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# ***Conductor progress in EuCARD-2***

***Overview of electrical, mechanical and  
thermo-physical properties of REBCO CCs***

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# ***Outline***

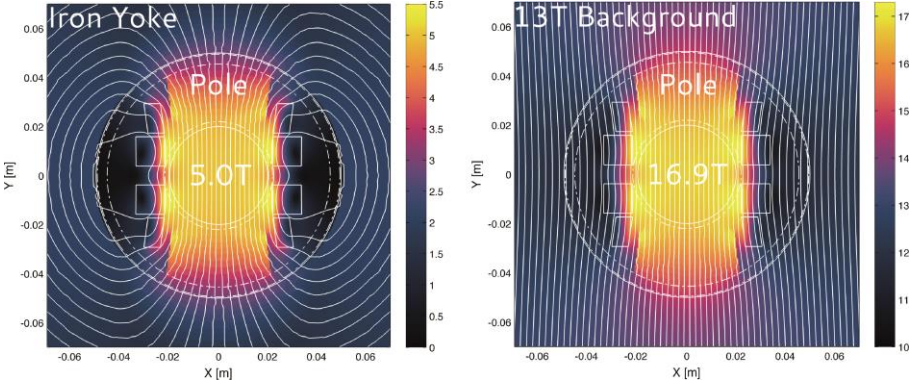
- *From the magnet to the cable design*
- *Overview of the industrial REBCO CCs*
- *$I_c(B, T, \theta)$  surface, scaling law for the temperature and field dependences*
- *Critical current under mechanical loads on tapes and cables*
- *Thermo-physical properties: thermal conductivity and normal zone propagation velocity*

# Scope of WP10.2 in

- **WP10 goal** is the development of an accelerator-quality **dipole demonstrator magnet based on HTS (40 mm/5 T in a 15 T background)**
- **Objectives of the task WP10.2**
  - **Improve the performance of the 2 candidate HTS materials (REBCO and Bi2212)**
  - **Characterize electrical and mechanical properties of the basic materials (wires and tapes) and cables**
  - **Select concepts & produce 10kA-20T HTS cable for coil winding**

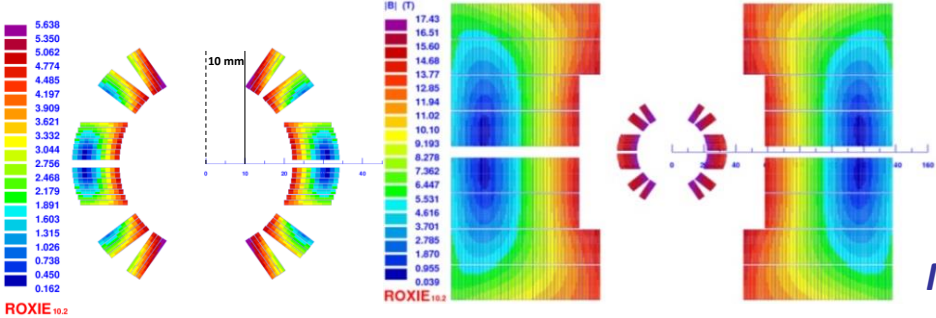
# REBCO-based dipole magnet: 2 designs

- Aligned block design



G. Kirby & J. Van Nugteren

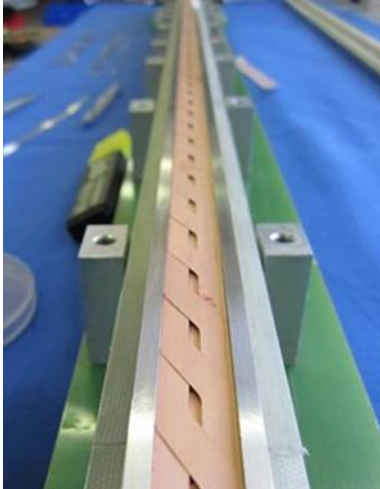
- Cosine-theta design



M. Durante & C. Lorin

**Both designs rely on a 12-mm wide Roebel cable**

# REBCO Roebel cable baseline

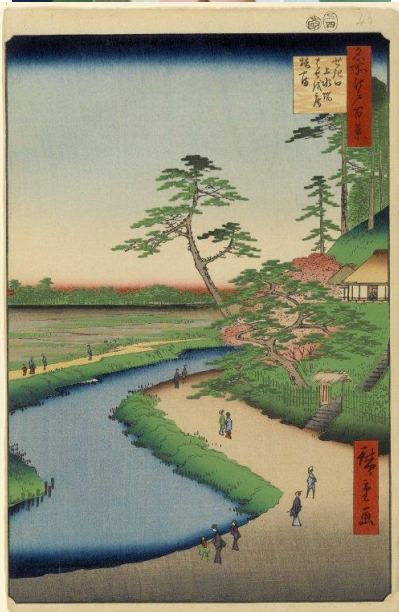
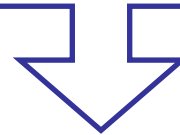


design current : 5 to 10 kA @ 20 T, 4.2 K

cable width : 12 mm

# of tapes : 15

transposition length : 226 mm



**Minimum requirements for the REBCO tape**

$I_c(4.2 \text{ K}, 15 \text{ T}, \perp) = 810 \text{ A}$  for 12 mm-width

$J_{eng}(4.2 \text{ K}, 15 \text{ T}, \perp) = 450 \text{ A/mm}^2$

# Overview of the industrial CCs

**MOD**  
**Dip-coating**







**PLD**

**PLD**

**RCE**  
**Co-evaporation**

**PLD**

**MOCVD**  
**Chemical vapor**

|                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| <b>RABiTS</b>                | X   |   |  |   |   |   |
| <b>IBAD</b>                  |   | X   | X  | X   | X   | X   |
| <b>physical deposition</b>   |   | X   | X  | X   | X   |   |
| <b>chemical deposition</b>   | X   |   |  |   |   | X   |
| <b>in situ process</b>       |   | X   | X  |   | X   | X   |
| <b>ex situ process</b>       | X   |   |  | X   |   |   |
| <b>substrate</b>             | NiW<br>75 $\mu$ m   | SS<br>100 $\mu$ m   | Hastelloy<br>75 $\mu$ m  | Hastelloy<br>60 $\mu$ m   | Hastelloy<br>60 $\mu$ m   | Hastelloy<br>50 $\mu$ m   |
| <b>thermal stabilization</b> | Laminated<br>(2 sides)  | Electroplated   | Laminated<br>(1 side)  | Electroplated   | Electroplated   | Electroplated   |

# Tapes from Bruker HTS

|   | <b>T002</b>                   | <b>T150</b>       | <b>T191</b>       | <b>T190</b>       |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Width</b>  | 4.05 mm                       |                   | 4.2 mm            |                   |
| <b>Thickness</b>  | 150 $\mu\text{m}$             |                   | 200 $\mu\text{m}$ | 195 $\mu\text{m}$ |
| <b>Substrate material</b>                               | Stainless steel               |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Substrate thickness</b>                              | 97 $\mu\text{m}$              |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Buffer layer</b>                                     | ABAD-YSZ + PLD $\text{CeO}_2$ |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>REBCO thickness</b>                                  | 3.8 $\mu\text{m}$             | 0.9 $\mu\text{m}$ | 2.0 $\mu\text{m}$ |                   |
| <b>Ag thickness</b>                                     | 1.0 $\mu\text{m}$             |                   | 1.8 $\mu\text{m}$ |                   |
| <b>Cu thickness</b>                                     | 50 $\mu\text{m}$              |                   | 100 $\mu\text{m}$ | 90 $\mu\text{m}$  |
| <b><math>I_c(77\text{K}, s.f.)</math></b>               | 109 A                         | 25 A              | 54 A              | 47 A              |
| <b><math>I_c(4.2\text{K}, 19\text{T}, \perp)</math></b> | 216 A                         | 148 A             | 436 A             | 480 A             |

**Thick REBCO  
w/o APC**

**Thin REBCO  
with APC**

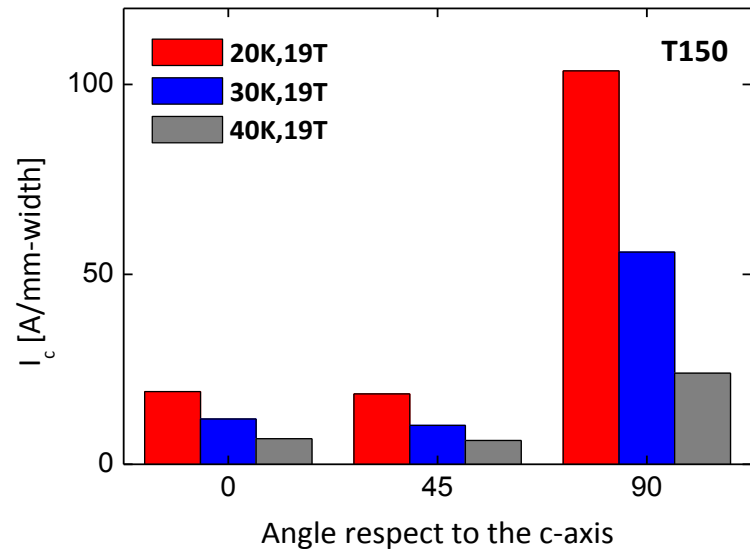
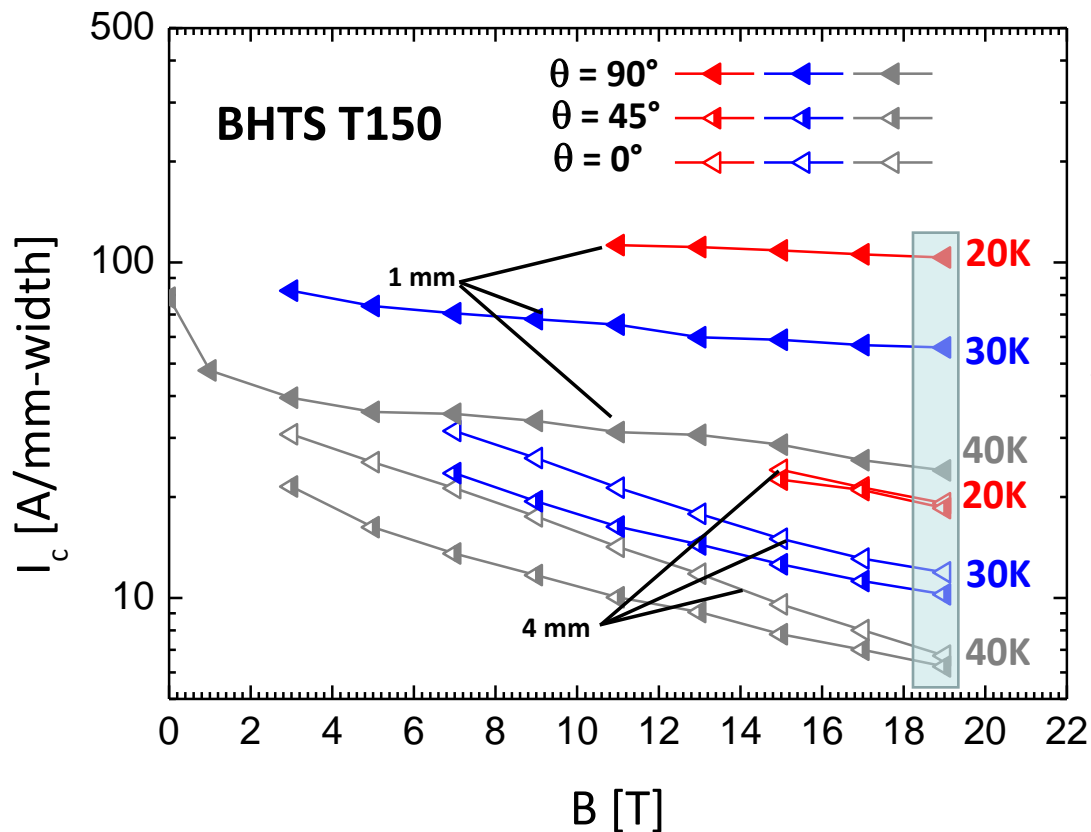
**APC + crystal defects**



