



Magnetic measurement activities at CERN

Part I: projects, infrastructure and collaborations

Part II: instrumentation and techniques

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Projects, infrastructure and collaborations

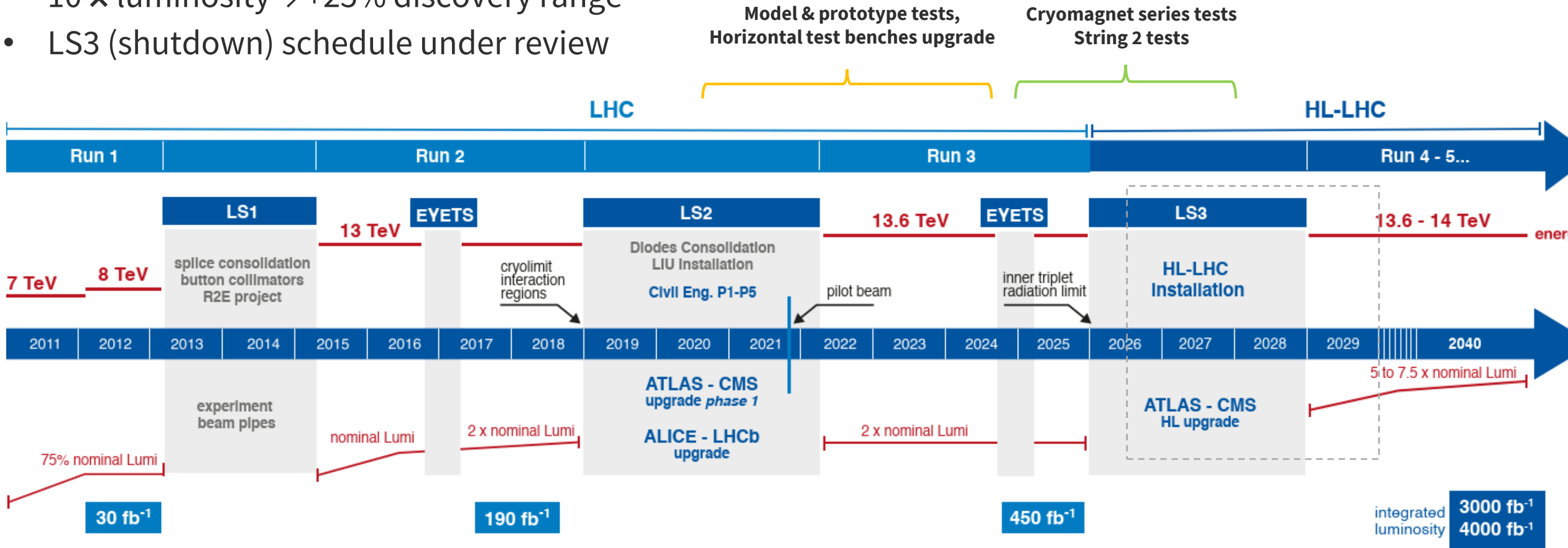
Ongoing and upcoming

High-Luminosity LHC



Highest-priority CERN project:

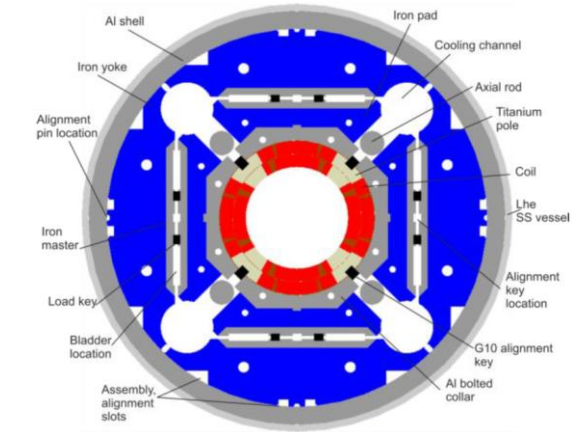
- replace rad-damaged IR quads
- 10 × luminosity → +25% discovery range
- LS3 (shutdown) schedule under review



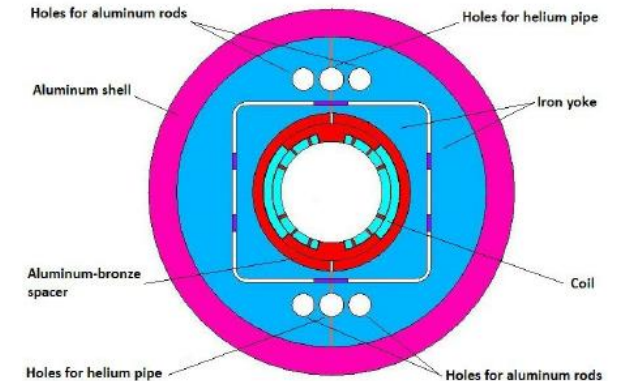
HL-LHC magnet tests

- ~50 cryoassemblies, **14 types** of main/corrector magnets
- First operational accelerator-quality Nb₃Sn magnets
- Magnetic measurement challenges:
 - Up to **Ø109 mm anticryostat bores**, 15 m rotating coil systems
 - high measurement **accuracy** required (IR region):
5 units absolute B₂, 0.1 units multipoles
 - 3× warm rotating coil systems to be **maintained remotely** on the manufacturer's premises (2 units B₂, 0.1 units multipoles)
 - warm/cold **magnetic vs mechanical axis**, **longitudinal alignment** of IR triplets (~5 mm)

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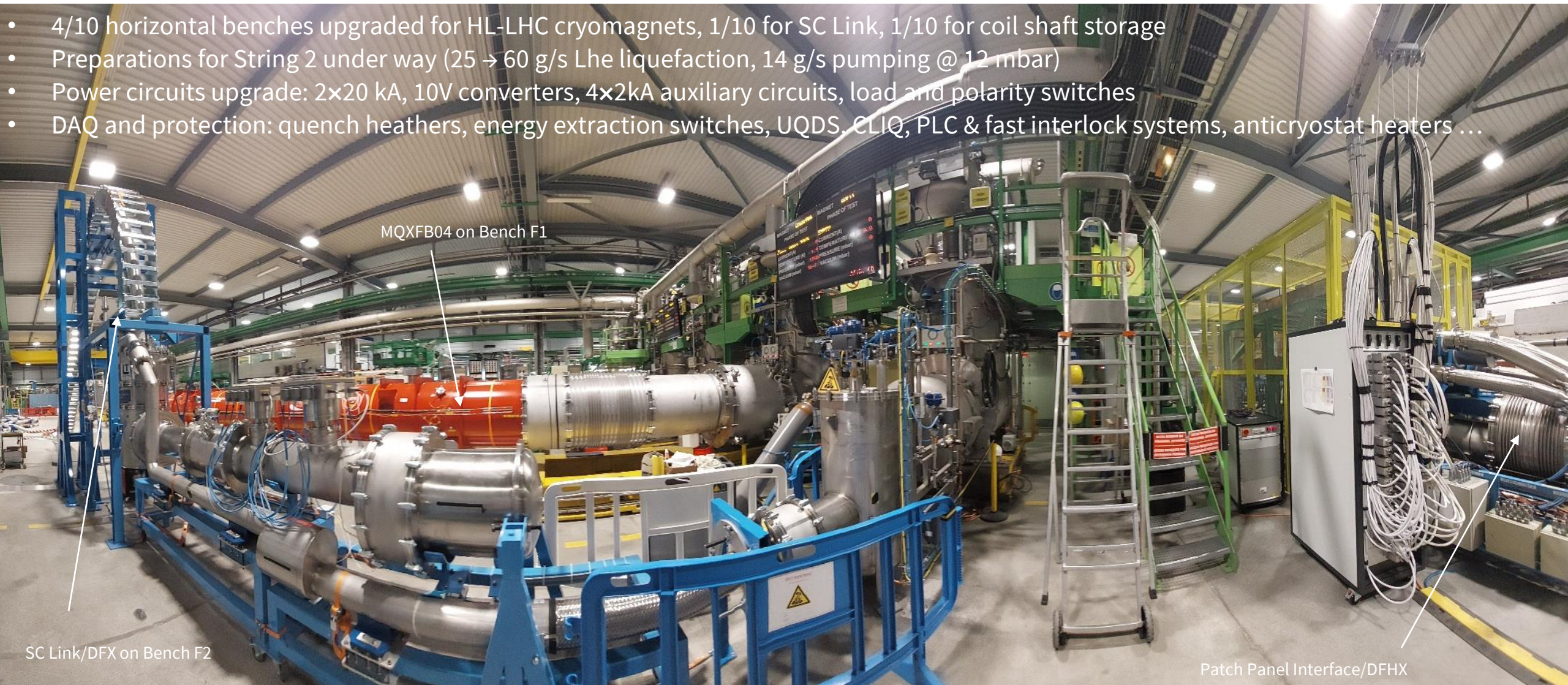
23× Nb₃Sn triplet quads (MQXF)
Ø150 mm bore, 4.2/7.15 m, 132 T/m (~11 T peak) @ 16.2 kA



7× NbTi separation/recombination dipole (MBXF)
Ø136.7 mm, 6.3 m, 5.6 T @ 12 kA

SM18 cryogenic test station upgrade

- 4/10 horizontal benches upgraded for HL-LHC cryomagnets, 1/10 for SC Link, 1/10 for coil shaft storage
- Preparations for String 2 under way (25 → 60 g/s LHe liquefaction, 14 g/s pumping @ 12 mbar)
- Power circuits upgrade: 2×20 kA, 10V converters, 4×2kA auxiliary circuits, load and polarity switches
- DAQ and protection: quench heaters, energy extraction switches, UQDS, CLIQ, PLC & fast interlock systems, anticryostat heaters ...



