



# Present status of the MIRAI Program; towards a persistent 1.3 GHz NMR and DC feeder cables

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- Kyushu University; T. Kiss et al.; current path
- Kyoto University; T. Doi et al.; REBCO/ REBCO joint
- Tohoku University; S. Ito et al.; low resistance joint
- Shimane University; S. Funaki et al.; REBCO/REBCO joint
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- *Chiba University; Y. Suetomi; protection*
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## ■ **Superconducting DC power cable for railway systems:**

- *Railway Technical Research Institute; M. Tomita et al.; HTS DC feeder cables*
- *Kyushu Institute of Technology, K. Matsumoto and S. Otabe et al.; soldered joint*





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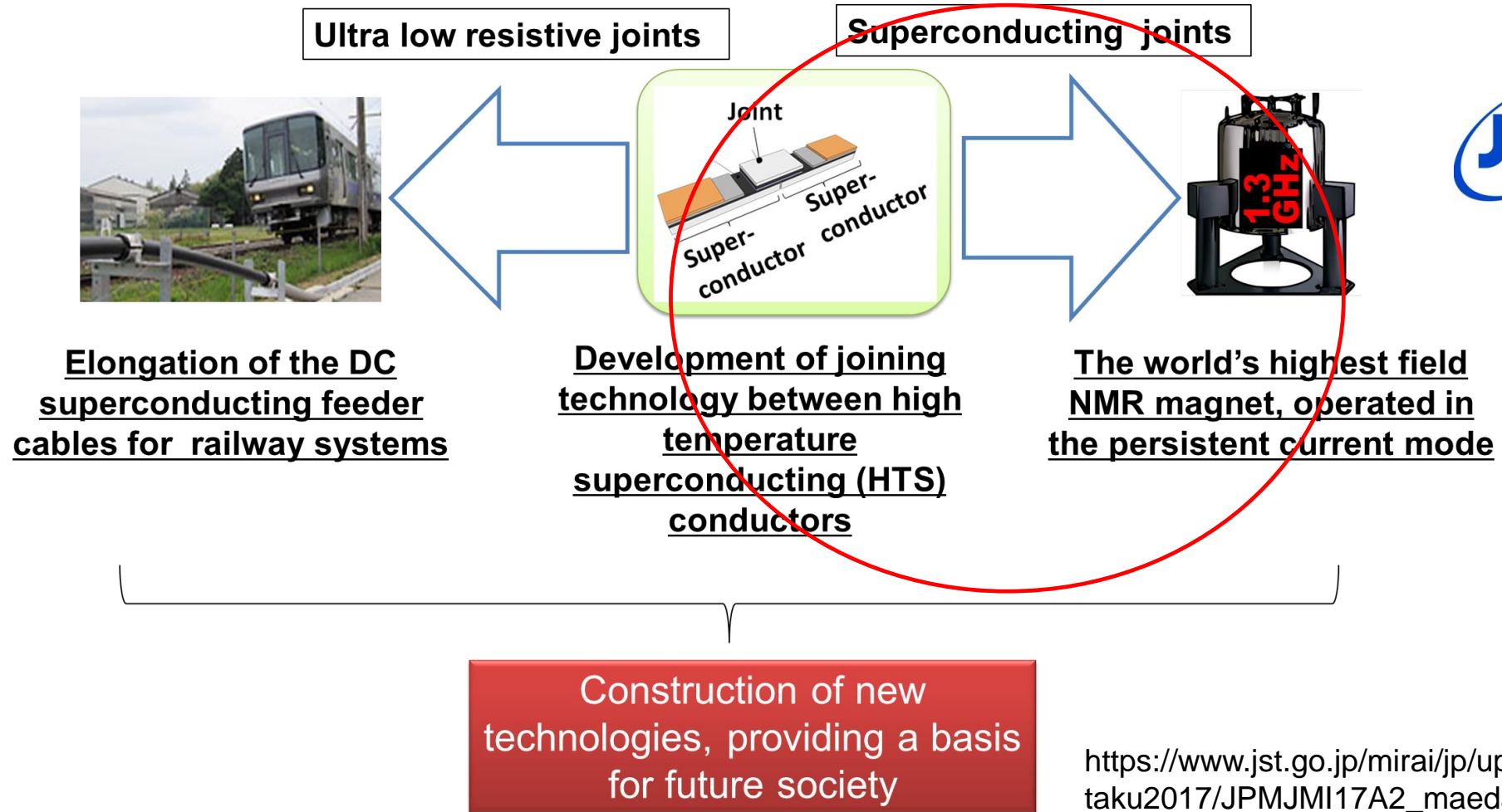
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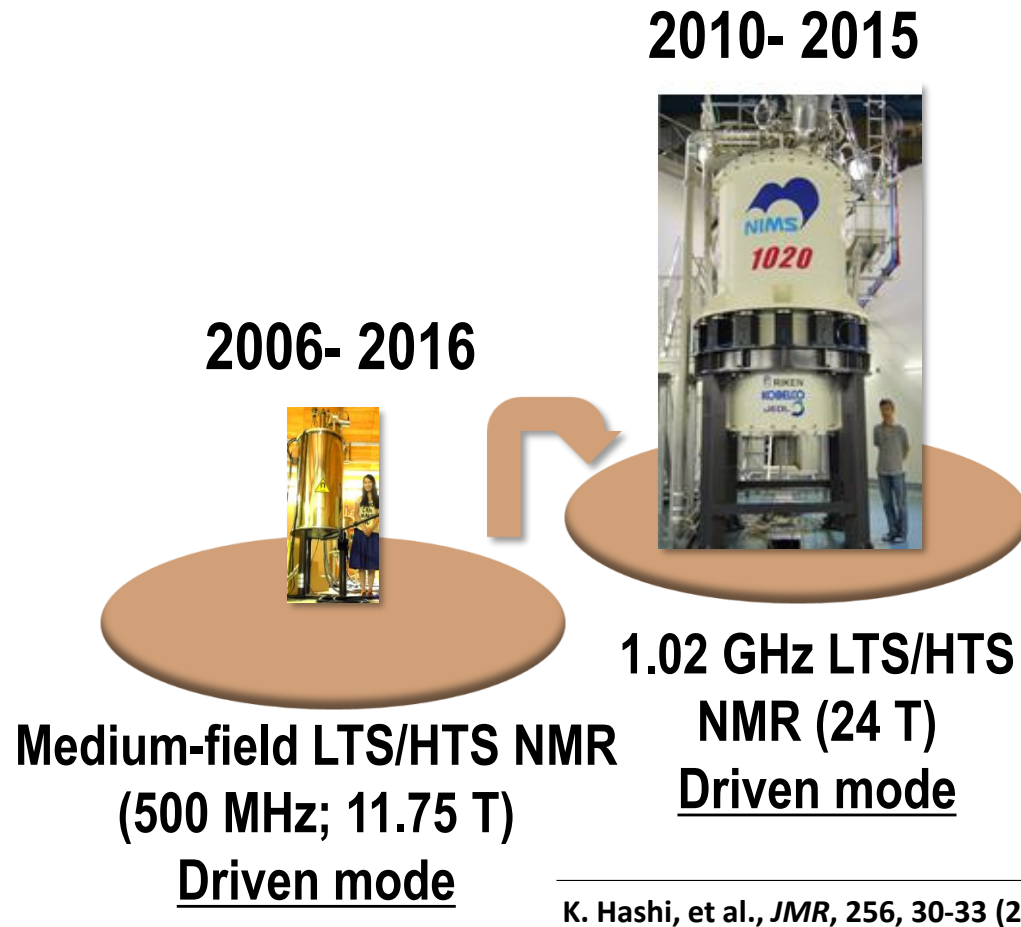
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# Schematic diagram of the MIRAI Program



# Development history in Japan



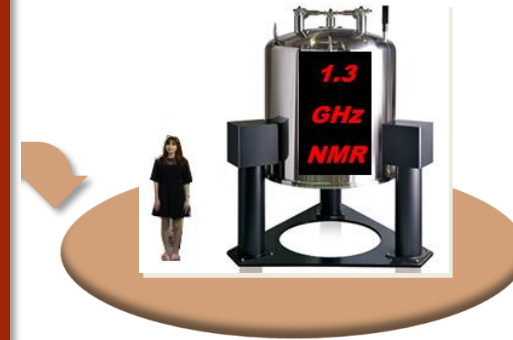


# Development history in Japan

## Target:

- Development of a world's highest field all-superconducting NMR magnet operated in the persistent mode

