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# Stress-managed Common Coil Performance During the PSI BigBox Test in DCC017

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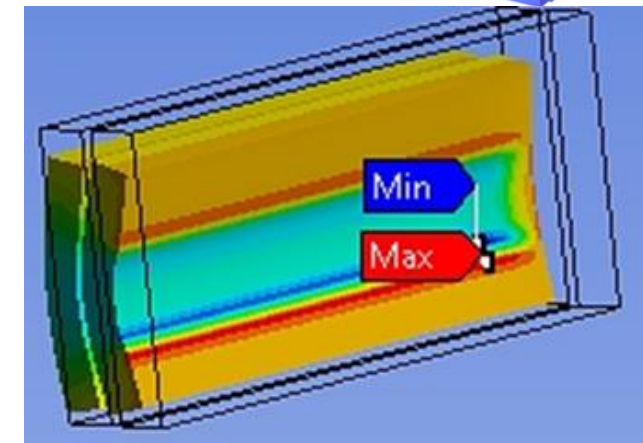
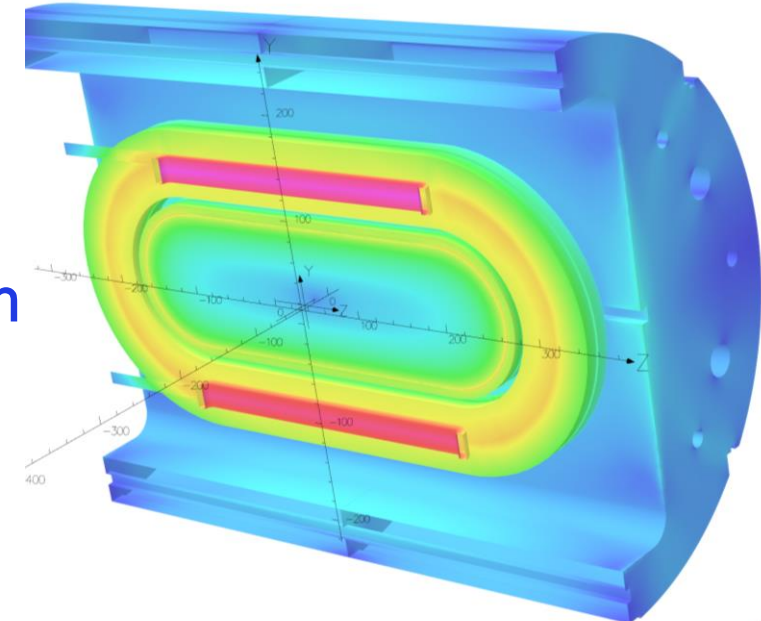
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**Note: Test results of BigBox itself to be presented separately by PSI and Mithlesh**



# Background

- During the last HTS/LTS hybrid test, the maximum performance of 12.3 T was limited by the LTS coils, and not by the HTS coils.
- Moreover, it was NOT limited by Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coils themselves, as they by themselves worked well. Performance got limited when Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coils were energized together with the HTS insert coils.
- **Theory: Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coils were stress/strain limited locally (no intermediate structure to manage or distribute the stresses).**
- This question/issue is important in all high field Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn magnets.
- All new inserts are planned with intermediate structures. This PSI/BNL test was became a test to overcome the stress limit.
- It allowed higher peak field in DCC017 coils (10.7 T => ~12 T)
- More interesting what was observed accidentally (magnet survived).





