

ARIES CS

Magnet definition

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Costing

- Issue that I was investigating:
 - Cost of complexity
- No one at MIT had a handle on this issue
 - Stellarator magnets not previously costed
- Weldenstein did not respond (Bosch)
 - But even if they had responded, it would have been not relevant, as they have tried to address design issues during construction
- Will try to get information from the Japanese group in early December

Conventional design

- Nb_3Sn , as in the baseline case
- Cost ~ 1 \$/KA m
- Wind and react

- MgB_2 could also be used, and may be cheaper
- Both materials are sensitive to strain

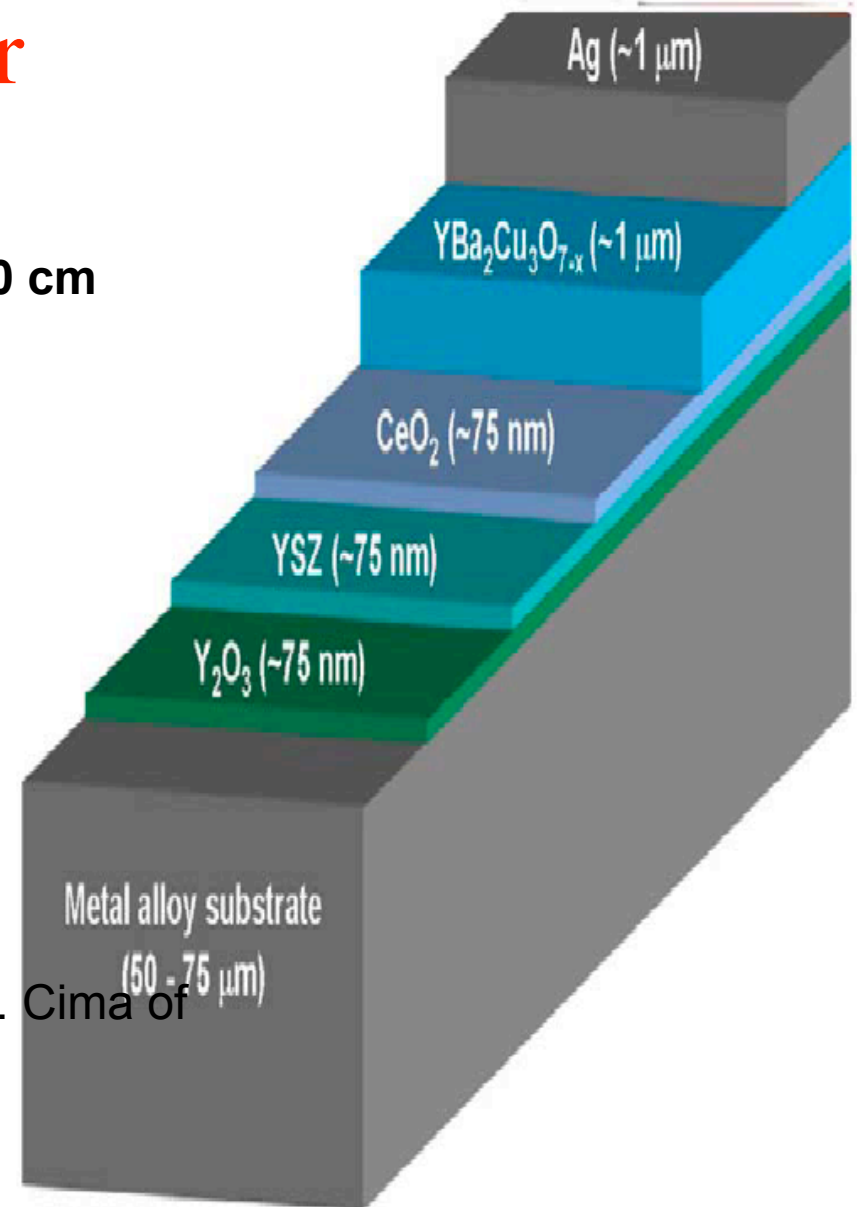
However...

