

Wire Activity: Updates from Japan and Asia

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Acknowledgements to the companies in Asia;

HITACHI

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Fujikura

Furukawa

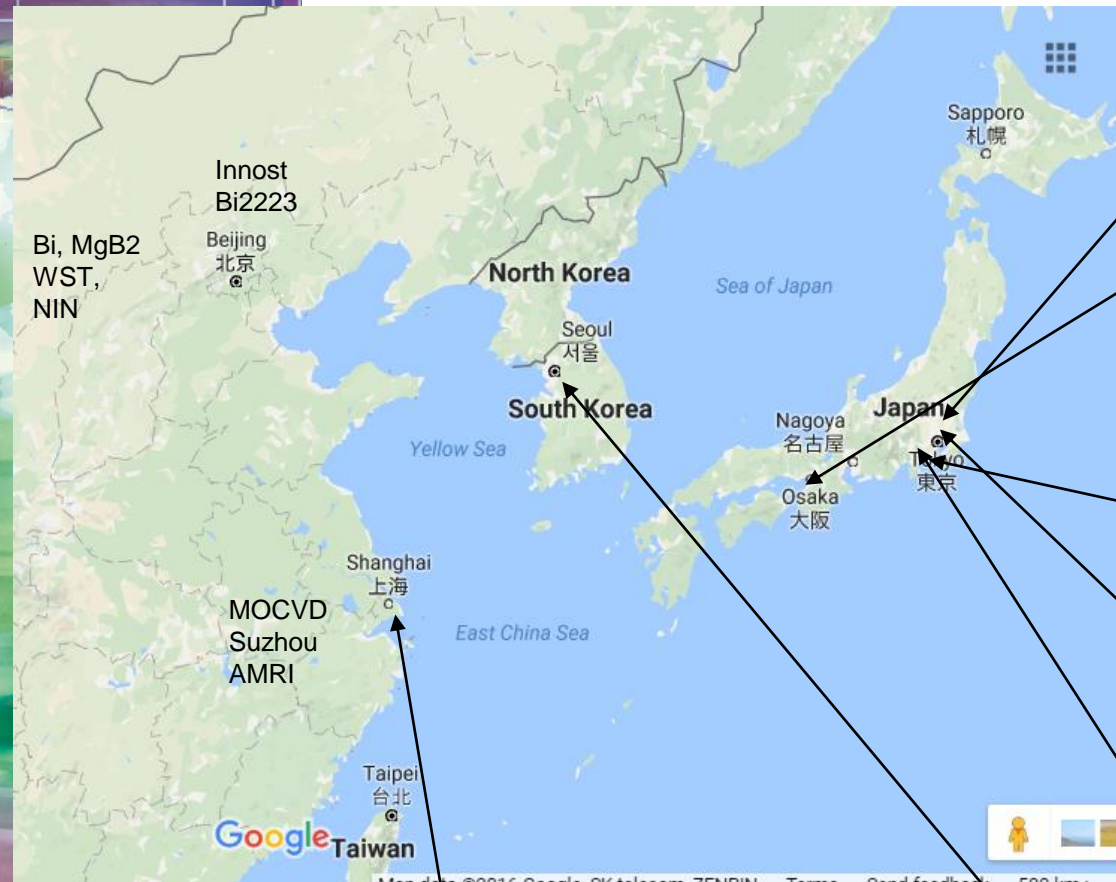
SuperOx and SuperOx, Japan

SuNAM (Korea)

SSTC (Shanghai Superconductor Tech., China)

SCSTC (Shanghai Creative Superconductor Tech., China)

Recent Topics in **Commercial** HTS Wire in Asia



Hitachi entered in MgB2 wire commercialization.

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NEDO: new project: train cable, MRI, Wire (**Fujikura**)

Furukawa developed superconducting junction (no limitation of length).

