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A New Medium Field Superconducting Magnet for the EIC

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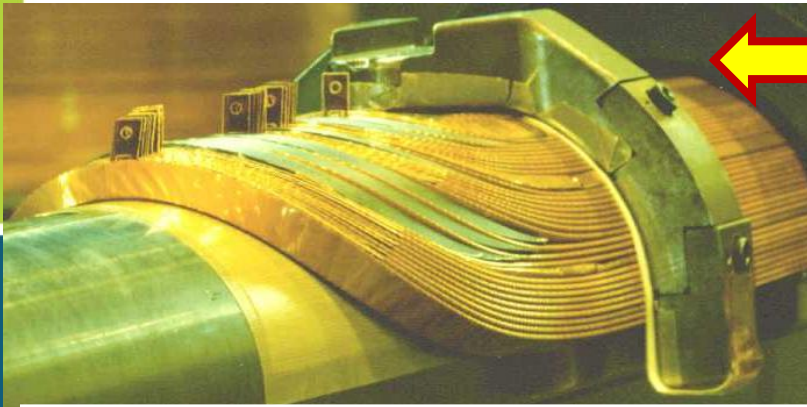
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Outline

- Optimum Integral Design: Why? What? Relevance to EIC?
- Goals of PBL/BNL STTR on the Optimum Integral Dipole B0ApF:
 - Meet key technical specs: integral field, field quality, cross-talk
 - Field integral = 1.98 T.m, $B_0 = 3.9$ T, coil i.d. = 114 mm
(higher “field & aperture” than RHIC arc dipole: 3.45 T, i.d. 80 mm)
- Design, construction and test results
- Application to other magnets
- Summary

Optimum Integral Design

Optimum Integral Design – What is new and why is it important?



RHIC Coil End (conventional)

Conventional End Designs:

- Conventional ends take large space ($\sim 2X$ coil ID in dipole)
- Field per unit length in ends is $\sim 1/2$ of that in the body \Rightarrow relative loss in field integral is significant in short magnets



EIC B0ApF Coil Ends (conventional, as in CDR)

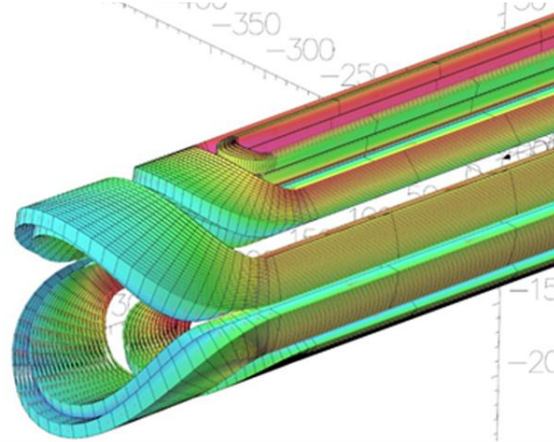
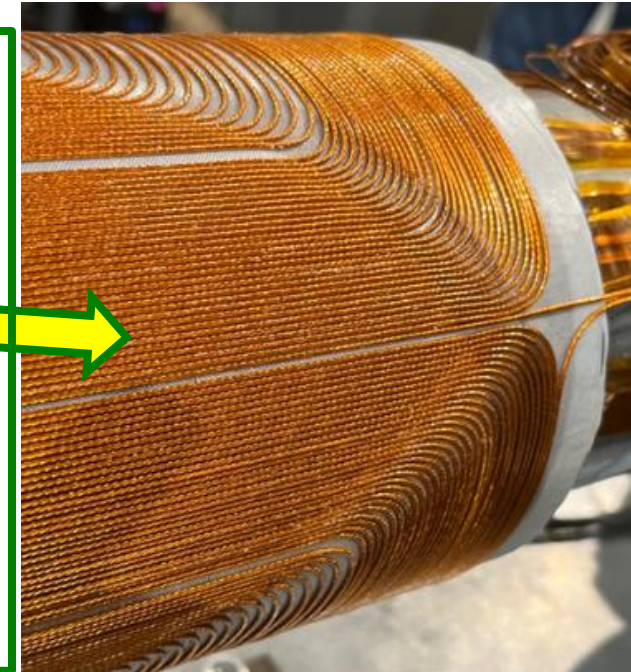


Figure 5: B0APF coil with field contour

Optimum Integral Design:

- End turns at midplane run full length of the coil \Rightarrow almost no loss in space due to Ends
- Gain in magnetic length \Rightarrow about a coil diameter in dipole. A significant fraction in short magnets (as some in EIC)



Conventional Design Approach

A two-step process of designing magnets:

Step 1: Optimize coil cross-section to obtain cosine theta like distribution (spread out turns):

$$I(\theta) = I_o \cdot \cos(n\theta)$$

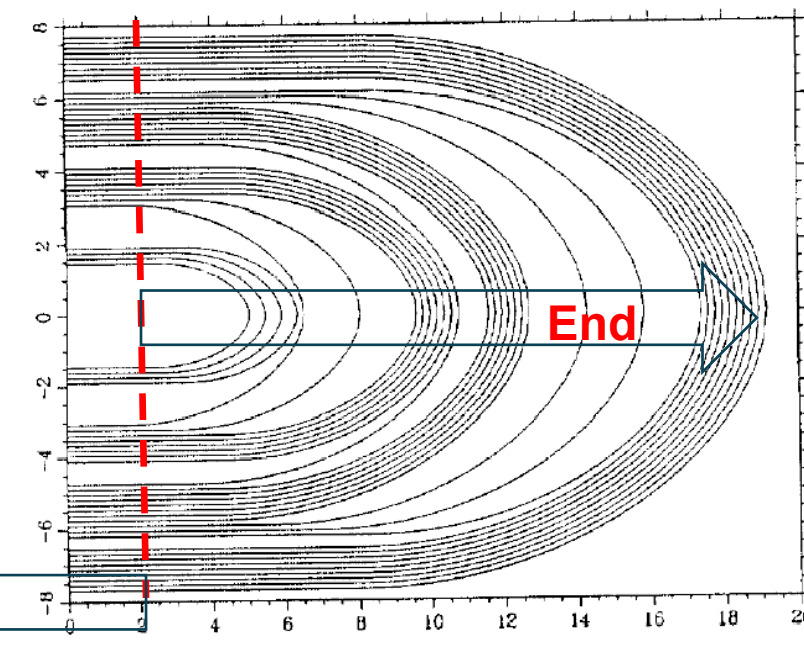
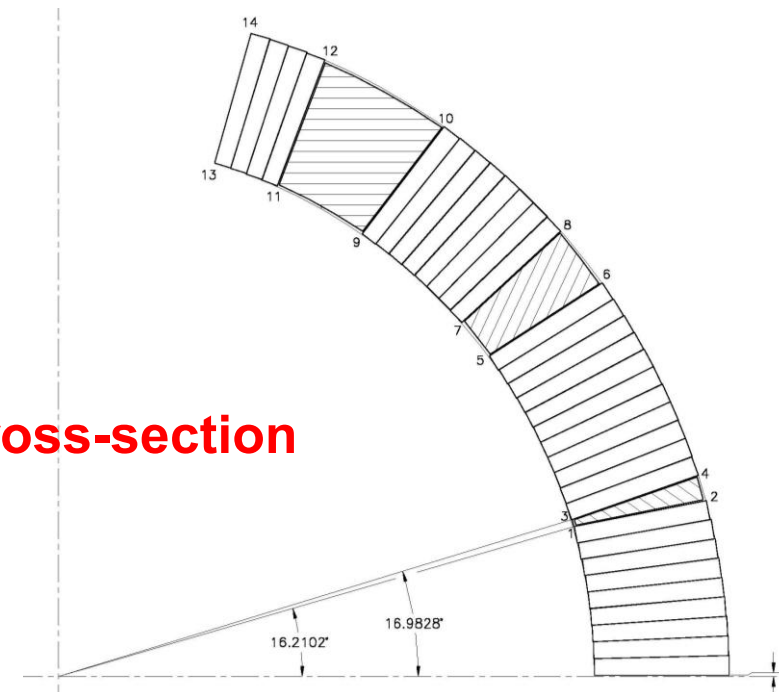
- This limits the number of turns in straight section

Step 2: Optimized ends to reduce integral harmonics, and to reduce peak field on the conductor

- This spreads out turns in the ends, making the ends longer, and reducing the field per unit length

**Each step shapes the field
and reduces the integral field**

Cross-section



Straight section

Optimum Integral Design Approach

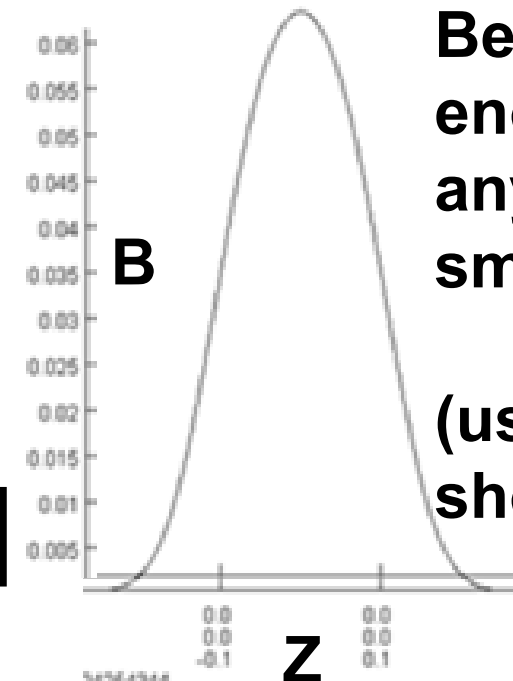
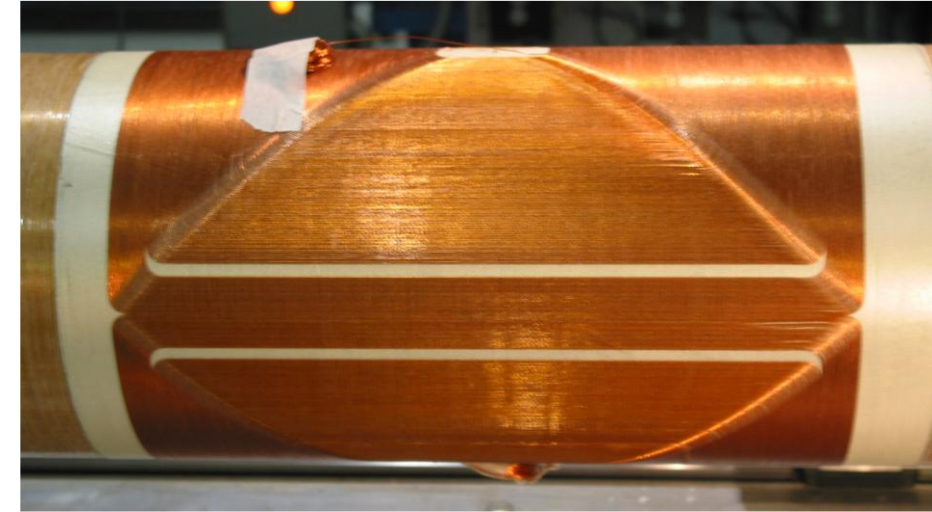
Extend midplane turns to full coil length & optimize cross-section and ends together in a single step to obtain an overall cosine theta distribution in the integral sense:

$$I(\theta) \cdot L(\theta) = I_o \cdot L_i(\theta) \propto I_o \cdot L_o \cdot \cos(n\theta)$$

Length of coil ends, which determine the loss in magnetic length, made nearly zero

