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# Opportunities and Threats for Next Generation Accelerator Magnets

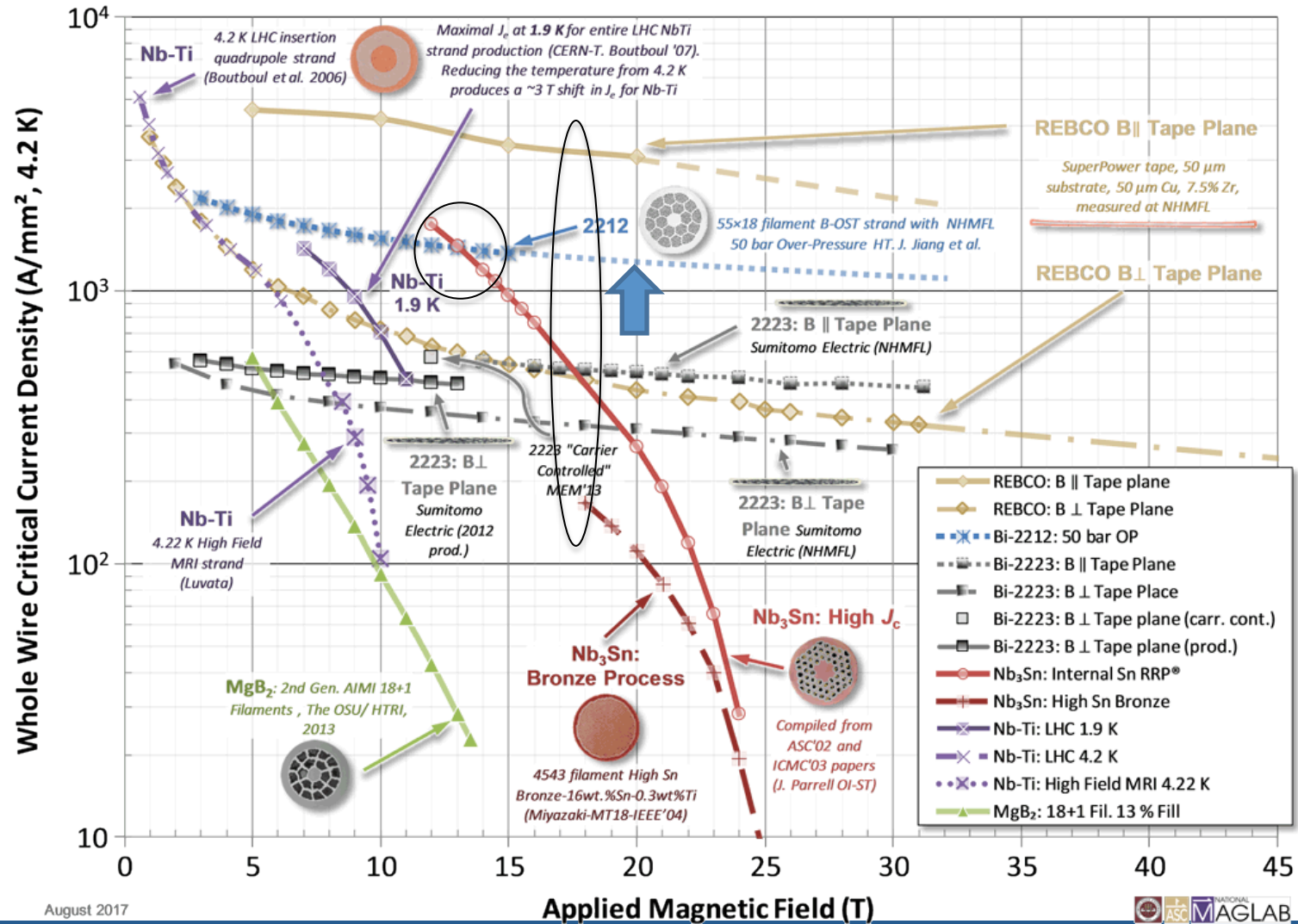
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- Overview – Where are we now?
- Conductors and magnet technology
- Advantages and Potential of HTS
- Threats and Opportunities/Opportunities and Threats
- Reducing Threats and Increasing Opportunities
- Moving Forward – Next Steps



# Status of conductors



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# Snapshot of Conductor and Magnet Technology

- LTS

- 27 km of Nb-Ti accelerator magnets at near operational potential
- First Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn accelerator magnets to be installed in LHC
- LHC Quads on the way
- High field solenoids
- Fusion magnets

- HTS

- MgB<sub>2</sub> links for LHC upgrade
- Power cable demos
- Power leads
- EuCard-2 dipole
- Beam deflecting magnet
- **> 1 GHz NMR magnets**
- And – 32T solenoid!
- Several active R&D programs

Much work on materials (Bi-2212, REBCO, and some on IBS) but very few examples of accelerator magnets so far





# LTS is not perfect

- Let's say that Nb-Ti technology is maxed out.
- What are the challenges with Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn?
  - Max operating field 16T or less for accelerator magnets
  - Lots of training
  - Strain sensitivity
  - Does not consistently reach short sample (see “training”)

This is what we are facing right now. What are the possibilities for the Next Generation?



