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SUPERCONDUCTING RACETRACK COMBINED- FUNCTION MAGNETS FOR BEAM CANCER THERAPY GANTRY – A CONCEPT DESIGN

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- Context and Motivations
- Gantry layout and magnet design
- Thermo-mechanical calculations
- Conclusions

Considerations about the stray fields and the magnet quench protection are not presented here.

The Proscan Facility at PSI

1984

2006

2013

Evolution

Optis 1

- Passive scattering
- Eye treatments



1996

COMET

- 250 MeV sc cyclotron
- 80% extraction efficiency
- 1 μ A max. beam intensity



2010

Gantry 1

- 1st pencil beam scanning Gantry in the world
- Compact eccentric layout
- d = 4m



Optis 2

- New setup after installation of COMET

Gantry 2

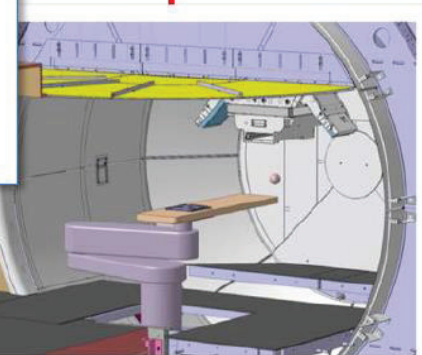
- Iso-centric layout (d=8.4m)
- Fast energy changes 100ms
- Parallel beam scanning
- X-ray in beam direction
- For volumetric repainting (treatment of moving targets)



2016

Gantry 3

- Performance comparable to Gantry 2
- Cone Beam CT



Future : Superconducting technology for gantry magnets

Why a superconducting magnet?

- Work at higher B-field → reduce the gantry size
bending radius : $\rho = B\rho/B_{\text{Mag}}$
- Work at higher Gradient-field → reduce dispersion
high momentum acceptance, **energy scanning without changing magnetic fields;**
- Reduce **the magnet weight** in particular for carbon therapy;
- Reduce the complexity and cost on the gantry structure
- Reduce power consumption



*Proton therapy Gantry 2 (PSI)
8m x 12m , 200 tons*

Issues:

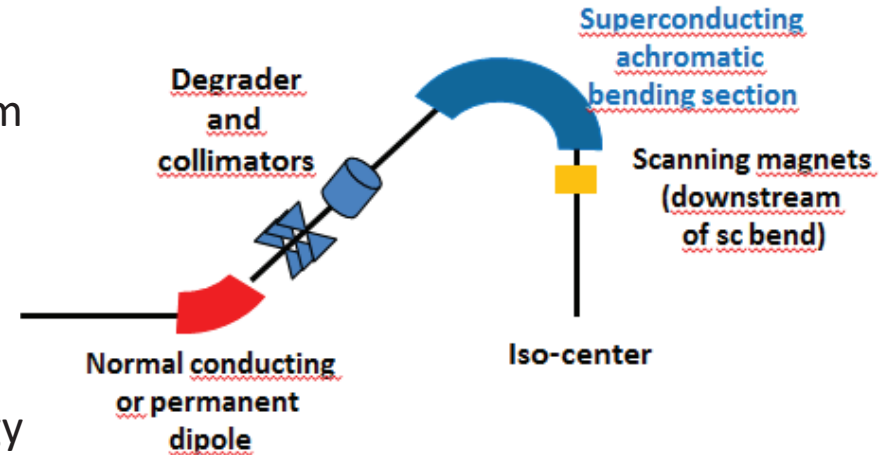
- Reliability (risks of quenches);
- Mechanical stability (huge Lorentz Forces);
- Cooling system complexity (magnet rotation);
- AC Losses;
- Challenges dealing with stray fields
(0.5 mT at patient);



*Heidelberg Ion Therapy, Carbon Ion Gantry
22m x 13 m , 600 tons (1/10 of the Eiffel Tower)*

Optic design specificities

- Locally **achromatic design** (bending section);
(remove dependence of particle trajectory on beam energy)
- Downstream** scanning
- Degrader mounted on the gantry (space saving)
- High momentum acceptance** ($\pm 12\%$) $\rightarrow$ no energy selection needed $\rightarrow$ higher transmission



Specifications

Energy modulation	Bp	Type	Beam size	$\Delta P/P$	Layer switching time	Bending section
70-230 MeV	1.2-2.3 Tm	Isocentric	$2\sigma \approx 5$ mm	$\pm 12\%$	100 ms	135°

Two directions pursued for the magnet geometries of the bending section:

NbTi Canted Cosine Theta design (LBNL)

Nb₃Sn racetrack coils (PSI)

