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Overview

- Why superconductors ? A motivation
- Superconducting magnet design
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- A brief history of superconducting HEP magnets
- The making of a superconducting LHC magnet
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 - Outlook of HTS magnets
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Magnet engineering is born !

• G. Yntema, 1954: Nb wire on an ironcore, produced 0.71 T ("I saw no reason why a magnet could not be made with superconducting windings, so I gave it a try")

J. E. KUNZLER 3.129.359 DUCTING MAGNET CONFIGURATION FIG FIG. 2 4 5 8 10 12 14 16 H- IN KILOGAUSSES

April 14, 1964





- J. Hulm, 1955: Nb-wire air-core solenoid, produced 0.6 T
- S. Autler, 1960: Nb wire on an iron-core, produced 1.4 T for a solid state MASER
- J.E. Kunzler, September 19, 1960: first patent for a Superconducting Magnet Configuration (Patent 3,129,359, April 14th, 1964)



- Cold worked Nb wires (Yntema, 1954): 1000 A/mm² at 0.5 T and 1.7 K
- Mo₃Re wires (Kunzler, 1959): 500 A/mm² at 1.5 T and 1.5 K
- Nb₃Sn wires (Kunzler, 1961): up to 1000 A/mm² at 9 T and 1.5 K
- NbTi wires (Berlincourt, 1962): from 440 A/mm² at 3T and 4.2 K to 100 A/mm² at 10 T and 4.2 K



G.B. Yntema, IEEE Trans. Mag., 23(2), 390-395, 1987

J. Kunzler, IEEE Trans. Mag., 23(2), 396-402, 1987



Setting the scene

- International Conference on High Magnetic Fields, hosted by MIT, Boston, 1961:
 - J.E. Kunzler (Bell Labs) Nb₃Sn magnet achieves 68 kGauss, barely surpassing the 60 kGauss reported by J. Hulm (Westinghouse) and T. Berlincourt (Atomics International) in NbZr solenoids
- The scotch bet (Tanenbaum vs. Kunzler):
 - a bottle of scotch for every 3 kG above 25 kG
 - The first 10 T solenoid was built by Kunzler's group 2 crates of scotch later

Dealing with flux-jumps



SLAC, 530-535, 1965

The 1968 *Woodstock* of superconducting accelerators

BNL 50155 (C-55)



M. Morpurgo B. Montgomery

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1968 SUMMER STUDY ON SUPERCONDUCTING DEVICES AND ACCELERATORS Part I (pp. 1-376)

> BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY June 10 - July 19, 1968



W. Sampson

P. Smith





- A six weeks summer study organized and hosted by BNL in 1968
- The crème de la crème addresses material and engineering issues of superconducting accelerators

First ideas are discussed

Issues addressed at the 1968 Summer Study

- Stability and stabilization strategies
- Flux-jump instability, filamentary superconductors
- AC loss, coupling and the need of twisting
- Potential for the use in superconducting synchrotrons

2000 GEV SUPERCONDUCTING SYNCHROTRON"

W.B. Sampson Brookhaven National Laboratory Upton, New York

Inergy	2000 GeV
Injection energy	30 GeV (
Radius	1.5 km
Aperture	30 cm ²
Peak field	60 kG





GeV (AGS)

The ISR's

- The Intersecting Storage Rings (ISR) was the world first hadron collider
- It ran from 1971 to 1984 with maximum center-of-mass energy of 31+31GeV
- Held the record luminosity (1.4 x 10³² 1/cm² s) for hadron colliders till 2004
- Hosted the first accelerator SC quadrupole magnets





ISR low- β quads



- **1973** Study launched on low-beta (high-luminosity) insertions using superconducting quadrupole magnets
- **1976** First prototype of a superconducting quadrupole tested





1985 – Manufacture of 8 quadrupoles (4 of L=1.15 m, 4 of L=0.65 m) begins at Alsthom. They are installed at intersection I8 of the ISR, enhancing luminosity by a factor 7

From strands to cables



Tech., Oxford, 524-528, 1967

Z.J.J. Stekly, Proc. Int. Symp. Mag. Tech., SLAC, 550-559, 1965

G. E. Gallagher-Daggitt, *Superconductor Cables for Pulsed Dipole Magnets*, Rutherford Laboratory Memorandum No.RHEL/M/A25, 1973.