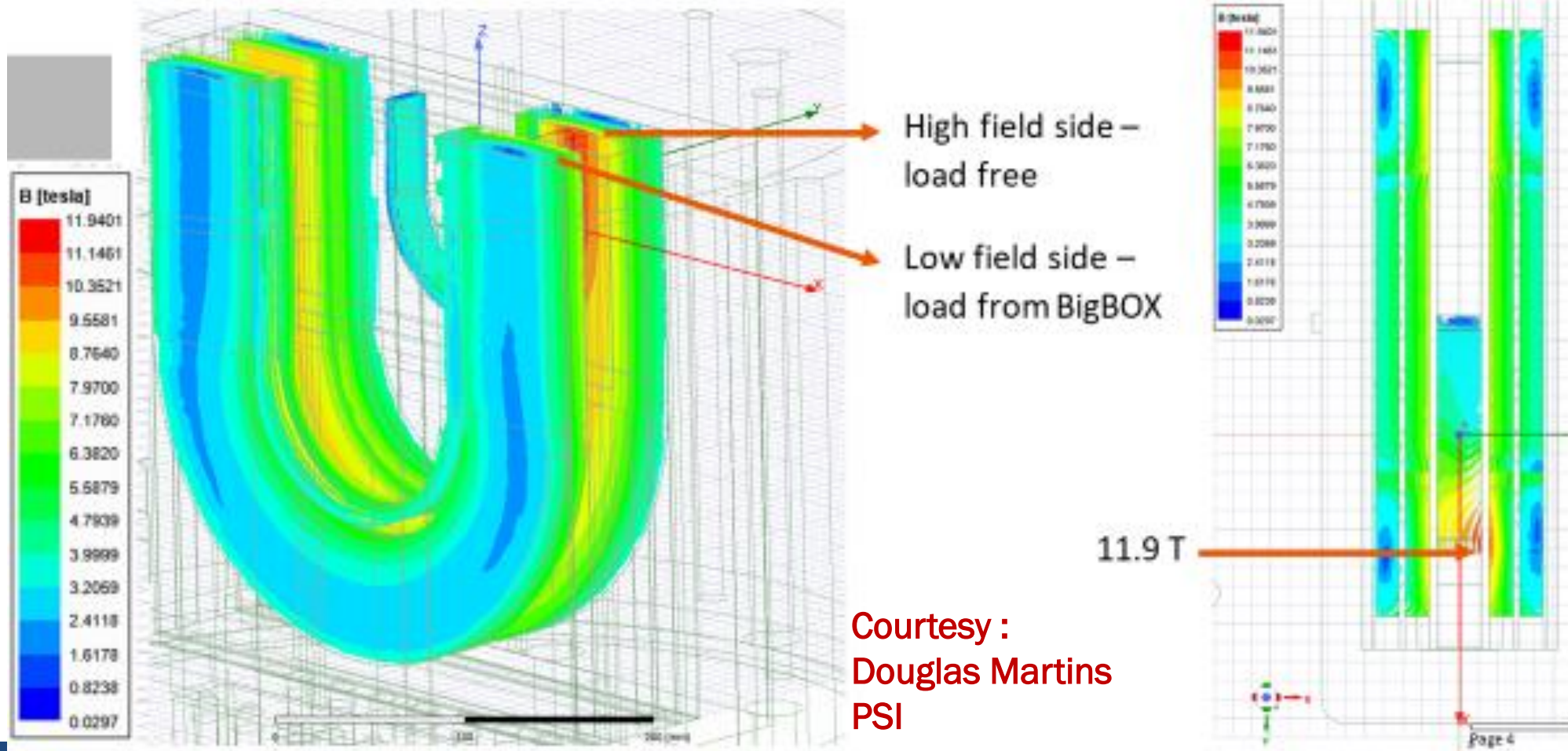
# BigBox Coil in DCC017

PSI Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn insert coils are wound with hard way bend.

