

Feasibility analysis of the cryogenic system for a High-dynamic Superconducting Linear Motor

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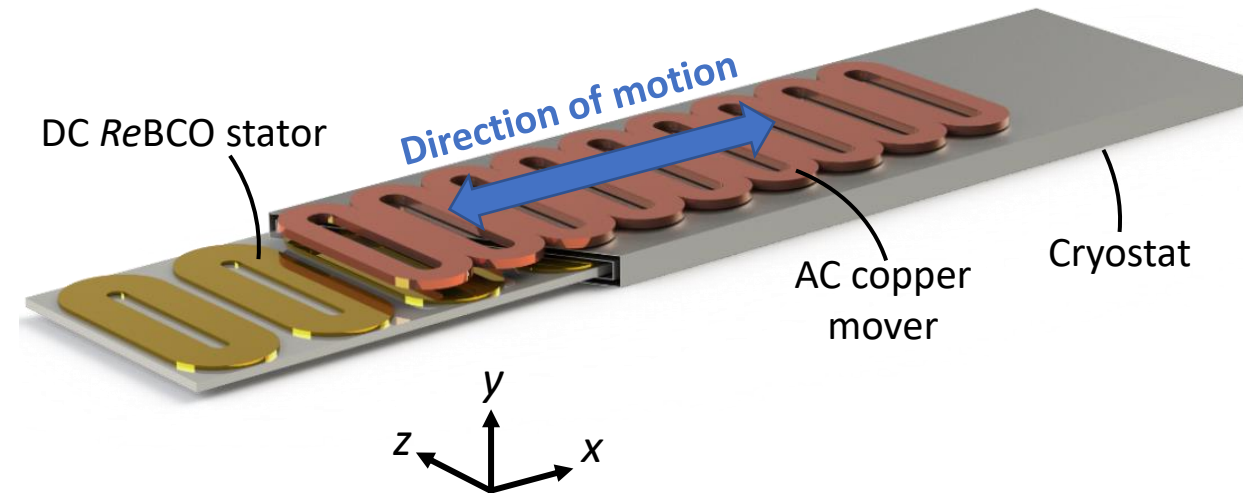
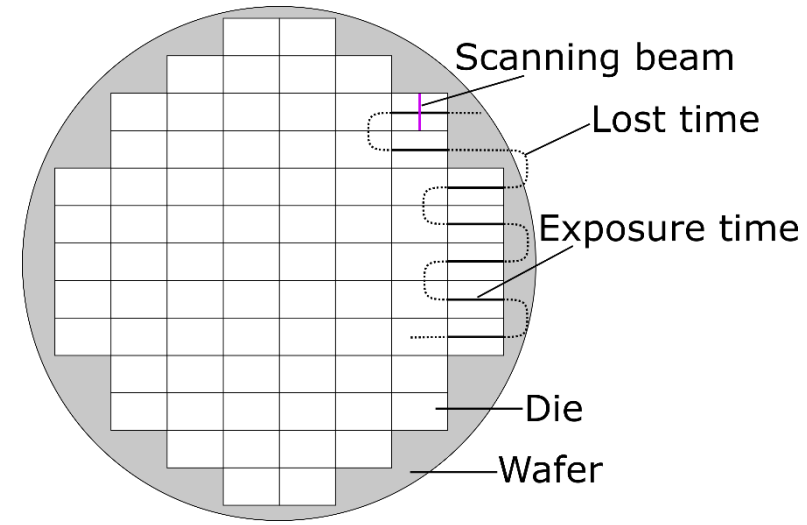
1.1 Motivation

Linear motor for lithography application

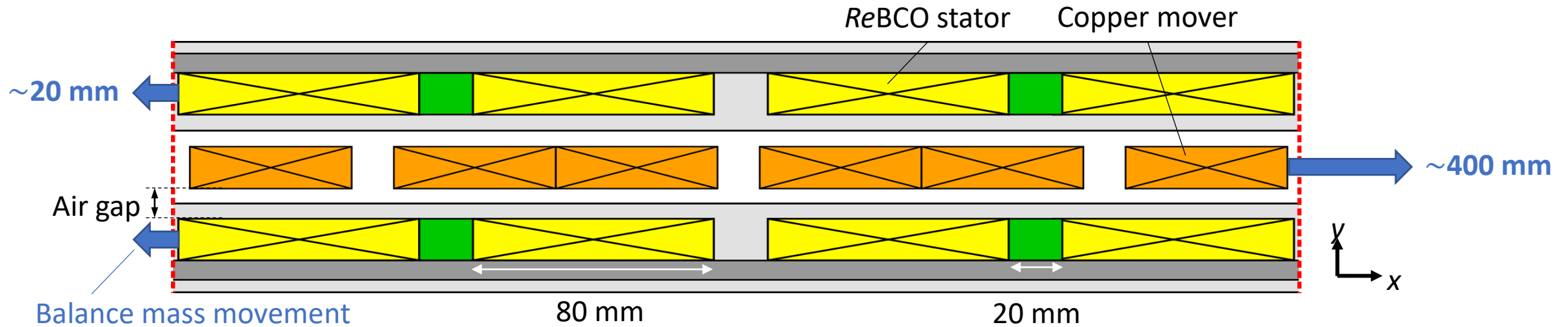
- Reticle stage
- Long stroke
- Improve throughput by rapid acceleration

