

Quench Propagation and Degradation limits of Pre-strained HTS Tapes triggered by a spot heater

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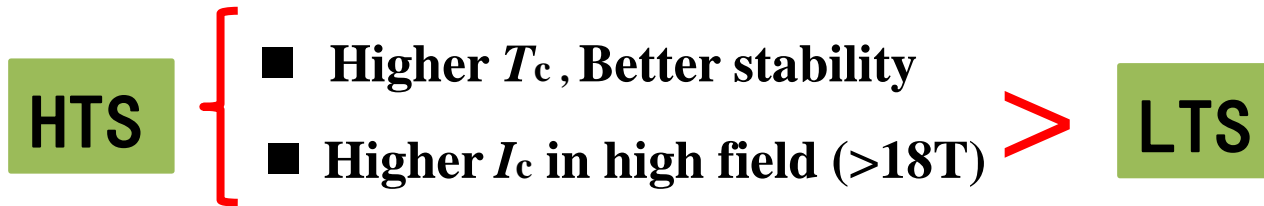
Outlines

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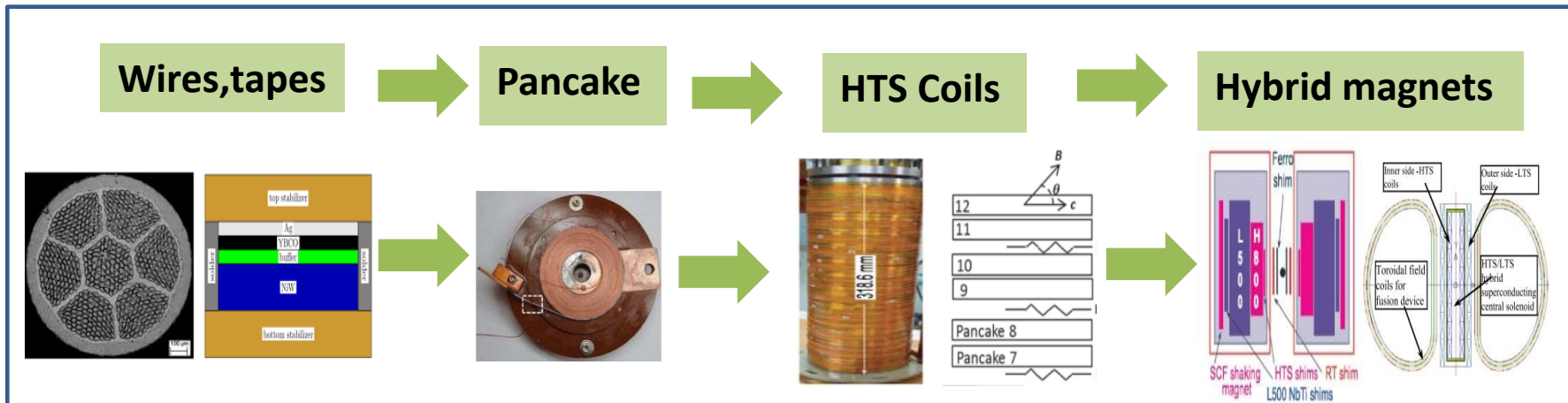
Background and motivation



● Advantages of HTS



● Applications



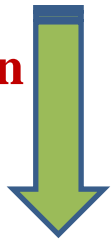
- ✓ Coat conductor
- ✓ Fault current limiter (FCL)
- ✓ High field superconductor magnets ($> 23T$)

*Hideaki Maeda et al, IEEE trans. AS.2014. Yukikazu Iwasa et al, IEEE AS.2015.
M Breschi SuST.2016 J. X. Zheng et al, IEEE AS.2016*

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- ❑ Low temperature
- ❑ High operation current
- ❑ High magnetic field

Operation
faults



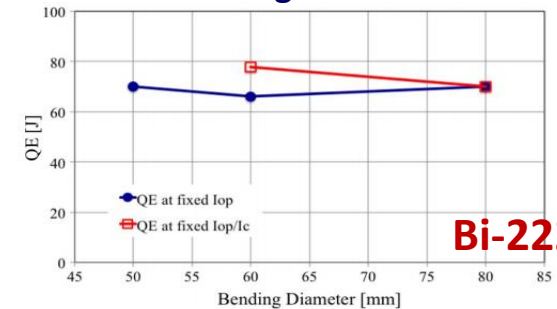
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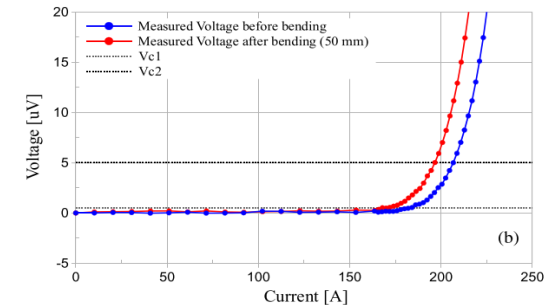
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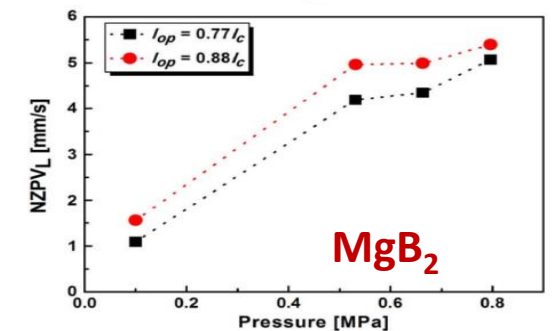
Bending deformation



Bi-2223



Marco Breschi, et al , IEEE (2016)



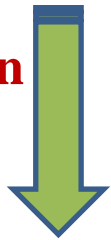
MgB₂

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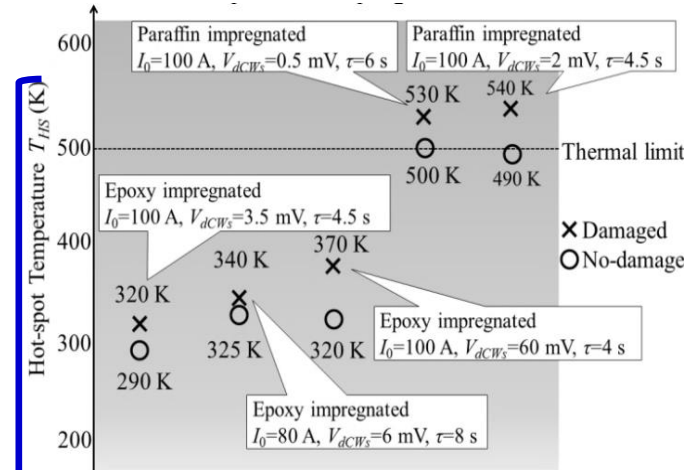
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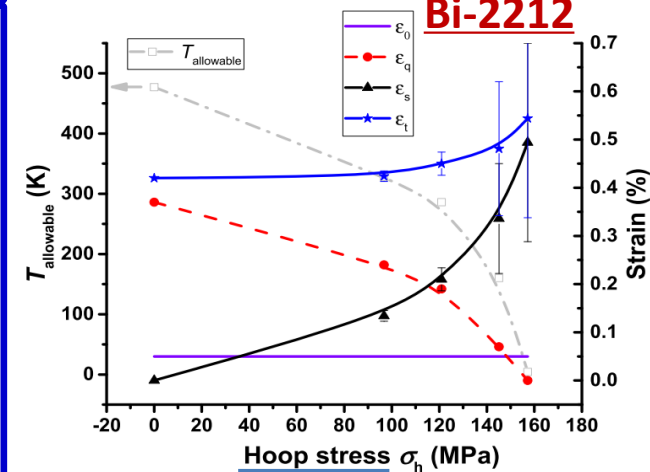
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YBCO



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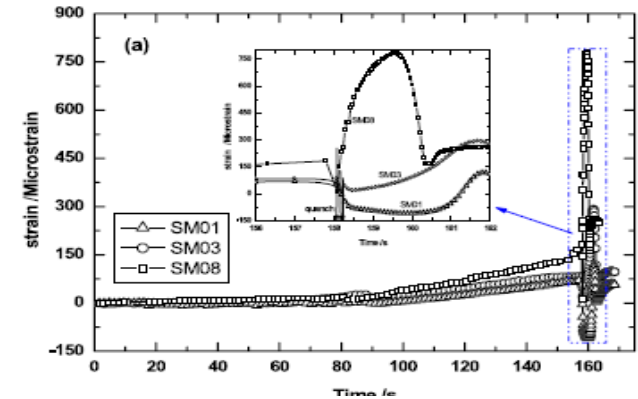
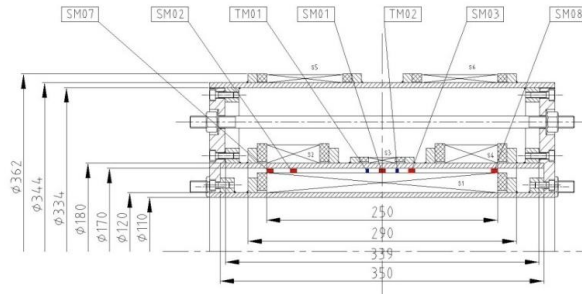
Background and motivation



