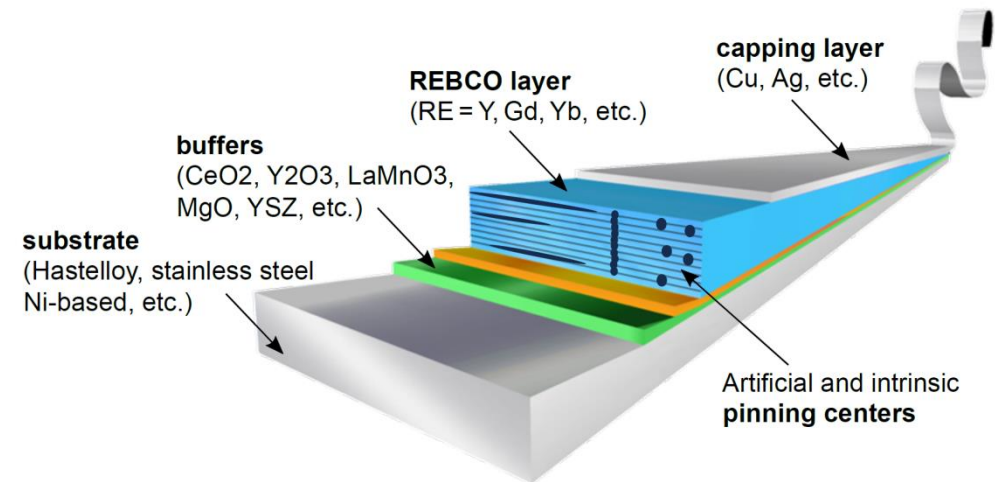


Overview on progress, challenges and frontier research of coated conductors for application

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MATERIALS: An enabling technology for the welfare society

SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

CLIMATE CHANGE
MITIGATION

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

CRITICAL MATERIALS
MINIMIZATION USE

Successful healthcare
Cutting-Edge diagnosis systems
& therapy treatments

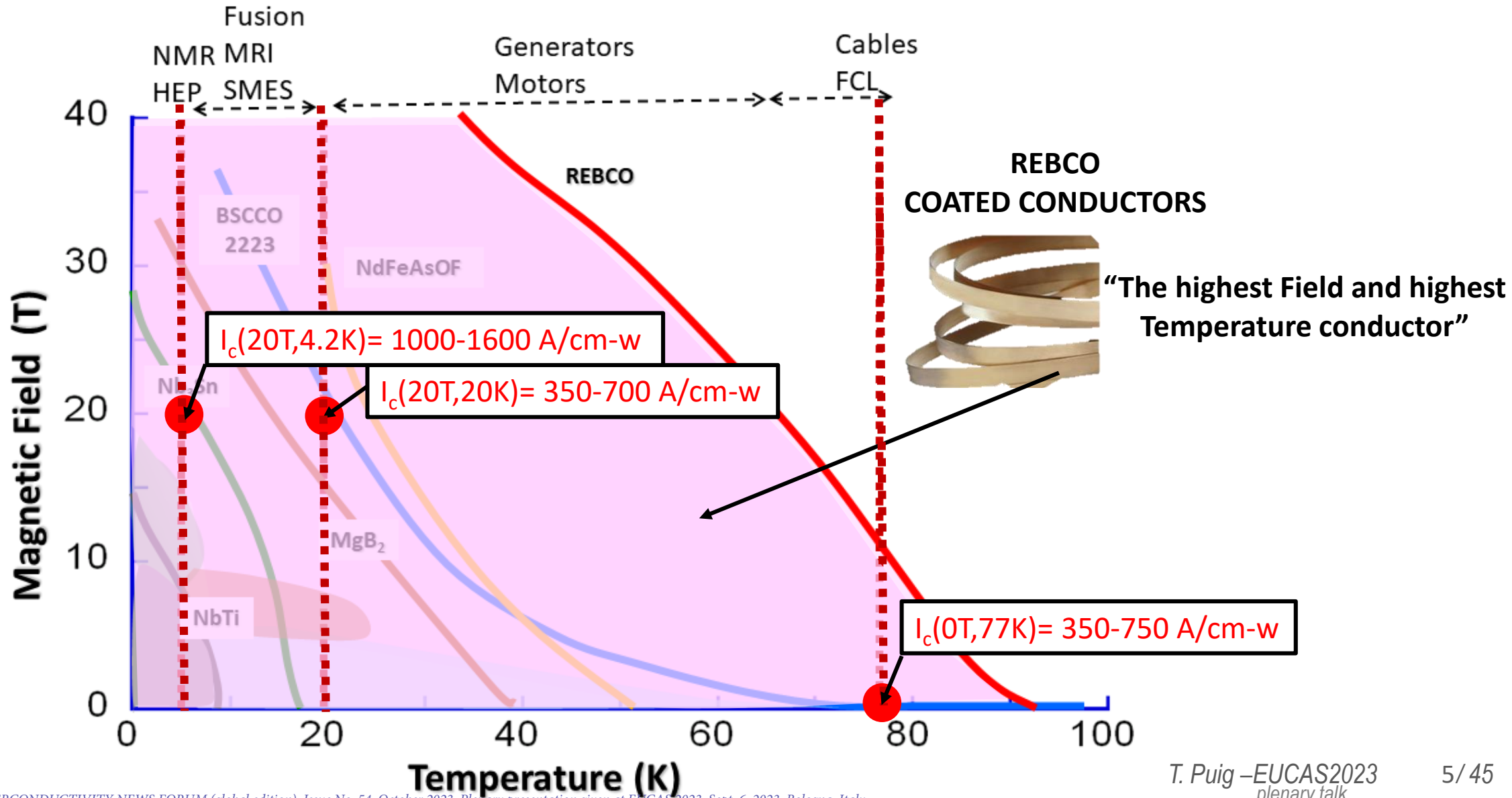
Energy transition
Electrical transportation
Industry 5.0

Smart electronics,
communications &
computing

Basic science at the
frontier of knowledge

PLANET SUSTAINABILITY

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The prospects of high-temperature superconductors

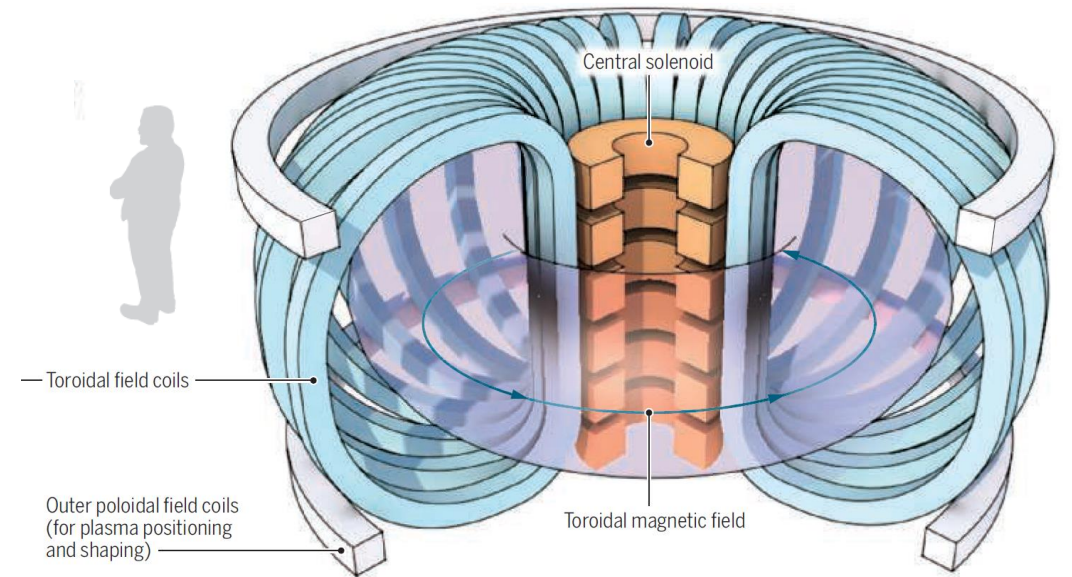
Overcoming cost barriers could make high-temperature superconductors pervasive

By Alexander Molodyk¹ and David C. Larbalestier²

“...the present outlook for high-temperature superconductor materials and their industrial applications is historic...”

Science, 380, 1220, 2023

COMPACT FUSION



HTS-CC NMR is already a commercial device



High-field (25.9 T LTS+HTS) Bruker Analytical NMR

<https://www.bruker.com>

Strong pull for:

Electric aviation: Rotating machines

Smart grid: Power cables, FCL, SMES



<https://www.theva.com/superlink>

<https://www.nkt.com>

110 kV, 12 km, 500 MVA

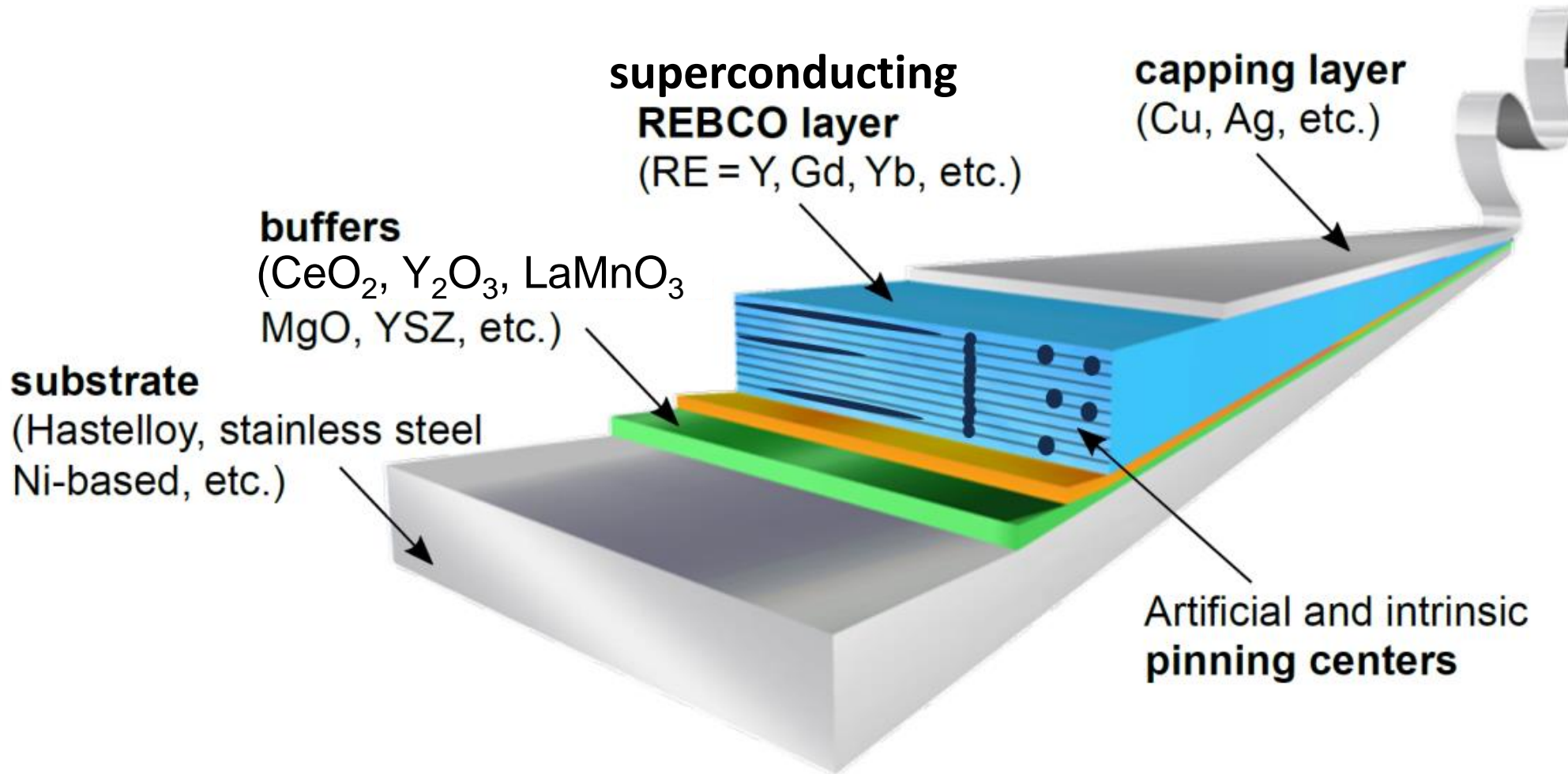
Accelerator physics: Complex high field magnets operating at higher temperatures



Feather M2 HTS dipole accelerator magnet

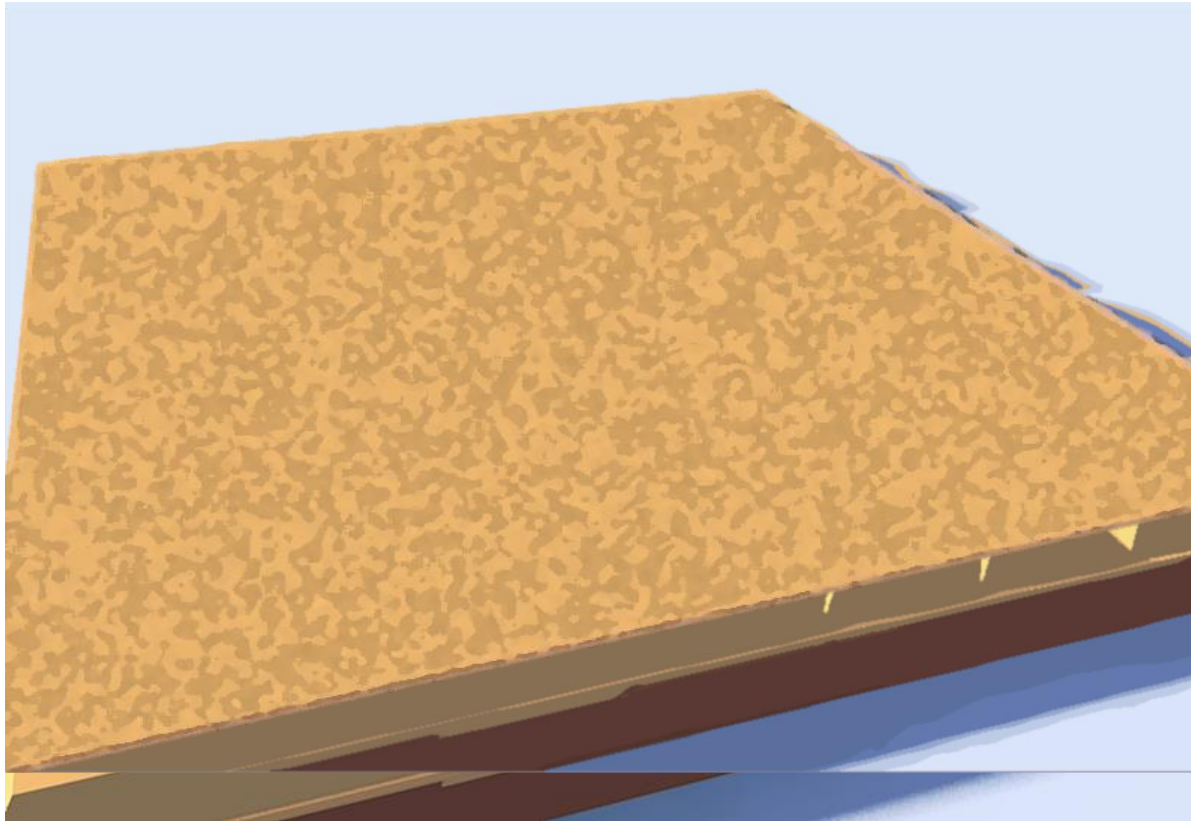
L. Rossi, C. Senatore, Instruments 5(1), 8 (2021)

COATED CONDUCTOR, CC

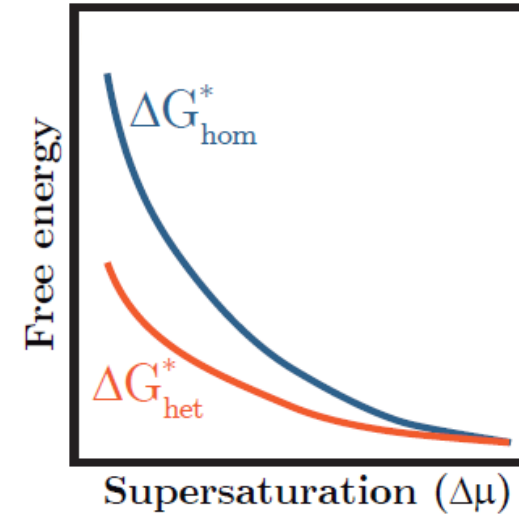


(Long length and thick) epitaxial superconducting layer on a multilayer flexible architecture

Fundamental aspects of CC film growth

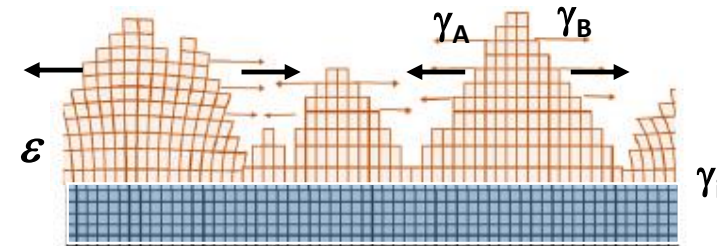


1. Nucleation
2. Coarsening
3. Coalescence
4. Grain boundary zipping
5. Continuous film



Nucleation rate

$$\dot{N} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^*}{k_B T}\right)$$

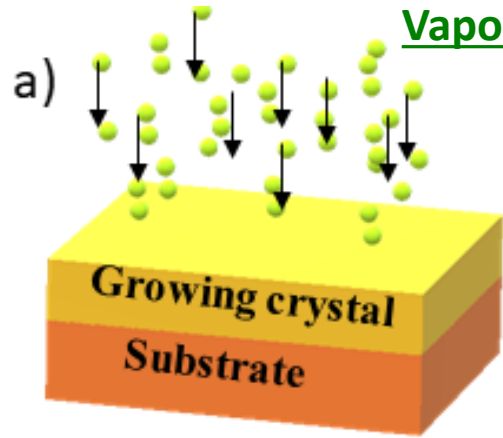


Surface energy: γ_A, γ_B

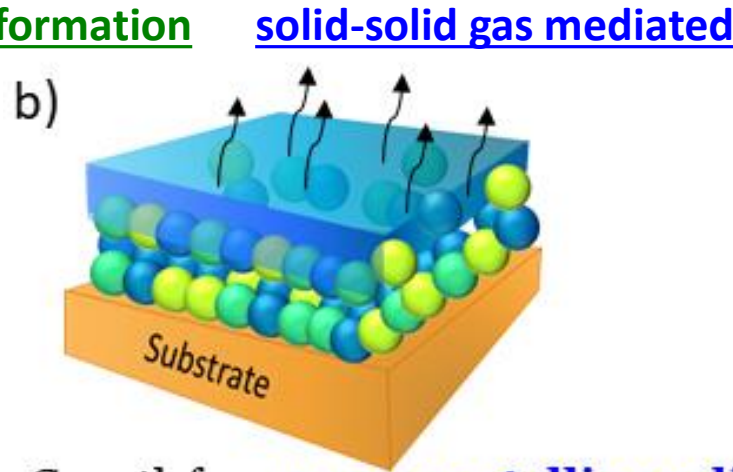
Interface energy: γ_i

Elastic strain energy: ϵ

REBCO growth processing



Growth from **vapour phase**
 PLD, MOCVD, ME, MBE, Sputt



Growth from **nanocrystalline solids**
 TFA,-MOD, BaF₂



Growth from **liquid phase**
 TLAG-CSD, RCE-DR, HLPE, VLS

Supersaturation, σ , is the driving force for crystallization: $\sigma \propto G$ (growth rate)

$$\sigma = (P_{ad} - P_{ad,e}) / P_{ad,e}$$
 Deposition rate
 High vacuum environ.

