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**LARP Conductor: Production,  
Performance and Plans**

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## Outline

- OST 108/127 strand production
  - Piece length
  - $J_c$
  - RRR
  - Non-Cu %
- Ti-Ternary strand production
- Smaller Filament Strand
- Production Plan for Strand and Cable
- Summary



## Ta-Ternary 108/127 Production at OST



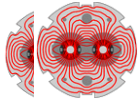
- Presently OST is producing Ta-Ternary 108/127 for LARP
- OST provides the following test results for samples taken from the front-end (FE) and back-end (BE) of each billet with max. yield of ~ 35 kg of wire.
  - $I_c$  and n-value at 12, 13, 14 and 15 T
  - $J_c$  at 12 T and 15 T (required by Specs)
  - Wire average diameter
  - Non-Cu fraction
  - RRR
- Samples are reacted using a schedule optimized for the 54/61 stack wire
  - 210C/48h + 400C/48h + 665C/50h



## Ta-Ternary 108/127 Production

- LARP
  - 130 kg delivered Mar'2011
  - 115 kg delivered Sep'2011
  - 125 kg – delivered Feb'2012
  - 132 kg – delivered Mar'2012
  - 57 kg – delivered Apr'2012
  - 194 kg order – delivery July'2012
- CDP program
  - 180 kg order delivery in May-June'2012

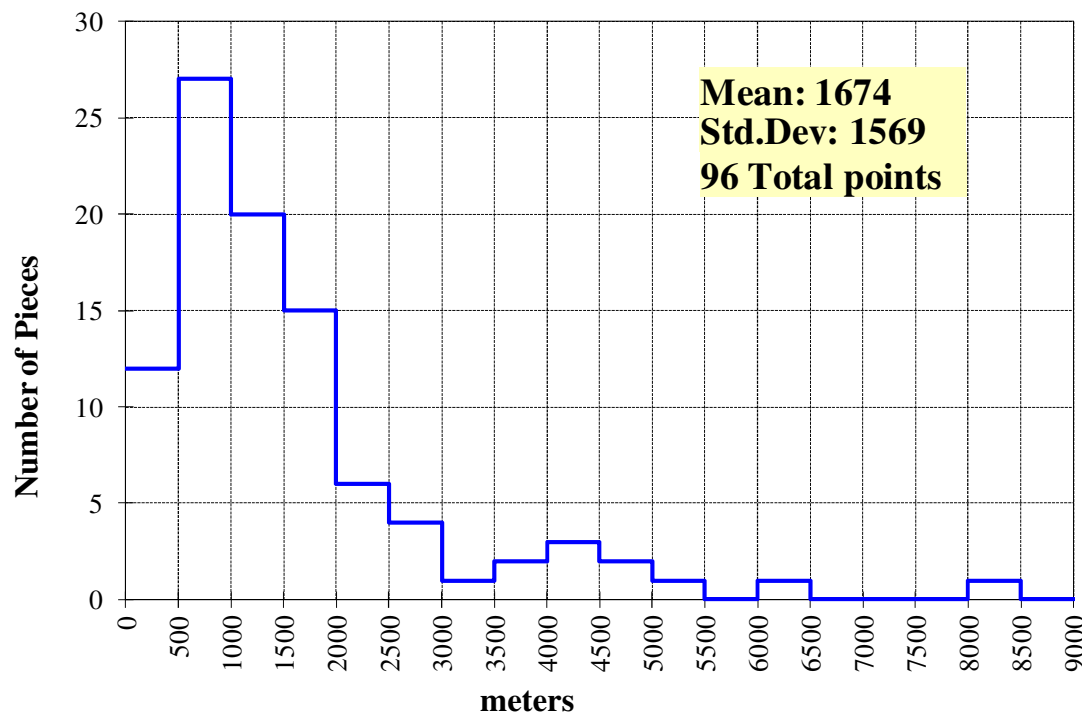
These orders placed  
in FY'2010  
Delivery time scale  
is 18-20 months



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# Conductor Piece Length

- Cable UL for full scale magnets of 120 mm aperture will be ~700 m  
(considerably higher if aperture is increased to 140 mm)
- Cabling losses are significant when strand piece length is comparable to UL
- After sustained production, RRP 54/61 achieved 1-2 pieces per billet (5-10 km range)
- RRP 108/127 is still delivered in relatively short pieces, with min spec 550 m

