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In the frame of the **European project EMFL**:

- new simulation activity on superconductor magnets in the LNCMI to accompany the development of Metal-as-Insulation HTS insert.
- using Feel++, an open source finite element library and developing specific tools in collaboration with IRMA University of Strasbourg.



Feel++: Finite Element Embedded Library

https://docs.feelpp.org

- Open source C++ library
- Seamless parallel computing

Multi-physics toolboxes

Toolbox Coefficient Form PDEs

PDE represented by its coefficient from a general form equation:

$$drac{\partial u}{\partial t} +
abla \cdot (-c
abla u - lpha u + \gamma) + eta \cdot
abla u + au = f \quad ext{ in } \Omega$$

Feelpp HTS

Documentation of HTS models from htsmodelling.com reproduced with Feelpp CFPDES

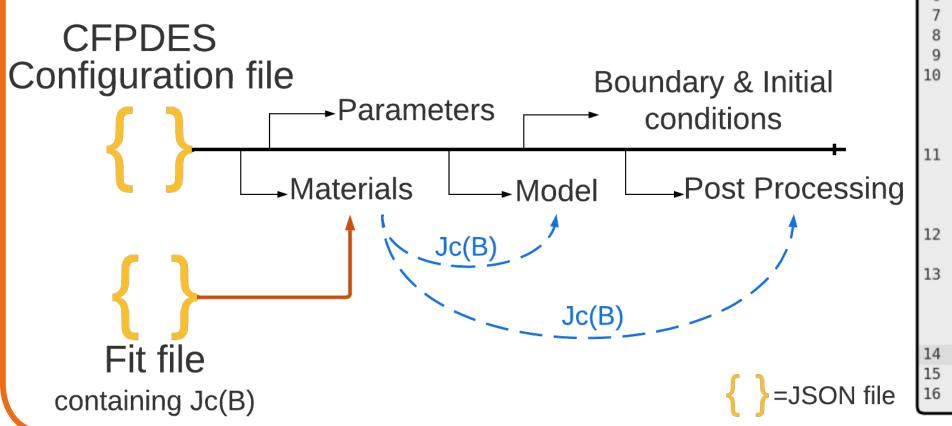
- HTS bulk cylinder model with an external field (2D, Axi)
- HTS wire model with transported current (2D)
- Roebel cables model (estimate critical current, 2D)
- HTS tapes model with transported current (2D, Axi)

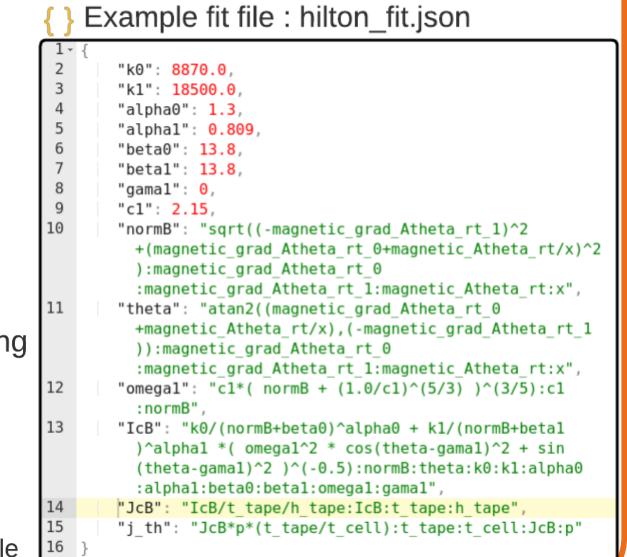


Exchangeable critical current density fits

HTS tapes → anisotropic → critical current density depends on

- magnitude of B
- orientation of B \Rightarrow Mathematical fit models for $J_c(\mathbf{B})$





Models & Formulations for HTS materials

FEM models based on different formulations of Maxwell's equations:

→ the **A-V** formulation, the **H** formulation or more recently, the **T-A** formulation.

