

Innovative Superconducting Magnets: IFAST's approach with Canted Cosine Theta based on High-Temperature Superconductor

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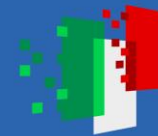




Summary



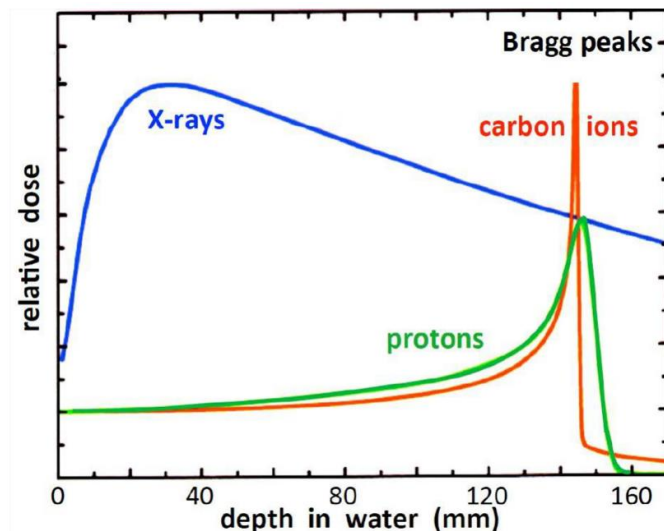
- Hadron therapy application: Magnet parameters
- IFAST WP8: Scope and demonstrators;
- CCT based on HTS:
 - Preliminary design
 - Geometry, magnetic design, quench protection analysis
 - AC losses, R&D advancements, Test in the frame of IRIS
- Sinergy IRIS-I.FAST
- Conclusions



Medical application: Hadron Therapy

- Hadron therapy is a medical treatment that uses carbon ions and protons to cure cancer.
- Carbon ions are more effective for tumours resistant to traditional therapy and protons, but their use is limited by the size and cost of the needed infrastructure.

Relative dose versus depth for different radiations¹.

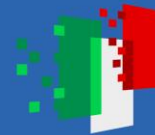


The treatment room at CNAO (National Centre for Oncological Hadrontherapy).



¹Collings, Edward W., et al. "Accelerators, Ganties, Magnets and Imaging Systems for Particle Beam Therapy: Recent Status and Prospects for Improvement." *Frontiers in Oncology* 11 (2022): 737837





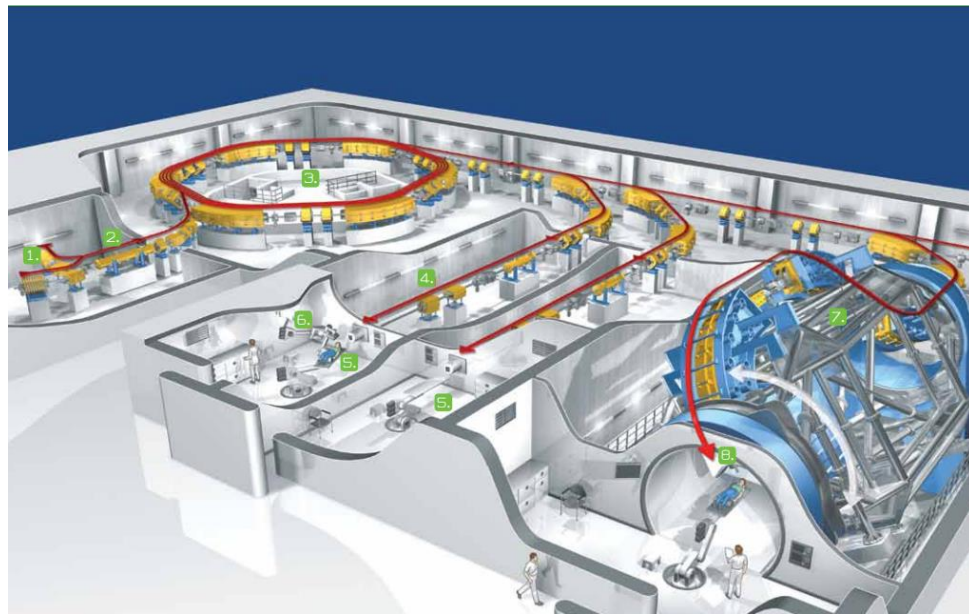
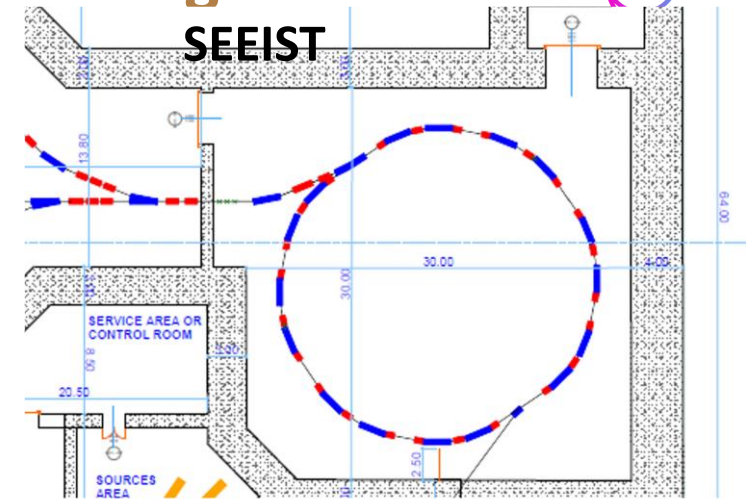
Medical Facilities – dimensions strictly depend on the magnetic field



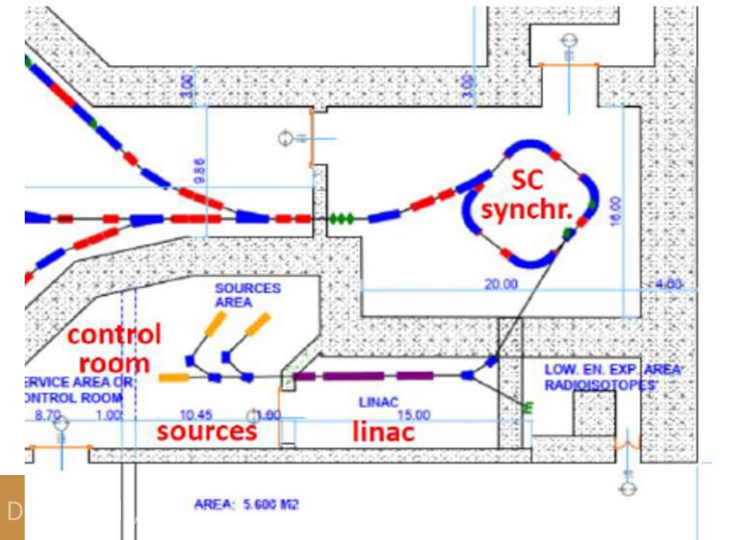
Accelerator hall in case of standard resistive magnet synchrotron vs case of using SC magnets

HIT - Heidelberg Ion Beam Therapy Center

Resistive dipoles 1.5 T
Curvature radius of about 4.5 m



Four 90 degree dipoles at 3.5 T
Curvature radius of about 2 m



Courtesy of E. Benedetto (SEEIST)





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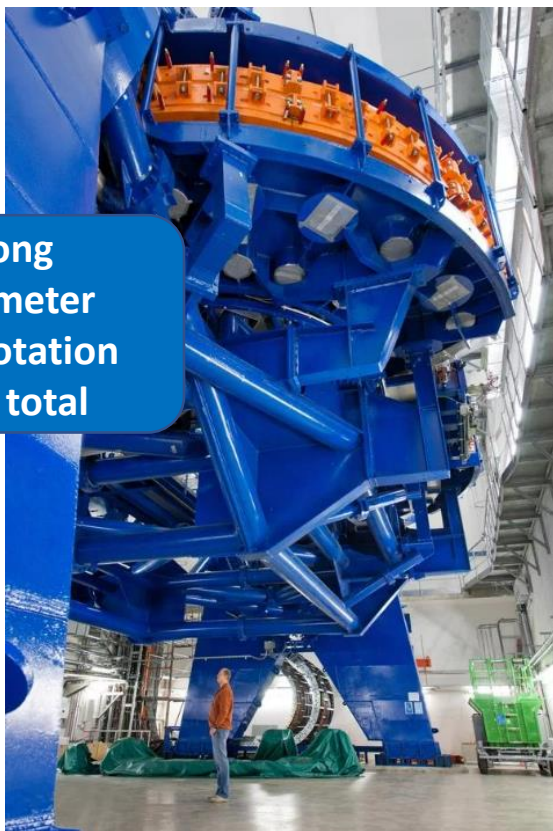


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Heavy Ion Therapy Rotating Gantry in the world

HIT - Heidelberg Ion Beam Therapy Center
(first in EU) – normal conducting magnets ($B < 2$ T)



25 m long
13 m diameter
600 tons rotation
670 tons total

Japan - HIMAC (Heavy Ion Medical Accelerator in Chiba):
First SC Gantry in operation 2018 ($B < 3$ T);
Yamagata University Gantry:
Second Gantry in operation 2023 ($B_{max} 3.5$ T).

