

# Coated conductor layout overview: Pros and Cons

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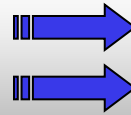
**EUROTAPES:** European development of Superconducting  
Tapes: integrating novel materials and architectures into cost  
effective processes for power applications and magnets  
(2012-2016)

- **HTS materials: power and magnet applications**
- **Why do we need the coated conductors?**
  - Physics behind the CCs
- **What are the coated conductors?**
  - Manufacturing approaches to CCs
- **Towards enhanced performances**
  - High currents
  - Vortex pinning
- **Cost and performances prospective**
- **Conclusions**

# HTS in power engineering: conventional vs novel systems with new functionalities

- Highest current densities without (dc) or reduced losses (ac)
- High magnetic fields can be generated

Reduced Weight/Volume  
Reduction of Losses

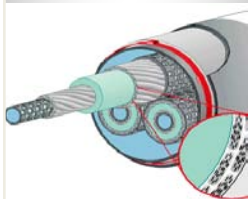


Higher Power Densities  
Better Efficiencies

## Optimization of Conventional Systems

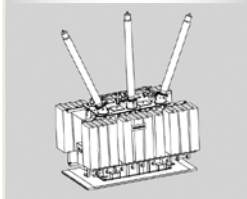
## Novel Applications

Cable



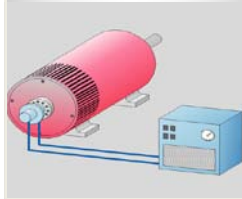
Higher Power Density  
Retrofit

Trans-former



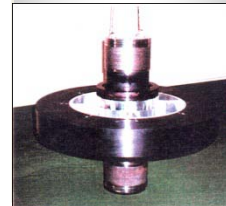
Energy Savings  
Life  
Safety

Motor  
Generator



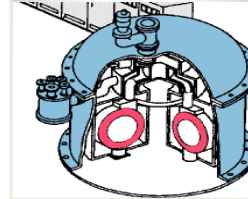
Volume, Weight  
Energy Savings

Flywheel



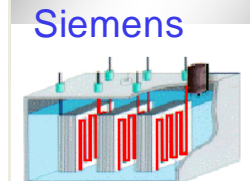
Energy Density  
Energy Savings  
Safety

Sc. Magn.  
Energy  
Storage  
(SMES)



Availability  
Savings of  
Resources

Fault Current  
Limiter



Novel Power Grids  
Savings of  
Resources  
Power Quality



# 32 T User magnet



- **Goal:**

- 32 T, 4.2 K, 32 mm cold bore
- 500 ppm in 10 mm DSV
- 1 hour to full field
- dilution refrigerator <20 mK
- 20 years of operation at NHMFL

- **Funding:**

- \$2M grant from NSF
  - for LTS coils, cryostat, YBCO tape & other components
- Core grant for development of new technology
  - Cover grant shortfall
  - ~ \$8M total expected, ~ \$4M to date

- **Key Personnel**

- Huub Weijers, NHMFL: Project lead
- Denis Markiewicz, NHMFL: Magnet Design
- David Larbalestier, NHMFL: co-PI, SC Materials
- Stephen Julian, Univ. of Toronto: co-PI, Science, potentially the first user

32 T coils:

- NbTi
- Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn
- YBCO  
(inner and outer coil)



64.5 mm

~600 H, 9 MJ

## Motivation

*„...there is a technology gap from 2G wire to practical applications...“*

### Industry needs

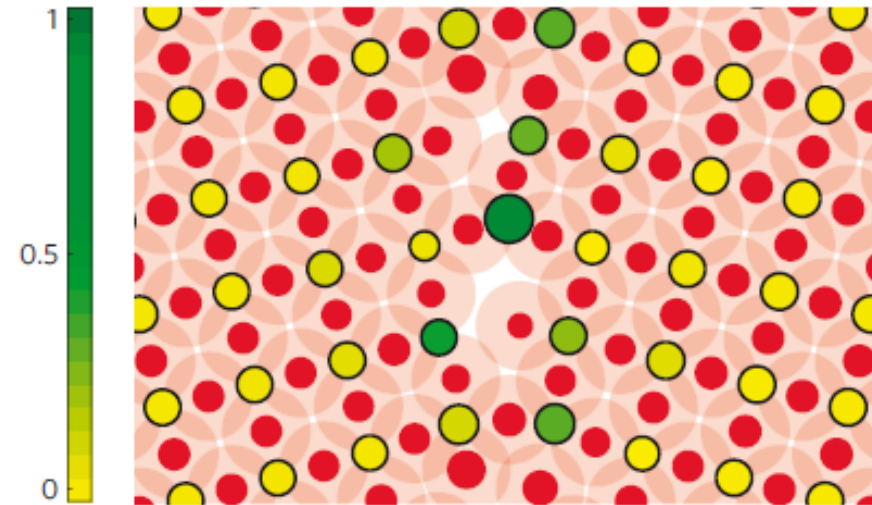
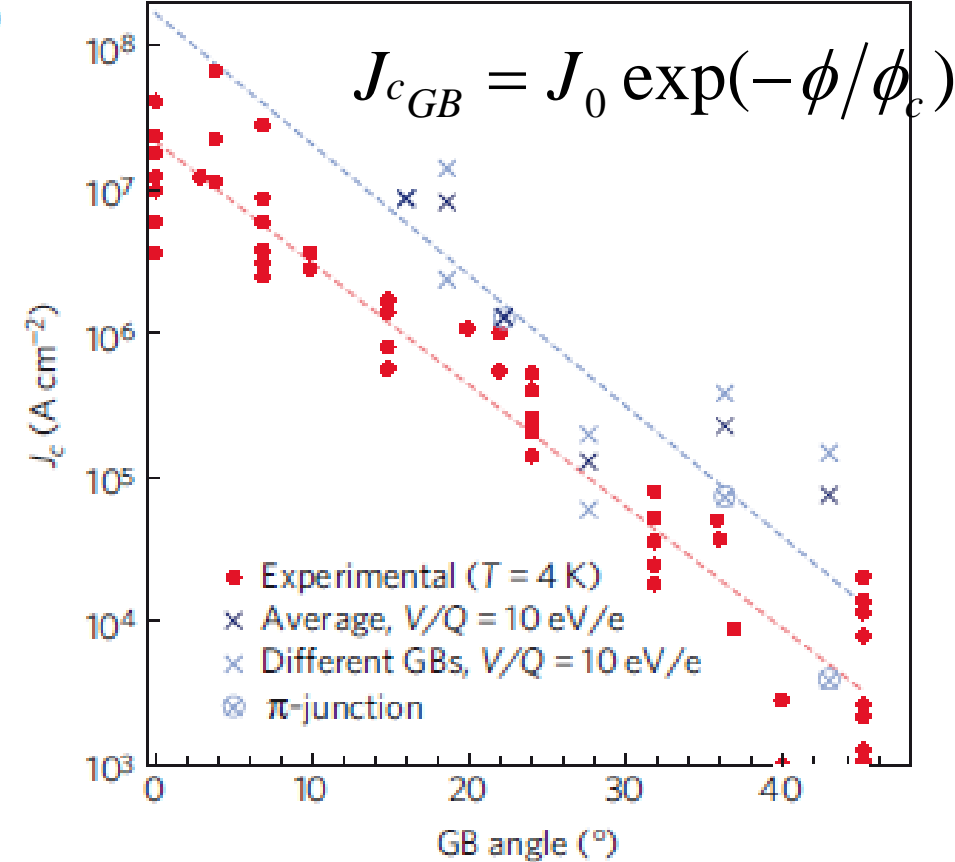
- Scalable currents and various geometries
- Reproducible quality and quantity within an acceptable time
- Mechanical and electrical stability
- Low degradation, long lifetime
- Reliable and specific electrical insulation
- Simple, low ohmic contacts and joints
- Low losses
- Competitive cost
- ....



#### Industry

Bruker, GE, Innopower, LS Cable, Nexans, nkt cables, Oswald Siemens, Sumitomo, Southwire, ...

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- **What are the novel opportunities raised by coated conductors?**
  - Physics behind the CCs



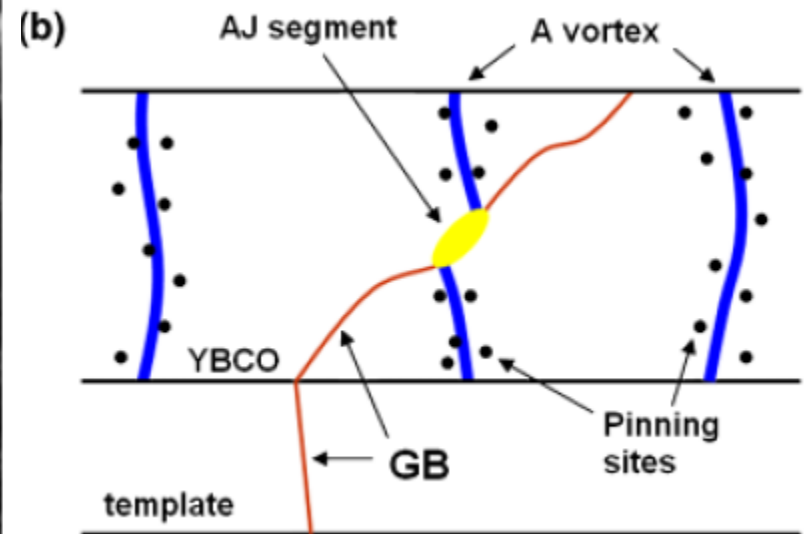
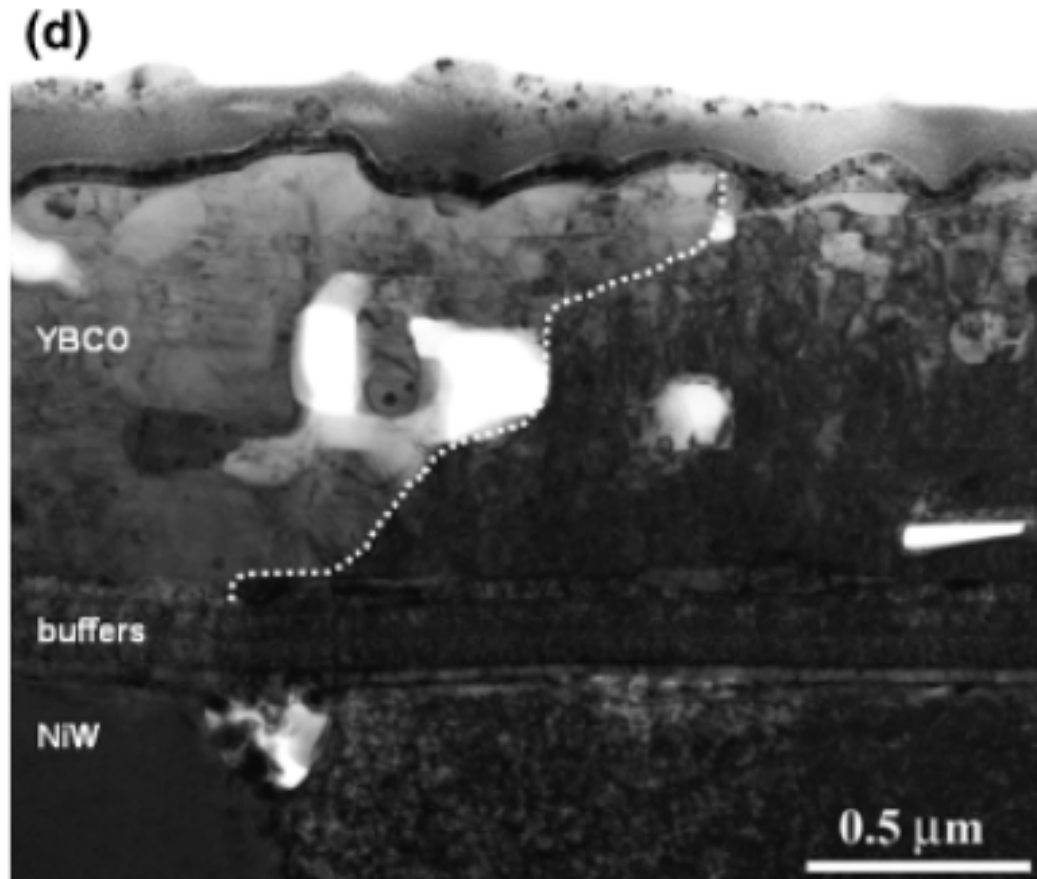
Charge imbalance at the GB depresses  $J_c$  at the interface (t – J model calculations)

- Charging of  $CuO_4$  squares: screening length similar to interatomic distances
- Supercurrents flow through regions between distorted regions
- Conductors rely on current percolation through grain boundaries

H. Hilgenkam, J. Mannhart, Rev. Mod. Phys. 74, 485 (2002)

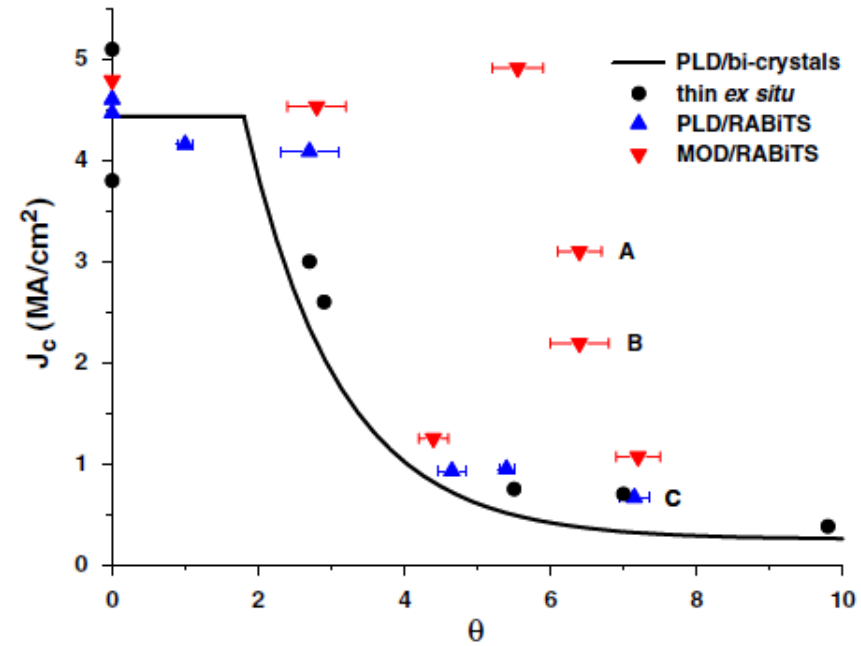
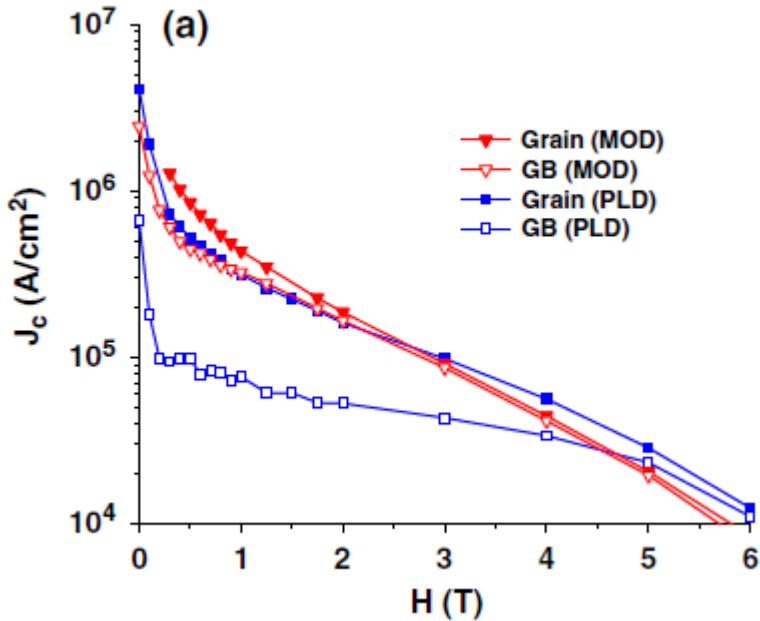
S. Graser, P.J. Hirschfeld, et al, Nature Physics 6, 609 (2010)

F. A. Wolf et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108,117002(2012)



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- A meandered HAGB exhibits a behavior similar to LAGB
- Some hope to relax the texture quality requirements?



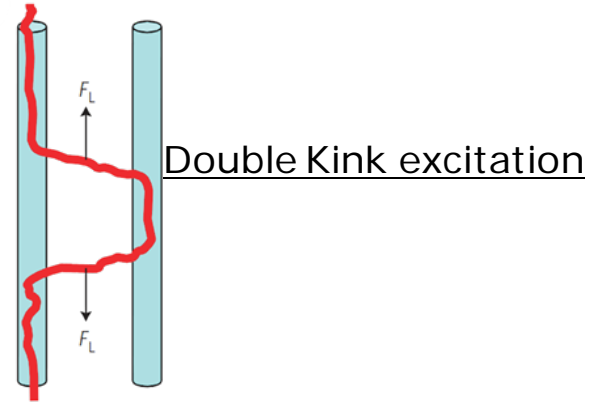
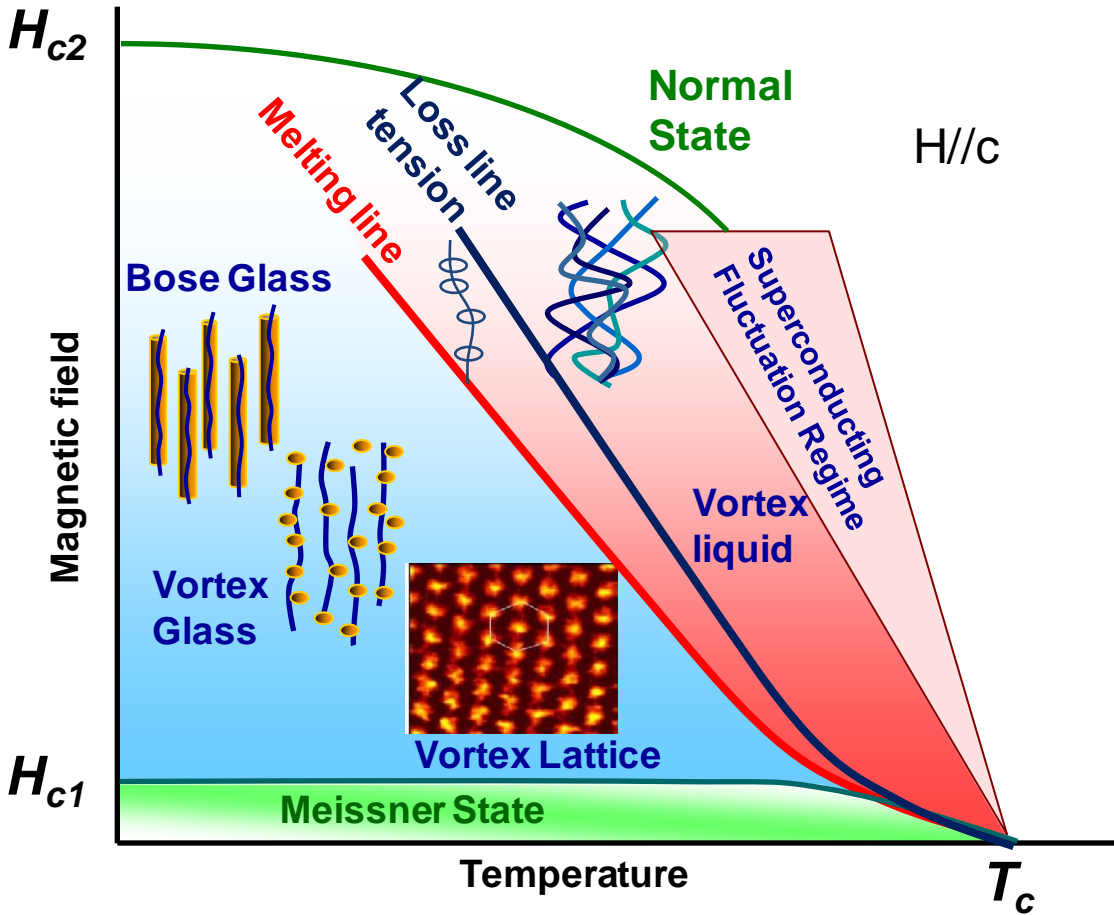


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# HTS main issues: vortex physics

Control of vortex motion → Nanometric defects ~  $\xi$  (nm)

Intrinsic upper limit of Irreversibility line: loss of vortex line tension



$$U(T, H) = A \frac{\Phi_o^2 \gamma}{4\pi^2 \kappa \lambda_{ab}} \frac{1}{\left( \frac{H_{c2}(T) - H}{H_{c2}(T)} \right)}$$

Energy cost of deformation at different H

$$U(T, H) \approx kT$$

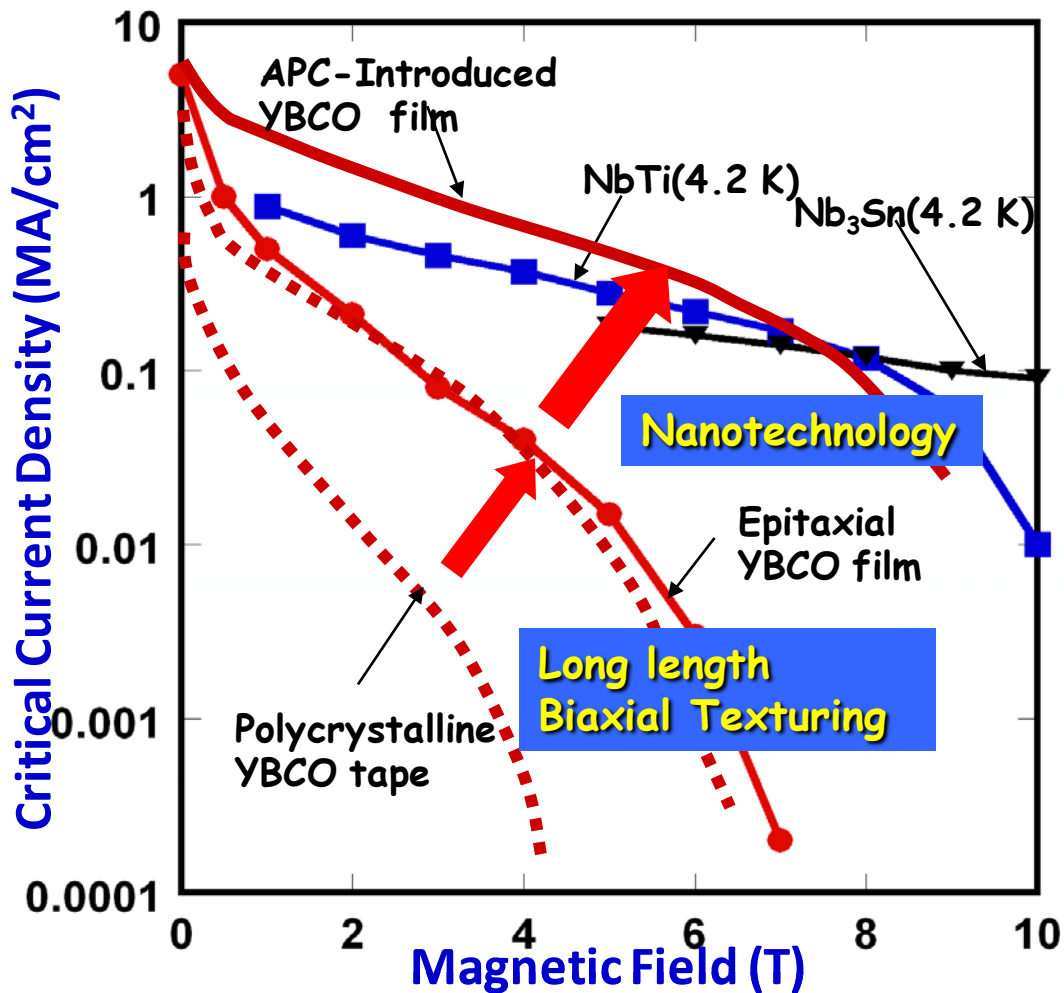
Maximal excitation of a bulge

YBCO: T=77K :  $H_l \approx 1.5 H_m \sim 14 T$

$$H_l(T) = H_{c2}(T) \left[ 1 - (g/A)t(1-t)^{-1/2} \right]$$

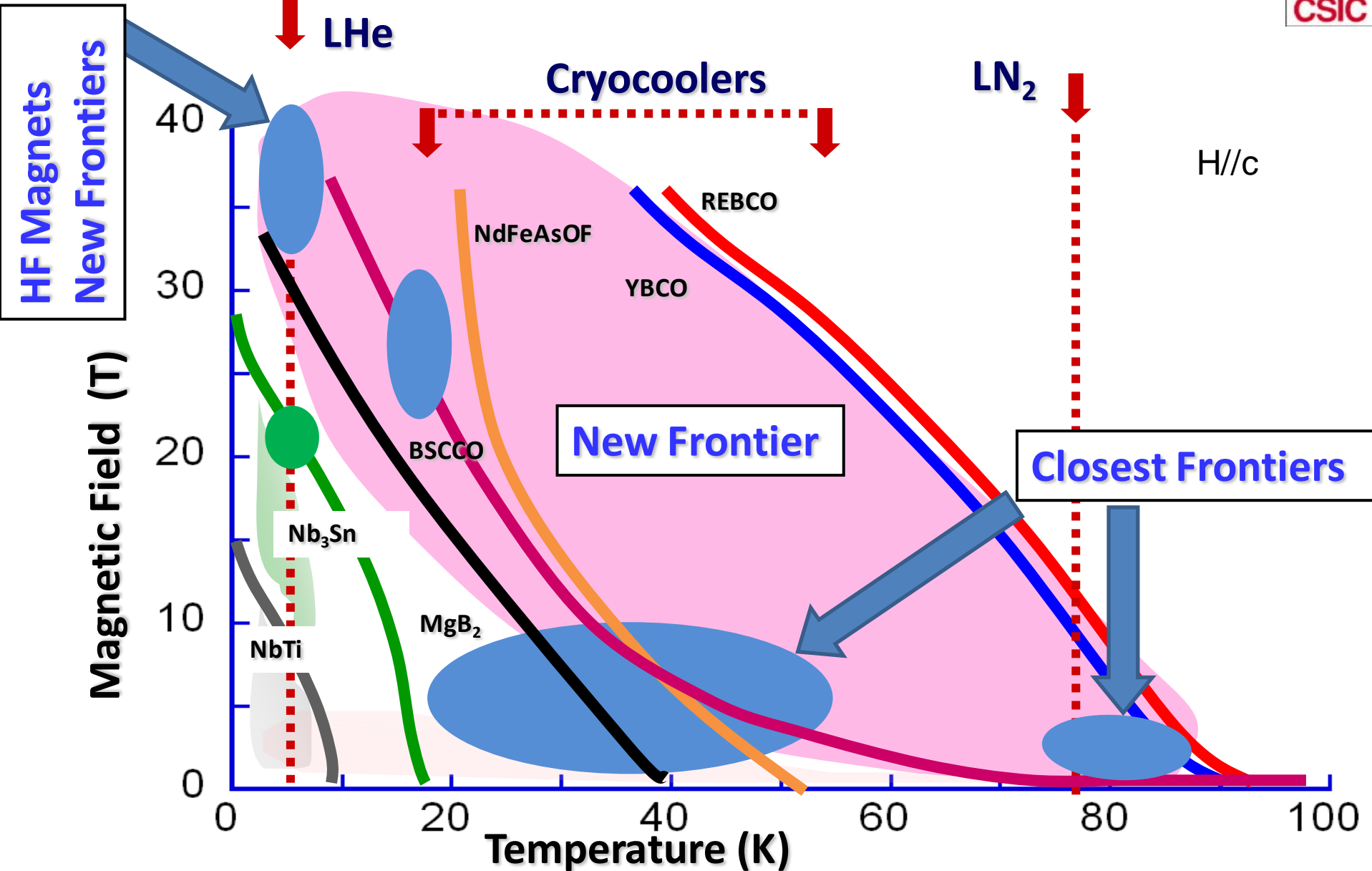
# CC': HTS materials for power applications

## $J_c$ breakthroughs

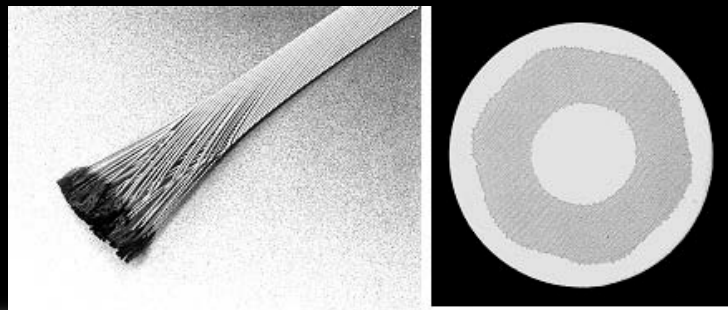


77 K

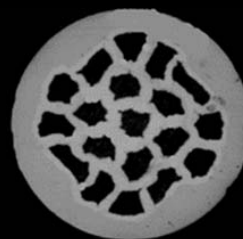
# New frontiers for applications



**Metallic**  
*NbTi (Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn etc.)*

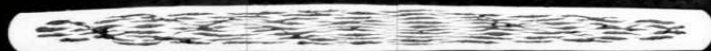
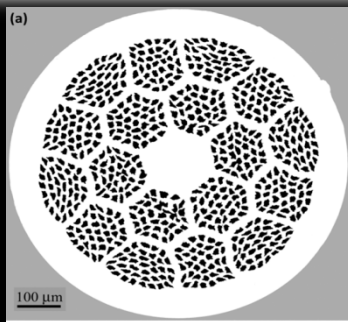