- First generation HTS wires were BSCO 2223 based, difficult to grow, within a silver matrix
 - Costly (probably not less than about 10 \$/kA m, even at high capacity)
 - For comparison,
 - NbTi today $\sim < \$1$ /kA m
 - Nb₃Sn $\sim \$5$ -10/kA m today, DoE goal $\sim \$1$ /kA m

AMSC 344 conductor

- **Width Evolution:** 1 cm -> 4 cm -> 10 cm
- **Substrate: Ni-5%W alloy**
 - Deformation texturing-
- **Buffer stack: Y2O3/YSZ/CeO2**
 - High rate reactive sputtering
- **YBCO**
 - Metal Organic Deposition of TFA•
 - *ex-situ* process
- **Ag**
 - DC sputtering

Developed in collaboration with MIT Prof. M. Cima of
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344 tape

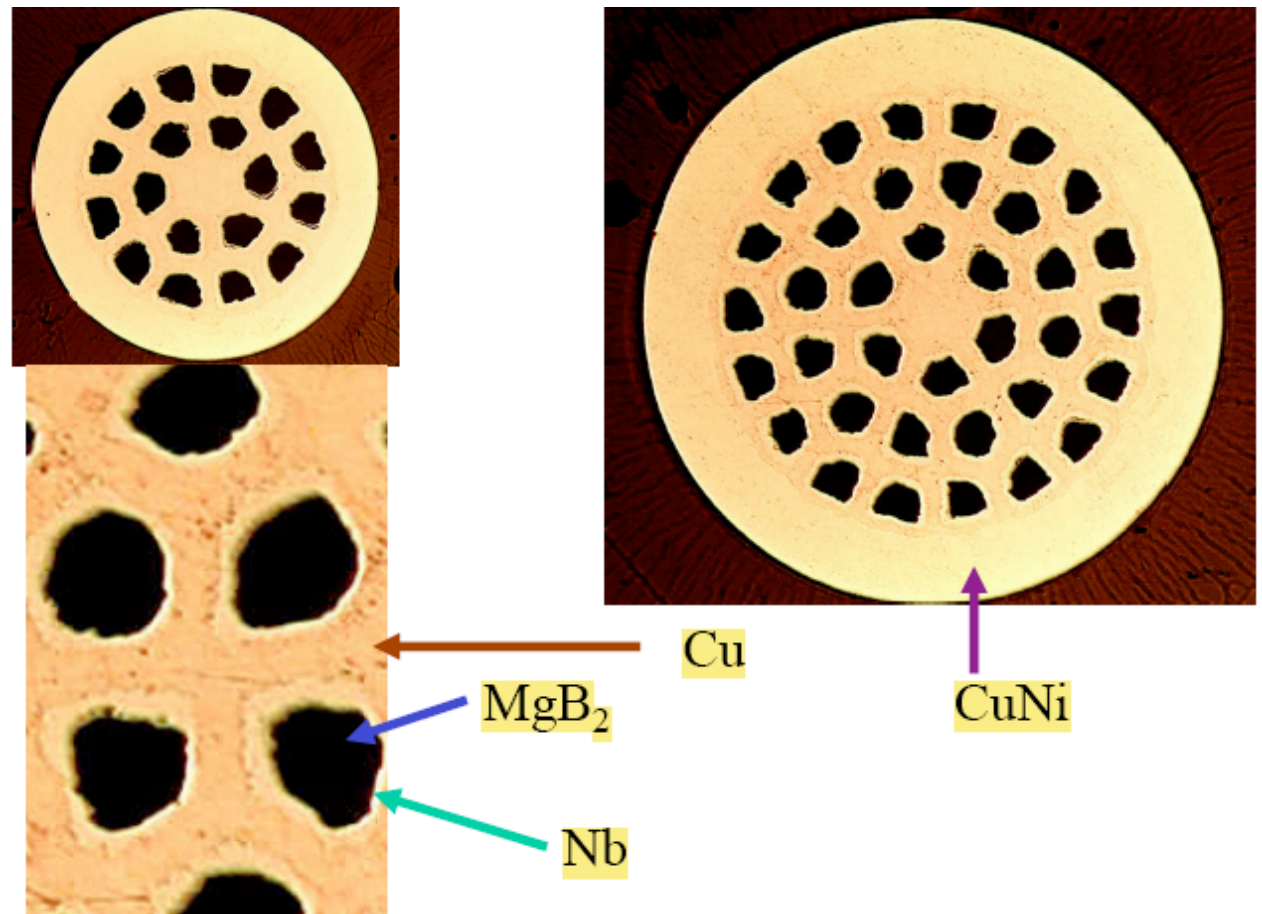
- Highly strain resistant
- 1% strain tolerant, compared with 0.2% for other low temperature conductors
 - Cheaper materials that do not have to match the coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) for the superconductor
 - I.e., conventional steels, instead of Incoloy 908
 - Thus higher stresses in the superconductor material than in the structure
 - Note: 1% of a structure that is 10m is about 10 cm!
 - Deformations need to be included in the design
- Simplified the design of the coil, as material is determined more from strain than from stresses
- Substantial savings in structural materials



