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2MO4-07 Multi-deposited inkjet printed YBCO on IBAD-MgO architectures for coated conductors

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Location of
facilities/equipments

Administration

Private investor:
industrial



Venture capital



+200 m² industrial
site 5 km away+ 500 m² (to be inaugurated)



- Spin-off technology-based company founded in 2010
- Specializing in scale-up of chemically-derived nanostructured functional oxide thin films.
- Staff: 8 people now + student internships
- Turnover around 250.000 € in 2016 and (project grants, and products sold worldwide: PVD targets and customized furnaces)

Achievements

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- 2nd financing round (300 k€)
- H2020 project (500 k€)

- Award from REPSOL FUNDATION
- UV curing of inks

2017
10 meters of HTS tape, new R+D contracts

2016

2015

2014

- First sales of PVD targets, furnaces
- Continuous inkjet pilot plant in operation
- Start of activities in solar oxides
- Extension to industrial park with 200 m²

2013

- First research contract

2012

- Signed licence agreement with CSIC

2011

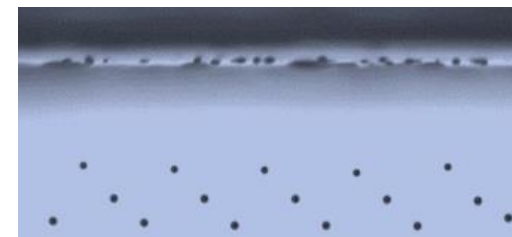
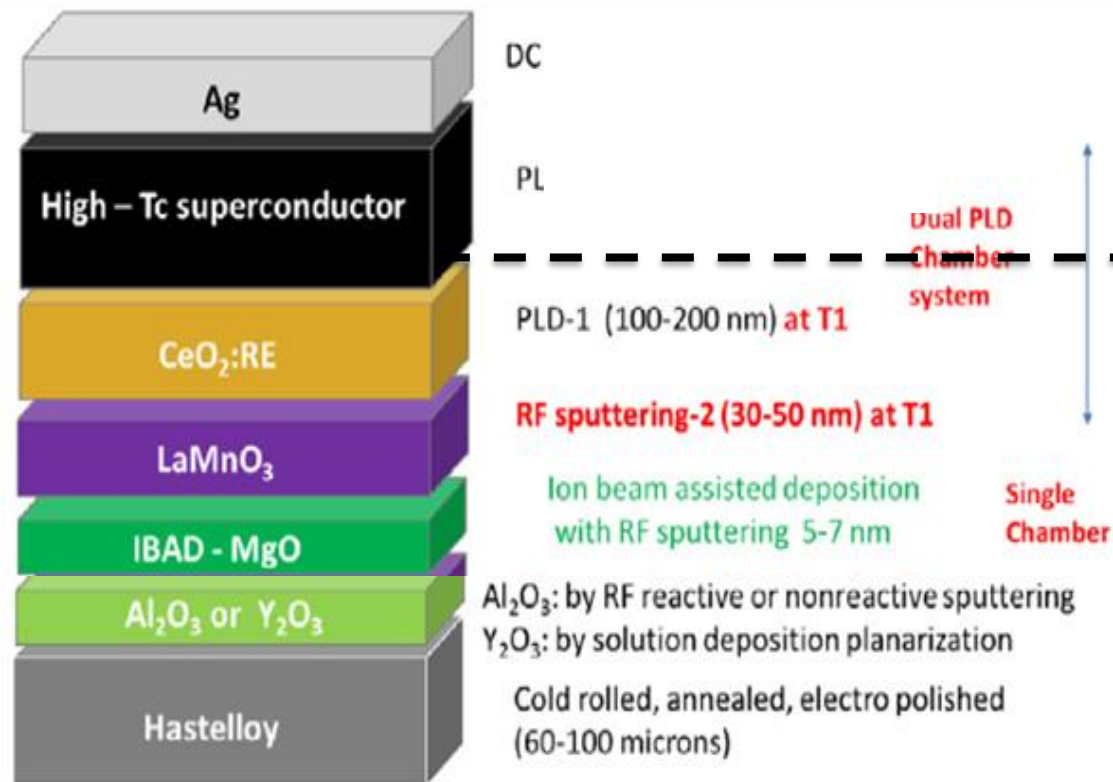
- FP7 Eurotapes project

2010

- Foundation
- 1st financing round
- La Farga enters equity
- Start of activities in superconductivity



Tape architecture

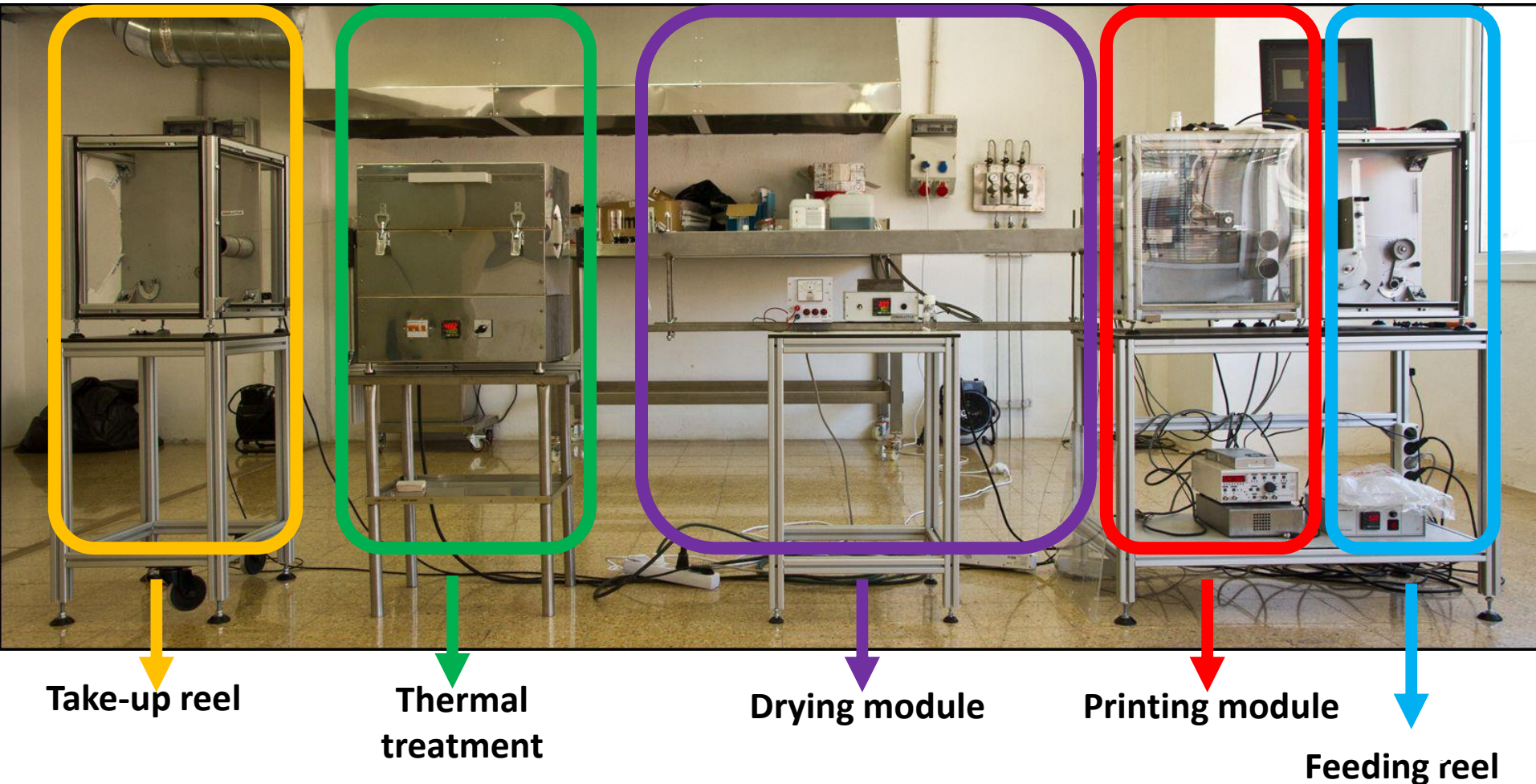


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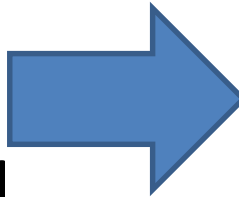
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PILOT PLANT FOR REEL-TO-REEL INKJET DEPOSITION AND PYROLYSIS

