

# Ultra-High Field Magnets at Bruker

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# Outline

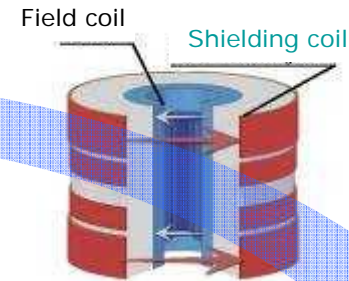
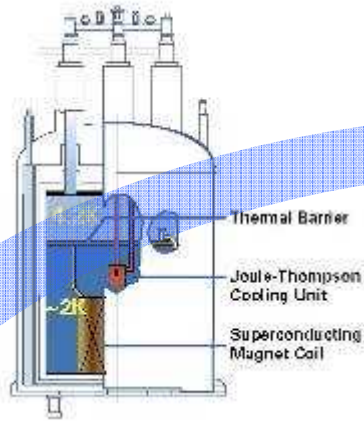


- Bruker Magnet Technologies
- Highest field Bruker magnets today
  - Aeon 1 GHz 54mm NMR magnet (23.5 T)
  - 21T / 11cm FTMS and MRI magnet
- Towards 1.1 GHz 89mm and 1.2 GHz 54mm persistent, high-resolution NMR magnets

# Key Bruker UHF Magnet Technologies

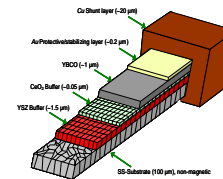


2K cooling

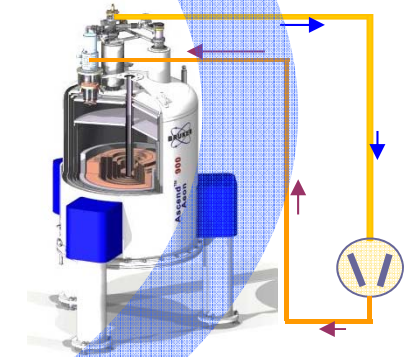


Active shielding  
(3<sup>rd</sup> generation)

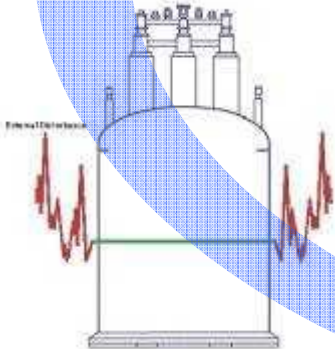
BEST™ Advanced  
Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Bronze & PIT  
LTS Superconductors



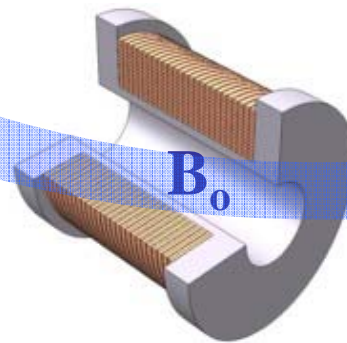
BEST HTS for UHF



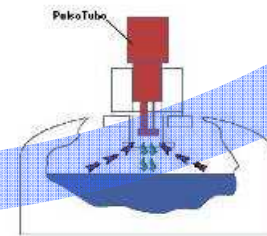
Active refrigeration  
Aeon™ magnets



Artifact suppression,  
External Influence  
Shielding (EIS™)



UHF Coil technology



Active cooling



## Bruker UHF Magnets Today- the state of the art:

- Actively shielded (3rd generation)
- Aeon closed loop cooling (LN2-free, no LHe boil-off)
- Persistent, homogeneous, ultra-stabilized



**Aeon 900** 54mm single-story NMR magnet



**Aeon 21 T** 11cm FTMS/MRI Magnet



**Aeon 1 GHz** 54mm NMR Magnet

# Bruker UHF Magnet Milestones



- 1992 First 750 MHz magnet
- 1995 First 800 MHz NMR magnet
- 1998 First 750 MHz wide bore magnet
- 2001 First 800 MHz actively shielded magnet
- 2004 First 850 MHz WB shielded magnet
- 2004 First 900 MHz shielded magnet
- 2006 First 800 MHz single-story shielded magnet
- 2006 First 950 MHz shielded magnet
- 2009 First 900 MHz WB shielded magnet
- 2009 First 850 MHz single-story shielded magnet
- 2009 First 1000 MHz magnet (unshielded)
- 2012 First Ascend Aeon 800 MHz WB magnet
- 2013 First Single-Story Aeon 900



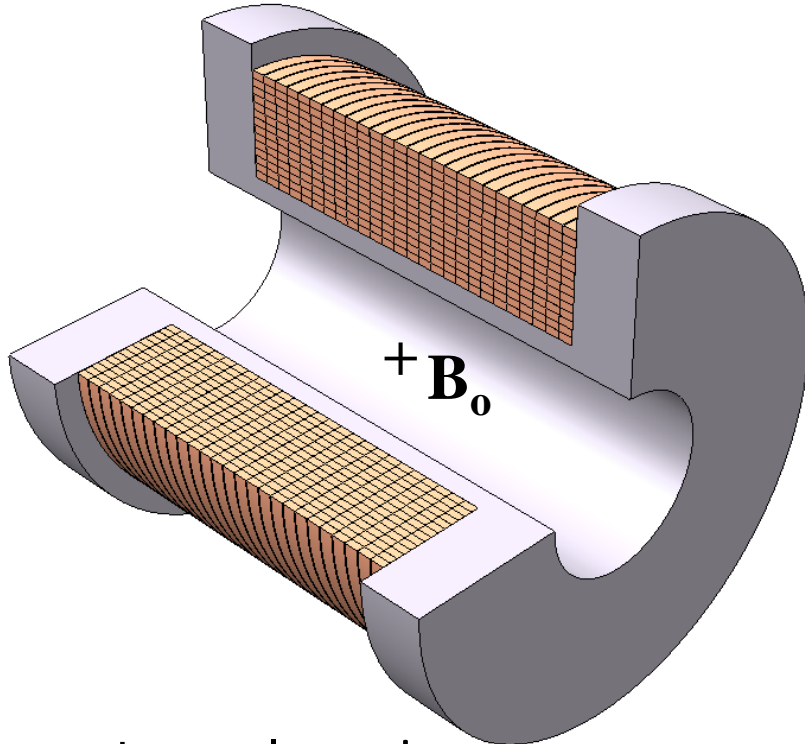
## Key UHF Technologies:

