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BNL Phase II Common Coil Magnet Program

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Outline of Common Coil Magnet R&D

Two parallel and complimentary aspects of the program:

1. Design and build a 12.5 Tesla, "React & Wind" Common Coil Magnet.
2. Design and operate a "mini magnet R&D program" that allows new ideas, designs and technologies to be tested in a time and cost effective manner.



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Magnet Program Design Philosophy

- Takes well over a year to build and test a product, we tend to become conservative. We tend to stay with the proven technology since so much rides on each test.
- Since significant cost reduction is unlikely to come with "the comfort zone technology", the magnet program must be designed for rapid throughput. This will scientifically evaluate old "comfort zone" issues and test feasibility and profitability of new ideas.
- In an atmosphere of limited funding, "designing a magnet program" is just as important as designing a magnet.

* It sets the tone and nature of magnet R&D.

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Phase II Common Coil Magnet Program

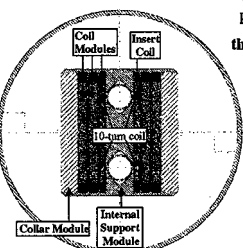
- Develop and test a series of compact 10-turn common coil configurations using reasonable engineering resources
 - A pair of 10-turn coils in a common coil geometry made with 50 meters of Nb₃Sn cable from Berkeley generates ~8 Tesla.
- While time is being taken in designing and building a well engineered 12.5 T magnet, continue with 10-turn coil program
 - A positive use of time with parallel resources to address magnet engineering issues. Each test requires only a small additional investment after the first one. Each coil uses only ~11 meter of cable. We can even afford to lose a few coils.

* Good approach for HTS magnet development also.

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Life of 10-turn Coil Program After 12.5 T Magnet



While we optimize the 12.5 T design for cost, performance and large scale production, the 10-turn coil program continues in parallel!

12.5 T magnet becomes a part of "magnet R&D test factory"

The 12.5 T magnet provides a significant background field facility for testing coil modules with large Lorentz forces on them -- try to simulate high field magnet situation.

Can test insert/auxiliary coil for field quality configuration also.

☺ Good approach for HTS magnet development as well.

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An Experimental Program with a Modular Approach

A few examples of systematic studies in a modular approach

- Different technologies
 - Wind & React Vs. React & Wind
- Different conductors
 - Nb₃Al, HTS, etc.
- Different insulation
- Different geometry
 - Tape, cable
- Stress management/High stress configuration
- Coil winding and Splicing

... and a variety of other things that are not included (especially those that are not included)

* **A Dynamic Program with fast turn-around time for exploring new frontiers/ideas ***

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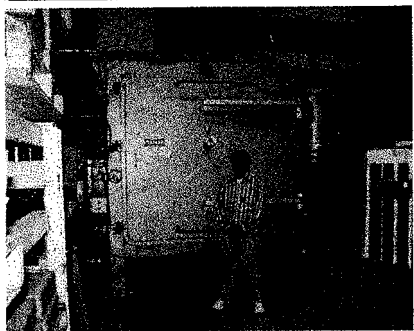
And the experienced designers and technicians.

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Nb₃Sn Reaction Furnace (Large)

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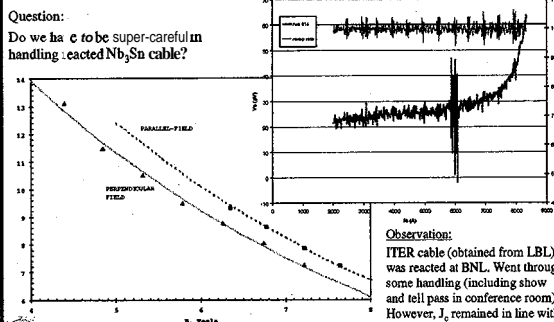
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Nb₃Sn Cable Short Sample Test at BNL (Arup Ghosh)

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Question:
Do we have to be super-careful in handling reacted Nb₃Sn cable?



