

Sensitivity analysis on material properties in mechanical analysis of YBCO tapes during cool-down and axial loading

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Outline

- Introduction
- 3D mechanical modeling with Sparselizard
- Validation
- Sensitivity analysis
- Conclusion



Introduction

- Developed a 3D simulation model for YBCO tape, using ***Sparselizard****
- Noticed a wide spread of material properties in literature
- Properties of super thin layers in YBCO tape \neq properties of bulk materials
- Detailed material characterization seems necessary
- Which material should we measure?
- Properties which are critical for **YBCO layer** and **average Tape** strain and stress
- Performed a sensitivity analysis to determine impact of each property

* HALBACH, Alexandre. Sparselizard-the user friendly finite element c++ library. 2017. (<http://sparselizard.org/>)



Elastic model

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot (\underline{\sigma}) + \vec{f}_b = 0 \\ \underline{\sigma} = \underline{D} : \underline{\varepsilon} - \underline{\sigma}_{th} \\ \underline{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \vec{u} + \nabla \vec{u}^T) \\ \underline{\sigma}_{th} = \frac{E}{1-2\nu} \underline{\varepsilon}_{th} = \frac{E}{1-2\nu} \underline{\alpha}_{th} \Delta T \end{array} \right.$$

weak formulation:

$$\int_{\Omega} -\underline{D} \underline{\varepsilon}(\vec{u}) \underline{\varepsilon}(\vec{u}') dV + \int_{\Omega} \underline{\sigma}_{th} \underline{\varepsilon}(\vec{u}') dV + \int_{\Omega'} \vec{f}_b \vec{u}' dV = 0$$

$\underline{\sigma}$ Cauchy stress tensor

$\underline{\varepsilon}$ Cauchy strain tensor

\underline{D} Elastic tensor

\vec{f}_b body force vector

\vec{u} Displacement vector

E Young modulus

ν Poisson's ratio

ΔT Thermal change

$\underline{\varepsilon}_{th}$ Thermal strain tensor

$\underline{\alpha}_{th}$ Thermal expansion coefficient tensor



Bi-linear plasticity model

Plasticity?

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} f < 0 & \text{elastic} \\ f = 0 & \text{plastic} \end{array} \right.$$

$$f = ||\underline{s} - \underline{\alpha}|| - \kappa$$

$$\underline{s} = \underline{\sigma} - \frac{1}{3}\text{tr}(\underline{\sigma})\underline{1}$$

Computational form:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\dot{\epsilon}} = \underline{\dot{\epsilon}}^e + \underline{\dot{\epsilon}}^p \\ \underline{\dot{\sigma}} = D : (\underline{\dot{\epsilon}} - \underline{\dot{\epsilon}}^p) \\ \underline{\dot{\epsilon}}^p = \dot{\lambda} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{\sigma}} = \dot{\lambda} \hat{n} \\ \dot{\kappa} = \beta H \dot{\lambda}, \quad \underline{\dot{\alpha}} = (1 - \beta) H \dot{\lambda} \hat{n} \\ \dot{f} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta \underline{\epsilon} = \Delta \underline{\epsilon}^e + \Delta \underline{\epsilon}^p \\ \underline{\sigma}_{n+1} = \underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr} - 2\mu \Delta \lambda \hat{n}_{n+1} \\ \Delta \underline{\epsilon}^p \approx \Delta \lambda \hat{n}_{n+1} \\ \kappa_{n+1} = \kappa_n + \beta H \Delta \lambda \\ \underline{\alpha}_{n+1} = \underline{\alpha}_n + (1 - \beta) H \Delta \lambda \hat{n}_{n+1} \\ f_{n+1} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

f Yield function

\underline{s} Deviatoric stress tensor

κ Isotropic hardening

$\underline{\alpha}$ Kinematic hardening

$\underline{\epsilon}^e$ Elastic strain tensor

$\underline{\epsilon}^p$ Plastic strain tensor

λ Plasticity multiplier (norm)

\hat{n} Unit direction vector

H Generalized plastic modulus



Numerical elasto-plastic model for axial loading

1) Elastic prediction:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int_{\Omega} -D \Delta \underline{\varepsilon}(\vec{u}) \Delta \underline{\varepsilon}(\vec{u}') dV + \int_{\Omega'} \vec{f}_b \vec{u}' dV = 0 \\ \underline{\varepsilon}_{n+1} = \underline{\varepsilon}_n + \Delta \underline{\varepsilon} \\ \underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr} = \underline{\sigma}_n + D : \Delta \underline{\varepsilon} \end{array} \right.$$

2) Plasticity?

