

*Special Plenary Lecture*  
*High-Field Applications of HTS Tape*

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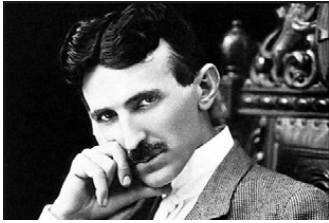
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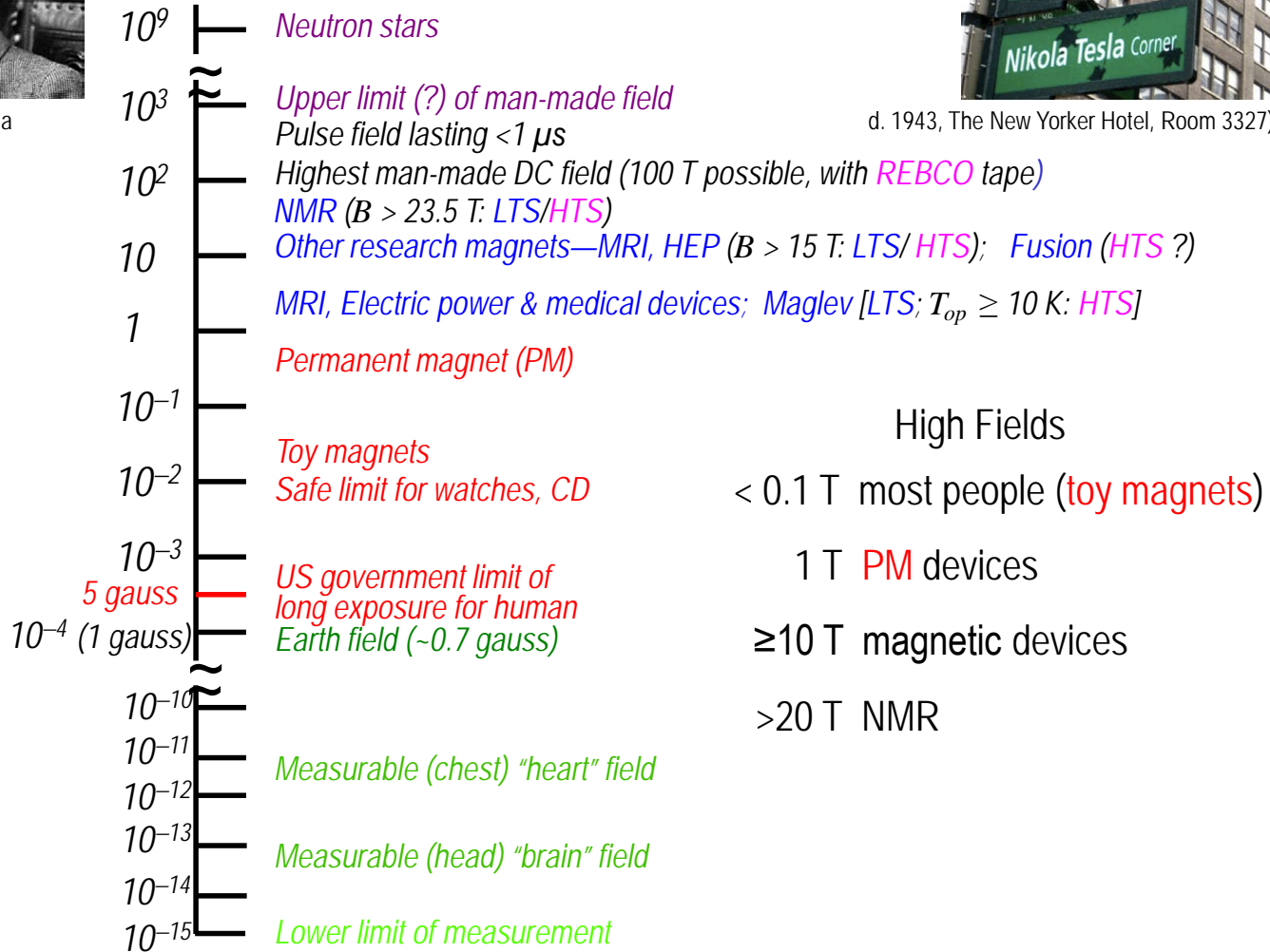
## *Outline*

- Important issues for high-field magnets
- Design options for efficient (high-performance) magnet
- Two major drawbacks of HTS tape vs. LTS wire
- High-current cables with REBCO tape for magnets
- Liquid Helium (LHe)-Free Operation
- Challenges for HTS tape
- Conclusions



(b. 1856, Smilijan, Croatia

# Nicola Tesla Magnetic Field ( $B$ ) Spectrum

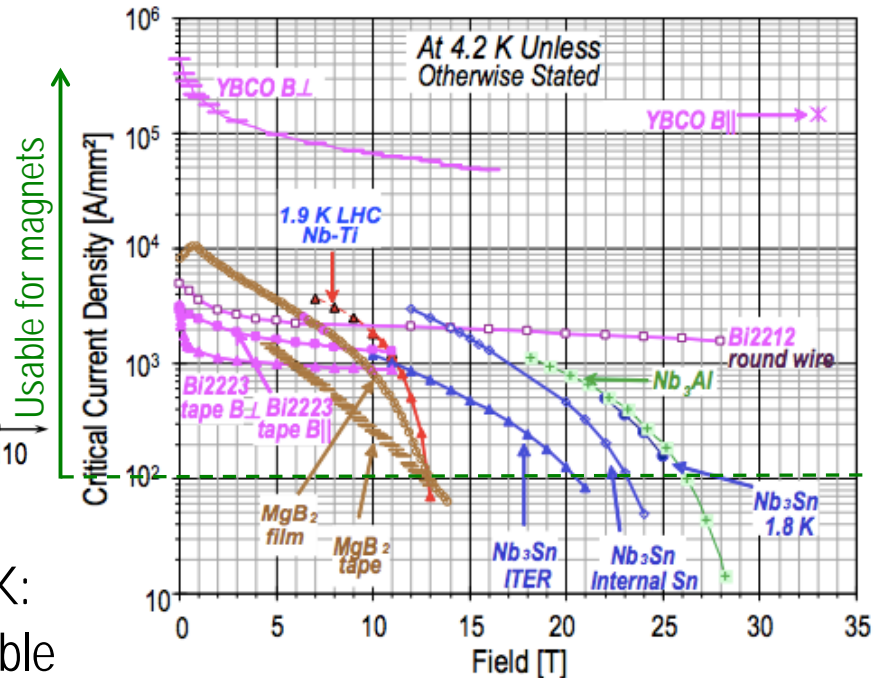
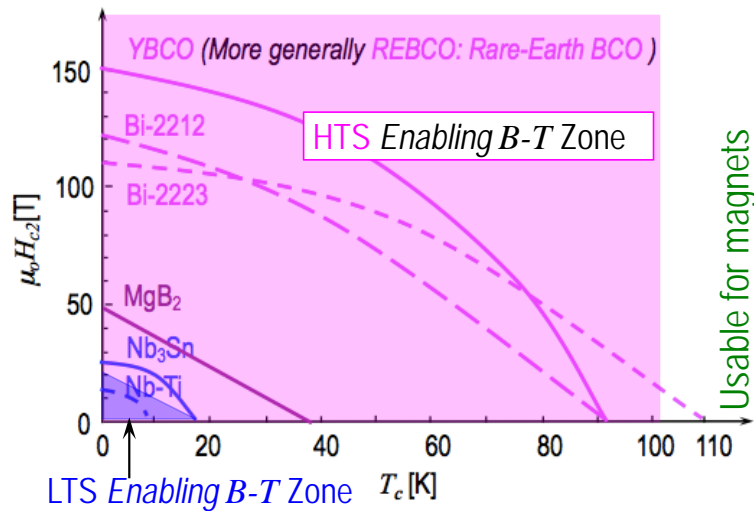


d. 1943, The New Yorker Hotel, Room 3327)

## *Four Important Design Issues for High-Field Superconducting Magnet*

- Superconductor— $\mu_0 H_{c2}(T)$ ;  $J_c(B, T)$ ; strength
- Mechanical integrity—magnetic stresses (hoop & radial)
- Overall current density—↗ magnet efficiency ↘ cost
- Protection—to ensure multiple operation

