

# ORNL-AMSC Strategic Research

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\$250 K -Funds-in from AMSC  
Matching funds at AMSC

# ***CRADA Objectives***

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Provide advanced measurements and characterizations to assist AMSC's development of a commercial 2G HTS wire based on the MOD/RABiTS™ technology

Carry out R&D required for achieving the cost/performance necessary for commercial HTS applications

# ***FY 2005 CRADA Goals***

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- Pilot line production of high quality (4 cm wide by 100 m long) alloy substrates using the ORNL rolling mill facility with clean room
  - ✓ Over 2.5 km of 4 cm wide NiW substrate produced with ORNL assistance
- Improvement of RABiTS template manufacturing process reliability through fundamental characterization of the buffer layer properties
  - ✓ Quality of 1 cm RABiTS template successfully extended to 4 cm wide process
- Reduction of the substrate/buffer manufacturing cost through improved understanding of the interactions of buffer deposition rates and intrinsic properties
  - ✓ High rate reactive sputtering of buffer layers successfully developed for 4 cm wide process

# FY 2005 CRADA Goals

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- Determine key flux-pinning mechanism in long-length, MOD YBCO, 4 cm wide YBCO wires
  - ✓ Stacking faults in the YBCO layer were shown to result in the strong peak in  $J_c$  vs angle for  $H//ab$
- Improve the in-field  $J_c$  in all fields by incorporation of nanoparticles in long-length, MOD YBCO, 4 cm wide wires
  - ✓ Quality of 1 cm RABiTS template successfully extended to 4 cm wide process
- Analysis of the uniformity and reproducibility of long length, 4 cm wide RABiTS templates produced in a high-rate reel-to-reel manufacturing process
  - ✓ Quality of 1 cm RABiTS template successfully extended to 4 cm wide process
- Development of new, low-cost template architectures that are applicable to Ni-5at%W as well as non-magnetic Ni-9at%W and NiCrW substrates
  - ✓ All solution buffers demonstrated with performance  $> 180$  A/cm-w

# AMSC-ORNL CRADA Presentation

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- **FY 2005 Results**

**2G Development (YBCO/RABiTS) at AMSC**

**(Marty)**

**2G wire manufacturing at AMSC**

**2G wire characteristics**

**Alloy substrate fabrication (4 cm wide)**

**(Amit)**

**Buffer layer development for 4 cm wide process**

**Flux-pinning optimization in MOD YBCO**

**Striated conductor development**

**2G coil fabrication**

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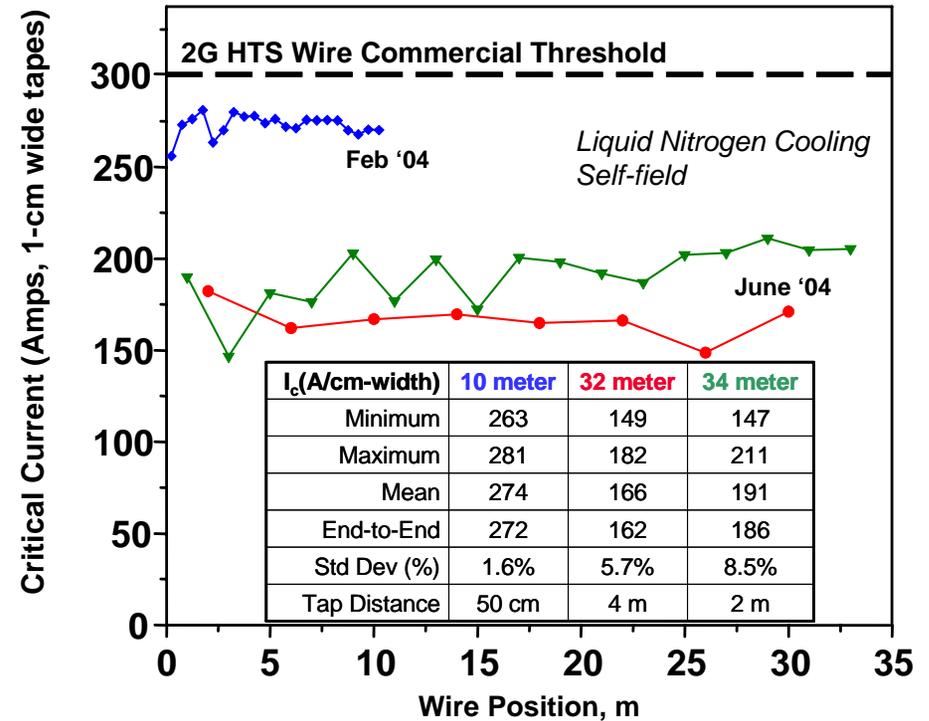
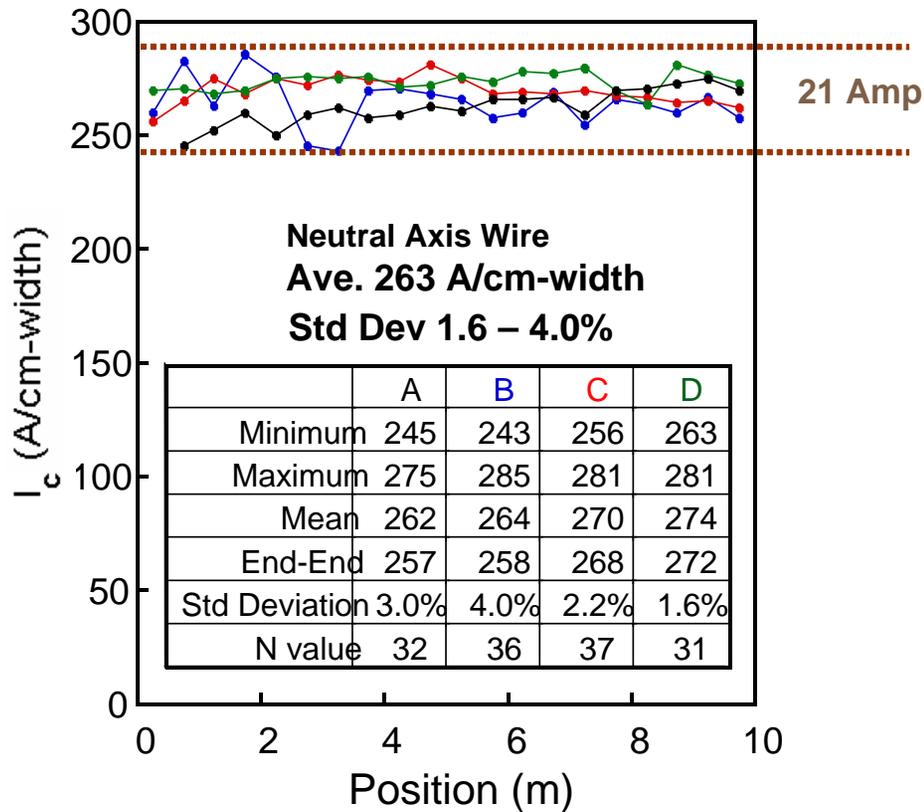
**(Parans)**

- **FY 2005 Performance and FY 2006 Plans**

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- **Research Integration**

# July 2004 Status: 1 cm Wide Strip Process Capability



**Performance, uniformity and reproducibility established scale-up readiness**

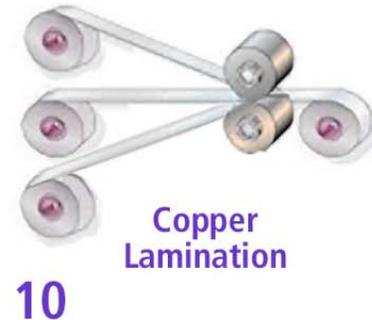
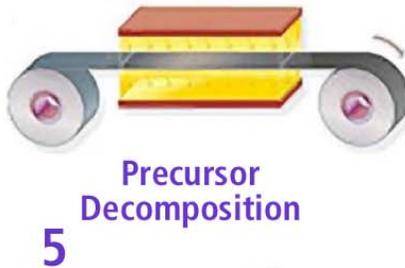
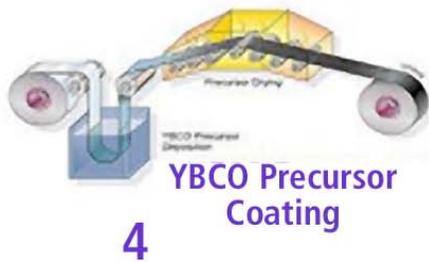
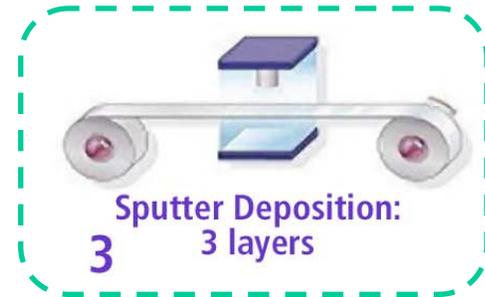
# 2005 AMSC Focus

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- **2G Scale-Up**
  - Transition to 4 cm wide process
    - New 4 cm capable "Pilot Scale" or upgraded R&D equipment
    - High-rate reactive sputtering process for buffer deposition
    - Processes optimized to match 2004 Baseline metrics
  - Length scale-up (~80 meter)
- **Supporting R&D**
  - Ic enhancements
  - Pinning improvements
  - Low-cost process exploration/development
    - Solution buffers
    - Inkjet printing
  - Substrate improvement (strength and thickness)
  - Wire Architecture enhancements

*ORNL team provided critical R&D and characterizations for implementing 4 cm process*

# ☑ 2005 Goal: Complete and Qualify 4 cm x 100 m Process Capability



Key production scale equipment developed for 4 cm wide process

# 4 cm RABiTS Manufacturing Process Capability Qualified



- RABiTS technology successfully developed for 4 cm x 100 meter NiW substrates at ORNL rolling facility
- ORNL facility used to supplement AMSC substrate production

- New rolling mill installed in AMSC's Devens plant with 4 cm x 1 km design capability will be qualified for 100 m production in 2005

**4 cm x 100 m substrates produced routinely at AMSC and ORNL rolling facilities**

# 4 cm Production-Scale Reactive Sputtering Process Capability Qualified

## Reactive Sputtering

- Single method developed for all three buffer layers
- High deposition rate
- Industrial, large-area deposition process
- Performance qualified against benchmarks established for 1 cm process
  - Texture
  - Diffusion
  - Morphology
  - Critical Current

## Dual-Layer Reactive Sputtering System



*ORNL provided key metrics insuring successful transition to high-rate reactive sputtering*

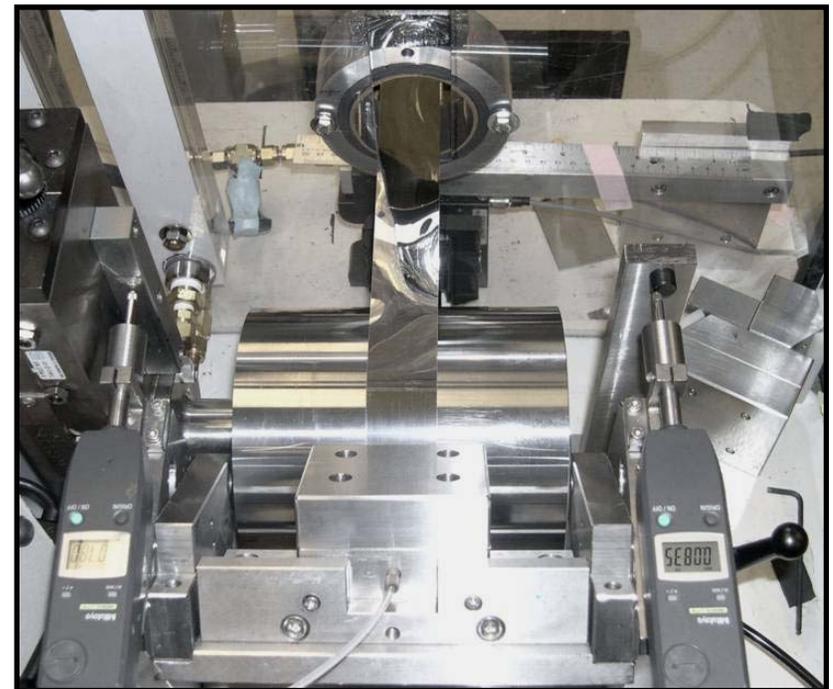
# 4 cm MOD-YBCO Process Capability Qualified

- Slot-die coating line and decomposition oven upgraded and qualified for 4 cm x 100 m process

## Slot-Die Coater

### Slot-Die Web Coating

- Industrial coating technology
- Fast line speeds (>600 m/hr)
- Adaptable to wide, continuous (km) tapes
- Produces uniform, reproducible coating
- Materials usage is ~ 100%



*Coating technology adapted by ORNL to support solution buffer development*

# 4 cm Production-Scale YBCO Reaction Process Capability Qualified

ex-situ MOD-based precursor is converted to epitaxial YBCO



- 3-D CFD modeling used to engineer uniform 4 cm reaction zone
- High rate 20 Å/s process (2X rate of 1 cm furnace)

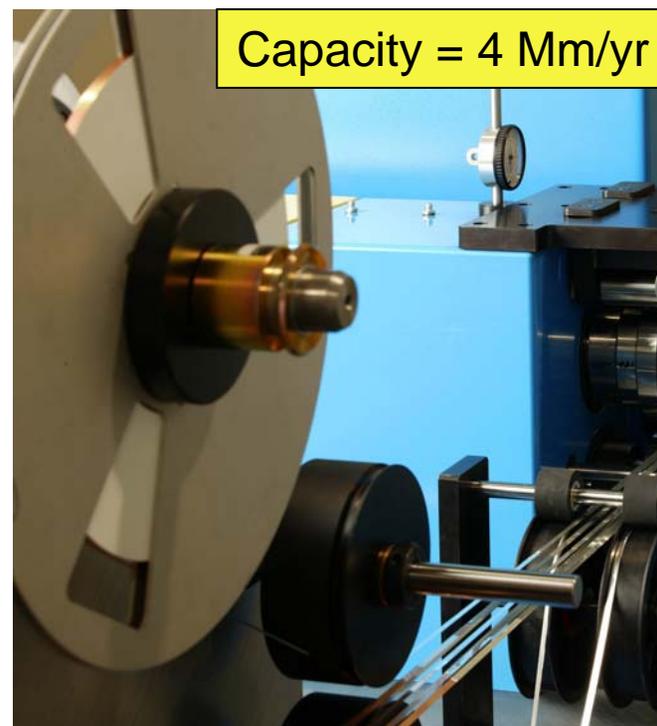
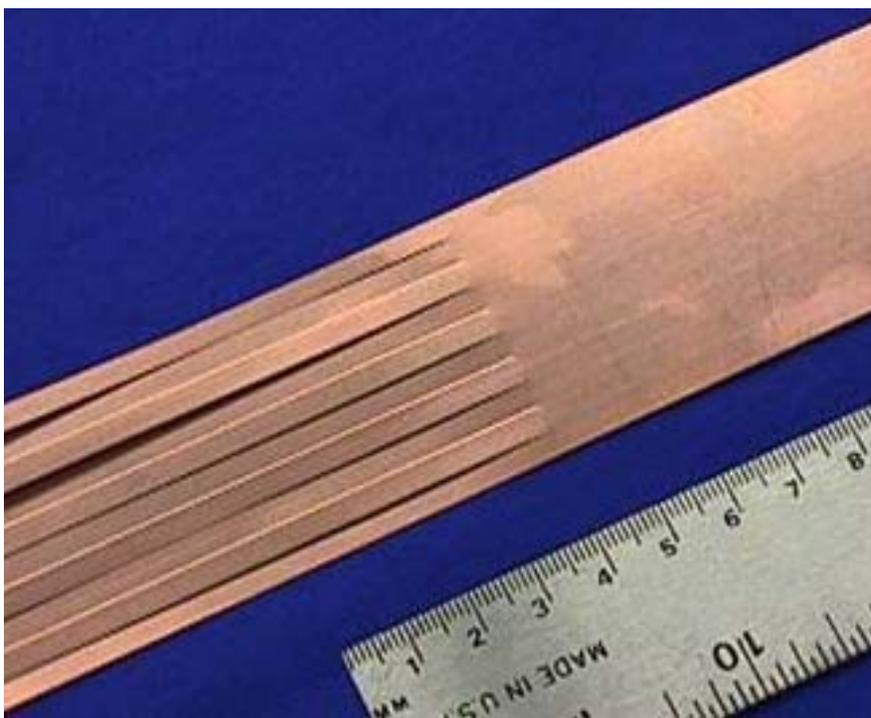


*Texture analysis and I<sub>c</sub> measurements key to insuring uniformity of 4 cm reaction process*

# 4 cm Slitting Process Capability Qualified

2G semi-finished insert wires (4.1 mm wide) produced

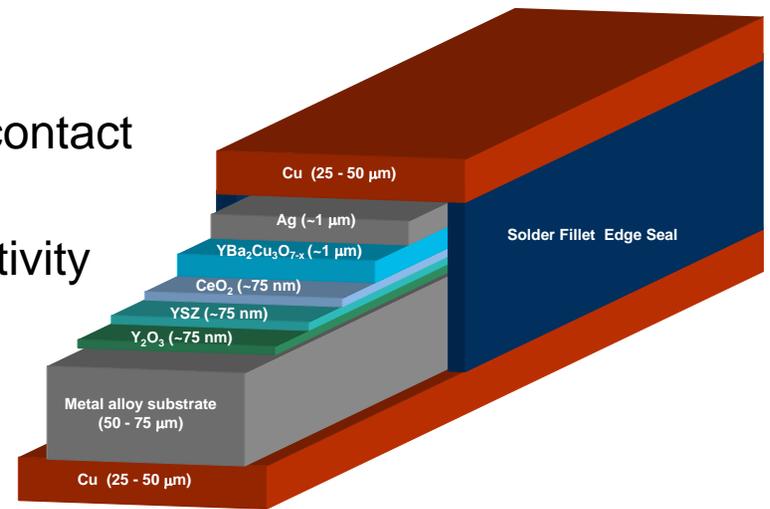
- Eight wires from each 4 cm strip
- Lengths up to 85 m



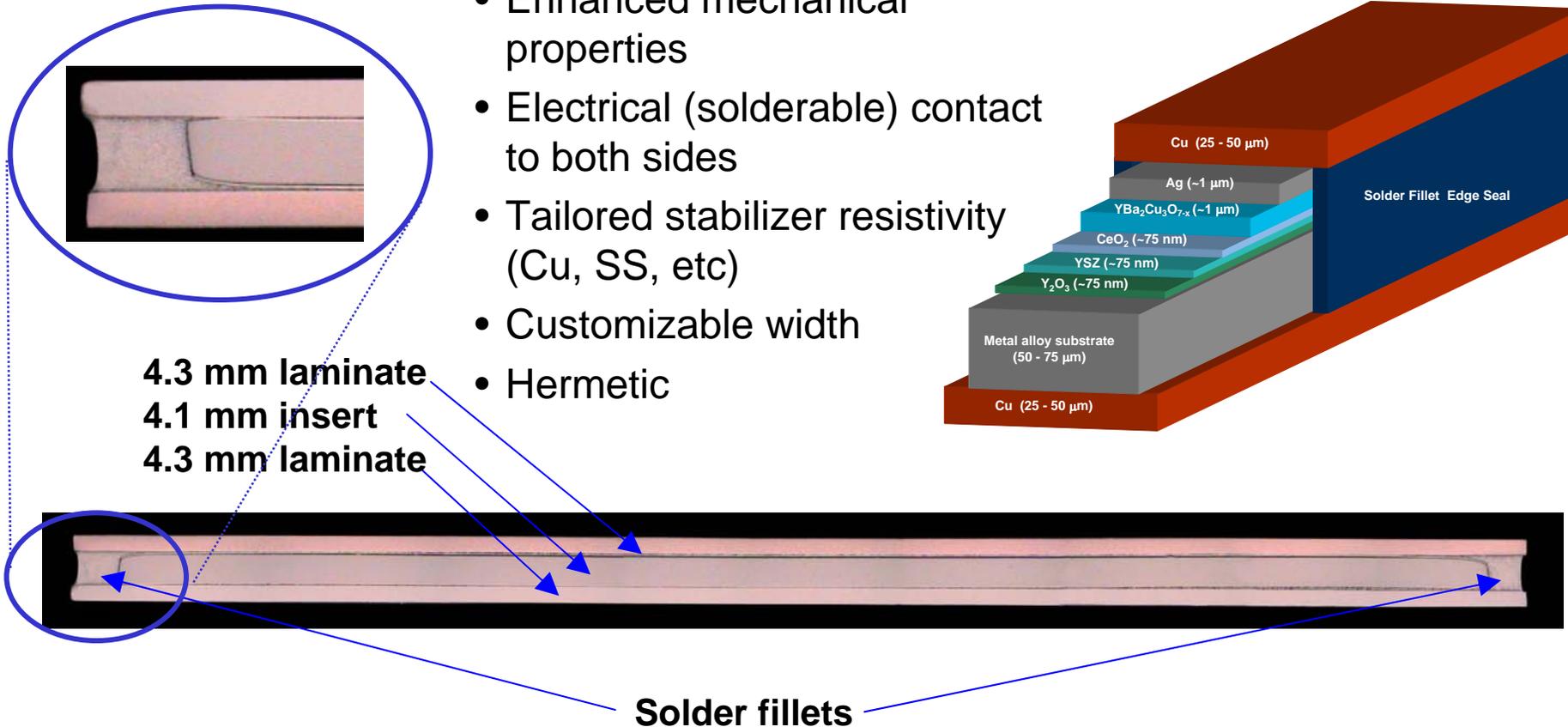
*Fast, industrial slitting process enables cost-effective wire manufacturing*