**Metallic**  
*MgB<sub>2</sub>/ Fe based*

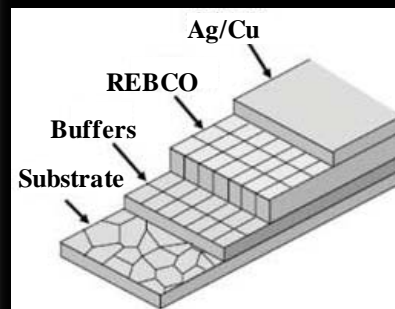


**Oxide**

*Bi2223*  
*Bi2212*

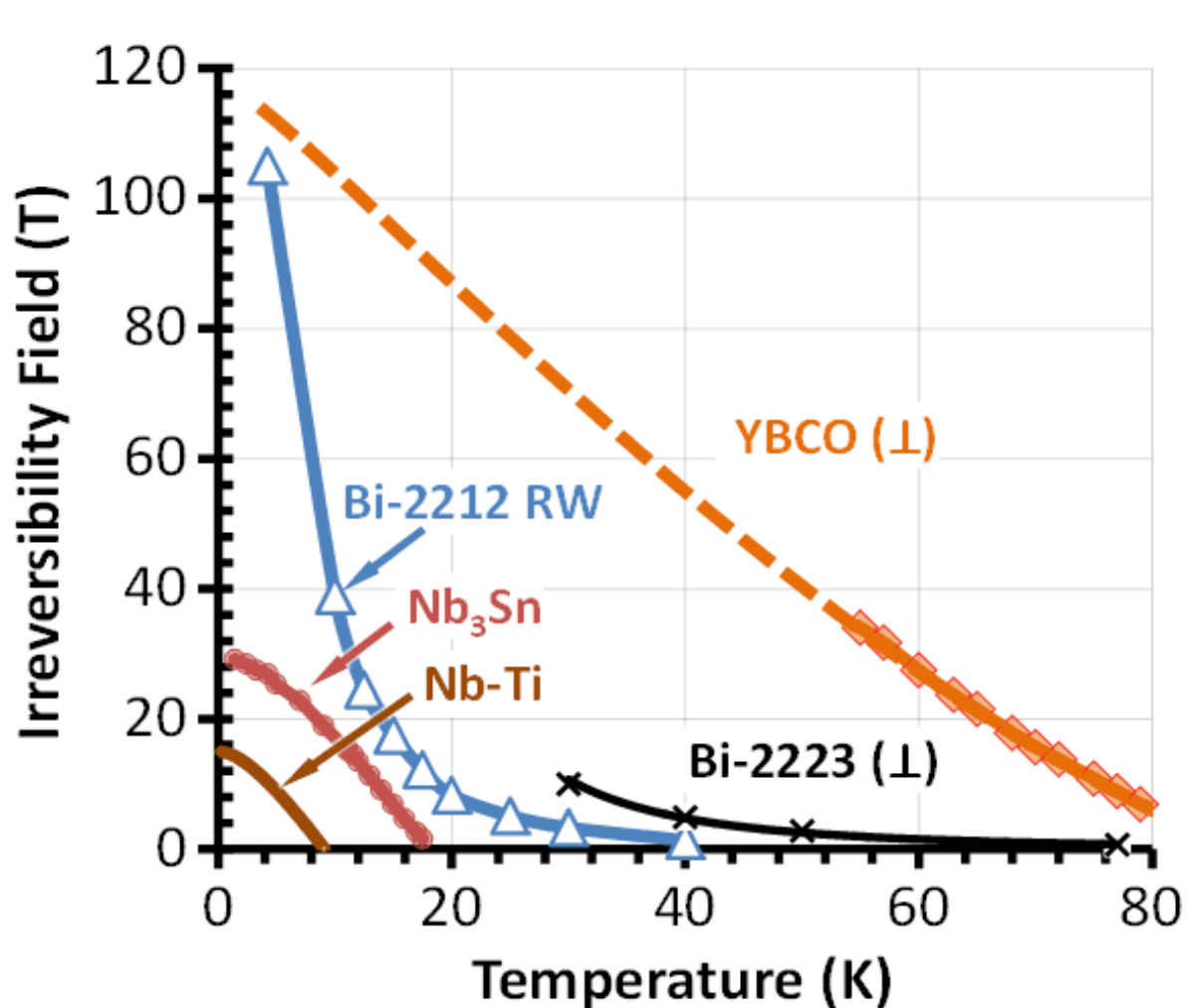


**Oxide**  
*YBCO*



**Only a few materials allows wire manufacturing !**

4.2 K



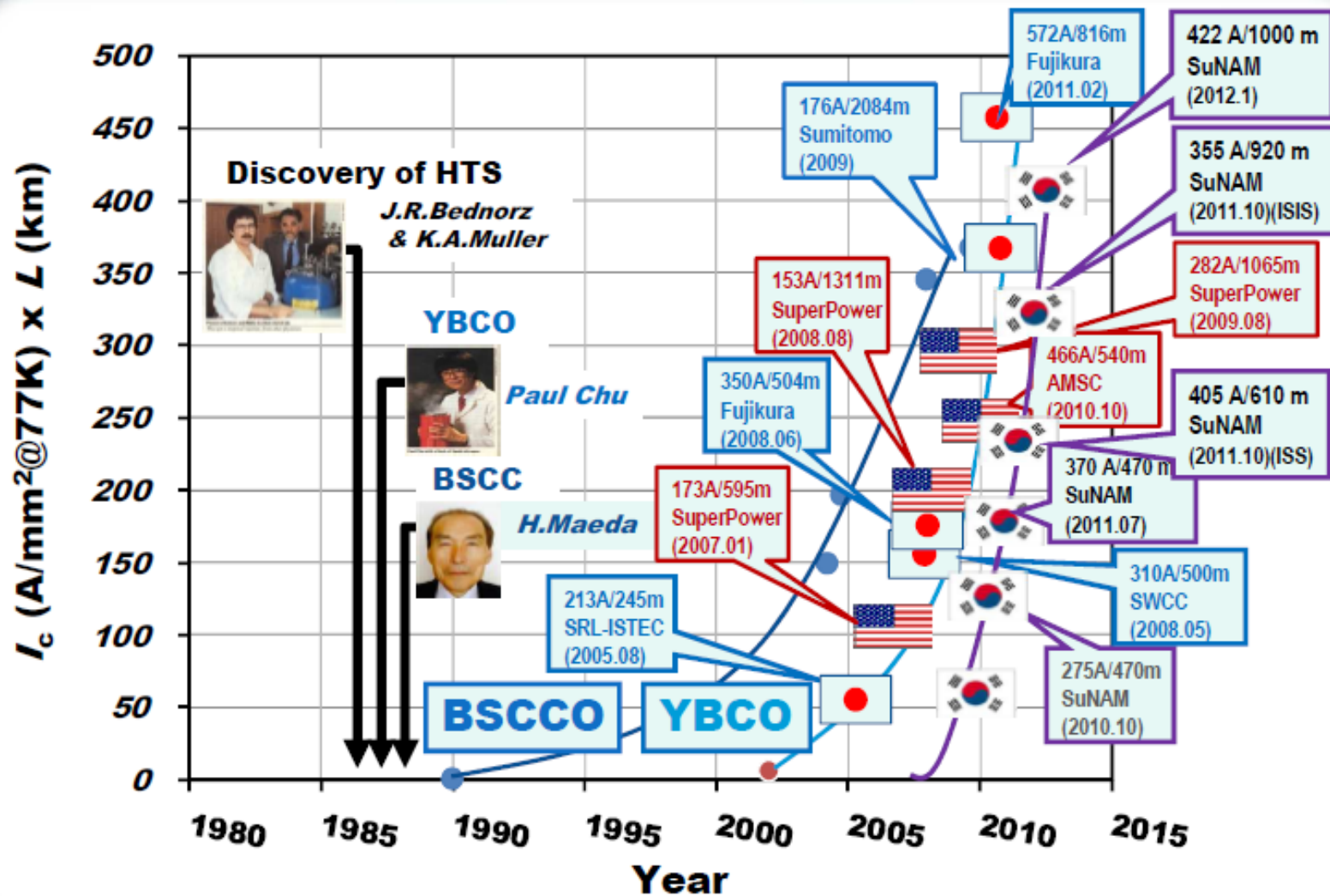
Several HTS conductors can be suitable for ultrahigh field magnets

YBCO has the highest  $J_c$

Bi2212 round wire is also very appealing

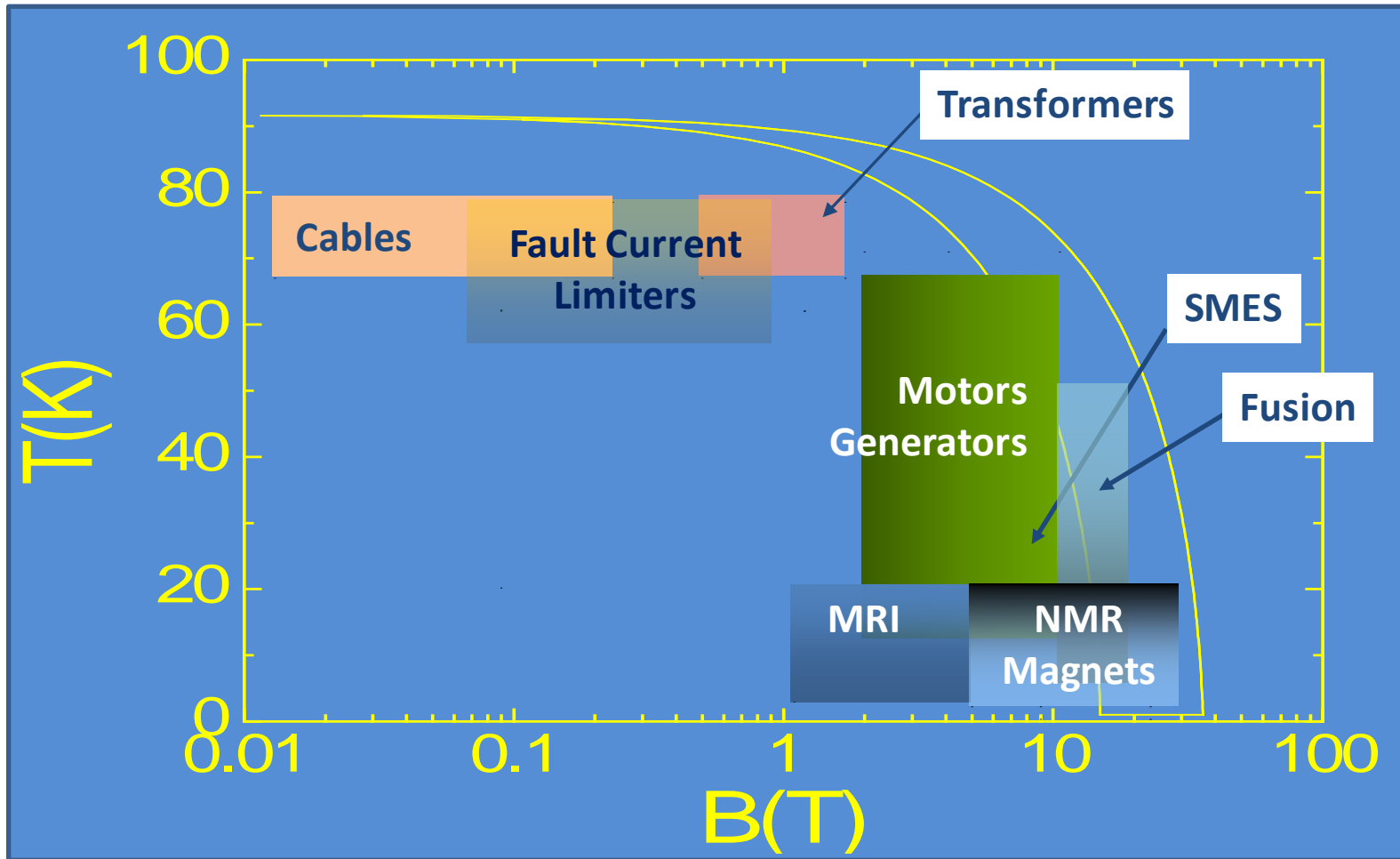
32 T magnet at Tallahassee

# 10 years of coated conductors: huge progress



Courtesy of T. Izumi

*26 years after the discovery of HTS ...we are ready !*

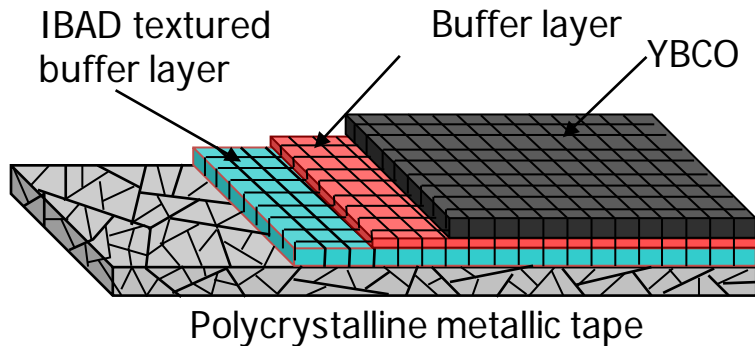
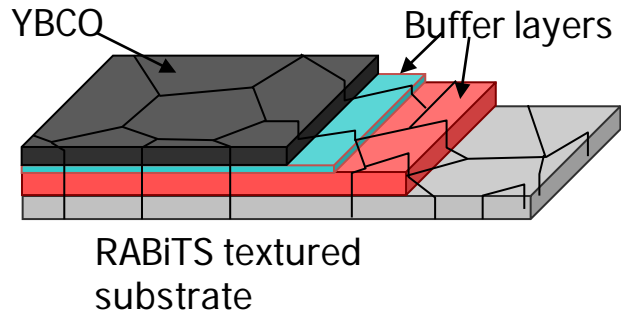


*$\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-x}$  is able to push all the power applications up to the present limits  
Length, allowed cost and required performances strongly differ ( $\sim 1$  km to 300 km)*



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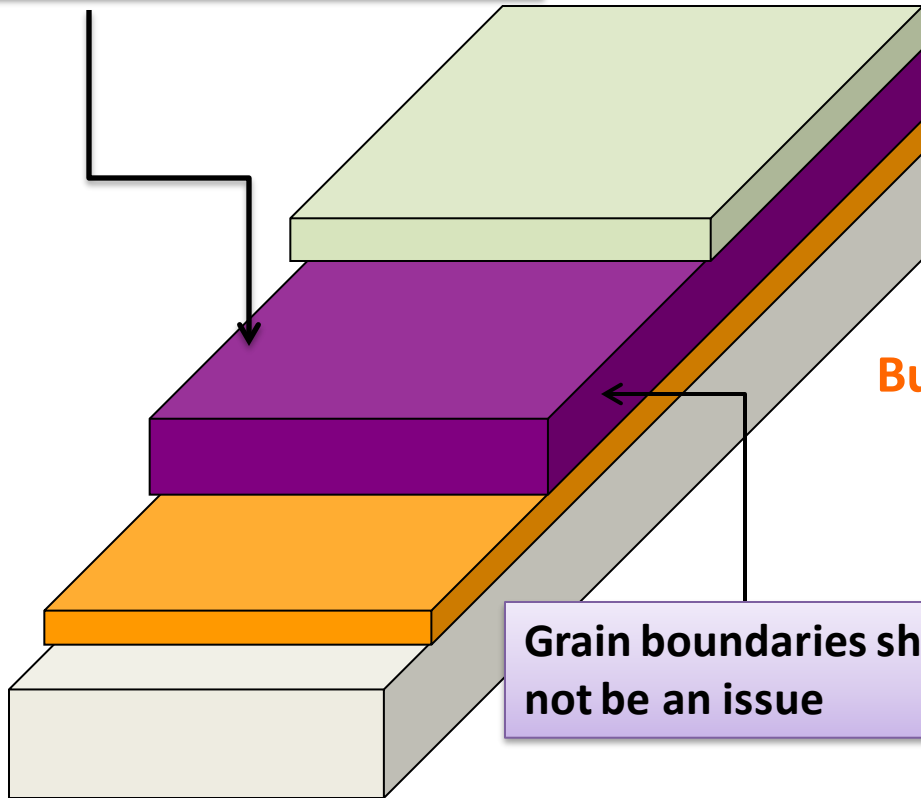
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**Nanostructure control on km length materials: very close to real power applications**

# YBCO COATED CONDUCTORS: EPITAXIAL ARCHITECTURE

Nanoengineering of the vortex landscape defines the properties



Cap layer : Ag thickness  $\approx 0.2 - 0.5 \mu\text{m}$

SC layer : YBCO  $\sim 1.0 - 2.0 \mu\text{m}$

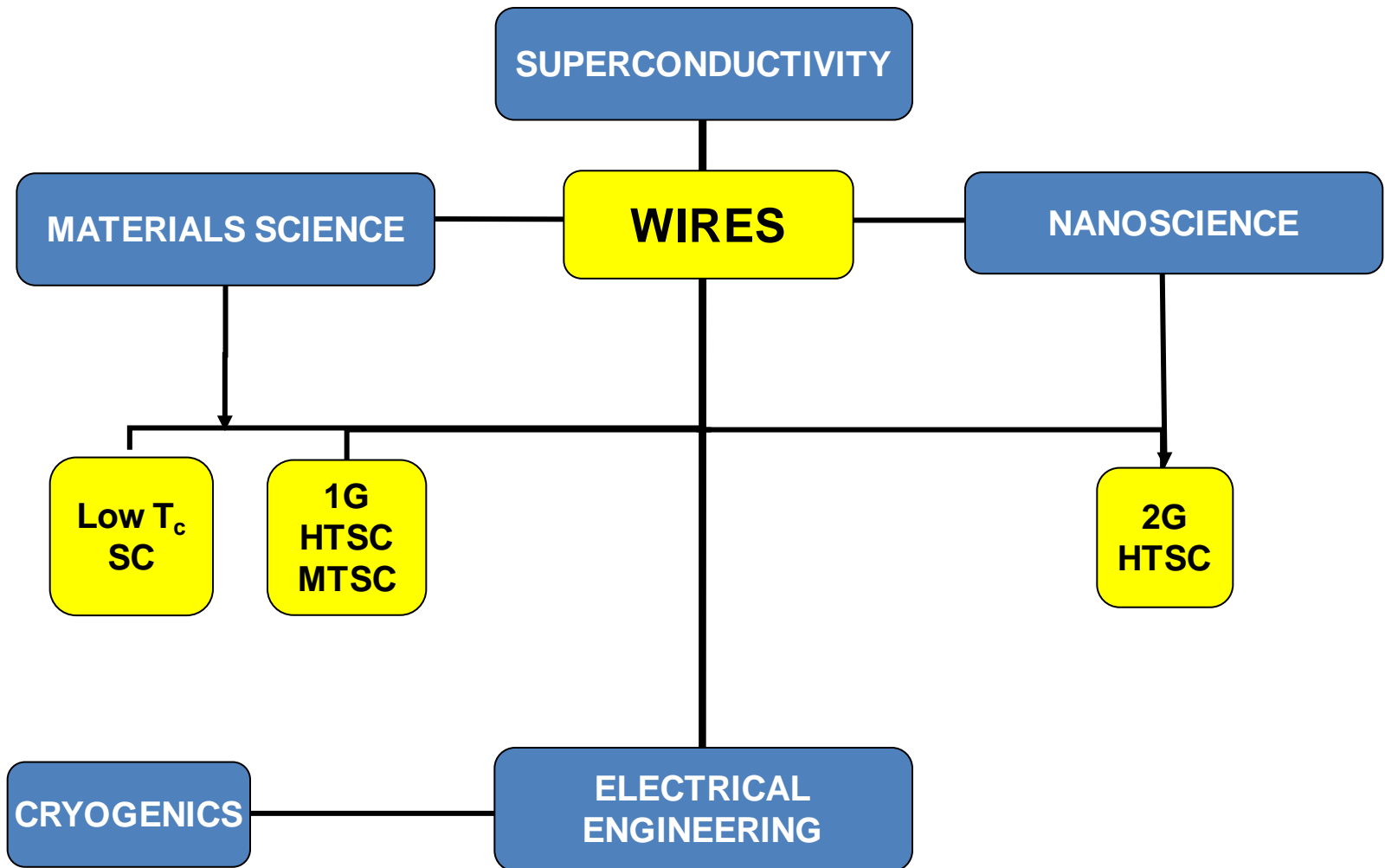
Buffer layers :  $\text{CeO}_2$  , YSZ, STO,...  $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{m}$

Metallic substrate: RABiTS Ni, SS-IBAD, thickness  $\sim 80 \mu\text{m}$

Grain boundaries should not be an issue

Nanostructure control on km length materials: very close to real power applications

# Science and technology of superconductor wires

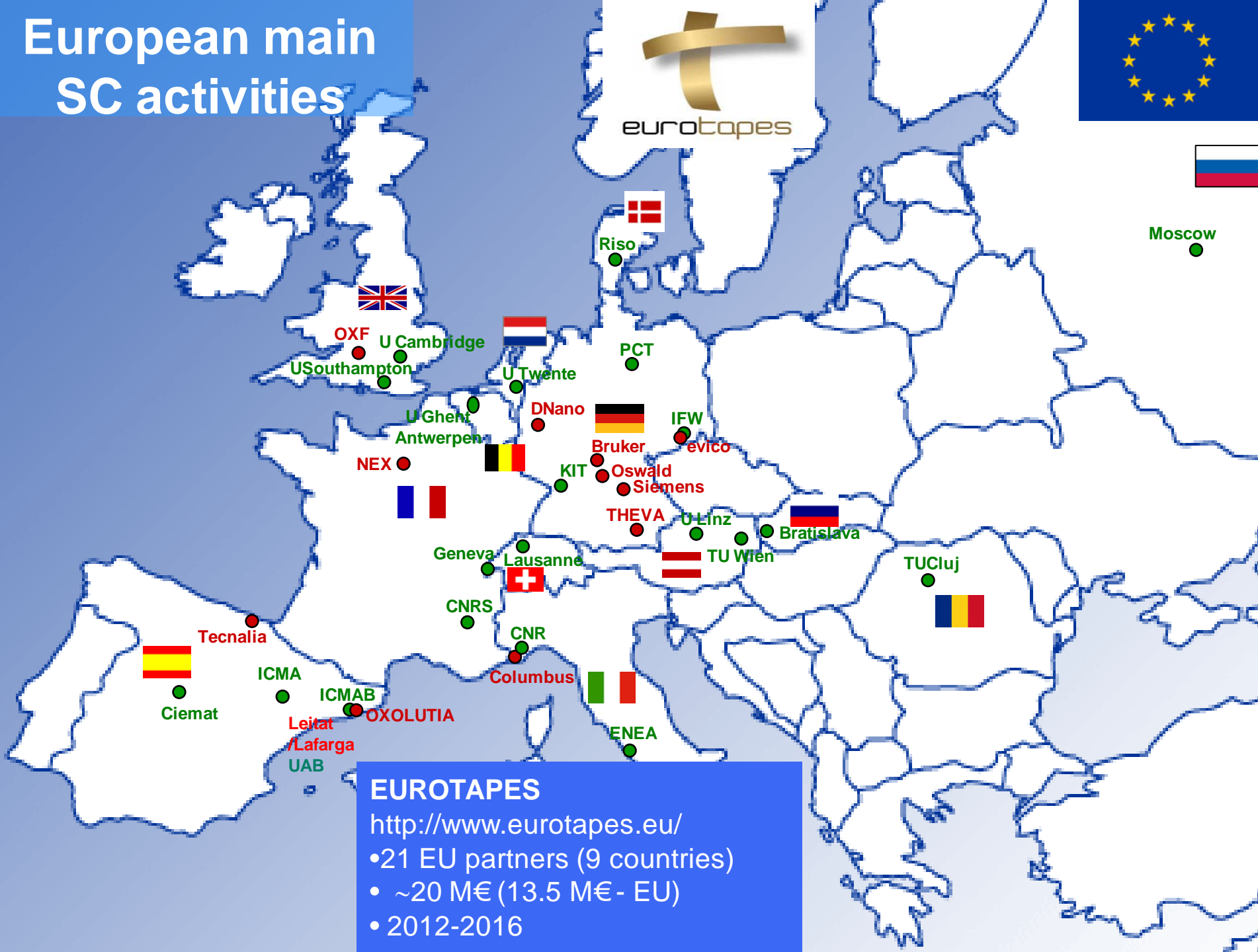


# European main SC activities



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- ~20 M€ (13.5 M€ - EU)
- 2012-2016

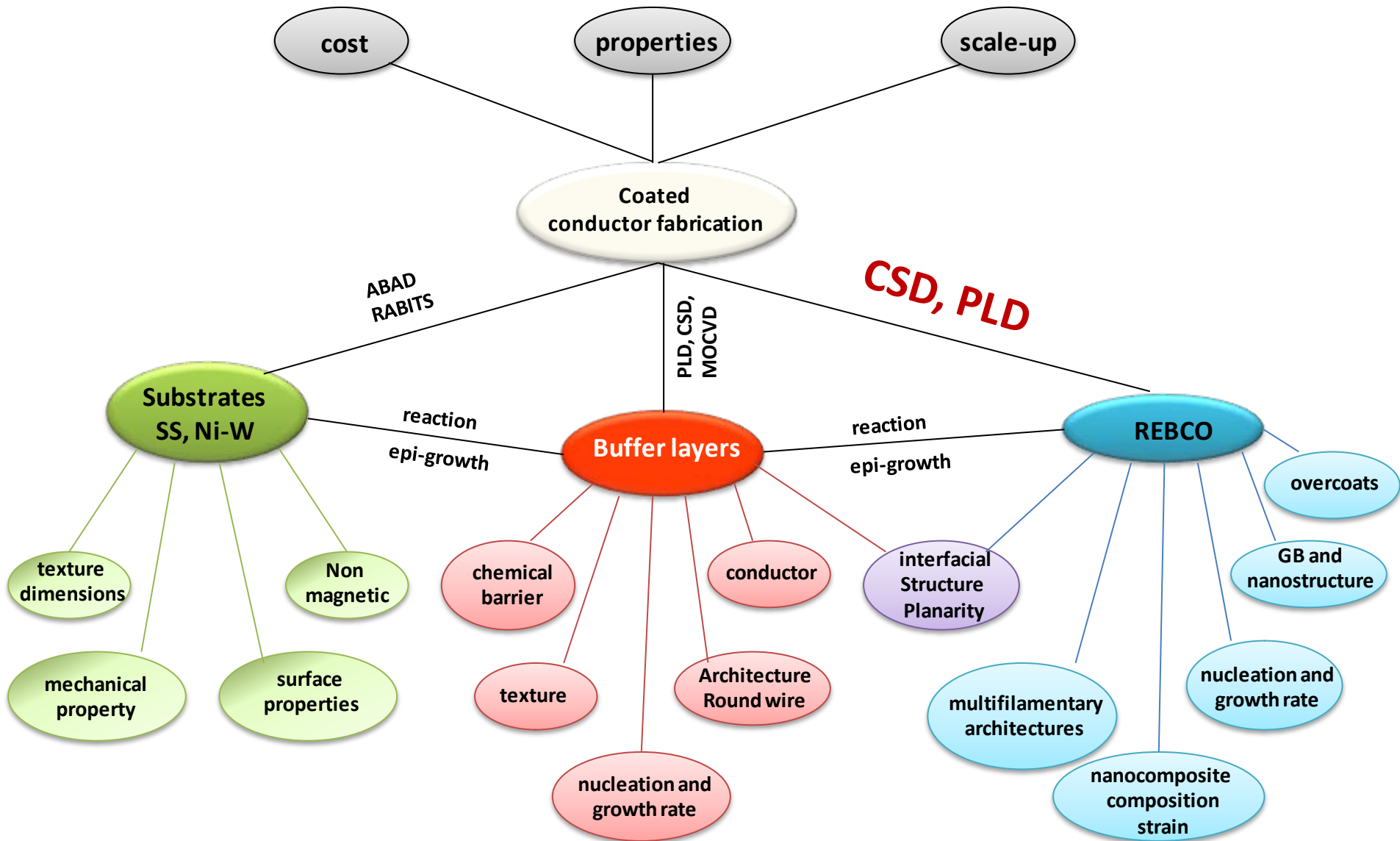
# European main SC activities



	Participant	Country
1 (Cord)	ICMAB- CSIC	ES
2	<b>Bruker HTS GmbH</b>	DE
3	Italian National agency ENEA	IT
4	Institute of Electrical Eng. Slovak	SK
5	<b>La Farga la Cambra</b>	ES
6	IFW Dresden	DE
7	<b>Nexans SA</b>	FR
8	<b>Oxolutia, SL</b>	ES
9	<b>DNano</b>	DE
10	Technical University of Cluj-Napoca	RO
11	Vienna University of Technology	AT
12	Institute Neel	FR
13	University of Antwerp	BE
14	University of Cambridge	UK
15	University Autonoma de Barcelona	ES
16	University of Ghent	BE
17	<b>Evico</b>	DE
18	<b>Nexans GmbH</b>	DE
19	Leitat Technological Center	ES
20	<b>Theva</b>	DE
21	KIT	DE

## EUROTAPES

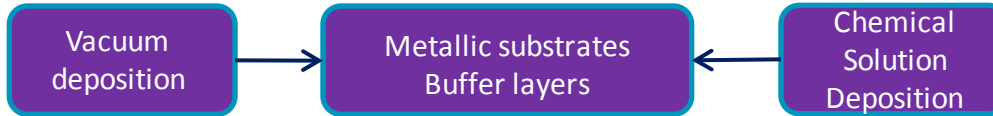
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# CC's: A tough S&T issue !

## Interdisciplinary know-how required !

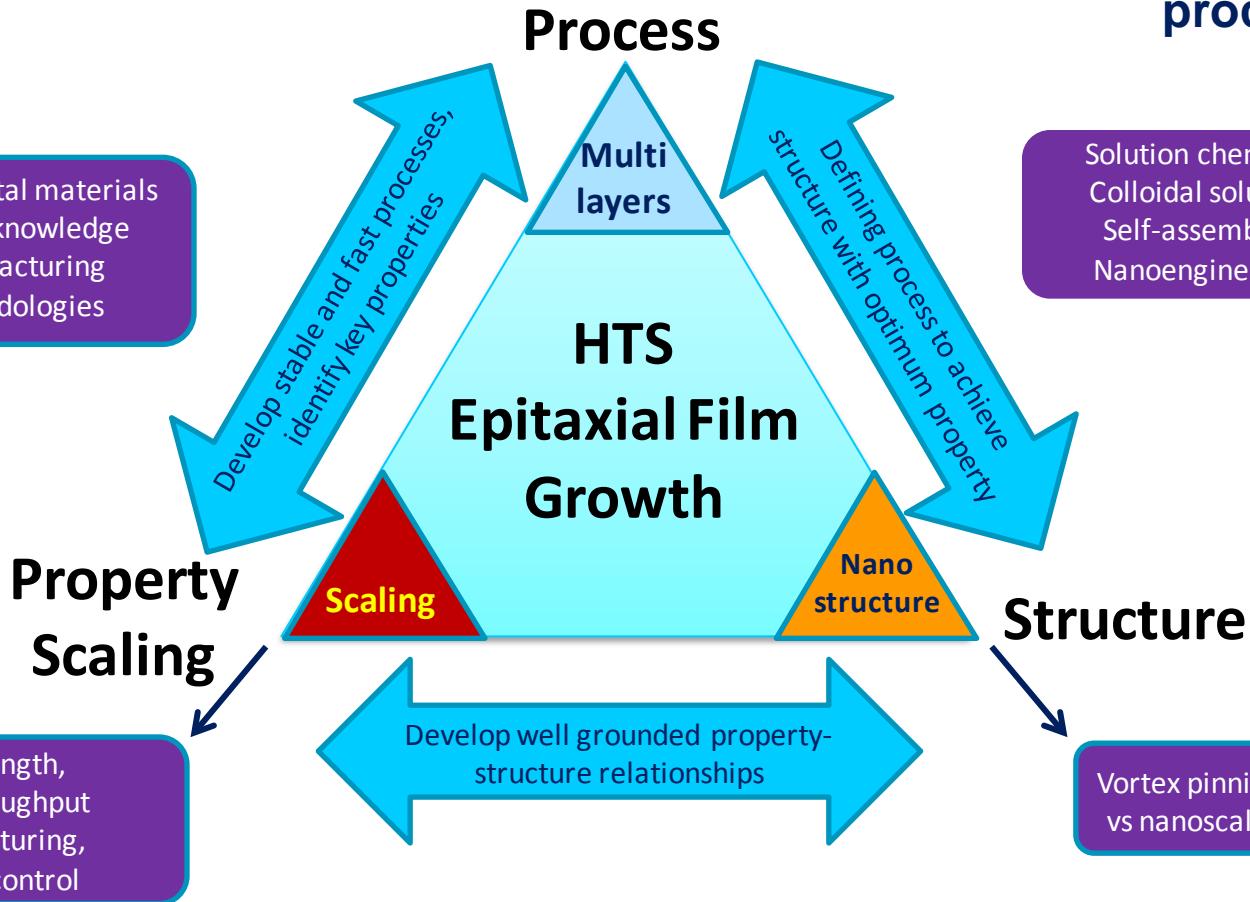
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Nanoscience  
maximizing  
performance**



**High-throughput /  
high-yield  
Low cost  
manufacturing  
processes**

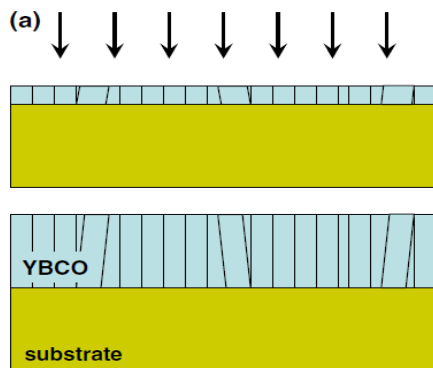
Fundamental materials  
science knowledge  
Manufacturing  
methodologies

