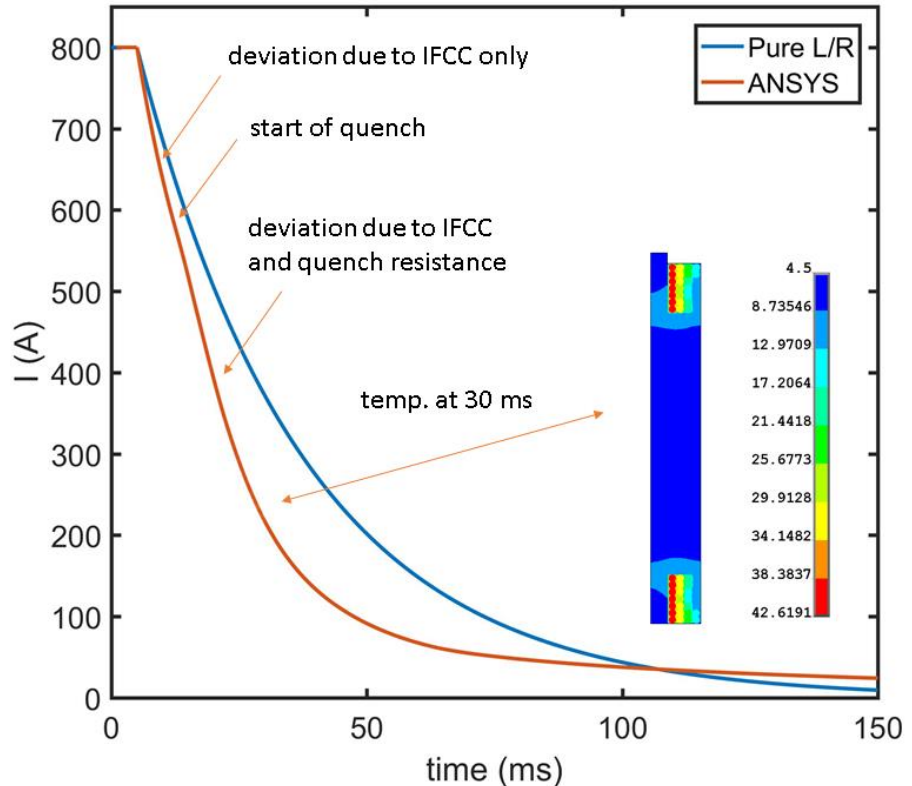
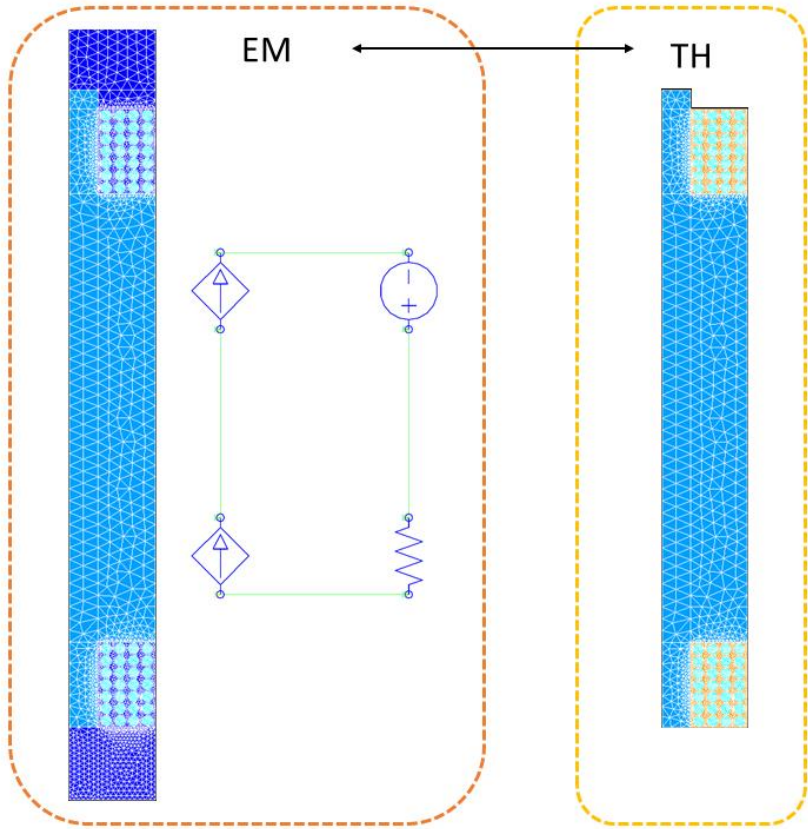
Fe core



