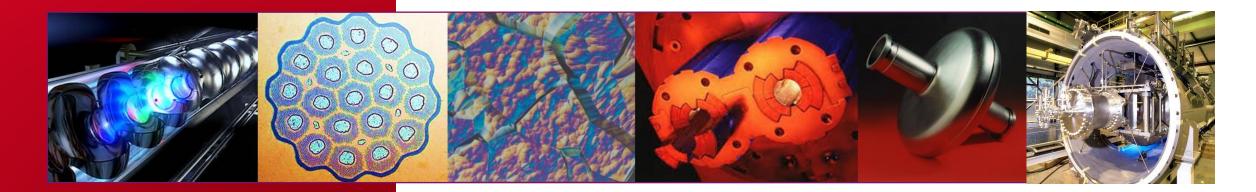
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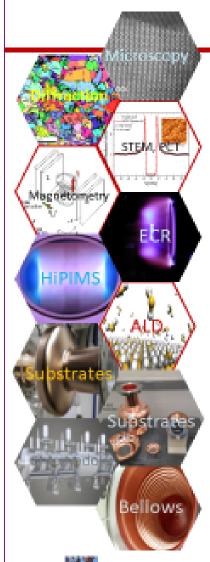
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Path Forward

Already well-established and fruitful international R&D collaborations JLab, SLAC, ODU, CORNELL, FNAL, FSU, W&M, ANL, TempleU. ... &

CEA Saclay, CERN, DESY, HZB, INFN-LNL, KEK, STFC, TRIUMF and other institutions

should be fully supported and expanded in the following areas of R&D:

- Theoretical and material studies to gain in-depth understanding of the fundamental limitations of thin film superconductors under radio-frequency fields
- Advanced coating technology for Nb/Cu and alternative materials, Nb₃Sn, V₃Si, NbTiN...
 - Energetic condensation (electron cyclotron resonance (ECR), HiPIMS, kick positive pulse...)
 - o Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD)
 - Hybrid deposition techniques
- Cavity deposition techniques for development of superconductor-insulator-superconductor (SIS) nanometric layers to further enhance the performance of bulk Nb and Nb/Cu
- Improved cavity fabrication & preparation techniques
 - electroforming, spinning, hydroforming, electro-hydro forming, 3D additive manufacturing
 - environmentally friendly electropolishing, diamond cutting, nano-polishing, plasma etching ...)
- Cryomodule design optimization
- Improvement of accelerator ancillaries with advanced deposition techniques
 - HiPIMS Cu coated bellows, power couplers...

TFSRF in the International Context: Snowmass & European Strategies - JLab, September 2022



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What is needed?



Synergies between R&D programs, institutions along aligned path



- Multiple RF test platforms (QPR, cavities...) for fundamental,
- detailed materials study
 - --Doping, Nb₃Sn, peak fields, multi-layers, other A15, MgB₂...



- Material research instruments
- Expanded distribution of funding (GARD...) for National Labs & Universities
- Continued investments are needed in R&D, production and test facilities.



Labor Existing facility upgrade New facilities



- Training of young Scientists and Engineers
- Fostering industrial partners in US and elsewhere









STILL TRUE...



...And we will discuss further in the Friday session "Establishing a Thin films Road Map 2025-2030"

In practice: up-grade of existing Strategies

- SNOWMASS 2021HE Accelerator strategy
- Officially: only HE oriented
- R&D programs of most SRF labs

Thin films development	Key activities
R&D niobium on copper: Survey 1 Convener: Walter Venturini • On planar samples • On RF cavities • In machines	Intensify Cu cavity production and surface preparation: <u>Survey 6</u> Convener: Cristian Pira • Listing all manufacturing processes, advantages and difficulties • Innovative cooling techniques • Deposition techniques improvement
R&D on Nb3Sn on Cu and Nb: <u>Survey 2</u> Convener: Takayuki Saeki • On planar samples • On RF cavities	General Characterization/ Surface science: Survey 7 Convener: Reza Valizadeh • Specific Sample measurements
 R&D on other new superconductors (other A15, MgB2, Other) on Cu and Nb: <u>Survey 3</u>, Convener: Reza Valizadeh On planar samples On RF cavities 	Cavities preparation and RF testing: <u>Survey 8</u> Convener: Walter Venturini • Available facilities and potential frequency for testing research cavities • Vertical, horizontal and beam loaded tests
 Pursue multilayers (SIS structures) : <u>Survey 4</u> Convener: Anne-Marie Valente-Feliciano On planar samples On RF cavities 	 Theory: Survey 9 Convener: Alexander Gurevich What theorists can provide to experimentalists What experimentalists is expecting from theorists (or where theorist could potentially help with thin film development) What theorists and experimentalists can do together but are not doing yet
Surface functionalization: <u>Survey 5</u> Convener: Thomas Proslier • Doping, protective layers, interlayers, low SEY layers, thermal conductivity improvement	Industrialization: Survey 10 Convener: Oleg Malyshev • What industries are already included? • When are industries needed and can be included? • What can't be industrialized

(Bulk) Niobium vs Copper

- Surface resistance 10⁵ less in RF
- High accelerating gradients @ high duty cycle, continuous wave (CW)
- Small field emission, no breakdown. Much lower dark current

But...

- High cost ~1 000 €/kg (x 3 over the past years)
- Must work at 2 K at high frequency …
 - Helium costs have ~ x 5 over the past 5 years
 - Electricity costs have increased ~ x 1.2 to 2 over the past 5 years

Still superconducting and less expensive than Nb? => work with higher Tc material / higher temperature...



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"As a rule of thumb it is preferable to reduce the BCS contribution as low as the residual resistance"

Relatively low frequency

Obviously already in the 4.2 K domain

Bulk vs thin film Nb ?

