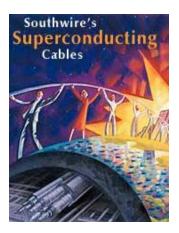
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# **AEP Project Partners**

Partner		Area of Responsibility/Expertise
Southwire/nktc/Ultera	<b>Ultera</b> <sup>TM</sup> A Southwire / nkt cables Joint Venture	Cable design, manufacturing, termination design, installation, cryo system design, systems integration, O&M, project management
AEP	AEP	Installation site engineering, site civil & electrical construction, Commissioning, Monitoring, O&M
ORNL	ornl	Cable research, termination research, testing, cryo design
Praxair	<b>PRAXAIR</b>	Cryogenics system design, construction, operations & service
AMSC	Superconductor	HTS tape supplier









# **Project Participants**

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# **SPI Project Goals & Objectives:**

# • SPI-1: 30-m Installation, Carrollton, GA

 The cable system will continue to be operated and studied. Optimizations will be made to improve operating efficiencies and reliabilities.

# • SPI-2: Bixby Substation, AEP, Columbus, OH

- -To complete a 200m cable demonstration with AEP
  - Install 13.2 kV, 3.0 kA (69 MVA) HTS cable system in Bixby substation, about 2 times the power of the Carrollton, GA demonstration
  - Highest current cable project
  - Length would be on the order of 7 times the Carrollton, GA demonstration
  - Design and install a simplified and reliable cryogenic system based on prior experiences
  - Demonstrate pre-commercial feasibility of an underground installation.









# **Basic SPI Project Approach**

An integrated team from Ultera, ORNL, PX, AMSC and other industry partners will design, build and install a reliable cable system.

- Cables, terminations and other component sub-systems will be prototyped and fully tested in the lab prior to implementation
  - Designs evaluated by use of computer modeling
  - Design verification and proto-type testing is facilitated through the use of the 5-m test-bed at ORNL
- Where needed, expertise will be brought to the team through the use of outside contractors/consultants
- Ultera & ORNL will work with electric utilities to identify market applications and guide technology development to achieve a commercially viable product which meets industry needs.









# Southwire/ORNL FY 2005 Plans Oct. 1, 2004 to Sept. 30, 2005

- SPI-1: 30-m Installation, Carrollton, GA
  - SPI contract expires 9/30/2004. Final technical report due to DOE.
    - EXTENDED TO 6/30/05 Final tech report submitted. Other close-out docs pending.
  - Disposition of system Southwire will continue operation.
- SPI-2: Bixby Substation, AEP, Columbus, OH
  - 1Q,FY2005 (Oct-Dec 2004)
    - Assemble and test full scale terminations for 3 kA 5-meter cable prototype. Cmplt.
    - Fault current and bend testing of 3-meter triaxial cable. COMPLETE
    - Finalize design of cryogenic system. COMPLETE
  - 2Q,FY2005 (Jan-Mar 2005)
    - Bend test of 5-meter triaxial cable. COMPLETE
    - Splice test of 5-meter triaxial cable. Design COMPLETE, Build/Test PENDING
    - Mechanical verification test of cryostat/cable assembly. COMPLETE
  - 3Q,FY2005 (Apr-Jun 2005)
    - Begin construction of triaxial cables for AEP project. COMPLETE
    - Begin civil/electrical work at Bixby site. Dsgn ONGOING, Constr. will start 8/05
  - 4Q,FY2005 (Jul-Sept 2005)
    - Ongoing system construction. Under Way
    - Complete construction of triaxial cable. PENDING
  - 1Q, FY2006 (Oct-Dec 2005)
    - Begin on-site installation of equipment.















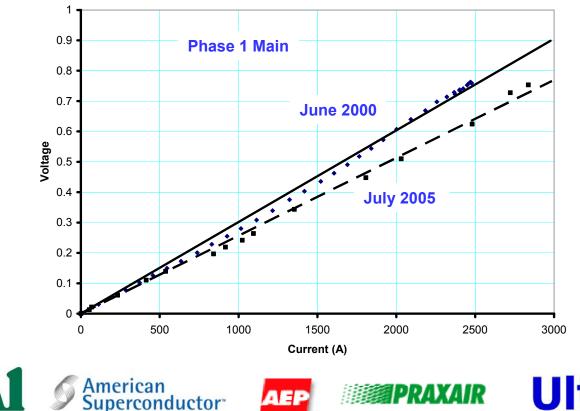




# DC-VI results of 30-m cables show no change in conductor performance.

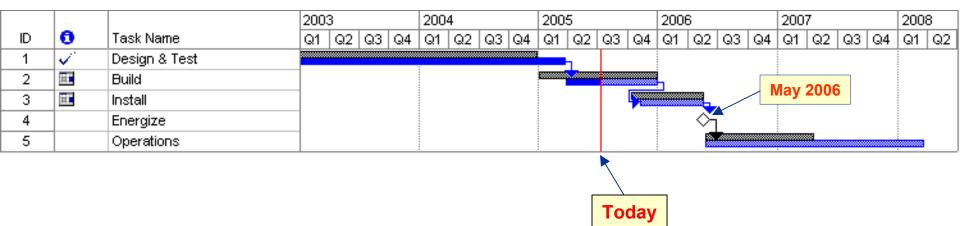
- Voltages are measured from bus, so there is a normal resistive component.
  - The voltage taps and connecting bus was different for the two measurements.
- Three phase conductors'  $I_c$  above 3 kA limit of power supply.
- The shield I<sub>c</sub> remained unchanged above 2 kA.

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# **AEP-Southwire Project Timeline**



### Project Status:

- Design & Qualification tests ran longer than expected
- Overall project still on schedule to energize as planned
- On Budget



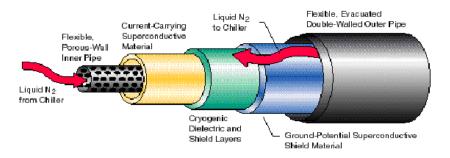




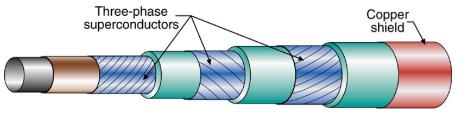


# **Comparison of HTS Cable Designs**

#### **30-m System** Single-Phase, Co-axial Design







### Features of the Co-axial HTS cable

- Magnetic field shielded.
- Both conductor and dielectric are wrapped from tapes.
- Cryogenic dielectric reduces size and increases current carrying capacity.
- Flexible cable to allow reeling

### Features of the tri-axial cold dielectric HTS cable

- Highest current density design
- Potential to reduce the required HTS tape by  ${\sim}1/2$
- Potential to reduce heat loads by  $\sim 1/2$
- Flexible cable to allow reeling.
- Cable + Termination designed for 3000
  A<sub>rms</sub> to meet AEP project requirement.