4-5 T field on the conductor field



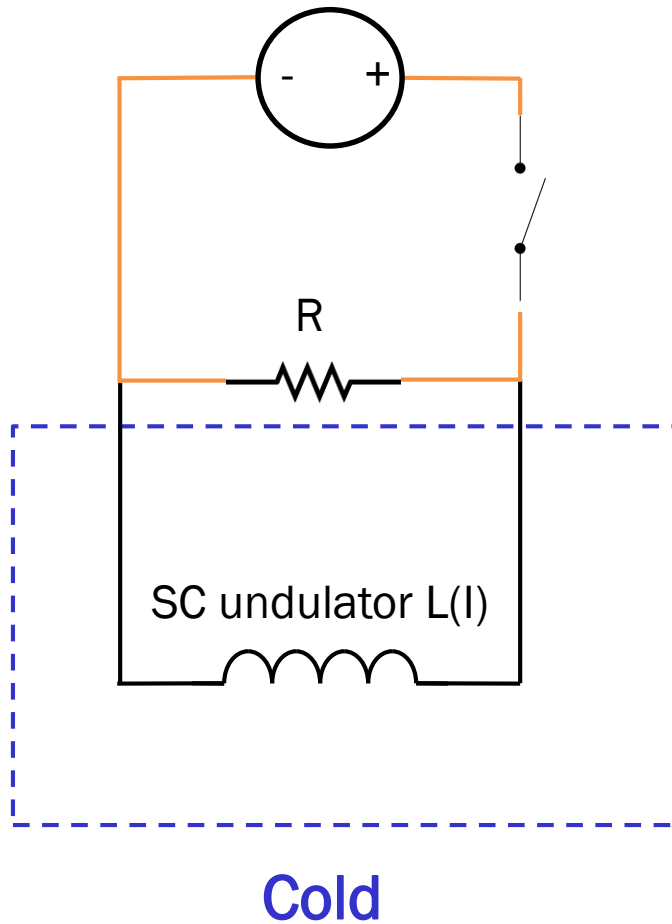
Example of a fully coupled quench back simulation of a Nb₃Sn undulator in a dump resistor circuit



Extreme current densities require advanced quench protection + modeling (Nb₃Sn at low field)

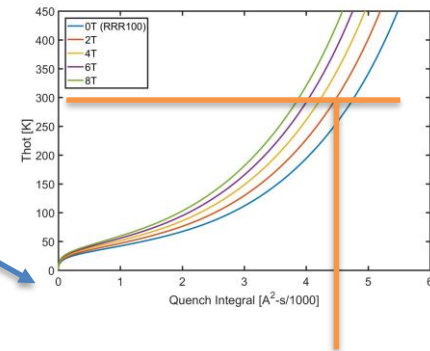
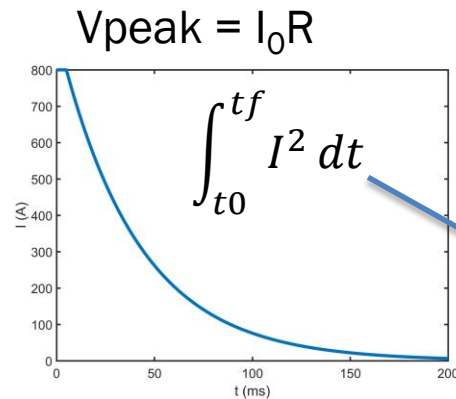
- 5100 A/mm² in Cu post quench -> energy has to be extracted quickly to avoid burning
- accurate prediction of peak temperatures and current decay are critical

Quench Protection with a Dump Resistor Requires Balancing Hotspot Temperature and Peak Voltage



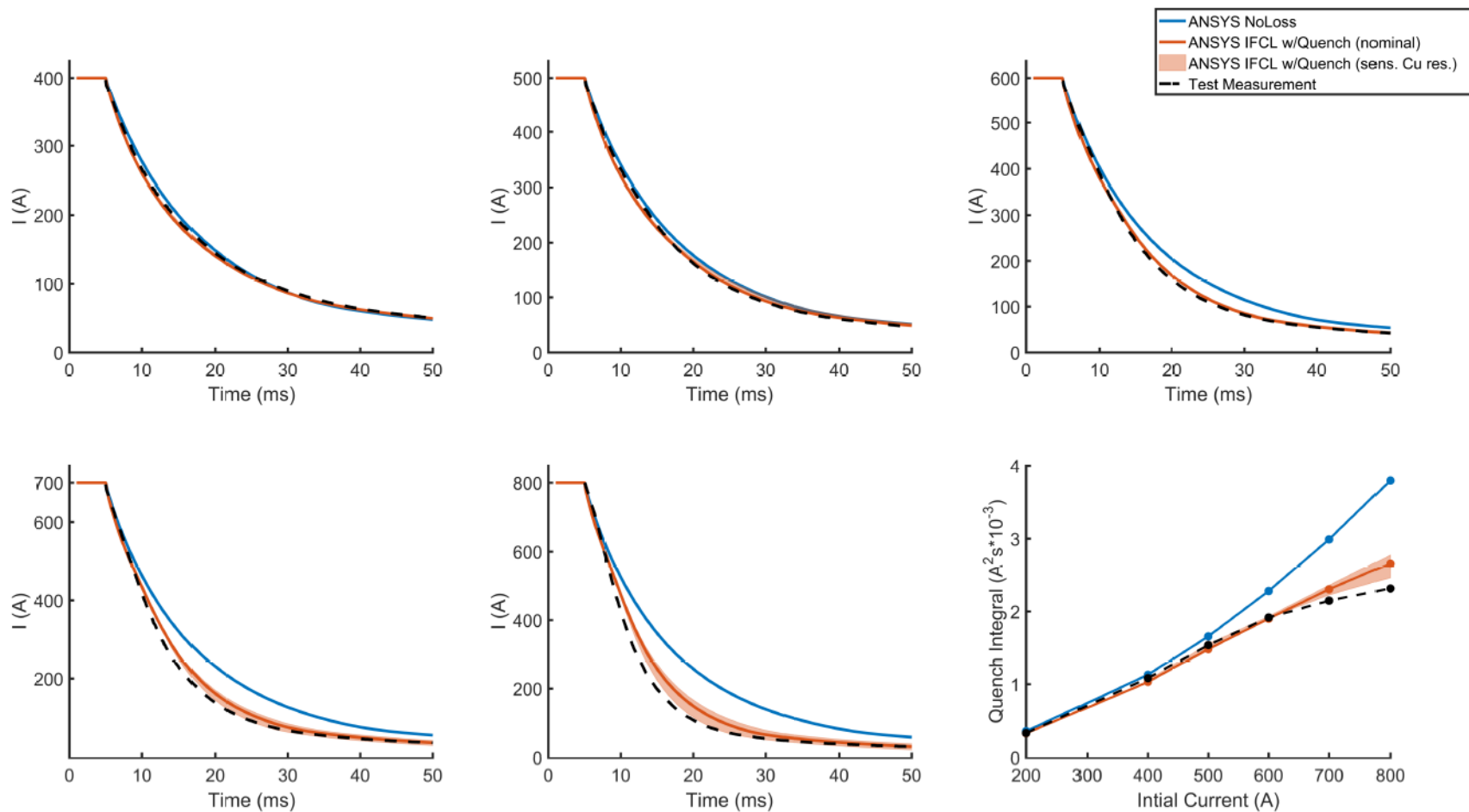
Choose the smallest dump resistor possible to keep hotspot temp reasonable (this limits voltage)
 => to do this it is critical to accurately simulate the current decay profile including quench back