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p = \frac{1}{3} \text{tr}(\underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr}) \\ \underline{s}_{n+1}^{tr} = \underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr} - p \mathbf{1} \\ f = \|\underline{s}_{n+1}^{tr} - \underline{\alpha}_n\| - \kappa_n \end{array} \right.$$

3) Plasticity correction:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{n}_{n+1} = \frac{\underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr}}{\|\underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr}\|} \\ \Delta \lambda = \frac{\|\underline{s}_{n+1}^{tr} - \underline{\alpha}_n\| - \kappa_n}{2\mu + H} \\ \underline{\varepsilon}_{n+1}^p = \underline{\varepsilon}_n^p + \Delta \lambda \hat{n}_{n+1} \\ \underline{\sigma}_{n+1} = \underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr} - 2\mu \Delta \lambda \hat{n}_{n+1} \\ \kappa_{n+1} = \kappa_n + \beta H \Delta \lambda \\ \underline{\alpha}_{n+1} = \underline{\alpha}_n + (1 - \beta) H \Delta \lambda \hat{n}_{n+1} \end{array} \right.$$



Numerical elasto-plastic thermal model for cool-down

1) Initial elastic prediction:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int_{\Omega} -\mathbf{D} \Delta \underline{\varepsilon}(\vec{u}) \Delta \underline{\varepsilon}(\vec{u}') dV + \int_{\Omega} \Delta \underline{\sigma}_{th} \Delta \underline{\varepsilon}(\vec{u}') dV = 0 \\ \Delta \underline{\sigma}_{th} = \frac{E}{1-2\nu} \underline{\alpha}_{th} \Delta T \\ \underline{\varepsilon}_{n+1} = \underline{\varepsilon}_n + \Delta \underline{\varepsilon} \\ \underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr} = \underline{\sigma}_n + (\mathbf{D} : \Delta \underline{\varepsilon} - \Delta \underline{\sigma}_{th}) \end{array} \right.$$

2) Plasticity?

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p = \frac{1}{3} \text{tr}(\underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr}) \\ \underline{s}_{n+1}^{tr} = \underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr} - p \mathbf{1} \\ f = \|\underline{s}_{n+1}^{tr} - \underline{\alpha}_n\| - \kappa_n \end{array} \right.$$

3) Initial Plasticity correction:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{n}_{n+1} = \frac{\underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr}}{\|\underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr}\|} \\ \Delta \lambda = \frac{\|\underline{s}_{n+1}^{tr} - \underline{\alpha}_n\| - \kappa_n}{2\mu + H} \\ \Delta \underline{\sigma}_c = 2\mu \Delta \hat{n}_{n+1} \end{array} \right.$$



Numerical elasto-plastic thermal model for cool-down

4) Updated elastic prediction:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int_{\Omega} -D \Delta \underline{\epsilon}(\vec{u}) \Delta \underline{\epsilon}(\vec{u}') dV + \int_{\Omega} (\Delta \underline{\sigma}_{th} + \Delta \underline{\sigma}_c) \Delta \underline{\epsilon}(\vec{u}') dV = 0 \\ \underline{\epsilon}_{n+1} = \underline{\epsilon}_n + \Delta \underline{\epsilon} \\ \underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr} = \underline{\sigma}_n + (D : \Delta \underline{\epsilon} - \Delta \underline{\sigma}_{th}) \end{array} \right.$$

5) Plasticity?

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p = \frac{1}{3} \text{tr}(\underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr}) \\ \underline{s}_{n+1}^{tr} = \underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr} - p \mathbf{1} \\ f = \|\underline{s}_{n+1}^{tr} - \underline{\alpha}_n\| - \kappa_n \end{array} \right.$$

6) Plasticity correction:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{n}_{n+1} = \frac{\underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr}}{\|\underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr}\|} \\ \Delta \lambda = \frac{\|\underline{s}_{n+1}^{tr} - \underline{\alpha}_n\| - \kappa_n}{2\mu + H} \\ \underline{\epsilon}_{n+1}^p = \underline{\epsilon}_n^p + \Delta \lambda \hat{n}_{n+1} \\ \underline{\sigma}_{n+1} = \underline{\sigma}_{n+1}^{tr} - 2\mu \Delta \lambda \hat{n}_{n+1} \\ \kappa_{n+1} = \kappa_n + \beta H \Delta \lambda \\ \underline{\alpha}_{n+1} = \underline{\alpha}_n + (1 - \beta) H \Delta \lambda \hat{n}_{n+1} \end{array} \right.$$



