

## **2020 Joint Universities Accelerator School**

# Superconducting Magnets Section III

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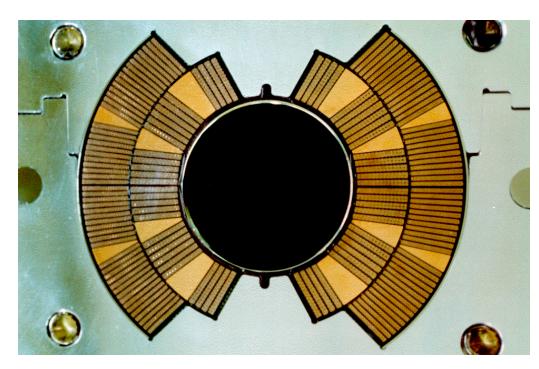
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## Coil fabrication Winding and curing

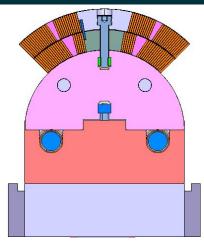
- The coil: most **critical component** of a superconducting magnet
- **Cross-sectional accuracy** of few hundredths of millimeters (few mils) over up to 15 m length
- Laminated tooling





## Coil fabrication Winding and curing

- The cable is wound around a **pole** mounted on a steel mandrel.
  - The mandrel is made of laminations
- Winding starts from the **pole turn** of the inner layer after preparing the coil ramp for the outer layer.
- Cable maintained in **tension** (200 N)







## Coil fabrication Winding and curing

- For large production of long coils, coil winding done with automated winding machines
- The cable spool, mounted on a **motor driven wagon**, moves around the mandrel.

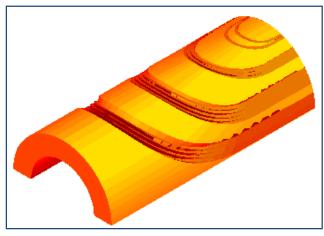
• As an alternative, the **mandrel moves** back and forth with respect a spool fixed to a frame





## Coil fabrication Winding and curing

- In the **end region**, more difficult to constrain the turns
  - bent over the narrow edge
- To improve the mechanical stability and to reduce the peak field → end spacers
  - constant perimeter approach
    - The two narrow edges of the turn in the ends follow curves of equal lengths.
- In Nb-Ti magnets, end spacers are produced by 5-axis machining of epoxy impregnated fiberglass
  - Remaining voids are then filled by resins
- In Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn magnets, end spacers are made of **aluminum bronze** or **stainless steel**.





## Coil fabrication Winding and curing

- There is a **minimum bending radius**, which depends on the cable dimensions.
  - Is there a general rule?

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- No, but usually the bending radius is 10-15 times the cable thickness.
- The cable must be constantly monitored during winding.
- If the bending radius is too small
  - **De-cabling** during winding;
  - Strands "**pop-out**".





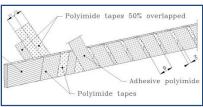
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• The goal of curing

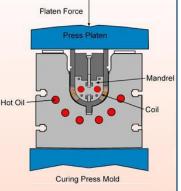
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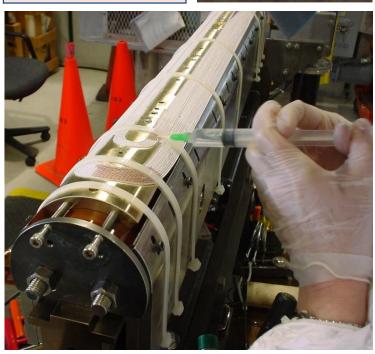
- Glue the turns together
  - Facilitate coil handling and define coil dimensions
- While still on the mandrels, coils are placed in the curing mould equipped with a heating system, and compressed in curing press
- Nb-Ti coils cured up to 190±3 °C at 80-90 MPa (LHC) to activate resin



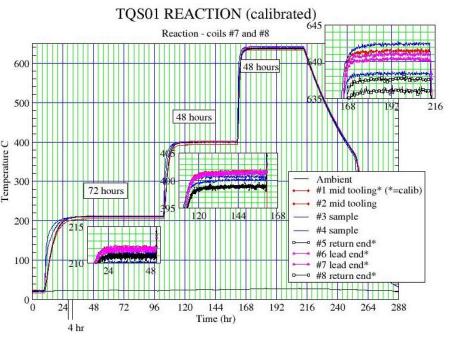
- In Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coils, cable insulation is injected with ceramic binder
  - Cured at 150° C and at ~10-30 MPa







## Coil fabrication Reaction of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coils



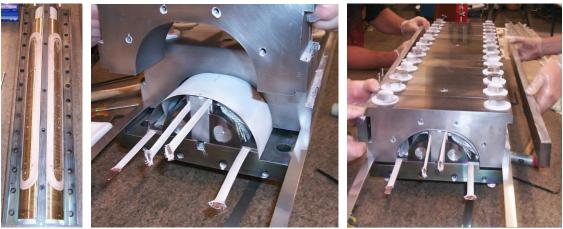
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### Heat treatment

- CuSn and Nb are heated to 650-700 C in vacuum or inert gas (argon) atmosphere
- Sn diffuses in Nb and reacts to form Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn.
- The cable becomes **brittle**
- The reaction is characterized by three temperature steps
  - homogeneity is of about ± 3 °C

- Coils clamped in a reaction fixture made of stainless steel mold blocks.
  - "Minimum" pressure to avoid damaging the turns

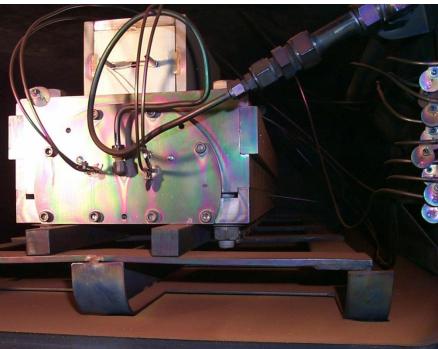


## Coil fabrication Reaction of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coils

- Reaction fixture is placed in the oven and argon gas flow connected
  - Minimize oxygen content and Cu oxydation
- The **argon flows** in the reaction fixture in contact with the conductor and fills the oven (leak tight)







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# Coil fabrication Vacuum impregnation of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coils

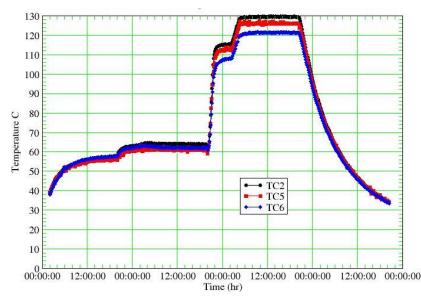
### After reaction, coil placed in a impregnation fixture

- The fixture is inserted in a vacuum tank, evacuated → epoxy injected
- Epoxy has

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- high viscosity at room temperature
- low viscosity at ~60 °C
- Then, curing at ~150 °C → solid block







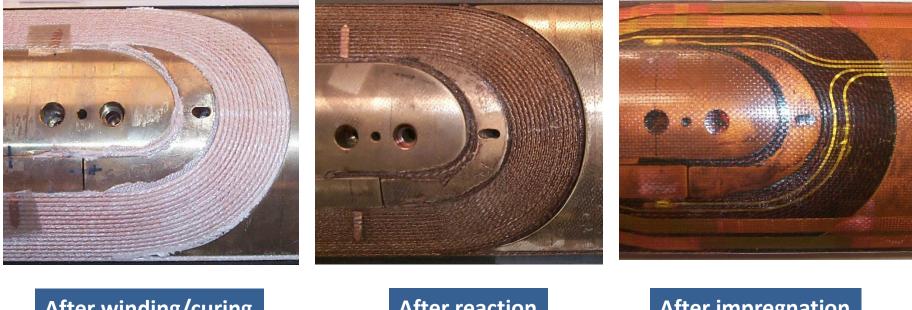


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## Overview of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coil fabrication stages



