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# **Progress of Ultrahigh Field Superconducting** Magnets in China

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**Significance of High Field Magnets** 

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High field magnets are the scientific devices that utilize Ampere's law to generate high magnetic field. They have made significant contributions to the fields such as physics, chemistry, materials, brain science, life science, and medical health, and produced Nobel Prize level achievements.





## □ High field magnets









Resistive magnet

Superconducting magnet

Hybrid magnet

Pulse magnet

- Magnet devices that generate high magnetic field include steady-state magnets and pulse magnets;
- Steady state magnets include resistive magnets, superconducting magnets, and hybrid magnets;
- At present, the 32.35 T magnetic field generated by the superconducting magnet in China is a new world record.

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□ Superconducting magnets can generate high-quality and stable magnetic field, with compact volume and low power consumption, and have great development prospects.



- HTS and LTS magnets can be combined to generate ultra-high magnetic field within a small bore, commonly used as ultra-high field NMR magnets;
- LTS magnets can generate a high homogeneity magnetic field within a large bore and are commonly used as human MRI magnets.



## **Future prospects for superconducting magnets**



- Superconducting magnet technology changed dramatically with the discovery of high temperature superconductors (HTS) in 1986, an event which drove the development of much higher field magnets;
- Higher magnetic field is the eternal pursuit of NMR and MRI magnets.









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## □ How high is the magnetic field based on superconductors?

#### **Cross Sections of Superconductors**







Nb3Sn Bronze route NMR

ze Nb3Sn Internal Tin method Fusion



NbTi Round 42 MRI and NMR

NbTi Rectangular 54 NMR NbTi Wire in

4 NMR NbTi Wire in Channel 54 MRI





[Mike Tomsic (Hyper Tech) (2006)]

0.87 mm $\phi$  36-filament wire





## High quality superconducting wire $(T_c, J_c, and B_{c2})$

Bitter/HTS 4.2K, 45.5T ! 2019, Aug. HTS/LTS ~≥40 T ? Steady-state field

YBCO/Bi2212/Bi2223/Nb<sub>3</sub>AlGe/Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn/NbTi

www.superpower-inc.com/content/2g-hts-wire



# 40 T superconducting magnet project

## □ The 40 T high field superconducting magnet projects in the world



- Now, the U.S., France, and China have each proposed projects for 40T ultra-high field superconducting magnets, and all have adopted structures nested with HTS and LTS magnets;
- In the hybrid structure of HTS and LTS magnets, the magnetic field contribution of HTS magnets is increasing.

https://nationalmaglab.org/news-events/news/nsf-grant-funds-new-40t-superconducting-magnet-design/



# Ultra-high field superconducting magnet

## □ Structure of ultra-high field superconducting magnet

Ultra-high field superconducting magnet = HTS magnet + LTS magnet (NbTi, Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn)



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# **Charging delay of no-insulation SC magnet**

## **Charging delay**



Radial currents in no-insulation coils cause magnetic field to lag behind the power supply current;
When the NI HTS magnet and LTS magnet are connected in series, the charging delay is longer.



## **Quench protection**

## **Quench protection of ultra-high field magnet**



- The self-protection ability of the no-insulation HTS magnet is limited;
- For 1.15GHz NMR magnet at IEE, the worst case is a symmetrical quench of the inner and outer coils, which can generate an unbalance force over 400 kN;
- When the background or insert magnets quench, current is induced in the coupling coil, which can help to slow down the flux change and consume the energy.



## □ The no-insulation pancake-wound coil model considering screening current

• The REBCO tape subdivisions are divided into parallel filaments.



• Improved T-A model: the potential difference between two points on any turn along different paths is equal, i.e. V = V





#### **The intra-layer no-insulation layer-wound coil model considering screening current**



Helical equivalent circuit diagram

Stacked homogenization T-A model

- The intra-layer no-insulation HTS magnet is equivalent to a circuit network composed of basic electrical components such as local helical inductance and some resistance components;
- Apply the azimuthal current in the helical equivalent circuit model as a constraint to the stacked homogenization T-A model.



Homogeneity and stability of magnetic field

## □ Screening current causes magnetic field distortion and drift



- Screening current induced field (SCIF) makes the magnetic field show hysteresis relative to the current and results in the reduction of the central magnetic field;
- Flux creep causes the SCIF to drift linearly in logarithmic time, and the position in the hysteresis loop determines the positive or negative drift.