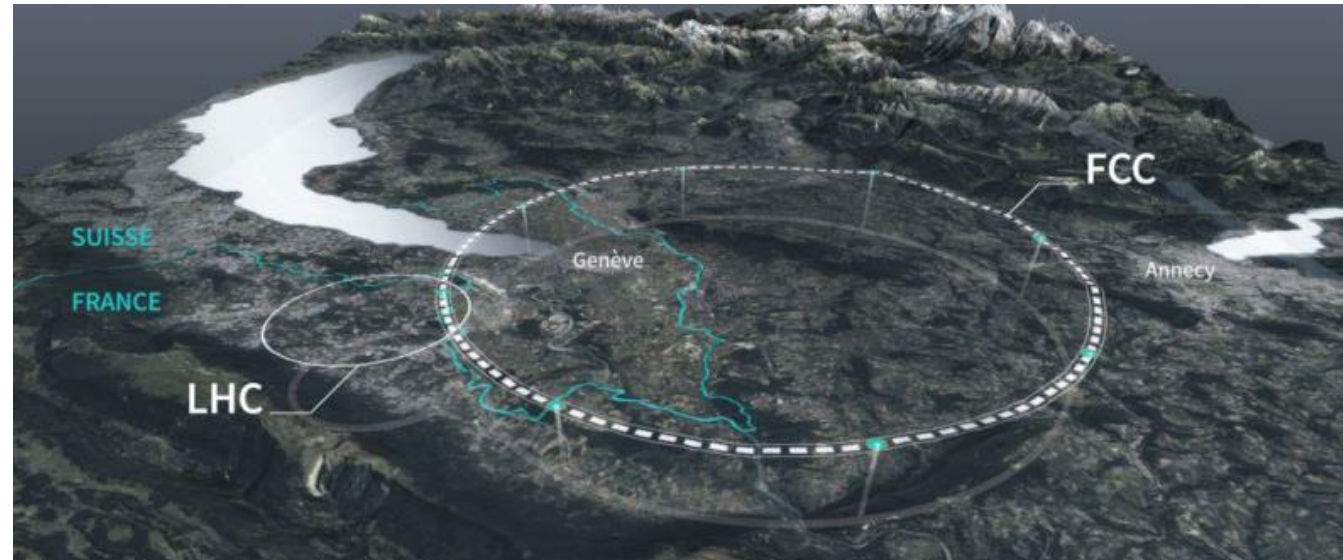
MQXFB04 on Bench F1

SC Link/DFX on Bench F2

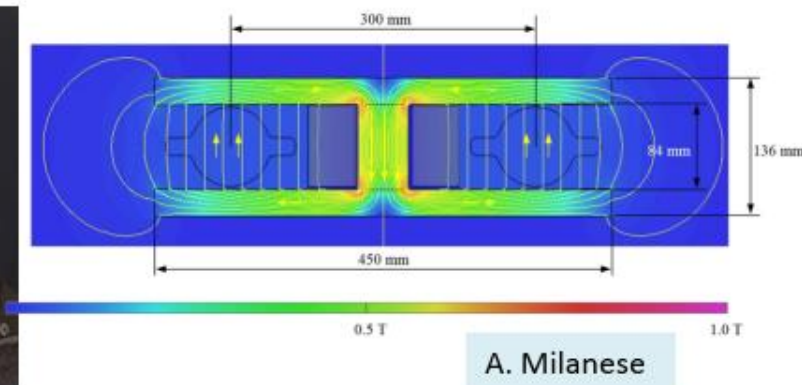
Patch Panel Interface/DFHX

FCC - Future Circular Collider

- Z, W, H factory with highest luminosity, lowest cost and risk for E frontier collider
- feasibility study ongoing, momentum rapidly building up
- key roadmap milestones:
 - 2026: EU strategy update
 - ~2028: approval
 - ~2045: FCC-ee commissioning
 - ~2070, FCC-hh operation
- $L=90$ km, $\rho=10.7$ km
- e-e collider: $E=46$ to 182 GeV, 2900×24 m bending dipoles with $B_1=14 \dots 57$ mT, 2900×3.1 m, 10 T/m focusing quads
- e-e booster: $B_1=6.3$ mT (inj.) ... 58 mT (ext.)



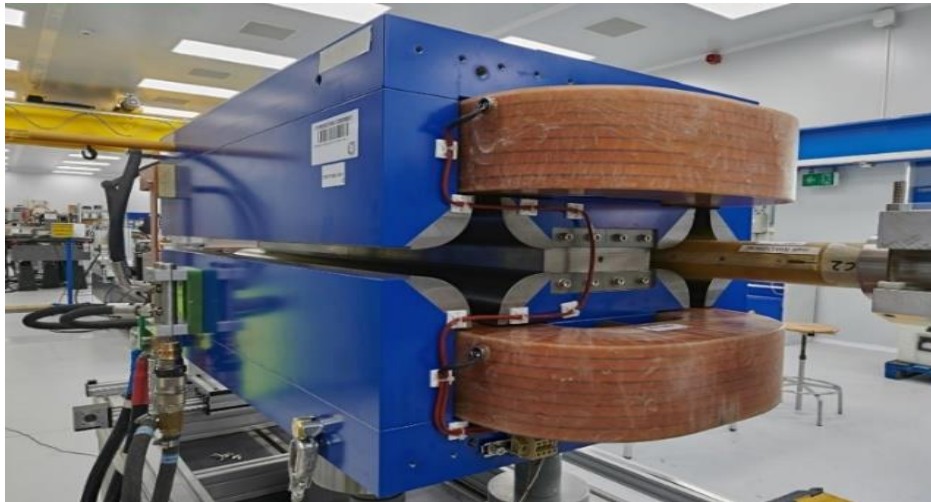
Prototype e-e collider bending dipole



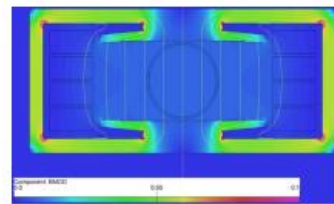
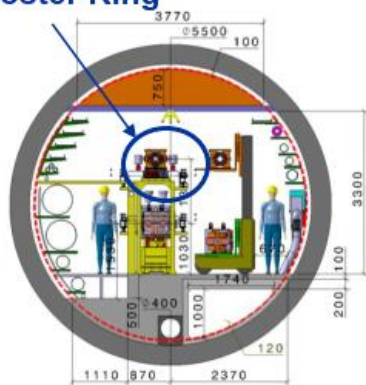
Prototypes for FCC

Credit: Carlo Petrone

FCC-ee magnets

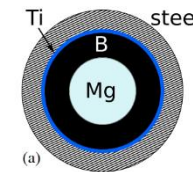


Booster Ring



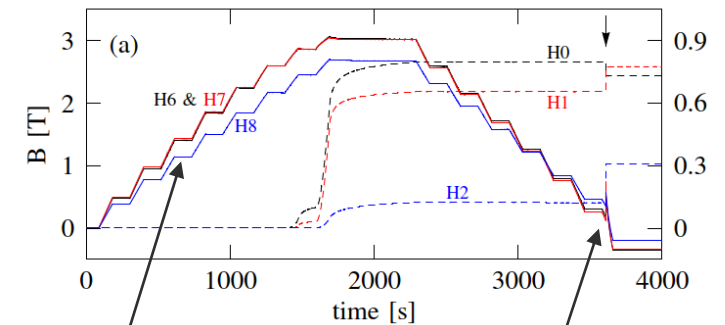
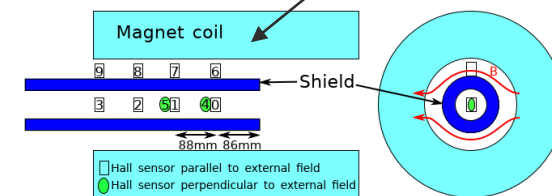
Conceptual design of FCC-ee booster dipole magnet
 7 mT (20 GeV) – 63 mT (182.5 GeV)

SuShi (passive MgB_2 shield for 3T FCC-hh septa)



8.3 mm MgB_2 thickness after reactive Mg infiltration

10 × 8 Arepoc HHP-NP (200 mV/T @ 20 mA) cross-calibrated at RT (relative measurement)



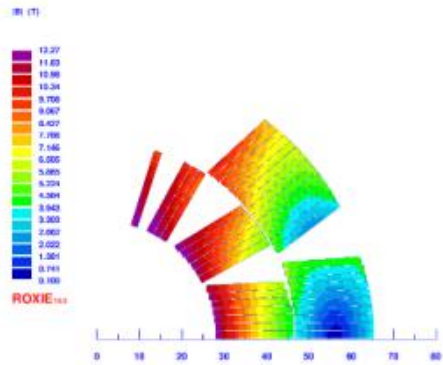
gradual penetration from end flux jumps at lower field on ramp-down

HFM – High Field Magnets program

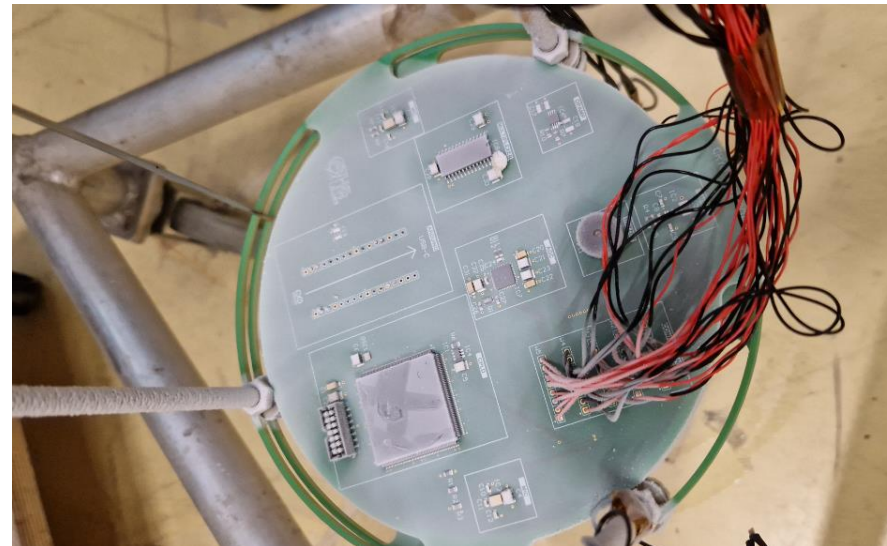
- Recent project reorganization, including clear setting as *direct R&D* towards FCC-hh
- Collaboration with PSI, INFN, Uppsala, CIEMAT, CEA and several universities

Program highlights:

- Robust $\cos\theta$ Nb₃Sn dipole up to 12 T (FalconD);
- Target: 14 T dipole for 90 TeV FCC-hh in ~2050
- Roadmap for feasibility of HTS for accelerator magnets
- Non-FCC activities: 20/40 T Muon Collider solenoids



Conceptual design of 12 T robust dipole magnet X-section (based on MQXF cable)

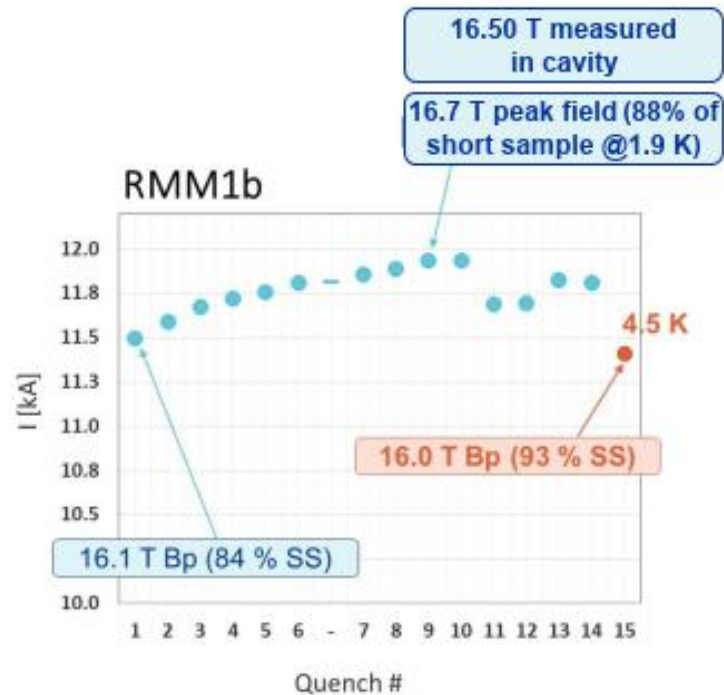
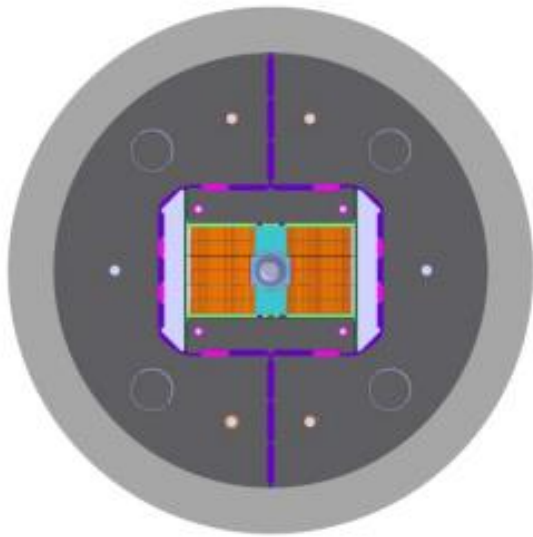


