

Overview of Superconducting Magnet Technologies



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Outline

- Introduction and motivation
- Driving considerations
- Advances in superconductors
- Magnet design concepts for high field
- Diagnostics - techniques and applications
- Status and future directions
- Conclusions



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Last US “P5”
report ~2014

HEPAP Accelerator R&D Subpanel recommendations

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From 2022 Snowmass Summer Study closeout



Accelerator Frontier “Message”

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First impressions coming out of Snowmass!

Summer Study closeout

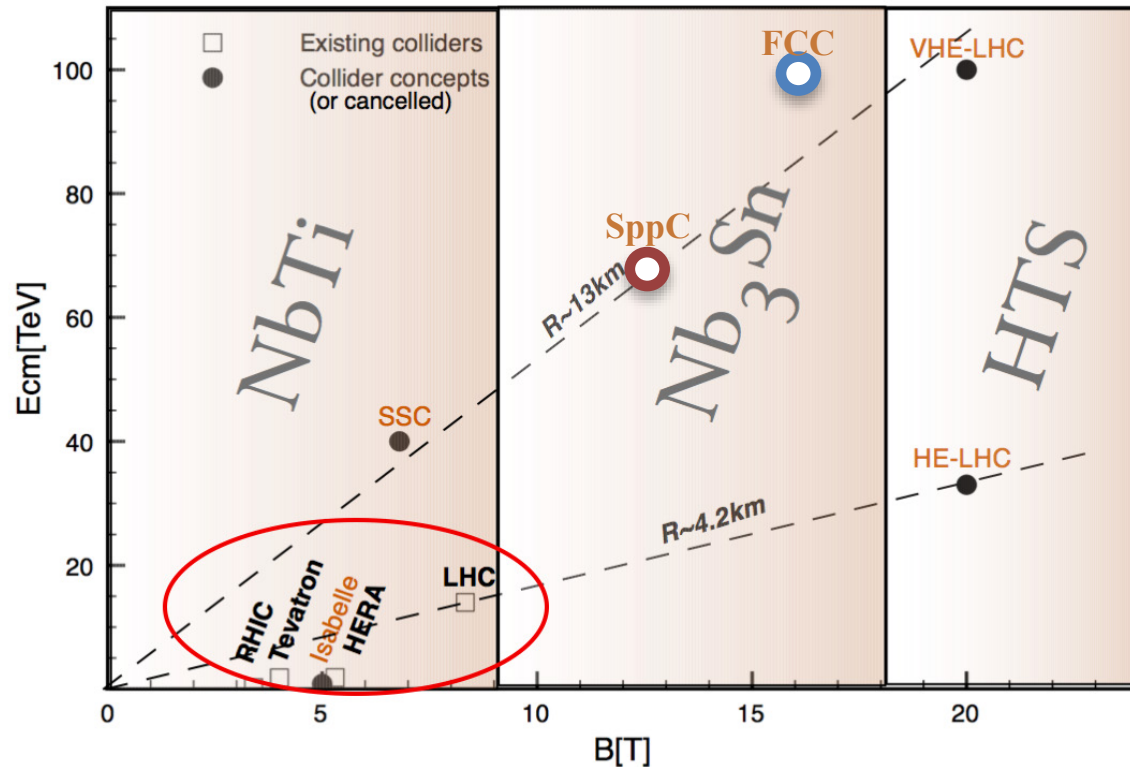
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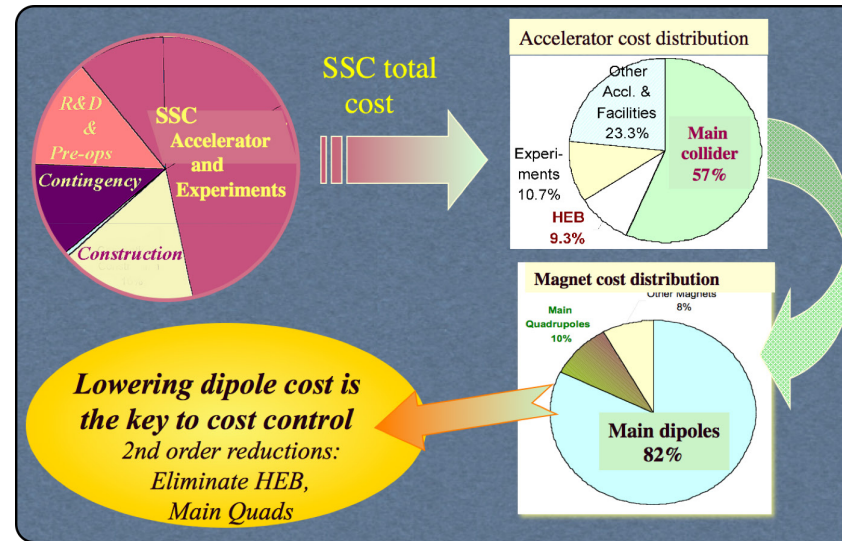
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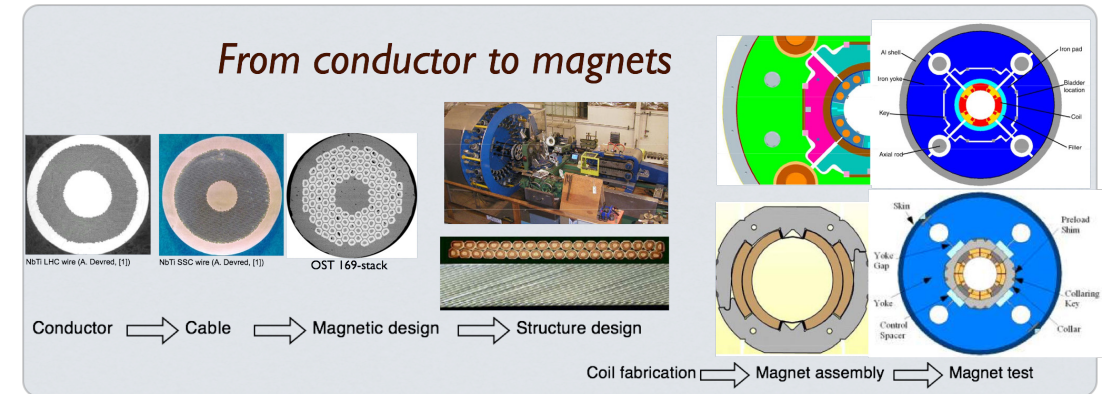
Magnet technology is driving the cost and reach of a future collider



Cost/performance is the critical metric



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CERN cost estimates*:
 $\$/\text{magnets} / \$_{\text{tot}}$

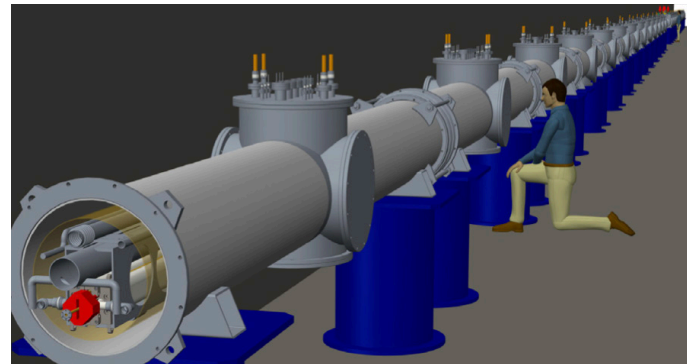
LHC: 57%
HE-LHC:
- 70% (26 TeV; Nb_3Sn)
- 77% (33 TeV; HTS)

*L. Rossi, "TOE" talk

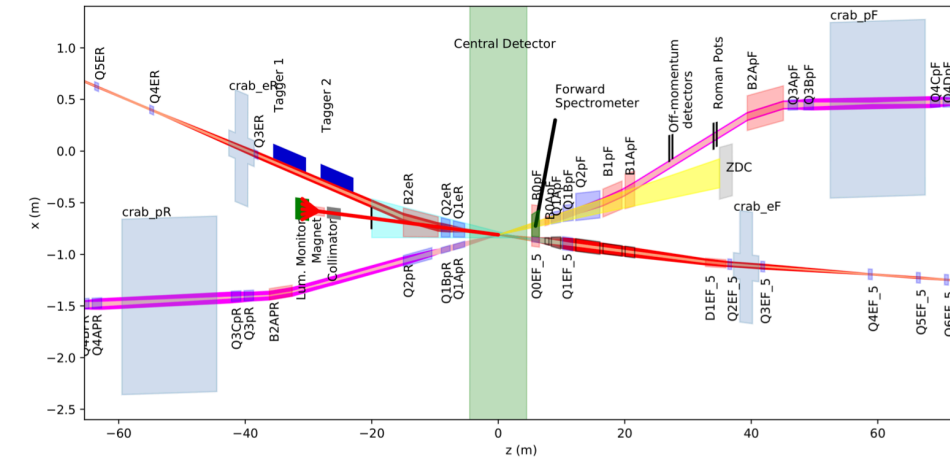
Dominant cost drivers for a pp collider: Magnets and tunnel

Advanced superconducting magnets impact DOE-SC more broadly

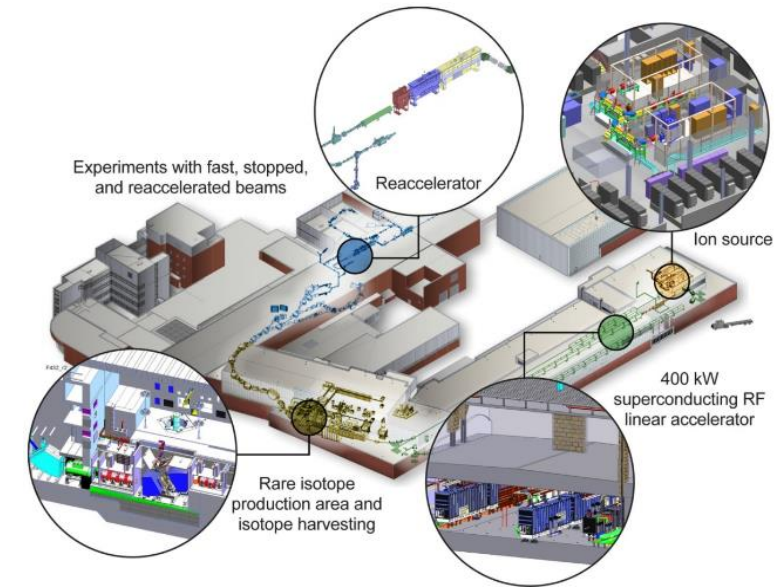
- Critical to Nuclear Physics:
 - EIC – complex interaction region magnets
 - FRIB – high power ECR sources
 - JLAB – central to 12GeV Upgrade
- Critical to Basic Energy Sciences
 - Novel end station magnets
 - Superconducting undulators
- Central to Fusion Tokamaks and Stellarators
 - Particularly for compact Tokamaks



P. Emma et al., Proceedings of FEL2014
Zhang & Calvi, *Supercond. Sci. Technol.* 35 (2022)



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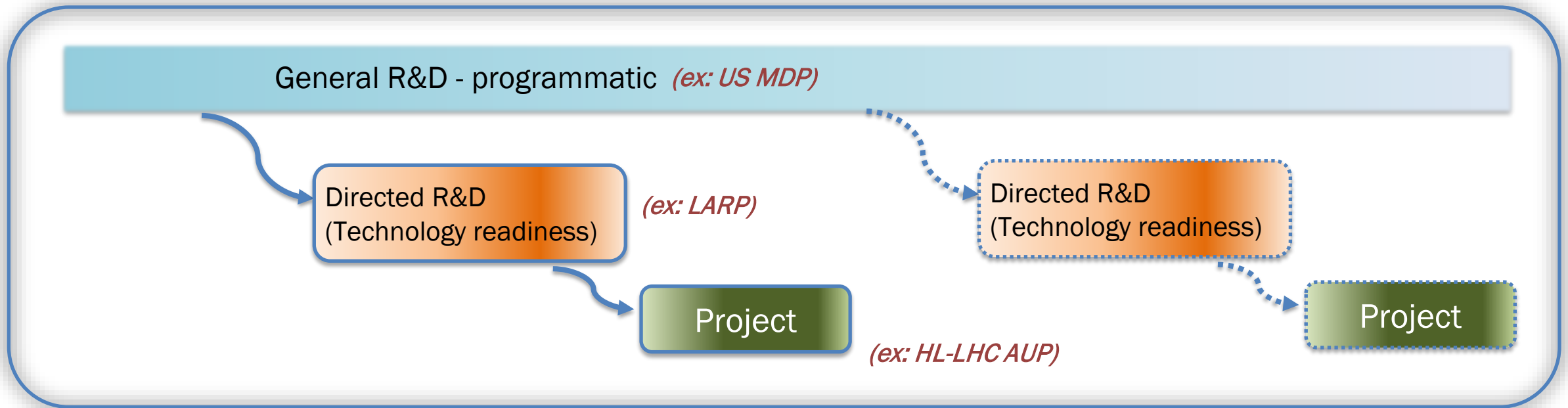
J. Wei et al., *this conference!*