14 Apr 1978

RESEARCH NEWS



Two Superconducting Accelerators: Physics Spurs Technology

Exotic new products derived from research on superconductivity have been predicted to revolutionize things ranging from railroads to power lines, but it is now virtually certain that the first major activity superconductivity will revolutionize will be that of accelerator building.

ties of the wire used in the electromagnets that keep the particles orbiting in a circle. As the energy of the particles increases, the field of the magnets must increase appropriately to keep the particles in the proper track. The power dissipated in the magnet coils due to resistive losses is considerable, especially pulsed magnets that could be "ramped" upward over a period of seconds or tens of seconds as required for a synchrotron. Such operation creates stresses and heating losses that are not present in constant-field magnets.

Special multifilamentary wires that reduce the heating losses in pulsed mag-

Isabelle

- 1963 Summer Study at BNL considers storage rings for a colliding beam accelerator
- **1970** Idea revived by J.Blewett
- **1972** Fitch Committee recommends that BNL develops the concept for an *Intersecting Storage Accelerator + BELLE* (ISABELLE)
- 1973 Design study at Brookhaven completed for a 200+200 GeV proton collider
- **1978** Groundbreaking

Cross section of the cryostated magnets



F.E. Mills, Isabelle Design Study, Proc. PAC 1973, 1036-1038, 1973

Isabelle

- **1979** Successful test of model magnet, reaching 5 T
- Energy raised from 200 to 400 Gev, requiring nominal dipole field from 4 to 5 T (single layer, large braided cable)
- Construction started before completion of the supporting magnet R&D



PHOTOGRAPH OF CROSS SECTION OF QUADRANT OF THE ISABELLE DIPOLE WINDING

"Isabelle" braid



PHOTOMICROGRAPH OF BRAIDED CONDUCTOR



B. Palmer

A.D. McInturff, , Superconducting Magnets at Brookhaven National Laboratory, World Electrotechnical Congress, Moscow, USSR, 6/21-25/77

From Isabelle, to CBA, into oblivion

The New York Times

TROUBLES CONTINUE FOR L.I. ACCELERATOR

By WALTER SULLIVAN (The New York Times); National Desk June 7, 1981, Sunday Late City Final Edition, Section 1, Page 30, Column 1, 961 words

[DISPLAYING ABSTRACT]

Budget cuts and development difficulties have so hampered construction of a machine designed to produce the world's most powerful subatomic collisions that a high-level review panel is considering radical changes in the project.

Almost \$80 mil built at the Broc BIG ACCELERATOR ON LONG ISLAND GETS A 'NO' three years ago VOTE

the machine's n By WILLIAM J. BROAD (The New York Times) of protons, the r July 14, 1983, Thursday two miles long. Late City Final Edition, Section B, Page 6, Column 6, 379 words electron-volts, t

July 14th, 1983

A panel of top physicists who advise the Federal Government

recommended yesterday that an incomplete atom smasher at the Brookhaven National

June 7th, 1981

subcommittee, almost recently renamed the machine already run the country, the finis



- Technical difficulties in magnet performance experienced in 1981
- Machined renamed to Colliding Beams Accelerator
- Production cost increases, timeline slips
 - Questions on competitiveness vs. new 20 TeV concept (SSC)

Project cancelled by DOE in 1983, after spending > 200 M\$, large part of which in civil engineering (tunnel)

The energy *doubler* and *saver* at NAL

Robert R. Wilson, March 9th, 1971, in Washington, D.C.: "It appears now that such a possibility [500 GeV] may become feasible in the concept of what I like to call an 'energy doubler.' It is a small-bore superconducting magnet that can be mounted 'pickaback' on the present main ring magnet. If successful, it should be of modest cost and should enable us to achieve higher energies -as much as 1,000 BeV. Just as important, though, is that operation above the 200 BeV level would cost much less using the superconducting magnet than it would using our present copper and iron magnets... I would hope, too, that ... the Committee will challenge me to build as extensive experimental facilities as high an energy as is possible without exceeding the Congressional authorization of \$250,000,000."



