

Alternative Approach to ReBCO HTS Magnet Operation and Protection:

- Influence of Turn-to-turn Equivalent Resistivity and Coil Size on Fast-discharge and Ramping of Metallic Insulation HTS Coils

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MagLab Claims Record with ReBCO Superconducting Magnet



HTS (12 T) + LTS(15 T)

This ReBCO test coil helped the MagLab set a new world record for superconducting magnets: 27 Tesla.

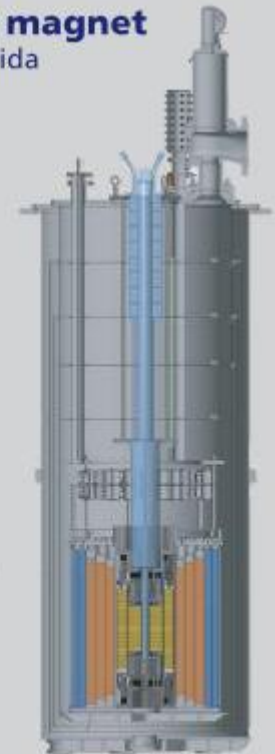
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High field outsert magnet
at National MagLab, Florida



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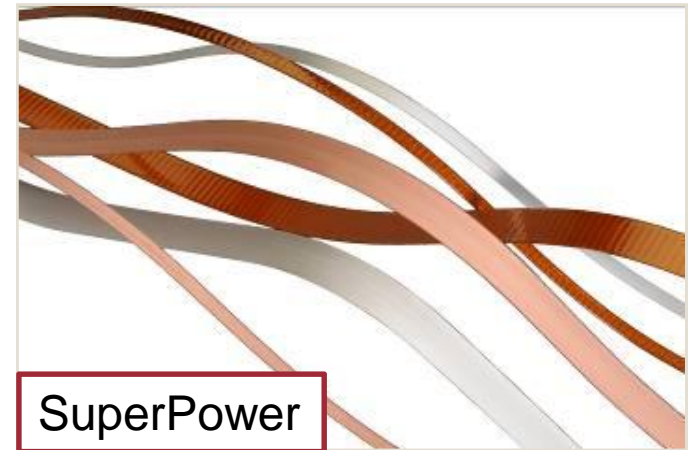


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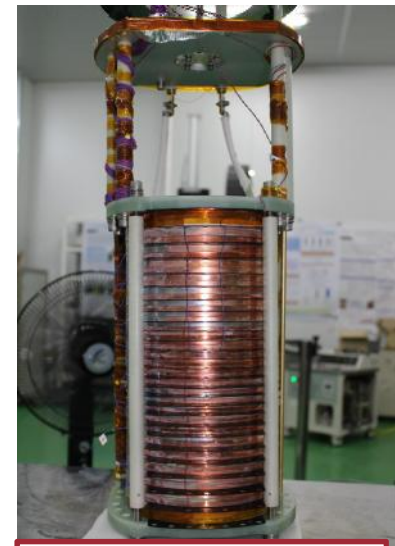
- Introduction
 - Traditional Insulation
 - Metallic insulation (Stainless steel or Cu insulation)
- Development of small-scale Stainless steel insulated HTS coil
 - Coil design, winding, testing
 - Fast-discharge experimental results and analysis
 - Equivalent resistivity calculation
- Prediction of ramping behaviors of large-scale HTS coils
 - Dependence of ramping rate, coil size, equivalent turn-to-turn resistivity...
- Two applications
 - Multiple small-diameter coils for NMR applications
 - Large coils for accelerator and induction heater applications

ReBCO Conductor (2G) HTS Coil

- Rare Earth-based, **second-Generation High-Temperature Superconductor wire**
 - Robust wire characteristics due to Hastelloy substrate
 - Wide temperature range ($4\text{K} < T < 65\text{K}$)
- **HTS Coils**
 - React & Wind
 - Flexibility in coil winding
 - Suitable for a wide variety of applications: energy, industrial, science & research, military & defense, transportation



MAGLAB, 27 T



SuNAM, 26.4 T

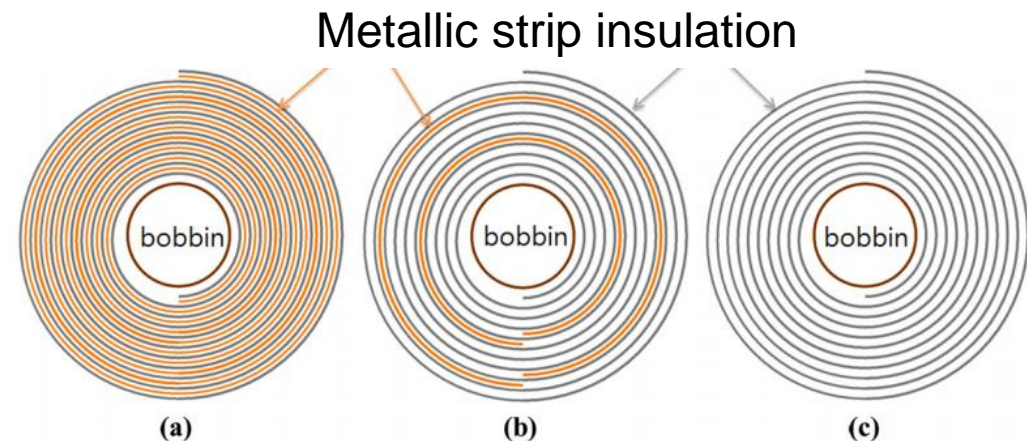
Challenges in HTS Magnet Protection and Operation

- Voltage across normal zone is too small to detect (Earlier quench stage)
- Normal zone propagation in HTS too slow (Quench)
- Most available test data based on short sample, small coil
 - Large # of stacked HTS coil for NMR (10 – 20 coils), few test data available
 - Large-scale HTS coil for accelerator dipole or induction heater, no test data available
- Traditional detect-quench-protection approach does not seem to work for the HTS magnet → Alternative approaches
 - Novel winding
 - Better understanding
 - Systematic modeling and simulation
 - Prototyping and extensive tests
 - Great care

Metallic-Insulation HTS Coil and Its Winding

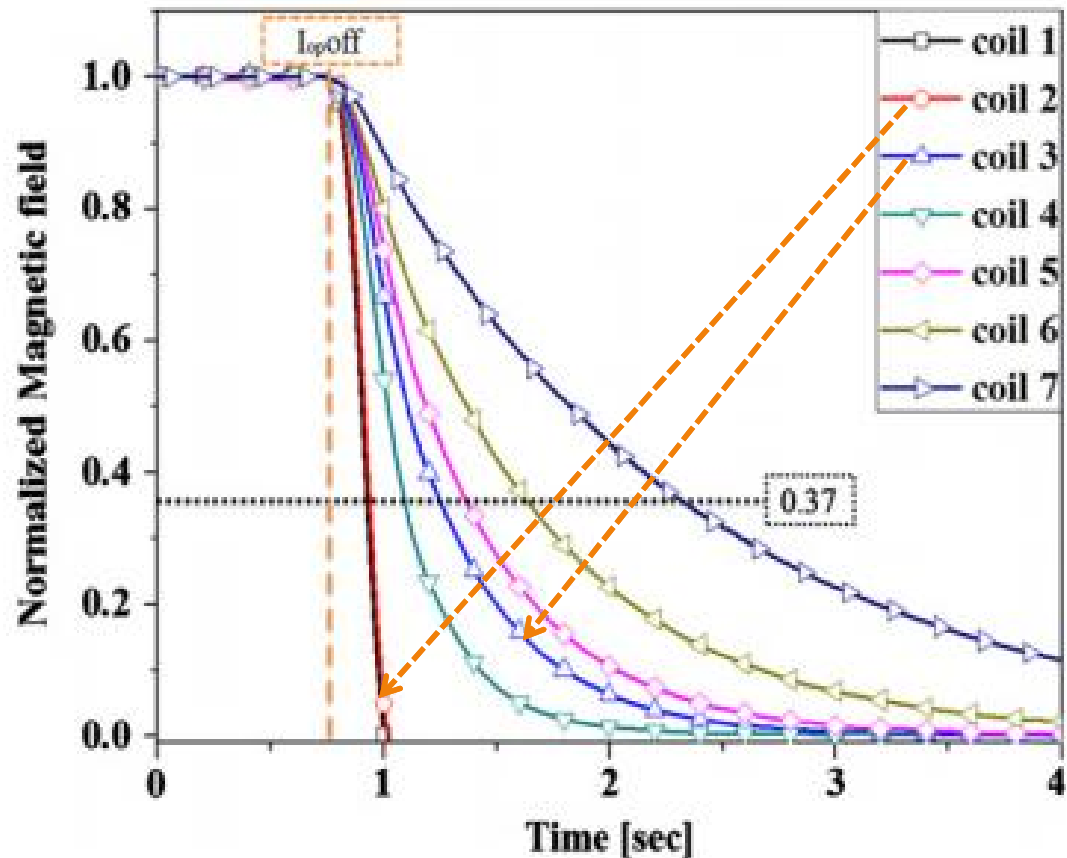
- Traditional insulation used in LTS superconductor wires, Kapton, Fovar
 - Recently proposed ZnO dope polyimide insulation
 - HTS normal zone propagates still slow (\sim cm/second)
 - High risks for large-scale magnets
- Metallic strip insulation
 - No turn-to-turn insulation, conductors are wound directly
 - » Cu/Cu contact, (even soldered Cu)
 - » Soldered Cu/Cu contact
 - Co-wound with metal strips
 - » Cu strips, similar to the No-insulation contact, but two contact layers
 - » Stainless steel strips, high resistivity