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### HTS Triax Cable Capable of Carrying 3000 A was Manufactured by Ultera













# **'AEP Project'**

### U.S. Department of Energy SPI Phase-III

- Utility Partner = American Electric Power
- Location = Bixby Substation, Columbus, OH
- Length = 200 meters
- Voltage = 13.2 kV
- Load Rating = 3.0 kA<sub>rms</sub> AC / 69 MVA
- Fault Current Peak = ~56 kA asymmetric
- Cable Design = Triax
- Other Features = Splice

Underground Multiple 90° Bends

Energize mid-2006

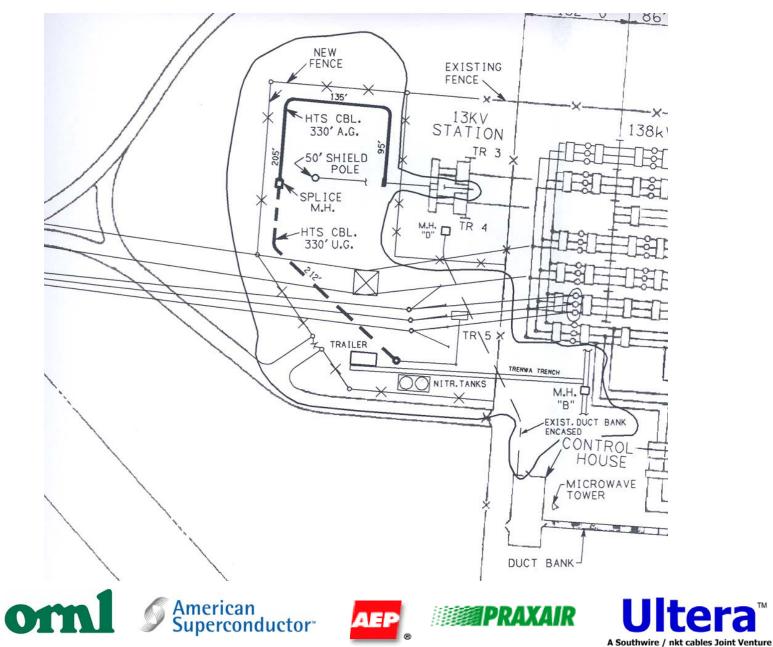






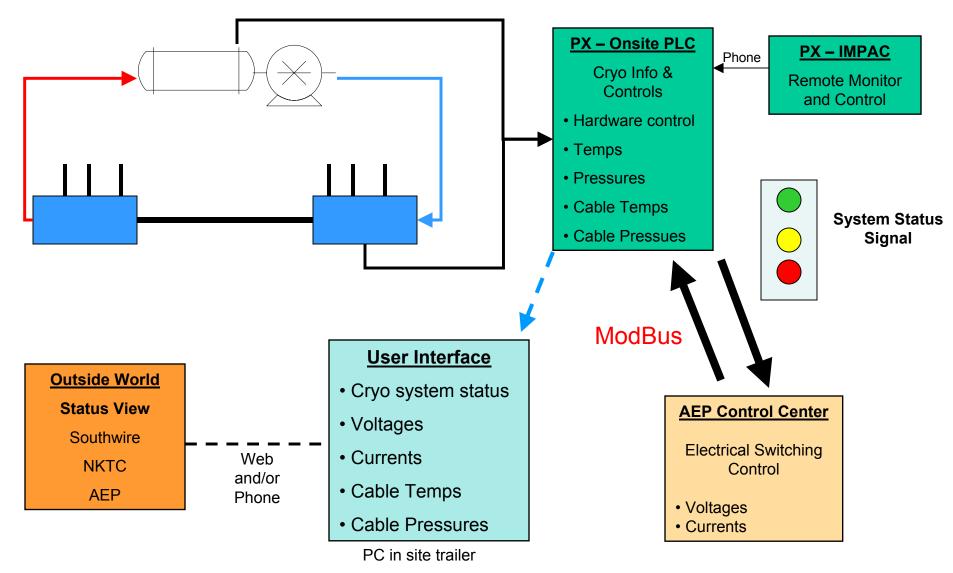


# **AEP Site Layout**





### **System Operational Monitoring and Controls**











## **AMSC HTS Hermetic Wire**



Bismuth based, multi-filamentary high temperature superconductor wire encased in a silver matrix and laminated with brass to increase mechanical strength and provide a hermetic seal.



#### Specifications:

Average thickness:	0.36-0.44 mm		
Minimum width:	4.0 mm		
Maximum width:	4.45 mm		
Min. double bend diameter (RT):	70 mm <sup>i</sup>		
Max. Rated tensile stress (RT):	175 MPa <sup>i</sup>		
Max. Rated wire tension (RT):	20 kg <sup>i</sup>		
Max. Rated tensile stress (77K):	200 MPa <sup>i, ii</sup>		
Max. Rated tensile strain (77K):	0.30% <sup>i, ii</sup>		
Hermeticity	30 atm LN2 for 16 hours <sup>iv</sup>		

#### **Customer Options:**

Minimum amperage (lc)	Average engineering current density (Je)"		
115 A"	6,700 A/cm <sup>2 ii</sup>		
125 A"	7,300 A/cm <sup>2</sup> "		
135 A"	7,900 A/cm <sup>2</sup> <sup>ii</sup>		
145 A <sup>#</sup>	8,500 A/cm <sup>2</sup> "		
Continuous piece length	Up to 800 m		
Insulation options	PTFE or Kapton wrap		
Splice options	Spliced wire is available in longer lengths		

'Greater than 95% Ic retention

" 77K, self-field, 1µV/cm

" Je is a calculated value based upon average thickness and width

" Thickness inspection after pressurized LN2 test

#### Designed for use in applications where the wire is exposed to pressurized liquid cryogens





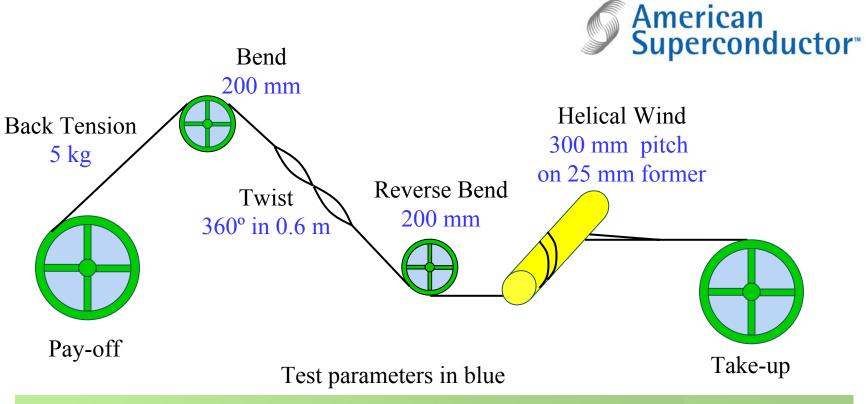






# **Tape Reliability Testing: Mechanical Aging Test**

#### Wire and splices designed to be hermetic and survive bending & twisting



Tested to meet or exceed conditions of cable stranding processes









## **HTS Tape Production Status**

- Length Requirements:
  - -184 pieces x 265 meters each = 48,760 meters
- Ic Requirement (77K, 1μV/cm) > 115 amps
- Status as of July 31, 2005
  - -All wire manufacturing complete at AMSC
  - -All wire shipped from AMSC to Ultera