From the Doubler/Saver, to the Tevatron

We started out by straightforwardly applying logic and Maxwell's Laws. This attempt only demonstrated the hubris of experimental physicists; there were too many unknown and uncontrollable varia ables. Our next approach, largely Edisonian, was to build dozens and dozens of supermagnets, each only about one foot long but full scale in cross section. We built on our successes, tried to avoid repeating our failures, and accumulated experience; gradually the magnets improved until by now they are of quite adequate quality for an accelerator or a storage ring. Two rules summarize our experience: Permit little or no motion of the superconductor, and let the helium coolant bathe the superconductor as directly as possible. To this we might add that the superconductor should be as filamented as is practical.

R.R. Wilson, The Tevatron, TM-763, 1978



The Tevatron ! _

	Injection Flat-top Length Dipole field Aperture	(GeV) (GeV) (km) (T) (mm)	151 980 6.3 4.3 76
	Temperature Commisioned	(K)	4.2 1983
Image by courtesy of Fermi	National Accelera	tor Labora	atory

Hadron Elektron Ring Anlage

- 1972 H. Gerke, H. Wiedemann, B. H. Wiik, G. Wolf: "DORIS as epcollider".
- 1977 Ch. Llewellyin-Smith, B. H. Wiik: "Physics with large electron-proton colliding rings".
- **1980** ECFA report: "Study on the protonelectron storage ring project HERA", U. Amaldi: "The green book".





B.H. Wiik

July 1981

Accelerator technology at HERA





H. Brueck, et al., Z. Phys. C - Particles and Fields 44, 385 392 (1989)





SC magnet testing



Reference magnets

International collaborations and celebrations







International Collaboration in the Construction of the HERA Collider

The electron-proton collider HERA, 1984 - 1990 built at DESY, the German High Energy Physics Laboratory in Hamburg, is the result of an international collaboration with contributions from laboratories and research centres from six countries. These contributions came in the form of components for the HERA storage rings and injection systems, developed and constructed by the participating institutes in collaboration with their local industry. Additionally skilled staff from five countries were sent to DESY for one to three years to join in the HERA construction.

The contributions in detail are:

Canada TRIUMF Laboratory, Vancouver

Design and construction of the 80 metre beam transport system to take the 50 MeV negative hydrogen ions from the linear accelerator "LINAC III" to the proton synchrotron "DESY III".

Chalk River Nuclear Laboratory AECL, Chalk River

Design, construction and test of the 52 Mega-Hertz radiofrequency systems for the proton acceleration in PETRA II and the take over of the proton bunches injected into HERA.

France CEN Laboratory, Saclay

In collaboration with DESY, design of the superconducting quadrupole magnets for the proton storage ring, development of the production tools and prototype construction, technical responsibility for the whole series production of 246 quadrupoles in two production lines, and as a French contribution the supply of 126 quadrupoles manufactured by French industry.

Israel Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot

Design, construction and test of the transition sections of the main current leads which connect the 4.5 K coil and the room temperature current leads for the superconducting magnets of the proton storage ring.

Italy Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare INFN, Roma

Delivery of 232 superconducting 10 metre long bending magnets, manufactured completely by Italian industry - this amounts to half of the total number of superconducting dipoles needed for the proton storage ring.

Netherlands

National Institute for High Energy Physics NIKHEF, Amsterdam

Development of superconducting correction elements in co-operation with DESY and Dutch industry, delivery of about 450 correction quadrupole and sextupole coils and 250 correction dipoles manufactured by Dutch industry.

United States

Brookhaven National Laboratory BNL, Upton

Quality control (short sample tests) of single wires and of the total quantity of all superconducting cable for the dipole and quadrupole magnet coils, and correction elements.

PR China, CSFR, former GDR, Poland, United Kingdom

Physcists, engineers and technicians from five countries were sent to DESY to collaborate in the HERA construction, most of them on a rotating basis (their stay in Hamburg was normally between one and three years). About 50 people from P.R. China, 3 from Czechosłovakia, 3 from Germany GDR, 40 from Poland, and 3 from United Kingdom worked at DESY at the same time. They were engaged in nearly all the proton aspects of the project, for example: H⁻ injection system (source, r.f. quadrupole, and linear accelerator), vacuum system for the proton ring, test of the superconducting magnets, proton beam absorption system, designot the proton r.f. system, beam orbit calculation, and in the development of superconducting r.f. cavities for the electron ring.