Quench protection

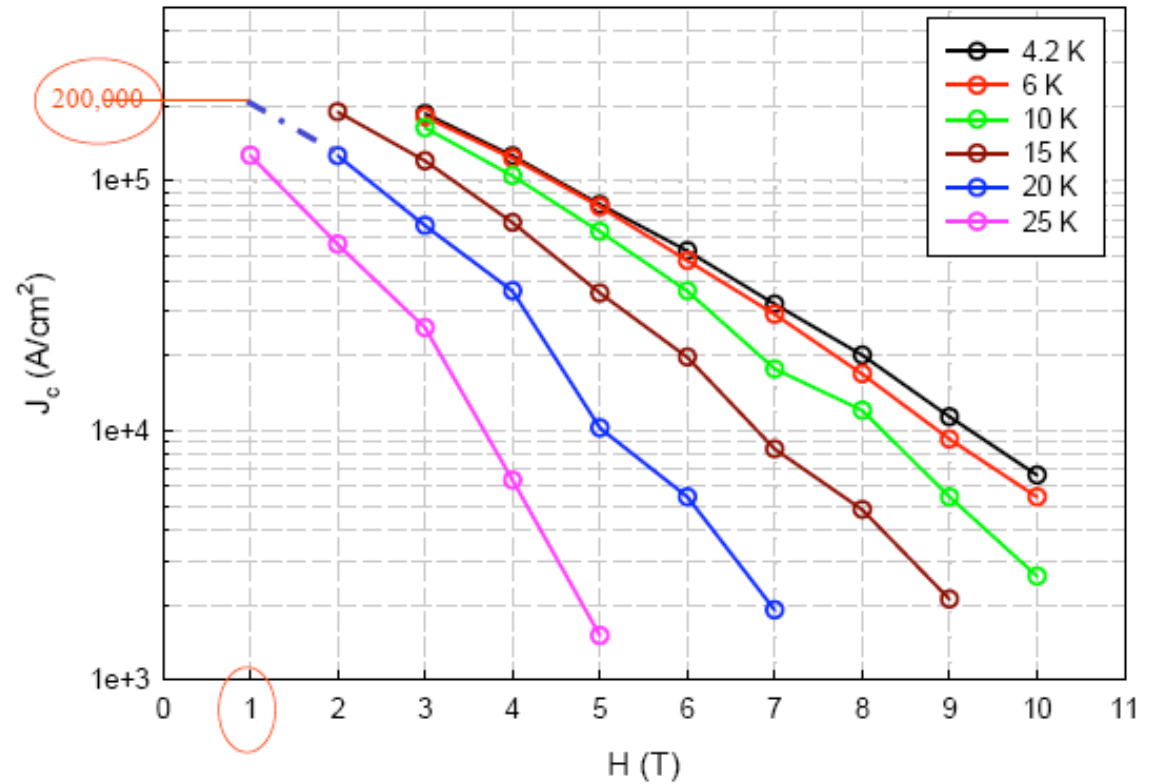
- For Nb₃Sn (conventional design)
 - Quench protection by using large number of parallel coil circuits
 - High current operation
 - Discharge time $\sim E_{\text{magnet}} / N_{\text{coil circuits}} I V_{\text{max}}$
 - Requires large number of dump systems, feedthroughs
- For ARIES-AT, we proposed the possibility of stabilization by paralleling coils
 - Concept not considered, used instead assumptions that quench will not occur because of design of conductor and large energy margins.

Hyper tech MgB₂



MgB2 restacked 19 filaments conductor

Typical results of a multifilament



DoE SBIR

- MgB_2
 - Possibility of collaborating with Hyper Tech in development of a test for fusion
 - Can we consider one of the highly deformed winding, scaled down?
- 2nd generation wires
 - Using multiple tapes for winding small coil
 - Use ARIES-CS type of quench protection for low/intermediate temperature operation
 - Considered for ARIES-AT but not included in final design.