## Superconductor: $\mu_c H_{c2}(T)$ , $J_c(B, T)$ & Strength

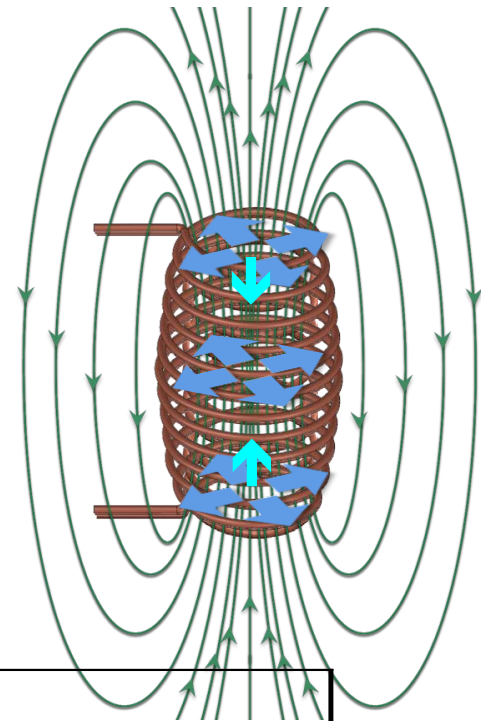
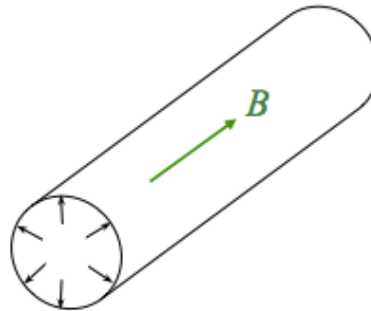




- For  $B \geq 25$  T, even at  $T_{op} = 4.2$  K: **HTS** indispensable
- For  $T_{op} > 10$  K: **HTS** indispensable
- Because  $J_c(B_{op})$  decreases with  $T$ :  $T_{op}$  a key design variable
- Strength: **REBCO** > all others: For > 25-T magnets: **REBCO** preferable

## Mechanical integrity Magnetic Stresses

Magnetic pressure:  $B^2 / 2\mu_0$

For *high-field* magnet, conductor strength extremely, if not the most, important property



Undersea Depth [m]	$P_m$ [atm]	$B$ [T]	$f$ [GHz]	Remarks
300	30	2.7	0.12	Maximum for submarines 
11,000	1,100	16.5	0.7	Deepest sea bottom: Challenger Deep 
22,100	2,210	23.5	1.0	High-strength stainless steel yields at 14,000 atm
400,000	40,000	100	4.26	

Hoop Stress,  $\sigma_\theta$ , in Solenoid, vs. Radial Distance,  $\rho = r/a_1$

$$\sigma_\theta = \frac{\lambda J B_1 a_1}{\alpha - 1} \left\{ (\alpha - \kappa) \left[ \frac{2+\nu}{3} \left( \frac{\alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 + \alpha^2/\rho^2}{\alpha + 1} \right) - \frac{1+2\nu}{3} \rho \right] - (1 - \kappa) \left[ \frac{3+\nu}{8} \left( \alpha^2 + 1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{\rho^2} \right) - \frac{1+3\nu}{8} \rho^2 \right] \right\}$$

- $\sigma_{\theta_{max}}$  at Coil i.d.:  $r = a_1$  ( $\rho = 1$ )

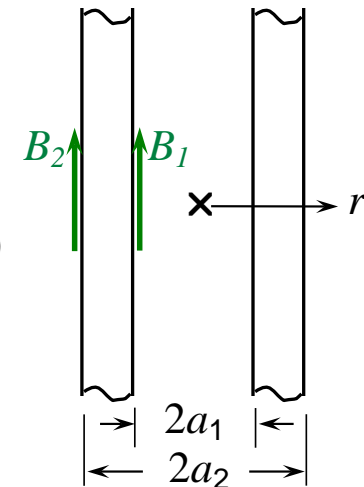
$$\alpha = a_2/a_1$$

$$\rho = r/a_1$$

$$\kappa = B_2/B_1^*$$

(\* $\kappa = 0$  for  $\infty$  long)

$$\nu \sim 0.3$$



### Hoop Stress, $\sigma_\theta$ , in Solenoid, vs. Radial Distance, $\rho = r/a_1$

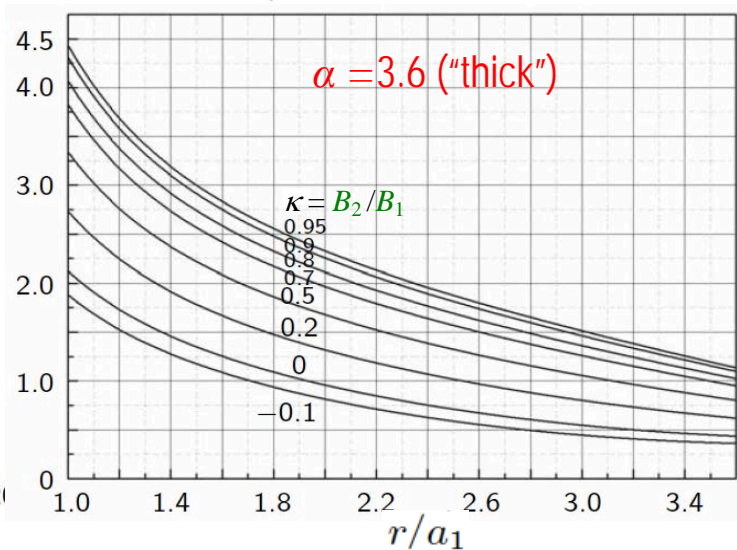
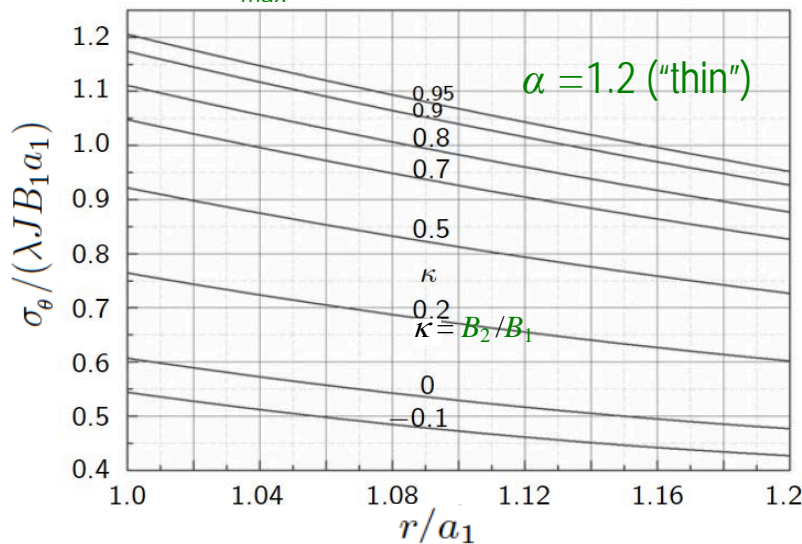
$$\sigma_\theta = \frac{\lambda JB_1 a_1}{\alpha - 1} \left\{ (\alpha - \kappa) \left[ \frac{2 + \nu}{3} \left( \frac{\alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 + \alpha^2/\rho^2}{\alpha + 1} \right) - \frac{1 + 2\nu}{3} \rho \right] - (1 - \kappa) \left[ \frac{3 + \nu}{8} \left( \alpha^2 + 1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{\rho^2} \right) - \frac{1 + 3\nu}{8} \rho^2 \right] \right\}$$

Thin Coil:  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} \sigma_\theta \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(1 + \kappa)\lambda JB_1 a_1$

Thick Coil:  $\lim_{\alpha \gg 1} \sigma_\theta \rightarrow \alpha \left[ \frac{(7 + 9\kappa) + (5 + 3\kappa)\nu}{12} \right] \lambda JB_1 a_1$

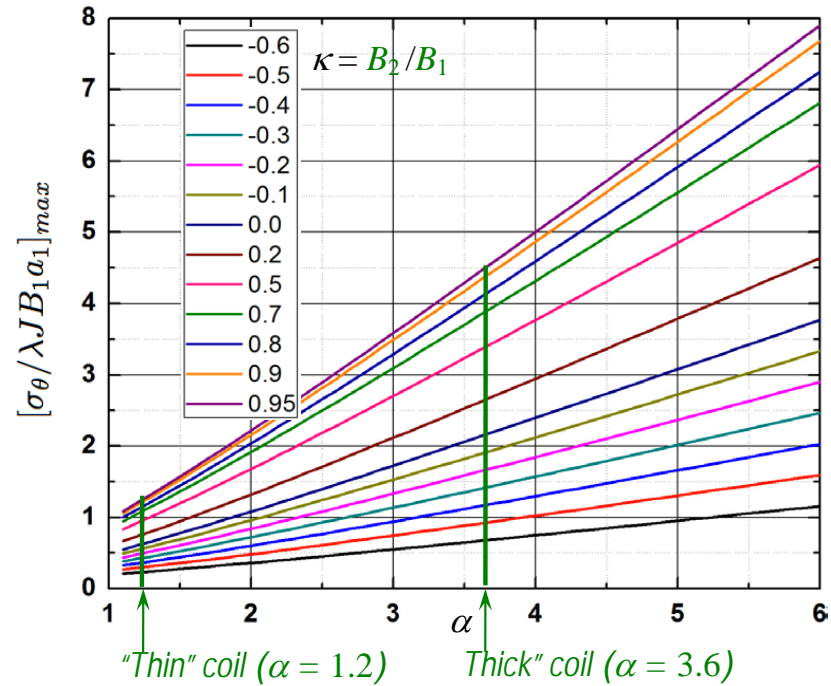
$\sigma_{\theta_{max}} = \lambda JB_1 a_1$  for  $\alpha = 1$  &  $\kappa = 1$