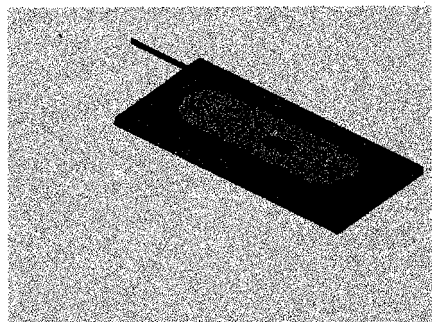
Observation:
ITER cable (obtained from LBL) was reacted at BNL. Went through some handling (including show and tell pass in conference room). However, J_c remained in line with expectations.

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Drawing of 10-turn Coil Showing Inner and Outer Lead (all 2d)

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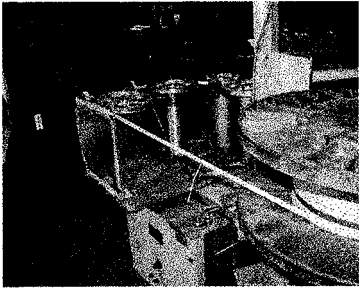
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Nb₃Sn Cable Coming Out of Spool

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The coil is wound like a regular NbTi coil, of course with proper care (e.g., lower tension). This should help establish procedure, care (cost) required for Nb₃Sn magnets.



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Coil Tensioner with 10-turn coil on the Winding Table

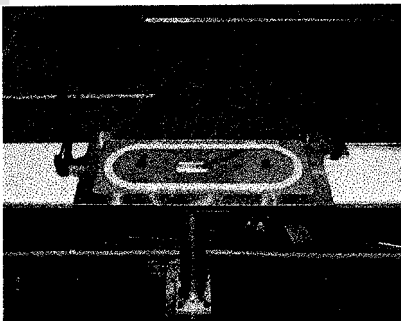
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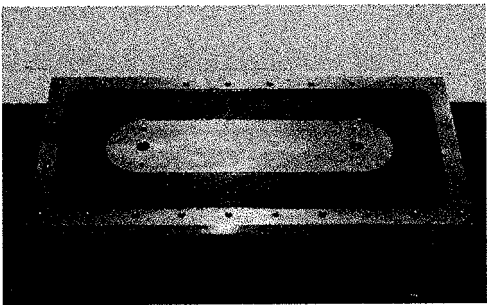
10-turn Coil Being Prepared for Vacuum Impregnation



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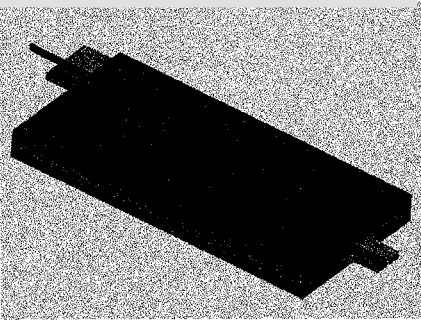
Side Plate for Vacuum Impregnation



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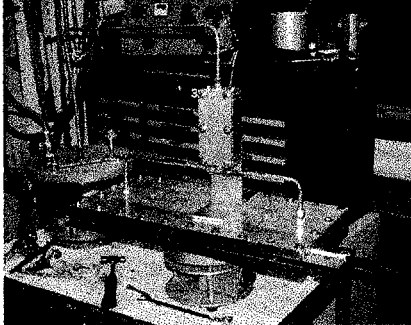
Drawing of One Coil Module (ready for vacuum impregnation)



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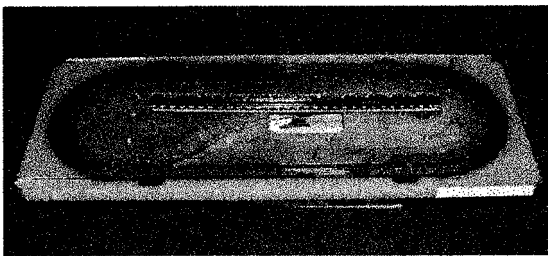
Vacuum Impregnation Setup



