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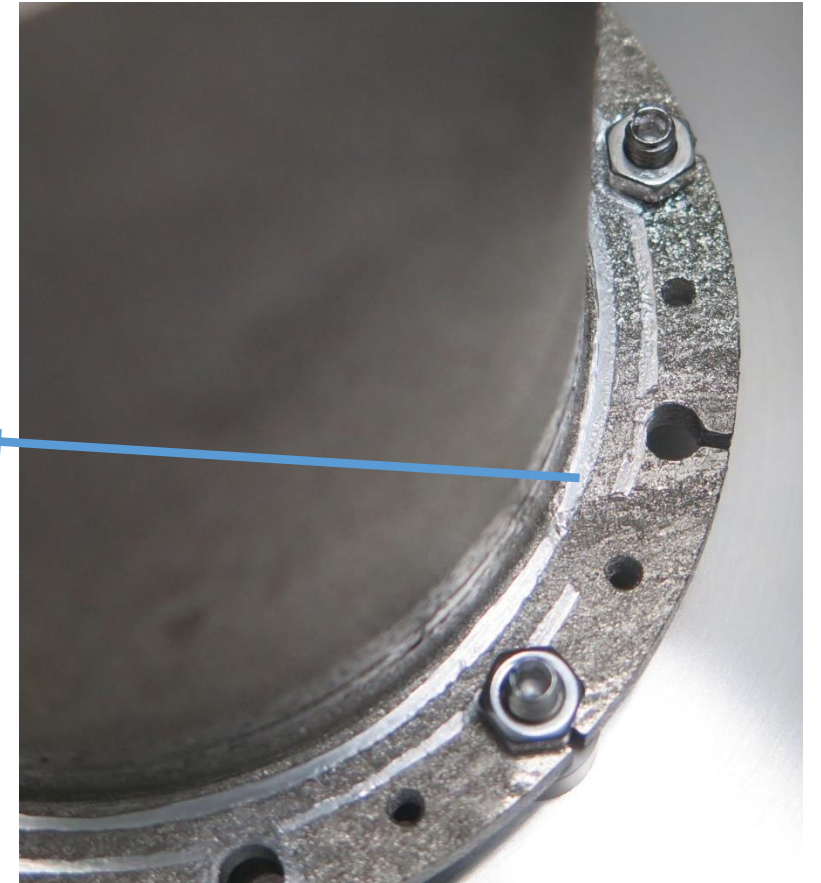
# ARIES WP 15.2 progress

ARIES 17<sup>th</sup> WP15 meeting - February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# QPR B4: Initial



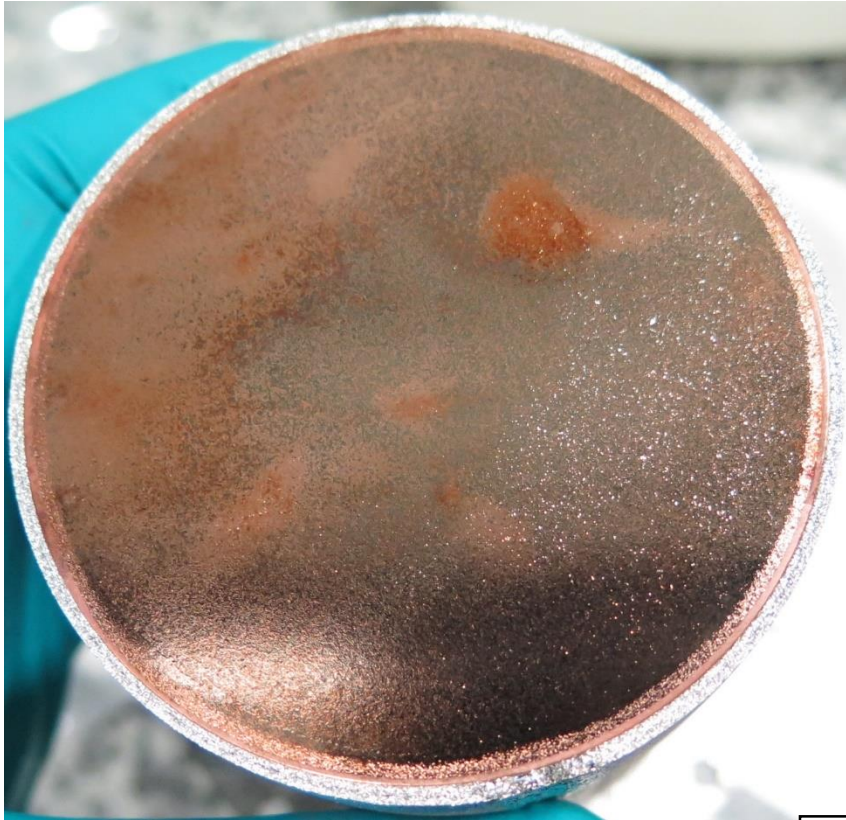
Indium residuals, quantity was higher than last time.  
HCl acid removal.