Cryocooled dry SC magnet

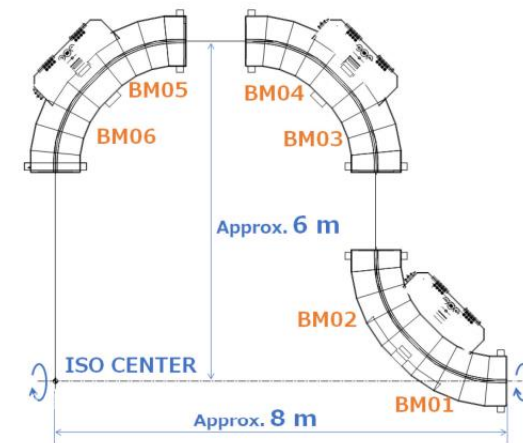
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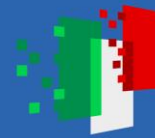


13 m
300 tons



Yamagata





Superconducting magnets for Ion Therapy Gantry and Accelerators

Main advantages:

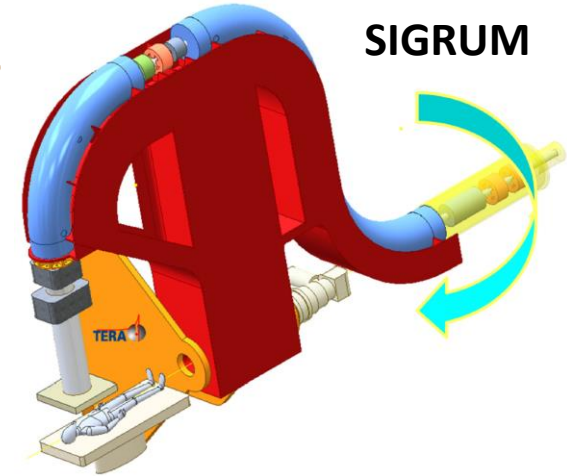
- Reduction of weight (300 → 50 ÷ 100 tons)
 - Reduce the number of magnets ($B = 3 \rightarrow 4$ T)
- Footprint and cost reduction
 - Gantry cost is about 25% of facility cost;
 - Total cost of facility is about 200-250 Meuro (50 Meuro for the gantry);
 - Compact accelerator and gantry → less civil construction.
- Reduce Power consumption (SC vs NC magnets);

Main disadvantage:

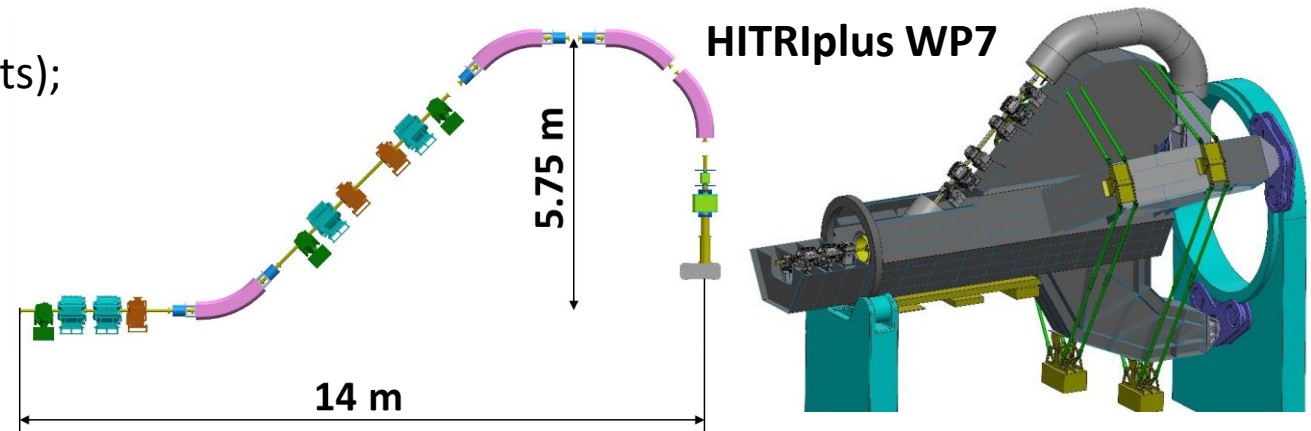
- Need of cryogenic system (Top > 4.7 K, no liquid helium);

SC Magnet Target

$B = 4$ T
 $\Theta = 45^\circ$
 Top = 4.7 K
 $dB/dt = 0.4$ T/s
 Curv. Radius = 1.65 m



Carbon Ion Beam rigidity $B\rho = 6.6$ Tm



Courtesy of E. Felcini, M. Pullia (CNAO) and L. Piacentini (CERN - Riga)

I.FAST WP8 – Innovative superconducting magnets



Form a permanent **European Strategy Group**, open to worldwide partners, to discuss the European strategy **for HTS magnets for accelerators**, and to improve Industry involvement in this technology;

Exploring **Canted Cosine Theta with HTS superconductor (main goal)**, preceded by a **combined function CCT based on LTS** → involving the industries that want to learn about the CCT magnets;

Construction of the two demonstrators: winding and magnet assembly, magnet test and validation



Program based on CORC and CCT layout led by X. Wang & S. Prestemon

CORC® By Advanced Conductor Technologies



CCT dipole
4 T target
Ø = 80 mm;
L ≤ 1000 mm



Courtesy of Xiaorong Wang





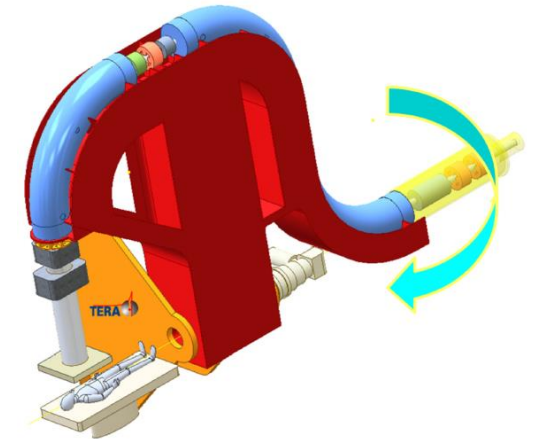
I.FAST - Parameters of magnet demonstrators



Parameters	Values		Unit
Magnet type	CCTs		-
	LTS	HTS	
Geometry	Straight		-
Central magnetic field B_0	4		T
Magnetic and physical length	0.8, 1		m
Bore diameter	80		mm
dB/dt	0.4		T/s
Operation temperature	4.7	10 – 20	K
Loadline margin (@4.7 K) static	25		%
Superconductor	NbTi	RebCo tape	-

Superconducting Rotating Gantry

Light and compact
weight < 100 ton
Cost reduction
Energy saving
Cryogenic system



Carbon Ions beam rigidity

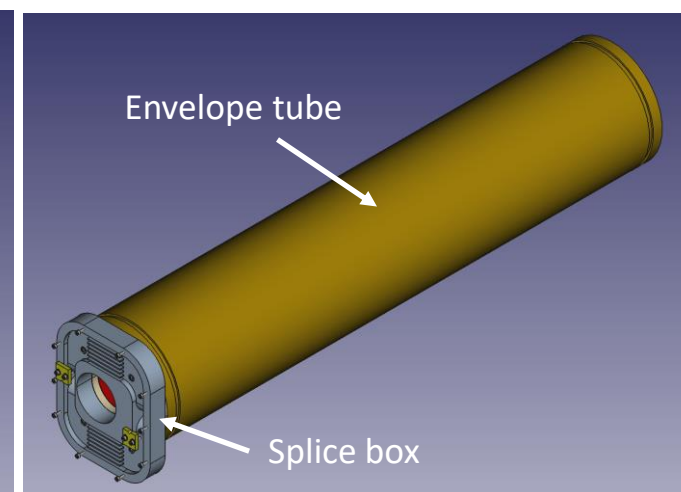
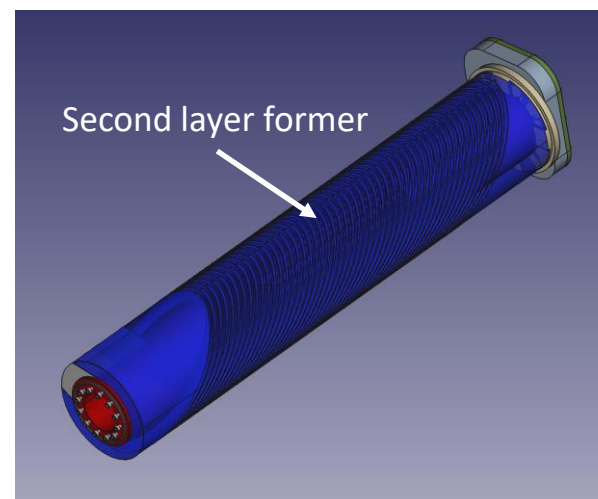
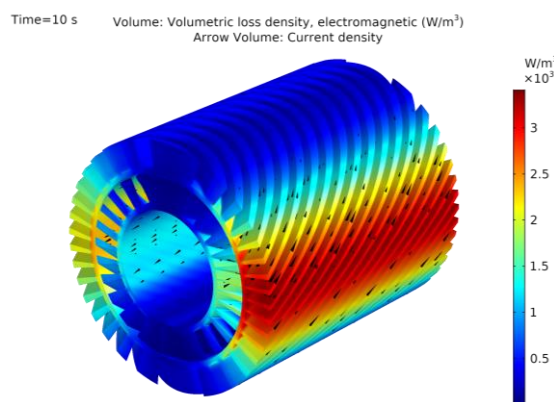
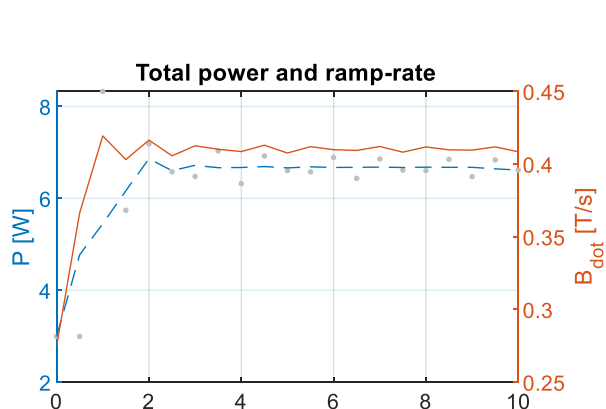
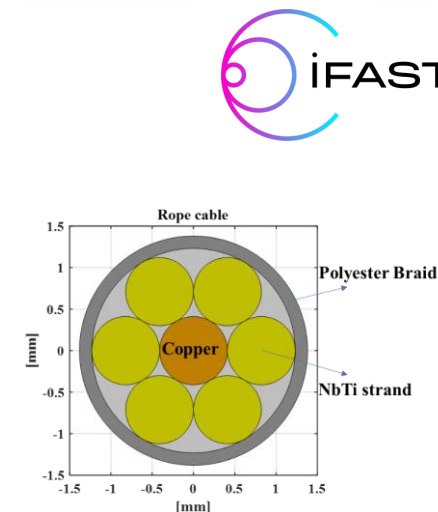
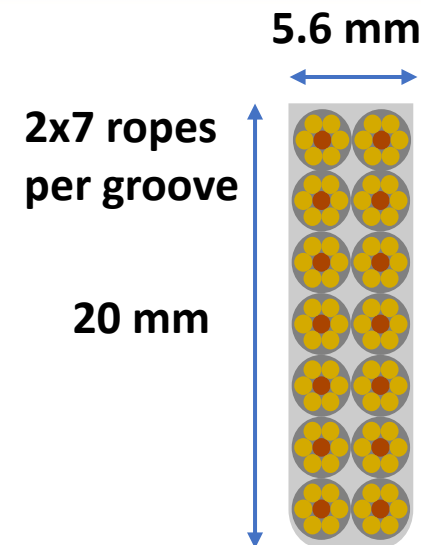
Magnet parameters as HITRIplus and SIG/SIGRUM (now EUROSIG) programs focused on Hadron Therapy magnet

