



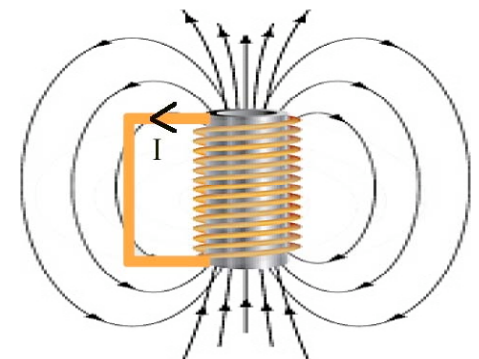
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# SMES

(Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage)  
present status & future

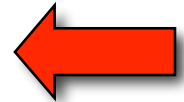
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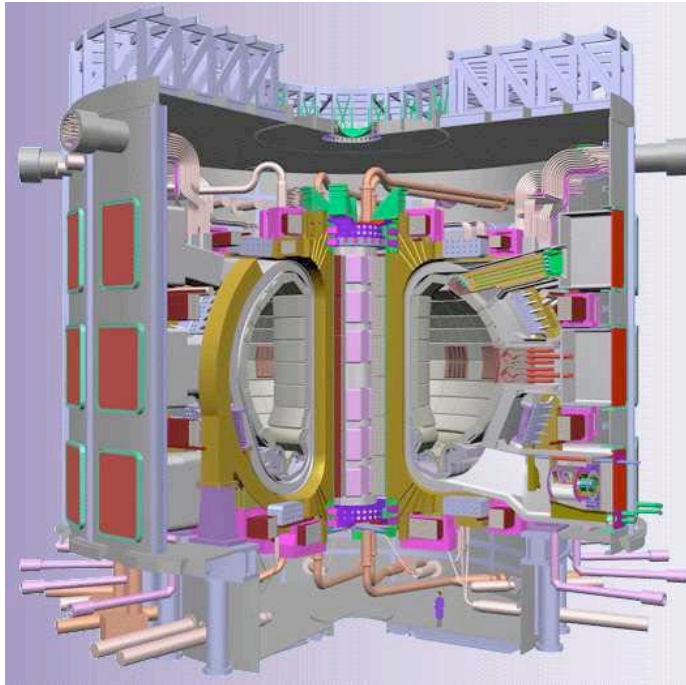
# Comparisons, orders of magnitude

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1 kg natural gas	10 - 14 kWh
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 kg enriched uranium	600 000 kWh
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 kg of water - 1000 m fall	0.003 kWh
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 kg Pb battery	0.03 kWh
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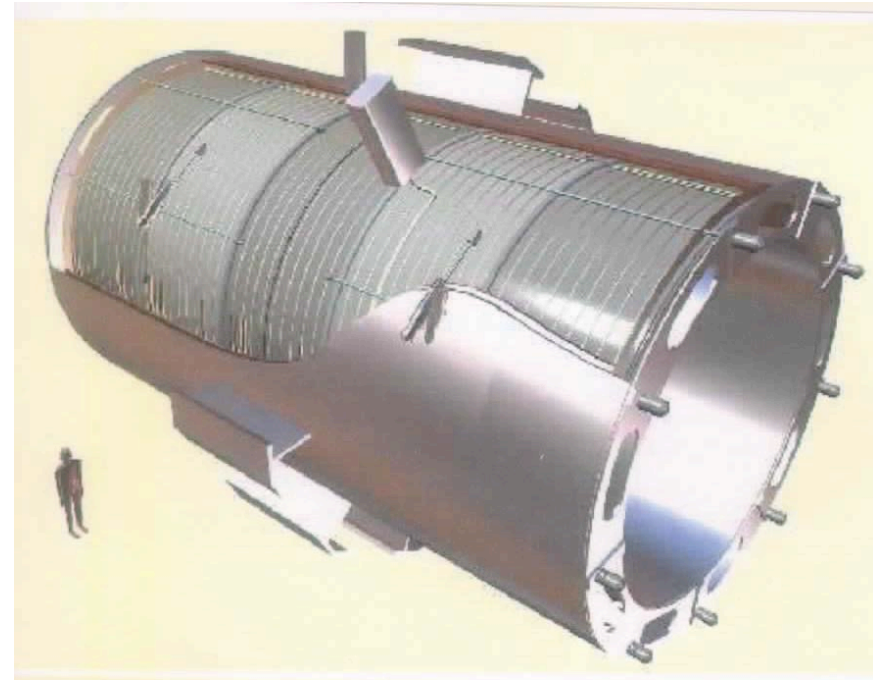


(1 kWh : kinetic energy of a 10 ton truck at 100 km/h)

# SC magnets: examples

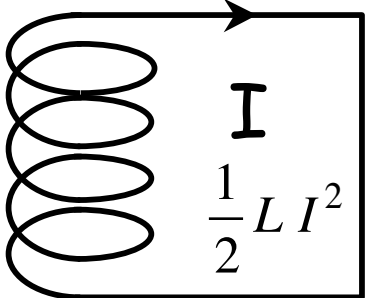
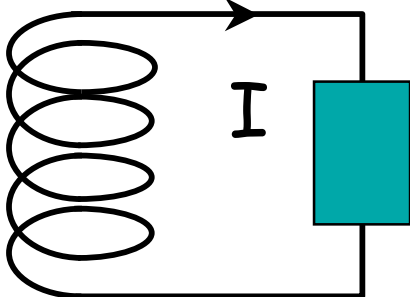
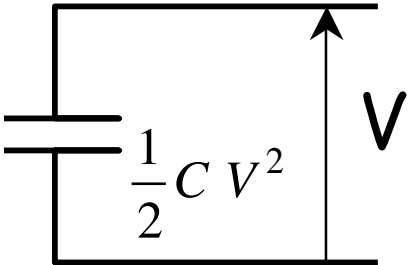
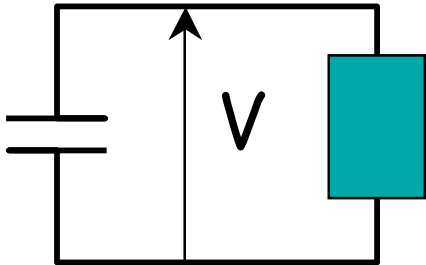


ITER toroid  
41 GJ; 5600 tons  
(1.14 ton oil, 19 g U)

