



Modeling quench propagation in a protection heater covered YBCO coil

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Outline

- Purpose of protection heaters and important parameters
- Simulation tool
- Analyzed cases
- Simulated heater delays and quench propagation velocities
- Ideas for future heater concepts and conclusion

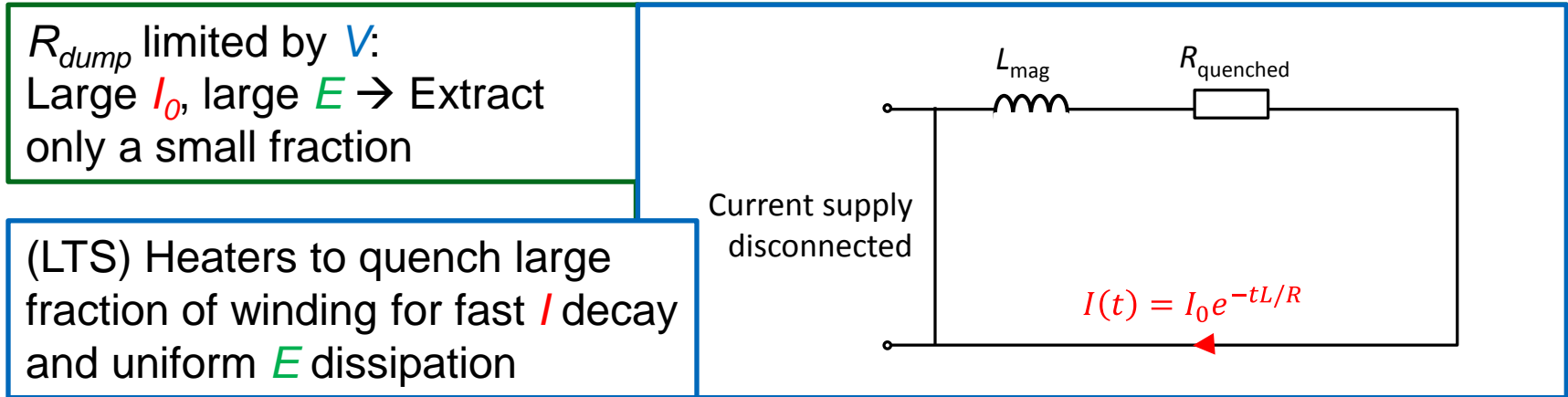


IMPORTANT HEATER PARAMETERS

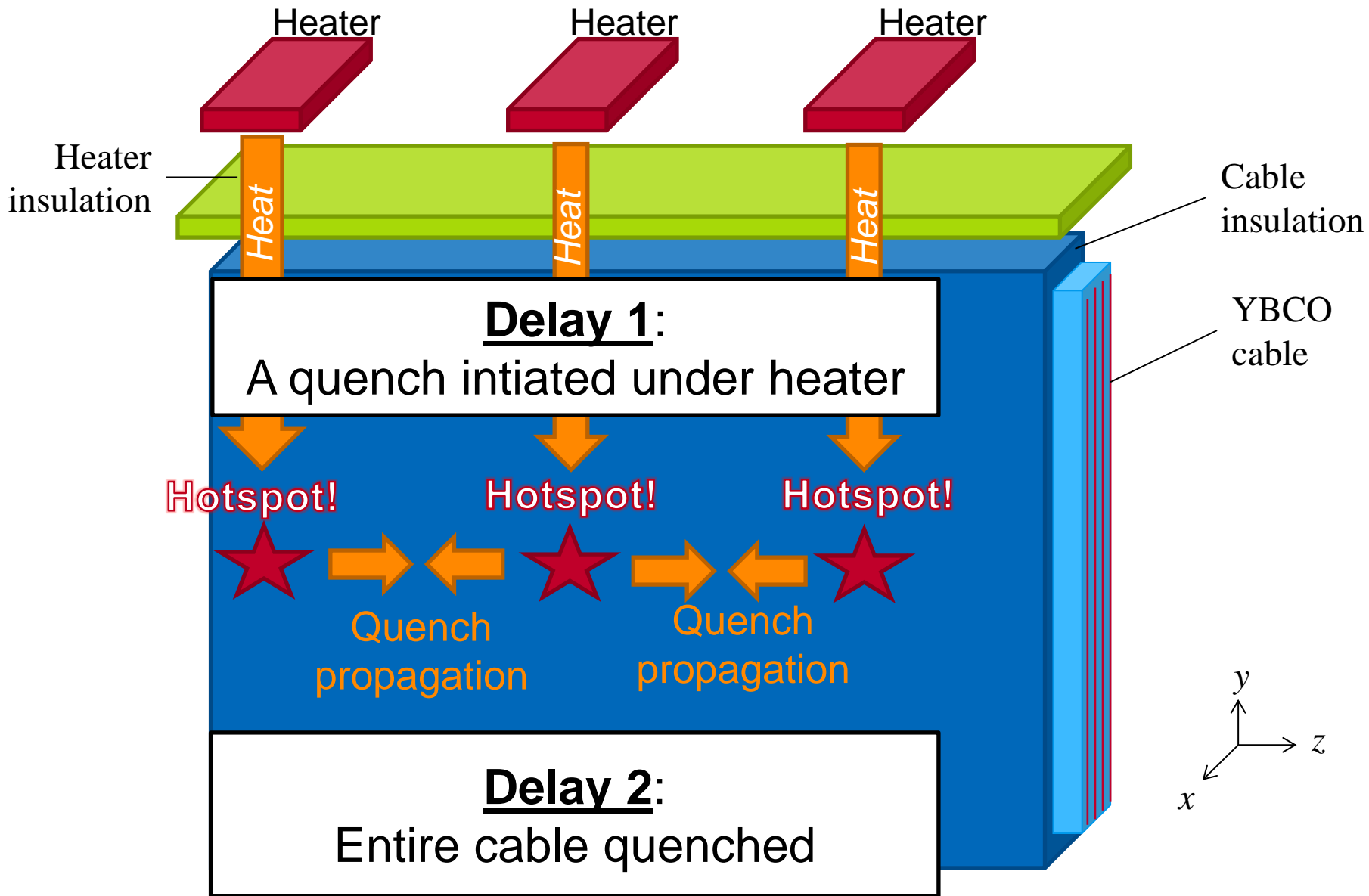


Quench protection heaters

- After quench detection the magnetic energy ($E = I^2 L_{\text{mag}}/2$) must be safely discharged
 - Option 1: Extraction via external dump resistor
 - Option 2: Internal dissipation via Joule heating in resistive coil segments



- Important parameters: Delay time to induce a quench, and the amount of quenched winding



SIMULATION MODEL



CoHDA: Code for Heater Delay Analysis

- Computes **heat diffusion from heater to a cable** in 2-D (neglect transv.)

