

R&D

# High Gradient Cavities

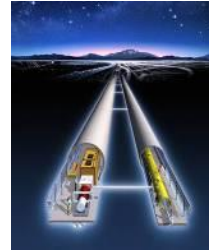


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French IRFU Collisioner Days. CEA Saclay, November 27-29th 2013

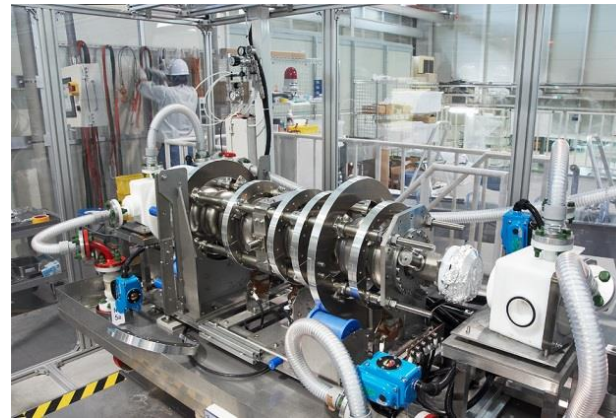
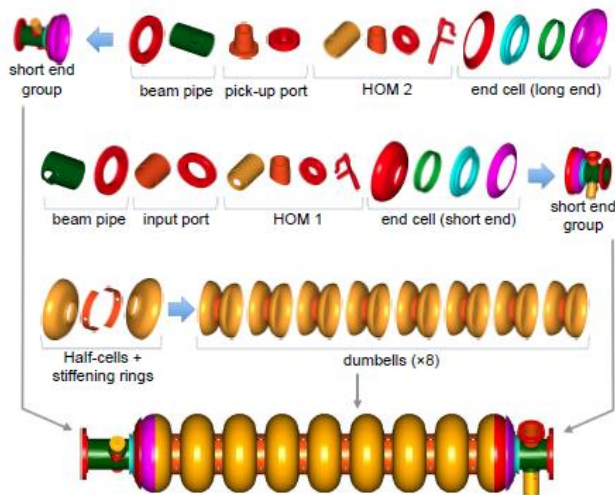
- Context
- ILC/S0 achievements
- Worldwide R&D activities
- High gradient R&D activities at CEA/IRFU

- ILC: ~16000 Superconductive Niobium cavities > 31.5 MV/m  
= cost driver
- Challenging performance
- Requires a worldwide effort



**Table 2.1**  
The main goals and timeline for SCRF R&D established at the beginning of the Technical Design Phase

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>S0:</b> Cavity gradient at 35 MV/m in vertical test	→ yield 50%		→ yield 90%			
<b>S1:</b> Cavity string at average gradient of 31.5 MV/m in cryomodule	Global effort for string assembly and test					
<b>S2:</b> System test with beam acceleration including high- and low-level RF	FLASH at DESY, ASTA/NML at FNAL, STF2 at KEK					
<b>Industrialisation:</b> Study and preparation for industrial production of SCRF cavities and cryomodules			Production technology R&D			

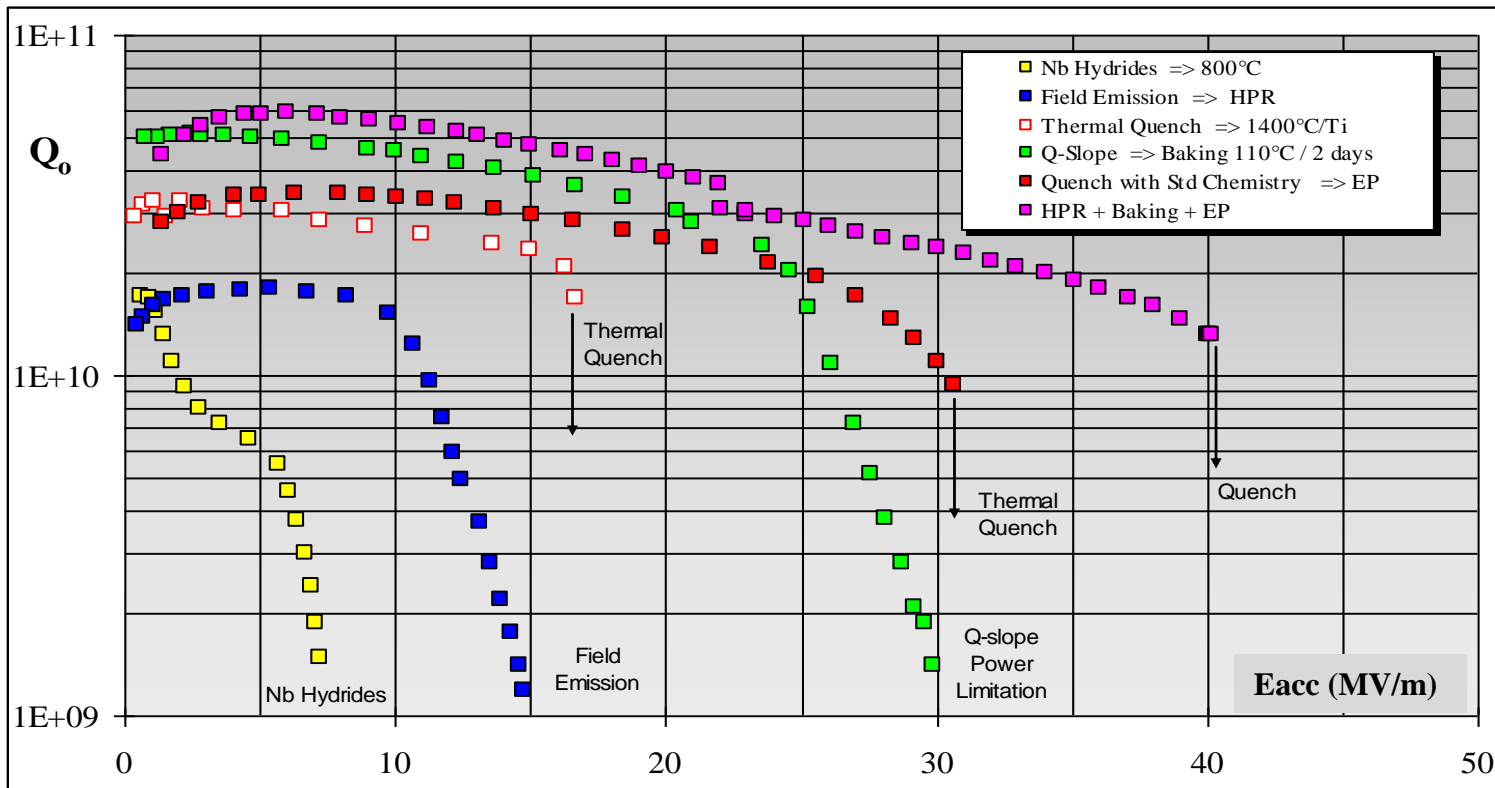


Horizontal EP set-up at KEK



Cleanroom Assembly at CEA/IRFU

Requires perfect knowledge of SRF technology from cavity fabrication to cleanroom assembly



## Main breakthroughs in the 90's for performance improvement:

- Hydride cure (800°C heating)
- Cleaning (High Pressure Rinsing)
- Baking (120°C)
- Electropolishing

- Light chemical etching (10 $\mu$ m)
- Heavy electropolishing (EP) (100-120 $\mu$ m) ~ 7h
- Cleaning
- 800°C x 2h degassing
- Tuning
- Light EP (25 $\mu$ m) ~ 1h30
- Cleaning
- High Pressure Rinsing (HPR) (2x6h)
- Cleanroom assembly
- HV Baking 120°Cx48h

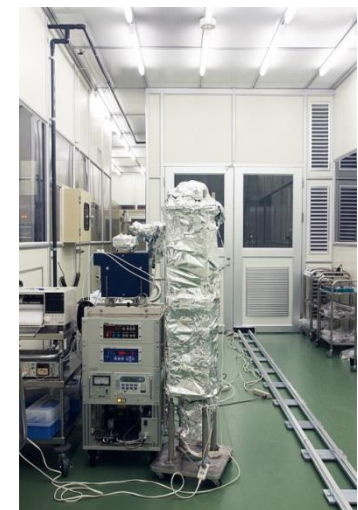
**= Time Consuming**



EP and  
Baking set-up  
@ KEK



HPR=  
UP water sprayed  
at 100 bars for  
cleaning



*Nb Polishing: Removing of the damaged layer/surface smoothening*

*Cleaning: Removing of chemical residuals*

*Baking: Degassing of niobium,  $Q_0$  cure, higher gradients*

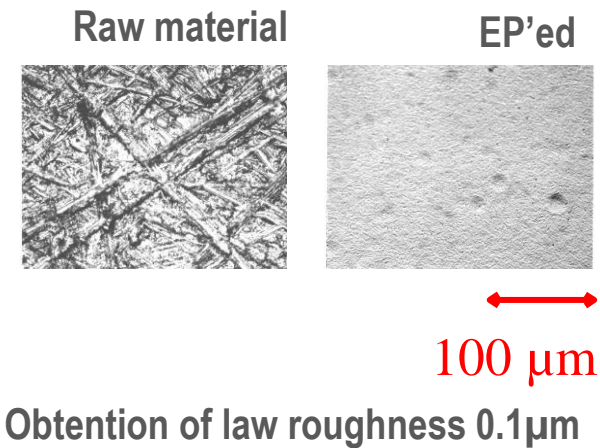
## Process

- Nb polished internally with an electrolyte
- (concentrated  $H_2SO_4$  - **HF** mixture) under constant voltage
- Cavity = Anode & Cathode is an Al pipe inside the cavity

