

Transverse pressure sensitivity of state-of-the-art Nb₃Sn Rutherford cables



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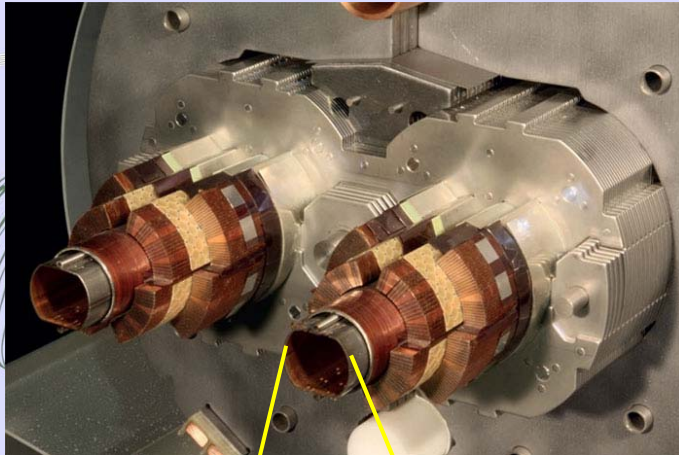
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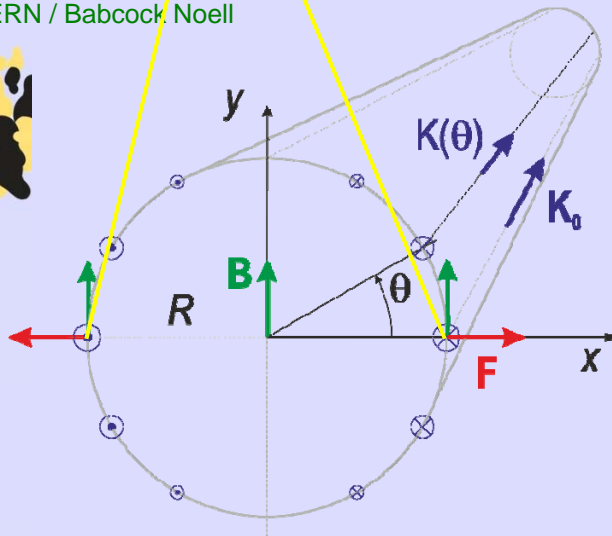
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CERN / Babcock Noell



High currents & - fields combine to high Lorentz forces !

Let's make a (very rough) estimate for an 'idealized' cos-theta dipole:

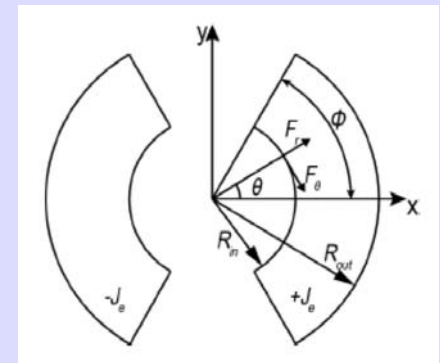
$$\mathbf{K}(\theta) = -K_0 \cos(\theta) \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad [\text{A/m}]$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 K_0}{2} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \quad [\text{T}]$$

$$d\mathbf{F}(\theta) = \frac{\mu_0 K_0^2}{2} \cos(\theta) R d\theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} \quad [\text{N/m}] \quad \sigma_{a,p} = \frac{2}{w} \int_0^{\pi/2} dF_a = \frac{\mu_0 K_0^2}{2} \frac{R}{w} \quad [\text{Pa}]$$

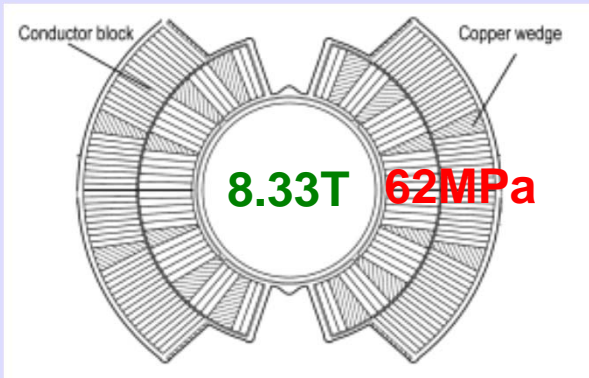
$$B \approx 10 \text{ T} \quad \rightarrow \quad K_0 \approx 2 \cdot 10^7 \text{ A/m} \quad \rightarrow \quad \sigma \approx 250 \text{ MPa}$$

2D current model instead of 1D:

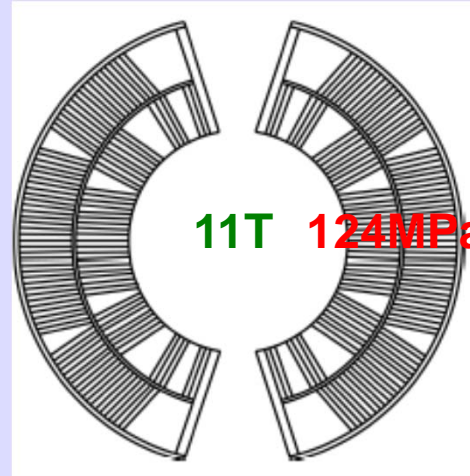


Rossi 2012

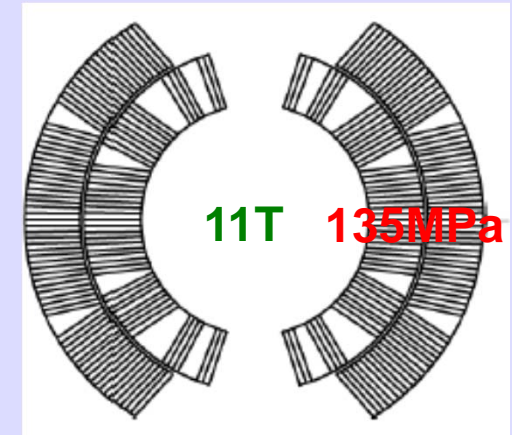
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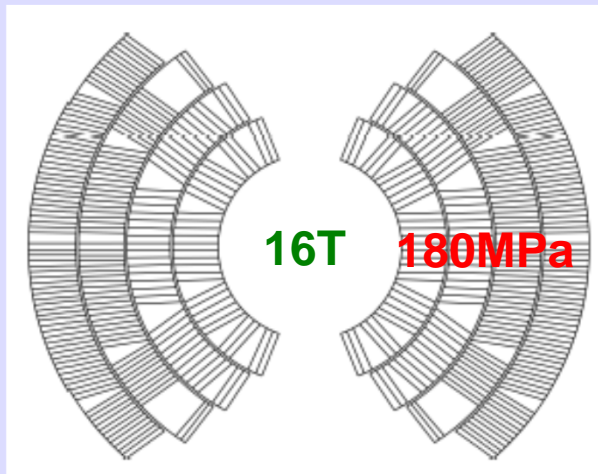
Ferracin 2002 (CERN)



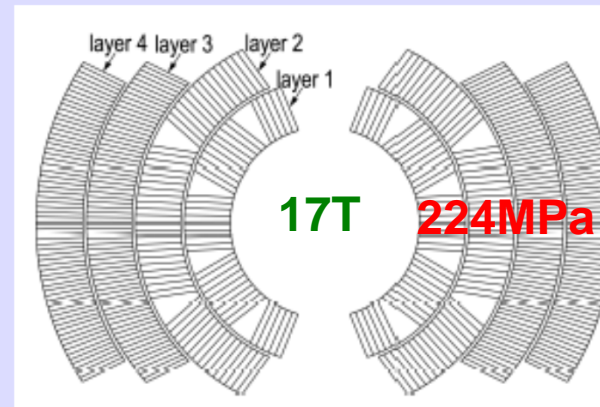
Bottura 2013 (CERN)



Novitski 2016 (FNAL)

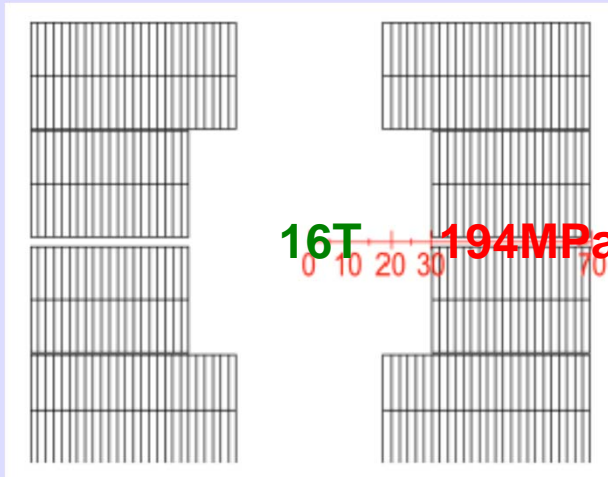


Marinozzi 2018 (INFN)

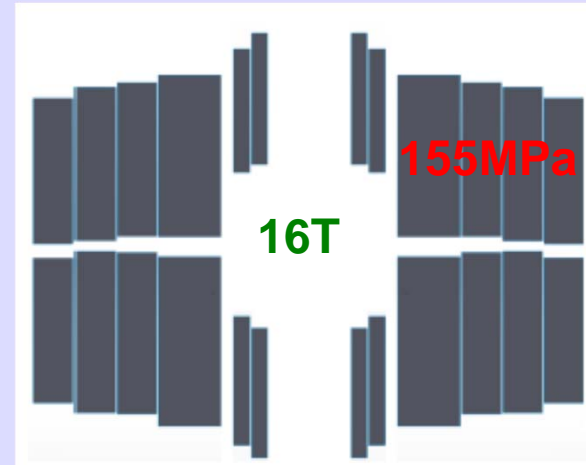


Kashikhin 2015 (FNAL)

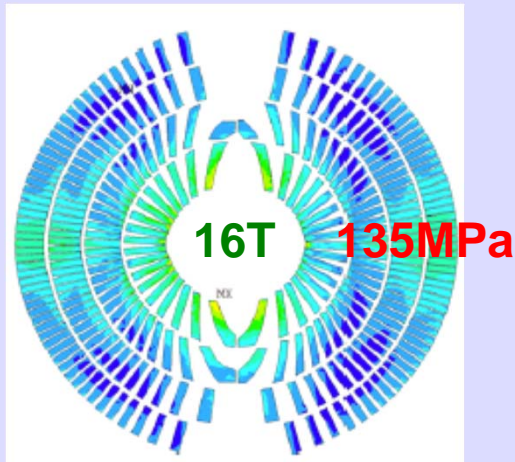
Cos-theta designs



Lorin 2018 (CEA)