Heat balance eq. to be solved:

$$\gamma c_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(k \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + f_{gen}(t, T)$$

Heat generation in heater:

$$f_{gen,ss}(t, T) = \rho_{ss}(T) J_{ss}^2(t)$$

- **Quench when $I_c == I_{op} \rightarrow$ Delay 1**
 - Account for current redistribution
- **Heat generation due to current in Cu**
 - Current sharing model with critical surface

T. Salmi et al., Trans. IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond. 24(4), 2014

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Heat generation
in cable:

$$f_{gen,cable}(t, T) = \frac{I_{mag} V_{\Delta x}}{A_{cable} \Delta x} = \frac{I_{mag} I_{Cu}(t) \rho_{Cu}(T) f_{Cu}}{A_{Cu}^2}$$

- **Quench propagation between heating stations \rightarrow Delay 2**

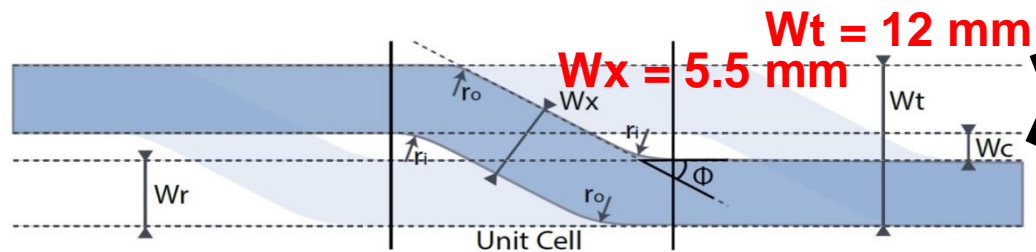


ANALYZED CASES



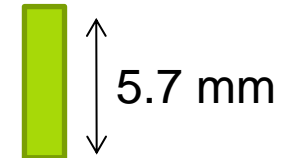
Analyzed cables based on EuCard-2 FM0

15-tape Roebel cable modeled as stacked tape cable



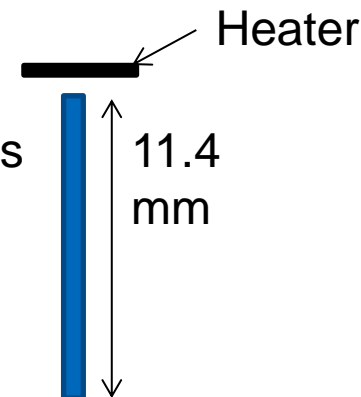
Cable 1

15 Tapes



Cable 2

7.5 Tapes



Conserving A_{cable} and material fractions

$$A_{\text{cable,ins}} = 12.2 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$A_{\text{YBCO}} = 0.171 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$f_{\text{Cu}} = 0.315$$

$$f_{\text{Hastelloy}} = 0.385$$

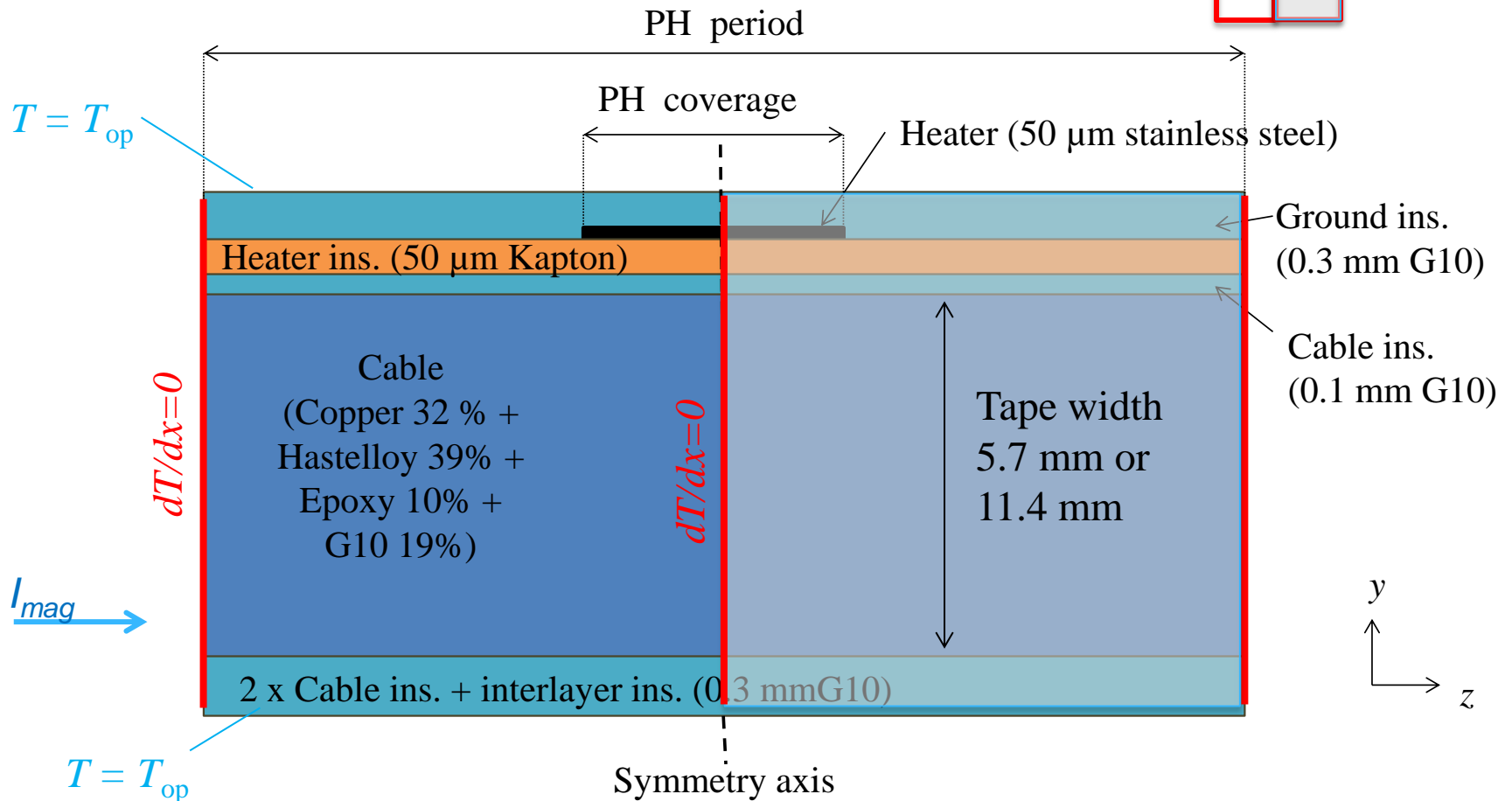
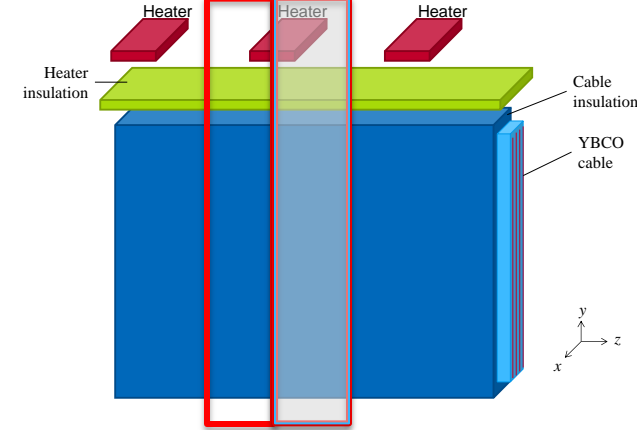
$$f_{\text{Voids (epoxy)}} = 0.1$$