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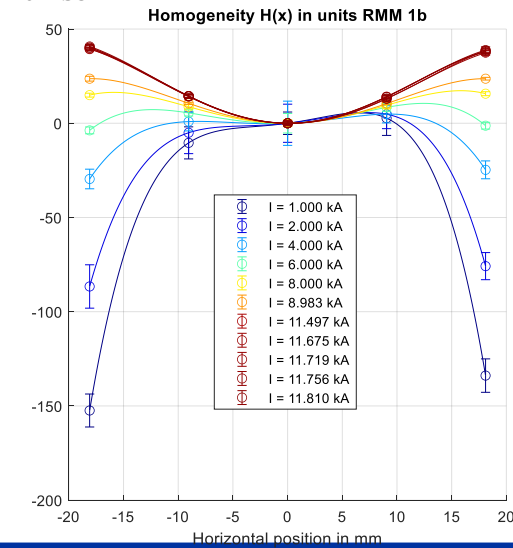
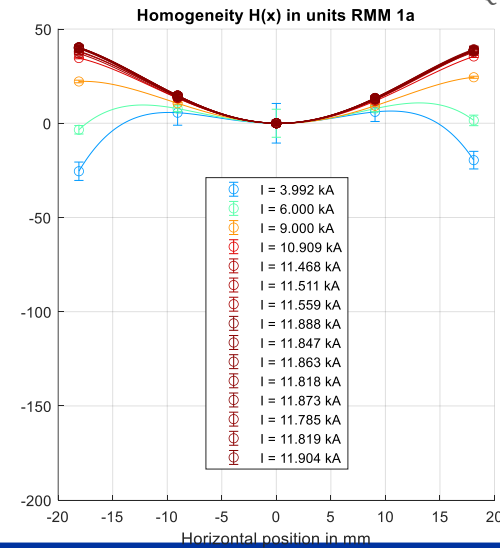
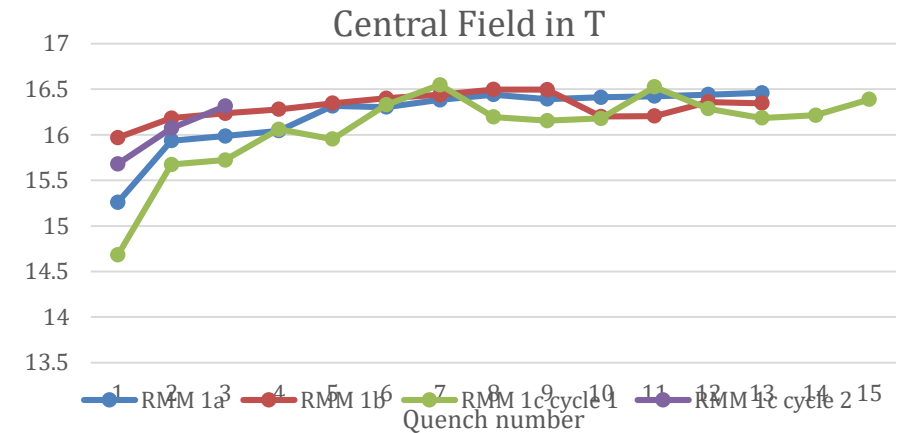
Tests of electronic sensors and acquisition chain components in LHe @ 1.9 K and 4.5 K

HFM: Racetrack Model Magnet (RMM)

- Family of demonstrator magnets based on eRMC (racetrack coils) to explore full potential of Nb₃Sn
- RMM1d designed to reach a peak field of 16.7 T, in a 50 mm aperture, at 12 kA



Exploring the limits of in-coil performance of Nb₃Sn

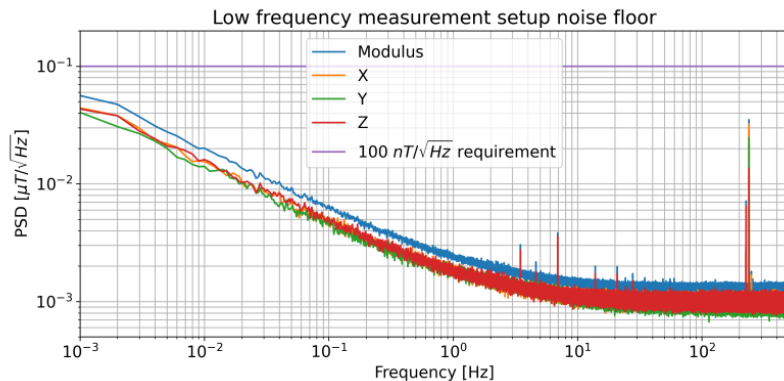


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Physics Beyond Collider Experiments

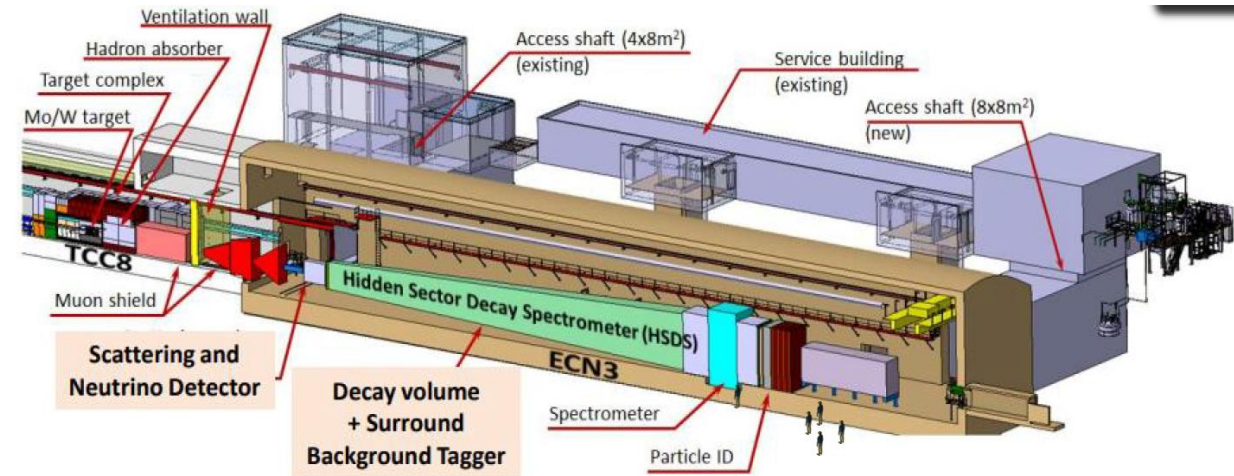
AION

- Atom Interferometer Observatory and Network for dark matter/gravitational wave detection in PX46 pit
- B field fluctuations → systematic errors
- In-situ measurements DC-300 Hz with a fluxgate



SHiP

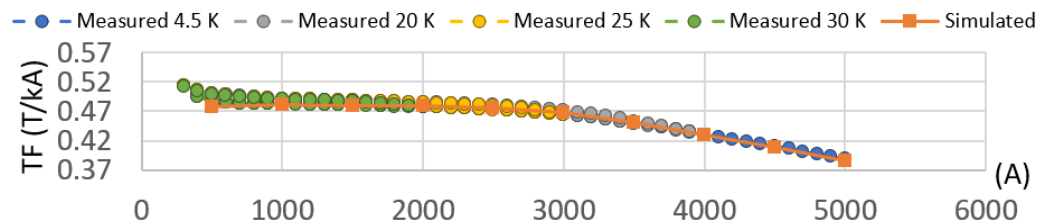
- Search for Hidden Particles (dark matter/neutrinos) detector based on CERN SPS beam dump
- Needs a 0.15 T, 4×6×3.5 m² spectrometer that would consume 1.2 MW if resistive → MgB₂ option



Other Superconducting Magnet Projects

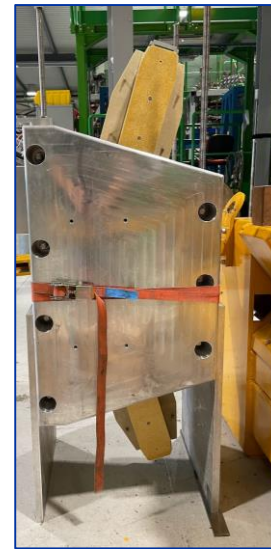
EESD Spectrometer demonstrator

- 20K, MgB₂ Energy Efficient Superferric Demonstrator (for SHiP experiment) @ 4000 A DC without ohmic losses
- Phase I/II tests with cold coil/yoke at 1.9 to 30 K completed; Phase III tests with warm yoke scheduled soon
- Field dynamics measured with standard rotating coils + hybrid coils/Hall sensors embedded in the coils



FUSILLO demonstrator

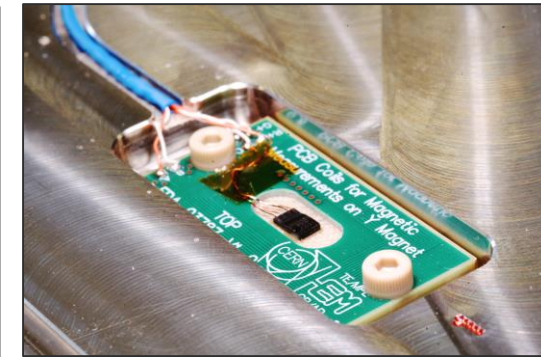
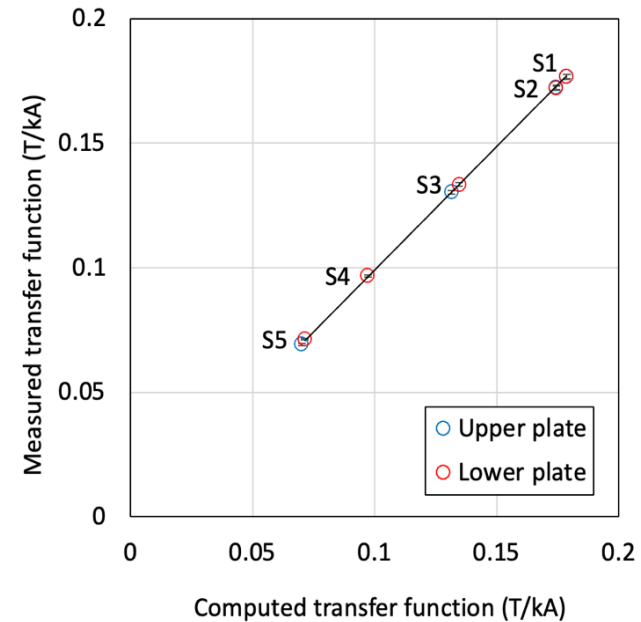
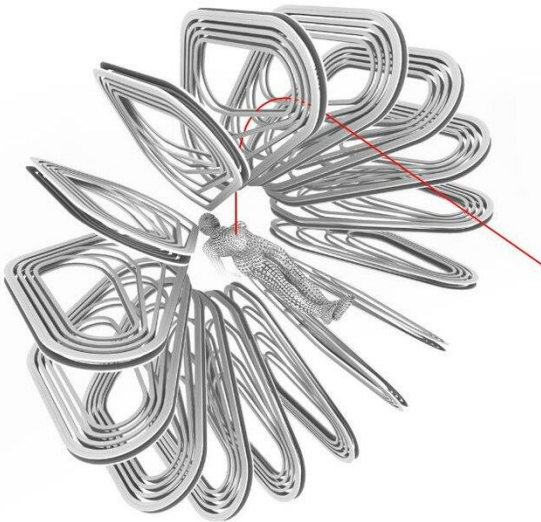
- Magnet demonstrators of strongly curved CCT NbTi superconducting dipole for medical application gantries
- Two subscale models with 2-turns coil fully tested. Full-scale 3-T model under construction and scheduled for testing by end of 2024.