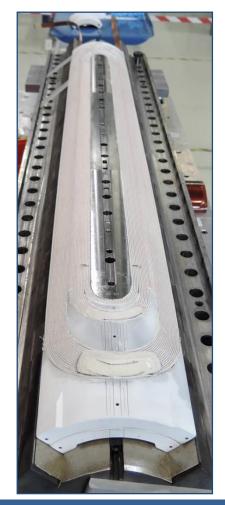
### After winding/curing

After reaction

### After impregnation



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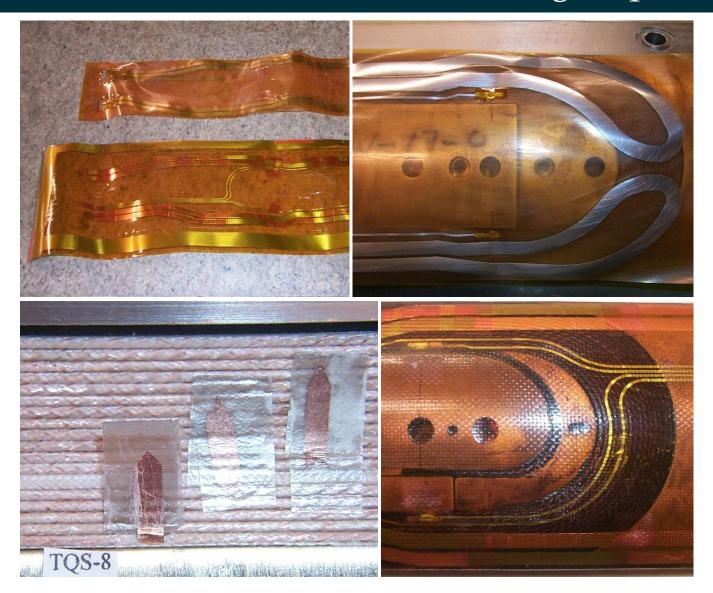
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After reaction



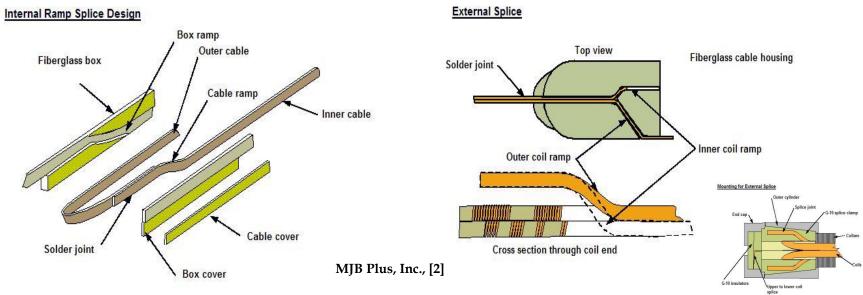
## Coil fabrication Quench heaters and voltage taps



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## Coil fabrication Nb-Ti – Nb-Ti splices

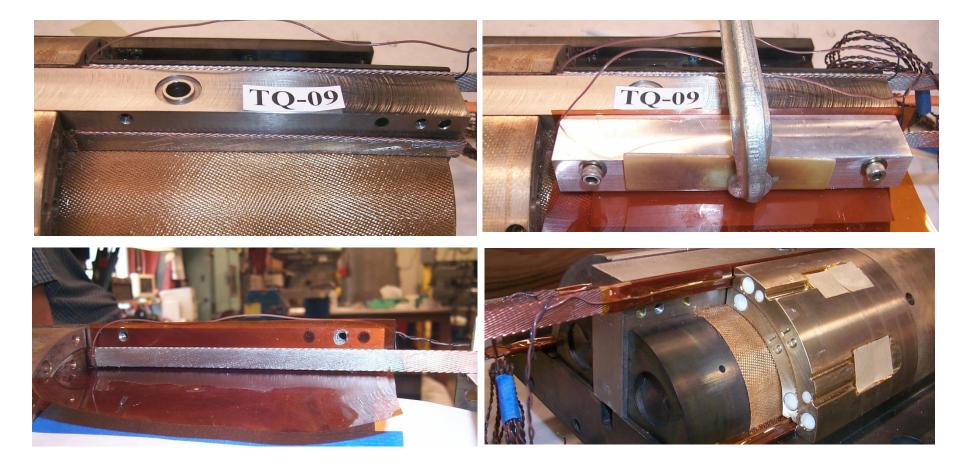
- If a coil is composed by layers with the same conductor
  - outer layer can be wound on the cured inner layer and then cured as well.
- Alternatively, especially in the presence of different cables, the two (or more) layers can be wound and cured separately and then connected through **internal or external splices** (solder joints).
- Solder is usually 40% lead and 60% tin, or silver-tin (5% silver) with a resistivity of about 2-3 x  $10^{-9} \Omega m$ .
  - The temperature rise in the joints is of the order of few mK.



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## Coil fabrication Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn – Nb-Ti splices

• **Nb-Ti leads** are compressed against **Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cables** for a length of about 1-1.5 time the pitch length and soldered.



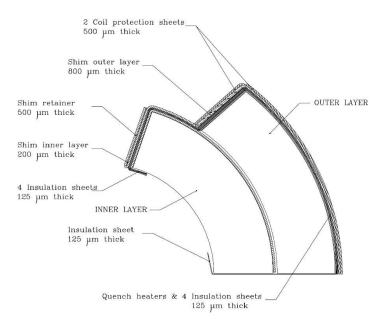
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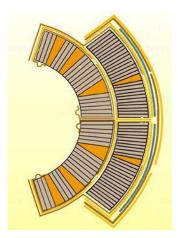
- Additional **layers of insulations**, usually composed by polyimide films, are added around the coils. Besides the electrical function of guaranteeing coil-to-coil and coil-to-ground insulation, they also provide slip surfaces during assembly of the surrounding support structure (collars).
- **Quench protection heaters** are also added to warm the entire coil after a quench.
- In the HERA dipoles, 6 layers of kapton 125 mm thick.
- In the RHIC dipole, glass-phenolic form
- In the SSC, kapton

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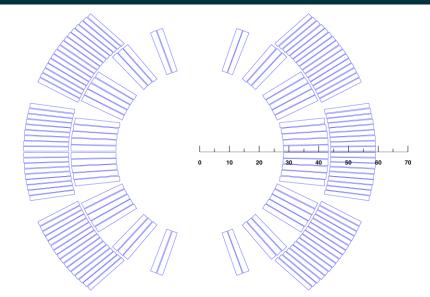
• In the LHC dipoles, coil protection sheets made of stainless steel are used.





### Practical examples LHC dipole coil (NbTi) fabrication steps

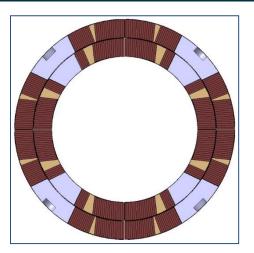
- Winding
- Curing
  - Coil at 190 °C under a pressure of 35 MPa
- Surfacing of the heads
  - Voids in the ends are filled with resin
- Measurements of coil azimuthal size
- Superposition of the outer layer onto the inner
- Splicing
- Shimming of the end region
- Assembly of four poles around the bore tube
- Instrumentation (quench heaters) and insulation)





### Practical examples MQXF quadrupole coil (Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn) fabrication steps

- Winding of inner layer
- Curing of inner layer
  - Coil at 150 °C under pressure (about 5 MPa)
- Winding of outer layer
- Curing of inner and outer layer
  - Coil at 150 °C under pressure (about 5 MPa)
- Reaction
- Second instrumentation phase
  - Voltage taps, quench heaters
- Splicing
- Impregnation
- Second instrumentation phase
  - Soldering of wires, strain gauges





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- Superconducting accelerator magnets are characterized by high fields and high current densities.
- As a results, the coil is subjected to strong electro-magnetic forces, which tend to move the conductor and deform the winding.
- A good knowledge of the magnitude and direction of the electro-magnetic forces, as well as of the stress of the coil, is mandatory for the mechanical design of a superconducting magnet.