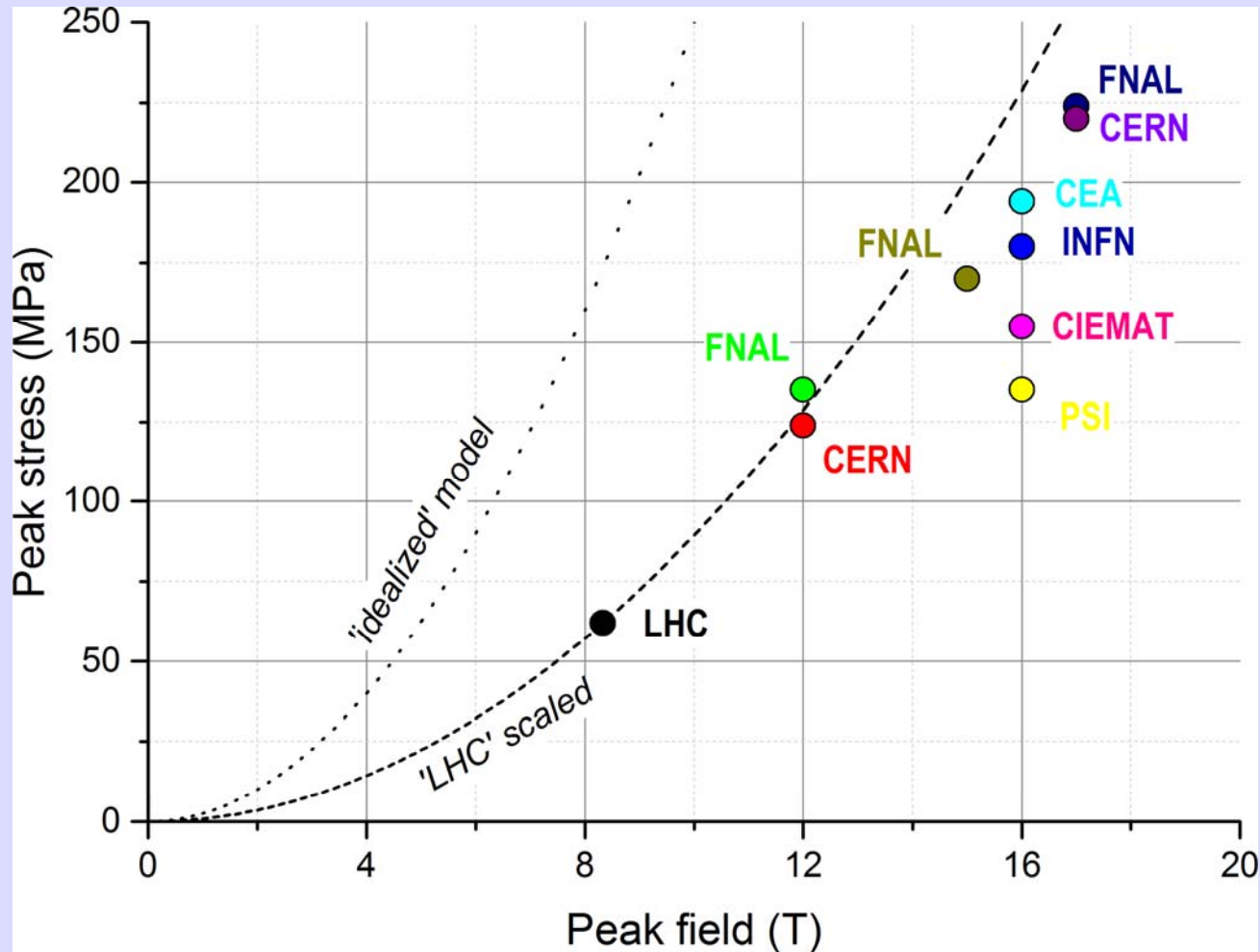


Toral 2018 (CIEMAT)



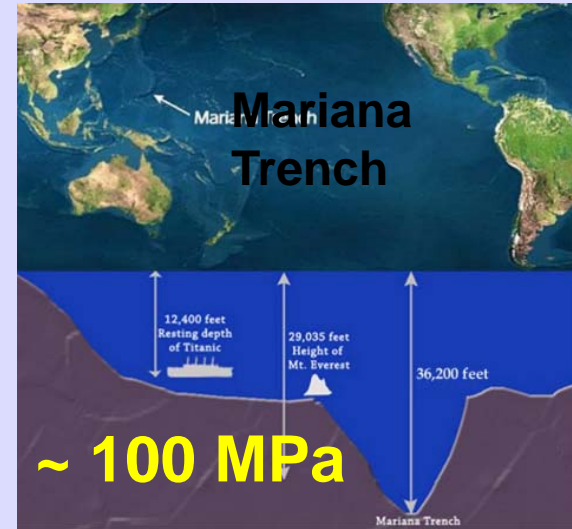
Auchmann 2018 (PSI)

Alternative designs



$$B = 16\text{T} \Rightarrow \sigma \sim 150 - 200 \text{ MPa}$$

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1. Introduction: strain response of Nb₃Sn strands

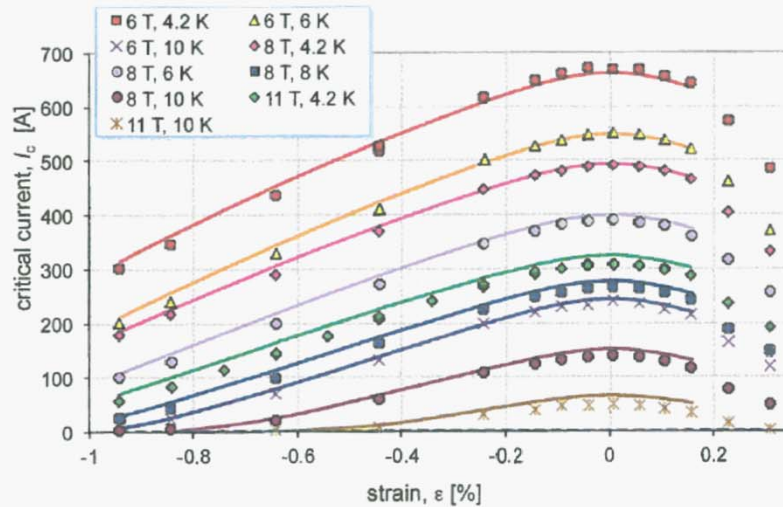


Figure 2.23. Critical current as a function of intrinsic strain, temperature and magnetic field. The points are measured on the PACMAN and the lines are calculated with Equation 1.5.

Nijhuis, 2016

It's well-established that all Nb₃Sn conductors exhibit a significant *intrinsic* strain-dependence in their critical current and in their 2nd critical field.

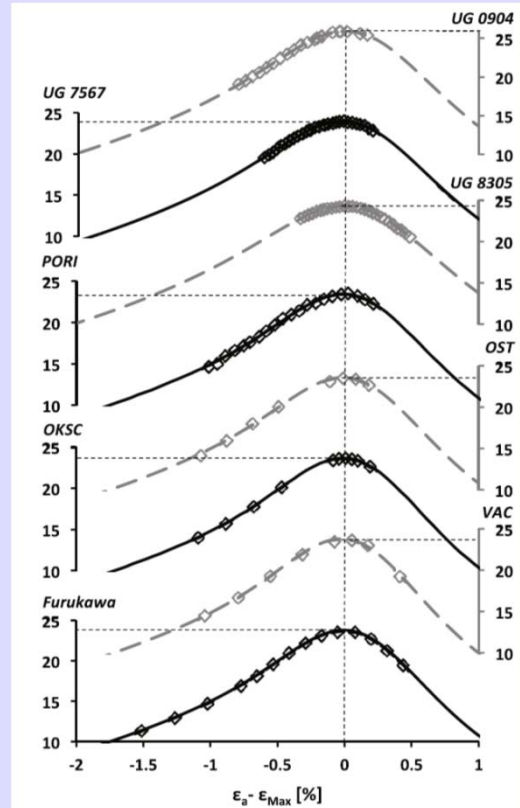


Figure 4. Comparison between the different datasets analyzed. The ordinate axis, which represents the B_{c2} in T, have been shifted from one dataset and placed alternately on the left and on the right. The marks show the B_{c2} data at 4.2 K while the line shows the fits using the new two parameter exponential scaling law.

Bordini, 2013

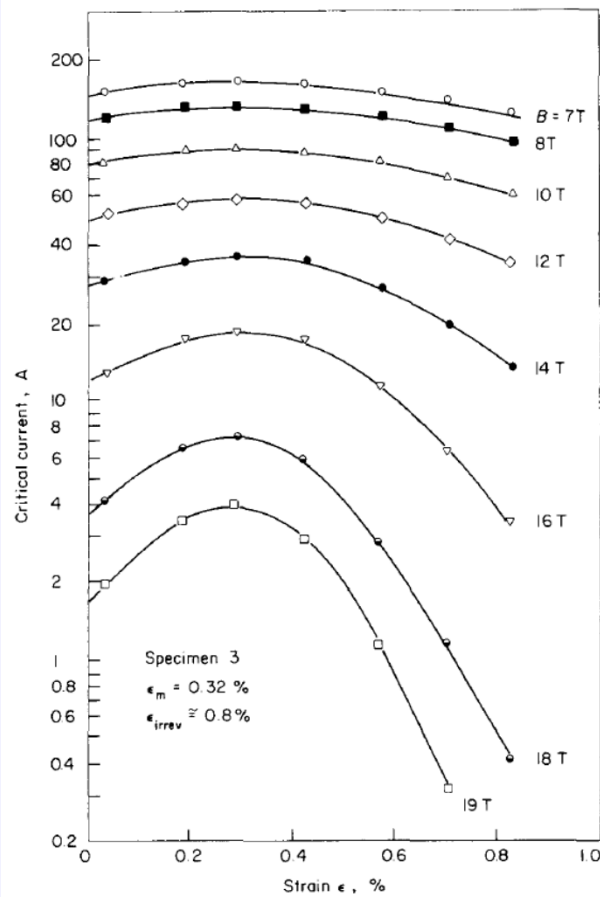


Fig. 2 Critical current I_c of specimen 3 as a function of uniaxial strain for magnetic fields ranging from 7 to 19 T. The strain ϵ_m where I_c is a maximum is 0.32% for this specimen. The strain ϵ_{irrev} , where the curve becomes irreversible upon unloading, is about 0.8% for this specimen

