

# 2G HTS Wire Status in the USA

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# Topics

- HTS market outlook
- Areas of application
- Critical success factors for market adoption
- Status at AMSC
- Status at Superconductor Technologies Inc. (STI)
- Status at SuperPower Inc.
- Summary

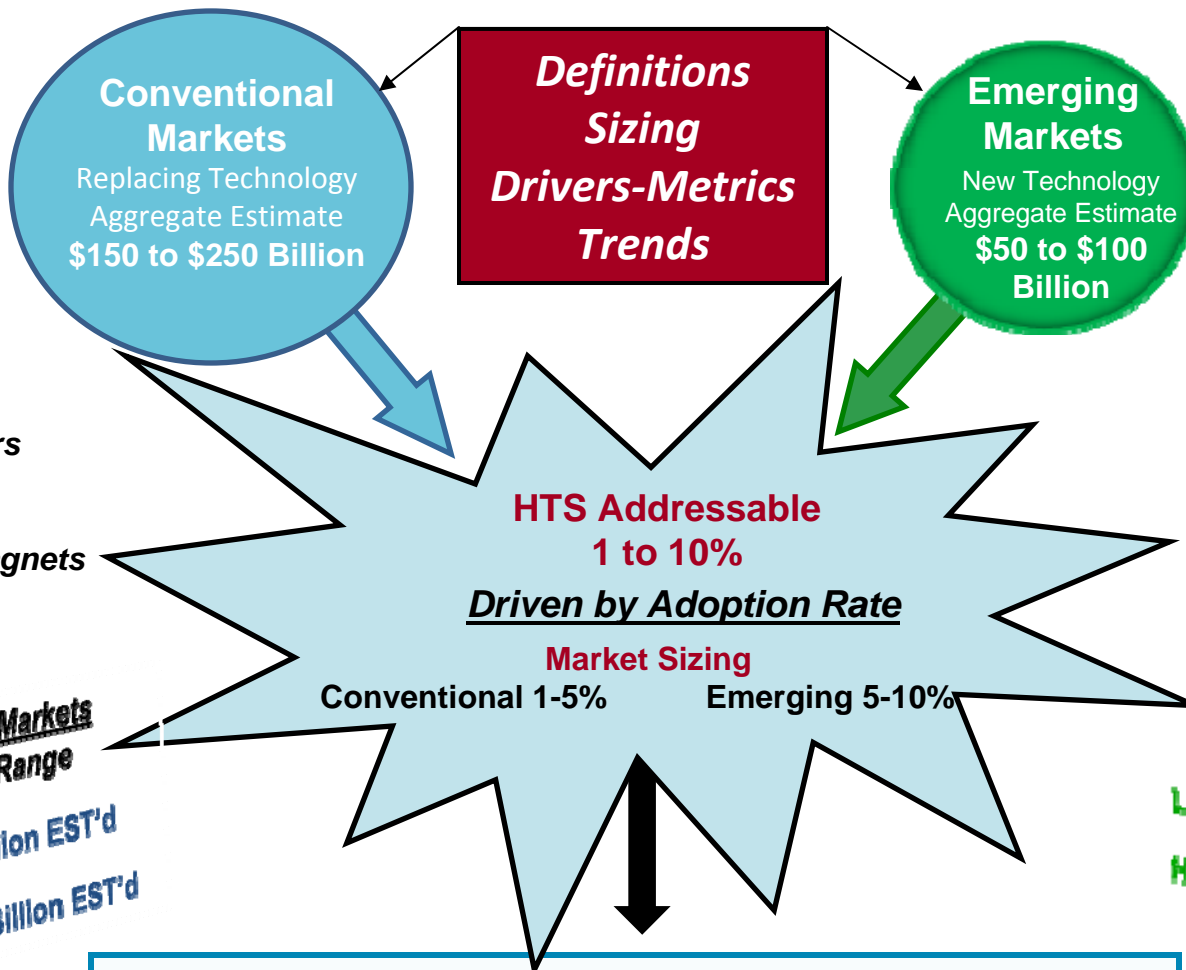
# HTS market sizing model & analysis

Segments:

- Energy
- Industry
- Healthcare
- Science/R&D

Devices:

- Cable
- Generators
- Transformers
- FCL
- Motors
- MRI - HF magnets
- etc.



Segments:

- Renewables
- Energy Storage
- Environmental

Devices:

- Wind Generators
- SMES
- Oil & Gas Exploration
- Space Exploration
- etc.

