

Powering test results of HTS undulator prototype coils for compact FELs at 4.2 K

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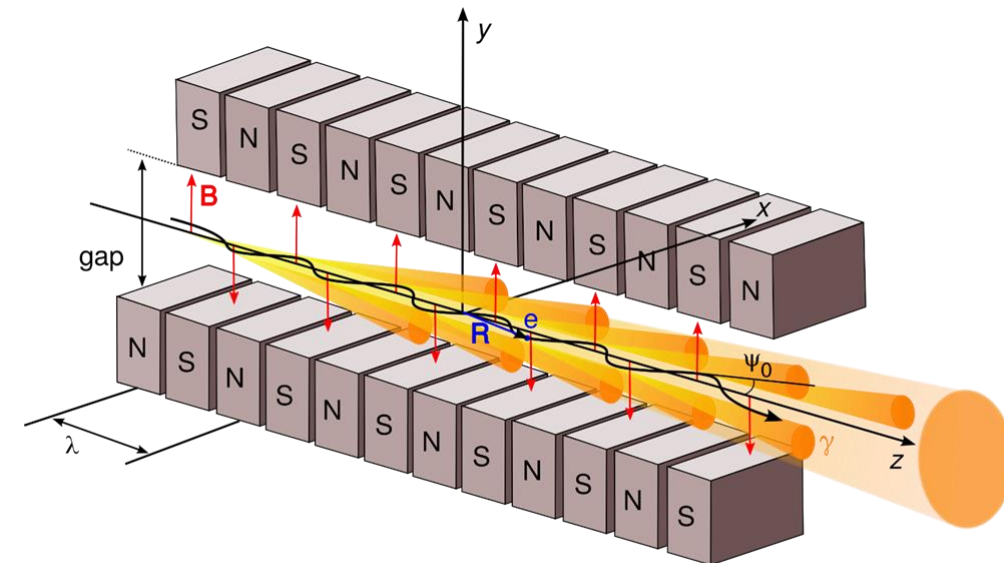
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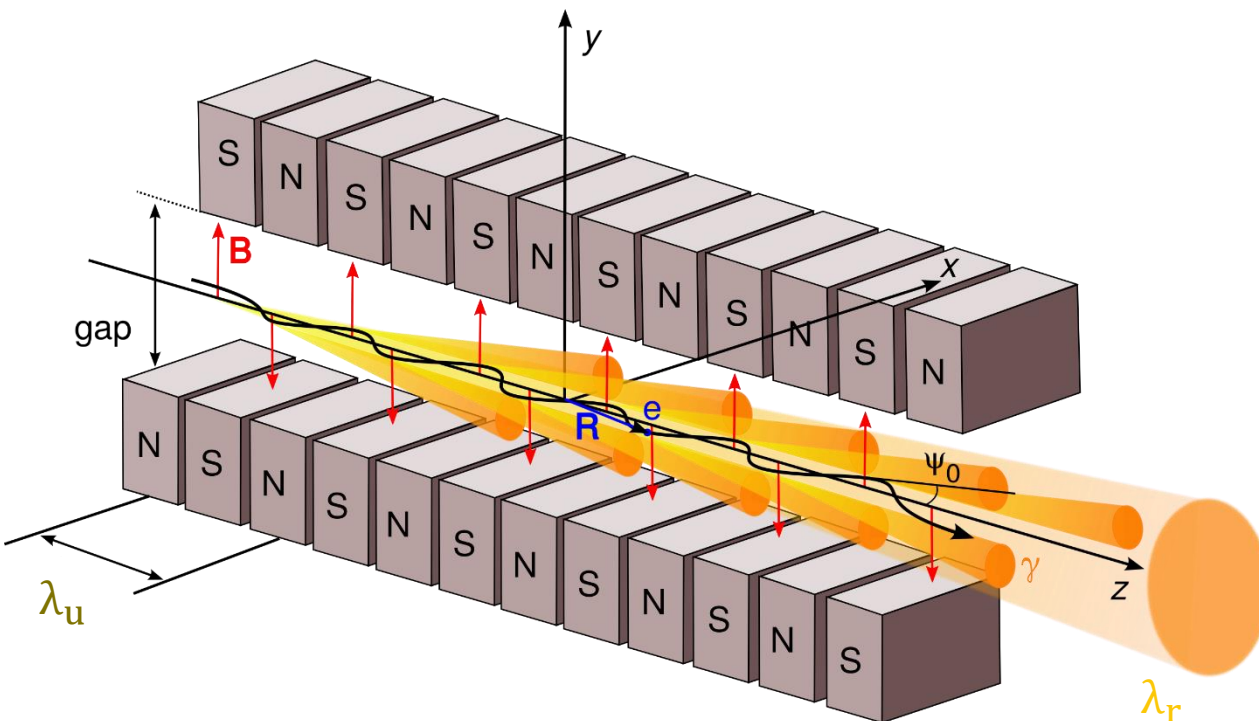
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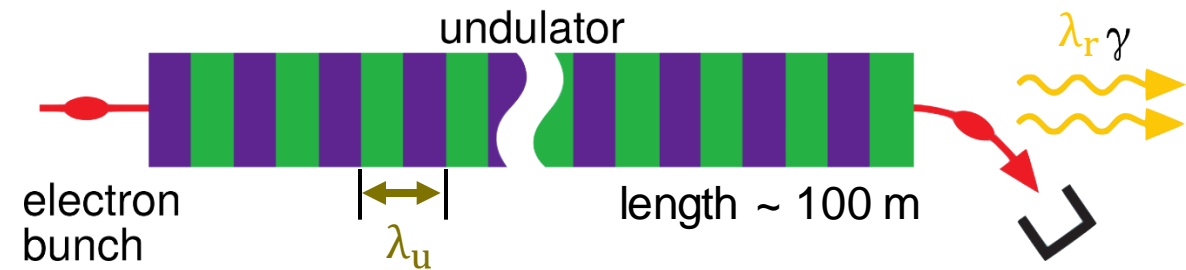


Background: free-electron laser (FEL)

The plain undulator...



... in an FEL



Self-amplified spontaneous emission (SASE)
 → Microbunching

$$\lambda_r = \frac{\lambda_u}{2\gamma_r^2} \left(1 + \frac{K(B, \lambda_u)^2}{2} \right)$$

Schmüser, Dohlus, Rossbach; Ultraviolet and Soft X-Ray Free Electron Lasers, Springer (2008).

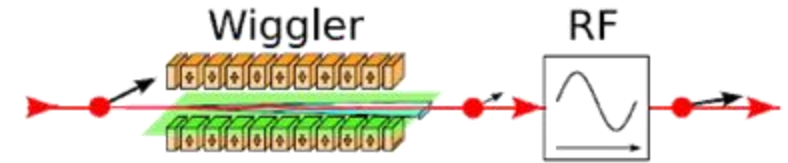


Background: damping undulator/wiggler

- Definition *undulator* vs. *wiggler*: K parameter \rightarrow radiation spectrum,

- $K_{\text{undulator}} \leq 1$,
- $K_{\text{wiggler}} \gg 1$.

$$K = \frac{e \cdot B \lambda_u}{2\pi m_e c}$$



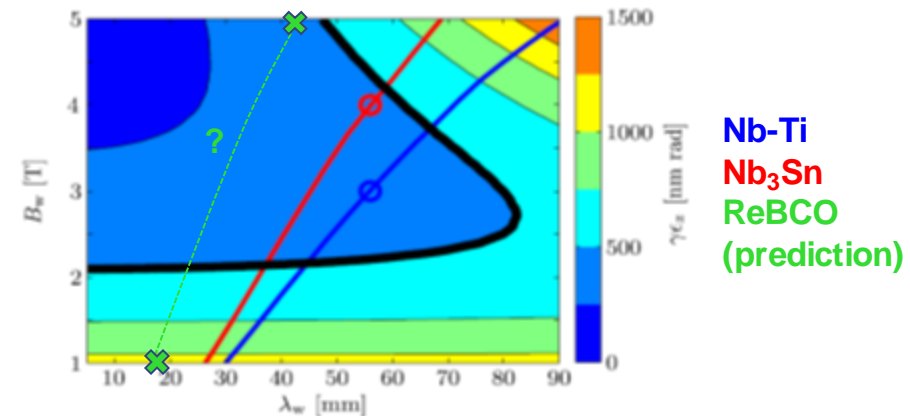
P. Peiffer, "The Status of the Damping Wiggler Project for the CLIC Damping Rings", The 16th Pan-American Synchrotron Radiation Instrumentation Conference, Chicago (2010).

- Particles lose energy via synchrotron radiation by additional dipole fields,
- Wigglers can easily be placed in straight sections of a ring,

- $\int^L B dl = 0$.

- Link to [CLIC](#) and [FCC-ee](#):

- High magnetic fields (> 2 T),
- Long period lengths (> 40 mm).



D. Schoerling *et al.*, "Design and system integration of the superconducting wiggler magnets for the Compact Linear Collider damping rings" (2012), doi: 10.1103/PhysRevSTAB.15.042401.

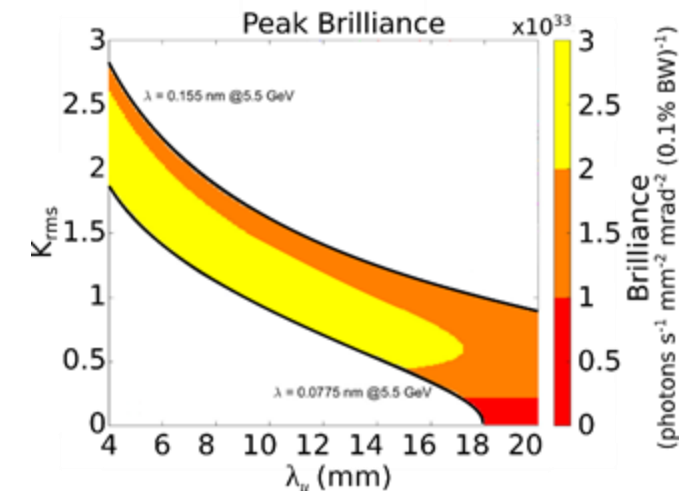


Background: use case

- The next generation of compact, highly brilliant light sources may profit from high-temperature superconducting (**HTS**) undulators:
 - Potential **enhancement of undulator parameters**, e.g., magnetic flux density (B) amplitude for given undulator period length (λ_u),
 - Facilitated operation compared to LTS, like Nb-Ti or Nb₃Sn → **Relaxed cryogenic requirements** (lower costs), larger margins.

- Link to [CompactLight](#):

- Hard X-ray FEL (< 1 nm),
- Short-period undulators (~ 13 mm),
- Low electron beam energy (2.5 to 5.5 GeV).



F. Nguyen *et al.* "XLS - D5.1: Technologies for the CompactLight Undulator" (2019), doi: 10.5281/zenodo.5024409

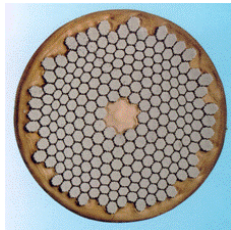


Background: different superconductors

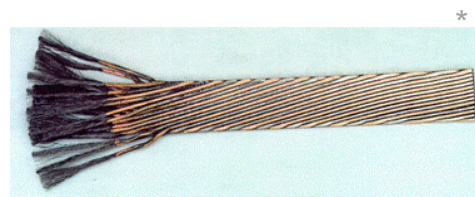
Low-Temperature Superconductor (LTS)

State-of-the-art. Nb-Ti (niobium-titanium)

$T_c \approx 10$ K
 $B_{c2} \approx 14.5$ T



strand



cable

B to strand/cable orientation is not relevant.