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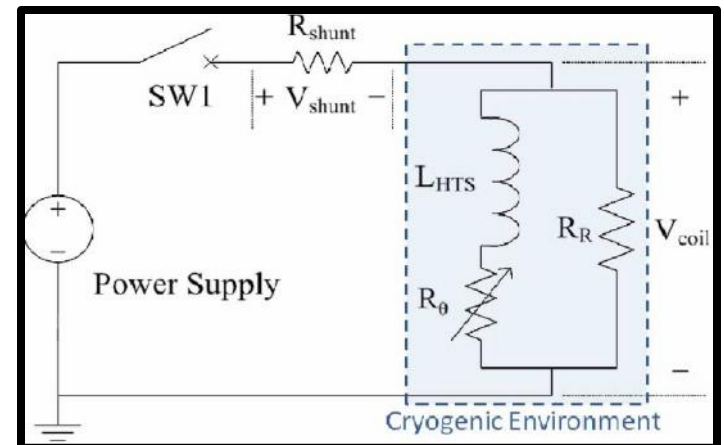
Fast-discharge Behaviors of HTS Coil Stainless Steel Insulation Coils Needs More Detailed Studies

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Co-wound material

Kapton,	every turn
SS,	every turn
Cu,	every turn
Kapton,	every 4 turns
SS,	every 4 turns
Cu,	every 4 turns
Kapton insulation	

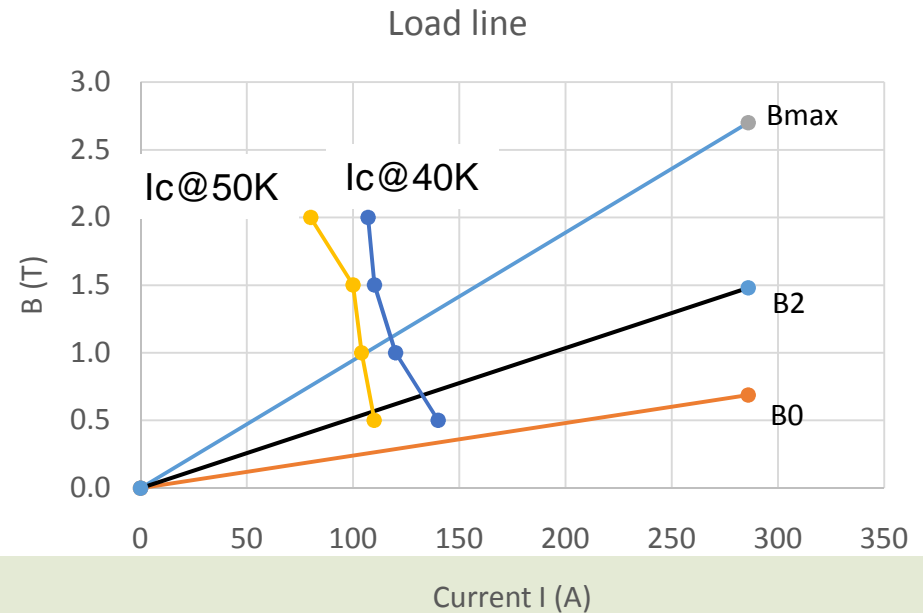
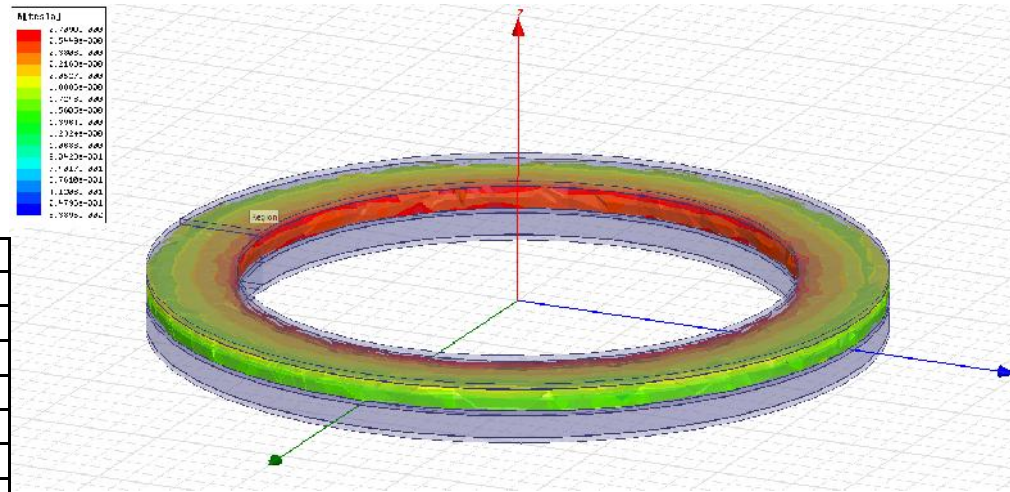


Kapton Insulation = SS Insulation? (NO)

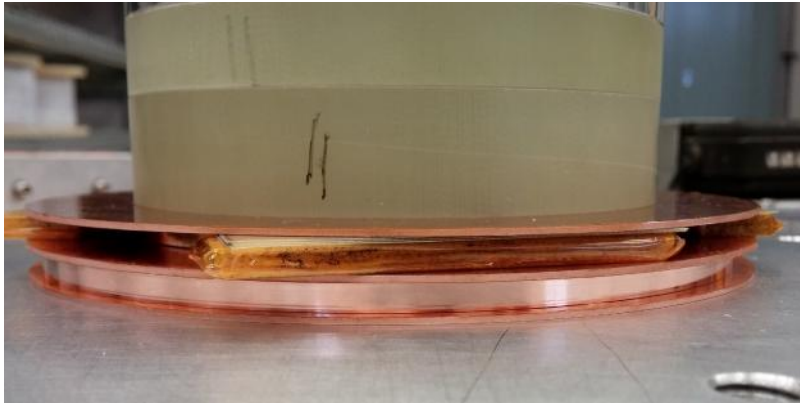
Stainless Steel Insulated HTS Coil - Coil Design

Double Pancake Coil (DPC) Co-wound with SS strips

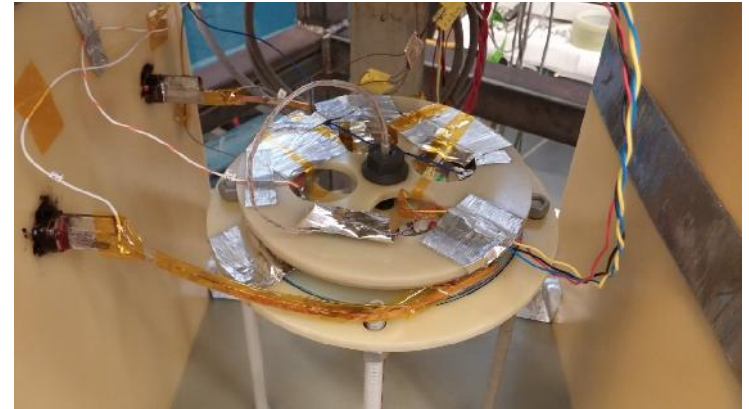
a1 (ID/2)	50.8	mm
a2 (OD/2)	67.31	mm
Conductor		
Thickness	0.1	mm
Width	4	mm
SS		
Thickness	0.025	mm
Width	4.2	mm
Cell (conductor + SS)		
Thickness	0.125	mm
Width	4.2	mm
Cross section	0.525	mm ²
Coil		
ID	101.6	mm
OD	134.62	mm
Coil volume	25729.6	mm ³
Total conductor length		
	49008.7	mm
	49.00	m
Total turns	132.08	