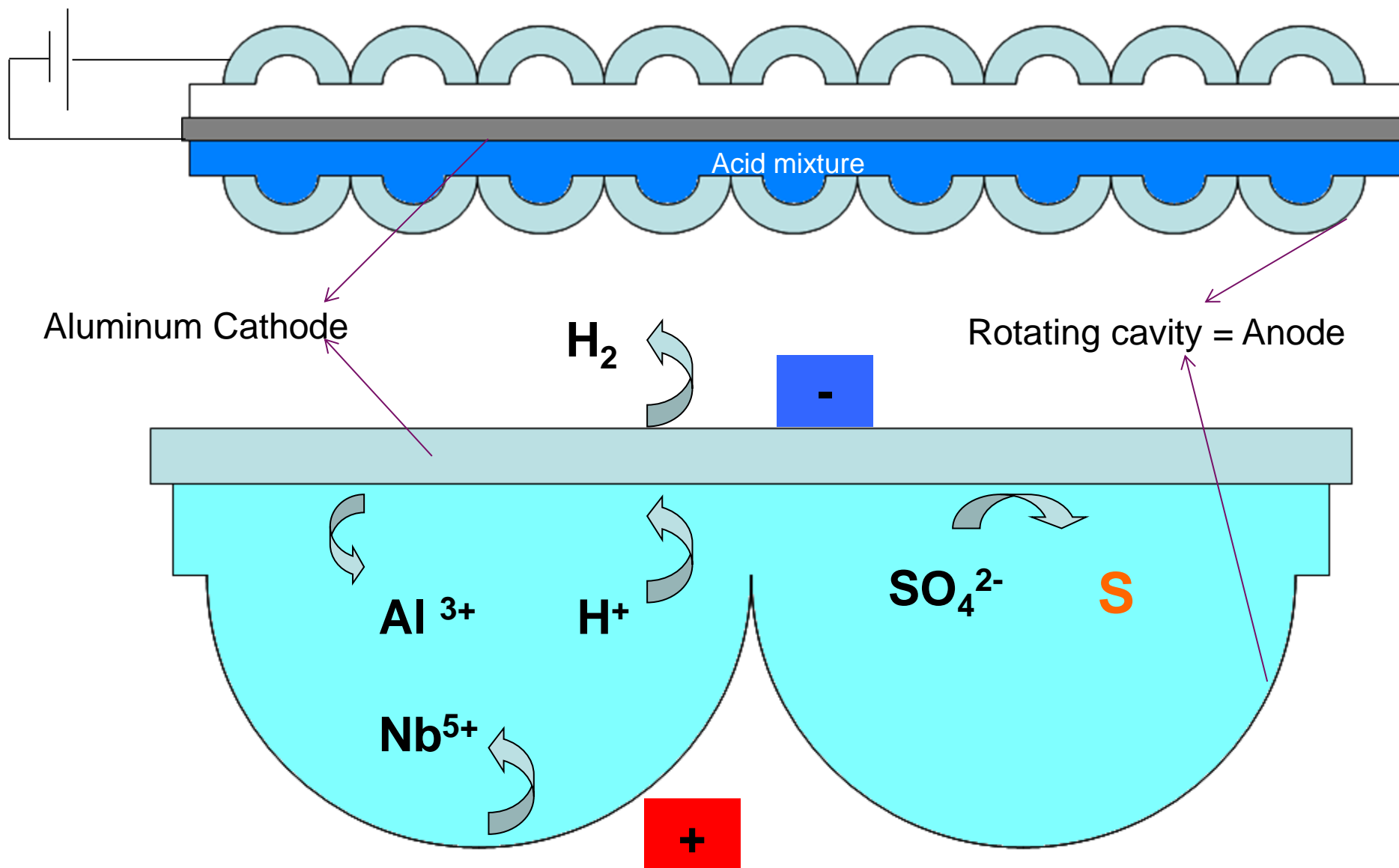


## Chemical reactions

- - Anode: Niobium oxidation
- $2 Nb + 5 H_2O \leftrightarrow Nb_2O_5 + 10 H^+ + 10 e^-$
- - Cathode:  $H_2$  generation
- $2 H^+ + 2 e^- \leftrightarrow H_2$  (Teflon net to prevent H contamination)
- - HF: dissolution of oxide  $Nb_2O_5$  layer
- -  $H_2SO_4$ : forming of a viscous layer

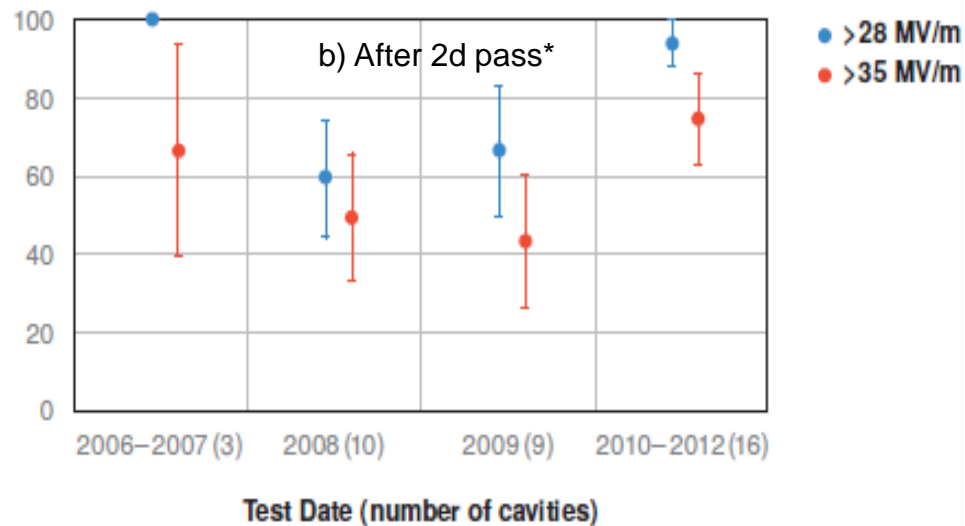
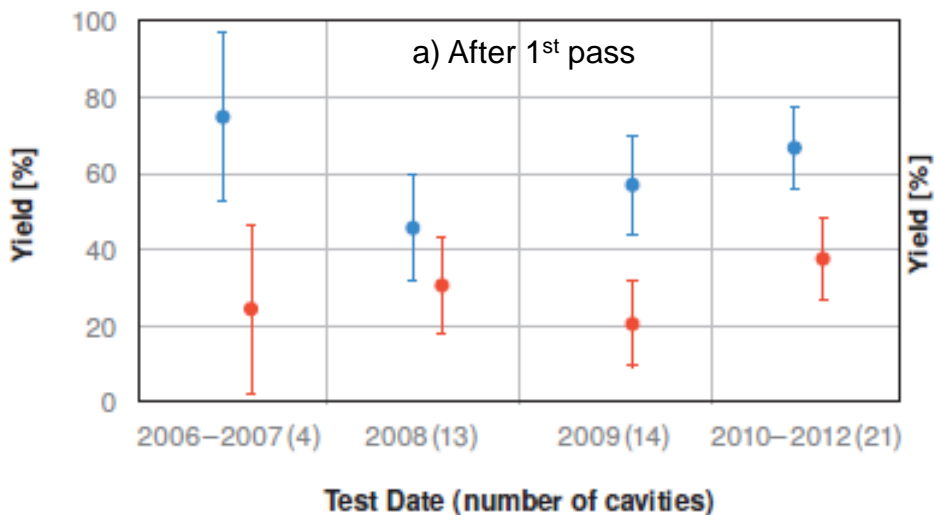


