

# Supraleitung International HTSL Materialien und Drähte für Energieanwendungen

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# Low temperature (LT) superconductors



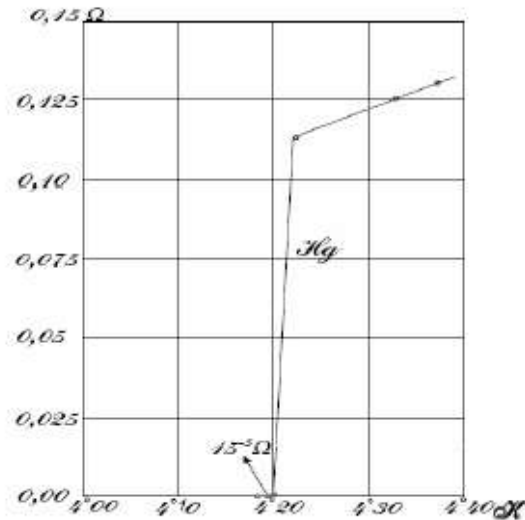
Kamerlingh Onnes

## Liquification of He

H. Kamerlingh Onnes, Leiden (1908)

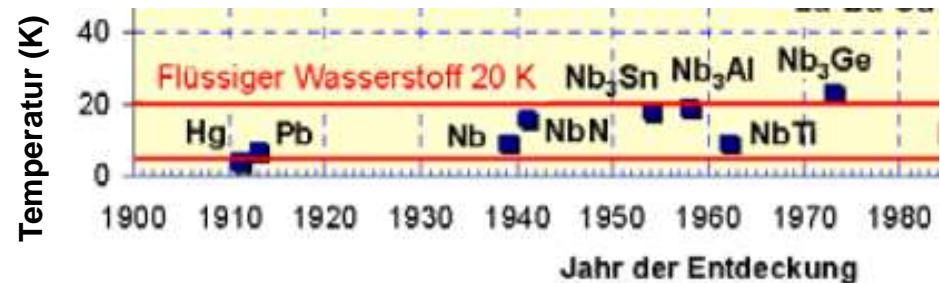
## Discovery of „superconductivity“: ideal conductivity

H. Kamerlingh Onnes, Leiden (1911)



Sprung im elektrischen Widerstand von Hg: critical temperature  $T_C$

Many metals and alloys are superconductors



Metalle & Legierungen

→ Current transport without losses (DC)

Conventional SC require cooling by liquid He

# The critical current density $J_c(B,T)$

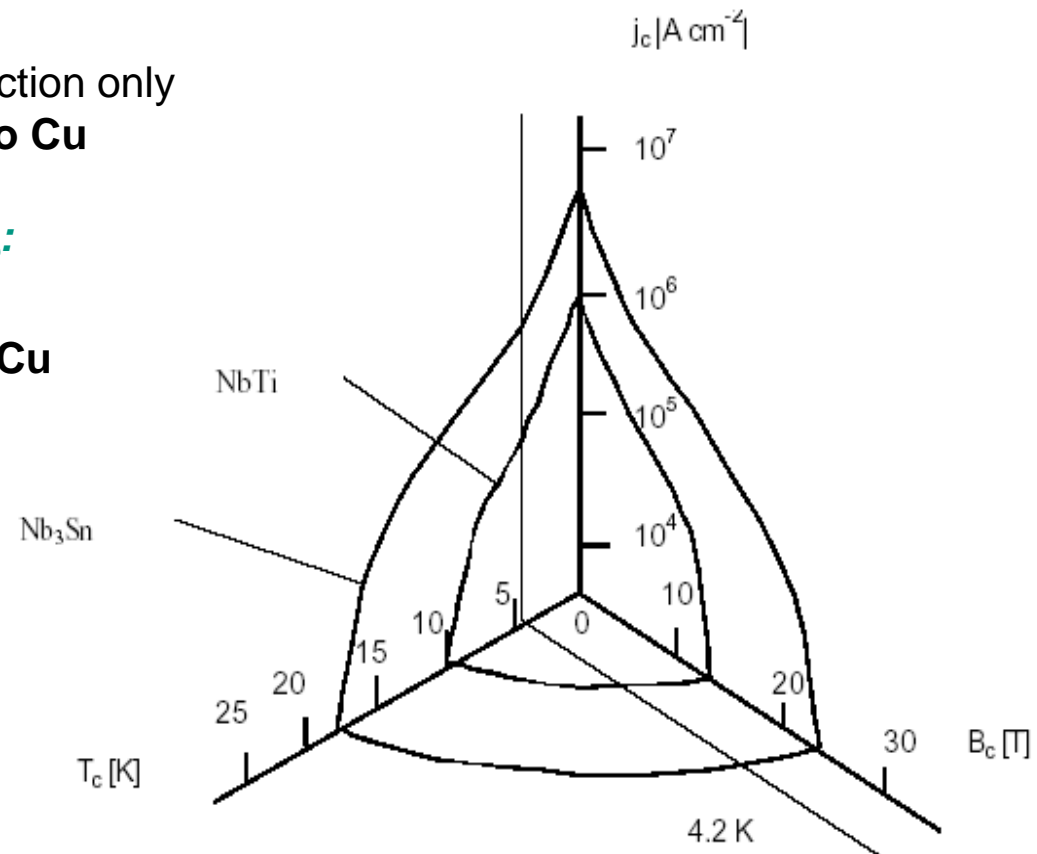
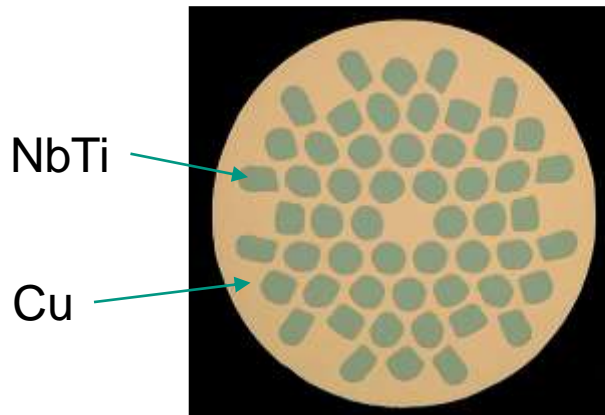
- Ideal conductor for dc, i.e. **no ohmic losses** at  $T < T_c$
- $R=0$  limited by the critical current  $I_c(B,T)$
- AC currents result in AC-losses