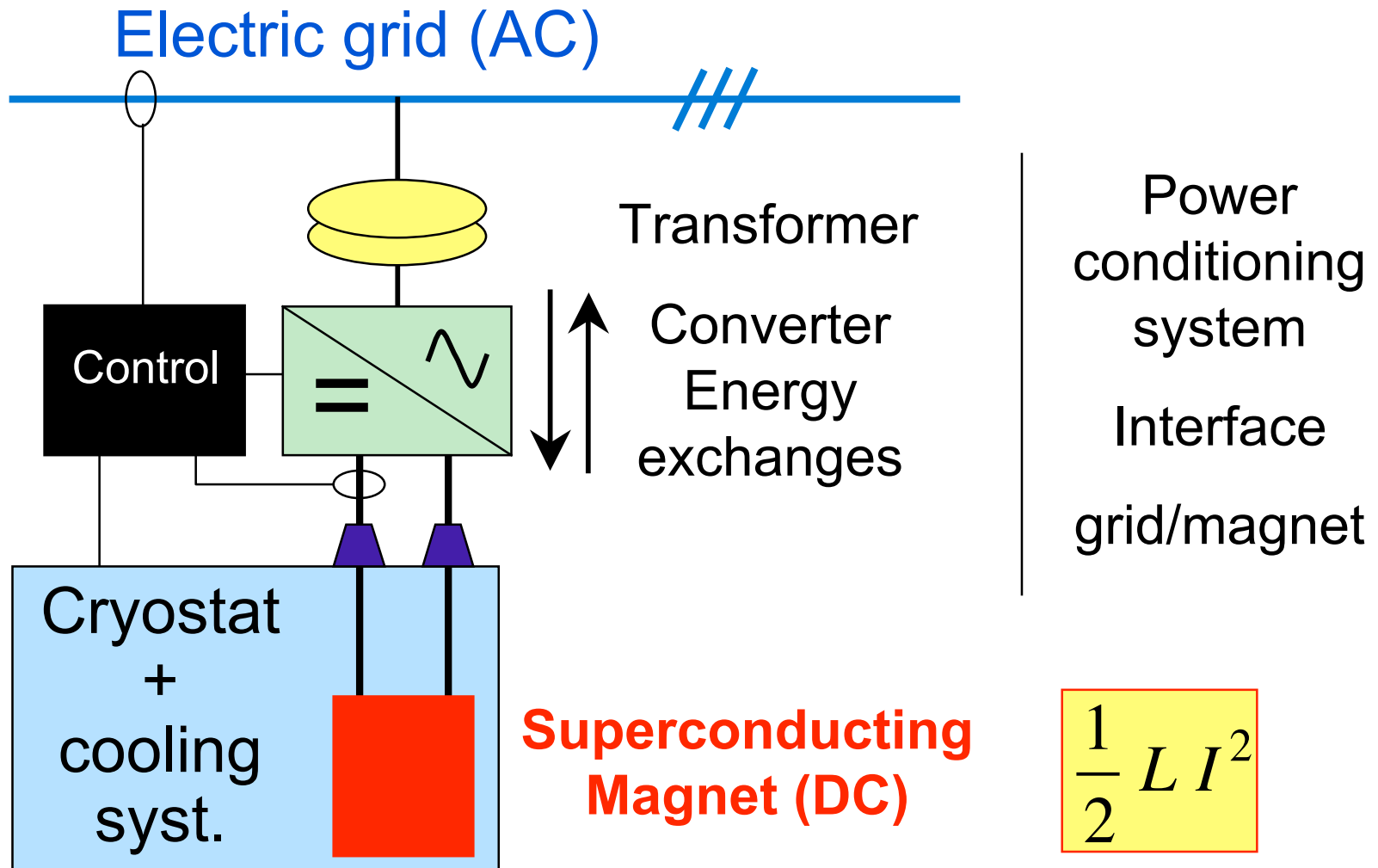


CMS solenoid  
2.6 GJ; 225 tons  
**11 kJ/kg - 0.003 kWh/kg**

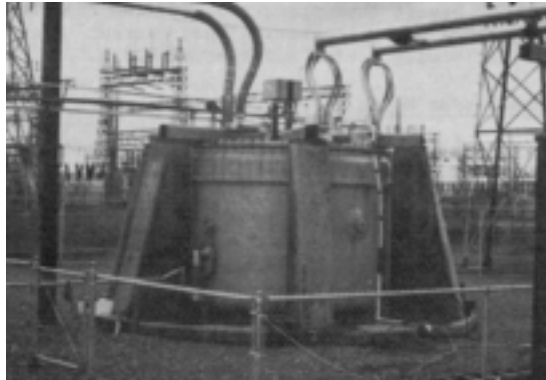
# SMES: dual of capacitor

	Storage	Discharge	$\tau$	Source
SMES	 <p><math>\frac{1}{2} L I^2</math></p>	 <p><math>I</math></p>	$\frac{L}{R}$	Current
Capacitor	 <p><math>\frac{1}{2} C V^2</math></p> <p><math>V</math></p>	 <p><math>V</math></p>	$RC$	Voltage

# SMES for UPS or FACTS



# First SC device in a grid



$P_{\max}$	10 MW
$f$	0.35 Hz
$W_{\max}$	30 MJ
$W_{\text{exch}}$	9.1 MJ
$I_o - V_o$	5 kA - 2.2 kV
$\emptyset_{\text{magnet}}$	2.7 m

## BPA SMES on the grid installed in 1979

(transmission stabilization, low frequency power oscillation damping)

One year operation. Cryogenic problems and other solution to damp the oscillations.