$\sigma_{\theta_{max}} \gg \lambda JB_1 a_1$  for  $\alpha \gg 1$





## Maximum Hoop Stress, $\sigma_{\theta_{max}}$ , at $r = a_1$

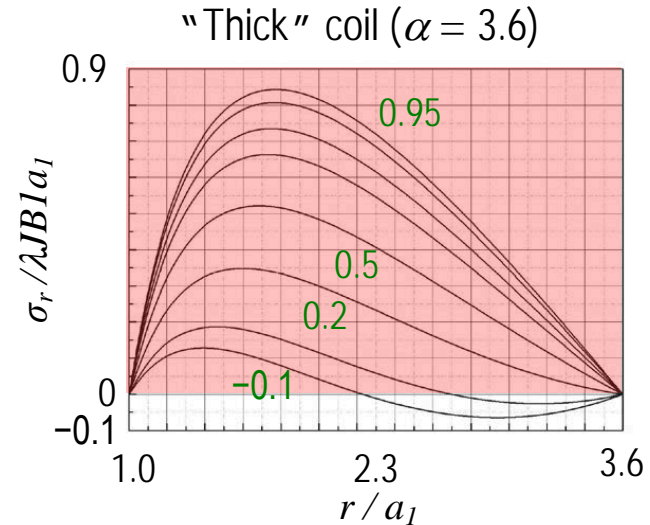
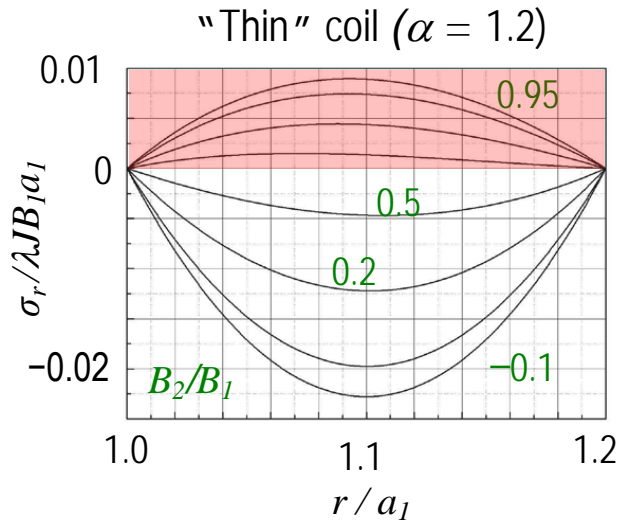


For high-field coil: "thin" radial built, i.e.,  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$

$$\sigma_{\theta_{max}} \rightarrow \lambda J B_1 a_1$$

Radial Stress,  $\sigma_r/\lambda JB_1 a_1$ , vs. Radial Distance,  $\rho = r/a_1$

$$\sigma_r = \frac{\lambda JB_1 a_1}{\alpha - 1} \left[ \frac{2+\nu}{3} (\alpha - \kappa) \left( \frac{\alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 - \alpha^2/\rho^2}{\alpha + 1} - \rho \right) - \frac{3+\nu}{8} (1 - \kappa) \left( \alpha^2 + 1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{\rho^2} - \rho^2 \right) \right]$$



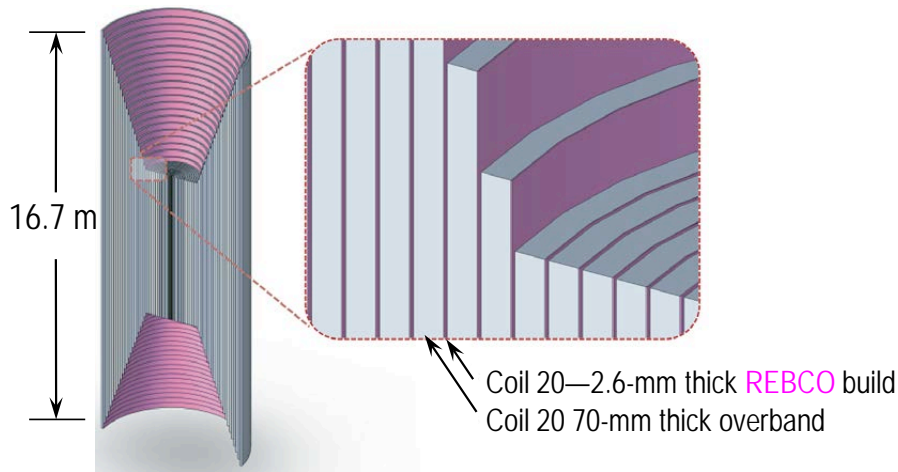
- $\sigma_r < 0$  to keep the winding from **separating**, Coil, “thin” radial built, i.e.,  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$

## *High-Field Magnet: Winding Requirements*

- “Thin” radial-build coil, i.e.,  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$ 
  - $\sigma_{\theta_{max}} < \text{conductor } \sigma_{\theta_{limit}}$  and  $\sigma_r < 0$
- Large ampere-turns  $\rightarrow$  nested-coil formation of *many thin* coils
- Overbanding also helps to keep  $\sigma_{\theta_{max}} < \sigma_{\theta_{limit}}$  and  $\sigma_r < 0$

## One Extreme Example: 100-T All-REBCO Tape DC Magnet\*

- Comprises 39 "thin" DP coils
- Each coil *heavily* over-banded
  - Total steel band radial build: 2,687.4 mm
  - Total REBCO radial build: 79.3 mm



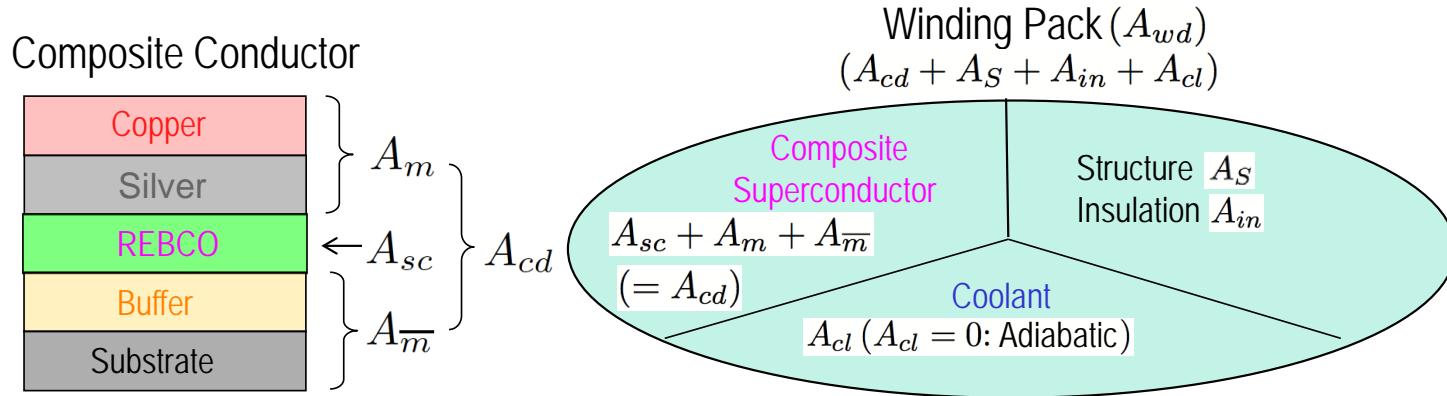
Coil #	$2a_1$	$\Delta a$	$\alpha$
1	20.0	5.3	1.5300
2	60.6	5.3	1.1749
5	224.0	7.9	1.0705
10	833.4	4.9	1.0118
15	1,634.0	3.4	1.0042
20	2,430.8	2.6	1.0024
25	3,232.2	2.6	1.0016
30	4,042.6	2.7	1.0013
35	4,863.0	3.8	1.0016
39	5,549.0	7.6	1.0027

i.d. REBCO  
 [mm] build [mm]

- A steel magnet (strength) shunted by REBCO tape (DC current)

\* Y. Iwasa and S. Hahn, "First-cut design of an all-superconducting 100-T direct current magnet," *Appl Phys. Lett.* **103**, 253507 (5pp) (2013).

## Current Densities



Current Density	Relevance	Definition
Critical, $J_c$	Material development	$\frac{I_c}{A_{sc}}$
Engineering, $J_e (= J_{cd})$	Conductor development	$\frac{I_c}{A_{cd}} = \frac{I_c}{A_{sc} + A_m + A_{\bar{m}}}$
Matrix, $J_m$	Stability & Protection	$\frac{I_{op}}{A_m}$
Overall, $\lambda J (= J_{overall})$	Magnet efficiency	$\frac{I_{op}}{A_{wd}} = \frac{I_{op}}{A_{cd} + A_S + A_{in} + A_{cl}}$

- $J_c = \infty$  ( $A_{sc} = 0$ ) little impact on  $J_e$  or  $\lambda J$

## Design Options for Efficient (High-Performance) Magnet

### 1. Adiabatic Magnet ( $A_{cl} = 0$ )

$$\frac{I_{op}}{A_{wd}} = \frac{I_{op}}{A_{cd} + A_S + A_{in} + \cancel{A_{cl}}} \uparrow$$

Why fusion magnets “cryostable,” i.e.,  $A_{cl} \neq 0$  ?