● Quench \leftrightarrow Strain/Stress



NbTi Magnet

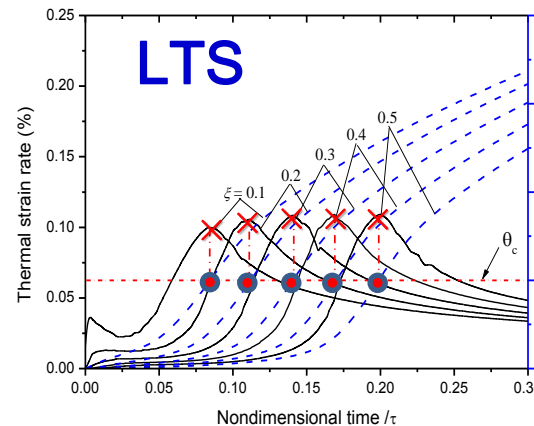


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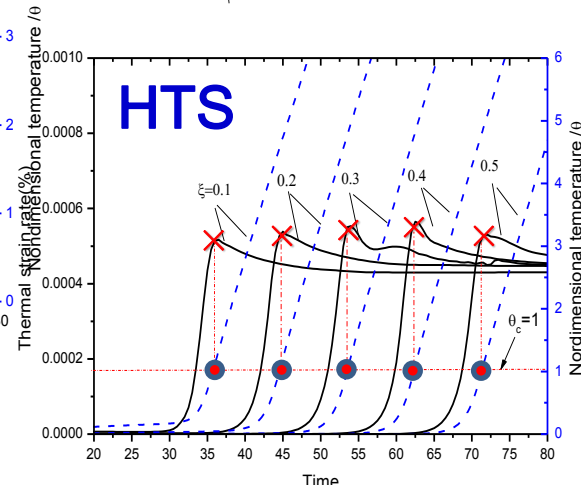
➤ A theoretical study on thermoelastic strain responds when a quench occurs

Diagram illustrating the quench process in a superconducting material (green bar) and copper (blue bar). The material is divided into three zones: Normal zone, Current shearing, and Superconducting zone. The temperature profile is shown with T_c and T_{cs} marks. The current J flows through the material.

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \rho c(T) \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + t_0 \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[(k(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}) \right] + Q_j - \beta_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial t} + t_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (Q_j) \\ \rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} &= (\lambda + 2\mu) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \beta_0 \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \end{aligned} \right.$$



Y. Tong, M. Guan, X. Wang, SuST (2017)



Motivation:

- A strain/stress station for a HTS structure
—— **Pre-strain** (simple case)
- A simple HTS structure —— **Tape (YBCO, Bi-2223)**

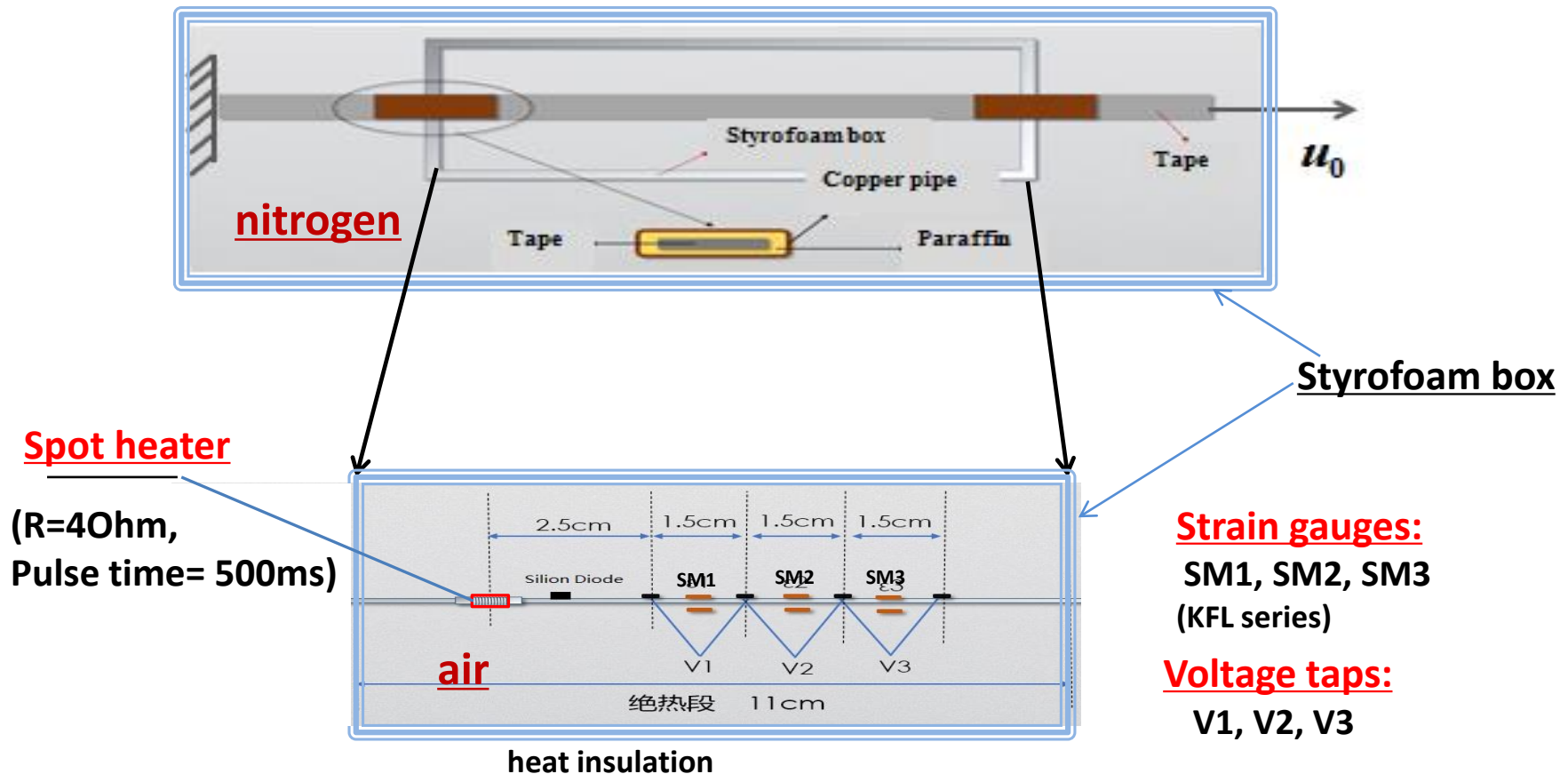
- *How about the pre-strain influence on the quench for a HTS tape triggered by a spot heater?*
- *Is there any change on the quench induced degradation for the pre-strained tape?*

