

# RF Superconductivity

## Part2 : reality and applications

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  2. Photons gain mass in superconductors due to spontaneous symmetry breaking, which leads to the Meissner effect
2. What are the fundamental origins of finite RF loss in SRF cavities?
  1. Thermally activated quasi-particles at finite temperature act like normal conducting electrons and cause a loss in RF
  2. Even at absolute zero temperature, residual resistance exists due to several different mechanisms, such as flux oscillation and subgap state's effect, whose ultimate origins are not wholly understood
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**Forget!**

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contacts to  
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Yesterday: idealized model

**Perfect vacuum**

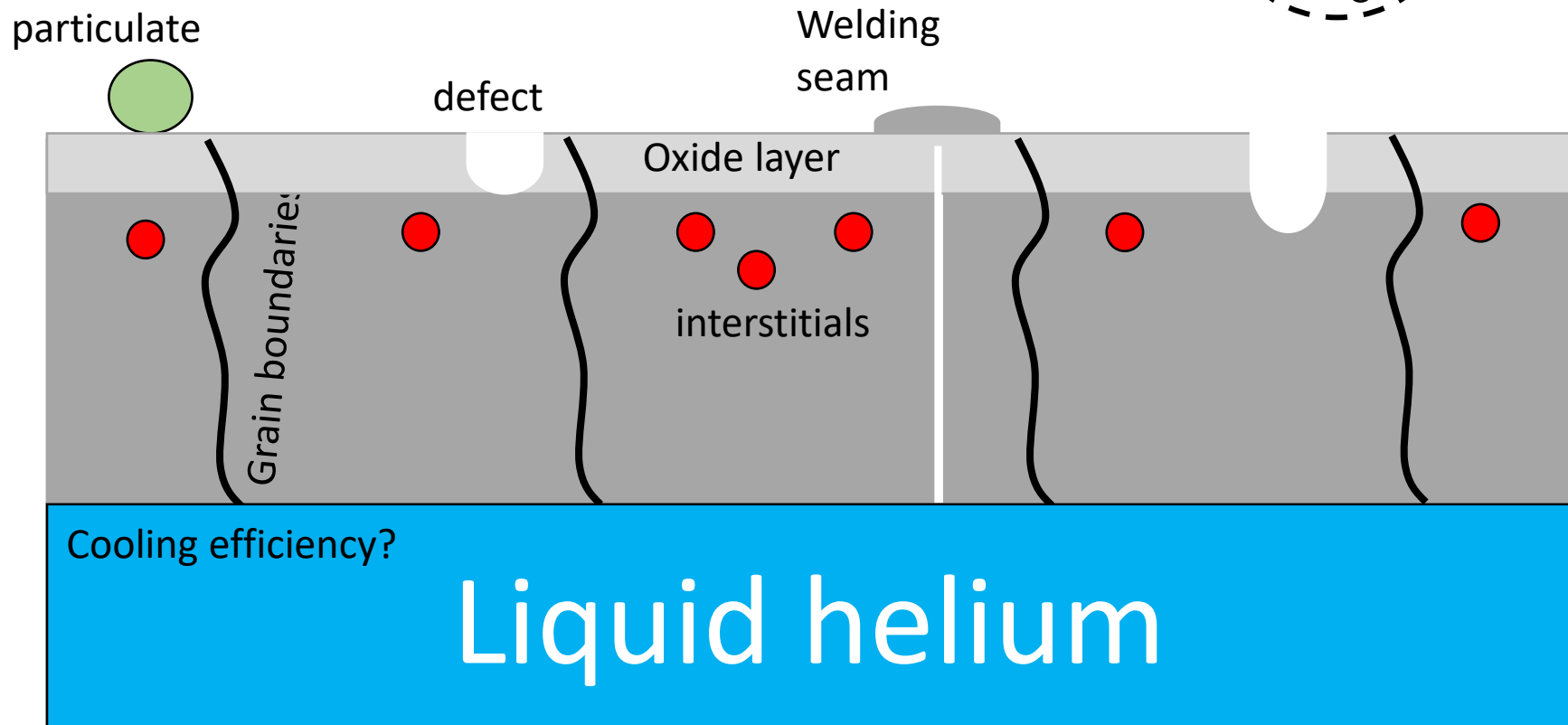
Perfect superconductor

→ Higgs + RF + phase transition

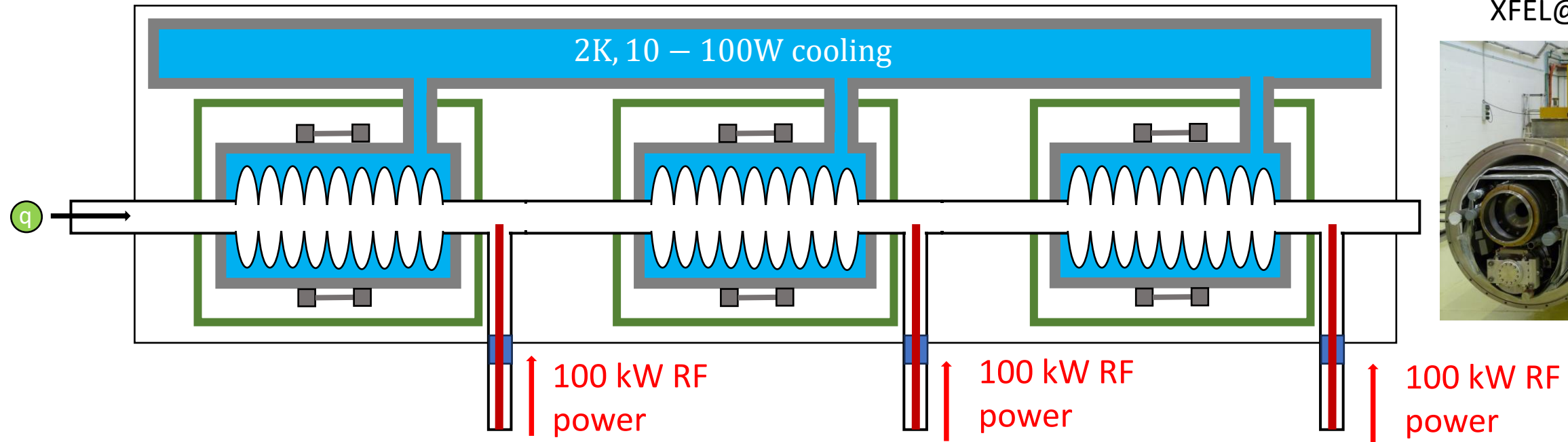
**Constant temperature**

# Today: **real** superconducting cavities

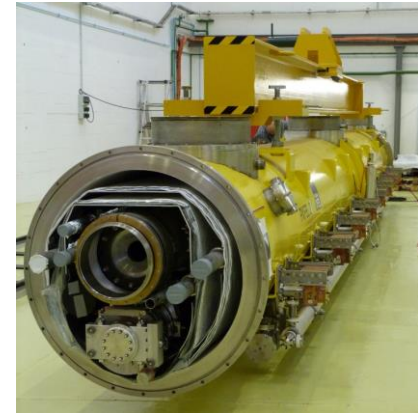
$0 \ll \text{Vacuum} < 1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mbar}$       $\frac{v}{c} \sim 1$       $10^{10}$  charged particles



# Cryomodule: SRF cavity cryostat in accelerators



XFEL@DESY



## Technical challenges

- What determines the shape of the cavities?
- How to fabricate and prepare perfect cavities? Typical surface resistance is only 10 nΩ!
- How to feed RF to the cavities? 100 kW to 100 W cooled 2K system!
- How to control RF to be very precise? Better than 0.1% fluctuation in field and 1 deg in phase
- Cryogenics (2-4K), ultra-high vacuum ( $1 \times 10^{-10}$  mbar), etc, etc

Contact: Vittorio Parma



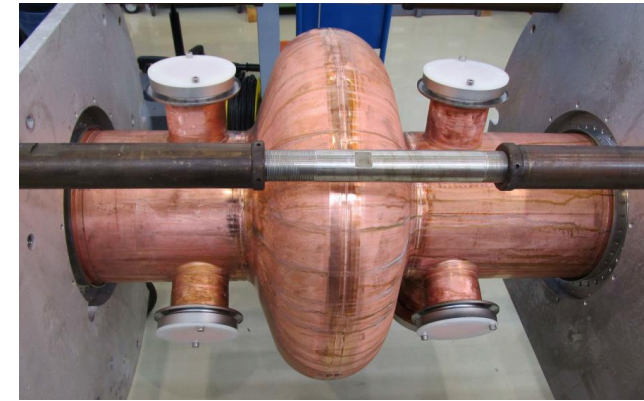
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# Various structures of SRF cavities

Bulk niobium cavities: standard

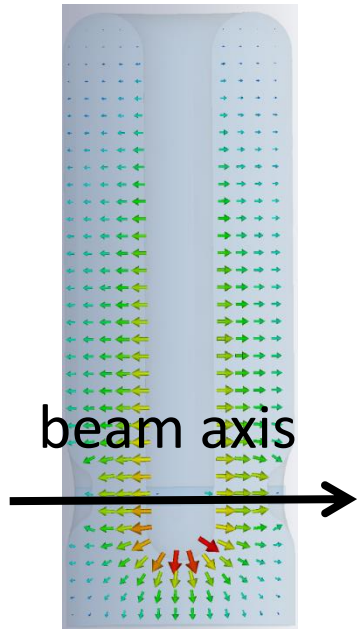
Nb/Cu: CERN's specialty



→ Why so many different structures?

# Geometrical consideration: low- $\beta$ , middle- $\beta$ , and high- $\beta$

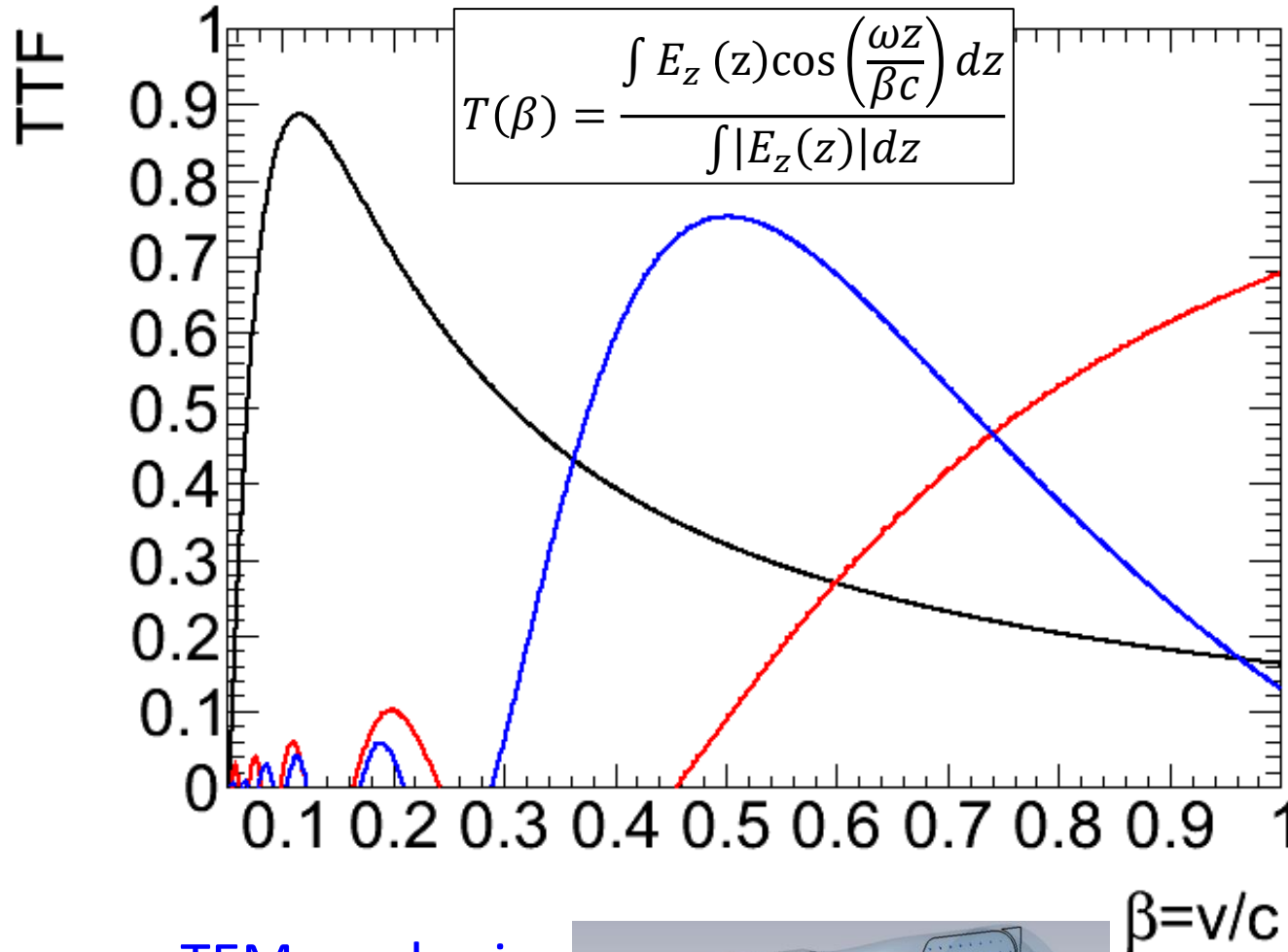
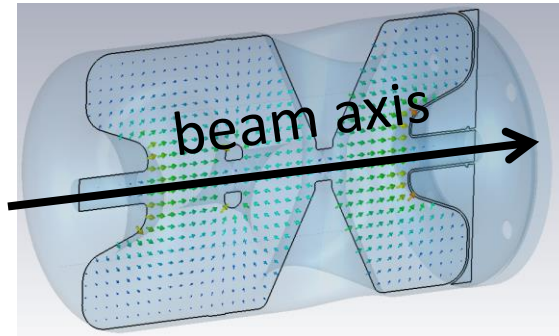
TEM<sub>00</sub> modes in a quarter-wave or half-wave cavity



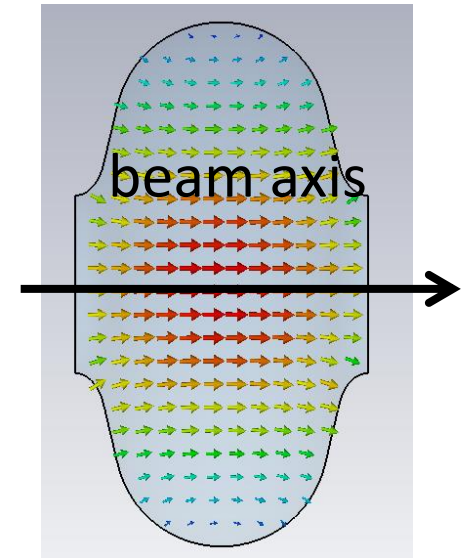
- p+ upstream (<1GeV)
- Heavy ion
- **HIE-ISOLDE at CERN**

TEM modes in a spoke cavity

- p+ (<1GeV)
- Not at CERN ☹️



TM<sub>010</sub> modes in an elliptical cavity



- p+ downstream (>1GeV)
- e-, e+ (>0.5MeV)
- **LHC at CERN**

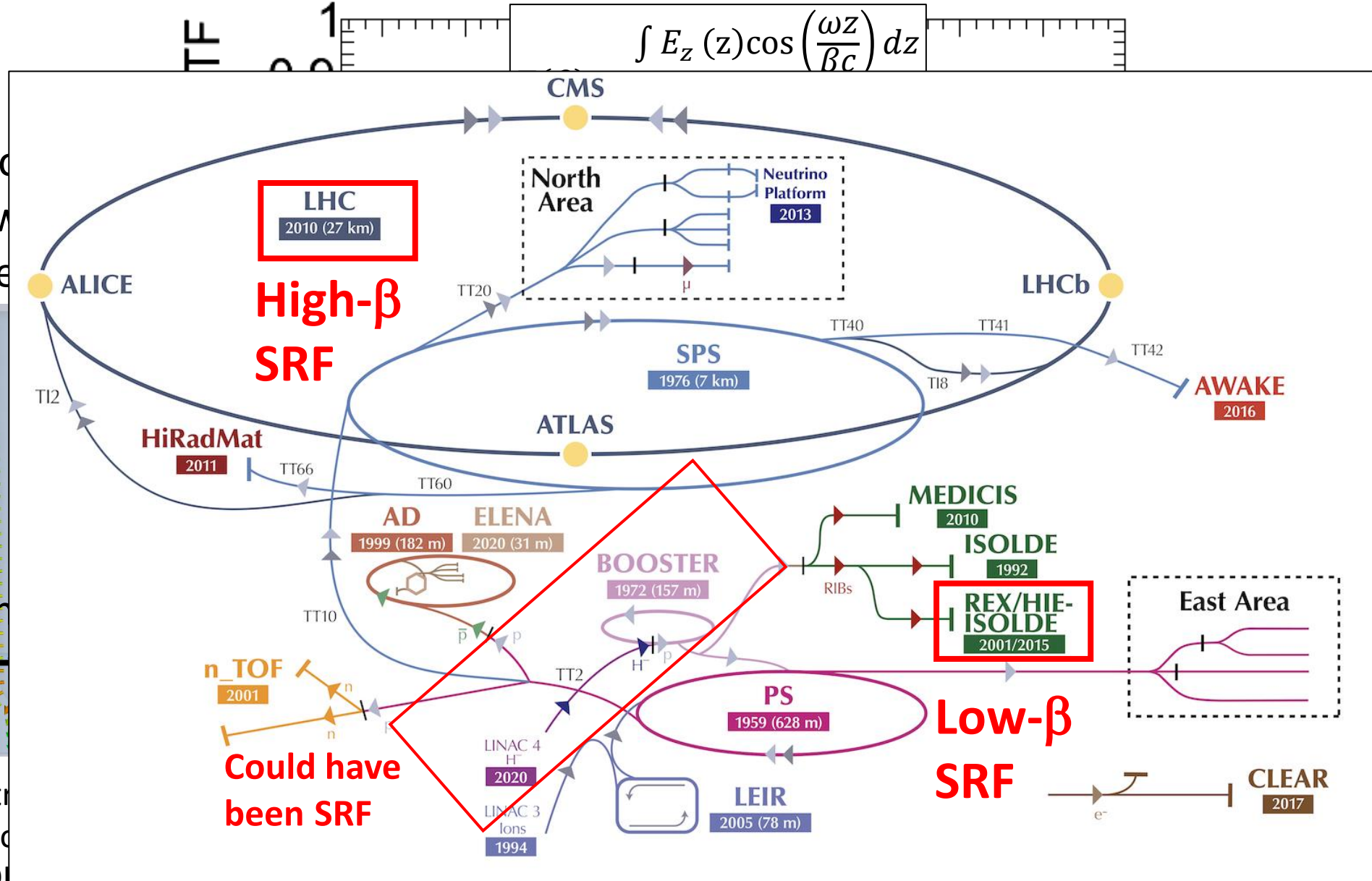
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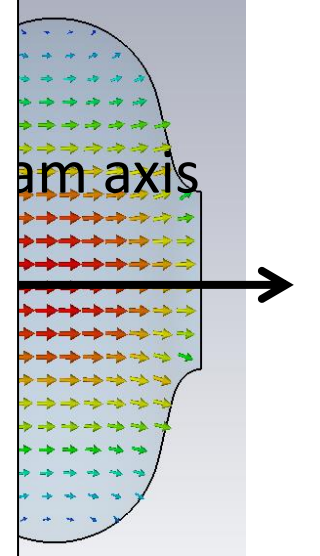
beam

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$$\int E_z(z) \cos\left(\frac{\omega z}{\beta c}\right) dz$$

nodes in  
optical cavity

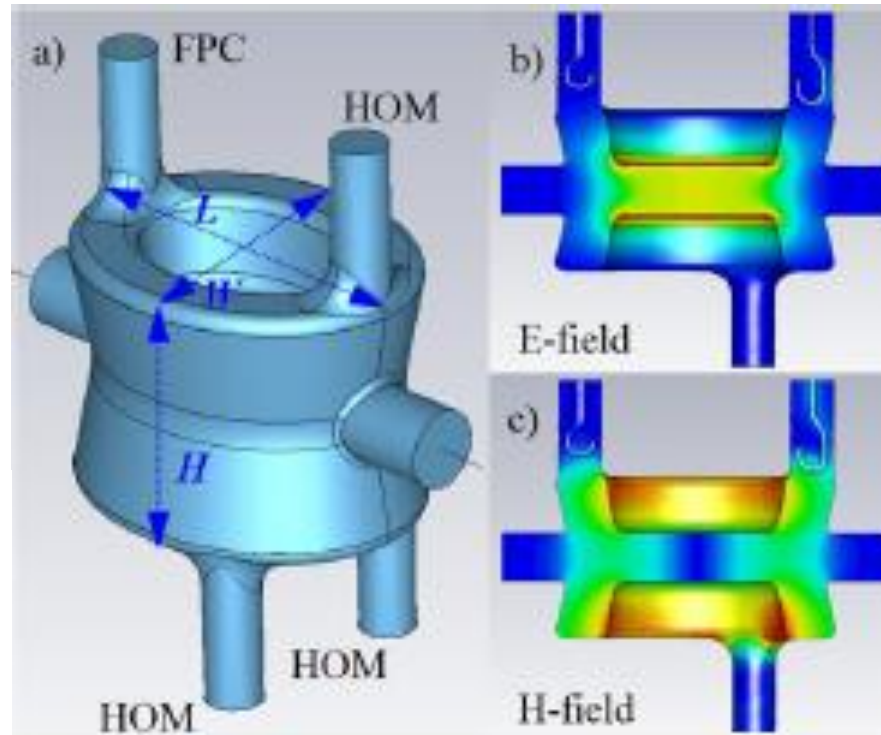
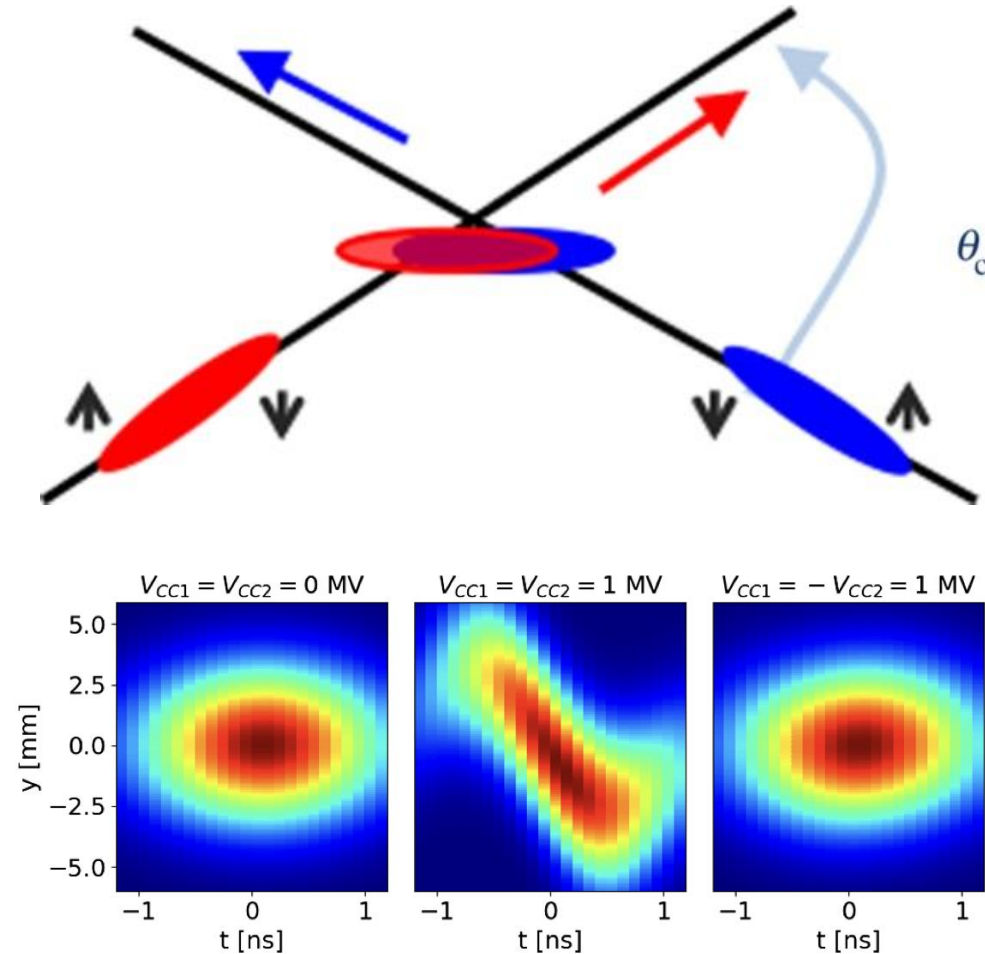


beam (>1GeV)  
5MeV)  
RN

• Not at CERN ☹

Exception: deflecting cavity (eg HL-LHC crab cavity)

