

LTS and HTS super conductor status and  
future – session 9 comments

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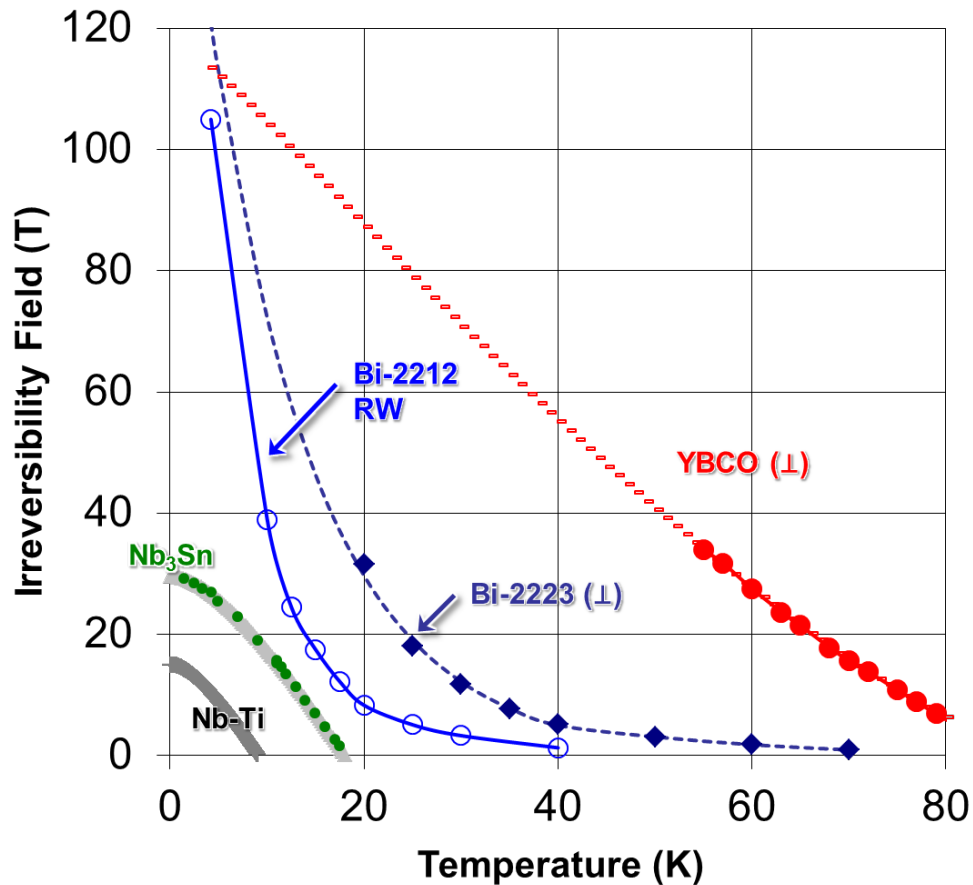
Ultrahigh Field NMR and MRI Workshop

Session 9: Development of LTS and HTS Magnet  
Technologies in MRI and NMR

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**Addendum to my talk in session 1 on November 12, 2015**

# HTS supplies 3-4x higher $H_{c2}$ or $H_{irr}$

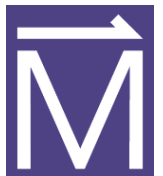


Bruker ready to deliver the 1.2 GHz version with HTS extender, persistent and recondenser cryogen-free starting in 2018.