# 3 Ply Wire Architecture Developed to Meet Customer Needs

- Enhanced mechanical properties
- Electrical (solderable) contact to both sides
- Tailored stabilizer resistivity (Cu, SS, etc)
- Customizable width
- Hermetic

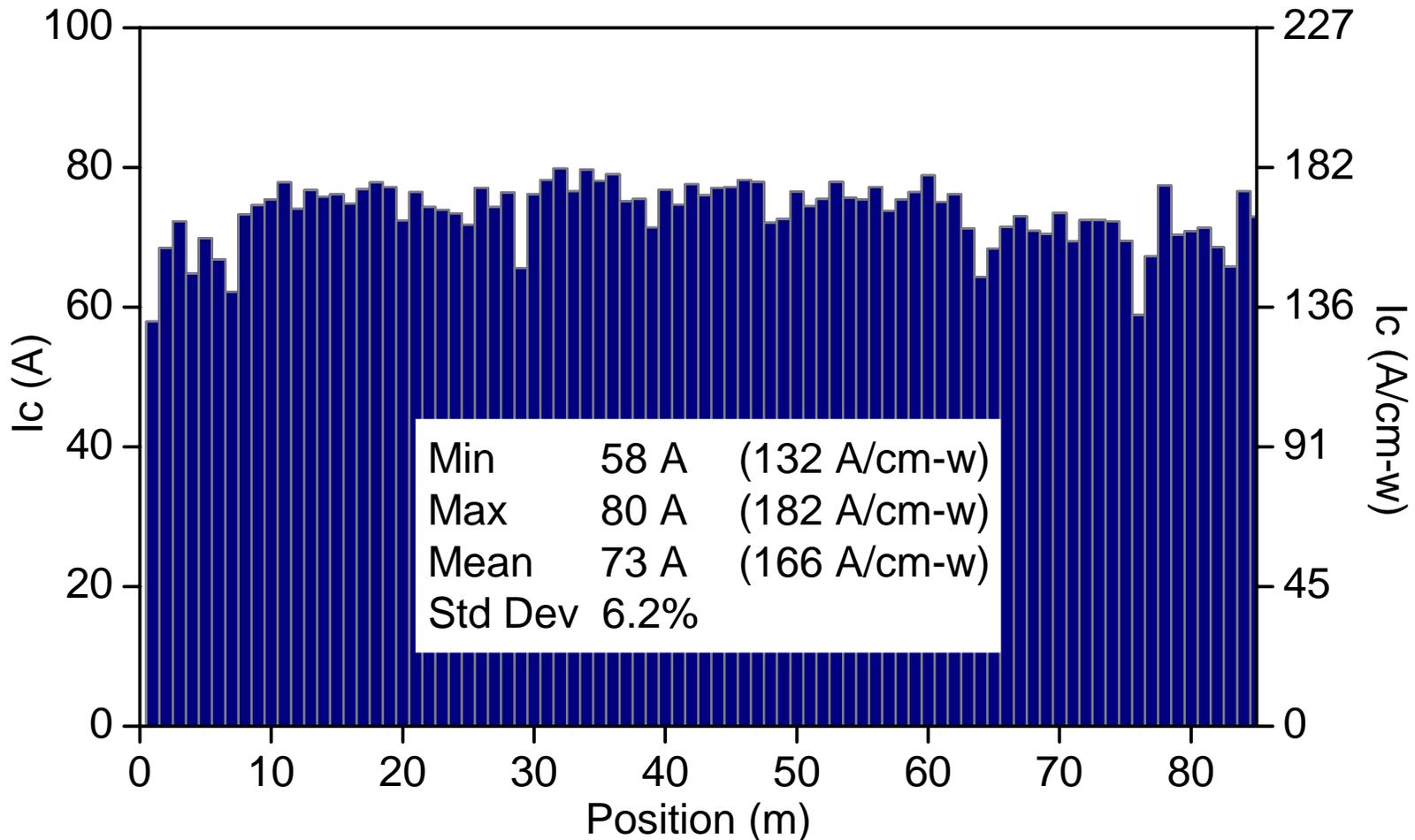


4.3 mm laminate  
4.1 mm insert  
4.3 mm laminate



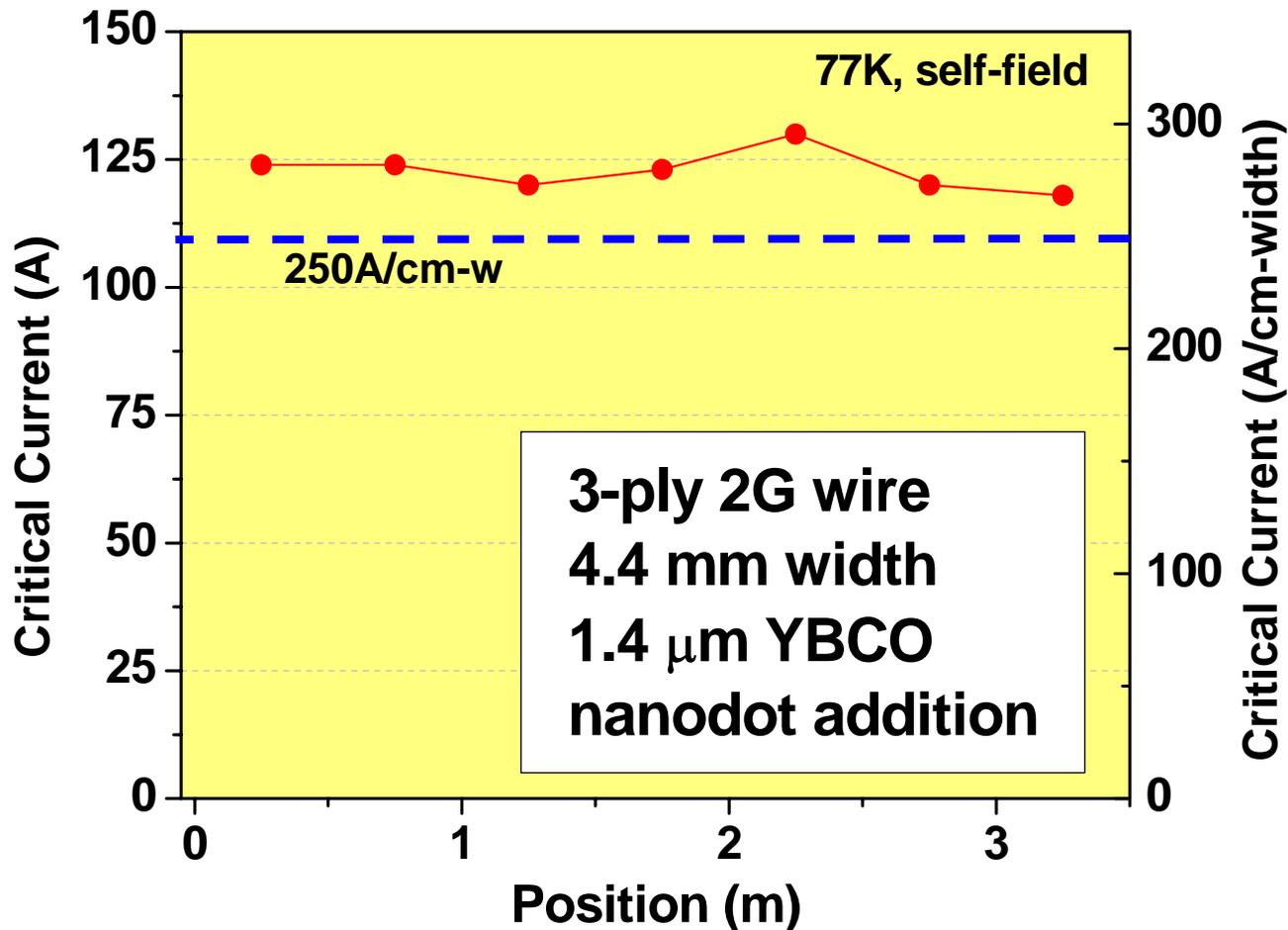
3 Ply wire meets specifications for commercial wire applications

# 85 m of 4.4 mm 3-Ply Wire – July 2005



*Collaborative efforts key to successful scale-up of 4 cm technology to 85 m length*

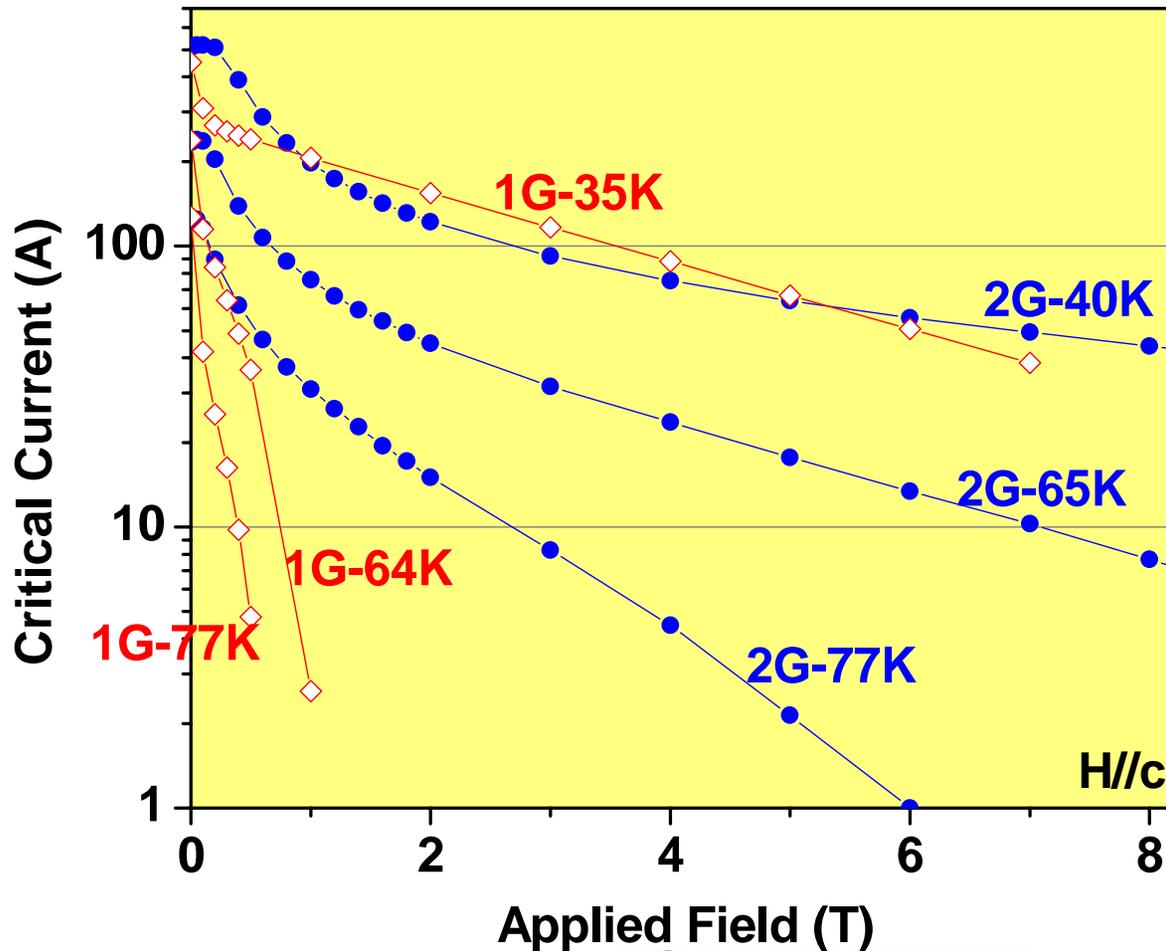
# 2G Wire Performance Exceeds 250A/cm-w



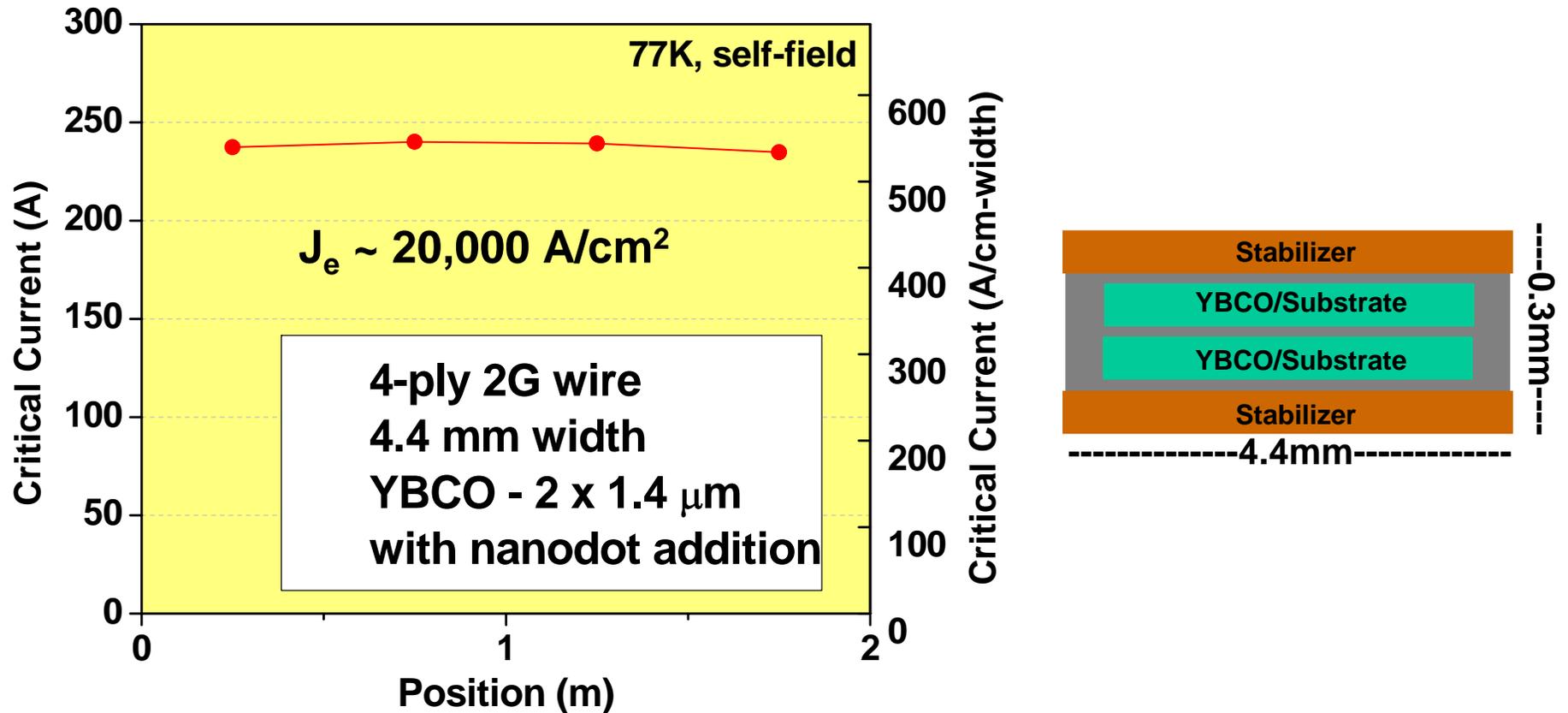
*ORNL provided key characterization for nanoparticle addition and process optimization*

# 2G Wire is Form-Fit-Function for 1G Wire

1G Wire: 125A, 4.4 mm width  2G Wire: 125A, 4.4 mm width



# 4-Ply Architecture Promises Higher $I_c$ 's

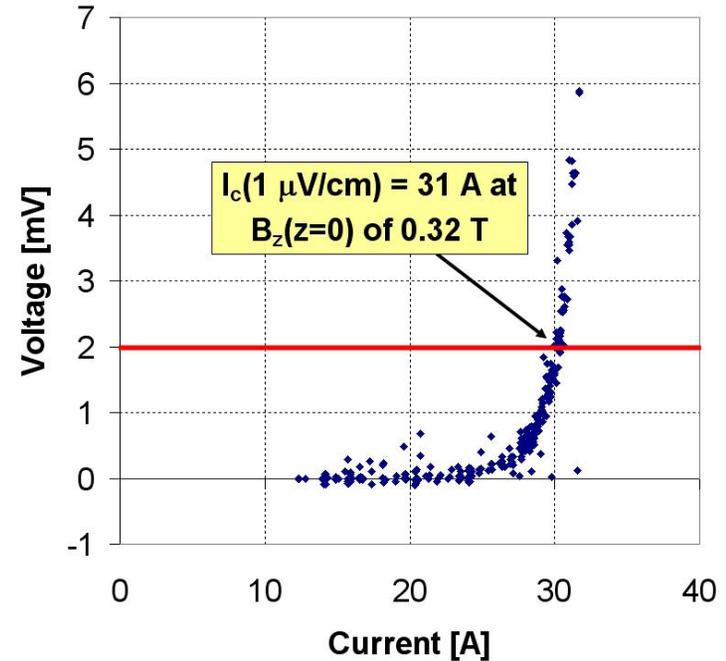
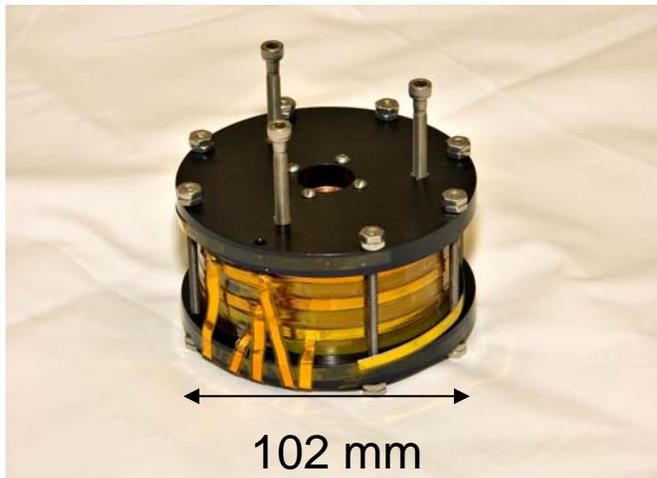


*MOD/RABiTS process provides path to ultra high  $I_c$  wire*

# Successful Design, Fabrication, and Testing a of 2G YBCO Magnet

## Magnet specifications

- Conductor type
  - ▶ 3-ply copper stabilized YBCO, 4.4 mm wide
- Geometry
  - ▶ ID 35 mm
  - ▶ OD 102 mm
  - ▶ Height 35 mm
  - ▶ No. of pancakes 6
  - ▶ No. of turns 582



	77 K	30 K (calc.)
Central field $B_z(z=0)$	0.32 T	1 T
Critical Current	31 A	100 A

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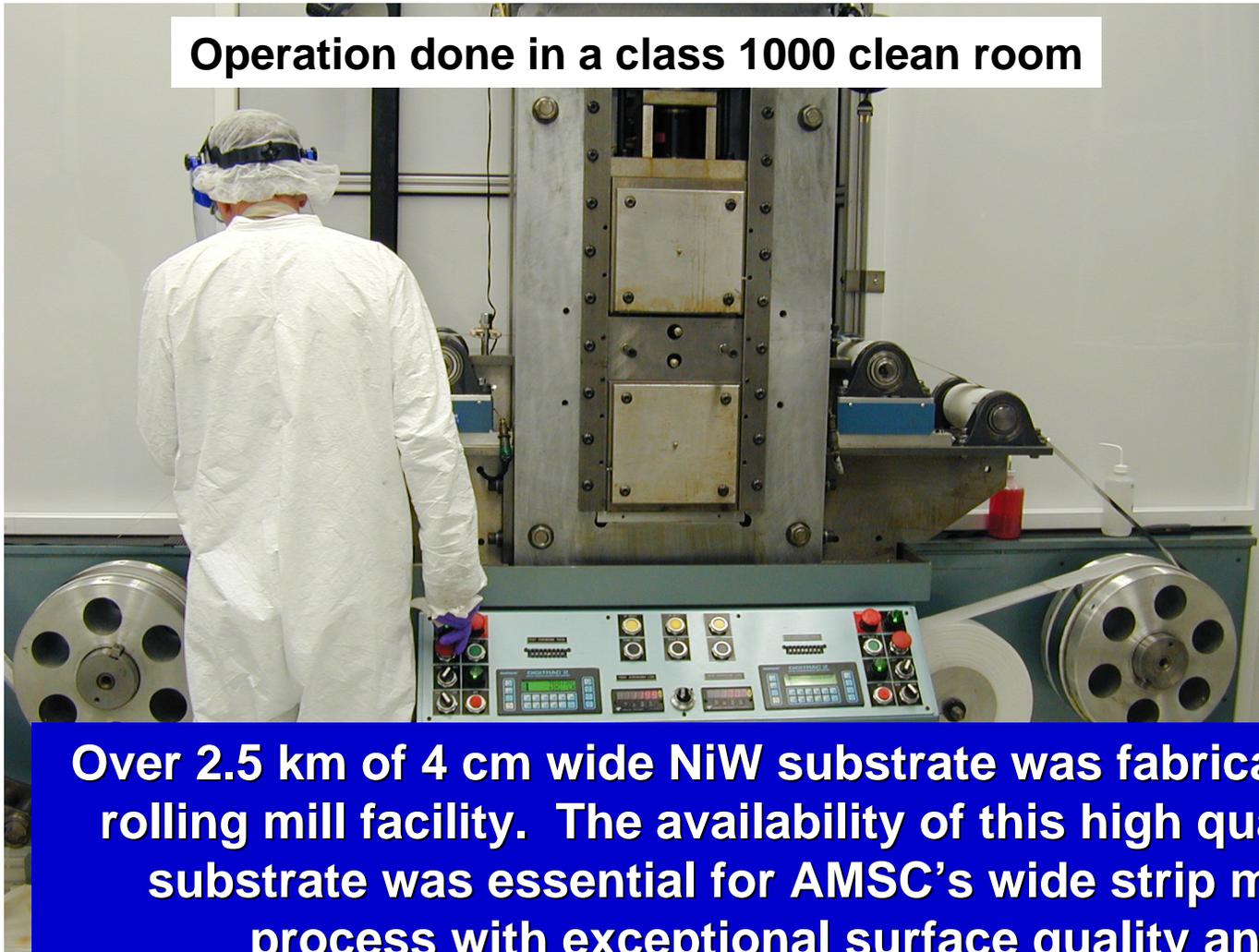
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**Goal: Pilot line production of high quality, 4 cm wide alloy substrates using the ORNL rolling mill facility**