**Combined Conventional & Emerging Markets**

Addressable Market Size — HTS Devices/Products  
 Low \$4.0 to \$7.5 Billion ⇔ High \$12.5 to 22.5 Billion

**Emerging Markets Market Size Range**  
 Low = \$2.5 => \$5 Billion EST'd  
 High \$5.0 => \$10 Billion EST'd

*\* HTS Wire Represents \*  
 ~ 20-25% of*

*Device/Product Value*

Market Development  
 Timeline-Adoption Rate

2010  
 ~ 1%

2015  
 ~10%

2020  
 ~25%

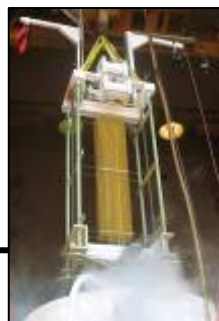
2030  
 ~90%

# HTS device portfolio - What are the winning devices?

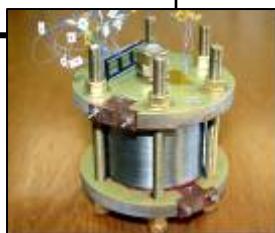
| Energy  | Defense   | Transportation   | Industrial   | Medical   | Science/<br>Research   |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cable</li> <li>• FCL</li> <li>• Generators</li> <li>• Transformers, incl. FCL</li> <li>• Storage                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– SMES</li> <li>– Flywheels</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motors</li> <li>• Cables</li> <li>• Directed energy weapons</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maglev</li> <li>• Motors</li> <li>• Rail engines</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Induction heaters</li> <li>• Motors</li> <li>• Generators</li> <li>• Magnetic separation</li> <li>• Bearings</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current leads</li> <li>• MRI</li> <li>• NMR</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HF magnets</li> <li>• Space exploration</li> <li>• SQUIDS</li> <li>• High energy physics</li> <li>• Electronics</li> <li>• Cell tower base station filters</li> </ul> |



Courtesy of LS Cable



Courtesy of Waukesha



Courtesy of Oswald



**Key:**

- Near-Term addressable: 1-5 years
- Mid-Term: 3-7 years
- Longer term: 5-10 years

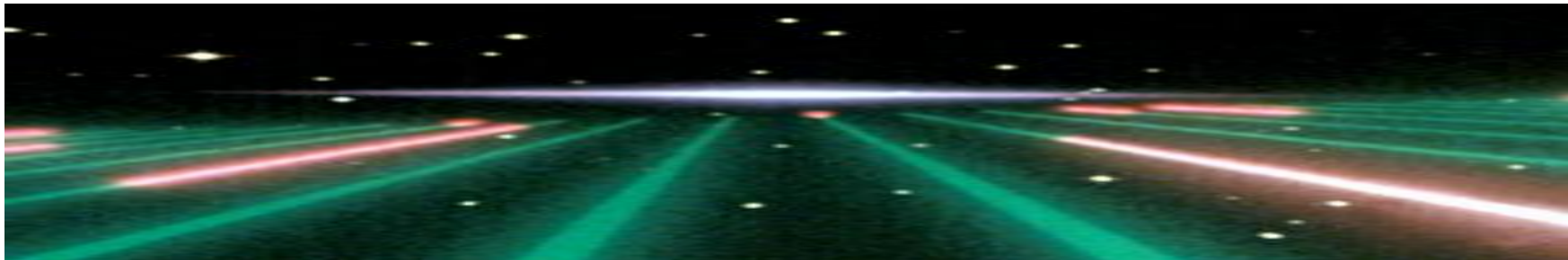
# How do we accelerate the HTS adoption rate toward commercialization?

## Technology advancement

- Wire
  - Achieve competitive **price**
  - Increase throughput / **supply**
  - Meet **performance** parameters
- Providing a robust product portfolio
  - Market / device-driven
- Continuing device **demonstrations**
  - Government funding
  - Strategic partners

## Reduced business risk

- Price must be competitive with alternative technologies
- Meet/exceed customer expectations
  - Supply
  - Quality
  - Performance
- Provide superior customer service and support



# Status of 2G HTS Wire Program at AMSC

Acknowledgement: Mr. Rob Rouse



Smarter, cleaner  
... better energy

# AMSC's Commercial 2G Wire Production



- MOD-YBCO/RABiTS manufacturing is operating with a 40 mm web width
- Manufacturing focused on delivery of Amperium™ wire for commercial orders
- New 100 mm manufacturing technology is being installed to meet commercial orders



# Superconductor Power Cable Installations Powered by AMSC



- American Electric Power energized its superconductor power cable in August 2006
  - 13.2 kV
  - 200 meters (BSCCO)
  - Able to power nearly 9,000 homes and businesses
  - Operating reliably for more than five years



Photo courtesy of Southwire

- Long Island Power Authority energized its superconductor power cable in April 2008
  - 138 kV
  - 600 meters (BSCCO)
  - Able to power 300,000 homes and businesses
  - Operating reliably for more than three years
  - 2G cable to be added and energized early 2012