YBCO tape and the constituent layers

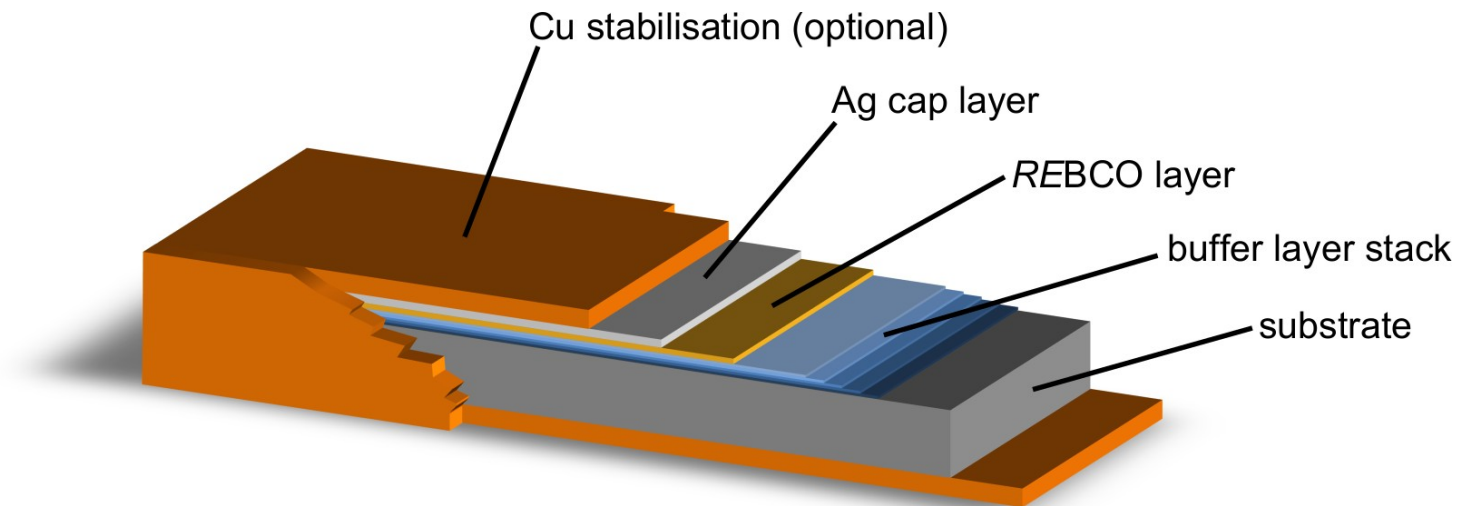


Figure from: Barth, Christian. *High temperature superconductor cable concepts for fusion magnets*. Vol. 7. KIT Scientific Publishing, 2013.



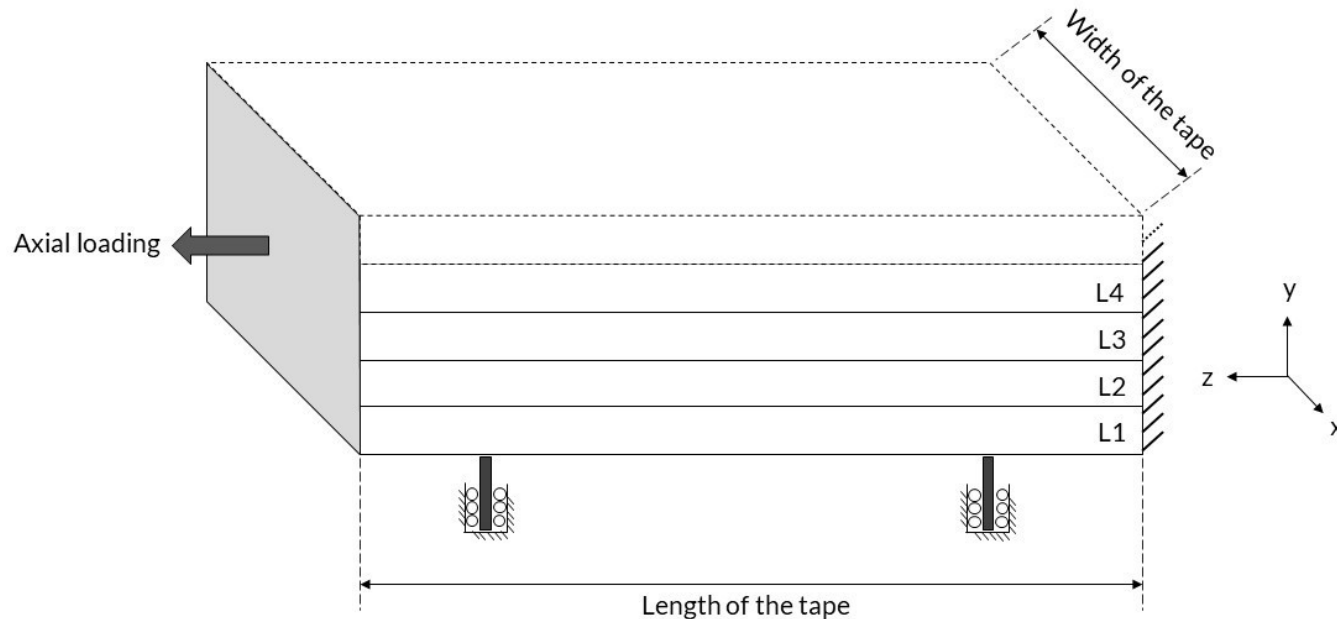
	Tape 1	Tape 2	Tape 3	Tape 4
	Demo Tape Sensitivity analysis	validation with COMSOL	validation with Tufts measurements*	
Manufacturer			SuperPower	SuNAM
Number of layers	7	4	4	4
Materials	Copper Silver Hastelloy Buffer YBCO	Copper Hastelloy YBCO	Copper Hastelloy YBCO	Copper Sainless steel YBCO
length of tape	8 cm	8 cm	5 cm	5 cm
tape width	5.3 mm	5.3 mm	4.027 mm	4.062 mm
substrate thickness	100 μm	100 μm	50 μm	100 μm
cool-down	✓	✓	✗	✗
axial -loading	✓	✓	✓	✓

* Allen, N. C., L. Chiesa, and M. Takayasu. "Structural modeling of HTS tapes and cables." *Cryogenics* 80 (2016): 405-418.



