



## **Report on the LHC Accelerator, HL LHC and the US Accelerator R&D Program**[1](#)

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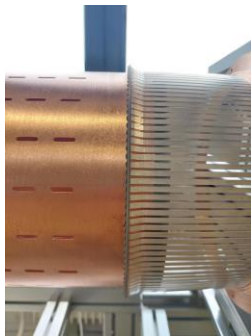
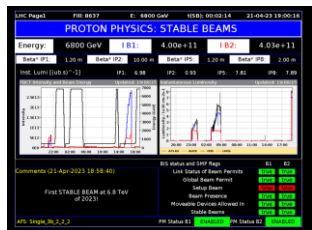
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# 2023 LHC Machine Main Events Timeline

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**20.03.2023** Beam 1 **Crystal** collimator mechanics broke after testing

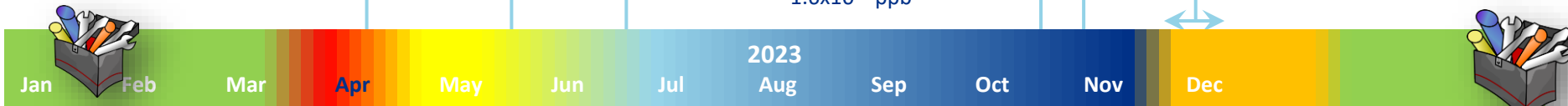
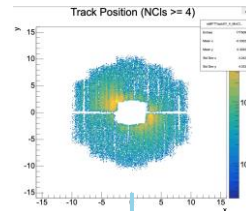


**24.05.2023** RF finger module issue. Vacuum spikes caused by beam induced arcing/heating. Partially plasticised spring. Intensity limit  $1.6 \times 10^{11}$  ppb

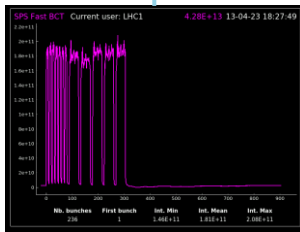


**31.08.2023 (B)** **08.09.2023 (A)** 2 x injection protection device (TDIS) Point 8 vacuum leak. Preventing p+ operation, but Pb ion possible

**End Sep – Early Oct** ALICE background issue followed by studies and solution



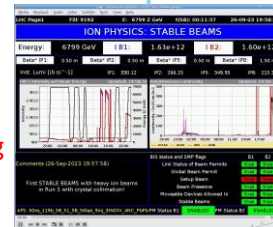
**02.04.2023** RF Rupture discs B1 & B2 following trip of the LHC 18kV SVC point 4



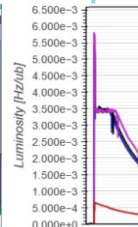
**12.05.2023** 1<sup>st</sup> collisions 2374 bunches mixed scheme  $1 \times 8b4e + 3 \times 36b$  minimising heat load maximising lumi



**17.07.2023** Fallen tree in VD causing power glitch, magnet quench, and leaking bellow between cold mass and insulation vacuum



**26.09.2023:** 1<sup>st</sup> stable Pb ion beam of 2023



**October** Beam loss induced SEU causing trips, quenches, etc. Studies, Lumi levelling

# 2023 LHC Schedule Q3

	Aug							Sep			Oct		
Wk	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
Mo	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	VdM 2 4	11	18	25
Tu												TS2	p-p ref run
We			High $\beta$ run										
Th							MD 2			Jeune G.		p-p ref setup	ion setting up
Fr											MD 3		
Sa												p-p ref run	
Su													

	Aug							Sep			Oct		
Wk	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
Mo	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	collisions injection 4	High $\beta$ run 1	High $\beta$ run 18	25
Tu										High $\beta$ run		p-p ref cryo reconfig	LHC Pb-Pb ion run
We									Machine checkout	VdM 2			
Th				Unscheduled stop Cold mass - insulation vacuum leak repair					Powering tests	Recomm with beam	Jeune G.		VIP
Fr									High $\beta$ setup p-p ref setup	High $\beta$ run	High $\beta$ run	ion setting up	
Sa													
Su													

- Proton run was cut short
- Machine Development sessions were cancelled
- The re-start in end of August was efficient
- All activities squeezed in September period – very challenging
- p-p reference run to be scheduled in 2024
- Pb ion period extended, but with a challenging start

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# Year 2023 in summary

- The Injectors complex is running well with good beam performance and availability
  - HL-LHC beam parameters demonstrated
  - Slip-stacking for Pb ion commissioned successfully
- LHC had a challenging year working in uncharted territory for Protons and Pb ions
  - Unprecedented stored proton beam energy and very efficient performance ramp-up
  - Serious issues caused substantial down time – Proton run was cut short to 49% of initial time schedule
  - Pb ion run with double the number of bunches came with more challenges than anticipated – lately very good running
- First 2024 beam expected in the LHC on 11 March
  - 2024 baseline schedule available.

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# 2024 version 0.8b

	Jan					Feb					Mar				
Wk	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Mo	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	4	11	18	25		
Tu		Control System admin. days													
We															
Th	Annual Closure				YETS			Hardware re-commissioning		Machine checkout		Re-commissioning with beam			
Fr						DSO test				T12/T18 test			G. Fri.		
Sa															
Su															

LHC hand-over to BE-OP (Feb 7)  
LHC, T12, T18 and experiments closed (Mar 10)  
Start Beam Commissioning (Mar 11)

	Apr					May					Jun				
Wk	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
Mo	Easter 1	8	15	22	29	6	13	Whitsun 20	27	3	10	17	24		
Tu		Scrubbing													
We					1st May		MD 1								
Th					Ascension										
Fr		Interleaved commissioning & intensity ramp up					VdM program			MD 2					
Sa															
Su															

First Stable beams (Apr 14)  
Collisions with 1200 bunches (Apr 17)  
Swiss Grid failure (Jun 24)

The 5.5 weeks of Pb ion running until LS3 to be share over 2024 and 2025 with a Pb ion run at the end of each year.  
The Oxygen ion run to be moved from 2024 to 2025

Same as for version 0.8a apart from the p-p reference run that has moved to the end of the 2024

	Jul					Aug					Sep					Oct	
Wk	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39				
Mo	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23				
Tu					MD 3												
We																	
Th										Jeune G.			TS2				
Fr																	
Sa											MD 4		p-p ref setup				
Su																	

End 25 ns run [08:00] (Oct 38)

	Nov					Dec							
Wk	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
Mo	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23
Tu	p-p ref run		MD 5										
We													
Th													
Fr										YETS			Xmas Annual Closure
Sa													
Su	Pb ion setting up												

End of run [06:00] (Nov 44)

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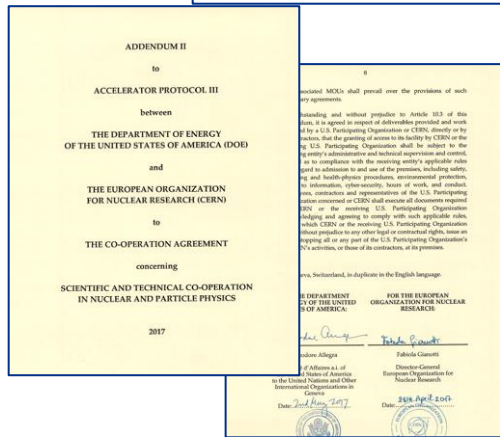
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# Context: DOE and HL-LHC

- The 2014 P5 High Energy Physics (HEP) strategic plan called for continued involvement in the LHC, including full participation in the high luminosity upgrade of the LHC (HL-LHC) and its detectors.
  - **Support reinforced by 2023 P5 Report**
- DOE-HEP has been actively developing an enhanced partnership with CERN since the P5 report was issued.
  - An international cooperation agreement with CERN has been signed and protocols on neutrinos, the LHC experiments, and contributing to the HL-LHC accelerator upgrade are complete.
- Following DOE-CERN Cooperation & Protocol Agreements in 2014 & 2015, in April 2017 an Addendum to the agreements further specified the HL-LHC Upgrade activities of mutual interest to the Parties <sup>®</sup> spawned 413.3b HL-LHC AUP



