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# Application of Low and High $T_c$ Superconductors in Magnets and Power Applications

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## Outline

- HTS and LTC Materials
- Power Cables
- MRI: Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Fault Current Limiters
- Motors, Generators, Transformers
- Very high field magnets, NMR magnets
- Summary

# **Present Situation of High Current Superconductor Applications**

So far the applications have been concentrated on the use of Low Temperature Superconductors (LTS), both in  
**research areas** and  
**industrial application areas:**

- **magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)**
- **NMR spectrometers**
- **magnetic separators**
- **magnetic energy storage systems (SMES) with small capacity**

# General prospects for the future of high current superconductor applications

Potential of HTS Superconductors will open up further application areas, e.g. **electric power engineering**.

It will probably also increase the market for already existing application areas of superconductors.

**Time frame for implementation:** will strongly depend on developments in the area of conductors and cryogenics



# HTS Materials for Applications

Production level	Material	$T_c$ (K)
Industrial	<b>Bi,Pb(2223)</b>	<b>110</b>
	<b>Bi(2212)</b>	<b>92</b>
Pre-industrial	<b>Y(123), R.E.(123)</b>	<b>92-94</b>

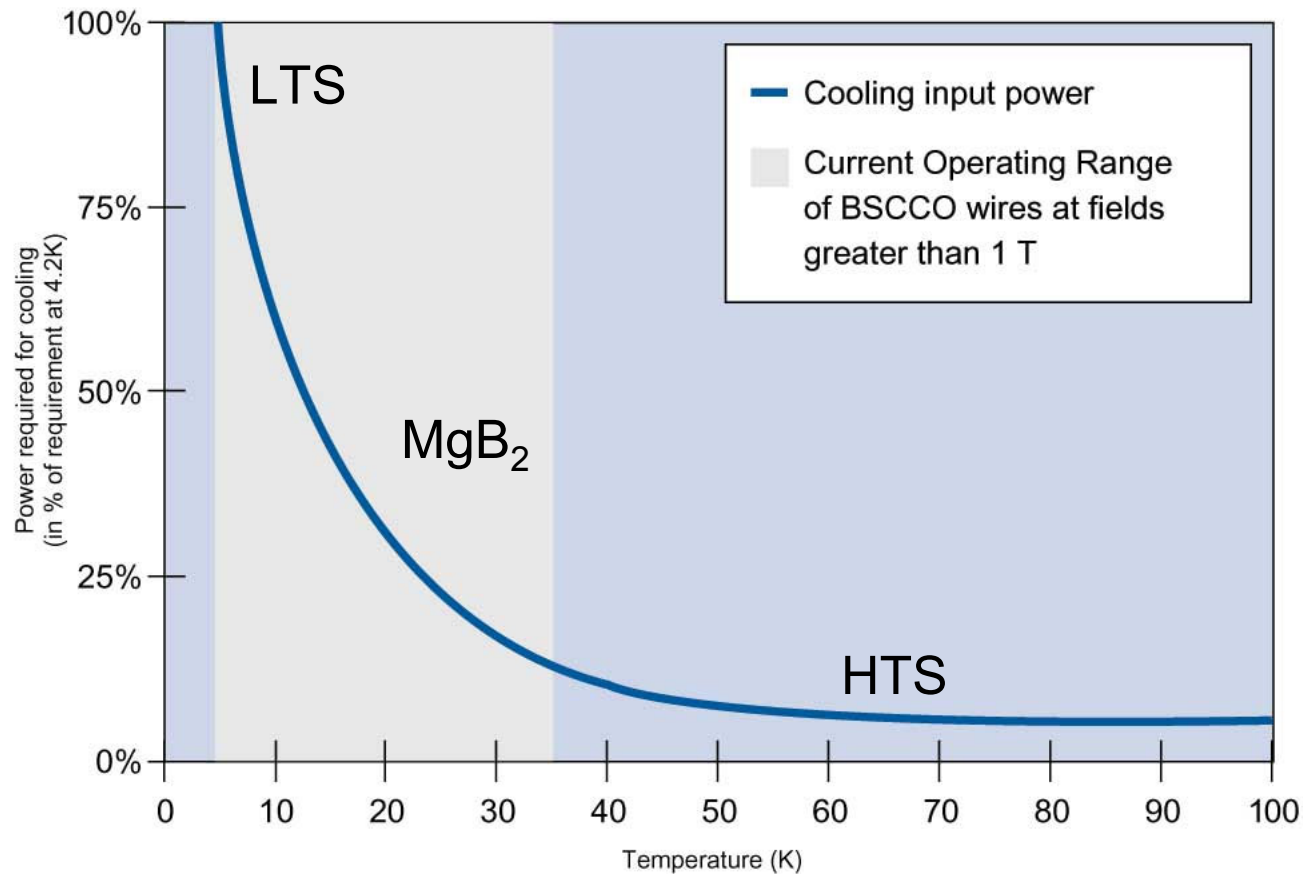
## Low $T_c$ materials

Industrial	<b>NbTi</b>	<b>10</b>
Industrial	<b>Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn</b>	<b>18</b>
Pre-industrial	<b>MgB<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>39</b>

# General status of HTS conductors

- **Multifilamentary tape conductors :** **Bi-Sr-Ca-Cu-O**  
developed up to industrial state. Their properties are reasonable for different use, but prizes are **still high**
- **Coated tape conductors:** **Y-Ba-Cu-O**  
offer superior properties, but **very early state of the art**, in spite of large development effort
- **Recently discovered superconductor:** **MgB<sub>2</sub>**  
might gain **niche applications**, if further developments will be successful.

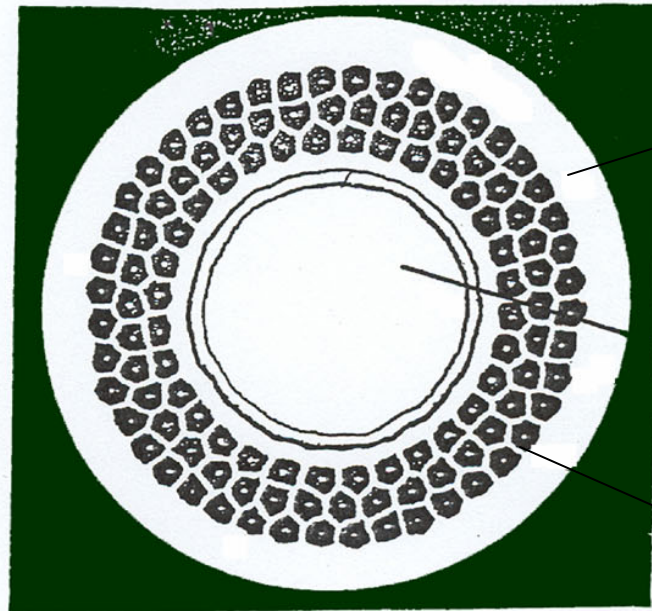
### Cooling Power Required for HTS Wires



The ideal power required for refrigeration for HTS applications at 35 K is less than 10% of that required for low-temperature superconductivity applications at 4.2 K. Actual power requirements will vary depending on cooling scheme chosen and system efficiency.

**Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires**

**Bronze route**

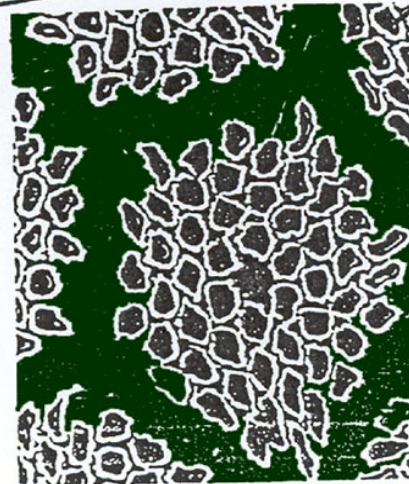
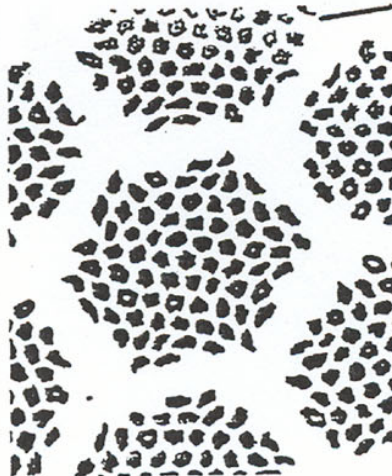