Mechanical boundary conditions for Demo tape

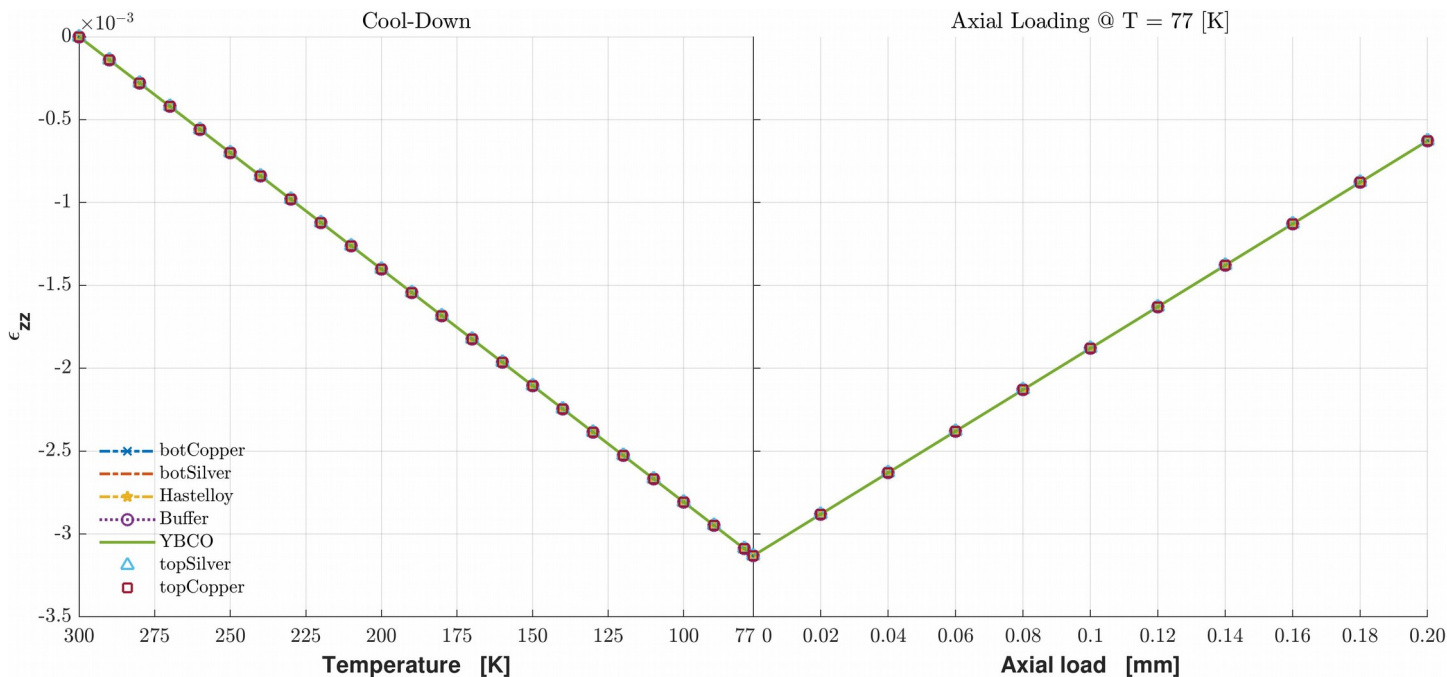
- Fixed clamping at one end
- Partially constrained at the bottom



	dimension [m]
L1 : Copper	20×10^{-6}
L2 : Silver	2×10^{-6}
L3 : Hastelloy	100×10^{-6}
L4 : Buffer	1×10^{-6}
L5 : YBCO	2×10^{-6}
L6 : Silver	2×10^{-6}
L7 : Copper	20×10^{-6}
width	5.3×10^{-3}
length	8×10^{-2}