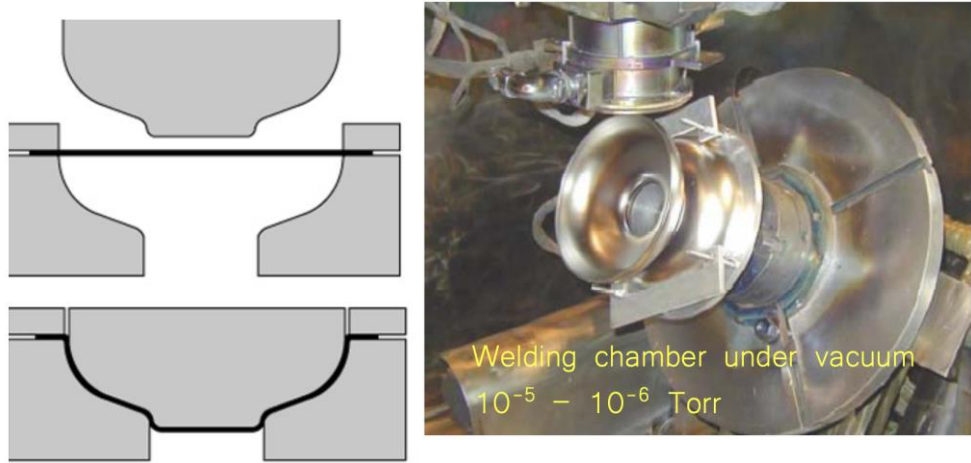
For better luminosity



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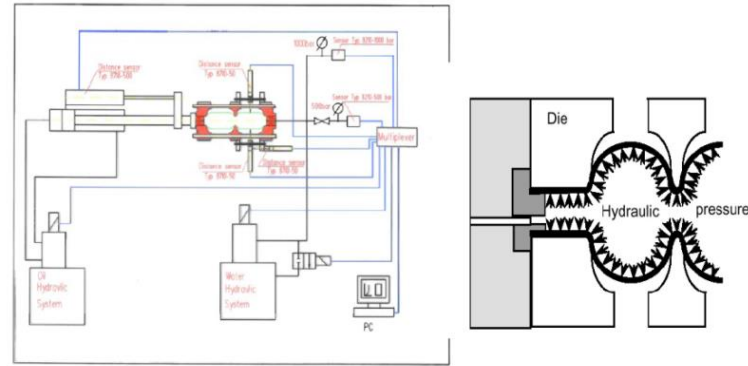
# Fabrication processes

## Deep drawing + electron beam welding

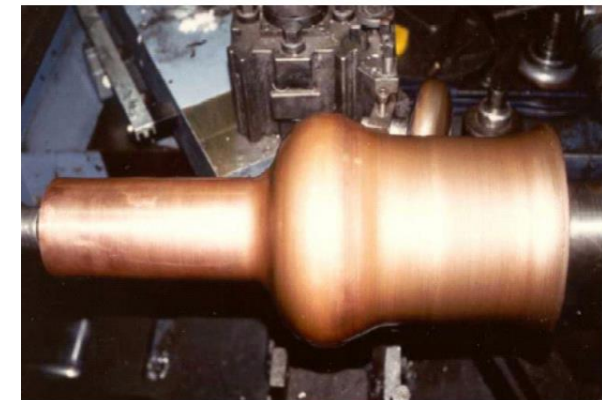
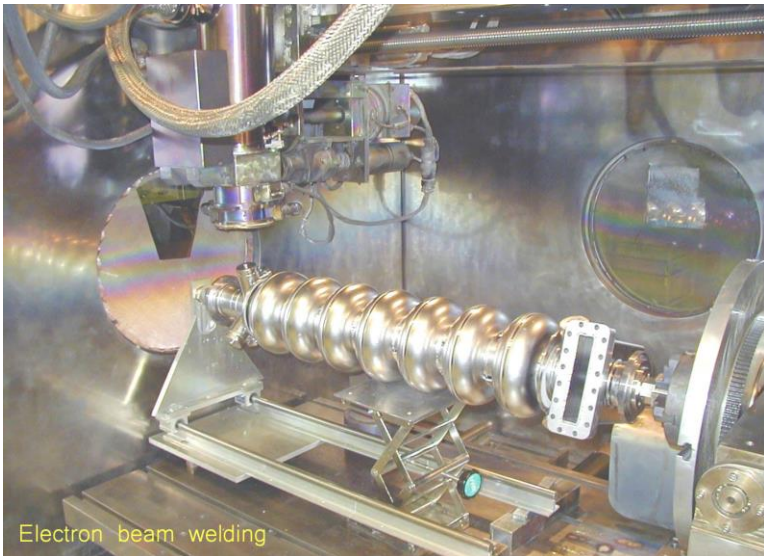
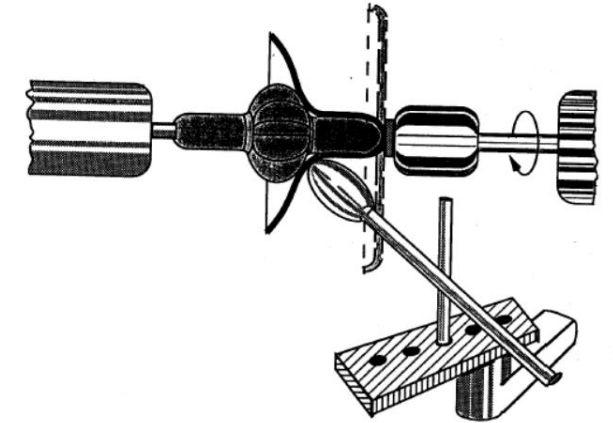


## Seamless cavity fabrication

### Hydro forming (W.Singer, DESY)



### Spinning (V.Palmieri, INFN Legnaro)



Courtesy: Rong-Li Geng

CERN is also working on seamless cavities  
Contact: Said Atieh

# Table of superconductors of pure elements

Symbol → Nb  
Atomic Number → 41 9.25 ← Critical Temperature ( $T_c$ ) in Kelvin (K)

Group

$T_c \geq 1.5$  K  
  $1.5 > T_c > 0.1$  K  
  $T_c \leq 0.1$  K

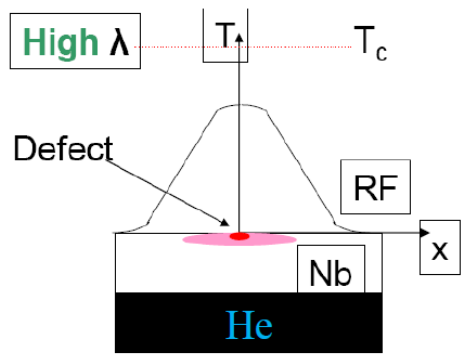
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3	Na 11	Mg 12	arXiv:1212.0423																				Al 13 1.18	Si 14	P 15	S 16	Cl 17	Ar 18
4	K 19	Ca 20	Sc 21	Ti 22 0.5	V 23 5.4	Cr 24	Mn 25	Fe 26	Co 27	Ni 28	Cu 29	Zn 30 0.85	Ga 31 1.08	Ge 32	As 33	Se 34	Br 35	Kr 36										
5	Rb 37	Sr 38	Y 39	Zr 40 0.6	Nb 41 9.25	Mo 42 0.92	Tc 43 8.2	Ru 44 0.5	Rh 45	Pd 46	Ag 47	Cd 48 0.57	In 49 3.4	Sn 50 3.7	Sb 51	Te 52	I 53	Xe 54										
6	Cs 55	Ba 56	La 57 6.0	Hf 72 0.38	Ta 73 4.4	W 74 0.01	Re 75 1.7	Os 76 0.7	Ir 77 0.1	Pt 78	Au 79	Hg 80 4.15	Tl 81 2.4	Pb 82 7.2	Bi 83	Po 84	At 85	Rn 86										

<sup>a</sup>Period 7, and the *f* elements in period 6, with the exception of lanthanum, La, are not shown.

Pb is toxic and soft → Nb is the standard for SRF cavities

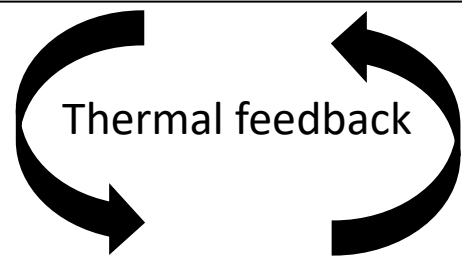
$$\text{Nb: } T_c = 9.25 \text{ K, } B_c = 200 \text{ mT}$$

# Defects enhance thermal breakdown



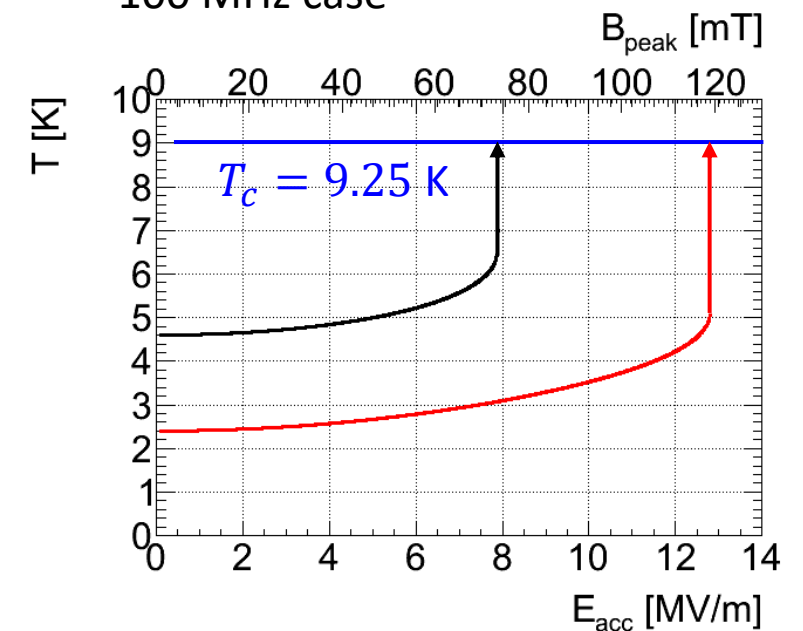
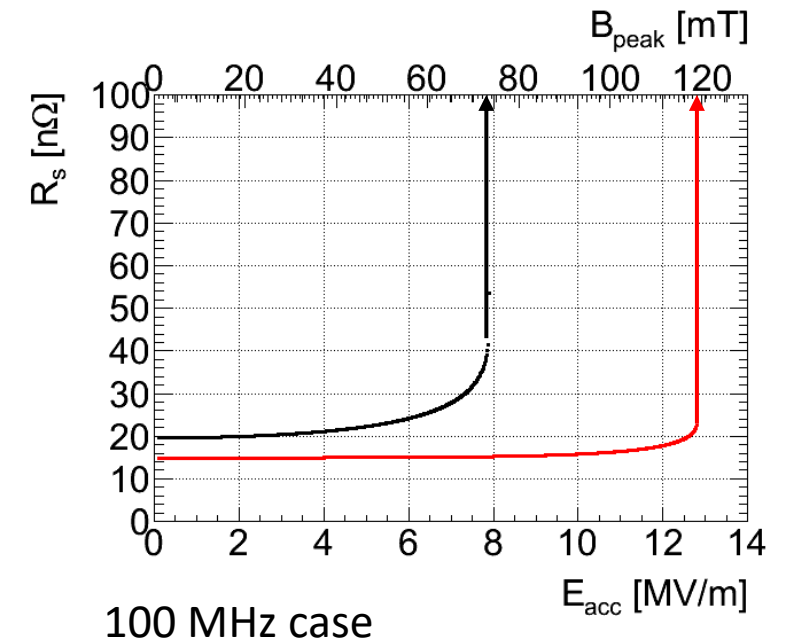
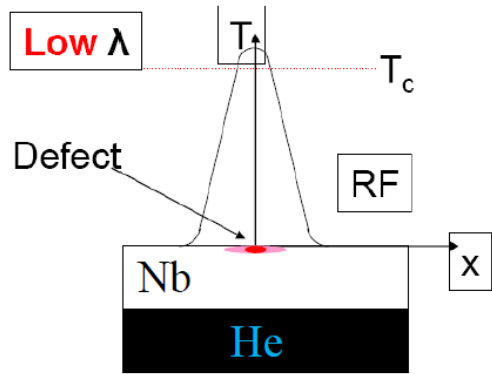
BCS resistance

$$R_s \sim \frac{A\omega^2}{T} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{k_B T}\right)$$



Joule heating:  $P = \frac{1}{2} R_s H^2$

$$\Delta T = R_{th} P$$

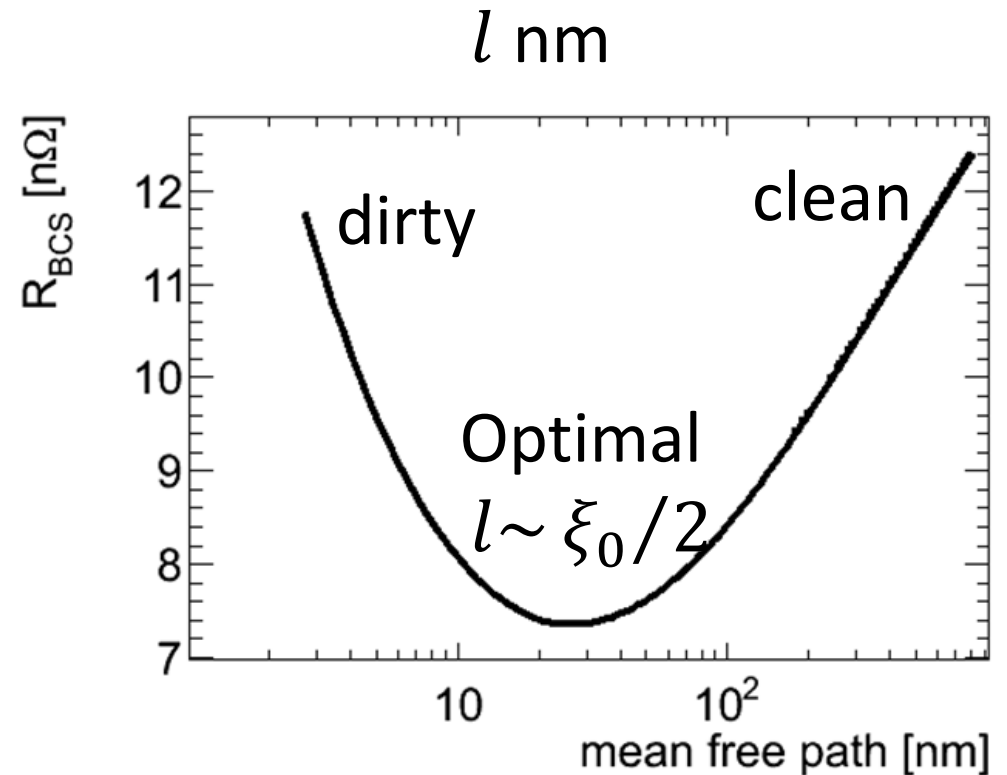
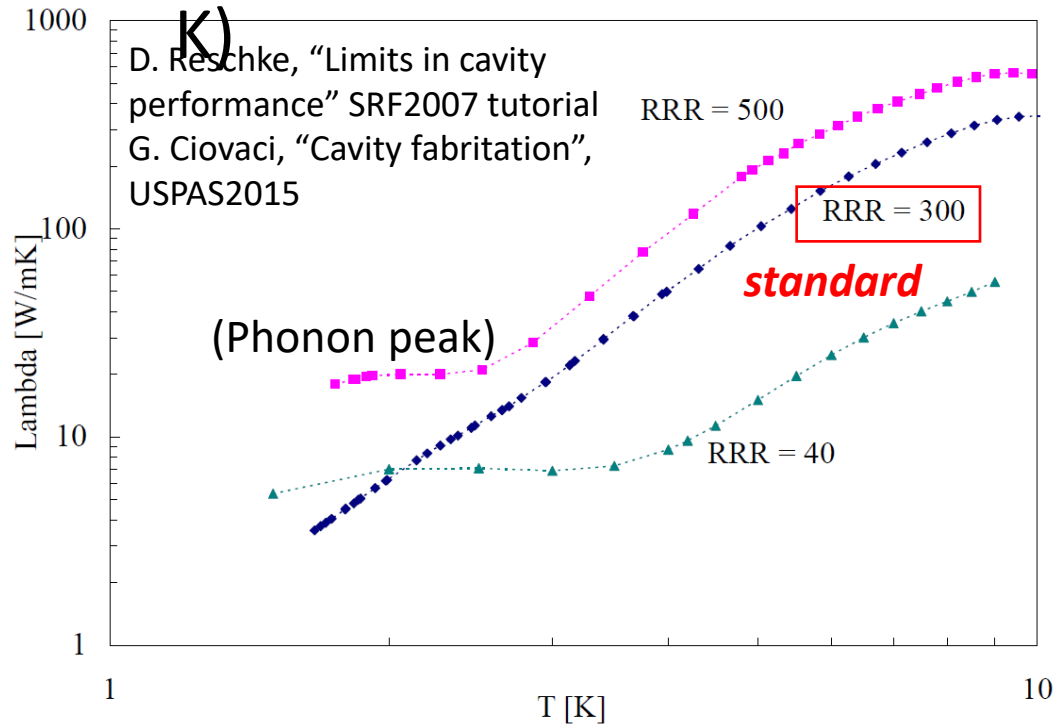


**Defect, bad thermal resistance  $R_{th} \propto 1/\lambda$  can enhance thermal breakdown**  
**→ defect-free and good thermal conductance is a key of SRF cavities**



# Issue of Nb: thermal conductivity vs surface resistance

$$\lambda(4.2\text{K}) \sim 0.1 \times l \text{ W/(mK)}$$



## 1. Clean bulk for thermal conductivity

- RRR~300: 700 EUR/kg (price in 2024 spring)

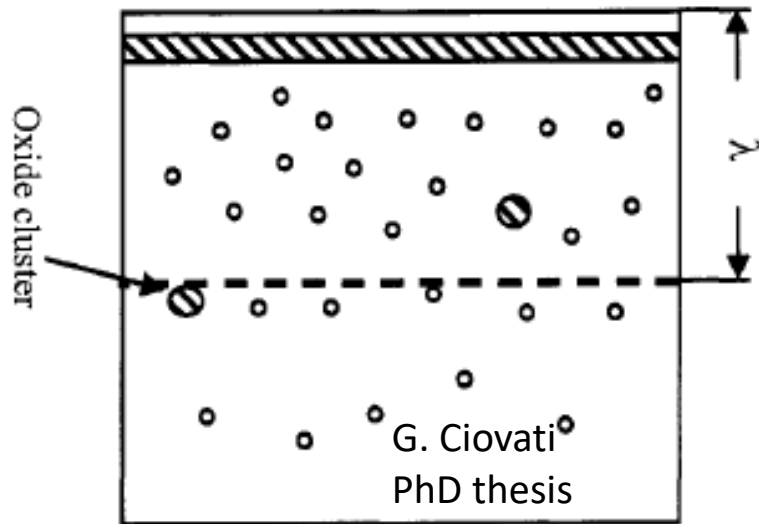
## 2. Sufficiently **dirty** surface for lower BCS resistance

- $R_{res}$  can be worse

These two requirements contradict with each other

# How to achieve **clean** bulk and **dirty** surface

Heat treatment, doping,...