✓ Loss due to ends essentially eliminated

Higher fill factor - both in the body and in the ends



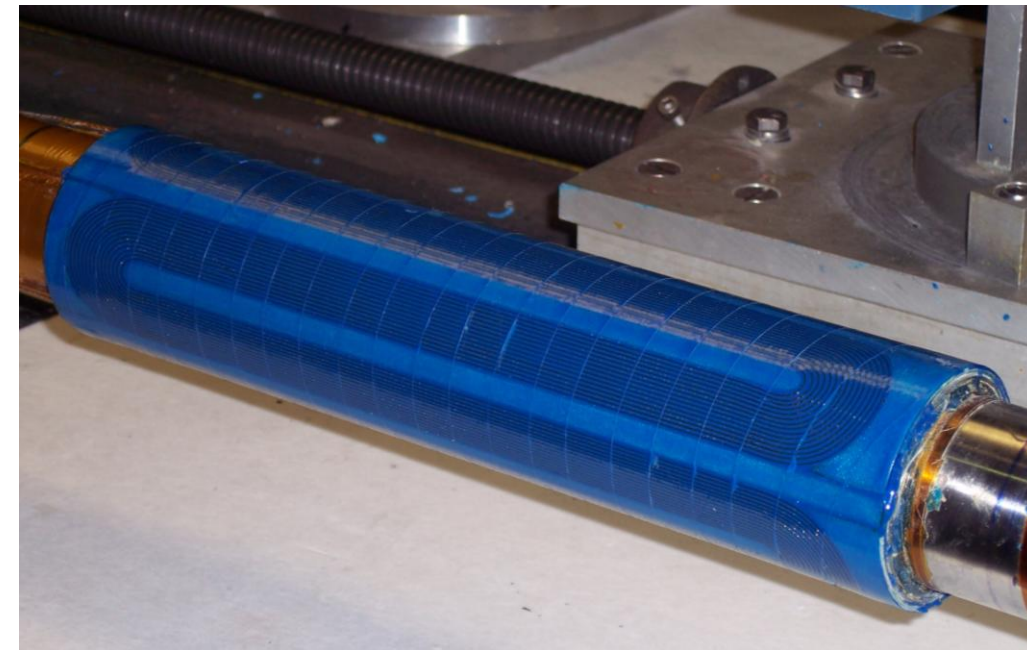
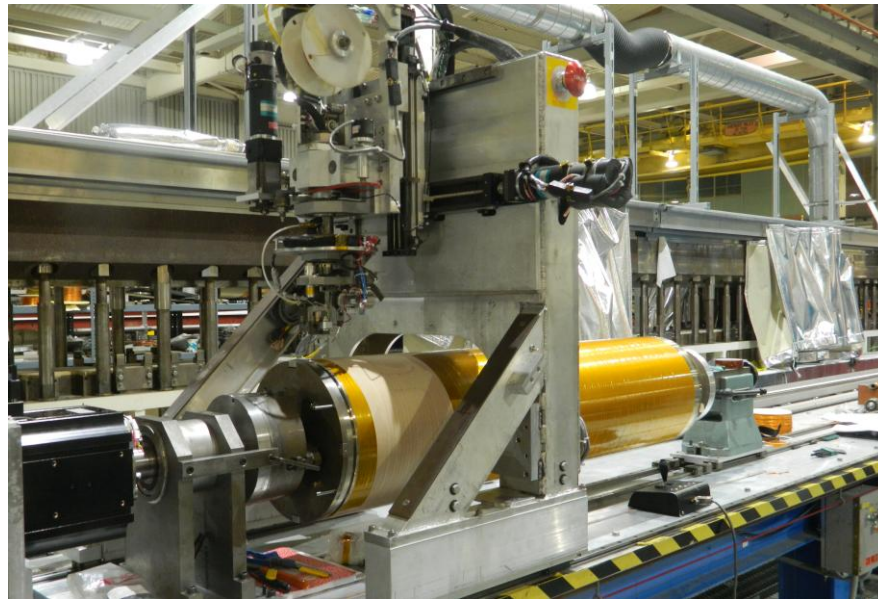
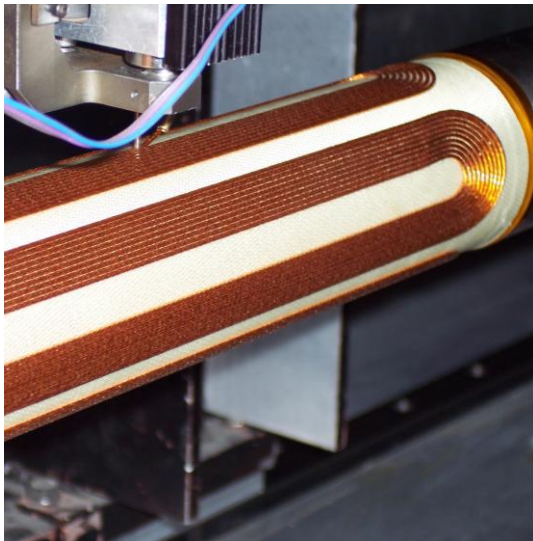
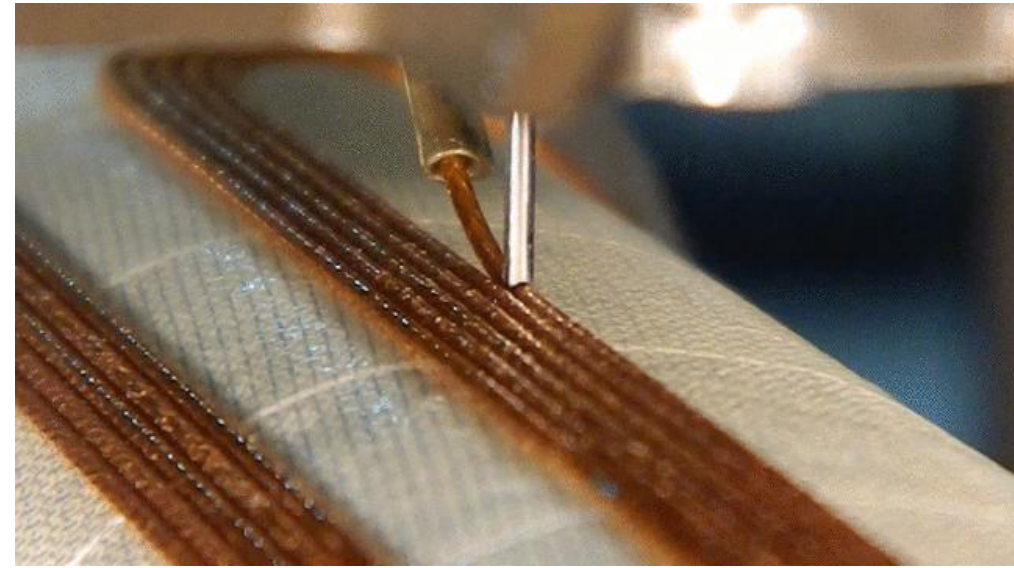
Benefits are enormous in any magnet with small flat-top

(useful in all short magnet)

AGS dipole

A Key Component of this STTR – the Direct Wind Technology

- Wire is laid directly on the tube and bonded using ultrasound onto a substrate (plus other steps)
- This is an inexpensive technology for one-off magnets. It doesn't require tooling, and detailed design. It has been reliable for low field magnets
- **Question: Can this technology be taken to higher fields as needed in EIC? To be tested in this STTR**



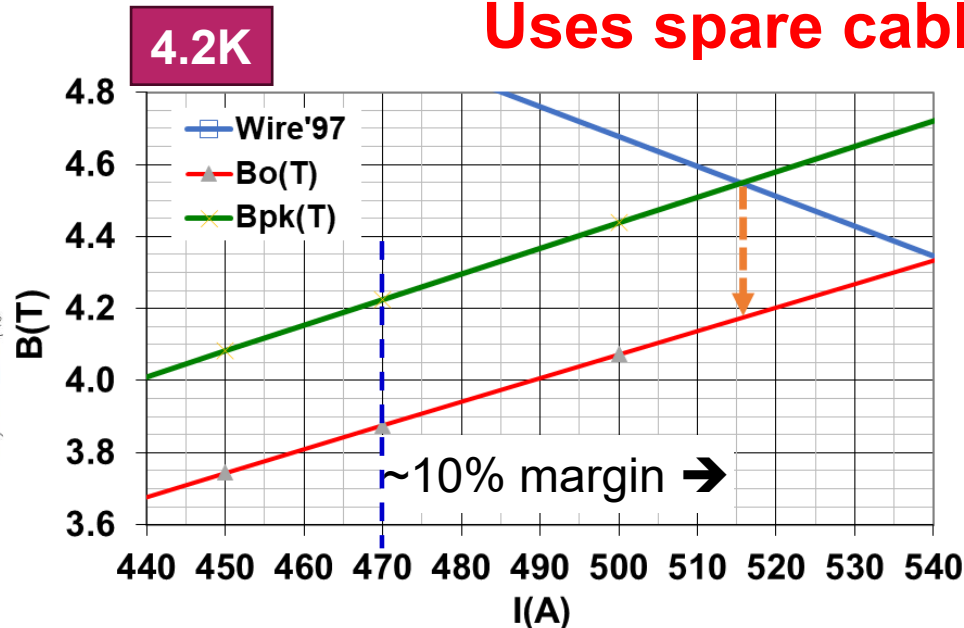
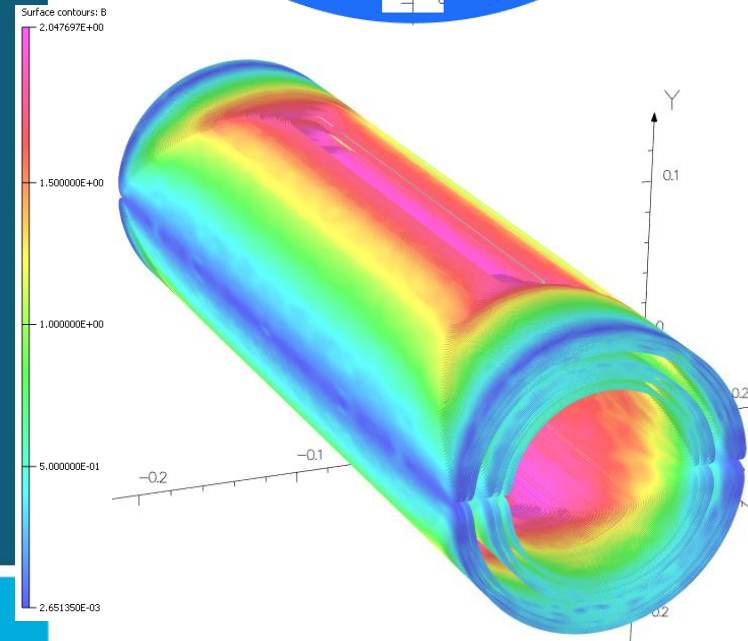
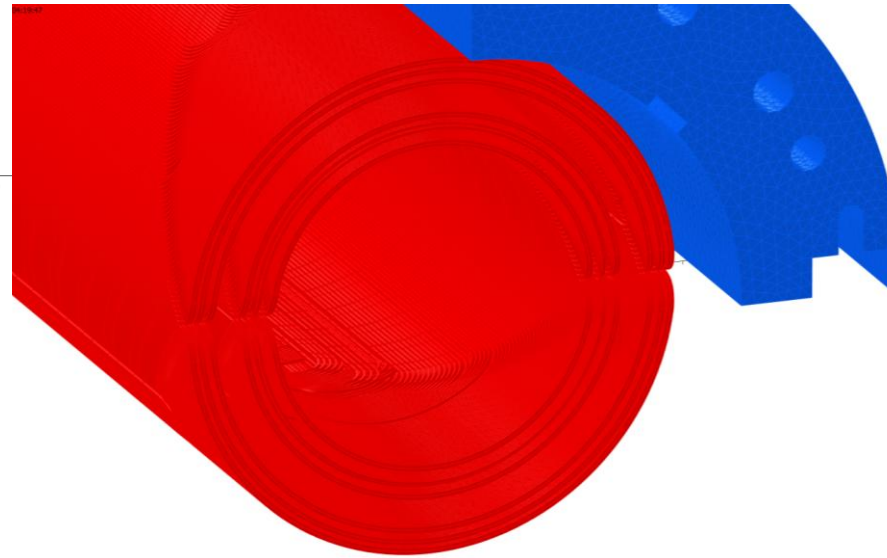
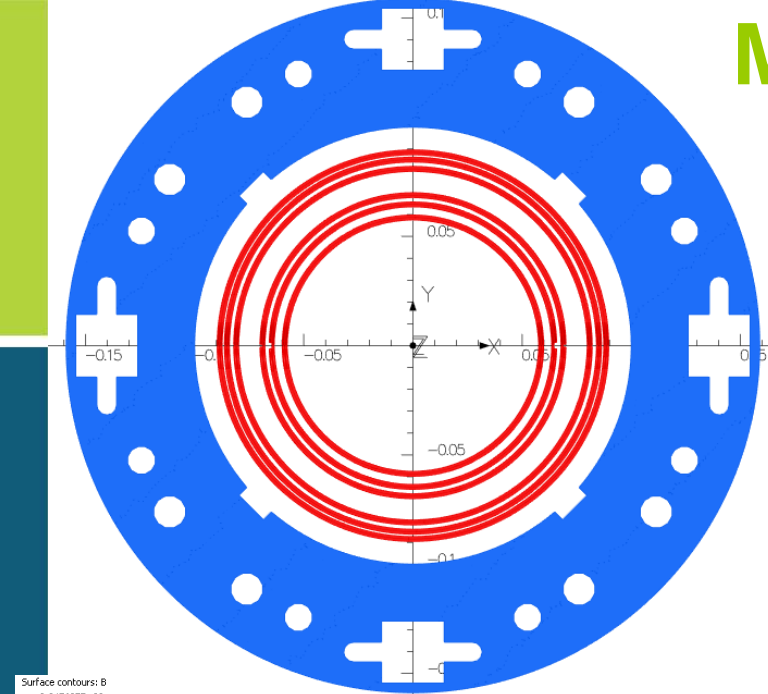
PBL/BNL STTR

Magnetic Design of the 12 Layer OI D B0ApF

Key Parameters:

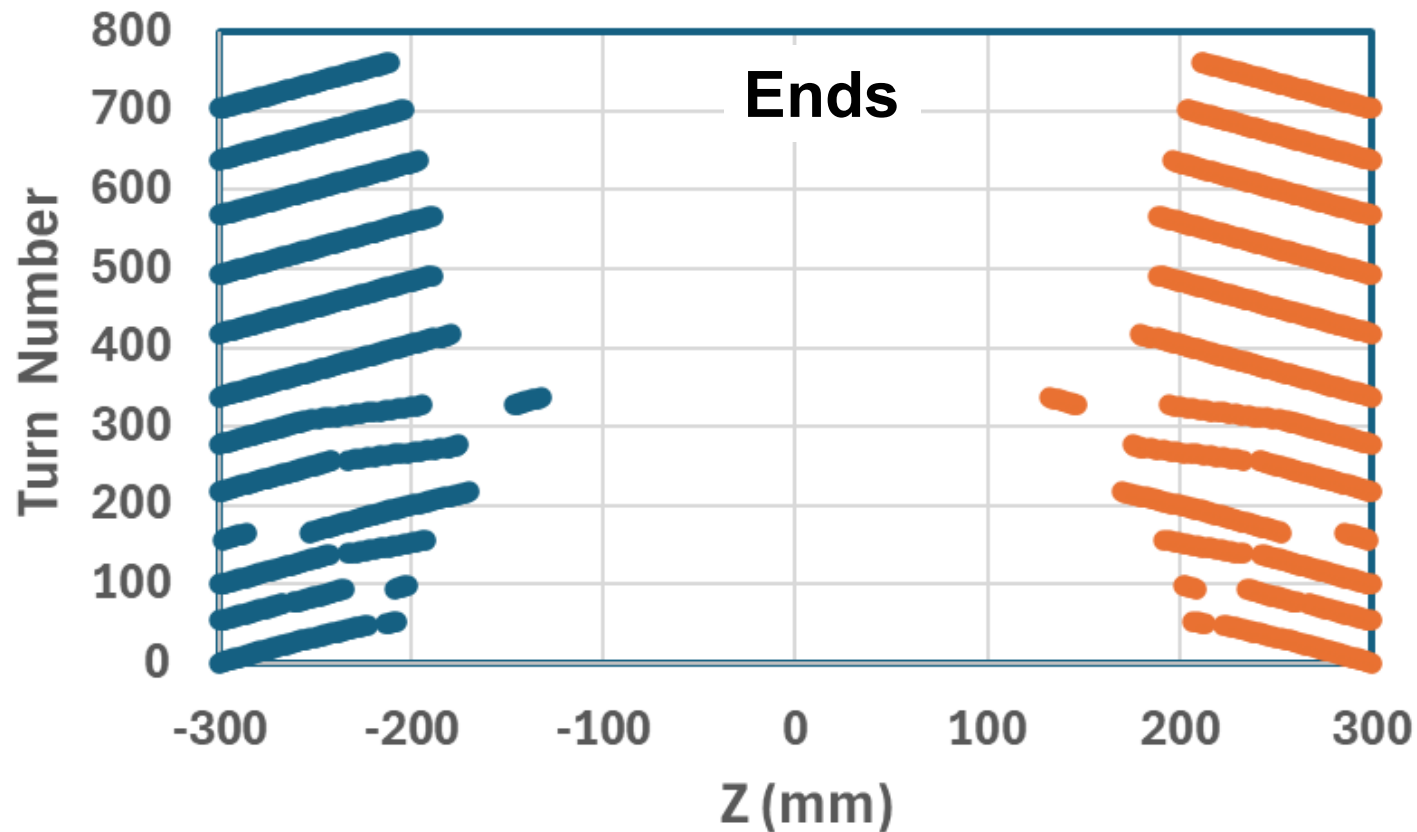
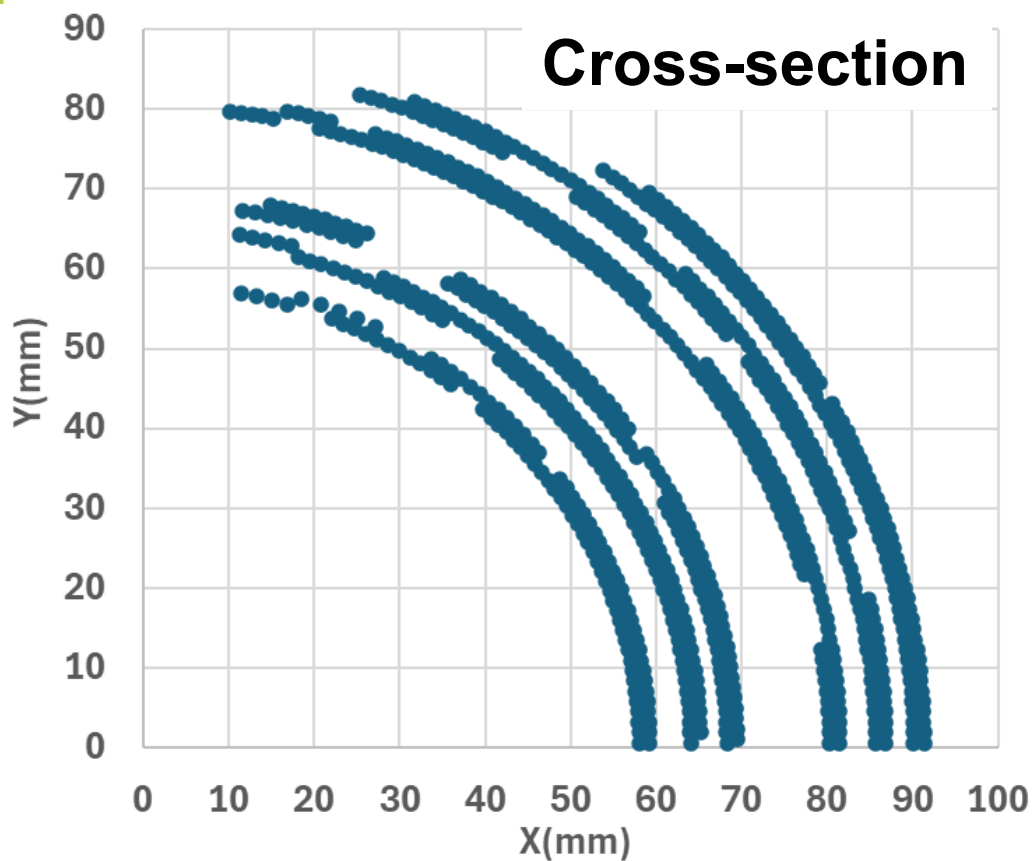
- Coil id, od: 114, 183 mm
- Coil length: 600 mm
- B_o , B_{pk} : 3.9T, 4.3T @470A
- Integral field: 1.98 T.m
- Inductance: ~700 mH
- 12 Layers (6 + 6)
- **Intermediate SS tube**

