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Status of the technology development for the FCC-ee vacuum system

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- UHV connections with Shape Memory Alloy couplers
- Additive manufacturing with gas dynamic cold spray coating
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FCC-ee vacuum system in the arcs

The FCC-ee Vacuum system has to cope with beam parameters from low-energy (45.6 GeV) high current (1390 mA) version to high-energy (182.5 GeV) low current (5.4 mA) configuration.

For the vacuum system, the synchrotron radiation leads to:

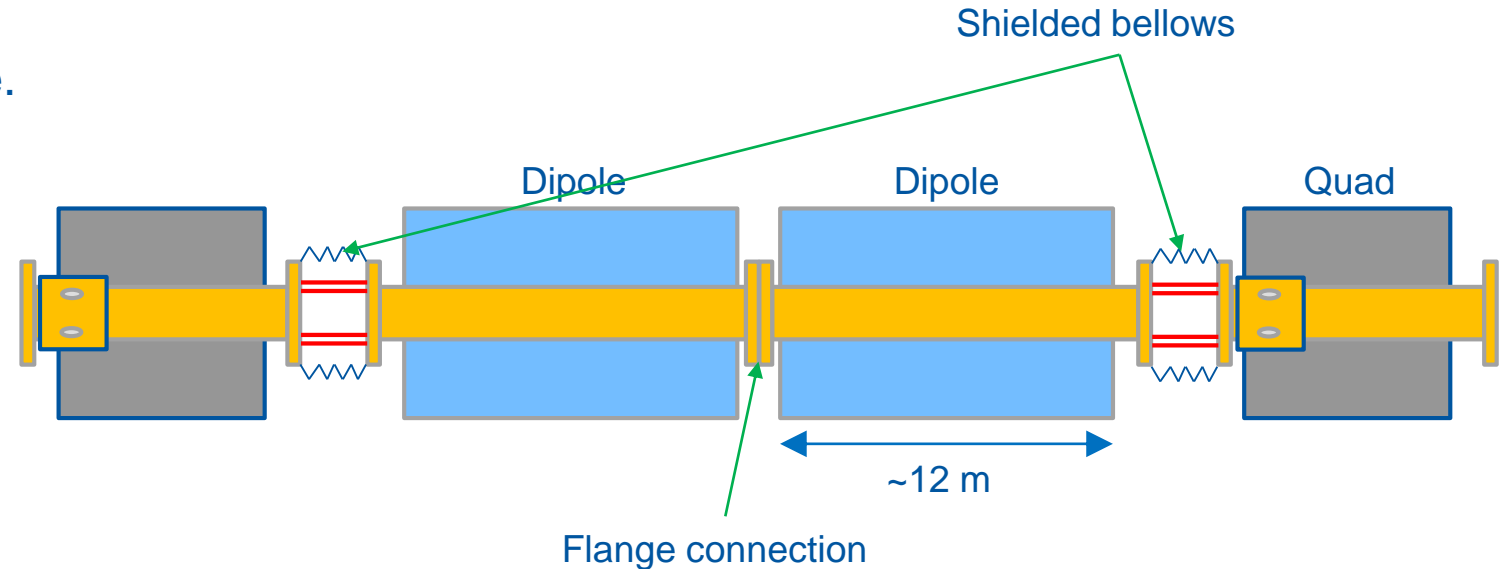
- High local heat deposition:
 - The limit is given by 50 MW/beam synchrotron radiation losses (~ 650 W/m).
- High outgassing:
 - Pressure: low 10^{-9} mbar range.

Layout:

- 2 rings of ~ 100 km.
- Cell length: ~ 55.9 m.

Beam Energy E(GeV)	Beam Current I(mA)	Photon Flux F'(ph/s/m)	Dynamic Gas Load Q'(mbar·l/s/m)
45.6	1390	$7.17 \cdot 10^{17}$	$2.90 \cdot 10^{-8}$
80	147	$1.38 \cdot 10^{17}$	$5.58 \cdot 10^{-9}$
120	29	$4.13 \cdot 10^{16}$	$1.67 \cdot 10^{-9}$
182.5	5.4	$1.18 \cdot 10^{16}$	$4.78 \cdot 10^{-10}$

Relevant FCC-ee parameters for the vacuum system design



FCC-ee vacuum chambers

Present design as presented in the CDR:

Geometry: Tube with two winglets
2 mm thick, 70 mm ID

Material: Copper

- Good thermal conductivity and low electrical resistivity
- Shielding for the X-Ray synchrotron radiation fan and minimizing the irradiation of machine and tunnel components

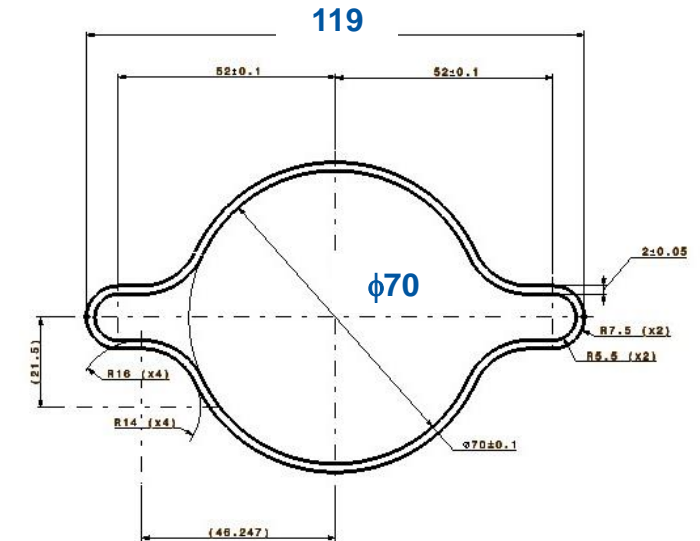
Surface treatment: NEG coating

- Distributed pumping speed
- Low SEY
- Quick vacuum conditioning

Lumped SR photon absorber:
Distanced by about 5.8 m

Lumped pump: no need for a systematic installation in vicinity of the absorbers → 1 or 2 per cell

The whole vacuum system shall be designed with a cost-effective and sustainable approach.



Vacuum chamber prototype cross-section

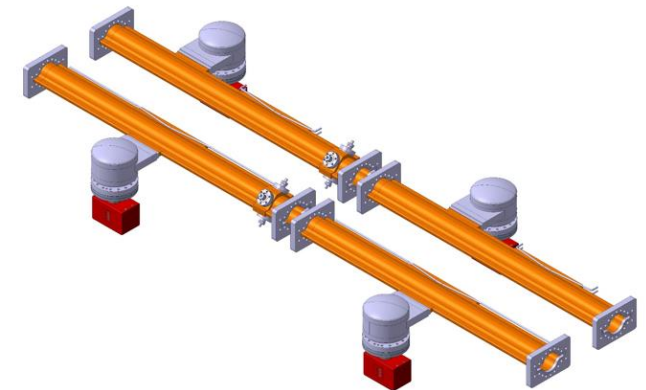


Illustration of vacuum chambers with absorbers and pumps

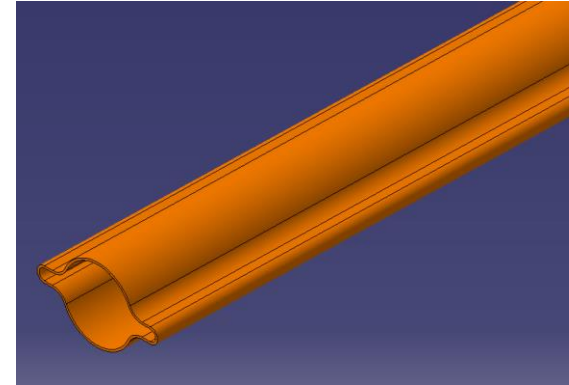
New technologies in development for HEP and of interest for FCC-ee

Beyond the vacuum challenges related to the synchrotron radiation and dynamic vacuum, the vacuum system shall have an affordable cost.

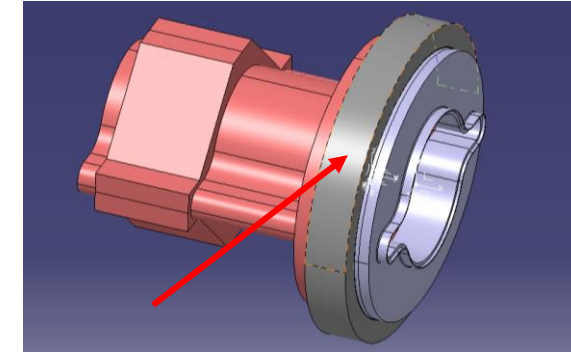
Technical solutions shall be defined to minimize the cost of the system. The production should be based on series industrial processes and with a minimum of interfaces.

Some technologies are being developed and assessed for the main ring vacuum chambers:

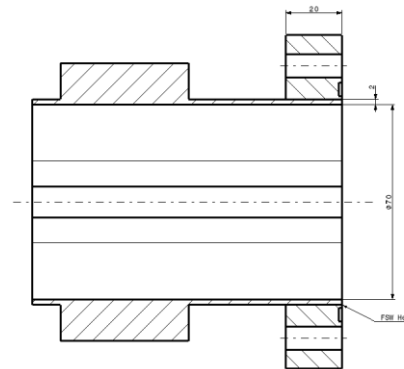
- Shape Memory Alloy UHV connectors for:
 - Interconnection.
 - BPM pick-ups.
- Gas dynamic cold spray for:
 - Additive manufacturing of copper.
 - Permanent radiation hard bake out system.
- Weld of extruded chamber/flange.