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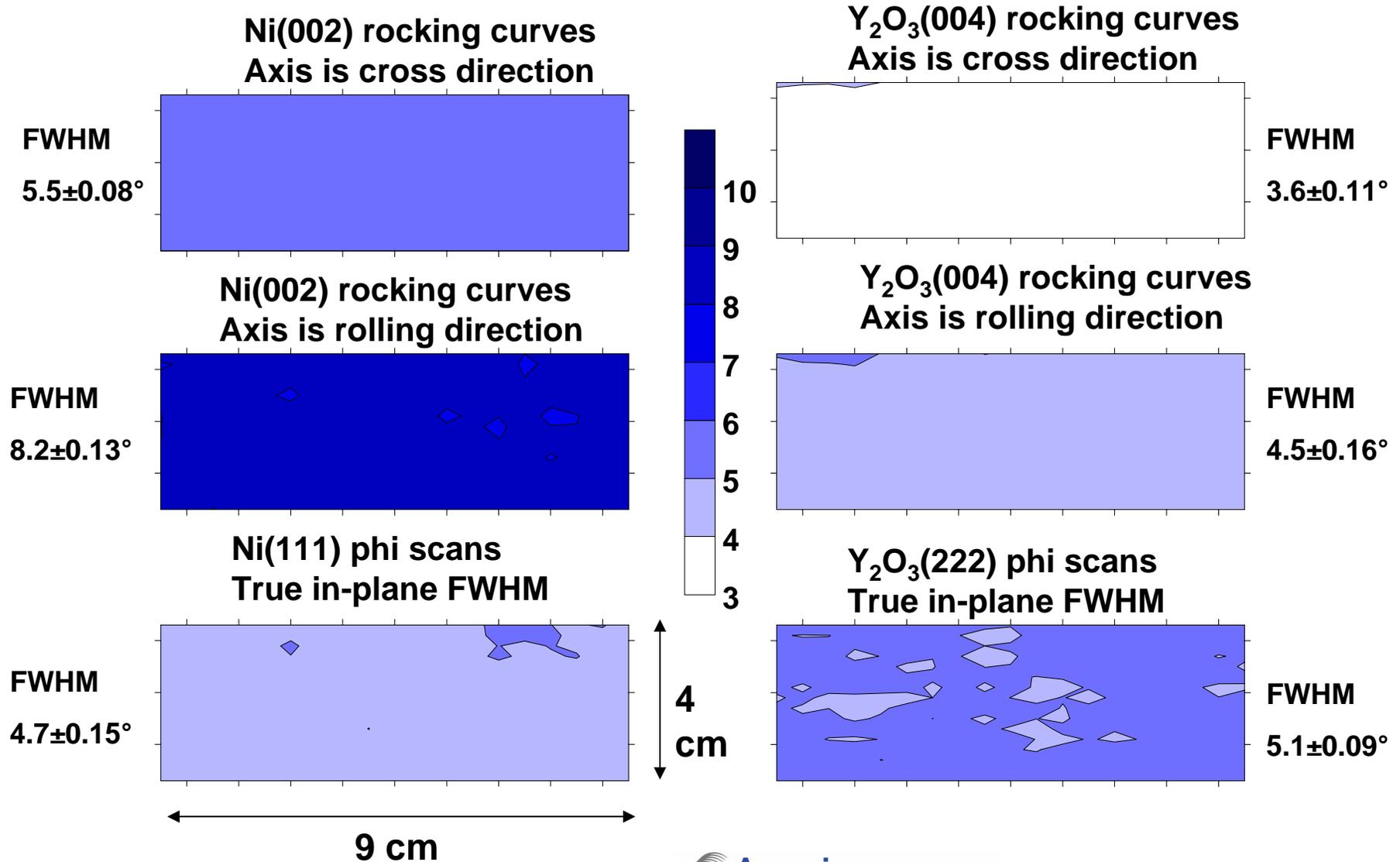
Operation done in a class 1000 clean room



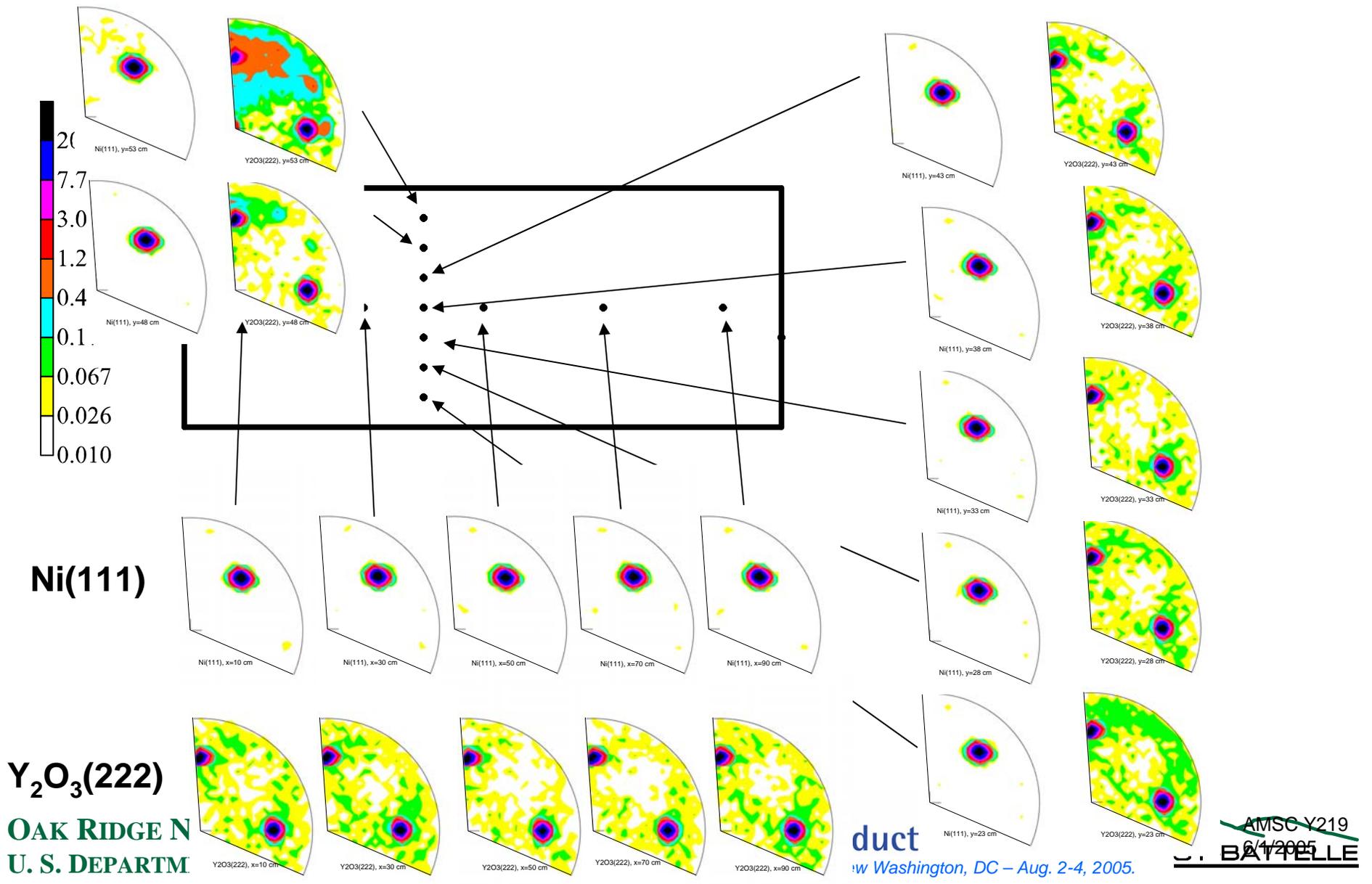
**AMSC  
personnel  
visited ORNL on  
a regular basis  
for rolling of  
wide NiW  
substrates for  
scale-up efforts.**

**Over 2.5 km of 4 cm wide NiW substrate was fabricated in the ORNL rolling mill facility. The availability of this high quality, 4-cm wide substrate was essential for AMSC's wide strip manufacturing process with exceptional surface quality and texture**

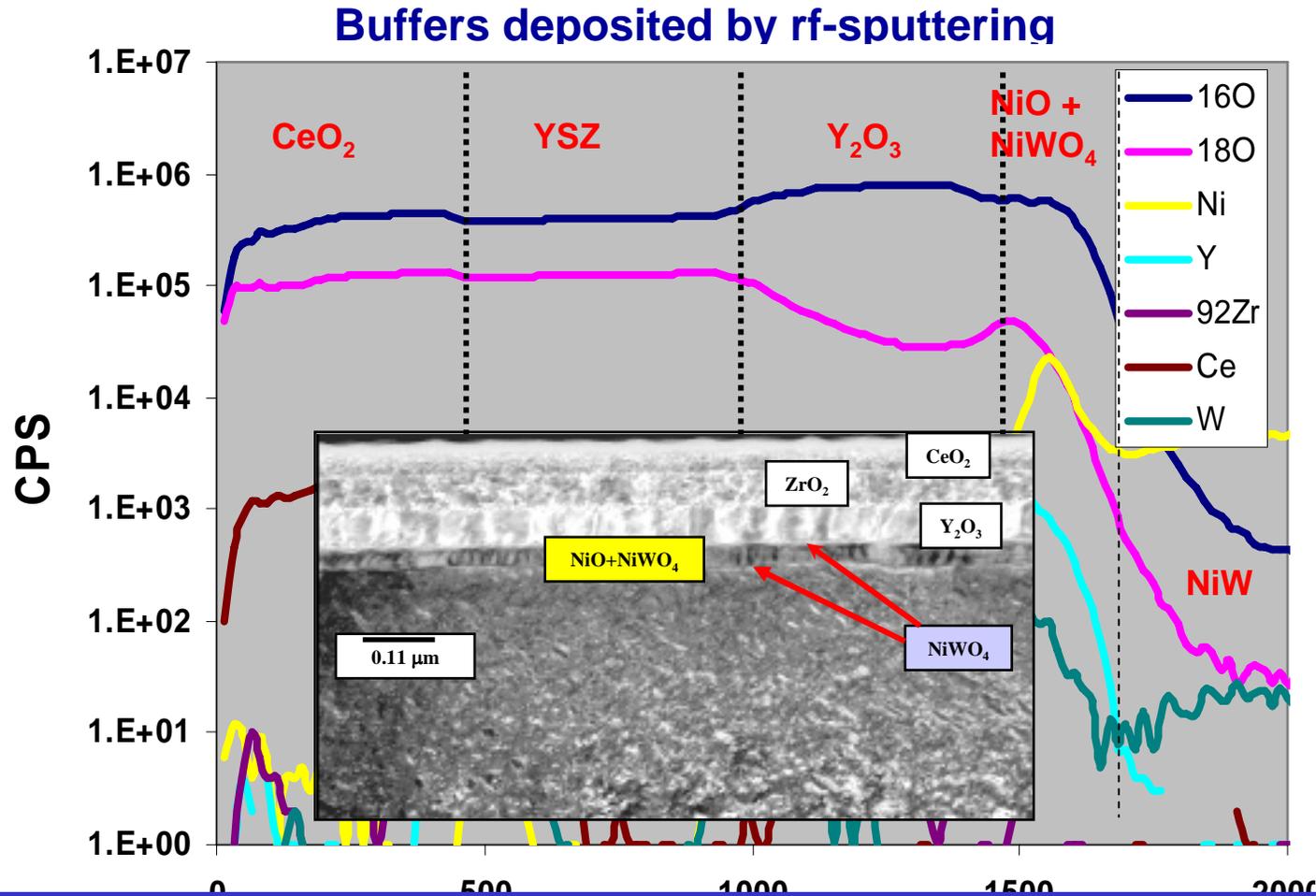
# Uniform Texture Achieved in 4 cm wide $Y_2O_3$ Seed Layer on NiW Substrate



# Detailed Pole Figure Analysis Shows that Reel-to-Reel Produced AMSC's 4 cm wide, $Y_2O_3$ Seed Layer has a Uniform Texture



**FY04: Understanding of the roles of various buffer layers allowed reduction of the total buffer thickness to  $Y_2O_3$  (75nm) / YSZ (75nm) /  $CeO_2$  (75nm)**

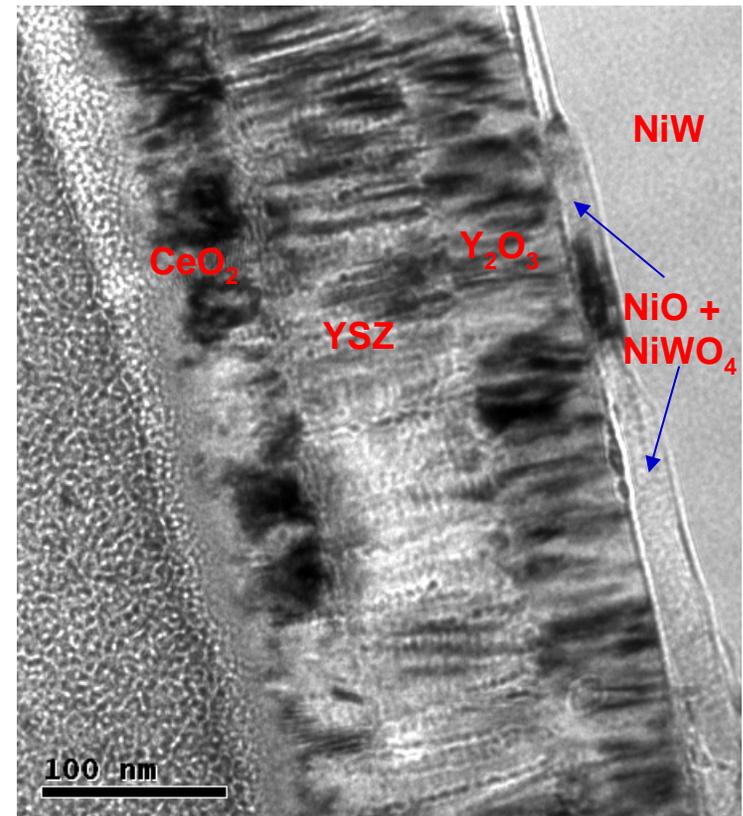
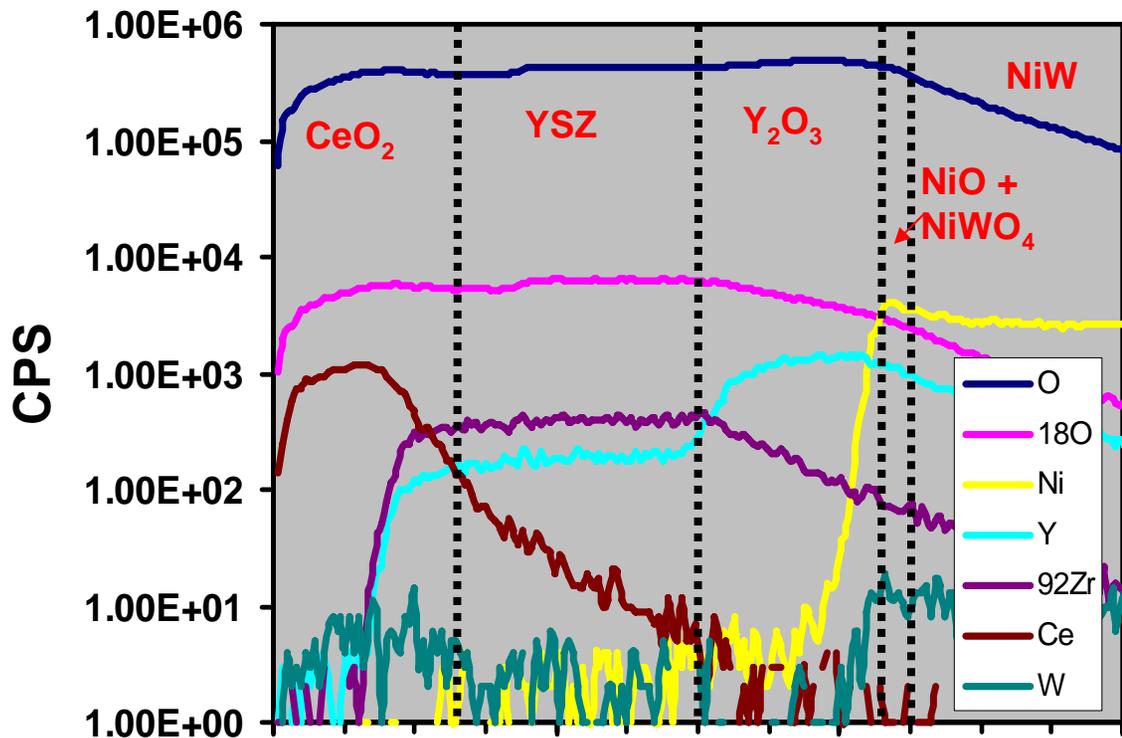


**Methodology developed can be used to qualify buffer stack without the need to deposit and test YBCO layers**

**FY05 Goal:** Improvement of reactive sputtering manufacturing process through fundamental characterization of the buffer layer properties

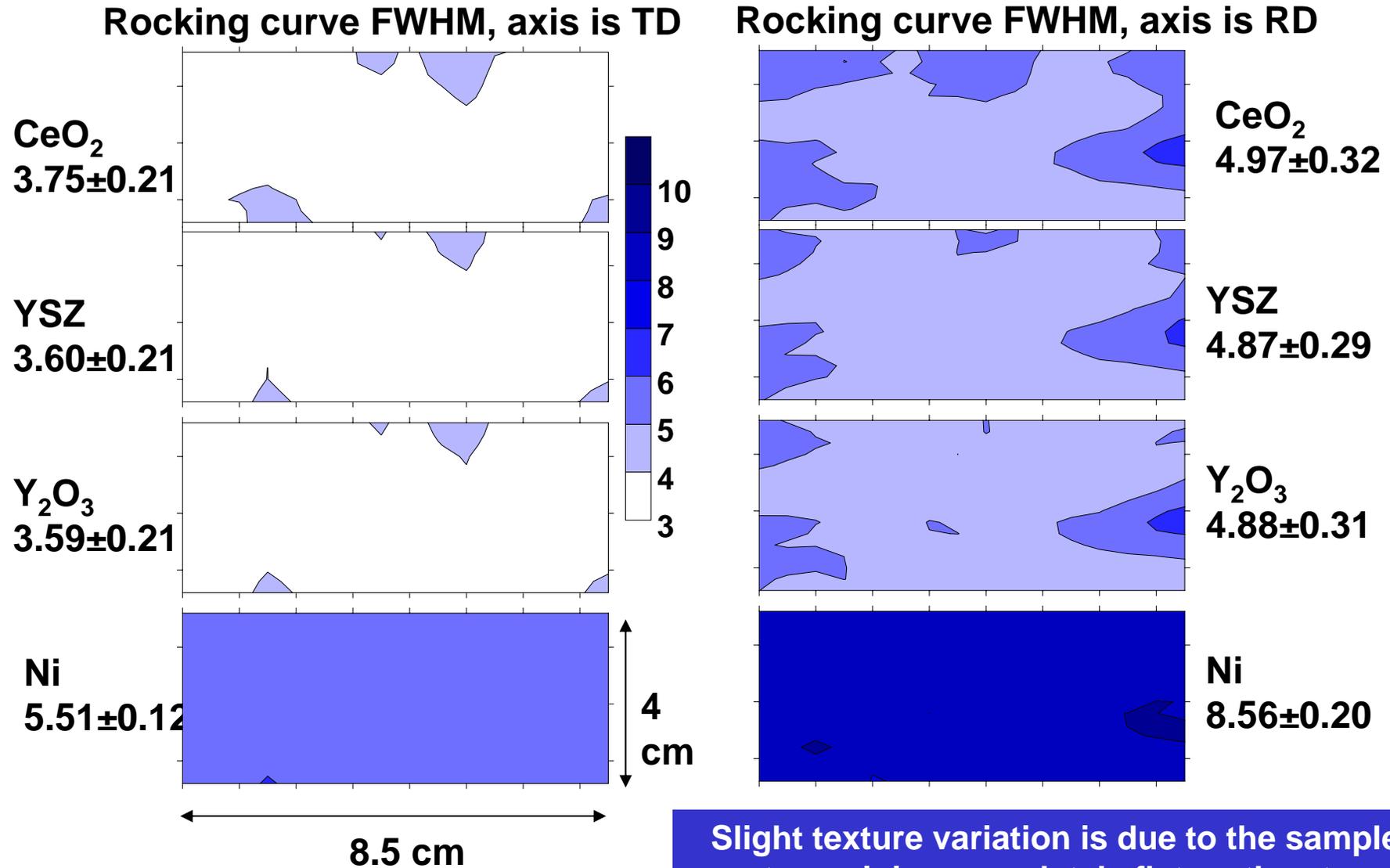
**Approach:** A combination of X-ray, TEM and SIMS was used to study buffer layer characteristics and guide optimization of deposition parameters

