



Universität Hamburg
DER FORSCHUNG | DER LEHRE | DER BILDUNG



Bundesministerium
für Bildung
und Forschung



Successful SIS multilayer activities on cavities and samples using ALD

Marc Wenskat on behalf of our SRF R&D Team

SIS multilayers (PE)-ALD investigation at UHH

Thermal ALD: Al_2O_3

*Capability for
coating
single-cell cavities*



PEALD: AlN, NbTiN, NbN

*Capability for
coating
planar samples*



SIS multilayers (PE)-ALD investigation at UHH

Thermal ALD: Al_2O_3

*Capability for
coating
single-cell cavities*



PEALD: AlN, NbTiN, NbN

*Capability for
coating
planar samples*

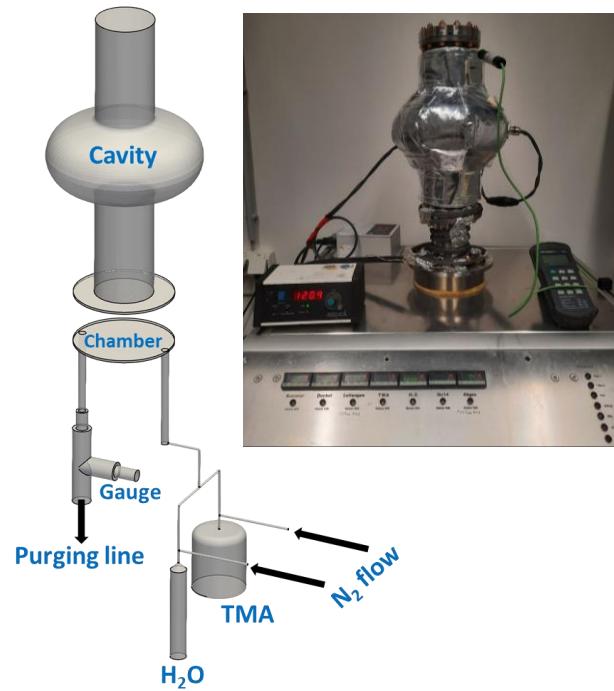


Successful Al_2O_3 coating of high-gradient 1.3 GHz cavities by thermal ALD

✓ Proof-of-principle experiment

- Process optimization
- Thermal ALD Process Simulation

Thermal ALD setup



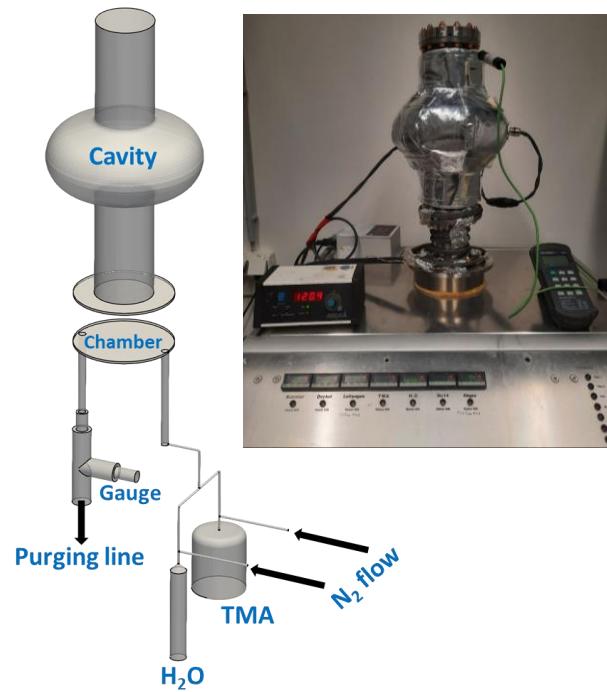
Successful Al_2O_3 coating of high-gradient 1.3 GHz cavities by thermal ALD

✓ Proof-of-principle experiment

- Process optimization
- Thermal ALD Process Simulation

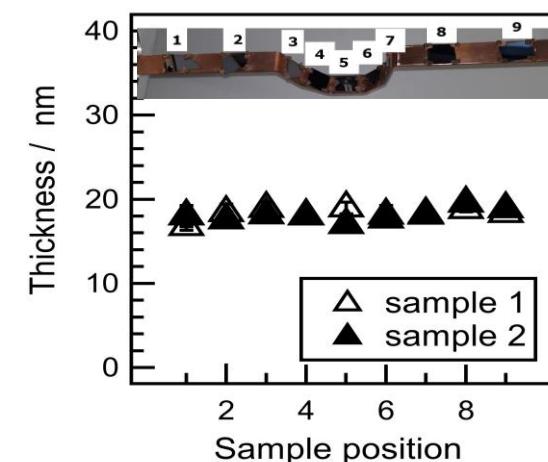
✓ Several single-cell cavities successfully coated

Thermal ALD setup



Process optimization

Precursors TMA/H₂O
Temp. 120 °C
Thickness ~18 nm



Successful Al_2O_3 coating of high-gradient 1.3 GHz cavities by thermal ALD

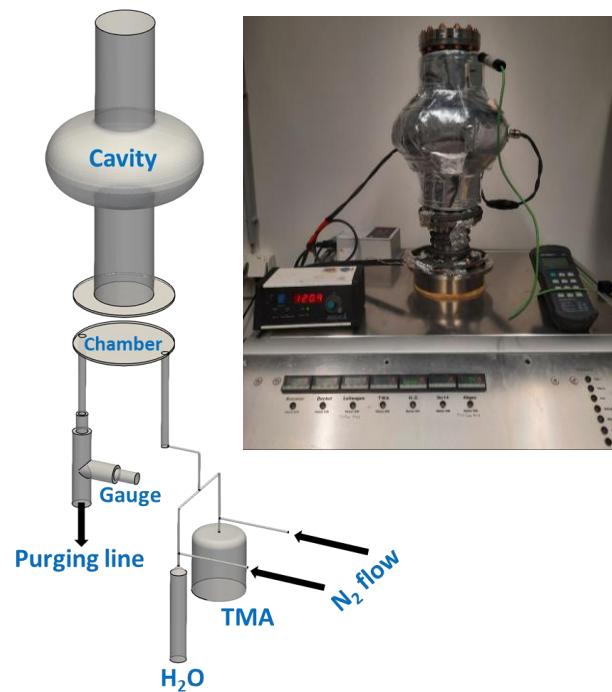
✓ Proof-of-principle experiment

- Process optimization
- Thermal ALD Process Simulation

✓ Several single-cell cavities successfully coated

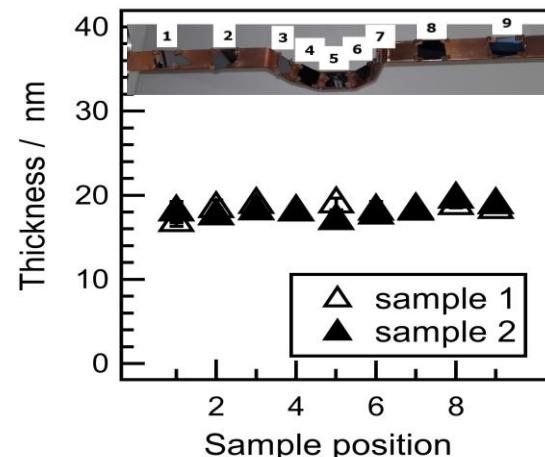
✓ Gradients above 40MV/m without any deterioration in Q-value

