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## 2G HTS Wire Development at SuperPower

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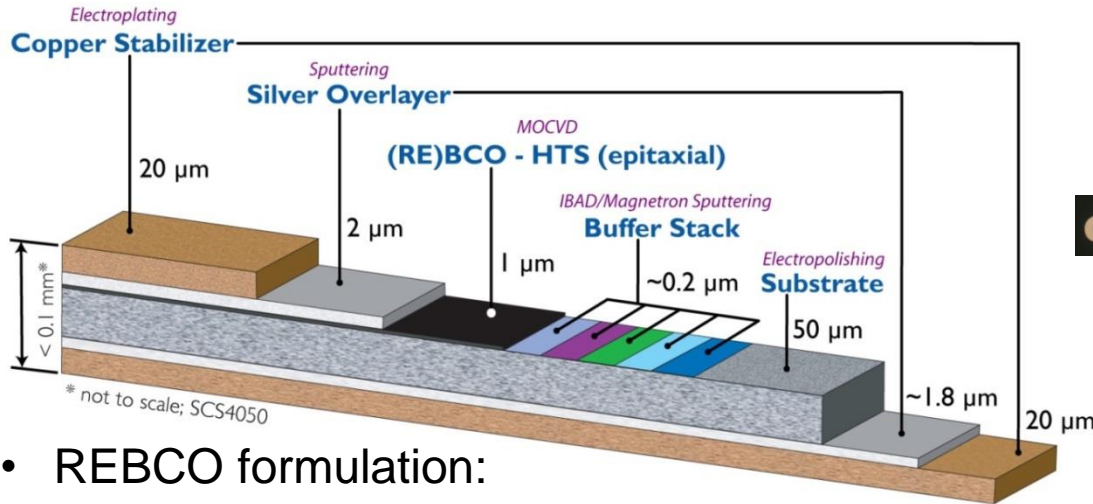
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  - Masayasu Kasahara (buffer development)
  - Allan Knoll (post MOCVD)

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## *IBAD-MOCVD based REBCO wire on Hastelloy substrate*

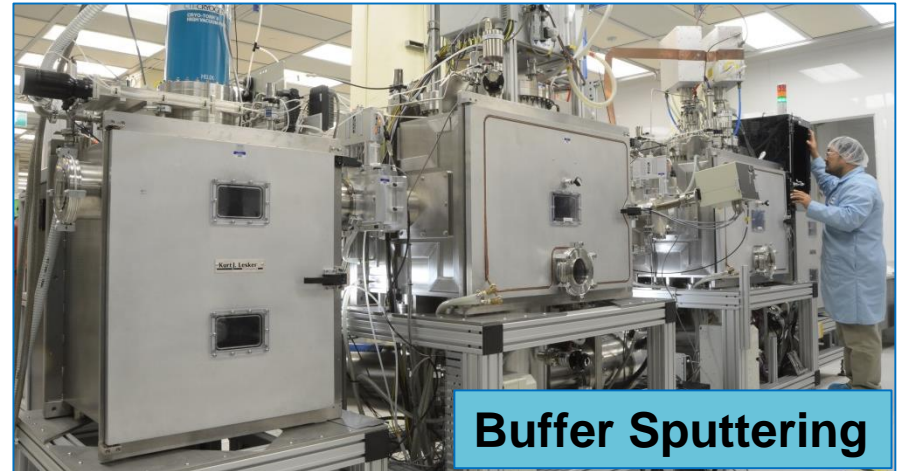
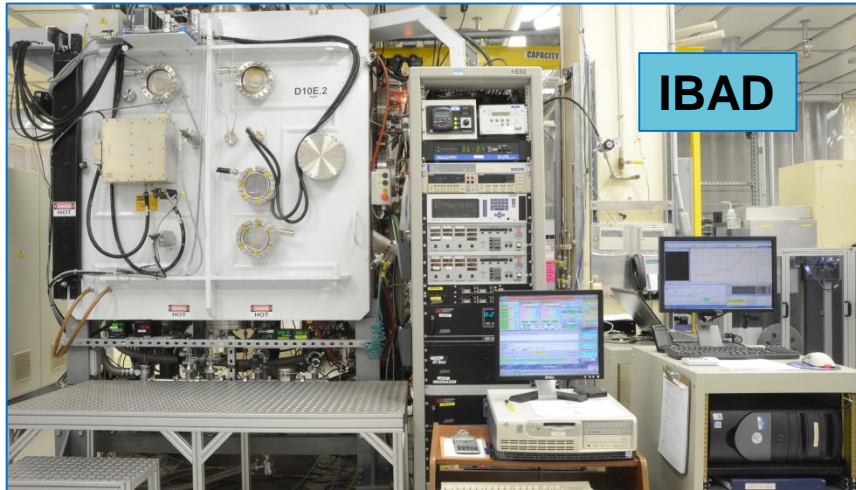
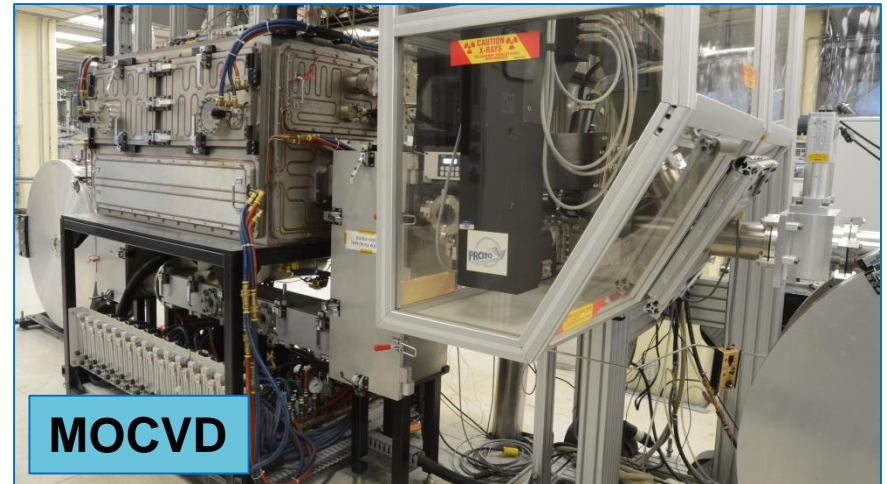


Cross-sectional image of a Cu-plated wire

- REBCO formulation:
  - **AP** (Advanced Pinning) – with enhanced in-field performance for B//c, targeting at coil applications such as high-field magnets, SMES, motors/generators
  - **CF** (Cable Formulation) – for cables, transformers, FCL
- $I_c(77K, \text{s.f.})/12\text{mm} = 400\text{-}600\text{A}$ , piece length = up to 500m.
- Variations in width (2-12mm), substrate thickness (30, 50 or 100 $\mu\text{m}$ )  
Ag thickness (1-5 $\mu\text{m}$ ), Cu thickness (10-115 $\mu\text{m}$ ), and insulation
- Bonding conductors : 2x2mm, 2x4mm, 2x12mm (face to face / back to back )

# 2G HTS wire has been produced since 2006

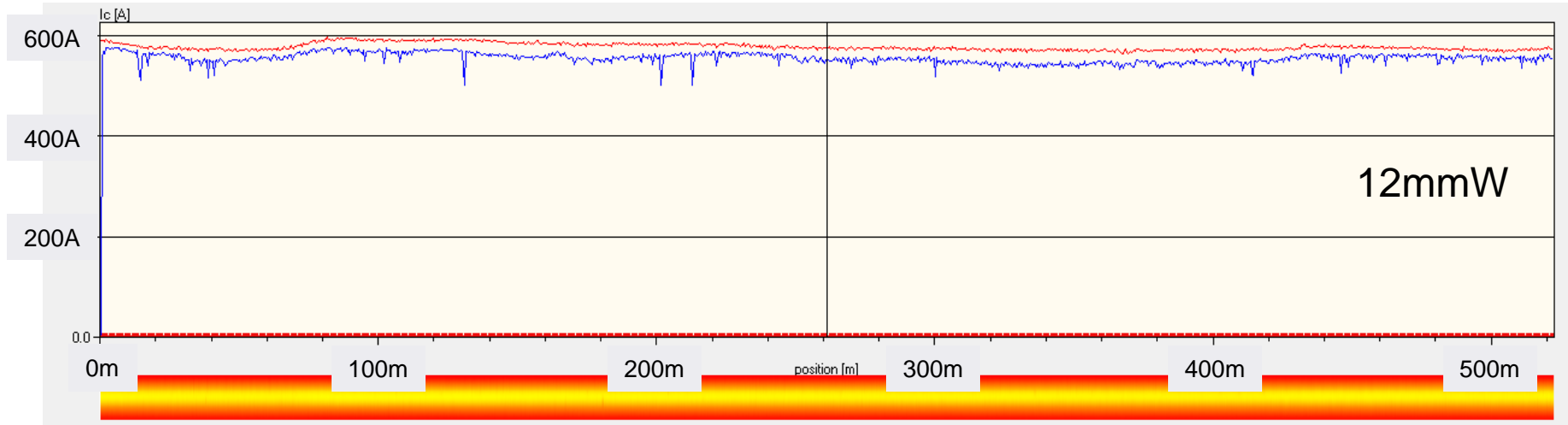
*Continuous improvements introduced into processing*