High current designs and rectangular NbTi, Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn and PIT proprietary BEST™ superconductors



### High current design

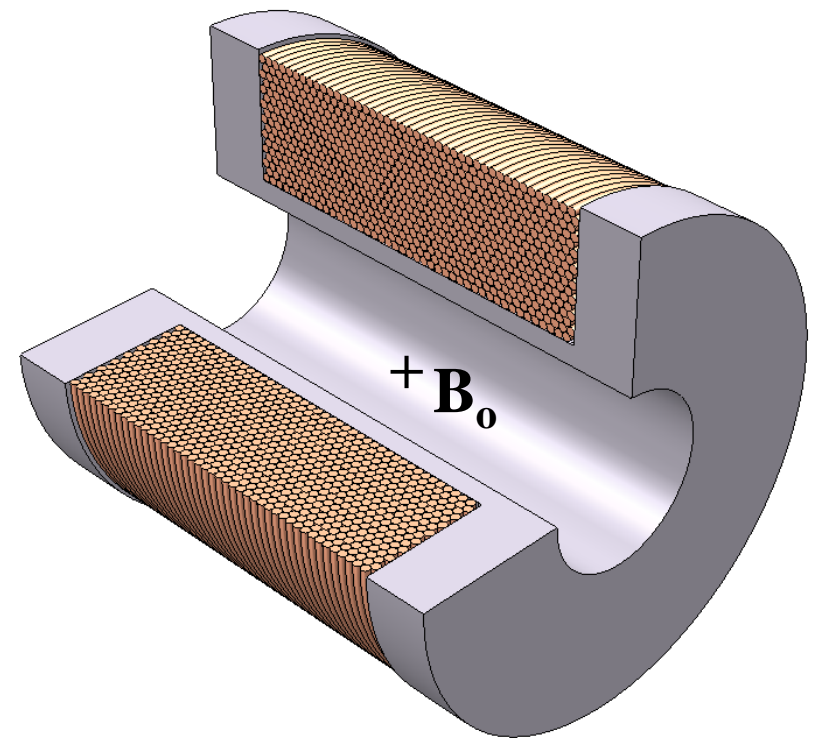
$$I_M = 2 \cdot I_o$$



- rectangular wire
- conductor area = 4 mm<sup>2</sup>

### Low current design

$$I_M = I_o$$

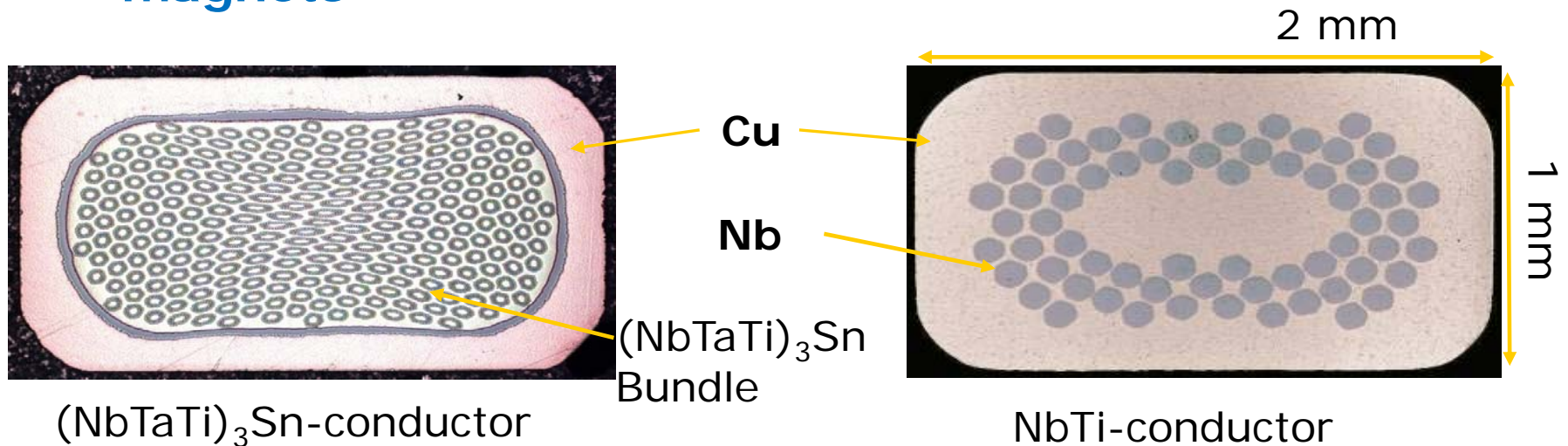


- round wire
- conductor area = 2 mm<sup>2</sup>

# Advantages of Rectangular UHF LTS



- Higher current results in larger wire cross sections
- Better winding chamber filling factor
- Less insulation material in winding chamber
- Better control of forces
- Enables highest fields
- Enables smaller magnets & **smaller outserts for HTS magnets**