Solution chemistry  
Colloidal solutions  
Self-assembling  
Nanoengineering

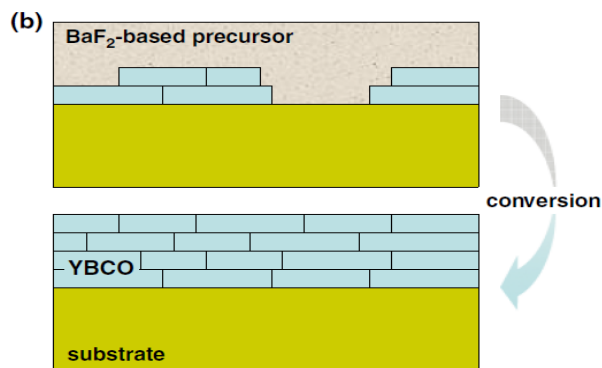




## In – situ growth



## Ex – situ growth

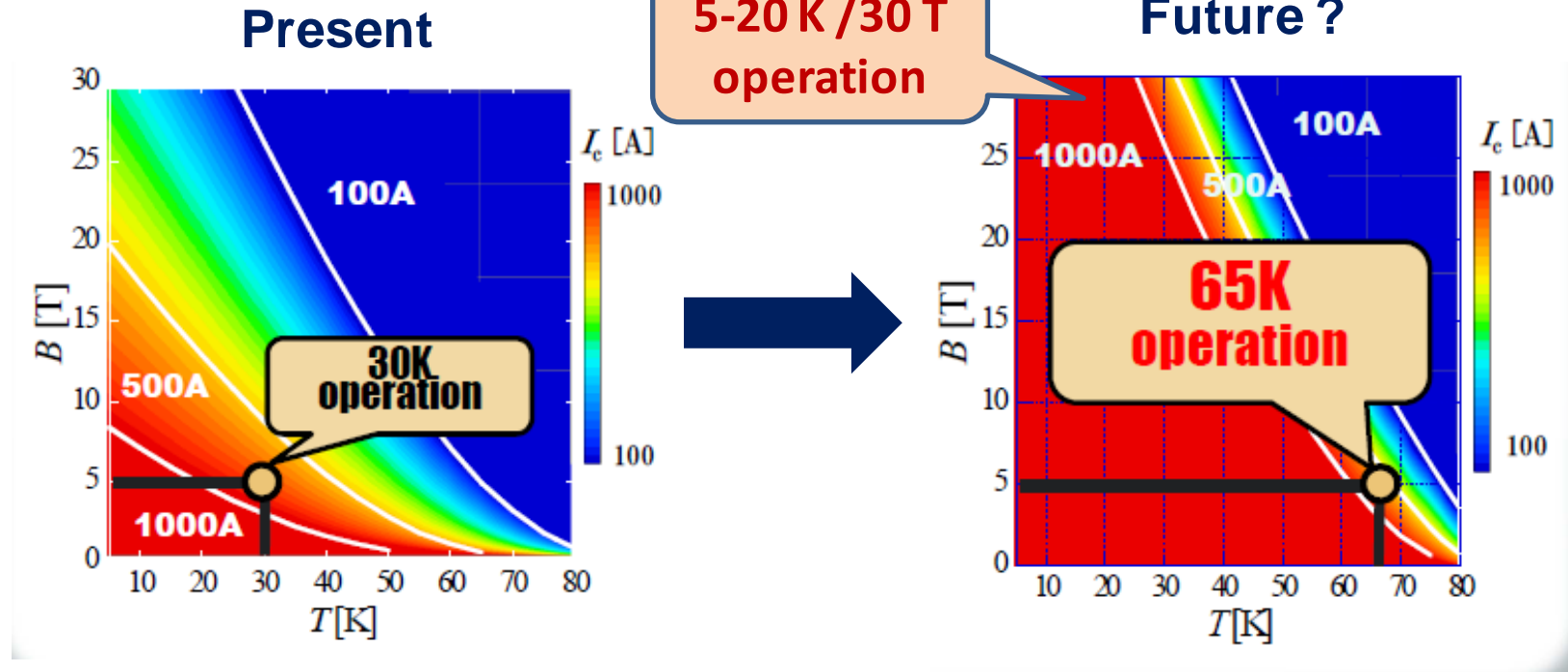


D. M. Feldmann et al, J. Am. Ceram. Soc. (2008)

Deposition Growth	PVD	Chemical
In - situ	PLD, EV, ISD	MOCVD
Ex - situ	RCE-DR	CSD

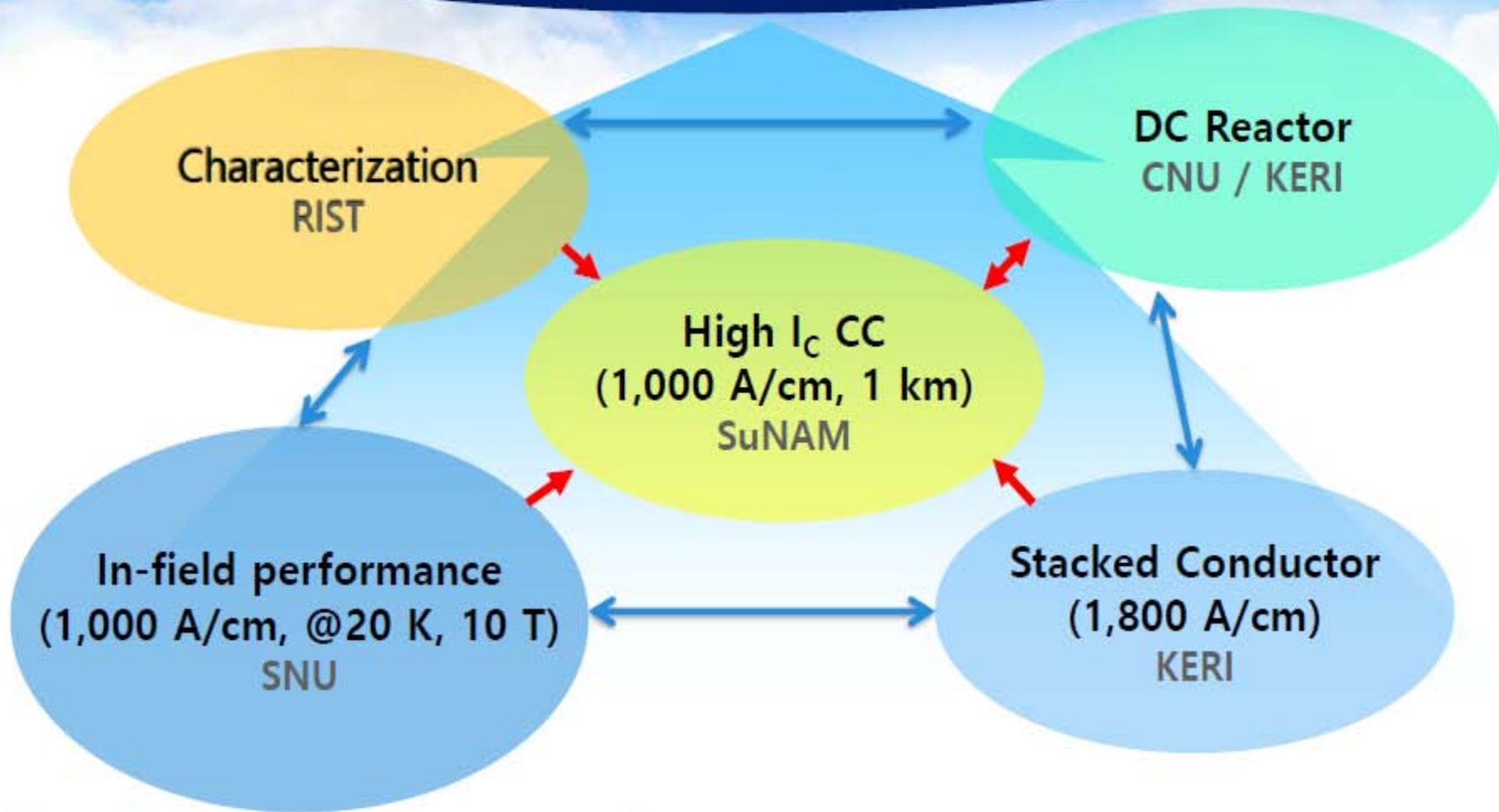
- In – situ deposition and growth techniques have been widely used in recent years and a wide knowledge and technological expertise already exists
- Ex – situ deposition and growth techniques are novel approaches with a potential for a reduced cost and a higher throughput but there exists still some lack of knowledge and some technological hurdles are being solved simultaneously to the generation of knowledge
- Knowledge on preparation of nanocomposites is more widely spread in the case of in-situ growth approaches than in ex - situ approaches

# Plenty of room for improvement: $I_c(T, B)$

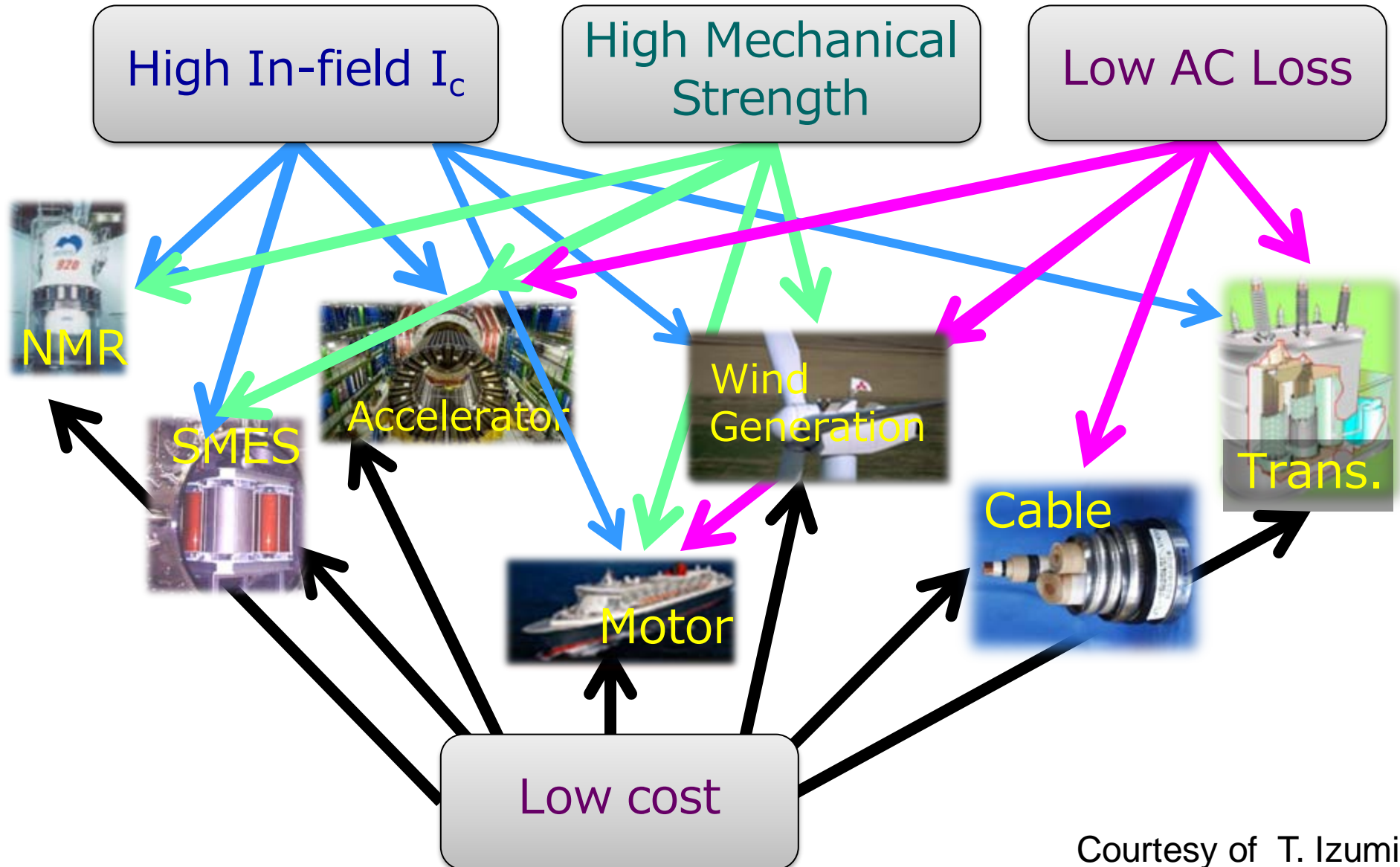


- Increase of  $I_c$  through  $J_c$  and thickness enhancement
- Reduce the magnetic field dependence  $J_c(H)$ : vortex pinning
- Practical processes to achieve high  $I_c(H)$  values

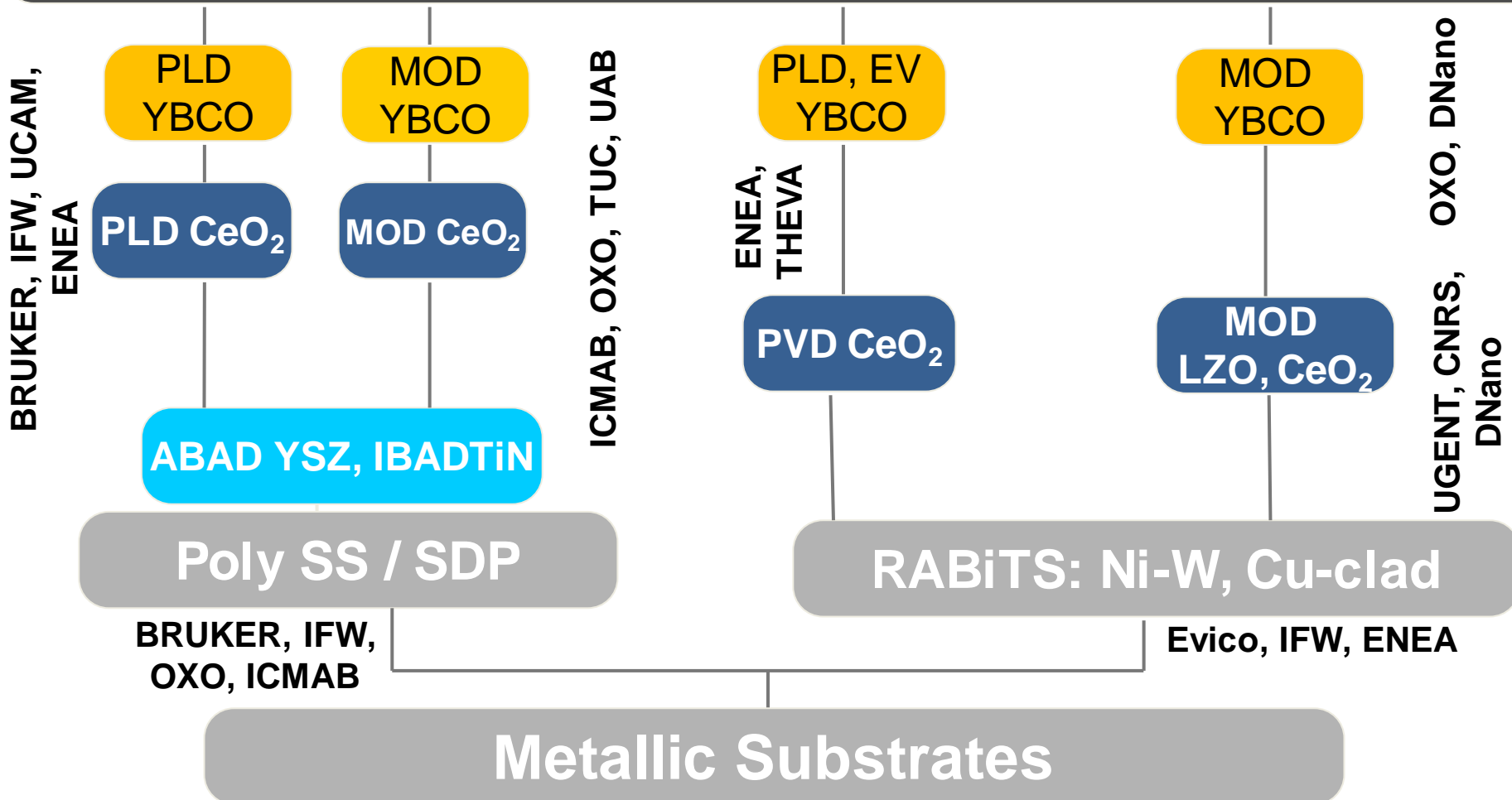
**kA rated conductor for commercialization**



# Specifications and cost for applications

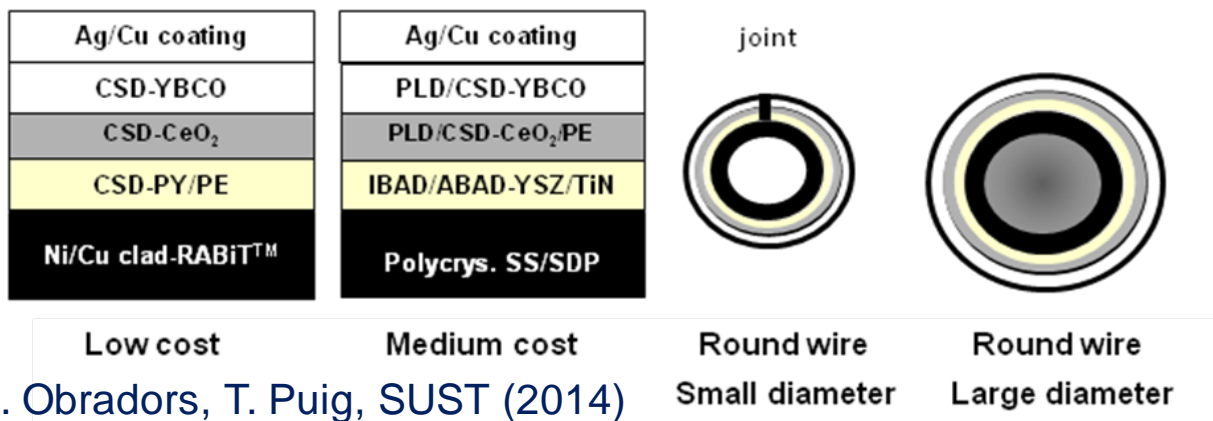


## YBCO layers and nanocomposites



Advanced characterization and in-situ monitoring: TUWien, UAntwerpen, THEVA, KIT  
 Striations, ac losses, round wire : UCAM, KIT, Bratislava, NEXANS

- Metallic substrates with **reduced ac-losses** and **lower cost ABAD templates**
- **Simplified architectures** and **cost effective CC**
- **Engineered nanocomposite CC (CSD, PLD)** for **high fields** (3-10T, 60K) and **ultrahigh fields** (>20T, 5K).
- **Eco-friendly chemical and colloidal solutions** for nanocomposite CC's
- **New round wire low cost** and low ac losses
- Multifilamentary **striated conductors** at **low cost** and low ac losses
- **High throughput processing** with high yield and performance
- Development of **in-situ monitoring tools** for process scalability
- **Demonstrate (+500 m) manufacturing**



# EUROTAPES objectives

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Ag/Cu coating	Ag/Cu coating
CSD-YBCO	PLD/CSD-YBCO
CSD-CeO <sub>2</sub>	PLD/CSD-CeO <sub>2</sub> /PE
CSD-PY/PE	IBAD/ABAD-YSZ/TiN
Ni/Cu clad-RABiT <sup>TM</sup>	Polycrys. SS/SDP

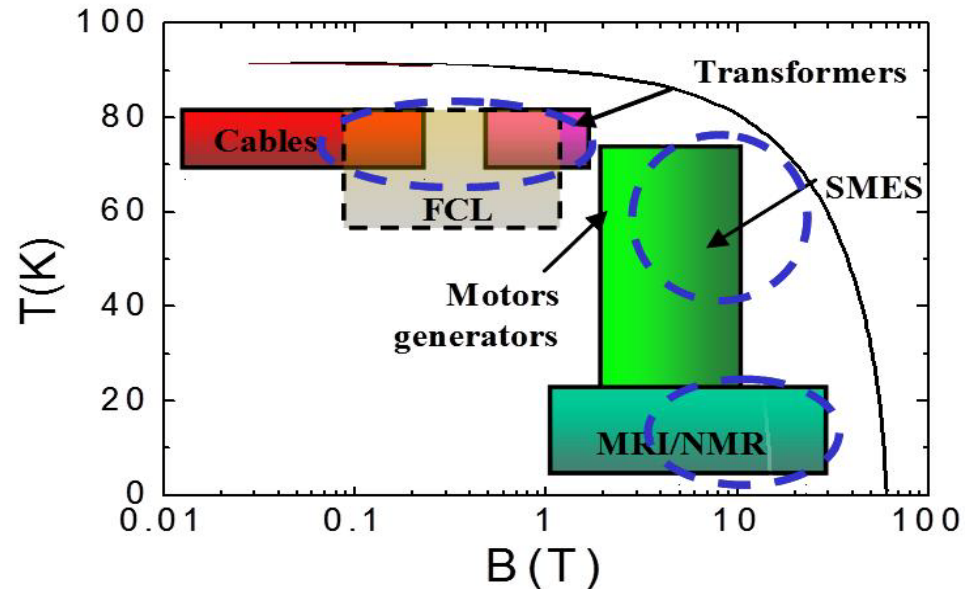
Low cost

Medium cost

joint



Round wire  
Small diam

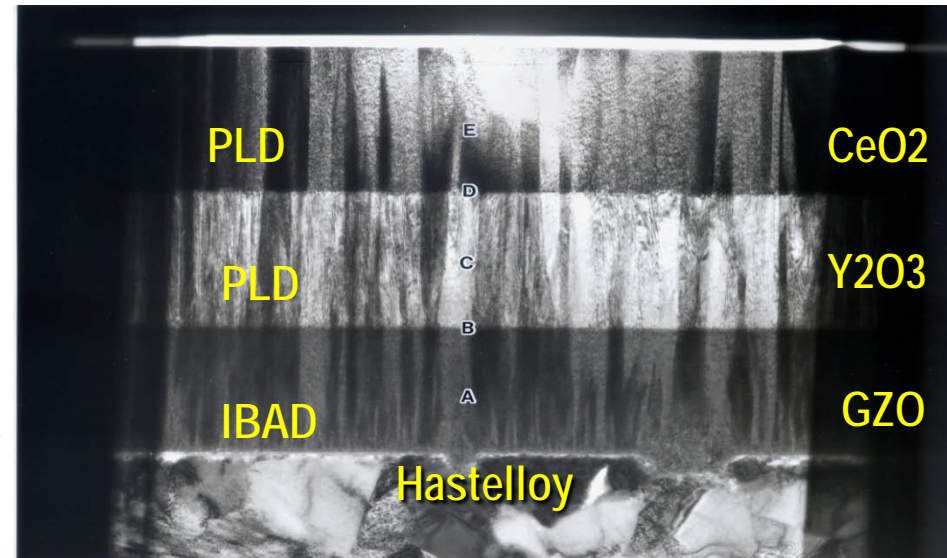
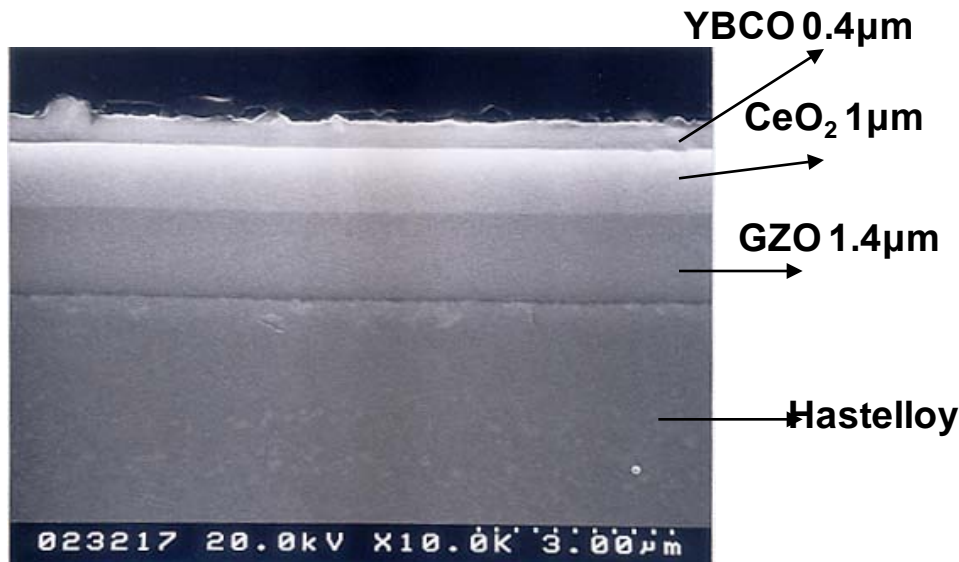
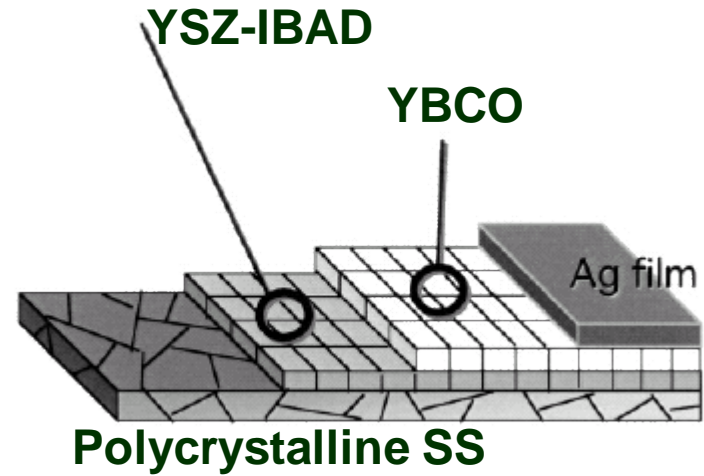
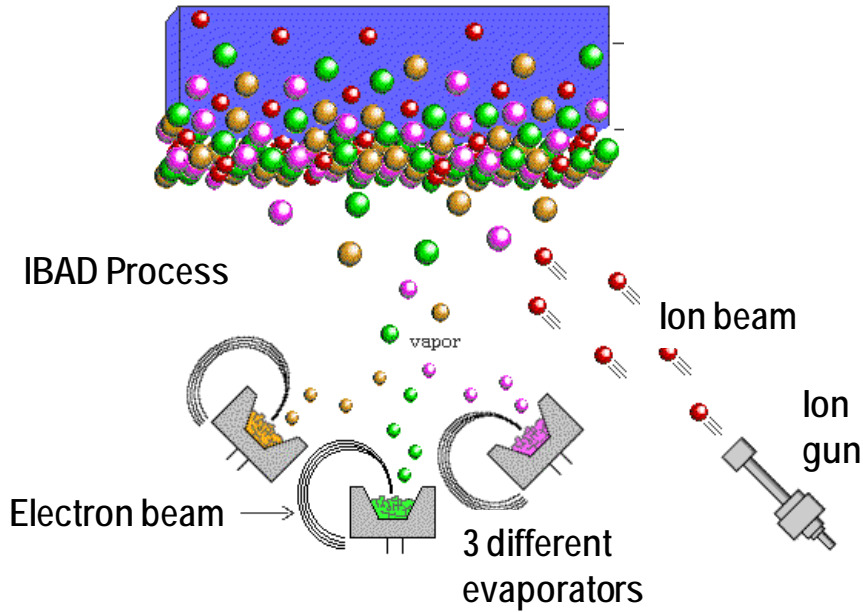


## TARGETS:

- **Pre-commercial cost:** ~100 €/kAm
- **Length** :+500 m
- **Performance:**
  - For low fields (B < 1 T):  
 $I_c(77K, sf) > 400 \text{ A/cm-w}$
  - For ultrahigh fields ( B > 15 T):  
 $I_c(5K, 15 T) > 1000 \text{ A/cm-w}$
  - For high fields (B ~3-5 T):  
 $F_p(60 K) > 100 \text{ GN/m}^3$

# IBAD COATED CONDUCTORS

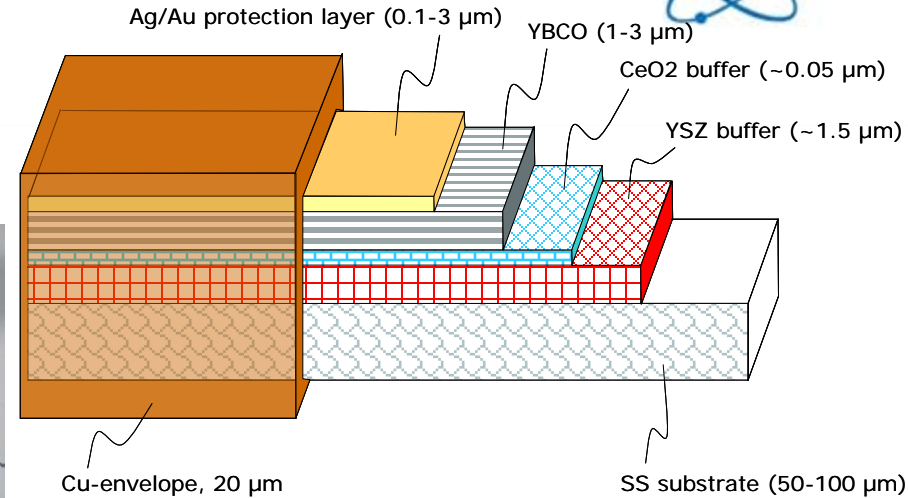
## IBAD (ION BEAM ASSISTED DEPOSITION)





# ABAD metallic substrates

ABAD 40mm, YSZ/SS  
(4mm/12mm also available)



## Targets:

Substrate polishing 8 => 150 m/hour

ABAD width 4 => 35 m/hour  
width 12 => 40 mm  
length 100 => 500 m



# Status in substrate tape development

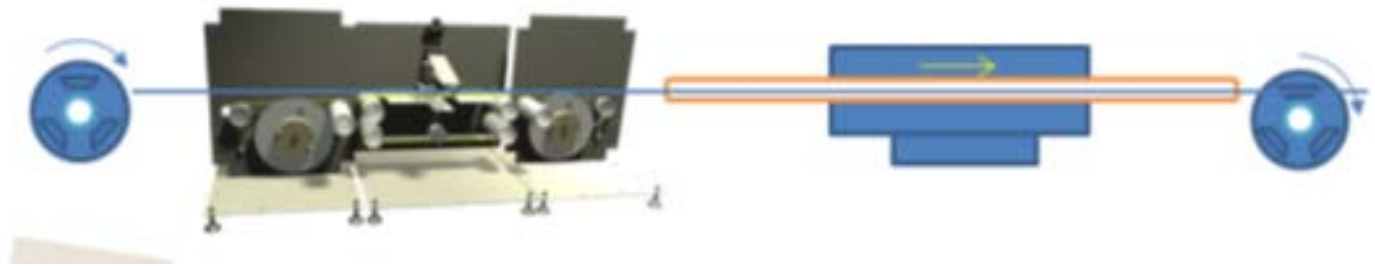


material feature	Single phase ceramics (as YSZ)	Single phase metal (as Ni or Hastelloy)	Multi-phase metal (as stainless steel)
polishing	abrasive	electro	abrasive-chem.
I / ABAD	YSZ+	MgO	YSZ
costs	very high	high	low

- Planarization layer is expected to be the right solution: Collaboration ICMAB - Oxolutia

- Several solution formulations have been tested
- IJP can be used with 512 nozzle printhead

R2R inkjet printing coupled to R2R thermal treatment 0.5 to 9 m/h

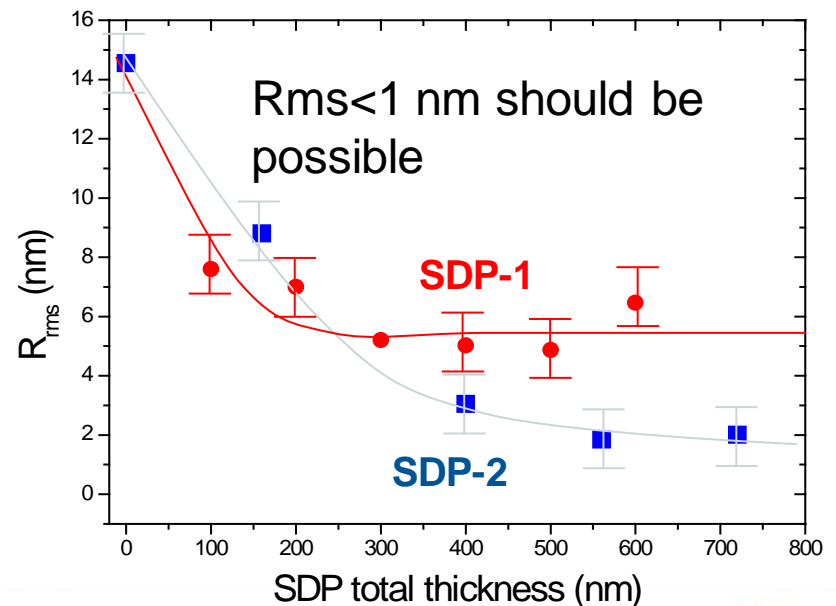


**OXOLUTIA**

**ICMAB**

**Towards cost reduction :**  
Solution Deposition Planarization (SDP) process to substitute mechanical polishing

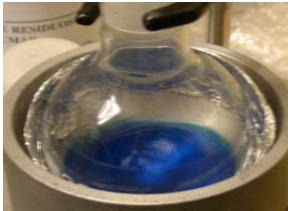
- No delamination and promising performance in terms of YSZ and YBCO texture vs thickness
- Important cost reduction is expected



# TFA based CSD: Low cost YBCO and nanocomposites

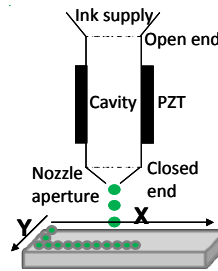
## Precursor solution synthesis

Y, Ba, Cu metal-organic precursors



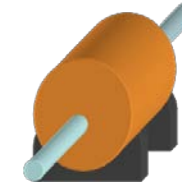
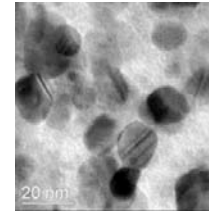
## Solution deposition

Ink-jet Printing



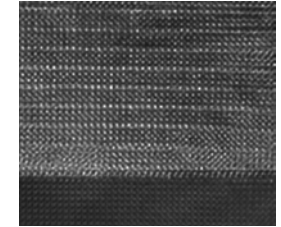
## Pyrolysis

Removal organic precursors



## Ex-situ Growth

Nucleation, crystallization and oxygenation



X. Obradors, et al, SUST (2012)

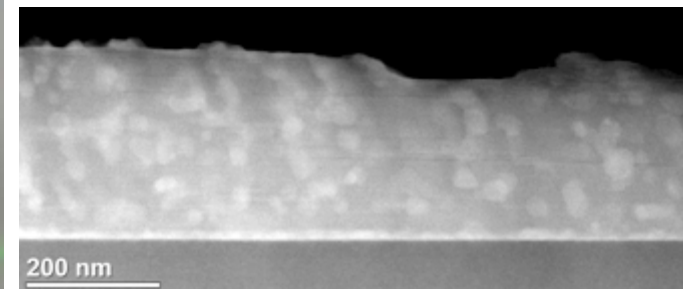
## For Nanocomposites: In-situ

Addition of metal-organic salts (Zr, Ce, Ta, ...) in the TFA precursor solution: Spontaneous Np segregation within the epitaxial  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$  matrix :  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{BaZrO}_3$ ,  $\text{Ba}_2\text{YTaO}_6$ ,  $\text{BaCeO}_3$ , ...

*Nature Materials (2007); Nature Materials (2012)*

## For Nanocomposites: Ex-situ

TFA colloidal precursor solutions:  $\text{MFe}_2\text{O}_4$  (M=Co, Mn),  $\text{CeO}_2$  ( $\text{BaCeO}_3$ ), ...