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Gas extraction
system for the
removal/filtering
of ink solvents and
decomposition products

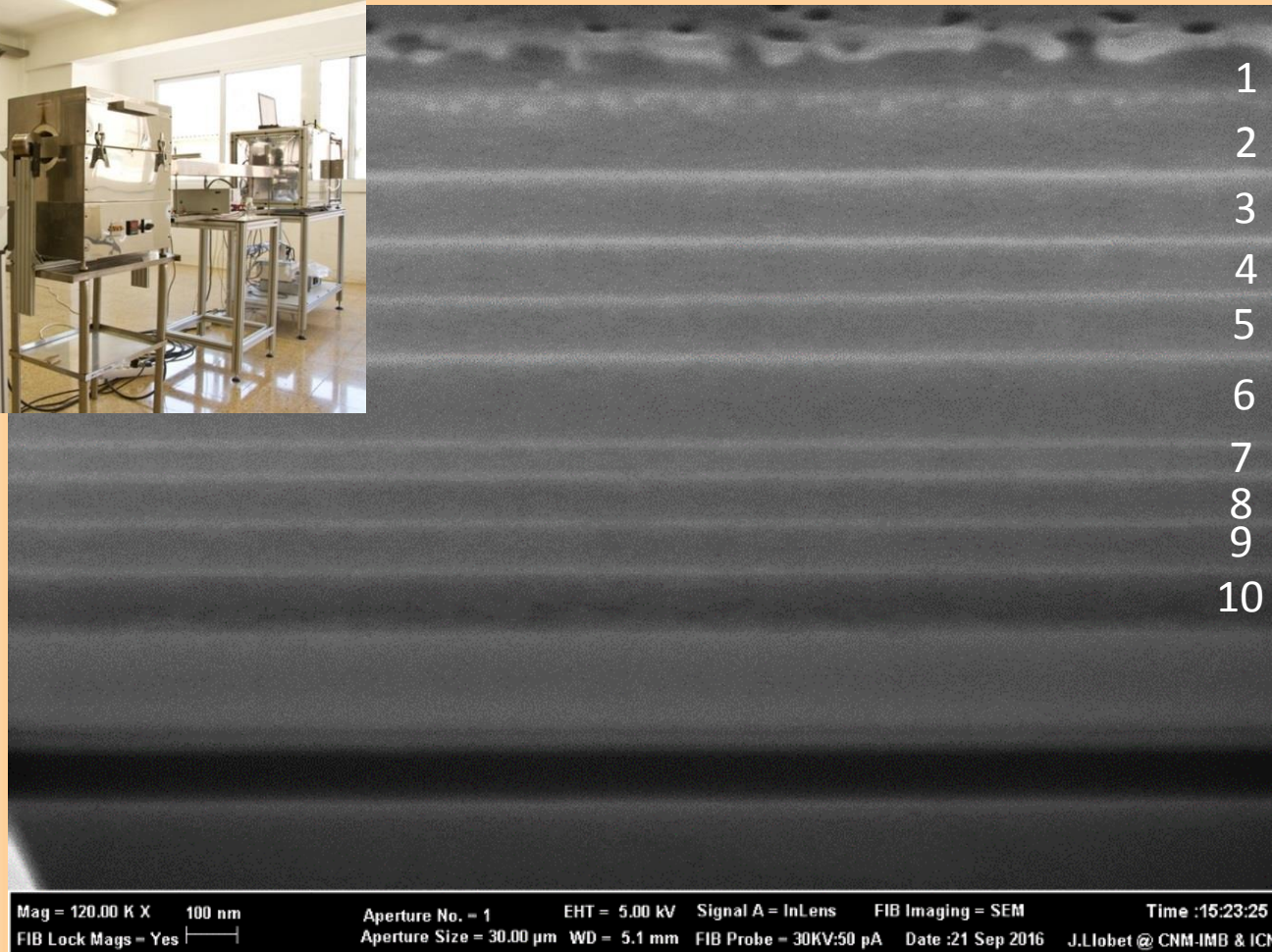


Low-F YBCO multi-deposition pyrolysis in R2R mode by Inkjet Printing: 10 layers, 1 μm thickness

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cut




eurotapes

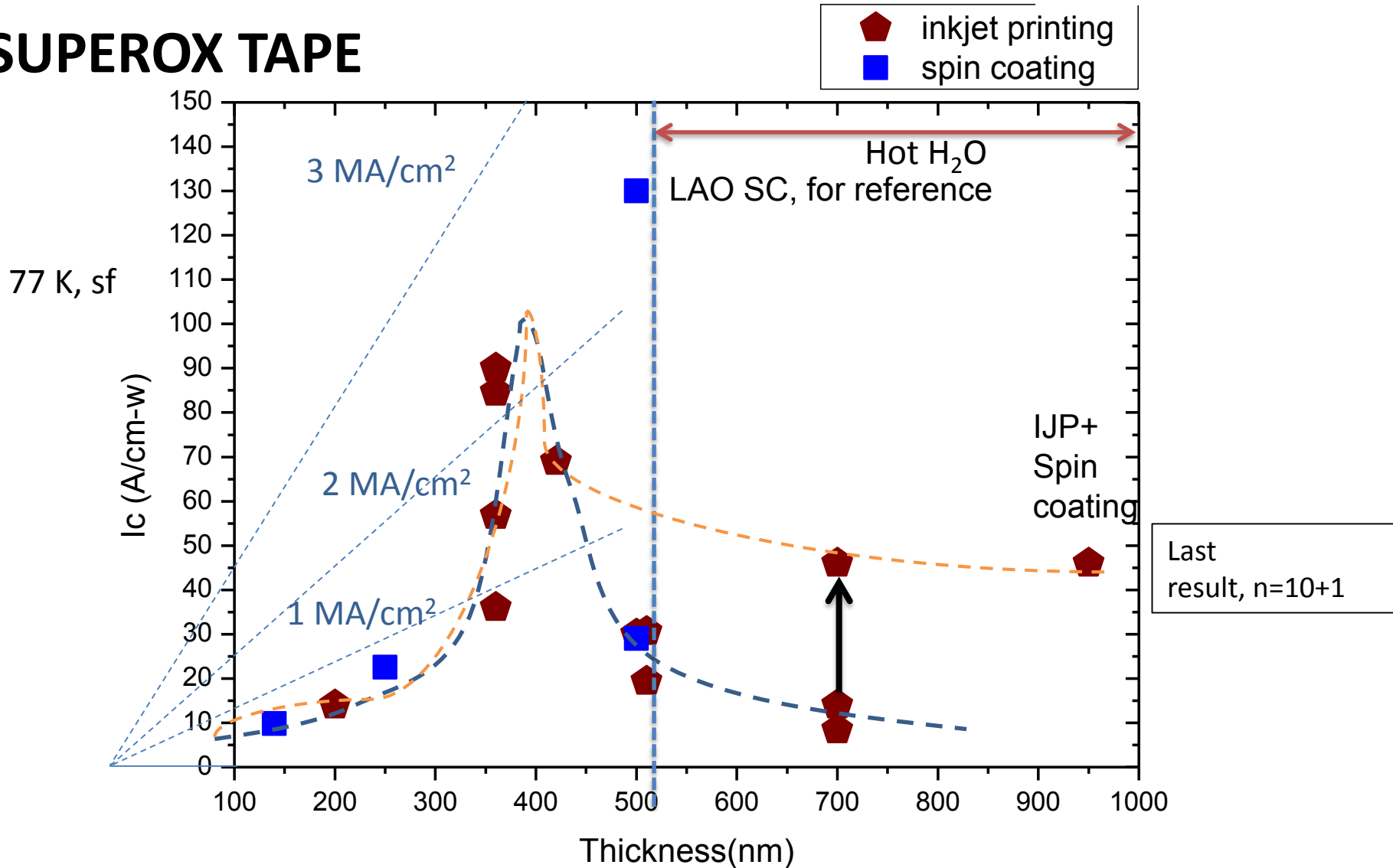
~ 1.4 μm low
fluorine YBCO
(10 layers)