Critical current is given by:

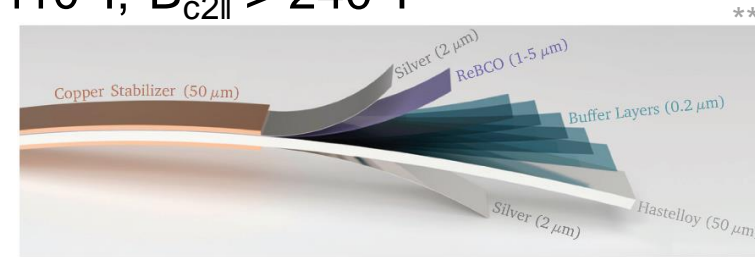
$$I_c(T, B)$$

More on superconductor's critical current densities: [ASC Plot](#) (by P. Lee)

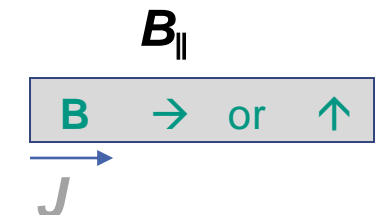
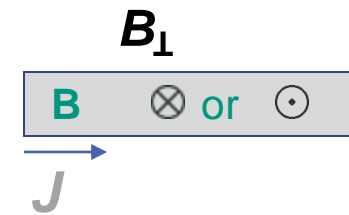
High-Temperature Superconductor (HTS)

Here: ReBCO (rare-earth barium copper oxide)

$T_c \approx 92$ K
 $B_{c2\perp} \approx 110$ T, $B_{c2\parallel} > 240$ T



Tape

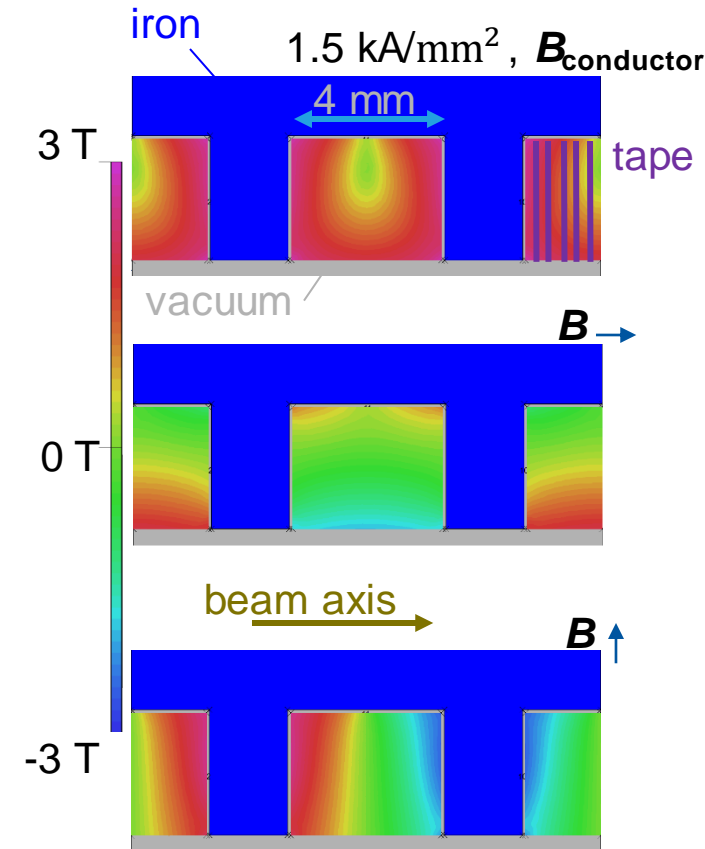
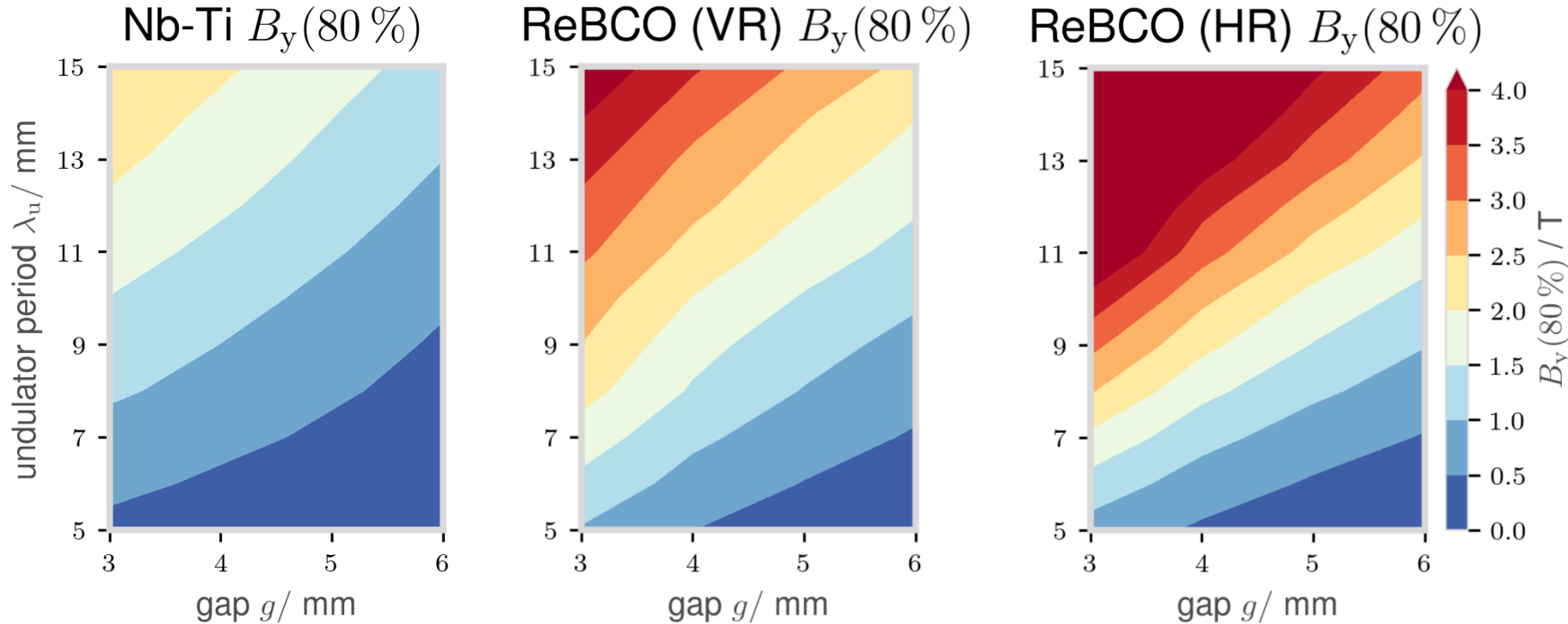


$$I_c(T, B, \alpha)$$

* <https://lhc-machine-outreach.web.cern.ch/lhc-machine-outreach/components/cable.htm>
 ** J. van Nugteren, High Temperature Superconductor Accelerator Magnets, PhD (2016)



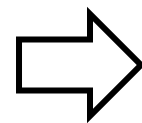
Motivation: 2D e/m-simulations



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Potential:

- B-field amplitudes $B_y \sim 2$ T for $\lambda_u \sim 13$ mm feasible.



**Hard X-ray
 FEL** ($\lambda < 1$ nm)

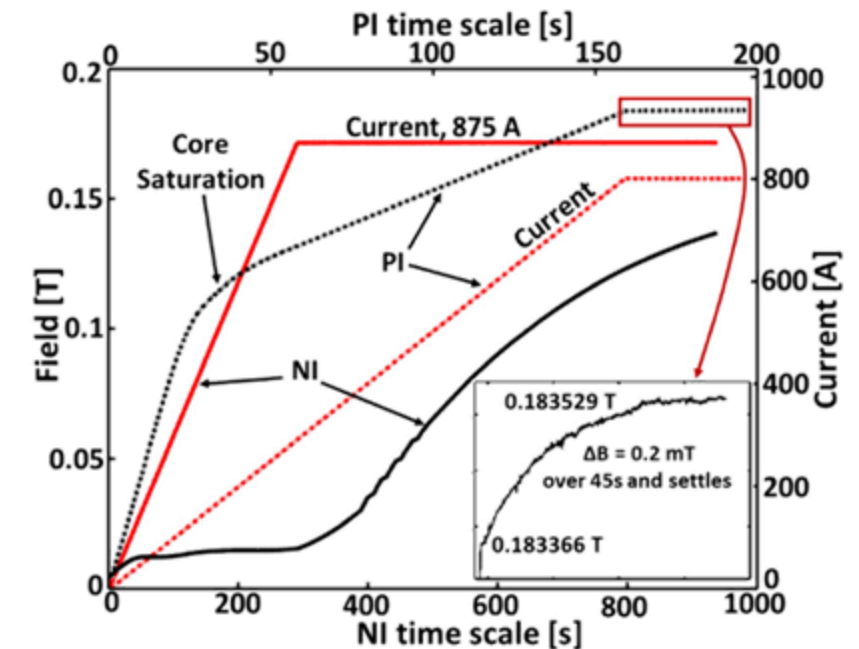
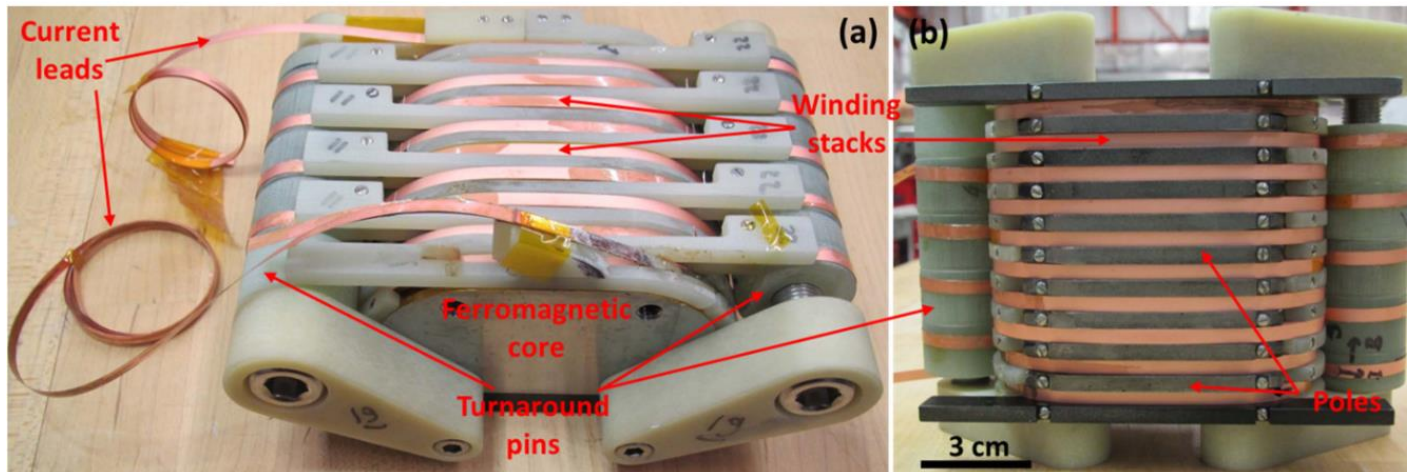
Example:
 HR, 13 mm period, 6 mm gap



Other HTS undulator approaches (I)

I. Kesgin et al.

- Continuous ReBCO tape winding (4 mm width, 95 μm thick),
- Non-insulated and partial-insulated jointless winding with U-turns:
 - Mirror-model with all VR coils wound from one tape,
 - $B_y \approx 1$ T for $\lambda_u = 16$ mm, $g = 9.5$ mm
($I_{op} = 800$ A $\rightarrow J_{op} \approx 2.1$ kA/mm²).



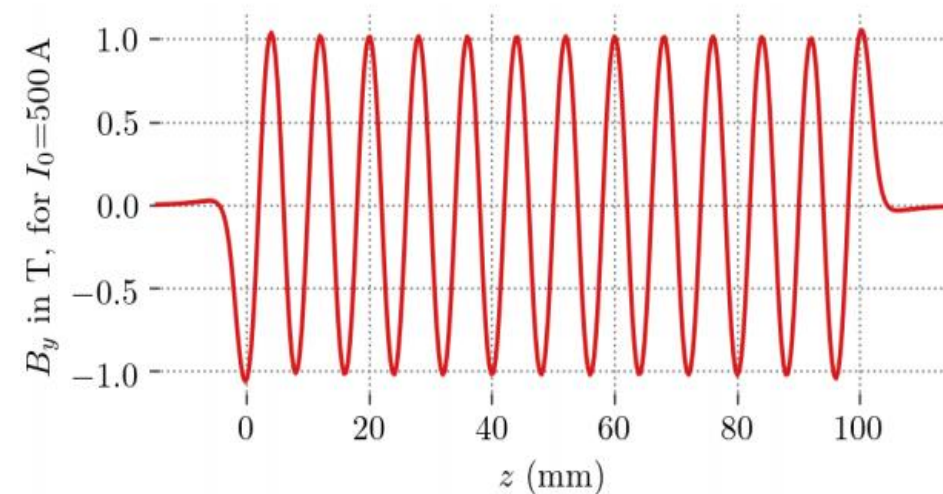
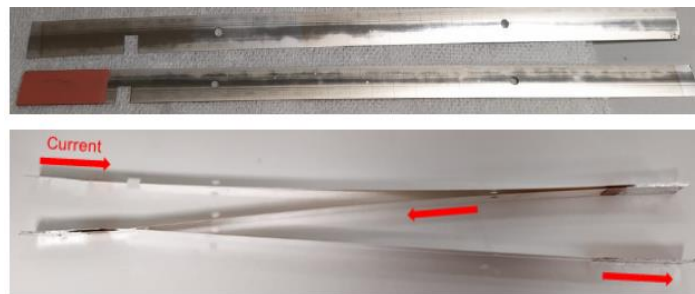
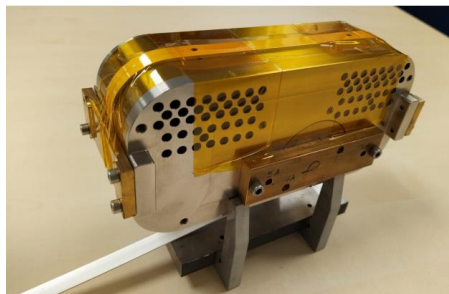
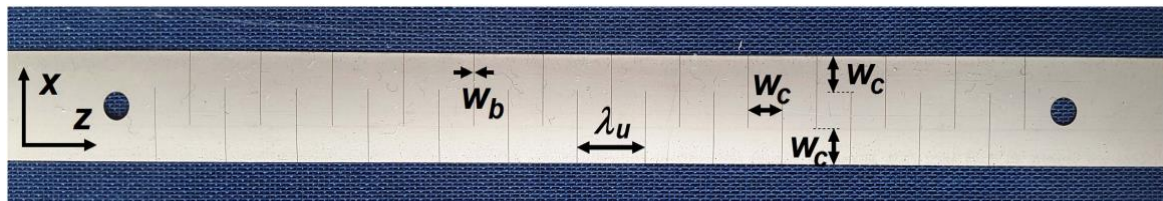
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Other HTS undulator approaches (II)

T. Holubek et al. and A. Will et al.

- 30 layers of laser-structured ReBCO tapes (12 mm width, 55 μm thick),
- Non-insulated jointless winding or soldered-stacked design:
 - The structure in each tape forces the current on a defined path,
 - $B_y = 1 \text{ T}$ for $\lambda_u = 8 \text{ mm}$, $g = 4 \text{ mm}$
($I_{\text{op}} = 500 \text{ A} \rightarrow J_{\text{op}} \approx 2.2 \text{ kA/mm}^2$).



T. Holubek et al., "A novel concept of high temperature superconducting undulator" (2017), doi: 10.1088/1361-6668/aa87f1

A. Will et al., "Design and Fabrication Concepts of a Compact Undulator with Laser-Structured 2G-HTS Tapes" (2021), doi: 10.18429/JACoW-IPAC2021-THPAB048.

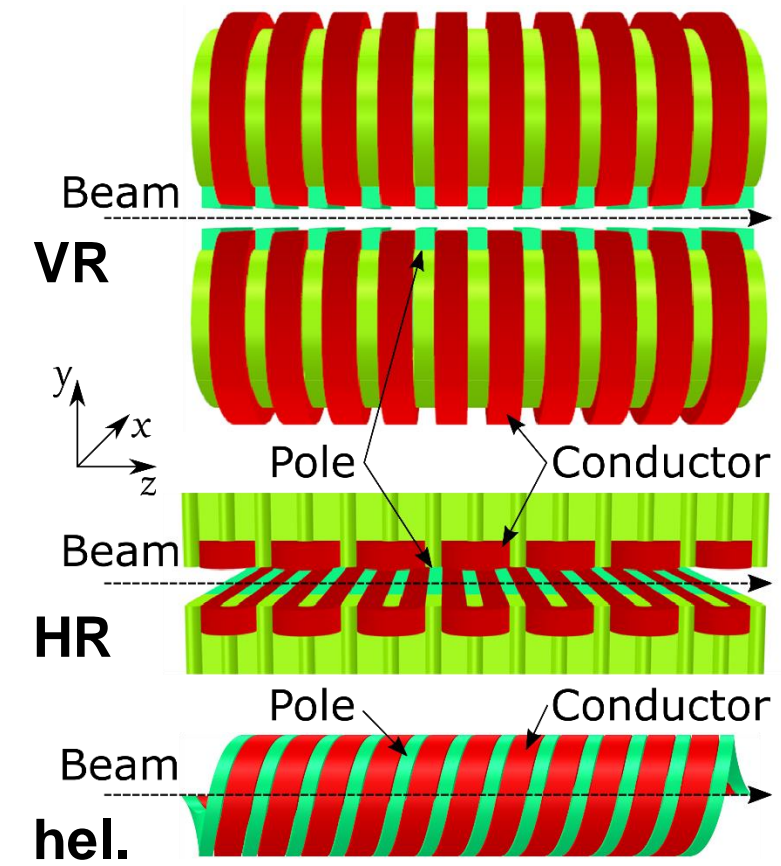
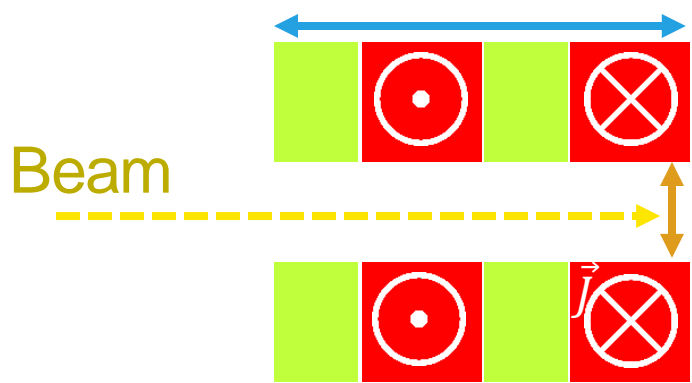


About the Project

- Investigation of 3 prototype coils:
 - Vertical racetrack (VR),
 - ~~Horizontal racetrack (HR),~~
 - Helical undulator (hel.).
- Non-insulated for quench protection.

today

$\lambda_u = 13 \text{ mm}$
 $g = 6 \text{ mm}$

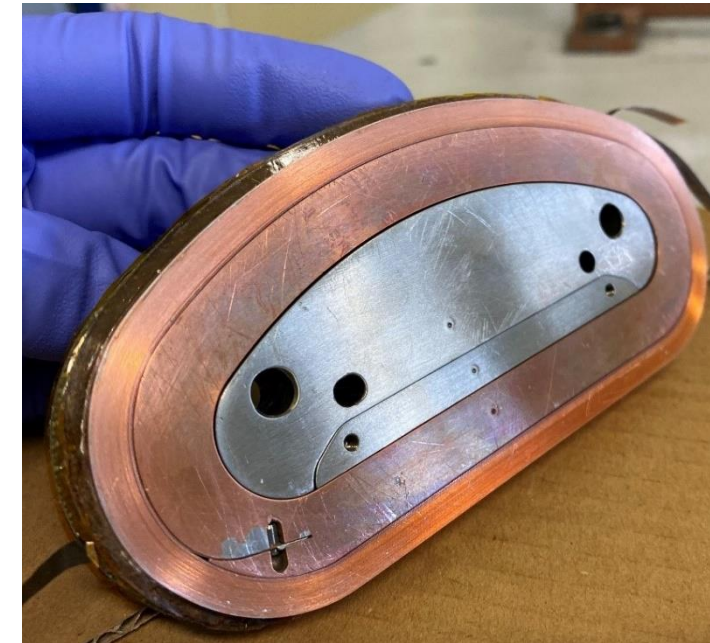


- Further investigations on bending radii $< 5 \text{ mm}$.



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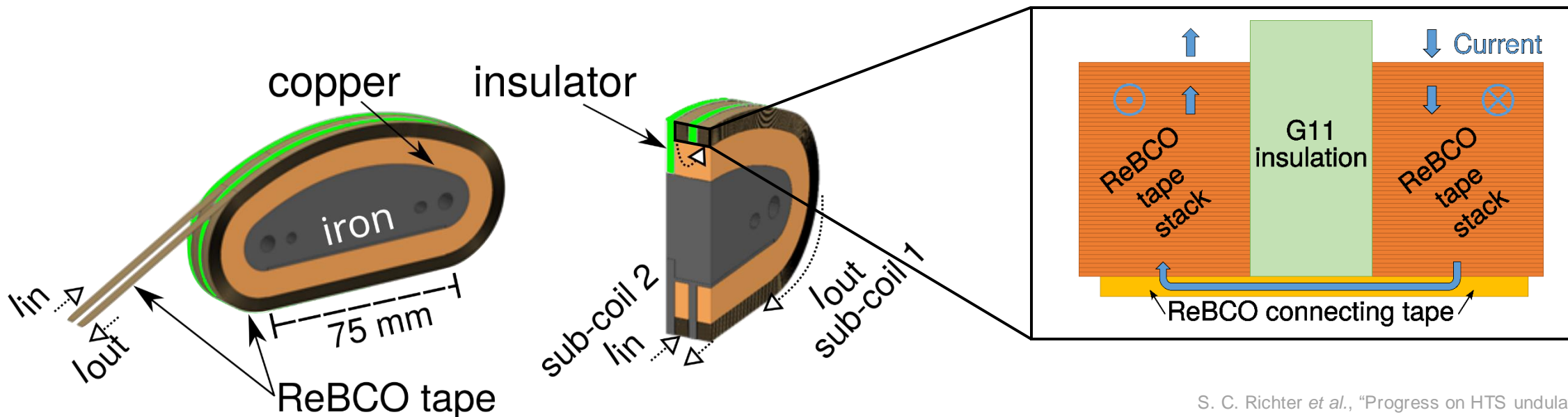
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VR Undulator Coil: design

- Two **non-insulated sub-coils** with opposite current direction on the **same winding body**, separated by an insulator.
- Innermost turns of both sub-coils are soldered along the curved side to a 10 mm wide coated ReBCO tape (main electrical connection).
 - *Current flow*: sub-coil 1, spiral to its center, bridge to sub-coil 2, spiral out.