## Mechanics of superconducting magnets Electro-magnetic force

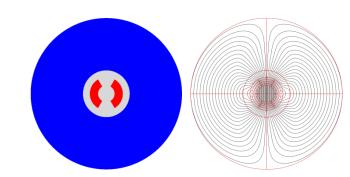
In the presence of a magnetic field *B*, an electric charged particle *q* in motion with a velocity *v* is acted on by a force *F*<sub>L</sub> called electro-magnetic (Lorentz) force [N]:

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

• A conductor element carrying current density J (A/mm<sup>2</sup>) is subjected to a force density  $f_L$  [N/m<sup>3</sup>]

$$\vec{f} = \vec{J} \times \vec{B}$$

• Superconducing coil in its own field  $\rightarrow$ 





# Magnetic pressure and forces

- *B* acts on the coil as a **pressurized gas** on its container.
- Infinitely long "thin-walled" solenoid, with thickness d, radius a, and current density  $J_{\theta}$ .
  - The field outside the solenoid is zero. The field inside the solenoid  $B_0$
  - We can define a magnetic pressure  $p_m$  acting on the winding

$$p_m = \frac{B_0^2}{2\mu_0}$$

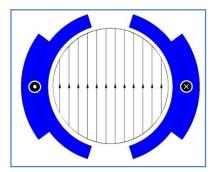
- So, with a **10 T magnet**, the windings undergo a pressure  $p_m = (10^2)/(2 \cdot 4 \pi \times 10^{-7}) = 4 \times 10^7$  Pa = **390 atm**.
- The force pressure increase with the square of the field.
- A pressure  $[N/m^2]$  is equivalent to an energy density  $[J/m^3]$ .

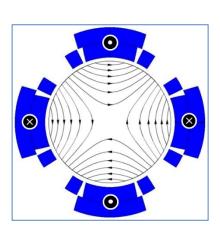
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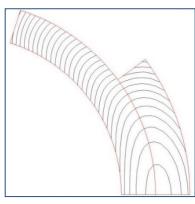


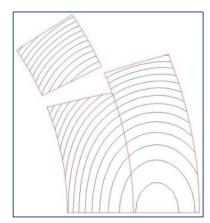
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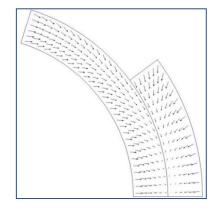
- The e.m. forces in a dipole/quadrupole magnet tend to push the coil
  - Towards the mid plane in the vertical-azimuthal direction ( $F_y$ ,  $F_\theta < 0$ )
  - Outwards in the radial-horizontal direction ( $F_x$ ,  $F_r > 0$ )

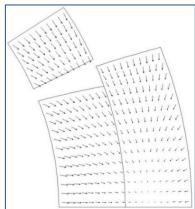










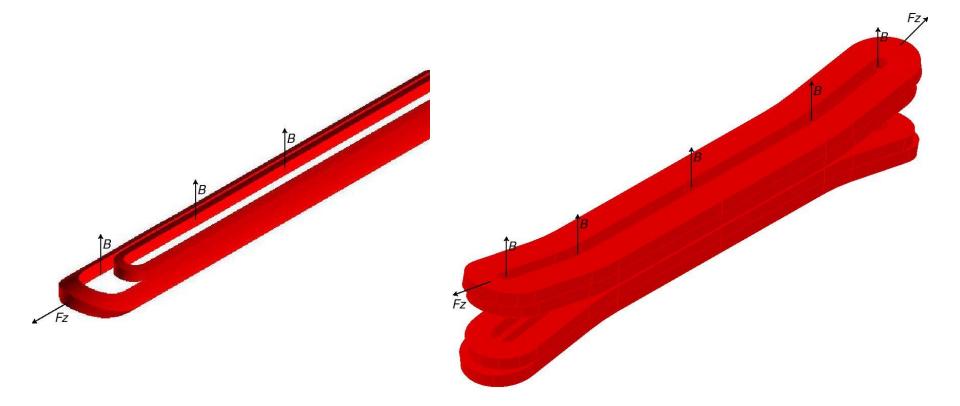






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- In the **coil ends** the e.m. forces tend to push the coil
  - **Outwards** in the longitudinal direction ( $F_z > 0$ )

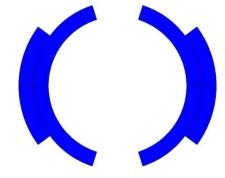




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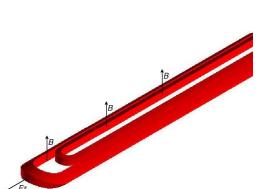
- The e.m. force on a dipole coil varies
  - with the **square** of the bore field
  - **linearly** with the bore radius

$$F_x = \frac{B_y^2}{2\mu_0} \frac{4}{3}a \qquad \qquad F_y = -\frac{B_y^2}{2\mu_0} \frac{4}{3}a$$



- The axial force on a dipole coil varies
  - with the **square** of the bore field
  - with the **square** of the bore radius

$$F_z = \frac{B_y^2}{2\mu_0} 2\pi a^2$$





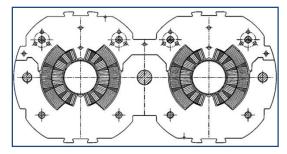
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### • Nb-Ti LHC MB

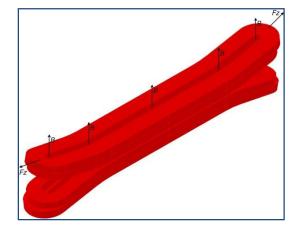
- values per aperture
- $F_x = 340 \text{ t} \text{ per meter}$ 
  - ~300 compact cars
  - Precision of coil positioning: 20-50 μm
- $F_z = 27 \text{ t}$ 
  - ~weight of the cold mass



- $F_x = 500 \text{ t} \text{ per meter}$
- $F_z = 85 \text{ t}$
- These forces are applied to an objet with a cross-section of 150x100 mm !!!
  - and by the way, it is brittle

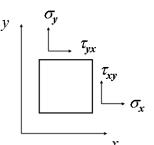






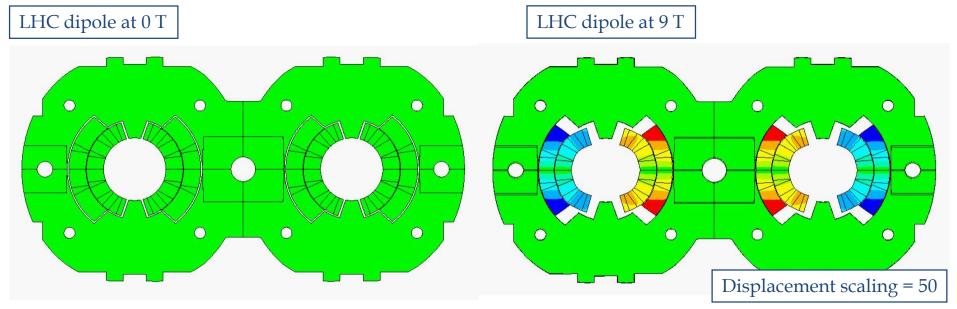
## Stress and strain Definitions

- A stress  $\sigma$  or  $\tau$  [Pa] is an internal distribution of force [N] per unit area [m<sup>2</sup>].
  - When the forces are perpendicular to the plane the stress is called normal stress (σ); when the forces are parallel to the plane the stress is called shear stress (τ).
  - Stresses can be seen as way of a body to resist the action (compression, tension, sliding) of an external force.



- A strain  $\varepsilon(\delta l/l_0)$  is a forced change dimension  $\delta l$  of a body whose initial dimension is  $l_0$ .
  - A stretch or a shortening are respectively a tensile or compressive strain; an angular distortion is a shear strain.

## Mechanics of superconducting magnets Deformation and stress

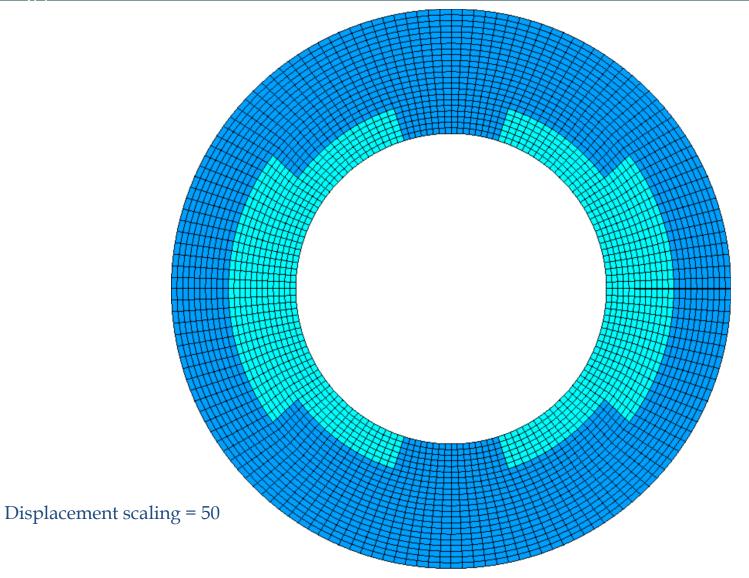


- Effect of e.m forces
  - change in **coil shape** → effect on field quality
  - a **displacement** of the conductor → potential release of frictional energy
  - Nb-Ti magnets: possible **damage** of kapton **insulation** at~150-200 MPa.
  - Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn magnets: possible **conductor degradation** at about 150-200 MPa.
- All the components must be below stress limits.