$$f_{\text{Cable ins.}} = 0.2$$

G. Kirby and M. Durante, EuCARD2 Milestone report, MS64, 2014

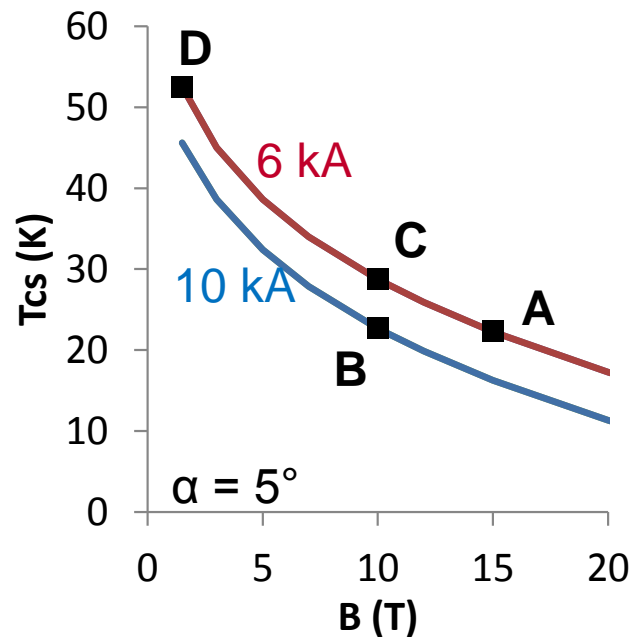


Simulation domain



Analyzed operation points

CASE	Top (K)	Imag (kA)	B (T)	B angle (α) to ab-plane ($^\circ$)	Tcs (K)
A	4.5	6	15	5	22.3
B	4.5	10	10	5	22.7
C	4.5	6	10	5	28.8
D	35	6	1.5	5	52.5



$J_c(B, T, \alpha)$: J. Fleiter (see talk by Glyn yesterday)



Analyzed heater

- State-of-the-art in LTS, typical values:
 - **25 μm** thick stainless steel
 - 50 μm Kapton
 - 50 W/cm^2 (**20 W/mm^3**) (min.)
 - τ_{RC} 50 ms (capacitor powered)
- Result presented at ASC-2014: In HTS heater like this does not have enough energy to quench for $T_{\text{CS}} > \sim 20 \text{ K}$
- Here is analyzed heater with 4 x more E
 - **50 μm** thick stainless steel
 - 50 μm Kapton
 - **200 W/cm^2 (40 W/mm^3)**
 - τ_{RC} 50 ms

H. Felice et al., IEEE TAS 19(3), 2009
T. Salmi et al., IEEE TAS 24(3), 2014

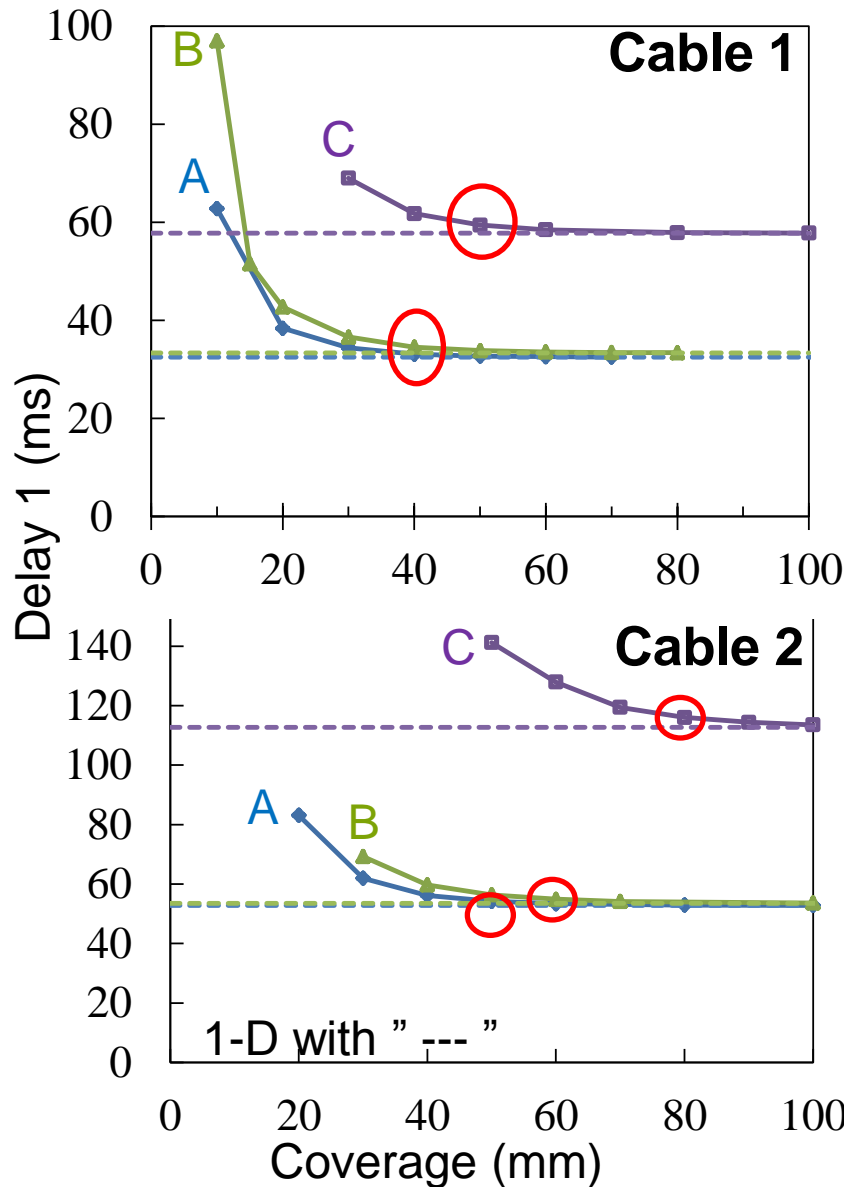
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SIMULATION RESULTS