Adiabatic hotspot temp is proportional to quench integral



Example 300 K limit on integral at 4.5 T

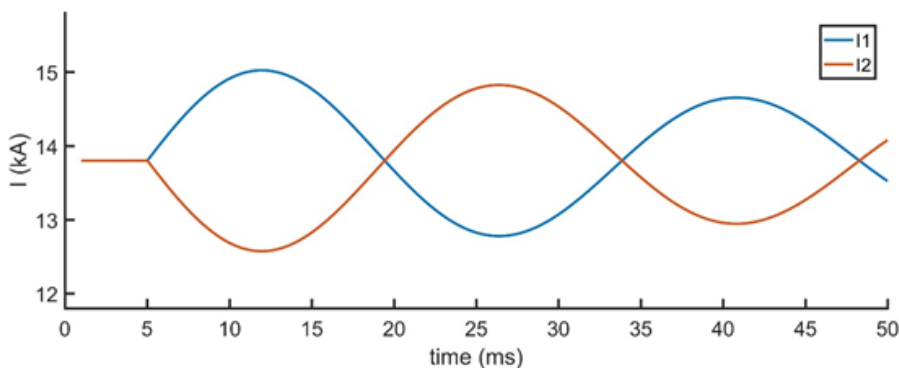
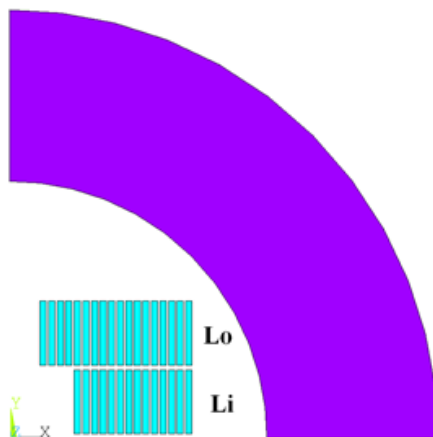
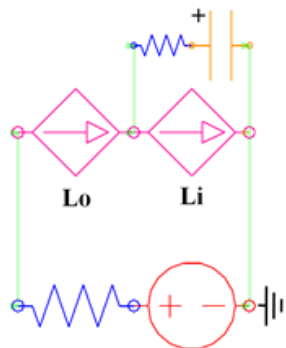
The user elements replicate quench back for a short undulator prototype tested at Berkeley



~ 34% less quench integral at high current allows us to reduce dump resistor (terminal voltage)