Credit: Carlo Petrone, Mariano Pentella

Hadron therapy gantry: GaToroid

- Concept: toroidal gantry for hadron therapy, replacing rotating components with 1/r tokamak-like toroidal field
- Initial models tested:
 - ReBCO version, powered only up to 15 A at 20 K
 - NbTi version, powered above nominal without performance limitations
- Measurements performed at 1.9 K and 4.5 K via hybrid sensors consisting of PCB coil and Hall sensor



Credit: Luca Bottura, Carlo Petrone, Mariano Pentella

Refurbishment/upgrade of resistive magnets

- Ageing stock of 5000+ beam line normal-conducting magnets (EOL bathtub curve)
- Common failures: water leaks, insulation integrity → **consolidation and preventive maintenance**
- Occasion for power consumption optimization: DC → pulsed excitation

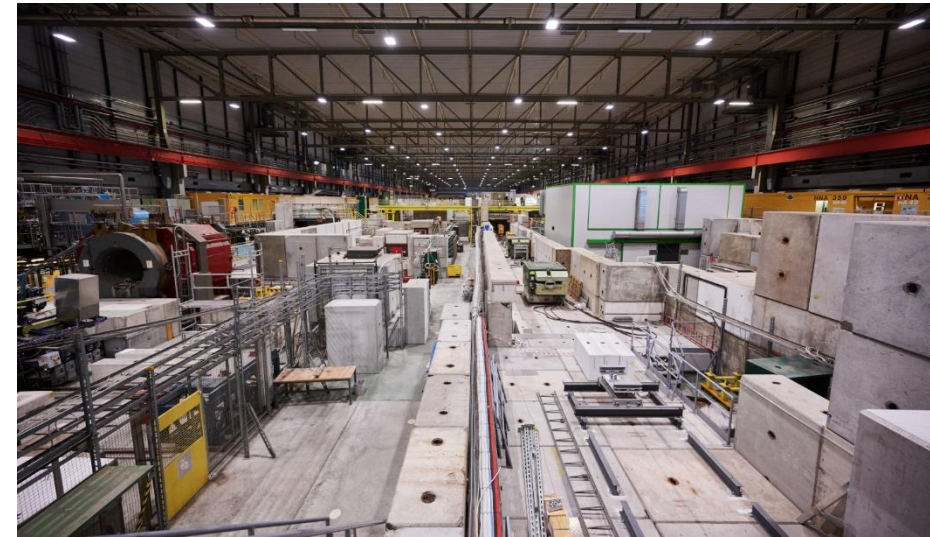


SPS fixed-target East Area
58 magnets in 2021



new PS extraction bumper with pole face loops
for passive sextupole compensation

LIU – 120 new/refurbished magnets
tested in 2016-2020



SPS fixed-target North Area
(planning under discussion)

Collaborations



Vertical anticryostat for Bench Cluster D
up to $\varnothing 600$ mm \times 5.5 m magnet
1 \times 30 kA + 2 \times 2kA converters



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Instrumentation highlights

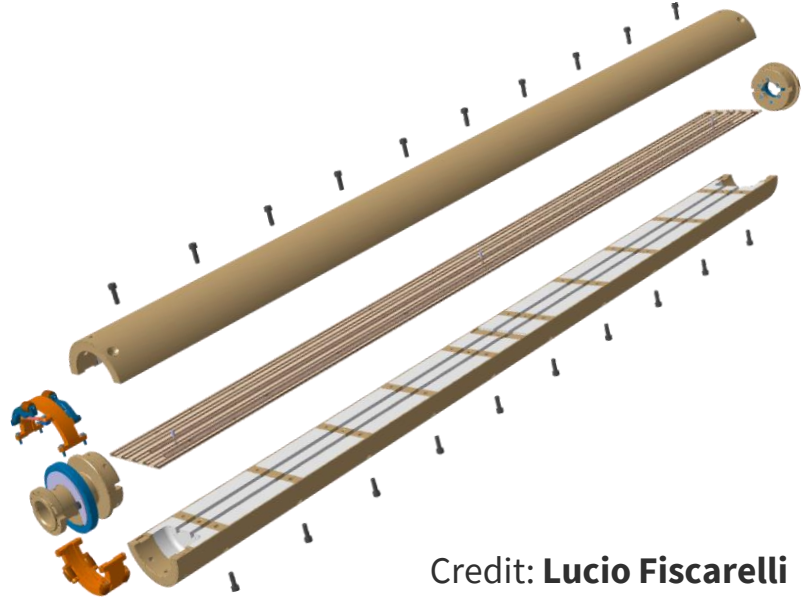
Sensors, probes and methods

Rotating coil systems for HL-LHC

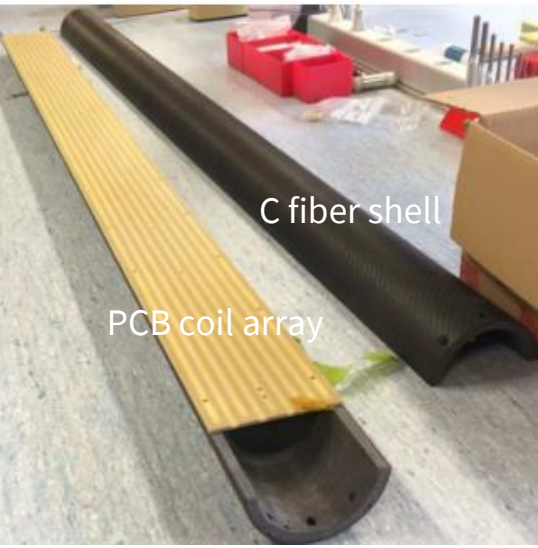


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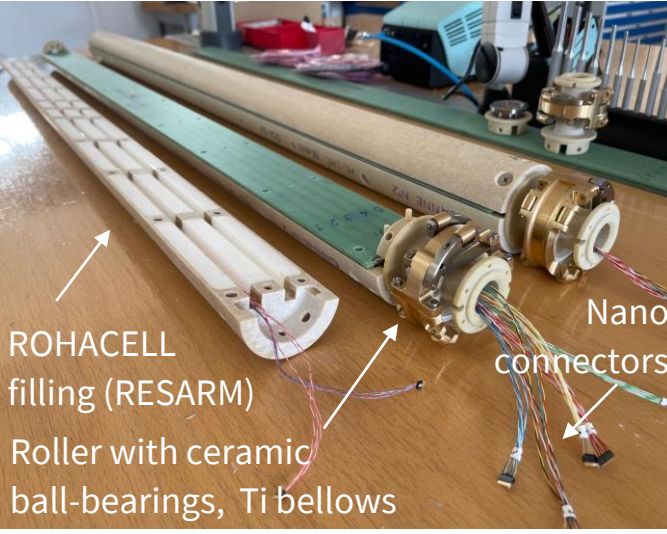
Quadrupole calibration setup based on CERN-standard rotating coil system



Credit: Lucio Fiscarelli



C fiber shell
PCB coil array



ROHACELL filling (RESARM)
Roller with ceramic ball-bearings, Ti bellows
Nano connectors

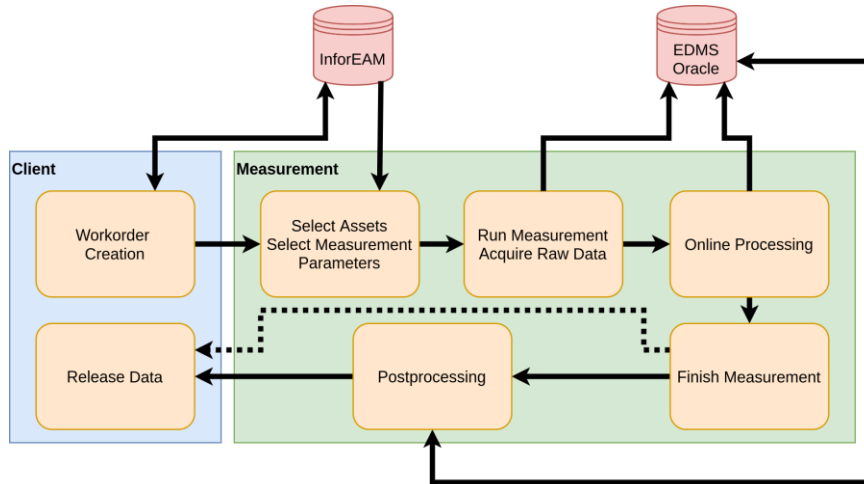


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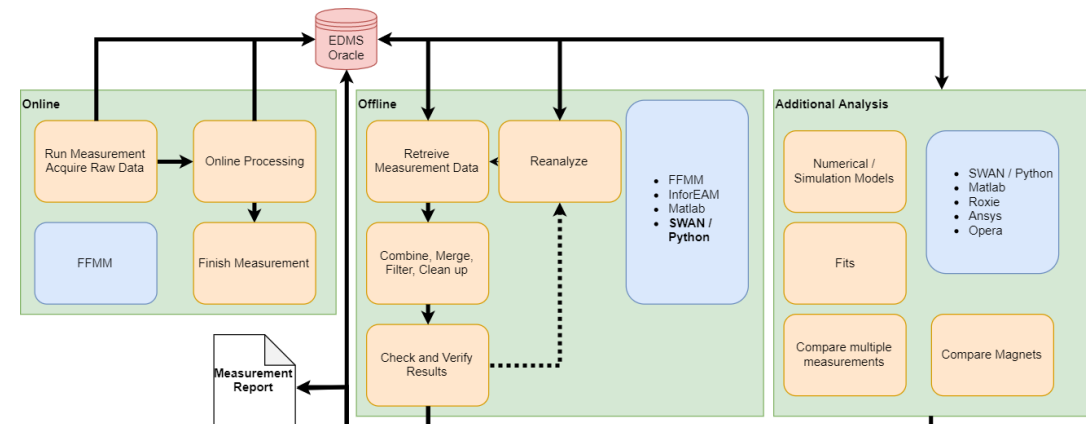
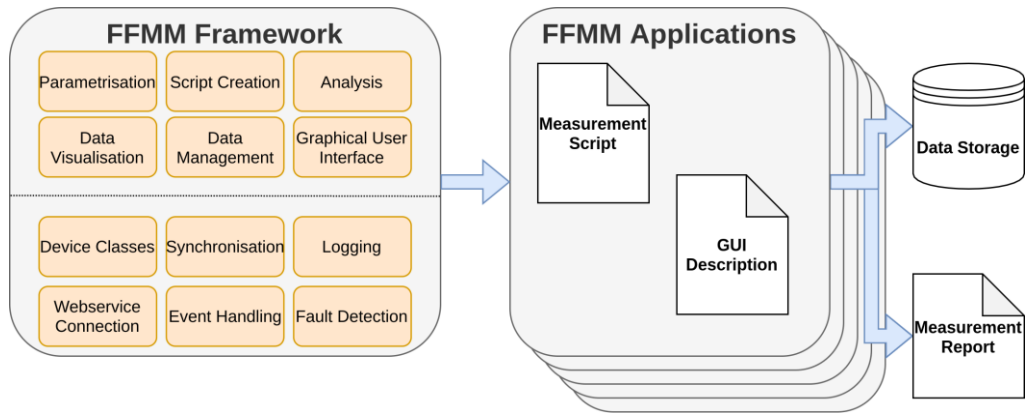
Mole for warm measurements

Modelling and workflow tools

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- Python-based software framework to achieve fully traceable measurements from calibration, data acquisition (FFMM C++ framework) and analysis to the final measurement report.
- Combine FEM/BEM simulations (ROXIE, Ansys, Comsol ...), analytical models and measurements to update magnet models to an as-built state in a DB

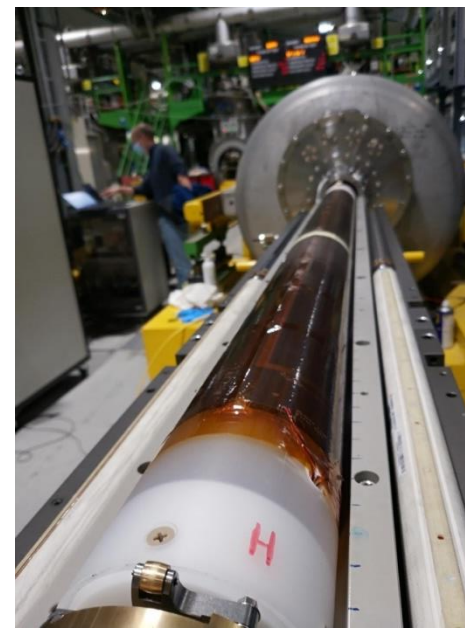


Flexible-PCB Quench Antenna

- Novel design concept: **rolled-up flexi PCB**, very easy to (dis-)assemble
- Optimized for MQXF (hard-wired analog bucking)
- Improved $G=100\sim 500$ acquisition electronics (analog-bucking op-amp bypassed, Z_{in} adapted to long coax capacitive load)

