



# Superconductors and Magnet Technology for 20 T Dipole Magnets

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# Outline

#### Superconductivity 1.01

• Terminology:  $T_c$ ,  $H_{c2}$ , pinning,  $J_c$ , critical surface

#### **Technological superconductors**

• The materials science and performance of LTS wires

#### Superconducting dipole magnets

• Record fields, intrinsic limitations, the need for HTS

# **Superconductivity: Electron pairing**

#### Electrons couple through lattice vibration quanta (phonons)

- Net attractive e-e interaction
  - Described by electron-phonon interaction constant  $\lambda_{e\text{-p}}$



Attraction over communication distance  $\xi$  (coherence length)

# **Electron paring: Critical temperature T**<sub>c</sub>



# Ab-initio calculated and measured $T_c$ and $H_{c2}$



### What does $H_{c2}$ do for us?

- Type II superconductor in field
- Field quanta  $\phi_0 = h/2e$  (flux-lines) penetrate SC





#### Increasing magnetic field

• Normal cores start to overlap at H =  $H_{c2} = \phi_0 / 2\pi\xi$ 

Increasing H

 $H_{c2}(T)$  provides maximum field a conductor can be used at



#### What determines J<sub>c</sub>? Type II SC carrying current in field

External field causes flux-lines to penetrate SC

- Current causes gradient in flux density B<sub>x</sub>
- Flux-lines repel  $\rightarrow$  move ( $\nabla \times E = -dB/dt$ )  $\rightarrow E_{v} \rightarrow Loss$



#### Flux-lines need to be 'pinned' at 'pinning centers' by 'pinning force' F<sub>P</sub>

• Pinning centers: Impurities, defects, grain boundaries, ...

'De-pinning' for  $F_L = J \times B > F_P \rightarrow Critical current density J_c$ 

Godeke, Ph.D. Thesis (2005) 8

### **Superconducting Phase Boundary**



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## **Technological superconductors**

#### Examples of technologically relevant superconductors



	H <sub>c2</sub> (0) [T]	T <sub>c</sub> (0) [K]
NbTi	14	9.5
Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn	30	18
MgB <sub>2</sub>	3.5-35	32-40
YBa <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	>100	93
Bi-2223	>100	108
Bi-2212	>100	95



Bi-2212



### **Measurement of critical currents**

#### Modern method for the measurement of high current wires



### What determines J<sub>c</sub>?

#### Powder-in-Tube wire

50% non-Cu fraction  $\rightarrow$  **non-Cu J**<sub>c</sub>



# **Performance comparison Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires**

Different processes yield very different results



Technology	Non-Cu J <sub>c</sub> (12 T, 4.2 K)	
Bronze	720 A/mm <sup>2</sup>	
Powder-in-Tube	2250 A/mm <sup>2</sup>	
Internal Tin	3000 A/mm <sup>2</sup>	
	Why such large differences in 1?	

### **Differences occur mainly due to Sn content**

Binary phase diagram for the Nb-Sn system



Godeke, Supercond. Sci. Techn. 19 R68 (2006)

# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn formation in wires

Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn: Formed by a high temperature reaction in an inert atmosphere

• Example: Reaction progress at 675°C vs. time in a Powder-in-Tube wire



A solid state diffusion reaction results in compositional gradients

### Sn gradients in wires after reaction

#### Bronze (**720** A/mm<sup>2</sup>): – **4** at.% Sn/μm



Large fraction with high Sn gives high J<sub>c</sub>: WHY?

Abächerli, et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond. **15** 3482 (2005) Godeke, et al., Cryogenics **48** 308 (2008) Lee, et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond. **15** 3474 (2005)



Int.-Tin (**3000** A/mm<sup>2</sup>): – **0.05** at% Sn/μm



# Sn deficiency suppresses H<sub>c2</sub>(T)

#### Resistive data on bulk material...

- Of different Sn content
- Low Sn sections not SC at high field

#### ...and on wires

• Detecting only the best, stoichiometric bits that are present in all wires



# **Prospects for composition optimizations**



Godeke, et al., J. Appl. Phys. 97 093909 (2005) 19

# **Pinning optimizations?**

#### Comparison between NbTi and Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn J<sub>E</sub>(H)



# What determines J<sub>c</sub>?

#### $J_c$ is determined by the achievable pinning force $F_P$

• And thus by the average grain size...



Godeke, *Supercond. Sci. Techn.* **19**, R68 (2006)<sub>21</sub>

# What is an optimal grain size?

- Ideal is 1 pinning center per flux-line
- Schematic: Cubic grains and flux-lines



• Ideal:  $d_{av} = a_0$ 

#### Flux-line spacing $a_0$ is field dependent

- E.g. at **12 T**  $a_0 = (3/4)^{\frac{1}{4}} (\phi_0 / \mu_0 H)^{\frac{1}{2}} =$ **12 nm**
- Grain size in Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires  $\rightarrow$  100 200 nm

Grain size determines  $F_{P,MAX}$ Grain size determines  $F_P(H)$ Grain size Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn factor 10 too large Pinning NbTi is fully optimized

Dietderich and Godeke, *Cryogenics* **48** 331 (2008) Lee, *et al., Wire J. Int.* Feb. 2003

#### NbTi: Nanometer scale $\alpha$ -Ti precipitates



### What happens when Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn grains are refined?

#### Pinning force *predicted* gains

- 12 T, 4.2 K J<sub>c</sub> increases by factor 3.6 (!)
  - A factor 3.4 is *measured* in thin films that were made and tested at LBNL

#### **Critical current**

- 20 25 T field regime is opened up
  - Much more efficient approaching  $H_{c2}$





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# High J<sub>c</sub> provides high magnetic fields

Permanent magnet: 1 T

Electro-magnet (SC solenoid): 20+ T



#### June 8, 1995: The dawn of dipoles beyond 10 T...

A new world-record dipole field...

...and the first time a Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn magnet surpassed the 10.5 T Nb-Ti limit

0.5 x quench current of 18724 A on the 8<sup>th</sup> of june 1995 corresponding to a central field of 11.1 T





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Pictures courtesy of A. den Ouden (U. Nijmegen) and W.A.J. Wessel (U. Twente)

#### Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn dipole magnetic field records versus time **Bi-2212** HE-LHC and MAP: 20+ T dipoles (YBCO, Bi-2223) 18 T Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn LBNL-HD 1 decade ago LBNL-RD3b LBNL-D20 Non-Cu current density 3 Twente-MSUT 10.5 T 2 decades ago NbTi dipole limit **CERN-Asner** Nb-Ti LBNL-D10 *J*<sub>c</sub>(12 T, 4.2 K) BNL-Sampson Dipoles '85 '70 '75 '80 '90 '95 '00' '05 Year Magnet technology Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn quality and quantity in wires What limits Nb-Ti and Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn?

# LTS intrinsic limits and dipole performance

Field – temperature limitations and achieved dipole fields



Godeke, et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond. **17** 1149 (2007) Godeke, et al., J. Appl. Phys. **97** 093909 (2005) 28

### What are the dipole limits using LTS?



Godeke, et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond. 17, 1149 (2007)

# What dipole fields are possible using HTS?



### **Bi-2212 requires densification during reaction**

Jiang, FSU



#### FSU and BSCCo collaboration:

- Voids agglomerate into bubbles
- C and H react with O<sub>2</sub>
- Internal pressure dedensifies 2212

# Compensate with OP reaction at 25 to 100 bar

Larbalestier, *et al.*, *Nature Mat.* (2014) Kametani, *et al.*; Jiang, *et al.*; Malagoli, *et al.*; *Supercond. Sci. Techn.* (2011-2013)



20 T, 4.2 K J<sub>E</sub>: 200 A/mm<sup>2</sup> for 1 bar 600 A/mm<sup>2</sup> for 100 bar

## LBNL Bi-2212 efforts and collaborations



▶ 2000

1999

1998

Rutherford cable developments (with IGC, OST, Showa > 4.5 km SMES cable)

#### Beyond 16 T dipole fields

- Optimize and refine Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn
- Develop W&R Bi-2212
  - Collaborations
    - SWCC Showa Cable Systems Co. Ltd.
    - **OST** Oxford Instruments
    - VHFSMC U.S. National Program on Bi-2212 » BNL, FNAL, FSU, LBNL, NCSU, NIST, TAMU
    - BSCCo U.S. collaboration on Bi-2212
      - » BNL, FNAL, FSU, LBNL (+OST, CERN, Nexans)
- Side path: YBCO, Bi-2223, ...



Sub-scale W&R Bi-2212 racetracks with Showa and OST

#### 2006 – 2012: Bi-2212 subscale coils

- Purchase wire, make and insulate cable
- Coil on Inconel 600 former, react, pot, test
- 2 Ag dummies & 11 Bi-2212 coils

#### 2013 onwards: Realistic Bi-2212 inserts

• Low strain, high J<sub>F</sub> insert coil sets

Subscale magnets for basic coil technology

### **Sub-scale Coils and Structures**

#### Sub-scale coils: Utilizing available Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn infrastructure

• LBNL Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn technology base: Developed using sub-scale coils



Low field Low stress

High stored energy **High Axial forces** 

4-coil layout High field

High field **High stress** 

### Addressing technology challenges for Bi-2212

Material	NbTi	Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn	Bi-2212
Dipole Limit	10-11 T	16-18 T	Stress limited
Reaction	Ductile	~675ºC ± 5ºC in Ar/Vacuum	~890°C ± 1°C in O <sub>2</sub>
Wire axial compression	N/A	Reversible	Irreversible?
Cable transverse stress	N/A	< 200 MPa	60 MPa?
Insulation	Polymide	S/E Glass	Ceramic
Construction	G-10, stainless	Bronze, Ti, Stainless	Super alloy Berkalloy
Quench propagation	>20m/s	~20 m/s	0.1 m/s?

### Example: Precision reaction HTS-SC10 in 1 Bar O<sub>2</sub>

#### Maximum temperature is 888.4 ± 0.8 °C (HTS-SC08 was 887.8 °C)



# **Bi-2212 subscale coil overview**

Coil ID	Conductor	Insulation	Sizing	Oxidation	Confined
HTS-SC01	Ag-dummy	SiO <sub>2</sub>	During HT	Pre-oxidized	Full
HTS-SC02	Ag-dummy	SiO <sub>2</sub>	During HT	Pre-oxidized	Full
HTS-SC03	SWCC Untwisted	$Al_2O_3/SiO_2$	During HT	Pre-oxidized	Full
HTS-SC04	OST Untwisted	$Al_2O_3/SiO_2$	During HT	Pre-oxidized	Low Y
HTS-SC05	SWCC Twisted	$Al_2O_3/SiO_2$	600°C/1hr	Pre-oxidized	Full
HTS-SC06	OST Untwisted	$Al_2O_3/SiO_2$	825°C/4hr	During HT	Low Y
HTS-SC07	SWCC Twisted	$Al_2O_3/SiO_2$	825°C/4hr	During HT	Low X&Y
HTS-SC08	OST Untwisted	$Al_2O_3/SiO_2$	825°C/4hr	During HT	Low Y
HTS-SC09	SWCC Twisted	$Al_2O_3/SiO_2$	825°C/4hr	During HT	Low X
HTS-SC10	OST Untwisted	$Al_2O_3/SiO_2$	825°C/4hr	During HT	Low Y
HTS-SC11	SWCC Untwisted	$Al_2O_3/SiO_2$	825°C/4hr	During HT	Low Y
HTS-SC12	OST Untwisted	SiO <sub>2</sub>	During HT	During HT	Low X&Y
HTS-SC13	SWCC Untwisted	SiO <sub>2</sub>	During HT	During HT	Low X&Y

Reacted at LBNL

Technology PoP

Legend:

# Key findings from subscale coil program

#### 'Best of breed': HTS-SC08

• 1 bar reaction: Minor leakage (5 spots/side)



• Coil performance, 4.2 K, self-field (~1 T)



#### Since ~2012

#### Coil performance 🖌 = By OP reaction

- Coil achieves 85% of *round wire* witness
  - Along the load-line
- Limited by inner turns and ramp
  - HTS-SC10: 2417 A (within 10%)

#### W&R Bi-2212 is realistic

Godeke, et al., Supercond. Sci. Technol. 23 034022 (2010)

#### Pending issues **✓** = **By OP reaction**

- Increase wire  $J_e$  by factor 3 4
- Coil homogeneity (inner turns limit)
- ? Stress-strain sensitivity Bi-2212 (CCT)
- Leakage
- Further compatibility studies (Berkalloy)
- Quench protection(?)

# High I at small r: large H. Caveat: High loads

#### Transverse pressure on Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn and Bi-2212 Rutherford cables

Bi-2212 Rutherford cable with Ni-Cr core





Dietderich and Godeke, Cryogenics 48, 331 (2008)

Dietderich, et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond. 11 3577 (2001) 38

# **Axial strain sensitivity of Bi-2212**



Ten Haken, *et al., IEEE Trans. Magn.* **32** 2720 (1996) Cheggour, *et al., Supercond. Sci. Techn.* **25** 015001 (2011)

Godeke, *et al.*, to be submitted to *Appl. Phys. Lett*.

# Stress/strain issues: Also apparent in Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn

• Dipole magnet records in 3 configurations: Hit wall at ~14 T when a bore is present



# Solution: Limit stresses in high field magnets

#### Conventional cosine theta insert

• Accumulating stresses



#### O of magnitude at 500 A/mm<sup>2</sup> and 20 T

• F<sub>L</sub> = J x B = 10 GN/m<sup>3</sup>

- 1.5 mm wide cable
  - $\sigma$  = 0 10x10<sup>9</sup> x 1.5x10<sup>-3</sup> = **15 MPa/cable**
- r = 20 mm => ~17 cables
- $\sigma_{midplane}$  = O 2/3 x 17 x 15 = **170 MPa**

#### Stresses in CCT are one order smaller than in conventional designs at the cost of 20 - 30% in J<sub>winding</sub> => Enabler for Bi-2212

#### Canted cosine theta (CCT) insert

- Support on cable level
- No stress accumulation => σ = 0 15 MPa Individual turns are separated by Ribs

Ribs intercept forces transferring them to the spar

Individual turn S. Caspi (LBNL) Stress collector (Spar)

# High field CCT hybrid magnet (S. Caspi)



### **Proof-of-Principle NbTi coils and Bi-2212 inserts**

#### CCT1: 2.6 T NbTi, 50 mm bore (Caspi)

CCT1 anodized aluminum hardwa



MAAAAAAAA

500 mm

840 mm

500 mm to be OP reacted

Quick turnaround integrated CAD/CAM

# **Bi-2212 insert configurations**

Towards 19 T hybrid

	BIN1	BIN2	BIN3
Conductor	0.8 mm wire	2.4 mm 6r1	Rutherford
Insulation*	alumina-silica braid	alumina-silica braid	TBD
Spar material*	Inconel 600	"Berkalloy"	"Berkalloy"
OD/ID [mm]	50.04 / 35.31	40 / TBD	100/~50
Test in	SF, CCT1	SF, CCT1, HD3/FRESCA1	Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn CCT/FRESCA2
SS current [A] in SF	695	~4200	TBD
in 2.6 T CCT1	545	~3600	N/A
in 15 T	350	~2400	Around 10 kA
Field added [T] in SF	0.59	~1.7	TBD
in 2.6 T CCT1	0.47	~1.5	N/A
in 15 T	0.30	~1.0	> 4
$\sigma_{cond}$ [MPa] in SF (from F <sub>L</sub> )	0.5	~3	TBD
in 2.6 T CCT1	2	~6	N/A
in 15 T	7	~16	TBD

\* Compatible spar materials, spar coatings, and insulations remain under investigation

### Status: BIN1 Wire wound coil set being fabricated

#### Inconel 600 works for square grooves (parametric CAD/CAM), but...

- Machining 22 m of 1 x 1 mm groove takes ~ 1 to 1.5 weeks
  - ~ 1 ft/hour per mm depth
  - High aspect ratio grooves (e.g. 2 x 10 mm) not realistic
- Inconel 600 is expensive
- Inconel 600 is not "standard" material
  - Hard to get at desired dimensions
- Cr-Ag-oxides are a concern
- "Powdery" oxide surface after Bi-2212 reaction





### Bi-2212 in Inconel 600 can be done...

- ...but high aspect ratio grooves are desired
- To accommodate Rutherford cable
- To optimize J in windings
- Also for Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn
  - SS316 and Ti-6Al-4V are considered...
  - ...but 3D metal printing seems only option
    - Accuracy is concern



### **Compatible material with great machinability**

Berkalloy compatible with 900 °C in 100% O<sub>2</sub> (and also OK for Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn)

Berkalloy



2 mm wide groove Mill breakage at 15 in/min: 5 cuts, 1 ft/min, 10 mm depth 120 ft/h per mm depth Stainless Steel 316

Inconel 600



Berkalloy is enabler for Rutherford cable wound Bi-2212 and Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn CCT magnets



2 mm wide groove
Mill breakage at 1 in/min:
8 cuts, 0.75 in/min, 10 mm depth
4.7 ft/h per mm depth

**1.05 mm** wide groove 1.25 mm depth

~1 ft/h per mm depth

# Summary

#### 2 decades ago

• The dawn of dipole fields beyond 10 T (Twente MSUT)

#### 1 decade ago

- Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn dipole field halts at 16 T w/o bore (LBNL HD1), 14 T with bore (LBNL HD2/3)
   Stress/strain wall
  - Lack of high field pinning efficiency in Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn, Sn content exhausted

#### Now

- Promising developments in engineered pinning for Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn in wires
- Densification of Bi-2212 yields required 600 A/mm<sup>2</sup> wire  $J_E$
- Bi-2212 can be cabled, wound, reacted, potted: Carries 85% of round wire witness
  - 100 bar reaction of coils needs verification but appears realistic
- Canted cosine theta structure mitigates stresses
  - Enabler for > 14 T with bore and for Bi-2212 inserts
- New materials, e.g. Berkalloy, enable high aspect ratio grooves in CCT structures
  - Rapid turnaround, ease of magnet fabrication, combined magnets possible
    - No complex end-pieces, no support structure required, no pre-load required,...

#### We are at the dawn of a new era in very high field accelerator magnet technology!