SuperOx and Japan starts to scale-up: ~1000km-4mm/year

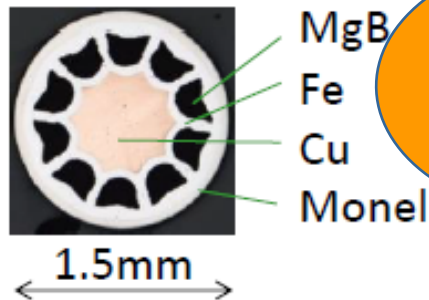
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Hitachi's R&D Activities on MgB₂ Wires

	Presentation No.	Remarks
#1 PIT wire	1MOr3A-02	<u>300m</u> length, $J_e > 250\text{A/mm}^2$ @ 20K, 3T
#2 Dense PIT wire	3MPo2B-01	Higher J_c with mechanical milled powder
#3 Tape wire	3MPo2B-10	Superior J_c on MgB ₂ thin film

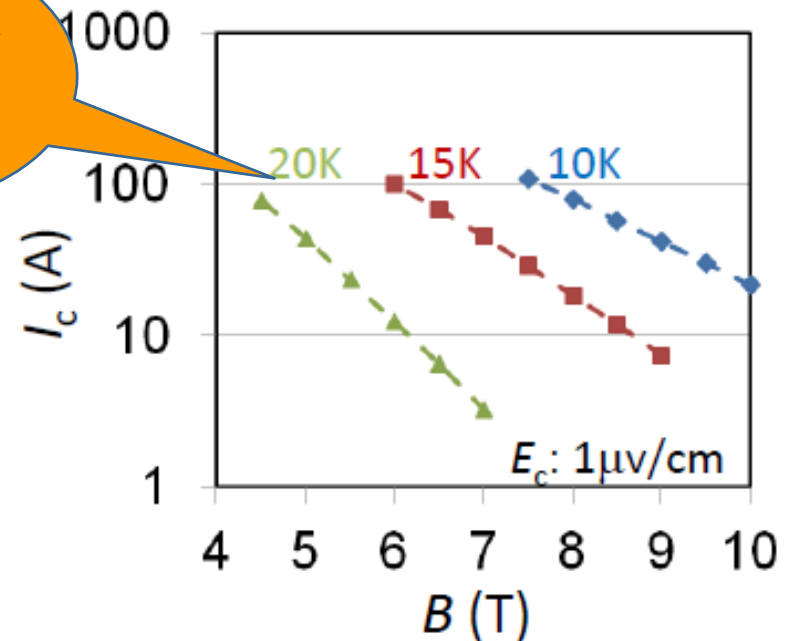
Cross-section of PIT wire



Same I_c level
as the
forerunners.

Made by

- In-situ method and carbon doped
- Drawing machine for NbTi wire

 I_c - B - T of PIT wire (O.D. 1.5mm)

Exit

MRI and other applications

e.g. rotary machine cooled by liquid hydrogen.

	Type H	Type HT-SS	Type HT-CA	Type HT-NX	Type G
Width	4.3+/-0.2mm	4.5+/-0.1mm	4.5+/-0.1mm	4.5+/-0.2mm	4.3+/-0.2mm
Thickness	0.23+/-0.01mm	0.29+/-0.01mm	0.31+/-0.02mm	0.31+/-0.03mm	0.23+/-0.01mm
Reinforcement	—	Stainless Steel Alloy	Stainless Steel Alloy	Nickel Alloy	— (Ag-Au matrix)
Critical tension * (RT)	80N **	80N **	80N **	410N **	80N **
Critical tensile stress * (77K)	130 MPa **	270 MPa **	250 MPa **	400 MPa **	130 MPa **
Critical tensile strain * (77K)	0.2% **	0.4% **	0.3% **	0.5% **	0.2% **
Critical double bending diameter * (RT)	80mm **	60mm **	60mm **	40mm **	80mm **