## Critical current density $J_c$

$I_c$  related to the superconductor cross section only  
**app. 1.000-time increased compared to Cu**

## Engineering critical current density $J_e$ :

$I_c$  related to the whole wire cross section  
**app. 100-time increased compared to Cu**



# Applications of LT superconductors

## Medizintechnik

MRI Bildgebung

für weiches Gewebe

(Organe, Knorpel, Sehnen)

Weltmarkt > 3 Mrd € p.a.

> 3000 to NbTi p.a.



## Analytik

NMR Spektroskopie

Weltmarkt > 500 M€ p.a.

> 500 to Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn p.a.

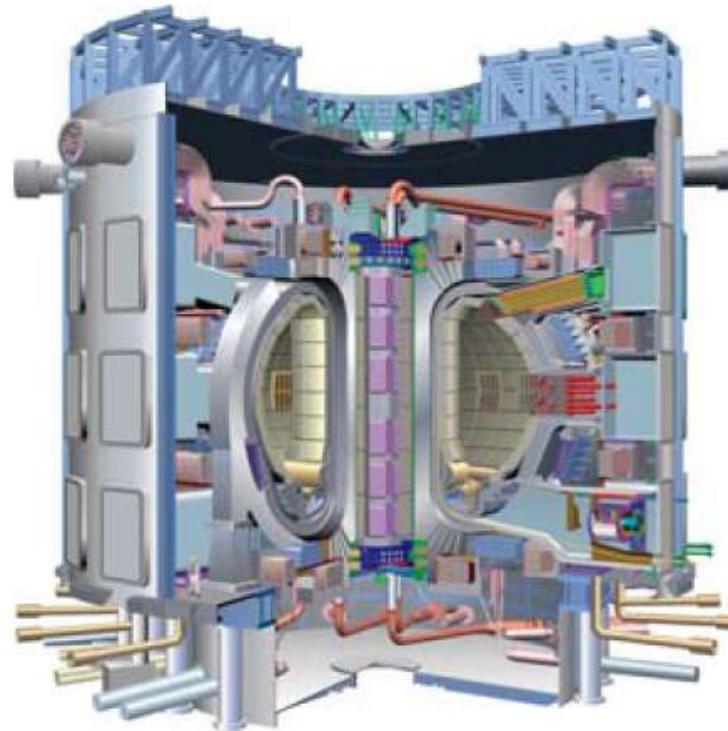


# Applications of LT superconductors

## Magnets for large scale experimente

- Particle accelerator (e.g. CERN)
- Fusion reactors (e.g. ITER)

Large Hadron Collider, LHC at CERN



International Thermonuclear  
Experimental Reactor, ITER

> 500 to  $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$

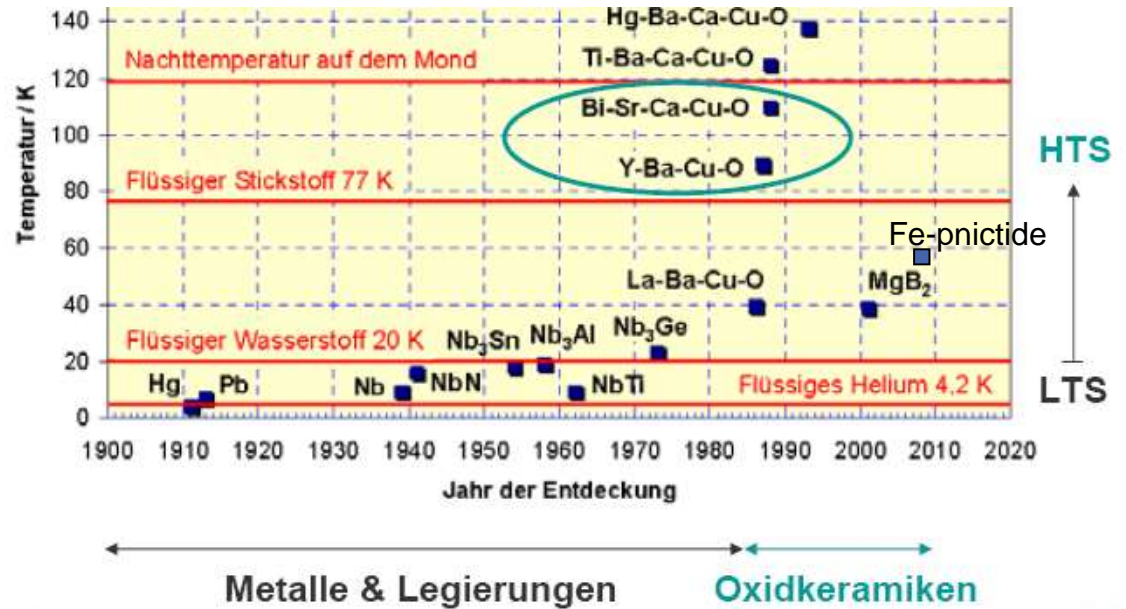
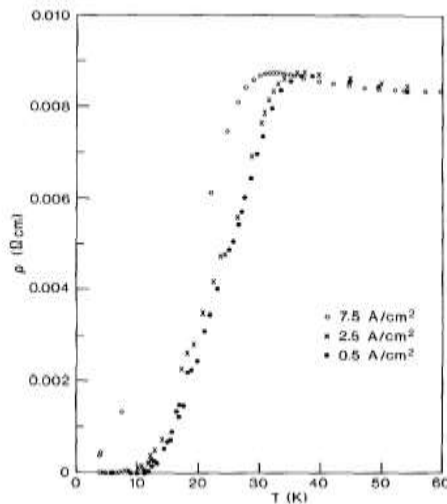