The electrical resistivity of the HTS material is defined by the **E-J power law**:

$$\mathbf{E} =
ho_{\mathrm{HTS}} \mathbf{J} = \frac{E_c}{J_c(\mathbf{B})} \left| \frac{J}{J_c(\mathbf{B})} \right|^{n-1} \mathbf{J}$$

T-A Formulation

B, the magnetic flux density (T)

J, the current density (A/m²) $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{J} =
abla imes \mathbf{T}$$

Main assumption: thin superconducting layer of HTS tapes can be modeled as 1D elements.

Formulation:

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mu \mathbf{J}$$

$$\nabla \times \rho \nabla \times \mathbf{T} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

Imposing the transport current:

The transport current can be written as Dirichlet boundary conditions for **T**

$$\mathbf{I} = \int_{S} \mathbf{J} \, dS = \int_{S} \nabla \times \mathbf{T} \, dS = \oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{T} \, dl$$
$$\mathbf{I} = (\mathbf{T}_{1} - \mathbf{T}_{2}) \delta$$

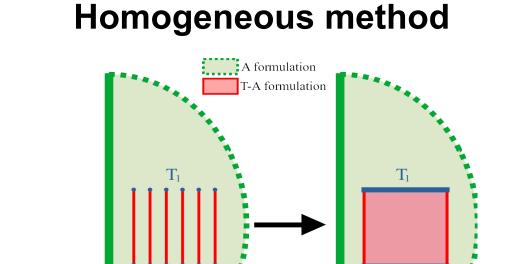
with **T1** and **T2** the potentials at the extremities of the 1D layer

Axisymmetric coordinates

Formulation in cylindrical coordinates (r,z):

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla^2 \mathbf{A}_{\theta} + \frac{1}{r^2} \mathbf{A}_{\theta} &= \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}_r}{\partial z} \\ -\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho \end{pmatrix} \nabla^2 \mathbf{T}_r &= \frac{\partial (\partial_z \mathbf{A}_{\theta})}{\partial t} \end{cases}$$

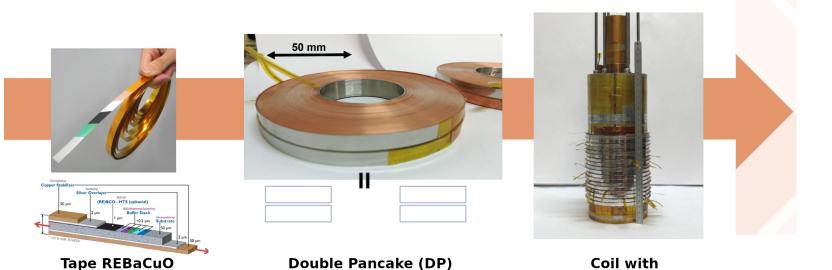
with
$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$



Simplification of the geometry from 1D tapes to 2D anisotropic bulk.

Nougat HTS Insert

Geometry of the Insert



Parameters	Value
Double Pancakes	9
Turns per Pancake	290
HTS Tape width	6 mm
HTS Tape thickness	$75~\mu\mathrm{m}$
MI thickness	$30~\mu\mathrm{m}$
Winding inner diameter	50 mm
Winding outer diameter	109.4 mm

Resistive external field: 170 mm configuration (6 Helices and 2 Bitters coils)