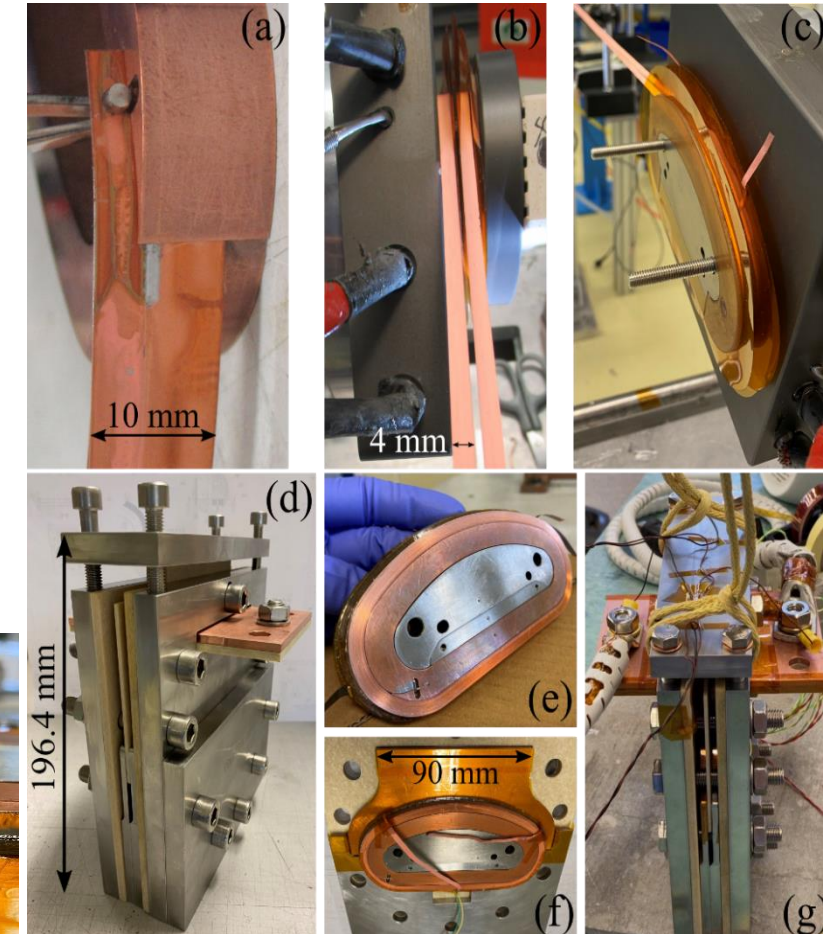
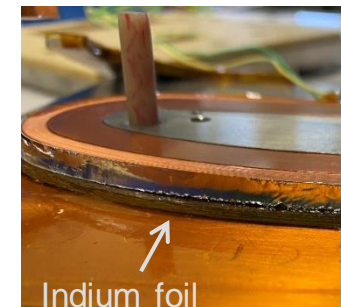


S. C. Richter *et al.*, "Progress on HTS undulator prototype coils for compact FEL designs" (2021), doi: 10.1109/TASC.2022.3150288.



VR Undulator Coil: manufacturing

- 4 mm wide and
 - 100 μm thick Bruker HTS tape (VR coil #1 and #2),
 - 45 μm thick SuperPower tape (VR coil #3).
- The first turn was fixed by a pin and soldered along the curved side to the 10 mm tape,
 - Sn62Pb36Ag2 solder paste @ 185 °C for 5 min.
- Winding with controlled winding tension {30 N, 25 N}.
- The last turn was soldered along the curved side,
 - 97In3Ag solder paste @ 155 °C for 5 min.
- Contact: copper lead with indium foil,
- 4 voltage taps (sub-coil's start and end).

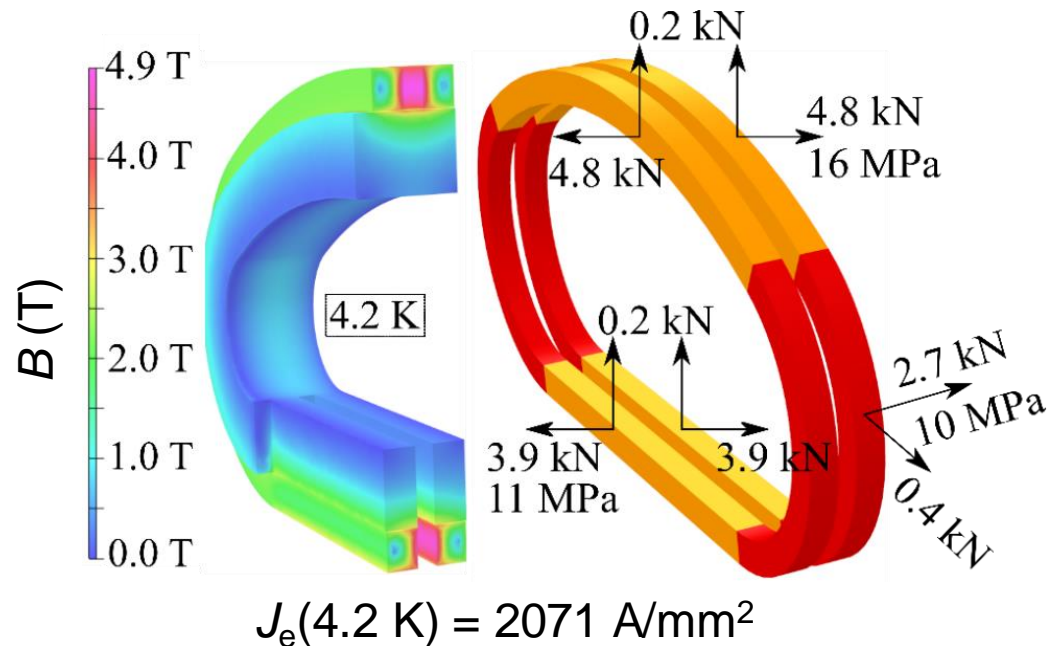


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VR Undulator Coil: 3D modelling

- J_c was defined by considering the **worst-case scenario**:
the max. magnetic field on the conductor B_{cond} perpendicular to the tape plane,
 - At 4.2 K: max. $B_{\perp} \approx 99.95\% B_{cond}$.



| | VR coil #2 | VR coil #3 |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Undulator period λ_u | 13 mm | |
| Sub-coil x-section | 4 mm × 5 mm | 4 mm × 4.6 mm |
| HTS conductor with dimensions | Bruker HTS 4 mm x 100 μ m | SuperPower 4 mm x 45 μ m |
| Number of turns | 51 | 102 |
| $J_{op, sim}$ (4.9 T, 4.2 K) | 2071 A/mm ² | 2222 A/mm ² |
| $I_{op, sim}$ (4.9 T, 4.2 K) | 828 A | 400 A |
| $B_{y,1}(I_{c,sim}, d = 3.5\text{ mm})$ | 1.38 T | 1.24 T |

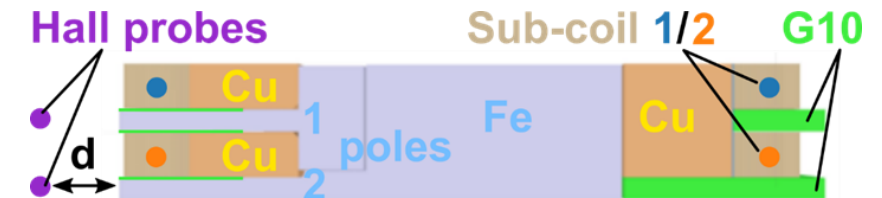
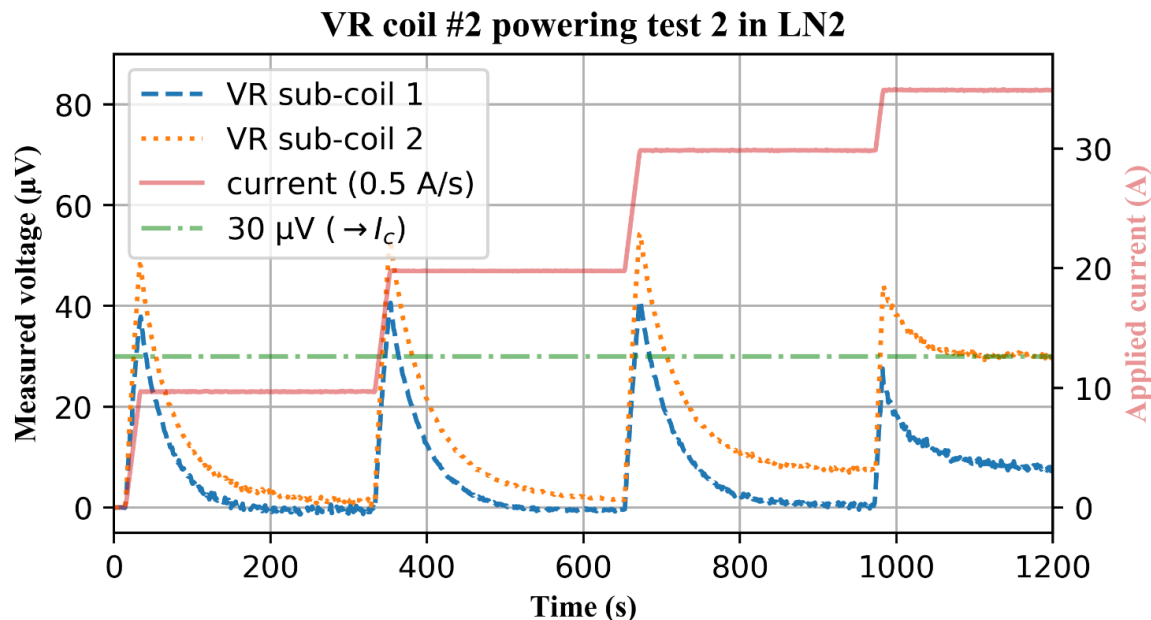
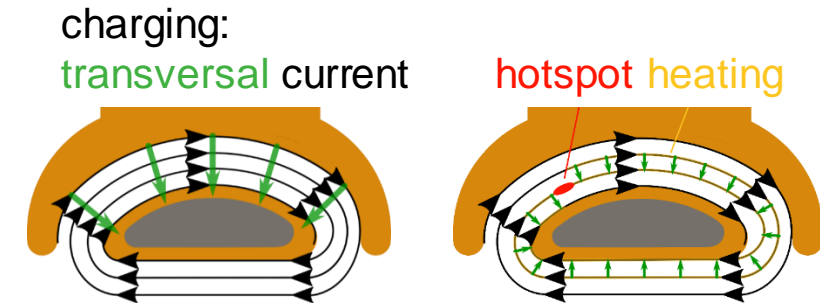
Opera 2020
Based on the Biot–Savart law

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VR Undulator Coil: signal tests at 77 K (LN2)

- current ramping with 0.05 A/s and 0.5 A/s until a drift in voltage was measured.
- With an outermost turn length of 30 cm:
 - $I_c(30 \mu V) \leftrightarrow E_c = 1 \mu V/cm$