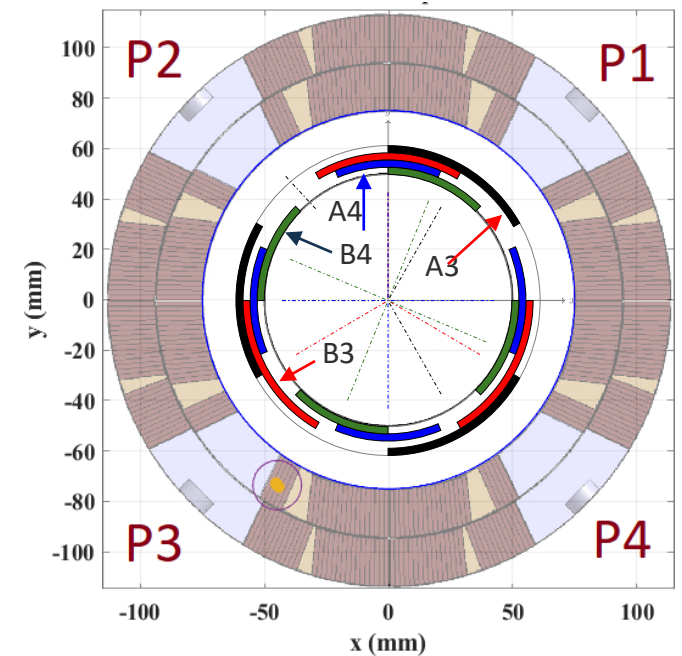


2 x double-layer flexi PCB glued together
4 x 16-turn tangential coils per layer



12 x Ø100 mm, 0.6 m long segments

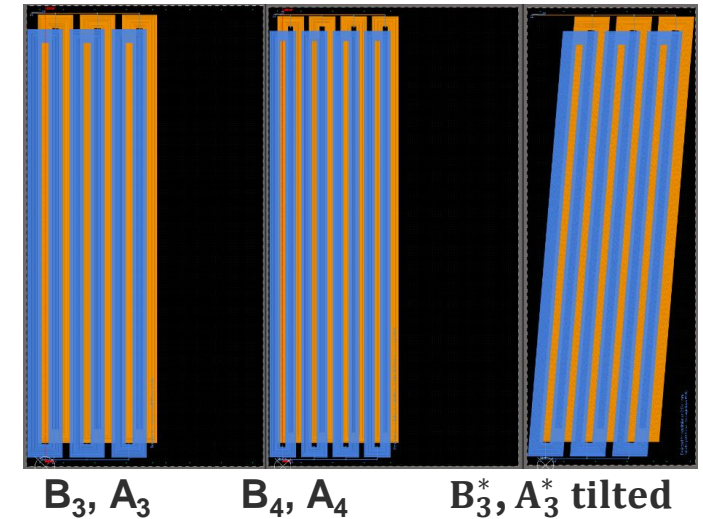
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Per-layer harmonic bucking

Quench Antenna with twisted coils

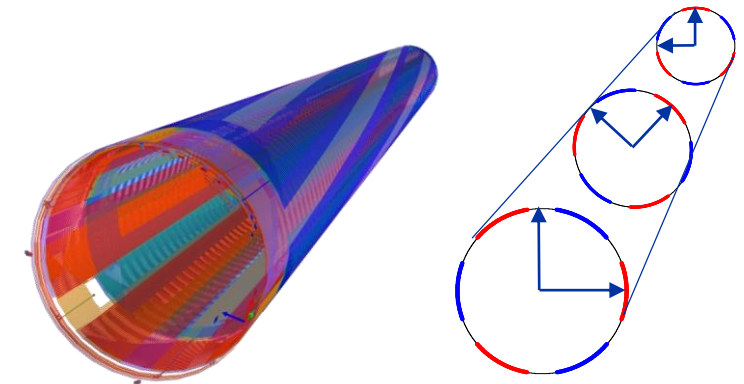
- On one segment there are **3 sets of coils**:
 - **Straight** coils sensitive to B_3, A_3 and B_4, A_4
 - Additional **twisted** coils sensitive to B_3, A_3
- Flux jump/quench events modelled as **elementary magnetic moments**
- Transversal position obtained from B_3, A_3 and B_4, A_4 measured with straight coils.
- The longitudinal position z is proportional to the **phase shift** of the signals from twisted coils respect to the signals from the straight coils.



$$z = w \arg \left(\frac{B_3^* + iA_3^*}{B_3 + iA_3} \right)$$



$w =$ twist pitch



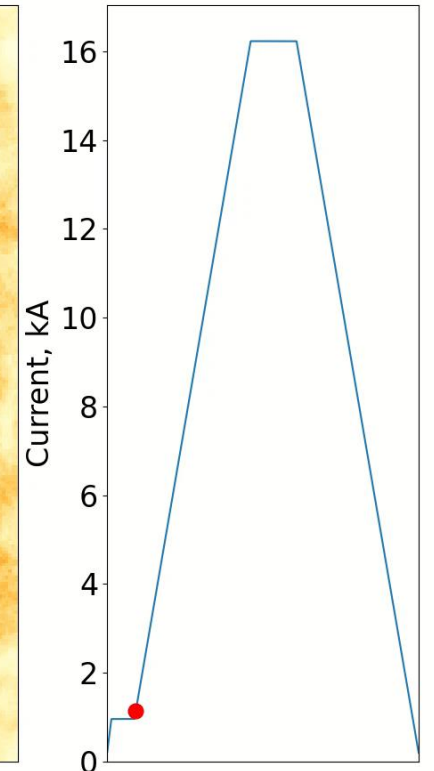
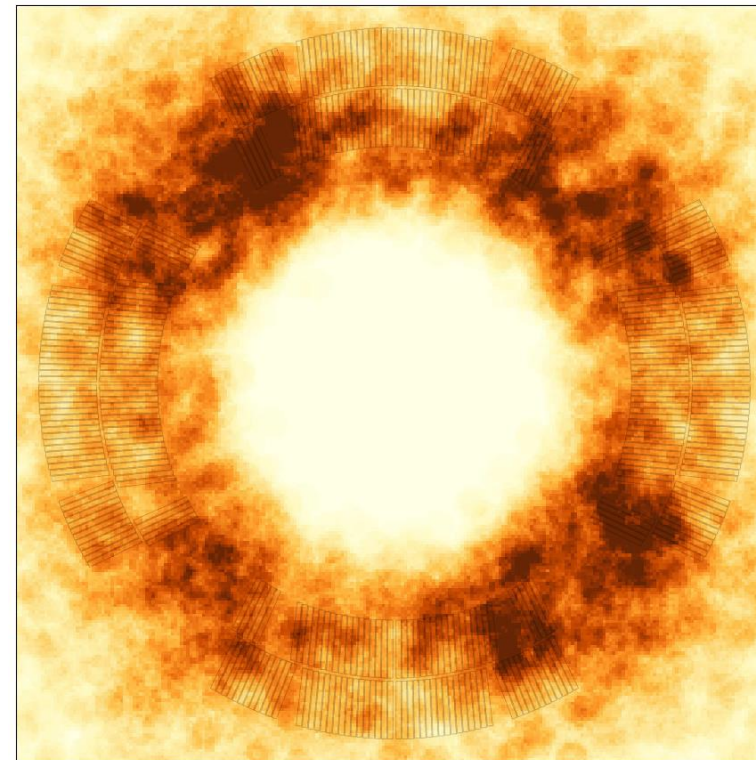
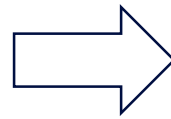
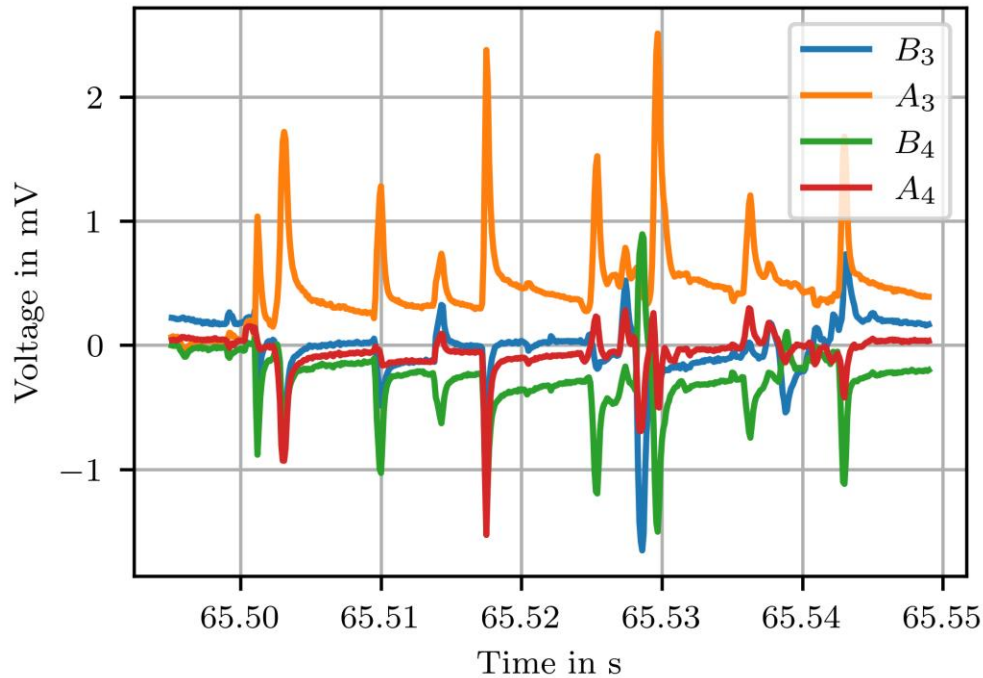
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Quench Antenna results

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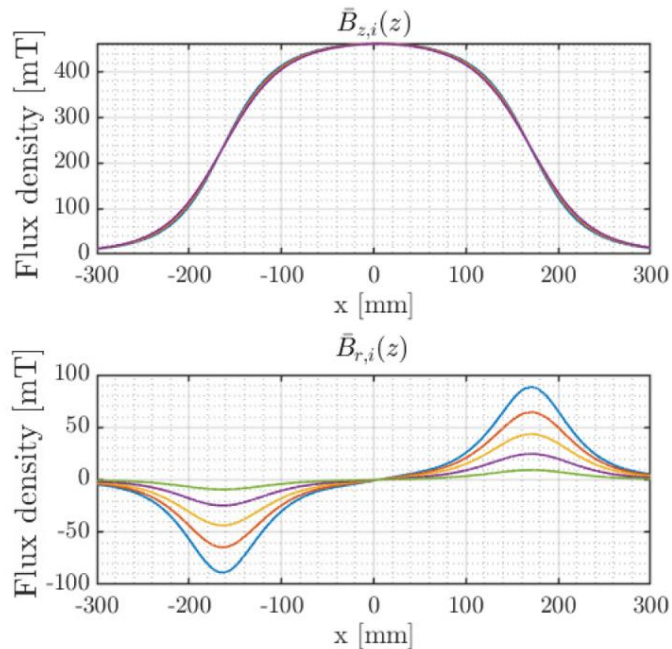
Heatmap of flux jumps during an energization ramp (darker color indicates more events)

- Low field: large number of jumps distributed mainly in the **inner layer**
- At intermediate level, they tend towards the **midplane of outer layer**
- From intermediate to high fields, the number of jumps **decrease**