Quench propagation behaviors in pre-strained HTS tapes



● Experimental setup

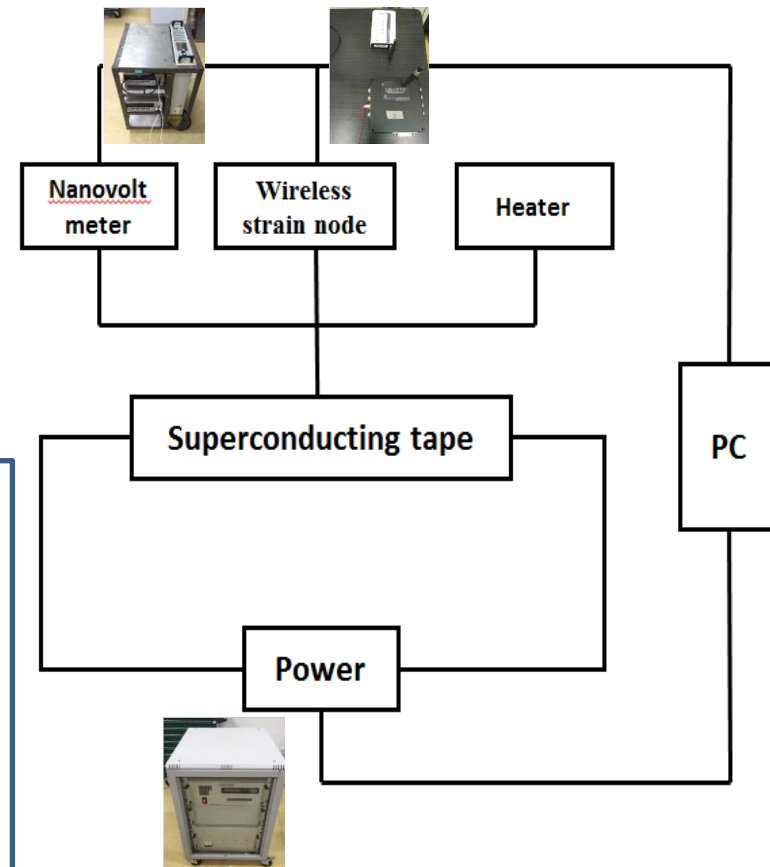
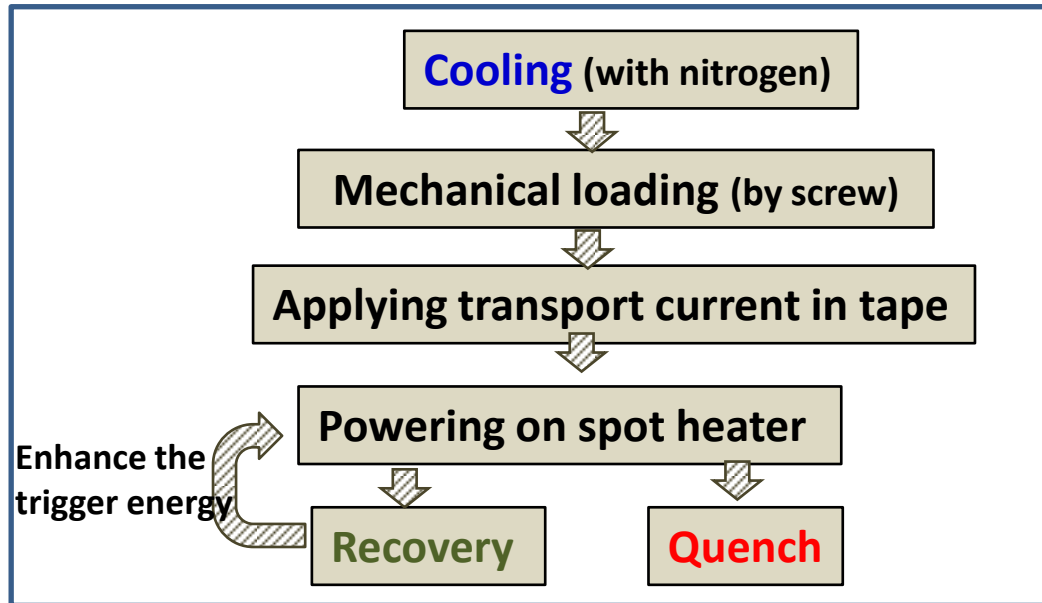
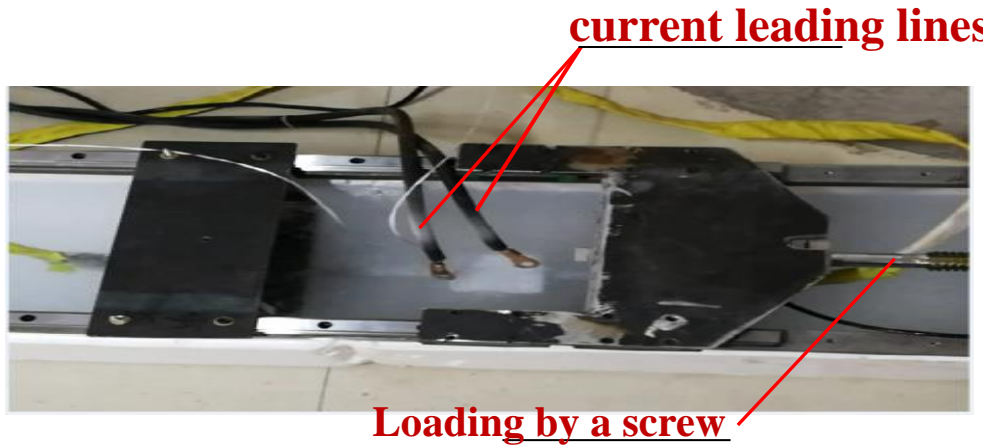
Schematic diagram