Straight geometry → HTS is already difficult enough!

I.FAST WP8 – CCT based on LTS

Combined CCT based on LTS (rope 6 NbTi + 1 copper strand as HITRIplus):

- 4 T dipole + 5 T/m quadrupole (important feature to test it for CCT);
- Ramped at 0.2- 0.4 T/s → challenge is the heat extraction generated by superconductor, and former;
- Straight geometry, Top of 4.5 K, nominal current of 1.5 kA;
- Demonstrator for testing the combined feature of CCT and thermal study of AC losses;
- Former made in Al-Br, wax impregnation;
- No iron yoke on the final demonstrator;
- **Assembly ready for production** (middle of 2024 test).



Preliminary Design of HTS CCT Magnet



Work done by Thibault Lecomte (CEA)



Report¹ on the conceptual design study of the HTS CCT:

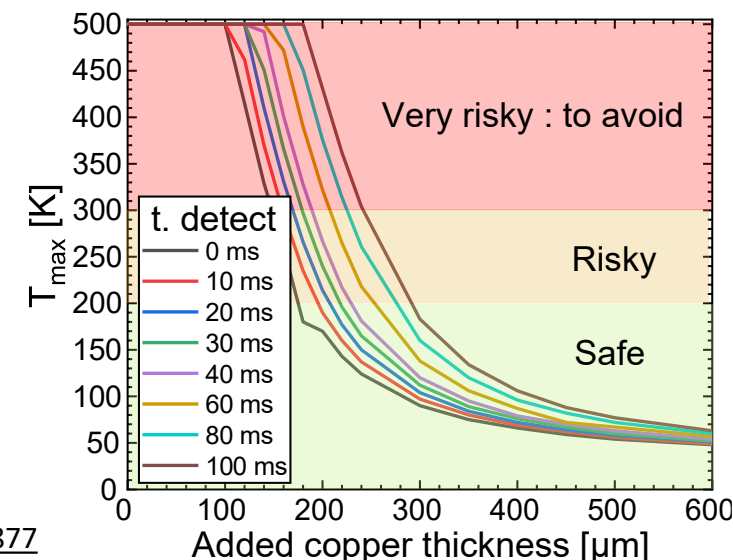
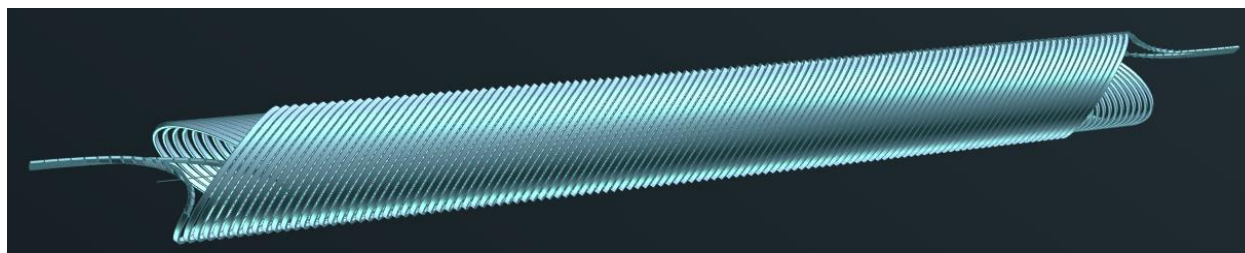
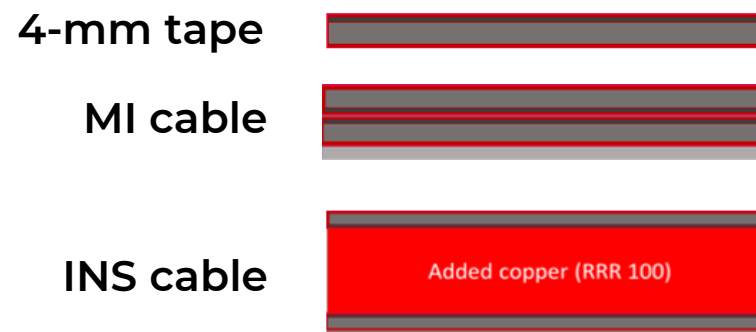
- Baseline (4 T dipole @ 10 K, > 15 K of margin);
- Superconductor ReBCO (Tapes) – SST $I_c = 650 \text{ A @ (15 K, 5 T)}$;
- Cooling with cryocoolers → low current (< 2kA) to avoid high losses in current leads.

Two preliminary designs (No iron):

- “**Metal Insulation-like**” design with 2 tapes cable (550 A x 2 tapes x 14 cables)
- “**Insulated-like**” design (added copper to the conductor);

The protection aspect is the critical point for both:

- No classical protection for the MI;
- $V_d < 5 \text{ mV}$ in 13 V, <60 ms detect for the INS, adding more than 260 μm of copper.



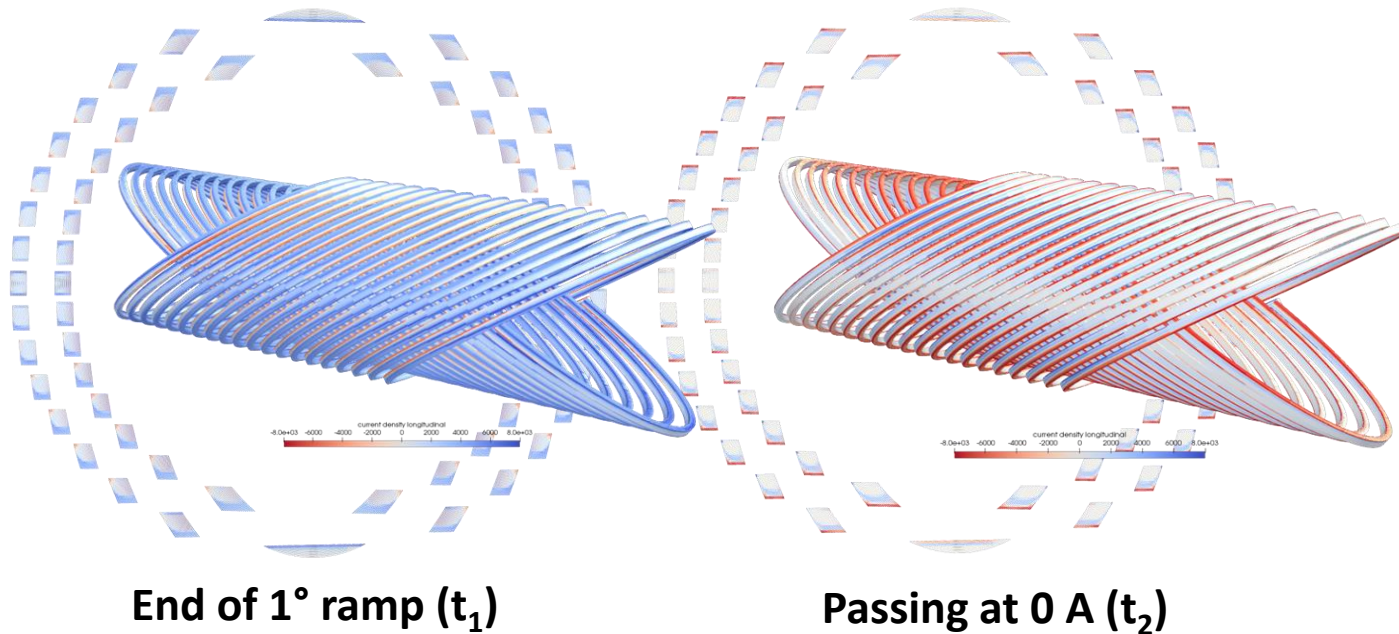
¹T. Lecomte, “Conceptual Design of HTS Magnet”, IFAST WP8.3 Milestone 33, Zenodo, <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6979877>