# Early Activities in HTS

- **At time of discovery of HTS, SSC was in full R&D mode**
  - Excitement generated by HTS almost derailed the project but was short-lived – it died anyway . . .
- **Emphasis shifted to power transmission**
  - \$20M/yr for several years in US
- **Work continues on motors, generators, FCL, NMR, . . . But only recently has there been any serious work on accelerator magnets**



# HTS Potential for Accelerator and other Magnets

- **General Advantages . . .**

- **High Field**

These are some of the elements of the new paradigm

- **High  $J_c$**

- **High stability**

- **Large thermal margin at low temp – no training?!**

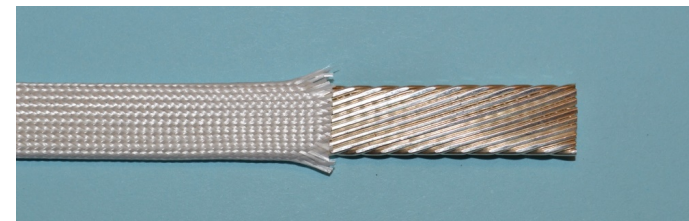
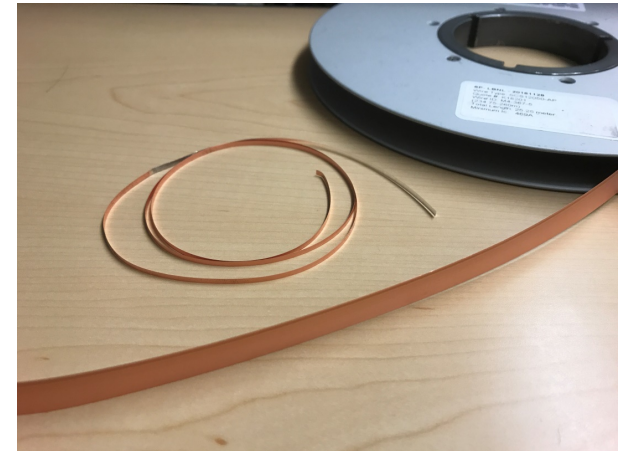
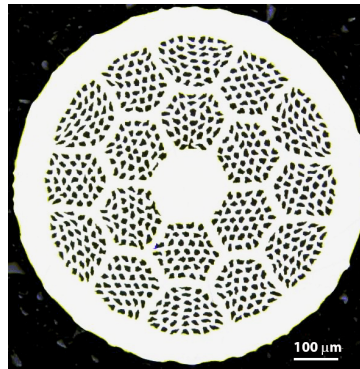
- **Can operate in forced-flow helium gas at 20 – 30K, greatly reducing the complexity and cost for operation**



# High critical-temperature superconductors - background

## Two primary HTS materials with sufficient maturity

- **REBCO tapes (main focus for Fusion)**
  - Current densities an order of magnitude higher than LTS
  - Has achieved fields over 40 T in solenoids (X2 over target for high field designs)
  - No heat treatment required
  - Good strain properties
- **Bi-2212 round strands**
  - High current density
  - High current cable
  - Complex heat treatment
  - Strain sensitive
  - Possible use in pulsed systems

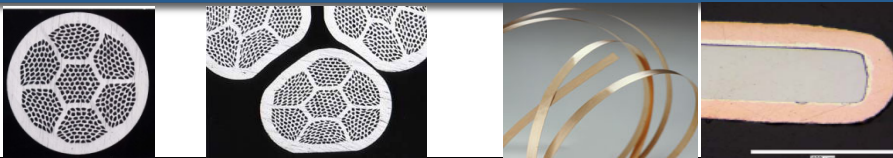


• *Operating temps at 20 – 30K*





# HTS Properties Comparison



	<b>Bi-2212</b>	<b>ReBCO</b>
<b>Process</b>	High temperature, high pressure reaction	Pre-reacted Tape
<b>Scalability</b>	Rutherford cables	Roebel, CORC <sup>®</sup> , Twisted Stack (Still in development stages)
<b>Winding</b>	Existing methods	Tape
<b>Field Orientation</b>	Isotropic	Anisotropic <sup>*</sup>
<b>Mechanical Properties</b>	Poor	Relatively good compared to Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn

\*Progress in reducing anisotropy and development of round wires mitigate the problem