# DETAILS OF NB ELECTROPOLISHING



## Improve the yield of the cavity gradient:

Goal of S0 program: reaching 90% yield above 35MV/m

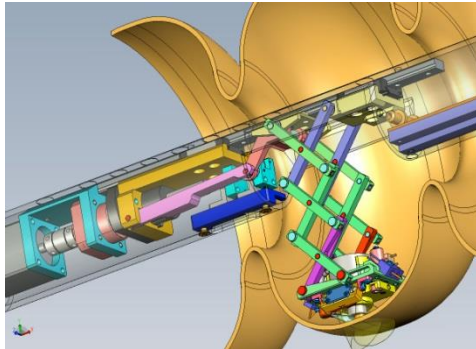


\*2d pass = Re-EP or Re-HPR

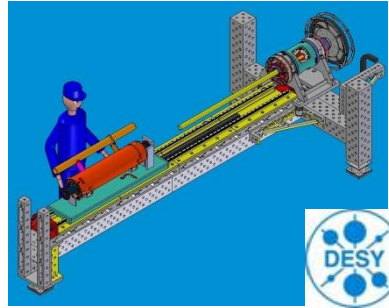
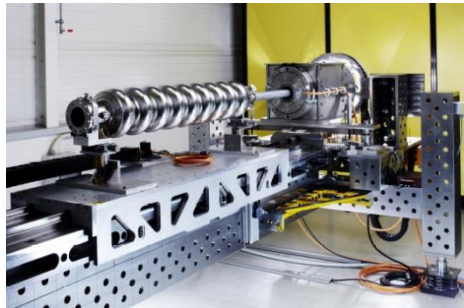
From ILC TDR report

- 75% ( $\pm 11\%$ ) above 35MV/m and 94% ( $\pm 6\%$ ) above 28MV/m in 2010-2012.
- development of repairing techniques, inspection of cavities, etc.





Repairing technique:  
Local grinding



Improved inspection techniques:  
OBACHT (Desy) and Kyoto  
Camera (Kyoto U./KEK)

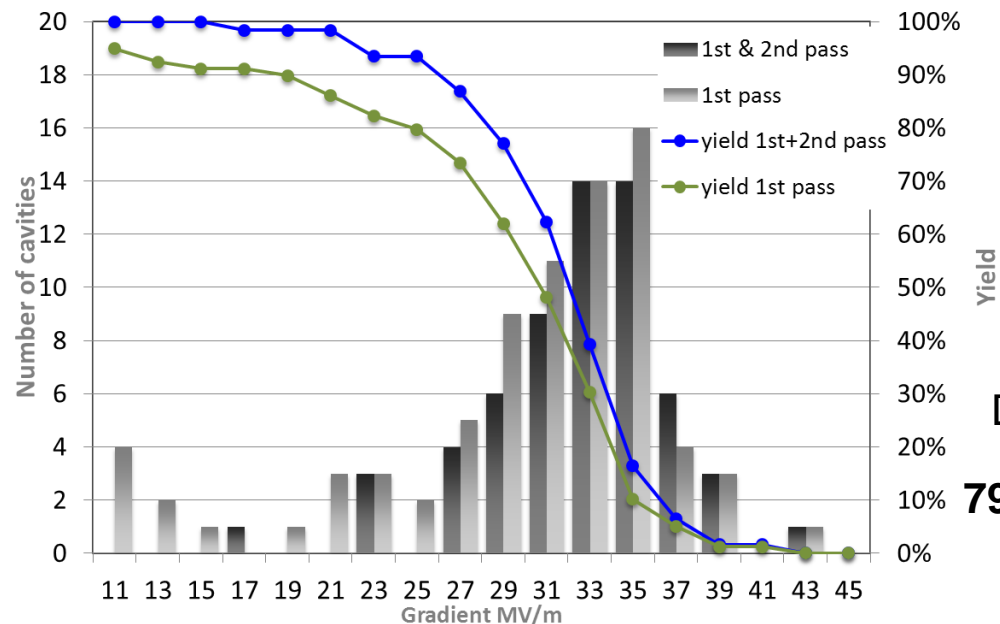


Temperature mapping  
systems, measurements  
by 2<sup>d</sup> sound, etc.

## Transfer of the technology to industry for large scale production.

Paramount importance of the cavity production for the XFEL linac:

- Similar cavity vs. ILC
- Similar treatment recipe
- Large scale production (800 cavities, ILC/20)



Chemical treatment at Zanon

D. Reschke, THIA01, SRF 2013

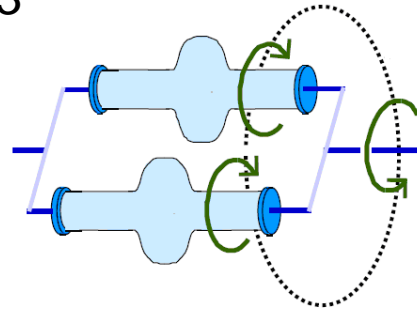
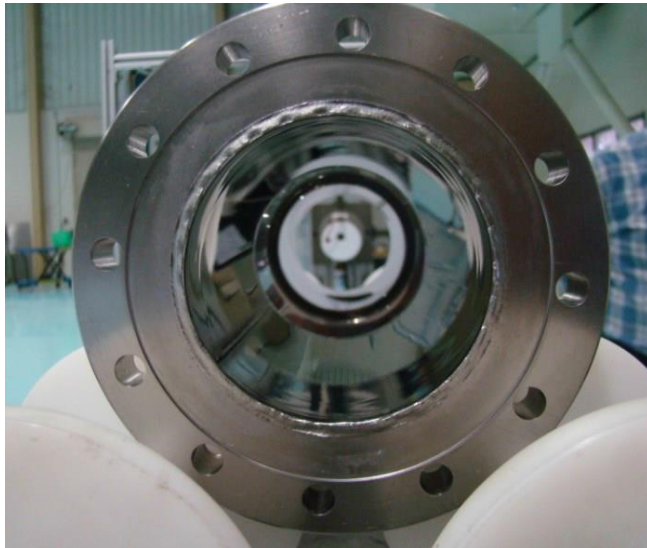
**79 cavities received from 2 vendors (RI, Zanon)**

Average maximum gradient:  $(30.9 \pm 4.9)$  MV/m after 2d pass.

- Develop simpler process
- Develop safer process (HF-free recipe)
- Improve  $Q_0$

## R&D for Safer Processes

A.D. Palczewski, TUIOB01, SRF 2013



1-cell CBP at RRCAT

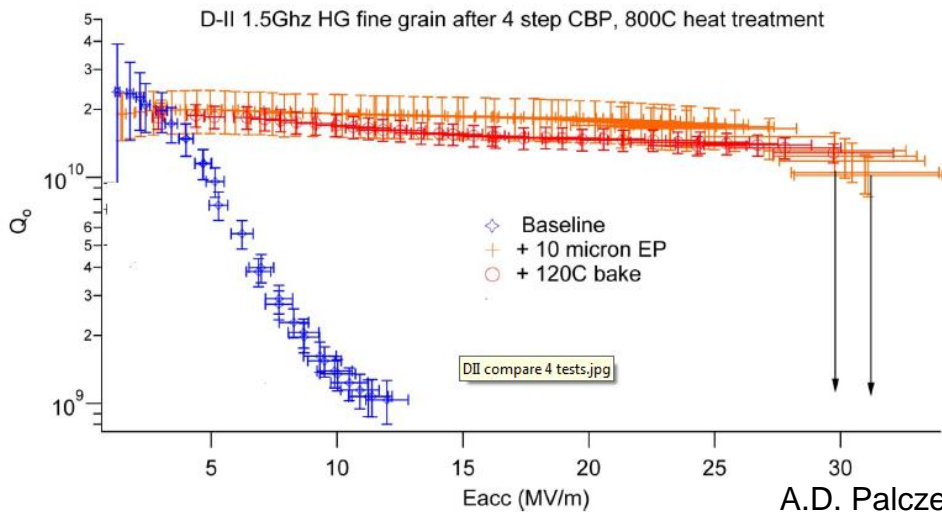
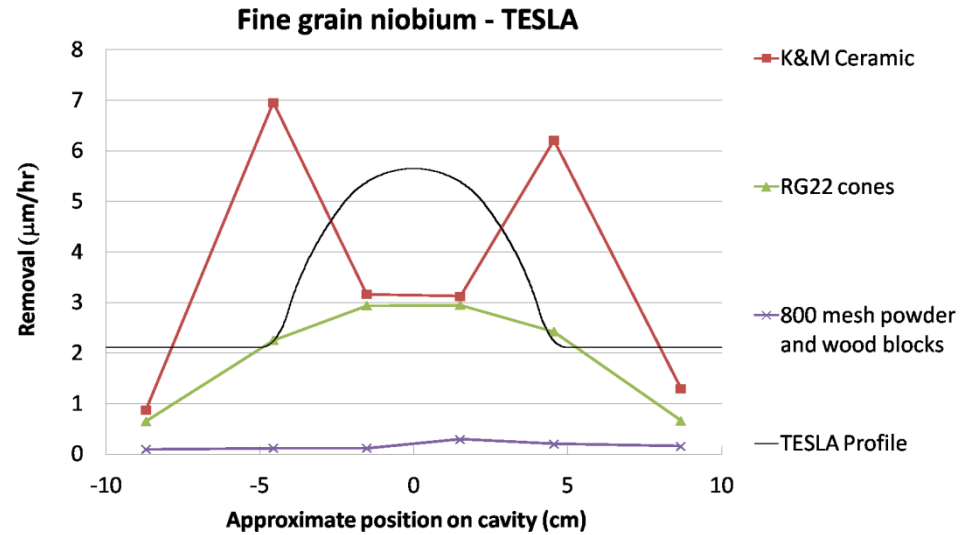
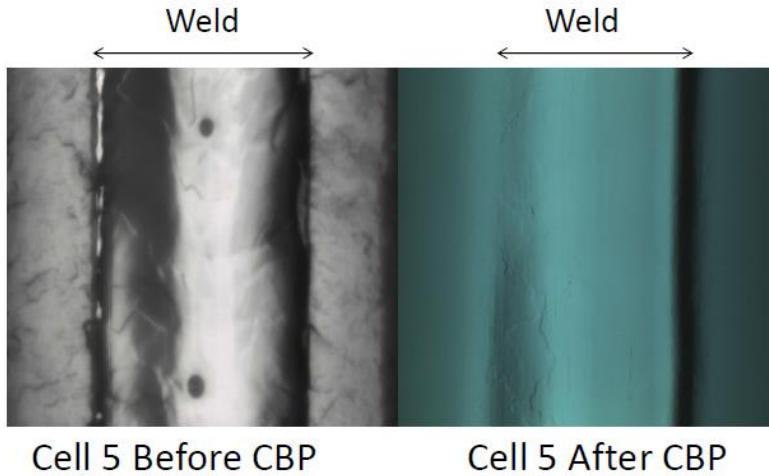