200 nm CGO

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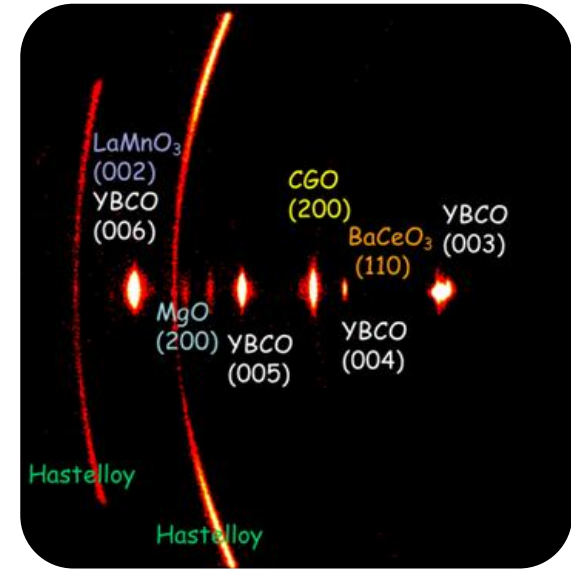
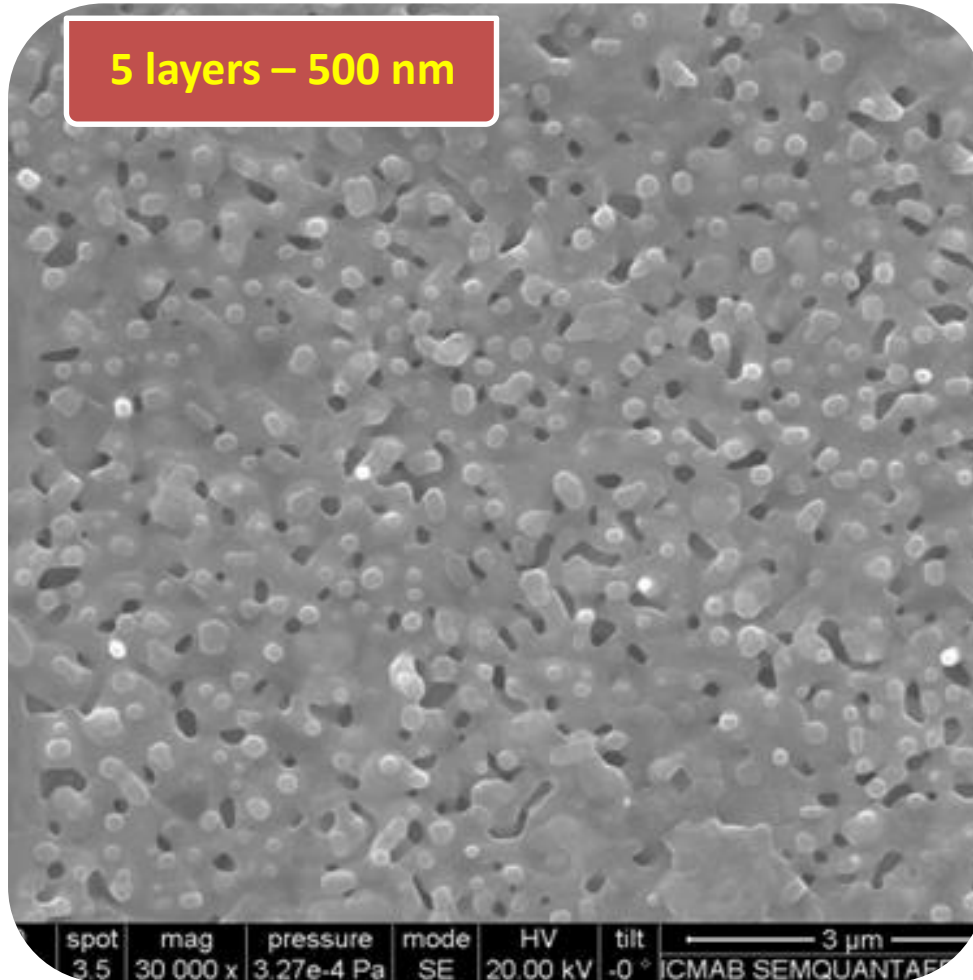
Compact layers after pyrolysis obtained by inkjet printing multi-deposition
Cu-rich interlayers are visible between the multideposited YBCO films.

MAP OF RESULTS ON MULTI-DEPOSITED SUPEROX TAPE



Observations: still n=5 is highest in I_c . Slower pyrolysis ramps in O₂ produce flatter samples and this is main limitation for I_c enhancement. Growth conditions become more and more relevant too for top results in thicker films

Characterization of the YBCO samples by IJP and pyrolyzed in R2R mode



XRD²

Fully c-axis oriented

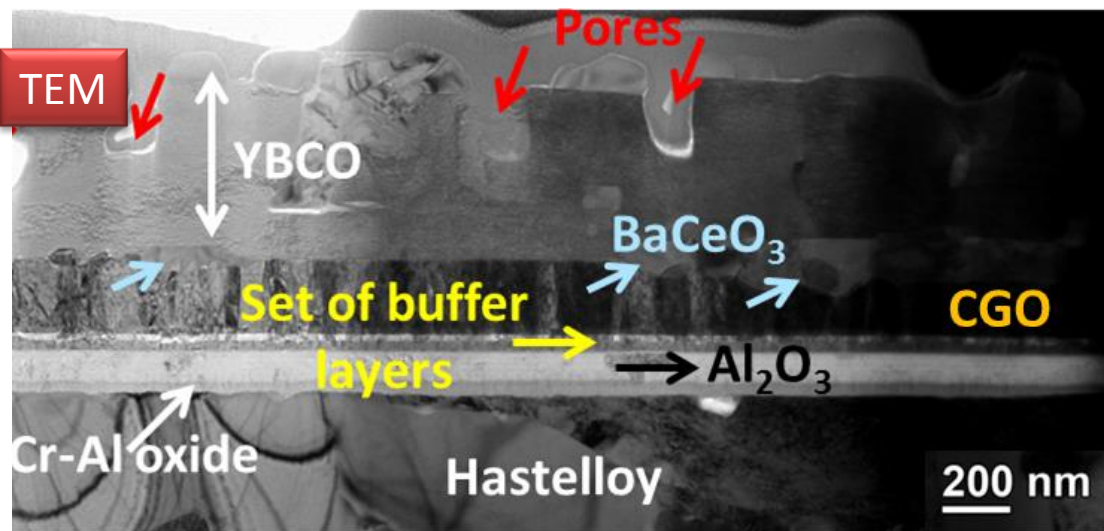
$$J_c(77K, sf) \approx 2 \text{ MA/cm}^2$$