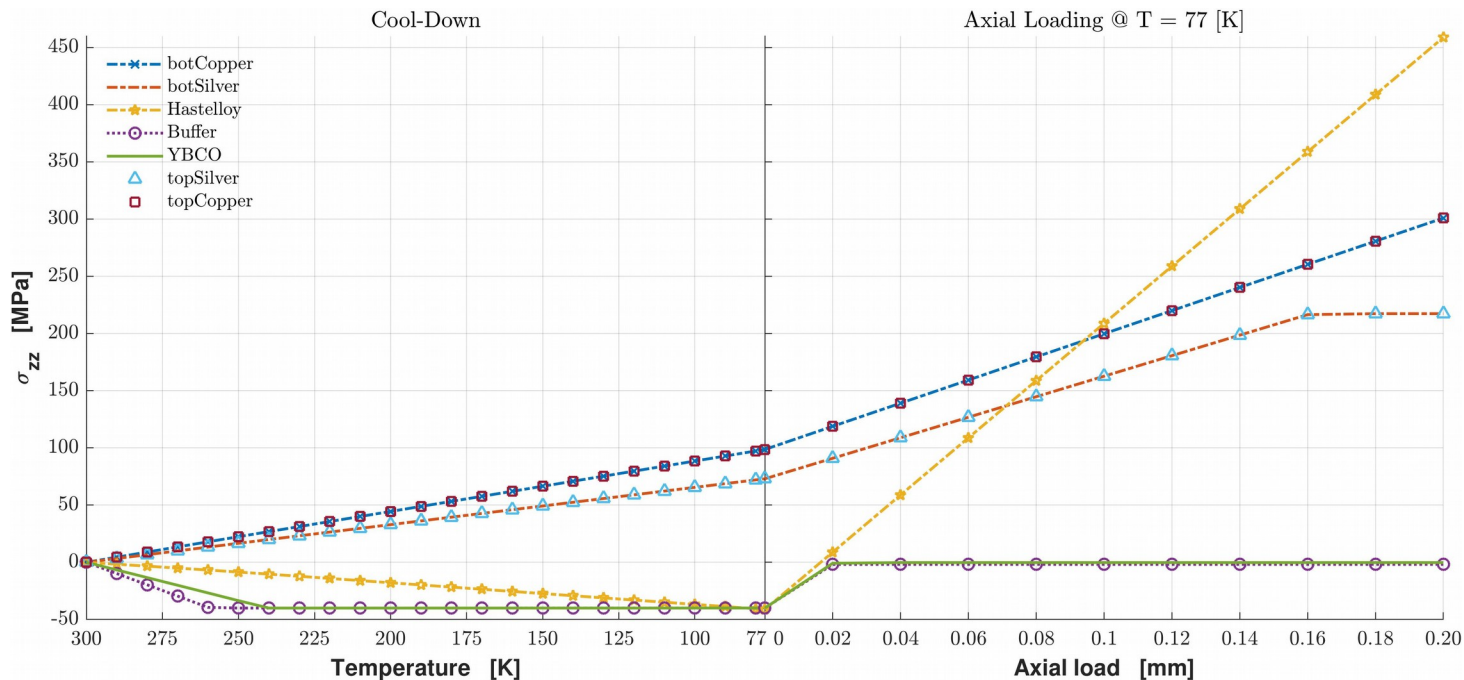
Demo tape (model tape 1) mechanical behavior – strain results



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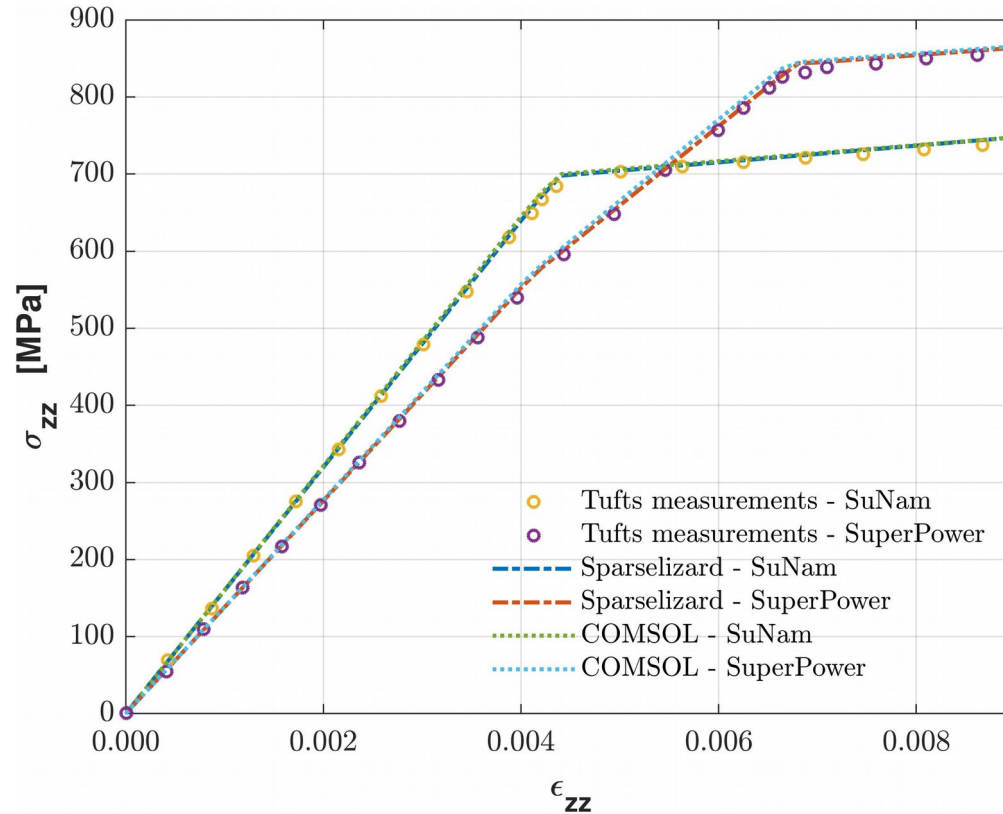
Validation with COMSOL – model tape 2