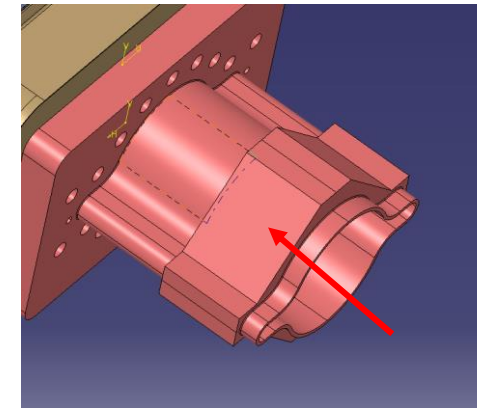
Copper extrusion



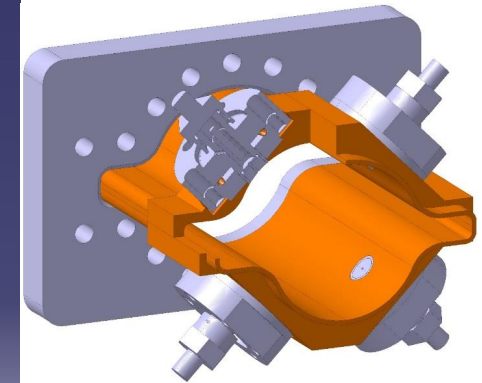
SMA connector



Welding extrusion/flange

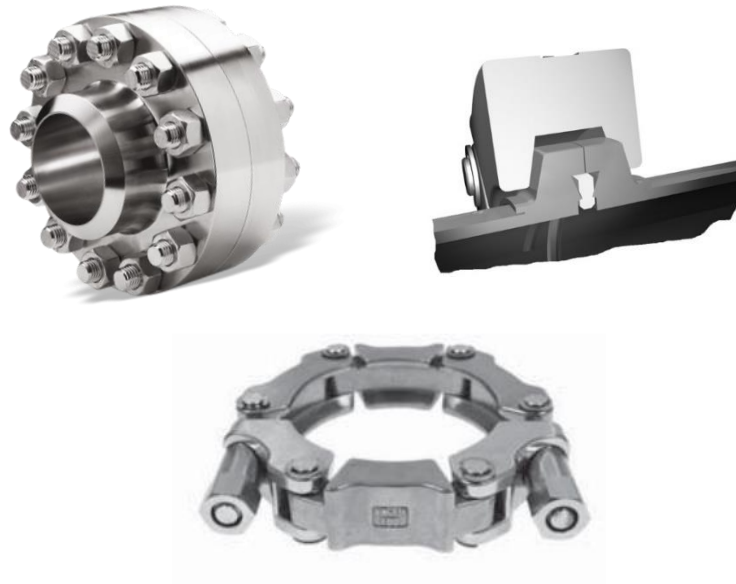


Cold sprayed copper for BPM integration



Concept of SMA connectors for UHV applications

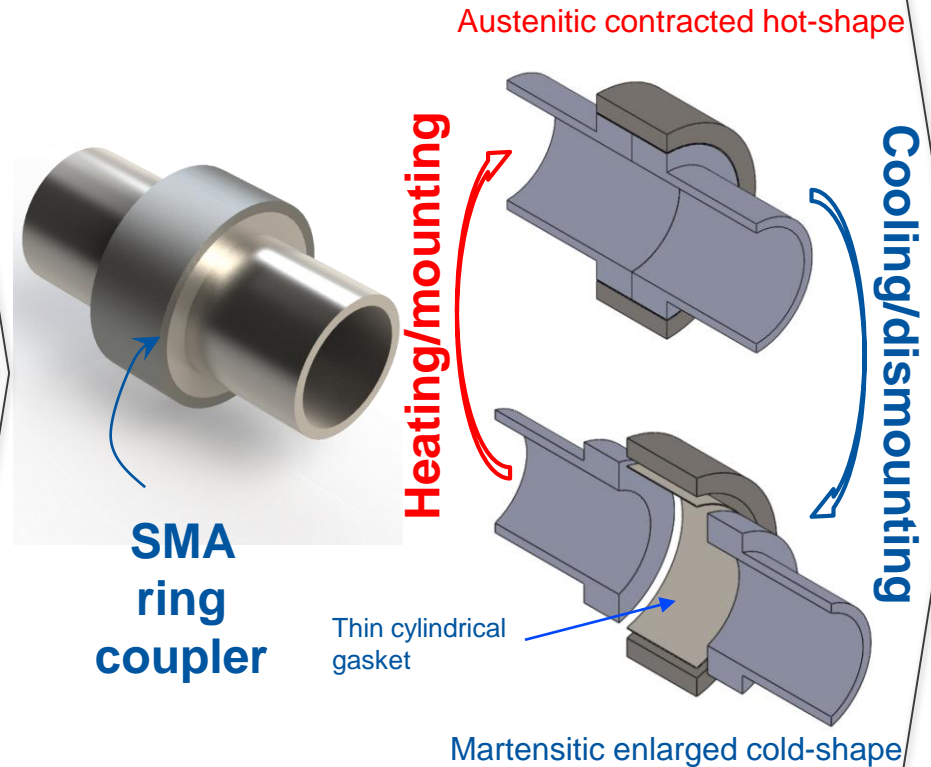
Standard vacuum coupling systems



Soft/hard materials +
mechanical force

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Shape memory alloy couplers

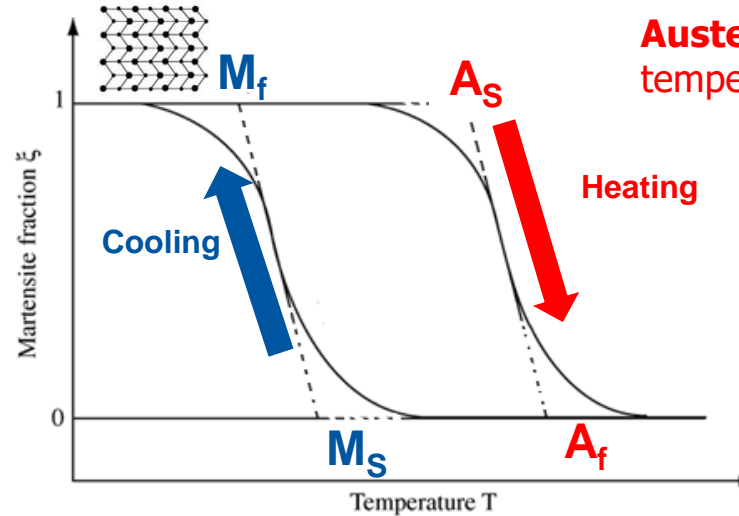
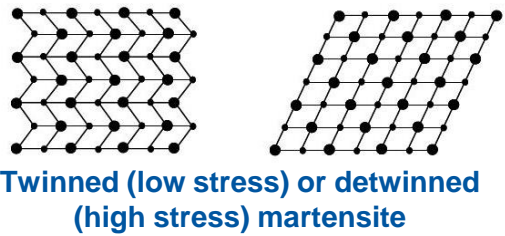


Soft/hard materials + temperature control

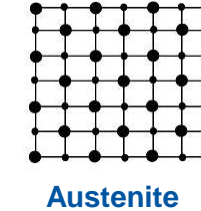
Concept of SMA connectors for UHV applications

Heating/mounting

Martensite: stable at low temperature and high stress



Austenite: stable at high temperature and low stress



Martensitic enlarged cold-shape

Austenitic contracted hot-shape

Cooling/dismounting

Reversible phase transformation: displacive transformation without diffusion process

- **A_s**: Austenite start temperature
- **A_f**: Austenite finish temperature
- **M_s**: Martensite start temperature
- **M_f**: Martensite finish temperature

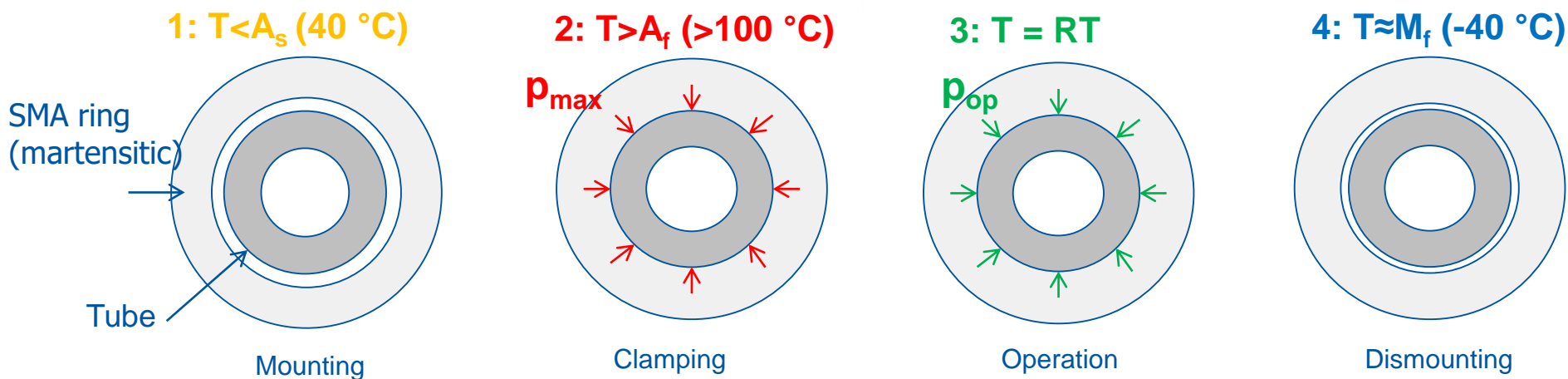
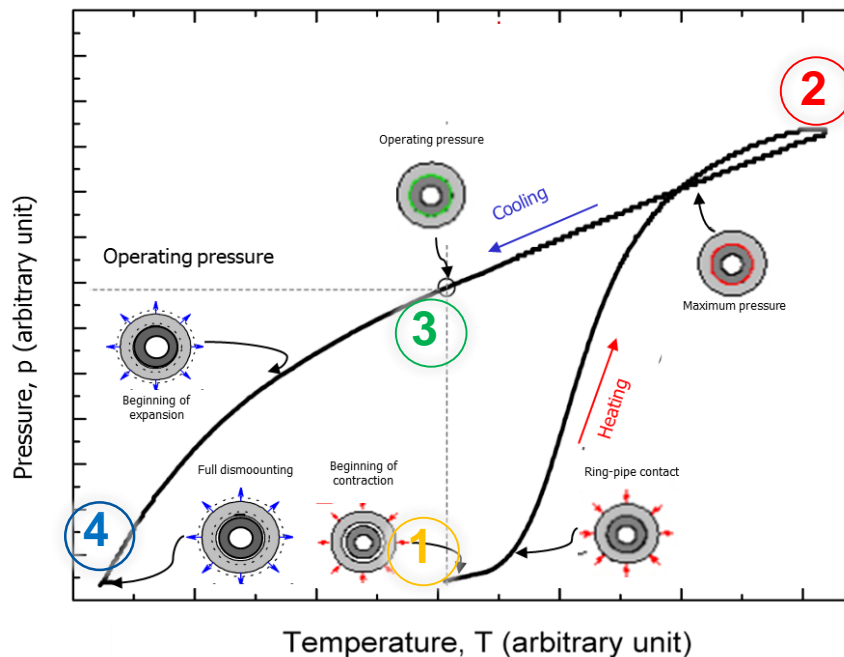
Transformation Temperatures (TTs) depend on:

- Chemical composition
- Internal stress/strain field (dislocation arrays/precipitates)
- Thermo-mechanical cycling

Operation principle

- A_s : Austenite start temperature (Ring contraction starts)
- A_f : Austenite finish temperature (Ring contraction ends)
- M_s : Martensite start temperature (Ring expansion starts)
- M_f : Martensite finish temperature (Ring expansion ends)

1. Mounting at room temperature
2. Tightening by heating above 100 °C
3. Leak Rate 10^{-10} mbar·l·s⁻¹ at room temperature
4. Dismounting by cooling down to -40°C



Advantages and potential applications

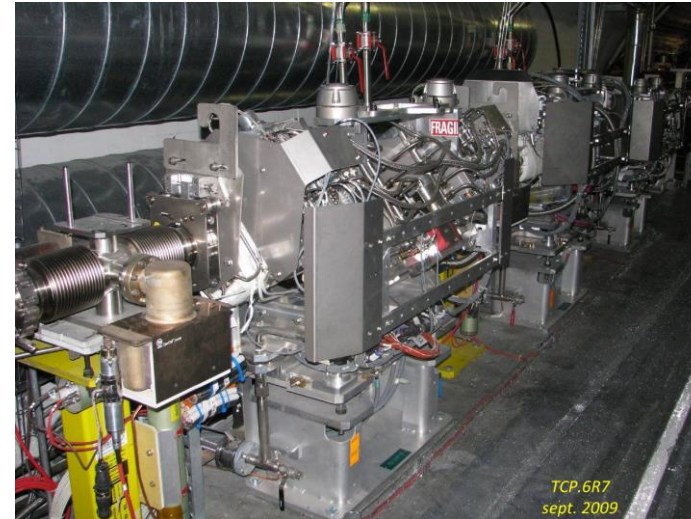
- A compact, leak tight and easily mountable\dismountable connection system, compatible with accelerator environment:
 - Magnetic permeability < 1.002
 - Thermal outgassing $< 10^{-13}$ mbar.l⁻¹.s⁻¹.cm⁻²
 - Radiation hard (up to 4 MGy at least)
- Possibility of remote controlling\activation
- Possibility to connect dissimilar materials
- Possibility to use in high demanding areas (e.g. collimator areas, machine/detector interface)



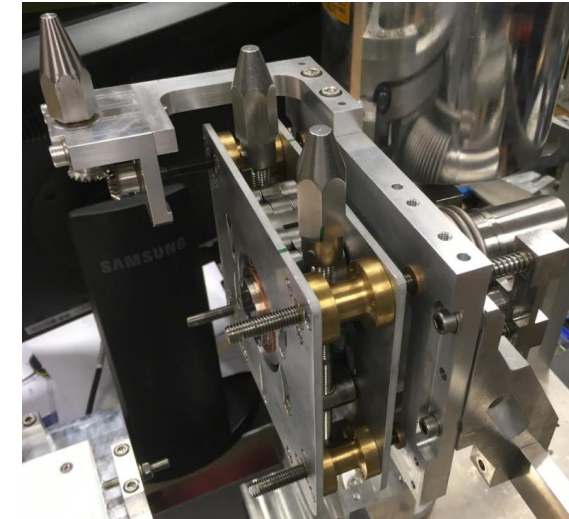
Declamping with a robot



LHC dump windows



LHC collimators



Vacuum module for the MDI area

SMA-based UHV prototype joints validated

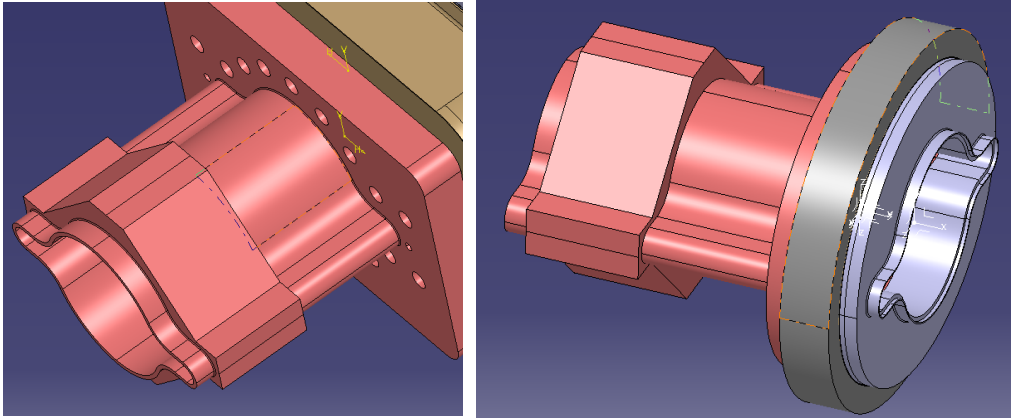


Examples of different validated SMA connectors

- Compatibility with various pipe geometries (DN16, DN25, DN50, DN100) and metals (steel, aluminum, copper, etc.)
- Bimetallic joints (St/Ti, St/Alu)
- Zero - longitudinal gap connection

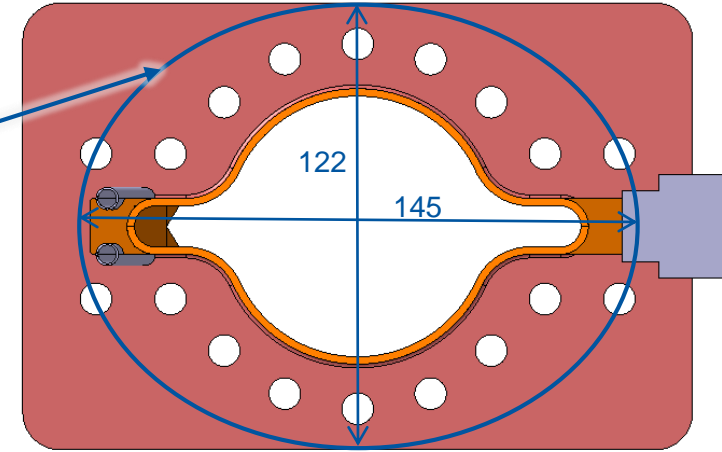
Oval-shaped connectors for FCC-ee chamber interconnections

Preliminary analytical calculations and FE simulations



Replacement of bolted flanges by SMA connectors

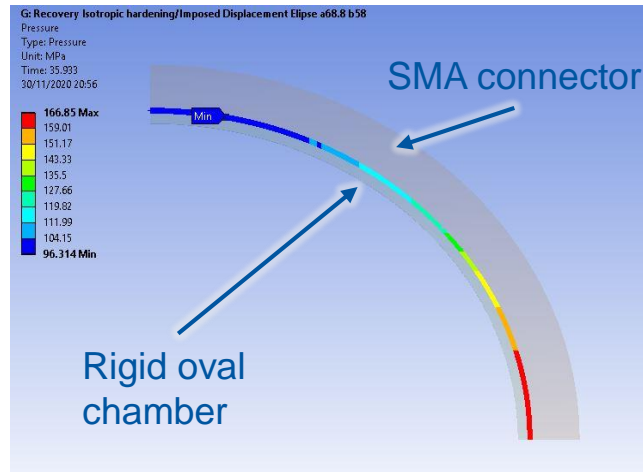
Preliminary elliptic profile for SMA connector compatibility based on existing DN100 QCF.



