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Stranded Superconducting Cable of Improved Design

A lightweight, stable, high-current superconducting cable has been developed and tested in a superconducting (liquid helium cooled) magnet made with the cable. The design features the use of a substantial amount of aluminum wire interspersed with the superconductor strands. The advantages of aluminum are its low magnetoresistance coefficient, and, consequently, its higher electrical conductivity than copper at 4.2°K over a wide range of magnetic fields; its ability in the highly pure state to self-anneal at room temperature, so that reductions in electrical conductivity due to the winding stresses are avoided; its light weight; and its low thermal capacity. The latter results in reduced cooldown costs.

Notes:

1. The principles applied to this cable and magnet design are applicable to a wide range of superconducting cables and magnets.

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