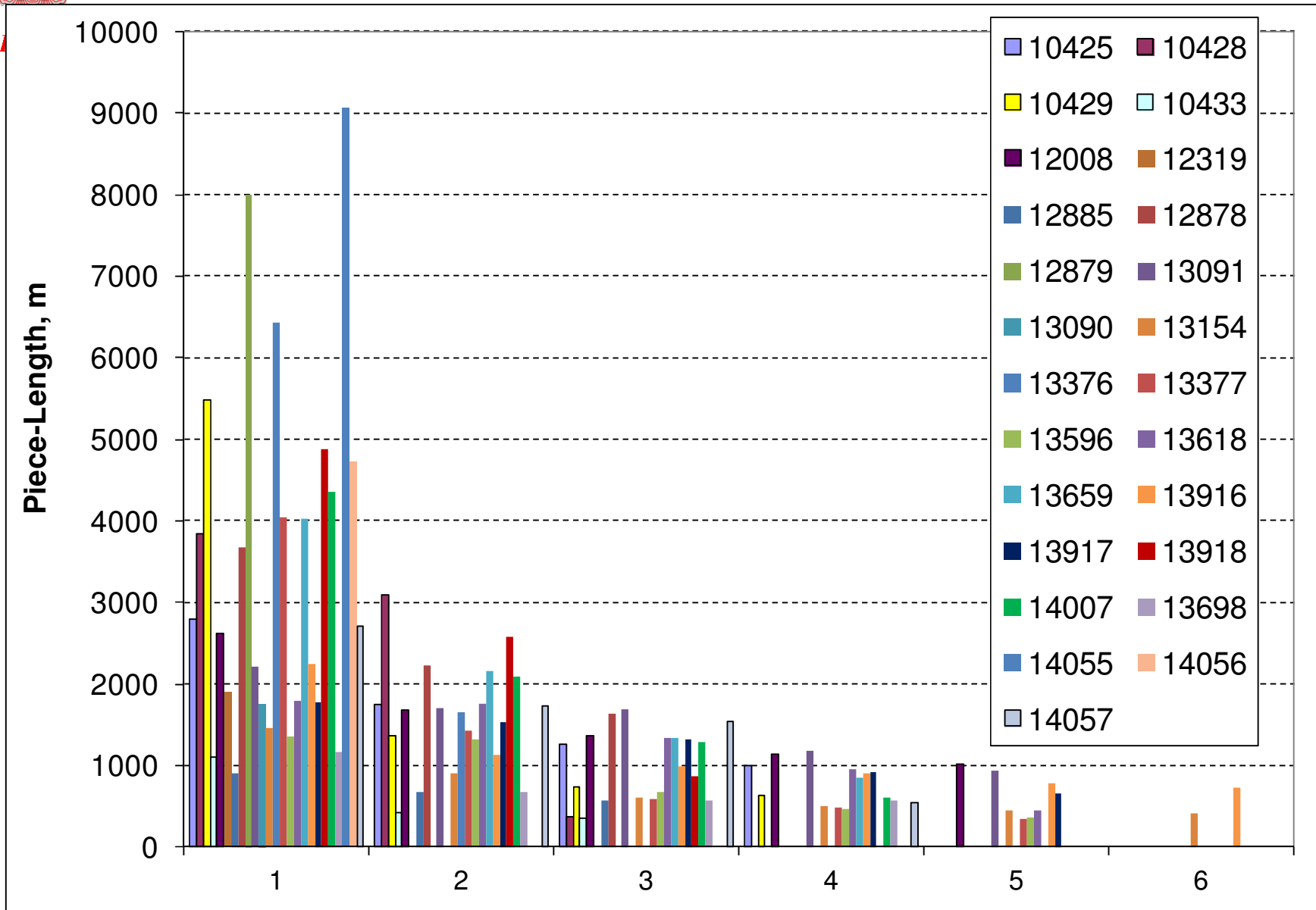
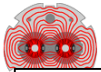