Huge mechanical reinforcement within the winding,  $A_S \gg A_{cl}$ :  
 $A_{cl}$  *little impact* on  $\lambda J$ , i.e., a negligible sacrifice on magnet efficiency

Let's guarantee *stability* by making the winding *cryostable*, i.e.,  $A_{cl} \neq 0$

For “small” magnets like NMR, MRI, HEP,  
 $\lambda J$  enhancement large enough to permit “reduced” stability

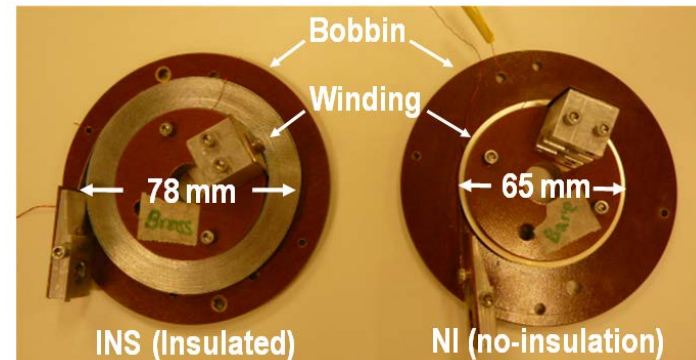
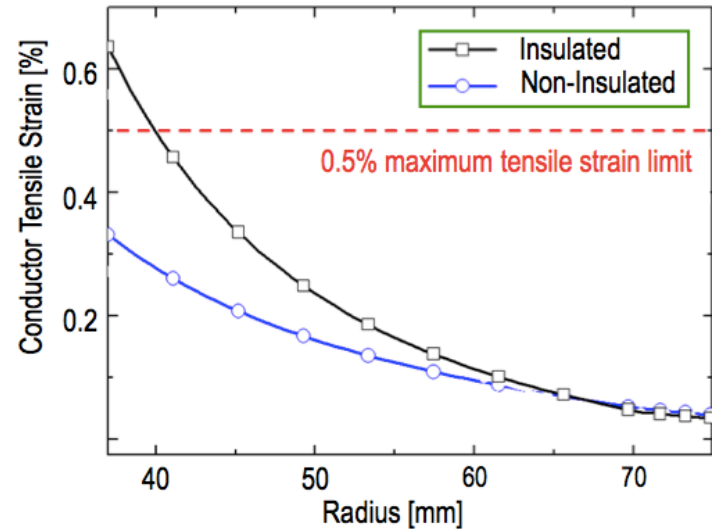
## Design Options for Efficient (High-Performance) Magnet

### 2. Adiabatic-NI (No-Insulation) —Applied to DP Coils of HTS Tape

$$\frac{I_{op}}{A_{wd}} = \frac{I_{op}}{A_{cd} + A_S + \cancel{A_{in}} + \cancel{A_{cl}}} \quad \uparrow$$

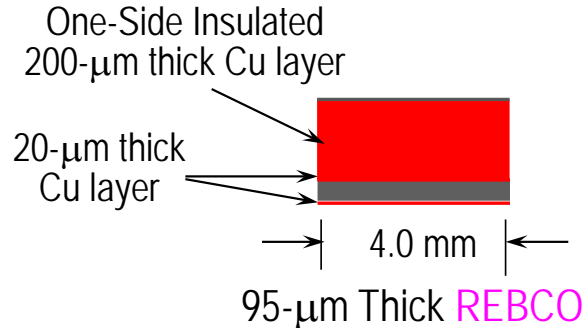
#### Major Benefits:

- With mechanically weak coolant & insulation gone, *winding robust*
- Current commutation among turns makes NI coil *self-protecting*
- NI coils *compact, much more so* than just by the insulation space



Seungyong Hahn, Dong Kuen Park, Juan Bascuñán, and Yukikazu Iwasa, "HTS pancake coils without turn-to-turn insulation," *IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond.* 21, 1592 (4pp) (2011).

## NI Pancake Coil: Why So Compact?



Insulated Pancake

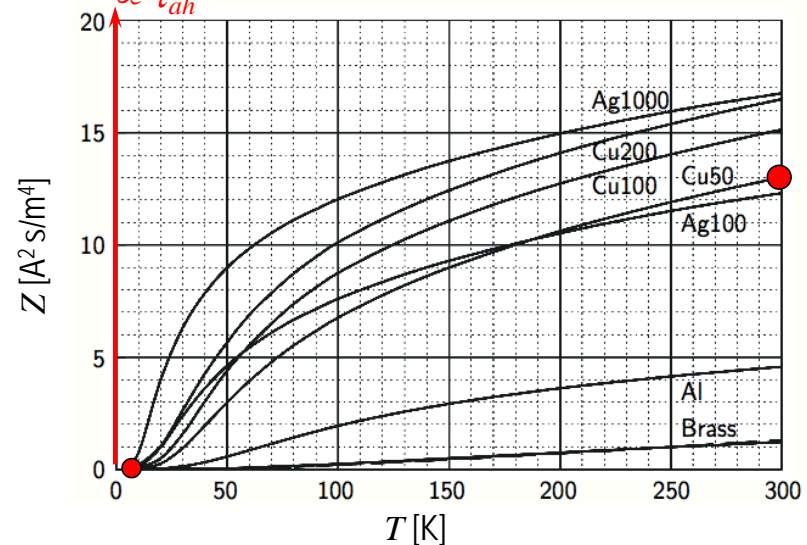
$$I_{op} = 250 \text{ A}$$

$\sim \lambda J$ [A/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	$J_m$ [A/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	$\tau_{ah}$ [s]
660	1563	0.18
210	260	4.2

Adiabatic Heating of a Quench Zone

$$Z(T_f, T_i) \equiv \int_{T_i}^{T_f} \frac{C_m(T)}{\rho_m(T)} dT = \left( \frac{\gamma_{m/s}}{1 + \gamma_{m/s}} \right) J_{m_o}^2 \tau_{ah}$$

$\propto \tau_{ah}$



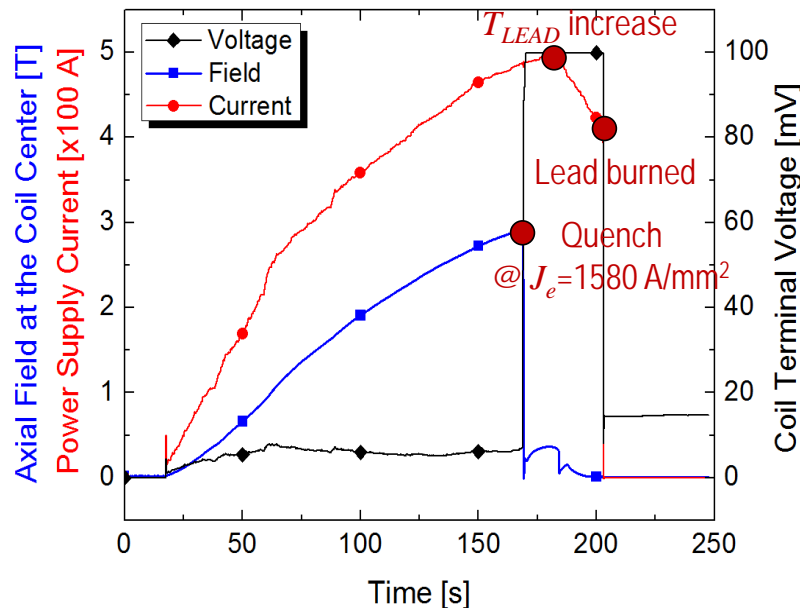
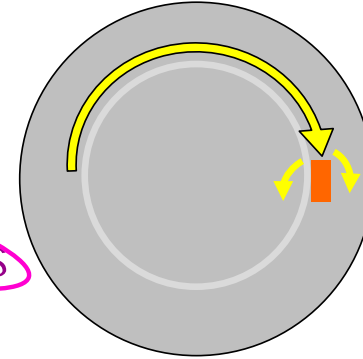
*NI Pancake:  $\lambda J \sim 660 \text{ A/mm}^2$ , not because of no-insulation layer, but chiefly of elimination of 200- $\mu\text{m}$  thick Cu layer, unneeded due to its self-protecting property*



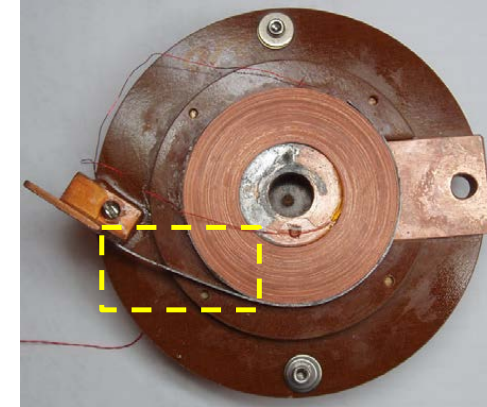
## A Self-Protecting NI Coil @77 K\*

- Coil quenched @  $I_{op} = 412$  A ( $1580$  A/mm<sup>2</sup>)
- Coil *undamaged* in 20-s "over-current" operation;  
 Short sample burned at 90 A

Insulated Pancake:  $J_m = 1563$  A/mm<sup>2</sup>,  $\tau_{ah} = 0.18$  s



NI Pancake 4-mm REBCO, 210-Turn  
 ( $2a_1 = 25.4$  mm;  $2a_2 = 53.2$  mm)



- Seungyong Hahn, Dong Kuen Park, John Vocchio, Juan Bascuñan, and Yukikazu Iwasa, "No-Insulation (NI) HTS inserts for LTS/HTS NMR magnets," *IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond.* 22, 4302405 (5pp) (2012).