Design target

- DC ReBCO stator / AC copper mover
- Increase air gap magnetic field by order of magnitude
 - Higher force-density
 - Acceleration: 100g
 - Payload mass: 100kg



1.2 Benchmark



Benchmark dimensions (may change)

Air gap height	12 mm
Winding pack dimensions	4 x 80 mm
Coil length (straight)	0.5 m
Stator magnetic field on mover	~ 1.5 T
Mover magnetic field on stator	~ 0.2 T
Stator coil current	280 A

- Air gap / cryostat wall
 - Minimize for high force-density
- Significant heat load
 - AC loss major contributor
- Moving cold mass
 - ~20 mm at ~10 Hz
- **Goal: assess feasibility of cryogenic options**

1.3 Operating temperature

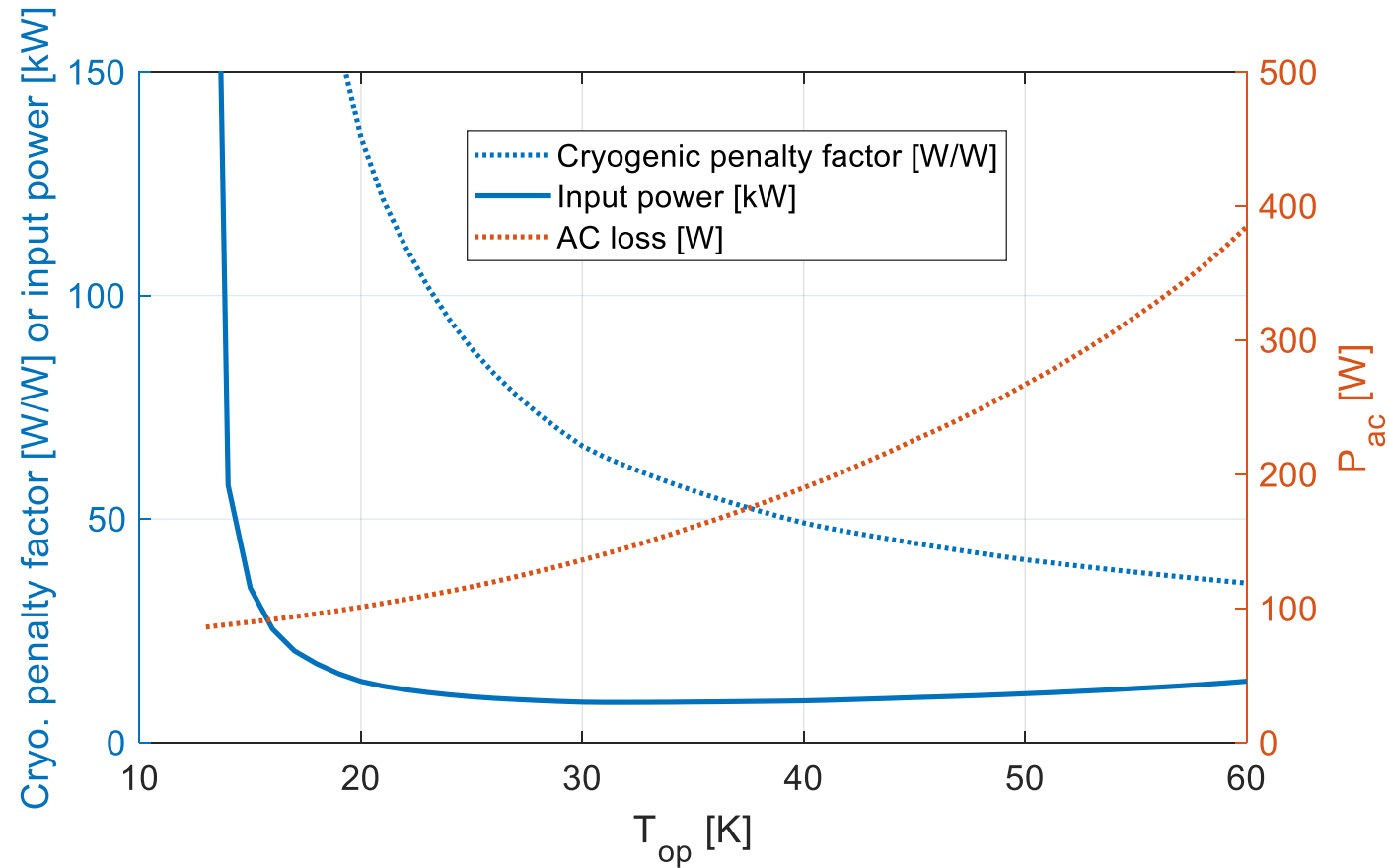
Most efficient operating point is between **20 and 50 K**

