# Critical Current Limiting Factors in Post Annealed (Bi,Pb)<sub>2</sub>Sr<sub>2</sub>Ca<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>x</sub> Tapes

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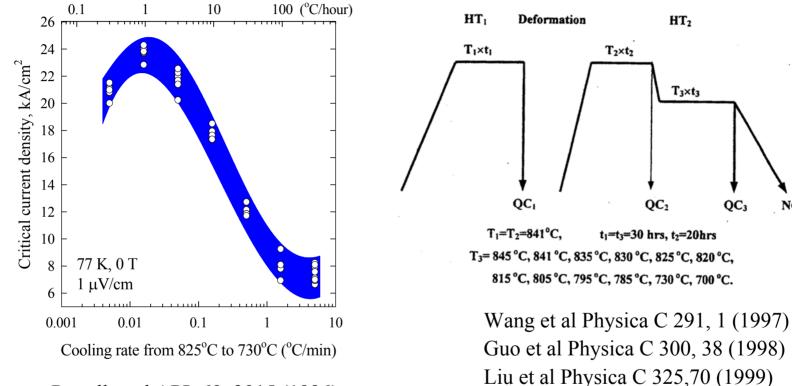


# Outline

- Post anneal procedures
- Effects of Post anneal
  - •Critical current density  $J_{\rm c}$
  - Microstructure
  - •Characteristic field  $H_p$
  - Bi-2212 intergrowths
- Summary



## Slow cooling or two step HT improves $J_c$



Parrell et al APL 69, 2915 (1996)

Li et al, US Patent 5798318 (1998)