## *NI DP Coil: Main Drawbacks*

NI coil, modeled as an  $LR$  circuit (next slide): two main drawbacks

1. Charging Time Delay ( $L_m/R_m$ )

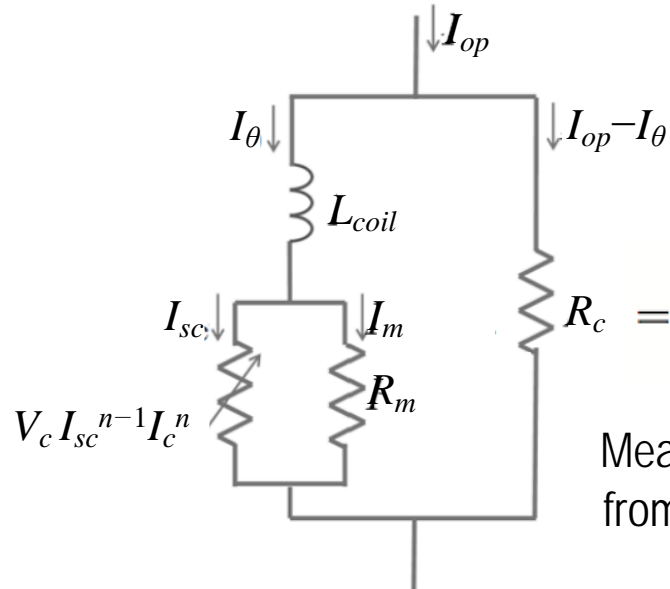
- NI coil best for DC or under “low” time-varying conditions

➤ Suitable applications: NMR; MRI

2. Dissipation under time-varying conditions ( $R_m I^2$ )

## Charging Time Delay

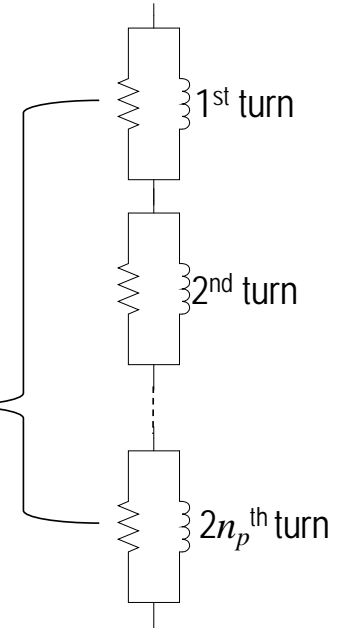
NI REBCO DP Coil: Circuit Model



$$R_c = \sum_{i=1}^{2n_p} R_i = \sum_{i=1}^{2n_p} \frac{R_{ct}}{2\pi r_i w_d}$$

Measured  $R_{ct}$ : 30—70  $\mu\Omega \text{ cm}^2$   
 from small NI REBCO DP coils

NI REBCO DP coil



Shunt resistance  $R_m$  of a magnet of  $N_m$  NI REBCO DP coils, each of  $2n_p$  turns

$$R_m = \frac{N_m(2n_p)R_c}{[\ell_m w / N_m(2n_p)]} = \frac{4N_m^2 n_p^2 R_c}{\ell_m w} \quad (1) \quad \rightarrow \quad \tau_m = \frac{L_m}{R_m} \quad (2)$$

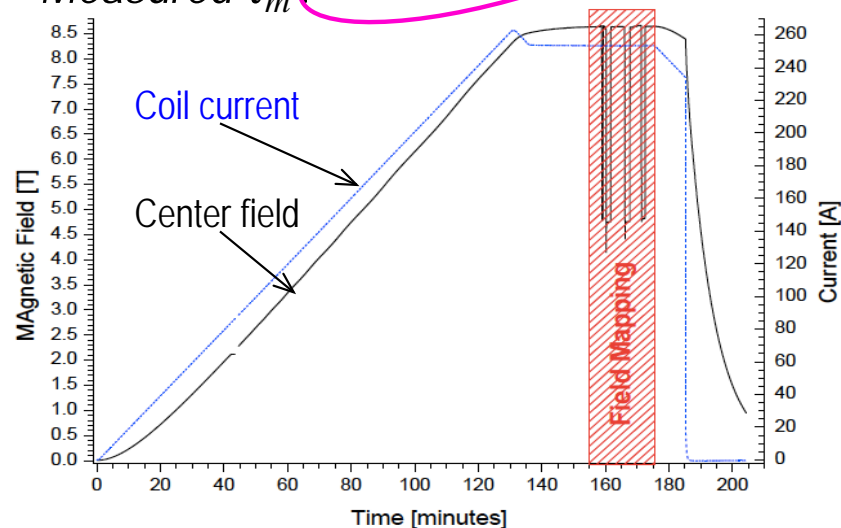
## A 26-DP-NI-Coil REBCO Magnet\*

Computed  $\tau_m$  (Eqs. 1 & 2)

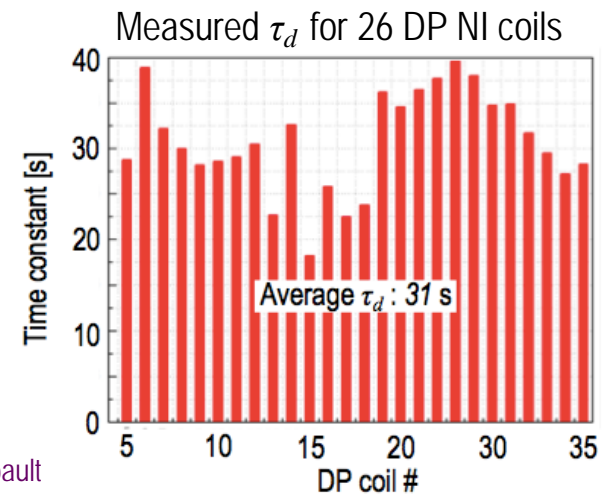
$$R_m = \frac{4N_m^2 n_p^2 R_{ct}}{\ell_m (w = 6 \text{ mm})} = 17.2 \text{ m}\Omega \quad (1)$$

$$\tau_m = \frac{L_m}{R_m} = \frac{2.43 \text{ H}}{17.2 \text{ m}\Omega} = 2.3 \text{ min.} \quad (2)$$

Measured  $\tau_m \sim 2.5 \text{ min}$



Total # DP NI Coils ( $N_m$ Eq.1)	26
# turns/pancake ( $n_p$ Eq. 1)	185
Conductor length ( $l_m$ Eq. 1)	3.14 km
Magnet inductance $L_m$	2.43 H
$R_m$	17.2 m $\Omega$
$\tau_m$ (Eq. 2)	2.3 min.



Equivalent  $R_{ct} = 35 \mu\Omega \text{ cm}^2$

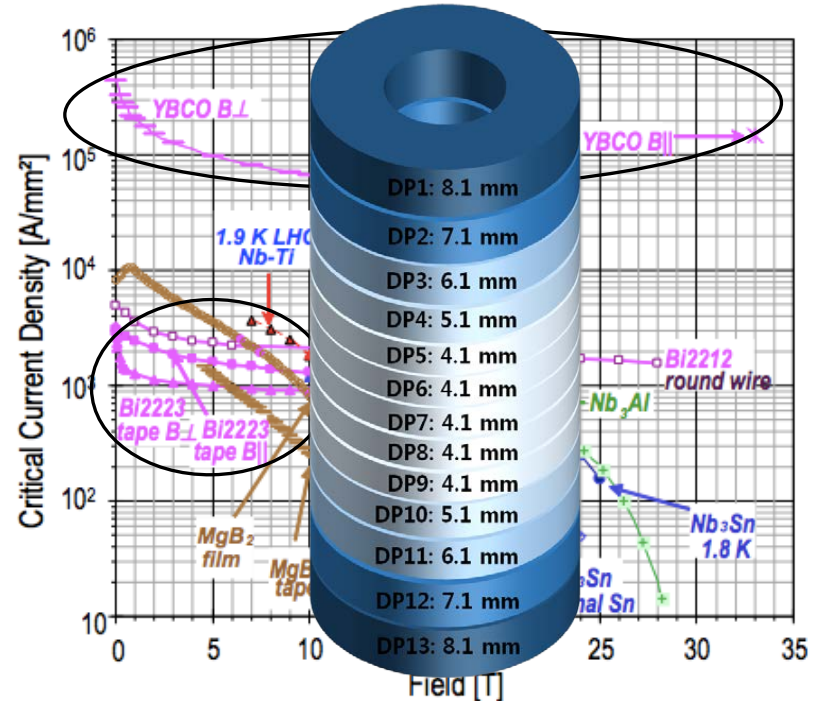
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## Design Options for Efficient (High-Performance) Magnet