R&D efforts for accelerator magnet technology are becoming more structured

- DOE created the US Magnet Development Program (MDP) in ~2016
- Europe has completed the High Field Magnet Program Roadmap (HFM)



These are **significant programs**, derived from ~decadal community planning processes
=> Strive to coordinate efforts to more rapidly advance technology development



The US DOE approach balances long-range R&D and project preparation

- Challenge 1: Mechanics of magnets and superconductors

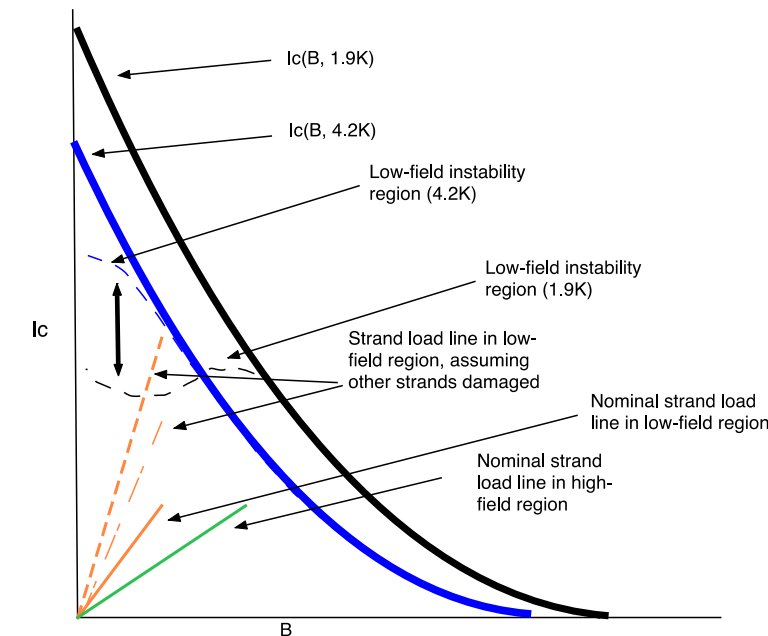
- Superconductors in accelerator magnets are subjected to complex stress and strain states
 - Stem from magnet fabrication processes, differential thermal contractions during cooldown, and Lorentz forces during operation
 - Wind-and-react approaches introduce additional constraints on materials and processes
- The conductor properties are intimately affected by strain
 - Nb₃Sn, REBCO, and Bi2212 are particularly strain-sensitive
 - Irreversible* regime needs to be avoided for accelerator application => impacts specs
 - Reversible element needs to be considered in design for high-field magnets

- Challenge 2: Improving conductor transport performance – with caveats...

- Higher J_{eng} => higher efficiency => reduces conductor volume => reduces magnet size

=> *may* translate into lower cost and/or more operating margin

- Caveats (Nb₃Sn):
 - Flux jump instabilities => need to reduce subelement diameter along with improved J_c
- Caveats (Nb₃Sn, HTS):
 - Magnet protection must address J_{Cu} during quench and extract energy to limit hot-spot
 - Higher J_{eng} translates into higher stresses => magnet design needs to address mechanics



- Challenge 3: Diagnosing and characterizing magnet and conductor performance
 - Magnet:
 - In-situ measurements of stress/strain provide critical feedback to magnet design
 - Magnetic field measurements (multipoles, including at ends)
 - Conductor:
 - I_c , RRR are (of course) critical
 - Microstructure and insight into failure mechanisms are extremely valuable
- Challenge 4: Accelerating the conductor-magnet feedback loop
 - The time-constants for magnet design-fabrication-test, and for conductor development, are long:
 - New high field accelerator magnet designs take years to bring to fruition
 - Development of new conductor architectures can easily take 5-10 years
 - =>To expedite the feedback loop we implement subscale and mirror magnet configurations
 - => Are there new paradigms that can expedite conductor development?
 - A steady flow of conductor procurements is essential:
 - Provides continuity to industry to maintain and develop processes and to innovate
 - Provides timely conductor for magnet fabrication and testing

Integrated programs share common themes, but unique perspectives

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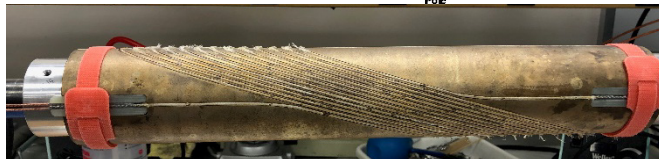
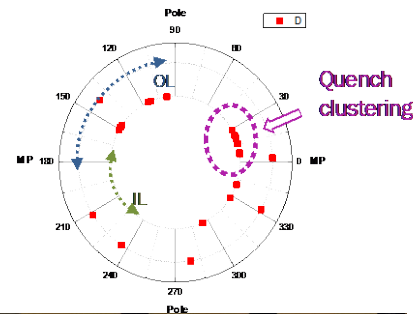
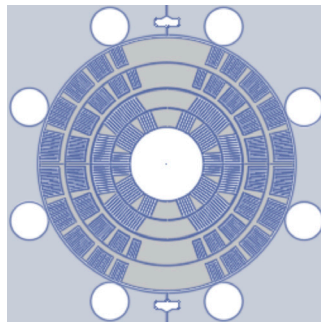
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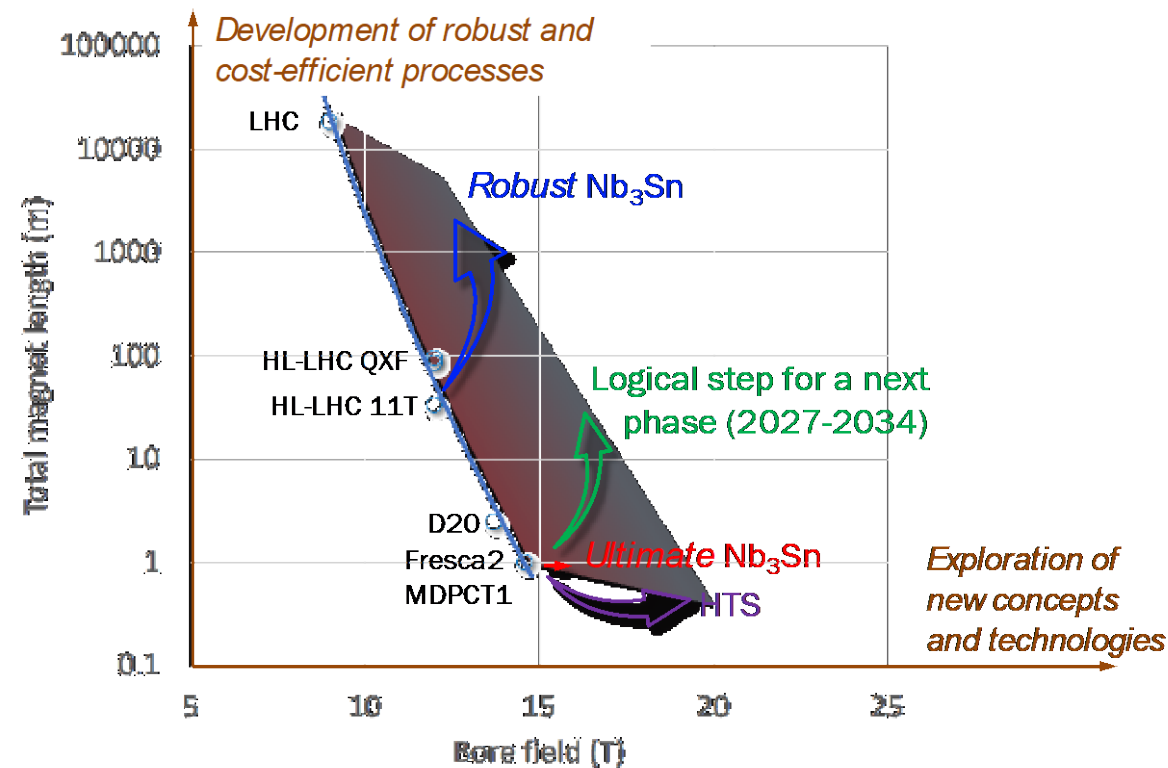
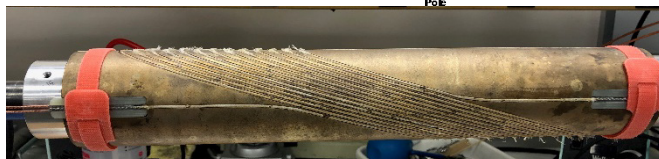
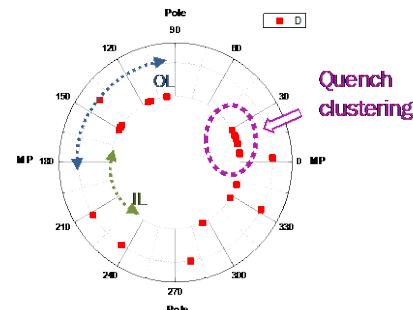
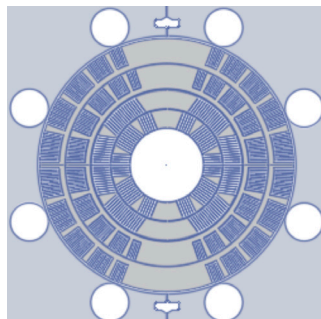
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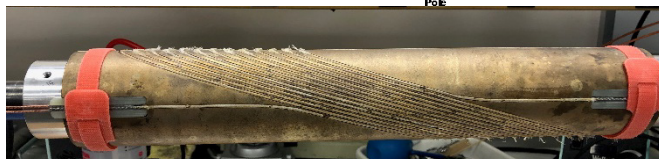
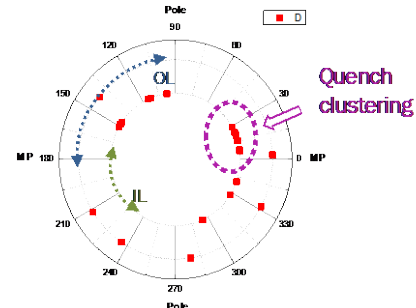
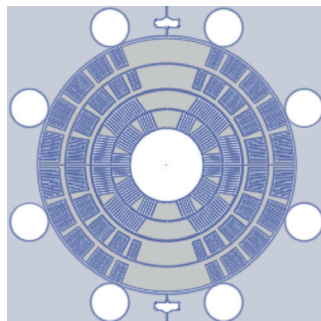
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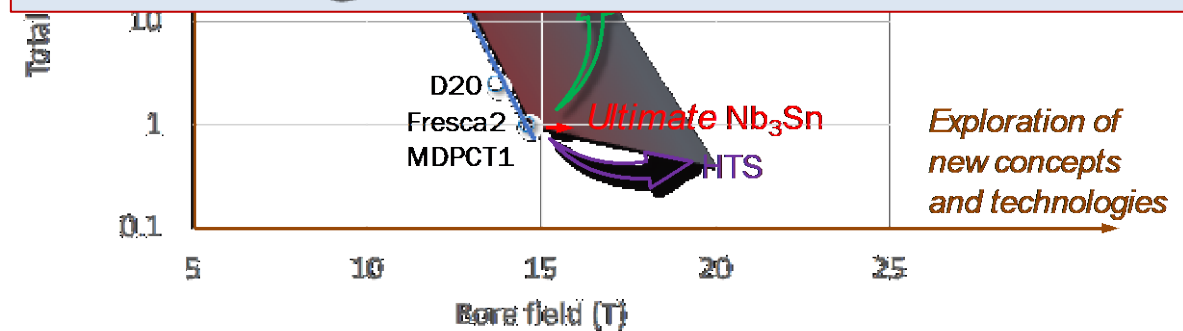
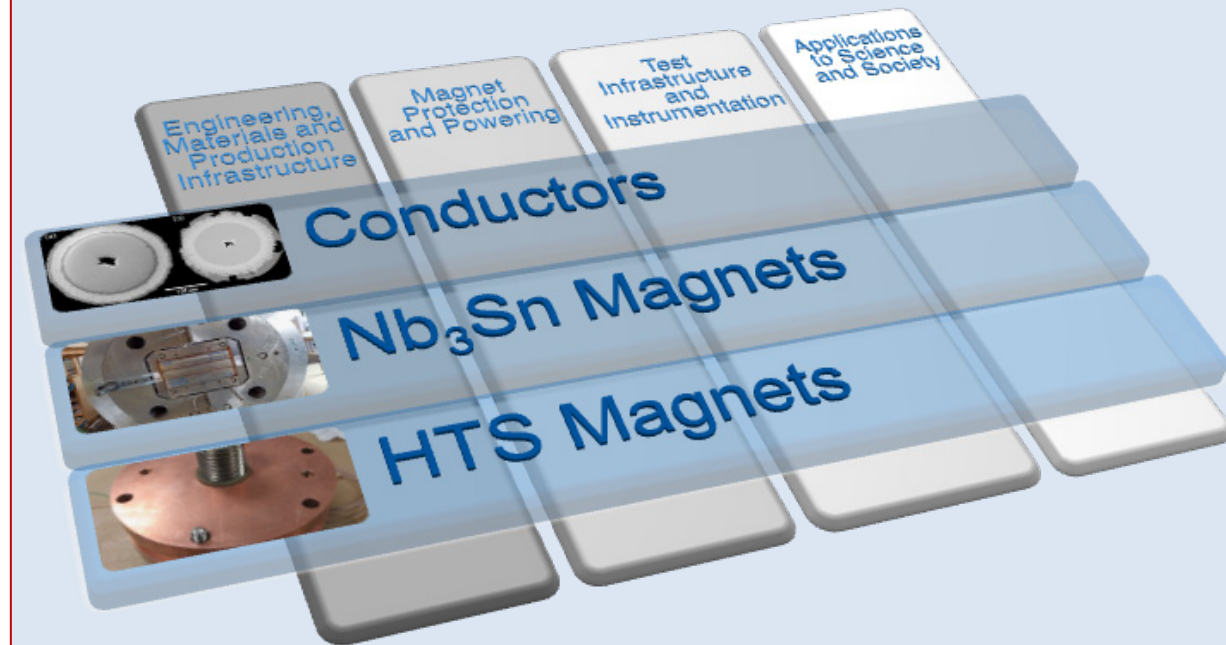
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HFM structure