HT<sub>2</sub>

T<sub>3×t<sub>3</sub></sub>

QC<sub>3</sub>

NC

QC<sub>2</sub>

t1=t3=30 hrs, t2=20hrs

T<sub>2</sub>×t<sub>2</sub>

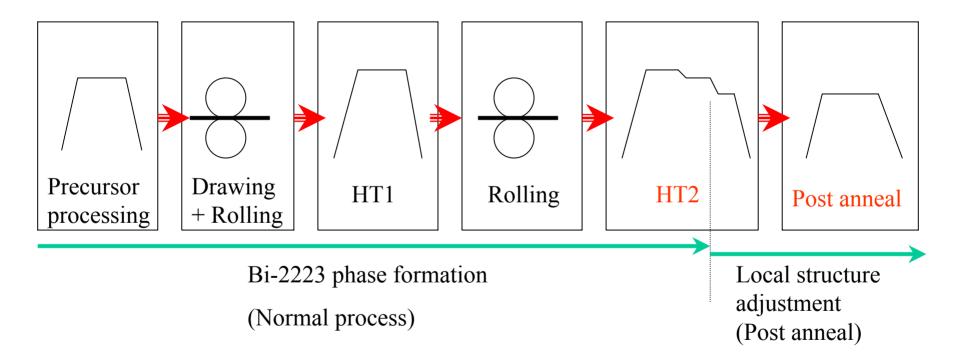
Deformation



Previous Ideas: Reduced residual liquid or 2201=>Increased  $J_c$ 

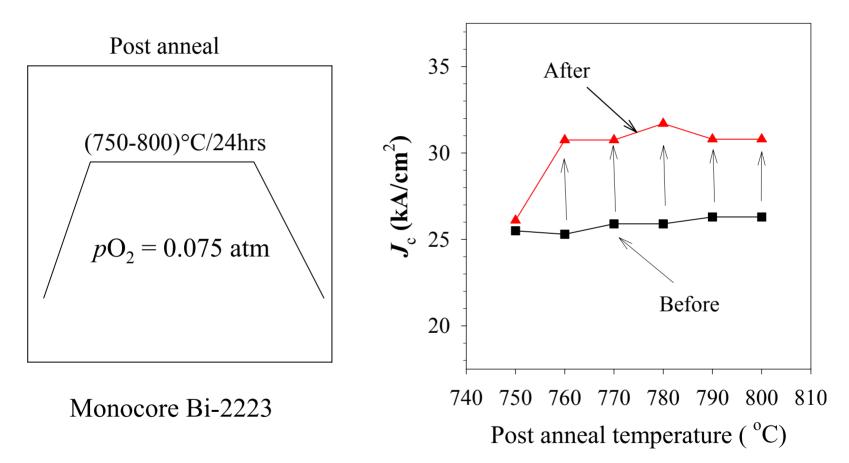
## Bi-2223 processing procedure

#### Monofilament Tapes



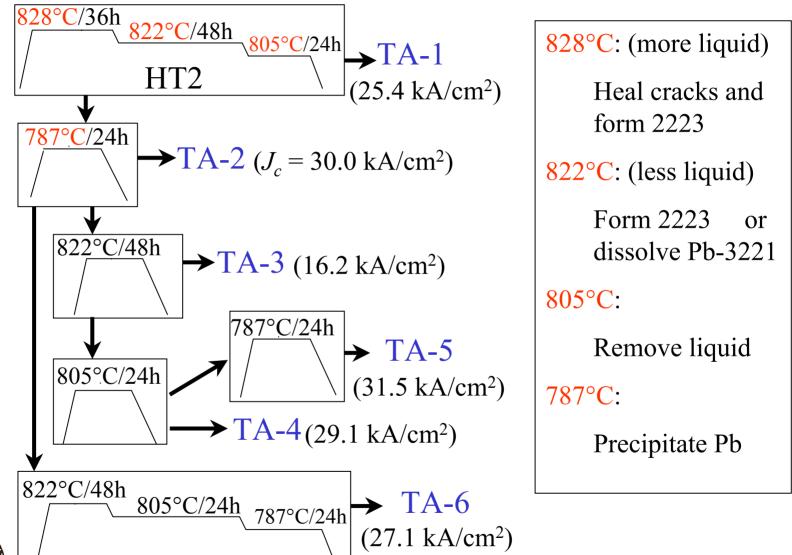


## Post anneal improves $\mathcal{J}_c$





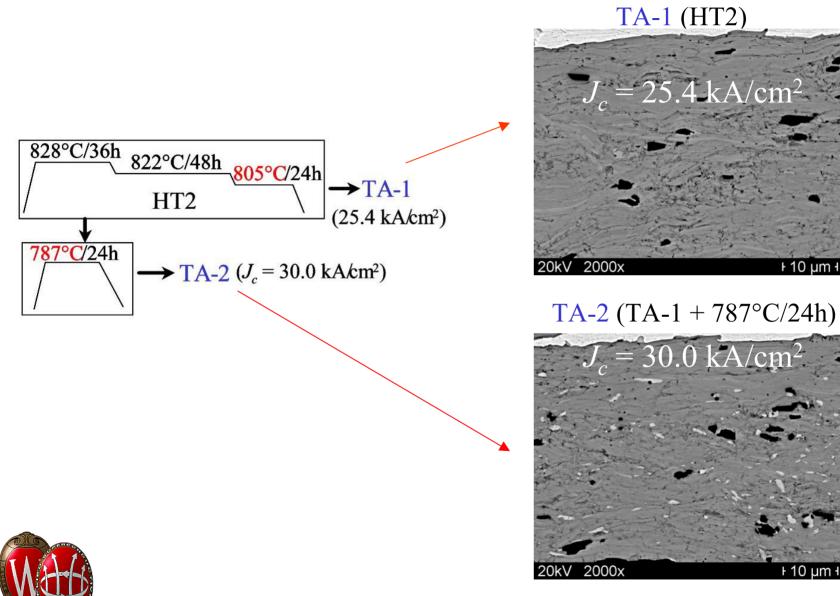
## Post anneal HT procedures and $J_c$



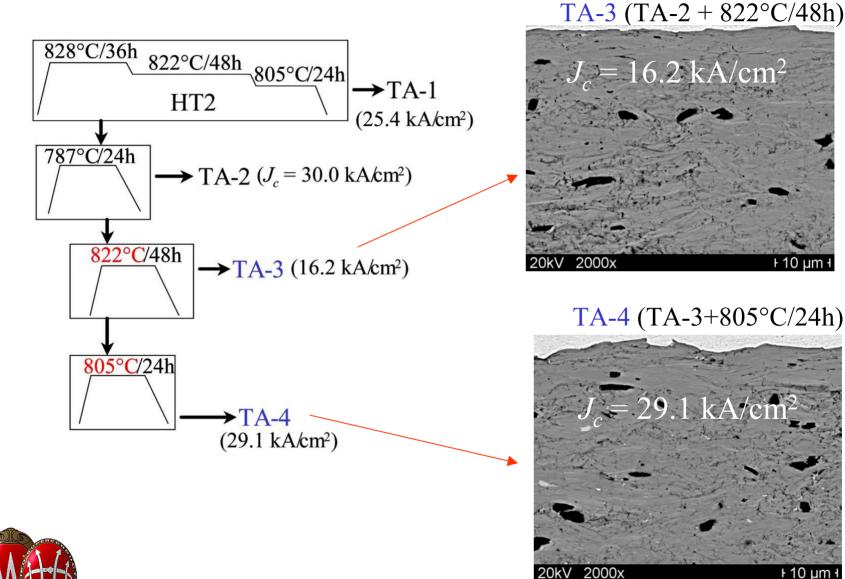