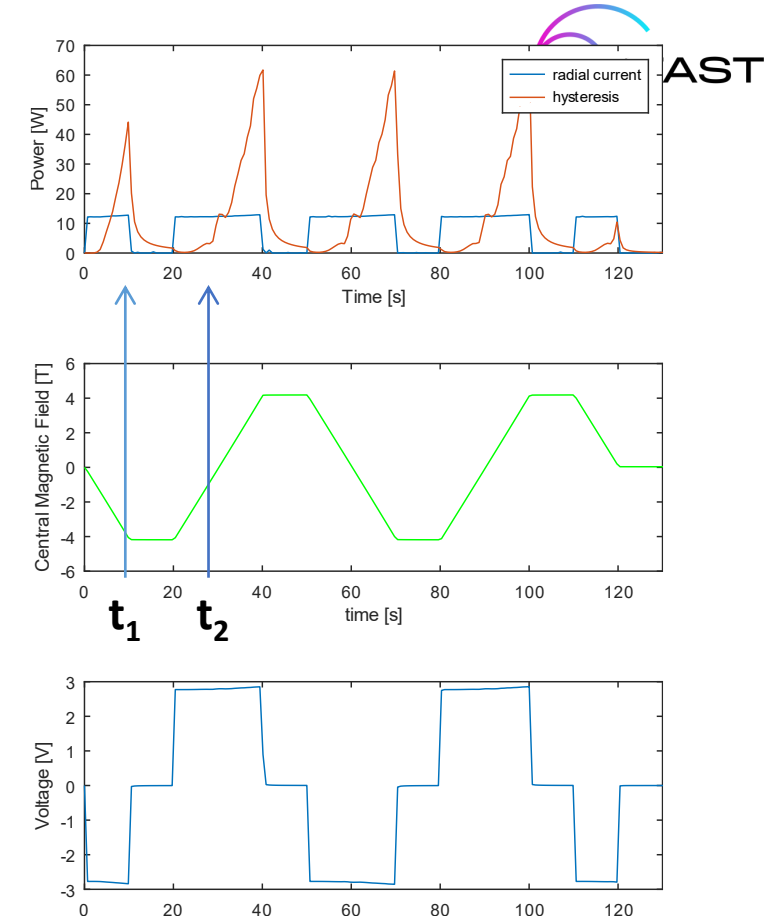


AC losses calculation for preliminary design HTS Magnet

current distribution in subscale model (20 turns) for a ± 4 T cycle



- High AC losses for the full scale magnet (~ 100 W peak for ± 4 T cycle, ~ 50 W peak for 0-4 T cycle $25 \Omega \text{ cm}^2$)
- Estimated adiabatic heating in one cycle gives + 8 K
- Difficult to extract by cryocoolers at 10 K



Further design¹ of the HTS magnet

Collaboration between Little Beast Engineering (Jeroen van Nugteren) and INFN LASA

4T dipole with a new Top of 20 K (> 10 K of margin):

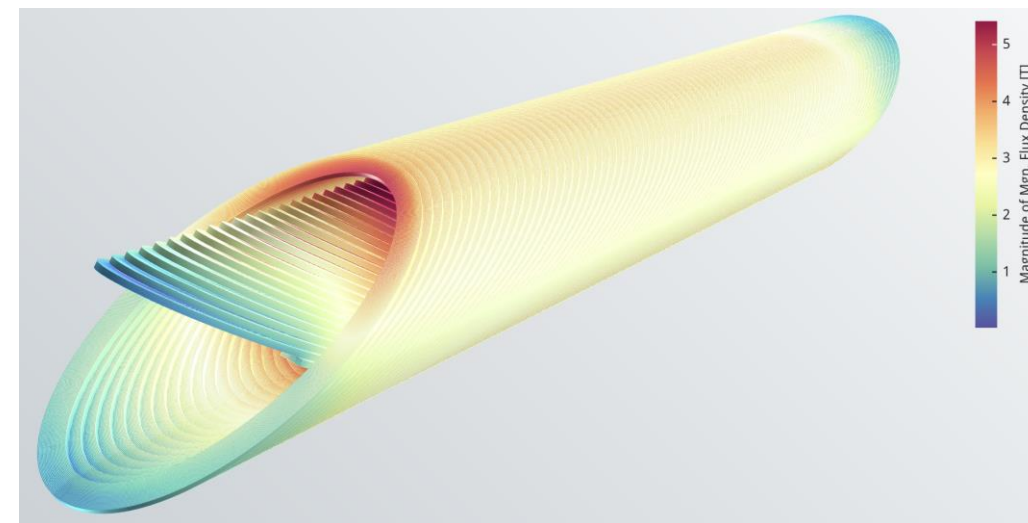
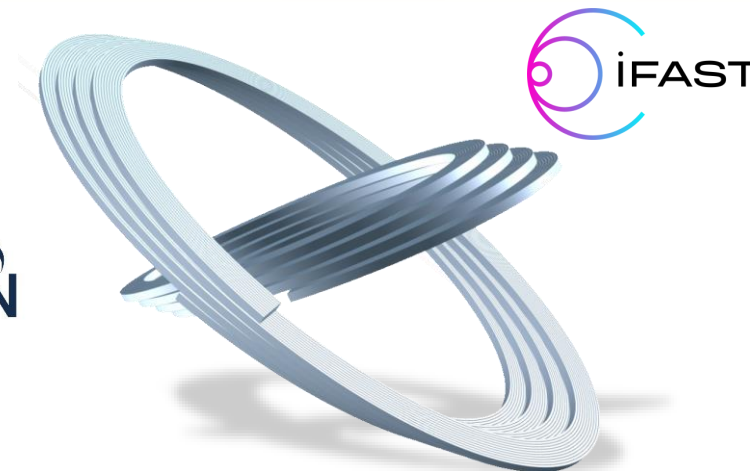
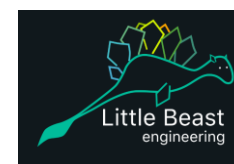
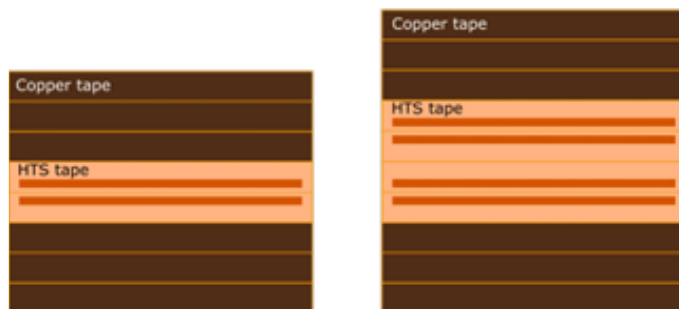
- Superconductor ReBCO (Tapes) -Fujikura 660 A @ (20K, 5T);
- Frenet-Serret frame used for the conductor geometry;

Insulation option for the conductor with Cu stabilizer is pursued.

Two further design options:

- 2-tapes cable (980 A)
- 4-tapes cable (1990 A)

Soldering all tapes inside the cable under consideration;



¹S. Sorti, E. De Matteis, "First Engineering design of HTS demonstrator", IFAST WP8 Deliverable 8.3, Zenodo, <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7930115>



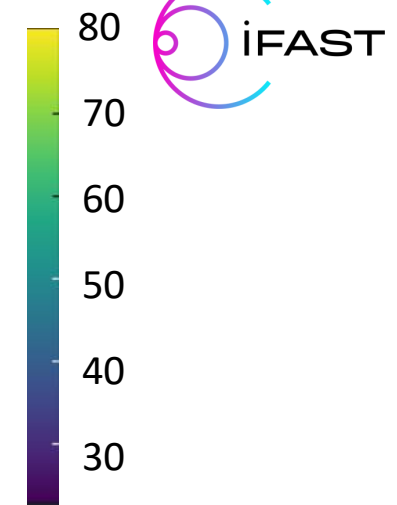
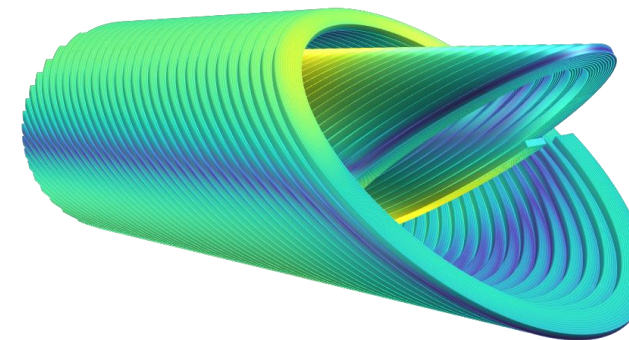
Magnetic design

- Accelerator-level **field-quality** (integral below-unit), no iron yoke (shielding open problem);
- **Loadline margin** expectably 20-25% (reference tape has 660 A at 20 K, 5 T with a current-per-tape in cable of 500 A);