$$I_c = 90 \text{ A/cm-width}$$

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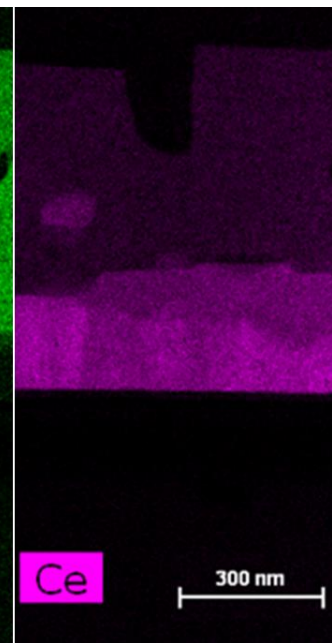
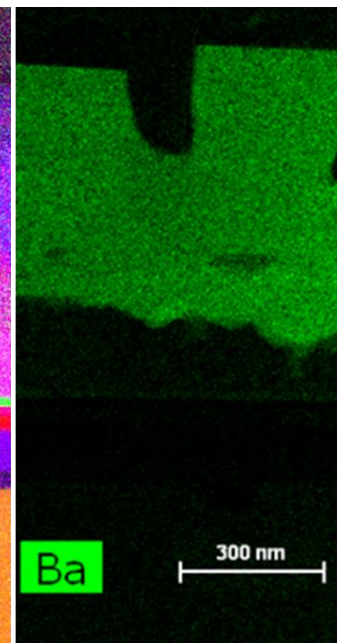
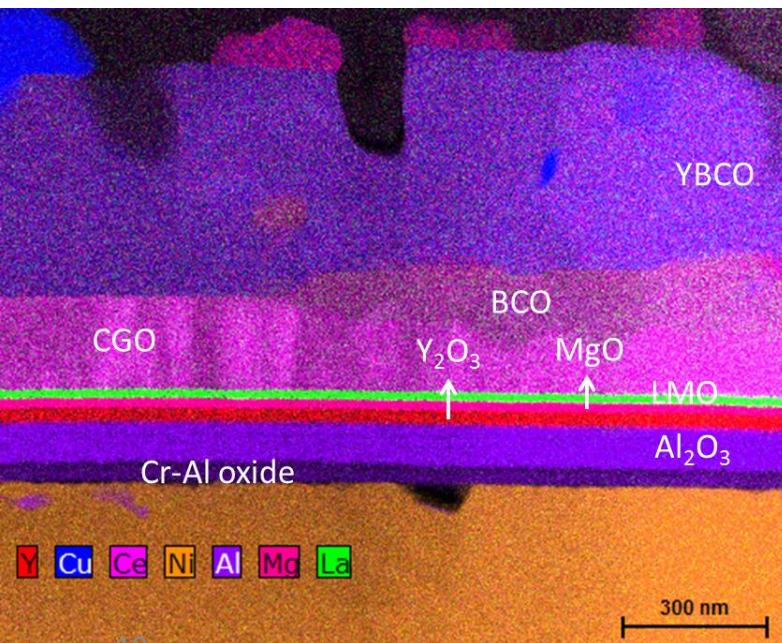
Record I_c obtained at OXOLUTIA by inkjet printing
and still large room for improvement in the short term

Deeper look into the microstructural and magnetic characterization of the LF-YBCO IJP films



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Low-resolution TEM cross-section image of the sample, shows the different layers of the CC. We note there is some presence of a reactive phase at the interface between the cap CGO and the YBCO layers, identified to be BaCeO₃ (BCO).



Around 30-40 nm BCO, can be also appreciated from the EDX maps of Ba and Ce.

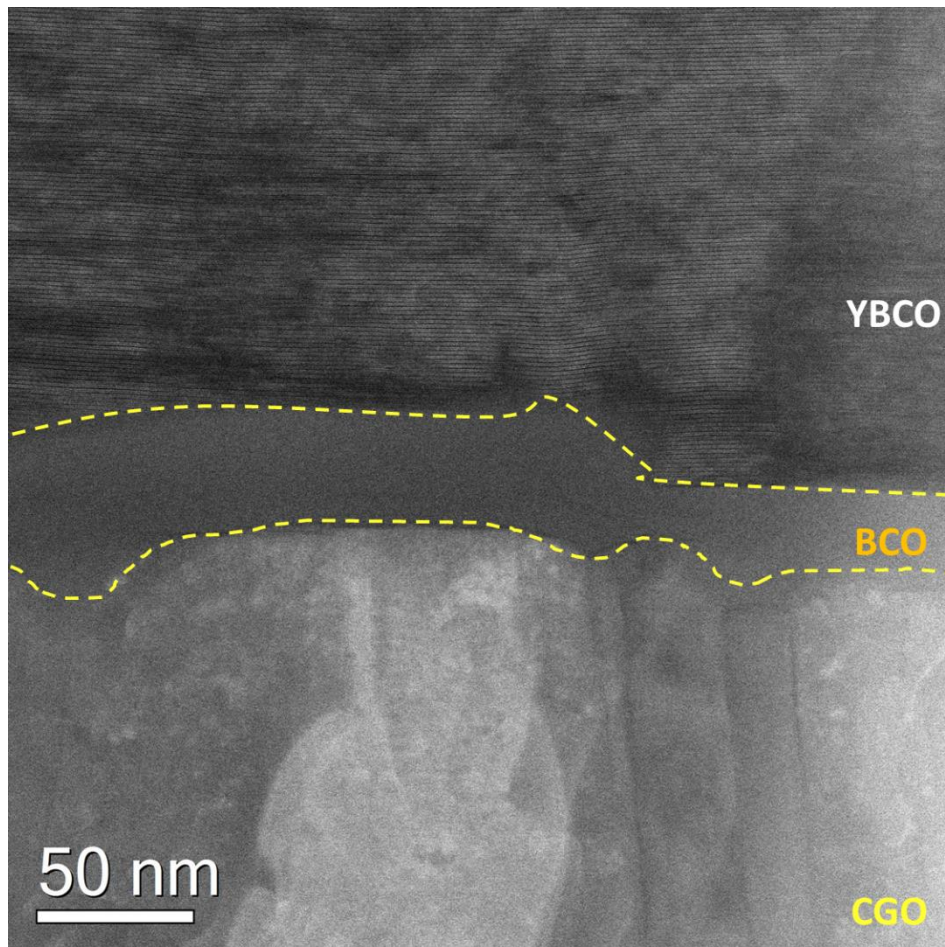
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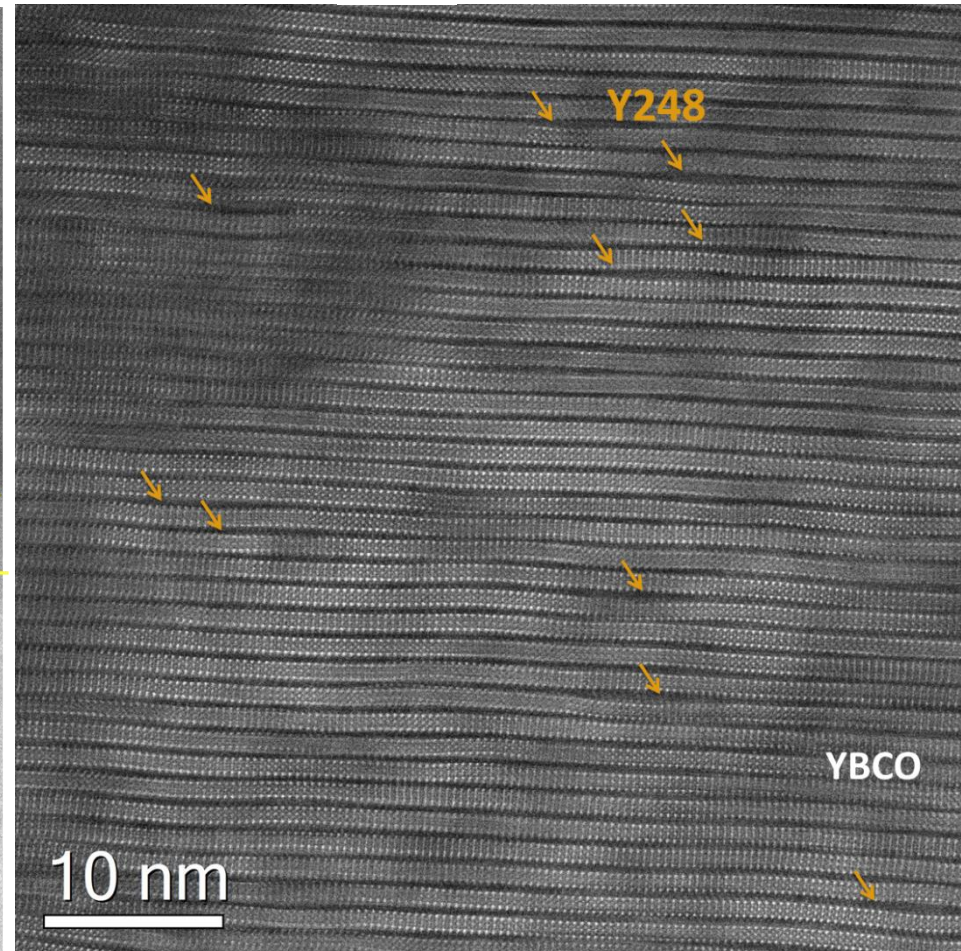
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The formed BCO doesn't seem to disturb the epitaxial growth of YBCO on top; the major part from the 200 nm of CGO remains unreacted.