# The Conductor Competition

- With few exceptions all accelerator magnets use Rutherford-style cables
  - **Multi-strand – reduce strand length, fewer turns (lower inductance)**
  - **High current density ( $J_{\text{coil}} \sim 600 - 1,000 \text{ A/mm}^2$ )**
  - **Precise dimensions – controlled conductor placement (field quality)**
  - **Current redistribution – stability**
  - **Fine filaments (5 – 40 microns)**
  - **Twisting to reduce interstrand coupling currents (field quality)**



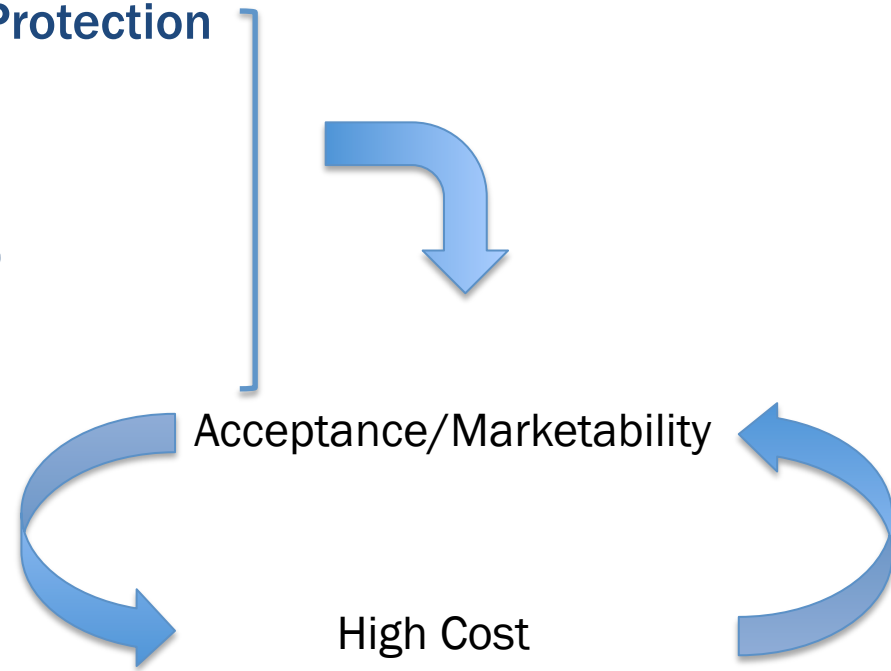
# Threats to Applications for HTS

Potential comes with some disadvantages

## ○ Technical

- Quench Detection and Magnet Protection
- Manufacturability
- Magnetization
- Subject to Degradation (REBCO)
- Strain Sensitivity
- *Cryogenics*

“Circle of Death”





# There are Challenges but Still Reasons and Ways to Move Forward

- HEP is still the major driver of accelerator magnet development\*
- HTS is the only option for accelerator magnets with fields above 16T
- Opportunity to be non-conventional. For example, Quench Detection and Magnet Protection
- Despite the current high cost, I believe there is huge potential for significant cost reduction. Especially REBCO and some in Bi-2212.

\*See also Threats



## Consider the FCC

- 16 – 20T Dipoles (more than twice operating field of LHC)
- Synchrotron radiation (high field magnets and smaller ring)
  - Current LHC is 0.2 W/m/beam
  - For 16T/100 km - 28.4 W/m/beam for a total heat load of 4.8 MW
  - For 20T/80 km - 44.3 W/m/beam for a total heat load of 5.8 MW

If this load is falling directly on the magnet cold masses working at 1.9 K/4.5 K, the corresponding total electrical power to refrigerators is

→ 4.3/1.1 GW for FCC-hh 100 km

→ 5.2 /1.3 GW for FCC-hh 80 km

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- CERN baseline is currently 100km/16T/1.9K





# Interaction Region Quads/Dipoles have their own challenges

- Debris from interaction region at detectors generates enormous radiation induced heat loads and high radiation dose of magnet components
- Mitigation includes larger bore (higher field on the conductor)
  - Intercept less energy or add shielding inside magnet bore



# Some Threats/Opportunities

- From a HEP perspective

- Is there any new physics to warrant another big machine? Still possible for LHC Energy upgrade (LHC-HE) . In fact, this could be the best case

But . . .