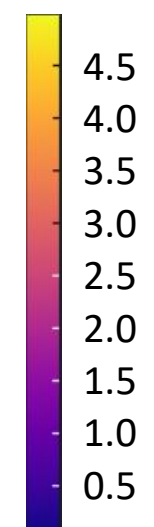
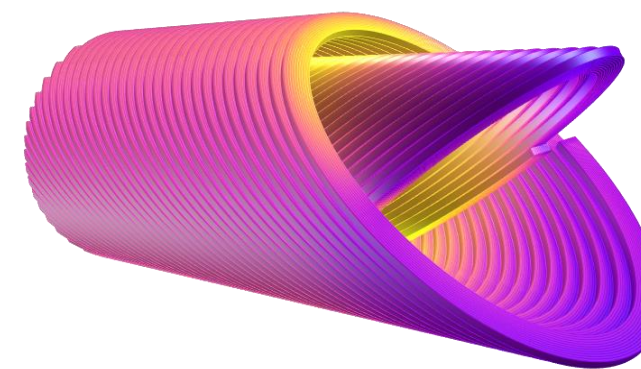
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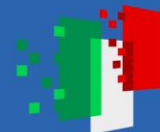
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A2	2.99e-05	0.09		B2	-1.93e-04	-0.57	
A3	1.31e-05	0.04		B3	1.70e-04	0.50	
A4	4.55e-06	0.01		B4	-5.32e-05	-0.16	
A5	2.07e-06	0.01		B5	-3.96e-05	-0.12	
A6	4.73e-07	0.00		B6	1.75e-06	0.01	
A7	3.48e-07	0.00		B7	6.73e-06	0.02	
A8	-2.70e-07	-0.00		B8	1.04e-08	0.00	
A9	5.55e-08	0.00		B9	-1.36e-07	-0.00	
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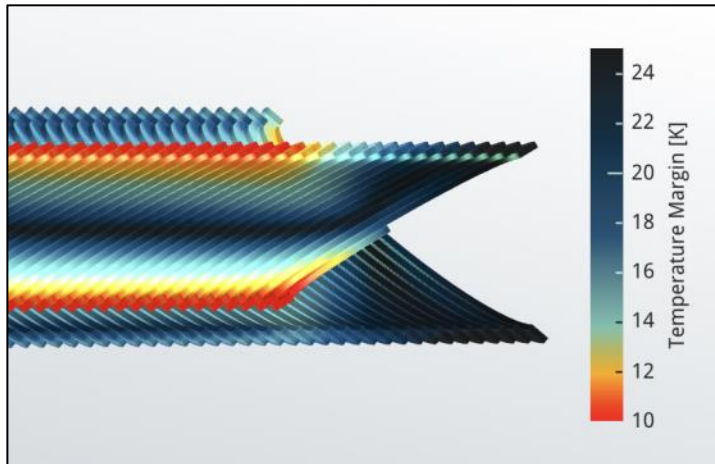


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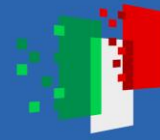
Temperature margin and Quench protection



- Temperature margin of 10 K but most of the conductor with even higher margin;
- **Quench protection** system is being demanded for better performances:
 1. Inductive signal to be compensated;
 2. Higher V_d , above AC losses voltage (which is ~ 50 mV);
 3. Push the detection time to the lowest limit possible.
 4. Varistor unit?

	Two HTS tapes		Four HTS tapes	
	350 μm	600 μm	700 μm	
V_{Th}	0.2 V	0.2 V	0.3 V	
t_d [s]	$T_{hot-spot}$ [K]	$T_{hot-spot}$ [K]	$T_{hot-spot}$ [K]	
0.01	224	224	241	
0.02	235	238	252	
0.03	242	252	264	
0.04	253	268	277	
0.05	263	284	290	
0.06	275	302	304	

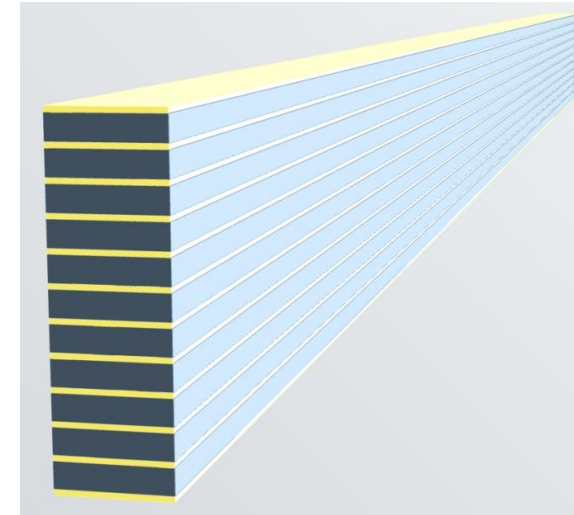




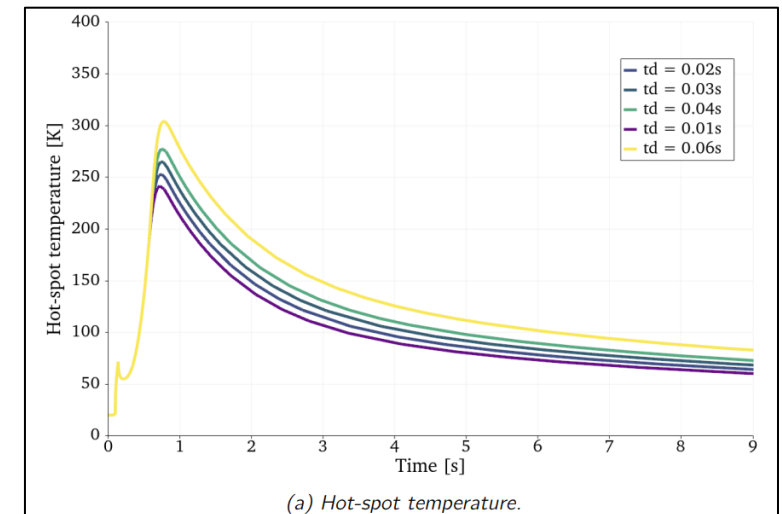
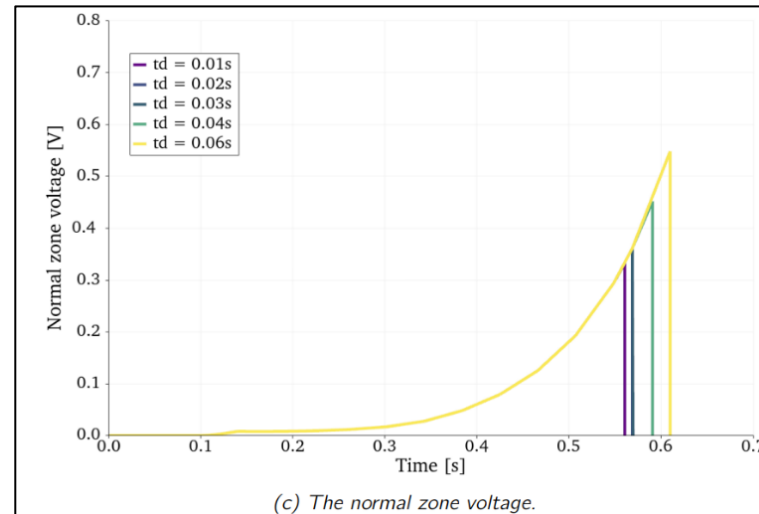
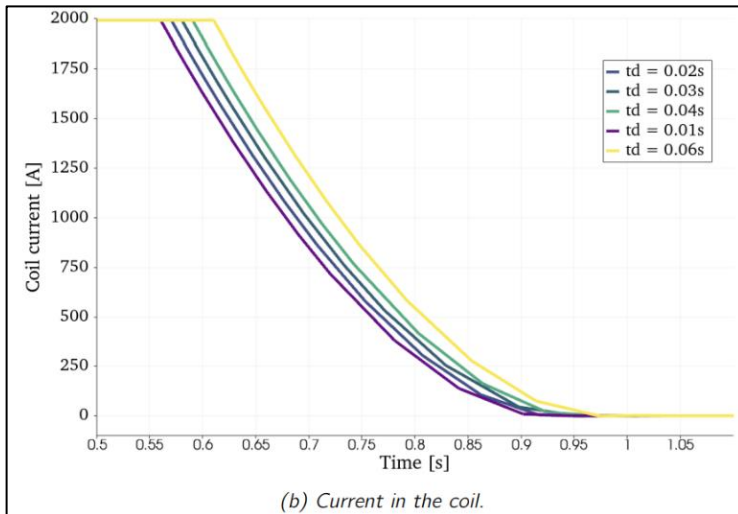
Quench analysis

Adiabatic quench analysis:

- A transverse background field of 4 T is applied. The magneto resistance of the copper is also taken into account during.
- quench detection voltage threshold of 0.3 V, a protection delay of 20 ms and a protection voltage of 500 V using a varistor unit;
- 350 μm and 700 μm of Cu stabilizer for the two-tape and four-tape designs, (peak temperature within **250 K**).



200 mm long CCT layer with 11 sub-layers, four HTS tapes per sub-layer and 700 μm copper stabilizer, for different quench protection delays.