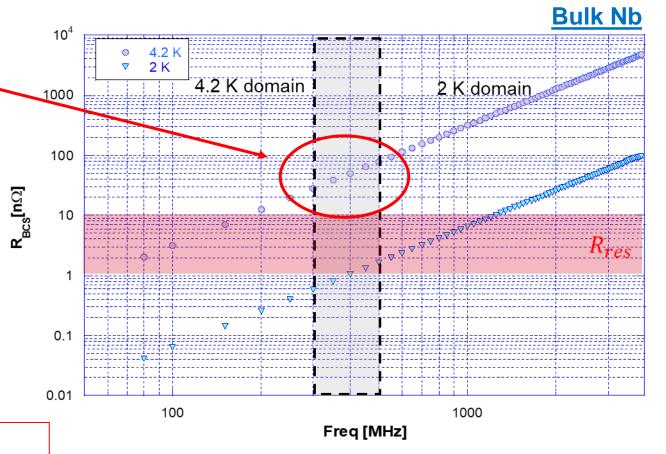
- If not too high gradients required => Nb/Cu technology OK
- Higher gradients could mean less cavities

Better than Nb? => necessarily also thin films

But fabrication much more difficult

At stakes : COST REDUCTION !!! Cooling power: can we go to cryocooling ?

- Cryomodules 5-30 W
- 2.7 W @ 4.2 K cryocoolers available
- 10 W expected this year



From N. Bazin https://accelconf.web.cern.ch/srf2023/talks/satut01_talk.pdf_

THIN FILMS DEPOSITION





Possible origin of the slope

Depinning of trapped flux

(generating local electrical field)

Early vortex penetration due to roughness

Current concentration due to porosities

Nb : $\lambda \sim 50$ nm => only a few 100s nm of SC necessary (the remaining thickness= mechanical support) => Make thin films ! Even more so when you deal with brittle material like Nb₃Sn !

Advantages

- Thermal stability (substrate cavity = Copper, Aluminum, ... W) => operation @ 4,5 K possible
- Simplification of cryostat designs
- Cost (investment AND operation)
- Nb on Cu opens route to innovative materials

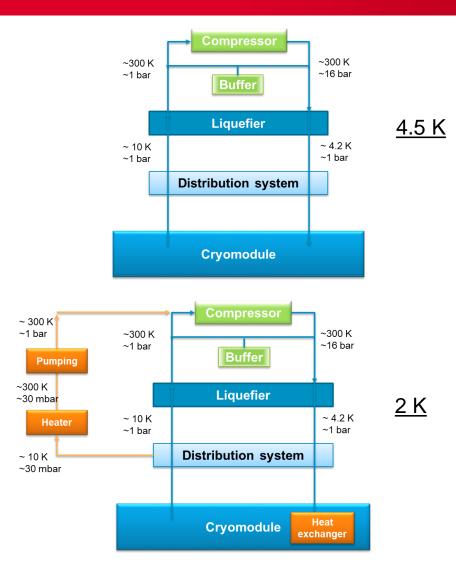
Disadvantages

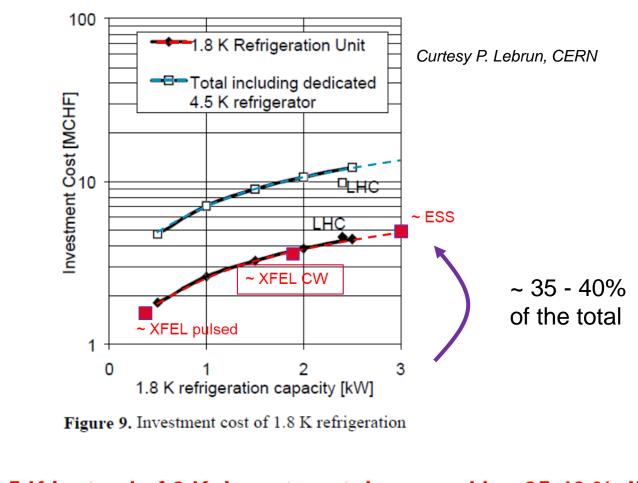
- Fabrication and surface preparation of substrate (at least) as difficult as for bulk Nb
- Steep Q₀ decrease often observed by increase of RF field (*sputtered niobium films*) => increase film densification
- Deposition of innovative materials is very difficult (large parameters space to be explored)
- Most of the known SC have been optimized for wire applications (low H_{C1} , defects, pinning centers...) => most of the literature recipes are not fitted for SRF application $\otimes \otimes \otimes$

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CRYOGENIC SYSTEMS: WORKING @ 4.5 K INSTEAD OF 2 K







■ 4.5 K instead of 2 K: investment decreased by~35-40 % !!! M€ savings !

OPERATING COSTS SAVING : COOLING EFFICIENCY



Carnot efficiency η_c (thermodynamics)

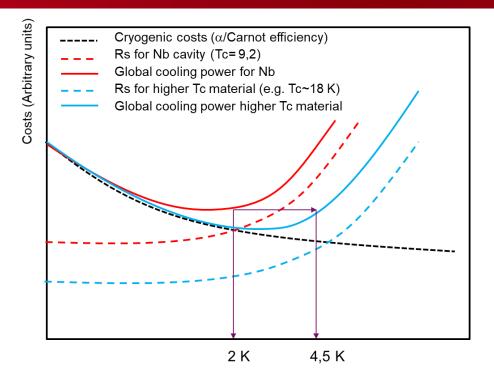
Refrigerator efficiency η_{Th} (real life compared to physics)

$$\eta_{c} = \frac{T_{c}}{T_{h} - T_{c}} \approx \begin{cases} 1/70 \text{ for } T_{h} = 300 \text{ K}, T_{c} = 4.2 \text{ K} \\ 1/150 \text{ for } T_{h} = 300 \text{ K}, T_{c} = 2 \text{ K} \end{cases}$$
$$\eta_{th} = \begin{cases} 25 - 30\% \text{ at } T = 4.2 \text{ K} \\ 15 - 20\% \text{ at } T = 2 \text{ K} \end{cases}$$

To remove 1W @ 80K: ~20W @ 300K is needed
 To remove 1W @ 4.2K: ~250W @ 300K is needed
 To remove 1W @ 2K: ~750W @ 300K is needed

RF surface resistance

$$R_S = R_0 + \frac{A\omega^2}{T} e^{-BTc/T}$$



Higher Tc materials:

- Same cooling power @ 4.5 K instead of 2K
- Or: lower cooling power at 2 K

4.5 K instead of 2 K: plug power divided /3 !!!

- Less risks of He pollution
- Easier maintenance...