ITER Kabel

# High temperature superconductors (HTS)



*Ba-La-Cu-O:*  
*J. G. Bednorz, K. A. Müller, Z. Physik, B 64 (1986) 189*



**Cooling with liquid nitrogen possible**

Relevant for applications

HTS phase		$T_C$ (K)
YBa <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7-δ</sub>	Y-123	92
Bi <sub>2</sub> Sr <sub>2</sub> CaCu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	Bi-2212	84
Bi <sub>2</sub> Sr <sub>2</sub> Ca <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub>	Bi-2223	110
TlBa <sub>2</sub> Ca <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub>	Tl-1223	125
HgBa <sub>2</sub> Ca <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub>	Hg-1223	133

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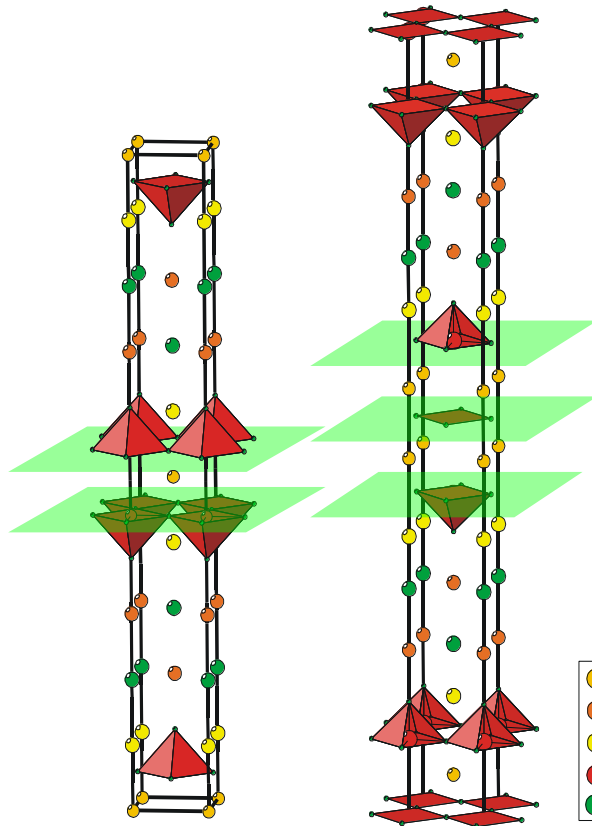
## BiSCCO

Bi(Pb)-2212

Bi(Pb)-2223

2212  $\approx$  (Bi,Pb)<sub>2</sub>Sr<sub>2</sub>CaCu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>x</sub> (x  $\approx$  8)

2223  $\approx$  (Bi,Pb)<sub>2</sub>Sr<sub>2</sub>Ca<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>x</sub> (x  $\approx$  10)



Ceramics with complex layered unit cell (2-dimensional)