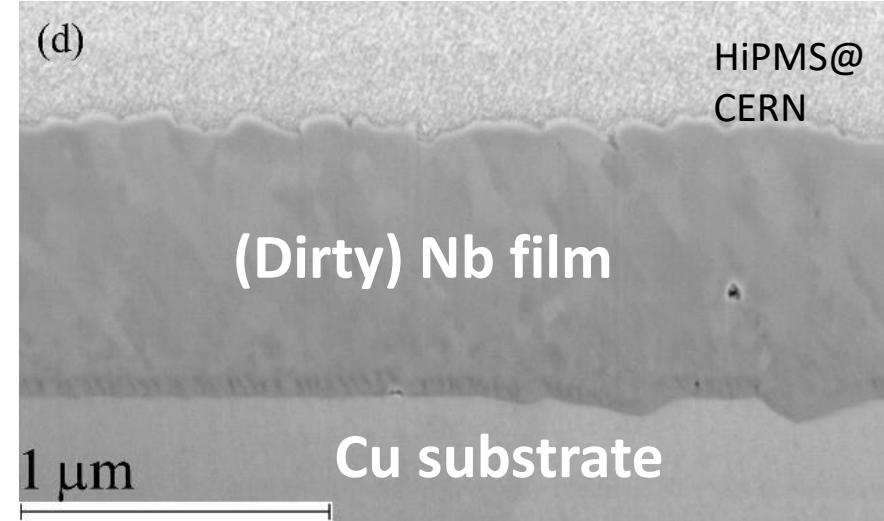


Hyper-low  $R_{BCS}$ , sensitive  $R_{mag}$ ,  
anti-Q-slope, a lot of mysteries

Nb film

CERN's specialty

Contact: Guillaume Jonathan Rosaz



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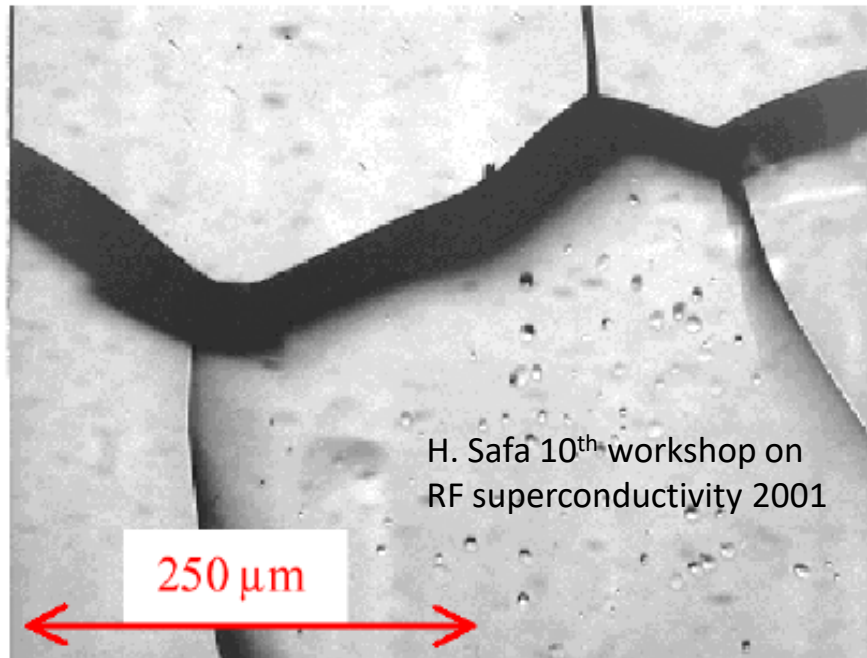
We have been developing **recipes** but why and how are generally missing

***One of the research frontiers for new SRF cavities***

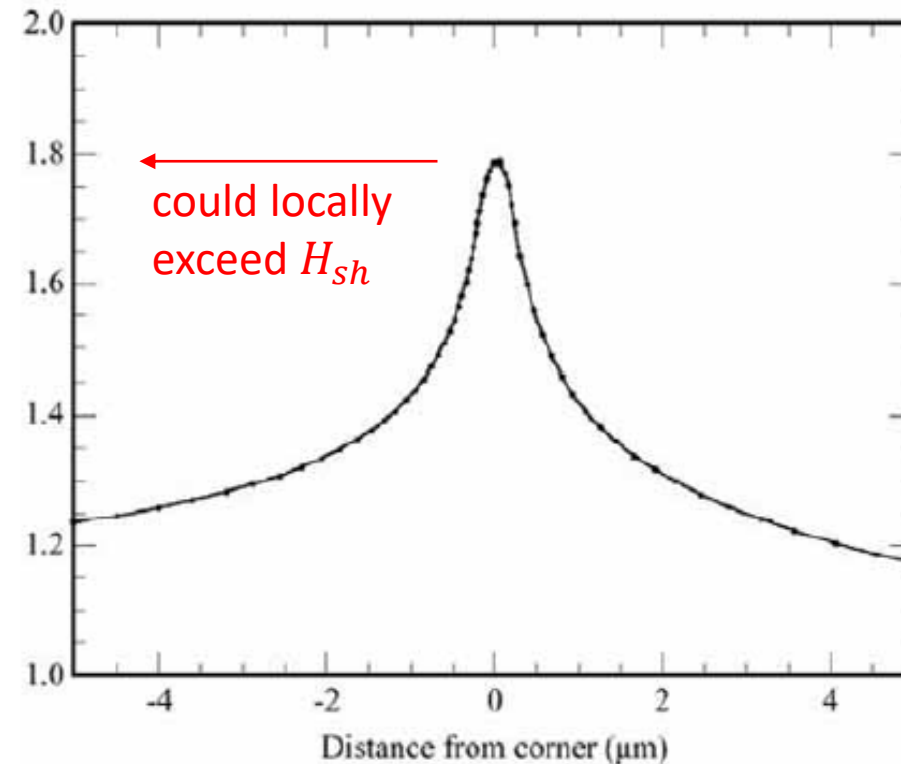
# Importance of surface roughness: one example

## Local defect or field enhancement

Standard BCP Chemistry on niobium :  
Sharp boundary edges are clearly visible



Calculated magnetic field enhancement  
on a 100 μm x 10 μm step



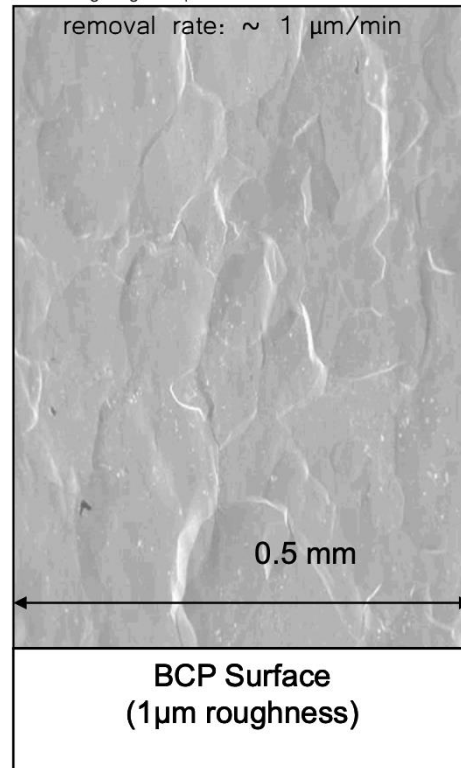
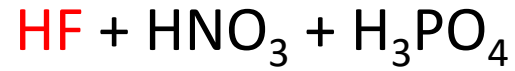
→ Choice of chemical etching method  
(Buffer Chemical Polishing or Electro Polishing)

Quench limit and high-field Q-slope is an open research area

# Two methods of surface etching

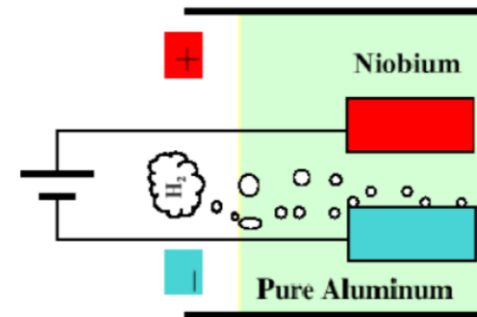
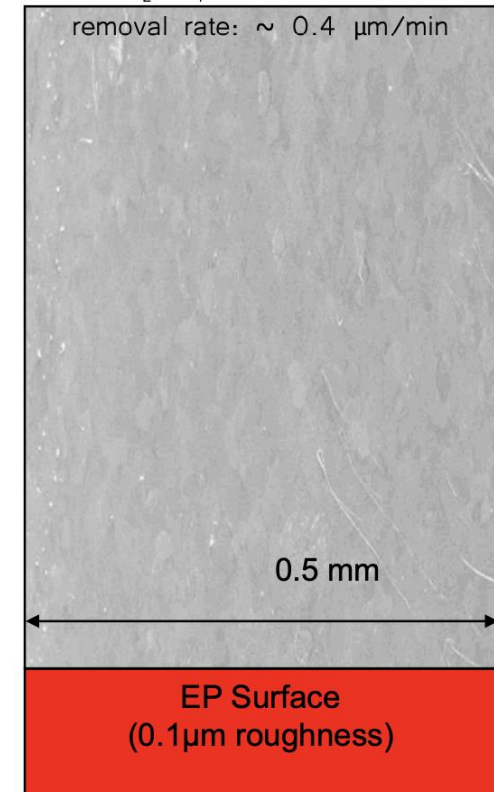
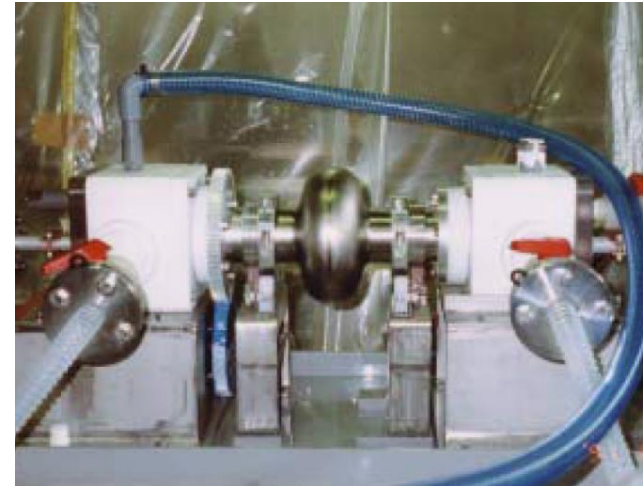
Contact: Marc Thiebert

## Buffered Chemical Polishing (BCP)



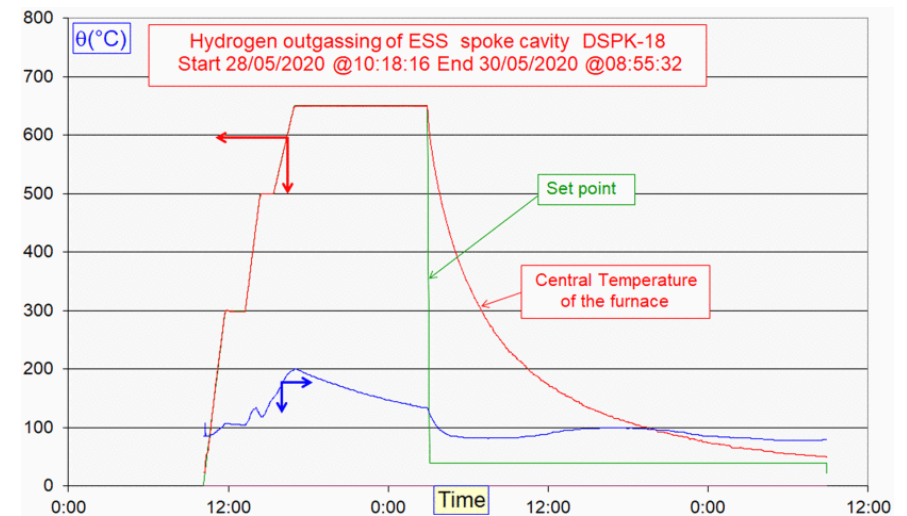
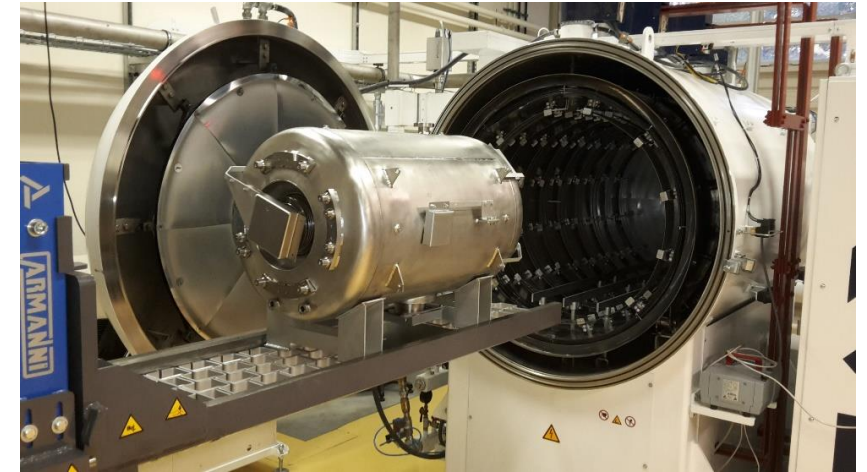
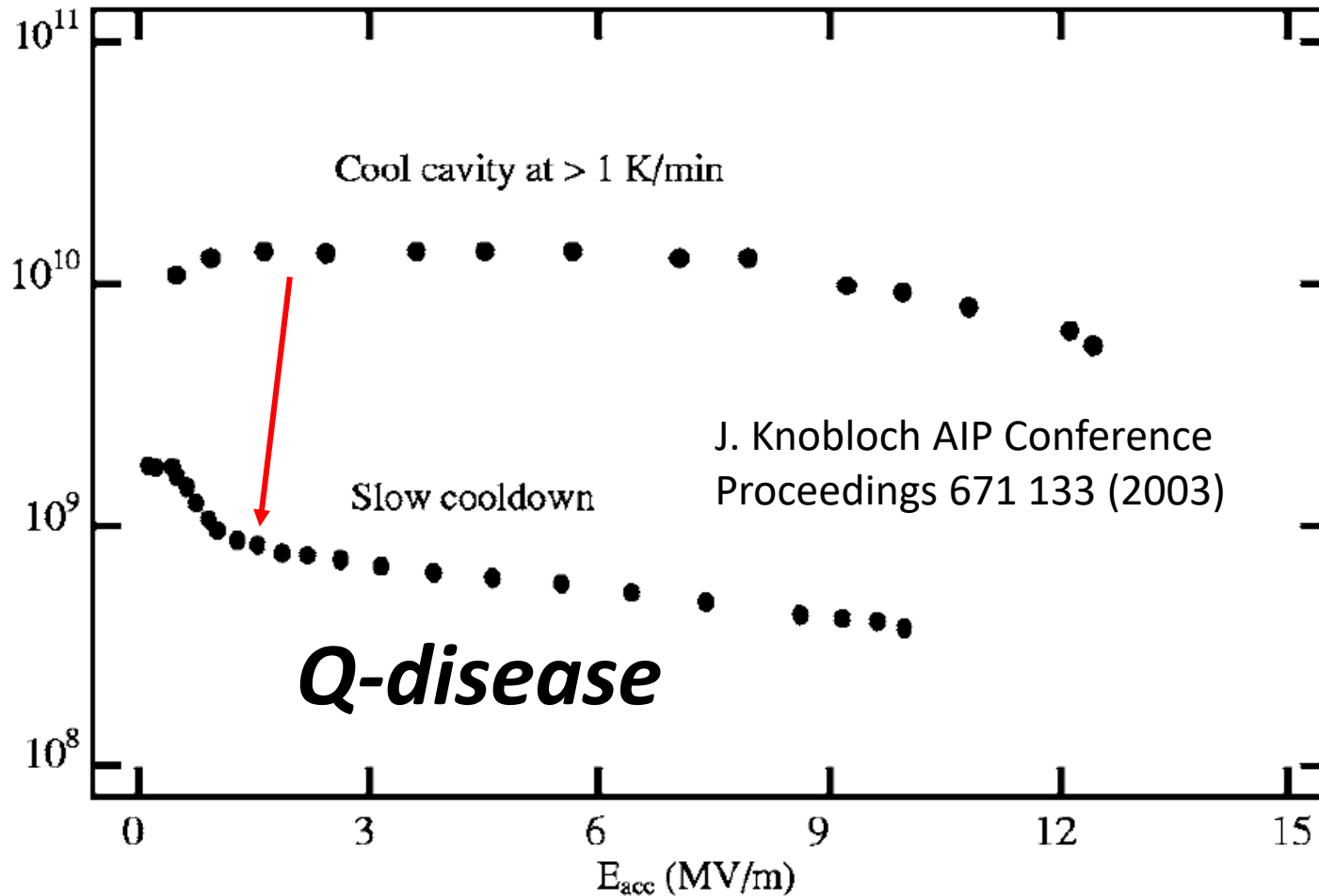
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## Electropolishing (EP)



EP is known to be better but more complex and expensive  
→ BCP may be enough depending on the performance requirement

# Hydrogen from HF acid → Nb hydride

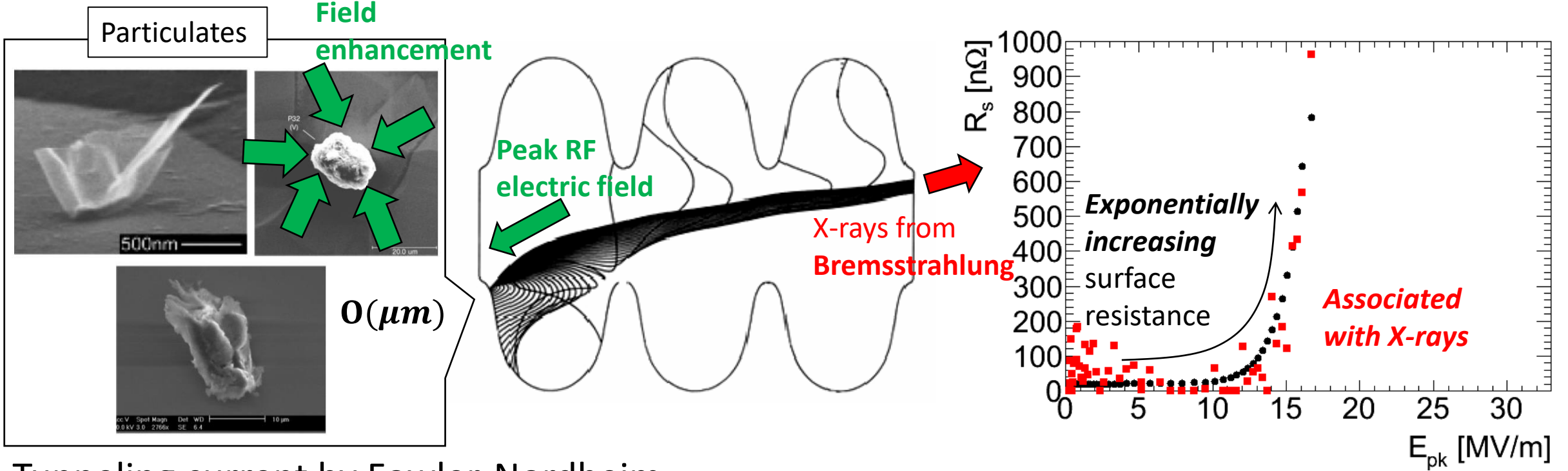


## Solutions

1. Anneal the cavity above 600C to degas hydrogen
2. Avoid slow cooling down around dangerous temperature 75-150K

M. Fouaidy et al., IEEE Transactions on Applied Superconductivity, 31, 5, pp. 1-8, 2021, 3500508

# Field Emission (FE): discharge due to electron tunneling



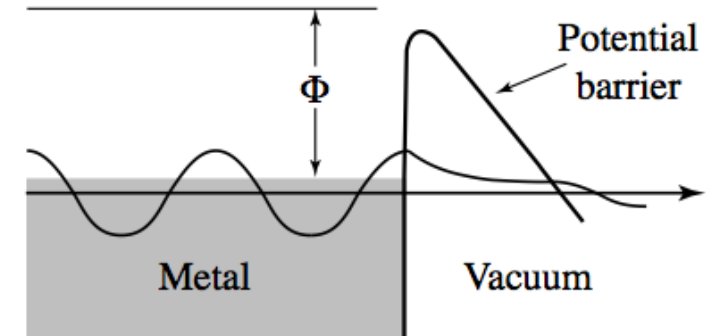
## Tunneling current by Fowler-Nordheim

$$J \propto \exp\left(-6.53 \times 10^6 \frac{\phi^{3/2}}{\beta E}\right)$$

1. work function  $\phi \sim 4-5$  eV

2. peak electric field

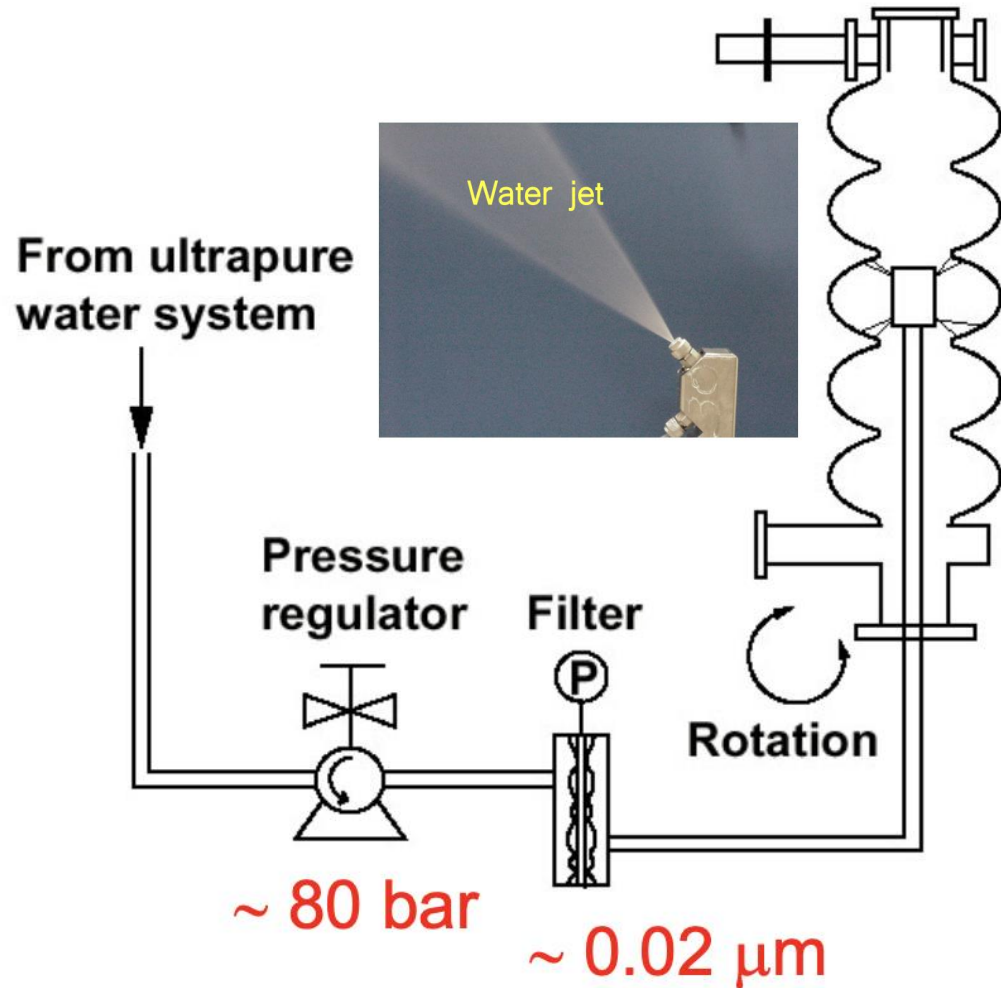
3. field enhancement



**Practical challenge in SRF projects with a large number of cavities**

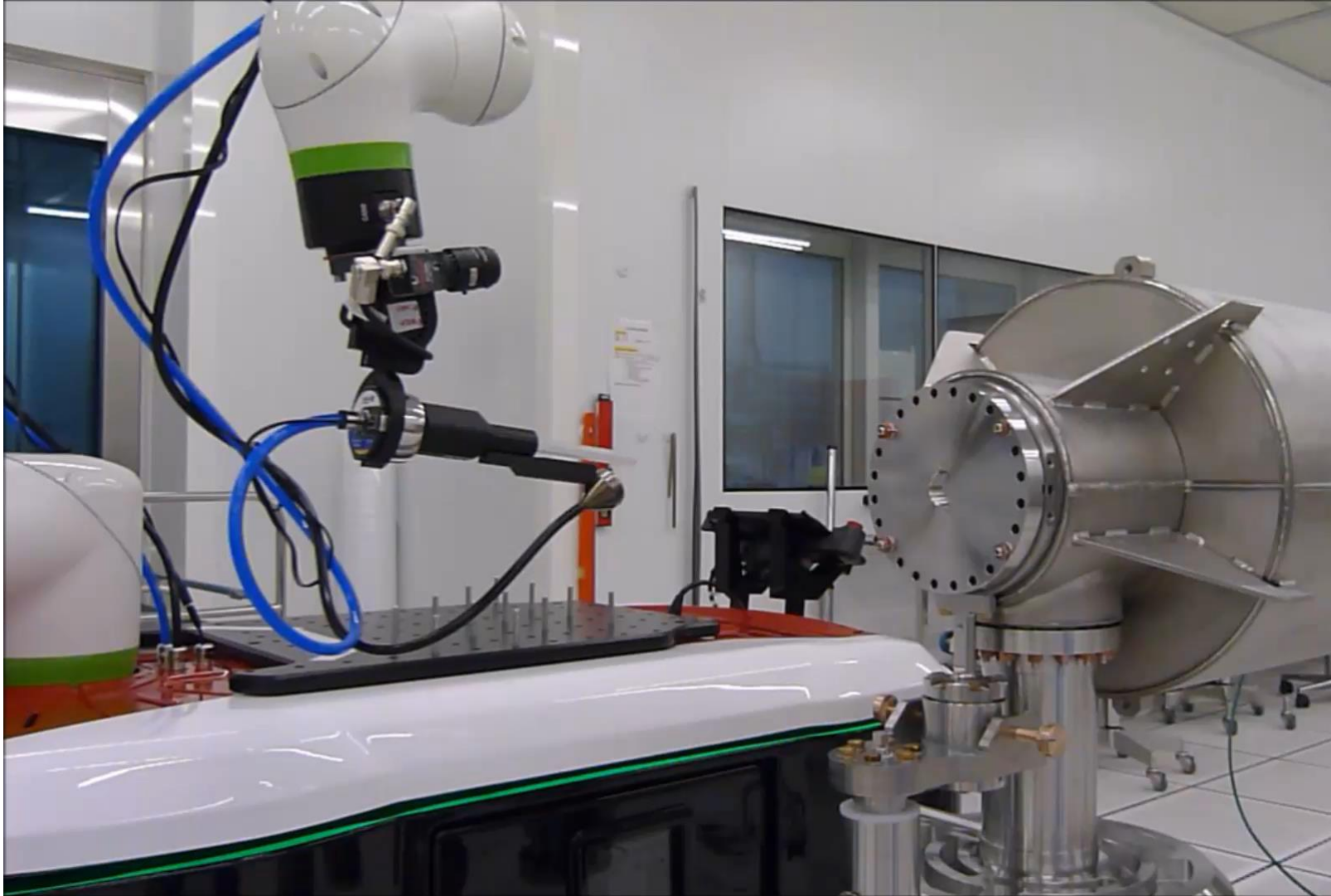
# Mitigate FE: High Pressure Water Ringing & clean room assembly