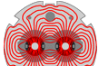
158 km delivered

- > 550 m 98%
- >1000 m 86%
- >3000 m 37%
- >5000 m 18%

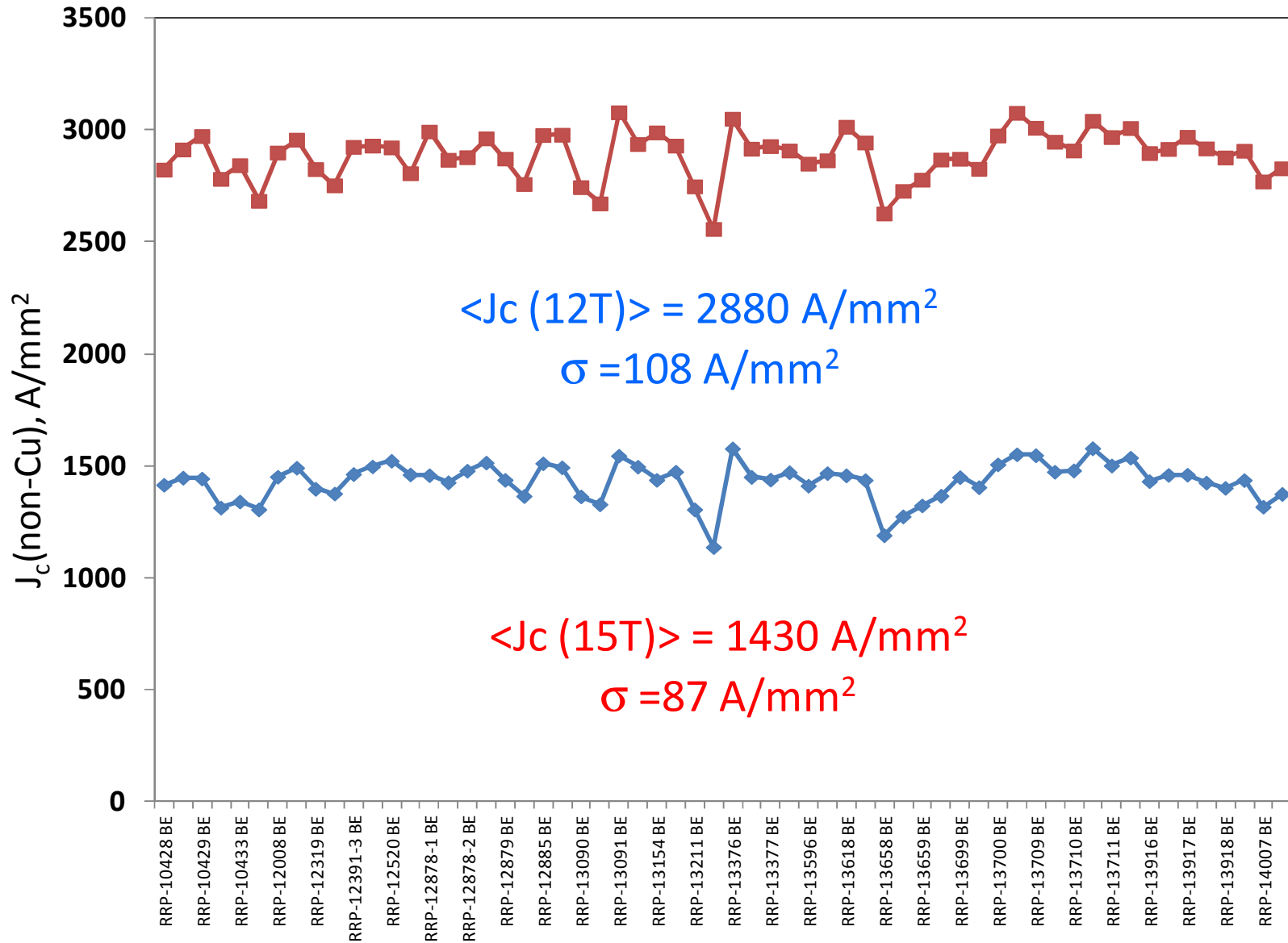
Using this inventory  
Cabling Losses for  
LHQ - UL of 300 m  
is ~ 10%