# Conductor development areas

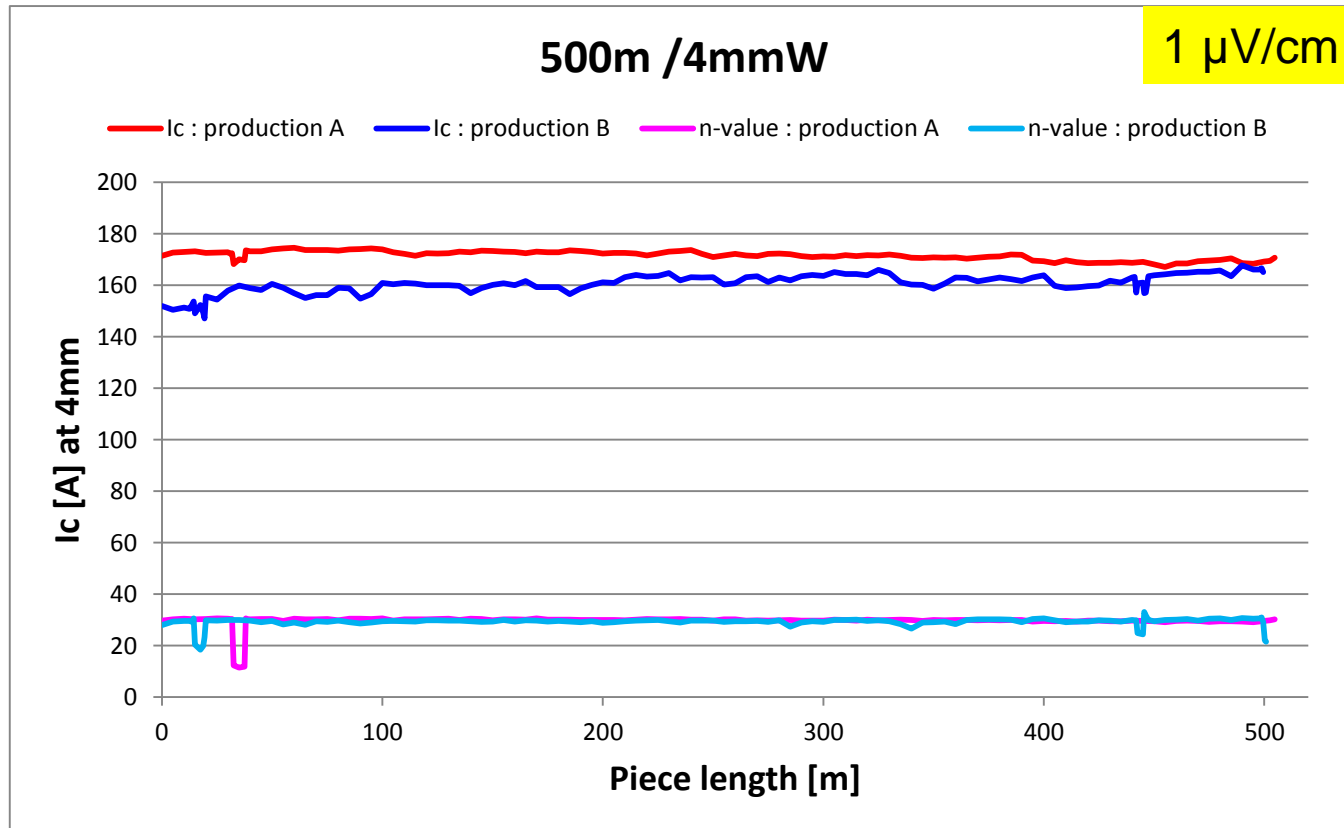
- Manufacturing improvements are a current focus area
  - Longer uniform piece lengths
  - Run-to-run repeatability
  - Tightening process windows
  - Improving process hardware
  - Maximizing yield
- Enhancing understanding of pinning optimization for operating conditions (4K/high field, 20-50K/2-5 T, 65-77K, lower fields)
  - Artificial pinning centers (BZO, others)
  - Process control (temperature, growth rate, precursor delivery, etc....)
- Maximizing  $J_e$ 
  - Thinner substrates
  - Thicker films

# Ic performance of production enhanced A.P. wire at 77K/s.f



- Magnetic, non-contact measurement
- High special resolution, high speed, reel-to-reel
- Monitoring  $I_c$  at multiple production points after MOCVD
- Capable of quantitative 2D uniformity inspection

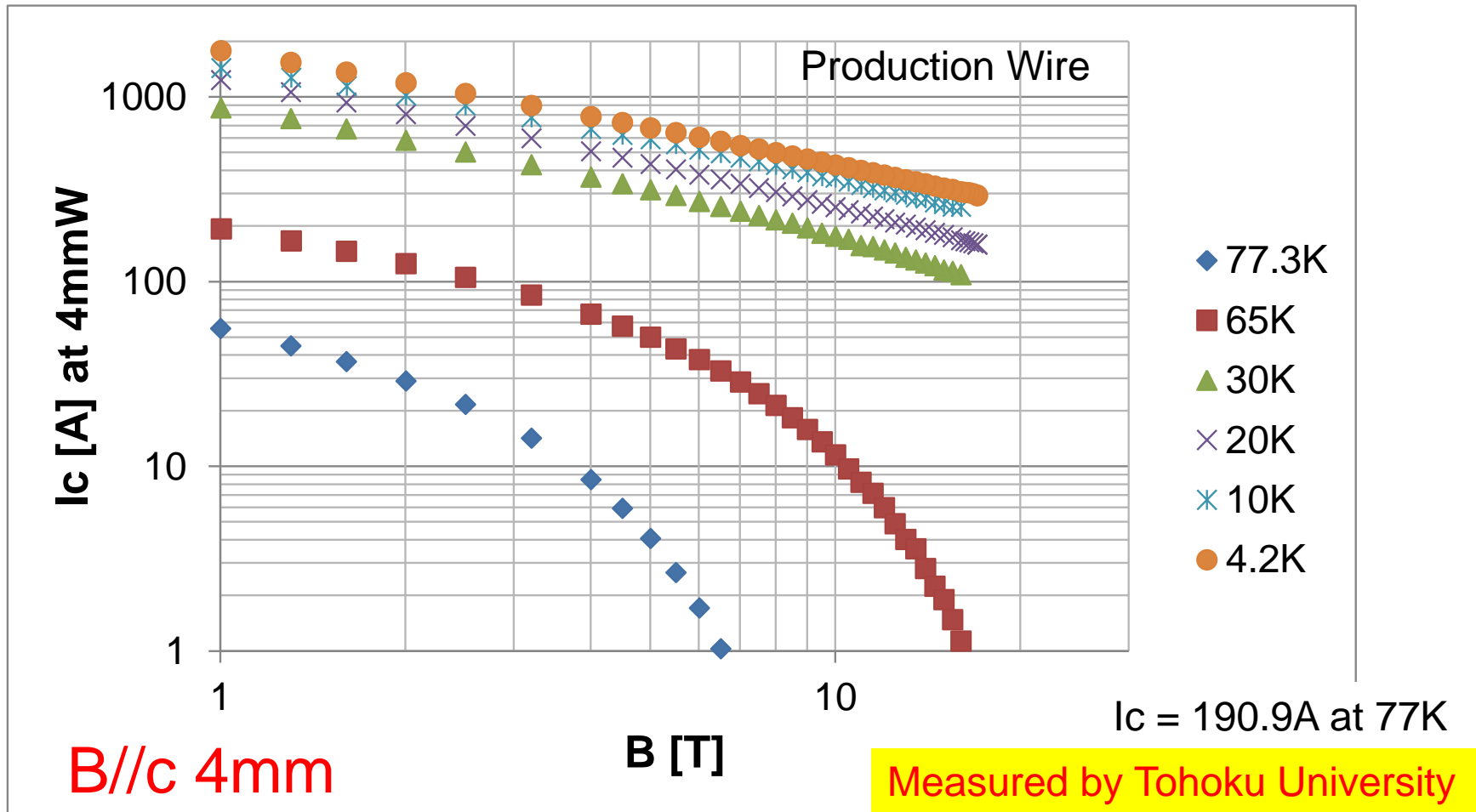
# Ic performance of enhanced A.P wire at 77K/s.f



- Transport measurement by every 5m, with 40 $\mu$ m copper.
- Extend the piece length up to 500m