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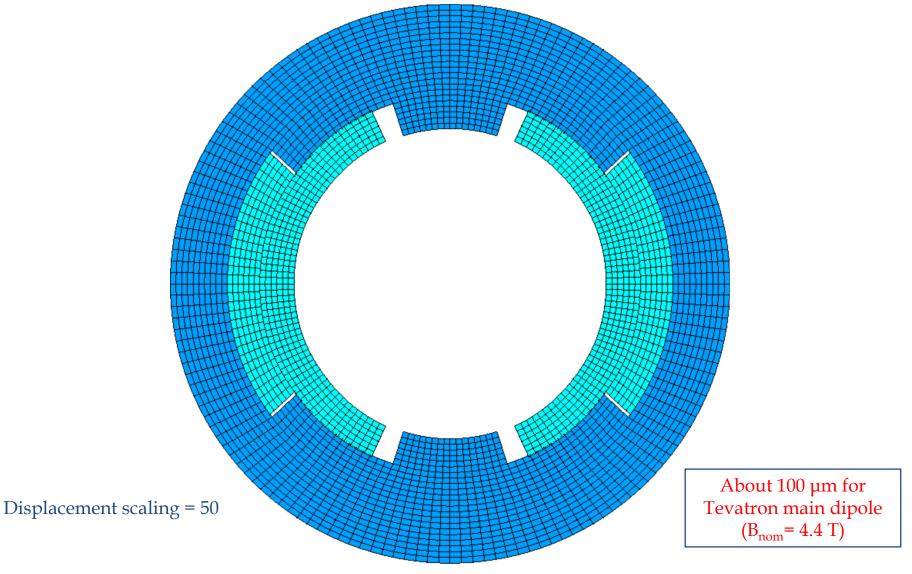


## No pre-stress, no e.m. force





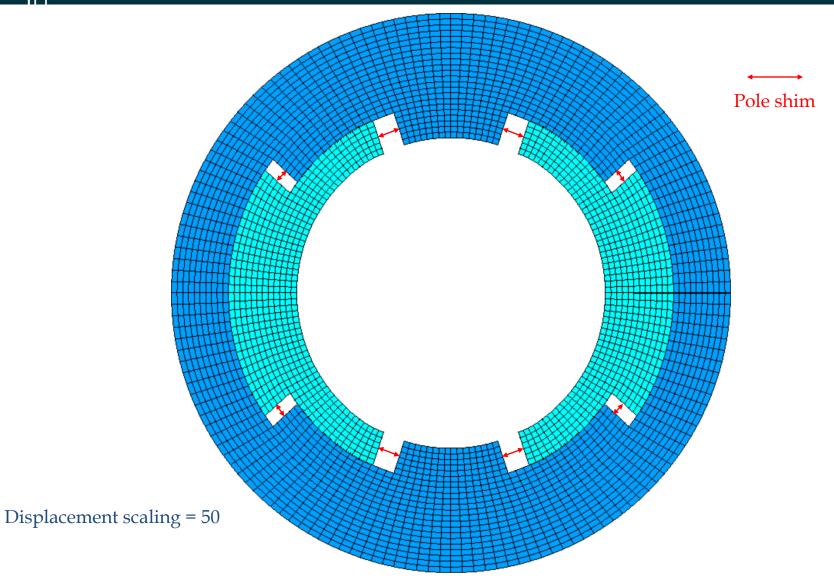
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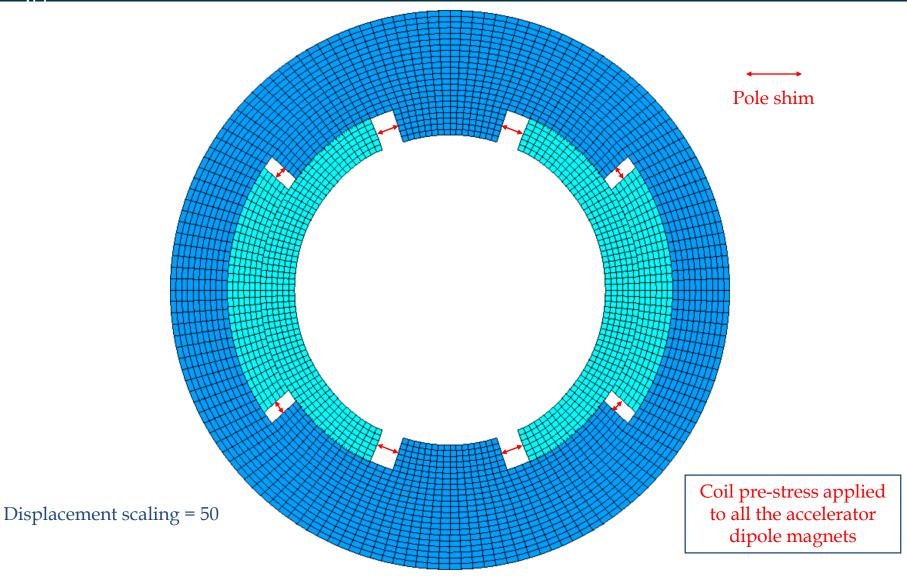
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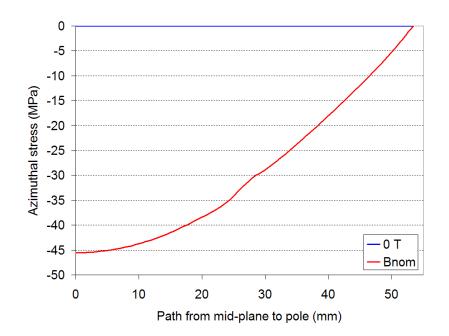


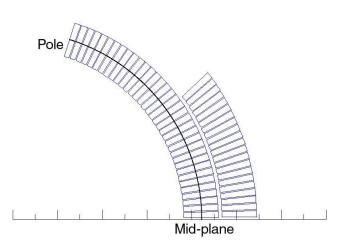
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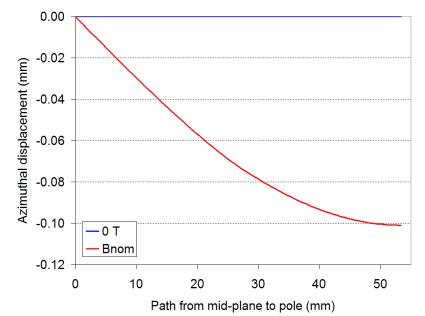


## Pre-stress Tevatron main dipole

- We can plot the **displacement** and the **stress** along a path moving from the mid-plane to the pole.
- In the case of no pre-stress, the displacement of the pole during excitation is about **-100** µm.







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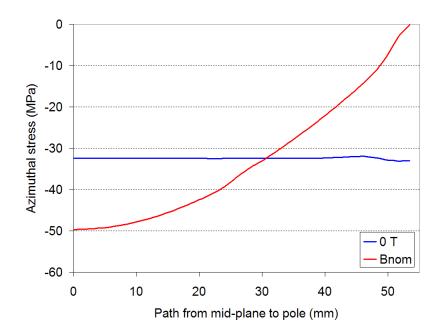
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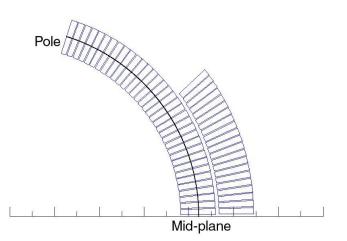
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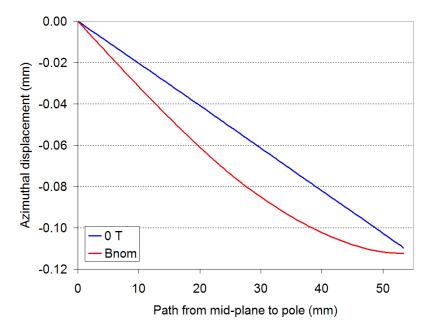


## Pre-stress Tevatron main dipole

- We now apply to the coil a **pre-stress** of about **-33 MPa**, so that no separation occurs at the pole region.
- The displacement at the pole during excitation is now negligible, and, within the coil, the conductors move at most of -20 μm.