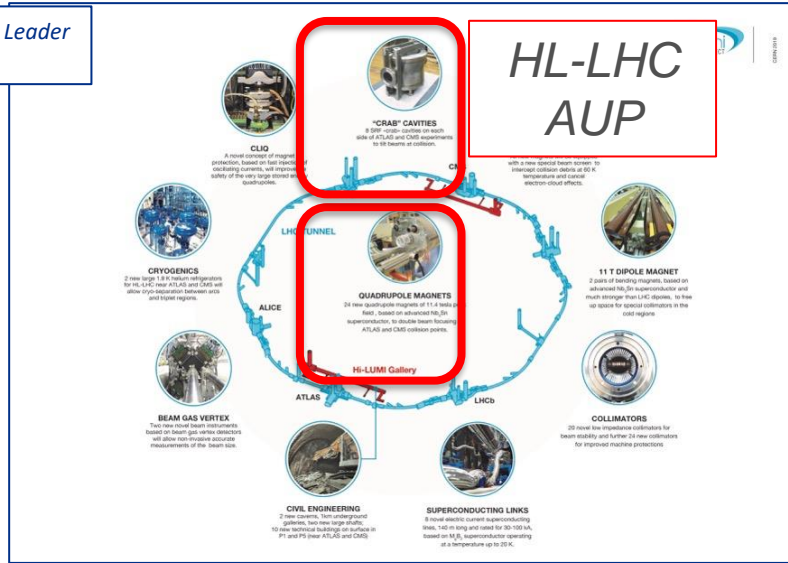
**Recommendation 10: Complete the LHC phase-1 upgrades and continue the strong collaboration in the LHC with the phase-2 (HL-LHC) upgrades of the accelerator and both general-purpose experiments (ATLAS and CMS). The LHC upgrades constitute our highest-priority near-term large project.**





# US Contribution to HL-LHC

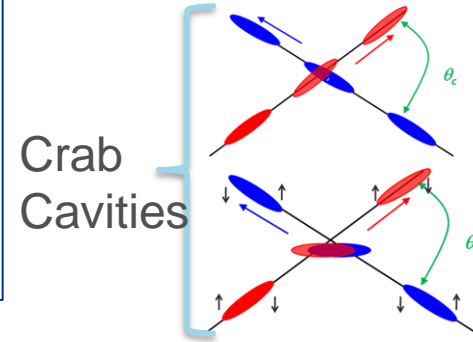
From HL-LHC Project Leader  
O. Bruning - CERN



Quad Magnets

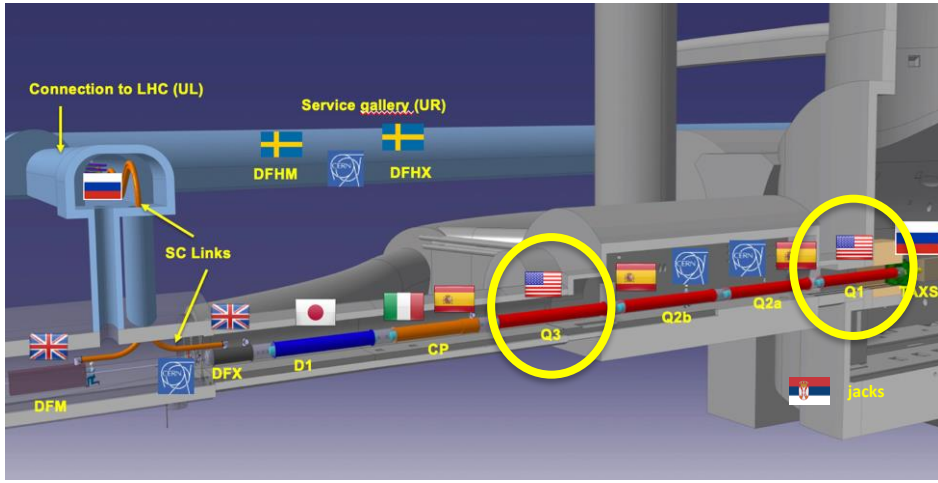
$$L = \gamma \frac{f_{rev} n_b N_b^2}{4\pi\epsilon_n \beta^*} R$$

Beam size



- HL-LHC: from 300 fb<sup>-1</sup> to 3000/4000 fb<sup>-1</sup>
- LARP (DOE supported R&D Program) established the necessary technology (Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn) for the HL-LHC Focusing Magnets and Crab Cavities
- DOE *baselined* **HL-LHC AUP** Project in 2019 (FNAL, BNL, LBNL with contributions from ANL, SLAC, JLAB, ODU & FSU)

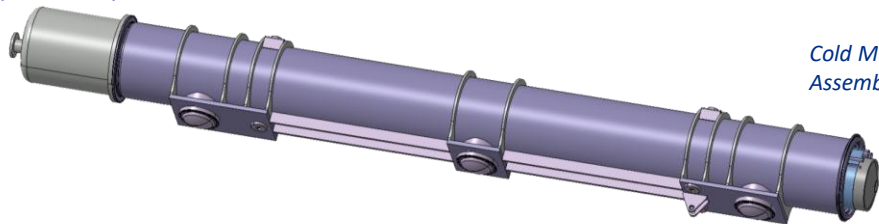
# The Inner Triplet & Matching Section regions



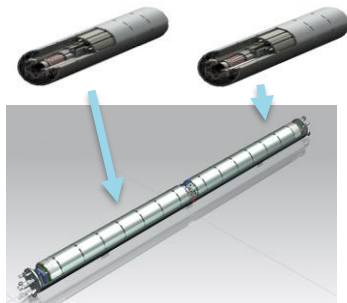
# HL-LHC AUP Deliverable Scope Technical Details

- Q1/Q3 Cryoassembly  
(10 CryoAssemblies with 20 Magnets)

Cryo-Assembly



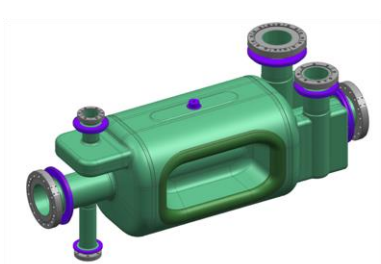
MQXFA  
Magnet



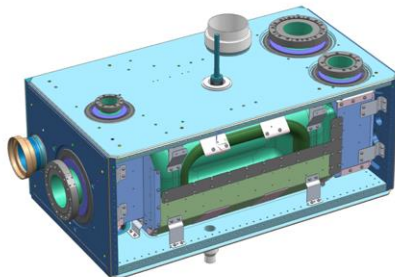
Cold Mass  
Assembly

- Cable fabrication: LBNL
- Coil fabrication: BNL and FNAL
- Magnet assembly: LBNL
- Magnet vertical test: BNL
- Cold Mass + Cryo-assembly fabrication: FNAL
- Horizontal test: FNAL

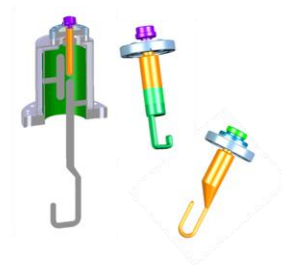
- Dressed RFD Cavity  
(10 Dressed Cavities & Ancillaries)



Bare RFD Cavity

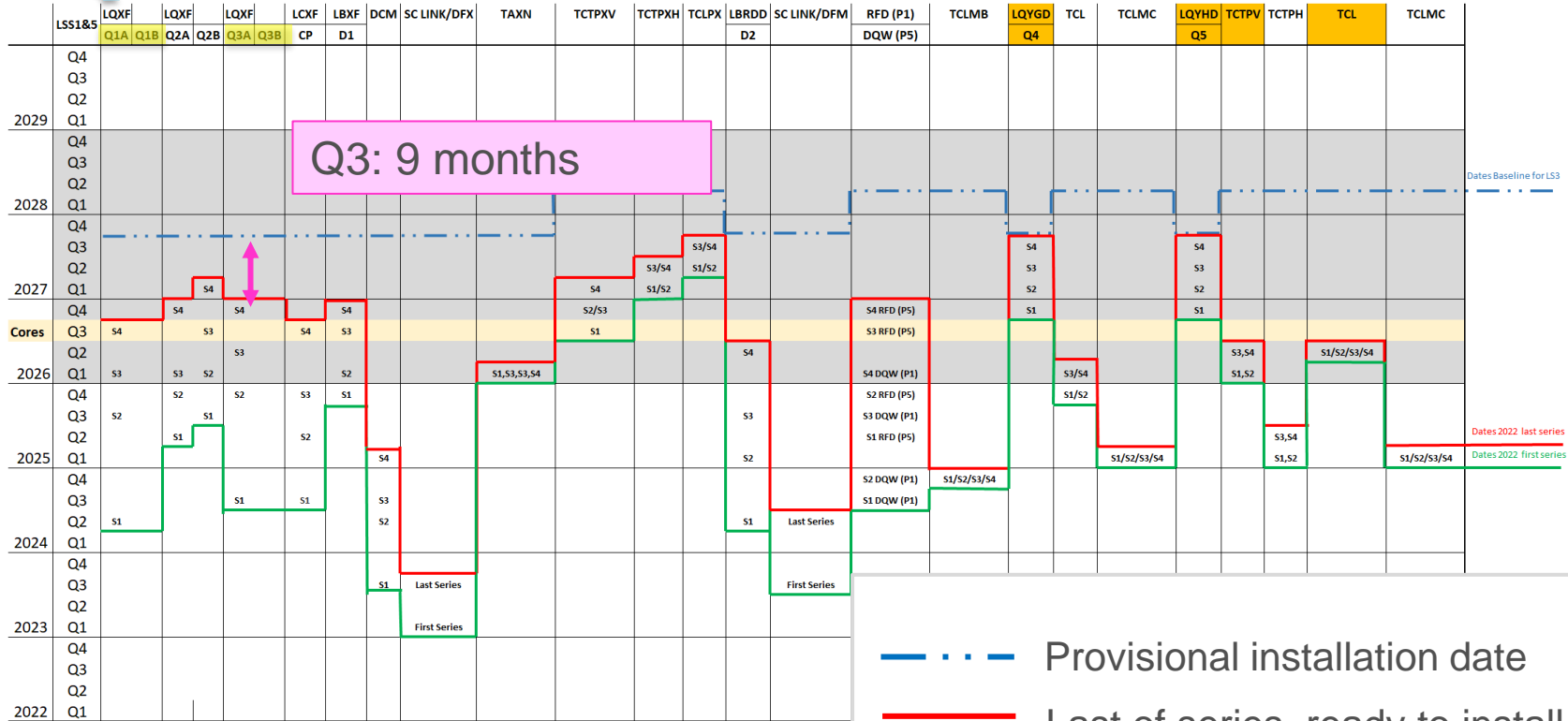


Dressed RFD Cavity  
(front wall removed to show internal components)