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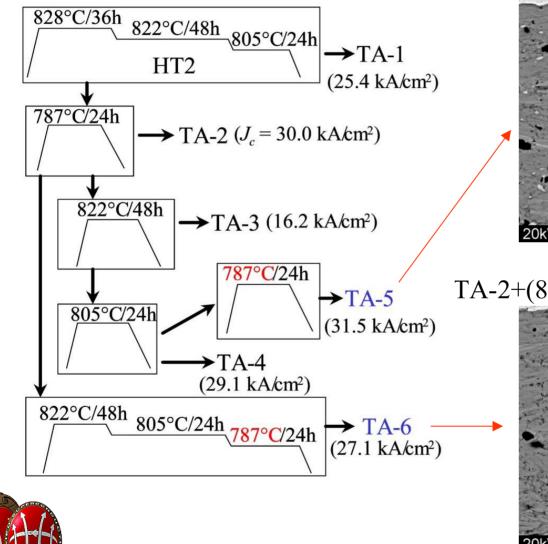
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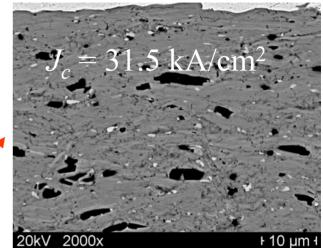
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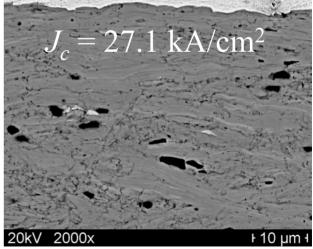
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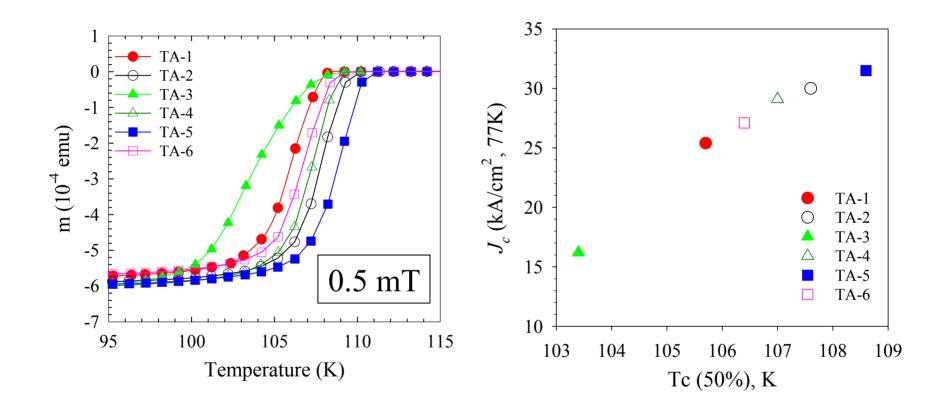
#### TA-5 (TA-4+787°C/24h)



#### TA-6 TA-2+(822C/48h+805C/24h+787C/24h)



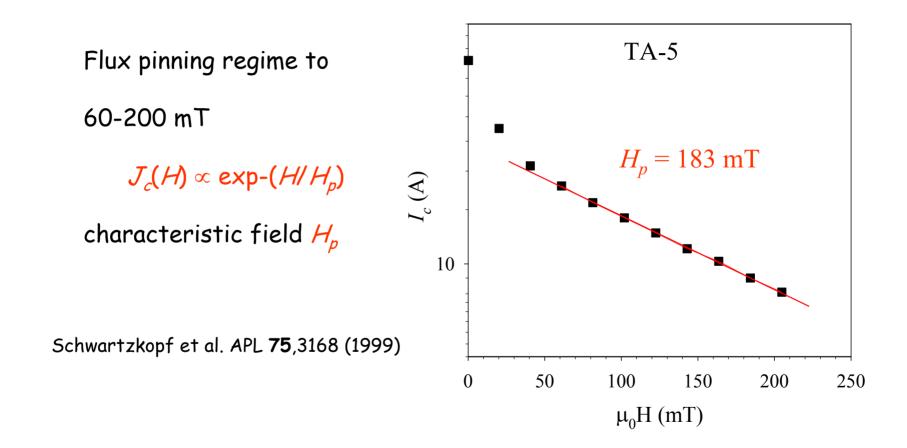
## Tc varies with post anneal, and correlates to $J_c$





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## Definition of characteristic field $H_p$