A compromise between:

- High superconducting/RF performance (High Tc, High superheating field)
- Easy fabrication process,
 - = high reproducibility at "industrial scale"
 - Easy process to go from 1-cell to multi-cells or complex shapes
 - Easy process to adapt to various frequencies
- Tunability
 - Beware of brittle materials !
- Low sensitivity to trapped flux upon cooling down
 - Few crystalline defects or a structure not too sensitive to them (e.g. SIS)

Thin films on copper are the main route to help cost savings

- Cu: cheap manufacturing
- Higher operation temperature: lower capital, operation costs
- Higher gradients: lower capital costs
- Cryogenic savings are still small compare RF consumption
 - e. g. SOLEIL: cryogenic costs ~ 1.85 GWh/y. RF costs (rejuvenated system) ~5.1 GWh/y.

Future: Functionalized Material? Protection, low secondary

emission yield

High Tc SC S-I-S multilayers

Niobium or...not, Interface layers

Structure, high thermal conductivity (Copper ?)

External layer, optimized for thermal transfer ?

HE roadmap: Identified axis of R&D on thin films

LDG



1. Continue R&D niobium on copper

- Fabrication cost reduction
- Reaching same performances as bulk Nb (1,3-0,4 GHz, various shapes) on single cells, then on multi-cells

2. Intensify R&D of new superconductors on Cu

- Same performance (Q_0) as Nb @ 4,2 K instead of 2 K
- A15 compounds (Nb₃Sn, Nb₃Al, V₃Si) and MgB₂

3. Pursue multilayers (SIS structures)

- Reaching higher gradients (and Q₀ !)
- Going from sample to cavities

4. Intensify Cu cavity production and surface preparation.

- No welding, smooth surfaces, possible diffusion barriers
- Large series production

5. Develop 3D printing and/or innovative cooling

techniques.

Cryocooling, inbuilt circulation

6. Infrastructures and Manpower

- Dedicated characterization set-ups
- Dedicated thin film infrastructures



NB Same strategy valid for other applications than HE:

1-Nb ON Cu: WHAT'S NEED TO BE DONE ?

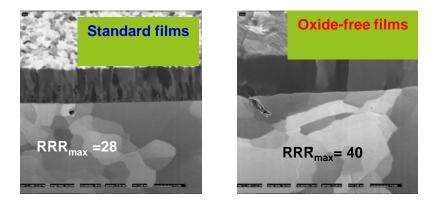


Densification of the layers

- Large parameter space to be explored (but narrower than for compounds materials)
- Very promising results these last years... after nearly 50
 - years of very slow progress (dead ends, counterintuitive results)
- Energetic deposition techniques => less porosities

Substrate developments

- Copper cavities, No welding !
- Smoothness
- Intermediate layer (diffusion barrier, interlayer) might be needed
- Other material can be explored (AI, W)





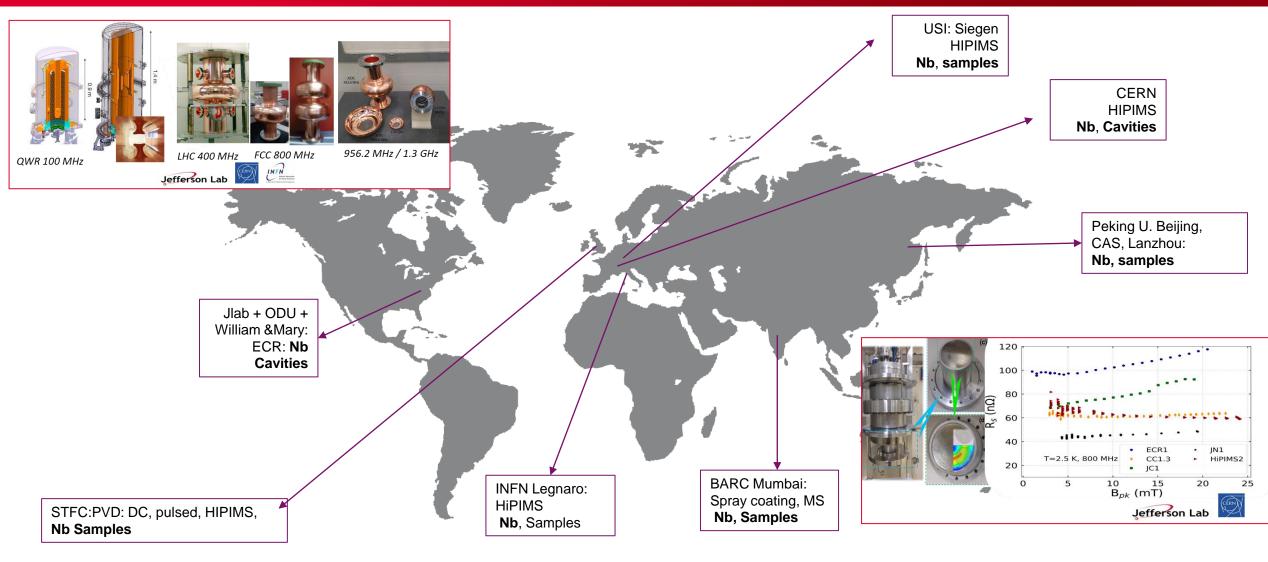
Bad adhesion/degradation of films on welding