## MIRAI Program 2017-2026



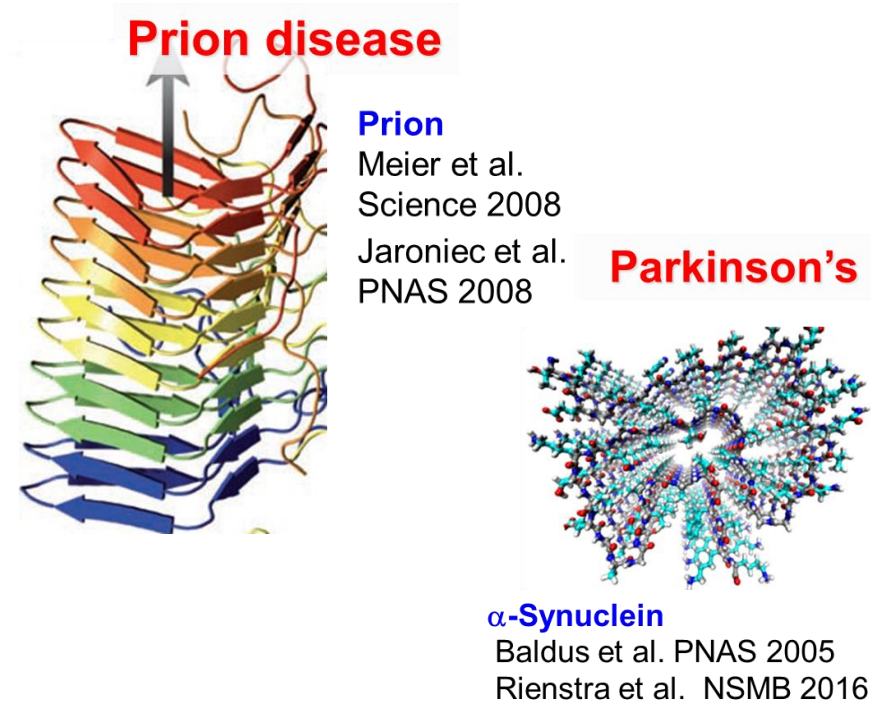
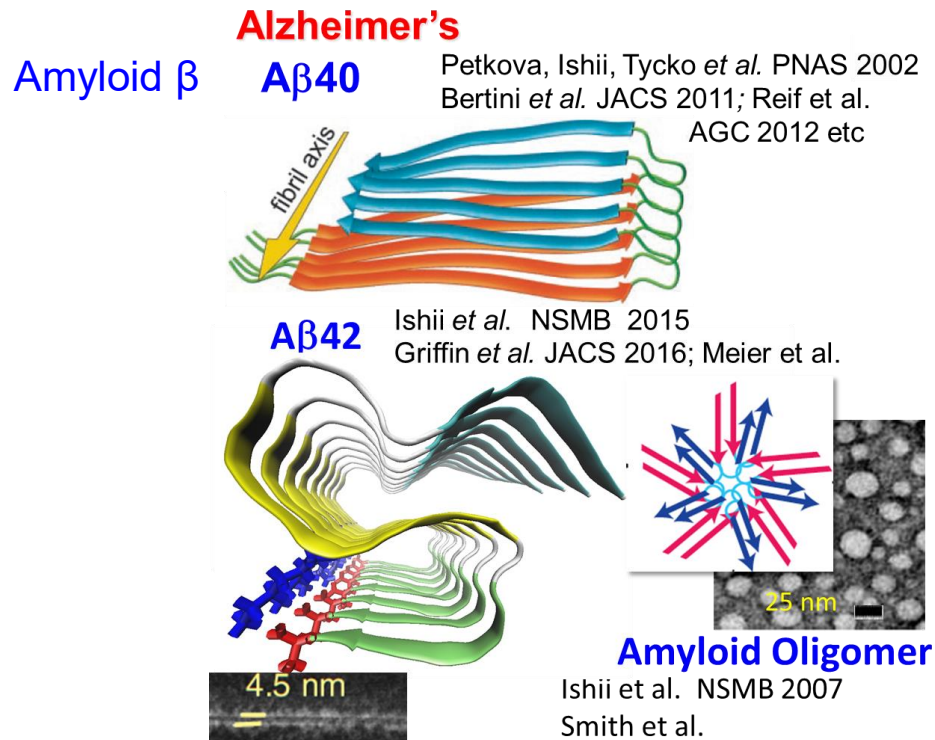
## 1.3 GHz LTS/HTS NMR (30.5 T) Persistent current mode

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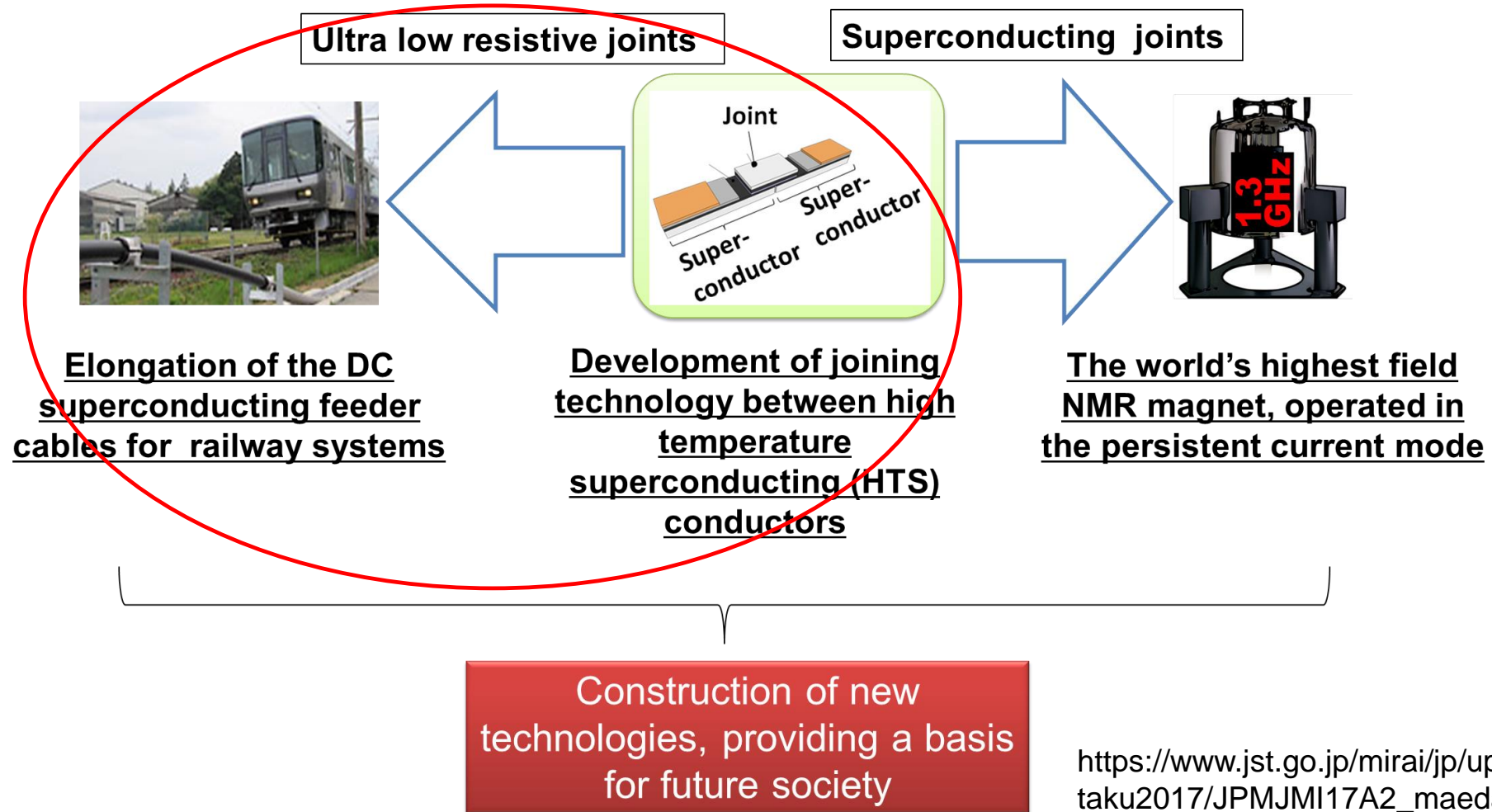
K. Hashi, et al., *JMR*, 256, 30-33 (2015)

# High impact target of the 1.3 GHz NMR

- Structures of proteins which link to Alzheimer's disease, Prion disease, Parkinson's disease were determined by solid-state NMR.

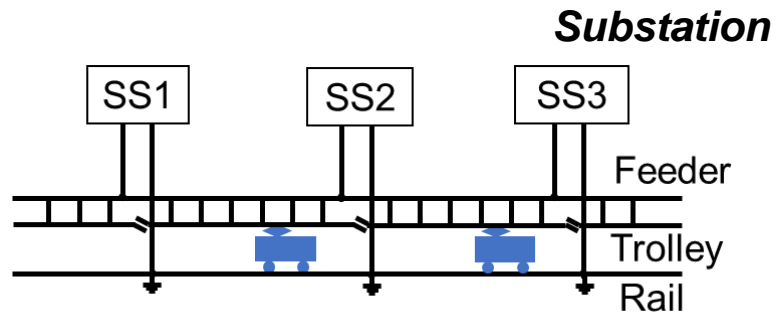


# Schematic diagram of the program



# Electrification feeder system for railway systems

## DC electrification feeder system for railway systems



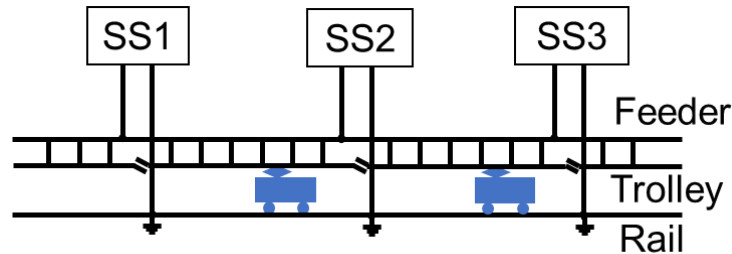
### Disadvantages:

- Transmission power loss of the DC feeder cable
- Sometimes regenerative braking is canceled (energy consumption)

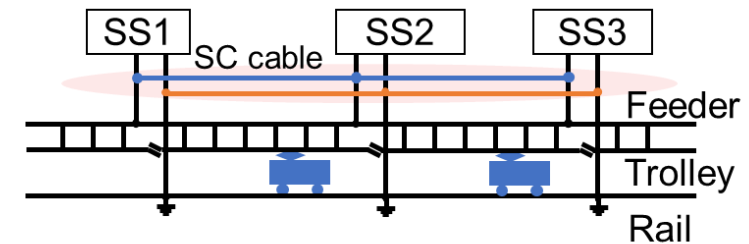
M. Tomita *et al.*, *Energy* 122 (2017) 579

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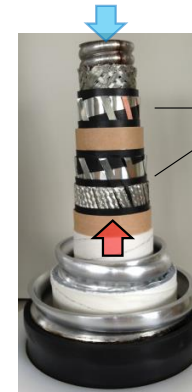
## DC electrification feeder system for railway systems