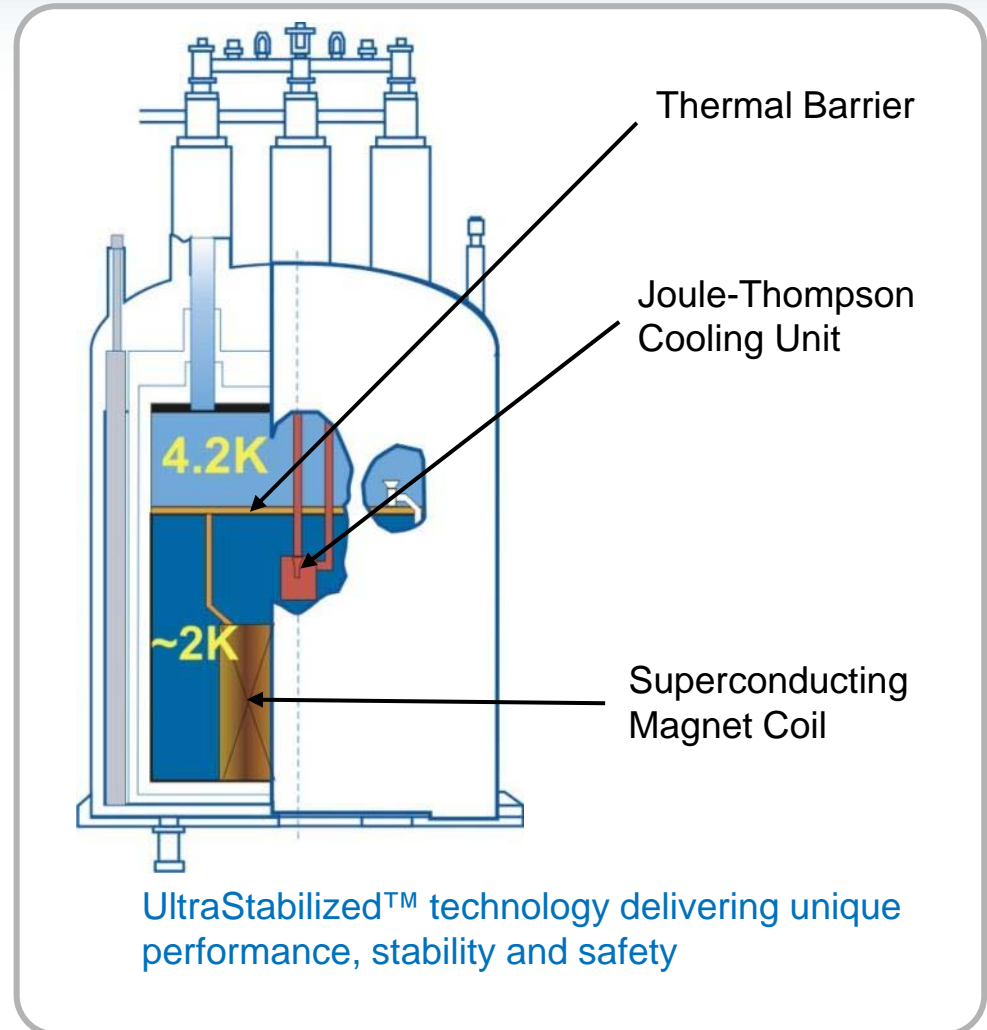




# UltraStabilized™ 2 Kelvin Sub-cooling: used today for 850 MHz to 1.2 GHz



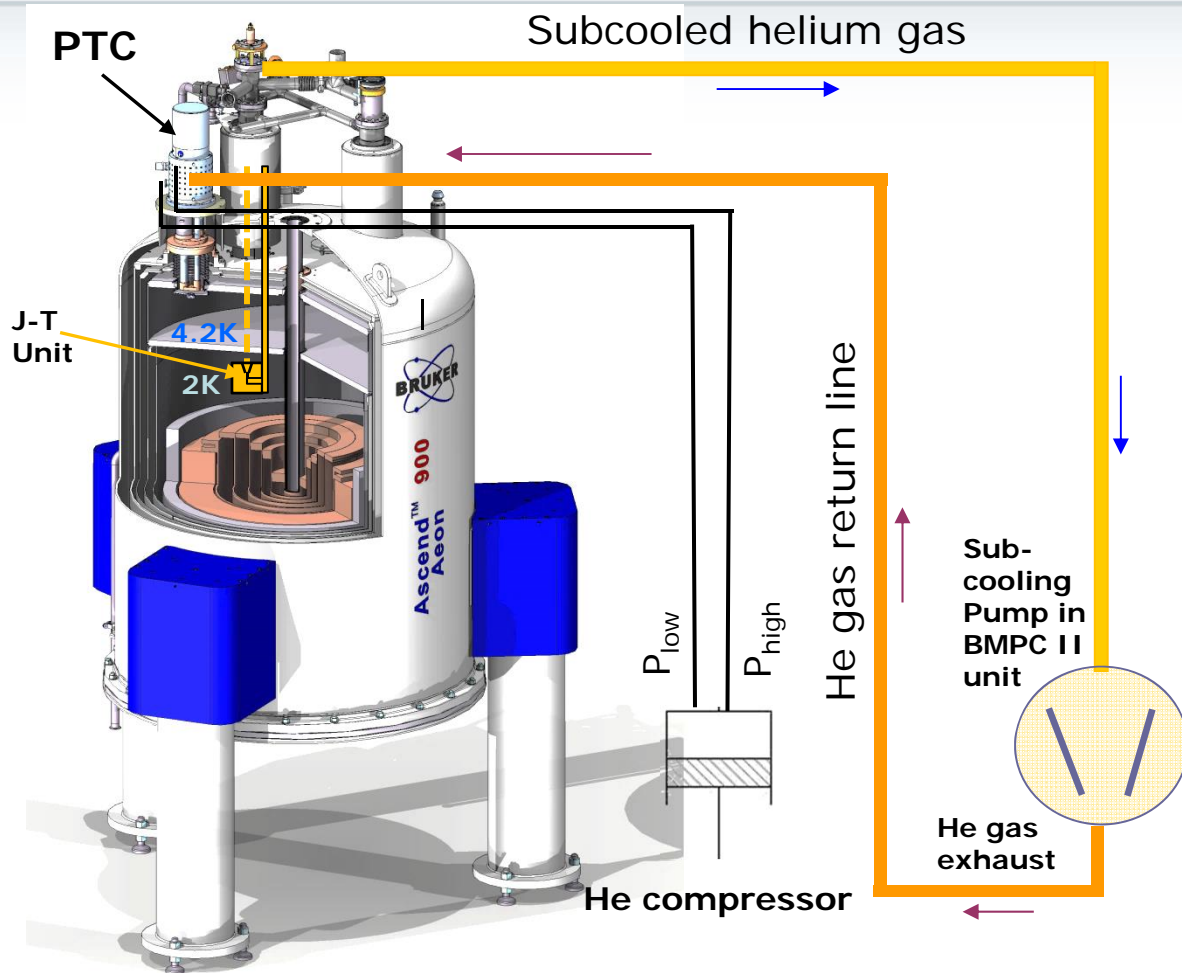
- Long term stable magnet
- Highest field strengths
- Increased magnet stability
- Higher safety margins
- Lowest drift rates
- Easy helium refills
- **Compatible with new Aeon™ & HTS technologies**
- Patented technology
- Pioneered by Bruker
- Proven track record
- Over 230 systems installed