CuO<sub>2</sub>-layers responsible for superconductivity

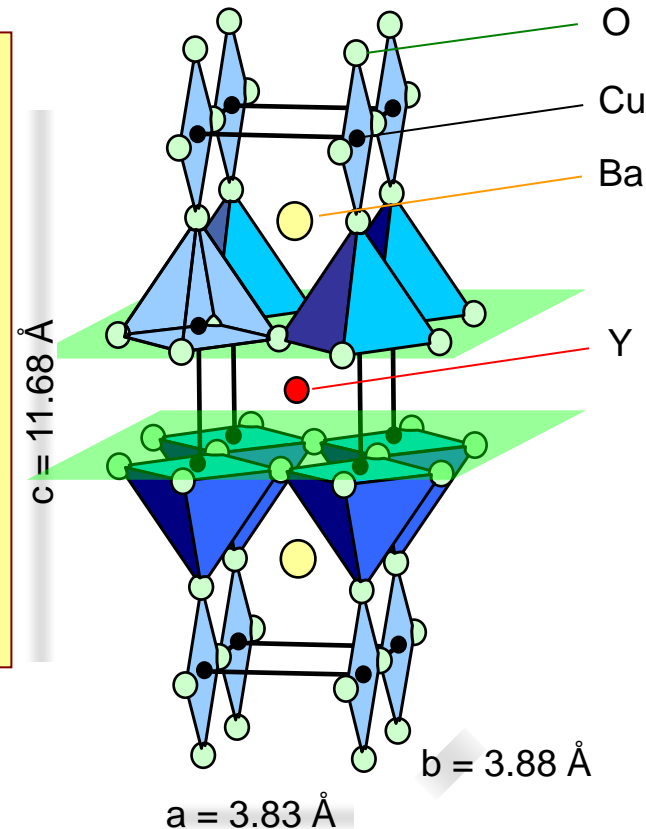
Strong anisotropic properties



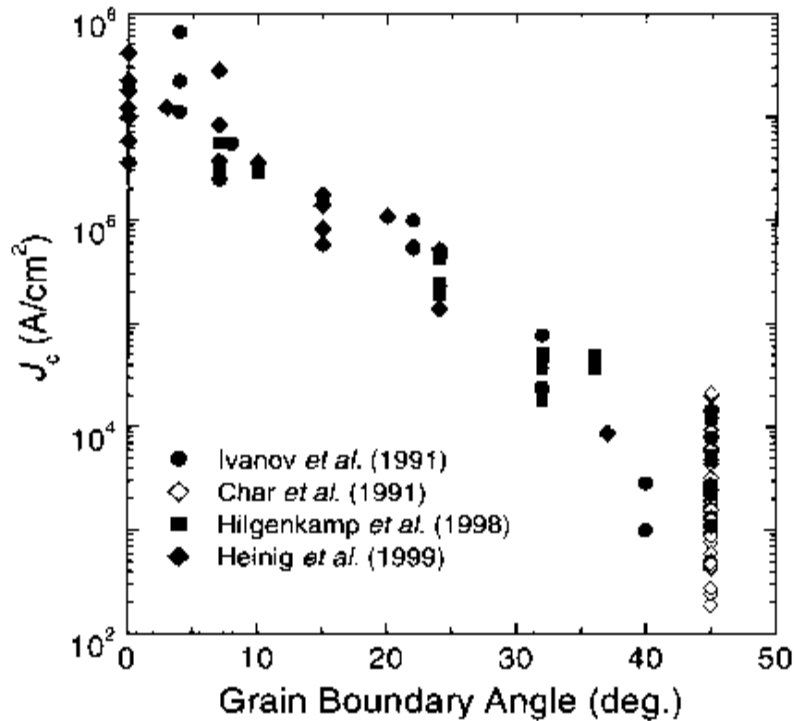
## REBCO

REBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7-x</sub>

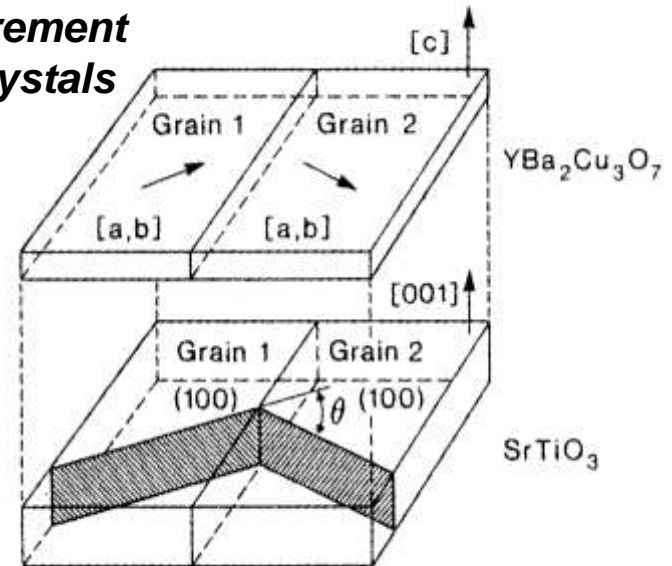
RE: Y, Nd, Er, Gd, Eu...



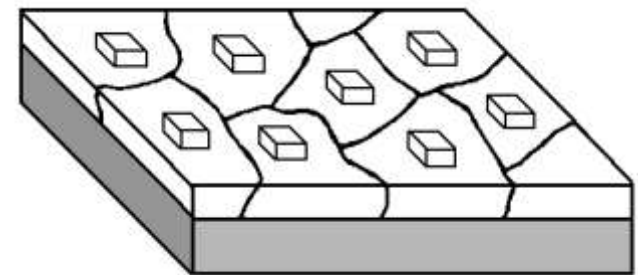
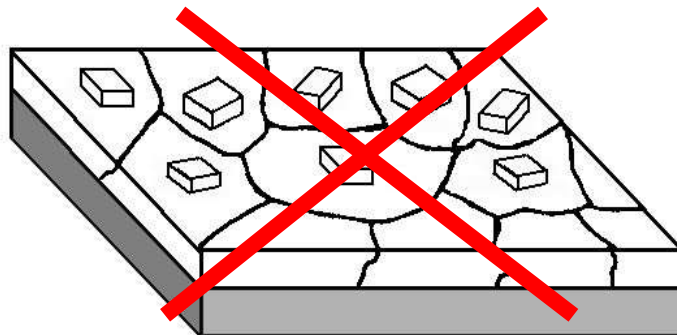
# The grain boundary challenge of HTS



Measurement on bicrystals

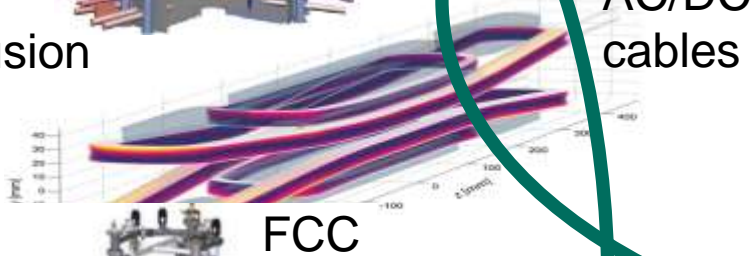
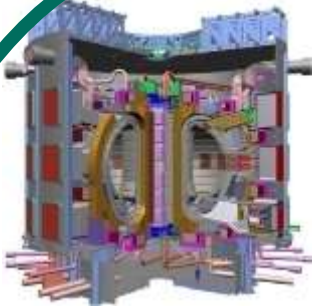