RF Ancillaries

# Equipment readiness for tunnel



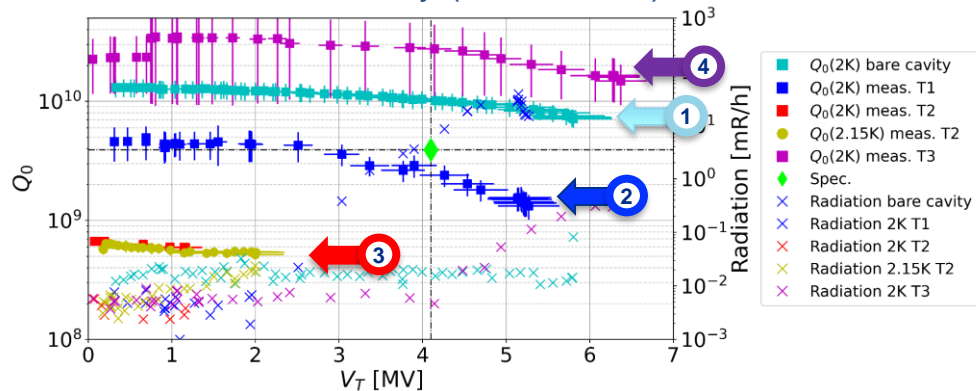
- . . . — Provisional installation date
- Last of series, ready to install
- First of series, ready to install

# HL-LHC AUP Critical Decision (CD) Timeline

- ✓ CD-0: Achieved (April 2016)  
Approved Mission Need Statement
- ✓ CD-1/3a (Oct. 2017)  
Approved Cost and Schedule Range  
Approval for full procurement of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn strand.
- ✓ CD-2/3b (Feb. 2019)  
CD-2 approval of performance baseline  
CD-3b for construction approval of fraction of coils and magnets parts
- ✓ CD-3 (Dec. 2020)  
Construction approval of remaining items (all coils and magnets, cold mass and cryo-assemblies, RFD cavities)
- ✓ CD3 Rebaseline (Dec. 2022)  
Approval for increased TPC to account for COVID/Abnormal Escalation Impacts

# Technical Status – Crab cavities

## #2 Bare Cavity (NRFDP002)



- This cavity exceeded acceptance requirements in the “bare” state at FNAL in 2021 (#1 above).
- Multiple tests at Jlab this year were hindered by challenges with vacuum leaks and RF losses (#2 & #3 above).
- Through a collaborative effort, we were able to progressively understand the root causes and implement corrective actions, which culminated finally in a successful test in August (#4 above).

## Technical Status – Crab cavities



*End-Caps*



*Deflecting poles*

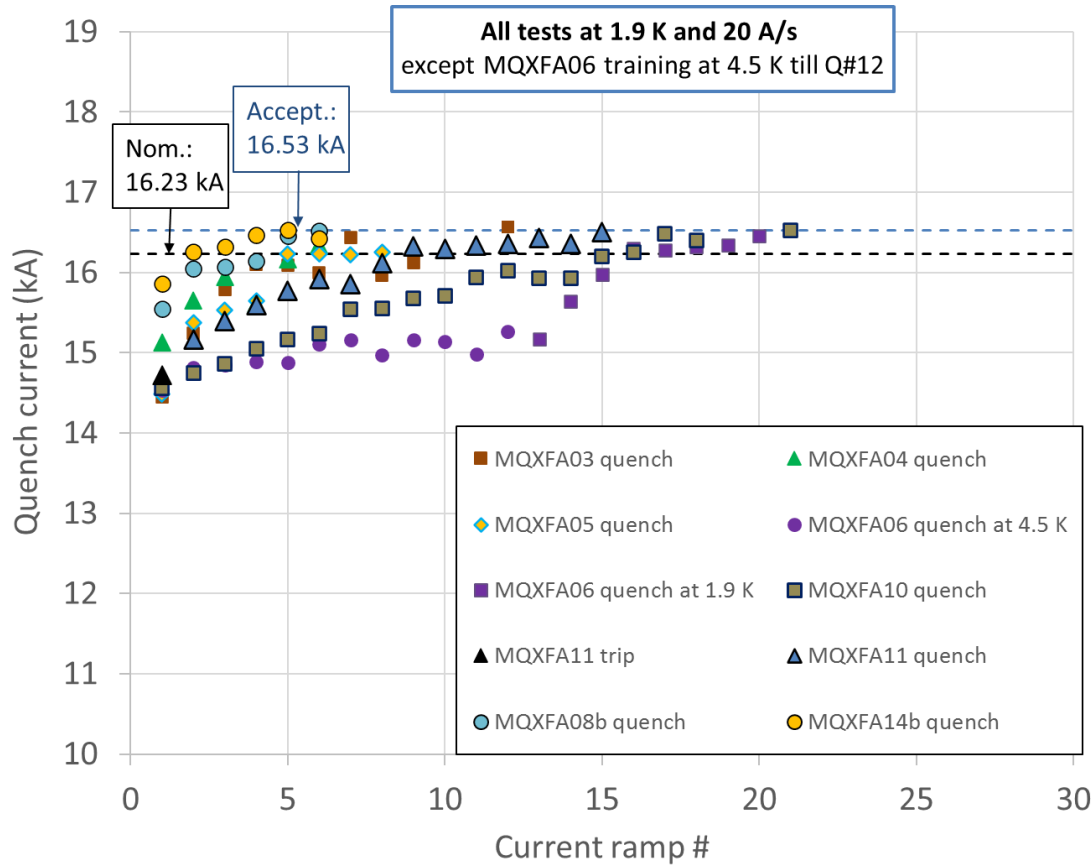


*Pole Corners*

### RFD Series - Manufacturing at ZRI

- Series cavity fabrication in full swing, progressing not without surprises, with NCRs being managed successfully.
- Raw materials yield within estimates despite having to discard 6 poles due to residual issues with forming.