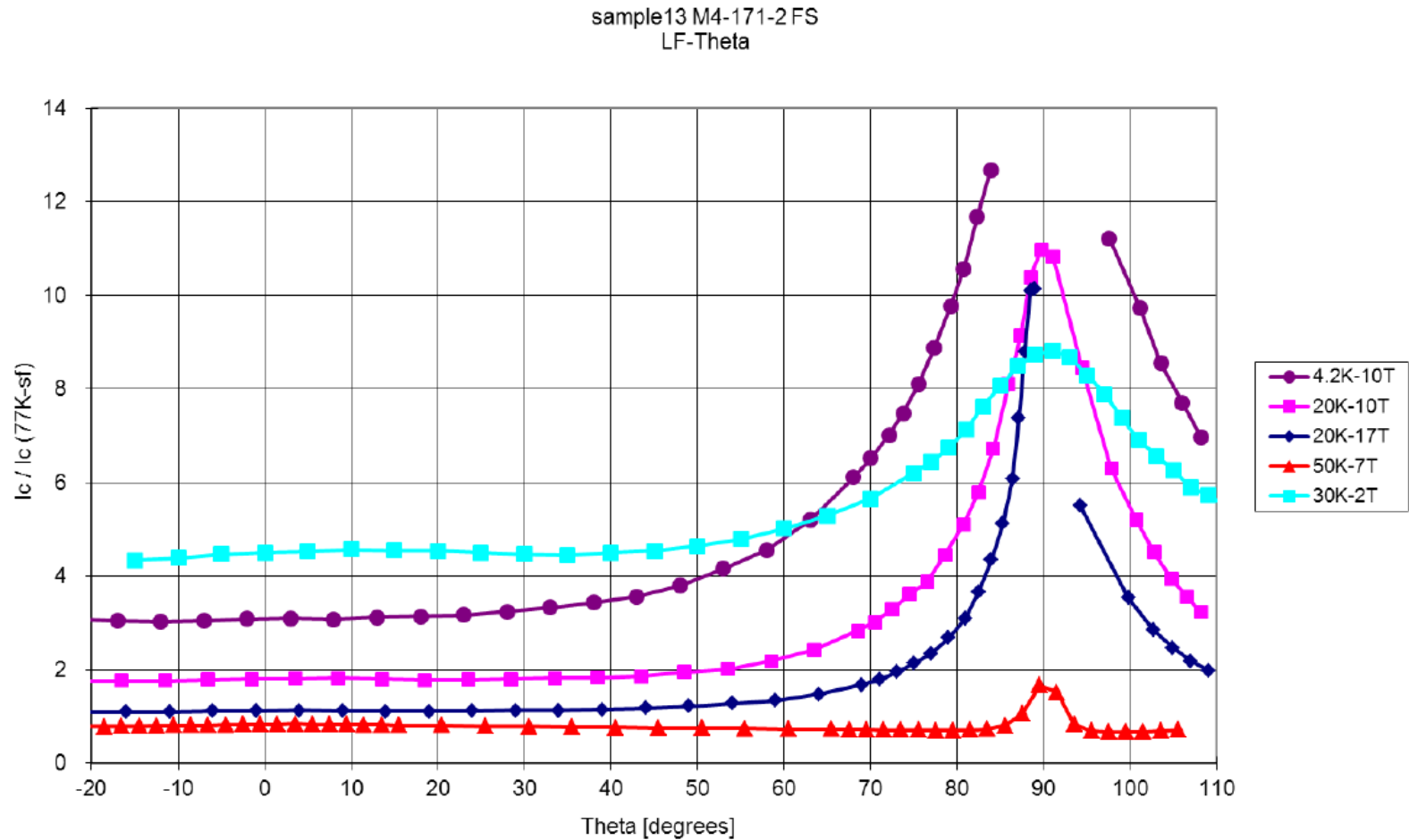


# Performance of enhanced A.P wire (7.5% Zr)



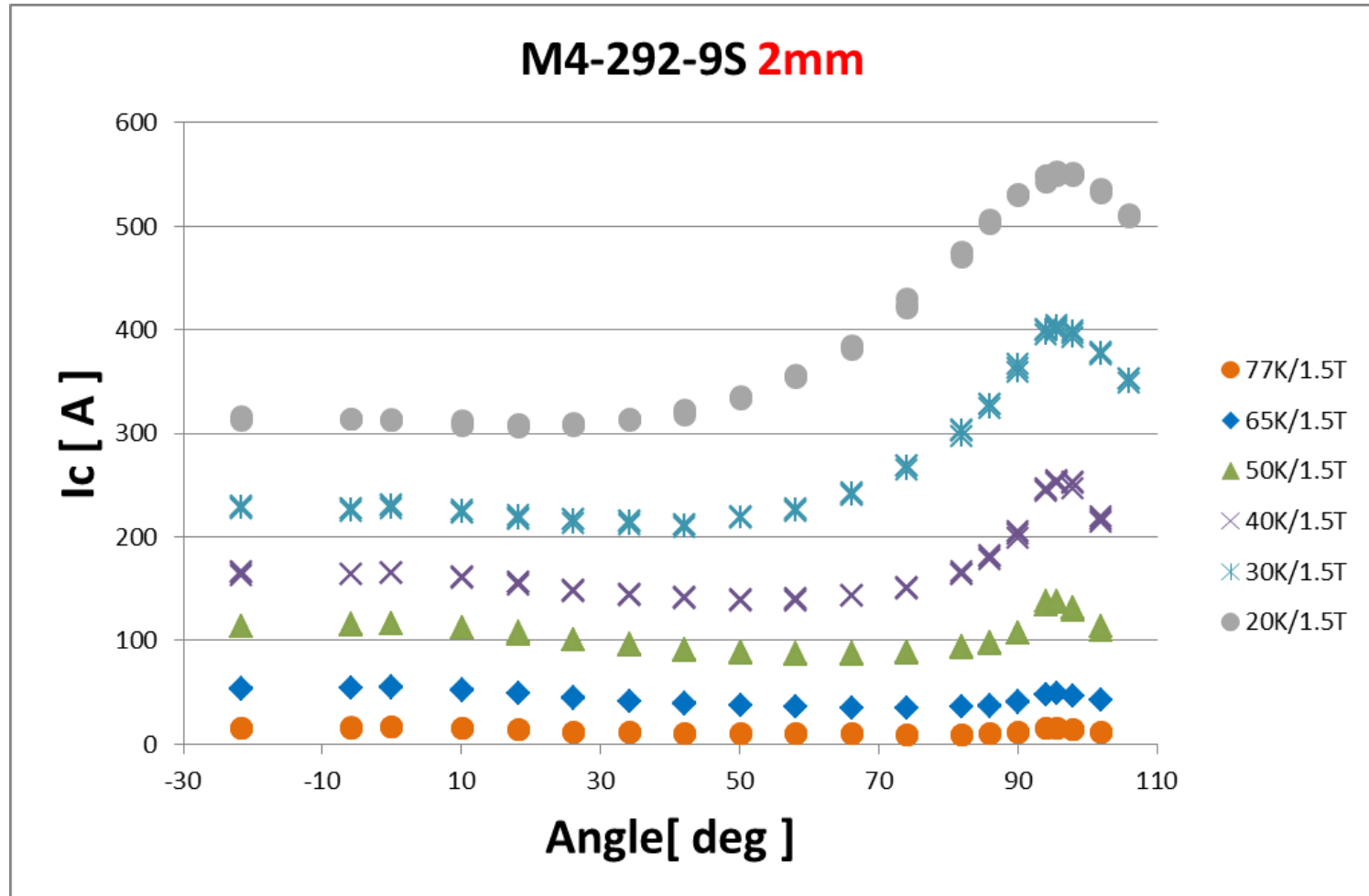
- Enhanced A.P wire shows high in-field performance

# High field IcBT data on 7.5% Zr doped sample



Measured at Tohoku Univ

# IcBT typical data – enhanced AP

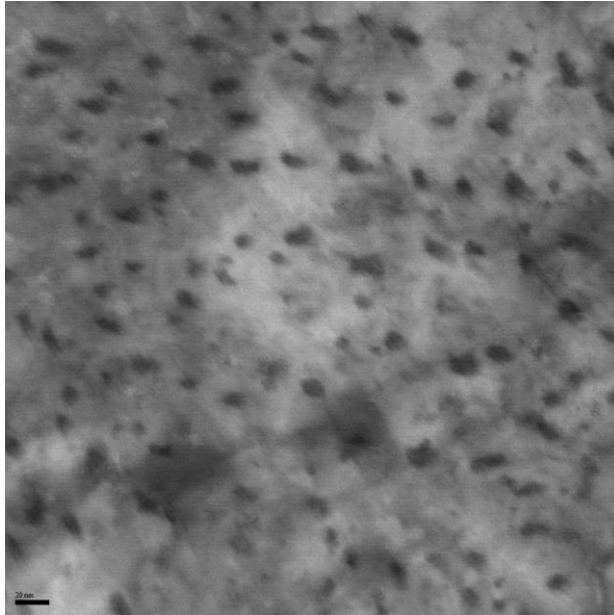


# 2G HTS Tape R&D

- Pinning
- Thick film
- Thinner substrates

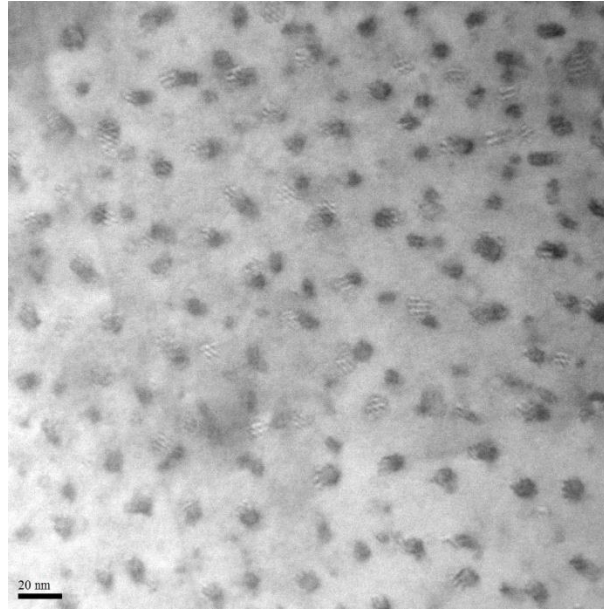
# TEM analysis for enhanced Zr doping

Zr = 7.5%



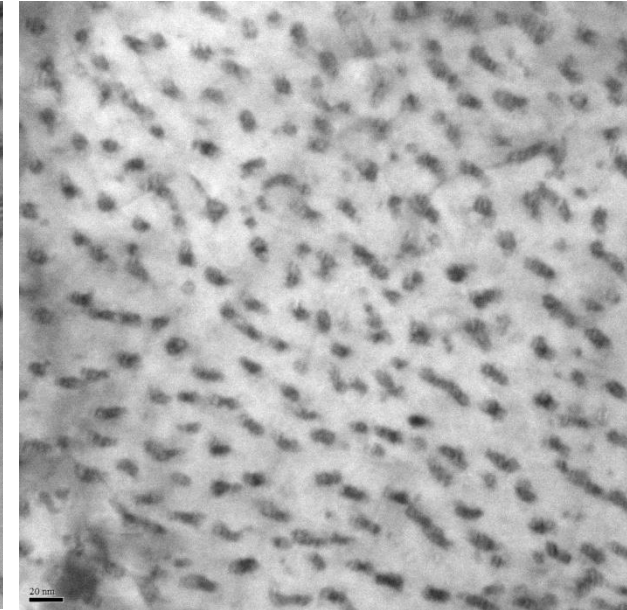
Size : 4.4~6.2nm  
Distance: 20.8~26.8nm

Zr = 11.5%



Size : 4.4~5.6nm  
Distance: 16~20.7nm

Zr = 15%

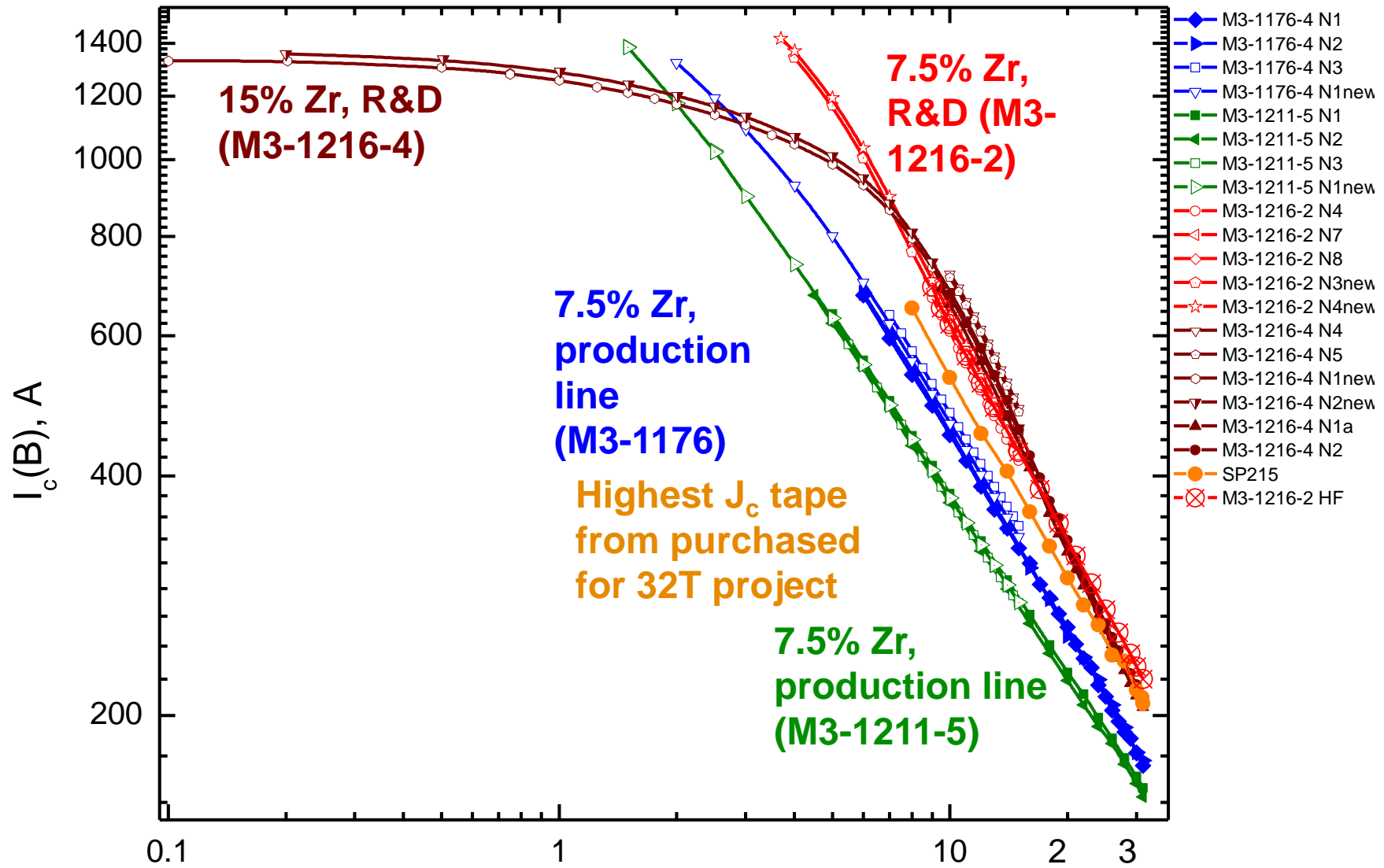


Size : 4.4~5.6nm  
Distance: 12.8~18.3nm

Combination of  $I_c(B,4K)$  measured in resistive and superconducting magnets

*Below  $\approx 2T$  15% Zr tape has lower  $I_c$  than 7.5% Zr production line*