**Simulated anneal in O<sup>18</sup>**

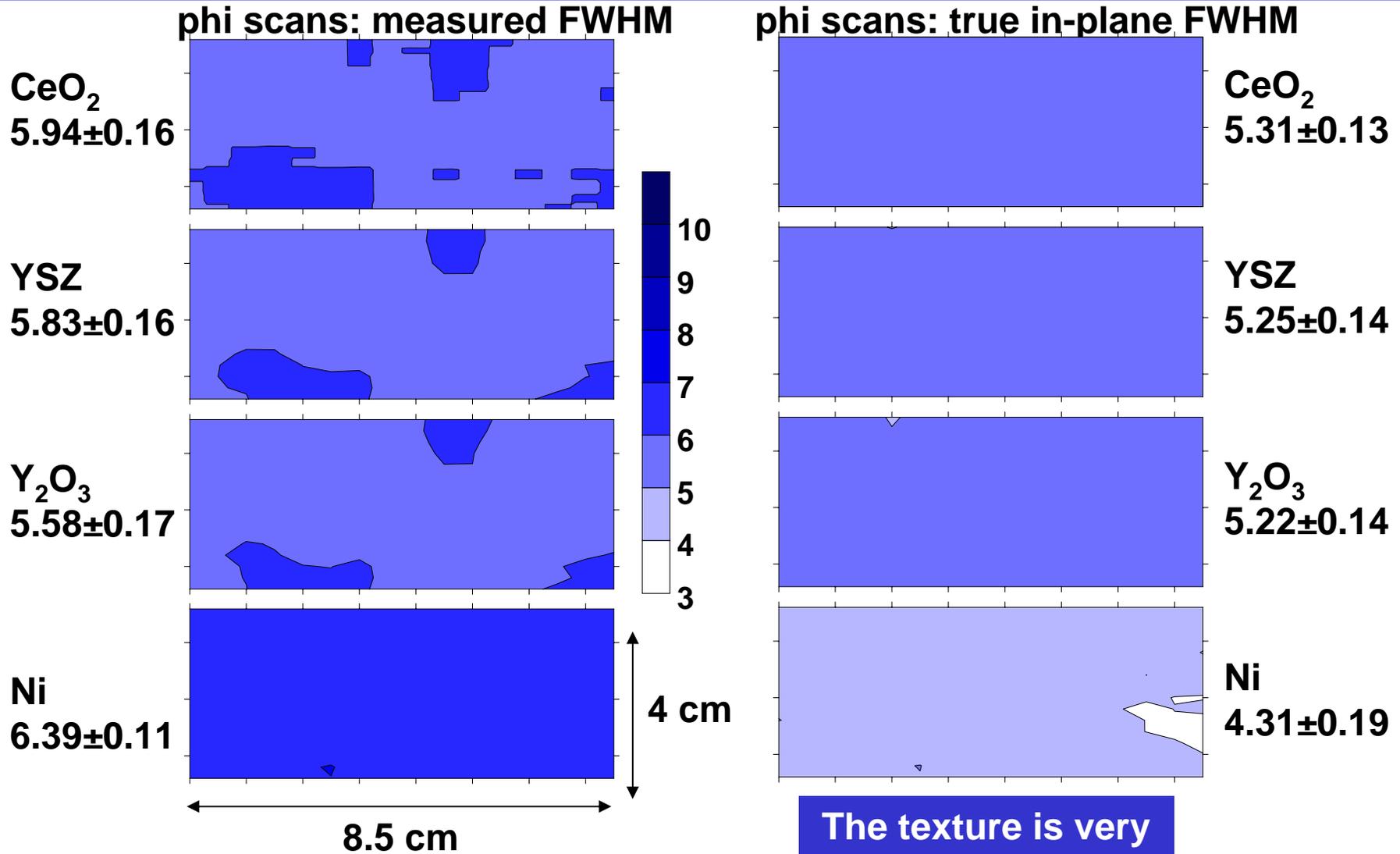


**Reactive sputtering is now used in the manufacturing process to fabricate long lengths of 4cm wide, fully-buffered RABiTS**

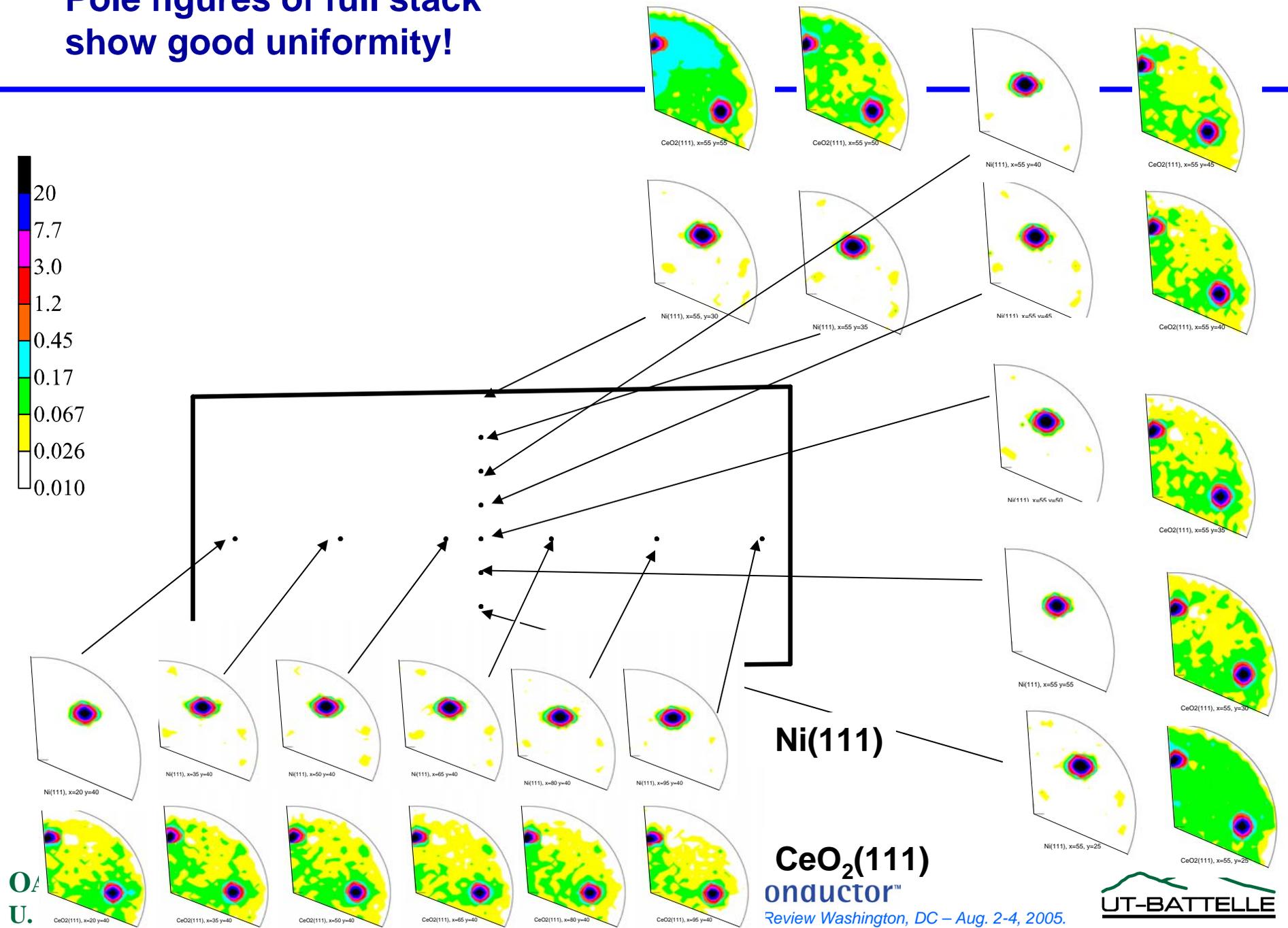
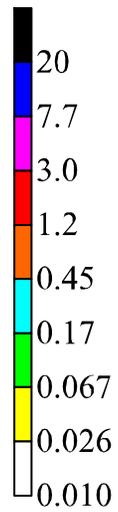
**Good texture is also obtained for the full buffer stack  
(CeO<sub>2</sub>/YSZ/Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/NiW) made in long lengths in a reel-to-reel process**



**Good in-plane texture is also obtained for the full buffer stack  
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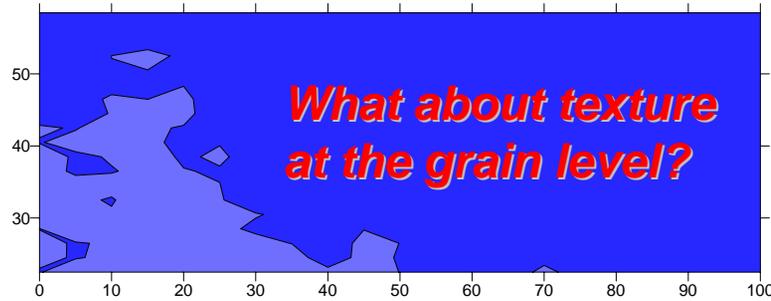
# Pole figures of full stack show good uniformity!



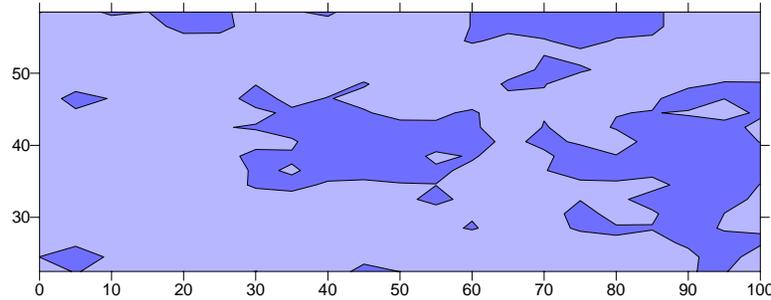
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**Good and homogeneous texture is also obtained for the MOD YBCO layer deposited on the full buffer stack in long lengths in a reel-to-reel process**

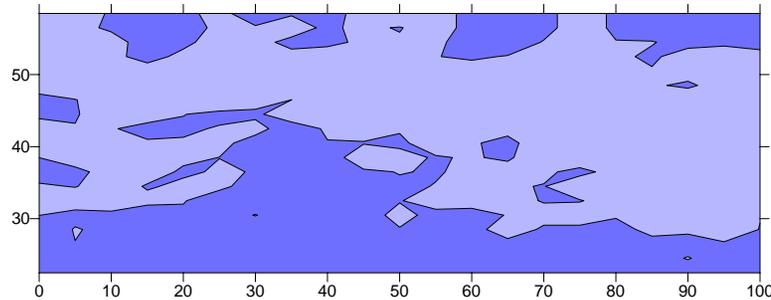
**YBCO(006)  
Rocking curve  
Axis is RD  
 $6.41 \pm 0.13^\circ$  FWHM**



**YBCO(006)  
Rocking curve  
Axis is TD  
 $4.95 \pm 0.07^\circ$  FWHM**

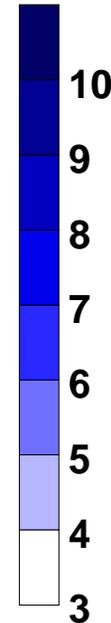


**YBCO(113)  
Phi scan  
True in-plane  
 $4.98 \pm 0.14^\circ$  FWHM**



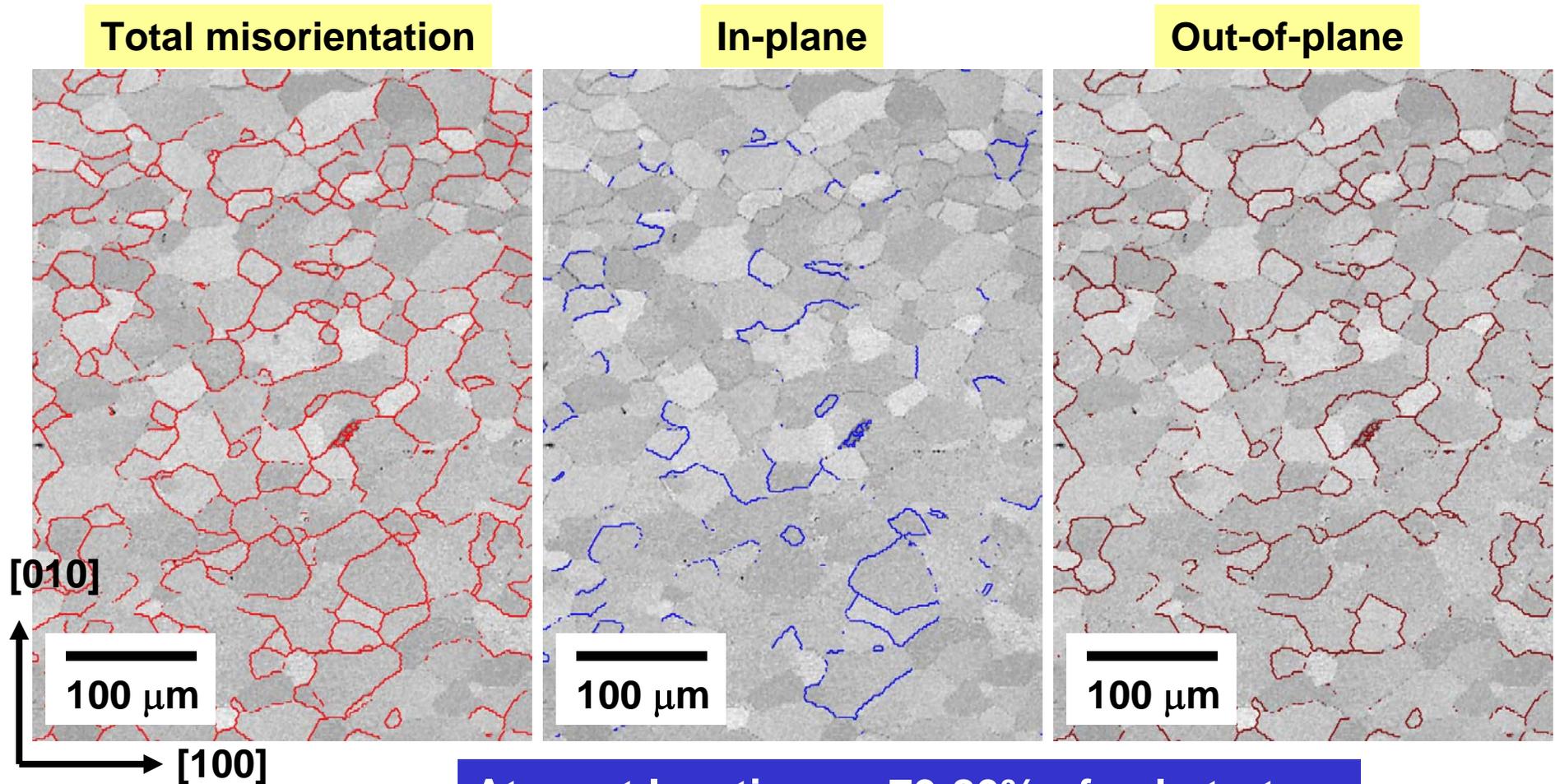
**What about texture  
at the grain level?**

**3.6 cm**



**10 cm**

# FY 04: Grain boundary maps drawn with all GB's greater than $4^\circ$ show that in-plane misorientation is determining $J_c$



From  $\text{CeO}_2$  cap

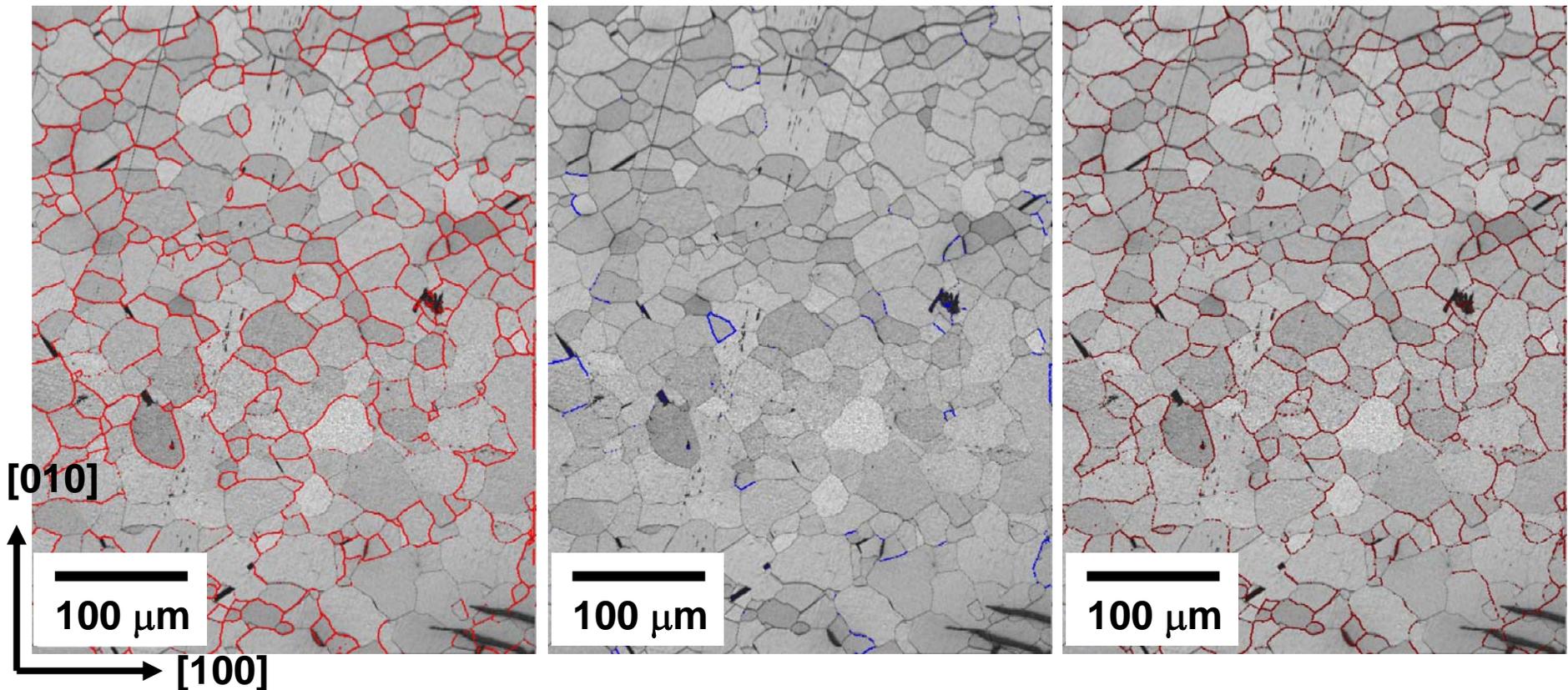
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# FY 05: GB maps of 4cm-wide buffer show that at most locations ~70-80% of the substrate is single-crystal-like w.r.t. in plane misorientation

Tot. mis.: GB  $\Theta > 4^\circ$

In-plane: GB  $\Theta > 4^\circ$

Out-of-plane: GB  $\Theta > 4^\circ$

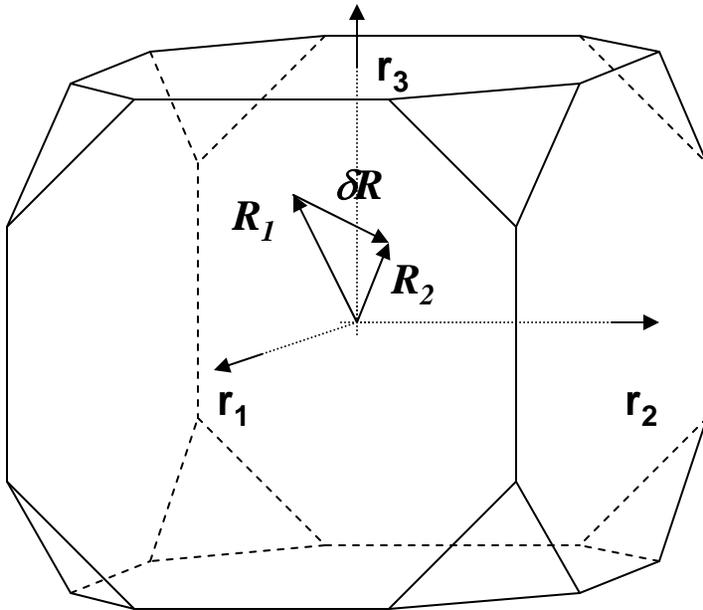


Results similar to what was observed last year for RABiTS produced using the non-pilot scale manufacturing

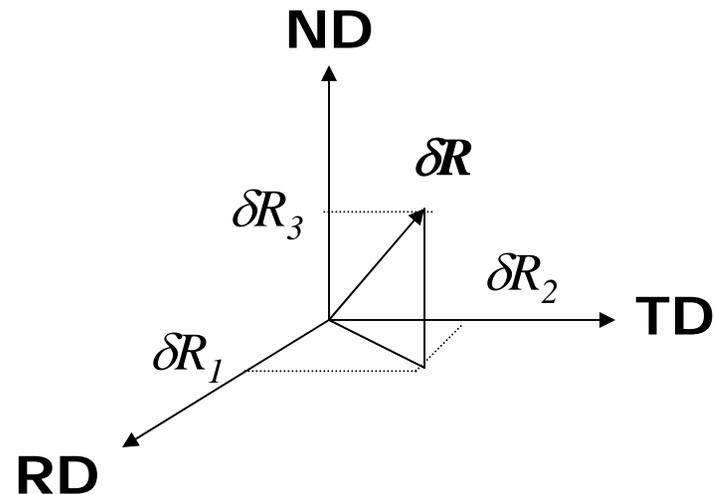
# We have also developed the methodology to separate in-plane and out-of-plane misorientations from EBKD measurements in YBCO

For cubic materials, this was made possible in FY04 by manipulations in Rodrigues Space using a misorientation difference vector  $\delta R$

Asymmetric region of Rodrigues space for cubic materials



Projection of the Rodrigues difference vector give the in- and out-of-plane misorientations



While this is much more complicated for materials with lower symmetry, we accomplished our goal this FY!