# World's First Large-Scale HTS Wire Order



- LS Cable, world's third largest cable manufacturer, placed a multi-year Amperium wire order with AMSC in September 2010
- By far, the world's largest HTS wire order – 3000 km
- Companies entered into a strategic alliance to deploy 50 circuit kilometers of superconductor cable in March 2010
- Korea expected to energize its first superconductor power cable in the grid soon
- LS Cable targeting the global market

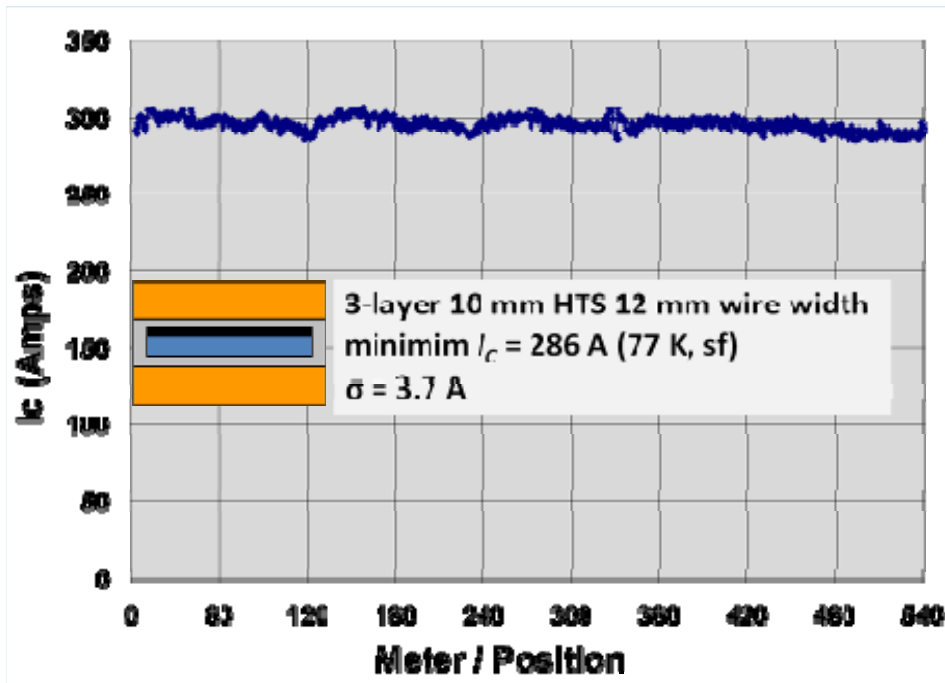


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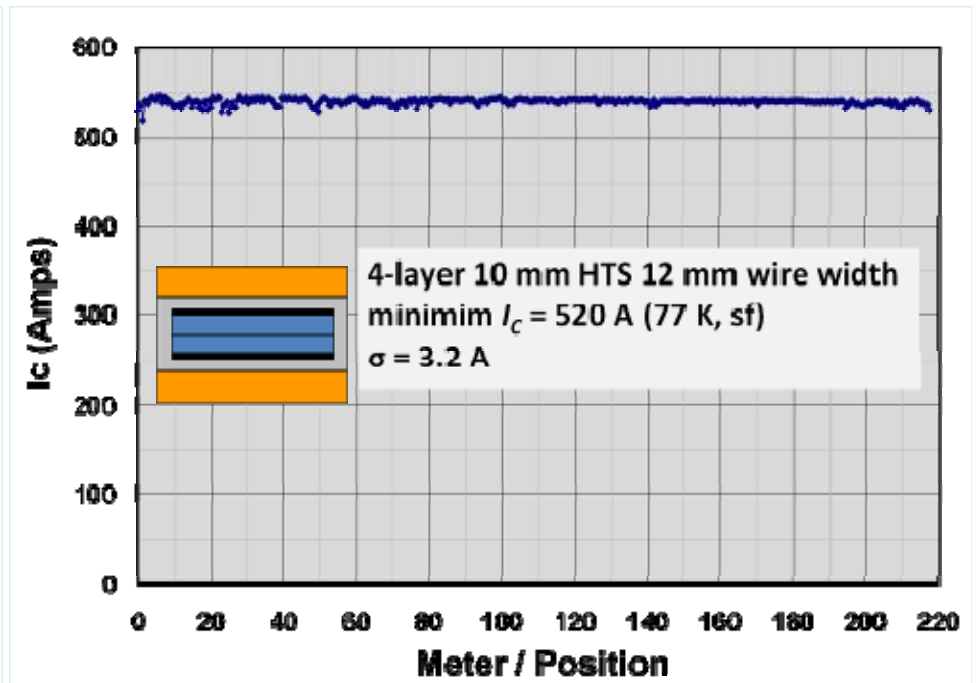
# Performance of 3- and 4-layer Wires, 12 mm Width