Quench propag. behaviors in pre-strained HTS tapes

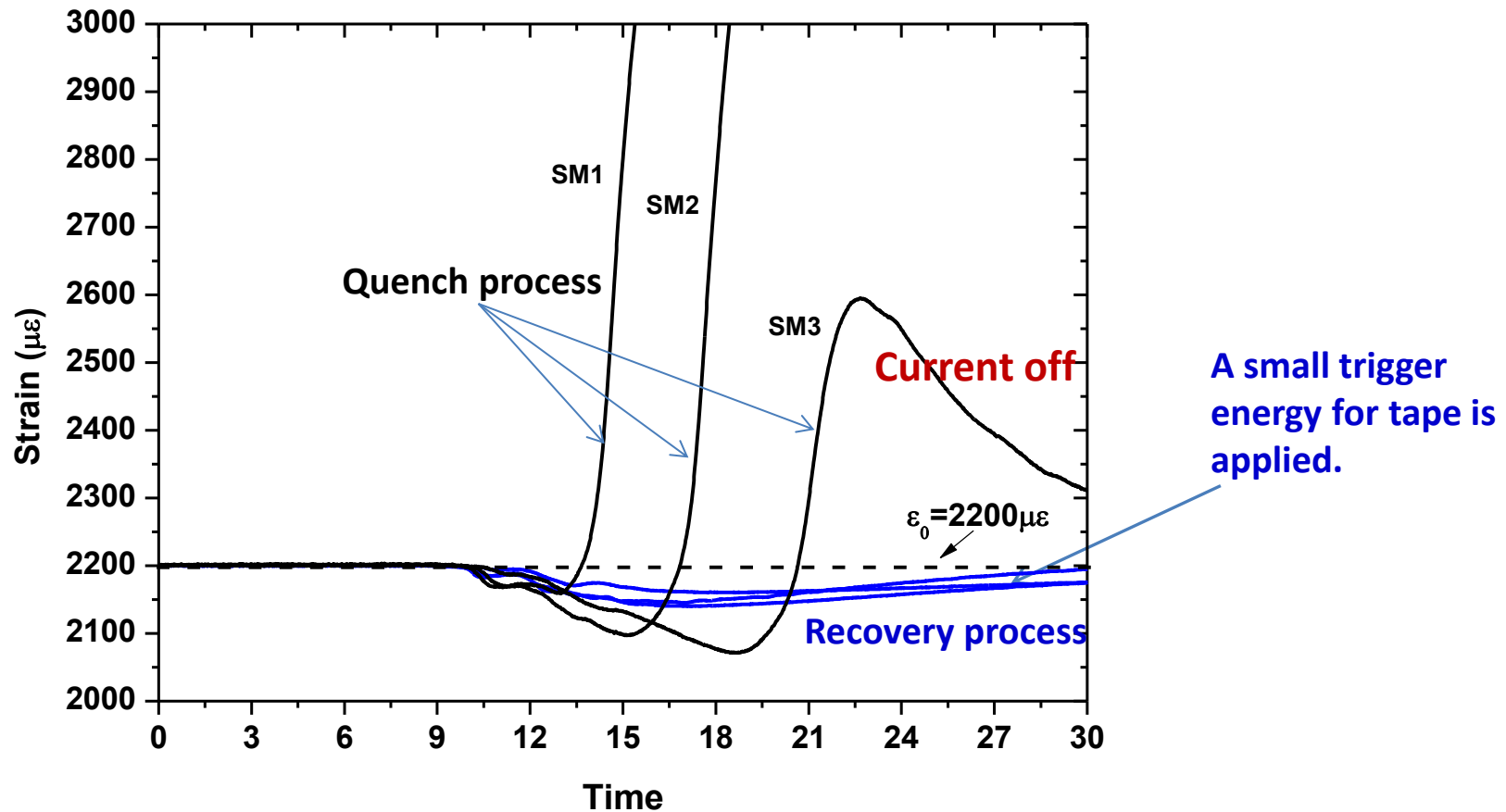


● Experimental detail and procedure



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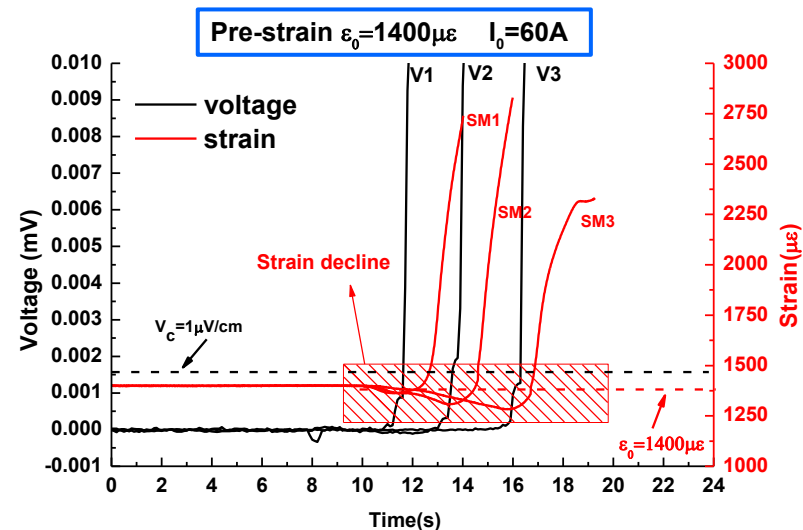
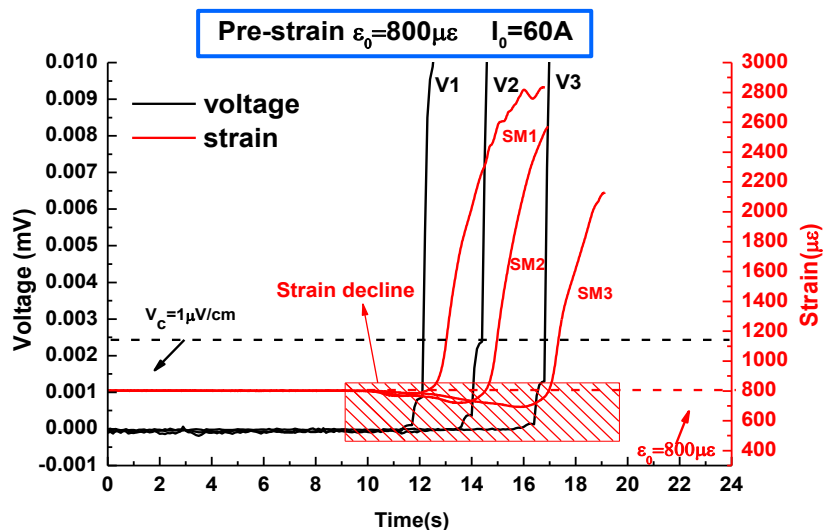
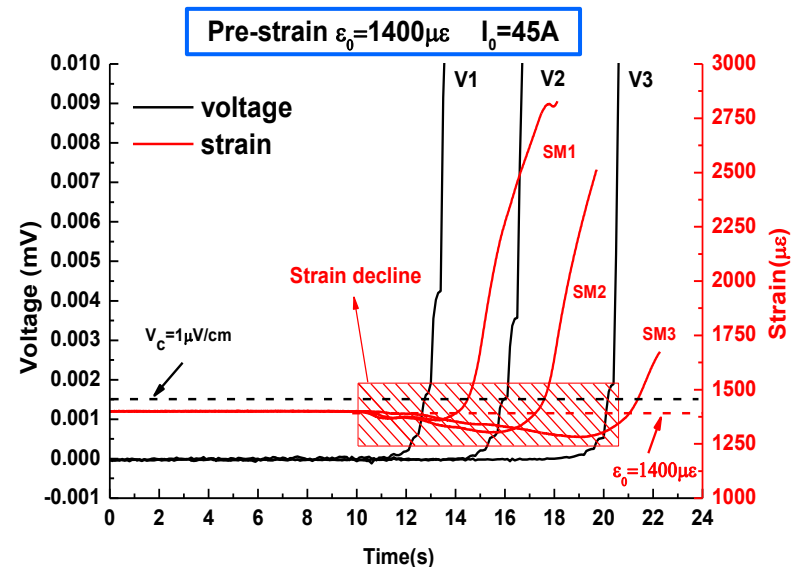
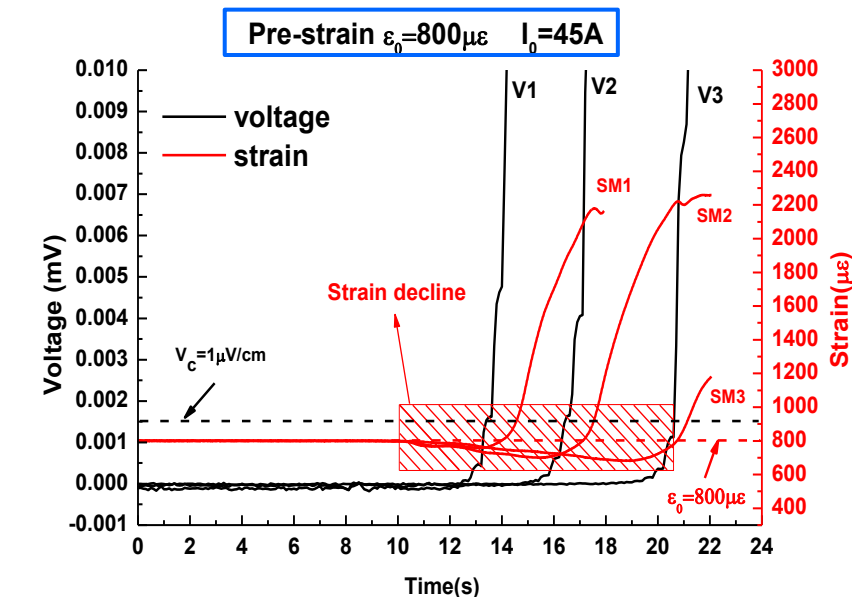
● The distinguish between quench and recovery process



- ✓ In the case of a **recovery process** (no quench), the strains recorded by three gauges show **small declines and then increases with a small value**.
- ✓ In the case of a **quench process**, the strains have **obvious declines** and then increase quickly to larger values due to the temperature rising and quench propagation.

Quench propag. behaviors in pre-strained HTS tapes

● Voltage and strain behaviors during quench



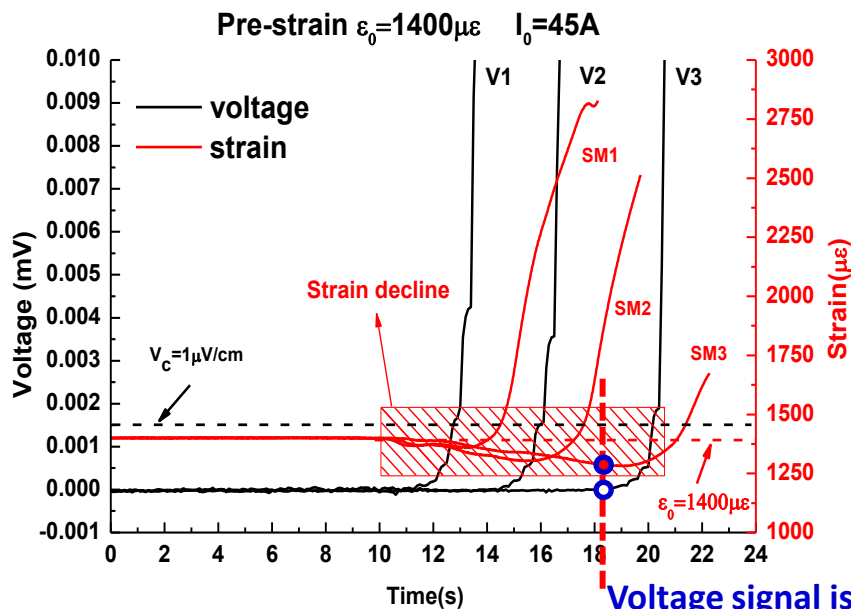
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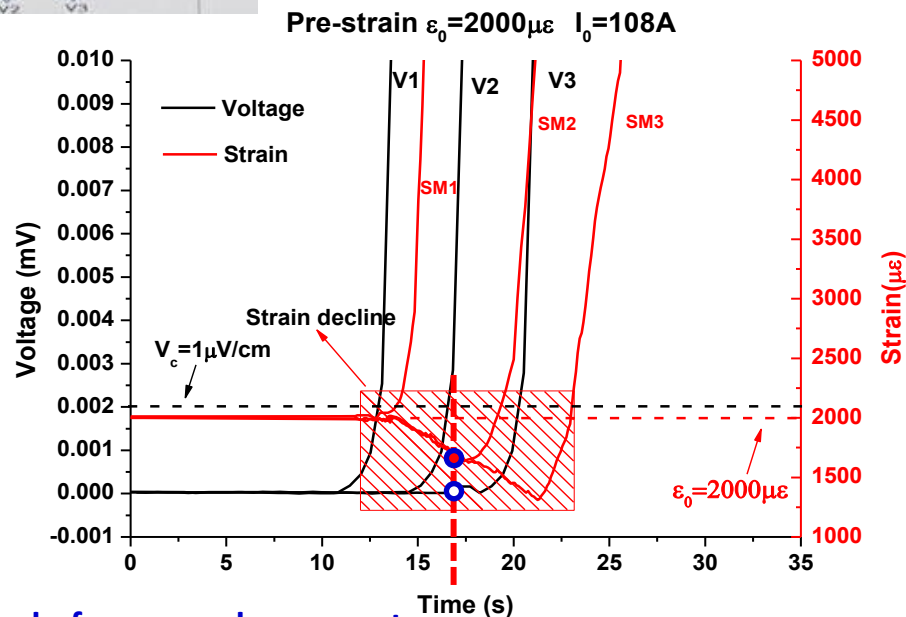
YBCO