# **Screening current induced stress**

## □ Screening current induced stress



- The upper end produces hoop tensile stress, and the lower end produces hoop compressive stress;
- Due to the Lorentz force, the superconducting tape will undergo separation and rotation.



(a) Screening Current Induced

Multifilament superconducting tape can effectively reduce the overstress caused by the screening current.

#### A C Wulff et al 2021 Supercond. Sci. Technol. 34 053003





## **Cryogenics technology for MRI**

Operating temperature : 1.55-4.2K; LTS:  $J_C = (1+10\% \text{ or } 30\%) J_C (4.2\text{K})$ : HTS:  $J_C = 5 \sim 6 J_C (77\text{K})$ 



Adiabatic winding; Cooling channel (All kinds of SCM) (dB/dt, dI/dt) (Large Scale) High thermal conduction (small-medium-large)

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**Quench protection of high stored energy magnet** 

## **Quench protection for the whole body MRI**

26 \*E(1.5T/850mm MRI)=E(134 MJ→9.4T/800mm MRI )



	Weight (kg)	Stored E(MJ)	E/M [J/kg]	Average Temperature T2 [K]	
<b>UIC 9.4T</b>	27,600	151	5470	77.65	<100K
IEE 9.4T	23.549	134	5690	78.75	<100K





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# **500 MHz NMR superconducting magnet**

## □ The 500 MHz NMR HTS-LTS NMR superconducting magnet at IEE CAS

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Superconducting magnets	Geometrical parameter $(r_1, r_2, z_1, z_2)/mm$	Layers and turns $(n_r \times n_z)$
HTS	Coil 1: 42.000,53.80,-173.075,173.075	100×112
	Coil 2: 75.000,90.729,-175.000,175.000	16×328
	Coil 3: 91.229,111.649,-175.000,175.000	24×386
LTS	Coil 4: 115.271,141.950,-173.623,-99.108	42×106
	Coil 5: 116.581,129.1,-15.816,15.816	20×45
	Coil 6: 115.271,141.950,99.108,173.623	42×106

#### LNI HTS insert magnet

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# 500 MHz NMR superconducting magnet

## □ The 500 MHz NMR HTS-LTS hybrid magnet at IEE CAS



Axial residual magnetic field distribution on the center axis of the magnet

Axial magnetic field distribution on the center axis of the magnet at 20 A The axial magnetic field on the center axis of the magnet

- The final magnetic field homogeneity is strongly dependent on the distribution of the initial values of the magnetic field;
- The LTS magnet may undergo multiple training and warming at high field, which is the problem we need to address next.



## **The 18 T superconducting magnet at IEE CAS**





Coil configuration

Magnetic field distribution

Magnetic field homogeneity

- The 18 T superconducting magnet adopts a hybrid structure of HTS and LTS magnets;
- The warm bore diameter of the magnet is 60 mm, and the magnetic field homogeneity is about 102 ppm @DSV 10 mm.



## **The 18 T superconducting magnet at IEE CAS**







HTS insert magnet

LTS background magnet

Quench protection circuit

- The HTS insert magnet of the 18 T superconducting magnet adopts a metal insulation double-pancake coil structure and is connected in series with the LTS background magnet;
- The quench protection circuit of LTS magnet adopts a hierarchical strategy.



## □ The ultra-high field superconducting magnet at IEE CAS, bore-size in 43 mm



32.35 T superconducting magnet

Test results of the magnet at 4.2 K

In 2019, central magnetic field reached 32.35 T, which is the highest magnetic field generated by a full superconducting magnet!

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## □ 30T/Φ35mm user magnet at IEE CAS for SECUF Project : quantum oscillation





Total field	30 T
Insert magnet	15 T
Background magnet	15 T
Cold inner bore	35 mm
Operating current	140.1 A
Superconducting tape	YBCO
Co-wound tape	stainless steel tape
Coil structure	Double pancake
HTS conductor length	9290 m
Homogeneity	8 ppm @DSV 30 mm



## □ 30T/Φ35mm user magnet at IEE CAS



- The measured and calculated results for the three states of 10 A, 10 A current sweeping cycle (CSC), and 25 A indicate that the non-uniform critical current causes an asymmetric SCIF;
- The designed axial saddle shaped field deforms into an asymmetric single peak field shape.



