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Update on REBCO accelerator magnet technology development at LBNL

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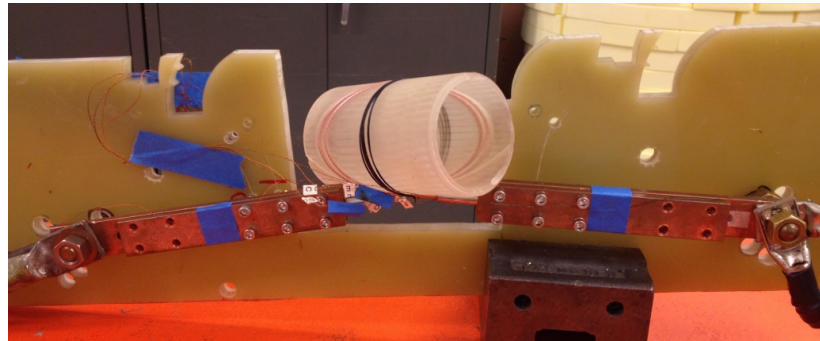
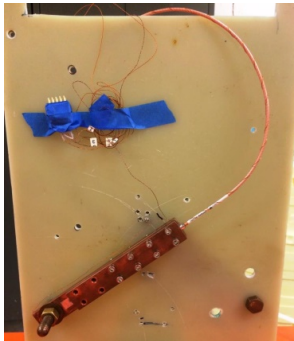
Connecting the conductor developments and accelerator magnet needs

- REBCO conductor has significant potential: J_e and cost
- Two intertwined issues for REBCO accelerator magnets
 - Magnet technologies are under development
 - Guidance on conductor properties based on magnet performance and needs lags
- Evaluating various conductor/cable concepts based on canted $\cos\theta$ design
 - Conductor on Round Core (CORC[®]) wire
 - Tape stack (MIT and Roebel)



Working closely with vendor on short sample testing and wire optimization

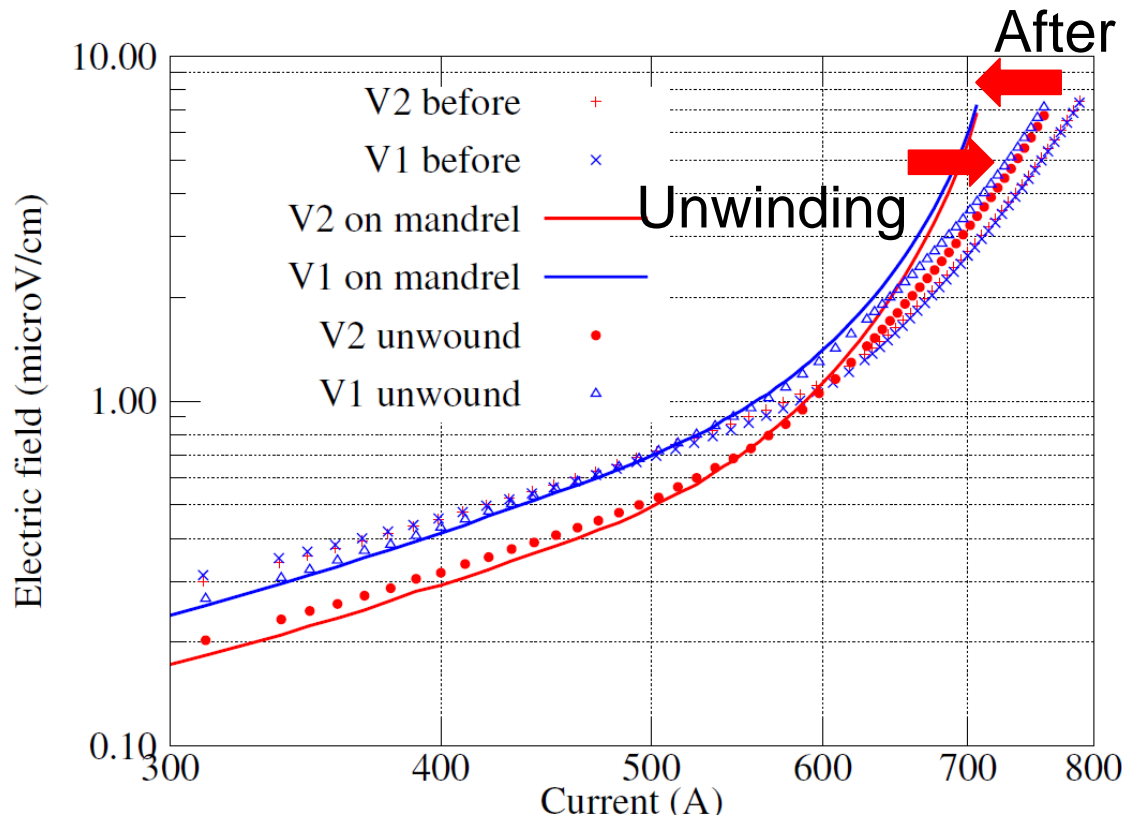
- ACT has supplied several short samples of different designs for us to test winding on CCT grooves
- Excellent opportunity to learn wire handling



