



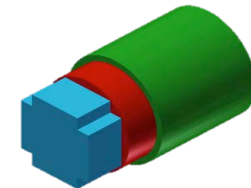
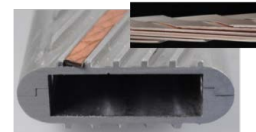
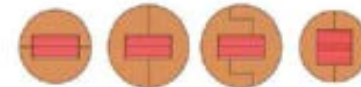
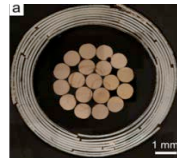
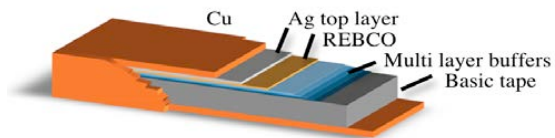
High Current HTS Cables - Status and Actual Development

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The following slides are essentially identical to what was shown in Seoul.

However, one slide was removed because we have not received the courtesy to show this via IEEE CSC and ESAS Superconductivity News Forum (SNF) <http://snf.iececsc.org/>

Two slides were slightly changed by the content owner and two slides were added to give actual content (these slides are flagged in the presentation).

High Current HTS Cables - Status and Actual Development

Mini-Intro

Highlighting: HTS Tape Property Progress

Overview: High Current HTS Cable Proposals

Optimizing: HTS-CroCo

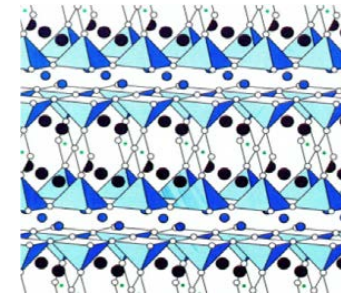
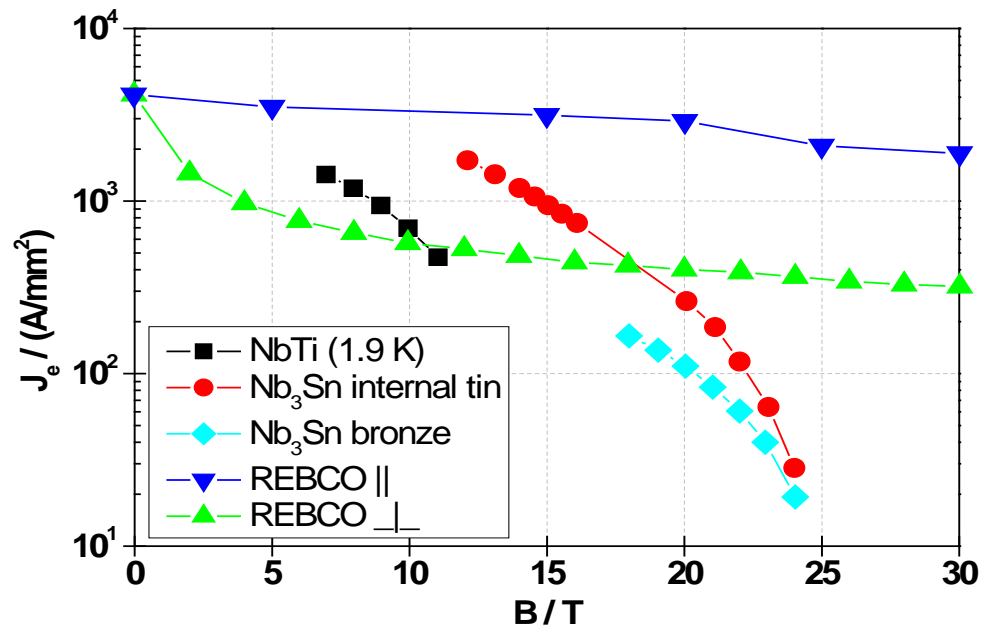
Outlook: Consequences using improved tapes

REBa₂Cu₃O_{7-d} (REBCO)

with RE = Rare Earth atom e.g. Y, Gd, Nd or other

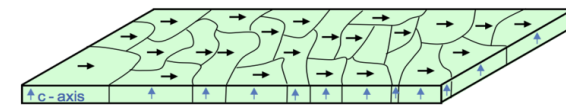
For high field REBCO is superior!

but anisotropic with respect to field orientation

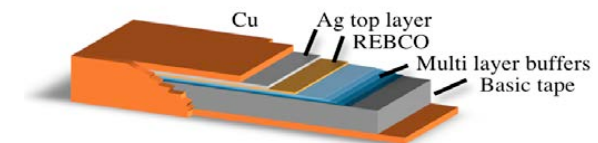


CuO₂ planes

Grain orientation mandatory

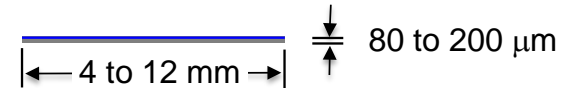


Preparation as thin films, only



HTS high current superconductor cables ?

How to come to high current cables with such tapes?



68 kA Nb₃Sn ITER TF coil cable

multi-twisted wires of 0.81 mm
cable pattern 3 x 3 x 5 x 4 x 6

- optimized for low ac losses (small temperature margin!)
- jacketed to withstand forces
- Quench safe
- central He channel for low pressure drop



Can we come to high current conductors built from High T_c Superconductors ?

What is the target for an HTS high current cable?

Application is determining!

Power transmission

- may target temperatures up to 77 K
- needs electrical stabilization (but may be switched off fast in case of quench)
- ac loss optimization (depends on ac scenario)
- needs no major optimization for forces

High field magnet application needs

- high j_e
- optimization for transversal forces and Hoop stress
- electrical stabilization (quench detection, quench safety and hot spot analysis)
- ac loss optimization (depending on operation scenario)

We have to tailor the cable design to the application!

Let's first check HTS progress!

Increasing REBCO Layer Thickness

Critical current density above 15MAcm^{-2} at 30K, 3T in $2.2 \mu\text{m}$ thick heavily-doped (Gd,Y)Ba₂Cu₃O_x superconductor tapes

V Selvamanickam et al. Supercond. Sci. Technol. 28 (2015) 072002

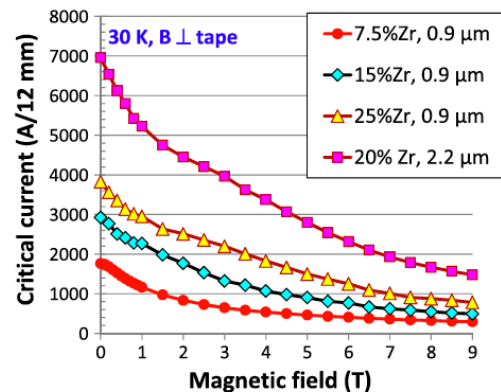


Figure 2. Magnetic field dependence of critical currents of a $2.2 \mu\text{m}$ GdYBCO tape with 20 mol% Zr addition and the best $0.9 \mu\text{m}$ thick (Gd,Y)BCO tapes with 7.5%, 15% and 25% Zr addition at 30 K in the orientation of field along the c-axis.

Decreasing Substrate Thickness to $30 \mu\text{m}$

"Improved Current Density in 2G HTS Conductors Using Thin Hastelloy® C276 Substrates"

D.W. Hazelton et al., ASC Conference Charlotte, 10-15- Aug.

more tapes in the same cross-section!

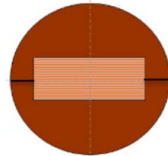
High Current HTS Cable Proposals

Different approaches for high current *REBCO* cables:

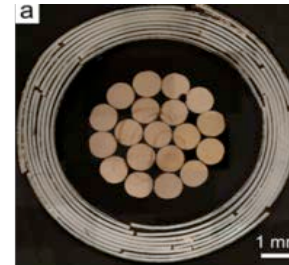


**Twisted Stacked Cable (TSTC)
(MIT)**

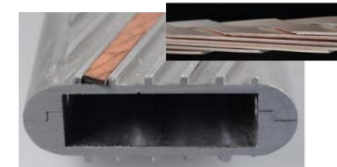
**Round TSTC
(CRPP)**



**CORC
(Advanced Conductor Technologies LLC)**

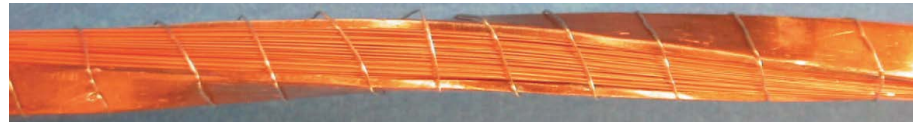


**Roebel-Rutherford
(KIT)**



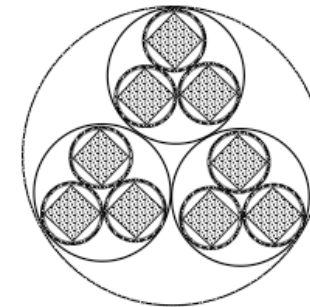
Twisted stacked-tape cable conductor

Makoto Takayasu, L. Chiesa, L. Bromberg and J.V. Minervini,
Supercond. Sci. Technol. 25 (2012) 014011



