

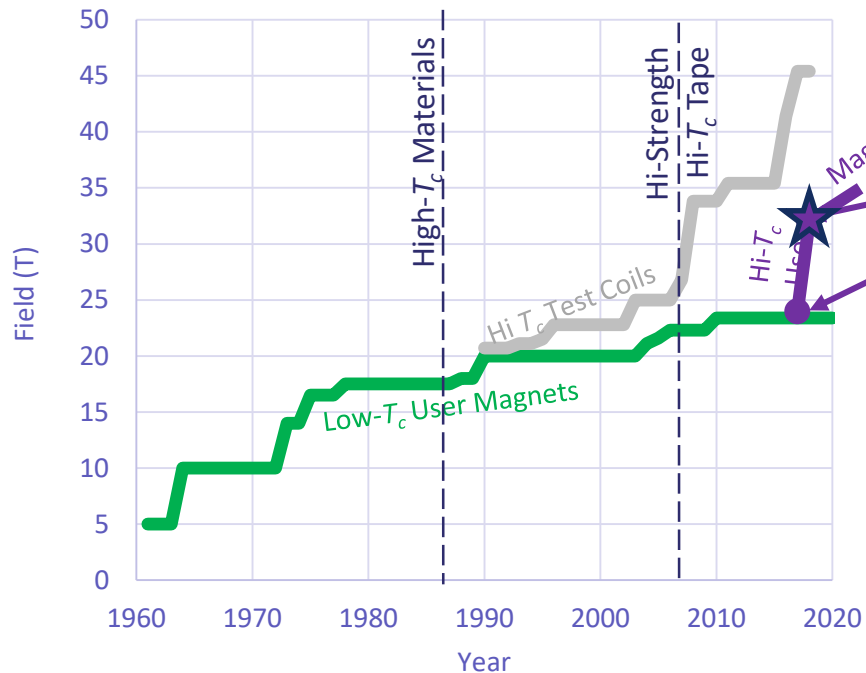
Ultra High Field Magnet Applications of Coated Conductors

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Disclaimer: There has been a tremendous amount of development in recent years, I cannot mention everything. I apologize to those I've left out.



The Development of Superconducting Solenoids



Ultra-High Field (UHF) solenoids means >23.5 T

Many UHF test coils have been built but only a few magnets are in service.

MagLab 40 T

MagLab 32 T

The first Ultra-High Field High- T_c user magnet.

Existing User Magnets > 23.5 T Worldwide

Field	Conductors	Maker	Location	Year
25 T	Bi-2223 + LTS	Toshiba	Sendai	2017
25.8 T (1.1 GHz)	REBCO + LTS	Bruker	Nashville	2019
28.2 T (1.2 GHz)	REBCO + LTS	Bruker	Florence (+6)	2020
32.1 T	REBCO + LTS	MagLab	Tallahassee	2017

Several Other Projects Underway at labs Worldwide!

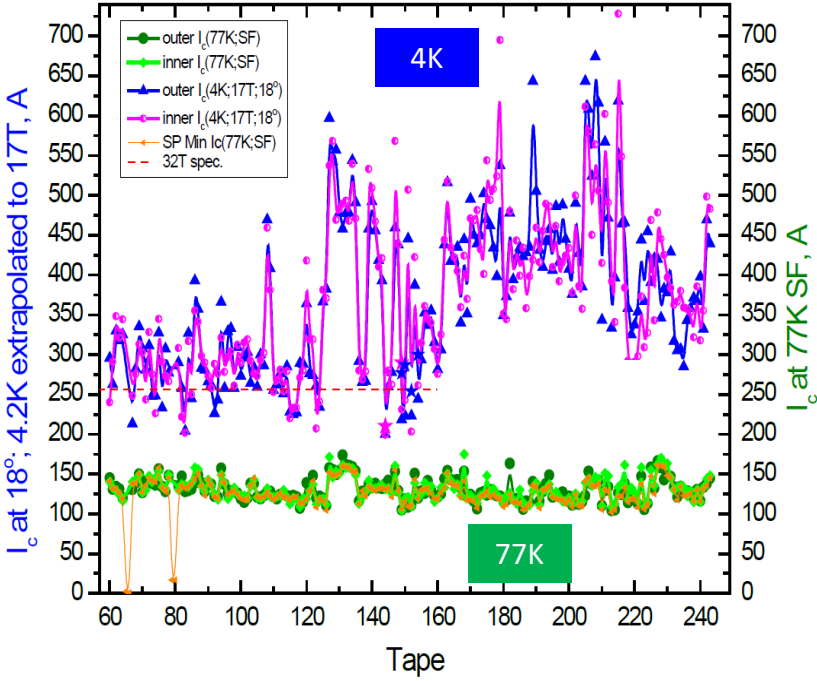
Some UHF REBCO Magnet Concepts





Unpredictability of REBCO I_c Tape-to-Tape

32 T Magnet: 2012 – 2014 SuperPower tape



Temp	Ave	St. Dev.	St. Dev.	Min	Max	Ratio
4.2 K	393 A	94 A	24%	200 A	725 A	3.6
77 K	130 A	15 A	12%	100 A	175 A	1.8