AMSC commercial HTS wire manufacturing meets large volume cable requirements

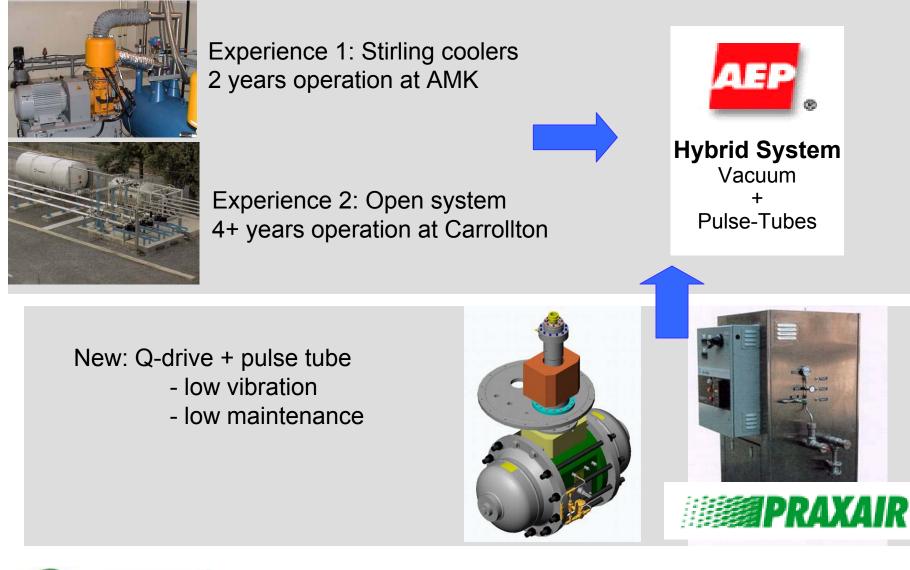








# **Cryogenic Cooling**





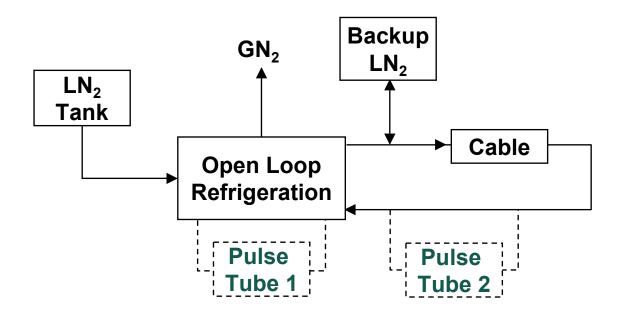






### HTS Cable Demonstration Cryogenic System Overview Integration







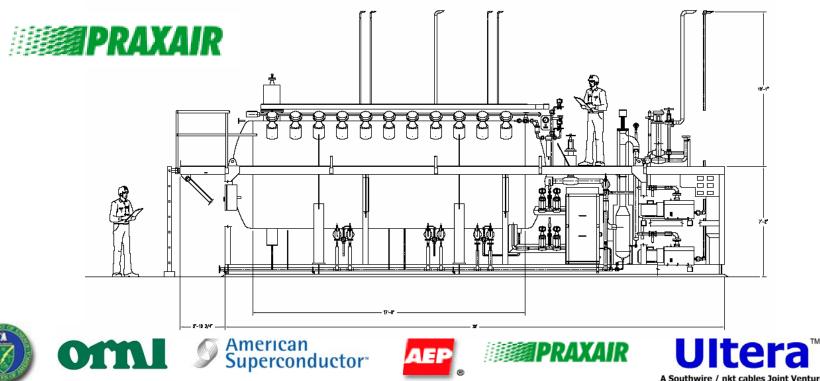






HTS Cable Demonstration Open Loop Refrigeration System and Equipment

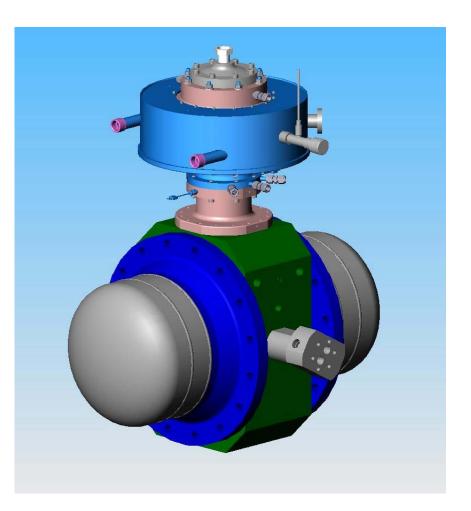
- Vacuum system skid detail design underway
- Major equipment on order/received; vacuum skid fabrication awarded (PHPK)
- Overall layout completed
- Installation scheduled for December 2005



### HTS Cable Demonstration Large Cryocooler Development



- Design Target: 1kW at 70K
- Modular unit designed and fabricated
- No Load Temperature: 57K
- Testing, modification and development ongoing







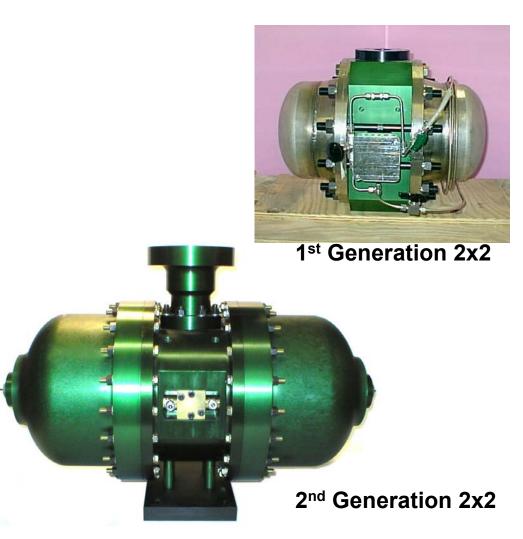






### HTS Cable Demonstration Large Cryocooler Development

- Second generation PWG in development (CFIC)
  - -Lower cost
  - -Lower weight
  - –Improved efficiency
- Suspension re-design
  - Current design passed initial hurdle (10<sup>8</sup> cycles at 100% of stroke
  - Overstroke testing underway
- Design complete, components in fabrication