## Next generation DC electrification feeder system for railway systems



Liq. N<sub>2</sub> flow



HTS tapes

HTS DC feeder cable  
> 10 cm in OD

### Advantages:

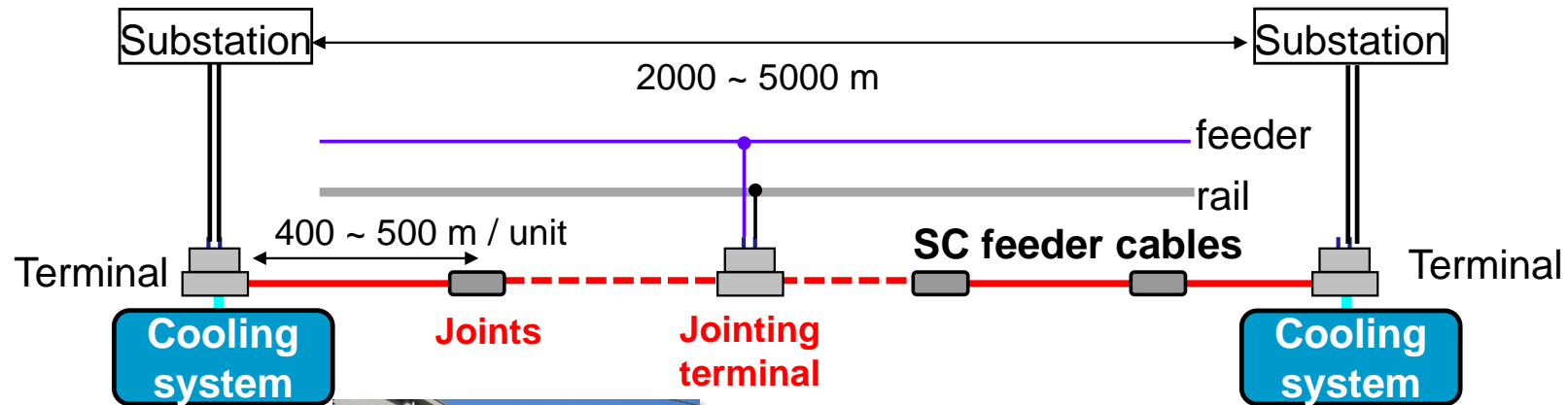
- Load leveling between substations
- Reduction of transmission loss
- Efficient regenerative braking

M. Tomita *et al.*, *Energy* 122 (2017) 579



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# Necessity of the joint



Cable length is < 500m due to truck transportation

## Target:

- Development of ultra-low resistance on-site joints between HTS DC cables



# Organization of the program



Program manager  
**Hideaki Maeda** (PM)

PM Supporting office  
PM/RIKEN

Aoyama-Gakuin University, NIMS,  
TEP Ceramics, Sumitomo Electric,  
Fine Ceramic Center, Kyushu  
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Technology, Shimane University,  
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Proof of social impact of NMR group  
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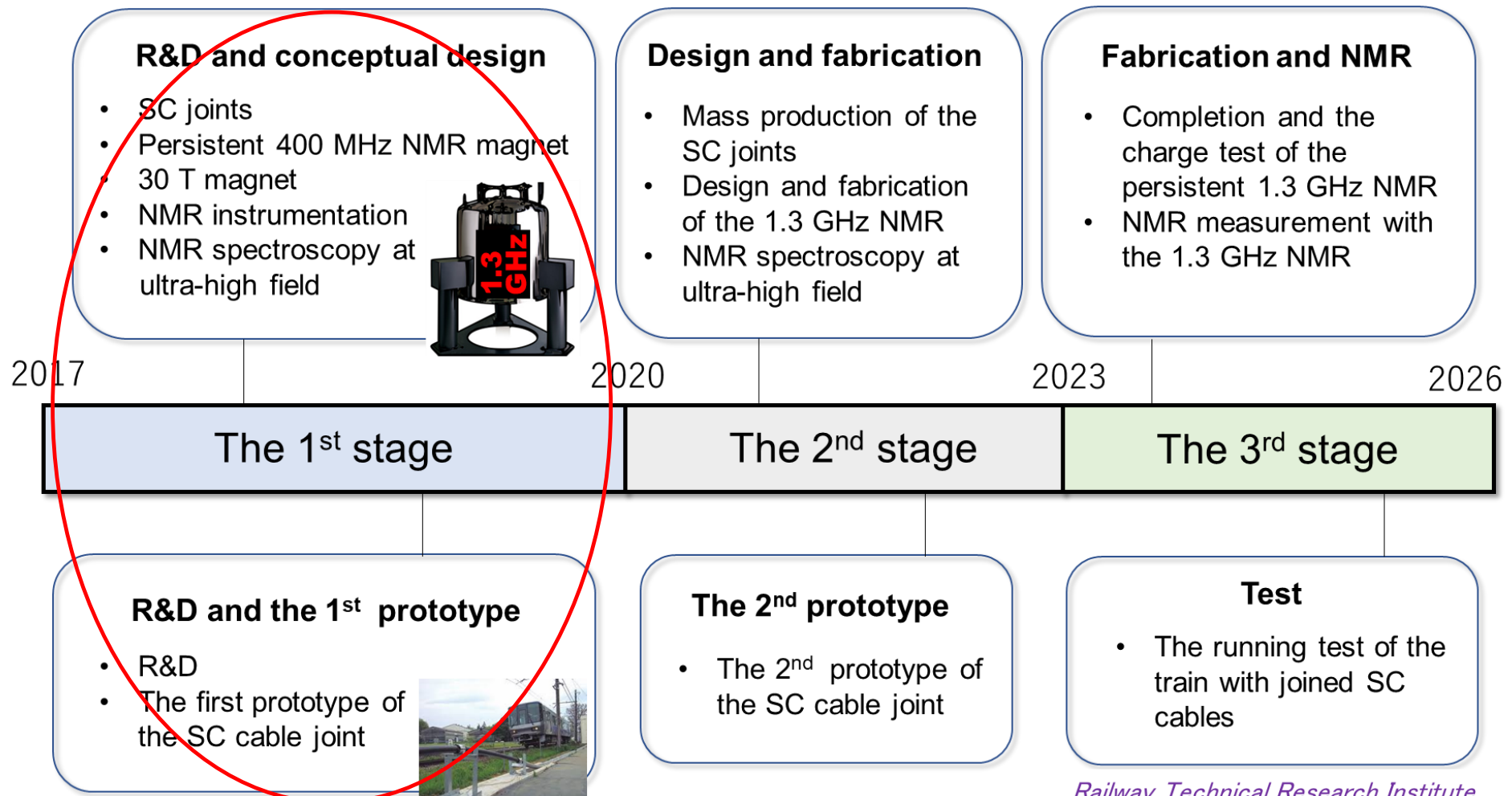


Superconducting feeder cable for  
railway systems group  
**Masaru Tomita** (Railway Technical  
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# Stage timeline of the MIRAI Program



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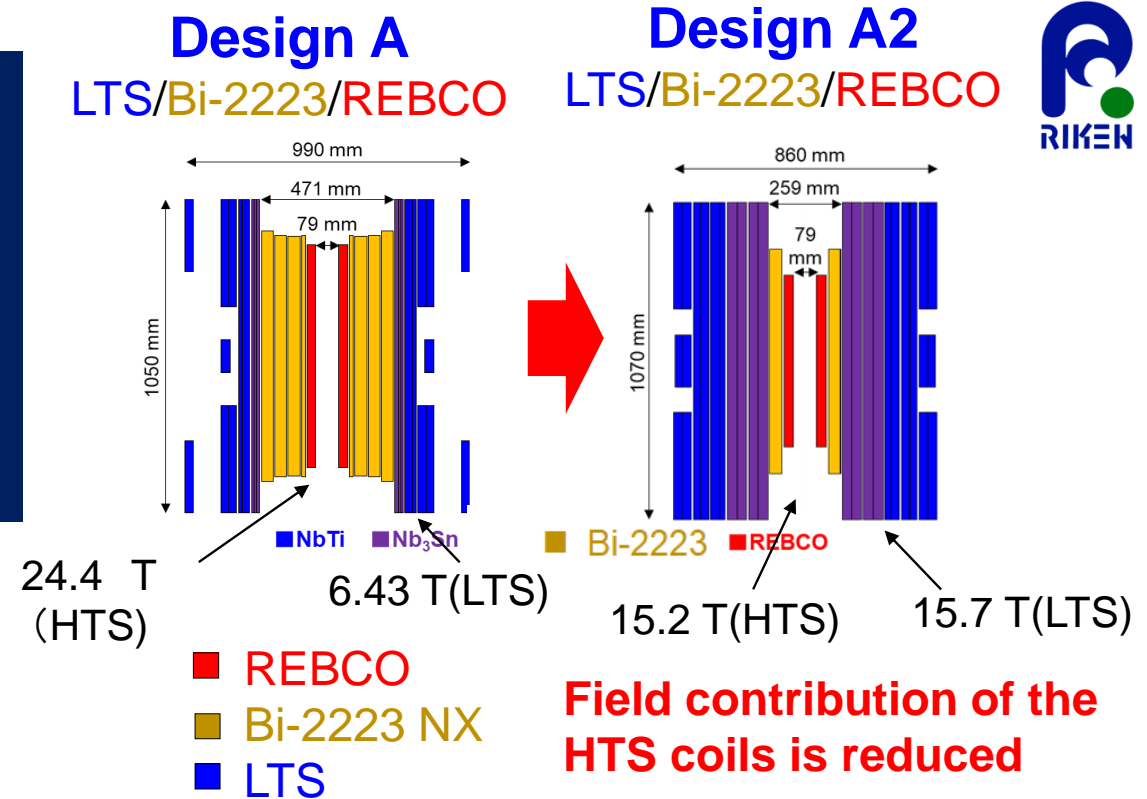
# Change in preliminary design

## Persistent 1.3 GHz NMR (30.5 T)



### Reasons for the change of the magnet design:

- Design A needs a piece of HTS conductor with a length of >1km, which is unlikely at present
- High cost of the magnet