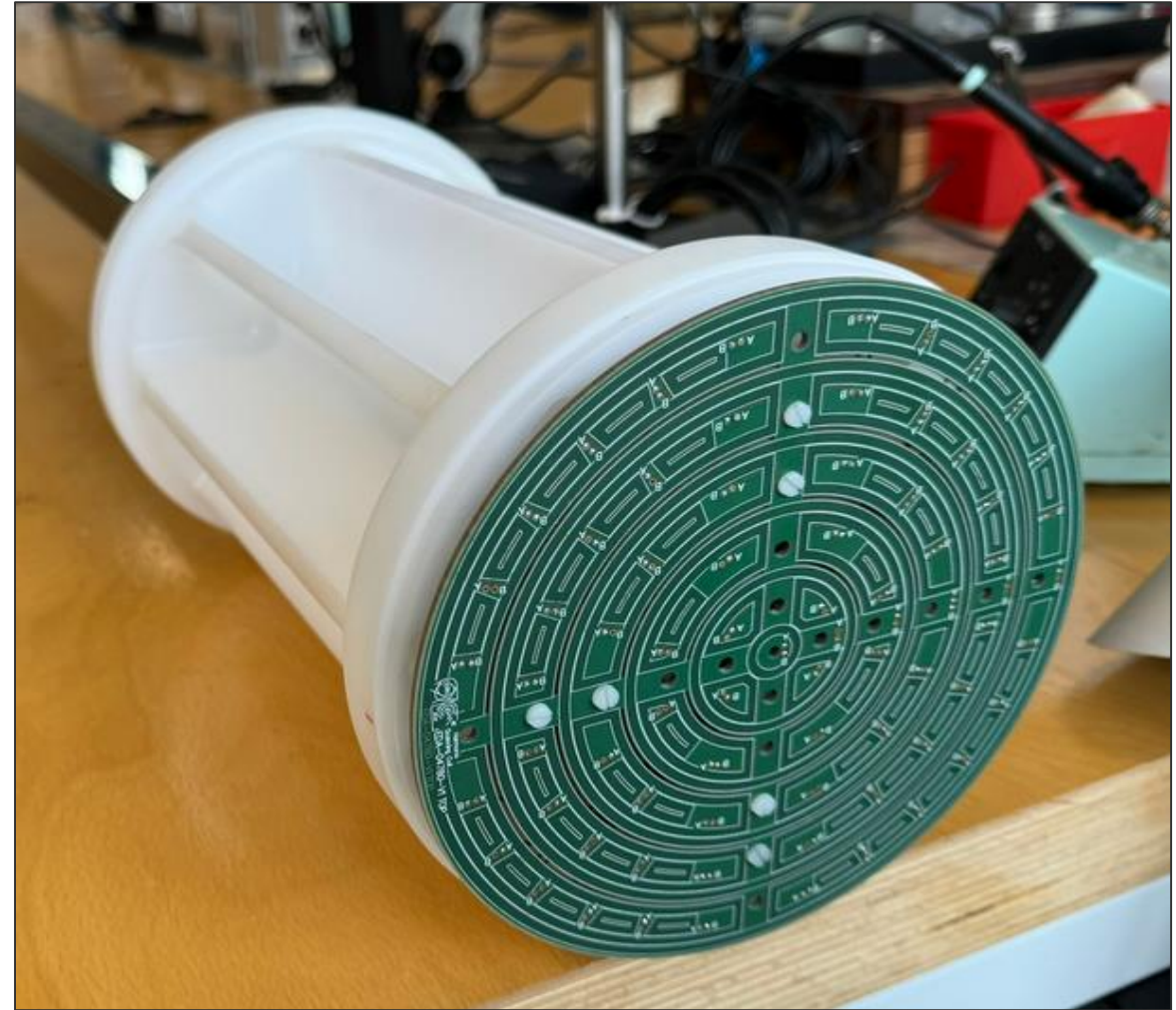


Translating fluxmeter for solenoid mapping

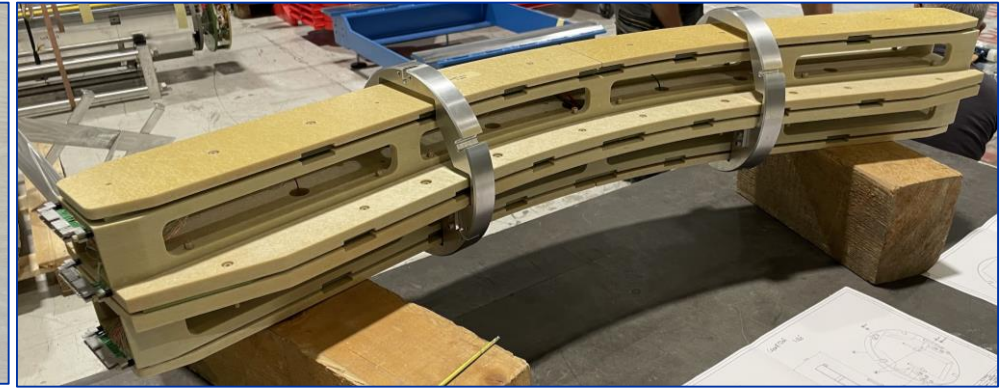
- PCB-based translating fluxmeter to map solenoids (motivated by CERN AD electron cooler)
- New design optimized for 60 mT, includes 20 azimuthal local coils/ring for improved axis and field error measurement.
- Fiducialization still a challenge. New approach based on 3D cylindrical harmonic description is being developed.



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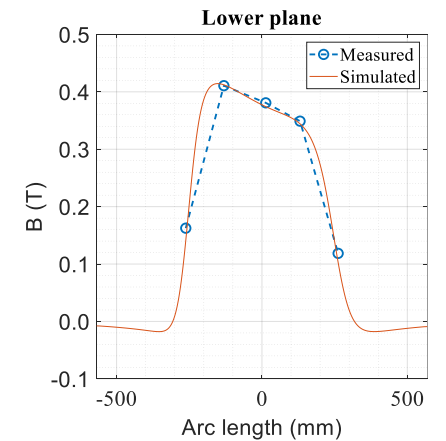
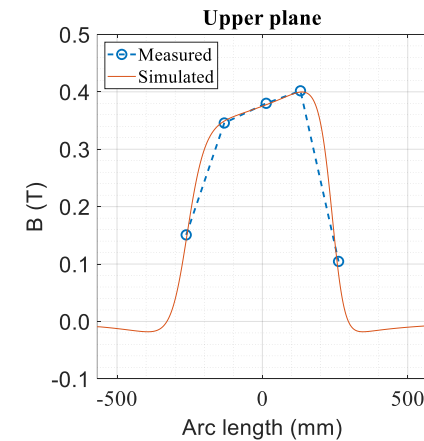
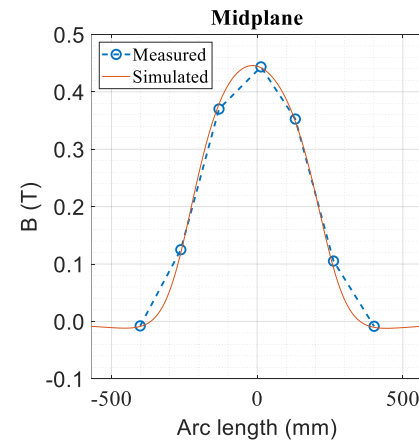


Strongly curved PCB fluxmeter (FUSILLO)



Credit: **Mariano Pentella, Unai Martinez**

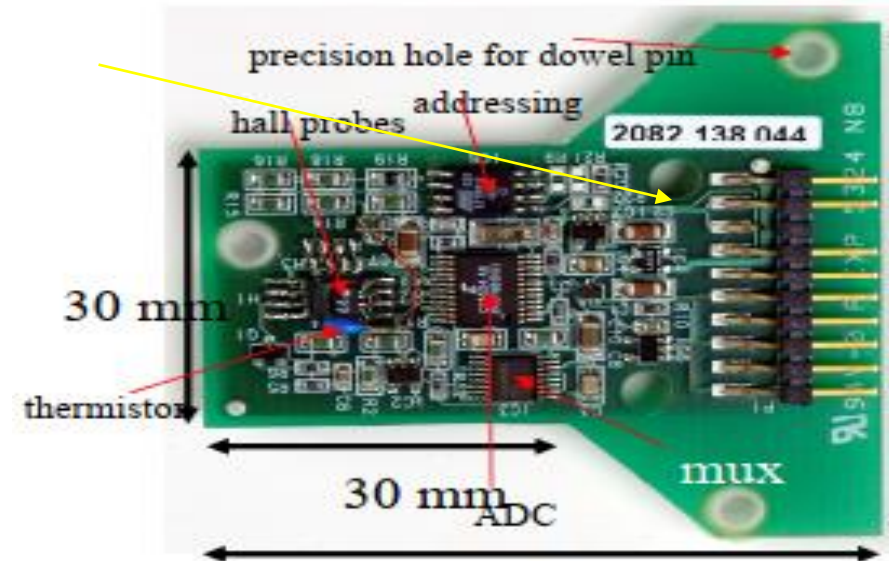
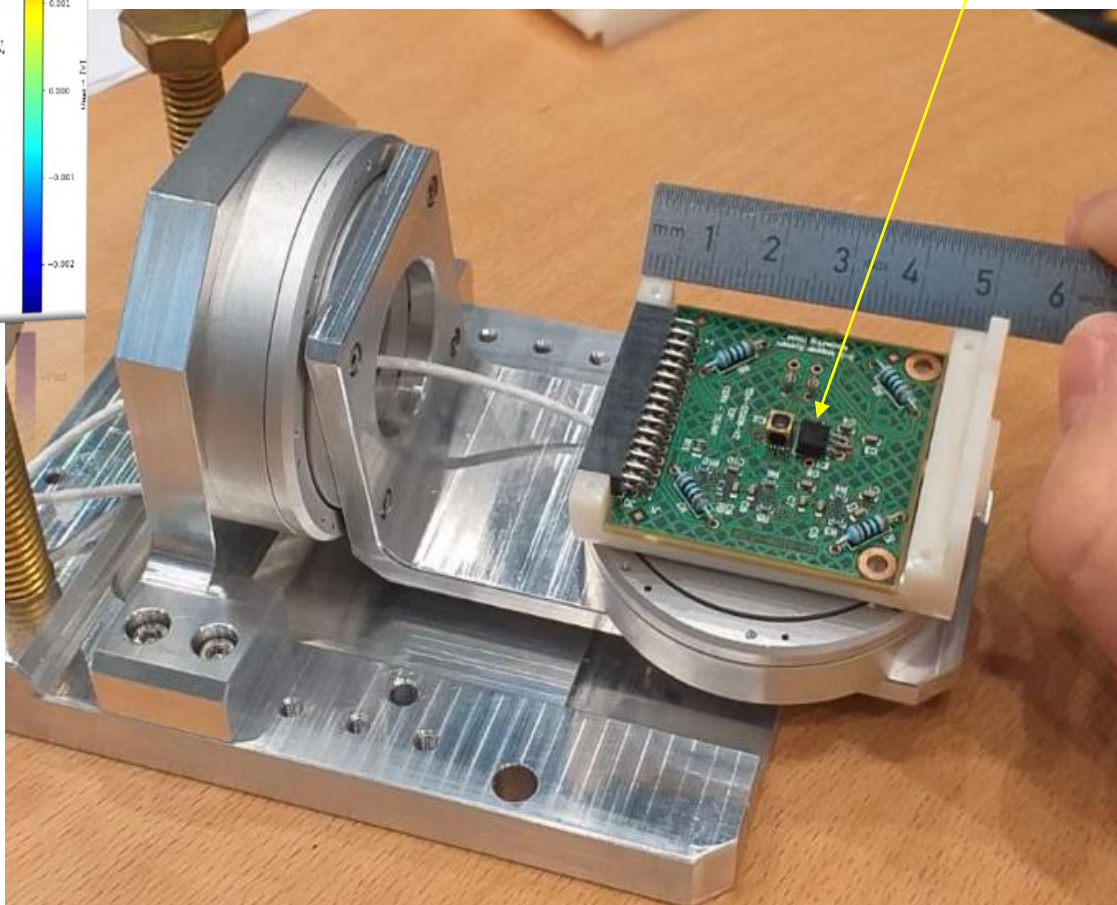
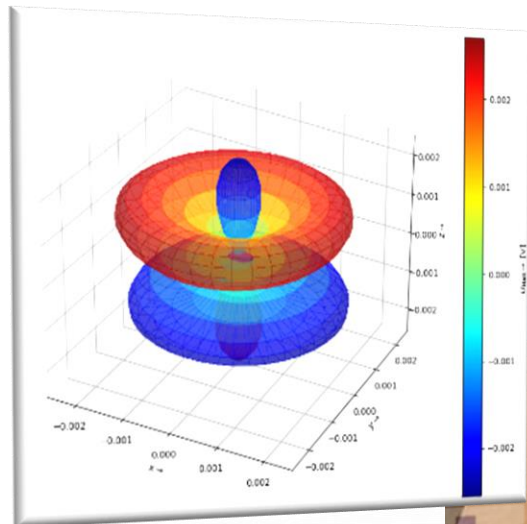
- Piecewise PCB size < 500 mm for design flexibility, much lower cost and faster procurement
- Dense point-like local field probes for cross-calibration with induction coils, missing gap compensation in non-uniform field
- More complex mechanics, assembly and wiring procedure