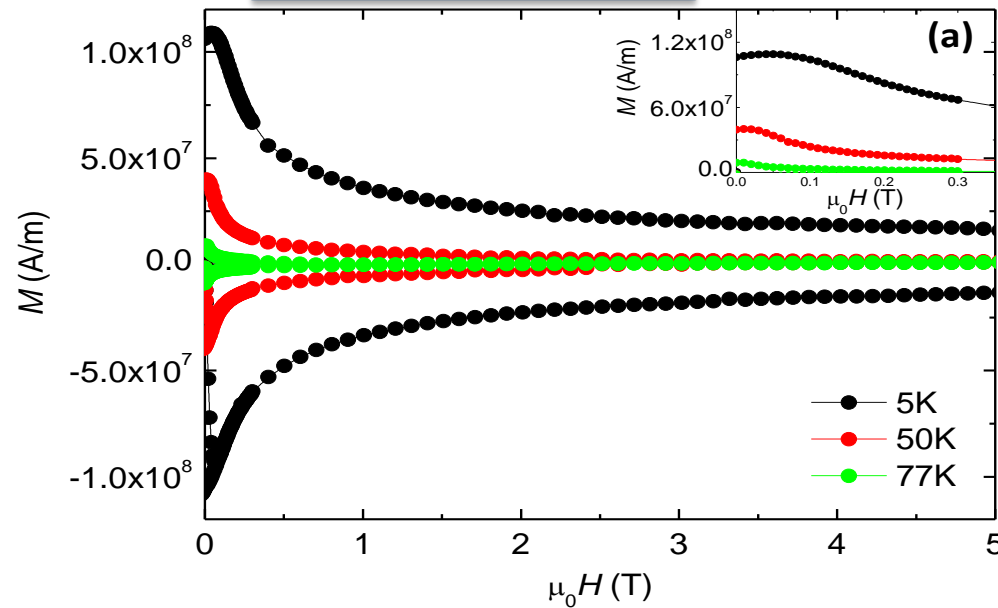


High density of short Y248 intergrowths with some triple Cu chains. ➡ Y125 (R. Guzman et al. APL(2013))

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Magnetic characterization

DC measurements



$$J_c^{GB} = 15.9 \text{ MA/cm}^2 \text{ at } 5\text{K}$$

$$J_c^{GB} = 6.06 \text{ MA/cm}^2 \text{ at } 50\text{K}$$

$$J_c^{GB} = 1.23 \text{ MA/cm}^2 \text{ at } 77\text{K}$$

In collaboration with E. Bartolomé

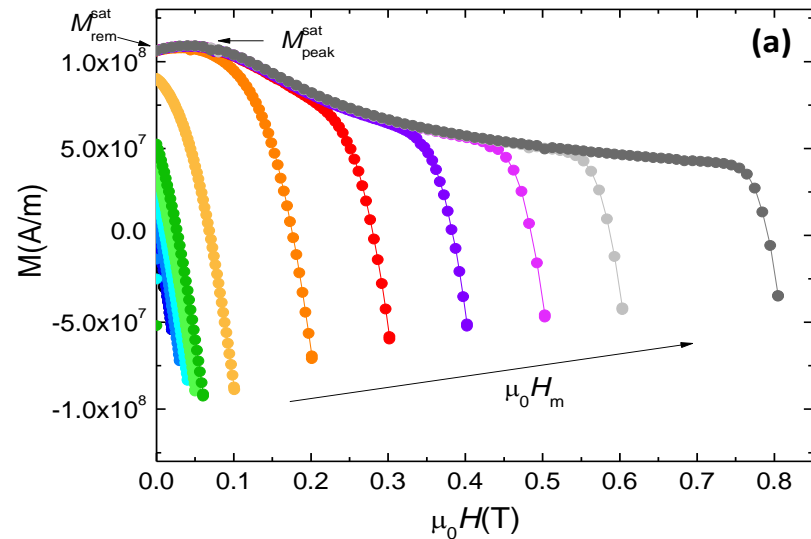
Granularity analysis

$$\langle 2a \rangle = 0.80 \pm 0.05 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

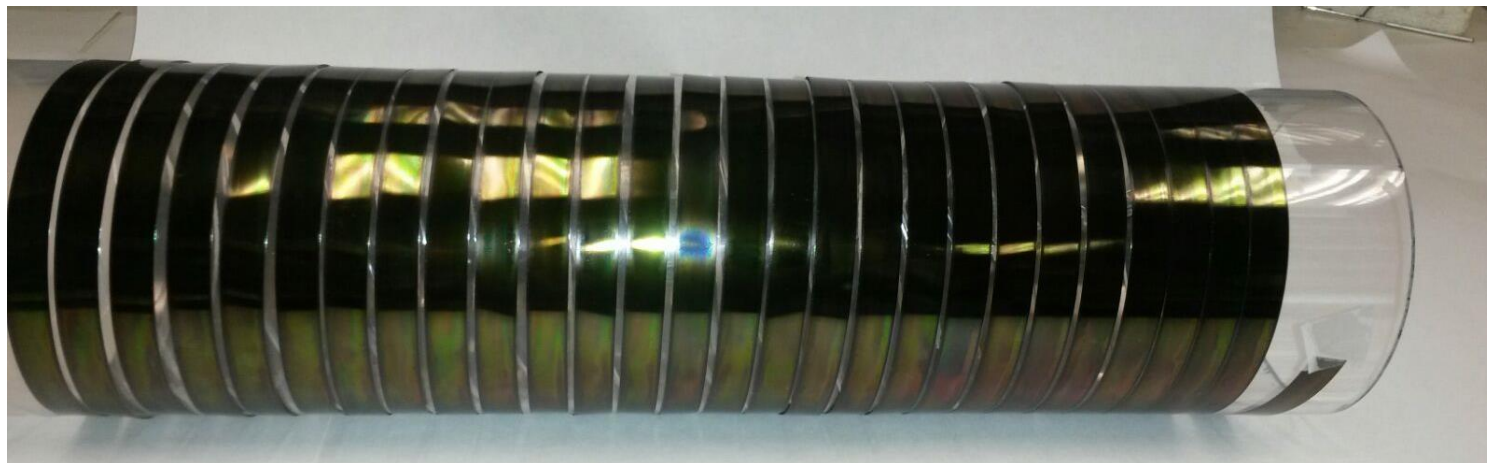
$$J_c^G = 49 \pm 2 \text{ MA/cm}^2 \text{ at } 5\text{K}$$

$$J_c^{GB} = 15.9 \text{ MA/cm}^2 \text{ at } 5\text{K}$$

$$J_c^{GB} / J_c^G = 0.3$$



SCALE-UP TO 10 METERS: REEL-TO-REEL INKJET DEPOSITION AND PYROLYSIS OF YBCO^{TFA}



- SUPEROX substrate. **SuperOx**
- 2** inkjet+pyrolysis cycles.
- Nominal thickness (as-grown): **450 nm** approx.
- Inkjet deposition speed: **3.5 m/h, 1** printhead