**Pressure Wave Generator (PWG)** 

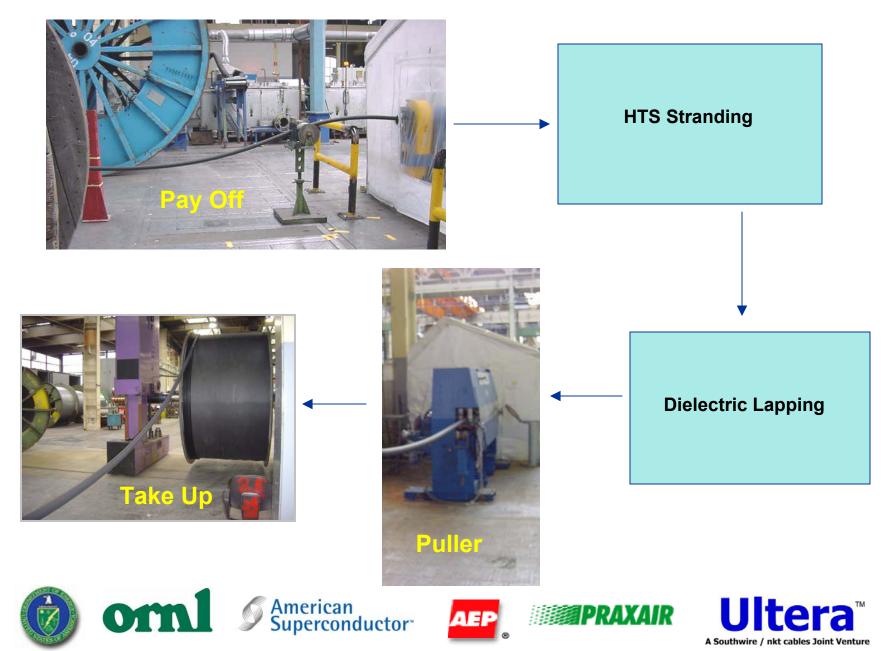


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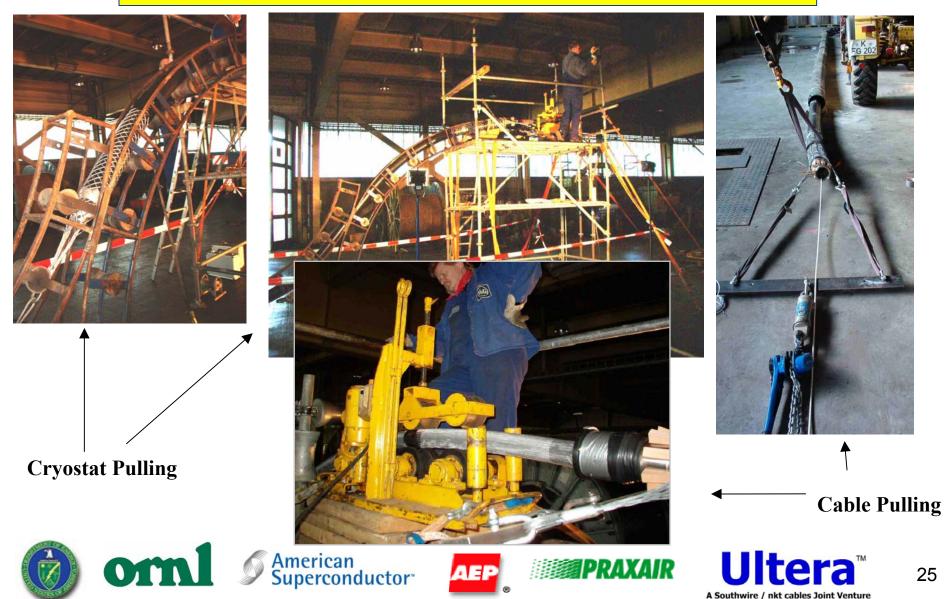


# **Cable Stranding – Manufacturing Commissioned**

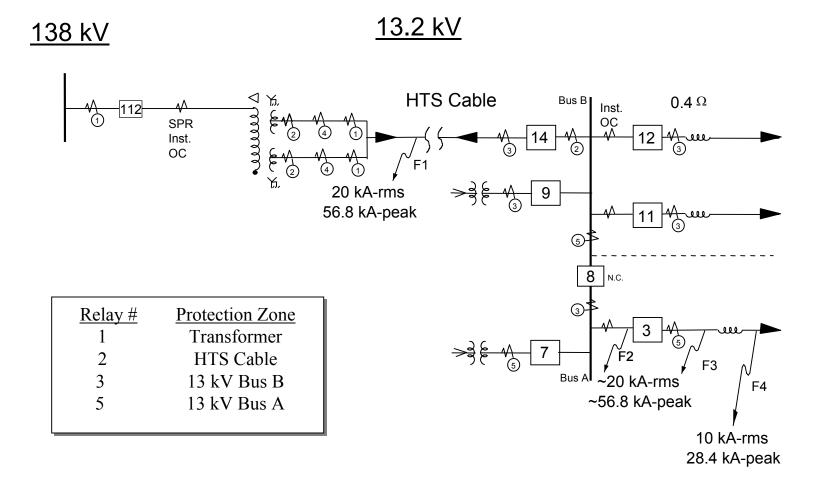


# **Pulling & Mechanical Verifications**

#### No damage or degradation to cable or cryostat from pulling



# Fault current / protection at Bixby 13.2 kV





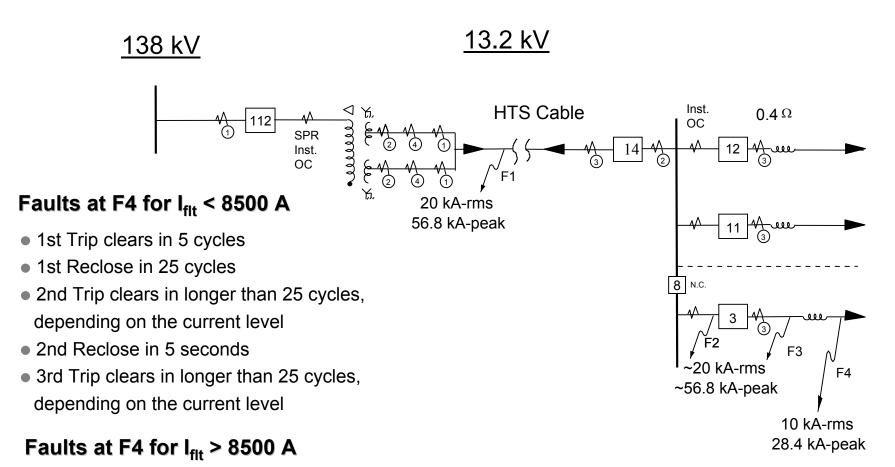








# **Faults on Distribution Lines**



Sequence as above except all trips will be instantaneous (~5 Cycles)



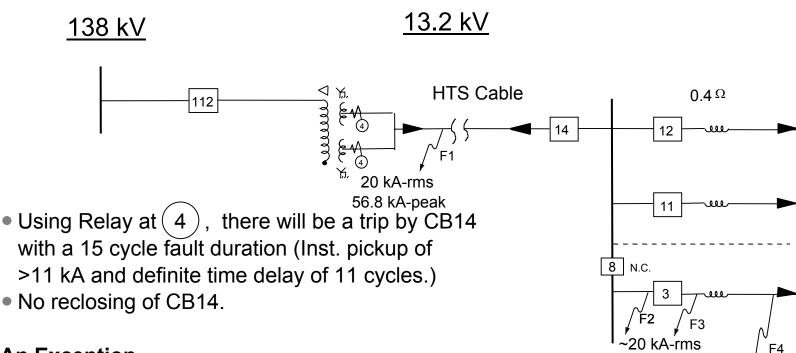






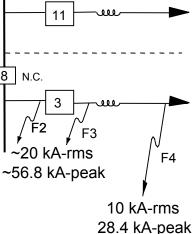
## Faults Between Dist. Breaker (s.a. CB3) and into Series Reactor with Breaker (CB3) Failure. $I_{fault} > 11kA$ .