9 mm stone



Decreasing abrasive size →

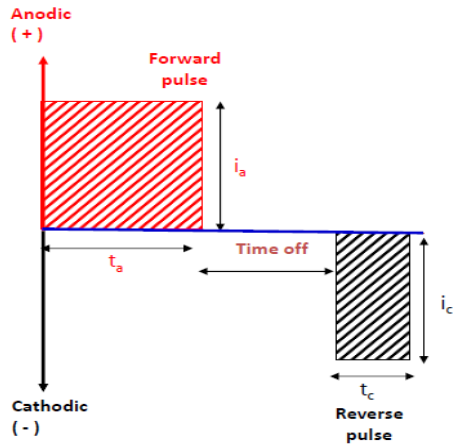
- The cavity is mechanically polished
- It is filled with abrasive components and rotated
- Different steps are necessary with decrease in abrasive size
- Mirror-like final surface finishing
- Developed at FNAL, JLAB, KEK, RRCAT, DESY, INFN



- Promising results on cavity
- Smooth surface
- Repairing technique
- Low removal rate
- Multi-step process

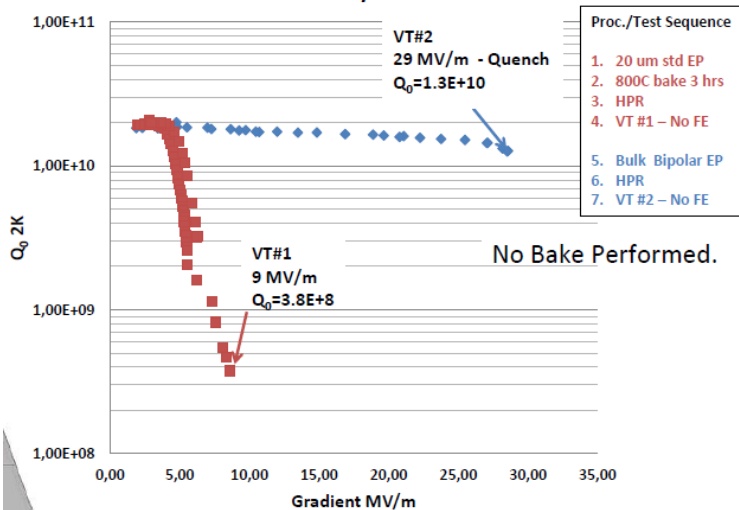


A. Rowe, SRF 2013, TUIOC02

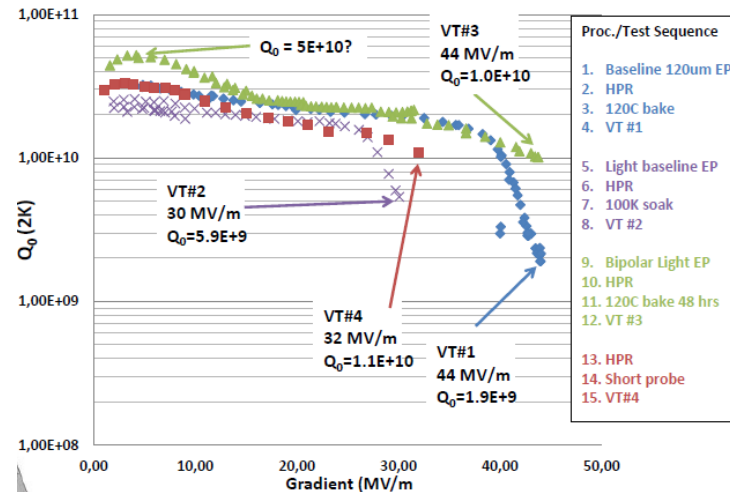


- EP in diluted  $H_2SO_4$  electrolyte
- Non-constant voltage: reverse pulse for de-passivation
- Collaboration FERMILAB-Faraday Technology INC.
- Promising results on cavities but low removal rate:  $1.5\mu\text{m/hr}$

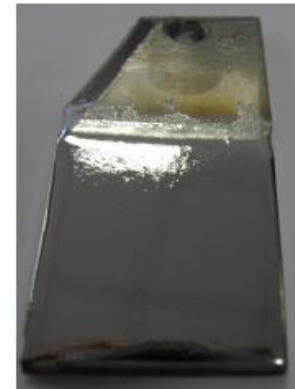
TE1AES007 Performance Results  
Bipolar EP Bulk (~100  $\mu\text{m}$ ) Polishing - Vertical Orientation  
Partially Masked Cathode



TE1AES012 Performance Results  
Vertical Bipolar EP Light Polishing High Performance Test



Choline Chloride : Urea	1 : 4
Sulfamic acid, g/l	97
Material cathode	Nb
Temperature, °C	Higher then 120
Current density, A/cm <sup>2</sup>	0,3



V.B. Pastushenko, SRF 2013, TUIOC03



6GHz cavity after treatment in vertical position



6GHz half-cavity after treatment in horizontal position

- The recipe has been optimized for samples
- Improvements for cavity treatment
- High temperature treatment

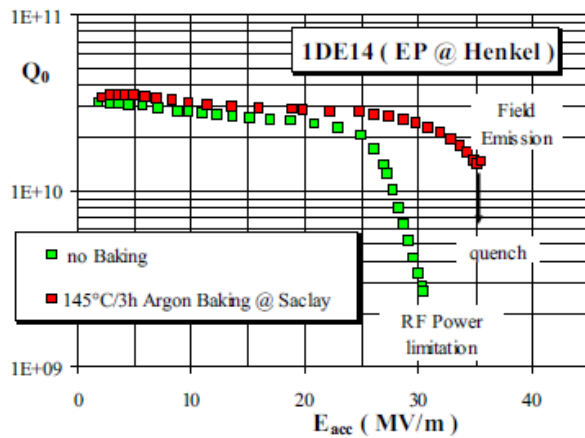
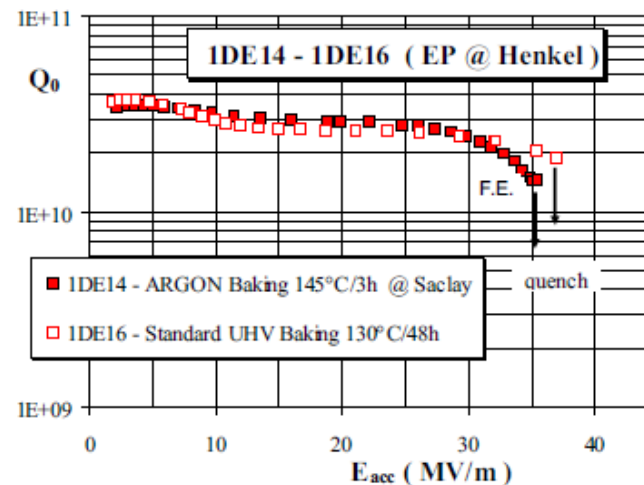