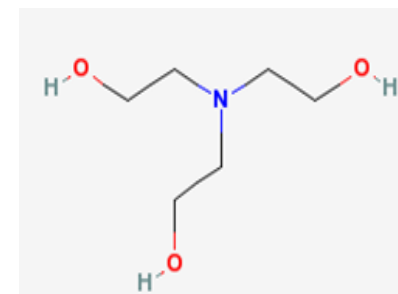
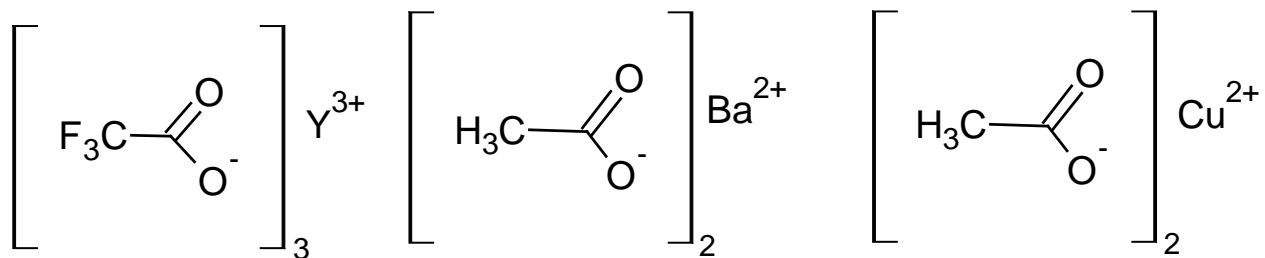


*J. Nanoparticle Res. (2012); Mat. Res. Bull. (2013)*

# Low fluorine precursor solutions

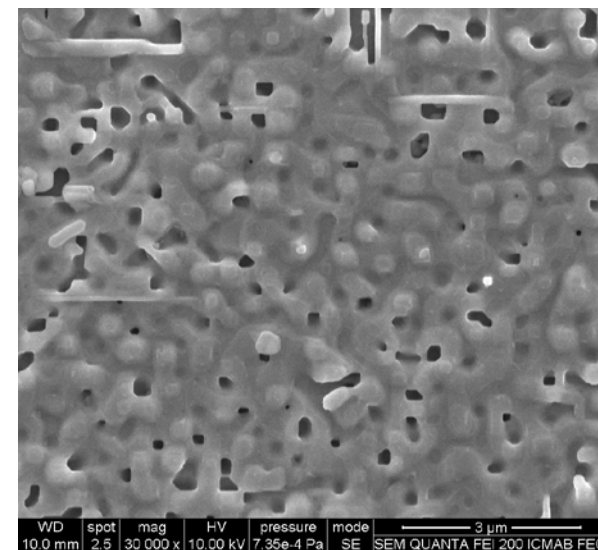
Carboxylate salts	+Solvent	+ Chelating Agent
Acetate	Methanol, ethanol	Triethanolamine (TEA)
Propionate	Propionic acid	

~80-90% less fluorine



$J_c$  (77K, sf) = 3-4 MA/cm<sup>2</sup> ; 700-800 nm

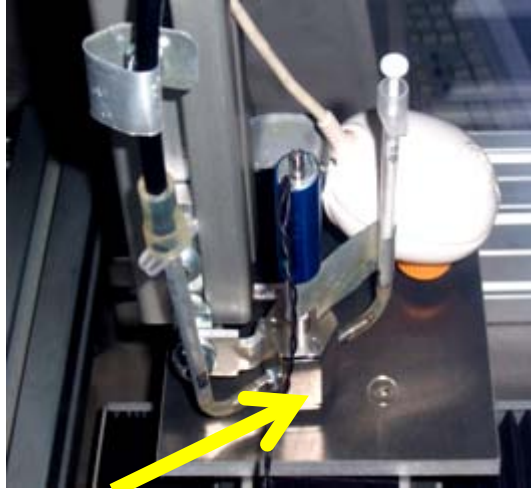
- ❖ More environmentally friendly (-80 % F)
- ❖ Stable solutions adapted to IJP: less sensitive to humidity (chelating agents)
- ❖ Large thickness with one coat (~1000 nm)
- ❖ Pyrolysis can be undertaken at faster ramps
- ❖ Similar growth process that TFA-based solutions



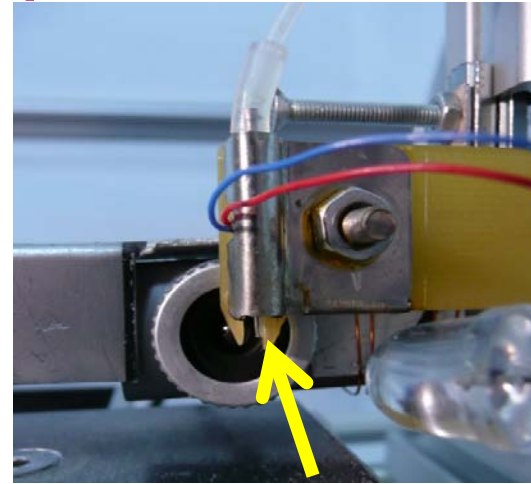
*X. Palmer et al., to be published*

## Single nozzle printheads

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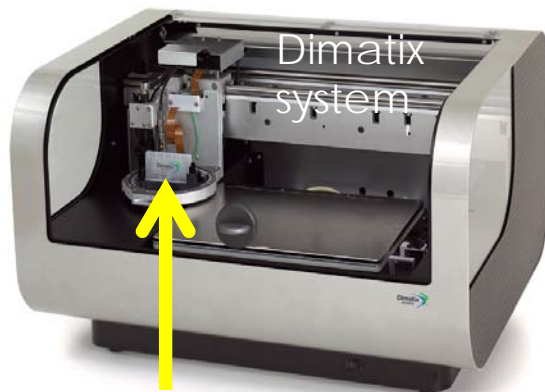


single nozzle electromagnetic valve

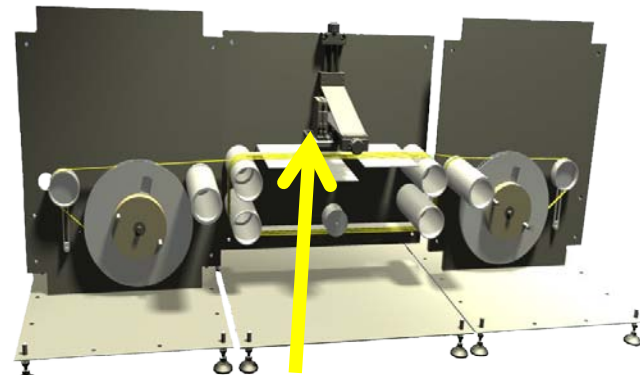


single nozzle piezoelectric printhead

## Multinozzle printheads

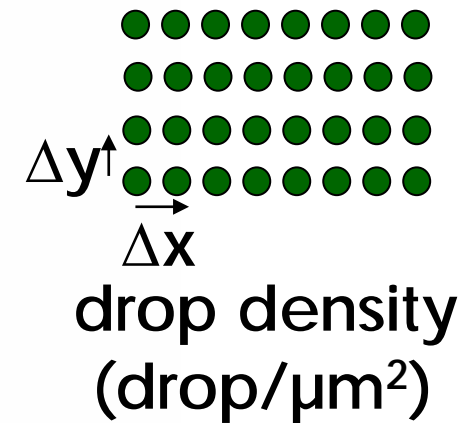
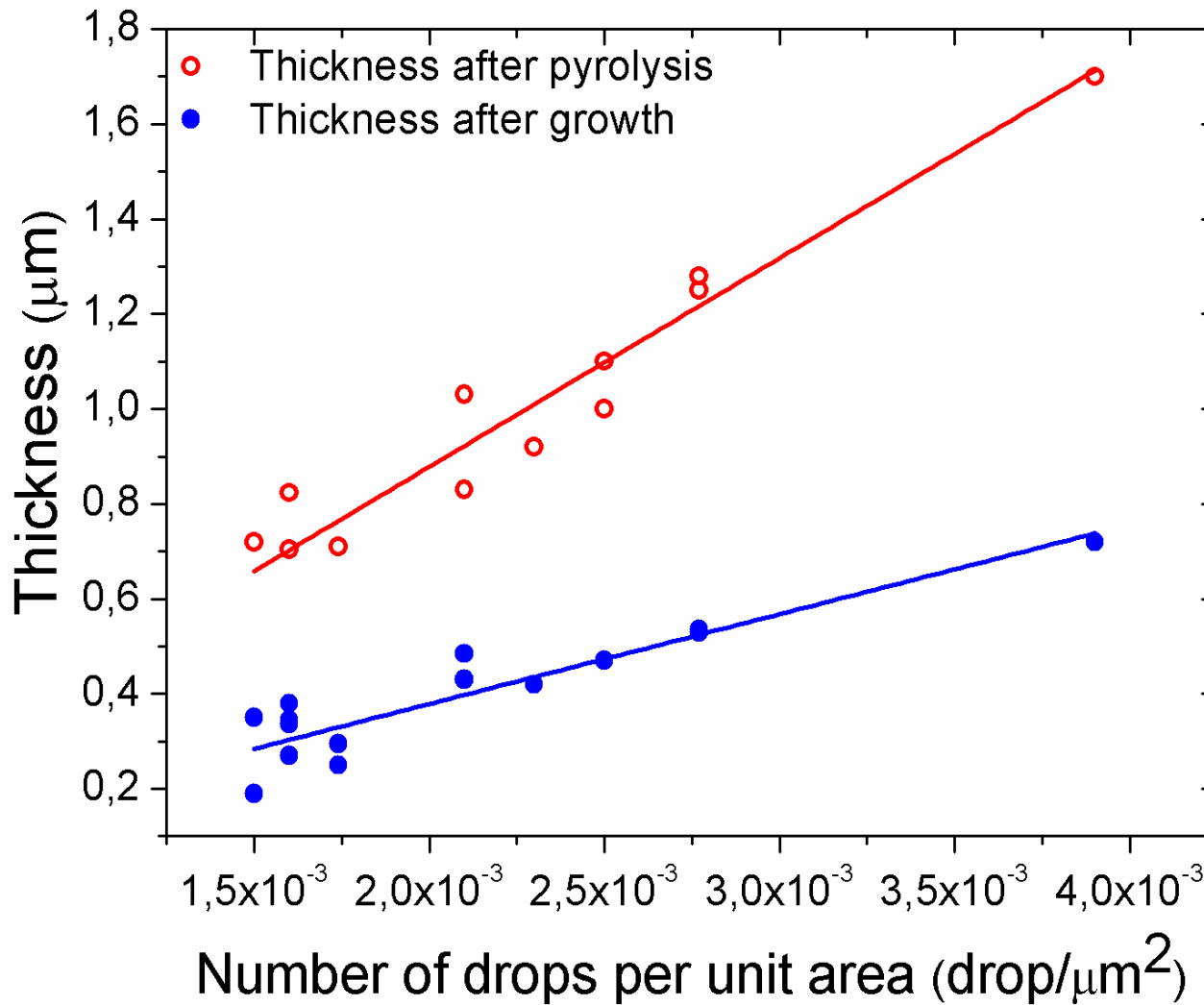


16 nozzles piezo head



512 Konika Minolta multinozzle piezohead

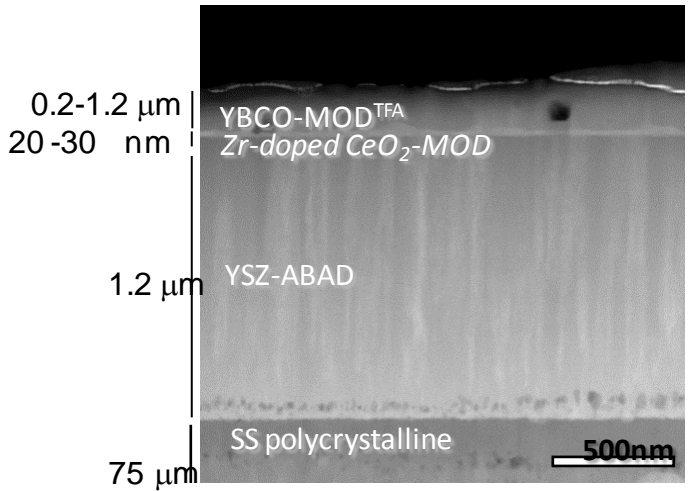
# Film thickness tuning through drop pitch adjustment



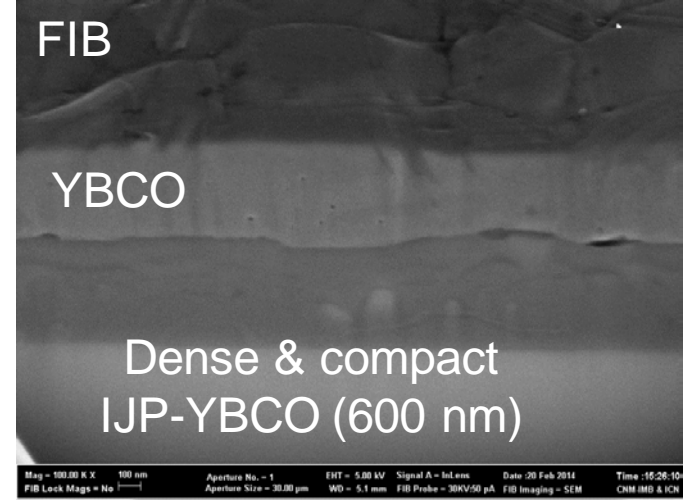
Possibility to tune film thickness by adjusting the density of drops

All chemical IJP: YBCO / CeO<sub>2</sub> / ABADYSZ / SS

- CZO<sup>MOD</sup> epitaxial with good texture quality.
- Enhanced surface planarity, small grain size

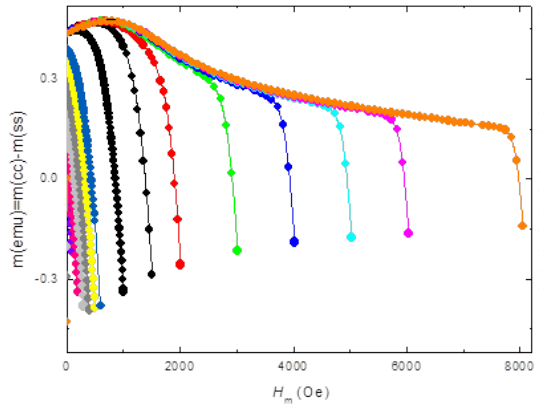
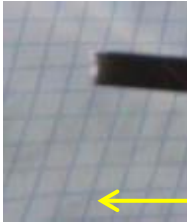


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$J_c(sf, 77K) = 2 \text{ MA/cm}^2$   $I_c = 108 \text{ A/cm-w}$

*E. Bartolomé et al, SUST (2013)*

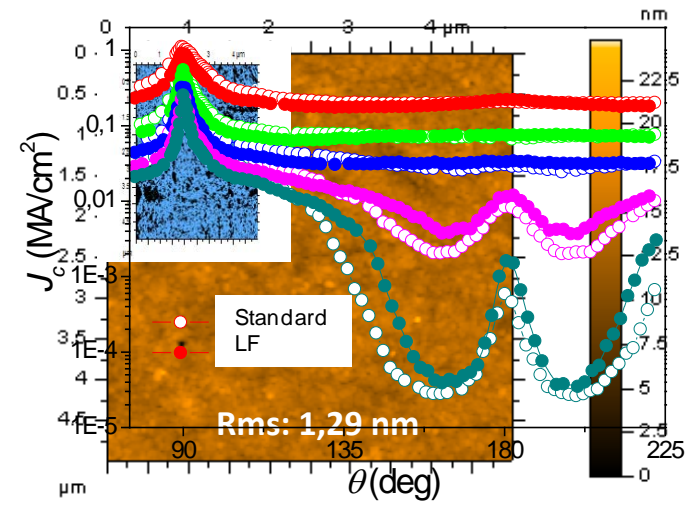


- No coherence
- Current

YBCO grains  
J<sub>c</sub>'s

**Goals:**  $J_c^G(77K) = 3.3 \text{ MA/cm}^2$   
 $J_c^{GB}(77K) = 2 \text{ MA/cm}^2$

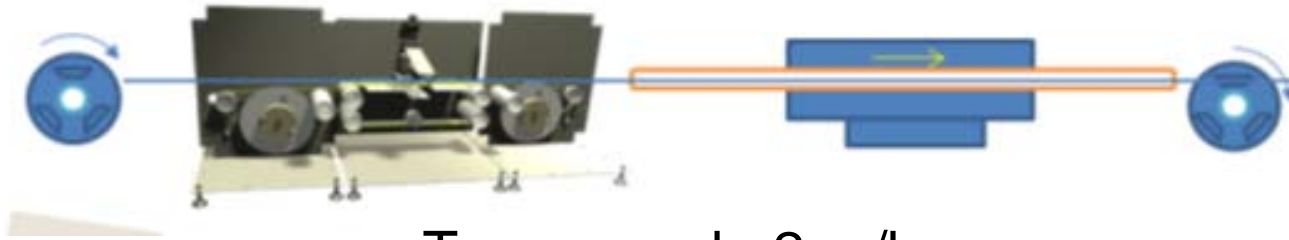
nm/s - 10 m





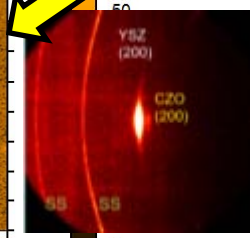
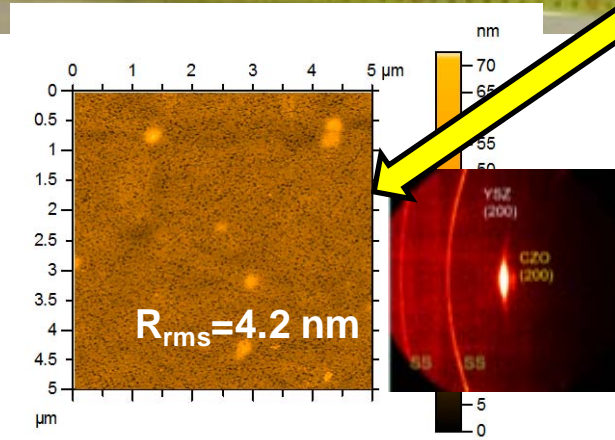
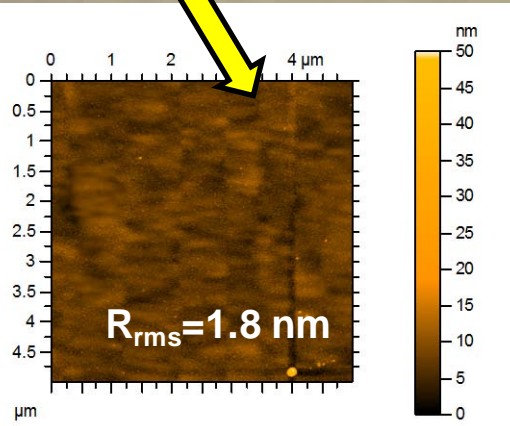
**All chemical IJP CC:  $\text{LFYBCO} / \text{CSDCeO}_2 / \text{ABADYSZ} / \text{SDP/SS}$**   
**Good progress towards scaling up**

CZO buffer layers: R2R inkjet printing coupled to R2R thermal treatment



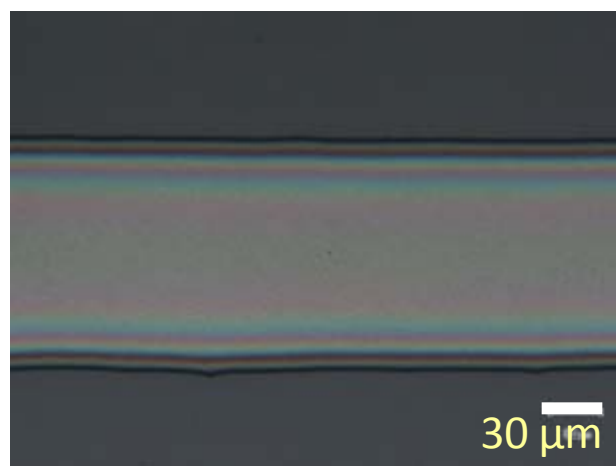
Tape speed : 2 m/h

1 m

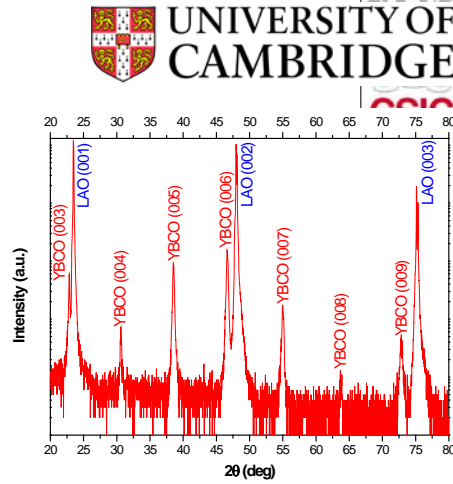
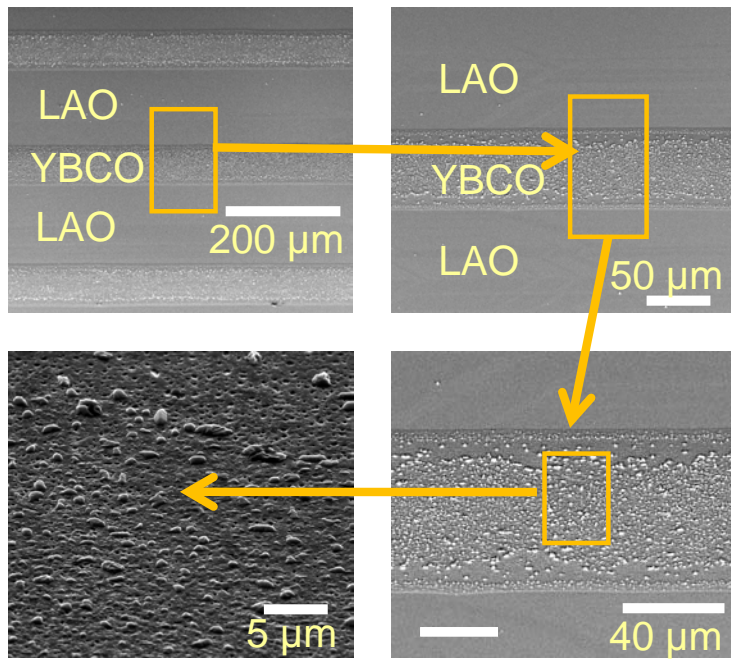


Good (001) epitaxy achieved

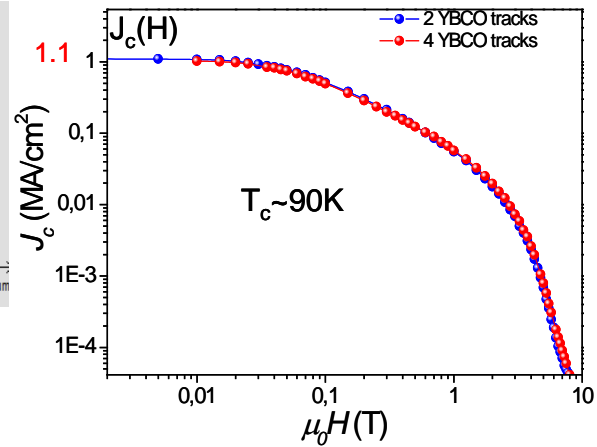
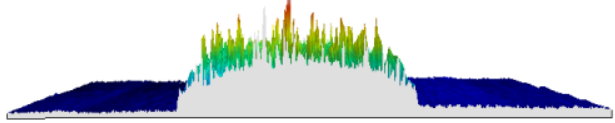
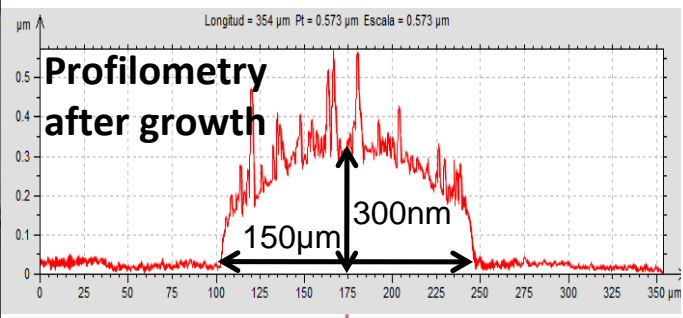
Optical microscopy after pyrolysis



SEM after growth

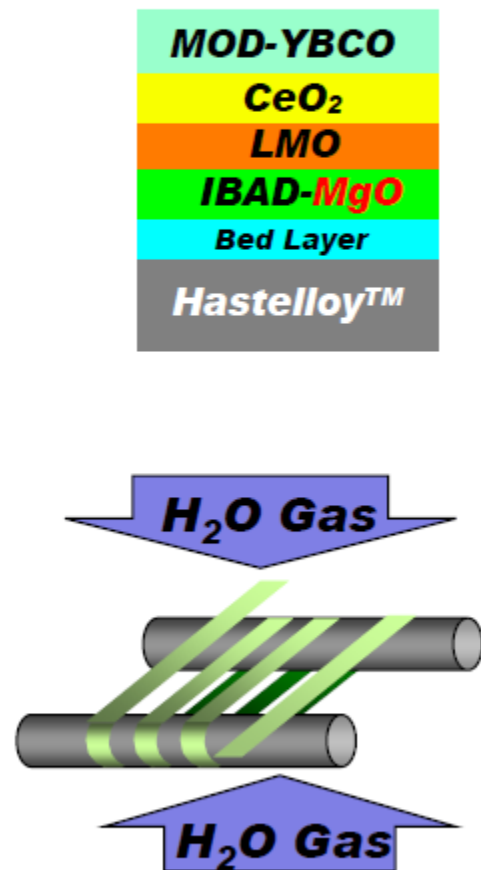
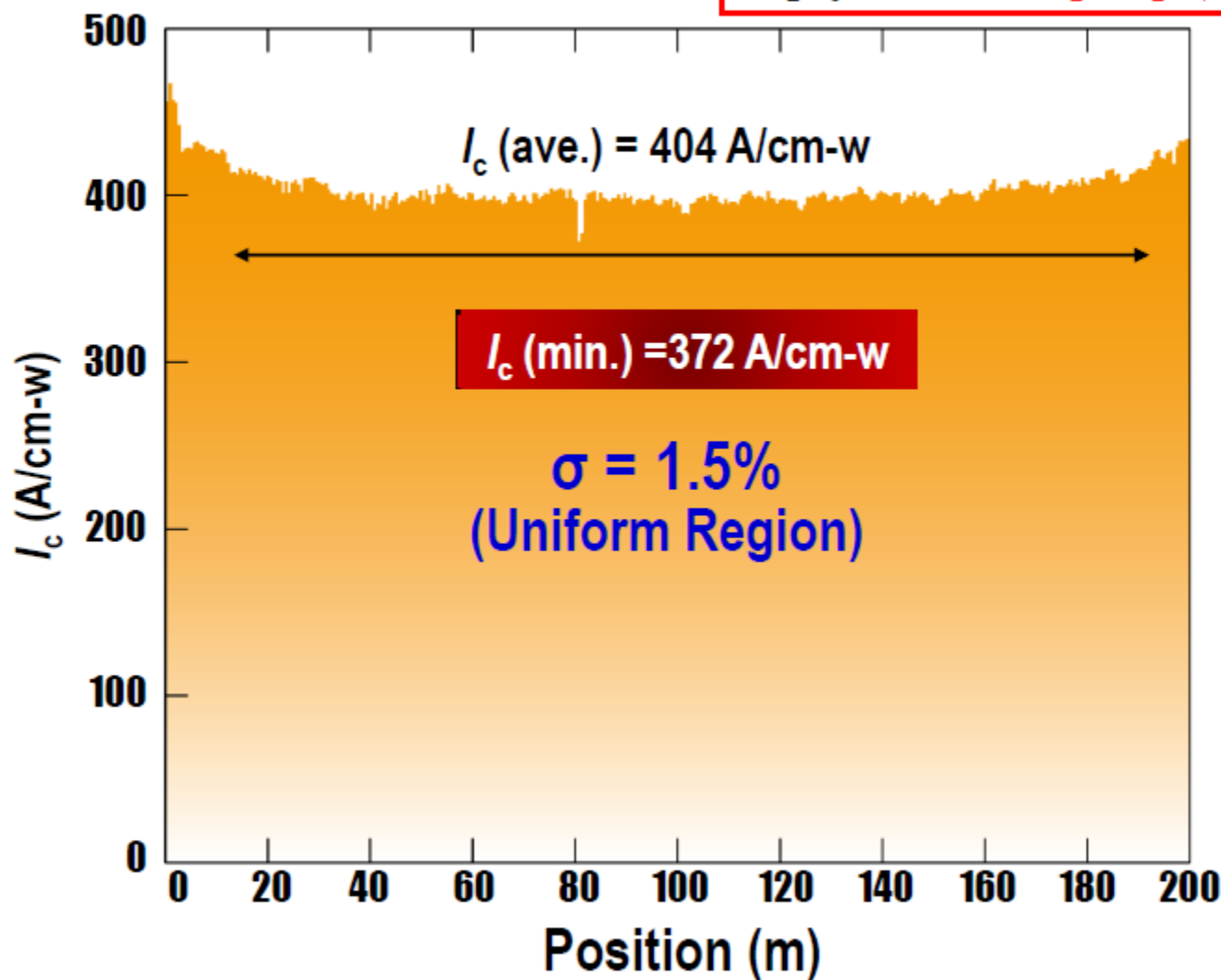


High homogeneity and uniformity along all track length.