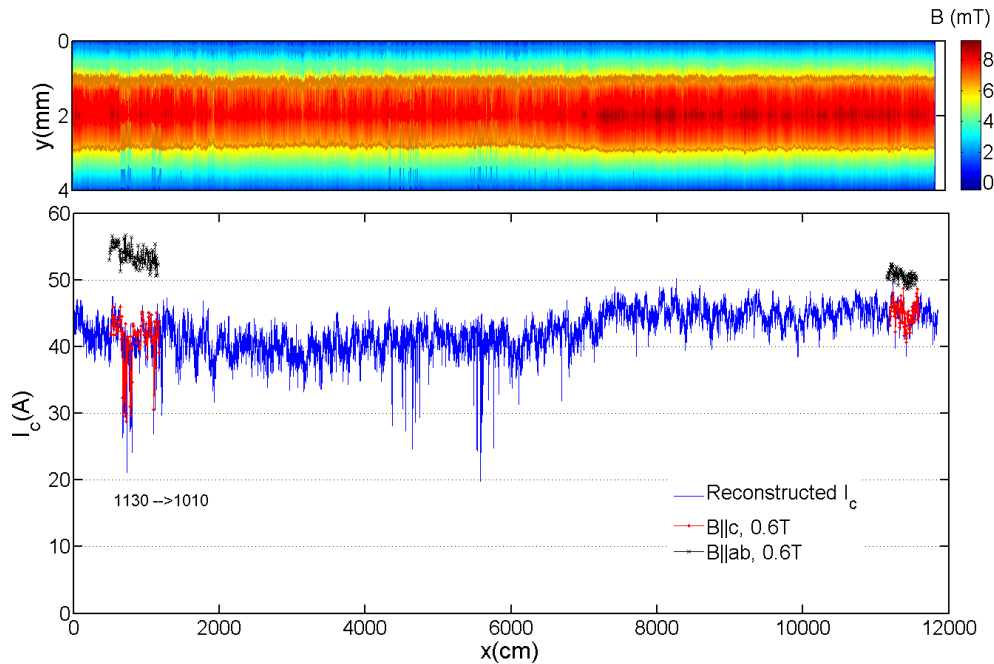
There is significant variation in I_c at 4 K between tapes.

It cannot be predicted from a 77 K measurement.
(Present variation seems to be less than in the past.)

Unpredictability of REBCO I_c Dropouts



YateStar measurement of critical current at
77K of SuperPower tape M4-352-5 0912

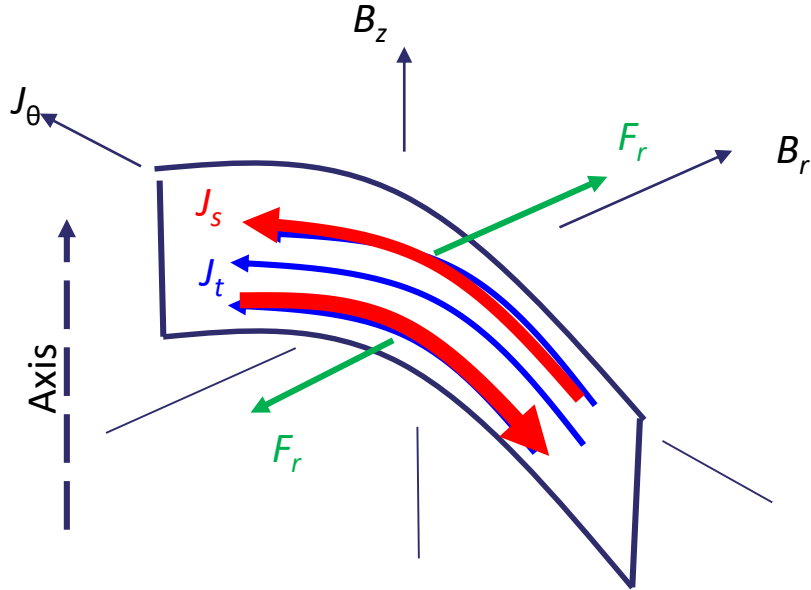


77 K measurements with TapeStar & YateStar indicate there can be spots along a conductor with low critical current.

Similar measurements at 4K have not been made.

Variation at 4K is unknown.

Screening Currents: Tape Conductors



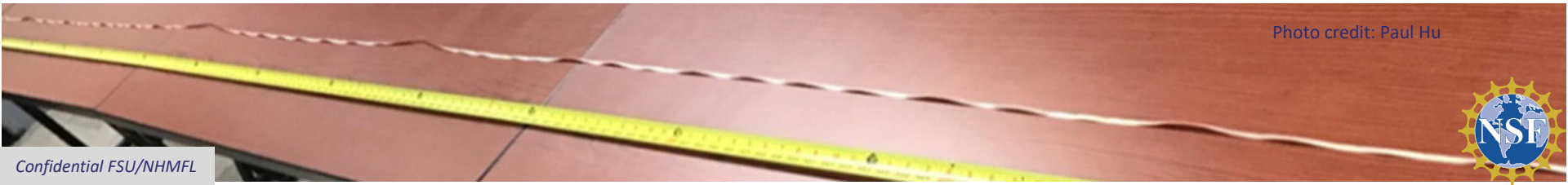
J_t = transport current in θ direction.

- During charging of the magnet, B_r creates screening currents, J_s , in the tape.
- J_s reacts with B_z to give radial forces F_r , in addition to those created by the transport current.
- This gives rise to a Diamagnetic Torque and Twist and strain that is not uniform across the width of the tape.
- Tape removed from test coils can display plastic deformation!

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Insulated vs No-Insulation REBCO

Insulated REBCO

MagLab 32 T, 2017

Bruker 28.2 T (1.2 GHz), 2019

RIKEN 30.5 T (1.3 GHz)

Sendai 33 T

No-Insulation REBCO

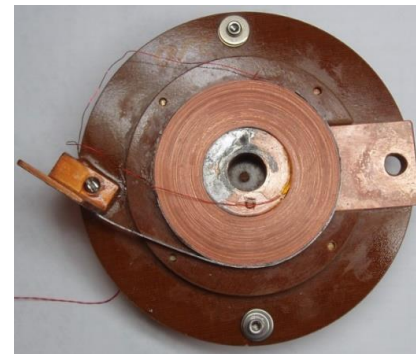
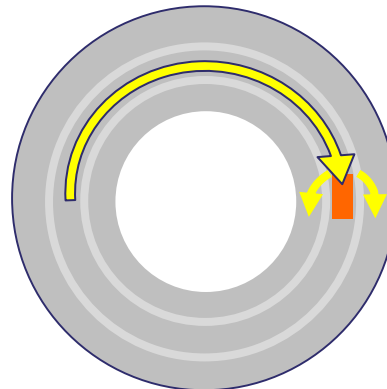
Resistive (Metal) Insulation

Partial Insulation

MIT 30.5 T NMR

Grenoble/CEA 30 T

IEE-Beijing: 30 T CMP + 27 T CM NMR



Current Bypasses Quench reducing hotspot temperature.