## Technical Status – MQXFA Magnets

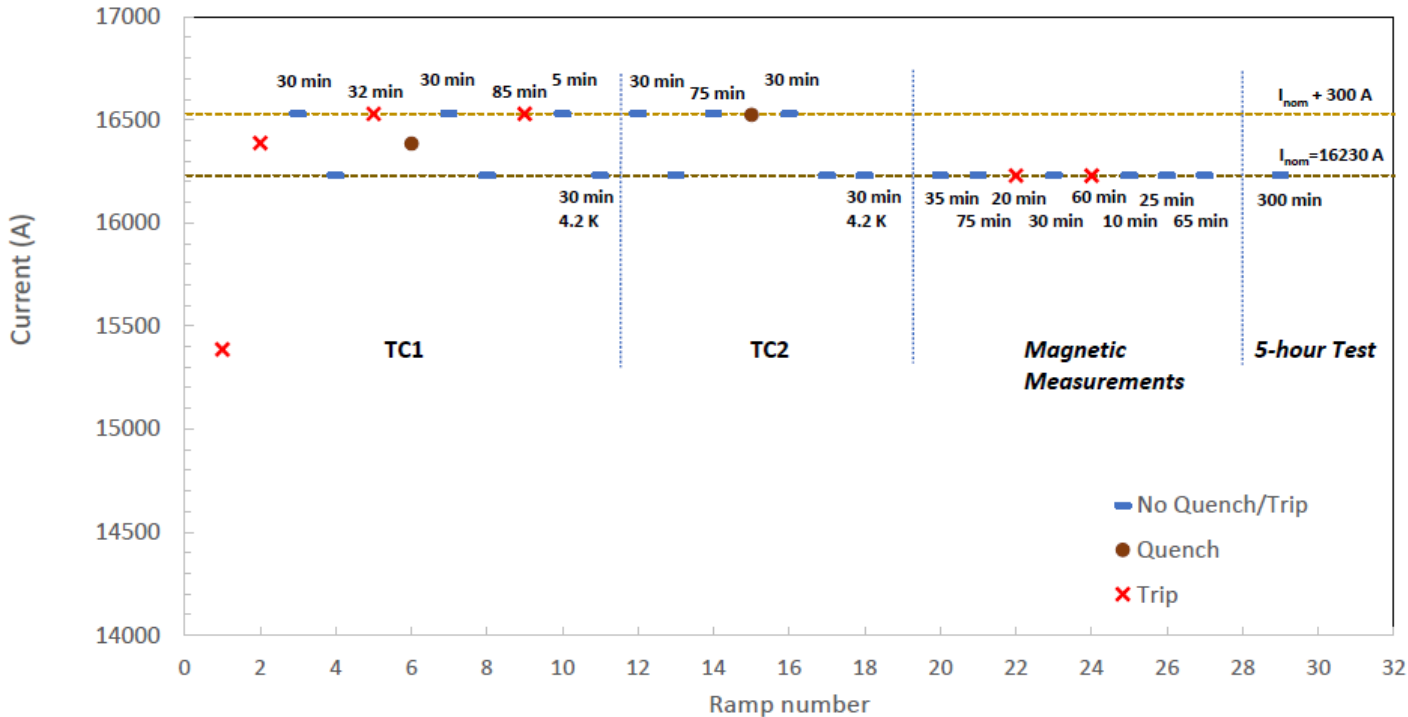


- 9 Accepted Magnets after vertical test at BNL out of 12 tested
- 16 Magnets produced (~60% of deliverables), coils at ~95%, cables at ~99%
- MQXFA05 underwent endurance test with 50+ induced quenches.
- MQXFA08b 1<sup>st</sup> reworked magnet successfully tested

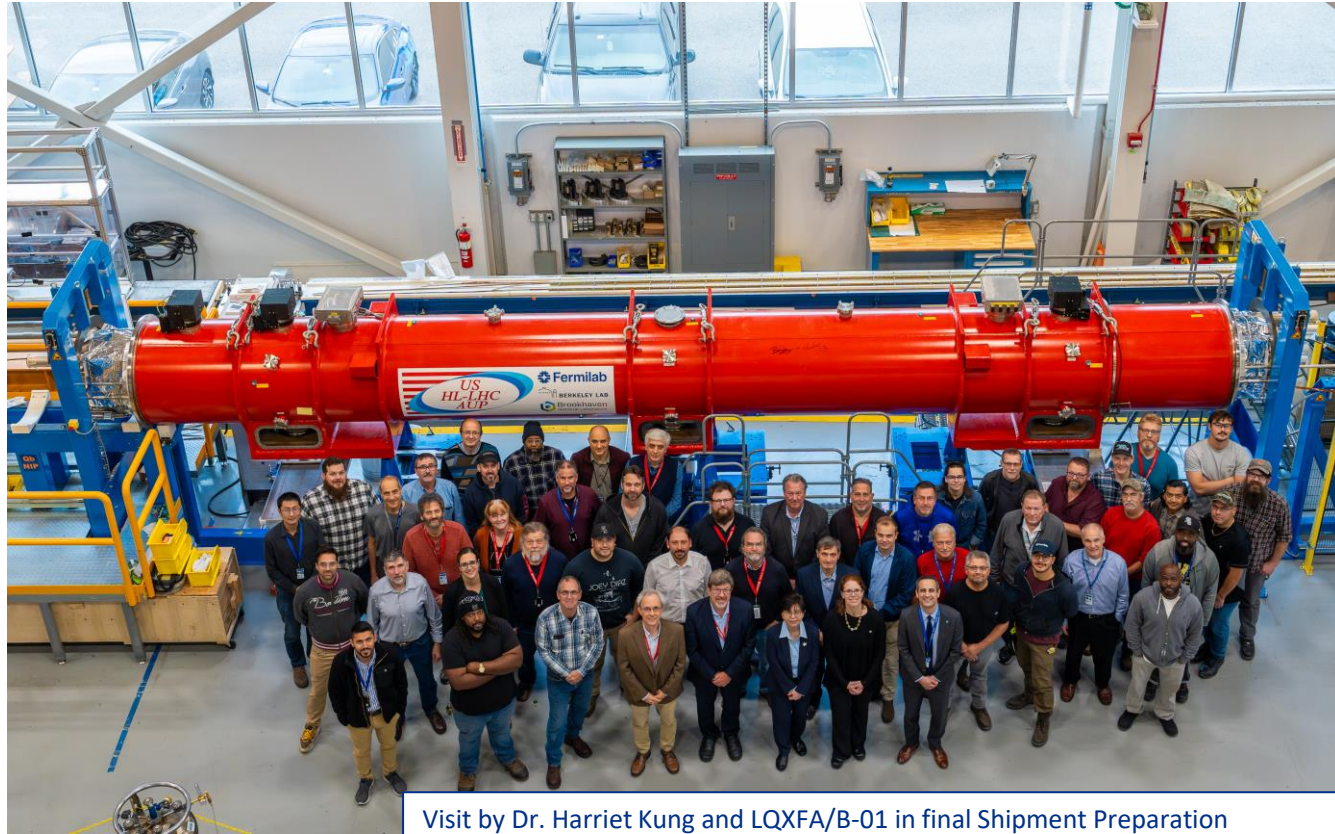


# LQXFA01 quench performance

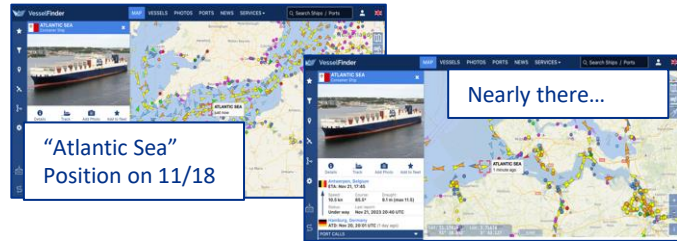
- Test performed successfully at FNAL



## H. Kung visit to FNAL



# LQXFA/B-01 Delivery



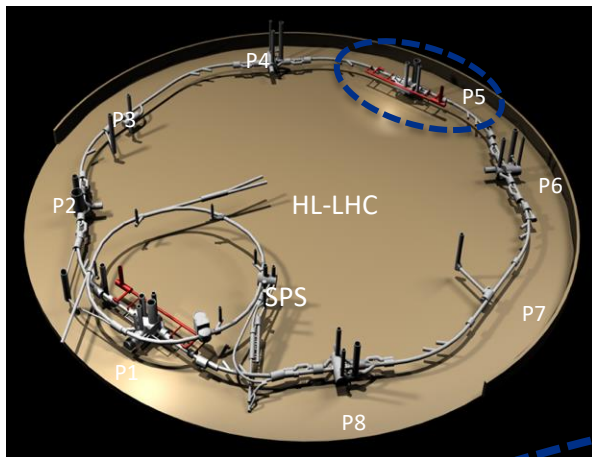
- LQXFA/B-01 at CERN, being prepared for Horizontal Test in SM18.