# New methodology was developed for accurate indexing of electron backscatter Kikuchi diffraction patterns from YBCO

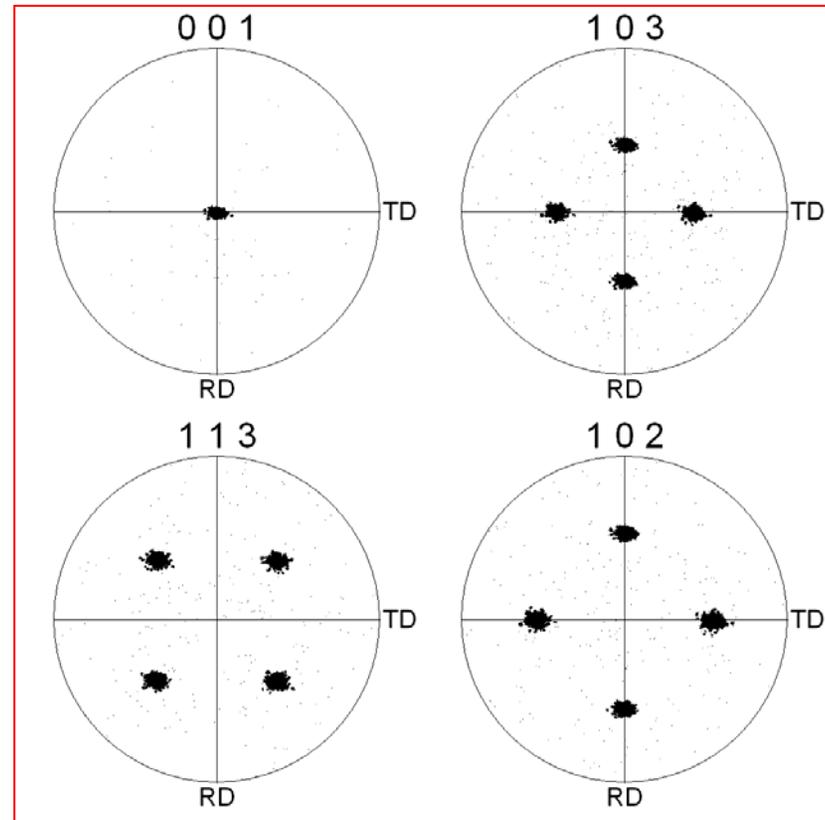
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- Use of band widths as well as interplanar angles for indexing
- Choice of right reflectors for indexing
- New procedure to determine if indexing in an automated run is accurate (since the usual parameter “confidence index” cannot be used since c-axis and a-axis solutions get the same number of votes)
- New procedure to correct for incorrect indexing since the usual methodology based on confidence index does not work

# Orientations in a 0.12 $\mu\text{m}$ YBCO film with a $J_c$ over 4 MA/cm<sup>2</sup>. No grain boundary meandering is observed for such thin films



### Pole figures for YBCO

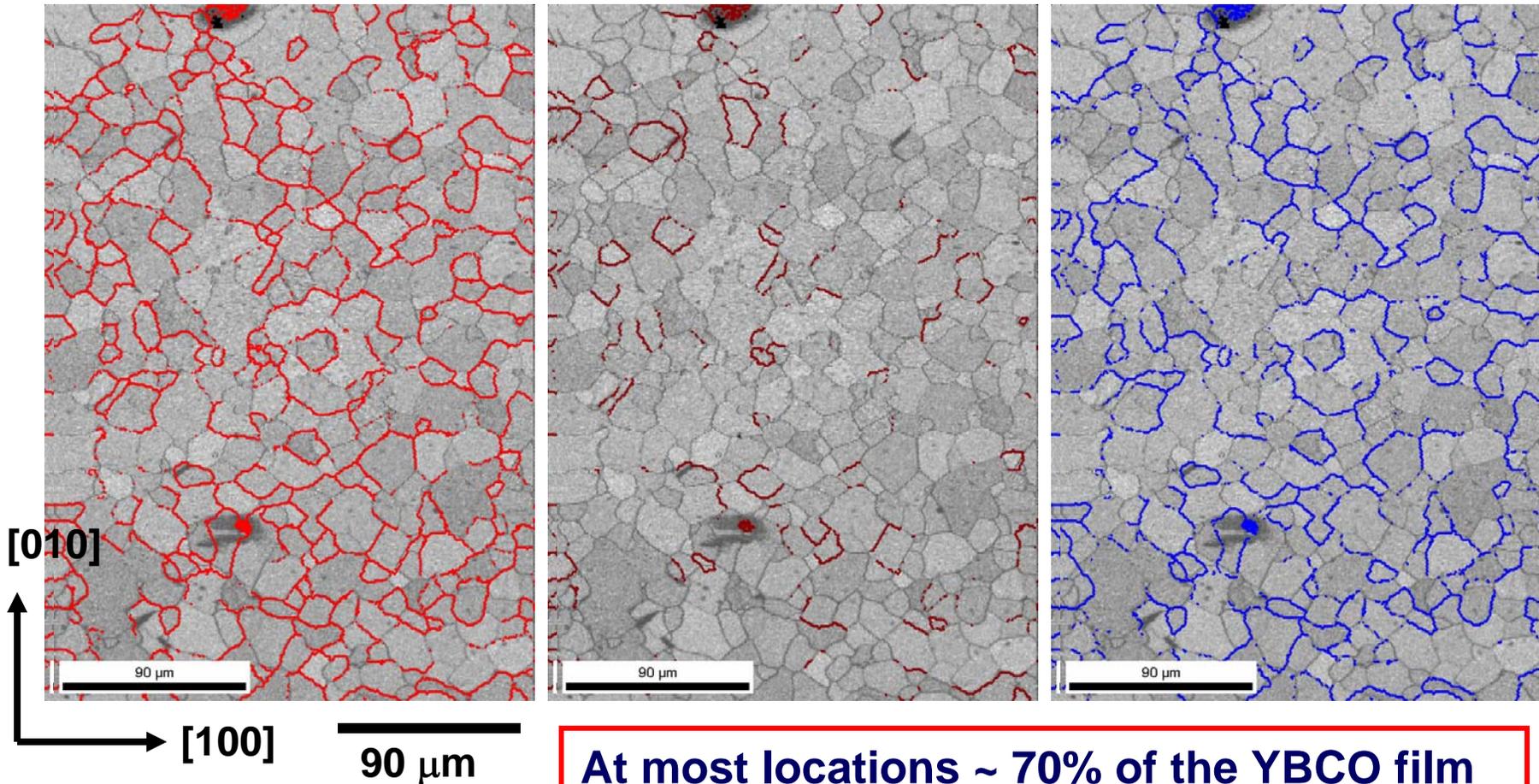


**GB maps in a 0.12  $\mu\text{m}$  YBCO film with a  $J_c$  over 4 MA/cm<sup>2</sup>.  
All GB's greater than 4° are shown**

**Total misorientation**

**In-plane**

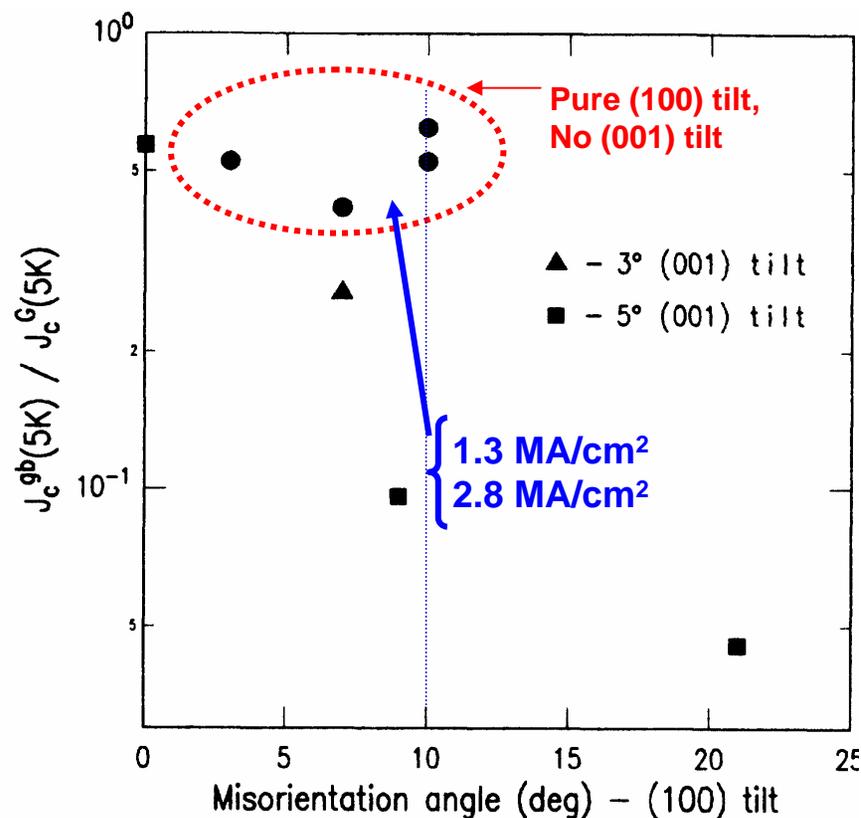
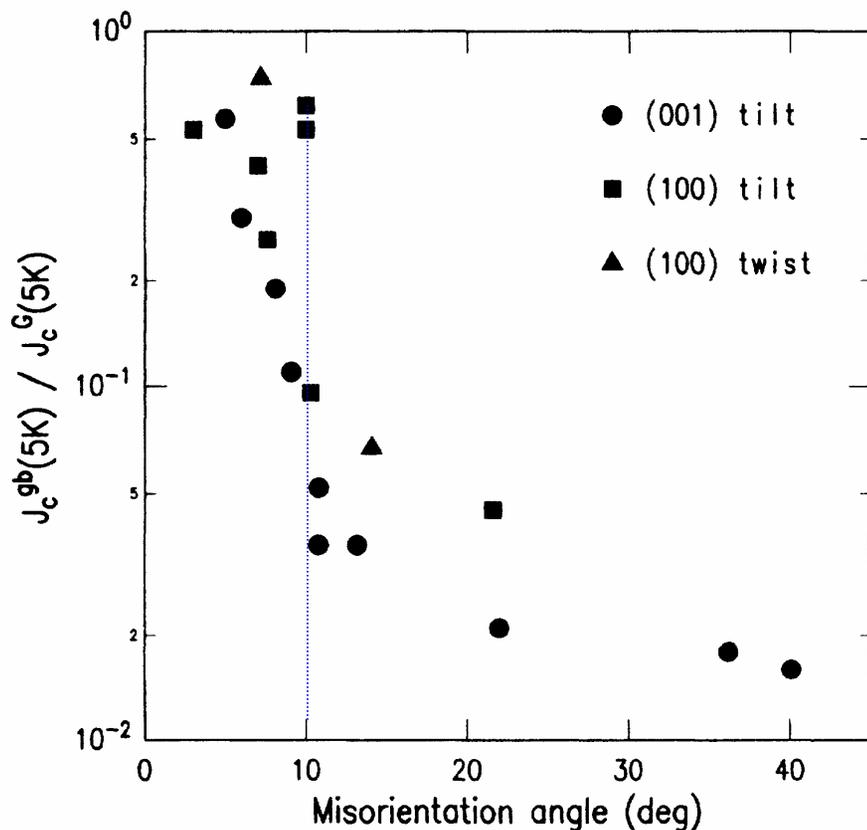
**Out-of-plane**



**At most locations ~ 70% of the YBCO film has no grain boundaries with respect to in-plane misorientations at the 4° criterion.**

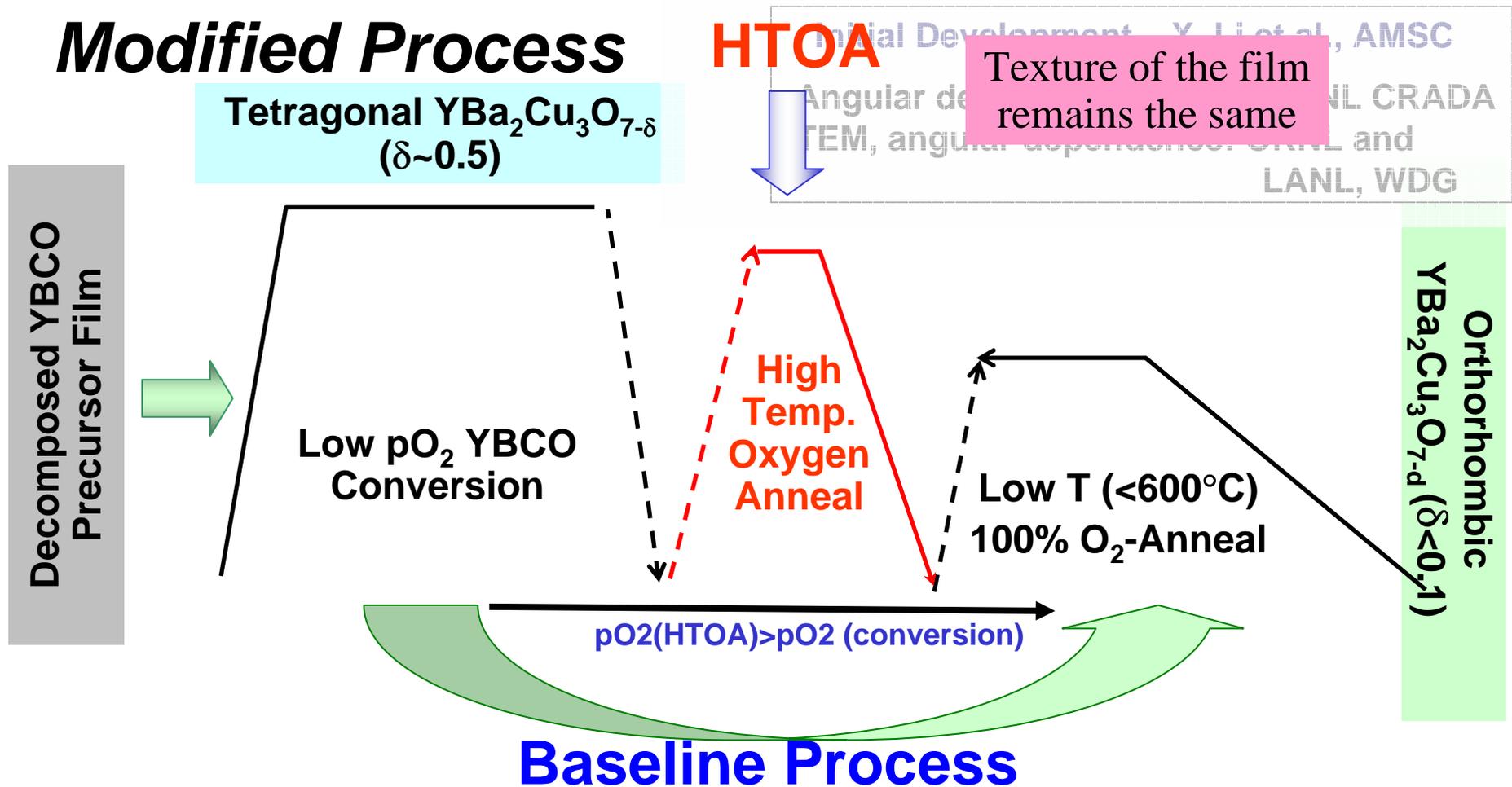
# Observations are consistent with Dimos et al.'s work

Ref: Dimos et al., Phys. Rev.B, 41, 4038 (1990)



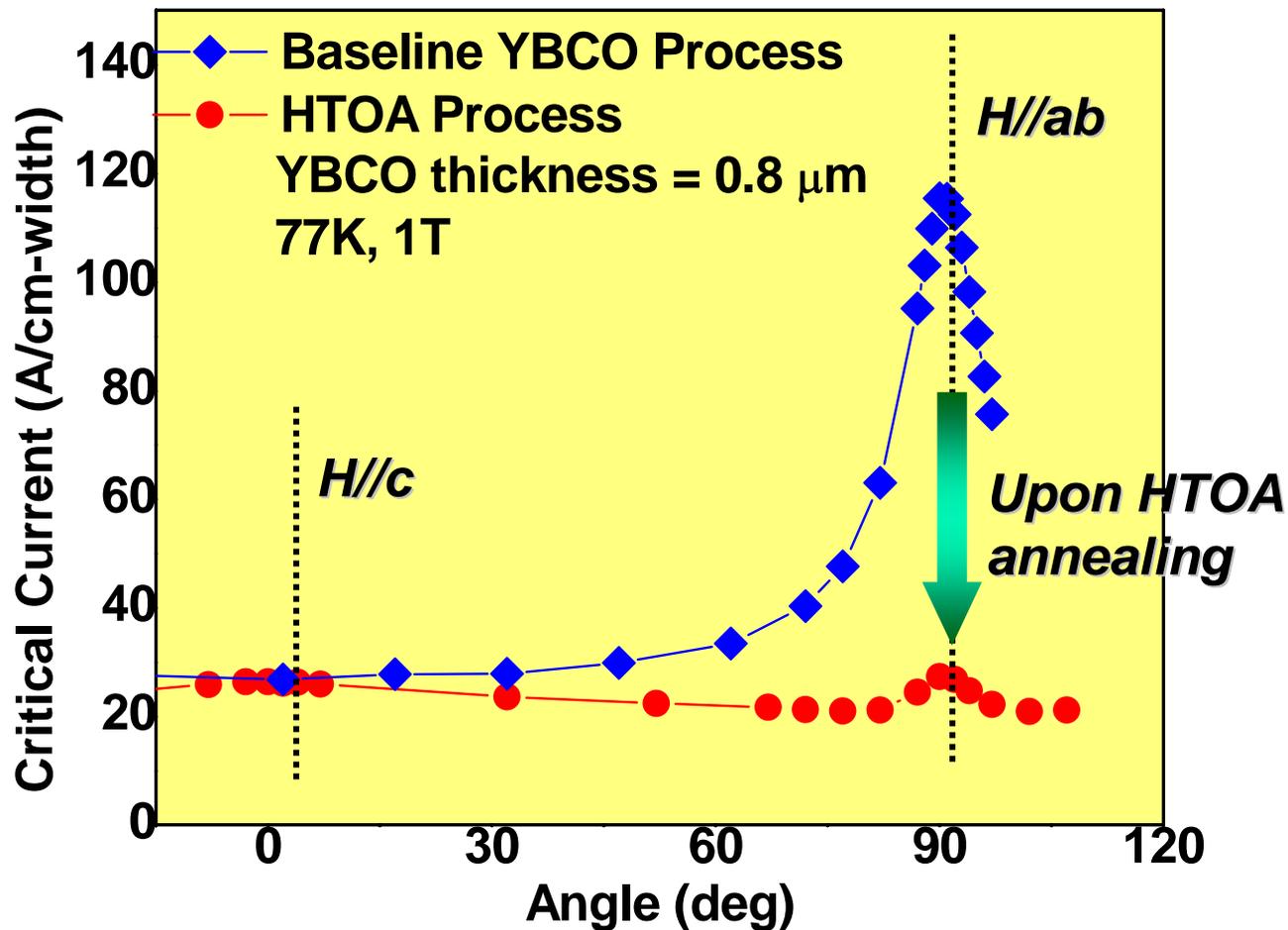
# Properties of MOD YBCO Affected by High Temperature Oxygen Anneal (HTOA)