Relative Error (%)			botCopper	Hastelloy	YBCO	topCopper
cool-down		ε_{zz}	0.0946	0.0946	0.0946	0.0946
		σ_{zz}	0.3240	0.2005	0.0226	0.3124
axial loading		ε_{zz}	0.0756	0.0756	0.0756	0.0756
		σ_{zz}	0.0031	0.0030	0.0734	0.0031

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Validation with Tufts measurements – model tapes 3 & 4



Tufts measurement data from: Allen, N. C., L. Chiesa, and M. Takayasu. "Structural modeling of HTS tapes and cables." *Cryogenics* 80 (2016): 405-418.

Comparison in: H. Milanchian, et al., "Novel 3D-simulation model for REBCO tape mechanical behaviour", to be submitted to *IEEE Trans. On appl. Supercond.*

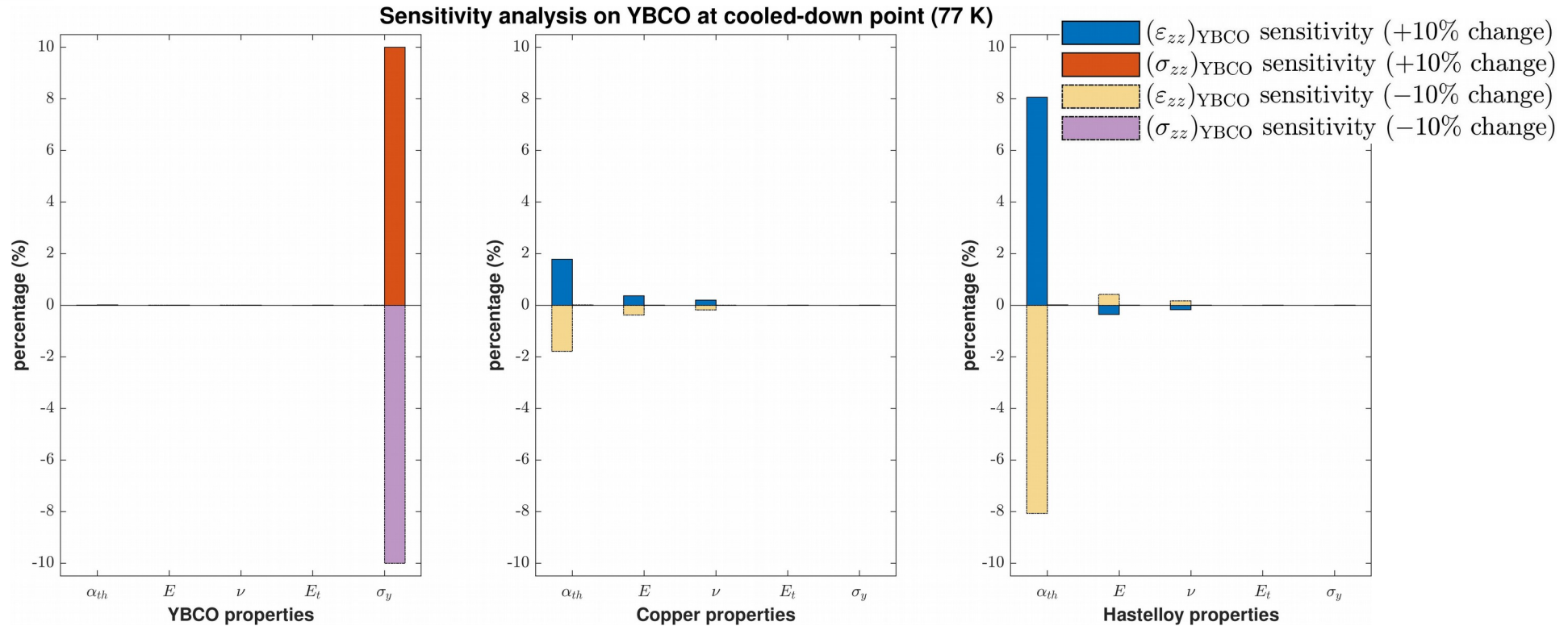


Sensitivity analysis

- Demo tape (model tape 1)
- Investigate the changes in **YBCO layer** and **average Tape** strain and stress
- 5 materials: Copper, Silver, Hastelloy, Buffer, YBCO
- 5 material properties: α_{th} , E , ν , E_T , σ_y
- +10% and -10% change (one property at a time and then compare with reference case)
- 50 different cases
- Sensitivity analysis in Cooled-down point (77 K) and axial loading at 77 K