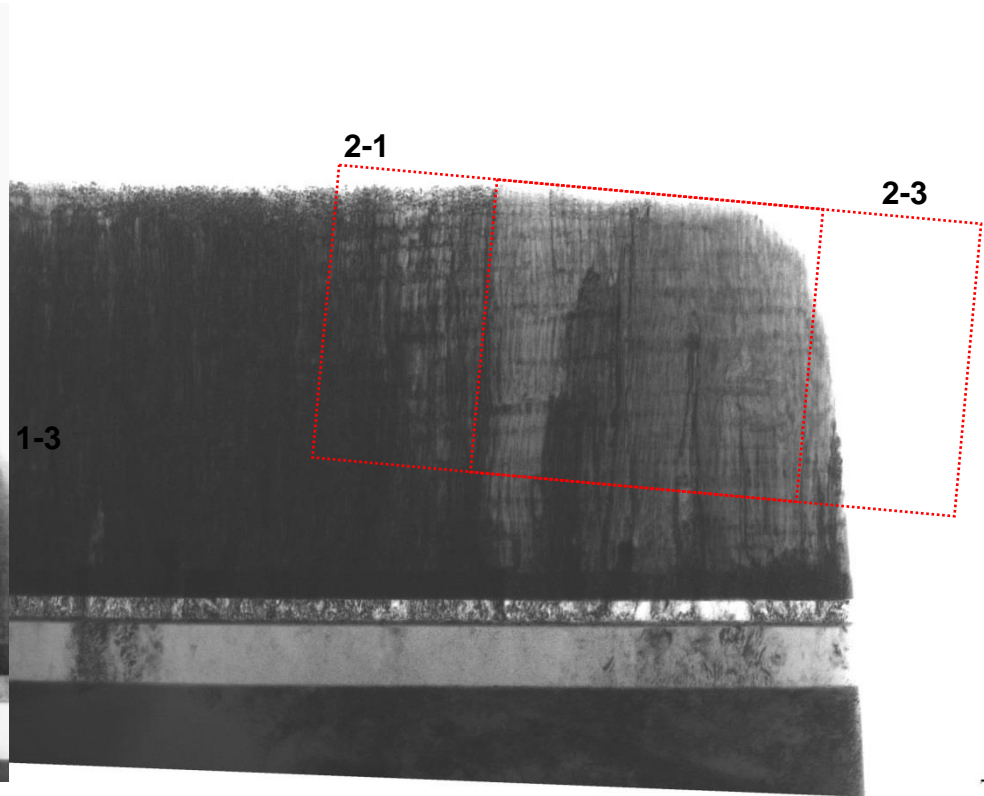
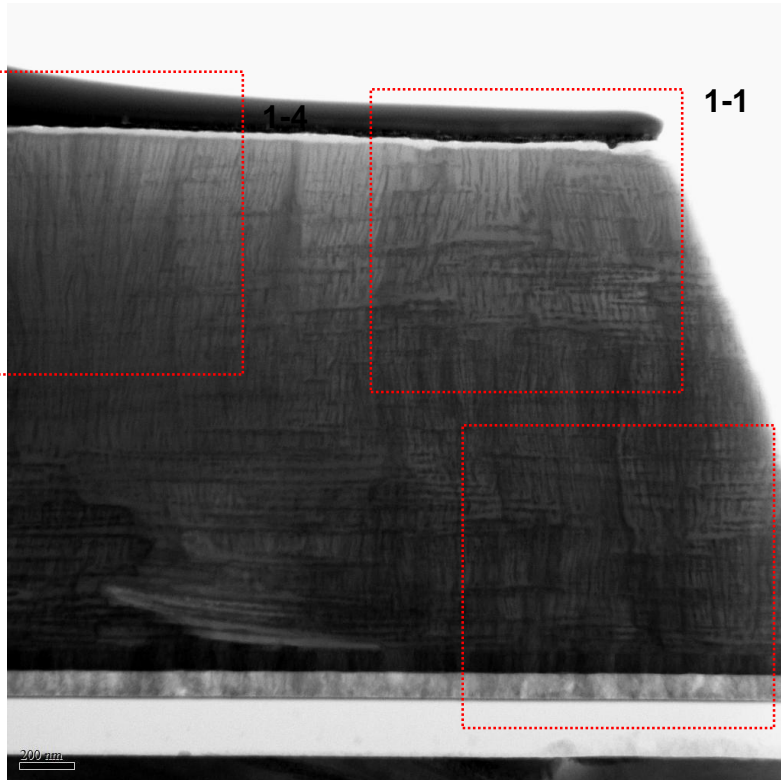
tape



# R&D tapes with Zr=15%

M3-1166-10  
A.P. type with 15%

M3-1216-4  
High-mag type with 15%

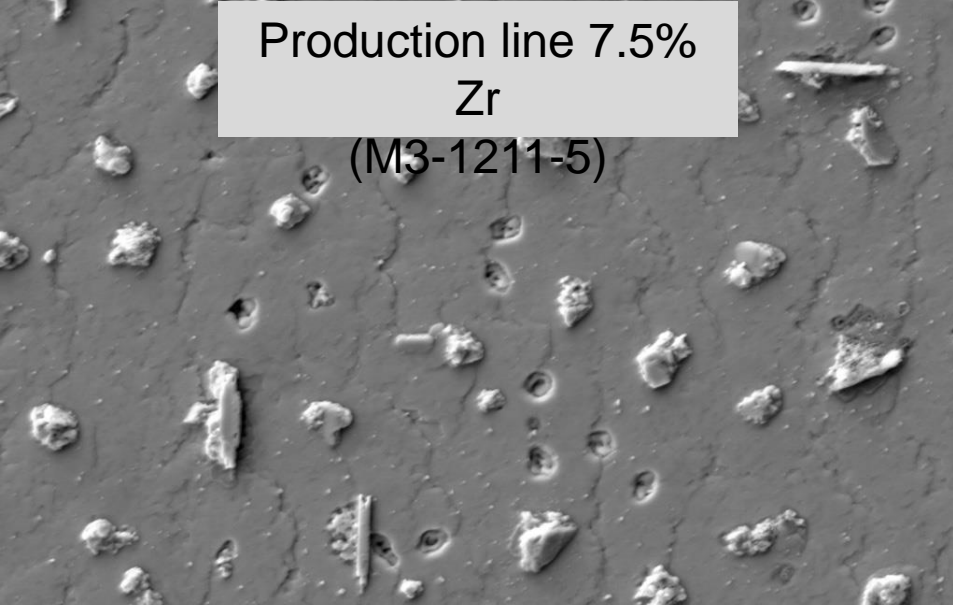


Vertical BZO nano-rods with additional horizontal REOx growths

Production line 7.5%

Zr

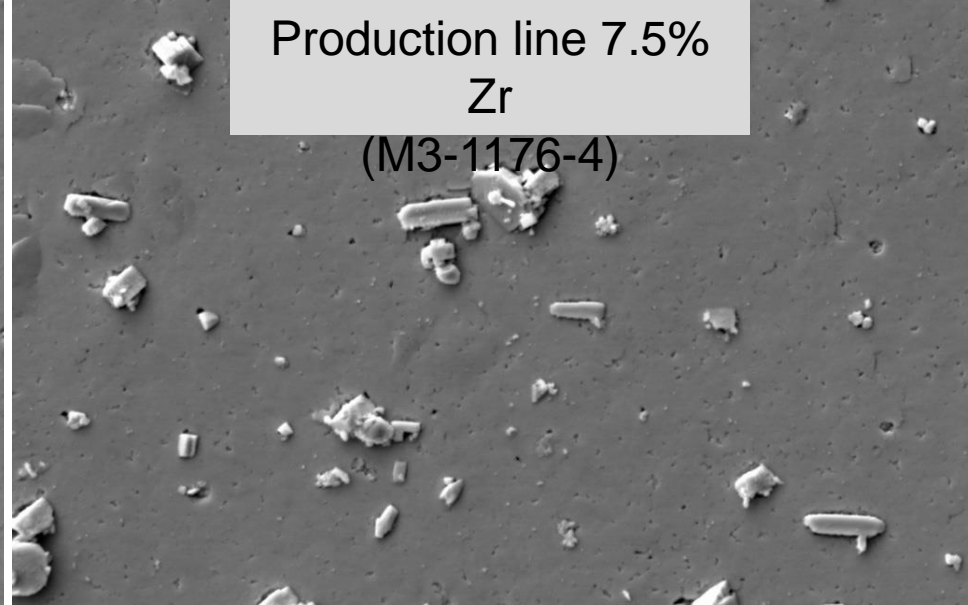
(M3-1211-5)



Production line 7.5%

Zr

(M3-1176-4)