## Modified Process

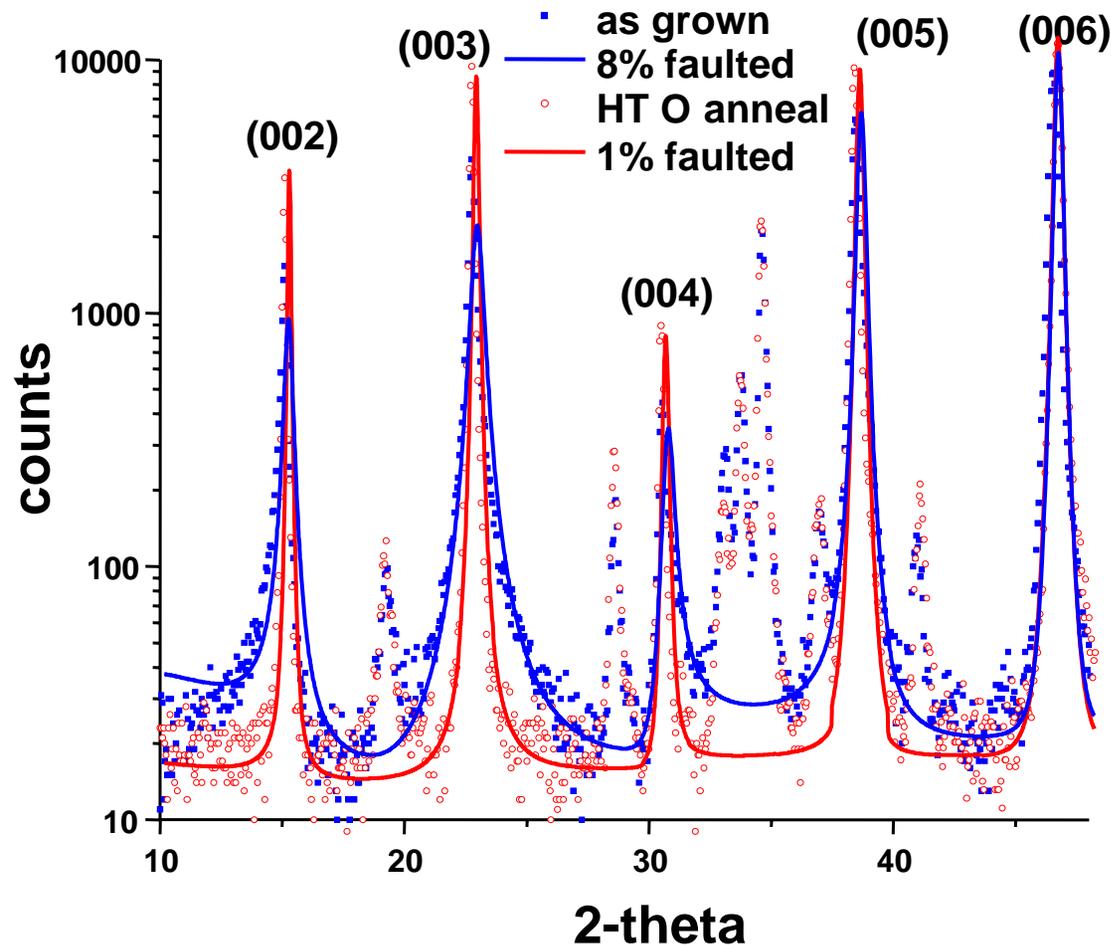


Fundamental science exploring mechanisms & microstructure of pinning in MOD-YBCO

# $I_c$ Peak with $H//ab$ decreases substantially upon annealing!



# High Temperature Oxygen Anneal (HTOA) Results in Sharpening of X-ray Peaks

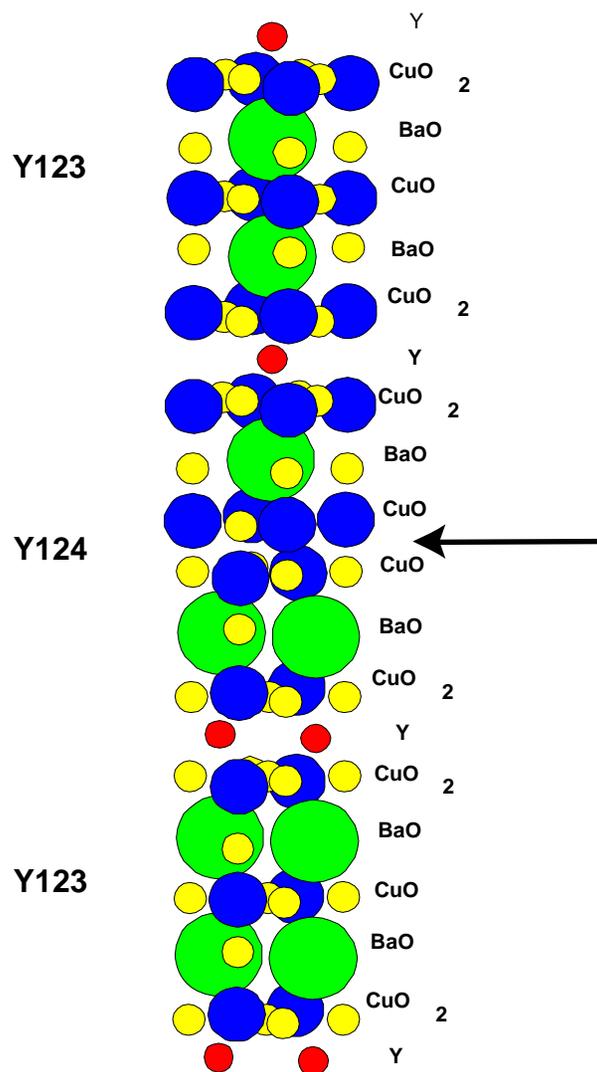


## Key points:

- Before HTOA, peak broadening is asymmetric - compare (003) with (004)
- No peak broadening for (006) peak

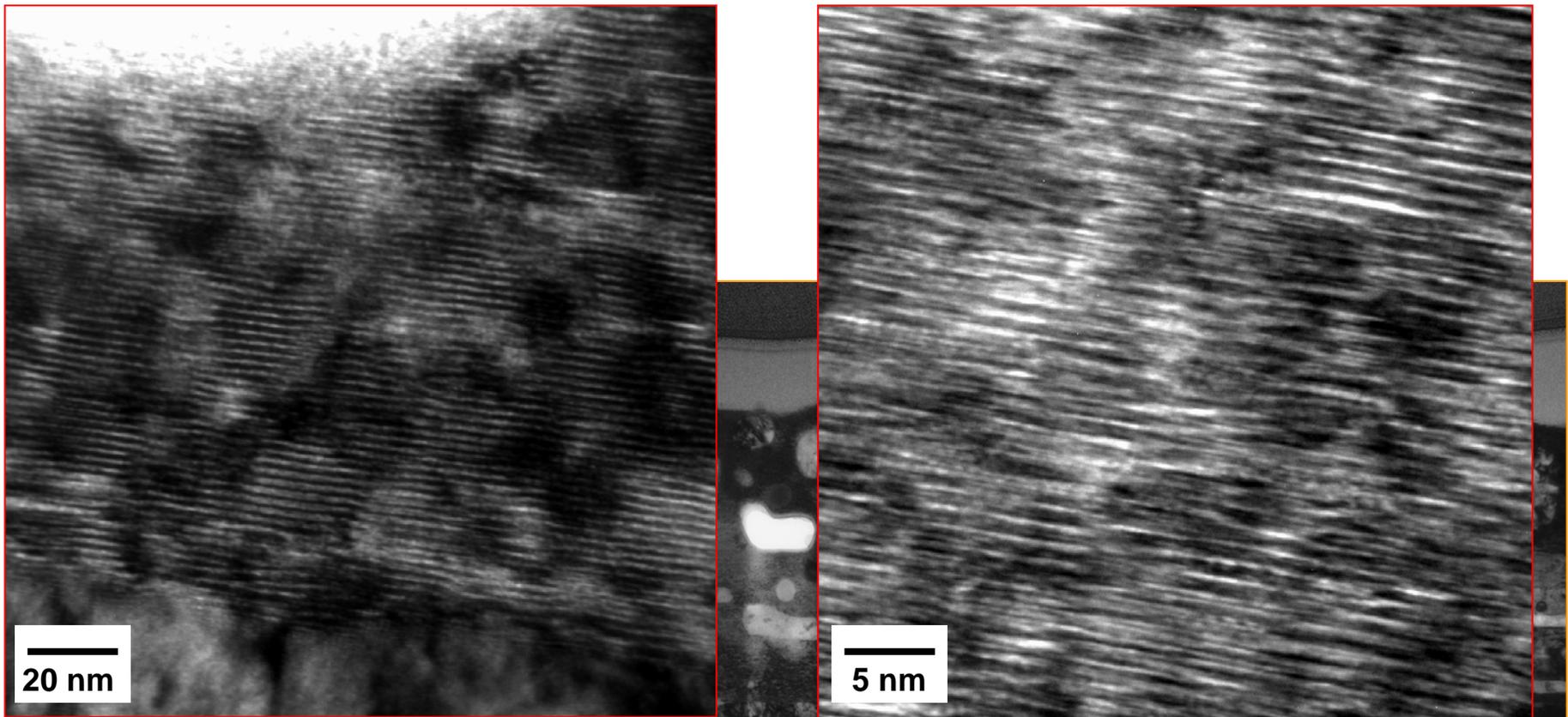
*Modeled using the Hendricks-Teller model*

# Hendricks-Teller Model Describes x-ray Diffraction from Y123 with Stacking Faults



- A stacking fault is an extra CuO plane forming a Y124 block in a Y123 lattice. Y247 lattice is an ordered stack of Y123/Y124 blocks.
- The broadened peaks for material with strong  $H//ab$  pinning is in the opposite limit: a completely random mixture of Y123 and Y124 cells, with 8% Y124, or a fault every 15 nm.
- Stacking faults produce a characteristically asymmetric peak broadening
- Stacking faults have negligible effect on the (006) reflection because 1/6 of a Y123 cell is equal in length to 1/7 of a Y124 cell to within 0.1%.

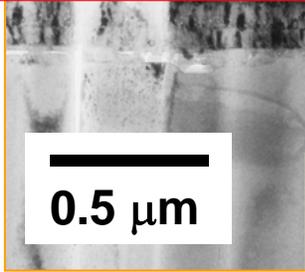
# Microstructure-Property-Processing Relationship: Pinning in Baseline MOD YBCO in 4 cm Process



20 nm

5 nm

WDG TEM characterization confirmed HTOA reduces stacking fault density



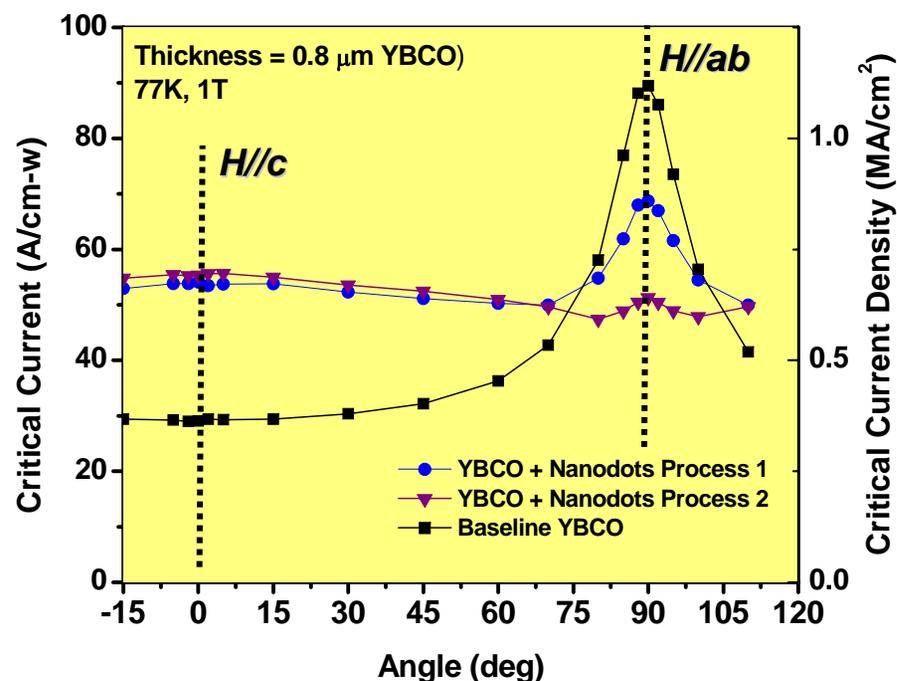
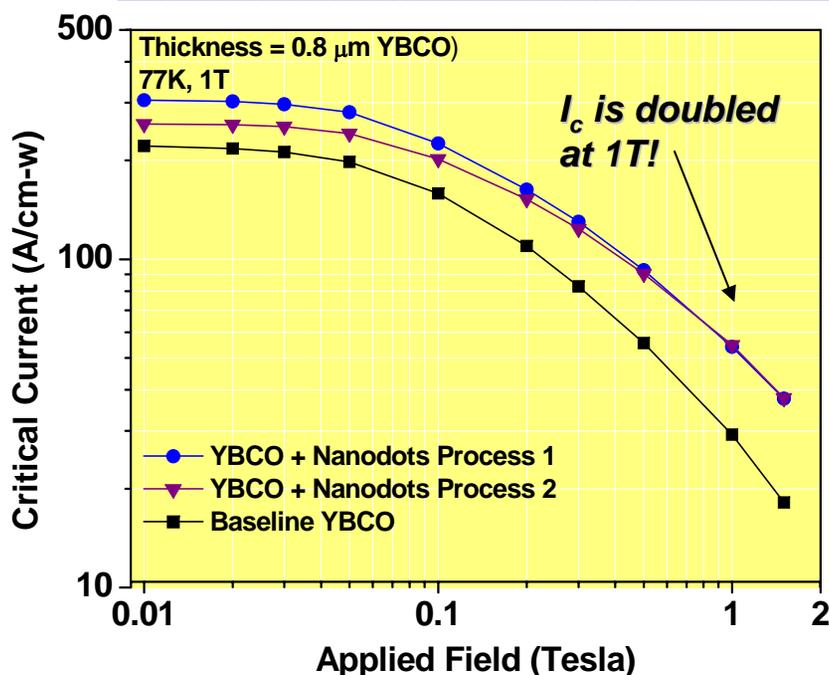
0.5  $\mu\text{m}$

**Strong ab plane pinning in MOD YBCO can be attributed to the very high density of stacking faults**

# Goal: Optimize Processing of Nanodot -YBCO in 4 cm Reaction Furnace

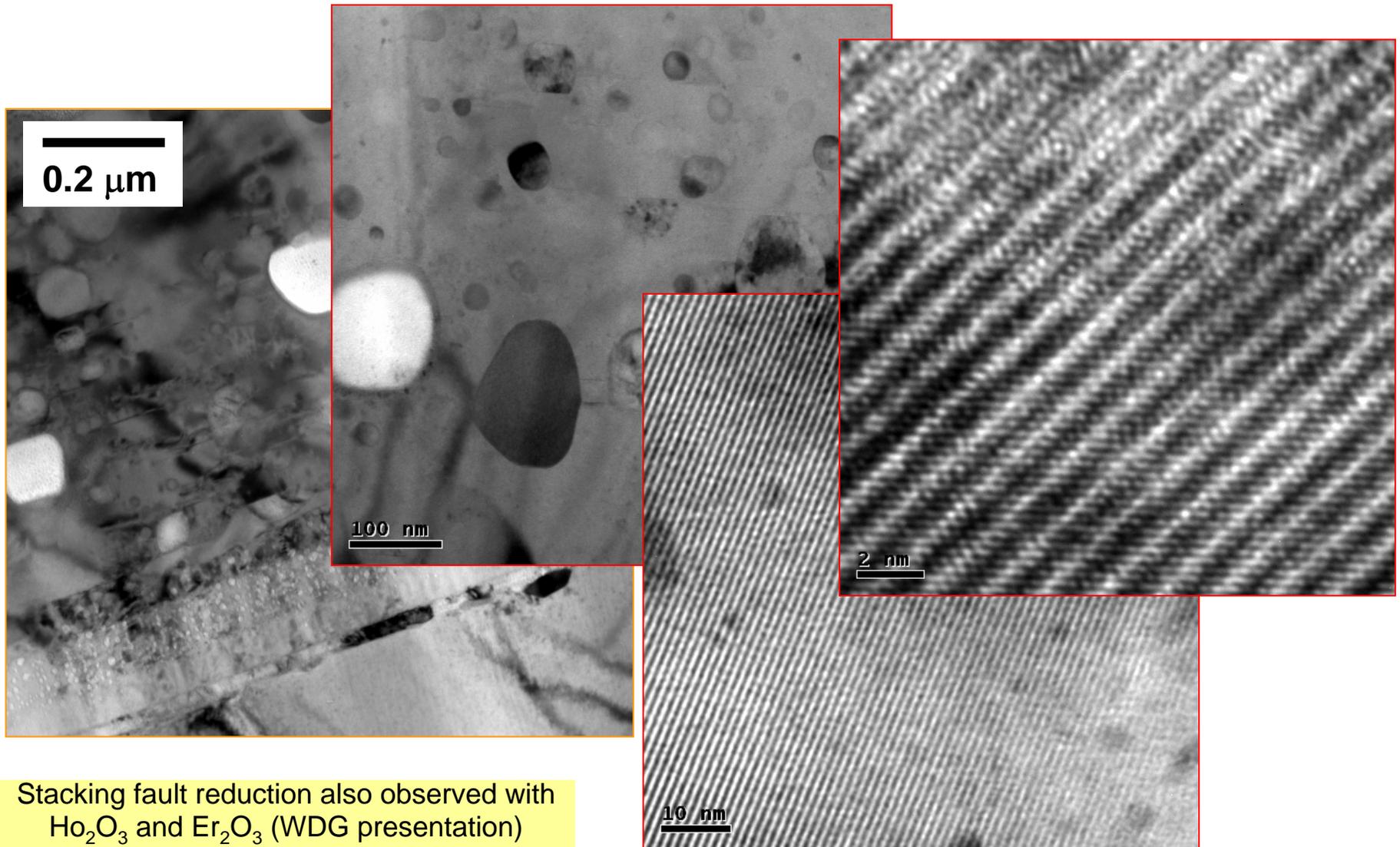
Many different  $\text{RE}_2\text{O}_3$  additions have been examined, complementing WDG work

Illustrative example:  $\text{RE}_2\text{O}_3$  based nanoparticles in YBCO with the same overall composition but different processing conditions



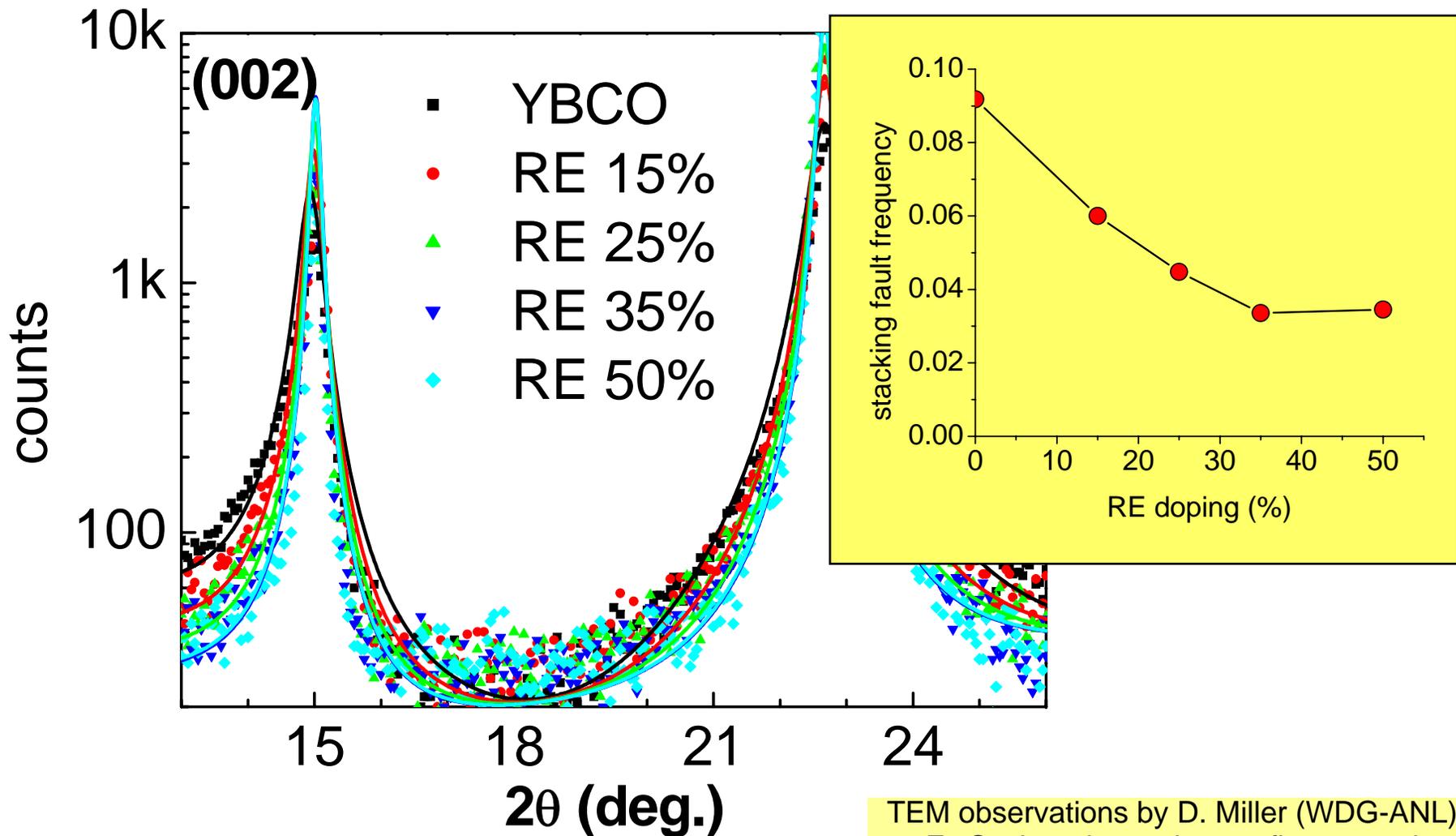
Sample property feedback guided process optimization of 4 cm wide nanodot doped YBCO

# *RE<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Addition Reduces Stacking Fault Density Resulting in Reduced ab-plane Pinning in 4 cm Process*