Image by courtesy of Deutsches Elektronen Synchrotron

EZANON () ANSALOD EUROPANET/IH jection (GeV) 45 920 (GeV) 6.3 Length (km) Dipole field 4.7 (T) Aperture (mm) 75 emperature 4.5 (K) Commisioned 1991 Closed 2007

The sine-qua-non accelerator

- July 1983 HEPAP recommendation of "...exploiting our superconducting magnet technology with an energy goal of 10 to 20 TeV per beam..."
- 1984 National Reference Designs Study (RDS) for a 20 TeV proton machine, hosted by LBNL, DOE recommends proceeding with R&D
- **1984** Central Design Group (CDG) formed at LBNL
- **1987** Site selection process
- 1989 Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) Laboratory established in Texas
- **1991** Major construction start. Seventeen shafts sunk and 23.5 km (14.6 mi) of tunnel by late 1993

SSC magnet options



45KHe

From SSC to Desertron to oblive

- 1987 Heated debate on cost. Estimate of 4.4 B\$ strongly supported by the Texas representative at Congress
- 1993 Cost projection reaches 12 B\$, similar to the ISS. Strong criticism triggered an audit from DOE
- October 1993 Congress cancels the project, after 2 B\$ were spent in the program



Construction site

SSC buildings

Sun-Journal, Lewiston, Maine, Friday, October 22, 1993

Congress officially kills super collider project

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT Associated Press Writer

Main shaft

WASHINGTON — Congress officially killed the super collider Thursday, hating construction on the giant science machine that was onefith complete at a cost of \$2 billion. . The \$640 million sought by the Clinton administration to continue construction this year will be used

netood to shut down the project un-

vacuum left by tunneling for the atom smasher.

"Right now, it's a billion-dollar hole in the ground. And they're arguing about whether to fill it back up," said Allan Oakley, a Waxahachie police officer and co-owner of the Kountry Cafe in nearby Maypearl. "People here have a hard time understanding how we could spend so much money and not follow through."

A phoenix from the ashes

- **1983** At the meeting of the U.S. Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC) in Aurora(NY) a physics quorum pledged for a heavy ion collider in the CBA tunnel
- **1984** First proposal submitted
- **1991** Funding released to start construction of the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)

Magnet technology at RHIC



Arc dipole

Nested correctors



Injection Flat-top Length Dipole field Aperture Temperature Commisioned

(GeV) 12/n (GeV) 100/n (km) 3.8 (T) 3.5 (mm) 80 (K) 4.3-4.6 2000

by courtesy of BrookhavenAccelerator Laboratory

Labouring for Half a Century (LHC)

- **1984** Concept and preliminary studies
- **1988** Model magnets demonstrate feasibility
- **1990** R&D program launched
- **1994** Project approved by the CERN council
- **1996-1999** Transfer of technology to industry Note: joined

CERN 1995

- **1998** Start civil engineering
- **1998 2001** Main contracts signed
- 2003 Start tunnel installation
- 2005-2007 Magnet installation
- 2007 First sector test
- 2008-2030 Physics

LHC Origins ECFA – Lausanne 1984

CERN COURIER

Sep 19, 2008

Early days: Lausanne LHC workshop (archive)

In March 1984 a major workshop provided a chance to look to the next step beyond the construction and exploitation of LEP.