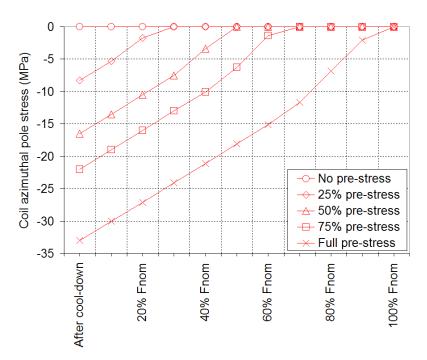


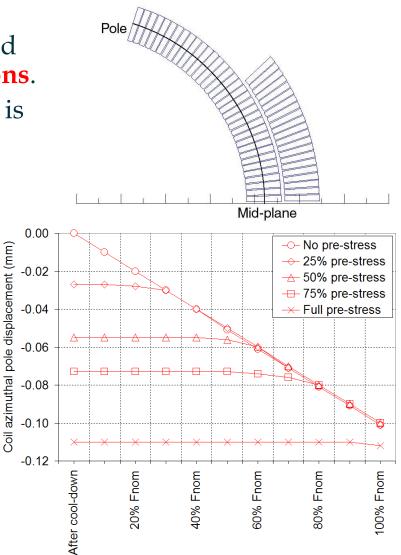
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# Pre-stress Tevatron main dipole

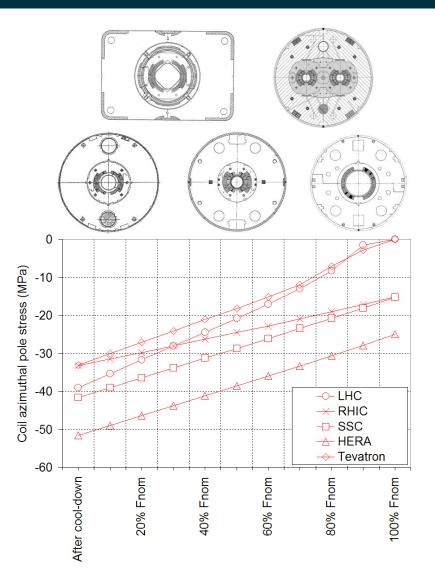
- We focus now on the stress and displacement of the pole turn (high field region) in different pre-stress conditions.
- The total displacement of the pole turn is proportional to the pre-stress.
  - A full pre-stress condition minimizes the displacements.





# Pre-stress Overview of accelerator dipole magnets

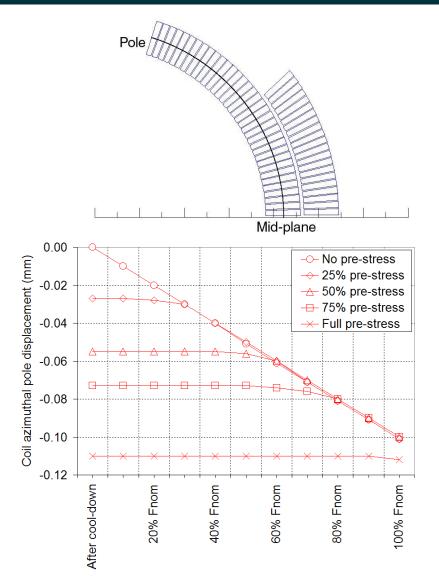
- The practice of pre-stressing the coil has been applied to all the accelerator dipole magnets
  - Tevatron
  - HERA
  - SSC
  - RHIC
  - LHC
- The pre-stress is chosen in such a way that the coil remains in contact with the pole at nominal field, sometime with a "mechanical margin" of more than 20 MPa.





## Pre-stress General considerations

- As we pointed out, the prestress reduces the coil motion during excitation.
- What about the **effect** of pre-stress on **quench performance**?
  - In principle less motion means **less frictional energy** dissipation or resin fracture.
  - Nevertheless the impact of pre-stress on quench initiation remains **controversial**



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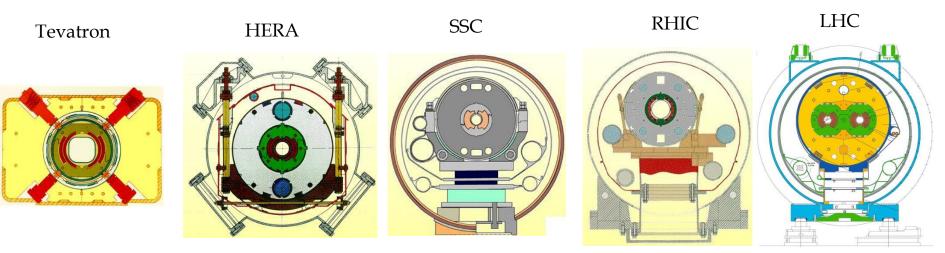
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# Mechanics of superconducting magnets Support structures

- The coil is placed inside a **support structure** capable of
  - providing the required **pre-stress** to the coil after cool-down in order to reduce conductor motion;
  - withstanding the electro-magnetic forces;
  - providing Helium containment.

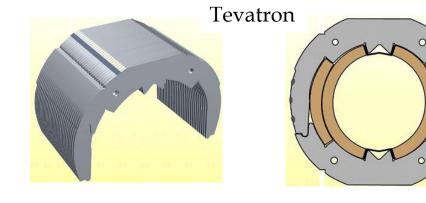


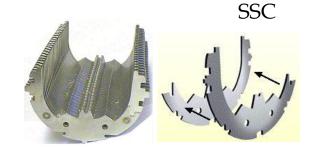
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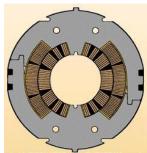


## Mechanics of superconducting magnets Collars

- Implemented for the first time in Tevatron
  - Since then, almost always used
- Composed by **stainless-steel or aluminum laminations** few mm thick.
- By clamping the coils, the collars provide
  - coil **pre-stressing**;
  - **rigid support** against e.m. forces
  - precise cavity







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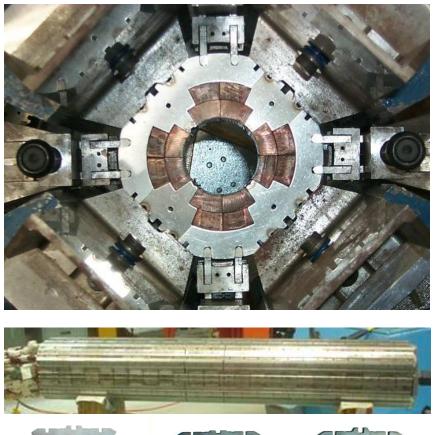


## Mechanics of superconducting magnets Collars

### Collaring of a dipole magnet



### Collaring of a quadrupole magnet



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## Mechanics of superconducting magnets Iron yoke

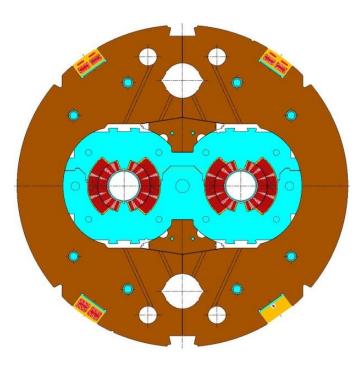
• As the collars, iron yoke are made in **laminations** (several mm thick).

## Magnetic function

• contains and enhances the magnetic field.

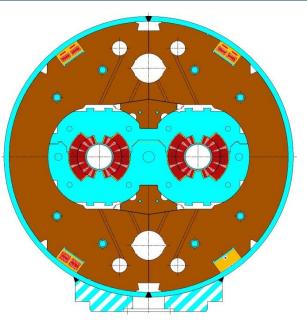
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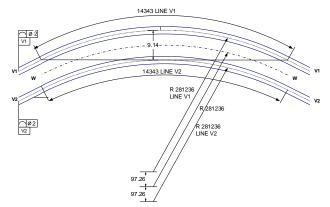
- tight contact with the collar
  - it contributes to increase the rigidity of the coil support structure and limit radial displacement.
- Holes are included in the yoke design for
  - Correction of **saturation effect**
  - Cooling channel
  - Assembly features
  - Electrical bus



## Mechanics of superconducting magnets Shell

- The cold mass is contained within a shell
- The shell constitutes a **containment structure** for the liquid Helium.
- It is composed by two half shells of stainless steel **welded** around the yoke with high tension (about 150 MPa for the LHC dipole).
  - With the iron yoke, it contributes to create a rigid boundary to the collared coil.
- If necessary, during the welding process, the welding press can impose the desired curvature on the cold mass
  - In the LHC dipole the nominal sagitta is of 9.14 mm.