Stainless Steel Insulated HTS Coil - Coil Winding and Testing



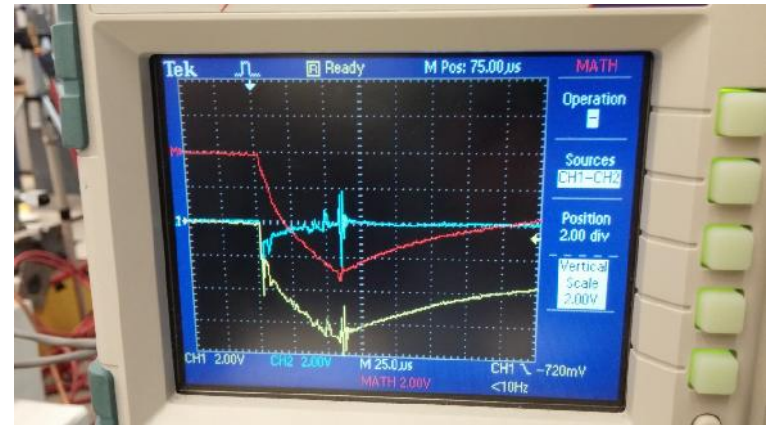
HTS Coil Winding



HTS Coil Instrumentation



Splice Fabrication



Fast-discharge Tests
(No dump resistor)

Stainless-Steel Insulated Coil VS Cu Insulation Coil

Table 1. Specifications of the test ReBCO tapes

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Parameters	Tape1	Tape 2	Tape 3
Thickness	0.1 mm	0.3 mm	0.25 mm
width	4.0 mm	4.75 mm	4.2 mm
Lamination	<i>Electroplated Cu</i>	Copper/Solder	Brass/Solder
Co-wound strip	SS	No	No
Substrate	Hastelloy	Hastelloy	Hastelloy
I_c @ 77K, tape	140 A	220 A	170 A

Table 2. Specifications of the test NI coils

Parameters	Coil 3	Coil 2	Coil 1
Coil type	DP	SP	DP
Tape	Tape 1	Tape 2	Tape 3
Number of turns	130*2	27	62*2
Inner diameter	102 mm	100 mm	245 mm
Tension	~5 kg	7 kg	4 kg
Total length of wire	98 m	9.1 m	101 m
Inductance, L_{coil} , cal.	12.1 mH	150 μ H	8.11 mH
B_z per amp, cal.	2.64 mT	0.3 mT	0.59 mT
I_c , coil @77K	~120A@40K	133A@77K	97A@77K

Stainless-Steel Insulated Coil VS Cu Insulation Coil

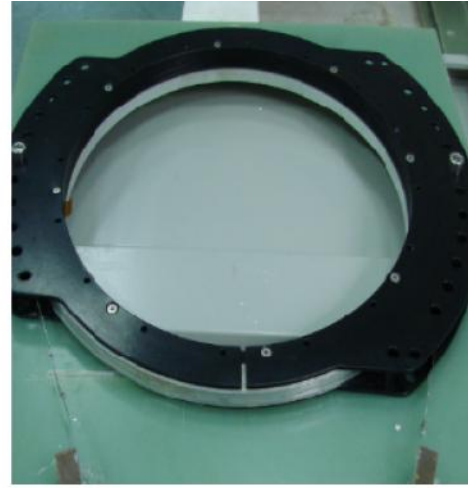
Fast-discharge $V(I)$ Curve \rightarrow Time constant \rightarrow Equivalent



Coil 1 (SS Insulated)



Coil 2 (Cu)



Coil 3 (Brass)

Equivalent Contact Resistivity

Coil 1 (SS)

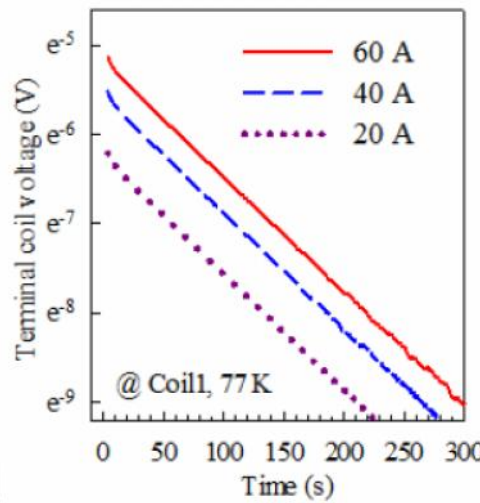
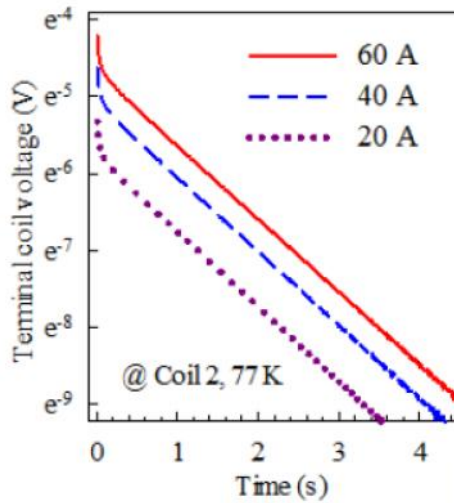
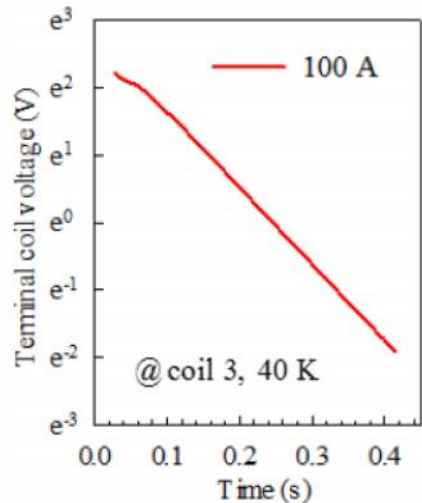
$7469 \mu\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$

Coil 2 (Cu)

$27.5 \mu\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$

Coil 3 (Brass)

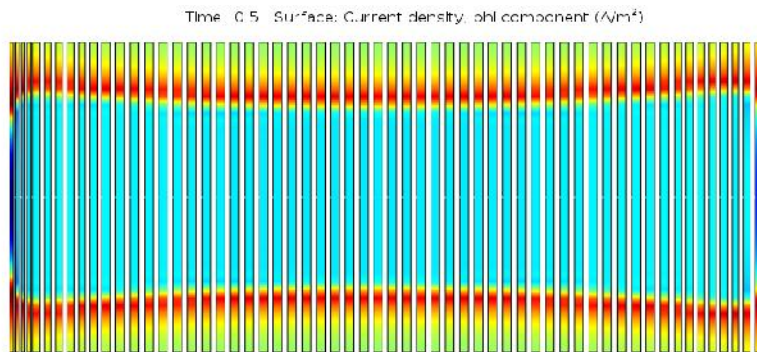
$88.0 \mu\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$



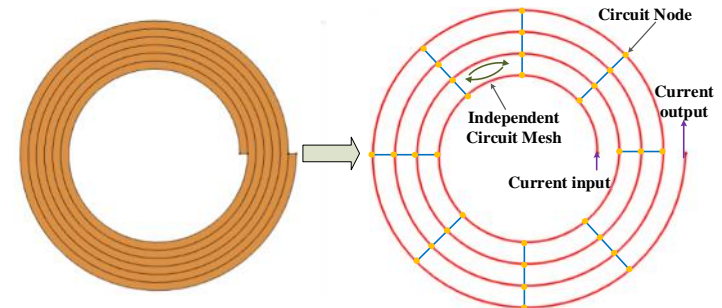
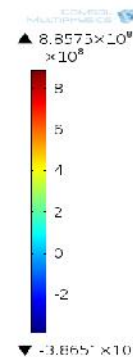
~100 times more

Ramping Behaviors of Metallic Insulation HTS Coil

- Benefits of contact resistance for fast-discharge protection becomes disadvantage during charge ramping
- To clarify one of the most critical concerns → Will the metallic insulation HTS coils have settle-off problems?
- Apply equivalent insulation resistivity from small coils → predict ramping behaviors in larger coils
- HTS coil modeling – a hybrid modeling (Critical State + Metallic Insulation)