Less Cu is Required → Smaller Coils [3, 4].

Less Reinforcement Required → Smaller Coils.

- Coil quench at $I_{op}=412$ A (1580 A/mm²).
- No coil damage in 20-s “over-current” operation.

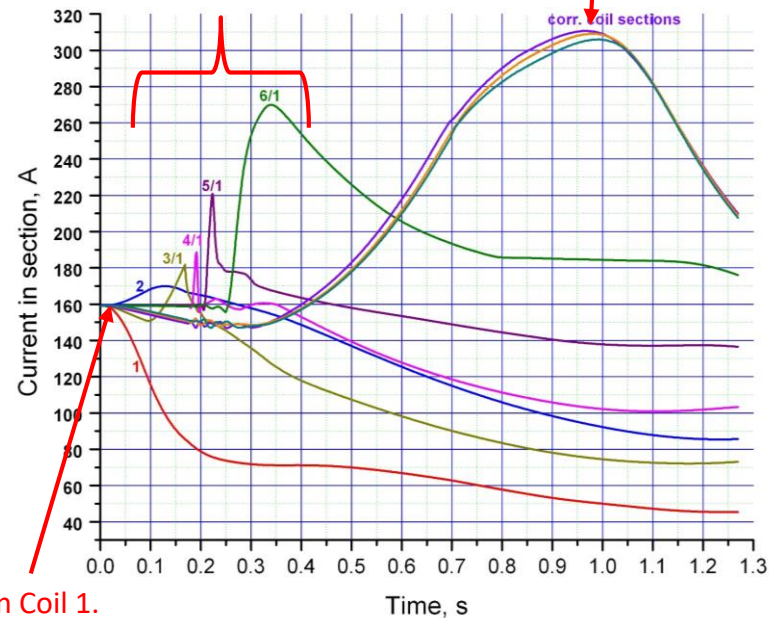
Quench



	LTS
Energy Margin	Small (mJ)
Small coils	Self protect Quench propagates quickly Energy distributed uniformly
Large Coils	Require protection system
	1. Diodes allow current to bypass quench
	2. Heaters can accelerate quench
	3. External dump resistor extracts energy

Quench Wave (Tsunami) propagates through magnet.

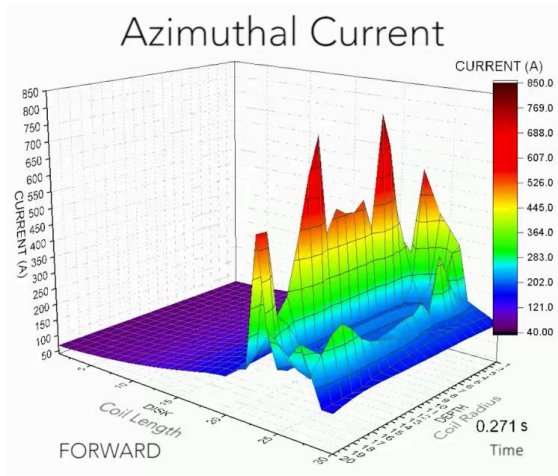
Coil 7 experiences excessive current (over-stressed, redesigned).



Quench starts in Coil 1.
Diode breaks down.
Coil current Decays.



	LTS	HTS (REBCO, high field, operating at 4 K)
Energy Margin	Small (mJ)	Large (kJ)
Small coils	Self protect Quench propagates quickly Energy distributed uniformly	Frequently burn Quench propagates slowly Energy concentrated in a small volume
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NI-REBCO shows similar current spikes to those of diode-protection. Many more degrees of freedom.

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	1. Diodes allow current to bypass quench (<u>with potentially high induced currents and strains</u>).	1. NI might require controlled inter-turn resistance to control quench dynamics (Metal Insulation, Resistive Insulation, Partial Insulation) [1, 2].
	2. Heaters can accelerate quench	2. Heaters can accelerate quench
	3. External dump resistor extracts energy	3. External dump resistor extracts energy

[1] P.C. Michael, et al., *IEEE-TAS* **29**, 5, Aug 2019, 4300706

[2] D. Park, et al., *IEEE-TAS* **29**, 5, Aug 2019, 4300804

Operational UHF REBCO Magnets



REBCO Unpredictability

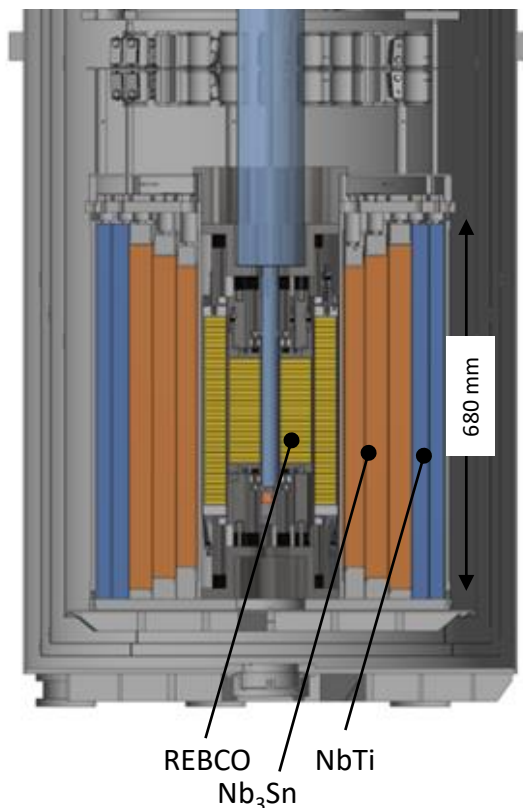
I_c of all tapes was measured at 4K, 18° from *ab*-plane, 14 T.
Magnet operates between 20% and 30% of I_c .