## Decreasing Processing Time

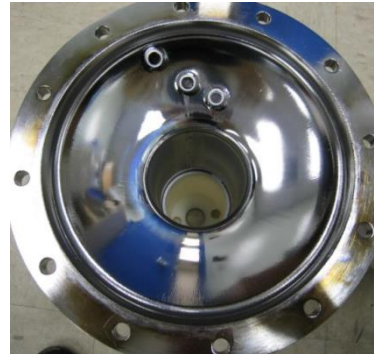
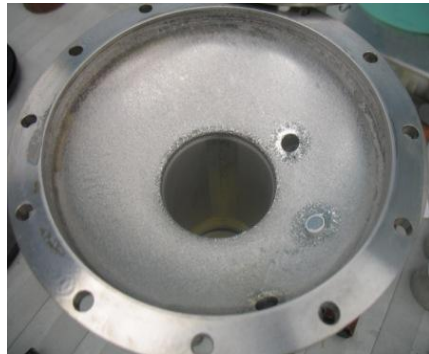


Fast Baking technique developed at CEA Saclay:

Baking under Argon at higher T: 3h baking.



B. Visentin, SRF 2007, TUP69, pp. 304-307



Buffered EP developed at J-Lab and PKU:



- Mixture of Lactic-HF-Sulfuric acids
- Very low roughness achieved
- Very high removal rate: up to 10  $\mu\text{m}/\text{min}$



Cathodes tested at J-Lab during BEP studies

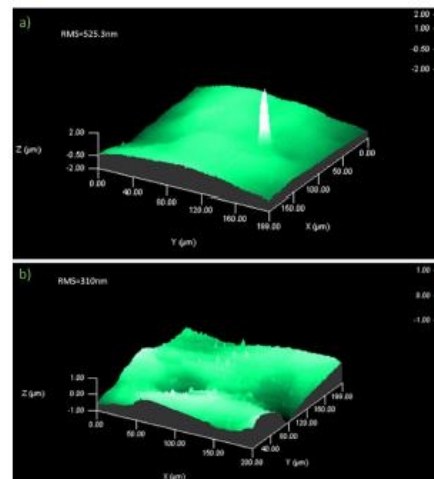


Fig. 18. Typical Profilometer images of the surfaces of the button samples from the demountable cavity treated by EP process with a scanned area of  $(200 \times 200) \mu\text{m}^2$ . (a) Sample 1 and (b) sample 3.

EP

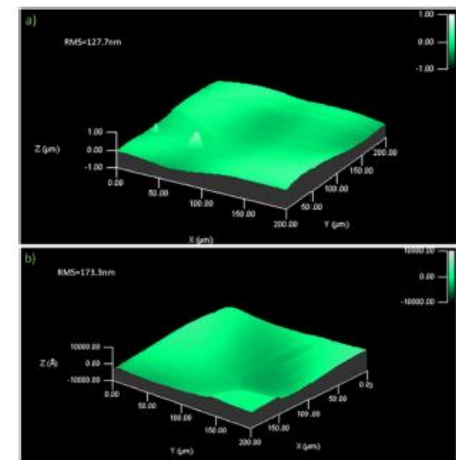
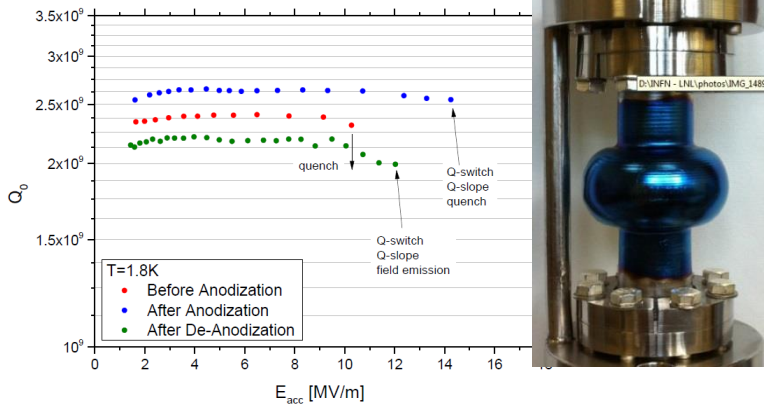
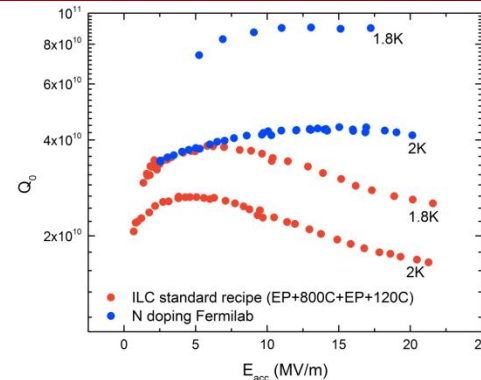


Fig. 19. Typical Profilometer images of the surfaces of the button samples from the demountable cavity treated by BEP process with a scanned area of  $(200 \times 200) \mu\text{m}^2$ . (a) Sample 1 and (b) sample 3.

BEP

# High $Q_0$ Research

- Doping with impurities as N  
A. Grasselino, TUIOA03

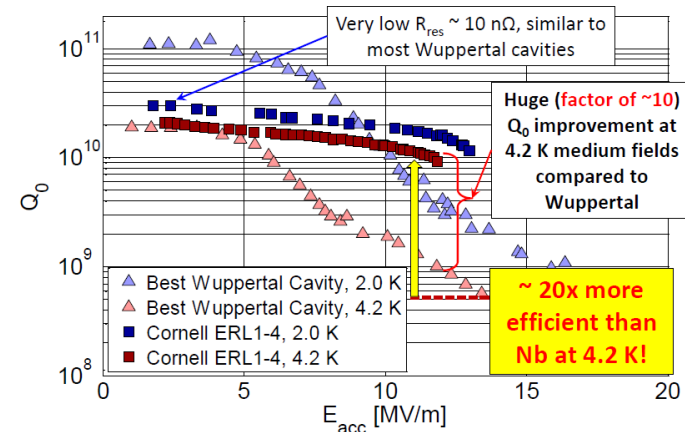


Treatment of external surface of the cavity  
V. Palmieri, MOIOCO1

- Optimization of cooling  
J.M. Vogt, TUIOA02



- Deposition techniques: Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn  
M. Lieppe, S. Posen, WEIOA04



# Vertical Electropolishing (VEP)



Cornell



CEA/IRFU



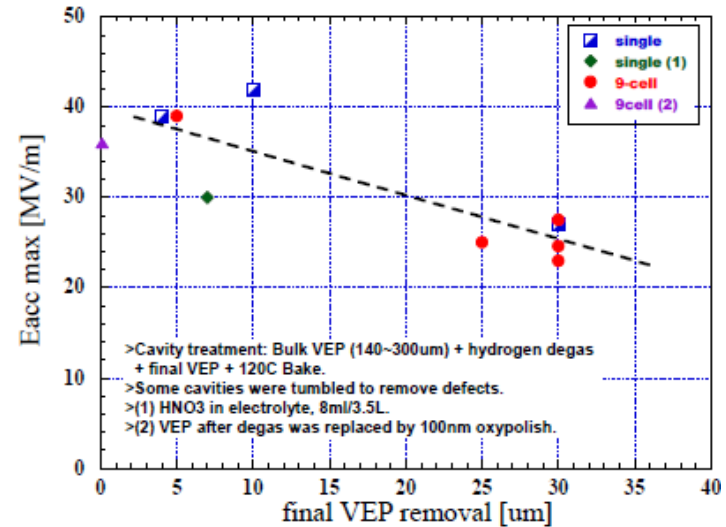
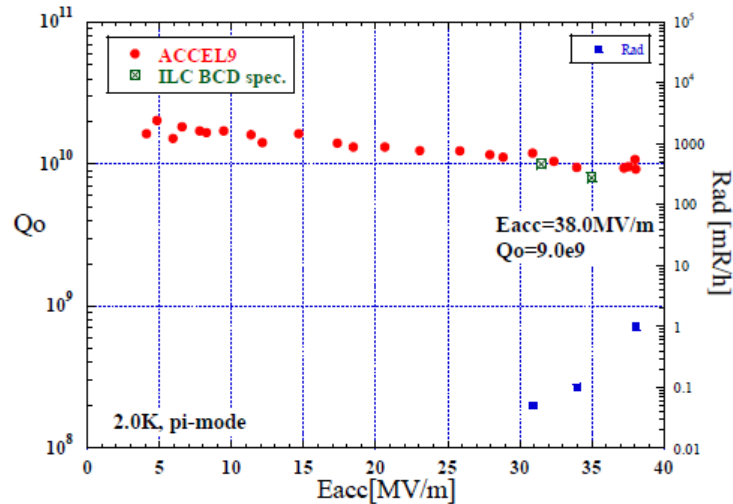
CERN



F. Furuta, IPAC 2012, TUPPR045 & SRF 2013, TUIOC01

F. Eozenou et al. PRST-AB, 15, 083501 (2012) & SRF 2013, TUP046

S. Calatroni et al. LINAC 2010, THP032, pp 824-826 & SRF 2013, TUP047



F. Furuta, IPAC 2012, TUPPR045

- High gradient demonstrated at Cornell but:
- Final VEP removal should be thin to avoid decrease in Eacc

→ Proposal at CEA Saclay IRFU for a set-up with circulating acid





## Pros:

- Good evacuation of gases (cavity half filled)
- Demonstrated efficiency
- Large range of parameters

## Cons:

- Complicated process
- Rotary seals
- Switching of the cavity
- Low removal rate



## Pros:

- Simple process
- Low floor surface
- Improved safety
- Higher removal rate

## Cons:

- Sensitive to fluid dynamics
- Proper parameters to be determined...