Contact: Mathieu Therasse



Working in a clean room is tough business

# Introduction of robotics is one research direction

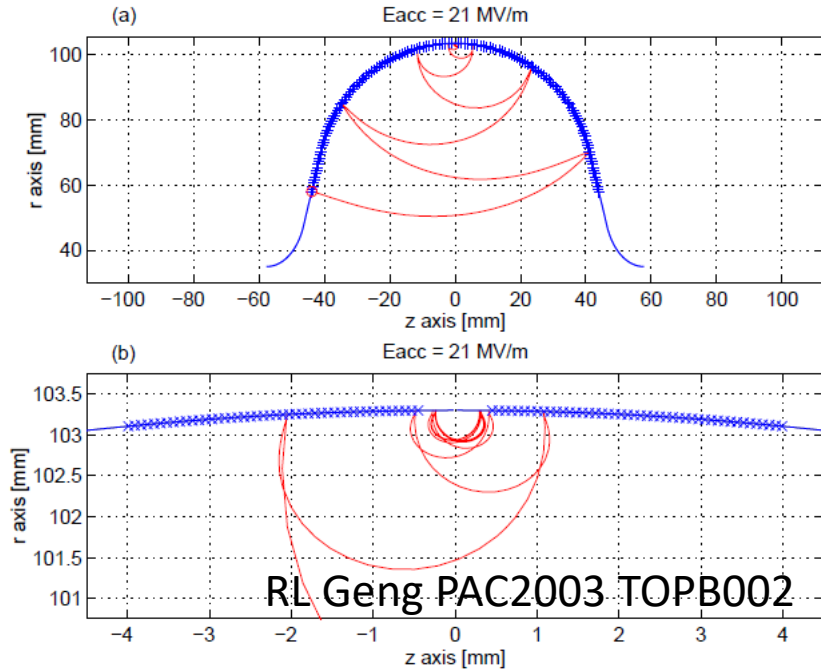


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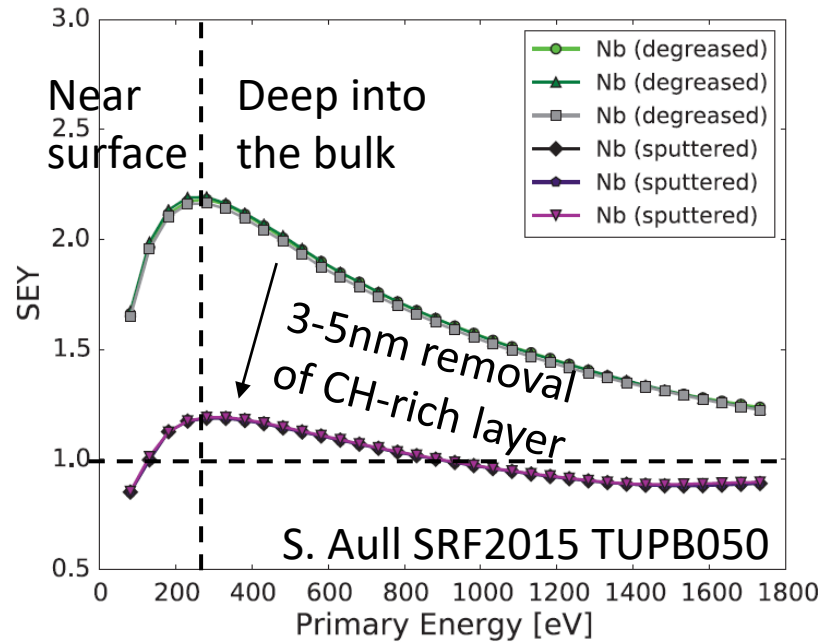


# Multipacting: resonant avalanche of secondary electrons

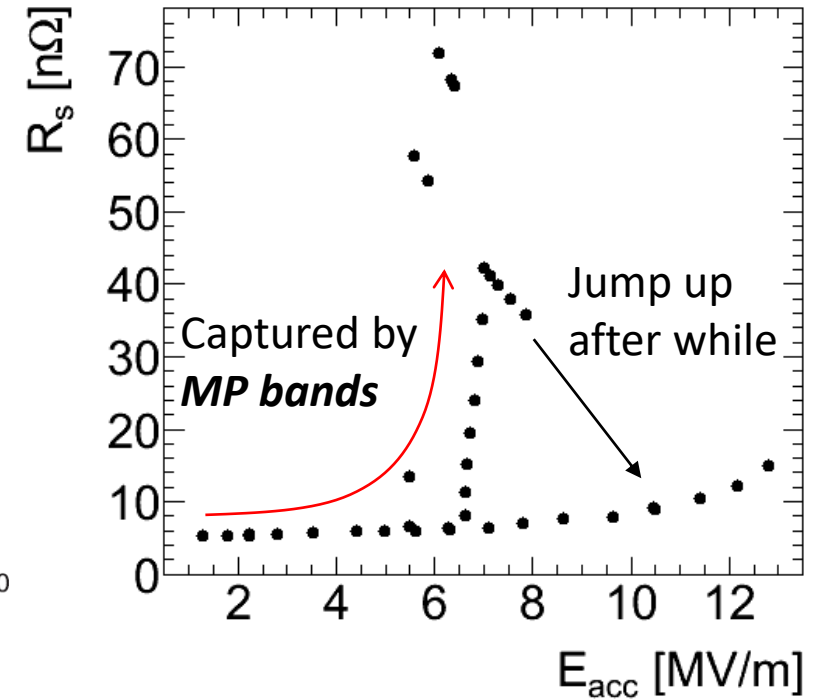
## Resonance and geometry



## Secondary Electron Yield



## Example: ESS double spoke



Multipacting is annoying but **conditionable** in properly designed Nb cavities

- Sending RF in the MP band
- Jump up to outside the band within a few hours or one day
- Repopulated after thermal cycles

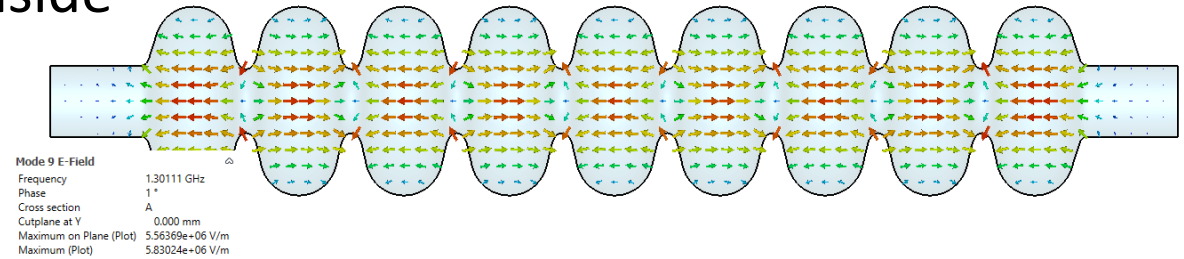
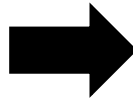
Low-T baking is often performed to get rid of water from the surface

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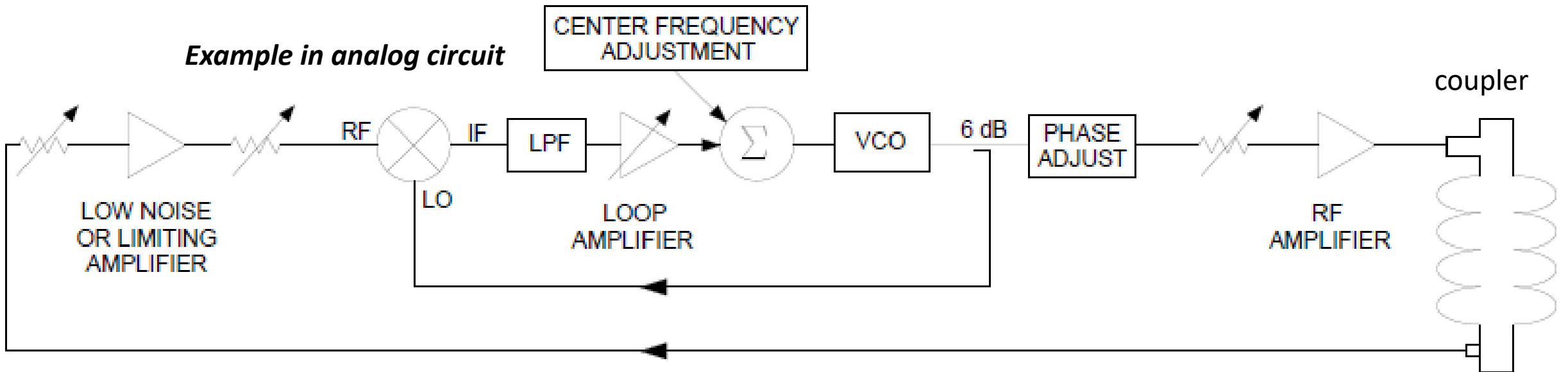
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# A lonely empty cavity is useless at all ☹️

We need RF inside



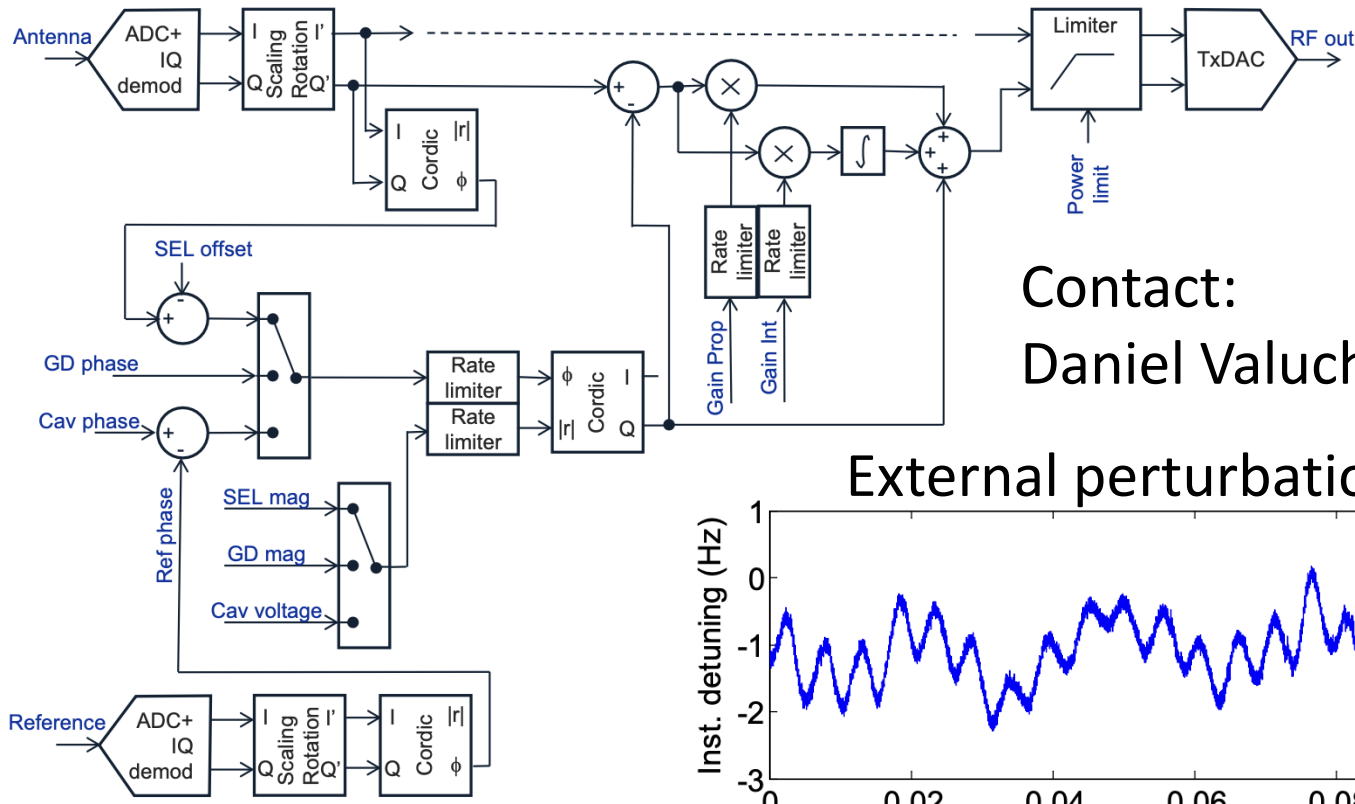
*Example in analog circuit*



- An low-power RF circuit locks frequency, phase, and amplitude of the superconducting cavity
- An RF amplifier generates useful power level
- A power coupler feeds RF to the cavity
- Tuner controls resonant frequency of the cavity

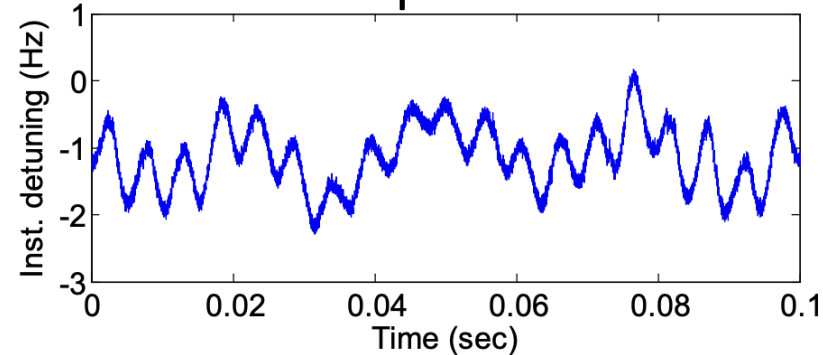
# LLRF: digital system and control algorithm

M. Elias master thesis

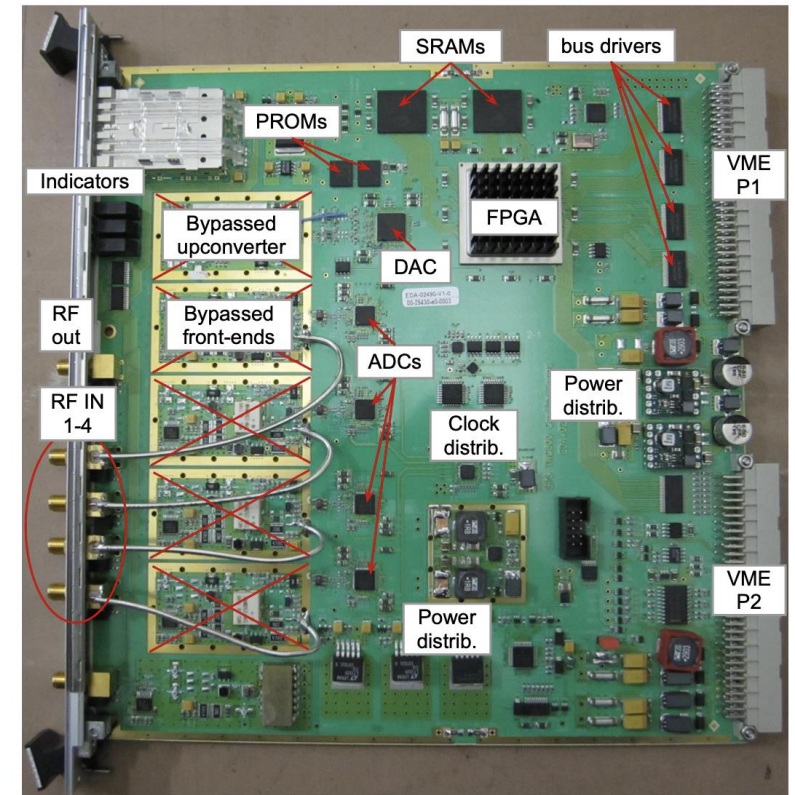


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Daniel Valuch

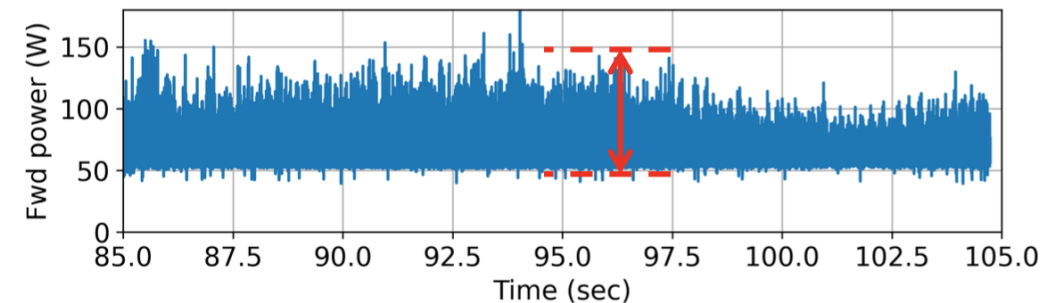
External perturbation



- Design analog and digital circuit to cope with various phenomena to keep cavity field stable
- Control theory and implementation in FPGA
- Directly handled power: 1mW → needs amplifier



FB to keep cavity field constant

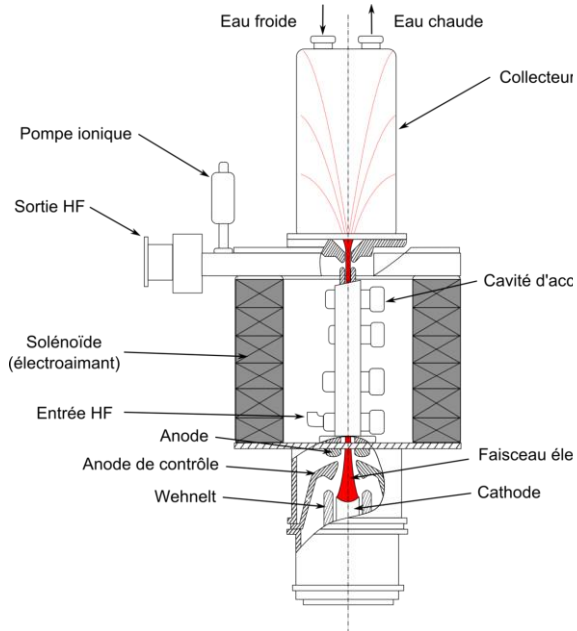


# High-power amplifiers

## Vacuum tubes / klystrons



Amplification via the RF & DC beam interaction

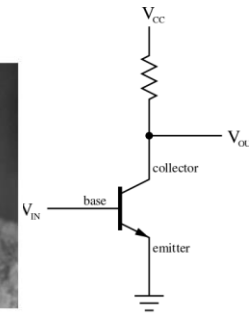


## Transistor-based solid-state amplifiers

Amplification via the tunneling effect



Shockley Bardeen Brattain



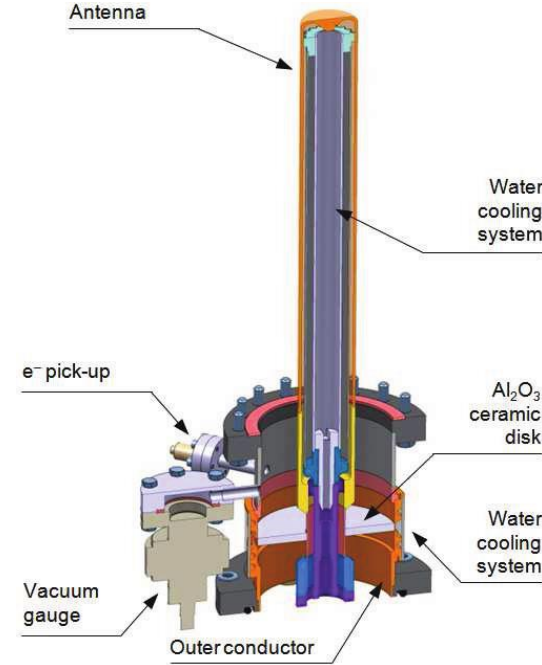
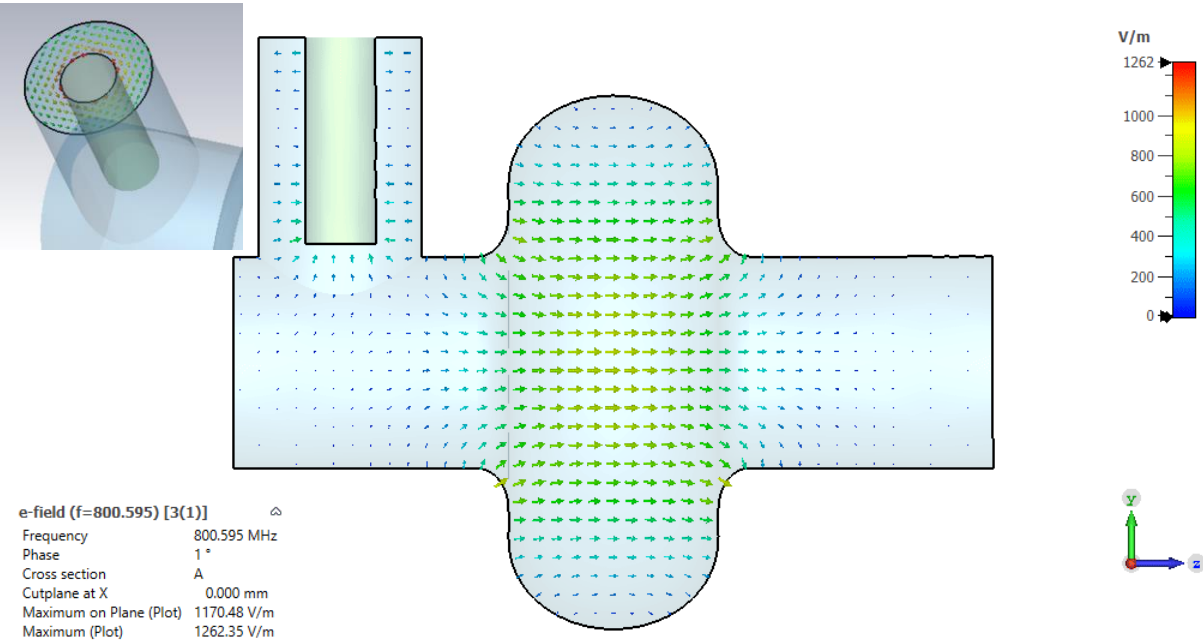
Courtesy: Eric Montesinos

## Recent research directions at CERN

- Very efficient klystron design (contact: Igor Syratchev)
- Large combiner of a large number of transistors
- Sustainability & reliability