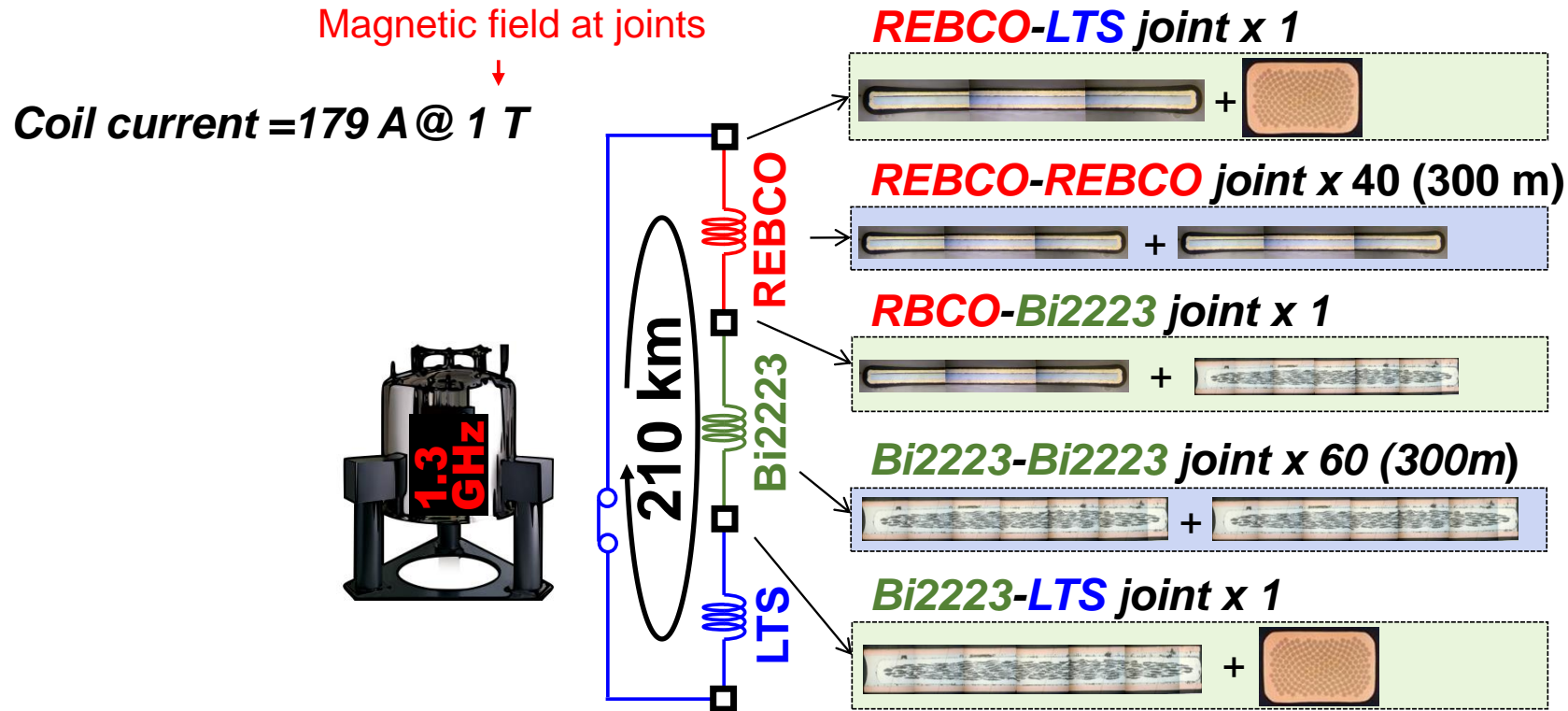
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# Superconducting joints necessary for the 1.3 GHz NMR magnet

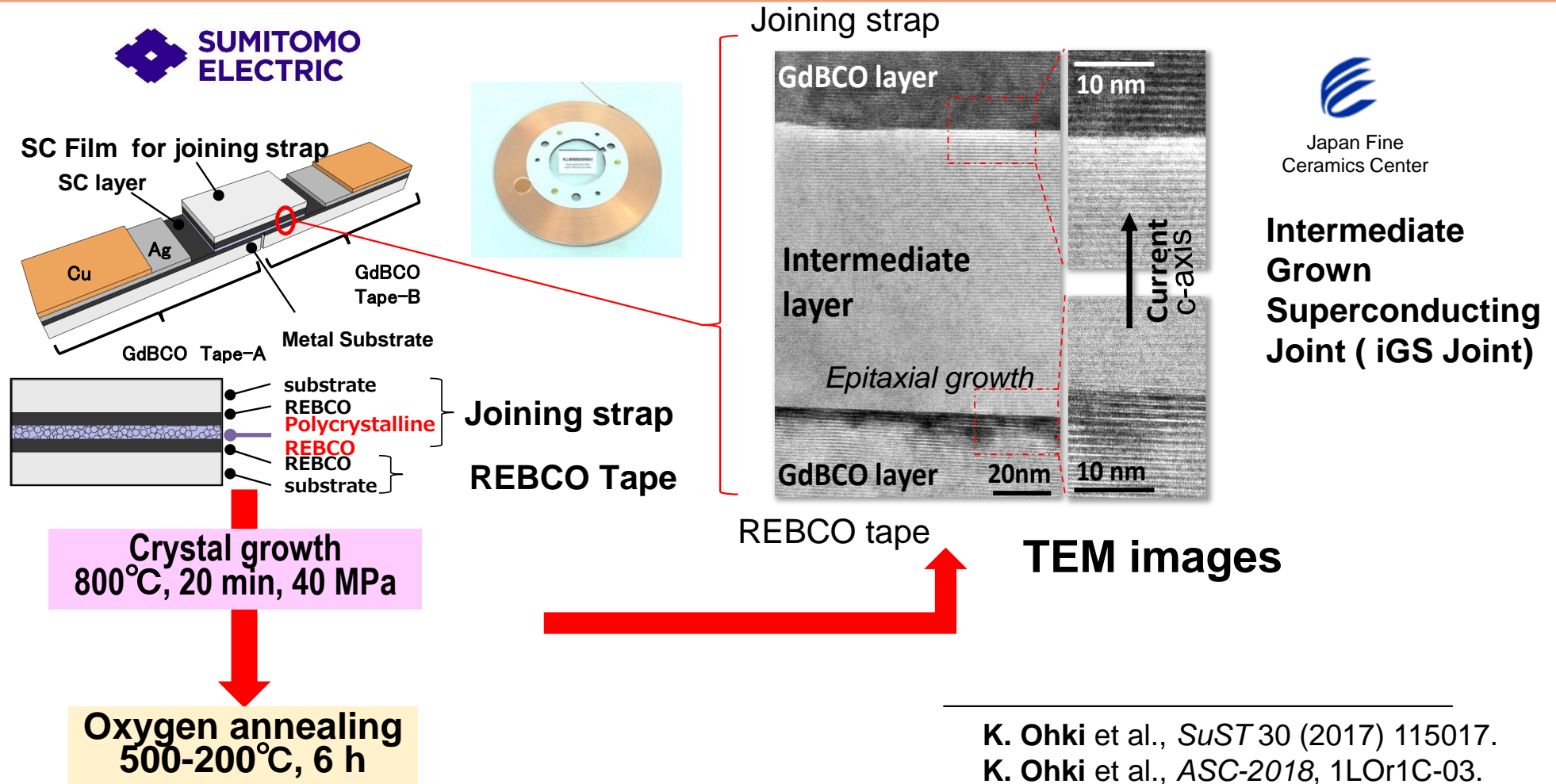


Permissible total resistance necessary for the field decay rate of  $10^{-8}/\text{h}$  is  $10^{-9} \Omega$ , corresponding to a joint resistance of  $10^{-12} \sim 10^{-11} \Omega/\text{joint}$

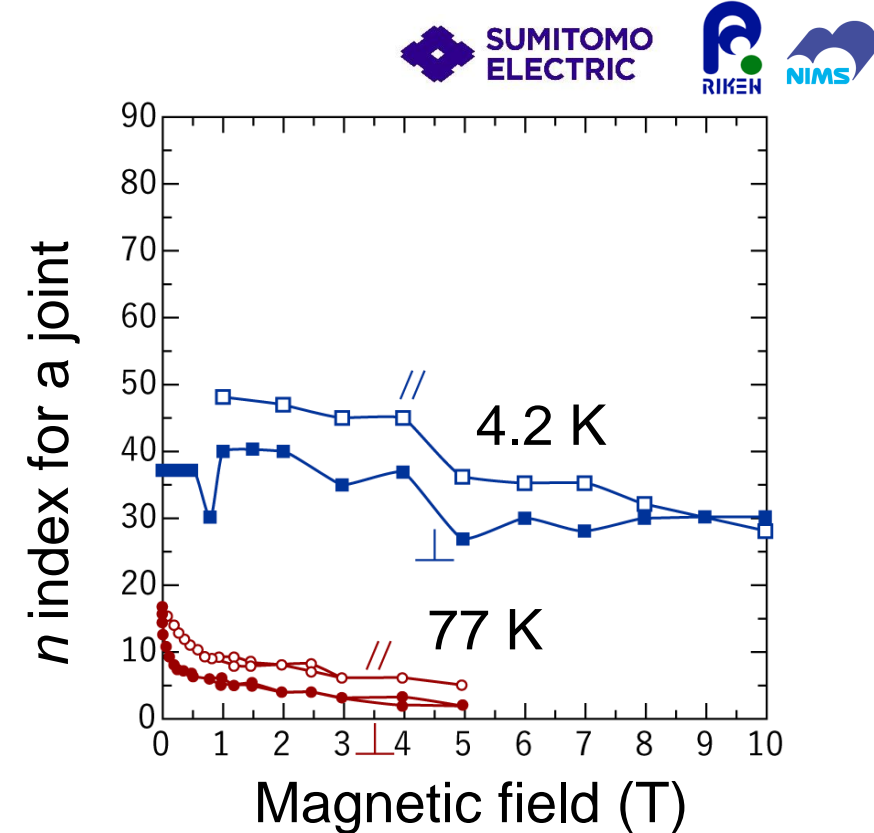
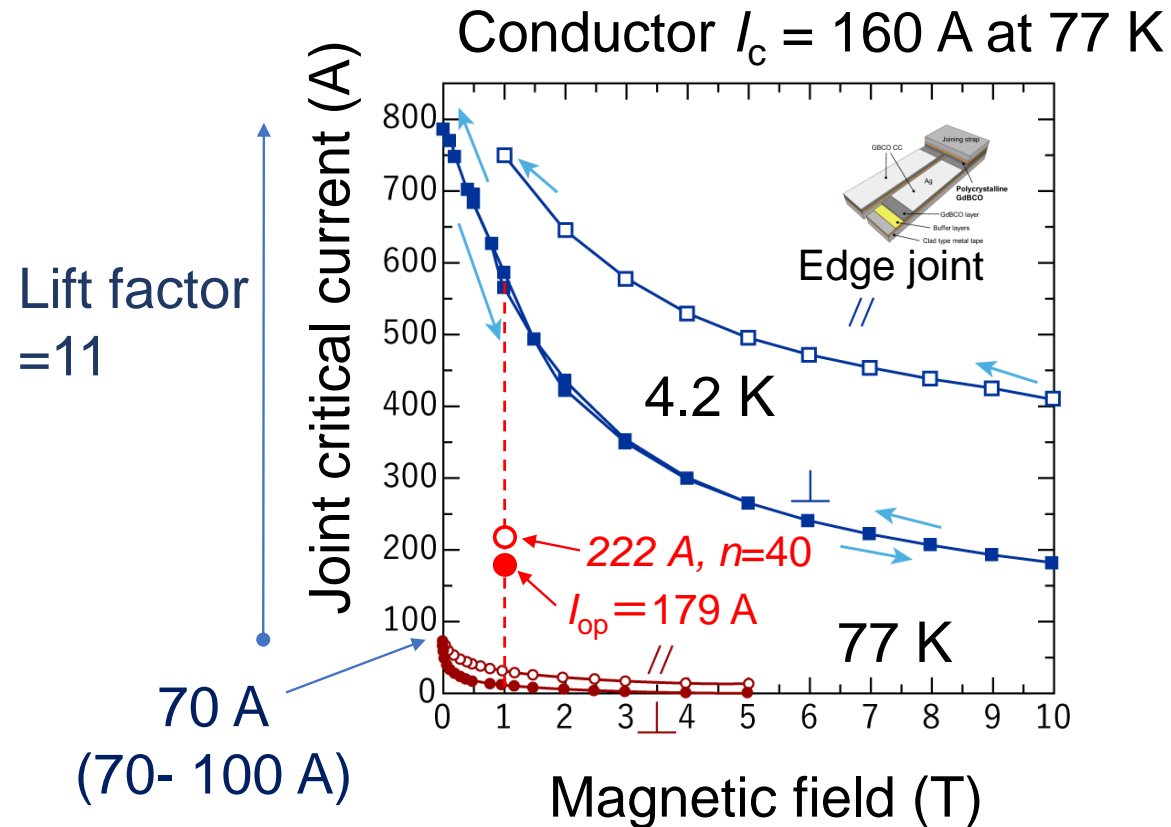