* Correspond to 95% of critical currents

** Reference

Higher strength like REBCO

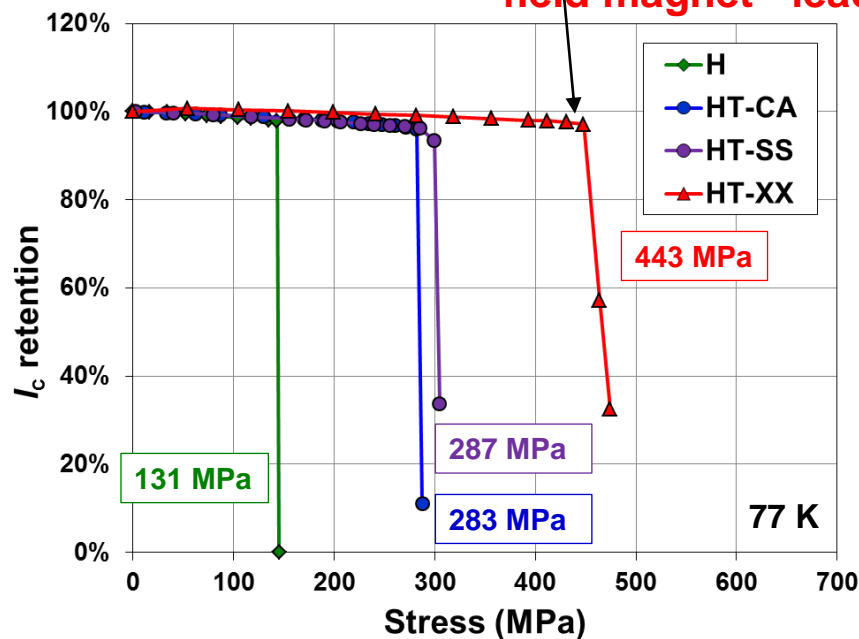
- I_c & n-value in long length
- ✓ Uniform
- Production capacity now
- ✓ 1,000km/year
- Produced Type G
- ✓ More than 30km since 2011

For magnet

For cable

For high field magnet

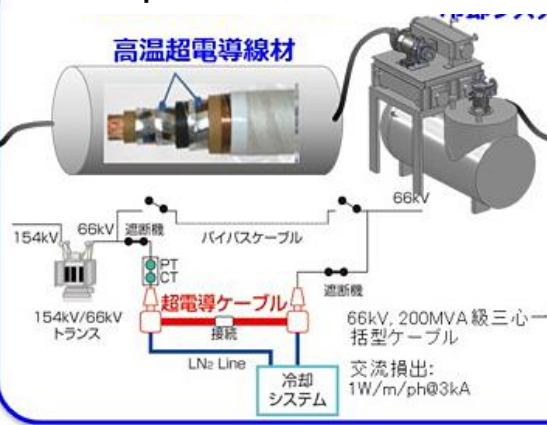
For current lead



Fujikura and NEDO

NEDO NEW Project (2016-2020)

HTS power cable



HTS train cable

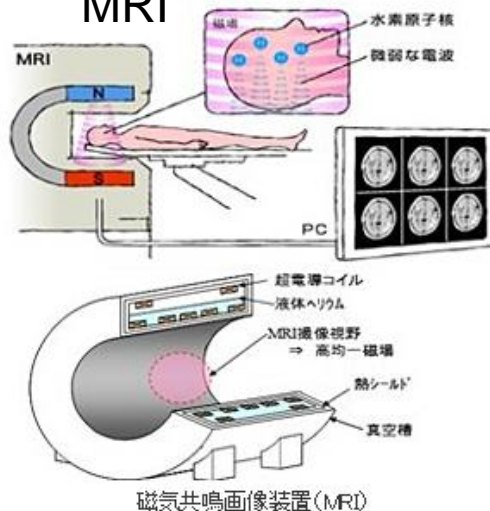


回生電力

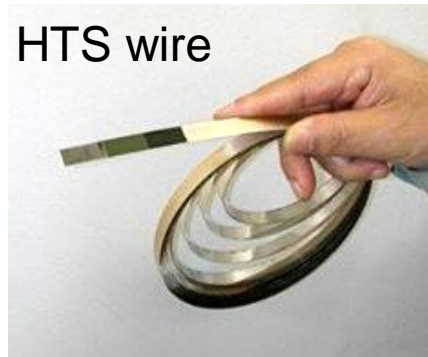


鉄道き電線への適用

MRI



HTS wire



Fujikura REBCO Wire

Present ability

Length: 1km/10-12mm width

~300m/ 4mm width

Ic: 200A/4mm width at 77K, sf

Ic enhancement:

- Hf addition
- 700A /4mm width, 50m at 4.2K、15T
- 4 filament-wire/4mm-w, 110m shielding current reduced.

NEDO project (2016-18) Target
1km wire with stable high Ic and
production rate

REBCO Jc>400A/mm²

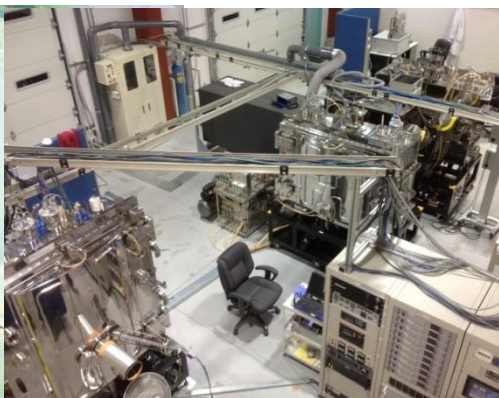
at 30K, 7T

1km, homogeneous Ic

Production speed increase

SuperOx

SUPEROX JAPAN
SUPERCONDUCTIVITY FOR LIFE



REBCO wire

SuperOx group

SuperOx

In year 2016 – SuperOx group **increasing production capacity** by installation of new

IBAD-buffer
completed in de
both in Jap

Goal – 300 km/year of 12 mm wide tapes

SuperOx provide the widest range of customization options for 2G-HTS tapes

Scale-up for mass production



Parameter of 2G HTS tapes	Common value		
Production Length	50 – 300 meters (max 600 m)		
Tape Thickness	60 – 100 μ m		
Tape width	4 mm	6mm	12mm
Critical Current @ 77K, s.f.	70-150 A	100-200A	250-500 A
Current Uniformity	$\pm 10\%$	$\pm 10\%$	$\pm 10\%$