# Aeon Active-Refrigeration: no compromise on High-Resolution NMR Performance

*He-Re-Liquefaction for 2K sub-cooled magnets*



- Sub-cooled LHe bath at same pressure of 1.05 bar as the 4.2K bath
- Low pressure (below 30 mbar) limited to the JT cooling unit maintained by pumping
- He gas exhausted from the pump at room temperature and fed back to the PTC
- Recovered He gas *re-liquefied* by the PTC
- Thermal shield cooled by the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the PTC (N<sub>2</sub> free, no nitrogen vessel)

➔ **Cryogen consumption during normal operation is eliminated**

# New: Actively-Shielded Aeon 1 GHz NMR Magnet



- **1.0 GHz 54mm** actively-shielded magnet
  - Greatly reduced stray field: 5G < 3.6 m radially, vs. < 12 m non-shielded
- **Aeon** active-refrigeration technology
  - LN<sub>2</sub> free – no liquid nitrogen refills
  - Zero He consumption under normal operation (He hold time >1 year)
  - Annual service
- **Upcoming Customer Installations:**
  - University of Bayreuth - **delivered**
  - University of Toronto, Canada: Q2-16
  - Future capacity: **6-8 systems per year**
- **Main Applications:**
  - **Intrinsically Disordered Proteins**
  - **Structural Biology**
  - **Membrane Proteins, Aggregates**



# Sub-cooled UHF Horizontal Bore Magnets for MRI and FTMS



17.6T/25cm MRI magnet for Neurospin Saclay, France (2010)



**New:** 21 T/11cm FT-ICR magnet for NHMFL in Tallahassee, FL (2014)

# 21T MRI *Mouse Brain Imaging*

BioSpec® 210/11 with MRI CryoProbe™ at 21 Tesla



## 21 T / 11 cm MRI Magnet

- 2 K operation with He re-liquefaction
- Liquid Nitrogen free
- No He consumption under normal operation
- 2 year service interval

- Ultra-high resolution mouse brain imaging *in vivo*
- T<sub>2</sub>-weighted Turbo Spin Echo (RARE)
- High *in vivo* resolution  
(26 × 26 × 300) μm<sup>3</sup> acquired in 25 min



Acquisition details: RARE, 4 echoes, TR: 2000 ms, TE: 24 ms, FOV: (2.00 × 1.35) cm<sup>2</sup>, resolution: (26 × 26) μm<sup>2</sup>, slice thickness: 300 μm, scan time: 25:36 min



# Towards a 1.2 GHz 54mm NMR Magnet



Goals: **no compromise in NMR performance**  
*persistent, homogeneous, zero LHe consumption*

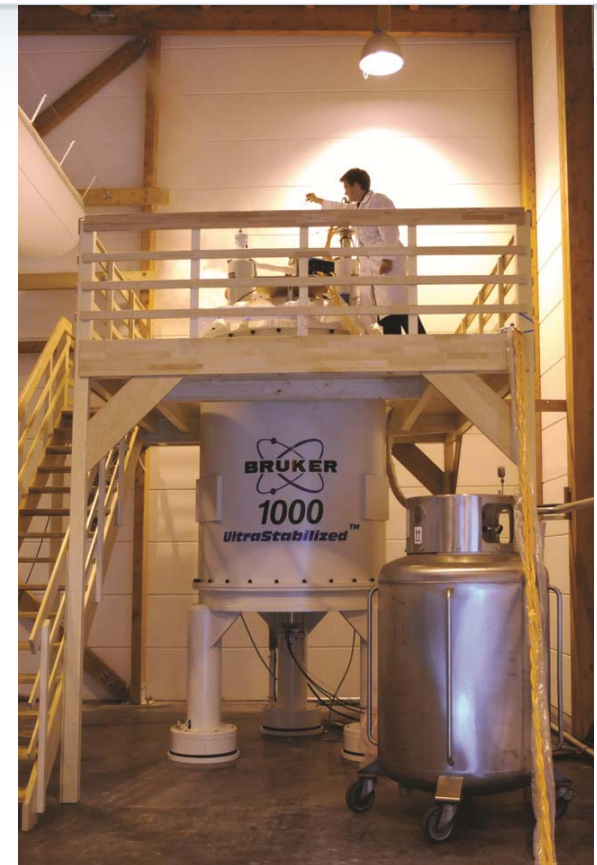
## High-Temp Superconductor Challenges:



- Highest critical currents at  $B > 23$  T  
High mechanical strength
- Reproducible, uniform properties along conductor length
- Stable properties over time at RT and 2 K
- **Long HTS lengths of many kilometers**