# Superconducting joint REBCO/ REBCO (RR)

# Manufacturing process of an indirect type of RR joint



# Joint critical current vs. *magnetic field*



**The indirect RR joint is sufficient for the 1.3 GHz NMR**

K. Yamagishi et al., ASC2018, 4LPo1G-05.



# Superconducting joint Bi-2223/ Bi-2223 (BB)

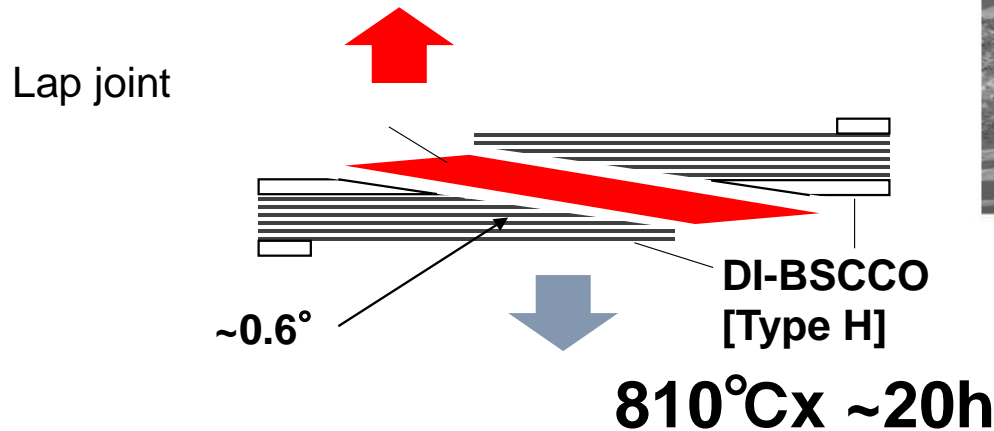


# Manufacturing process of an indirect-type of BB joint

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DI-BSCCO  
[Type H]

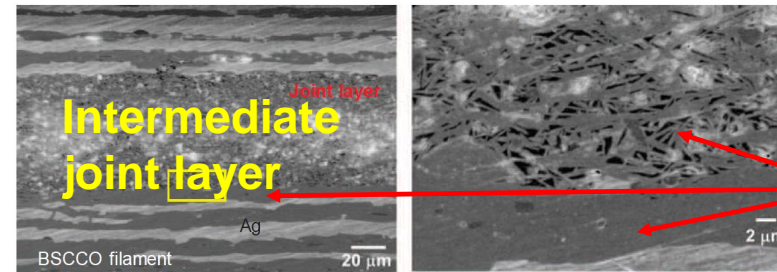
## ■ Bi-2223 precursor was coated



## ■ Low angle polishing (~0.6° ) was applied, which increased a number of exposed filaments

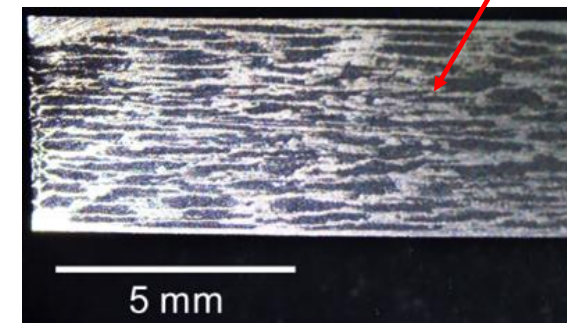
length

Backscattered electron image for a joint sample



Sintering condition: 810°C, 24 h,  $P_{O_2} = 3$  kPa

Cross sectional view of the joint



Polished surface

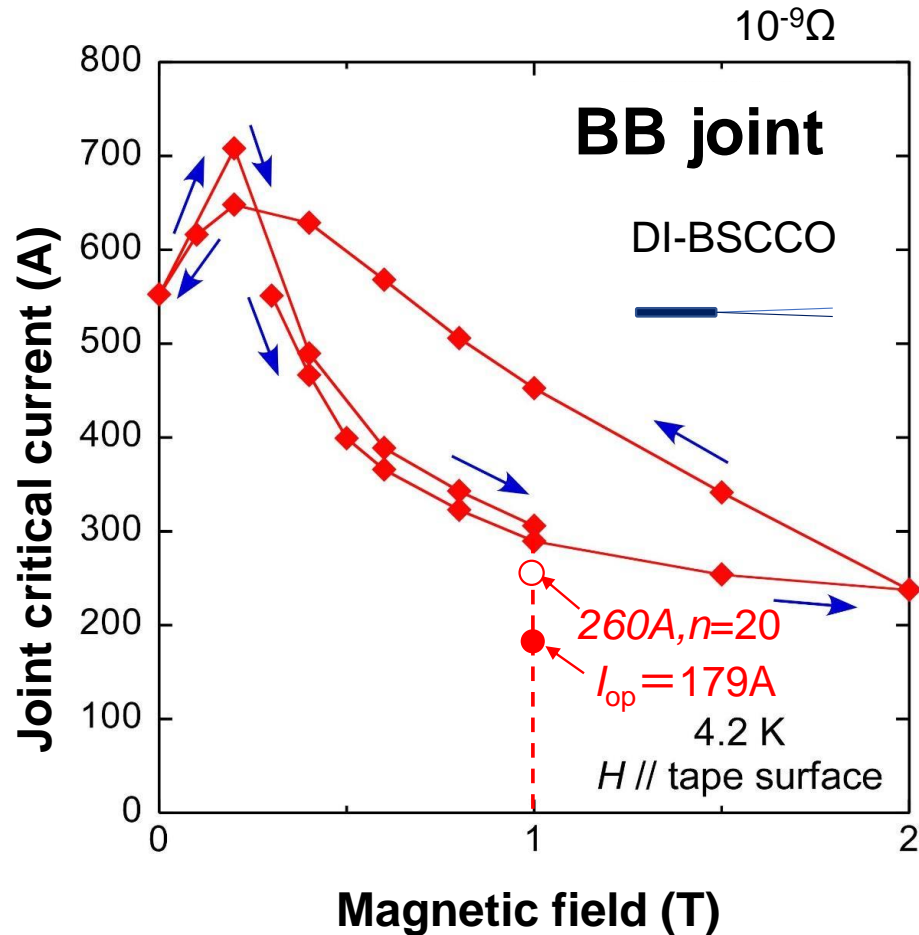


Filaments

Y. Takeda et al., *SuST* 31 (2018) 074002

Y. Takeda et al., *ASC2018*, 3MPo2D-08, Y. Takeda et al., *Appl. Phys. Express*, 12 (2019) 023003.

# Joint critical current vs. magnetic field



**The indirect BB joint satisfies the requirement for the 1.3 GHz(30.5T) NMR; however, the joint critical current must be further increased**

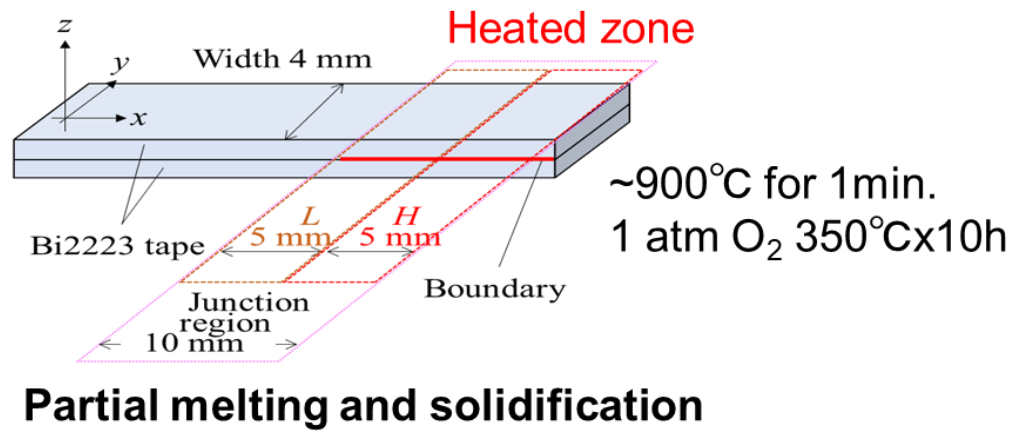
Y. Takeda et al., this conference, 9P-15.