↪ High  $J_c$  in polycrystalline materials require strong biaxial texture



# HTS application fields

Fusion



FCC

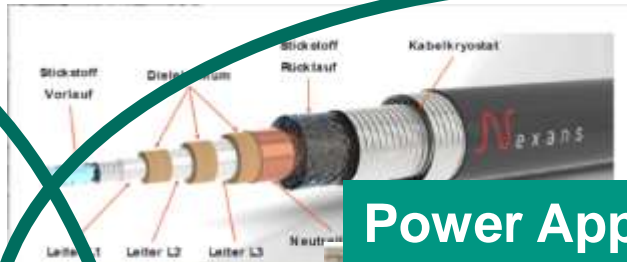
Magnets



NMR/MRI

Power Applications

AC/DC cables



Transformer

FCL



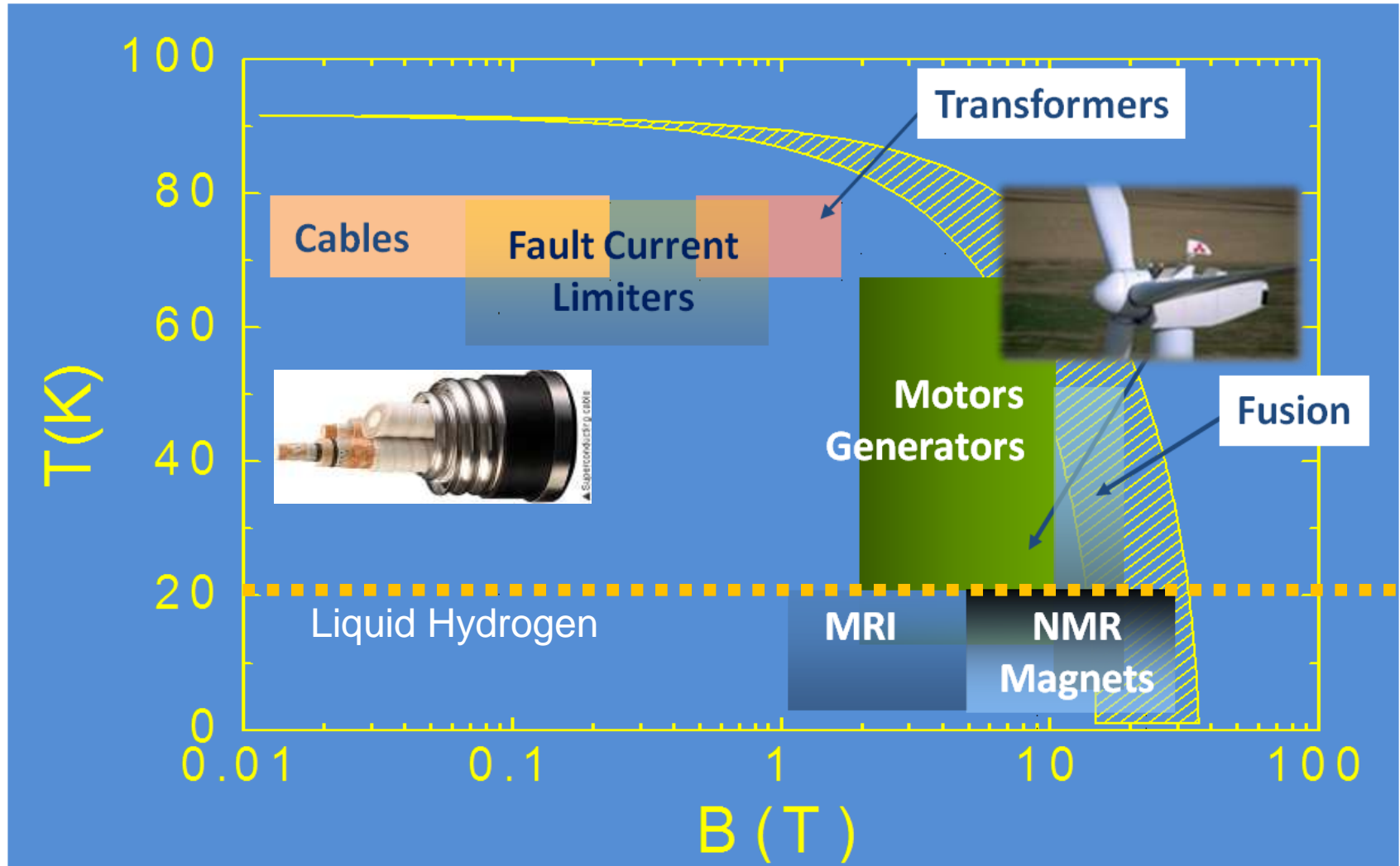
Rotating Machines



Levitation



# HTS application fields



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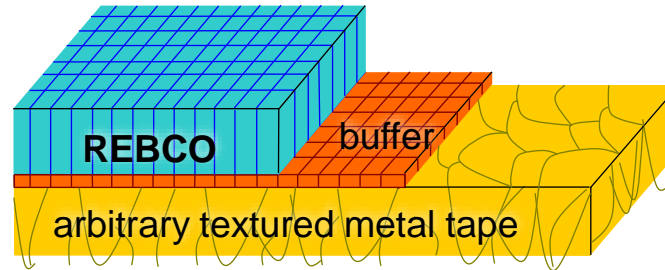
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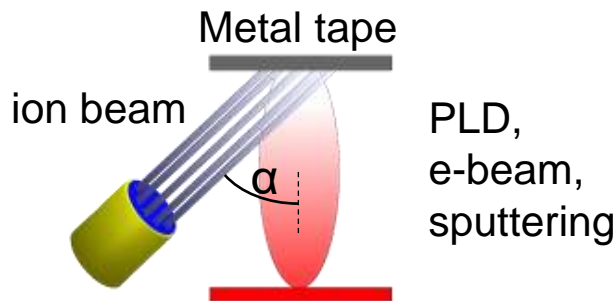
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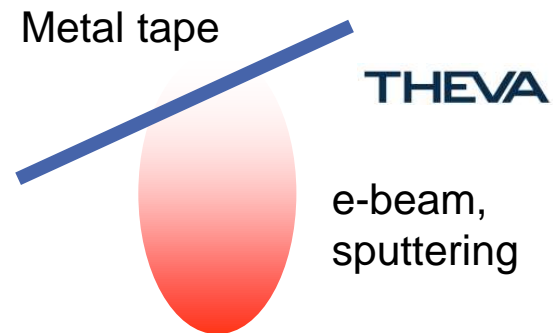
# Coated Conductors – the HTS „Wire“



Coating of metal tapes with  $\text{REBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_x$  films  
 ↪ Special buffer layers enable the required biaxial HTS film orientation