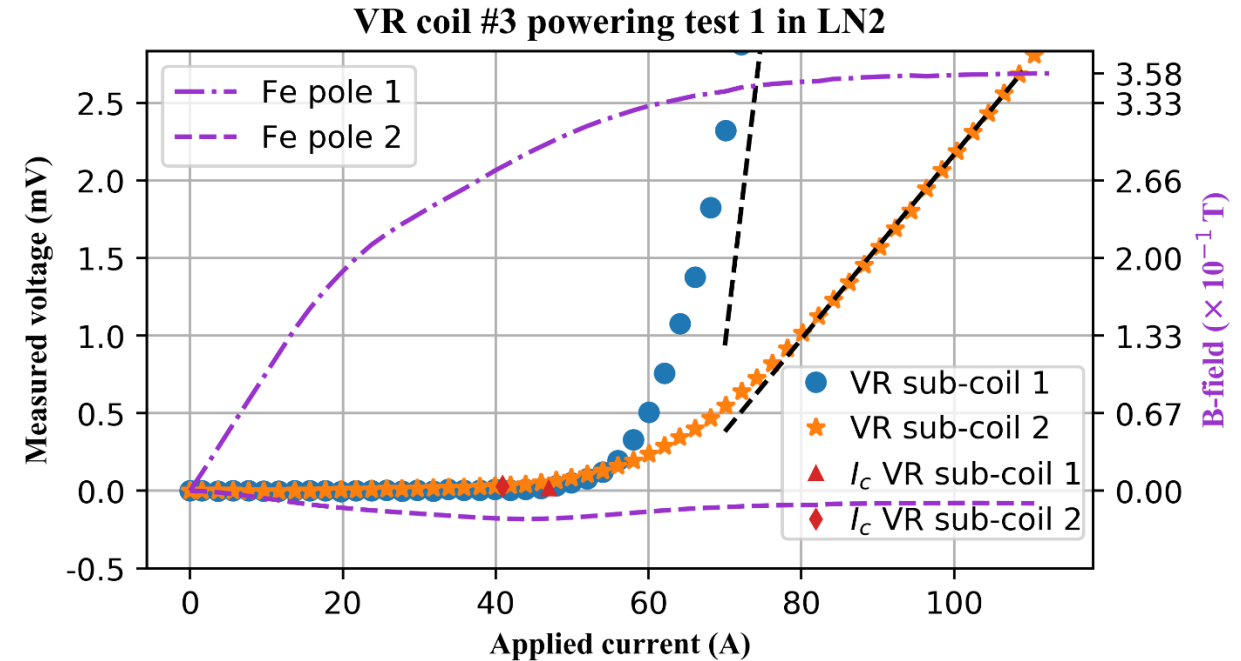
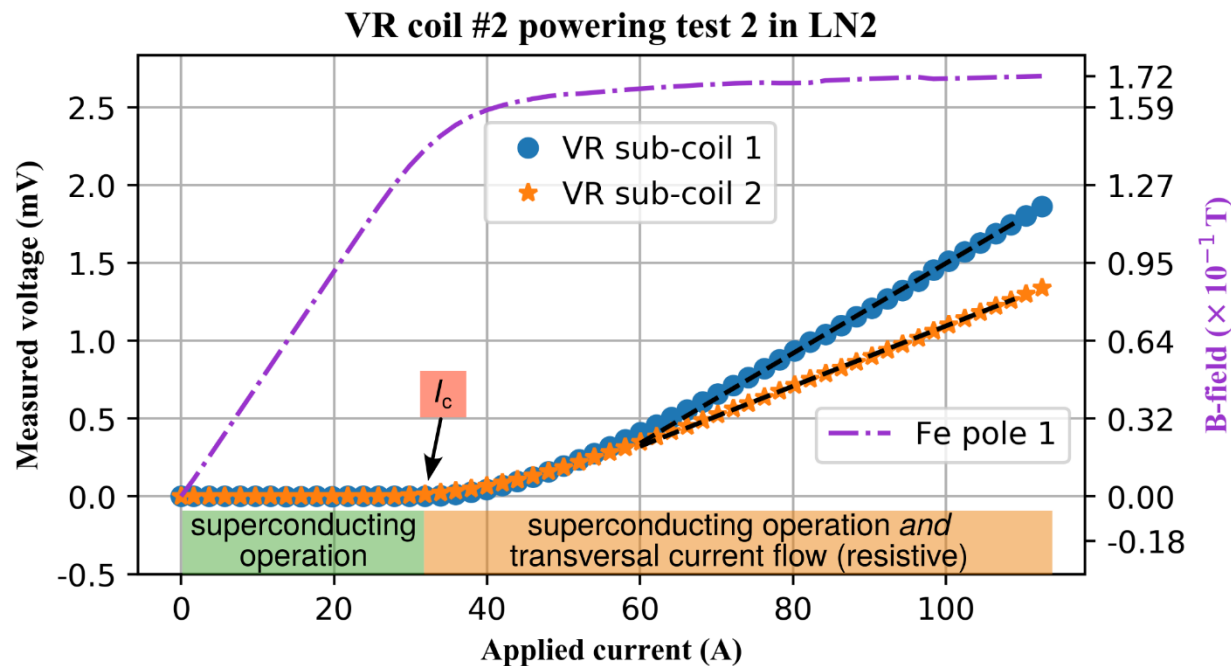
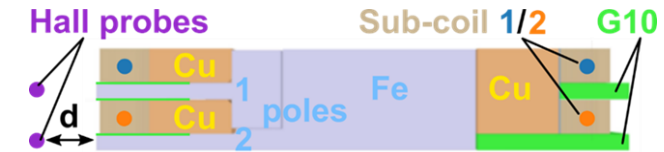


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VR Undulator Coil: signal tests at 77 K (LN2)

- Current steps of 2 A with a 300 s decay time
 - up to $\approx 300\% I_c$
- For $I > 80$ A all sub-coils showed a stable resistance R_t .

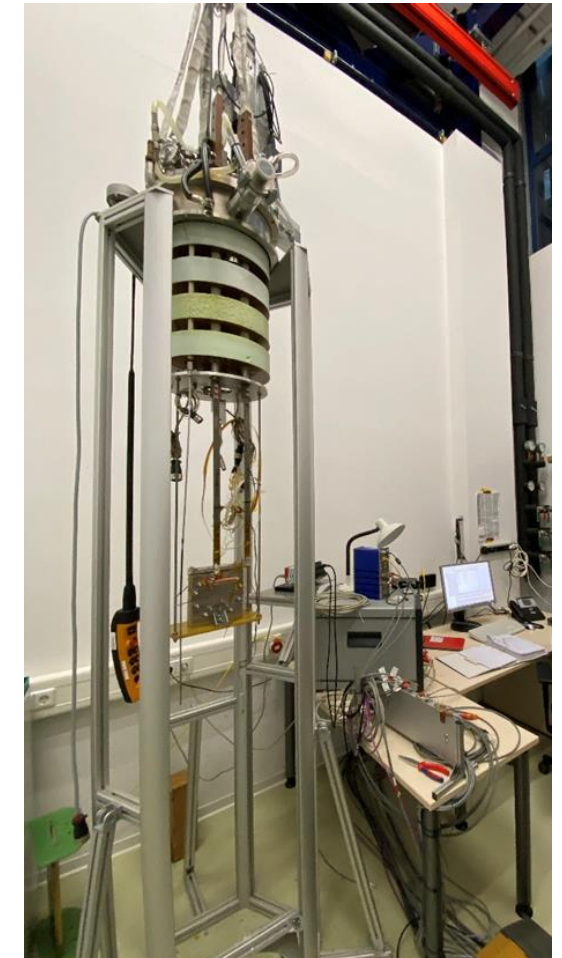


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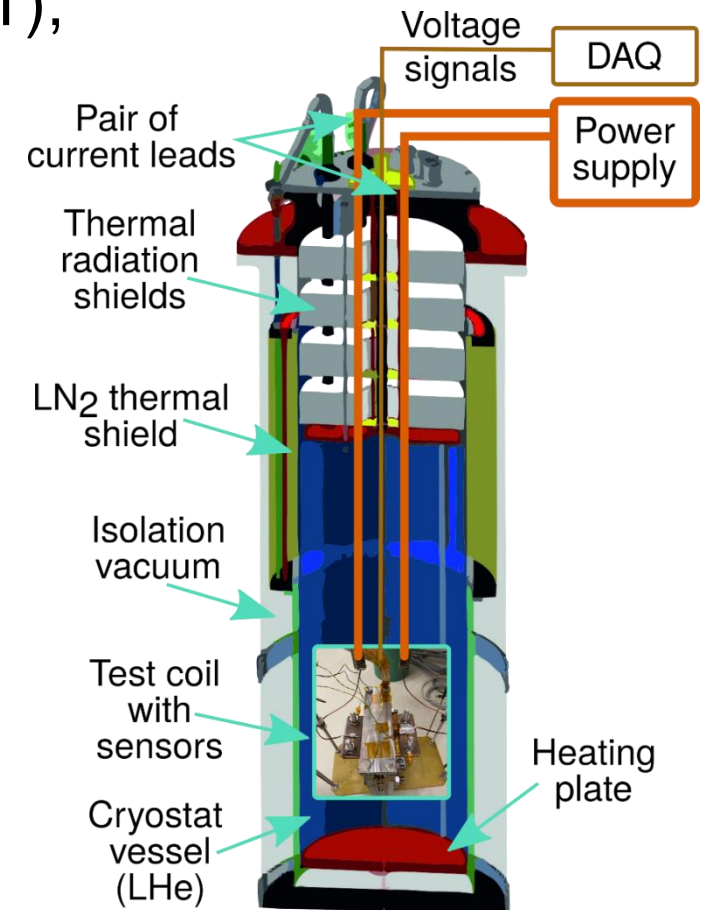
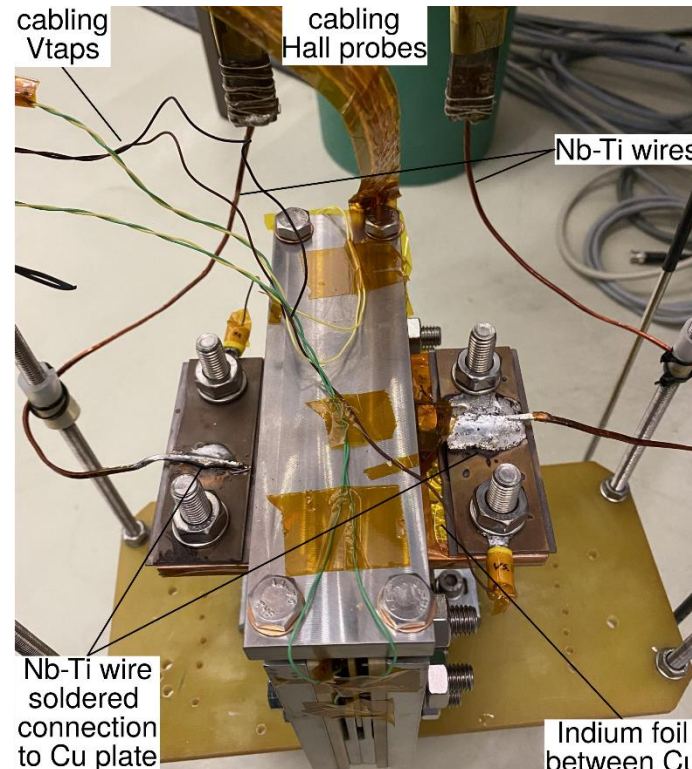
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VR Undulator Coil: LHe setup

- CASPER I* test station with liquid helium cryostat (at KIT),
 - Current: 1500 A / ± 5 V and 500 A / ± 5 V power supplies,
 - Quench detector for coil protection,
 - 1 mV (later 4 mV),
 - 10 Hz DAQ time.



* E. M. Mashkina *et al.*, "Magnetic Measurement Device for Superconductive Undulator Mock-up Coils at ANKA" (2008), WEPC121 in Proc. EPAC'08, paper WEPC121 (2008).