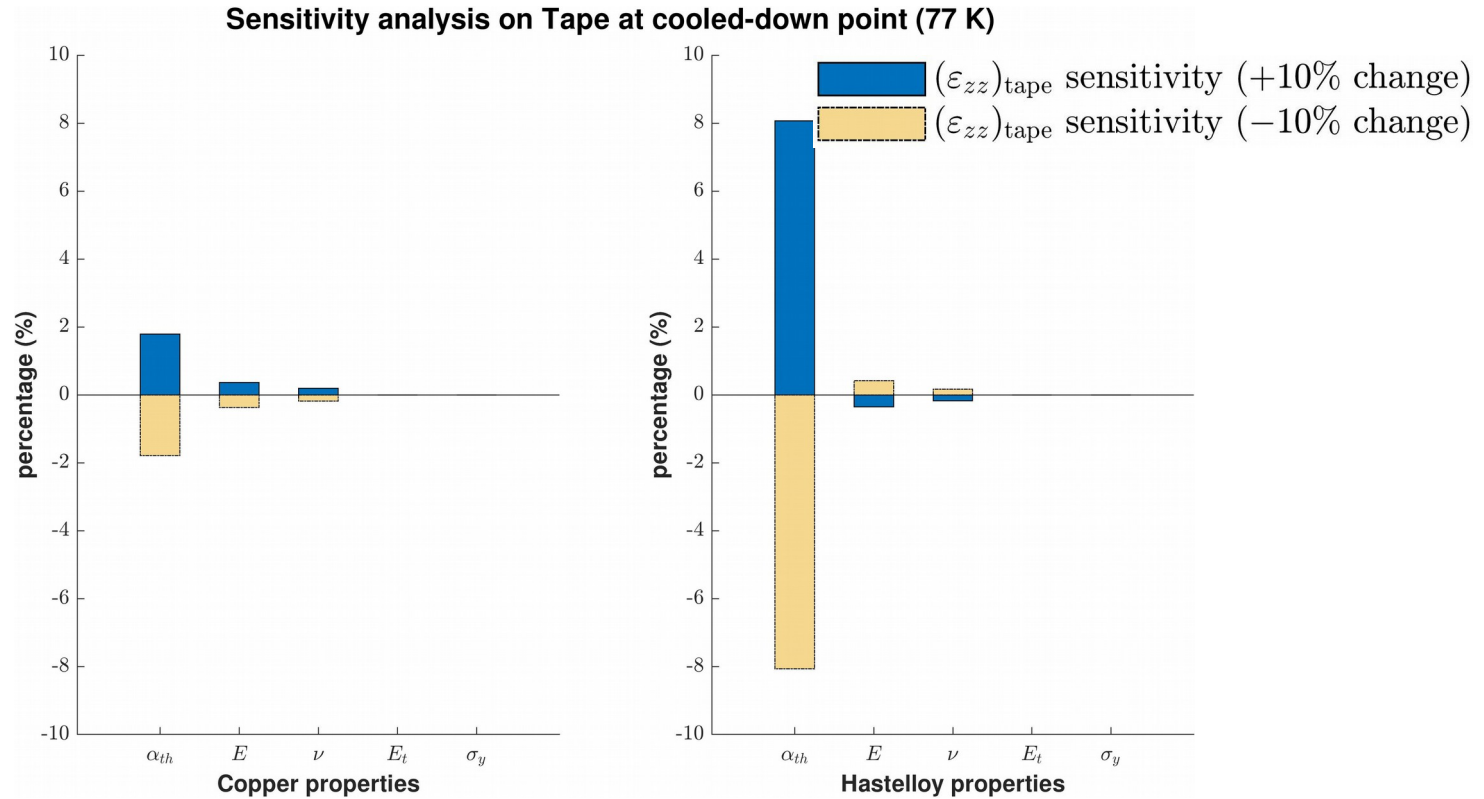
Sensitivity analysis for cool-down stage