Includes CLIQ comparison for a Nb₃Sn block dipole



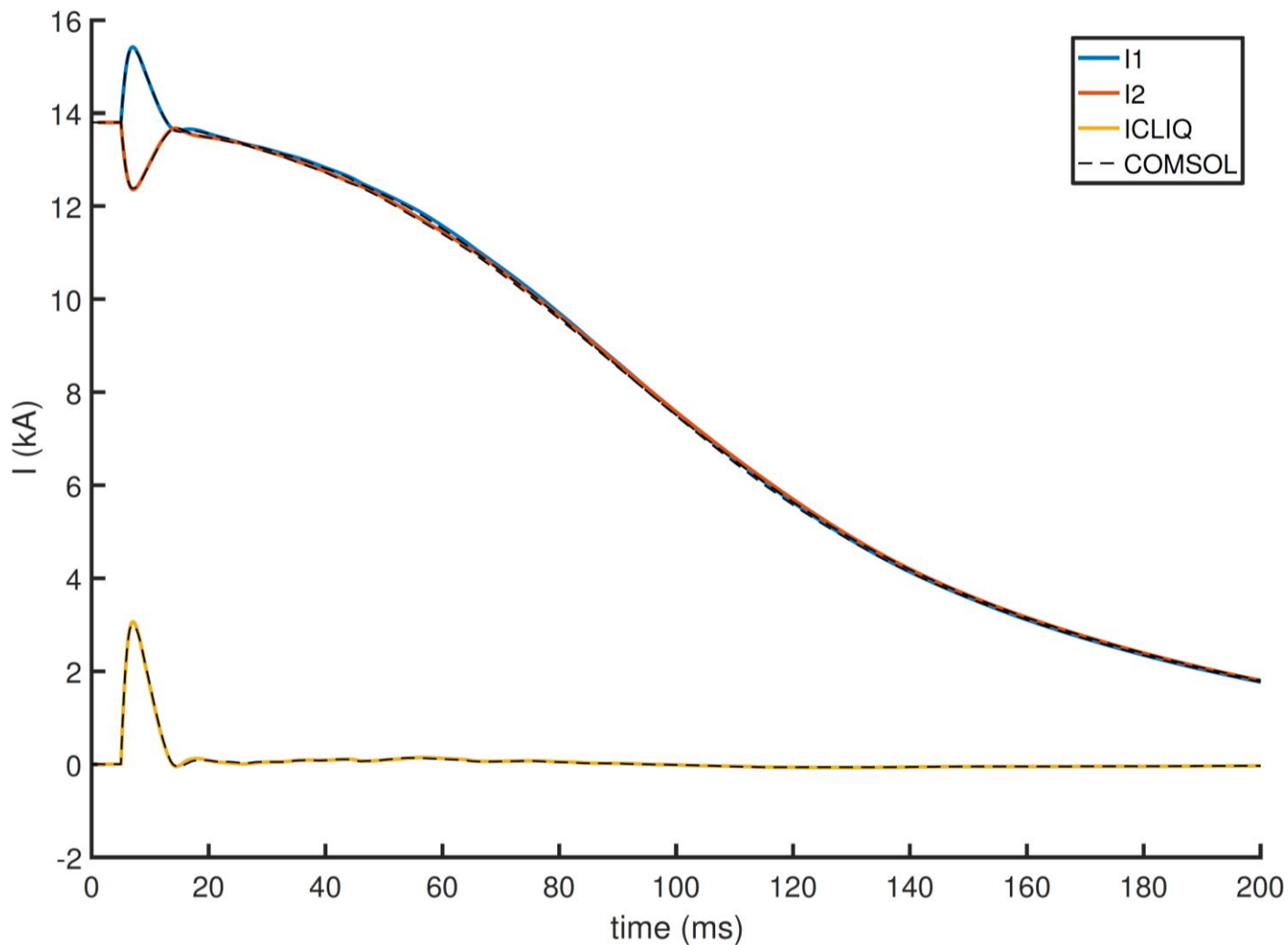
Crosscheck of the ANSYS-COMSOL 2D FEM Implementations for Superconducting Accelerator Magnets