Ekin, 1980

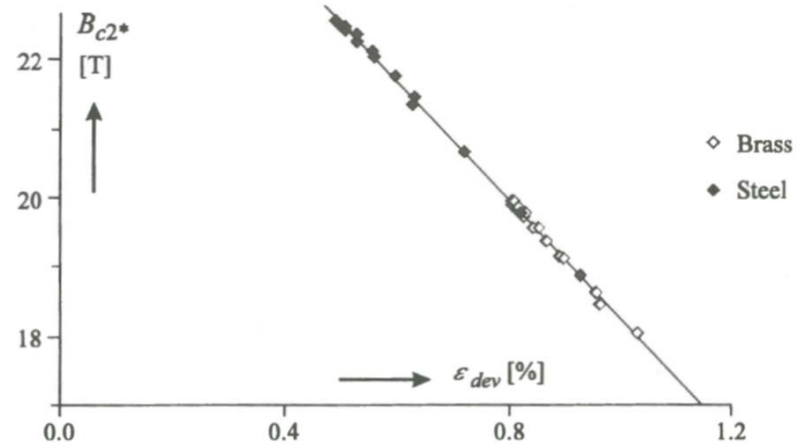
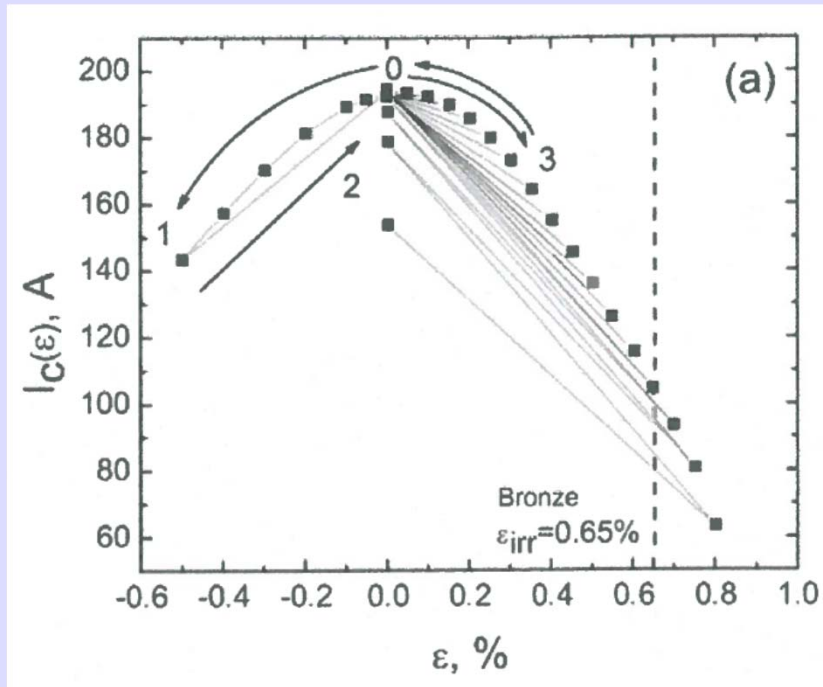


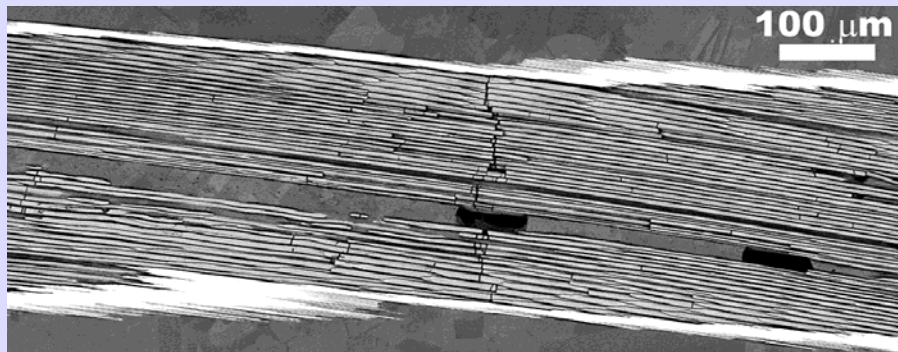
Figure 5.13: The extrapolated B_{c2}^* as a function of the deviatoric strain calculated with the elastic model for the tape conductor. The indicated points are measured on two different bending springs U-steel and U-20 K (= brass) respectively.

Ten Hake, 1994

The phenomenological understanding centers on strain scaling of the critical surface, and on the recognition of the *deviatoric strain* as the driving influence.



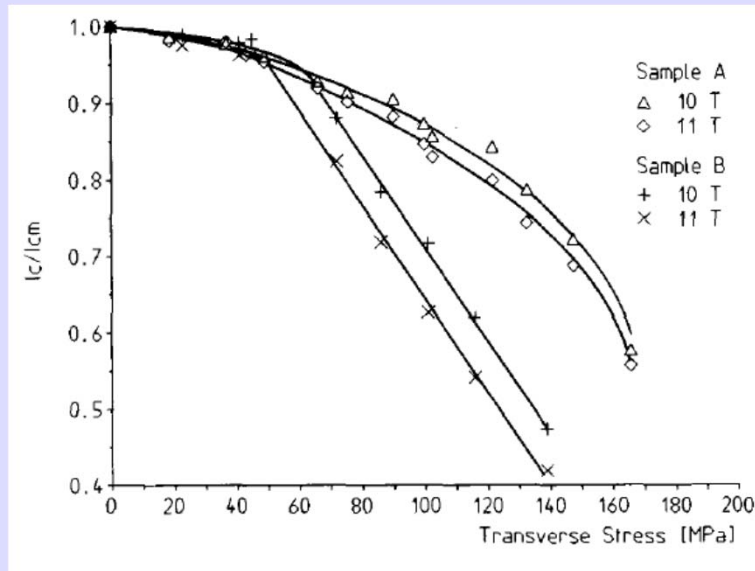
Nijhuis, 2016



Jewell, 2008

The good news is that this *intrinsic strain sensitivity* is reversible and reproducible, meaning it can be 'designed for'.

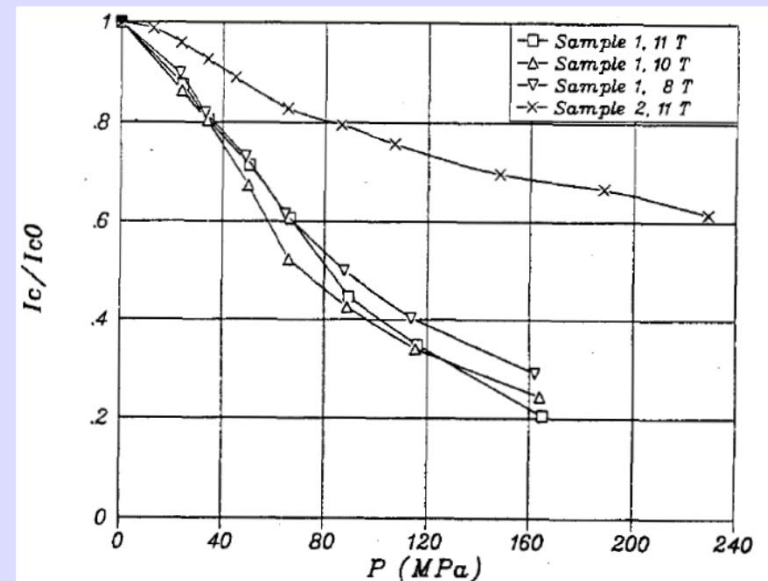
The bad news is that above a *reversible strain limit* the superconducting filaments start to crack and the critical current is not recovered upon strain release: the magnet degrades.



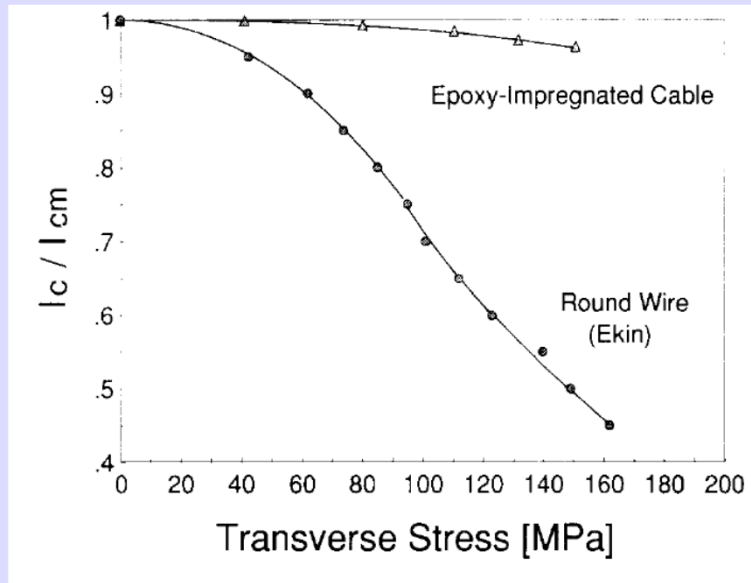
First cable measurements

Jakob, 1989 (PSI, RT loading, short section)

- Short-sample
- Either RT- or in-situ loading
- Mitigating effect of *impregnation*

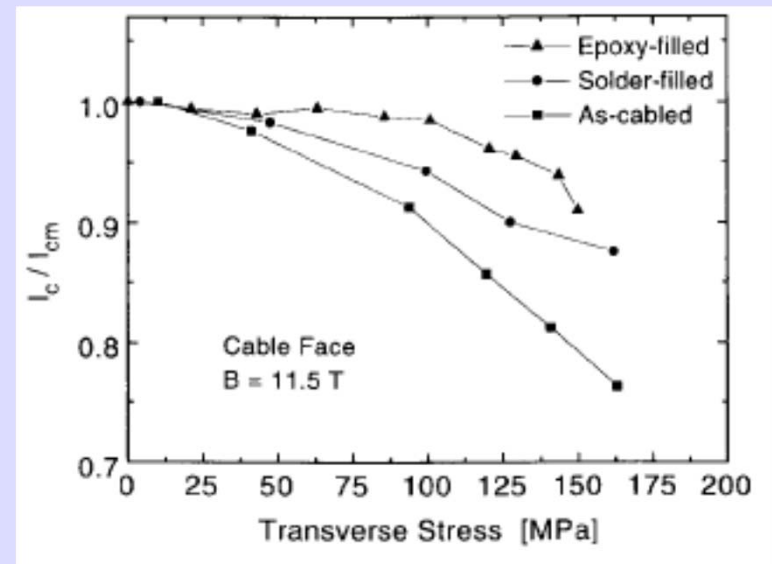


Boschman, 1991 (Twente, in-situ loading, short section, partial & full impregnation)



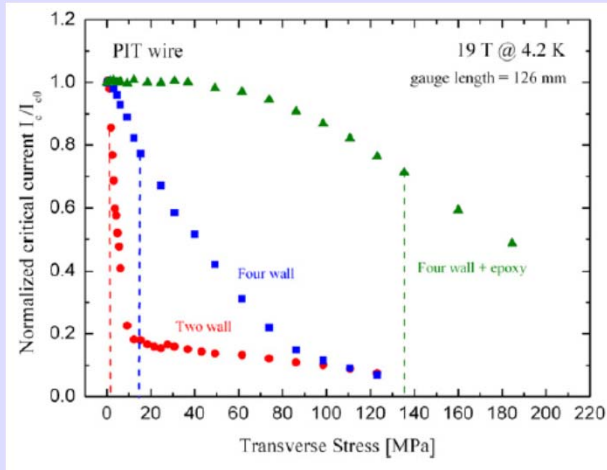
Jakob, 1991 (PSI, impregnated)