G. Brianti



COURIER

Synopsis of hadron collider options for the LEP tu

Earlier traces of the two-in-one concept





John P. Blewett, 1971

SSC high field





Assembly work at BNL





Per F. Dahl, The SSC Dipole: Its Conceptual Origin and Early Design History, SSCL-320, 1990

Robert B. Palmer,

Superconducting Accelerator Magnets: A Review of their Design and Training, ICHEP 92, SLAC-PUB-5899, 1992

SSC vs. LHC

- G. Brianti had various reasons for *headaches* in the race of the two projects:
 - The existing LEP tunnel imposed a given radius and cross sectional space to the new accelerator – Field !
 - The missing factor in energy (8.5+8.5 TeV for LHC vs. 20+20 TeV for SSC) needed to be compensated by a higher luminosity (design value of 10³⁴ 1/cm² s for LHC vs. 10³³ 1/cm² s for SSC) – Aperture and quality !
- R&D focus was the key !
 - **High field**: aim at 8 to 10 T bore field
 - Two-in-one: to gain space in the crammed tunnel space for the widest possible magnet bore

LHC twin-apertu

Concept perfected (design), demonstrated (models and prototypes) and realized on a large industrial scale









R. Perin C. Wyss L. Rossi



The LHC superconducting magnet zoo




Injection Flat-top Length Dipole field Aperture Temperature Commisioned (GeV) 450 (TeV) 7 (km) 26.7 8.3 (mm) 56 1.9 2008

(T)

(K)

September 10th, 2008...



...September 19th, 2008...



Unprotected quench of defective joint



Magnet displacement

...back to work in 2009...



..November 30th, 2009...



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Superconducting dipole magnet coil



Ideal current distribution that generates a perfect dipole

Practical approximation of the ideal distribution using Rutherford cables

+J

Technical coil windings





Twin coil principle



Combine two magnets in one Save volume, material, cost









7500 km of superconducting cables with tightly controlled properties (state-of-the-art production)





Ends, transitions, and any deviation from the regular structure are the most delicate part of the magnet

Collaring and yoking







collaring



Magnet assembly



Alstom Noell Ansaldo









Thermal screens

Cryo-magnets and tests



Magnet reception, cryostating, preparation for cold test and "stripping" for installation

Magnet powering tests and magnetic measurements



Magnet installation



Magnet transport and installation





65'000 electrical joints
Induction-heated soldering
Ultrasonic welding *Very low resistance HV electrical insulation*

40'000 cryogenic junctions Orbital TIG welding

> Weld quality Helium leaktightness





Large scale use of HTS

Warm end (300K) 50 K **BSCCO** 2223 4.2 K



Finally, in the tunnel !



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Dipole field generated by a current distribution with constant current density J over a sector of inner radius R_{in} , outer radius R_{out} , coil width $w = R_{out} - R_{in}$ and opening angle ϕ

 $B = \frac{2m_0}{J}w\sin(j)$



Challenge#1: Jc



Challenge#2: Abolish training !



Lorentz forces in the plane of a thin coil of radius R_{in} generating a dipole field B (thin shell approximation), referred to a coil quarter



Mechanics at high fields



Old structures, new structures



mid 1970's, FNAL: Collared coils

A. Tollestrup, Proc. Int Conf. on the History of Original Ideas and Basic Discoveries in Particle Physics, Erice (1994).



1998, TAMU: Stress management N. Diaczenko, et al., Proc. PAC, Vancouver (1997), pp.3443-3345.



M.O. Hoenig, et al., Proc. 5th Magn. Tech. Conf., Frascati(1975), p. 519.

Challenge#3: Structures and stress



Protection at high fields



It is not possible to protect accelerator magnet strings using an external dump

Challenge#4: Ultimate protection limit



temperature (K)

LHC MB(8.33T) \approx 50 MJ/m³ LHC MBH(11T) \approx 85 MJ/m³ FRESCA2(13T) \approx 100 MJ/m³

FCC MB(16T) \approx 200 MJ/m³

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Stability (and no training) in HTS



Temperature (K)

HTS challenges

- HTS materials have spectacular critical fields (100 T, and higher) and engineering current densities (1000 A/mm² at 4.2 K and 20 T, and higher)
- Stability is large enough (100...1000 mJ/cm³) to withstand any foreseeable and unforeseeable internal and external perturbation
 - We could build them right away ?