### 3. Adiabatic-NI-MW (Multi-Width)\*

#### MW Winding Formation

- Akin to conductor-grading used in LTS nested coils: lesser  $I_c(B)$ -performance conductors for radially farther layer-wound coils
- To ameliorate anisotropic  $I_c(B)$ -performance of HTS tape, wider tapes in axially farther DP coils
- Clearly this 13-NI-MW-DP magnet\*\* (overall height: 150 mm) more efficient than a 13-NI-DP magnet (overall height ~208 mm = 13 × 2 × 8 mm)



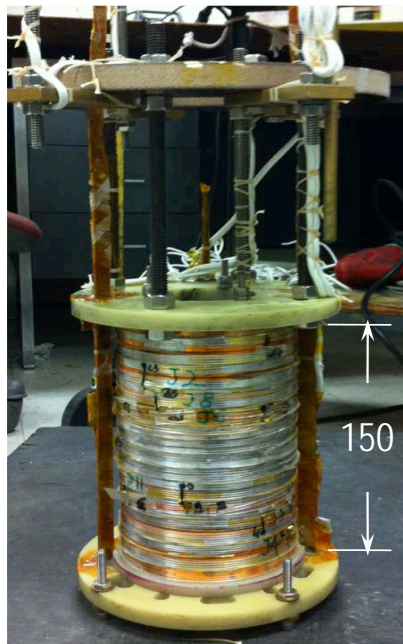
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\*\* Seungyong Hahn, Jungbin Song, Youngjae Kim, Thibault Lècrevisse, Young Chu, John Voccio, Juan Bascuñán, and Yukikazu Iwasa, "Construction and test of 7-T/68-mm cold bore multi-width, no-insulation GdBCO magnet," ASC2014 (August, 2014).

## Adiabatic-NI-MW

— A 7-T (300-MHz)/54-mm bore REBCO Magnet —

( $I_{op} = 250$  A;  $T_{op} = 4.2$  K;  $2a_1 = 78$  mm;  $2a_2 = 101$  mm;  $L = 0.592$  H)

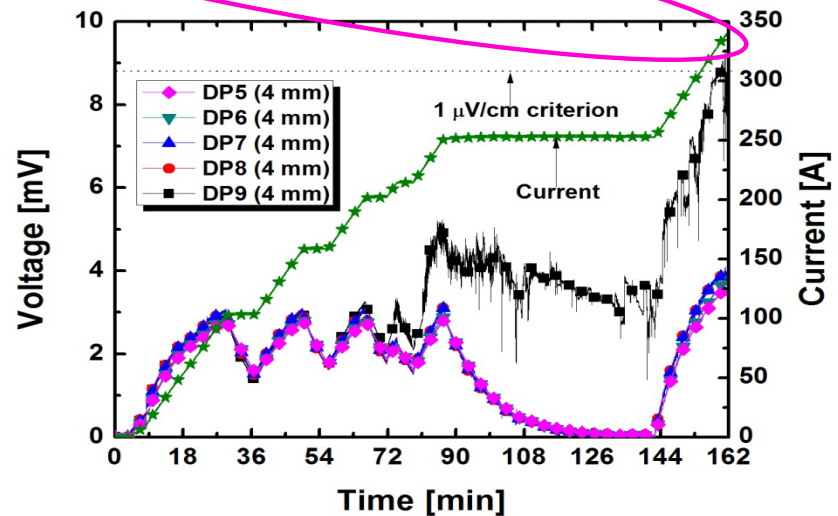
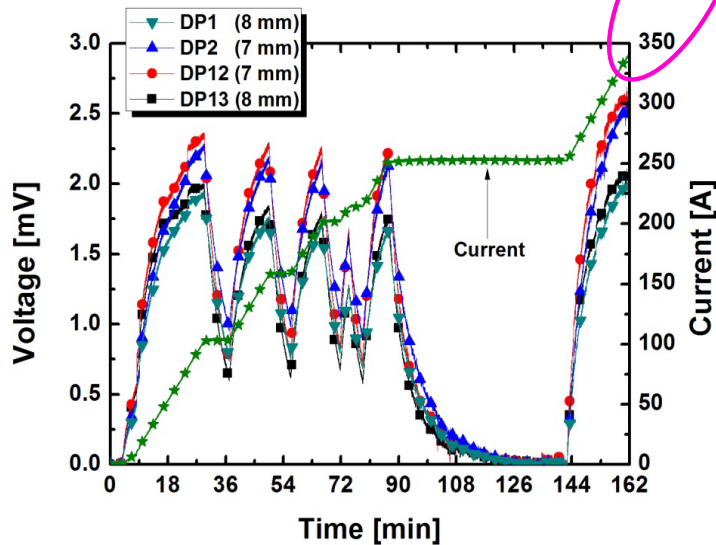
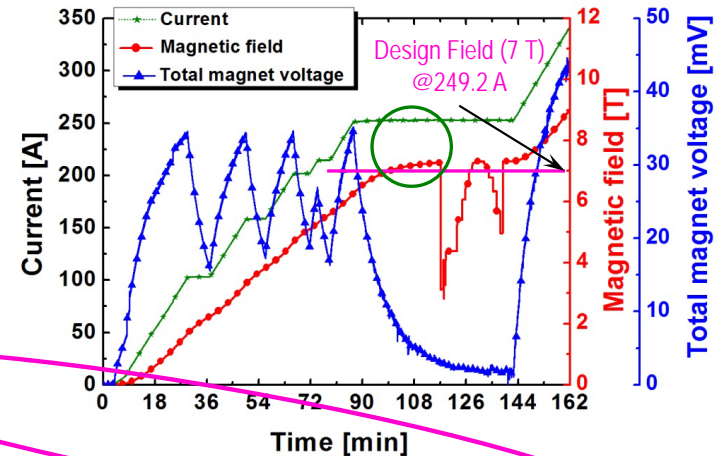


Selected *Averaged* Parameter Values

DP #	$w$ [mm]	$I_c$ (tape) [A]	$I_c$ (coil) [A]	$R_C$ [ $\mu\Omega$ ]	$\tau_d$ [s]
1	8.1	300	76.5	197	46
2	7.1	270	70.4	251	37
3	6.1	236	64.1	177	55
4	5.1	271	57.3	288	35
5	4.1	171	51.7	102	103
6	4.1	171	49.4	95	110
7	4.1	171	48.6	549	19
8--13	Bottom half (13—8) similar to top half (1—6)				
				$R_m$	3.84 m $\Omega$

## Selected Results @4.2 K\*

- Achieved 7.31 T (311 MHz) @253.1 A
- Measured charging delay  $\tau_d \sim 3$  min, close to  $L/R_m \sim 154$  s
- Magnet undamaged, even after pushed to an over-current of 343 A



\* Seungyong Hahn, Jungbin Song, Thibault Lècrevisse, Yukikazu Iwasa (unpublished, October 2014).

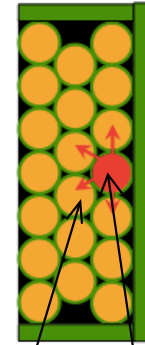
## Protection & Normal Zone Propagation (NZP)

- “Small” LTS magnets rely on “fast” NZP velocity to spread out the normal zone to keep the “hot spot” from overheating
- “Large” LTS magnets rely on “subdivision” (by shunt resistors), but the subdivision technique too relies on “fast” NZP velocity
- In HTS magnets, NZP velocities ( $U_l$ , longitudinal &  $U_t$ , transverse) very slow, compared with those in LTS magnets: if relied only on NZP, an HTS hot spot overheated

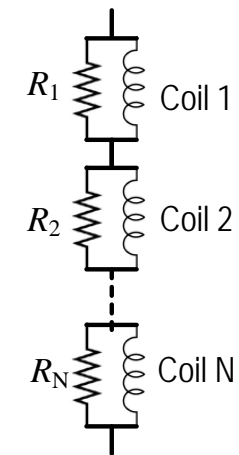
$$U_l(T) = \frac{J_m}{C_{cd}(T)} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_m(T)k_m(T)}{(T_{cs} - T_{op})}}$$

for HTS  $C_{cd}(T)$  very large  $\Rightarrow U_{lHTS} \ll U_{lLTS}$

Also for HTS,  $U_t(T) < 0.1 U_l(T)$



NZP “Hot spot”





## Protection & Normal Zone Propagation (NZP)

### Selected Measured Longitudinal NZP Velocities ( $U_l$ )

Superconductor	$B_{op}$ [T]	$T_{op}$ [K]	$J_m$ [A/cm <sup>2</sup> ]	$U_l$ [mm/s]	Group (Year)
Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn	0	12	70,300	511	MIT (1993)
	5	5.5	46,875	526	MIT (1993)
Bi2223	0	40	22,700	1.9	MIT (1993)
YBCO	0	46	1,000–1500	2–8	ORNL (2002)
	0	77	300–1500	3–10	NHMFL (2002)
	5	60	20,000	1	Waseda (2004)
	8	10	28,570	45	Grenoble-Saclay(2013)

