HTS high current cable for fusion application

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- 2 cables, made of SuperPower and SuperOx tapes
- 20 strands per cable, twisted at 100 cm
- 16 tapes per strand, twisted at 32 cm





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- *T_{cs}* drop after warm-up-cool-down and electromagnetic cycling
- Detailed investigation of the phenomenon is completed

Fusion magnets + coated conductors ?













- Same magnetic flux is maintained, while the inner and outer radii are reduced by 25 % and 15 %
 → possible reduction of the overall cost!
- New prototypes for the graded CS coil, rated for 53 kA at 18 T, will soon be tested in SULTAN

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