#### **An Exception**

• For fault currents <11 kA, and with distribution breaker failure, fault clearing will follow back-up overcurrent relay time delay curve setting, at CB14.



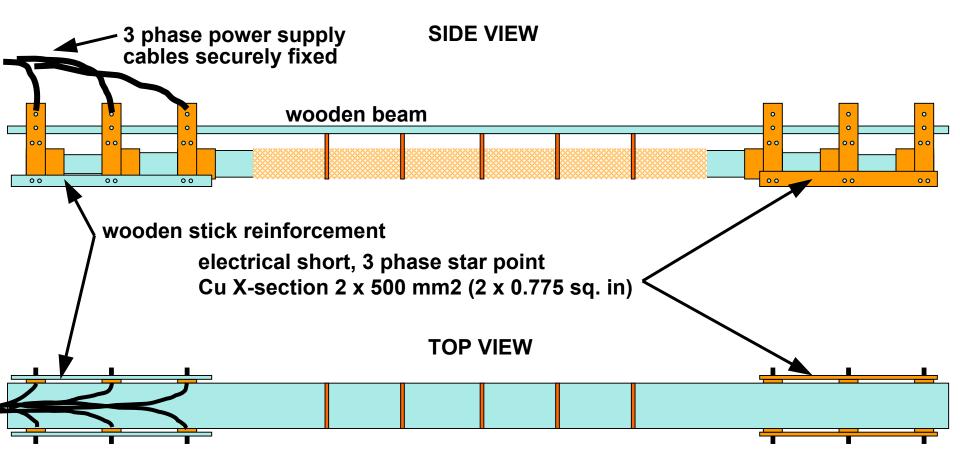








### Ultera 09, fault current set up



















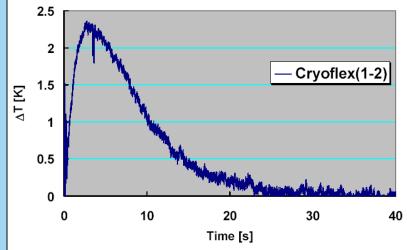


# **Worst-Case 'Thermal' Fault Current Test**

### Results of 3 phase "thermal" fault current

- 1) LN2 @ 77.3 K, ambient pressure (open bath)
- 3 x Irms ≈ 22.2 kA, duration 246 ms (<2% off),</li>
- 3) I1<sub>peak</sub> ≈ 44 kA, I2<sub>peak</sub> ≈ 39 kA, I3<sub>peak</sub> ≈ 46 kA
- 4) V1 not recorded (broken volt. leads), V2peak
  ≈ 8 mV/cm, V3peak ≈ 10 mV/cm
- 5) End of fault, cable still superconducting based on voltage trace
- 6) No dramatic effect, no obvious/visible damage





	I <sub>peak</sub> [kA]	I <sub>rms</sub> [kA]	$U_{peak}$ [V/cm]	Urms [V/cm]	$\int I^2(t) dt$
Ph 1	(-) 44.4	21.9	-	-	121 <sup>.</sup> 10 <sup>6</sup> A <sup>2</sup> s
Ph 2	(-) 39.2	23.1	1.36	1.26	134 <sup>.</sup> 10 <sup>6</sup> A <sup>2</sup> s
Ph 3	45.6	21.7	2.43	1.34	118 <sup>.</sup> 10 <sup>6</sup> A <sup>2</sup> s



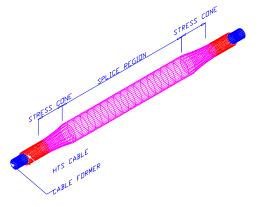






# **Cable Splice**

#### Prior Experience: 12.4 kV, Single-Phase Coax Cable



#### Successful Testing:

- AC Withstand
- BIL to 110 kV
- FC to 12 kA, 60 cycles

### Design Includes:

- HTS tape splices
- Dielectric splices
- Stress cones

### **Triax Cable Splice Design**

- Based on coax experience
- Improved techniques
- Design will minimize radial build
- Approx 1.5 m total length for 3 phases
- Field weld vacuum enclosure around splice region
- Presented in detail to Readiness Review Panel

### Multiple Prototypes to be made:

- Design will be build & tested using 3m
  & 5m cables from prior work
- Ic and voltage tests to verify design
- Work will be completed during 4Q, FY05











# **Triax Cable + Termination Qualification**



The following has been successfully tested:

- 1. Single-phase DC current tests (measure critical current)
- 2. 3-phase DC currents at 3 kA for 14 hours (thermal stability)
- 3. Single-phase AC current to 3 kA (AC loss measurements)
- 4. 3-phase AC current to 3 kA (thermal stability for cable + terminations)
- 5. Single-phase rated voltage for 1 hour
- 6. 3-phase rated voltage for 1 hour
- 7. PD measurements at 15.6 kV, single-phase (per IEEE 48-1996 termination spec)
- 8. AC withstand to 39 kV, single-phase (per ICEA S-94-649-2000 cable spec)
- 9. BIL to 110 kV (per IEEE & ICEA specs)









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# Triaxial cable bent 90° set-up for DC testing at ORNL.











# Extensive series of tests for the straight configuration

- Low Voltage DC Test
  - Measurement of V-I curves, I<sub>c</sub>
  - Long duration hold at 3000 A for 14 hours in all 3 phases
- Low Voltage AC Test
  - -Hold at 2500 A ac and 3000 A ac
- High Voltage, Low Current
  - Single phase hold at 7.6 kV 1 hour
  - PD measurement at 15.6 kV
  - AC Withstand to 34-39 kV for 5 minutes at 3.5 kV steps
  - Three Phase ac voltage for 1 hour at 7.4 kV
  - -BIL test at +/- 110 kV (5 positive and 5 negative pulses) per phase
  - PD measurement at 15.6 kV
- Low Voltage Fault Current Test
  - Single phase 10 kA overcurrent for 0.7 sec
  - Three phase 10 kA overcurrent for 0.7 sec.









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  - -BIL test at +/- 110 kV until breakdown between phase 1 and 2
- Low Voltage Fault Current Test
  - -Single phase 10 kA overcurrent for 0.7 sec
  - -Three phase 10 kA overcurrent for 0.7 sec.
- Low Voltage DC hold at 3500 A for 3 hours