# Delivery Dates to CERN

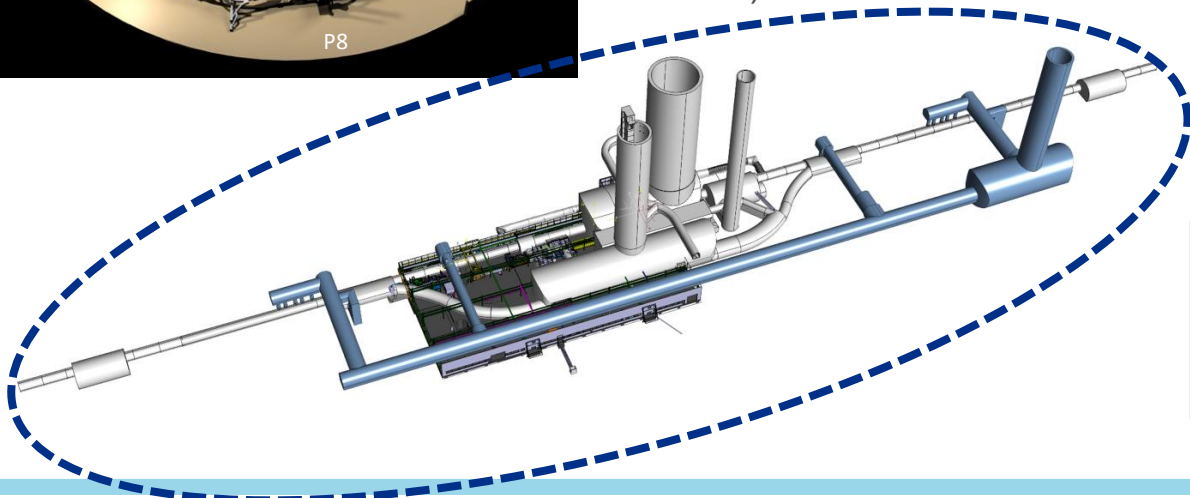


Assembly Optimistic Delivery Dates		July 2023 Success Oriented Schedule		Agreed Late Delivery Dates	
	Agreed Early Delivery Date				
Q1/Q3 Delivery 01	Nov-23				Oct-24
Q1/Q3 Delivery 02	Jun-24				May-25
Q1/Q3 Delivery 03	Aug-24		Oct-24		Jul-25
Q1/Q3 Delivery 04	Nov-24		Jan-25		Oct-25
Q1/Q3 Delivery 05	Mar-25		May-25		Feb-26
Q1/Q3 Delivery 06	Jun-25		Aug-25		May-26
Q1/Q3 Delivery 07	Aug-25		Oct-25		Jul-26
Q1/Q3 Delivery 08	Nov-25		Jan-26		Oct-26
Q1/Q3 Delivery 09	Apr-26				Mar-27
Q1/Q3 Delivery 10	Aug-26				Jul-27
<b>Cavity Optimistic Delivery Dates</b>					
	Agreed Early Delivery Date		July 2023 Success Oriented Schedule		Agreed Late Delivery Dates
Cavities 01 & 02	May-24				Apr-25
Cavities 03 & 04	Jul-24		Sep-24		Jun-25
Cavities 05 & 06	Aug-24			Nov-24	Jul-25
Cavities 07 & 08	Oct-24			Jan-25	Sep-25
Cavities 09 & 10	Nov-24			Mar-25	Oct-25

# HL-LHC IT STRING: P5L



The **scope** of the IT STRING is to represent, as best as reasonably achievable in a surface building, the various operation modes to **STUDY and VALIDATE the COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOUR** of the different systems of the HL-LHC's IT zone (magnets, magnet protection, cryogenics of the magnets and of the superconducting link, magnet powering, vacuum, alignment, interconnections between magnets, and the superconducting link itself).



CA installation end 2024

The first important results on the collective behaviour is expected at the end of the first thermal cycle: by May 2026.

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# Future Colliders and R&D

- A major effort was made during “Snowmass 2021” to highlight the U.S. HEP community interest in Future Colliders

Various e+e- Higgs Factory options and multi-TeV parton Center-of-Momentum (pCM) hadron colliders and muon colliders were studied and documented.

See e.g., <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.08088> and references therein.

Strong resurgence of interest in ~10 TeV muon collider!

A targeted national collider R&D program was proposed to enable studies/R&D:  
See <https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.06213v1>

The Snowmass report strongly endorsed the community’s interest in early U.S. engagement in future collider projects planned abroad (FCC-ee, ILC) and the community’s ambition to host a high energy collider in the U.S. (e.g., a Muon Collider)

Courtesy of Pushpa Bhat

# Future Colliders in the P5 2023 Report

- The just released P5 report ([https://science.osti.gov/-/media/hep/hepap/pdf/Reports/P5Report2023\\_120123-DRAFT-to-HEPAP.pdf](https://science.osti.gov/-/media/hep/hepap/pdf/Reports/P5Report2023_120123-DRAFT-to-HEPAP.pdf)) strongly supports the U.S. Community's aspirations on Future Colliders, particularly emphasizing vigorous R&D for a 10 TeV pCM Muon Collider!

**Recommendation 2c** endorses an off-shore Higgs factory and urges the US to actively engage.

**Recommendation 4a** supports vigorous R&D toward a cost-effective 10 TeV pCM collider R&D, with a goal of being ready to build major test and demonstrator facilities within the next 10 years.

**Recommendation 4g** asks to develop plans for improving the Fermilab accelerator complex that are consistent with the long-term vision of the report, including neutrinos, flavor, and a 10 TeV pCM collider.

**Area Recommendation 10** bolsters support for Collider R&D:

**“To enable targeted R&D before specific collider projects are established in the US, an investment in collider detector R&D funding at the level of \$20M per year and collider accelerator R&D at the level of \$35M per year in 2023 dollars is warranted.”**

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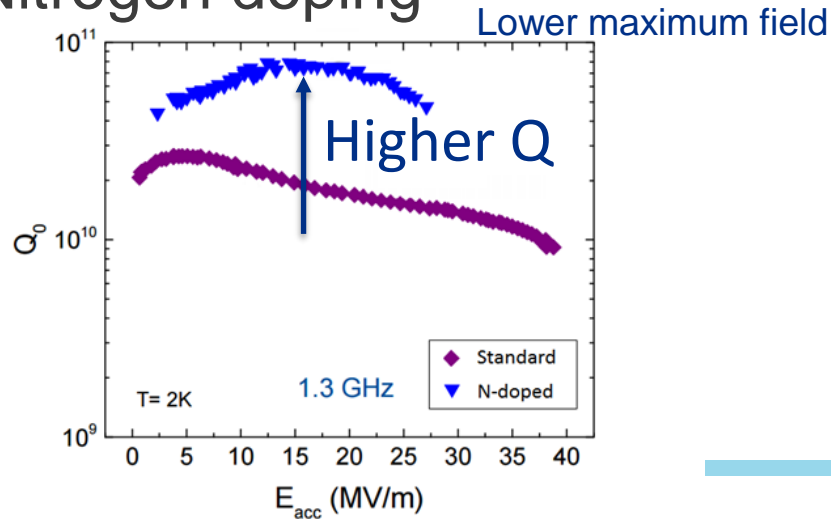


# Summarizing SRF needs for potential future colliders

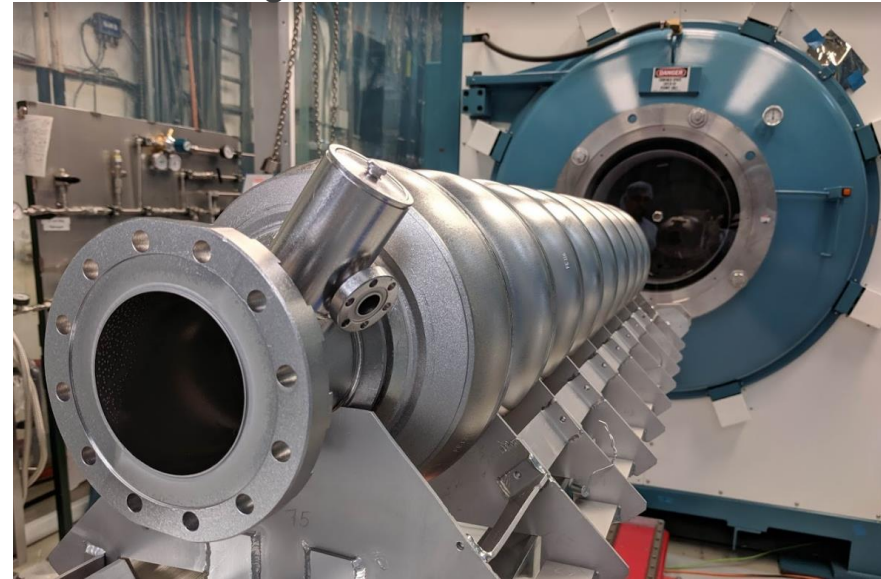
In general . . .

- High gradient, high efficiency SRF cavities
- High gradient NCRF
- High efficiency power sources


## Nitrogen doping



## Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cavities



# Summarizing magnet needs for potential future colliders

- In general . . .
  - High field dipoles– up to 17T (and perhaps 20 – 24T)
  - Large aperture interaction region quadrupoles
  - Sustainability  higher operating temperatures
- **Muon Collider (in addition to above)**
  - Large apertures ( ~ 160mm)
  - (Very) fast ramping magnets
  - Large aperture, high field solenoids (> 30T)
  - Operation in high radiation, high heat load environment

## Challenges

- He cost/availability
- High stresses
- High radiation environment
- Sustainability – power consumption

## Opportunities

- HTS
- Fusion driving REBCO cost



**Need to ramp up R&D NOW!**



U.S. MAGNET  
DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM



# Current Magnet R&D activities at Fermilab



- The R&D topics include:

## **Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn conductor**

- Artificial Pinning Centers (APC) and High-Cp optimization and industrialization

## **Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn magnets**

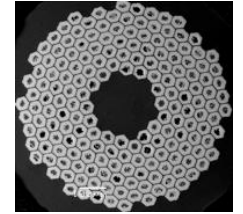
- 15 T dipole; stress management (SM) structures for coils in magnets above 16T (16-20 T)

## **HTS**

- Specially designed structures for REBCO coils
- Bi- 2212 SM R&D

## **Technology R&D**

- Training and diagnostics – fibers as strain gauges, training studies and QCD device
- Instrumentation and quench protection - new accurate quench antennas, fibers for HTS QP
- Material studies - new epoxy and insulation material tests, high-Cp materials in cable and epoxy
- Modeling and simulation - new tools (AI for Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn training prediction)