$P_{ad,e}$ = ad-atoms equilibrium pressure at surface growth front
 P_{ad} = ad-atoms pressure at surface growth front

$$\sigma = f(\ln(P_{HF}^2 / P_{H2O}))$$

P_{HF} = HF partial pressure
 P_{H2O} = water partial pressure

$$\sigma = (C_{\delta} - C_e) / C_e$$
 RE solubility,
 Ba-Cu-O liquid

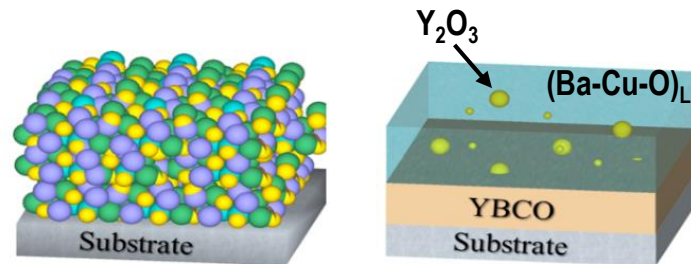
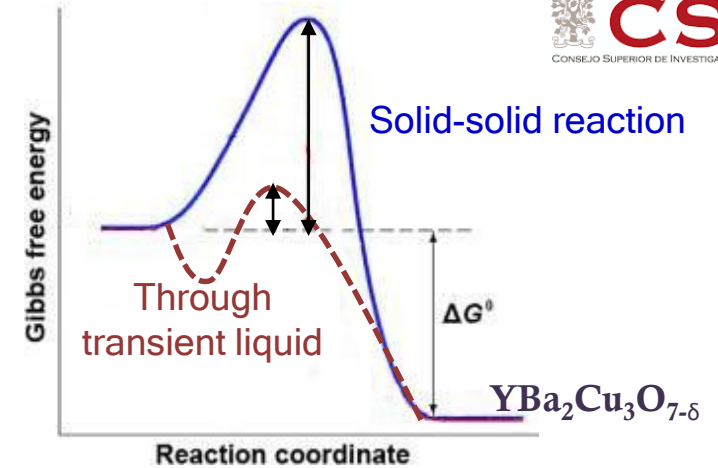
C_e = RE equilibrium concentration in the liquid
 C_{δ} = RE actual concentration

Growth rate: **G= 0.5-25 nm/s**

G= 0.5-5 nm/s

G=10-1000 nm/s

A new high throughput non-equilibrium kinetically controlled growth process

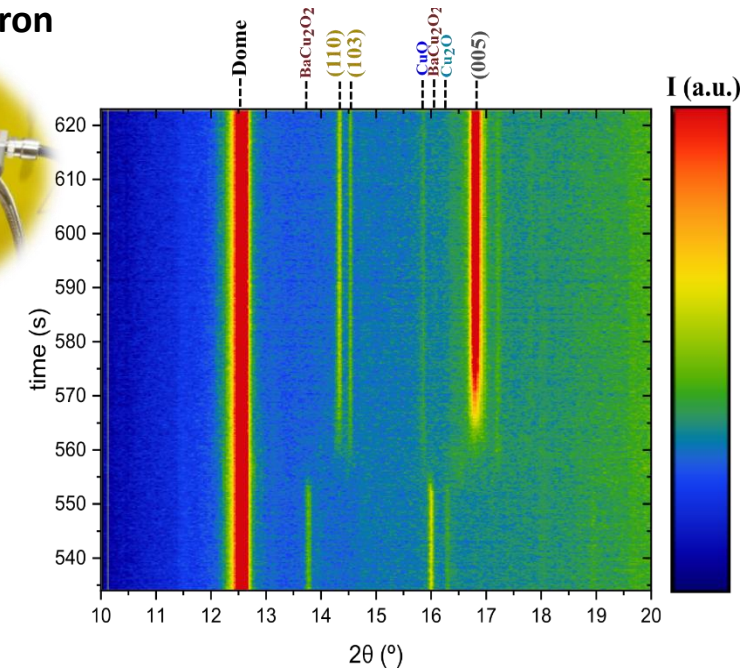
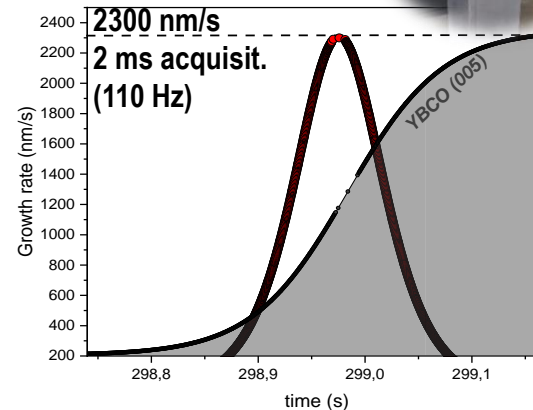


Nanocrystalline precursors

YBCO growth

- High performance (3 MA/cm^2 at 77K)
- High throughput
- Simple reactor
- Large area processing
- Low cost/performance method

In-situ synchrotron XRD



L. Soler et al., Nat Comm (2020), S. Rasi, et al, Advance Science (2022)

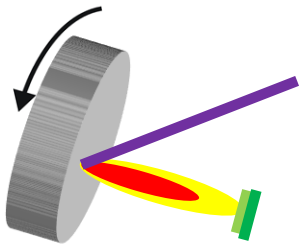
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CSD



L. Saltarelli et al, ACS Appl. Mat. & Interf. (2022)



Low Temp PLD

A. Quetalto et al, SUST (2023)

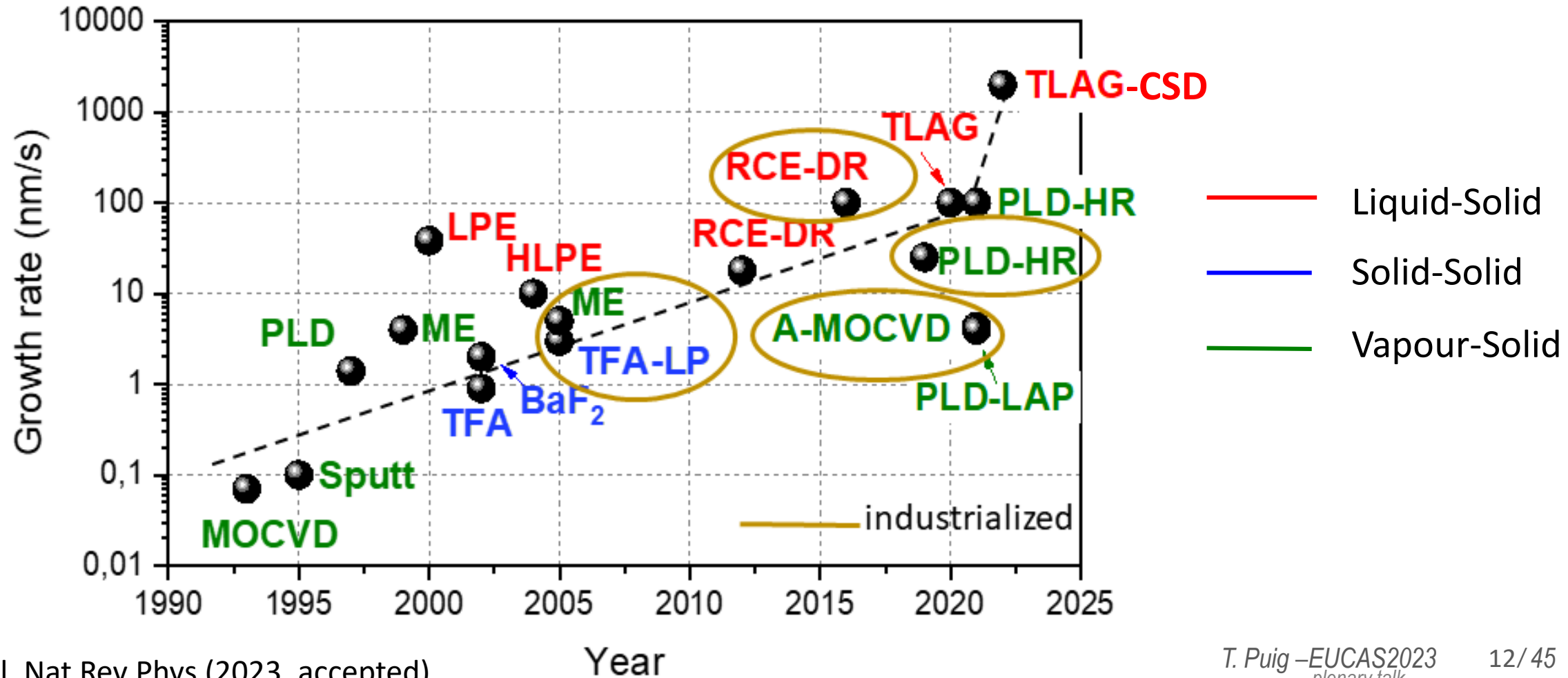
100 nm/s by ultrafast-PLD EuBCO/BHO (transient liquid growth at high T PLD)

Y. Wu, Materials & Design 224 (2022)

Reaching high Growth Rate: A path towards cost reduction

Figure of merit: $\frac{Cost}{Performance} = \frac{total\ cost\ per\ year}{G \times L \times W \times (I_{c-w}/d)} = \frac{\text{€}}{kA \times m}$

W = tape width
L = tape length
d = tape thickness



Materials processing challenges

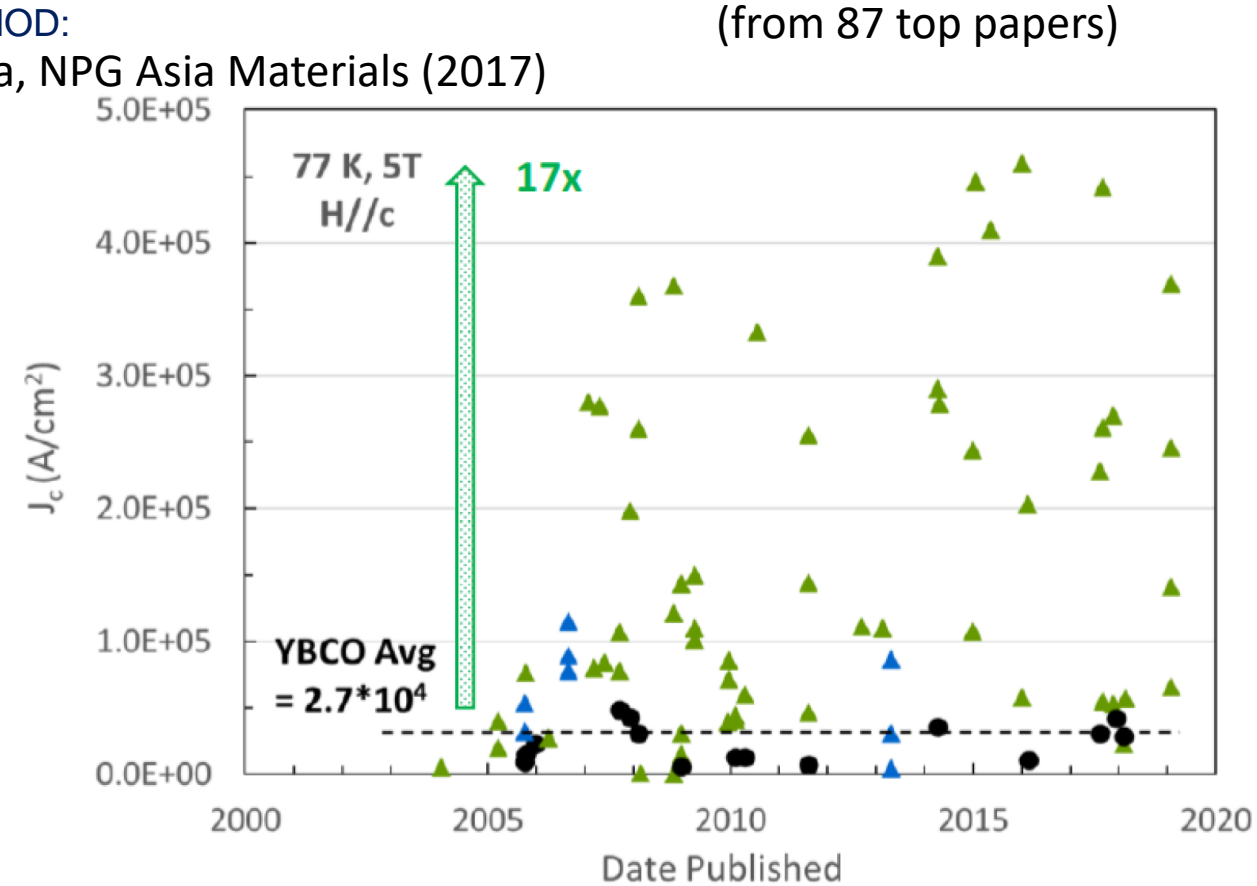
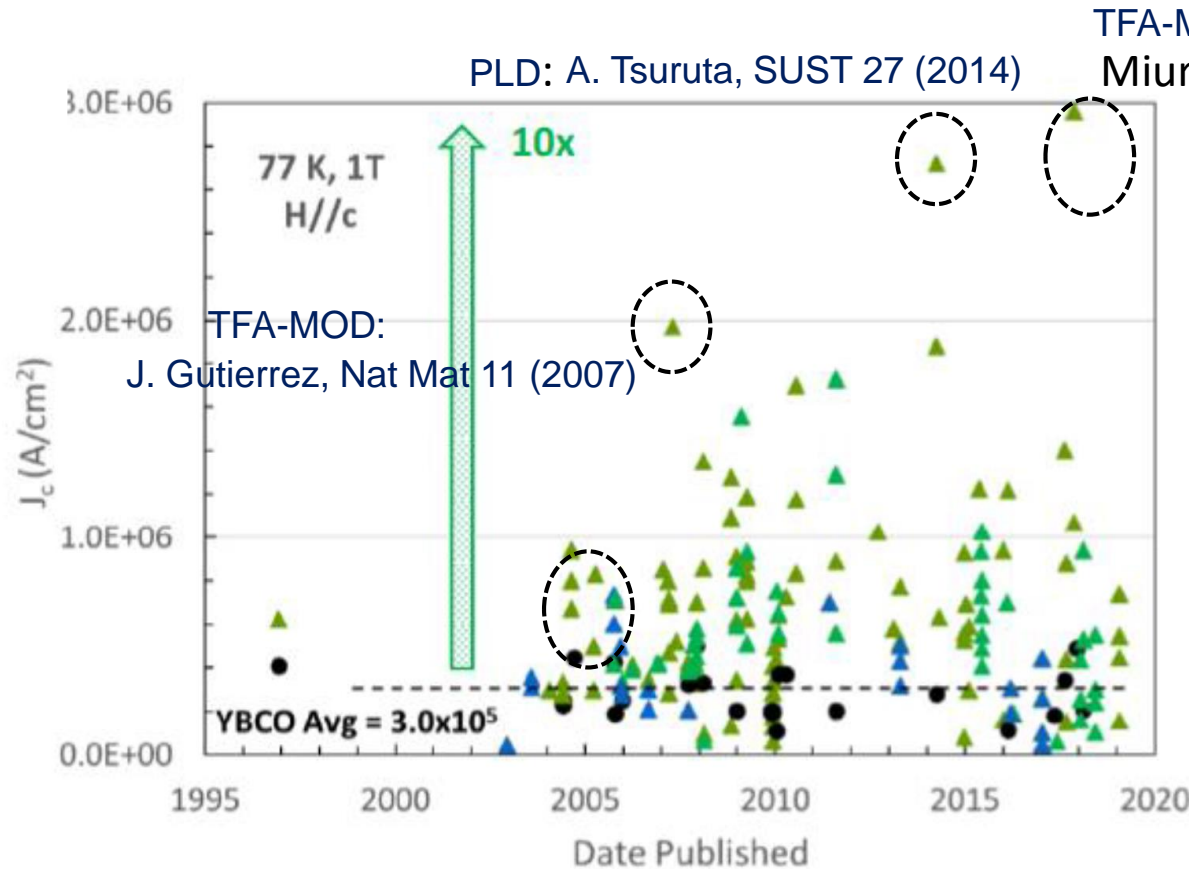
to decrease cost/performance ratio

	PLD	MOCVD	ME	TFA-CSD	RCE-DR	TLAG-CSD
High performance	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
High homogeneity in long length	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow (To demonstrate)
Large area processing	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
High thickness (> 3 μm)	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow (To demonstrate)
High growth rate	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
Low cost equipment	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green
High manufacturing yield	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow (To demonstrate)

Different growth methods have adopted different approaches to achieve competitiveness

Flux pinning progress $J_c(77K, 1T, 5T)$, 1995 to 2020

Historical progress of APC
(from 87 top papers)



- PLD: J. Driscoll, Nat. Mat. 3 (2004)
- T. Haugan, Nature 430 (2004)
- Y. Yamada, APL 87 (2005)
- S. Kang, Science 311 (2006)

Courtesy from Timothy J. Haugan, AFRL

Capacity for tuning vortex pinning depends on type of defect, size, chemical composition, orientation, strength and dimensionality

$$F_L = J_c \times B = F_p \quad F_p = \sum_i^{N_p} f_{p,i}(B, T) \quad f_p = U_p / \xi$$

$$S = - \frac{d(\ln J)}{d(\ln t)}$$

Vortex creep effects at high T
S. Eley et al, Nat Mat 16 (2017)

Time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau simulations for visualizing pinned states of quantized vortices by nanorods or nanoparticles

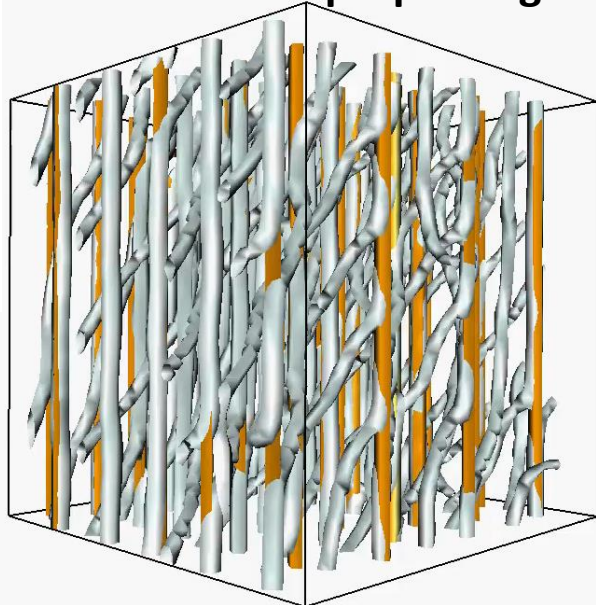
Simulated by Kaname Matsumoto, Aug. 20, 2023



$T_c = 90 \text{ K}$
 $\text{Temp} = 10 \text{ K}$
 $B \sim 12 \text{ T}$
 $\Theta = 30 \text{ deg.}$
 $\xi_0 = 1.5 \text{ nm}$
 $\text{GL } \kappa > 100$
 $\text{Anisotropy parameter} = 7$
 $120 \text{ nm} \times 120 \text{ nm} \times 120 \text{ nm}$

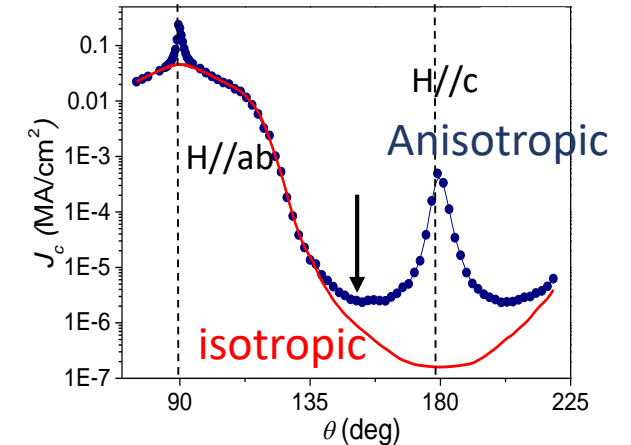
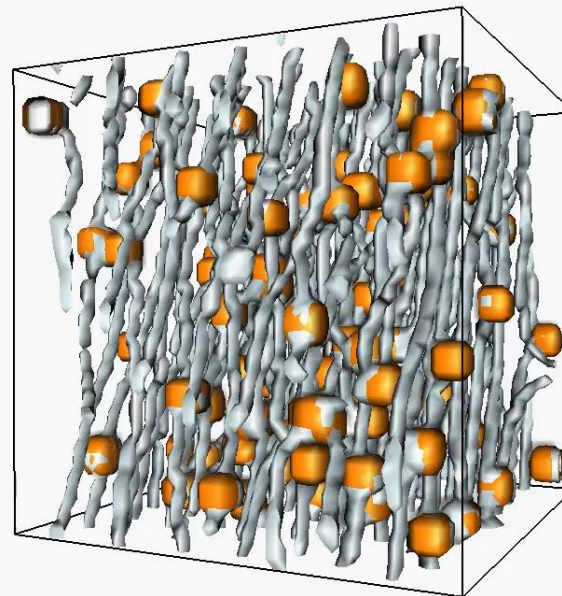
Nanorod diameter $\sim 6 \text{ nm}$
Volume fraction $\sim 2.5 \%$

1D anisotropic pinning



Nanoparticle diameter $\sim 10 \text{ nm}$
Volume fraction $\sim 2.5 \%$

3D isotropic pinning



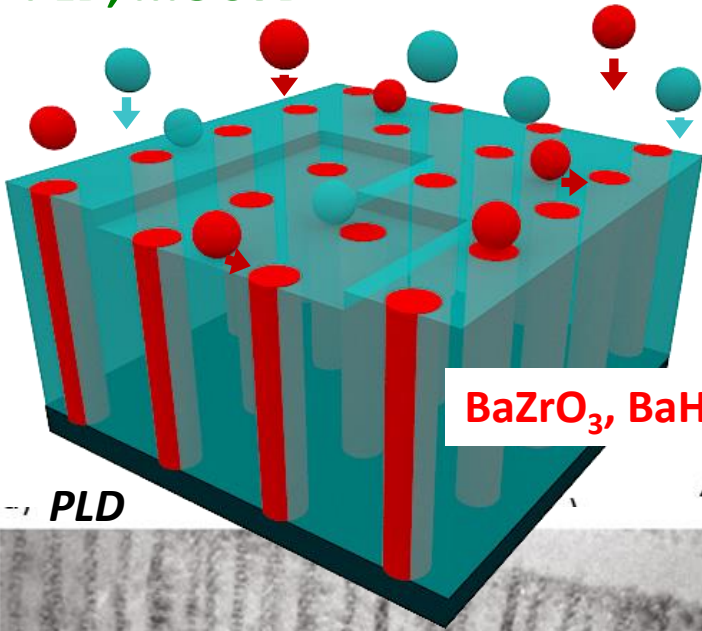
The complex microstructure of CC with twin boundaries (2D), stacking faults (2D), dislocations (1D), nanostrain (3D), oxygen vacancies (0D), and APC defines $J_c(\theta, H, T)$

Nanocomposites: The best Artificial Pinning Centres

See SUST Special issue on APC 2018

Simultaneous nanocomposite growth method

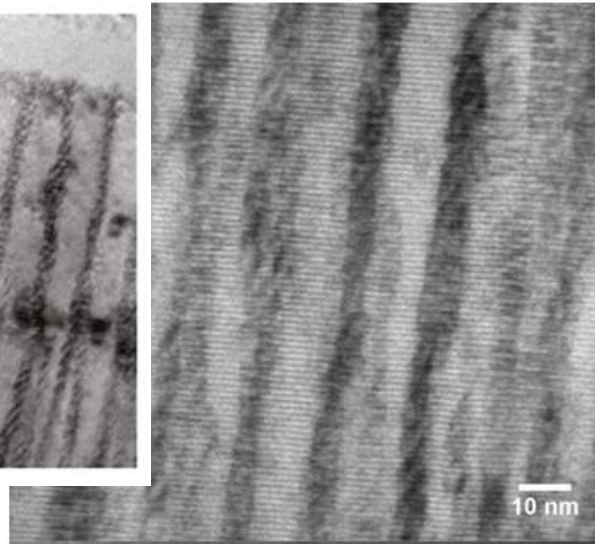
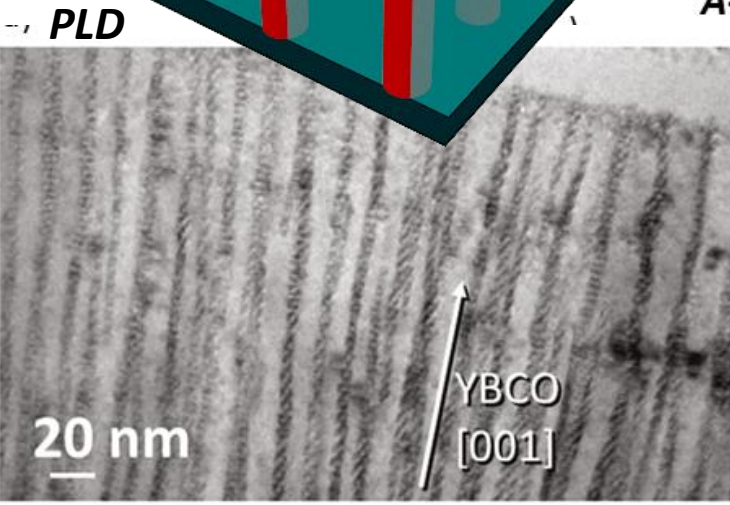
PLD, MOCVD



- Ad-atoms deposition, absorption, surface diffusion
- Self-assembly of epitaxial nanorods while epitaxial REBCO growth

BaZrO₃, BaHfO₃, ...