## □ 30T/Φ35mm user magnet at IEE CAS







#### **□** Test results of the 30T/Φ35mm user magnet





## **27** T solid state NMR superconducting magnet

## □ Design and fabrication of 1.15GHz NMR(27T)/Φ50mm user magnet at IEE CAS





**27 T solid state NMR superconducting magnet** 

## **□** 1.15GHz NMR(27T)/Φ50mm user magnet at IEE CAS



The size of the double-pancake coil

Optimization procedure of non-homogeneous HTS coils

- The size of the double-pancake coil has a great influence on the homogeneity of the spatial magnetic field, which has been solved by the asymmetric notch coil optimization method;
- The proposed optimization method was validated feasibly in our realistic measurement, which was recognized as the critical procedure for the success of the ultra-high field and high homogeneity magnet.



**27** T solid state NMR superconducting magnet

## **□** 1.15GHz NMR(27T)/Φ50mm user magnet at IEE CAS





Shim coil design and fabrication

Preliminary and shimmed magnetic field.

- After measuring the initial magnetic field, we applied Z1 and Z2 shim coils in the variable temperature cavity to further reduce the non-homogeneous harmonic components.
- Using the proposed re-optimization strategy for inconsistent DP coils, we managed to achieve an initial magnetic field homogeneity of 12.5 ppm @ 10 mm, and achieve a homogeneity 6.6 ppm @ 10 mm after shimming.



## 27 T solid state NMR superconducting magnet

### **□** Test results of the 1.15GHz NMR(27T)/Φ50mm user magnet and spectrometer



1.15GHz NMR magnet





# 27 T solid state NMR system





## **1.3 GHz liquid state NMR superconducting magnet**

## **□** 1.3GHz NMR(30.5T/Φ52mm) magnet design at the IEE CAS



1.3 GHz NMR magnet design

Central magnetic field	30.5 T
Warm bore	52 mm
HTS tape	Bi-2223
Homogeneity(peak-peak)	54.2 ppb @DSV10 mm
Operating current	184 A
Inductance	2853.67 H
Magnetic energy	48.3069 MJ
Height	1403 mm
Outer diameter	890.6 mm
Inner diameter	90 mm



## **1.3 GHz liquid state NMR superconducting magnet**

## **□** 1.3GHz NMR(30.5T)/Φ90mm magnet design at IEE CAS



- The typical joint length is around 60 mm. And the joint resistance was measured using field decay.
- The joint resistance at zero-applied field is  $2.2 \times 10^{-9} \Omega$ ;
- The joint resistance exhibited a linear relationship with the applied field.



# **HTS-LTS hybrid superconducting magnet**

## **Development of 35 T magnet designed at HFIPS CAS**





#### HTS insert magnet

- HTS insert magnet: 20T/Φ17mm, the inner coil is a no-insulation coil, and the outer coil is a metal insulation coil;
- B<sub>max</sub>=35T @15T/Φ150mm LTS

- Inner joint technology is used in the HTS magnet;
- The HTS magnet has successfully risen to 300 A under liquid helium bath, and the central magnetic field can be stably maintained at 24.1T.









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# A 7 T animal MRI scanner

## □ 7T/Φ300mm MRI superconducting magnet



7T animal MRI magnet



Shielding coils



#### Shim coil



Magnetic field distribution



10ppm deviation contour



## A 7 T animal MRI scanner

## □ Active shimming



The shim coils have the first order coils Z/X/Y, the second order coils Z2/ZX/ZY/X2-Y2/XY, and also Z3.



## A 7 T animal MRI scanner

## □ Passive shimming





# Split superconducting magnet

## **The split superconducting magnet at IEE CAS**



Central magnetic field	8.8 T
Operating current	89.5 A
Maximum axial magnetic field	12 T
Maximum hoop stress	113 MPa
Coils inductance	508.5 H
Magnetic energy	2.04 MJ



Assembly of split magnet

Hoop stress distribution

- The inner coil of the split magnet is made of  $Nb_3Sn$  wire, and the outer coil is made of NbTi wire;
- The split magnet generates a central magnetic field of 8.8 T at a current of 89.5 A and a saddle shaped magnetic field in the axial direction.