3D Hall probes

Credit: **Melvin Liebsch**

ASENSOR HE444 3D Hall sensor
(the last one !?)
8 mrad orthogonality, 0.3% non-linearity



CERN/NIKHEF 3D Hall Transducer
(courtesy **N. Pacifico**, EP-DT)



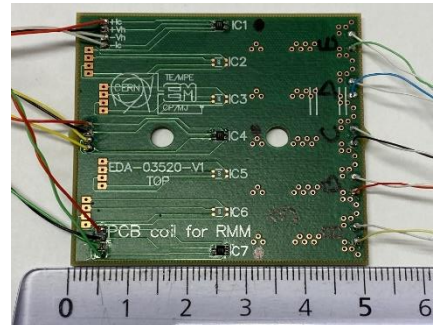
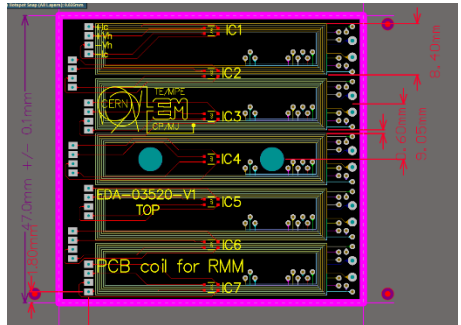
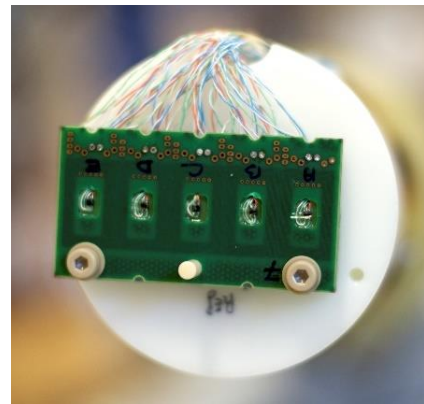
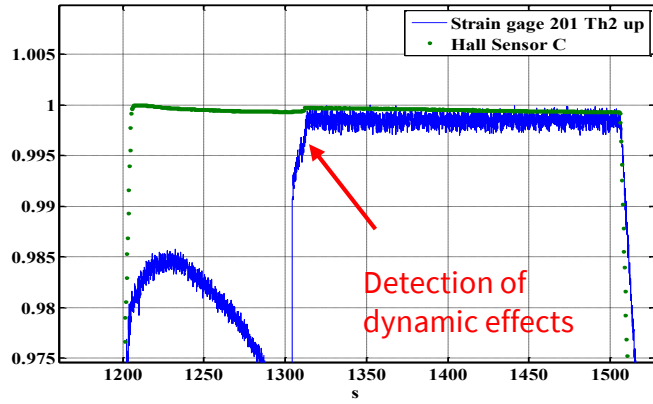
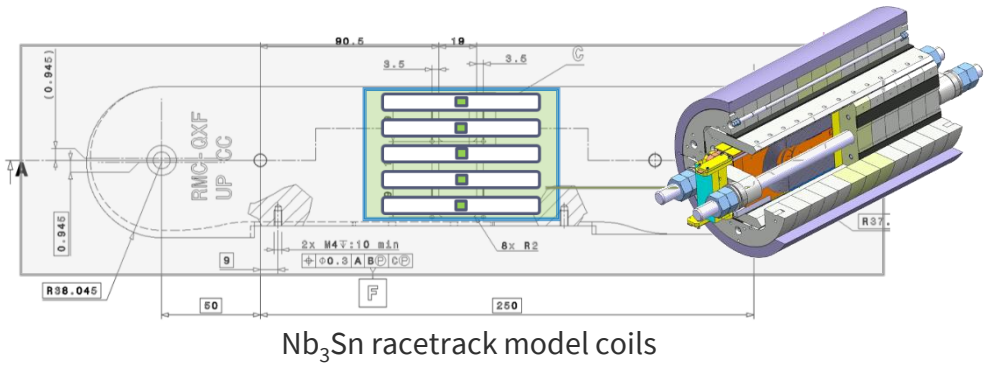
Permanent-magnet double-cone
fiducialization reference

Piezo motor-based
Spherical harmonic calibrator

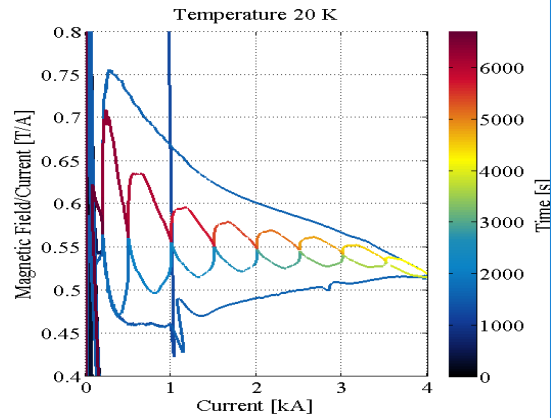
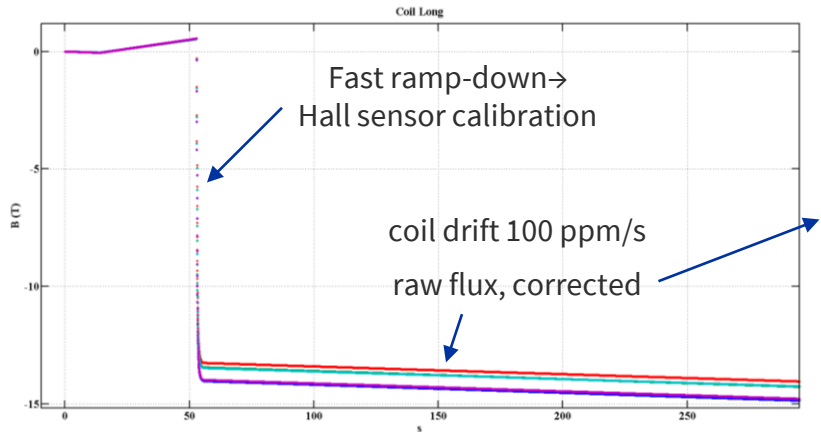
Sensor fusion: induction coils + Hall probes

- Trend: combine both sensors on same PCB, whenever possible
- Trivial applications: magnetic length, center field, fringe profiles
- Real interest: cross-calibrate by exploiting coil's linearity, Hall sensor's absence of drift

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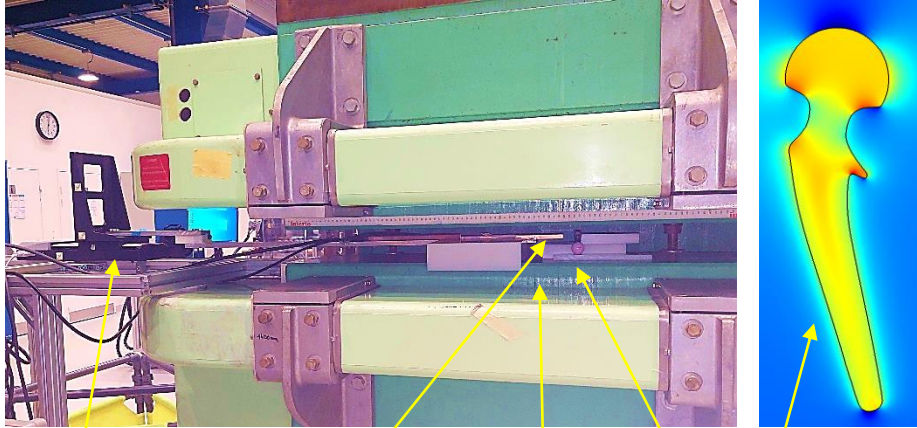


3x aerospace-grade LakeShore HGT 2101 Hall probes (highly nonlinear!)

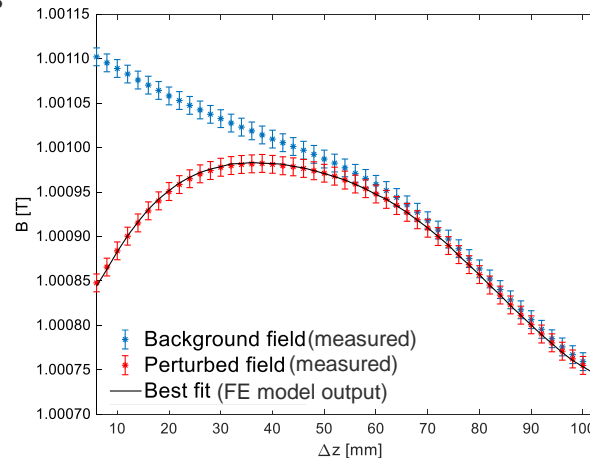
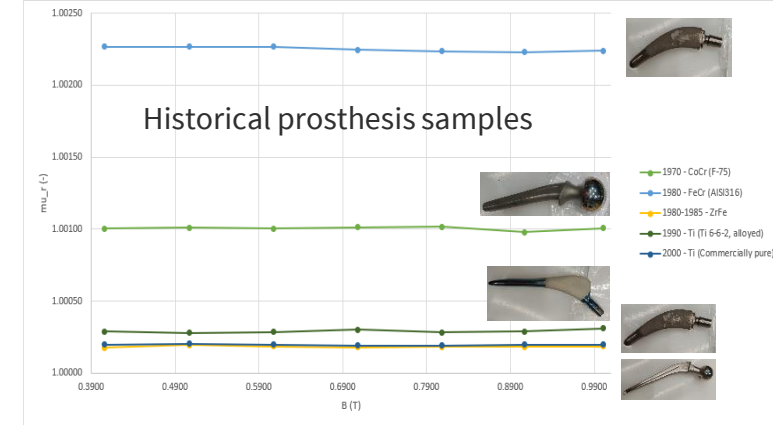
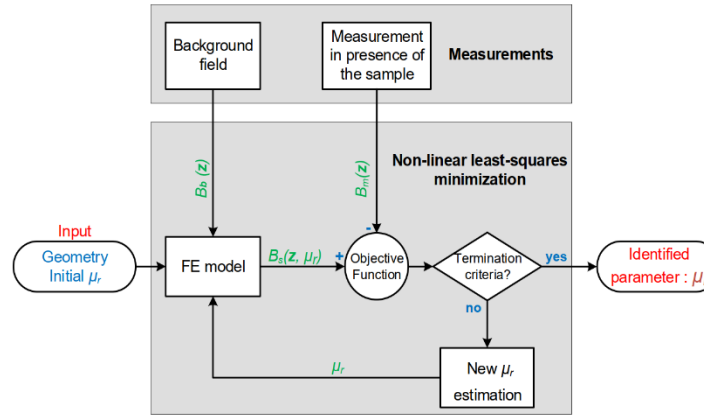


Non-magnetic material properties

- Flux distortion method for very low permeability material (low $\mu_r \rightarrow$ high field) @ room temperature
- Analytical treatment possible for simple geometries; arbitrary samples need FE simulations
- Typical accuracy 100 ppm, repeatability 10 ppm (best result: $\mu_r = 1.00085$ of a W alloy sample, validated by vibrating sample)



Translation stage
 Moving NMR probe (5 ppm accuracy)
 Sample: Ti hip prosthesis
 1 T dipole, high uniformity background field



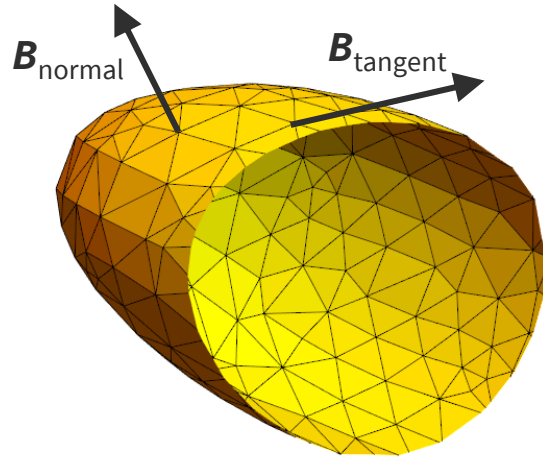
$$\frac{F_{\text{magnetic}}}{mg} = (1 - \mu_r) \frac{B \nabla B}{\mu_0 g \rho}$$

Worst-case (Fe-Cr prosthesis): $\mu_r = 1.0023$
 $F_m \approx mg$ for $B \nabla B \approx 42 \text{ T/m}^2$ (i.e. $\sim 20 \text{ T MRI magnet!}$)

Credit: Mariano Pentella

FEM/BEM processing of boundary data

- **Back to Maxwell:** Unique solution of Laplace equation in a source-free domain + Neumann (normal field) or Dirichlet (tangential) boundary conditions (if: simply connected domain, smooth boundary)
- **Reduce problem dimensionality:** scan only the boundary, fit a BEM model to get interior values at arbitrary resolution (no volume mesh required !)