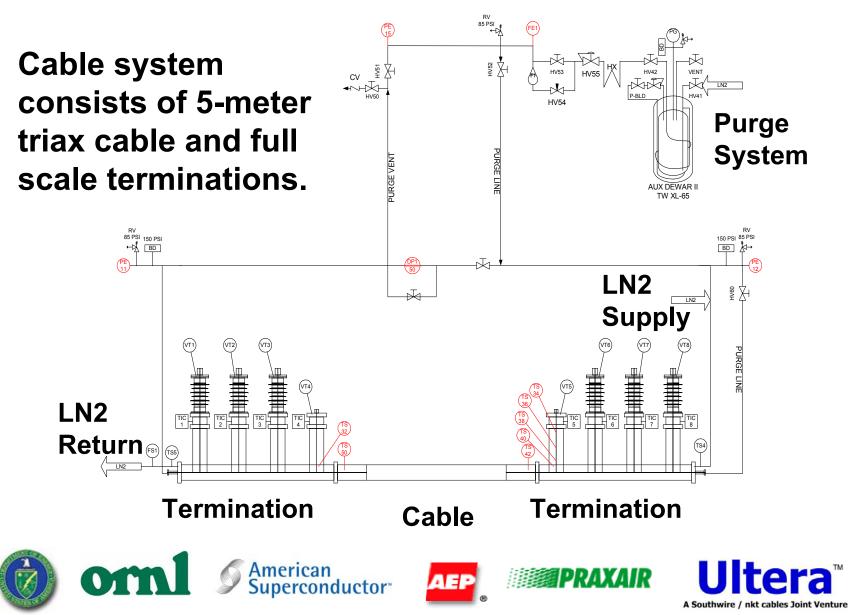








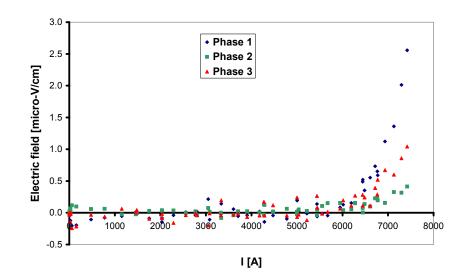
# Simplified P&ID for triaxial HTS cable system without LN2 skid.



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### Initial DC V-I measurements in straight configuration show I<sub>c</sub> > 7 kA for all phases

- Nitrogen subcooler was under vacuum
  - Cable system inlet at 75.9K
  - Cable system outlet at 81.1 K
  - Average temperature 78.5 K
- All three phases measured simultaneously.
- Phase 2 I<sub>c</sub> was extrapolated.
   n-value based on data for I<I.</li>



ased on data for I <i<sub>c</i<sub>	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Length (cm)	1058	881	716
Critical Current (A)	7017	7960	7454
n-Value	14.7	12.3	10.0







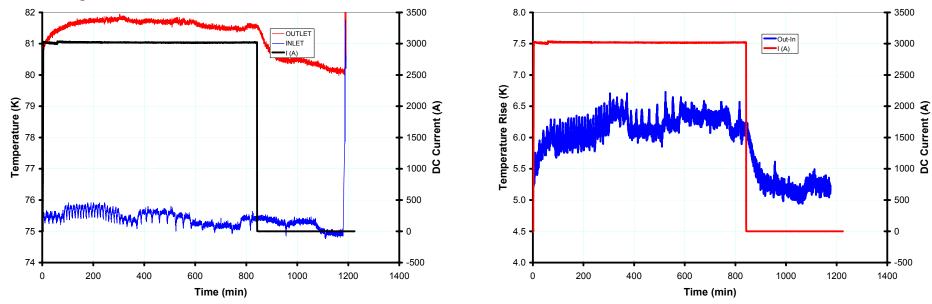




# **3000 A DC Testing with vacuum in subcooler.**

- Inlet and outlet temperatures from cable system.
- Subcooler at ~6.4 psia, bath temperature ~ 71 K

- Temperature rise across cable system.
- Responds quickly to drop in current.



- •Met AEP Bixby heat load budgets when extrapolated to 200 m cable.
- Increase in heating is 425 W with full current applied.



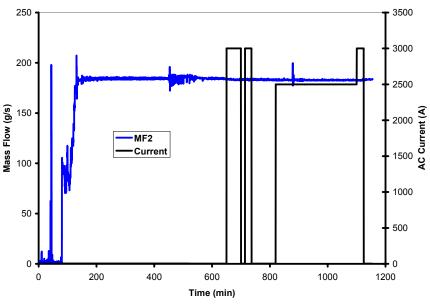




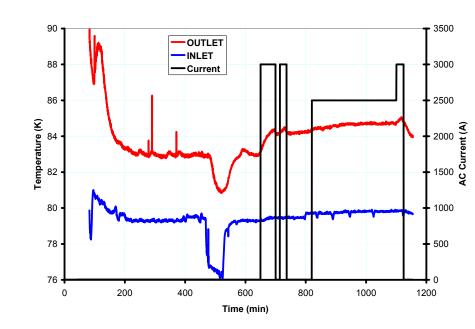


# The cryogenic system parameters nearly steady during ac current testing at 2500 A<sub>rms</sub>

- Mass flow measured with coriolis flow meter was steady.
- Subcooler was open to atmosphere except for a short duration prior to applying current.



- Inlet temperature steady, and outlet temperatures approach steady state with current applied.
- Briefly operated at 3 kA<sub>rms</sub>



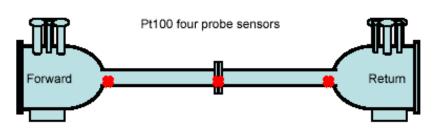




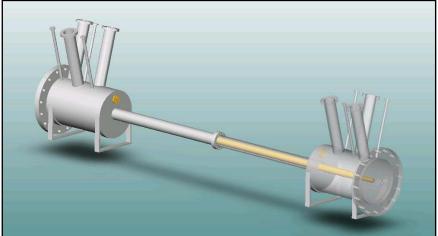


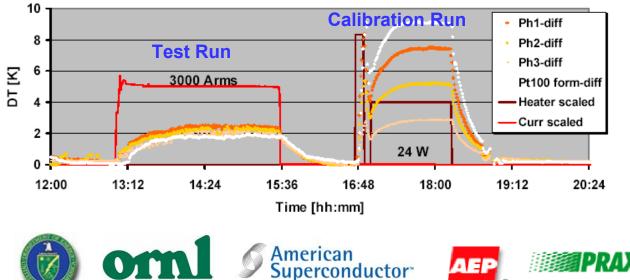


### Ultera in Denmark has conducted 3-phase testing of a 3-meter triaxial cable at 3 kA to verify AC Loss



Tested in pressurized liquid nitrogen, T = 79 K





∆T at 60 Hz

1<sup>st</sup> **Proto-type**:

3-Phase Triax conductor tested to 3.0 kA on all phases simultaneously.  $\Delta T$  was within limits and stable. Acceptable ac loss results

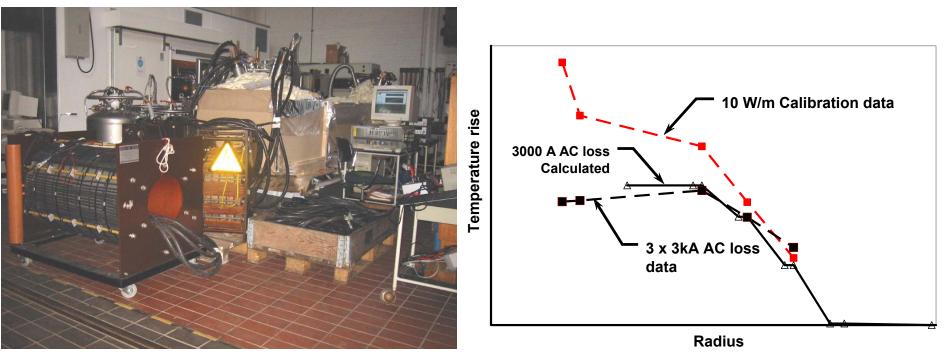








# Ultera measured ac loss on the 3-meter triaxial cable with 3 kA on all three phases.



- Testing conducted in pressurized test chamber at around 2 bar.
- No high voltage testing was conducted.
- AC loss about 8.2 W/m for the three phases at 79 K.
  - AEP cable will operate at lower temperatures hence lower ac losses (~3-6 W/m, due to varying temperature along the cable).