Delay 1 vs. heater coverage

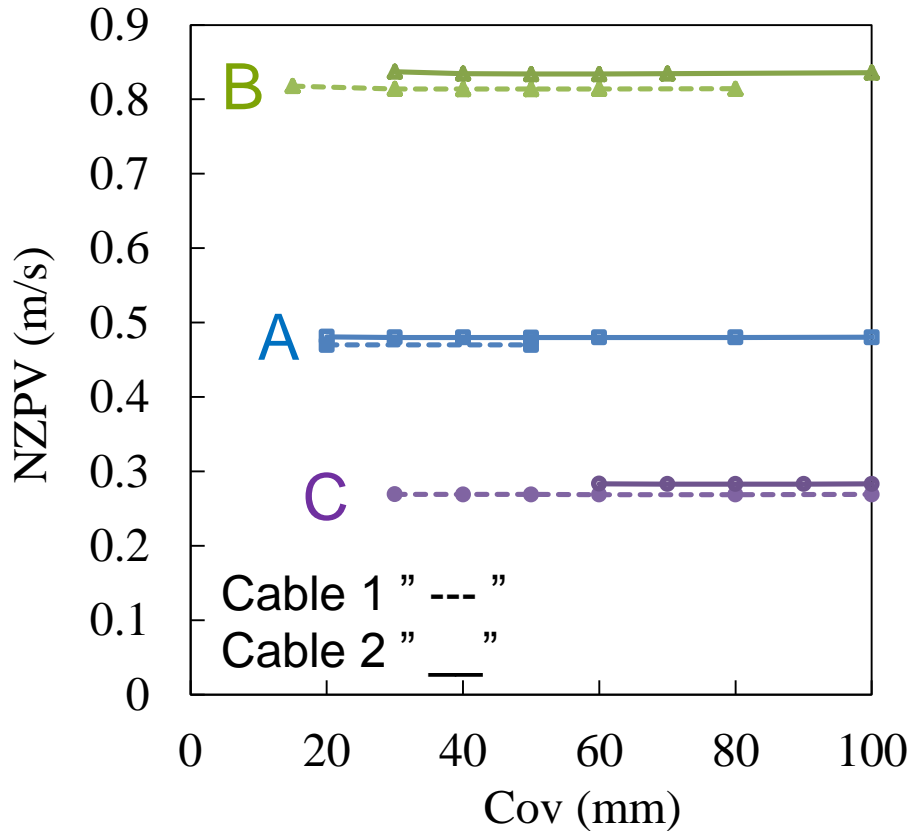


- Need 40 – 80 mm long heating stations (roebel?)
- Cable geom. impacts the delay 40-60% !
- Heater energy must be related to the **cable energy margin**
 - See extra slides

A: 4.5 K, 6 kA, 15 T (5°): $T_{cs} = 22.3$ K
B: 4.5 K, 10 kA, 10 T (5°): $T_{cs} = 22.7$ K
C: 4.5 K, 6 kA, 10 T (5°): $T_{cs} = 28.8$ K
D: 35 K, 6 kA, 1.5 T (5°): $T_{cs} = 52.5$ K



Normal Zone Propagation Velocity



- $I = 6 \text{ kA}$ (4.5 K)
 $B = 10 \rightarrow 15 \text{ T}$
NZPV = 0.3 \rightarrow 0.5 m/s

- $B = 10 \text{ T}$ (4.5 K)
 $I = 6 \rightarrow 10 \text{ kA}$
NZPV = 0.3 \rightarrow 0.8 m/s

- **Geometry does not matter**
- Consistent with other studies

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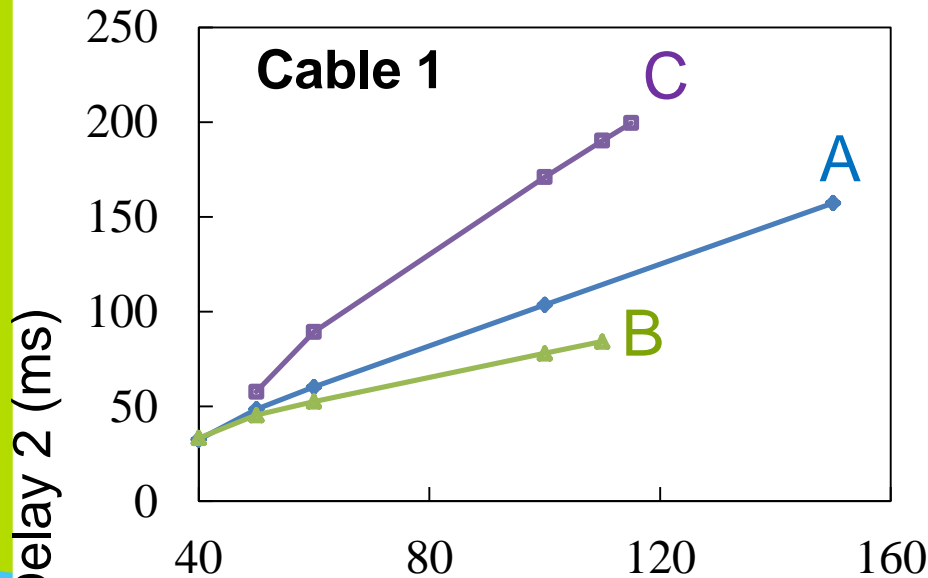
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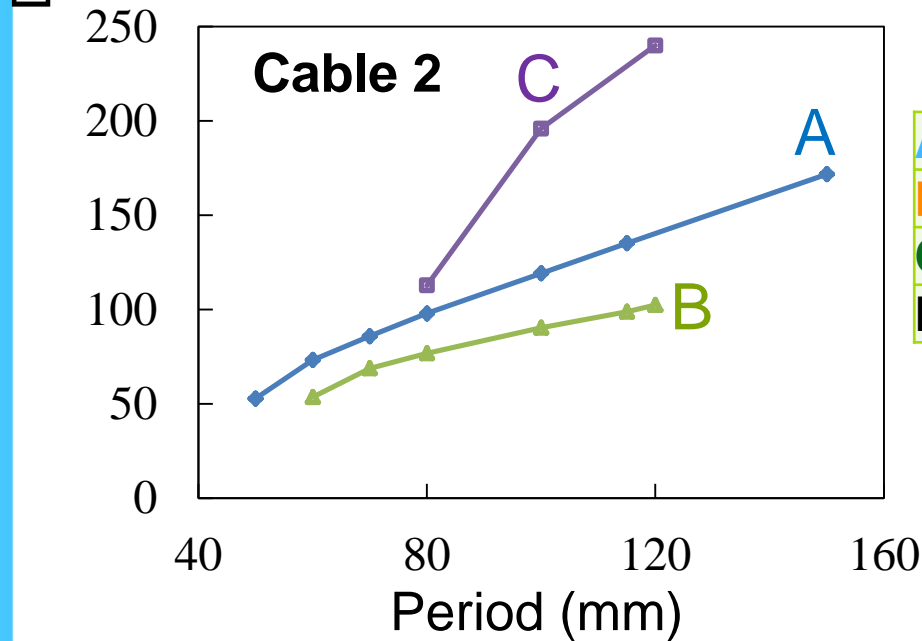