# Piece Length, 25 billets





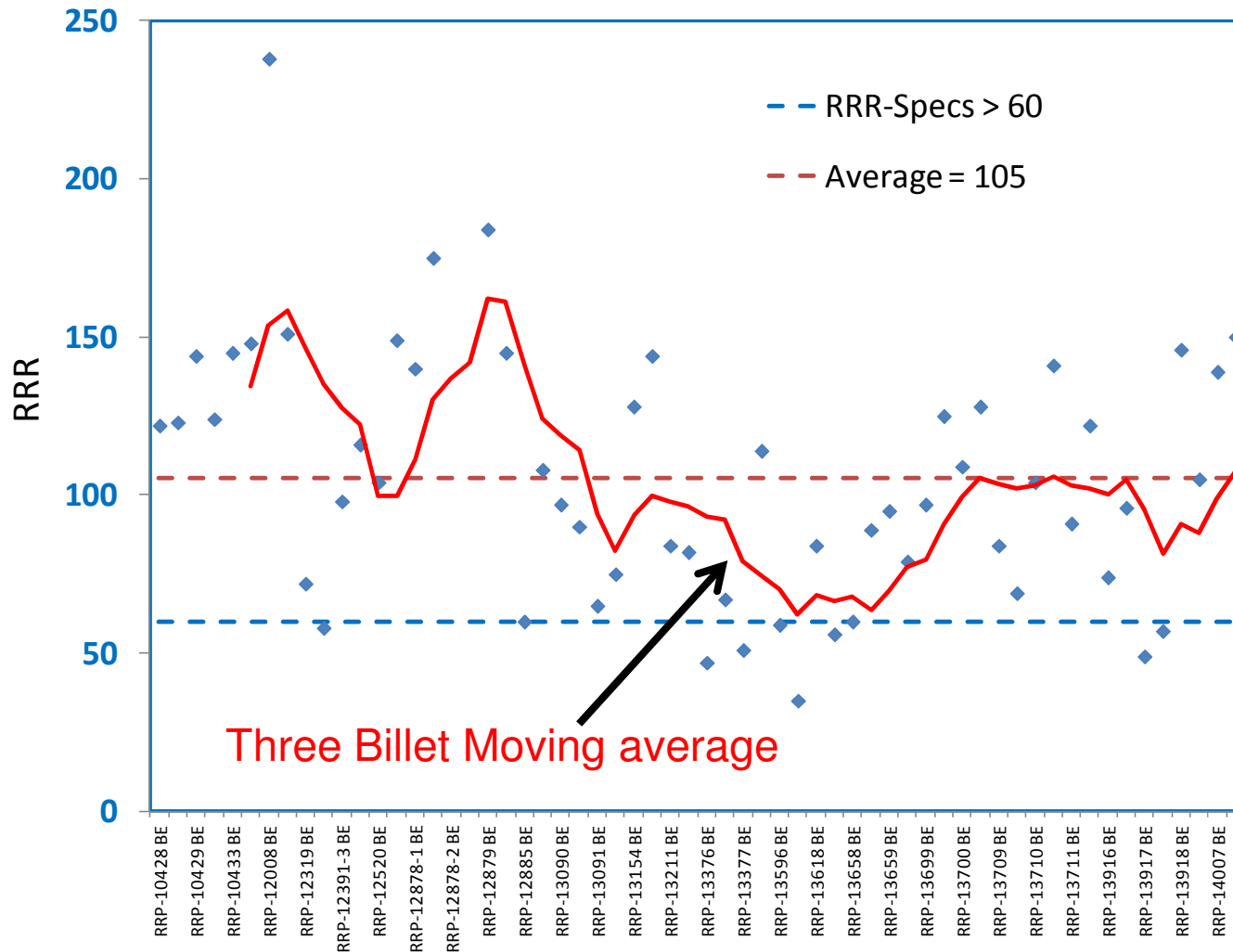
# $J_c(\text{non-Cu})$





# RRR

Some measurements are <60



Reaction schedule for HQ coils modified to 650C/48h to increase RRR

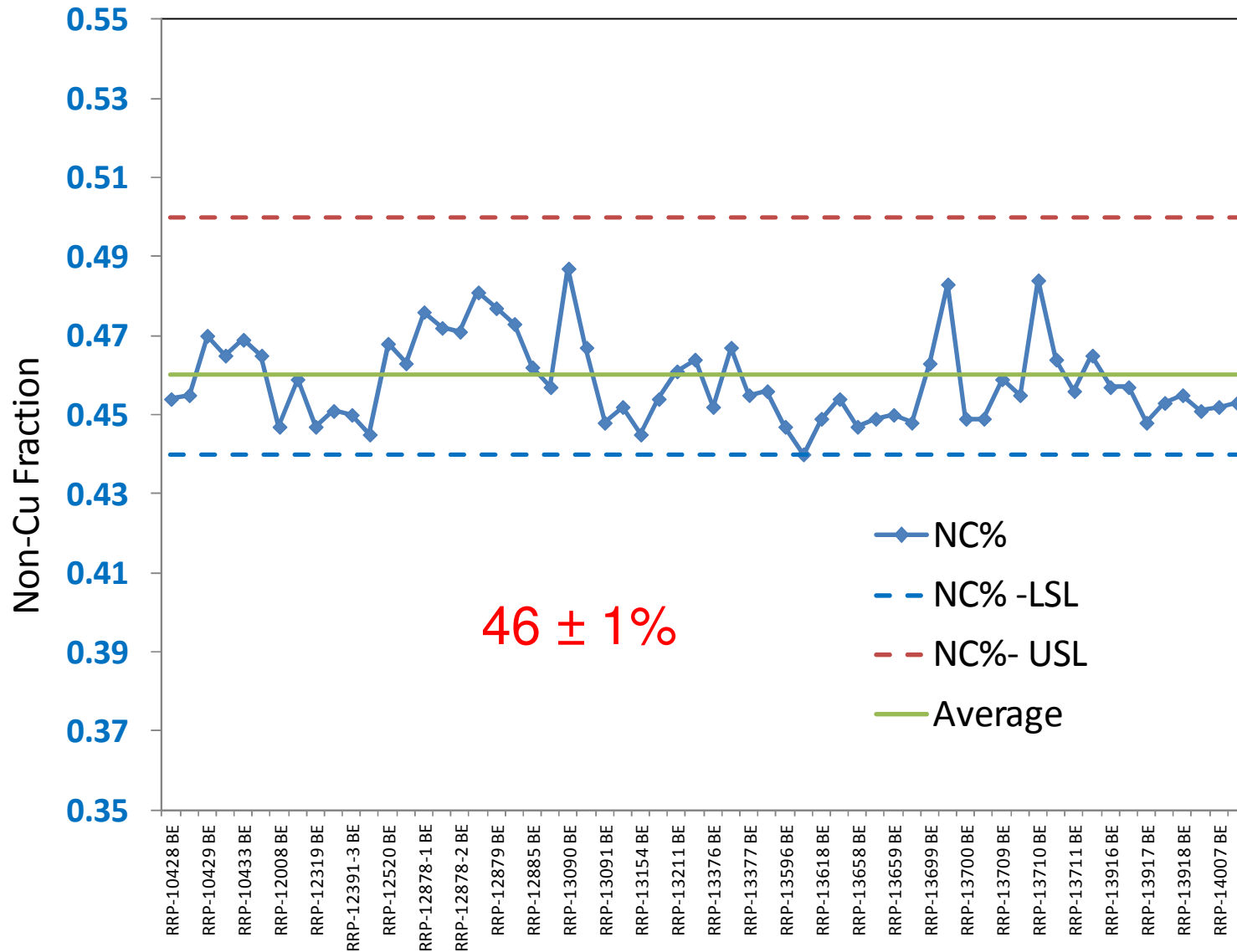
$J_c(12T)_{AVG} \sim 2750 \text{ A/mm}^2$