REEL-TO-REEL YBCO^{TFA} CONVERSION

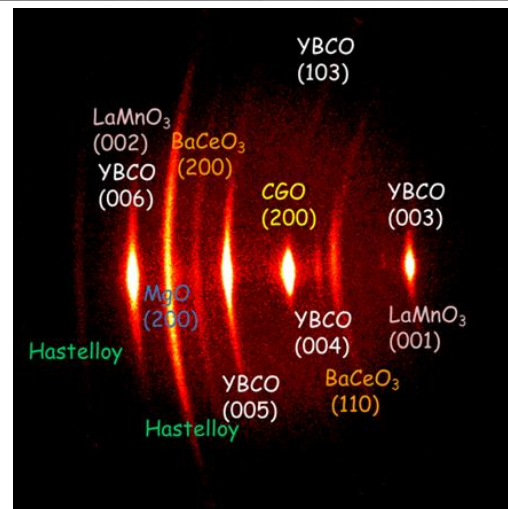
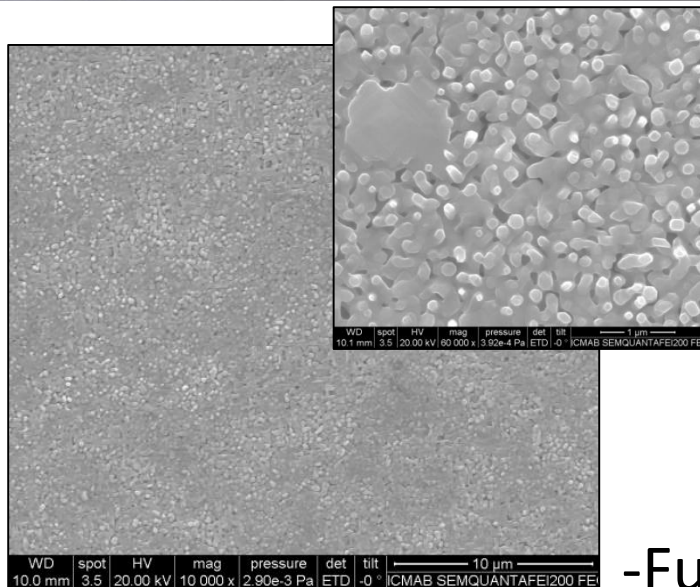
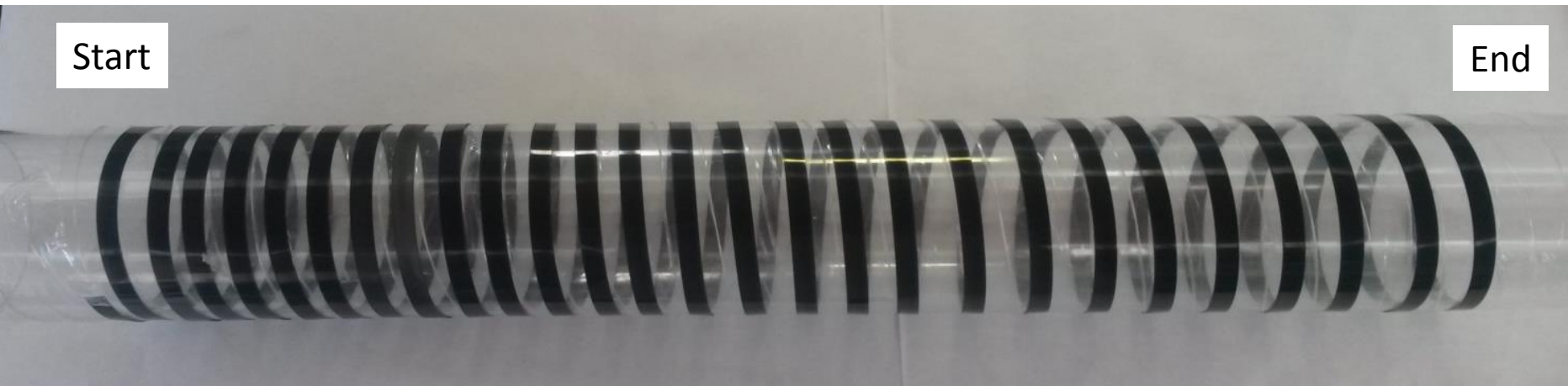


System for long length YBCO conversion

- Speeds up to 100 m/h, 12 mm width, 50 mbar- 1 bar of total pressure
- Initial testing of **10 meters**
- **Capable of 100 meters** when special insert will be built and installed

10 METERS OF GROWN R2R IJP YBCO^{LF} ON SUPEROX SUBSTRATE

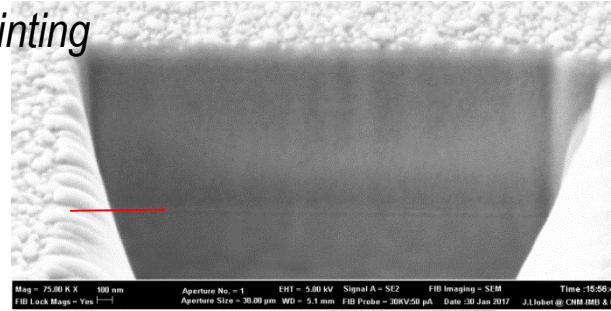
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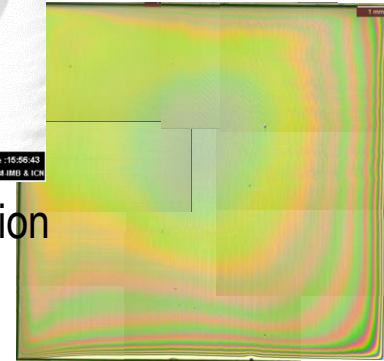
- Full conversion
- c-axis orientation predominates
- Silver deposition and oxigenation in progress