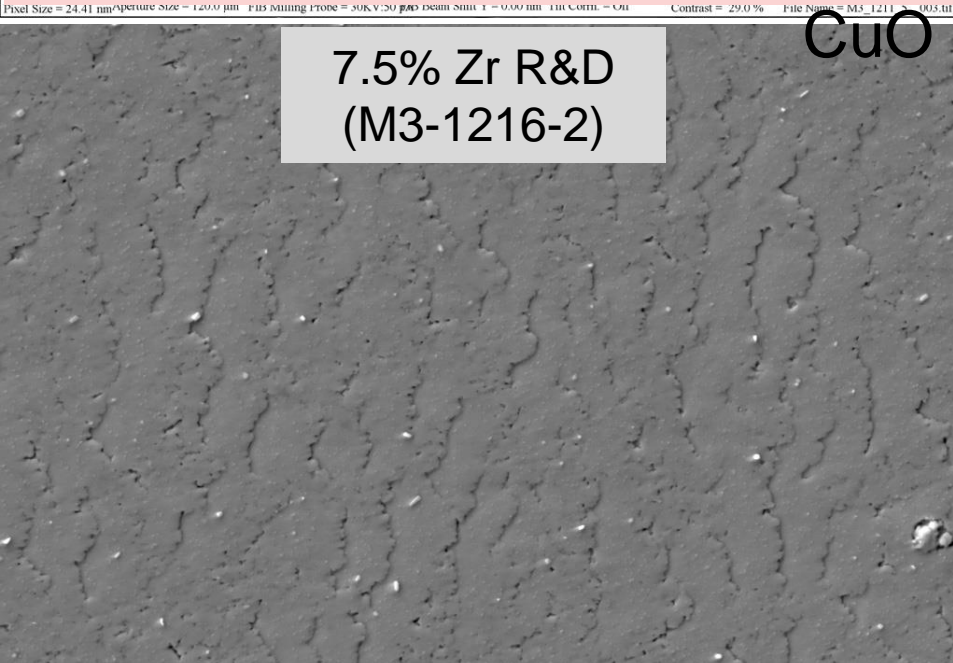


ReBCO surface of R&D tapes are free from a-axis grains and

CuO grains

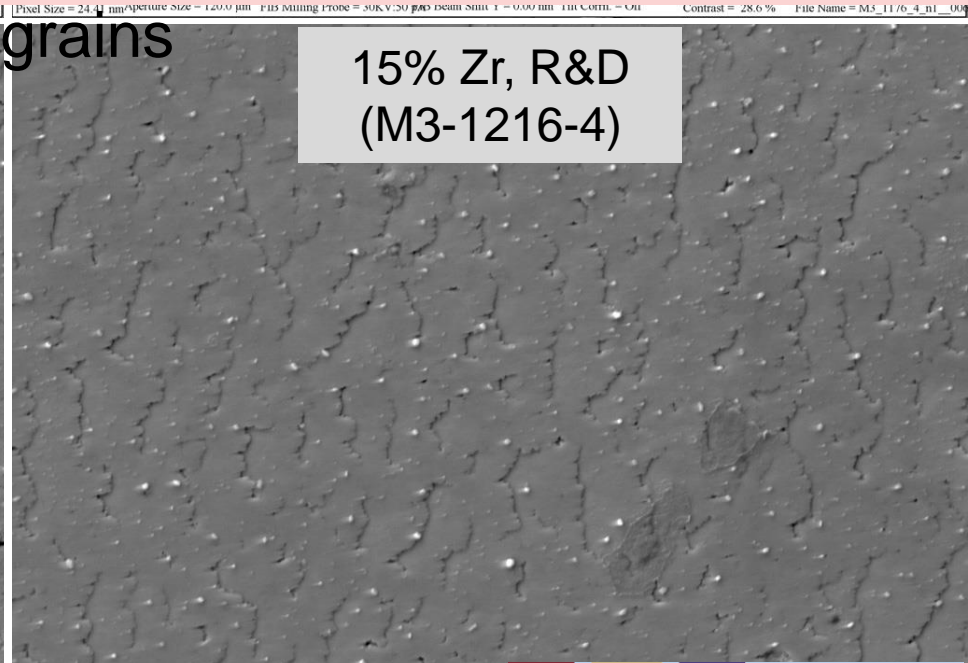
7.5% Zr R&D

(M3-1216-2)



15% Zr, R&D

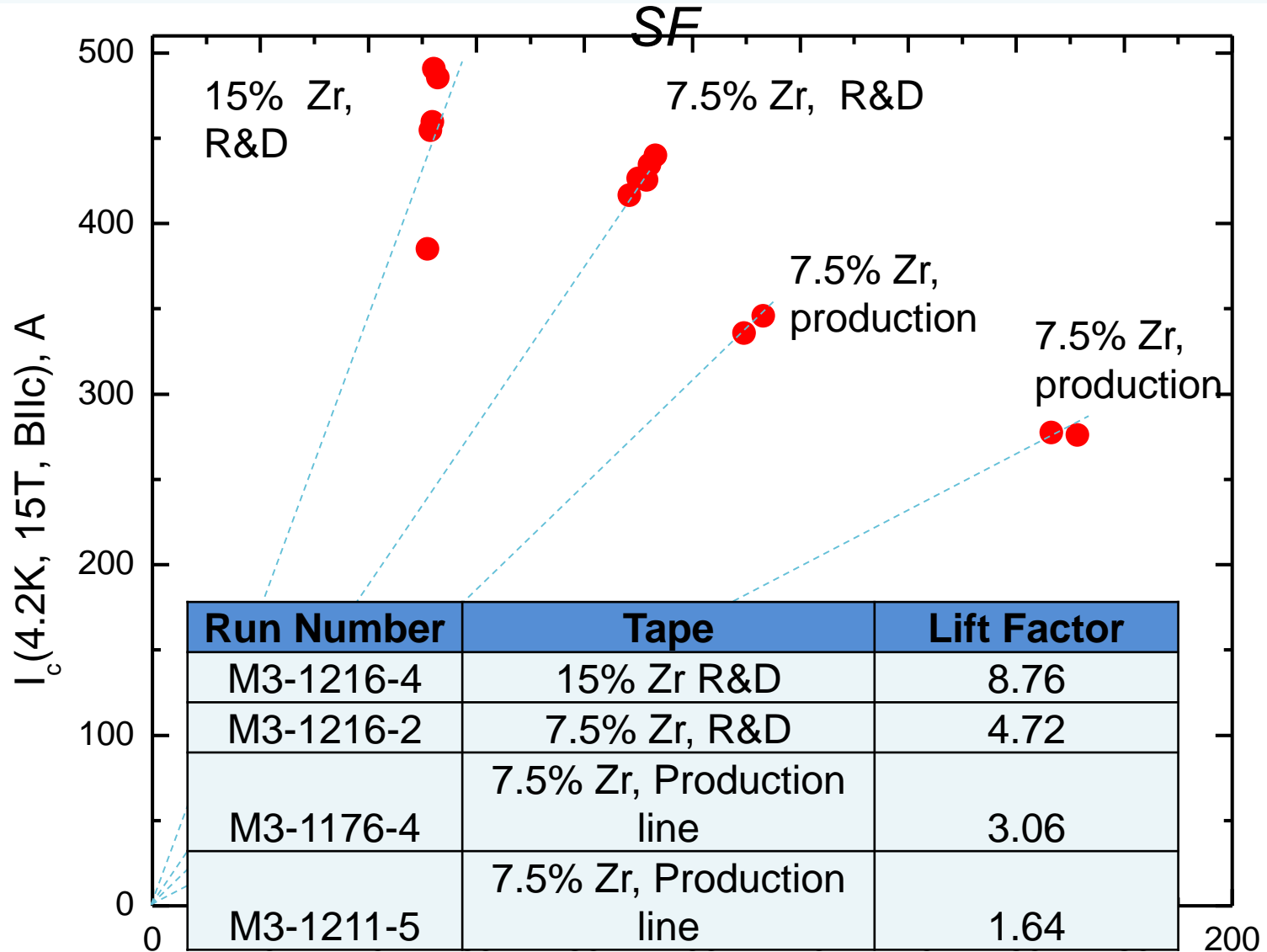
(M3-1216-4)





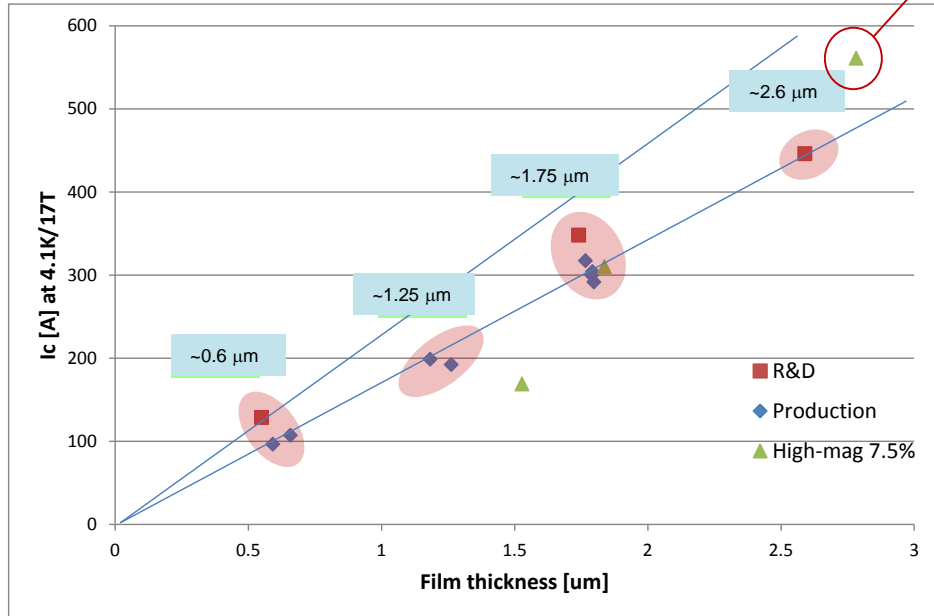
# Very different lift factors for compared tapes