# Other topics

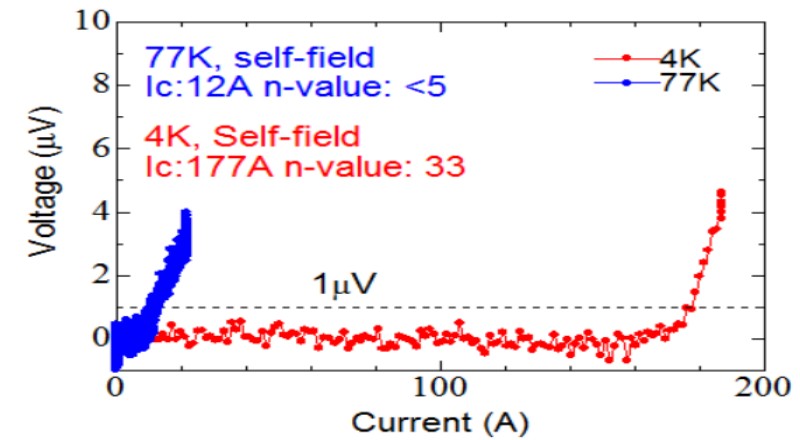


# Direct type BB-joint



Based on SEM images, it is demonstrated that Bi2212 connects Bi-2223 filaments

**Bi2212 bridges Bi-2223 filaments**



The joint  $I_c$  is dominated by Bi-2212



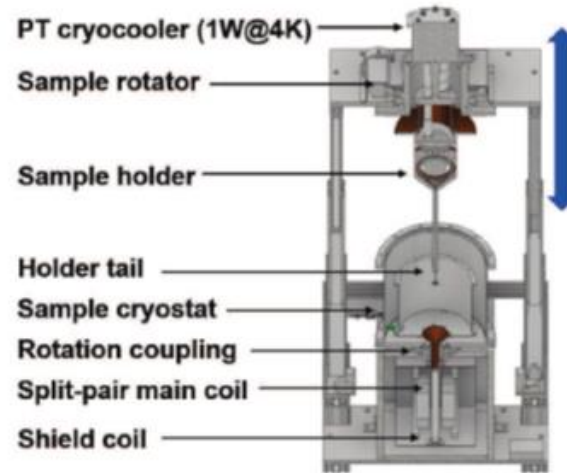
**Insufficient for the 1.3 GHz NMR at present**

X. Kanazawa et al., *SuST* 32(2019) 035011.

# Development of a joint resistance evaluation system



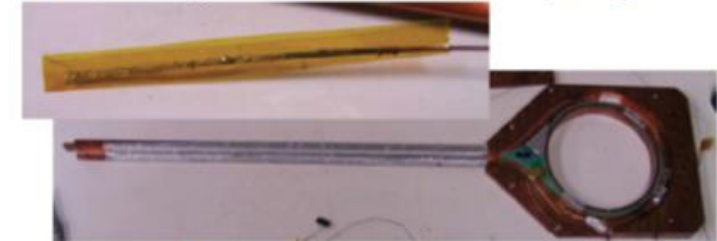
- The persistent current is induced in the loop by discharging a copper coil
- Temporal field decay provides joint resistance in a short time



### Specification

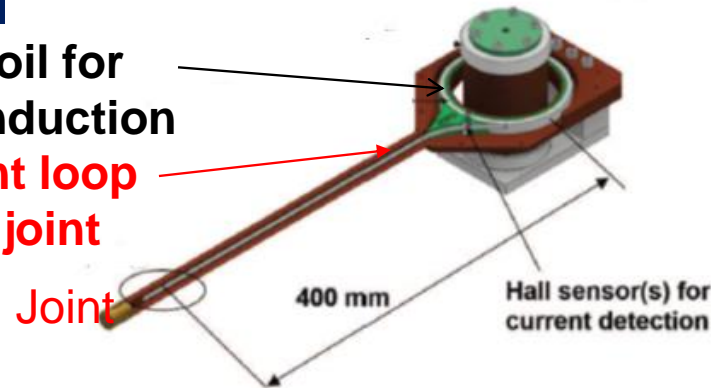
- R-range:  $10^{-8} \sim 10^{-15} \Omega$
- Temperature: 3 ~ 120 K
- External field: 0 ~ 3 T (rotatable)
- Current injection: 0 ~ >400 A

Commissioning: 1 turn Nb-Ti wire, solder joint @4.2K

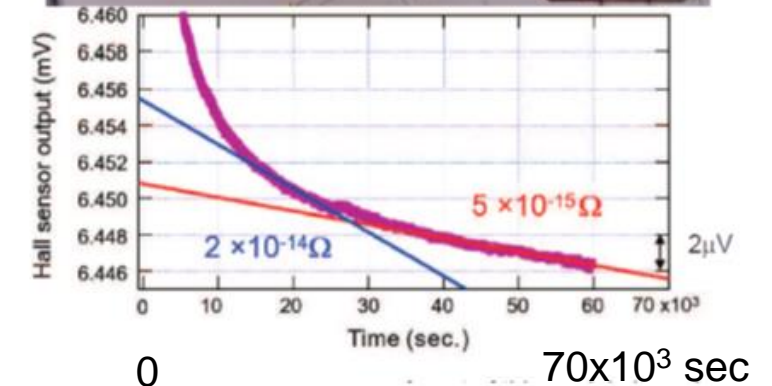


Copper coil for current induction

Current loop with a joint

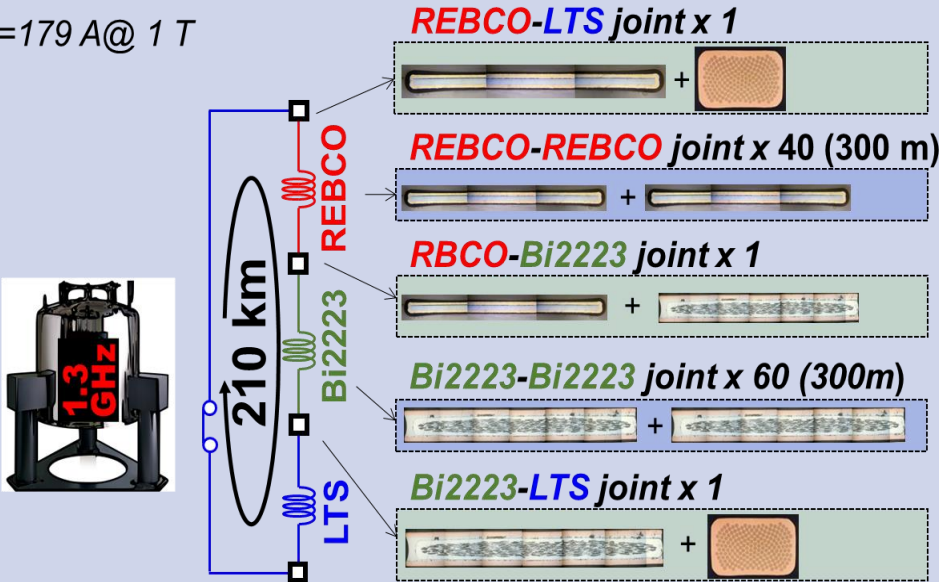


A part of this work is based on results obtained from a project commissioned by NEDO [ No. 16100555-0 ]



K. Kobayashi et al., *IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond.*, accepted for publication (2020), DOI: 10.1109/TASC.2020.2967680.  
 H. Kitaguchi et al., this conference, 9A4-1 (2020).

# Current status of the joint development

	Current status
<p>Coil current = 179 A @ 1 T</p>  <p>REBCO-LTS joint x 1</p> <p>REBCO-REBCO joint x 40 (300 m)</p> <p>RBCO-Bi2223 joint x 1</p> <p>Bi2223-Bi2223 joint x 60 (300m)</p> <p>Bi2223-LTS joint x 1</p>	<p><b>Ultra-low resistance normal conducting joint or superconducting joint</b></p> <p><b>Completion of the development</b></p> <p><b>Ultra-low resistance normal conducting joint or superconducting joint</b></p> <p><b>Nearly completion of the development</b></p> <p>By using the solder dip method, ultra-low resistance joint (<math>10^{-10}\Omega</math>) or superconducting joint (&lt;20A) was achieved</p>



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# The medium-field persistent NMR magnet with superconducting joints

400 MHz (9.4 T)  
LTS/ REBCO NMR

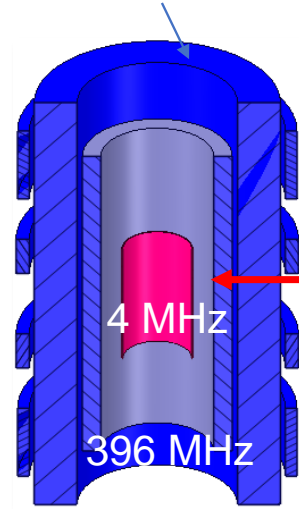
Persistent REBCO inner coil

Persistent  
LTS outer coils

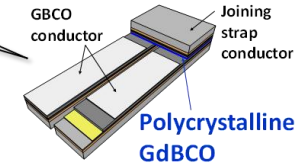


JNM-ECZ series NMR spectrometer  
Installed in RIKEN

K. Ohki et al. *SuST* 30 (2017) 115017.  
Y. Yanagisawa et al., *ASC2018*, 4LPo1E-05.



RR joint



Persistent current  
switch

REBCO coil (4 layers)



**It is proved that high resolution NMR spectra are achievable by the use of persistent LTS/HTS NMR magnet with superconducting joints**