Delay 2 vs. heater period



- Max 120 – 150 mm period
 - Or > 300 K under heater
 - Coverage min 30-50% (compare to 10-30% in LTS)

• **If protected with heaters, better to find a way to cover all with the heater!**



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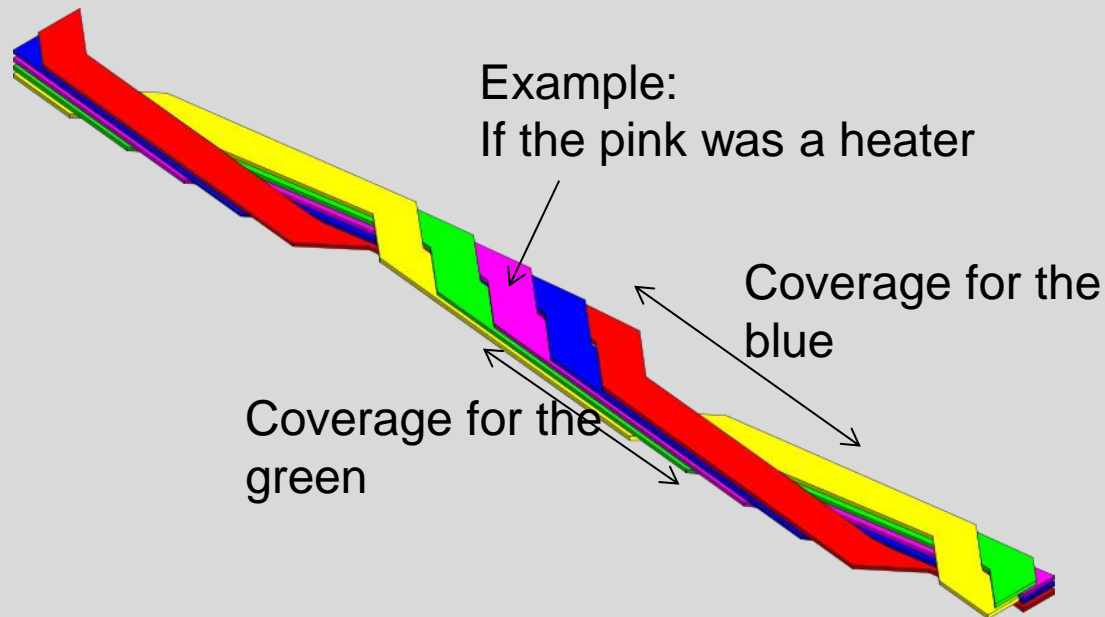
IDEAS FOR FUTURE HEATERS AND CONCLUSIONS



Ideas for alternative heaters

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1. Heater co-wound as one of the strands, or as a wider strip on the cable wide side



- + Good heater contact with cable
- + Need less heater power
- Still need insulation between heater and other strands
- May require "take-outs" from the middle to limit the voltage

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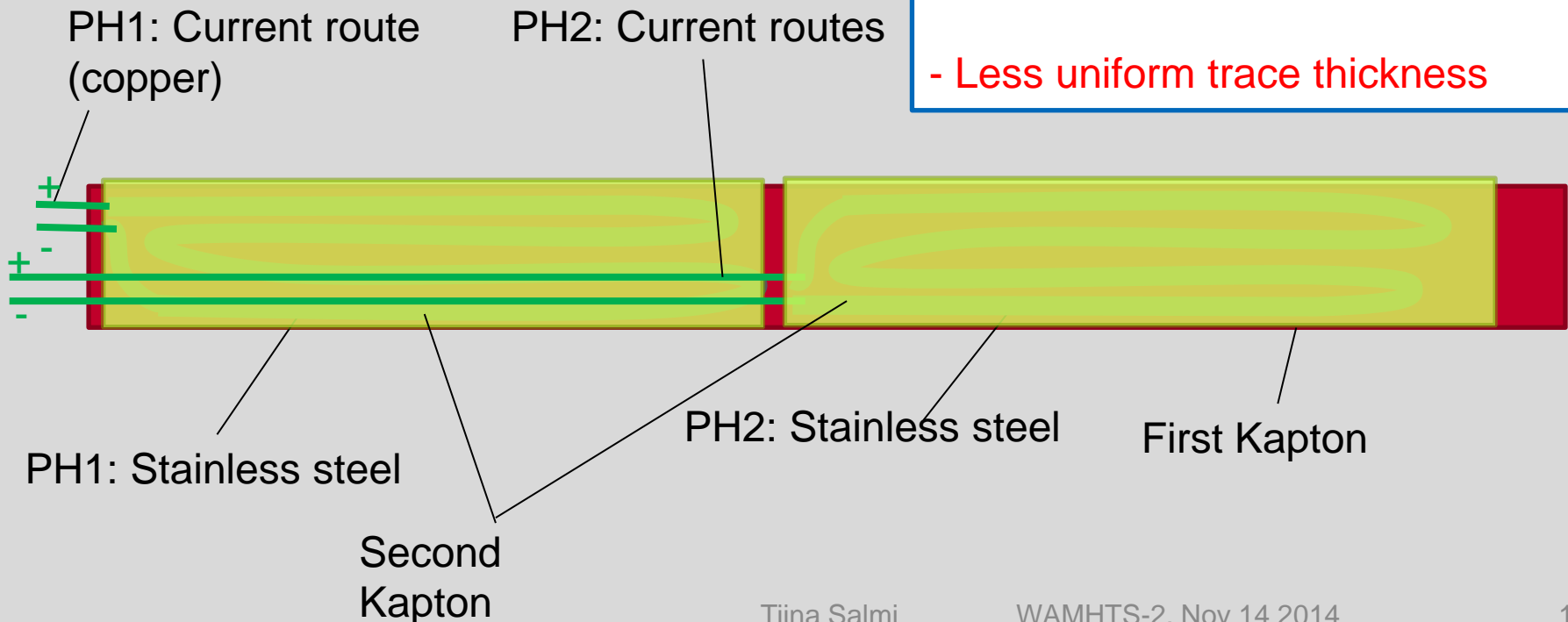