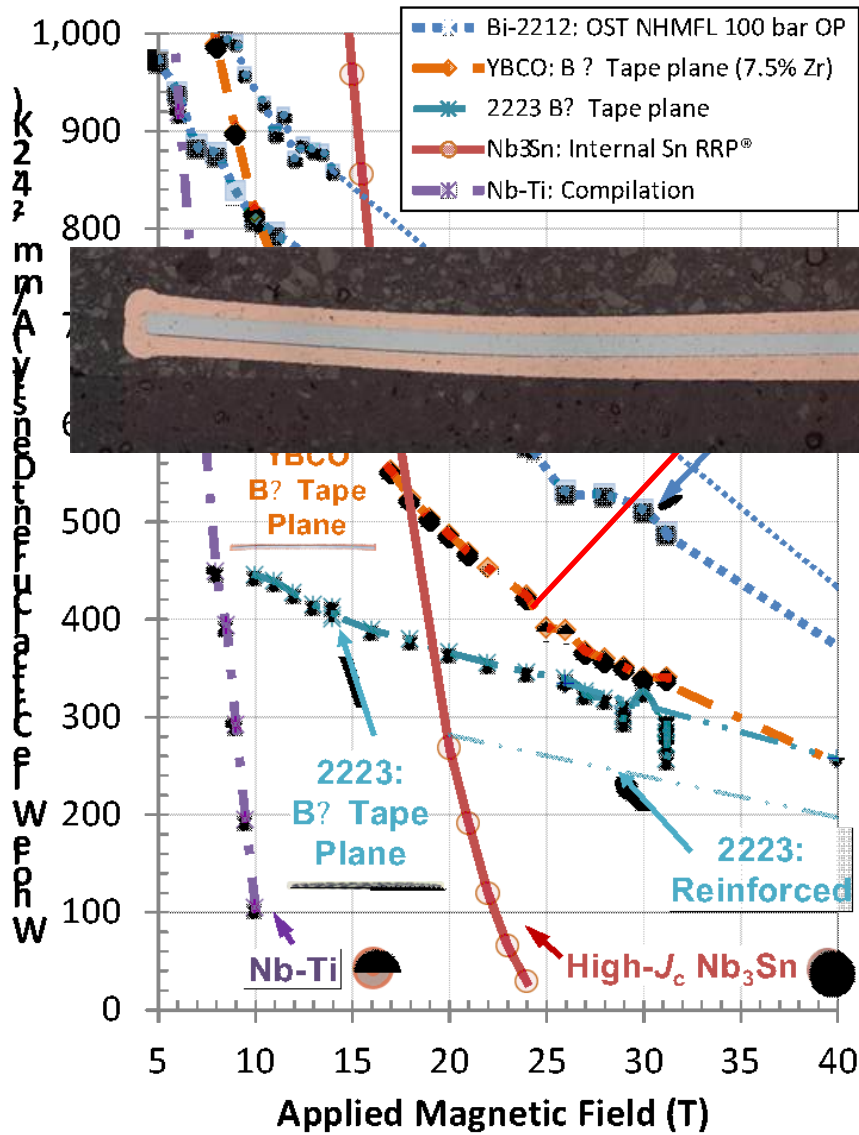


The  $H_{c2}$  limit of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn is swept away!  
3-4 GHz now conceivable!

State of the art 1 GHz Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn NMR magnet in Lyon, France in persistent state at 23T



# Excellent engineering current densities: what further prospects? REBCO



## SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR REBCO

- Huge upside for increase in  $J_e$  for REBCO if thicker films can be grown – now 1-2

driven by promise of electric utility applications – increasingly uncertain – can magnets support REBCO?

- Wind off the delivery spool – very strong

## SOME THREATS FOR REBCO

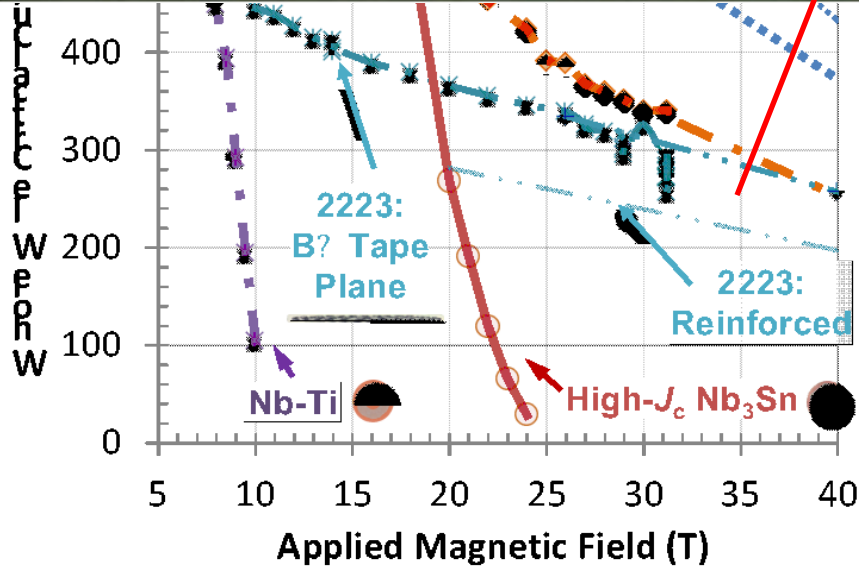
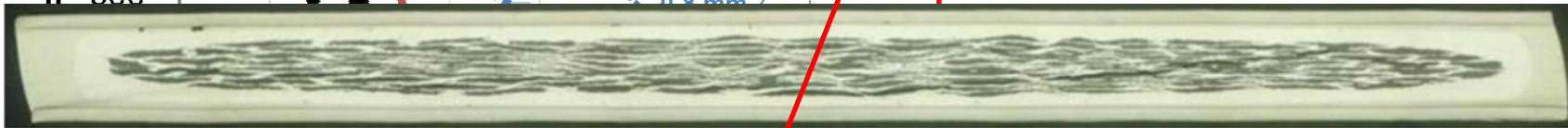
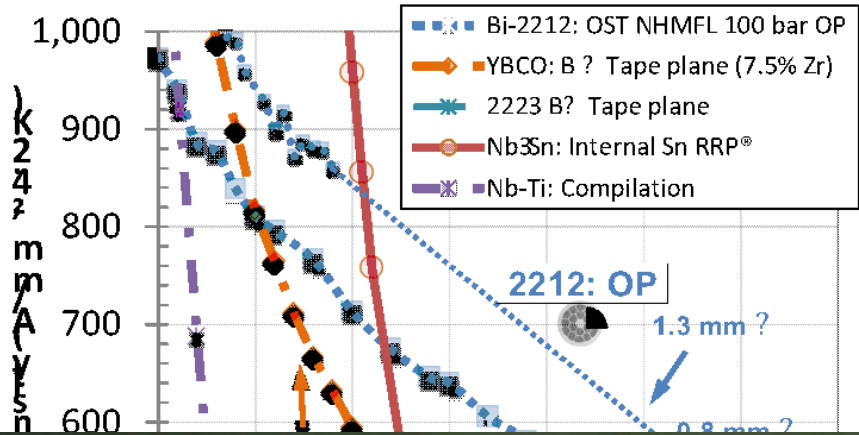
- Loss of electric utility applications drives companies from the field
- Large magnetizations seriously compromise field quality
- Need for perfection over km lengths cannot be achieved