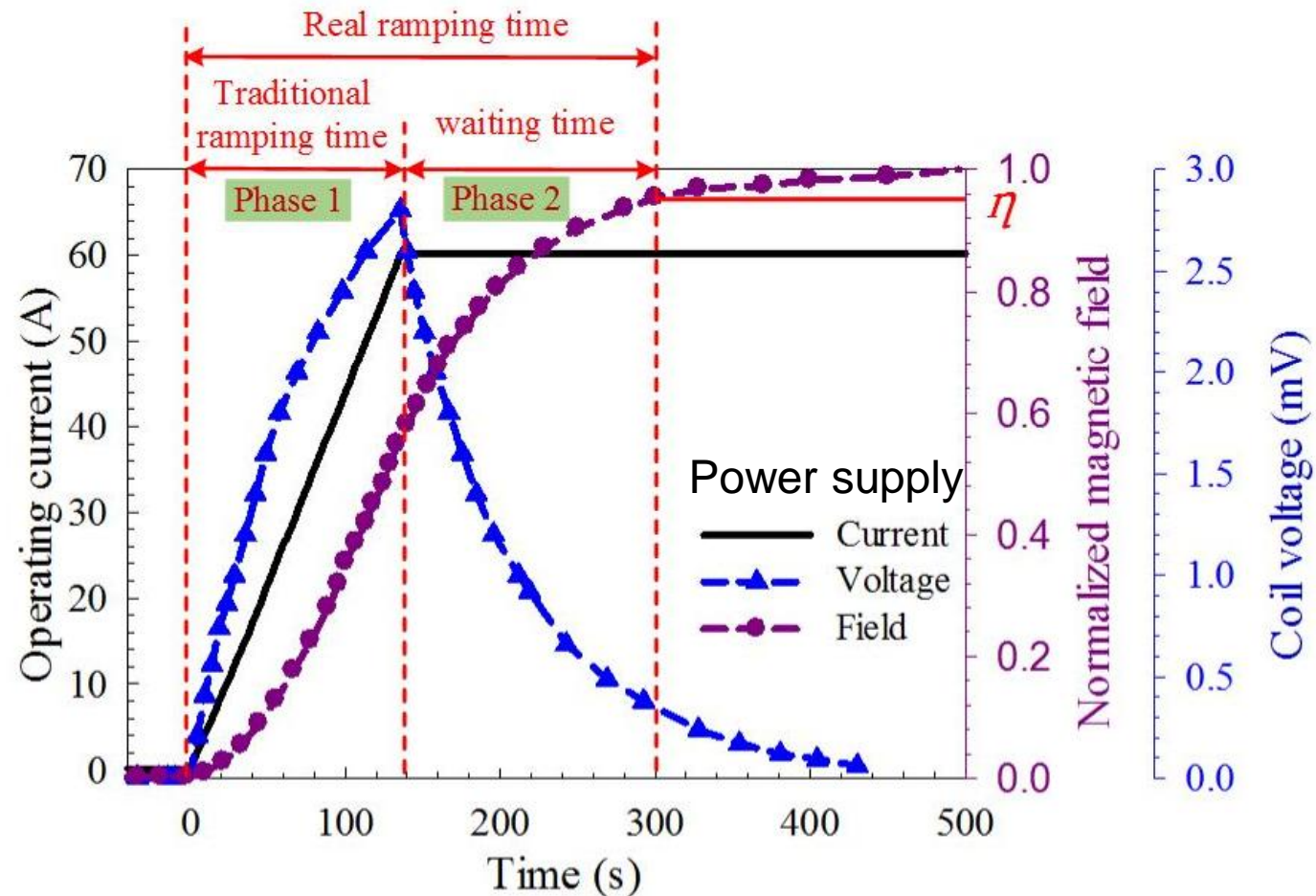
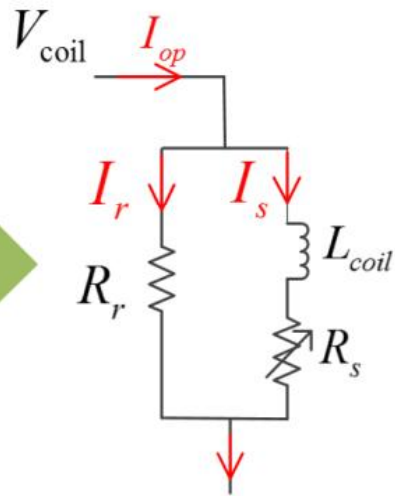
2D Critical State Current density profile



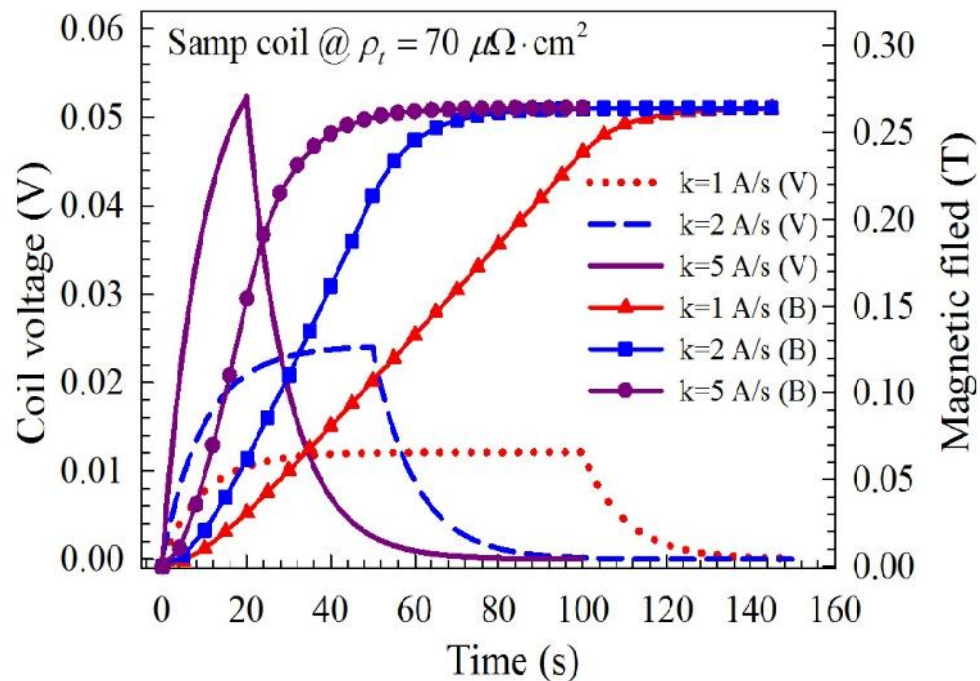
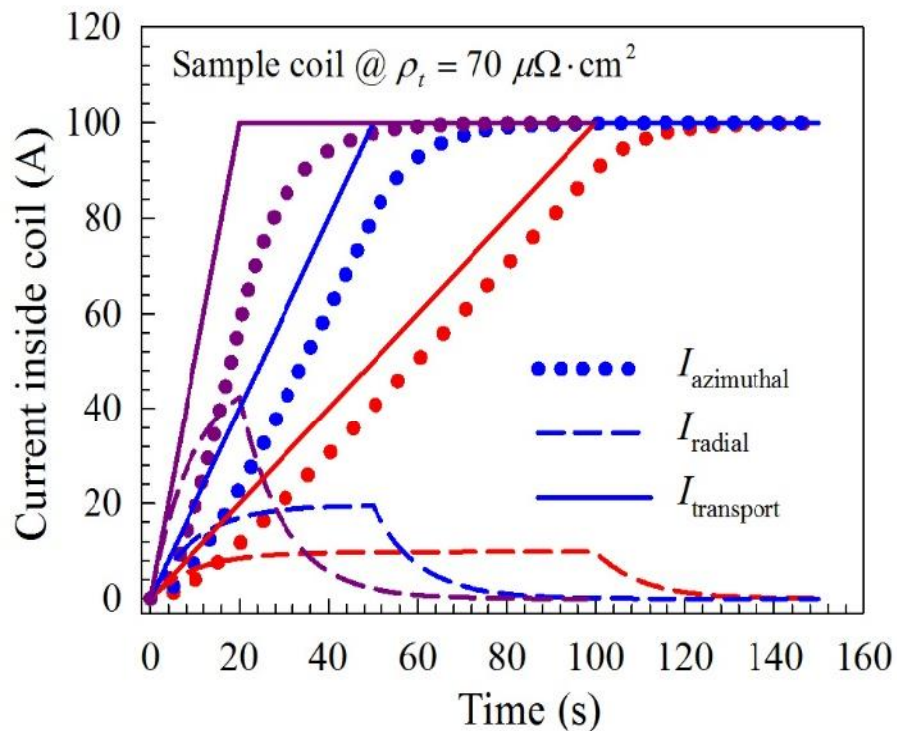
Equivalent circuit grid model

Ramping Behaviors Characterization in Metallic Insulation HTS Coils

- Magnetic field B lags coil zimuthally flowing current!