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Vacuum Impregnated Coil

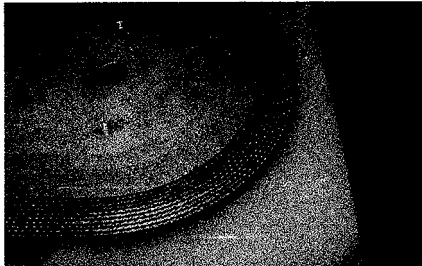


Vacuum impregnated coil made after "react and wind" technique

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Vacuum Impregnated Coil

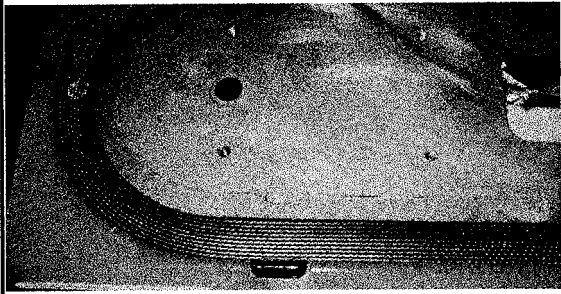


Non-lead end view of the vacuum impregnated coil

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Vacuum Impregnated Coil

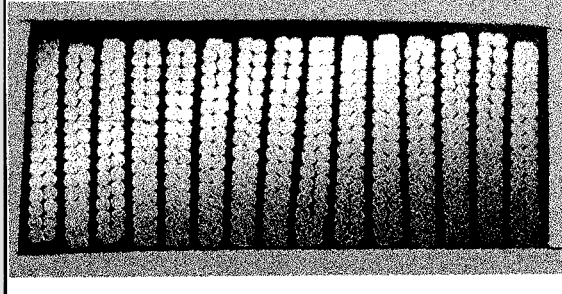


Lead-end view of the vacuum impregnated coil

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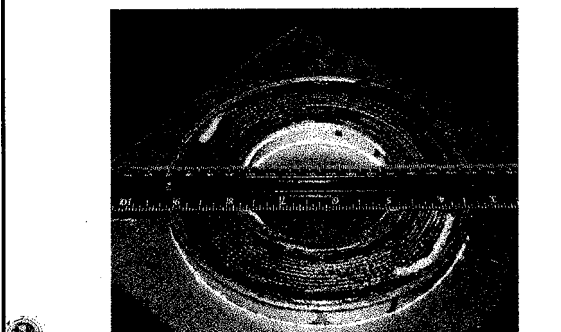
10-turn Vacuum Impregnated Cable sample



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Cable Insulation Test Setup



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Field Quality in a Common Coil Design

From other speakers/experts:

PAST One of the challenge in the common coil design is to demonstrate good field quality

Demonstrated here:

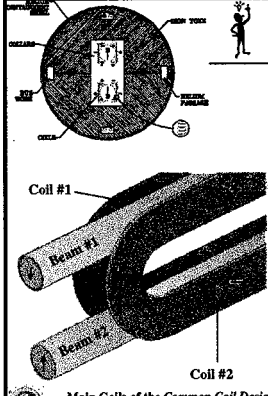
PRESENT Common coil design can produce as good field quality as cosine theta design with similar amount of conductor

 Significant progress since last meeting!

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Common Coil Design (The Basic Concept)



Main Coils of the Common Coil Design

- Conductor friendly (suitable for brittle materials - most are Nb_3Sn HTS tapes and HTS blocks)
- Compact (compared to single aperture LBL's D20 magnet, half the yoke size for the same aperture)
- Block design (for large Lorentz forces at high fields)
- Minimum requirements on big expensive tooling and labor
- Lower cost magnets expected

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Common Coil Design in Handling Large Lorentz Forces in High Field Magnets

In common coil design, geometry and forces are such that the impregnated solid volume can move as a block without causing quench or damage. Ref: over 1 mm motion in LBL common coil test configuration).