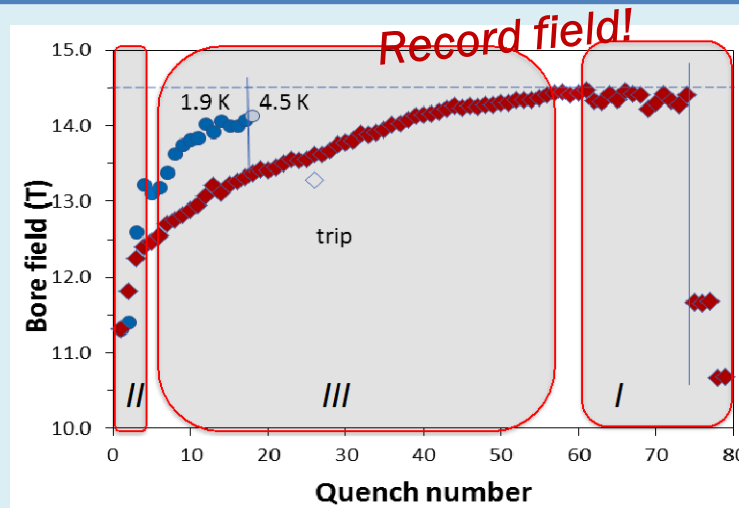
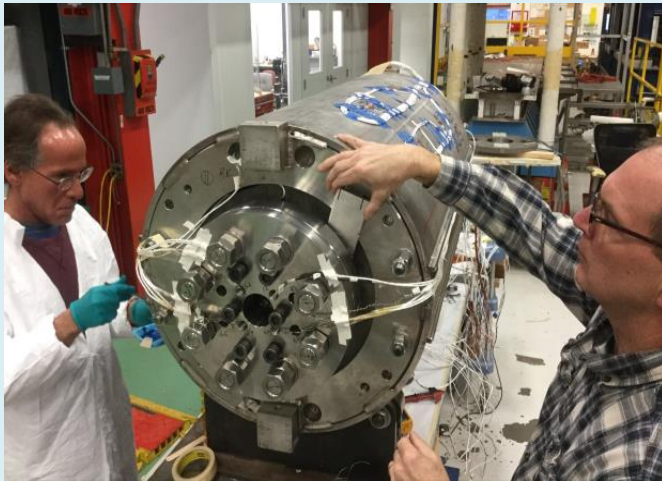
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- Ultimate Performance of Magnets

- What is the nature of accelerator magnet training? Can we reduce or eliminate it?
- How do we best define operating margin for Nb₃Sn and HTS accelerator magnets, and to what degree can and should it be minimized?
- Can we control the disturbance spectrum and engineer a magnet response to reduce operating margin and enhance reliable performance?
- What are the mechanical limits and possible stress-management approaches for Nb₃Sn, HTS, and 20 T hybrid LTS/HTS magnets, and do they have defined mechanical limits?
- Do hybrid designs benefit from the best features of LTS and HTS, or inherit the difficulties of both material technologies?

Example: MDP 4-layer, 60mm bore cosine-theta magnet led by FNAL

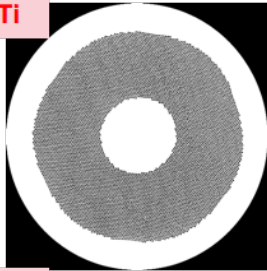
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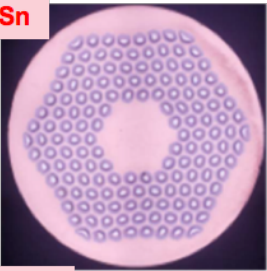
- [I]: Highest priority issue: *degradation*
Mechanisms; design mitigation
- [II]: Second priority: Initial quench current
and *memory after thermal cycle*
- [III]: Third priority: *Training rate*

Magnets start with the superconductor – “low” and “high” temperature

Nb-Ti



Nb₃Sn



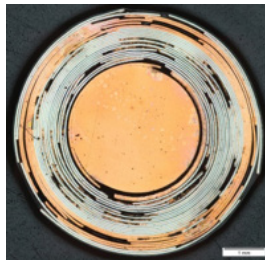
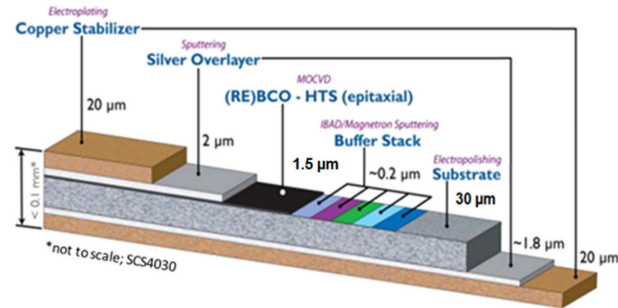
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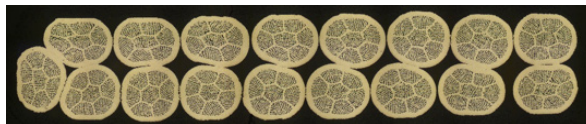
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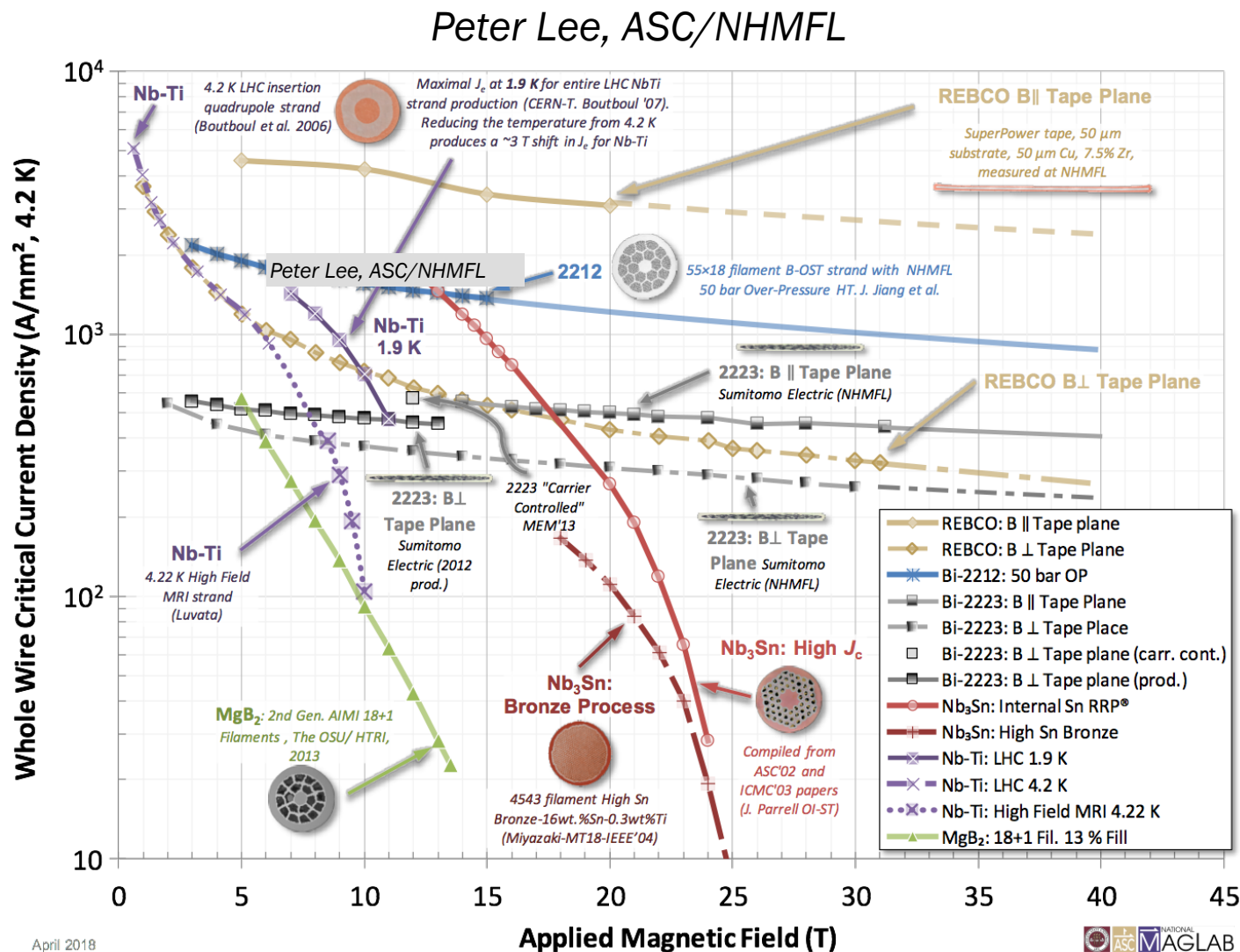
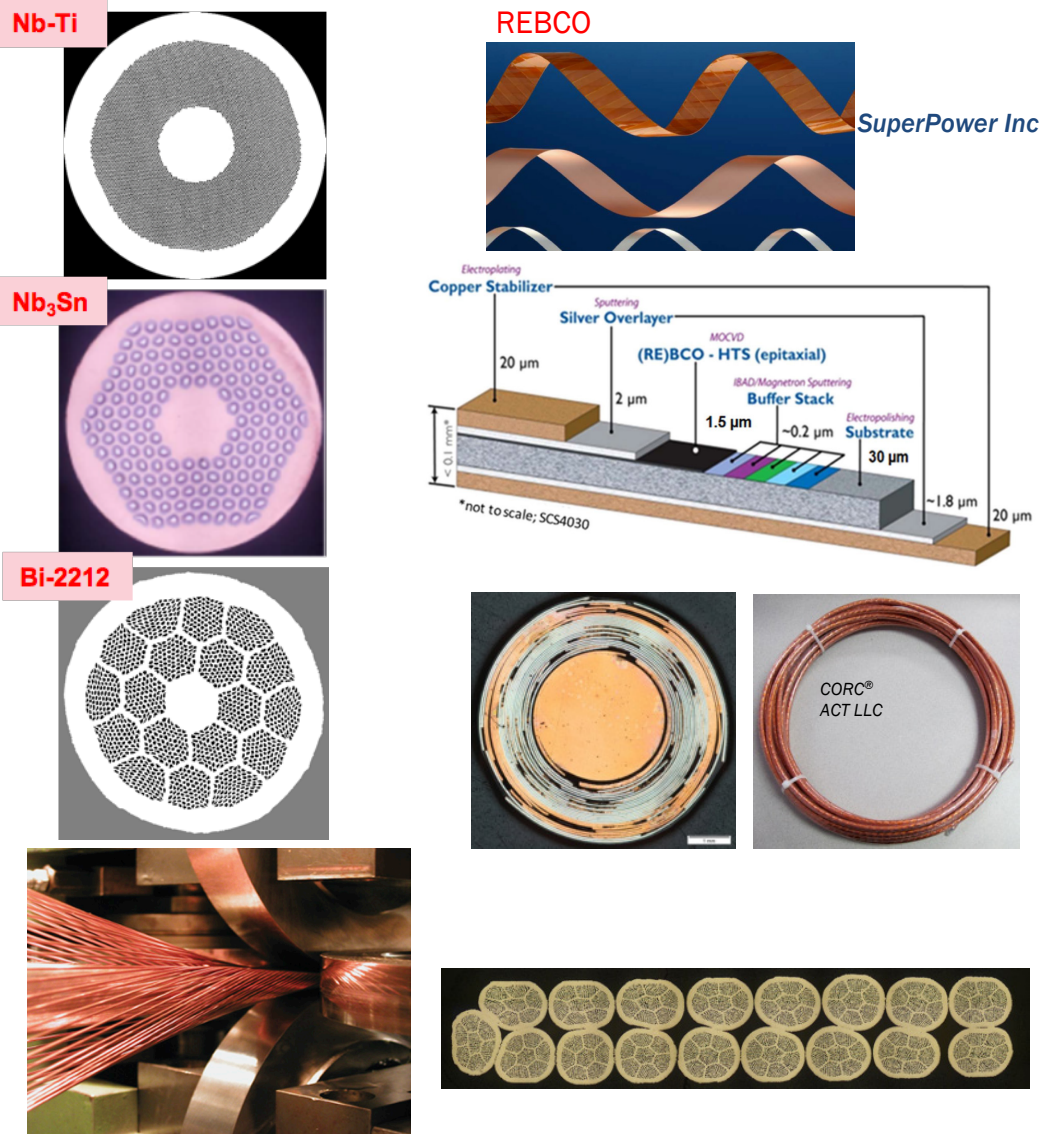
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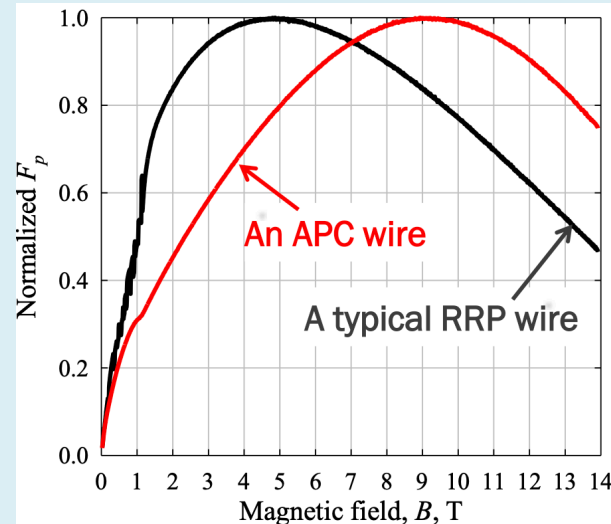
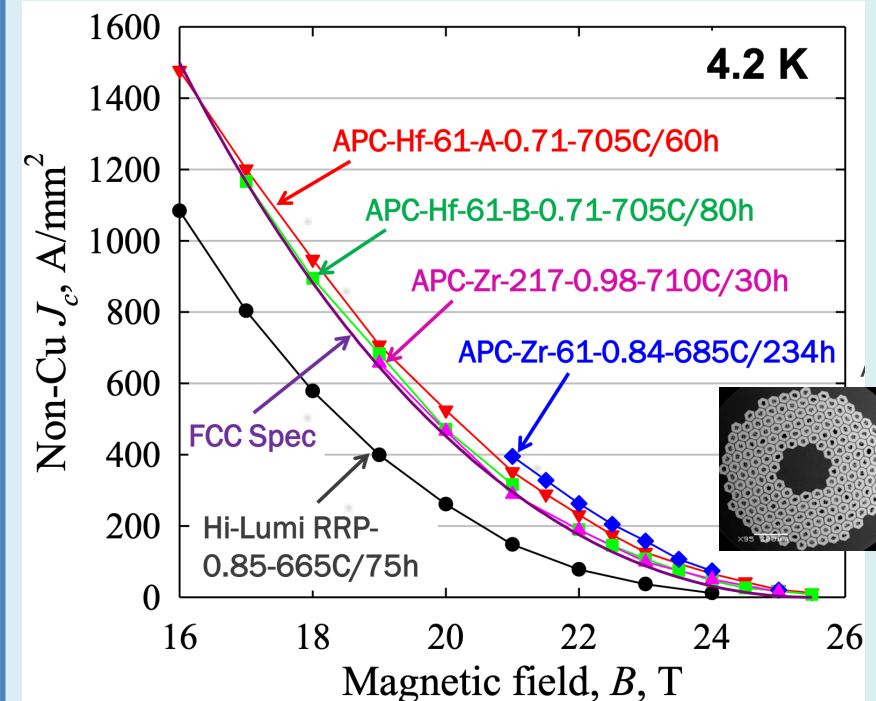