Dependence of Ramping Rate if $\rho_t = 70 \mu\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$ (Typical Cu Strip Co-Winding)



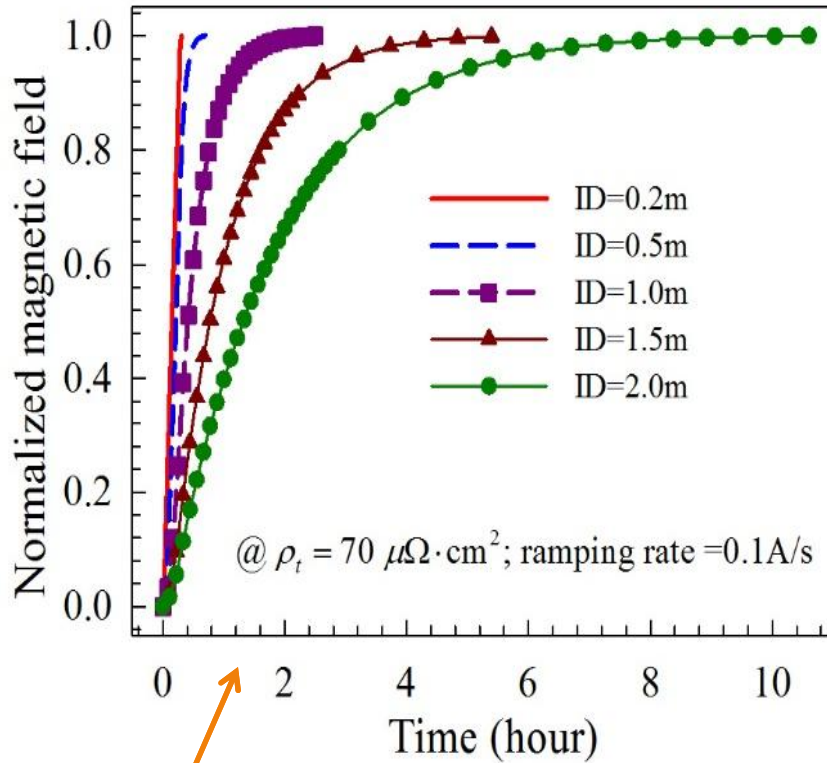
Current vs Time

$I_{\text{transport}}$: total power supply current
 $I_{\text{azimuthal}}$: current along length
 I_{radial} : current along radius

Coil Voltage vs Time

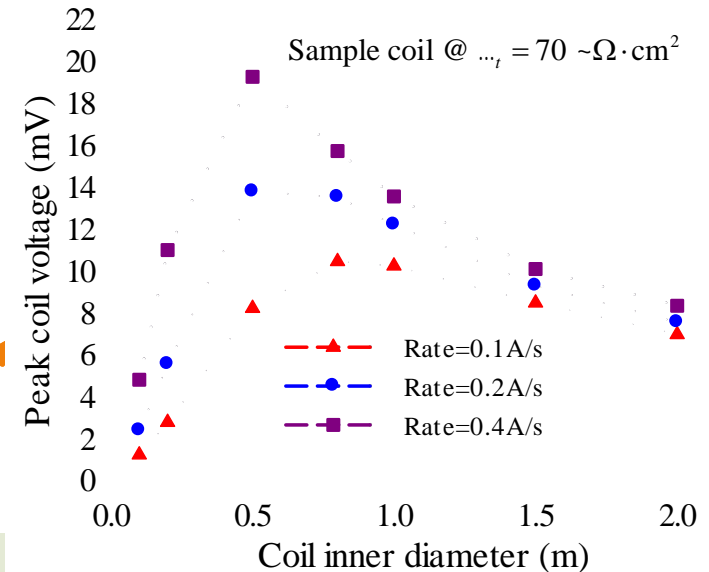
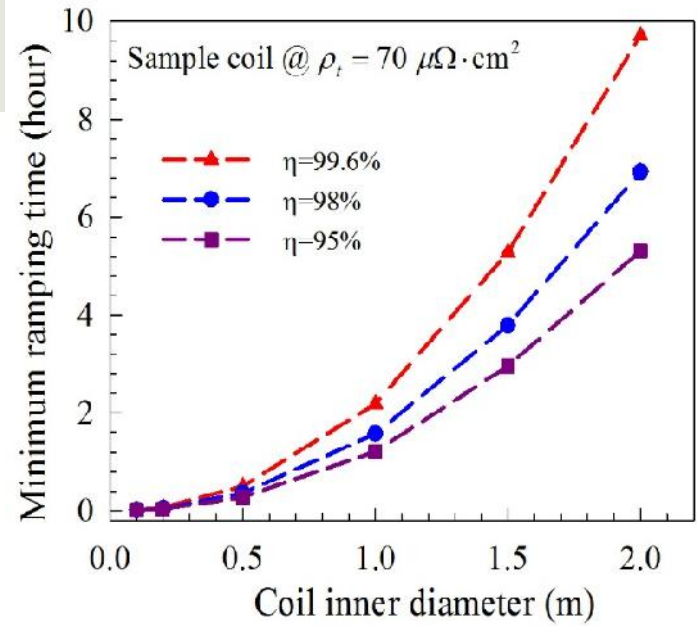
→ Field lags the current

Diameter Becomes Larger...