*Interpretation: Additional pinning centers are not effective at 77K,*



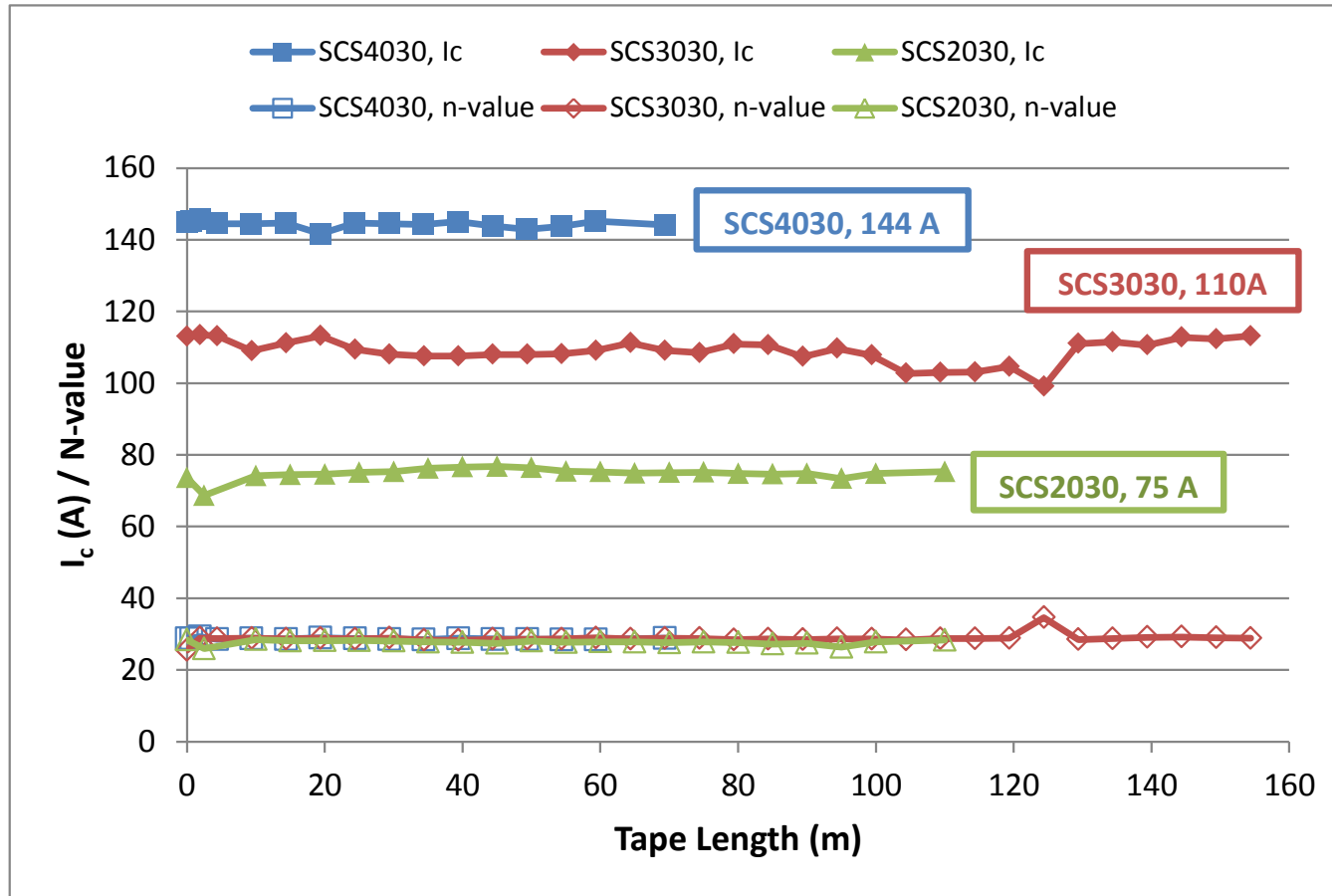
# Thick film development progressing

R&D M4-364-2  
Zr 7.5%, high mag  
2.7 mm thick REBCO film



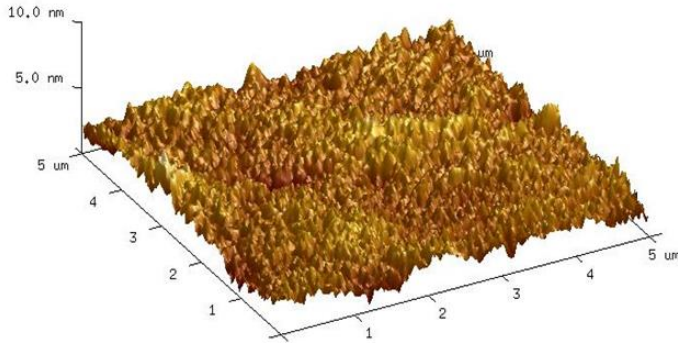
Applied Field (T)	$I_c$ (A) – 4 mmW
5	1408
8	989
10	835
12	729
15	615
17	561
All B//c	

# Development progress of 30 $\mu$ m substrate



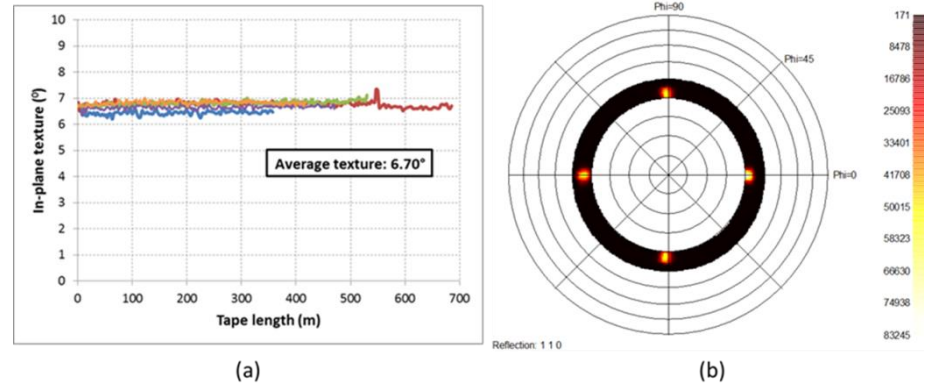
- Base performance of 30 $\mu$ m substrates are comparable to 50 $\mu$ m.

# Electropolishing, buffer and MOCVD deposition parameters of 30 $\mu\text{m}$ Hastelloy C276 substrate developed

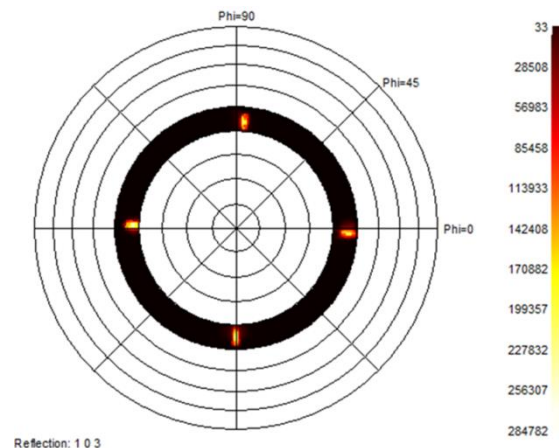


AFM 5 x 5  $\mu\text{m}$  scan obtained from 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick electropolished Hastelloy C-276.

**(103) Pole figure of REBCO film with 7.5% Zr deposited on IBAD MgO template on 30  $\mu\text{m}$  substrate.**

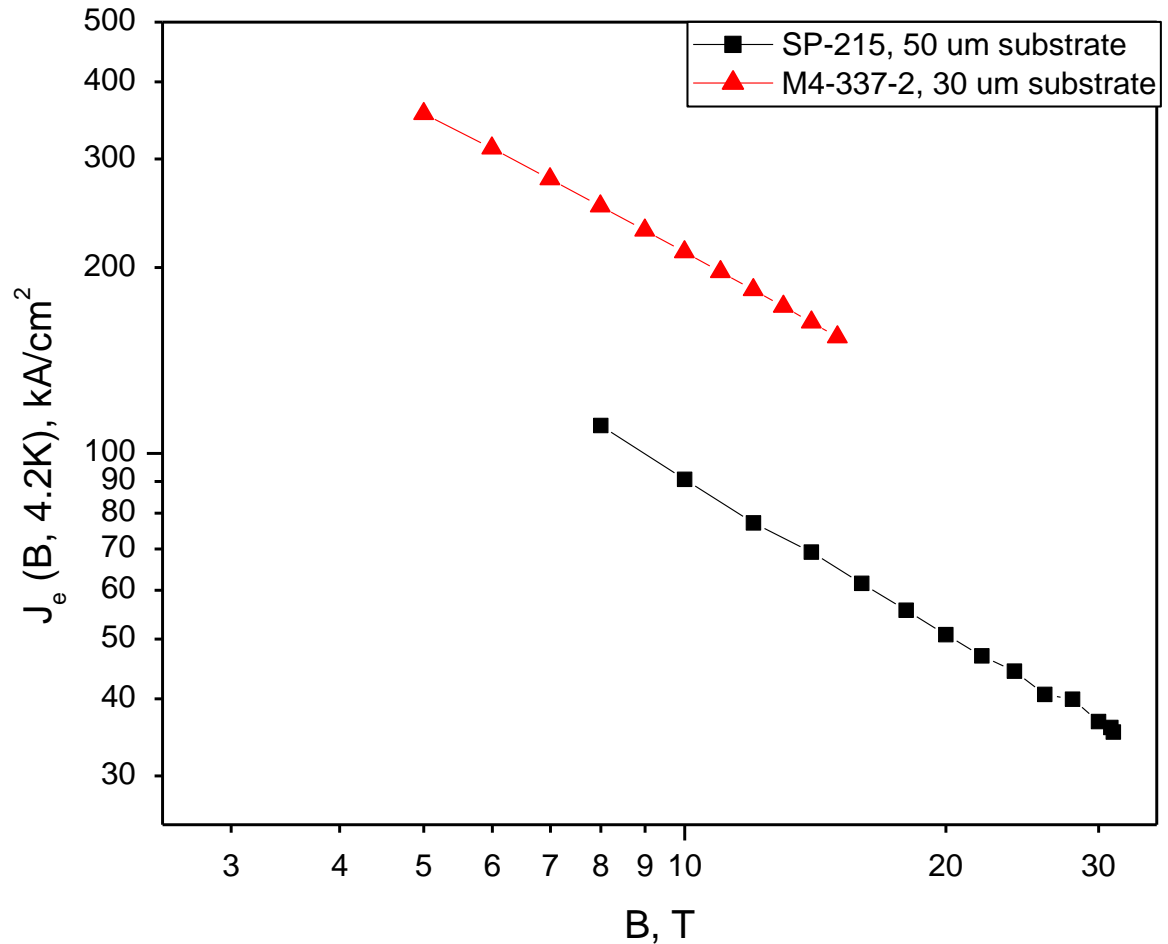


**(a) In-plane texture and (b) (110) pole figure of LMO buffered IBAD MgO template on 30  $\mu\text{m}$  substrate.**



# Improved $J_e$ demonstrated with 30 $\mu\text{m}$ tapes

**Engineering current density at 4.2 K vs. applied field for 30  $\mu\text{m}$  and 50  $\mu\text{m}$  ReBCO tapes with 7.5% Zr**

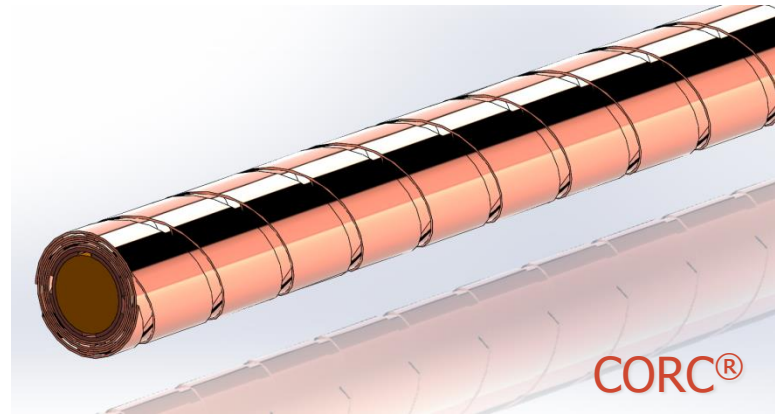


Measured at NHMFL

# CORC<sup>®</sup> wires using SuperPower tapes

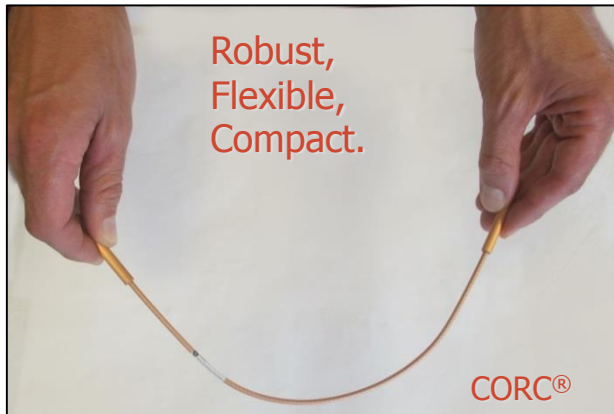
## 16 superpower tapes wound helically

- Copper core: 2.2 mm diameter
- 2 mm wide tapes with 30 μm substrate
- 6 mm twist pitch with partially transposed tapes for low AC loss
- Wire outer diameter: 3 mm
- Terminal diameter: 6.35 mm
- Nominal wire  $I_c$ : > 1,000 A (77 K)