- Benchmark FEM 40 K
- Scale AC loss to operating temperature T_{op}

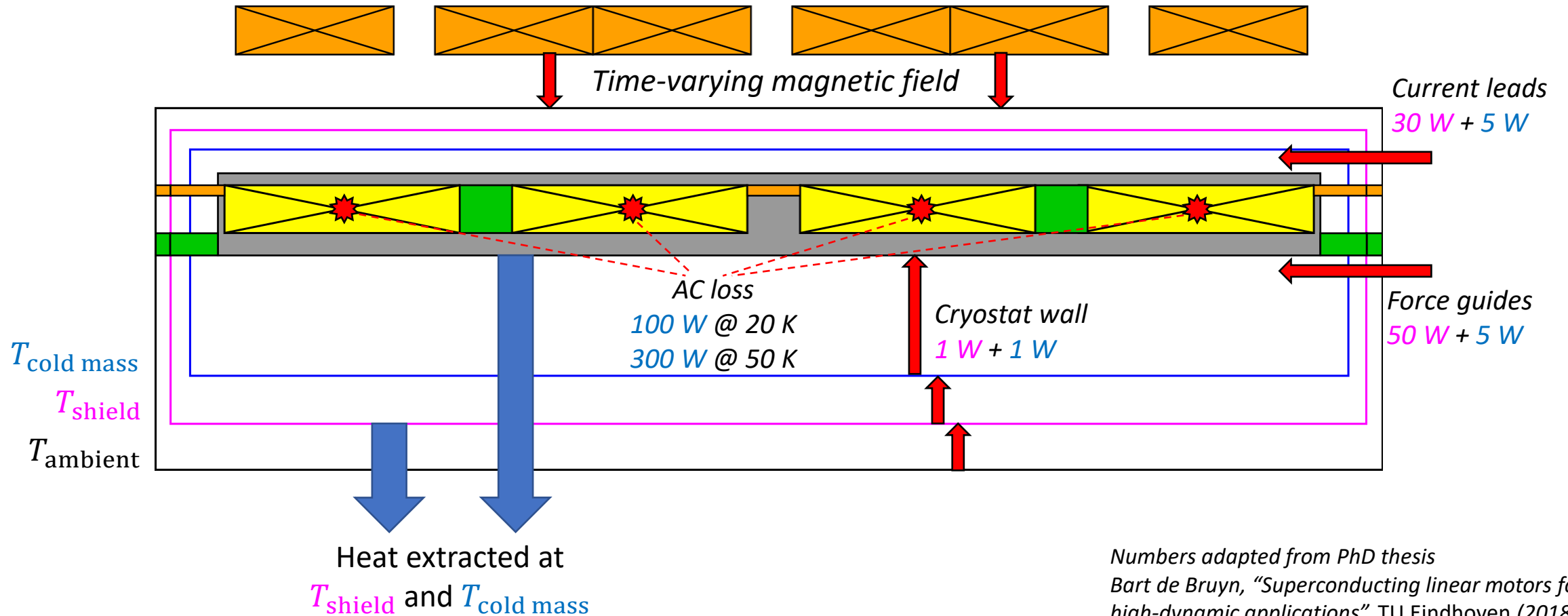
$$P_{AC}(T_{op}) = P_{AC}(40K) \frac{I_c(40K)}{I_c(T_{op})}$$