Screening Currents

Not fully appreciated at the time.

Quench

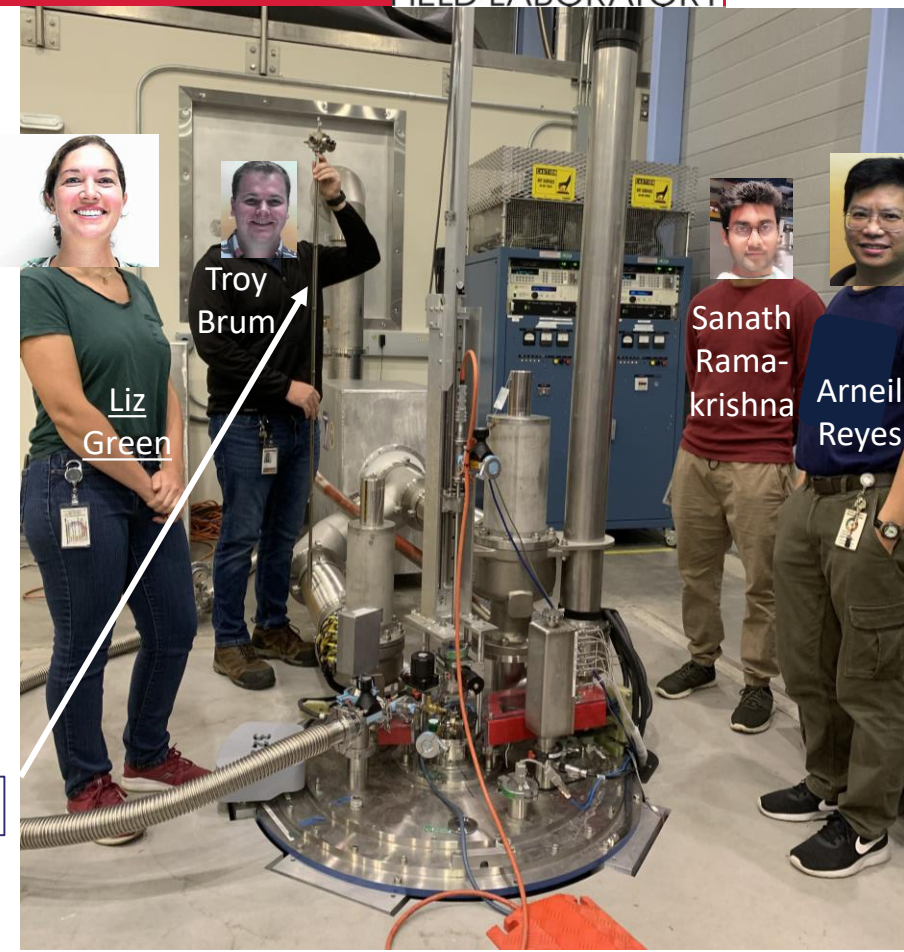
Heaters between REBCO double-pancakes (~100 kJ).



Total field	32 T
Field YBCO coils	17 T
Field LTS coils	15 T
Cold inner bore	32 mm
Current	172 A
Inductance	619 H
Stored Energy	9.15 MJ
Uniformity	5×10^{-4} 1 cm DSV

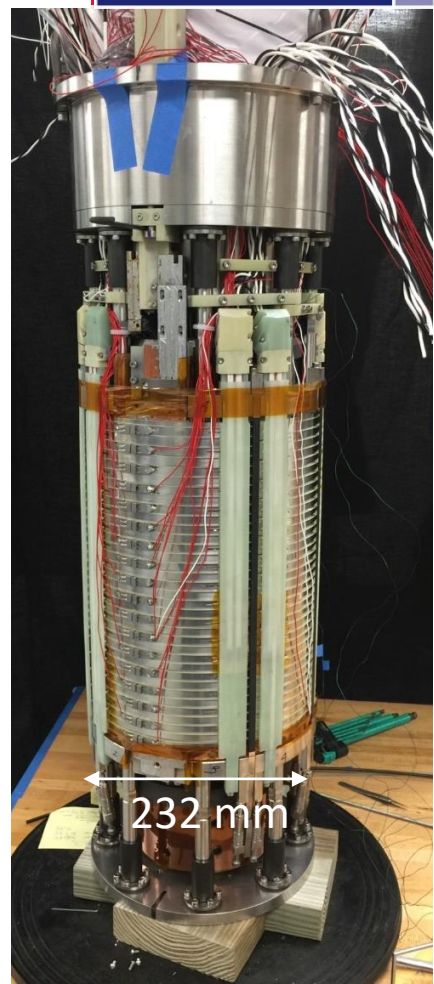
- **Commercial Supply:**
 - 15 T, 250 mm bore LTS coils
 - Cryostat (Oxford Instruments)
 - REBCO tape (SuperPower)
- **In-House development:**
 - 17 T, 34 mm bore YBCO coils

32 T magnet: User Service



Liz Green, a Research Faculty member at the MagLab, leads the 1st User Experiment in the 32 T magnet performing NMR measurements of a frustrated magnet system.