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5% - 10% I_c degradation after being wound to the CCT grooves



- As expected
- Negligible self-field impact on I_c reduction
- n value increased after winding

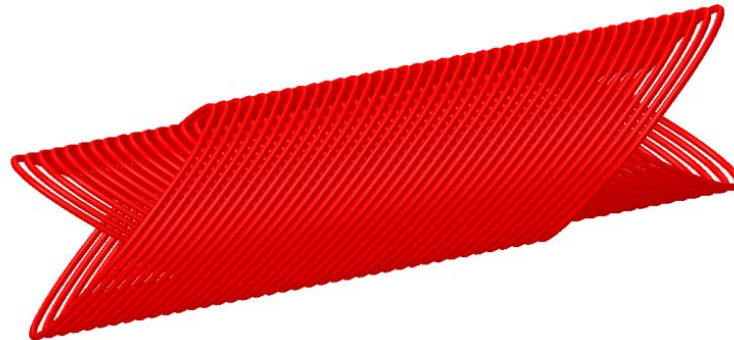


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A subscale CORC[®] CCT dipole magnet

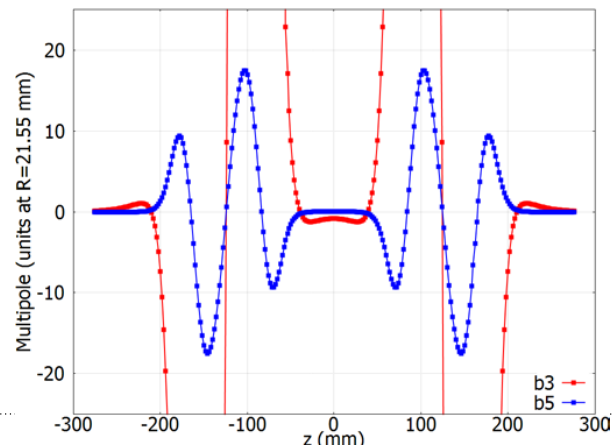
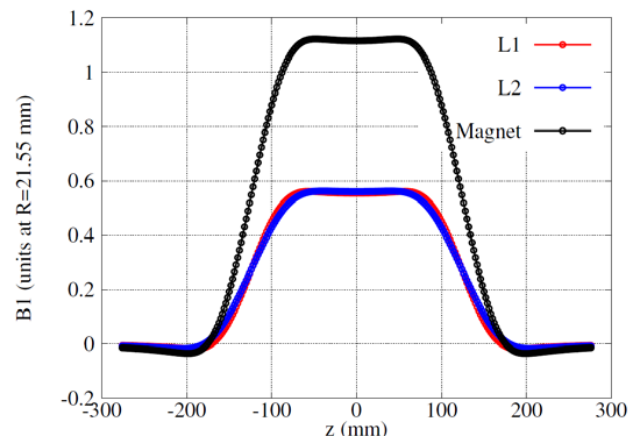
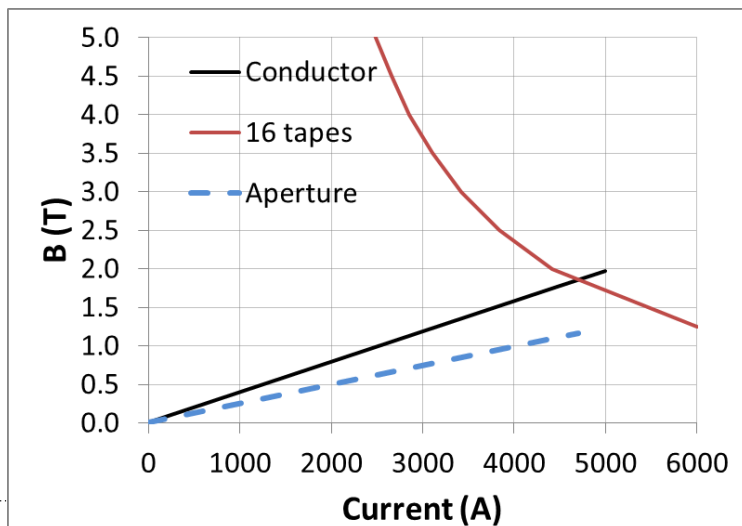
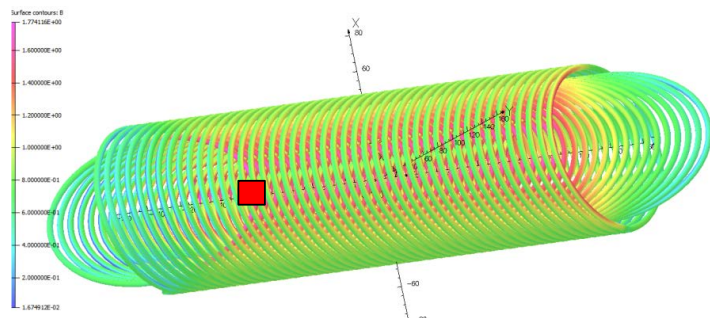
- 2 layers, 40 turns using single CORC[®] wires
 - 70 mm aperture, 500 mm long, 40 m long conductor
 - Wire minimum bending diameter 46.5 mm (10% I_c degradation)