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1-Nb ON Cu



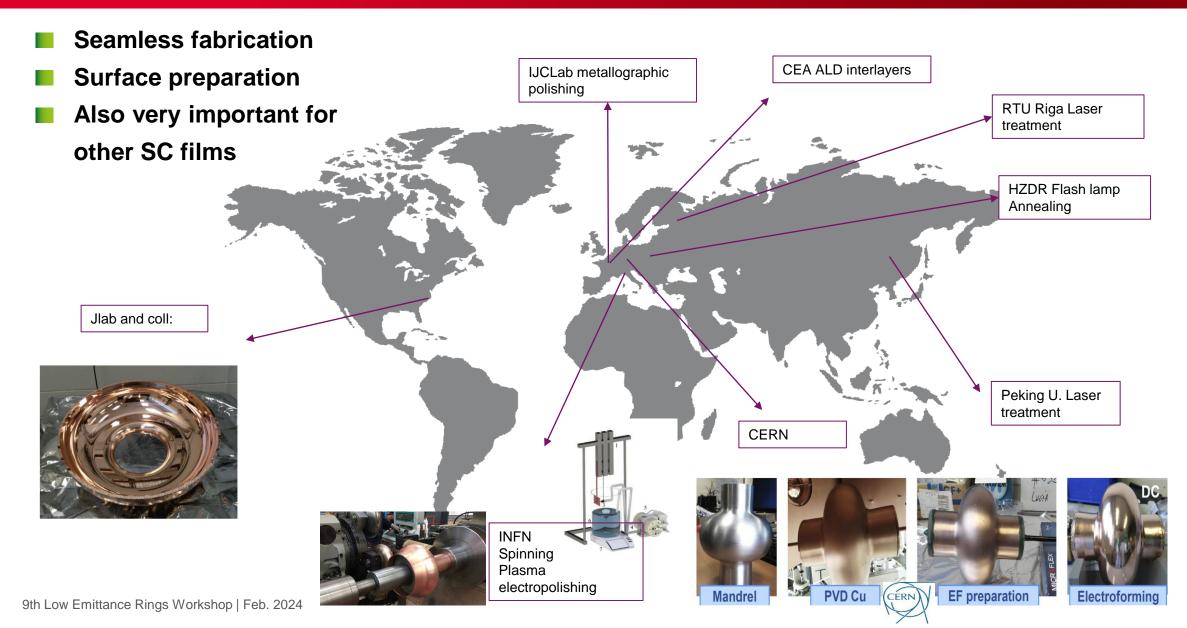




Samples => 1^{rst} prototypes: 1^{rst} trials in 2023-2024

4- SUBSTRATE DEVELOPMENT/ PREPARATION (COPPER)







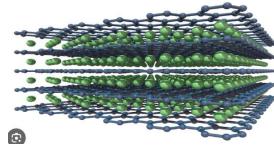
Issues with non metallic SC compounds (e.g. Nb₃Sn, MgB₂)

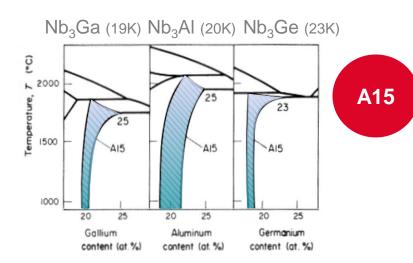
- Higher T_Cs , H_{SH} , but smaller H_{C1} , ξ
- **Brittle, no forming is possible, only films** (OK for SRF, but a more complex fabrication route is needed)
- Usually **several phases**, not all of them SC
- Risk of non homogeneity

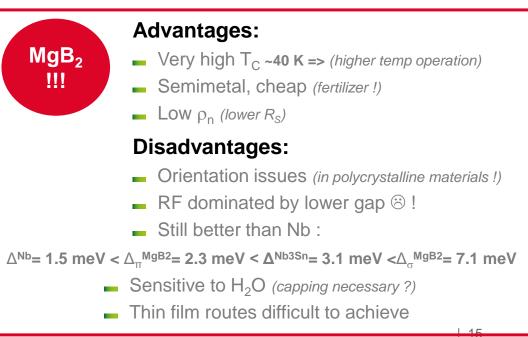
Thick films: often an intermediate steps toward SIS

(see later § 4)

- Thick films provide an intermediate step with high Q₀, but limited E_{acc} (high sensitivity to defects)
- Several of the labs that are developing higher Tc materials are also developing SIS (reduced sensitivity to defect) =>
 - see § 4









Milestones at five years:

- i. A15 (Nb₃Sn, V₃Si, etc.): reach same performance as Nb₃Sn on Nb at 4.2K on several cavity geometry (1.3–0.6 GHz).
- ii. MgB₂: feasibility (critical temperature > 30 K) on 1.3 GHz cavity.
- iii. Study the influence of mechanical deformations and induced strain (0.1 %) of cavities on the RF performances of A15 and MgB₂ alloys.

Wished/recommended collaborations/connections ?

Same remark as before, in Europe: IFAST + CERN

New/upgraded technology infrastructure required ?

Access to clean room, RF test..., See point 6

Expertise exist in Europe

Only thermal way mature enough to deposit inside cavities (US only) Europe is aiming for Nb₃Sn on copper. Development is not so advanced