# B-HTS Tape T150 : an illustrative measurement

$I_c(77K, s.f.) = 25 \text{ A} - \text{width} = 4 \text{ mm}$

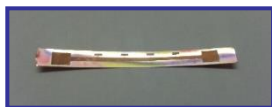
RE123 thickness =  $0.9 \mu\text{m}$



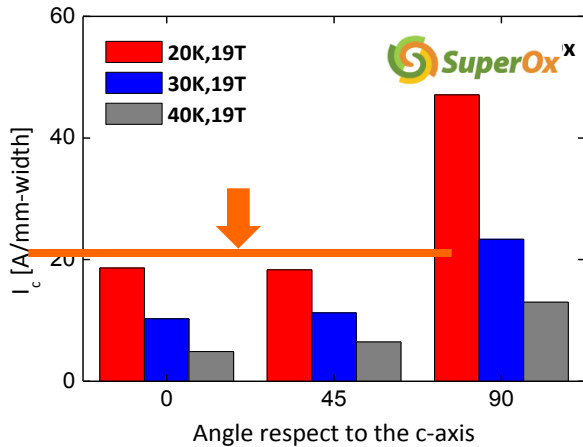
$I_c(4.2K, 19T) = 155 \text{ A/mm-width } B//ab$

$I_c(4.2K, 19T) = 37 \text{ A/mm-width } B//c$

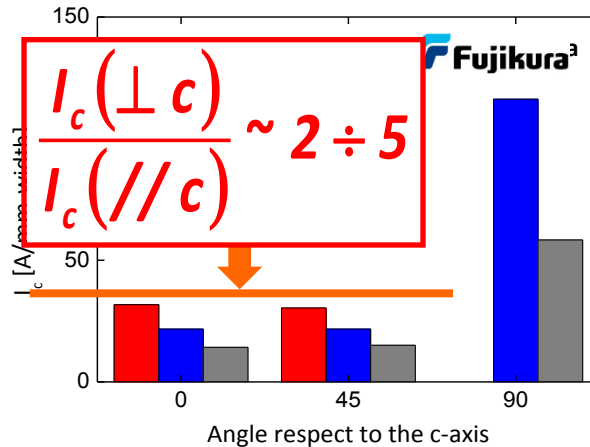
For  $\theta = 90^\circ$  ( $B//ab$ ), samples with reduced width (1 mm) were prepared either by **chemical etching** or by **spark erosion**



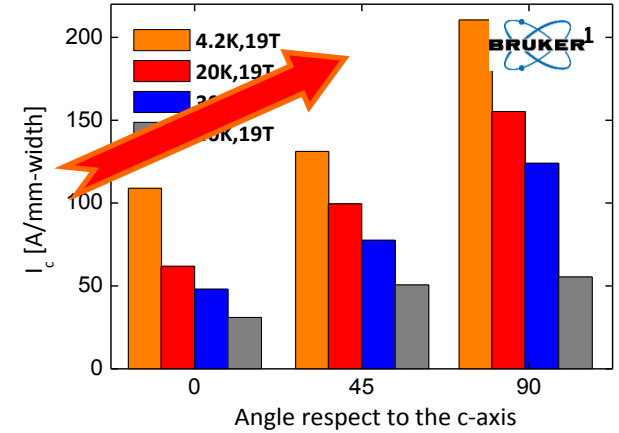
# Angular dependence of $I_c$ at high fields



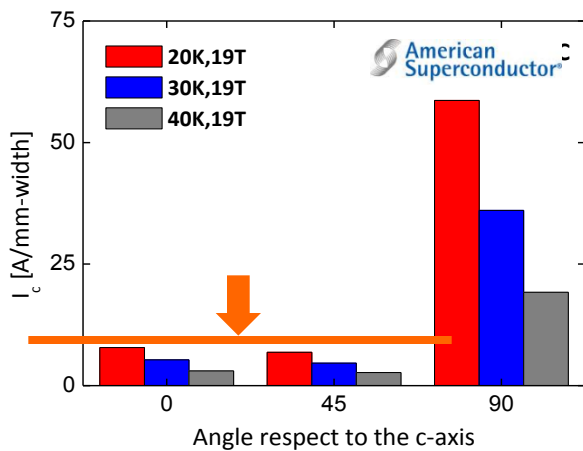
$I_c(4.2K, 19T) = 42 \text{ A/mm-width } B//c$



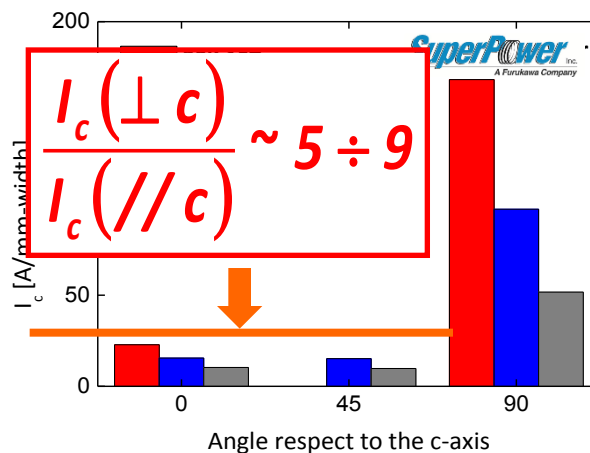
$I_c(4.2K, 19T) = 50 \text{ A/mm-width } B//c$



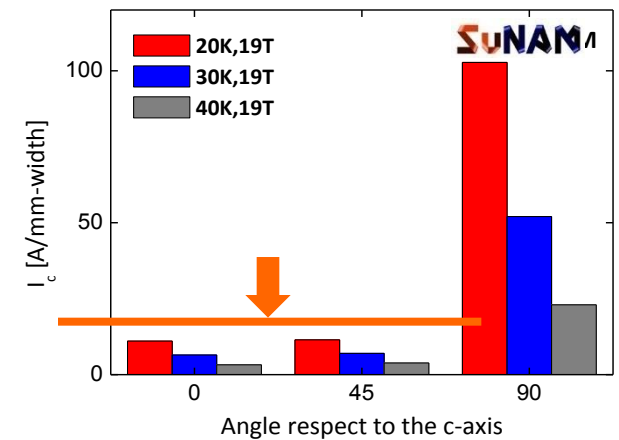
$I_c(4.2K, 19T) = 109 \text{ A/mm-width } B//c$