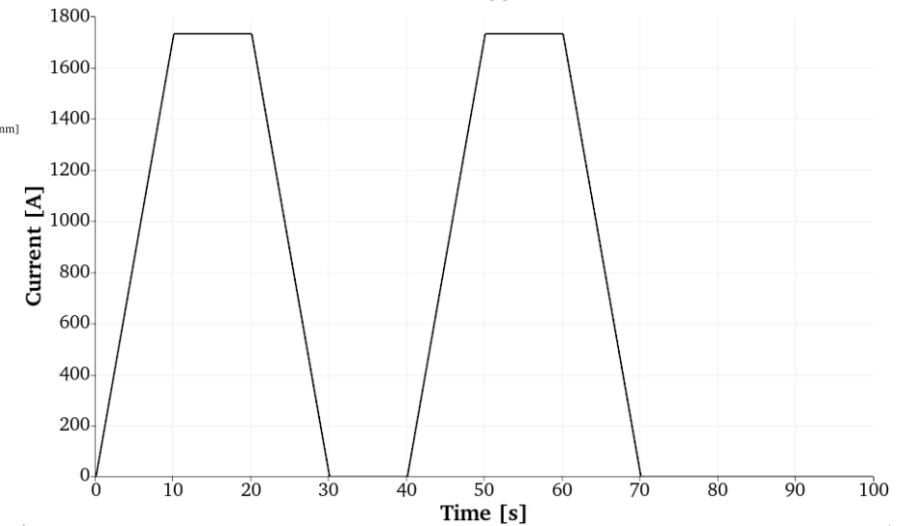
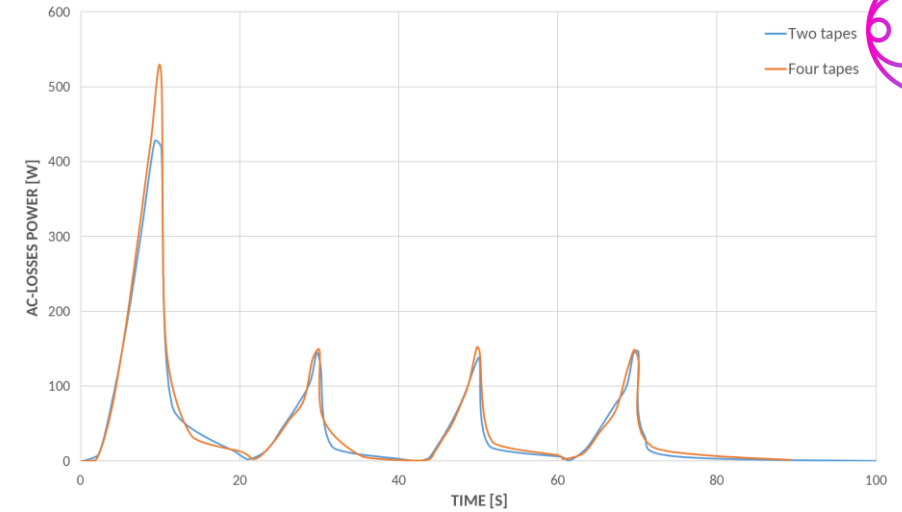
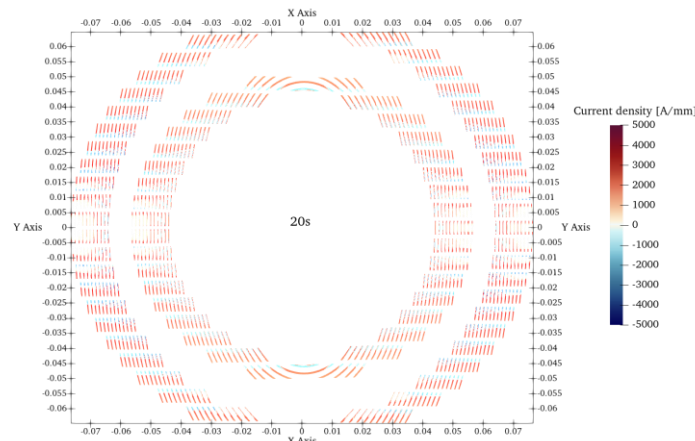
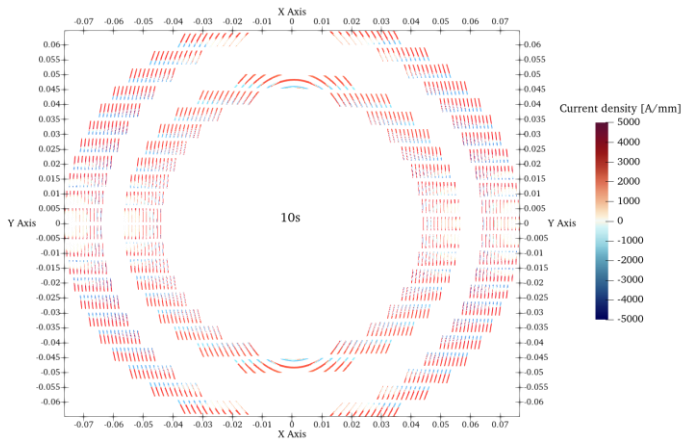


AC losses

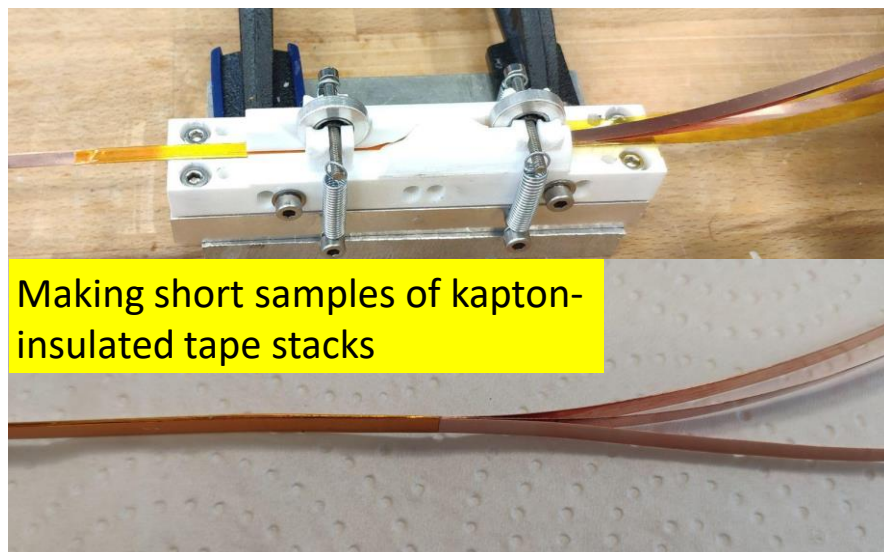
The **AC-losses** during operating for both designs are on average **50 W**. This is compatible with a conduction cooling system at 20 K.



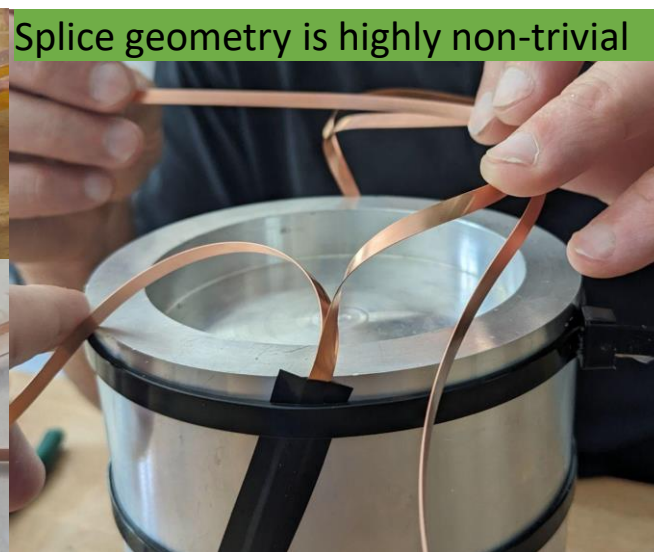
- 1) No need of helium gas;
- 2) Power efficiency of cryocooler higher at 20 K wrt 4.5 K;



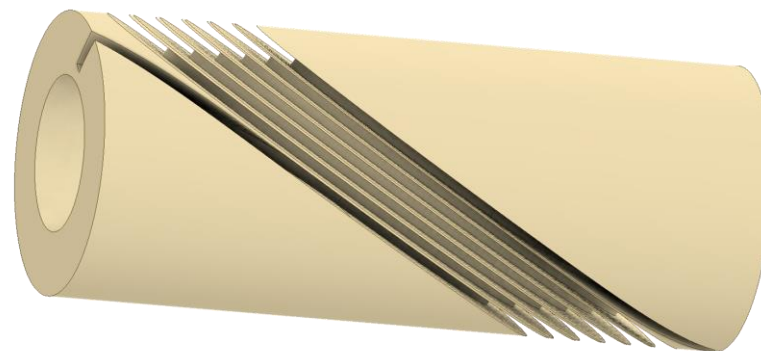
Cabling and former progress



Making short samples of kapton-insulated tape stacks

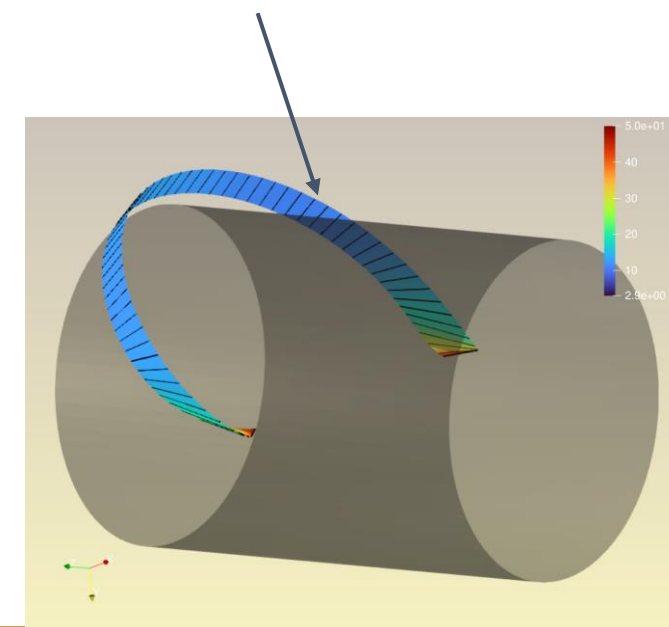


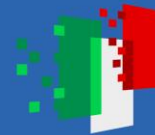
- VBScript macro to build 3D grooves (C++ → Inventor CAD)
- Variable-pitch test former designed w/ optimized start/end sections