Thermal ALD setup

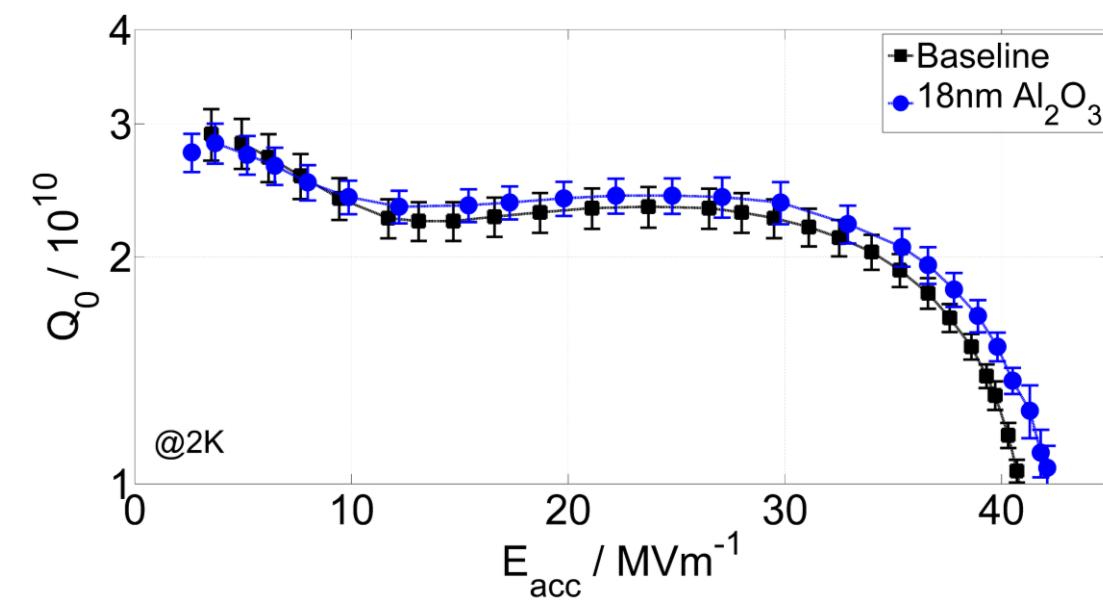


Process optimization

Precursors TMA/H₂O
Temp. 120 °C
Thickness ~18 nm



Cavity performance



Marc Wenskat et al 2023 *Supercond. Sci. Technol.* **36** 015010
DOI 10.1088/1361-6668/aca83f

SIS multilayers (PE)-ALD investigation at UHH

Thermal ALD: Al_2O_3

*Capability for
coating
single-cell cavities*



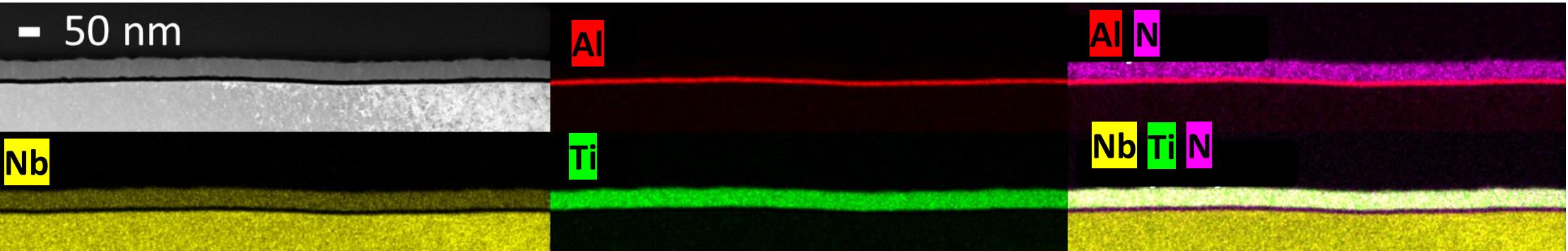
PEALD: AlN, NbTiN, NbN

*Capability for
coating
planar samples*



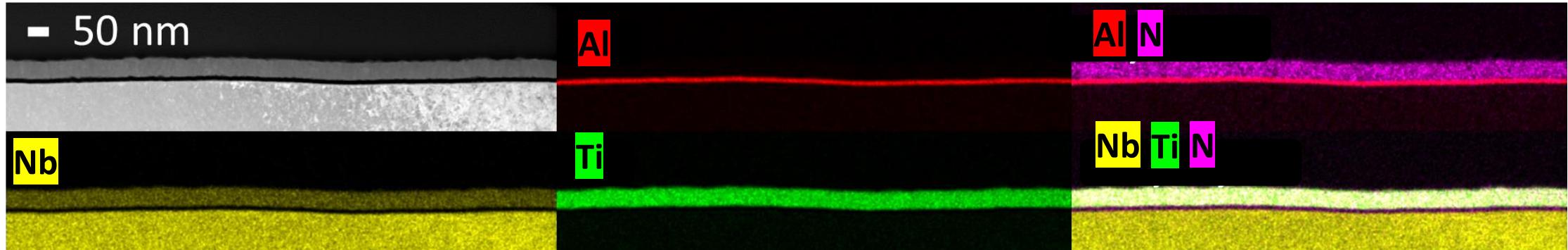
Tailored AlN-NbTiN multilayers deposited by PEALD on Nb and Si substrates