Significant advances in Nb₃Sn by introducing new pinning sites

- Path to “FCC spec” wires exists
 - Powder-in-tube” approach advancing
 - Also exploring Hf doping in “internal Tin” approach

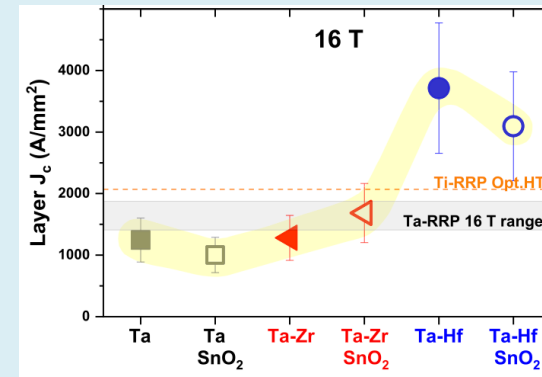
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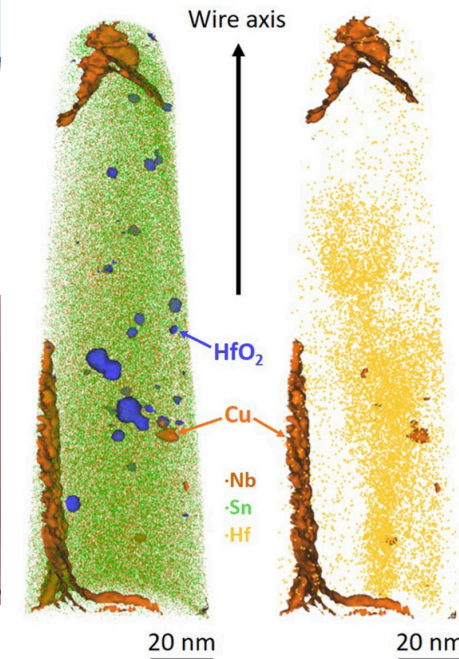
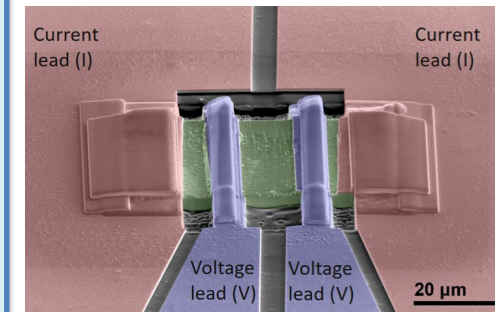
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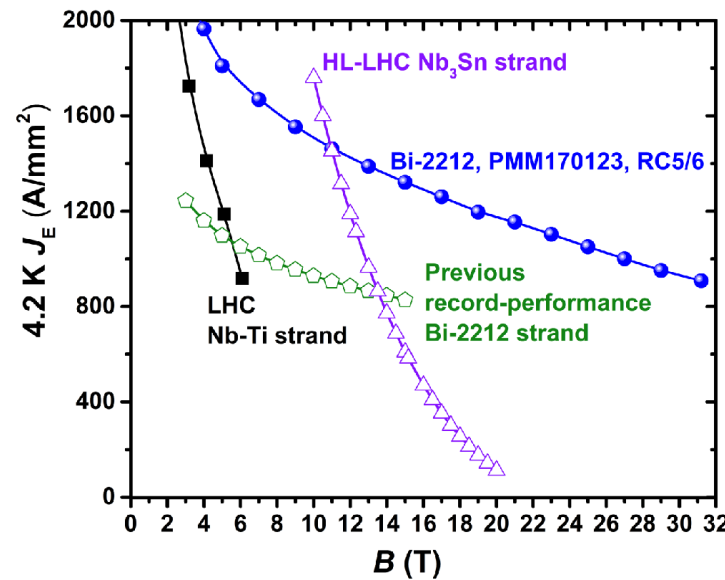
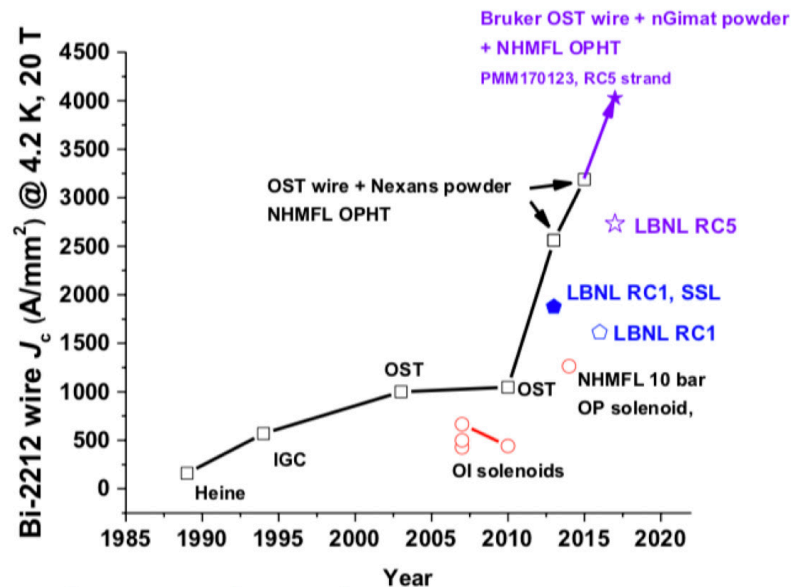
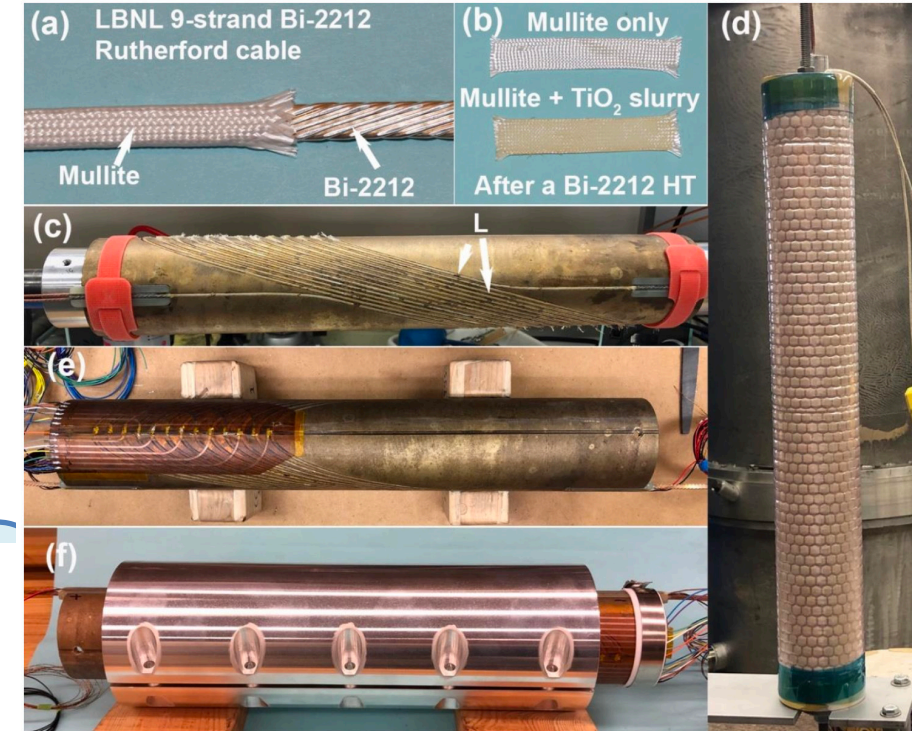
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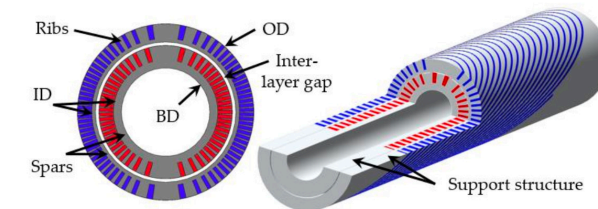