Bi-2223



Voltage signal is zero before quench propagates
this point detected by voltage probes.



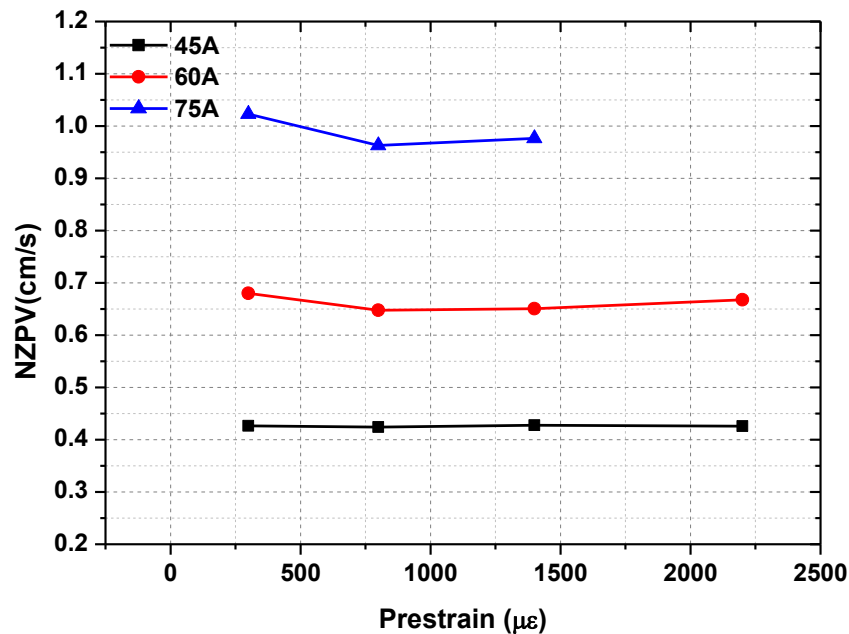
- ✓ There shows a quick and large voltage increase while the strain decreases firstly and then increases quickly to a large value. —the quench can be observed by voltage signals, also by strain changes.
- ✓ An important observation: at a point far away from the spot heater, before the quench propagates to this point, the voltage signal is always zero, however, an obvious strain decline can be measured (with a quite larger value than the one for a recovery case).

Quench propag. behaviors in pre-strained HTS tapes

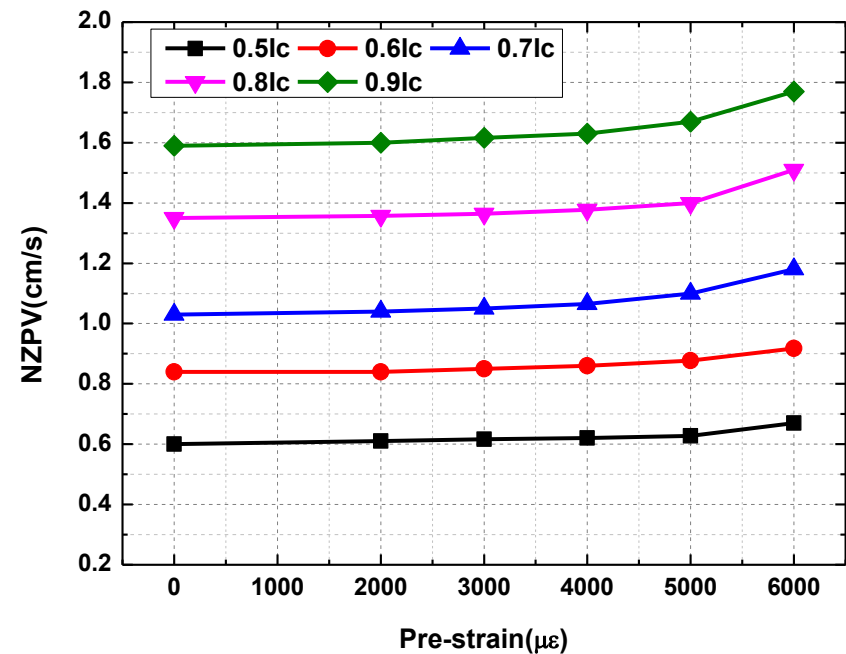


● The normal zone propagation velocity

YBCO



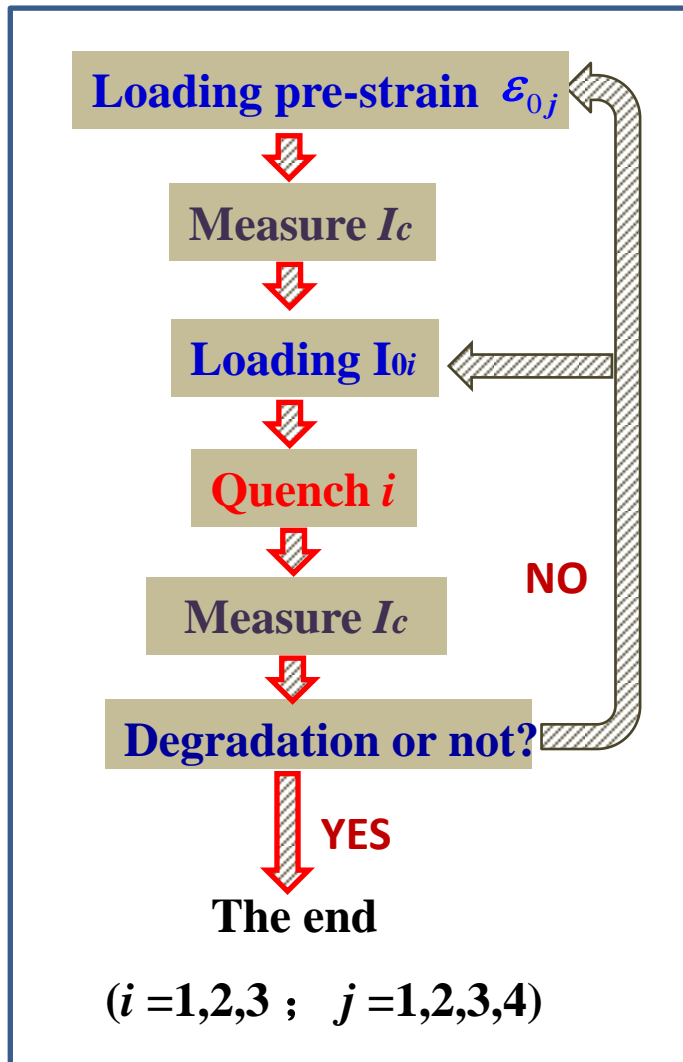
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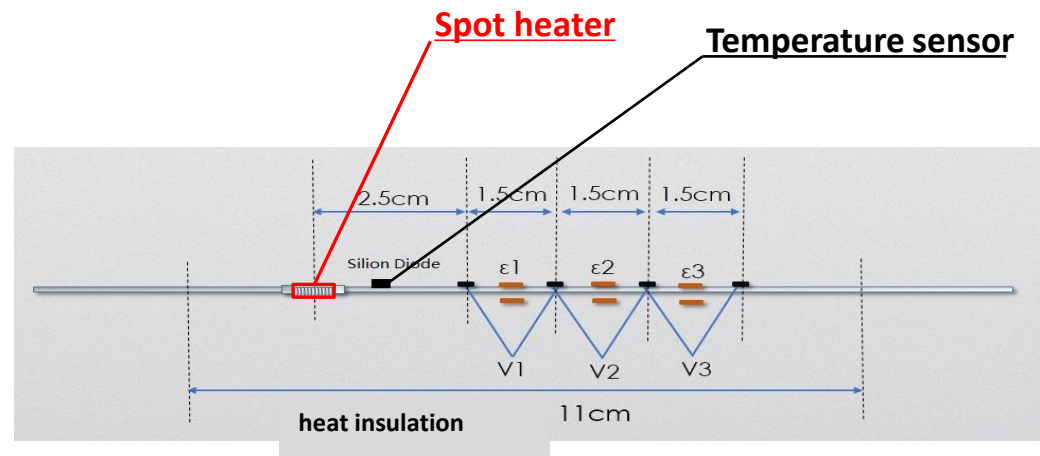
Quench degradation limits of pre-strained HTS tapes