Further evidence of impregnation effect

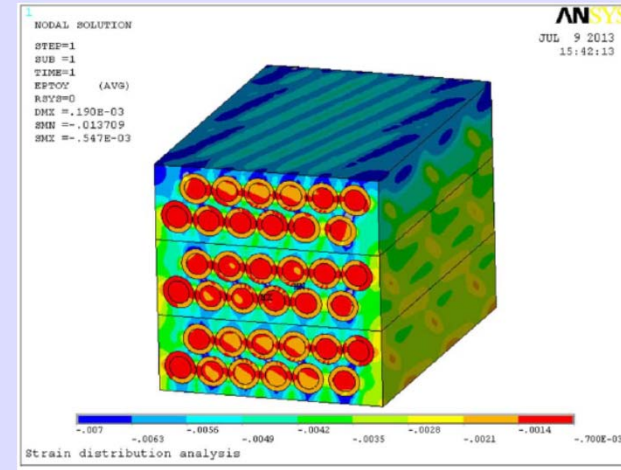


Pasztor, 1994 (PSI, different fillers)

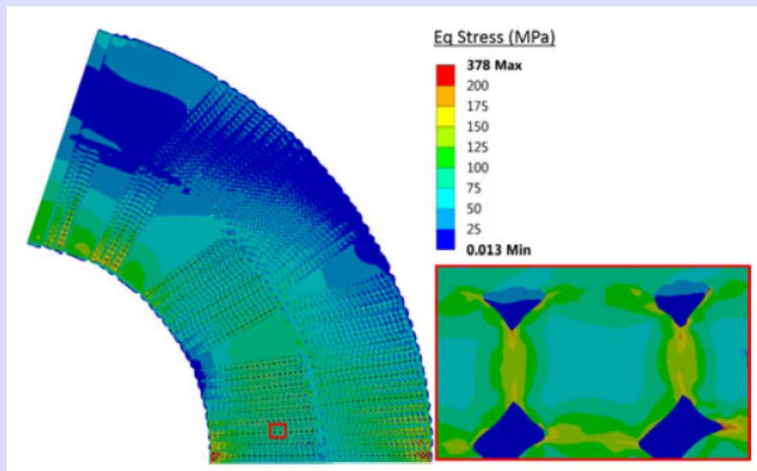
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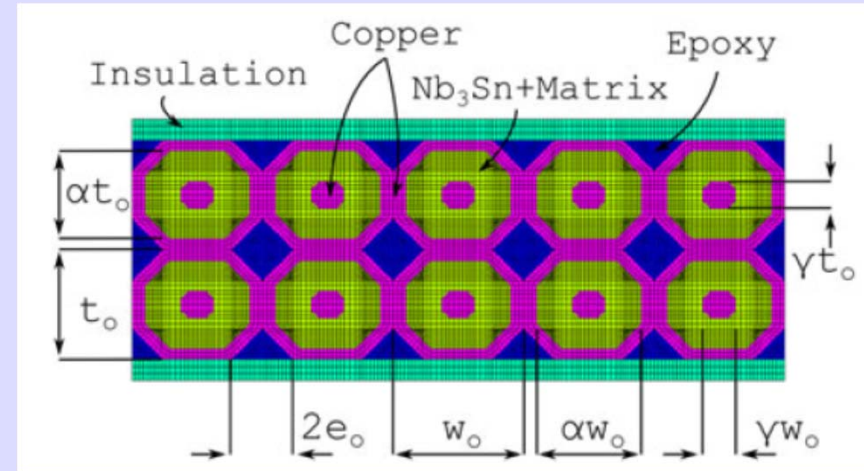
Mondonico 2012



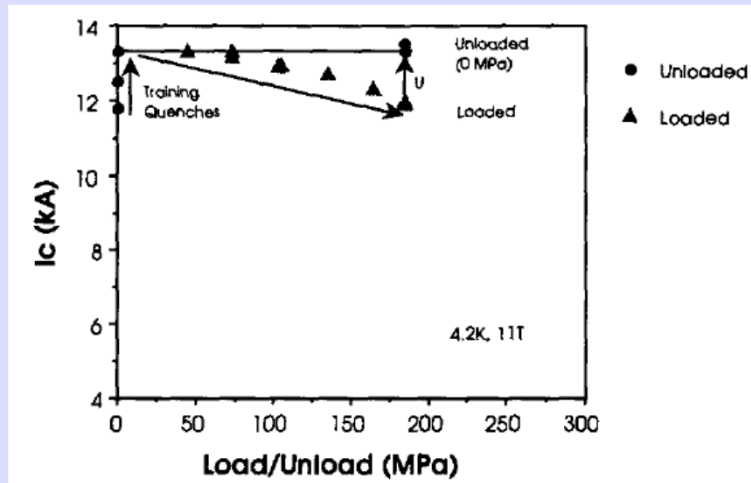
Xu 2014



Daly 2018

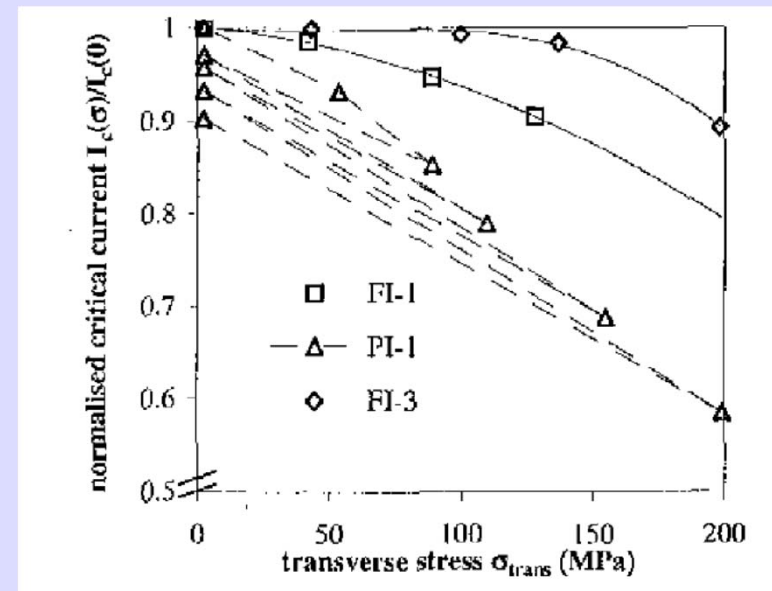


Valone 2018

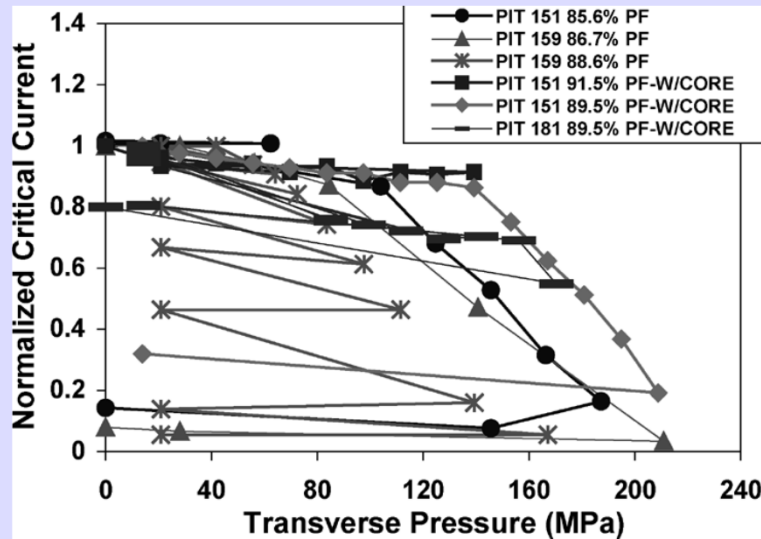


Dietderich, 1999 (LBNL, short sample, in-situ loading)

First explorations of onset irreversible degradation ...

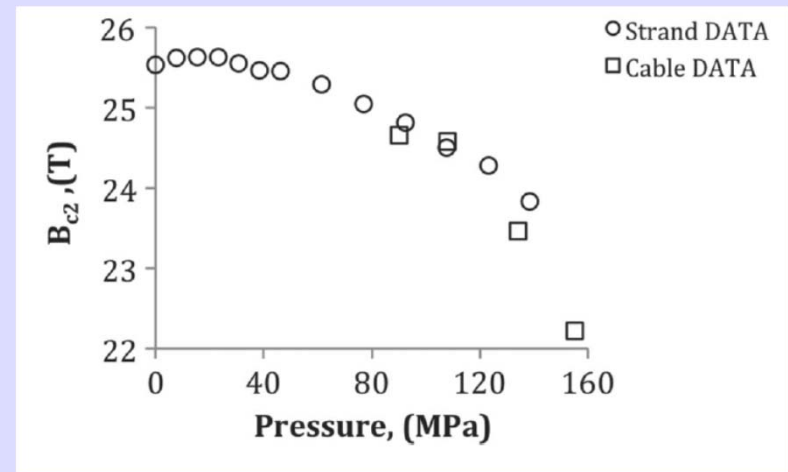


Den Ouden, 2000 (Twente)



Barzi, 2004 (FNAL, short sample, in-situ loading)

... and with reversible B_{c2} response



Bordini, 2014 (CERN, long sample, RT loading)

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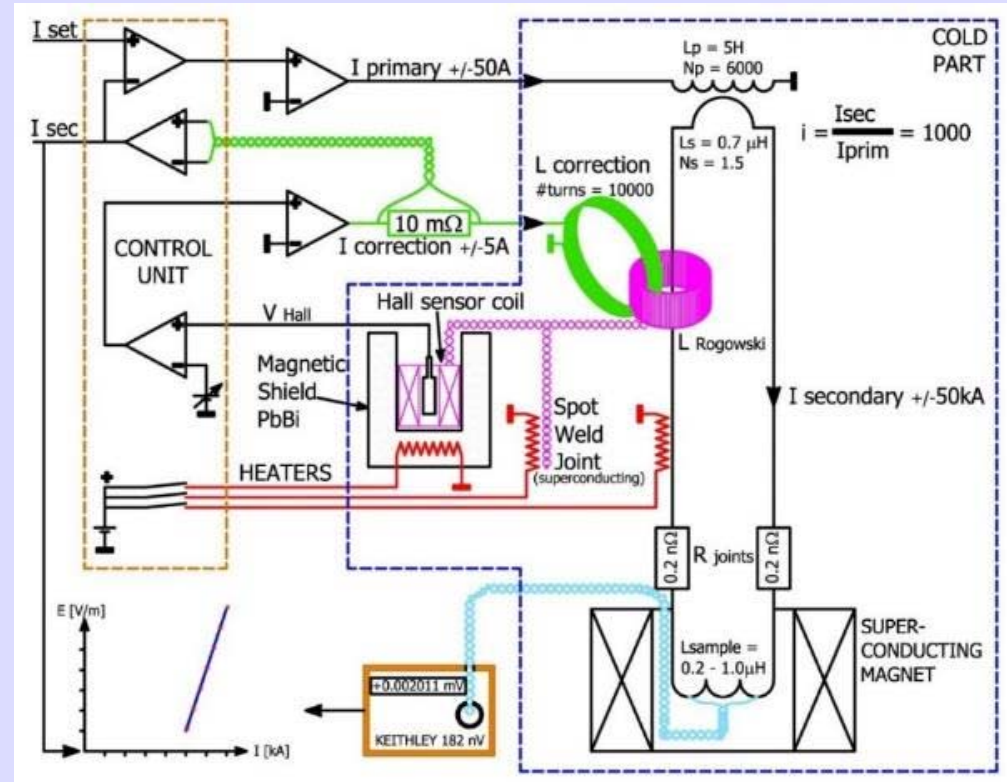
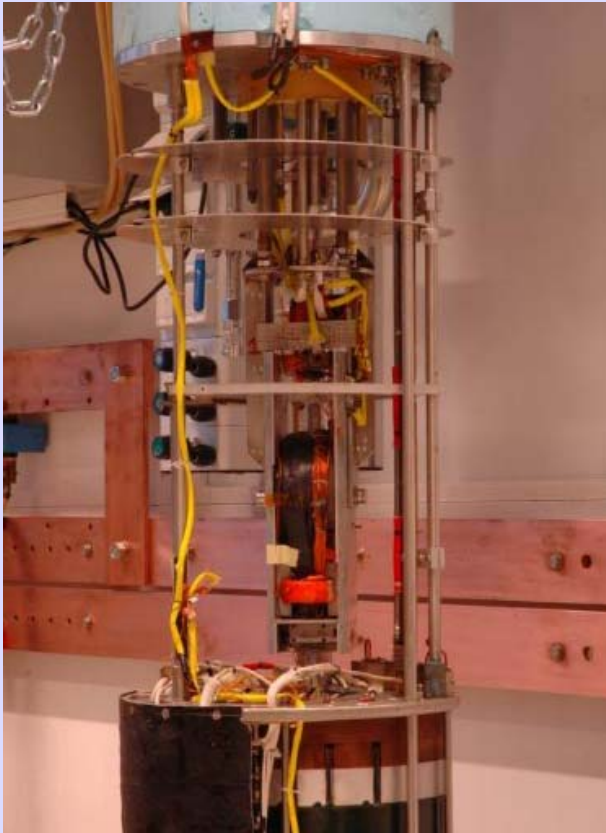
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Van de Klundert, 1981