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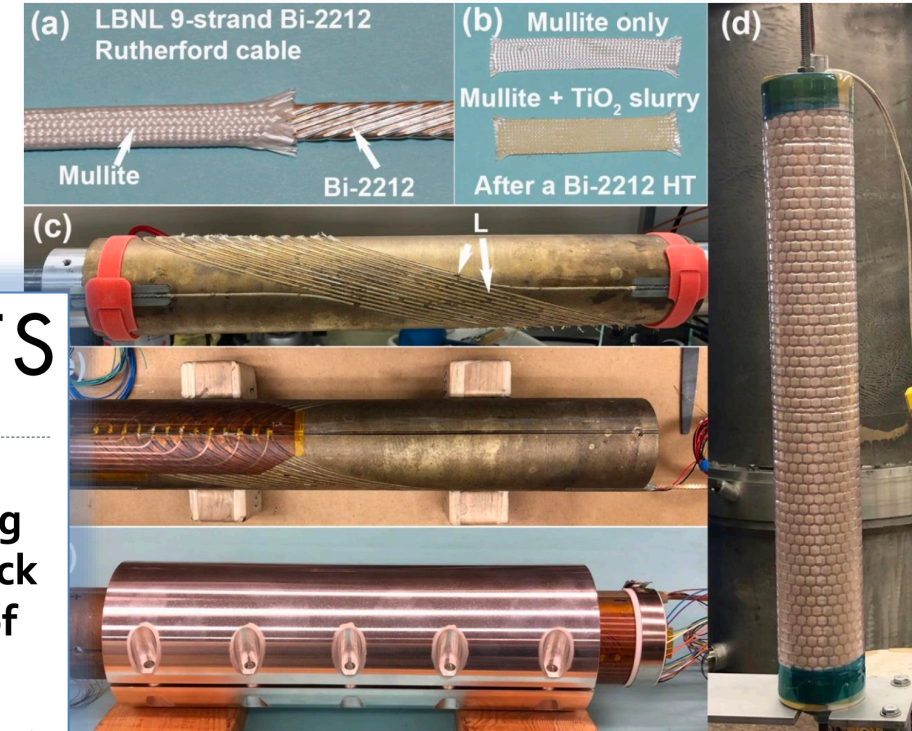
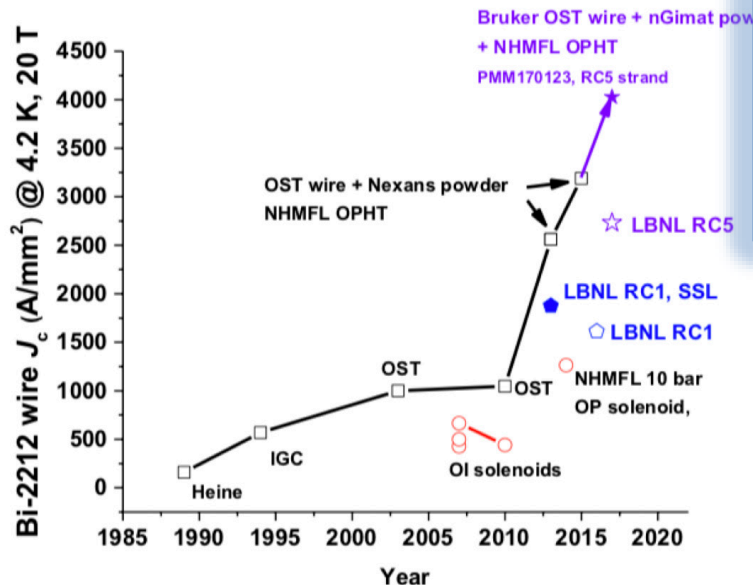
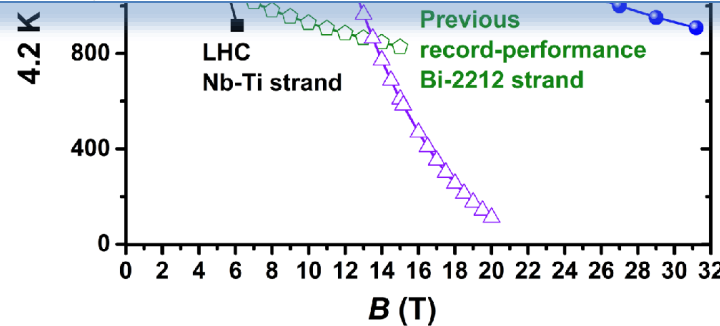
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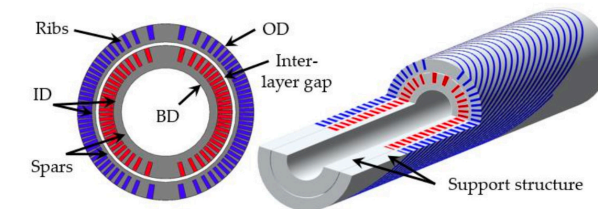
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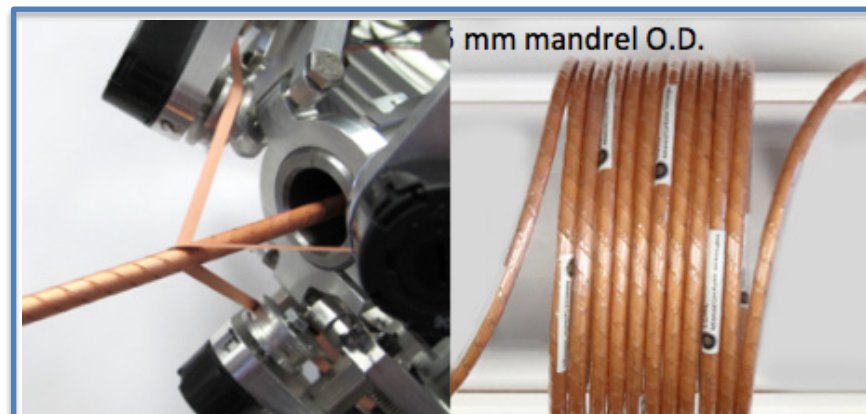


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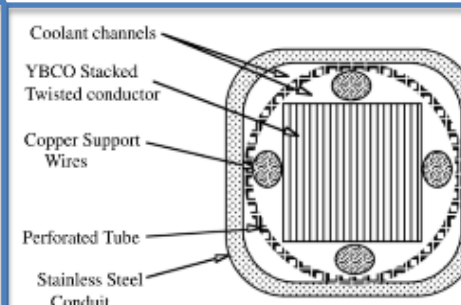


HTS material REBCO has broad appeal, significant growth

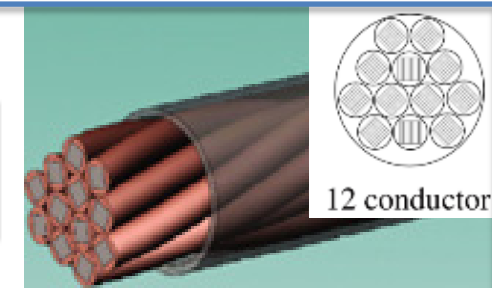
- Produced in tape form, no reaction needed
- Many international suppliers
 - A few scaling up production significantly to meet demand from fusion
 - Potential for significant cost reduction, but not manifesting yet
- Anisotropic properties
 - I_c , mech., magnetic
- Cable architectures being explored/developed
 - HEP, FES
 - Does current sharing make REBCO cables tolerant of flaws?



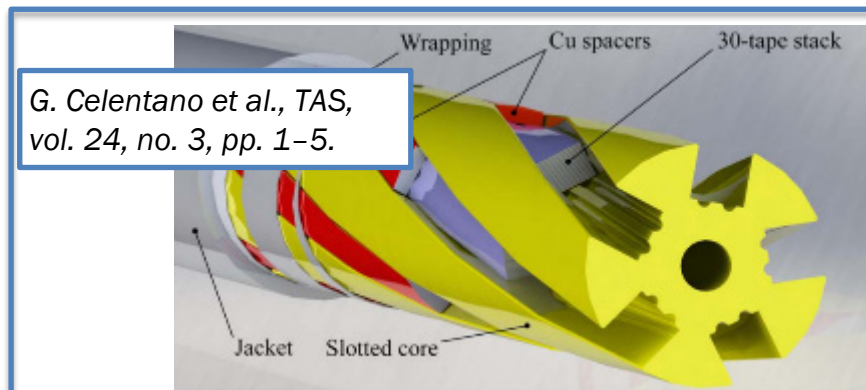
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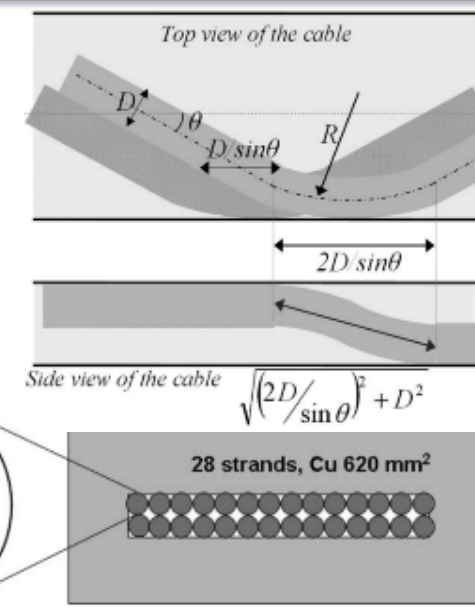


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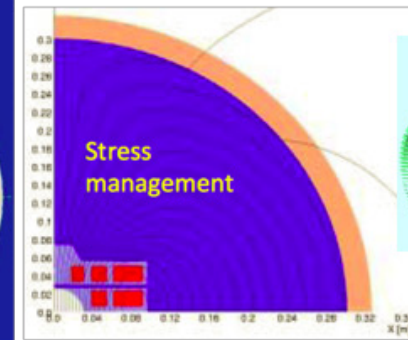
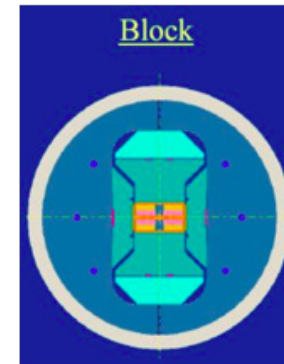
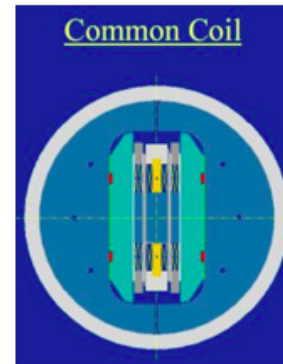
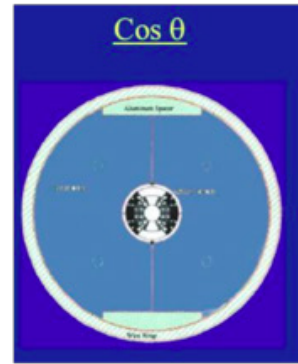
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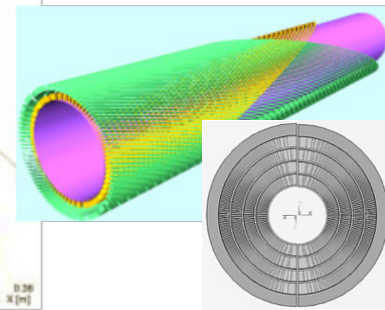


The “magnet zoo” in colliders are (to-date) all based on Cos(θ) designs

- R&D magnet designs explore layouts that attempt to address issues associated with conductor strain (to avoid degradation) and reduction of conductor/coil motion (to minimize training)

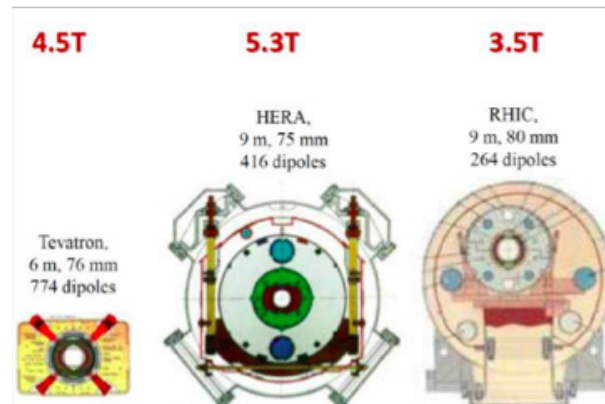


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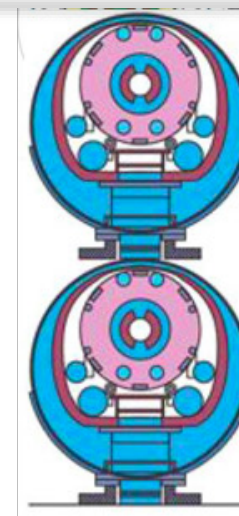


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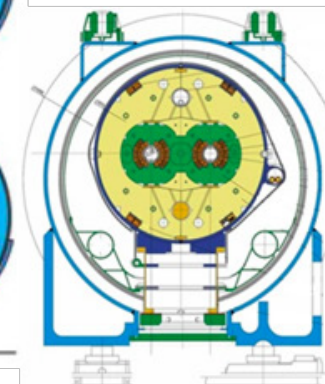
- At high field and/or large bore, “managing” stress through judicious force interception will be required



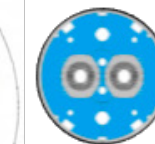
Shiltsev/Zlobin, (FNAL)



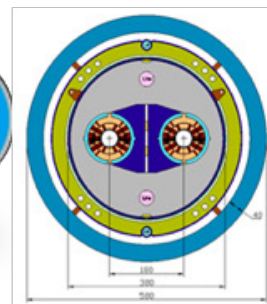
SSC, 50mm
6.6T, 4.3K



LHC, 56mm
8.3T, 1.9K



LHC, 60mm
11T, 1.9K
FNAL/CERN



VLHC, 43mm
10T, 4.5K

Stress-managed structures avoid force accumulation

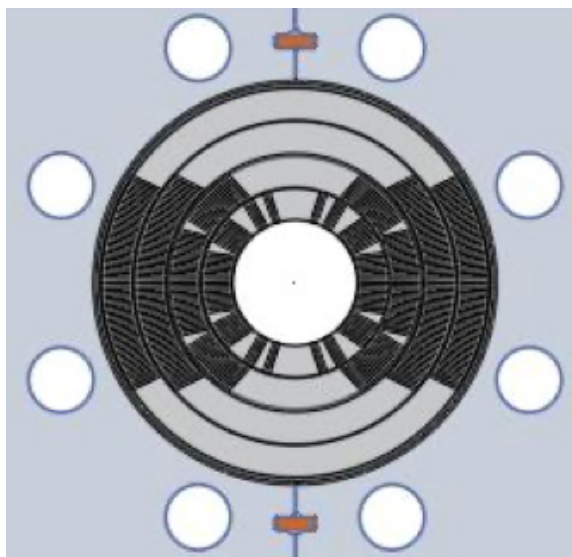
- at the expense of more interfaces

- *Interception of azimuthal forces* holds promise to enable high-field and large-bore dipoles – break the traditional scaling of stress with bore and field
- Use new design concepts as opportunity to introduce *cost-effective fabrication processes*

$$B \propto wJ_0 \implies \sigma_\theta \propto J_0 B r$$

“Traditional” Cos-theta

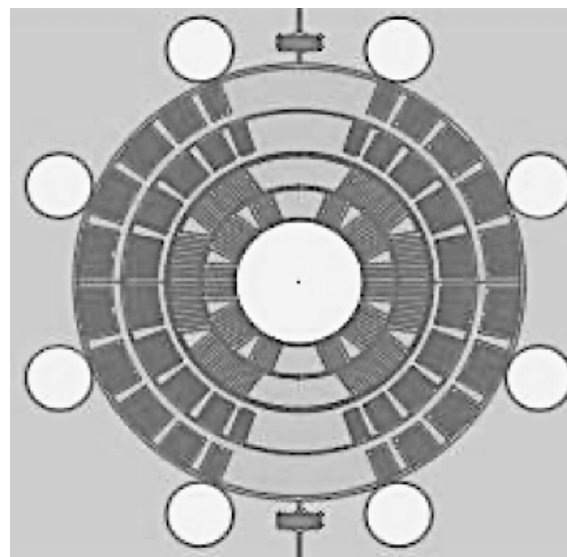
- Midplane stress due to azimuthal force accumulation



$$\sigma_{\theta, SM} \propto J_0 B \sim F_p$$

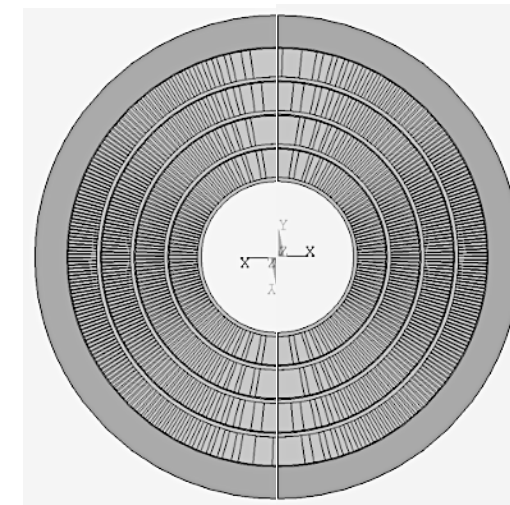
“Stress-managed” Cos-theta

- Groups of turns, azimuthal forces intercepted by support



“Canted” Cos-theta

- Every turn has azimuthal forces intercepted by support



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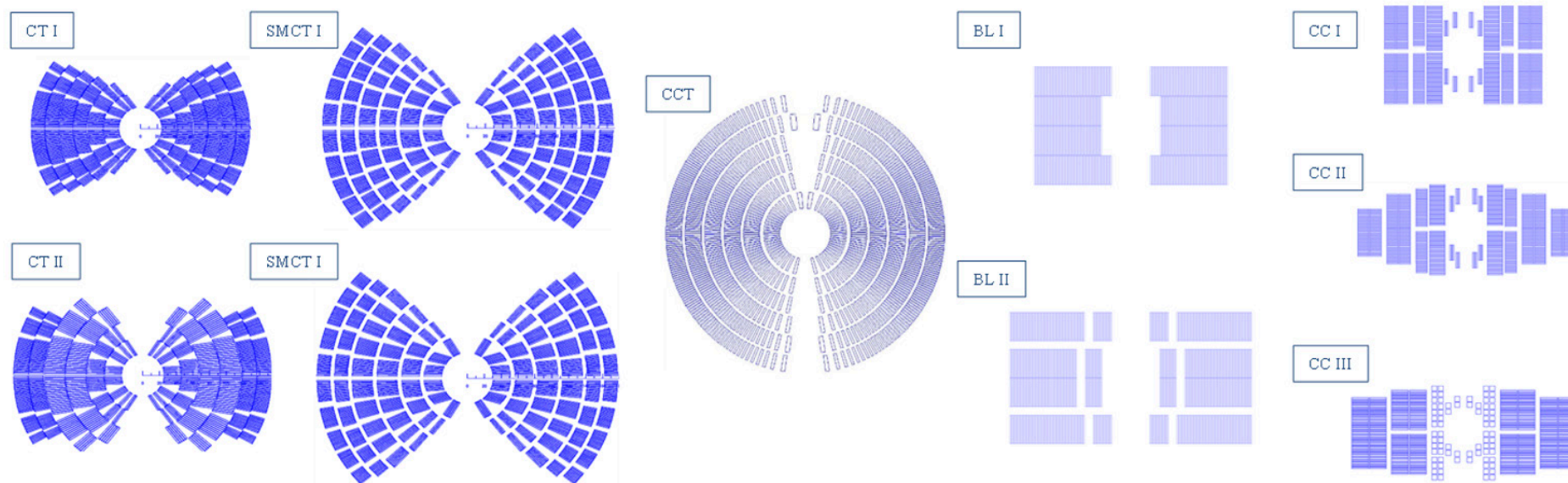


Fig. 6. Cross-sections of 20 T hybrid dipole coils. The designs use consistent conductor properties, but are at different stages of the analysis in terms of field quality, mechanics, and quench protection: *therefore, they are not comparable among them.* From left two right: Cos-theta (CT) design, with 4 (top) and 2 (bottom) layer Bi2212 coils; Stress management Cos-theta (SMCT) design, with 4 (top) and 2 (bottom) layers Bi2212 coils; Canted Cos-theta (CCT) design, with 4-layer Bi2212 coil; Block (BL) design, with and without stress management; Common Coil (CC) design, with Bi2212 (top, with 3 external Nb₃Sn layers, and center, with 5 external Nb₃Sn layers) and REBCO CORC coils (bottom, with 4 external Nb₃Sn layers). For all the CC designs, only one aperture is shown.

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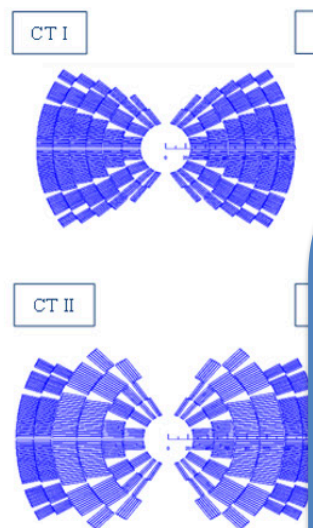
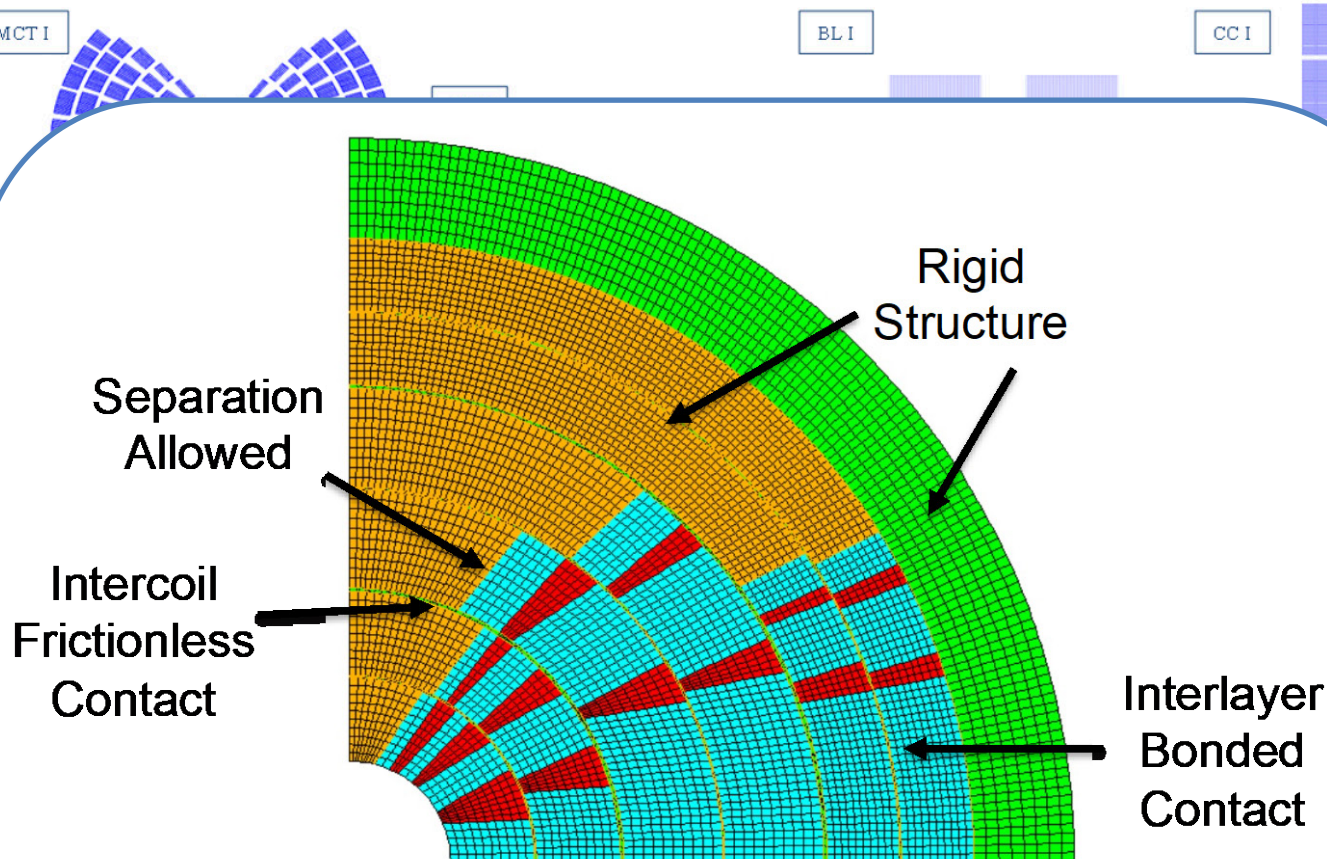


Fig. 6. Cross-sections of quality, mechanics, and c (bottom) layer Bi2212 coil; and center, with 5 externa



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Example: “stress-managed $\cos(t)$ ” concept, inner 2 coils bi2212; analysis underway to find solutions within conductor degradation limits

Magnet modeling & diagnostics are developing rapidly

- key to advancing technology

- “Eyes and ears” on conductor and magnet behavior
 - Guide R&D
 - Critical for magnet protection, operation
- Advances on many fronts:
 - Fiberoptics, acoustics, quench antennae;
 - Modeling, AI/ML, HPC
 - Cryogenic electronics
 - Conductor and cable QC, magnet monitoring

IDS^M01

First Workshop on Instrumentation and Diagnostics for Superconducting Magnets
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The superconducting magnet community is pushing boundaries of magnet systems operating closer than ever to the stress and current limits of technical superconductors. Obtaining such high performance heavily relies on diagnostic instrumentation and data analysis. We are witnessing a broad effort in developing novel techniques for magnet diagnostics geared towards solving long-standing problems such as training, determining quench origins, and identifying quench-driving factors.

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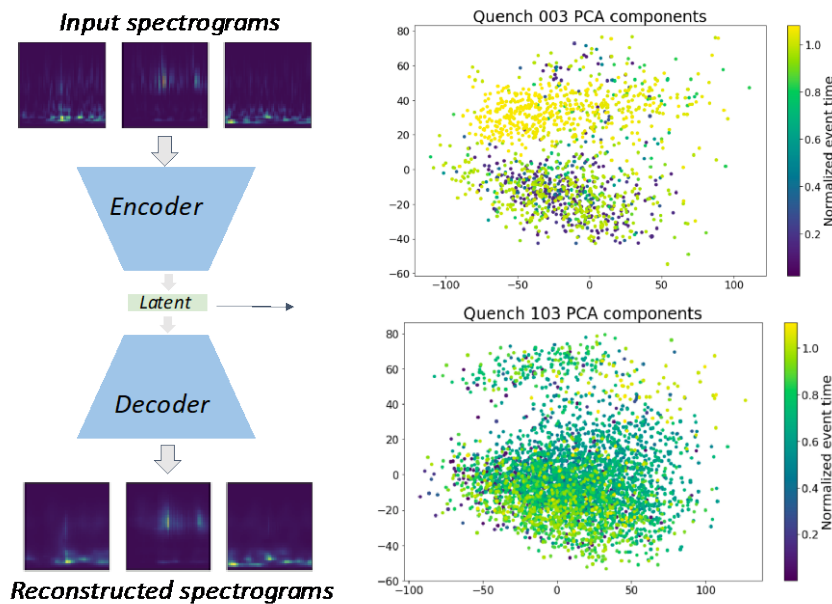


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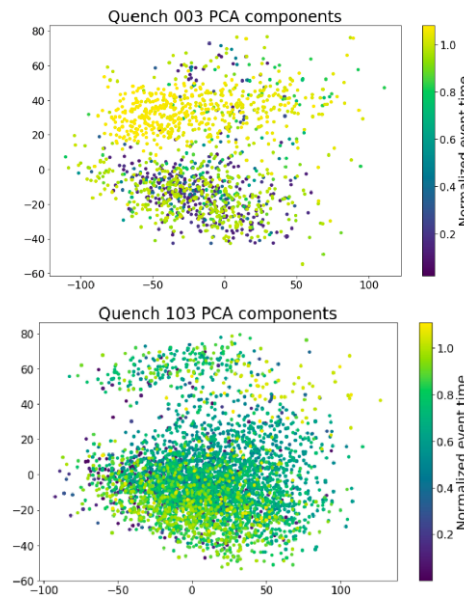
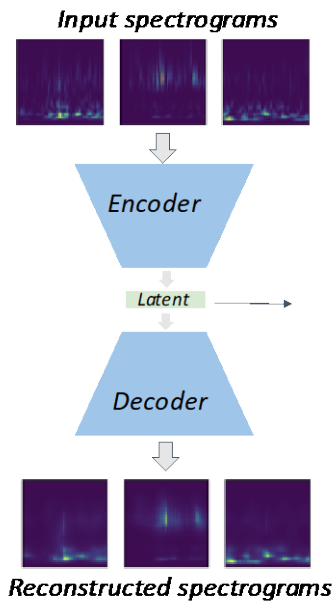


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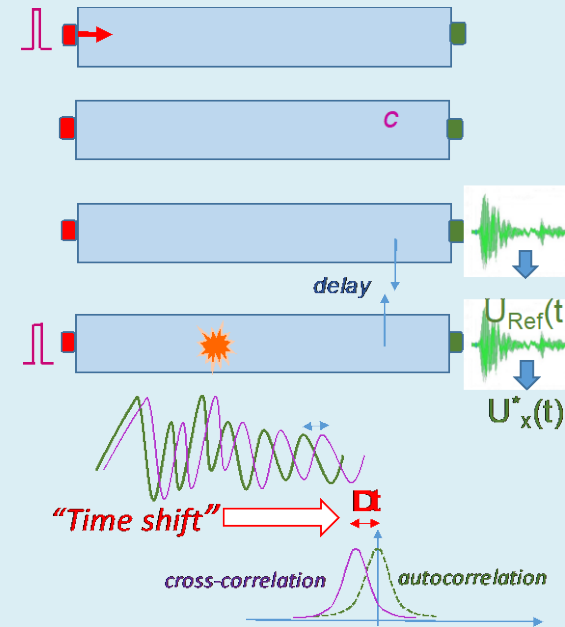
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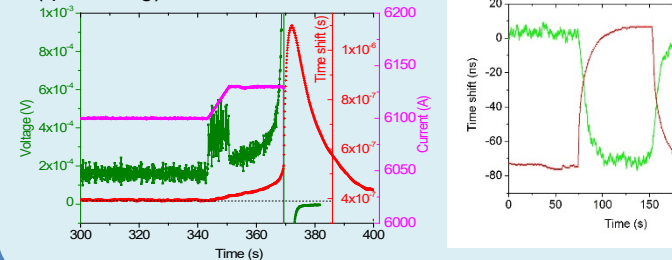
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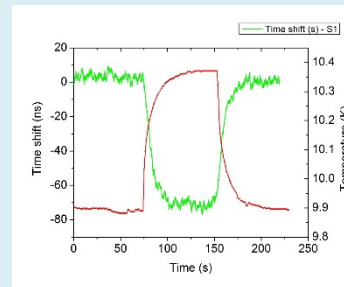
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Experiment at 4.2 K. Current ramp stopped at 6100 A (stable) and then increased by 30 A (quenching)



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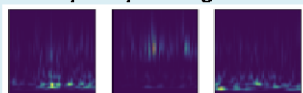
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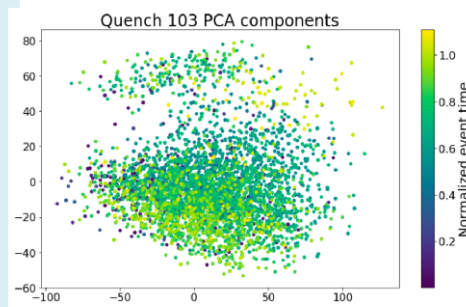
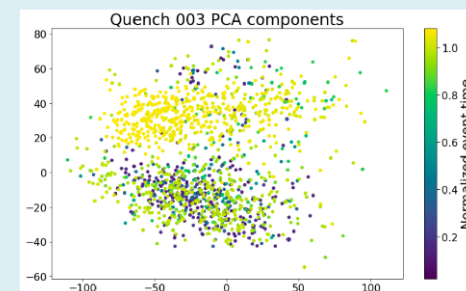


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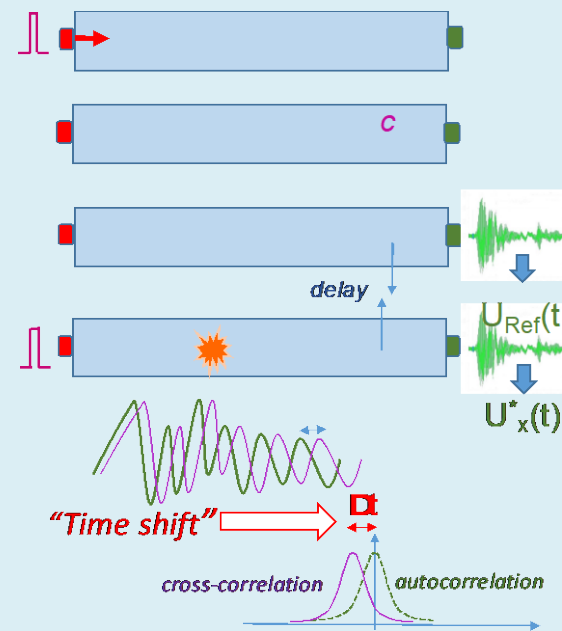
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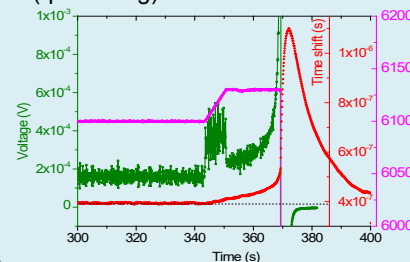
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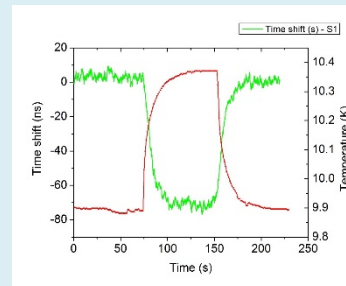
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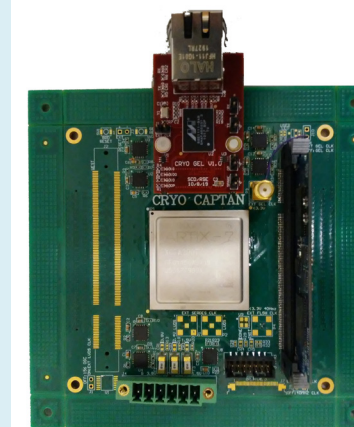
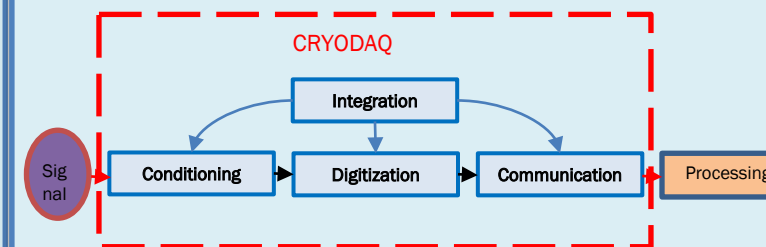
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First successful cryogenic (LHe) test of an FPGA digitizer with analog front end

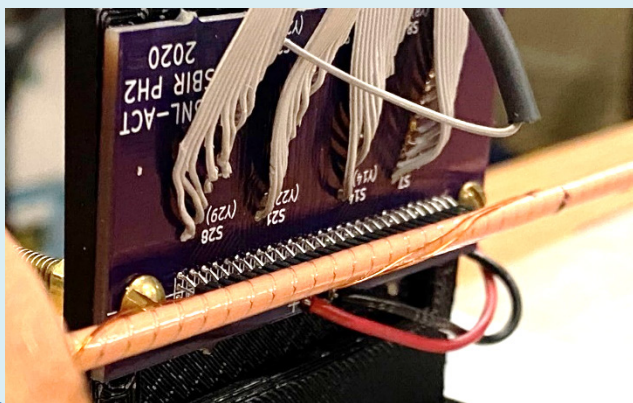


Technical progress on current distribution, quench detection for REBCO magnets

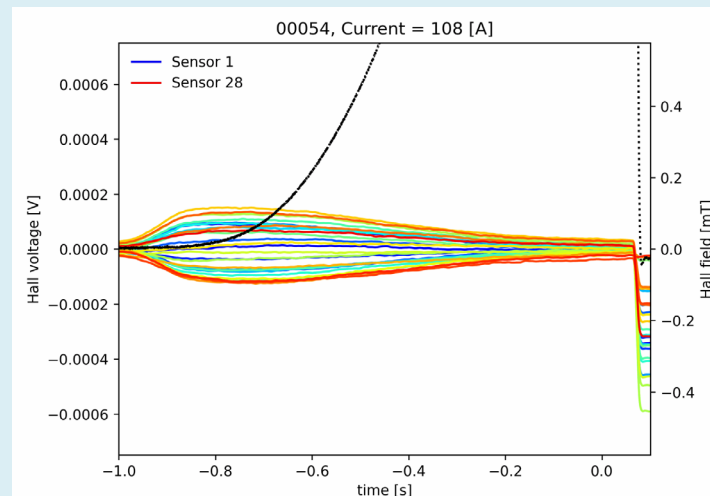
SBIR PH II with ACT

Quench detection for CORC® cables using Hall sensors

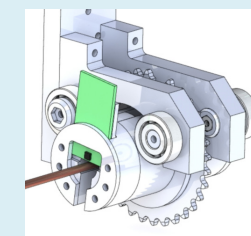
We have built a new type of axial-filed Hall sensor arrays and demonstrated robust detection of quenching



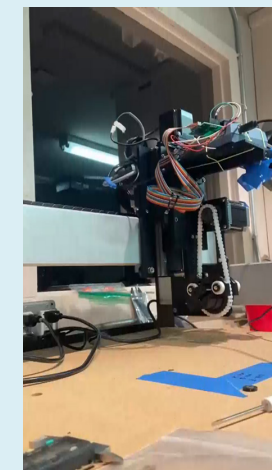
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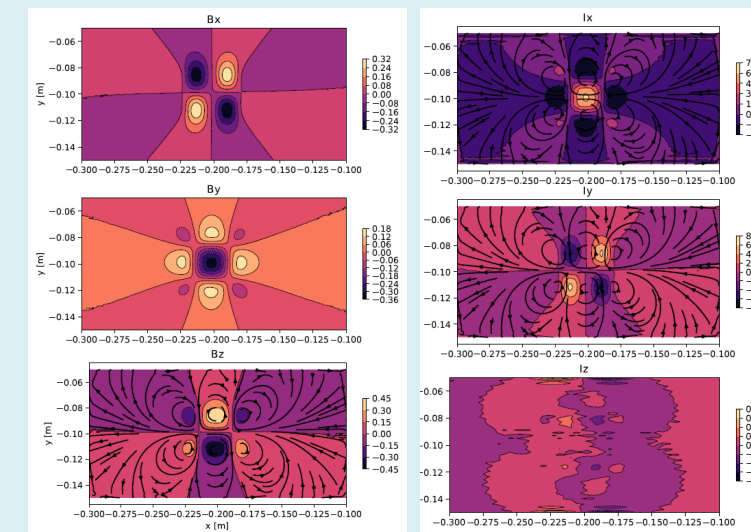
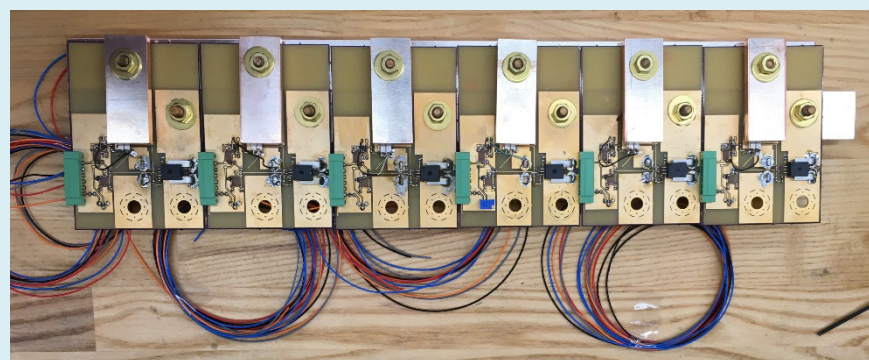


Developing a Hall probe scanner to measure 3D field distribution around a CORC® conductor and recover corresponding current distribution using inversion of Biot-Savart law.



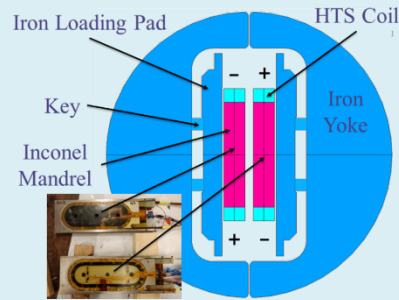
Collaboration with ASC/NHMFL/FSU

Unique setup to independently power and apply arbitrary ramping profiles to ReBCO conductors in the CORC® and tape stacks and monitor current flow using large-scale Hall sensor array.

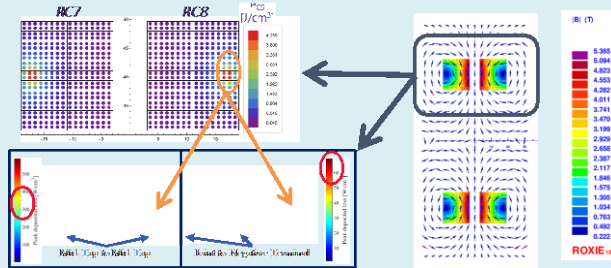


Wide array of modeling advances underway to support diagnostics feedback and to optimize magnet systems

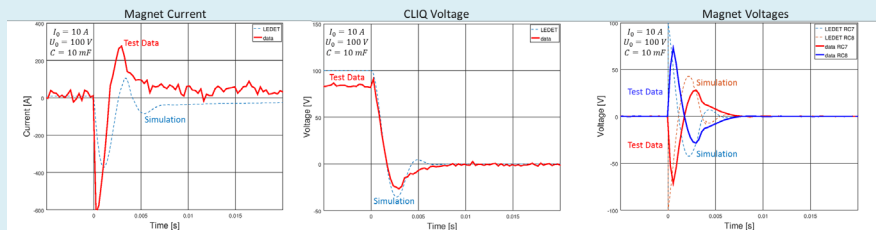
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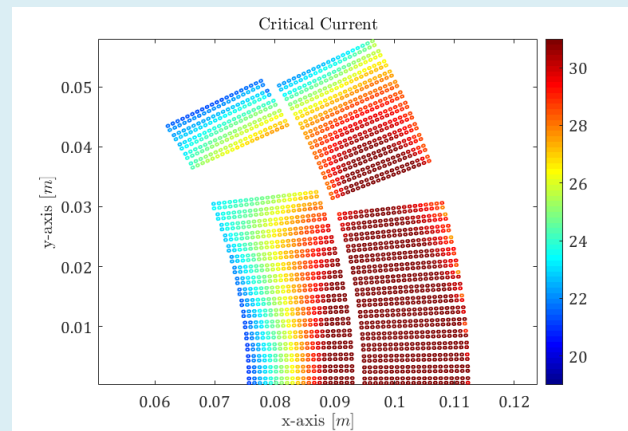
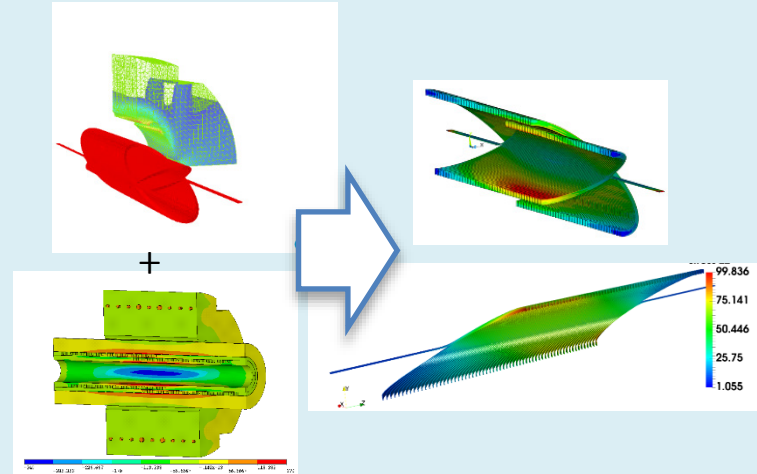
CLIQ optimized through simulation



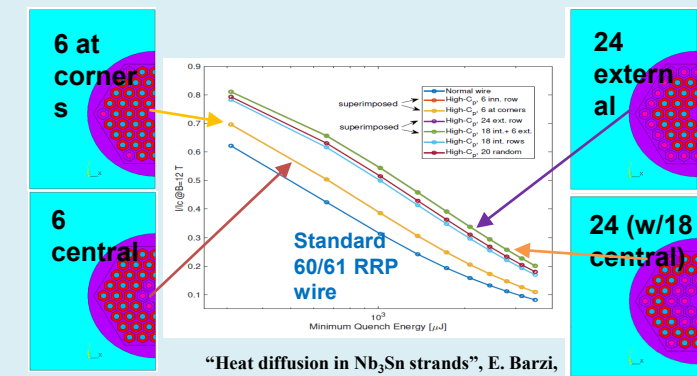
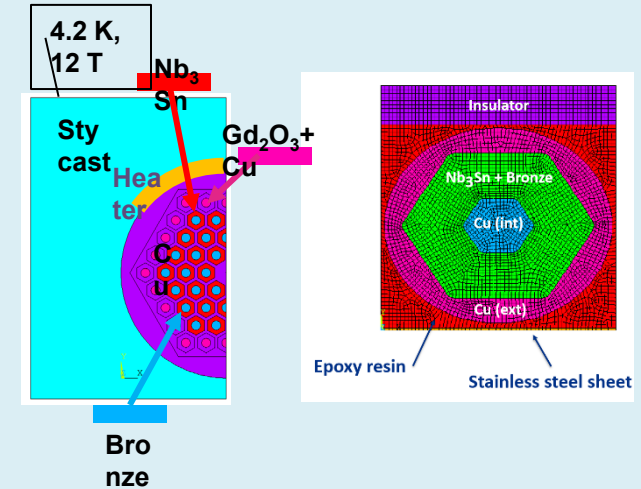
First test of CLIQ on Bi-2212 common coil, 77 K: comparing simulation and measurement



Strain impact on operation



Mechanics and thermal processes in conductors



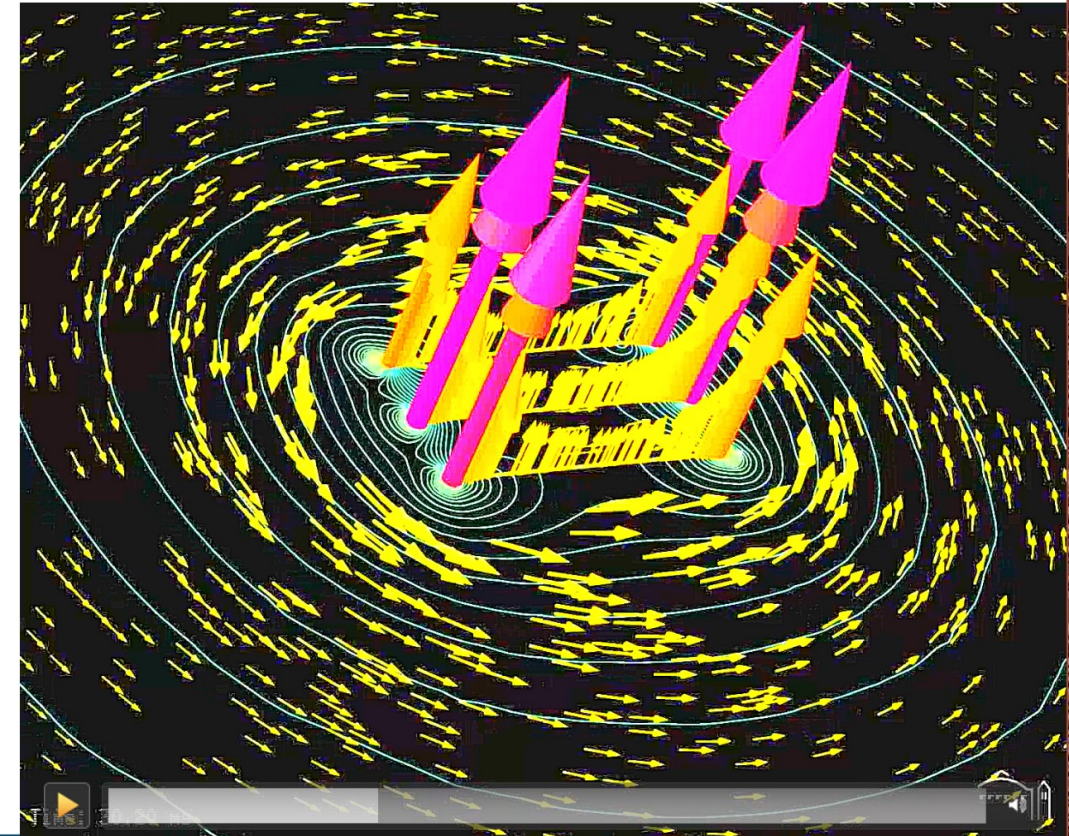
"Heat diffusion in Nb₃Sn strands", E. Barzi, to be published.

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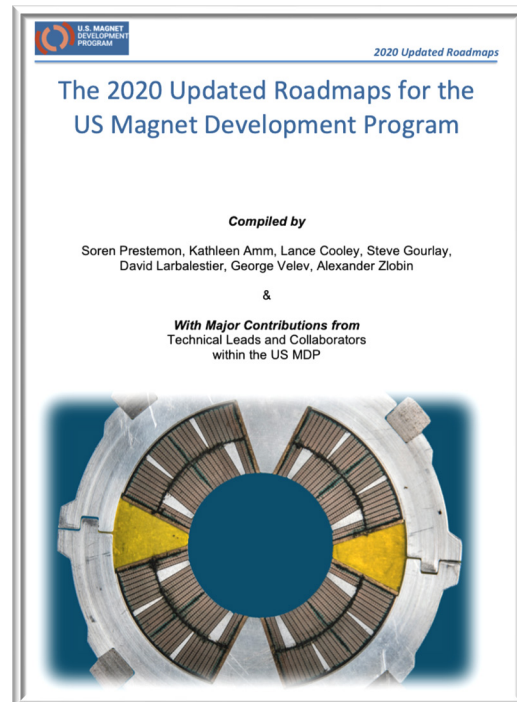
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Plans and Roadmaps are well advanced globally

- US MDP – *well established* (arXiv:2011.09539)
- European HFM – **roadmap established** (arXiv:2201.07895) ★ New!
- Japan efforts at KEK - *coordinated with CERN and MDP*
- China efforts led by IHEP – *progressing well*



This is not a comprehensive list of collaborators... our community is broad and diverse!



Summary

- The High Energy Physics community has clearly indicated the science potential associated with a future circular colliders that probes significantly higher energies
=> *The onus is on the magnet community to determine what is possible and what is feasible in terms of field strength*

There is a concerted effort around the world to integrate teams of specialists and facilities to most efficiently, effectively, and rapidly advance magnet technology

There is also strong interest in collaborating – nationally and internationally - where strengths and capabilities are deemed complementary or can serve to accelerate R&D

We are at a critical period, where innovation and progress in magnet technology is essential to enable new science

We welcome the challenge while recognizing the responsibility!