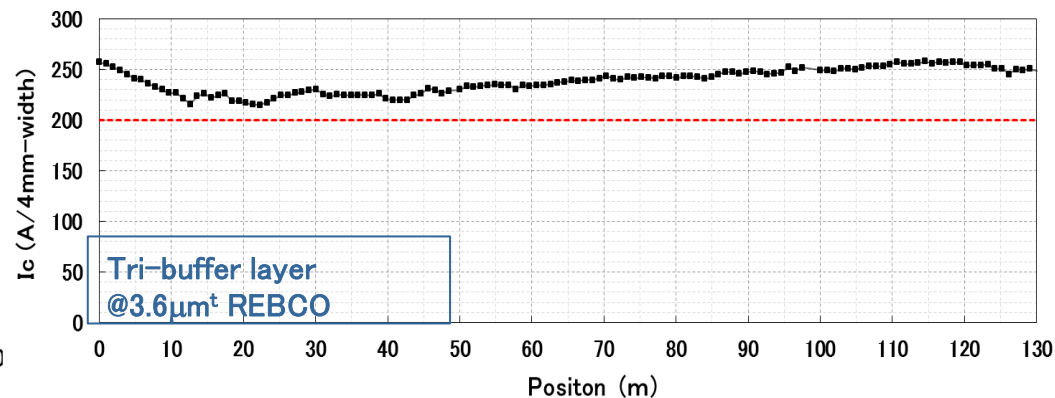
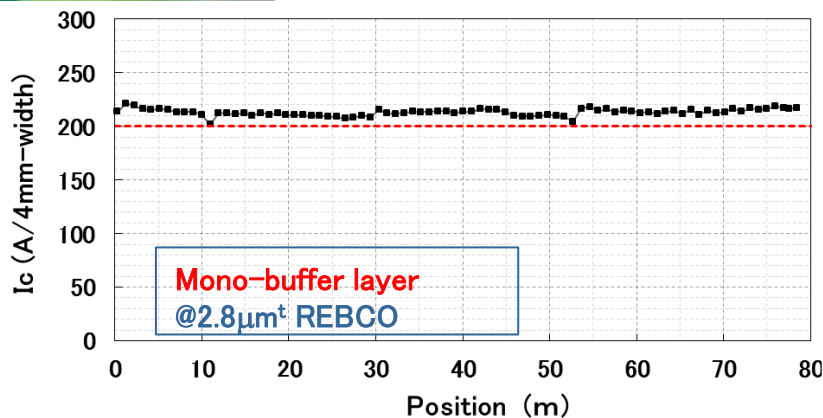
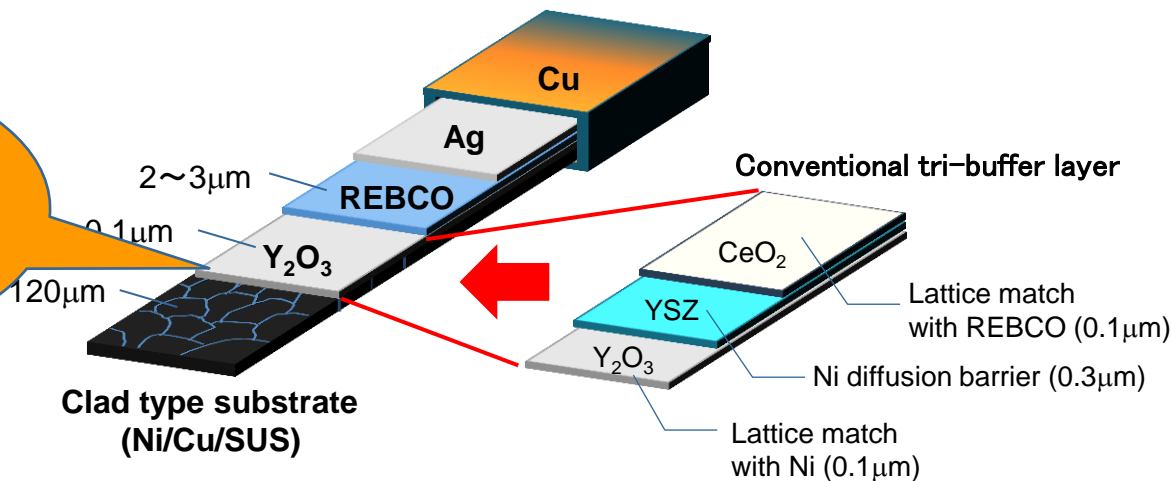
Customisation options

Buffers	Silver	Copper plating	Lamination	Polyimide coating	Polyimide wrapping	Solder plating and joining	Tape stacks
							

Low cost single buffer layer for a clad type substrate

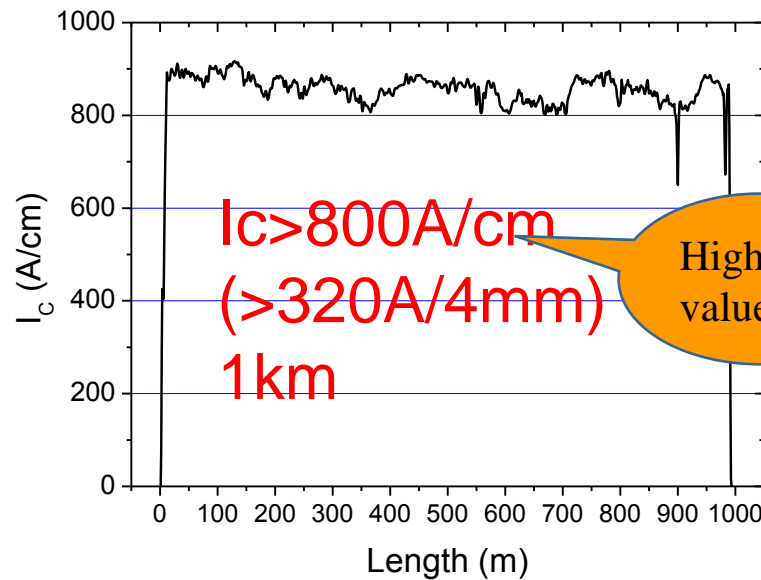
Conventional tri-buffer layer was reduced to mono-buffer layer on a clad type substrate for low cost.