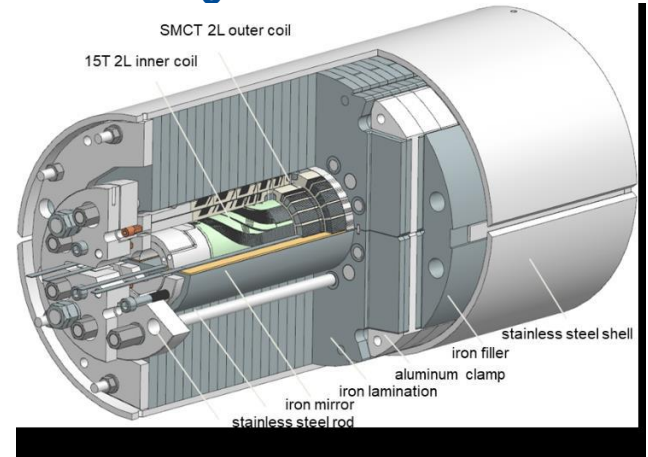
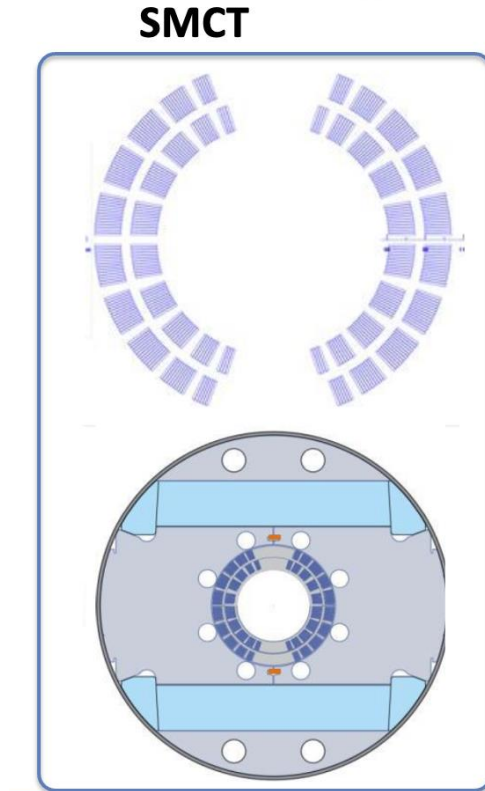


# Exploring stress management configurations: $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$

- Stress-managed Cosine Theta:

- o 2 layers

- Bore field of 11 T
    - Bore diameter: 120mm



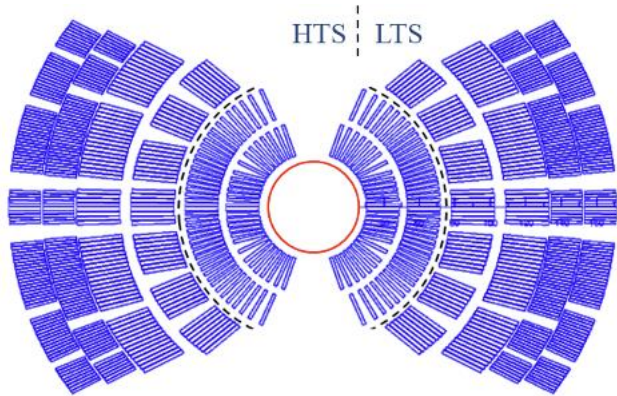
Test at 1.9 K of 4-layer mirror magnet is ongoing

- SMCT 2L outer coil
- 15 T 2L inner coil

# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn: High field dipole

14.5 T Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn dipole

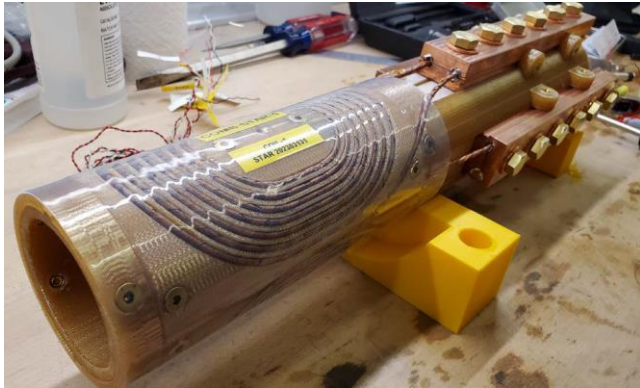
Part of US Magnet Development Program (MDP)



Goal: Hybrids magnets  
To reach 20 T

# Bi-2212 and REBCO accelerator magnet R&D

## REBCO

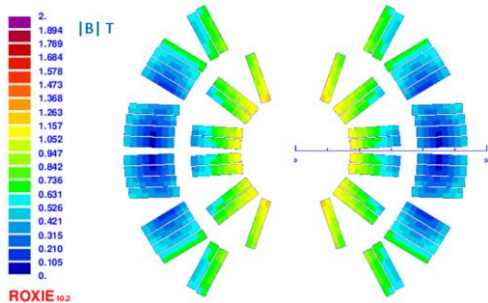


HTS dipole (60 mm clear bore ) has been fabricated for Hybrid superconducting magnet and will be tested in January 2023

CORC/ STAR wire: selection of high-performance tapes/ very expensive

- Test in liquid Nitrogen was successful
- Test in liquid He is under preparation

REBCO tape stack: leverage fusion REBCO tape production



HTS-Bi-2212 insert magnetic design

# Conclusion: LHC and HL-LHC

## LHC:

- First 2024 beam expected in the LHC on 11 March: 2024 baseline schedule available
  - The 5.5 weeks of Pb ion running to be shared over 2024 and 2025 with a Pb ion run at the end of each year.
  - The Oxygen ion run to be moved from 2024 to 2025
  - At present there are discussions on the timing of the p-p ref run remaining

## AUP HL-LHC

### •Crab cavities:

- Pre-Series cavities completed at Zanon with improved quality compared to prototypes. Cold tests ~ Jan-Feb 2024.
- Series cavities reaching peak production without showstoppers.

### •Magnets and Cryo-assemblies:

- Magnet assembly at peak production at LBNL. Coil fabrication at BNL and FNAL to be completed shortly.
- MQXFA07b is being tested at BNL. MQXFA15 at BNL as well.
- MQXFA16 (untested) at FNAL for CM05
- LQXFA/B-02 Cold Mass in final steps of assembly
- LQXFA/B-01 at CERN.



# Conclusions

The 2023 P5 report aligns strongly with the U.S. HEP community's aspirations and recommends vigorous R&D towards future colliders, emphasizing to plan for a 10 TeV Muon Collider at Fermilab.

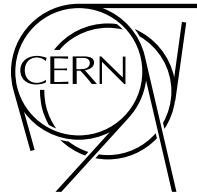
Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Technology is mature but not easy

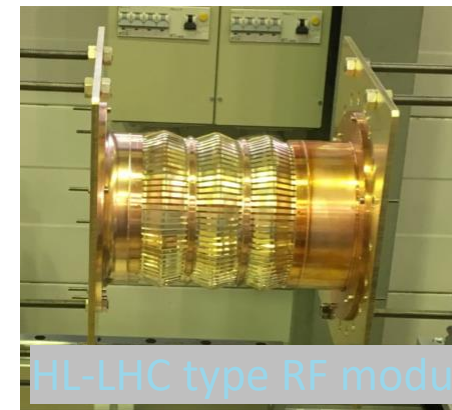
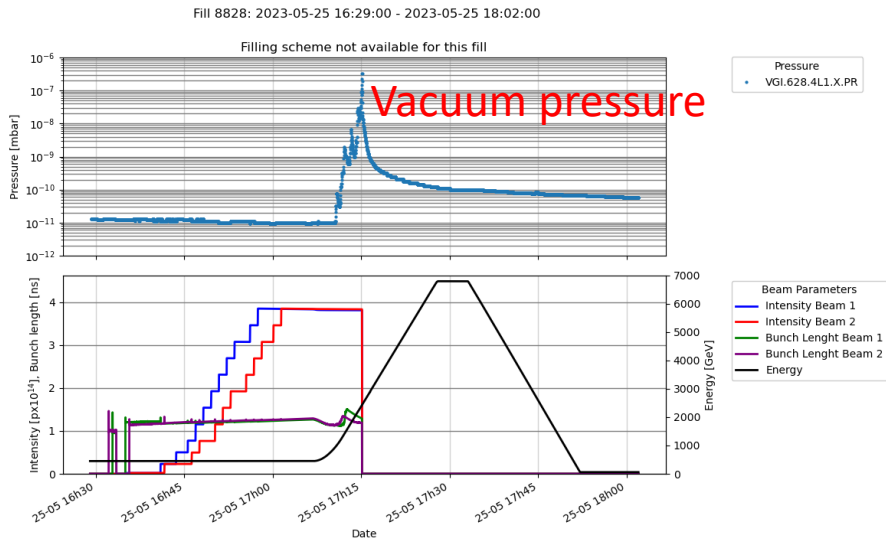
- Needs to be more robust and affordable.
- 16 - 17T operating field is a real challenge for future hadron colliders
- Demonstrate technology for large-scale accelerator deployment: **this is the time to develop cost-effective design & technology**