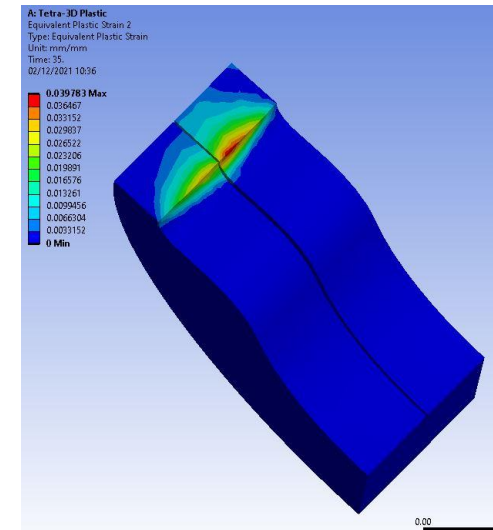
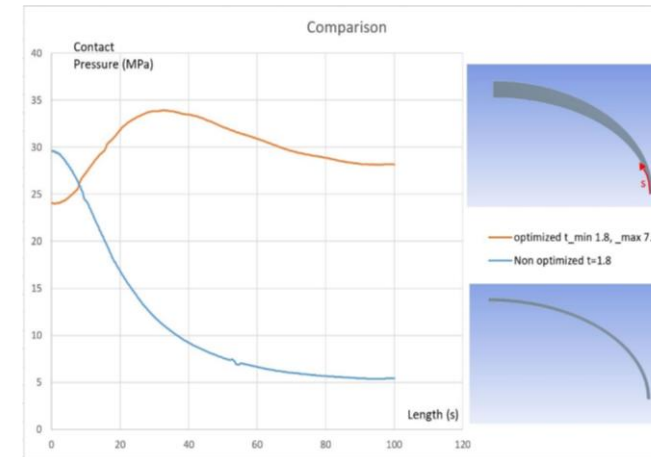
Typical expected space in the interconnection

Challenges:

- Non Uniform contact pressure
- Training of Oval SMA rings



Simulations of contact pressure



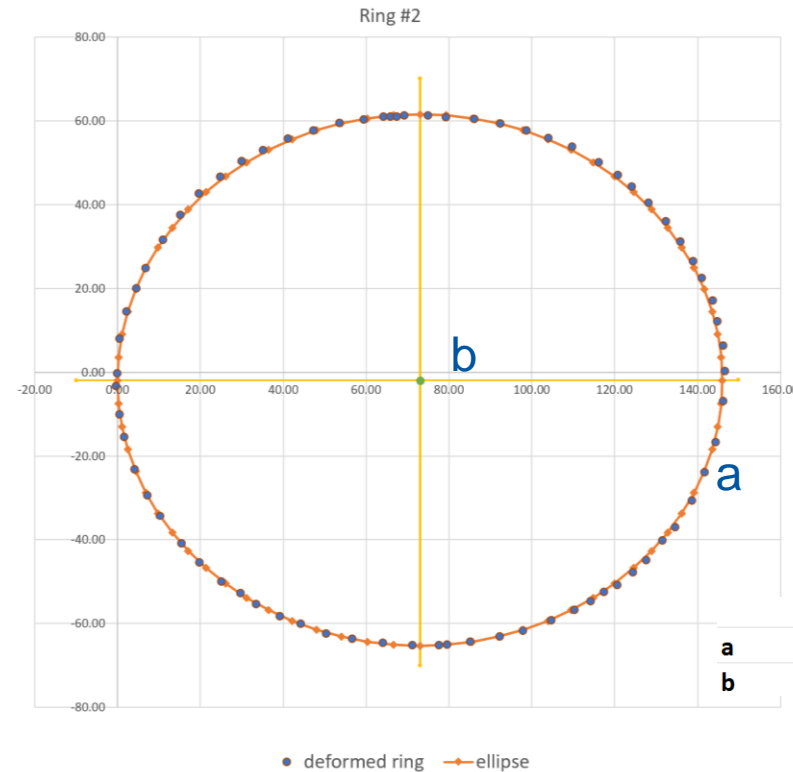
Plastic strain in the flange

Training setup for oval-shaped connectors

Design, Simulations and Manufacturing



Trained ring after ovalisation



Next steps:

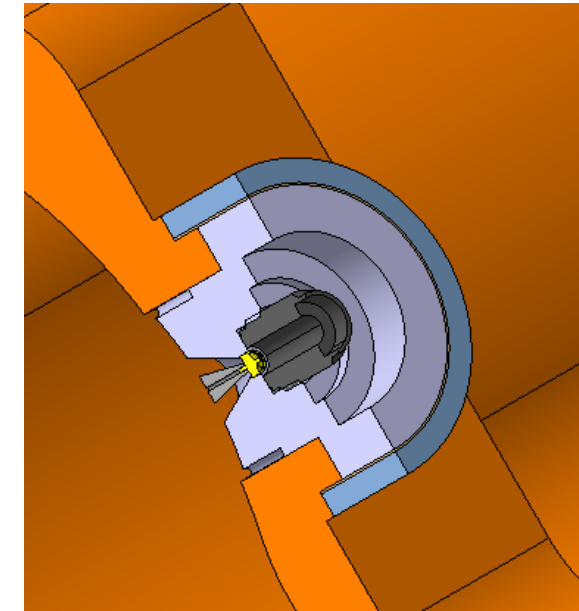
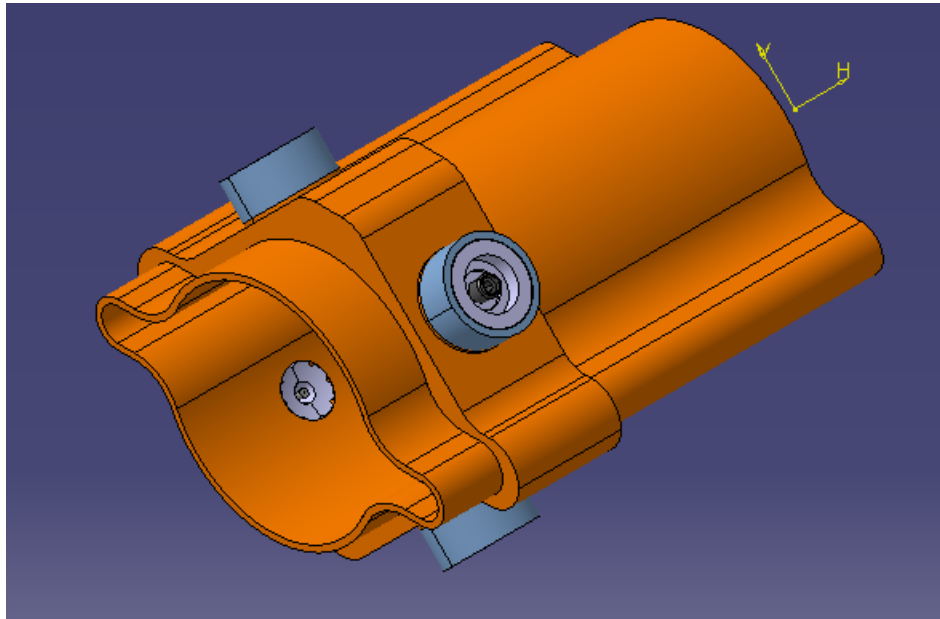
- Future tests
 - Recovery stress test (contact pressure measurement)
 - Repeatability of training
- Optimisation of the ring/flange and training

Circular connectors for FCC-ee chamber/BPM button

Preliminary considerations

SMA connectors could be advantageously used to integrate the BPM pickup to the vacuum chamber :

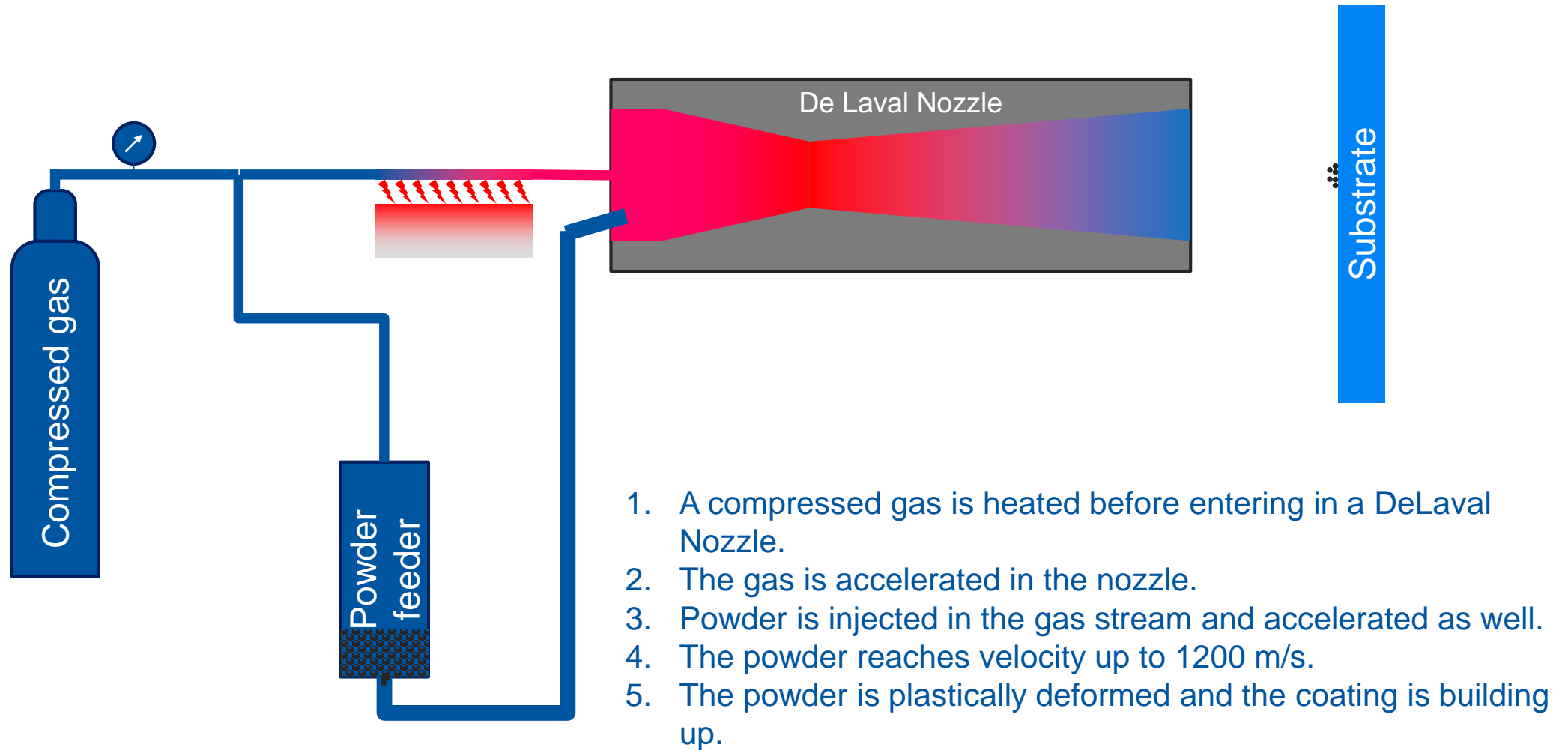
1. More compact than DN16 CF flange.
2. Easier to assemble.
3. Transition with copper (no brazing) → cheaper.