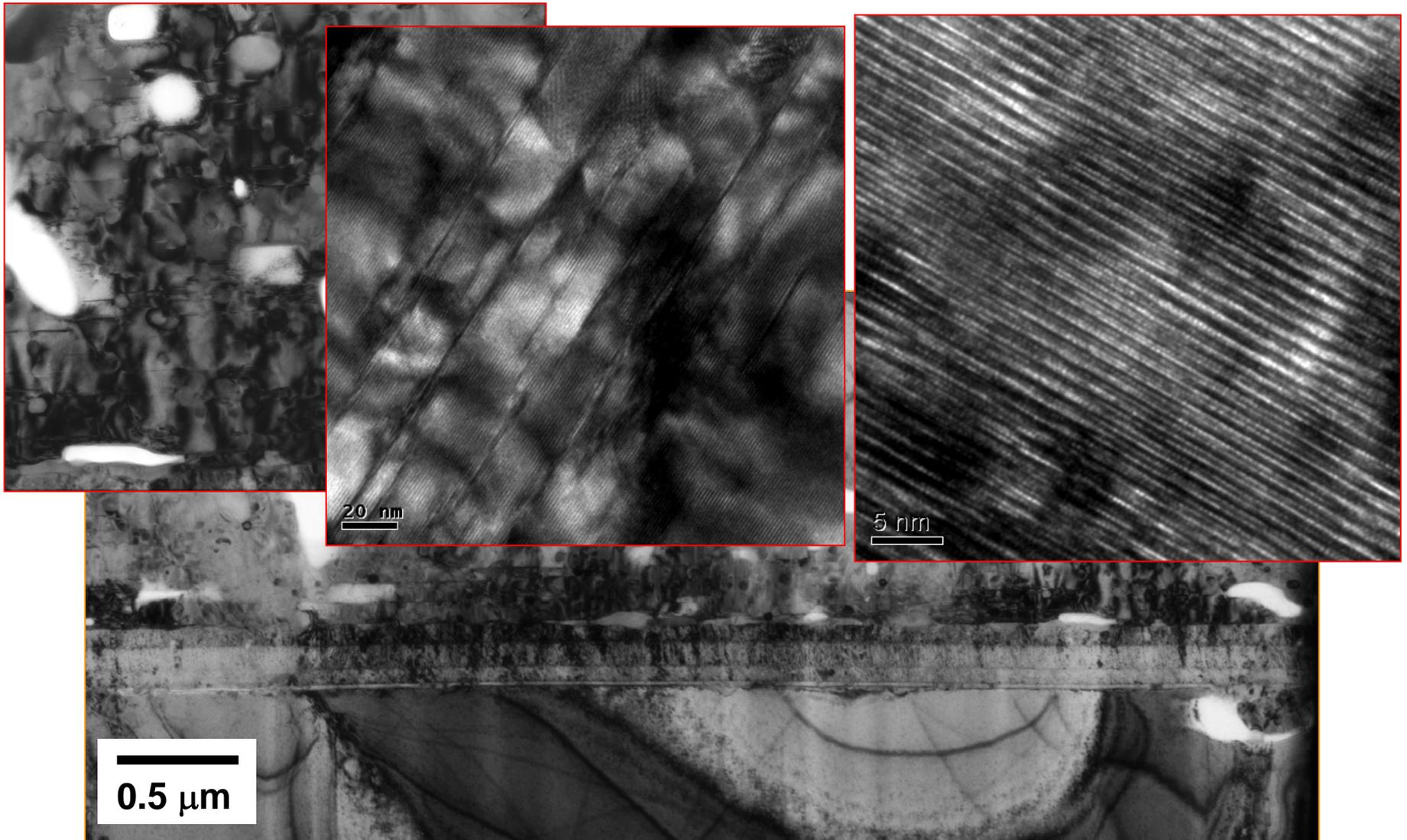
Stacking fault reduction also observed with Ho<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Er<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (WDG presentation)

# X-ray Analysis Shows the Stacking Fault Density Decreases with $RE_2O_3$ Nanoparticle Concentration

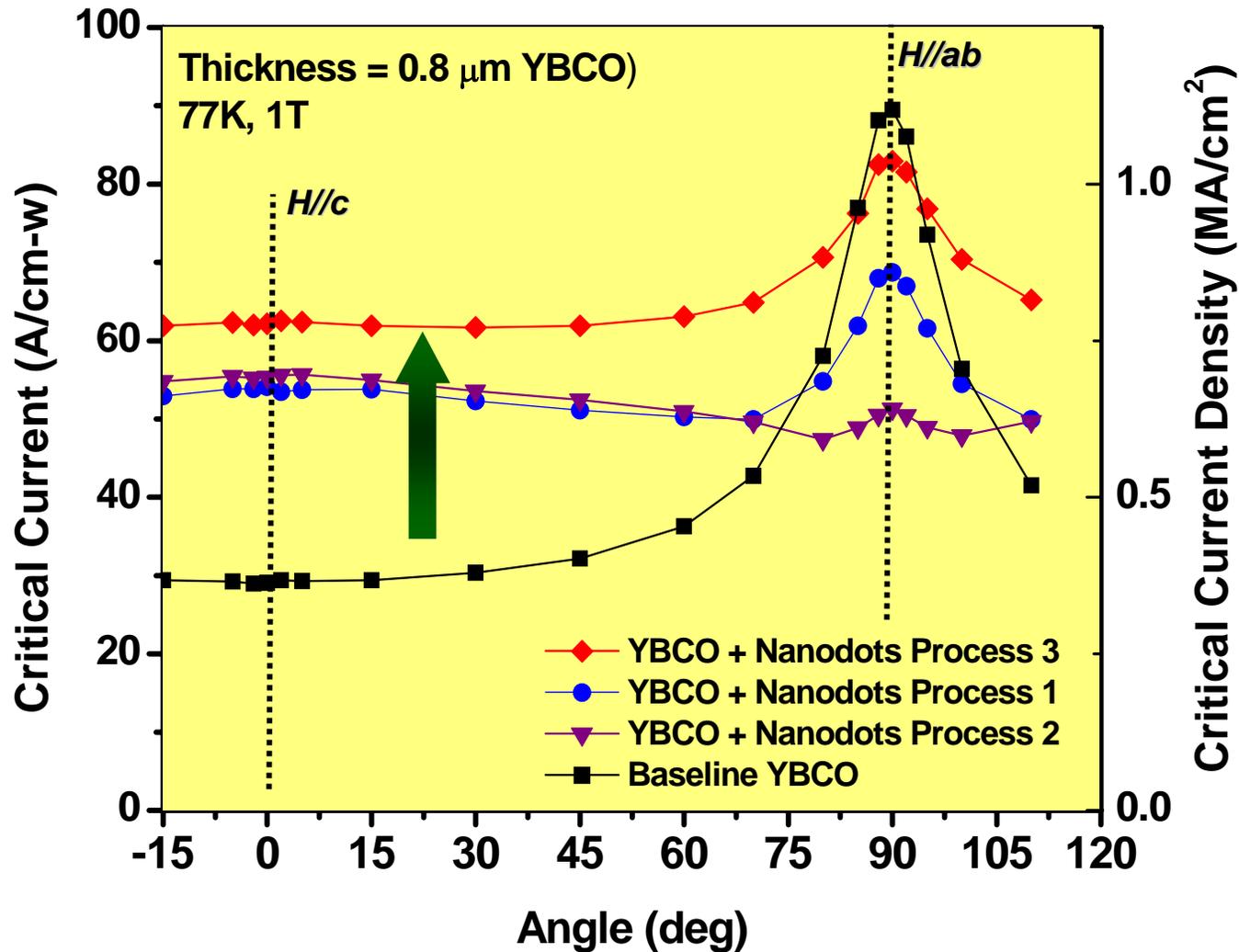


TEM observations by D. Miller (WDG-ANL) on  $Er_2O_3$  doped samples confirm x-ray data

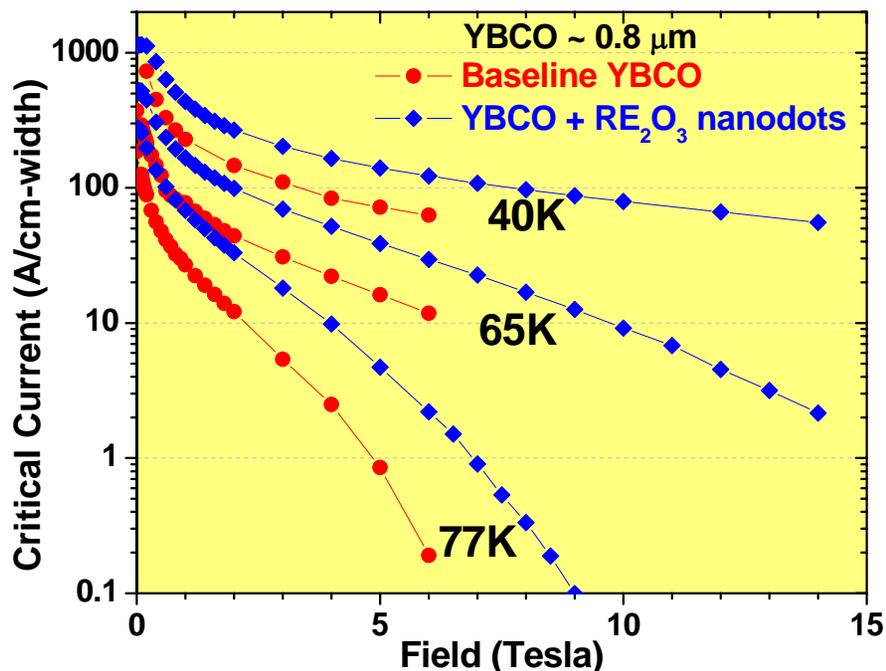
# ***Control of YBCO Nucleation/Growth Allows Incorporation of $RE_2O_3$ Nanoparticles with Minimal Reduction in Stacking Fault Density***



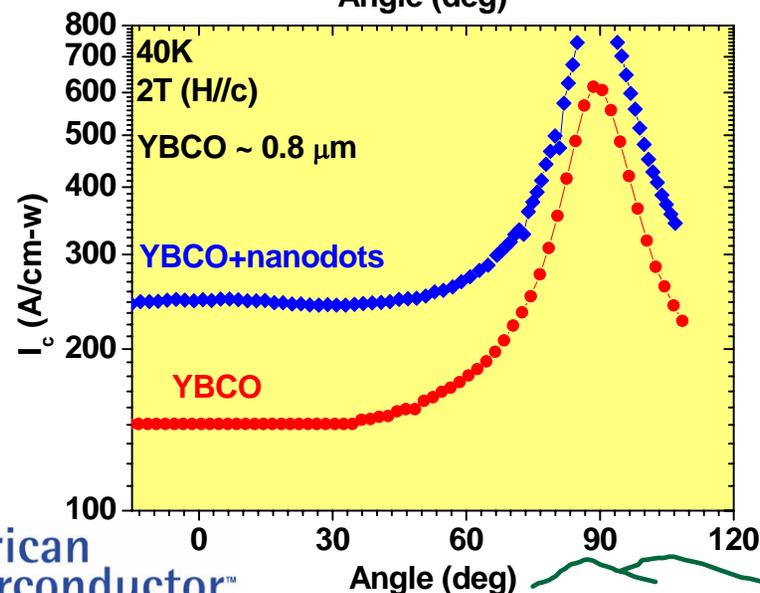
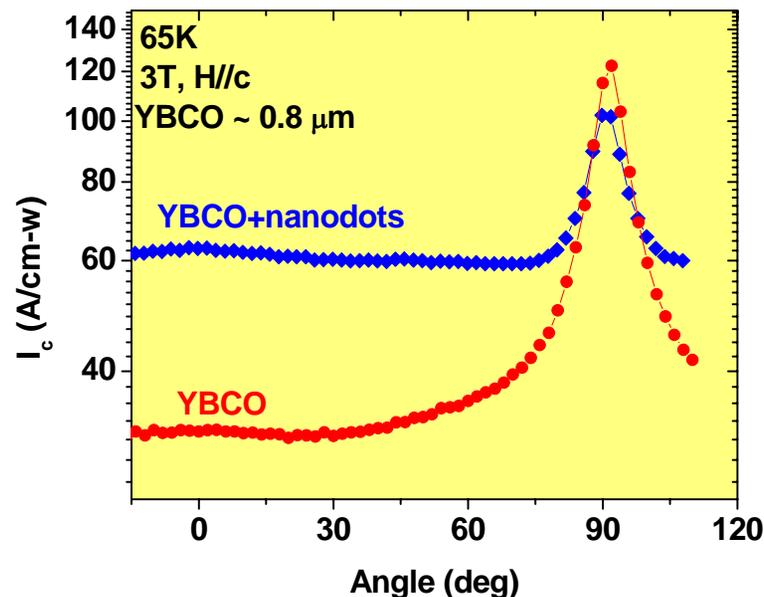
# Optimized Sample Shows Good Pinning with $H//ab$ and $H//c$



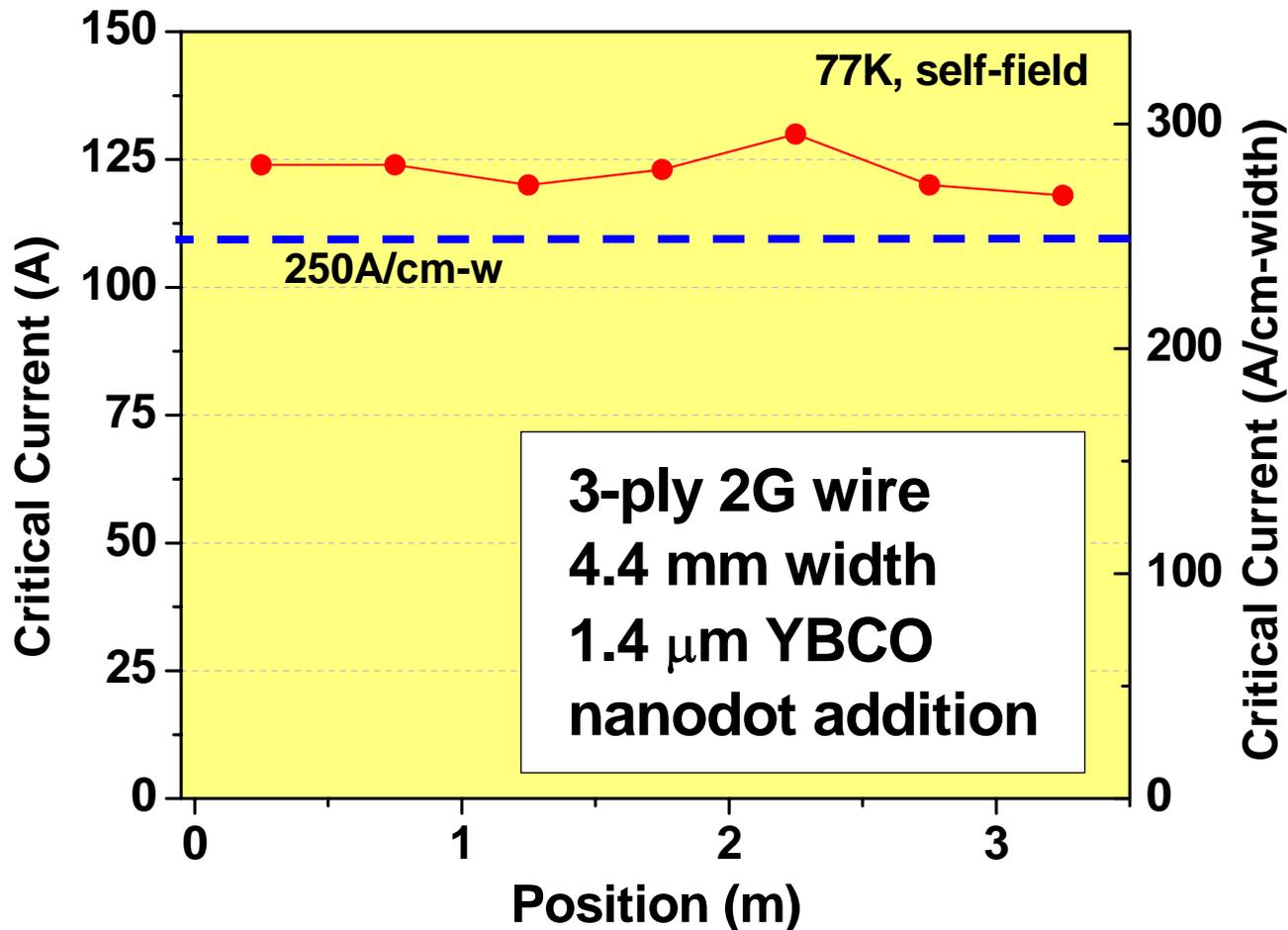
# High-field and Low-temperature Transport Data on YBCO Samples from 4 cm Process



*Nanodot doping improves I<sub>c</sub> performance at all temperatures and field orientations*



# 4 cm Reaction Optimization Contributed to First 4.4 mm Wide 2G Wire with $I_c > 100$ A

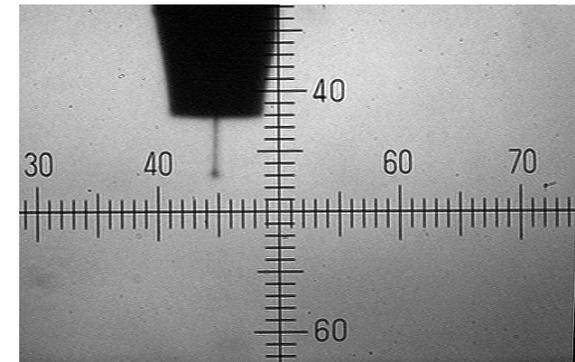
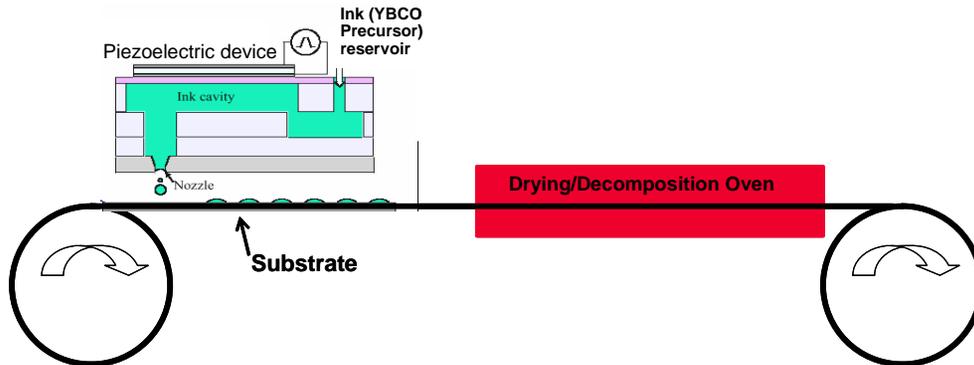


# Summary: Flux-Pinning

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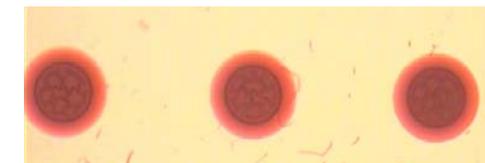
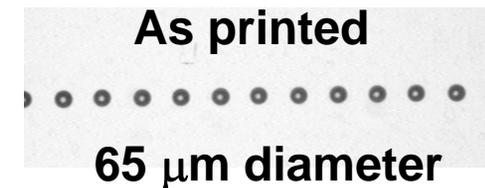
- Process modifications, including nanodots, in AMSC 4-cm-wide YBCO give significant improvement of  $J_c(H)$
- $J_c$  of greater than  $0.7 \text{ MA/cm}^2$  at 77K, 1T was obtained for all angles in a  $0.8 \mu\text{m}$  YBCO film processed as 4-cm strip
- The peak in the angular dependence at 77K, 1T for  $H // ab$  correlates with the stacking fault density as determined by simulated by X-ray broadening and TEM
- Enhanced pinning with  $H//c$  was correlated to the incorporation of rare earth nanoparticles into MOD YBCO films
- Under optimized processing conditions the  $J_c$  can be more than doubled at all angles at 77K, 1T over the standard baseline sample

# AMSC-ORNL STTR: Direct Printing of YBCO Filaments



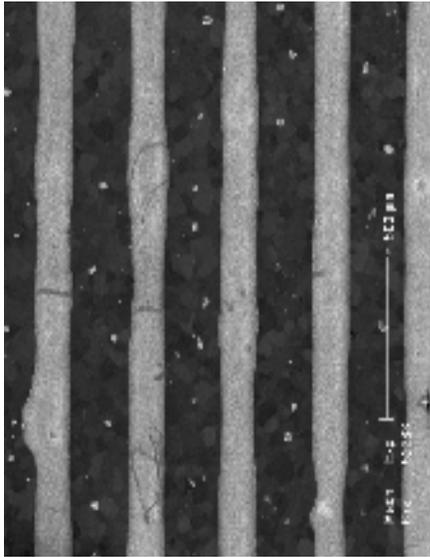
## Direct (Ink Jet) Printing

- YBCO precursor is printed in defined pattern along length/width of substrate
- Pattern resolution determined by: droplet size, nozzle distance/arrangement, droplet placement (x-y movement), ink properties
- Complex wire architectures easily printed
- Widely used in commercial manufacturing (flat panel displays, transistor circuits, etc)



*Ink Jet printing is the low-cost technique for striated filaments required for ac applications*

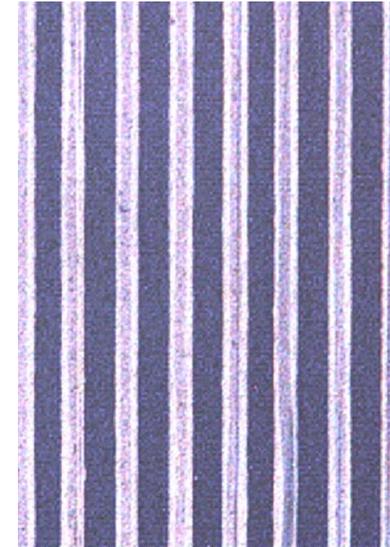
# Direct Printing of YBCO Filaments with MOD Process



500  $\mu\text{m}$   
Inkjet printing  
(AMSC - YBCO)



500  $\mu\text{m}$   
Laser ablation  
(AFRL - YBCO)