## 1.2 GHz (28.2 Tesla) Magnet Challenges:

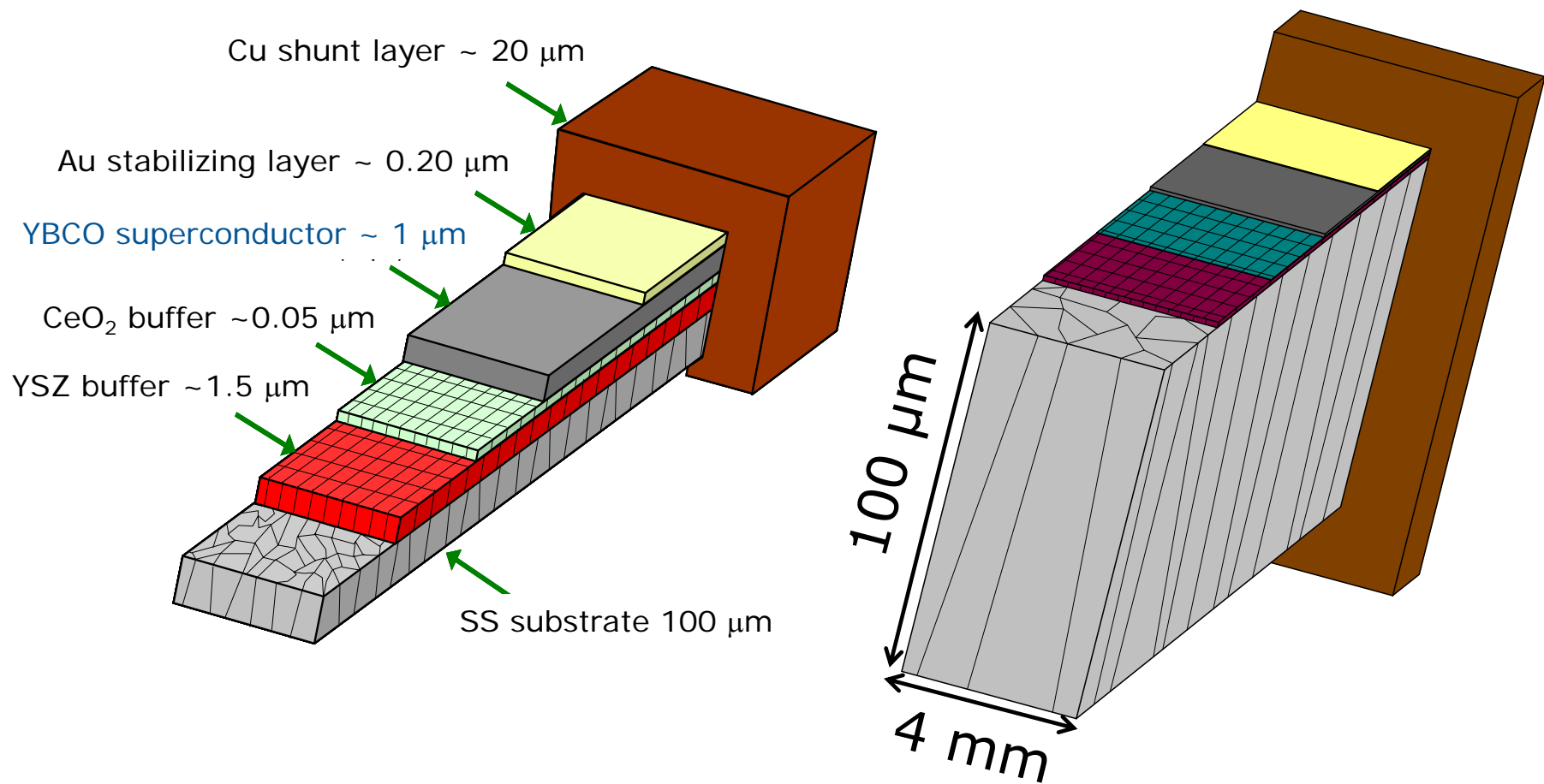
- Solenoid winding technology for tape conductors
- Shielding currents and influence on homogeneity
- Stable current distribution over time
- Stable properties under thermal cycling
- Quench protection
- Joint technology
- **Persistent Operation for low drift and to avoid enormous LHe consumption**
- **Small stray field, reasonable siting**



1 GHz (unshielded) Centre de RMN à Très Hauts Champs in Lyon, France

# Yttrium Barium Copper Oxide (YBCO) HTS

BEST (Bruker Energy & Supercon Technologies division, former 'Vakuumschmelze')



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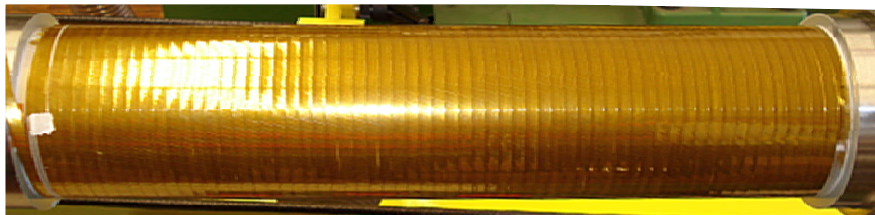
## *Recent Developments at Bruker*



### Exploration of YBCO properties:

We have conducted numerous tests of tape properties and of solenoid windings in LTS high-field outsert magnets to clarify:

- Tape properties
- Winding stability
- Force resistance
- Jointing
- Influence on homogeneity
- Reproducibility
- Quenching and protection



YBCO Test coil solenoid (28 layers)



28 layers



12 layers

# Results



- Proprietary YBCO tapes are suitable for >1 GHz UHF magnets
- Stable solenoid windings achieved as precondition for high-resolution NMR
- Shielding current issues can be addressed
- Quench concept allows safe quenching of HTS coils