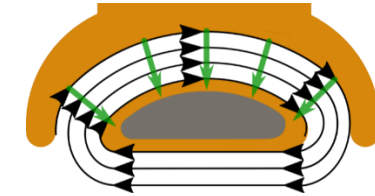


VR Undulator Coil: powering in LHe

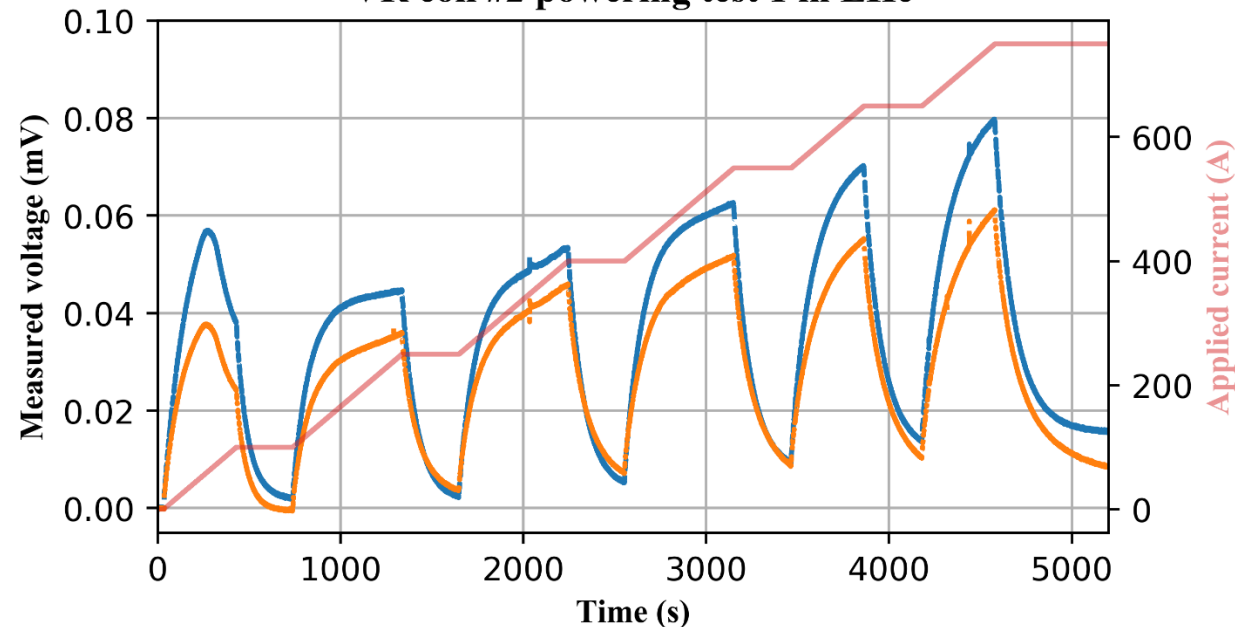
1) Current ramping with 0.25 A/s

- Voltage peaks,
- drifts in decayed voltage.

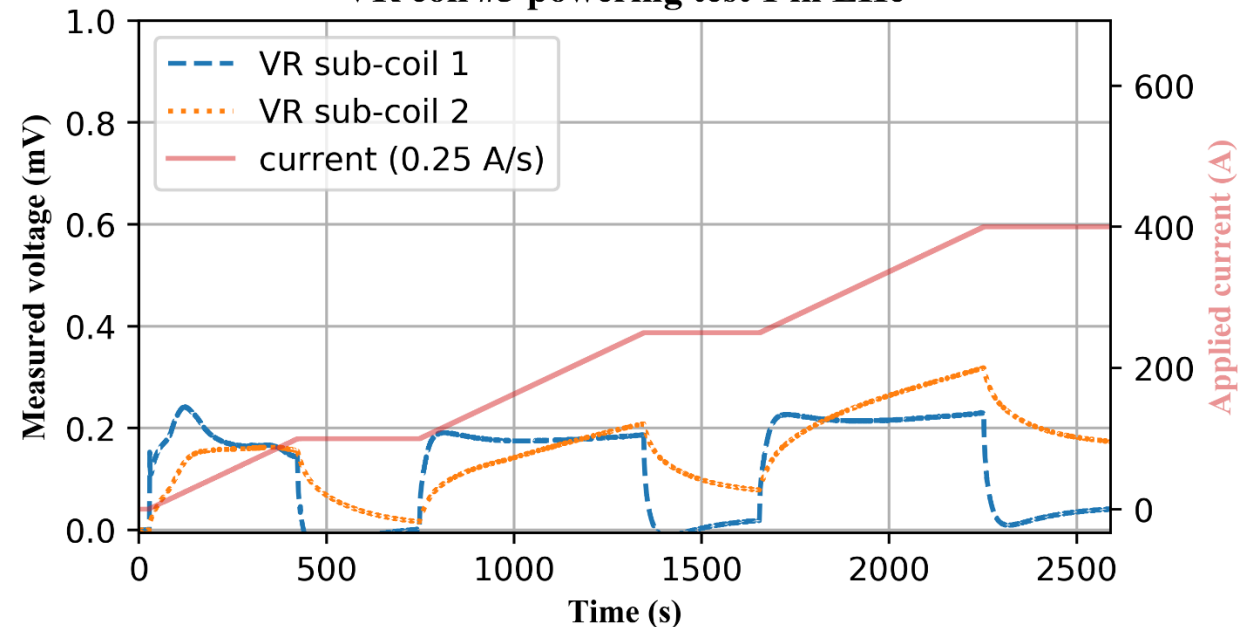
charging:
transversal current



VR coil #2 powering test 1 in LHe



VR coil #3 powering test 1 in LHe



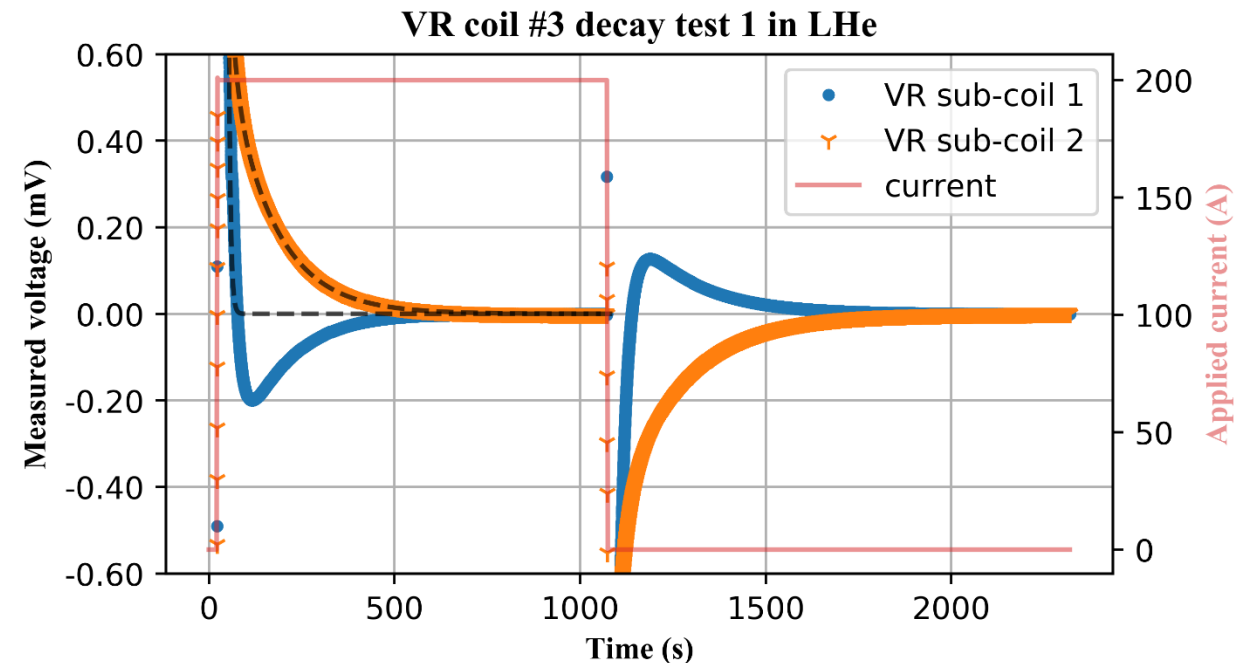
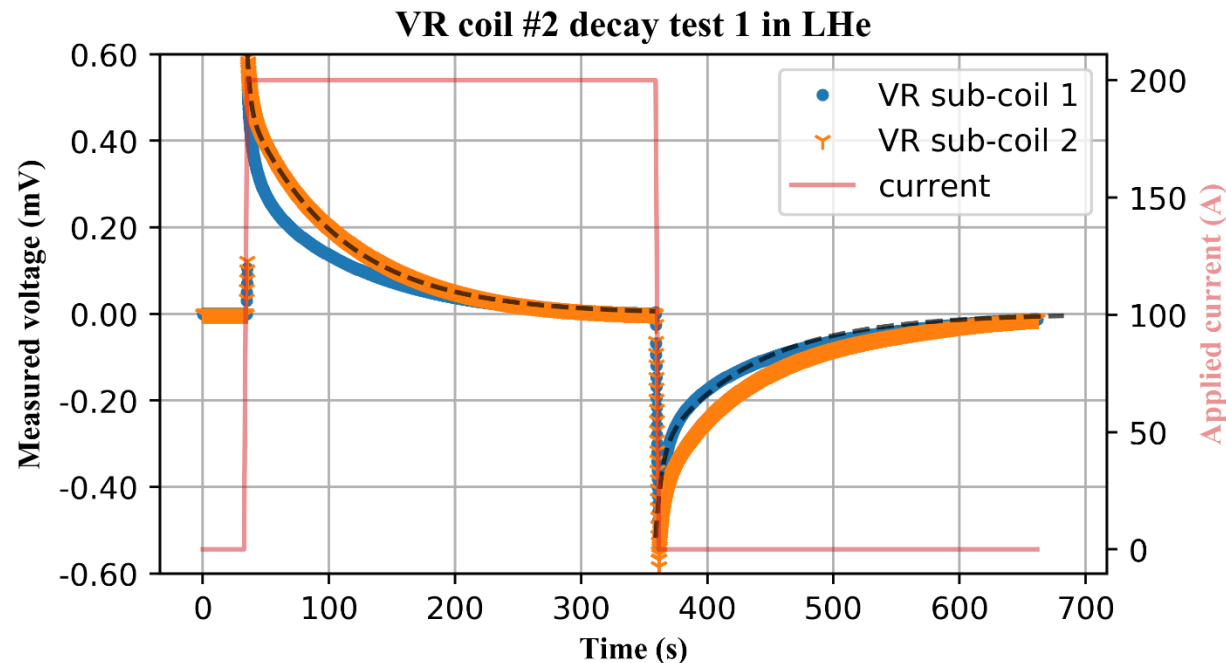


VR Undulator Coil: powering in LHe

2) Effective time constant τ :

- Current step function (0 A - 200 A),
- Measure voltage decay over time: $U \approx a \cdot e^{-t/\tau_i} + b \cdot e^{-t/\tau_{avg}}$

| | VR coil #2 | VR coil #3 |
|--------|------------|------------|
| τ | 76 s | 74 s |
| | (5 s) | 121 s |