Design update of the FCC-ee BPM block on the vacuum chamber, incorporating the proposed equipment (BPM design given CERN/SY/BI for illustration)

Principle of Cold Spray

The gas dynamic cold spray coating is based on the projection of solid powder at high velocity.



Cold Spray Advantages and Limitations

Advantages:

- No powder melting.
 - No phase change.
 - No grain growth.
 - Low heating of the substrate.
- No significant impact on the oxide content w.r.t. initial material.
- Powder mixture possible.
- Compressive residual stress (fatigue life increase).
- Nozzle geometry can be tuned for a given jet size.
- Thick coating.
- High deposition rate.

Possible applications:

- Additive manufacturing
- Coating (surface or local coating, metallization of polymer)
- Metallization of
- New materials (composite material)

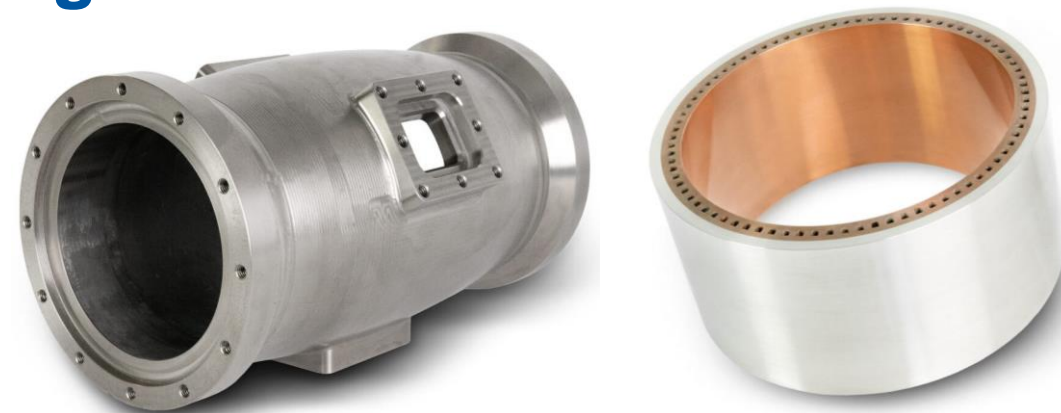
Limitations:

- One constituent has to be ductile.
- Accessibility to the surface to be coated.

New Manufacturing Process

Additive manufacturing for:

- Manufacturing of components of potentially dissimilar materials
- Joining of dissimilar materials
- New feature
- Repair
- Local reinforcement of thin walled structure

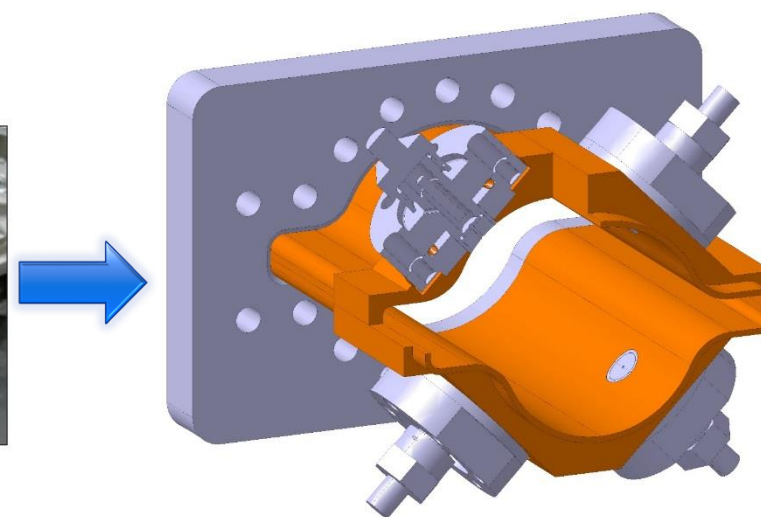


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Fig. 3 — Freeform feature added to a prototype machine component by cold spraying. (a) Prior to spraying, (b) as sprayed, (c) finished.

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FCC-ee quadrupole chamber
with BPM

Suitability of cold spray additive manufacturing for UHV applications?

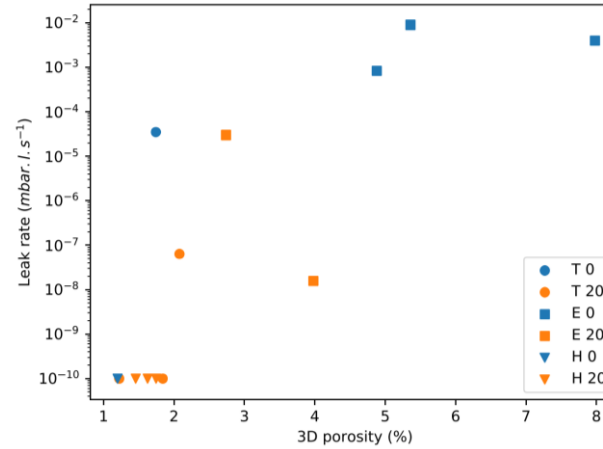
Leak tightness of cold sprayed additive materials:

A previous study on aluminium coating has shown [1]:

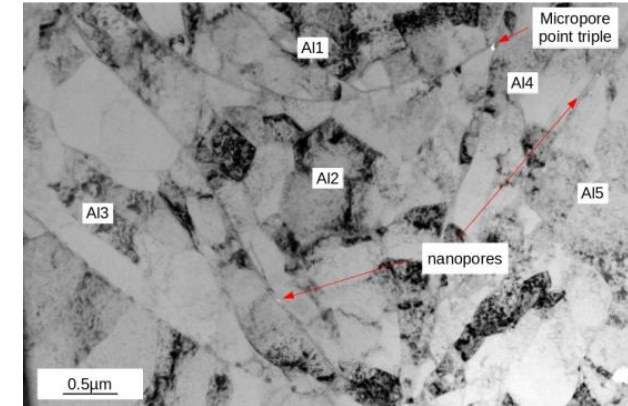
1. Helium leak tight coatings are achievable.
2. The presence and the role of microporosities formed during the process.
3. The influence of powder morphology on the porosity formation.

Preliminary tests on copper are in preparation:

- Copper-to-Copper Cold-Spray samples manufactured
- Test bench for thermal outgassing fully refurbished
- Tooling for leak tightness test available



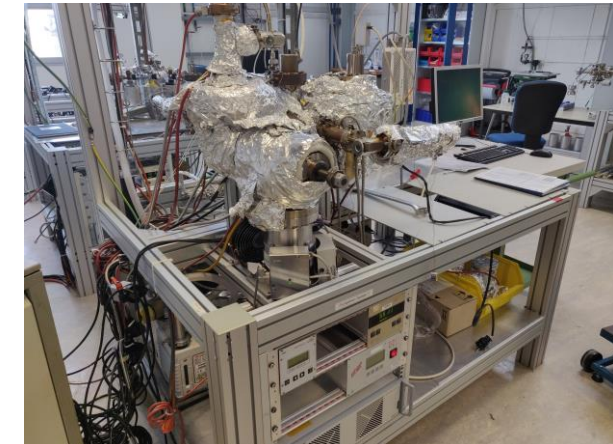
Influence of porosity on leak tightness for different powders and process parameters [1]



Porosity formation in cold sprayed aluminium [1]



Samples for leak tightness and thermal outgassing tests



Test bench for thermal outgassing measurement by accumulation of baked samples

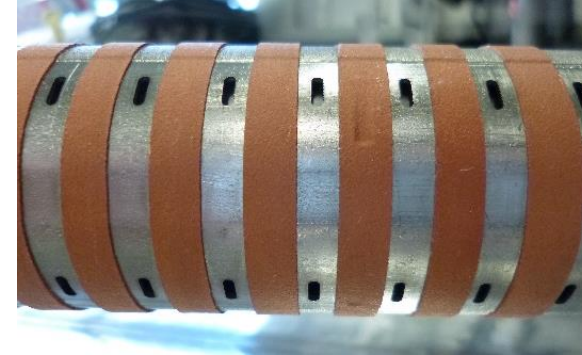
[1] Etude de la relation entre porosité et étanchéité à l'ultra-vide de dépôts à base d'aluminium obtenus par projection dynamique par gaz froid ("cold spray"), Sébastien Weiller: <http://www.theses.fr/2021UPSLM004>

A technology successfully applied in Accelerators

Local coating:

Heat transfer:

Copper trips on FCC-hh beam screen prototype.



Electrode:

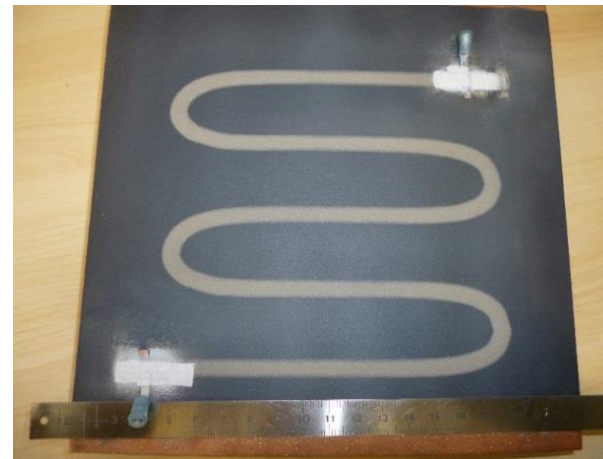
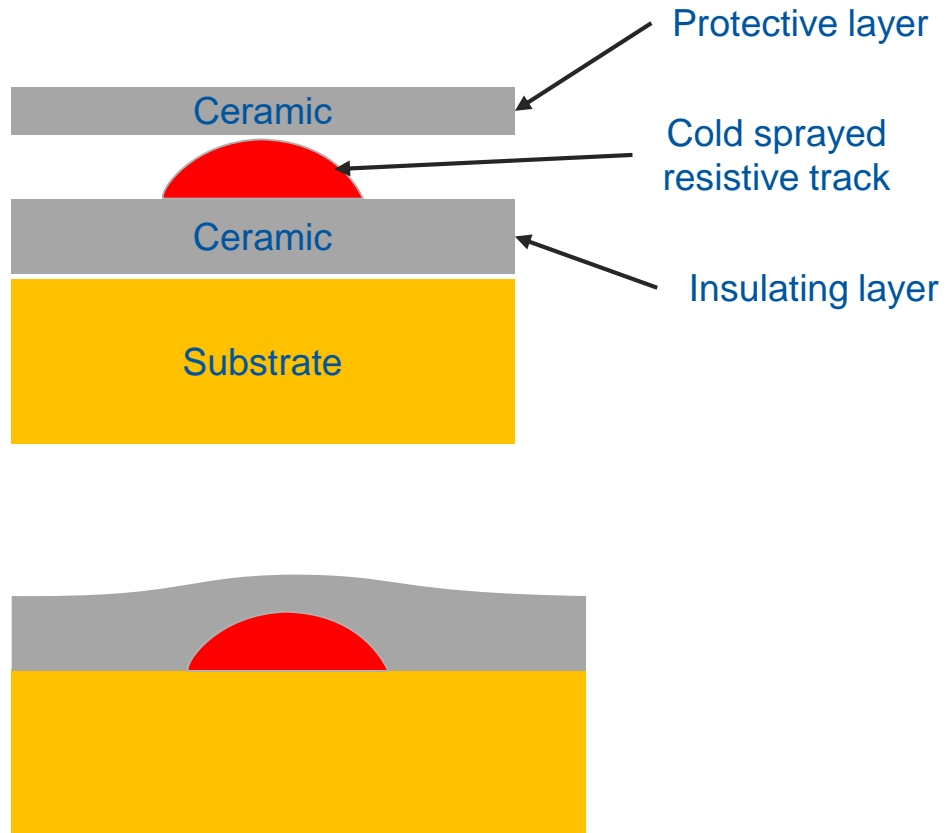
- Measurement of electrons for the FCC-hh beam screen prototype experiment at ANKA.
- Clearing electrode (optimisation of ceramic layer required for non-baked system).