# RF power coupler to feed RF

port



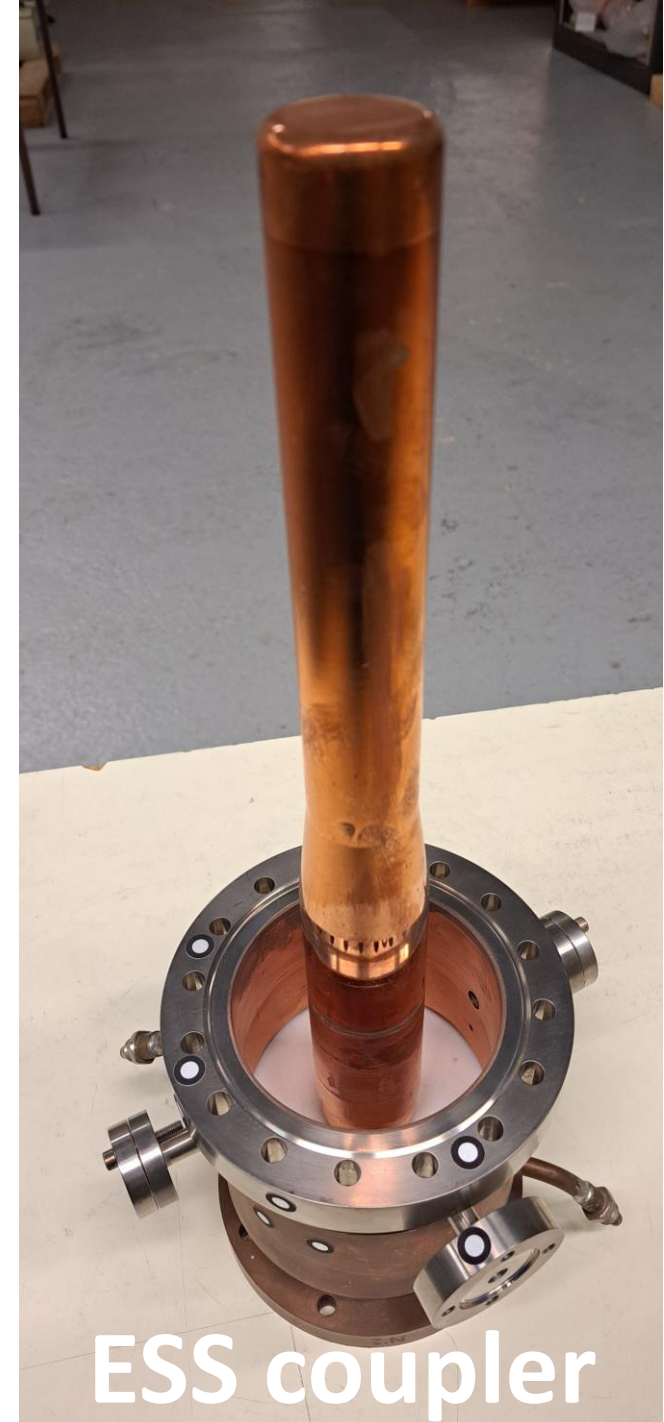
Power flow (Poynting vector) through the port gives coupler Q

$$Q_{ext} = \frac{\omega_0 U}{P_e} = \frac{\omega_0 U}{\frac{1}{2} \int_{S_{port}} \vec{E} \times \vec{H} dS}$$

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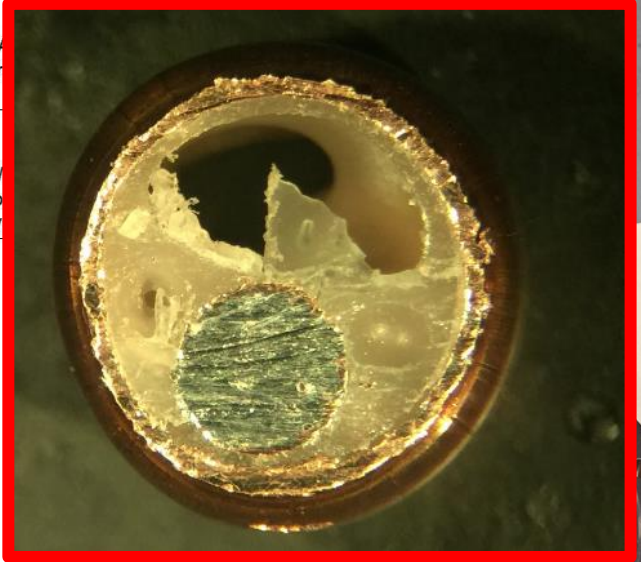
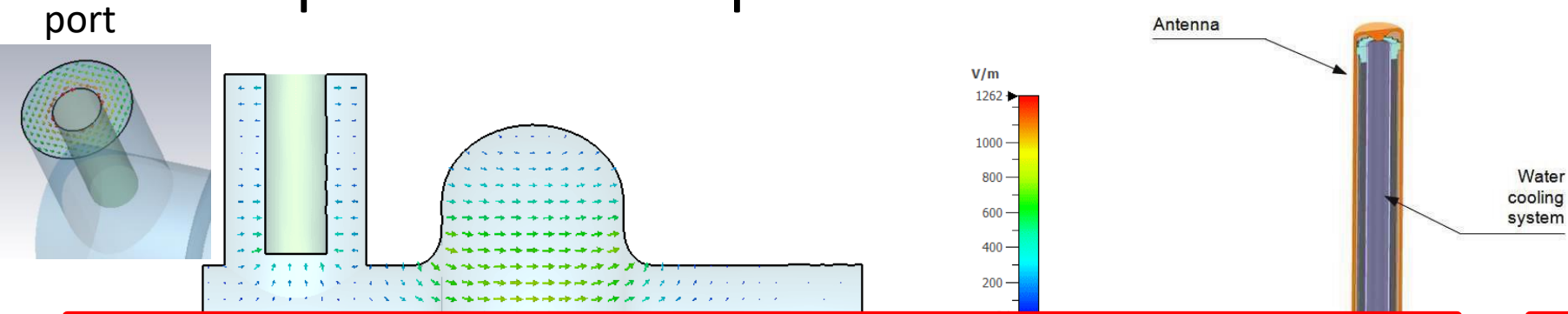
$$\frac{1}{Q_L} = \frac{1}{Q_0} + \frac{1}{Q_{ext}}$$

Contact: Eric Montesinos



ESS coupler

# RF power coupler to feed RF



Weak point of SRF cryomodules

Lesson learnt from HIE-ISOLDE...

$$r_e = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_{port}} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H} dS$$

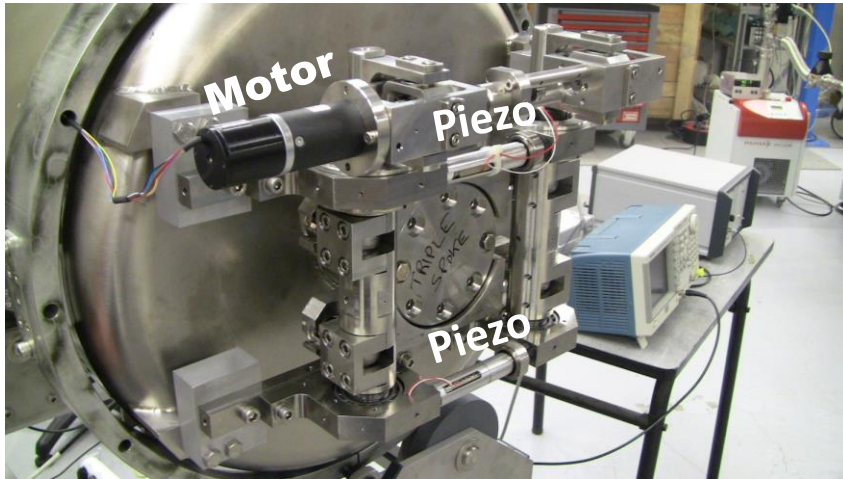
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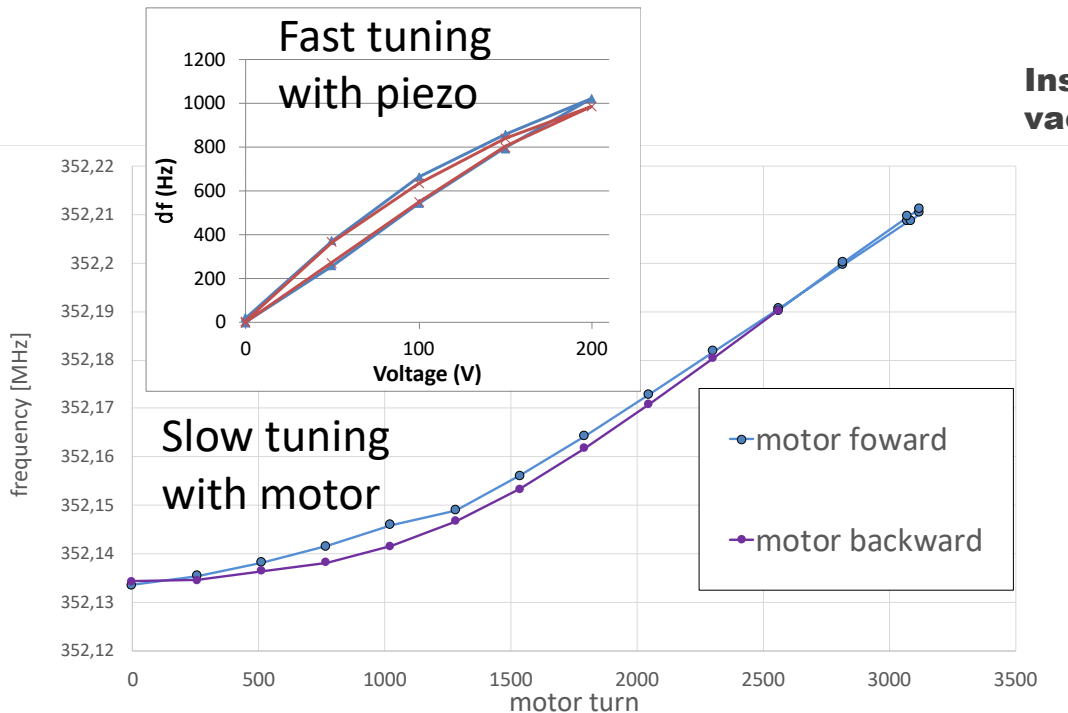
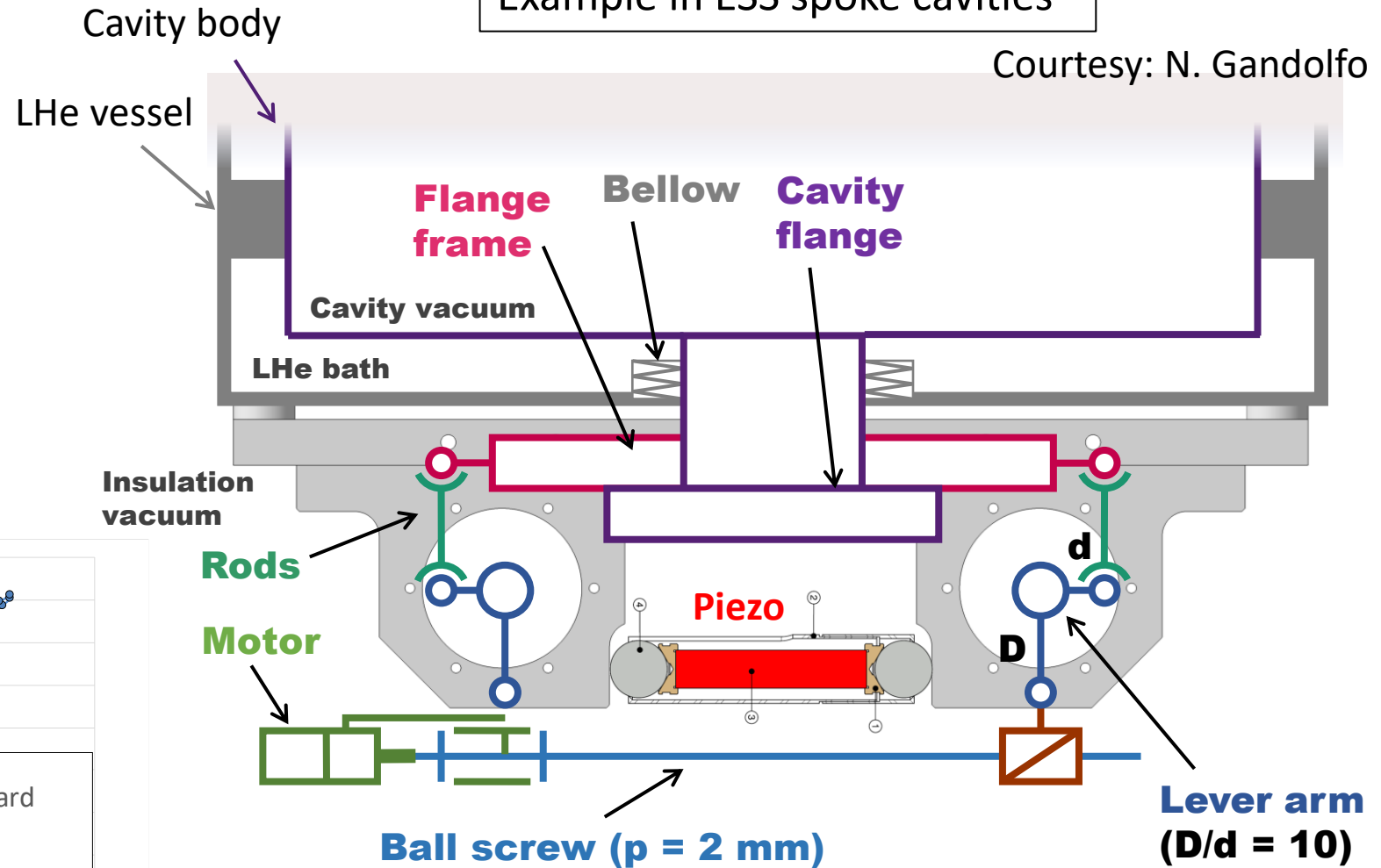
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Example in ESS spoke cavities

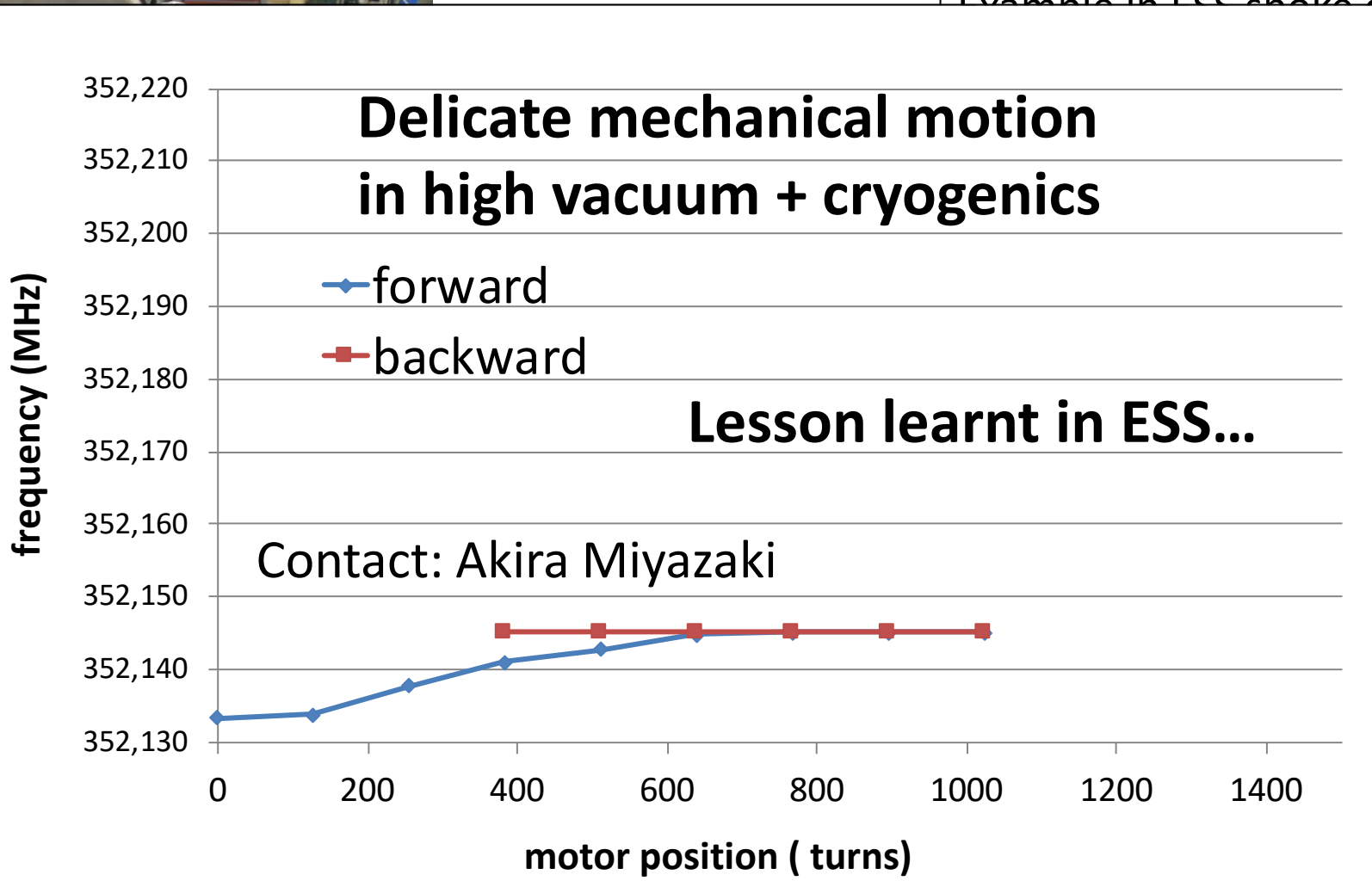
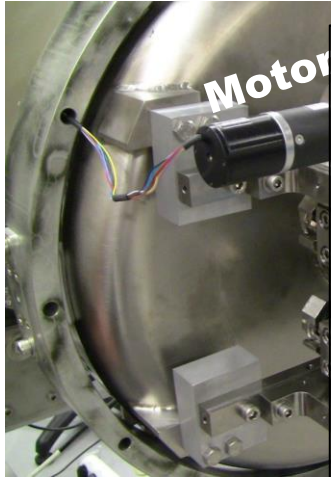
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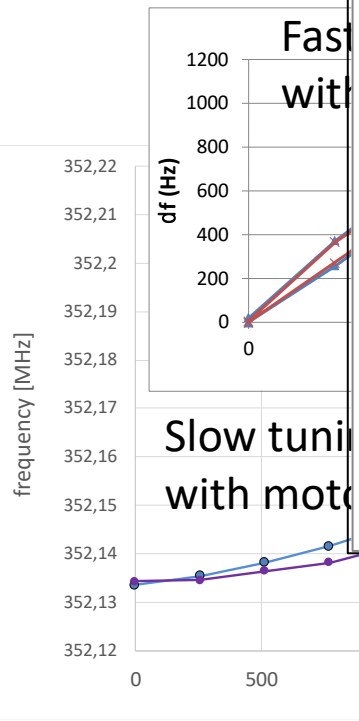
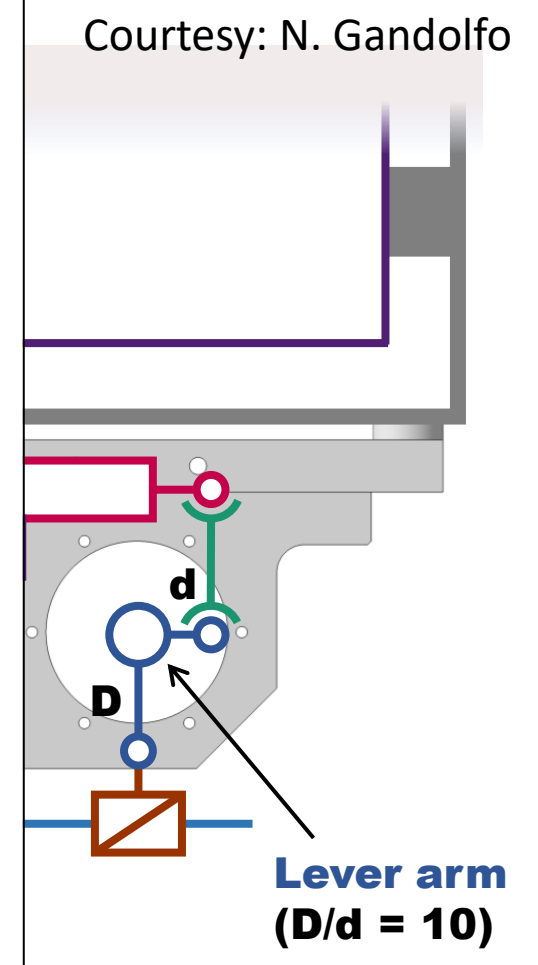
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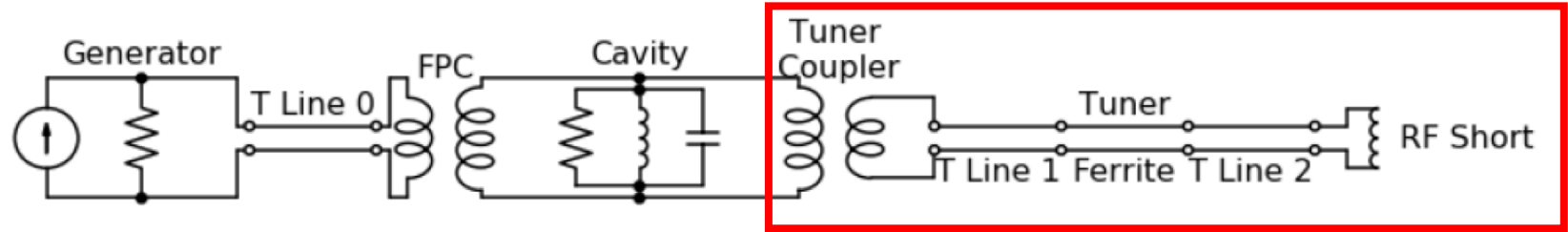
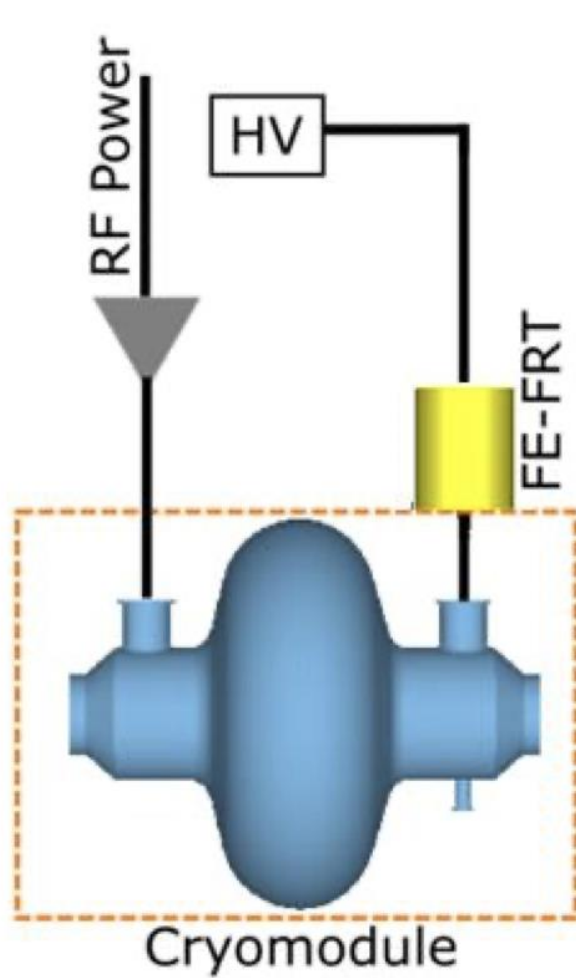


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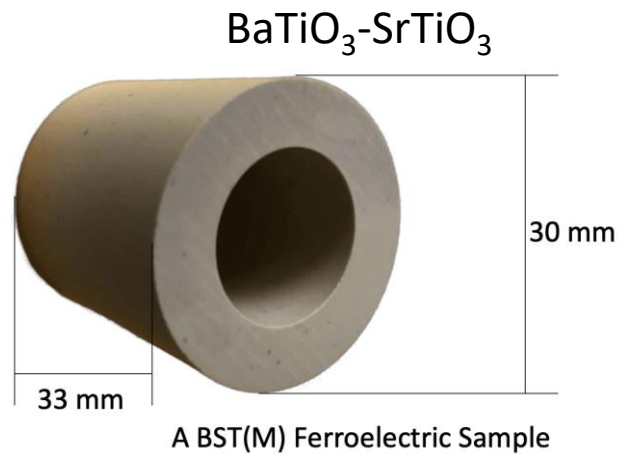