...Voltage and fluid velocity

# HIGH GRADIENT ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE



- Previous collaboration within A\_RD\_5 program: Surface treatment
- New equipments at KEK & Irfu
- Extension of our expertise from cavity fabrication to Vertical Test
- Involvement of industrial partners

→ **A\_RD\_9: Effort towards improving large scale production of SC cavities**  
Collaboration KEK – CEA and industrial partner: Marui Galvanizing Co. Ltd.

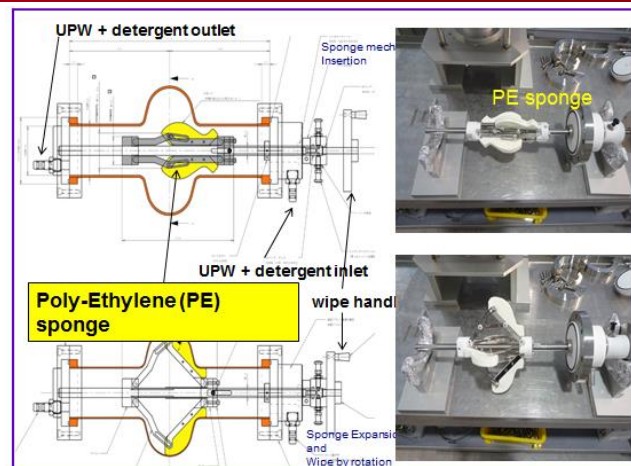


Since 2012, additional collaboration KEK-IRFU: A\_RD\_7:

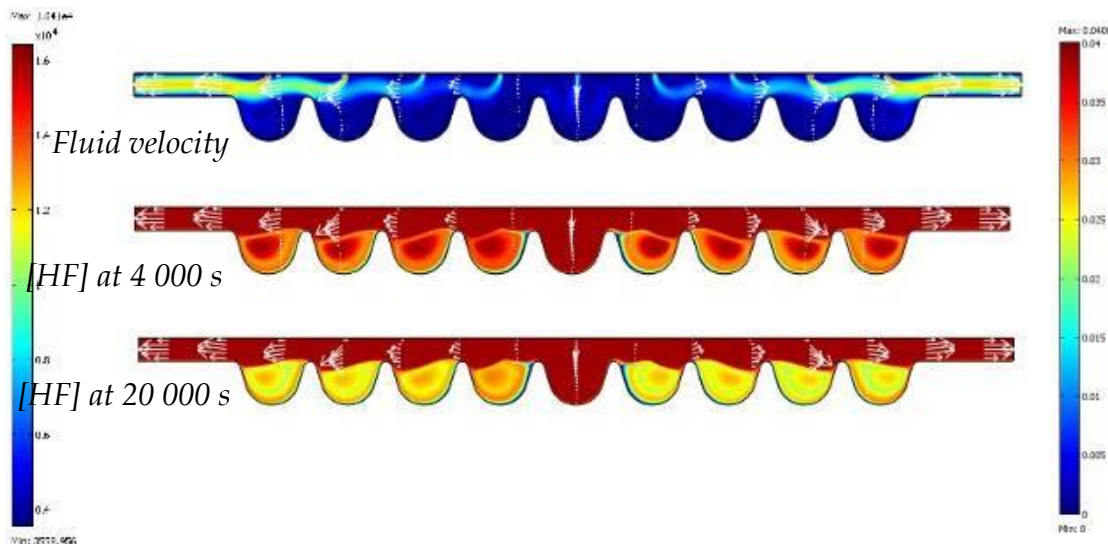
Study on the magnetic shielding for SC cavities (M. Mazusawa, J. Plouin)

- Improvement of cleaning recipes, ie:

- Sponge cleaning technique
- Improvement of rinsing after EP



- Modelling of EP, understanding of field flatness deterioration after EP



- Modelling with COMSOL:
- Fluid dynamic
  - Acid concentration

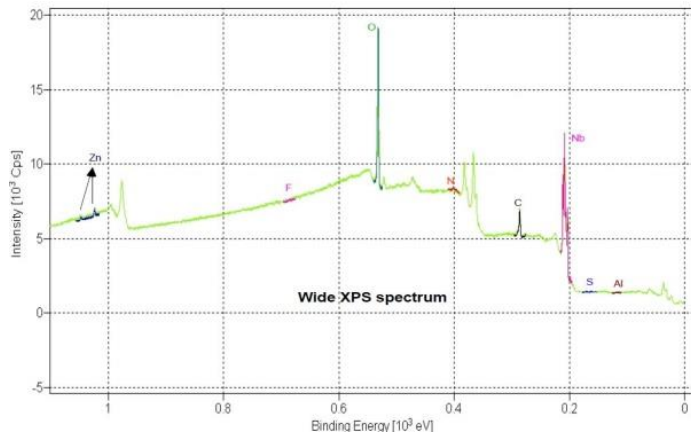
EP should be considered as an asymmetric process

- Study of contamination related to chemical treatments: high voltage and high current EP are likely to generate sulfur compounds

Sample A, 20 Volts:

9.18g removed

51 hours EP



Sample B, 5 Volts:

9.11g removed

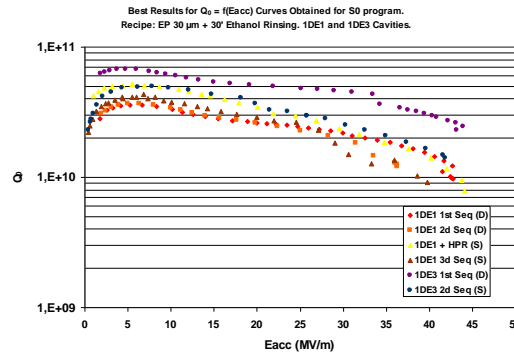
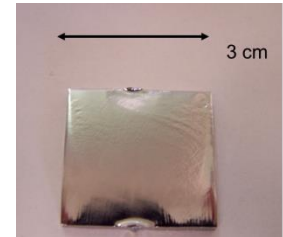
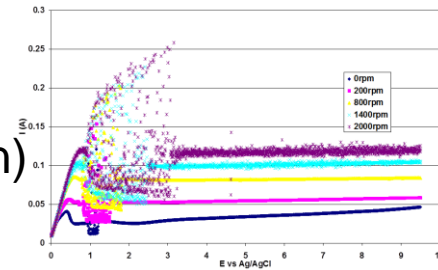
115 hours EP

Example of XPS Analysis at KEK

- Successful evaluation of repairing technique such as grinding

## EP on samples (CARE program): 2004-...

- Parameters optimization
- Understanding of the process ( $F^-$  diffusion)
- Study of the aging of electrolytes
- Sulfur contamination