VR Undulator Coil: powering in LHe

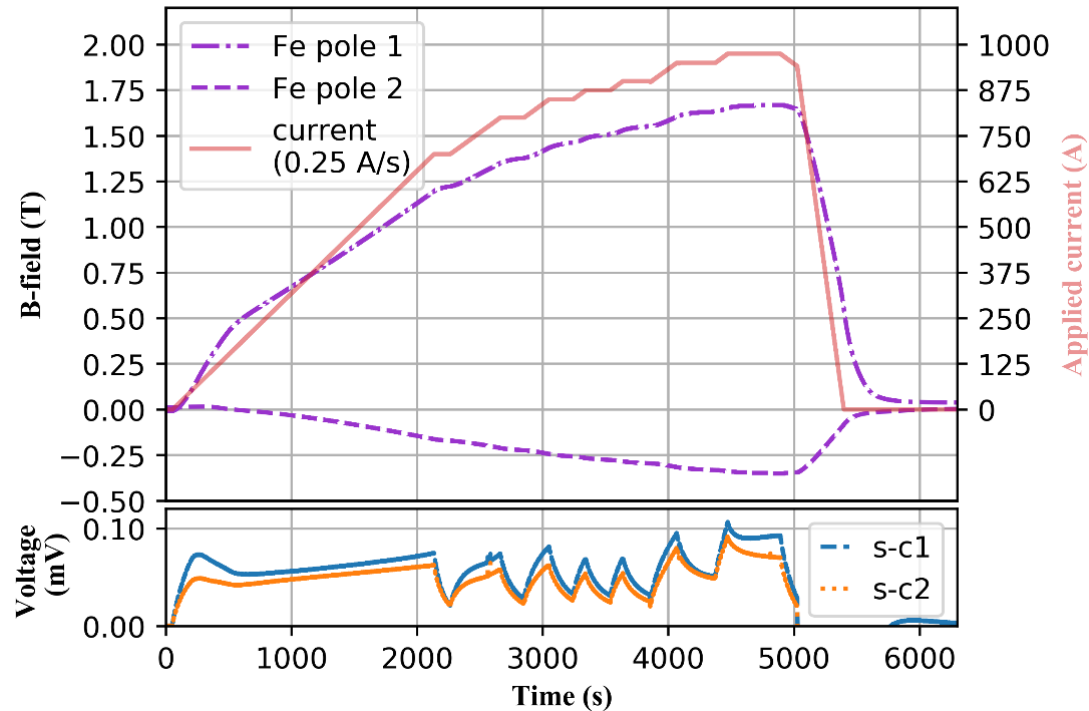
3) Magnetic field build-up:

- Hall sensor signal

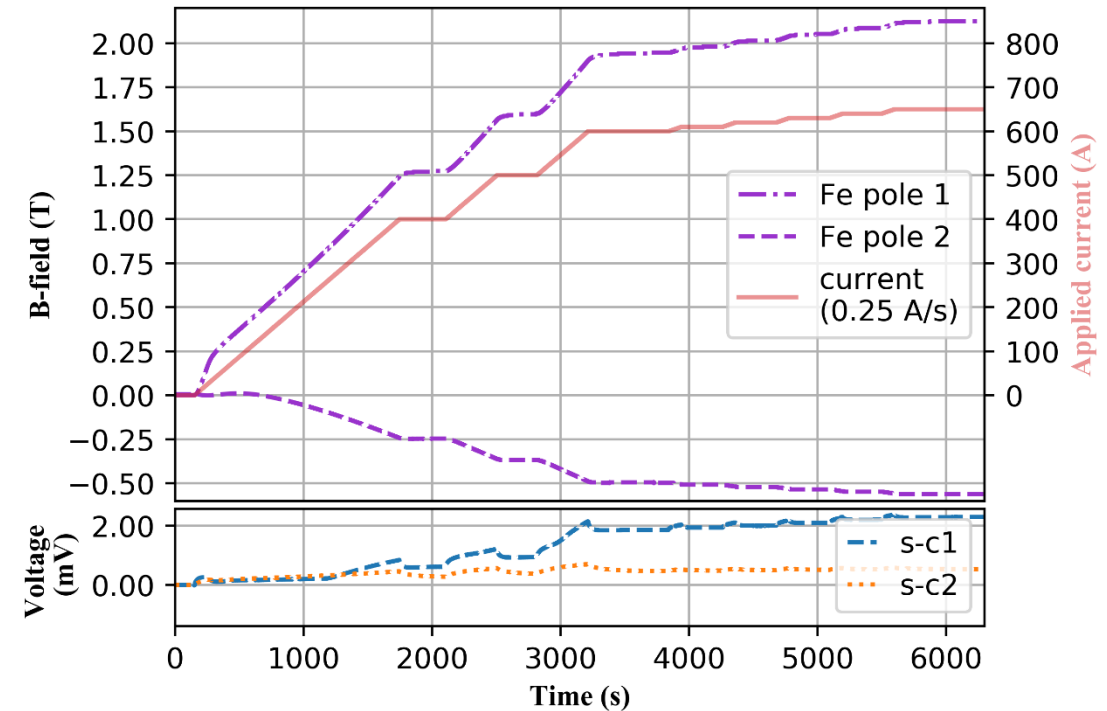
| $d = 3.5 \text{ mm}$ | VR coil #2 (828 A) | VR coil #3 (400 A) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| $B_{y,1}(I_{c,\text{sim}})$ | 1.38 T | 1.24 T |
| $B_{y,1}(I_{c,\text{exp}})$ | 1.40 T | 1.26 T |



VR coil #2 powering test 1[4] in LHe



VR coil #3 powering test 1[4] in LHe





VR Undulator Coil: powering in LHe

4) Current steps and overflow:

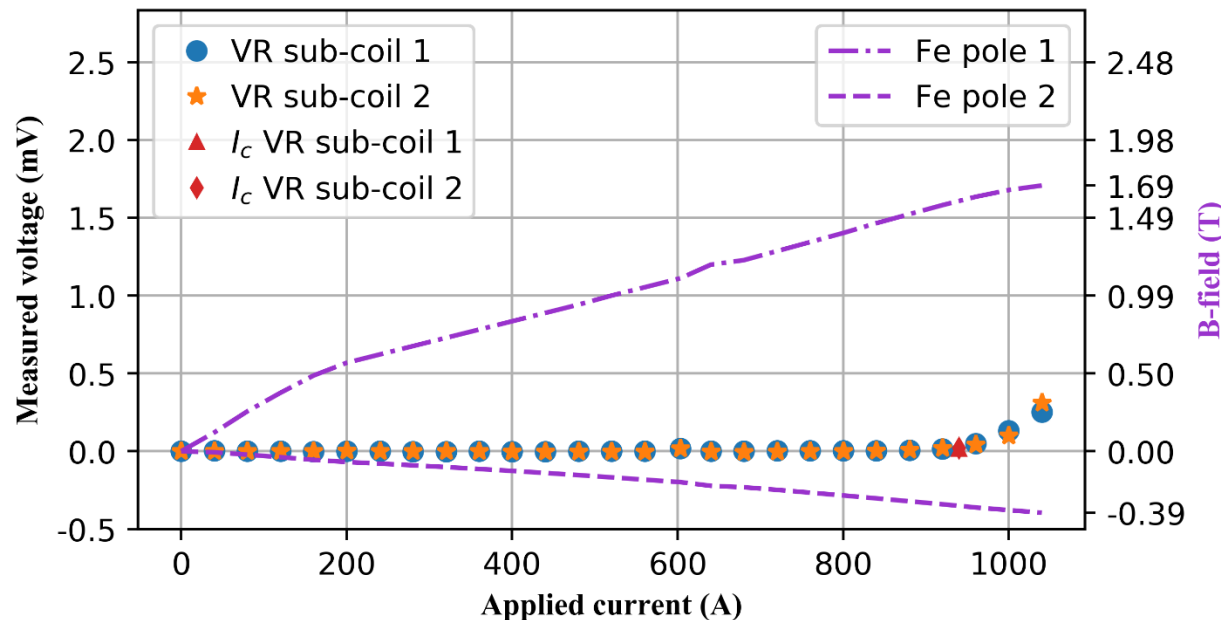
- Current steps of 40 A (VRC#2) and 20 A (VRC#3) with a 300 s decay time
 → **too short** and **30 μV too conservative** for 30 m of tape?