$\sim 5\%$  lower  $J_c$





# Non-Cu %





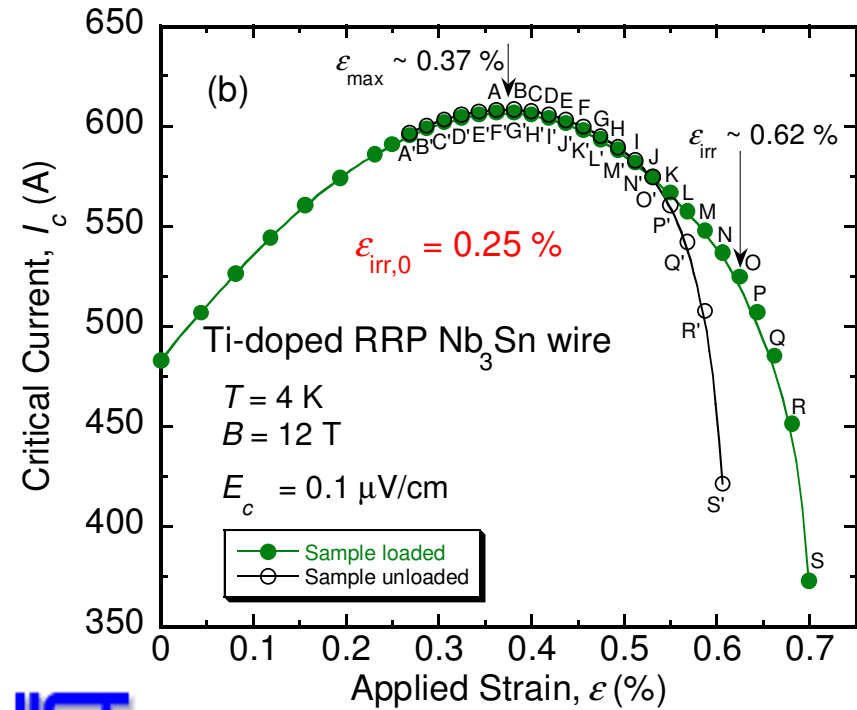
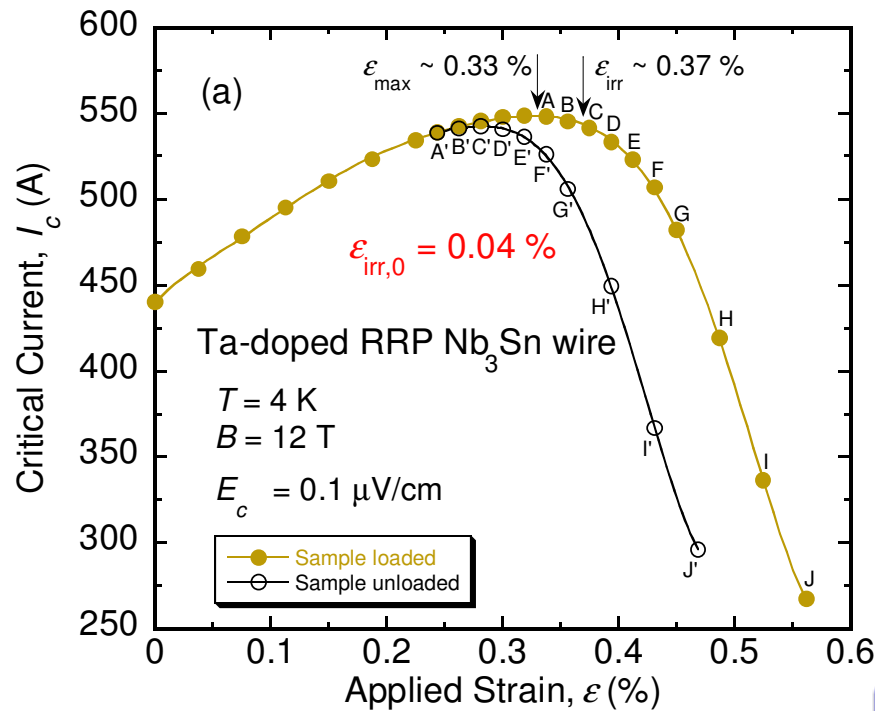
## RRP® Ti-Ternary vs. Ta-Ternary

- Advantages of Ti-Ternary:
- Does not require Nb-7.5wt% Ta alloy rods
- Ti content can be tweaked easily to maximize  $B_{c2}$
- Ti accelerates  $Nb_3Sn$  reaction
- At 650C/48h , Ti-Ternary has higher  $J_c(15T)$  than Ta-Ternary
- Higher strain tolerance