Credit: Carlo Petrone, Melvin Liebsch

- **Back to Maxwell:** Maximum Principle: extremal values always on the boundary → metrological advantage of interpolating the interior

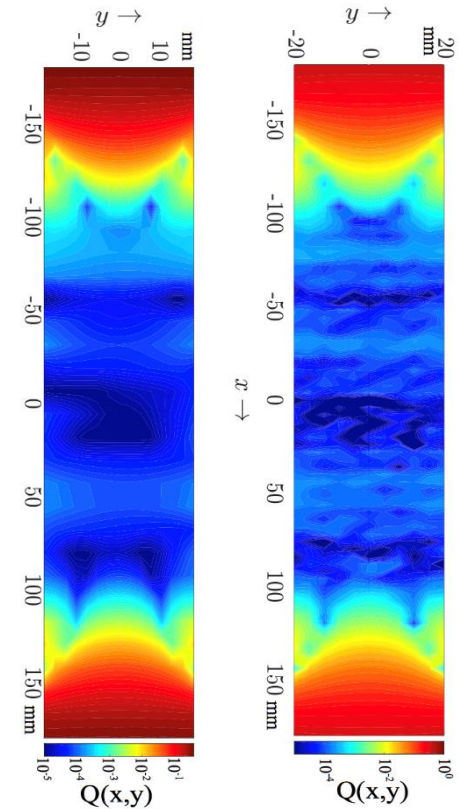
2D example, cylindrical symmetry:

$$B_n = C_n \left(\frac{z}{r_0} \right)^{n-1} \Rightarrow$$

Measurement uncertainty at $|z|=r_0$

$$\sigma(B_n(z)) = \sigma_B \left(\frac{z}{r_0} \right)^{n-1}$$

- R&D challenges: automated meshing and setup of BEM model; hybrid boundary conditions (e.g. integrals from flux measurements); incorporate arbitrarily scattered/multiple/interior points



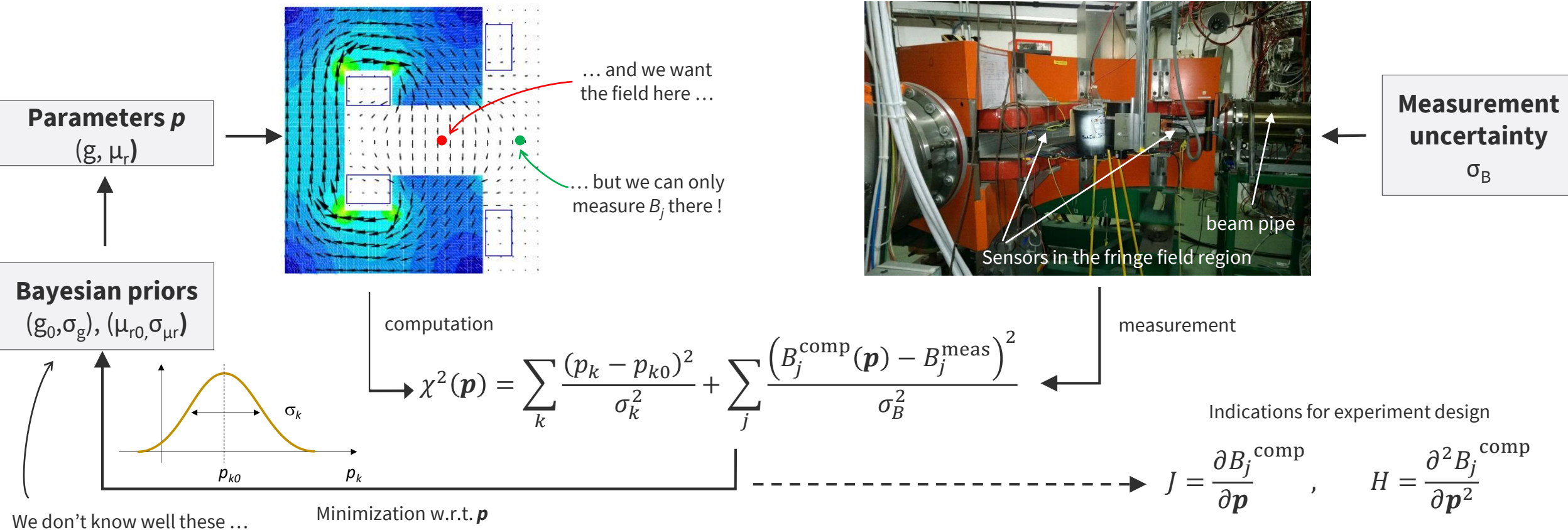
BEM reconstruction

Full grid

Hybrid approach: data-driven Digital Twins

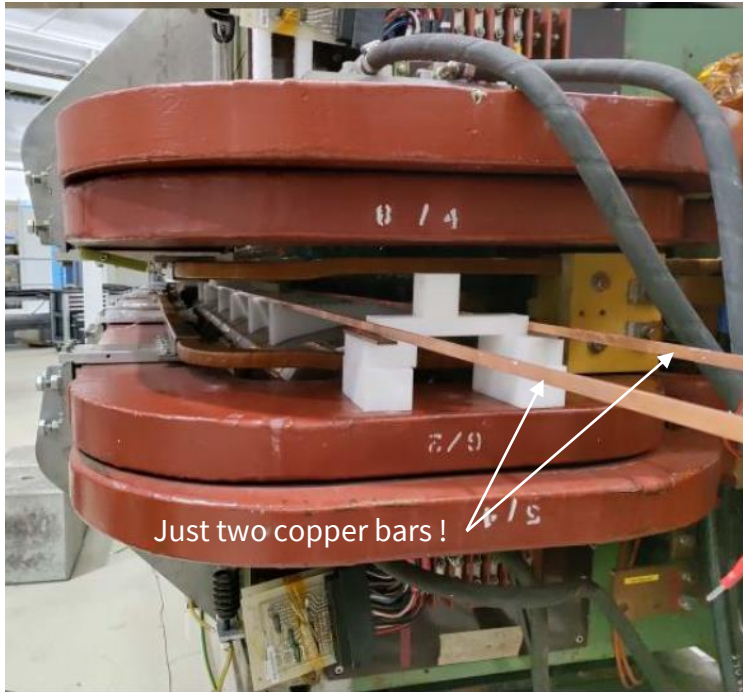
- Combine optimally the strong points of computer modeling and measurement
- Formalize and automate the comparison of computed and measured quantities
- Example: CERN ISOLDE 90° High Resolution Separator

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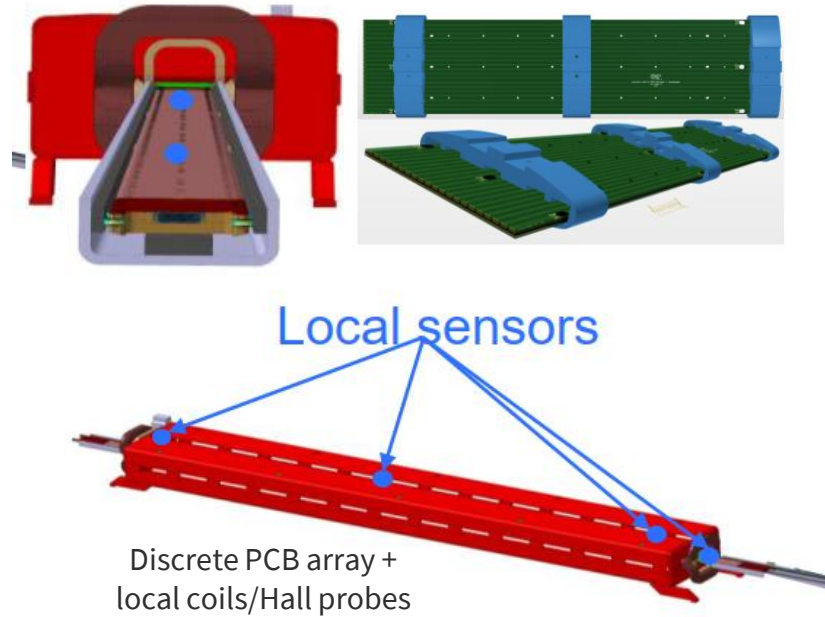


Hysteresis measurement and modelling

- Instrumentation R&D to measure integral dynamic effects in fast-pulsed, iron-dominated magnets (CERN PS, SPS)
- **EPA** (Efficient Particle Accelerators) initiative: exploit Machine Learning to feed-forward hysteresis effect to machine control
- LLMs trained on B-train measurements provide excellent results on cycles within training parameter space envelope



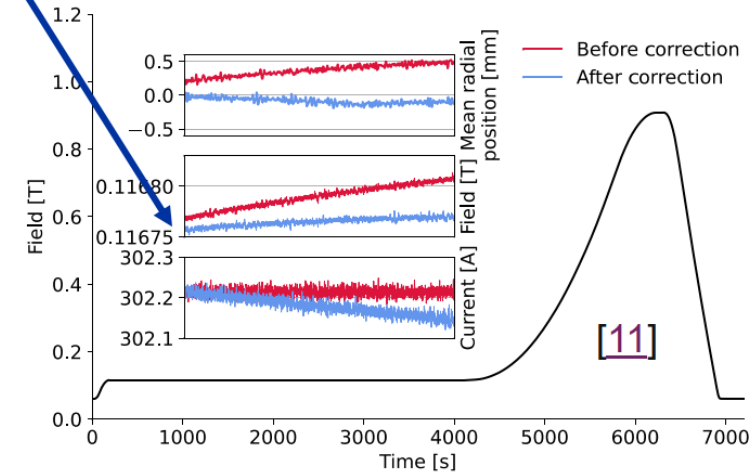
Integral coil setups for the main PS/SPS magnets



~ 0.018 % accuracy achieved with transformers

Transformers

$B = f(I, B_{old})$
With B_{old} coming from the B-Train



Feed-forward correction of SPS operation

Credit: **Vincenzo Di Capua, Mariano Pentella, Anton Lu**

Conclusions

- Spectrum of existing instrumentation technologies **covers well all current requirements**, with widely variable levels of accuracy, difficulty and cost
- Future demands are expected to push the envelope in terms of **field strength, ramp rates, magnet size ...**
- Waiting for the definition of a future strategy, we must **prepare to test magnets over a vast range of parameters**