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HTS Magnet Technology at BNL

Advancements and Capabilities

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• Brief overview of the HTS magnet program at BNL

- Recent advancements and technological capabilities
 - Areas where we can possibly contribute towards HTS bearing

• Initial ideas/questions/discussion



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- BNL has made devices with all varieties of HTS
 - BSCCO2212, BSCCO2223, YBCO, MgB₂
- Major HTS R&D program at BNL

Amount of wire procured (normalized to common 4 mm tape):

- ~40 km obtained so far
- Successfully designed, built and tested a large number of HTS coils and magnets:
 - Number of HTS coils built: well over 100
 - Number of magnet structures built and tested: well over 10
- Support facilities with conductor test facility
- Cryogenic engineering for a variety of applications



HTS Magnet Programs at BNL

- BNL has been the world leader on HTS accelerator magnet R&D for a decade
 - First national lab to design, build and test HTS coils & R&D magnets
- BNL has funding from a variety of sources (DOE, partnership with small businesses, universities and now to start with foreign institutions).
- We are developing HTS magnets operating over a large range of temperature and field and having a variety of geometries
- Variety is the strength of our program. It helps us in fostering a wider understanding and makes the overall development more cost effective
- Next few slides selected examples (not a compilations of all programs)









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Low Field HTS R&D Magnets (operating at high temperatures)

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HTS Solenoid for Superconducting Electron Gun



Produces intense electron beams with focusing from HTS solenoid

- No room for LTS solenoid in Liquid Helium
- Copper solenoid would generate ~500 W heat as against the ~5 W heat load of the entire cryostat
- Temperature between baffles ~20 K NO LTS
- HTS solenoid provides a unique solution

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Economical Low Field HTS Solenoid (operating at higher temperature)



• Testing at ~77 K in LN_2 is much cheaper than testing at ~4 K in LHe

 HTS provided an economically better (design + build + test) and technically superior solution

- Conductor cost: ~ a few k\$
- Compact size
- Low current (<20 A) operation with household wiring



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1. General Purpose (for accelerators & medical applications)

- Must compete with two established technologies:
 - Magnets powered with water-cooled copper coils
 - Super-ferric magnets with conventional superconductors (NbTi)

2. Special Purpose Magnets:

> HTS magnets provide unique solution to critical technical problems



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HTS Dipoles for Energy Efficiency

- Room temperature Cu coil magnets: Cheaper to build, expensive to operate (2M\$/y)
- Cryo-cooled HTS magnets: Expensive to build, cheaper to operate

Compare the cost of ownership (capital + operation):

> GOAL: Cost-effective technology to offer saving in cost of ownership after a number of years. Also take advantage of unique situation (upgrade?)

Technology for accelerators, medical facilities and energy storage



Cryo-cooled HTS coils with technology developed at BNL

Original BNL 1.55 T Dipoles with Copper Coils (~3 MW) Cu coils replaced by cryocooled HTS coils by HTS-110

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HTS and Cryo-coolers (made for each other)

Temperature (K)

Evening: Switch ON; Morning: Fully COLD





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Power (Watts)

-Referance Performance @ 50 and 60Hz



High power beam (~400 kW) hits the target to create intense rare isotope beams

- Magnets are exposed to very high <u>radiation</u> and <u>heat</u> loads (~15 kW in the first)
- ➢ HTS magnets remove this heat more efficiently at 30-50 K than LTS at ~4 K

HTS magnets have a large temperature margin, can tolerate a large local increase in temperature and allow a robust cryogenic operation in presence of large heat loads



Performance of a Large Number of HTS Coils with LN₂

13 Coils made with earlier tape (HTS ~220 meters)

12 Coils made with newer tape (HTS ~180 meters)

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Note: Uniformity in performance of a large number of HTS coils. Shows that HTS technology is now maturing !

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Summary of Test Results (operation over a large temperature range)



Benefits of HTS over conventional LTS demonstrated:

- Large change in temperature causes only a small change in critical current
- To obtain significantly higher performance, just lower the operating temperature

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Energy Deposition and Cryogenics Experiments





Stainless steel tape heaters for energy deposition experiments

Copper sheets between HTS coils with copper rods and copper washers for conduction cooling

- In conduction cooling mode, helium flows through top and bottom plates only.
- In direct cooling mode, helium goes in all places between the top and bottom plates and comes in direct contact with coils.
- Energy deposition in magnet worked well in both cases.

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Magnet operated in a stable fashion with large heat loads (25 W, 5kW/m³) at the design temperature (~30 K) at 140 A (design current is 125 A).





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Coils Assembled in Quadrupole Support Structure



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Coils in FRIB Quad Structure @77 K (made with 2G HTS from SuperPower and ASC)



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Two ambitious programs:

- **20-22 T HTS solenoid for cooling in muon colliders**
- □ 24-30 T HTS solenoid for magnetic energy storage

Both would be the highest field HTS magnets ever built!

Both programs are being carried out in partnership with industry

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Very High Field Solenoid

- Ambitious SBIR route to evaluate magnet technology for ~35 T
- Significant demonstrations so far:
 - > Highest field (>15 T) HTS magnet ever built
 - > Large use (1.2 km) of HTS in a high field magnet



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High Field HTS Solenoids for Muon Accelerator Program



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Demo of Highest Field HTS Magnet





Field on axis: → over 15 T Field on coil: → over 16 T

Real demo of 2G HTS to create high field

Highest field in an all HTS solenoid (previous best SP/NHMFL ~10.4 T)

Overall current density J_o in coil: >500 A/mm² at 16 T

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Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage (SMES)

High field, large aperture, HTS solenoid is a highly ambitious goal:

arpa-e specifically asked for "high risk high reward" proposals!

> 37 were selected out of ~3,700 proposals submitted !!!

this one was the third largest in this announcement with 5.25M\$ Participants: ABB, USA (Lead), SuperPower (Schenectady and Houston), and BNL (Material Science and Magnet Division)





Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage (with High Field HTS)

Two options examined for HTS:

1. High Temperature (>55 K) Option:

Saves on cryogenics (Field ~2.5 T)

2. High Field (>20 T) Option:

Saves on Conductor (Temp. ~4 K)

Our analysis of HTS option:

Conductor cost dominates the cryogenic cost by an order of magnitude (both in demo device and in large application



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Our proposal:

- > Aggressive design to reduce the amount of conductor needed
- > Ultra high fields (24 30 T): Energy α B² ; B α conductor amount
- For HTS, ultra high field reduces the system size and <u>cost</u>



Shielding with HTS Tape

- We did experiments with HTS tape providing shielding
- It worked well
- This route can also be explored for HTS bearing



- HTS magnets with cryogenic system
- Possibility of exploring wide 2G tape in addition to HTS bulk material for "HTS Bearing"
- Engineering support for complex systems