● Experimental setup and procedure



Measurement schematic diagram

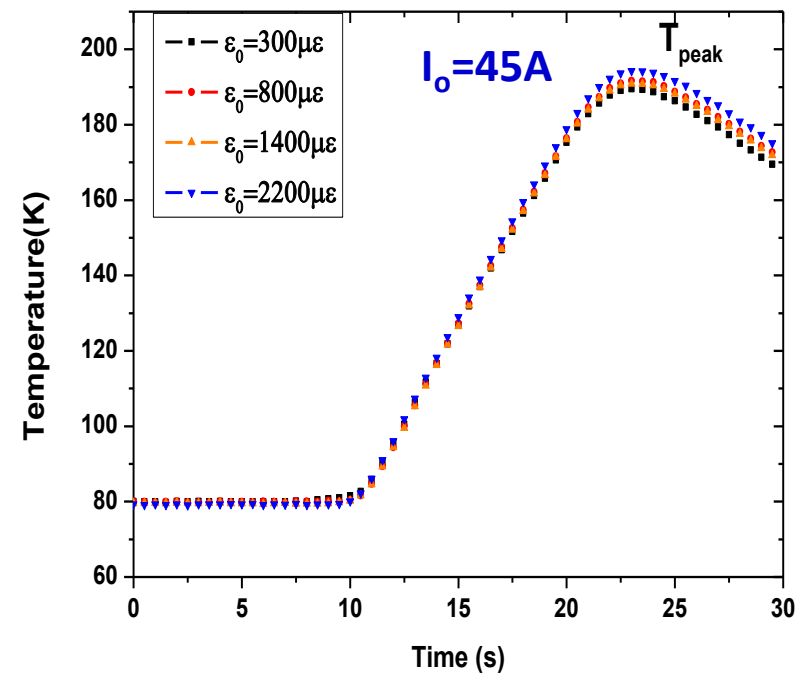
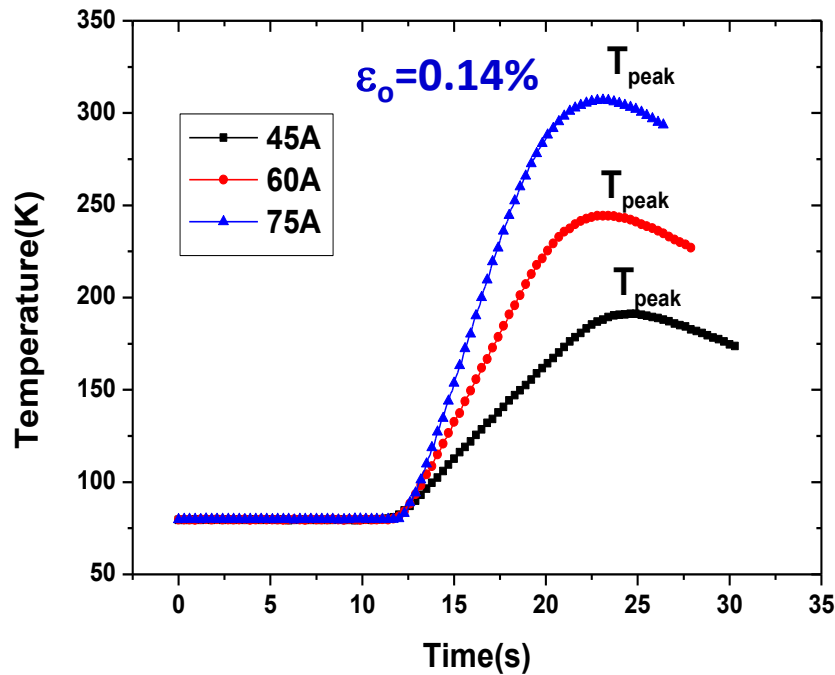


A temperature sensor (silicon diode, fastest thermal response time) is placed near the spot heater and used for measurement of the maximum temperature in the quench area of the HTS tape.

Quench degradation limits of pre-strained HTS tapes



- The hot spot temperature evolution under different transport currents and pre-strains

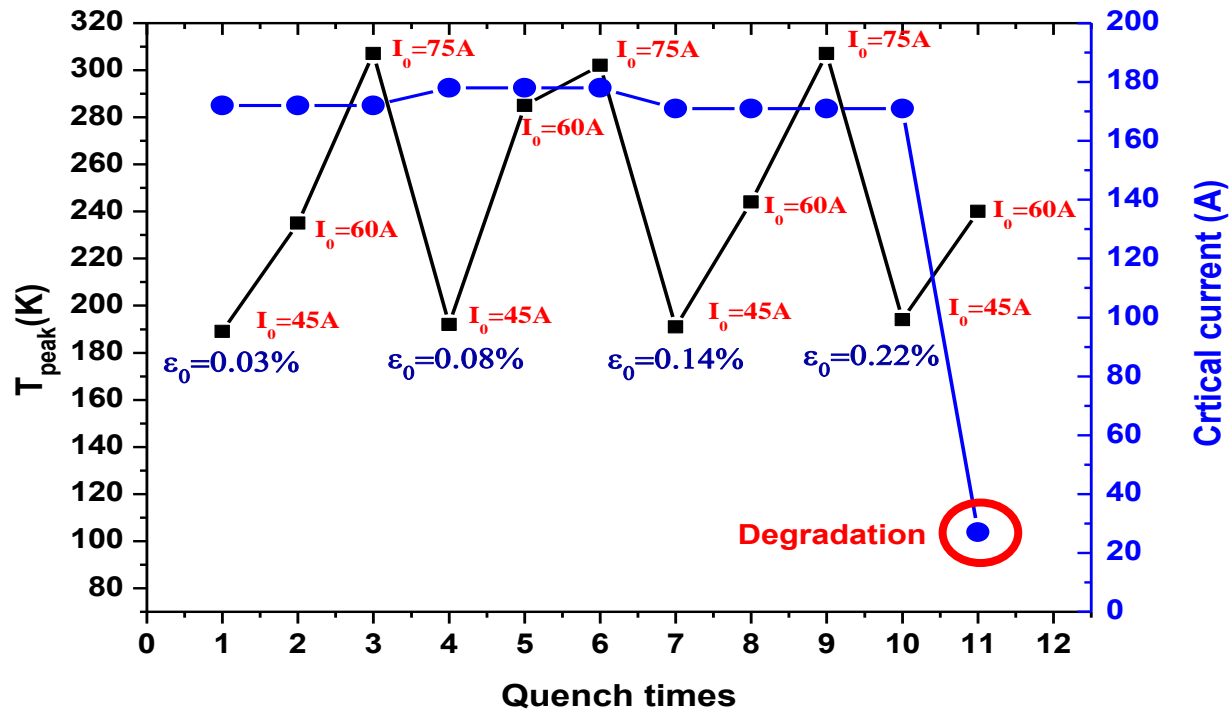


✓ T_{peak} at the hot spot in quench area increases with the transport currents in the tape, while it shows little increase with different pre-strains.