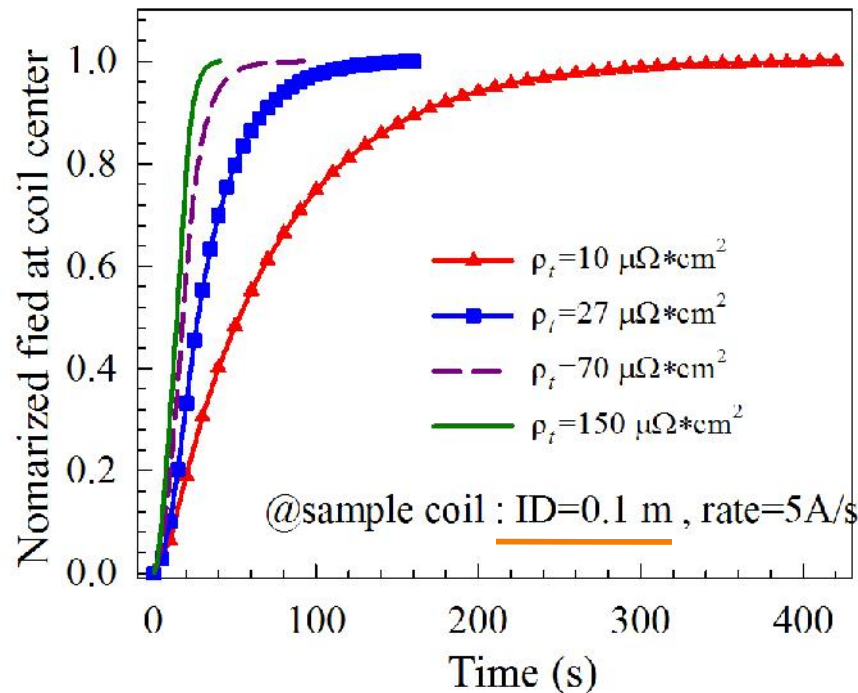


B(t) for Different Diameter Coils

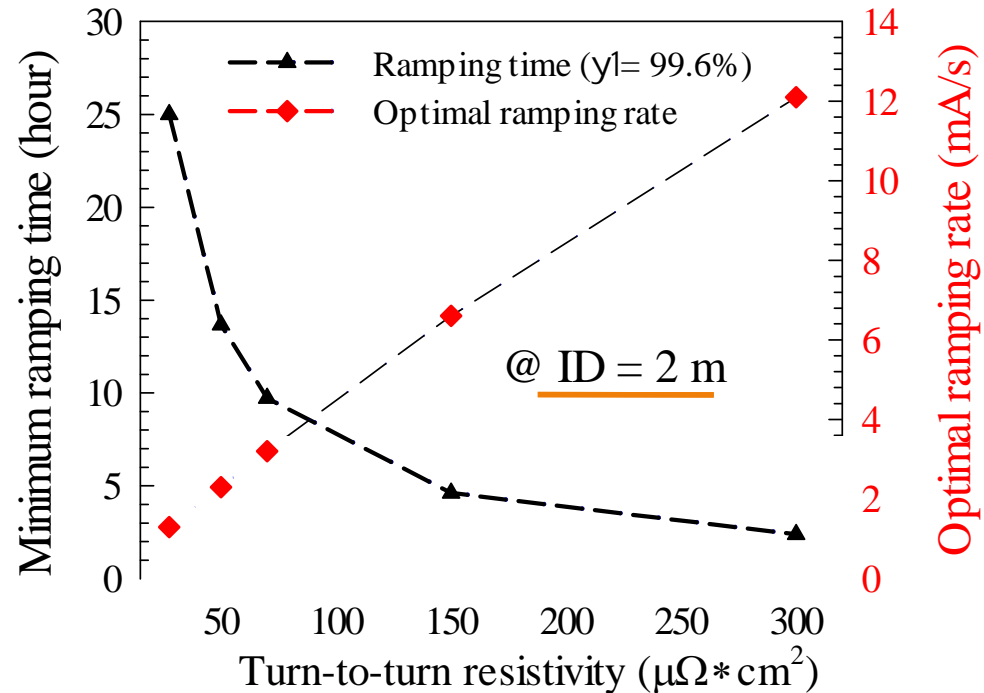
Required Ramping Time VS Coil Diameter



Influence of Turn-to-turn Resistivity



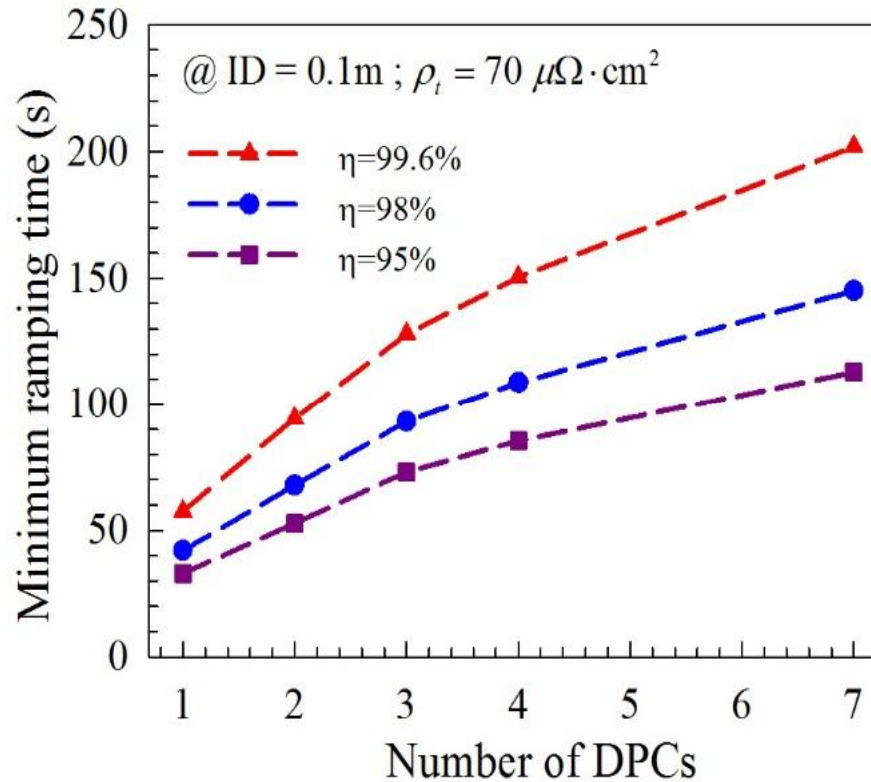
For **smaller coils** ID=0.1 m, increasing equivalent resistivity reducing ramping time, but the maximum time is ~ 400 s.
 → Cu insulation may be OK for 0.1 ID coil



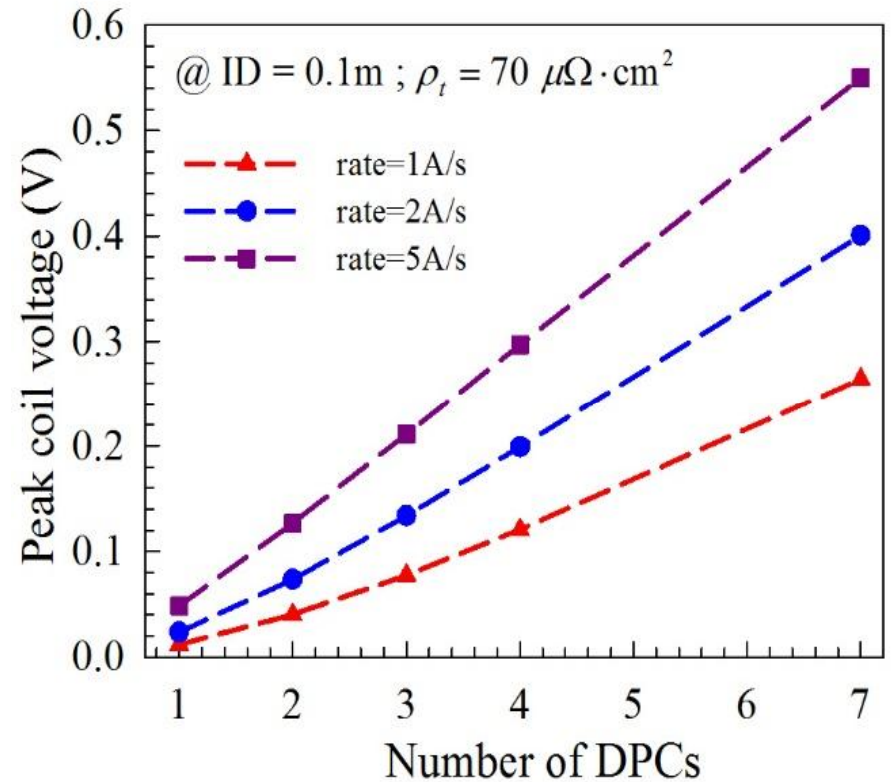
For **larger coils**, similar increment in resistivity, but ramping times decreases from 25 hours → 2 hours.
 → SS insulation becomes necessary!

Application I: Stacked **Small ID Coils** in NMR

Similar to the SS Insulated Test Coil, 295 mH

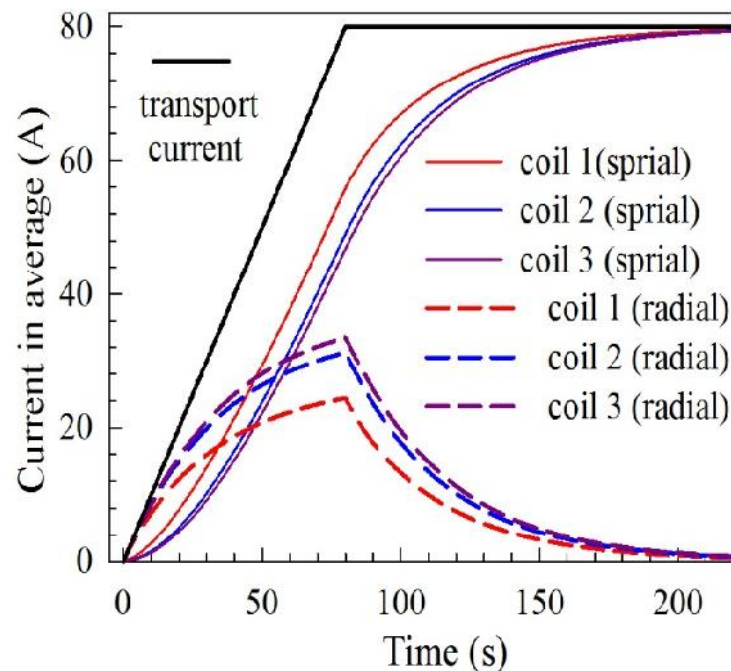
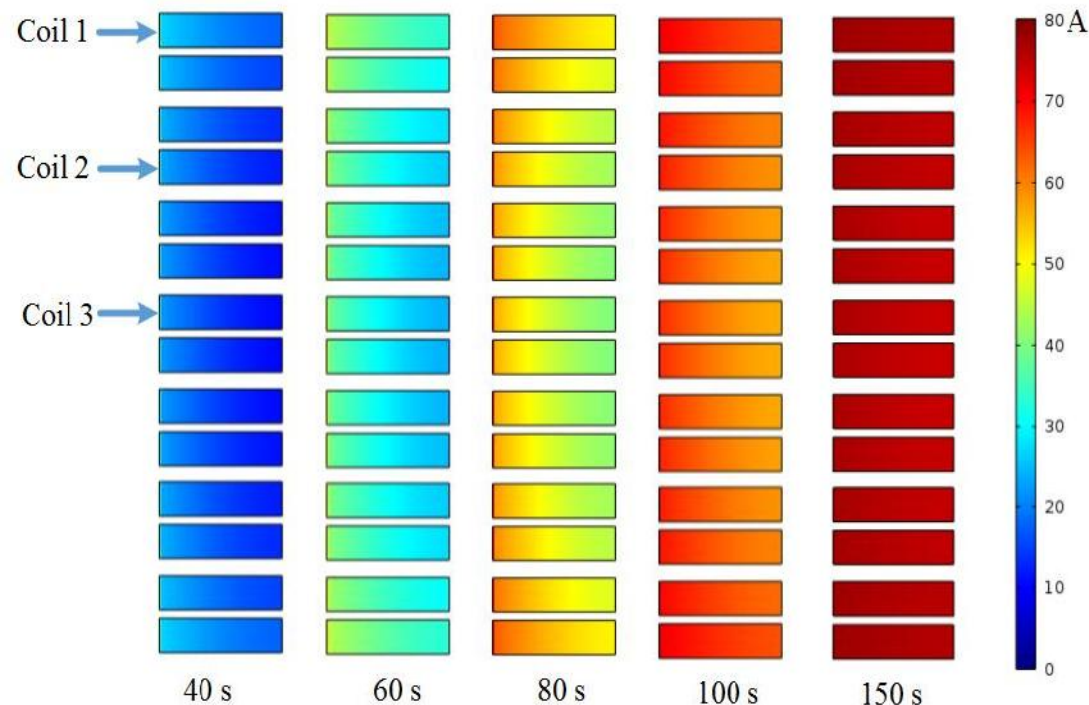


Minimum ramping time versus # of DP coils.