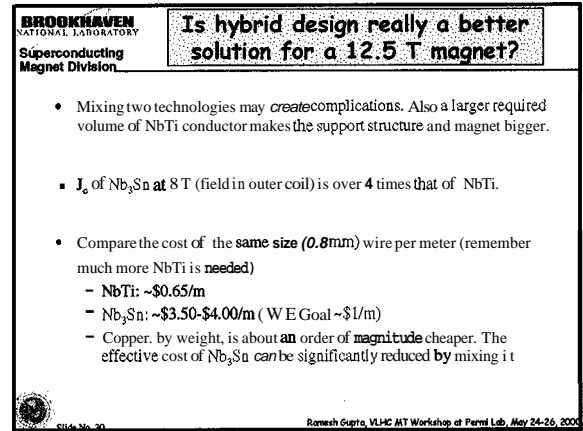
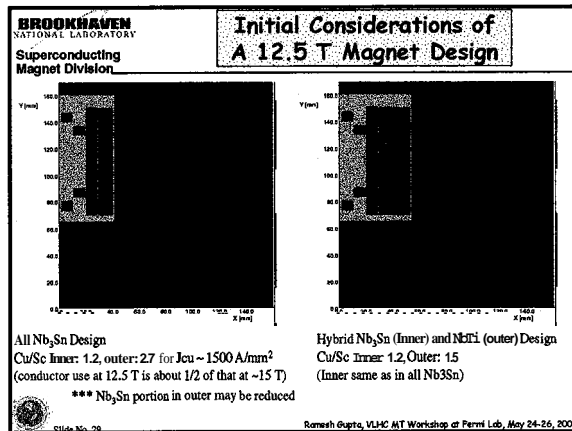
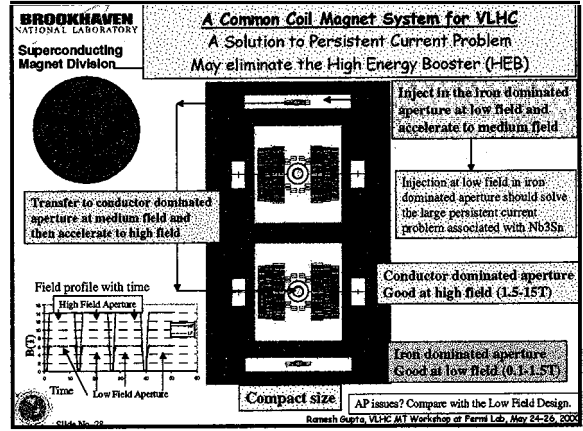
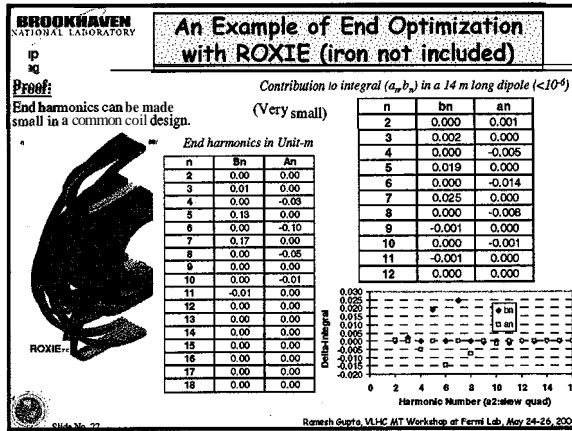
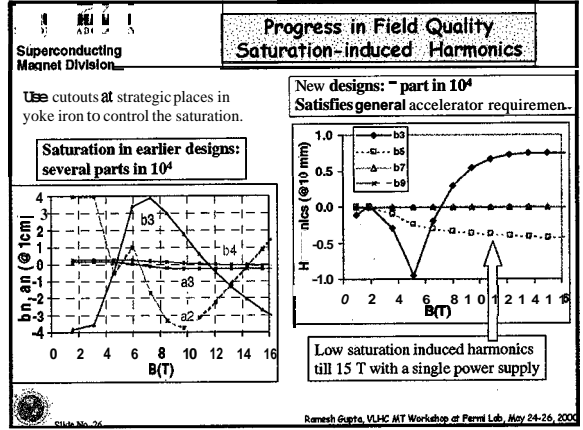
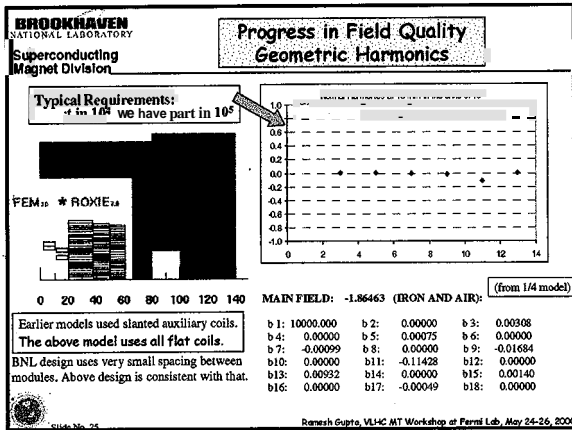
In cosine theta designs, the geometry is such that coil module cannot move as a block. These forces put strain on the conductor at the ends and may cause premature quench. The situation is somewhat better in single aperture block design, as the conductors don't go through complex blocks.



