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Workshop Introduction

Historically, cable-in-conduit conductors (CICCs) were developed as a solution to the difficult problems facing designers of large superconducting magnets for fusion, among whom their acceptance is now essentially universal. The concept simultaneously offers attractive options for fabrication simplicity, inherently low losses in transient fields, predictably high stability margin, positive removal of background heating, distributed structure for intercepting electromagnetic loads at their source, and last but not least, simplified helium containment. Recently, the CICC concept is finding application in areas other than fusion as variations on the theme have been proposed for such projects as the Engineering Test Model for Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage (SMES-ETM), the superconducting solenoid for GEM, a large detector magnet for SSC, and for the superconducting outsert magnet of the 45-T Hybrid Magnet System being installed at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (NHMFL).

The fact that CICCs are being proposed for such divergent applications points to the versatility and potential offered by the concept. It is true, however, that many of these applications never survive the development and design phases (such is the case with GEM and with the 20 MWh SMES-ETM). Such programs encounter their fate despite significant successes in their CICC development and test programs. CICC technology has matured significantly in the last 20 years, yet the perception is still that CICCs are an emerging concept. This erroneous perception may stem from the absence of a completed large magnet system based on CICCs, a consequence more of funding woes than of technical issues. As a contribution towards removing this misconception, a one-day workshop focusing on the experience testing CICCs was organized and held in conjunction with the MT-13 Conference, in Victoria, B.C.. Some of the world's most recognized experts on CICC technology participated in the workshop. The material presented at the workshop is included in this volume, along with selected papers based on the work discussed. The volume covers a large fraction of the test experience with CICCs, yet a lot more remains to be reviewed in areas such as analysis, design, and fabrication.

This workshop was the second in a series started last May at NHMFL, when a similar, yet smaller meeting was held to discuss advances in computer simulation of quench in CICC magnets. The NHMFL has both a general interest (by virtue of its mission to support advanced magnet development) and a special interest (by virtue of its goal to produce in 1995 a successful 45-T hybrid facility) in supporting these workshops. Likewise, Bechtel is interested in advancing CICC technology both with the specific case of SMES in mind (the Bechtel Team's SMES design is based on the CICC concept), and in general, to disseminate knowledge in the industrial base. Many of the large-scale magnets to come on-

line in the near future (not only a SMES demonstration, but also TPX and ITER) will be built by industry, and the wealth of experience residing in the national laboratories and universities needs to be transferred to the private sector for such projects to succeed.

It is hoped that this and future workshops will serve as vehicles for a strong interaction among workers in the field of CICC technology. One of the objectives is the acceleration of the already impressive progress through timely information exchange and by eliminating duplication of efforts in institutions around the world.

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Workshop Agenda

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| 8:00AM | C.A. Luongo (Bechtel) | Welcome/Opening Remarks |
| 8:05AM | J.R. Miller (NHMFL) | Overview of Past CICC Tests |
| 8:30AM | J. Minervini (MIT) | CICC Experience at MIT |
| 8:55AM | P. Sanger (Westinghouse) | Summary of Tests for the Westinghouse LCP Conductor and Joints |
| 9:30AM | J.W. Lue (ORNL) | Experience with CIC Magnets at ORNL |
| 9:55AM | | Break |
| 10:05AM | S. Shen (LLNL) | High-Field Tests of ITER Prototype CICC |
| 10:30AM | T. Mito (NIFS) | Development of Forced-Flow Cooled Super- conducting Poloidal Coils for Large Helical Device |
| 10:55AM | S.D. Peck (General Dynamics) | Lessons Learned from Testing the SMES CICC - Adventures at 200 kA and Above |
| 11:20AM | J.R. Miller (NHMFL) | Quench Initiation and Propagation Study for the SMES CICC |

Workshop Agenda (Continued)

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| 11:45AM | | Lunch |
| 1:00PM | J.L. Duchateau (CEA) | Presentation of CEA Activity on CIC Development for Fusion |
| 1:25PM | R. Heller (KfK) | Status of the Conductor Development for the Stellarator Wendelstein 7-X |
| 1:50PM | T. Ando (JAERI) | Test Results on CICC's and Coils Fabricated as part of the Development of Fusion Magnets at JAERI |
| 2:15PM | C. Schmidt (KfK) | Stability of CIC Conductors in Rapidly Changing Magnetic Fields: Experiments and Model Calculations |
| 2:40PM | A. Bonito-Oliva (Ansaldo/NHMFL) | Development Experience at Ansaldo in CIC Conductors |
| 3:05PM | | Break/Adjourn |
| 3:15PM | All speakers | Planning for preparation of review paper and assignment of tasks. |

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