Uses spare cables from a previous project

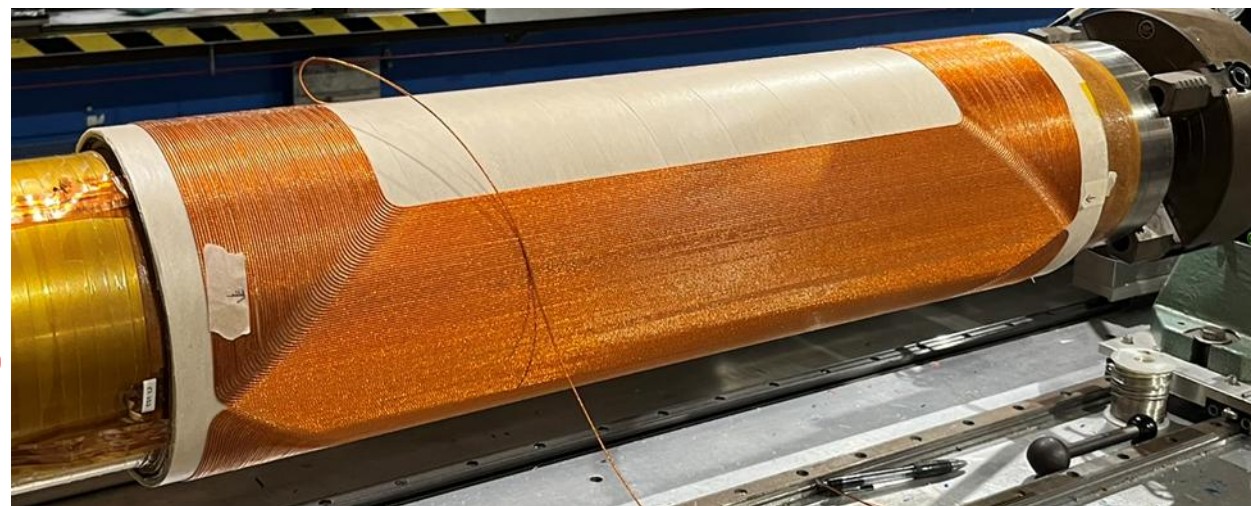


- Superconducting wire diameter: 0.33 mm
- Filament diameter: 10 μ m
- Cable type: 6-around-1
- Cable diameter (bare): 1 mm
- Cable diameter (Kapton insulated): 1.1 mm
- Critical current (4.2K, 5T): > 421 A
- Copper to superconductor ratio: 2.25
- Cable used in the magnet: 1.7 km
- Computed quench current at 4.2 K: ~500 A

Coil Geometry



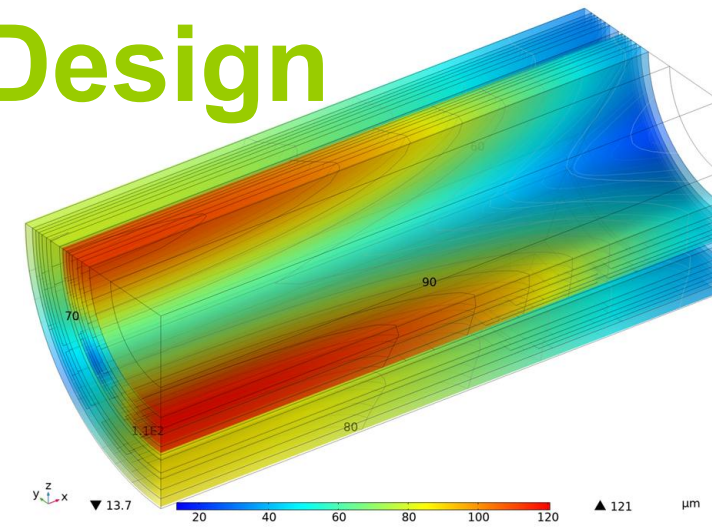
**Total cable used in 12 layers: 1.73 km
(121 meter to 175 meter used in a layer)**



Mechanical Design of the 12-layer Design

Primary components of mechanical structure:

- Tension roving after every two layers
- Two stainless steel tubes
 - 2 instead of 1 to reduce stress/strain buildup
 - Original design had an outer SS tube also. As built, has only tension roving on outside.

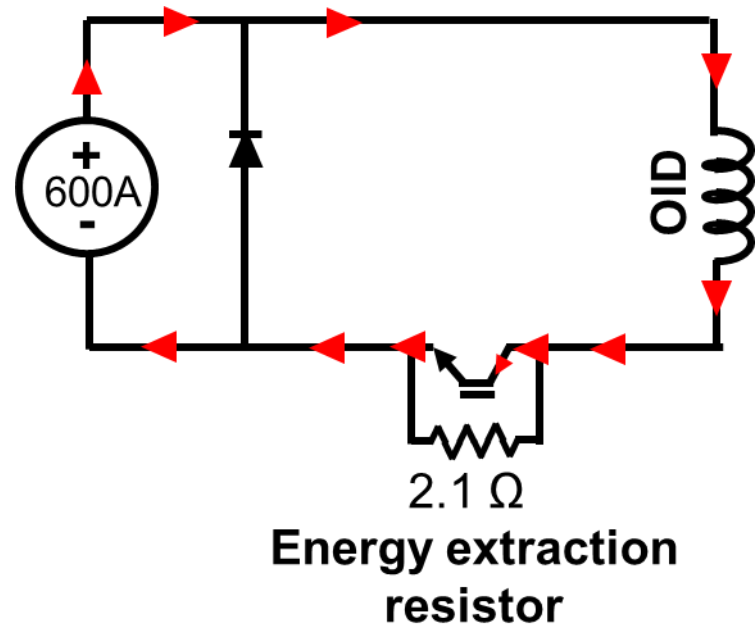


Analysis with COMSOL

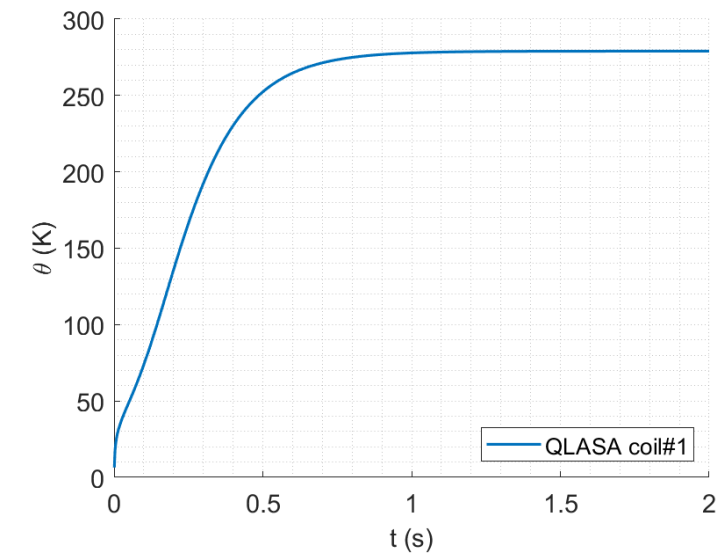
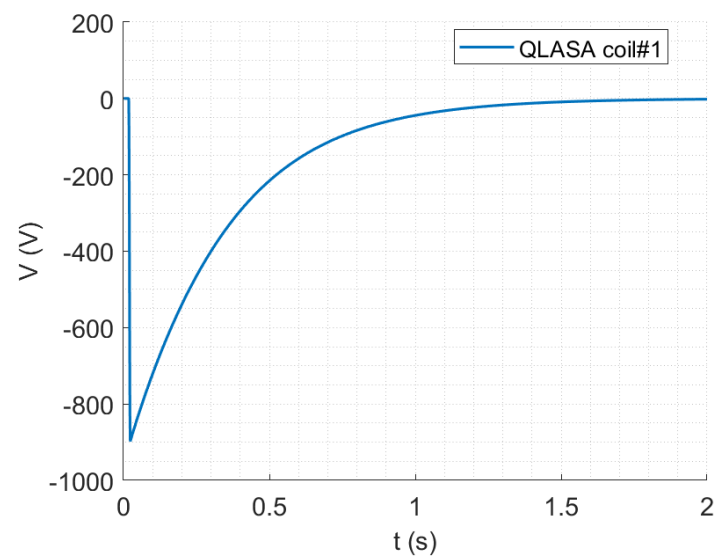
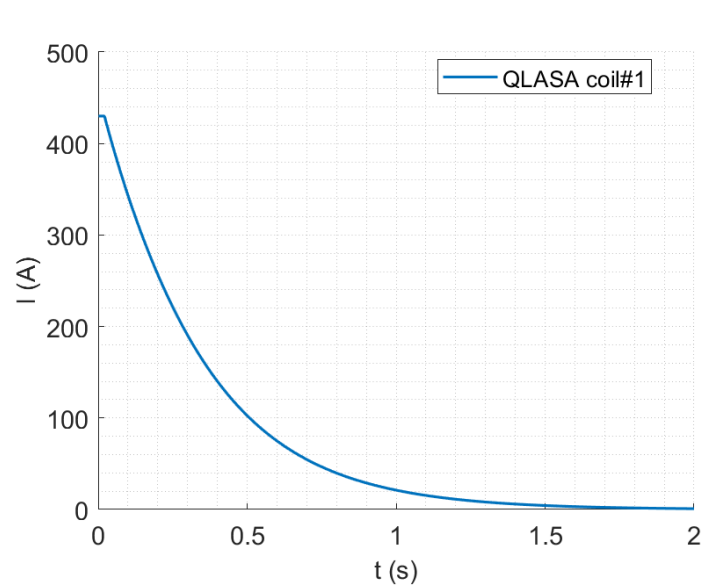


Quench Protection

QLASA simulation
@ $I = 430\text{ A}$
 $L = \sim 0.7\text{ H}$
 $R_{\text{dump}} = 2.1\text{ }\Omega$



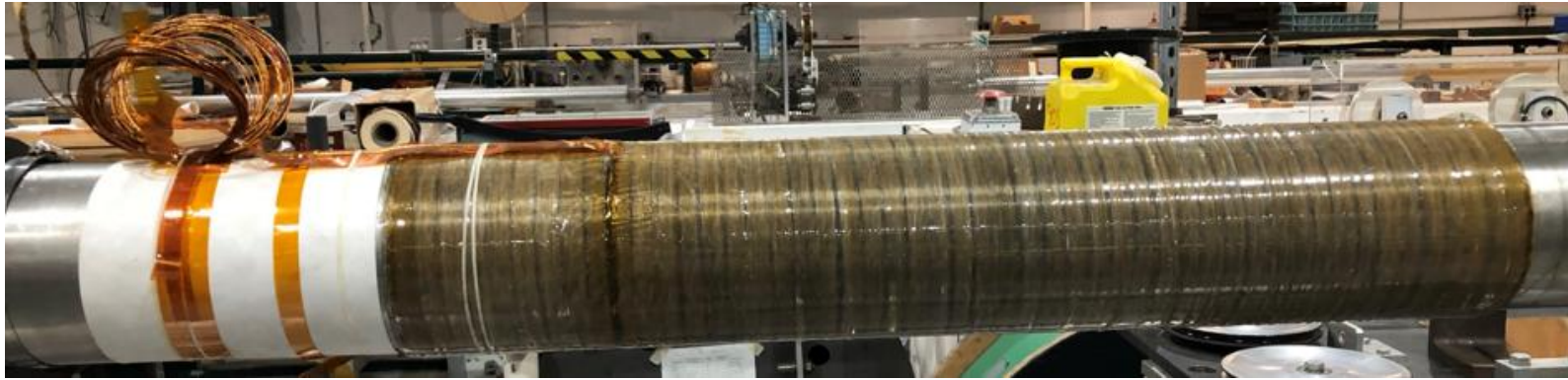
Parameter	Value
MITs	0.0353
Hotspot temperature	279 K
Voltage total	898 V
Voltage to GND	449 V
Decay time constant	337 ms



Three Phases of the PBL/BNL STTR Program

- Phase I: **Two** layers
- Phase II (year 1): **Six** layers
- Phase II (final): **Twelve** layers (six layers each on two tubes)

Optimum Integral Dipole in Phase I (two layers in a yoke)