*Amperium™ Copper Laminated 12*



*Beta Wire – Double Insert*



*Broad range of high amperage options available with 3 and 4 layers, 12 mm wide*





# 2G HTS Wire Development Status

20th International Superconductivity Industry Summit

Acknowledgement: Adam Shelton





# Overview and History

**STI is a world leader in the development and production of High Temperature Superconducting (HTS) materials and associated technologies**



**Discovery of High Temperature Superconducting (HTS)**

Superconductor Technologies Inc. (STI) incorporated in Santa Barbara, California

**HTS Thin Films for Electronics**

Invents Reactive Co-evaporation – Cyclic Deposition and Reaction (RCE-CDR) HTS deposition technology

**SuperLink® Product Released**

High performance Radio Frequency (RF) infrastructure solution

**HTS Manufacturing Ecosystem Created**

Cost competitive HTS and cryogenics in full scale manufacturing production

**2G HTS Wire for Emerging Power Applications**

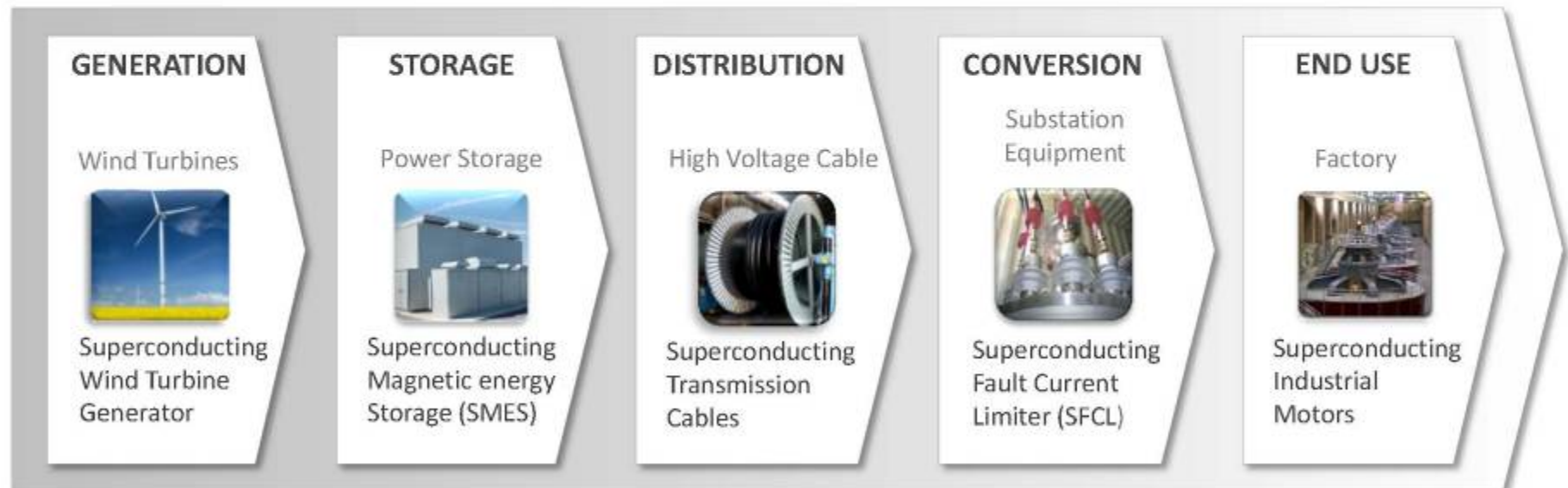
Developing HTS wire to capture new market opportunities



# HTS Technology in the Smart Grid

## Increasing investment into Smart Grid infrastructure and alternative power generation

- HTS expected to play a crucial role in new emerging electric power generation, distribution and conversion applications
- HTS power applications expected to improve grid reliability and efficiency at a competitive cost to alternatives
- *“The global market for power generation equipment during the 2010 to 2020 period is estimated at approximately \$2.35 trillion”* (Amadee+Company Superconductivity 2011 – 2020 Analysis and Forecasts).