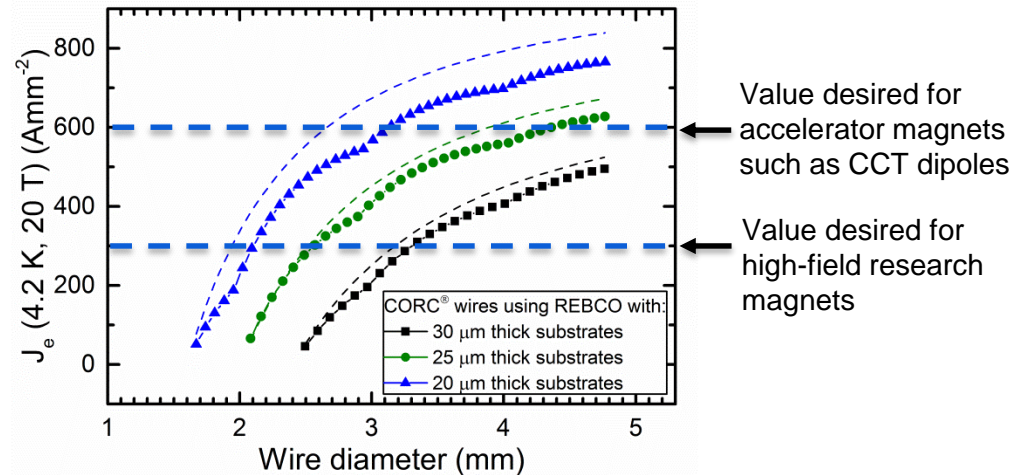


## Applications

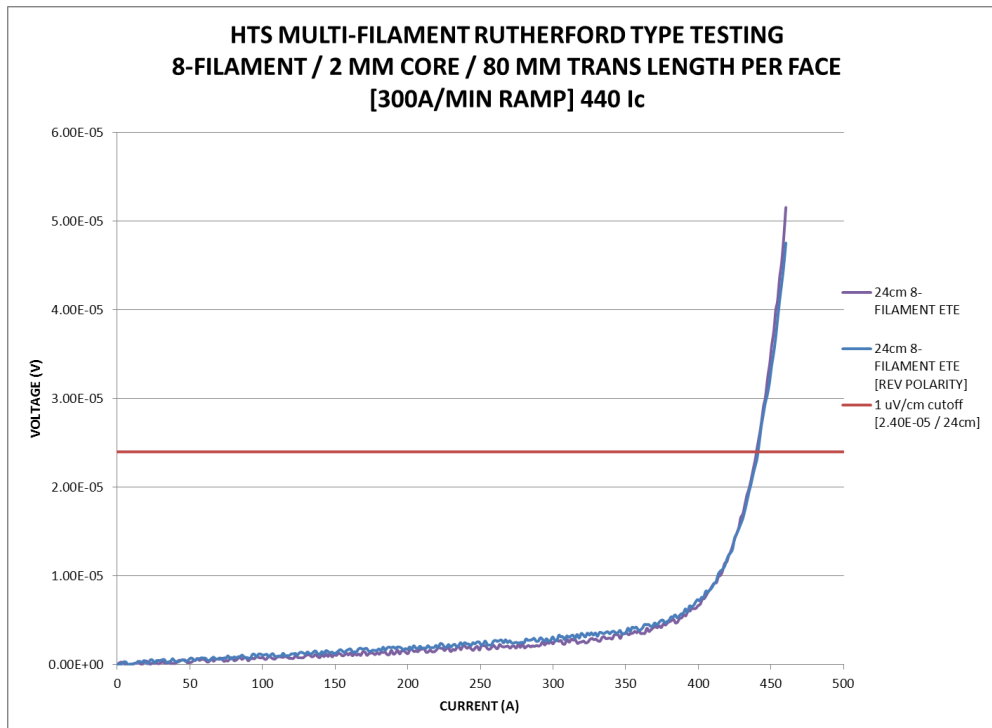
- High field magnets
- Accelerator magnets
- Fusion magnets
- High power density transmission



## High magnetic field critical current density obtainable by increasing wire diameter and decreasing substrate thickness



# Prototyping of quasi-Rutherford style cable



- 8x 30  $\mu\text{m}$  substrate x 2mm wide tapes wrapped around 14 mm x 2 mm core (1 mm radius) without  $I_c$  degradation.
- Thinner substrates and narrower tapes will enable smaller, more flexible core.

# 2G HTS Tape electromechanical characterization

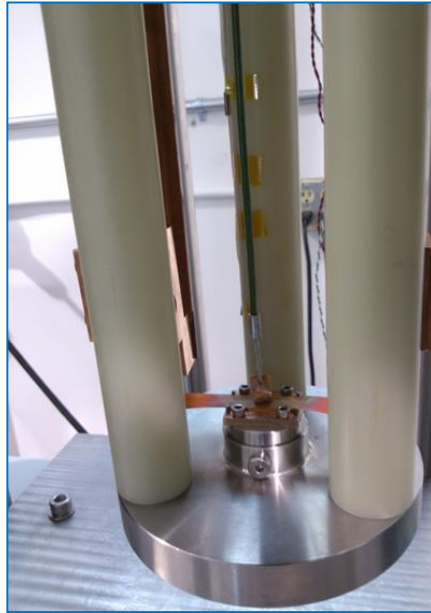


# Studies on mechanical/electromechanical properties

- Mechanical behaviors under various stress conditions at RT and/or 77K
- Electromechanical testing for stress (strain) dependence of  $I_c$  at 77K
- Electromechanical strength determined by critical stress with 95%  $I_c$  retention

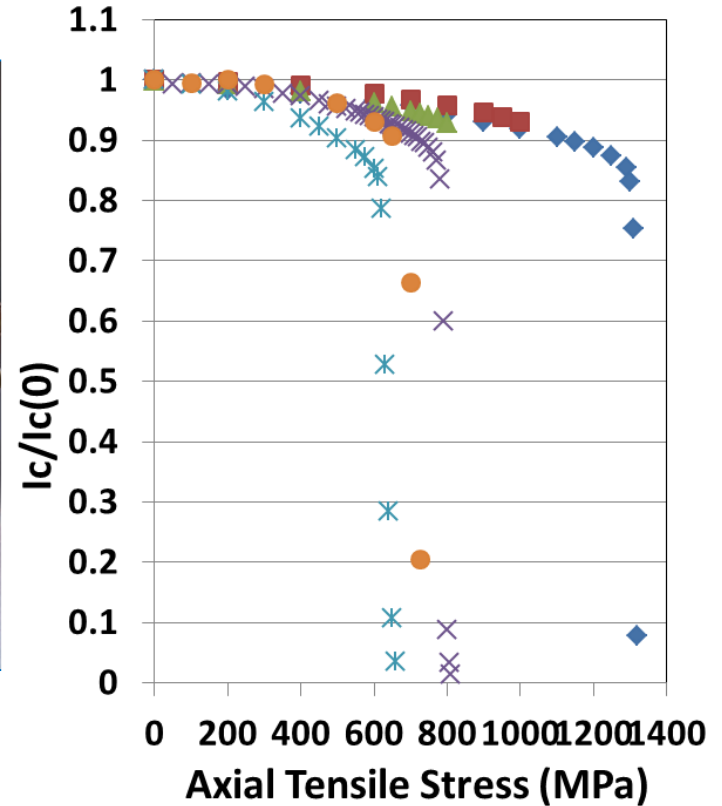


Axial tensile  
RT or 77K w/  $I_c$



Transverse tensile  
Stud method  
RT or 77K w/  $I_c$

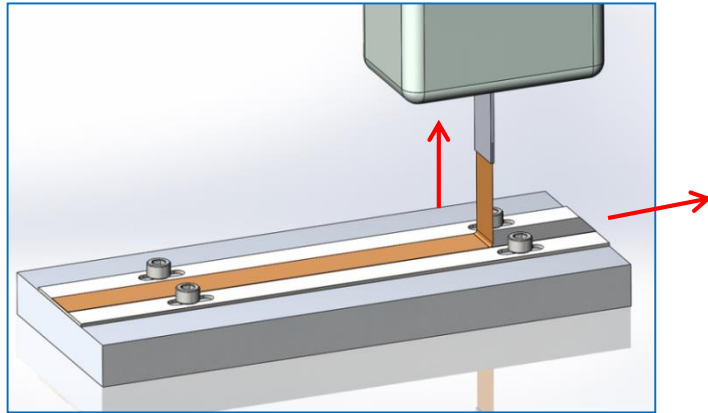
Fixture for mechanical/electromechanical testing