- Establish a magnet platform to provide feedback on conductor development

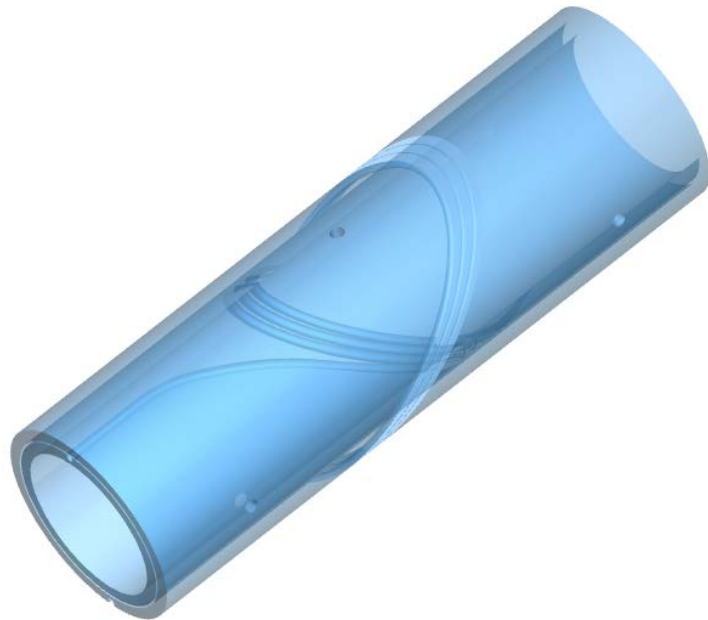


Moderate 1 T dipole field at 4.2 K





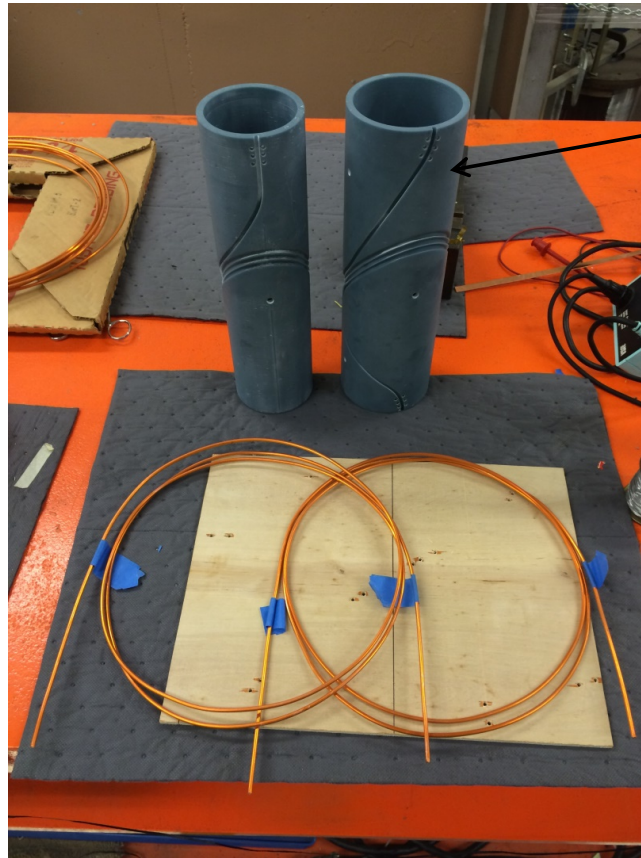
We started with a 2-layer 3-turn mini-coil



- Same design as the subscale except with only 3 turns
- An affordable and quick turn-around vehicle to develop magnet technologies: winding, assembly, joints, impregnation, test and etc.



How it would look like – mandrels and conductors



- Mandrels printed with Accura® Bluestone
- Quick and inexpensive
 - -0.6% contraction from room temperature to 4.2 K

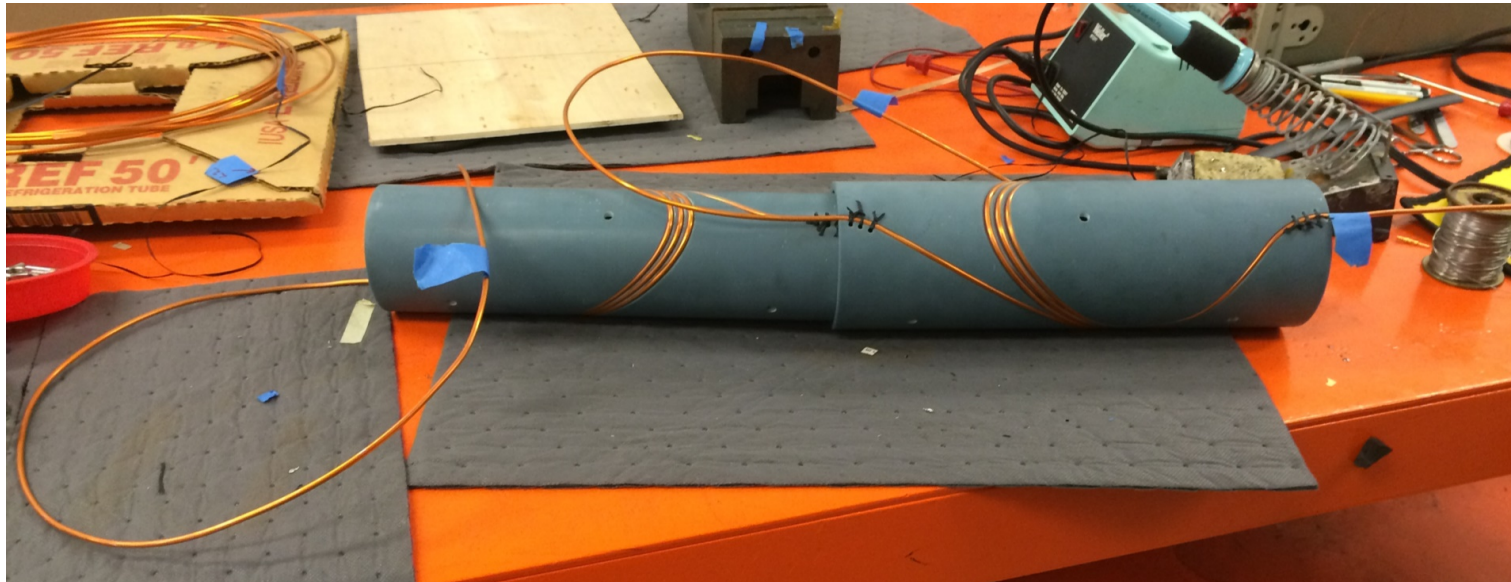
How it would look like – after winding each layer



- Joints will be tricky
 - Low resistance. Enough length for current transfer
 - Clear for aperture. Support in background field

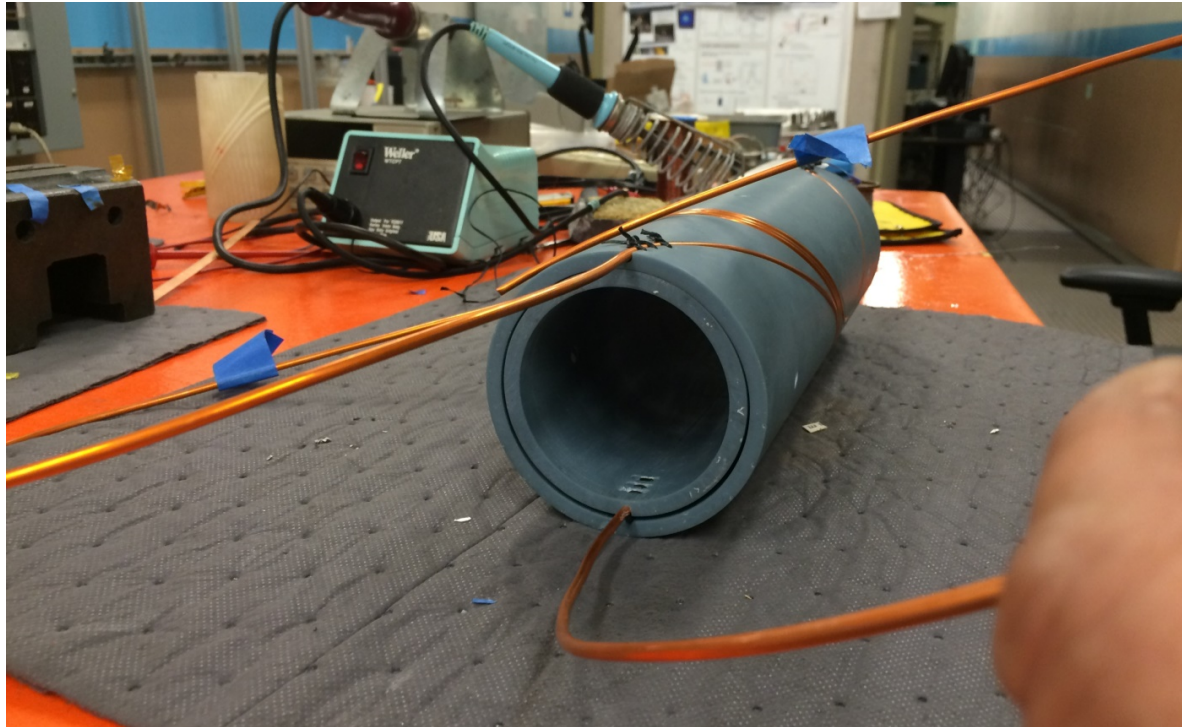


How it would look like – assembly



- Clearance and alignment between layers
- Impregnation
- Joint development

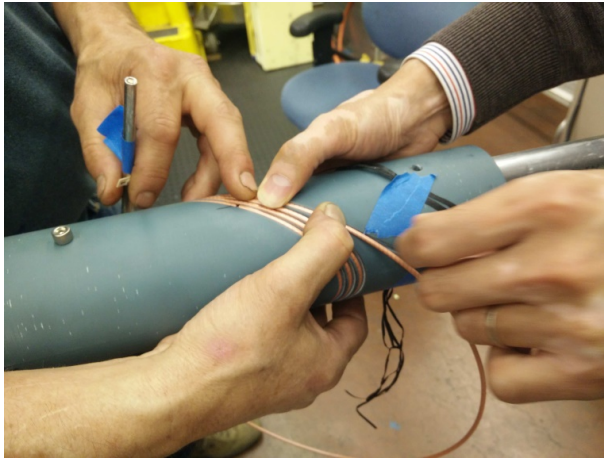
How it would look like



Now let's try the real conductor...



The 3-turn inner layer was wound and tested in LN₂



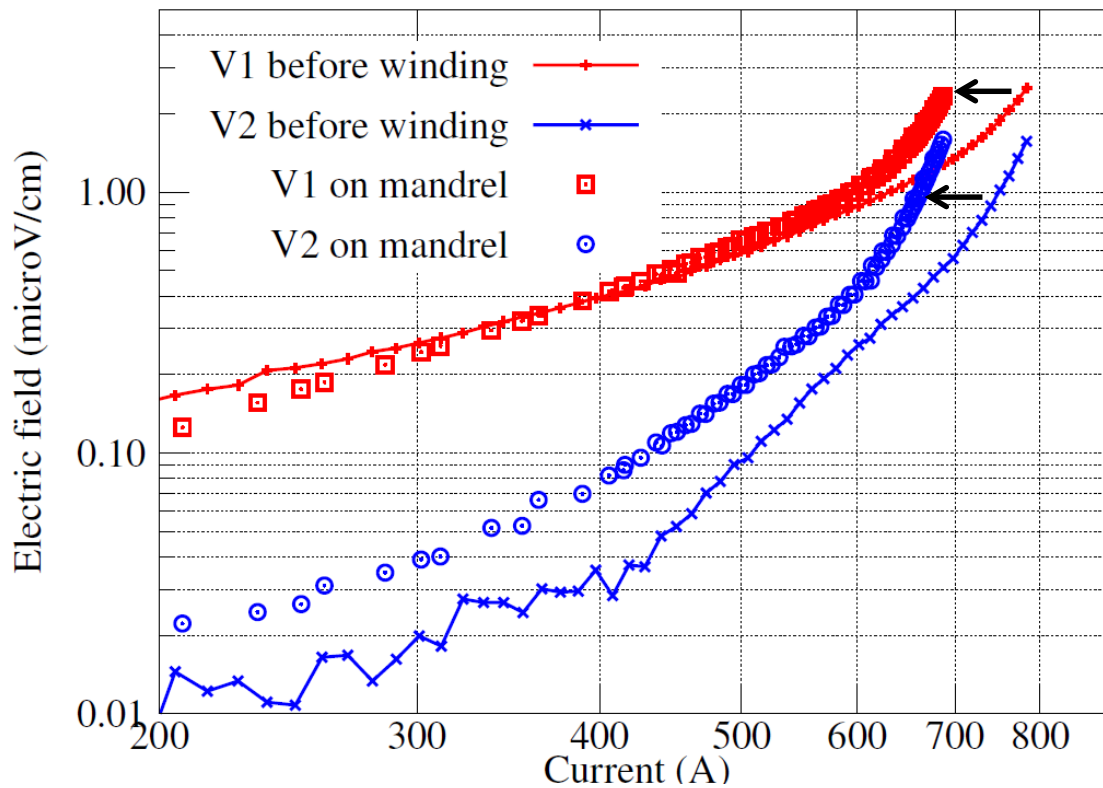
- CORC[®] wire diameter 3.09 mm
- 8 layer of SuperPower tapes
- Each tape 2 mm wide with 30 μm thick substrate