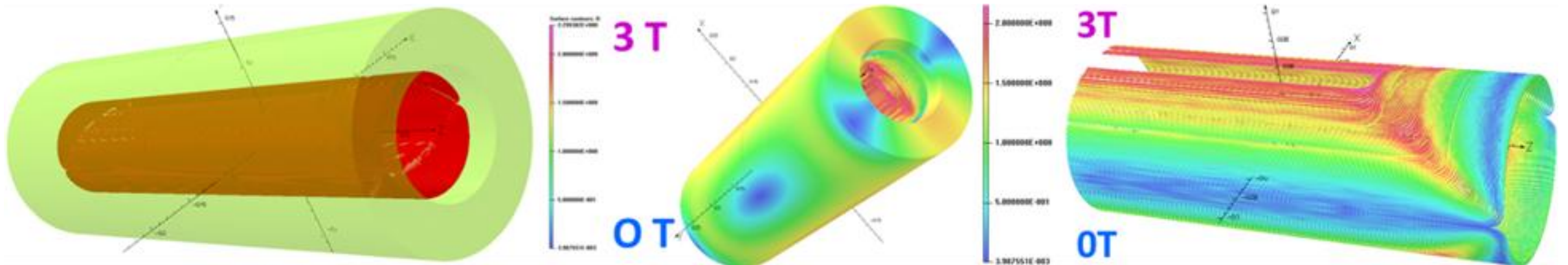


**Tension rowing over two layers to contain forces
(inner SS tube also has a role in the mechanical structure)**



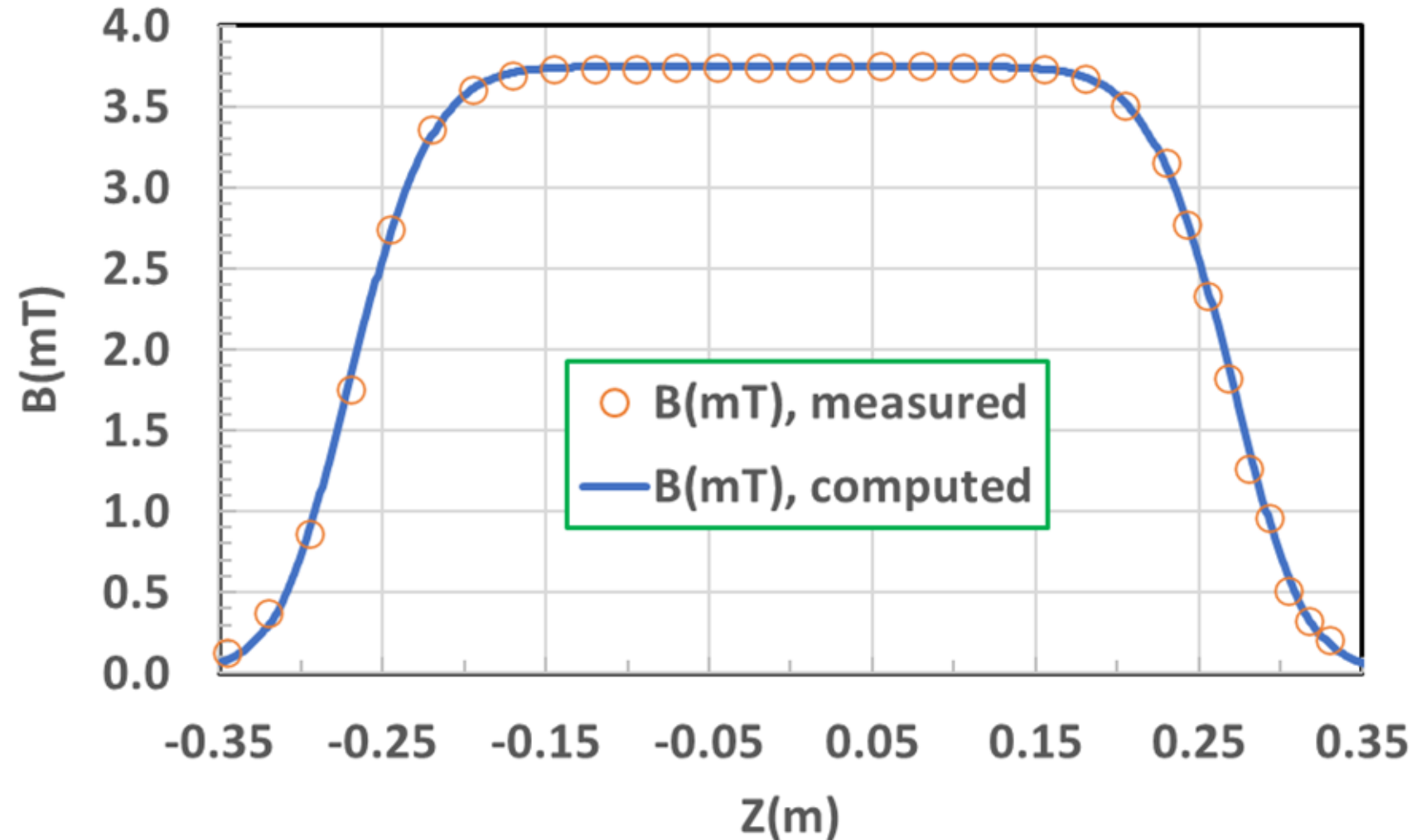
**Coil in the yoke
(ready for the testing)**

Coil i.d. = 114 mm, $B_o = \sim 1.7$ T, $B_{pk} = \sim 2.2$ T



Question #1: Will optimum integral design extend the magnetic length?

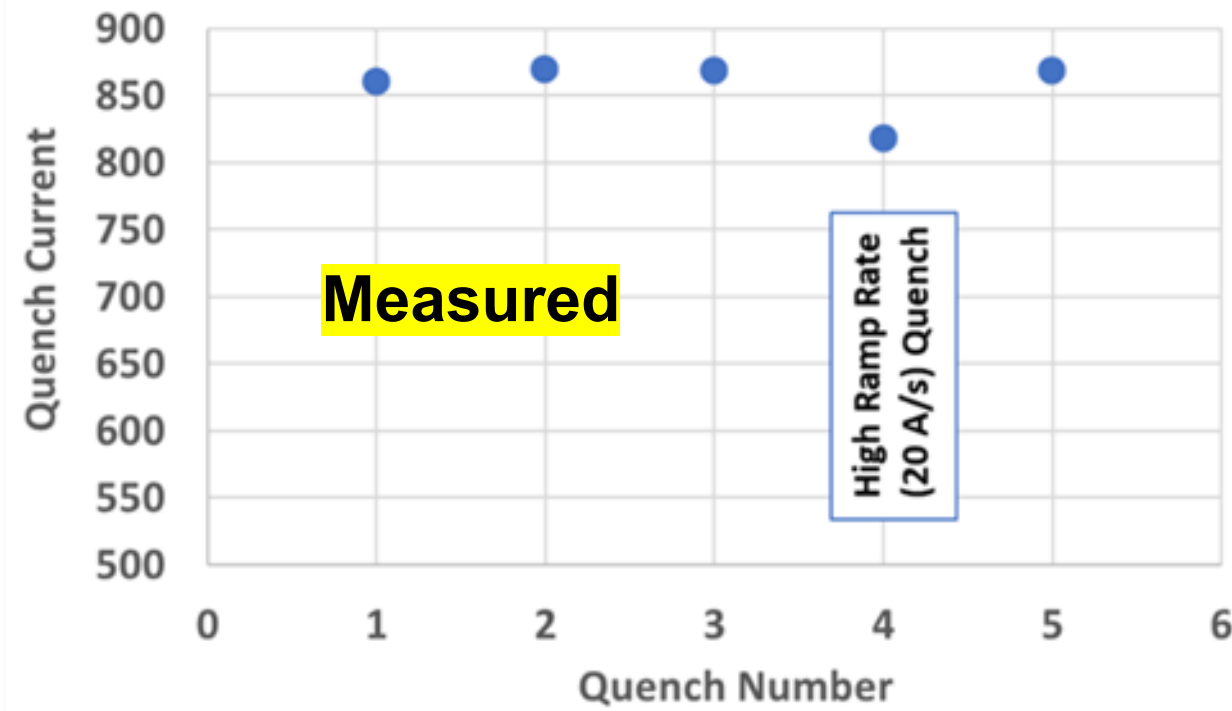
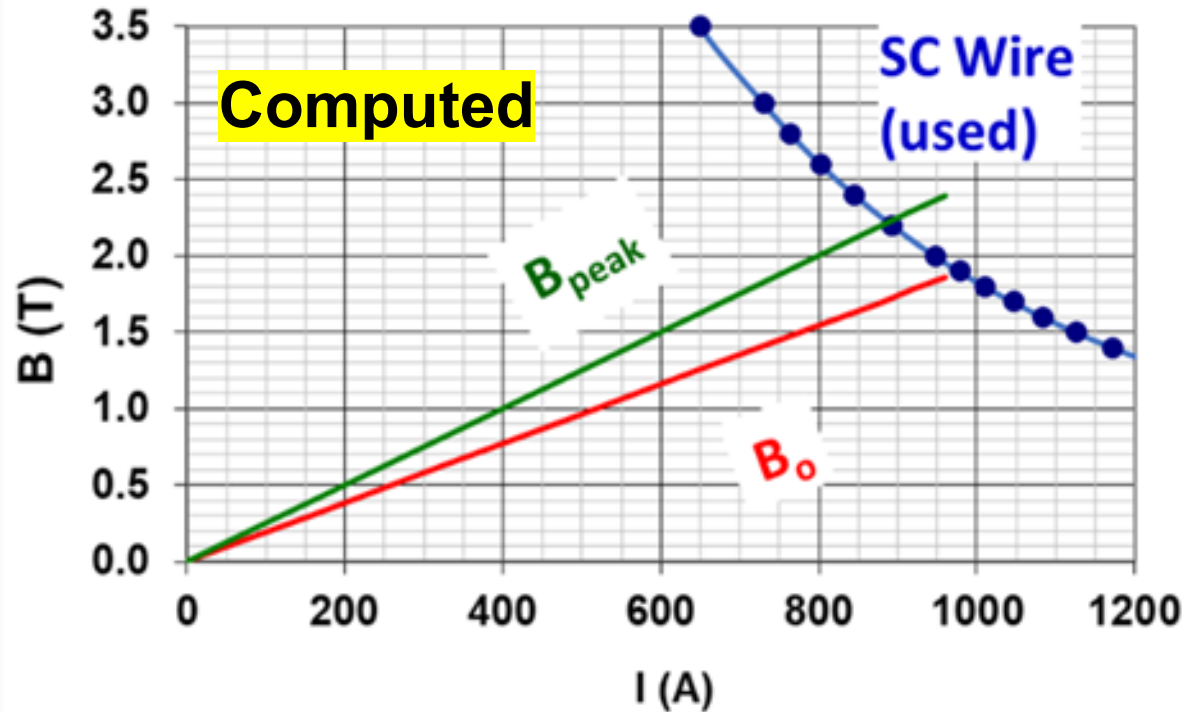
**Major
motivation of
the optimum
integral design
demonstrated**



✓ Answer: Yes, it did, as predicted !

Good agreement between calculations & measurements.

Question #2: Will the direct wind coil based on the optimum integral have a good quench performance?



$B_0 = \sim 1.7$ T, $B_{pk} = \sim 2.2$ T, Coil i.d. = 114 mm

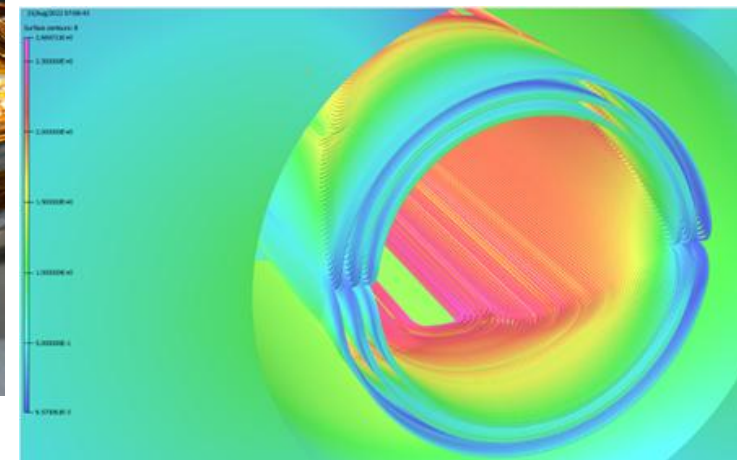
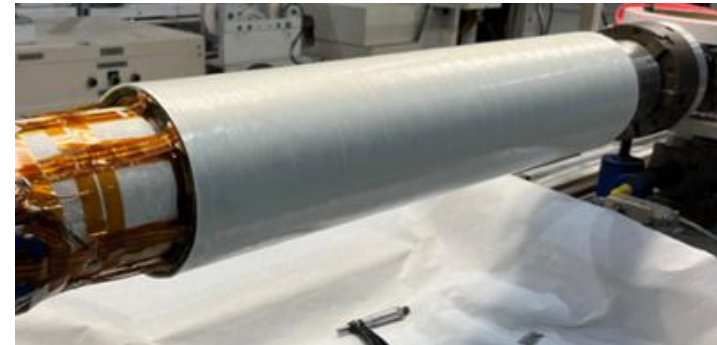
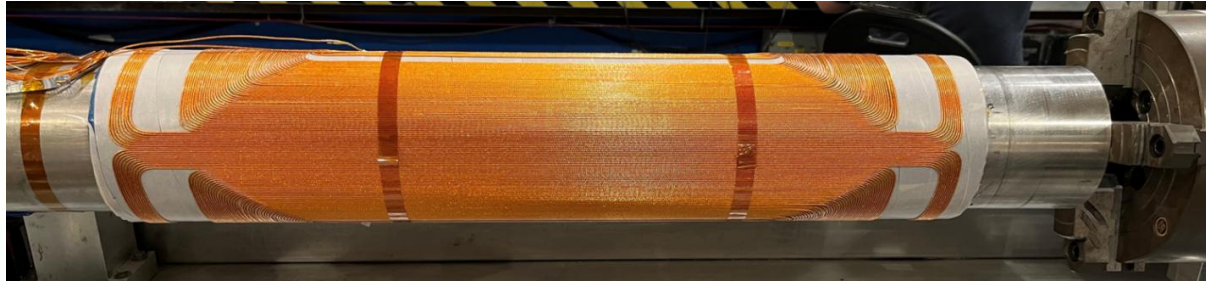
- ✓ Answer: Quench performance remains excellent to this field/bore (reached computed short sample without any training)

These two are significant demonstration for a Phase I (in <1 year)

Enhanced Goals of the STTR Phase II

- a) Demonstrate field quality with warm magnetic measurements
 - Validation of the optimum integral design and the special software developed
- b) Intermediate test with six layers and final test with twelve layers
 - 6-layer: $B_o \sim 2.9$ T, $B_{pk} \sim 3.5$ T, $B_{int} \sim 1.5$ T.m
 - 12-layer: $B_o \sim 3.9$ T, $B_{pk} \sim 4.3$ T, $B_{int} = 1.98$ T.m (+margin)
- c) Demonstration of the superconducting shielding in a geometric and magnetic configuration as faced by the electron beam in EIC

Coil Winding, Magnet Construction (Phase II, Year 1)



Field Quality Demonstration of the Design, and of the Code

(code uses a new method)

(in 10^{-4} units)

Lower order terms from the external leads (not real).