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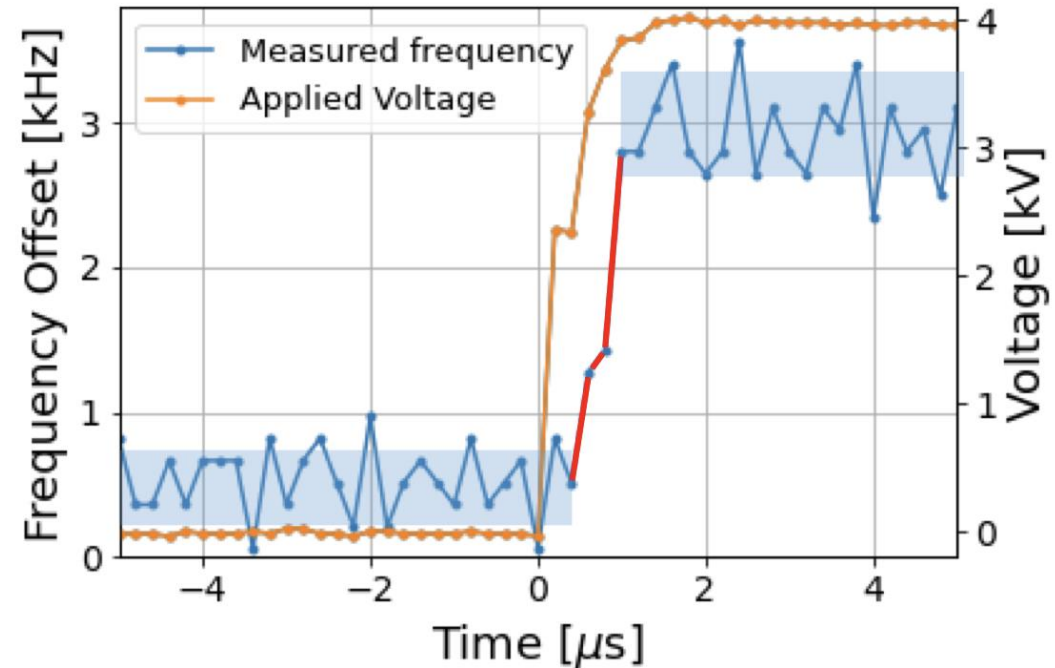
# Non-mechanical fast reactive tuner



Courtesy: N. Shipman



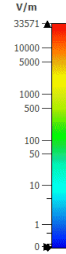
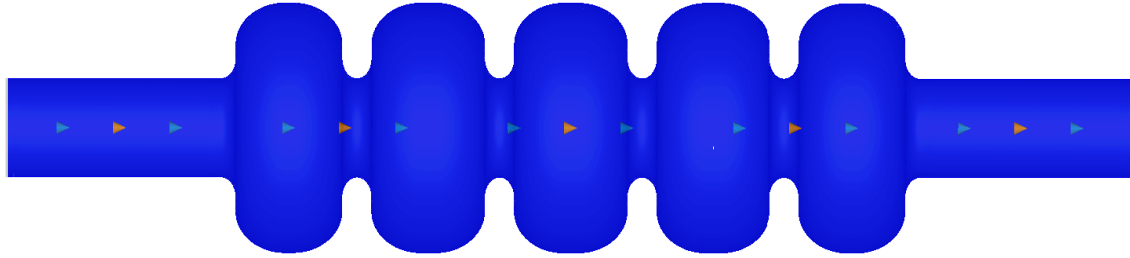
$$\epsilon = \epsilon(E) \rightarrow \Delta f$$



Active R&D is on-going at CERN

Contact: Alick Macpherson

# Beam → RF excitation



e-field (t=0..end(0.02)) [pb]  
 Component Abs  
 Sample 1/456  
 Time 0 ns  
 Cross section A  
 Cutplane at X 0.000 mm  
 Maximum on Plane (Sample) 0 V/m  
 Maximum (Sample) 0 V/m  
 Maximum (Global) 65584.9 V/m

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \cdot \vec{j} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

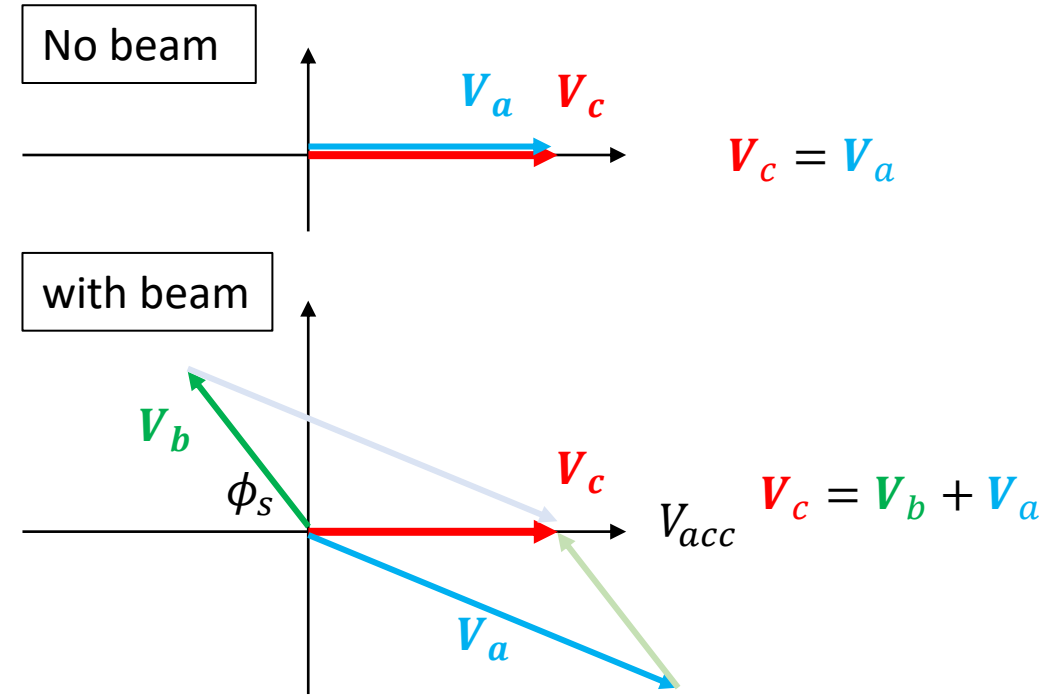
## Beam loading

- Accelerating mode  $V_b$  is excited in another phase
- Overhead in the amplifier  $V_a$  to compensate it
- Optimum detuning trick (see LHC)

## Higher Oder Modes

- Non-accelerating modes are excited
- Perturbation to beam (challenge in circular machines)
- HOM couplers / dampers to mitigate them

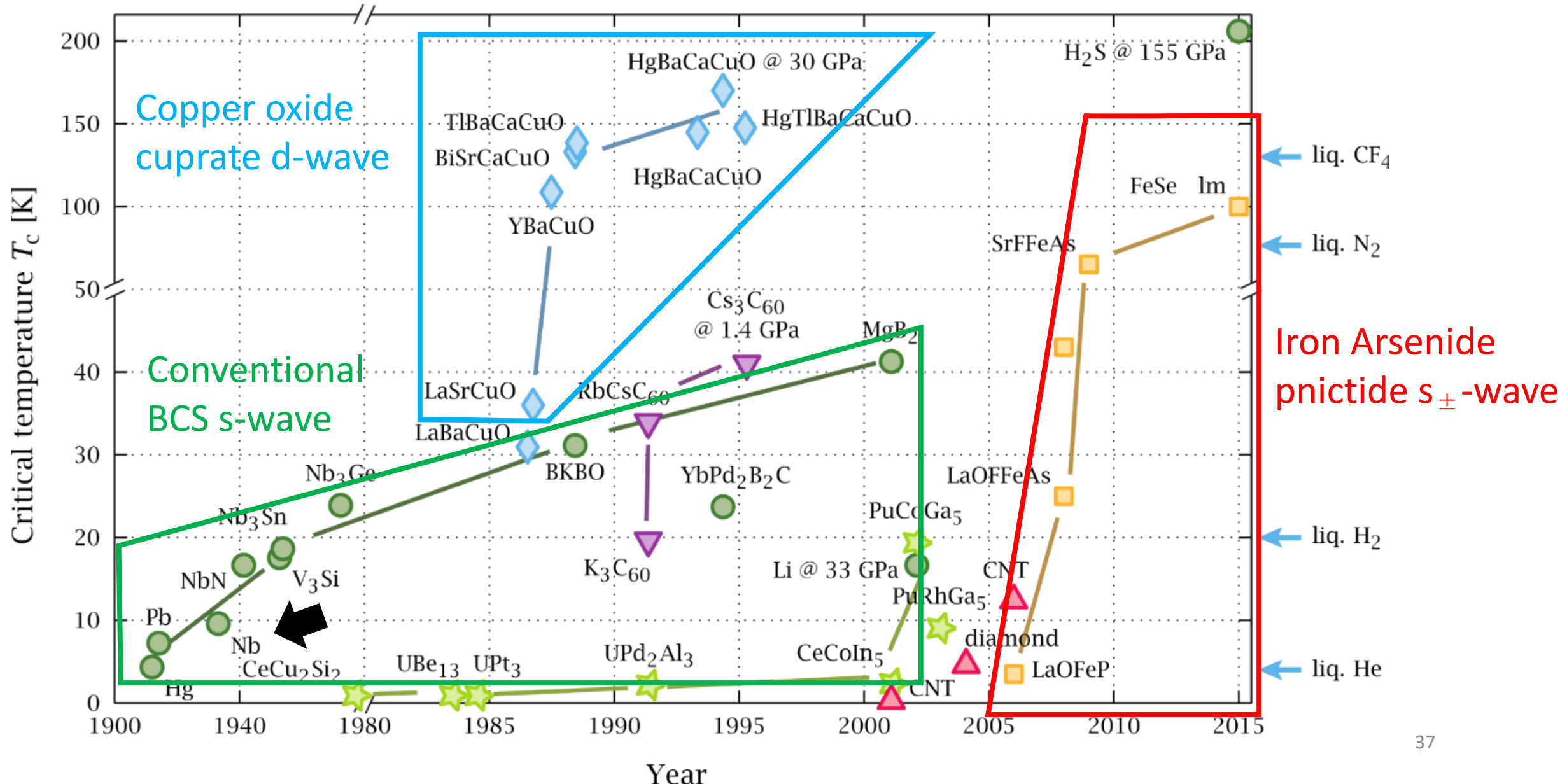
## Contact: Rama Calaga



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# Three different families of superconductors



# How about alloys?

Material	$\lambda(T=0)$ [nm]	$\xi(T=0)$ [nm]	$\mu_0 H_{sh}$ [mT]	$T_c$ [K]	$\Delta/k_B T_c$
Nb	50	22	219	9.2	1.8
Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn	111	4.2	425	18	2.2
MgB <sub>2</sub>	185	4.9	170	37	0.6-2.1
NbN	375	2.9	214	16	2.2

$$R_{BCS}(T) = \frac{A}{T} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{k_B T_c} \frac{T_c}{T}\right)$$

Mechanically brittle

Difficult to fabricate cavity structures

→ coating?

Thermal conductivity

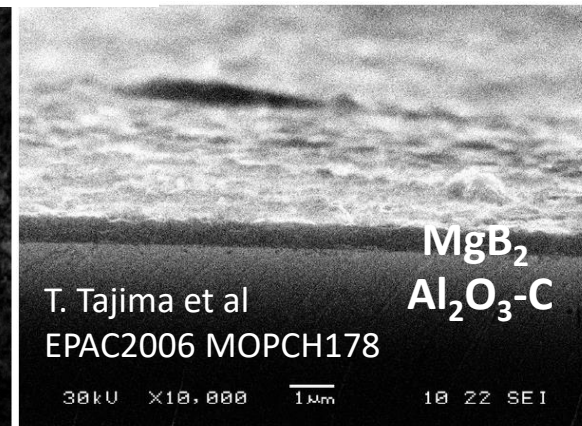
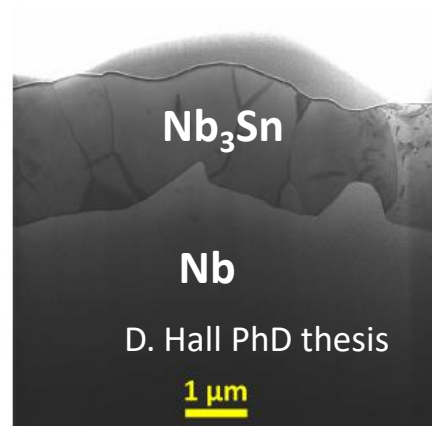
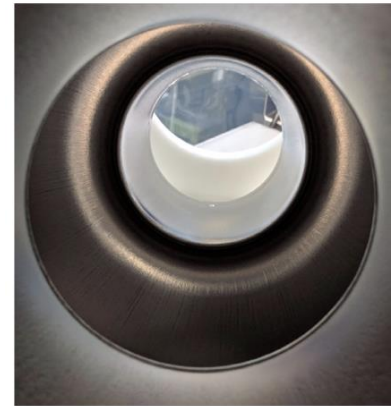
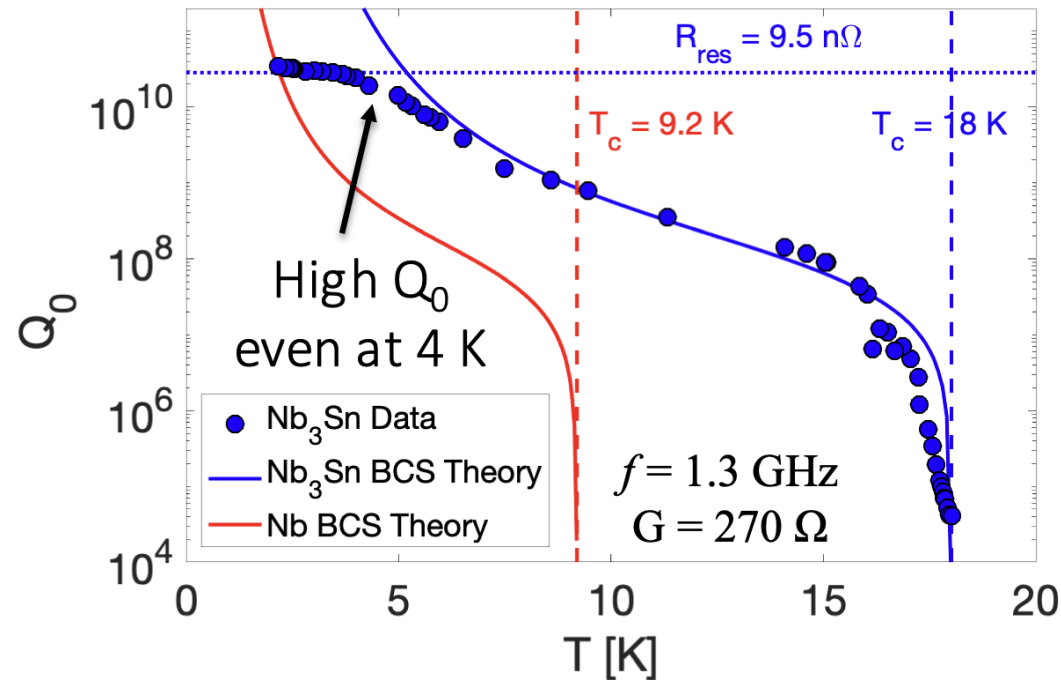
Much worse than Nb → Just a film?

Short  $\xi_0$

Flux penetration through grain boundaries

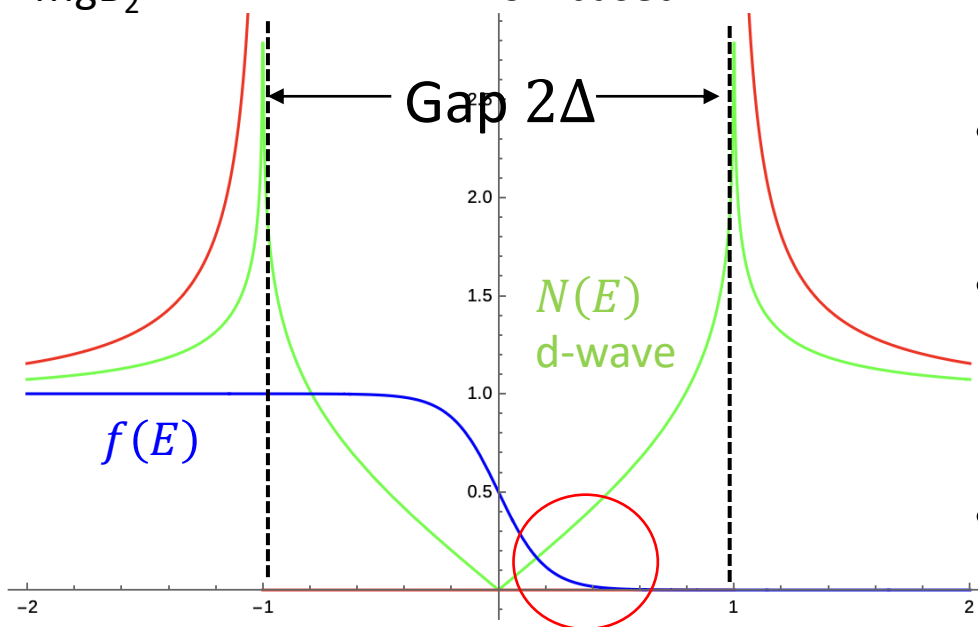
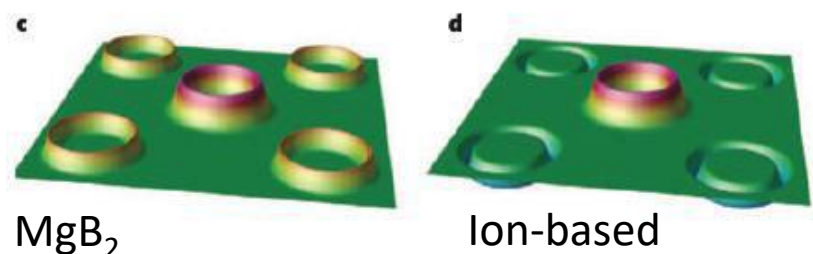
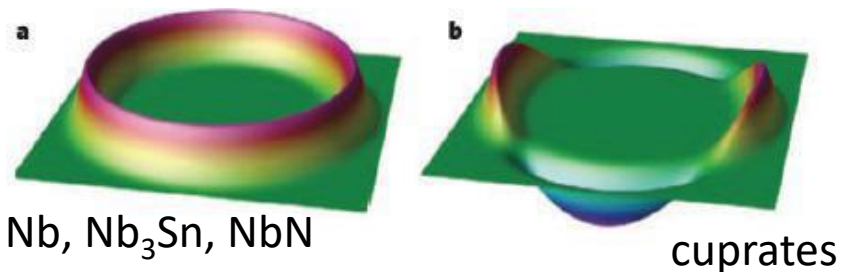
→ Protective layer?

Courtesy S. Posen



Contact: Guillaume Jonathan Rosaz

# High-Tc SC → Full gap may be important for high RF field



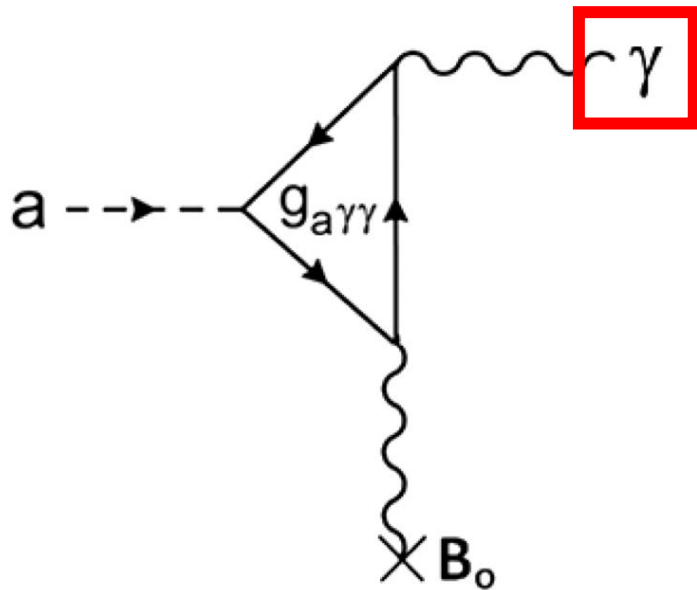
$$R_S \propto \hbar\omega \int_{\Delta}^{\infty} dE [f(E) - f(E + \hbar\omega)] \times N(E)N(E + \hbar\omega)$$

- One of the major sources of the SC surface resistance is thermally excited quasi-particles
- Conventional SC is s-wave and the full gap structure prevents the number of quasi-particles  $\sim \exp(-\Delta/T)$
- Cuprate is gapless d-wave and many quasi-particles can be excited  $\sim T^\alpha$
- Ion-based superconductors are gapful
  - Preliminary study by AM (arXiv:2311.17513)
  - $B_{c1}$  &  $B_{c2}$  enhancement was observed (SUST 34 015001 34)
- SLAC & CERN → YBCO with medium pulse length

Open question for the future generation

# Microwave photons may address fundamental physics

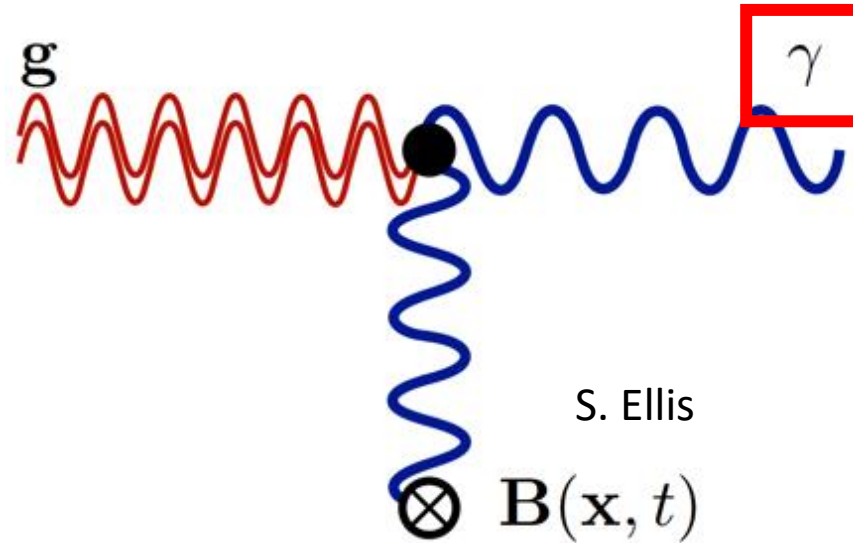
## Axions



Inverse Primakoff effect

Minimal extension of SM

## Gravitational waves



Inverse Gertsenshtein effect

Solution of general relativity

## Neutrinos

$R \times U(1)$  theory are given in the graphs of fig. 2 also involving kinematic cases of interaction; this case gives the standard model; this case describes the