V_{peak} VS #of the DP coils.

NMR Applications: Stacked Small ID Coils



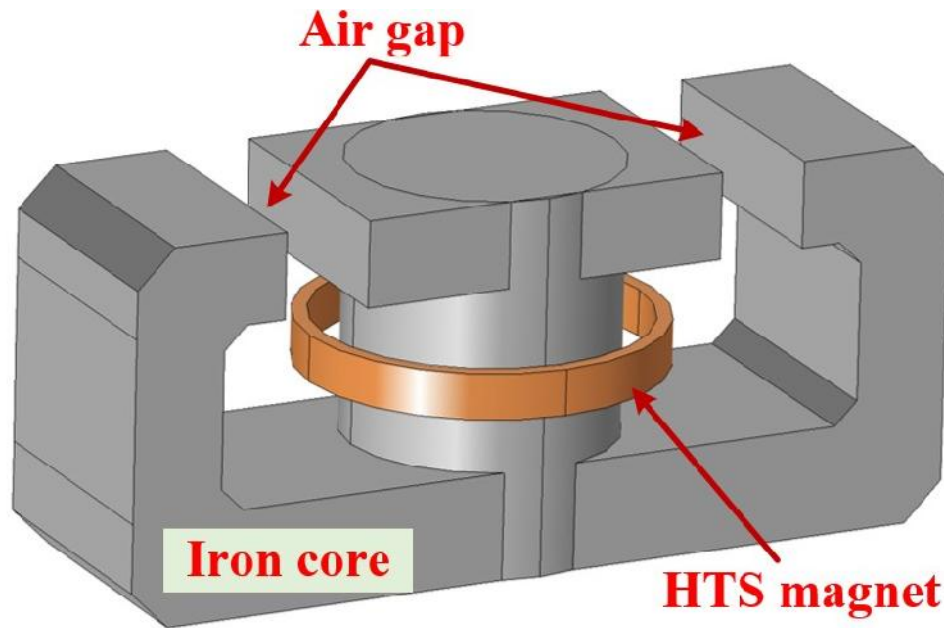
- 1) Ramping rate=1 A/s, magnet with 7 DP coils,
- 2) Time resolved distribution of tangential-component current,
- 3) Difference exists between top and middle coils

- 1) Total transport current (power supply)
- 2) Tangential current in coils 1 – 3
- 3) Radial current in coils 1 -3

Application II – HTS DC Induction Heater

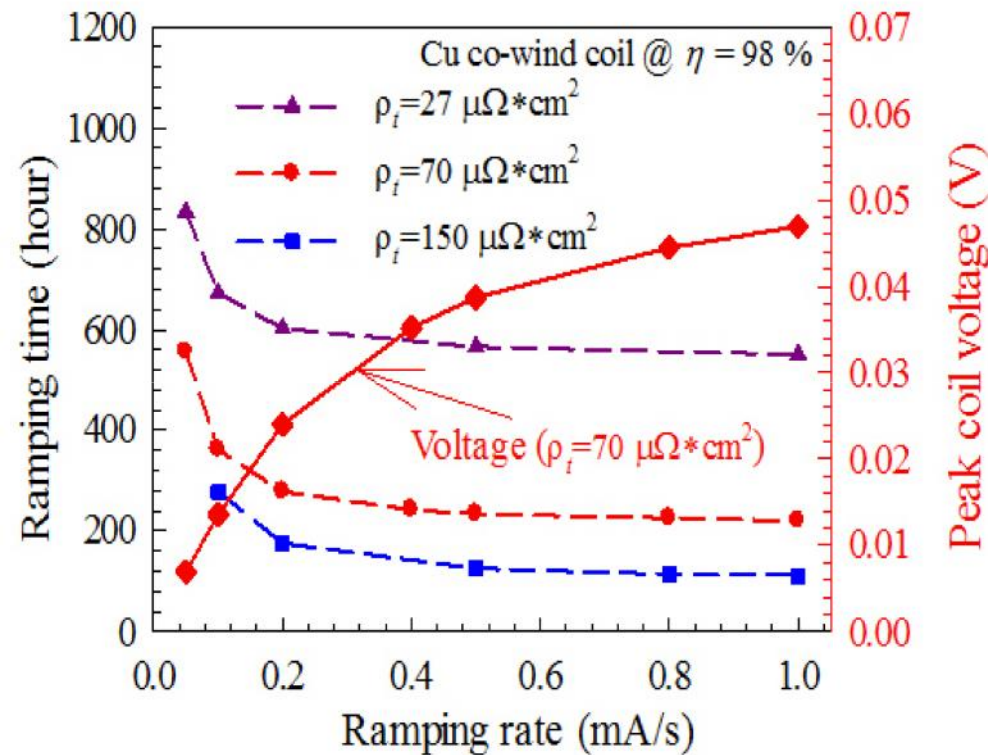
■ Magnet:

- DP coil: ID = 2 m, 130*2 turns
- Magnet: 10 DP coils
- Operation: $I_{op}=80A$, $B =0.4$ T (air gap)
- Self-inductance: 31 H (without iron), 132 H (with iron)
- Preliminary design only for this analysis use (single conductor winding)

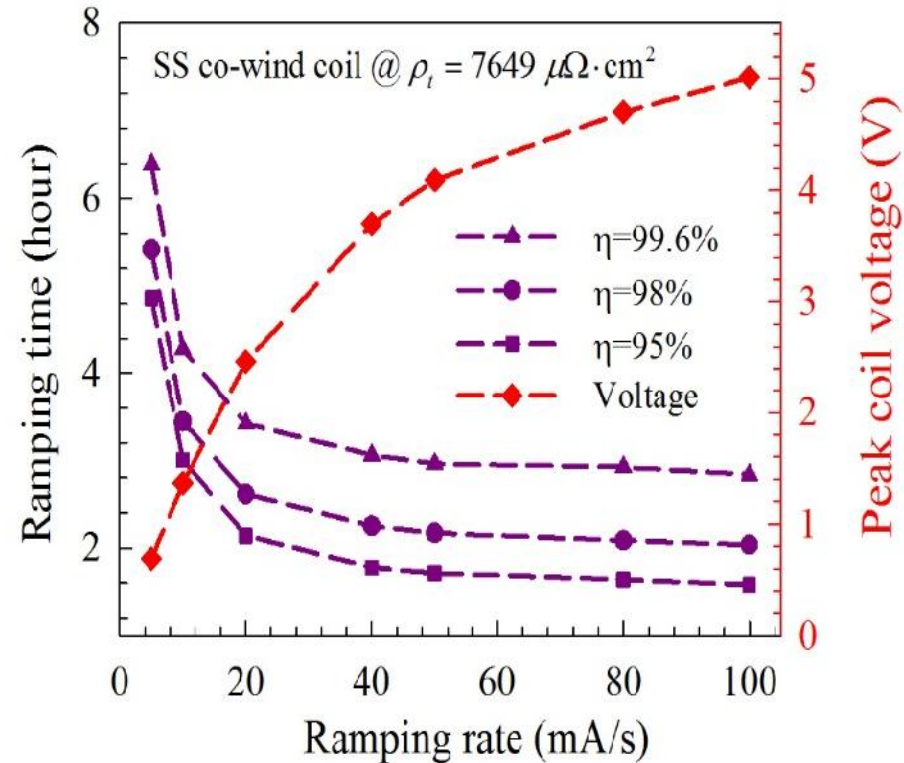


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Application B – HTS DC Induction Heater Cu VS SS Co-winding