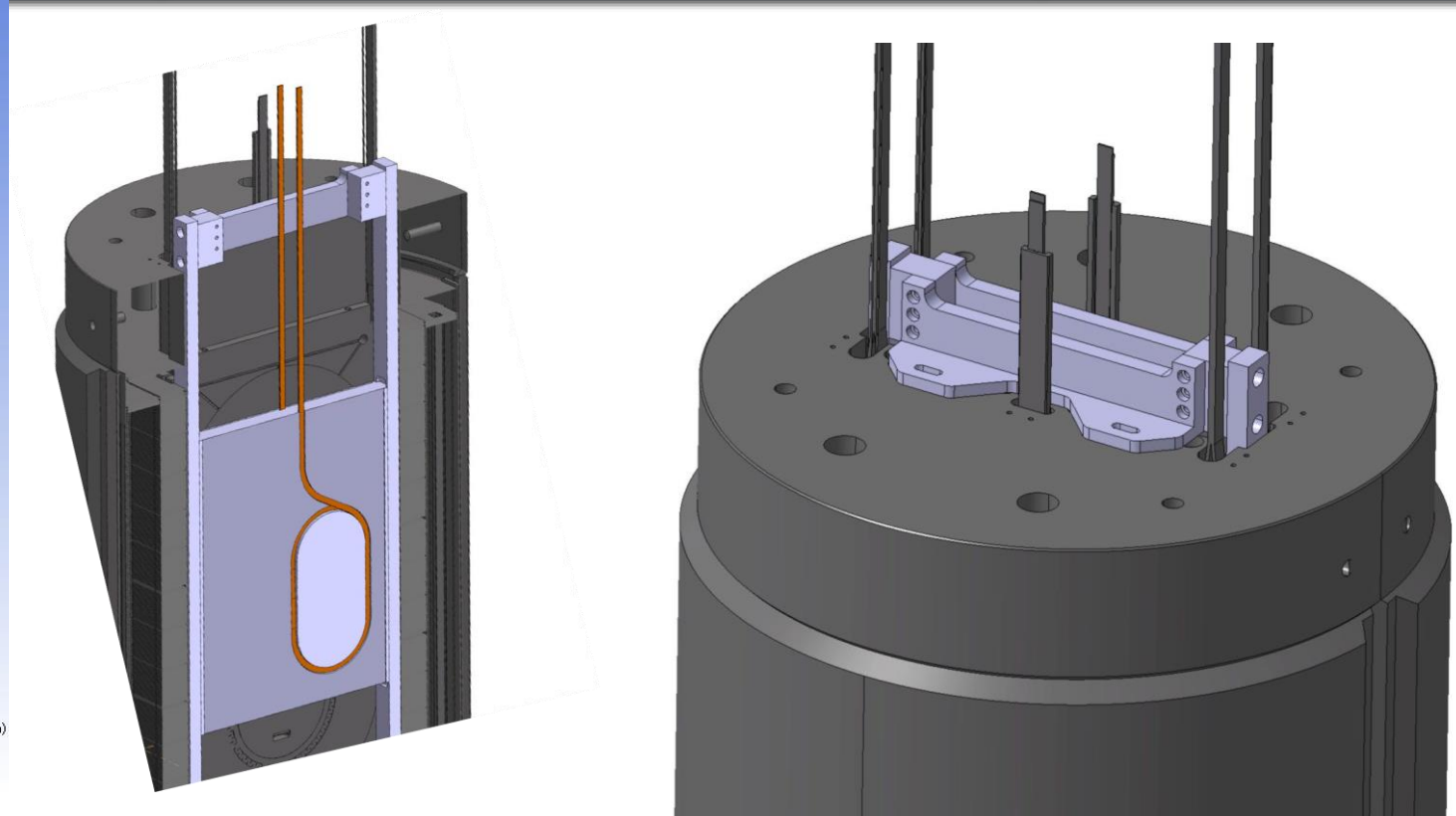
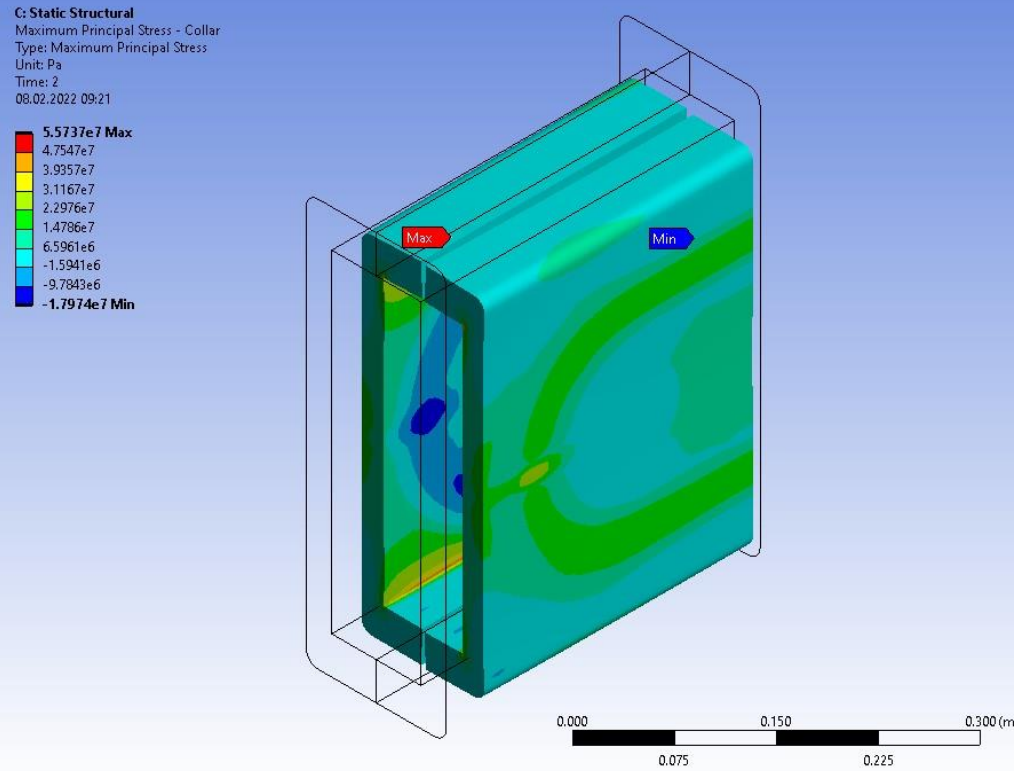
BNL Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coils are wound with easy way bend, as typical in the common coil.