Who in Europe !? Only Temple U is close to deposit inside a "real" cavity

 Who in Europe !? Only experiment on samples so far

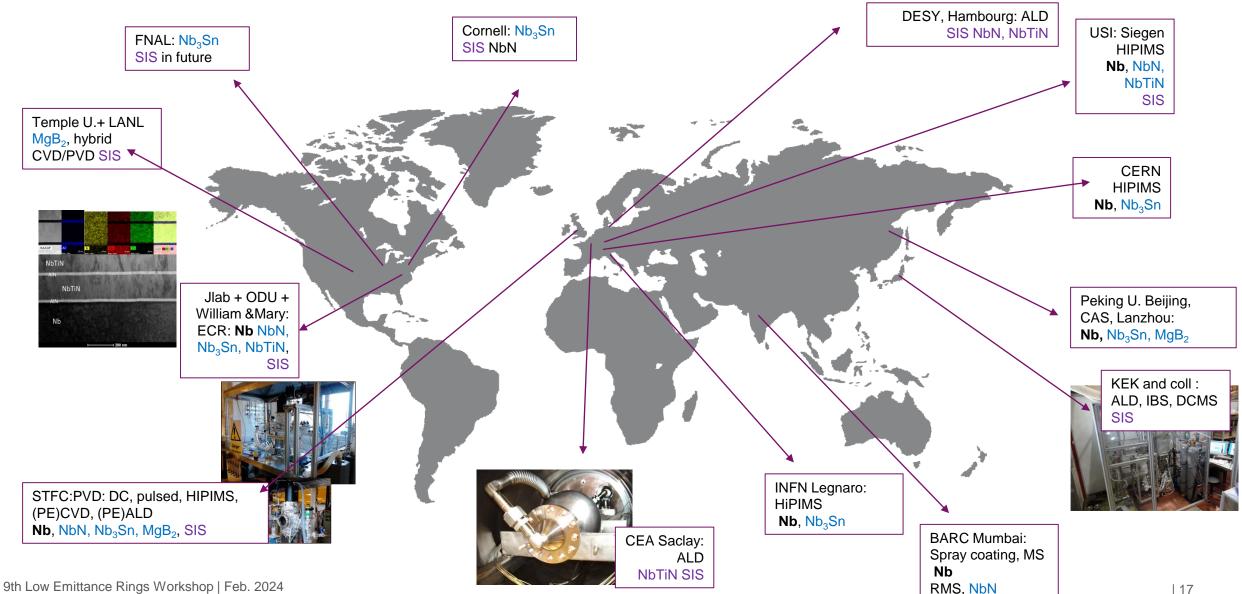
In Europe: CERN (Nb₃Sn), and IFAST (Nb₃Sn, MgB₂) but IFAST: small budget and needs to be supported after April 25

~ 50 k€/ year and /partners

But is dispersed among the vast parameter space to be explored (A15, NbN, SIS...) Same people pursuing several key points, with limited budget

2-3-HIGHER T_c MATERIAL AND SIS STRUCTURES



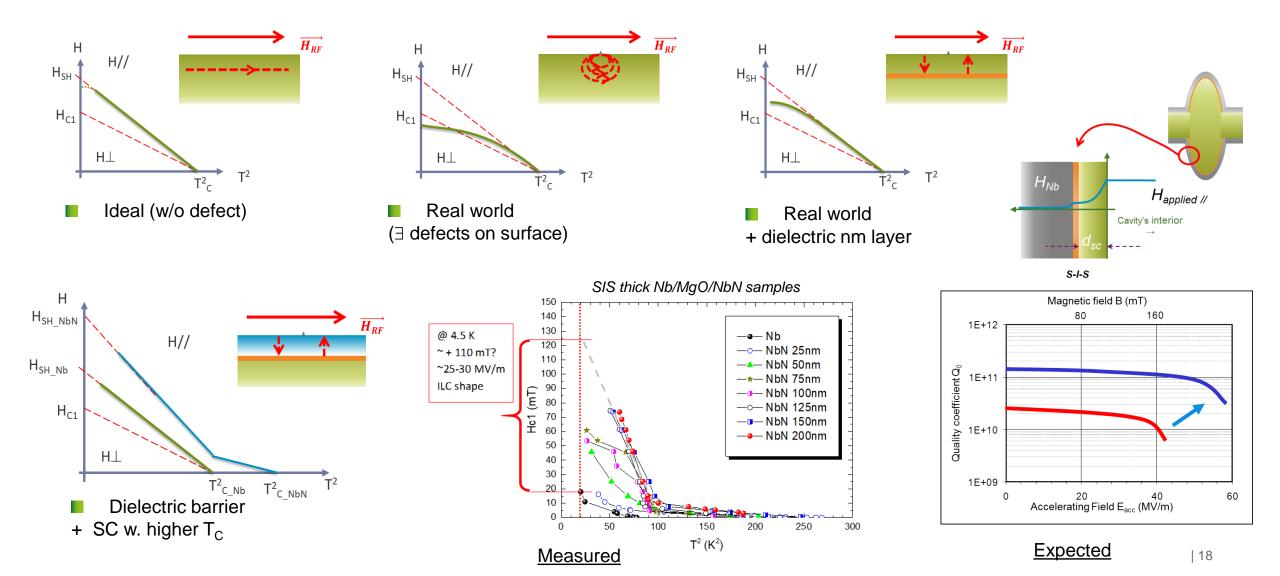


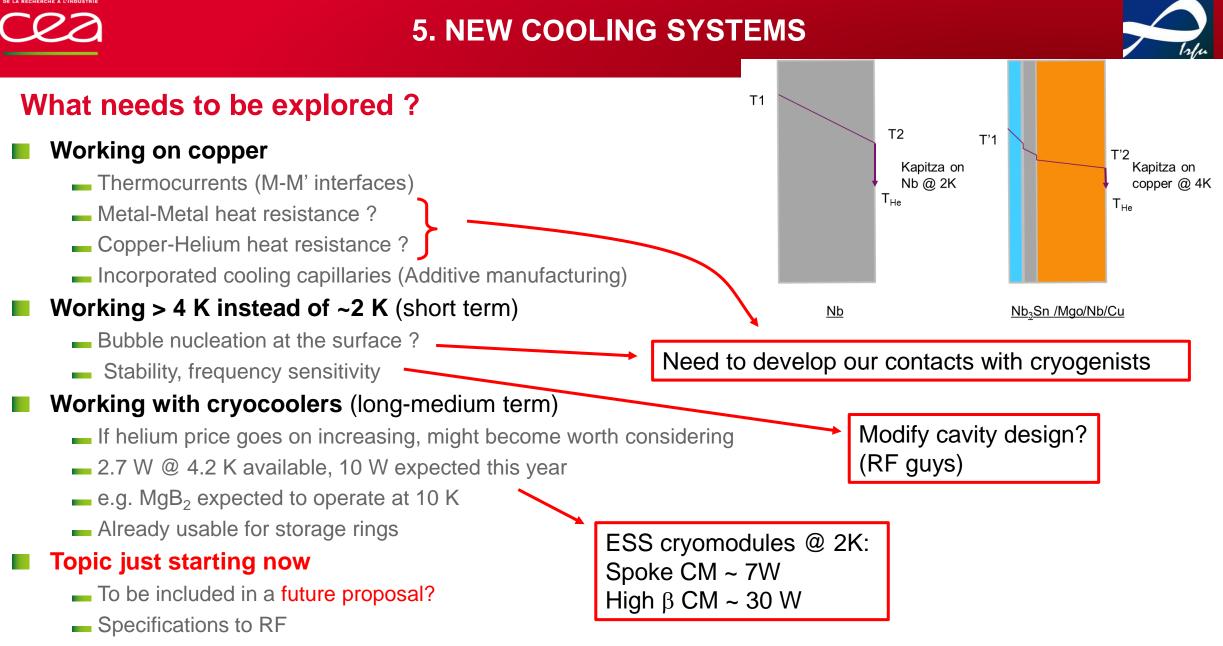
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3-SIS: MULTILAYERS CONCEPT OR HOW TO MAKE THEORY FACE REALITY