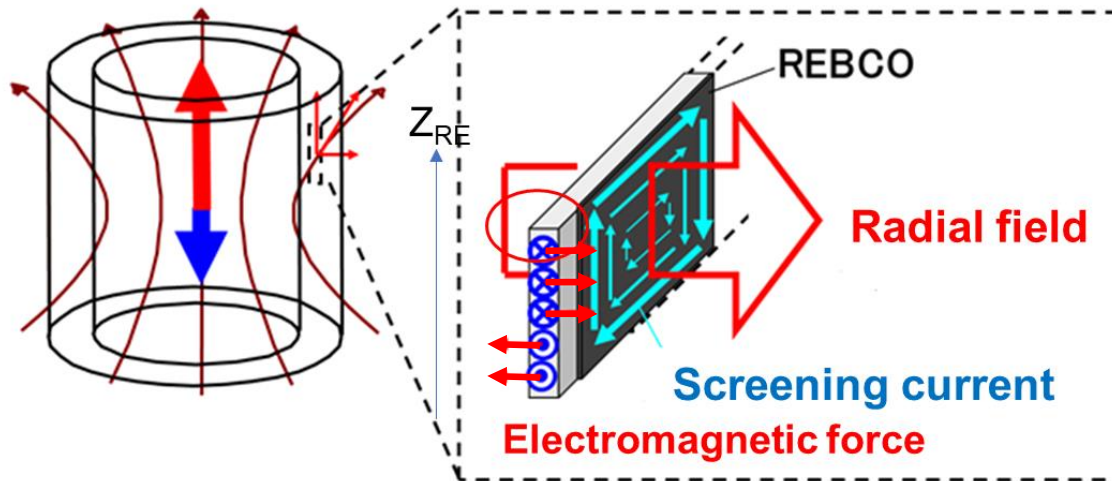




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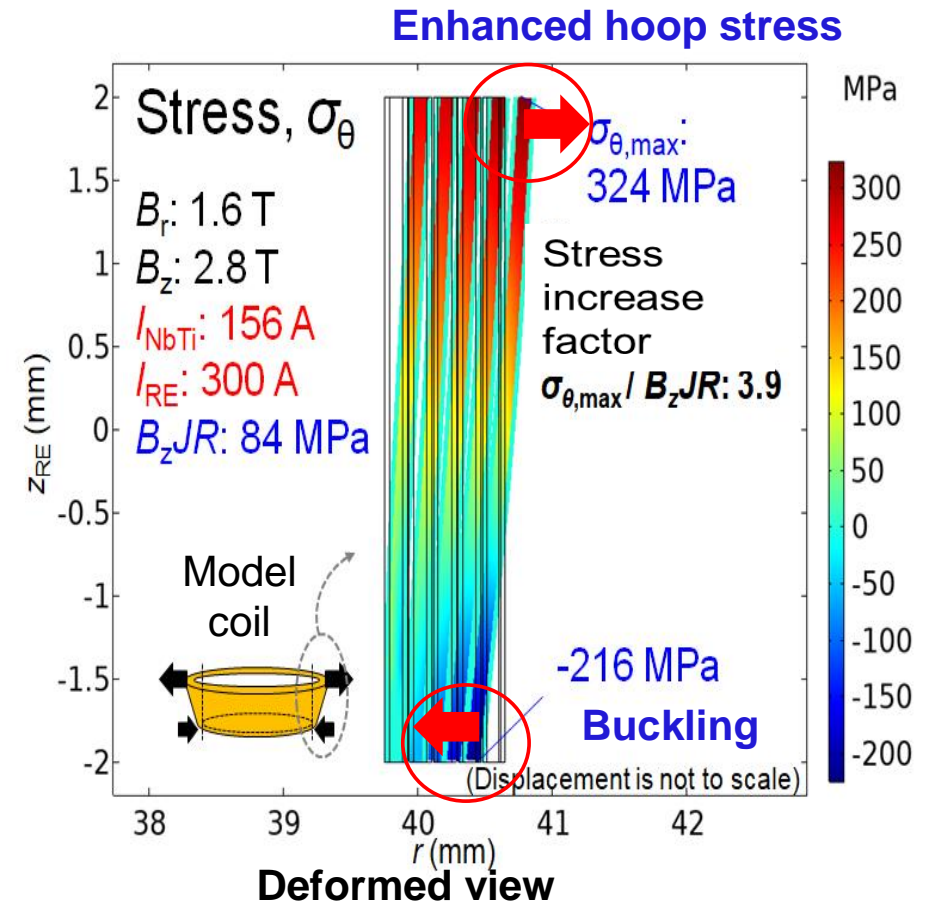
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## a . Degradation of the REBCO inner coil due to the screening current



The interaction between  $B_z$  and the screening current results in hoop stress modification

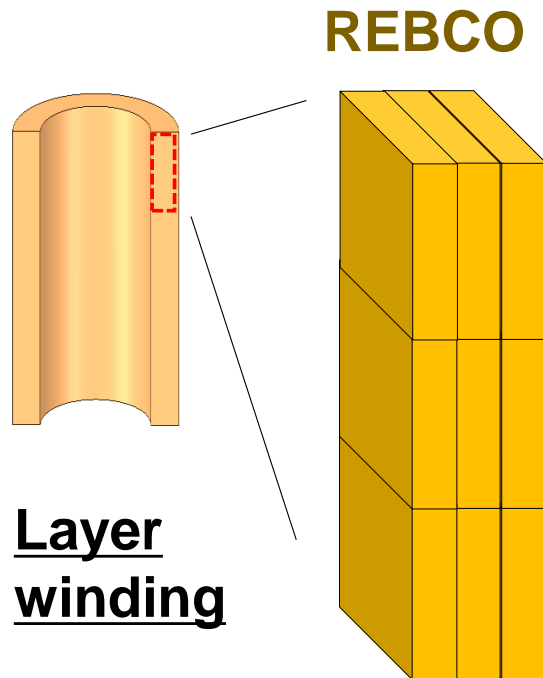
**The excessive hoop stress or buckling at a conductor edge damages the REBCO coil.**  
**More investigations are necessary.**



S. Takahashi et al. MT26(2019), Tue-Mo-Or8-04.  
S. Takahashi et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond., to be published (2020).

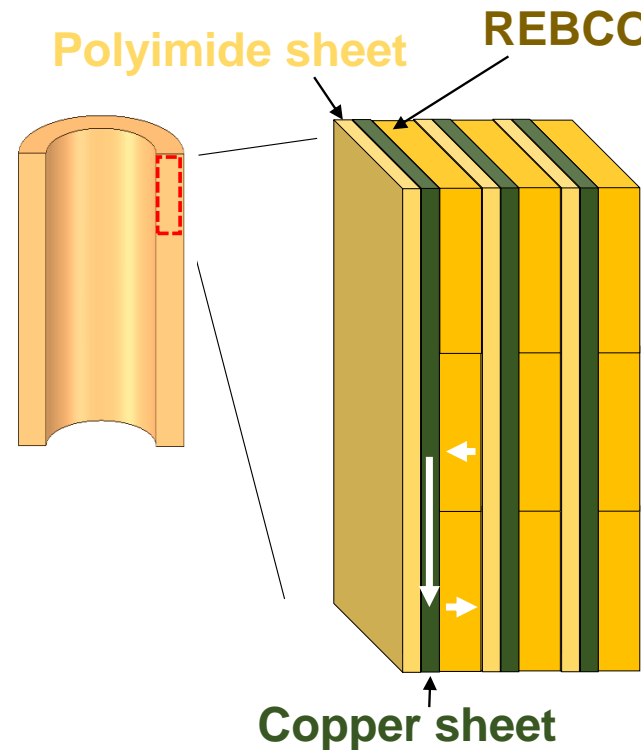
## b. Protection of the REBCO inner coil against thermal runaway (quench)

### Conventional NI method



Disadvantage:  
Long time delay of the  
magnetic field

### New NI method (LNI)



Advantage:  
Time delay is short

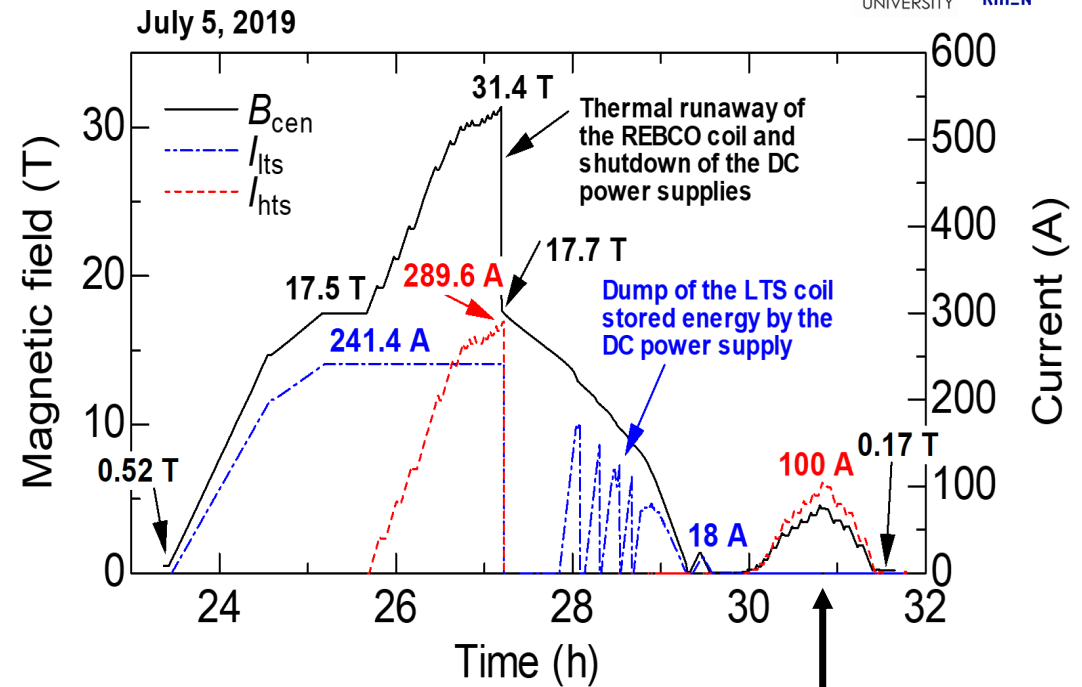
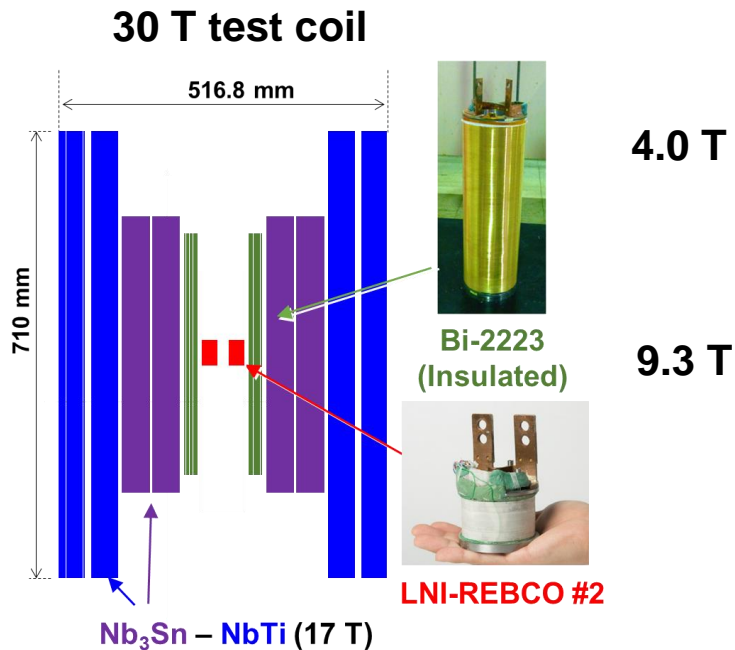
It was proved in our laboratory that the REBCO coil is protected safely against quench by the use of the LNI method