M. Vilardell et al., Inkjet printing: towards flexible manufacturing of functional coatings, Thin Solid Films (2013)

# Lower Cost C.C. Fabrication by TFA-MOD



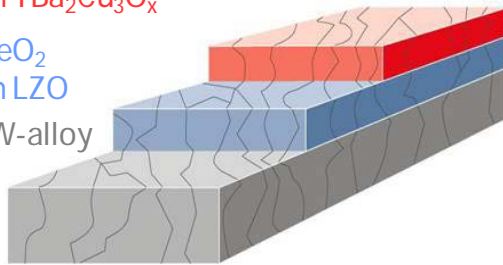
# Ink-Jet Printed RABiT CC's

*BASF GmbH owner*

200-800nm silver, 10-100 $\mu$ m copper  
0.5-1.2 $\mu$ m YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>x</sub>

10-30nm CeO<sub>2</sub>  
200-350nm LZO

50-80 $\mu$ m NiW-alloy



Ink-jet printing in continuous processing



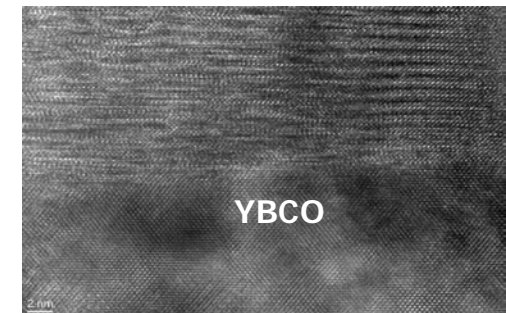
- CSD for all layers is considered to be the "most promising and most challenging process"
- Unique and protected CSD-multi-layer technology, IJP.
- Established industrial cooperations on metallic substrates (Thyssen Krupp), coating solutions (Honeywell) and insulation (Elektrisola)

✓ **All samples continuously processed in minimum 10 m lengths**

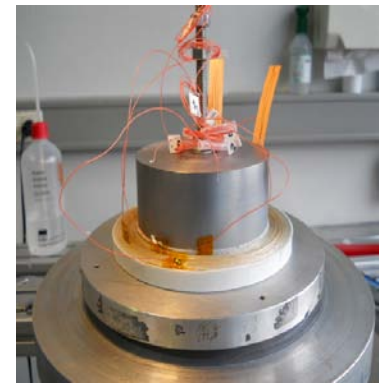
✓  $J_c$  (77K, sf) = 1.2 -1.8 MA/cm<sup>2</sup> for 1  $\mu$ m HTS

✓ 7mm wide slitted and stabilized sample,  
 $I_c$ /cm-w > 160A

✓ 100 m wound to coil with overall  $J_c$  =1.4 MAcm<sup>2</sup>

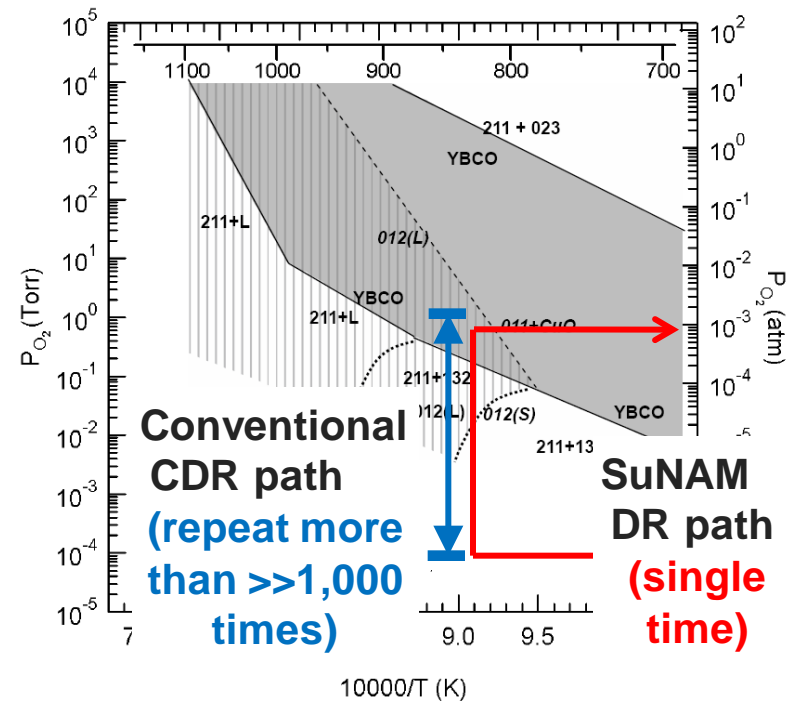
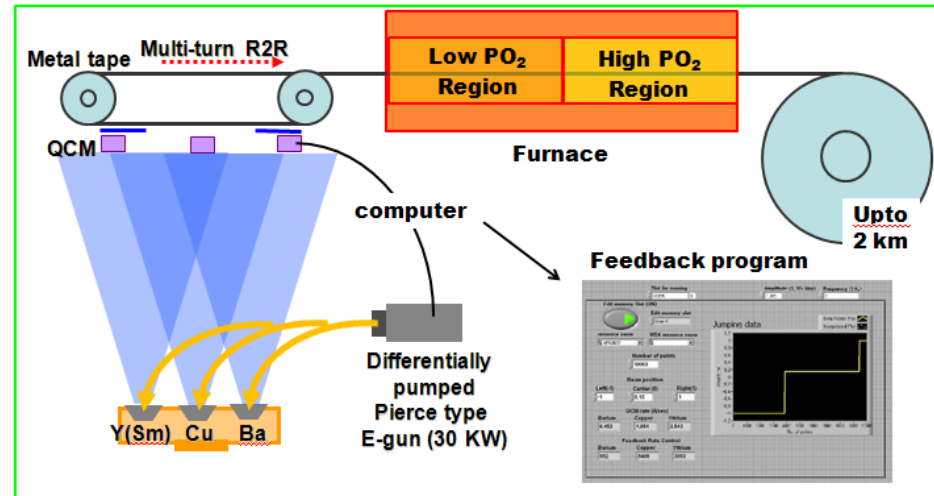


YBCO

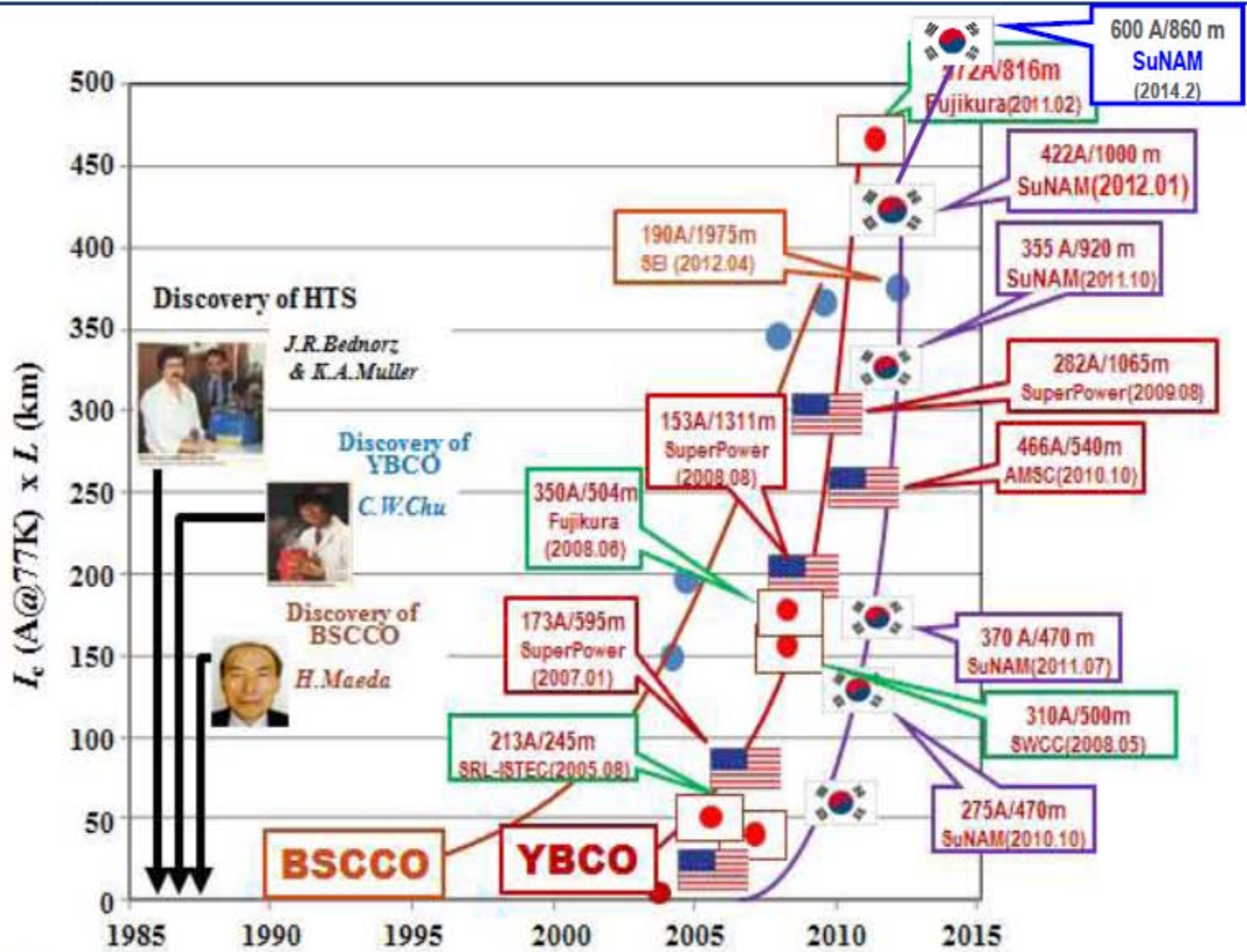


# Korean approach: high growth rate CC's

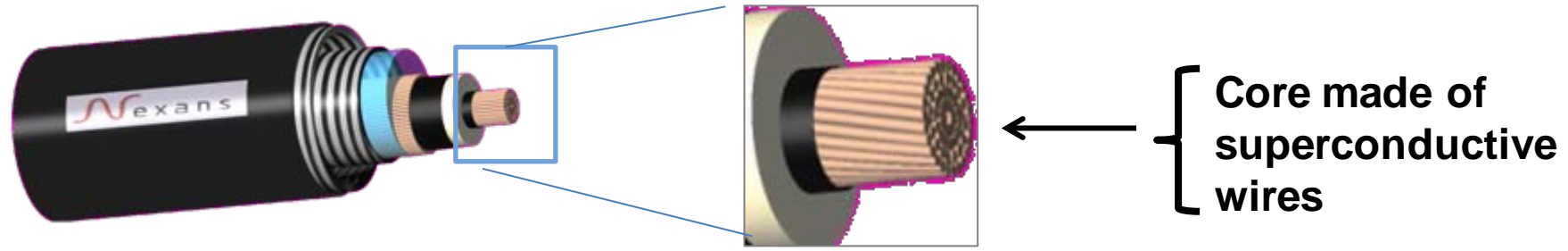
- RCE-DR : Reactive Co-Evaporation by Deposition & Reaction
- High rate co-evaporation to the target thickness ( $> 1 \mu\text{m}$ ) ( $6 \sim 10\text{nm/s}$ )
- **Fast ( $\ll 30 \text{ sec.}$ ) conversion from amorphous glassy phase to superconducting phase ( $\sim 100 \text{ nm/s}$ )**
- **Simple, higher deposition rate & area, low system cost**
- **Easy to scale up :single path**



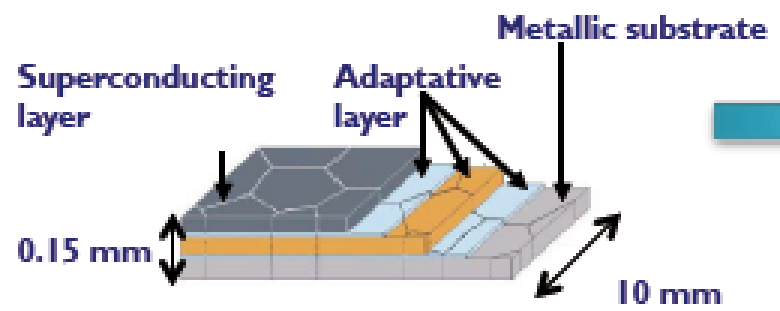
# Development of HTS 2G Wire



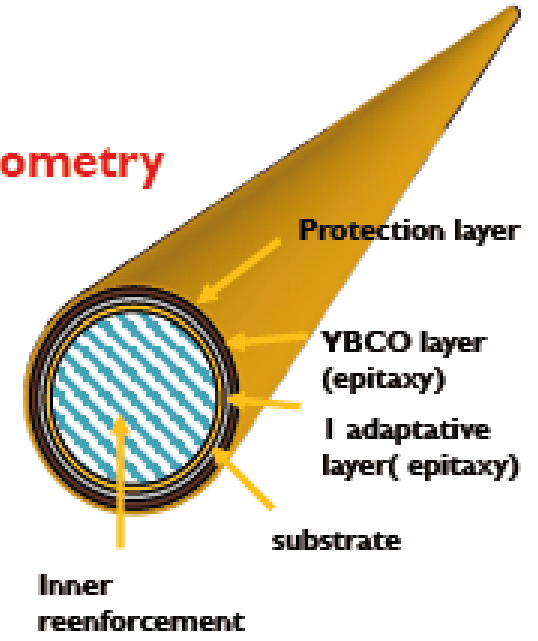
# Round wire objective: more compact and low cost cables



## Flat geometry



## Round geometry



Welding technology already developed by Nexans

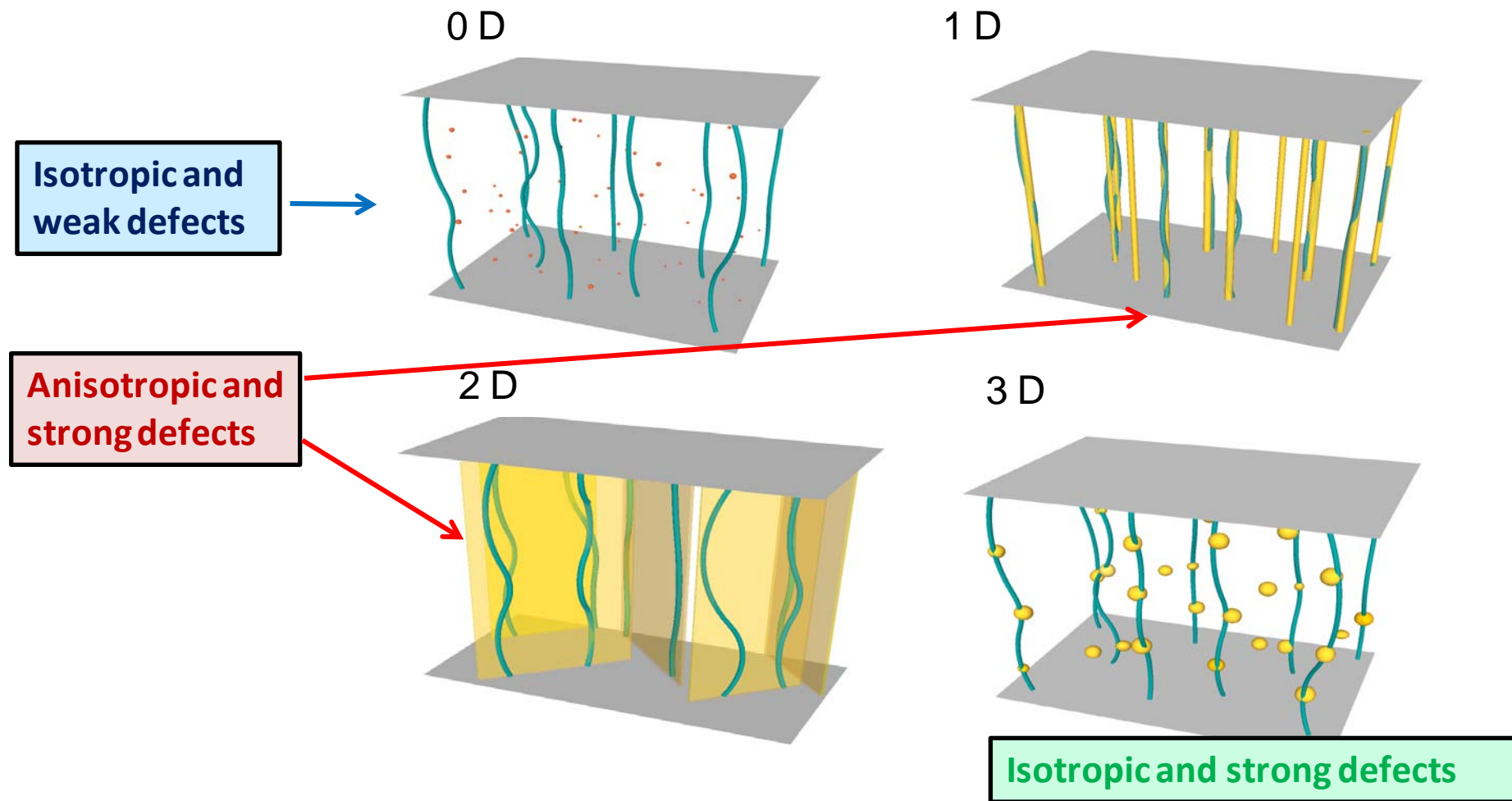
Nexans patent

- **HTS materials: power and magnet applications**
- **What are the novel opportunities raised by coated conductors?**
  - Physics behind the CCs
- **What are the coated conductors?**
  - Manufacturing approaches to CCs
- **Towards enhanced performances**
  - High currents
  - Vortex pinning



# Vortex pinning in YBCO Nanocomposites

Nanoengineering is the path towards control of vortex pinning and enhance performances

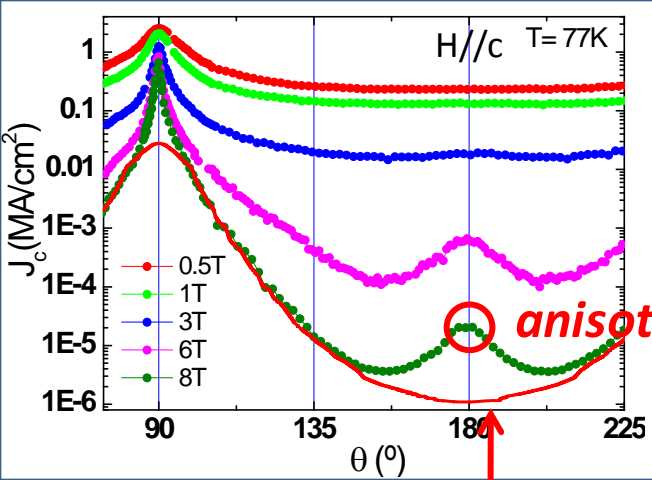


**The role of interfaces in nanocomposites are the key issue**

... but there always exists superposition of different contributions in a single material

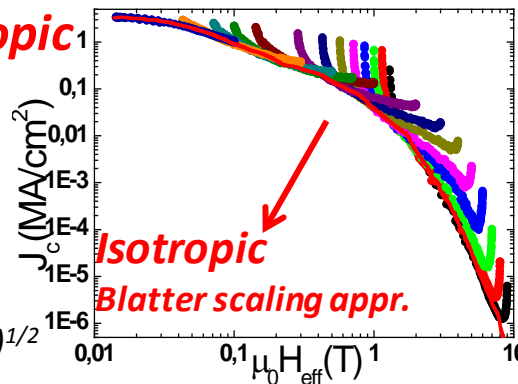
# Pinning strength diagrams

... from  $J_c(H, T, \theta)$  we separate the different components



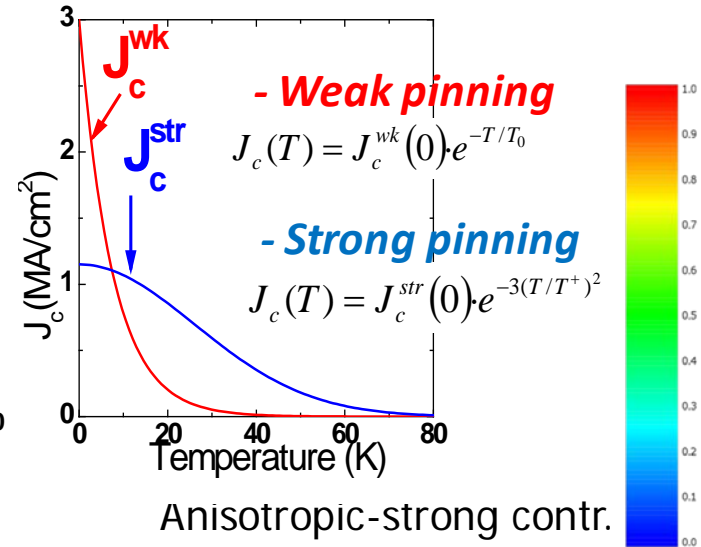
isotropic

$$H_{eff} = H(\cos^2 \theta + \gamma_{eff}^{-2} \sin^2 \theta)^{1/2}$$



Isotropic

Blatter scaling appr.



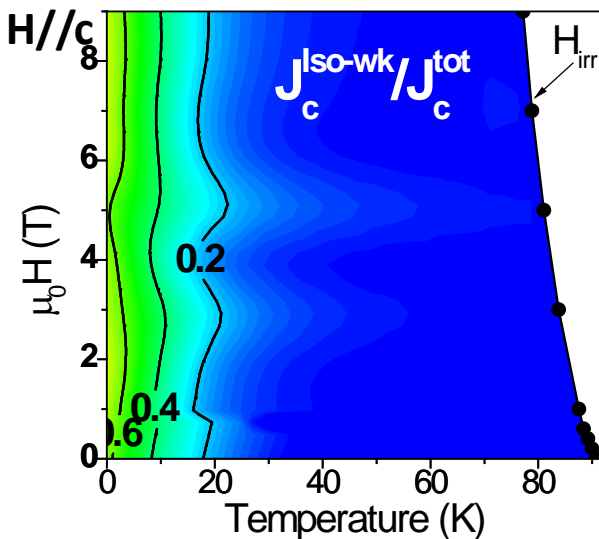
- Weak pinning

$$J_c(T) = J_c^{wk}(0) \cdot e^{-T/T_0}$$

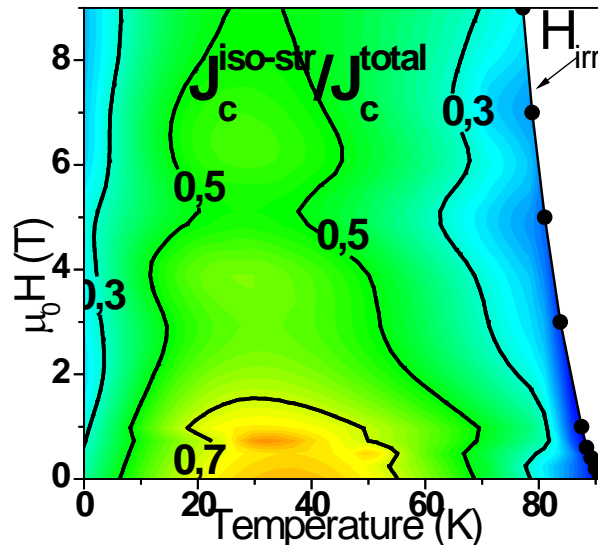
- Strong pinning

$$J_c(T) = J_c^{str}(0) \cdot e^{-3(T/T^+)^2}$$

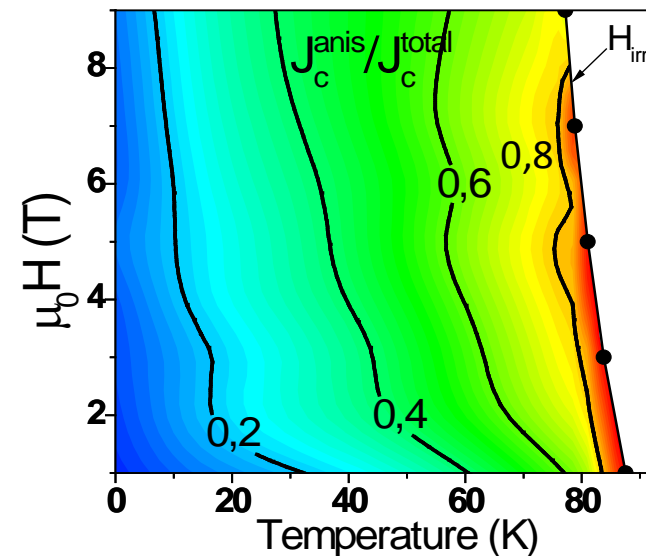
Isotropic-weak contr.



Isotropic-strong contr.



Anisotropic-strong contr.



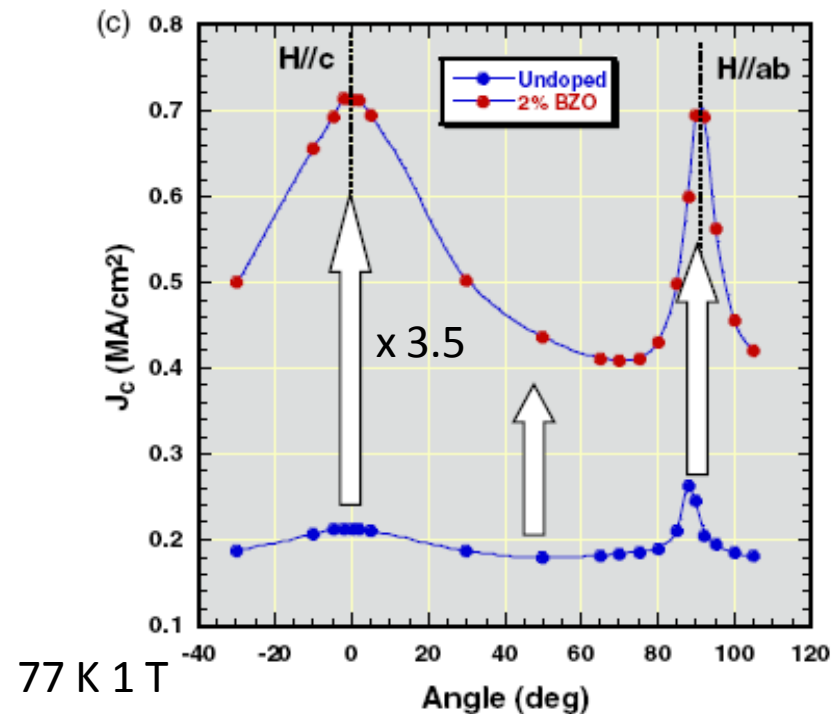
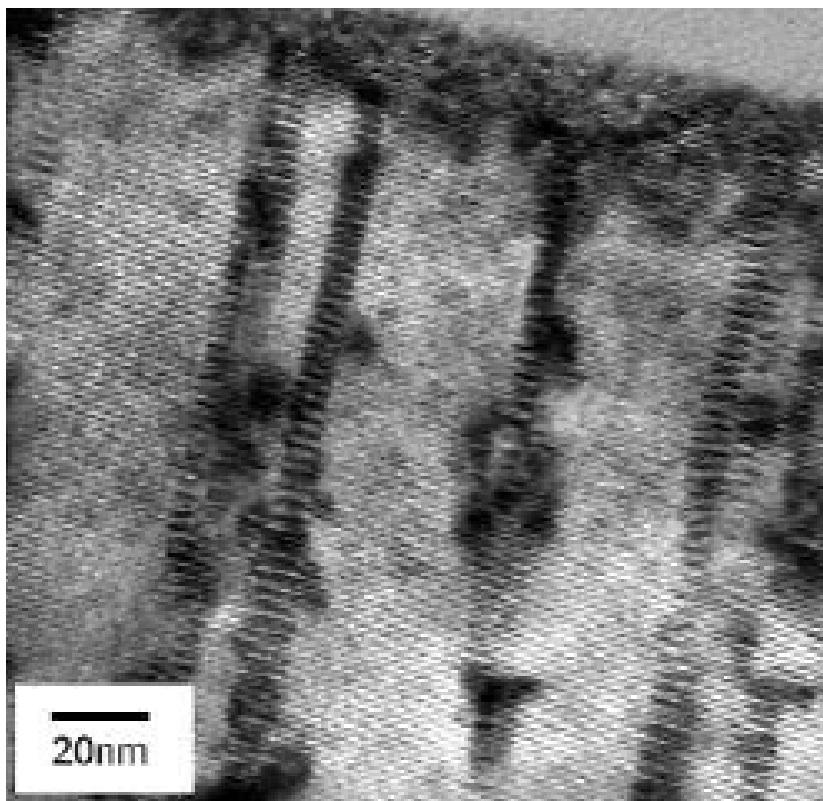
275 nm YBCO-TFA films

Interfaces and associated strains, defects, ... can be tuned and maximized and vortex pinning properties enhanced

**YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7-x</sub> – BaZrO<sub>3</sub> nanocomposite by PLD/MOCVD (in-situ growth)**

**Epitaxial YBCO-BZO interfaces**

**Self-organized BaZrO<sub>3</sub> nanorods**



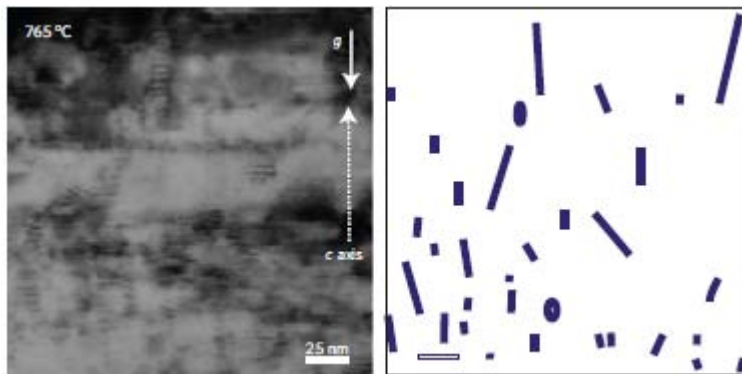
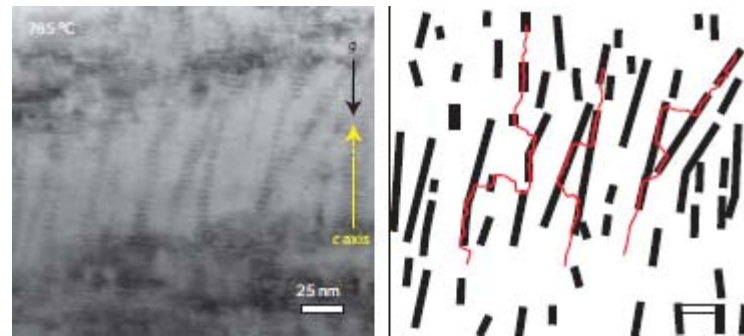
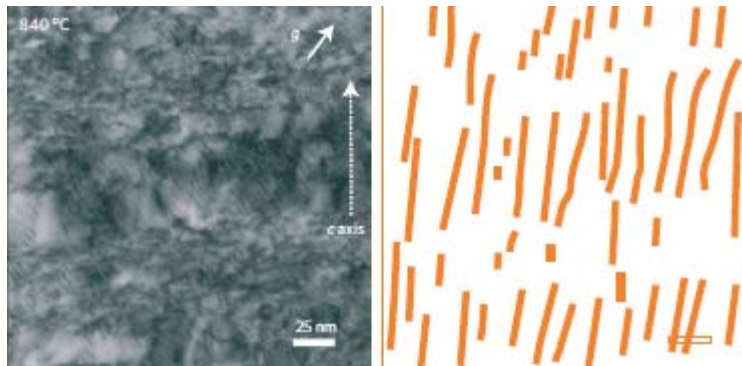
**Anisotropic increase of performances**

*Y. Yamada, APL 87(2005) B. Maiorov, Nat Mat 8 (2009)*

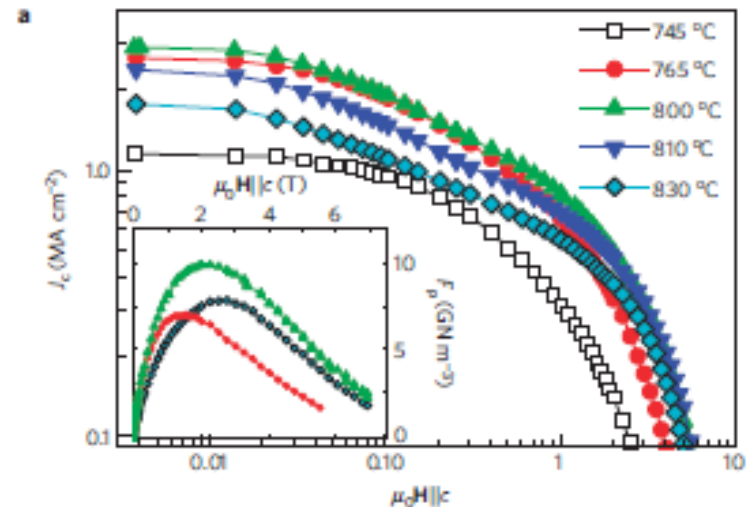
*S. Kang, Science 311 (2006)*

# Tuning self assembling in films grown by PLD

Tuning the temperature and growth rate during PLD deposition of BZO doped YBCO → nanoparticles or self-assembled columnar defects

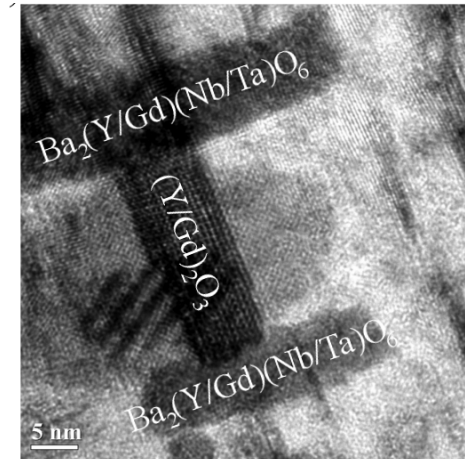
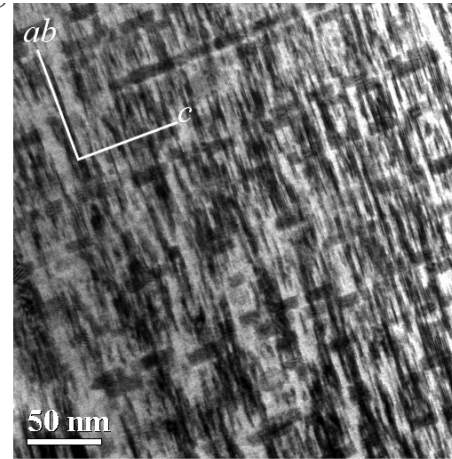
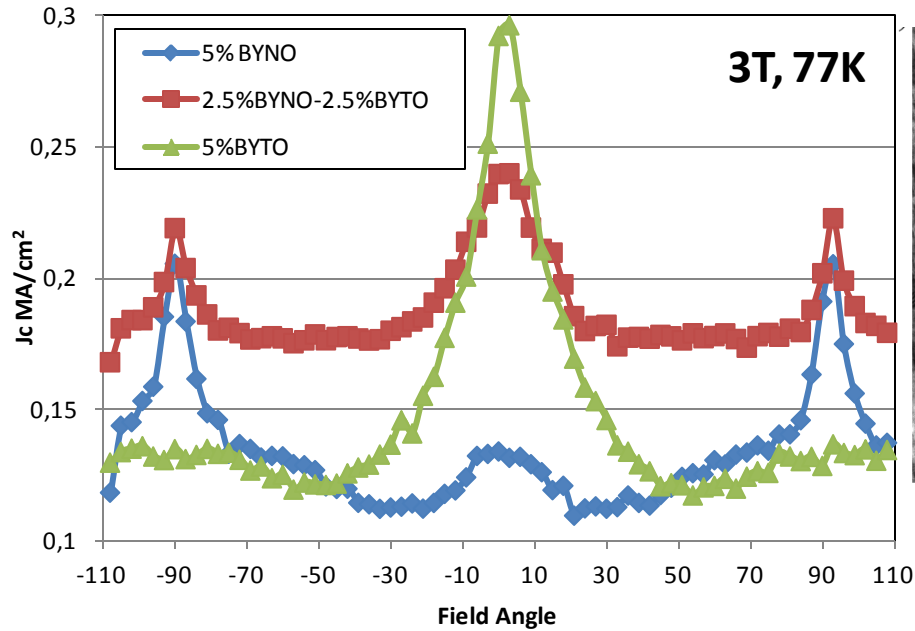


Synergetic combination of different types of defect to optimize pinning landscape