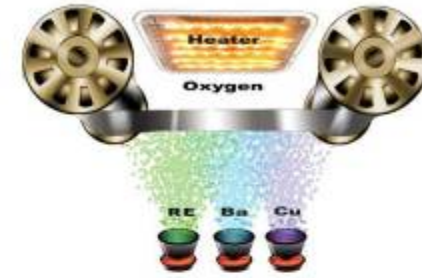
**SDP**

*Solution Deposition Planarization (SDP)*



**IBAD/epi MgO**

*Ion Beam Assisted Deposition (IBAD)*



**RCE-CDR**

*Reactive Coevaporation – Cyclic  
Deposition and Reaction (RCE-CDR)*

## STI's 2G HTS Wire Can Have a Clear Cost and Performance Advantage for the Following Reasons:

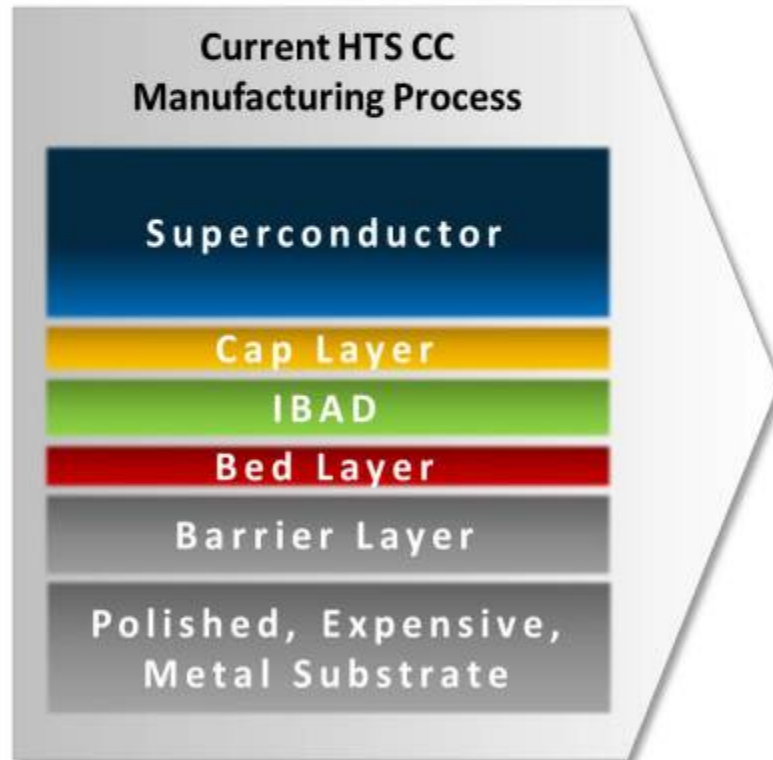
- Fewer deposition process steps – reduces runtime and increases yield
- Simple and repeatable template
- Low cost raw materials
  - Start with basic raw compounds vs. more expensive premixed, solution-based compounds
  - Inexpensive substrate material utilized
- High throughput and large HTS growth area
- Lower production equipment cap-ex than alternative manufacturing methods
- Less electricity and production floor space required per kilometer of wire produced



# Fewer Layers, Low Cost Process

## Existing Processes:

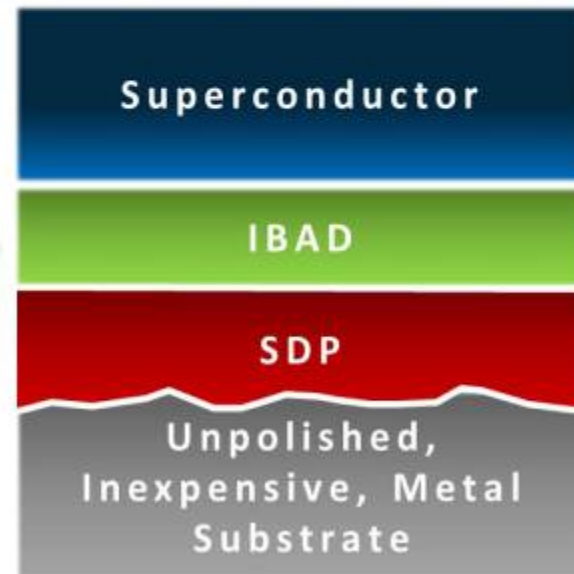
- Substrate processing
- 5 deposited layers



## STI Process:

- No substrate processing
- 3 deposited layers

## Simplified HTS CC Manufacturing Process Using SDP





- **Leverage STI's industry leading expertise in HTS materials and manufacturing to commercialize 2G HTS Wire**
- **Target hyper-growth emerging Smart Grid market**
  - Become a significant supplier to the HTS wire market with our industry leading technology
- **Focus on the customer for development initiatives**
  - Design wins for new emerging products
  - Supply agreements and wire sales to end device companies
- **Build a cost optimized manufacturing process that scales to meet demand**
  - "Copy Exactly" – Intel's manufacturing model
- **Continue to enhance our strong IP portfolio**
  - Protecting STI's unique capabilities