Based on these results, final magnet design has been started



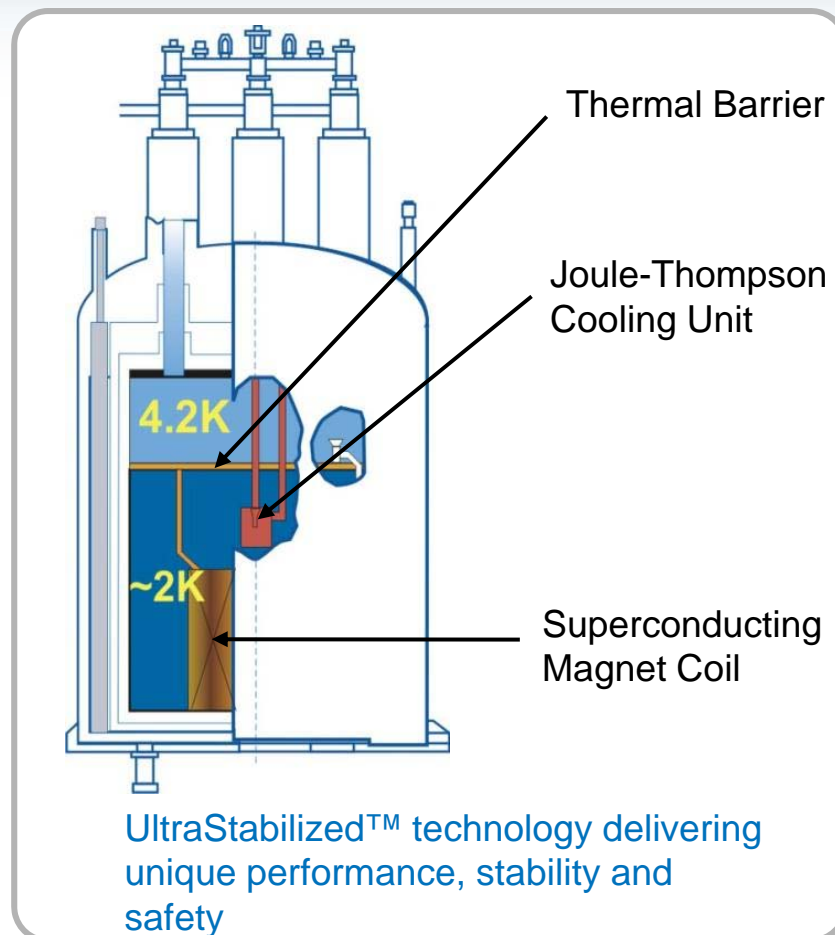
# Bruker 1.2 GHz 54mm NMR Magnet



- Magnet will have implemented all key Bruker LTS technologies  
Proprietary YBCO High-Temperature Superconductors (HTS) beyond 1 GHz

## → 1.2 GHz magnet design:

- **sub-cooled (2K)**
- **actively shielded**
- **actively cooled (Aeon)**
- **persistent**
  
- **First delivery expected in 2017**
- **Production rate of 4-6 magnets p.a. expected by 2018**



→ **No compromise in high resolution NMR performance**

# 1.2 GHz Magnet Design

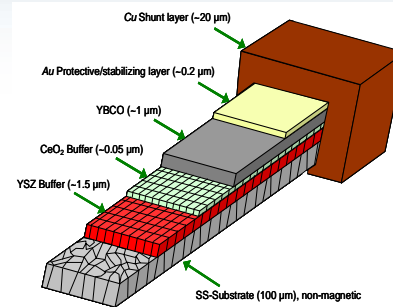
(current status)



- Magnet will be reasonably sized and will only be slightly larger than 1 GHz
- Magnet will be actively-shielded
- Stray field (5 G): < 4.3 m radial
- Minimum ceiling height: < 6.5 m
- Containing no liquid nitrogen
- Aeon technology for He re-liquefaction
- No liquid He-consumption during normal operation
- No special siting issues expected