➤ Elemental analysis

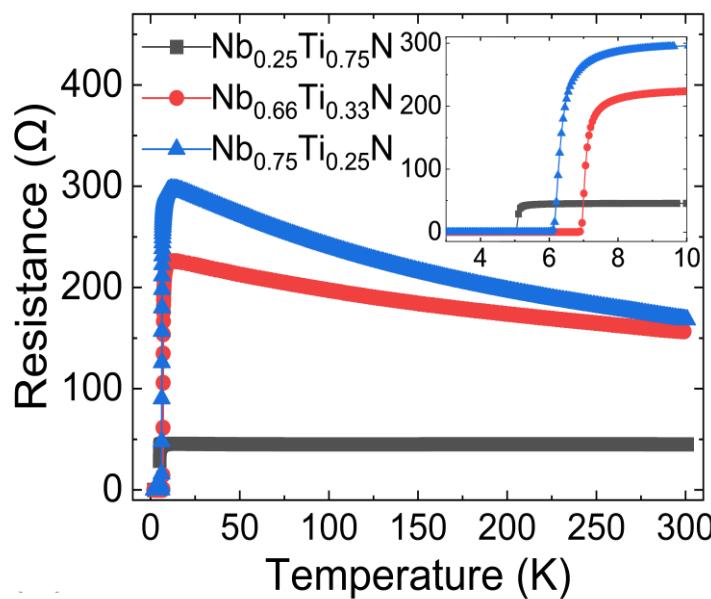


Tailored AlN-NbTiN multilayers deposited by PEALD on Nb and Si substrates

➤ Elemental analysis

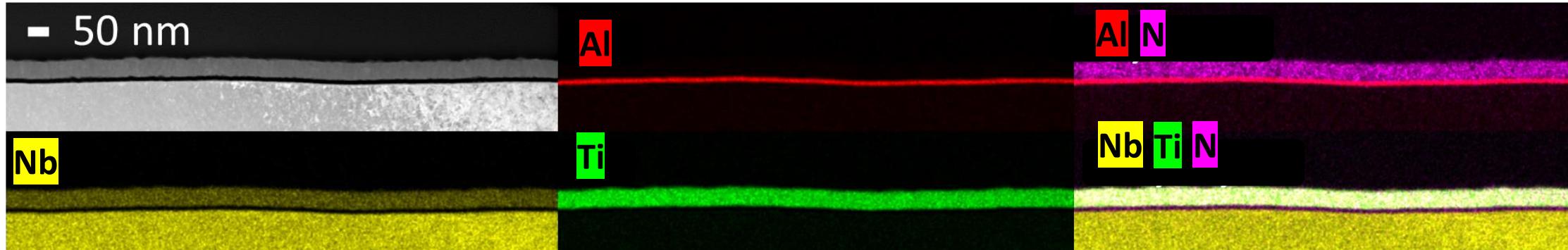


➤ Superconducting $\text{Nb}_x\text{Ti}_{1-x}\text{N}$ film composition

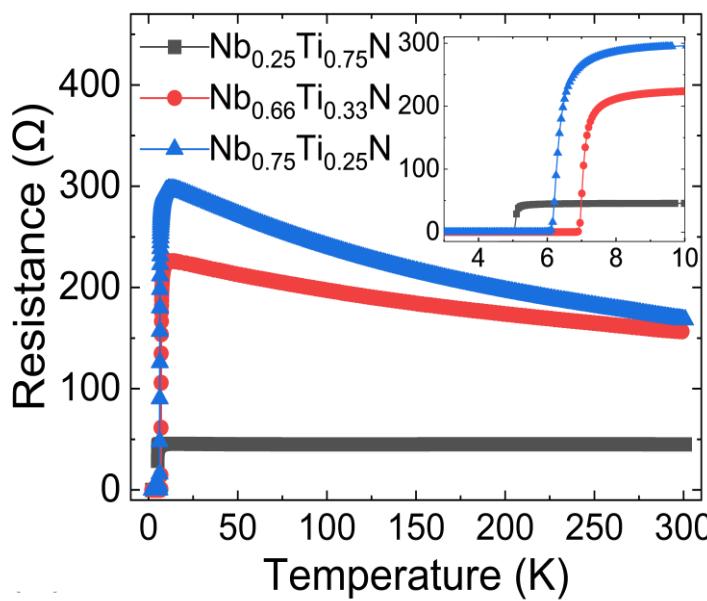


Tailored AlN-NbTiN multilayers deposited by PEALD on Nb and Si substrates

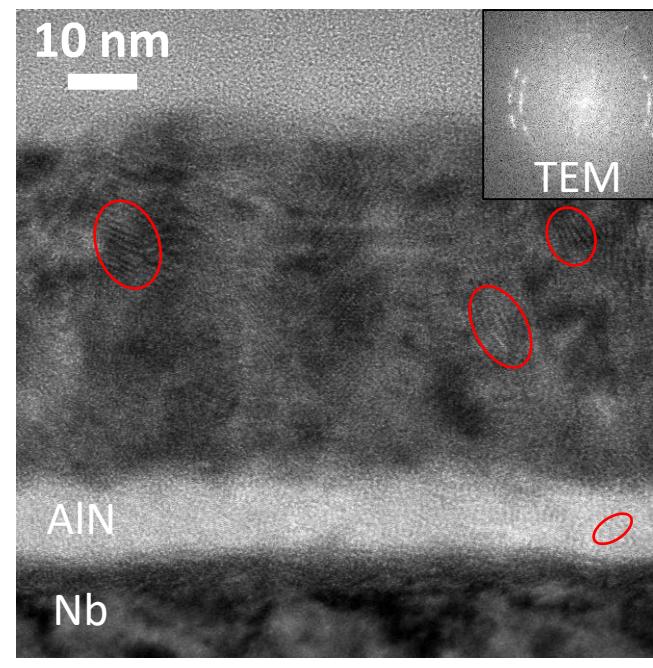
➤ Elemental analysis



➤ Superconducting $\text{Nb}_x\text{Ti}_{1-x}\text{N}$ film composition

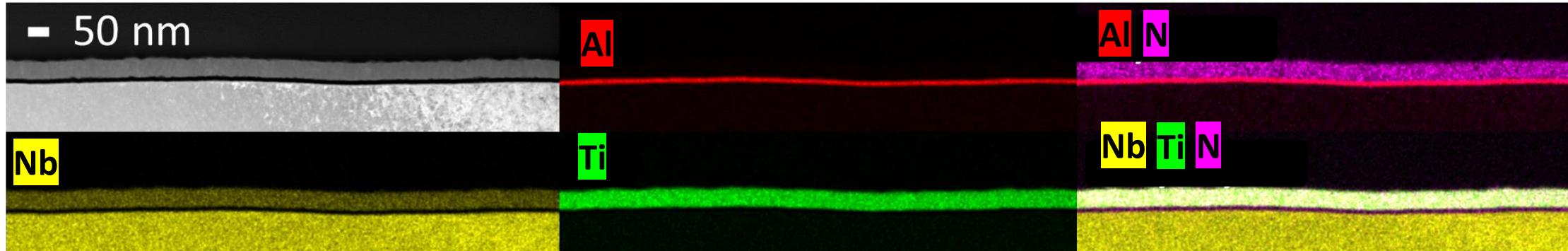


➤ Crystallinity

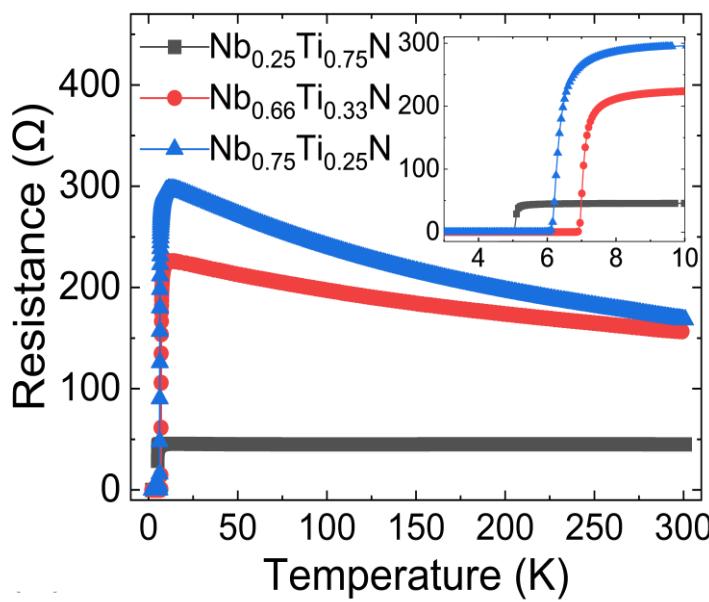


Tailored AlN-NbTiN multilayers deposited by PEALD on Nb and Si substrates

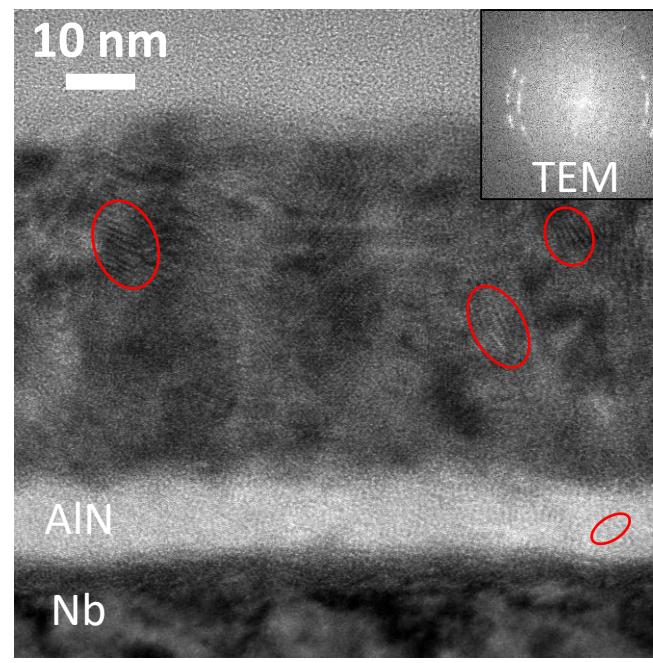
➤ Elemental analysis



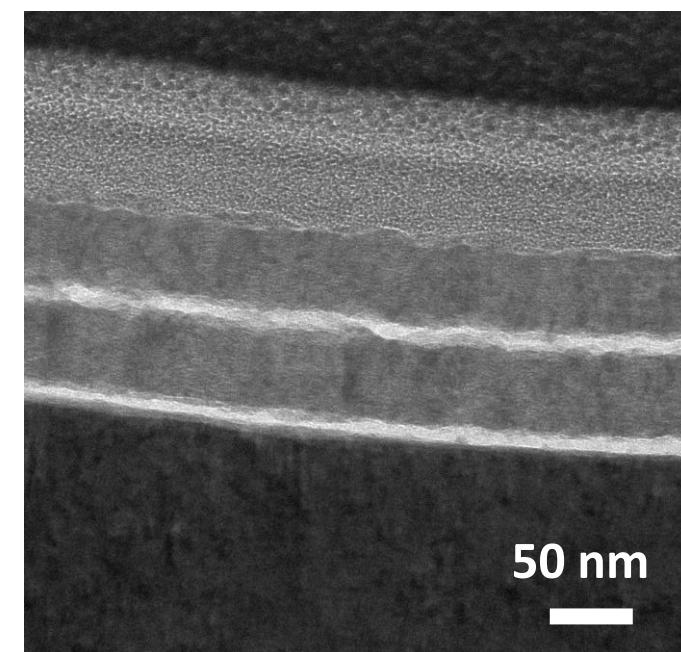
➤ Superconducting $\text{Nb}_x\text{Ti}_{1-x}\text{N}$ film composition