50 kA superconducting transformer in 11T solenoid

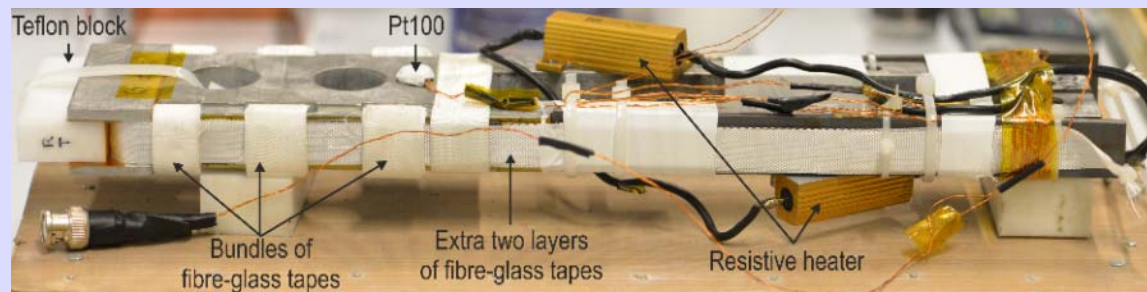
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Heat treatment ...



... transfer ...

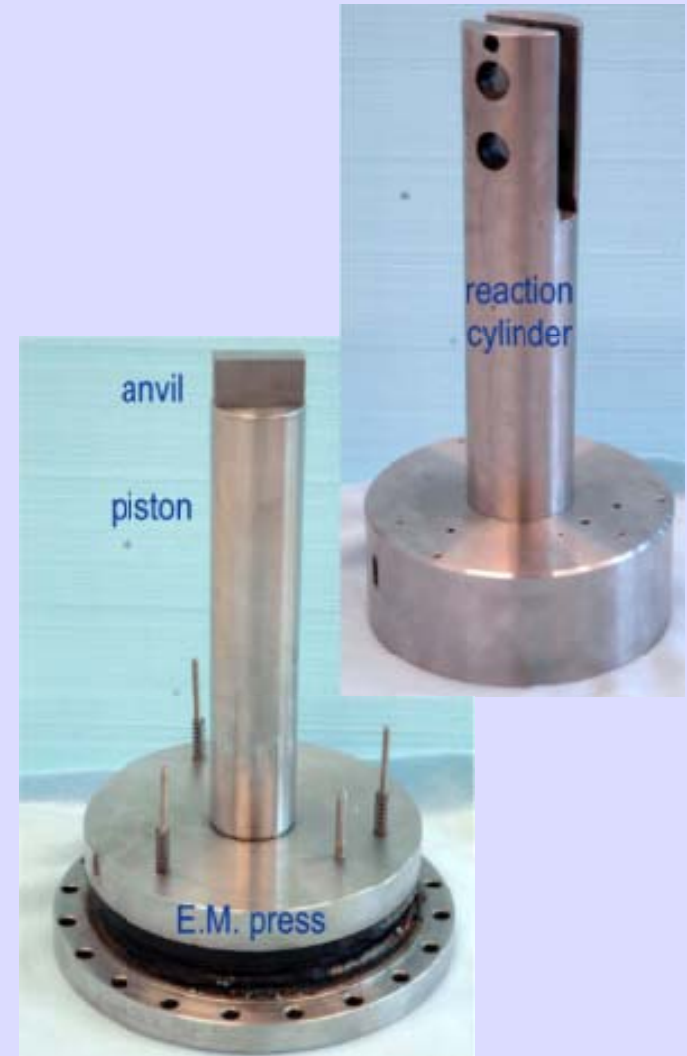
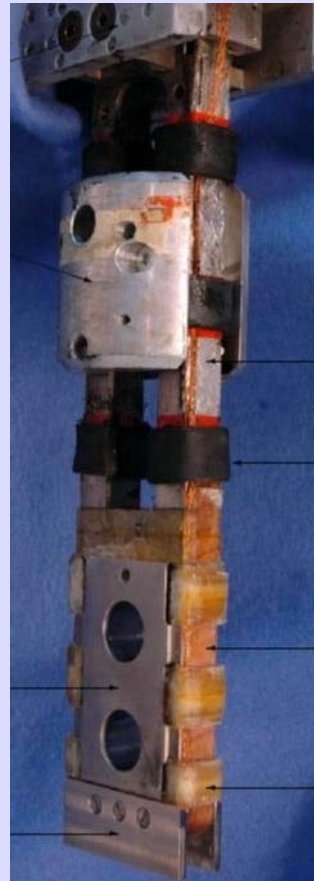


... impregnation

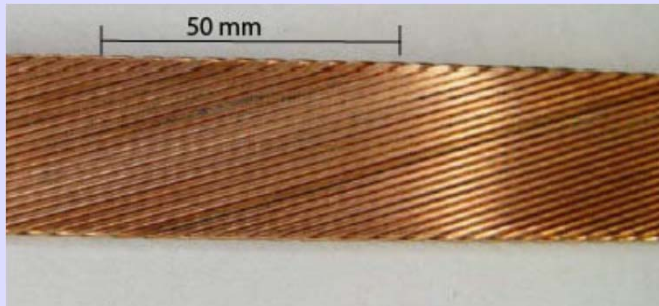
'hairpin'- type samples

2. Experimental: the set-up @ UTwente

- 240 kN E.M. cryo-press
- custom-cut pushing anvil (w. strain gauges)
- Displacement read-out



Sample	cross section (mm ²)	strand type	# of strands	keystone (°)	transposition length (mm)
DS-RRP	14.7 × 1.25	RRP-108/127	40	0.75	100
DS-PIT-1	14.7 × 1.25	PIT-114	40	0.71	100
DS-PIT-2	14.7 × 1.25	PIT-114	40	0.71	100
SMC-RRP-1	10 × 1.8	RRP-132/169	18	0	63
SMC-RRP-2	10 × 1.8	RRP-132/169	18	0	63
SMC-PIT-1	10 × 1.8	PIT-192	18	0	63
SMC-PIT-2	10 × 1.8	PIT-192	18	0	63



Strand	diameter (mm)	Cu / non-Cu ratio
RRP-108/127	0.7	1.19
PIT-114	0.7	1.25
RRP-132/169	1	1.22
PIT-192	1	1.22

Impregnation

- DS : MY740/HY906/DY062 (100/90/02)
- SMC : CTD101-K (A/B/C = 100/90/1.5)