HTS magnet must rely on active protection or  
*be a self-protecting assembly of NI coils*

## Two Major Drawbacks of HTS Tape vs. LTS Wire

Both stem from a huge difference in their characteristic sizes,  $d_f$   
 $\sim 1000 \mu\text{m} \gg \sim 50 \mu\text{m}$

### 1. Screening-Current Field (SCF), for NMR & MRI magnets

- SCF  $\propto$  magnetization  $\propto J_c \times d_f$  ( HTS tape  $\gg$  LTS wire)
  - $\searrow$  Spatial field homogeneity
  - New field shimming techniques: HTS shims\* & “shaking” field\*\*

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## Two Major Drawbacks of *HTS* Tape vs. *LTS* Wire

Both stem from a huge difference in their characteristic sizes,  $d_f$

$$\sim 1000 \mu\text{m} \gg \sim 50 \mu\text{m}$$

### 2. AC losses for time-varying applications: *HTS* Tape $\gg$ *LTS* wire

- Twisted multi-tape *Bi2223*;<sup>\*</sup>
- Striated or scribed *REBCO* tape<sup>\*\*</sup>

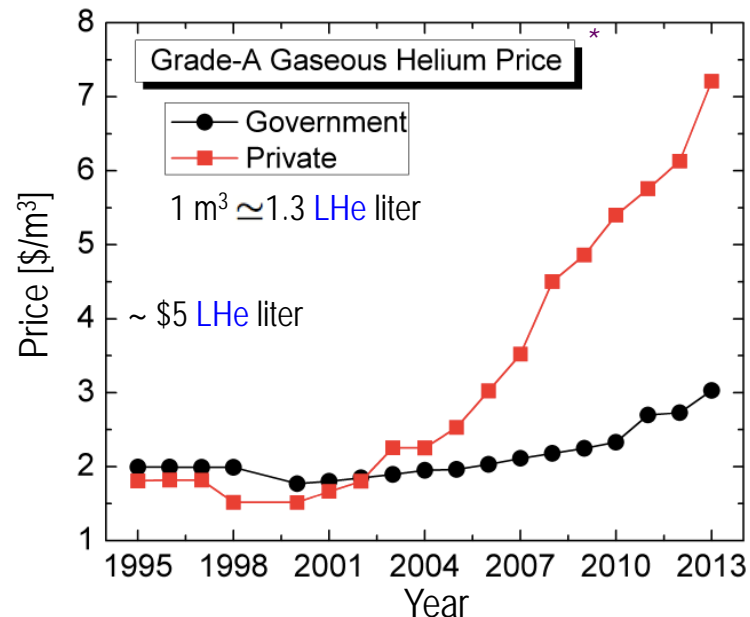
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## Liquid Helium (LHe)-Free Operation

- LHe-free magnet more relevant, and urgent, than ever as ↗ He price
- LHe-free HTS magnet @ $T_{op} > 10$  K easier to meet cryogenic requirements than its LTS counterpart @LHe temperatures

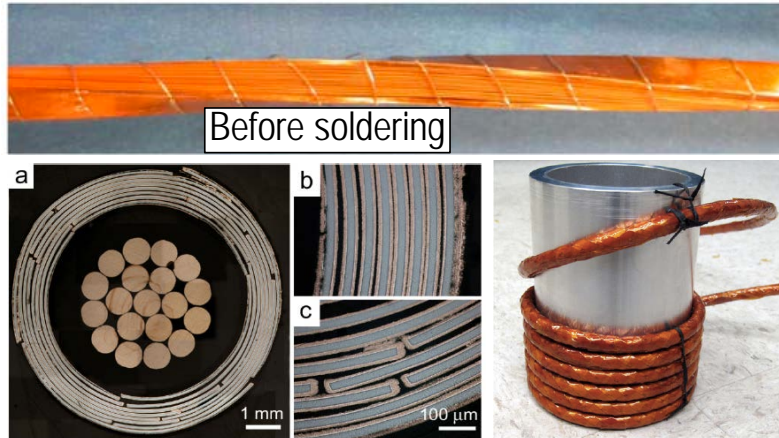


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## High-Current *HTS* Cables for Magnets

- $E_{mag} \propto VI_{op} \tau$
- In either charging or discharging sequence,  $\nearrow I_{op}$ :  $\searrow V \tau$
- For large energy *LTS* magnet systems, LHC, ITER,  $I_{op} > 1\text{kA}$
- Except for power cables,  $I_{op} < 500\text{ A}$

## Recent High-Current **REBCO** Cables for Magnets



\* 4.8 mm x 4.8 mm cross section cable of 32 **REBCO** tapes (4 mm x 0.01 mm), stacked between Cu strips Twist pitch: 200 mm

\*\* Left: a) 8 layers with 3 dummy conductors, wound around a 5.5-mm former; b) 10 × close-up; c) between layers. Right: 6-turn inner layer of a magnet of φ7-mm cable.

- Assembly of “many” parallel, twisted **REBCO** tapes wrapped into a cable
- Technical issues for magnet applications
  - Full exposure to the  $I_c$  anisotropy of **HTS** tape
  - Cross-section unsuitable to tight packing winding:  $\searrow \lambda J$

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## High-Current Cables with REBCO Tape\*

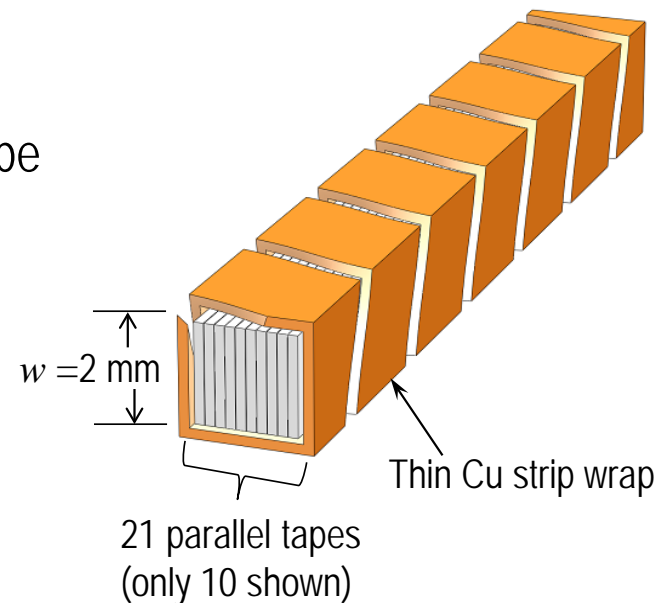
- HTS cable designed for magnet:  $\nearrow \lambda J$
- Modular formation of base cables: scalable to high  $I$

### Base Cable

- $m$  parallel  $w$ -wide,  $\delta$ -thick, REBCO tape
- $m$ : 10-100 (or even greater)
- $w$ : may range 1-3 mm—here 2 mm
- $\delta$ : 70-100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick = REBCO tape

### Cable Formation



- Bundle of  $M \times N$  base cables



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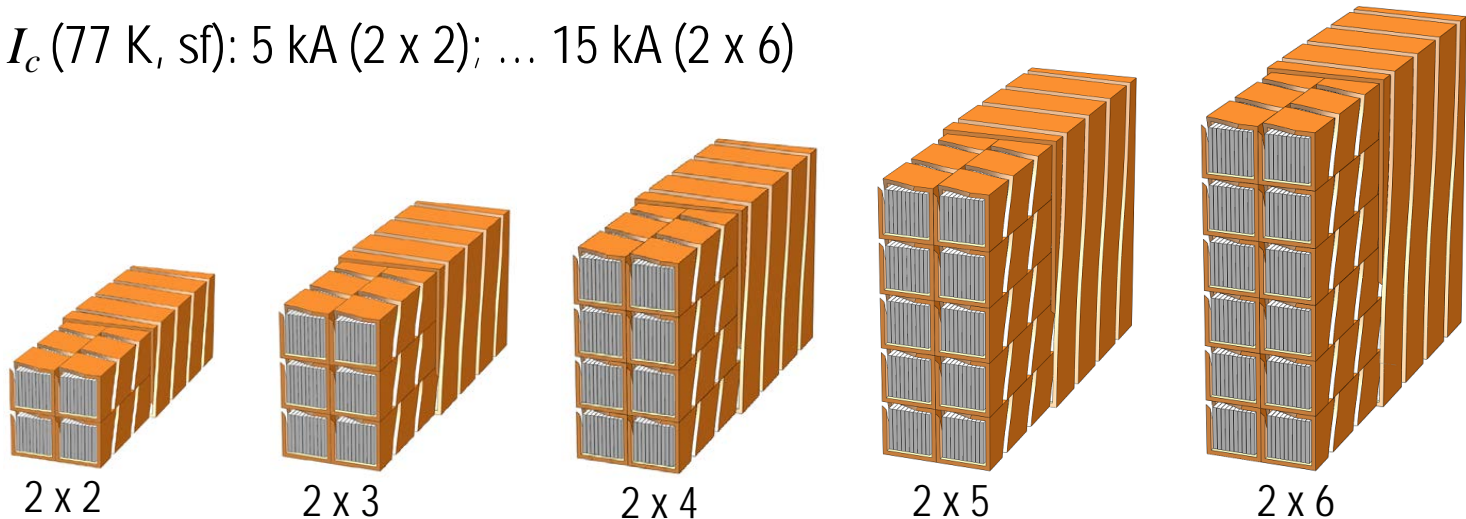
## HTS-High Current Cables