I_c 930 A 930 A

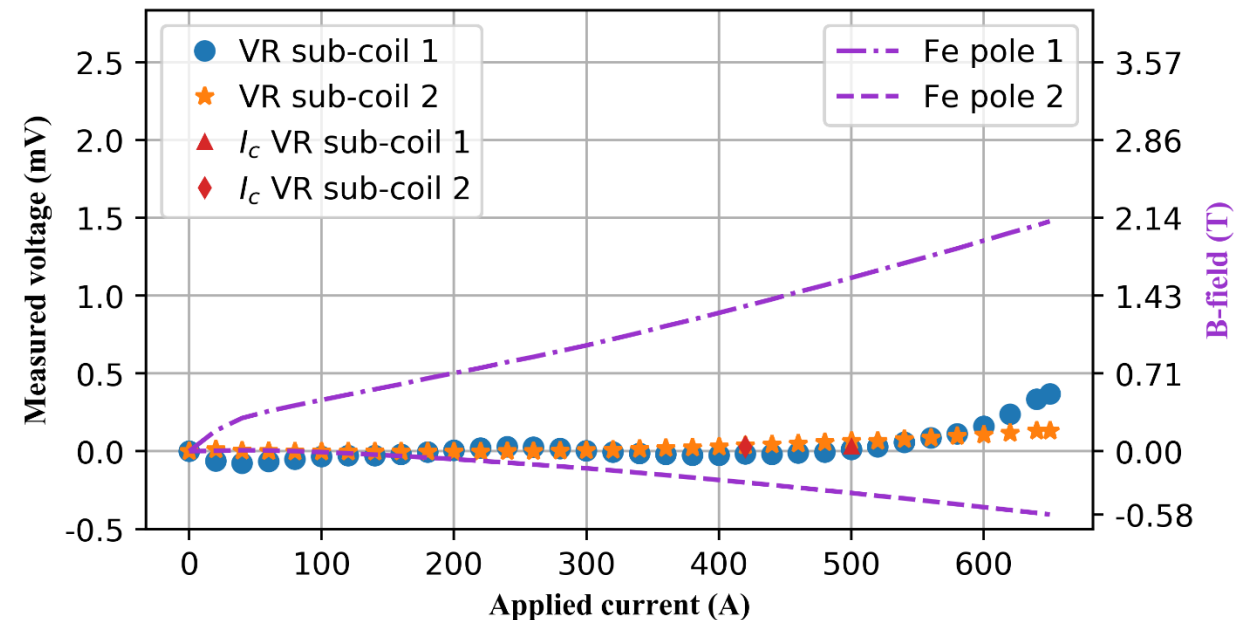
→ ≈ 2.3 kA/mm² ←

I_c 500 A 420 A

VR coil #2 powering test 1 in LHe



VR coil #3 powering test 1 in LHe

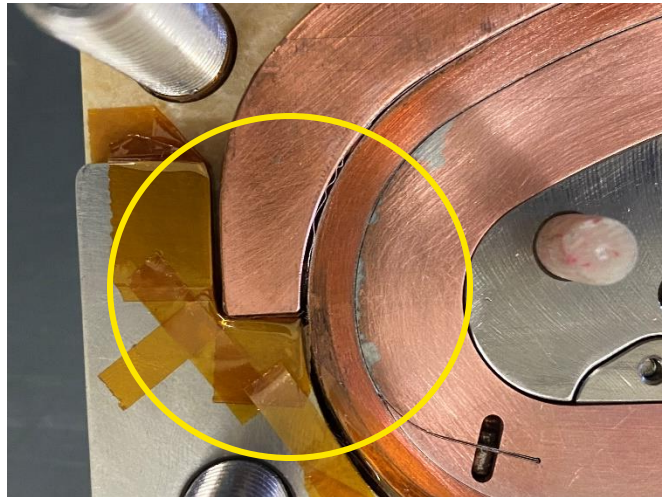




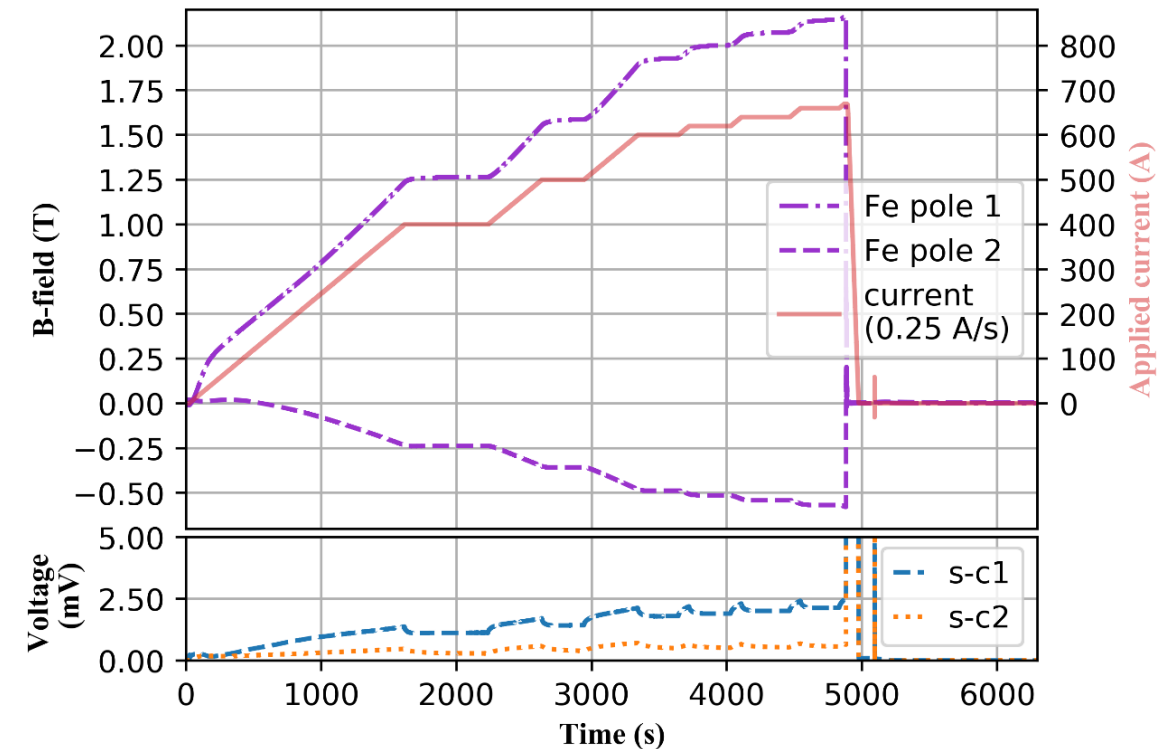
VR Undulator Coil: powering in LHe

5) Overflow and quench

- Current steps continued until U runaway.
- VRC#2: no value (defect Nb-Ti current lead),
- VRC#3 at 660 A ($\sim 3.6 \text{ kA/mm}^2$).



VR coil #3 powering test 1[10] in LHe





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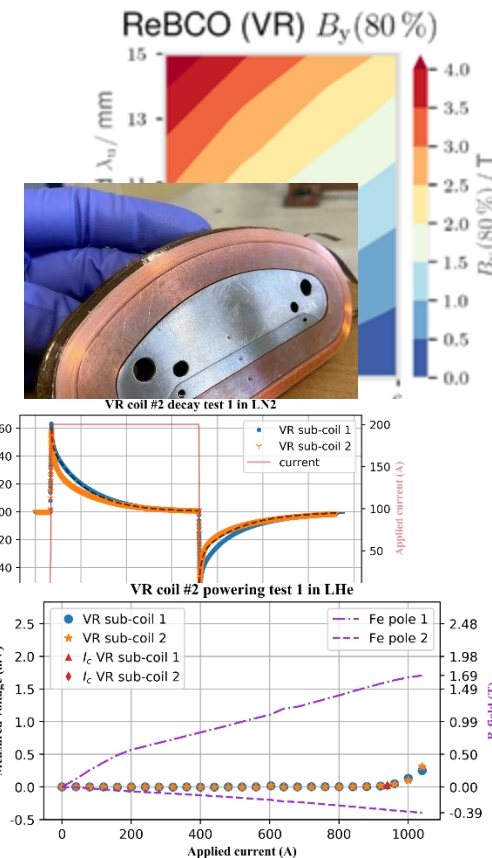
- The technical potential of HTS for undulators has been demonstrated.
- 3 VR prototype coils were manufactured and tested in LN2 and 2 in LHe.
 - Simulations matched the experiment,
 - Stable operation at the designed current,
 - Stable up to I_c and beyond without any degradation,
 - Tunable undulators may be challenging without metal/partial insulation.

Next steps:

- Controlled turn-to-turn resistance:
 - Higher resistance is preferred at 4.2 K.
- Investigation of
 - Mechanical margins,
 - Field quality (+ ramping),
 - Beam tracking.

Future plans:

- 3 VR coil short model,
- Manufacture the world's first ReBCO tape helical undulator (demonstrator).



What's next?

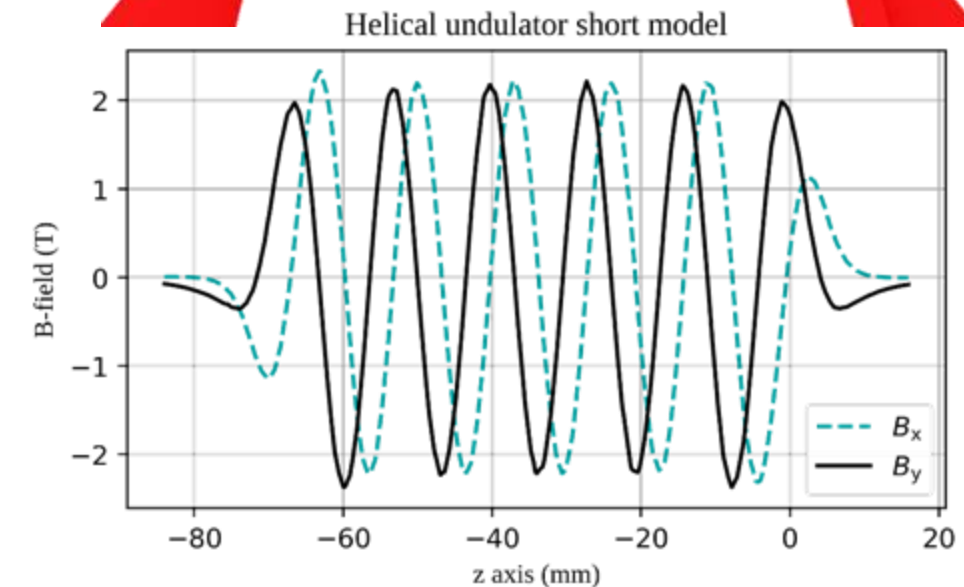
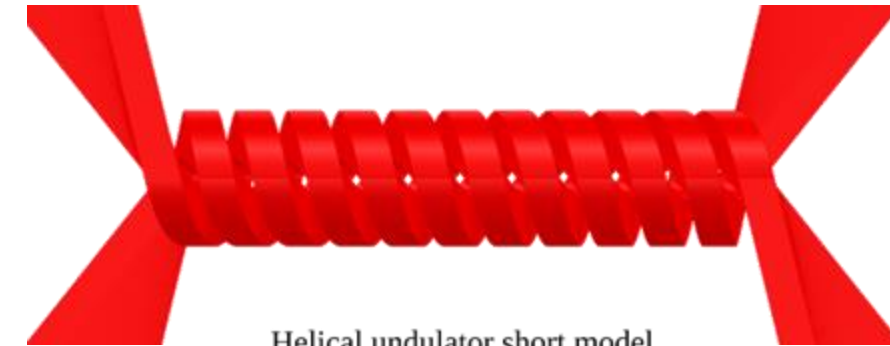
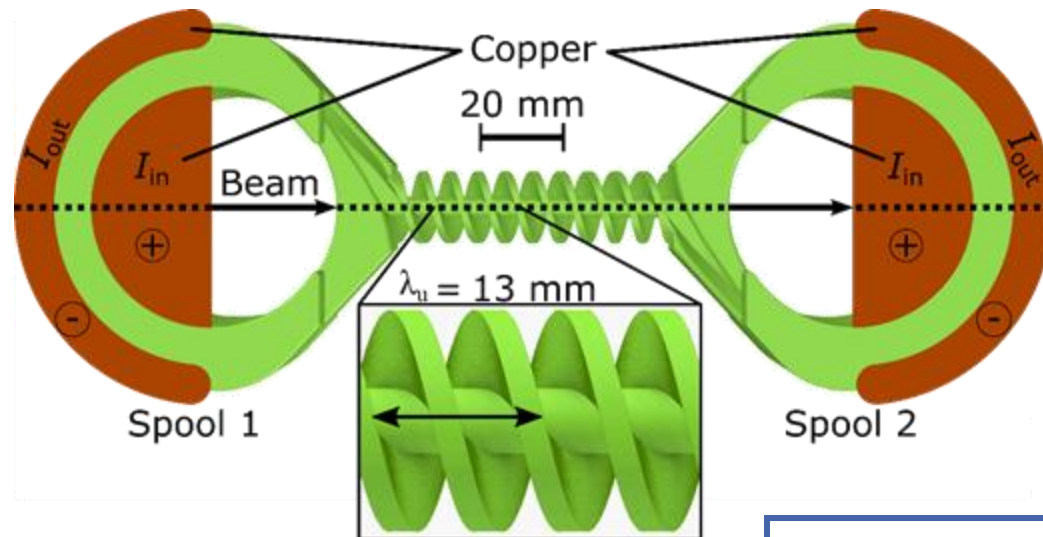
Appetizer: helical HTS undulator



Why a helical undulator?

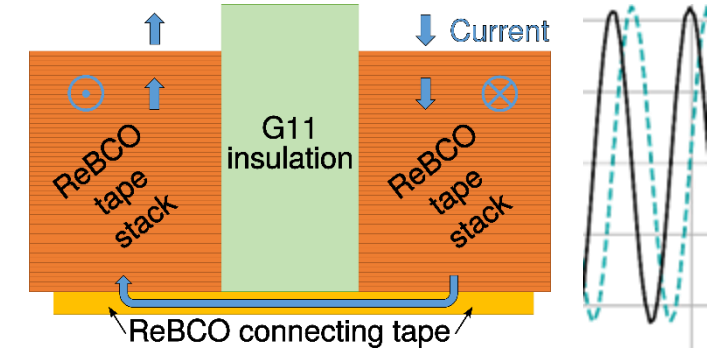
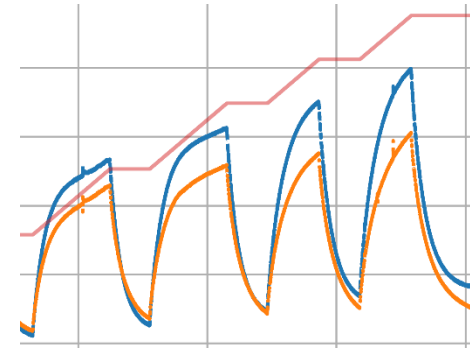
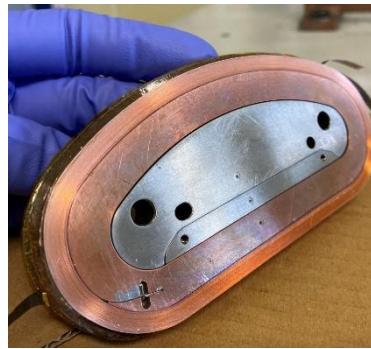
→ *More compact and efficient!*

- $B_y \geq 2.3$ T for $\lambda_u = 13$ mm, $g = 5$ mm,
- Wound with 4 mm wide ReBCO tape.



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Very first helical undulator with superconducting tapes
→ **novel winding scheme and challenges!**



Powering test results of HTS undulator prototype coils for compact FELs at 4.2 K

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