## Magnetic Integration – Maxwell model



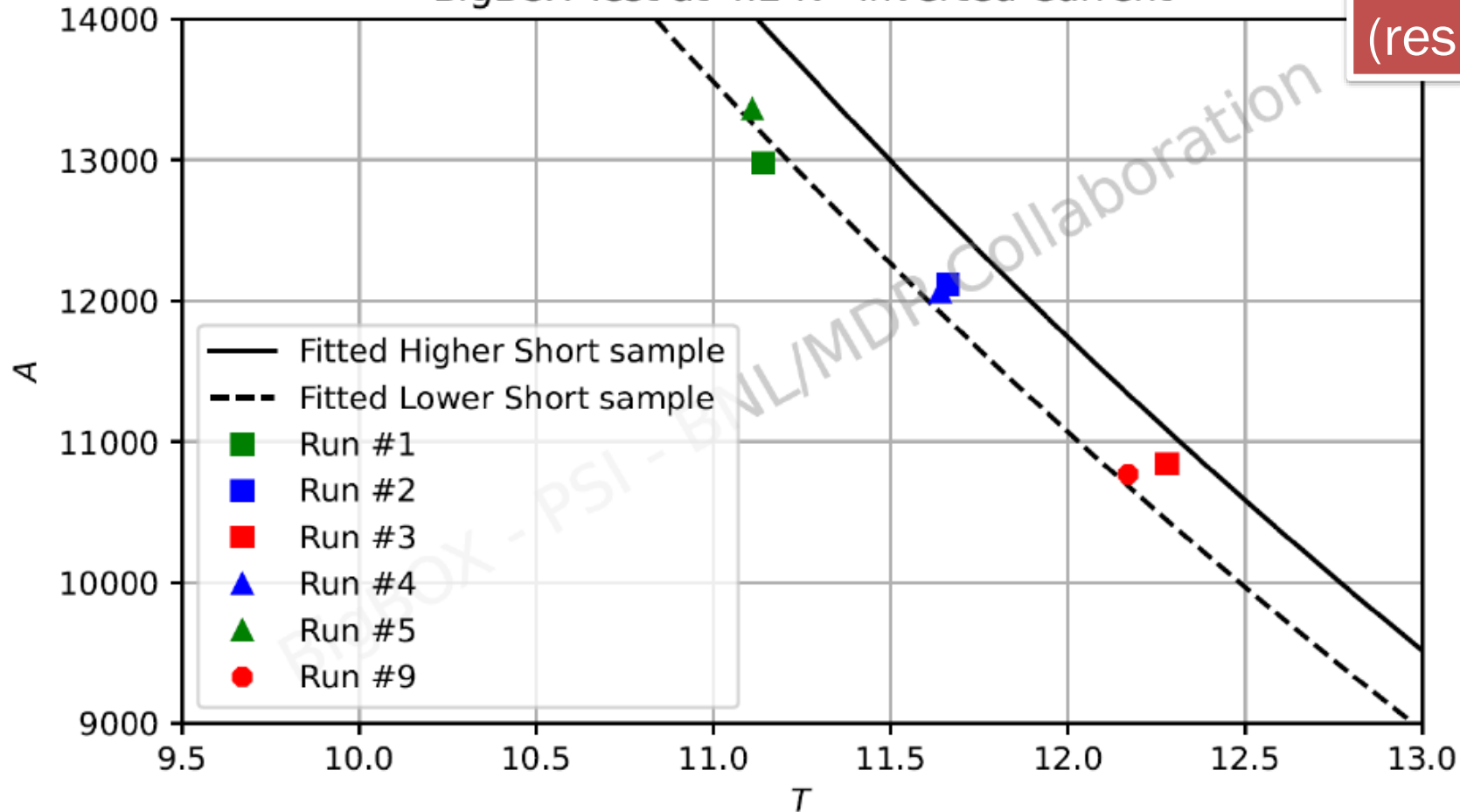
# BigBox Structure for Stress Management (analysis to be discussed by PSI)