All other harmonics are <2 units (meets the spec).

Small measured harmonics are corrected in the outer coil.

Warm harmonic measurements after the 6 layers of B0ApF OID

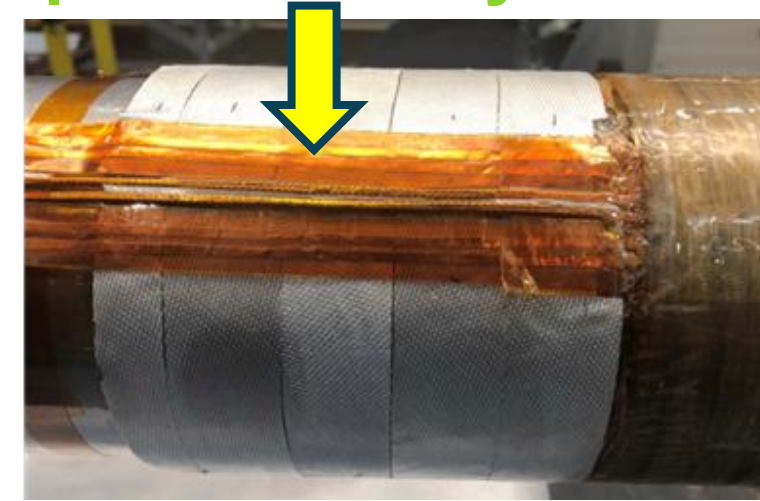


Success: A good field quality in the 1st attempt itself, despite changes.

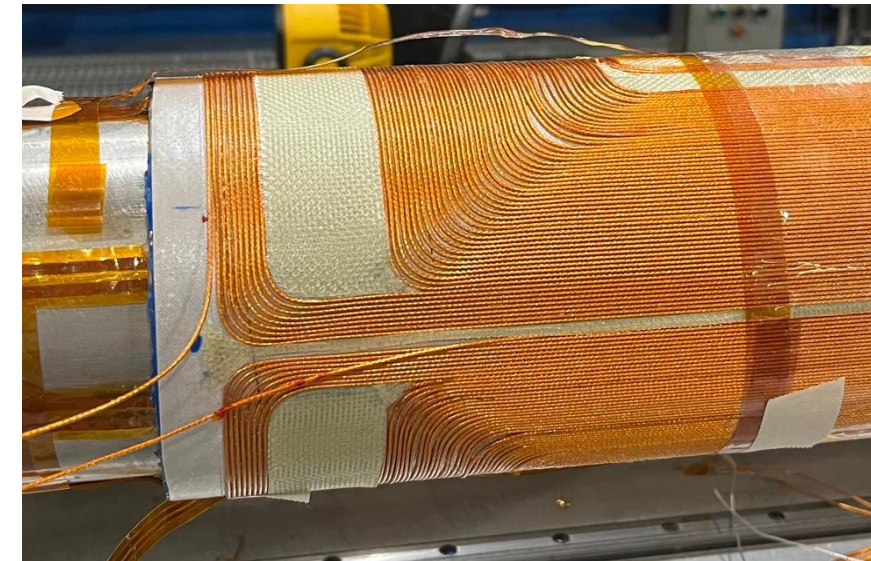
Optimum Integral Dipole B0ApF 6-layers		
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Measured Integral Harmonics@25mm		
No.	bn	an
2	0.62	2.83
3	3.98	2.81
4	0.23	-0.52
5	0.39	0.21
6	0.07	-0.21
7	0.51	0.16
8	0.00	0.05
9	-0.12	-0.03
10	0.00	-0.01
11	0.02	0.01
12	0.00	0.00
13	-0.01	0.00

A Change in Design to Eliminate Loss in Radial Space Used by Leads

- **Phase I “Optimum Integral Design” used extra radial space for bringing leads out “over the coil” at the pole.**
 - **Used in the first two layers.**
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- An innovation was implemented to remove extra radial space. Leads out at midplane.
 - This solution required a splice at the pole in high field region, and additional routing of leads in an area outside the end of coil.
 - This was used in the next four layers.

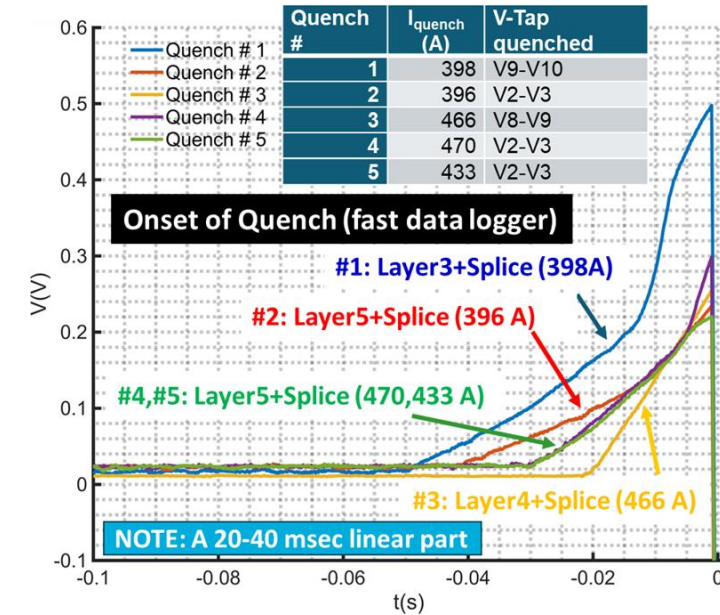
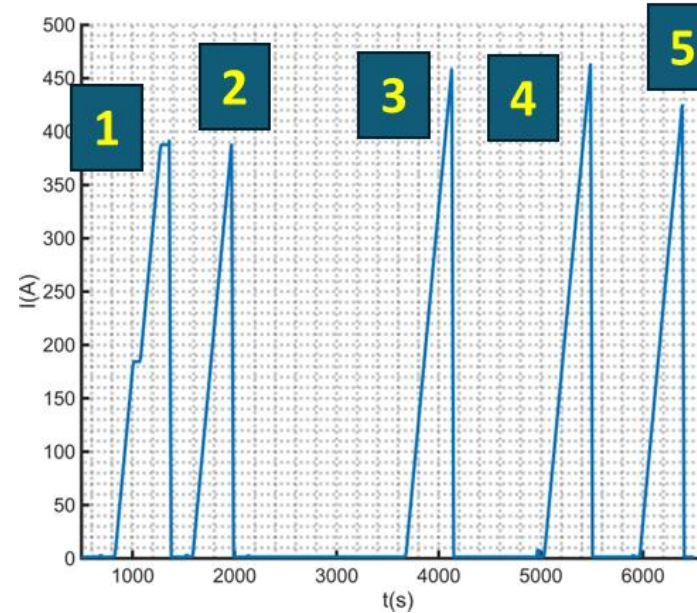
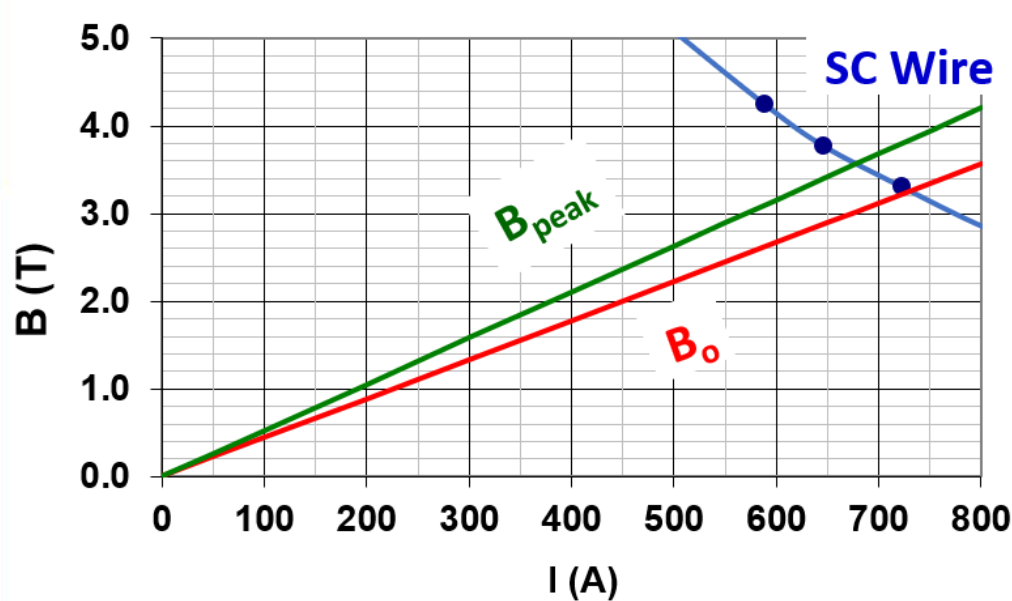


Phase I configuration



Phase II configuration

Quench Test of the 6-layer Optimum Integral Dipole



- Magnet reached 470 A (~70% of the short sample).
- All quenches were in the coil sets where the lead routing was modified to eliminate the use the extra radial space.

Issue that limited the performance has now been resolved !
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Investigation and Resolution of What Limited the Performance of Phase II, Year 1

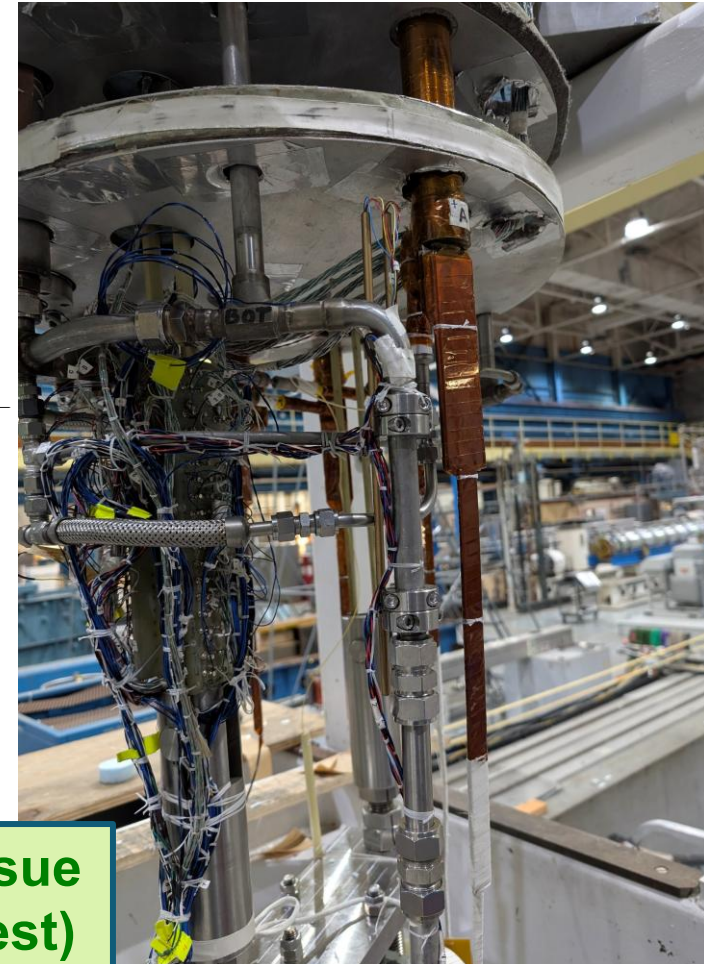
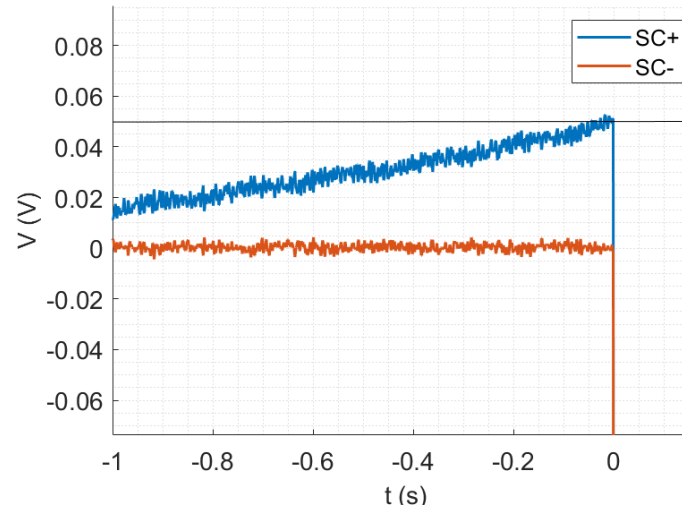
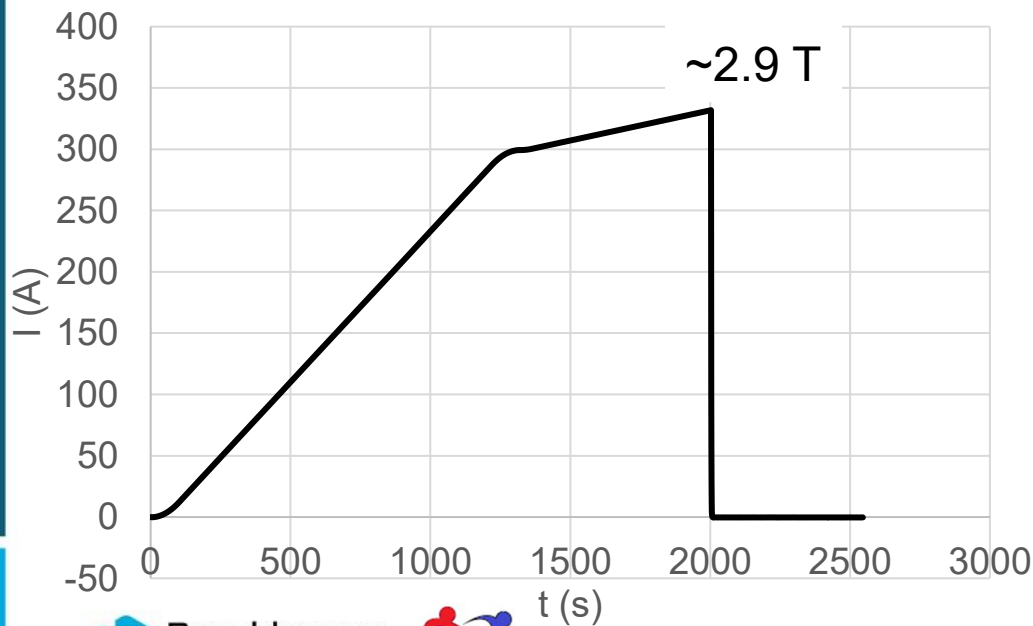
- **Weakness found in routing of the leads outside the magnet.**
- **Improved support to make the lead routing more robust.**



Test Results of the 12-layer Direct Wind Optimum Integral Dipole B0ApF

- Magnet energized to ~ 2.9 T or 1.49 T.m ($\sim 75\%$ of the required field integral) with **NO** spontaneous quenches.
- **A significant and promising test result for direct wind**
- Innovation to reduce radial buildup worked, as planned (issue that limited performance last year is resolved)
- Test was limited by the difference voltage in sc leads exceeding 50 mV, either from a joint or a signal mix-up.