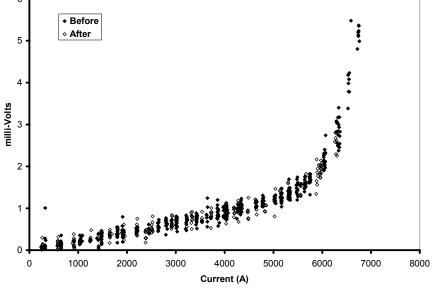






# Phase 1 V-I characteristics did not change from application of overcurrent (fault)

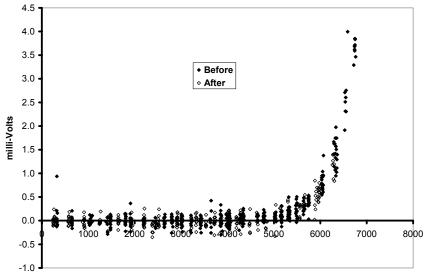
 As measured data that includes the resistance of the copper block where the voltage taps were attached.



Similar data for phases 2 and 3.



- After correcting for resistance.
- I<sub>c</sub> unchanged after pulse.



Current (A)



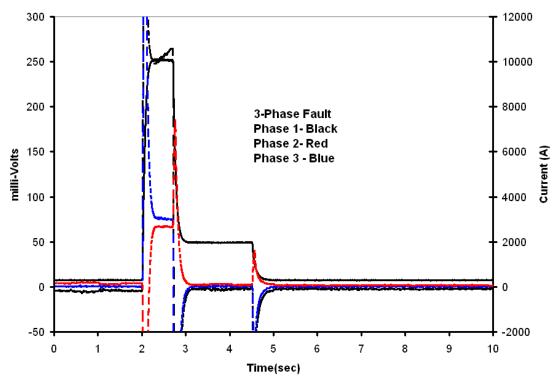


# Measured the response of the triaxial cable to a 3-phase fault.

- Response similar to individual phases.
- All phases remained superconducting.
- 10 kA for 0.7 sec is same requirement as Bixby 56 kA.

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Similar current to F4 fault (10 kA<sub>rms</sub>).



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# High voltage and dielectrics tests were conducted to validate the design and minimize risk.

- Composite cylinders and disks
- Axicom bushing
- Half scale termination model
- Full scale termination model
- 5-m cable system tests
  - -Triax Cable + Termination Qualification Tests
    - AC withstand
    - PD measurements
    - Impulse
  - –Extended Test Program
    - Bend cable 90°
    - Repeat test sequence (rated voltage, AC withstand, PD, BIL)









Passed All Qualification Tests !

### Half scale model of termination dielectric parts were tested prior to fabricating full size parts

#### TEST ASSUMPTIONS

- IEEE Standard 48-1996 for terminations:
  - -PD < 5 pC at 1.2 x 13 kV = 15.6 kV
  - Or PD extinction: 13 kV<sub>rms</sub>
- AEP to be 7.6 kV<sub>rms</sub> phase to ground
- Tested in HV cryostat in LN2 up to 6 Bar pressure
- Full scale should increase margin of safety

#### Conclusions

- Half scale provides validation of design
- Suggests that full scale will meet HV requirements







#### RESULTS

- PD inception exceeded 7.6 kV phase to ground.
- PD onset increased with N2 gas pressure
  - -6 bar N2 gas:
    - 11 kV<sub>rms</sub> onset;
    - 7.5-8 kV<sub>rms</sub> ext.
  - -6 bar LN2:
    - 10 kV<sub>rms</sub> onset;
    - 8.5 kV<sub>rms</sub> ext.
- Surface flashover occurred at 50 kV<sub>rms</sub>







# Full scale termination tested with Axicom bushing



#### CONCLUSIONS

• Full scale termination passes IEEE requirement for PD inception/extinction and BIL

- Full scale model too large for cryostat
- Initial testing in ambient air at room temperature
  - Tests were also made with the full scale model bagged with SF6.
  - SF6 has 3x strength of N2 so that this test is equivalent to 3 bar air
  - Provides intermediate test between 1 bar N2 and LN2
- Full scale model withstood 10+/10shots at 115 kV BIL
- PD inception reached 20 kV<sub>rms</sub> with SF6 (or 3 bar nitrogen equivalent)
  - Exceeds IEEE requirement of 15.6 kV<sub>rms</sub>
  - Background < 5pC</p>
- PD extinction same as inception



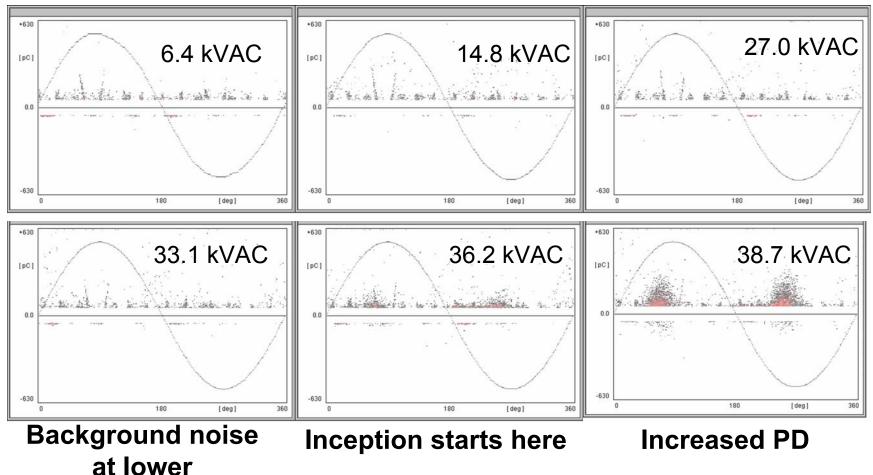








# Partial Discharge vs Voltage on Phase 1 (straight)



CONCLUSIONS

- PD inception >33.1 kVrms
- PD <100 pC at 36.2 kVrms</li>





voltages (<33 kV)









# BIL test sequence conducted on each phase exceeds requirements.

	Phase tested in order of test	Insulation tested		
Before bend		P1-P2	P2-P3	P3-GND
	P1	5+/5-	0	0
	P2	5+/5-	5+/5-	0
	P3	0	5+/5-	5+/5-

#### **Extended Test Program**

	P1	5+/5-	0	0
After bend	P2	5-/3+ BD	5-/3+ no BD	0
	P3	0	5+/5-	5+/5-
	Total shots	38	38	20
Requirement		10+/10-	10+/10-	10+/10-













# Triax HTS cable successfully passed the required high voltage tests.

- Required Testing
  - Passed HV withstand at operating voltage
  - Passed PD inception >15 kVrms
  - Passed BIL all three phases before bending
- Extended Testing
  - -Bend Cable 90°
  - Passed HV withstand
  - Passed PD inception >15 kVrms
  - Passed BIL on Phase 1 and 3
  - Failed BIL on 9<sup>th</sup> shot on phase 2 due to aging after basic IEEE requirement had been met.
    - Breakdown between phases 1 and 2
    - Phase 1-2 insulation experienced 38 shots at 110 kV
    - Bending particularly severe since terminations were attached
    - Still operated at rated voltage LN fills void created by breakdown
    - Dissection underway to locate failure. Analysis results fed back into design.