- CPF of 20 K-single stage-GM cryocooler

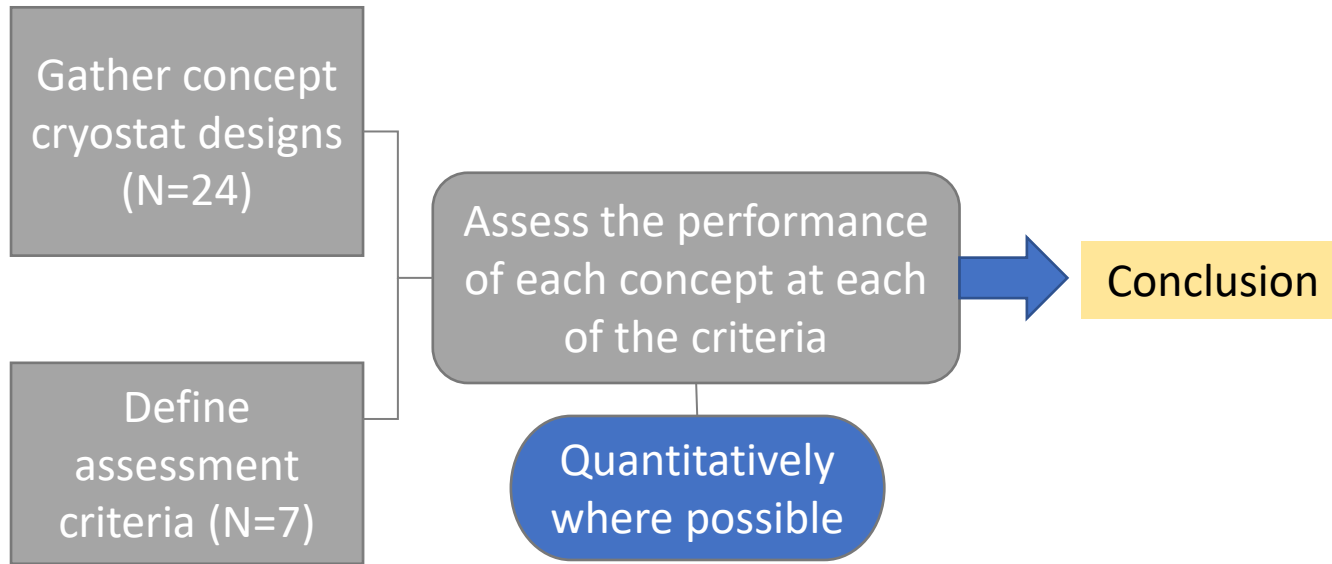
$$P_{in} = CPF * P_{AC}$$



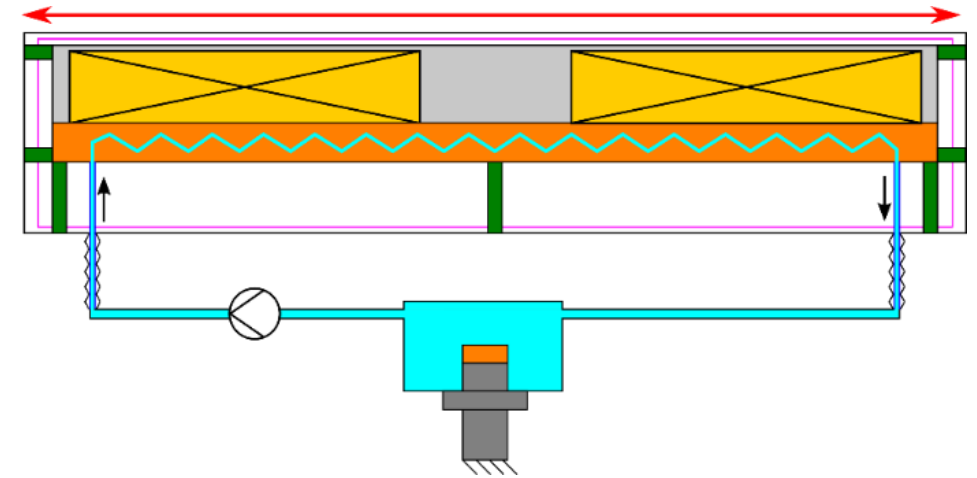
1.4 Estimated heat load



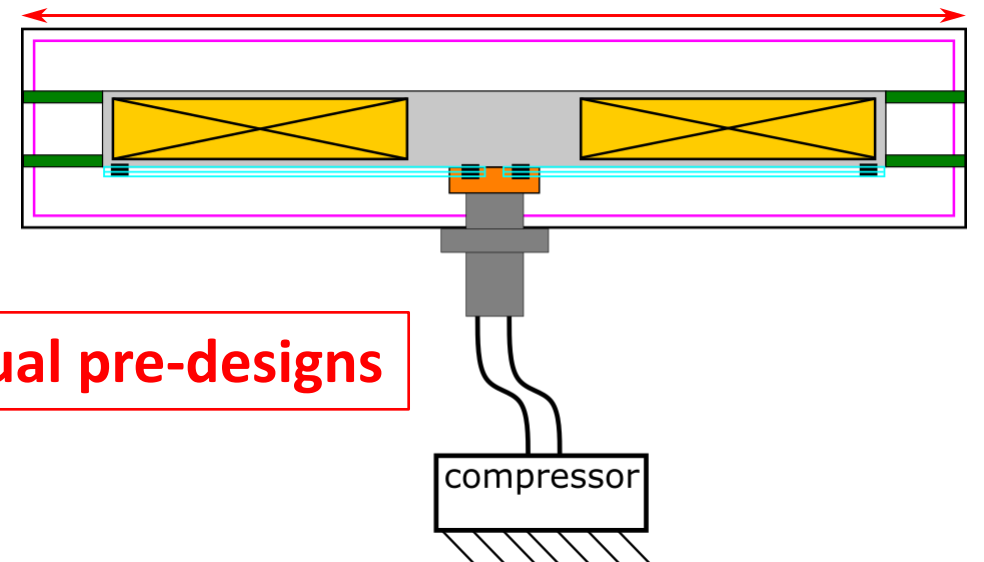
2.1 Systematic review; cryostat options



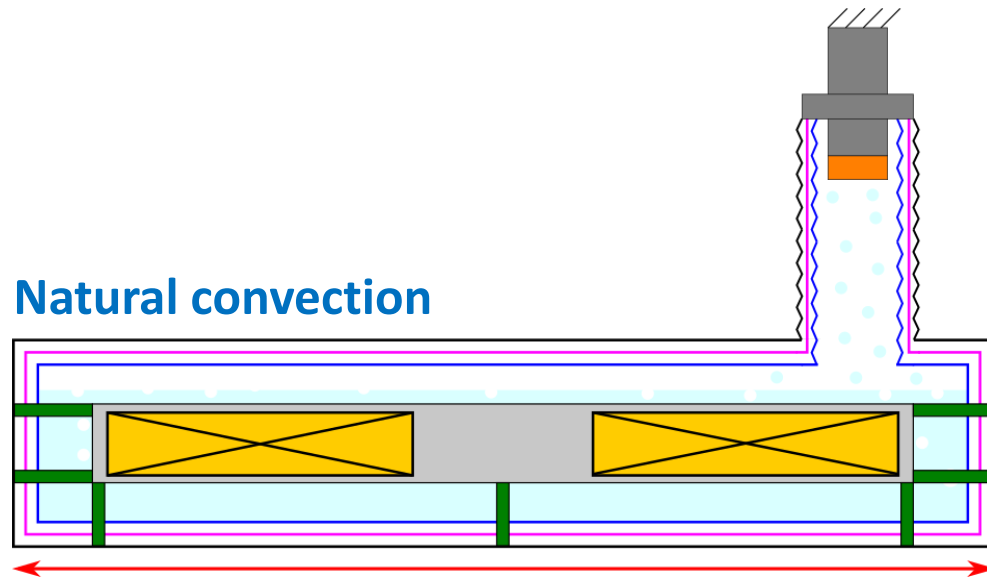
Forced convection – cooling channels



Cryogenic heat pipes - conduction



Conceptual pre-designs



Natural convection

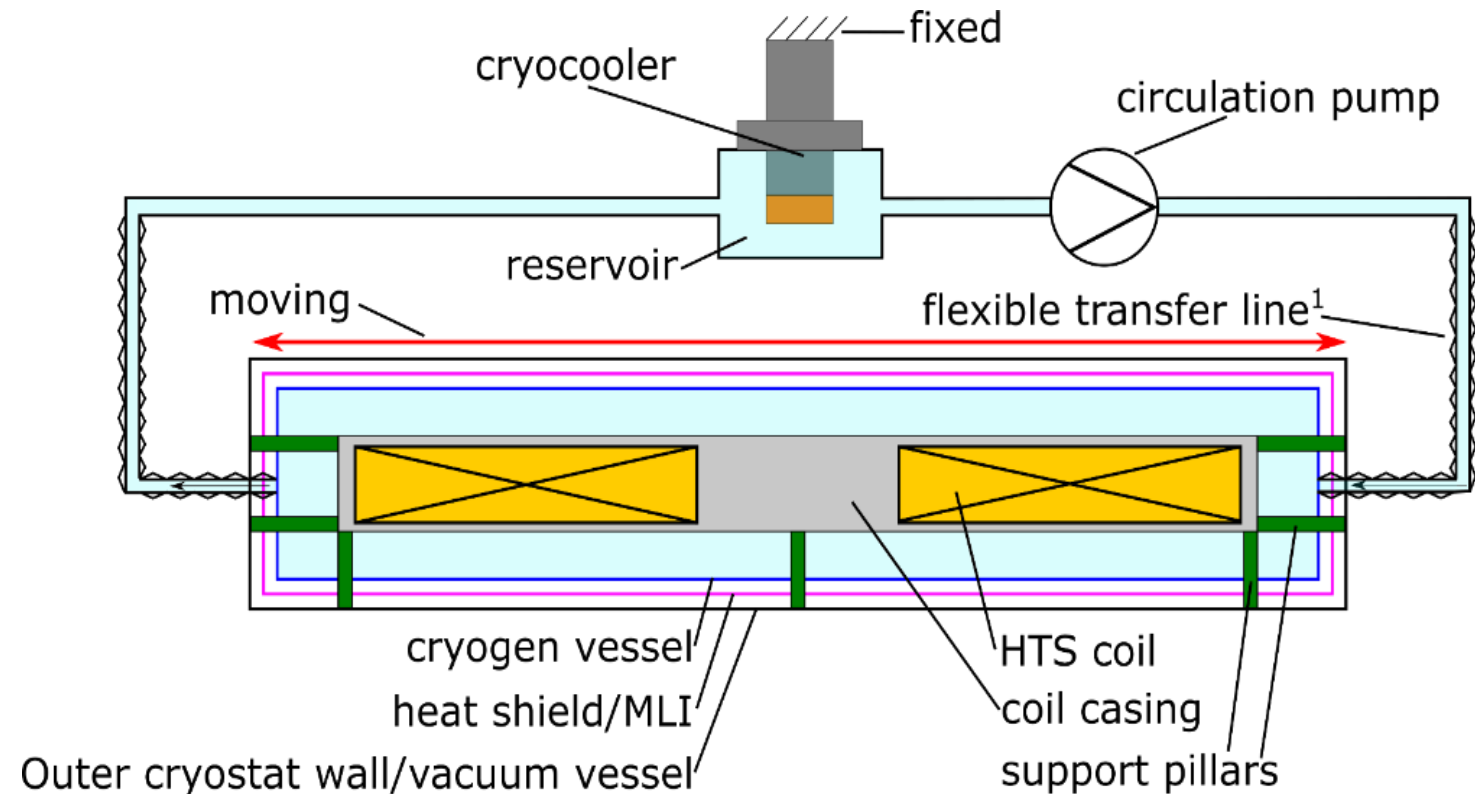
2.2 Systematic review criteria

Fundamental characteristics