$\sim 84\%$ of the design field of RHIC 80mm dipole, in 114mm aperture

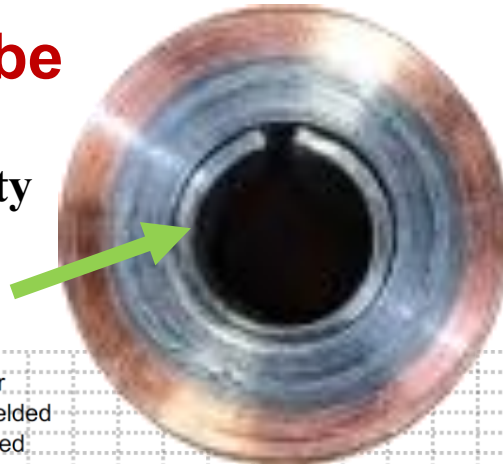


(magnet is good, external issue to be fixed before the next test)

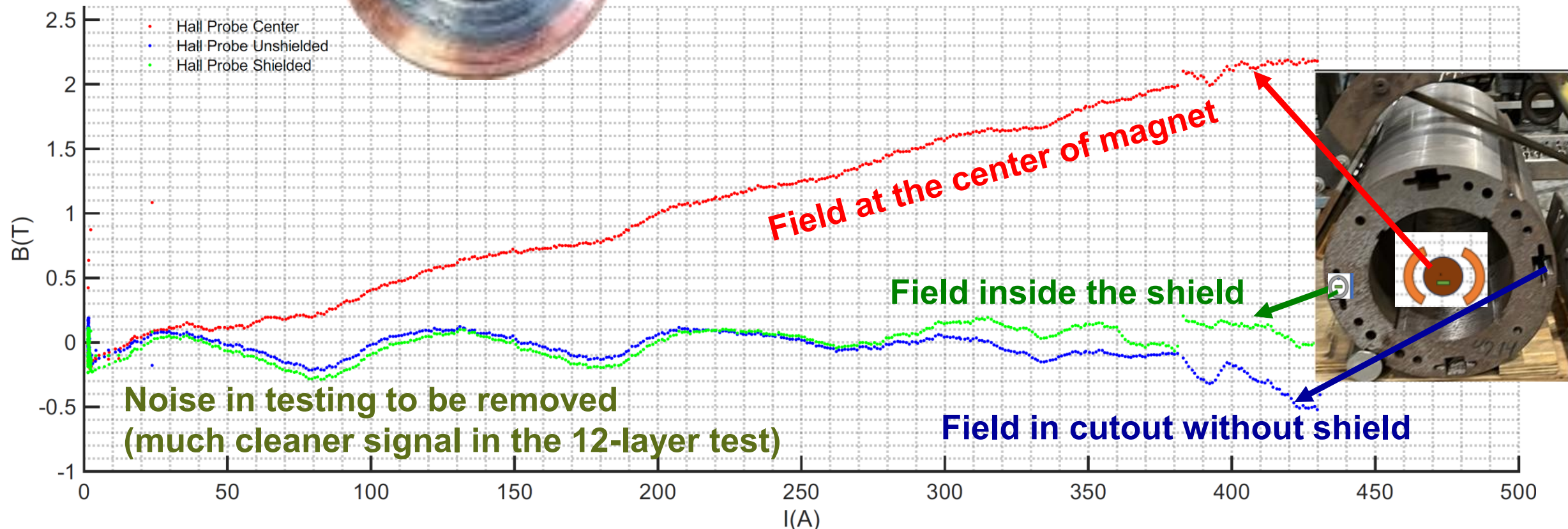
Demonstration of Superconducting Shielding in 6-layer Magnet

NbTi Tube

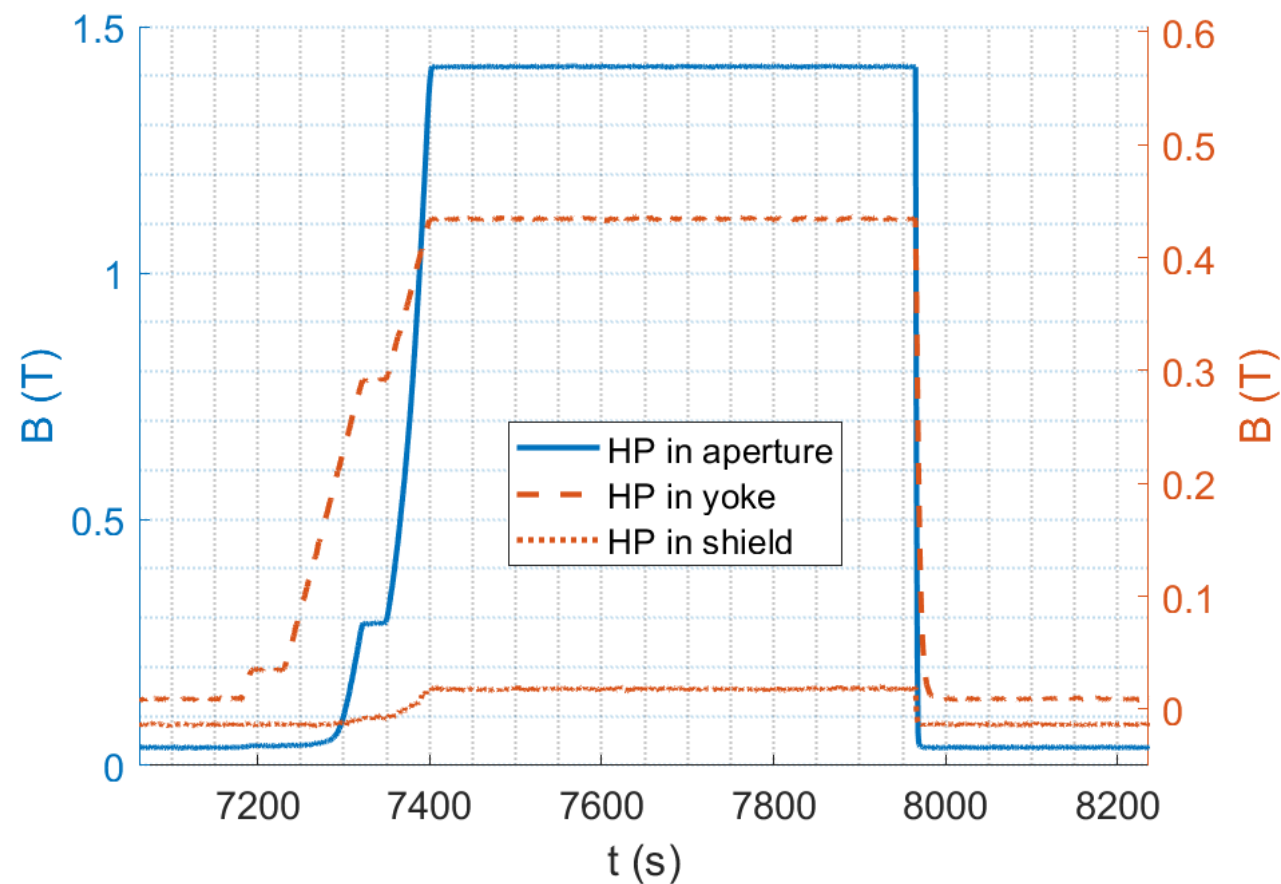
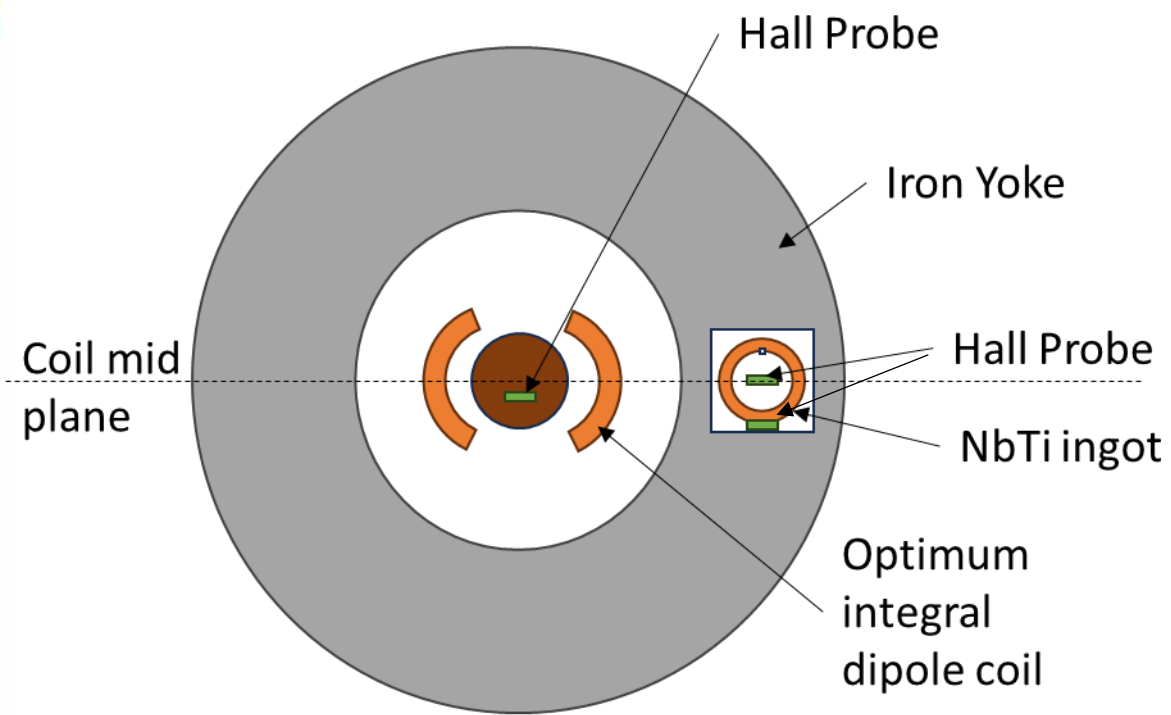
High permeability
*A4K to shield
persistent field



Superconducting shielding works



Passive Shielding Experiment in 12-layer higher field dipole



(cleaner Hall probe signal, data still being examined)

Possible Application of the Optimum Integral Design in Other EIC Magnets

Possibility of Optimum Integral Design for Short EIC Magnets

- Typical mechanical length of end: ~ 2 coil diameter each in dipole. Total ends in dipole: \sim four diameter (~ 2 coil diameter in quad).
- Compare coil length (L) to coil i.d. (id) ratios. Relative loss will be significant when the ratio is <8 in dipoles and <4 in quadrupoles.

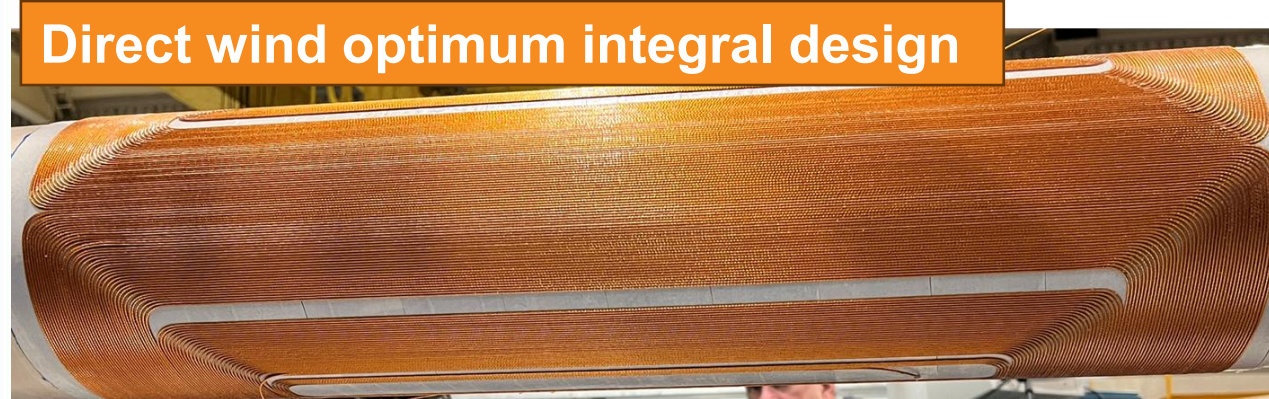
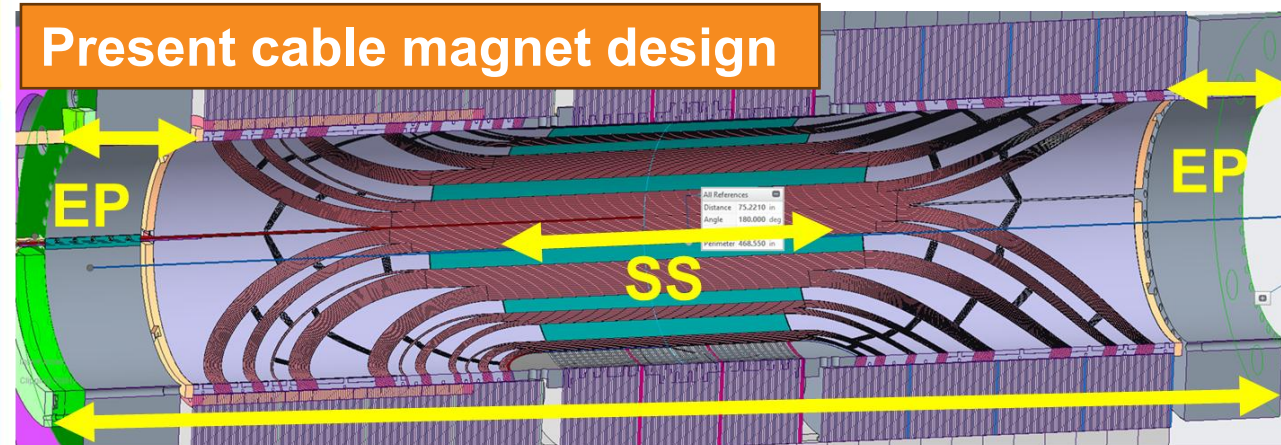
Coil length to coil diameter ratios in some EIC magnets:

- B0ApF ($L = 600$ mm, $id = 114$ mm): ~ 5.3
- B1ApF ($L = 1600$ mm, $id = 370$ mm): ~ 4.3
- B1pF/B1ApF ($L = 2500$ mm, $id = 363$ mm): ~ 6.9
- B0pF/Q0eF ($L = 1200$ mm, $id = 656$ mm): ~ 1.8