C++ library development for tape geometry optimization

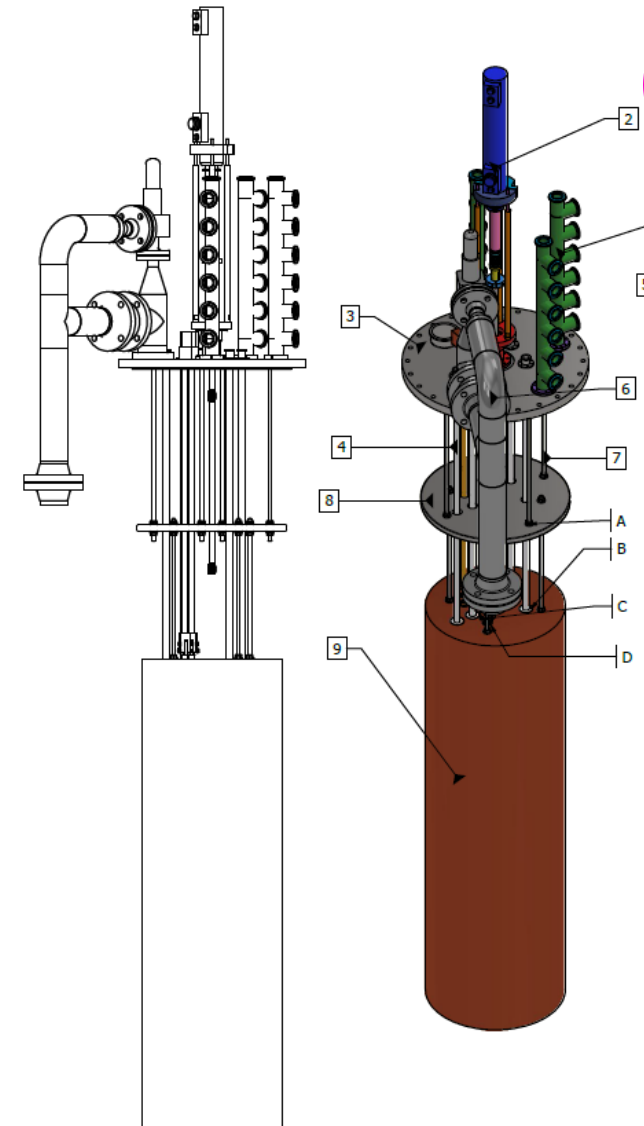
Looking for possible splice geometries





Test facility and HTS tape

- Magnet test programmed at INFN-LASA (Milan):
 - Upgrade of one test facility at INFN-LASA:
 - Customized insert for the HTS CCT (1 kA, 10 -50 K);
 - Funded in the frame of EU recovery project IRIS (presented this morning by L. Rossi);
- The procurement of HTS tape is underway by CERN (A. Ballarino);
 - Faraday Factory Japan (about 2.5 km);
 - Delivery foreseen in the next months.



Innovative Research Infrastructure on applied Superconductivity (IRIS) project

ESMA: Energy Saving Magnet for Accelerators to be an HTS, conduction-cooled magnet.

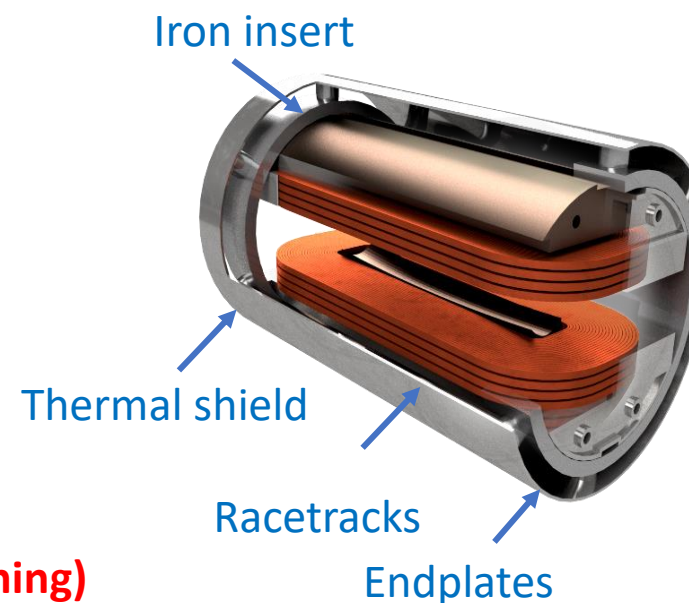
Three main scopes:

1. Start a focused program with **basic R&D on HTS**;
2. **demonstrator** for accelerator-like magnets (transverse field with accessible bore) employing HTS operating above LHe temperature: 10-20K;
3. **User magnet** for conductor and large current cable testing at INFN Genova (providing background fields in the 2 – 10 T range).



See talk of L. Rossi (this morning)

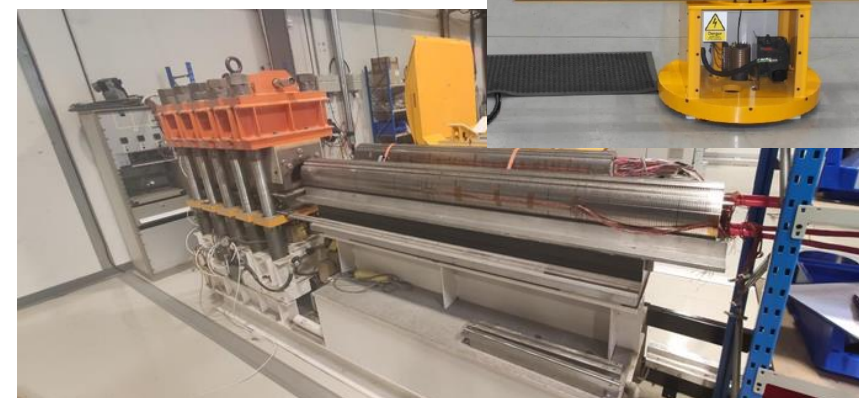
Technology-wise it serves both for FCC or Muon-C magnets, but in general for future Accelerator magnets oriented to Energy saving.



Central field B_0 (min. accept)	tesla	10 (8)
Free aperture	mm	∅70
Good field region uniformity	N/A	±1.5%
Good field region extension	mm	H50xV30xL350
Operating temperature	K	20

Synergy IRIS - I.FAST (and beyond)

- Preparation of the facility for cold measurements;
 - I.FAST CCT based on HTS will be a conduction-cooled magnet as ESMA dipole;
- Common studies related to the joint/splice technology;
 - Tests ongoing at LASA for ESMA;
 - Cold measurements for the I.FAST CCT;
- Superconducting Magnet Laboratory (SML) – IRIS at LASA:
 - New equipment for manufacturing small/medium size SC magnets: winding machines, ovens for heat treatment and impregnation, presses for curing, collaring and welding;
 - Additive manufacturing machines (metallic and plastic);
 - Mechanical and electrical qualification of the magnets.
- Great synergy with projects as I.FAST (especially looking at the future prospects of this and other projects).



Conclusions

- Research and medical accelerators need big size and cost infrastructure;
- Superconducting magnets, as CCT, based on superconductor can help make these structures compact and economically sustainable (reduce the power consumption);
- IFAST WP8 is oriented to explore CCT magnets based on LTS and HTS (main goal);
- IFAST CCT magnet based on ReBCo tape will operate at 20 K, conduction cooled without helium gas temperature range where the power efficiency of the cryocooler increases;
- IRIS research infrastructure can work in synergy with projects as I.FAST (especially looking at the future prospects of this and other projects).



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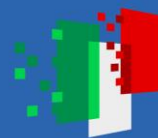




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Innovative Research Infrastructure on applied Superconductivity (IRIS) project

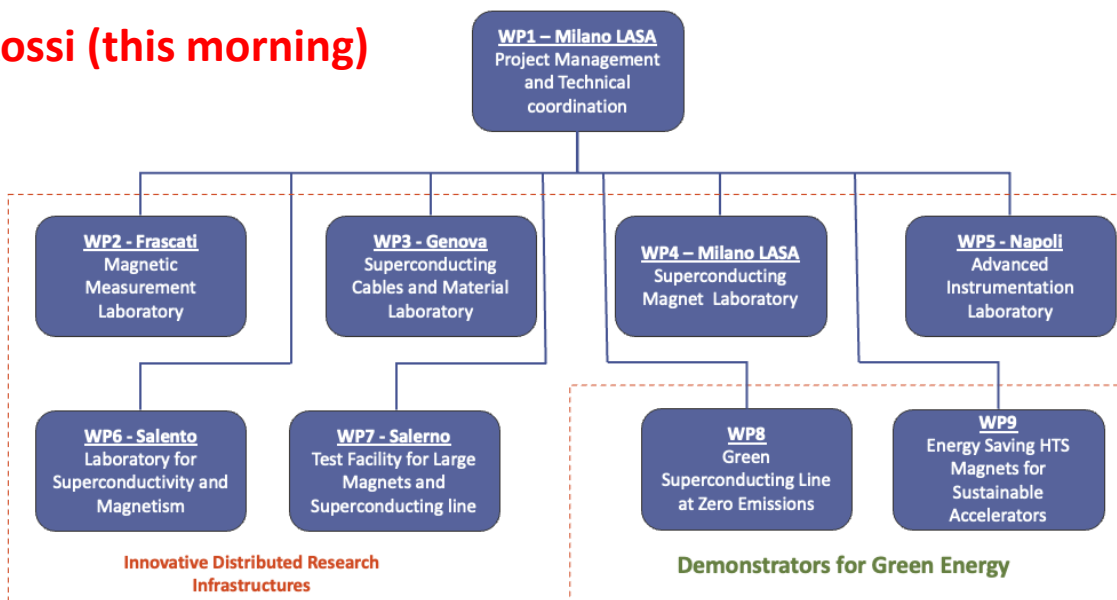
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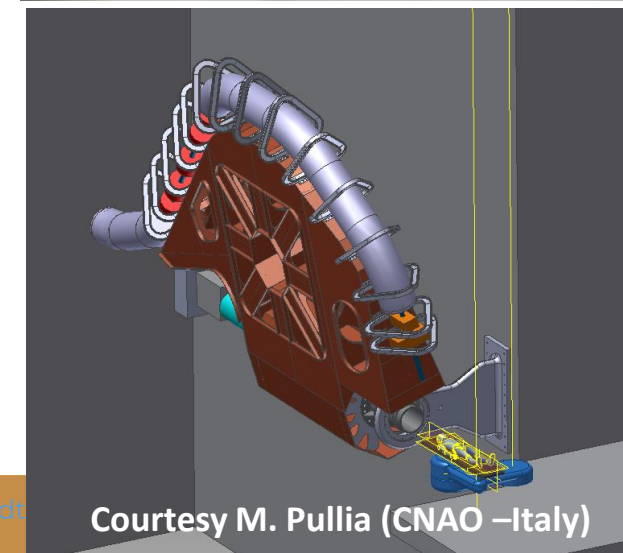
- **Ultimate goal** to contribute to **Fundamental Physics instrumentation** (particle accelerators for post-LHC era) and to Societal Applications for **green energy** and **medical applications**.
- **6 poles** for the new or renewed infrastructures: Frascati (INFN), Genova (INFN, CNR-Spin, Unige), Milano (INFN, Unimi – LASA lab), Napoli (Unina), Salento (Unisalento) e Salerno (INFN e Unisa).