Master plot kept up by Peter Lee

**1 excellent US manufacturer (3-4 others world wide)**



# Excellent engineering current densities: what further prospects? Bi-2223



## SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2223

- Strong 2223 (NX) opens up the UHF magnet market – wind direct off the spool
- A new market for UHF magnets prompts fabrication of more versatile

## SOME THREATS FOR 2223

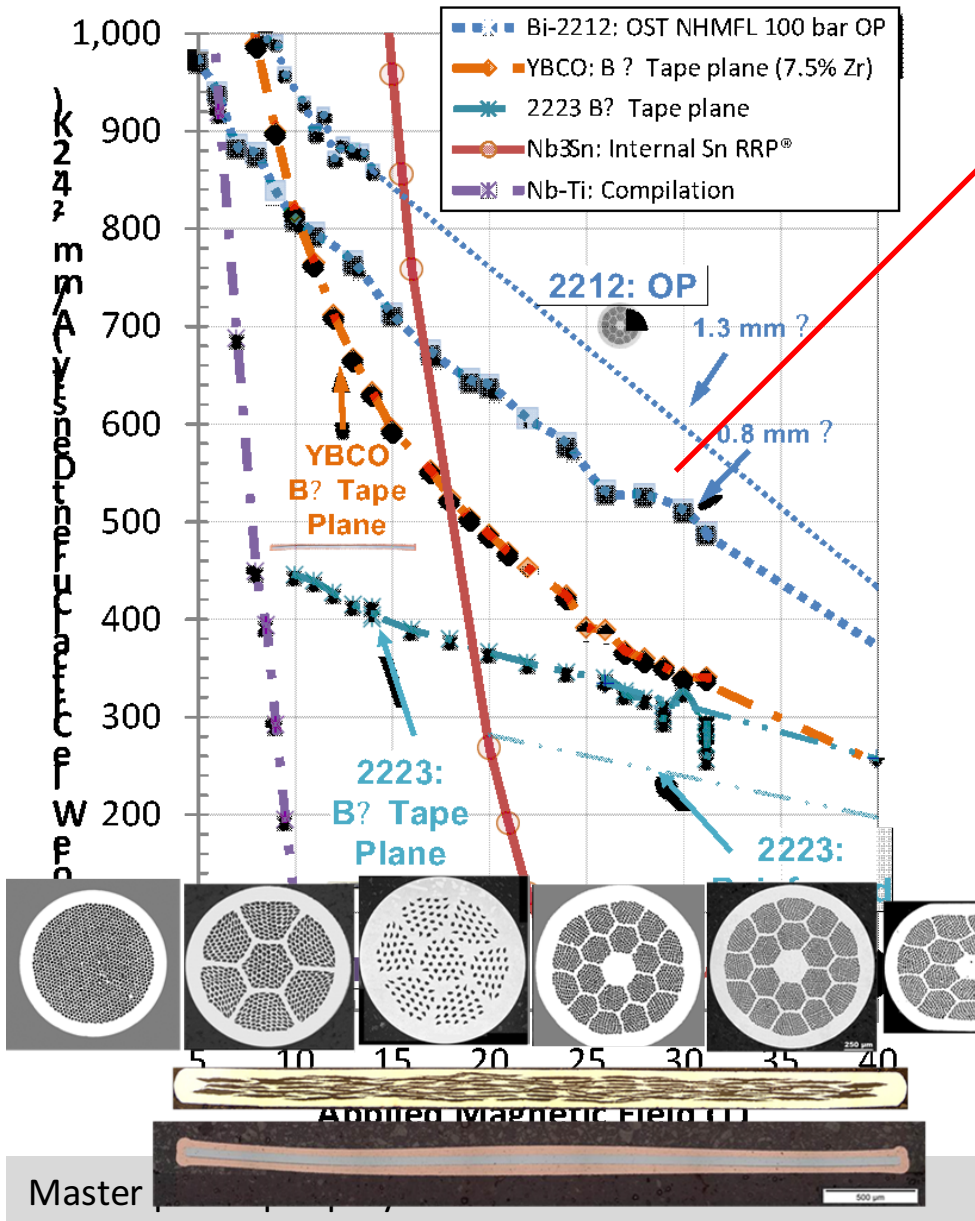
- Loss of electric utility applications drives their core business away (2223 often beats out REBCO for utility demonstrations) – why stay in the field for magnets?
- Superconducting performance is mature and needs a refresh
- One size, one  $I_c(H)$  does not allow grading