- This brings stress/strain on Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coil of DCC017 below the limit
- Due to the space limitation, the plates were made thicker on the high stress side and thinner on the high field side, with ~2 mm gap at most places.

# Expected and Observed Test Results

BigBOX Test at 4.2 K - Inverted Current

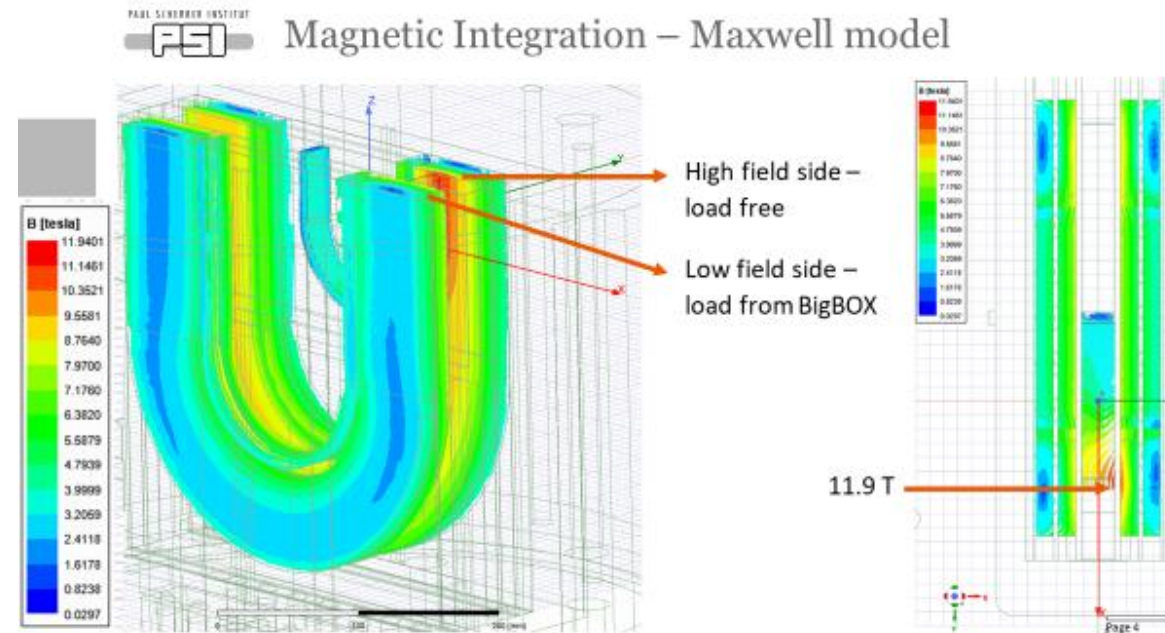


Courtesy: PSI  
(results to be discussed by them)