For the recall SRF cavity must operate in Meissner state ! No flux line please !



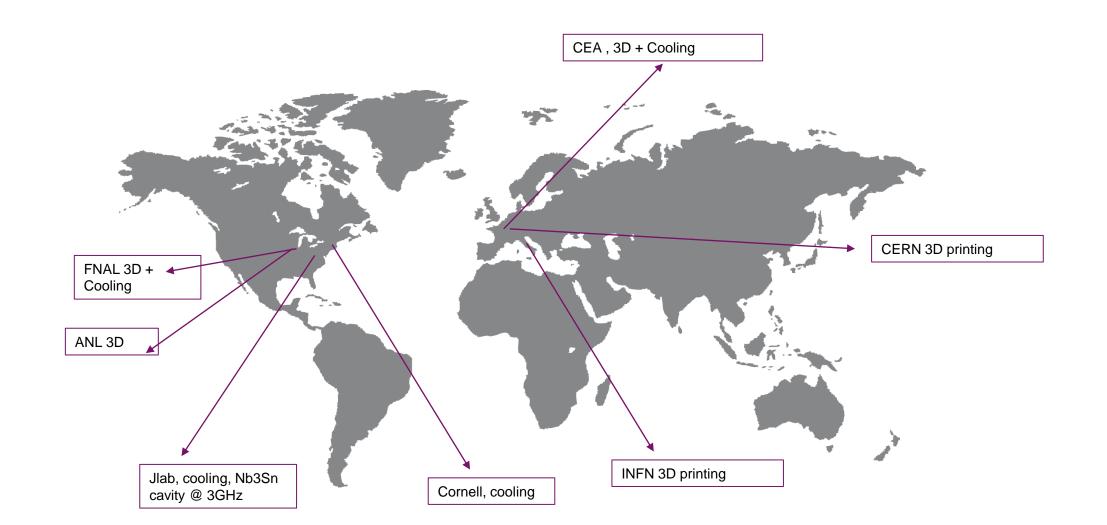


=> Long term commitments and funding

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5-NEW COOLING SYSTEMS/ 3D PRINTING









What is necessary

Material characterization (microcopy, X-rays, analysis...)

Local infrastructures + collaboration with academic institutes

Superconducting properties

- Local infrastructures + collaboration with academic institutes (DC magnetometry, Tc, RRR)
 - Including novel techniques: 3rd harmonics, magnetic field penetration
- Specific tools under developments (RF properties, vortex penetration close to the operating conditions). New

tools are necessary to measure new properties ! They don't exist on the shelves!

RF testing

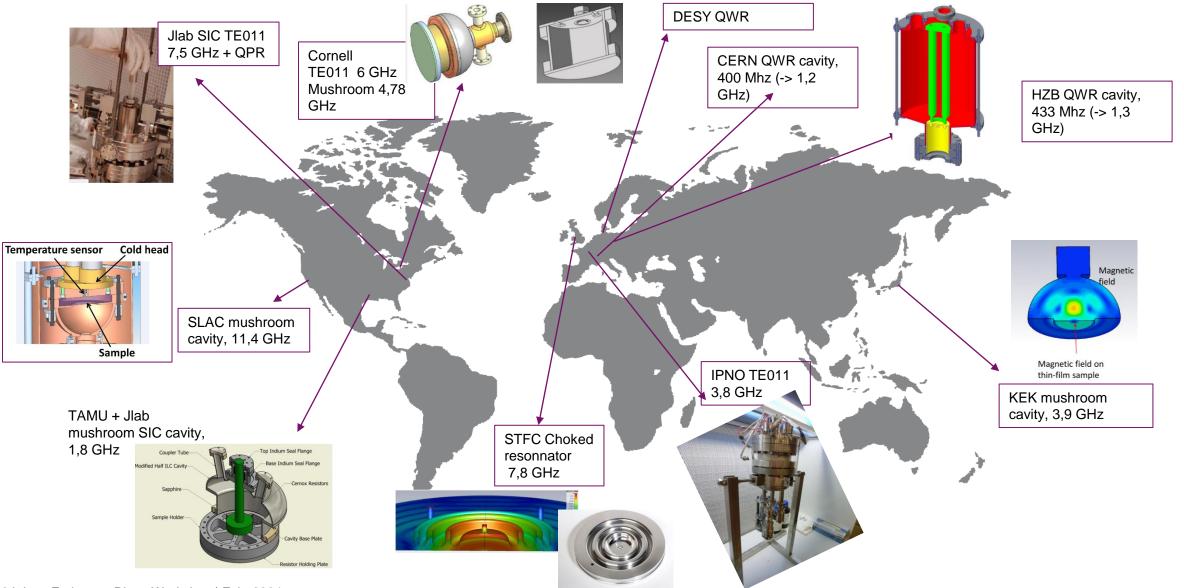
- Access to workshops, clean rooms, RF stands (running testing for machine projects vs R&D)
- Sample cavities, prototypes @ 6 GHz, 3 GHz, 1.3 GHz... (substrate production cycle)

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R_s CHARACTERIZATION/SAMPLE RF CAVITIES





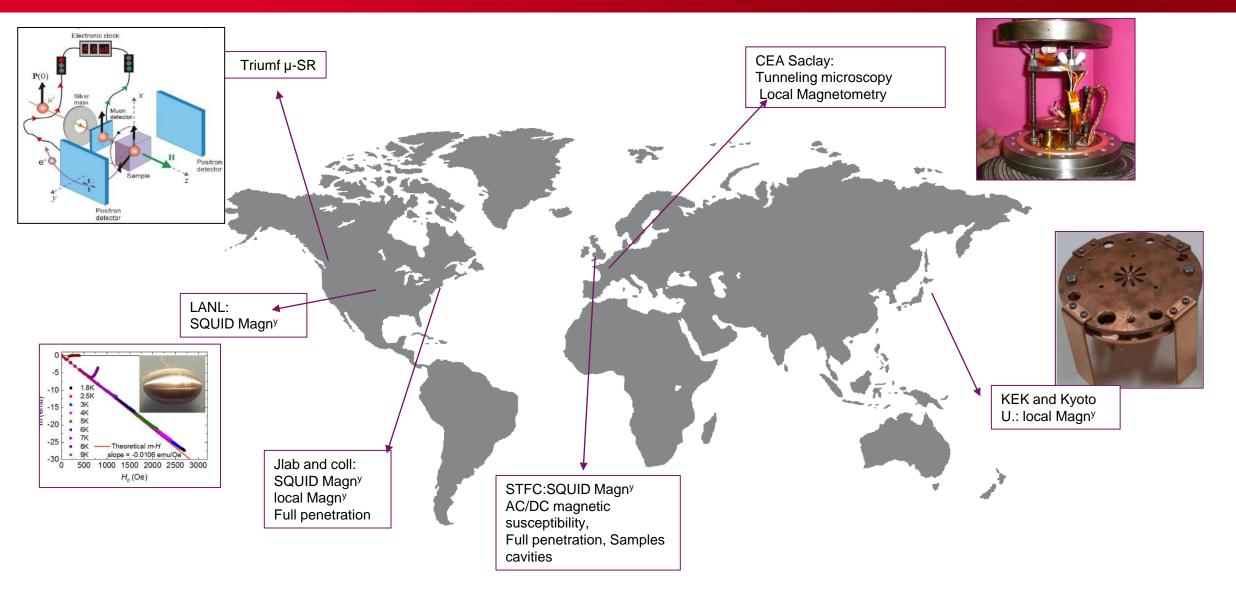
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MATERIAL CHARACTERIZATION: SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

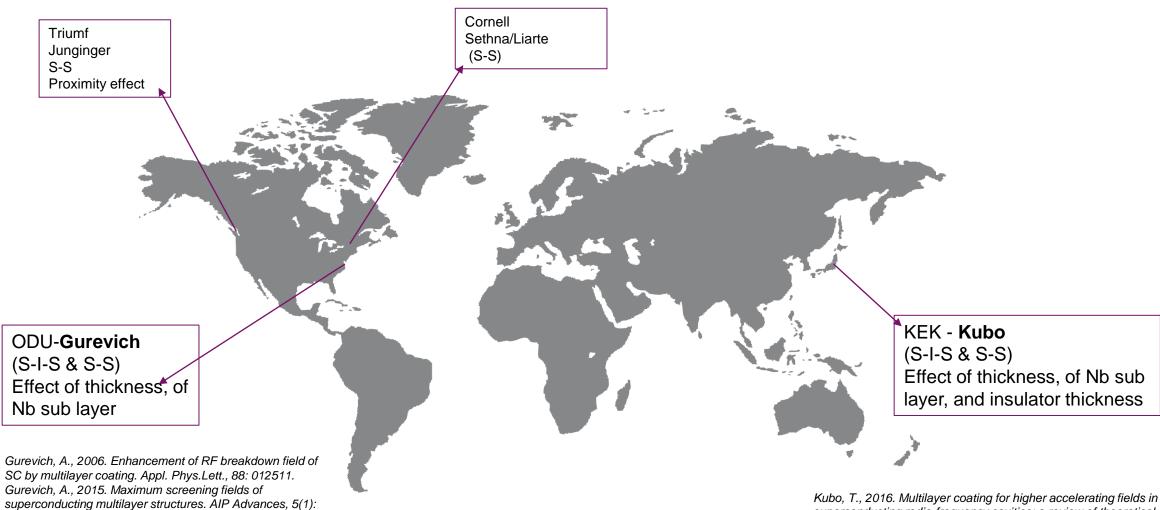




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.... AND THEORY (S-I-S & S-S)





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- Work on samples well advanced
- First prototypes are en route, hopefully successful for the end of IFAST (2025)
- Urgent need to increase # 6 (Characterization as well as RF testing capacity)

Several aspects are not financed yet

- Selection of the "ideal superconductor": must combine superconducting/ RF performance with fabrication easiness, reduced sensitivity to defects, tunability, reduced sensitivity to trapped flux... It needs further optimization.
- Tunability and sensitivity to trapped flux: ISAS for Nb₃Sn only
- Extension from 1-cells to multi cells
- Extension from 1.3 GHz to other frequencies
- No theory in Europe: we count on ODU or KEK

Need to make plans for the future (after IFAST)

Address the remaining topics ... and get funded !

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routes, faster conclusions

At the European level, *Thin films* investment is ~1/4th of nominal prevision in the HE roadmap... European blind spot ?







Several M€ potential savings (capital and operating) w. thin film cavities working @ 4,5 K

Expertise exist in everywhere in the world, strong collaborative environment

Small teams, working in several direction at the same time e.g.

- INFN: seamless copper cavities, copper surface treatments, Nb/Cu, Nb₃Sn (development of targets, development of films, ≠ methods)
 (~10 persons in the team including masters students)
- Jlab: copper and niobium substrates, Nb, NbTiN, Nb3Sn, SIS (energetic condensation / conventional PVD) 4 deposition systems + 1 in construction), home made characterization tools (2.5 scientists, 2 post-docs, 1 technician)
- CEA: thin films: SIS, multipactor reduction, characterization, new cooling systems ... : 3 persons...

There is little duplication (despite appearances)

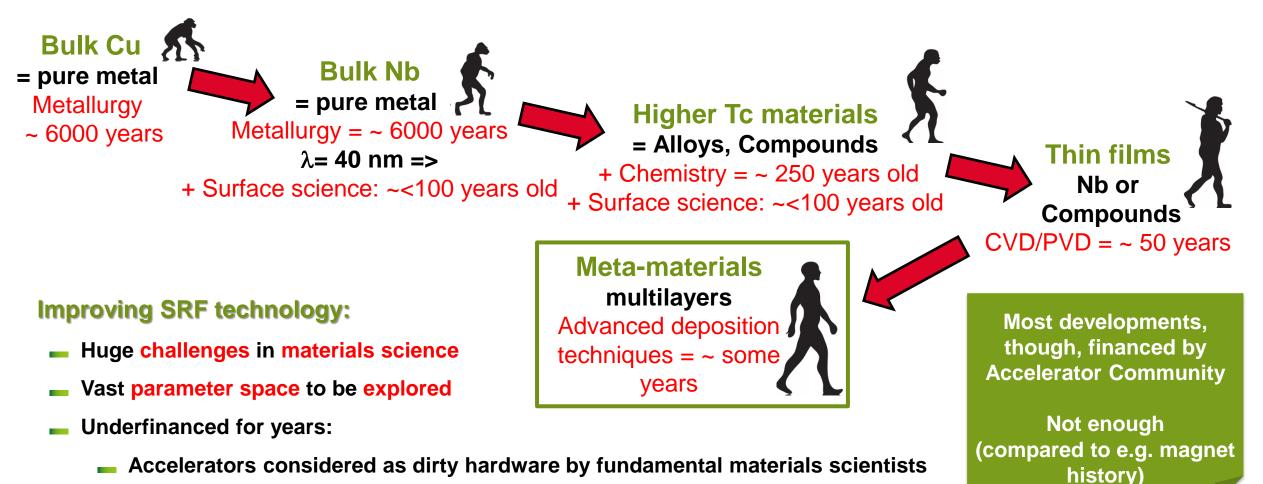
- Even labs working on the same topic are exploring different routes and/or exploring lab to lab variability
- Each topic taken separately has chances to success within 5 years
- It will not be the case unless strong reinforcement of the existing teams
 - Students + moderate investments to pursue existing programs
 - Strong reinforcements in the technical supports (access to workshops, clean room, RF test...)
- Investment to new ideas (e.g. 3 D printing, new cooling system...) should start
 - They must demonstrate that they can achieve the high surface qualities that we ABSOLUTELY need
 - Investment should not be detrimental to the existing programs that need to be reinforced

Urgent support needed!!!

SPARES







- Materiala asianas considered as alabamy by (most) assolarator esigntists
- Materials science considered as alchemy by (most) accelerator scientists
- Materials science is what allowed SC magnets to reach its present industrial development

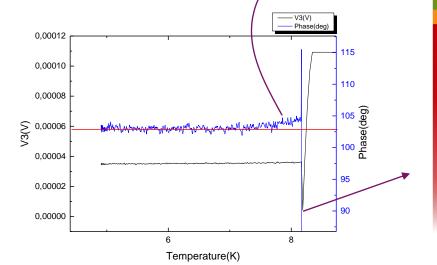
Recall: SC materials optimized for magnet = not adequate for SRF !

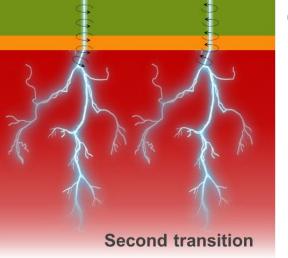




Intermediate materials : NbN; NbTiN Higher T_Cs than Nb, but smaller H_{SH} than Nb₃Sn Easier to form, less sensitive to local variation of composition Materials well mastered in the SC electronics (Josephson Junctions) Model material Nb₃Sn, MgB₂ => material of choice for SIS Does the SIS structure make them less sensitive* to defects ?

- * As shown on NbN
- Activities at
 - STFC, USI, INFN, CEA (IFAST)
 - DESY
 - Jlab
 - Cornell
 - Temple U. + LANL





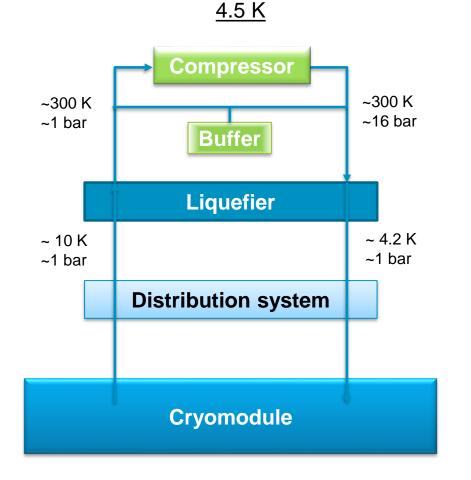
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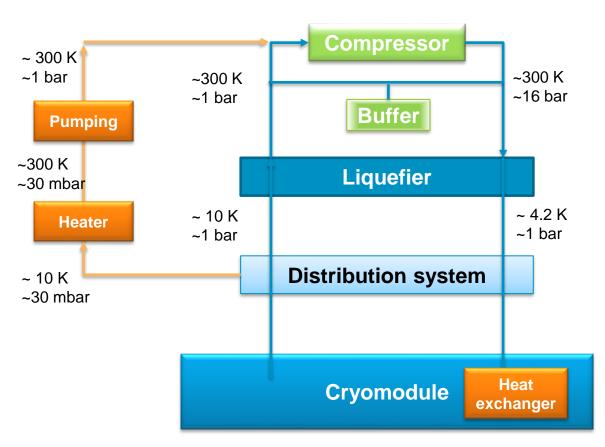
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CRYOGENIC SYSTEMS: WORKING @ 4.5 K INSTEAD OF 2 K



<u>2 K</u>





LET'S KEEP OUR HEAD COOL: 4.5 K CHALLENGES