Ion Beam Assisted  
Deposition (IBAD)



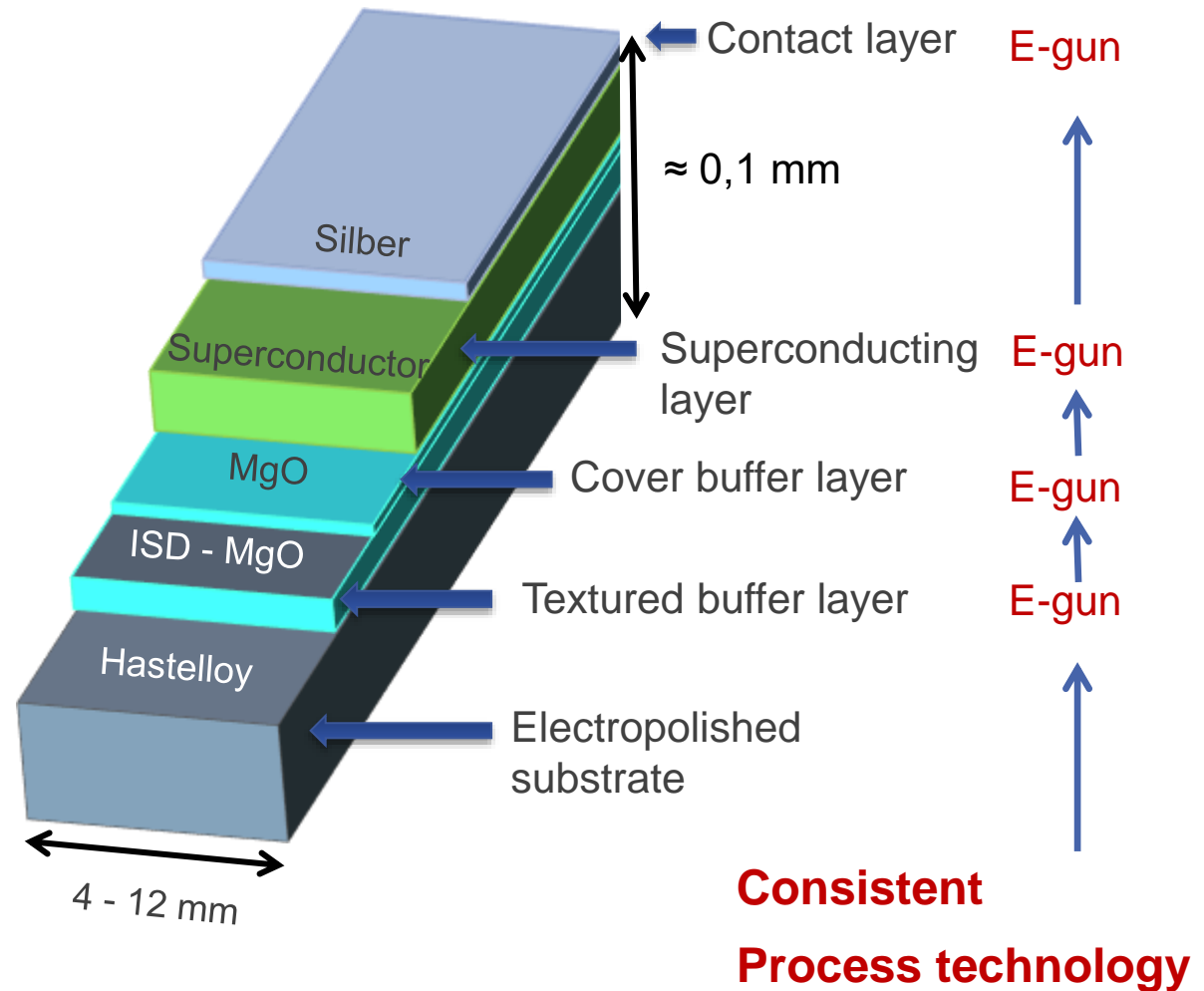
Inclined Substrate  
Deposition (ISD)

# THEVA - Coated Conductor

THEVA

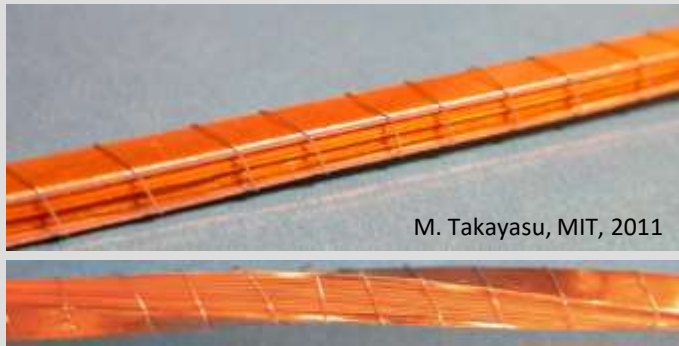


- Non magnetic substrate
- High yield strength
- Low number of layers
- Robust und scalable process
- Up to 1000A/cm @ 77K

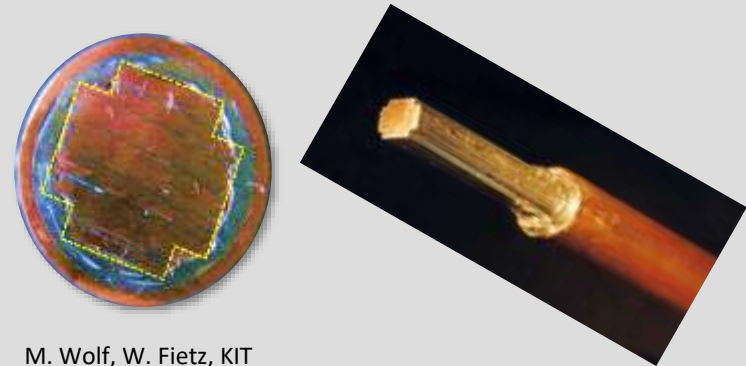


# HTS Hochstrom und AC-Kabelkonzepte

## Stacks and Twisted Stacks



## Cross Conductor - CroCo



## Roebel



## Cable on Round Core



AC

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# Industrial Coated Conductor fabrication