Cu-Sn bronze

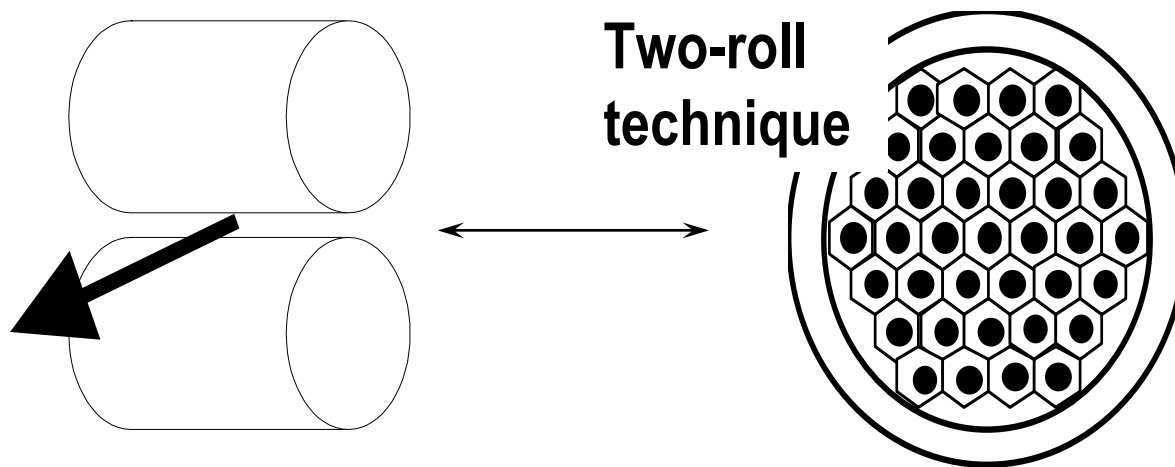
Ta barrier

Cu

Filaments

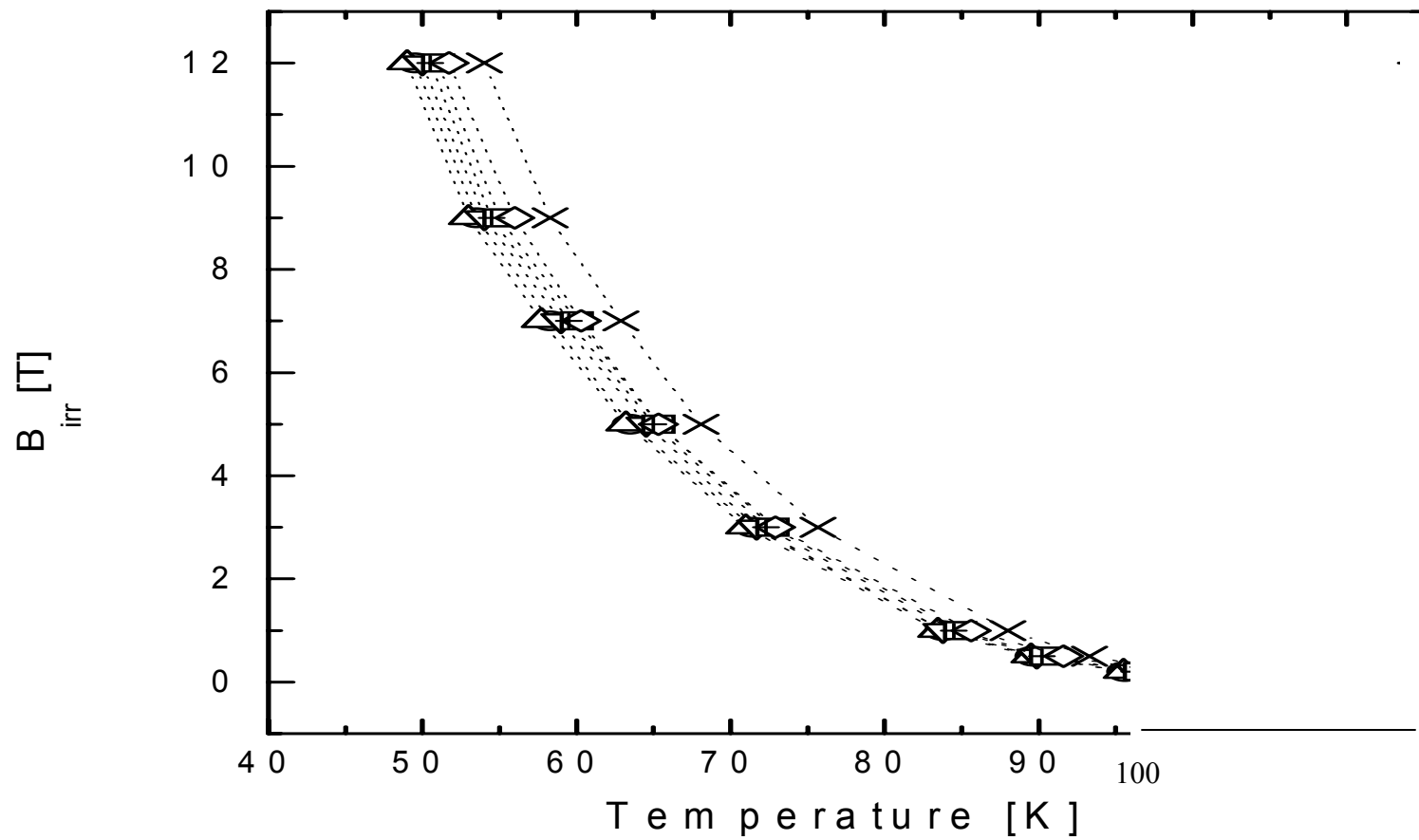


# Bi,Pb(2223) multifilamentary tape

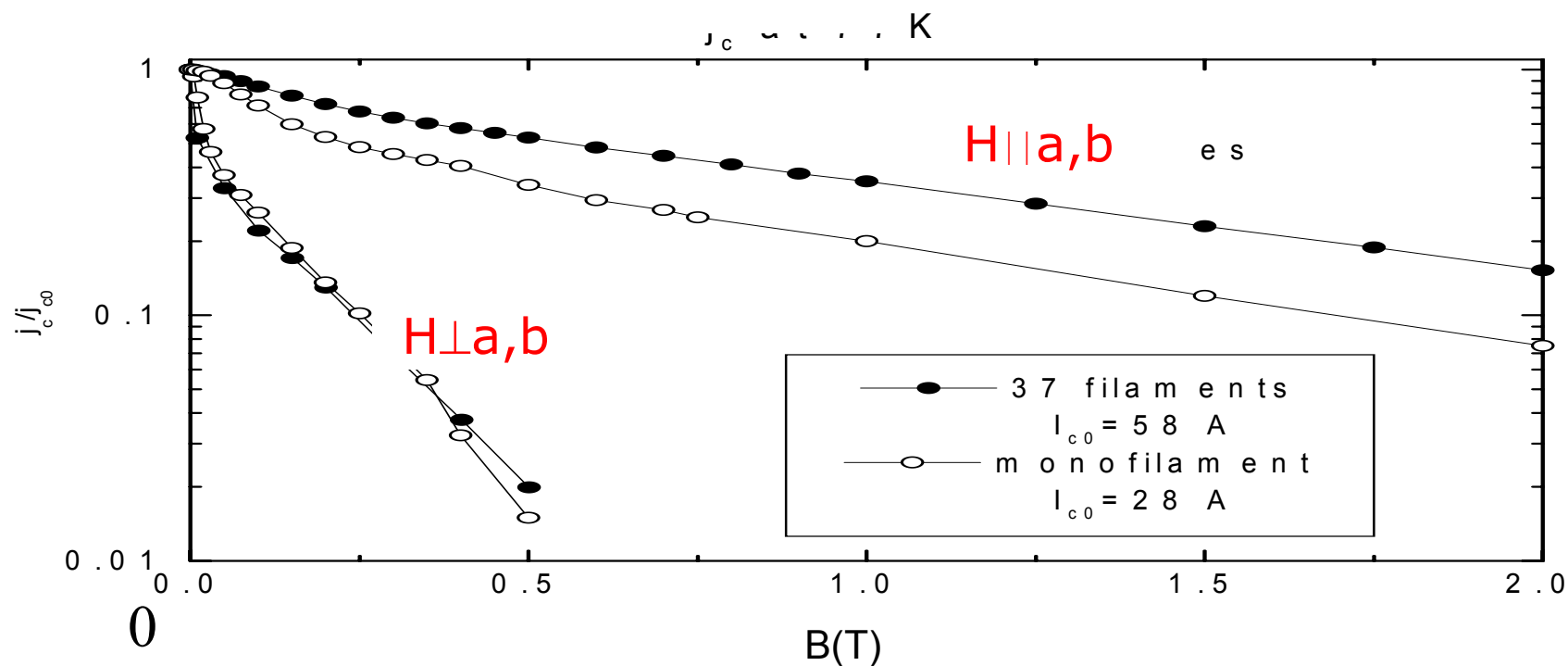


# Bi,Pb(2223) Tapes

## Temperature dependence of $J_c$

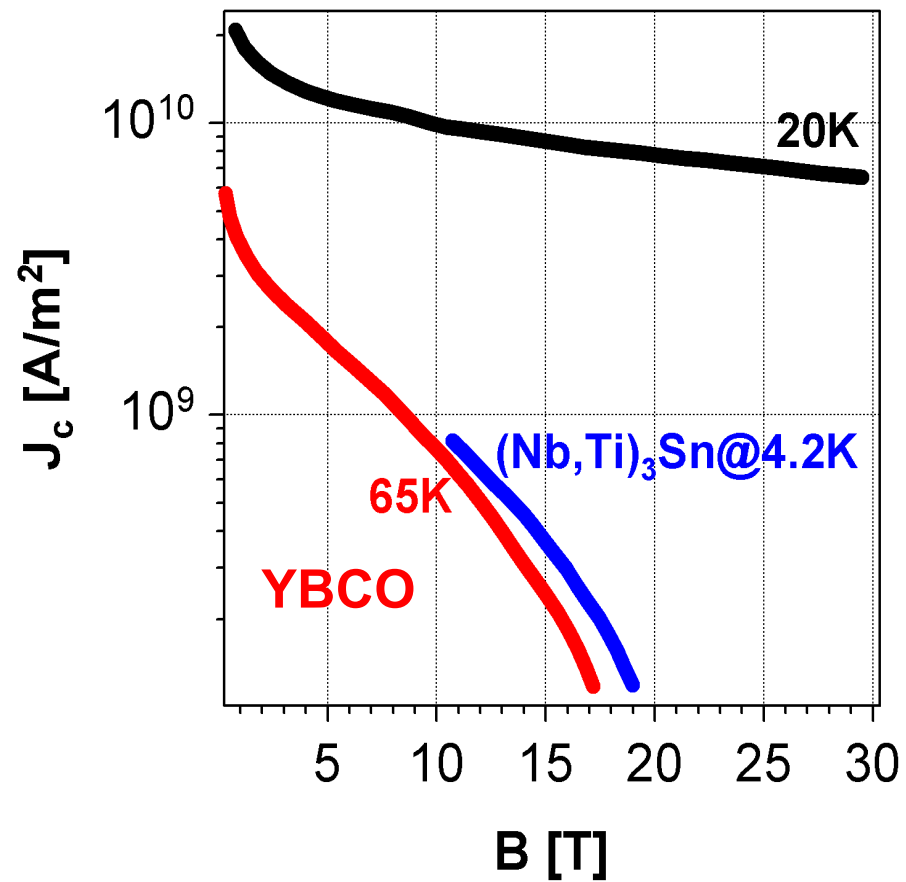


# Critical current density of Bi(2223) tapes :Anisotropy

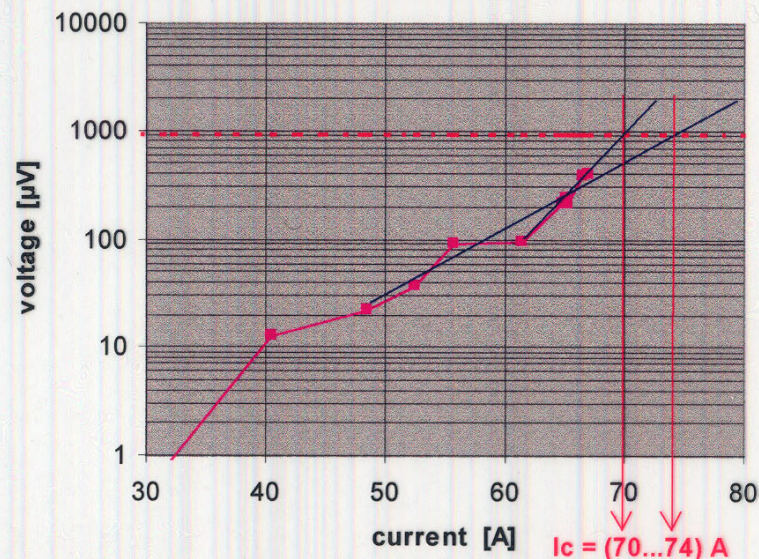
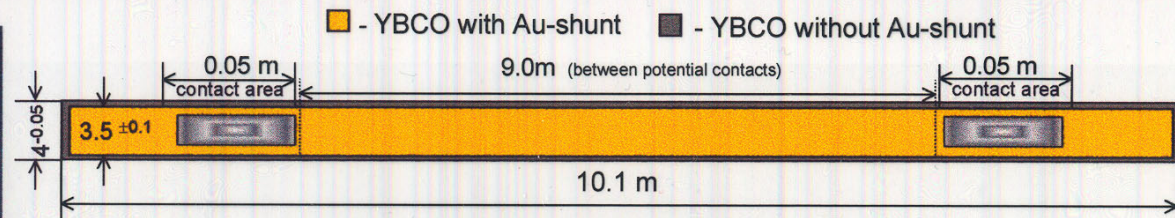