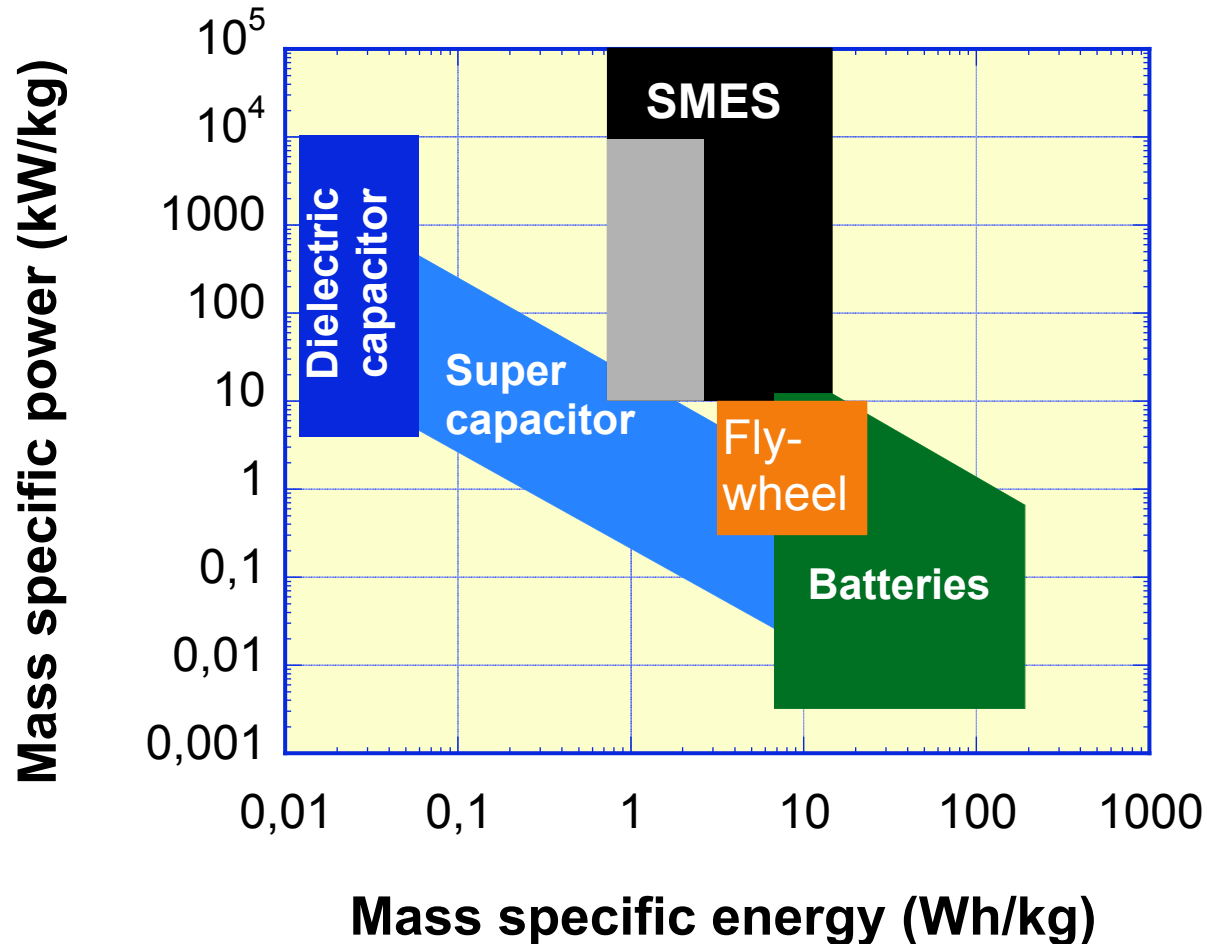
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# SMES

- Performances
- Applications
- Limits



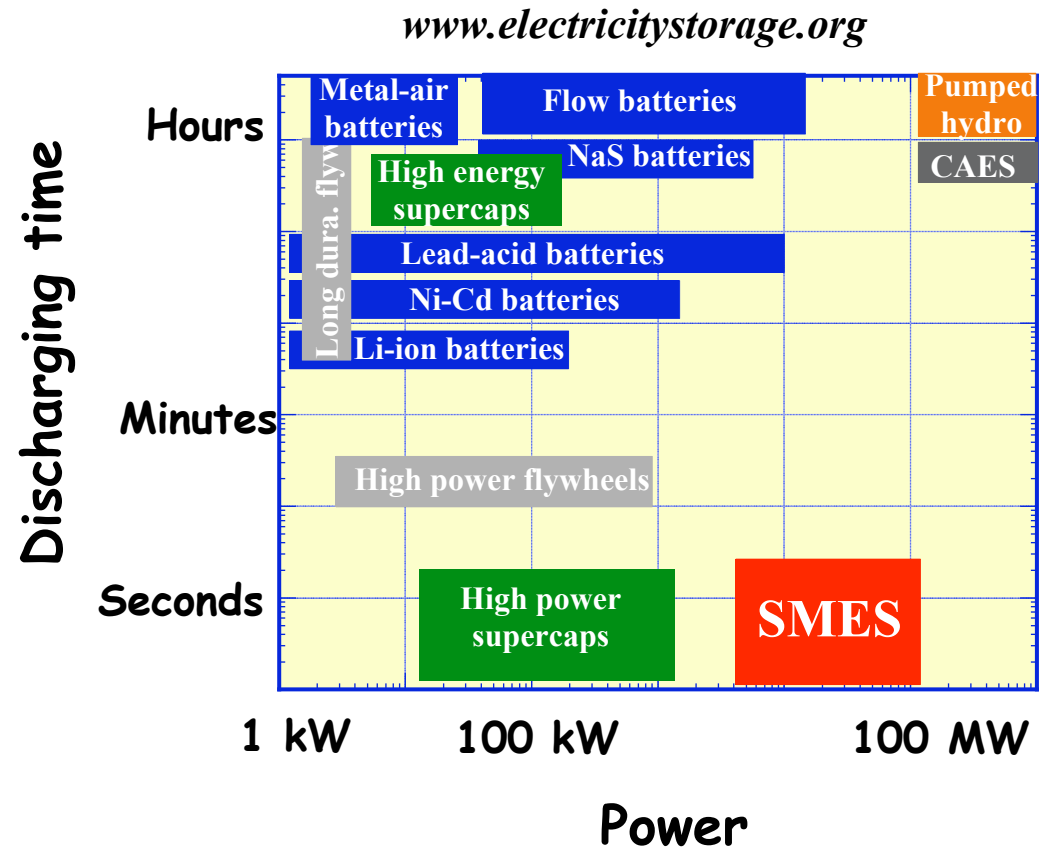
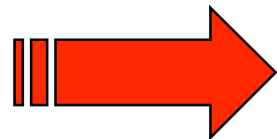
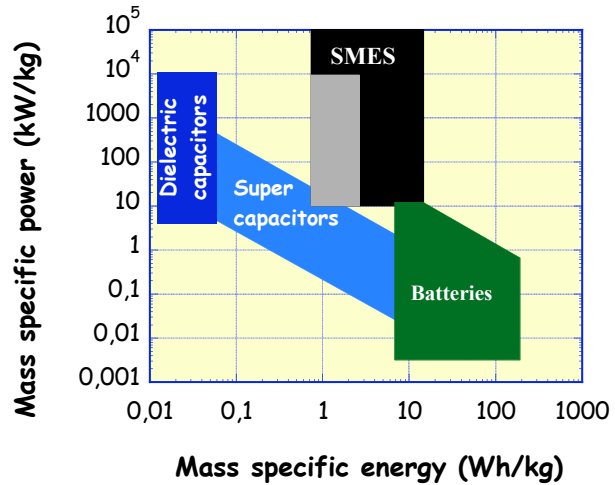
# Energy and power densities



Ragone chart:  
Performance  
comparison of  
storing  
devices



# SMES applications



# SMES main applications

- ❑ **UPS, voltage-power quality & reliability**
  - Protection against voltage drop and sags
  - Relay before the starting of a generating unit
  
- ❑ **FACTS (Flexible AC Transmission System)**
  - Supply/absorption active & reactive powers
  - Grid stability improvement
  - Transmission voltage regulation
  
- ❑ **Pulse power supply**
  - Electric guns
  - Electromagnetic launchers
  - Power Modulator
  
- ❑ **Large energy storage**
  - Daily load leveling
  - Spinning reserve / frequency control