NMR probe



NMR Magnets Beyond 1.0 GHz High Temperature Superconductors (I-REBCO)

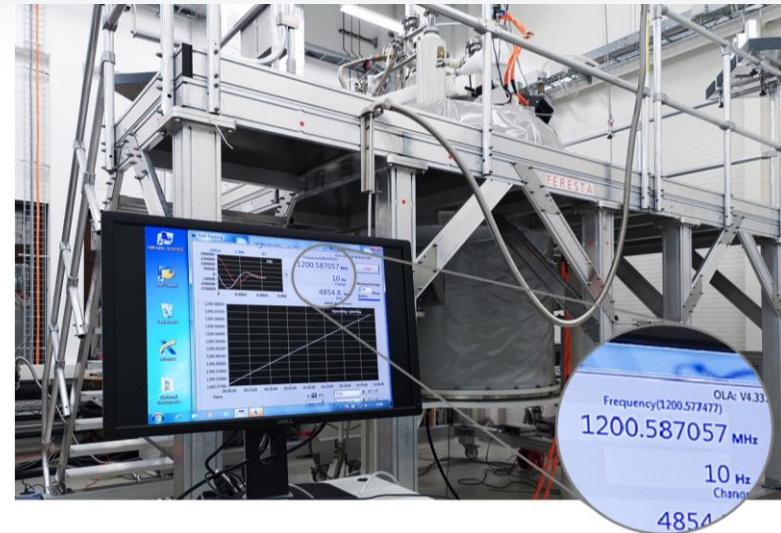
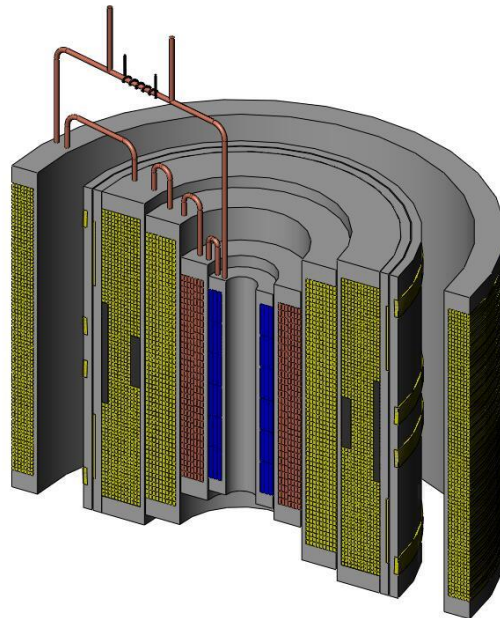


Nuclear Magnetic Resonance is the largest steady market for SC magnets with fields > 3 T.

It requires field uniformity & stability <10 ppb.

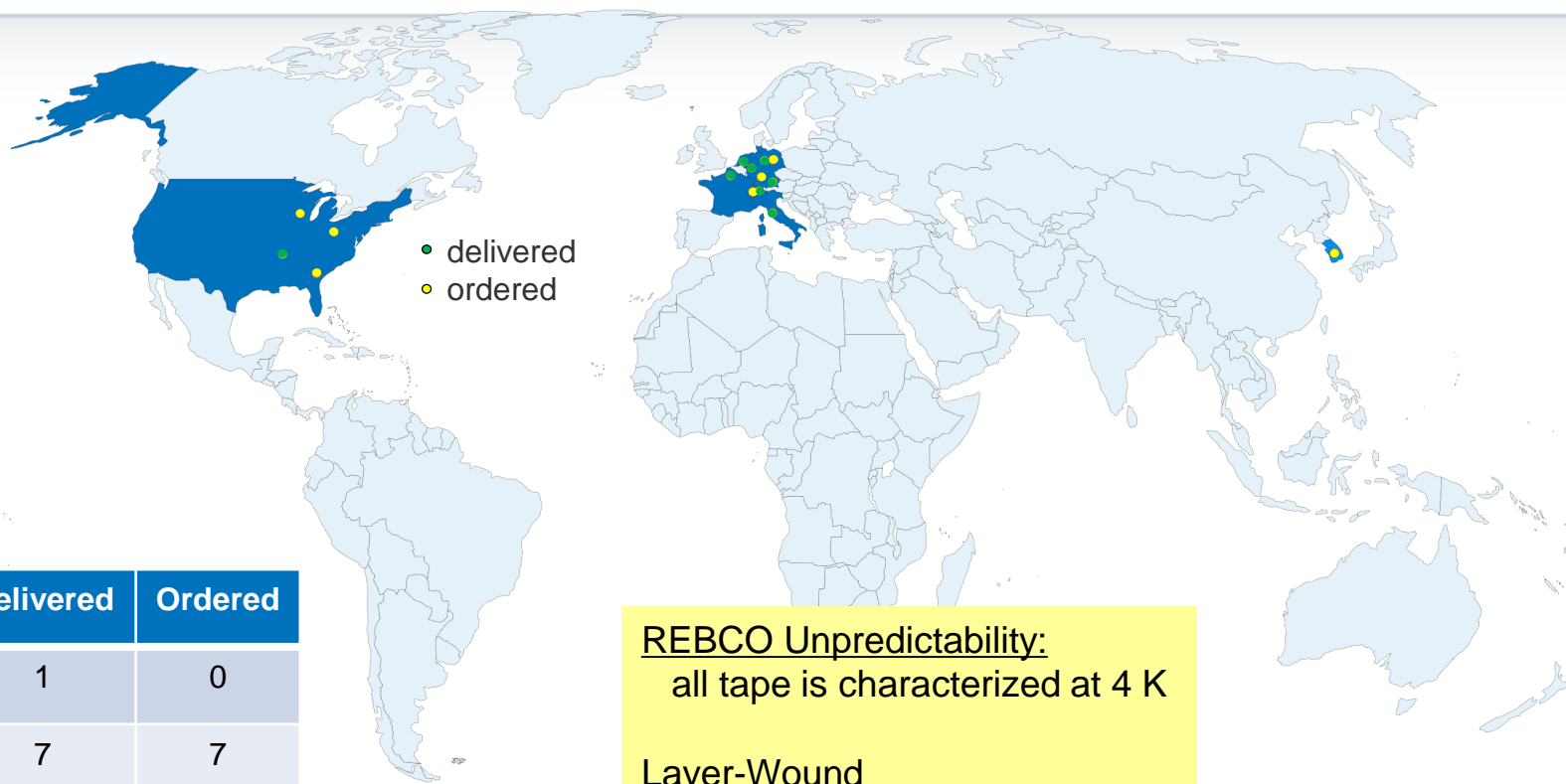
Standard magnets are superconducting with compensation, shielding, persistence, and shimming.