Horizontal forces are larger

We must check how far we can go in allowing such motions in the body and ends of the magnet. This may significantly reduce the cost of expensive support structure. Field quality optimization should include it (as was done in SSC and RHIC magnet designs).

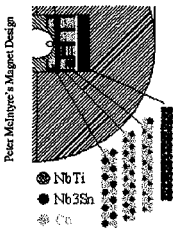
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Schemes of Adding Cu to Nb₃Sn to Reduce Overall Conductor Cost

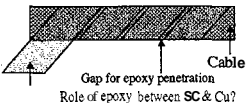
Generally discussed
Mix copper strand with Nb₃Sn strand



Peter Manly's Magnet Design

- NbTi
- Nb₃Sn
- Cu

An alternate proposal
Wrap copper strip on Nb₃Sn cable



Cable
Cu wrap

Gap for epoxy penetration
Role of epoxy between SC & Cu?

- Better packing factor
- Lower strand diameter
- May make better cable
- Better (no) matching of different strands

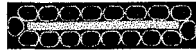
10-turn coil program is ideal for feasibility studies of such ideas.

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HTS Common Coil Program

BNL is embarking on a promising BSCCO 2212 common coil "cable" magnet program.



10kA quality Rutherford cable. A very good collaboration between labs (BNL, LBL) and industries (IGC, Showa).



10kA type Rutherford cable may be possible in near future!

Over 80 meter of 10kA class cable (over 1.5 km of wire) to be shortly available (weeks to months, in installments) to BNL for testing cables, winding coils, making short magnets, etc

Current plan:
First test a pair of 10-turn coils in common coil configuration.
Then depending on the progress, continue with more 10-turn coils and/or go for full 40-turn cable (either Ag and mix or all HTS strands) coil.
Test a pair of coils in a stand-alone mode and in a hybrid high field configuration.
More on HTS in a later talk by Arup Ghosh.
*** Special thanks to Robert Sokolowski (IGC) and Ron Scanlan (LBL).

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Cost Saving Opportunities in VLHC

A multi-uronged approach:

- Lower cost magnets expected from a simpler geometry.
- Possibilities of applying new construction techniques in reducing magnet manufacturing costs.
- Possibilities of reducing aperture due to more favorable injection scenario in the proposed common coil magnet system design.
- Possibility of removing the high energy booster (the second largest machine) in the proposed system.
- Possibility of removing main quadrupoles (the second most expensive magnet order) in the proposed combined function magnet design.

Need to examine the viability of these proposals further; need to continue the process of exploring more new ideas and re-examine old ones (they may be attractive now due to advances in technology, etc.); need to keep focus on the bigger picture...

VLHC cost reduction may also come from other advances: cheaper tunneling, development of superconductor technology, etc.

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SUMMARY

- Set on a path for carrying out dynamic and innovative magnet R&D.
- This is expected to significantly reduce the cost of building VLHC.

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