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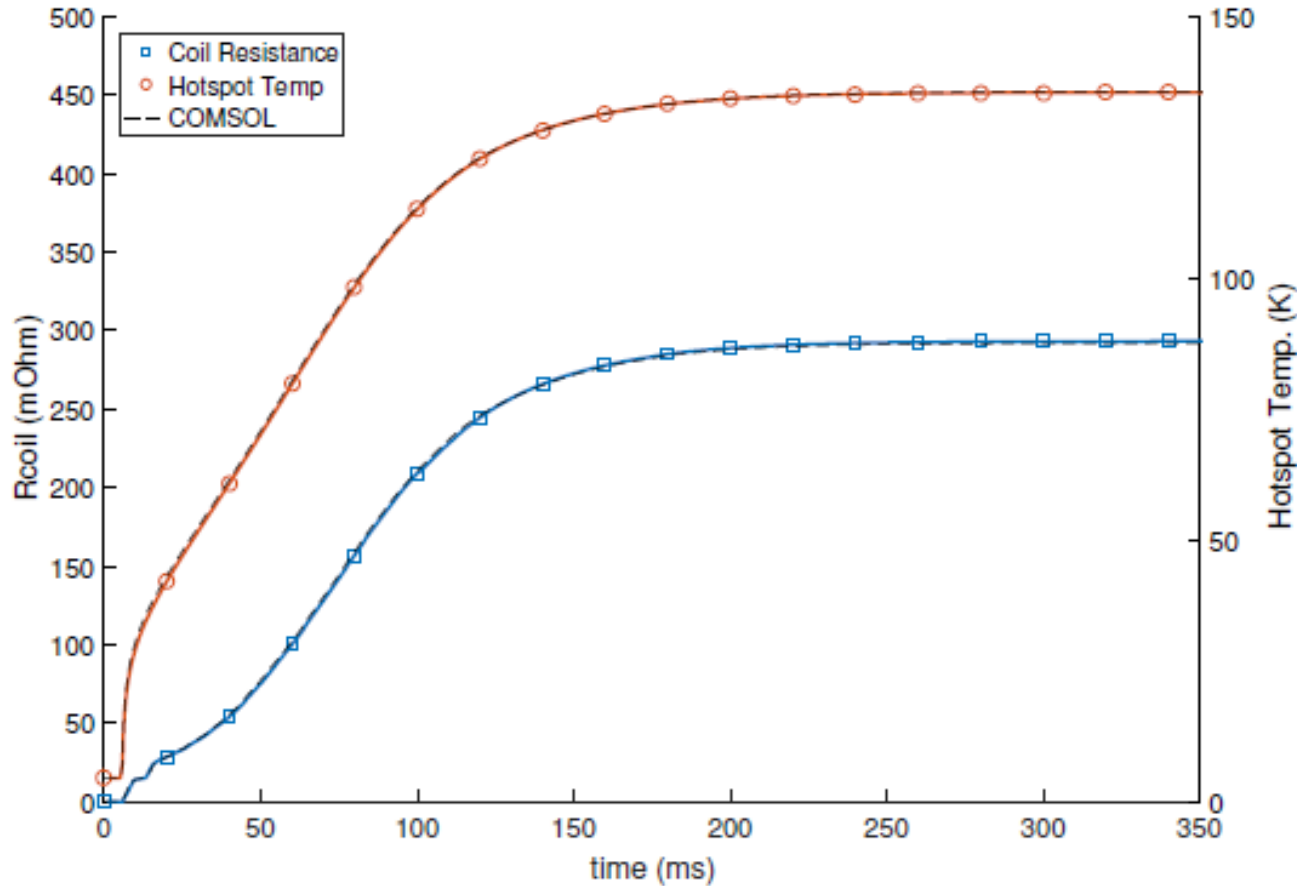


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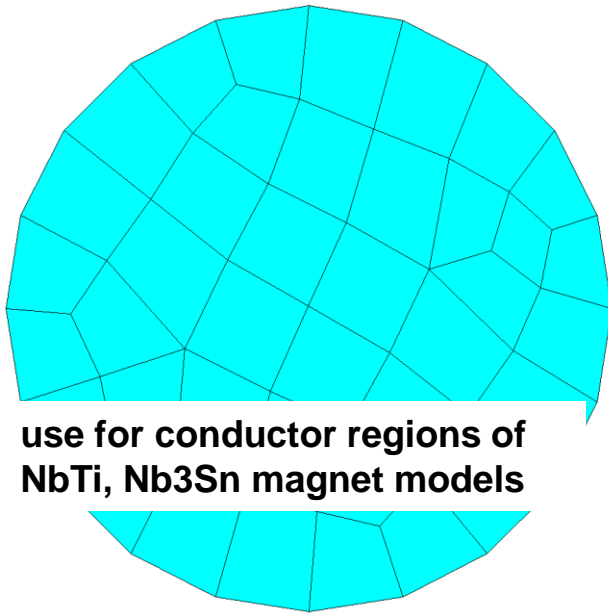


Comparison of coil resistance and hotspot temperature for CLIQ simulation to COMSOL (w/CERN) shows agreement



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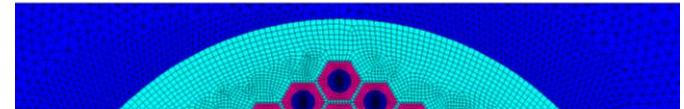
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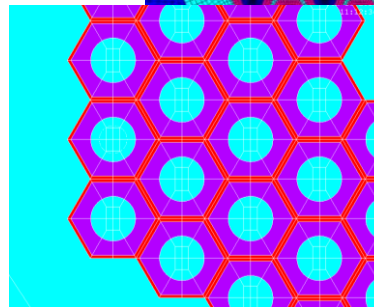
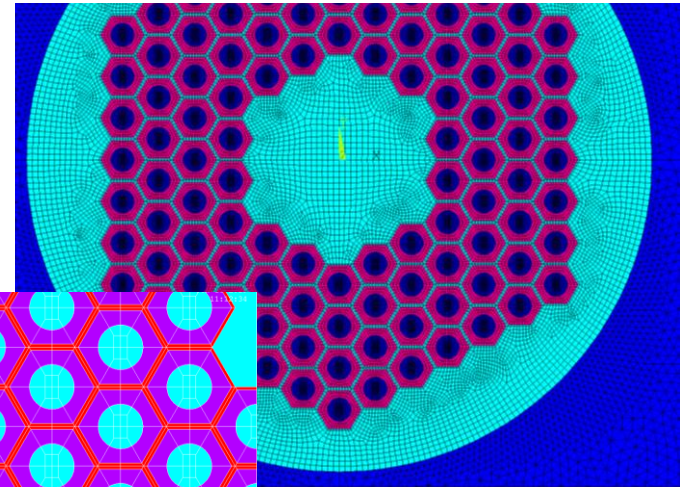
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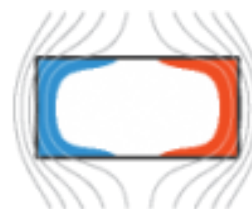
Verification #1: HTS modeling benchmark for bulk magnetization