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1 excellent Japanese manufacturer only



# Excellent engineering current densities: what further prospects? Bi-2212



## SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR ROUND WIRE 2212

- The first round HTS conductor – twisted, filamentary, with excellent stabilizer conductivity
- Made on standard production lines used for Nb-Ti and Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn – production flexibility
- Multiple architectures suitable allow graded coils – already at single piece lengths of 2 km at 0.8 mm dia.

## SOME THREATS FOR 2212

- Production is easy, utilization is hard
- 50-100 bar overpressure at almost 900 C needed, insulation process too (NHMFL has both capabilities)
- Strengthening expected but may not be practically or economically feasible

**1 excellent US manufacturer  
(easy to replicate)**





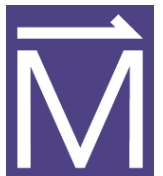
# Key points: conductors

- We have 3 good HTS conductors today – we should use all 3 ASAP to understand their tradeoffs - merits and drawbacks
- No magnet is ever better than its conductor!
- No HTS conductor is yet at Nb-Ti or Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn maturity (length, uniformity, cost)
- We have blasted through the H<sub>c2</sub> limit of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn – more subtle but real limits of stress, quench and cost are present and still challenge us!
- UHF NMR cannot support a major HTS conductor market by itself! (Risk of losing REBCO and 2223)

## Conclusions:

We have all-superconducting magnets that have broken the LTS magnet record and a commercial supplier ready to deliver 2018

Let's go hard, go big now (Bruker 1.2 GHz – let's go for 1.4-1.6 GHz as precursor for 2 GHz)



*High Field Magnet Technology in  
the US*

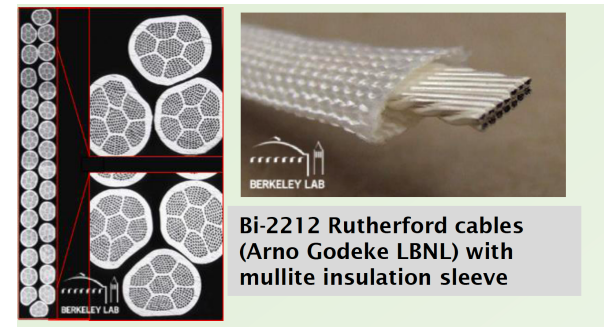
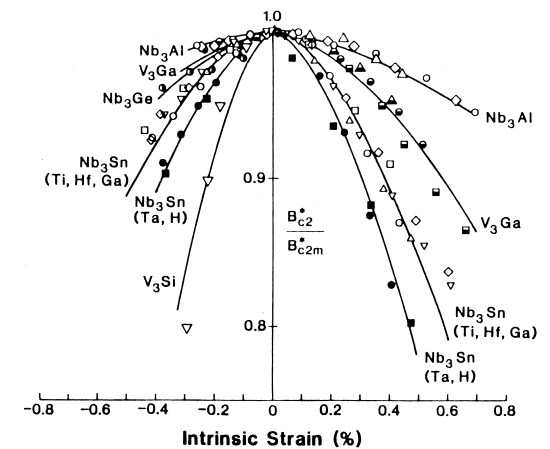
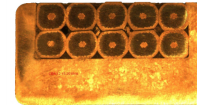
# Large Scale, High Field