A-MOCVD



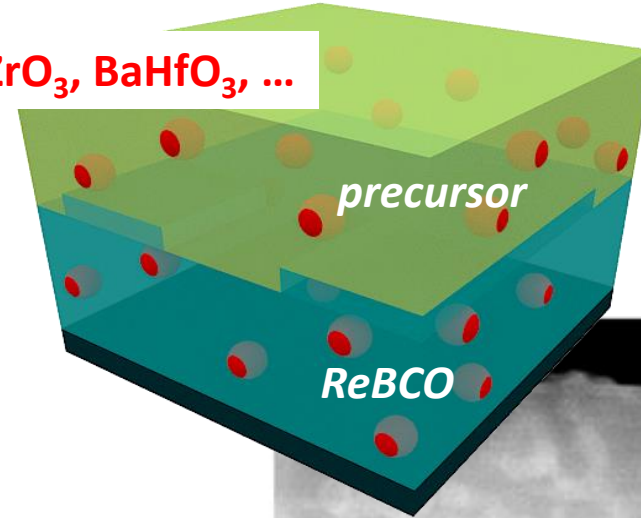
C. Cantoni et al, ACSNano (2011)

Majkic, G. et al. SUST 33 (2020)

Sequential nanocomposite growth method

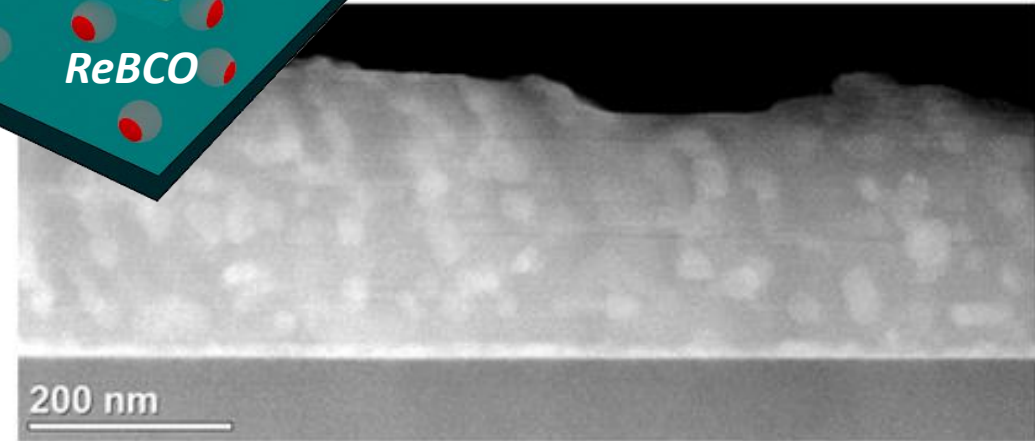
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BaZrO₃, BaHfO₃, ...

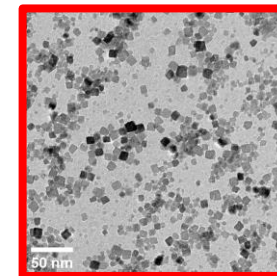


- Precursor deposition
- Np are spontaneously segregated or pre-formed
- ReBCO epitaxial growth traps random Np

TFA-MOD



A. Llodes, Nat Mat (2012)



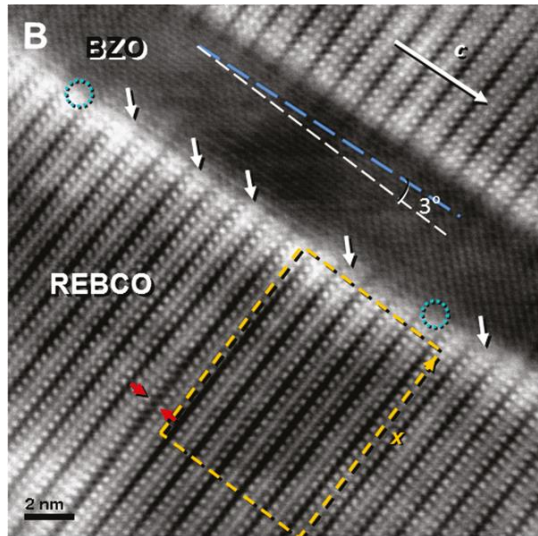
Pre-formed Np with a fine control of size, composition

N. Chamorro, RSC Adv. (2020)

Simultaneous growth of Nanocomposites

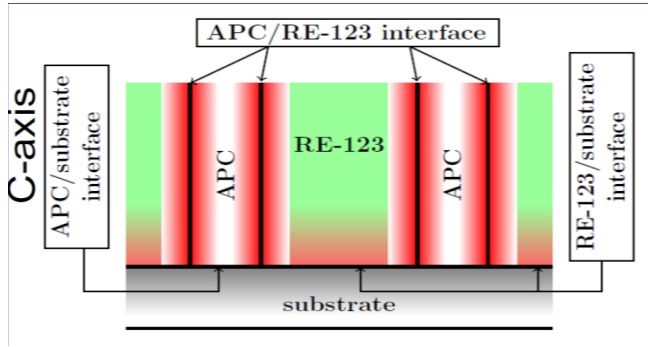
Low versus high growth rate

Grown at 0.6 nm/s



C. Cantoni et al, ACSNano 2011

Elastic Strain energy model

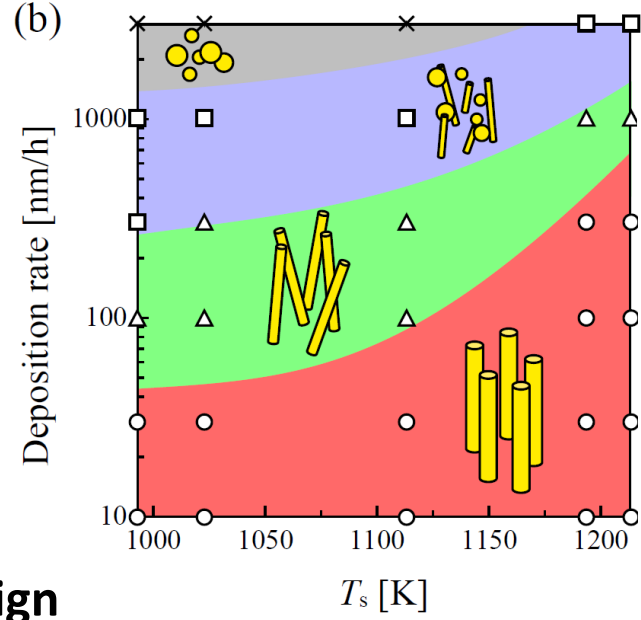


Wu, et al, SUST 30 (2017)

Engineering landscape by design

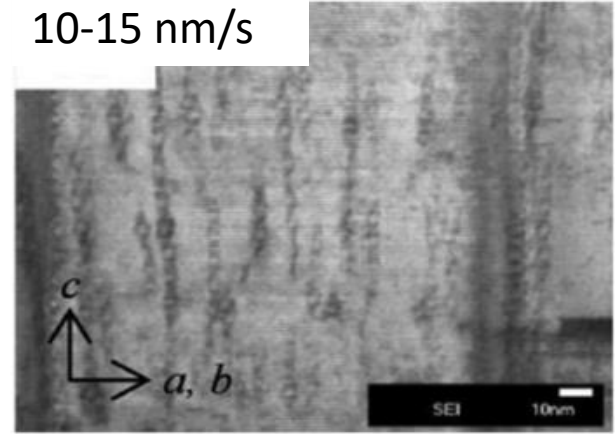
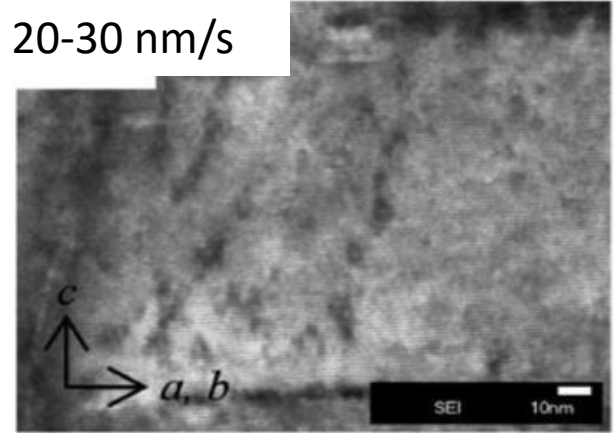
High growth rates (10-50 nm/s)

Montecarlo simulations



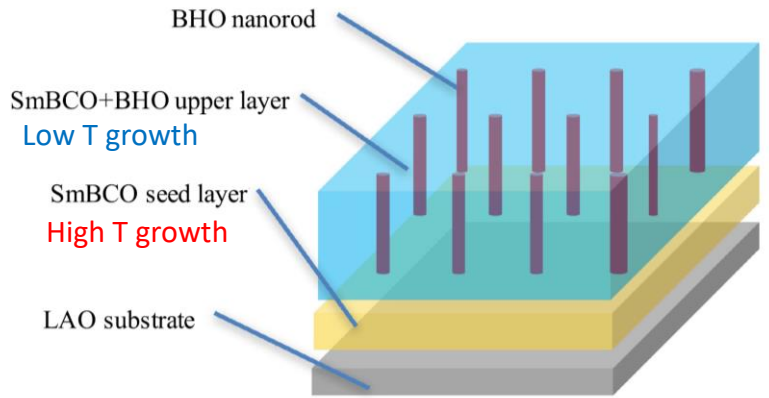
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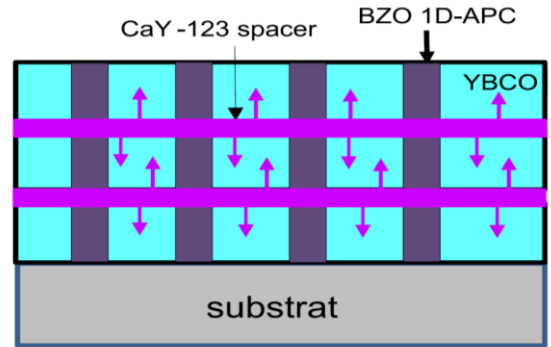
Fujita, S. et al. IEEE TAS 29 (2019)

LTG – PLD method



Y. Yoshida et al, SUST 30 (2017)

dynamic control of nanorod / YBCO interface

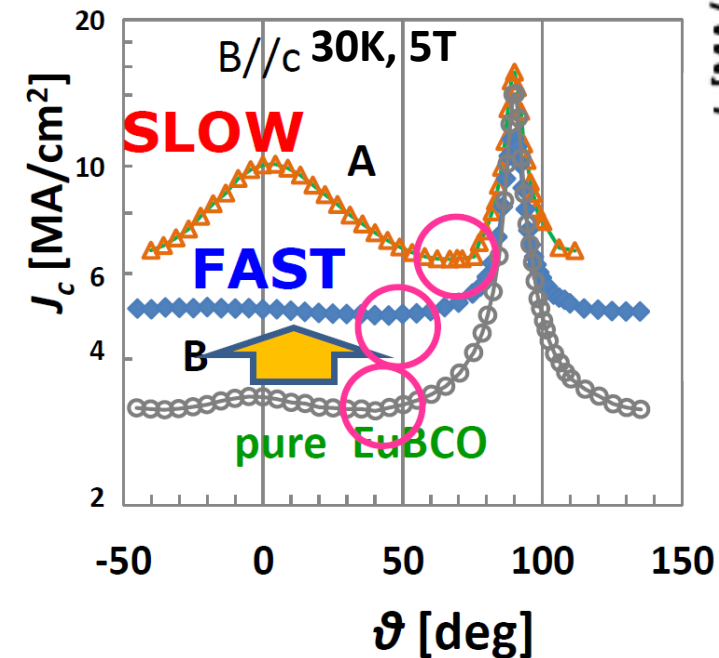


Wu, et al, SUST 35 (2022)

Vortex pinning consequences at high growth rate: PLD-HR

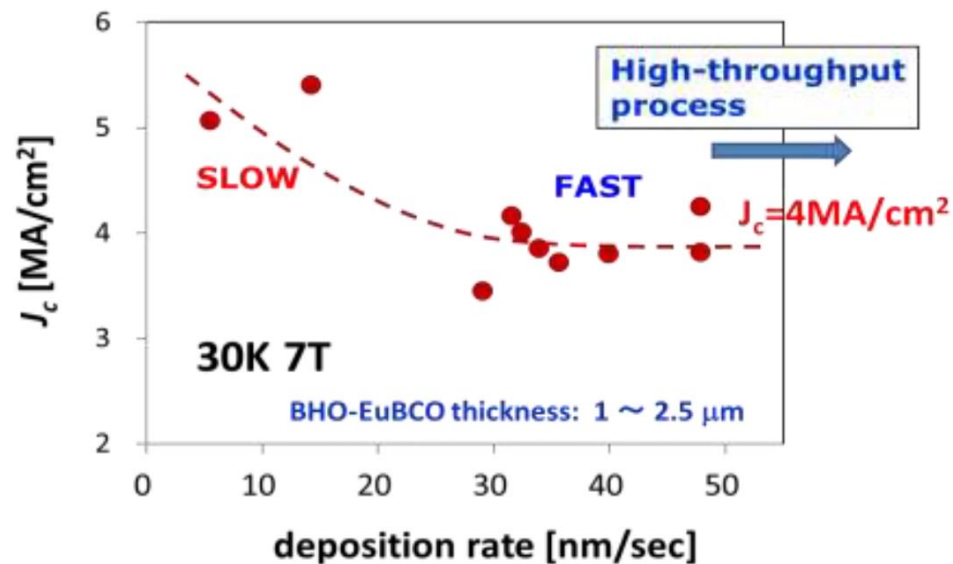


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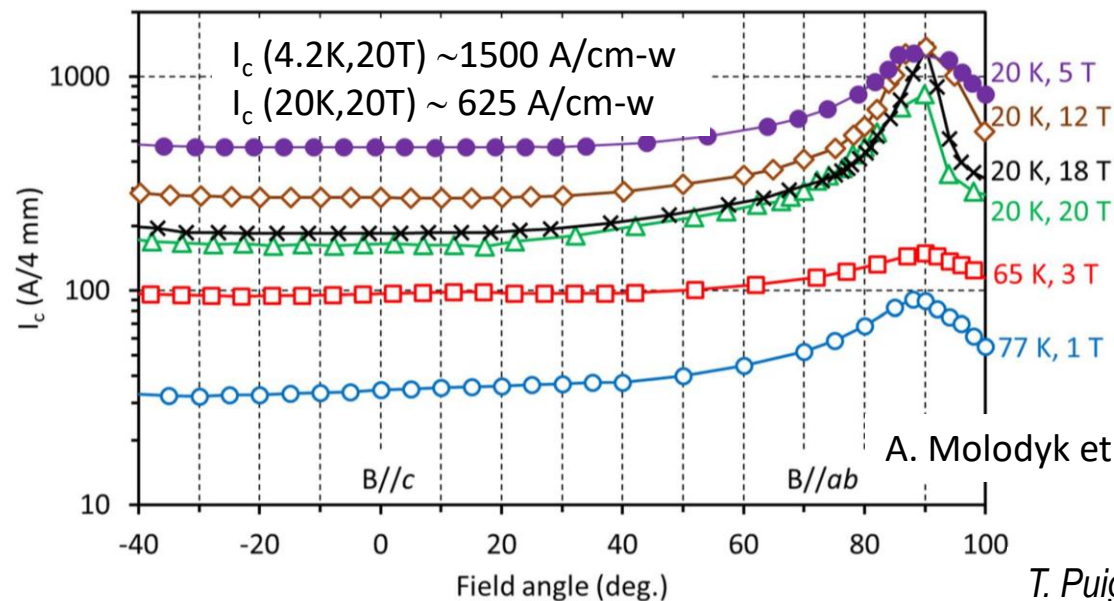
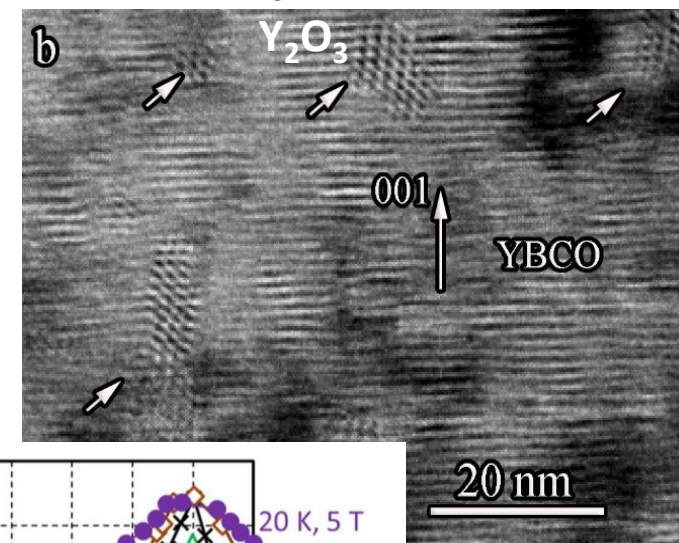


Y. Iijima, CCA 2023

Aligned long nanorods are not essential at low T - high H



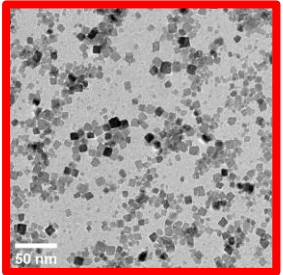
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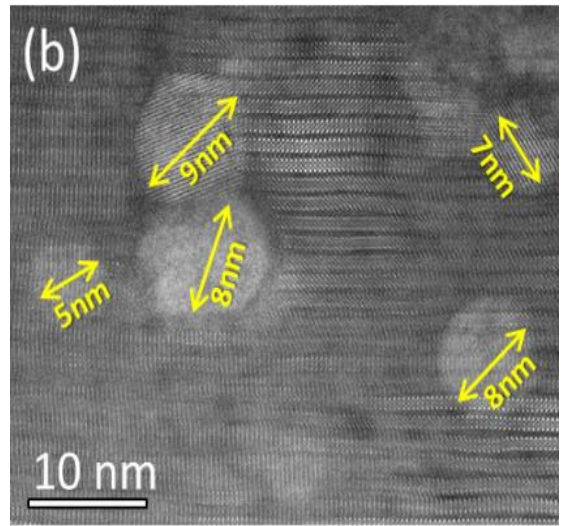
A. Molodyk et al, Sci. Rep 11 (2021)