$I_c(4.2K, 19T) = 16 \text{ A/mm-width } B//c$

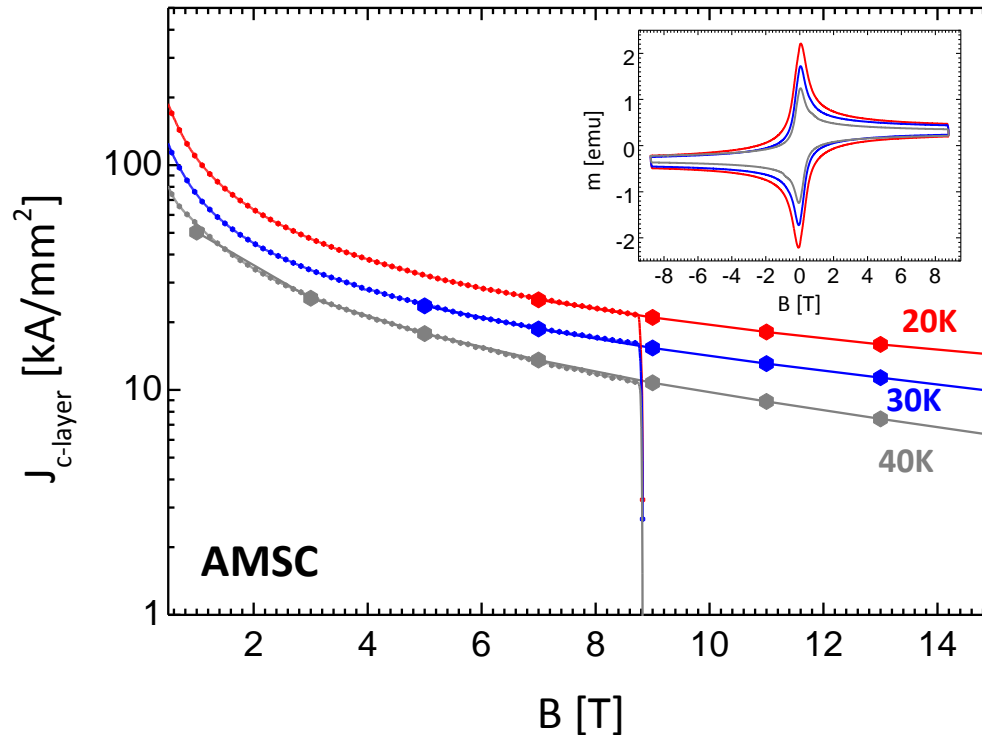


$I_c(4.2K, 19T) = 35 \text{ A/mm-width } B//c$



$I_c(4.2K, 19T) = 24 \text{ A/mm-width } B//c$

# Working on a general scaling law for $J_c(B, T, \theta)$

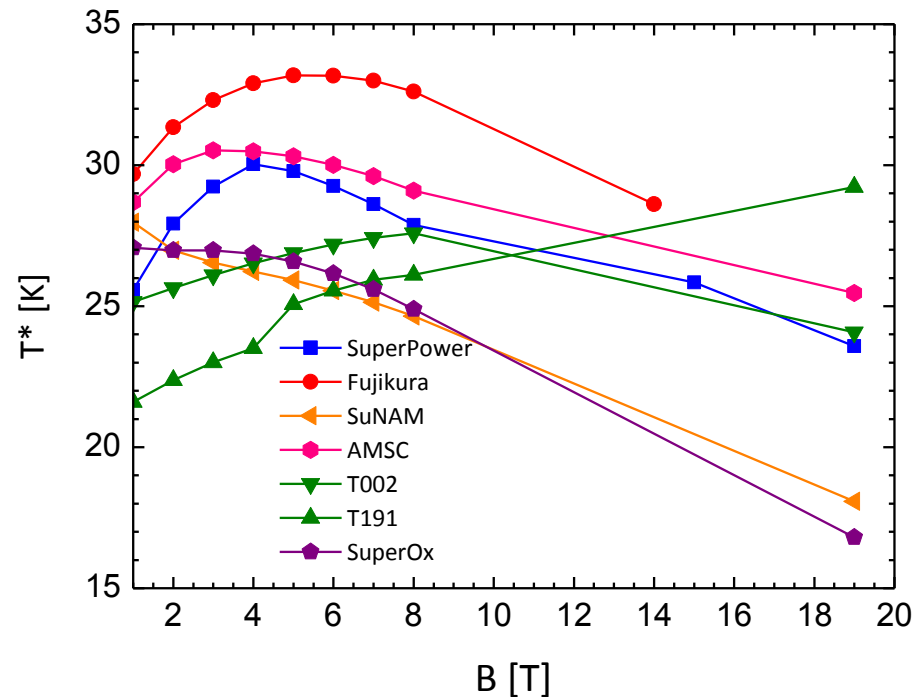
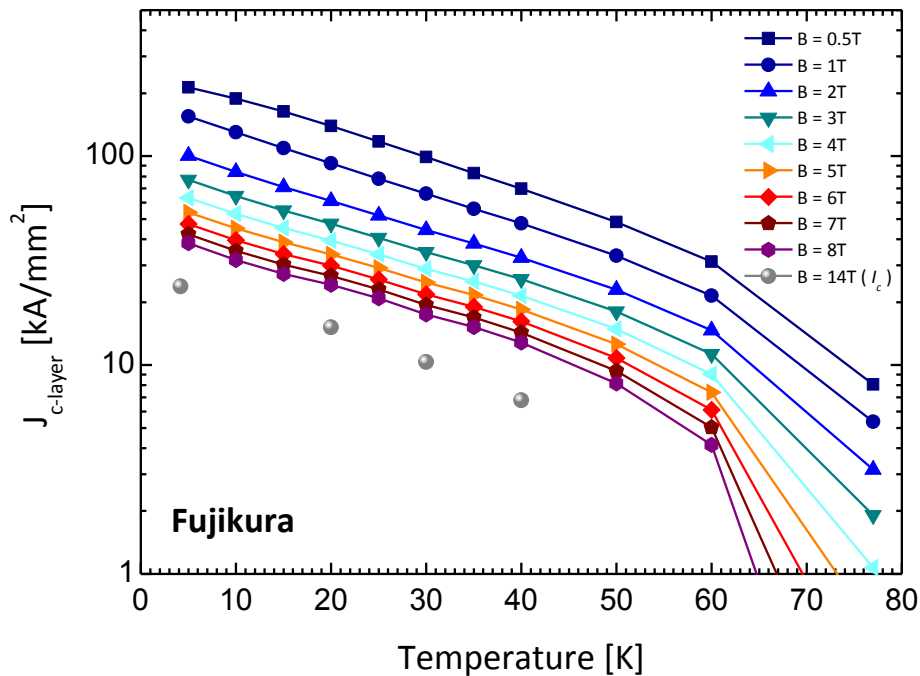


*Only a limited portion of the critical surface is practically accessible from transport measurements*

*Magnetization measurements are the tool to explore a larger region of the critical surface*

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 5\text{K} < T < 77\text{K} \\ -9\text{T} < B_{\perp} < 9\text{T} \end{array} \right\}$$

# Temperature dependence of $J_c$ from magnetization

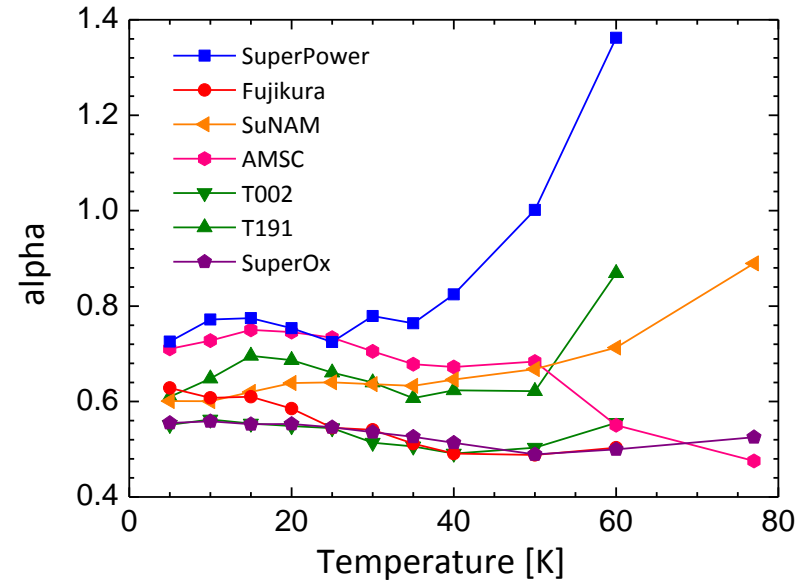
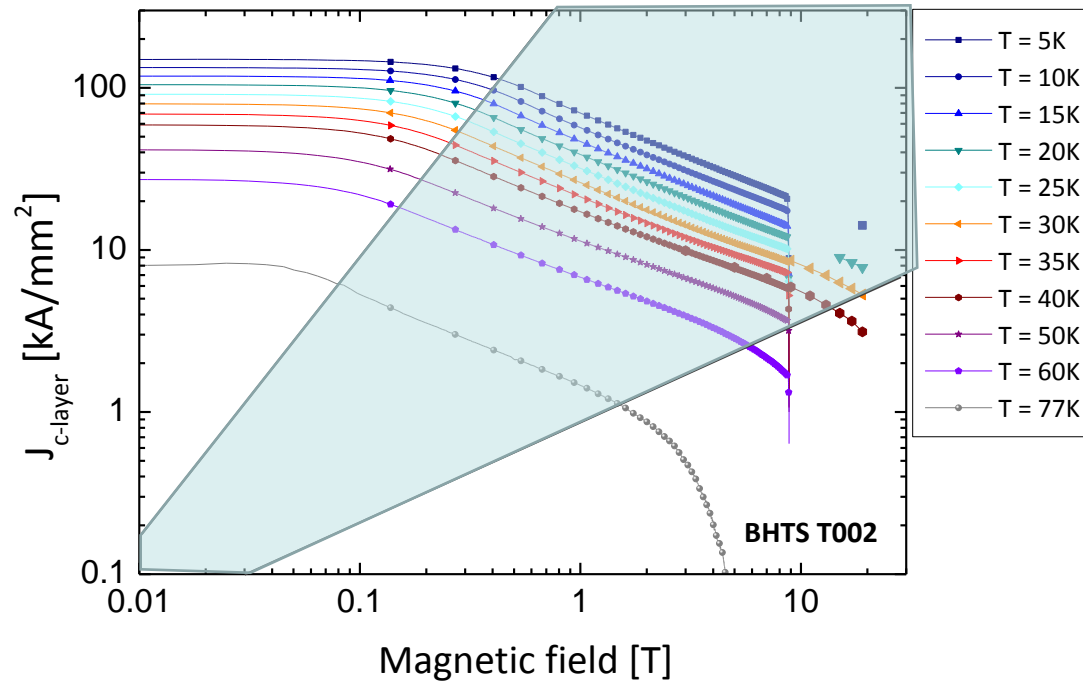


Temperature scaling law  $J_c(B, T) = J_c(B, T = 0) e^{-\frac{T}{T^*}} \Rightarrow \frac{J_c(B, T_1)}{J_c(B, T_2)} = e^{-\frac{T_1 - T_2}{T^*}}$

$T^*$  ranges between 15 K and 35 K – it depends on field

$$\theta = 0^\circ - B//c$$

# Field dependence of $J_c$ from magnetization

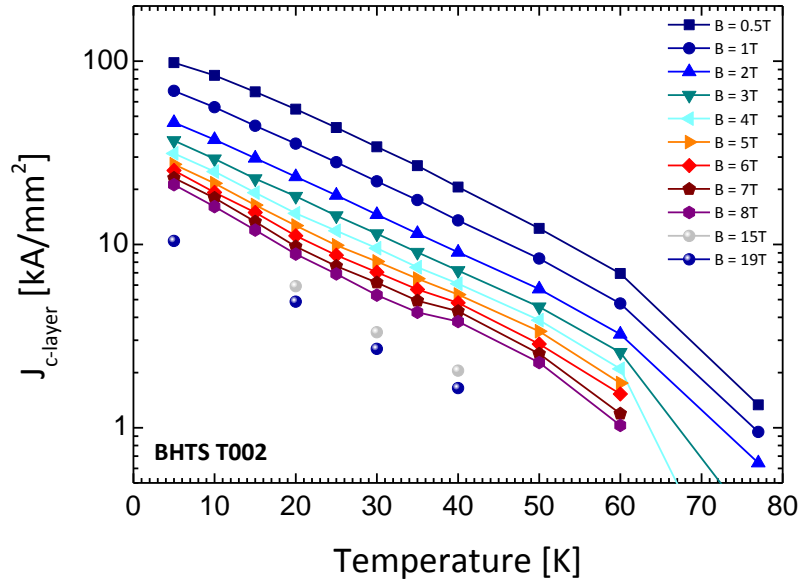


Field scaling law  $J_c(B, T) = J_c(B = 0, T) B^{-\alpha} \Rightarrow \frac{J_c(B_1, T)}{J_c(B_2, T)} = \left( \frac{B_1}{B_2} \right)^{-\alpha}$