Quench degradation limits of pre-strained HTS tapes



- The hot spot temperature and critical current in a quench cycle test

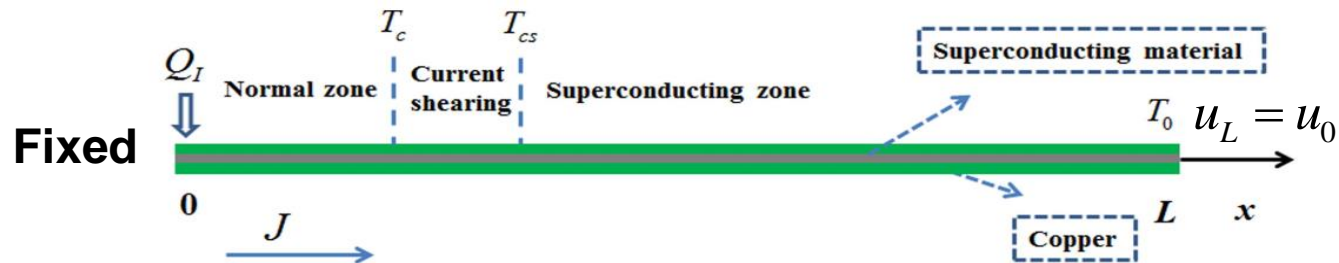


- ✓ The quench degradation doesn't occur until 11 cycle quench tests as applied pre-strain is above 0.22%, the critical current in reduced from 178A to 25A.
- ✓ The degradation maybe causes mainly by the decrease of critical current of the pre-strained HTS tape .

Thermoelastic strain responds during a quench



● Theoretical model and fundamental formulas



Heat conduction equation

$$\rho c(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left((k(T) \frac{\partial}{\partial x}) T \right) + Q_I$$

Wave equation

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = (\lambda + 2\mu) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \beta \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

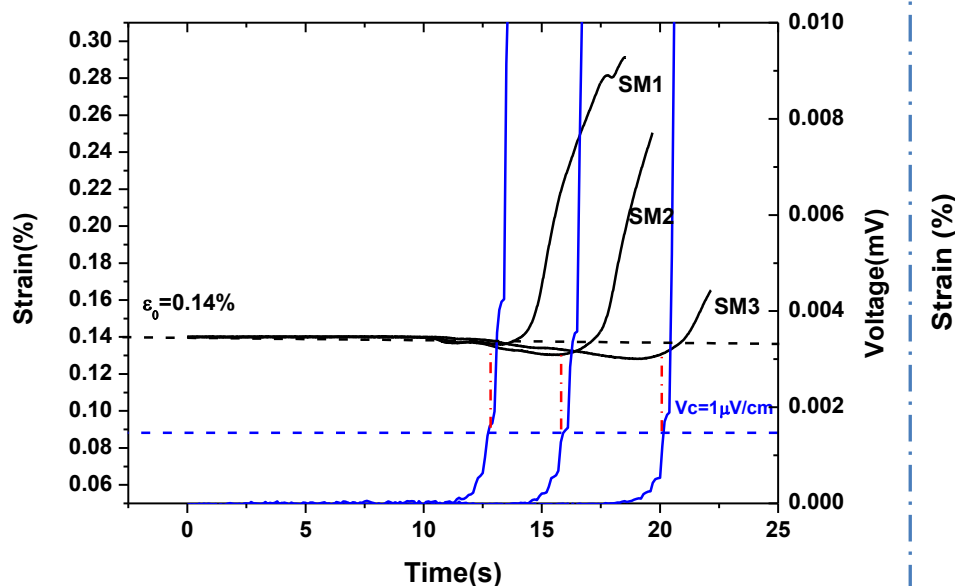
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{mm} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{M}_{Tm} & \mathbf{M}_{TT} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{\mathbf{u}}^{(e)} \\ \ddot{\mathbf{T}}^{(e)} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{C}_{Tm} & \mathbf{C}_{TT} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{u}}^{(e)} \\ \dot{\mathbf{T}}^{(e)} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{mm} & -\mathbf{K}_{mT} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{K}_{TT} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{u}^{(e)} \\ \mathbf{T}^{(e)} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_m^{(e)} \\ -\mathbf{Q}_T^{(e)} \end{Bmatrix}$$

Comsol_PDE module

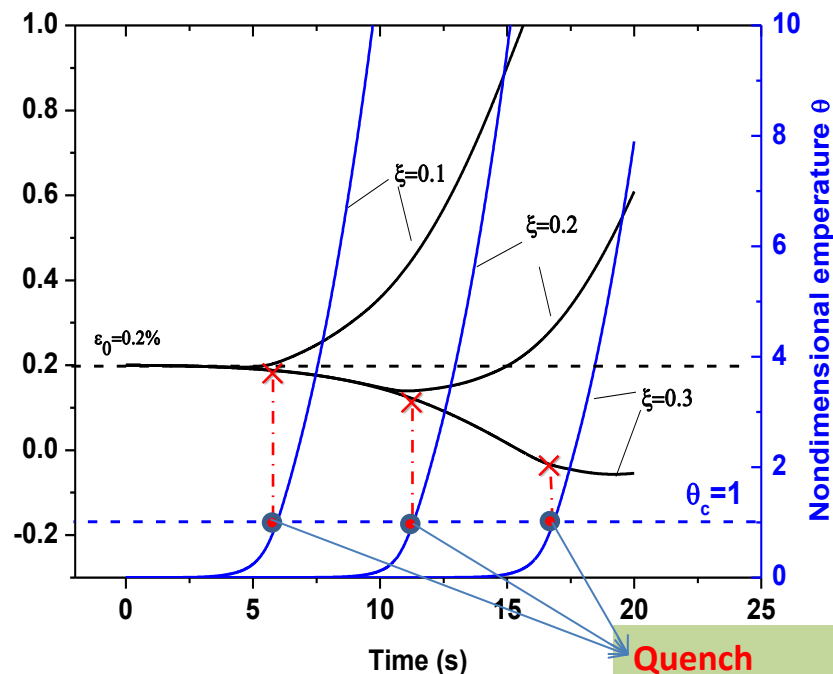
Thermoelastic strain responds during a quench

● The strain decline behaviors during quench

Experimental observation (YBCO)



Numerical results (YBCO)



- ✓ Numerical results show the similar predictions on strains in the HTS tape as the ones of experiment: occur decline behaviors during quench propagation, which agrees with the experimental results qualitatively.

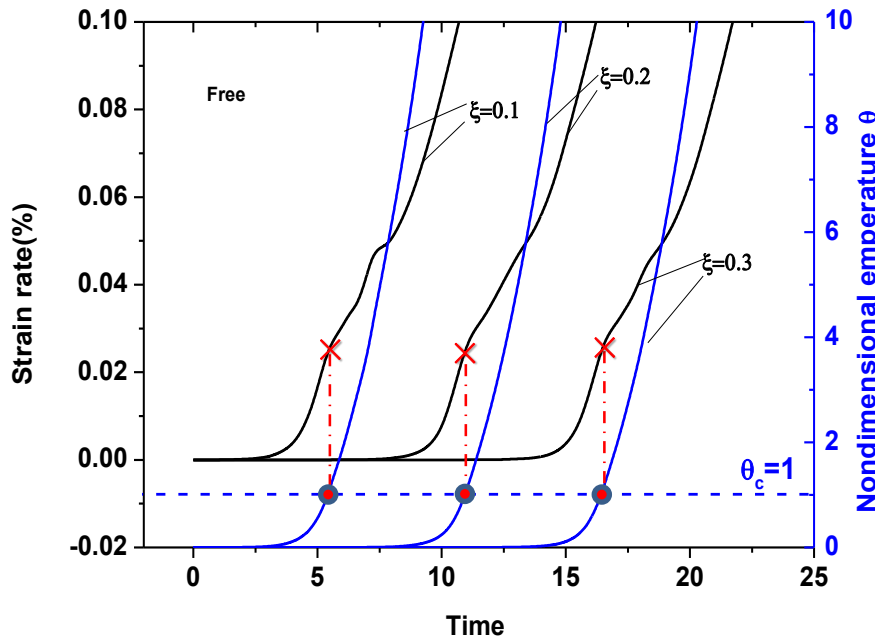
Quench determined by critical temperature $\theta_c = 1$.

