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### **Axial and transverse load FEM analysis of CORC® cables and wires**

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# IN THIS PRESENTATION:





# **CORC FEM modeling steps**



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#### Stress-strain transfer process

the stress-strain is transferred to the entire CORC geometry before any other load is applied

To simplify the model the loading is done in different steps

REBCO layer strain after winding is higher on the edges and lowest in the middle due to edge effect



Initial stress and strain in the tapes



FEM

Strain across tape width and length varied with axial load





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#### **Experiments**

#### Recent Progress on CORC<sup>®</sup> Cable and Wire **Development for Magnet Applications**

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Analytical approach

 $l = \pi D / \cos(\alpha)$ 

tape strain,  $\varepsilon_t = (l_f - l)/l$ 

$$
\varepsilon_{tape} = \frac{D_f}{D} \times \frac{\cos(\alpha)}{\cos(\alpha_f)} - 1
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\varepsilon_{\text{tape}} = (1 + \varepsilon_a)^{-\mu} \times \frac{\cos(\alpha)}{\cos(\alpha_f)} - 1
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\alpha_f = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\tan(\alpha) \times (1 + \varepsilon_a)}{1 - \mu \varepsilon_a}\right)
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Axial strain factor



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# **CORC FEM modeling –** *I* **c calculation**



$$
J_c(\varepsilon)/J_c(\varepsilon_0) = 1 - a \left| \varepsilon_0 \right|^{2.2 \pm 0.02}
$$
  

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J_c = 0 \text{ if } \varepsilon_{\text{intrinsic}} > 0.45\%
$$

Tape *I*<sub>c</sub> = min *I*<sub>c</sub> along tape length

- Tape *I*<sub>c</sub> calculated in 2D plane of the tape and then calculated the *I*<sub>c</sub> of different sections of the tape across the tape length.
- Tape *I*<sub>c</sub> is determined by the weakest section of the tape

Van Der Laan D .C . and J .W . Ekin 2007 Large intrinsic effect of axial strain on the critical current of high-temperature superconductors for electric power applications *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **90** 1–4 [10.1063/1.2435612]

# **CORC FEM model comparison with experiment**

#### **Validation**





# **CORC FEM modeling comparison with experiment**

#### Axial load – Optimized cable





FEM analysis criteria



For FEM, an element considered as damaged when maximum in-plane strain is either above 0.45% or below -1.8%

[1] Van Der Laan D.C., J.W. Ekin, J.F. Douglas, C.C. Clickner, T.C. Stauffer and L.F. Goodrich 2010 Effect of strain, magnetic field and field angle on the critical current density of v Ba2Cu3O7-6coated conductors Supercon [2] Van Der Laan D .C . 2009 YBa2Cu3O7-?? coated conductor cabling for low ac-loss and high-field magnet applications *Supercond. Sci. Technol.* **22** [10.1088/0953-2048/22/6/065013]

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#### Location of damage



**[3]**



Figure 10. Picture of the outer layer of sample CORC®-11 wound with 1 mm wide gaps between tapes after having degraded due to the application of high transverse compressive load.

Damage by tensile strain happens in the gap between tapes

#### Validation







Effect of gap spacing between tapes



#### **Six-layer cable with different diameter and different gap**

- Degradation starts at lower transverse loads for cables with larger gap between tapes
- But for cables with higher diameter the degradation curve saturates after a certain load limit.

#### Effect of core diameter



#### **Three-layer cable with different diameter and same gap**

• Cables with higher diameter have larger tolerance to transverse loads when the gap between tapes kept same.

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# **Conclusion**

- Detailed CORC cable FE model is built and validated for axial and transverse loads.
- CORC axial load FE model can predict multilayer cable performance.
- Analytical model for CORC axial load gives a rough estimation of CORC cable performance.
- With optimized cabling parameters, the irreversible strain limit of CORC cables and wires can be as high as 7%, which is 10 to 12 times higher than the irreversible strain limit of single REBCO tapes.
- Gap spacing and core diameter are the two critical parameters affecting CORC cable transverse load behavior.

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# Thank you!











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