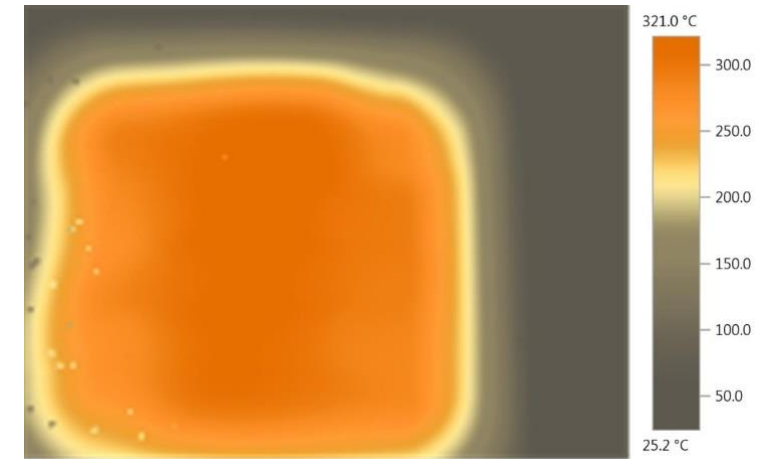
Copper and aluminium cold spray coating on ceramic insulated copper coated stainless steel sheet

Possible Applications in Accelerators

Local coating: Permanent radiation hard heating element for bake out (in or outside vacuum)



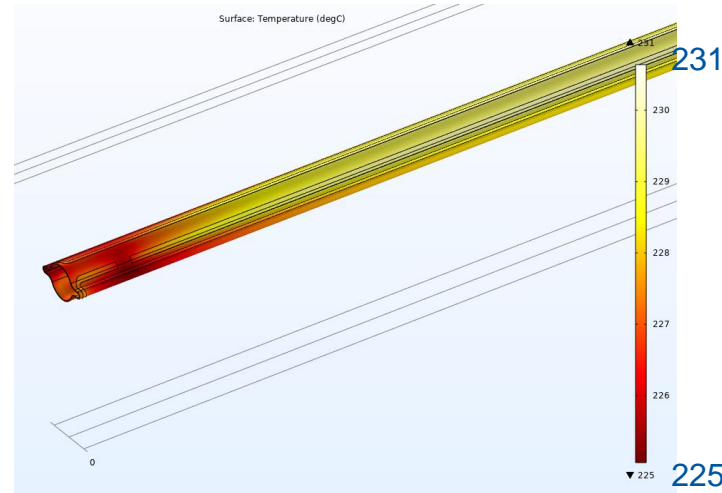
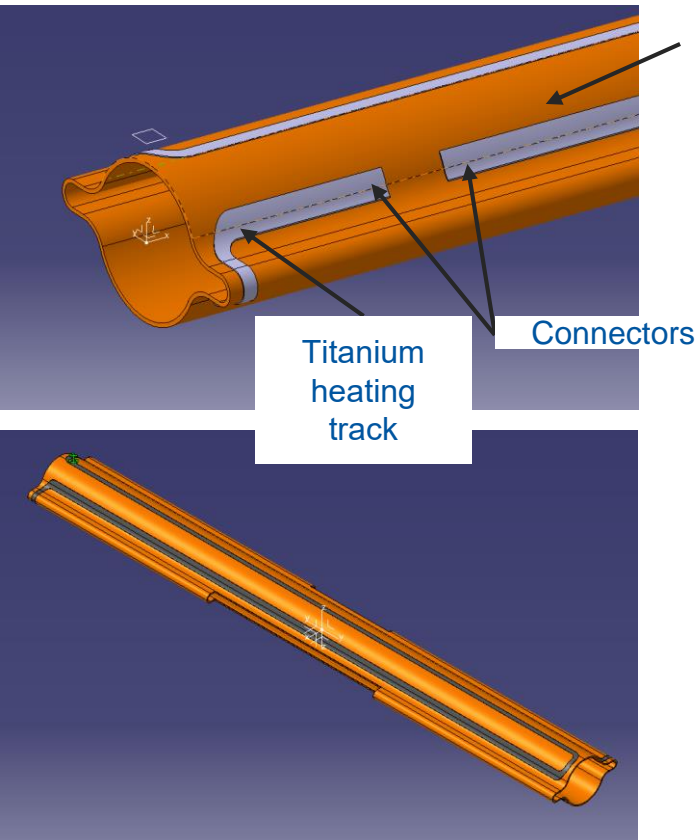
Copper plate with plasma sprayed ceramic and 0.2 mm thick cold sprayed titanium heating track



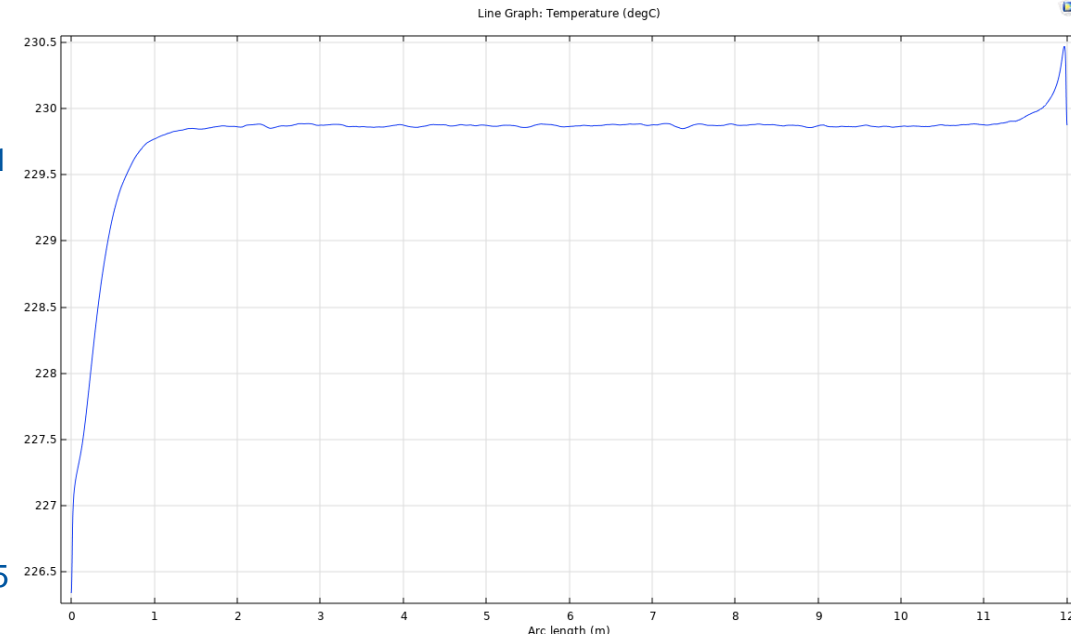
Measurement of the temperature field

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Expected temperature field along the vacuum chamber

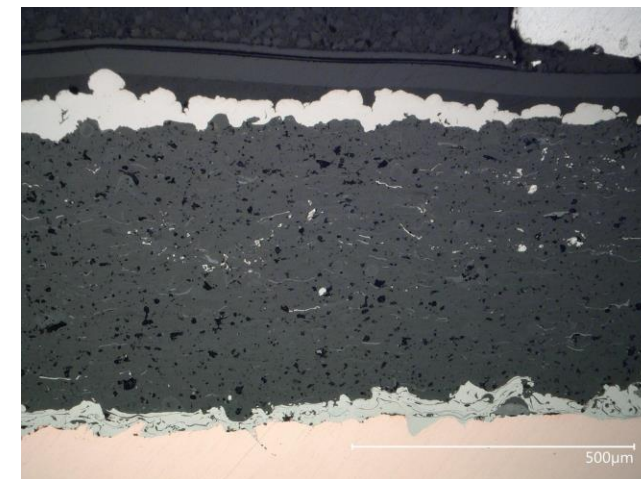
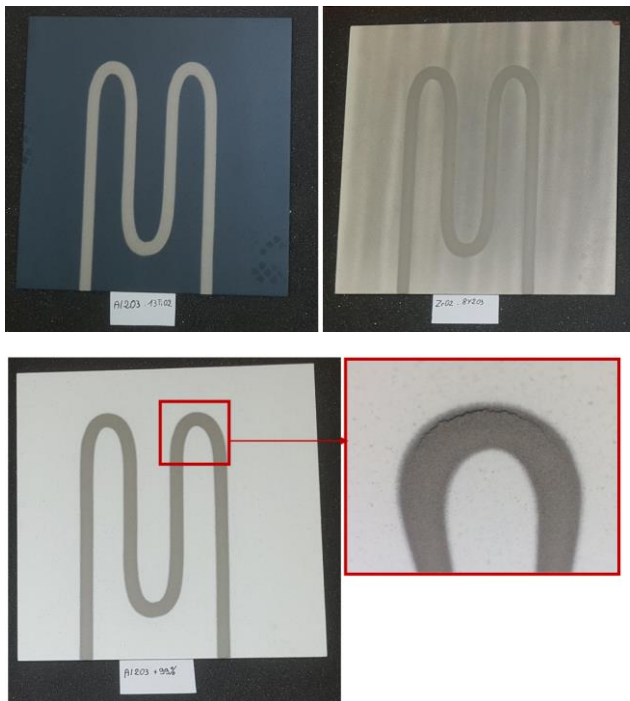


Expected temperature profile along the vacuum chamber

Study of the ceramic layer

Samples with different ceramics, ~ 0.5 mm thick, plasma sprayed on copper plates, have been manufactured:

- Al_2O_3 99%
- $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 - 13 \text{TiO}_2$
- $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3 - 4 \text{SiO}_2 - 3 \text{TiO}_2$
- $\text{ZrO}_2 - 8\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$

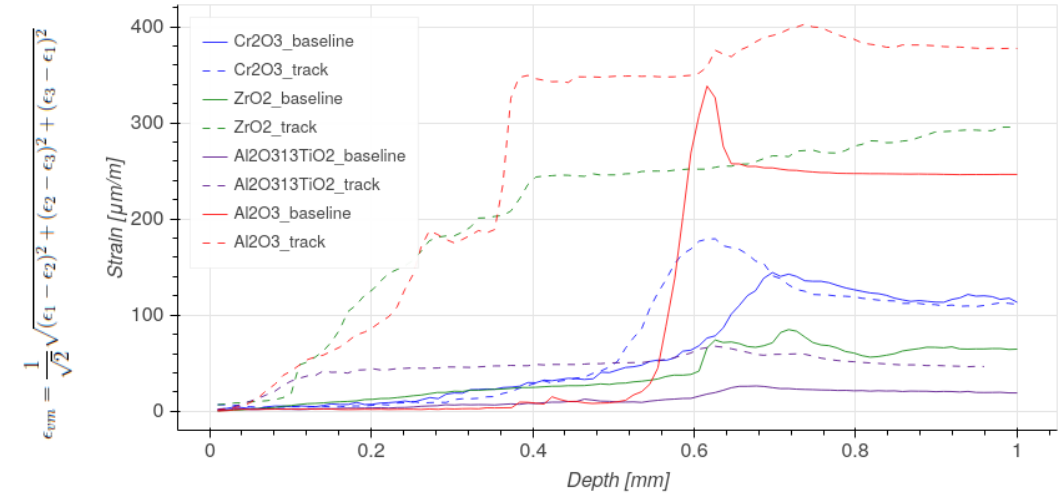
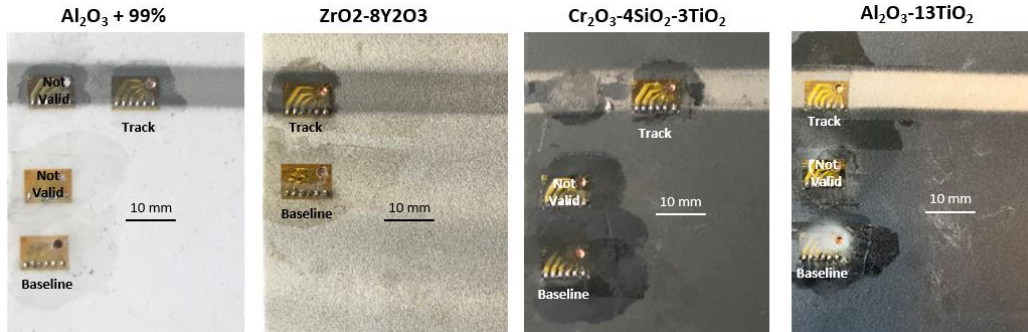


$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3+13\text{TiO}_2$

The different ceramic layer revealed different adhesion quality of the Ti track.

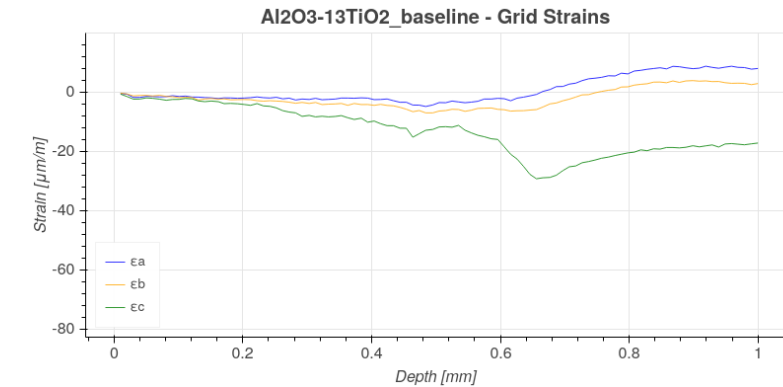
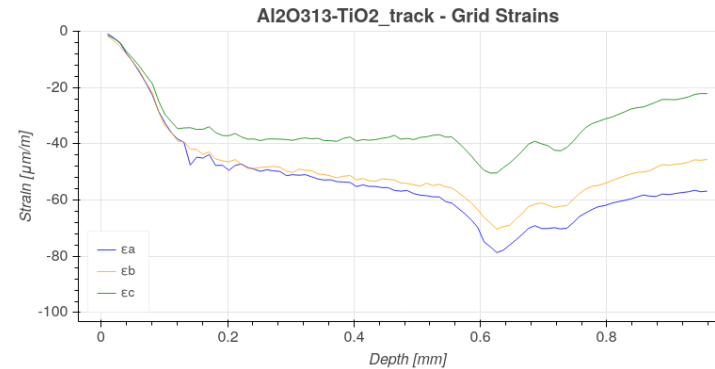
Residual stresses

Residual stresses have been assessed by hole drilling method, on the ceramic and on the track.