Benchmark #4

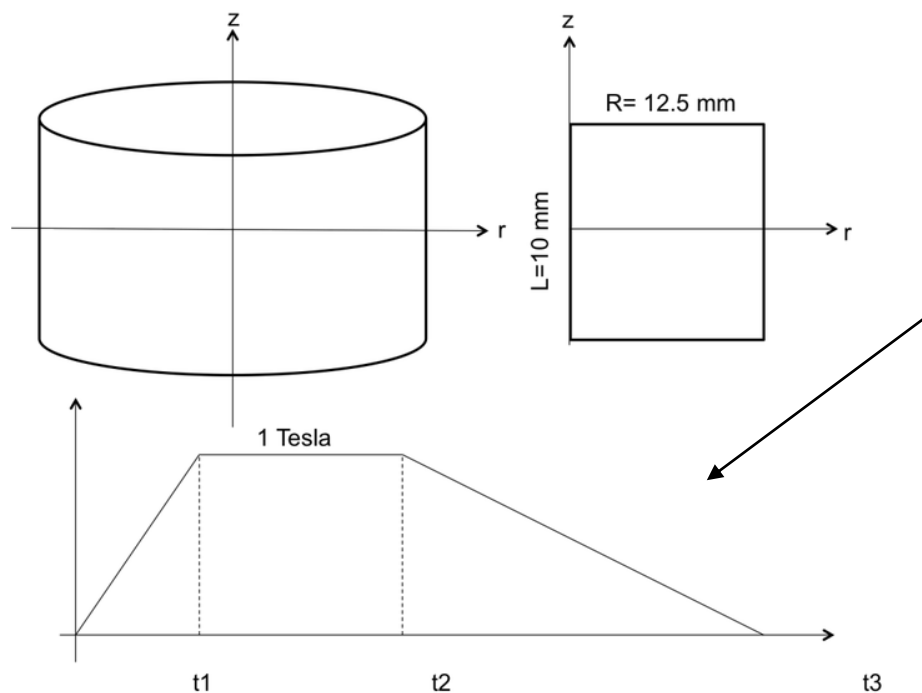
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A superconducting bulk cylinder subjected to magnetization. With the use of an axis-symmetric model the geometry can be reduced to 2-D Cylinder's radius: $R=12.5$ mm Cylinder's height: $L=10$ mm $J_c=3 \cdot 10^8$ A/m², $[t_1, t_2, t_3]=[5, 10, 15]$ s, magnetic field ramp: as displayed at the bottom of the figure below ($B_{max}=1$ T)

Compare J distributions and magnetization at t_1, t_2, t_3 ; B_z profiles 2 mm above surface, dissipation.



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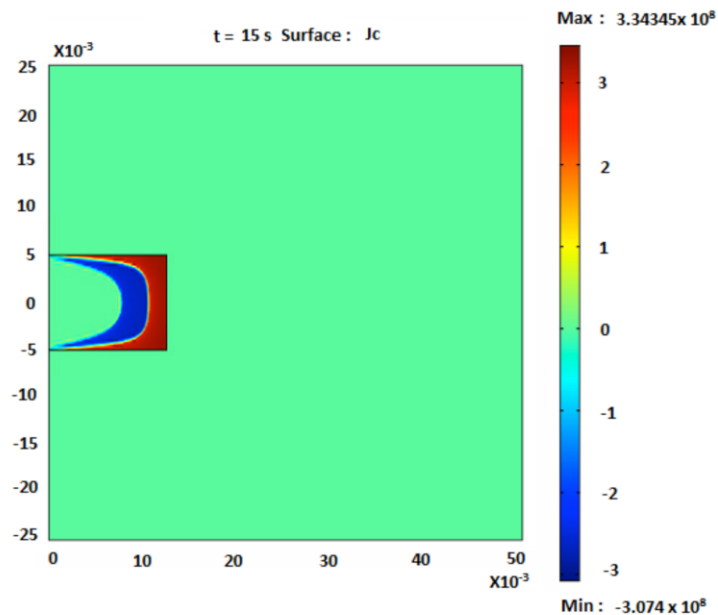
Bulk cylinder of constant J_c is magnetized using vertical field profile as a function of time

$$E = -\partial_t A_z - \nabla V$$

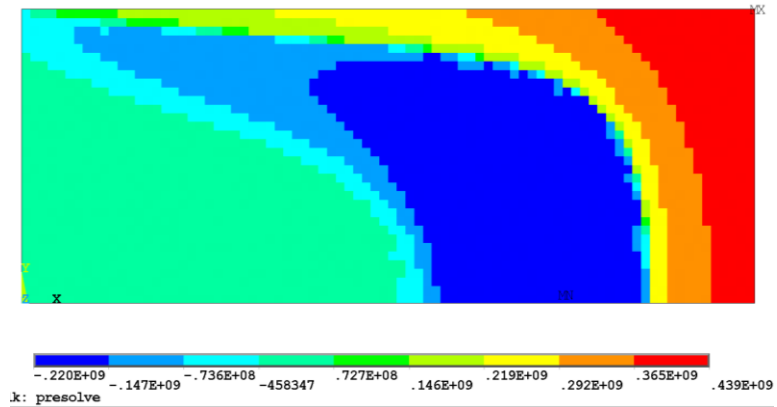
$$\rho(E) = \rho_0 + \frac{E_c^{1/n}}{J_c} E^{(n-1)/n}$$