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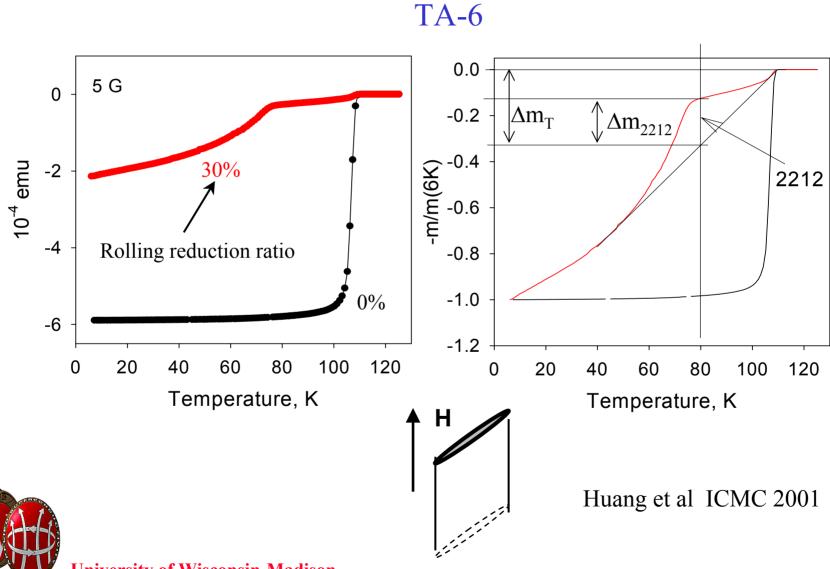
## $J_c$ , $H_p$ are both controlled by $T_c$

Таре	Last HT	$J_c(0), kA/cm^2$	J <sub>c</sub> (0.1T), kA/cm <sup>2</sup>	$H_p$ , mT	<i>T<sub>c</sub></i> (50%), ]	К
TA-5	787°C	31.5	9.9	183	108.6	More
TA-2	787°C	30.0	8.8	180	107.6	Pb-3221
TA-4	805°C	29.1	8.5	179	107.0	
TA-6	787°C	27.1	7.6	171	106.4	
<b>TA-</b> 1	805°C	25.4	6.8	163	105.7	
TA-3	822°C	16.2	3.7	126	103.4	

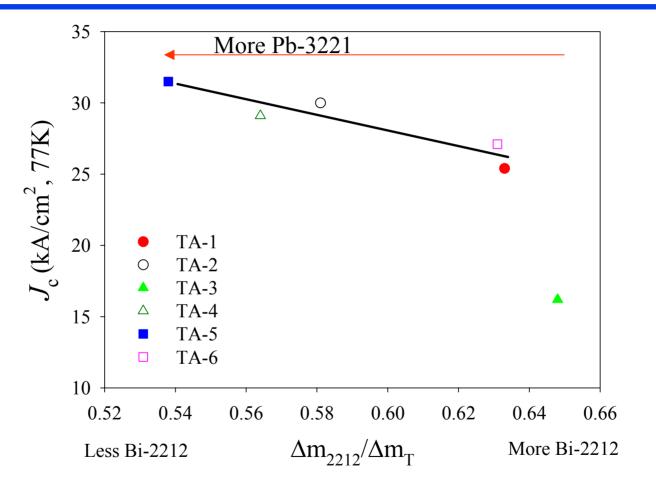
Are Bi-2212 intergrowths the cause of  $T_c$  variation or does Pb precipitating from Bi-2223 increase  $T_c$ ?



## Bi-2212 is revealed by rolling the tape



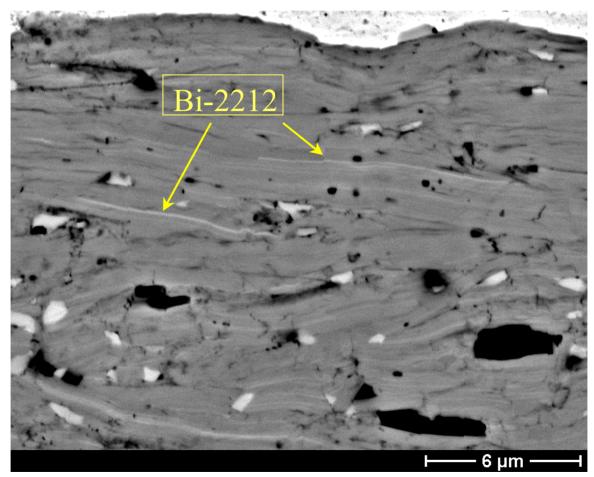
# Bi-2212 content varies with post anneal, and correlates to $J_c$





## SEM shows Bi-2212

#### TA-5, $J_c = 31.5 \text{ kA/cm}^2$





- Raising  $T_c$  and minimizing 2212 are decisive factors for  $J_c$ 
  - Strong correlation between  $T_c$  and  $J_c$
  - $J_{\rm c}$  is raised as Bi-2212 intergrowth is lessened
- Post anneal at 787°C benefits  $T_c$ ,  $H_p$  and  $J_c$ 
  - Midpoint  $T_c$  is raised from 103 to 109K by post annealing
- Post anneal at 787°C precipitates Pb from Bi-2223 phase
  - Microstructure looks worse but  $J_c$  and  $T_c$  are raised
- HT finishing at 822°C is really detrimental for  $J_c$ ,  $T_c$  and  $H_p$



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