Grids in general requires  
more reactive than  
active power

# Energy & power limits

- Energy

- ✓ Magnetic flux density

$$\frac{W}{Vol} \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0}$$

$$B = 10 \text{ T} \Rightarrow 40 \text{ MJ/m}^3 \text{ (11 kWh/m}^3\text{)}$$

- ✓ Mechanical stresses

$$Vol_{structure} \leq \frac{W_{mag}}{\sigma} \text{ (Viriel th)} \quad [\sigma = J B R \text{ (solenoid)}]$$

Structure with 100 MPa and  $d = 8$ : 12.5 kJ/kg (3.5 Wh/kg)

Present world record: 14 kJ/kg

**Mechanics: very important for SMES**

# Energy limit: viriel theorem & protection

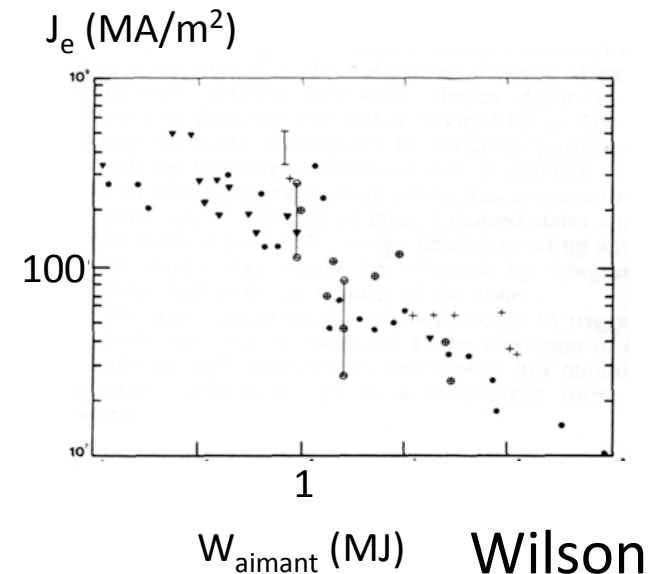
Ultimate limit:  $W_{mag} \leq \frac{\sigma}{d} Mass_{traction}$  Rather low limit

Very important to combine functions:  
Mechanical support & current transport

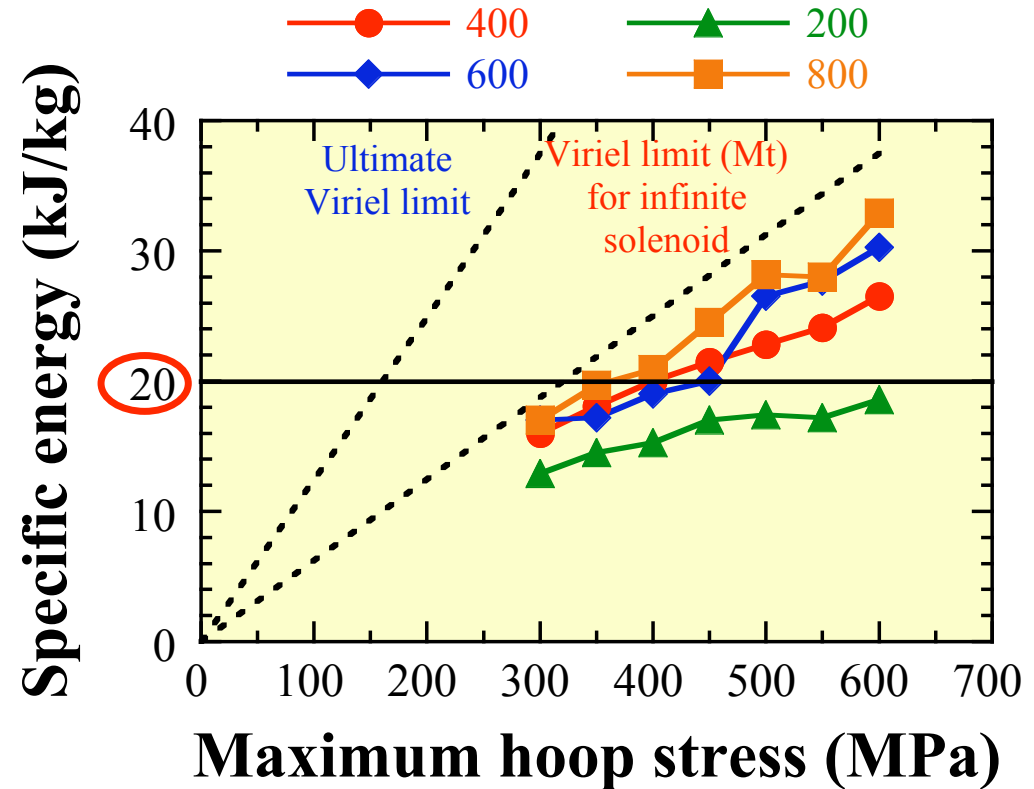
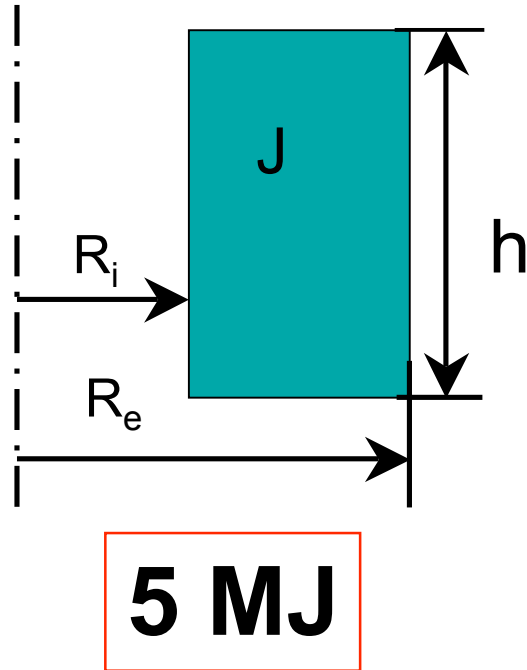
Reduced mass:  
**protection may become an issue  
then a limitation**

Protection: no damage during a quench

$$F(T_{max}) = J_o^2 \left[ \frac{W_{mag}}{V_{max} I_o} + t_{detection} \right]$$



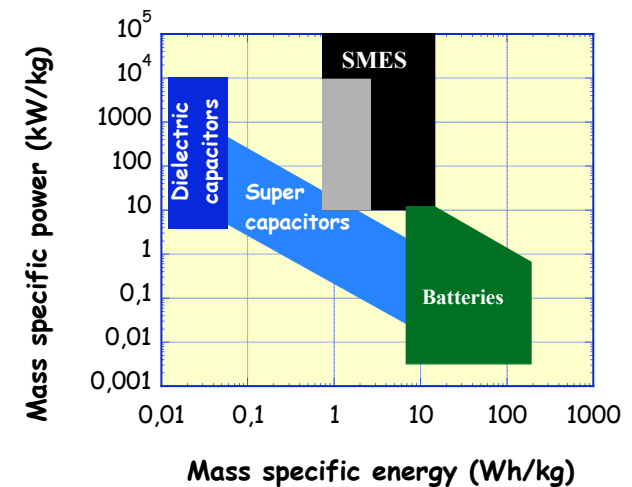
# Conditions to reach 20 kJ/kg



Possible with NbTi & YBaCuO HTS  
=> protection issues (LTS & HTS)