HTS is at its infancy but has a great potential and many challenge:

- Enabling technology for magnets with fields > 16 T (magnet architecture/ conductor degradation)
- Higher temperature margin and stability (quench detection and protection)
- Operation at higher temperature (dry-cooling, He gas cooling, LH2, LN2): find optimum temperature

# Collaborations / Partnerships / Members [19.5pt Bold]



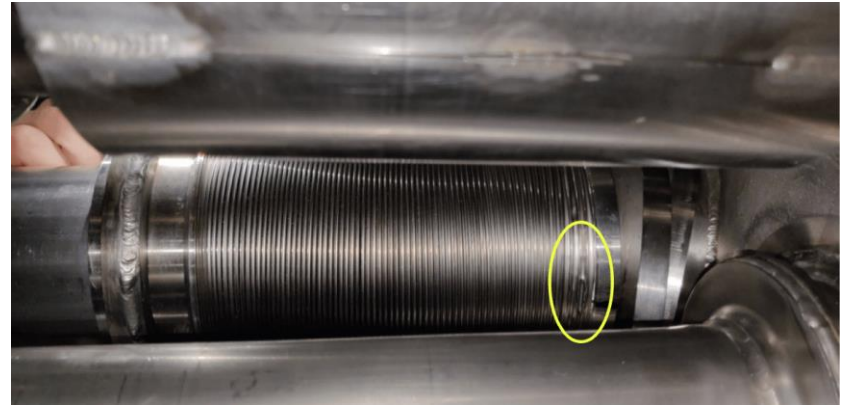


Vacuum pressure spikes during the ramp with beam dump due to losses

- Limiting bunch intensity to  $1.6 \times 10^{11}$  p/b
- Will partly be addressed during Year End Technical Stop 23-24



- A small hole (1 mm<sup>2</sup>) in an edge welded bellow with major consequences
- Thinking out of the box by expert teams allowed for a restart in 2023



# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn accelerator magnet: a road map for success

LARP = US LHC Accelerator Research Program (2003-2018)

AUP = US HL-LHC Accelerator Upgrade Project (2016 – present)

**20+ Yrs**

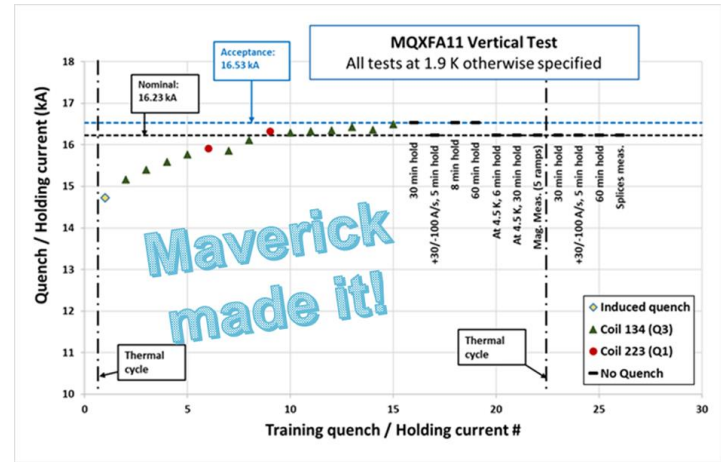


- Mini-series (20) Production
- Full Length Prototypes (3+
- Short Models Basic R&D  
(conductor, other materials,  
magnetic & structural design, ...)

In this field range (12-14 T) now we can develop cost-effective design & technology

# MQXFA11 truck incident

- The truck transporting the MQXFA11 magnet from LBNL to BNL was rear ended by another truck on 7/20/22.
- The main hit took place on the right back corner. During the incident the truck rear axle disengaged as displayed below.
- The magnet was moved to FNAL on 7/28/22. Upon arrival a visual inspection was performed followed by electrical checkout, metrology survey, analysis of the fiber optic sensors and accelerometer data analysis
  - Max shock: 6 or 10 g vertical (depending on the device in the same accelerometer unit)
  - Duration: 5 ms
- All tests and analyses were OK. Magnet was shipped to BNL



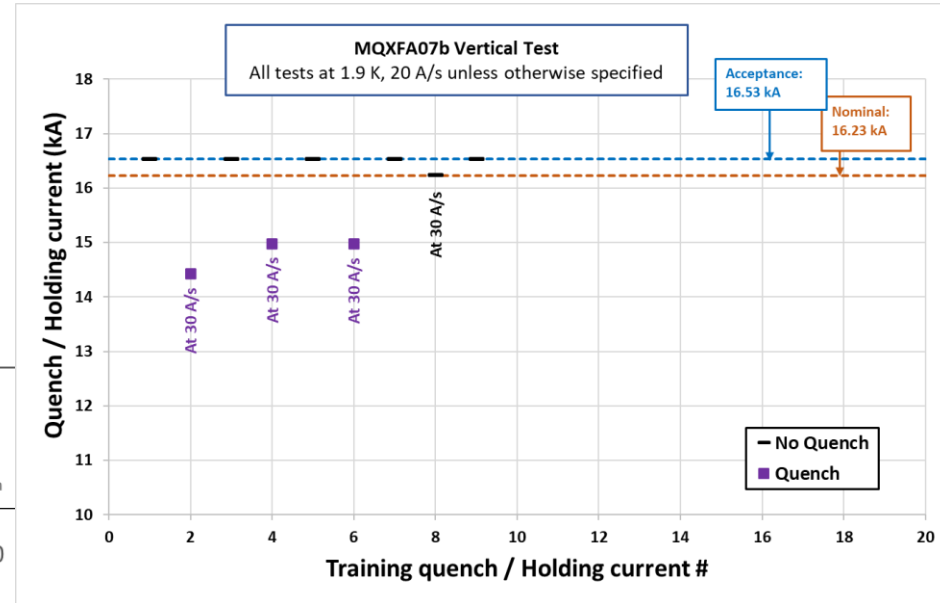
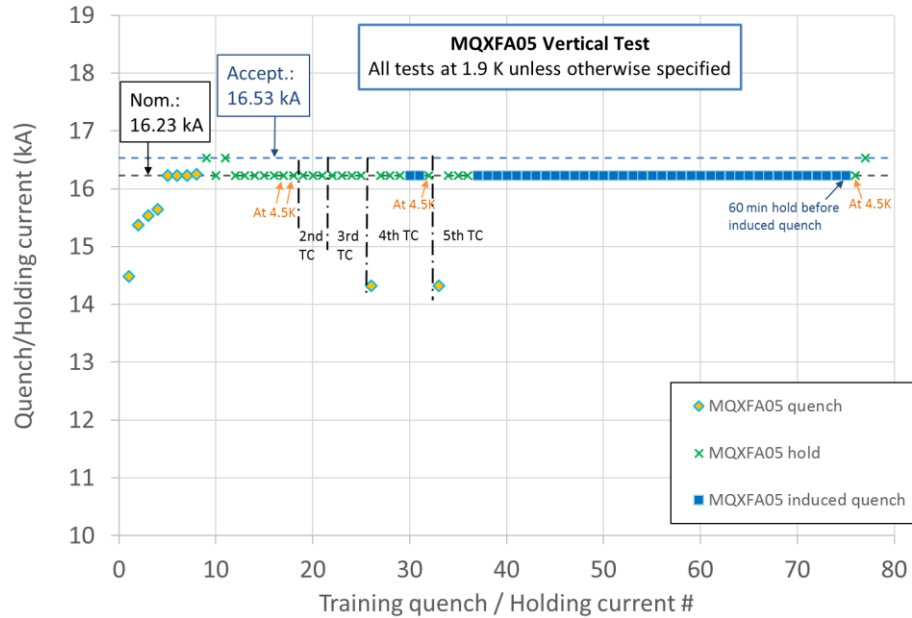
Courtesy of T. Cruise



No Personal Injury to driver



# Technical Status – MQXFA Magnets



# U.S. Engagement in Global Projects

- The International Linear Collider

U.S. scientists engaged in efforts of the ILC-IDT (ILC International Development Team)

SRF R&D for ILC main linacs and ILC++

Polarized Positron Source and Damping Ring, ..