$\alpha$  ranges between 0.5 and 0.8 – almost constant below 40 K

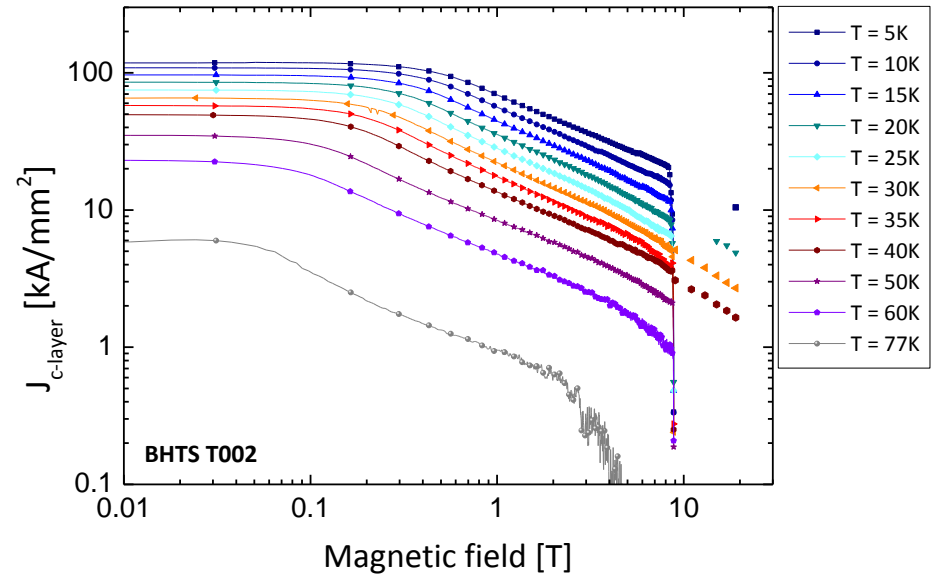
$$\theta = 0^\circ - B//c$$

# Temperature and field dependence of $J_c$ , varying $\theta$



*Temperature scaling law*

$$J_c(B, T) = J_c(B, T = 0) e^{-\frac{T}{T^*}}$$



*Field scaling law*

$$J_c(B, T) = J_c(B = 0, T) B^{-\alpha}$$

$$\theta = 45^\circ$$

# ***Semi-empirical scaling law for $J_c(B,T)$***

***For temperatures below 40K, critical surface  $J_c(B,T)$  in the form***

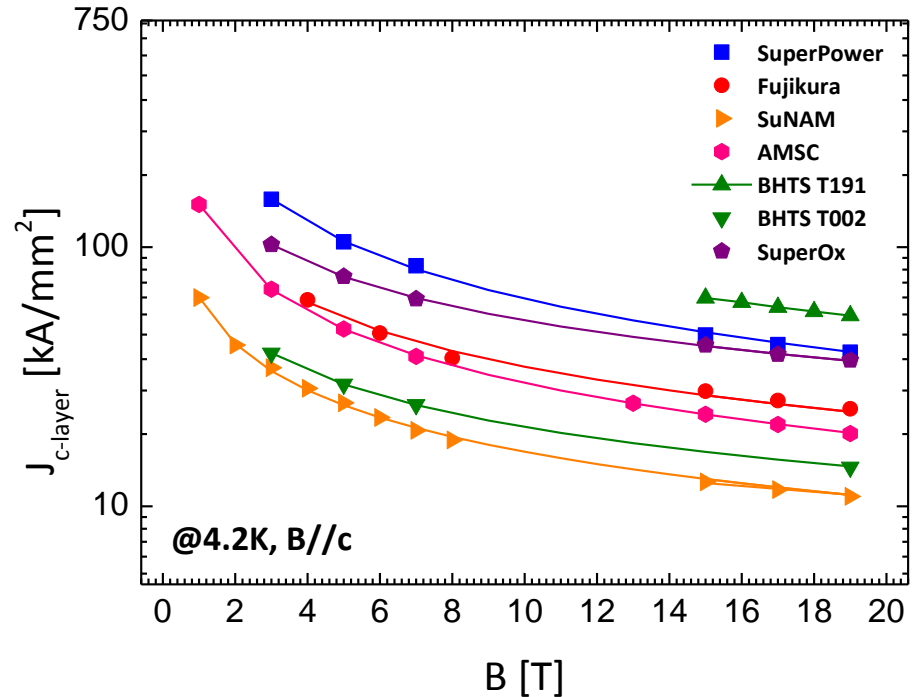
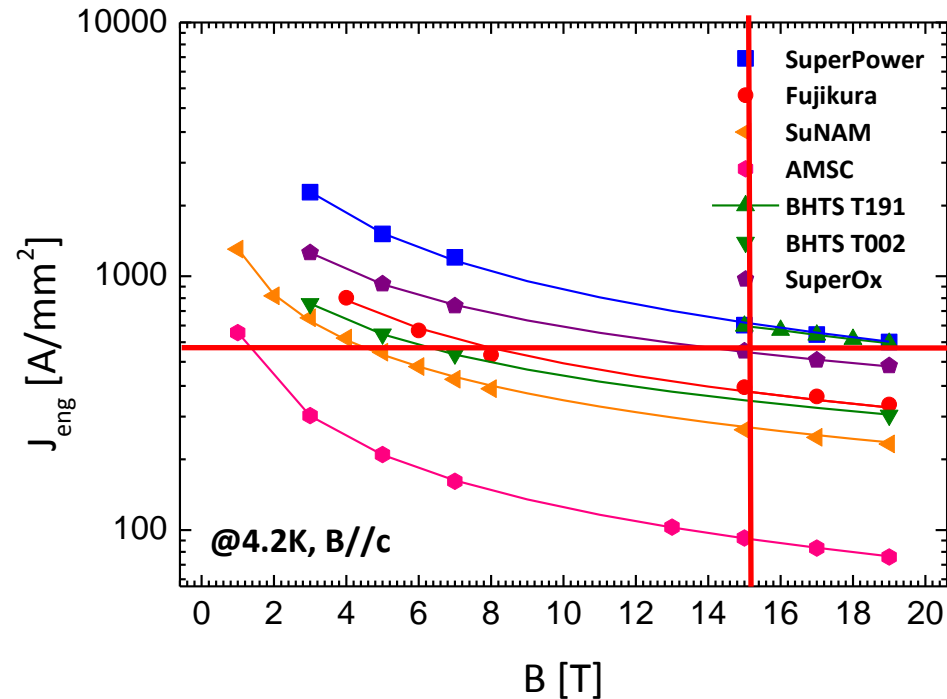
$$J_c(B,T) = J_c(B=0, T=0) B^{-\alpha} e^{-\frac{T}{T^*}}$$

- ***$\alpha$  almost constant in temperature***
- ***$T^*$  depending on magnetic field***

***Minimum dataset to get the  $J_c(B,T)$  surface:***

- ***Magnetization data for  $4K < T < 50K$***
- ***Transport  $I_c$  at a single temperature – Field range has to overlap with magnetization data***

# Engineering $J_c$ and layer $J_c$ : Overall comparison @4K

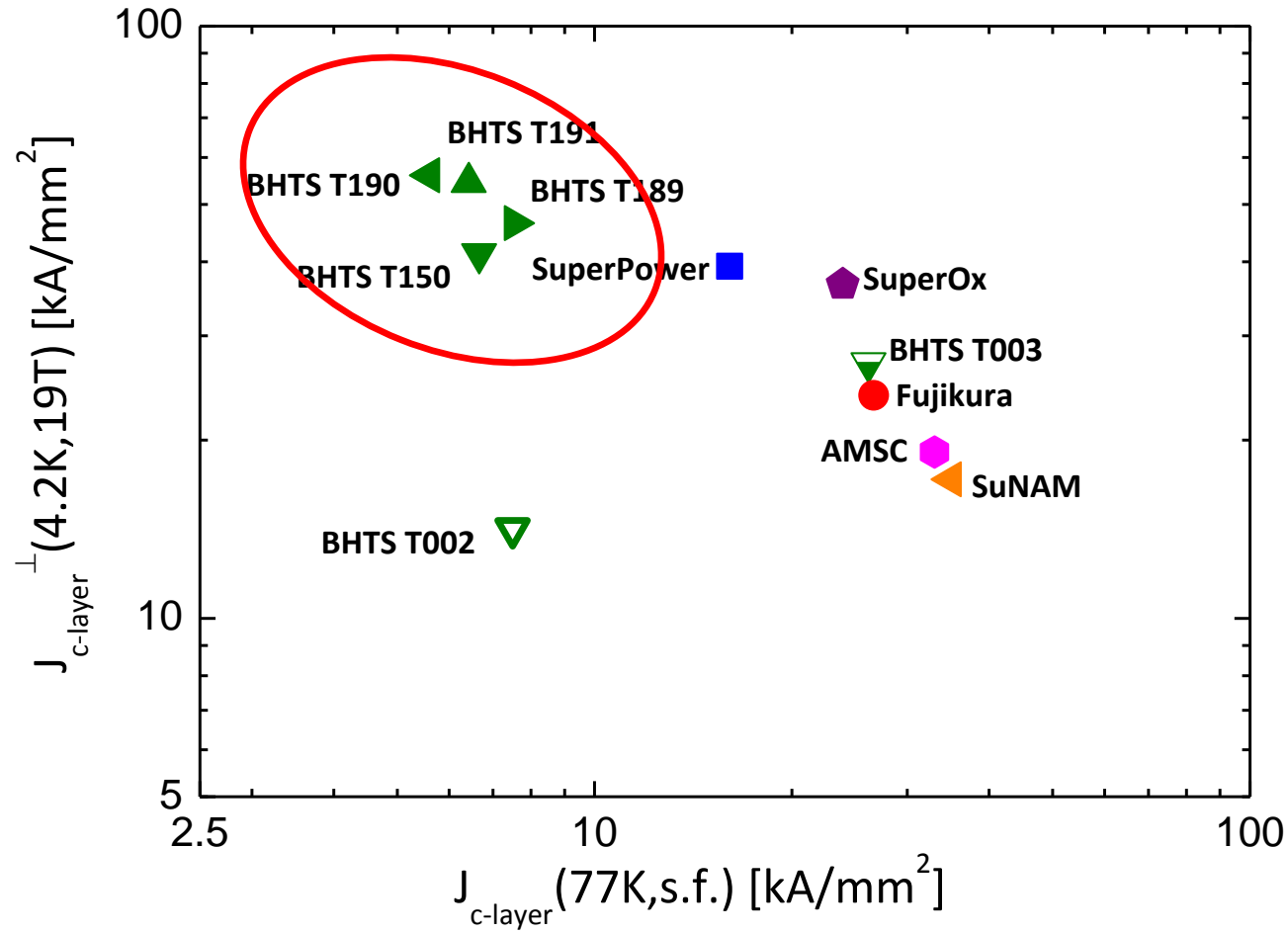


The line in the gap is a  $B^{-\alpha}$  fit of the data

Spread among the manufacturer is reduced when  $B \perp c$ , as deduced from the angular dependence