Sequential growth of Nanocomposites at high growth rate: TFA vs TLAG

TFA-MOD (0.5-1 nm/s)



Fast heating with preformed Np

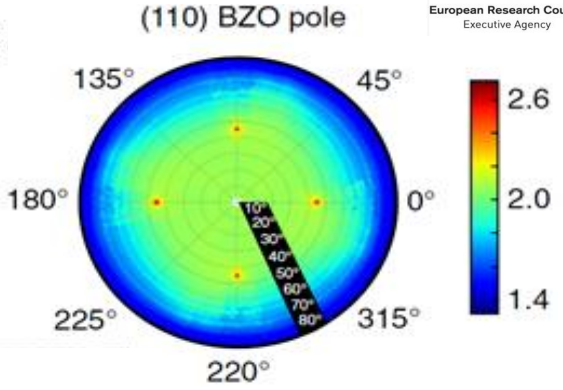
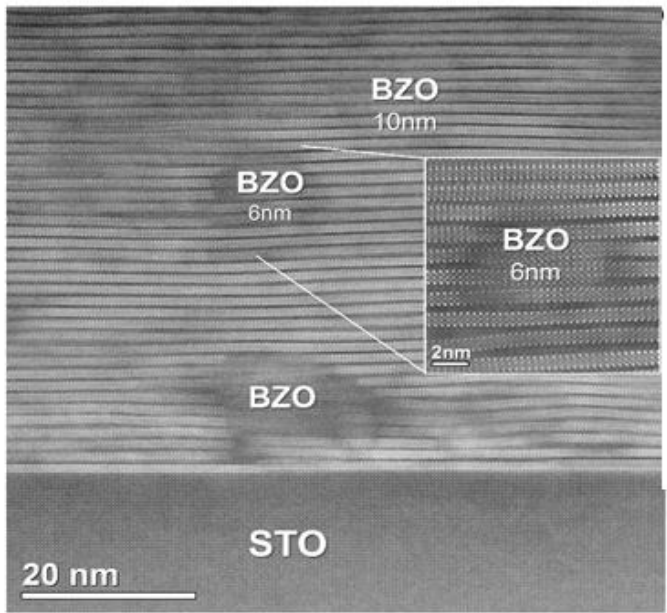


Small randomly oriented Np are obtained

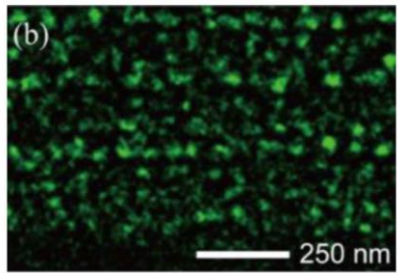
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J_c (77K, sf) ~ 5 MA/cm²

TLAG-CSD (50-2000 nm/s)



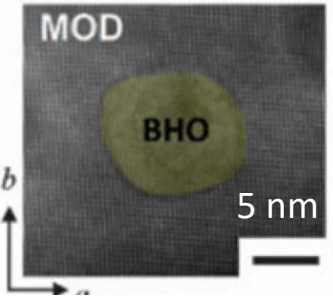
Small epitaxial oriented Np and high defect density are reached



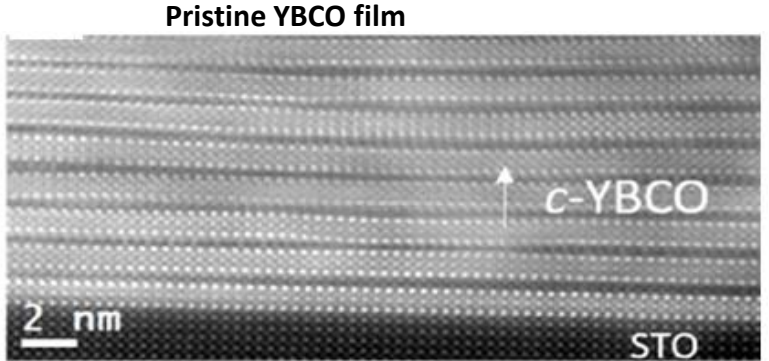
UTOOC: ultrathin multicoating to avoid Np coarsening

T. Izumi, K. Nakaoka, SUST., 31 (2018)

M. Miura et al, NPG Asia Materials 9 (2017)



J_c (77K, sf) ~ 5.5 MA/cm²
 J_c (26K, 6T) ~ 11 MA/cm²

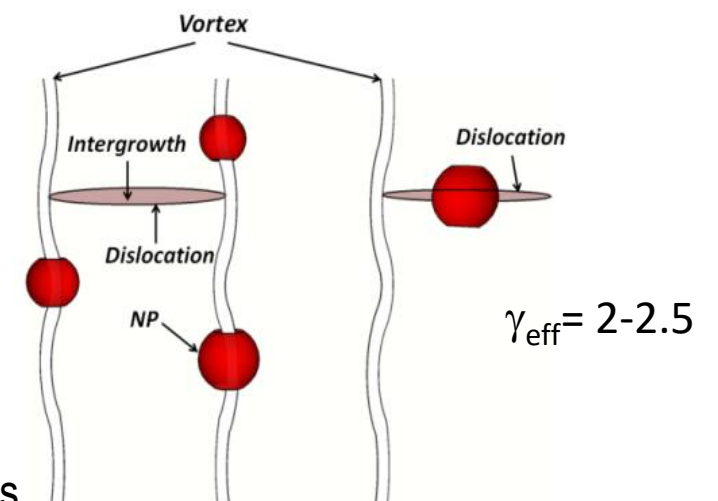
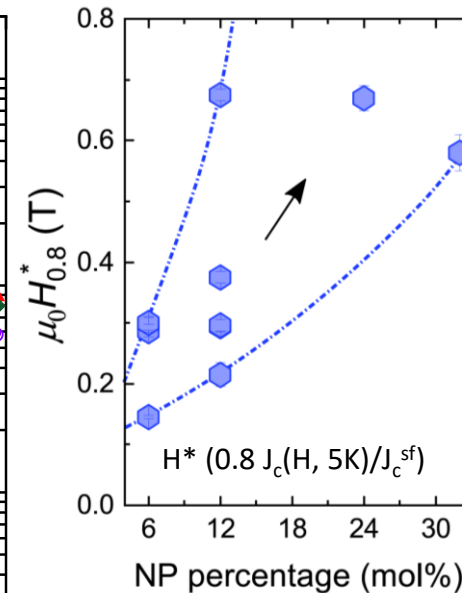
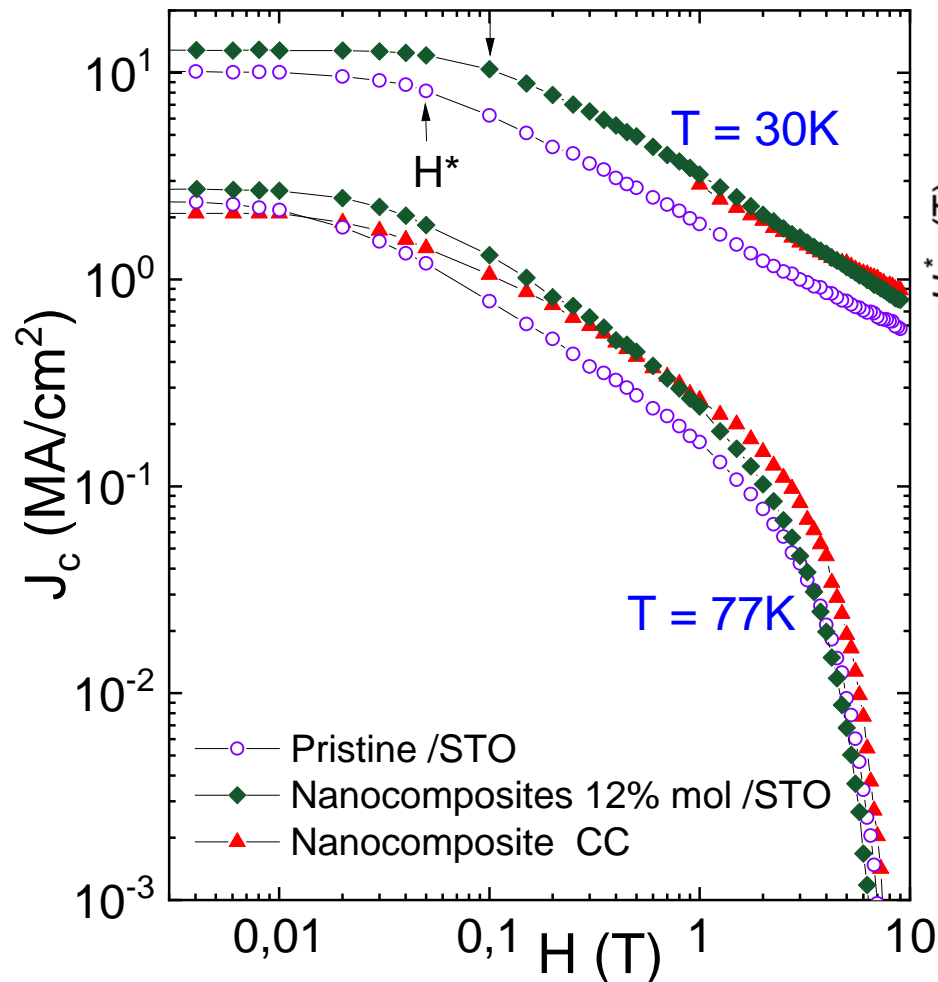
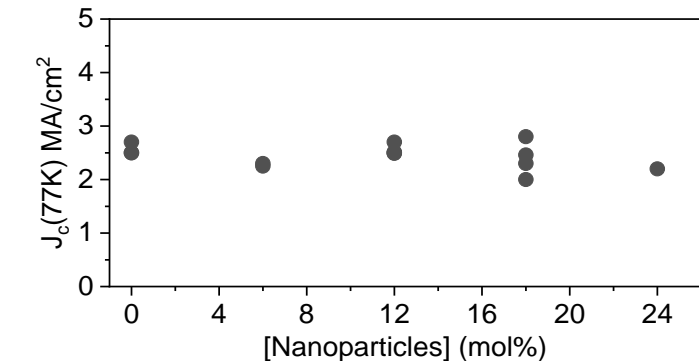
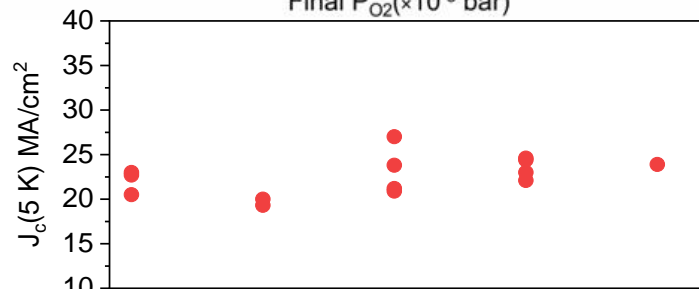
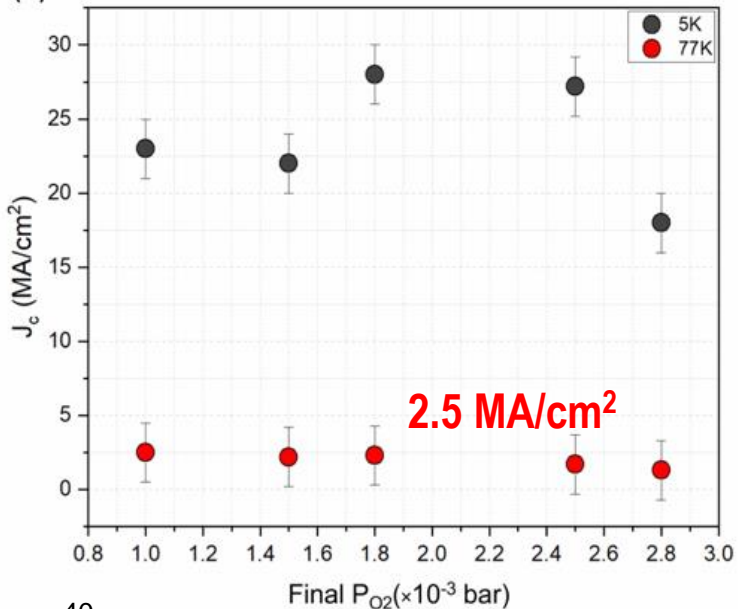


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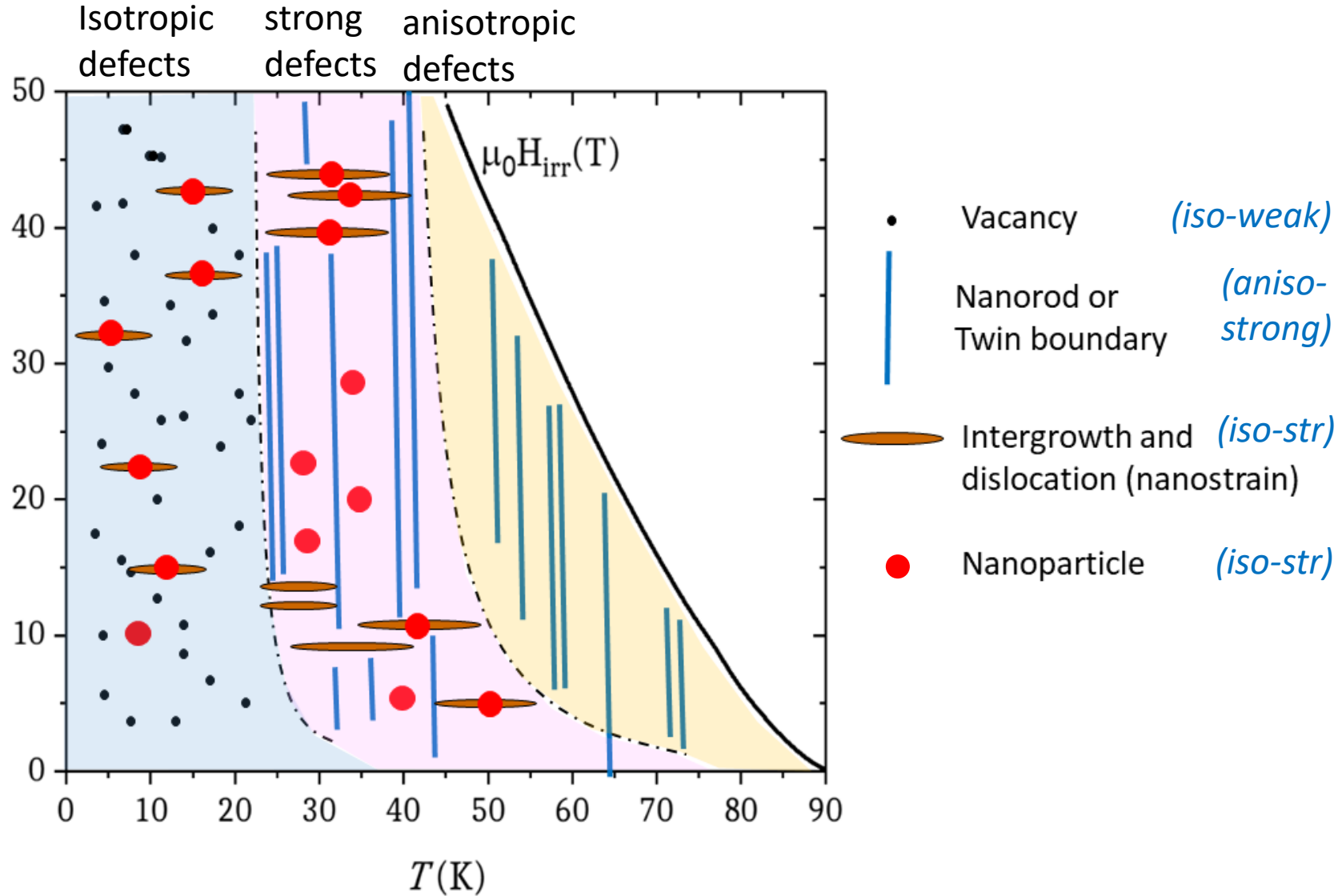
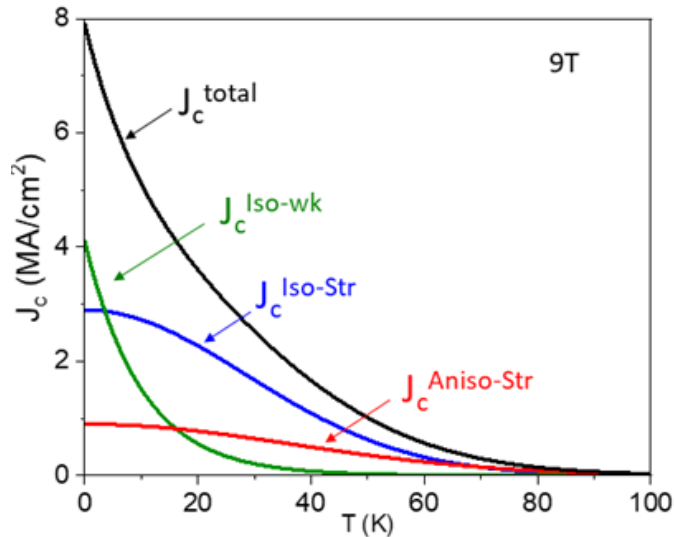
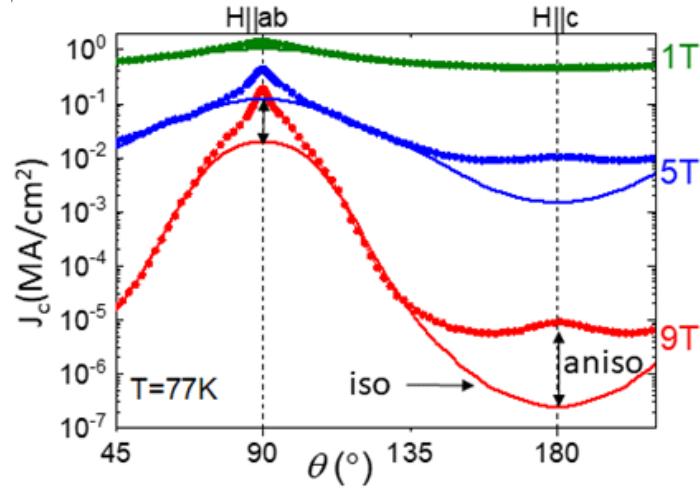
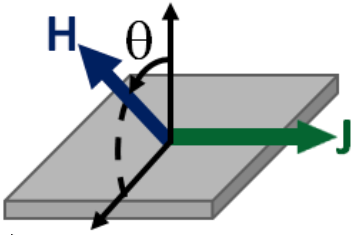
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50 nm/s → 1500 nm/s