Transient Simulation

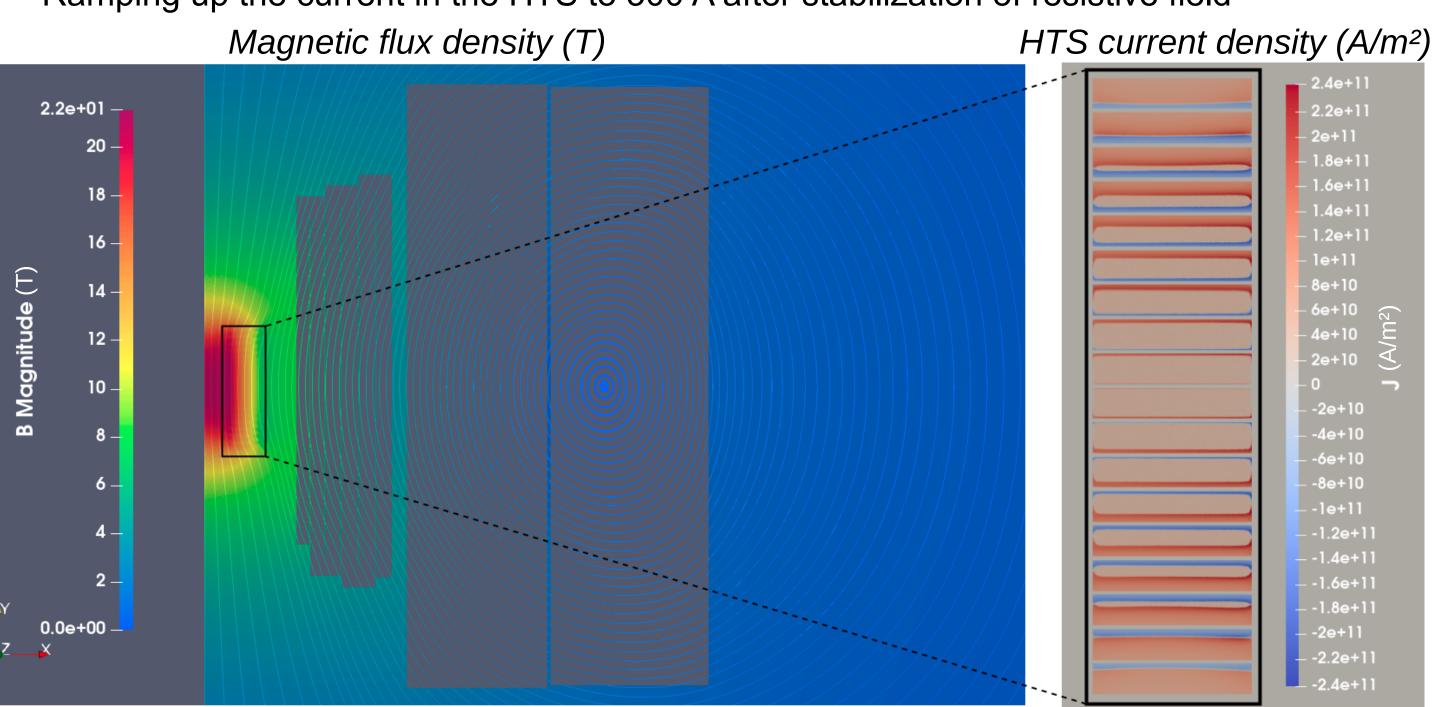
Ref. Edgar Berrospe-Juarez et al 2019 Supercond. Sci. Technol. 32 065003 Axisymmetric coordinates

T-A Homogeneous formulation

HTS temperature: 4.2°K

Computation time Parallel 32 cores 2.75h for 160 time steps

• External resistive field: 8T (12 000 A in the Helices and in the Bitter coils) Ramping up the current in the HTS to 300 A after stabilization of resistive field



with current of 300 A in the HTS insert & background field of 8T (6 Helices & 2 Bitter coils)

Estimating the critical current

Self consistent algorithm for estimating Ic of the Nougat insert: Ref. V Zermeño et al 2015 Supercond. Sci. Technol. 28 085004

- Stationary A formulation
- $\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mu \mathbf{J}$