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First 3 h

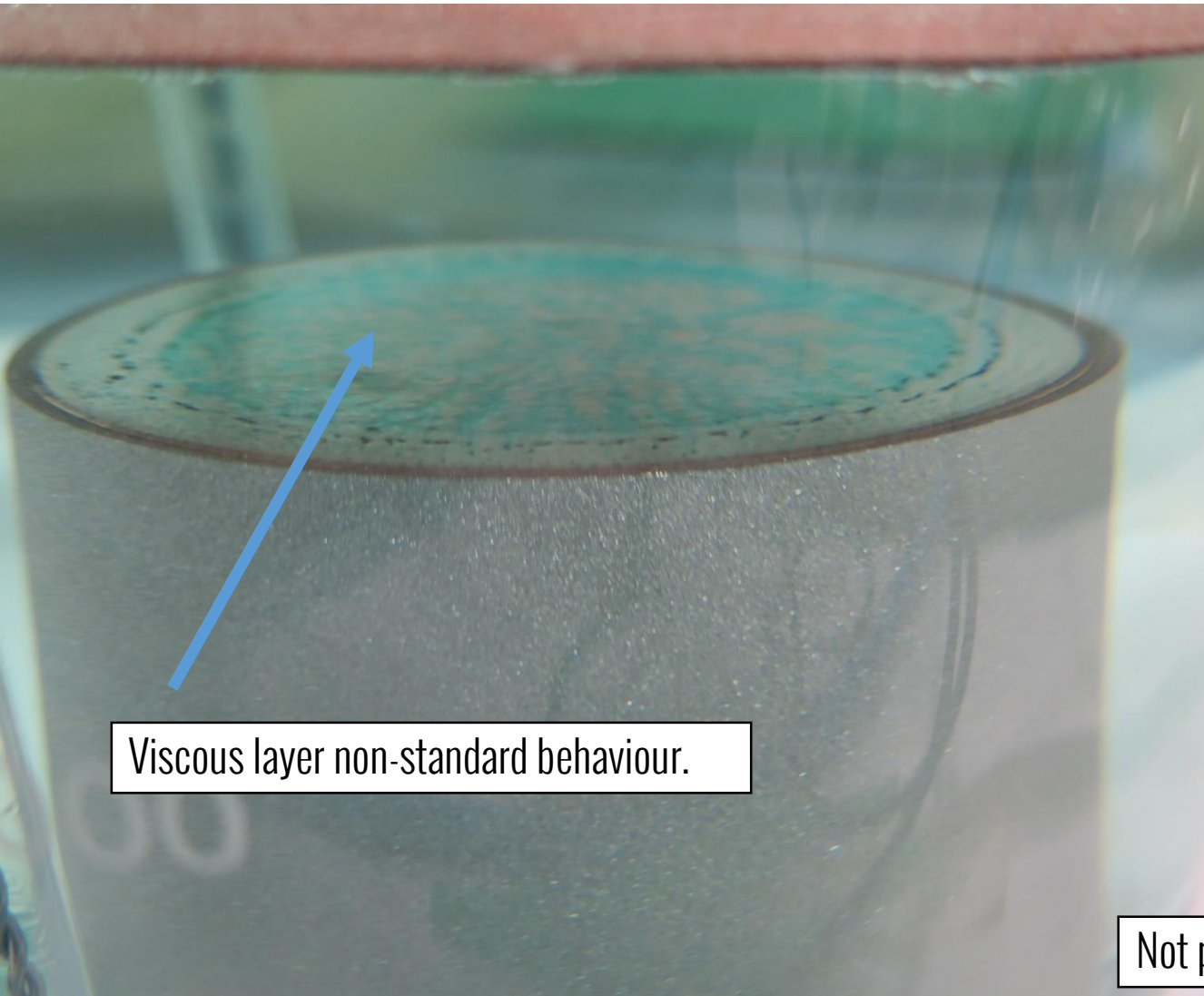
Same 3+3h time as previously



Second 3 h

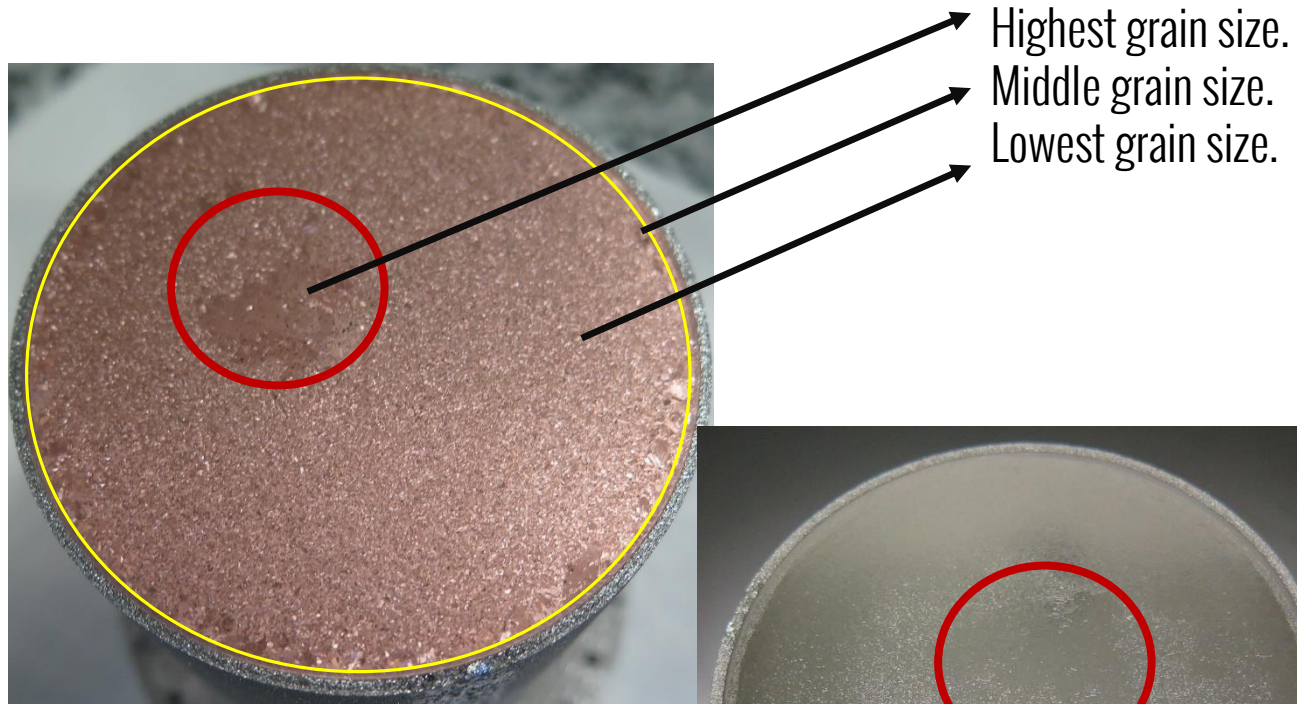
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# QPR B4: Electropolishing





# QPR B4 : Etching



After Persulfate etching  
20 g/l ; 20 min



Due to the points it was decided to do a fast etching in ammonium persulfate. These steps is usually done to remove possible redeposition of Cu after stripping, and to highlight Nb if present. In the case of point, was not useful. But, allowed us to see the difference of grain size distribution.

After a repetition of all protocol:

- Stripping 2 h
- Etching
- Fast EP



# QPR B4: Summary.

Data	Process	Details	Comments
01.02.2021	Arrival, Indium removal	Hydrochloric acid removal. 2 h, after Indium was peeled with plastic stick.	Longer than previous times, a lot of In collected.
02.02.2021	Stripping	3+3=6 h of treatment.	Same time as last time.
02.02.2021	Fast EP	10 min, 4 $\mu$ m. 2,4 V.	After cleaning visible black dots (possible Nb)
03.02.2021	Persulfate cleaning	To remove possible redeposited copper (after stripping) or residuals and highlight Nb (if there is Nb)	After 20 min in 20 g/l visible grains. Big grain cluster in the middle, middle size grains close to edge, and smaller size grains across all other surface. This explains strange view after and during EP in previous treatments in 2020. No visible Nb.
03.02.2021	Stripping	2 h	-
03.02.2021	Persulfate cleaning	20 min	No visible Nb, same grain sizes distribution.
03.02.2021	Fast EP	9 min, 5 $\mu$ m.	No black dots, pitting (obviously not removed)
03.02.2021	Passivation, HPR, packaging.	Vacuum, Ar flux to 1,1 atm. Double vacuum bags.	
04.02.2021	Sent to Siegen		

# Small Samples and QPR coating

- Ready for QPR Nb thick film coating
- Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn 2 mm strip samples by dipping prepared for IEE → waiting for cutting 2x2
- Nb bulk 2x2 samples ready for IEE as reference