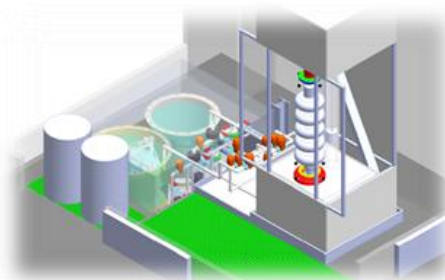


## 1-Cell Horizontal EP: 2006-2009

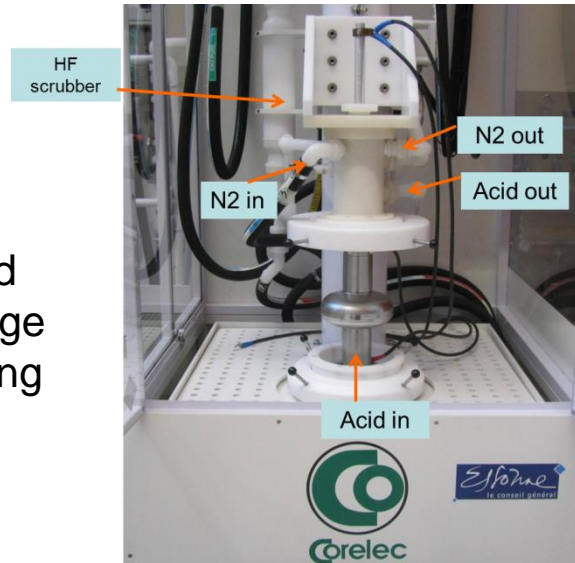
- Achievement of high gradients
- Alternative recipe tested
- Achievement of high  $Q_0$
- Low voltage EP

## Design of a new VEP system: 2009-...

- Operating since 2011
- Optimization on 1-Cell cavities
- Operation with ILC and SPL cavities



- Circulating acid
- Constant voltage
- Nitrogen blowing



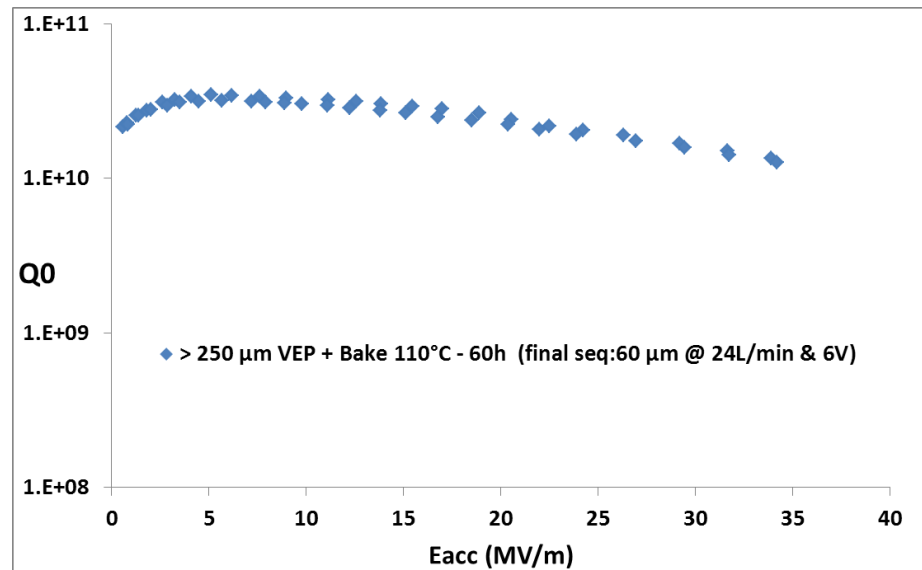
**Fermilab**  
TB9RI025 cavity  
Prior to VEP

- VEP of 1-Cell and 9-Cell cavities
- Focus on parameters: low voltage ( $\sim 6V$ ) – high acid flow (25L/min)
  - Improved degassing ( $H_2$ ,  $O_2$ )
  - Lower heating
- Four 1-Cell cavities and one 9-cell cavity prepared by VEP

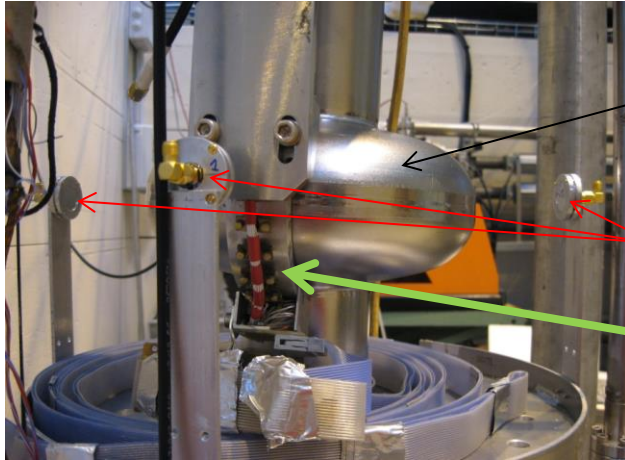


VEP of cavity with low surface quality (pits)

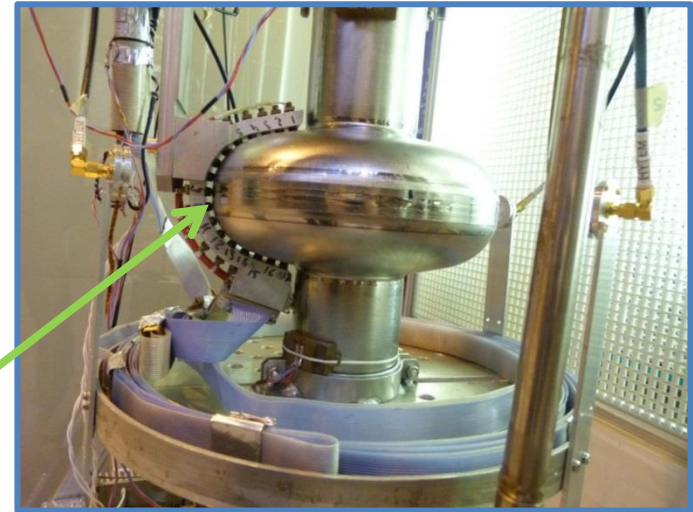
- ❖ Better surface achieved
- ❖ Pits partially removed
- ❖ In spite of pits, the cavity is tested  
→ Quench at 34MV/m at the pit area  
(Standard Q-Slope before baking)



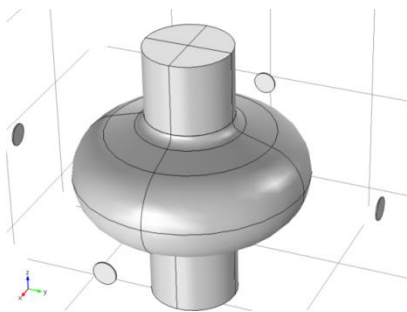




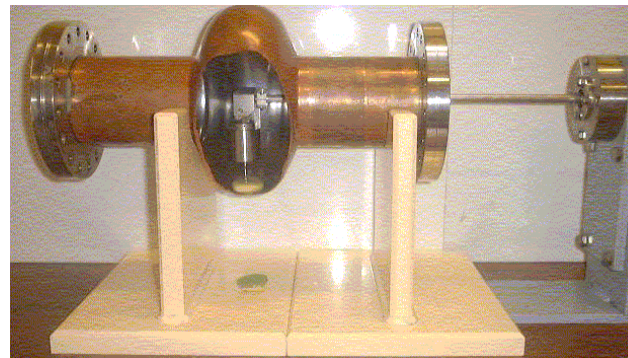
Monocell cavity 1,3 GHz  
OSTs  
Temperature mapping



4 OSTs are placed around the cavity, in the equator plane



Presented by J. Plouin  
at TTC 2012, JLab.



→ Study of the quench morphology by replica technique.

S. Berry et al.  
SRF 2003, THP04, 591-595

→ Quench located at the pit area

## Low Voltage – High Acid Flow

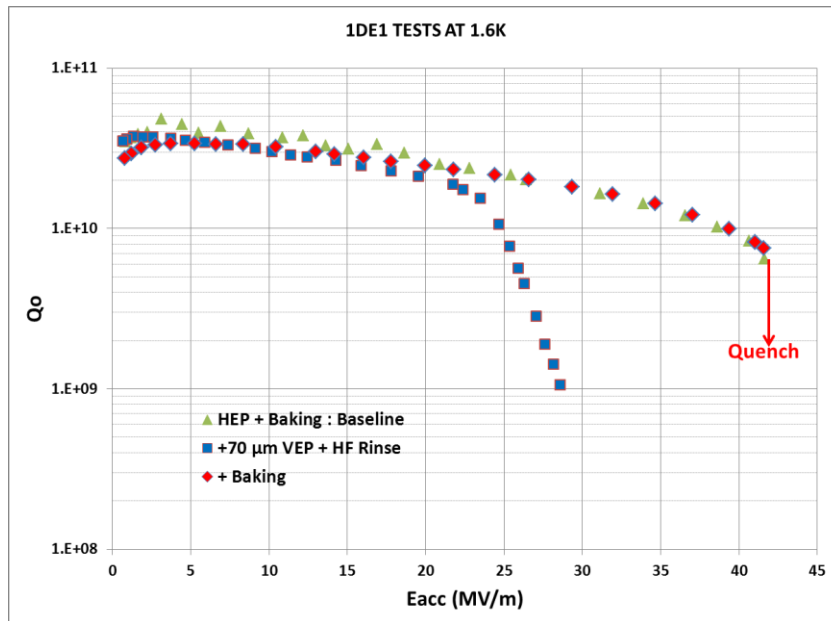


### 1DE1: Horizontal EP + 70 μm VEP

- Parameters: 6V & >24L/min
- Bright and smooth surface
- Performance before/after baking similar to HEP
- High gradient maintained after VEP