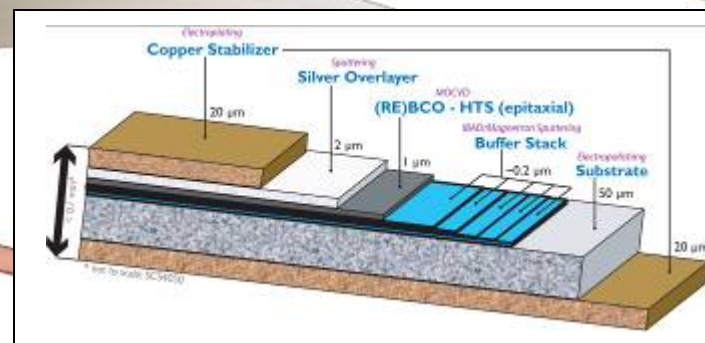
# Wire performance results

- **Achieved results on a simplified IBAD template process requiring only  $Y_2O_3$  and MgO layers**
- **STI SF performance demonstrated in Q4/2011**
  - 1015 A/cm at 77 K, SF for a 3.35- $\mu$ m film on IBAD templates;  $J_c = 3$  MA/cm<sup>2</sup>
- **In-field performance**
  - Minimum  $I_c(\theta)$  of 435 A/cm-width at 65 K, 3 T on MgO
  - Minimum  $I_c(\theta)$  of 257 A/cm-width at 65 K, 3 T on MgO/ $Y_2O_3$ /Hastelloy
  - Simple RE-BCO compound
  - No artificial pinning centers



superior performance.  
powerful technology.

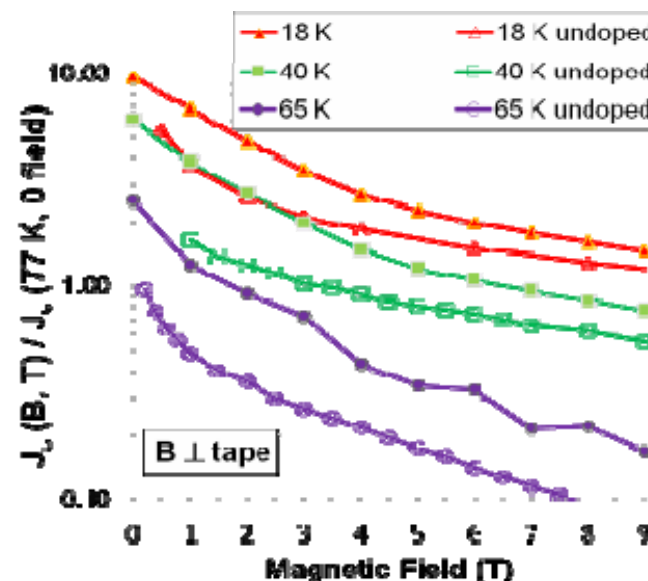
# Status of 2G HTS Wire Program at SuperPower



SuperPower Inc. is a subsidiary of Royal Philips Electronics N.V.

# Improving price/performance on two fronts: Manufacturing process and in-field performance

| Lift Factor of 77 K, zero field $I_c$            | 65 K<br>3 T | 40 K<br>3 T | 18 K<br>3 T |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Undoped wire                                     | 0.27        | 1.02        | 2.13        |
| Zr-doped wire                                    | 0.73        | 1.99        | 3.50        |
| <b>Lift factor of Zr-doped wire is higher by</b> | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>1.9</b>  | <b>1.6</b>  |



| Time    | Performance at 77K, 0T * | Lift Factor at operating condition | Performance at operating condition | Wire price * (\$/m) | Wire price (\$/kA-m) at operating condition |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Now     | 100-130 A                | 2                                  | 260 A                              | \$45                | \$175                                       |
| 2 years | 160 A                    | 4                                  | 640 A                              | \$35                | \$ 55                                       |
| 4 years | 200 A                    | 6                                  | 1200 A                             | \$35                | \$ 30                                       |

At 40K and 3T, the quantity of wire required for the device is **reduced by HALF**, greatly improving the economics of the device

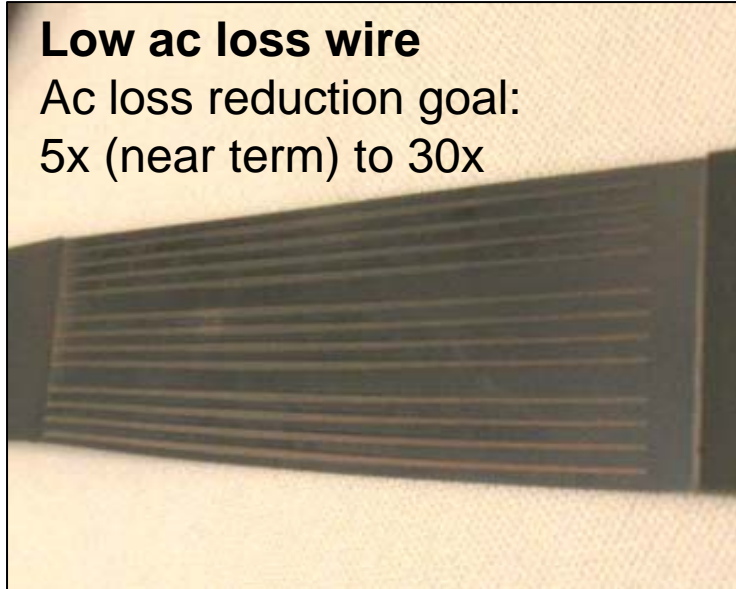
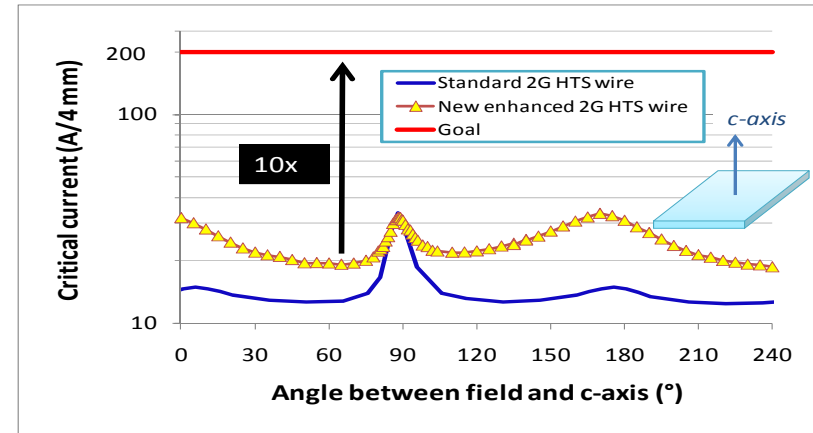
# Continuing to drive technology improvements