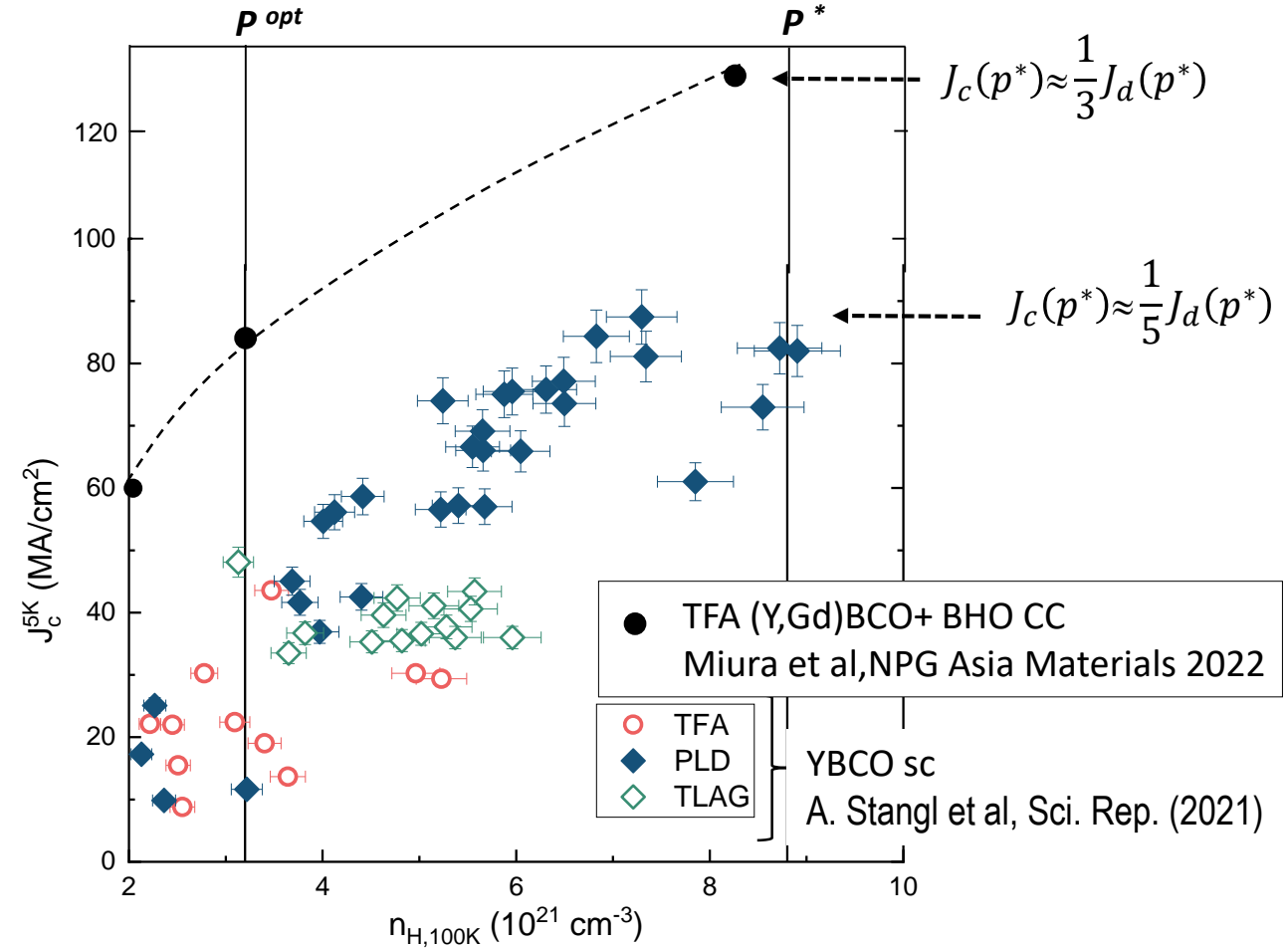
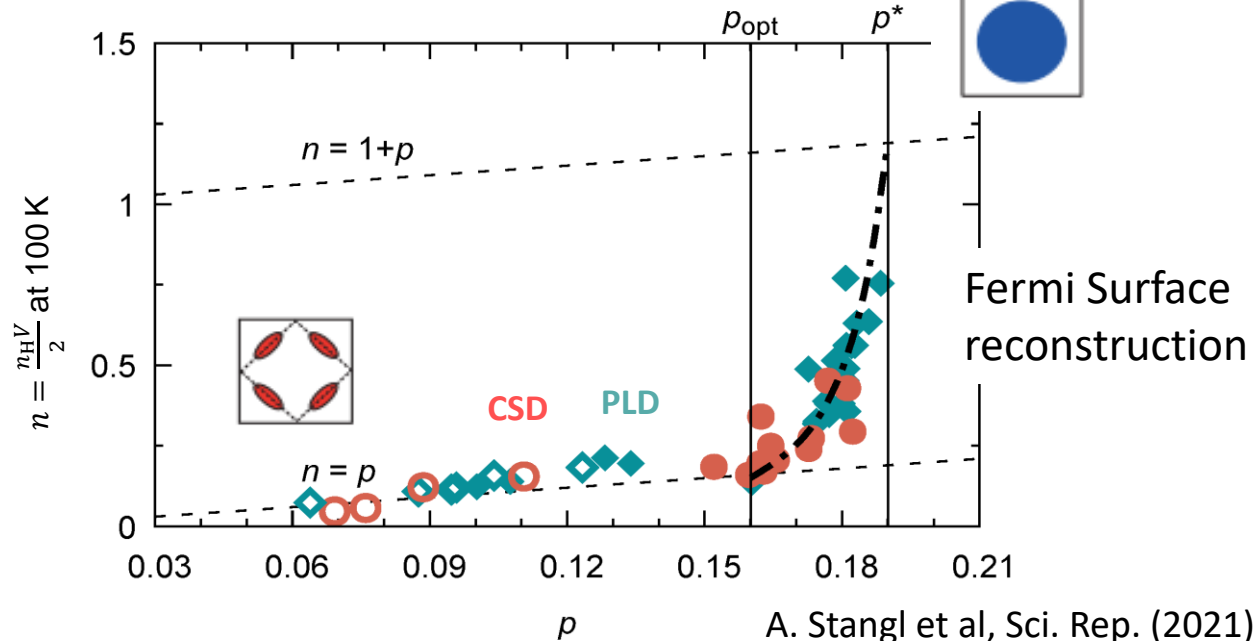
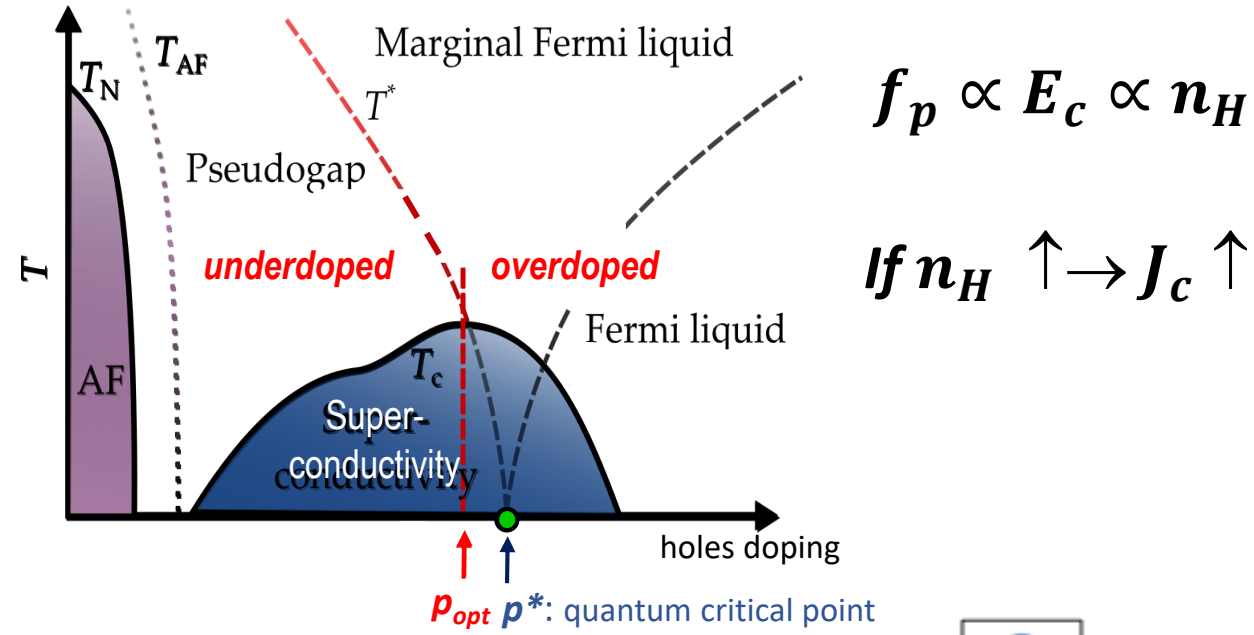


Rich vortex pinning determined by the defect microstructure of high growth rates

Vortex pinning landscape of CC, $J_c(\theta, H, T)$

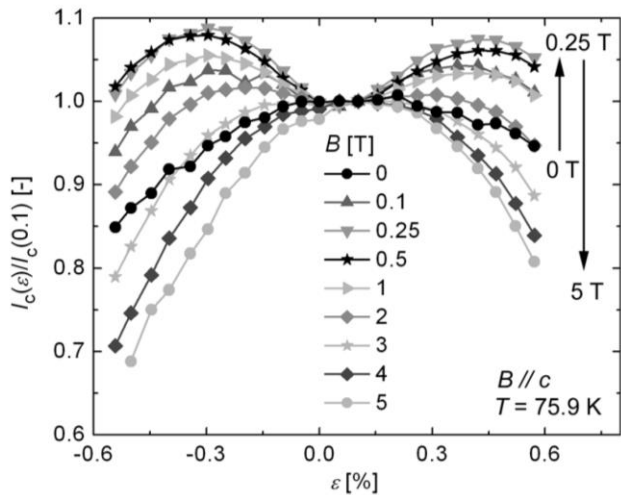
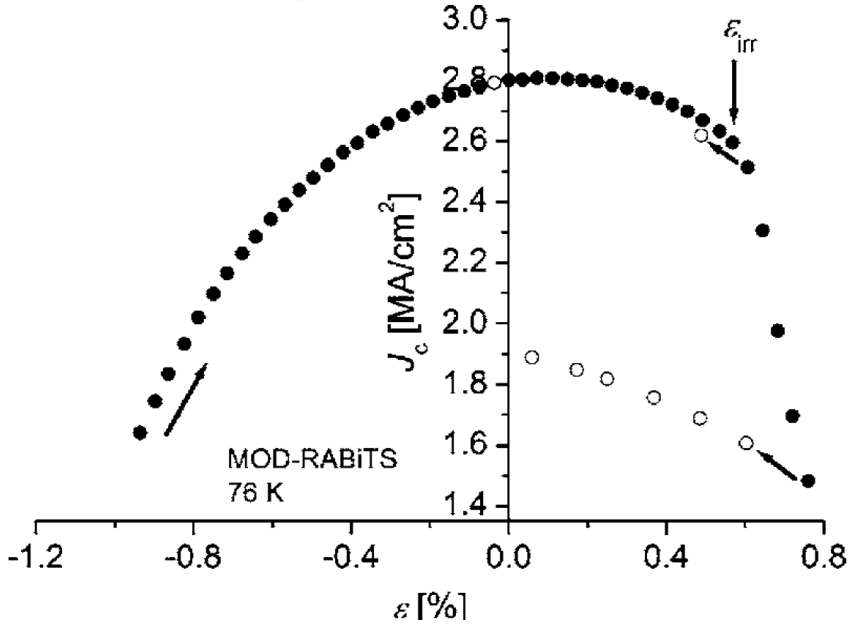


$J_c(n_H, T, H)$ in the Overdoped state: where Condensation energy and charge carrier density increases



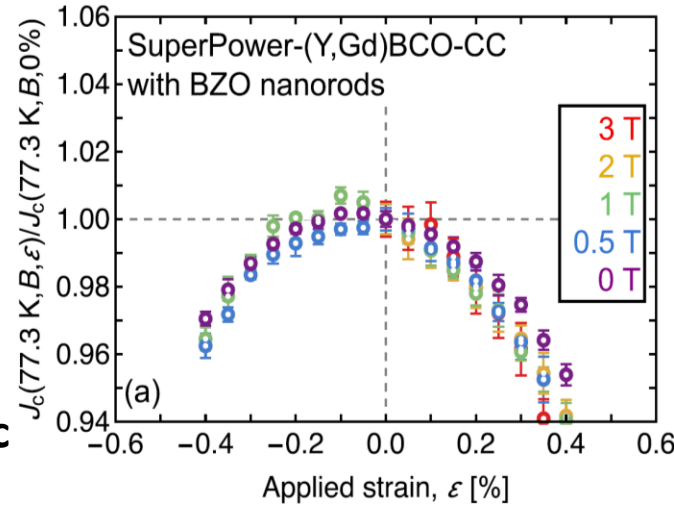
Interest in combining high throughput and nanocomposite CC in overdoped state

$J_c(T, H, \varepsilon)$ dependence on axial strain in the complex pinning landscapes of CC

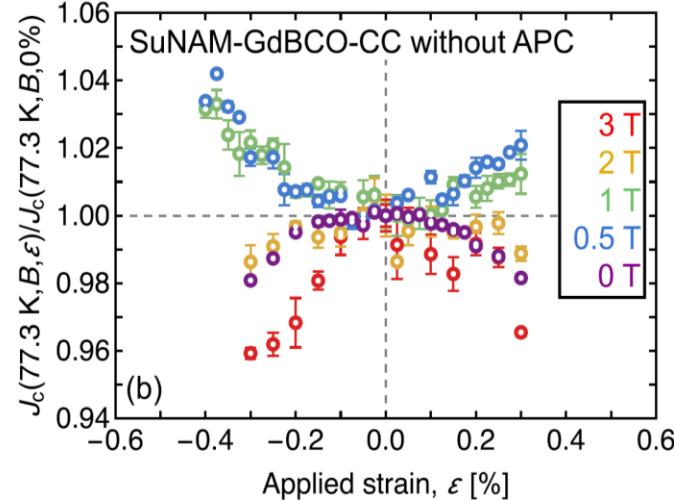


D C Van der Laan et al, APL 90 (2007)
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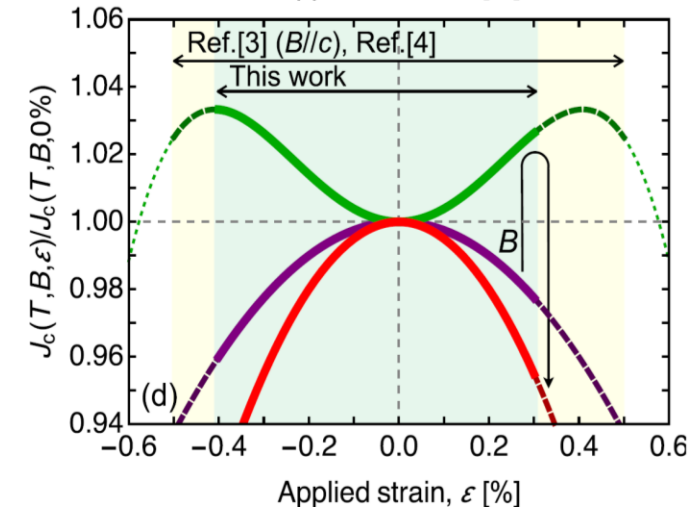
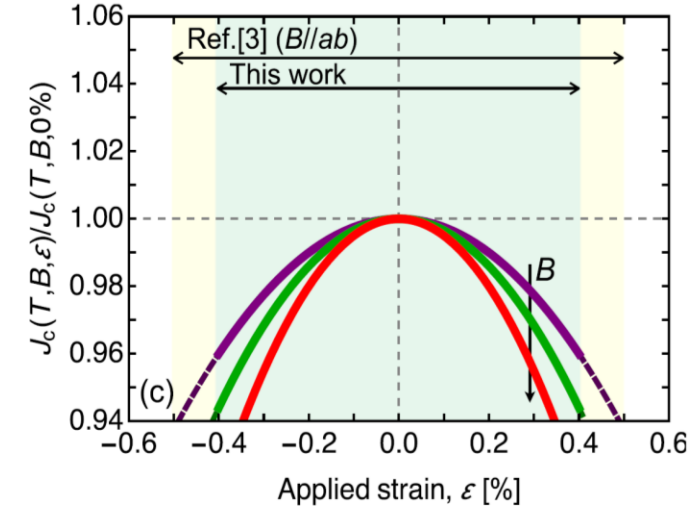
Anisotropic Correlated pinning



Isotropic Random pinning



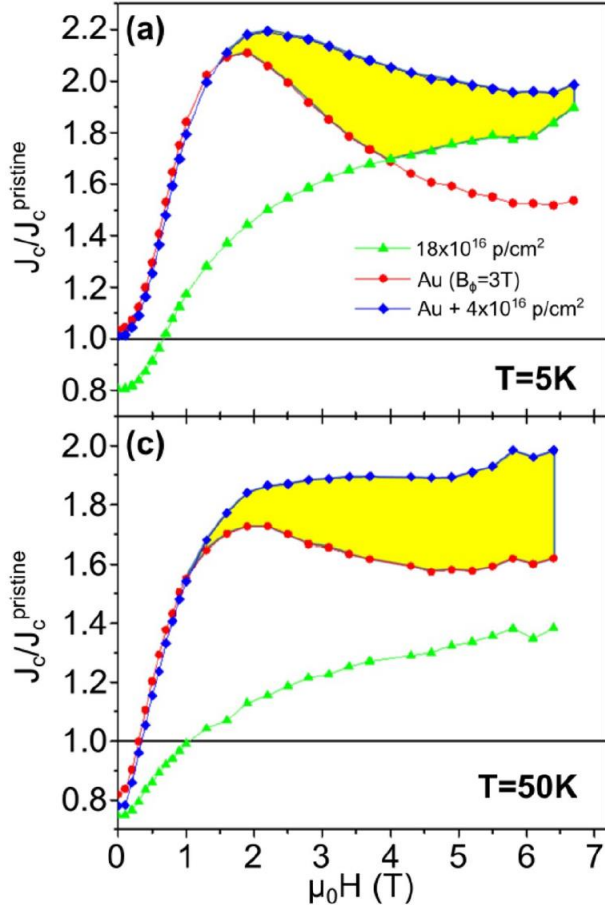
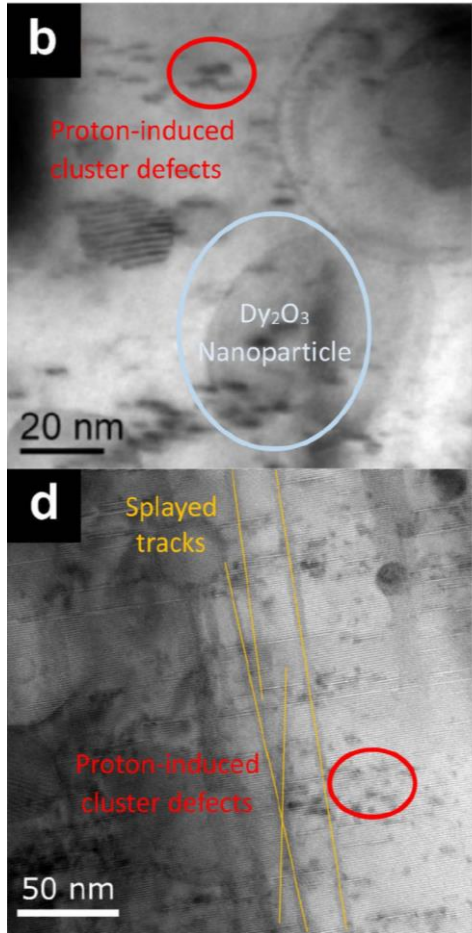
T. Okada et al SUST 33 (2020)



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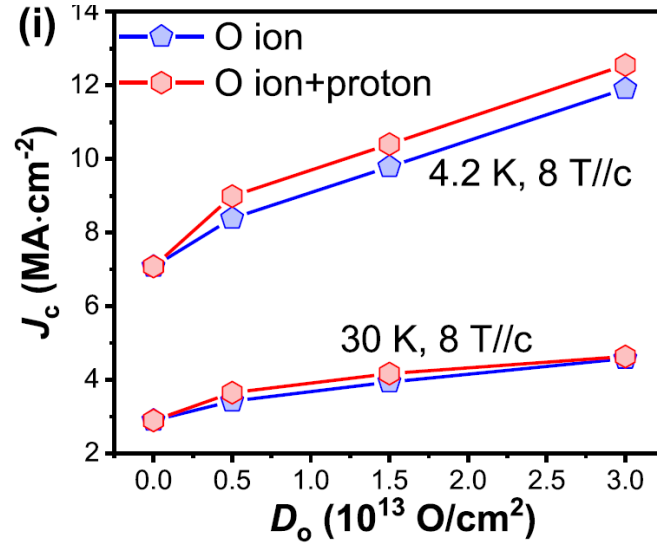
$J_c(D_o, H, T)$ dependence on particles irradiation of CC: effect on complex microstructures

250 MeV Au ions + 4 MeV protons in AMSC MOD nanocomposite films



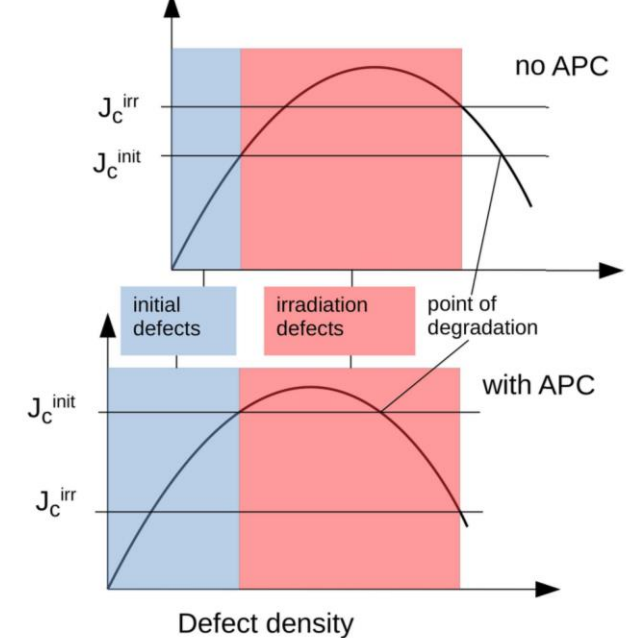
K J Kihlstrom et al SUST 34, (2021)

60 keV protons + 250 MeV O-ion in PLD GdBCO SST films



D. Huang et al, SUST 36, (2023)

Effects of fast neutrons on CC



D.X. Fischer et al, SUST 31 (2018)

Other application driven relevant materials aspects: from CC to conductor

Coated Conductor tape:

- Engineering current density, J_e
- Homogeneity and uniformity
- Mechanical strength
- Fatigue
- Splicing
- Quench protection
- Ac losses
- Radiation damage, ...