Current Density at Profile End

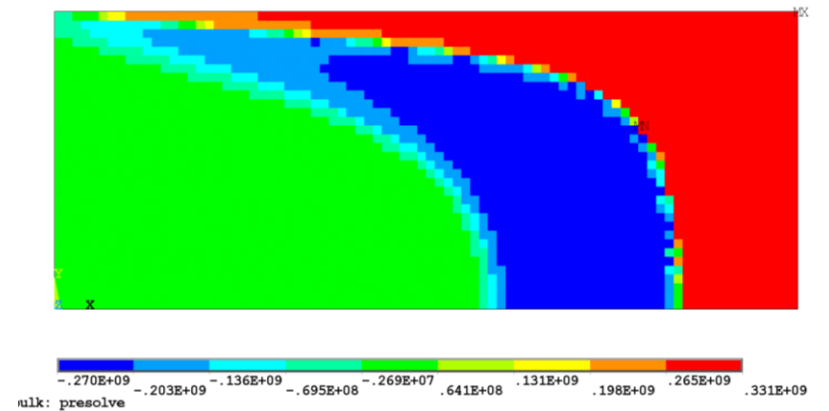
Comsol Benchmark



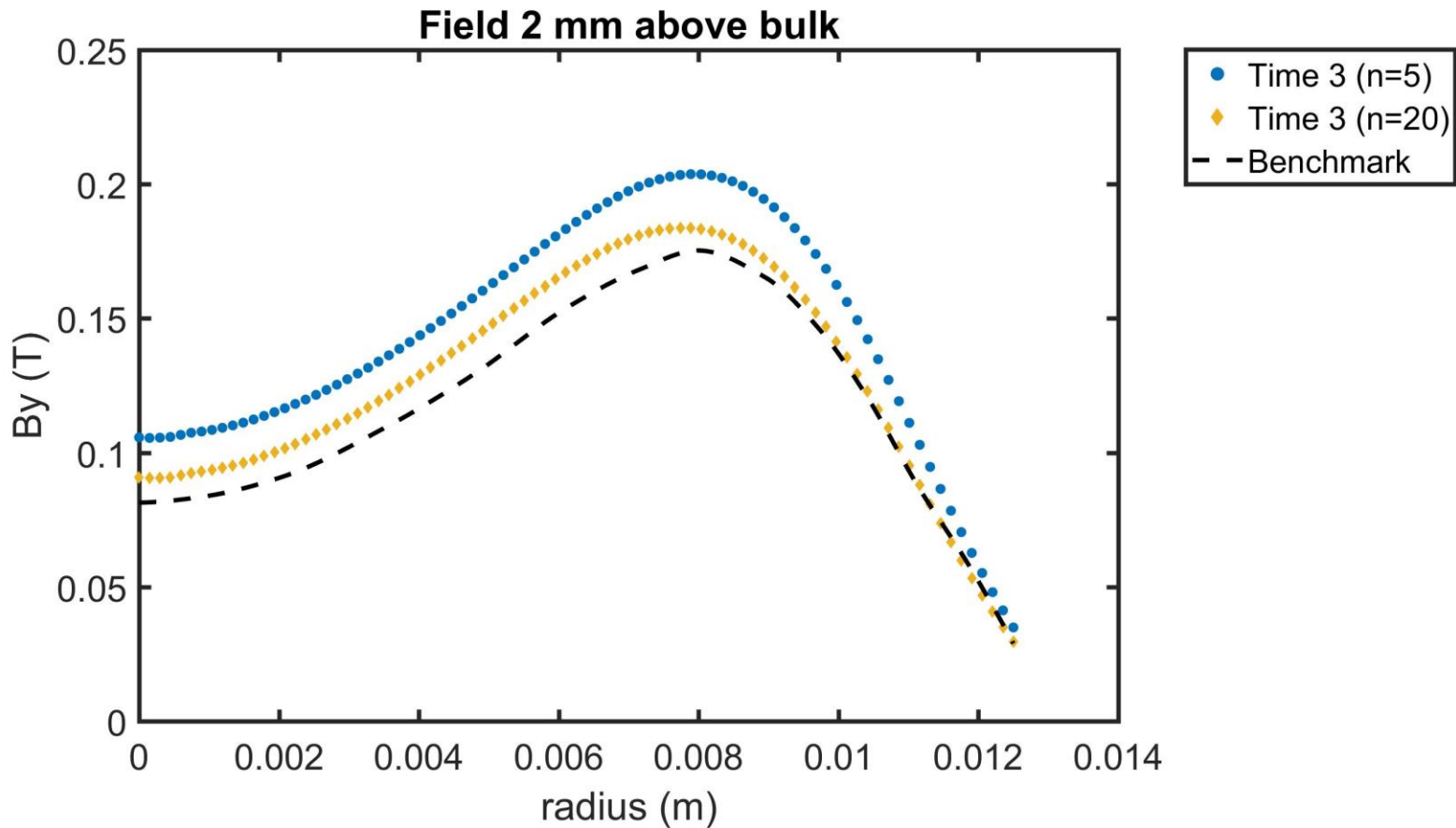
ANSYS (n=5)