► Silver and Buffer properties had below 1% effect in all cases



Sensitivity analysis for cool-down stage

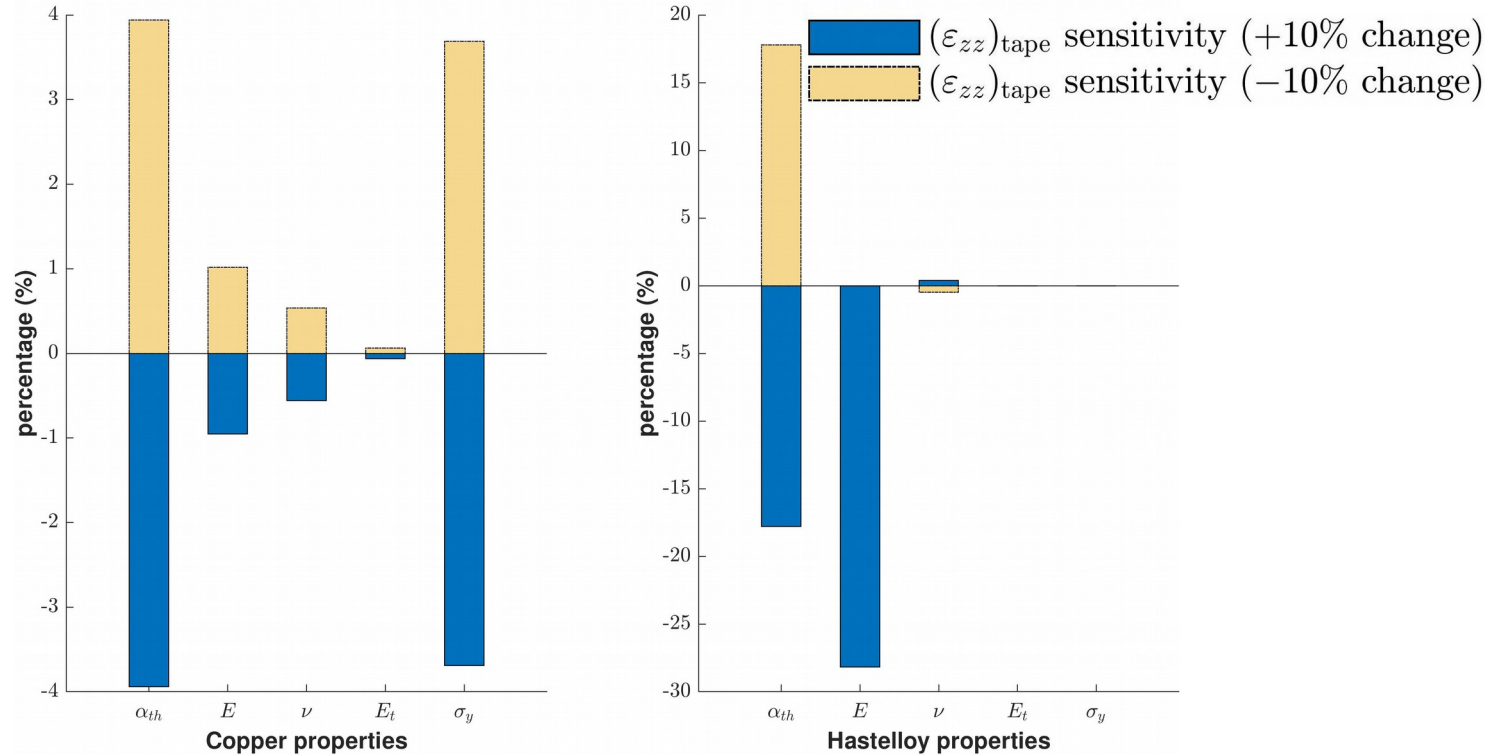


► YBCO layer properties had below 1% effect in average Tape cases



Sensitivity analysis for Axial loading

Sensitivity analysis on Tape at 700 MPa of axial loading at cooled-down point (77 K)



► Silver, Buffer, YBCO properties (below 1% effect)



YBCO

- $\underline{\alpha}_{th}$ of Hastelloy and Copper (8% and 2%)
- σ_y of YBCO (10% on stress)

Tape

- $\underline{\alpha}_{th}$ of Hastelloy and Copper (18% and 4%)
- E of Hastelloy (28%)
- σ_y of Copper (4%)

- Thickness sensitivity analysis
- Elastoplastic behavior of YBCO and Copper



Demo tape material properties

	$\alpha_{th} [\times 10^{-6}]$	E [Gpa]	ν	σ_y [Mpa]	E_T [Gpa]
Copper	17.7	80	0.338	275	4
Silver	17	70	0.367	140	0
Hastelloy	13.4	200	0.307	980	8.5
Buffer	9.5	170	0.226	40	0
YBCO	11	157	0.3	40	0



COMSOL validation tape material properties

	$\alpha_{th} [\times 10^{-6}]$	E [Gpa]	ν	σ_y [Mpa]	E_T [Gpa]
Copper	17.7	80	0.338	275	4
Hastelloy	13.4	200	0.307	980	8.5
YBCO	11	157	0.300	40	0



Tufts tape material properties

	E [Gpa]	ν	σ_y [Mpa]	E_T [Gpa]
Copper	85	0.355	350	4
Substrate (SuperPower)	180	0.29	1225	7.5
Substrate (SuNam)	190	0.29	840	10
YBCO ¹	150	0.3	-	-

1 assumed elastic