500  $\mu\text{m}$   
Photolithography/etching  
(SuperPower)#

**$I_c = 200 \text{ A/cm-w}$  Demonstrated for 3 x 2mm filaments**

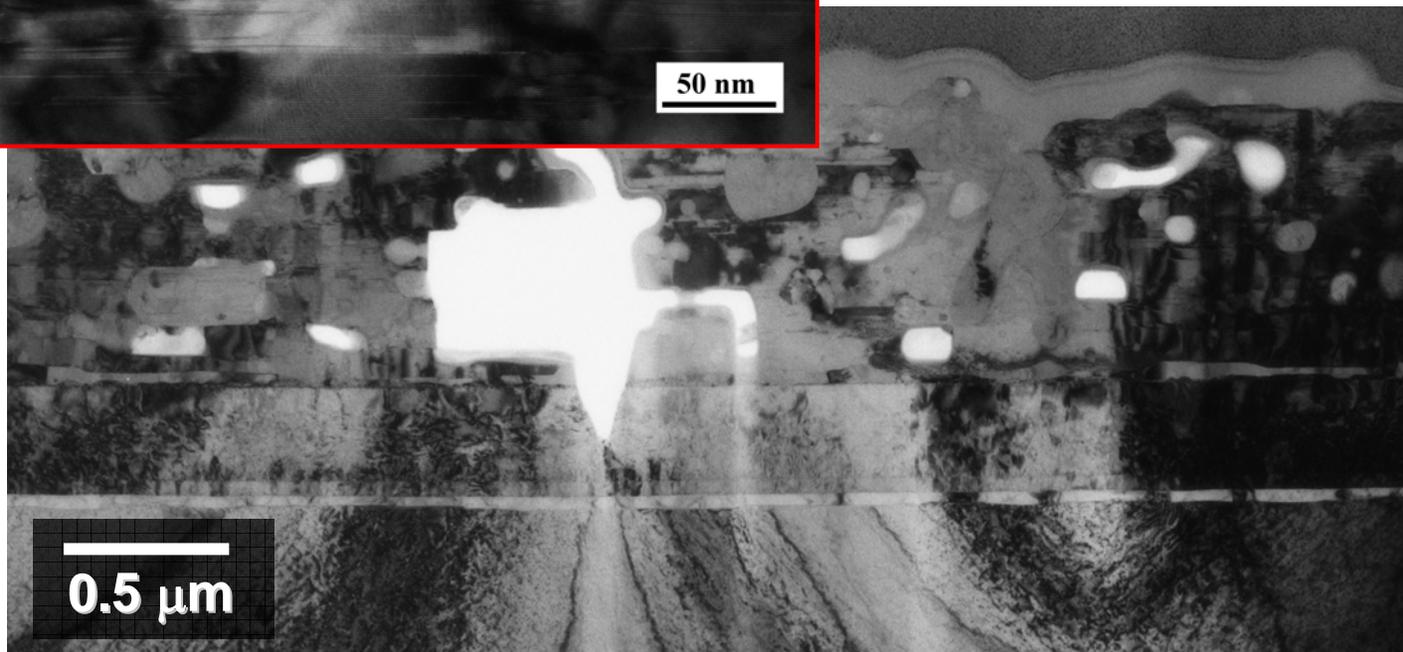
# V. Selvamanickam, DOE 2005 Wire Development Workshop, St. Petersburg, FL, January 19-20, 2005

**MOD approach is only process that can be used for direct printing of YBCO filaments**

# *Printed Filaments are Homogeneous and Complex Patterns can be Directly Printed*



**Filament bridging  
can easily be done  
with slot-die  
coating!**



# AMSC-ORNL CRADA Presentation

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- **FY 2005 Results**

2G Development (YBCO/RABiTS) at AMSC (Marty)  
2G wire manufacturing at AMSC  
2G wire characteristics

Alloy substrate fabrication (4 cm wide) (Amit)  
Buffer layer development for 4 cm wide process  
Flux-pinning optimization in MOD YBCO  
Striated conductor development  
2G coil fabrication

**Development of low-cost, solution buffer layers (Parans)**

- **FY 2005 Performance and FY 2006 Plans (Parans)**
- **Research Integration**

# MOD Buffer/YBCO Layer Development

FY04 Results: First two-layer all-MOD buffer for a low-cost RABiTS process; 140 A/cm-width (77K,sf) performance demonstrated



*Why is the performance not as good as all PVD buffers?*

$$\Delta\omega = 6.6, 10.2$$
$$\Delta\phi = 8.1$$

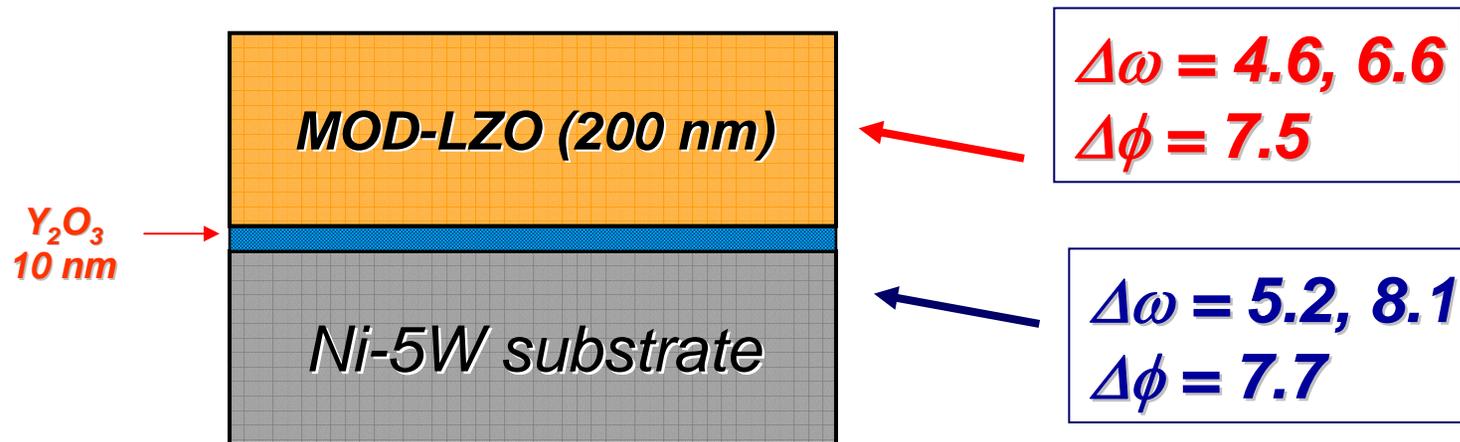
$$\Delta\omega = 5.2, 8.1$$
$$\Delta\phi = 7.7$$

Lattice mismatch of LZO with Ni: 7.9%

*Potential cost savings for large scale commercial manufacturing*

# Texture of LZO can be significantly improved

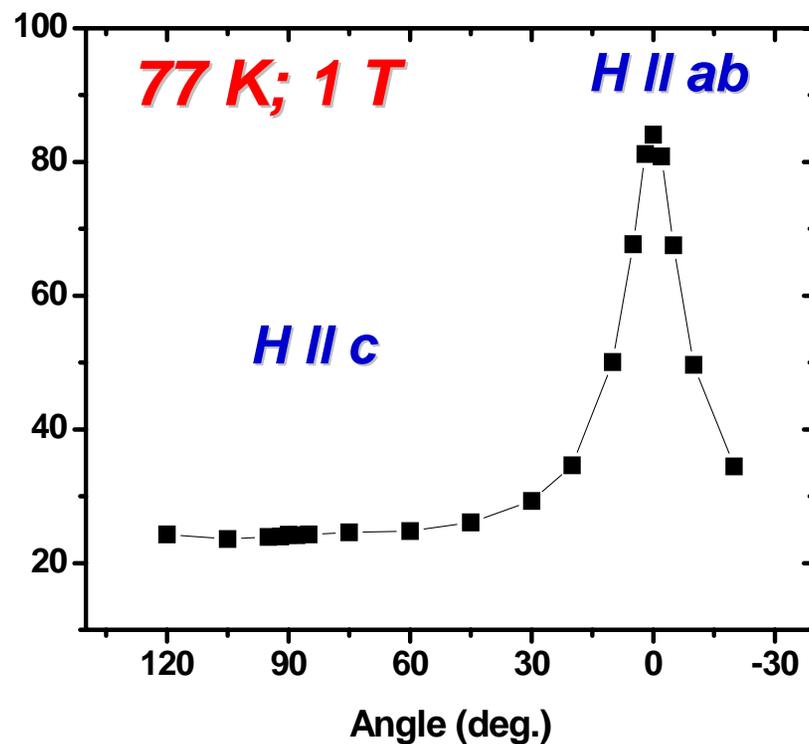
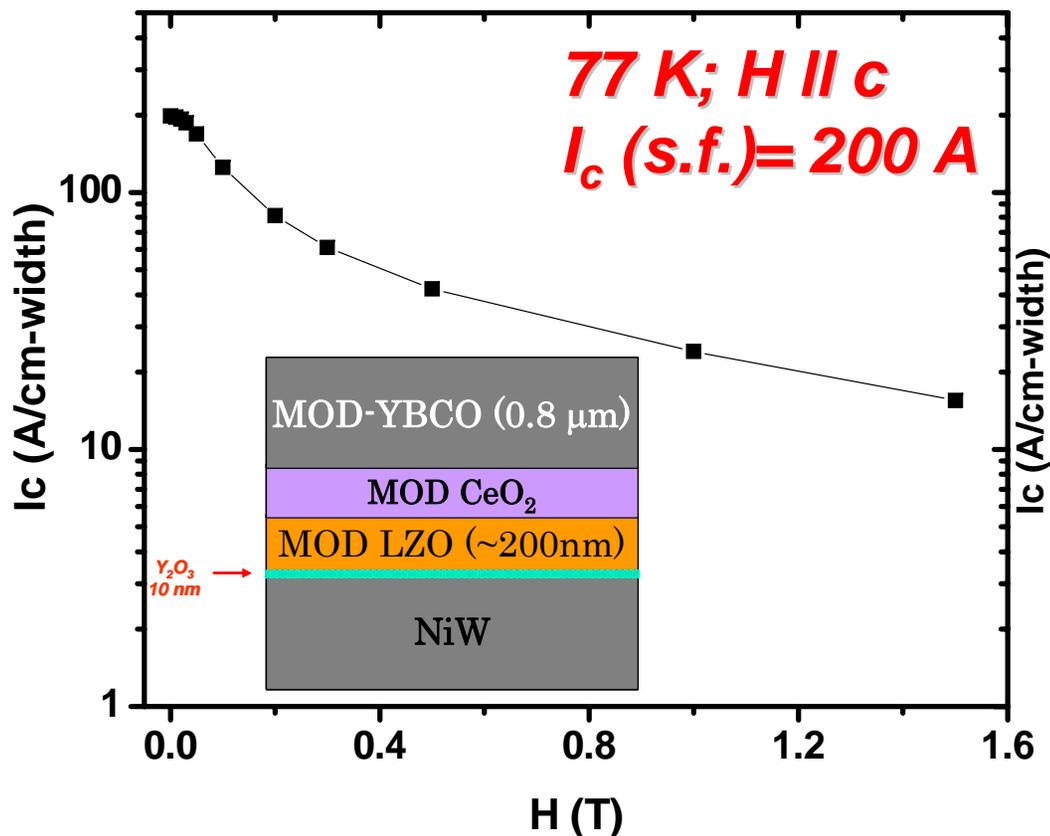
Insertion of a thin layer of  $Y_2O_3$  changes the texture of LZO



Lattice mismatch of LZO with Ni reduced by inserting  $Y_2O_3$

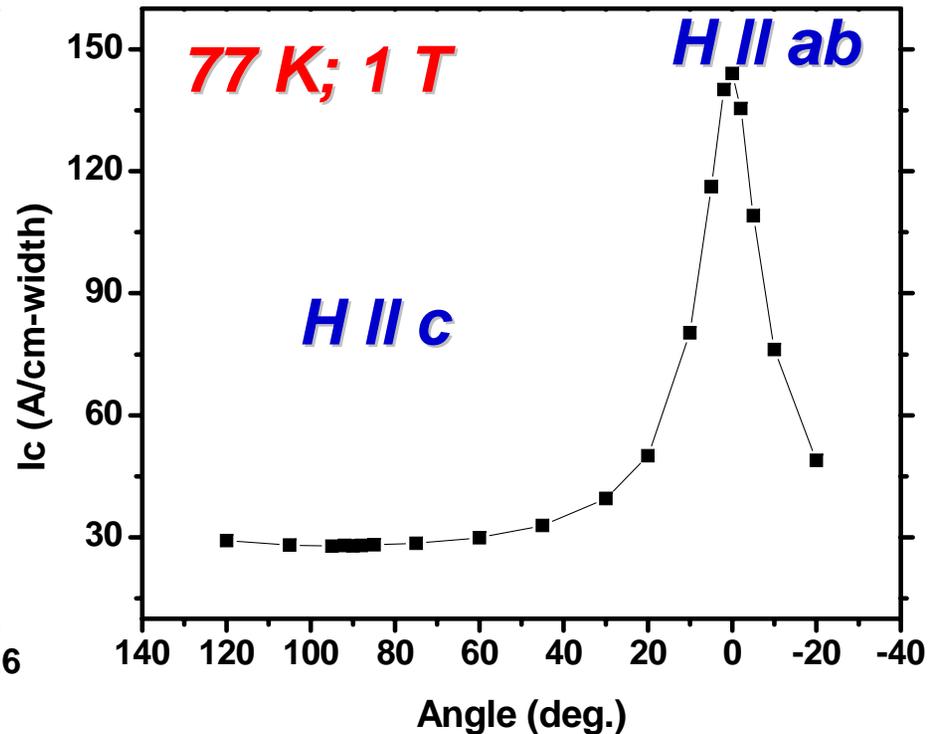
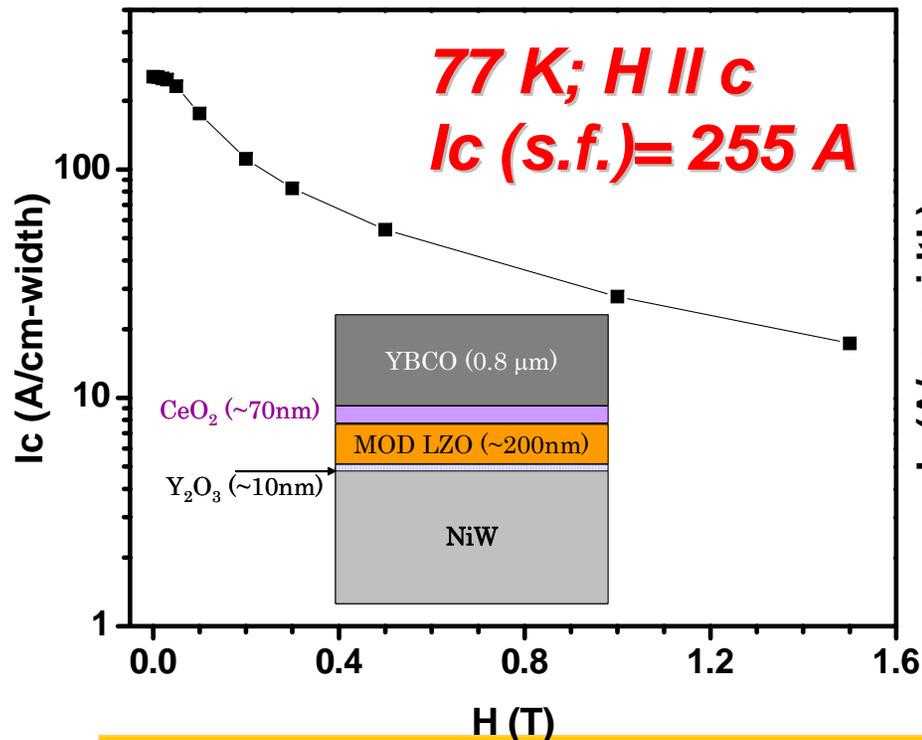
Potential cost savings for large scale commercial manufacturing

# Performance of MOD LZO/CeO<sub>2</sub>/YBCO stack improved to 200 A/cm



**Is the performance of the stack being limited by MOD LZO or MOD CeO<sub>2</sub> compared to all PVD buffer stack with a performance of 250 A/cm width?**

# Replacing the MOD CeO<sub>2</sub> with rf sputtered CeO<sub>2</sub> cap layer results in 255 A/cm

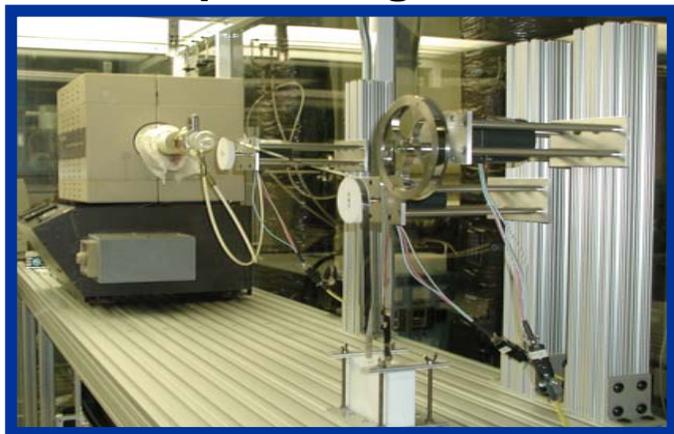


X-ray characterization indicated that there was no difference in the texture, however increased reaction of MOD CeO<sub>2</sub> resulting in higher BaCeO<sub>3</sub> was observed

We are also exploring a solution route for replacing the thin Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> seed layer

# ***MOD Buffer Scale-up Goal: To produce 100-150 nm Layer in a Single Coat***

**Dip-coating unit**



**Slot-die coater**



- One-pass coating process required for commercial applications
  - **Essential to reduce equipment and labor cost for commercial manufacturing**
- Developed experimental conditions to coat > 100 nm LZO layers/pass
  - **Coating speed: > 120 m/hr**
- Developed process conditions to produce textured LZO layers
- Evaluation of slot-die coated buffers is in progress

***Slot-die Coating technology transferred from AMSC to accelerate solution based buffer development***

# FY 2005 Plans and Performance

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## FY2005 Plans

- Pilot line production of high quality (4 cm wide by 100 m long) alloy substrates using the ORNL rolling mill facility with clean room

## FY2005 Performance

- ✓ Produced over 2.5 km of 4 cm wide substrates with exceptional surface quality and texture
- ✓ ORNL's rolling facility was the primary facility used by AMSC for scale-up research towards wide substrates

# FY 2005 Plans and Performance

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## FY2005 Plans (cont'd)

- Improvement of RABiTS template manufacturing process reliability through fundamental characterization of the buffer layer properties
- Analysis of the uniformity and reproducibility of long length, 4 cm wide RABiTS templates produced in a high-rate, reel-to-reel manufacturing process

## FY2005 Performance

- ✓ Quality of 1 cm RABiTS template successfully extended to 4 cm wide process
- ✓ Highly uniform texture obtained in reel-to-reel fabrication of long lengths of 4 cm wide buffers

# FY 2005 Plans and Performance

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## FY2005 Plans (cont'd)

- Reduction of the substrate/buffer manufacturing cost through improved understanding of the interactions of buffer deposition rates and intrinsic properties

## FY2005 Performance

- ✓ Reel-to-reel, single pass, high rate reactive sputtering was for all three buffer layers:  $Y_2O_3$ , YSZ and  $CeO_2$  for the 4 cm wide substrates
- ✓ Buffer production capacity extended to: 1.6 million meters/year

# FY 2005 Plans and Performance

## FY2005 Plans (cont'd)

- Determine key flux-pinning mechanism in long length, MOD YBCO, 4cm wide wires
- Improve the in-field  $J_c$  in all fields by incorporation of nanoparticles in long-length, MOD YBCO, 4 cm wide wires

## FY2005 Performance

- ✓ Stacking faults in the YBCO layer were shown to result in the strong peak in  $J_c$  vs angle for H//ab
- ✓ Incorporation of nanoparticles to achieve significant improvement in the in-field  $J_c$  successfully demonstrated in 4 cm wide wires
- ✓ Highest performance doped YBCO via the MOD route was demonstrated

# FY 2005 Plans and Performance

## FY2005 Plans (cont'd)

- Development of new, low-cost template architectures that are applicable to Ni-5at%W as well as non-magnetic Ni-9at%W and NiCrW substrates

## FY2005 Performance

- ✓ Demonstrated the direct printing of YBCO filaments with MOD process,  $I_c = 200$  A/cm-w demonstrated
- ✓ Proof-of-principle demonstration of MOD-LZO barriers as replacement for PVD-YSZ;  $I_c$  of 249 A/cm or a  $J_c$  of 3.1 MA/cm<sup>2</sup> was demonstrated on MOD-LZO
- ✓  $I_c$  of 188 A/cm or a  $J_c$  of 2.35 MA/cm<sup>2</sup> was demonstrated on improved MOD CeO<sub>2</sub>/LZO buffers

# FY 2006 Plans

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- ❖ ORNL assistance to AMSC in manufacturing alloy substrates (4 cm wide by 100 m long) using the ORNL rolling mill facility with clean room
- ❖ **Improvement of RABiTS template and YBCO manufacturing process reliability through characterization of the individual layer properties**
- ❖ Development of improved buffer architectures focused on improved performance and/or reduced manufacturing cost
- ❖ **Evaluation and optimization of YBCO processing on 4 cm RABiTS templates**
  - ❖ **Self field  $I_c$  improvement in 0.8 – 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$  YBCO layers**
  - ❖ **Optimized pinning via nanoparticle addition**
- ❖ Demonstration of solution deposited buffer layers over 10 meter length with performance comparable to AMSC's standard  $\text{CeO}_2/\text{YSZ}/\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$  buffer architecture
- ❖ **Development of a reel-to-reel direct printing technology for striated YBCO films**
- ❖ Characterization and testing of 2G wires and wire products
  - ❖ 1T (at 77K) coil (contingent on funding availability)

# Research Integration

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- Regular weekly conference calls
- Frequent sample exchanges
- CRADA meetings
- Personnel exchange – use of ORNL rolling mill facilities for all the scale-up activities by AMSC staffs (once a month)
- Joint development of substrate/buffers, joint materials evaluation and testing
- Interacted with LANL through AMSC on YBCO evaluation studies
- Several joint publications and joint presentations
- Joint patent applications filed