# Master Plot: $J_c(77K,s.f.)$ vs. $J_c(4.2K,19T)$



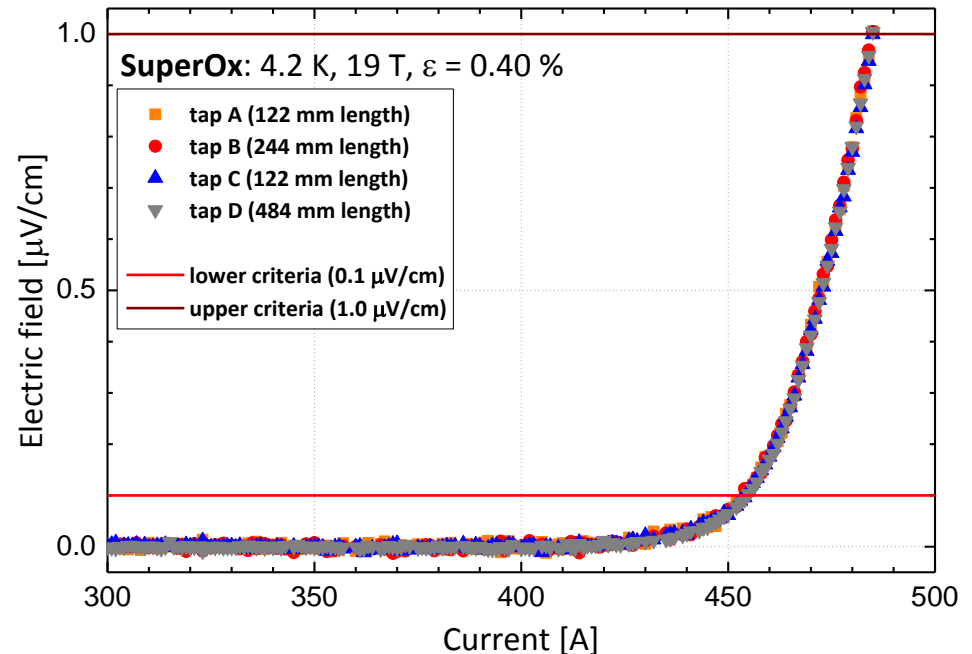
## *Critical current depends on*

- *temperature*
- *field intensity*
- *field orientation*
- *stress*

# $I_c$ vs. axial strain: measurement method

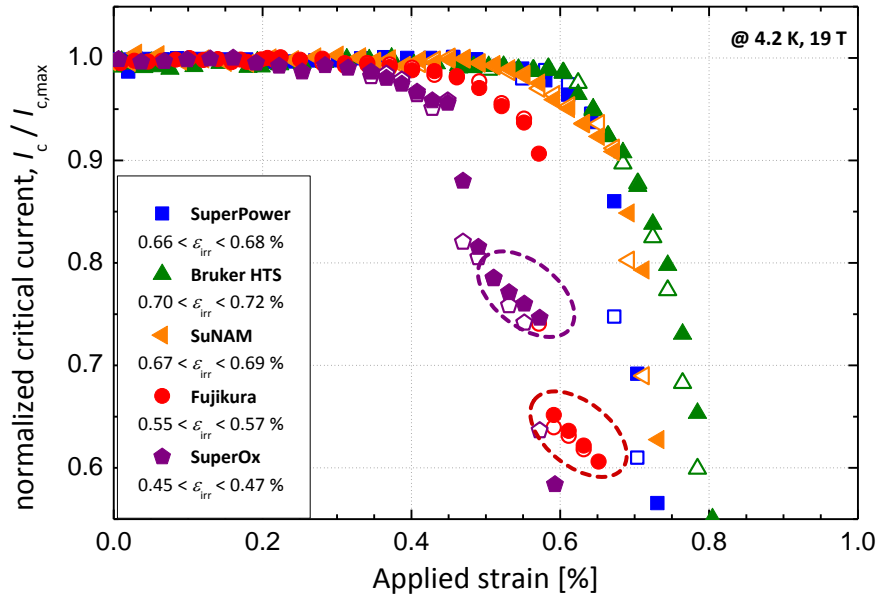
## Walters spring (WASP)

- Sample is soldered to Ti-alloy spring
- Turning the spring strains the sample
  - calibrated with strain gauges glued to the sample
  - sample is pre-strained upon cooldown due to thermal expansion mismatch
  - pre-strain is determined & subtracted
- 1m-long sample
  - precise
  - low noise
  - low  $I_c$  criteria
  - get  $n$  values

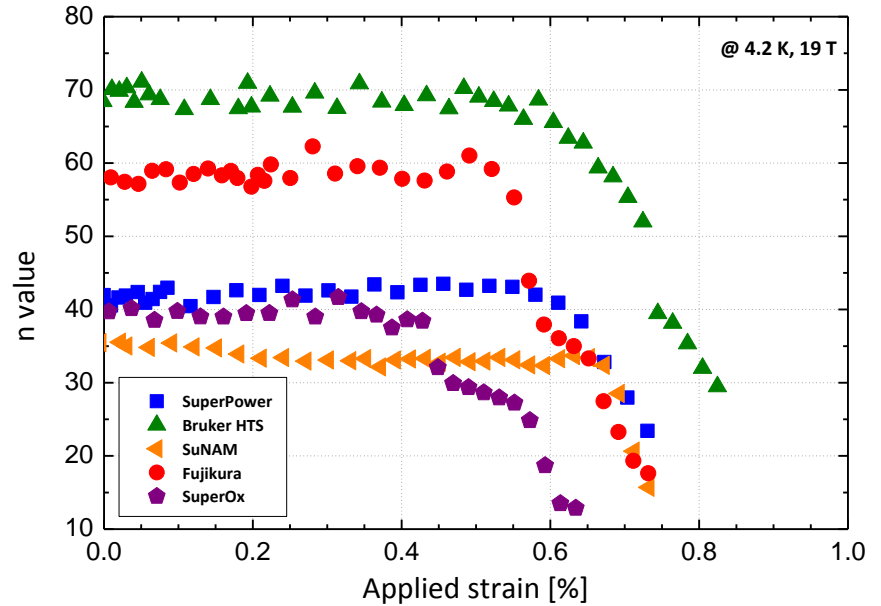


# Dependence of $I_c$ on axial strain @ 4.2 K, 19 T

$I_c$  vs. applied strain



$n$  value vs. applied strain

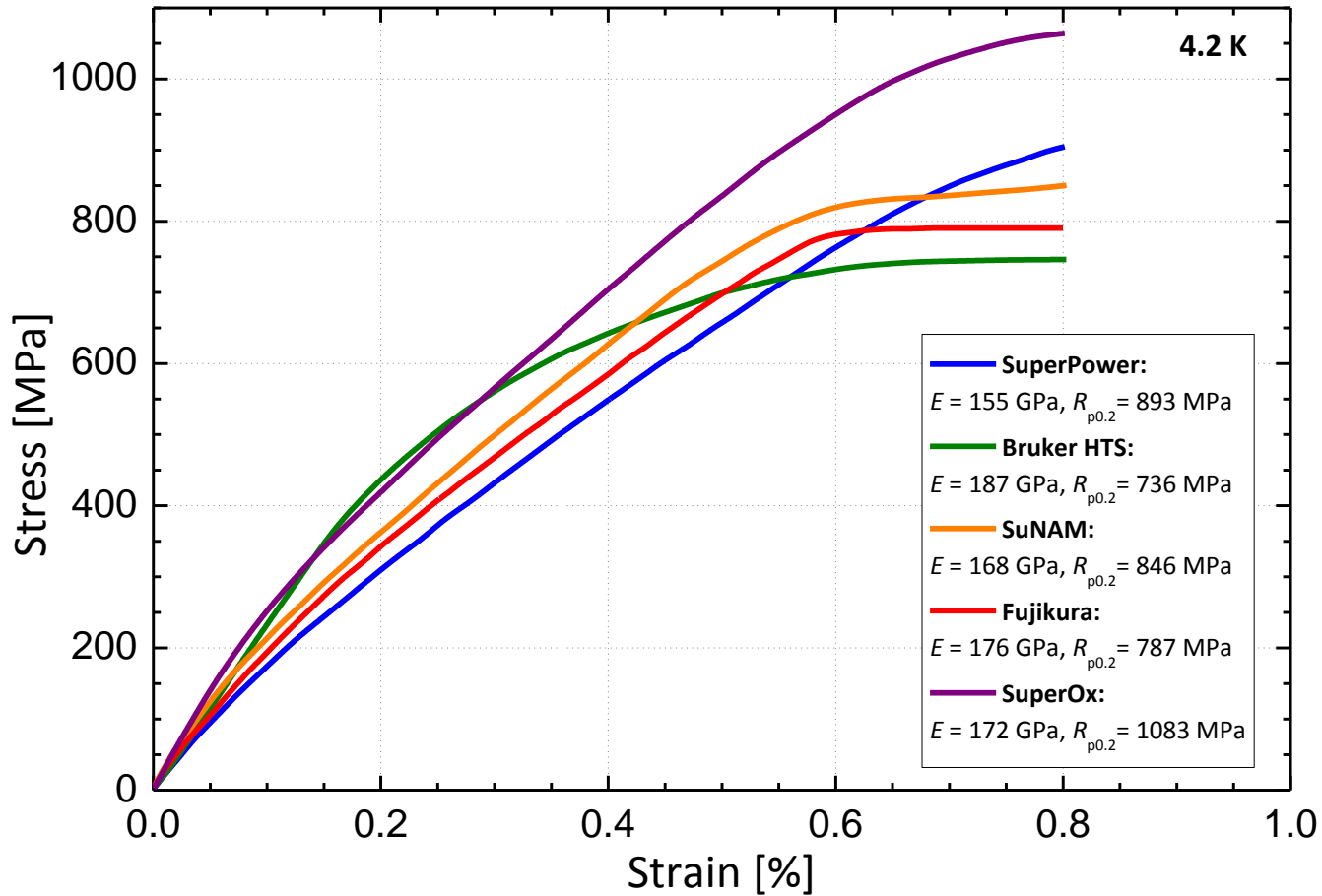


Fujikura & SuperOx: delamination  $\rightarrow$  steps  $\rightarrow$  lower  $\epsilon_{irr}$