Cosmic neutrino background

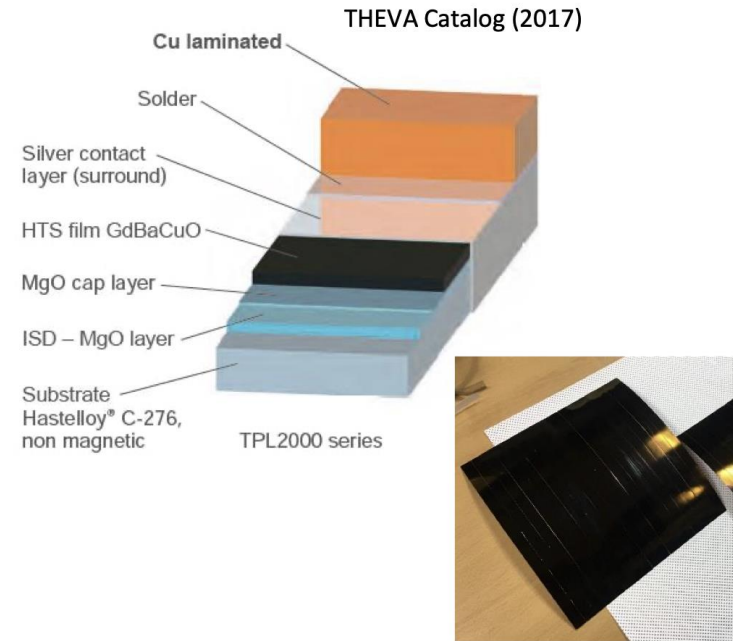
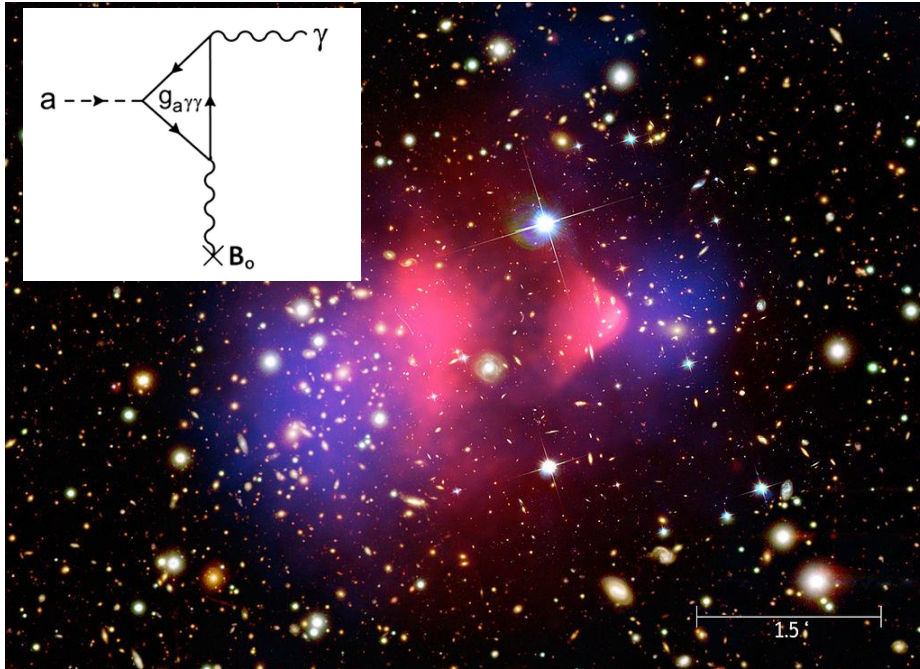
Extension of SM and/or SM

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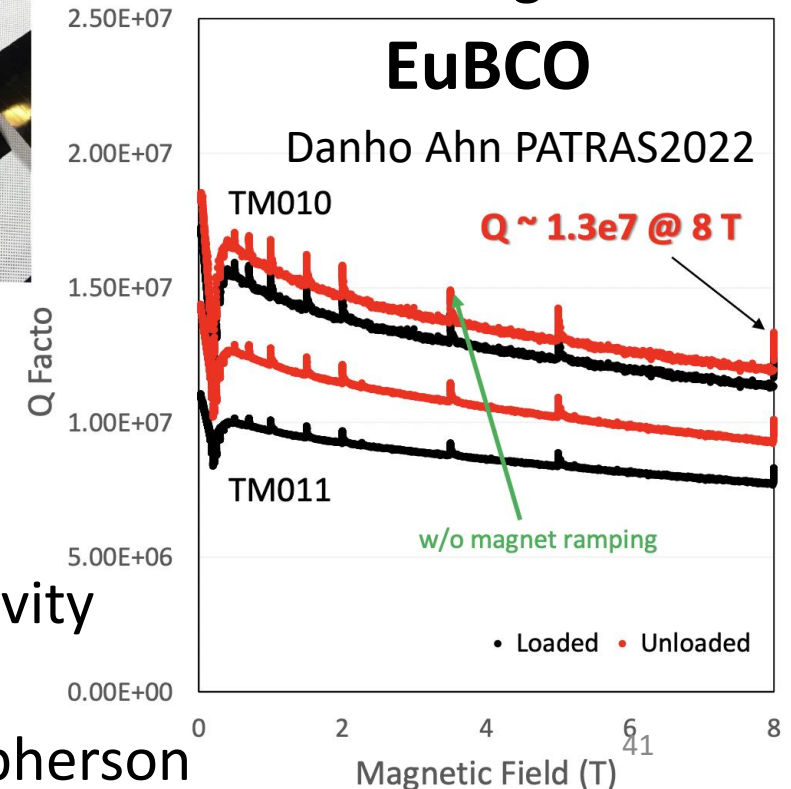


# HTS SRF cavities under static magnetic field

cuprate tapes on copper cavities



Contact: Sergio Calatroni



- Excellent Q is obtained under strong **static** magnetic fields
  - Good application of cuprates for dark matter axion search
- New experiment at CERN: “axion heterodyne”
  - No magnetic fields → RF is applied in a conventional SRF cavity
  - Phys. Rev. D 104, L111701 2021
  - Maybe an opportunity for students?

Contact: Alick Macpherson

# Two Phenomena to address GW via microwaves

The Einstein equation

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$

can be expanded to the **linear order** with small strain  $h$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

- Primordial blackhole merger  $\rightarrow$  MHz-GHz signal
- GW from early universe

Mechanical deformation of a cavity wall

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2h_{xx}}{dt^2}x + \frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2h_{xx}}{dt^2}y$$
$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2h_{xx}}{dt^2}x + \frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2h_{xx}}{dt^2}y$$

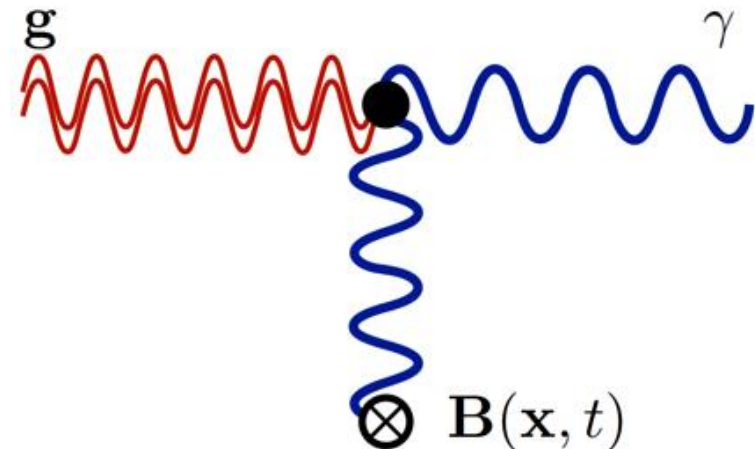


[arXiv:gr-qc/0502054](https://arxiv.org/abs/gr-qc/0502054)

Coupling to microwaves under static B

$$\square h_{\mu\nu} = -16\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$

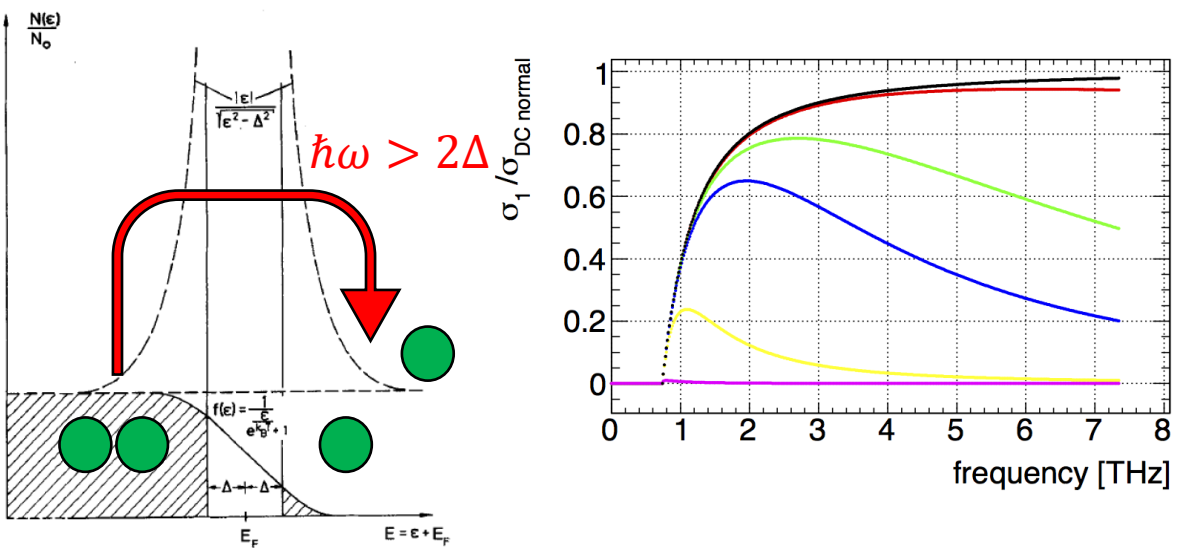
$$4\pi T_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\alpha}F_{\nu}^{\alpha} - \frac{1}{4}g_{\mu\nu}F_{\alpha\beta}F^{\alpha\beta};$$



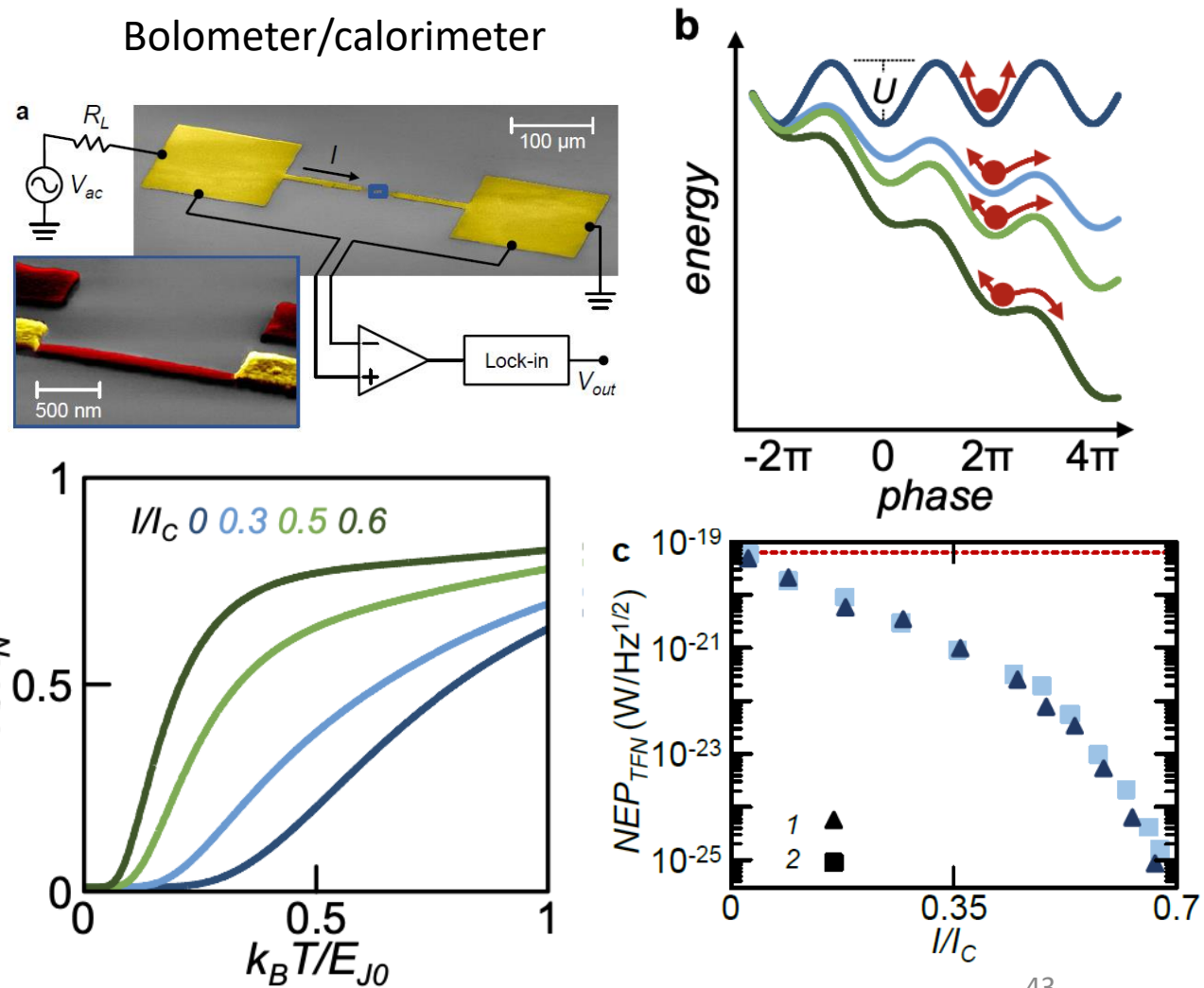
M. E. Gertsenshtein JETP 41 113 1961

# Single microwave photon sensors

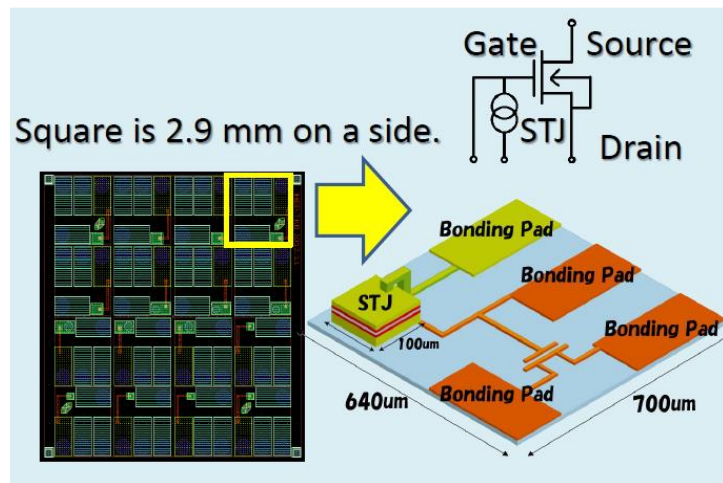
## Superconducting Tunnel Junction (STJ)



## Current-biased Josephson Junction TES (JES)

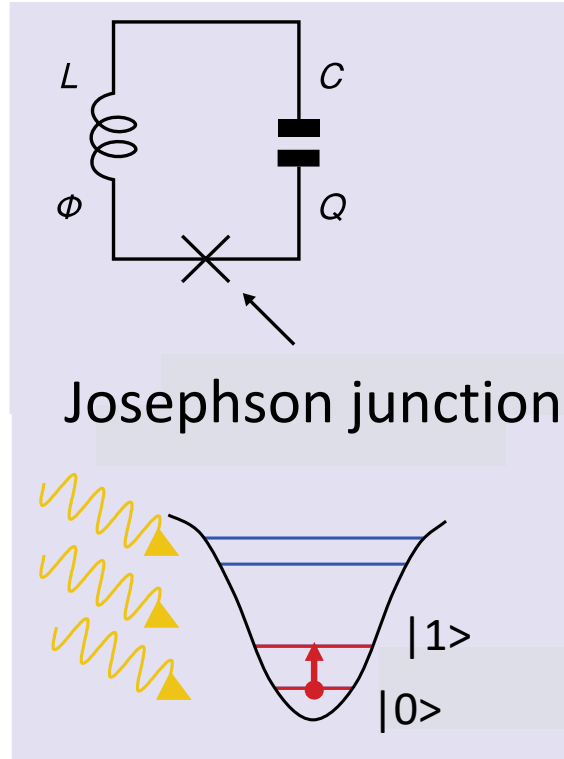
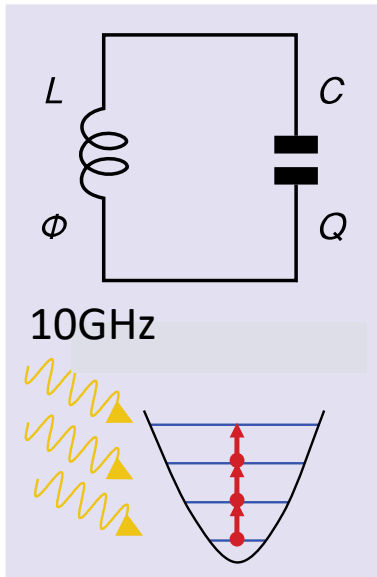


Al STJ  
Hf STJ



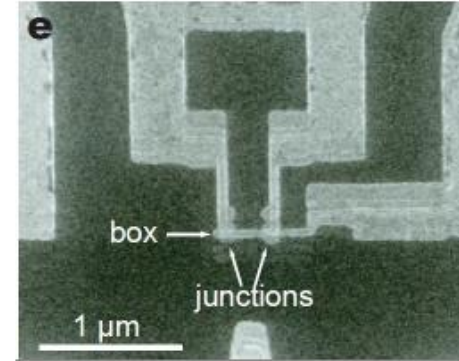
# Superconducting qubit based on SRF cavities (?)

Key: quantized LC circuit



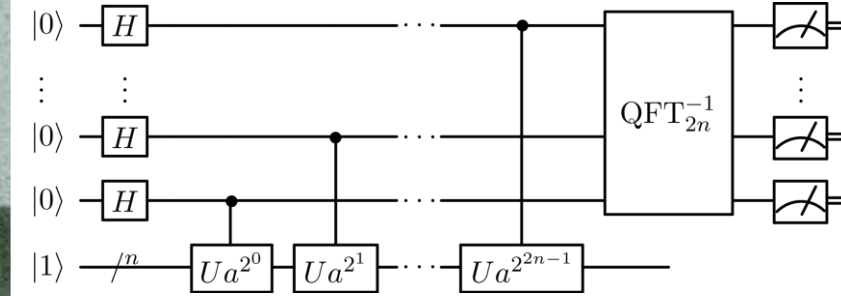
JJ → anharmonic potential  
→ selective  $|0\rangle$  &  $|1\rangle$

transmon



Shor's algorithm

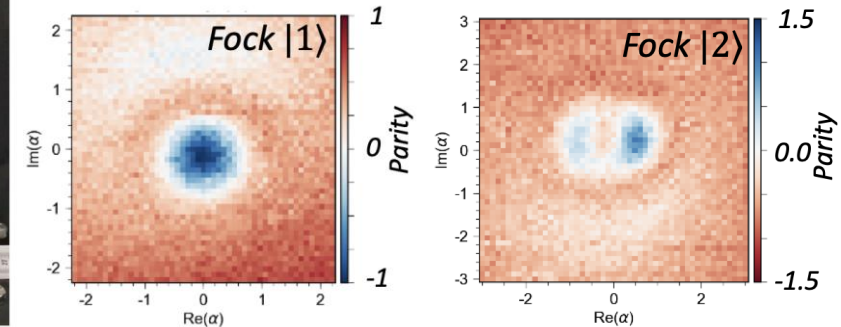
finding the prime factors



By Bender2k14 - Own work. Created in LaTeX using Q-circuit. Source code below., CC BY-SA 4.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=34319883>

SRF cavity is also a (huge) LC circuit

→ Longer coherent length than existing qubits (qudits)