**The LNI method will be used in the 1.3 GHz NMR magnet**

Y. Suetomi et al., *SuST* 32 (2019) 045003



# c. 30 T-class LTS/Bi-2223/REBCO magnet



No degradation after thermal runaway

**The LTS/Bi-2223/REBCO magnet operated at > 30.5 T is demonstrated**

Y. Suetomi, G. Nishijima, H. Kitaguchi, Y. Yanagisawa et al., MT26 (2019, Vancouver), Fri-Mo-Or27-02



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# NMR instrumentation development for the 1.3 GHz LTS/ HTS NMR magnet



Another 1 GHz-class (23.5 T) LTS/HTS NMR magnet is being developed, granted by the S-Innovation program, JST

→ The magnet achieved 800 MHz(18.8 T), which will be used for the development of NMR instrumentation



## NMR console and solid-state NMR probes



JNM-ECZ series NMR spectrometer



NMR MAS probe

K. Sato, ASC2018, 2LOR2A-01.

R. Piao et al., *IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond.*  
29 ( 2019) 4300407.



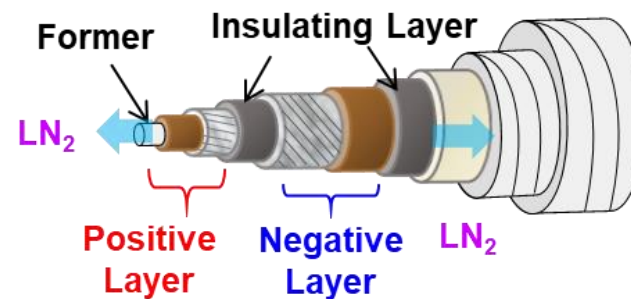
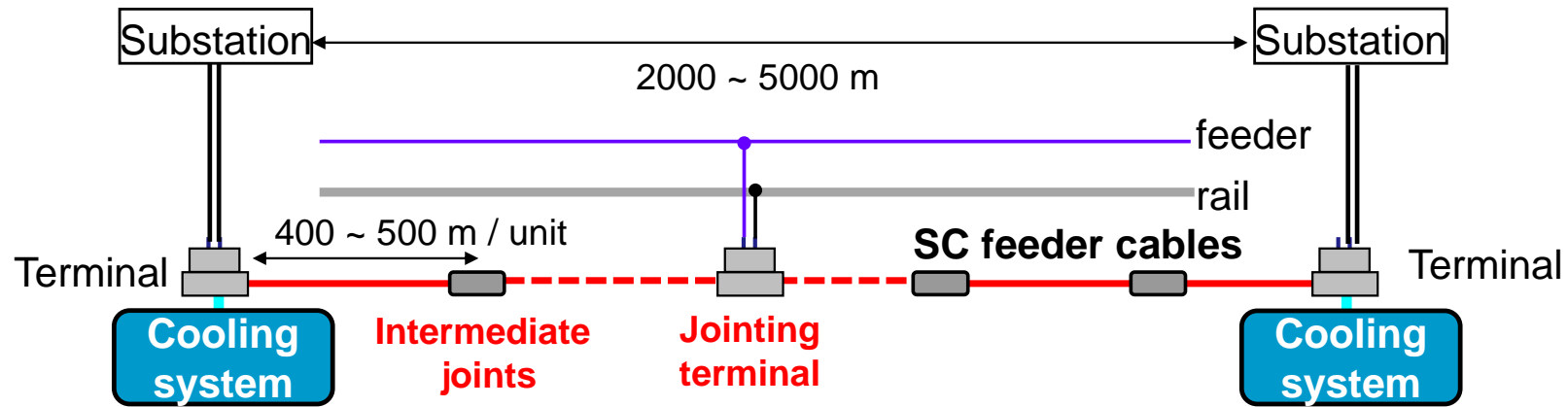
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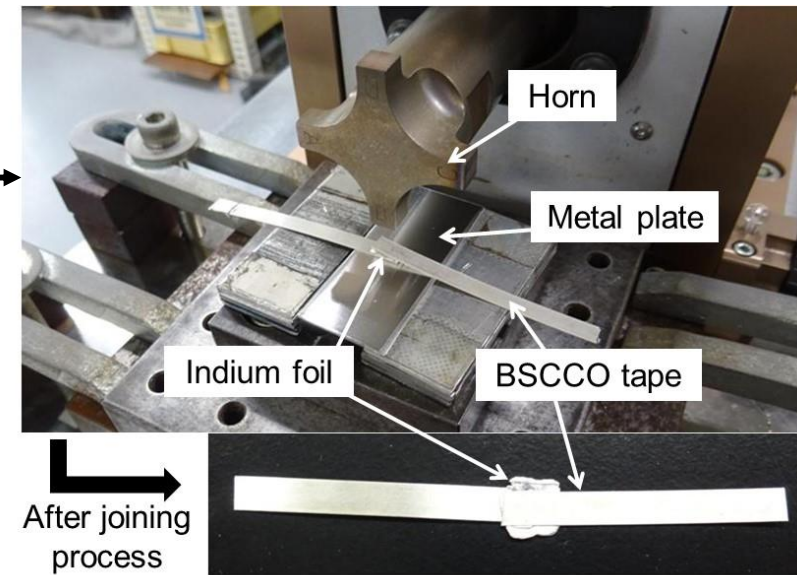
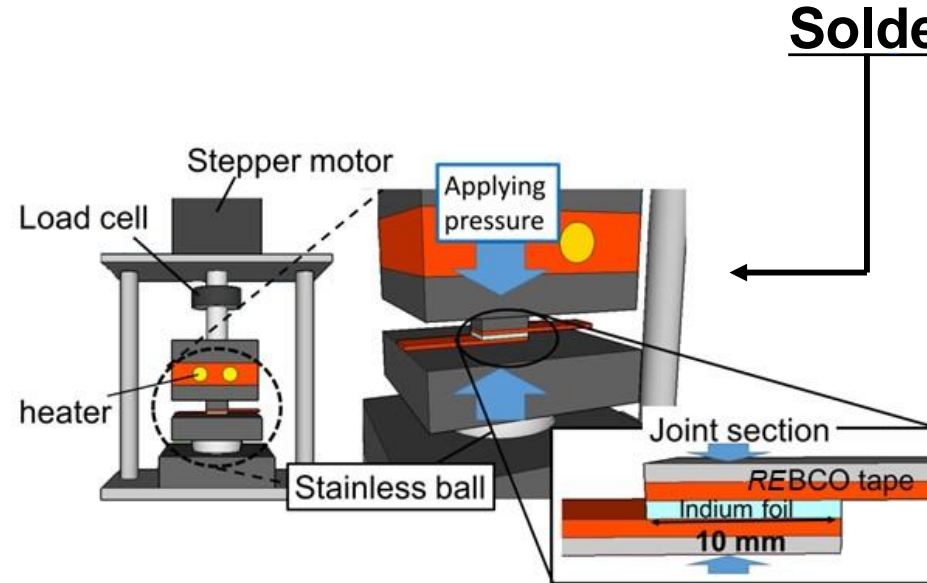
# Requirement of the intermediate joint





# Easily fabricated ultra-low resistance joint of HTS tapes

## Joint with indium foil inserted between joint surface



**Mechanical joint (MJ) with low-temperature heat treatment (100–120 °C for 1–15 min)**

**Ultrasonic welding (UW)**

**Joining time ~0.1 sec**

[1] R. Hayasaka et al., *EUCAS 2019*, 2-MP-CC2-S04. [4] S. Ito et al., *IEEE TAS*, 29 (2019) 6600405. [7] C. A. Baldan et al., *IEEE TAS*, 19 (2009) 2831.  
[2] T. Nishio et al., *IEEE TAS*, 26 (2016) 4800505. [5] S. Ito et al., *EUCAS 2019*, 1-MP-SPR-I08. [8] J. Lu et al., *IEEE TAS*, 21 (2011) 3009.  
[3] T. Nishio et al., *IEEE TAS*, 27 (2017) 4603305. [6] S. Ito et al., *10th ACASC/2nd Asian ICMC/CSSJ Joint Conf.*, 9P-21. [9] G. Osabe et al., *Physica C*, 470 (2010) 1365.

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MJ: Mechanical joint  
UW: Ultrasonic welding



Achieved joint resistivity (77 K)<sup>[1-6]</sup>

REBCO joint : 25–35 nΩcm<sup>2</sup> (MJ)

30–40 nΩcm<sup>2</sup> (UW)

BSCCO joint : 11–25 nΩcm<sup>2</sup> (MJ)

14–40 nΩcm<sup>2</sup> (UW)

No need Oxygen  
annealing process

Ref: Sn63Pb37 joint (77 K)<sup>[7-9]</sup>

REBCO joint : 20–60 nΩcm<sup>2</sup>

BSCCO joint : 30–50 nΩcm<sup>2</sup>

The joint resistivity is  
comparable or less than  
that of well-fabricated  
soldered joints.  
(w/o  $I_c$  degradation)

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# Outline

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  - Design of the 1.3 GHz NMR
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  - 400 MHz (9.4 T) LTS/HTS persistent NMR magnet and NMR measurement
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# Summary

1. We commenced a MIRAI Project, developing joint technologies between HTS conductors at first, which will be applied to high-field persistent NMR, and HTS feeder-cable joints for railway systems.
2. Practical superconducting RR joints and BB joints have been successfully developed, whereas others are still under development.
3. The excellent NMR spectra were achieved with the world's first persistent current 400 MHz LTS/HTS NMR magnet with SC joints.
4. The first prototype of the intermediate joint between HTS feeder cables has been demonstrated.



**Thank you very much  
for your kind attention !**