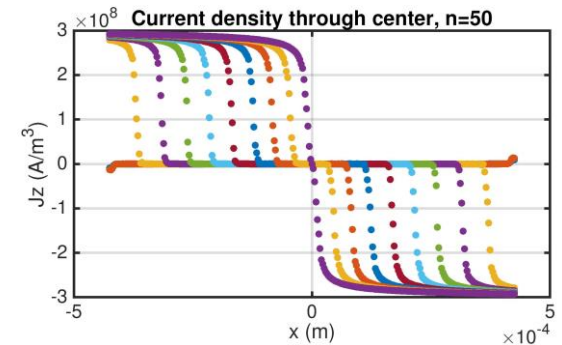
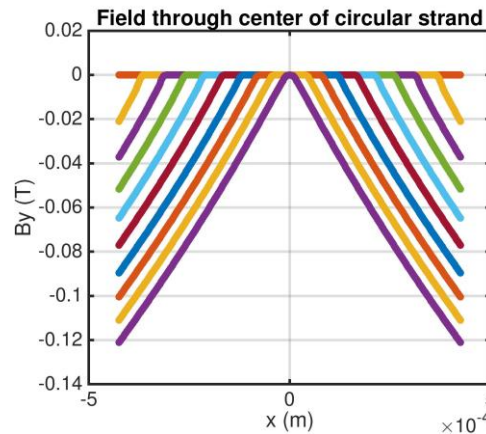
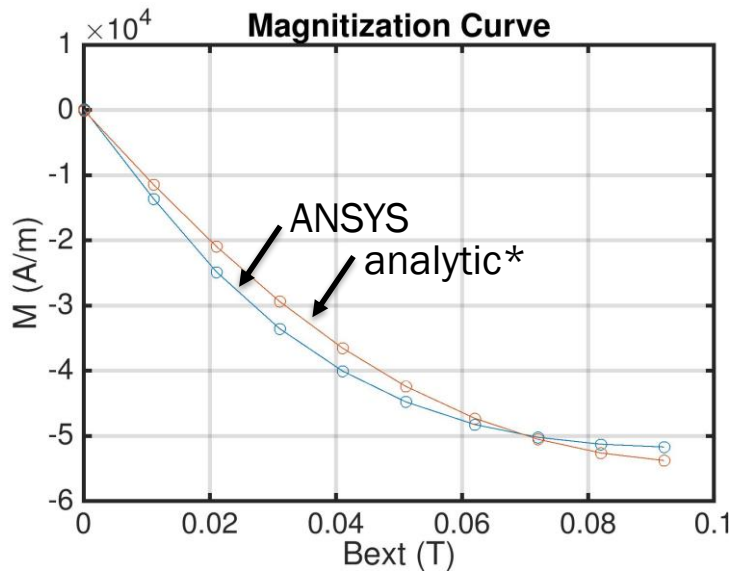
ANSYS (n=20)



Trapped field at profile end is converging towards benchmark

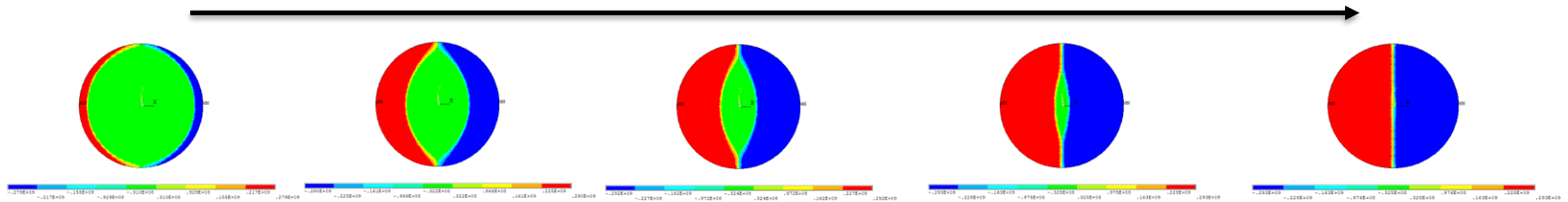


Verification #2: magnetization of a round filament of fixed $J_c = 3 \times 10^8$



*model is slightly different than analytic based on how fields are applied

increasing B_{ext} up to 0.09 T





It is our goal to make these element available
to those interested within the community

FEM approach is geometry and material independent

- accelerator magnets, solenoids, persistent switches, quench heaters, etc...
- Nb-Ti, Nb₃Sn, Bi2212 (or mixed/hybrid)
- very little additional knowledge beyond ANSYS needed

We have a first package with examples and documentation to share with the community (see <http://usmdp.lbl.gov/scpack-code/> or contact me at Inbrouwer@lbl.gov)

Initial publication: <https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6668/ab2e63>



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