A twisted stacked-tape cable demonstrator made by MIT
with 40 superpower tapes of 4 mm width
has been measured in KIT in the FBI facility
and carried a current of **5.4 kA at 4.2 K and 12 T**
(C. Barth et al., SUST 28 (2015) 045015)

**A 9-conductor cable (3x3) of 35 mm diameter may provide
15 kA at 77 K in self-field and 60 kA at 20 T / 4.2 K.**



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TSTC Conductor : Scale-up industrial fabrication

H-Channel TSTC Conductor



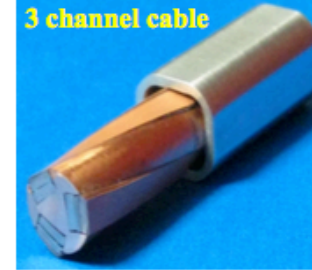
40 tape dual-stack cable

CICC mockup of TSTC conductor

12 mm x 12 mm, copper diameter 9.5 mm



40 YBCO tapes



20 YBCO tapes in each helical groove

Multiple-stage cable



3x3 cable



12 sub-cable conductor

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Challenges with the use of a deep channel

Solutions

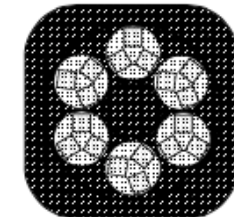


Tapes dislocated with twisting.

Vertical stack in helical groove



Mount TSTC basic conductor in a groove

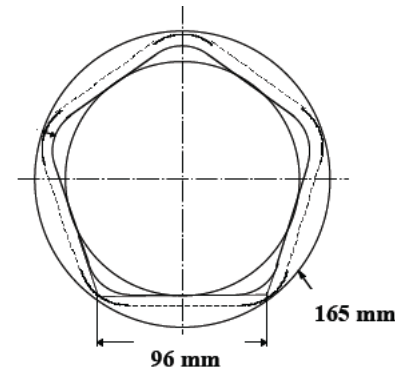
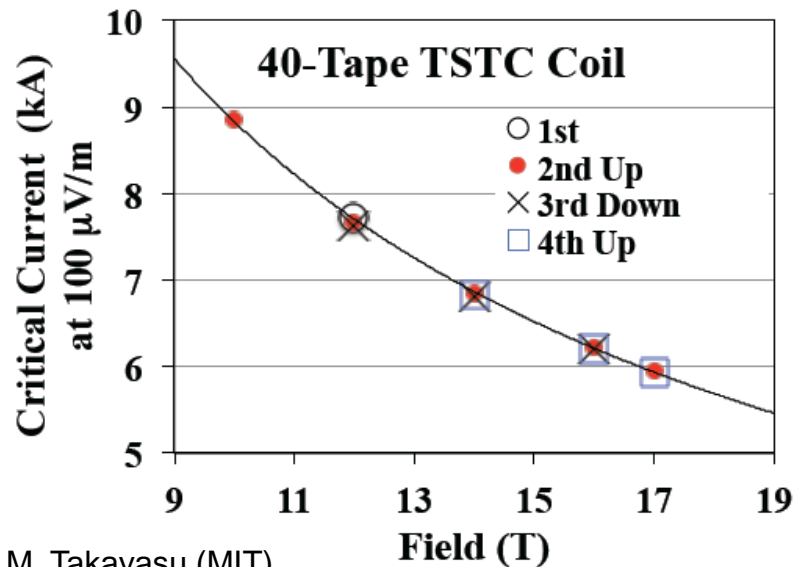


3x6 CICC

Pentagon Coil Test at NHMFL

TSTC conductor of 40-tape,
4 mm width, 0.1 mm thick REBCO Tapes (SuperPower 120 A at 77 K)
reached $I_c = 6.0$ kA ($n=35$) at 17 T

B - I_c results



40-tape TSTC
wound on braided
copper in groove
and soldered.

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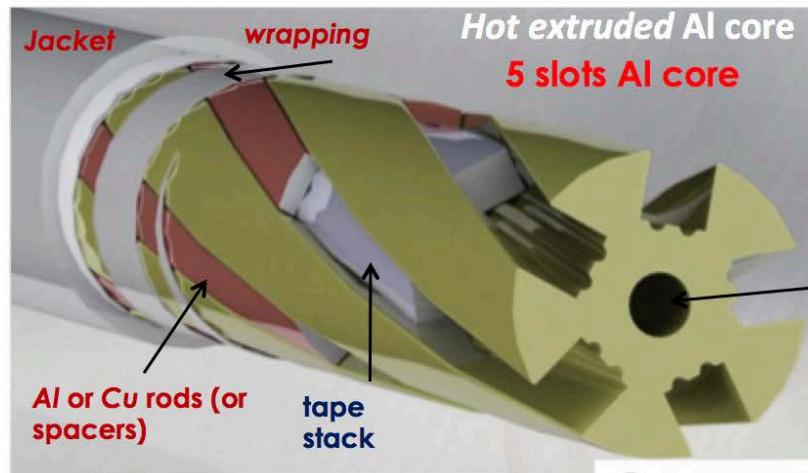


2G-wire slotted core CIC Conductor: Cable concept



ENEA - TRATOS design for **20 kA – class cable**

Design driver: *industrial process feasibility*



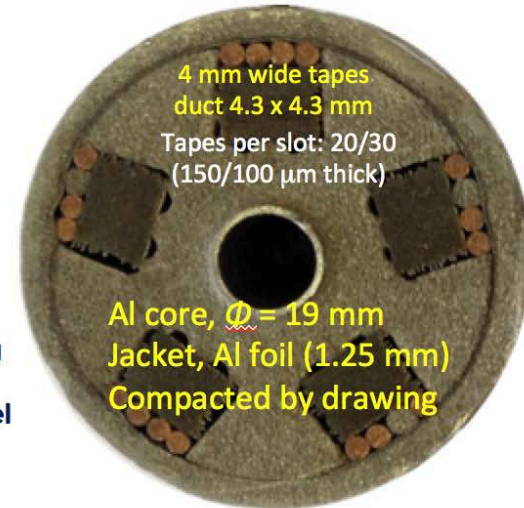
cooling mechanisms:

coolant flows in central channel and slots

more efficient cooling of stack and heat excess removal

Expected $J_e \approx 70 \text{ A/mm}^2$ **SC/non SC = 1.5 %**

Total cross section = 360 mm^2



Cable composition (for 20 x 5 tapes)

Metal Stabilizer = 206.49 mm^2	57.4%
Al = 47.4%	$\text{Cu}_{\text{rods}} = 4.4\%$
	$\text{Cu}_{\text{tapes}} = 5.6\%$
Void = 38.9 mm^2	10.8%
SS = 40.0 mm^2	11.1%
Jacket = 74.6 mm^2	20.7%

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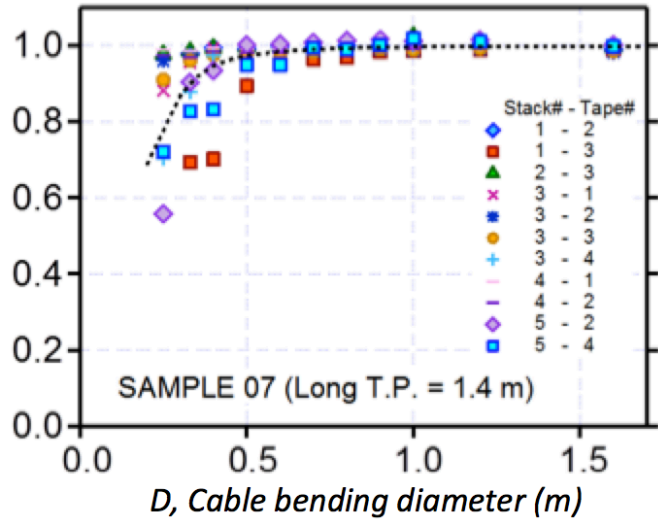
G. Celentano *et al.*, *IEEE TRANS. APPL. SUPERCOND.*, VOL. 24, NO. 3 (2014)



Cable characterizations & performances



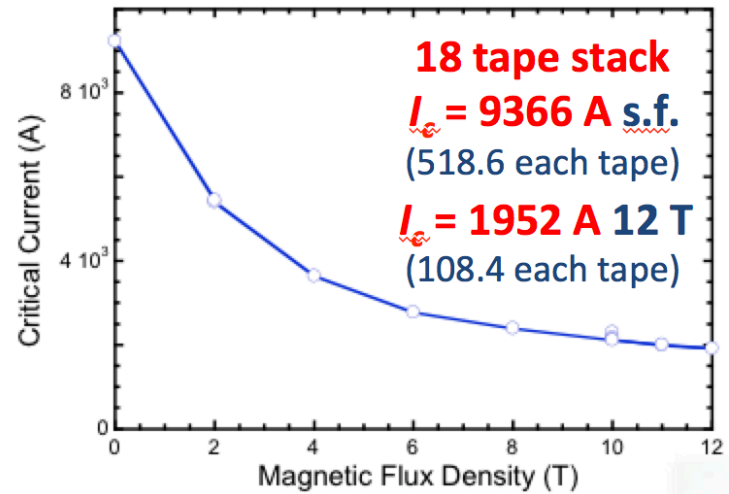
Bending test Massachusetts Institute of Technology



