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Progress in High Temperature Superconductivity for Magnet Applications

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Abstract

High temperature superconductors (HTS) have progressed greatly in the 10 years since their discoveries. Bi-Sr-Ca-Cu-O conductors are fabricated on long length-scales with transport critical current density (J_c) sufficient for technical applications. Recent breakthroughs with Y-Ba-Cu-O have led to incredibly large transport J_c in short lengths, which, if scaleable, would lead to a plethora of new applications. Hg-Ba-Ca-Cu-O materials have significantly larger critical temperature (T_c) than other HTS materials (up to 135K), and have the potential to be a significant second-generation conductor.

In this paper, the status of HTS conductor development is reviewed with a focus on applicability to practical magnet systems. Issues such as scale-up, mechanical properties, thermal properties (*i.e.*, stability and quench behavior), and intrinsic superconducting properties, are discussed. Progress on system applications of Bi-Sr-Ca-Cu-O conductors (*e.g.*, motors and high field solenoids) and on the latest developments with Y-Ba-Cu-O coated conductors are reviewed. Recent breakthroughs in the processing of Hg-Ba-Ca-Cu-O materials with metallic substrates or sheaths are also presented and the practicality of using a high-toxicity material in commercial systems is analyzed.