<u>T [K]</u>	<u><math>J_c</math> [A/cm<sup>2</sup>]</u>	<u>Achievable field</u>
77	45'000	0.5–0.6 T
30	≈100'000	3–4 T
4.2	≈200'000	>25 T

Comparison of  $J_c$ -B- I properties:  
YBCO, (Nb,Ti)<sub>3</sub>Sn







- SS tape (0.1 mm) // IBAD-YSZ (1.3  $\mu\text{m}$ ) //  $\text{CeO}_2$  (<0.1  $\mu\text{m}$ ) // YBCO (1.1  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Coated Conductor : **10 m long, 4mm wide, with 3.5mm-wide YBCO film**
- Critical current,  $I_c$ , and current density  $J_c$  :

**$I_{c,\text{min}} = 70 \text{ A}$  &  $J_{c,\text{min}} = 1.82 \text{ MA/cm}^2$  ,  $J_{c,\text{max}} = 3.3 \text{ MA/cm}^2$  &  $I_c/w = 200 \text{ A/cm}$  (77K, SF)**

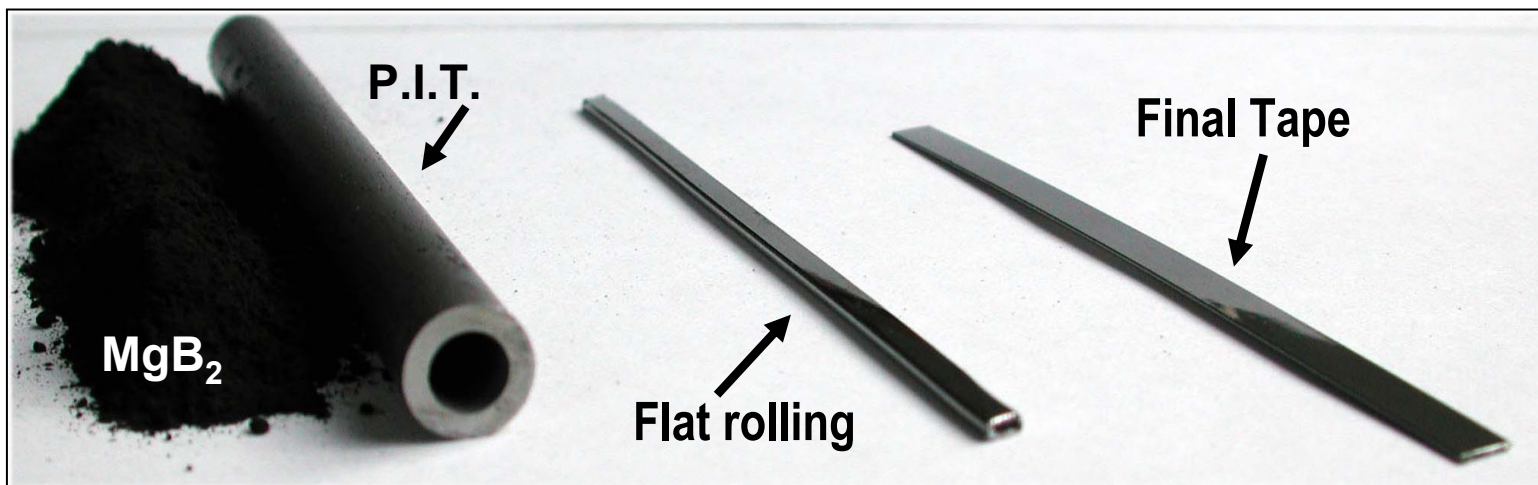
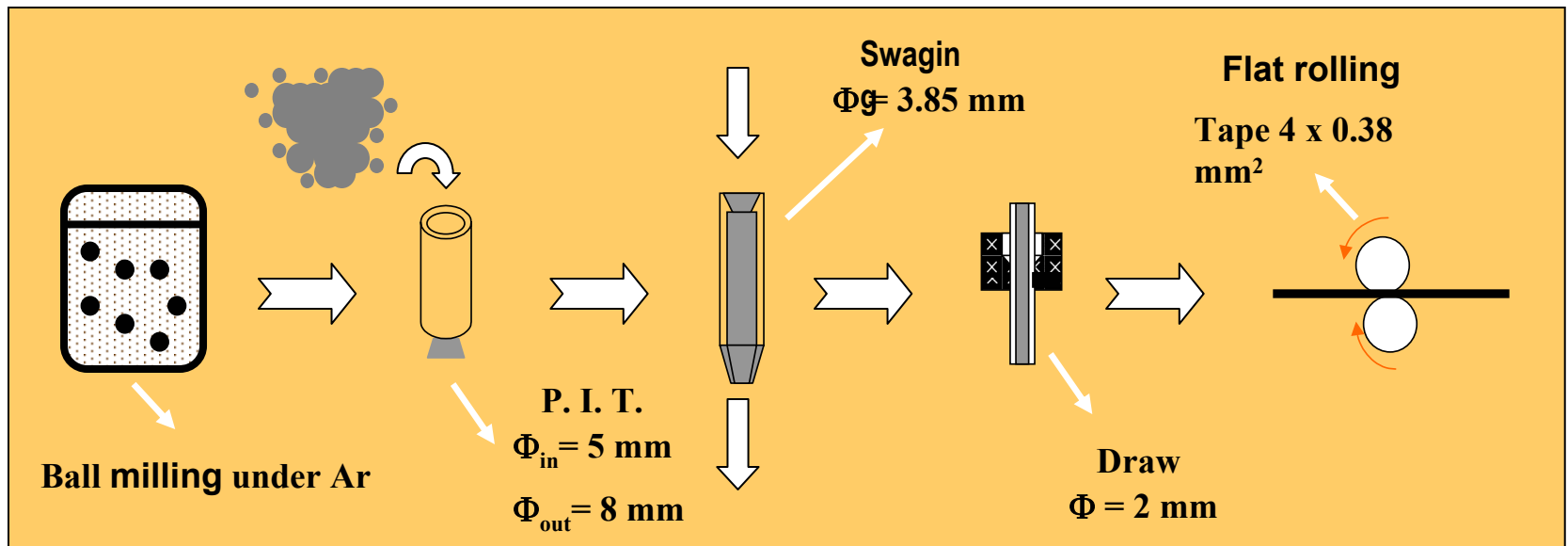
# **MgB<sub>2</sub> Tapes and Wires**



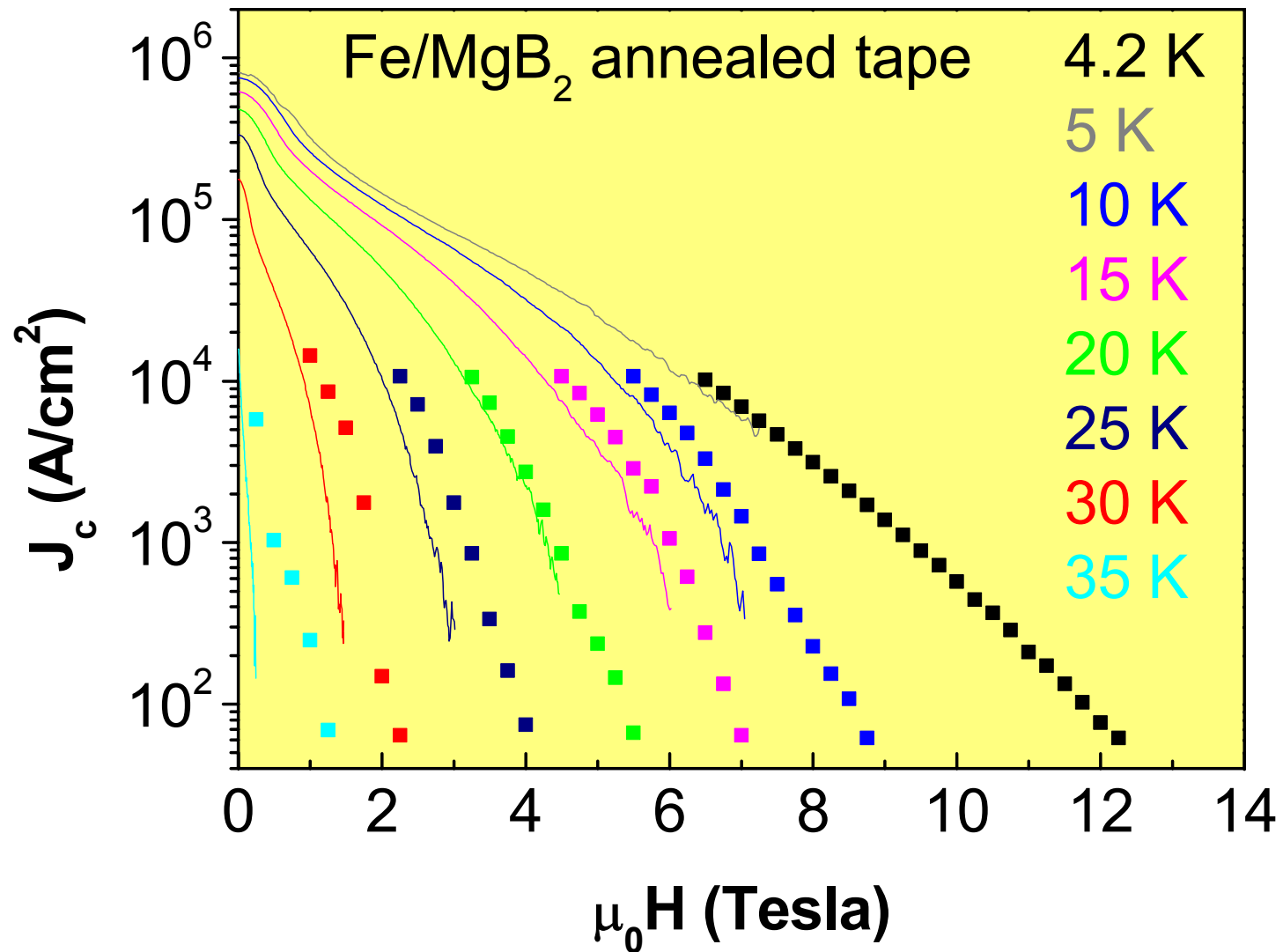


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## Preparation of $\text{MgB}_2$ Tapes