➤ Crystallinity



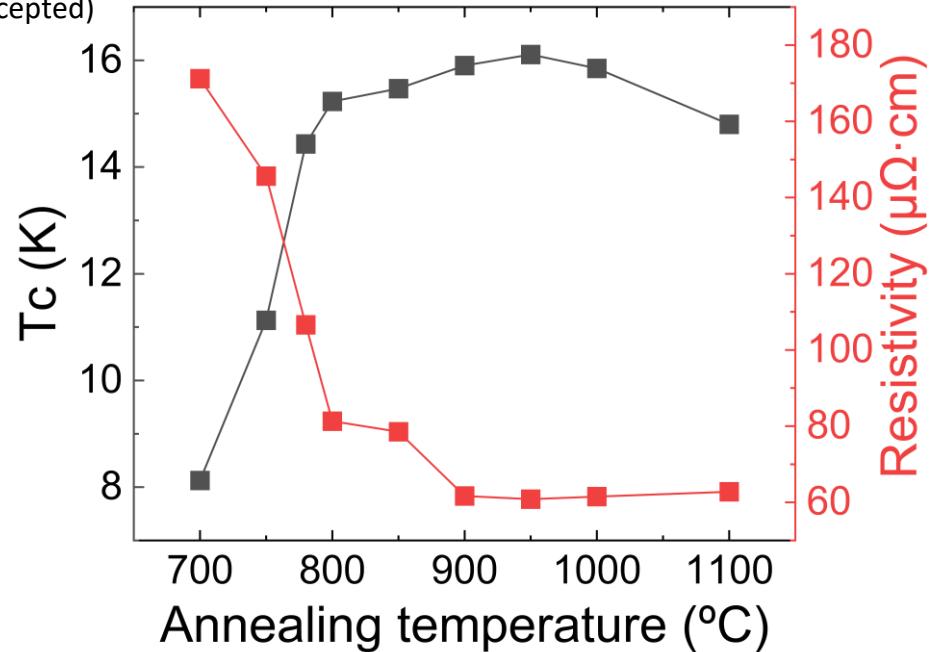
➤ Nb – (AlN – NbTiN) x2



AlN-NbTiN multilayers by PEALD are ready to move on to cavities

- Enhancement superconducting properties annealing

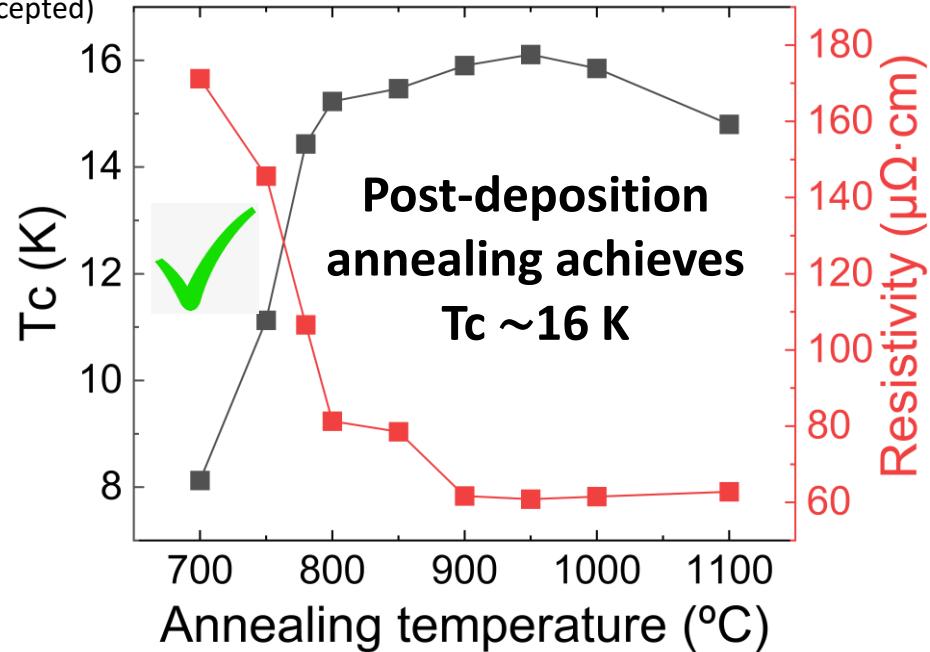
AlN-NbTiN multilayers Detailed info: I. González Díaz-Palacio *et al.*,
Thermal annealing of superconducting niobium titanium nitride thin films
deposited by plasma-enhanced atomic layer deposition *Journal of Applied Physics*
(accepted)



AlN-NbTiN multilayers by PEALD are ready to move on to cavities

- Enhancement superconducting properties annealing

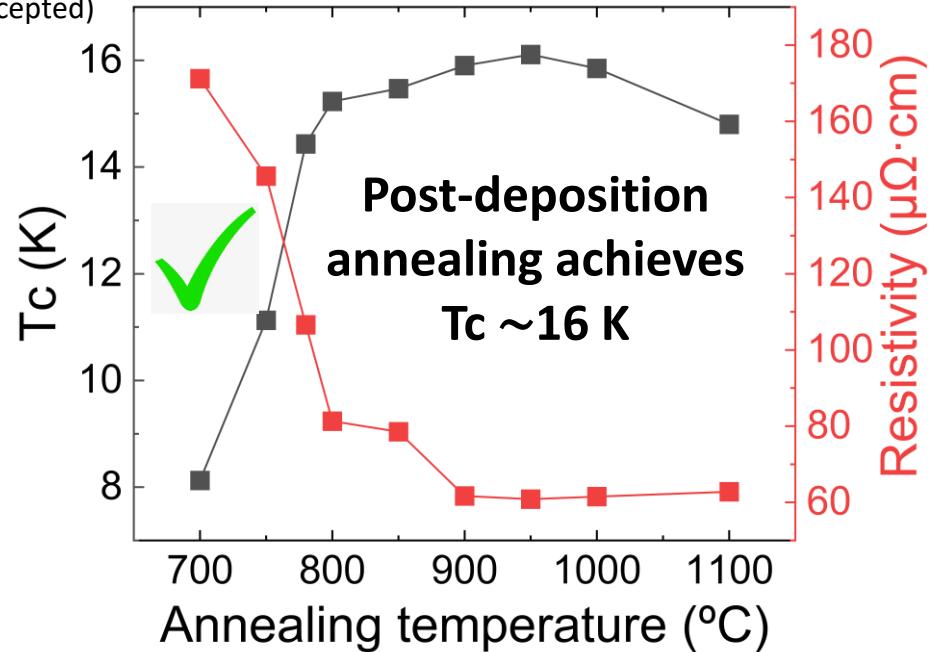
AlN-NbTiN multilayers Detailed info: I. González Díaz-Palacio *et al.*,
Thermal annealing of superconducting niobium titanium nitride thin films
deposited by plasma-enhanced atomic layer deposition *Journal of Applied Physics*
(accepted)



AlN-NbTiN multilayers by PEALD are ready to move on to cavities

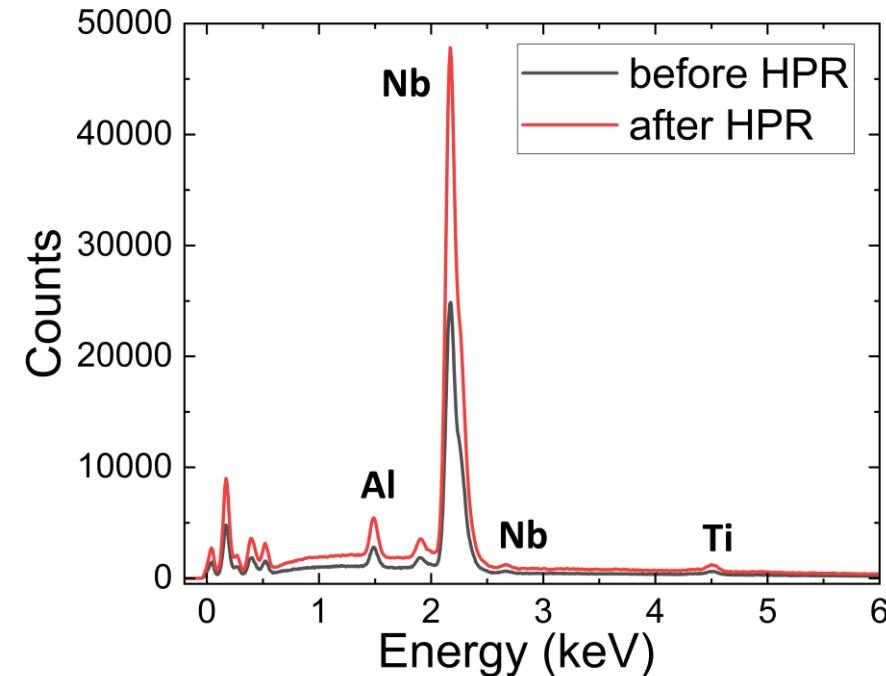
- Enhancement superconducting properties annealing

AlN-NbTiN multilayers
Detailed info: I. González Díaz-Palacio *et al.*,
Thermal annealing of superconducting niobium titanium nitride thin films
deposited by plasma-enhanced atomic layer deposition *Journal of Applied Physics*
(accepted)