Iterative algorithm testing different I

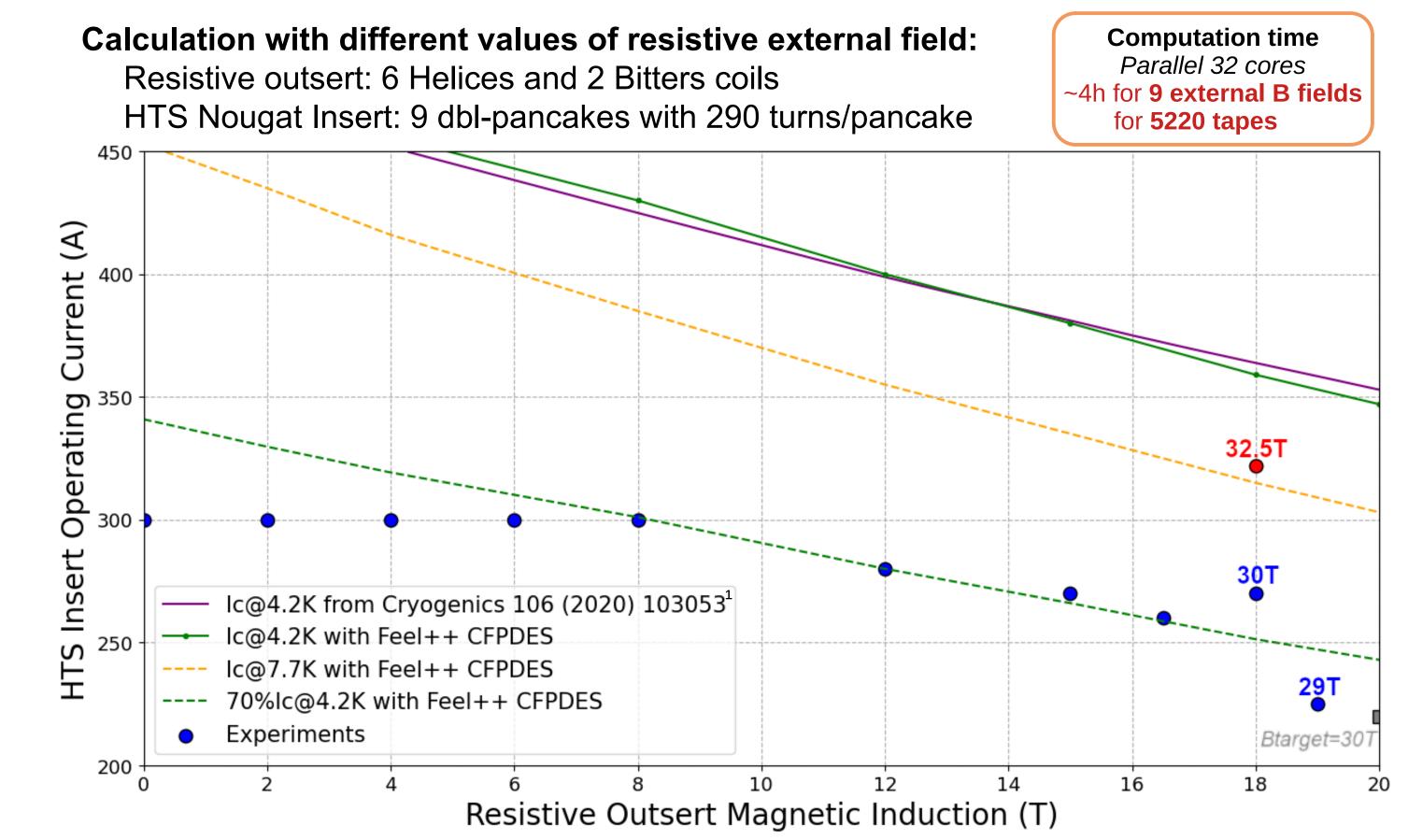
Modified E-J power law

Tapes

$$\mathbf{J} = J_c(\mathbf{B})P$$

$$\mathbf{I} = P_i \int_{\mathbb{R}} J_c(\mathbf{B}) d\Omega$$

where Ω_i is the domain of the *i*th tape.



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