Ideas for alternative heaters

2/2

2. Several shorter "layered" heaters on top of the coil

- + Can make several short heaters with high power (and low voltage) to cover a long coil
- + PH current leads only at coil ends
- Need many HFU's
- Less uniform trace thickness

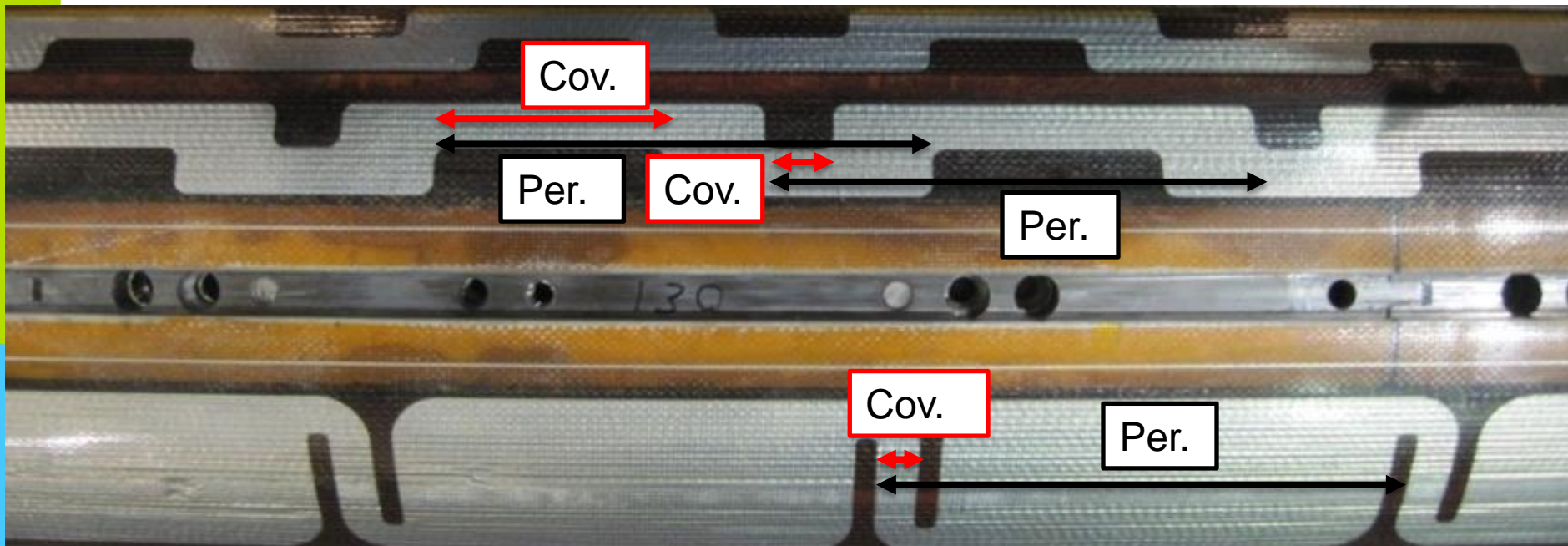


Conclusion

- The CoHDA simulation tool now includes also quench propagation in a YBCO cable
- Analysed heater delays in FM0 cable
 - Modeling roebel cable as stacked tape
 - Dimensions impact on heater delay time but not on NZPV
- Seems that with a powerful heater cables can be quenched, but the quench propagation is so slow that **it is better to try to cover the entire cable with heater and not rely on heating stations**
 - Needed delays depend on J , L and detection time
- **Must investigate also other protection options than heaters**
- Future work will consists of interfacing the heater model to a current decay model for a comprehensive quench protection analysis