Fujikura

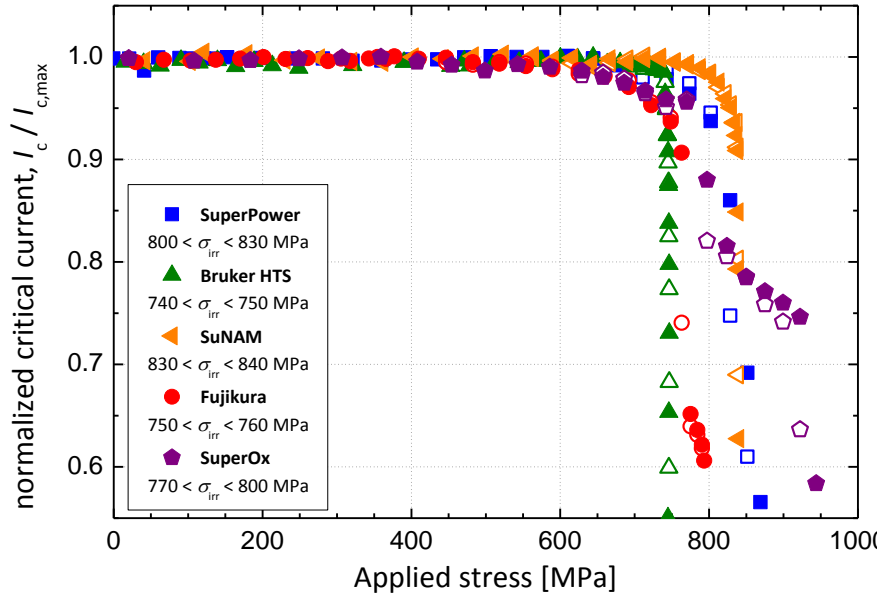
SuperOx

# Stress vs. strain measurements @ 4.2 K

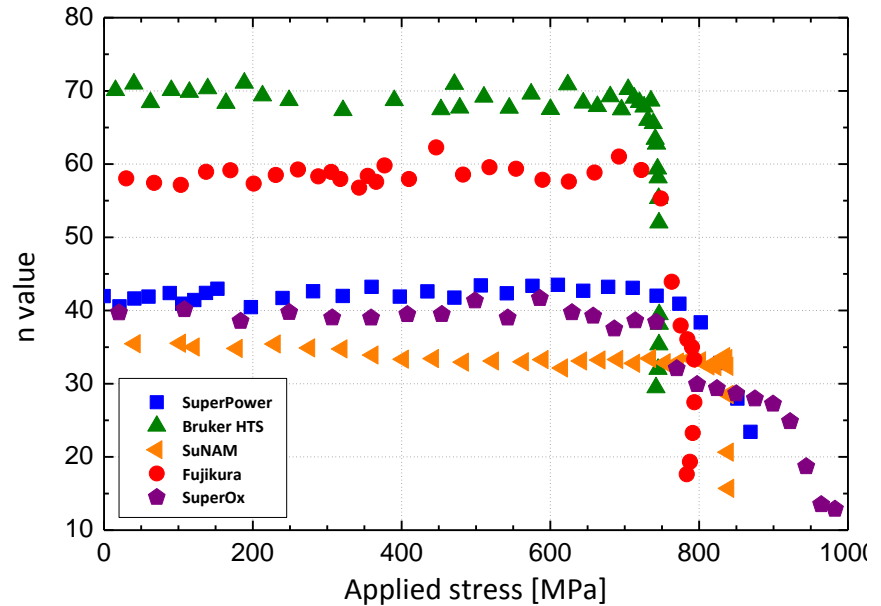


# Dependence of $I_c$ on axial stress @ 4.2 K, 19 T

## $I_c$ vs. applied stress



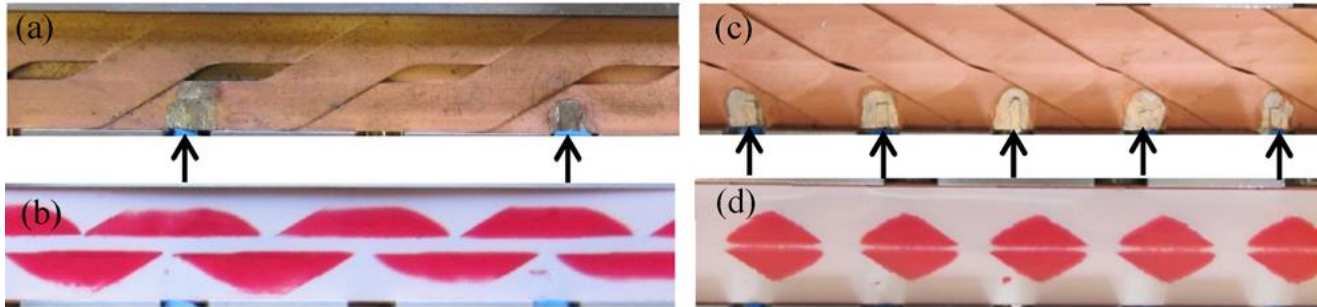
## $n$ value vs. applied stress



- All samples have a very similar behaviour
- Very low stress effect  $\rightarrow$  curves are flat in rev. region
- Irreversible limits  $\sigma_{irr}$  in 740 – 840 MPa range

# Mechanical behavior of cables under transverse stress

Stress concentrates in REBCO Roebel cables submitted to transverse loads



J. Fleiter et al., SuST 26 (2013) 065014

The problem can be avoided using an appropriate impregnation

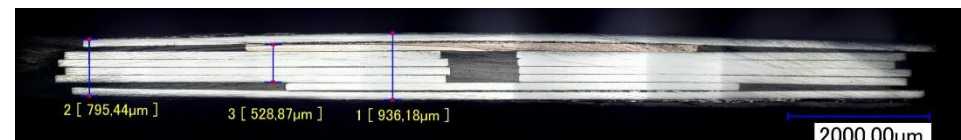


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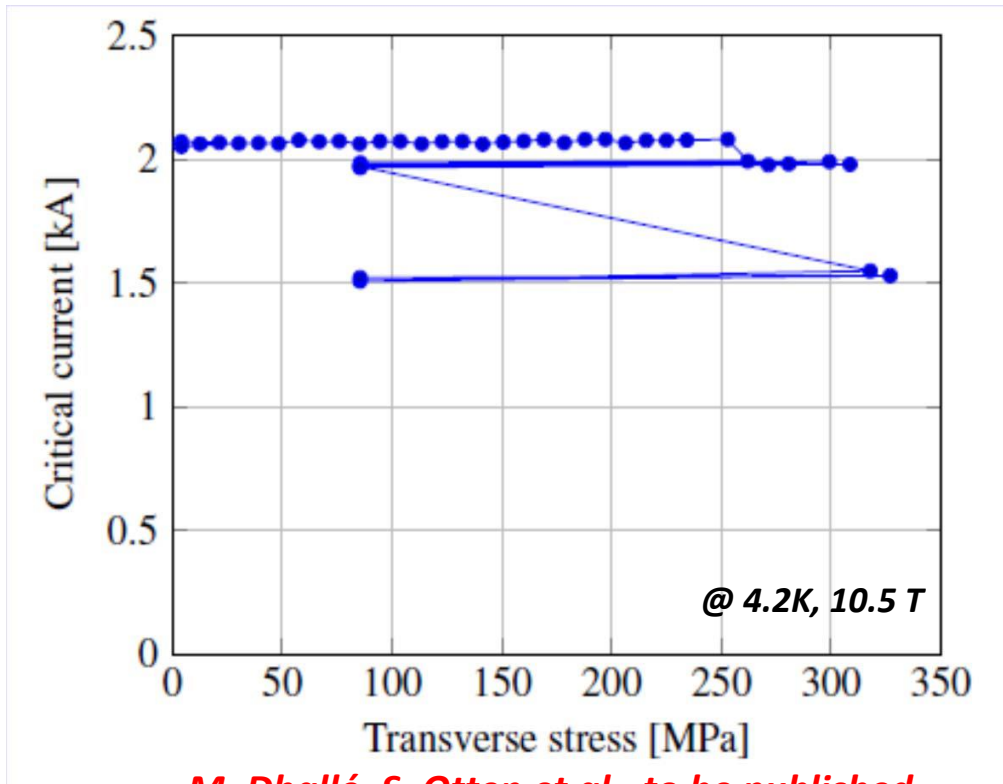


Vacuum impregnation with Araldite and 50% fused silica of a dummy Roebel cable

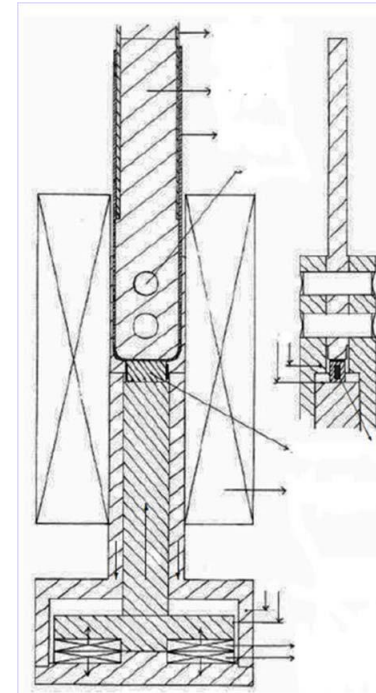


A. Kario et al., ICEC-ICMC 2014

# Mechanical behavior of cables under transverse stress



*M. Dhallé, S. Otten et al., to be published*



- *Roebel cable made with 10 SuperPower tapes SCS12050-AP*
- *Vacuum impregnation with Araldite and 50% fused silica*
- *Preliminary results encouraging,  $\sigma_{irr} \sim 250 \text{ MPa}$*