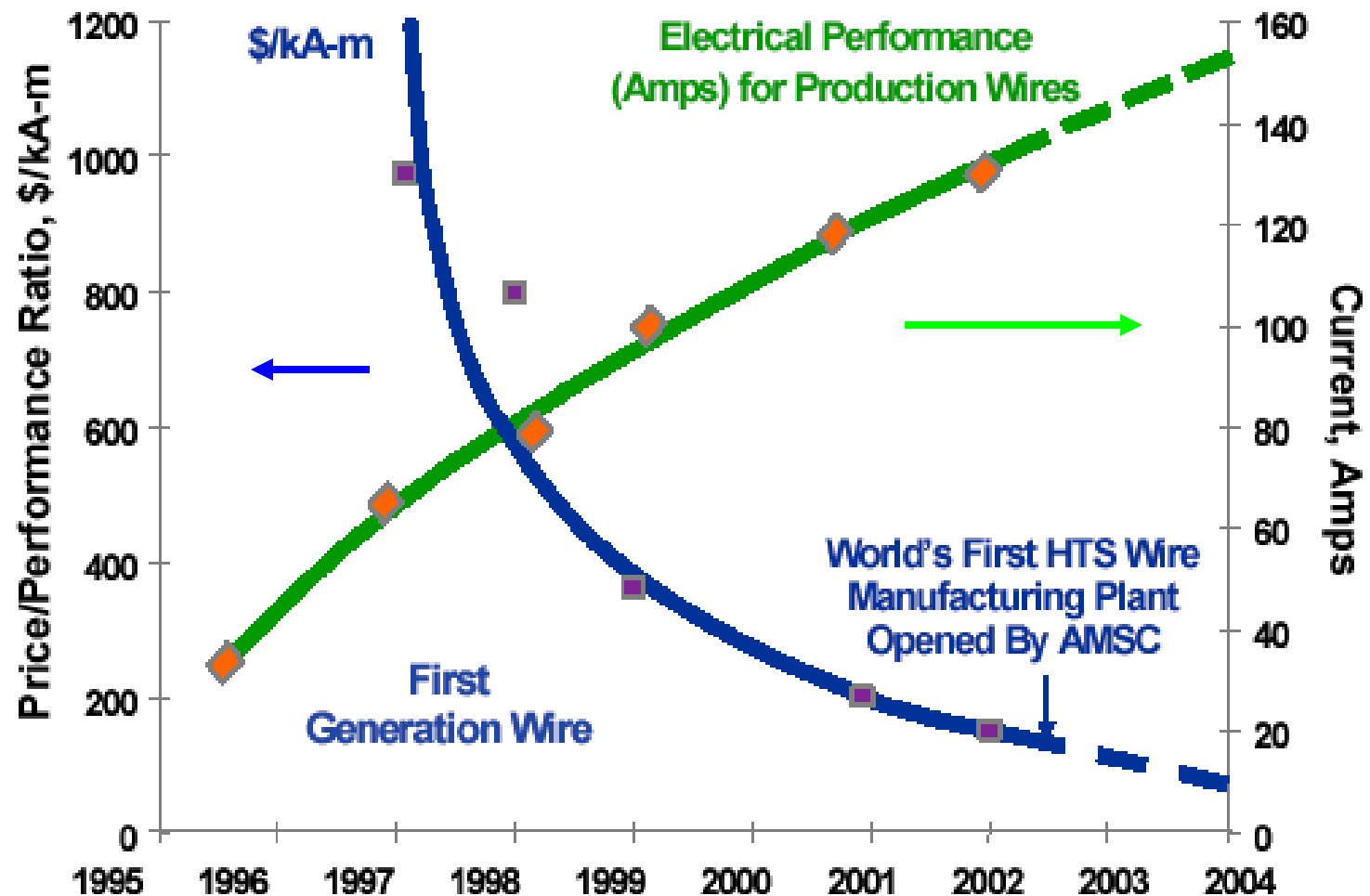
## Critical current densities of Fe/MgB<sub>2</sub> tapes



# First Generation HTS:Bi,Pb(2223)

## Price/Performance ratio of multifilamentary wires

(Data from American Superconductors)



# Costs of Superconducting Wires

- **Bi(2223): HTS Conductors**

- **200 \$/kA.m at 0T/ 77 K**
- **150 \$/kA.m at 25T/ 4 K**
- **Goal: 30 - 50 \$/kA.m at 0T/ 77 K**

Conditions at **0T/ 77K** correspond roughly to:  
**12T/ 4K, or**  
**7T/ 20K**

- **LTS Conductors**

- **MgB<sub>2</sub> Tapes:**  
**< 10 \$/kA.m at 20K/2T**
- **NbTi - Standard:**  
**4 - 6 \$/kA.m at 8T/ 4K**
- **Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn - Standard:**  
**15 - 30 \$/kA.m at 12T/ 4K**  
**75 - 150 \$/kA.m at 21T/ 2 K**

**Current Leads**

## American Superconductors

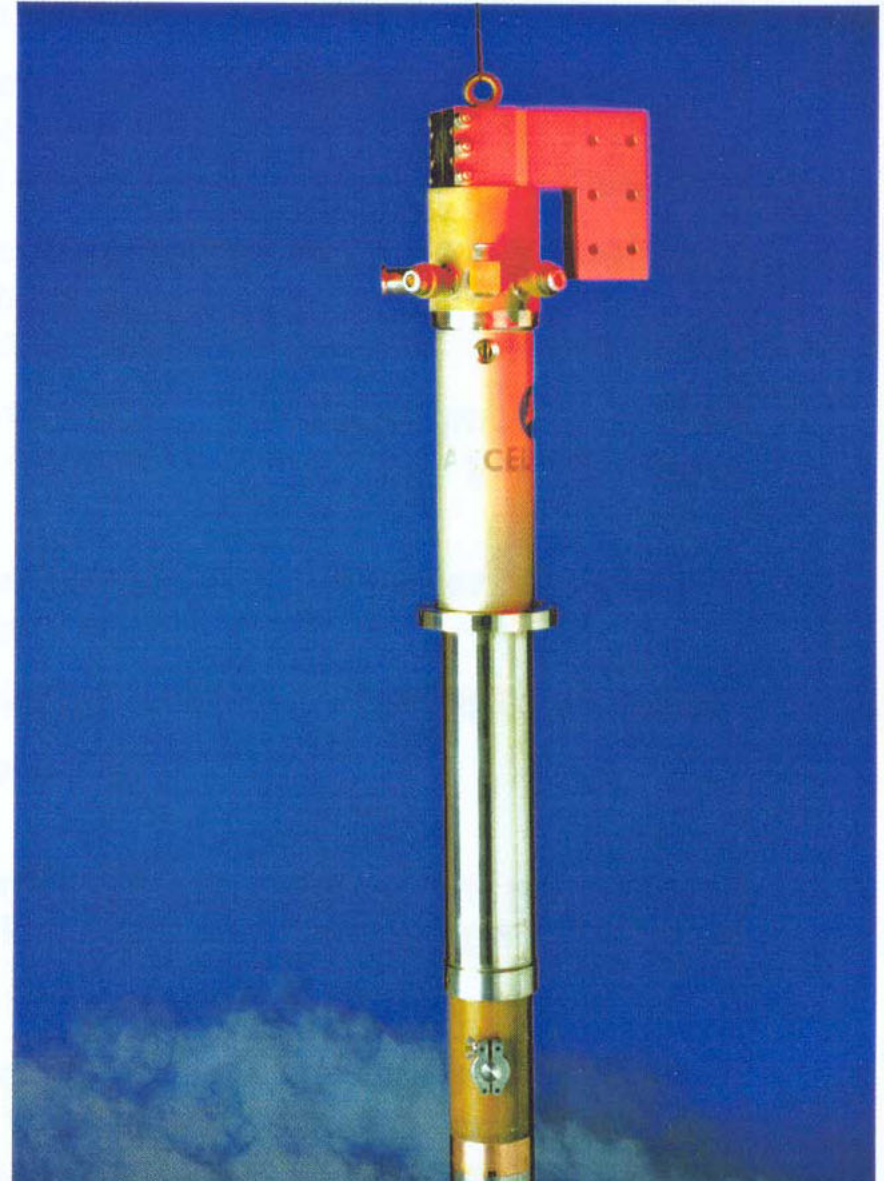
# 13 kA HTS Current Leads for LHC, CERN

### Features

- Bulk BSCCO material at the lower stage
- Upper stage with helium gas heat exchanger
- High thermal runaway stability after loss of coolant
- Vacuum-insulated envelope

### Parameter list 13 kA Current Lead

Rated current	13 000 A
Heat load to liquid helium	1.5 W @ 13 kA 1.0 W @ 0 A
Contact resistance	2 nΩ @ 4 K 20 nΩ @ 50 K
Time constant of current decay after detection of a quench (quench stability)	120 s





# **Superconducting Cables**

# **Foreseeable “near term” applications with the HTS conductors developed so far**

- **Power transmission cables, using Bi(2223) at ~ 65 K**
- **Later on, YBCO at 77 K is also envisaged**

# **S.C. Power Transmission Cable Projects**

*recently completed or running*

- **Sumitomo Electric + TEPCO : 66 kV/114 MVA, 3-phase cold dielectric, 100 m, One year test operation at CRIEPI, completed June 2002**
- **Southwire/USA:12,4 kV/26 MVA, 3 single phases, 30 m,cold dielectric, in operation now since 2001, supplying the manufacturing complex in Carrollton in automated mode**
- **NKT/Denmark: 30 kV/104 MVA 3 single phases, 30 m, warm dielectric, in operation since 5/2001 supplying the Amager area of Copenhagen**
- **Pirelli/USA:24 kV/100MVA, 3 single phase, 120 m, warm dielectric, two phase have vacuum leaks, thus only one can be tested (in 2003).**

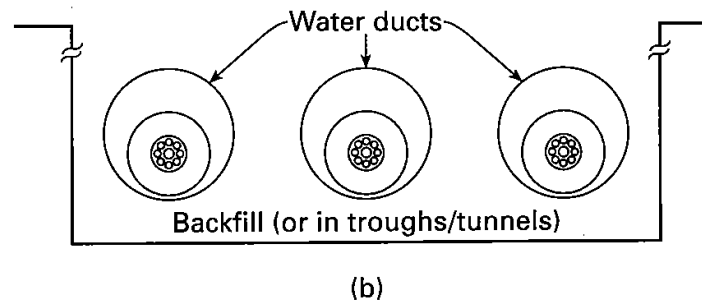
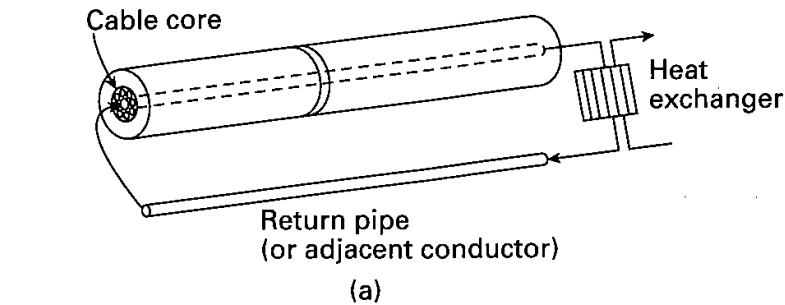
# **S.C. Power Transmission Cable Projects**

*planned or under construction*

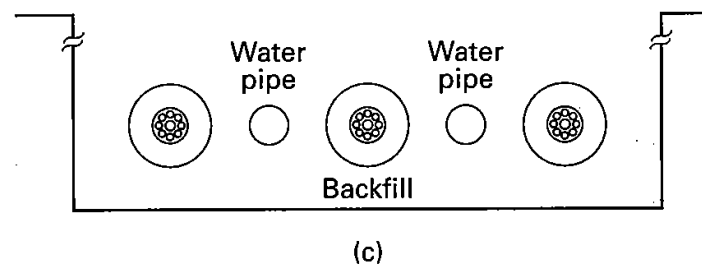
- **Super ACE/Japan: 66 kV/ ~ 100 MVA**, 3 single phases, cold dielectric, 500 m, under construction for operation in 2003/04, **Bi-2223**
- **El./Japan: 34,5 kV, 3-phases**, cold dielectric, 350 m, for Niagara Mohawk distribution system in Albany, **Bi-2223**  
**30 m YBCO** cable sections are planned  
Project has started (25 Mio. \$), operation is scheduled for 2005
- **ULTERA (NKT + Southwire):** for American Electric Power Company at Ohio, design started, completion of construction planned for 2005
- **InnoPower/Yunnan/China:** 30m demonstrator scheduled for 2002-2004.
- **Condumex/Mexico:** 30m demonstrator for 2003-2005.
- **KEPCO/Korea:** 100m demonstrator, planned.