Post-deposition annealing achieves
 $T_c \sim 16$ K

- Success AlN-NbTiN multilayers to cavity preparation techniques: high pressure rinsing (HPR)



DESY facilities
Cleanroom ISO4

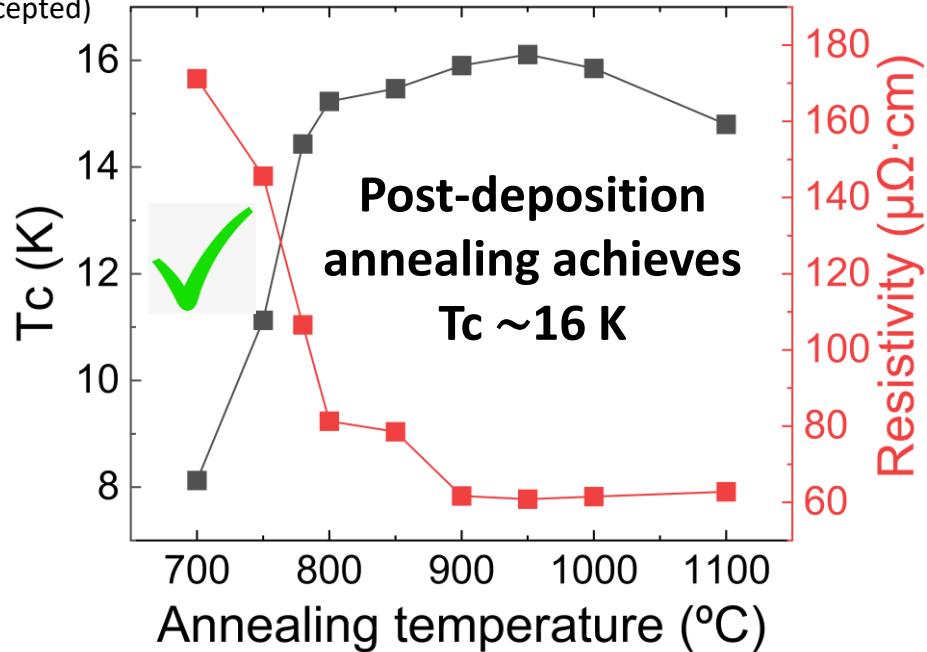


Layers deposited by (PE)-ALD
survive 7 HPR

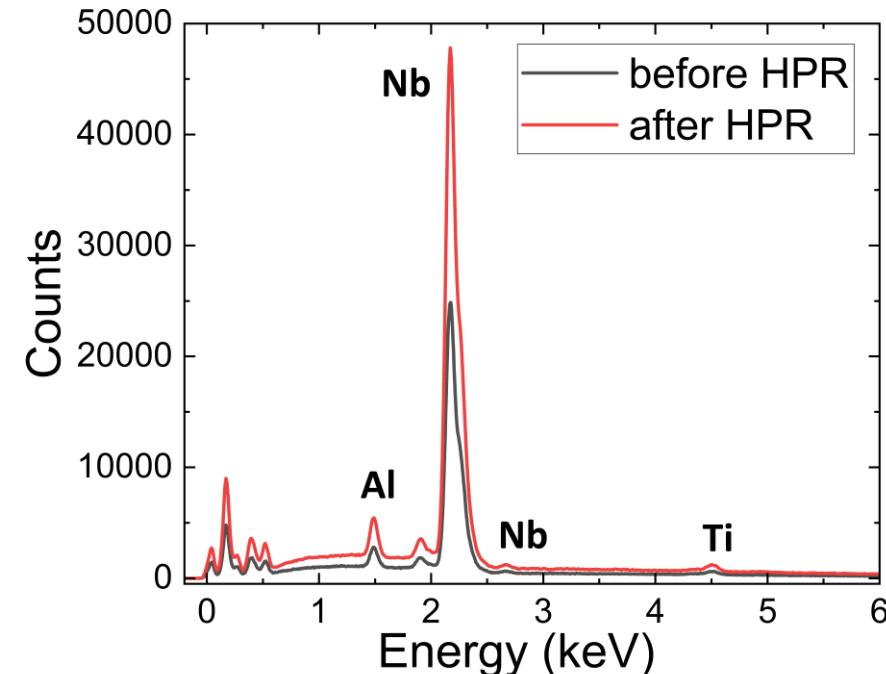
AlN-NbTiN multilayers by PEALD are ready to move on to cavities

- Enhancement superconducting properties annealing

AlN-NbTiN multilayers Detailed info: I. González Díaz-Palacio *et al.*, Thermal annealing of superconducting niobium titanium nitride thin films deposited by plasma-enhanced atomic layer deposition *Journal of Applied Physics* (accepted)



- Success AlN-NbTiN multilayers to cavity preparation techniques: high pressure rinsing (HPR)



- Field emission from planar films threshold voltage of:



Annealed: 281 MV/m
As-deposited: 95 MV/m

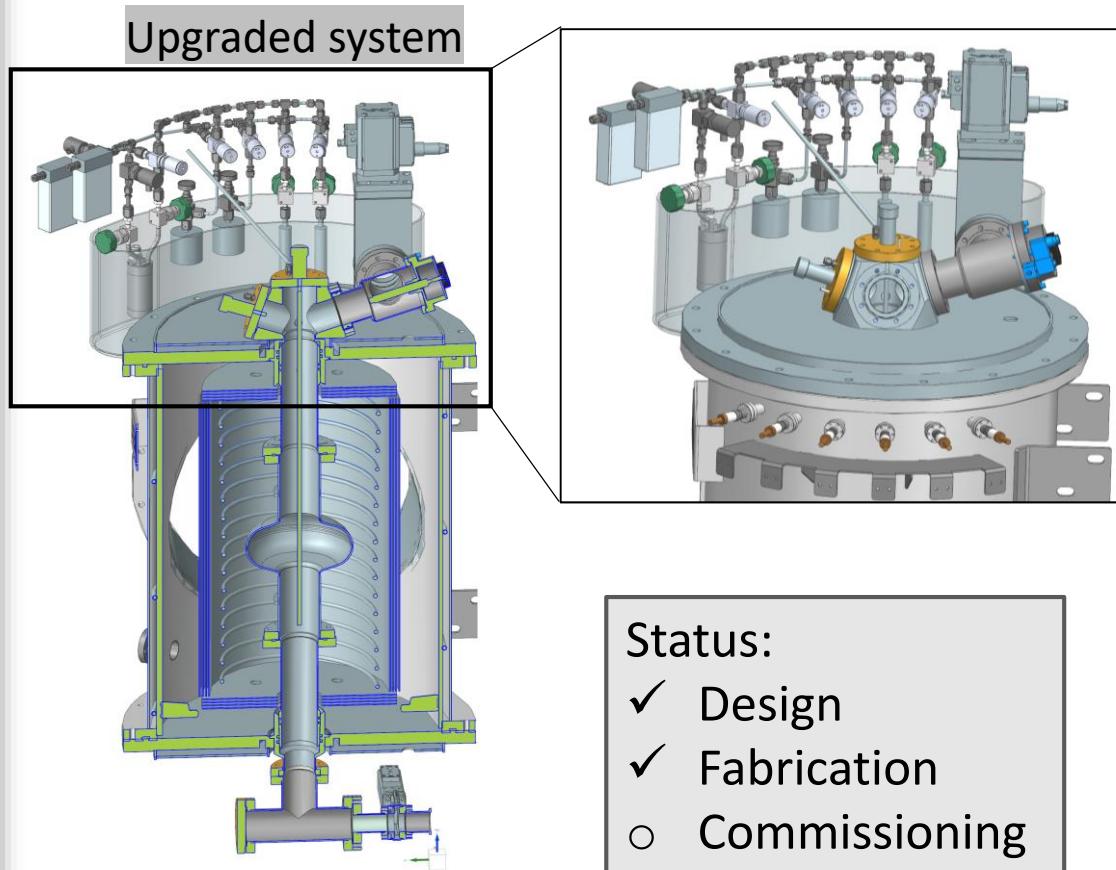


Layers deposited by (PE)-ALD survive 7 HPR

PEALD AlN-NbTiN cavity coating – starting next year



EXTEND SINGLE-CELL FURNACE TO PEALD-SINGLE-CELL COATING SYSTEM

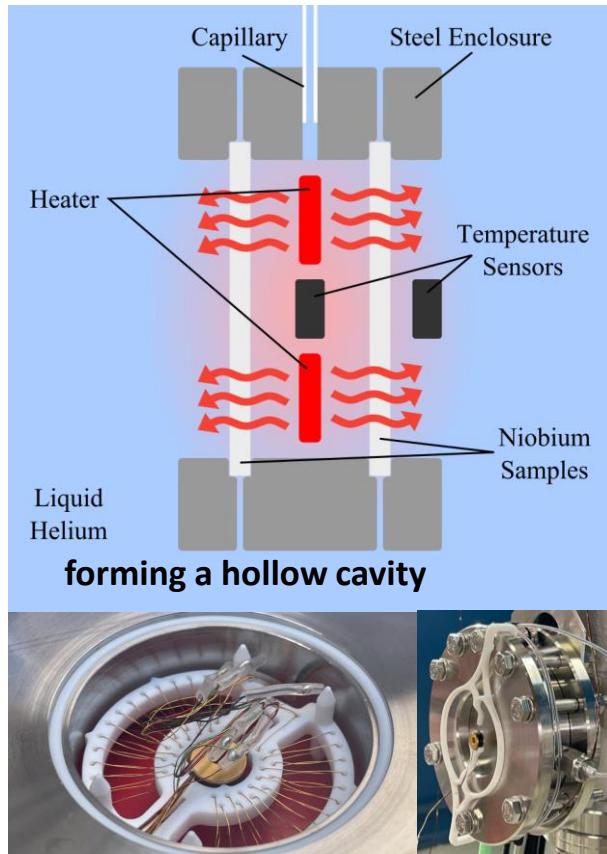


High versatility in one system:

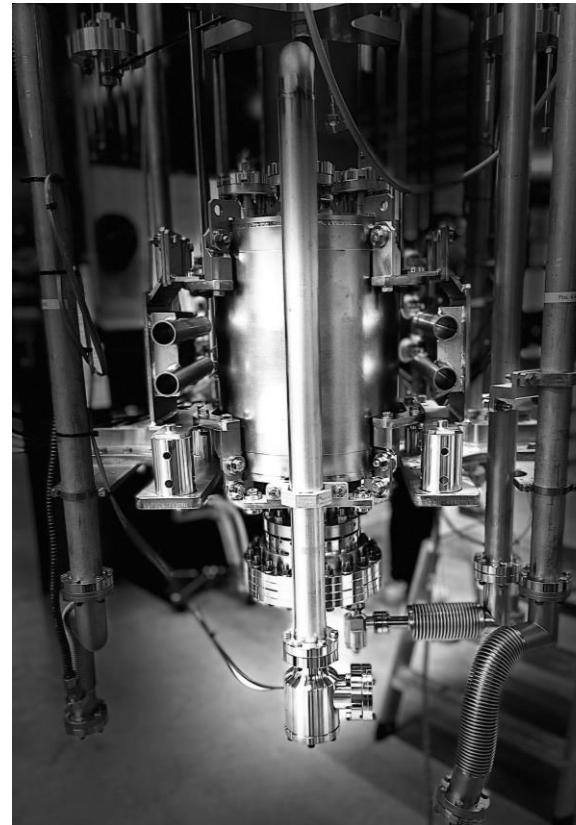
- PEALD and thermal ALD
- Capable depositing:
 - NbTiN / NbN
 - AlN
 - Al_2O_3
- In-situ annealing
 - dissolve oxide layers before coating
 - after coating

Related activities ongoing

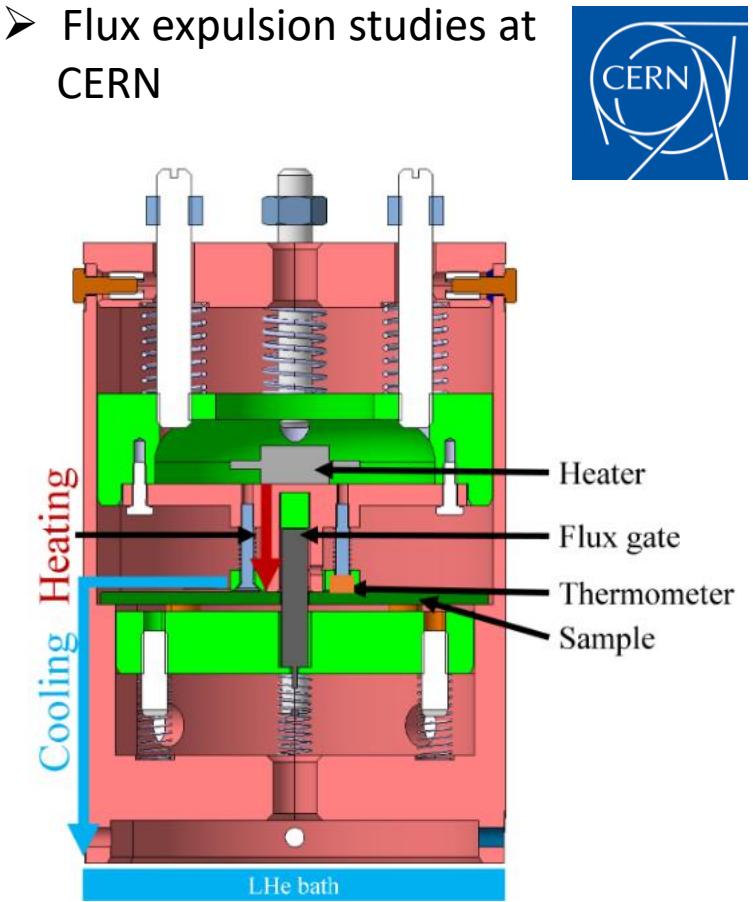
- Thermal conductivity studies at UHH/DESY



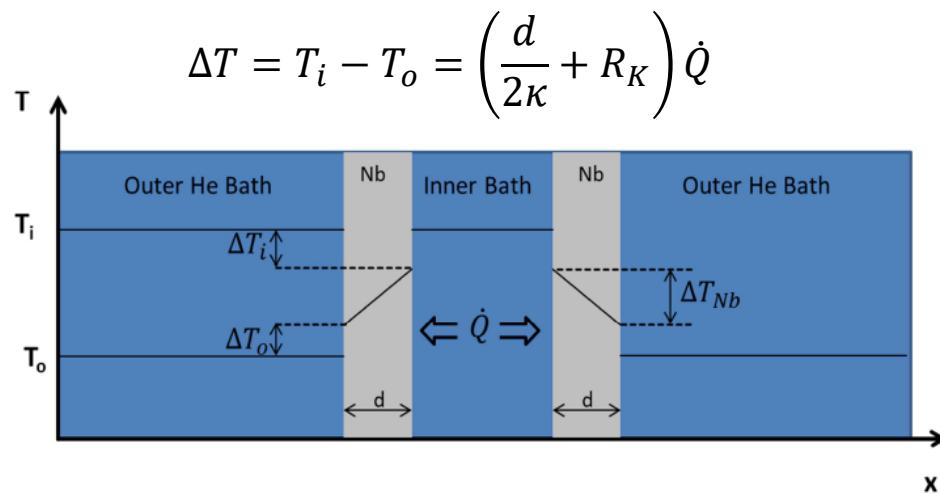
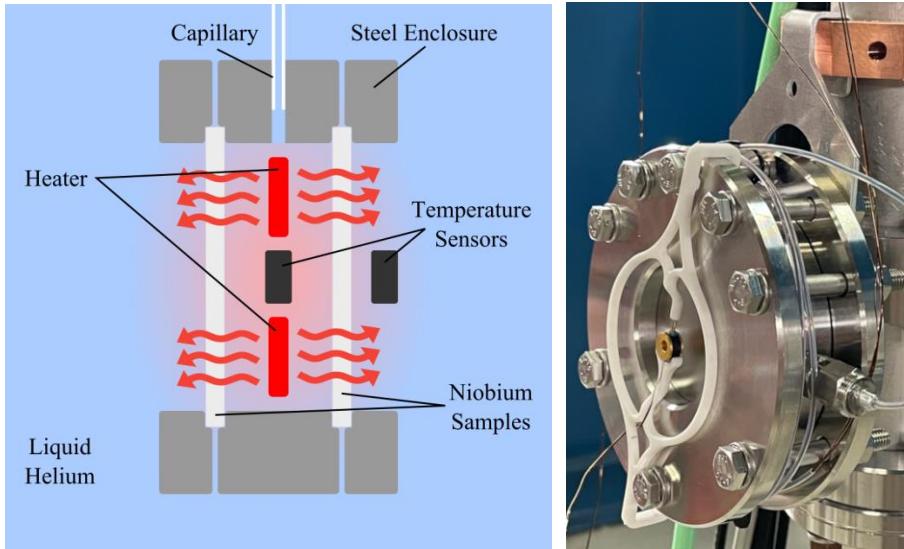
- Commissioning of the UHH Quadrupole Resonator (QPR) at DESY



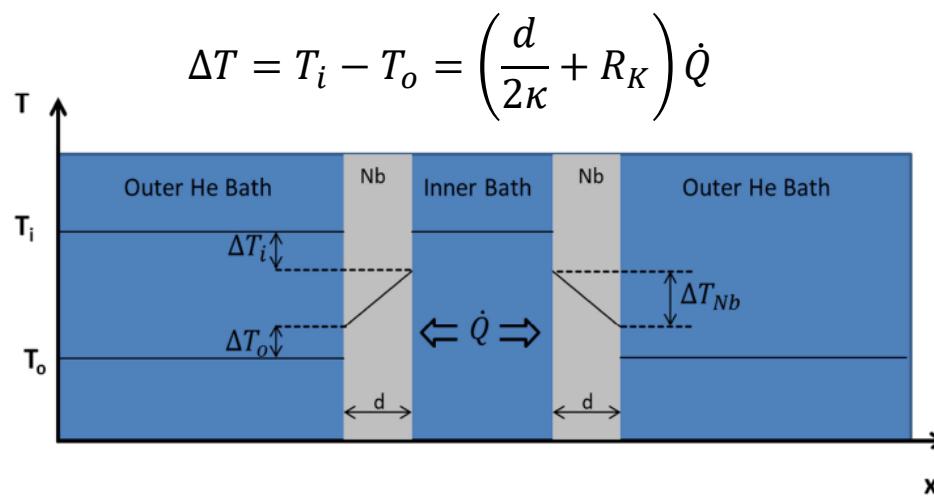
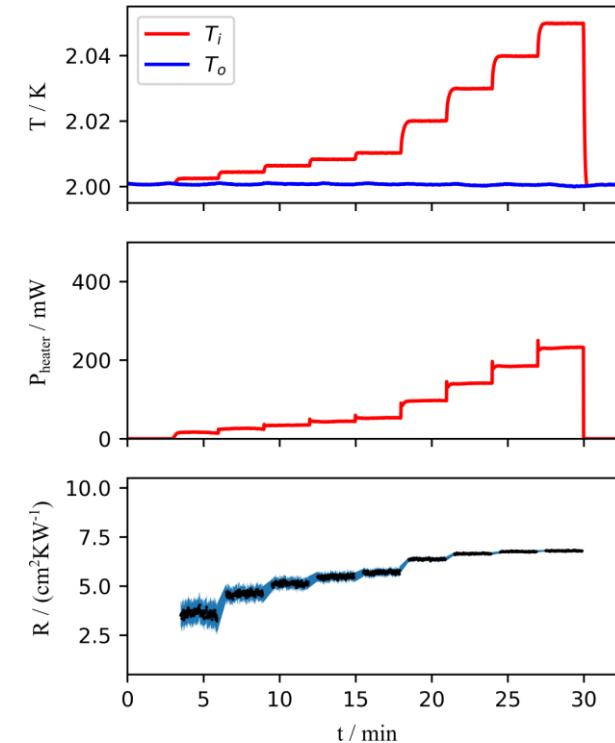
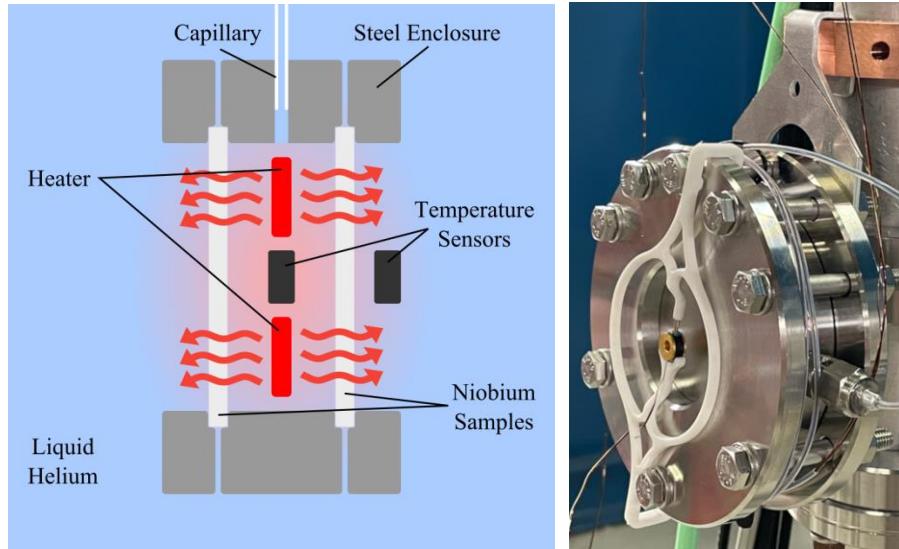
- Flux expulsion studies at CERN



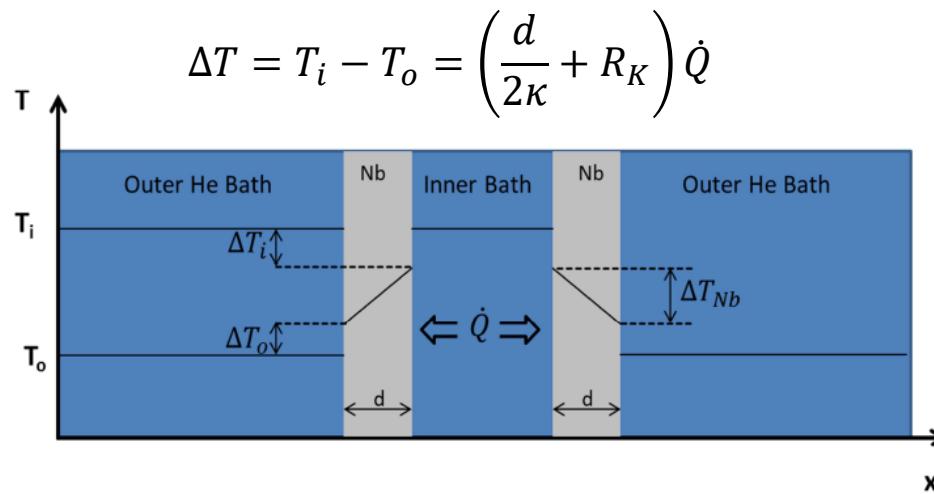
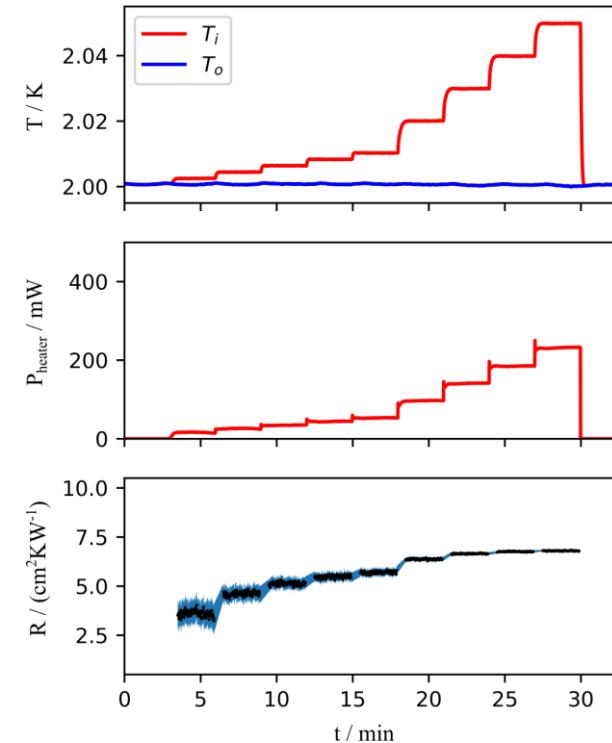
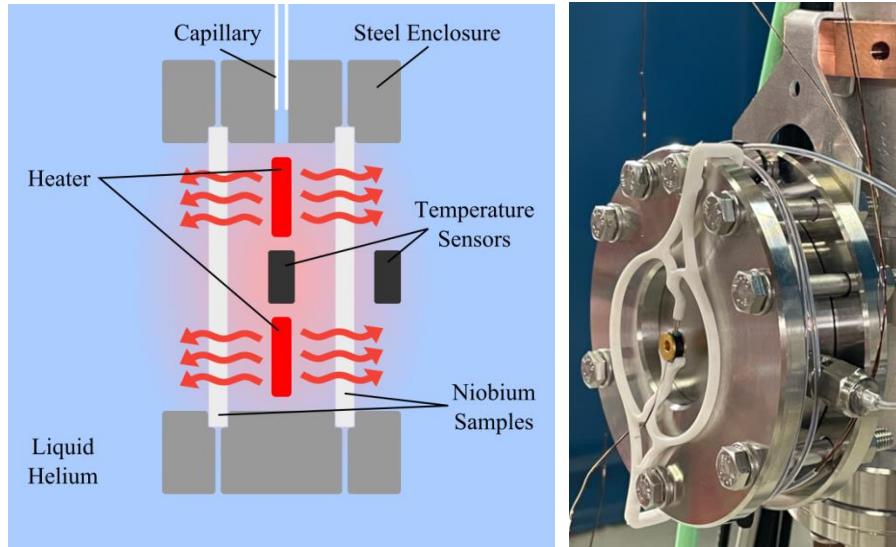
Thermal conductivity