Ultra-high field 9.4T/800mm MRI magnet

#### Main specifications of 9.4T/800mm whole body MRI

Magnet type	Superconducting magnet
Field strength	9.4 T
Magnetic field shield	Iron Yoke-Passive shield
Field stability vs time	$\leq 0.03$ ppm/h
Shim style	SC shim + room shim + iron shim
Shim coils	$\geq$ 52 groups
Room shim coils	$\geq$ 14 groups (z0, z2, z3, z4)
Passive shield	36 group, along the circular
Three dimension automatic shim	Yes $\geq 2$ order
Field homogeneity: 22cm DSV	$\leq 0.05 \text{ ppm}$
Field homogeneity :30cm DSV	$\leq 0.1 \text{ ppm}$
5 G line (z x r)	$\leq$ 22 m x 18 m (non Yoke)
Length of magnet	≤ 3.5 m
Warm bore	≥ 800 mm
Weight of magnet (100% LHe)	$\leq 50 \text{ ton}$
Operation	Near zero boiling off LHe





# Ultra-high field 9.4 T/800 mm MRI magnet

## □Superconducting magnet



#### The wire and superconducting magnet weights about 30 and 50 tons.

- Precision manufacture of special-shaped structure coils and assembly technology;
- The higher harmonic components of the magnetic field are compensated with iron pieces;
- Sample inhomogeneity was compensated with the room temperature automatic shim coils.



# Active shimming ultra-high field magnet





- There are totally 13 superconducting shim coils in the 9.4T/800mm whole-body MRI magnet, which include the zonal coils Z1, Z2, Z3, and the tesseral coils X/Y, ZX/ZY, X2-Y2/XY, Z(X2-Y2)/ZXY;
- We proposed a field-harmonic superconducting shimming method to restrain the entire magnetic field inhomogeneity and also control individual harmonic component.



# Passive shimming ultra-high field magnet







We proposed high-performance passive shimming algorithm to realize a highly homogeneous magnetic field distribution with very few iron piece usage.



# Ultra-high field 9.4 T/800 mm MRI magnet

## □Shimming results



#### Testing results

After several shimming experiments and iterative calculations, the spatial magnetic field homogeneity in the central region is improved from 26.95 ppm to 3.05 ppm in a DSV of 40 cm.



# Ultra-high field 9.4 T/800 mm MRI magnet

## **Quench** protection



Quench protection circuit for the 9.4 T MRI magnet

The current and center magnetic field value of different energization times

- A passive quench protection circuit, including the coil subdivisions and heater network, was employed to avoid magnet damage during the quench;
- The whole energization process included four quenches and finally reached the target central magnetic field of 9.46 T with an operating current of 211 A.



Ultra-High field 14 T MRI magnet design

## **□** 14T MRI/Φ960mm magnet design at IEE CAS



Coil pattern of the actively-shielded 14 T whole-body MRI magnet

Central magnetic field	14 T
DSV	500 mm
Homogeneity(peak-peak)	25 ppm @500 mm
Cold inner bore	960 mm
5 Gauss line	10 m(z)×8 m(r)
Operating current	215 A
Maximum magnetic field	14.34 T
Operating factor in coil 1	75.03 %
Operating factor in coil 4	92.93 %
Maximum hoop stress	188 MPa
Coils inductance	23825.2 H
Magnetic energy	550.7 MJ
Wire longth	Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn:253.2 km
whe lengui	NbTi:1567.2 km









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- □ It is necessary to study for the quench protection, screening current effect, shimming, HTS-LTS joints, fabrication technology, etc.
- The 9.4 T/800 mm MRI magnet for the whole body was developed, and the actual central field is about 9.46 T, and the actual homogeneity is about 3.05 ppm in a DSV of 40 cm after shimming.
- □ Today, China has achieved world leading magnetic field and is to utilize the ultra-high field superconducting magnets. The large-scale scientific device was fabricated with 30 T+ magnets and 27 T NMR magnet. The 35 T/50 mm STM, 1.3 GHz NMR and 14 T MRI magnet will be developed in the next five years. It will significantly promote several scientific R&D in disciplines such as high-energy physics, condensed matter physics, chemistry, materials, life sciences, fusion energy, etc.



# Thanks!