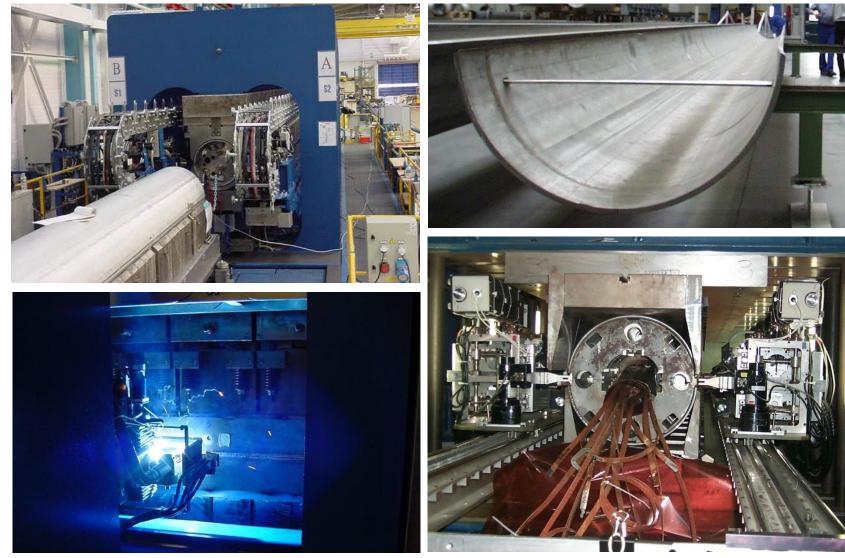








## Mechanics of superconducting magnets Shell



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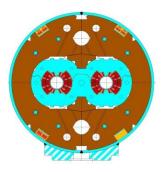
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# Mechanics of superconducting magnets Cool-down and excitation

## During cool-down

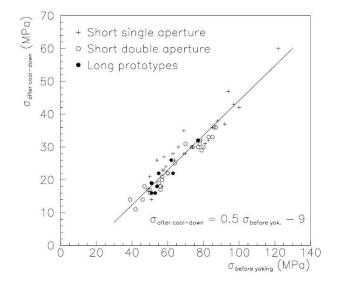
- Components shrink differently
  - Again, coil positioning within 20-50 μm
- Significant variations of coil stress

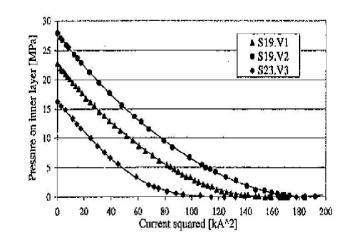


## During excitation

- The pole region of the coil unloads
  - Depending on the pre-stress, at nominal field the coil may unload completely

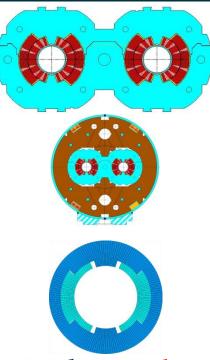






# Mechanics of superconducting magnets Overview of coil stress

- Collaring
- Yoking and shell welding
- Cool-down
- Excitation

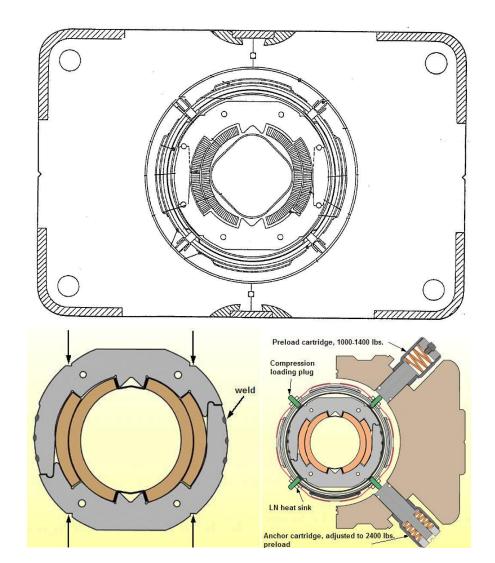


- All these contributions taken into account in the **mechanical design** 
  - Minimize **coil motion** (pre-stress)
  - Minimize **cost and dimension** of the structure
  - Maintain the maximum stress of the component **below the plasticity limits**
  - ...and for (especially)  $Nb_3Sn$  coils, **limit coil stress** (150-200 MPa).



## Practical examples of accelerator magnets Tevatron main dipole

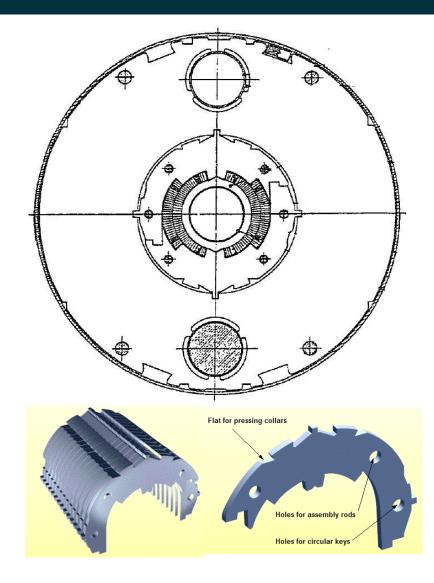
- The stainless steel collars are **welded** in three locations per side at the end of the collaring procedure.
  - The stress provided by the collaring press is retained (minimum spring-back)
- Warm iron design
  - The cold mass is composed by the collared coil; the iron is maintained at room temperature.
- The **compact cryostat** contains a liquid helium shield and a liquid nitrogen shield.
- The cold mass and cryostat are supported by **four cartridges**, which also contribute to the alignment of the magnet.





## Practical examples of accelerator magnets HERA main dipole

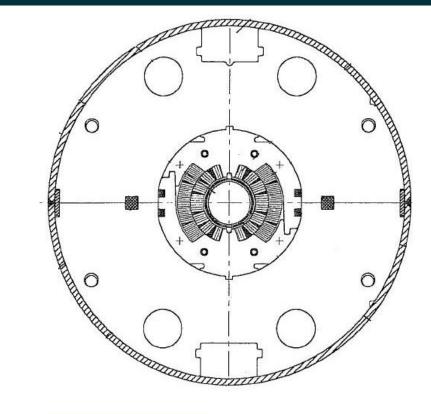
- **Collars** are made of **aluminum** and are self supporting
  - No contact between collars and yoke.
- Collared coil is locked by keys.
- The **iron yoke is cooled** to liquid He temperature
  - Cold iron design.
- **Alignmen**t is achieved through keys between the collars and the yoke.
- The He containment is provided by **two half shells** welded together.
- The welding process provides also the **sagitta** (17 mm over 9 m length).

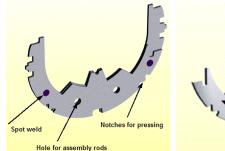




## Practical examples of accelerator magnets SSC main dipole

- Stainless steel collars are assembled into packs from spot welded pairs.
- The collared-coil assembly is contained by the iron yoke and the welded a stainless steel outer shell.
- Interference is provided between collars and yoke (line-to-line fit).
- Two different designs
  - In the BNL design, the yoke is **split** horizontally
    - Tight contact results from a collaryoke interference along the vertical diameter.
  - In the FNAL design, the yoke is **split vertically** 
    - Tight contact results from a collaryoke interference along the horizontal diameter.



