

Field and Strain Dependence of the Critical Current and the n -value for Nb₃Sn Strand

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Detailed field and strain dependence of the critical current and the n -value for an internal-tin processed Nb₃Sn strand have been measured. Both the compressive and tensile strain is applied reversibly using Walter spiral probe made of BeCu up to 0.73 %. There is a correlation between the critical current and the n -value for the Nb₃Sn strand studied in this work and the field dependence of the n -value is in agreement with a recent empirical formula. It was further shown that the critical current can be reasonably well fitted by the scaling law based on strong-coupling theory of superconductivity using the relation between the critical current and the n -value

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