- 2022: 8 relevant CC companies worldwide
- Europa: THEVA (Germany), S-Innovation/SuperOx (Russia)
- USA: AMSC, SuperPower
- Asia: SuNAM (South Korea), Fujikura (Japan), SCST + Shanghai Superconductor (China)
- Wide variety of coating techniques used  
evaporation – CVD – Chemical Solution Deposition – PLD
- Variation in terms of conductor architecture, CC dimensions, HTS phases
- Currently continuous developments towards  
Higher CC quality ( $J_c(B,T)$ , mechanical properties),  
Increased conductor output (single batch length + production capacity) and  
reduced costs (esp. production yield)

# THEVA as example

THEVA

## PROVEN HTS – WIRE PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY

### Features of production

- Operational since 2016
- Capacity: 120 km/yr  
@ 12 mm-width
- Production wire length:  
500 m – 600 m (1000 m possible)
- Physical vapor deposition using vacuum systems
- Integrated quality control in each step
- Stringent quality management



# CURRENT STATUS – PRODUCTION OPTIMIZATION

## High performance wire

Enhanced HTS thickness (4.5  $\mu\text{m}$ )

$I_{C,min}$  (77K, s.f.) = 750 A – 1000 A

Piece length: 50 m – 200 m

## Laser Slitting

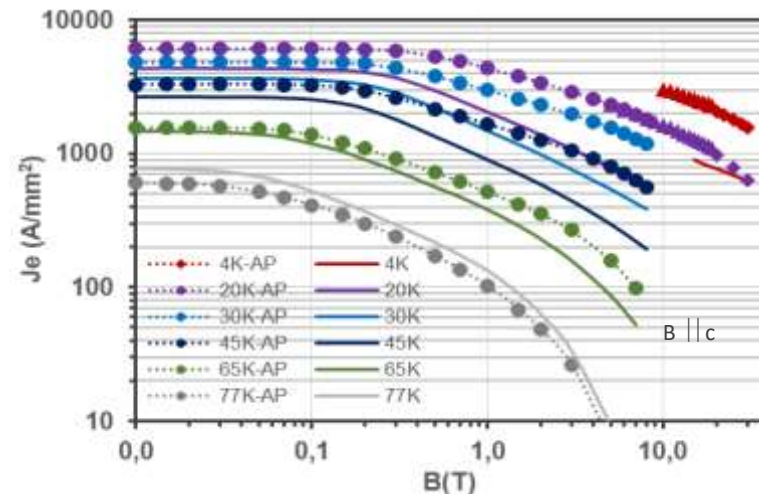
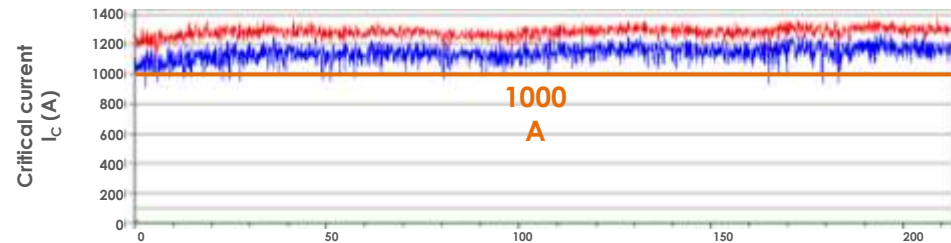
Clean, straight edge – no burr

## Introduction of Artificial Pinning

Current density for  $B \parallel c$  of total 60  $\mu\text{m}$  thick tape  
(40  $\mu\text{m}$  substrate and 5  $\mu\text{m}$  surround Cu coating)

- 10 T: 3000 A/mm<sup>2</sup>
- 20 T: 2000 A/mm<sup>2</sup>                      @ 4.2 K
- 30 T: 1550 A/mm<sup>2</sup>

