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Cold high pressure densification (CHPD) at pressure up to 1.5 GPa was used to enhance the critical current density (J_c) and connectivity of the in situ powder-in-tube (PIT) and hybrid MgB₂ strand. First, the improvement of longitudinal and transverse magnetic J_c s were observed at 4.2 K and 10 K for PIT strands. The higher longitudinal and transverse connectivity in densified strands is shown to be responsible for increased magnetic J_c . Second, by using a combination of Mg rod and Mg powder distributed in B powder, the hybrid strand can have an increased thickness of MgB₂ layer than IMD stand. Nevertheless, the MgB₂ layer is porous in the hybrid strand. Therefore, the CHPD method is aimed at improving the connectivity of MgB₂ layer in the hybrid strand and therefore at further enhanced conductor J_c and J_e .

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