- Still no sign of new physics at LHC
- Near-term focus is on Higgs (e+e-) and neutrinos.
  - Not much demand for next-gen magnets except specialty magnets
- Not much help so far from outside HEP
  - The usual suspicion and reluctance to use superconductivity. Hard to crack the market. See the last 100 years for LTS and last 30 for HTS
- Another reason to look at applications outside HEP in addition to development drivers



# Opportunities to Break the Circle (The Timing is Good!)

- Taking advantage of accelerating development rate and new applications on the horizon. -> non-linear progress
- Performance improvements
  - Higher current density with APC at low temperatures
  - Reduced anisotropy
- Active magnet R&D programs on the verge of demos that will stimulate the environment
- Fusion Energy Sciences moving back to some technology development

**Biggest obstacle to progress is access to conductor in quantity**



# Opportunities in Fusion

- **Fusion Energy Sciences Technology Advisory Committee (FESAC) subpanel on Transformative Enabling Capabilities (TEC)**
  - A large number of topics examined including HTS for high field, high operating temp magnets for magnetic confinement fusion
  - Report just completed and is now available on the FESAC webpage: <https://science.energy.gov/fes/fesac/reports/>
  - HTS was chosen as one of four “Tier 1” TECs. “Most Promising”
- **Performance goals common with HEP will increase opportunities**
  - High current cables under high stress conditions

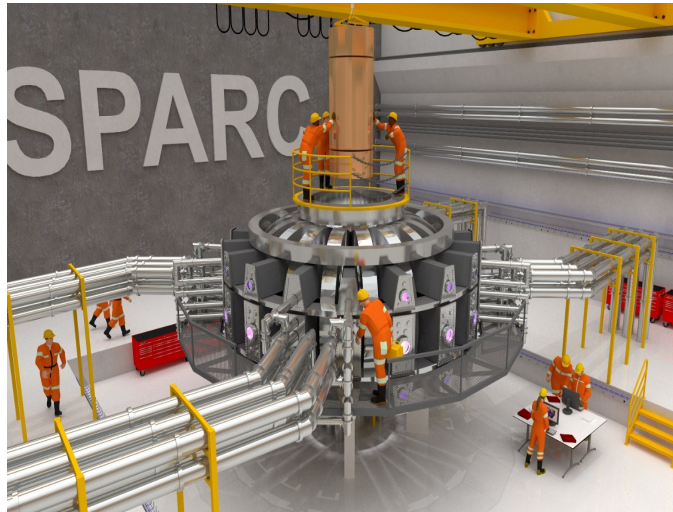


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# MIT and Commonwealth Fusion Systems (CFS) announced a new approach to fusion energy based on REBCO superconducting magnets

ARC – affordable, robust, compact

SPARC – smallest possible ARC



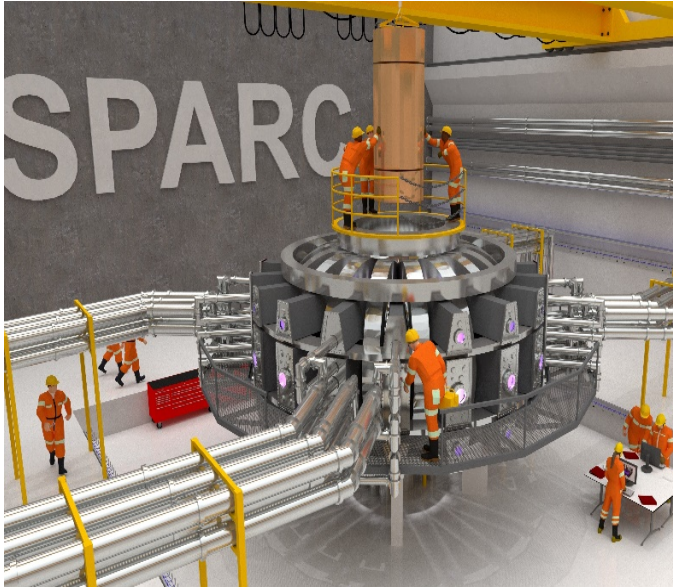
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- CFS is a private company spun out of MIT; it has announced \$50M in private financing and raising more
- MIT and CFS will collaborate closely to demonstrate large-bore, high-field REBCO magnets in ~3 years
- If successful, they will then build SPARC, a ~100MW net energy device, in following ~4 years





# SPARC is a net-energy tokamak using REBCO magnets



- *Compact:*  $R_0 < 2\text{m}$
- *High-field:*  $B_0 \sim 12\text{T}$ ,  
 $B_{\text{max}} \sim 21\text{T}$
- *Fusion power:* 100 MW
- *Net-energy:*  $Q > 2$
- *Pulsed:* 10+ seconds



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## SPARC technical mission:

- Demonstrate break-even fusion energy production
- Demonstrate fusion-relevant REBCO magnets at scale
- Demonstrate high-field fusion plasma scenarios for ARC

## SPARC strategic mission:

- Rapidly bootstrap to fusion energy as fast as possible
- Reinvigorate fusion energy efforts and provide urgency
- Enable parallel efforts in complementary fusion R&D

## SPARC is small enough to be built:

- By the MIT, CFS, and partnering teams in <5 years
- Within precedent of several other tokamaks
- With existing or near-term technology
- Leveraging existing MIT infrastructure for speed



# Potentially Big Boost for REBCO

- The focus is solely on REBCO.
- They will need about 60,000 kA\*m over the next few years to build one full TF coil. If the machine is built, they will need 18 TF coils (note: specs for kA\*m for 700 A/mm<sup>2</sup> @ 20T, 20 K).
- An ARC size device will require many times that amount.