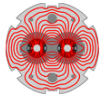
OST is using Ti-Ternary for ITER production



# Ti-Ternary vs. Ta-Ternary

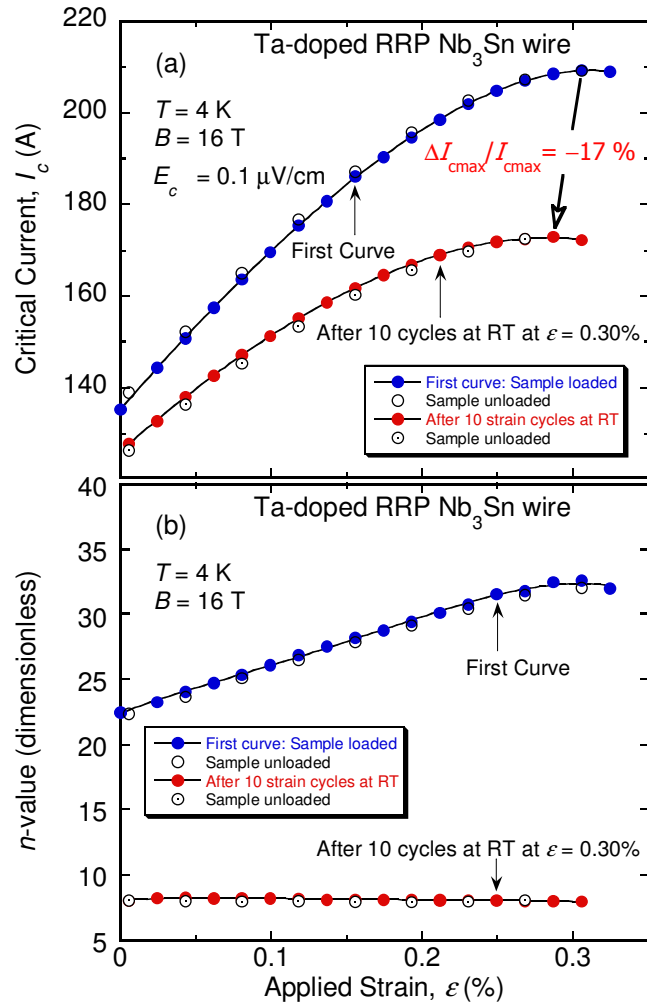


In tension, Ti-doped Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wire more strain tolerant than Ta-doped



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# Strain Cycling: Ta-Ternary



Strain cycling at room temperature at a strain of 0.3 % ( $\sim \epsilon_{max}$  at 4 K) causes

(a) a noticeable degradation of  $I_c \sim 17\%$  (with a small shift of  $\epsilon_{max}$ ),

(b) a drastic depression of the  $n$ -value in the Ta-doped RRP wire.





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# Strain Cycling: Ti-Ternary

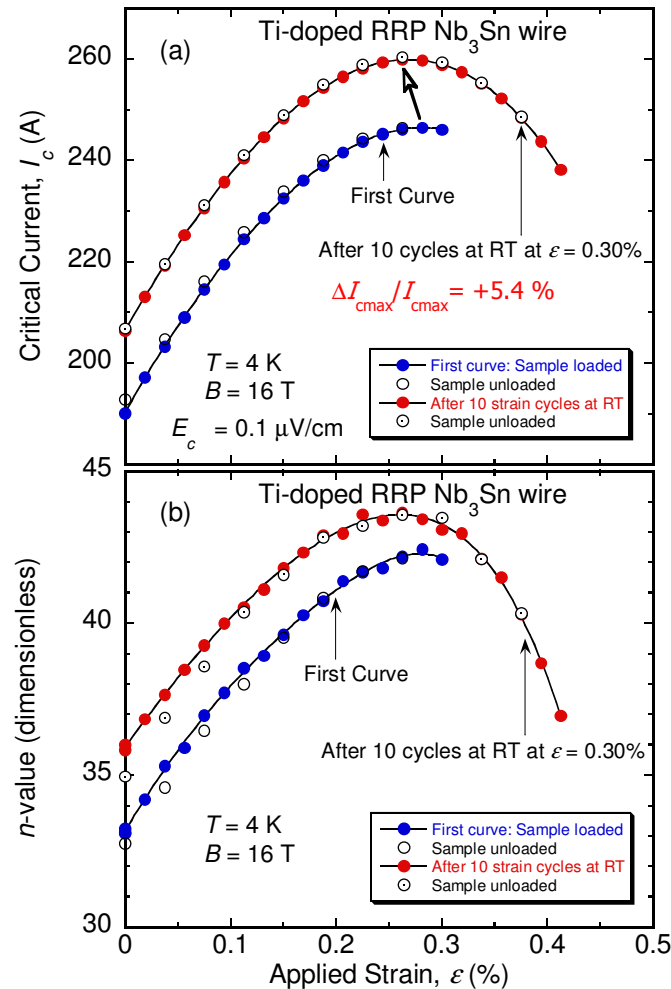
Room-temperature *strain cycling* of the Ti-doped wire at a strain of 0.3 % ( $\sim \epsilon_{max}$  at 4 K) was not only safe, but caused an increase in

(a)  $I_c \sim 5.4\%$  (with a small shift of  $\epsilon_{max}$ )

(b)  $n$ -value.