Transfer to OXOLUTIA: deposition of thick CSD nanocomposites

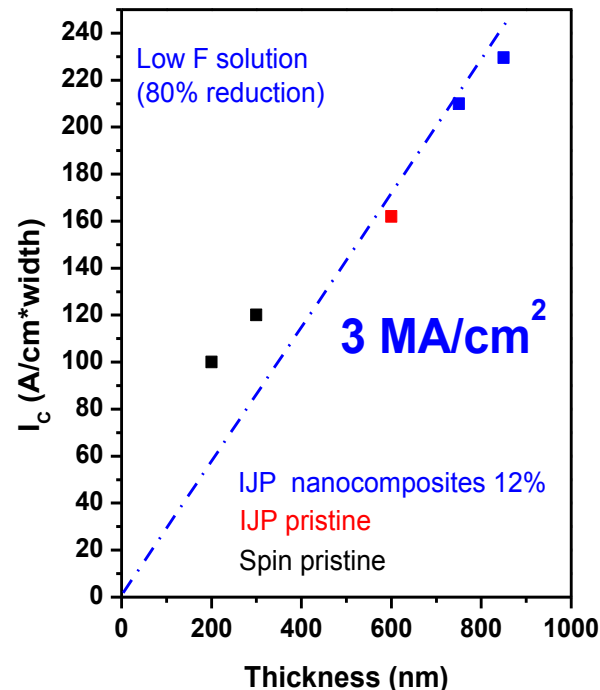
Single deposition *by ink jet printing*



1 µm grown film with 1 deposition

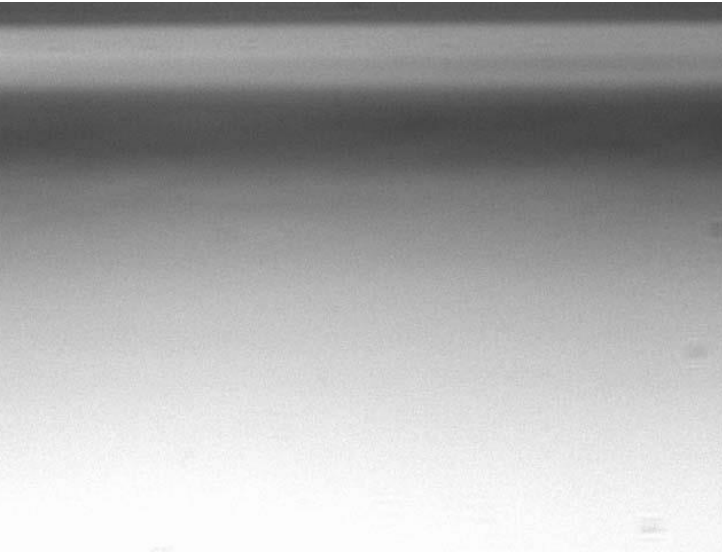


10x10 mm² substrate



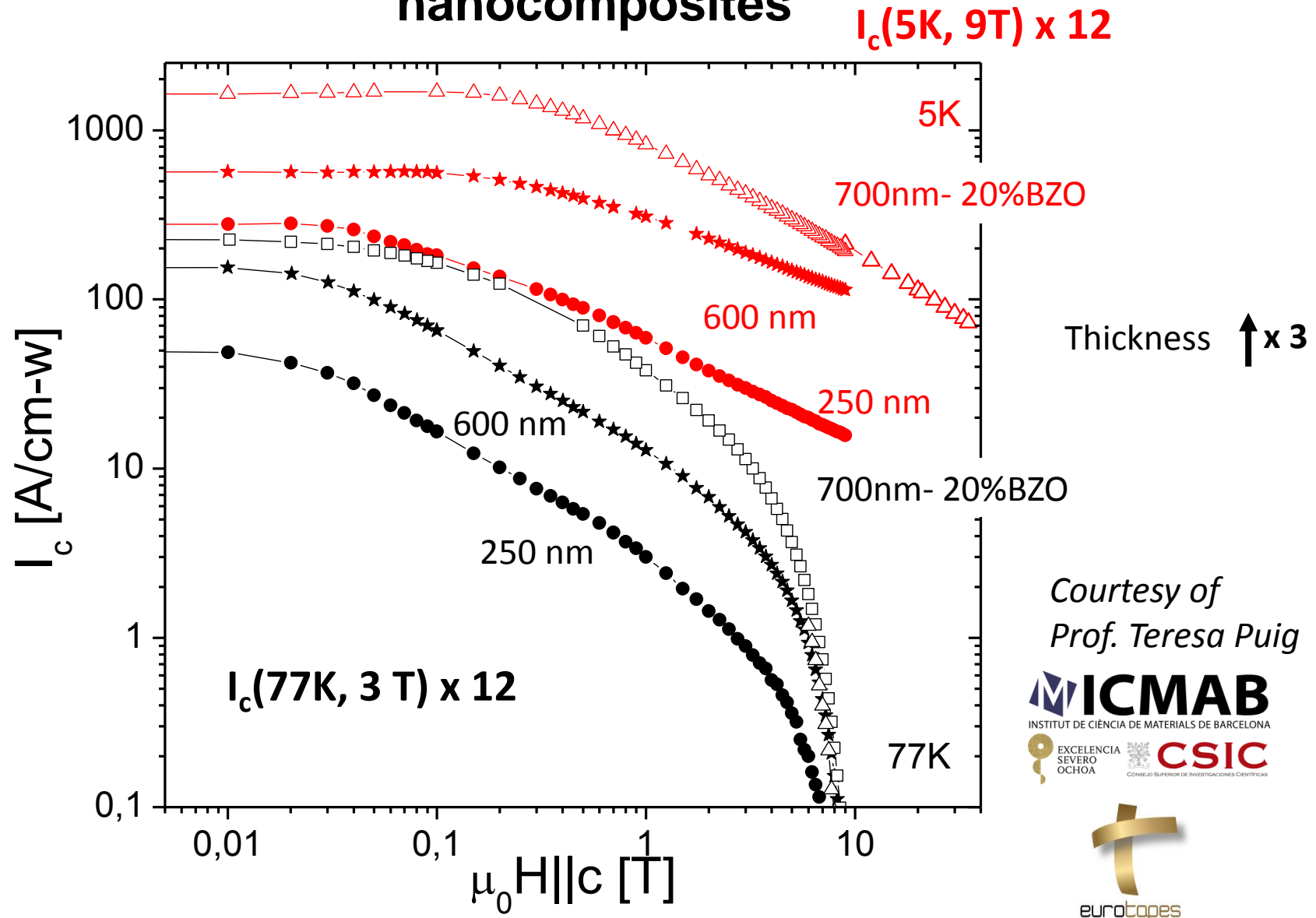
1.6 µm grown film with 2 depositions

Courtesy of Prof. Teresa Puig



*Ink jet printing colloidal solution
+UV curing*

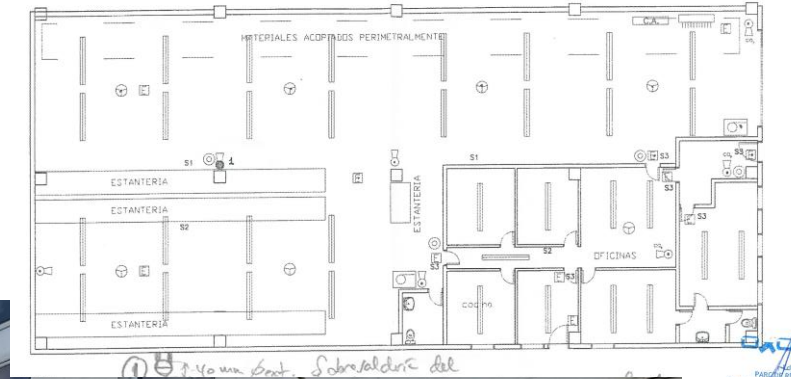
Transfer to OXOLUTIA: Increase of I_c with thickness by IJP deposition of nanocomposites



New production site

- 5 km away from Scientific Park of UAB
- 500 m²
- Inauguration: 25th September 2017

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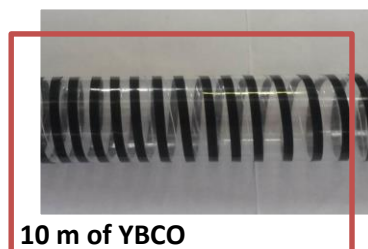
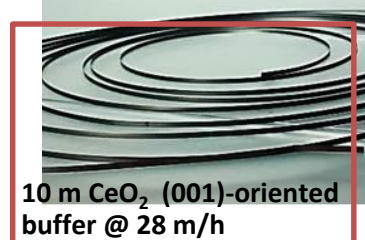
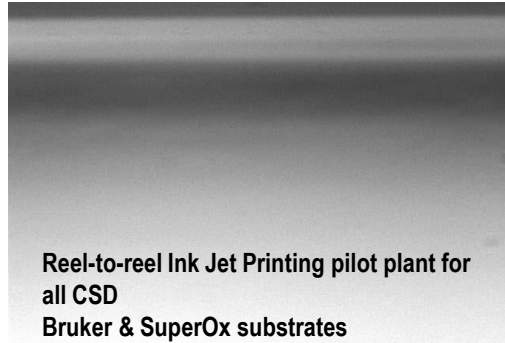


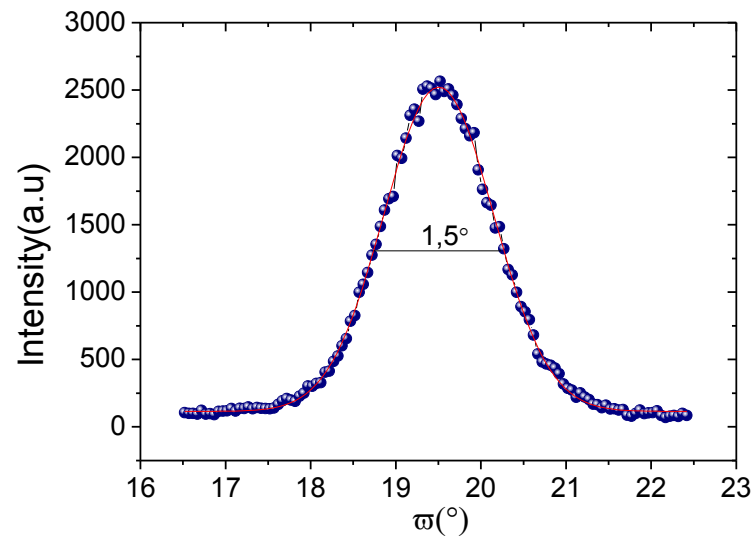
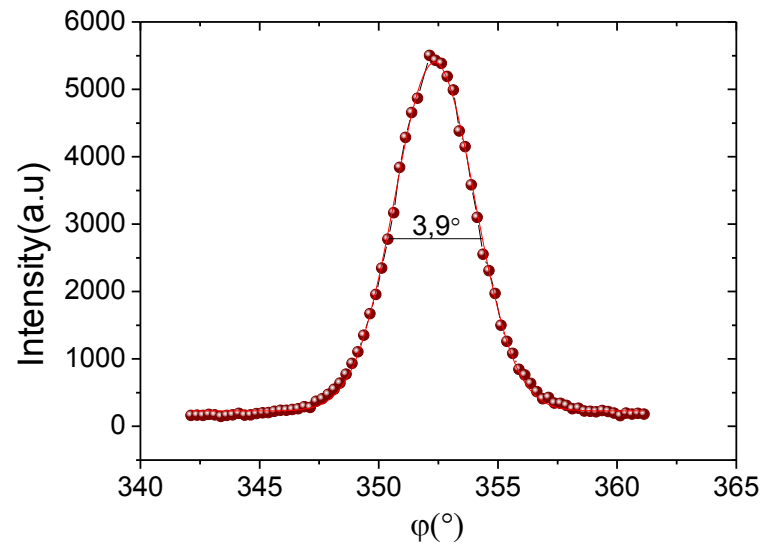