## **Increasing the Opportunities and Eliminating the Threats**



# Quench Detection and Magnet Protection

- **Still a tough nut to crack**
  - Have to deal with success
  - Higher current density increases energy that may exceed the coil's heat capacity – add more copper?
- **Several solutions close to demo that could provide early detection – key to magnet protection.**
- **But . . . Totally different environment**  Primary element of the new paradigm
  - The only reasons for an HTS magnet to quench is because it exceeded its critical current or temperature increase due to cryo failure or beam induced heat load.
- **However, cryo failure gives sufficient warning and transient beam induced heat loads are probably not enough to initiate quench – unless it's catastrophic (then you're screwed)**
- **Another mitigation might be to have rather poor cooling, allowing more time to detect the quench**



# Creating a New Paradigm

- **Look to near term demos of technology feasibility to help create/drive a sustainable market.**
  - Development of high current cables is critical
  - Explore magnet geometries
  - Provide platforms for Quench Detection concept development
- **Other applications outside HEP/Fusion (ion sources, undulators, gantries, solenoids, NMR, 25T solenoids for x-ray and neutron facilities . . . and wind turbines**
- **Upshot**
  - Development of a new enabling capability is key to adoption of any new technology (regardless of cost)
  - Stop worrying about cost and make more magnets!





- **Hybrids**
  - Difficult to separate forces (insert from outsert)
  - Combined – lose higher temperature option
  - Compact geometries like CCT are a natural fit for Bi-2212
- **Start to think about all HTS accelerator magnets**
  - Active program to develop magnet technology
- **Continue to improve cost/performance**



- **Special applications could benefit**
  - High temperature operation
  - High field
- **Rethink quench protection philosophy**
- **High current cables a necessity**
  - Apply some of the No-Insulation coil techniques to cables?
- **Cost is a continuing concern**
  - Need a market
  - Indirectly we can demonstrate viability of REBCO for magnets
  - Disruptive processing technology?



- **High current cables with current sharing**
  - Allows use of tapes with defects
  - Increases thermal stability
  - Increases effective piece length
  - Strengthened Bi-2212
- **Ultimate goal is to have highest current density in coil pack**
  - $J_c$
  - $J_e$  of tape (Mostly regarding REBCO)
  - $J_e$  of cable
  - Reduce anisotropy
  - Increase coil packing fraction



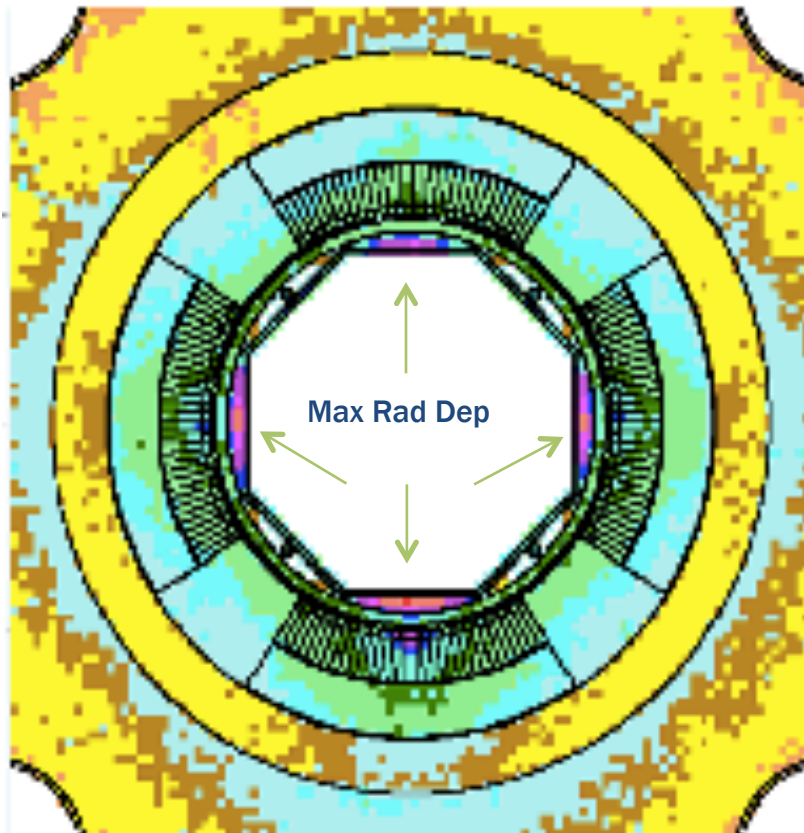
## Moving Forward – concentrate on positives and mitigation of negatives