### Notable Features

- Option: No insulation, inside and outside the cable assembly
  - Applicable to NI and NI-MW winding techniques
- Cu strip wrap, not soldered to the blocks, to allow the cable to be bent
-  or  base orientation in M x N cables to lessen field-anisotropy effects

HTS Cables: M = 2; N = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

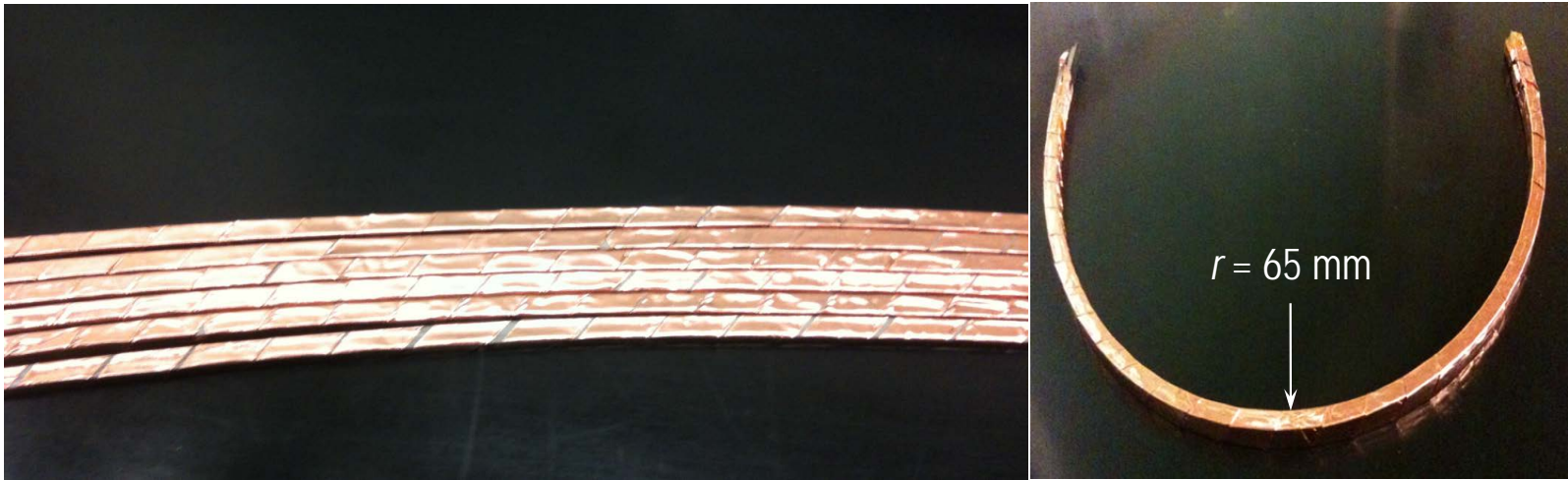
- $I_c$  (77 K, sf): 5 kA (2 x 2); ... 15 kA (2 x 6)





## *Practice Base Cable, with Stainless Steel (SS) Tape\**

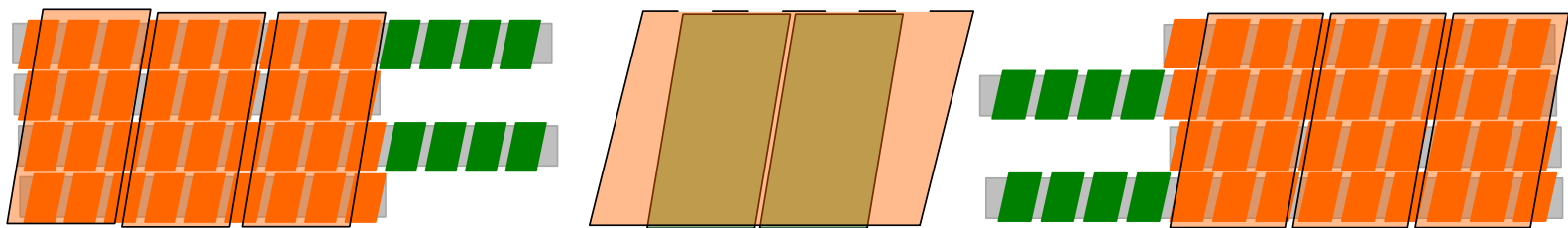
- Base Cable a stack of 20 SS tapes, 2-mm x 0.1-mm
- Wrapped by 5-mm x 0.04-mm Cu strip



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## Joining Two HTS High-Current Cables (2 x 4)\*

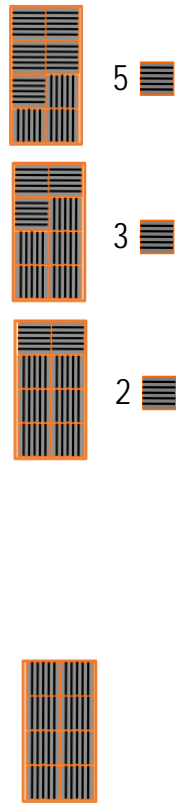
1. Prepare one end of a cable (here 2 x 4), ready for "finger" joint;  
Wrap solder (green) strip over each building block in the joint area
2. Bring together the two ends
3. Wrap wide solder strip over the exposed ends
4. Wrap over the solder-wrapped joint with wide, thin Cu strip, with holes at the top side, to supply additional solder during Step 5
5. Heat up, melt the solder, letting solder penetrate the entire cable ends



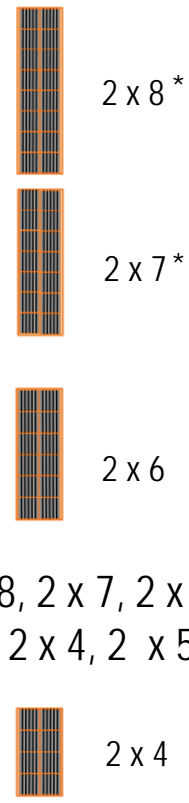
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## Application Examples

DP-Coil Magnet  
(2 x 4 Cable)

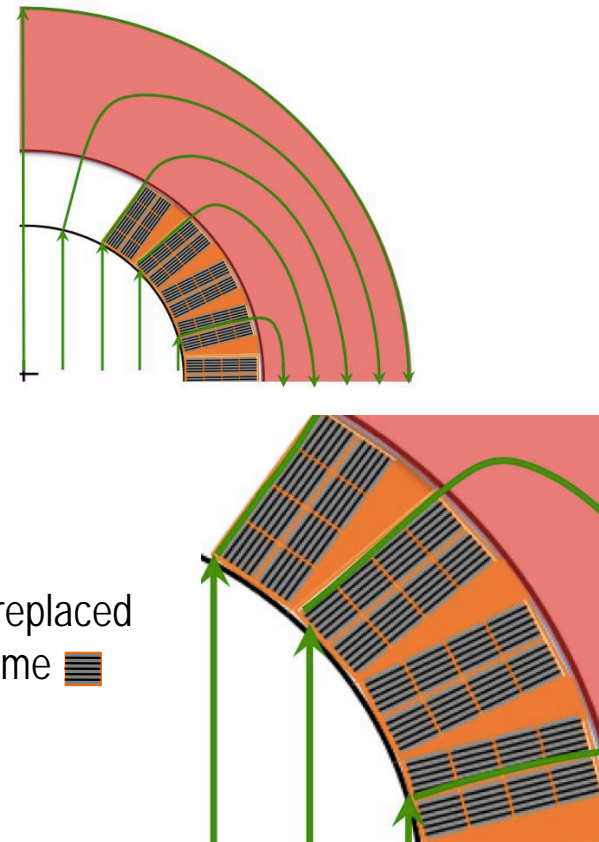


DP-MW-Coil Magnet



\* 2 x 8, 2 x 7, 2 x 6 may be replaced with 2 x 4, 2 x 5 having some 

Dipole (& Quadrupole)



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## Challenges for HTS Tape

- Superconducting splices, for NMR & MRI
  - To date, techniques available only for MgB<sub>2</sub> wire\* and GdBCO tape\*\*
- Quench detection
- Longer unit length (like LTS, → 10 km) with *uniform* properties
- Price: competitive vs. LTS

Technology	Performance	Competitor	Criterion
Enabling	Yes	No	Performance
Replacing	No	Yes	Price

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## *Conclusions*

- For **HTS**, needed:
  - Imaginative scientific & industrial applications
  - Innovative, inspired designs & manufacturing techniques
    - Money
- For high-field and >10-K applications,  
with **HTS** tape, *the sky's the limit*

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