Achieve higher amperage

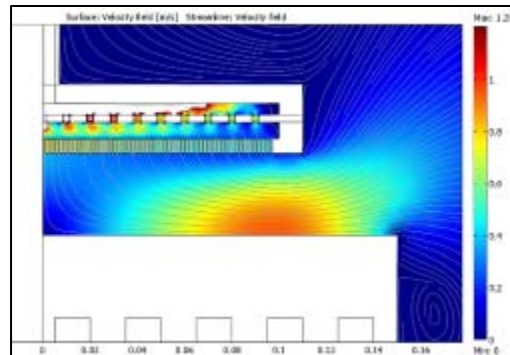
|              | Today     | 2 yrs | 5 yrs |
|--------------|-----------|-------|-------|
| Ic at 77 K * | 100-130 A | 200 A | 300 A |

\* 4 mm width

Improved in-field performance



Increased production and reduced cost



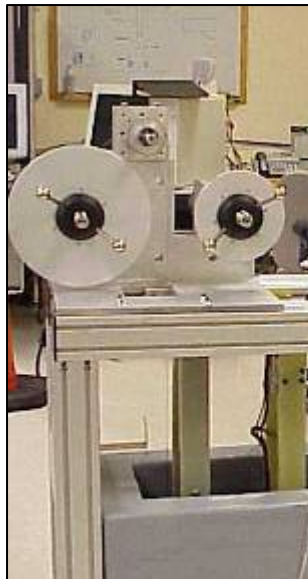
New MOCVD Reactor Design



Silver electrodeposition

# Manufacturing improvements: Engineering equipment to quickly test kilometer lengths of coated conductor

- LTS wire is tested only at two ends
- Coated conductor is tested for  $I_c$  and n-values **100% over entire length**