# **ORNL FY 2005 Performance**

#### **FY 2005 Plan**

- Assemble and test full scale terminations for 3 kA 5-meter cable prototype.
- Fault current and bend testing of 3-meter triaxial cable.
- Finalize design of cryogenic system.
- Bend test of 5-meter triaxial cable.
- Splice test of 5-meter triaxial cable.

### FY 2005 Performance

- Testing successfully completed at the end of May.
- Fault current and bend testing conducted at nkt
- Cable cryogenic system design is complete (Praxair).
- Testing successfully completed at the end of May.
- Splice design is completed. Test is planned.











# **ORNL FY 2005 Performance**

#### **FY 2005 Plan**

- Continue operation of system with required PM and system management. Re-test dc-l<sub>c</sub> of cables.
- Begin construction of triaxial cables for AEP project.
- Mechanical verification test of cryostat/cable assembly.

 Begin civil/electrical work at Bixby site.

### FY 2005 Performance

- ✓ Over 30,000 hours of operation
- Critical current measurements show robust superconductor
- ✓ Unattended operation (since 6/01)
- Cables for AEP project have been started.
- ✓ 50-meter cryostat underwent pull testing through actual duct bank
  - Responding to issues such as pulling forces, vacuum insulation, and cable installation.

Design is complete.
 Construction to begin this fall.











# **ORNL FY 2005 Additional Tasks**

#### **FY 2005 Plan**

- Tested 1- to 3-m cables to evaluate conductor architecture and minimize ac loss
- Participated in SPI Readiness Review

 Participated in HAZOP review of cryogenic system.

#### FY 2005 Performance

- Measured cables made with multiple HTS tape designs qualify design & performance.
- Mitigation plans have been prepared that address the issues identified by the Readiness Review Team.
- Issues that were identified are being addressed. No critical problems were identified.











#### Southwire/ORNL FY 2006 Plans Oct. 1, 2005 to Sept. 30, 2006

- SPI-1: 30-m Installation, Carrollton, GA
  - Disposition of system Southwire will continue operation.
- SPI-2: Bixby Substation, AEP, Columbus, OH
  - 1Q,FY2006 (Oct-Dec 2005)
    - Begin on-site installation of equipment.
    - Complete cable factory testing & ship to Bixby station.
    - Continued civil/electrical work at Bixby site.
    - Begin installation of cryostat and cable
  - 2Q,FY2006 (Jan-Mar 2006)
    - Complete cable & cryostat installation
    - Termination & splice assembly
    - Check-out and run-in of cryogenics system
  - 3Q,FY2006 (Apr-Jun 2006)
    - Finalize all installation items.
    - In-field testing completed
    - Operational control coordinated with AEP
    - Energize System
  - 4Q,FY2006 (Jul-Sept 2006) and FY2007
    - Operate system









#### **Risk mitigation measures: HTS Cable**

- Risk mitigation strategy is to address risks by incremental R&D steps on models and test cables:
  - Material tests on small scale samples and on scaled model components
  - System tests on full radial scale, short-length components (1-5 m HTS cables, full-scale terminations at ORNL).
  - System tests on full radial scale, moderate-length components (30m HTS cables at Southwire).
  - Multi-year utility demonstrations with cables of length 100's of meters
  - Cryostat pull tests conducted using actual cable ducts.
- Conduct tough, comprehensive design reviews
  - SPI Readiness Review (Webex) October 2004
  - SPI readiness review in June 2005.
  - Conducted HAZOP analysis of cryogenic system with Praxair in January 2005.









#### **Risk mitigation measures: HTS Cable**

- Risk mitigation strategy
  - Assembly:
    - Do stringent 300 K leak testing on individual components to minimize global leak rate while cold.
    - Extreme care in assembly so as not to introduce shorts or continuous current loops.
    - Cleanliness, material control to reduce out-gassing and contamination.
  - Testing:
    - Develop test plans up-front to ensure sufficient data for successful demonstration and for relevant standards development.
    - Proceed from lower risk to higher risk testing.
    - Key sensors are interlocked for operator warning and then automatic actions for component protection and continuity of power.









### **Research Integration - Partnerships**

- Project is being conducted as a DOE SPI with equal cost sharing by Ultera and DOE. Ultera expertise includes:
  - -Wire and cable manufacturing,
  - -Established utility customer base,
  - -Design and installation of turn-key systems for utilities,
  - -Design and construction of copper rod mills world-wide,
  - -Design and construction of manufacturing plants,
  - Cold dielectric design developed by Southwire (successful 30-m demo)
  - -Warm dielectric design developed by nktc (successful 30-m demonstration in Copenhagen, Denmark)

And now:

 Design, installation & operation of superconducting cables for utility customers.









# **Research Integration - Partnerships**

### • FY 2005 progress is evidence of well functioning team.

- Triax cable research conducted on 5-m system jointly with Southwire/nkt at ORNL.
- Multiple short, 1- to 3-m cables fabricated by Southwire tested at ORNL and *nkt*.
- -PRAXAIR and AMSC brought on to the team.

 Ultera and ORNL exchange technical information and data regularly

- -Teleconferences & Videoconferences
- -Interactive web conferencing
- -personnel exchanges
- -30-m cable operation and testing at Southwire.
- -site visits and technical meetings









### **Research Integration - Expertise and Facilities**

 Efficient use of equipment and personnel between ORNL/Ultera.

- Assembly of 30-m cables has involved a team of ORNL, Southwire and subcontracted technicians.
- Shared use of SW ac power supply, ORNL dc power supply, SW
  PD detector, fault current testing to over 56 kA in Denmark.
- Technical capability is being established in industry by subcontracting for subsystems and components.
  - Cryogenic system partnership was formed with Praxair (U.S. industry).
  - –Components for terminations were manufactured by U.S. industry resulting from competitive request for quotations.
  - Several key consultants have provided technical expertise and analysis.









# **Research Integration – Publications and Outreach**

#### Presentations and publications during the year

- –Four technical papers were presented at the 2004 ASC and published in the IEEE Transactions on Applied Superconductivity, Vol. 15, No. 2, June 2005
- One paper was presented at the International Conference on Electricity Distribution (CIRED) in June 2005.
- -One paper will be presented at the Cryogenic Engineering Conference in August 2005 and will be submitted for publication in the, Advances in Cryogenic Engineering.

#### Web Sites

- -ORNL Superconductivity Web Site includes Annual Reports, Peer Review presentations and other project information
  - •www.ornl.gov/HTSC/htsc.html
- Southwire and Ultera Web Sites includes press releases and project information

www.southwire.com, www.ultera.net, www.supercables.com

