- Temperature gradient between cold mass and cryocooler/reservoir
- Contact area between coil and heat sink
- Thermal reservoir in case of quench
- Cryostat wall thickness

Engineering challenges

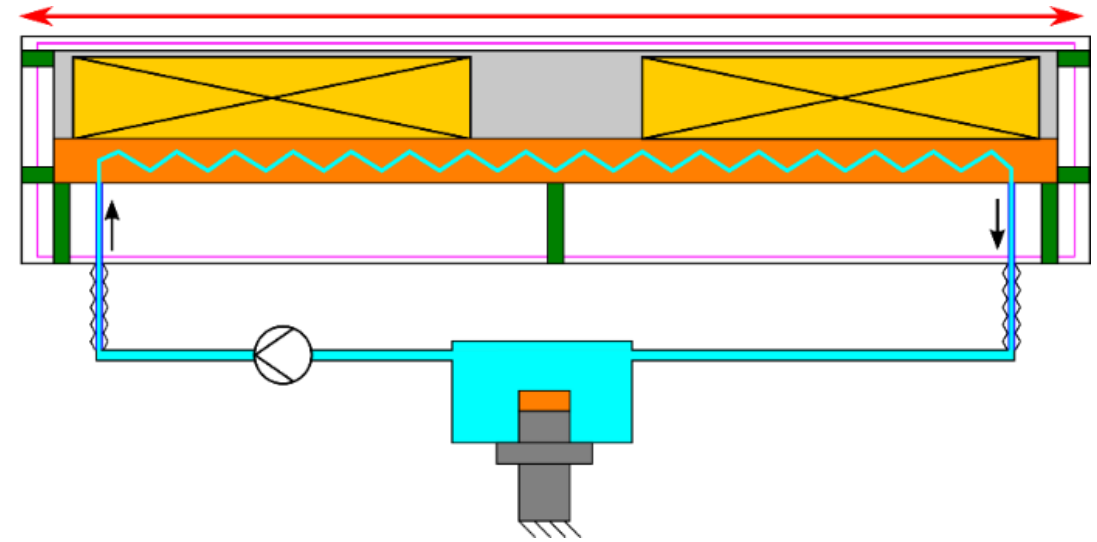
- Retaining cooling power under rapid acceleration
- Cable slab size
- Maturity/reliability



¹ line consists of: inner cryogen vessel, vacuum space with MLI, outer cryostat

2.3 Systematic review results – summary