- NHMFL
  - Hybrid magnets
  - SC outsert, 500 mm, 13-14 T
- HEP
  - NbTi dipoles to 9 T
  - Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn dipoles and quads to ~14 T
  - Bi2212 Rutherford Cable Development
- Fusion
  - 12-13 T, Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn, bore size of meters
  - REBCO Tape Conductors



# Large Bore High Field Technology

- High currents
  - Multistrand (or tape )
  - Resistive joints/terminations?
  - Cryogenic losses in current leads
  - Power supply driven
    - Stability and ripple
- Very High Forces and Stresses
  - Strain limits on superconductor
  - Structure integration with windings
- High Stored Energy
  - Quench detection
  - Quench Protection
- Many unknowns remain in using large scale HTS conductors in large magnets
- R&D should begin now of MRI





# Round Table Discussion Session 9:

*Development of LTS and HTS Magnet Technologies in MRI and NMR: Roadmap*

*Science Drivers for Ultrahigh Field NMR*

**Discussion leader:** T Budinger

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**Discussion of Science Drivers for Ultrahigh Field NMR:**

A McDermott

1:30 – 3:15 pm Friday Nov 13

**Structural, Molecular, Cell and Chemical Biology:**  
Understanding and manipulating key players in disease, neuroscience, development, and aging: IMP, amyloids, cytoskel. assemblies, viruses and infectious agents, IDP, immunology and cancer, metabolomics, drug metabolism.....

**Materials Science, Energy, and Catalysis, Bioengineering and the Environment:**  
In situ studies of structure and mechanism : Optimizing new materials, developing strategies for environmental stewardship



## *Key enabling techniques have a profound effect on the scope of knowledge:*

*NMR and MRI, New Optical Methods, Xray Diffraction, Cryo EM.*

*Optimal integration of the techniques leverages each one.*

*NMR is unique in its integration of dynamical and structural information at a detailed molecular level: “it puts the molecular in molecular sciences.” For this a broad range of field strengths is essential.*

*NMR is powerful because of the scope of conditions that are suitable, including the possibility of in situ and in vivo studies. Many players are expected to have emergent properties in the appropriate environment.*

## Representative Proteins Relevant Conditions



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Sakakibara, D. *Nature* **458**, 102-105 (2009).



# *In Situ Materials Science*

## A Sea Change in NMR at 1.5 GHz:

Most elements/isotopes that are very important for life, for materials, happen to be quadrupolar. The range from ca. 800 to 1.5 GHz will literally transform these components from being invisible to being high value reporters.

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# Quadrupolar Nuclei and UHF

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<sup>27</sup>Al MAS spectra of aluminoborate  
 $9\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$

Transformational role of ultrahigh field: at 40 T, second order quadrupolar broadening and shift are diminished; the line width is mainly due to field drift

# $^{15}\text{N}$ - detected 2D TROSY of a 70 kDa protein at 800 MHz

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# Benefit of UHF in $^{13}\text{C}$ MAS NMR

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11.7, 17.6 and 21.1 Tesla 500, 750, 900 MHz: Resolution in the C-C region increases by 42% for DsbA

**High Resolution NMR Spectroscopy of Nanocrystalline Proteins at Ultra-High Magnetic Field**

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# UHF $^1\text{H}$ MAS NMR: High Throughput

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## Rapid Proton-Detected NMR Assignment for Proteins with Fast Magic Angle Spinning

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## • *Development of a Roadmap, Some Considerations*

- The many driving scientific problems : concise, legible, and compelling to nonscientists that have a vetted funding base, indeed we should show/argue the funding base should be highly leveraged by the instrumentation. The importance of these problems as well as the role of NMR should have endorsement from outside our community.
- The dramatic (superlinear) benefit of UHF for resolution and detection sensitivity : quantitation, data , predictions, and clearly explain the transformative impacts on scope of science and emergent phenomena.
- A “short list” of specific instruments with specific scientific rationale.
- Governance and Practical Implementation issues that need to be agreed on:, business model , funding model, criteria for siting selection, management of access and time allocation, cooperation with other facilities and outreach, travel facilitation, training and remote access.