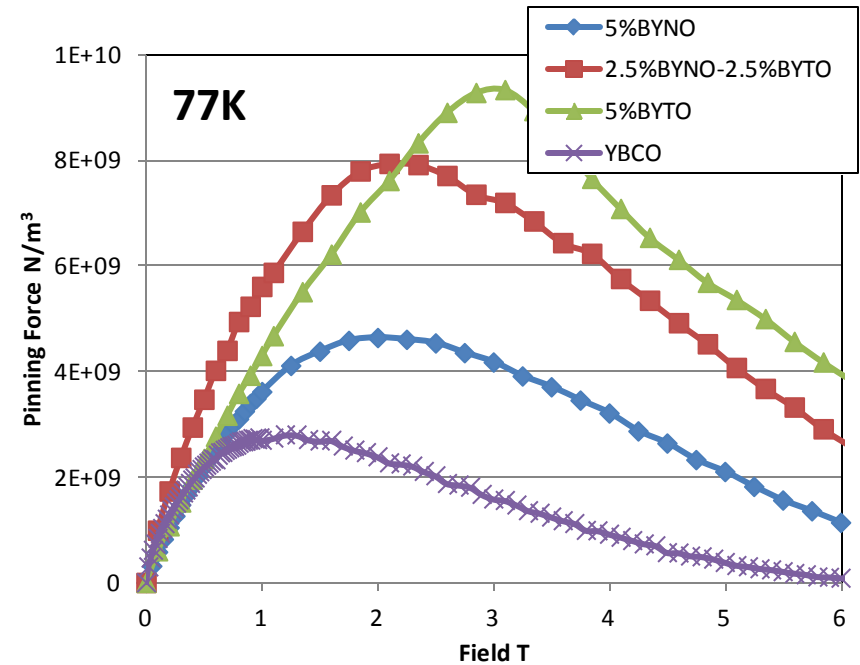
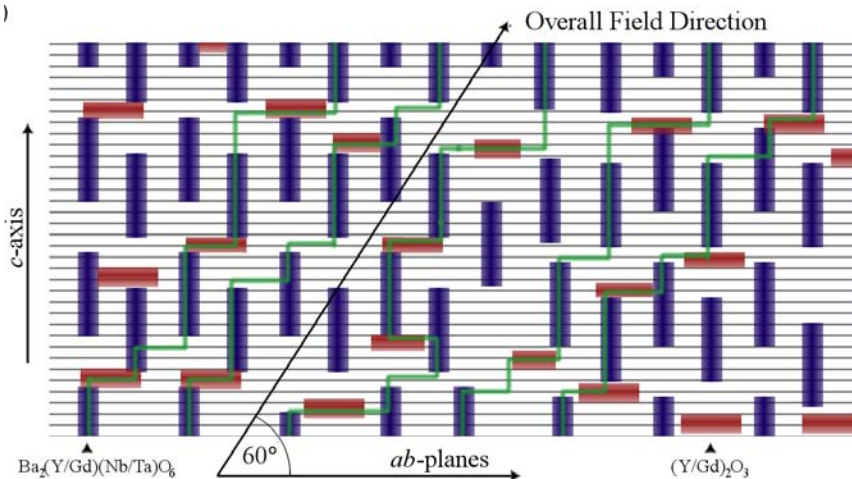


# PLD: YBCO co-doping with Nb and Ta

Nanorods / nanoplatelets



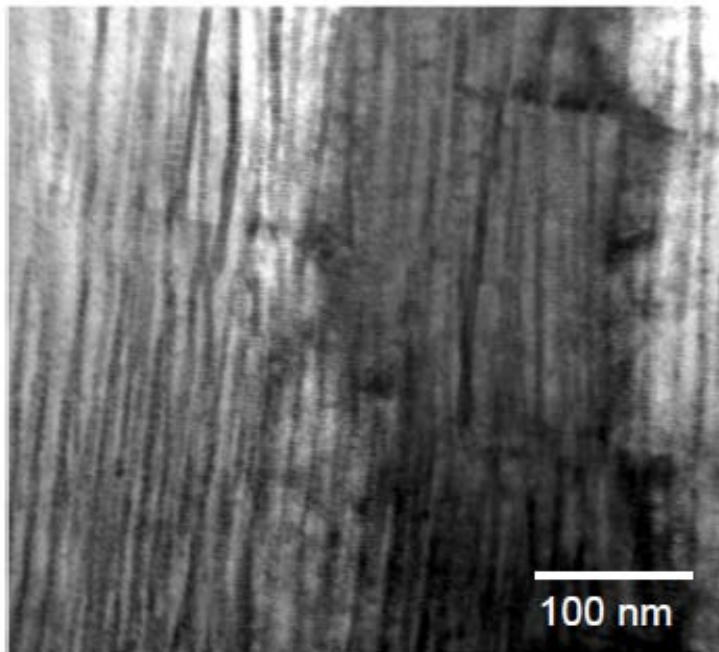
- Superior, but complex, angular properties
- Excellent and easy tunability



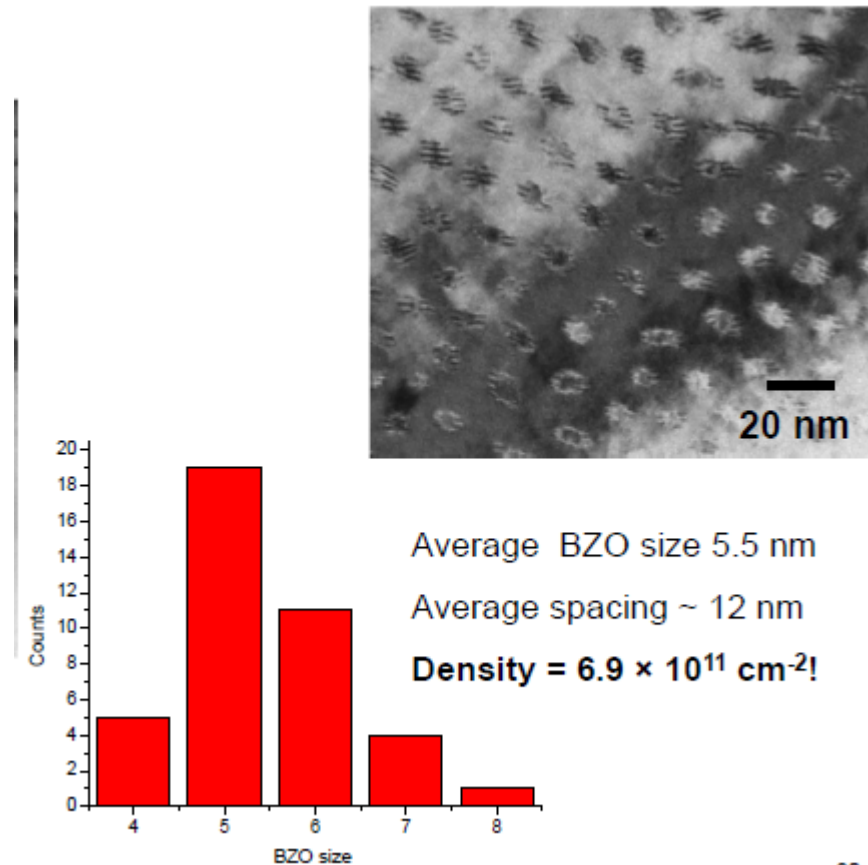
M. Bianchetti, G. Ercolano, A. Kursumovic,  
J.L. Macmanus-Driscoll (unpublished)

B. Maiorov, *Nat Mat* 8 (2009)

# Very high density of columnar defects in 15%-25%ZrO<sub>2</sub>-added YBCO



*Very few interruptions to BZO growth along the c-axis*

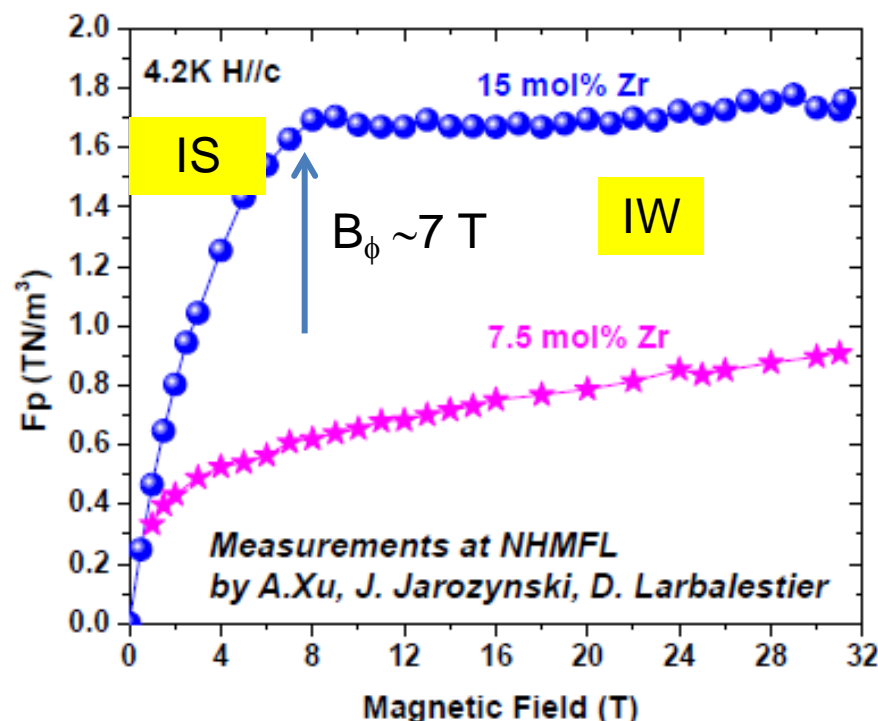
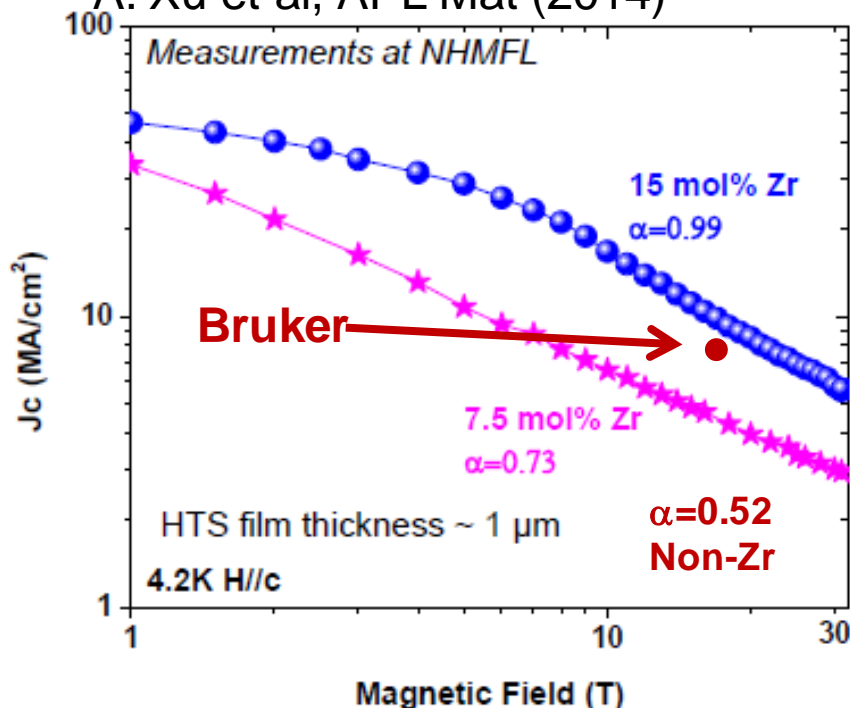


**Modified processing: no texture degradation and T<sub>c</sub> remains constant**



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A. Xu et al, APL Mat (2014)



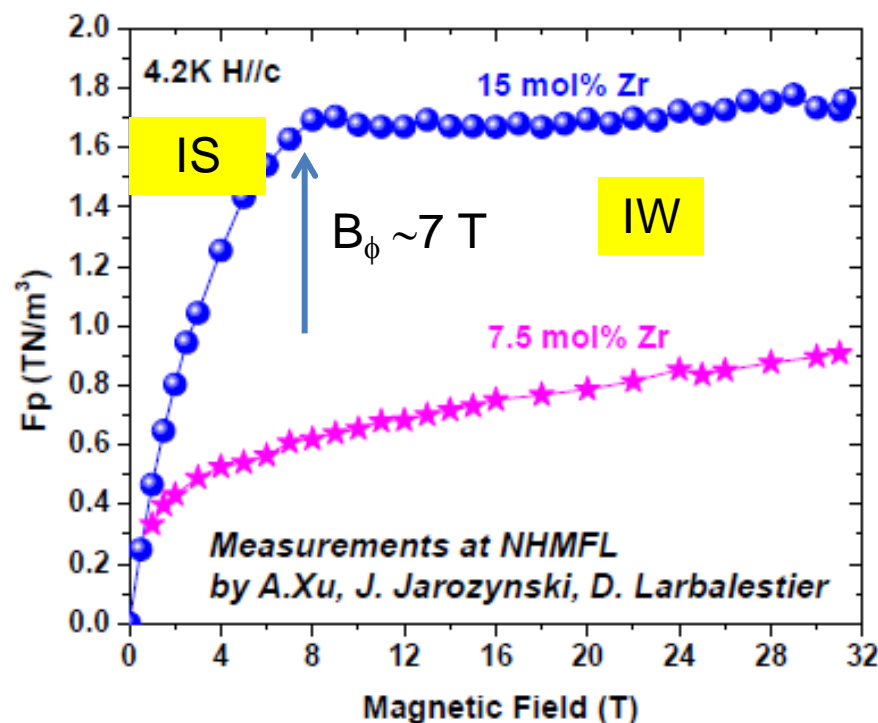
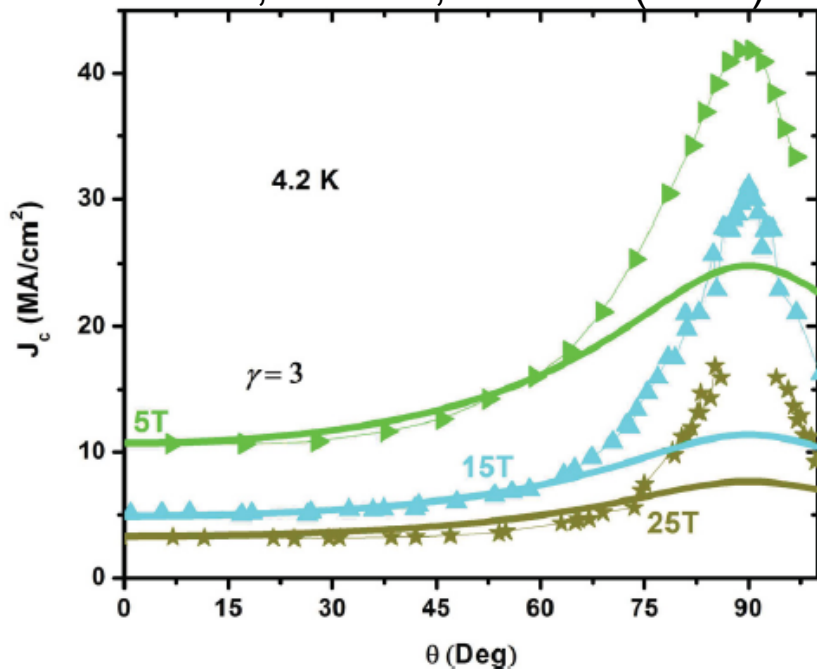
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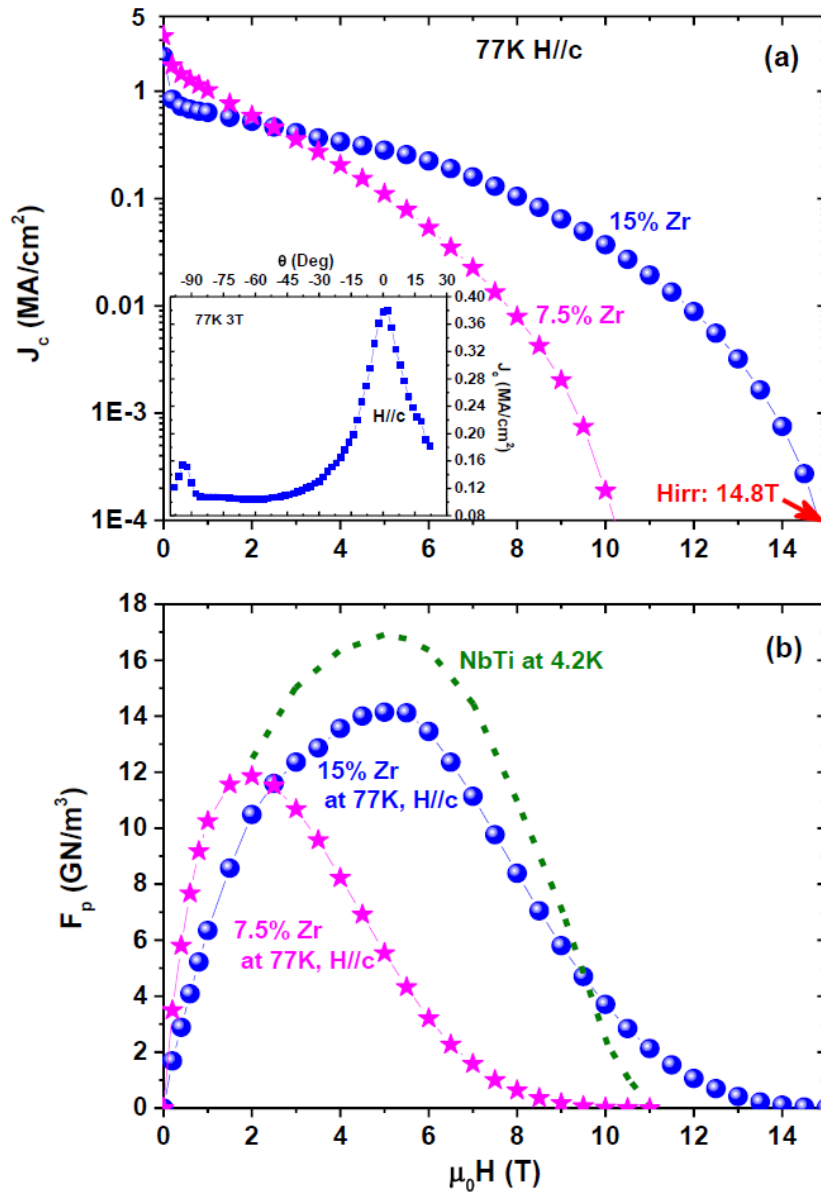
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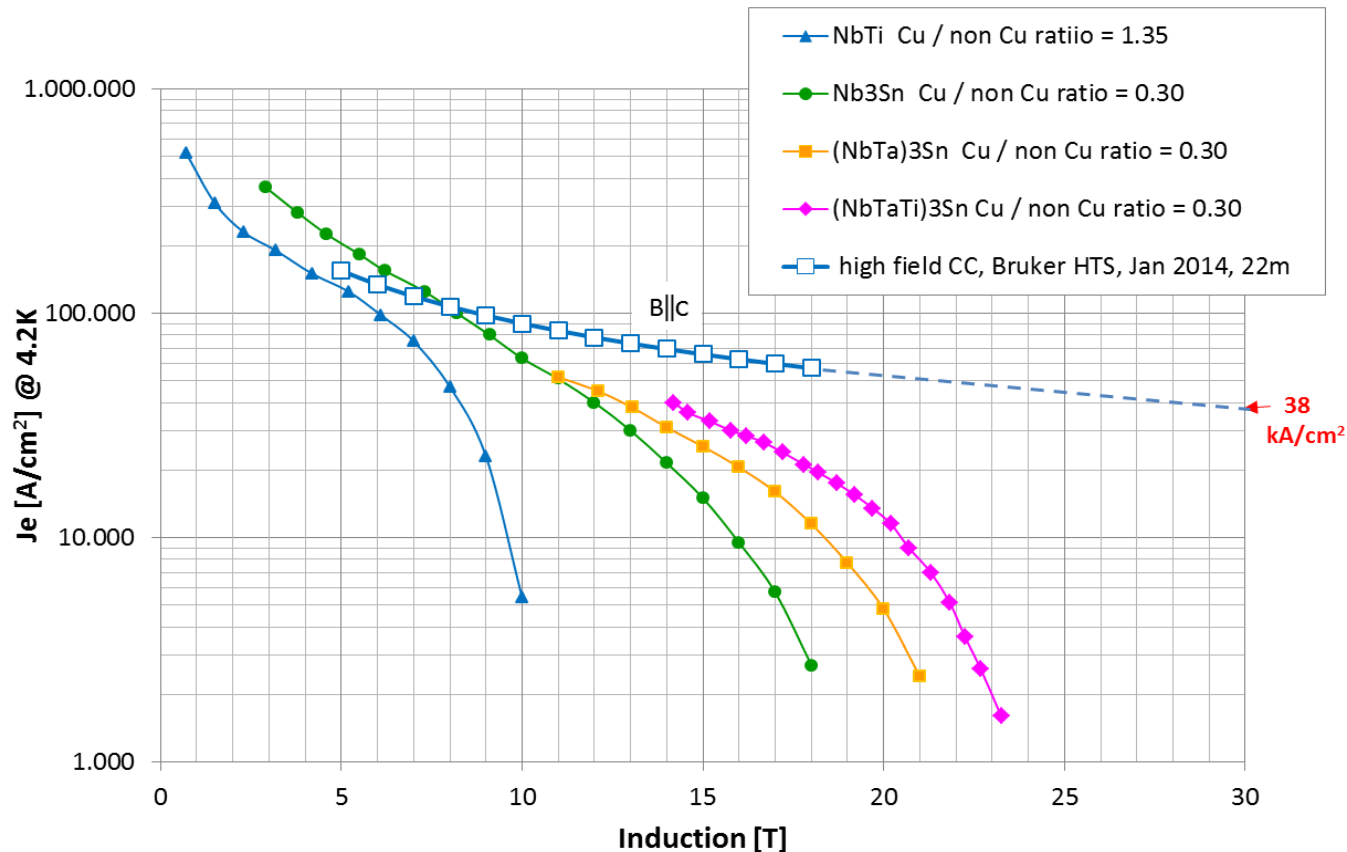
- Performances at 77 K are also strongly improved

- Highest IL reported so far. Reaching the predicted limit considering thermodynamic fluctuations

- Anisotropic strong pinning by columnar defects is the dominant term

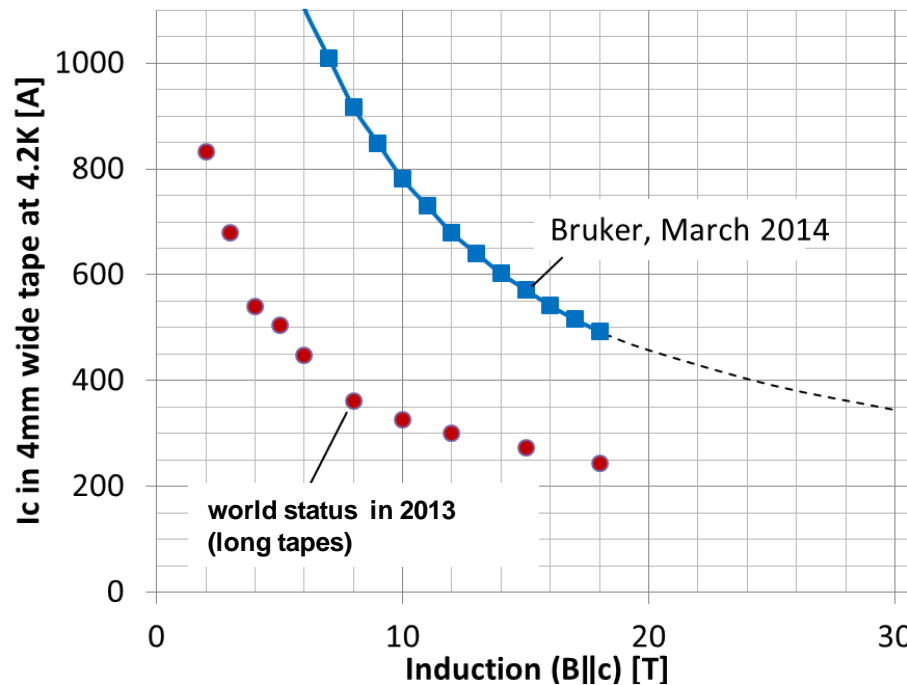
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# ReBCO self-doped tapes in high fields



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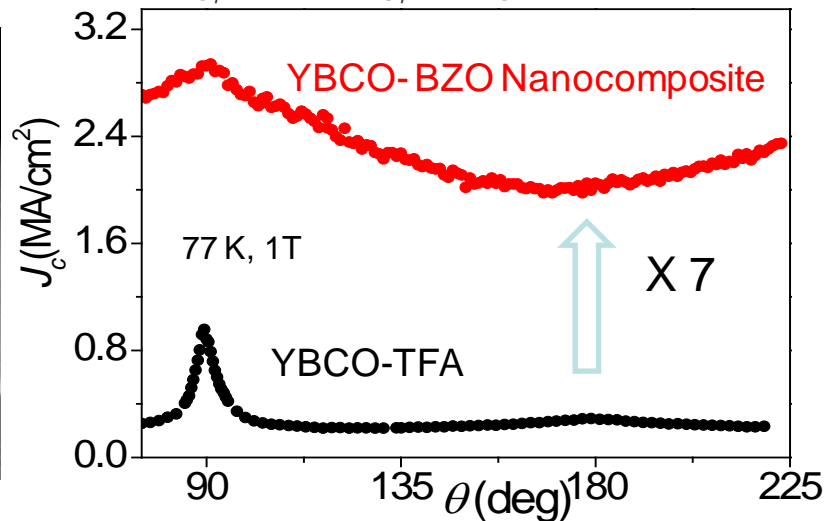
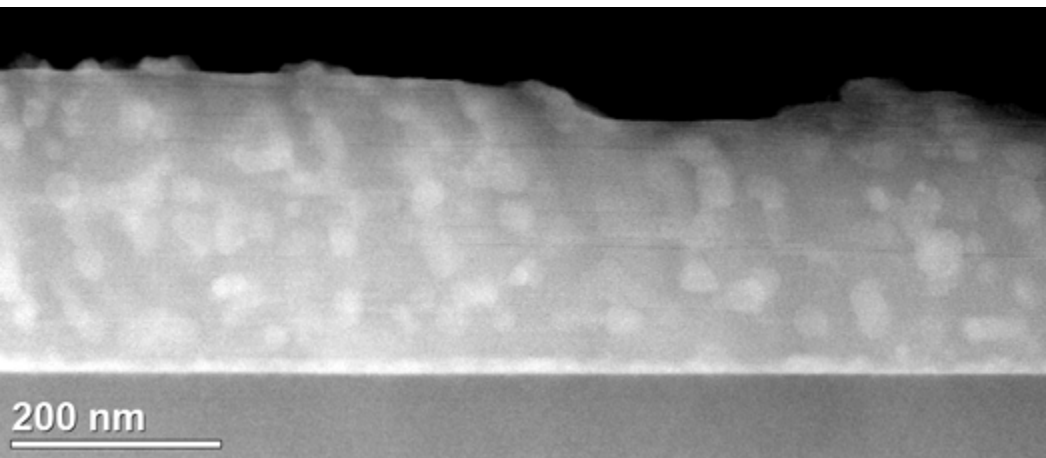
I<sub>c</sub> at 77K, SF:  
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I<sub>c</sub> at 4.2K, 18T, B||c:  
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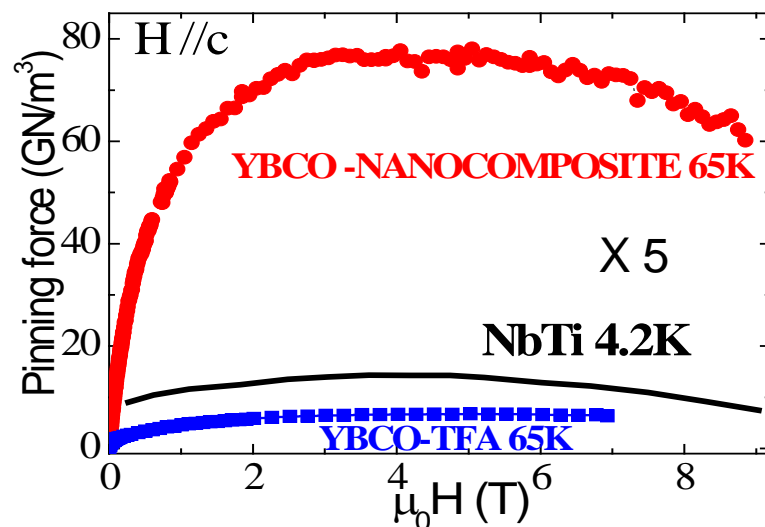
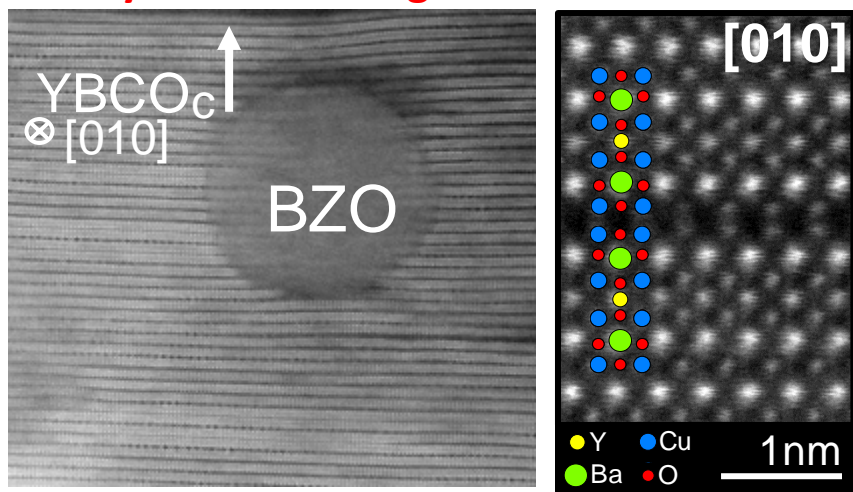
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# Solution derived- YBCO nanocomposites

**Addition of metal-organic salts in the TFA precursor solution :** Spontaneous nanoparticle segregation within  $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$  matrix :  $\text{BaZrO}_3$ ,  $\text{Ba}_2\text{YTaO}_6$ ,  $\text{BaCeO}_3$ ,  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$