- Field of DCC017 Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coils was not limited by their stress/strain limit
- DCC017 coil didn't quench as it reached ~12 T field (BigBox quenched)
- This was higher than ever reached in DCC017 (DCC017 coils ran at a lower current – ~9 kA)

# Interesting Observations

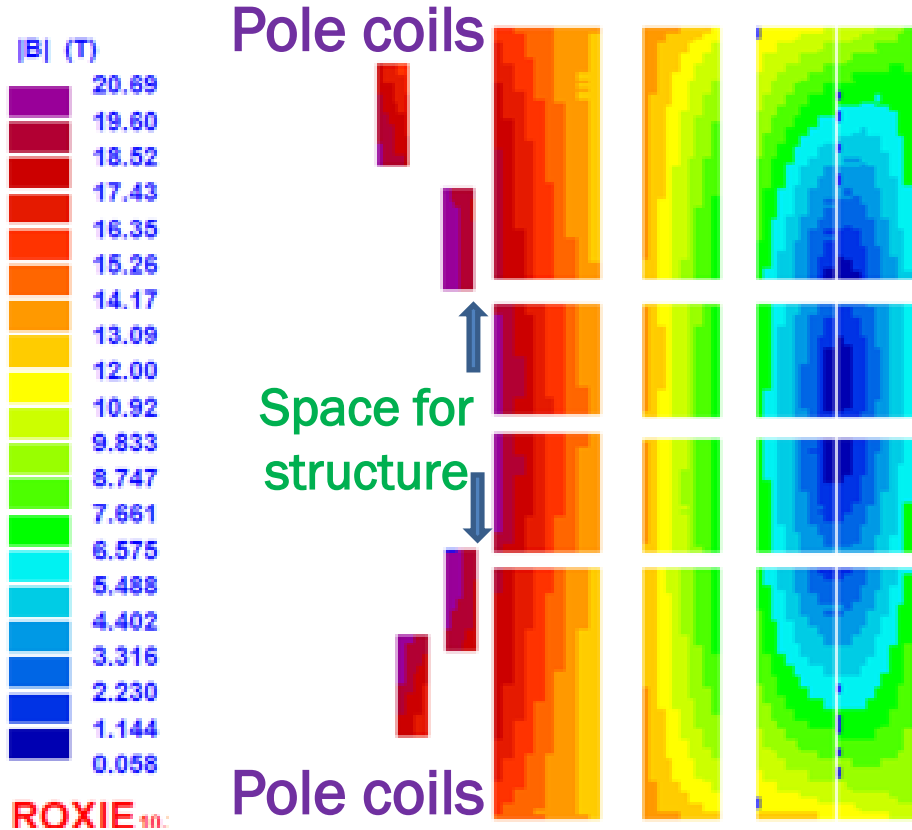
- PSI insert coil was powered in opposite direction then originally intended.
- This means that the coils moved significantly under Lorentz forces to close-in the 2 mm gap
- Many good discovery in science have come unintentionally (or accidentally). Here is another one, even though not close to other spectacular discoveries



- No quenches in  $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$  coils, means that the gap tolerances can be relaxed in such structures (though a large variation in the gap should perhaps be avoided)
- Structure of  $\sim 2.3$  mm rather than  $\sim 4$  mm was sufficient
- Stress diffusion – avoiding local stress/strain to spreading the stress worked