Comparative strain measurements

Significant difference is observed between the different ceramics. $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-13TiO}_2$ exhibits the lowest residual stress, in the 10 MPa range.



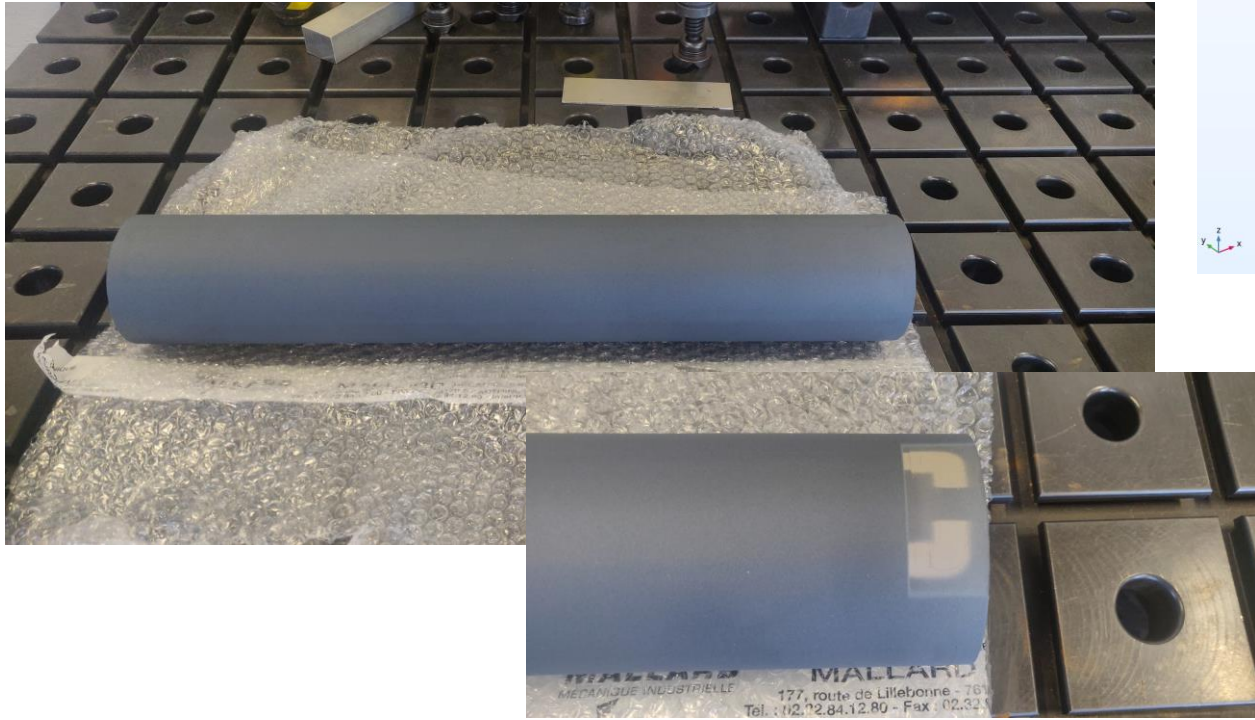
Strain measurements for $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-13TiO}_2$ ceramic layer

Functional tests have been successfully carried out on the $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-13TiO}_2$ plate, including 50 thermal cycles to 250 °C.

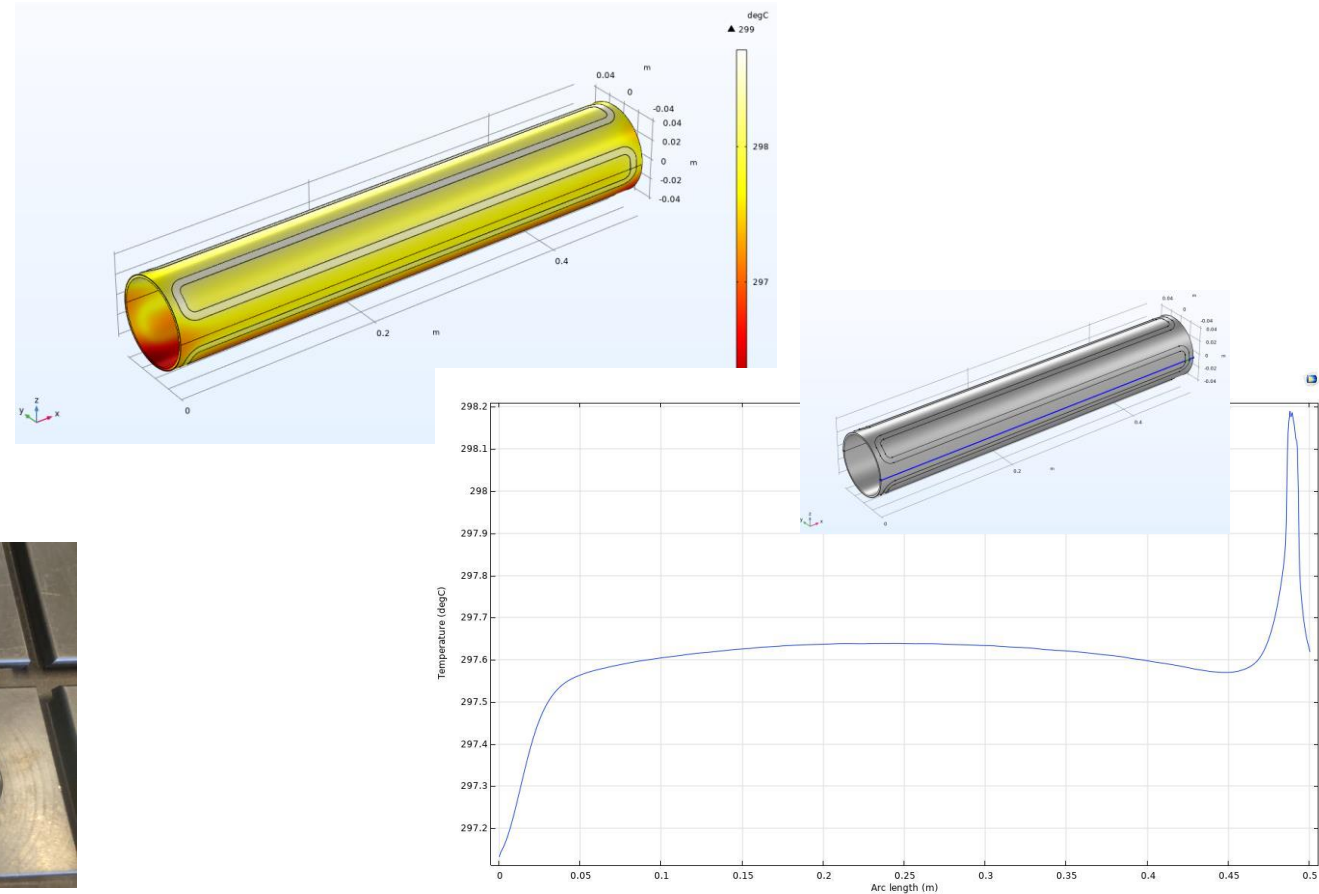
Prototype – Proof of concept

A first prototype of a copper tube with a permanent radiation tolerant bake out system has been produced:

- OFE copper tube, 84 mm * 2 mm, 500 mm long
- Al₂O₃-TiO₂ ceramic layer
- Track in titanium, ~ 110 μm thick, 8 mm width
- Distance between the tracks: ~30 mm



Interfaces for the electrical connections

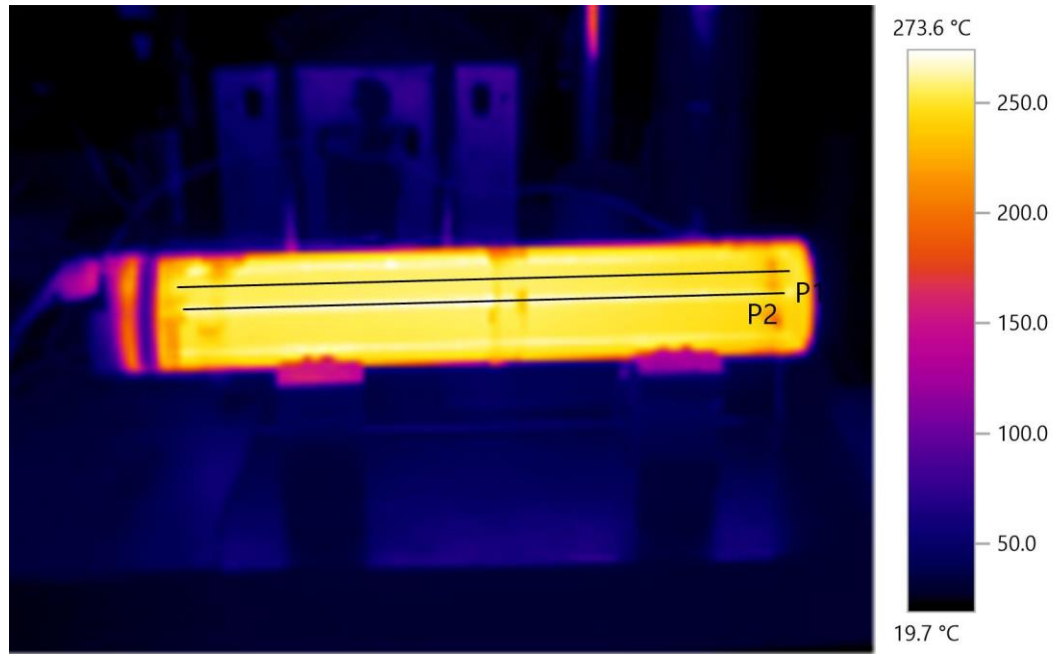
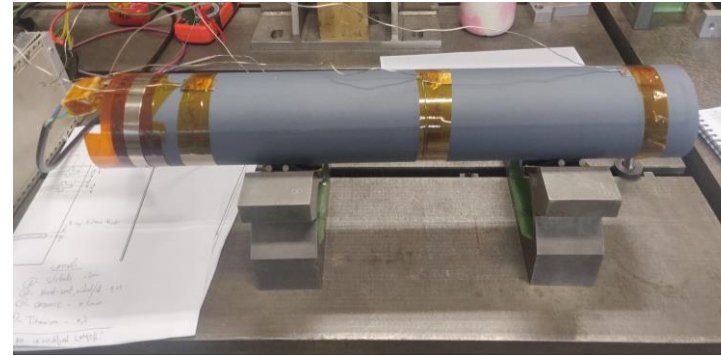


Expected temperature field and profile along the $\phi 80$ mm vacuum chamber prototype

Prototype – Proof of concept

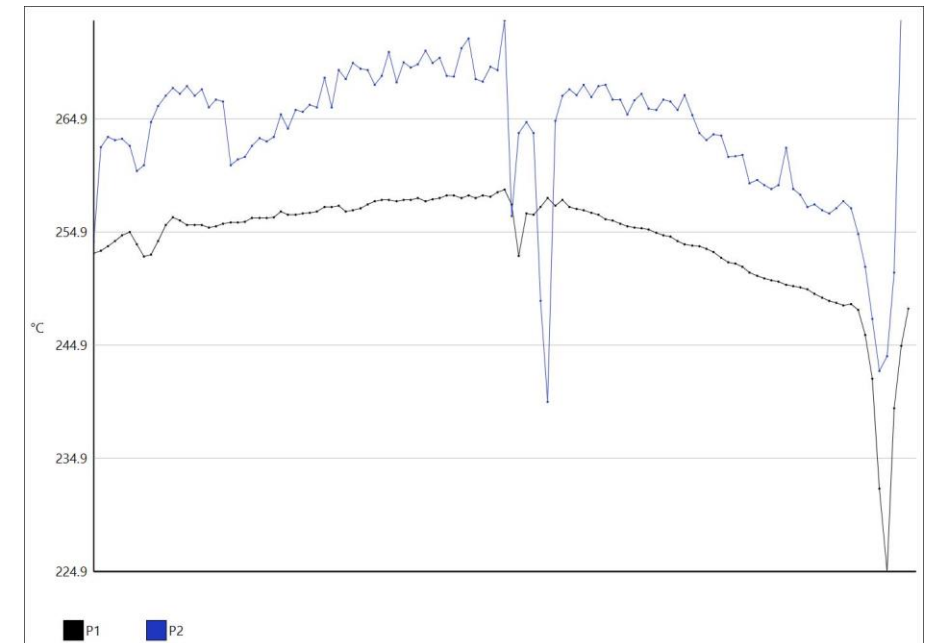
Thermal tests:

- Low thermal conductance supports
- DC current power supply
- Electrical connections clamped on the tube



Temperature field

- Successful heating to more than 250 °C.
- Good temperature homogeneity: +/- 10 °C.