# Thermo-physical properties



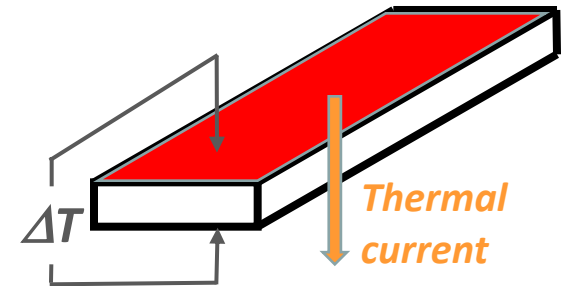
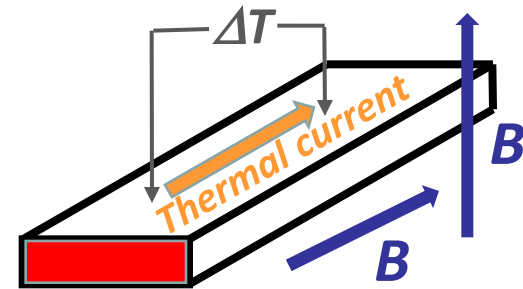
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# Thermal conductivity of REBCO CCs

Thermal conductivity is an essential parameter for QUENCH studies

- **Longitudinal thermal conductivity in magnetic fields up to  $B=19\text{ T}$**   
 $B$  perpendicular & parallel to **thermal current**
- **Transverse thermal conductivity**



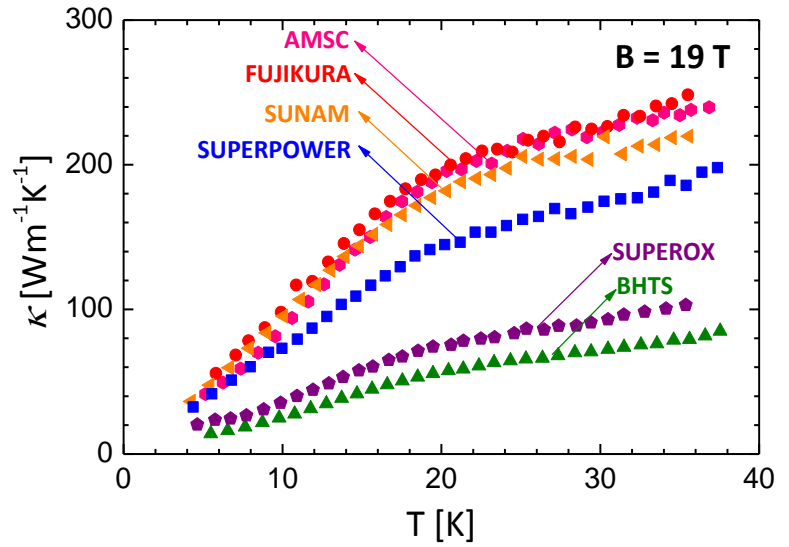
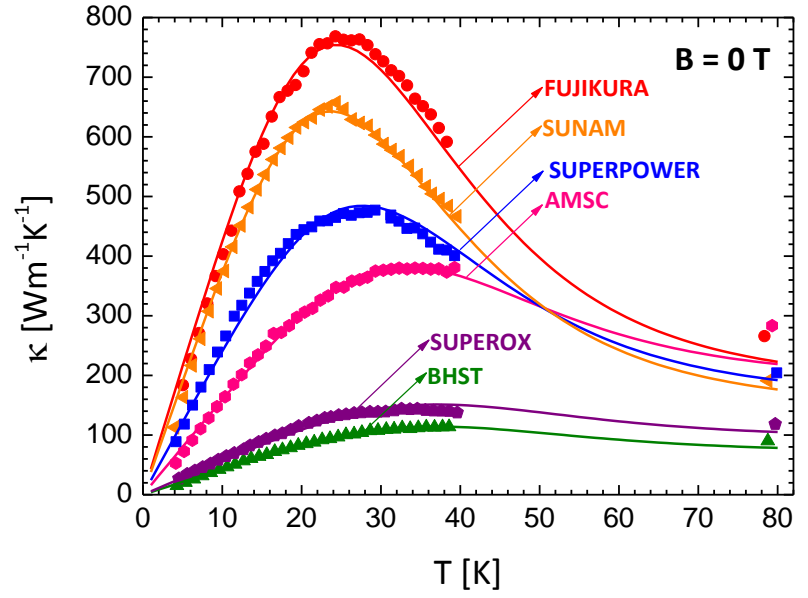
# Longitudinal thermal conductivity

$$\kappa_{exp} = \sum_i \kappa_i \frac{S_i}{S_{tot}} \approx \kappa_{Cu} \frac{S_{Cu}}{S_{tot}} \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa_{Cu} = f(RRR_{Cu})$$

| Manufacturer | $RRR_{Cu}$<br>[fit] | $RRR_{Cu}$<br>[ $\rho(T)$ ] | $S_{Cu}/S_{tot}$ |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| AMSC         | 20                  | 19                          | 0.51             |
| BHST         | 14                  | 17                          | 0.20             |
| FUJIKURA     | 62                  | 59                          | 0.44             |
| SUNAM        | 69                  | 61                          | 0.34             |
| SUPEROX      | 13                  | 14                          | 0.27             |
| SUPERPOWER   | 39                  | 42                          | 0.40             |

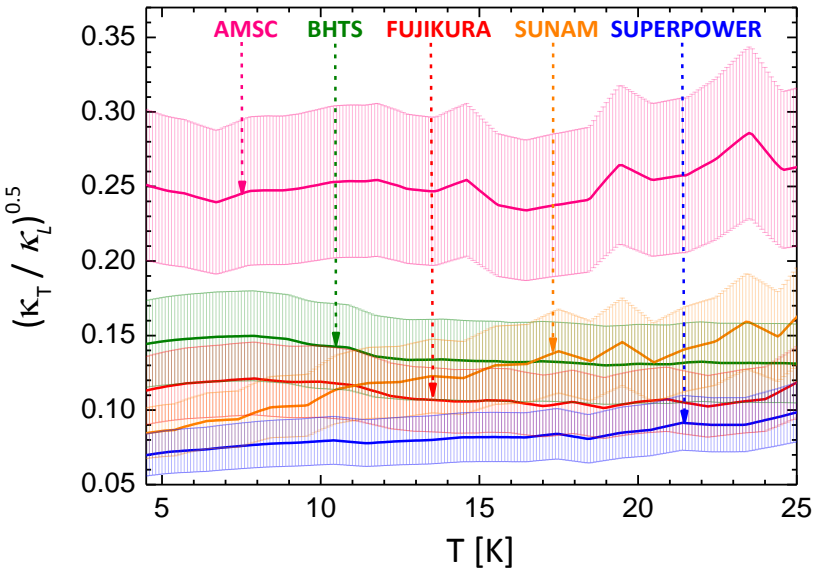
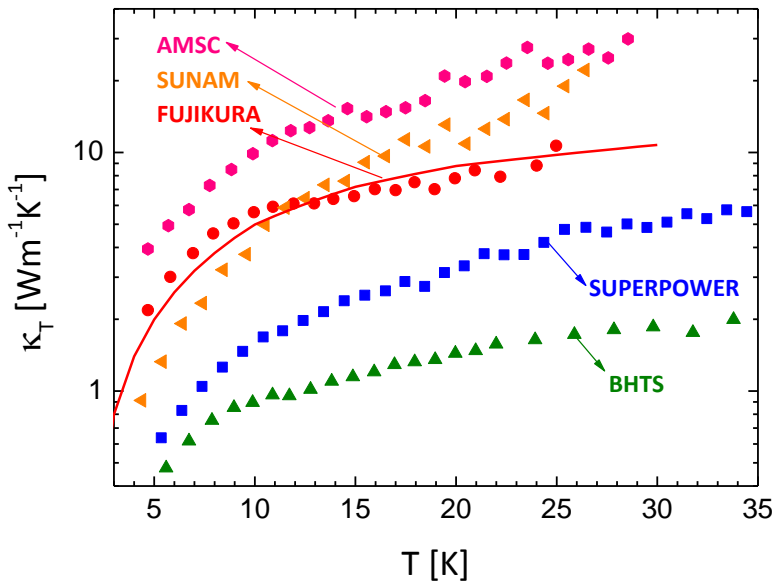
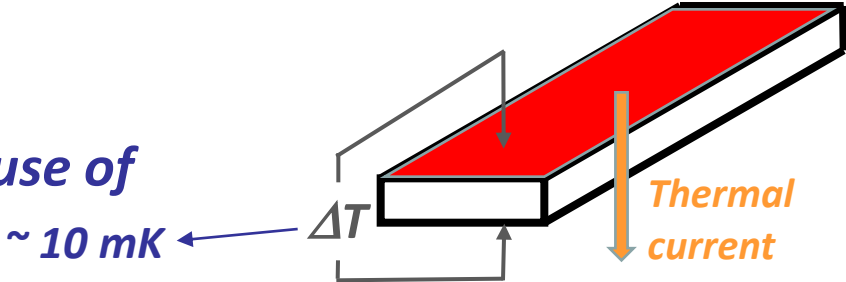
$\kappa(T, B=0T)$  can be estimated ( $\pm 15\%$ ) from  $RRR_{Cu}$  and  $S_{Cu}/S_{tot}$

$Cu/non-Cu$  ratio and  $RRR_{Cu}$  determine the in-field variation of  $\kappa$



# Transverse thermal conductivity

$\kappa_T$  is dominated by the substrate  
 Measurements are challenging because of  
 the reduced thickness of CCs



From the ratio between  $\kappa_T$  and  $\kappa_L$  we can calculate the  
 ratio between **longitudinal** and **transverse NZPV**

$$\frac{NZPV_{Transv}}{NZPV_{Long}} = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa_T}{\kappa_L}}$$

# Conclusions

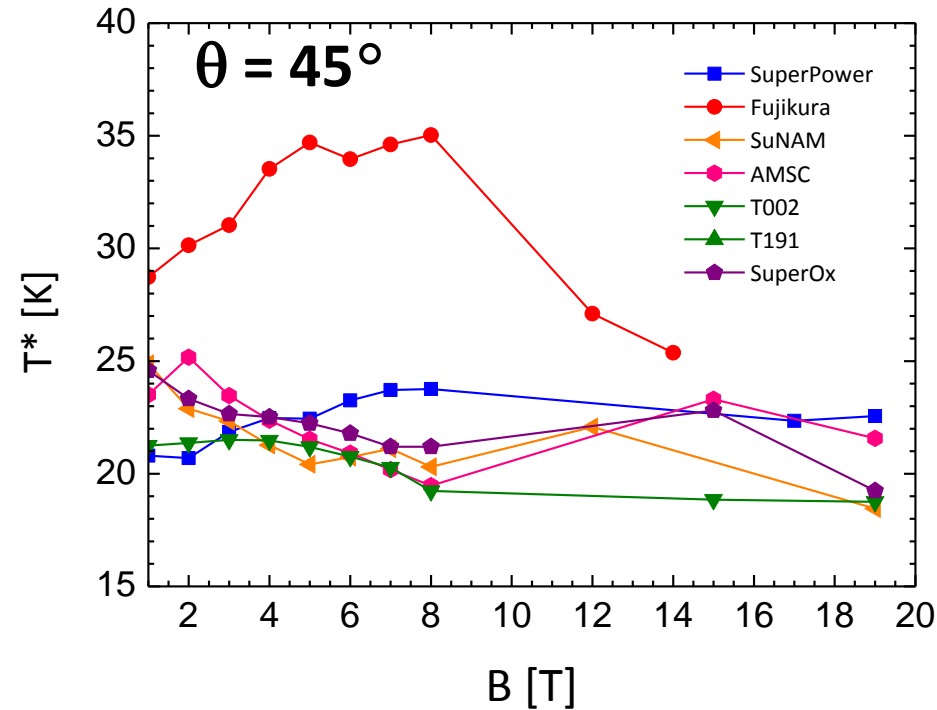
- Explored the  $J_c(B, T, \theta, \sigma)$  surface for CCs from **6 manufacturers**
- **Scaling law of  $J_c(B, T)$**  with an exponential  $T$  dependence and a power-law  $B$  dependence
- Irreversible limit  $\sigma_{irr}$  under **axial loads** in **740 – 840 MPa** range for all manufacturers
- Impregnated **Roebel cable** withstands transverse loads **up to 250 MPa**
- Direct measurements of **in-field thermal conductivity** for quench propagation studies





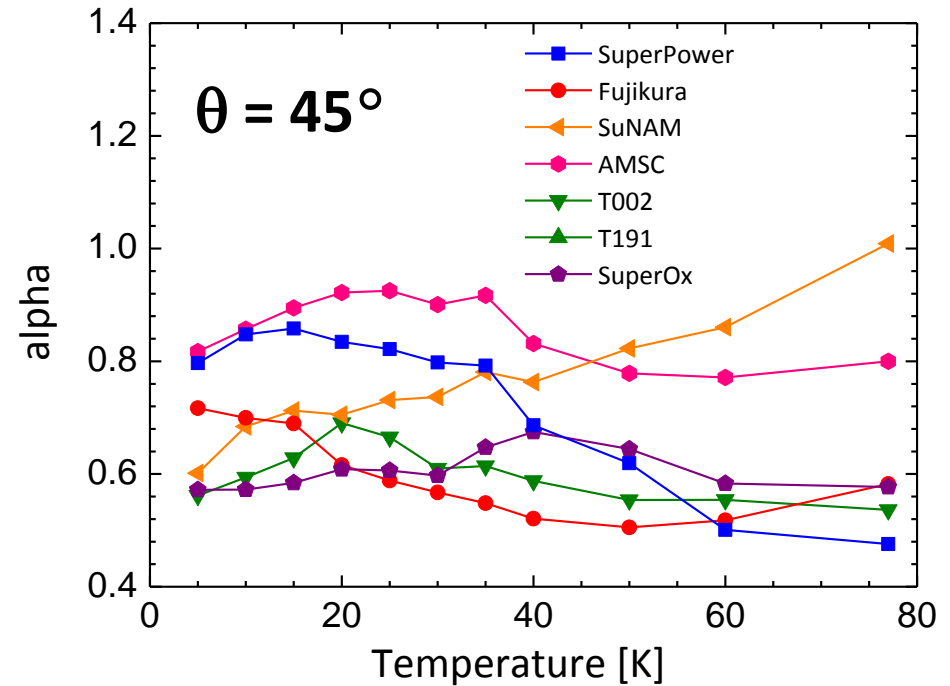


# Temperature and field dependence of $J_c$ , $\theta = 45^\circ$



*Temperature scaling law*

$$J_c(B, T) = J_c(B, T = 0) e^{-\frac{T}{T^*}}$$

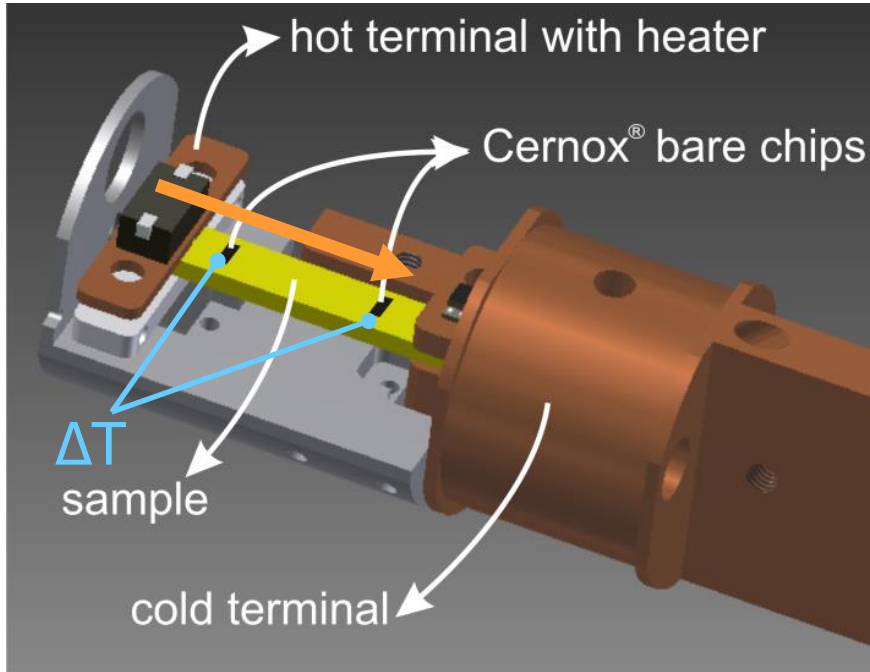


*Field scaling law*

$$J_c(B, T) = J_c(B = 0, T) B^{-\alpha}$$



# *New setup for thermal conductivity measurements up to 21 T*



- *Control of conduction, convective and radiative heat losses (error in  $Q < 0.05\%$ )*
- *Thermometers calibrated up to 21 T*
- *Wide temperature range 3-300K*

$$\text{Thermal conductivity } \kappa = \frac{Q}{\Delta T} \frac{l}{S}$$

Heat power  $\rightarrow Q$

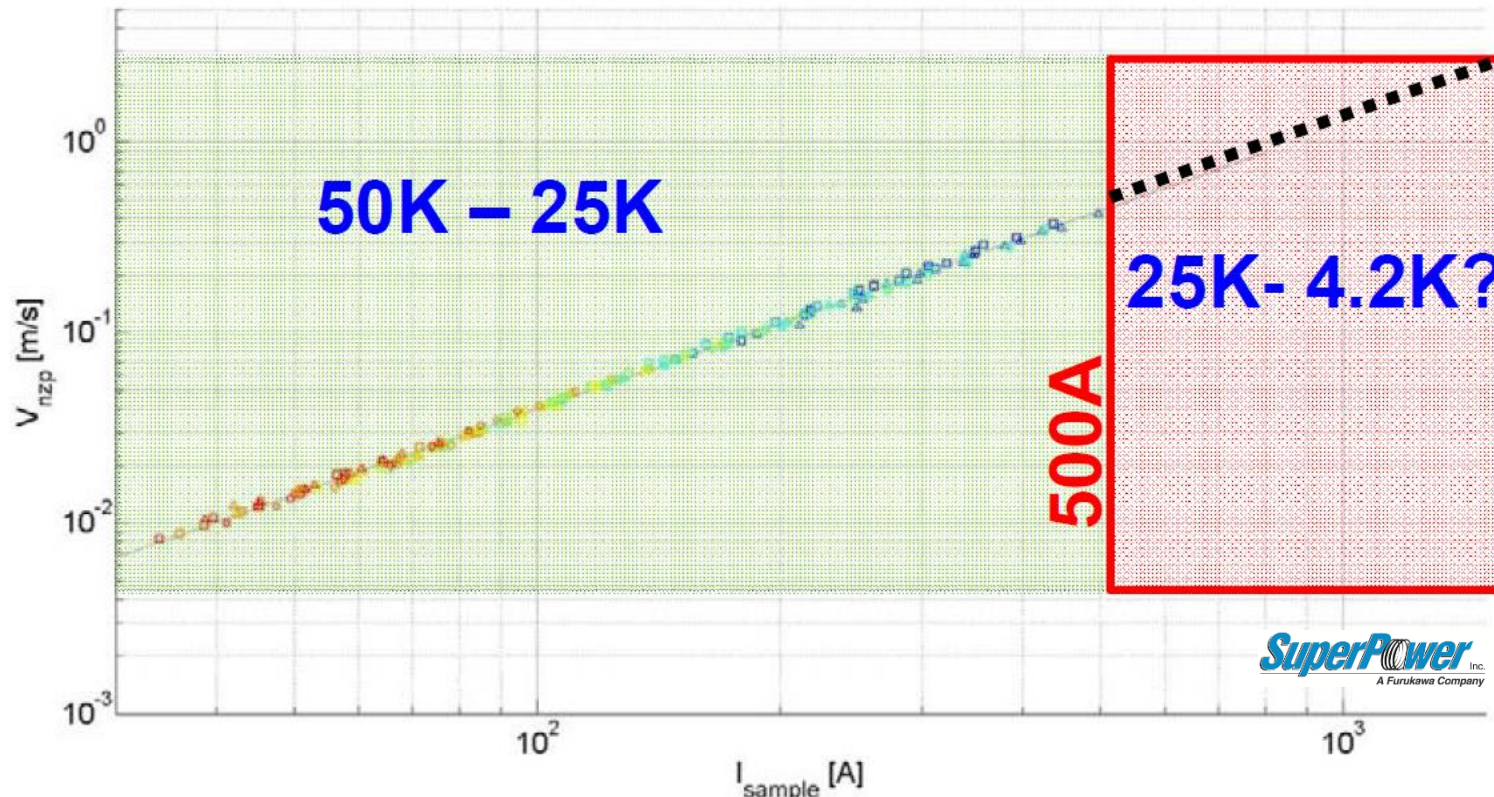
Cernox distance  $\rightarrow l$

Temperature difference  $\rightarrow \Delta T$

Wire cross section  $\rightarrow S$



# *NZPV measurements at UTWENTE*



*J. Van Nugteren et al., ICEC-ICMC 2014*

*Puzzling result: normal zone propagation velocity depends on current but not on temperature*