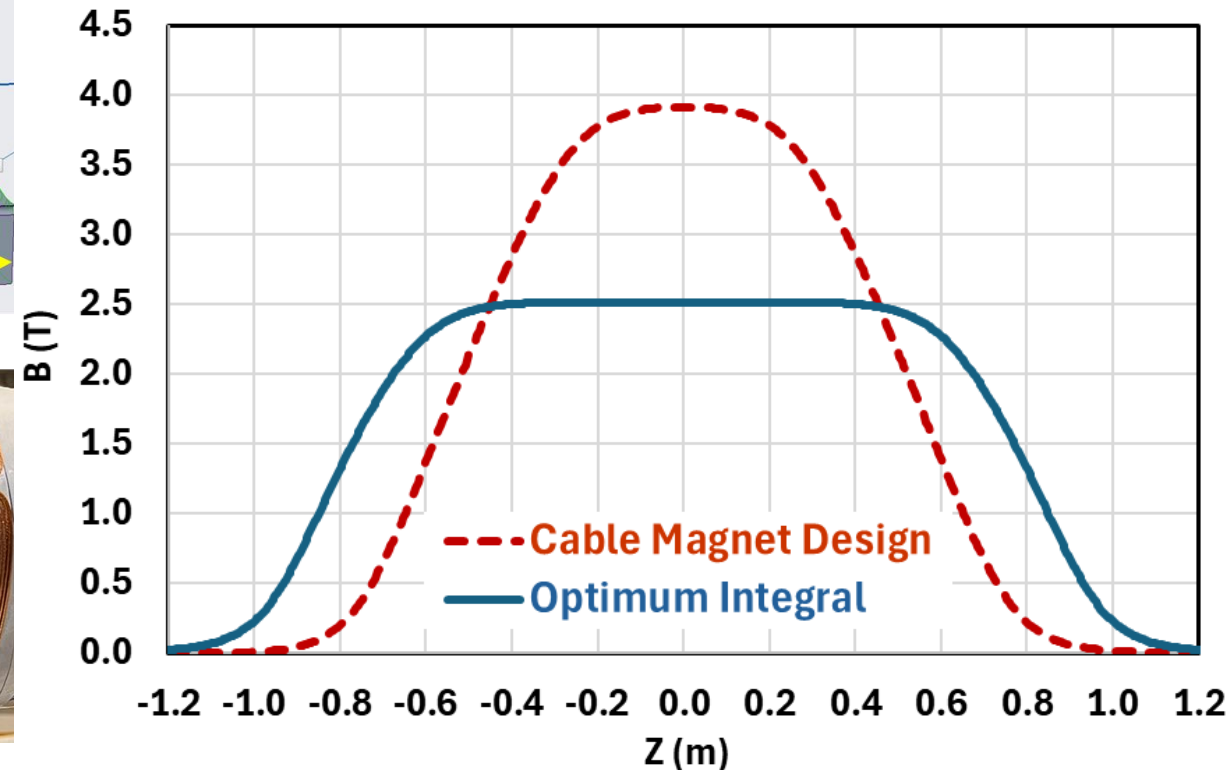
Reference guide
 ~ 8 in dipole
 ~ 4 in quads

(compare this to quadrupole, not to dipole)

Value of the Optimum Integral Design in B1ApF (comparison with the cable magnet design–current baseline)



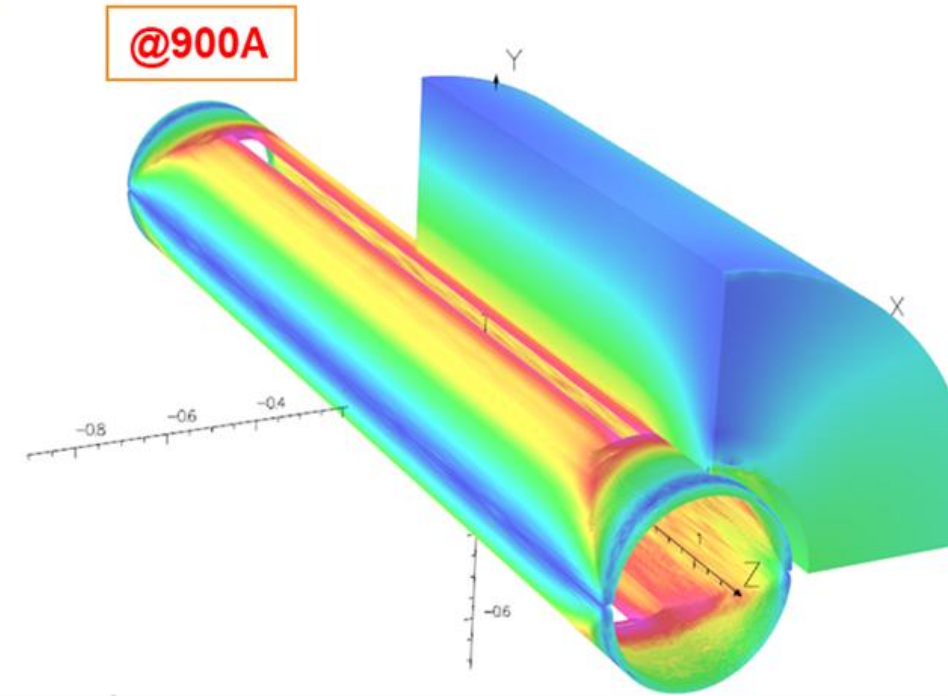
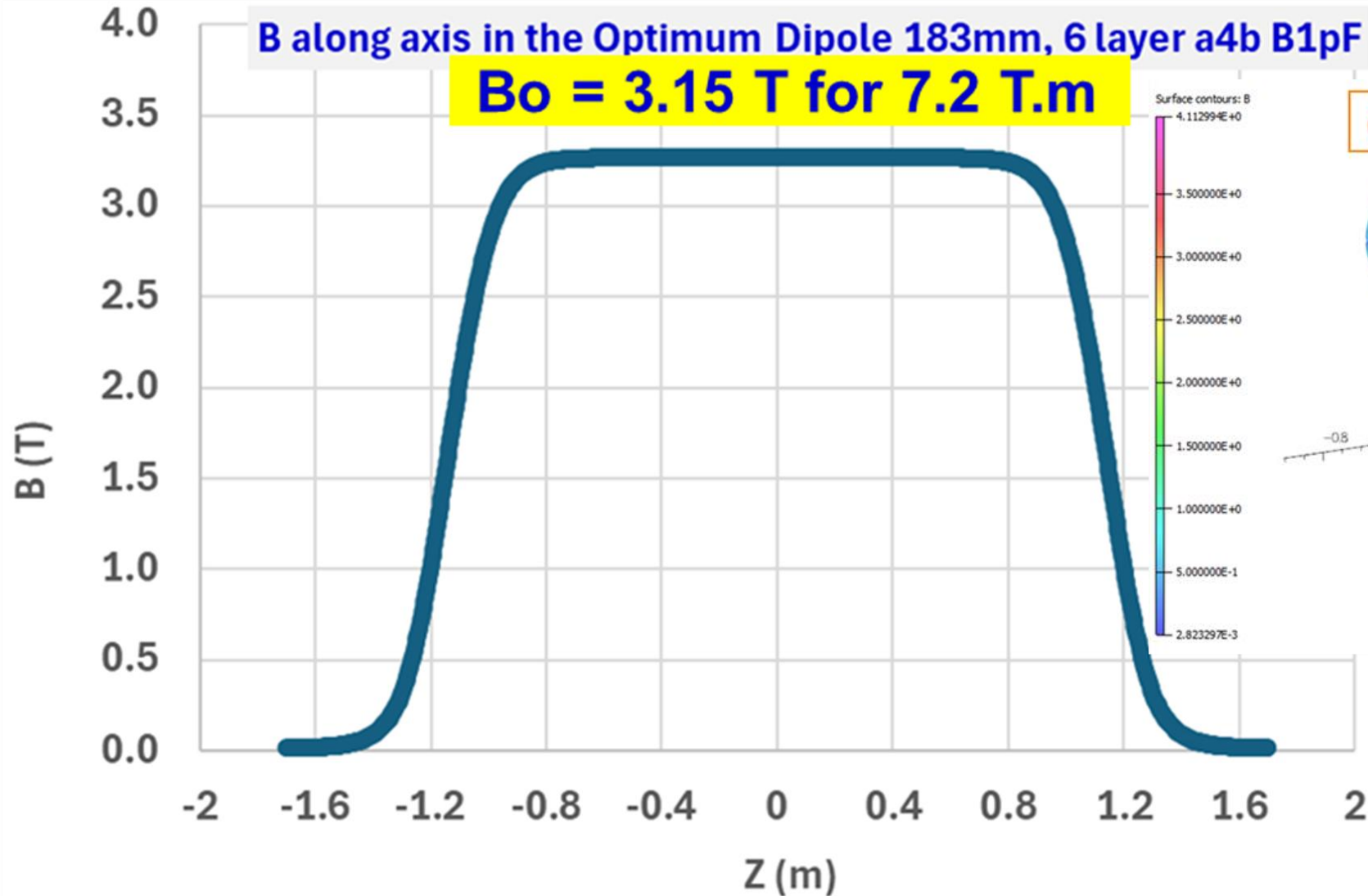
A wider flap-top in Optimum Integral



Technical benefit: B_o goes down from ~ 3.9 T to ~ 2.5 T; forces/stresses go down as B^2

➤ Required Field Integral: 4.05 T.m

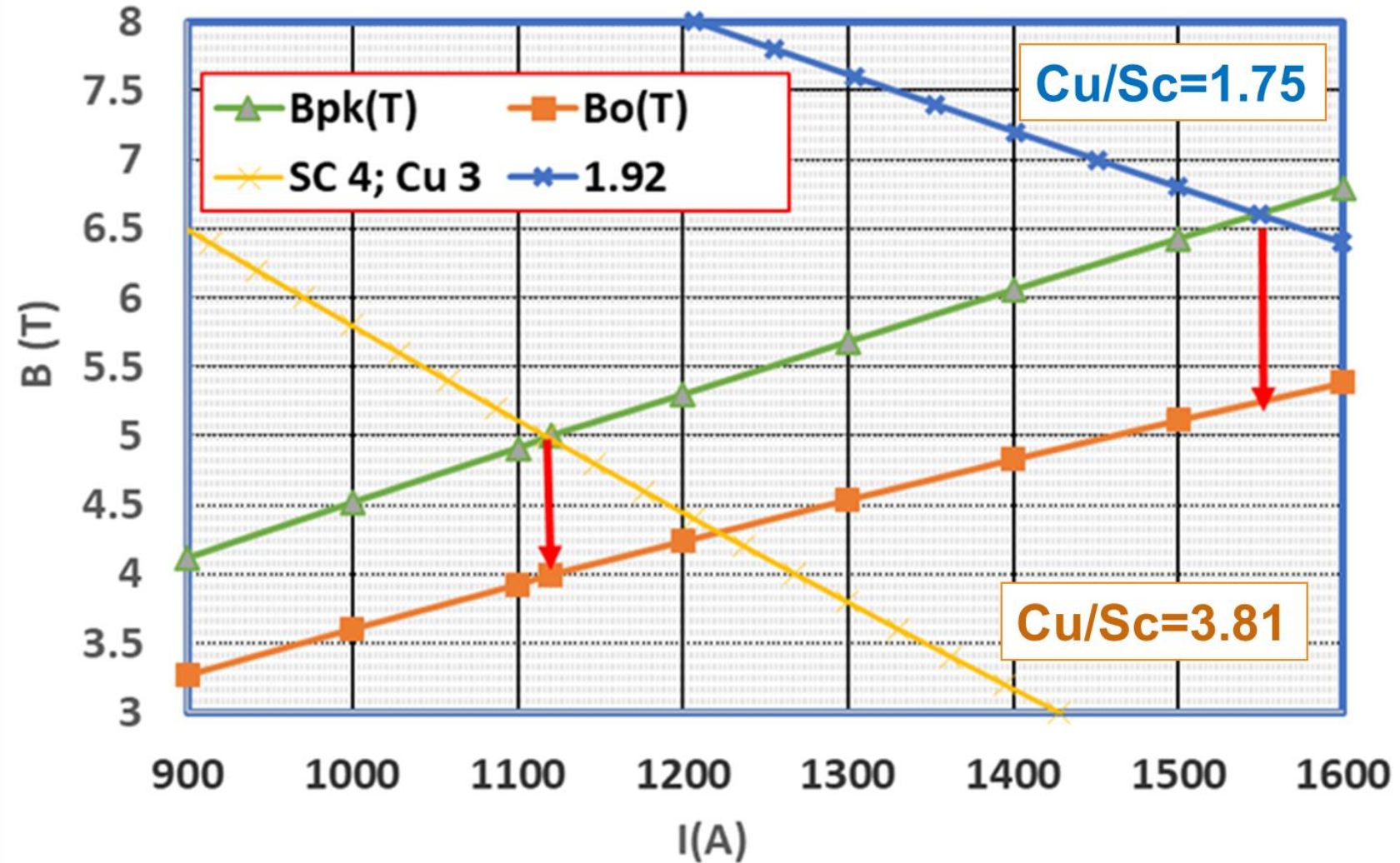
B1pF/B1ApF Common optimum integral 6-layer design (1)



- Coil id: 363 mm
- Coil length: 2,500 mm
- Integral field: 7.2 T.m
- Magnetic length: 2.25 m
- Design current: 885 A

B1pF/B1ApF Common optimum integral 6-layer design (2)

- Coil id: 363 mm
- Coil length: 2,500 mm
- Length/Aperture: 6.9
- Number of layers: 6
- Field at the center: 3.2 T
- Integral field: 7.2 T.m
- Magnetic length: 2.25 m
- Design current: 885 A
- Wire dia: 0.47 mm
- Cable: 6-around-1
(not all Superconductor)
- Temperature: 1.92 K



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- We acknowledge the contributions of our technicians who worked hard and long hours.
- The outcome of R&D like this, carried out with a limited engineering, depends on their skills, experience and practical solutions applied.
- We wish to thank support and encouragement of the BNL management.
- Demonstration of the “Optimum Integral Design” and its likely application to EIC would not have been possible without the SBIR/STTR program and encouragement and understanding from the project manager.

Summary (1)

- Optimum integral design reduces the maximum field required for the desired integral field by reducing the loss in magnetic length due to ends.
- Relative benefits of this design are particularly significant in short magnets. This could be relevant in several EIC IR magnets, where the length of the body becomes comparable to the length of the ends.
- This program was proposed to demonstrate these benefits in the dipole B0ApF using the direct wind technology and evaluate them for others.
- The program has already demonstrated (a) the extension of magnetic length, (b) demonstration of a good field quality for hadron beam, and (c) superconducting shielding for ensuring field quality for electron beam.