- The number of activities developing REBCO accelerator magnets is growing
- We absolutely need to build magnets!
  - Emphasis on development of high current cables
  - Handle the magnetization effects
  - Geometries that can effectively utilize tapes/cables from tapes

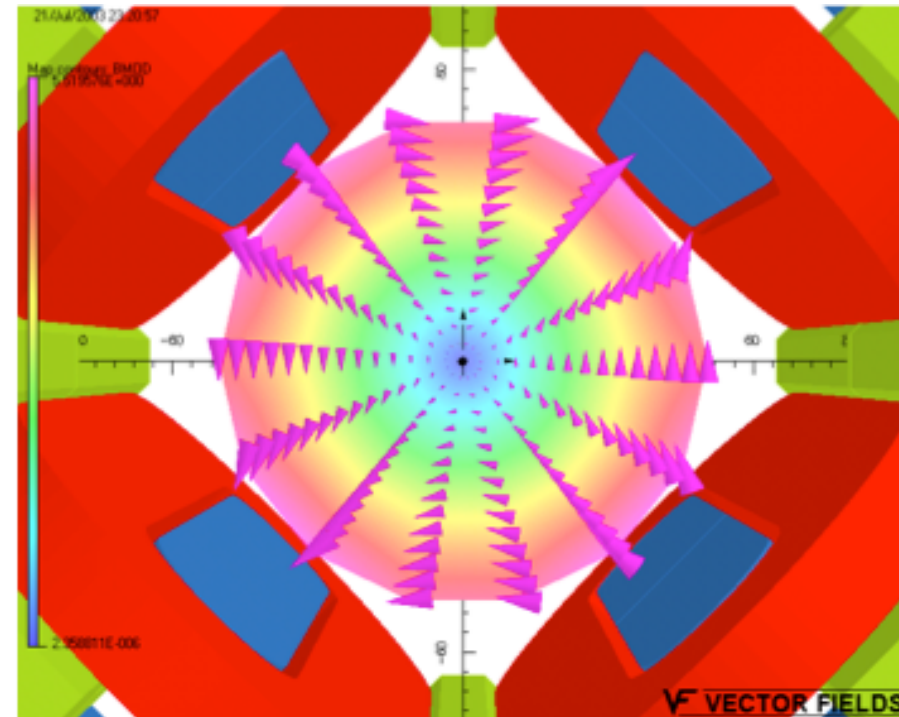


# LARP\* Racetrack Quad Reduces Energy Deposition

## Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn LHC IR Quad



N.V. Mokhov, et al. Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams **18**, 051001 (2015)

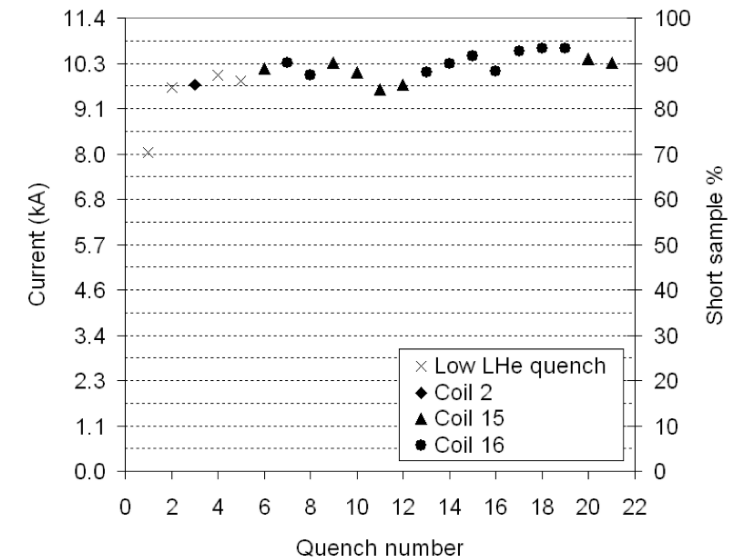
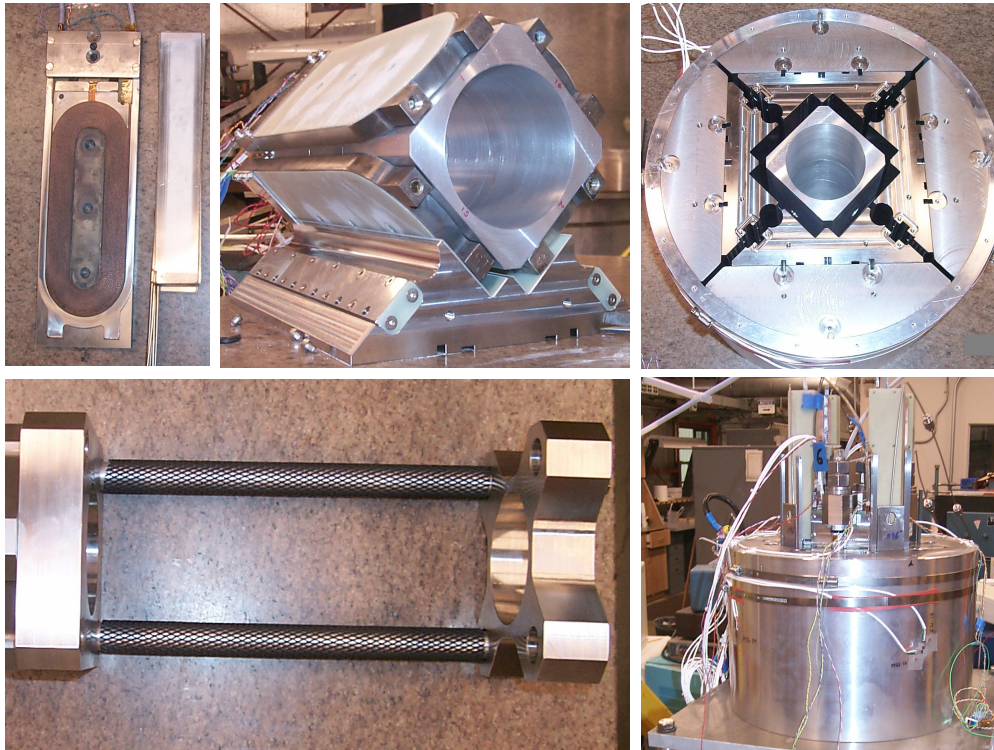