# Energy & power limits

- Power (VI)
  - ✓ Voltage & current
    - Good electric isolation
      - He gas bad dielectrics
    - High current conductor
  - ✓ Eddy current losses
    - Cryostat
    - Conductor (coupling losses)





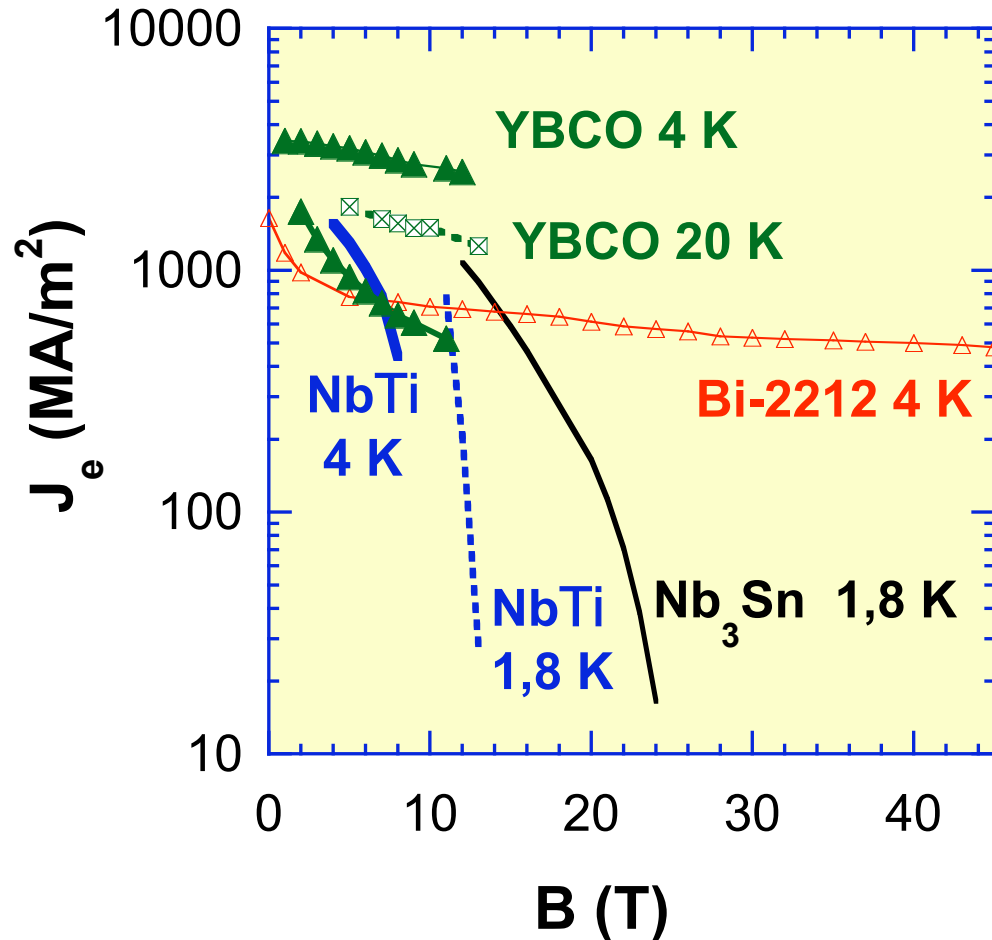
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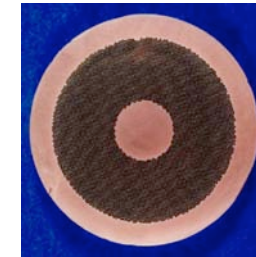
## Superconducting materials



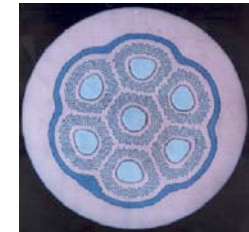
# Superconducting materials



===== LTS =====



NbTi



Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn

===== HTS =====



**1G**

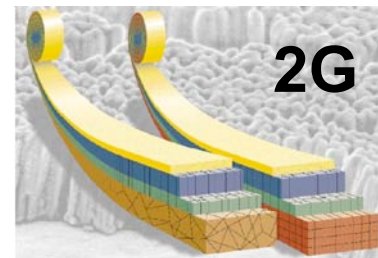
PIT BiSrCaCuO  
Bi-2212 & Bi-2223



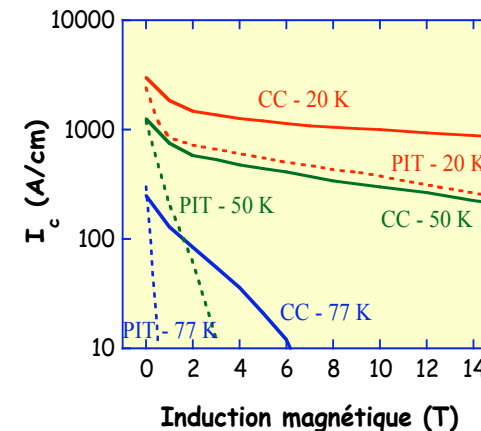
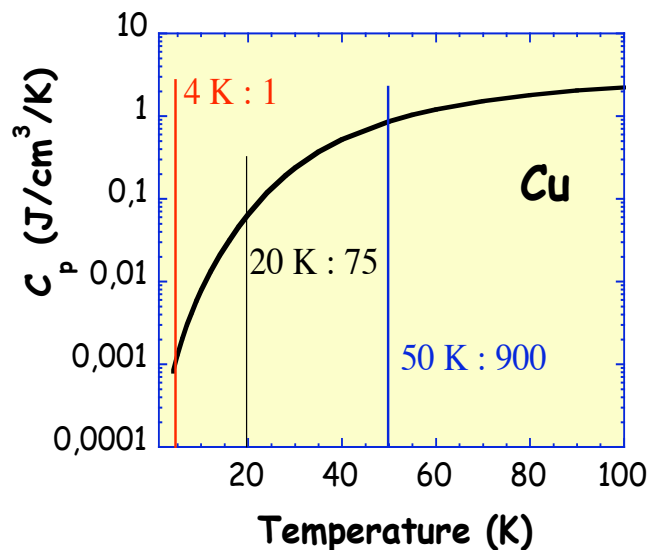
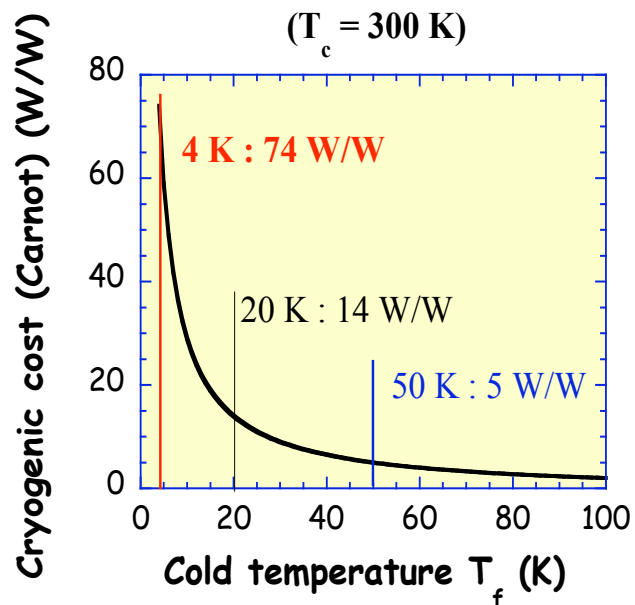
**2G**