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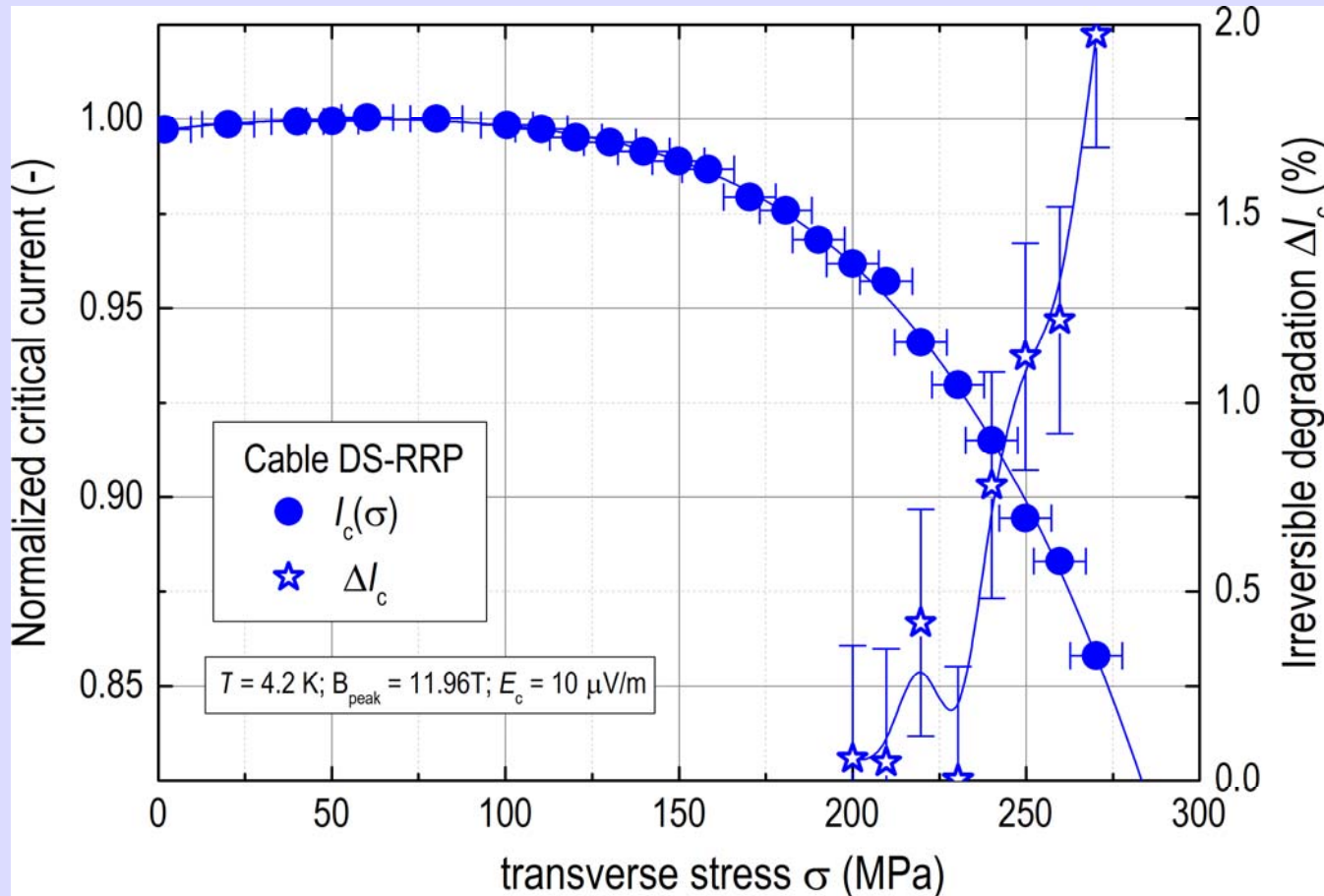
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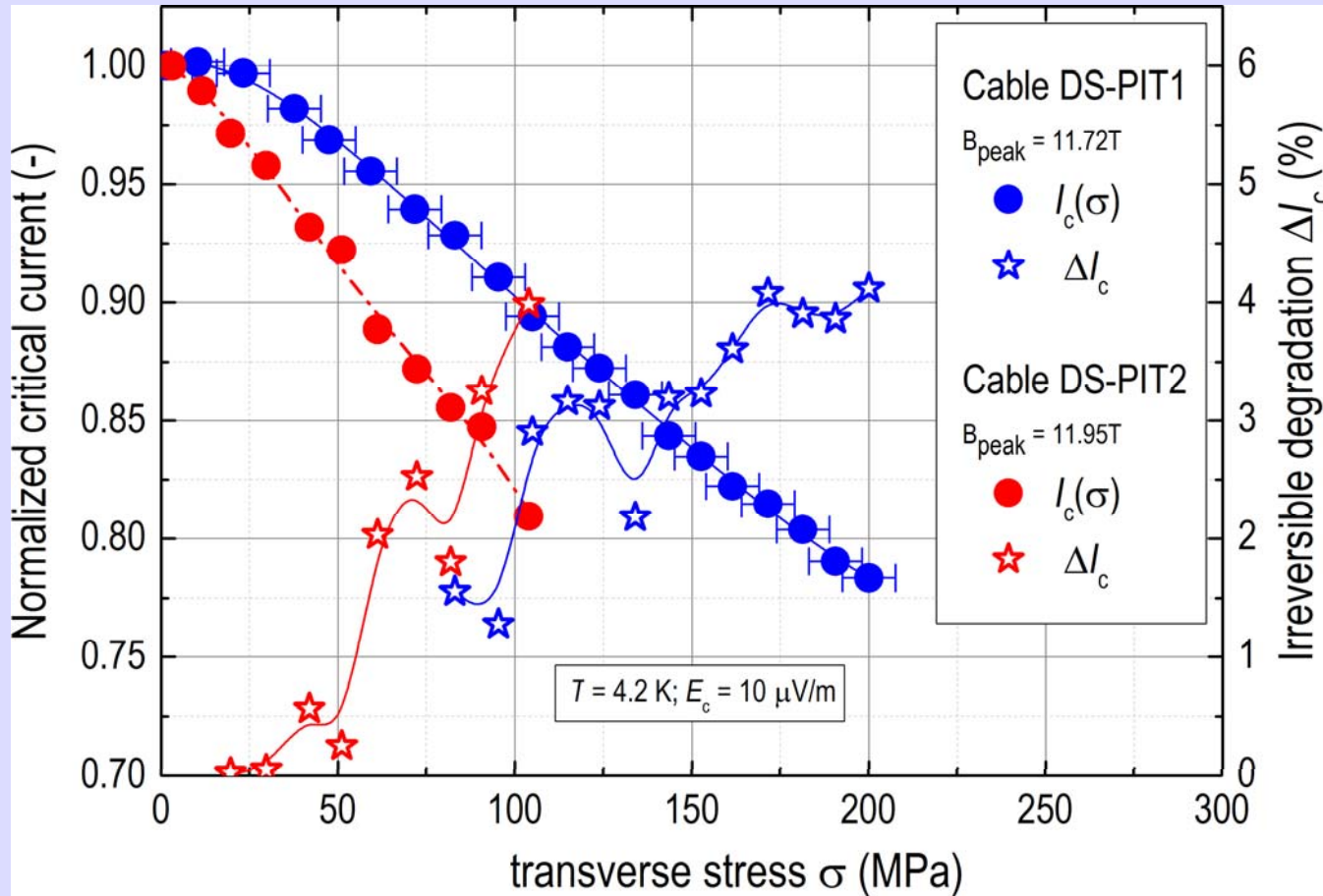
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DS RRP cable



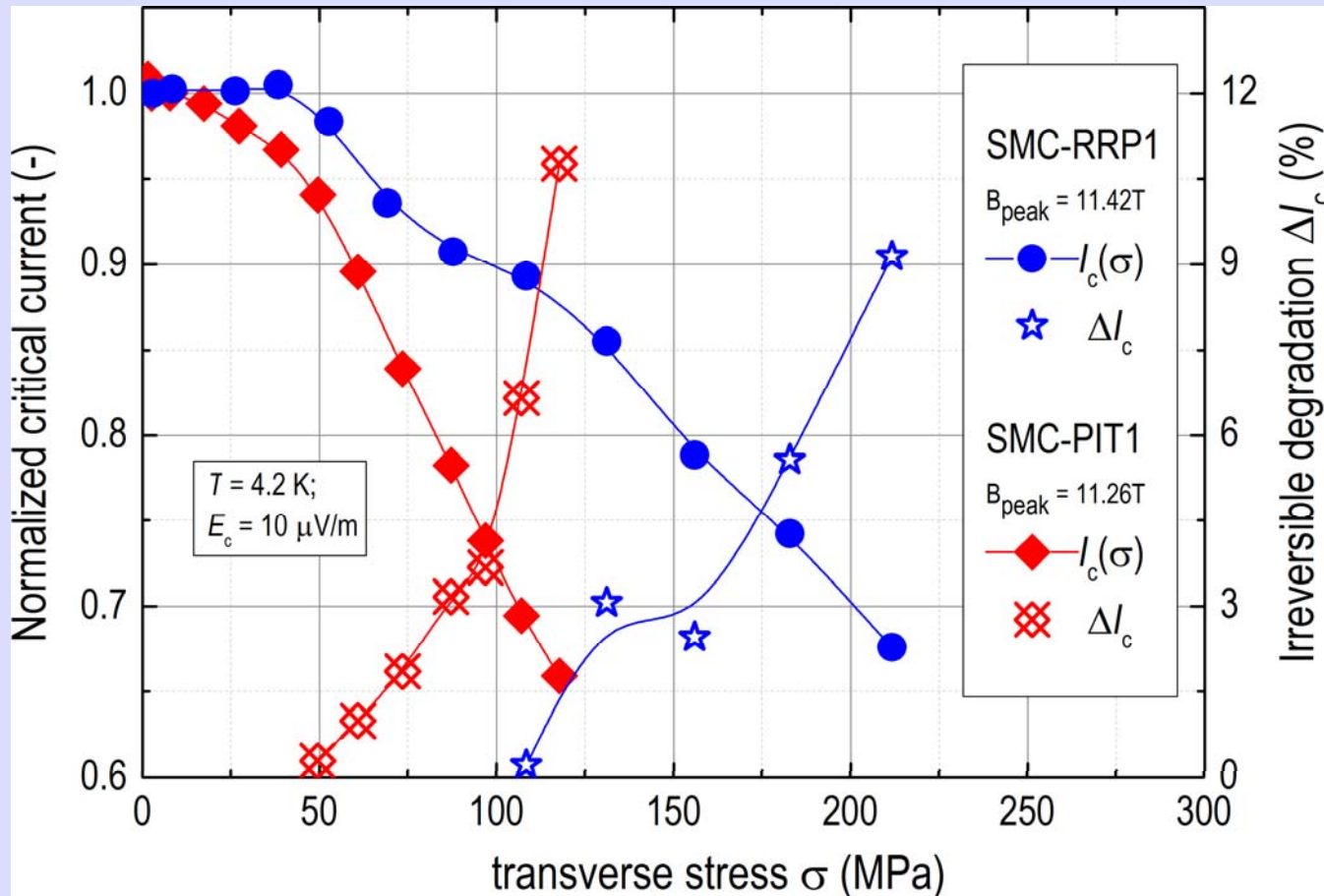
$\sigma_{-10\%} \approx 240 \text{ MPa}$; $\sigma_{-1\%, \text{ irr.}} \approx 250 \text{ MPa}$

DS PIT cables



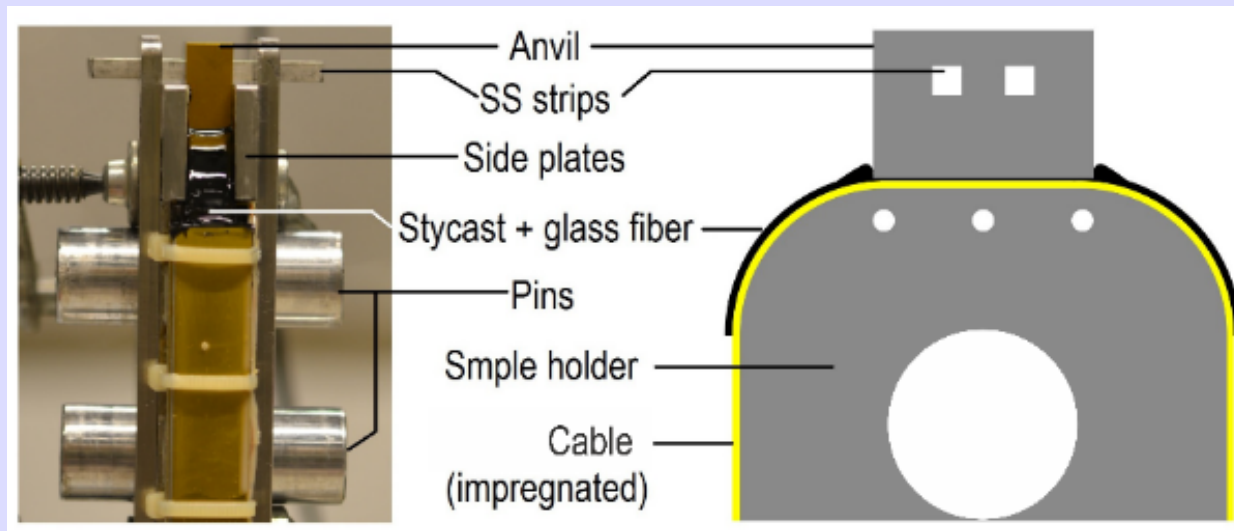
$\sigma_{-10\%} \approx 70-100 \text{ MPa}$; $\sigma_{-1\%, \text{ irr.}} \approx 50 \text{ MPa}$

SMC cables

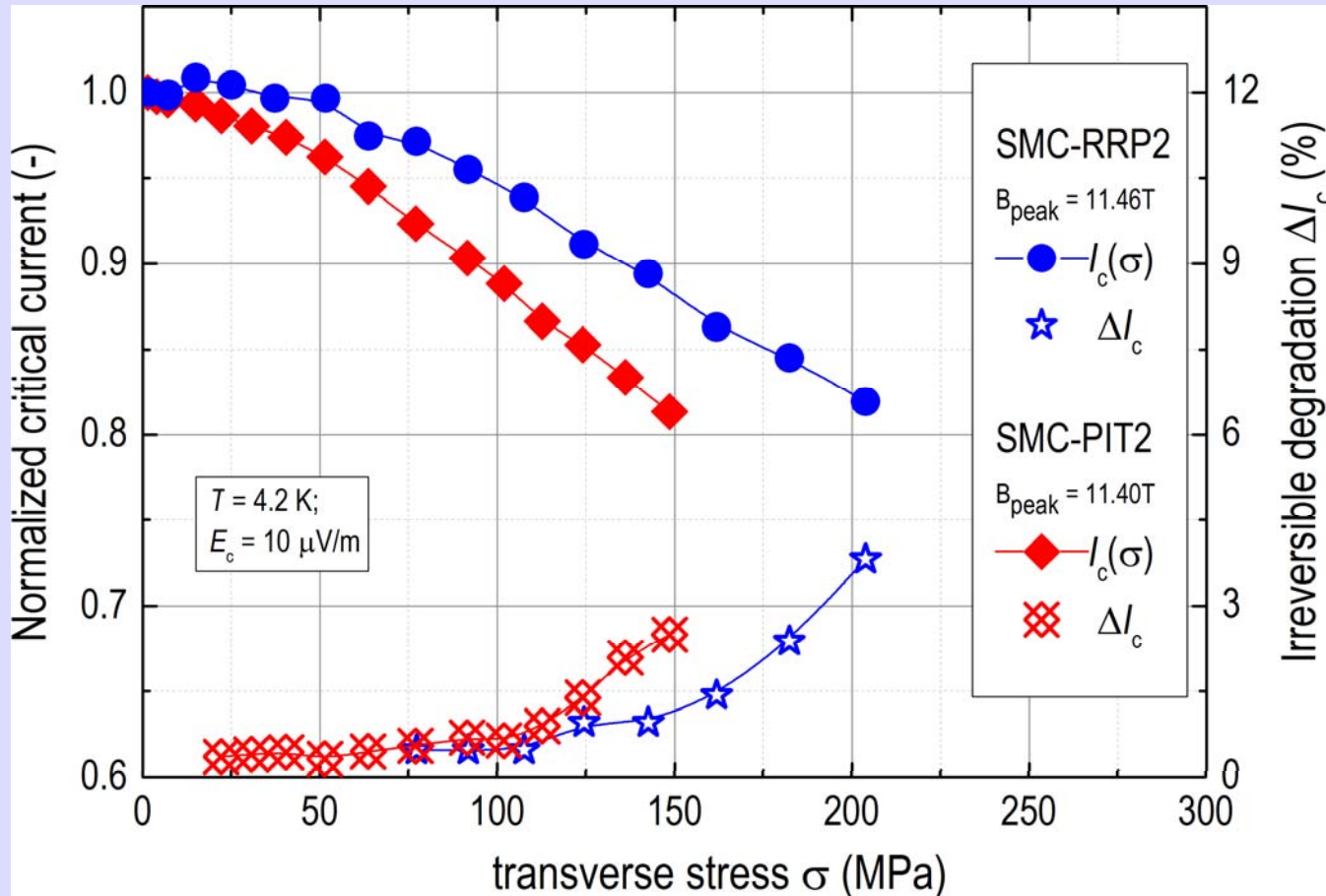


$\sigma_{-10\%} \approx 70-100 \text{ MPa}$; $\sigma_{-1\%, \text{ irr.}} \approx 70-120 \text{ MPa}$

- SMC comparison with CERN data inconsistent
- Problem was identified as parallelism issue (0.2° !)
- Remedied with extra tooling & second impregnation step

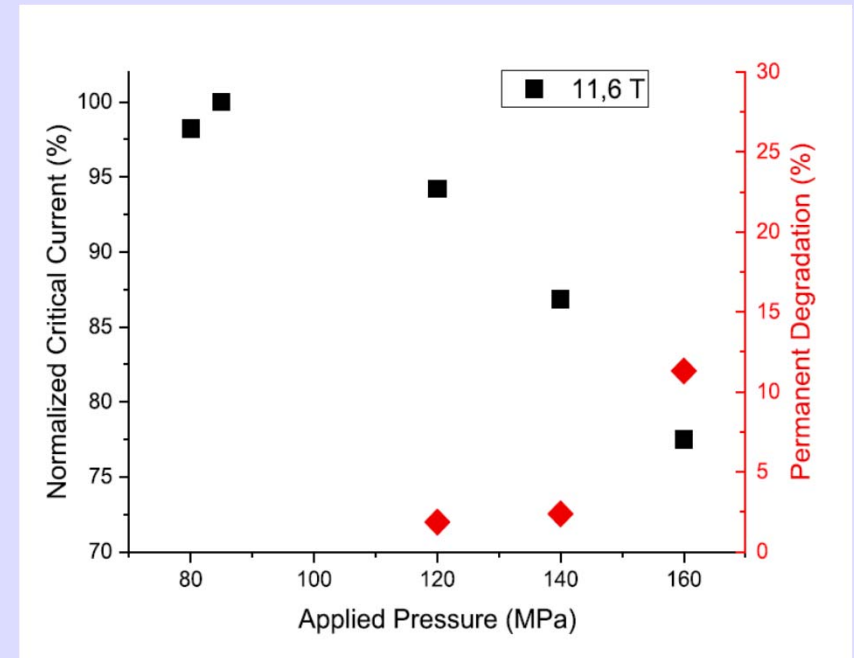
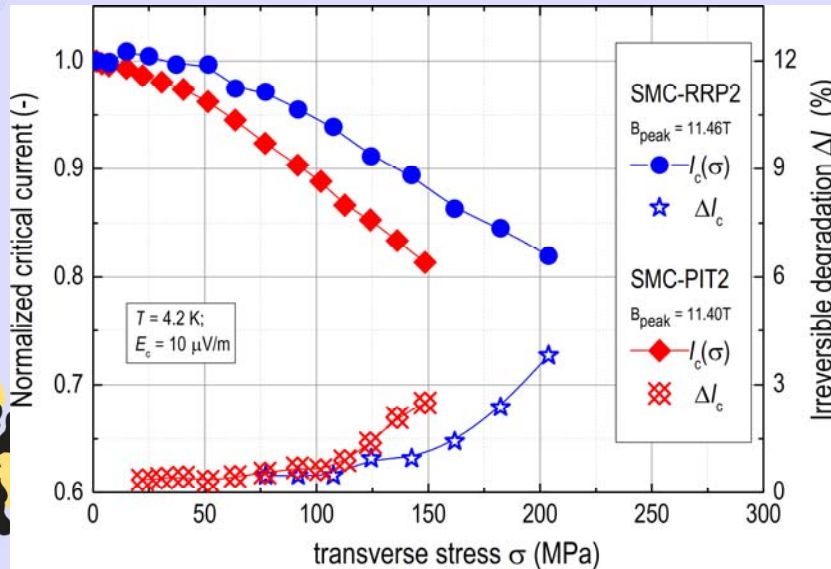


New SMC cables (of same strand material) after 2nd impregnation



$\sigma_{-10\%} \approx 100-140 \text{ MPa}$; $\sigma_{-1\%, \text{ irr.}} \approx 120-150 \text{ MPa}$

Benchmarking SMC RRP between UTwente & CERN



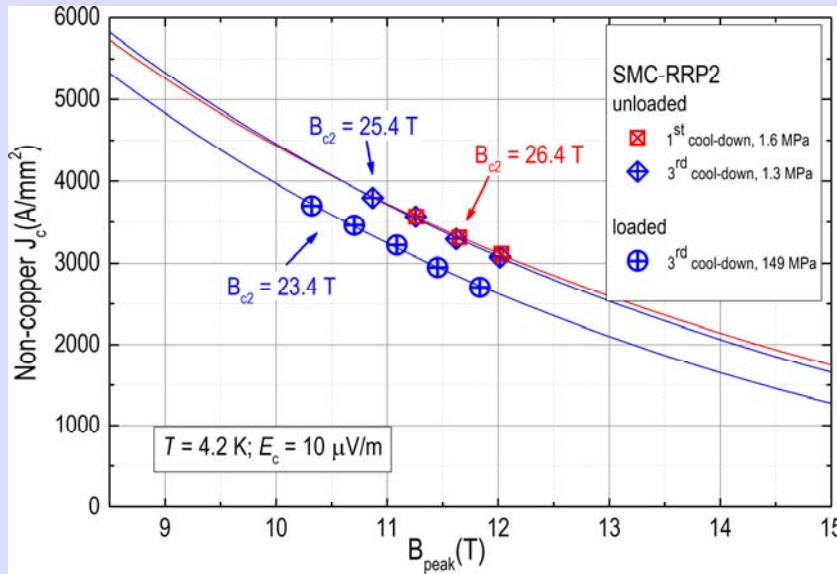
Duveauchelle, 2018 (CERN, RT loading)

$\Delta I_c = -10\%$ @ $\sigma \approx 135$ MPa

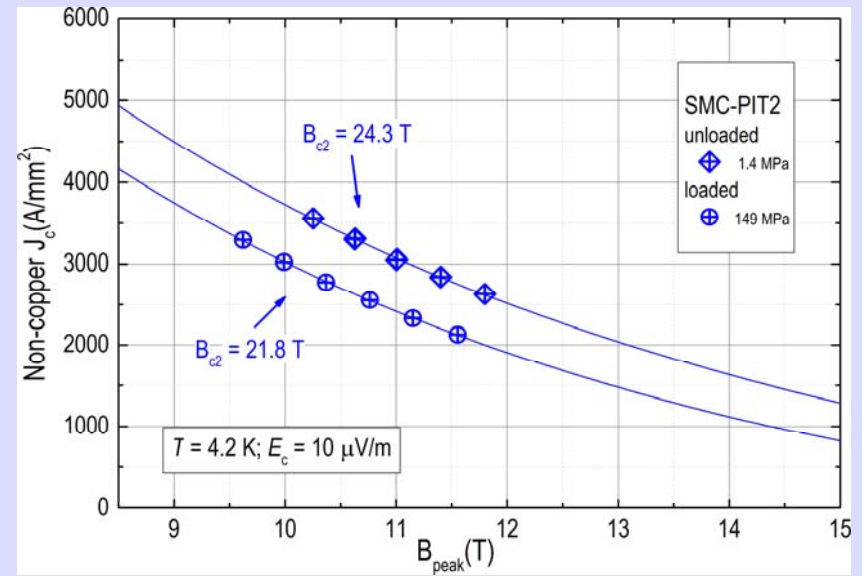
$\Delta I_{c, irr} = -1\%$ @ $\sigma \approx 150$ MPa