**Incoherent YBCO-BZO interfaces give rise to high density of Y248 intergrowths**



*The highest isotropic performance ever found in any superconducting material*

A. Llordés, et al. Nat. Mater , 11, 329 (2012)

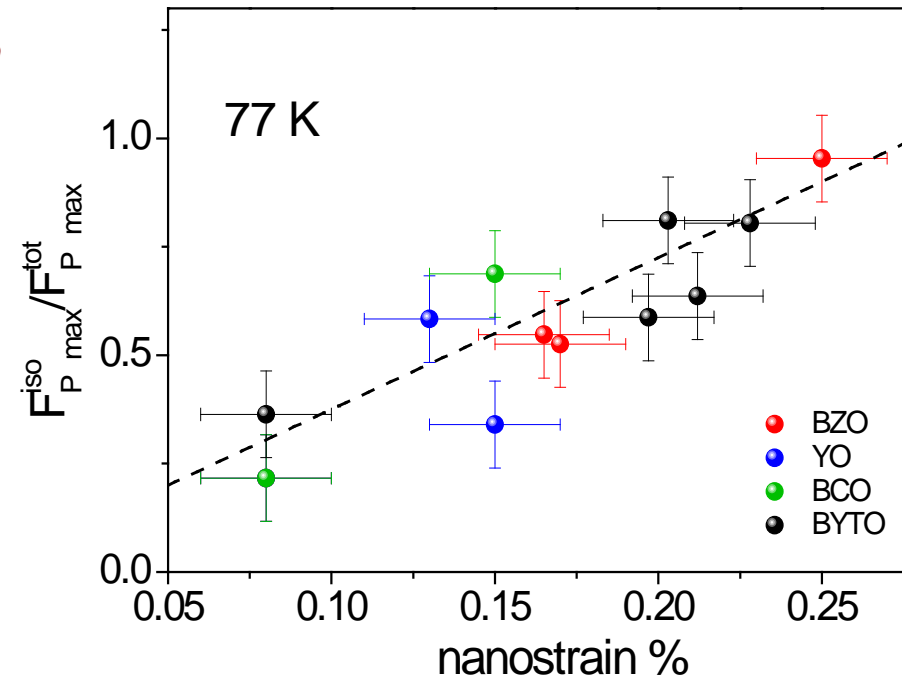
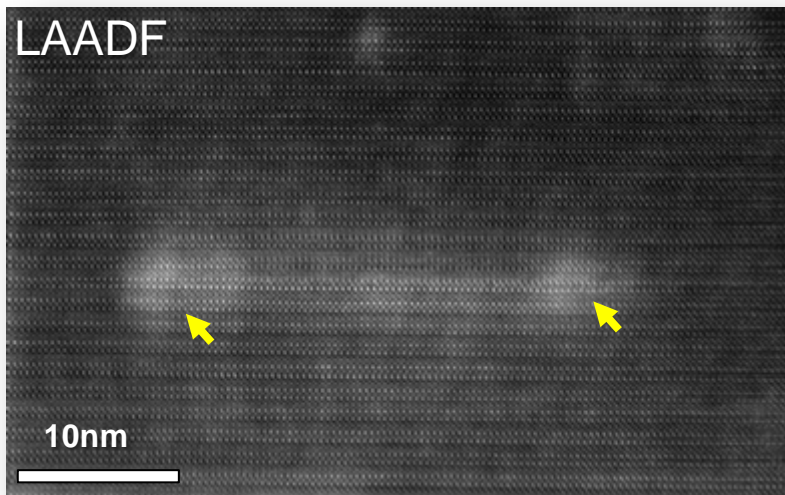
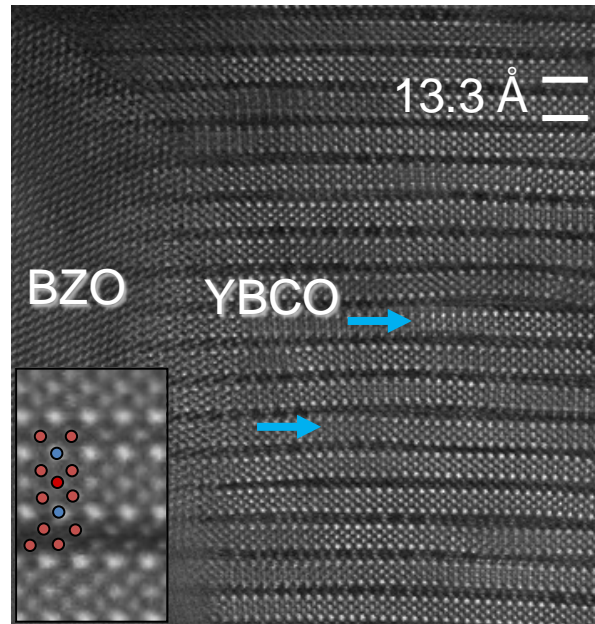
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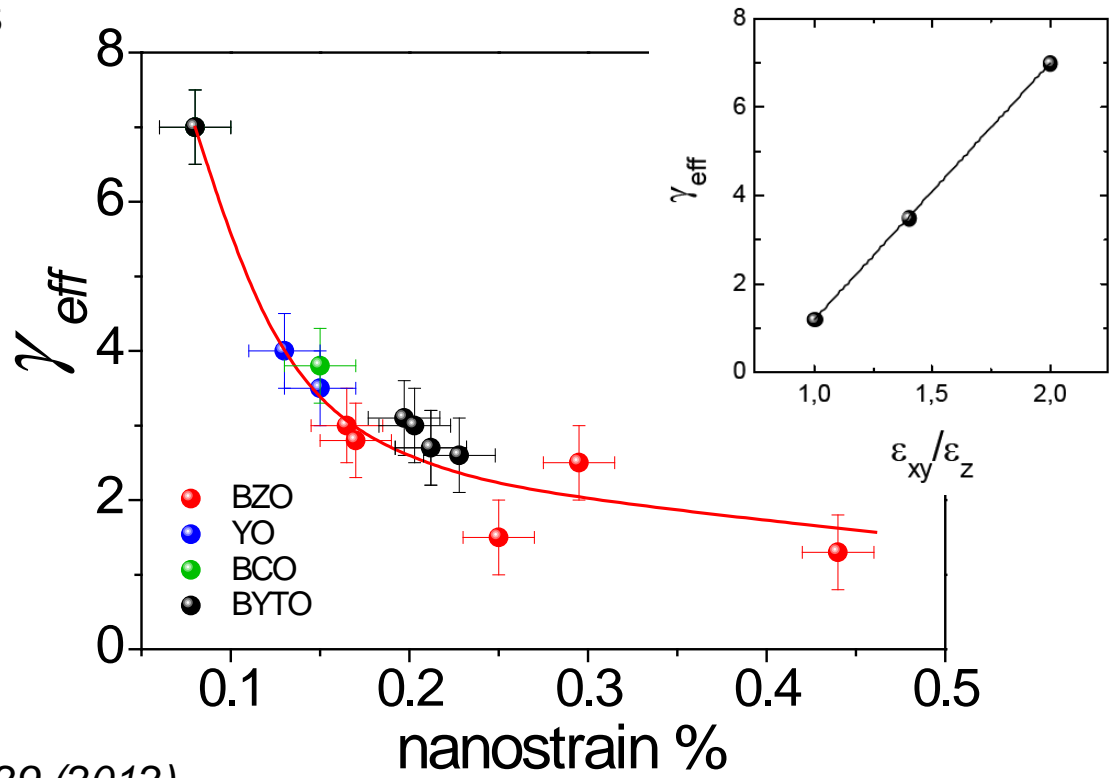
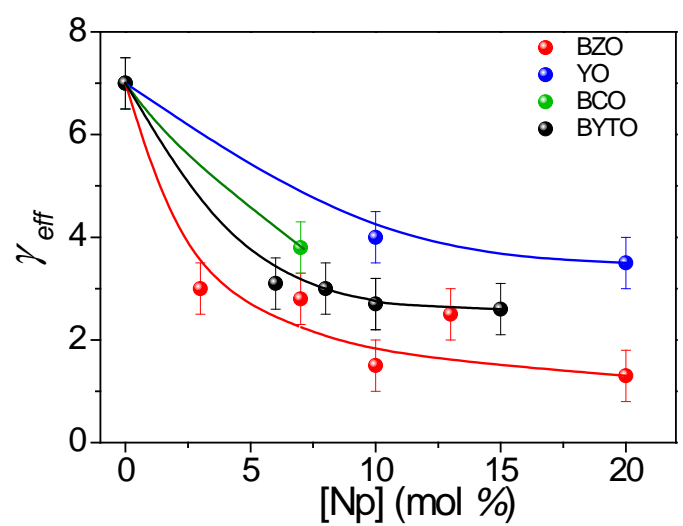
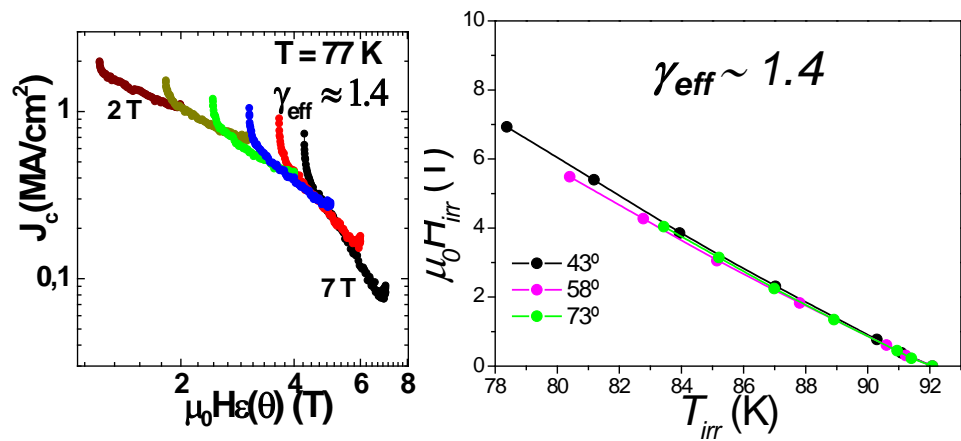
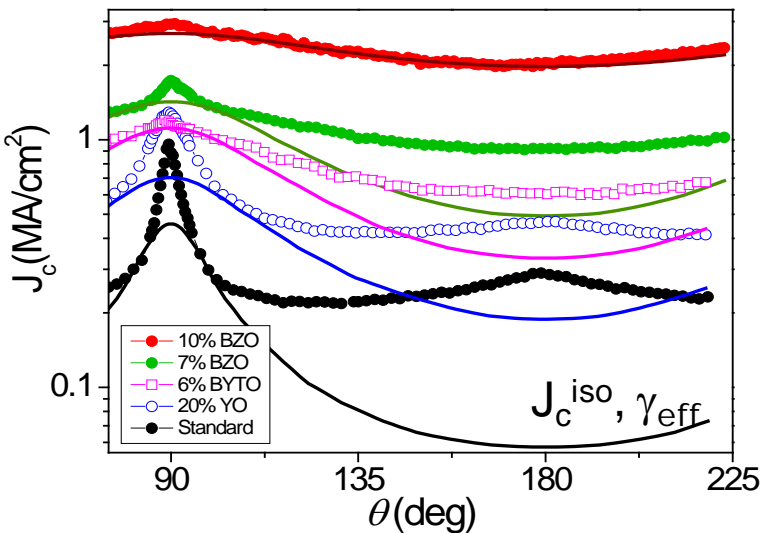
Addition of metal-organic salts for TFA nanocomposites with  $Y_2O_3$ ,  $BaZrO_3$ ,  $Ba_2YTaO_6$ ,  $BaCeO_3$  nanoparticles

*Nanostrain is the key issue for the performances achieved*

- *Local lattice strains generated by CuO intergrowth*
- *XRD: nanostrain determination*

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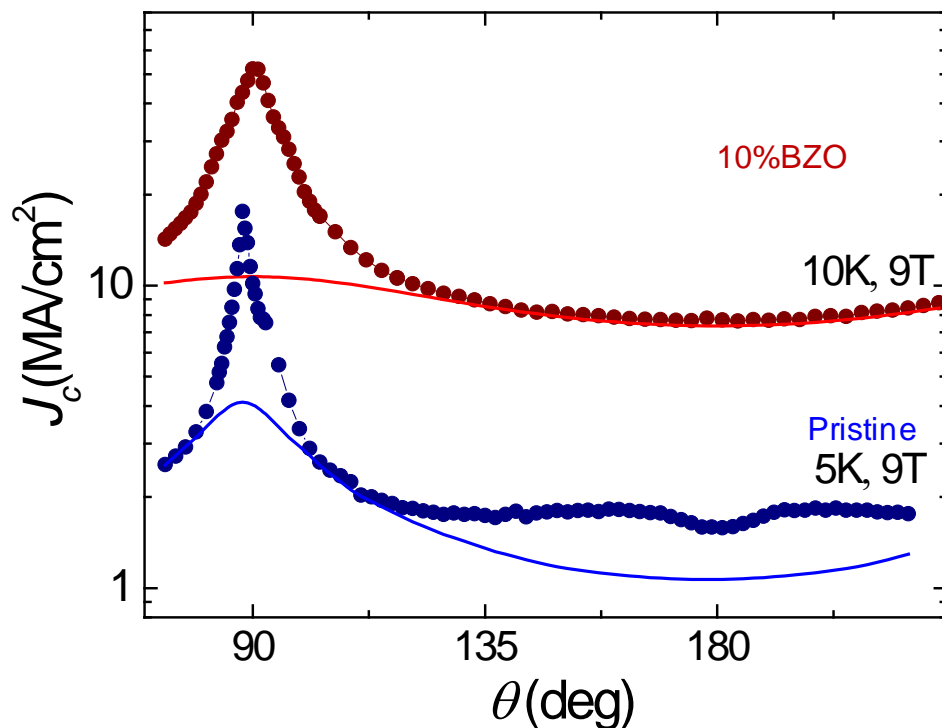


Nanostrain and nanostrain-anisotropy correlate with  $\gamma_{\text{eff}}$

# YBCO CSD nanocomposites

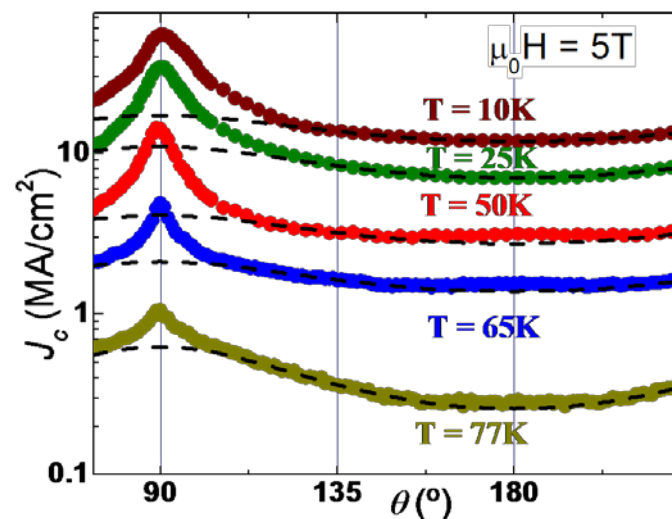
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CSD - YBCO

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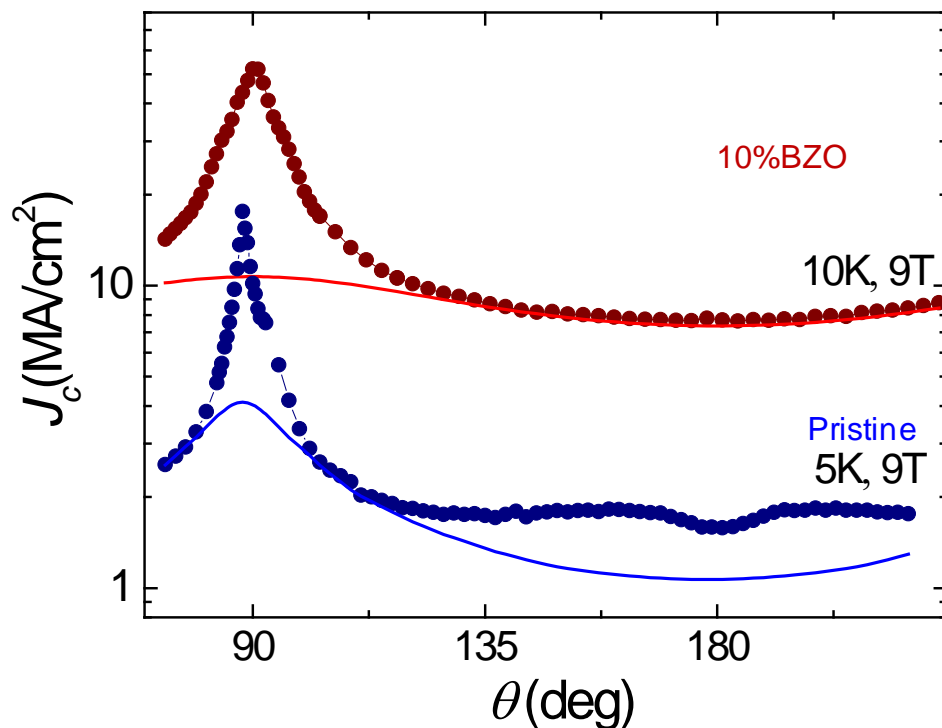


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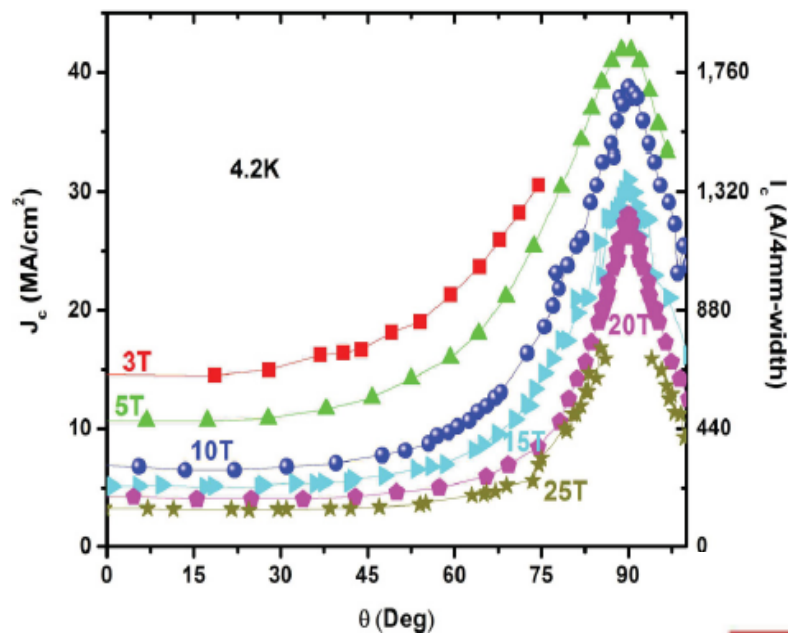
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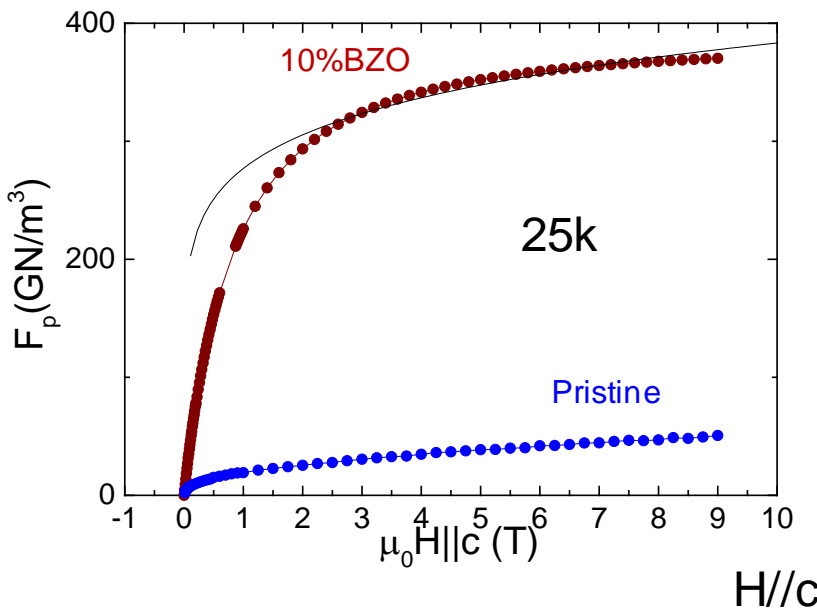
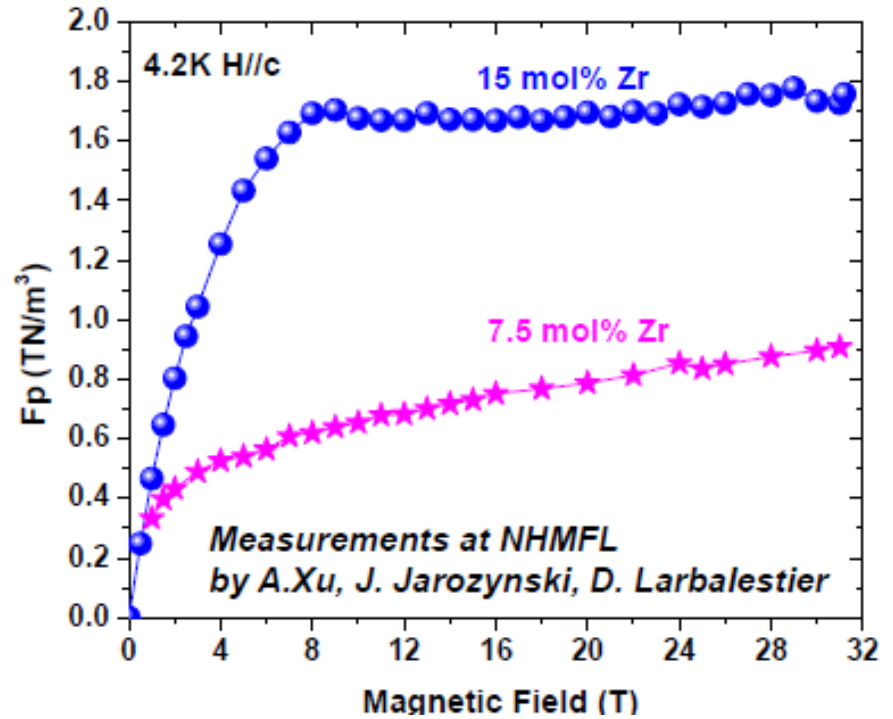
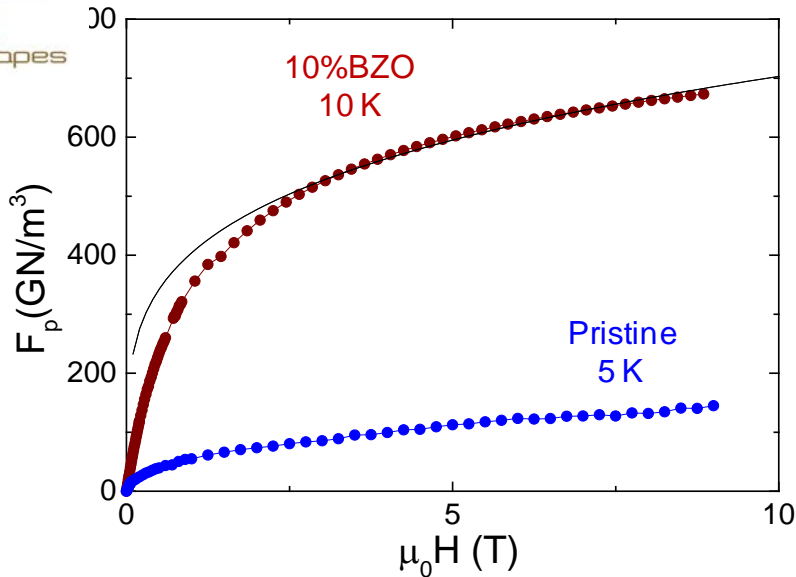
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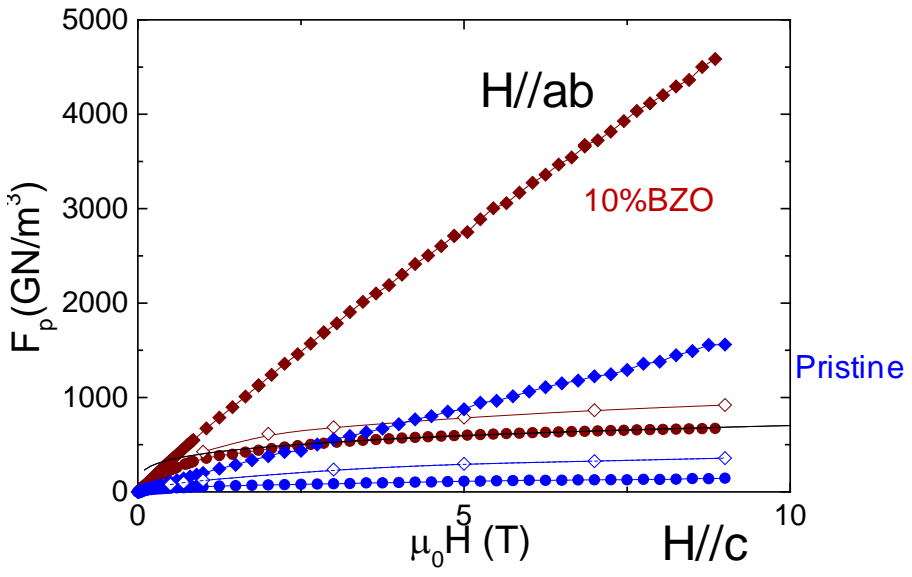
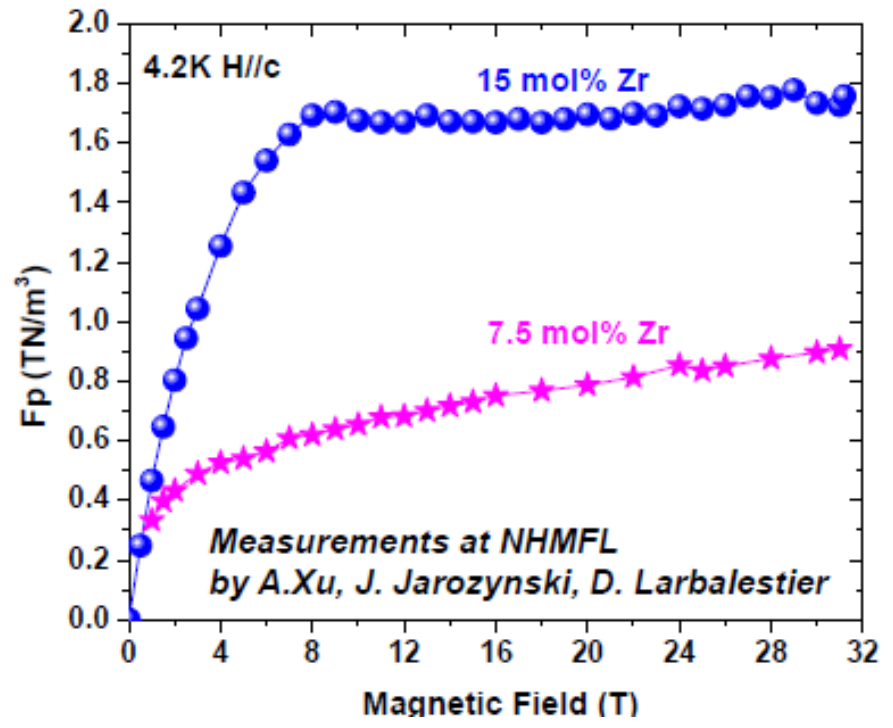
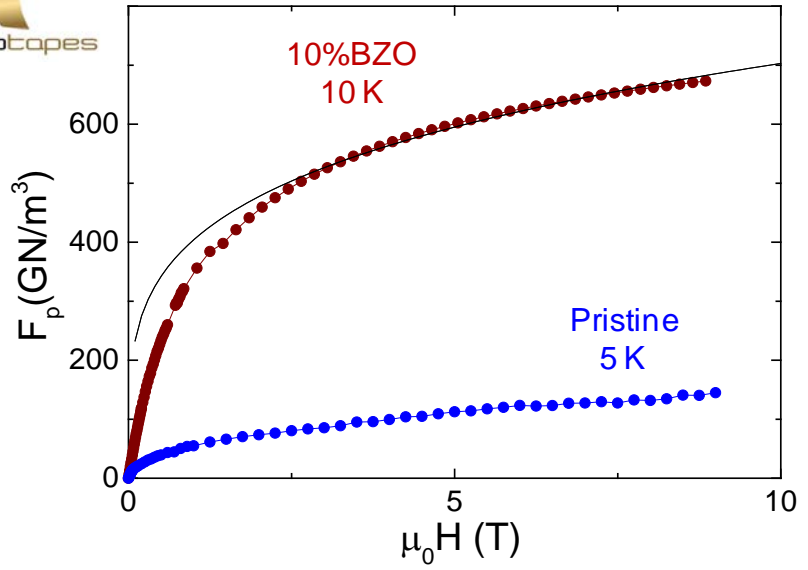


MOCVD CCs from Superpower  
APL Materials (2014)



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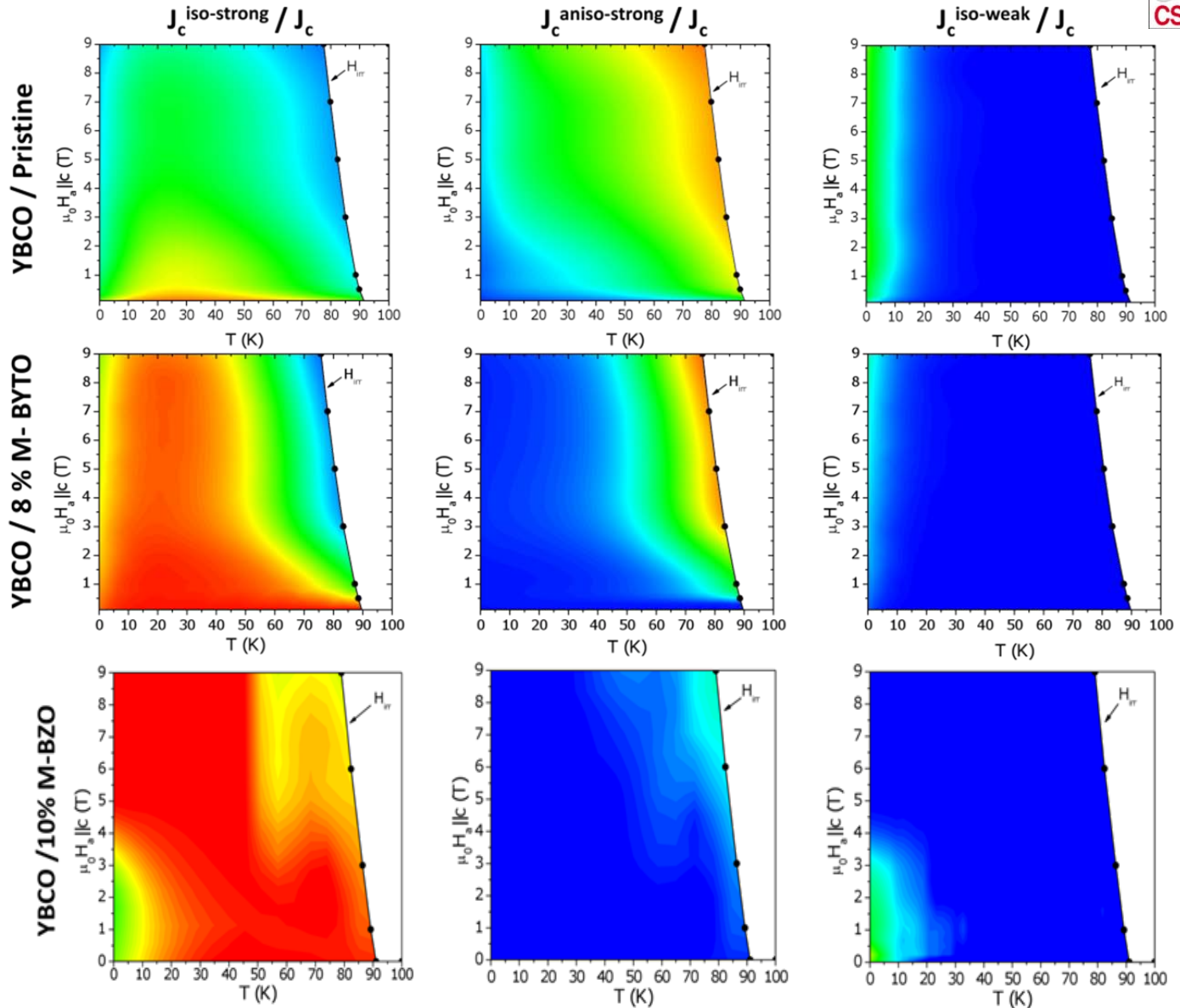
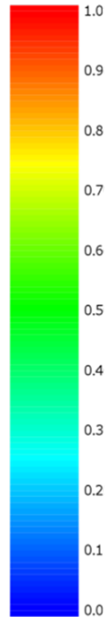
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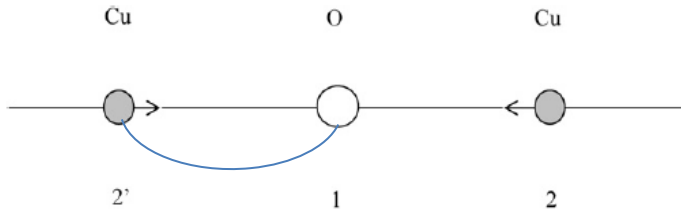
Isotropic strong pinning mechanism is dominating at low and intermediate temperatures at all magnetic fields



# New vortex pinning proposal: Bond contraction pairing model

## Coupling lattice strains with Cooper pair suppression

**BCP :**

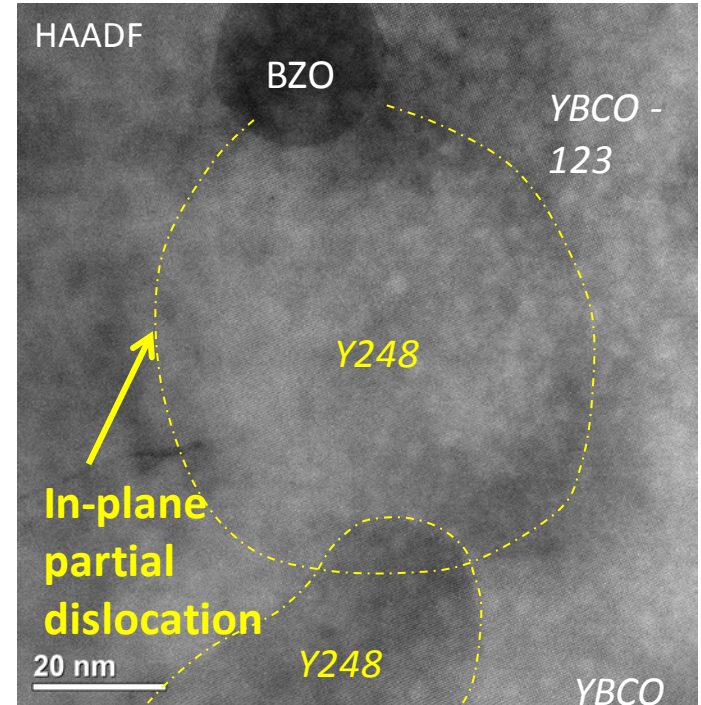
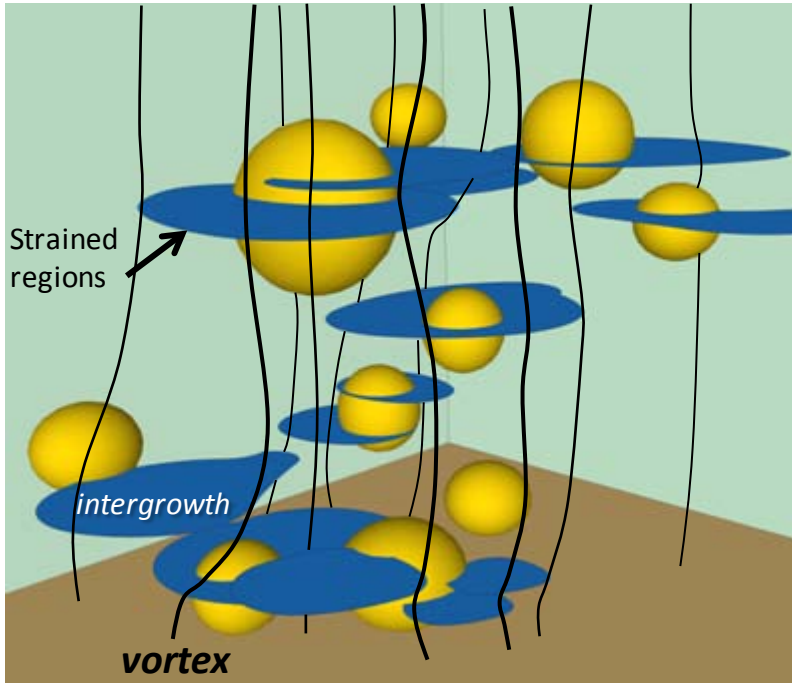