Thermoelastic strain responds during a quench

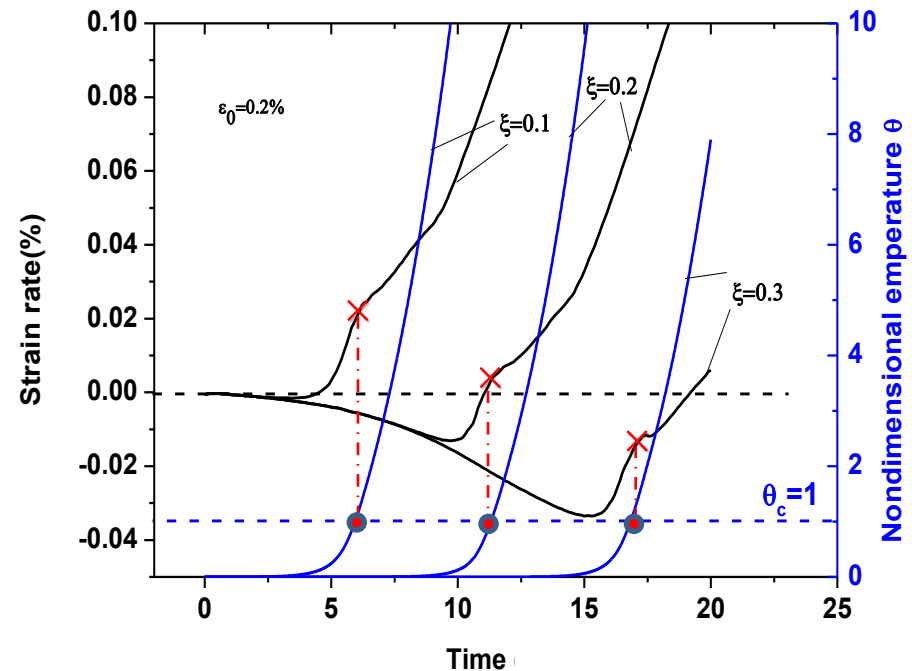
● The strain-rate behaviors during quench



Free-strain (One end of the tape is free)



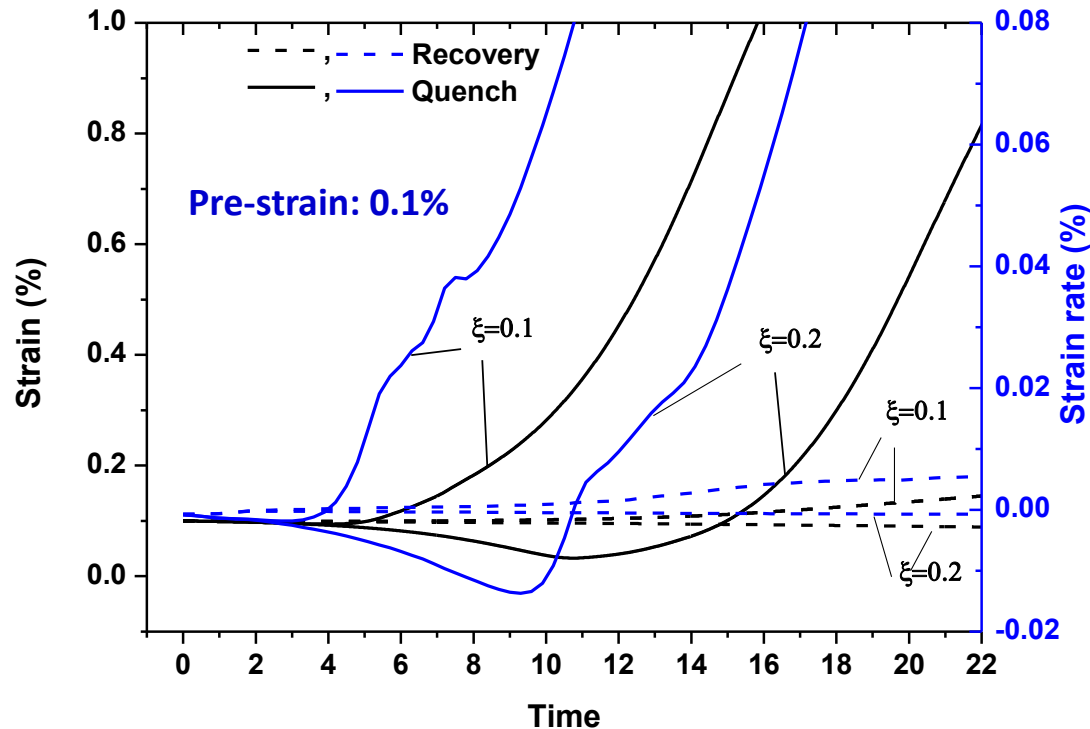
Pre-strain 0.2%



- ✓ Compared to the strain behaviors, when a quench occurs, the **strain-rate shows a little visible change with its slope** (at this moment the strain being in a decline stage).
- ✓ Compared to the case of free-strain, the quench occurs at the **slope change** of strain-rate for the **pre-strained tape** as the **strain-rate being in an increase stage**.

Thermoelastic strain responds during a quench

● The distinguish between quench and recovery



- ✓ Numerical predictions on the quench and recovery process for a HTS tape with pre-strain 0.1% qualitatively agree with experiment observations.
- ✓ The strain or strain-rate shows obvious increase as a quench occurs, while they are in a small value change as a recovery process.

Conclusion



- ◆ An experiment study was conducted for a pre-strained HTS tape to investigate its strain behaviors during a quench process. Compared to the strain feature for a recovery process, for a quench triggered by a spot heater, **the strain firstly obviously declines and then increases quickly** even for the region where the quench propagation does not reach.
- ◆ For a **YBCO** tape, the pre-strain **has not obviously influence on the NZPV** while the operation current in the tape always does; **a high pre-strain will make a quench degradation**. For the **Bi-2223** tape, the pre-strain **enhances the NZPV lightly**.
- ◆ At a point far away from the spot heater, before the quench propagates to this point, **the voltage signal is always zero, however, an obvious strain decline can be measured.**—*It may be a possible way to propose an “early warning” for a quench with strain observation.*
- ◆ A **theoretical prediction** gives some features on the strain and strain-rate for the pre-strained HTS tape during a quench, which qualitatively **agrees with experimental measurements**.

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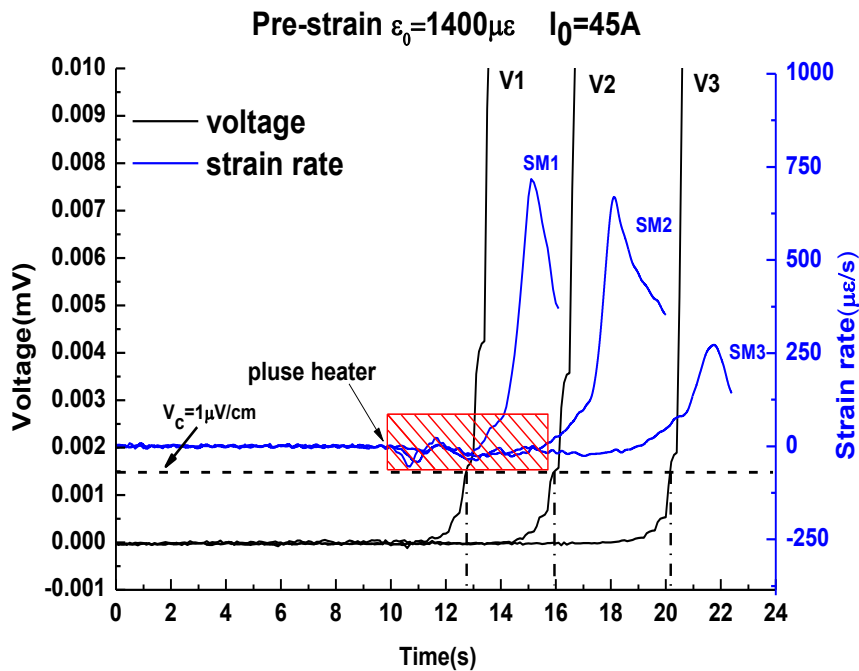
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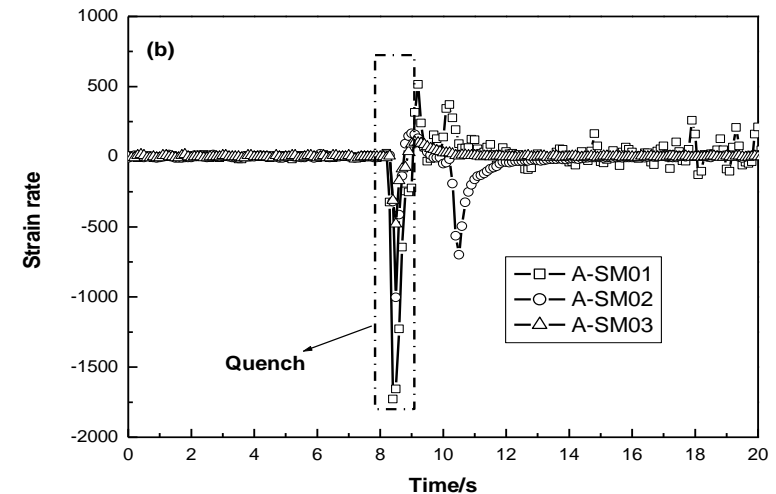
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● Strain rate behaviors during a quench

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Strain-rate observations for a LTS(NbTi) magnet



✓ The strain-rates during a quench occurs have been presented, which show some obvious changes as the strains. The regular results are not clear compared to the one for a LTS magnet.