Coated conductor  
YBaCuO

$\sigma = 700 \text{ MPa}$



# Operating temperature



- ✓ Cryogenic cost
  - running
  - investment

- ✓ Stability
  - margins & perturbations
- ✓ Isolating thickness
  - voltage => power

=> Protection <=

Interest  
HTS  
&  
CC



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# SMES

History  
Examples

# History

- ❑ Introduced by Ferrier in 1969 to meet peak demands
- ❑ 30 MJ BPA experience
- ❑ 5-20 MWh / 100-500 MW ETM in the 80' (SDI context)
- ❑ 3-6 MJ / 1 MW SMES in the 90'
  - More secure sources for critical/sensitive loads (no voltage sags)
  - FACTS
- ❑ First HTS « large » SMES in the 00'

# SMES evolutions

## □ LTS SMES

- HTS current leads
- Cryocoolers
- Power conditioning systems and control

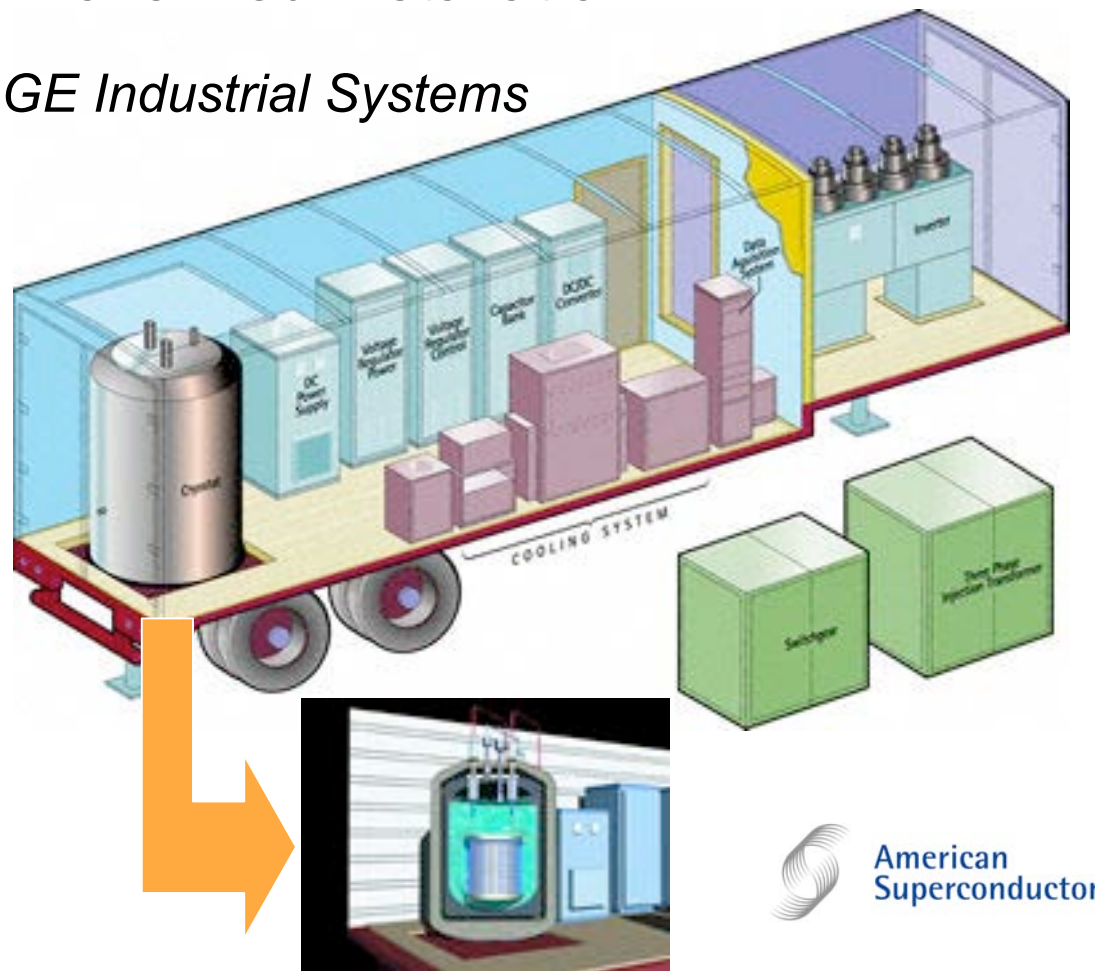
## □ HTS SMES

- Conductor developments (YBCO CC)
  - Low cost
  - Mechanical properties
  - High current conductor