Thermal conductivity

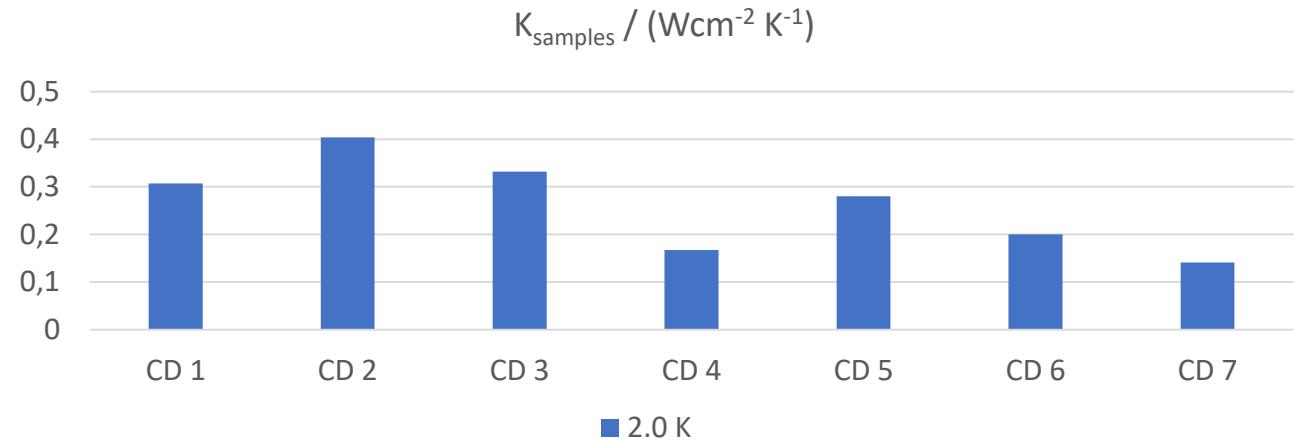
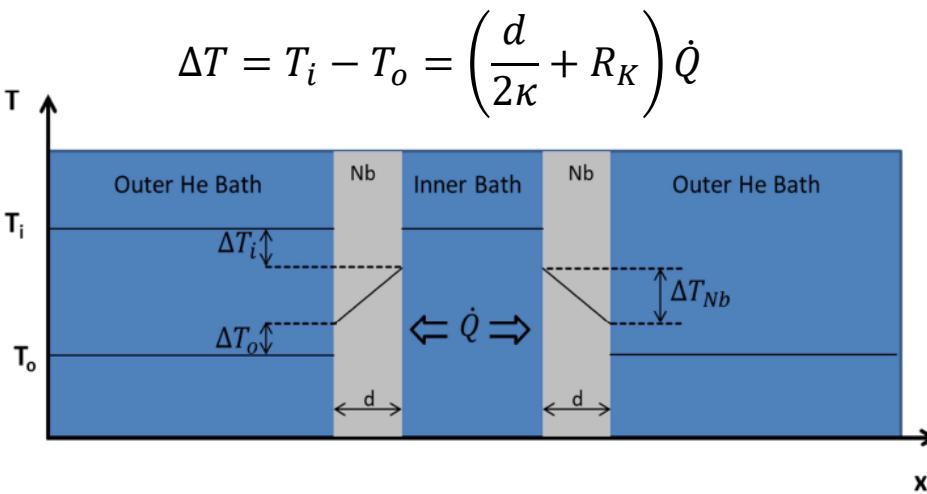
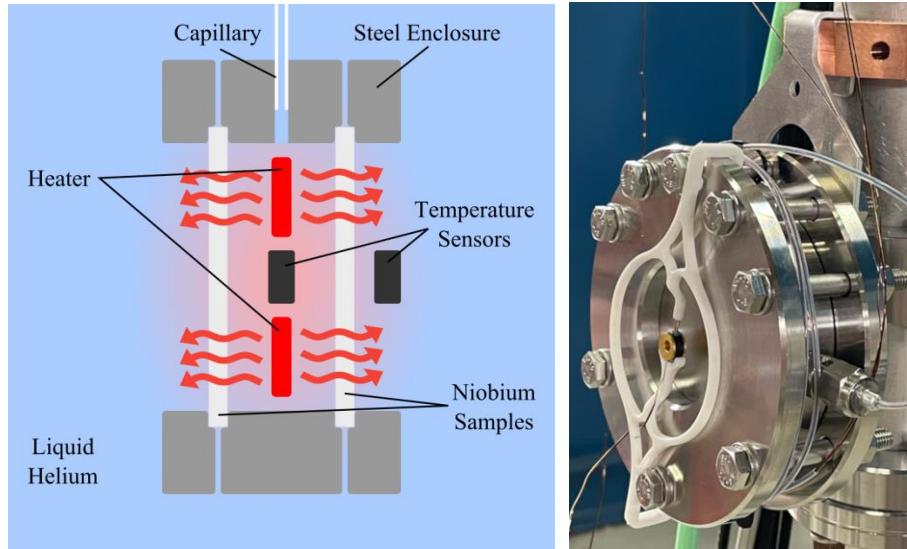


Thermal conductivity



Cool Down	Sample Pair	Treatment	K_{samples} ($\text{W cm}^{-2} \text{K}^{-1}$)	3σ
1	1	as-fabricated	0.307	0.046
2	1	BCP 1	0.404	0.120
3	3	as-fabricated	0.332	0.031
4	2	BCP 1 + outgassing 1	0.167	0.016
5	3	BCP 2	0.280	0.030
6	4	BCP 2 + outgassing 2	0.200	0.019
7	3	BCP 2 + outgassing 2 + SIS	0.141	0.013

Thermal conductivity



Cool Down	Sample Pair	Treatment	$K_{samples} / (Wcm^{-2} K^{-1})$	3σ
1	1	as-fabricated	0.307	0.046
2	1	BCP 1	0.404	0.120
3	3	as-fabricated	0.332	0.031
4	2	BCP 1 + outgassing 1	0.167	0.016
5	3	BCP 2	0.280	0.030
6	4	BCP 2 + outgassing 2	0.200	0.019
7	3	BCP 2 + outgassing 2 + SIS	0.141	0.013

Take home messages

- ✓ Achieve coated cavities by thermal ALD and sustain high accelerating gradients without any performance deterioration
- ✓ SIS multilayers by PEALD and post-deposition annealing have been optimized on planar substrates – move on to cavities
- ✓ Continue material R&D and investigate potential showstoppers

Thanks to:

SRF R&D group DESY/UHH: Wolfgang Hillert, Hans Weise, Detlef Reschke, Marc Wenskat, Getnet Kacha Deyu, Cornelius Martens, Lea Steder, Rezvan Ghanbari, Lea Preece, Cem Saribal, Nicolay Krupka, Christopher Bate, Ricardo Monroy-Villa, Jonas Wolf, Mateusz Wiencek, and many more. **ALD group UHH (CHyN):** Robert Blick, Robert Zierold, Jun Peng, Carina Hedrich, Stefanie Haugg, Kristian Deneke, Malte Siegmung and more. **Collaborators:** Dirk Lützenkirchen-Hecht (U. Wuppertal), Frederic Braun (U. Wuppertal), Alick Macpherson (CERN), Daniel Turner (CERN), Tobias Junginger (U. Victoria) and more. **Organizing Committee**