Conductor wire:

- Conductor configuration (current sharing, transposition, ...)
- Conductor bending radius
- Winding methodologies (impregnation, winding guides,...)
- Insulated, non-Insulated, partially insulated wiring
- Thermal stress, mechanical resilience, quench management, ac-losses,



D. Van der Laan et al, SUST 34 (2021)



S. Kar et al, SUST 33 (2020)



N Yanagi et al J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 2545 (2023)










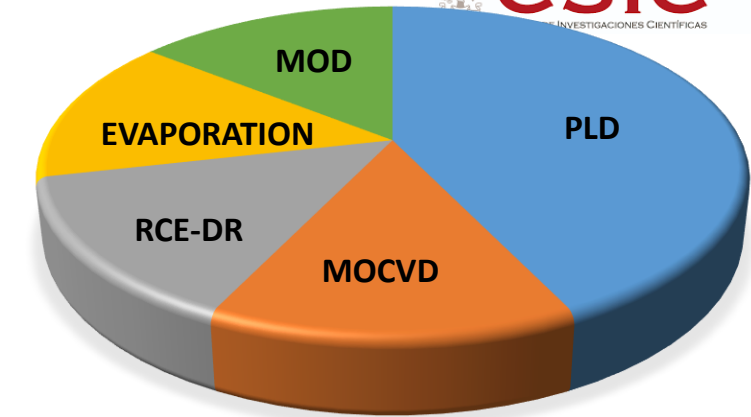
Z.S. Hartwig et al, SUST 33 (2020)



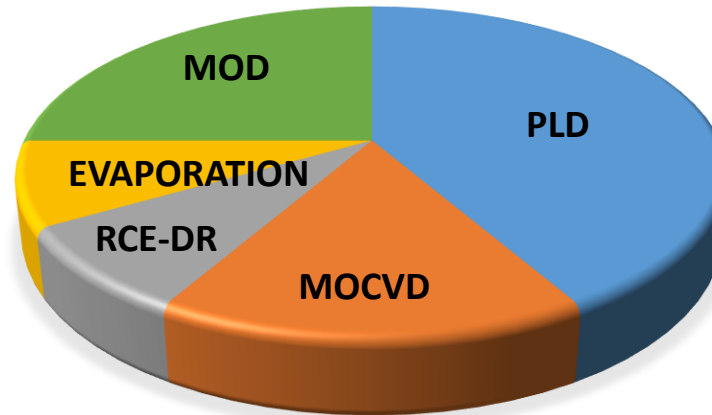
A. Ballarino, HiTAT Workshop, Geneva, March 2023






Status of CC fabrication at Industrial scale

Consolidated product	Growth method	Textured substrate	REBCO materials	Main APC
	PLD	IBAD	YBCO	Y ₂ O ₃ nanoparticle
			GdBCO	
	PLD	IBAD	EuBCO	BHO nanorod
			GdBCO	
	PLD			
	MOCVD			
	ME			
	RCE-DR			
	MOD	IBAD	YBCO	BZO nanoparticle



R&D product



 HTS <small>HIGH TEMPERATURE SUPERCONDUCTORS</small>	PLD
 SuNAM	PLD
 SWCC <small>GROUP</small>	MOD
 SUMITOMO ELECTRIC	MOD
 METOX TM	MOCVD

New horizons at Faraday Group (PLD method)



Multi GA-m factories vision (mid-2020's) Next-gen production unit (600W laser + 2 chambers)



Fits well into standard logistics center

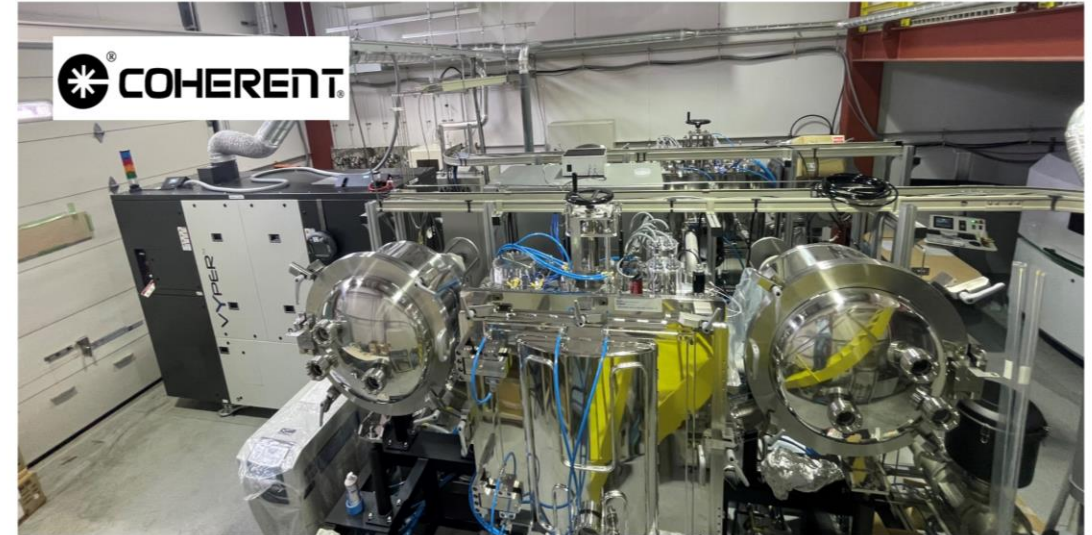
5000 m² unit I_c L = 1 GA-m/year for 2024
(2500 tapes x 600 A (20T, 20K) x 700 m) (12 mm eq.)

We are up to build more modular plants as demand unveils

CCA-2023, University of Houston, UH Hilton, Texas, USA, 3-6 April 2023

1300 km/yr (12 mm) in 2023

25000 km/yr (12 mm) in 2028



February – received equipment, April – started operation
If R&D successful, there's potential to reach **1 GA-m/year with only 5 units**

Scaling up PLD major raw materials (PLD targets)



Shanghai Superconductor Technology (SST) (PLD method)

Plant #1 (Upgrading of existing plant)

Zhangjiang Hi-tech Park, Shanghai



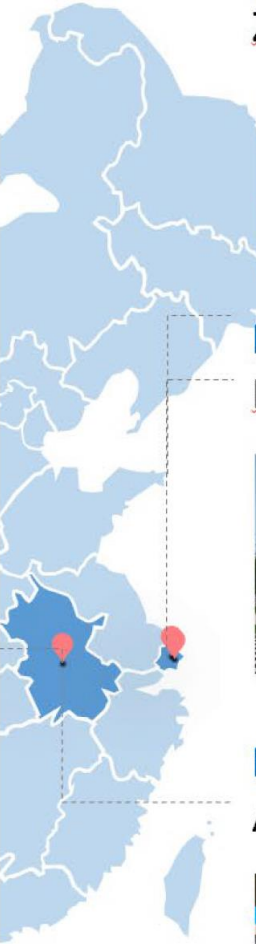
Plant #2 (New)

Kangqiao Industrial Park, Shanghai

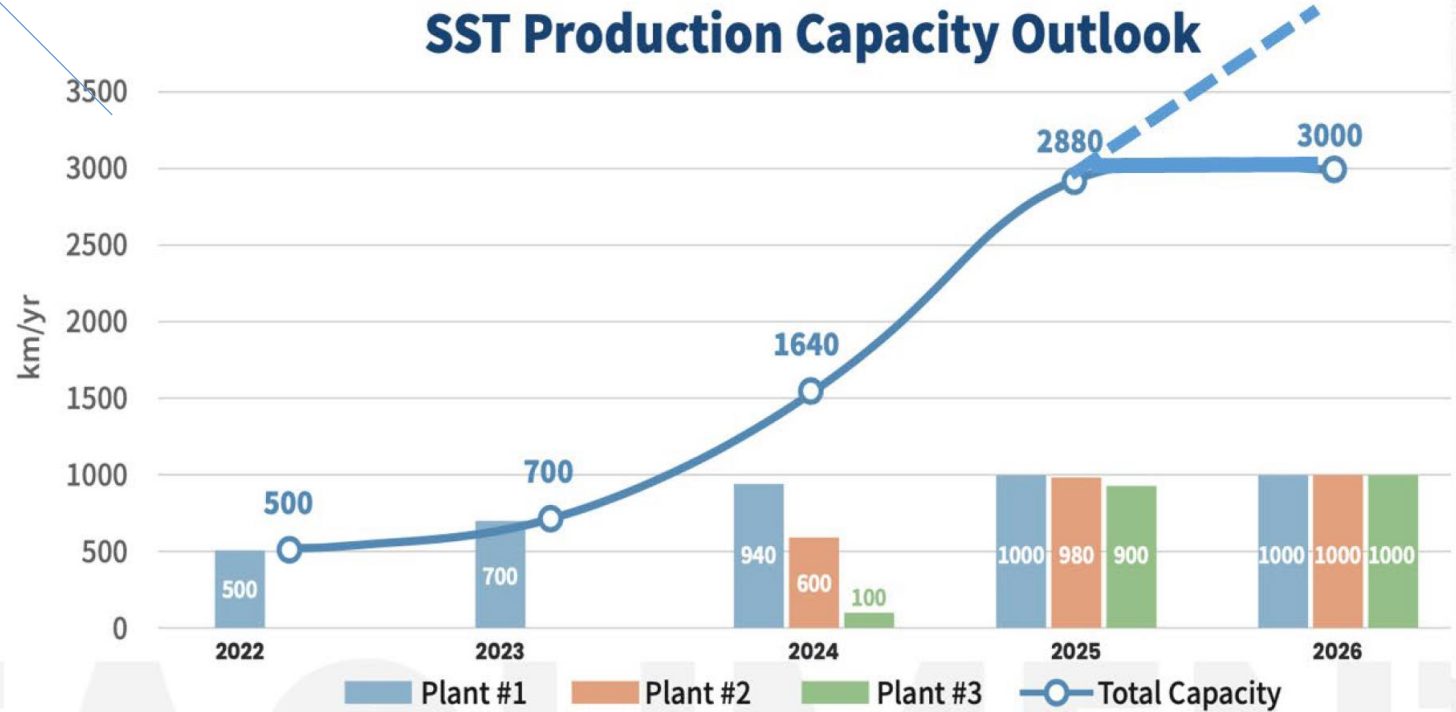


Plant #3 (New)

Aviation Harbour Demonstration Park, Hefei



SST Production Capacity Outlook



3 years Expansion

3 Plants

3000 km/yr (12 mm eq.) Capacity

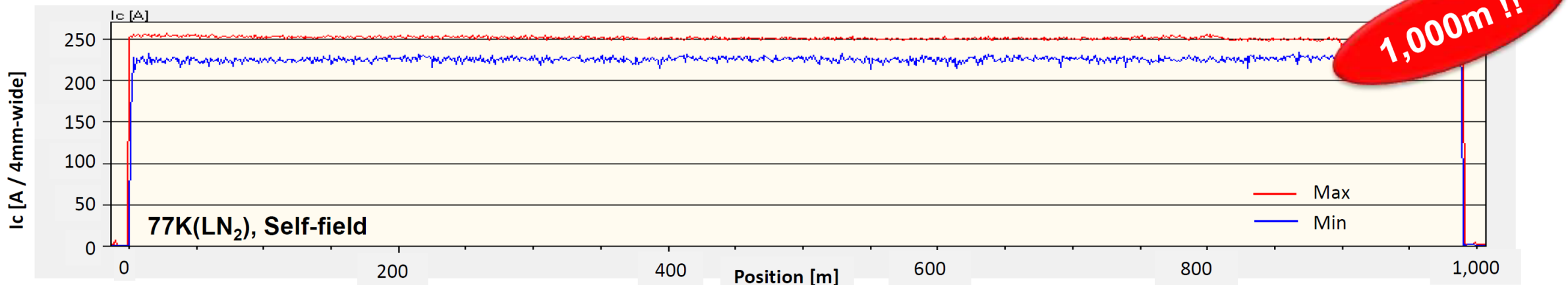
Prospects for Fujikura (PLD-Hot wall method)

Annual production more than double for 2025

- Increase growth rate
- Increase number of production units
- Improve modernization of production managements

Uniformity needs to be maintained

■ Magnetic measurement @Tapestar™ (4mm-wide with AP / FESC-SCH04)



quite uniform I_c with artificial pinning tape and ~ 1,000 m are obtained

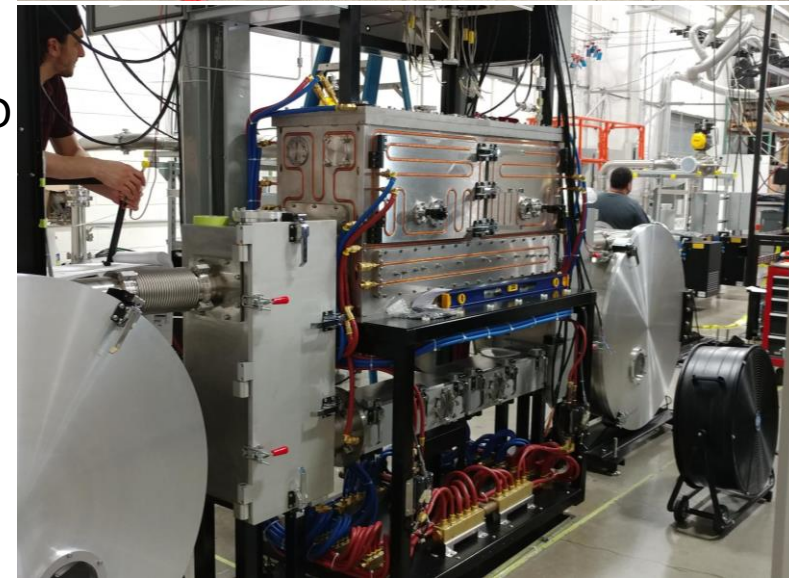
SuperPower's new wire manufacturing facility in Glenville, New York, US (MOCVD method)



New IBAD system
At present: ~**200 km/yr.** (4mm eq.)

Phase 1 expansion (end of 2023):
~**600 km/yr.** (4mm wide eq.)

New MOCVD systems
Phase 2 expansion (~end of 2025):
~**1,200 km/yr.** (4mm wide eq.)



Current development progress in SuNAM (RCE-DR method)

RCE-DR system



120 mm-w Electro-polishing



PLD system



Present: 400 km/yr (4 mm eq.)

Target 2025: x 2.5 production capacity
125 mm wide tapes

Real-time (AI) is used for CC surface analysis

Development of a new process:

→ Seed layer : PLD system

→ Thick REBCO layer: RCE-DR system

Shanghai Creative Superconductors, SCSC

Industrial production lines (TFA-MOD method)



EUCAS2023
Bologna, Italy
3rd-7th September



Polishing



Buffer layer texturing



Present:
400 km/yr (4 mm)

New production line
under construction for
40 mm wide tapes



Coating and growth of the Superconducting layer



Packaging

x 7 production capacity
increase in 2025

FUTURE: PRODUCTION SCALING (e-beam evaporation method)

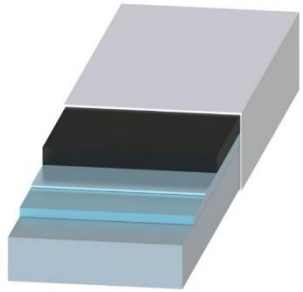
Sole remaining European HTS wire supplier

THEVA Pro-Line

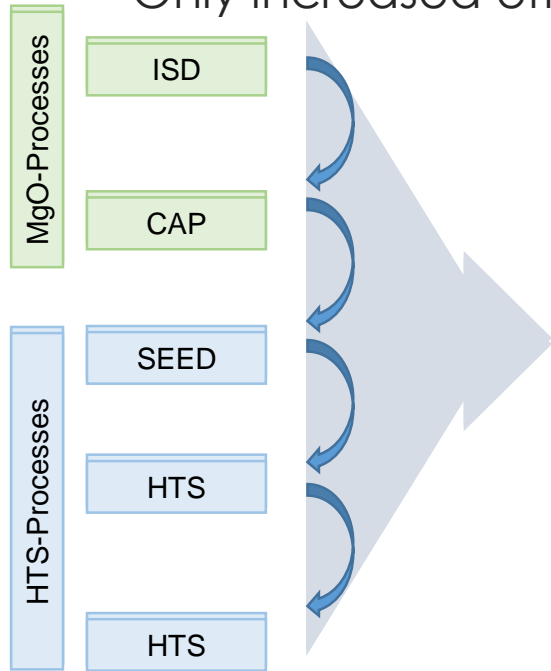


Scaling means more than cloning of current equipment

Only increased efficiency and productivity can reduce **unit cost**



Very simplified architecture

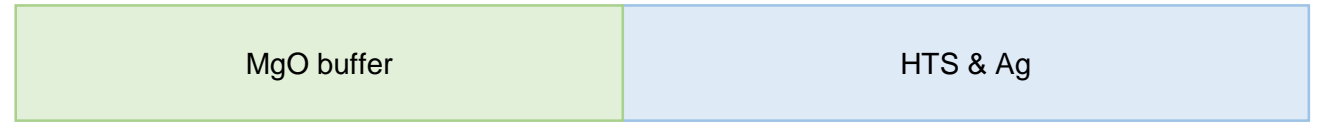


Tape width 12 mm
Capacity: 100+ km₁₂

Going wide
25 ×

ALPHA ⇒ BETA

100% ⇒ 25%



Tape width 4 × 80 -100 mm
Capacity: 2500+ km₁₂

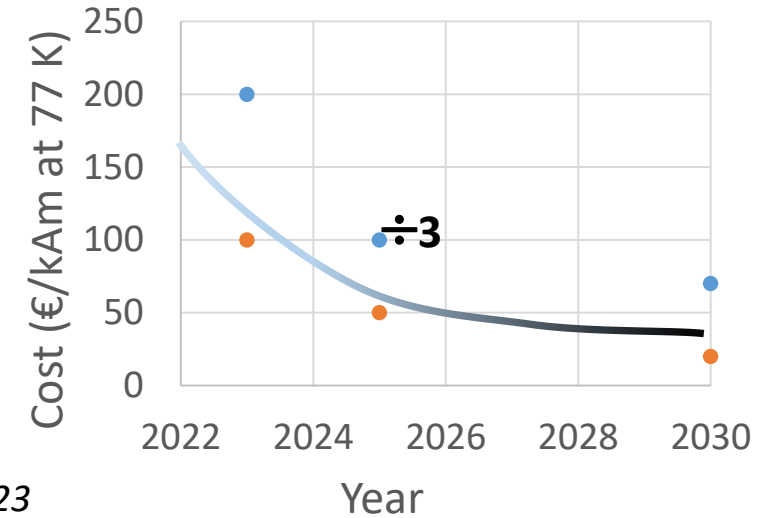


Status of CC materials at industrial scale and prospects

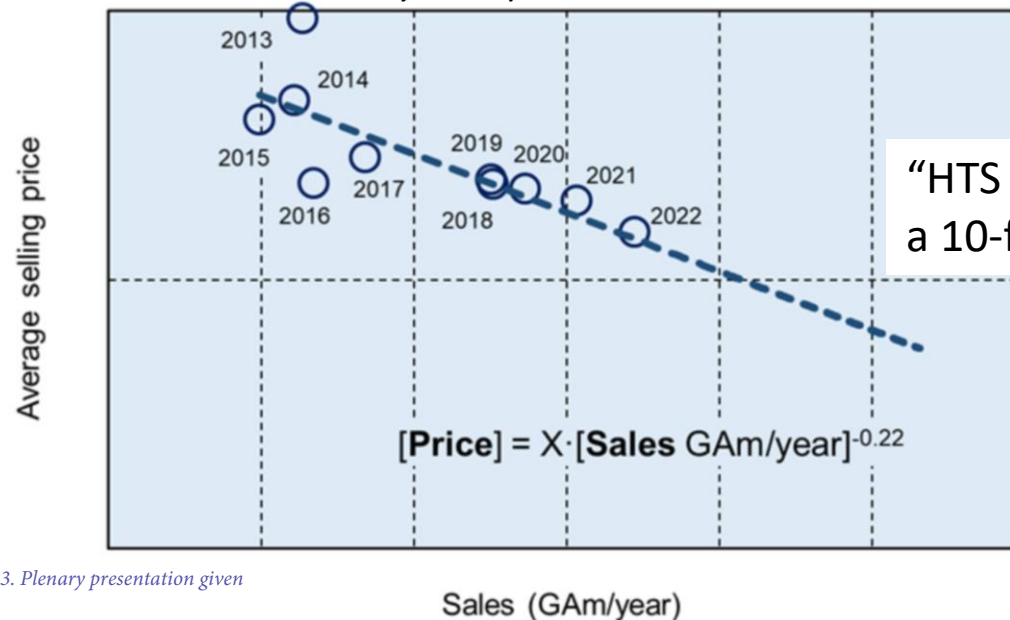
7 consolidated companies

Magnitude	At present	Target for 2025	Target for 2028
Length (km)	0.5 – 1	1 – (5)	
Width (mm)	2, 3, 4, 6, 12	40, 80, 100, 125	
Production (km/yr) <i>12 mm equiv.</i>	3000 - 5000	6000 -10000	+40000 (+25000 Faraday)

Cost ...