Longitudinal temperature profile

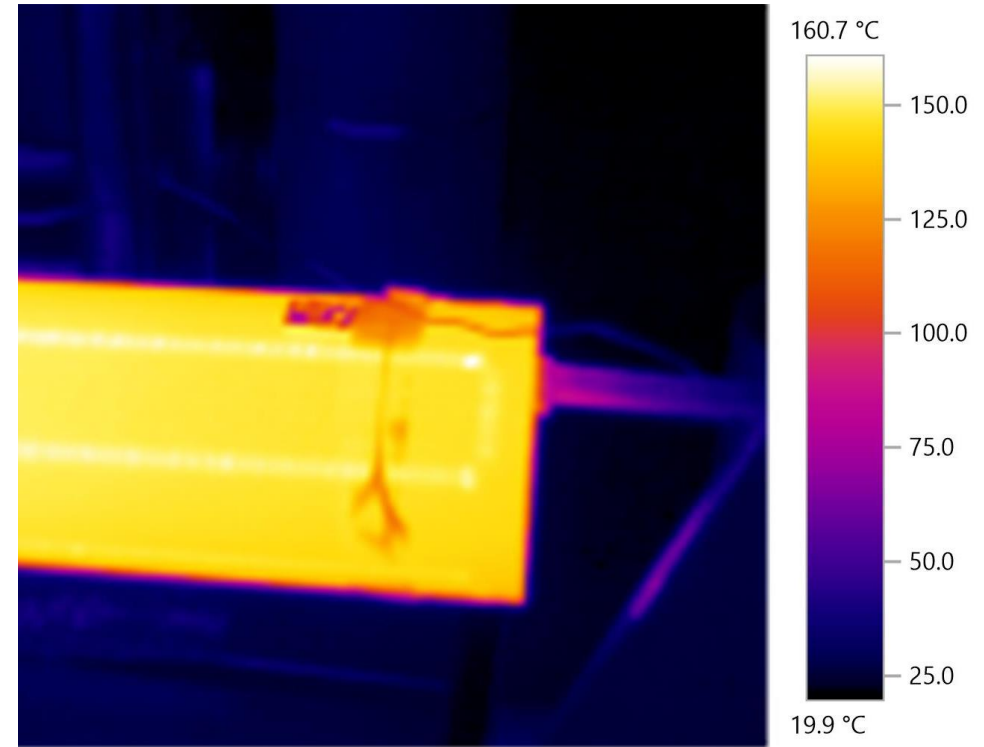
Prototype – Proof of concept

Some further developments are required:

1. Thickness irregularities have been observed in the corners of the track (different speed of the gun) → cold spots (thicker) and hot spots (thinner).
→ Better management of the robot displacement required.
→ Tests of different track U turn paths.



Thickness irregularities



Hot/cold spots induced by thickness irregularities

2. Measurements of the electrical resistance is not in agreement with expected value → measurement of resistivity of cold sprayed material ongoing.
3. Electrical connections to be defined for a safe operation.

Prototyping phase

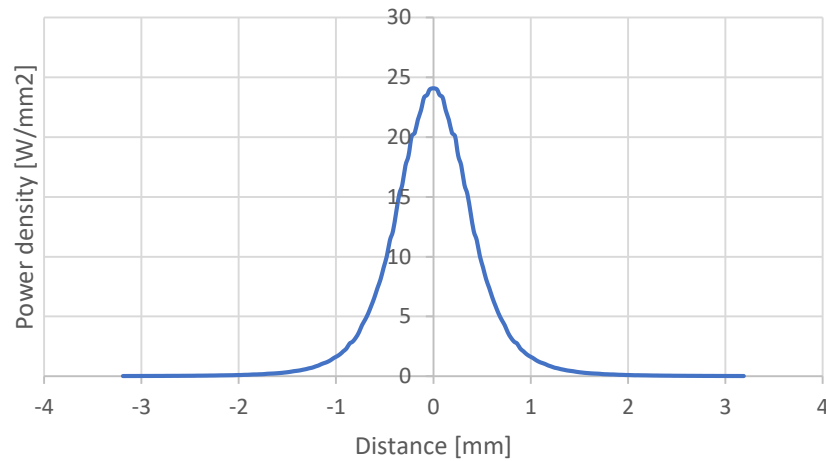
Different technologies are being assessed, on small samples, independently and in parallel:

- SMA connectors
- Copper cold spray additive manufacturing
- Radiation hard permanent bake out system
- Friction stir welding

In parallel:

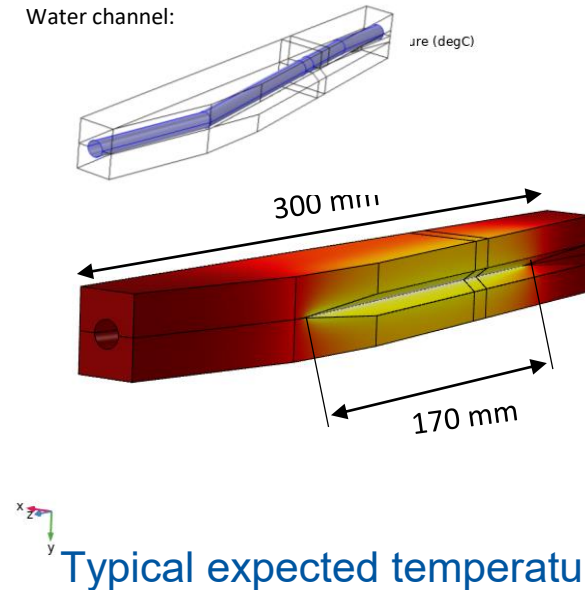
1. Design of lump absorbers: thermal mechanical study, water cooling, assembly to the vacuum chamber.

Power density on the FCC-ee absorber



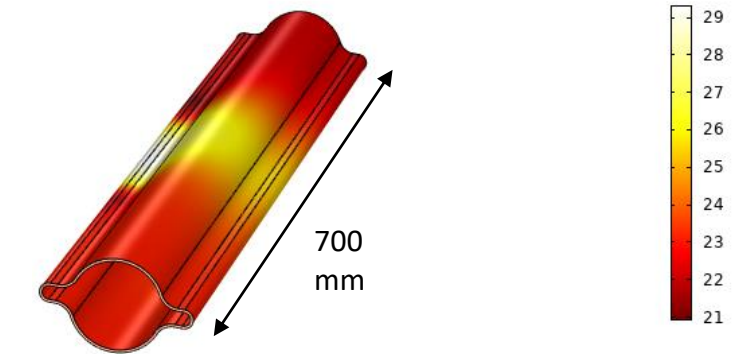
Heat deposition of ~4kW per absorber

Water channel:



Typical expected temperature profile

Surface: Temperature (degC)



3.8 W power transmitted in the air (over 700 mm)

Prototyping phase

In parallel:

2. Alternative designs and manufacturing processes will be explored to take into account, in particular, the design and integration of the synchrotron radiation absorbers.
3. Discussions about the vacuum system integration, in particular in the magnets, just started. Significant changes, i.e. interbeam distance, length of interconnections with shielded bellows, might be required.

In a second step, the technologies will be applied for the manufacturing of a representative short vacuum chamber prototype:

- ~ 2 m
- Based on copper extrusion and lump absorber
- Early 2023

Conclusion

In a desire to propose cost-effective technical solutions for the FCC-ee vacuum system, the CERN vacuum group has undertaken a series of developments in UHV technologies:

- SMA connectors is a mature technology for UHV applications. Implementation study to FCC-ee has been initiated as well as the verification of its suitability to respond to the FCC-ee particularities.
- Radiation hard permanent bake out system is under development. Good progress has been done so far: proof of concept test has been successfully carried out.
- Additive manufacturing of copper by cold spray is in a first exploratory phase.

Further activities are initiated and will be reinforced in the near future:

1. Lumped absorber: thermal mechanical design, integration study and prototyping.
2. Interconnection: Some conceptual designs available. Technical design to be done.
3. Vacuum chamber prototype manufacturing.

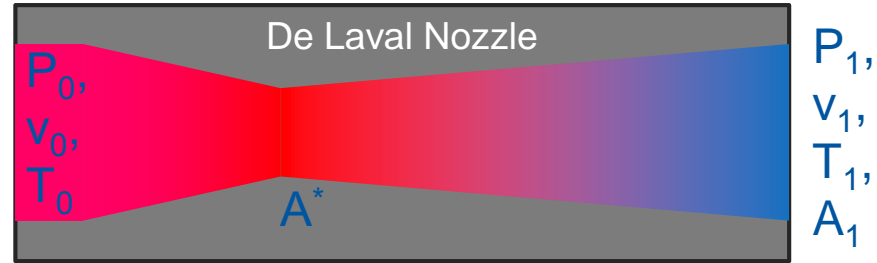
The development of the FCC-ee vacuum system and the related technologies started but requires significant efforts.

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Principle of Cold Spray

1D isentropic flow equations:



$$\frac{P_0}{P_1} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_1^2\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1}}$$

$$\frac{T_0}{T_1} = 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_1^2$$

$$M_1 = \frac{v_1}{c_1} = \frac{v_1}{\sqrt{\gamma R_s T_1}}$$

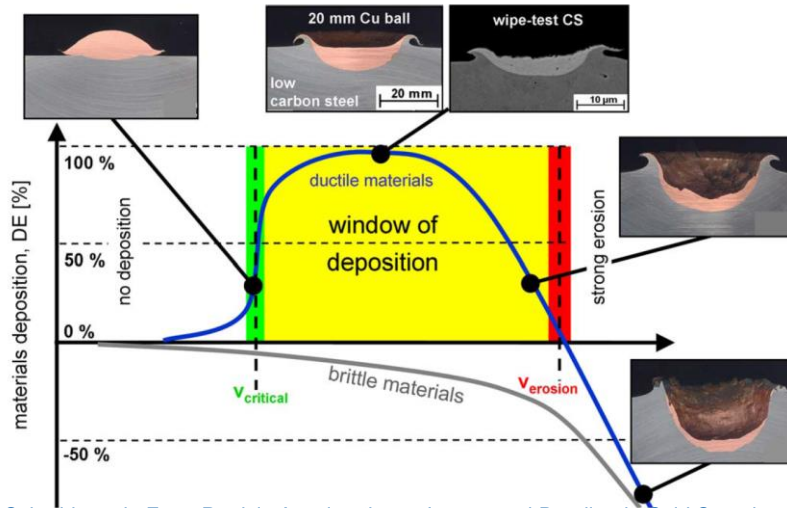
$$\frac{A_1}{A^*} = \frac{1}{M_1} \left[\frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_1^2\right) \right]^{\frac{\gamma + 1}{2(\gamma - 1)}}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v} \quad \begin{array}{l} \gamma=5/3 \text{ (1.67) for monoatomic perfect gas} \\ \gamma=7/5 \text{ (1.4) for diatomic perfect gas and} \\ \gamma=1,33 \text{ for polyatomic perfect gas} \end{array}$$

R_s is the specific gas constant given by R/M_{molar}

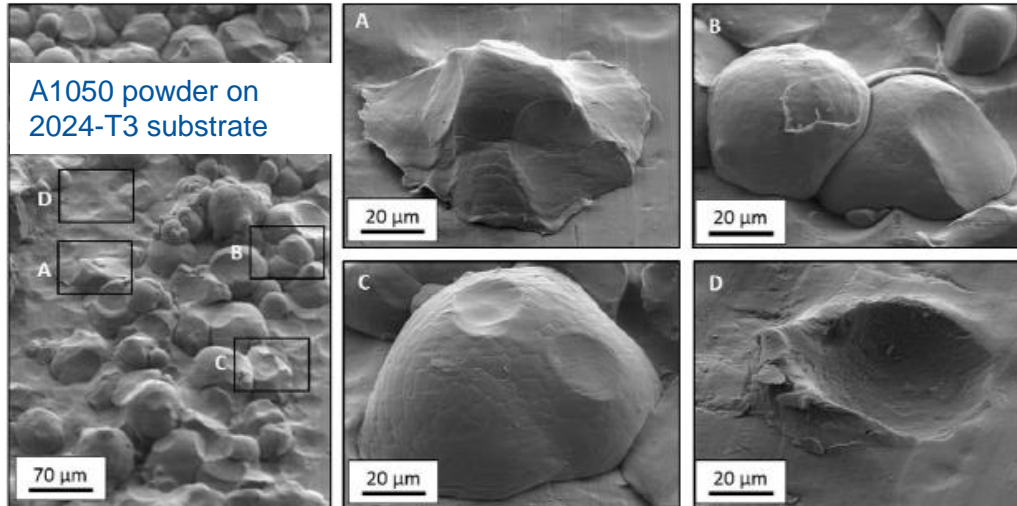
Nitrogen is commonly used. Helium is used to reach higher velocity.