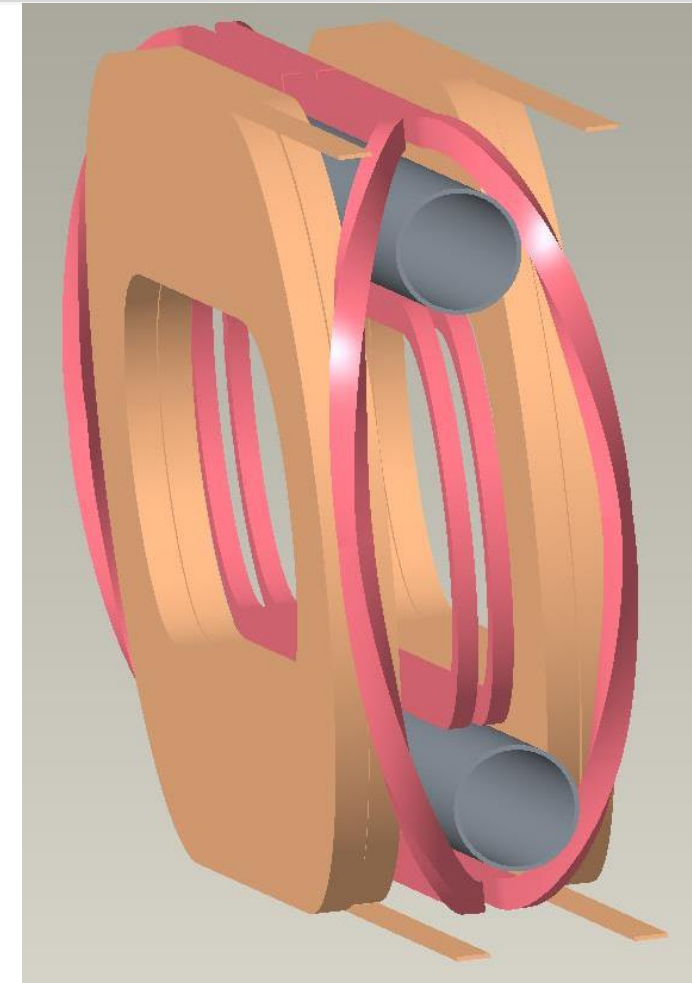


# Proof-of-Principle Test of Field Quality Pole Coils in the Common Coil Design



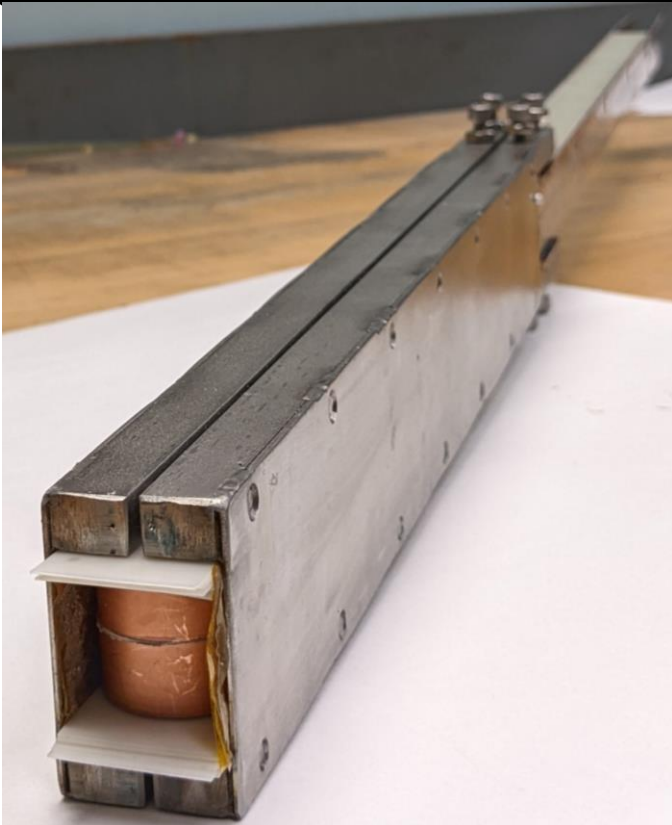
20 T MDP Hybrid Design

- In this case pole coils are oriented differently (hard way bend) from the main coils (soft way bend), same as in the PSI test.
- Pole coils are inserted in an intermediate structure inside the main coils, same as in the PSI test.
- Therefore, in a way PSI test was the proof-of-principle test of the incorporation of the field quality pole coils in the common coil design



Concept from: PBL/BNL SBIR

Question: Can a higher hybrid field be reached with some intermediate structure on HTS coil (stress management) ?