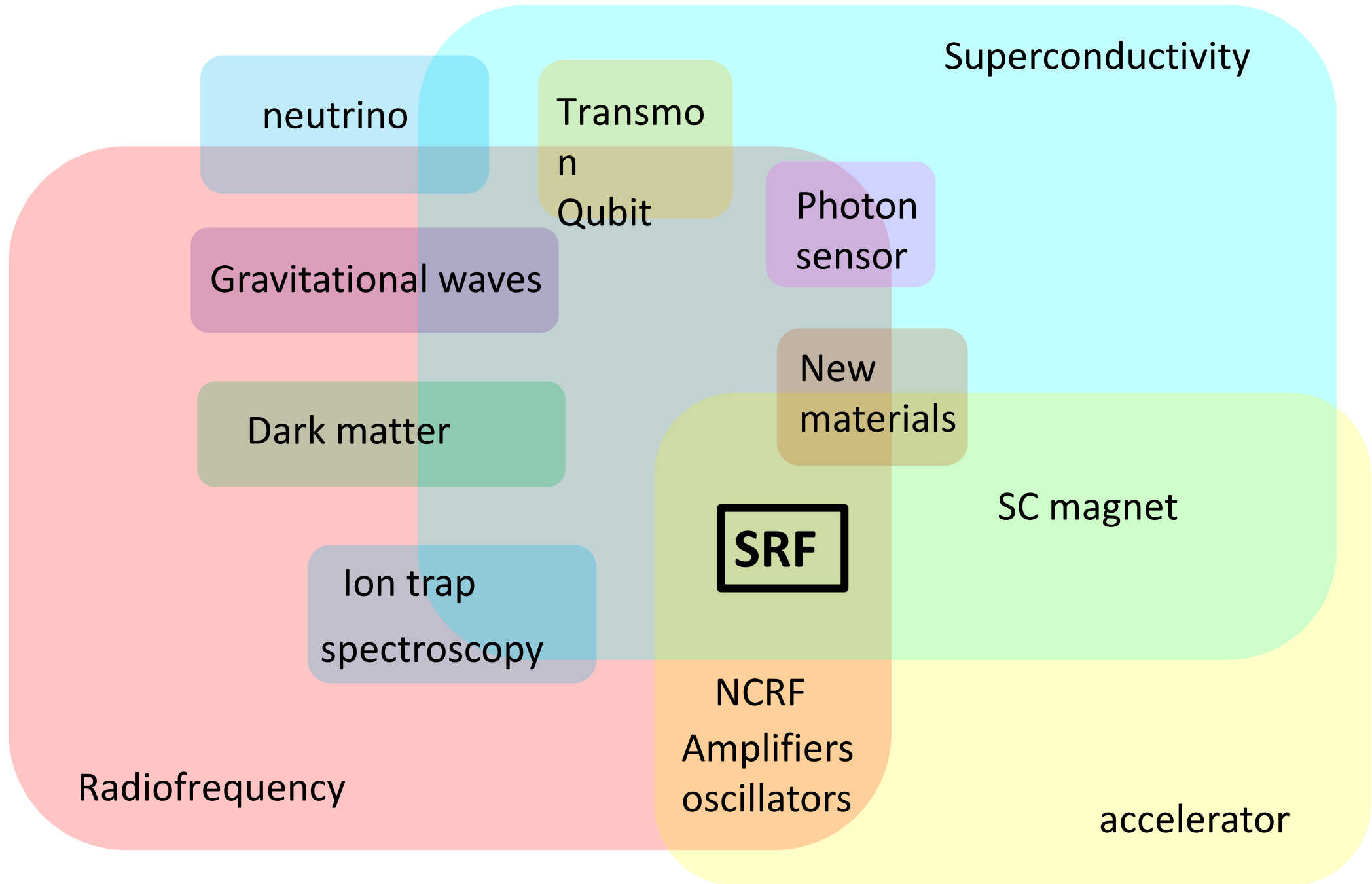


T. Roy "Advances in SRF Qubit Architectures for Quantum Computing" SRF2023

Quantum Initiative at CERN <https://quantum.cern>

Harmonic oscillator has  
equally spaced many states  
→ Not useful as qubit

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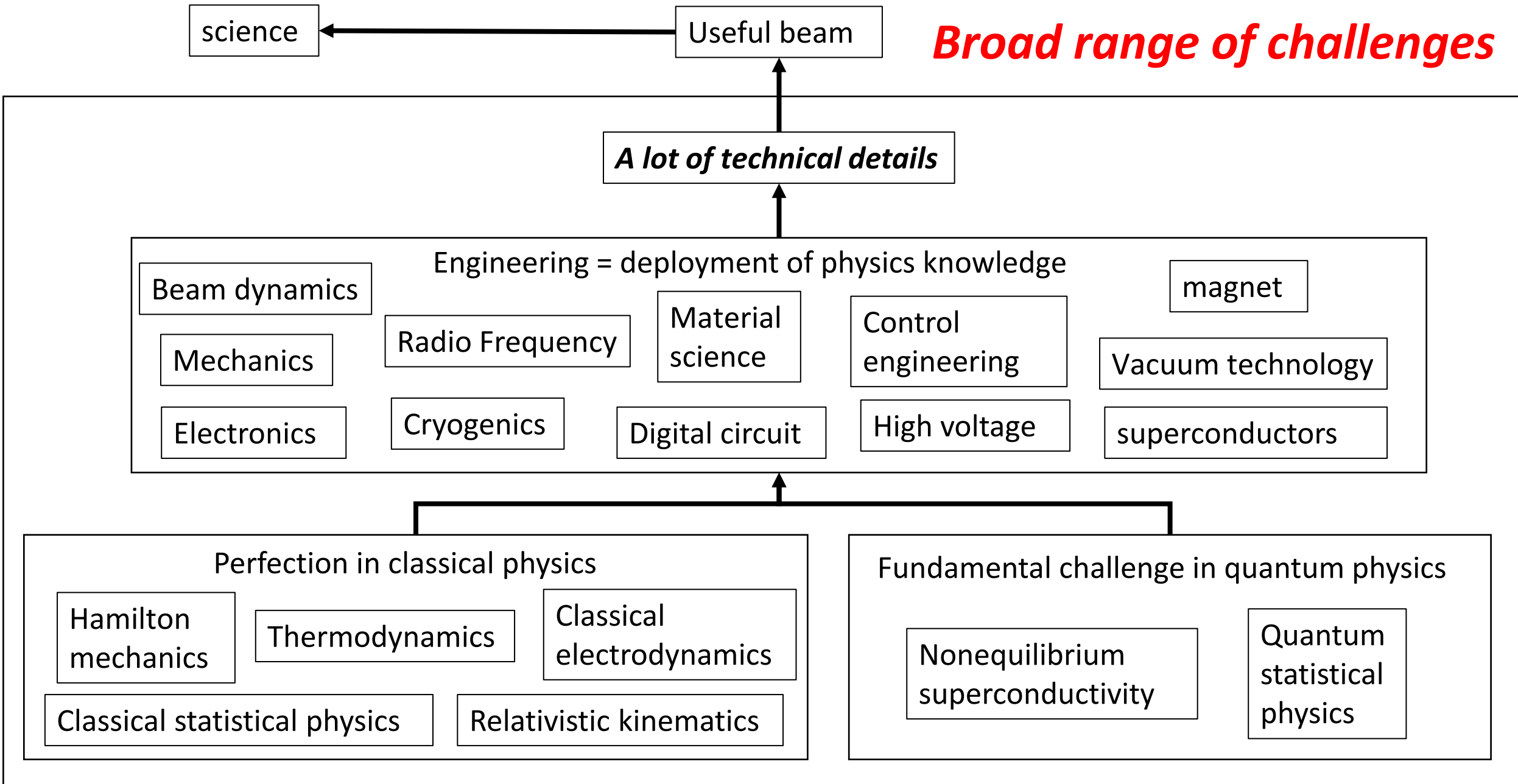
- Fundamental aspects of SRF cavities are interesting but can be hidden by practical challenges
  - Practicality requires extremely broad range of expertise of state-of-the art science and engineering
  - Recent progress in technology gives us almost ideal SRF cavities → chance to further validate and develop fundamental theory originally calculated but kind of stuck in the 1970s
- Cavity engineering is very delicate but finally matured today
  - Geometry and fabrication process
  - Bulk niobium material must be very pure → surprisingly expensive! → Nb/Cu cavities for CERN cavities
  - Surface cleaning and heat treatment (BCP, EP, HPR, HT) to avoid practical limitations (thermal breakdown, Field emission, Q-disease, multipacting), recently with robotics
- A cavity becomes useful only with ancillary RF components
  - LLRF digital circuit and control theory
  - High-power amplifier: vacuum tube vs solid state
  - High-power couplers → be careful! It can be broken
  - Tuner: stepper motor + piezo → New! Fast reactive tuner is being developed
  - Beam → RF excitation: beam loading and HOM handling
- New research opportunities are emerging in the SRF research domain
  - New SC materials: Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn, NbN, MgB<sub>2</sub>, cuprate (?), ion-based superconductors (??)
  - SRF is a mean to directly address fundamental physics: axion dark matter, gravitational waves, neutrino decay
  - RF photon sensor and even quantum computing applications
- SRF is an extremely exciting research field and you are more than welcome!

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  - <https://indico.frib.msu.edu/event/38/page/357-tutorial-program>
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  - <https://cas.web.cern.ch>
- Advanced topics today can only be found in journal publications and presentations

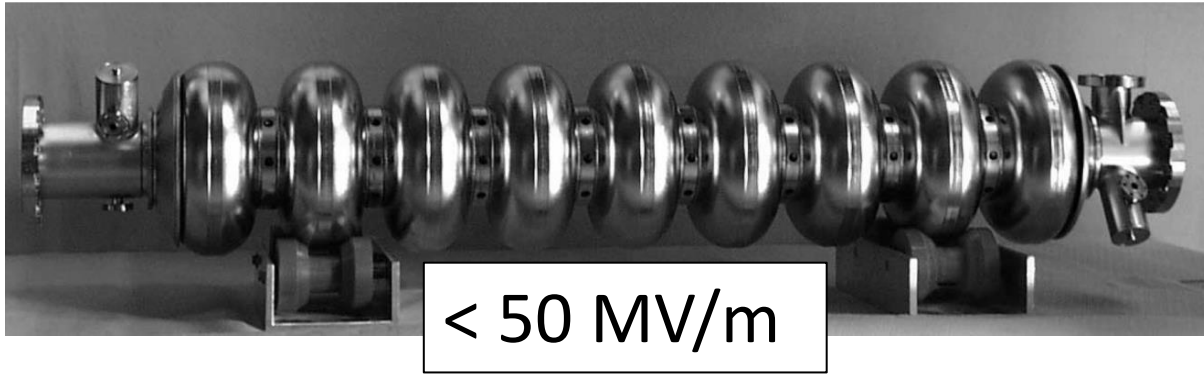


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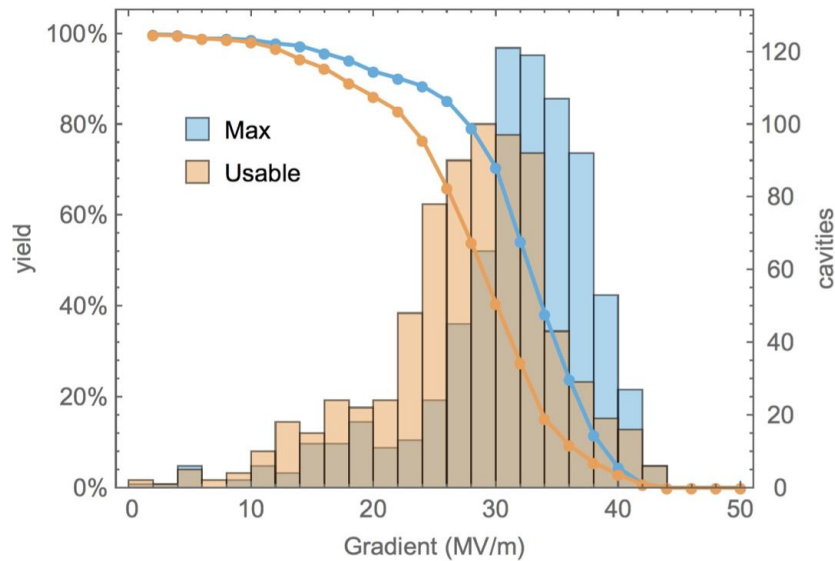
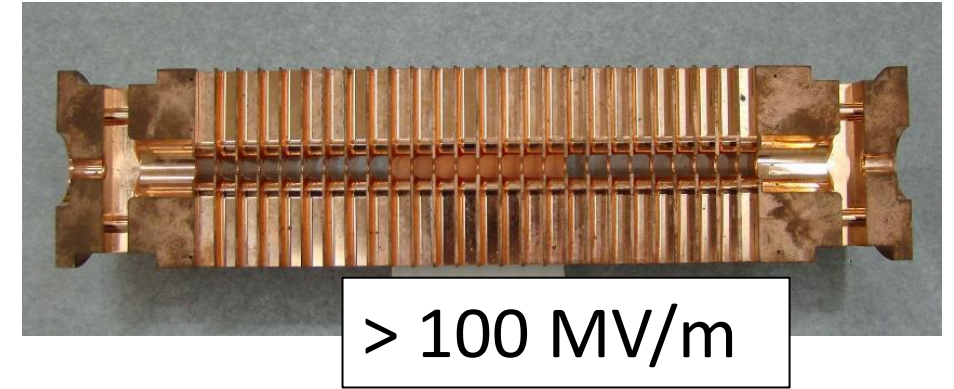


# Accelerating cavities

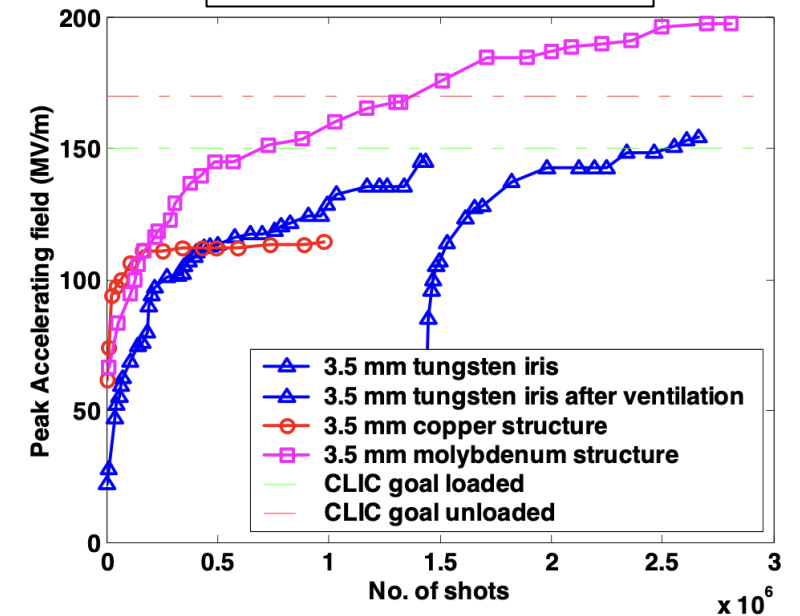
## Superconducting niobium cavities (TESLA)



## Normal conducting copper cavities



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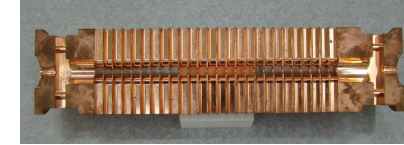
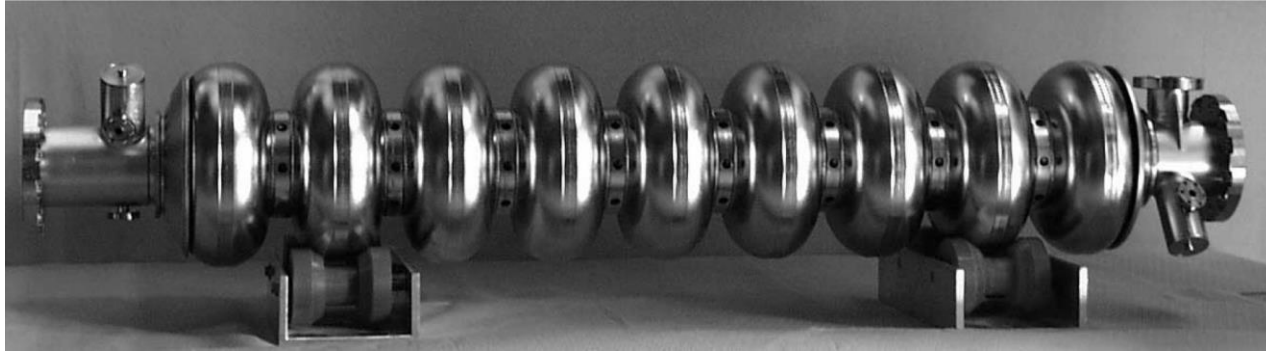


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# Superconducting vs normal conducting

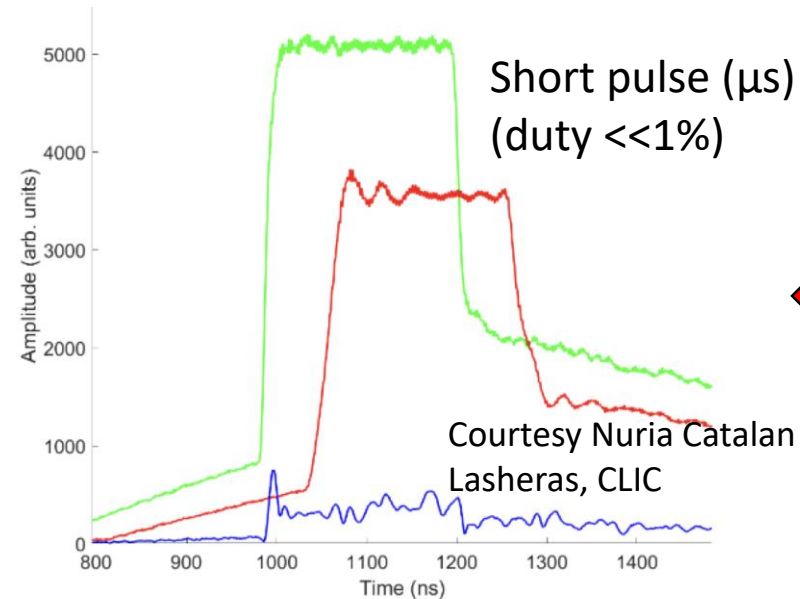
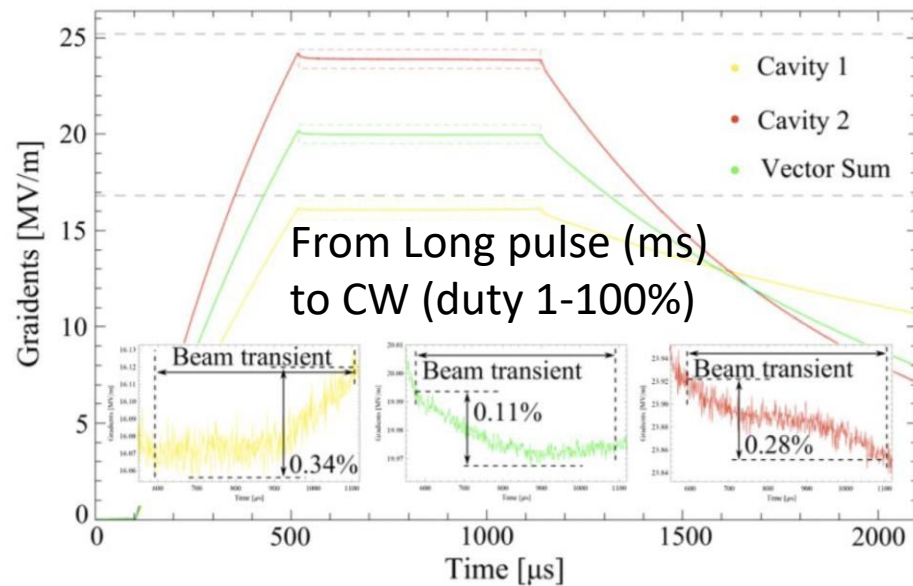
## Aperture



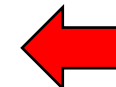
Superconducting cavities can keep high gradient at low frequency  
 → large aperture (ILC:  $\phi 70$  mm)

Normal conducting cavities are efficient at high frequency  
 → small aperture (CLIC X-band: around  $\phi 3$  mm)

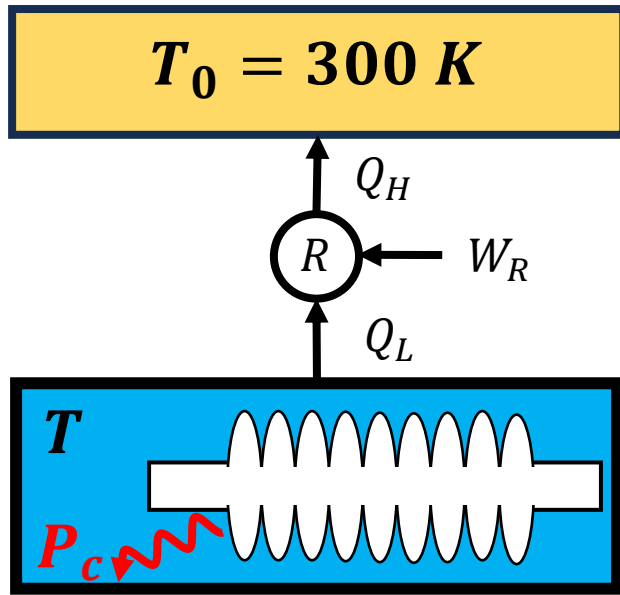
## Pulse length and duty cycle



SC cavities' quality factor  $\times 10^6$  than copper cavities  $\rightarrow$  power dissipation  $\times 10^{-6}$  but in **cryogenics!**



# Cooling efficiency < Carnot cycle



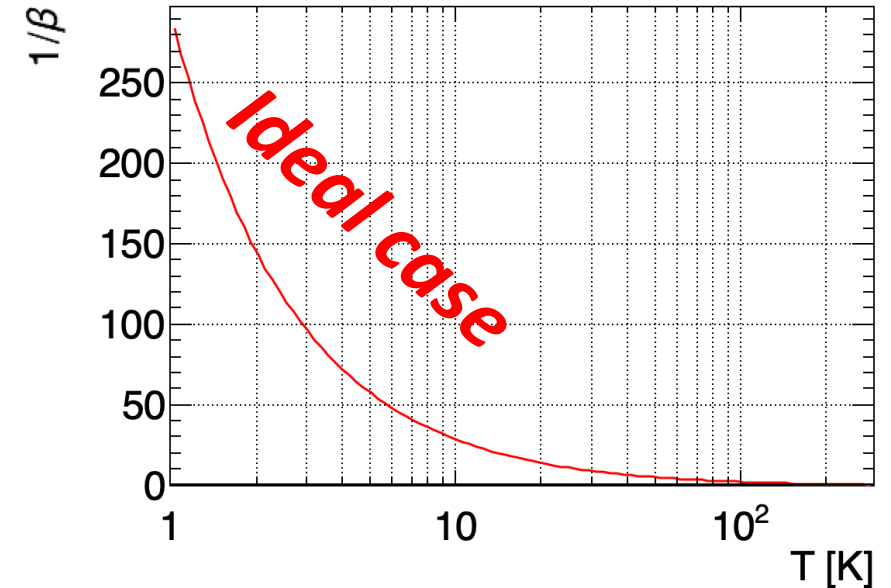
Carnot's theorem

$$\beta = \frac{Q_L}{W_R} = \frac{Q_L}{Q_H - Q_L} \stackrel{\text{Carnot's theorem}}{=} \frac{T}{T_0 - T}$$

Required power

$$P_{cryo} > W_R = \frac{P_c}{\beta}$$

(typically 5 kW/W @ 2 K for AC plug)



## SC cavities

$$P_c = 100 \text{ W (CW)}$$

$$\text{Duty cycle } 10^{-2}$$

$$T = 2 \text{ K}$$

$$P_{NET} \sim 100 \text{ W} \times 1\% \times 150 = 150 \text{ W}$$

## NC cavities

$$P_c = 10 \text{ MW (CW)}$$

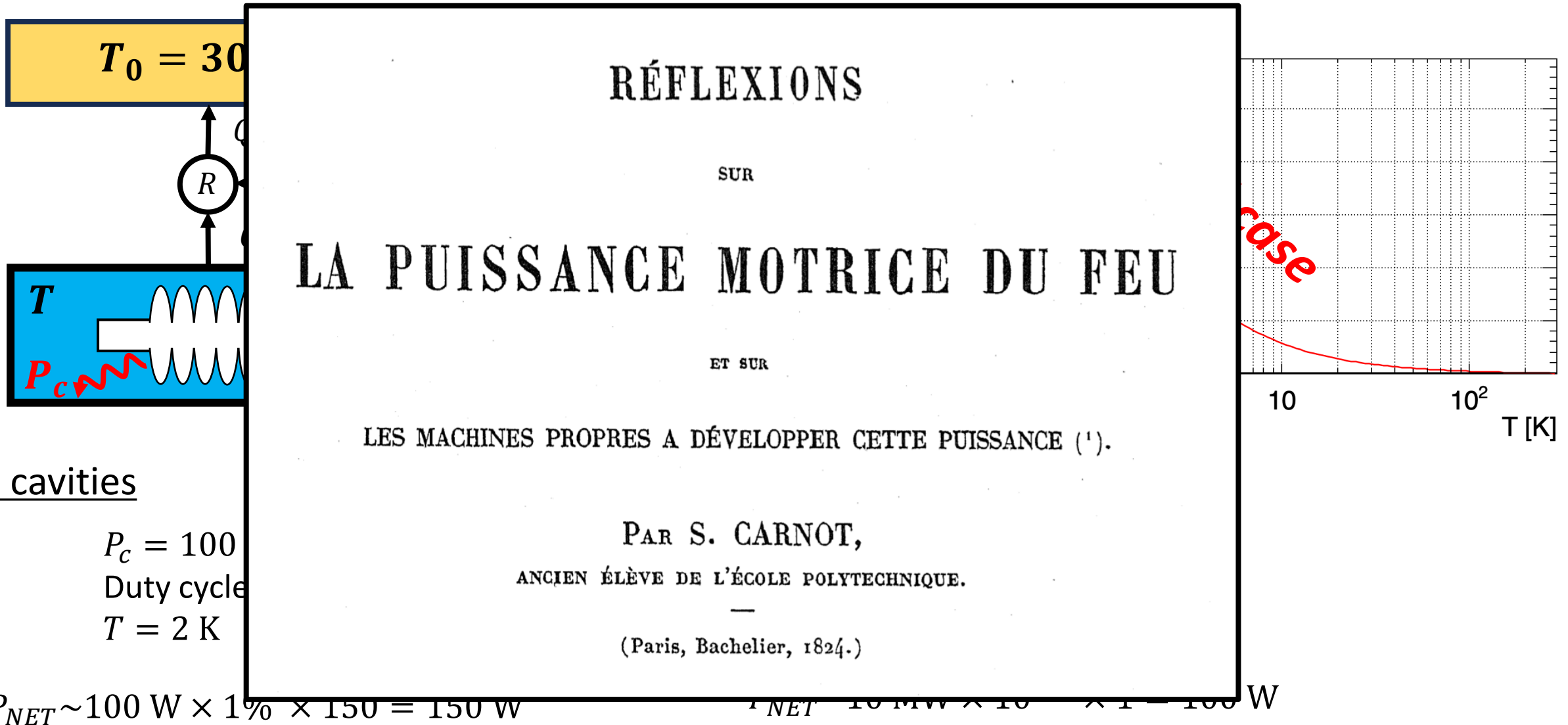
$$\text{Duty cycle } 10^{-5}$$

Water cooling

$$P_{NET} \sim 10 \text{ MW} \times 10^{-5} \times 1 = 100 \text{ W}$$

→ Short pulsed NC cavities and long pulsed SC cavities are similar in power consumption<sup>3</sup>

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$$P_c = 100$$

Duty cycle

$$T = 2 \text{ K}$$

$$P_{NET} \sim 100 \text{ W} \times 1\% \times 150 = 150 \text{ W}$$

$$P_{NET} \sim 10 \text{ MW} \times 10^{-4} \times 1 = 100 \text{ W}$$

→ Short pulsed NC cavities and long pulsed SC cavities are similar in power consumption<sup>4</sup>