Bonding mechanism



T. Schmidt et al., From Particle Acceleration to Impact and Bonding in Cold Spraying, Journal of Thermal Spray Technology, 18, 5-6, 794-808, 2009

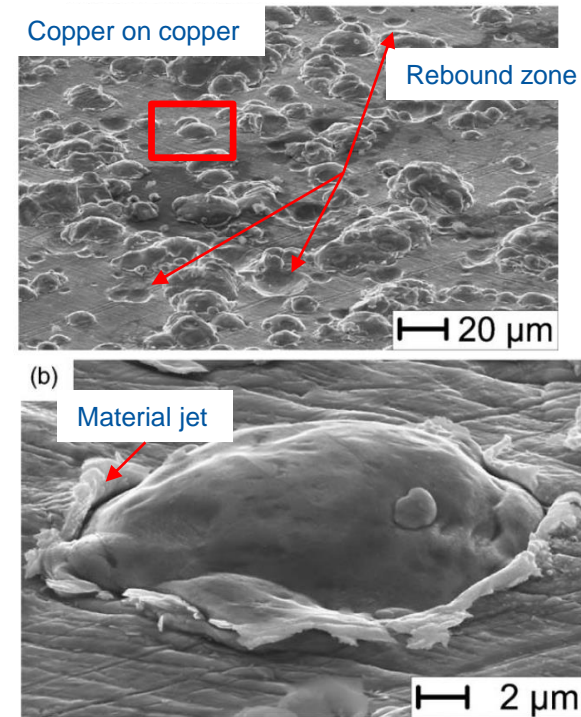
Typical surface around the critical velocity



Q. Blochet, Influence of substrate surface roughness on cold-sprayed coating-substrate bond strength in aluminum-based systems, PhD Thesis, Mines ParisTech, 2015

Table 1 Values of critical velocity for bonding assuming a particle size of 20 µm

Material	Melting point, °C	Critical velocity, m/s
Aluminium	660	620-660
Titanium	1670	700-890
Tin	232	160-180
Zinc	420	360-380
Stainless steel (316L)	1400	700-750
Copper	1084	460-500
Nickel	1455	610-680
Tantalum	2996	490-650



Assadi et al., Bonding mechanism in cold gas spraying, Acta Materialia, 51, 4379-4394, 2003

Some properties: example of copper

Electrical conductivity

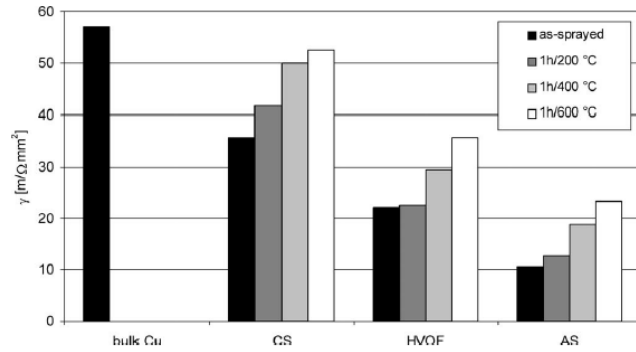
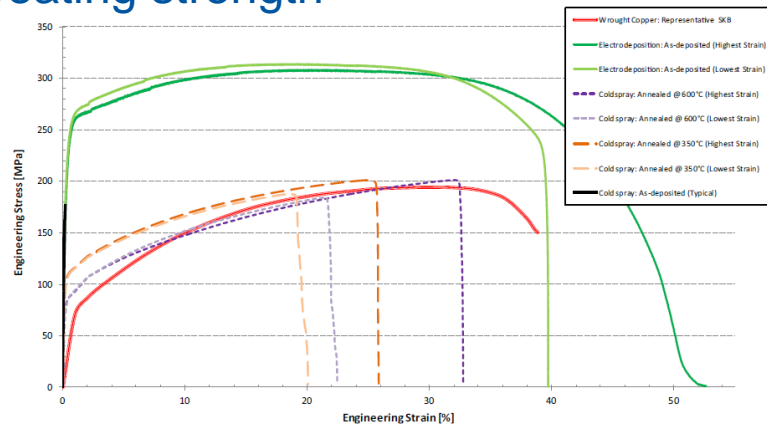


Fig. 9. Conductivity of Cu-coatings processed by cold spraying, HVOF spraying and arc spraying in the as-sprayed state and after different annealing conditions. Annealed bulk Cu serves as reference material.

T. Stoltenhoff et al., Microstructures and key properties of cold-sprayed and thermally sprayed copper coatings, Surface & coatings Technology, 200, 2006

Coating strength



C.H. Boyle, Mechanical performance of integrally bounded copper coatings for the long term disposal of used nuclear fuel, Nuclear Engineering and design, 293, 2015

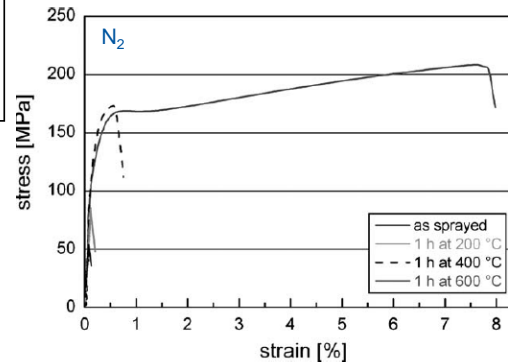
→ Material properties are affected by the cold spray process but they can significantly be recovered by dedicated post treatment.

Bonding strength

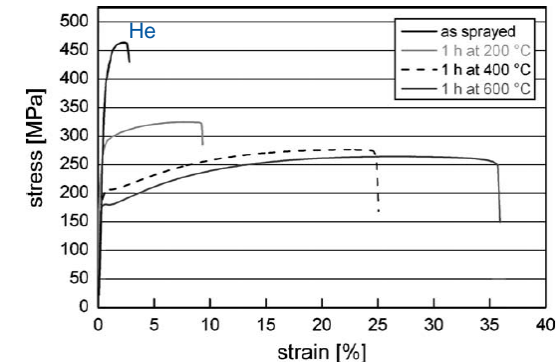
Coating material	Substrate material	Substrate preparation	Bond strength	Reference	
With helium	Cu	Aluminum	Grit blasting	30–35 ASTM C-633	Taylor et al. (2006)
	Cu	Copper, AA5052, AA6063		> 150 Modified tensile test	Huang and Fukunuma (2012)

With nitrogen	Cu	Copper	Grit blasting	17	JIS H 8664	Fukanuma and Ohno (2004)
	Cu	Aluminum	Grit blasting	24	JIS H 8664	Fukanuma and Ohno (2004)
	Cu	Aluminum	Grit blasting	> 40	ASTM C-633	Gärtner et al. (2006)
	Cu	Steel	Grit blasting	10–20	ASTM C-633	Gärtner et al. (2006)
	Cu	Aluminum, Copper	Grit blasting	40	EN 582	Stoltenhoff et al. (2006)
	Cu	Steel	Grit blasting	10	EN 582	Stoltenhoff et al. (2006)
	Cu	Copper, AA5052, AA6063		> 100	Modified tensile test	Huang and Fukunuma (2012)
	Cu+Al ₂ O ₃	Copper, steel	Grit blasting	20–23	EN582	Koivuluoto et al. (2008a, b)

After Jeandin et al., Coating properties in Modern cold spray, Ed. J. Villafuerte, Springer, 2015

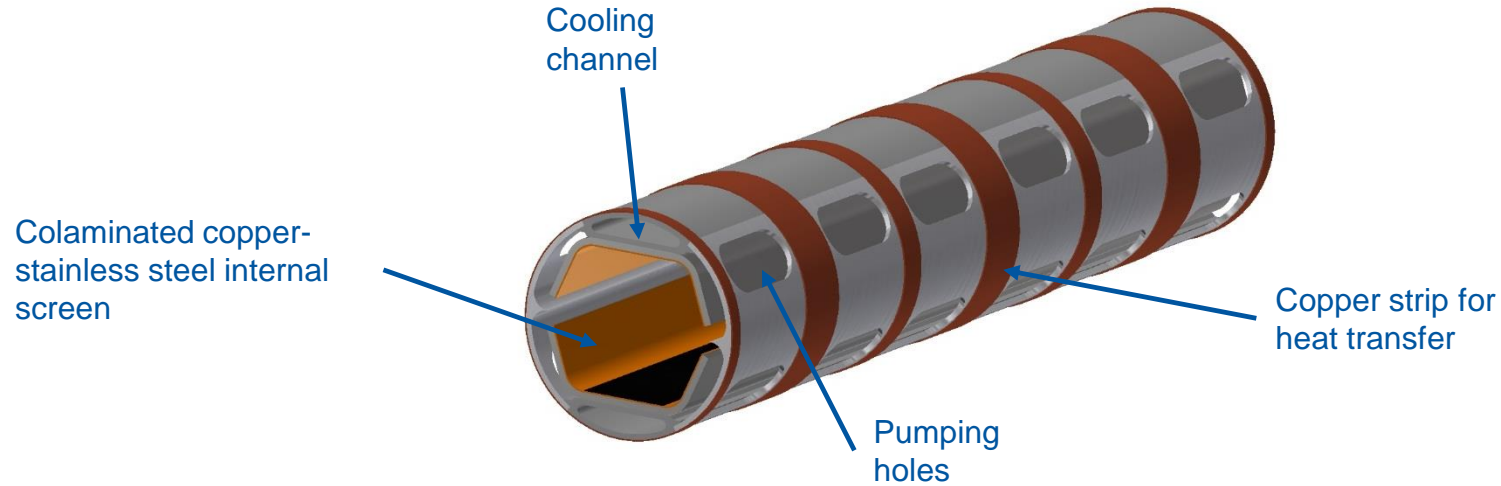


F. Gärtner, Mechanical properties of cold-sprayed and thermally sprayed copper coatings, Surface & Coatings Technology 200, 2006



Application to FCC

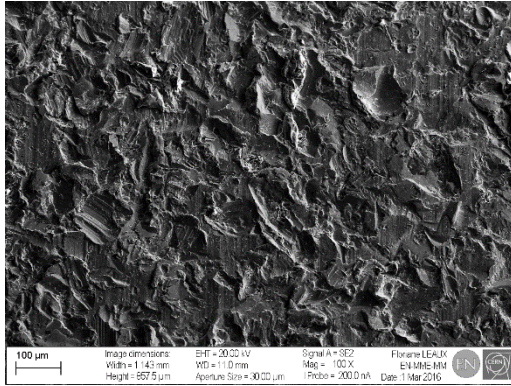
FCC-hh beam screen



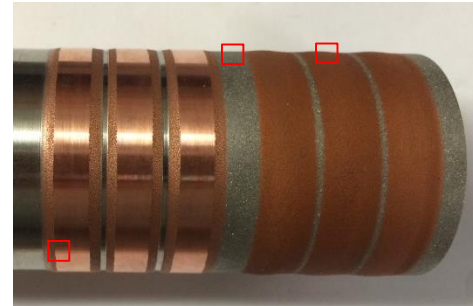
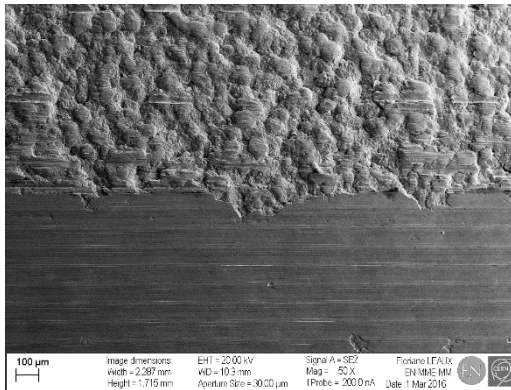
Requirements:

- Copper material (thermal conductivity)
- Stainless steel substrate
- Discontinuous (longitudinally → reduced Lorentz forces during a magnet quench)
- Continuous as close as possible to the cooling channel (better cooling and temperature control)
- Done after beam screen assembly (welds)
- No spray or coating contamination inside the beam screen
- Industrial process

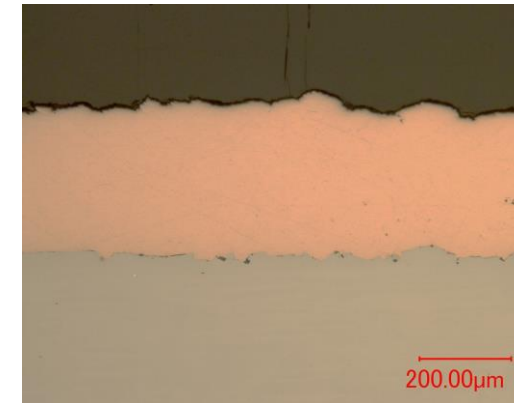
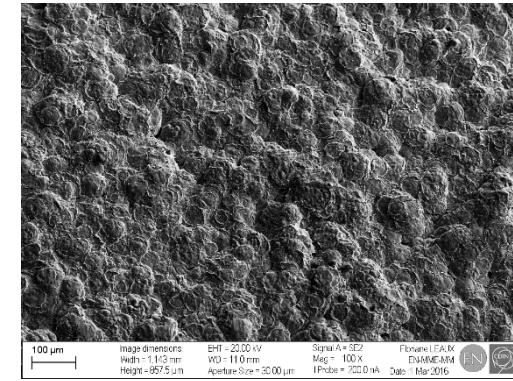
Application to FCC beam screen



Surface preparation by blasting (Al₂O₃)

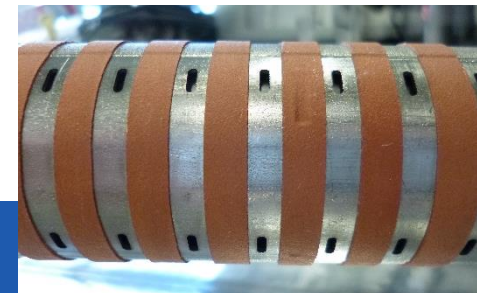


Cold sprayed copper on austenitic stainless steel.



Possible improvements:

- Surface preparation: laser treatment
- Nozzle geometry: correct width
- Process parameters



$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 99\%$

$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3\text{-}4\text{SiO}_2\text{-}3\text{TiO}_2$