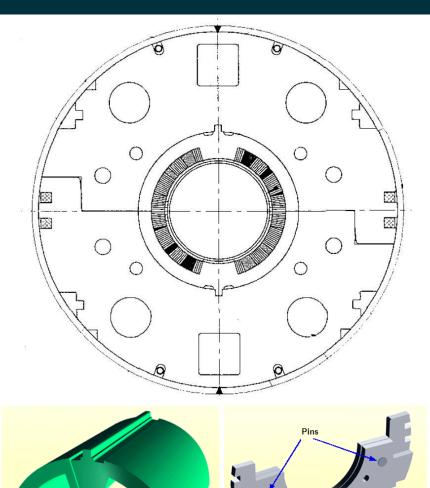






## Practical examples of accelerator magnets RHIC main dipole

- The coil is surrounded by glassfilled phenolic insulators that provide the alignment, insulation to ground and separation of the coils from the iron to reduce saturation effects.
- The iron **yoke clamps** the coilinsulator structure like a collar.
- Stainless steel shell halves are welded around the yoke to provide He containment, a 48.5 mm **sagitta**, and to increase rigidity.

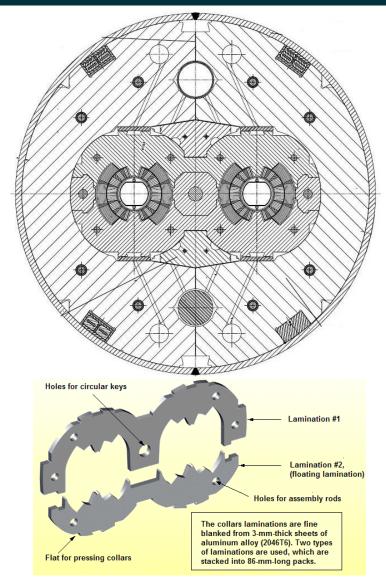




## Practical examples of accelerator magnets LHC main dipole

### **Two-in-one configuration**

- Both beam pipes are contained within one cold mass
- Stainless steel collars are locked by three full-length rods.
- Magnetic insert
  - It transfers vertical force from the yoke to the collared coils
  - It improves field quality
- Iron yoke vertically split
  - At the end of the welding operation the yoke gap is closed
- Stainless steel shell halves are welded around the yoke to provide He containment, a 9 mm sagitta, and to increase rigidity.

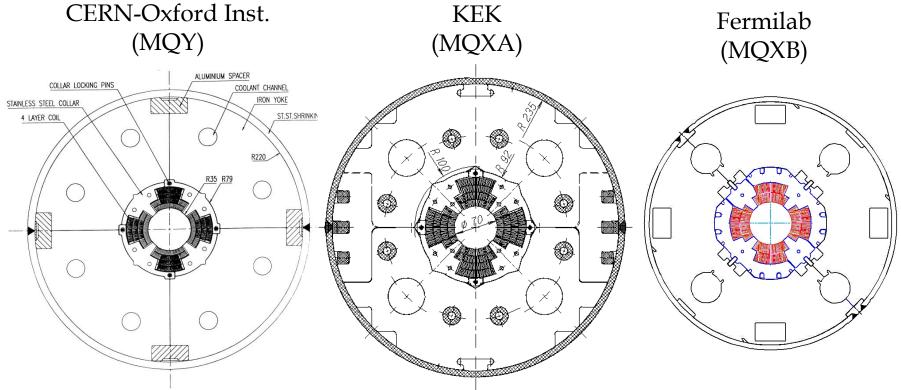






## Practical examples of accelerator magnets LHC IR quadrupole

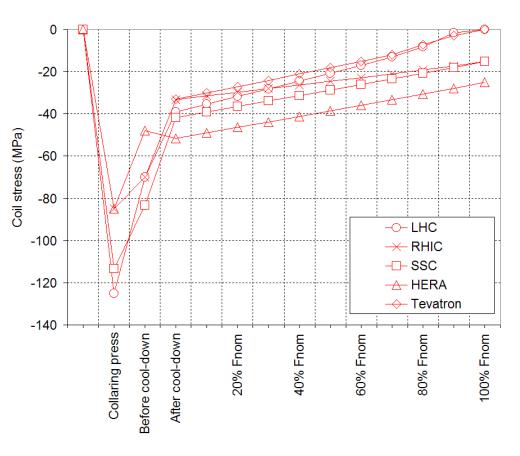
- Support structure based on collars and welded stainless steel shell are also used for quadrupole magnets.
- During the collaring operation, 4 keys/rods are inserted at the four midplanes.





## Practical examples of accelerator magnets Shell-based structures

- All the structures presented so far are characterized by significant coil pre-stress losses
  - The coil reaches the maximum compression (about 100 MPa) during the collaring operation.
  - After cool-down the residual pre-stress is of about 30-40 MPa.
- What if the "required" coil pre-stress after cool-down is > 100 MPa?

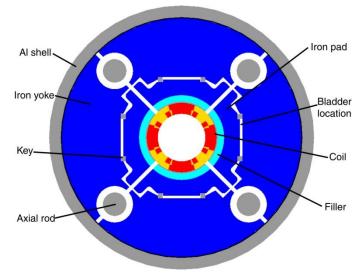




## Practical examples of accelerator magnets Shell-based structures

- The coil is surrounded by four pads and four yokes
  - Pad and yoke gaps remain open during all the magnet operations.
- An aluminum shell contains the cold mass.
- Initial pre-compressions is provided by bladders and locked by keys.
- After cool-down the coil pre-stress **increases** due to the high thermal contraction of the aluminum shell.



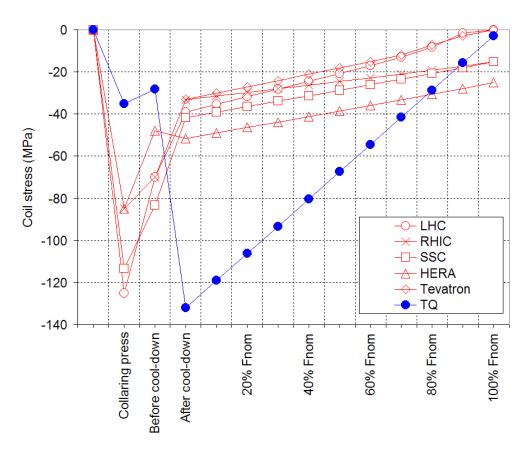






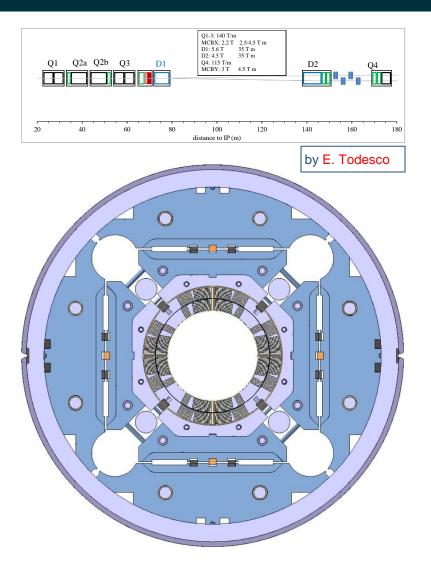
## Practical examples of accelerator magnets Shell-based structures

- In the TQS case, the collaring press operation is substituted by the bladder operation.
- A spring back occurs when bladder pressure is reduced
  - Clearance for key insertion
- The coil pre-stress significantly increases during cool-down.



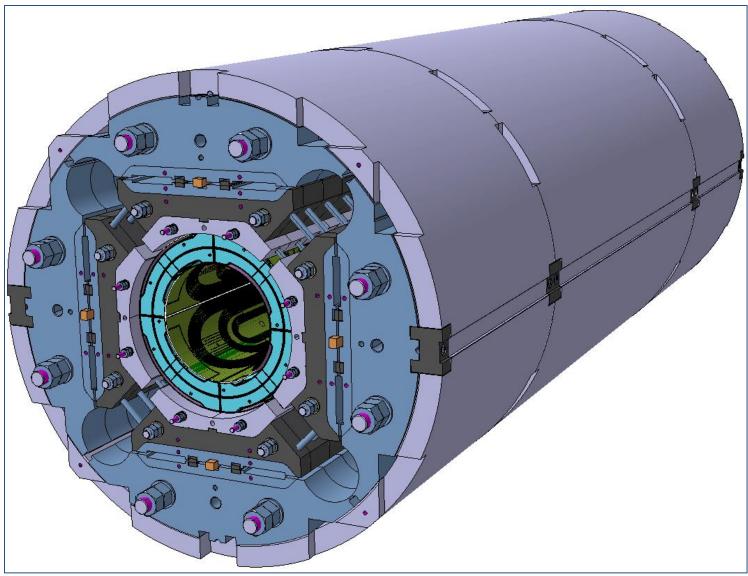
# Practical examples of accelerator magnets Shell-based structures: MQXF