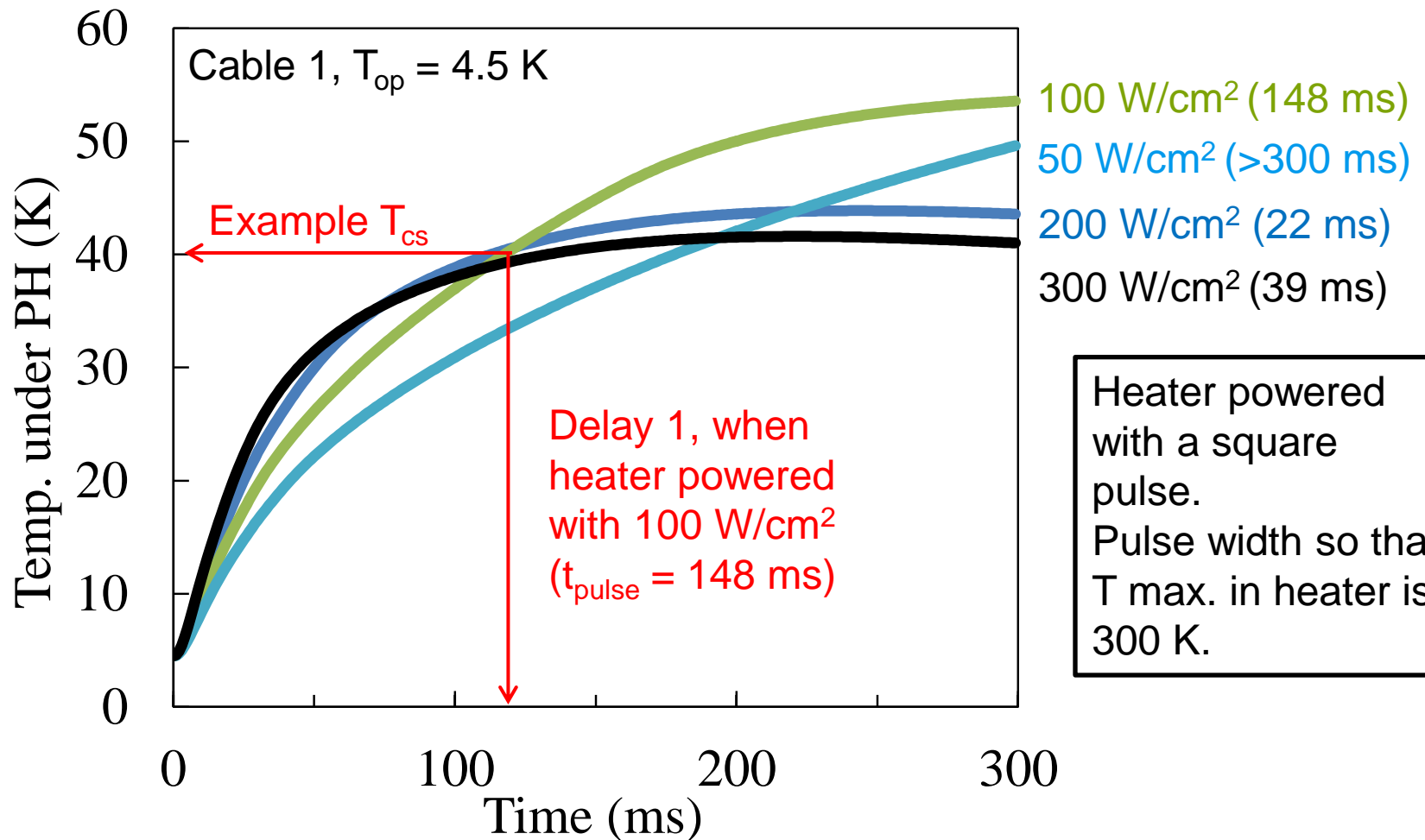
Examples of heater geometries



Two geometries tested in 3.3 m long LARP LHQ 15 T Nb₃Sn quadrupole coil.



Design plot to estimate delay 1 vs. T_{cs}

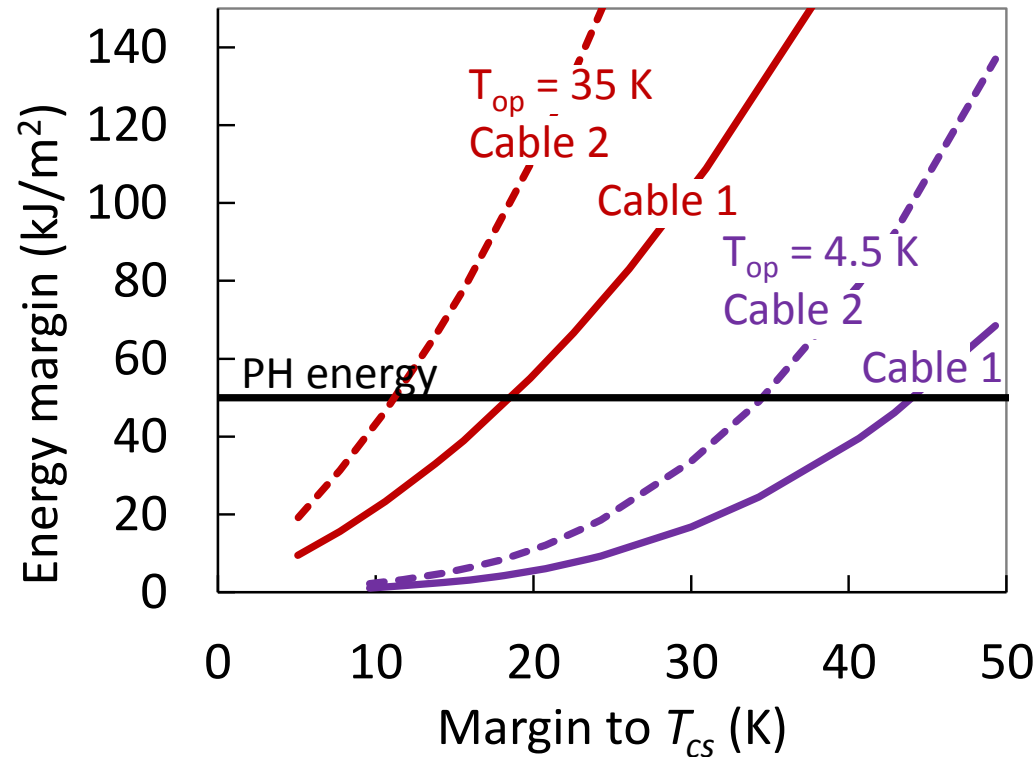


Heater powered with a square pulse.
Pulse width so that T_{max} in heater is 300 K.



Enthalpy vs. Temperature margin

- Heater energy must be related to the cable energy margin



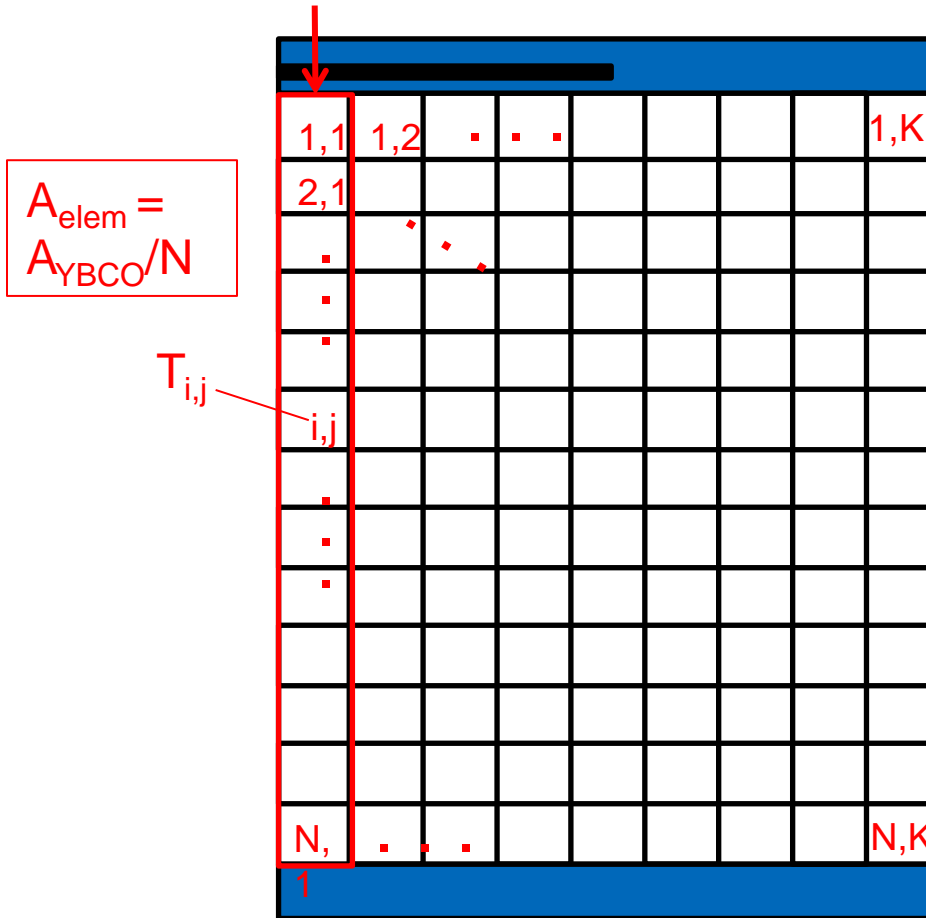
$$E_{PH} = P_{PH}(0) \frac{\tau}{2}$$

$$E_{margin} = w_{tape} \int_{T_{op}}^{T_{cs}} \gamma c_p dT$$



Current "redistribution"