To go beyond 1.0 GHz, HTS coil(s) replace inner Nb₃Sn coil(s) and stronger shim coils are needed.



The First 1.2 GHz (28.2 T) NMR Magnet Reached Full Field in 2019

1.1 and 1.2 GHz NMR systems using ReBCO coated conductors ordered and delivered worldwide (Q4 2022)



● delivered
● ordered

	Delivered	Ordered
1.1 GHz	1	0
1.2 GHz	7	7

REBCO Unpredictability:
all tape is characterized at 4 K

Layer-Wound

UHF REBCO Magnets Underway



REBCO Insert for MIT 1.3-GHz NMR Magnet

- ❑ **H835**: 19.7-T REBCO insert into a 10.93 T LTS NMR coil (L500)
- ❑ Towards an NMR quality 30.5T magnet – the MIT 1.3G
- ❑ **H835** Design Features
 - No-insulation (NI) double-pancake (DP) winding
- ❑ High mechanical strength/stiffness
 - 304 stainless steel co-winding for DPs in strongest axial fields
 - 316 stainless steel overband for all DPs
- ❑ Learned from **H800** Quench
 - Single solenoid to avoid magnetic coupling between nested coils
 - Metallic insulation to accelerate relaxation of bypass current
- ❑ Screening-Current Effect Considered in the Design
 - Associated field reduction and stress/strain modification analyzed

REBCO Unpredictability

MI-REBCO

$<70\% I_c$

Screening Currents

Narrower tape than earlier version.

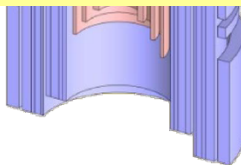
Strain $<0.7\%$ including SCS.

Quench

MI-REBCO self-protection.

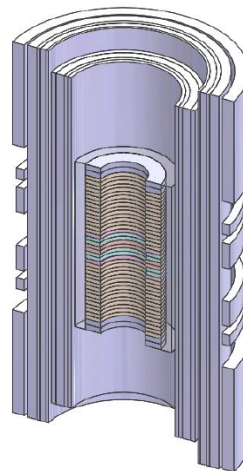
Dump resistor.

Heaters.



Precedent H800
3-Nested-Coils Design

NI-REBCO
Quenched & Damaged in
standalone test (March 2018)



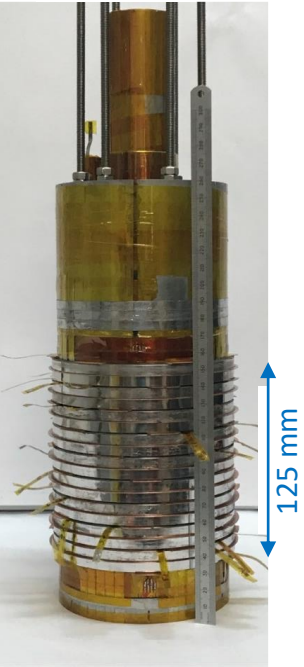
New H835
Single Solenoidal Design
MI-REBCO

12 of 40 Double-Pancakes have been wound.
Due 2024



Test of the 14 T NOUGAT HTS insert (made of 9 “Metal Insulated” Double Pancakes)

- March 2019
 - System reached [30.1 T](#) (12.1 T HTS + 18 T Resistive).
 - System reached [29 T](#) (10 T HTS + 19 T Resistive) when resistive magnet tripped off, inducing large current in HTS coil.
 - HTS coil worked well despite discharge of resistive background magnet.
 - HTS coils re-energized in self-field successfully.
 - System reached [32.5 T](#) (14.5 T HTS + 18 T resistive) when Quench occurred.
- Significant damage seen in HTS coil.
- All 9 double-pancakes were repaired.
- System reached [28.2 T](#) (10.2 T HTS + 18 T Resistive), Oct. 2021.
- Install HTS coil in LTS outsert @ Dresden to provide [30 T SC user](#) magnet.



REBCO Unpredictability
 MI-REBCO.
 60% of I_c .
Screening Currents
 Not included in strain calculations.
Quench
 MI-REBCO.
 HTS shield between LTS & HTS coils.

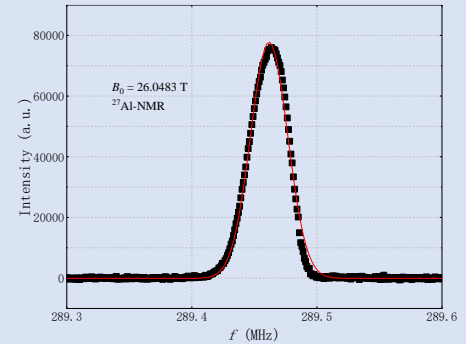
→ **Perspectives H2020 study call** for the design of an All Superconducting Magnet ([40 T](#)), Studies for future hybrids

30T/ Φ 35mm user magnet at the IEE CAS for SECUF Project : quantum oscillation



Total field	30 T
Insert coils	10.05 T (inner coil) 4.95 T (outer coil)
Background coil	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 @30 mm

- Preliminary test to 26 T was achieved for SECUF, at Huairou, Beijing, on Jul. 8, 2022



NMR magnet reached 25T, with a homogeneity of 13ppm@10mm DSV, and a field drift of ~ 0.83 ppm/hour (62 hours later);

REBCO Unpredictability

MI-REBCO

Quench

MI-REBCO self-protection.
“Coupling coils” slow dB/dt.

REBCO Unpredictability

Measure I_c of each pancake at 77 K.
Wind 2 conductors in parallel.
50% I_c .

Screening Currents

Epoxy bonds turns to G10 spacers to
eliminate strain due to screening currents.