## Retrofit:

# CONVENTIONAL UNDERGROUND CABLE REQUIRES SPACE UNDER THE STREET



some cables  
are on trays  
in tunnels

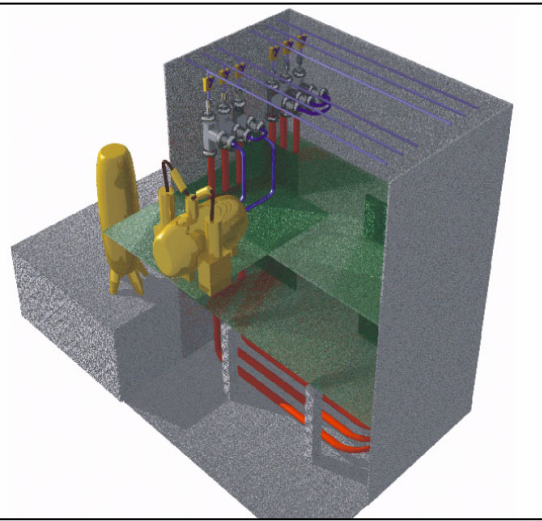


<--- 1 meter --->

some cables are in trenches  
cooling may be required

# Engineers want **FLEXIBLE CABLES**

- Enables transport on cable drums
- Enables installation in cramped places



**DTU-NST cable installed at Copenhagen Light & Power's Lyngby Station**



# Field Test of Commercial Model HTS Cable System (TEPCO, CRIEPI, SEI)

2001/6~2002/6 at Yokosuka Laboratory of CRIEPI



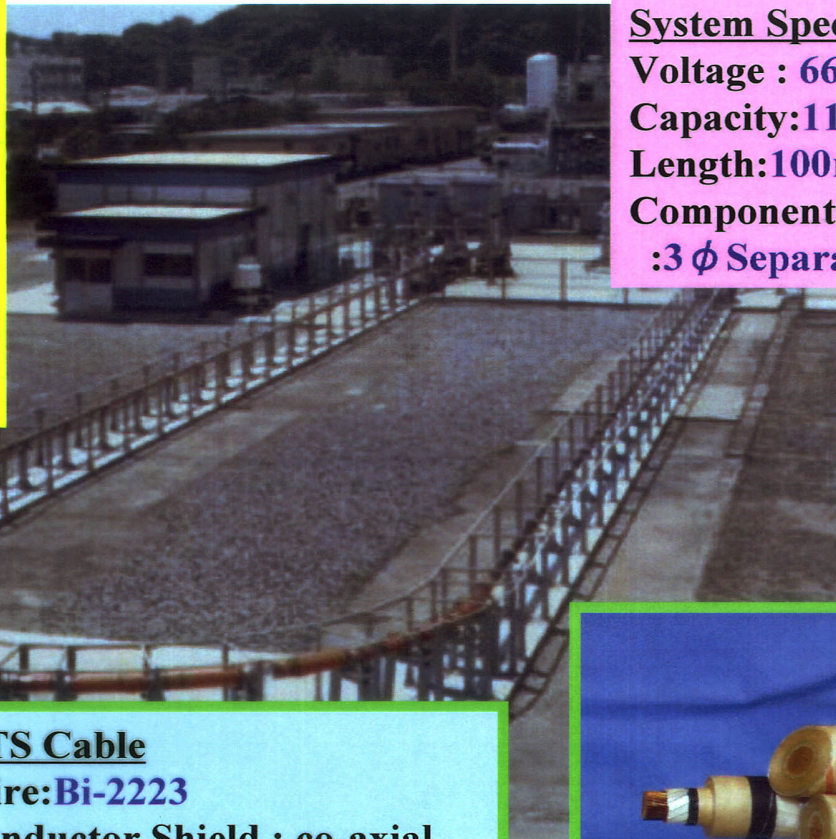
## Cooling System

Temperature: 67K~80K

Pressure: ~0.5MPa

Refrigerator : 1kW × 3

Cryo-pump : 2



## HTS Cable

Wire: Bi-2223

Conductor, Shield : co-axial

Dielectric : PPLP in LN<sub>2</sub> (CD)

Diameter : 136mm

## System Specifications

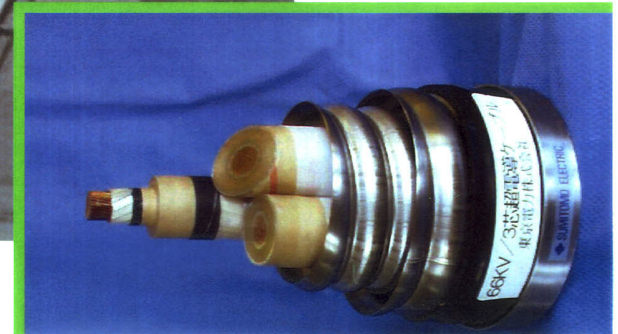
Voltage : 66kV

Capacity: 114MVA

Length: 100m

Components

: 3 φ Separator, Termination



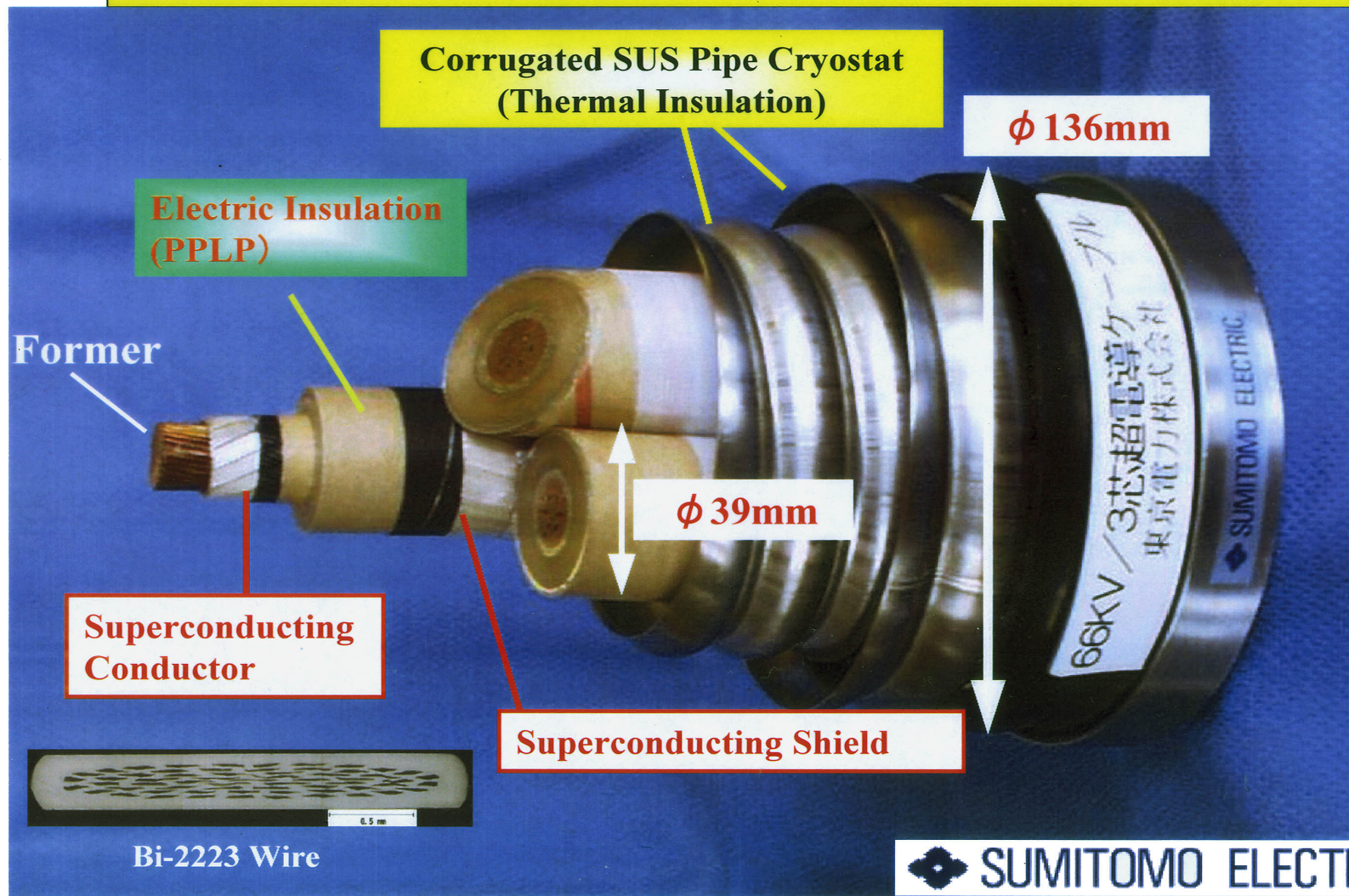
 SUMITOMO ELECTRIC





# 100m-114MVA-1000A / C3-PO Cable

## Cold Dielectric Designed 3-Core in a Cryostat Power Cable





# **Magnetic Resonance Imaging**

# **Benefits of MRI**

**MRI largest existing application of superconductors**

- \* Increase in medical diagnostic ability**
- \* Elimination of harmful X-ray examinations**
- \* Greatly reduced need for exploratory surgery**
  
- \* Very precise diagnostics and location information**
  - reduced number of interventions**
  - reducing the length of hospital stays**
  - reduced degree of discomfort suffered by patients**

**Largest obstacle for MRI: capital cost of equipment**

# Open MRI using Bi(2223) Tape

- Oxford Instruments / Siemens
- HTS pancake coils can be manufactured at a size suitable for MRI
- MRI suitable magnetic field:  
**0.2 T, +/- 20ppm over a 36 cm sphere**
- Direct cooling by refrigerator,  
- without the use of cryogenics,