**@ 20 K, 20 T: 800 - 900 A/mm<sup>2</sup>**

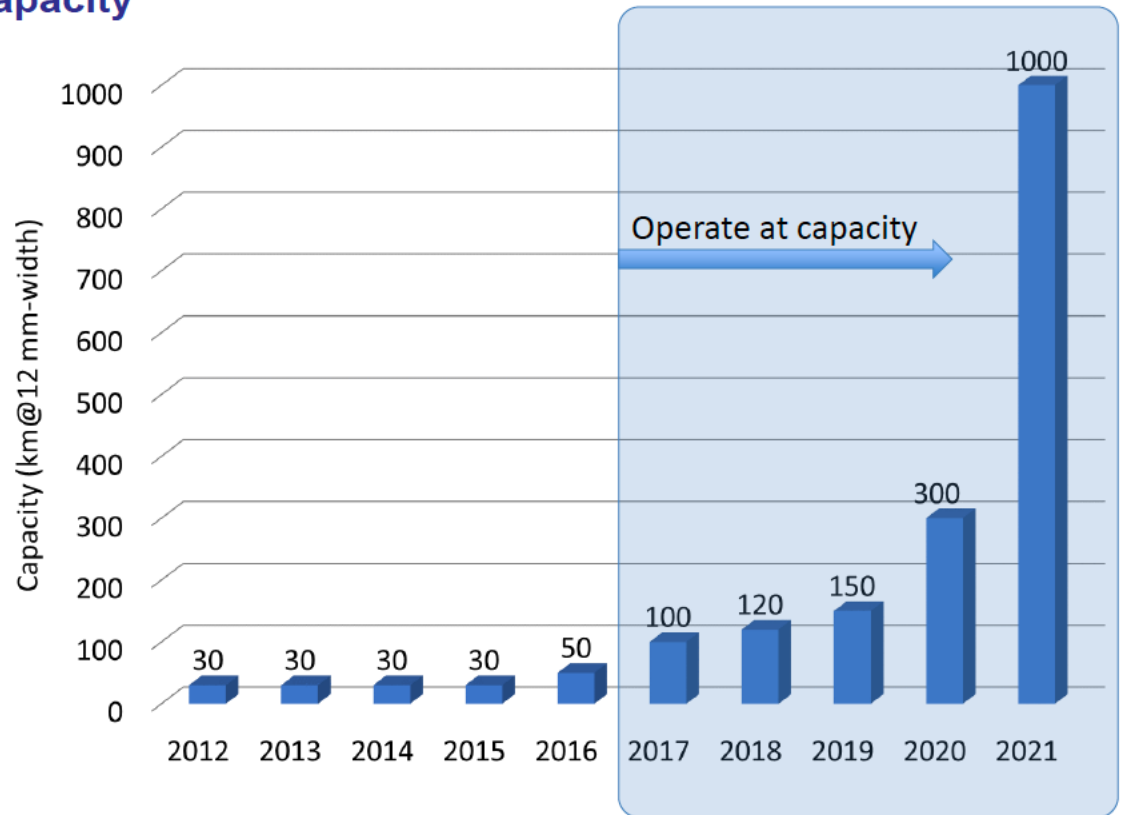


Below 50 K:  $I_c(B)$  improvement by factor 2.5

# Industrial Production Ramps Up

## SuperOx 2G HTS wire: Production capacity

- Strong market pull due to compact fusion programs
- Increase in production volume similar for other manufacturer
- Yield is steadily increasing
- Manufacturer need steady demand to bring down prices and improve production



Demand drives capacity scale-up

# Recent developments

## KC<sup>4</sup>: KIT-CERN Collaboration on Coated Conductor



- KIT and CERN will establish a **joint, open HTS CC synthesis Lab**, which will bridge the gap between small scale basic materials research on CC and larger scale component requirement of **tailored, high quality full Coated Conductor architectures** in sufficiently long length
- KC<sup>4</sup> is based on **established Bruker CC-technology for long CC and wide tapes**
- Focus on R&D of high  $J_c$ , longer length CC, not on low cost CC production
- Both **power applications** as well as **magnet applications** will be targeted
- Long length filamentization and ROEBEL cable fabrication will be feasible

# BRUKER HTS R&D-line equipment

## To be transferred to KIT....

- Tape processing equipment with different substrate handling concepts (batch and reel-to-reel R2R processes) including stabilization



PLD600  
Batch vacuum coating



R2R electroplating

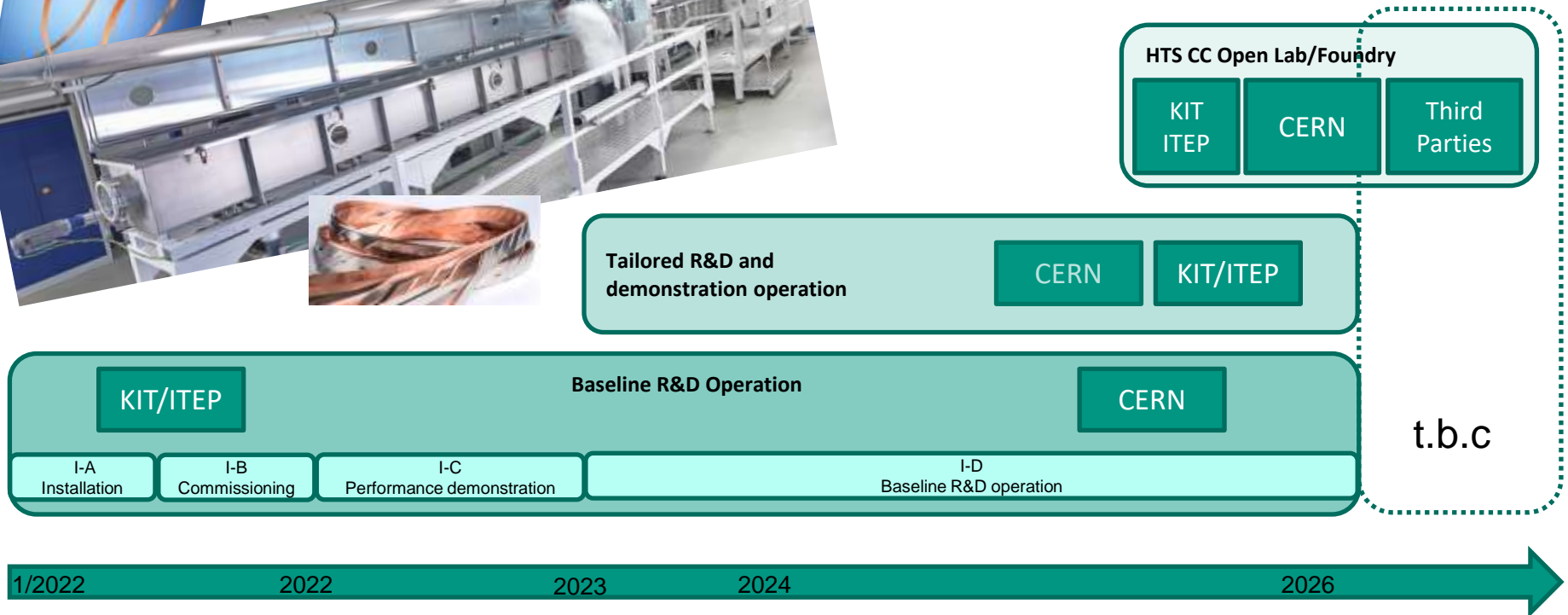


ABAD vacuum coater



PLD600  
substrate drum

# Timeline of KIT-CERN Collaboration



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