

Durham Shitty-conductor Experiments

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Introduction

- Superconducting magnets are essential for generating strong magnetic fields to confine plasma in fusion reactors.
- Made from superconducting materials like Nb3Sn and hightemperature superconductors (HTS) such as YBCO.
- Investigation the performance of superconductor REBCO, with varying angle of attack, applied magnetic field strength at low temperatures.

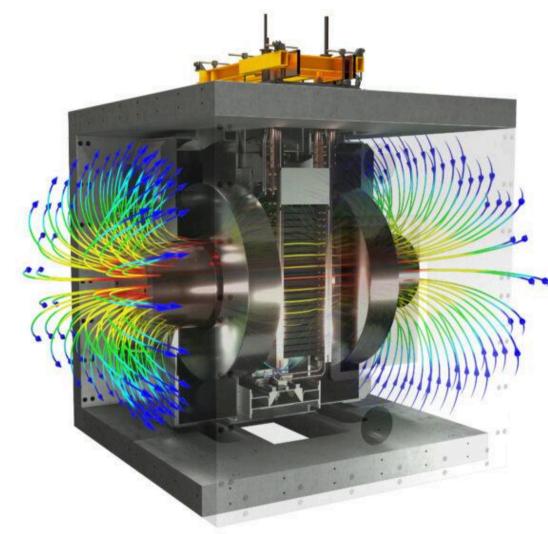


Fig 1: Magnetic field lines for CHIMERA rig [1]

Experimental Apparatus and Methods

Key Apparatus:

- 1. Ic Probe: Holds the sample, delivers current, and measures voltage.
- 2. Brass Sample Holder: Secures the HTS tape during soldering and testing.
- 3. HTS Tape: 80 mm REBCO sample for testing.
- 4. Polyimide Copper Wire & Pins: For voltage tap connections.
- 5. Cryogenic Setup (Dewar): Holds the sample in liquid nitrogen.
- 6. LabView Program: Controls the power supply and records measurements.



Fig 2: Preparing rig by pouring in liquid nitrogen

Methods:

1. Soldering:

- Pre-tin the sample holder and HTS tape using soldering flux and lead-tin solder.
- Attach the HTS tape to the sample holder by heating the pretinned areas.
- Solder voltage tap wires to the sample.

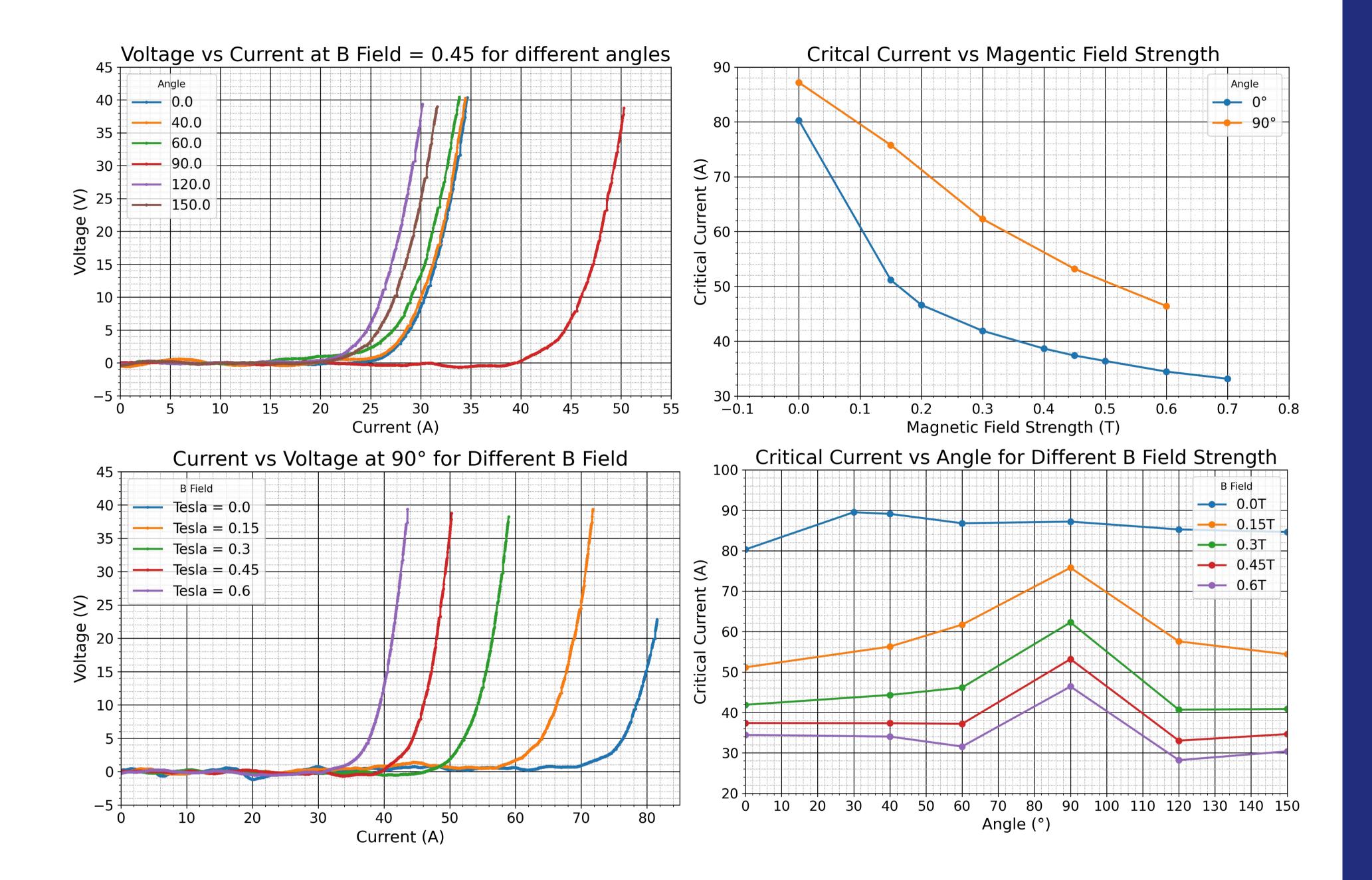
2. Setup:

- Mount the sample holder on the lc probe and connect voltage tap wires to the data system.
- Place the probe in the Dewar with liquid nitrogen and attach the current leads.

3. Ic Measurement:

 Use LabView software to control the measurement, adjust the magnetic field, and monitor voltage and current.

Results



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