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Chemical Solution Deposition scalability processes at Oxolutia

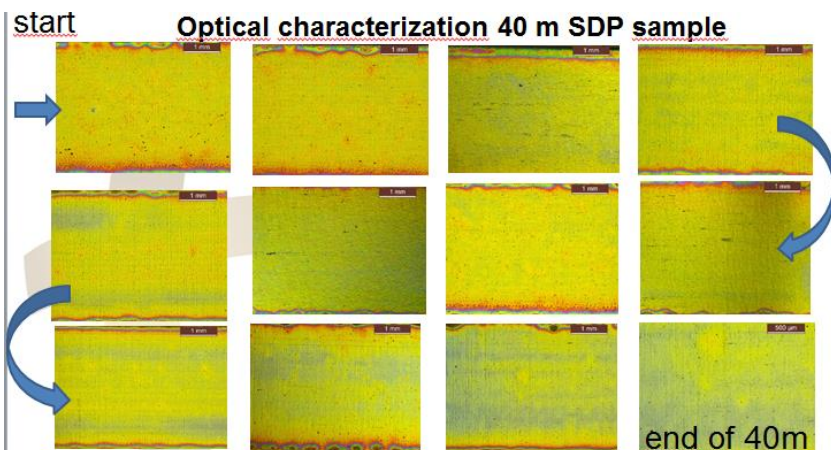
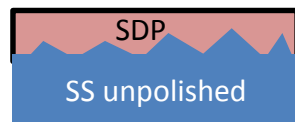




COATED CONDUCTORS BY R2R INKJET PRINTING ON IBAD/ABAD TEMPLATES

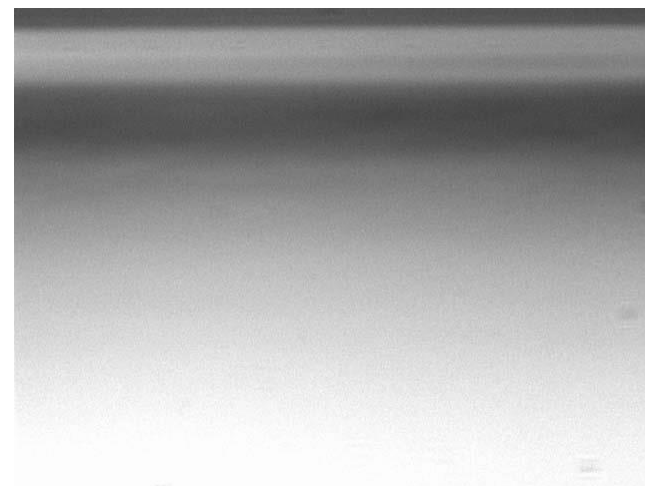


PLANARIZING CHEMICAL LAYERS FOR ^{ABAD}YSZ

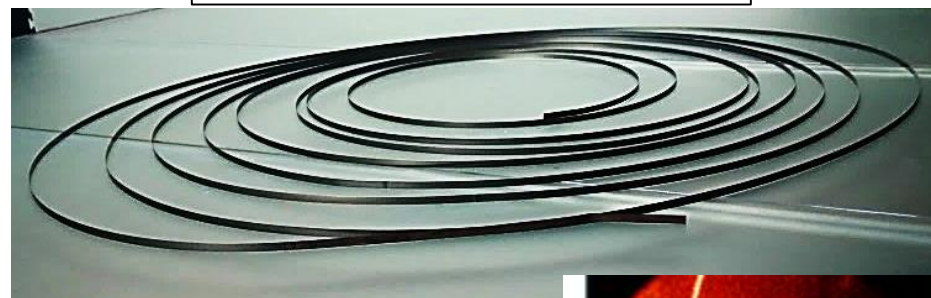


40 meters of nanocrystalline Y_2O_3 buffer printed at 30 m/h on unpolished stainless steel

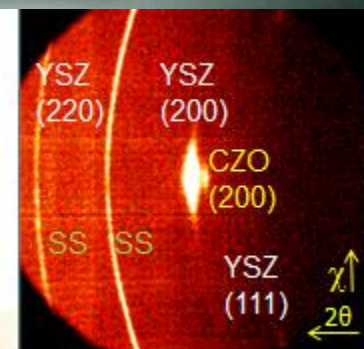
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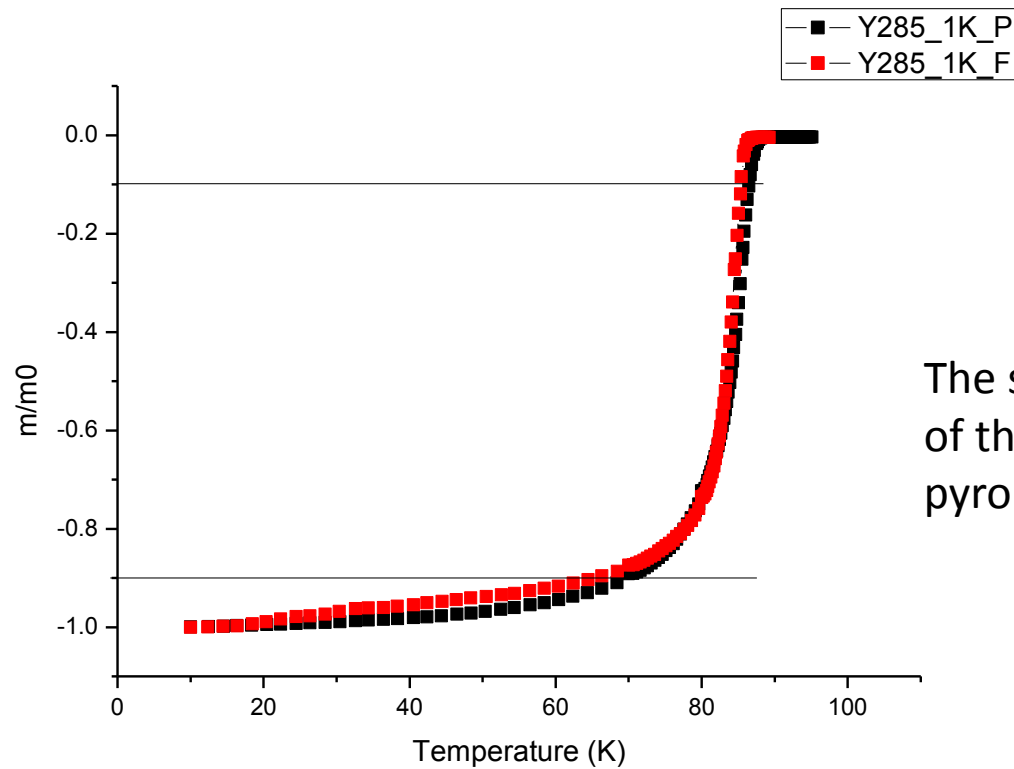


$Ce_{0.90}Zr_{0.10}O_x$ CAP LAYERS



10 meters of (001)-oriented $(Ce,Zr)O_2$ buffer printed at 28 m/h





The superconducting properties of the sample from the end of the pyrolysed 10 m decreases.

Sample's name	I_c (A/cm-w)	T_c onset(K)	ΔT_c (K)
Y285_1K_P	21	88.1	17.2
Y285_1K_F	12.3	86.8	19.3