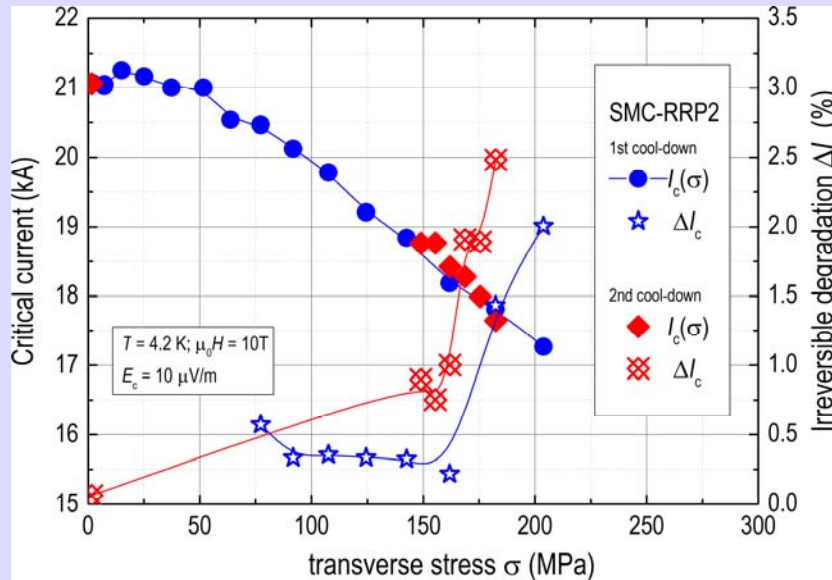
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$\Delta I_{c, irr} = -1\%$ @ $\sigma \approx 150$ MPa



Reversible effect on B_{c2} ...



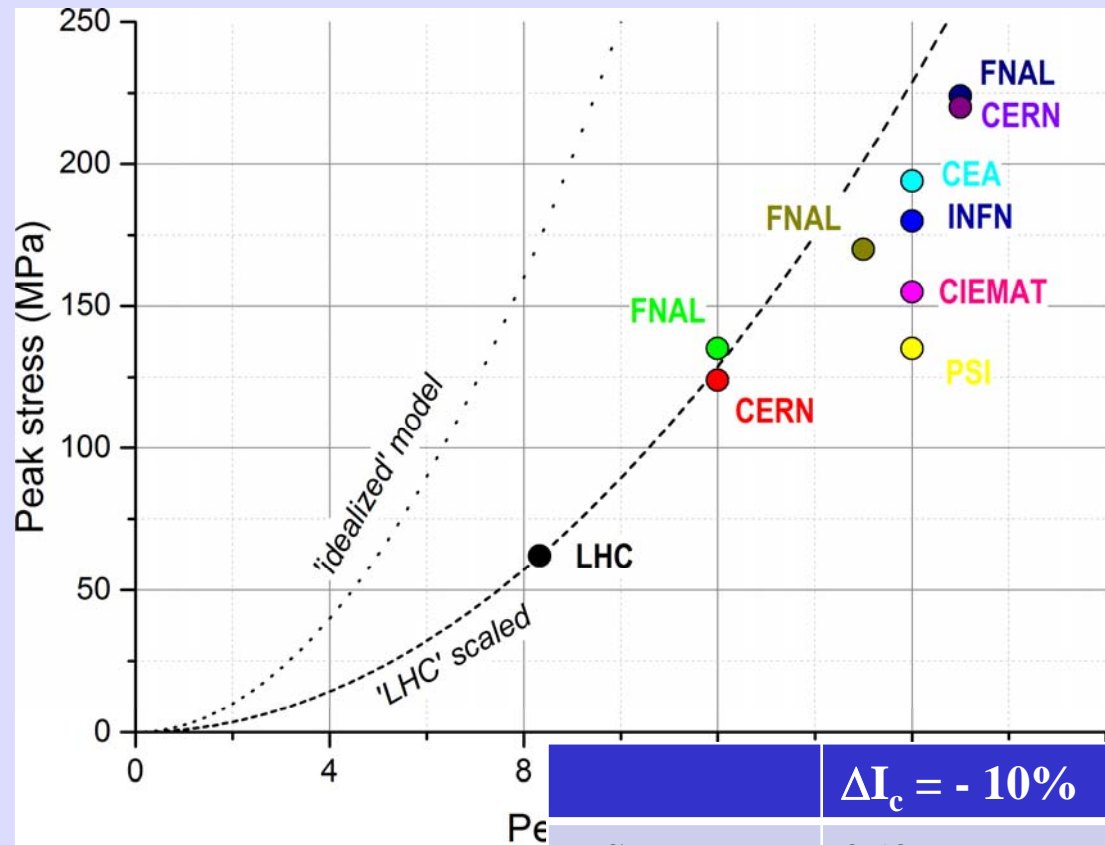


Effect of thermal cycling & mechanical cycling

Cycle	SMC-PIT2 (1 st cool-down)		
	$I_c(149\text{MPa})$ (kA)	$I_c(1.6\text{MPa})$ (kA)	ΔI_c irrev. (%)
1	14.78	17.57	-3.22
2	14.73	17.57	-3.22
3	14.74	17.53	-3.43
4	14.73	17.52	-3.50
5	14.75	17.51	-3.52

Cycle	SMC-RRP2 (2 nd cool-down)			SMC-RRP2 (3 rd cool-down)		
	$I_c(149\text{MPa})$ (kA)	$I_c(1.6\text{MPa})$ (kA)	ΔI_c irrev. (%)	$I_c(175\text{MPa})$ (kA)	$I_c(1.4\text{MPa})$ (kA)	ΔI_c irrev. (%)
1	18.67	20.86	-1.00	18.14	21.11	+0.16
2	18.91	20.87	-0.97	18.05	21.08	+0.02
3	18.72	20.90	-0.80	18.12	21.10	+0.11
4	18.76	20.88	-0.90	18.13	21.06	-0.07

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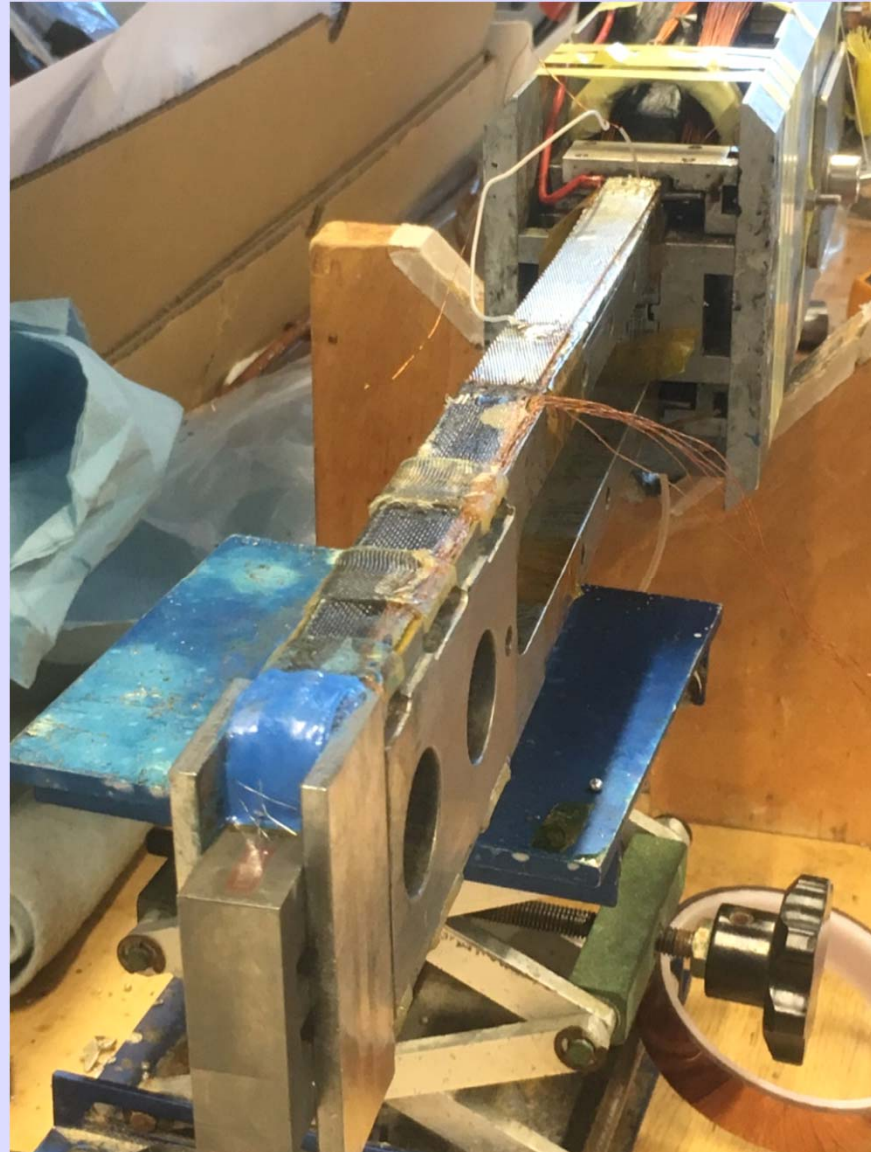
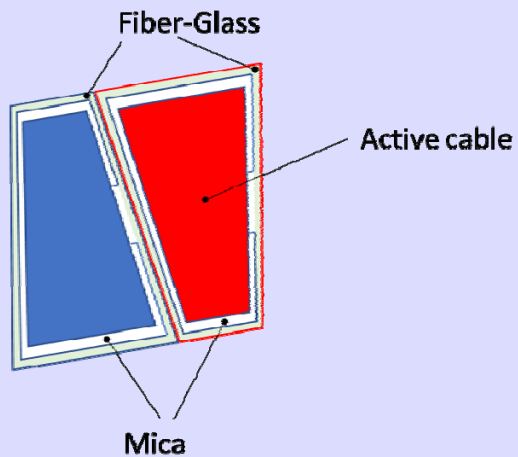
	$\Delta I_c = - 10\%$	$\Delta I_{c,irreversible} = - 1\%$
DS-RRP	250 MPa	~ 250 MPa
DS-PIT	70 – 100 MPa	~ 50 MPa
SMC-RRP	135 MPa	~ 150 MPa
SMC-PIT	90 MPa	~ 120 MPa

3. Results

Coming up: 11T High-Lumini cable

H15OC0239C

Production length:	235m
Transposition pitch:	100mm
Mid thickness:	1.254mm ($\sigma = 0.000$)
Width:	14.695mm ($\sigma = 0.002$)
Keystone angle:	0.784° ($\sigma = 0.014$)
N. of strands:	40
Core width:	12mm
Core thickness:	25 μ m
Strand diameter:	0.70mm
Production date:	23/11/2017



- 16T-class magnets imply transverse pressures of $\sim 150 - 200$ MPa, cable data are scattered, but indicate this is ambitious;
- Better understanding of *local* stress distribution (and the parameters involved!) is needed (and evolving);
- Benchmarking exercises remain very useful;
- Magnet production quality control will be essential.