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## Coupling loss in prototype CFETR CS conductors with different cable patterns, measurement and modeling

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### Introduction

- CFETR stands for "China Fusion Engineering Test Reactor"
- CS Central solenoid
  - 6 Coils made of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn strands, 0.82 mm diam.
  - Design requirement CFETR CS model coil: 12 T peak field



	New ASIPP cable design - Triplet modification	New Twente Cable Design	ASIPP CSMC cable	
Sample state	Virgin (2) Press – Initial state (1)	Virgin	Virgin (2)	
Cable pattern	(2Sc + 1Cu) x 3 x 4 x 4 x 6			
Twist length (mm)	(40/10)x49x89x160x450	50x58x66x76x450	20x50x80x150x450	
Void fraction	32	28	33.4	
Outer diam. (mm)	32.6	31.6	32.6	

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### Introduction

Cable patterns



New triplet ASIPP cable design - triplet modification only in first stage by shorter twist pitch for copper strand

Regular ITER CS cable design for CICC cables with same twist pitch for all strands in same stage



### **Experiment - Ac loss Measurement**

#### Sample preparation



### **Experiment – Resistance Measurement**

0.0012

0.001

0.0008

S 0.0006

0.0004

0.0002

Sample Preparation – Inter-strand Resistance measurement

Sample

Cryostat

bath

Sample at 4.2 K

- 14 Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn strands are selected at random from different petals
  - After heat treatment (brittle)
  - Four-point measurement using current of 20 – 30 A.

10

V I curve for Resistance Measurement

15

Current [A]

Voltage tap

30

Current lea





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### JackPot - ACDC CICC cable model

- Inter-strand contact resistance distribution from contact area
- Strand's mutual inductances
- Coupling with self & background field

E 8813

x [mm]

 Strand properties scaling law I<sub>c</sub>(B,T,e) & n-value



Cable cross section from JackPot simulation



### Results

AC loss - Experiment



### R<sub>c</sub> Results

#### Resistance measurement - Experiment



CSMC cable design

Inter-petal 1

Intra-petal

#### Intra-petal $\rightarrow$ within a petal Inter-petal $\rightarrow$ between petals



Intra-petal  $R_c$  expected range. Inter-petal  $R_c$  very low (unintended low petal wrap coverage, 40%) Large spread in Rc of direct neighboring petals due to direct interstrand contacts (locally no petal wrap coverage)



*R*<sub>c</sub> distribution measured for New Triplet design somewhat unexpected, confirmation needed.

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### **Results JackPot**

Coupling loss Experiment and Modelling



AC coupling loss calculated by JackPot based on realistic  $R_c$  distributions founded on large experimental data base.

- New Triplet Design Exp
- -New Triplet Design JP Sim
- Twente Cable Exp
- —Twente Cable JP Sim
- CSMC Cable Exp
- CSMC Cable JP Sim

### **Results JackPot**

#### Interstrand Resistances: Experiment and Coupling loss Modelling

15

10 5

-5 -10

-15







*R*<sub>c</sub> measurements - New Triplet design: data confirmation needed on values and distribution (petal wrap coverage petals 40 instead of 70%).



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15 10 5 0 -5 -10 -15 0.05 0.1 0.15 0.2 0.25 0.3 0.35

z [m]

### **Results Comparison**

	New triplet ASIPP Cable Design	Twente cable Design	CSMC ASIPP cable Design
Coupling loss time constant nr [ms]	3900	1110	770
Inter-strand Resistance $[n\Omega m]$	10	7	6
Inter-petal Resistance [n $\Omega$ m]	13 – 16	20 – 30	80 – 150
Petal wrap Coverage (%)	70 <mark>(40)</mark>	70 <mark>(40)</mark>	70
Void fraction (%)	32	28 <mark>(22)</mark>	33.4

### **Comparison of experiments - SULTAN and TWENTE**



Good agreement Sultan - Twente

Time constant ( $n\tau$ ) represents the coupling loss

CICC is multiple time constant system

For single  $n\tau$  concept, as mostly used, determined  $n\tau$  value depends strongly on considered frequency range

Approach used here: initial slope  $Q_{cpl}(f)$  curve (higher  $n\tau$ ).

### Conclusion

- New triplet ASIPP design, but also Twente design shows higher coupling loss than CSMC layouts.
- Void fraction doesn't play much role in inter-strand resistances.
- Petal wrap coverage is one of the dominant factors determining intra-petal resistances, hence coupling loss
- No definitive conclusion about better geometry for CS cable at this stage. Multiple parameters varied unintended for different cable pattern variations; void fraction and petal wrap coverage.
- More work needed.

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# Thank you!







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