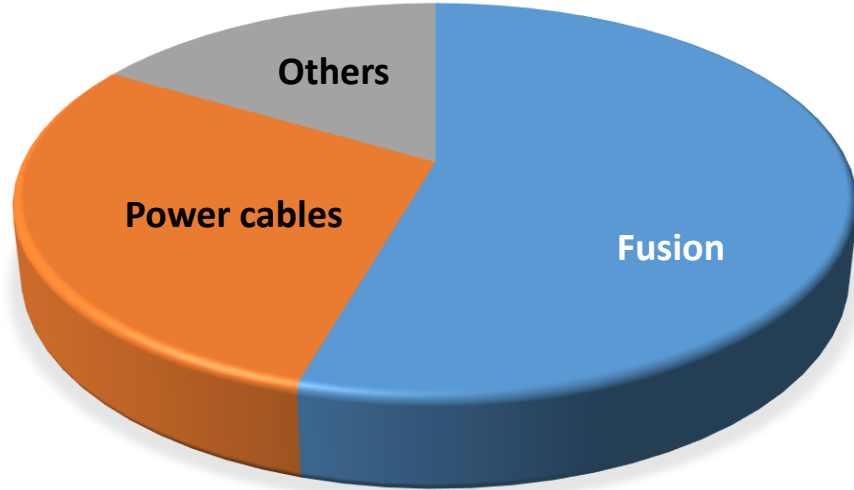
S. Lee, Faraday Group, CCA 2023



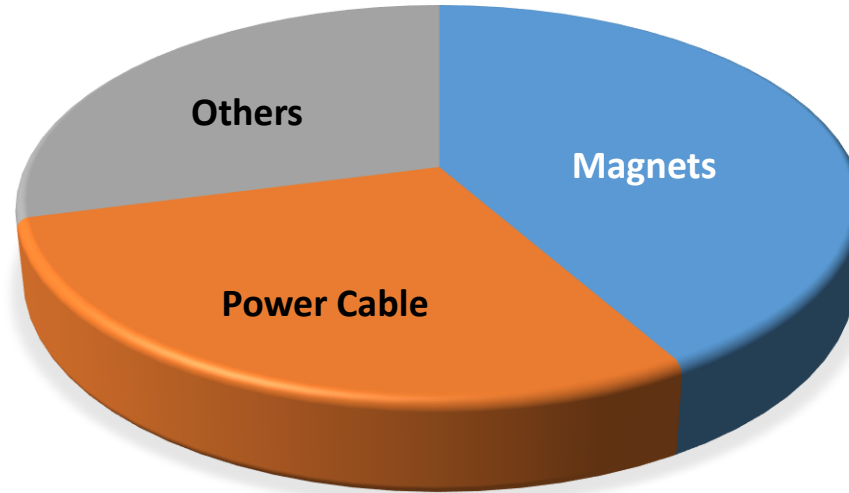
CC Industry application target

7 consolidated companies

Main target

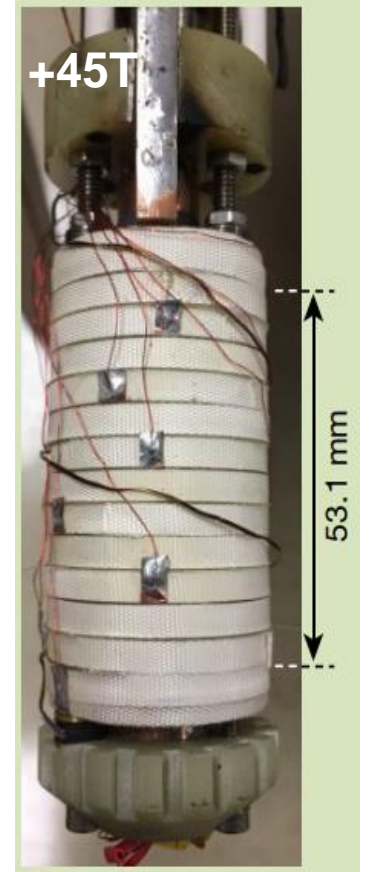


Second target



<https://www.theva.com/superlink>
<https://www.nkt.com>

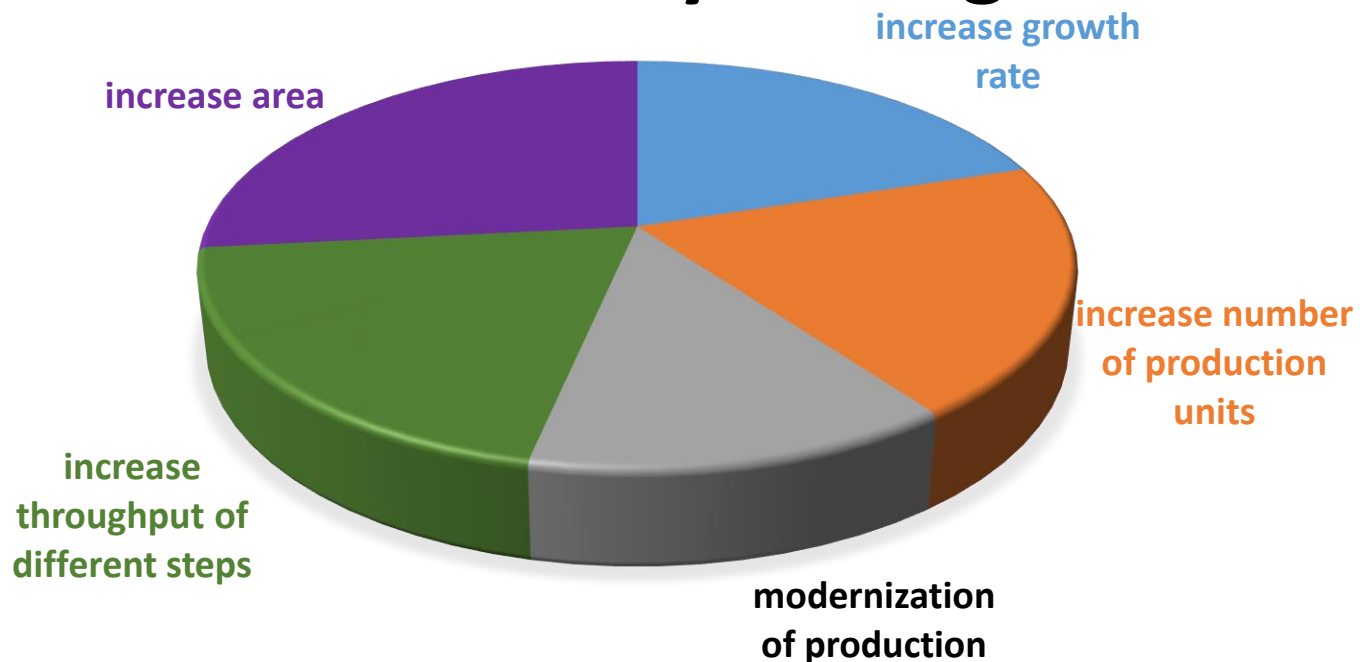
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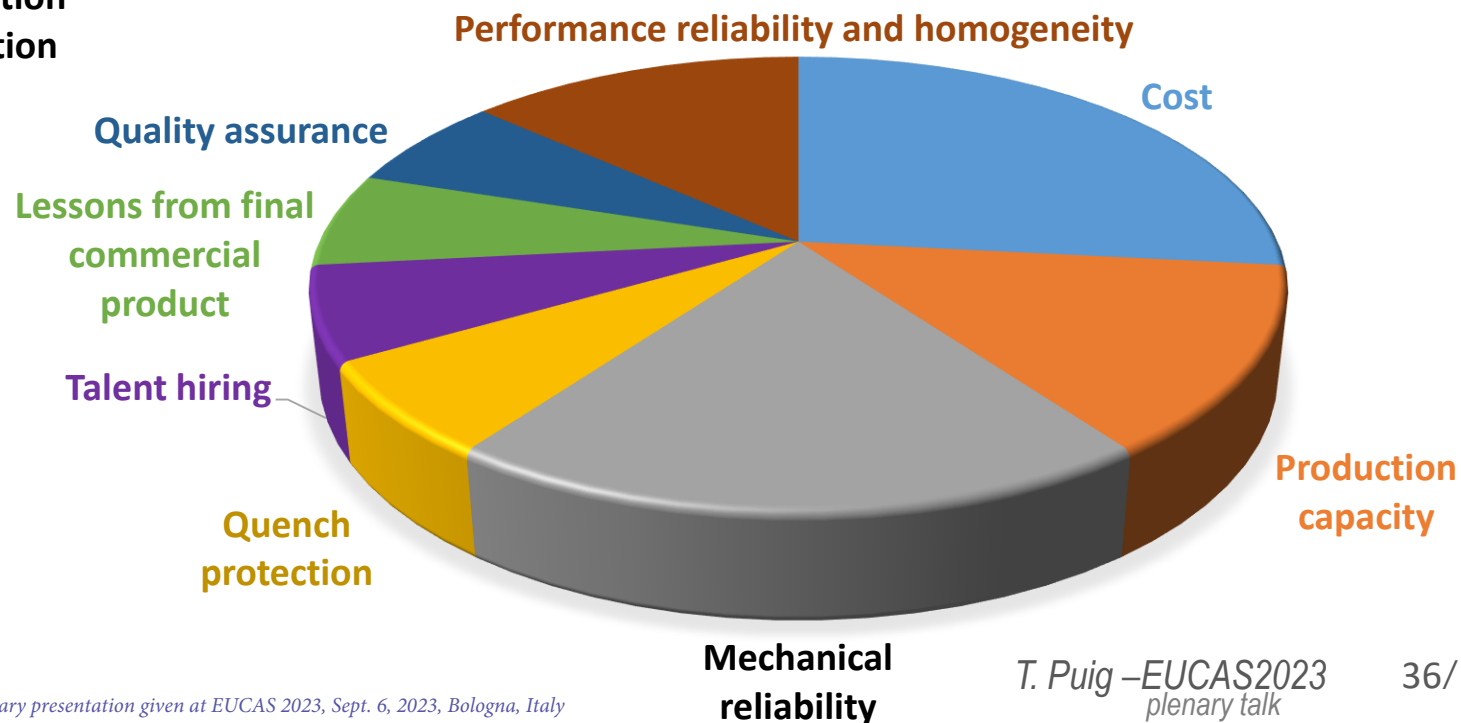
S. Hahn et al, Nature 570, 496 (2019)

<https://cfs.energy/technology>

Industry strategies



Industry challenges



The industrial vision of CC in a sentence



“Coated conductors would advance steadily as the unique practical wires available for emerging applications used in really large field, or severe thermal conditions”



“Prospective sustainable market of HTS materials and applications promises numerous public benefits for much human activity in energy production, distribution, and use; medicine; transportation; and research”



“Innovative manufacturing technology is the key to scale up the production and reduce the cost”



“Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together (Olympic motto). Citius, Altius, Fortius - Communis. What is the final goal for you instead of Gold Medal?”



“In the long run, coated conductor HTS will become a commodity product, opening up the opportunity to fuel a wide market of energy applications rather than just a few very special, experimental prototypes”

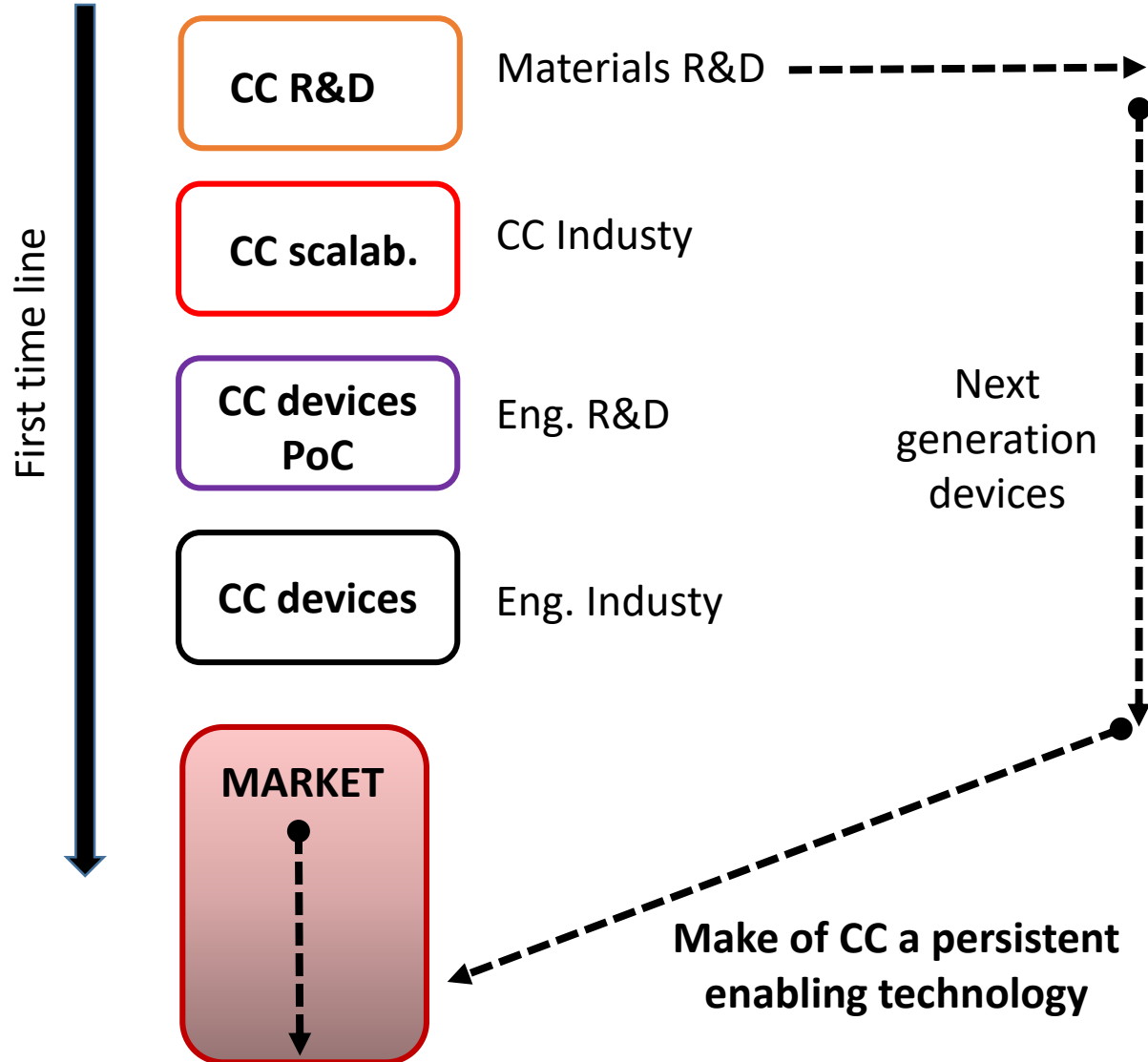


“New paradigm designer of electric energy”



“The superconductor is hard to resist, but the harder is more valuable. The latest progress on superconducting coated conductors is realizing our dream for various superconducting applications”

Materials R&D challenges and initiatives

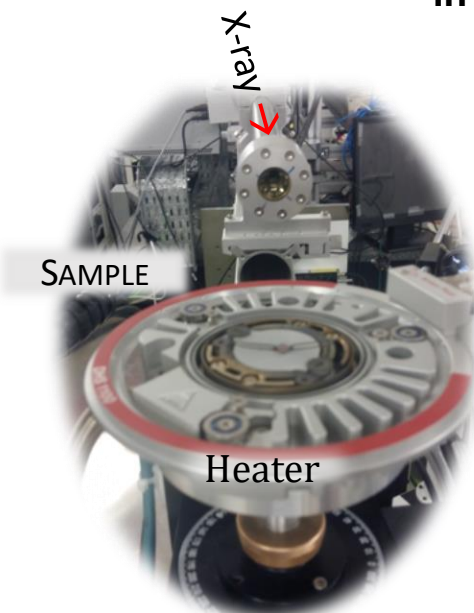
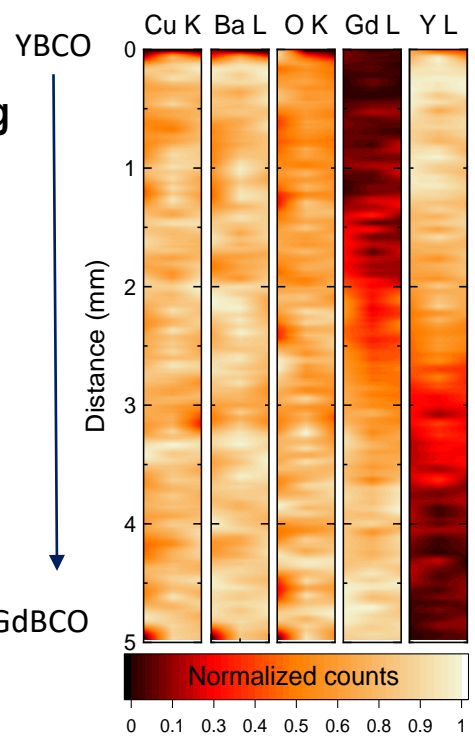
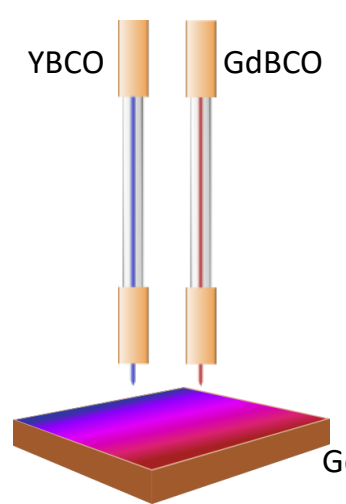


Joining the CC industry to develop further:

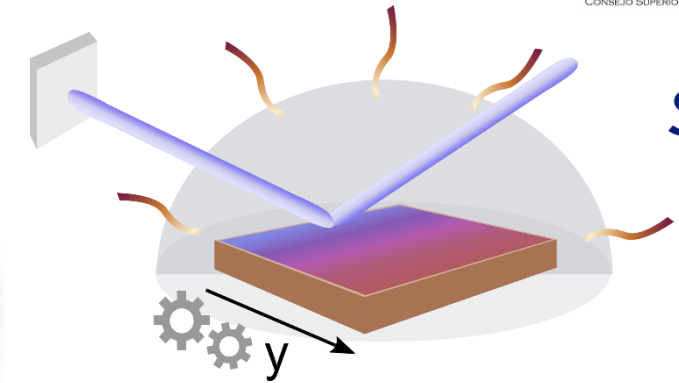
- Novel High-Throughput methods and processes
- Fast screening methodologies and machine learning approaches
- Semi-industrial R&D scales
- Databases and standarization of wide range of CC properties
- ...

High Throughput Experimentation using Compositional Gradients and TLAG growth

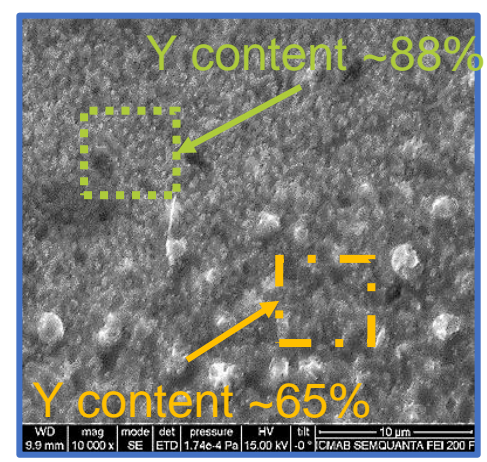
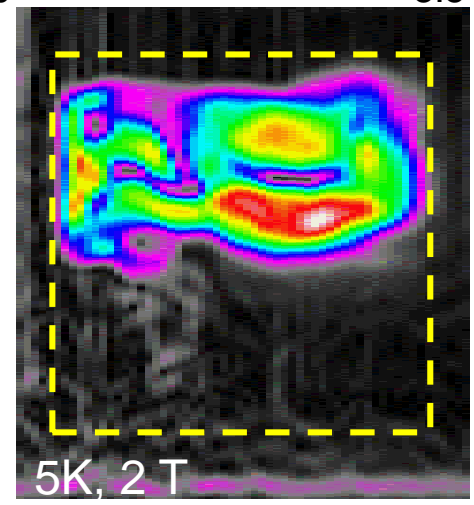
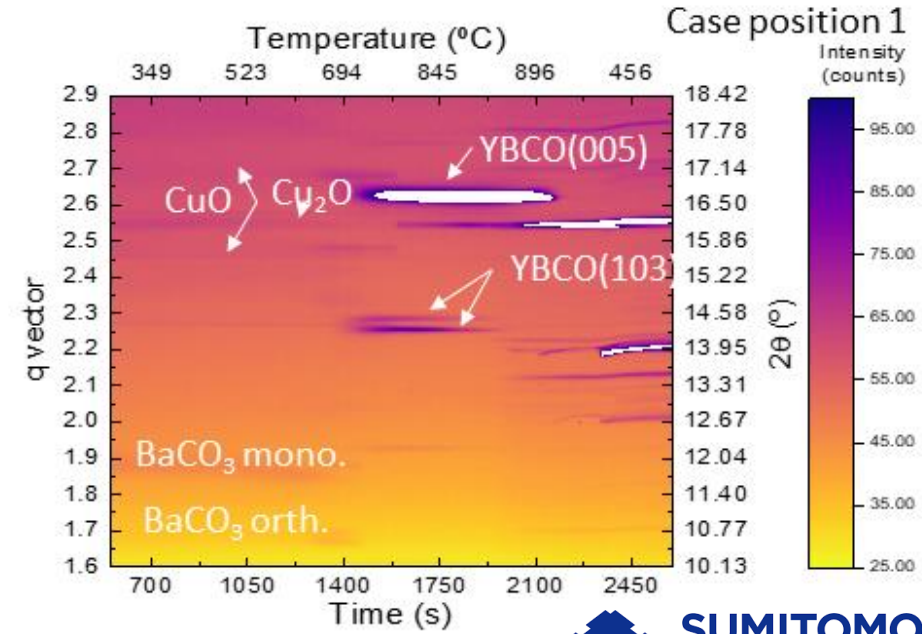
Combinatorial DoD Ink Jet Printing