@ D = 550 mm: no relevant I_c degradation observed

tapes are allowed to slip improving the bending properties

Electric test @ 4.2 K in magnetic field at FBI facility Karlsruhe Institute of Technology



FEM Code Calculated Cable (5 slots) I_c
@ 4.2 K, 12 T

9 kA with **SuNAM** SCN04150 tapes
20 kA with **SPI** SCS4050-AP

G. De Marzi et al., IEEE TRANS. APPL. SUPERCOND., VOL. 25, NO. 3 (2015)

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 G. De Marzi et al., MT24 October 21th 2015, IEEE TRANS. APPL. SUPERCOND. *submitted*



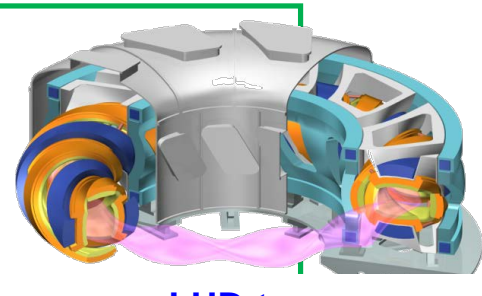
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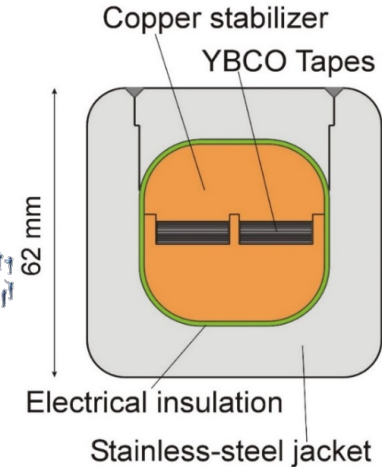
100 kA-class HTS Conductor for FFHR-d1 "STARS" (Stacked Tapes Assembled in Rigid Structure)

Major Specifications

Operation current	94 kA @ 12 T
Operation temperature	20 K
Conductor size	62 mm × 62 mm
Current density	24.5 A/mm ²
Superconductor	YBCO tapes
Cabling method	Simple Stacking
Cooling method	Helium gas
Joint	Mechanical bridge-type lap joint

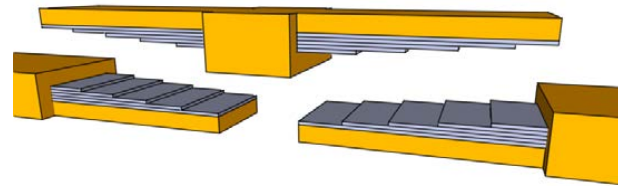


LHD-type
Heliotron Fusion Reactor
FFHR-d1



N. Yanagi (NIFS)
HTS4Fusion Conductor Workshop
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e.g. *NUCL. FUSION* 55 (2015) 053021

S. Ito (Tohoku Univ.)
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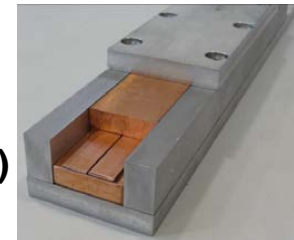
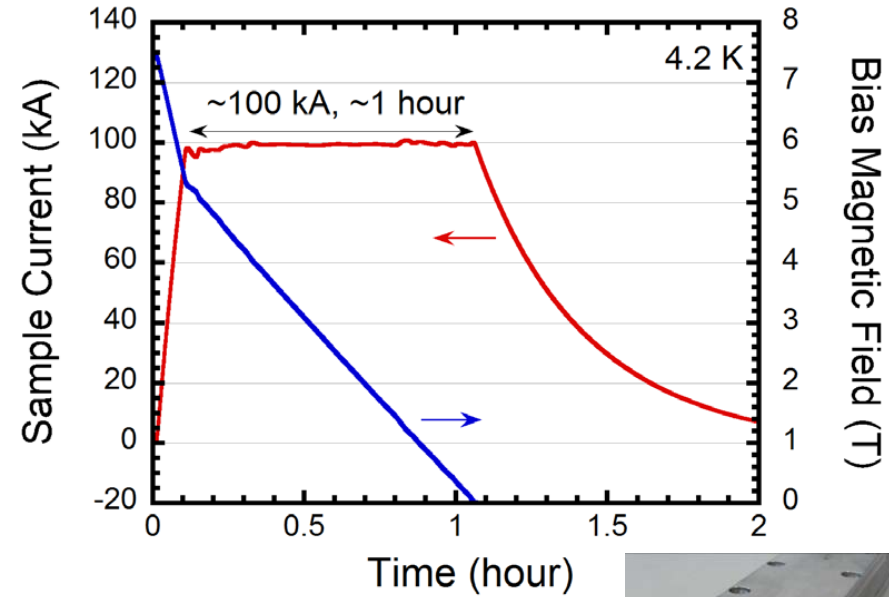
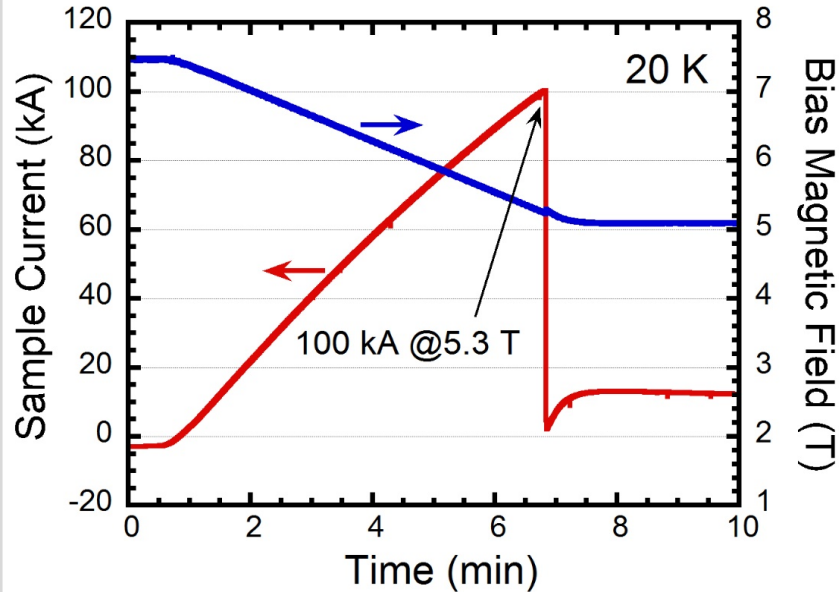
No twist foreseen in heliotrons
It's planned to introduce multiple joints!
Details in 4OrBC_07 Nagato Yanagi at MT24.



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100 kA test of prototype STARS conductor and joint



- Prototype sample (54 GdBCO tapes, 1 turn loop, mechanical bridge-type lap joint)
- 100 kA achieved @20 K, 5.3 T (quench due to a failure near joint)
- 118 kA achieved @4.2 K, 0.45 T (no quench)
- 100 kA sustained for 1 hour @4.2 K
- Joint resistance ~ 1.8 n Ω (evaluated from decay time constant)

Conductor on Round Core Cables

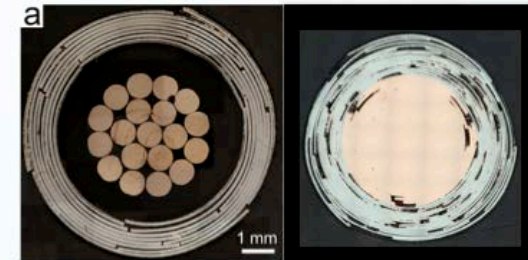


Conductor on Round Core cables



CORC® cable principle

Winding many high-temperature superconducting YBCO coated conductors from SuperPower in a helical fashion with the YBCO under compression around a small former.



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Benefits

- The most flexible HTS cable available
- Very high currents and current densities
- Mechanically very strong
- Current sharing between tapes
- Partially transposed



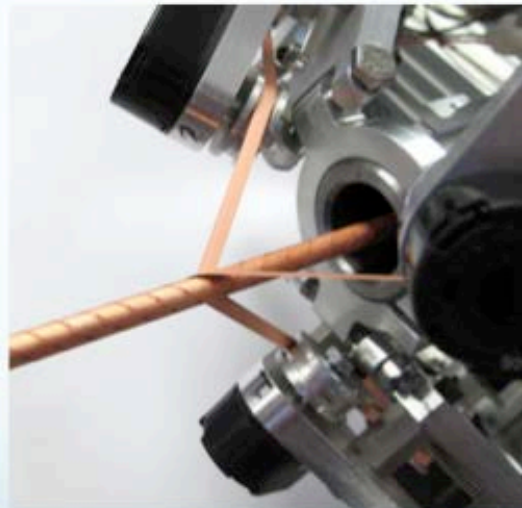
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CORC[®] cable winding

Winding of long CORC[®] cables with custom cable machine:

- Accurate control of cable layout (tape tension, gaps spacing, etc)
- Long cable lengths possible (>100 meters)



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**Improved accuracy now allows winding of CORC[®] cables from tapes with 30 μm substrate
Tape I_c retention increased from 70 % to over 90 % during last 3 months**



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CORC cables are available in long lengths, right now

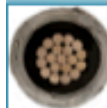
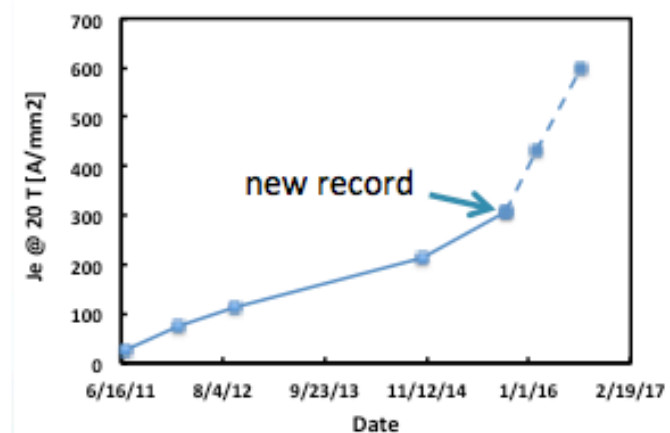
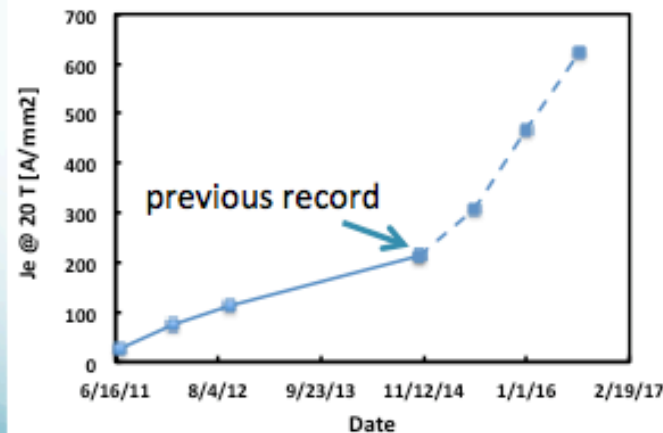
- Wound from tapes with 30 μm substrates
- I_c up to 6.5 kA at 20 T
- J_e of over 300 A/mm² at 20 T
- Cable quality results in 92 % I_c retention

J_e at 20 T in CORC® cables as projected at LTSW Feb. 2015

- > 300 A/mm² Sept. 2015 through tapes with 30 μm substrate ✓
- > 450 A/mm² Dec. 2015 through tapes with 15 % Zr doping (same cable layout)
- > 600 A/mm² 2016/2017 through tapes with thicker YBCO

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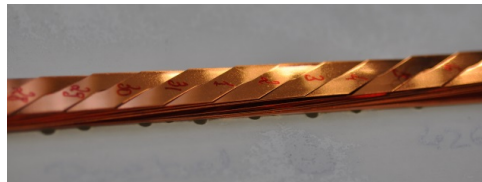
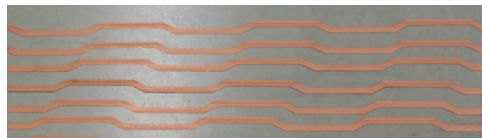


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Roebel Cable prepared by KIT

W. Goldacker et al, J. Phys. Conf. Series 43, (2006) p.901
First ROEBEL cable made from REBCO



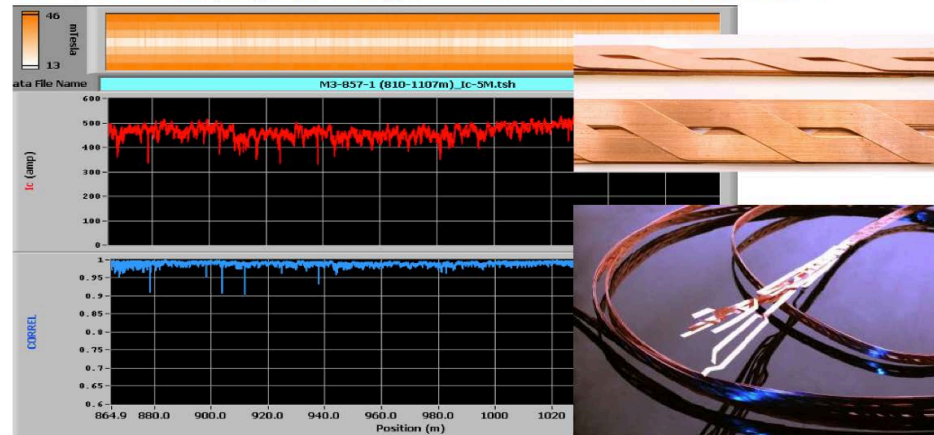
ROEBEL assembled REBCO
with 31 strands, 12 mm width
SuperOx material, **2.7 kA** s.f. 77 K
2OrAA_01, MT-24, F. Grilli et al.

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON



ROEBEL cables made with 2,000 m of coated conductor with
uniform I_c and excellent 2D I_c uniformity

$I_c = 341$ A/12 mm, single piece length = 297 m **Correlation coefficient > 0.9**



V. Selvamanickam,
EUCAS / ISEC / ICMC conference, Den Haag, Netherlands
Sept. 19-23, 2011



Roebel cable

A. Kario et al.

Mechanical Properties of Roebel Coated Conductor Cable

WAM-HTS-1 (1st Workshop on Accelerator Magnets in HTS), Hamburg, Germany, May 21-23, 2014

- Bending: Easy direction down to 10 mm radius for a 10 strands cable with 126 mm twist length (but depends on tape type)
- Transverse stress: Impregnation or other support needed

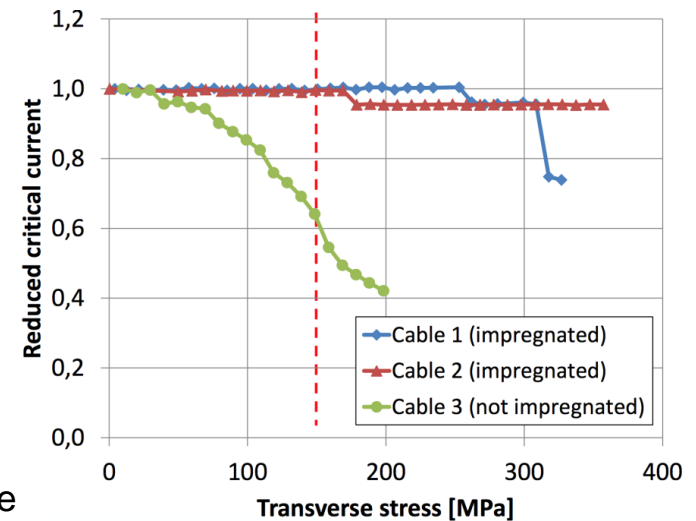
S. Otten et al.

Enhancement of the transverse stress tolerance of REBCO Roebel cables by epoxy impregnation

Supercond. Sci. Technol. 28 (2015) 065014

$T = 4.2 \text{ K},$
 $B = 10.5 \text{ T}$

Measurement in the cable press at the University of Twente



HTS for +5 T (REBCO)

**EuCARD-2 (task 10) feasibility-demo to use REBCO for future accelerator magnets
 +5 T with REBCO in a 15 T background**



L. Bottura et al.

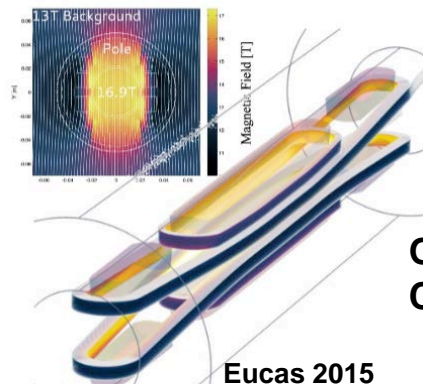
Advances in the Development of a 10-kA Class REBCO cable for EuCARD2 Demonstrator Magnet
 EUCAS 2015, Lyon, September 6th-10th, 2015

Target performance

Parameter		R&D target	Minimum
J_E (4.2 K, 20 T)	(A/mm ²)	600	400
Unit length	(m)	100	50
$\sigma(I_c)$	(%)	10	
M (1.5 T, 10 mT/s)	(mT)	300	
Minimum $\sigma_{\text{transverse}}$	(MPa)		100
Range of $\epsilon_{\text{longitudinal}}$	(%)		± 0.3

Target cable I_c in the range of 10 kA

5 T HTS (YBCO) stand-alone dipole for test in FReSCa2 (40 mm bore)



One of the proposed Coil designs (CERN)

Eucas 2015

G. Kirby et al., "Design, construction and test of subscale coils with REBCO Roebel cable for the EuCARD-2 Future Magnets project", 2M-LS-O2



Main Advantages of Roebel Assembled Coated Conductor:

- transposed
- high j_E

More details at MT24 in

- **2OrAC_06 Anna Kario**
- **3Po8D_09 Wilfried Goldacker**

CRPP: Forming Round strands by enclosing stacked conductor in Cu half shells

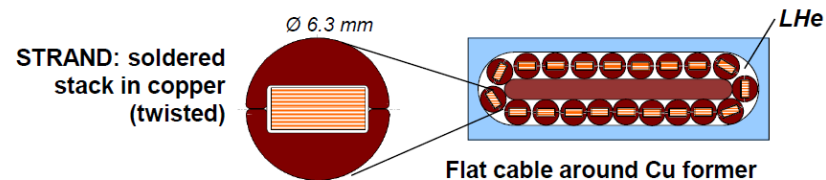
D. Uglietti et al.

Development of high current HTS conductors for Fusion at CRPP

WAM-HTS-1 (1st Workshop on Accelerator Magnets in HTS),
Hamburg, Germany, May 21-23, 2014



CRPP Cable design



Why soldered stack strand?

- Mechanically solid (no voids)
- Low inter-tape resistance which is beneficial for current redistribution (inductive or during quenches)

Why flat cable?

- Limit transverse stress accumulation (see ITER cables...)
- Optimal cross section
- Less strain during winding than with a round cable

Twisted strands for large amount of transposition:

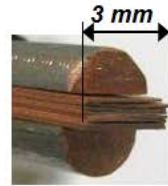
- Equal redistribution of current during ramping
- Reduction of coupling losses

Even if not fully transposed (the tapes have not exactly the same inductance), the low inter-tape resistance ensures that a small mismatch of inductance is tolerable.

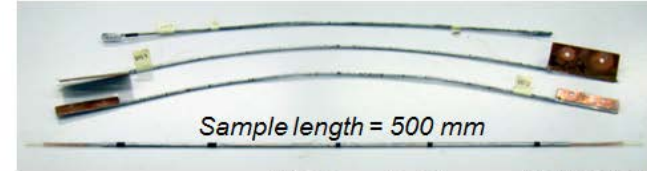


Developments at Swiss Plasma Center, Superconductivity Group

2012



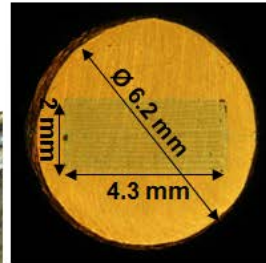
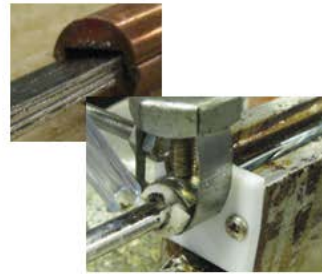
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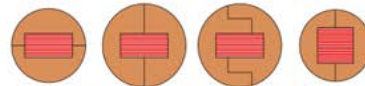
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2013



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September 2014: cables prepared, I_c (77 K) measured.
 Missing: terminations, jacketing, assembling in EDIPO sample.

Conductor design

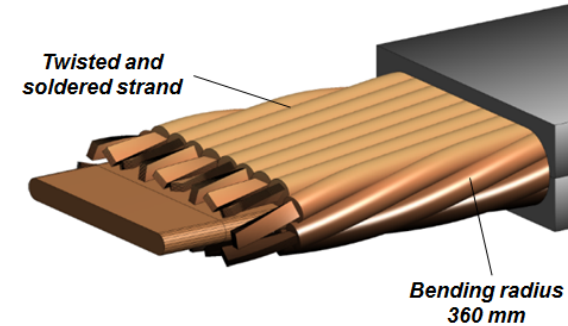
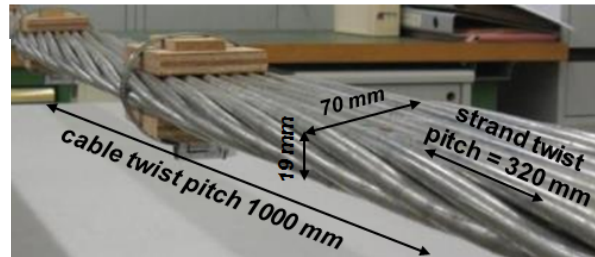
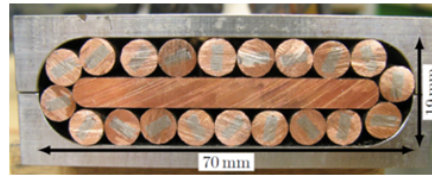
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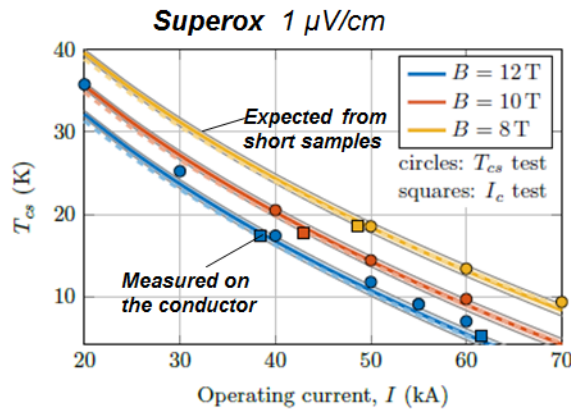
for more details see
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	Tot cross section (without jacket)	Tot. copper cross section	Void fraction	Operating current and field	T_{cs} at operating conditions	Operating current density (non Cu)
ITER TF (Nb ₃ Sn)	1250 mm ²	515 mm ²	32%	68 kA, 11.1 T	5.8 K to 7.0 K	280 A/mm ²
DEMO TF (Nb ₃ Sn)	1220 mm ²	675 mm ²	23%	82 kA, 13.4 T	about 6.5 K	300 A/mm ²
HTS prototype	1250 mm ²	760 mm ²	32%	50 kA, 12 T 30 kA, 12 T	8 K 21 K	500 A/mm ² 300 A/mm ²

Current capacity and copper cross section are in the range required for fusion magnets.
 Fine tuning depends on the reactor design.



Cable length 2080 mm



Are there possibilities to optimize ?

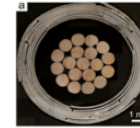


Twisted Stacked
Cable (TSC)
(MIT, USA)

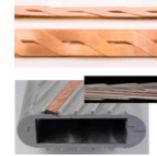
Modified TSC
(CRPP)



CORC
(Advanced Conductor
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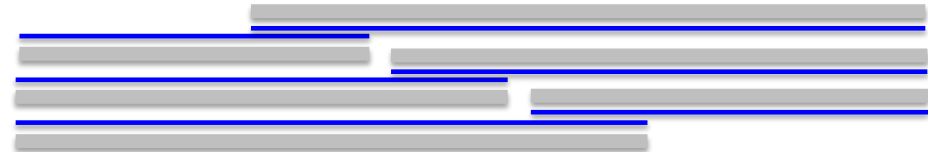


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Shared problems:

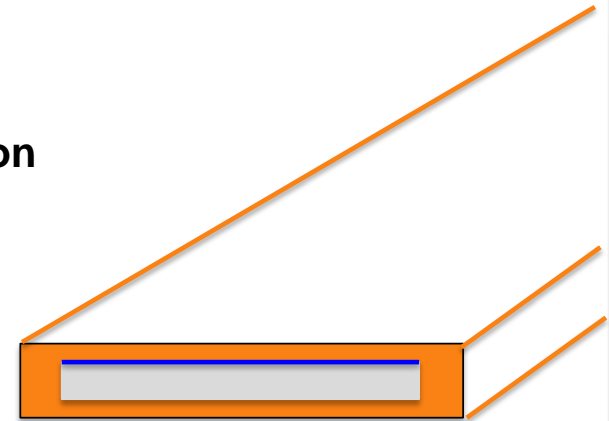
- Modular solution possible?
- Easy manufacturing of long lengths including twist?
- Building good joints is not trivial!



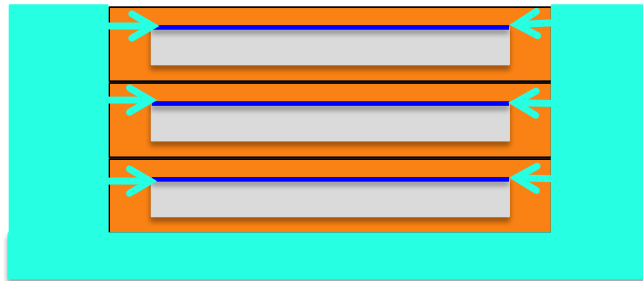
Connecting tape by tape is challenging!

How could we come to a superconductor cable which allows simple termination / jointing?

Use REBCO tapes with thick electro-plated Cu stabilization to optimize current transfer and electrical stabilization

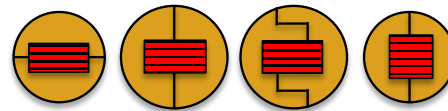


Solder stacks to allow current transfer from the sides and from tape to tape



Modular Solution?

Round stacked conductor strand of CRPP (Swiss Plasma Center)
offers good modularity



Good idea!

**Can this approach be optimized to high J_E , mechanical stability
and towards easy manufacturing including twist ?**



Could we come to a round strand with optimized $j_{c, eng}$?



We could try to fill the round strand almost completely with superconductor tapes.
Complete filling was already proposed in 2005

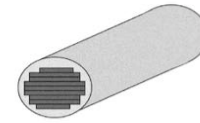


Fig. 2. A multi-tape round conductor assembled from several coated conductors of different widths.

Mike Sumption et al.
IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond.
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However, this is in contrast to the requests: Good twistability & easy manufacturing.

**Therefore we propose a compromise between
optimal twistability**

optimal filling:



D. Uglietti, CRPP
M. Takayasu, MIT



CrossConductor



M.D. Sumption

What about easy fabrication?

Fabrication of the HTS-CrossConductor (HTS-CroCo)

Arrange the tapes

Pre-tin the tapes

Solder all individual tapes

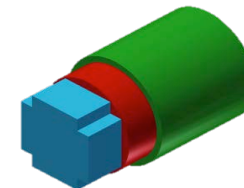
Form the stack

Twist the stack

Apply a jacket or former

For economical fabrication
of long lengths:

all these steps
in one continuous process





The fabrication routine



Image of a HTS-CroCo partially equipped with HTS

First trials with in total 30 tapes,
150 μ m pure Cu + some HTS-tapes with $\geq 100 \mu$ m electroplated Cu



Preparation of a sample for FBI testing

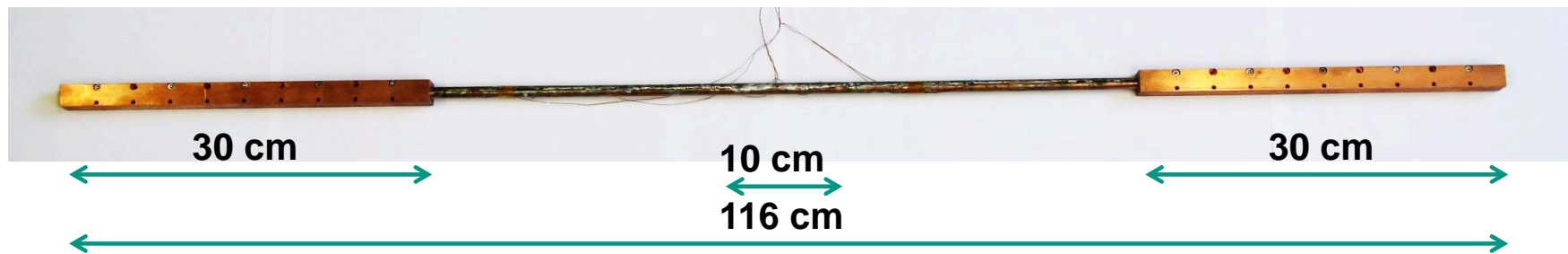
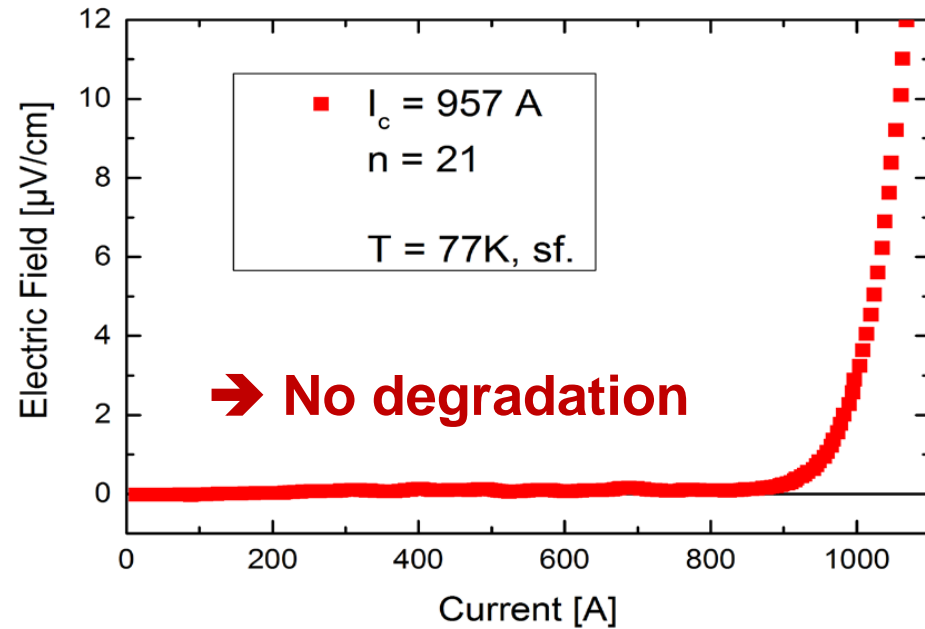
Sample Parameters:

Untwisted stack,

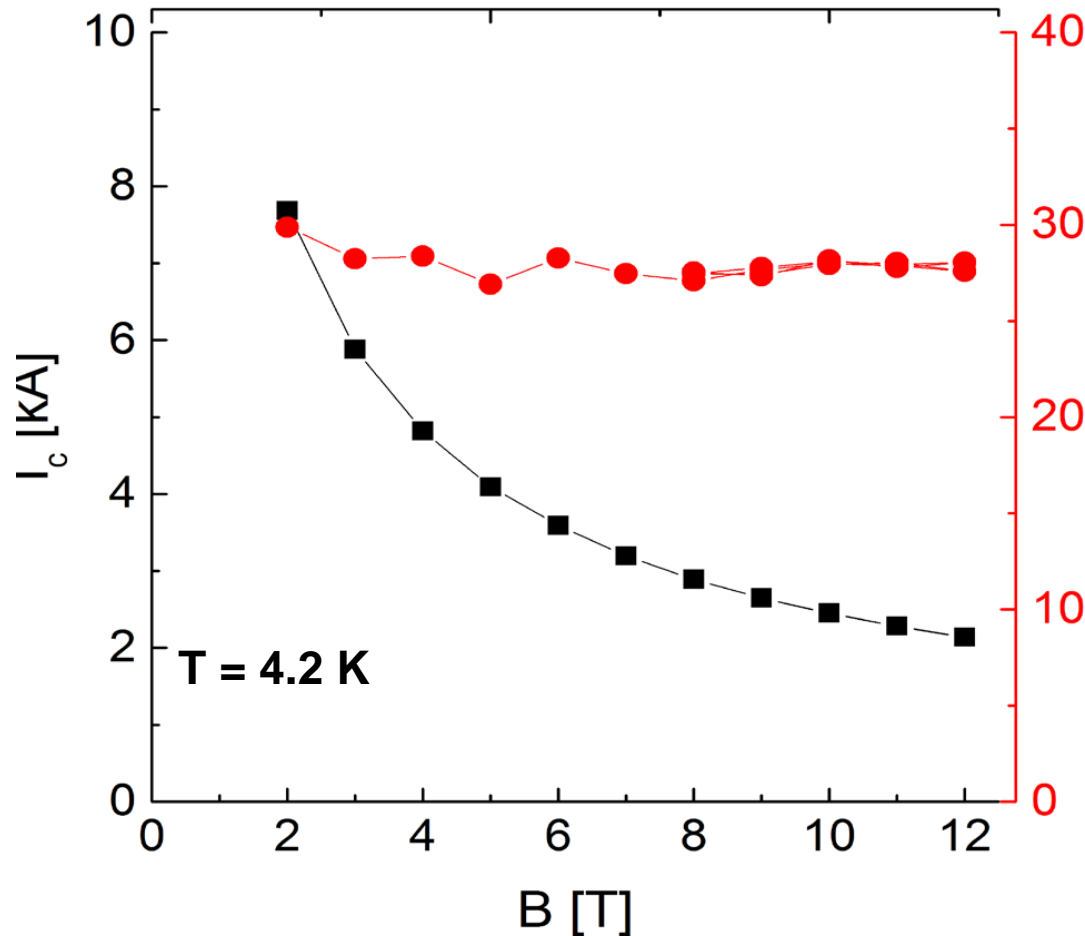
Total of 32 tapes

- 4mm wide: 4 HTS, 8 Cu
- 6mm wide: 4 HTS, 16 Cu
- HTS tapes equally distributed between Cu tapes

Calculated I_c : 920 A



Performance in magnetic fields at T = 4.2 K



$I_c = 2,1 \text{ kA @ } B = 12 \text{ T}$

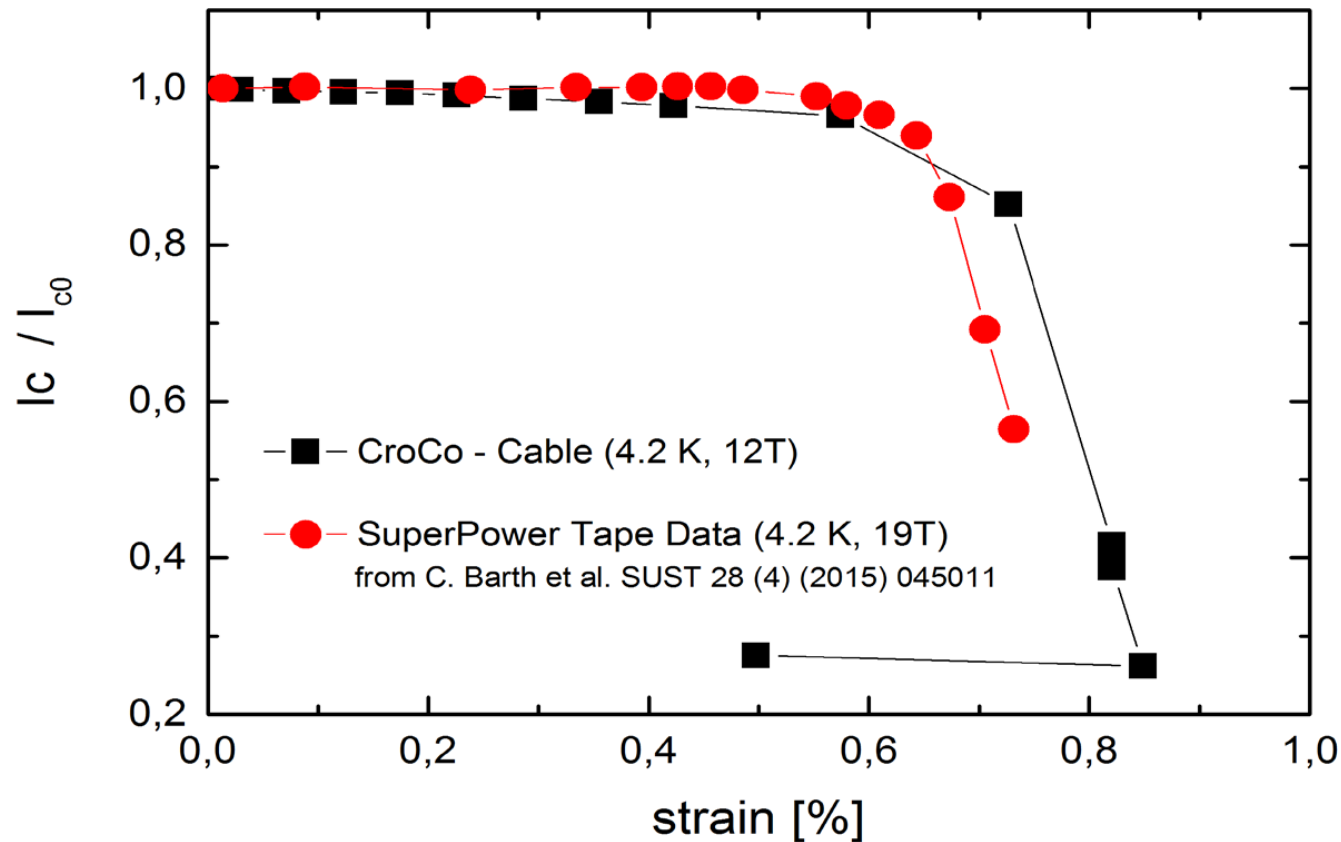
$I_c = 52,5 \text{ A/mm}_{\text{HTS width}}$

SuperPower AP – Tapes
show $I_c \sim 45 - 65 \text{ A / mm}_{\text{HTS}}$
for $B \parallel c$

Hazelton, LTHFSW (2013)
Hazelton, WAMHTS (2014)
Abraimov et al., WAMHTS (2014)
Celentano et al., WAMHTS (2014)

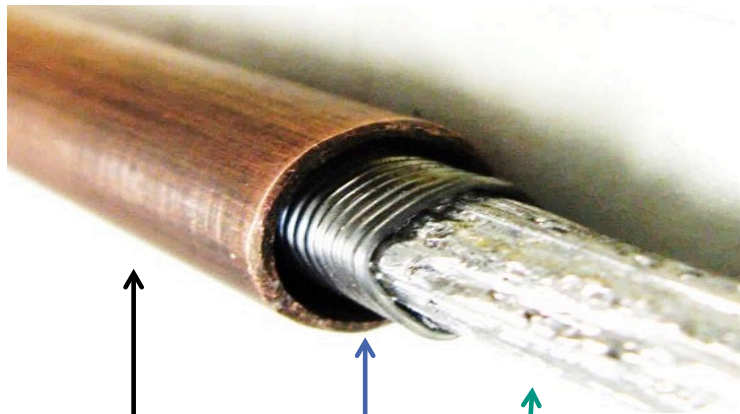
No degradation!

Tensile testing



→ CroCo shows the same I_c -strain curve as individual tapes!

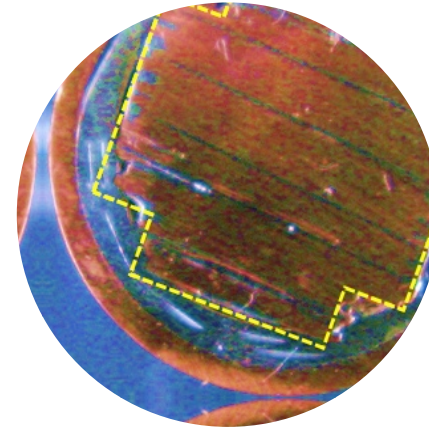
Advances in jacketing: Rotary swaging



Cu tube

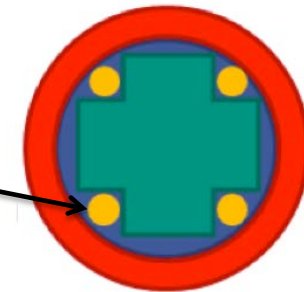
Soft filler material,
e.g. solder

CroCo-Core

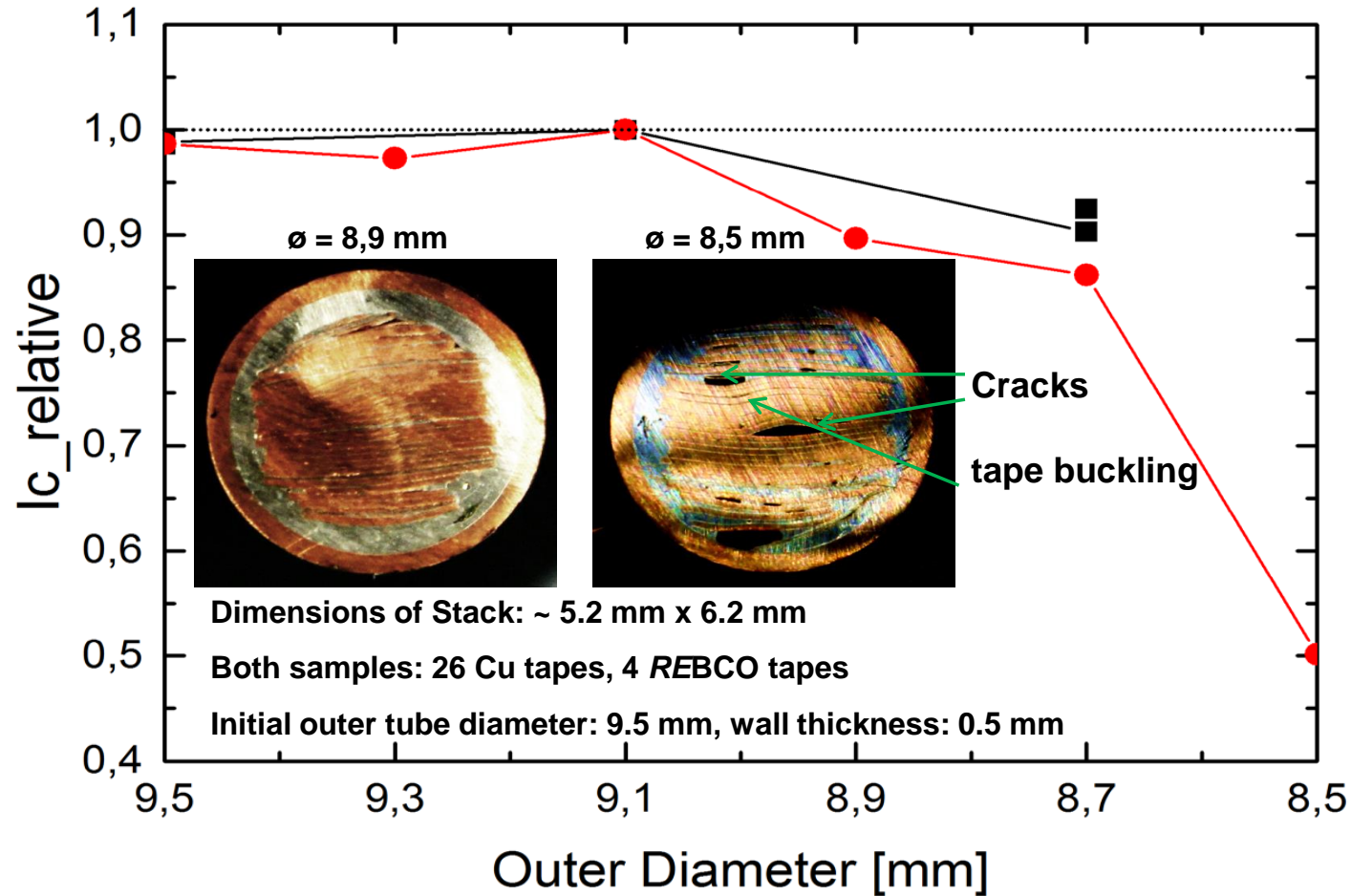


Outer diameter: 9.1 to 9.3 mm

Future versions should minimize the solder content by adding Cu wires in the edges



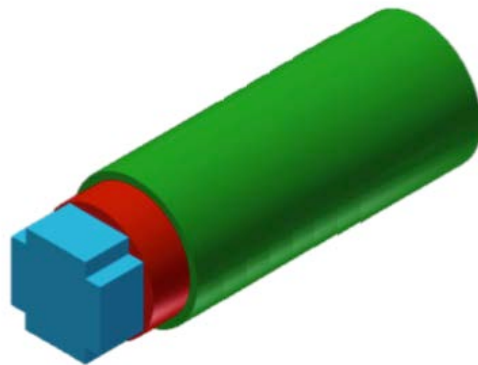
Influence of the degree of compaction on I_c



Performance of a single CroCo at 13.5 T and 4.2 K

CroCo (20x 6mm, 10x 4mm, 50 μm substrate)

Each tape is well stabilized with an envelope of 50 μm Cu !



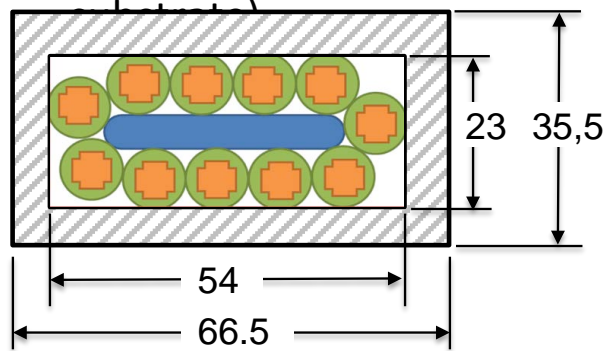
Parameter at 13.5 T and 4.2 K		SP A.P.	SP Enh. A.P.
Tape I_c (13.5 T, 4.2 K)	4mm	190 A	350 A
	6mm	285 A	525 A
I_c (kA)		7.6	14
J_E (A/mm ²)		117	215.3

CroCo with 30 μm substrate (23x 6mm, 10x 4mm)	I_c (kA)		8.5	15.6
	J_E (A/mm ²)		130	239.4

HTS-CroCo → Rutherford High Current Cable

11 HTS-CroCos in a Stainless-Steel-Jacket

(each 20x 6mm + 10x 4mm tapes with 50 μm



Parameter at 13.5 T, 4.2 K		SP A.P.	SP Enh. A.P.
Tape I_c	4mm	190 A	350 A
	6mm	285 A	525 A
Cable I_c with 11 CroCo		83.6 kA	154 kA
Cable operating current*		55 kA	55 kA
I_{op} / I_c		0.66	0.36

(30 μm substrate, 23x 6mm, 10x 4mm)	Cable I_c with 11 CroCo	93 kA	171 kA
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Next step to thicker REBCO layers not included!

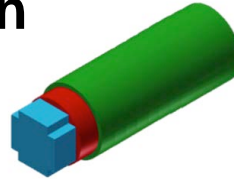
However, electric and mechanical stabilization is crucial, QD may be critical!

* R. Heller et al., MT24 3PoBB_03

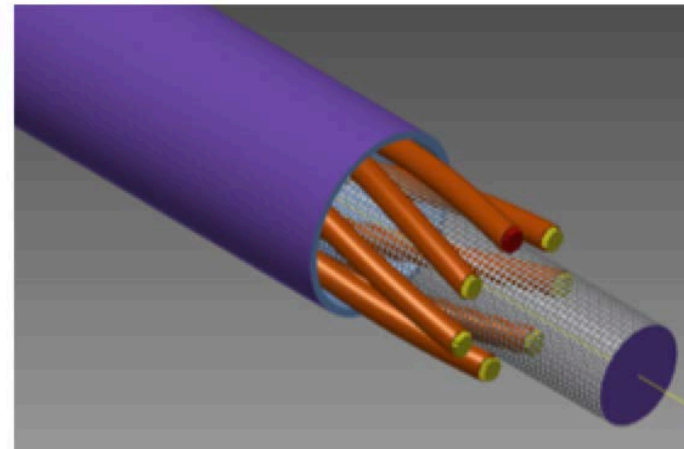
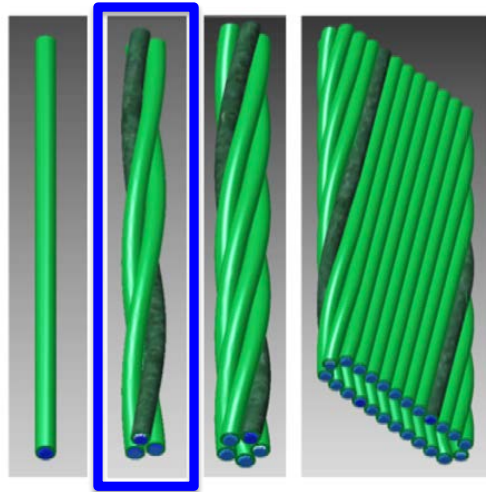
"Conceptual Design Improvement of a Toroidal Field Coil for EU DEMO using High Temperature Superconductors"

HTS-CroCo Application

Highest current density
e.g. for high field magnets



High current transport
e.g. for power transmission
(3 kA/CroCo @ 77 K, 30 kA/CroCo @ 4 K,
depending on cross-section of the outer tube)



Results on such a HTS-CroCo - Triplet and more
see poster 3PoBD_10 by M. Wolf et al. this afternoon

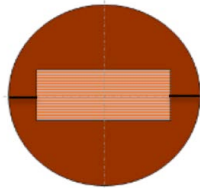
High current cable proposals made from *REBCO* tapes

Different approaches for high current *REBCO* cables:

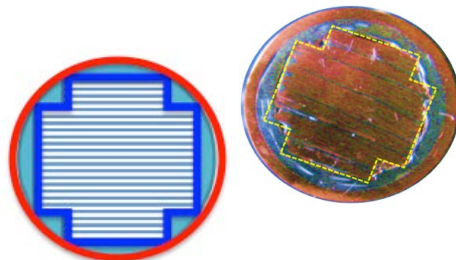


Twisted Stacked Cable (TSTC)
(MIT, USA)

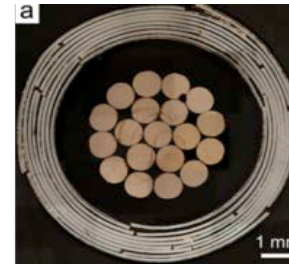
Modified TSTC (CRPP)



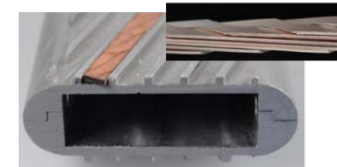
HTS-CroCo (KIT)



CORC
(Advanced Conductor Technologies LLC)



Roebel-Rutherford (KIT)



We added the CrossConductor expecting good news in future

Summary

Highlighting: HTS Tape Property Progress
Impressive multiple progress / opens new ways / 30 K?

Overview: High Current HTS Cable Proposals
Numerous good high current HTS cable proposals,
each one with special highlights

Optimizing: HTS-CroCo
Based on the CRPP round strand
adds higher j_E , mechanical stability and easy fabrication incl. twist

Outlook: Consequences using improved tapes
Great perspectives,
but electric and mechanical stabilization crucial, QD may be critical!

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