Forced convection of saturated liquid, via cooling channels, heat extracted by stationary cryocooler

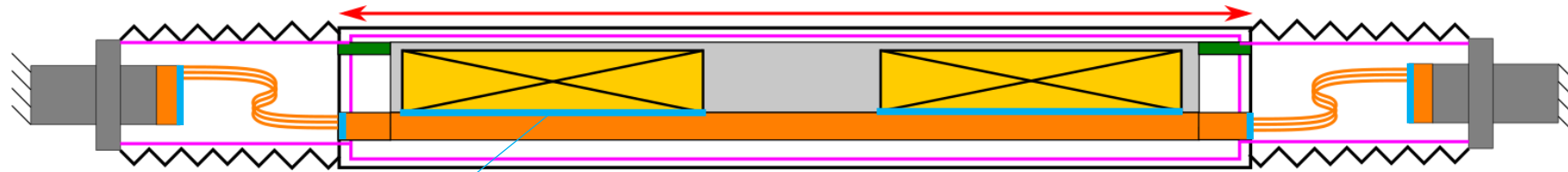


Conduction cooling through base plate and flexible medium, heat extracted by stationary cryocooler



Conceptual pre-designs

3.1 Case study - conduction cooling



- Thermal interface resistances
 - Epoxy, thermal grease, indium
- Flexible thermal link
 - Copper braids
 - Add cross-section until sufficient
- Eddy current loss
 - Balance eddy current loss versus thermal resistance



Image: Technology Applications Inc.

Duty cycle

$$P_{eddy} = 0.5 * V * \frac{(\pi f B_a d)^2}{6\rho}$$

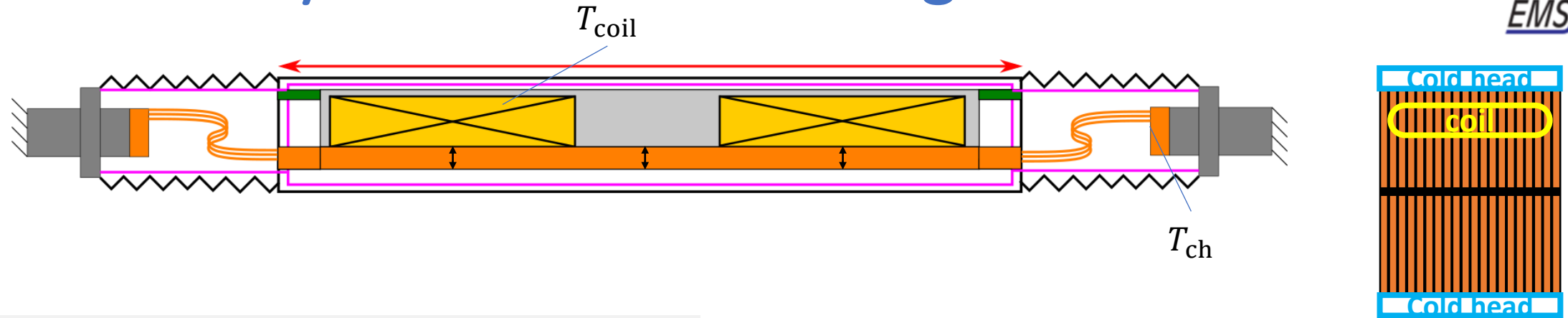
Estimated eddy current loss in laminated (1 mm) RRR100 copper cooling plate:

T_{op} [K]	P_{eddy} [W]
40	70
25	130

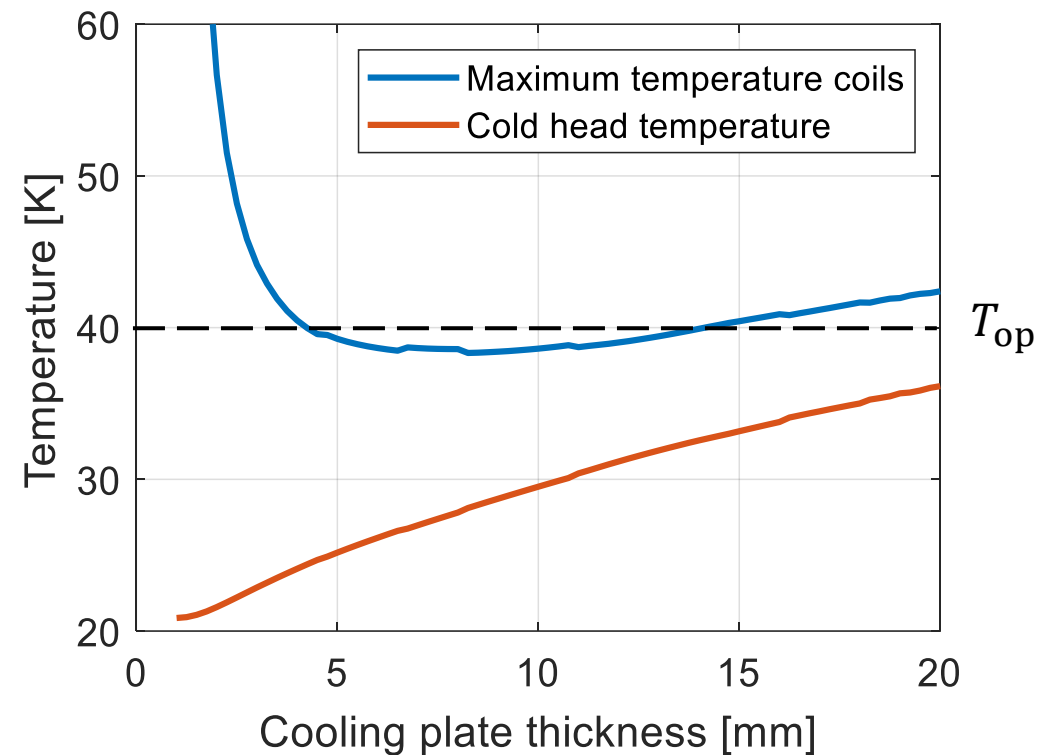
Recall $P_{hyst} \approx 100 W$

P_{eddy} significant, requires attention

3.2 Case study - conduction cooling

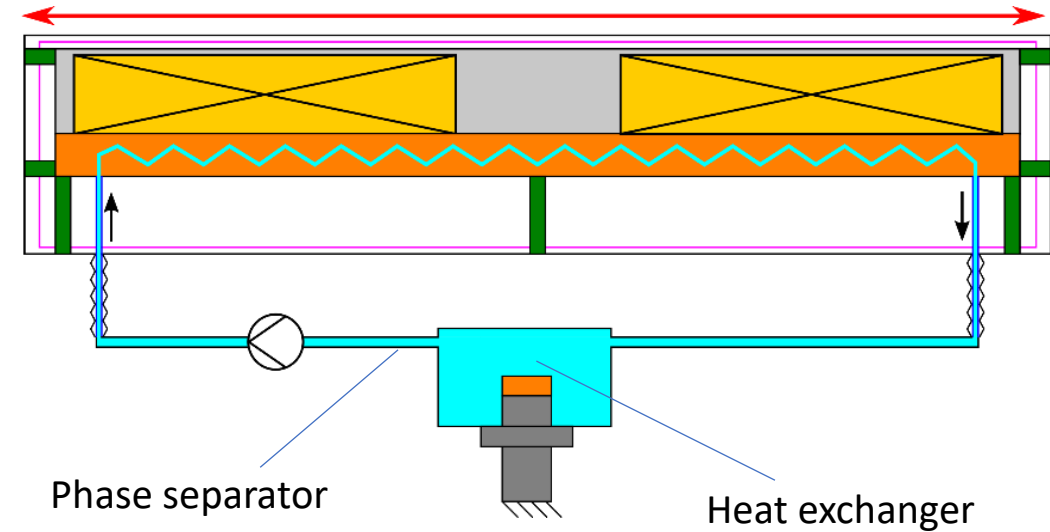


- Thermal resistance ($\propto 1/h$) and eddy current loss ($\propto h$) in conflict
 - Optimum can be found
- Combined copper plate + braids can maintain T_{op}
 - P_{eddy} not necessarily a showstopper, but needs careful consideration
- **Conduction cooling can be a viable cooling strategy for the HSLM**



3.3 Case study - force-flow cooling

- Liquid at T_{sat} close to stator
 - Resistive cooling plate, reduces eddy currents 2-3 orders of magnitude with respect to OFHC copper
 - T_{coils} homogeneous
- Limited 'sloshing' effect in channels
- Off-the-shelf components
- 2 fluids (LH₂, LNe) within optimal T-range

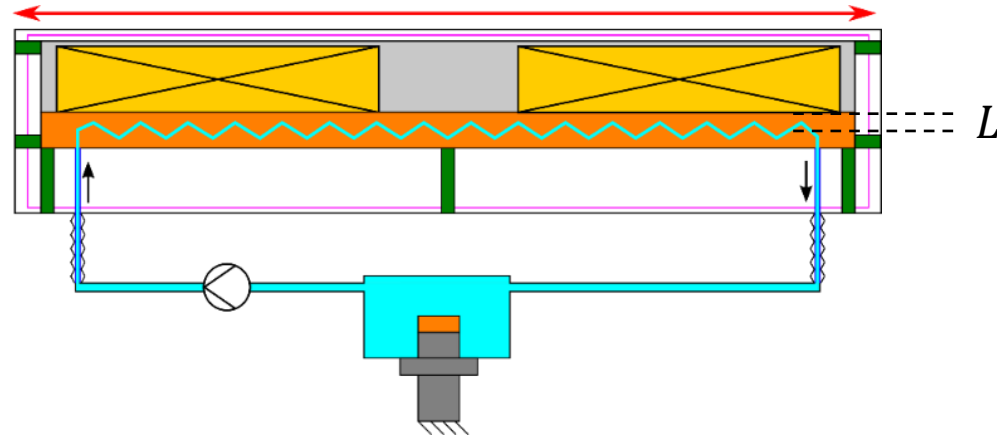


Cryogen	H ₂	Ne	N ₂
Boiling point [K]	20.3	27.1	77.3
P _{AC} [W] (est.)	102	124	1103
Latent heat [kJ/kg]	448	85.7	199
dm/dt [g/s]	0.2	1.4	5.5
dV/dt [mL/s]	3.2	1.2	6.9

Very doable →

Evaporation rate

3.4 Case study - force-flow cooling



Temperature difference between coil and cooling channel per unit length for select materials **at 20 K**. Eddy current loss scales with $1/\rho$.

Material	ρ [$\mu\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$]	k [$\text{W/m} \cdot \text{K}$]	$\frac{\Delta T}{L} = \frac{P}{Ak}$ [K/cm]
OFHC copper (RRR=100)	0.017	2430	2e-3
Stainless steel 304	49.4	2.2	2.3
Brass	4.2	22	0.23
Al 6061	1.4	28	0.18

Material data from: Ekin (2006)

- Potential down sides
 - Risk of leak
 - ΔT in heat exchanger (gas)
 - Heat in-leak flexible cryostat

- Eddy currents in the cooling plate strongly reduced while maintaining operable ΔT
- **Force-flow evaporative cooling can be a viable cooling strategy for the HSLM**

4. Outlook

- We have conducted a systematic review assessing the feasibility of a wide range of cooling strategies for application in a High-dynamic Superconducting Linear Motor
- **Conduction cooling** cryostats and **force-flow** cooling cryostats are selected to best meet the demanding conditions imposed by the system
 - Additional complications: no showstoppers
- Further investigation into feasibility of the 2 systems is underway