in-situ synchrotron XRD



Data is segmented by positions for analysis



Y=100%

Gd=100%

5K, 2 T



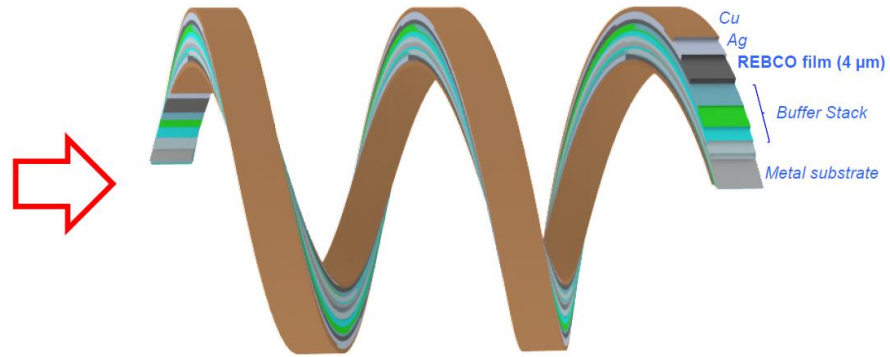
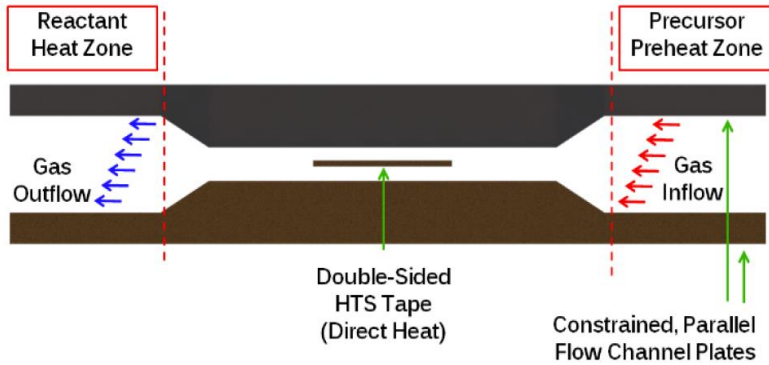
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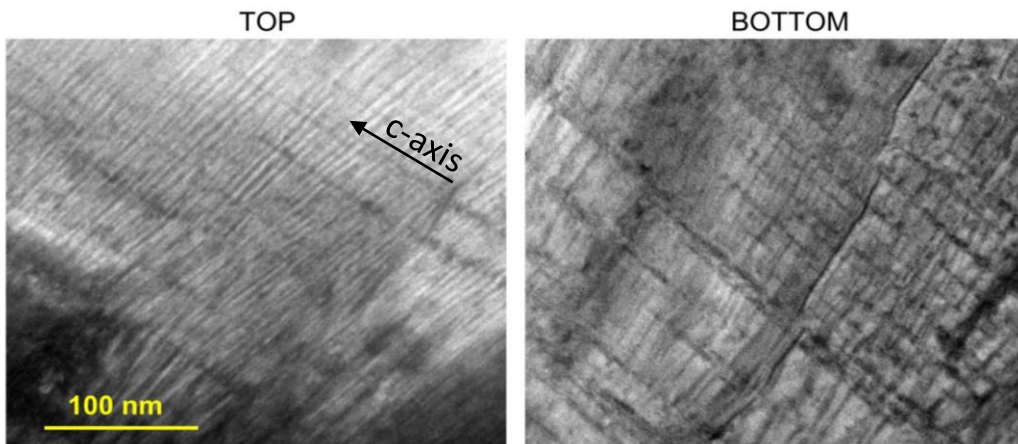
Double-sided REBCO tapes by Advanced MOCVD



- Reduced tape quantity per device
- Reduced raw chemicals
- Increase I_c
- Reduced cost

Double-sided REBCO 2x 2.5 μm thick film in a single step: $I_c > 500$ A/4mm at 20 K, 20 T, 15cm (3.5 x I_c commercial tape)

Double-sided REBCO 2x 5 μm thick film 10 x I_c commercial tape



- 20 m good quality textured buffered double-sided substate
- Similar nanorods microstructure in both sides (15%Zr)
- Comparable mechanical properties as single side (~ 575 MPa)
- Current sharing can be fostered to promote defect-tolerance

**Towards double-sided 50 m tapes
Next 500 m @ \$10/kA-m at 20K, 20T**



Data driven approach coupling high throughput measurement and ML

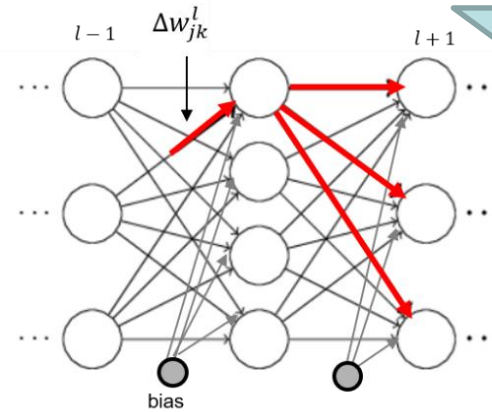
Methodology to model CC production process

Input

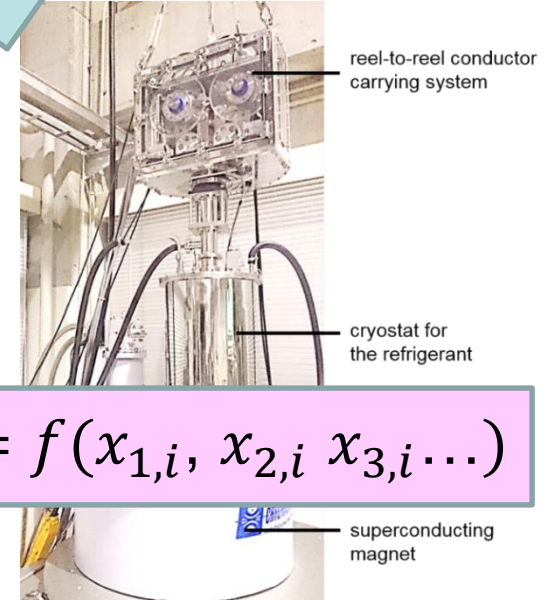
Output

Unknown governing equations
due to complex processes

Deep Neural
Network Architecture



Critical Current, I_c
(Performance)



$$I_c = f(x_{1,i}, x_{2,i}, x_{3,i} \dots)$$

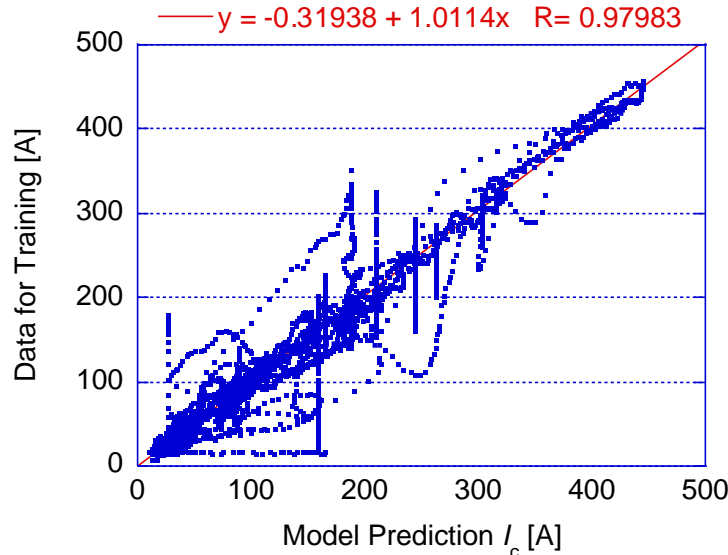
High throughput
operando measurement

Control Parameters

- Subst. Temp.
- Laser Power
- Pressure
- Wire Traveling Speed
- And more ...

$x_{1,i}, x_{2,i}, x_{3,i} \dots$

Combinatorial long
length sample



Size of training
data set: **11,222**

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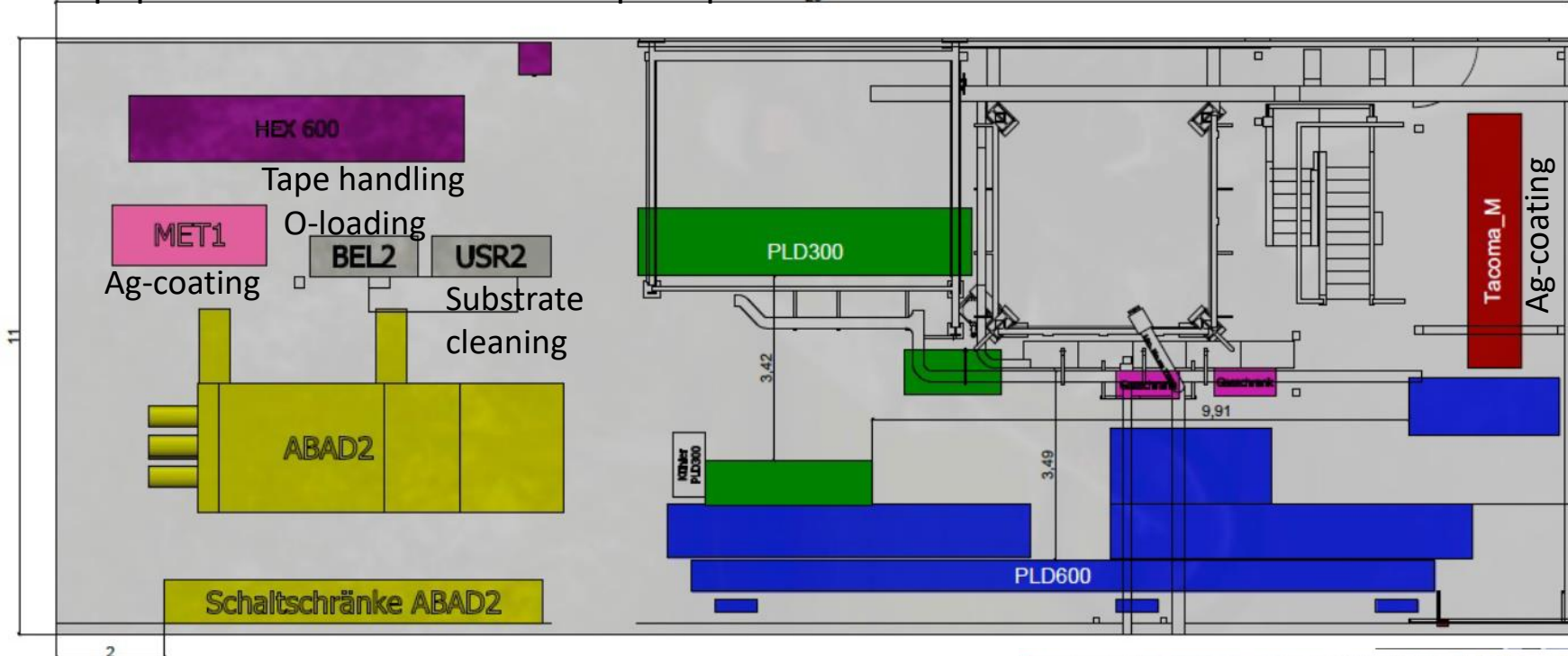
KC4: KIT-CERN Collaboration on Coated Conductor

Equipment from Bruker HTS CC pilot plant ²⁸

Core KC4 Lab space > 500 m²

A joint, Open Lab Foundry of HTS CC synthesis:

Gap bridge between small scale materials research on CC and larger scale tailored, high quality full Coated Conductor architectures



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2022 Intermediate 20m length scale

2027 Extension to 100m+ length scale

Need of Standardization and Open databases of CCs



Robinson Research Institute High-Temperature Superconducting Wire Critical Current Database,
 $J_c(T,H,\theta)$ - S. Wimbush
<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/robinson/hts-wire-database>

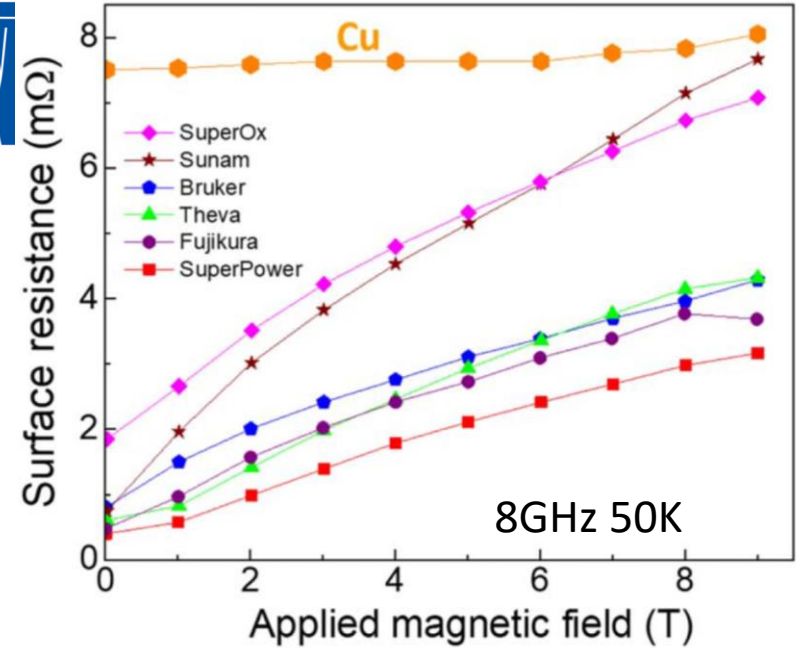


<https://nationalmaglab.org/magnet-development/applied-superconductivity-center/plots>

P. Lee, D. Abramimov



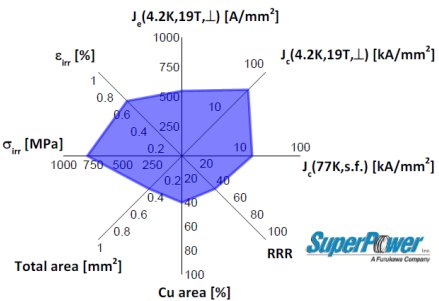
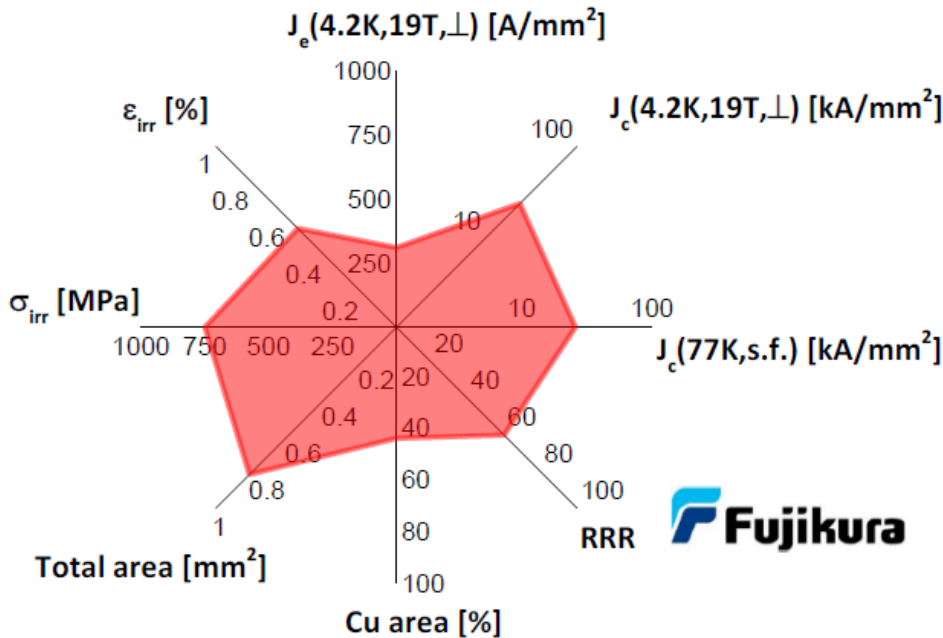
Towards high field HTS RF cavities



T Puig et al, SUST 32 (2019)
 A. Romanov et al, Sci Rep 10 (2020)



C. Senatore (2017)



L. Rossi, C. Senatore, Instruments 5(1), 8 (2021)

Additional opportunities for CC



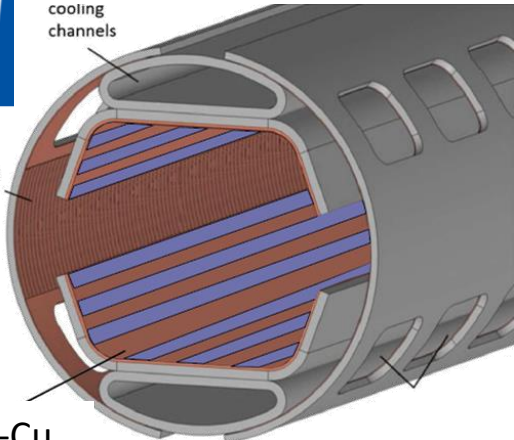
Case of RF cavities at high magnetic fields for HEP



High energy circular Collider Beam screen



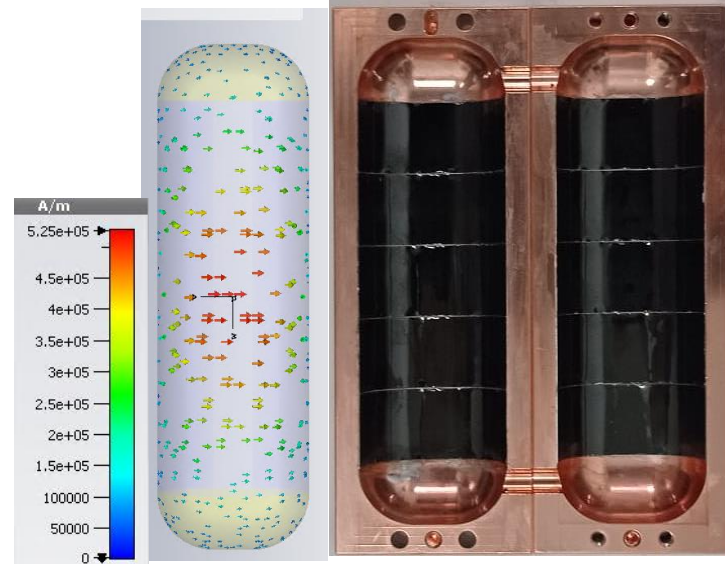
cooling channels



HTS-Cu hybrid coating

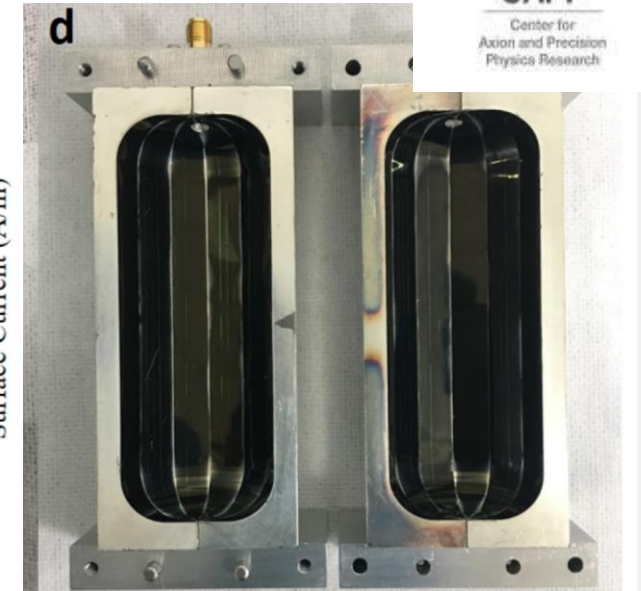
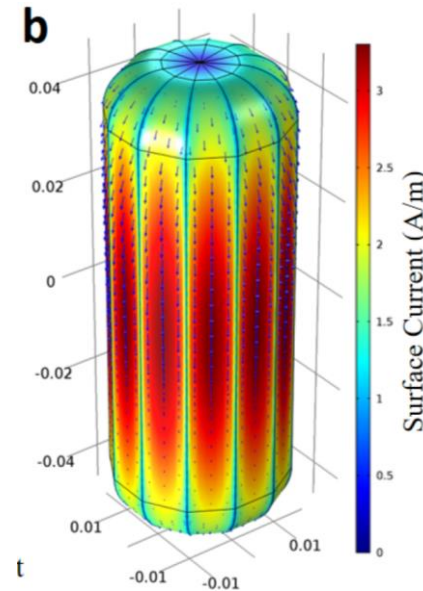


High-Q RF cavities at high H for Dark Matter search (Axion haloscopes)



J. Golm et al, IEEE TAS 32 (2022)

$Q \sim 6 \times 10^4$ @ 11T, 4.2 K (8 GHz)



D. Ahn et al, Phys Rev Appl 17 (2022)

$Q \sim 3.3 \times 10^5$ @ 8T, 4.2 K (6.9 GHz)

$Q \sim 1.3 \times 10^7$ @ 8 T, 150 mK (5.4 GHz)

($200 \times Q_{Cu}$)



Opportunities in Muon collider

Conclusions and take away message

- Coated conductors are unique superconducting materials that are set to enable numerous applications for our welfare society
- Only with an understanding of materials, vortex physics and engineering properties can superconducting devices emerge
- After 20 years of R&D on coated conductors, the CC industry is ready to take the big step to scale up production
- Applications such as fusion, NMR and power cables, but also electrical transportation are quite ready to make the necessary pull
- R&D in CC must persist to help improve the capabilities, robustness and cost of next generation devices and make of CCs a persistent enabling technology
- **We started 20 years ago chasing a dream and we didn't give up. We are here to make it come true, and now we are very close, we feel it in the ambience**