- Target: 132.6 T/m in 150 mm coil aperture
- To be installed in 2023
- Q1/Q3
  - 2 magnets with 4.2 m of magnetic length within 1 cold mass
- Q2
  - 1 magnet of 7.15 m within 1 cold mass, including MCBX (1.2 m)
- Different lengths, same design



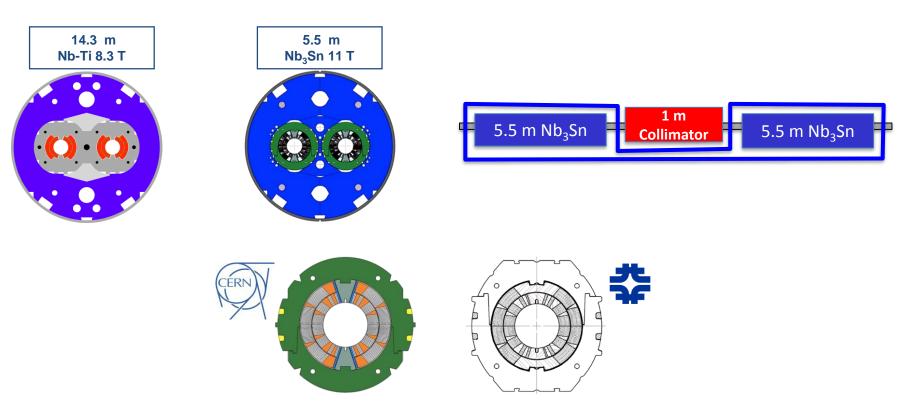
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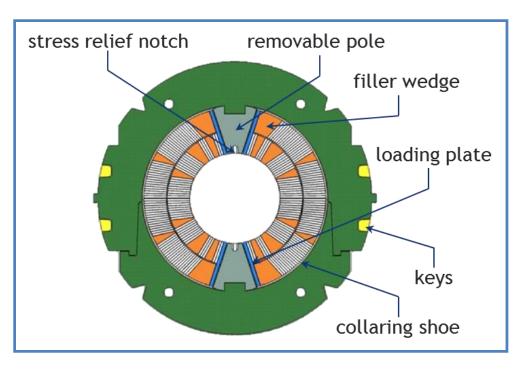
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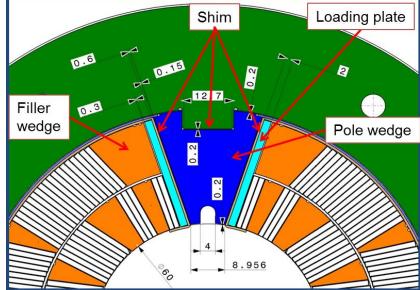
- Goal: replace a LHC dipole with 2 shorter 11T dipoles to provide room for collimator
- Support structure based on ss collars

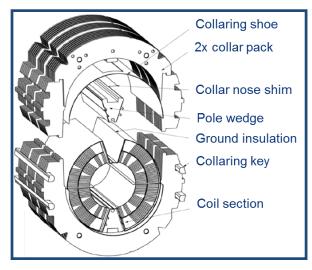


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 Most of coil pre-stress achieved by collaring



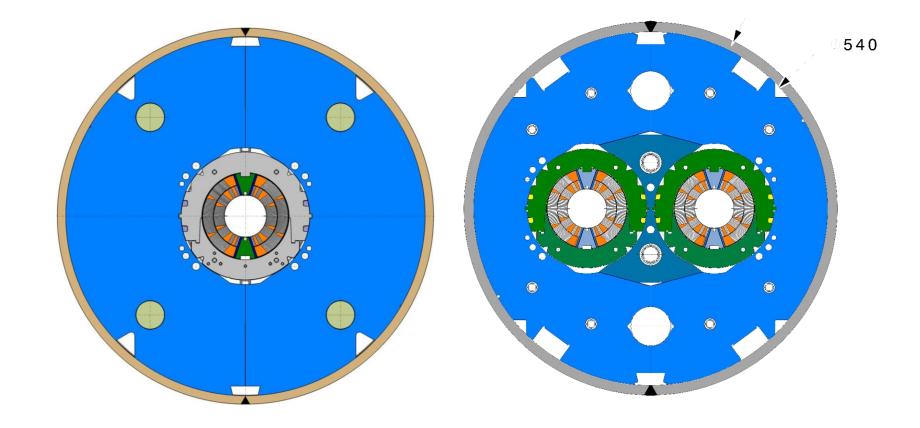




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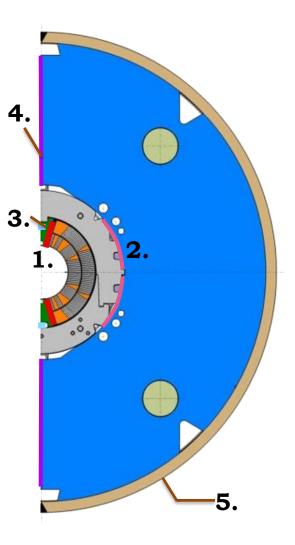
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- 5. Stainless-steel shell

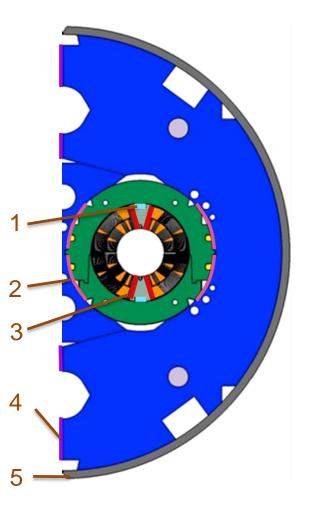
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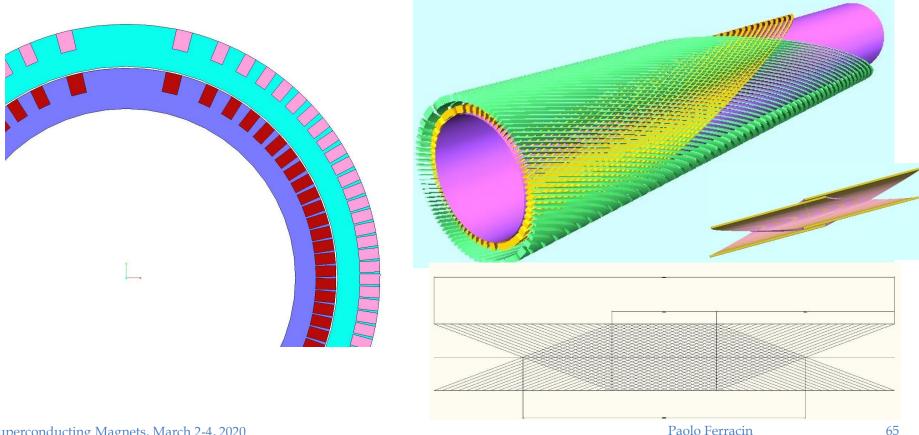
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# Practical examples of R&D magnets CCT

### **Canted Cosine-Theta Magnet**

- Two superimposed coils, oppositely skewed, achieve a pure cosine-theta field and eliminate axial field.
- Ribs (wedges) simulate a Cosine-Theta current density and intercept the ٠ Lorentz forces

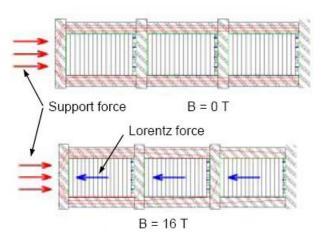


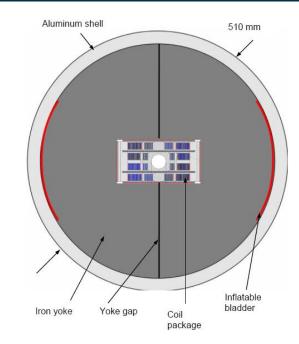


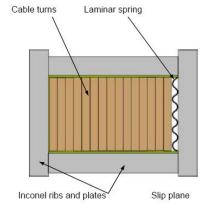
## 6. Practical examples of R&D magnets TAMU (Texas A&M)

## "Stress management" system

- Each coil block is isolated in its own compartment and supported separately.
- E.m. force exerted on multiple coil blocks does not accumulate, but it is transmitted to the magnet frame by the Inconel ribs to Inconel plates.
- A laminar spring is used to preload each block.







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