Choices

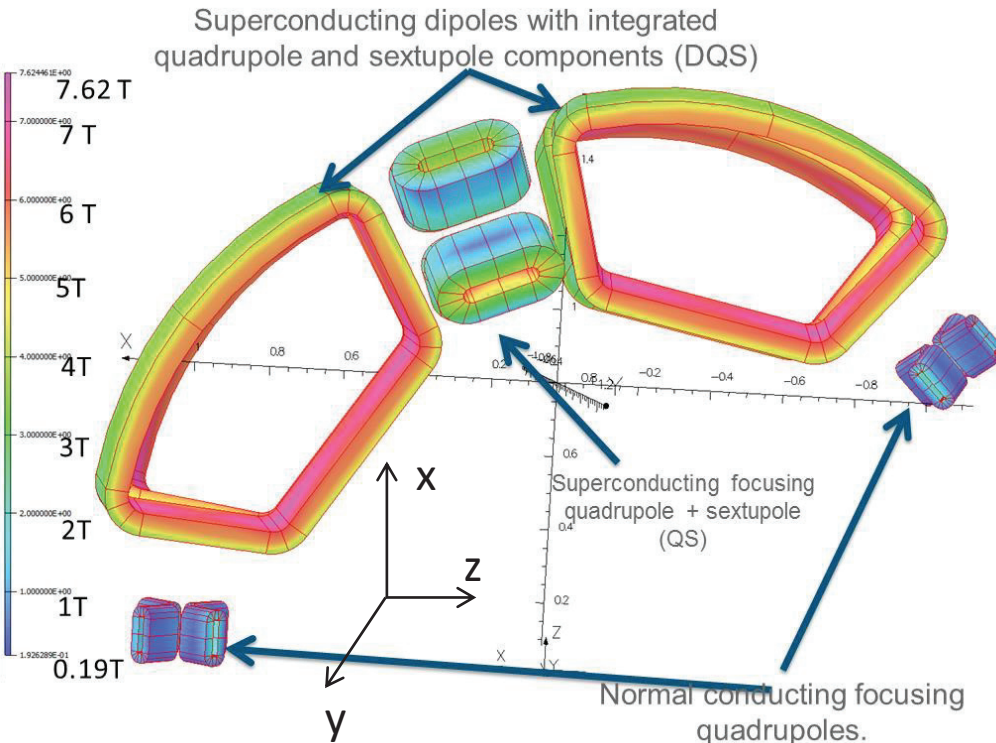
- Racetrack geometry
- Large aperture magnets
- Reduce ramp rate (0.1 T/s max)
- Cooling option: Cryocoolers directly coupled to the cold no cryogenic fluid in the magnet because of the gantry rotation, $T_{op} \sim 4.2$ K
- Superconductor: Bronze routed Nb_3Sn

Impact

- Easier to manufacture (+)
- Magnet geometry: $B_{conductor}/B_{GFR}$ large (-)
- Reduce the impact of the AC losses (+)
- Mass heat removal is limited (~ 1.5 W at 4.2 K)
- Comfortable temperature margin (+)
Brittle : React and wind process (-)
Cost of the conductor (-)

Bending section layout (PSI study)

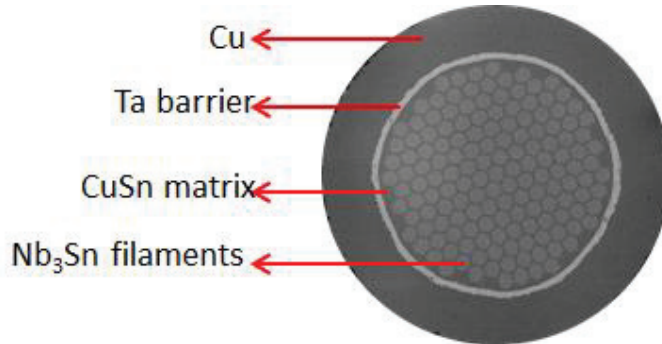
Series of combined function magnets with a racetrack geometry



	SQC	DQS	NQ
Length (cm)/ Bending Angle (°)	35	67.5	10
Bending radius (m)		0.8	
Half aperture (cm)	12.5 (x) 2 (y)	10 (x) 4 (y)	5
Dipole (T)		2.57	
Gradient (T/m)	23.9	-6.90	23.6
Sextupole (T/m ²)	31.48	-17.2	
Op. current (A)	1700	1700	
Turns/layers	20/30	36/28	

Field maps of the magnet bending section
Peak field around **7.7 T**

Nb₃Sn bronze route



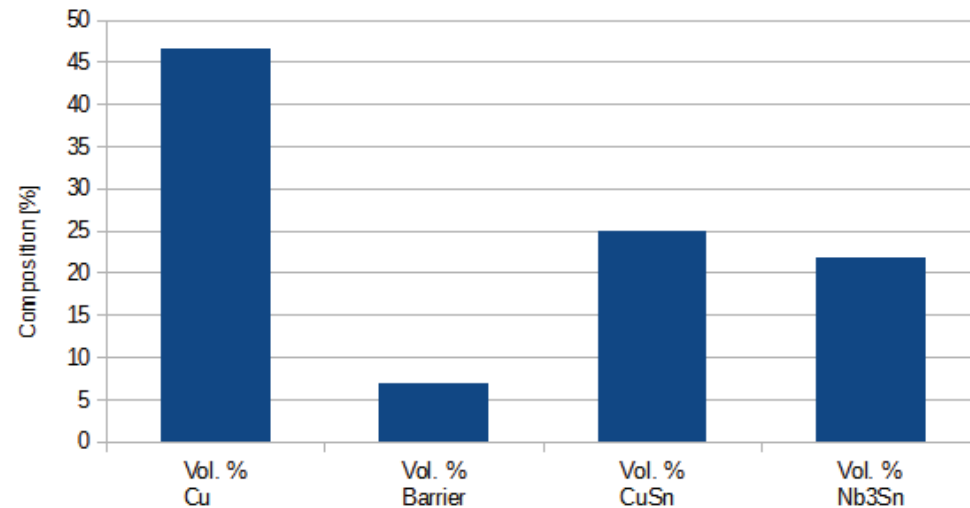
Strand parameters

Strand diameter (mm)	0.82
Filaments twist pitch (mm)	14
Filaments diameter (μm)	≈6-7
Filament number	8305
Cu to non-Cu ratio	0.93
RRR	>100
I _c @ 4.5 T, 4.2 K and 0.2% strain (A)	200

Strand composition

Hot spot temperature in case of quench
below **150 K**

Strand Composition

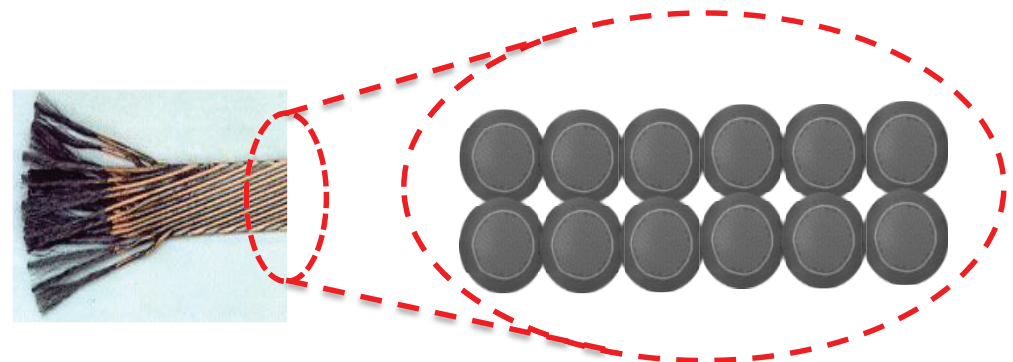
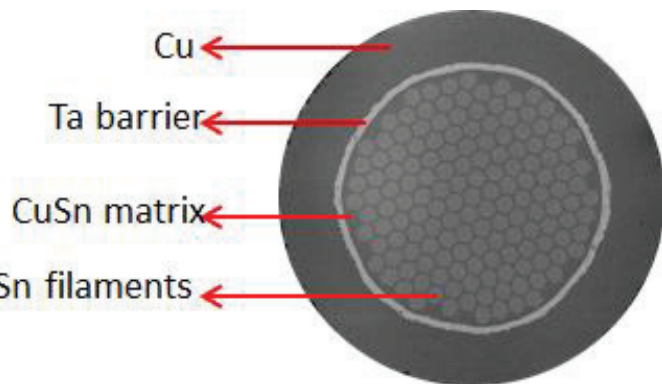


Selected winding pack composition:
70% strands + 30% insulation

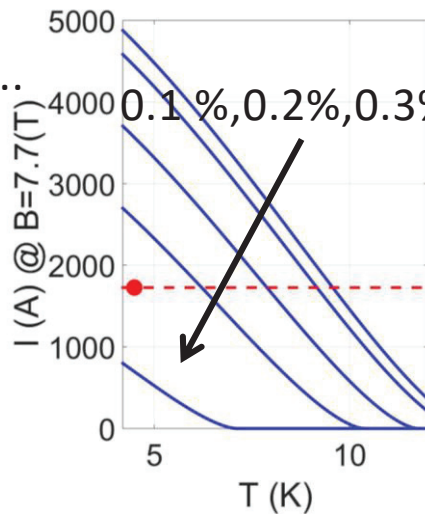
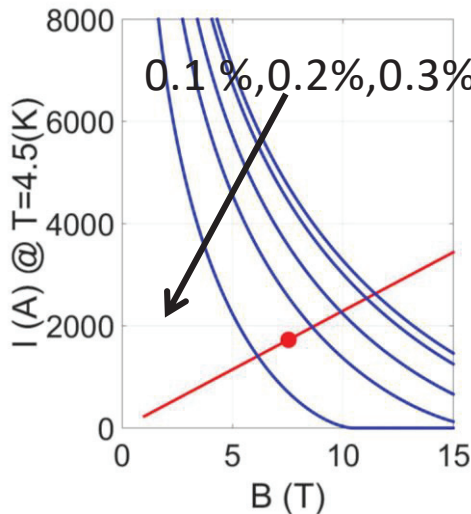
Cable for the Combined function magnet (dipole + quadrupole + sextupole)

$I = 1.7 \text{ kA} \rightarrow$ **Rutherford cable**

N. strand	Strand diameter (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Twist pitch (mm)	Compaction (%)
12	0.82	4.7	1.5	70	~88

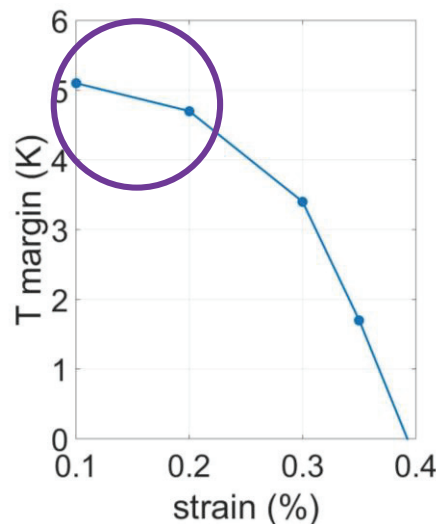
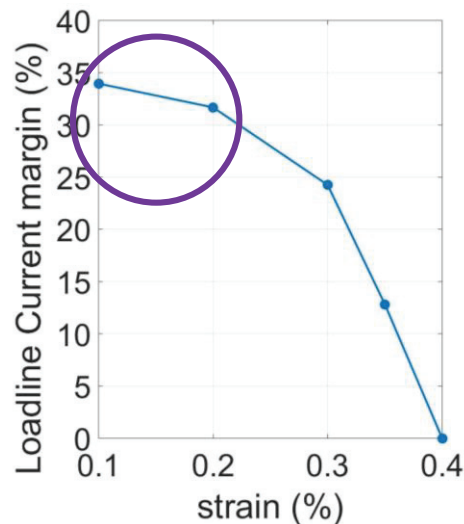


Operating margins: DQS magnets (steady state)



Critical current as a function of magnetic B-field and temperature for a Rutherford cable made by 12 strands, Nb₃Sn EUTF6 ITER type

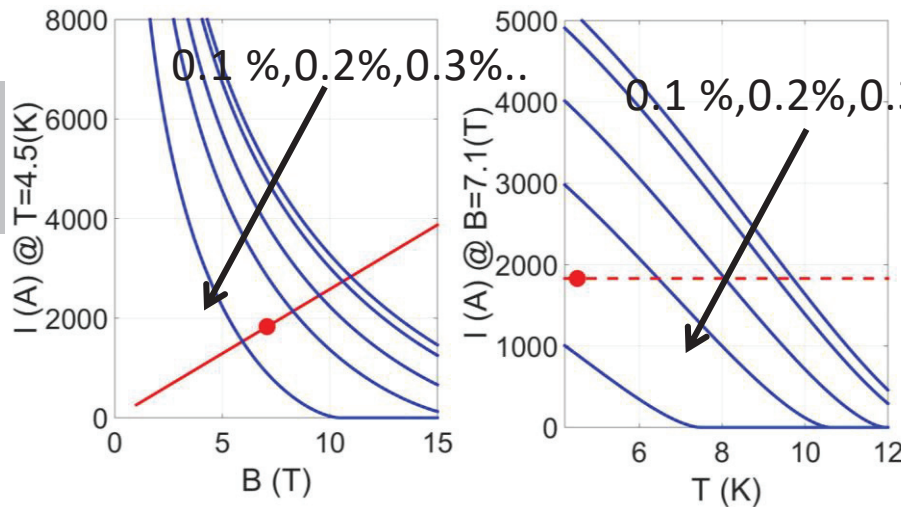
In red: DQS magnet load line and DQS operating point against operating temperature



Steady state load line current and temperature margins for the DQS magnet as a function of the strain experienced by the Nb₃Sn filaments inside the strands.

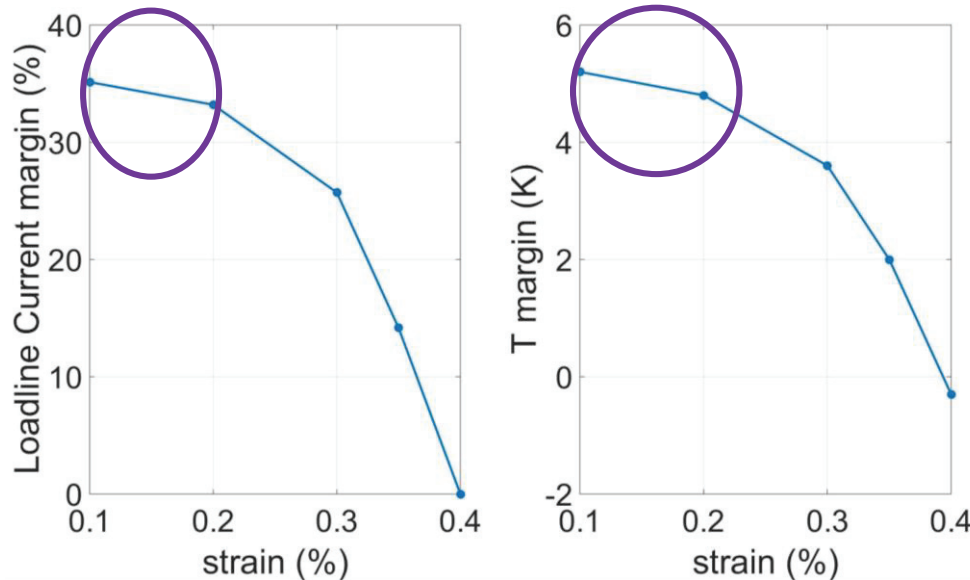
For a strain between 0.1% and 0.2 %:
Margin along the load line ~ 30 %
Temperature margin 4.5 K

Operating margins: SQC magnet (steady state)



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In red: SQC magnet load line and SQC operating point against operating temperature



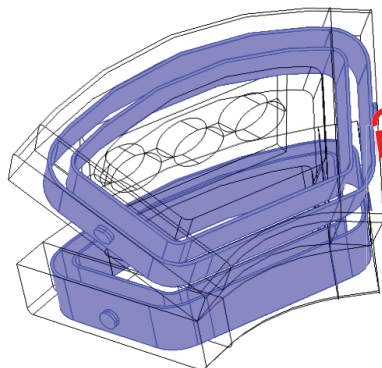
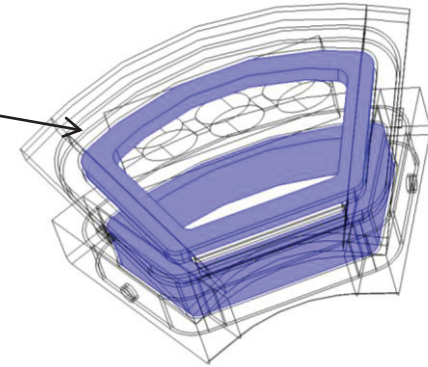
Steady state load line current and temperature margins for the SQC magnet as a function of the strain experienced by the Nb₃Sn filaments inside the strands.

For a strain between 0.1% and 0.2 %:
Margin along the load line ~ 35 %
Temperature margin ~ 5 K

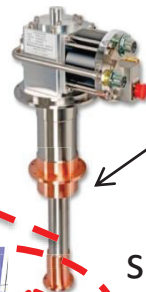
Combined function Dipole Main-parts

- 316 LN stainless steel former;
- CuBe rings (compression);
- 316 LN steel for the support
- 316 LN steel for columns;
- Cu shield

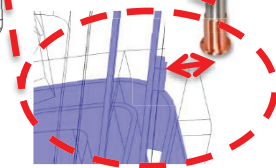
316LN
former



CuBe thermal
anchor



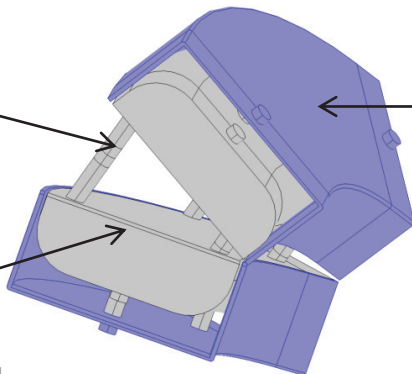
First stage



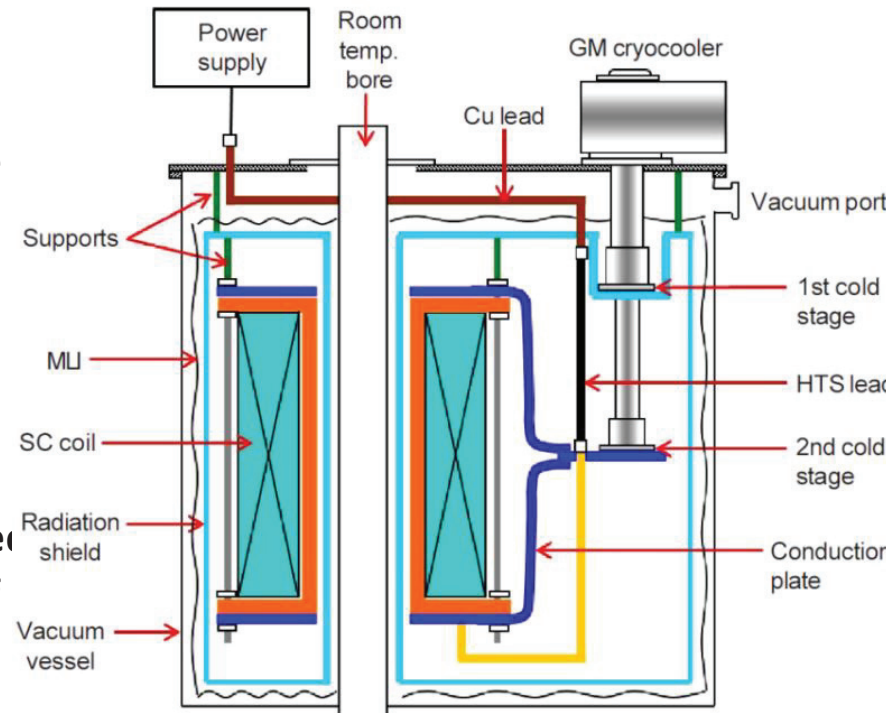
second stage

316 LN columns

316 LN support

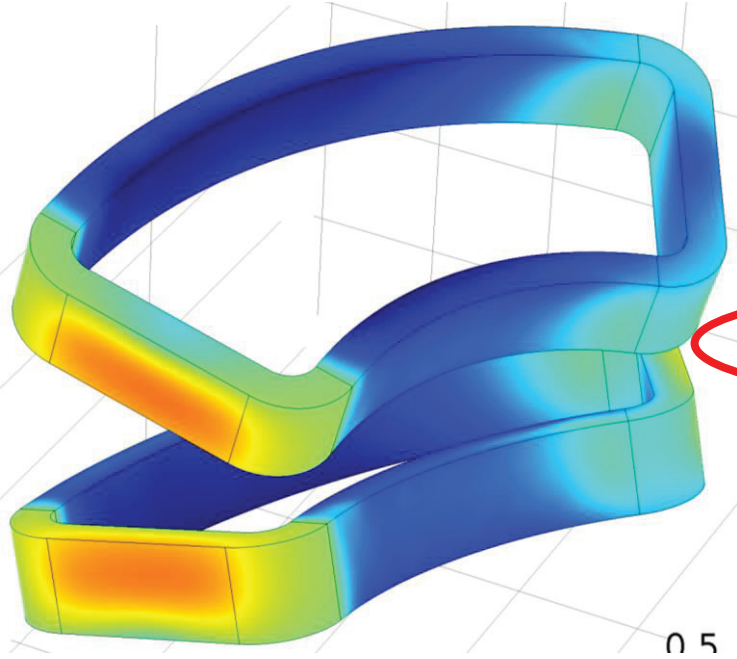


Cu shield anchored
to the 1st stage of
the cryocoolers



For the thermal analysis the following contributions were

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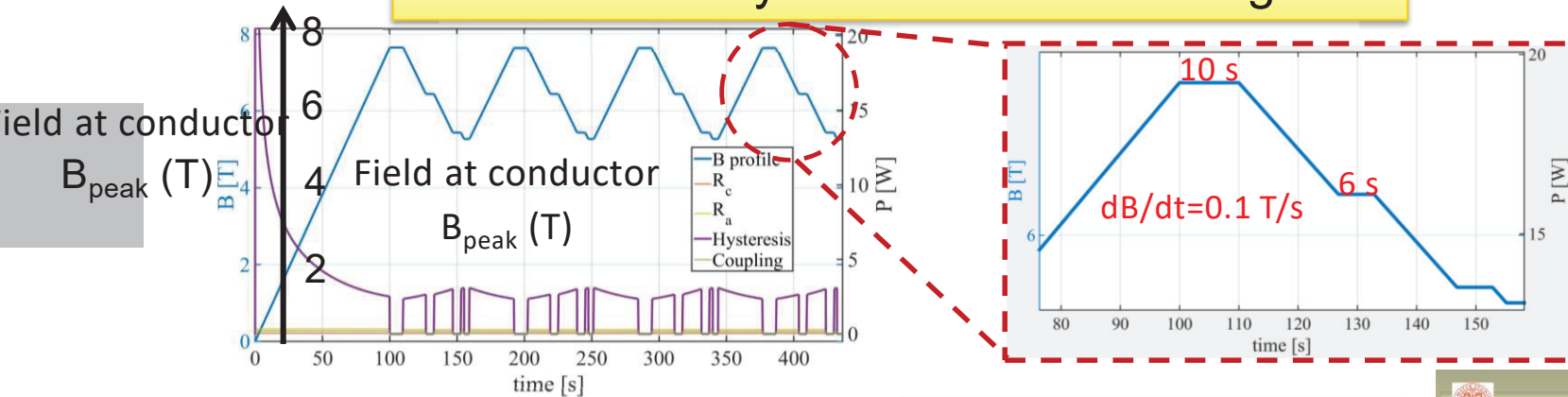


- **Joule heating;**
- **Thermal conduction (support)**
- **Thermal radiation (thermal shield)**
- **AC Losses**

- AC losses in the conductor
 - Within superconducting filaments (Hysteretic)
 - Between filaments and strands (Coupling)
 - Eddy current in the matrix
- Eddy currents in the structures.

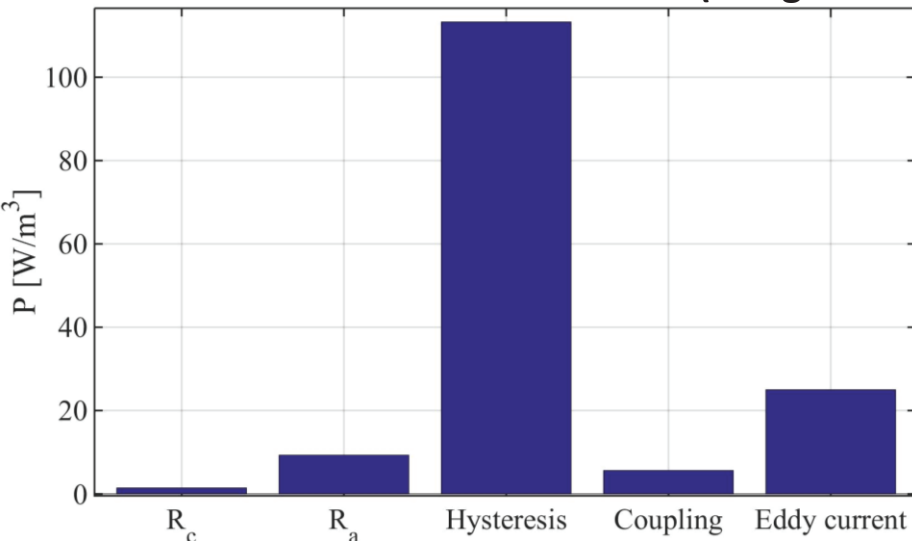
AC losses calculation

Treatment cycle for a maximal target



Summary of the results for the SDC magnet

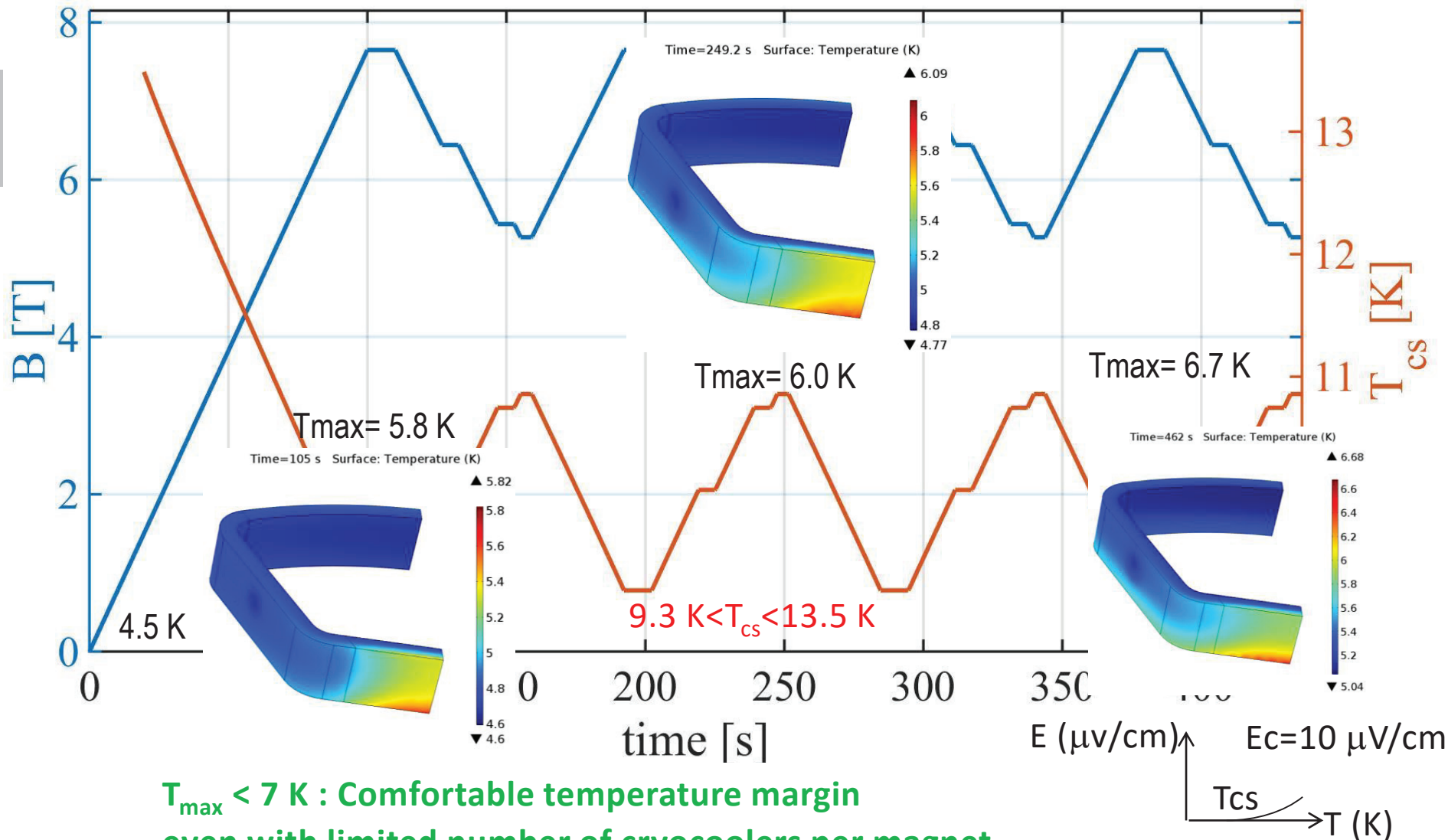
Contributions to the total losses (integrated along the four cycles)



1. Coupling losses are always negligible with respect to the hysteresis losses in all the configurations (< 10 % of hysteresis losses)
2. Hysteresis losses $\sim 110 \text{ W/m}^3$
3. total of losses $\sim 3 \text{ W}$ at 4.2 K