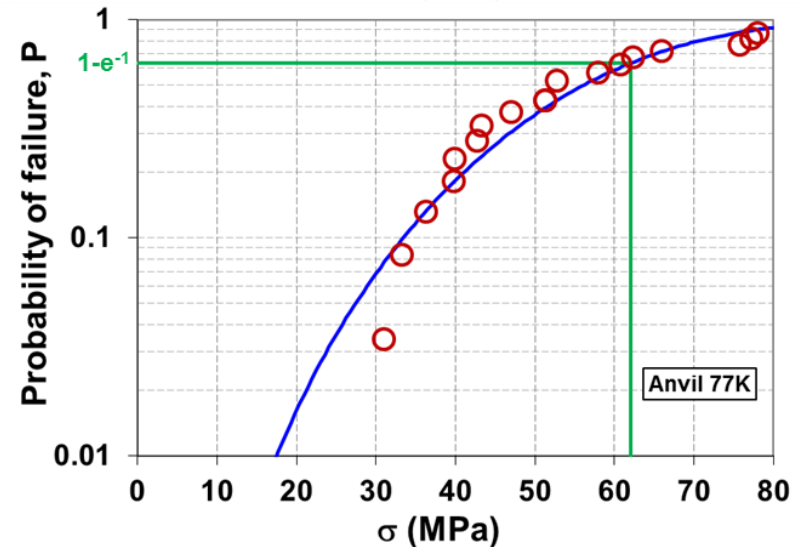
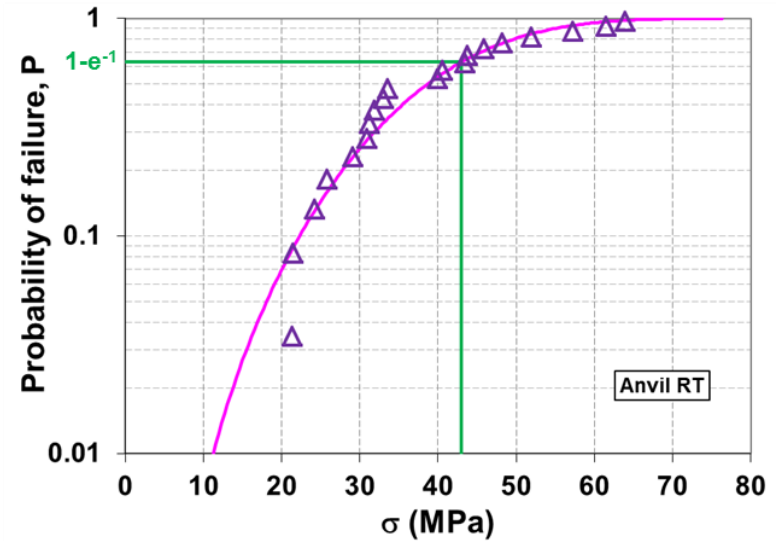
Normalized  $I_c$  vs. axial tensile stress for

- ◆ SF12100
- ▲ SCS12050-20
- \* SCS12050-100
- SF12050
- × SCS12050-40
- FtF-Bonded

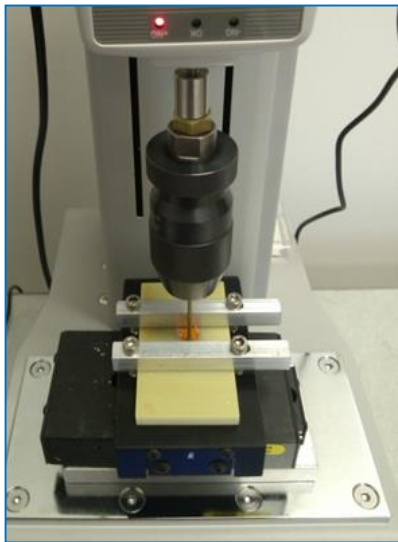
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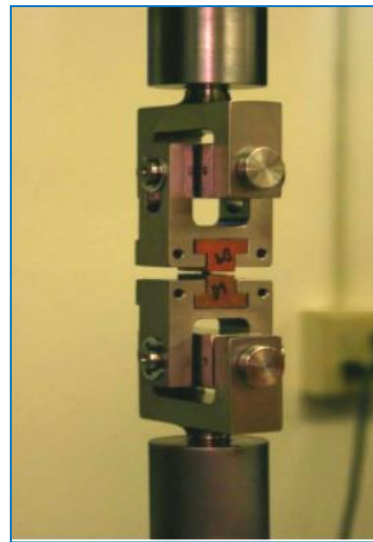
90° Peel test, RT



Weibull analysis results – anvil test

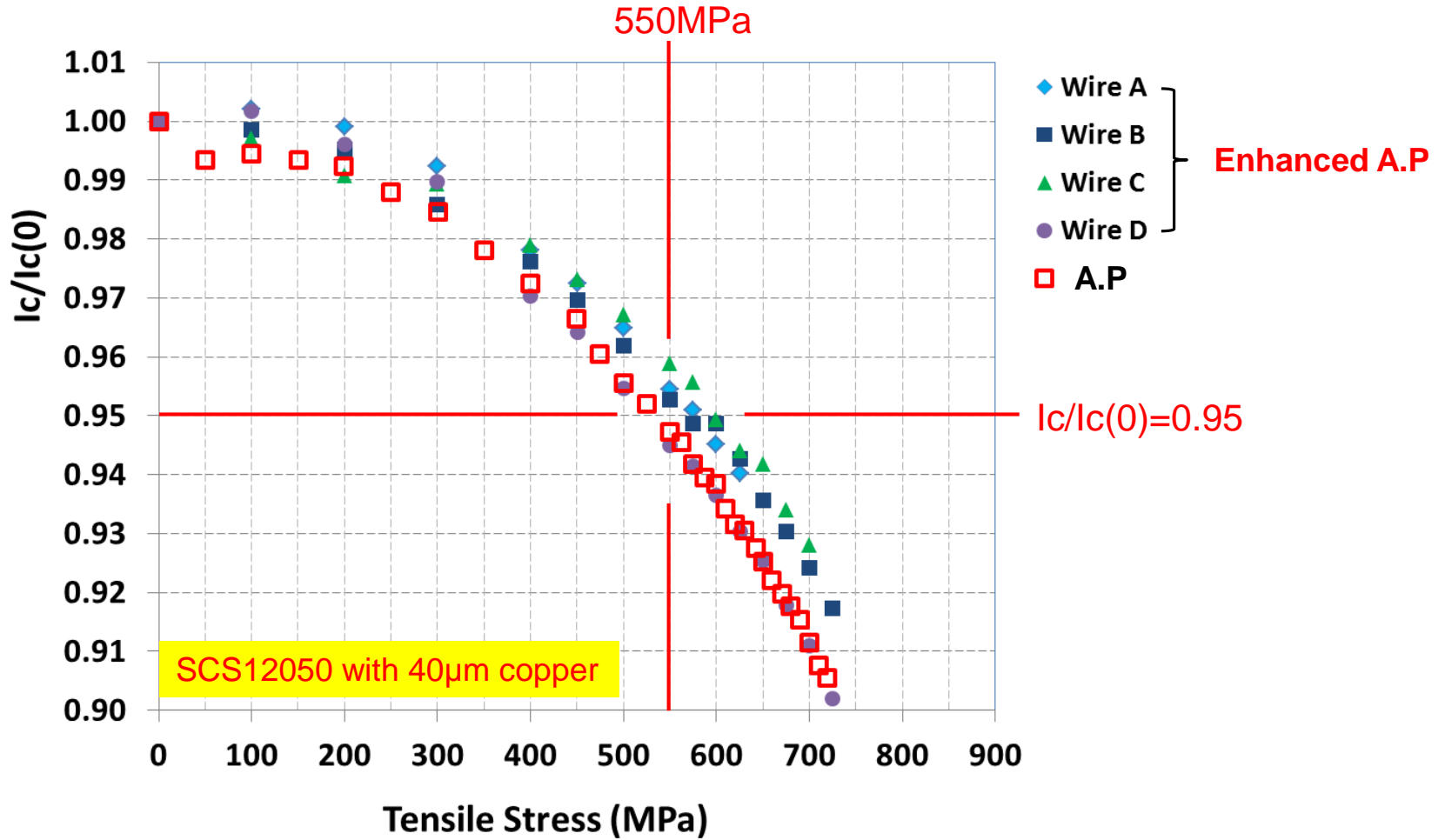


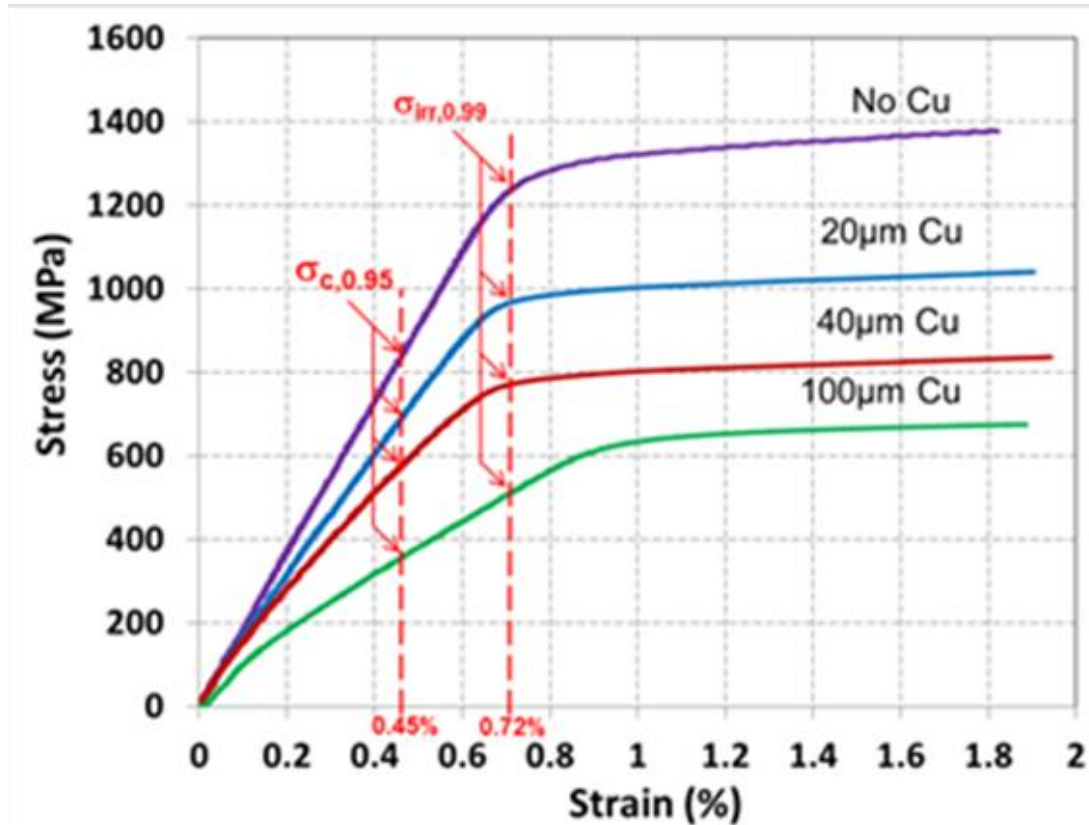
Transverse tensile  
Pin-pull method  
RT



Transverse tensile  
Anvil method  
RT or 77K

# Electromechanical property - $I_c$ under tension at 77K





Stress-strain relationship curves of four different SCS4050 wires. The critical strain and irreversible strain as well as the corresponding critical stress and irreversible stress illustrate the dependence and independence of these properties on the Cu stabilizer thickness.

# Summary

- Strong focus on processing to improve uniformity, repeatability, piece lengths and yield.
- Maximize current capacity while developing next generation equipment
  - When is the time to pull the trigger?
- Enhance performance parameters for developing operating spaces
  - Thinner substrates
  - Thicker films
  - Optimized pinning
- Continue to improve mechanical properties
  - Delamination mitigation
  - $I_c$  ( $\epsilon$ )

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