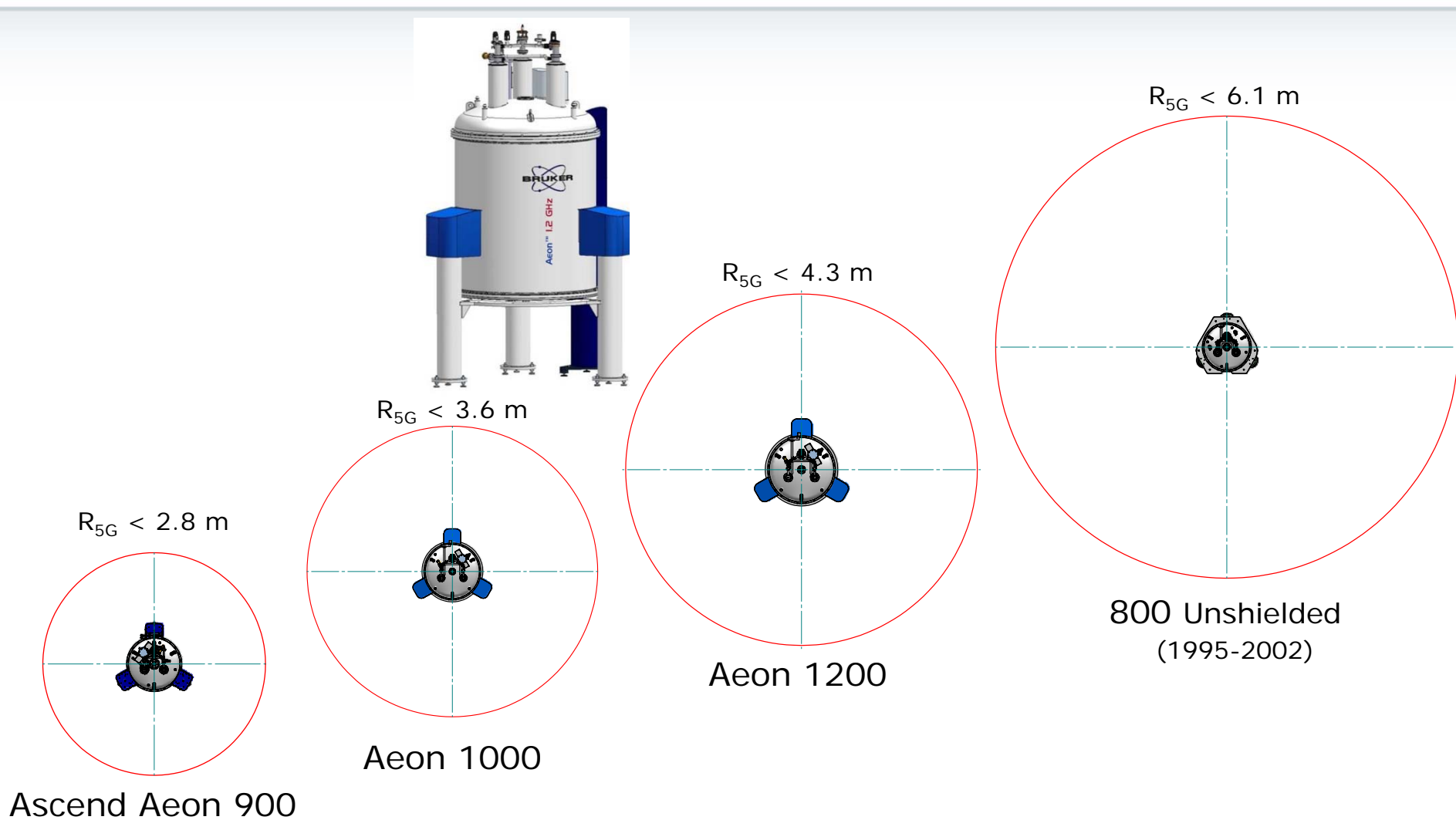
# 1.1 GHz WB Magnet Design

(current status)



- 89 mm RT bore  
Very similar to 1.2 GHz, except for inner sections
- Same size and stray field as 1.2 GHz
- Actively shielded and actively refrigerated
- Aeon technology with 1 year service interval