- HTS coils with leftover conductor.
- Coils tested at 77 K in the structure
- Intermediate structure provides stress management
- This structure was inserted in the second aperture
- Similar structure is being used in US-Japan collaboration



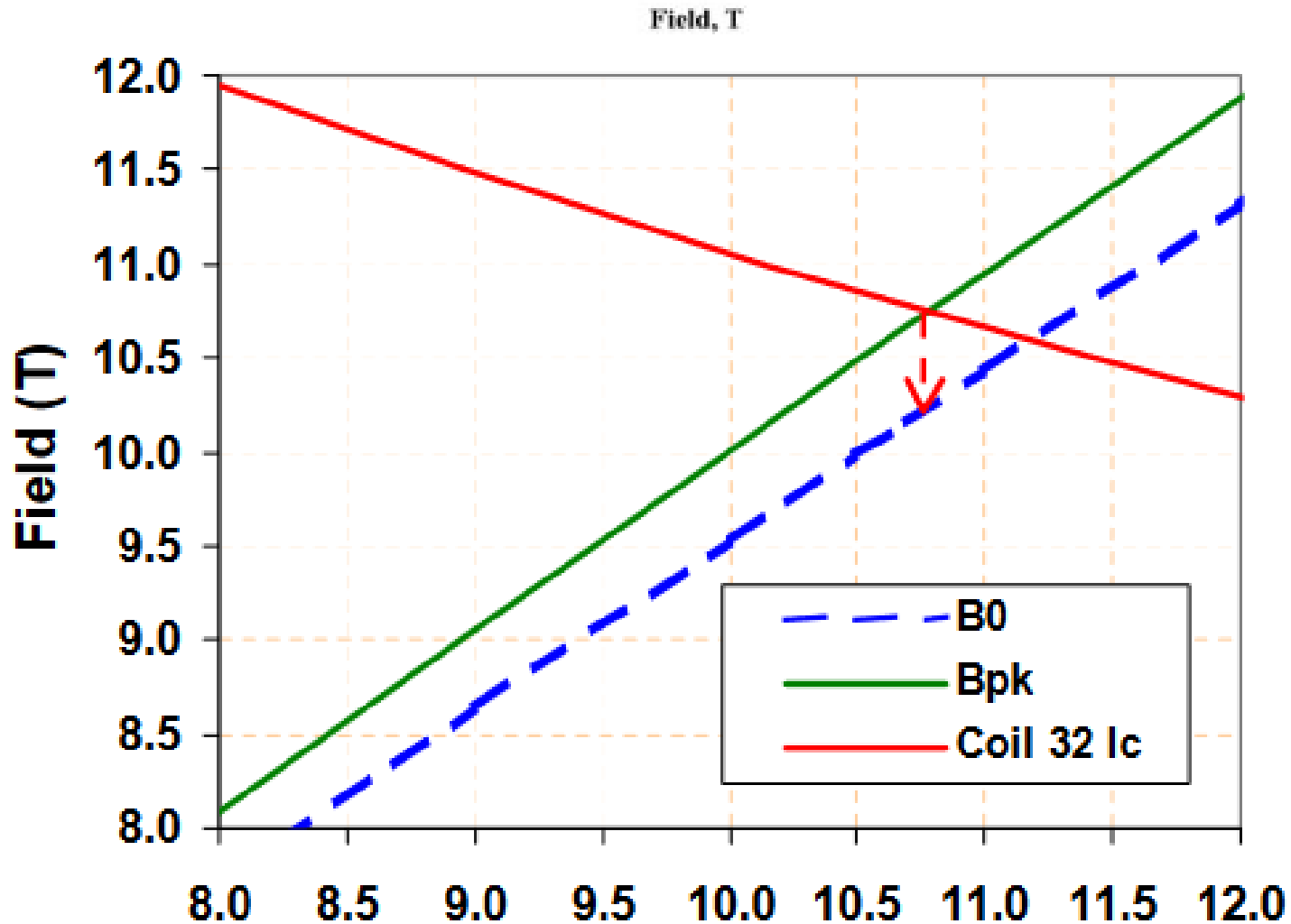


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# From ASC2006 Paper on DCC017



High field Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coils should include strain as a parameter in such plots