## **Fault Current Limiters**

# Superconducting Fault Current Limiters

## European Development

Company	Country	Type	Data	Material	Remarks
<b>Siemens</b>	Germany	Resistive	100 kVA / 97 1 MVA / 00	YBCO film	tested tested
<b>ABB</b>	Switzerland	Resistive	1.6 MVA / 00 6.4 MVA / 01 10 MVA / 03	Bi(2212) thick film	tested tested ?
<b>Schneider</b> 1)	France	Resistive Hybrid	400 kVA / 00 17 MVA / 02	YBCO bulk	EU -project „BYFAULT“ terminated 2002
<b>Alcatel</b> 2)	France	Resistive	400 kVA / 01	Bi(2212) bulk & YBCO tape conductor	Brite EuRam project „SUPERPOLI“ completed 2002
<b>ACCEL</b> 3)	Germany	Resistive	90 kVA / 01 0.4 MVA / 02 10 MVA / 03	Bi(2212) bulk YBCO bulk	tested tested under construction

1) Diopma, REE, ANTEC, HITEC, CNRS Grenoble, ICMAB Barcelona, CIEMAT, Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe, Iberdrola

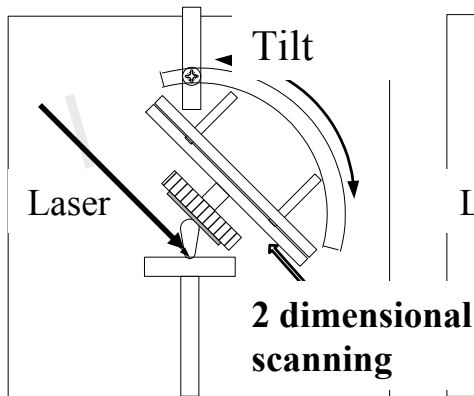
2) Nexans SuperConductors, Laborelec, ZFW Göttingen, TUT Tampere

3) ACCEL; RWE, E.ON, NexansSC, ATZ, EUS, ACCESS, FZK

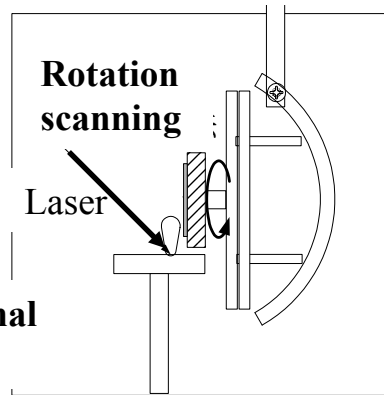
# Large-area SC thin film for FCL

## Uniformity of $J_c$ distribution

Two dimensional scanning mechanism



Rotation scanning mechanism

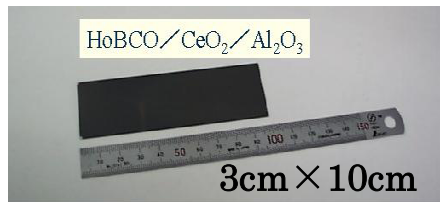


~1kJ Pulse Laser Beam Forming Device

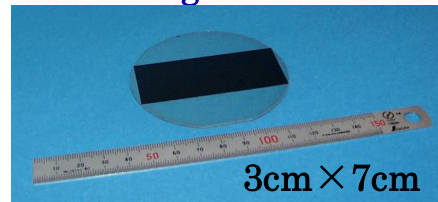


Large Chamber

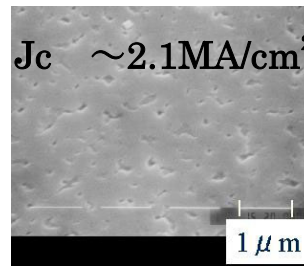
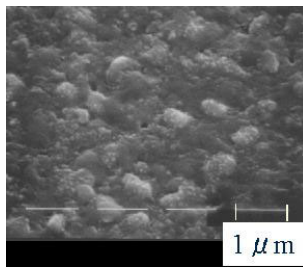
Two dimensional substrate



Rotating substrate

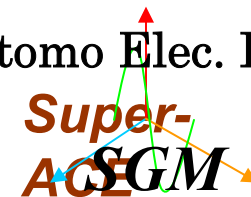


SEM photo  
( $\times 20000$ )



Fabrication of the  
3cm  $\times$  10cm size HoBCo  
Film for FCL by using two  
PLD Methods.

Sumitomo Elec. Inc.





## Thin films based FCL

Siemens  
YBCO/Au on 4"  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  wafer  
1MW  
(330kVA per phase)



## Bulk HTS modules of the 10 kV/10 MVA FCL



- MCP-BSCCO2212 bifilar coil
  - Outer diameter:
    - $\sim 50$  mm
  - SC length:
    - 5.4 m
  - SC cross section:
    - $0.24 \text{ cm}^2$
  - Critical current (65K):
    - 850 A

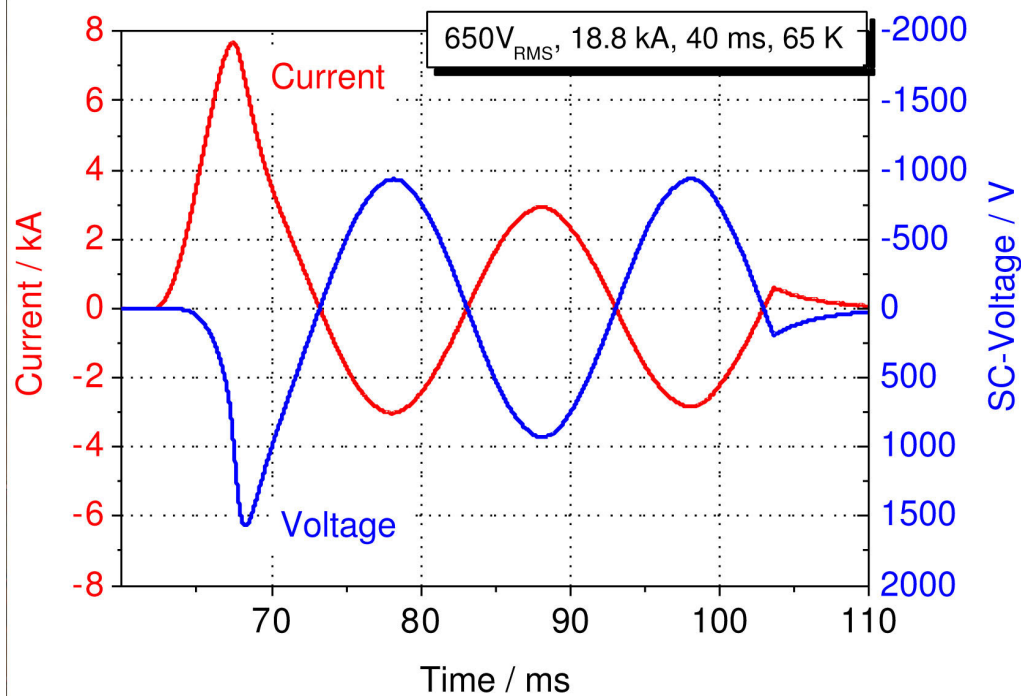
» Nexans  
SuperConductors



- Melt-textured polycrystalline YBCO meander
  - SC cross section:
    - $1.1 \text{ m}$
  - SC length:
    - $0.48 \text{ cm}^2$

» Adelwitz  
Technologiezentrum





## Results of three module test

- Fault current of 10 kA reduced to 6.6 kA
- Voltage 650 VRMS
- Current 600 ARMS
- Fault limitation 40 ms
- Temperature 65 K
- RT-resistance 360 mW
- Electrical field 0.56 V/cm
- $I_p/I_n \sim 9$ .

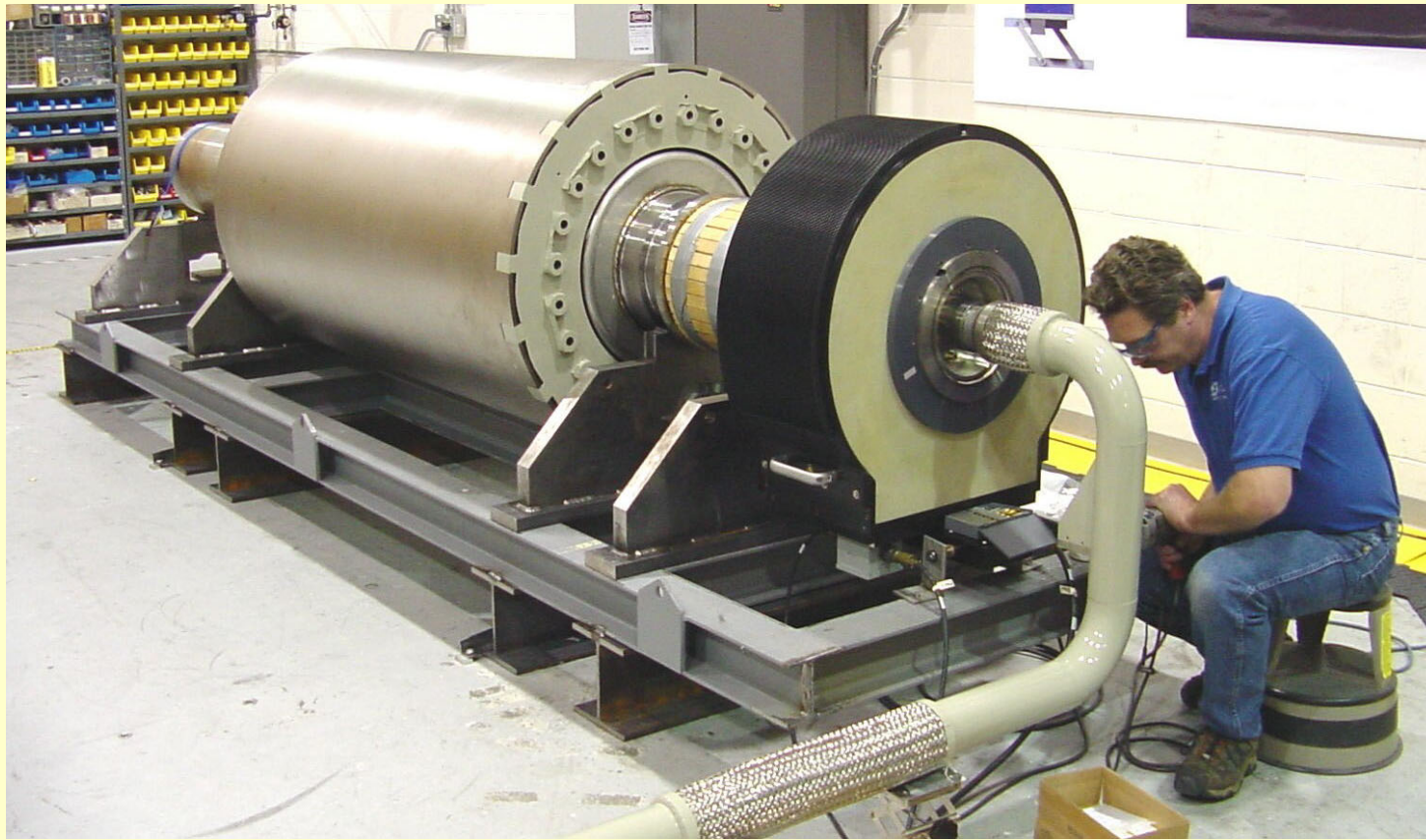


# **Superconducting Motors**

## **USA:**

- **DOE / SPI**  
**AMSC and Reliance Electric / Rockwell:**  
**1000 & 5000 PS motor**
- **US Navy**  
**AMSC: 5 MW propulsion motor**  
**Alsthom Power /UK: stator**
- **USA test system for ship propulsion motor**

## **AMSC's 5MW/230rpm HTS Ship Propulsion Motor on Schedule for Summer 2003 Testing**



***5MW Rotor Assembly with Exciter***

***5MW Design Supports Commercial Motor Requirements***

**Courtesy: American Superconductors**

# 5 MW, 230 RPM HTS Ship Propulsion Motor

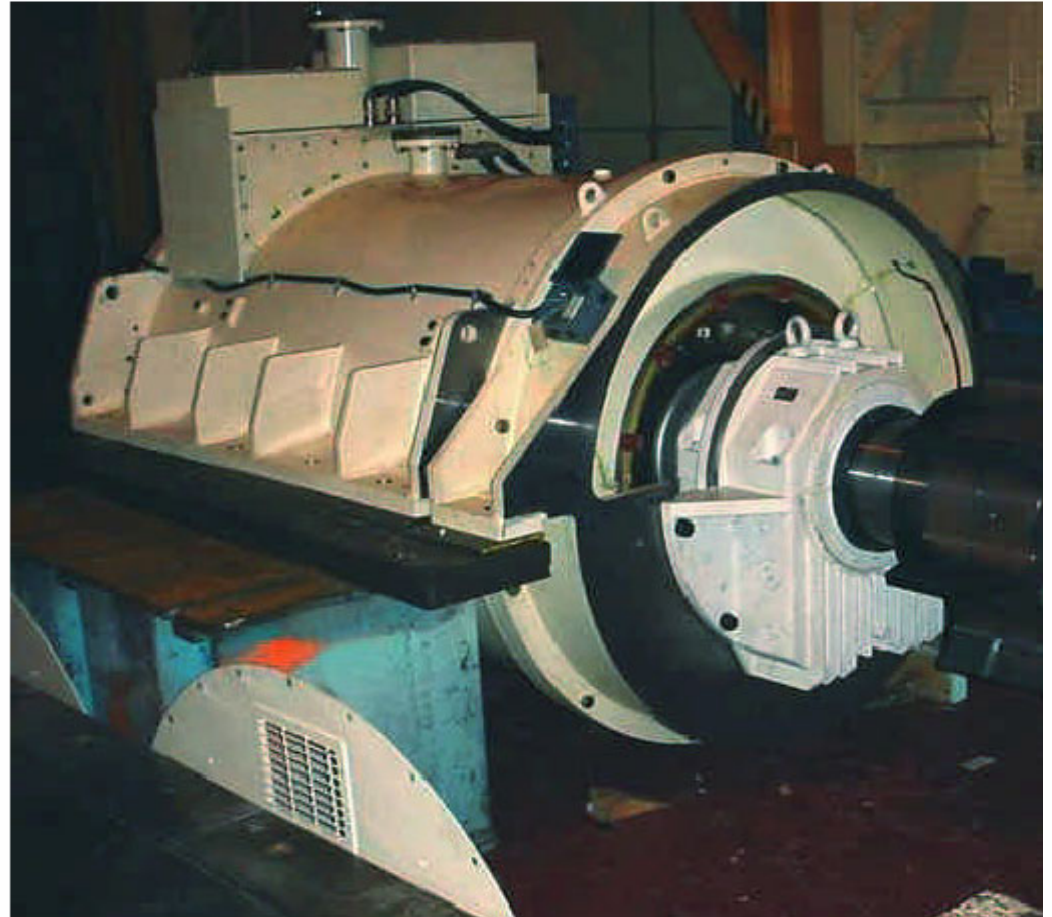
## *Factory Testing Undergoing*

Designed and built under  
Naval Research (ONR) contract

**AMSC SuperMachines** will deliver the  
**5 MW, 230 rpm motor**  
Integrated with a commercial Variable  
Frequency Drive (ALSTOM VDM 5000)

Component test bed for the ONR  
**36.5MW ship propulsion motor**

Motor is undergoing factory testing in  
ALSTOM, Rugby  
Will be delivered to ONR by July 2003



Courtesy: American Superconductors



# 36.5 MW, 120 RPM HTS Ship Propulsion Motor

*Scheduled for delivery in early 2006*

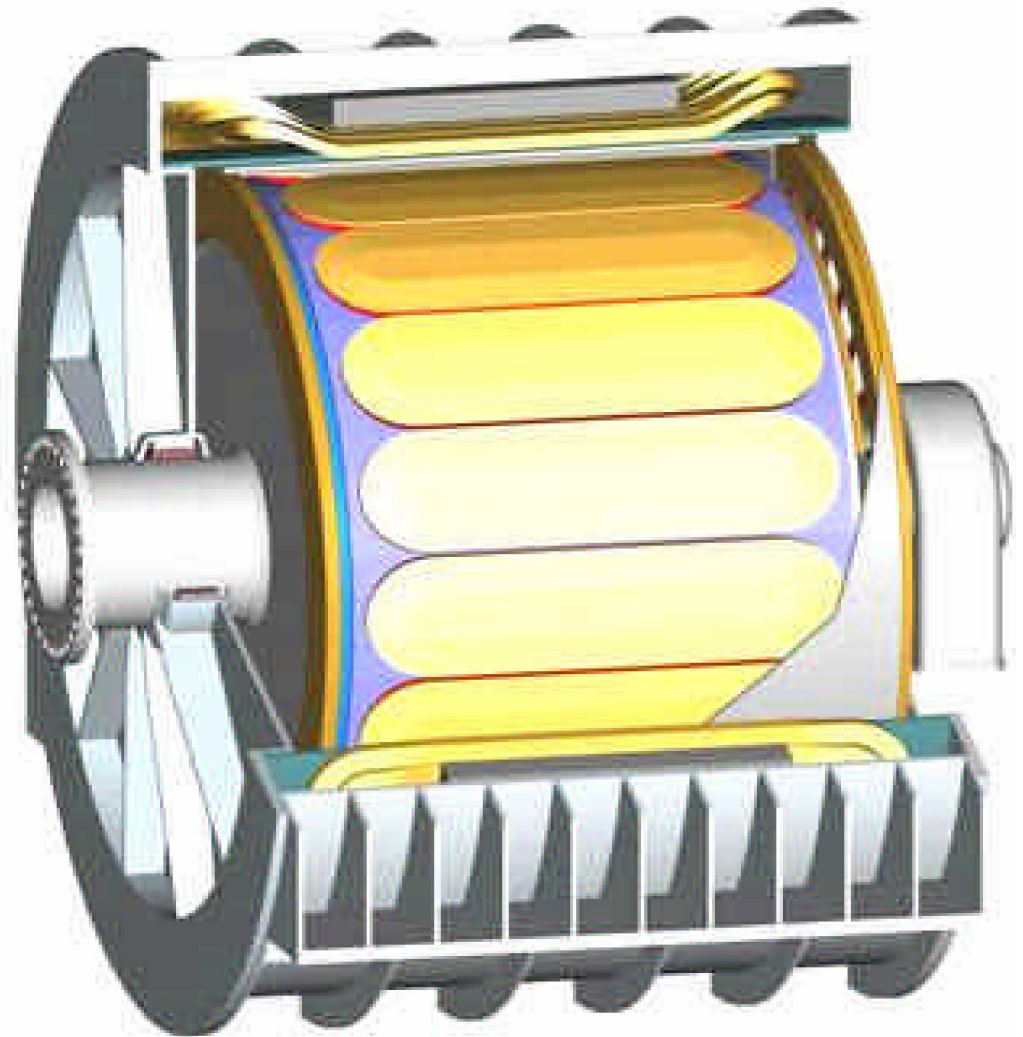
Designed and built under **ONR contract**

**AMSC SuperMachines** will deliver the 36.5 MW, 120 rpm motor (integrated with a commercial Variable Frequency Drive)

Motor is designed to power the next generation of Navy warships

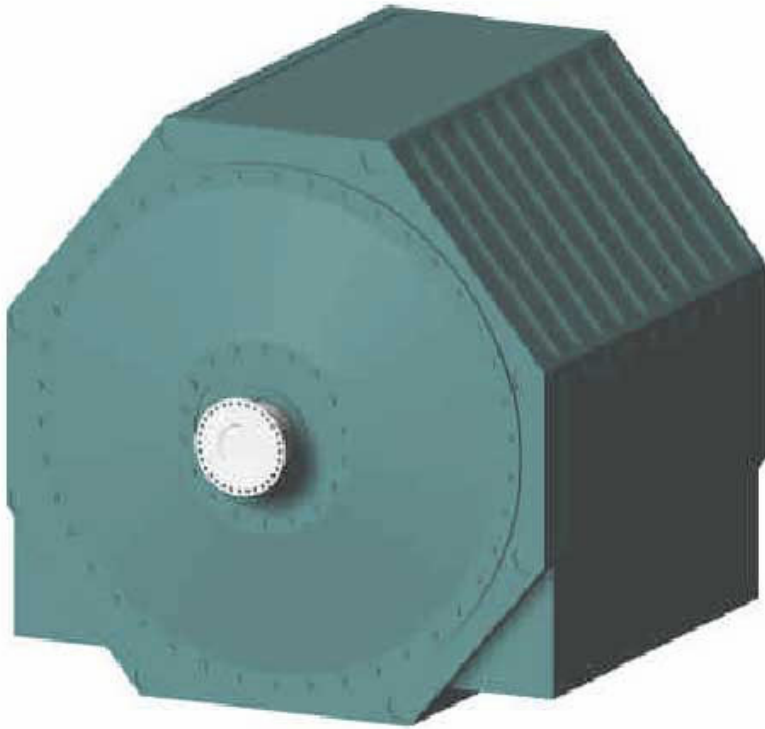
**Superconducting motor:** 69 tons

**Advanced normal induction motors of similar torque:** > 200 tons

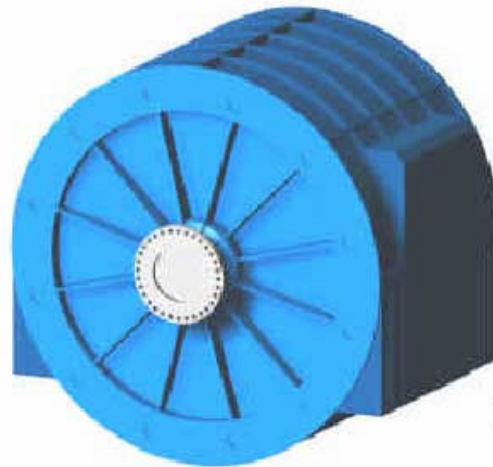


*World's largest HTS motor for ship propulsion*

# Ship Propulsion Motors



***36 MW Conventional \****



***36 MW HTS***

\* Scale derived from GEC ALSTOM FSAD 19 MW @150 RPM propulsion motor

- Inherently quieter
- Lower operating cost
- Equivalent prices

**25% of the volume  
30% of the weight  
Higher net efficiency**

# **Superconducting Transformers**

## **Switzerland**

- **ABB**

**630 kVA / 3 phases:**

**successful operation: 1 year at the grid in Geneva**

## **Japan**

- **Fuji Electric**

**1 MVA / 1 phase transformer**

## **USA**

- **ABB / DOE**

**10MVA / 3 phases: discontinued (costs)**



# **Superconducting Storage Systems**

**AMSC (USA)**

**ACCEL (Germany)**

- **Small storage systems (NbTi)**  
**already on the market**

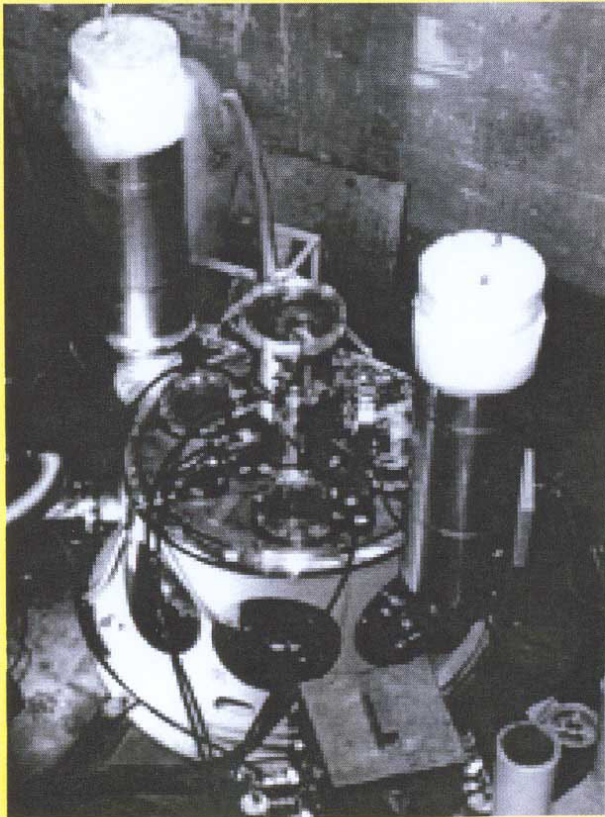
**Korea**

**Under Development**

# Development of Superconducting Flywheel Energy Storage System

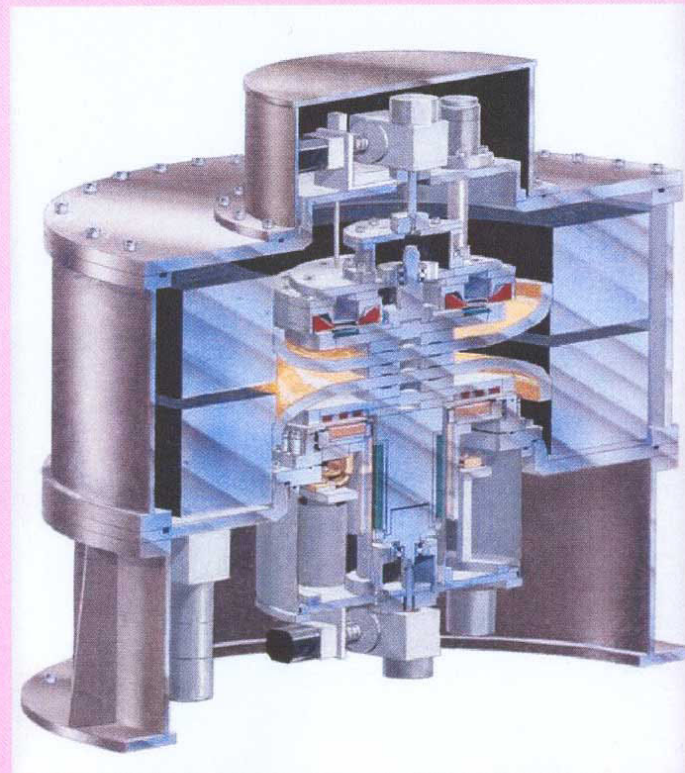
## 1. 4kWh FESS (developed in 1998)

Max. capacity	1.4 kWh
Rotor	$\phi 600 \times 70 \times 2$ disks
Max. rotation speed	20,000rpm
Rotor weight	65kg



## 1 7.5 kWh FESS (developing)

Max. capacity	1 7.5 kWh
Rotor	$\phi 1,200 \times 200 \times 2$ disks
Max. rotation speed	10,000rpm
Rotor weight	700kg



## **Applications where LTS materials are still preferred**

- **High field magnets (NMR)**
- **Magnets for Accelerators**
- **Fusion Magnets**

# Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR): $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$

## Europe:

**Bruker BioSpin  
Oxford**



**900 MHz**

**1GHz**

**ø 50 mm**

**USA: NHMFL**



**900 MHz**

**wide bore:  
ø108 mm**

**Japan: NRIM**



**920 MHz**

**1GHz**

## Japan:

**NMR User Center RIKEN, Yokohama**

**≈ 50 NMR  
magnets  
> 200 M EURO**



**NMR magnet**

**900 MHz**

**21 T**



## Very high field magnets at 4.2 K

Fields > 21 T

Materials:	Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn	22 T	↗
	Bi,Pb(2223)	24 T	↗
	Bi(2212)	25.4 T	↗



# Large Magnets for Accelerators and Detectors

**Europe:** LHC (CERN), **NbTi** technology

**Beam Magnet : 1.8 K**

**Detector Magnet (ATLAS) : 4.2 K**

**Costs** > 1 Billion EURO

**USA:** High Field Accelerators , **Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn**  
**Berkeley: First experiment with HTS**

# **Magnets for Thermonuclear Fusion**

**Actual State: HTS only envisaged for current leads**

**Tokamak KSTAR (South Korea), ITER Technology 100 M Euro**

**ITER (?) Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Magnet Technology 50 M Euro**

**Fusion Magnets : > 1B Euro**

# The ITER TF Model Coil



**40 mm ø in 1.5 mm steel  
conduit rated current: 70  
kA/11.8 T/4,6 K, ~ 1028  
strands, Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn + 1/3 Cu**



ANSALDO - DP4- transfer of 2nd pancake completed .  
Genova, 19-10-98

# The ITER Machine (Tokamak)

LTS conductors

**Fusion Power: 500 MW**

**Plasma Current: 15 MA**

**Plasma Volume: 837 m<sup>3</sup>**

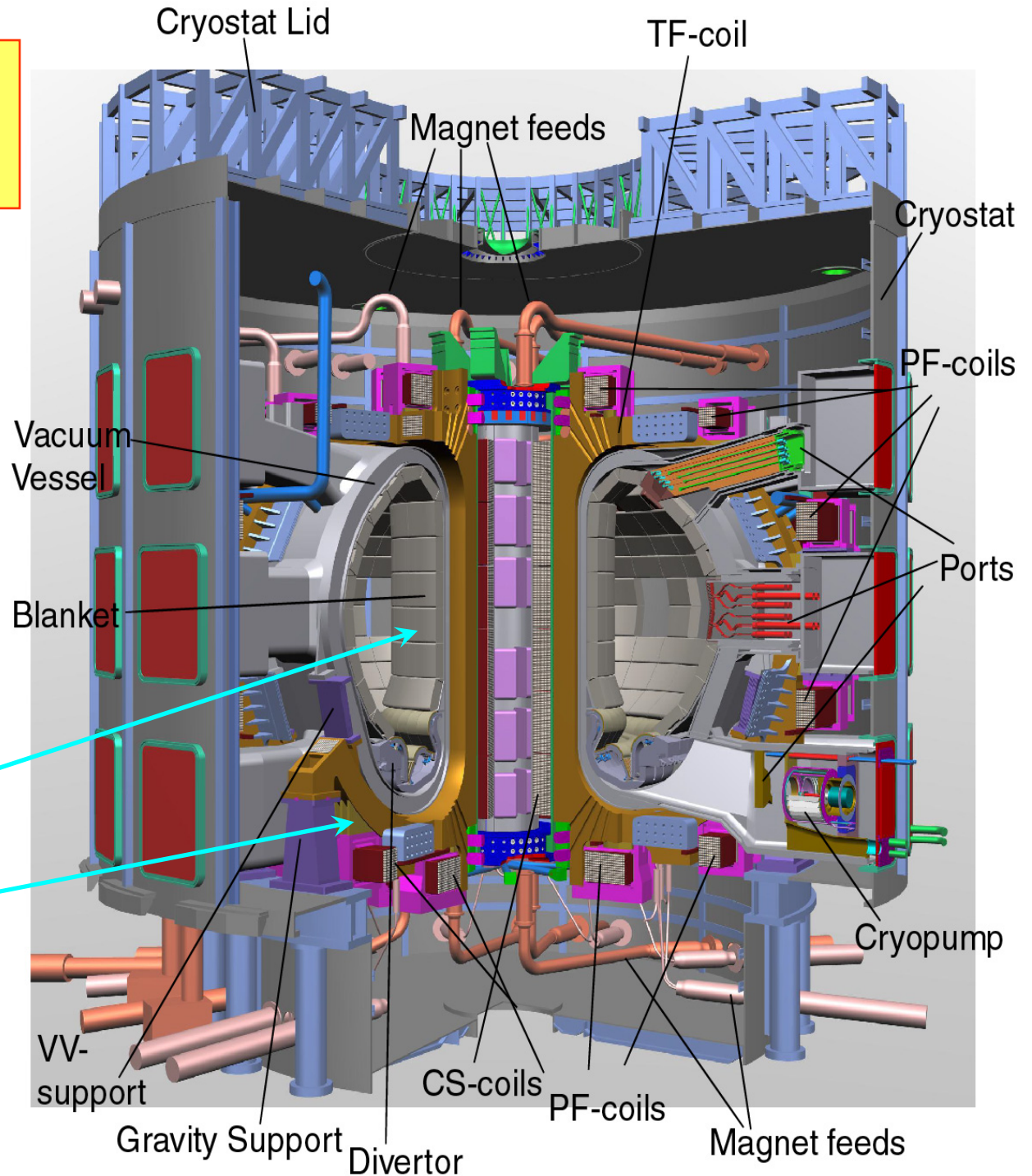
**Torus Radius: 6.2 m**

**Plasma Radius: 2.0 m**

**Energy Amplification: Q=10**

+ 13,5 T  $\Leftrightarrow$  - 12 T

12 T





## Summary

- Present applications of high current superconductors: **LTS**
- Main obstacle for large market penetration of HTS: **costs**
- Only the **first generation** of HTS (Bi based) has been developed up to industrial scale
- Major effort for such near term applications can be seen mainly for **power transmission cables, FCL, large motors and NMR spectrometers**
- **Second generation** of HTS (YBCO) with superior properties still need strong development effort. Time frame: several years

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