Low cost
structure and
same I_c
~200A/4mm



Comparison of PLD GBCO I_c distribution on mono-buffer layer and tri-buffer layer

Reactive Co-evaporation Method



National Project

Target

- Critical current; $I_c > 1,000 \text{ A/cm}$ @77 K, s.f. (length > 1 km, uniformity > 96%)
- In-field performance; $I_c > 1,000 \text{ A/cm}$ @20 K, 10 T
- Stacked conductor; $I_c > 1,800 \text{ A/cm}$ @77 K, s.f.
- I_c measurement tech.; 0-10 T, $> 1,800 \text{ A/cm}$, 20~77 K
- DC reactor demo; 400 mH, 1,500 A

Budget

~US\$13M; \$9M from Gov't, \$4M from SuNAM
(June 2013 ~ May 2017, 4 years)

60km/month = 720km/year for $> 200 \text{ A/4mm}$ wire

We Are Ready For Sale !!!

- High field 26.4 T(242A)
- Compact magnet
- **Self-protected** in 3 times quenches at 4.2 K

➤ **High field magnet**
Over 20 [T] at center, Liquid helium cooling

➤ **Racetrack magnet**
For motor application, Cryogen-free

➤ **Homogeneity magnet**
For NMR application, Over 3 [T] at center, Cryogen-free



China

REBCO wire

80-200A/4mm, max 1km

SSTC (Shanghai Superconductor Tech., Co., Ltd) **PLD**



PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS					
	ST-04-E SERIES	ST-05-L SERIES	ST-05-E SERIES	ST-06-L SERIES	ST-10-E SERIES
WIRE STRUCTURE	Copper Plating Strengthened	Encapsulation Strengthened	Copper Plating Strengthened	Encapsulation Strengthened	Copper Plating Strengthened
WIDTH	4 mm	4.75 mm			
CRITICAL CURRENT	80-200 A	80-200 A			
THICKNESS	100-180 μ m	150-350 μ m	100-180 μ m		100-180 μ m
	>600 Mpa	>400 Mpa	>600 Mpa	>400 Mpa	>600 Mpa
	0.4 %	0.4 %	0.4 %	0.4 %	0.4 %
	± 10 %	± 10 %	± 10 %	± 10 %	± 10 %
	15 %	15 %	15 %	15 %	15 %

Now they are at the same level.

Both have large factory buildings and facilities for mass-production.

SCSTC (Shanghai Creative Superconductor Tech., Co., Ltd) **MOD**



Present Status of Commercial REBCO wire

Method: PLD, RCE, MOD, MOCVD/IBAD, RABiTS

Property: 100-200A/4mm at 77K, sf

Length: 100-300m * maximum= 1km

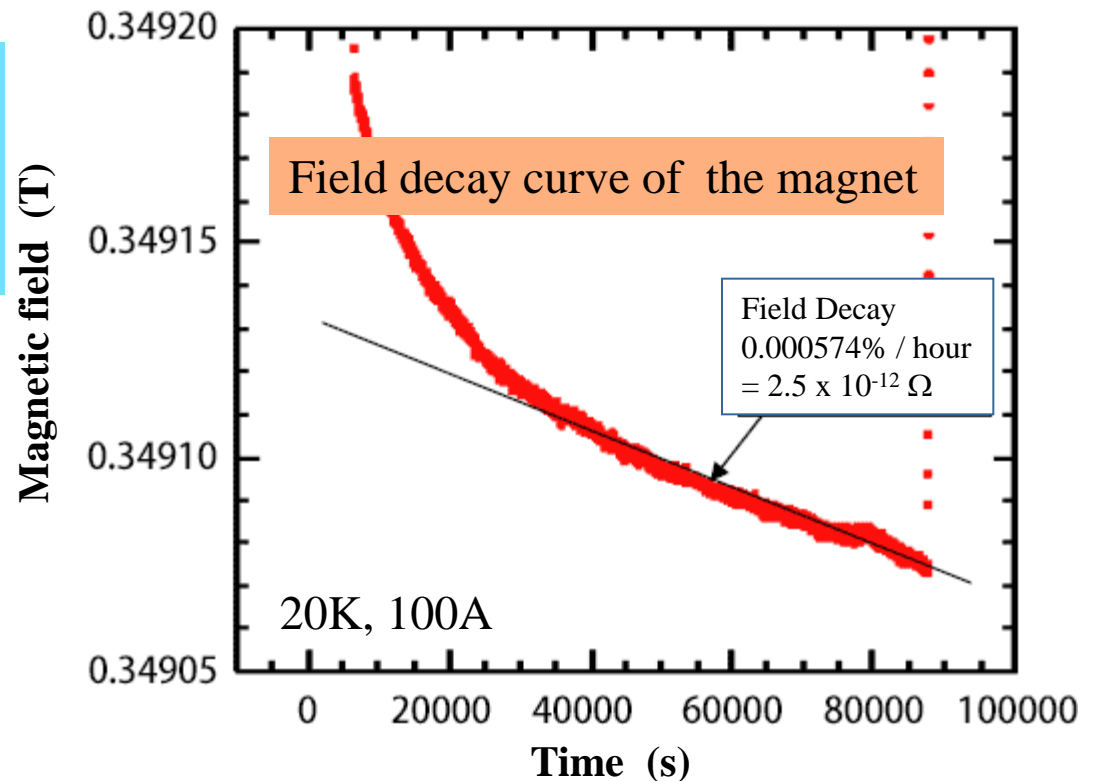
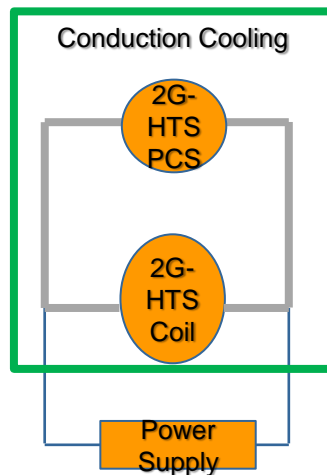
Production Capacity: 100- 1000 km/year

Price: 30 to 100 US\$/m (=150 to 1000 US\$/kAm)
(my private opinion. Not official value by each company.)

SC Junction: Persistent Current Circuit System with 2G-HTS

Resistivity $\sim 10^{-12}\Omega$
at 20K by refrigerator

3500 Gauss=100A for 24 hrs



**This also means no limitation of length
for some applications.**

新事業		
所管件当	10科審	10年度
審査形態	10年度に標準手形	10年度
期 限	10年間	5年間
一審通過	初年度に限り	5年間
支振件数	初年度5～7件	20年度

• Superconducting R&D will be included, but not simply “increase I_c or length” or demonstration.

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Conclusion

/ Competition among companies getting harder

/ R&D still going for stable production, high Ic and low cost, considering more commercialization than before.

/ need “purchase order or large market” for the wire companies⇒real price, Ic

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Some Opinions

- * Production capacity enough ?
- * Target price: balance between cost in production and demand for applications
- * Labor fee is also important as well as technology
- * Need world-wide Supply&Demand system like fashion industry
- * Regulations in each country should also be considered in some applications.

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