Summary (2)

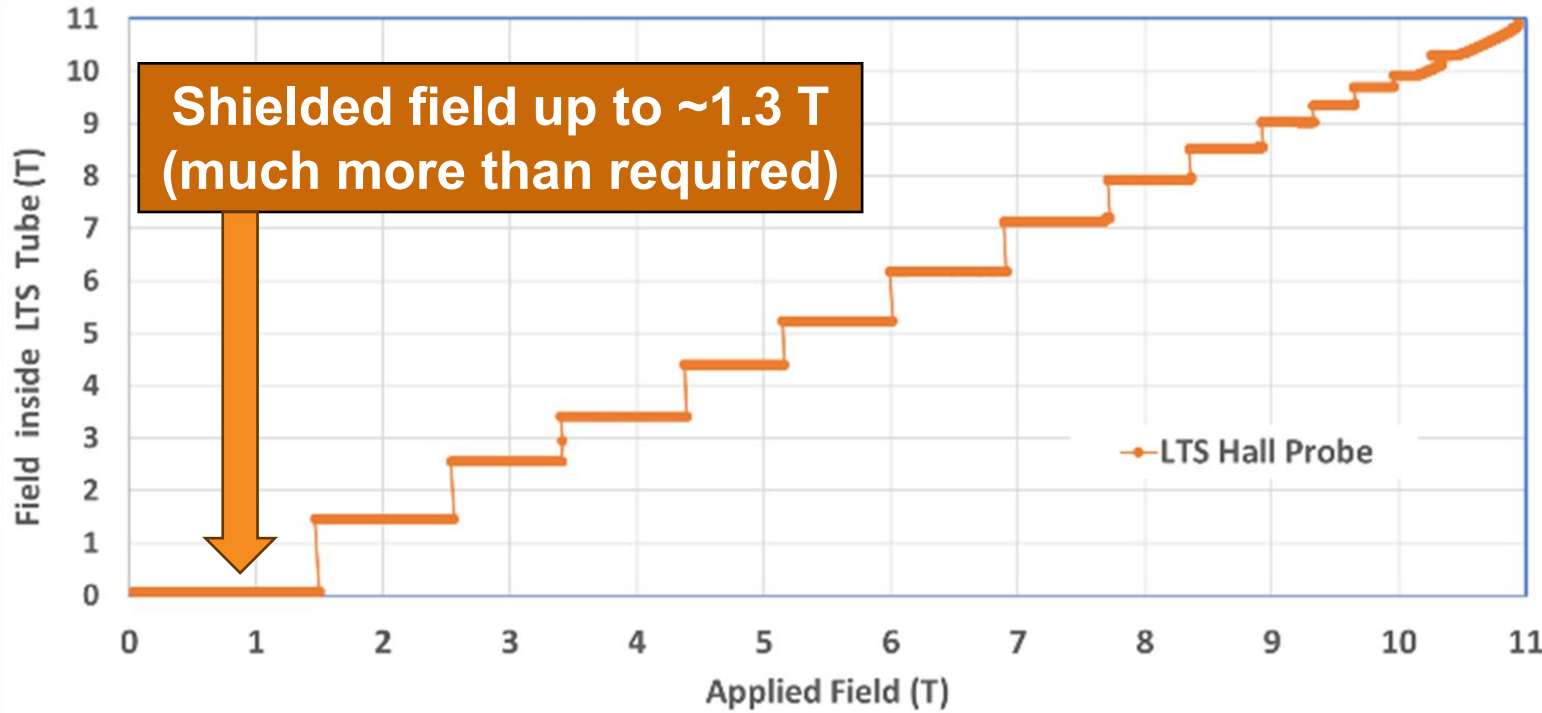
- PBL/BNL direct-wind, optimum integral, full-length B0ApF dipole, was energized to ~ 2.9 T, reaching $\sim 75\%$ of the required integral field at 4.2 K ($\sim 84\%$ of the RHIC dipole design field), with no spontaneous quench in the magnet. Margin at ~ 1.92 K will be higher with appropriate structure.
- Testing to the required integral field was interrupted due to issues external to the magnet. It is likely to resume soon after resolving the issues to demonstrate the design to the design integral field.
- This STTR has already resulted in a significant demonstration of the optimum integral design and of the direct wind technology.
- Development of the optimum integral design to this level would not have been possible without the support of the DOE SBIR/STTR office.

BACKUP Slides

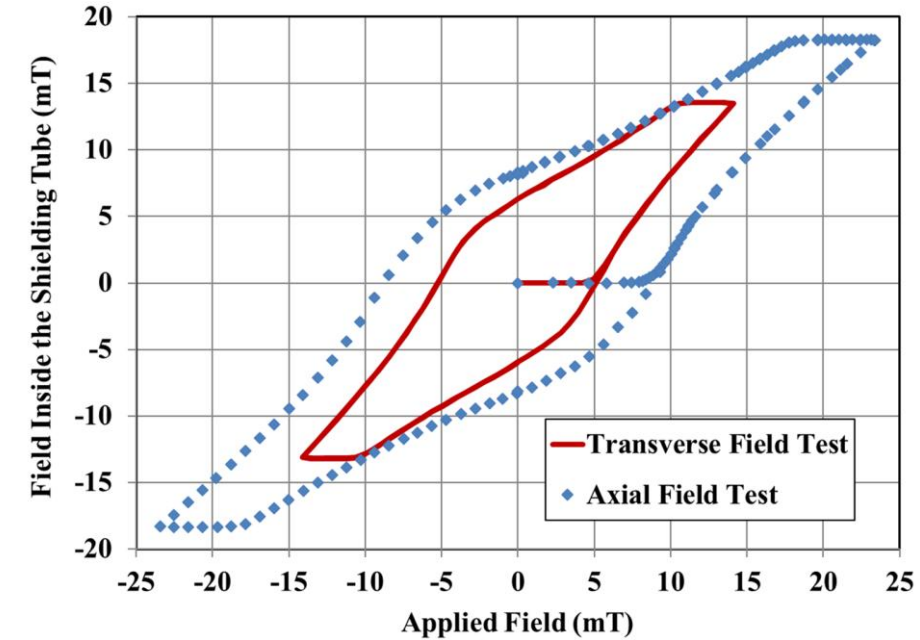
List of Tasks in Phase II Proposal

- Task 1: Enhancement of Code to Optimize the Phase II Design
- Task 2: Magnetic Design and Analysis of the Phase II EIC IR Dipole B0ApF
- Task 3: Mechanical Structural Design and Analysis of the Phase II Dipole
- Task 4a: Winding of Phase II Inner Coils
- Task 4b: Winding of Phase II Outer Coils and Construction of the Dipole
- Task 5: Quench Protection and Analysis of the Phase II Dipole
- Task 6: Phase II Dipole Field Quality and Quench Tests
- Task 7: Ensuring Field Quality in the Phase II Dipole
- Task 8: Evaluation of the *Optimum Integral Design* for Other Applications
- Task 9: Preparation of Phase II Report and Plans beyond Phase II

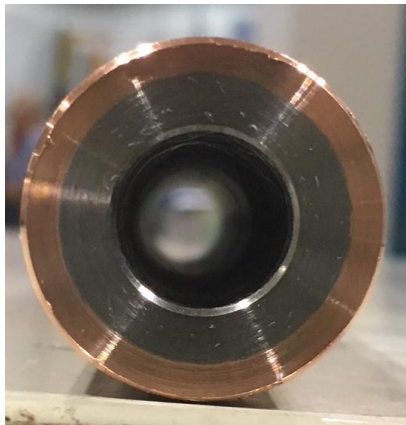
Demonstration of Superconducting Shield in a Previous SBIR



HTS@77K



LTS@4K



Homepage on the Optimum Integral Design

Optimum Integral Design:

<https://wpw.bnl.gov/rgupta/optimum-integral/>

Selected papers, presentations, and SBIR/STTRs on the Optimum Integral Design:

- [Optimum Integral Design and It's Application to EIC Magnets, Magnet Steering Group Meeting, July 25, 2025.](#)
- [Design, Construction, and Test of a Direct Wind Dipole B0ApF based on the Optimum Integral Design](#) (<https://mt29-conf.org/>), Thu-Mo-Or1-03, Boston, July 1 – 6, 2025 ([abstract](#)).
- [Optimum Integral Design for EIC Dipole B1pF/B1ApF, MT29 – International Conference on Magnet Technology](#) (<https://mt29-conf.org/>), Fri-Mo-Po.05-04, Boston, July 1 – 6, 2025 ([poster](#)).
- [Optimum Integral Dipole B0ApF, Magnet Steering Group Meeting, June 6, 2025.](#)
- [Optimization Strategy and Code for the Optimum Integral Design, May 29, 2025](#) ([design manual](#)).
- [A Proposed Value Engineering Design for B1ApF, January 7, 2025.](#)
- [A New Medium Field Superconducting Magnet for the EIC](#), FY24 Nuclear Physics SBIR/STTR Phase II Exchange Meeting, August 14, 2024.
- [Optimum Integral Magnet Design \(includes work performed under PBL/BNL STTR\), US MDP general meeting, October 25, 2023](#)
- [A Novel, Medium-field Optimum Integral Dipole, Presented at MT28 – International Conference on Magnet Technology](#) (<https://mt28.aoscongres.com/home!en>), September 14, 2023
- [A new medium field superconducting magnet for the EIC, FY23 DOE SBIR/STTR Phase II Exchange Meeting, August 15, 2023](#)
- [Optimum Integral Dipole STTR for EIC, internal presentation to BNL EIC magnet team, October 5, 2022](#)
- STTR Phase II with Particle Beam Lasers, Inc. (PBL), “A New Medium Field Superconducting Magnet for the EIC”, (2022-ongoing), DE-SC0021578, ([Summary](#), [Narrative](#), [Report](#))
- [A new medium field superconducting magnet for the EIC, FY21 Phase I PI meeting, June 28, 2021](#)
- STTR Phase I with Particle Beam Lasers, Inc., “A New Medium Field Superconducting Magnet for the EIC”, (2021, Phase I completed), DE-SC0021578, ([Summary](#), [Narrative](#), [Report](#))
- [R. Gupta, “Optimum Integral Design for Optimizing Field in Short Magnets”, Presented at the Applied Superconductivity Conference during October 3-8, 2024 at Jacksonville, FL, USA \(2004\). ****Click Here for Poster****](#)
- R. Gupta, **Optimum Integral Design for Maximizing Field in Short Magnets**. Magnet Division Note No. MDN-634-37 (AM-MD-334) (February 2004). <https://wpw.bnl.gov/rgupta/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2023/03/MDN-634-37.pdf>



Magnet Division



Ramesh Gupta for PBL/BNL Team, FY25 NP SBIR/STTR Phase II Exchange Meeting, July 30, '25

Magnet Experts in the PBL Team

Current staff of Particle Beam Lasers, Inc. (PBL):

- Erich Willen (Ex-head, BNL magnet division, retired)
- Ron Scanlan (Ex-head, LBNL magnet group, retired)
- Al Zeller (Ex-head FRIB/MSU magnet group, retired)
- James Kolonko (President, UCLA retired)
- Delbert Larson (Vice President, Senior Scientist)
- Steve Kahn (Senior Scientist, BNL retiree)
- Bob Weggel (Senior Engineer, MIT/BNL retiree)

**Well recognized
experts providing
the critical input**

Previous PBL employees:

Bob Palmer, ex-head, BNL magnet division, retired

Albert Garren, ex-LBNL scientist, retired; David Cline, ex- Professor UCLA, retired

Harold Kirk, ex-BNL scientist (BNL), retired; Fred Mills ex-FNAL scientist, retired

Shailendra Chouhan, ex-MSU/FRIB scientist, and a few others.

PBL SBIR/STTR Awards with BNL (NP awards highlighted)

1. A 6-D Muon Cooling System Using Achromat Bends and the Design, Fabrication and Test of a Prototype High Temperature (HTS) Solenoid for the System. DE-FG02-07ER84855	August 2008	\$850,000
2. Study of a Final Cooling Scheme for a Muon Collider Utilizing High Field Solenoids. DE-FG02-08ER85037	June 2008	\$100,000
3. Design of a Demonstration of Magnetic Insulation and Study of its Application to Ionization Cooling. DE-SC000221	July 2009	\$100,000
4. Study of a Muon Collider Dipole System to Reduce Detector Background and Heating. DE-SC0004494	June 2010	\$100,000
5. Study of a Final Cooling Scheme for a Muon Collider Utilizing High Field Solenoids: Cooling Simulations and Design, Fabrication and Testing of Coils. DE-FG02-08ER85037	August 2010	\$800,000
6. Innovative Design of a High Current Density Nb ₃ Sn Outer Coil for a Muon Cooling Experiment. DE-SC0006227	June 2011	\$139,936
7. Magnet Coil Designs Using YBCO High Temperature Superconductor (HTS). DE-SC0007738	February 2012	\$150,000
8. Dipole Magnet with Elliptical and Rectangular Shielding for a Muon Collider. DE-SC000	February 2013	\$150,000
9. A Hybrid HTS/LTS Superconductor Design for High-Field Accelerator Magnets. DE-SC0011348	February 2014	\$150,000
10. A Hybrid HTS/LTS Superconductor Design for High-Field Accelerator Magnets. DE-SC0011348	April 2016	\$999,444
11. Development of an Accelerator Quality High-Field Common Coil Dipole Magnet. DE-SC0015896	June 2016	\$150,000
12. Novel Design for High-Field, Large Aperture Quadrupoles for Electron-Ion Collider DE-SC00186	April 2018	\$150,000
13. Field Compensation in Electron-Ion Collider Magnets with Passive Superconducting Shield DE-SC0018614	April 2018	\$150,000
14. HTS Solenoid for Neutron Scattering. DE-SC0019722	February 2019	\$150,000
15. Quench Protection for a Neutron Scattering Magnet. DE-SC0020466	February 2020	\$200,000
16. Overpass/Underpass Coil Design for High-Field Dipoles. DE-SC002076	June 2020	\$200,000
17. A New Medium Field Superconducting Magnet for the EIC (Phase I) DE-SC0021578	February 2021	\$200,000
18. A New Medium Field Superconducting Magnet for the EIC (Phase II) DE-SC0021578	April 2022	\$1,150,00

Major Outcome of PBL/BNL SBIR/STTR Awards

➤ Record field in an all HTS solenoid: 16 T (2012)

Follow-on work:

- ✓ Led to (a) several other SBIR/STTR grants, (b) HTS SMES program at BNL with ARPA-E which produced record high field, high temperature SMES (12 T, @27 K), (c) synergy with DOE/NP's HTS prototype quadrupole for FRIB and other programs

➤ Record field in an HTS/LTS hybrid accelerator dipole: 8.7 T (2017)

Follow-on work:

- ✓ Led to (a) several new SBIR/STTR grants, (b) Magnet Development Program with HEP producing another record hybrid field of 12.3 T, (c) created a unique Common Coil Test Facility (CCTF), in high demand by “Fusion”, HEP and worldwide users

➤ Patents and other follow-on work for both PBL and BNL Teams