We go through cable segments column by column



QUENCH = 0

$t_{\text{delay1}} = -1$

DO j = 1, K

$I_{\text{SC},j} = 0$

DO i = 1, N

$I_{\text{SC},j} = I_{\text{SC},j} + J_C (B, T_{i,j}) * A_{\text{elem}}$

IF ($I_{\text{SC},j} \leq I_{\text{op}}$) QUENCH_j = 1

END DO

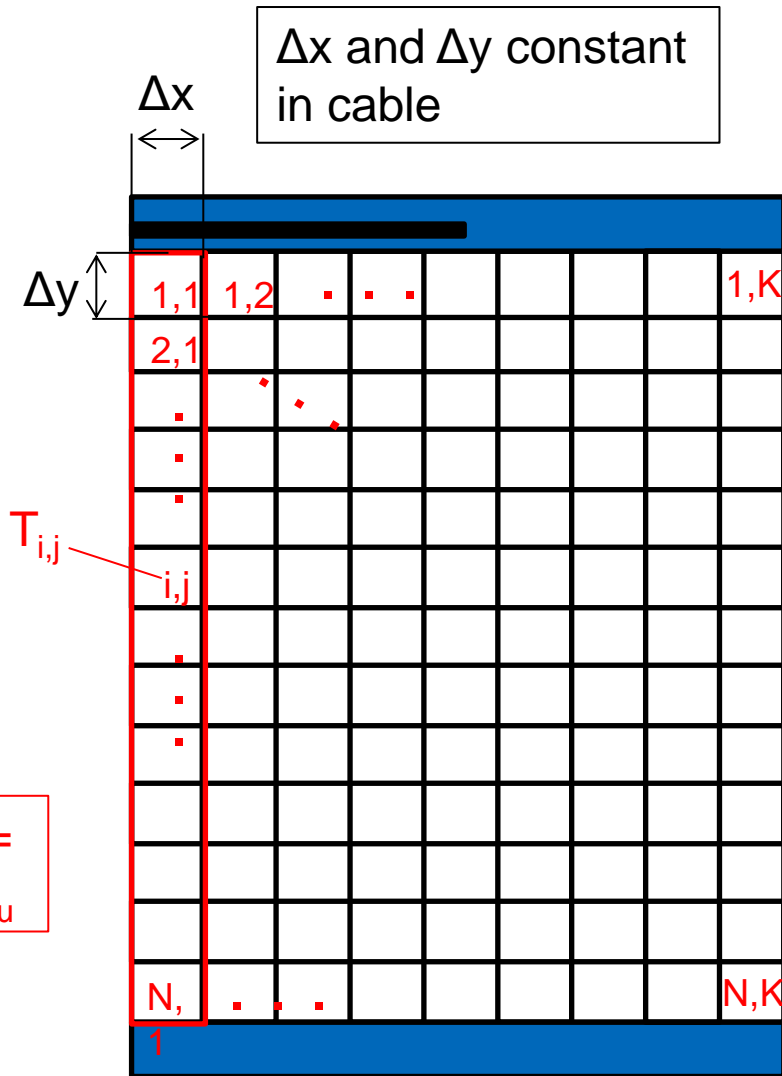
IF ($t_{\text{delay1}} = 0$) $t_{\text{delay1}} = \text{time}$

$I_{\text{Cu},j} = \text{Max} (0, I_{\text{op}} - I_{\text{SC},j})$

END DO



Heat generation



$$A_{\text{cable}} = A_{\text{cu}} / f_{\text{Cu}}$$

$$V_{\text{tot}} = 0$$

DO j = 1, K

$$J_{\text{Cu},j} = I_{\text{Cu},j} / A_{\text{cu}}$$

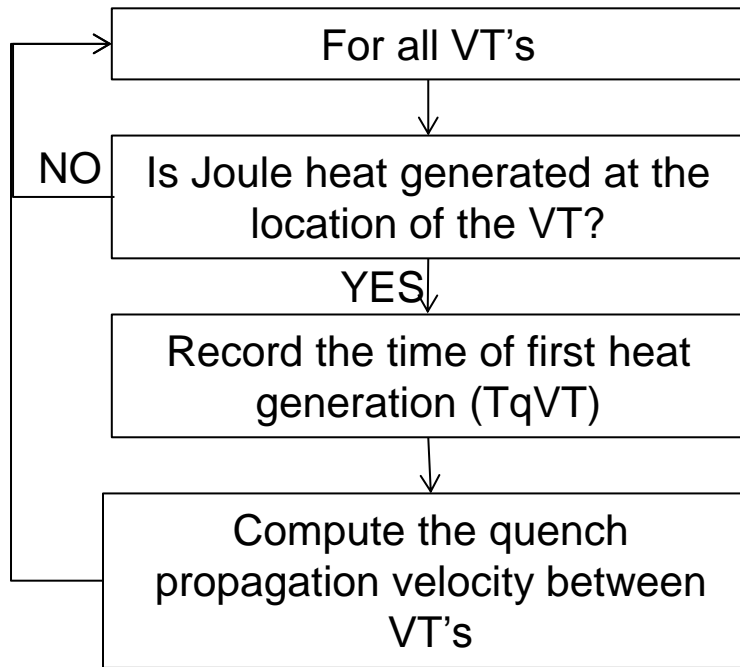
$$V_k = J_{\text{Cu},j} * \rho_{\text{Cu},i=N/2,j} * \Delta x$$

$$f_{\text{gen}} = I_{\text{op}} * V_{\text{ku}} / (A_{\text{Cable}} * \Delta x)$$

$$V_{\text{tot}} = V_{\text{tot}} + V_k$$

END DO





Do all combinations of VT's
(Consider only VT's where
heat generation)