\*LHC Accelerator Research Program





# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Prototype Performed Well

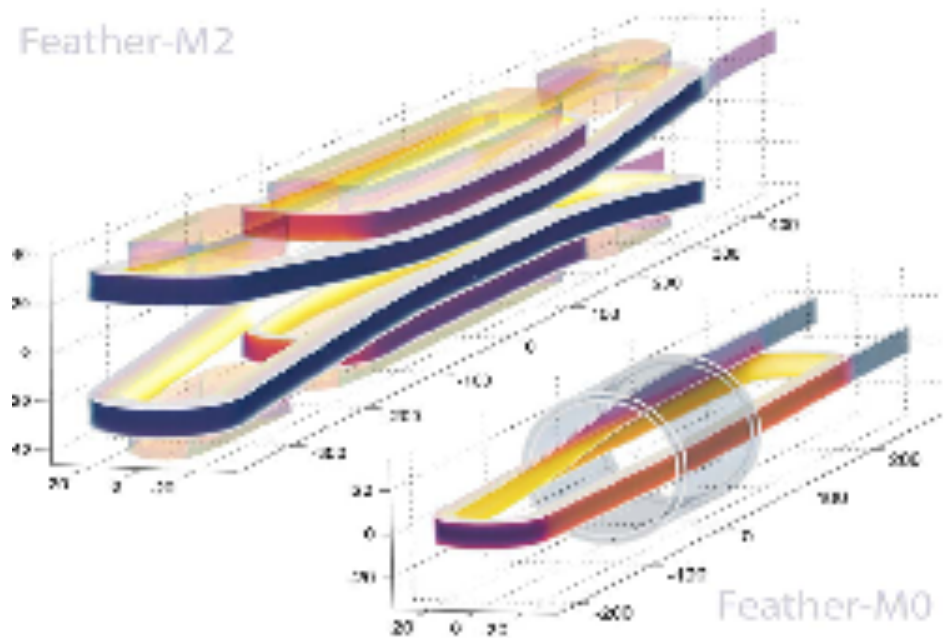


Favorable geometry for tape



# EuCARD-2 “Feather” Insert

5T, 40mm aperture  
accelerator quality demonstrator  
to produce 17 – 20 Tesla when inserted  
into FRESCA-2 (100 m bore)