LASA (Milano) is the hub and coordinates the activity

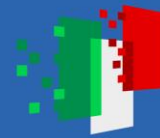
See talk of L. Rossi (this morning)



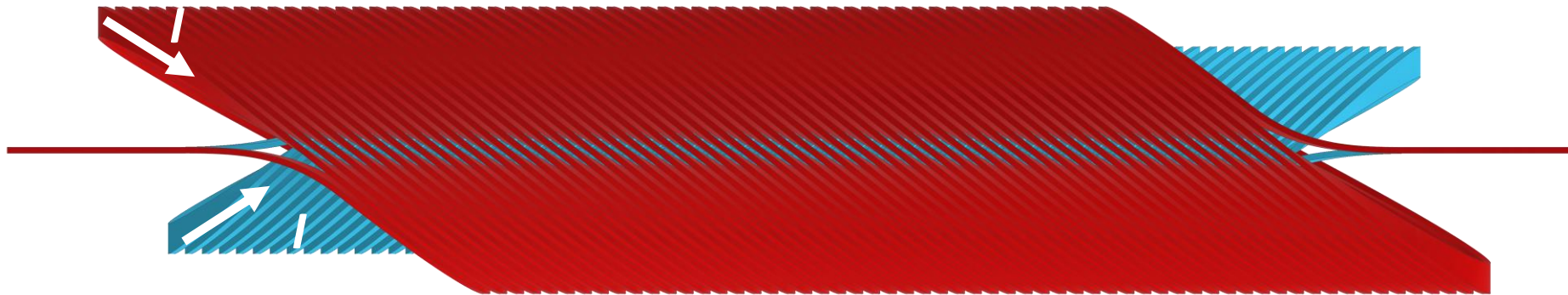
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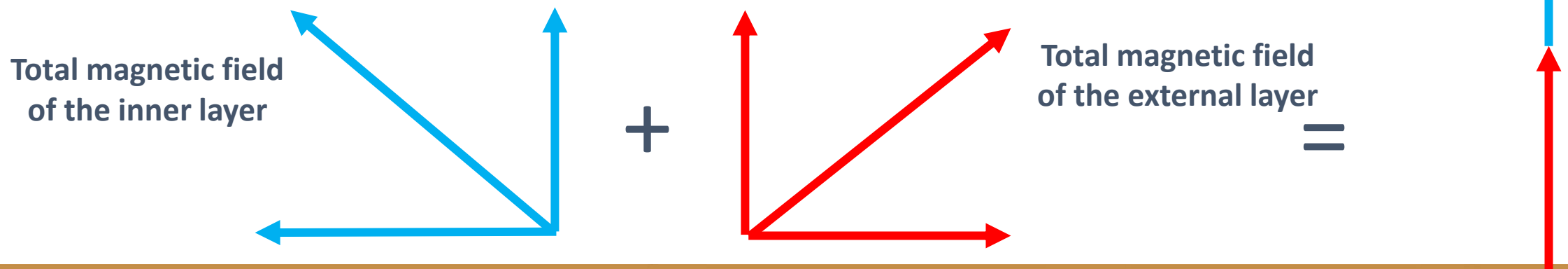
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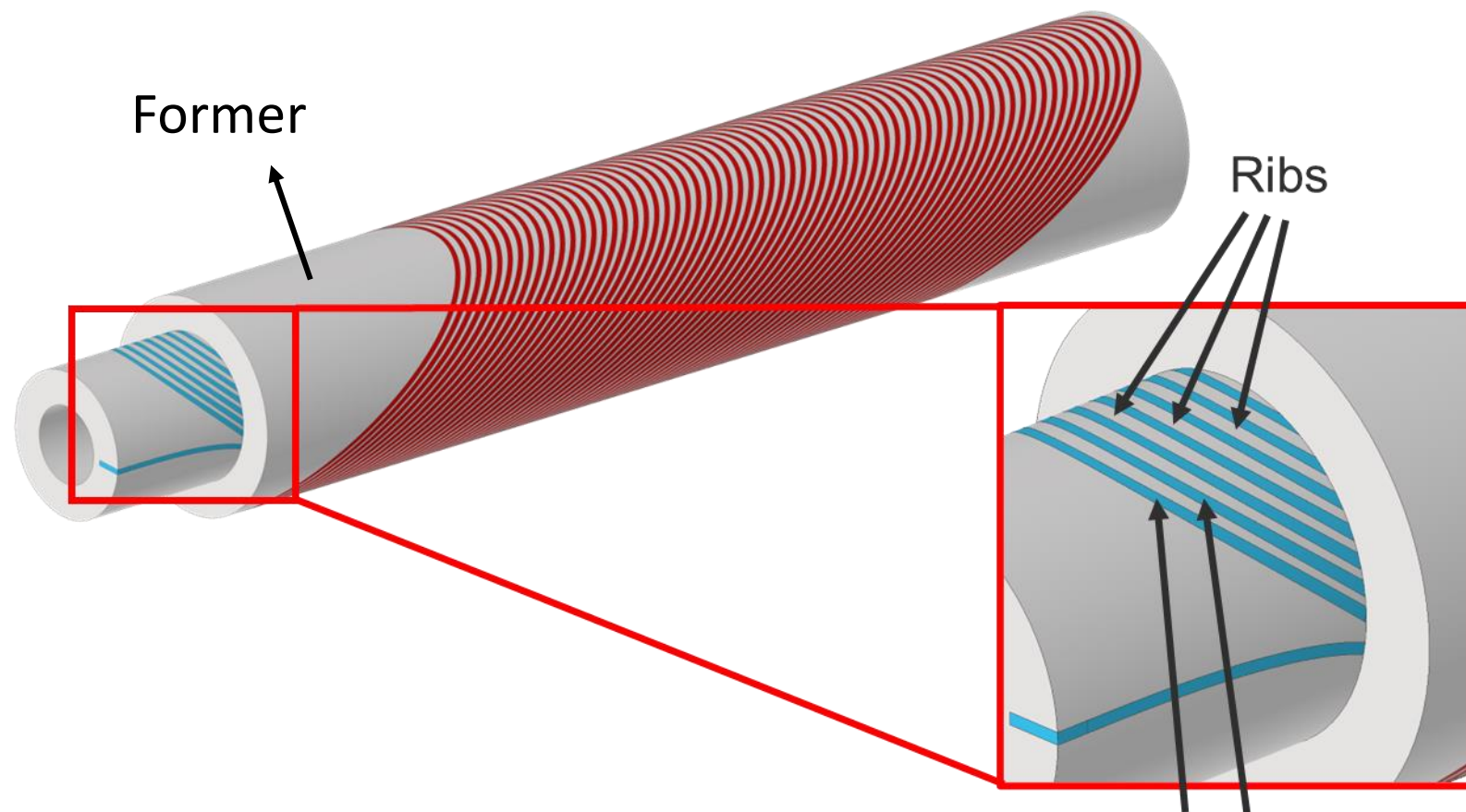
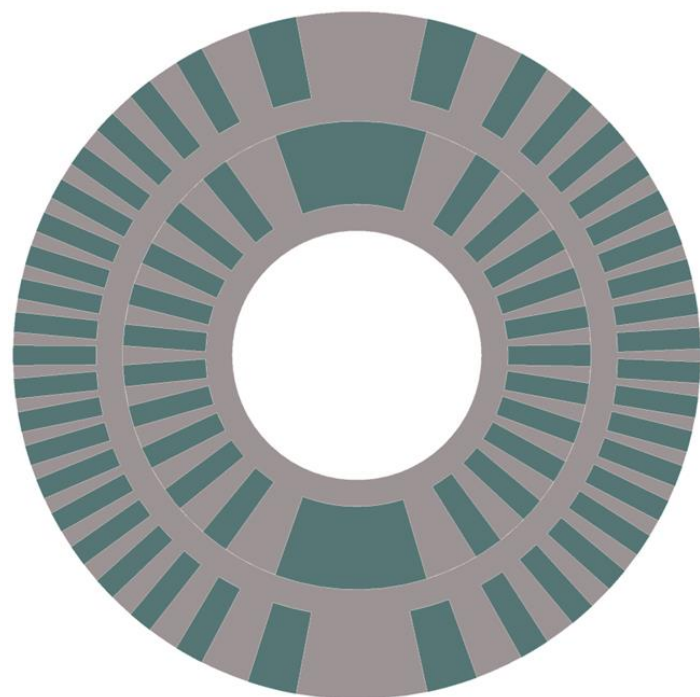
Canted-Cosine-Theta (CCT) Magnet



- Current I flows in the two conductors so that the transverse magnetic field components add up and axial field components cancel each other out.



CCT schematics¹



¹Gabriele Ceruti, "Preliminary Mechanical Design of a Superconducting Magnet Canted-Cosine-Theta (CCT) for a New Gantry for Hadron Therapy", Master Thesis, 2022. <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2808359>