- Future Circular Colliders (FCC-ee/hh)

CERN conducting Technical and financial feasibility studies; Final report by ~2025-26

CERN/DOE agreement signed in Dec. 2020

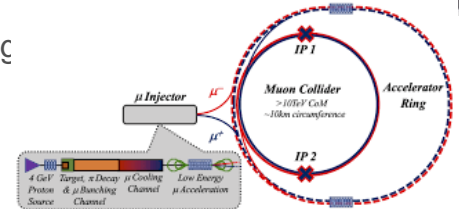
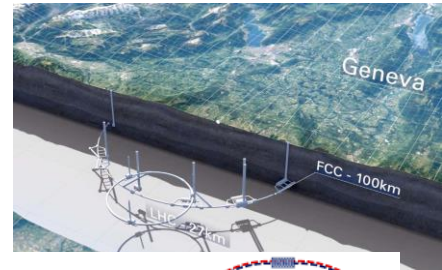
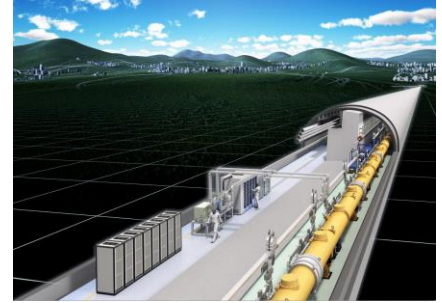
Opportunities for engineering design studies, beam physics studies, High  $Q_0$  SRF R&D, magnet R&D,..

- Muon Collider Collaboration

Intense work in progress in the International Muon collider Collaboration; US community engaged

Machine scenarios, beam induced background, neutrino radiation, demonstrator facility, detector/physics studies

Exploring formal U.S. engagement





# Fermilab APS TD activities and R&D

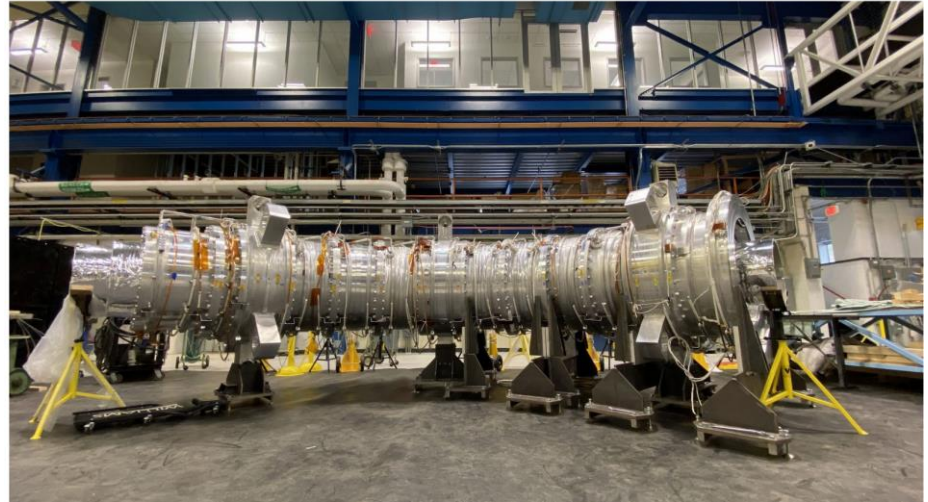
- Projects
  - Mu2e
  - Proton Improvement Project II (PIP II)
  - Accelerator Upgrade Project (AUP)
  
- Superconducting RF R&D –
  
- Superconducting Magnet R&D –
  - Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn stress limiting structures
  - High Temperature Superconductors (Bi-2212 and REBCO)
  - Conductor developments

# Accelerator Technology: 2023 Fermilab highlights

Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Interaction Region Quadrupoles for  
Hi-Lumi LHC Upgrade

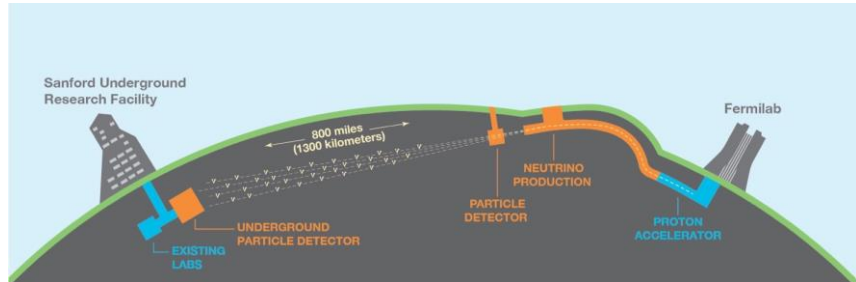
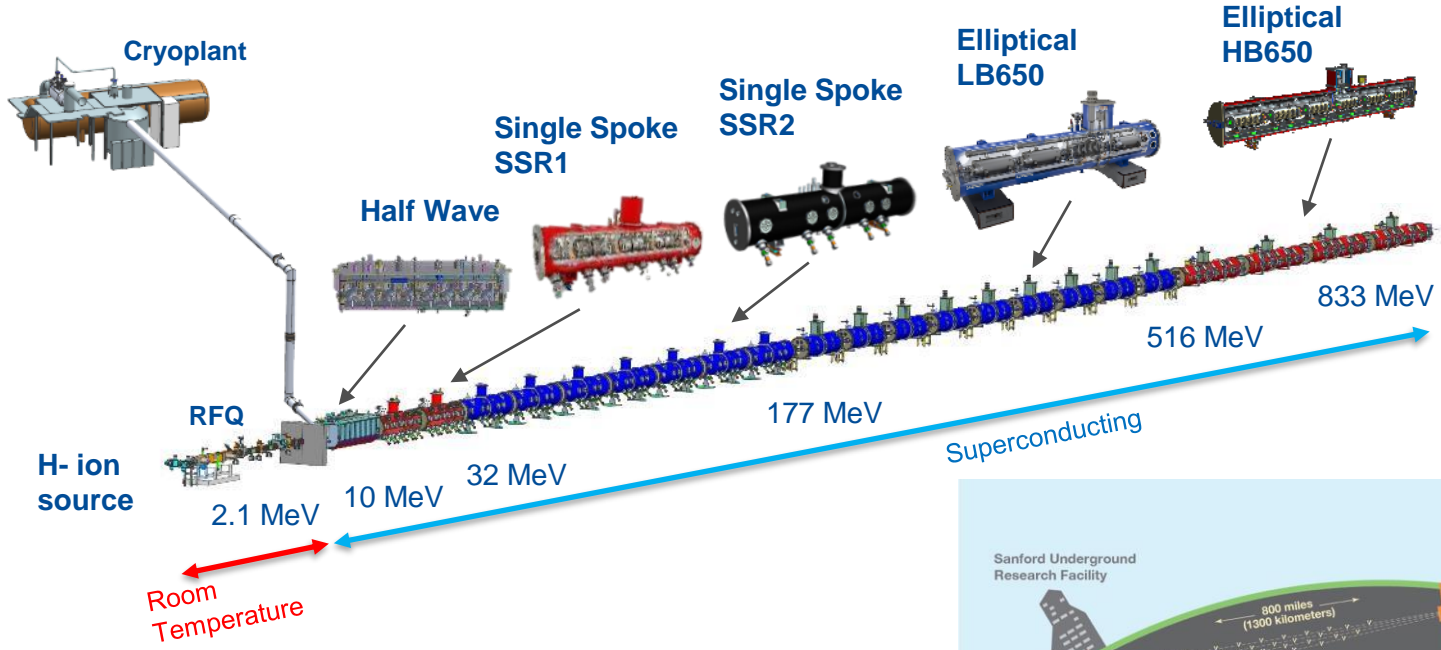


**Mu2e: Transport solenoid  
completed and moved to  
experimental hall**



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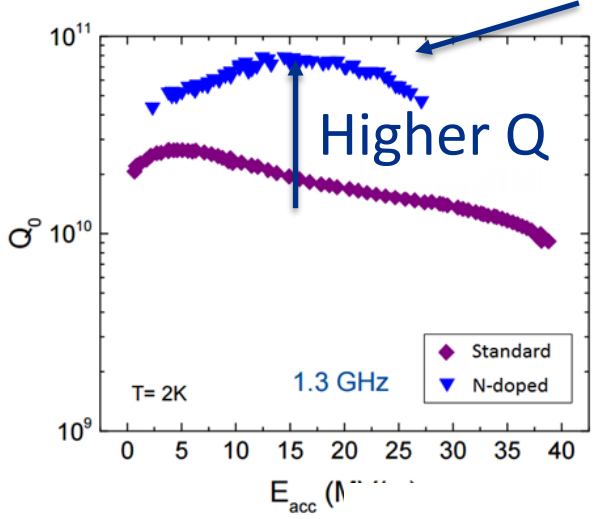
- PIP-II linac is technically complex, state of the art superconducting RF accelerator





# Superconducting RF: Nitrogen Doping

Lower maximum field



$$Q = \frac{\omega_0 U}{P_d}$$

# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Cavities for Particle Accelerators



- Nb has long been the material of choice for SRF accelerators
- Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn is under development, and we have shown that it can achieve high Q even at ~4 K (Nb is typically 2 K)
- Immediate promise for ‘compact accelerators’
- With continued R&D, Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn is predicted to exceed Nb maximum field
- Fermilab R&D: first Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn 9-cell cavity, new record Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn CW accelerating gradient