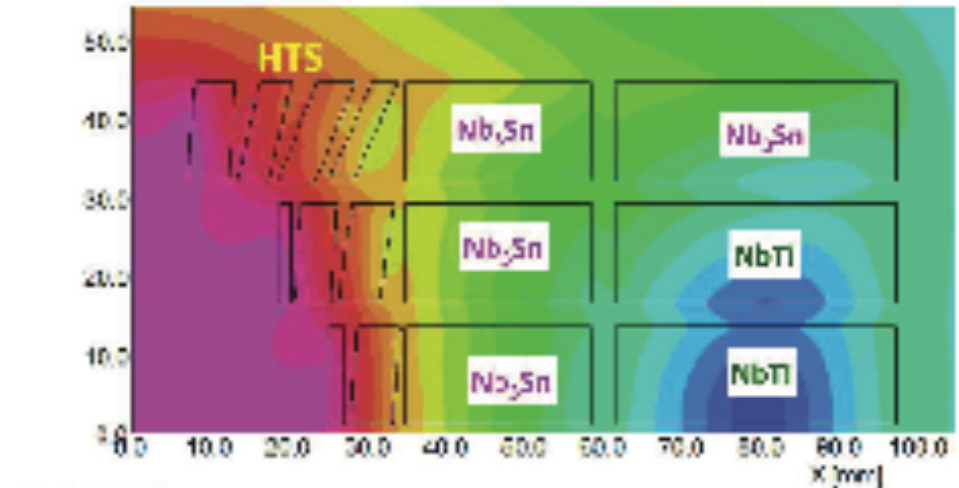
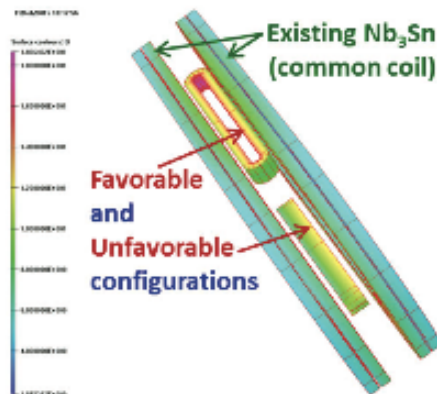
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# BNL 20T Hybrid Design and Insert Tests



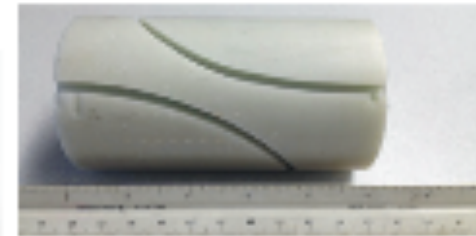
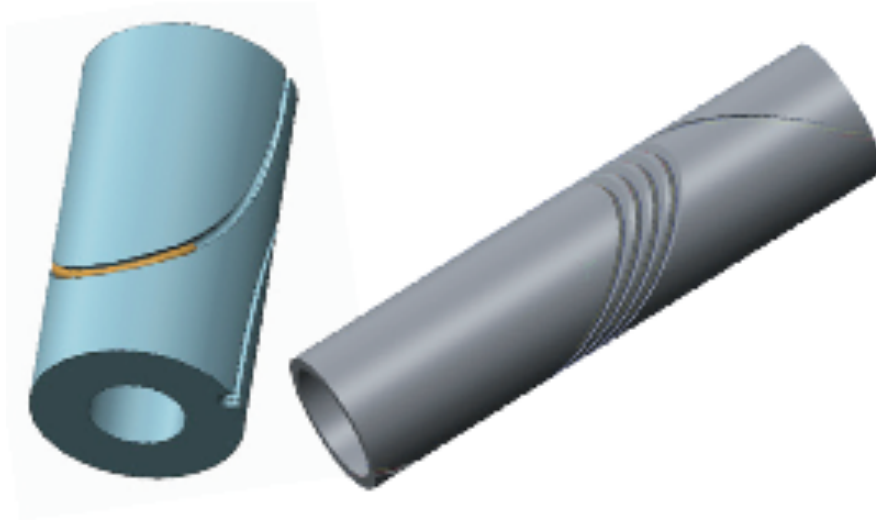
10T Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Common Coil  
for inset tests



Gupta, et al., Proceedings of IPAC15



# Stacked Tapes and CORC® Canted-Cosine Theta (CCT)



Develop insert testing  
infrastructure using 10T CCT

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# What is Driving the Field Forward?

- Some talk of 7.5 TeV with 11T (Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn) lattice inserts
- HE-LHC still buzzing – 20T (Hybrids or all-HTS?)
- FCC - ee, hh
- CepC, SppS
- Nuclear Physics in the US – Electron Ion Collider
  - IR's, high heat loads in some areas
- High Intensity Neutrino Sources?
- Special applications, e.g. high heat loads, high operating temperature, cryogen-free





## Our new role?

- We are neither the chicken nor the egg.
- In the process of fulfilling program needs we demonstrate feasibility with the hope of creating a market we can leverage.
  - We need to pay more attention to the latter by working closely with industry and university partners.
- Fusion program could help with cost and development. On parallel paths in some areas.



# Collaboration is Key

- In the context of a future high energy pp collider collaboration is essential.
- We should not fear competition, we should embrace it.
- The best way to win?

**Run faster!**