# Aeon 1.2 GHz Stray Field: 5 Gauss line → active shielding for reasonable siting

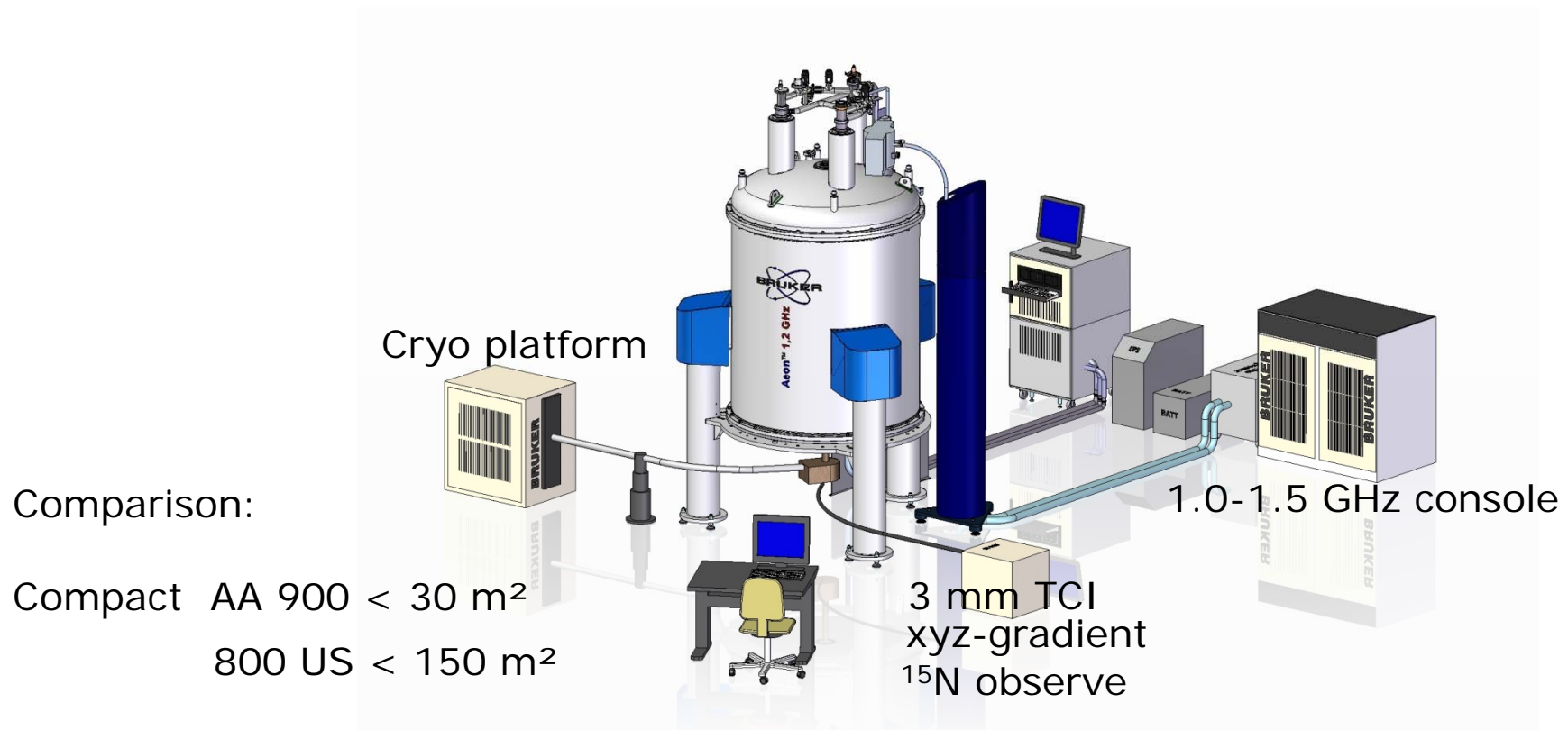




# Aeon 1.2 GHz with Cryoprobe (or 111 kHz MAS probe): *siting example*



Space requirement: < 70 m<sup>2</sup>

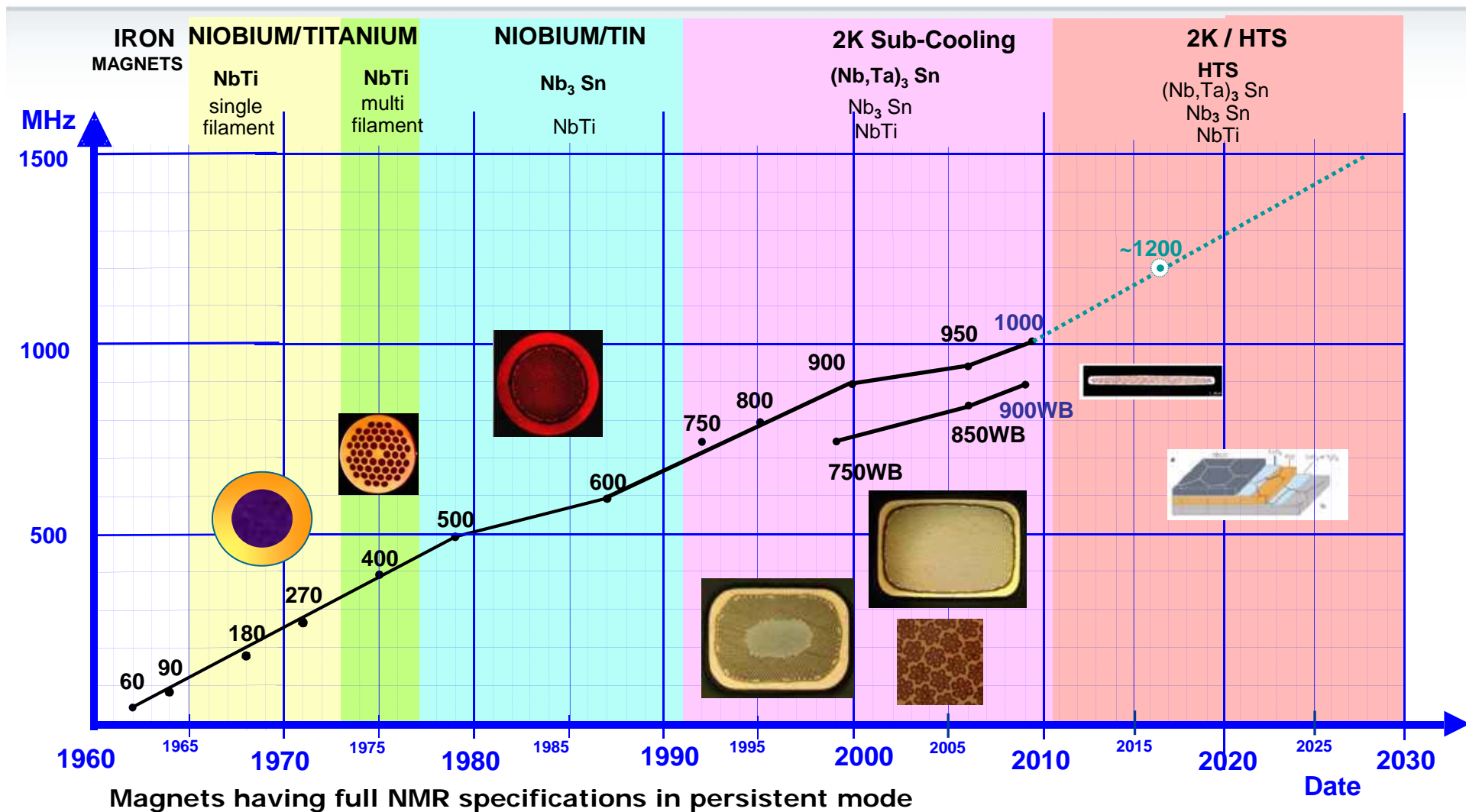


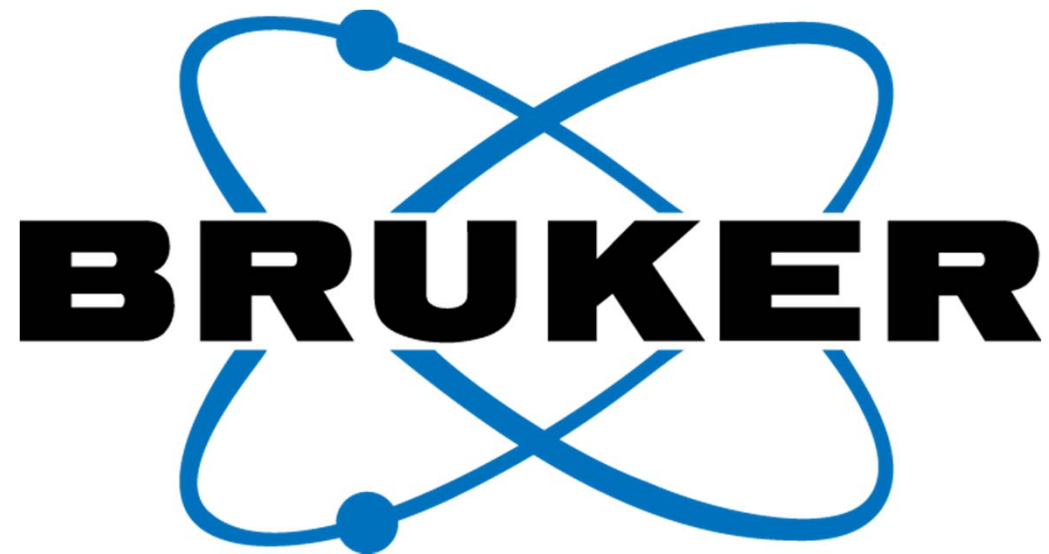
**No special siting issues expected for Aeon 1.2 GHz HR NMR!**

# High Field NMR Milestones



Empirical Law: 5 years per 100 MHz step





Innovation with Integrity