**Influence of Ta and Ti doping on the irreversible strain limit of ternary Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn superconducting wires made with restacked-rod process\***

N. Cheggour, L. F. Goodrich, T. C. Stauffer, J. D. Splett, and X.F. Lu, A. K. Ghosh, G. Ambrosio  
*Supercond. Sci. and Tech.*, 20, (2010)



## Under Cyclic strain at RT., Ti-doped Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wire more robust than Ta-doped



# Ti-Ternary 108/127 RRP Strand

- CDP program
  - 22 kg of 1.5 a% Ti delivered in Feb'2010
  - 29 kg of 2.0 a% Ti delivered in 2011
    - Cable HQ-B1010R → used for HQ-C11
  - 90 kg of 1.5 a% Ti delivered in Mar'2011
    - $J_c(12T) \sim 2805 \text{ A/mm}^2$ ,  $J_c(15T) \sim 1505 \text{ A/mm}^2$ , RRR  $\sim 75$ 
      - Good Piece length
      - Cable HQ-B1024Z, 500 m , cabling loss  $\sim 7\%$ 
        - HQ-C18
- LARP
  - 400 kg order (  $\sim 12$  billets)
    - 280 kg delivery Oct'2012
    - 120 kg delivery Dec'2012



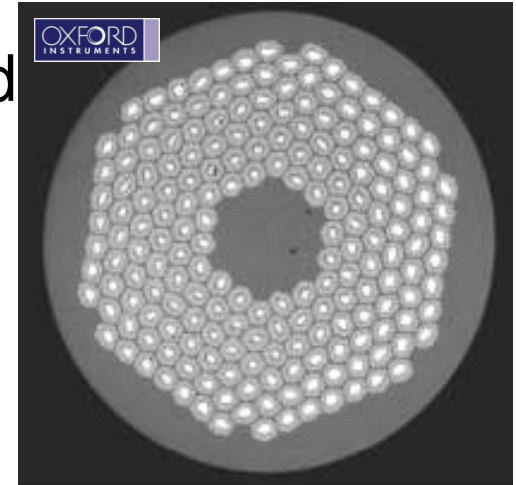
# CDP-Conductor Development - 217 stack

Development of 217 sub-element stack  
3000 A/mm<sup>2</sup> class could not be processed

2400 A/mm<sup>2</sup> class processed to 1.07 mm  
in one piece

However, it had a low RRR for optimized J<sub>c</sub>  
665C/48h

Need thicker barrier or reduced Sn content



<b>Wire Dia, mm</b>	1.001	0.800	0.701
<b>D<sub>s</sub>, μm</b>	51	40	35
<b>J<sub>c</sub>(12T), A/mm<sup>2</sup></b>	2428	2482	2424
<b>J<sub>s</sub>, A/mm<sup>2</sup></b>	2987	3093	3313
<b>RRR</b>	25.6	7.3	4.6

• Very difficult to maintain High-J<sub>c</sub> and RRR > 50 for smaller filaments

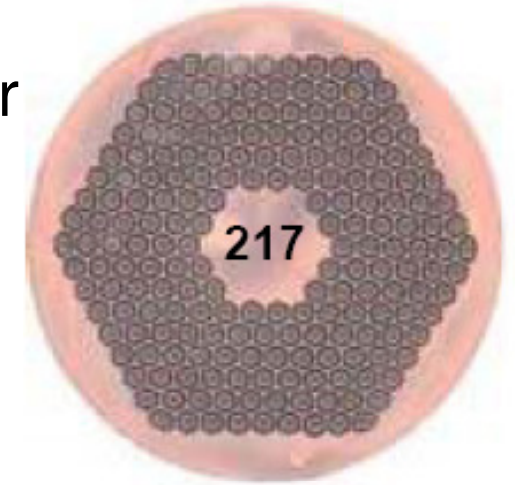


## Conductor Development - 217 stack cont.

Requires new design of sub-element

Target “54/61 component dimensions” for wires with diameter of 0.8mm.