**2003:**  $I_c$ , n-value  
1 m intervals

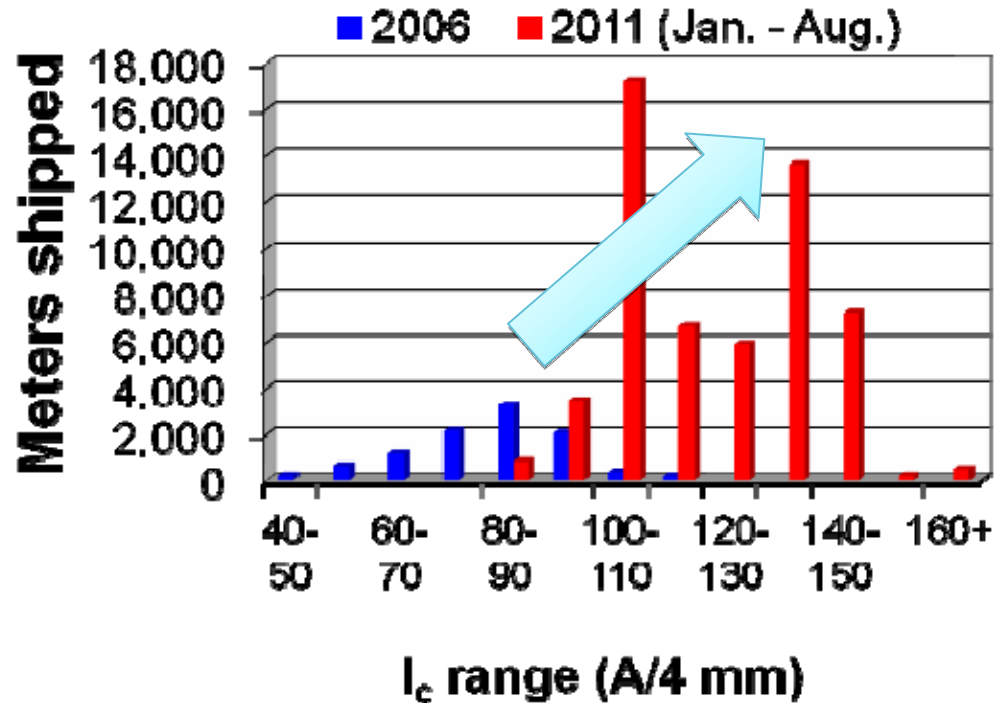


**2006:**  $I_c$ , n-value, thickness, width  
measurement in 5 m intervals



**2011:**  $I_c$ , n-value, thickness, width  
measurement in 10 m intervals

Five years of pilot manufacturing results in significant increases in 2G HTS wire shipments and performance



| Metric                 | 2006       | 2011       |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Average $I_c$ (A/4 mm) | 80 A       | 122 A      |
| $I_c$ range (A/4 mm)   | 40 – 118 A | 80 – 165 A |

*50% increase in average  $I_c$*   
*100% increase in minimum  $I_c$*   
*40% increase in maximum  $I_c$*

# Significant advances in manufacture of coated conductors in the last five years

- Long lengths routinely manufactured
  - 1,000 m demonstrated with minimum  $I_c$  of  $\sim 300$  A/cm (2009)
  - 100 – 300 m typical shipped lengths
- High critical currents in production wires
  - Critical currents of wires shipped in 2011 range from 80 to 165 A/4 mm with an average of 122 A/4mm
- Excellent in-field performance in high fields at intermediate and low temperatures
  - 800 A/cm ( $J_e = 800$  A/mm<sup>2</sup>) at 4.2 K, 10 T, field perpendicular to wire
  - 600 A/cm at 40 K, 3 T, field perpendicular to wire
- Customized to meet unique requirements of multiple applications
  - Excellent 2D uniformity of critical current across width for ROEBEL cables
  - Tight bandwidth of critical current for FCL
  - Multiple prototypes of cables, FCL, coils demonstrated
- Superior mechanical properties
  - Yield strength  $>700$  MPa with superalloy-based coated conductors



Courtesy of Nexans/KIT



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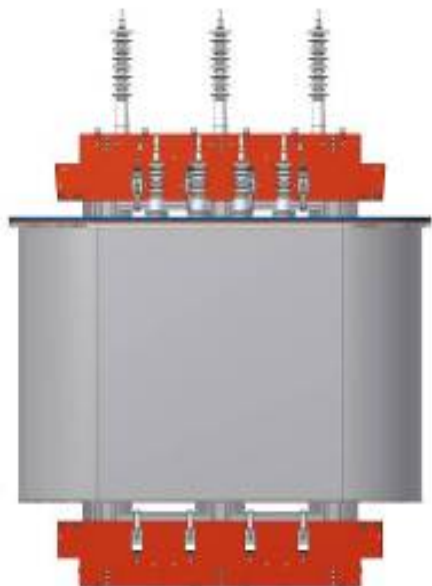


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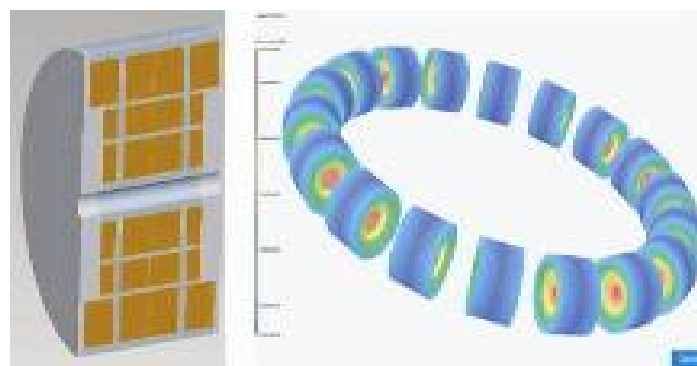


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# Current SuperPower demonstration projects – vehicles for continuing wire development efforts



DOE Smart Grid  
Demonstration Program –  
**2G Superconducting  
FCL Transformer**  
*Waukesha – SuperPower – UH -  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory –  
Southern California Edison*



ARPA-E GRIDS Program –  
**2G SMES Project**

*ABB – SuperPower – Brookhaven – UH*



**New Program – October 2011!**

ARPA-E REACT Program – **Low-cost wire for HTS wind turbine generators**

*SuperPower – UH –  
NREL – Tai Yang -  
TECO Westinghouse*



# Summary

- U.S. is scaling up manufacturing operations to ensure supply
- Working to meeting the price / performance challenge
- Continuing to advance the technology
- Collaborating to ensure success
- Finding new sources of funding to continue device demonstrations

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