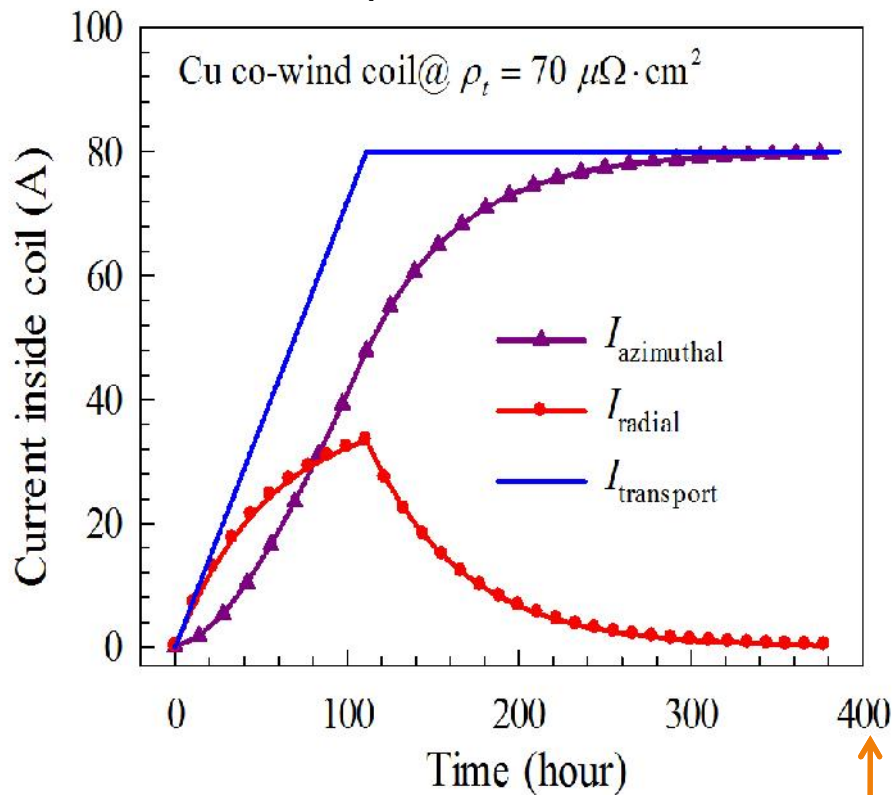
If the coils is wound with Cu strips
Rampig time will be up to 200 hours



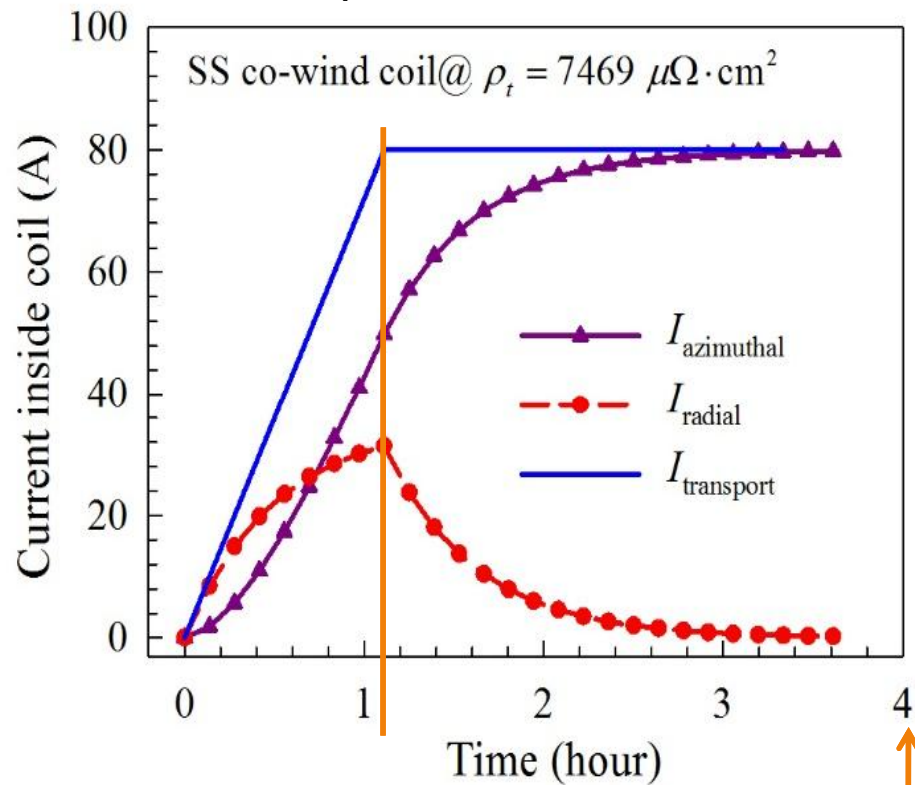
If the coils is wound with SS strips
Rampig time will be below 2 hours

Current Flow Comparison Between (Cu VS SS)

Ramp rate 0.2 mA/S



Ramp rate 0.02 A/S



Although in the same pattern, but 100 times shorter in ramping time!

Conclusions

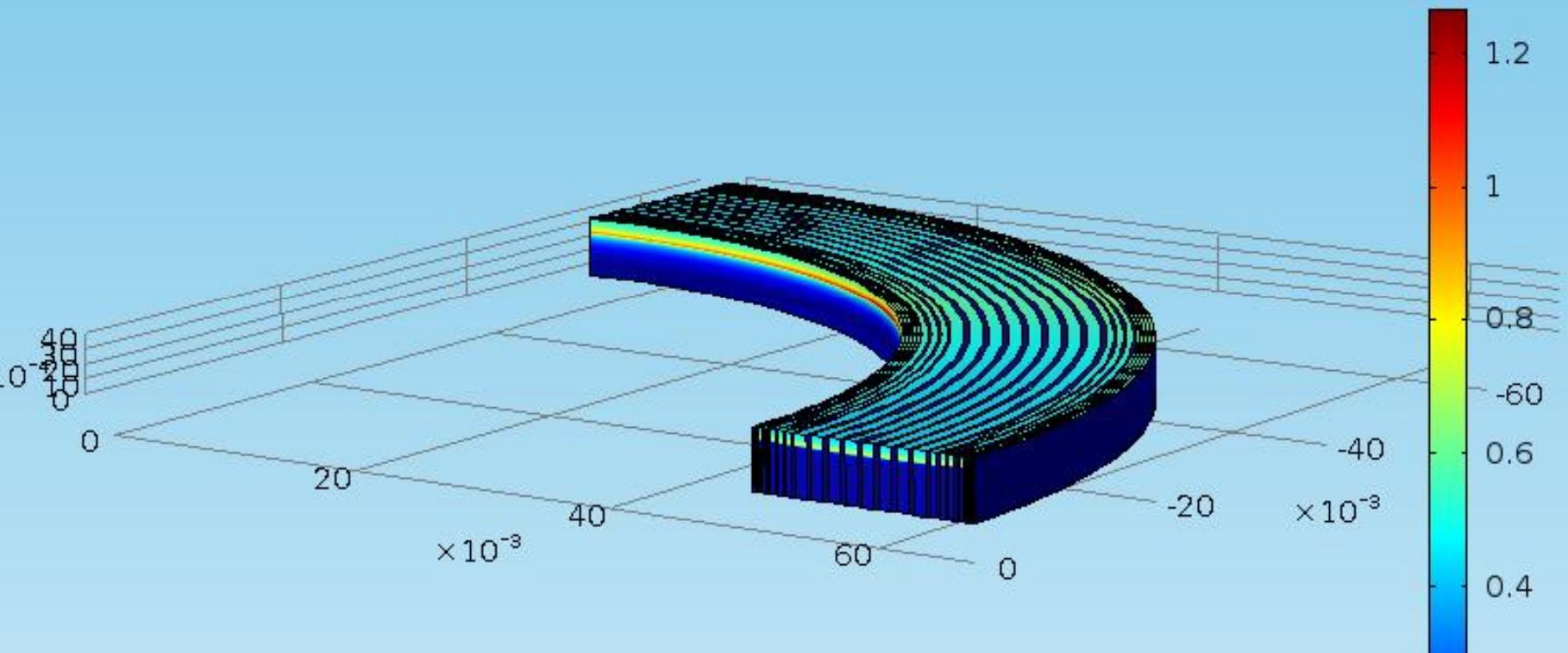
- Metallic insulation is an effective approach for HTS coil protection during quench and other unpredicted accidents
- Although metallic insulation becomes disadvantage during charge ramping
 - Cu insulation is still ok for small diameter coil application (like NMR)
 - But for large-scale applications, Cu insulation results in much more time (up to 100 hours) in ramping,
 - » Thus, SS insulation becomes necessary
- More studies further needed
 - Thermal behaviors due to radial current component → increased temperature during charge ramping
 - Thermal management during fast-discharge needs more complete modeling, other than MITT's function prediction
 - Conductors cabling to reduce the magnet inductance
- HTS magnet technology needs more R&D as it positively progresses towards broader applications – particularly high energy physics.

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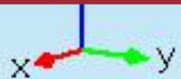
Time=0.01599 Volume: (A/m²)

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▲ 1.2638 × 10⁹
× 10⁹



Three Dimensional Critical –State Current Density in a 1/8 model of a HTS Coil - On-going Effort



▼ 139.74

Appendix

Definition of Minimum Ramping Time