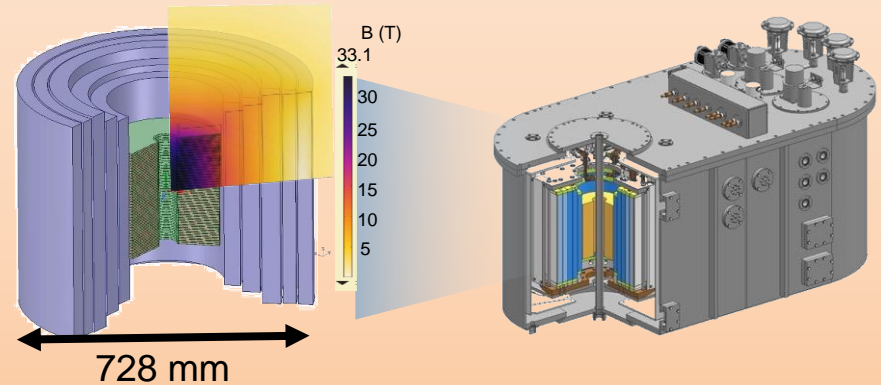
Quench

Assume HTS will not quench.
If LTS quenches, use external resistor to prevent
current increase in HTS coil.

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NEW 33T Cryogen-Free

- High strength Nb₃Sn Rutherford Cable
- Robust REBCO conductors

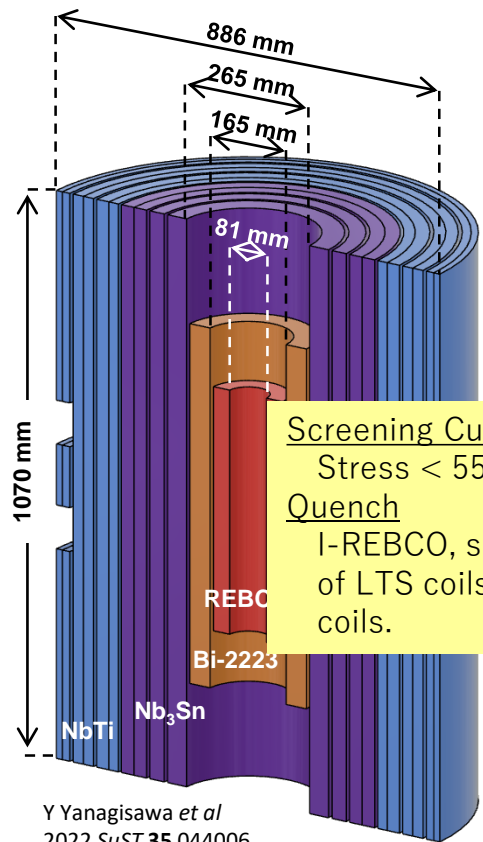


Superconducting magnet technology beyond 40 T.

50 T Superconducting magnet

Recent test coil w/ 20 pancakes generated
11 T HTS + 14 T LTS = 25 T total.

Development of a 1.3 GHz (30.5 T) NMR magnet in the JST-Mirai Program



Screening Currents
Stress < 550 MPa (~0.33%) including SCS.

Quench
I-REBCO, single power supply, resistance of LTS coils extracts energy from HTS coils.

30.5 T series-connected LTS/HTS coils in the persistent-mode with superconducting joints for HTS

Operating temperature (K)	4.2 (LHe)	
Operating current (A)	231	
Self-inductance (H)	988	
Stored energy (MJ)	26.4	
Weight of superconductors (ton)	3.9	
	9.9	
	HTS+LTS series	
	Layer-winding	REBO / Bi-2223
	REBCO / Bi-2223	205 / 137
	HTS (REBCO+Bi-2223)	15.7 (8.7+7.0)
	LTS	15.1
Conductor length for winding (km)	REBCO / Bi-2223 / LTS	5.2 / 11.0 / 154
Number of joints	RR / BB RL / BL	16-32 / 30-45 several / several

R: REBCO
B: Bi-2223
L: LTS

M The 40 T SC Magnet at MagLab



- Developed software to compute screening currents, strains, and field distributions that is being adopted by other labs worldwide.
- Developed quench modelling software for both MTI and RI coils.
- Introduced critical-current graded coils.
- Demonstrated coils survive
 - 50,000 cycles with 125 MPa axial pressure
 - >23,000 cycles at 0.4% strain; >200 cycles at 0.5% strain.
- Increase in copper current density, J_{cu} compared with 32 T.
- Introduced Reinforcement grading.
- Demonstrated numerous improvements to quench protection
- Tested 19 different REBCO coils.



TC2
(August 2022)



RI-NC
(Sep. 2022)

Two recent REBCO test coils from the 40 T magnet project.

REBCO Unpredictability

Measure each REBCO tape at 4K.

$I_{op}/I_c \sim 0.6$.

I-REBCO = 2-in-hand

RI-REBCO

Screening Currents

Strain <0.45% including SCS.

Quench

I-REBCO version uses heaters between modules.

NI-REBCO version has controlled inter-turn resistance and fast quench heaters.