# « Commercial » SMES

## Trailerized Installation

GE Industrial Systems



## Voltage Sag Protection

### Power ratings

Load voltage: 400 V to 20 kV

Unit Output: 1.3 MVA

Response Time: subcycle

System efficiency: > 97 %

### Magnet (NbTi) data

Stored energy: 3 MJ

Recharging time: < 90 s

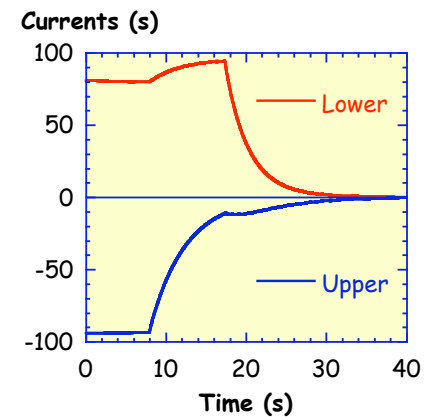
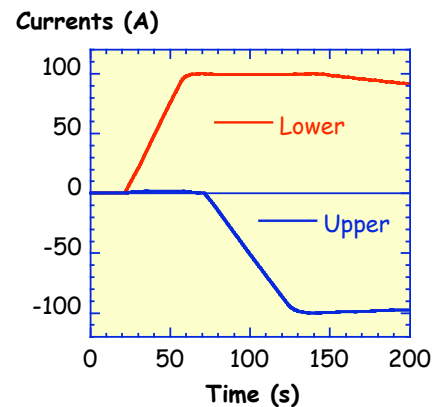
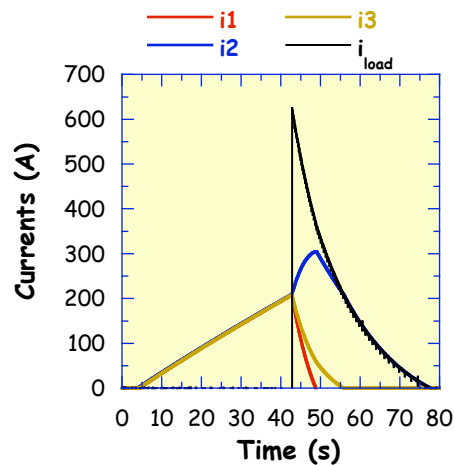
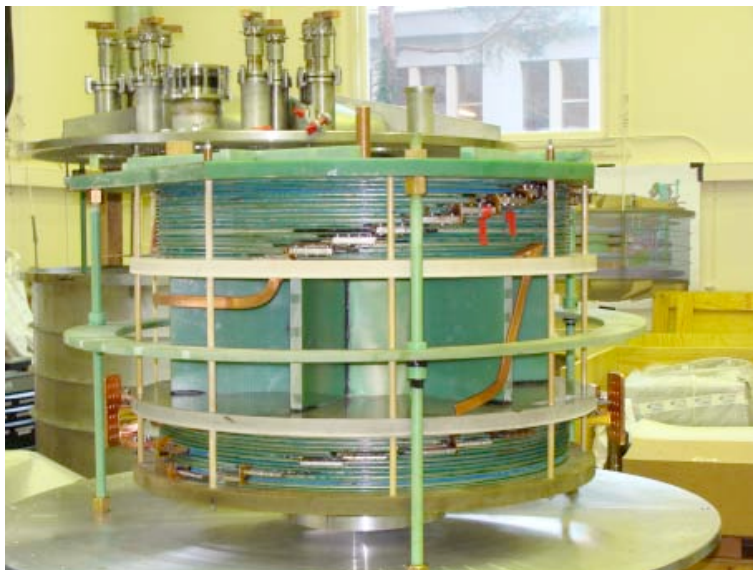
Duty cycles nber: unlimited

# Some HTS SMES

Organ.	Country	Year	Data	SC	Application
Chubu	Japan	2004	1 MVA, 1 MJ	Bi-2212	Voltage stability
CAS	China	2007	0.5 MVA, 1 MJ	Bi-2223	
KERI	Korea	2007	0.6 MJ	Bi-2223	Power, voltage quality
DGA CNRS	France	2007	0.8 MJ	Bi-2212	Pulse appl. Electric gun
KERI	Korea	2011	2.5 MJ	YBCO	Power quality
Chubu	Japan	2012	MJ class	YBCO	Grid stabilization