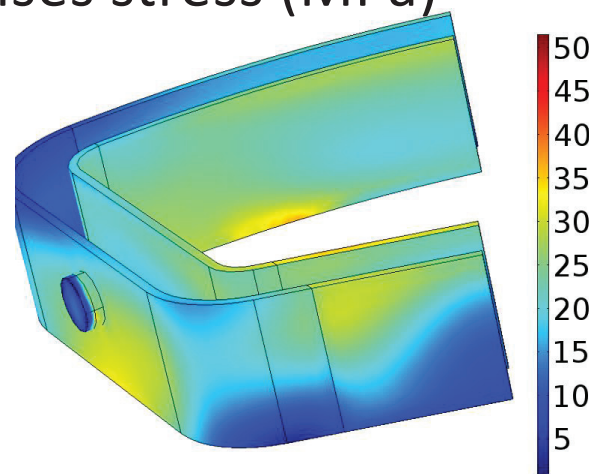
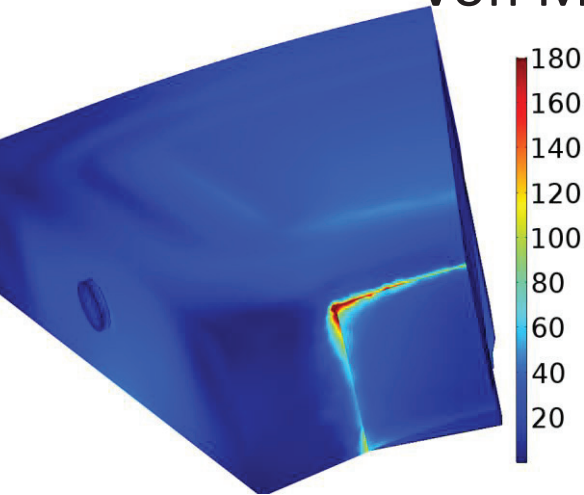
Temperature evolution in the winding pack (for the DQS)



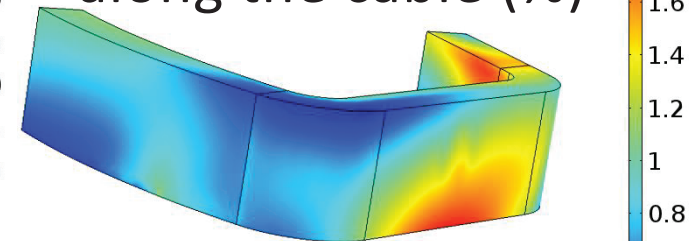
$T_{max} < 7 \text{ K}$: Comfortable temperature margin
even with limited number of cryocoolers per magnet

Mechanical analysis: the effect of the Lorentz forces

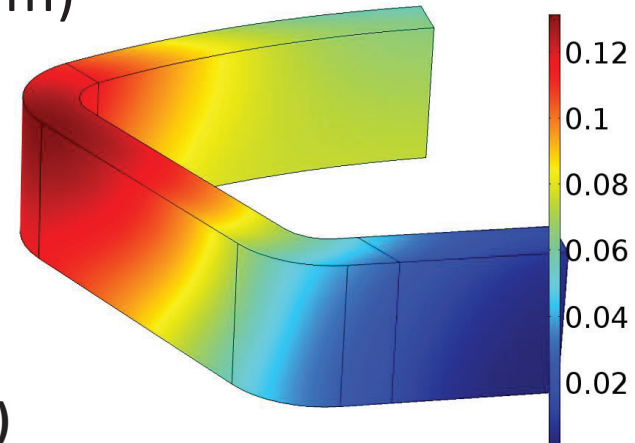
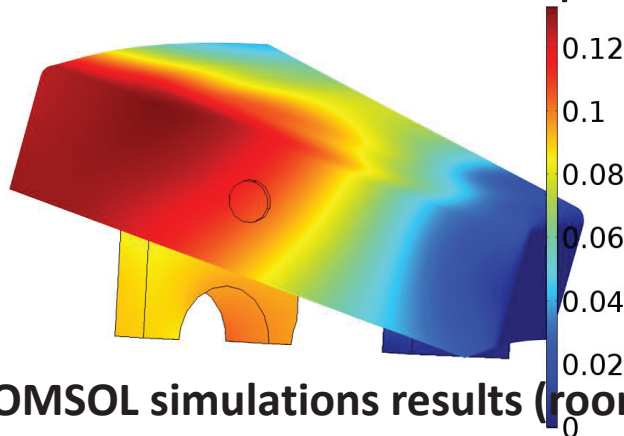
Von Mises stress (MPa)



Principal strain
along the cable (%)



Displacement (mm)



- COMSOL simulations results (room temperature)
- Stresses well below the Yield points
- Cable Principal Strain $< 0.05\%$ $\rightarrow$ Intrinsic strain $\leq 0.1\%$ (upon cooldown)
- Displacement: ≤ 0.15 mm

Conclusions

- An achromatic design of a gantry using a series of combined function racetrack Nb₃Sn coils for the bending section was proposed.
- The selected design allows a high momentum acceptance
- The selected conductor is bronze route Nb₃Sn strands. Small Rutherford cables will be used for the winding pack.
- The magnets will operate at 4.2 K cooled down by limited number of cryocoolers.
- Thermo-mechanical calculations showed that the magnets will operate with a comfortable temperature margin ;

Thank you for the
attention

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