Challenge #1: Quench detection

Quench propagation speed

$$v_{adiabatic} = \frac{J_{op}}{C} \sqrt{\frac{h_{st}k_{st}}{\left(T_J - T_{op}\right)}}$$

The detection of a quench is a major challenge in HTS magnets

Example LTS: $J_{op} \approx 100 \text{ x } 10^{6} \text{ (A/mm^2)}$ $C \approx \rho \times c_p = 10^4 \times 10^{-1} (J/m^3 K)$ $\eta \approx 10^{-9} (\Omega m)$ $k \approx 100 (W/m K)$ $T_{J}-T_{op} \approx 2$ (K) v ≈ 22 m/s Example HTS: $J_{op} \approx 100 \text{ x } 10^{6} \text{ (A/mm^2)}$ $C \approx \rho \times c_p = 10^4 \times 10 (J/m^3 K)$ η **≈ 10⁻⁹** (Ω m) k ≈ **10** (W/m K) $T_{1}-T_{op} \approx 10 (K)$

 $v \approx 3 \text{ cm/s}$
Challenge #2: Wires and cables

BSCCO-2212





HT at 900 C, 50...100

2...10 mm tapes, cannot be folded

Challenge #3: Stress



BSCCO-2212 wire

REBCO Roebel cable

Challenge #4: Material *availability*

Cost of material is usually compared on the basis of identical unit current carrying capacity:

C [EUR/kA m] = 10³ c[EUR/kg] ρ [kg/m³] / J_E[A/m²]

- Nb-Ti: C ≈ 0.5 EUR/kA m (5T, 4.2K)
- Nb₃Sn: C \approx 10 EUR/kA m (12T, 4.2K)
- REBCO: C ≈ 100...400 EUR/kA m (20T, 4.2K)
- BSCCO-2212: C ≈ 250 EUR/kA m (20T, 4.2K)
- Note: Cu has a C \approx 20 EUR/kA m at RT

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Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)



NMR spectroscopy











Motor with HTS rotor American Superconductor and Reliance





• **700 MW generator** NbTi rotor Hitachi, Toshiba, Mitsubishi

Transformers & energy storage



Toroidal magnet of 200 kJ / 160 kW energy store (B = 4 T, dia. = 1.1 m) *KfZ Karlsruhe* HTS Transformer 630 kVA, 18.7kV to 0.42 kV





Magnetic separation



superconducting solenoid, enclosed within iron shield

stainless steel canister containing ferromagnetic mesh

pipes feeding the kaolin slurry for separation

Thermonuclear fusion



ITER

International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor



HEP detectors of the past...



Omega



... and HEP of the present (CMS and ATLAS)



SC market

- At present, the vast majority of the use of superconductors is for magnet applications:
 - MRI: 5.5 BUSD/year^[1]
 - NMR, science and research: approximately 1 BUSD/year^[1]
- Large scale projects (HEP, Fusion) represent only a fraction of the total market:
 - Evaluated cost of LHC magnet system (material): 2 BUSD^[2]
 - Quoted cost of ITER magnet system (material): 1.4 BUSD^[3]



- Science, Research and Developme
 New large scale applications
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
 New electronics applications



Sources: [1] from market report at Conectus.org, converted from repored 5.3 BEUR in 2013 [2] Report to the CERN Finance Committee, 2008, reported 1.7 BCHF(2008) escalated to 2013 [3] DOE Assessment of the ITER Project Cost Estimate, reported 1.09 BUSD(2002) escalated to 2013

SC materials

- Nb-Ti: 600 t/year, mostly driven by MRI
- Nb₃Sn: 10 t/year, mostly driven by NMR and laboratory systems
 - LHC required 1300 tons of Nb-Ti (300 t/year peak production)
 - ITER requires 300 tons of Nb-Ti and 600 tons of Nb₃Sn (250 t/year peak production)
- All of HTS (BSCCO, YBCO) and MgB₂ (MTS) is below 1 ton/year



Other uses of superconductivity



Letter to Prof. Main, University of Nottingham, 14 April 1997

A word of closing

- Superconducting magnet design is a lot about superconductors (materials, wires, cables, and their electric and thermal properties)...
- ... but not only !
 - High field & forces bear mechanical problems that are tough to solve (B=10 T \Rightarrow p_{mag}=400 bar !)
 - Materials at low temperature are not what we are used to (mechanical and magnetic properties, thermal expansion, electrical insulation)
 - Cooling is an applied science by itself

Where to find out more - 1/3

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