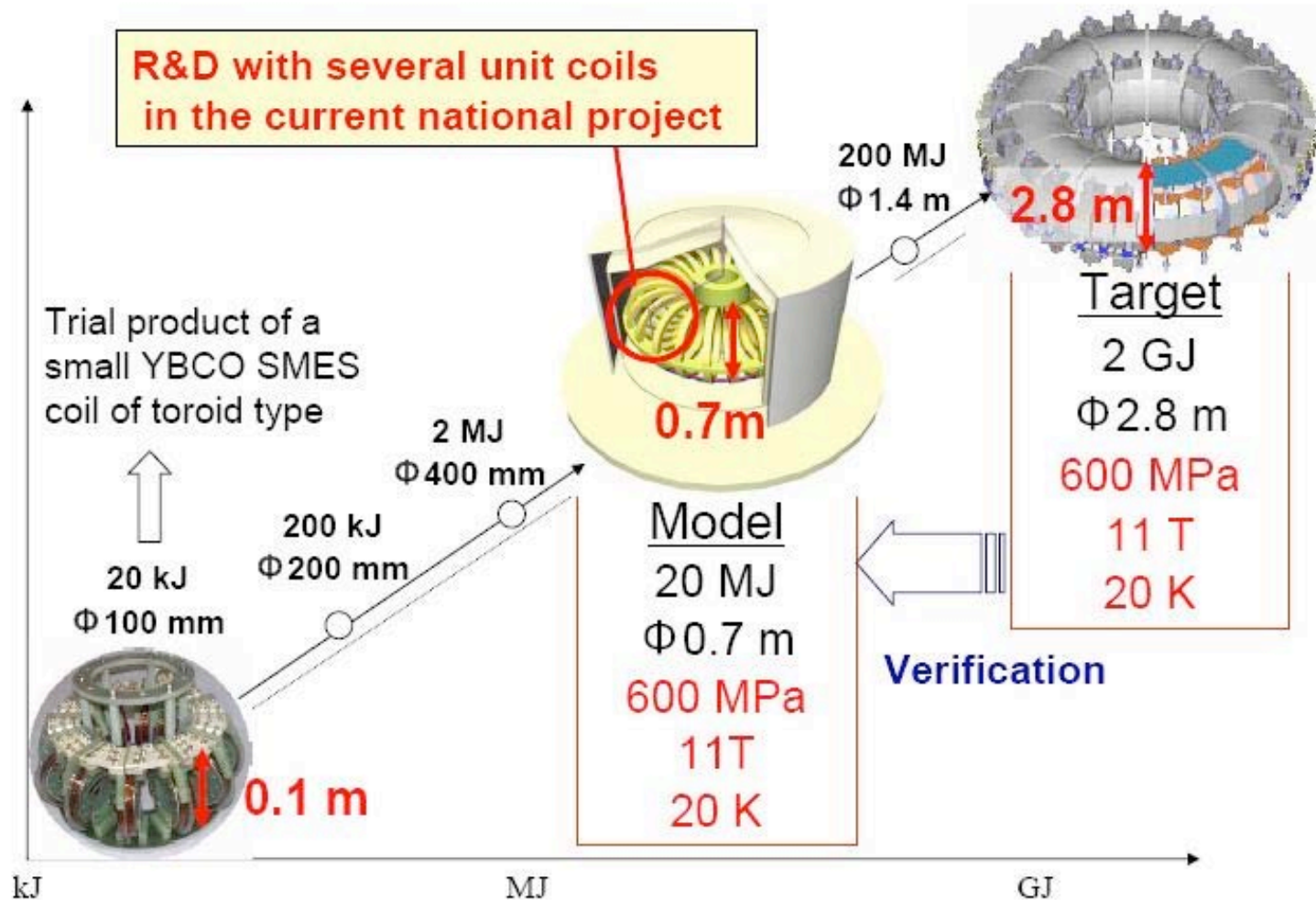


# SMES HTS DGA/CNRS/ Nexans



# Japanese project

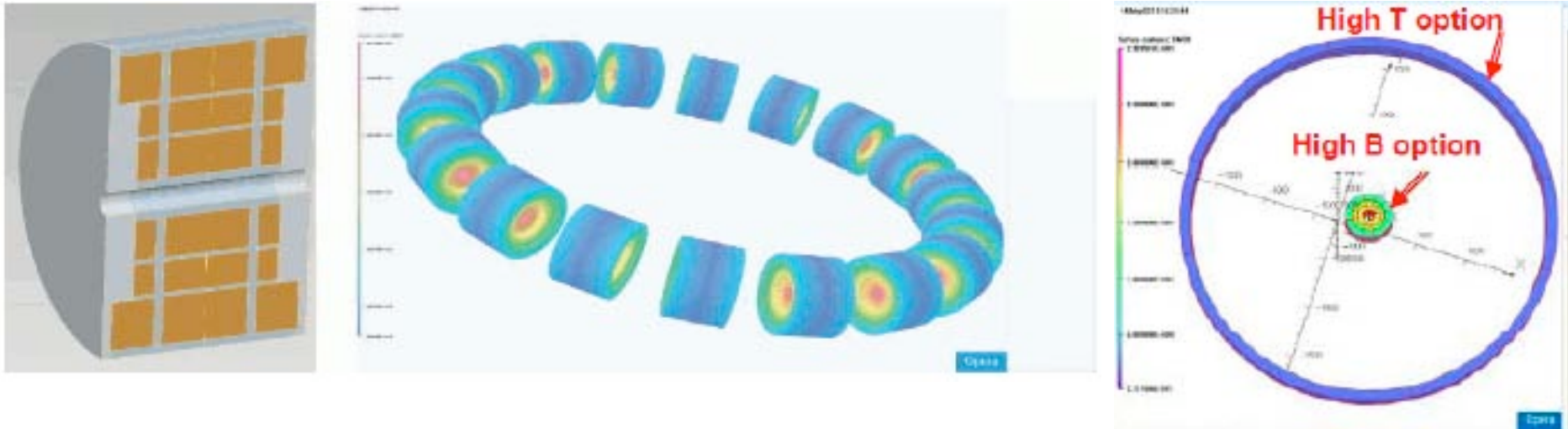
Courtesy of Chubu Electric



**FACTS**  
Sys  
t control

# New US SMES project (arpa)

Partners: ABB, Brookhaven, SuperPower, Houston university



Specifications:

- 2.5 MJ / 20 kW
- Up to 25 T (4 K)
- 2G wires

Objective:

- Load levelling on the grid with renewable energies

$$\sigma = J B R$$



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# SMES

## Conclusions



# Summary: SMES

- ❑ **High power density** & large energy density
  - Directly usable current source
- ❑ **Quick response time**
- ❑ Number of charge-discharge cycle very high (infinite)
- ❑ Static system / low maintenance
- ❑ Specific application of superconductivity
- ❑ **Conversion efficiency may be high (> 97 %)**
- ❑ « Correct » from environmental point of view
- ❑ Security of operation
- ❑ **High costs (cryogenics - superconductor)**
- ❑ **Losses in storage mode (but not really a storage system!)**

# SMES : pulse current source

## □ SMES, best solution

- In the intermediate range of power-energy plan or for extreme powers
- for current type load

(batteries: energy sources, capacitors: pulse voltage sources)

## □ Application examples

- **Electromagnetic launcher/catapult/gun**
- Some FACTS, UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply)
- **Pulse applications (electron lasers, pulse field, ...)**

# Conclusions

## □ Technology status

- Currently available for short term power
- Capability of SMES demonstrated
- **Successful experiences on years, large test exp.**
- **Too high initial cost: the major bottleneck**
- Competition by more mature technologies

## □ Future

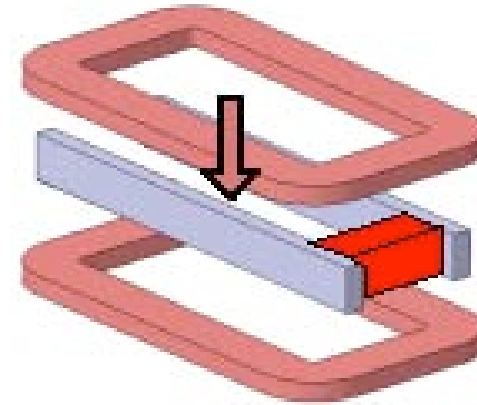
- HTS, YBaCuO coated conductors
  - Specific energy improvement
  - Reduced cryogenics
  - Protection issues

**Cost**

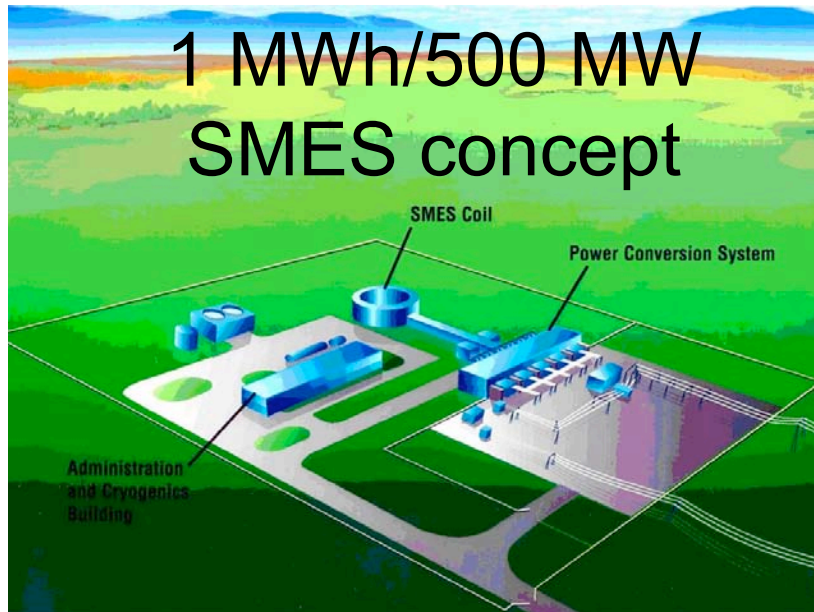


# Perspectives: function combining

S<sup>3</sup>EL : Superconducting Self  
Supplied Electromagnetic Launcher



1 MWh/500 MW  
SMES concept



Thanks!

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