Pair breaking energy:

$$2\Delta = 4 \frac{(t_{CuO})^2}{U} - 8t_0$$

$$t_{CuO} (\propto 1/d_{CuO}^5)$$

- $\Delta$  : pseudogap
- $t_{CuO}$  : transfer integral between Cu  $d$  and O  $p$  orbitals
- $U$  : on-site Coulomb repulsion
- $t_0$  : half bandwidth

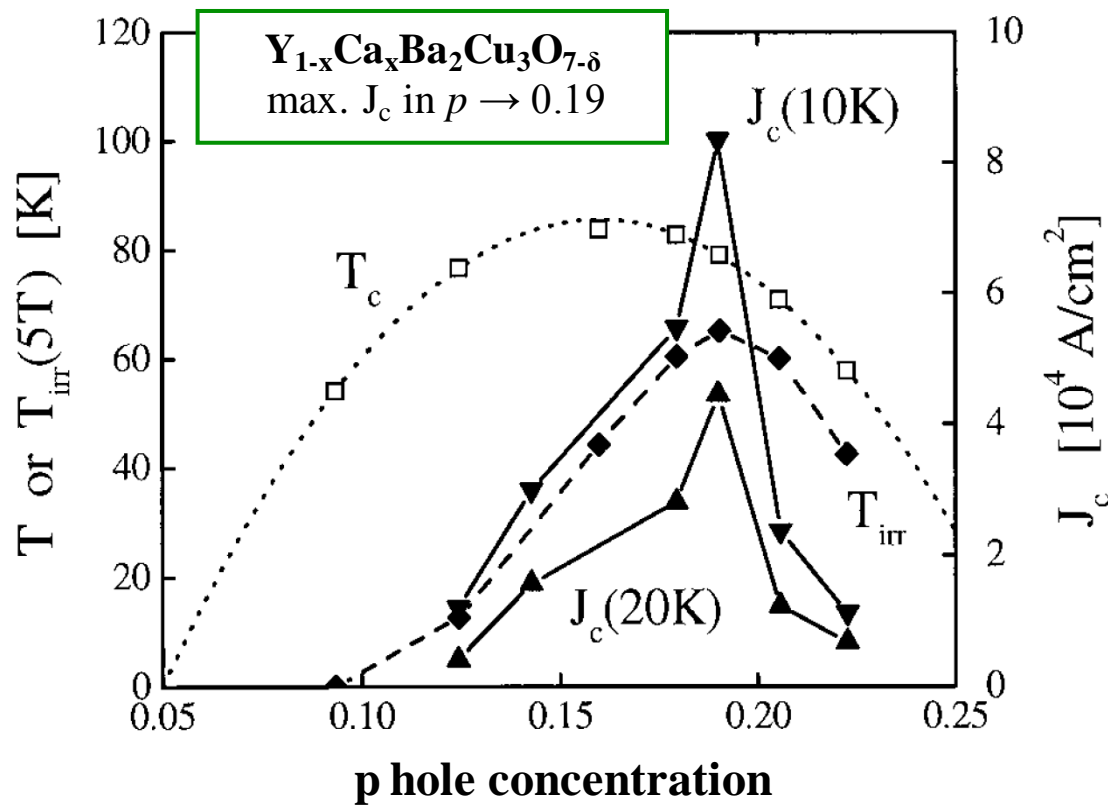


Huge dislocation density  $\sim 1-5 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

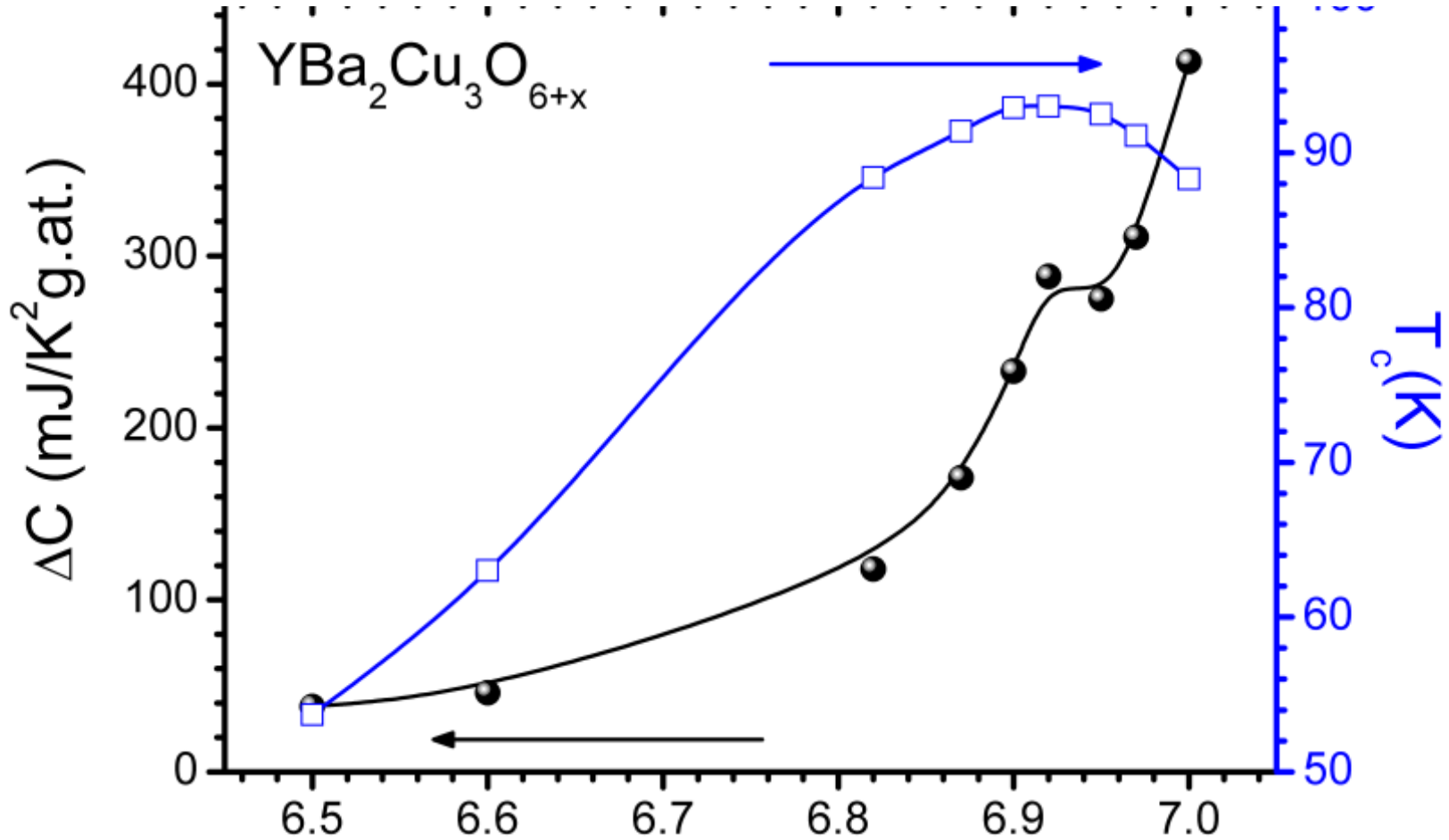
See G. Deutscher

# Optimal hole doping in $\text{CuO}_2$ planes

- Optimal doping (YBCO): max.  $T_c$  ( $7-\delta = 6.95$ )  $\sim 92.5$  K.
- Universal curve  $T_c$  vs  $p$  :  $T_c/T_{c,\text{máx}} = 1 - 82.6 \times (p - 0.16)^2$
- Maximum in  $J_c$  is at maximum in  $U_{\text{CP}} \sim (H_c^2/8\pi) (\pi \xi^2)$  ( $p \sim 0.19$ )



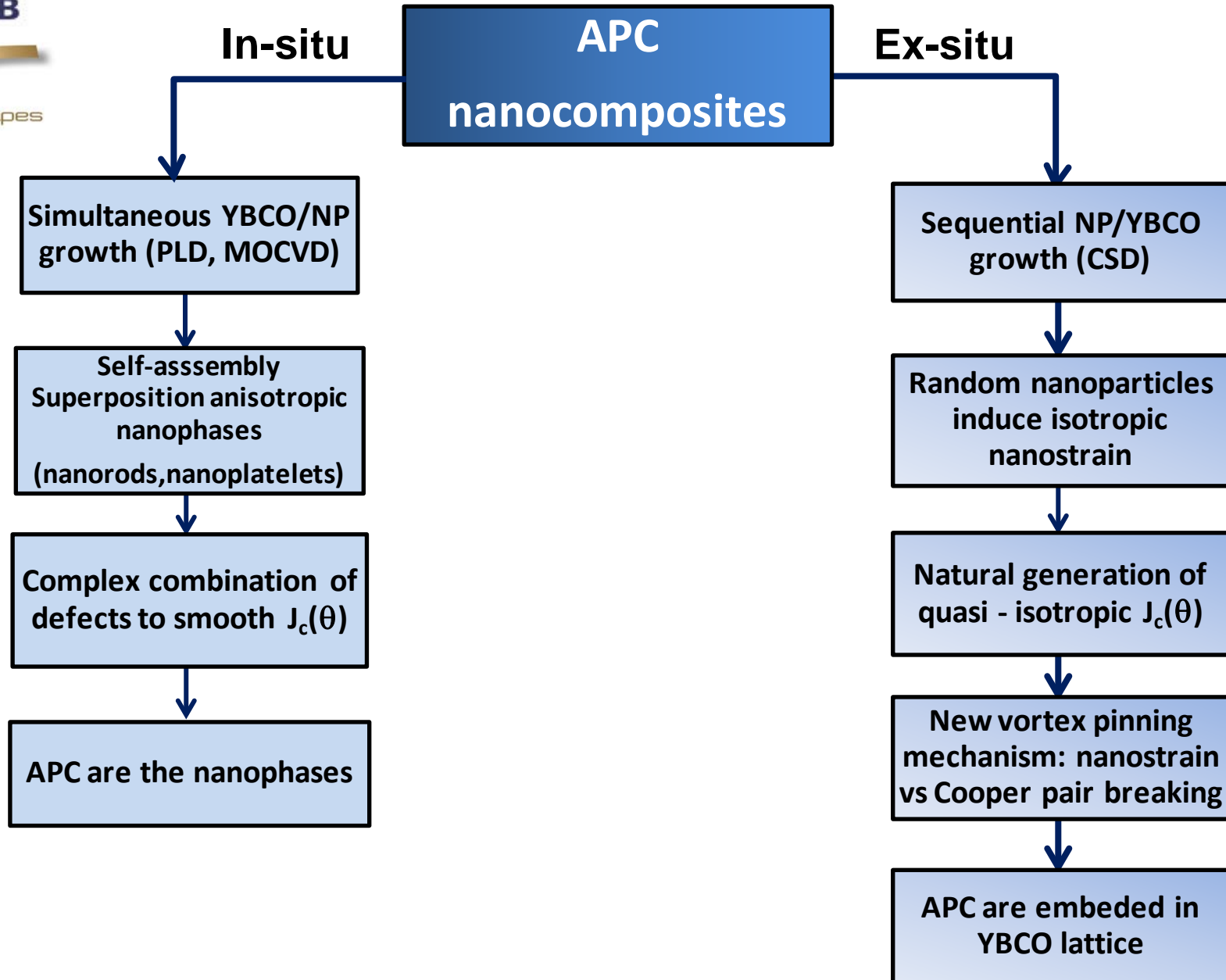
# U is strongly doping dependent



G.Deutscher, *New Superconductors: from granular to High  $T_c$* , World Scientific

**There is room for improvement !**

# Vortex pinning issues in YBCO nanocomposites



Issue Growth	Technique	Np orientation	Order of nps	REBCO matrix effects	Pinning strength and type
In - situ	PLD, EV, MOCVD	Epitaxial	1D self-assembled nanocolumns	Local nstrain	AS IW IS
Ex - situ	CSD RCE - DR	Random + epitaxial	3D random	Long range nstrain	IS AS IW

- Two very different vortex pinning landscapes appear
- Core pinning mechanism requires identification of the relevant defects and its complex interaction
- Anisotropic – strong pinning centers are usually well identified
- Isotropic strong pinning has been correlated to nanostrain in CSD, not yet in other techniques
- The real origin of isotropic weak pinning centers is unknown in all cases
- IW pinning seems to be relevant only in in-situ CCs at very high magnetic fields and low temperatures



- **HTS materials: power and magnet applications**
- **What are the novel opportunities raised by coated conductors?**
  - Physics behind the CCs
- **What are the coated conductors?**
  - Manufacturing approaches to CCs
- **Towards enhanced performances**
  - High currents
  - Vortex pinning
- **Cost and performances prospective**
- **Conclusions**

# How can we realize practical HTS 2G wire? (II)

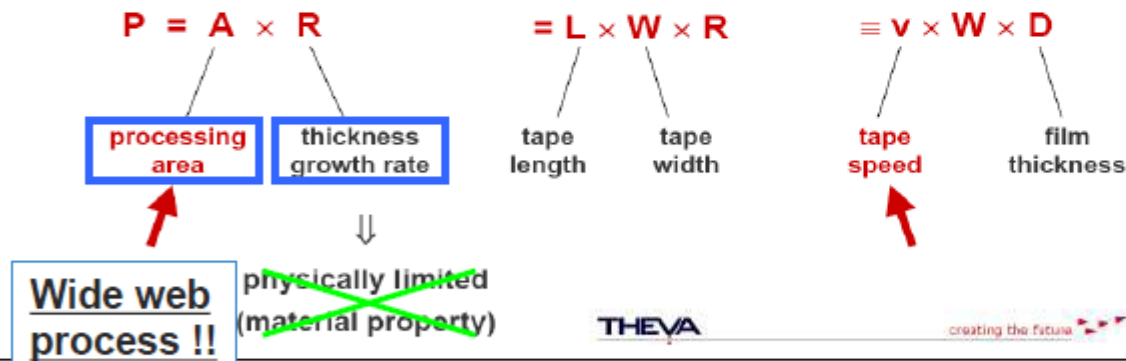
- Throughput : Important for availability & cost!!

## Throughput is the key

Equipment cost share = capital investment / throughput

Throughput = volume production rate

Key to lowering cost



RCE-DR  
(melt growth)

- RCE DR : ~ 100 nm/sec or faster (SuNAM)
- PLD, MOCVD ~ 10 nm/sec, MOD ~ 1 nm/sec

- RCE-DR process : easy to scale-up to wide strip.

# Cost Analysis : what's the limiting factor?

- Assume 500 A/cm-width CC & 4 mm width equivalent wire.
- Assume throughput/single line & 100 % yield.

Through-put (m/hr)	Run time/week (hrs)	Annual Production (km)	Equipment depreciation/yr (M\$)	Labor cost (M\$)	(Depreciation + labor)/length		Methods
					(\$/m)	(\$/kA-m)	
50	60	150	1.5	1.5	20	100	PLD
100	100	500	2	2	8	40	MOD, MOCVD
500	60	1,500	2	2	2.7	13.3	MOD(100 mm)
							RCE-DR
3,000	100	15,000	4	4	0.53	2.7	RCE-120 mm

- Considering yield, minimum cost increases much higher value.
- In large volume case, material cost & yield is much more important.

# Direction of Technology Development in the Future

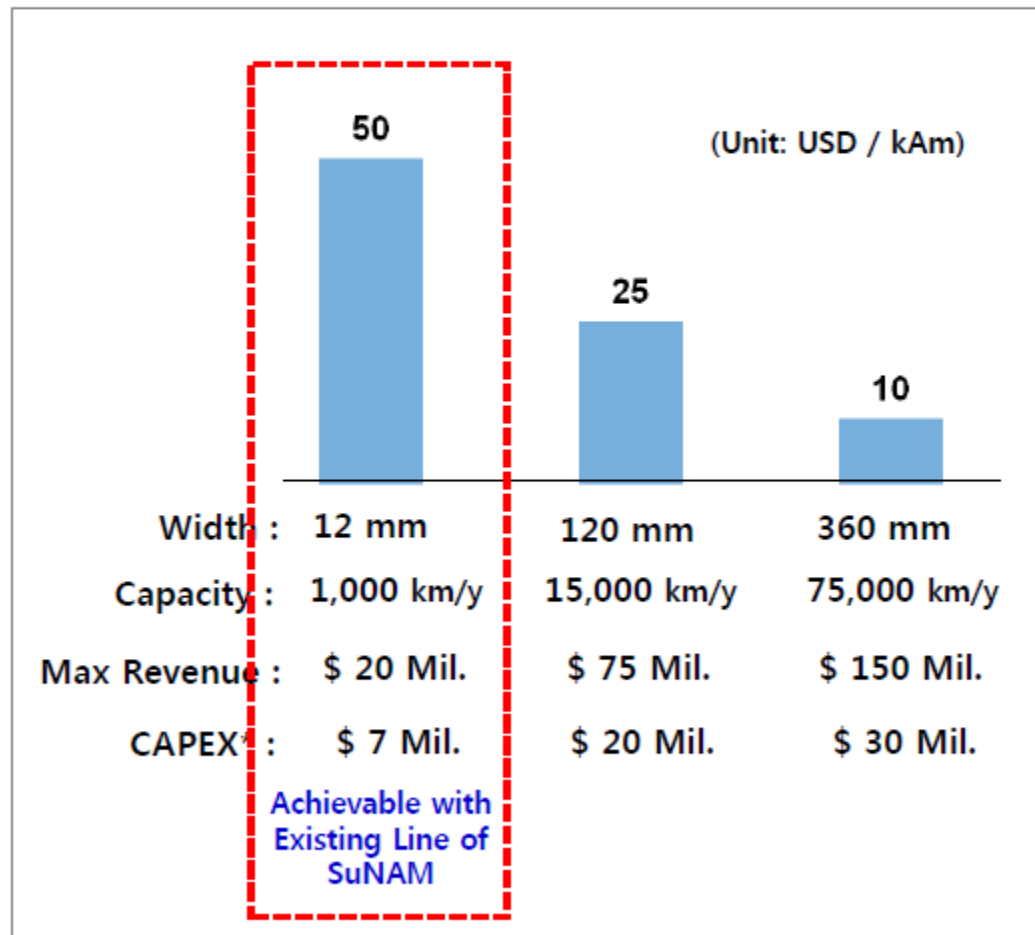
“Increasing Demand for HTS 2G wire has surpassed the supply”

“For market entrance \$ 50 / kAm is the threshold ”

“Price Reduction will ignite an exponential growth of demand for HTS 2G wire”

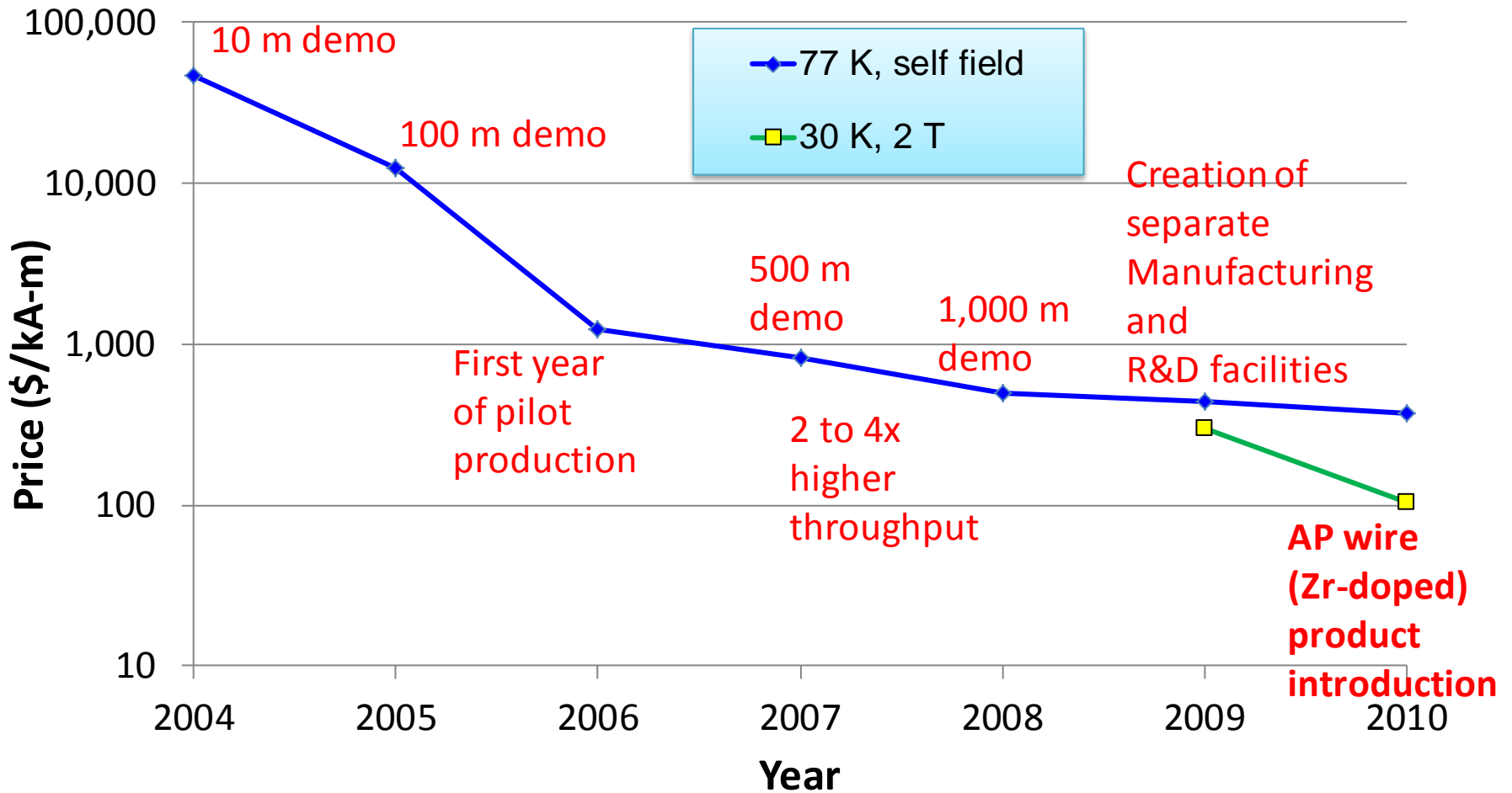
“High throughput, low material cost, High yield is 3 Critical Success Factor”

## Price Reduction



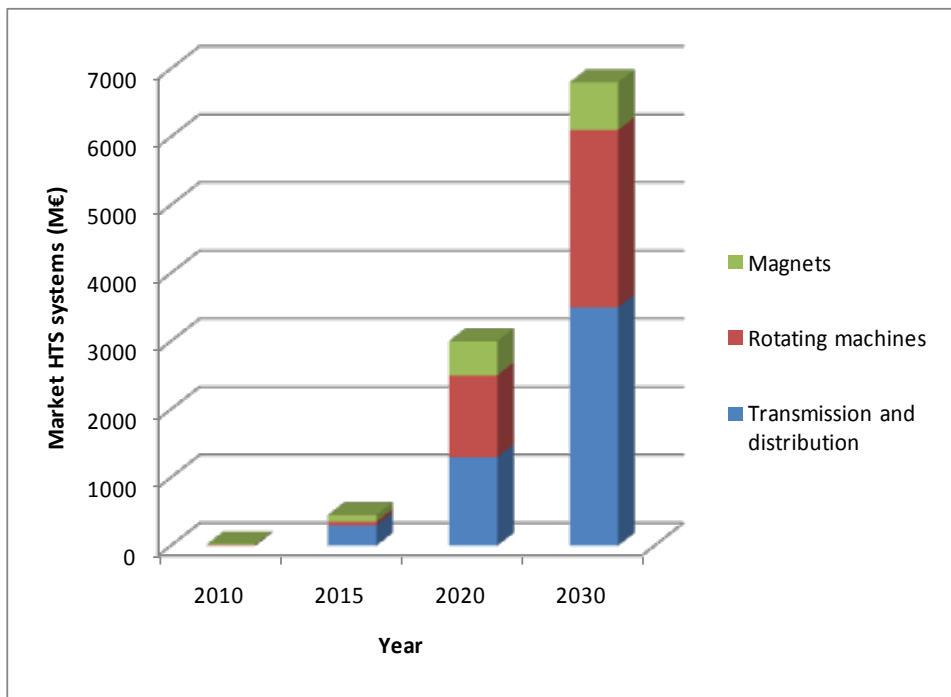
\* Capital Expense : Required Investment in Production Line

# Rapidly decreasing price of 2G HTS wire through technology advancements



Wire price-performance improved by ~ 200% to ~ \$ 100/kA-m for 30 K, 2 T applications

# CC's: expected market growth and cost decrease

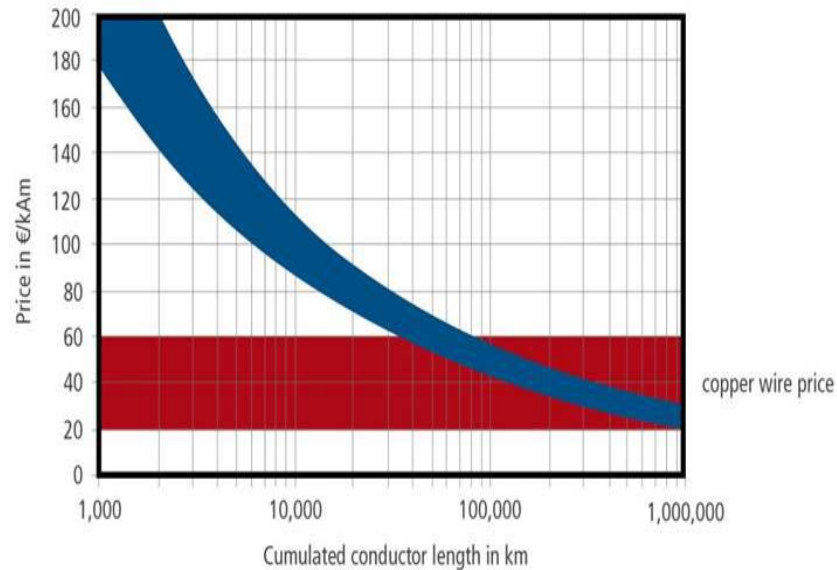


**Estimated world market evolution of SC systems**

~ 6.5 bn € by 2030 (1.3 bn € in wires)

~ 1.500.000 km/year by 2030 (x 1000 present production)

**Throughput and performance are key to reduce cost/kAm: capital investment depreciation and total current**

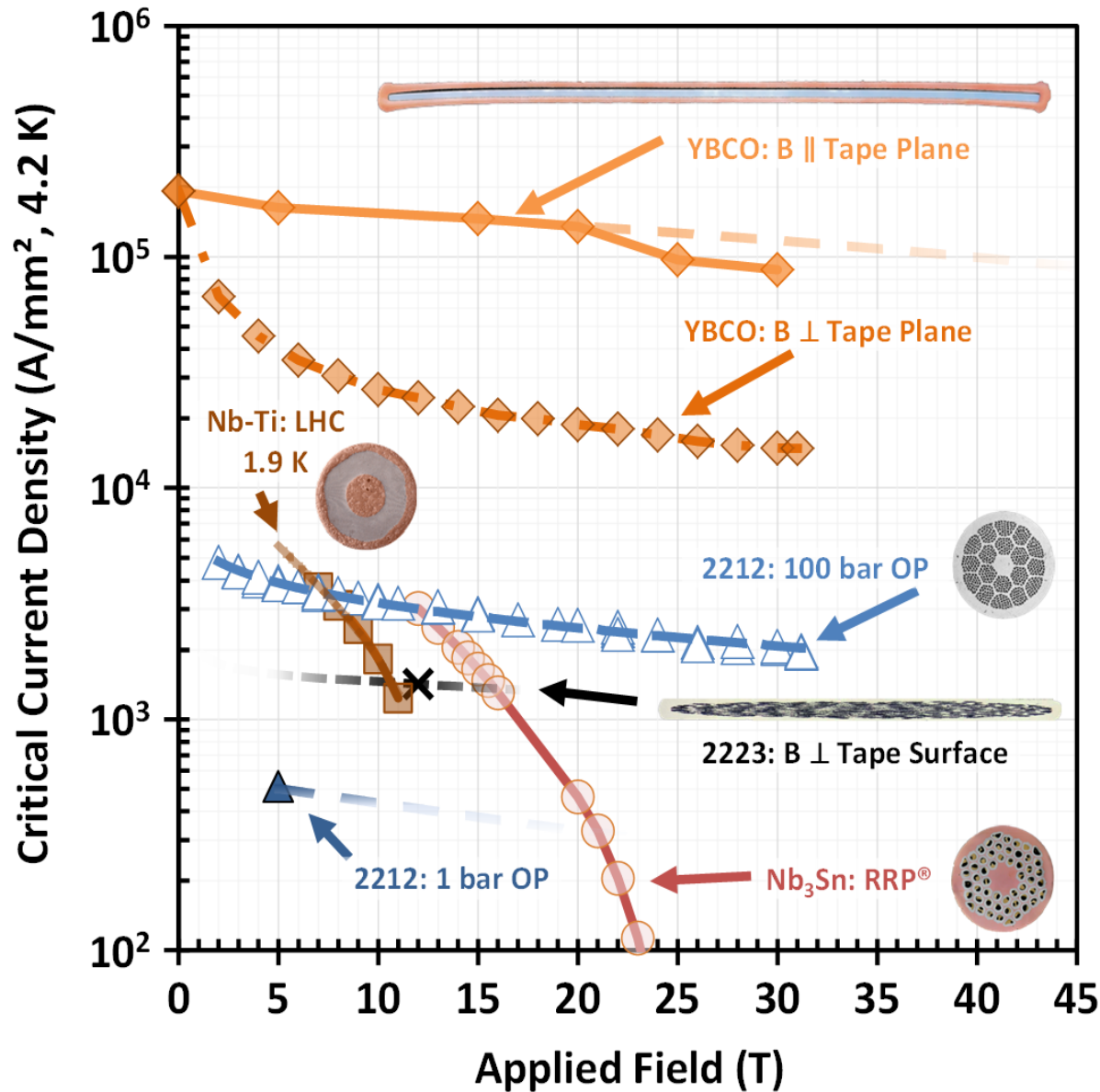


**Estimated cost decrease of CC's with cumulated production: operating condition is the real metric**

# Prospectives for CC production: a personal view !

Technology	Investement cost	Running cost	Throughput	Performances ( $I_c$ , $F_p$ , anisotropy)
PLD	High	High	Medium	~ + -
MOCVD	Medium	High	Medium	~ + -
CSD-TFA	Low	Low	Medium	- + +
RCE-DR	Medium	Medium	High	+ - -
EV	Medium	Low	Medium	+ - -
CSD – Liquid Assisted	Low	Low	High	+ + +

# Conductors at low temperatures



4.2 K

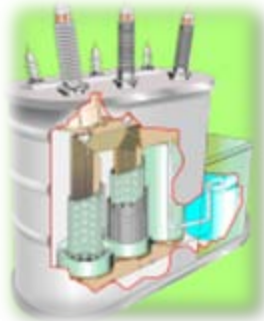
- Several HTS conductors are suitable for ultrahigh field magnets
- Detailed studies of the engineering magnet characteristics and how they fit into the envisaged accelerator requirements will be necessary



# Road for Superconducting World by CC



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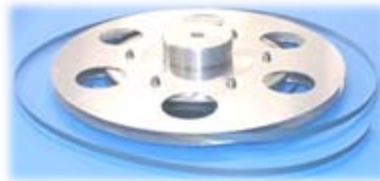
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**Applicable**



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**Lower cost and higher performance of conductors is key for propagation!**

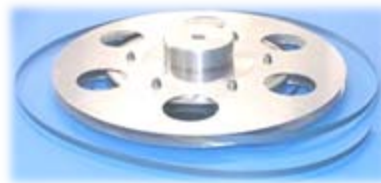
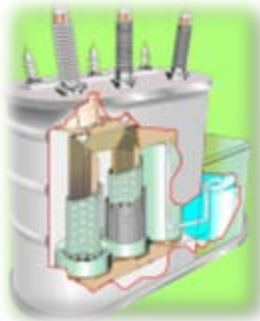


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- Carefully consider the potential of CCs to go well beyond any other superconducting materials ! Use at best the CCs capabilities !
  - HTS magnets at 30 T may become soon a reality (no physics limitations)
- Performance of CCs in the range 5 K – 20 K are very similar up to ultra-high magnetic fields. Closely scrutinize the possible advantages in terms of thermal stability and cooling expenditure
- Performance optimization at low temperatures and ultra-high fields requires further R&D effort. High T applications were a priority up to now. There is plenty of room for improvement, more knowledge needs to be generated
- Don't look at the present cost/performance ratio as a crucial parameter to envisage HFM design and projects decisions
  - A strong and fast decrease of the figure of merit  $\text{€}/\text{kA m}$  is being registered at all working conditions. Many industrial partners have plans to extend manufacturing capabilities and cost decrease
- Synergetic effects are expected between accelerators and other market demands

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