1. 20-T HTS Magnet Configuration

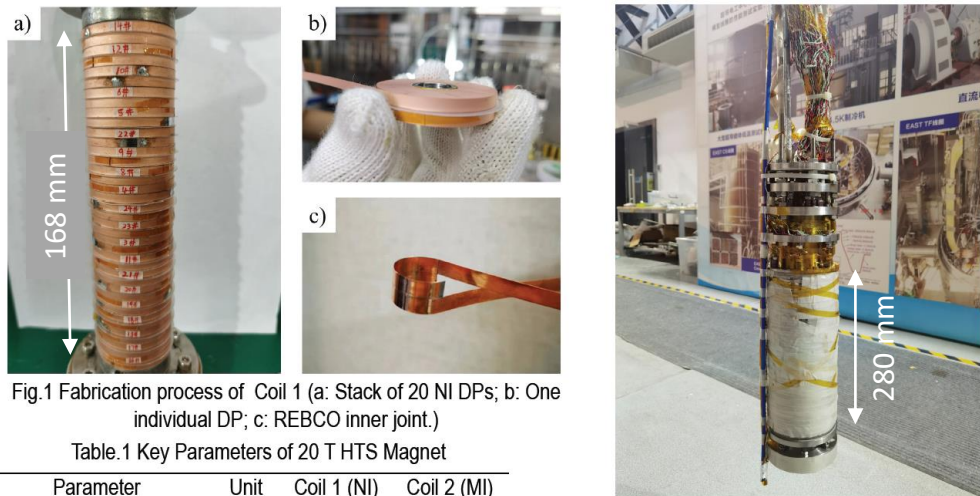


Fig.1 Fabrication process of Coil 1 (a: Stack of 20 NI DPs; b: One individual DP; c: REBCO inner joint.)

Table.1 Key Parameters of 20 T HTS Magnet

Parameter	Unit	Coil 1 (NI)	Coil 2 (MI)
Inner radius	mm	8.5	46.2
Outer radius	mm	22.2	67.3
Turns per DP	-	210	90
Number of DP	-	20	28
Height	mm	168	280
Length per DP	m	40	65
Over-Banding Thickness	mm	11	3.7
Co-winding Thickness	μm	-	50
Operation Current	A	244	
Copper Current Density	A/mm^2	938.5	274.8*
Center Field Contribution	T	15	5
Inductance	H	0.352	0.562

Fig.2 Photo of fabricated 20-T magnet before liquid-helium test.

Coil 1 winding configuration:

- ◆ 65- μm REBCO tapes, with 38- μm Has substrate.
- ◆ Superconducting inner-joint, soldering on 8-mm transitional tape.
- ◆ Optimize the stack order of DPs according to the critical current, DP on the edge has larger I_c .

*The thickness of co-winding Hastelloy tapes was not considered.

REBCO Unpredictability

65% of I_c at end of coil.

Screening Currents

Strain 0.68% max including SCS w/o coupling.

Quench

NI-REBCO for inner coil

MI-REBCO for 2nd coil

35 T All-SC Test Coil

20 T HTS coils quenched 5 times in stand-alone testing.

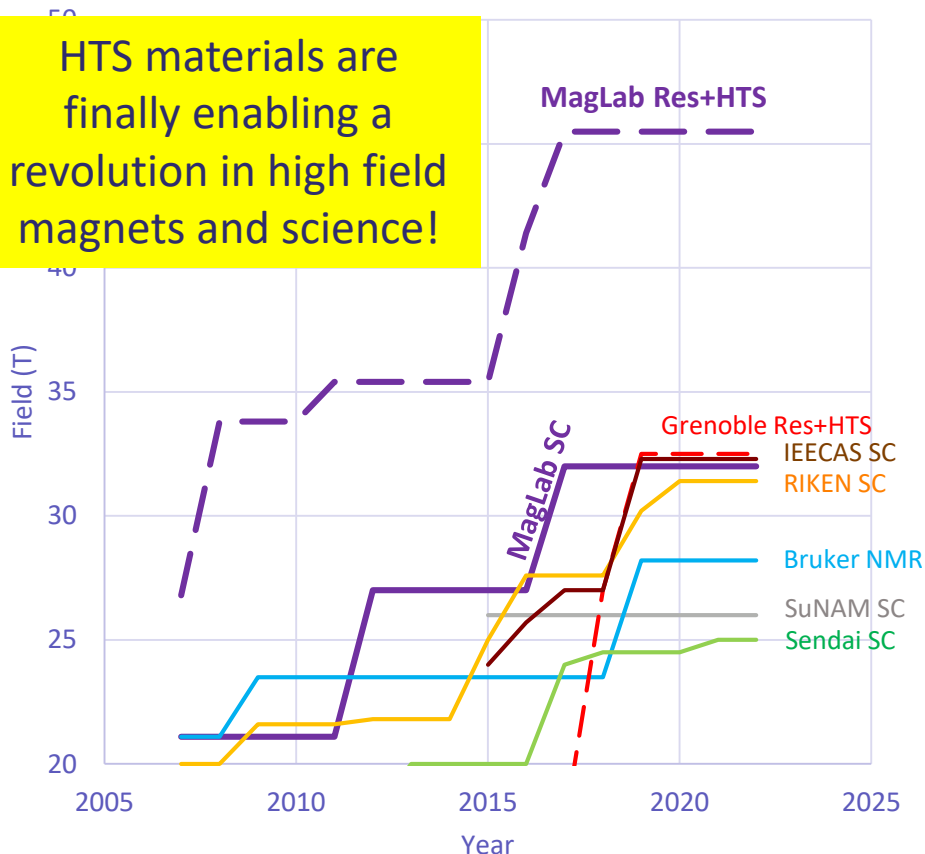
Each quench caused damage to Coil 1 DP 3.

HTS coils repaired & charged again to 23.2 T with no background field

Liangjun Shao, Xintao Zhang, Zhiron Yang, Yubin Yue, Yufan Yan, Peng Song, Yi Li, Huajun Liu, & Timing Qu, ASC 2022.

Summary

HTS materials are finally enabling a revolution in high field magnets and science!



NMR = Nuclear Magnetic Resonance.

There are now > 7 organizations worldwide developing HTS coils for service at Ultra-High Fields.

- All SC magnets >25 T use REBCO.
 - SC magnets are presently available at 28 – 32 T for condensed matter physics.
 - NMR magnets are operating at 28.2 T (1.2 GHz).
 - >4 groups are pursuing 30 – 35 T SC.
 - 2 groups are pursuing 30.5 T (1.3 GHz) NMR.
 - ~4 labs are pursuing 40 T SC.
- Variability of properties, effects of screening currents, and quench protection remain important challenges.

Thank You!



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