Hall sensor in the aperture



I_c degraded 11% after winding, consistent with vendor data



- 754 A to 673 A
- n value increased from 9 to 13

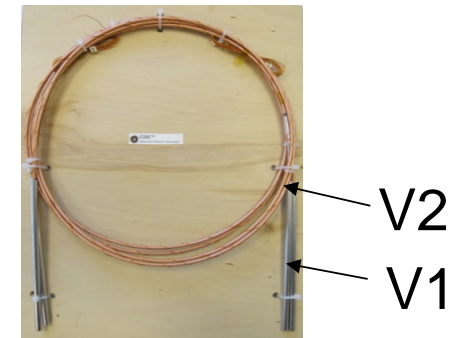
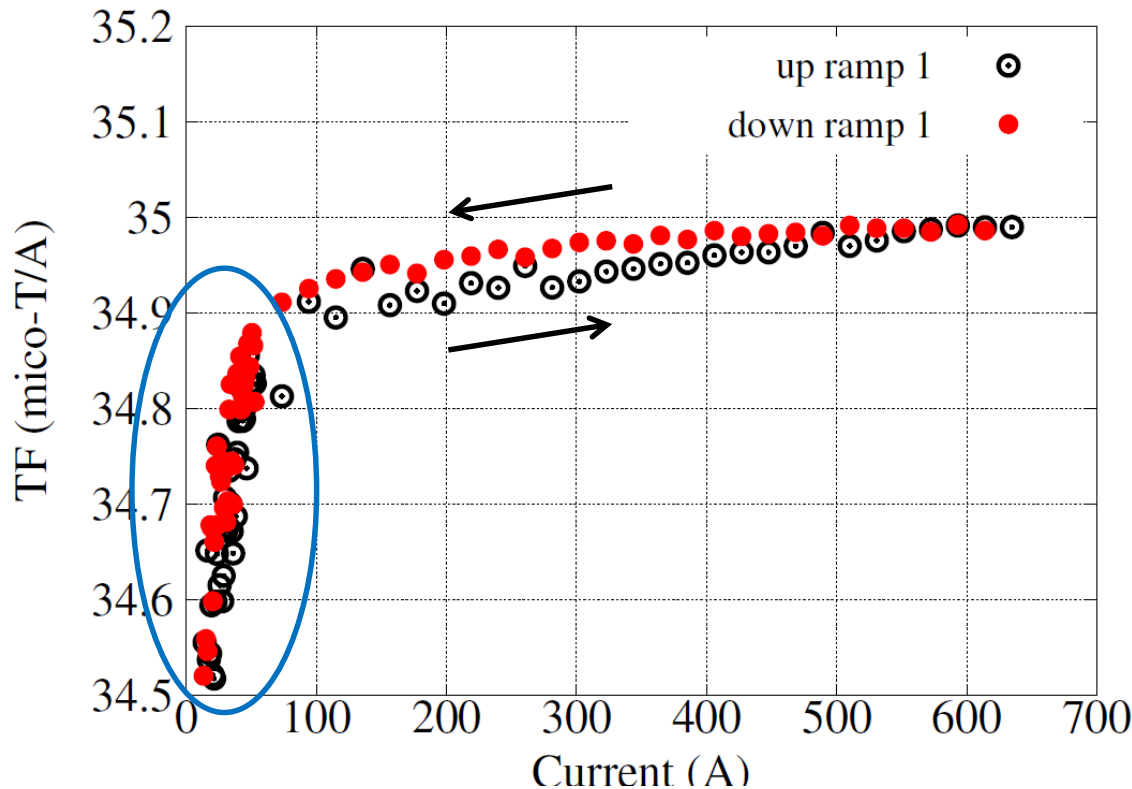


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Signature of persistent-current effect (screening-current effect)

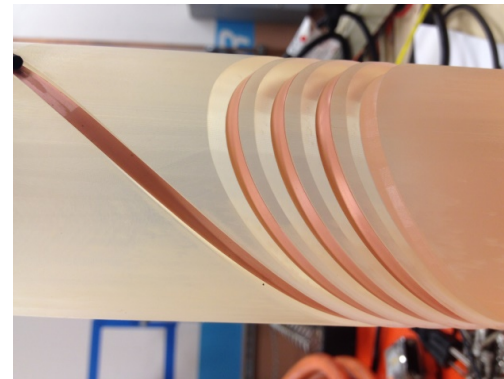
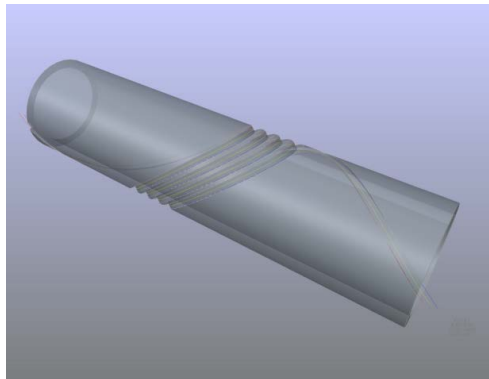


- Hysteresis between up and down ramps
- Non-linear behavior below 100 A



Next steps for the REBCO CCT magnet development

- Complete and test the 3-turn mini-coil at 77 K and 4.2 K
 - Continue to use the 3-turn platform to study the impregnation and other issues
- Develop the 40-turn subscale magnet
- Develop the tape-stack version



Summary

- LBNL is developing technologies for REBCO accelerator magnet applications
 - Connecting conductor developments with magnet needs
 - Provide feedback to the conductor development based on magnet performance
- A CORC CCT dipole coil is a first step toward this goal
 - Two 3-turn coils are developed and tested at 77 K
 - The coils will be assembled and tested at 77 and 4.2 K