- Increase starting Nb filament diameter
- Increase spacing between Nb filaments
- Increase initial barrier thickness



New 2700 A/mm<sup>2</sup> class conductor being developed under CDP. First results Aug-Sep'12



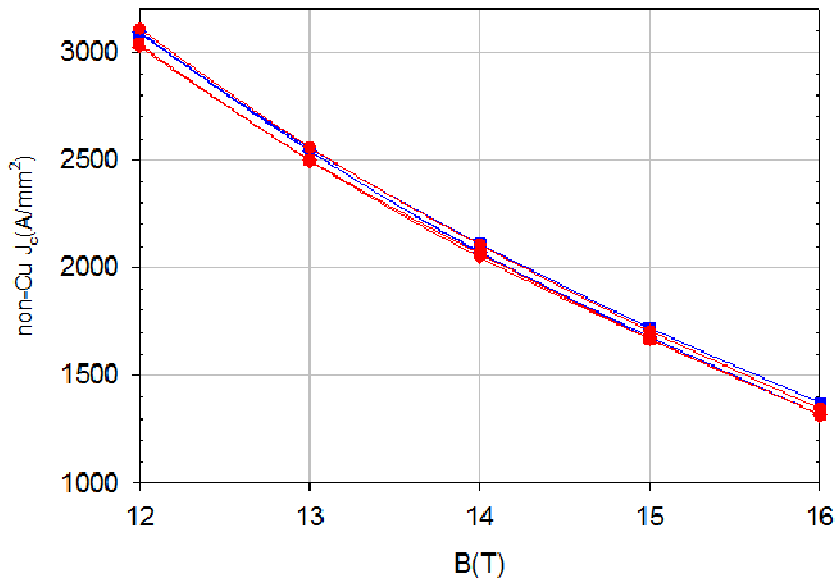


# Conductor Development: Another Option- 169 stack

- 2-3 billets fabricated for CERN
  - Ti-Ternary, 1.0 mm
  - $D_s \sim 50$  mm,  $J_c > 2500$  A/mm<sup>2</sup>, RRR >75
  - 10 km delivered



1.0mm 132/169 stack  
665°C/50hr peak heat treatment



$J_c(12T) \sim 3026 - 3109$

$J_c(15T) \sim 1652 - 1721$

RRR 142 - 201

0.8 mm drawdown:

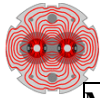
$J_c(12T) = 3000$

$J_c(15T) = 1537$



## Planning for LHQ and beyond

- LHQ
  - Ta-Ternary
    - Fabricate 4 UL's in FY'12
    - 4 UL's in early FY'13
  - Ti-Ternary
    - Plan to fabricate 6 UL's
- 140 mm aperture magnet cable
  - Initial design is 40 strand cable using 0.84-0.85 mm strand.
  - Plan to hold wire at 1.07 mm pending final design of cable.



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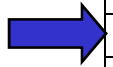
# 108/127 Strand Production and Cabling Plan

Month	108/127 Delivery, kg	Coil ID	Cable ID	Strand Req. kg	Cable Unit Lengths	108/127 0.778mm kg	Ti-108/127 0.778 mm kg	108/127 1.074 mm kg
Jul-11						130	90	
Aug-11		HQ1 C15-C16	B1020Z	80	4	50	90	
Sep-11	115					165	90	
Oct-11						165	90	
Nov-11		HQ1 C17	B1021Z	89	5	76	90	
Dec-11						76	90	
Jan-12						76	90	
Feb-12	125	HQ1-C18	B1024Z	90	5	201	0	
Mar-12	132	LHQ-PC01	B1025Z	60	1	273	0	
Apr-12	57					330	0	
May-12	125	LHQ-PC02	B1026Z	60	1	395	0	
Jun-12	65	LHQ-PC03		60	1	335	0	65
Jul-12	194	LHQ-PC04		60	1	275	0	259
Aug-12		LHQ-C05/06		120	2	155	0	259
Sep-12						155	0	259
Oct-12	280	LHQ-C07/08		120	2	35	280	259
Nov-12		LHQ-		120	2	35	160	259
Dec-12	120	LHQ-		120	2	35	160	259
Jan-13		LHQ-		120	2	35	40	259
Feb-13						35	40	259
Mar-13						35	40	259
Apr-13						35	40	259
May-13						35	40	259
Jun-13						35	40	259

•Cable ID ending in Z denotes cable made with annealed strand with core.

•HQ: 1 m, LHQ: 3.4 m

•1 UL of HQ requires 18 kg, LHQ: 60 kg





## Summary

- OST production of Ta-Ternary 108/127
  - Piece length needs to be better
  - $J_c$  is good but RRR not under control
    - Reducing Sn-content to increase RRR is one option
    - Presently, reaction schedule for HQ coils modified to 650C/48h to increase RRR
- Ti-Ternary production has been phased in.
- For LHQ Magnet
  - 0.778 mm strand planned for 14 -15 coils.
  - 250 kg of wire will be maintained at 1 mm diameter
    - This can be used for the 140 mm aperture cable
- Prospects for conductor with filament diameter much less than 50  $\mu\text{m}$  at 0.8 mm.
  - 150/169  $\Rightarrow$  45  $\mu\text{m}$   $\Rightarrow$  2 years
  - 192/217  $\Rightarrow$  39  $\mu\text{m}$   $\Rightarrow$  3-4 years
  - OST is scaling up re-stack diameter to make it easier to pack larger # of sub-elements.



# Supplementary Slides



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## Suppression of Flux Jumps in Marginally Stable Niobium-Tin Superconductors

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