1DE1 after HEP + 70 μm VEP



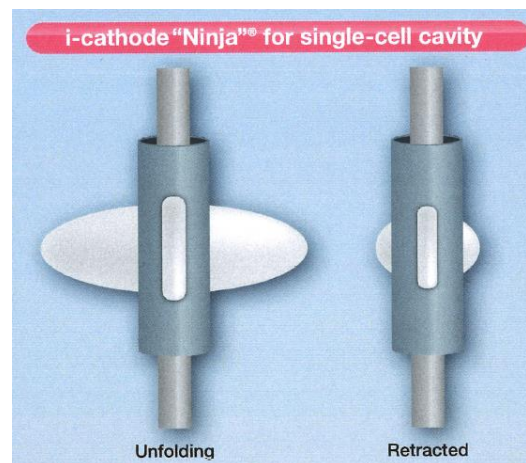
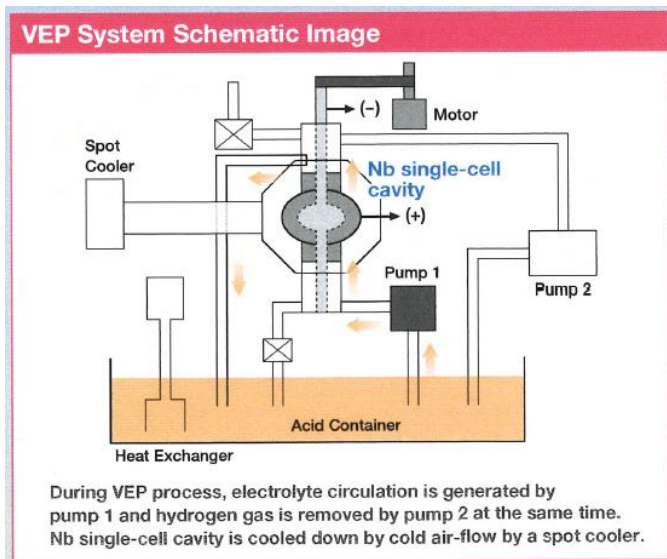
Aspects to improve:

- Low removal rate at 19°C: 0.2μm/min
- asymmetry: removal rate higher in the upper part of the cell (x 3)

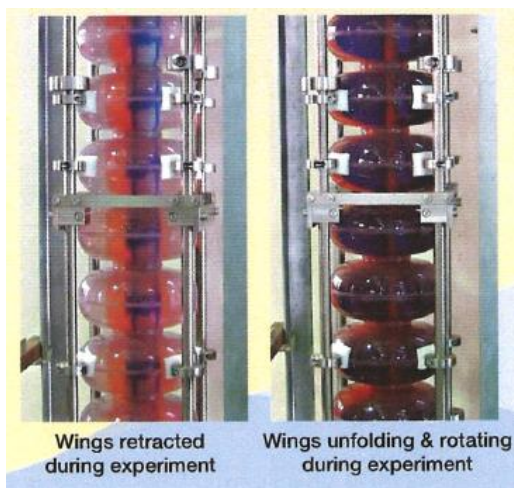




## Use of a cathode with a specific shape: i-Ninja<sup>®</sup> cathode



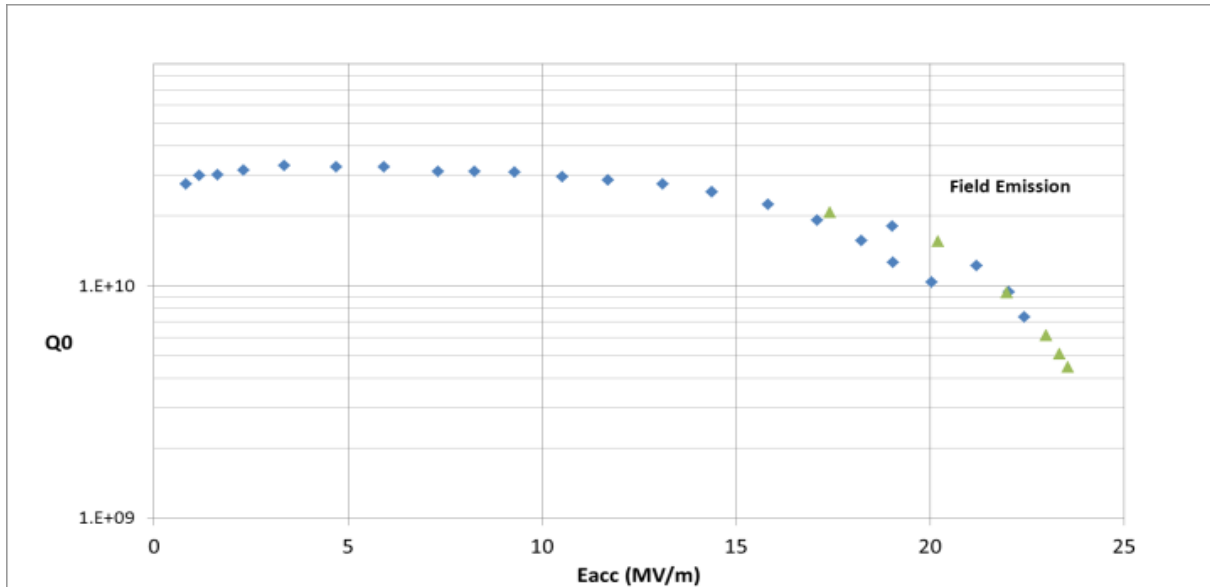
SRF 2013,  
TUP052



- Rotating Cathode with retractable wings
- Uniform anode-cathode distance
- Better hydrogen removal

1-Cell cavity exchange programm within TYL.

Improved fluid distribution with unfolded cathode.



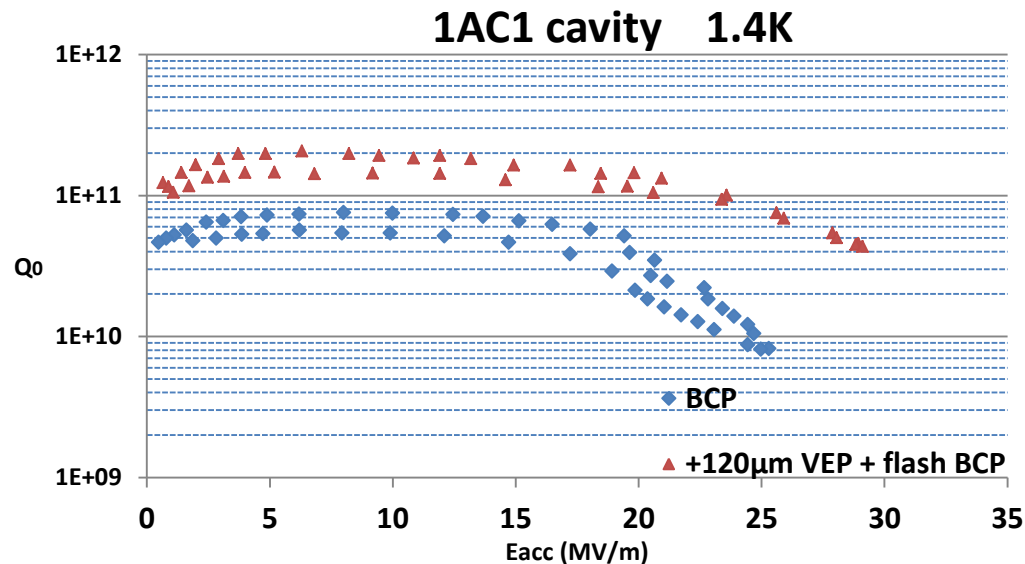
RF results for ILC TB9R1025 cavity at 1.6 - 1.9K after HEP + 50 $\mu$ m VEP at 6V.



- Results limited by field emission
- New cleanroom in construction will make possible a better assembly of the cavity

- Recent result:  $Q_0$   $2^{E11}$  after VEP on 1-Cell cavity (without baking)

→ Experiments on 1-Cell cavities to be continued



- Full treatment of 9-Cell cavities from



- **Technical maturity: Results close to ultimate performance**
- **Improvement of the yield during ILC TDP phase**
- **Technology succesfully applied in XFEL project**
- **R&D is going on**
  - **Simpler process**
  - **Cost reduction**
  - **Safer process**
  - **Higher Qo**
- **Vertical Electropolishing developed at CEA/IRFU**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION**