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# Superconductivity II

## Large Scale Applied Superconductivity

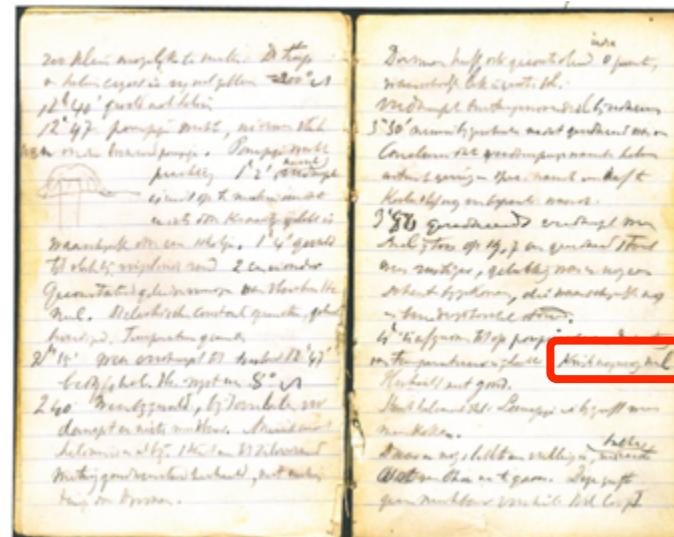
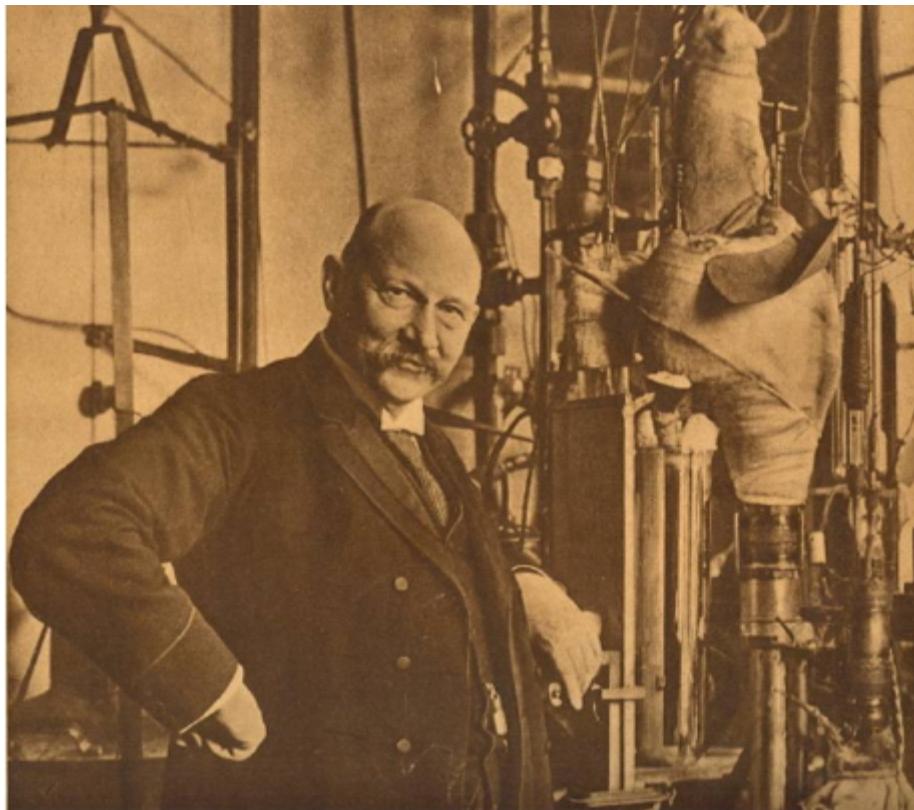
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G2ELab, Institut Néel



# 100 years ago: Avril, 8, 1911



“Mercury nearly zero”

# Objectives and outline

The main purpose is to provide informations about applied superconductivity from phenomena to applications through materials.

- ◆ Introduction
- ◆ Historical references
- ◆ Superconductivity for large scale applications
- ◆ Superconducting material (REBCO tapes)
- ◆ Superconducting applications
- ◆ Fault Current Limiter (FCL)



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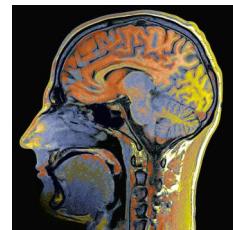
# Introduction

# Superconductivity: industrial activity

## Niche market but industrial market

- About 5 185 MEuros (worldwide market in 2012)
- **Medical imaging** (2500 MRI per year, 30 000 in service)
  - Non invasive extremely useful tool
  - “**MRI** (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) has transformed super-conductivity from scientific laboratory to everyday use; **Superconductivity** made MRI a commercial reality” M. Parizh (Phillips).
- **RMN high resolution Spectrometer RMN**
  - Indispensable and outstanding analysis tool
- **Thermonuclear Fusion (ITER)**
  - Solar energy for tomorrow energy
- **High energy physics**
  - Origins of universe (LHC)

# Main superconducting applications

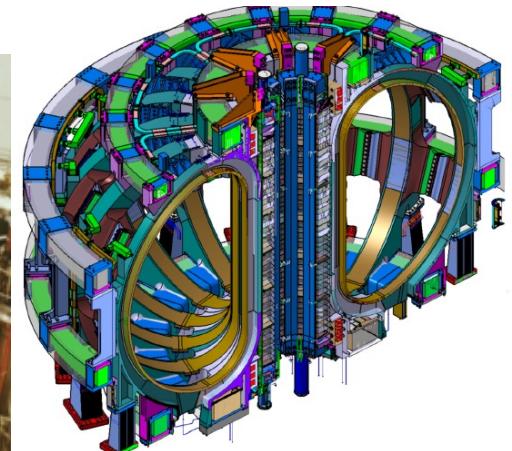
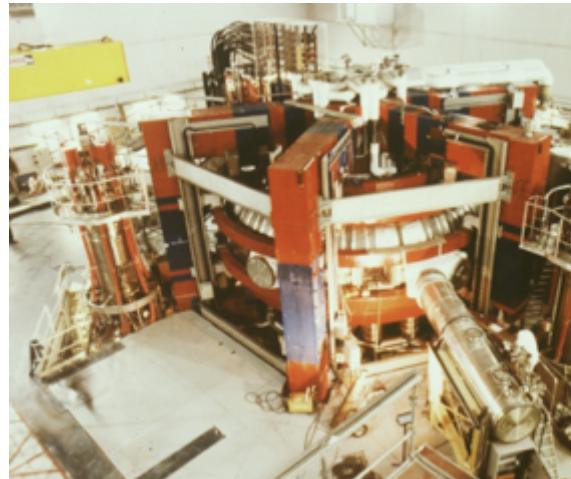


40 000  
in service

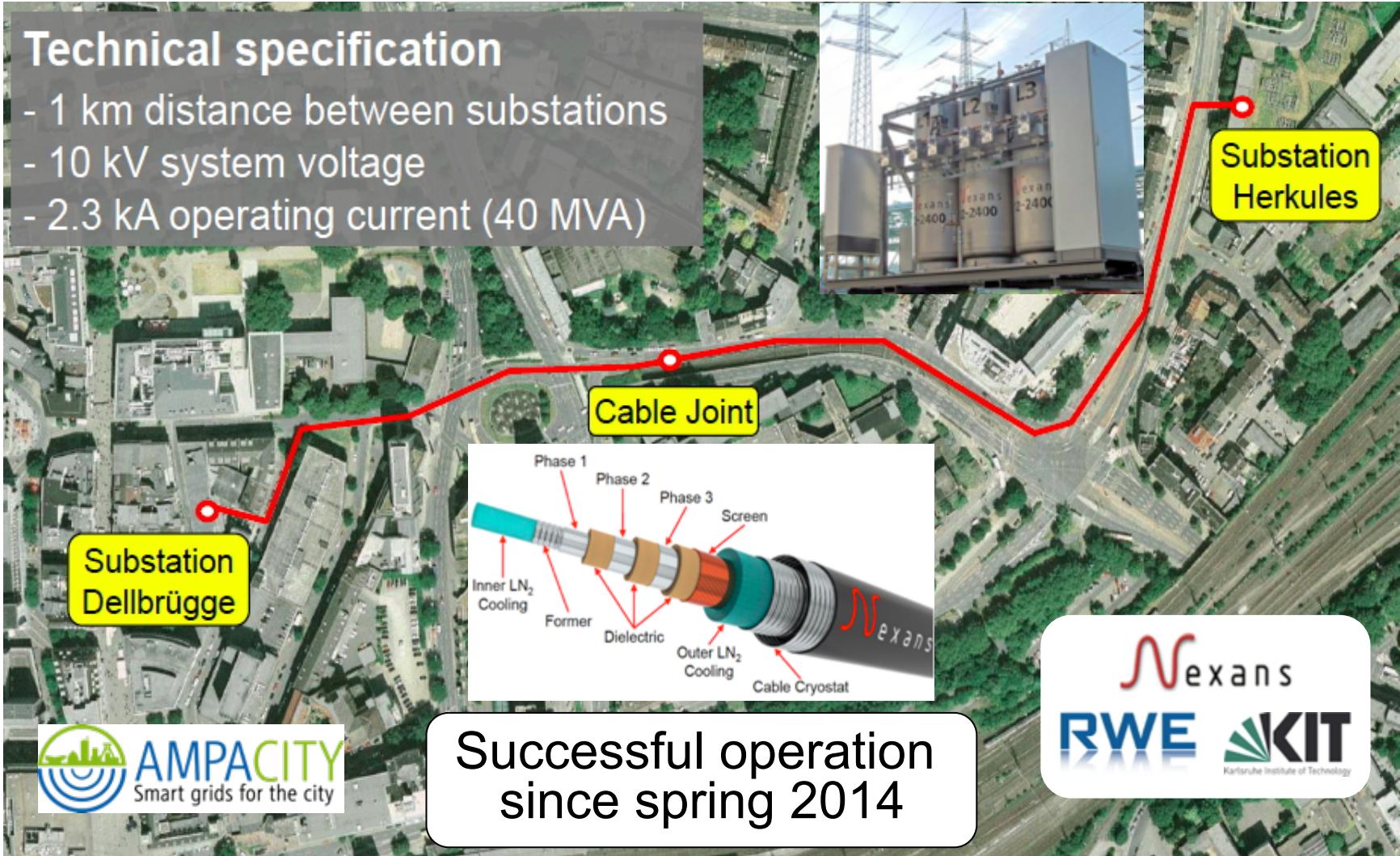


27 km  
(100 km)

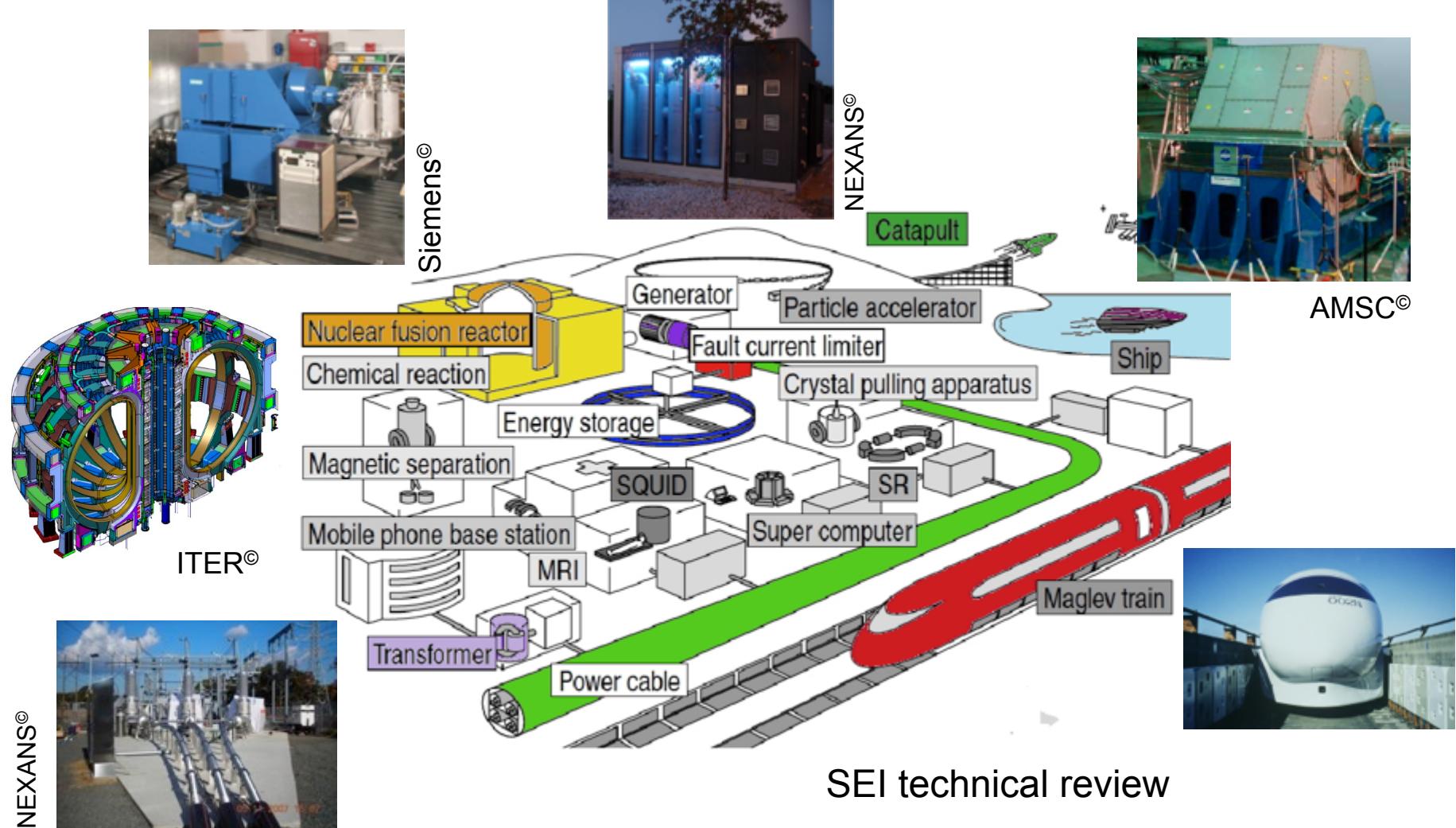
40 MW  
(900 MW)



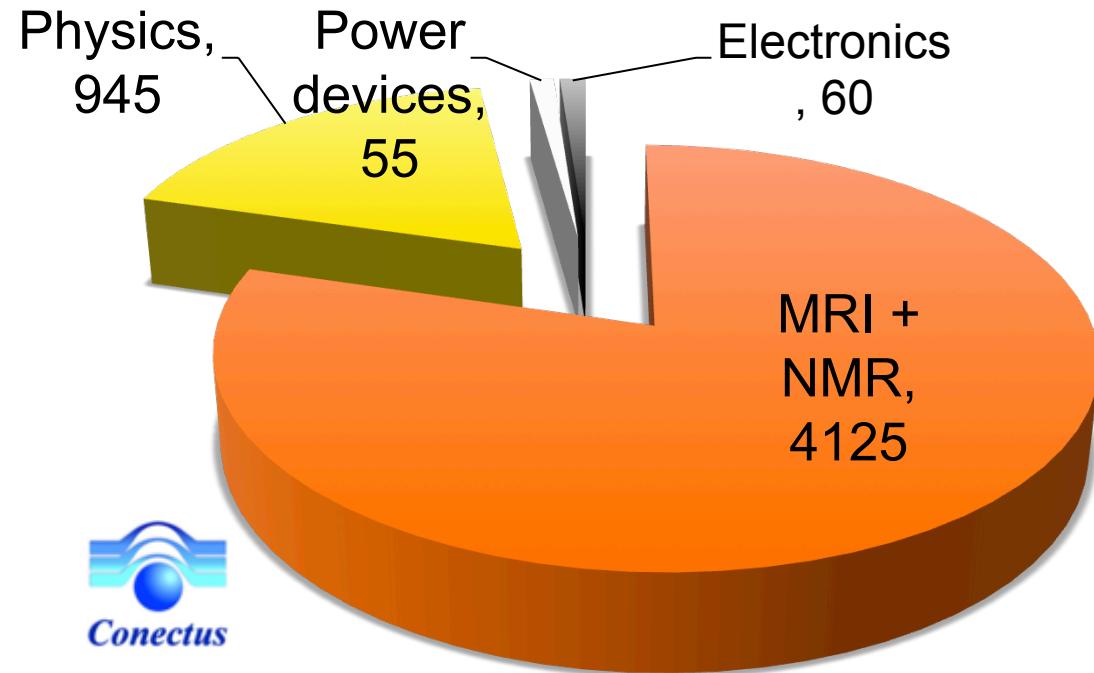
# Cable + FCL project: AMPACITY



# « Superconducting » world



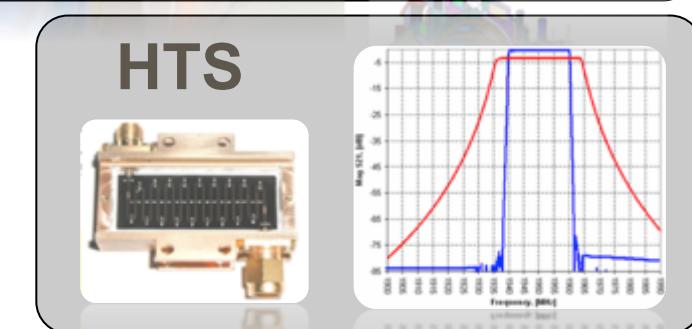
# Superconductivity market (2011)



Total : 5080 MEuros (2011)



LTS market: 5050 M€  
HTS market: 30 M€



# Some companies

## Big companies

- | Siemens
- | Oxford Instruments Superconductivity
- | GE
- | Philips
- | NEXANS
- | SuperPower Furikawa
- | ...

## SME and start ups

- | THEVA
- | Oxolutia
- | ...



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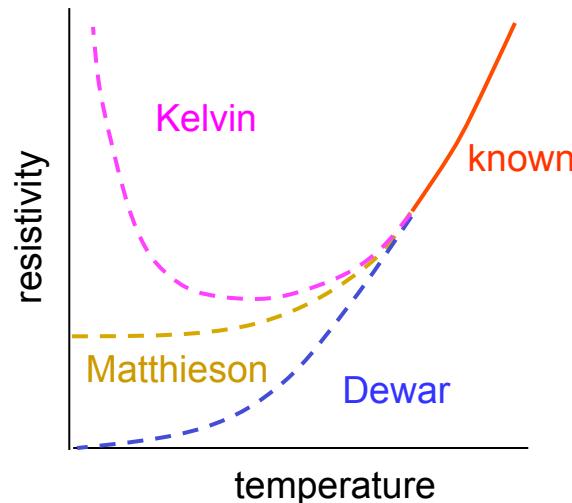
# Beginning of the story

Once in Leiden ...

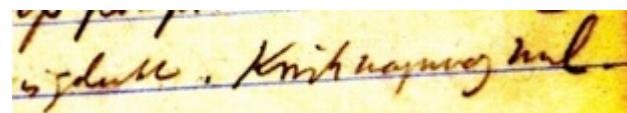


# Superconductivity discovery

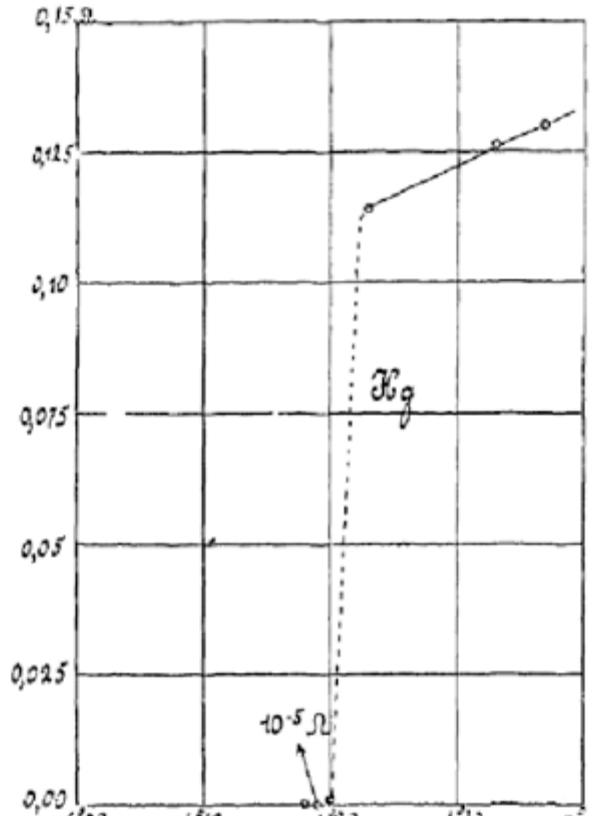
## Metal resistivity studies



April 8, 1911

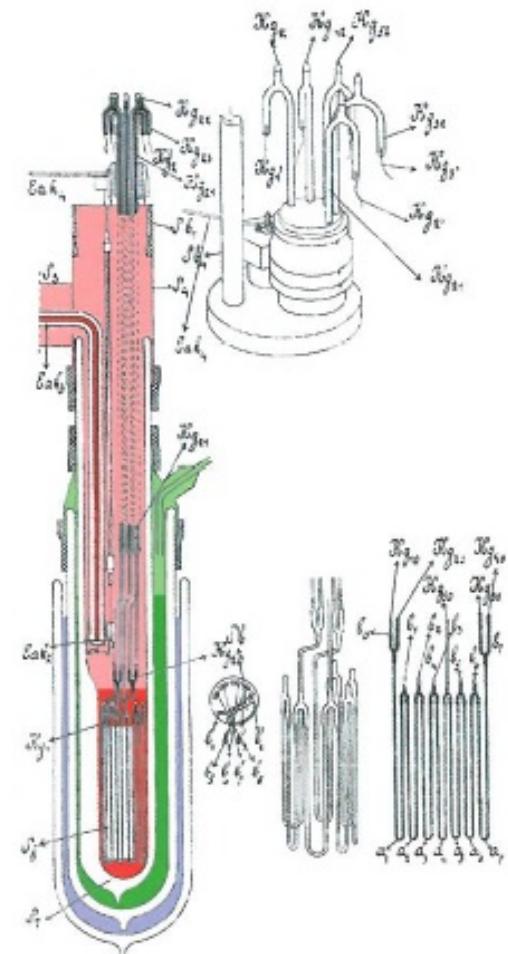


Heike Kammerlingh Onnes  
Notebook #56



October 26, 1911

G. Holst



# Big hopes

H. K. O. visionary immediatly saw one SC application: magnets.  
Generation of large magnetic flux densities with little power  
=> Project 10 T magnet in 1913.



Lead (Pb) magnet (1913)  
9968 magnet



Tin (Sn) magnet (1913)  
9969 magnet

Low magnetic field destroy superconductivity  
⇒ Have to wait type II superconductors (end of 50')  
(discovered in Soviet Union earlier - Shubnikov /Abrikosov)

# Introduction - History

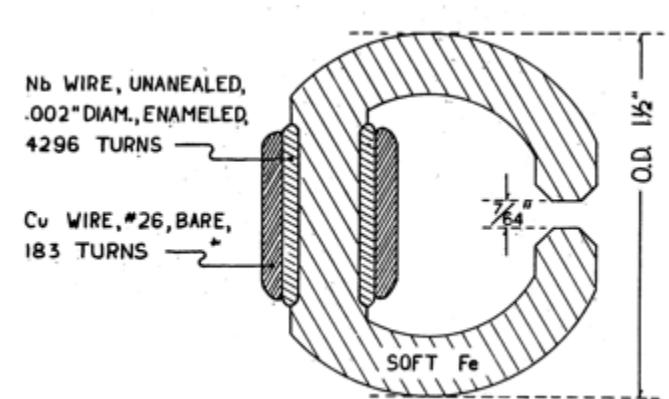
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# First SC (NbZr) magnet



Oxford Instrument  
Sir Martin Wood  
March 1962.



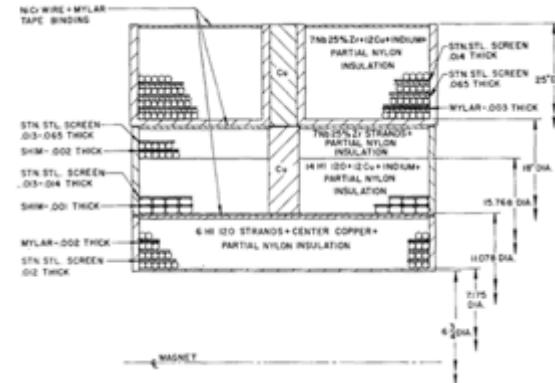
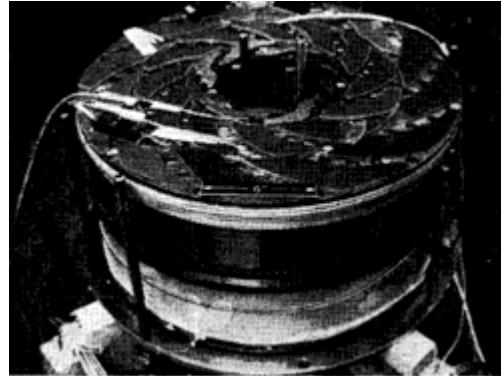
G. Yntema, 1954

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# SC and high energy physics



## Superconductivity and Accelerators: the Good Companions

Martin N. Wilson  
Oxford Instruments, Tubney Woods, Abingdon, OX13 5QX, UK.



Roy Aleksan, ASC 2012

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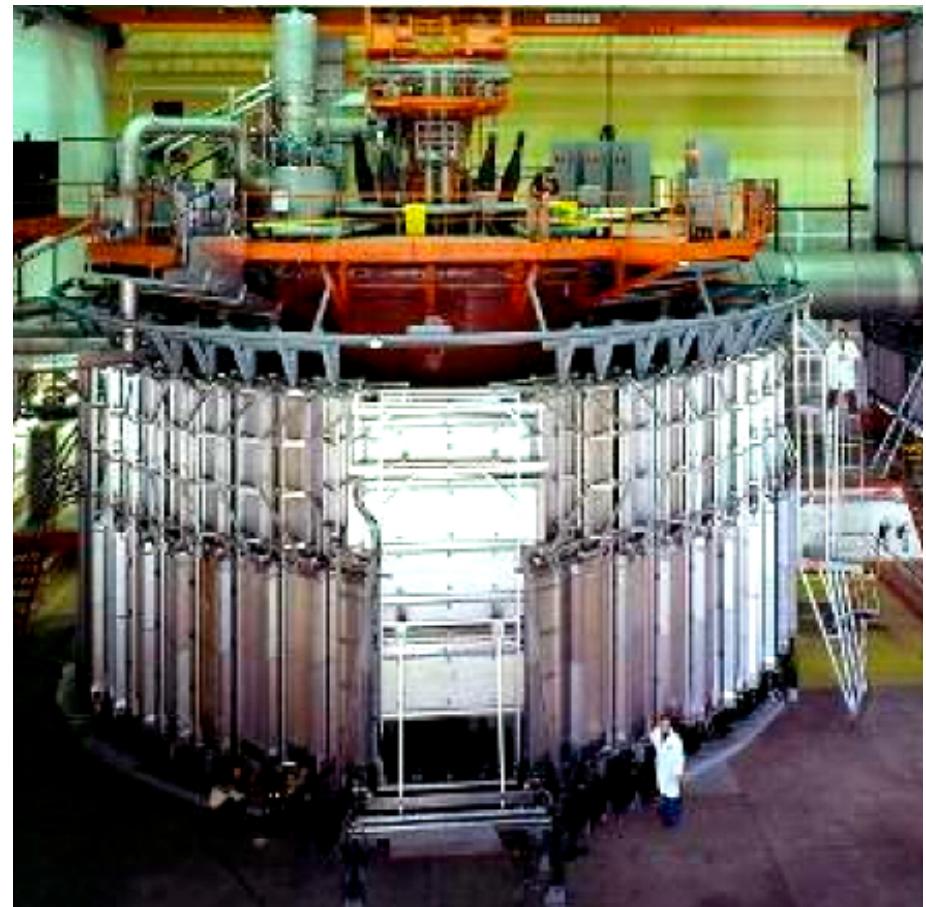
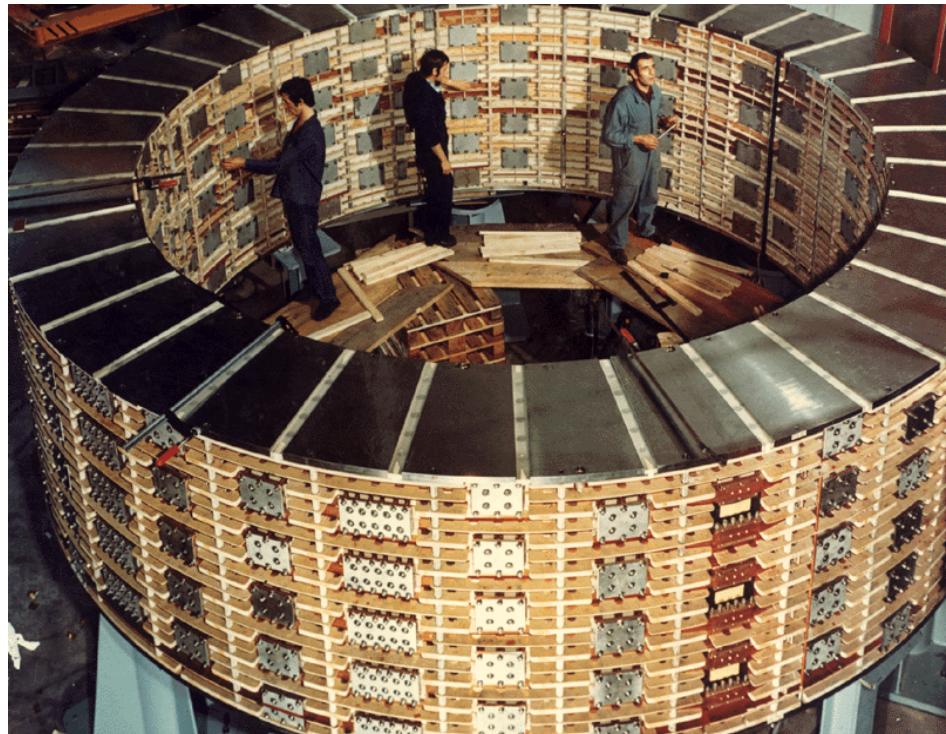


# CERN bubble chamber (BEBC)

$$\emptyset_{\text{int}} = 3.7 \text{ m}$$

$$B_o = 3.5 \text{ T}$$

$$W_{\text{mag}} = 800 \text{ MJ}$$

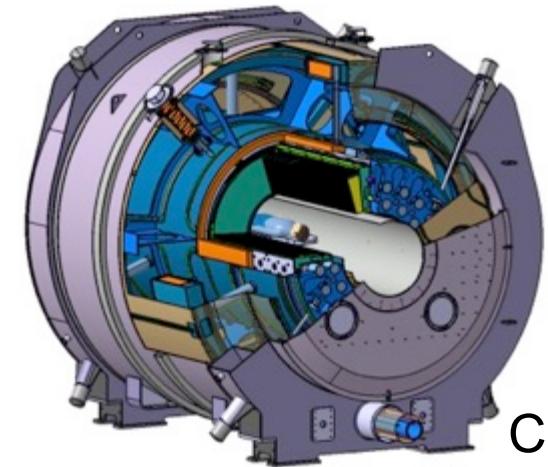
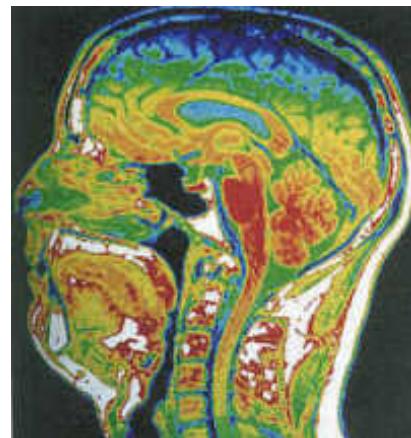
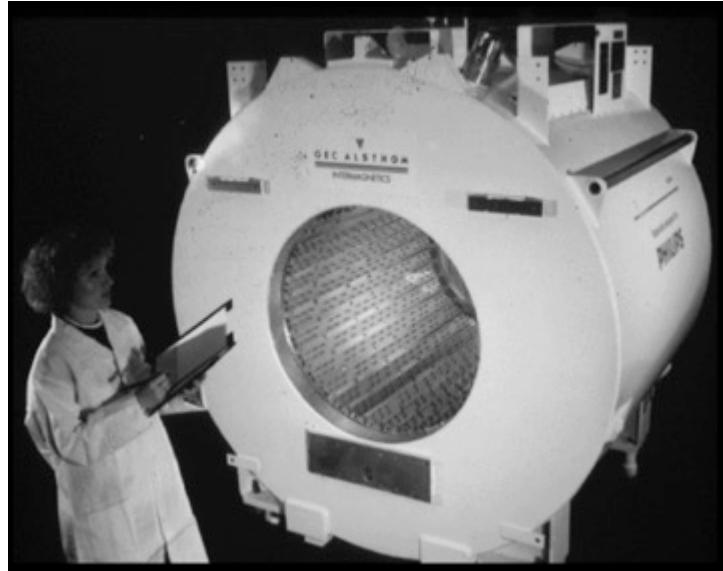


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# SC magnets and imaging system



CEA

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# High T<sub>c</sub> discovery

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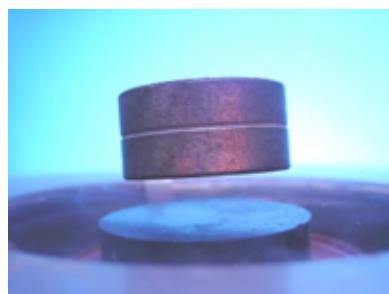
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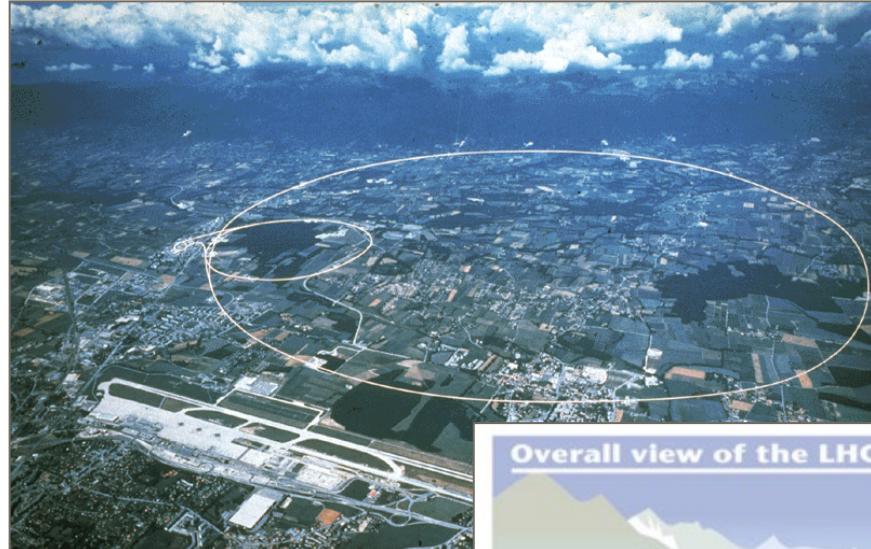


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- 2007 : starting of the biggest SC system: LHC

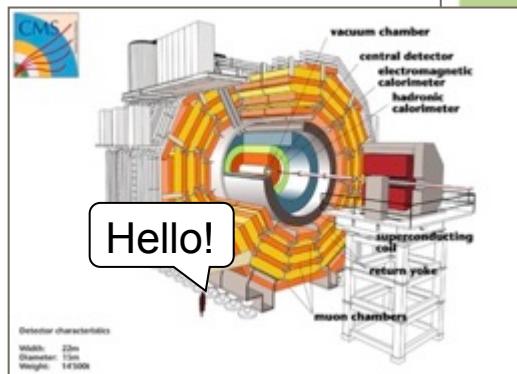


# LHC: biggest SC system

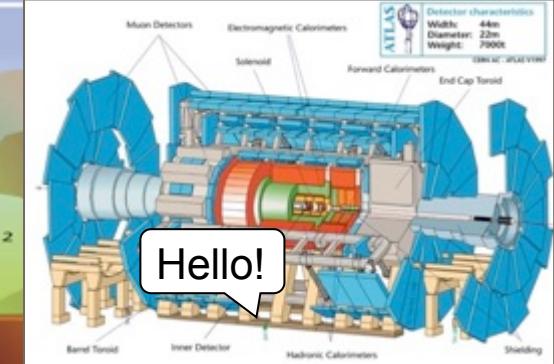
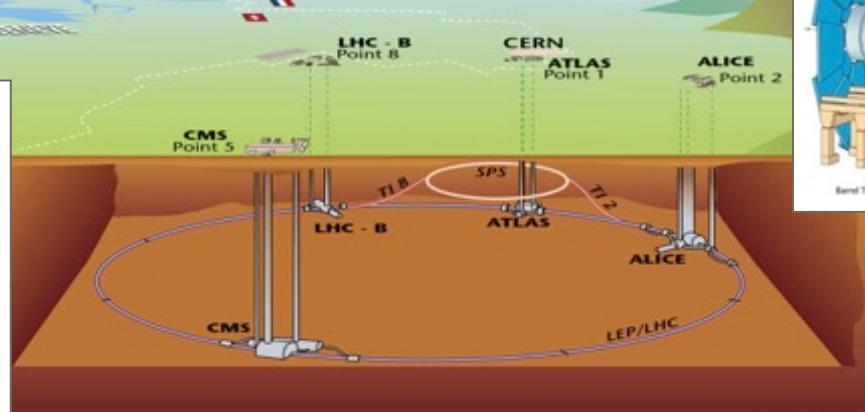


1232 dipoles  
392 main quadrupoles  
+ experiences (ATLAS, CMS...)

**CMS**

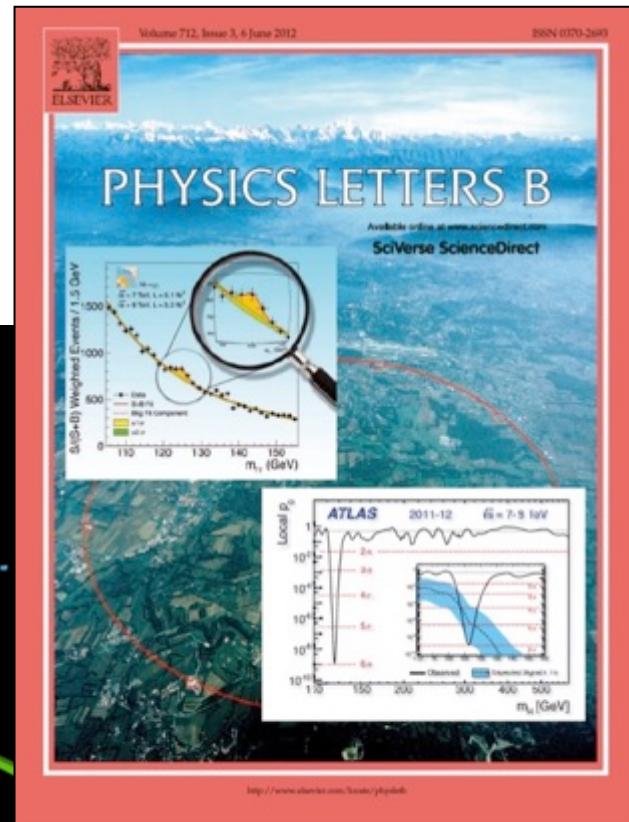
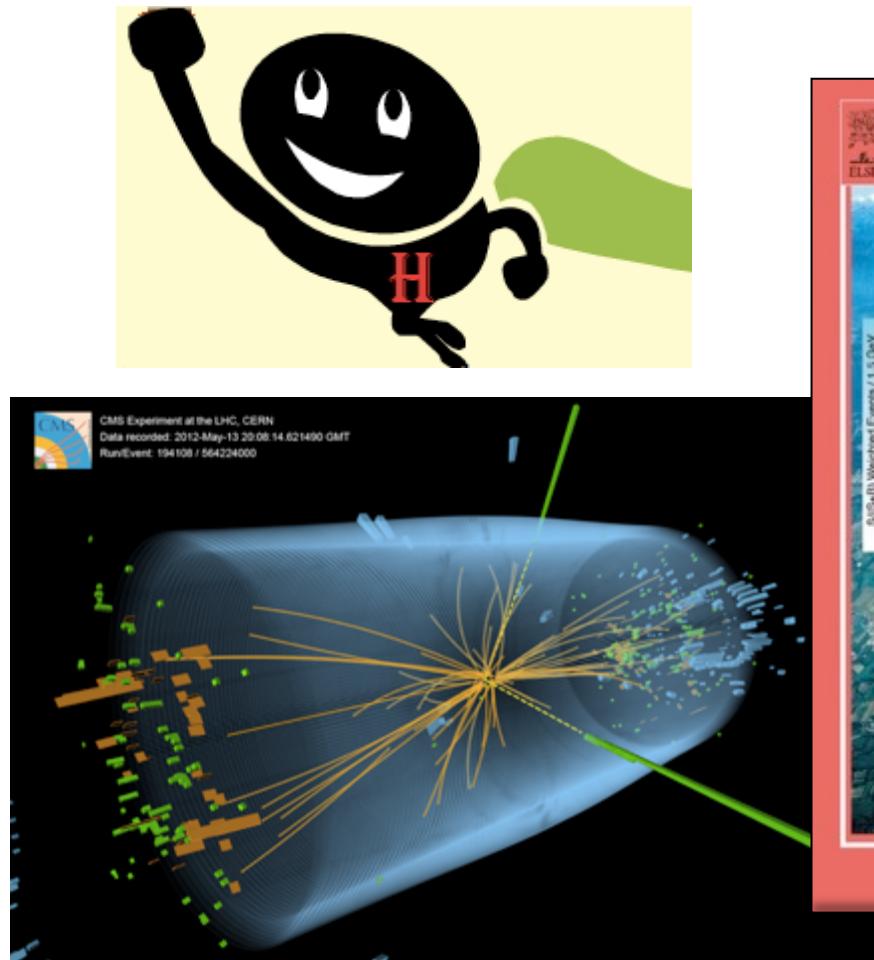


Overall view of the LHC experiments.



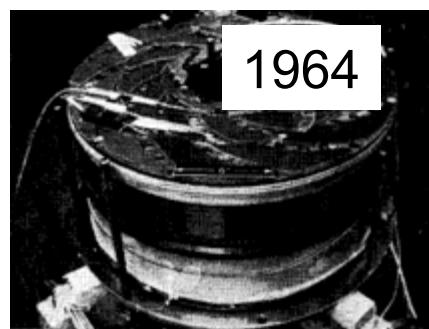
**ATLAS**

# July 4, 2012: day H at CERN



# Summary: applied superconductivity

End of 50': high  $J_c$  under field  
Applied SC is born



Argonne magnet



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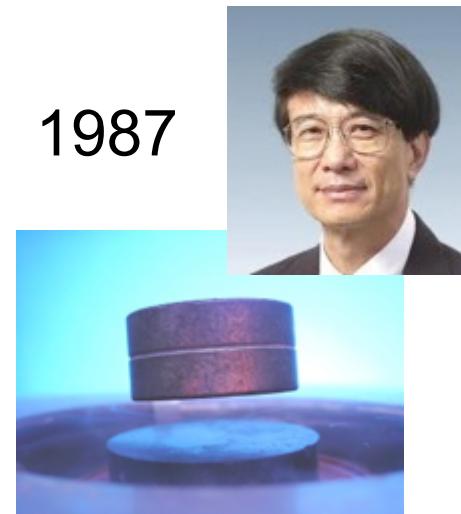
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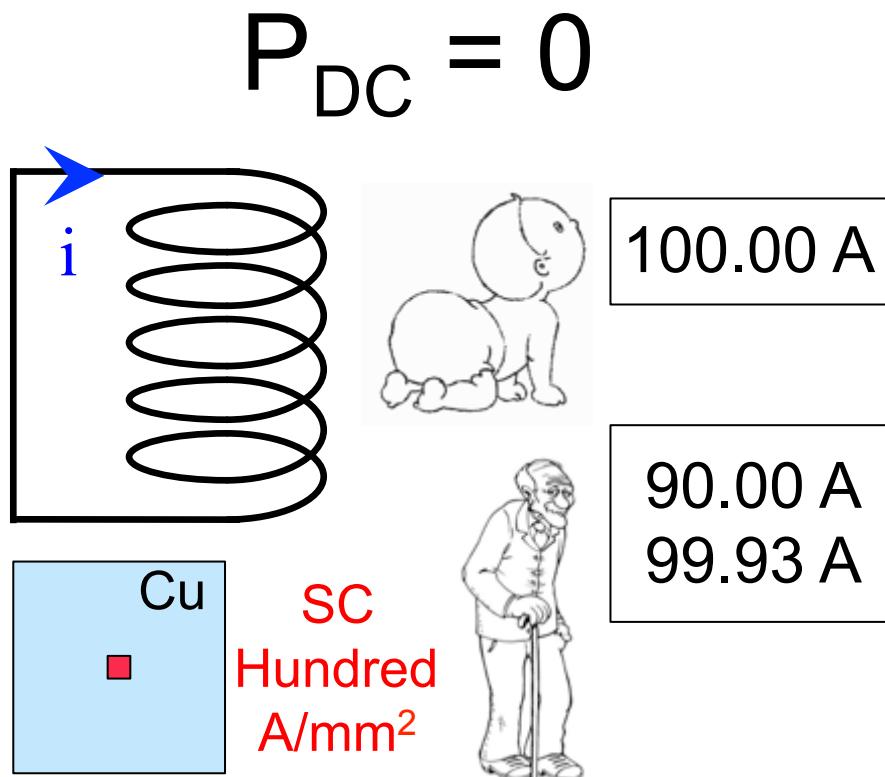
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# Superconductivity for large scale applications

# Superconductor

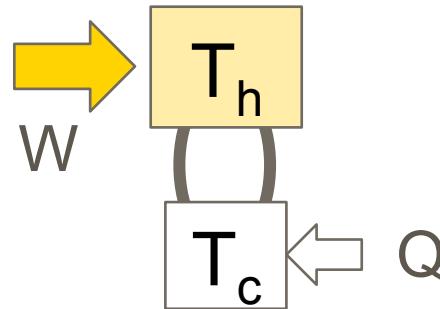
**Superconductor:  
perfect conductor, but not ideal!**



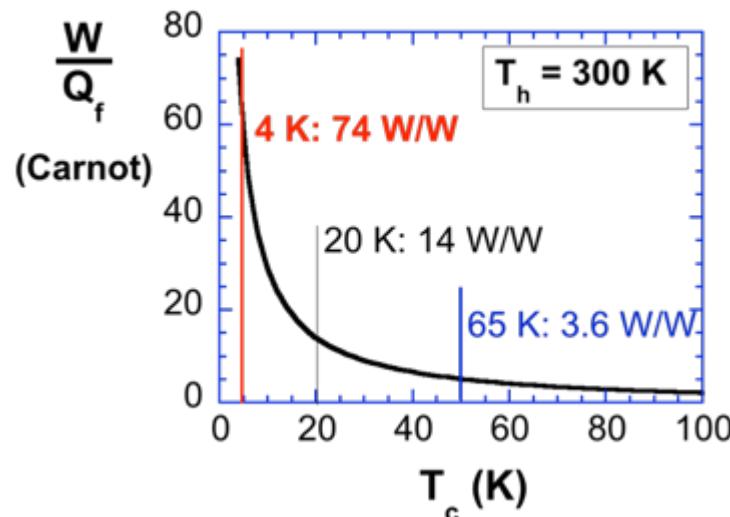
- $T < T_c$   
⇒ Cryogenic
- Cost
  - *Psychological Fear*
- +  $H < H^*$  &  $J < J_c$
- + Superconductor cost



# Cost of energy removal at low temperatures

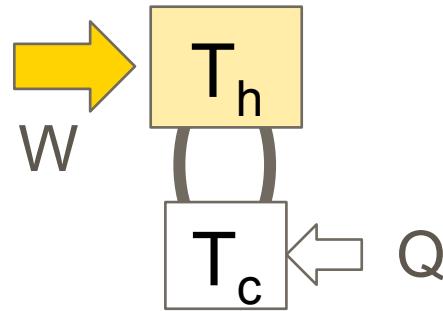


$$\frac{W_{\min}}{Q} = \frac{T_h - T_c}{T_c} \frac{1}{\eta_{ref}}$$

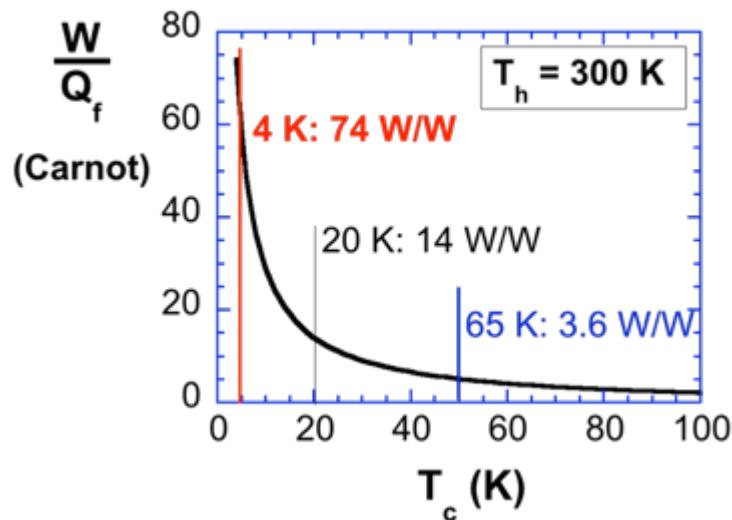


- 1 liter He (LTS)  $\approx 5 \text{ €}$
- 1 liter N<sub>2</sub> (HTS)  $\approx 0.08 \text{ €}$

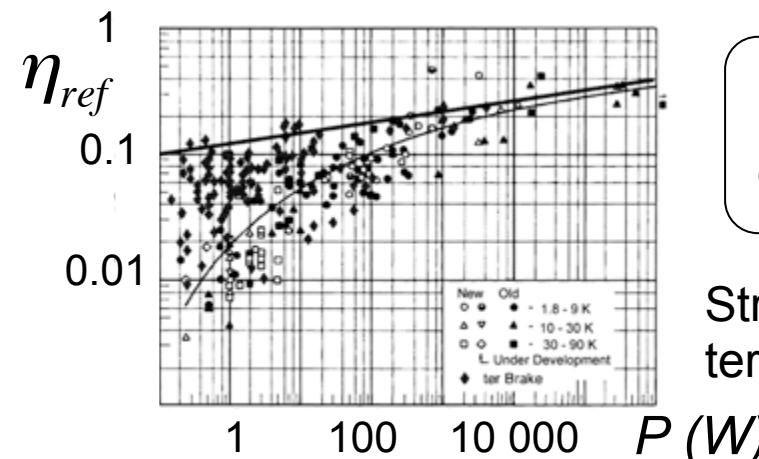
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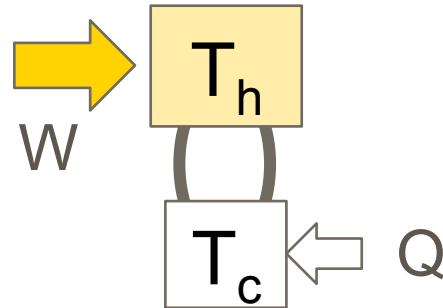
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$\eta_{ref}$   
0.1 – 0.3

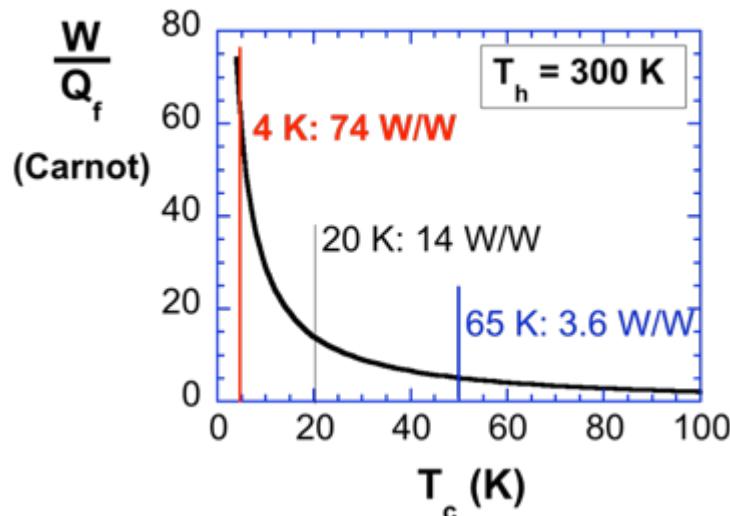
Strobridge  
ter Brake

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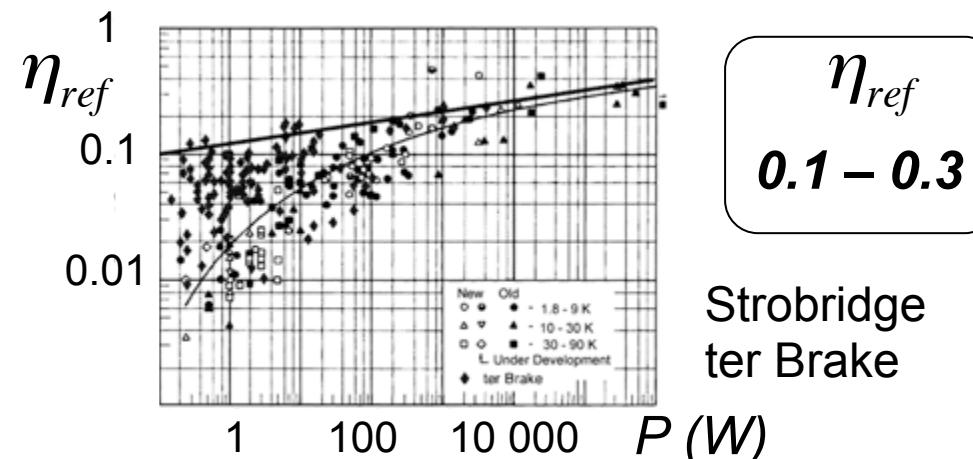


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=> Strong interest  
to operate at  
“high” temp.



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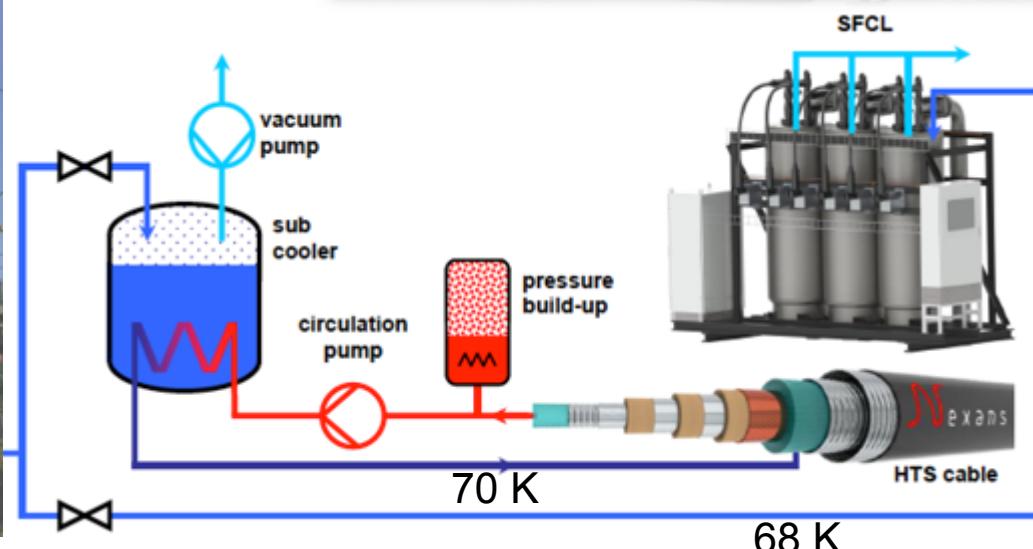
Liquid N<sub>2</sub>: environ<sup>t</sup> friendly cooling fluid  
& electrical insulation

# Two main cooling solutions

Commonly used  
in industry



LN<sub>2</sub> production  
overstep  
60 000 tons/day for  
some large plants



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# AC losses

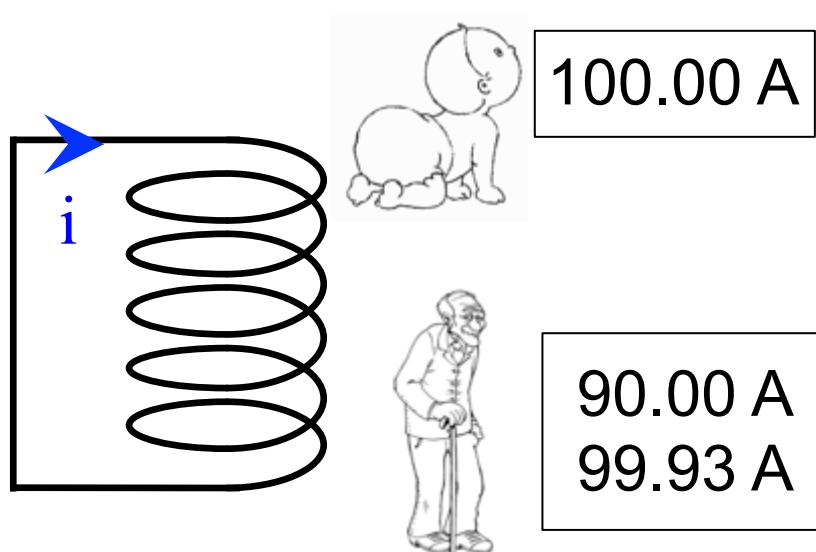
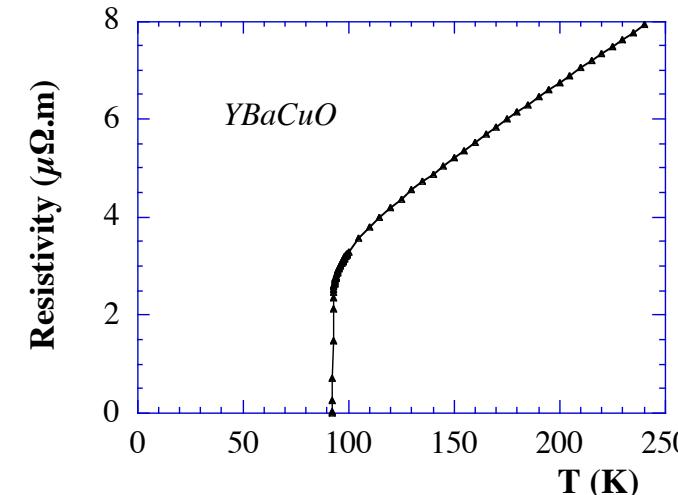
$P_{DC} = 0$  But  $P_{AC} \neq 0$

Faraday law:  $\overrightarrow{\operatorname{curl}} \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$        $\vec{E} + \vec{J} : \text{losses} \left( \delta P = \vec{E} \vec{J} [W/m^3] \right)$

AC losses may be reduced by a suitable structure but not suppressed.

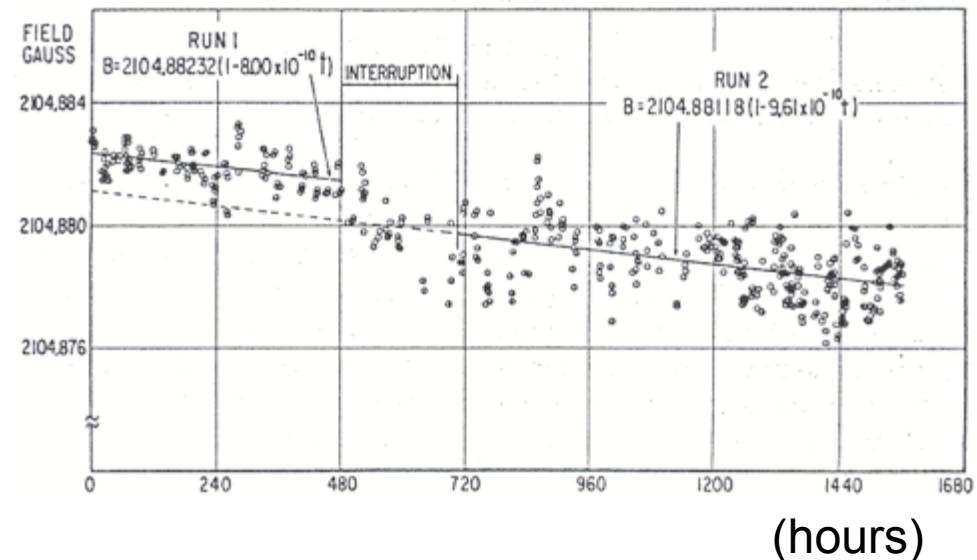
=> Interest more in DC than AC

# Perfect conductivity $P_{DC} = 0$



Field decrease measurement =>  $\tau$

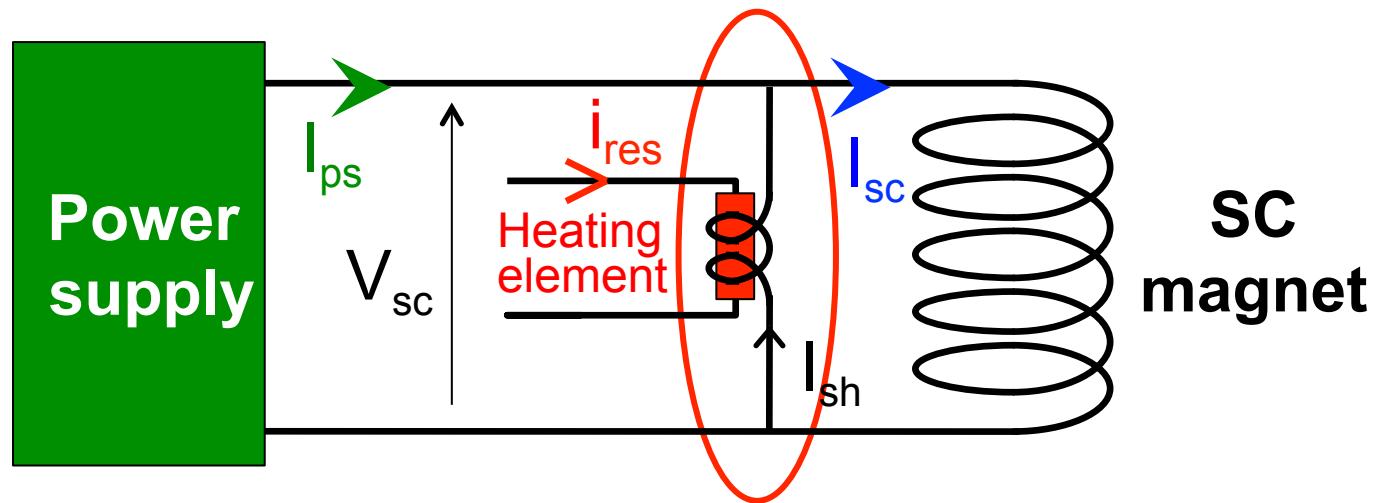
Mills & Files experiment (1962)



*Experimental time constants:*  
Test 1 :  $\tau = 144\,000$  years  
 $\Rightarrow \rho < 10^{-25} \Omega m$

# Persistent mode

How to induce a current in a SC coil?

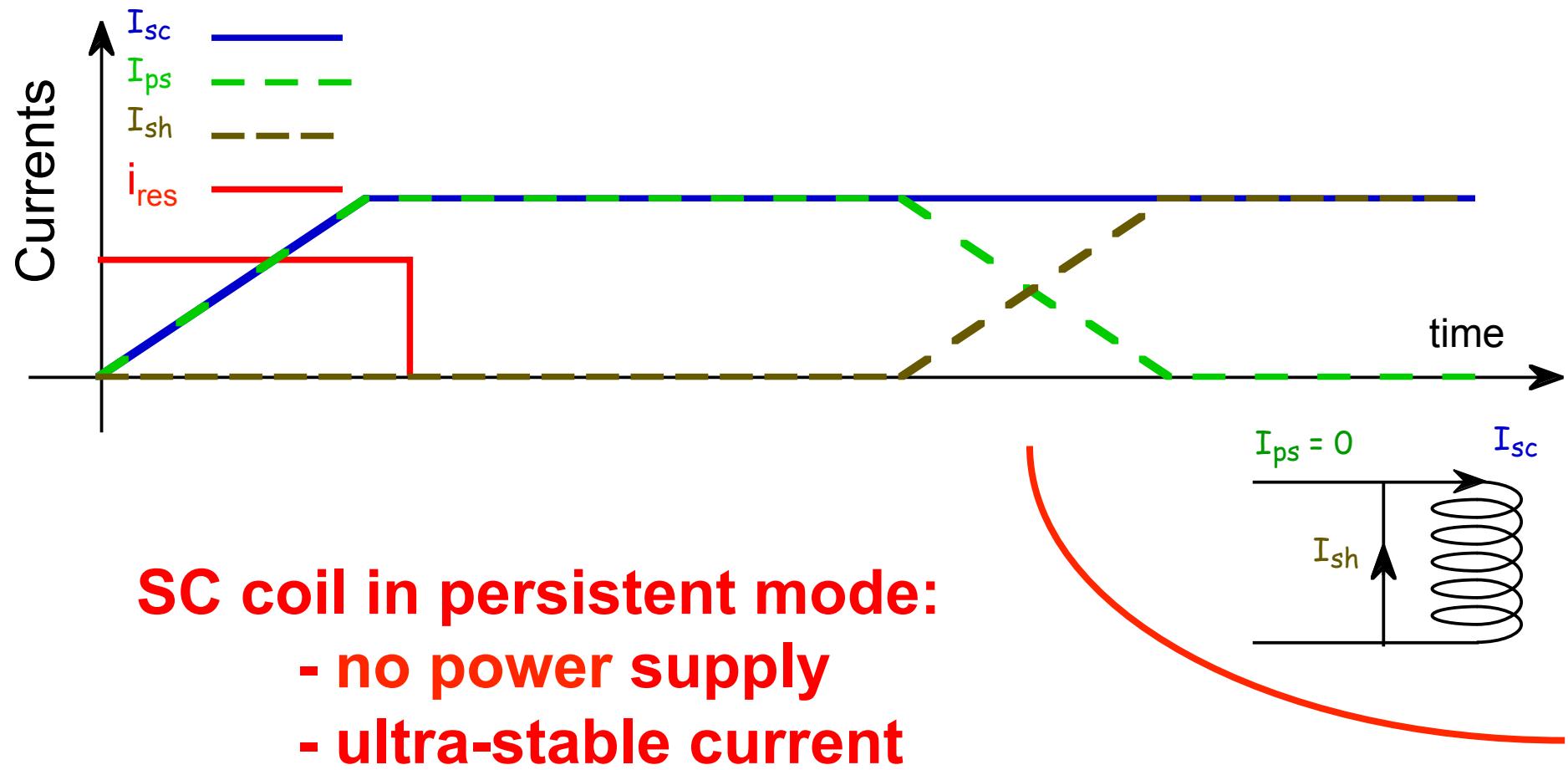


## SC shunt with thermal control

- heating: normal state, high resistance
- no heating: SC state

(SC shunt with field control as well)

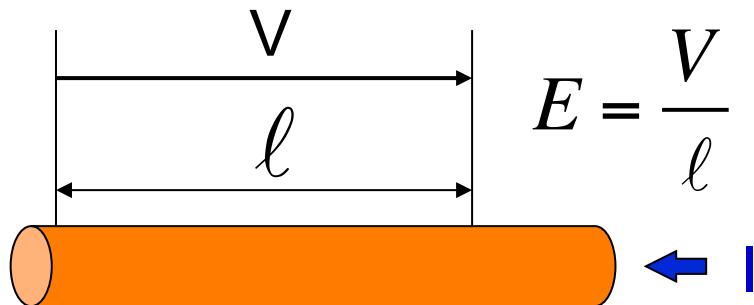
# Current supply: end of cycle



**SC coil in persistent mode:**  
- no power supply  
- ultra-stable current

# Perfect conductivity

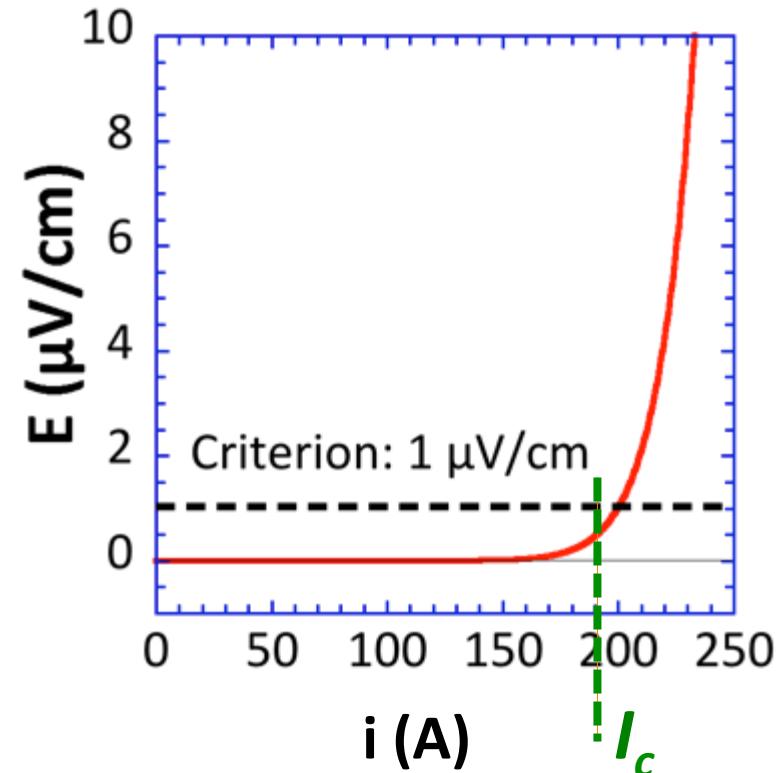
$\rho = 0 \Rightarrow I/J \text{ infinite?}$



$$E = \frac{V}{\ell}$$

$V$ : voltage (V)

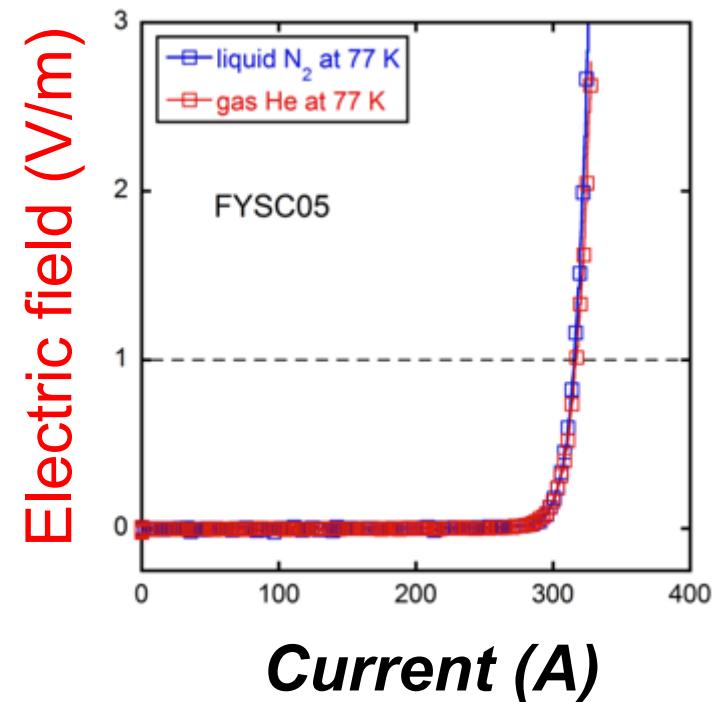
$E$ : electric field (V/m) ( $\mu$ V/cm)



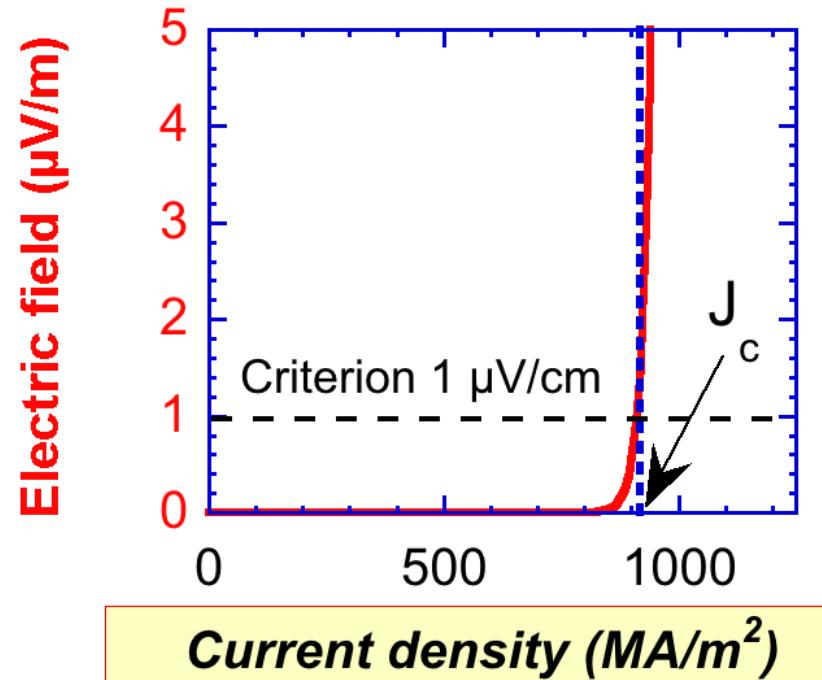
Criterion to define  $I_c$   
 $E = 100 \mu\text{V}/\text{m} (1 \mu\text{V}/\text{cm})$   
International standard

# E-J Characteristics

Experimental E(I) curve

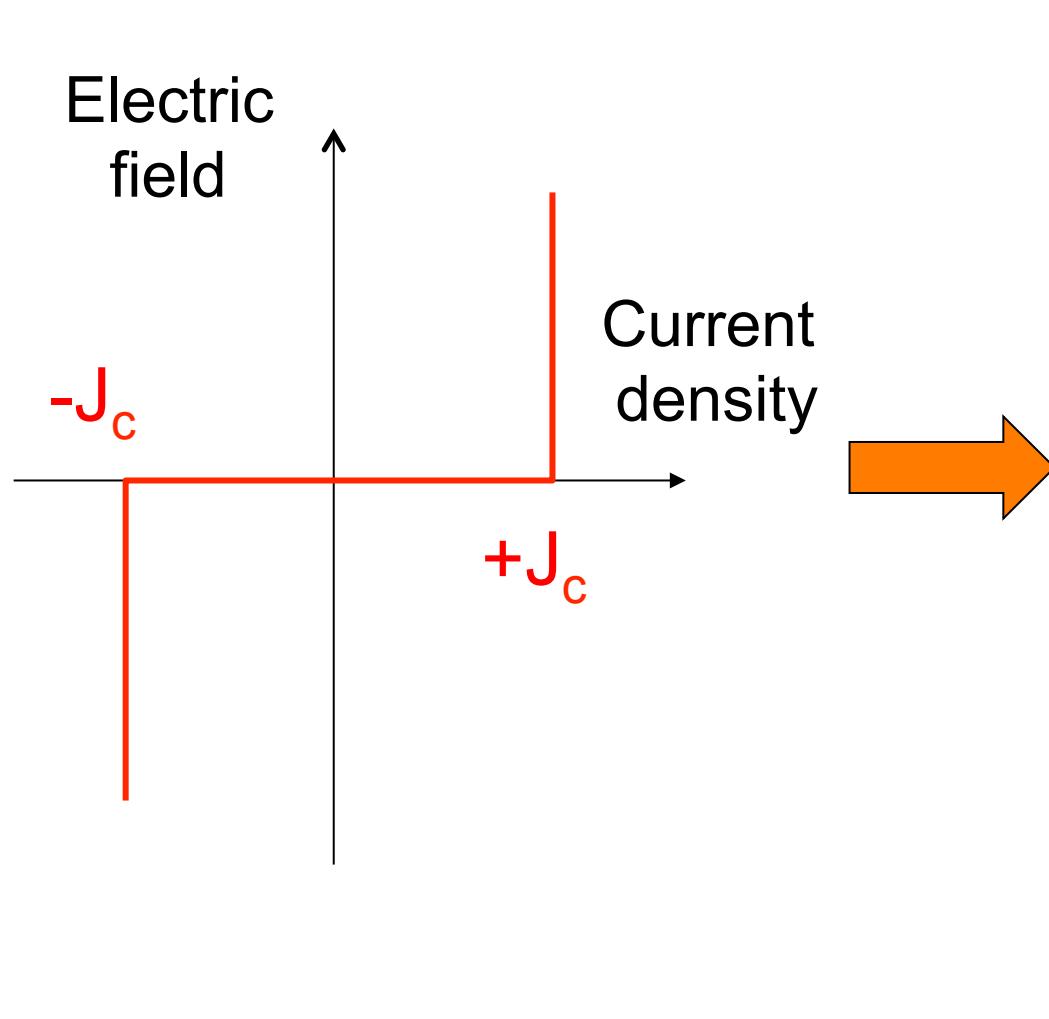


MODEL



- Relation valid for local current density
- Infinite stiffness

# E-J – Critical State Model



Local current density

ONLY 3 values

- 0
- $+ J_c$
- $- J_c$

Critical state  
model  
(CSM)

# Critical State Model – Bean model

Bean model:  
Critical state model

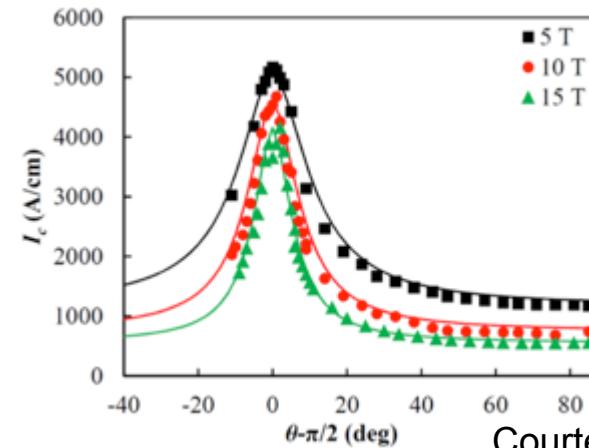
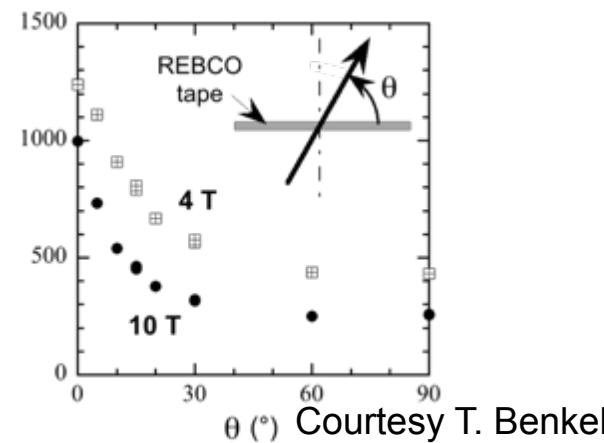
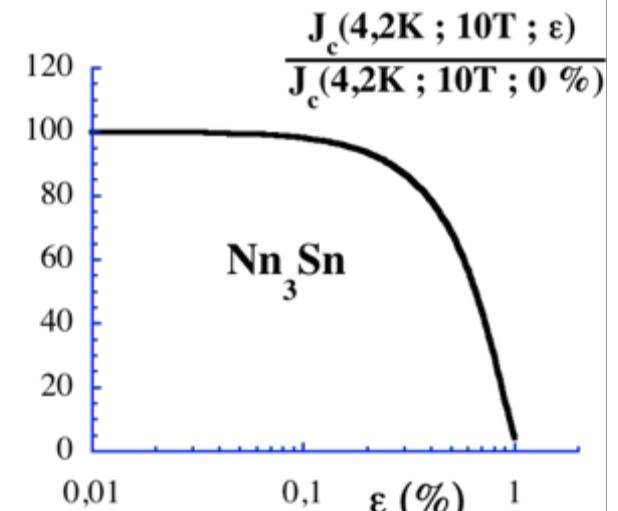
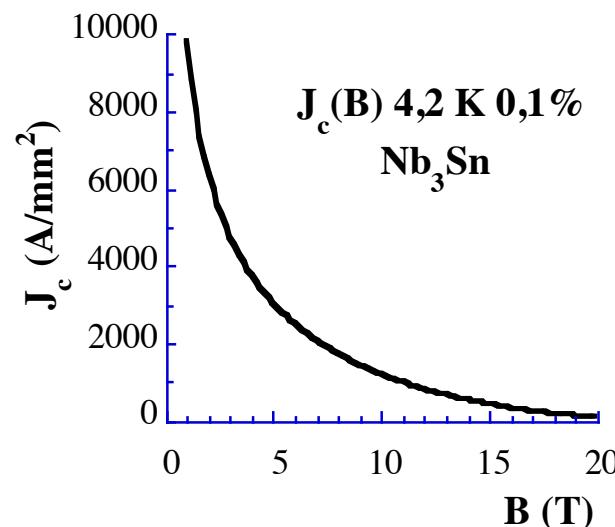
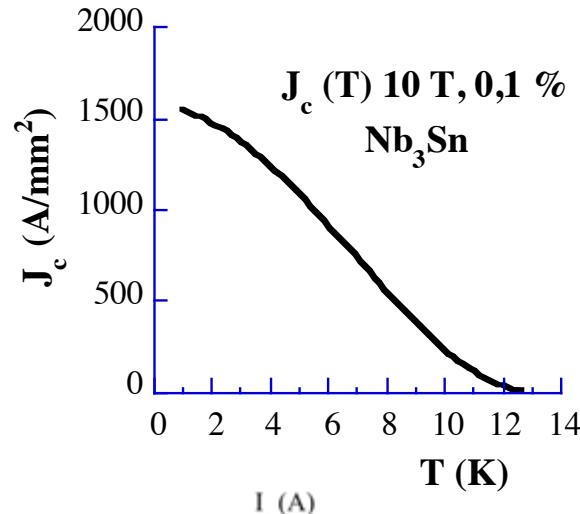
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$J_c$  constant (not function of  $B$ )

Bean Model very used  
Especially for analytical expressions

# Critical current density $J_c$

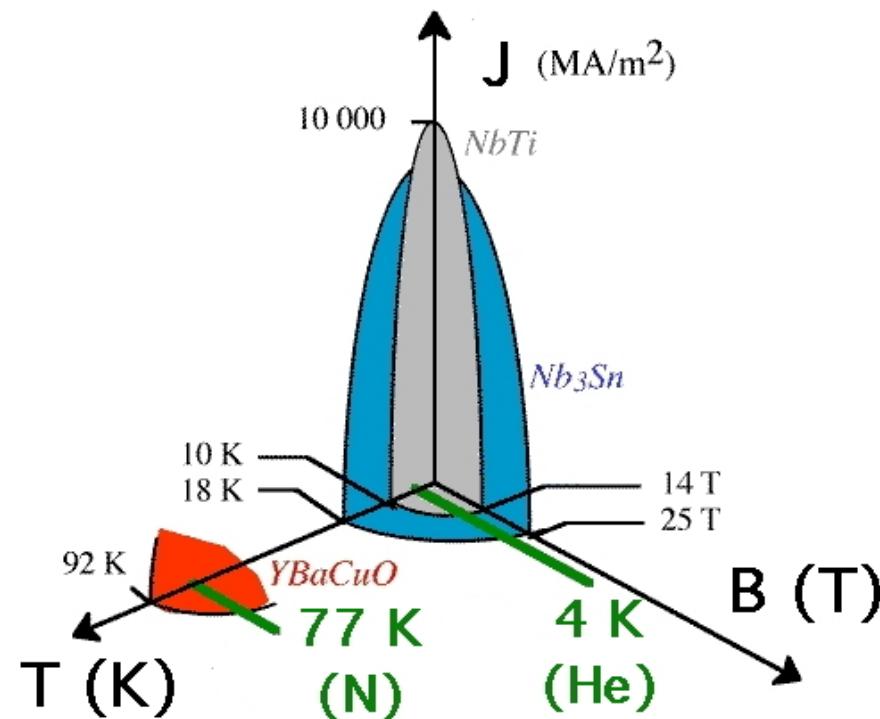
$$J_c = J_c(T, B, (\theta), (\varepsilon))$$



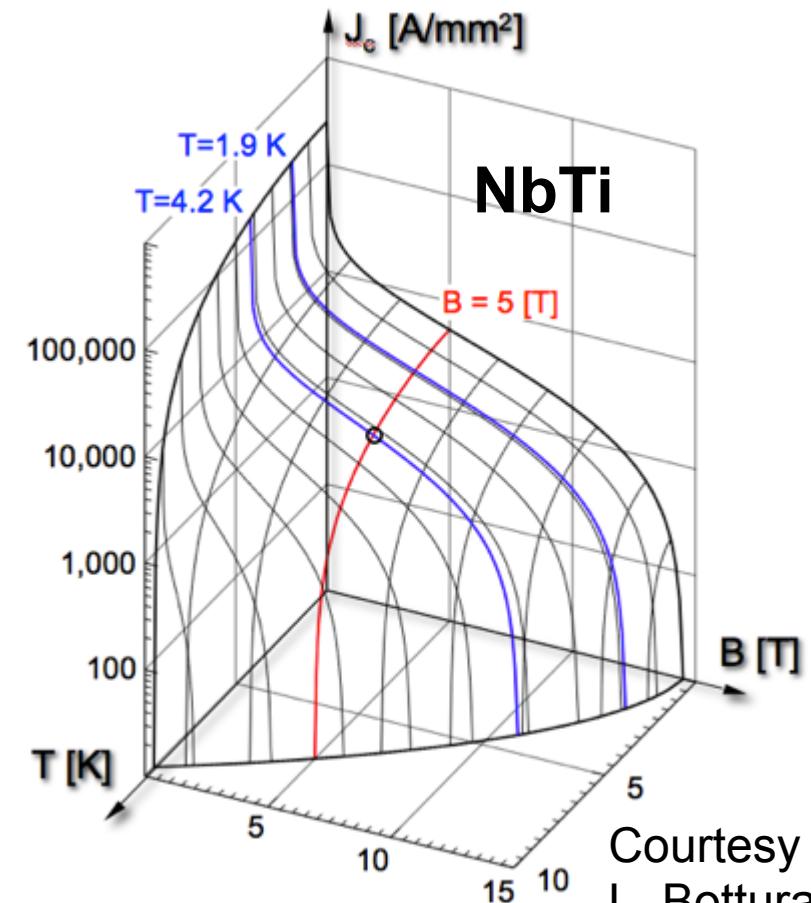
Courtesy J. Fleiter

# Critical surface

- Three main dependent limits ( $T_c$ ,  $B_c$ ,  $J_c$ ): critical surface



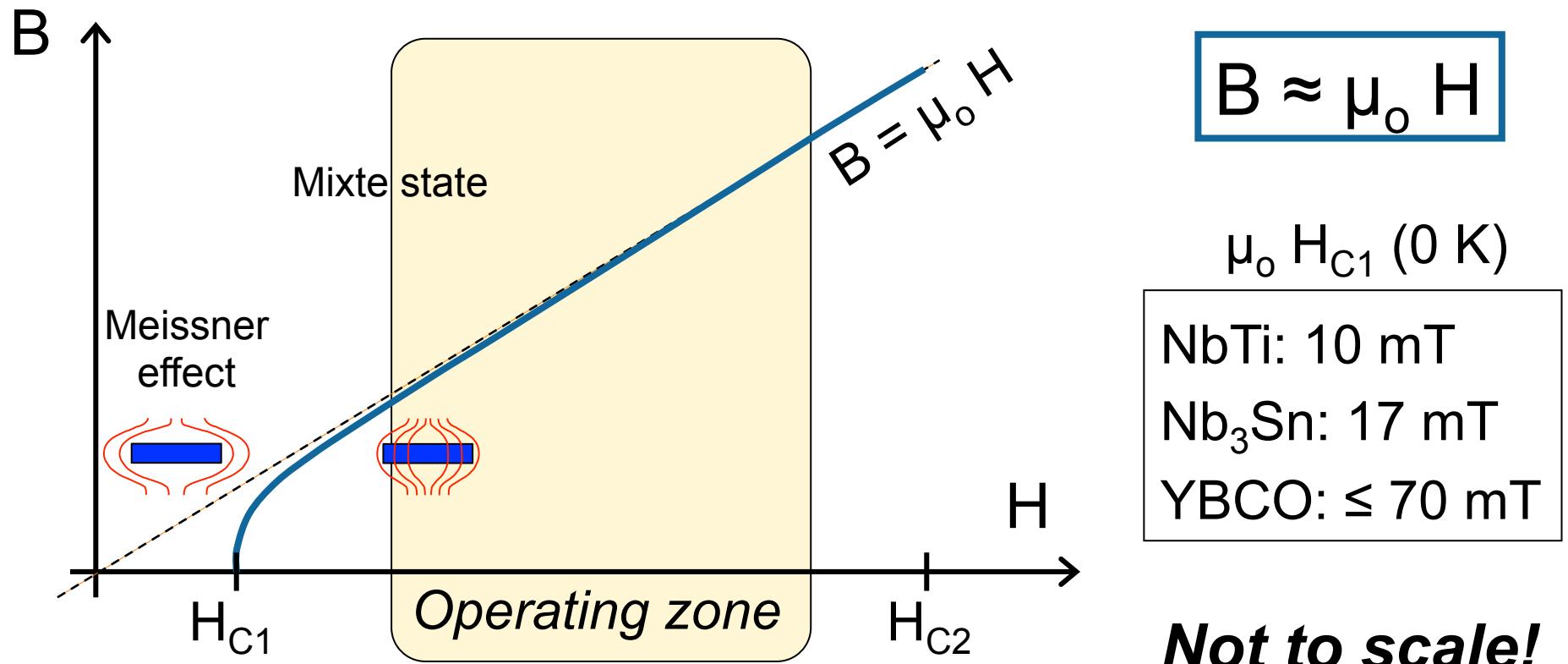
- $T_c$  &  $H_c$ : intrinsic
- $J_c$ : elaboration (pinning)



# B-H characteristic

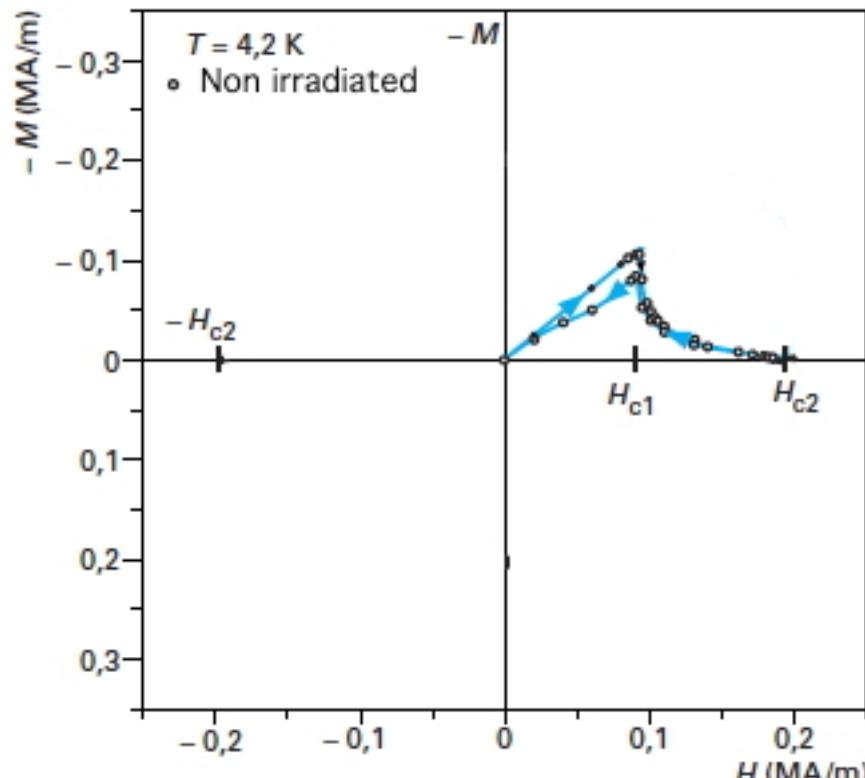
$B = 0$  in a superconductor (Meissner effect)

Forget the Meissner effect for large scale applications!



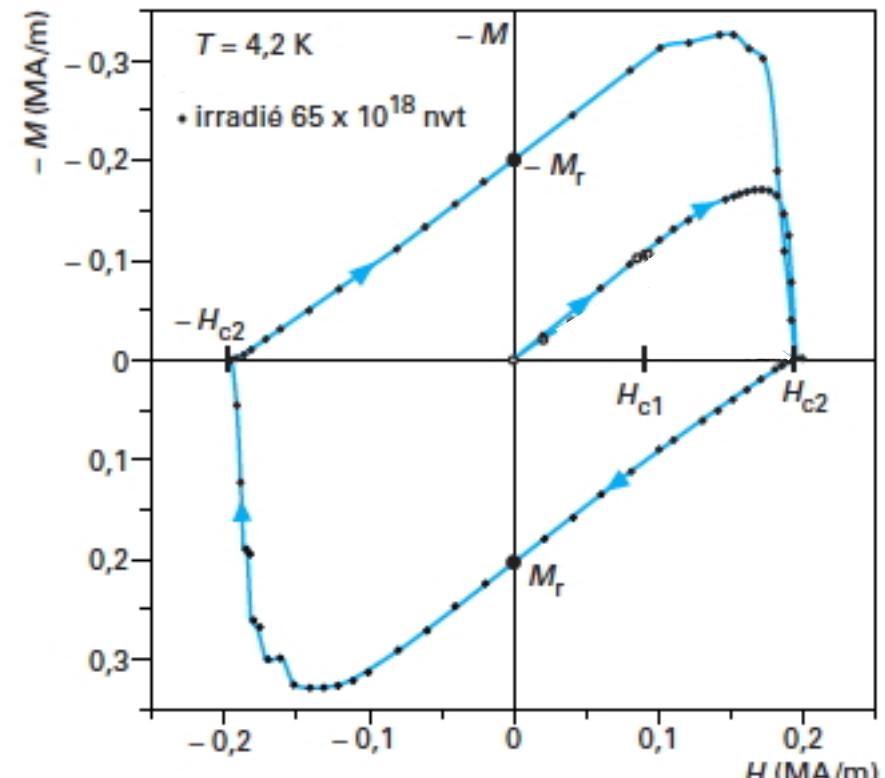
# B-H characteristic (M-H)

$$B = \mu_o(H + M) \Rightarrow -M = H - \frac{B}{\mu_o}$$



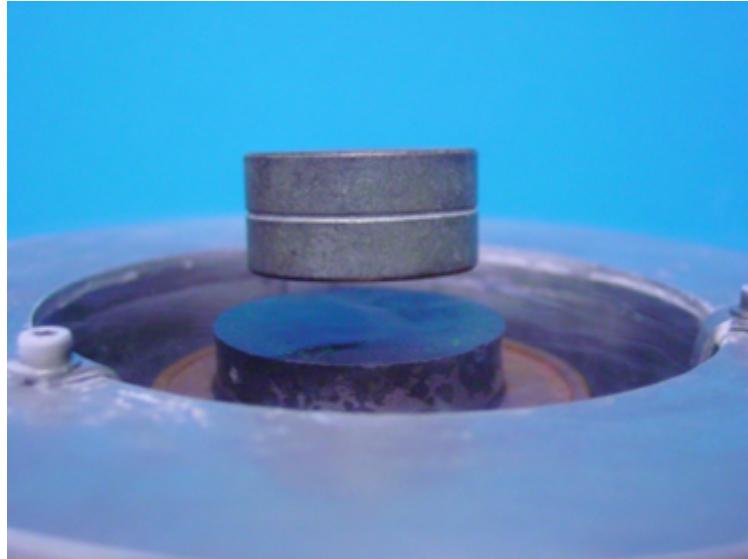
Non irradiated Nb sample

From Sekula and Kernohan



Irradiated Nb sample

# Levitation experiment



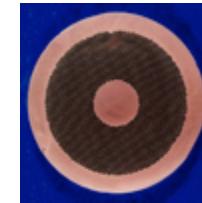
Based on induced current  
(Lenz law)  
and absence of damping

# Superconducting wires

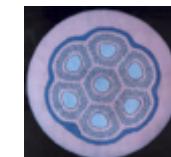
Low

$T_c$

- NbTi (3000 t/y) – 9.5 K



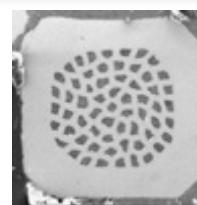
- Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn (25 t/y ~~MATENER~~) – 18 K



High

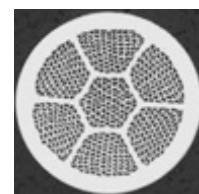
$T_c$

- MgB<sub>2</sub> – 39 K

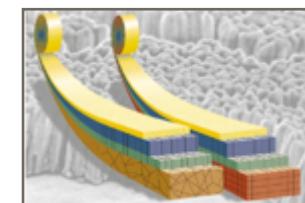


- BiSrCaCuO (1G)

85 – 110 K



- ReBaCuO (2G) – 90 K



Thin  
tape

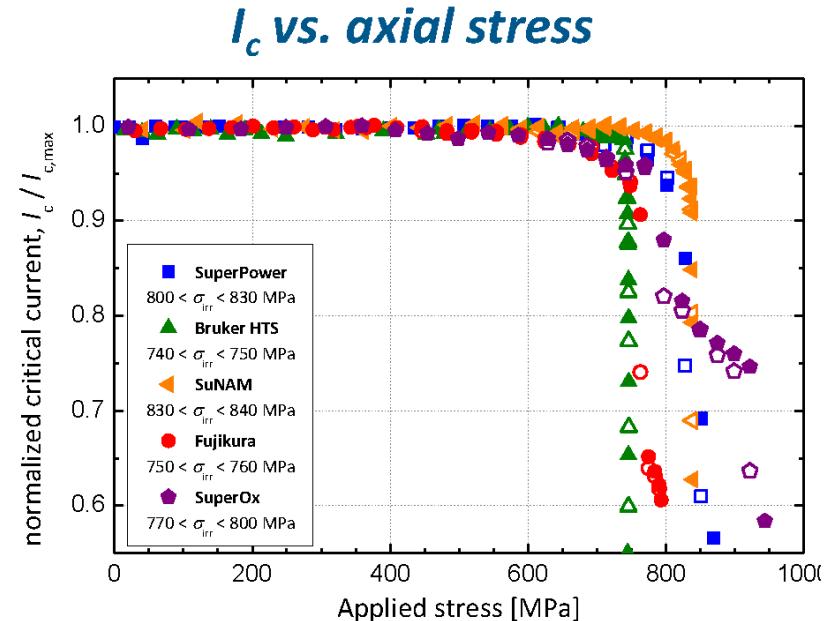
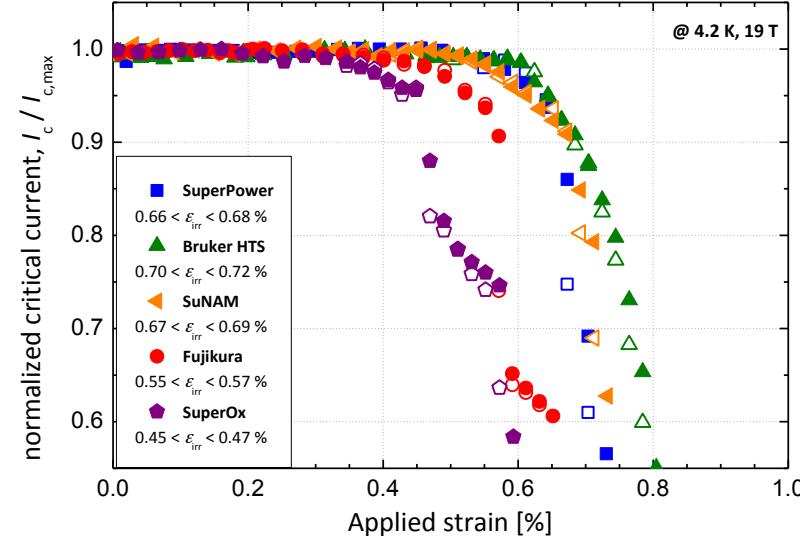
# Mechanics: must be stress tolerant!

Fundamental for LTS magnet

- Ultra sensitive to mechanical perturbations

High mechanical performances often required

- Magnets: high J and B => high Lorentz force (JB)
- Solenoid:  $\sigma = J B R$  (independant turns)



# Summary

- Superconductivity market exists
  - 5 185 Meuros in 2012
  - Dominated (> 60 %) by MRI and NMR
  - Fully still dominated by LTS (> 90 %), NbTi
- Persistent mode for SC magnet
  - Resistive (inductive) shunt to inject current
  - Very stable current and no power supply

# Outline

- ◆ Introduction
- ◆ Historical references
- ◆ Superconductivity for large scale applications
- ◆ Superconducting material (REBCO tapes)
- ◆ Superconducting applications
- ◆ Fault Current Limiter (FCL)



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# Superconductivity II

## Superconducting Materials - ReBCO tapes

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# Summary LTS

- LTS by far the most used SC
  - 5050 M€ / 30 M€ for HTS (SC devices 2011)
- Two main LTS materials: NbTi & Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn
- NbTi is by far the most used SC
  - 3000 tons/year
  - Easy to use and handle
  - Limited in field: 9 T (4 K) & 12 T (1.8 K)
- Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn complex to handle (brittle, reaction)
  - B < 23.5 T (1.8 K)

# HTS breakthrough



Z. Phys. B – Condensed Matter 64, 189–193 (1986)



## Possible High $T_c$ Superconductivity in the Ba – La – Cu – O System

J.G. Bednorz and K.A. Müller

IBM Zürich Research Laboratory, Rüschlikon, Switzerland

Received April 17, 1986

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YBaCuO  
January 1987



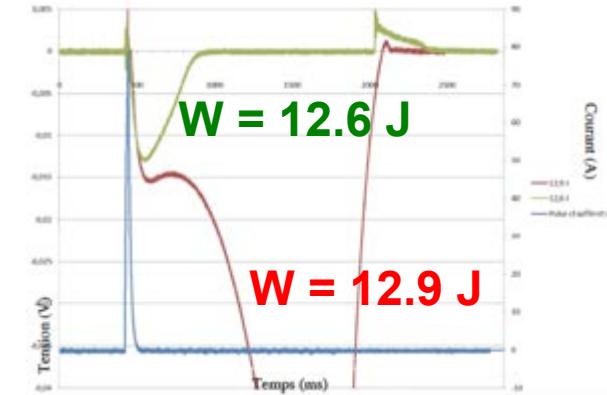
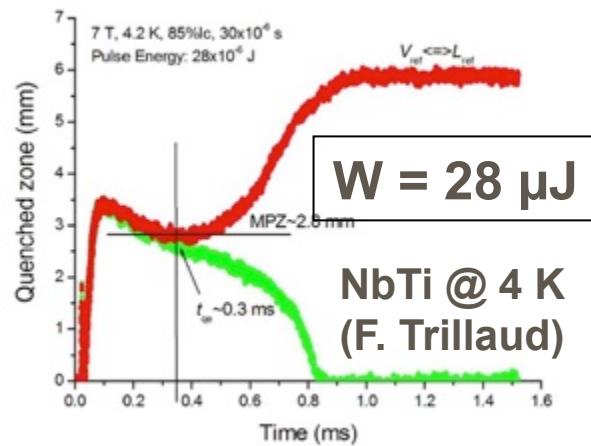
Metallic, oxygen-deficient compounds in the Ba – La – Cu – O system, with the composition  $\text{Ba}_x\text{La}_{3-x}\text{Cu}_y\text{O}_{5(3-y)}$ , have been prepared in polycrystalline form. Samples with  $x=1$  and  $0.75$ ,  $y>0$ , annealed below  $900^\circ\text{C}$  under reducing conditions, consist of three phases, one of them a perovskite-like mixed-valent copper compound. Upon cooling, the samples show a linear decrease in resistivity, then an approximately logarithmic increase, interpreted as a beginning of localization. Finally an abrupt decrease by up to three orders of magnitude occurs, reminiscent of the onset of percolative superconductivity. The highest onset temperature is observed reduced by high current densities. Thus, it results bute possibly also from 2D superconducting fluctuations of one of the phases present.

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Physics 1987

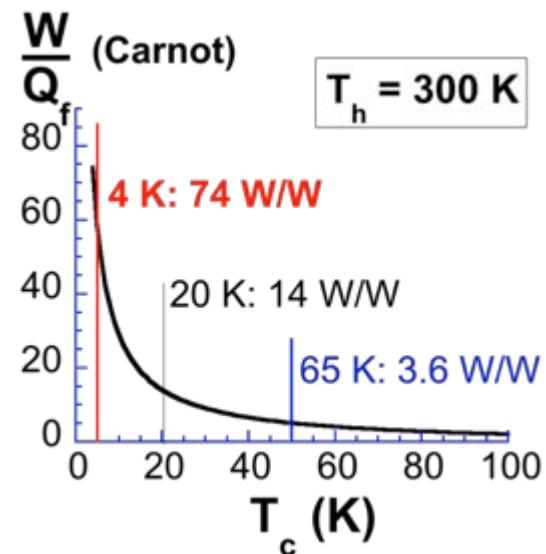


# HTS interest

**Stability**  
(behaviour  
against  
perturbations)



**Cryogenics**

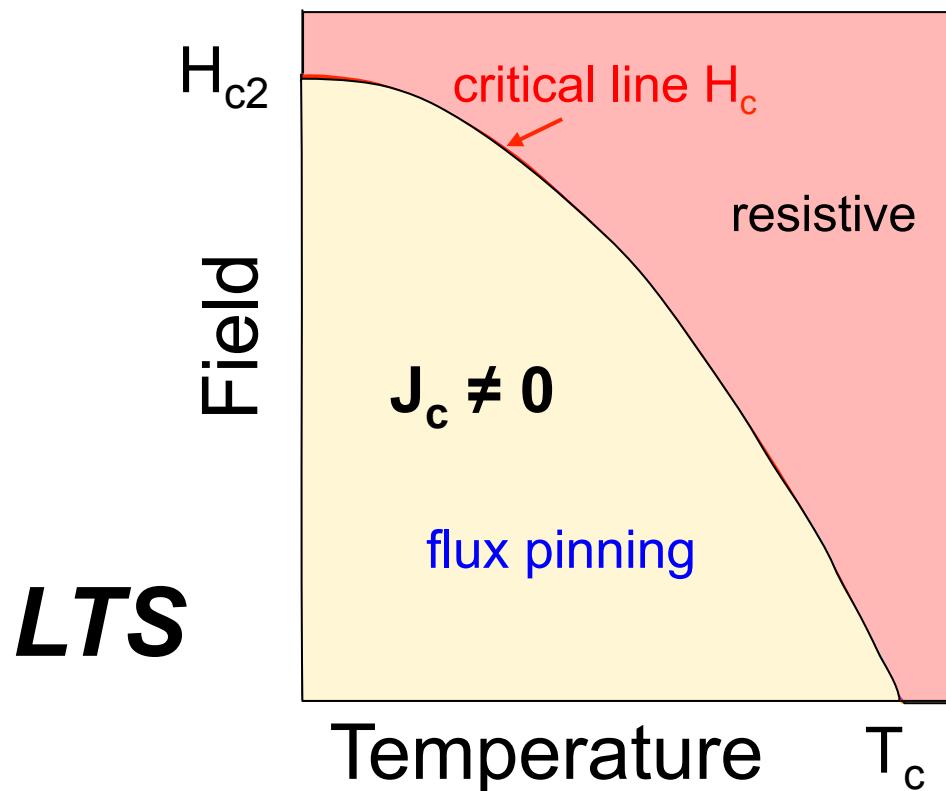


- 1 liter He: 5 €
- 1 liter N<sub>2</sub>: < 0.1 €

Liquid N<sub>2</sub>:  
industrial fluid

# HTS specificities

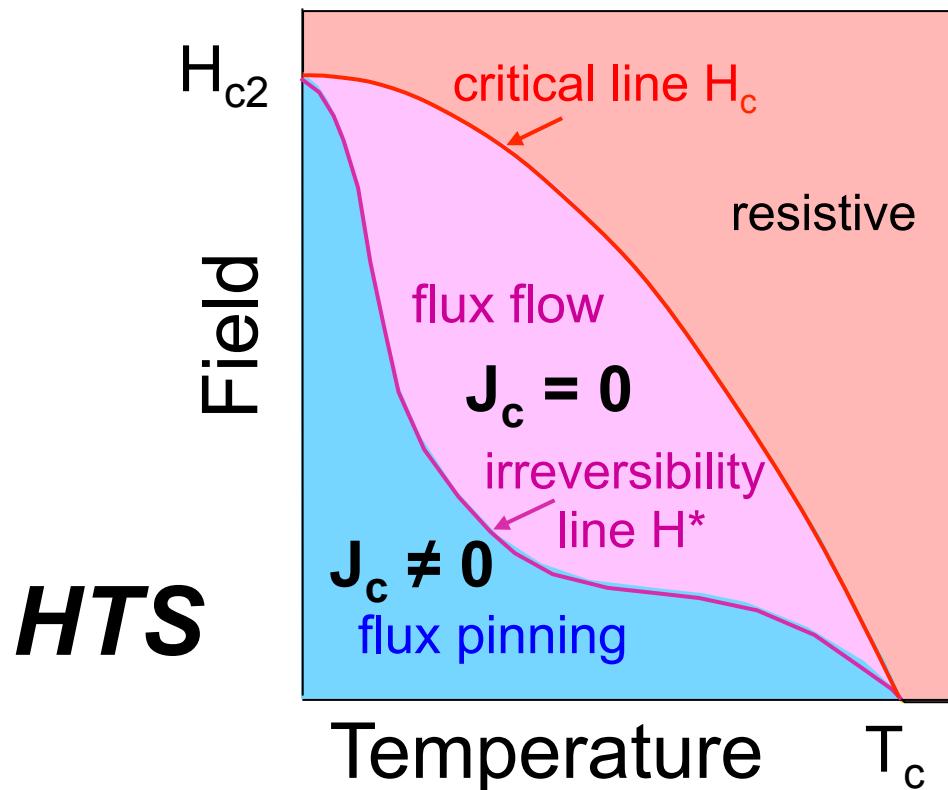
## Phase diagram of a superconductor - LTS



- One single line
- Critical line  $H_c(T)$
  - Relevant:  $J_c = 0$

# HTS specificities

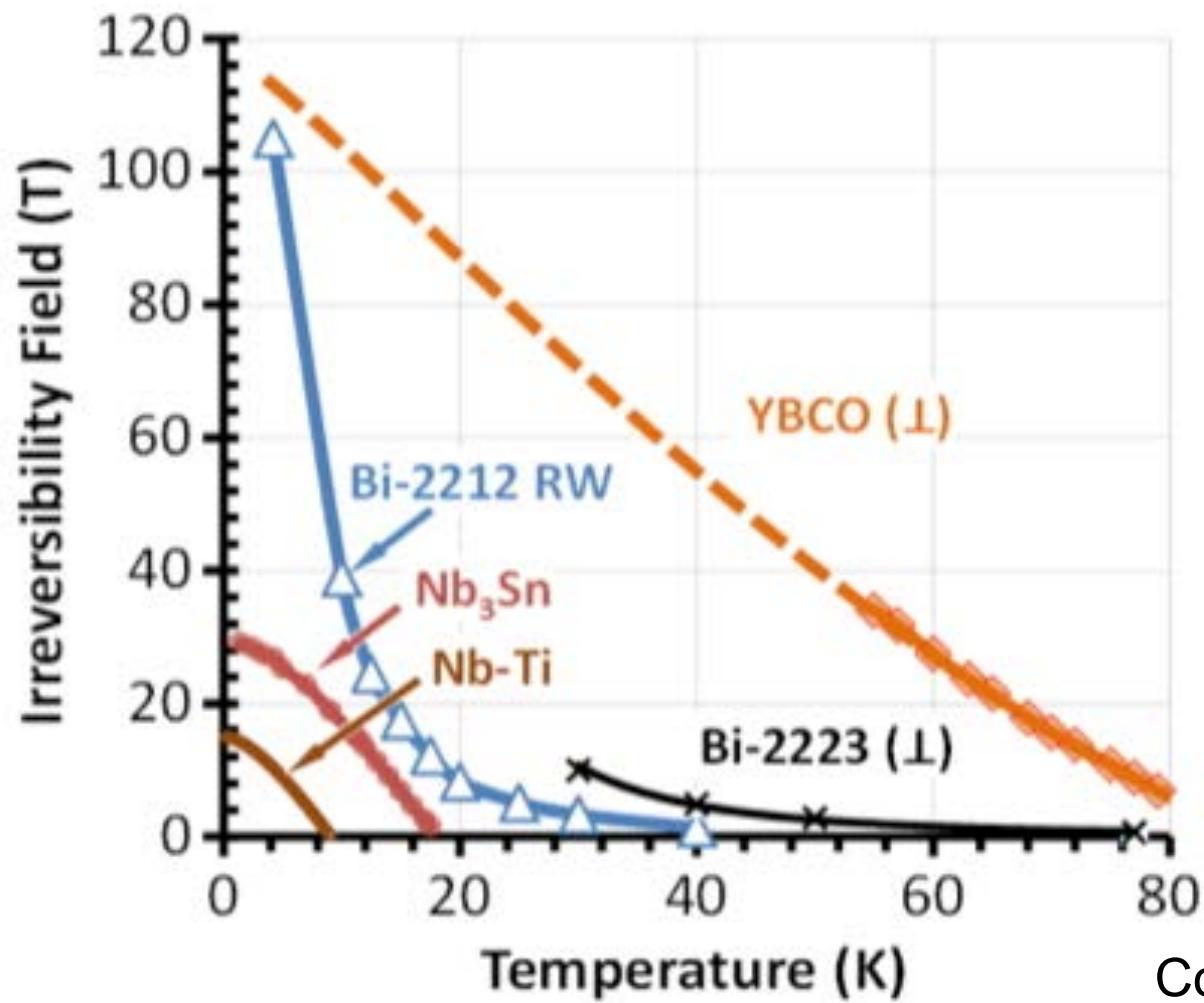
## Phase diagram of a superconductor - HTS



Two lines

- Critical line  $H_c(T)$ 
  - Not relevant:  $J_c = 0$
- Irreversibility line  $H^*(T)$ 
  - Relevant:  $J_c \neq 0$

# Irreversibility lines

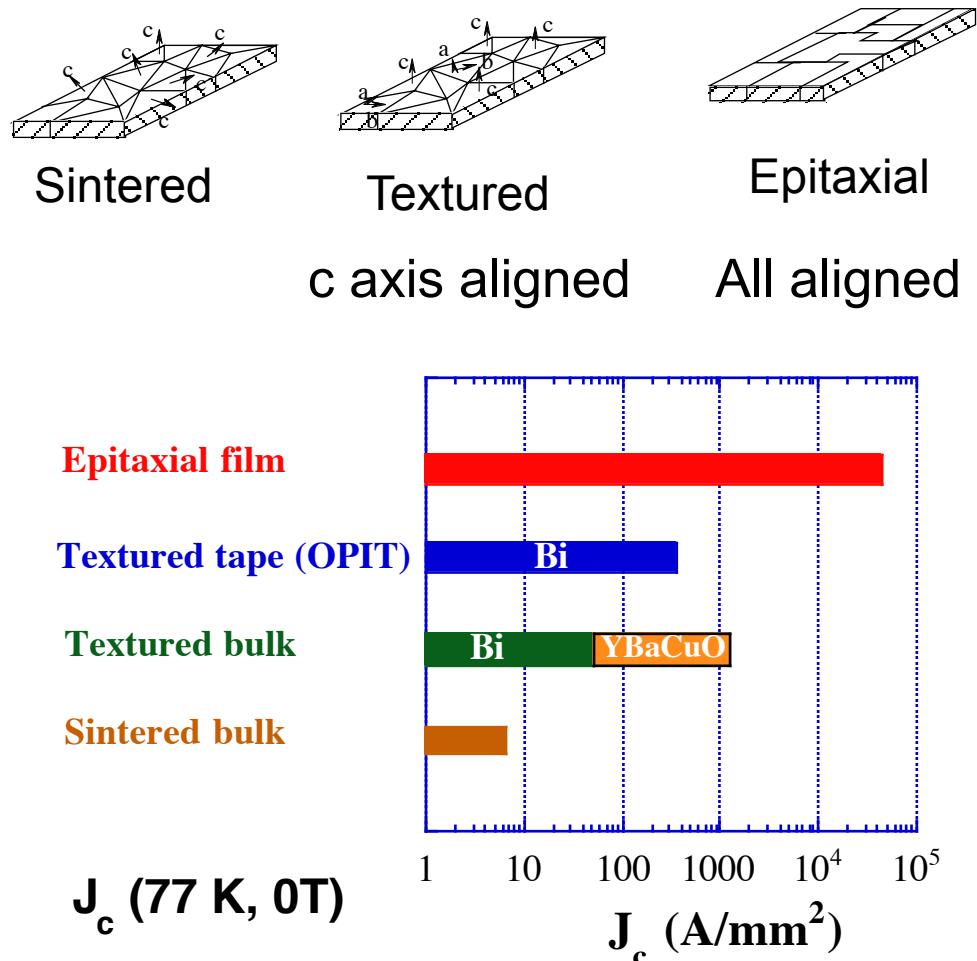
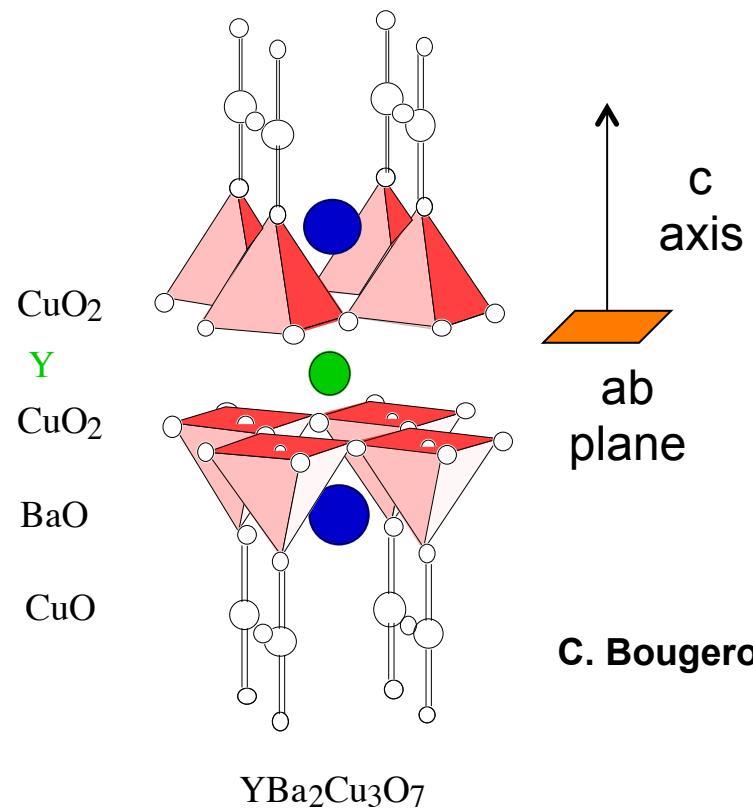


Strong  
interest for  
YBaCuO

Courtesy D. Larbalestier

# HTS specificities

## High anisotropy

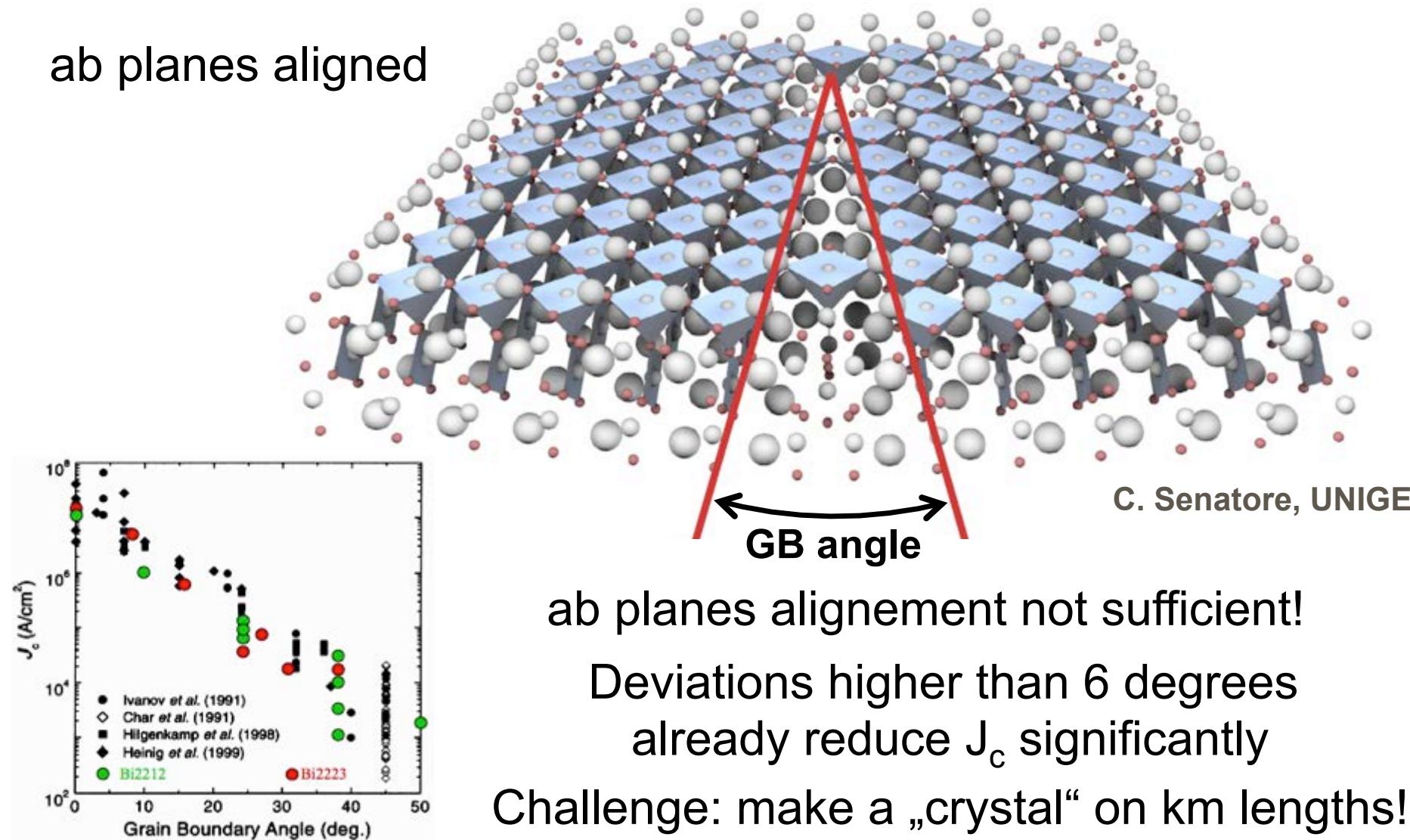


■ Ceramic brittle materials

■ Very sensitive to defects ( $\xi$ )

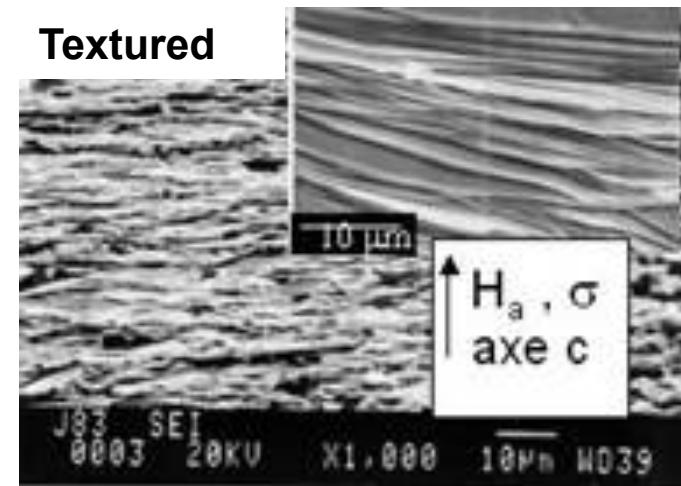
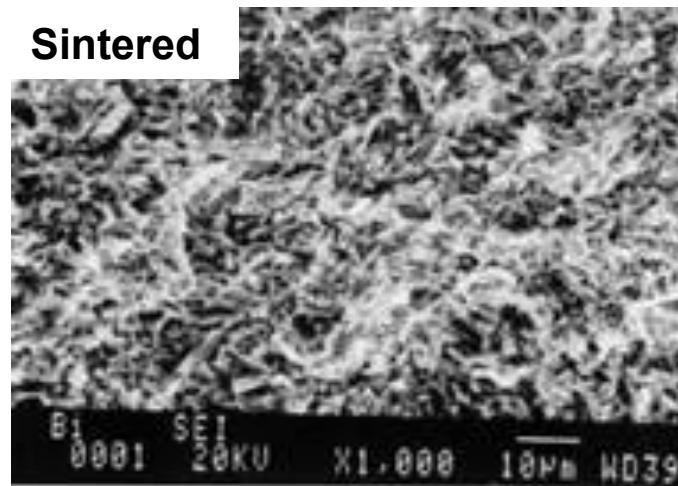
# HTS specificities

ab planes aligned



# Texturation

- Mechanical texturation (drawing): 1G BSCCO

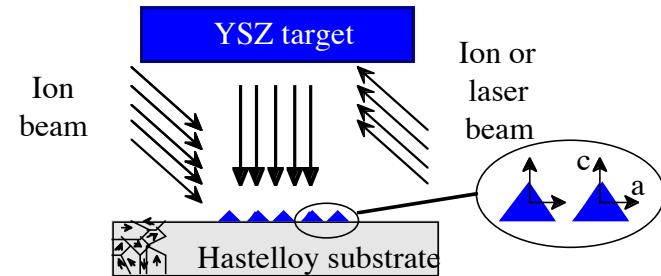


- Texturation by epitaxial deposition: 2G YBCO
  - Requires to deposit on a textured support  
*Coated conductors*

# Coated conductors - two main techniques

*Basis: deposition on a textured support  
Textured layer on a substrate or textured substrate*

## Ion Beam Assisted Deposition (IBAD)



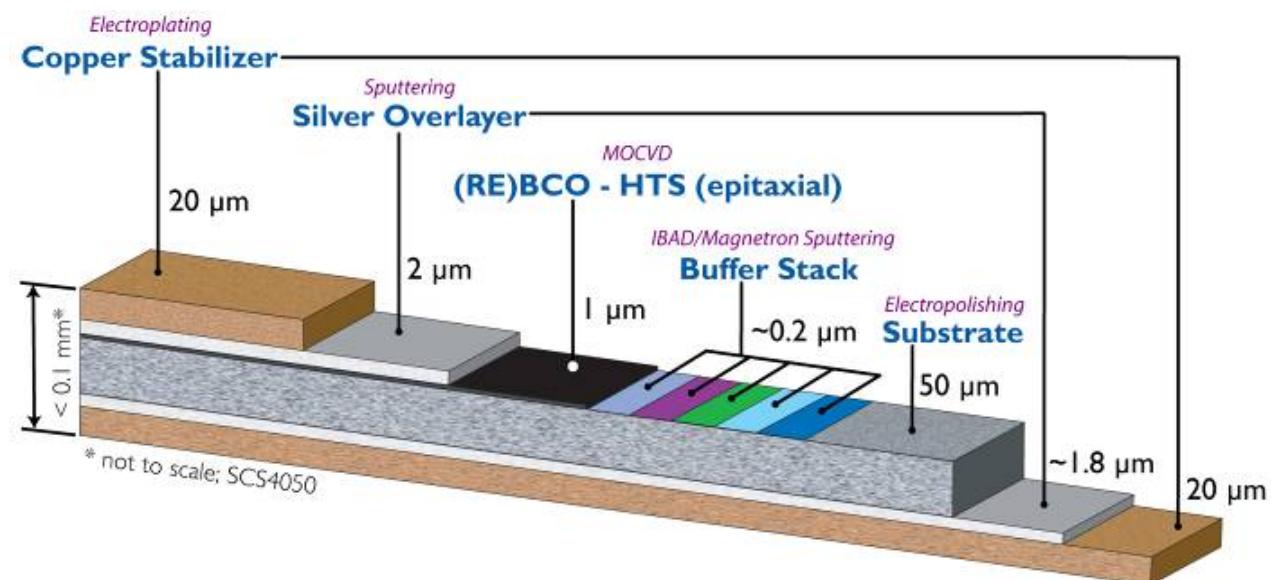
Textured buffer layer

## Rolling Assisted Biaxially Textured Substrates (RABiTS)



Textured substrate

# Coated conductors – IBAD process



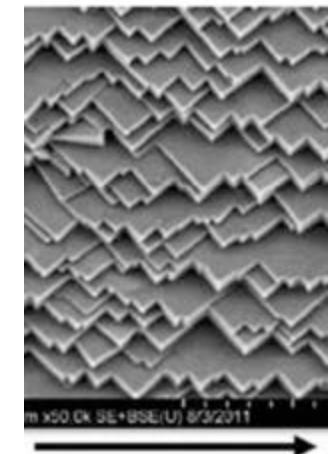
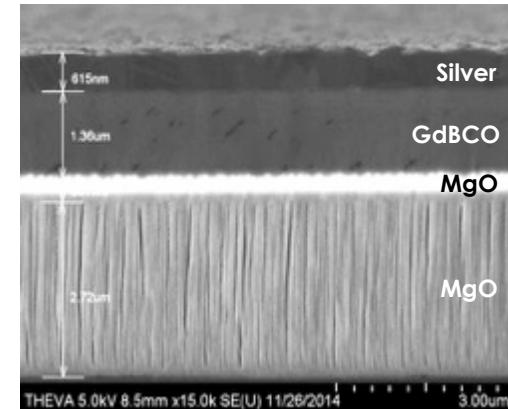
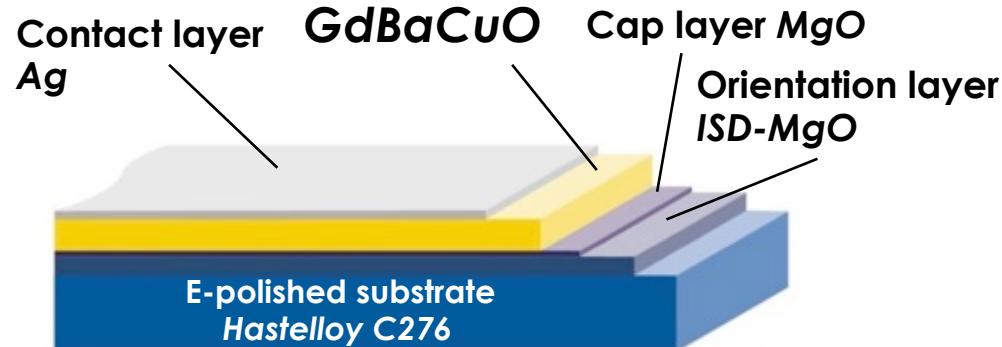
Deposition methods

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- Chemical

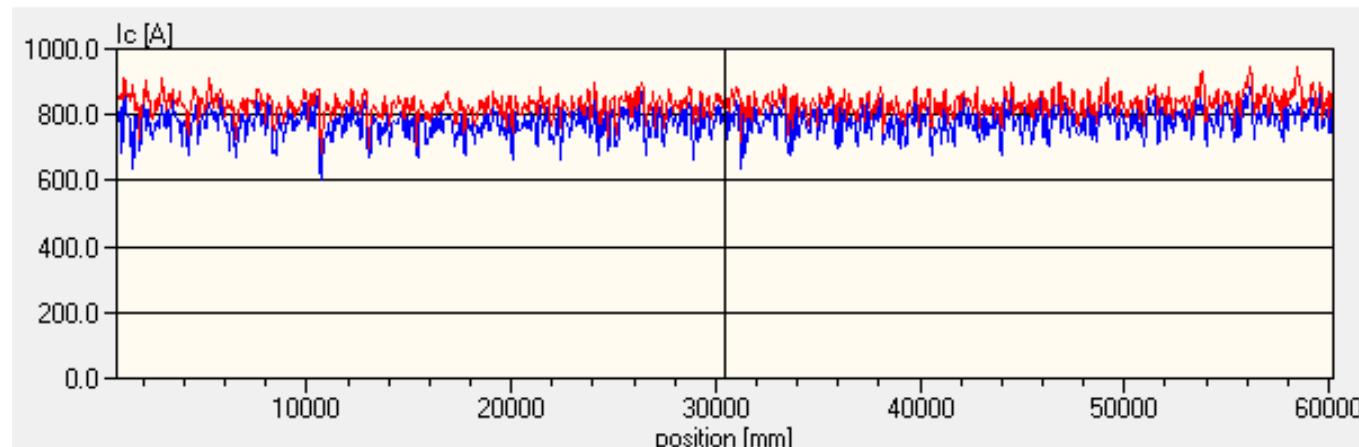
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A Furukawa Company

# Coated conductors

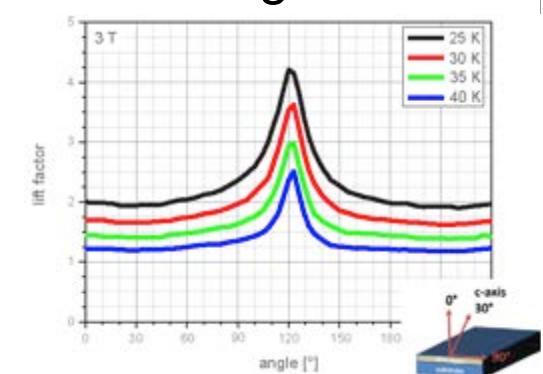
THEVA



MgO surface



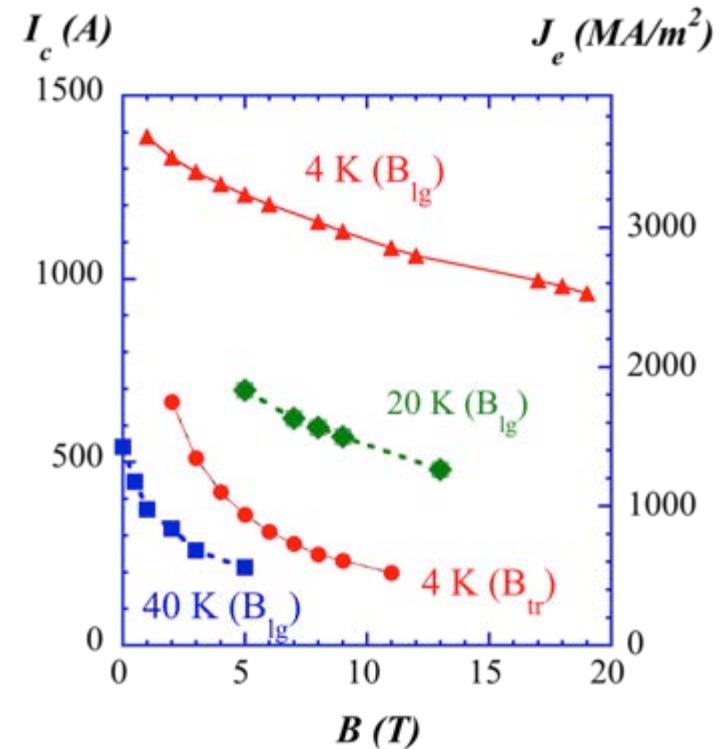
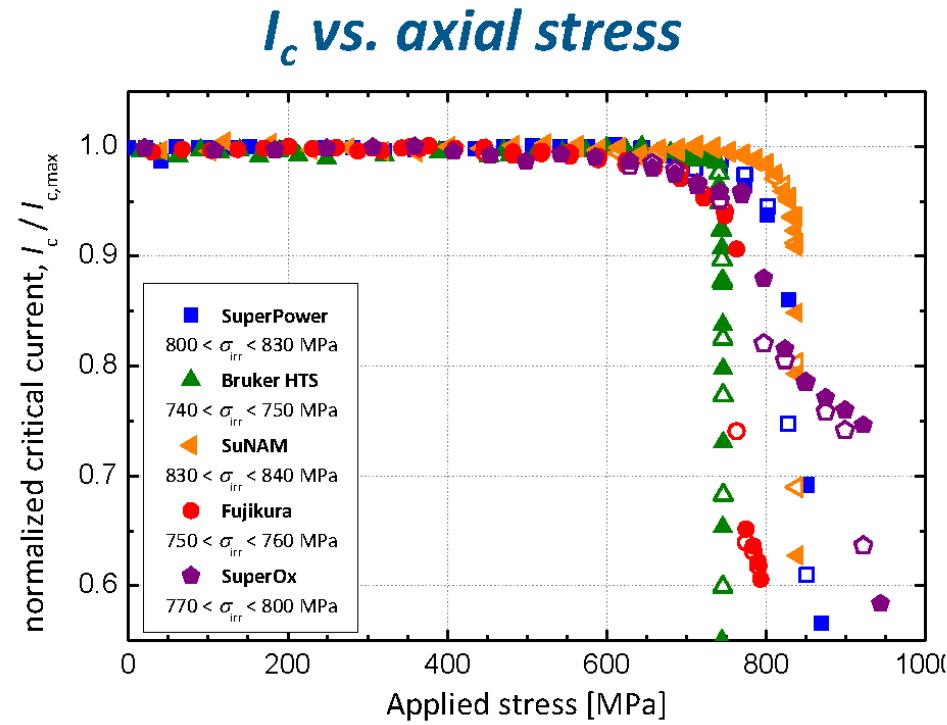
$$I_c \approx 700 \text{ A/cm-w (77 K, sf)}$$



Inclined Substrate Deposition (ISD) process

# Coated conductors

## Typical critical characteristics



*Performances fit main applications  
Really technical superconducting conductor*

# HTS materials summary

Cost, cost and cost!

- PIT: niche applications, a few manufacturers
- MgB<sub>2</sub>: niche applications (pending CC?)
- CC: large hopes, a lot of manufacturers

***A lot of room for improvements***

## HTS applications

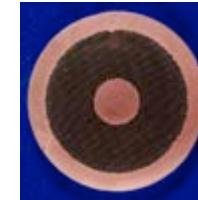
- First application: HTS current leads
- Second application: FCL, HTS high field insert

# Superconducting materials

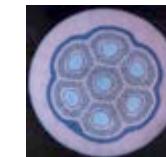
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$T_c$

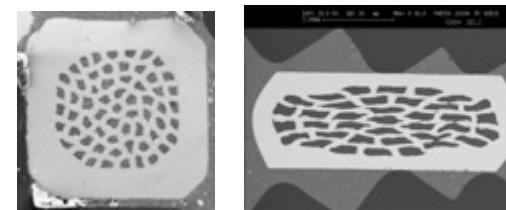
- NbTi (3000 t/an)



- Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn (15 t/an)



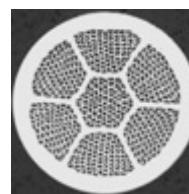
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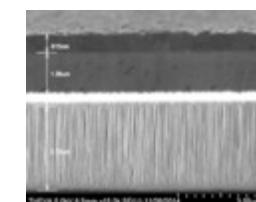
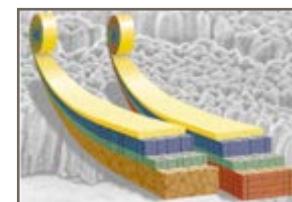
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$T_c$

- BiSrCaCuO (1G)



- YBaCuO (2G)

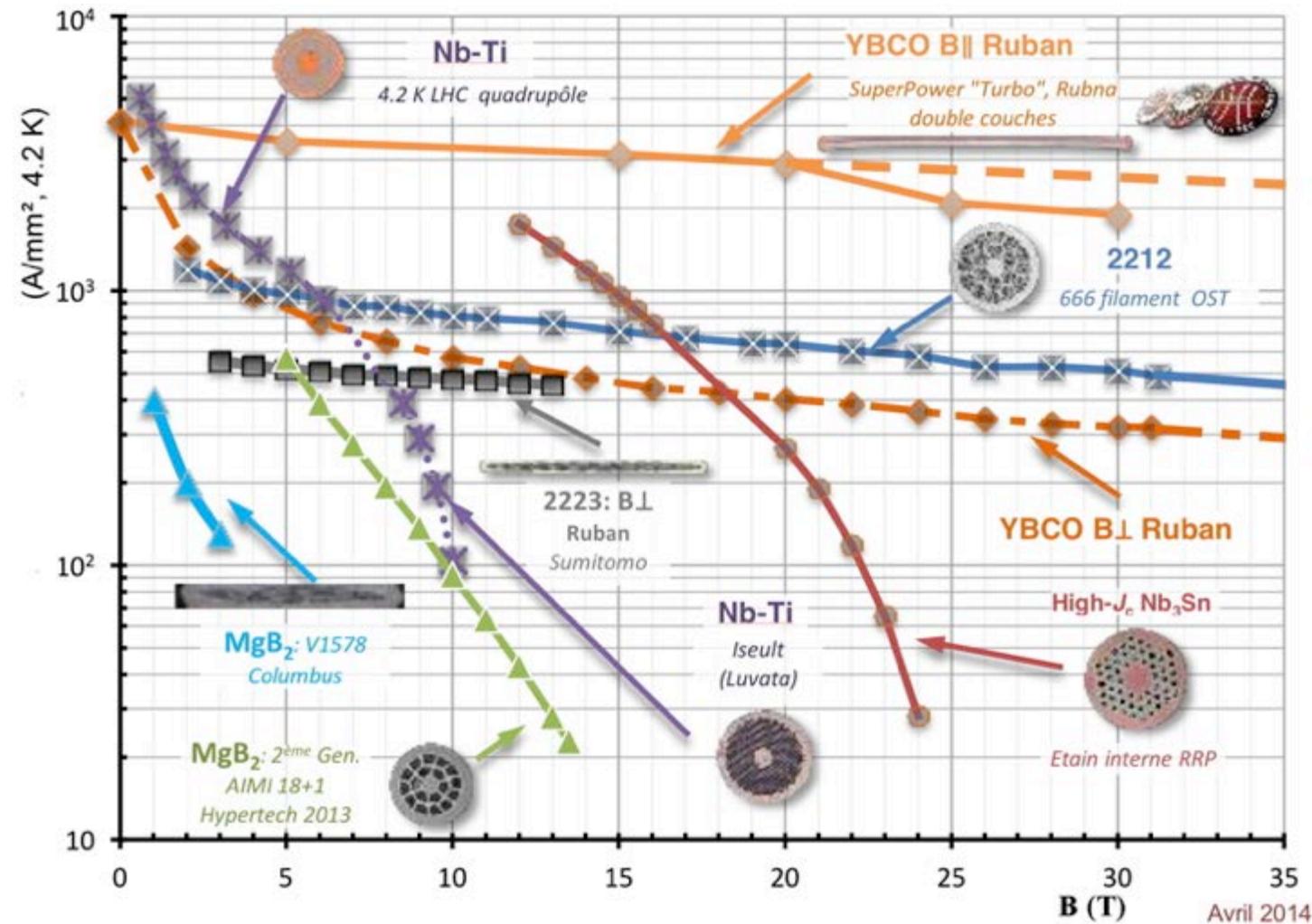


# Superconducting materials

Material	State	Length	Cost*	Applications
<b>NbTi</b>	Mature	/	Low (1) (< Cu)	< 9 T (4 K) < 12 T (1,8 K)
<b>Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn</b>	Still progresses	/	5 - 10	> 12 T
<b>MgB<sub>2</sub></b>	R & D Margins	km	5 – 10	< 3 T @ 20 K
<b>BSCCO (1G)</b>	R & D Progress	km	50 – 100 (Ag)	(inserts)
<b>YBCO (2G)</b>	R & D Cost	Hundred m	100 – 250 (process)	Inserts

\* : €/kA/m (77 K, 0 T, HTS), (4 K, B<sub>o</sub>, LTS)

# Superconducting materials



# Summary HTS – Take home message

- HTS devices still very small market (30 M\$ / 5050 M\$)
- HTS: 2 wire generations
  - 1G: BSCCO tape and round wire (niche market)
  - 2G: YBCO coated conductor (great hopes)
- 1G: niche market due to high intrinsic cost (Ag)
- 2G: low material cost, high process cost
  - High performances ( $J_{ce}$ , mechanics)
  - Anisotropy, delamination, cable
- $MgB_2$ : low cost, competition to LTS for medium fields at about 20 K, DC applications, advances underway



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# Superconductivity II

## Superconducting Application Introduction

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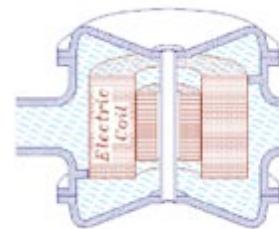
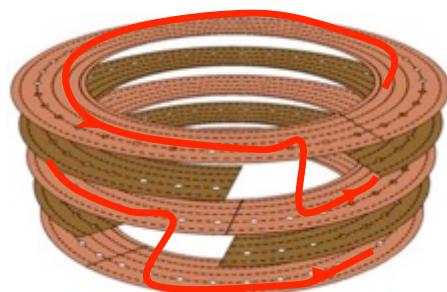


# Superconductor interests

- High current densities under magnetic fields
  - | Volume reduction
- No loss in DC environment
  - | Energy savings
  - | Possible energy storage
  - | Magnetic bearings
- SC to dissipative state transition
  - | Fault current limitation

# Comparison for a magnet

	Bitter	Supercon.	Ratio
Magnetic flux density (T)	10	11	1.1
Core (mm)	500	500	1
Supply (kW)	14 000	5	2 800
Cooling (kW)	200 (pumps)	100 (liquefier)	2



# Losses in SC (under critical surf.)

## Function of the electromagnetic environment

- Time constant electromagnetic environment
  - No or very low losses
- Time variable electromagnetic environment
  - Losses: AC losses

$$\overrightarrow{\text{curl}} \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad \vec{E} + \vec{J} : \text{losses} (\delta P = E J)$$

=> Interest more in DC than AC

# Superconductor uses

**Applications with large stored magnetic energy**

$$W_{mag} = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_{Espace} B \cdot H \, dx dy dz = \frac{1}{2 \mu_0} \iiint_{Espace} B^2 \, dx dy dz$$

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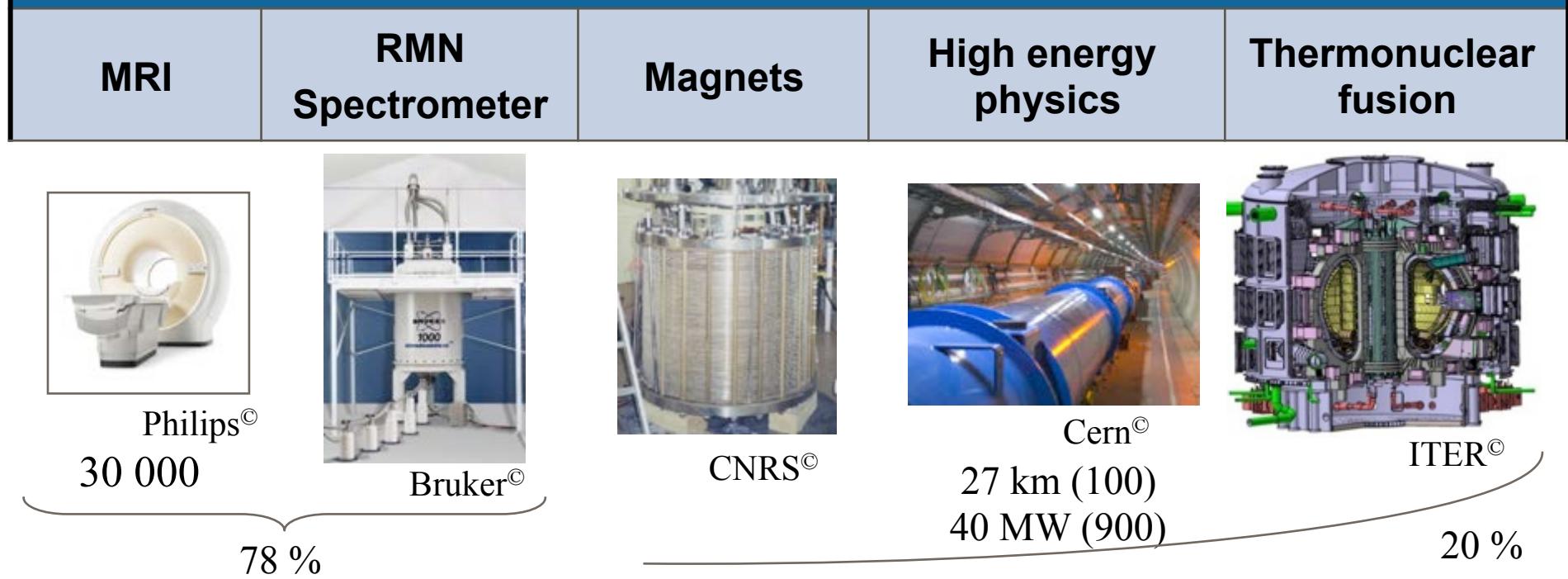


- Applications difficult without superconductors
- New types of applications
- Improvement of conventional applications

# Applications difficult without SC

Superconductivity inescapable  
Devices difficult to design without superconductivity

- High magnetic flux densities
- Large magnetized volumes



# New types of applications

New functions

Innovative devices

Properties inherent to superconductors

- quench from SC to normal state
- No DC losses

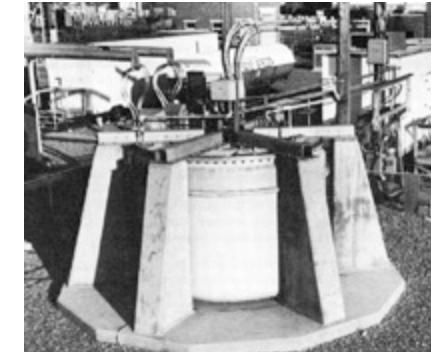
**Magnetic bearings**



**Fault Current Limiter  
(FCL)**



**SMES  
(magnetic storage)**



# Improved devices

Improvement of resistive devices

- Enhanced compactness & efficiency, weight reduction
  - no DC loss

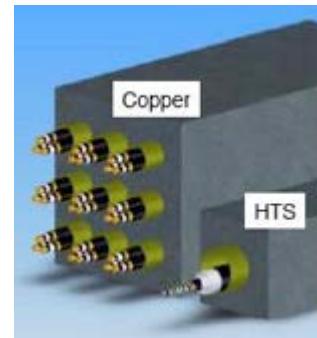
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Possibility to integrate innovative functions (limitation)

Electrical rotating machine

Cables

Transformers

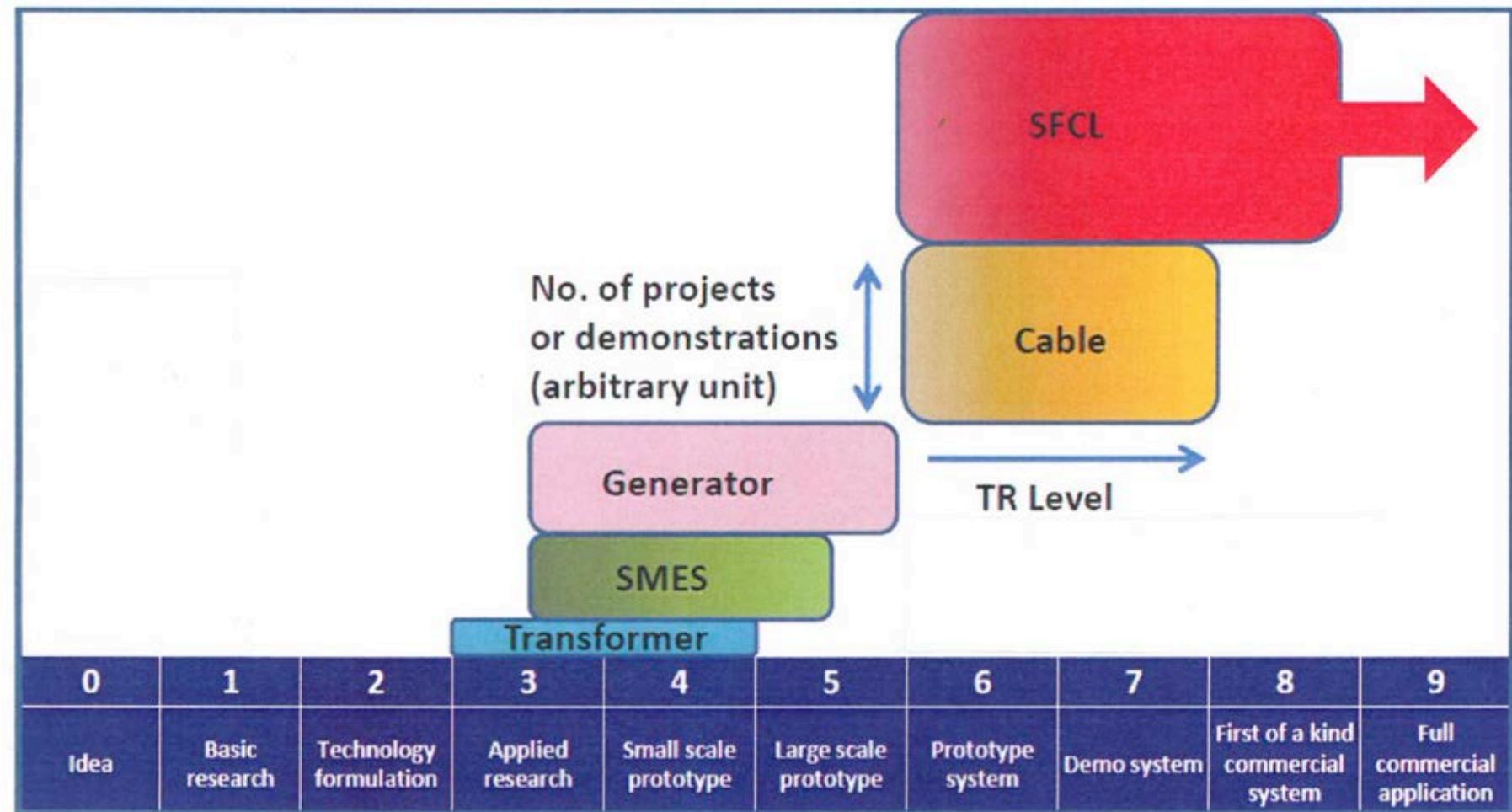


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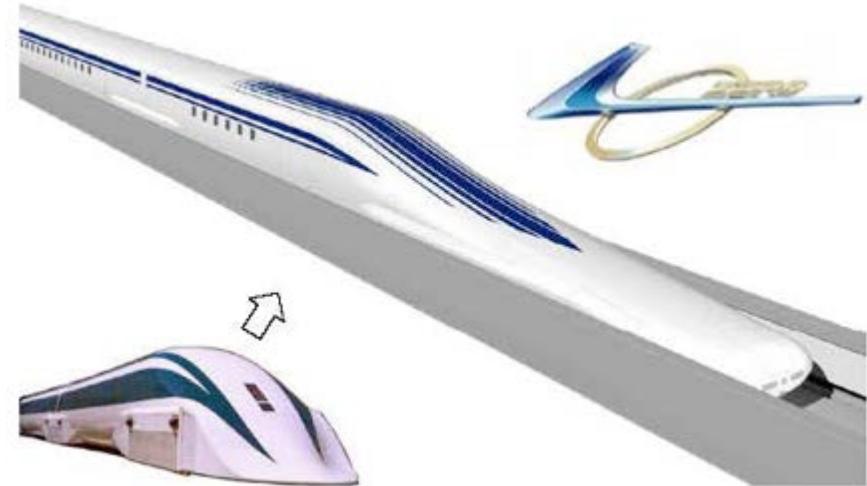
# Supercond. and large scale applications

- Higher power Quality and security
  - FCL, Low impedance cable, high short-circuit power, high meshing
- Higher power density
  - Transfo. & machine (30 / 50 %), cable (> 50 %)
- Enhanced efficiencies
  - Transfo. (50 % (> 80 % mobile)), machines (30/50 %) magnets (> 90 %)

# SC power application - Summary



# Maglev



505 km/h

Project approved by Japan:

- Tokyo-Nagoya 2027 – 286 km – 40 min (5.5 trillion yen)
- Tokyo-Osaka 2045 – 438 km – 67 min (9 trillion yen total 65 b€)

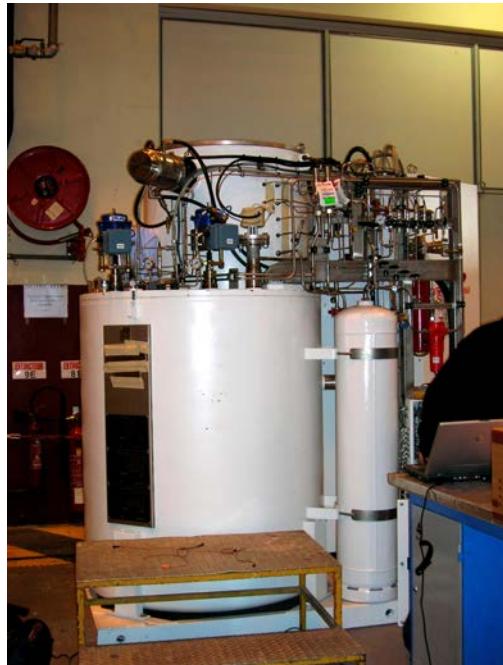
Tests (Yamanashi test line - 42.8 km):  $> 10^6$  km

# Superconducting power devices

- Only very few industrial devices
  - | NbTi magnets for magnetic separation
  - | A very few FCL
  - | Many very successful experiments
- Three main reasons
  - | Resistive systems in general high performances
  - | Cryogenic cost and **fear**
  - | SC device: revolution, not simple evolution

**Superconducting power devices economically possible  
only with HTS at moderate cost**

# Do not forget



250 W @ 20 K



250g – 0.2 W @ 77 K



200 kV bushing

Fields perfectly mastered  
*if correctly designed!*



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# Superconducting Fault Current Limiter (FCL)

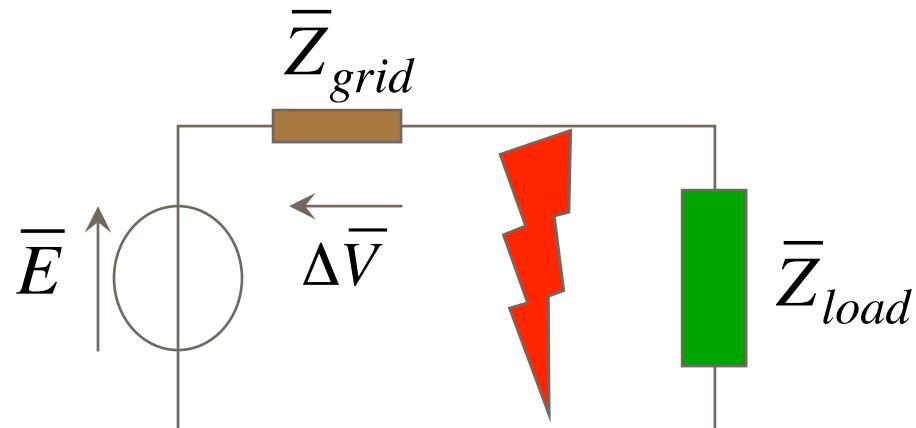
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# Fault Current Limiter (FCL) - Need

Ultra simple representation of a grid:



Grid design: compromise

- Power quality low  $Z_{grid}$ 
  - ✓  $\Delta V$
  - ✓ Perturbation



Fault current  $E/Z_{grid}$

- ✓ Device over-design
- ✓ Breaker cutting capacity

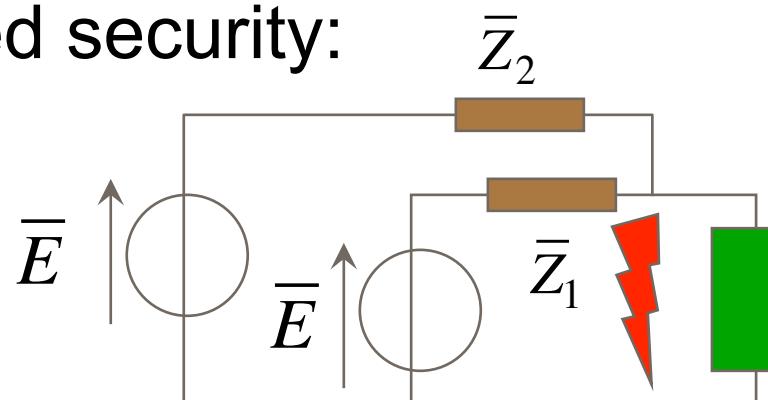
# Need for a fault current limiter

Electric grids:

- extremely important in our countries
- critical infrastructures

Security and power quality:  
two main demands today

Improved security:



Effective but if fault:

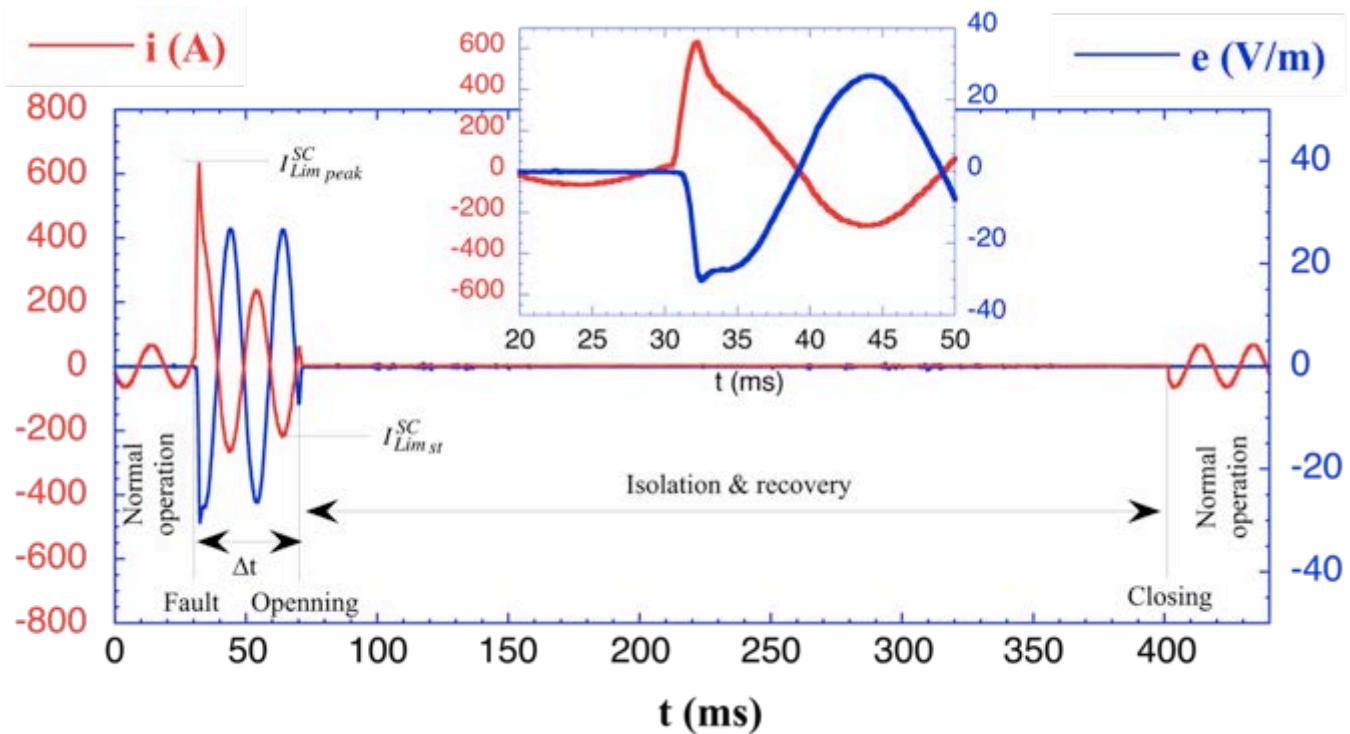
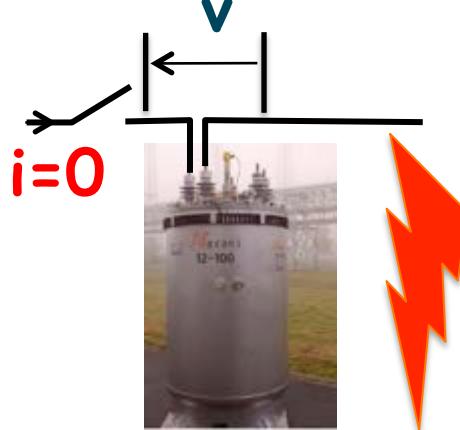
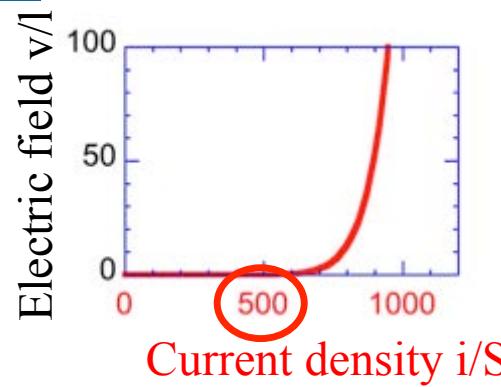
$$I_{cc} = I_{cc1} + I_{cc2}$$

**FCL required**

No today satisfying FCL

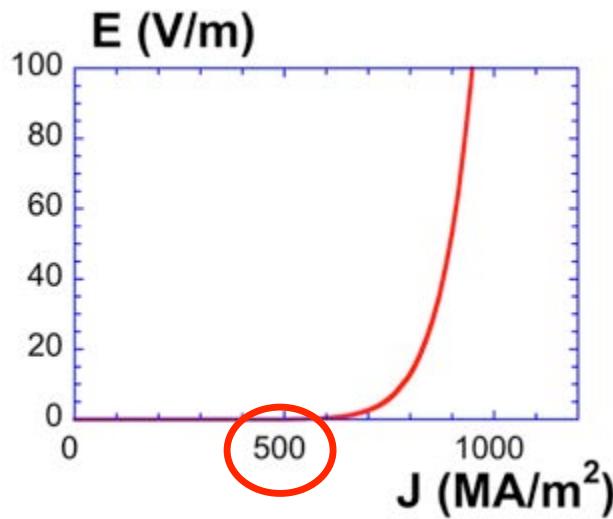
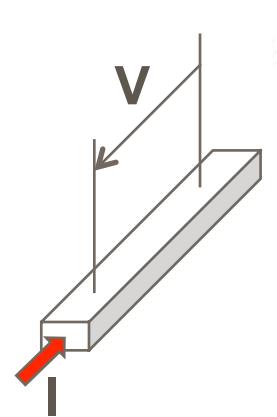
*Superconductivity brings attractive response*

# SC FCL

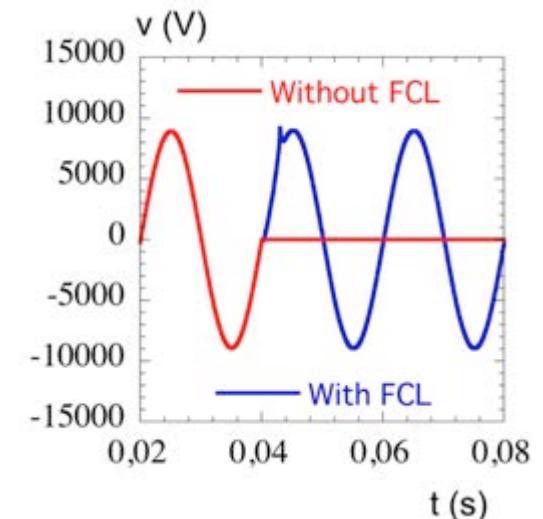
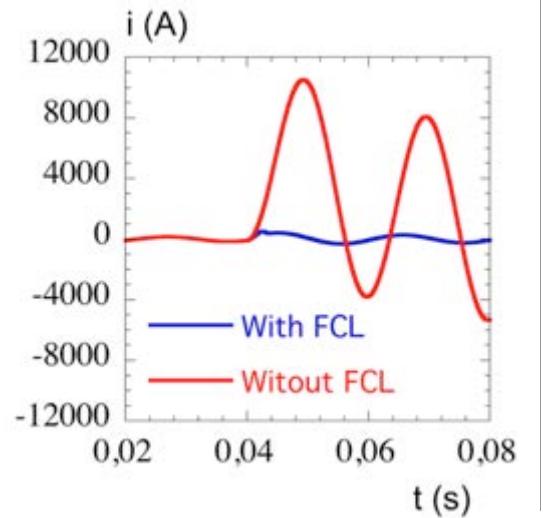
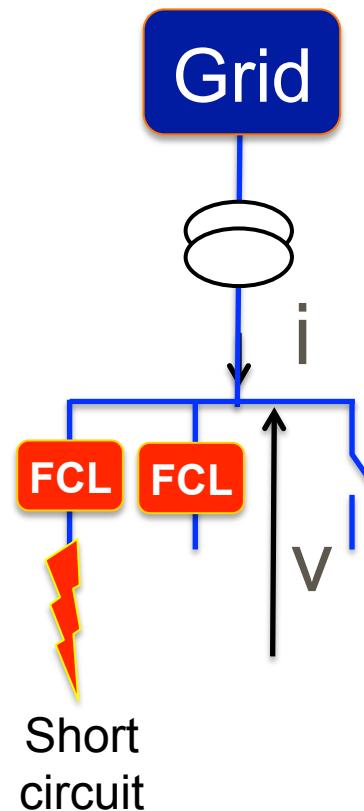


FCL makes possible a low grid (zero!) impedance BUT a low fault current.  
Graal for grid designers!

# Fault Current Limiter - FCL



- SFCL
- Nearly invisible in NO
  - Self triggering
  - Fail safe
  - Automatic recovery
- Uses
- Current limitation
  - **Fault « isolation »**



# FCL – State of the art



(Courtesy L. Martini)

Italy 9 kV / 0.2 kA



(Courtesy Nexans)

Germany 12 kV / 0.8 kA



(Courtesy H.-R. Kim)

Korea 23 kV / 0.63 kA



China 220 kV / 0.8 kA

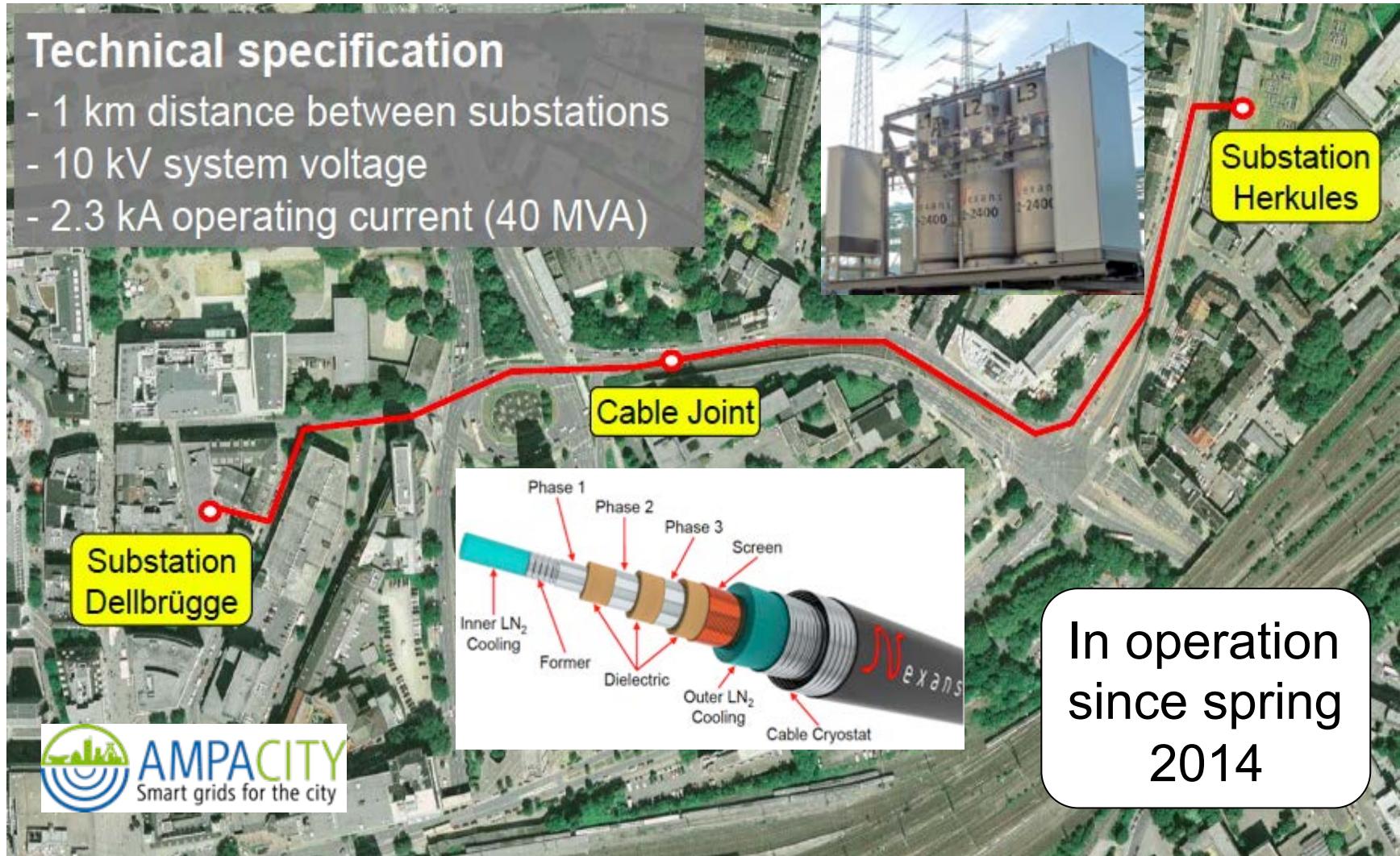


USA (Santa Clara) 15 kV / 1 kA

Many successful  
experiences.  
Some test  
experiences



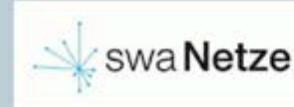
# AMPACITY project: cable + FCL



Courtesy M. Stemmler

# FCL from SIEMENS in Augsburg

## „ASSIST“ – SFCL for public 10 kV grid of Stadtwerke Augsburg, Bavaria, Germany



SFCL based Solution (SFCL+switchgear+control+DAQ) successfully installed and inaugurated in 03/2016.

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### Details

- Collaboration of Siemens EM, CT & Stadtwerke Augsburg
- Integration of MTU's extended testing facility of combined heat and power unit requires reduction of short-circuit current
- Combination of superconducting 15 MVA SFCL with ultrafast breaker and parallel series reactor
- Closed cooling system (cold heads included) – no blow-off during limitation
- Reduction of losses compared to conventional solution
- Increased system stability, no voltage drop
- Large area breaker up-grade dispensable
- Timeline:
  - Apr. 15, 2014: project start
  - Mar. 15, 2016: official inauguration
  - till Jan. 15, 2017: data acquisition & monitoring (to Siemens Erlangen)
  - Continued operation planned after project end



Courtesy Tabea Arndt - Siemens

# FCL: market starts! Birmingham (UK)

## Commercial SCFCL in Western Power Distribution (UK) Bus tie coupling

Location	Chester	Bournville
$U_a$	12 kV	12 kV
$I_a$	1.6 kA	1.05 kA
$I_{\text{pros}}$	20 kA peak	22 kA peak
$I_{\text{lim}}$	9.9 kA peak	7.7 kA peak
$\Delta t$	100 ms	100 ms
Recovery	30 s	30 s
Location	Outdoor	Indoor
Cooling power (RT)	18-50 kW	18-30 kW

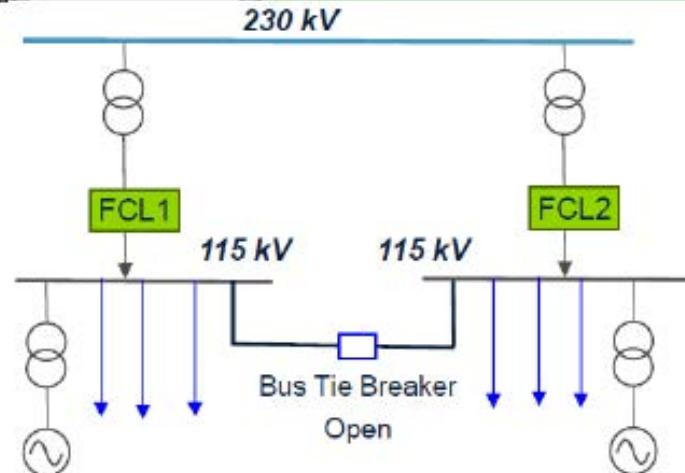
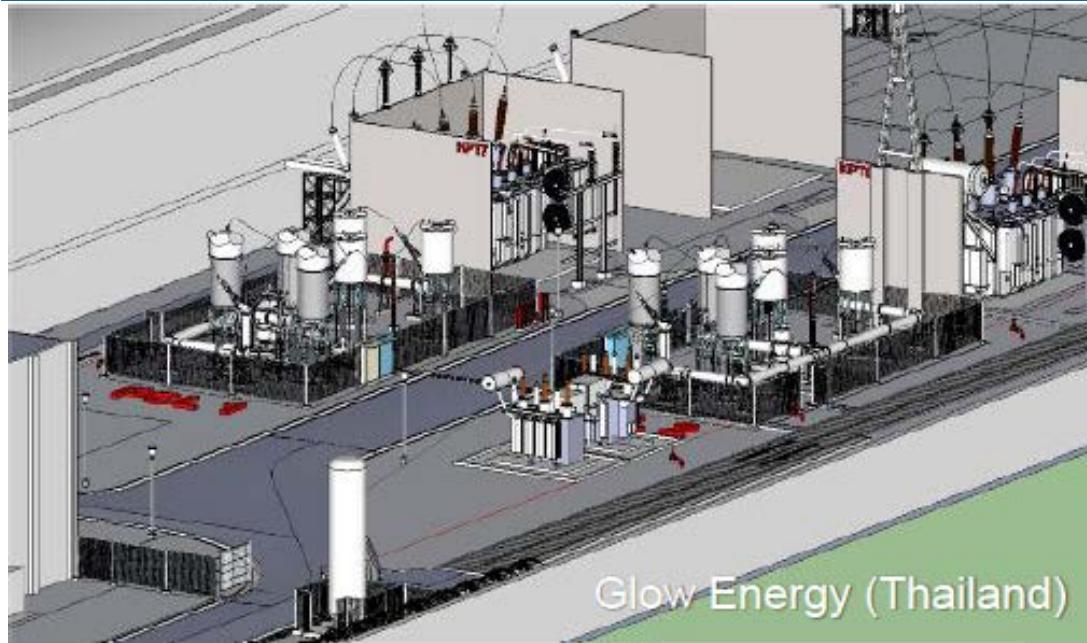


SCFCL put in  
operation late 2015

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**DISTRIBUTION**

SCFCL 12 kV / 1.6 kA Starting end 2015

# FCL: market starts! Rayong (Thailand)



Voltage	115 kV
Rated current	550 A
Iprospective	5 kA
Ilim	2.5 kA
Shunt (react)	15 Ω
BIL	550 kV
AC withstand	230 kV

# SCFCL- Conclusions

- SCFCL: an innovative device for a real demand (better grids)
  - High short-circuit power but low fault currents (Graal!)
- First commercial SCFCLs in MV (Birmingham) and HV (Thailand)
- SCFCLs already out of the laboratory development phase
- Now midway between the pilot projects & industrial deployment
- Many people still think SFCL remains a laboratory device
  - Communication about field test experiences
- Grid designers should know that they have a new device
- Have to suppress the psychological fear against cryogenics
- Field tests on long periods to remove last utility's fears
- A lot of space for improvements
- Conductor cost should no more be an issue
- Cryogenic could be critical for cost

# Conclusion, take home message

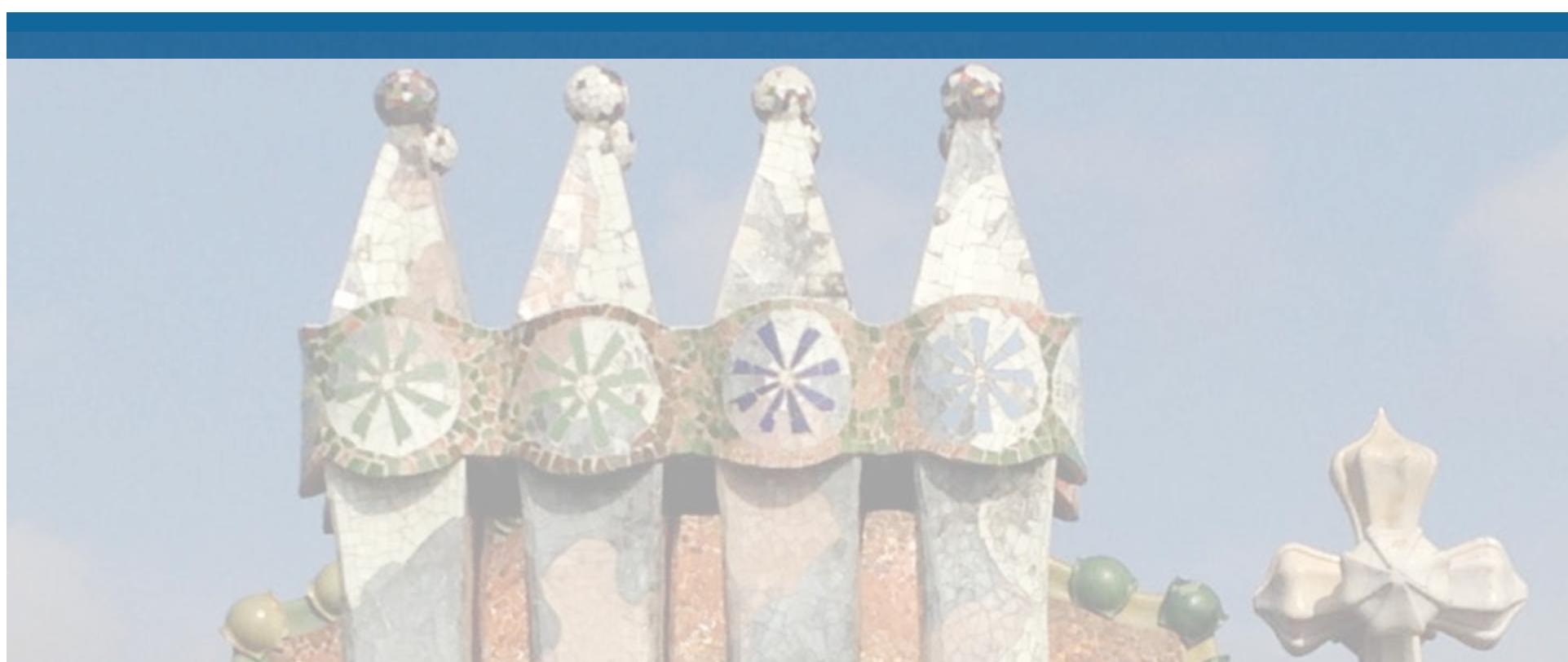
- LTS market: mature niche market still growing
  - MRI, NMR (physics)
  - 4 K cryogenics remains an economical hurdle
- HTS market emerges
  - Cryogenics no more an economical hurdle
  - Conductor remains today an economical hurdle
  - Lot of advances in YBCO, many actors
  - Superconductivity: enabling technology
    - SC FCL, VLI cable, rot. mach. for wind farm, planes...
  - HTS market takes off with a few FCL orders
  - Fears (cryogenics) should be overcome
    - Field tests on long periods to remove last utility's fears
  - Communications
    - SC FCL exist: a new device for grids



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