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# **Material and Surface Characterisation, Materials in Aggressive Environments**

- Mandate and expertise of the Materials and Metrology section in the context of the EN-MME group
- Equipment
- Examples of advanced materials and surface characterisation activities and partnerships with industry and laboratories
- Aggressive environments in High Energy Physics (HEP) applications

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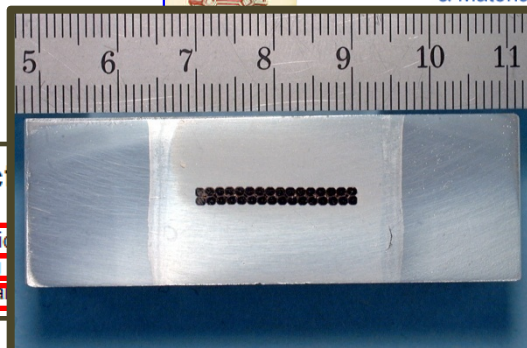


MME Mechanical  
& Materials Engineering

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### Metallurgy and Metrology Section

Undertakes the development, selection, specific control of materials and components including materials and components. Performs failure analysis

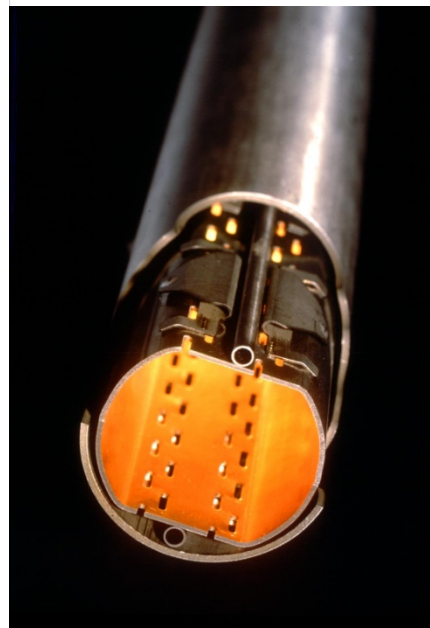


Mandate

Structure

films. Provides support for the quality mechanical tests and measurements on

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## n. Observation and analysis



### Optical microscopy

Various stereo microscopes.

Metallographic microscope. *Leica DMRM*

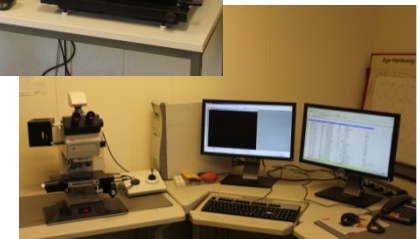
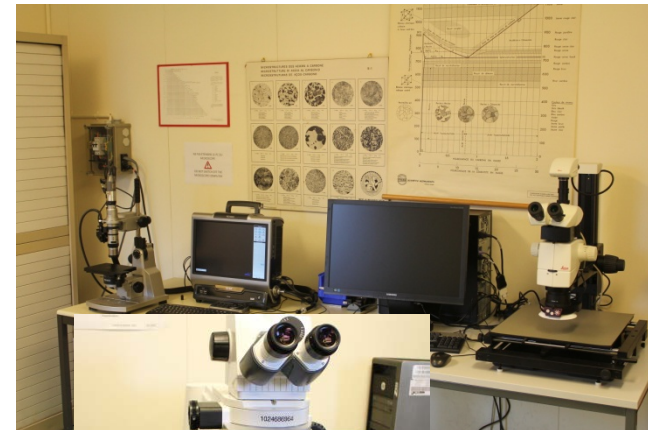
Objectives for magnifications from x16 to x1500

Image analysis system

Digital portable microscope. *Keyence VHX-1000*

Resolution max 54 MPixel

Objectives 0 - x50, x20 - x200 and x100 - x1000



**New optical microscope Zeiss Axio Imager purchased in 2013**

**Spectroscopy and X ray diffraction**  
Powder XR diffraction. *Siemens D5000*

Cu and Cr X-ray sources

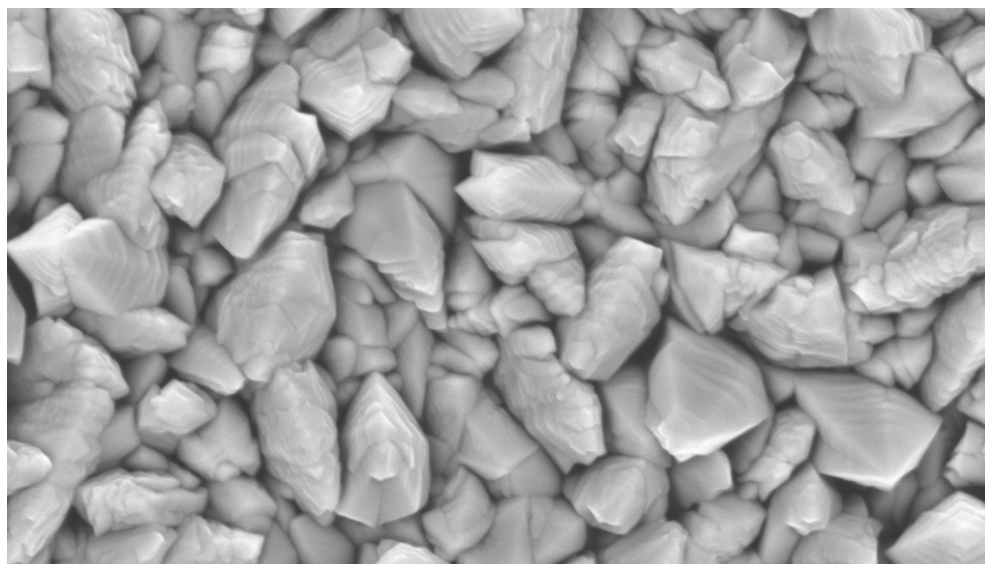
Vertical and horizontal goniometers

Portable OES analyser. *Oxford Instruments PMI MasterPro*



Calibrations for steels, Al, Ni, Cu and Ti alloys

UV probe for S and P

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**Morphology of a Nb coating on Cu structure, original magnification 50000 x**

200 nm		EHT = 5.00 kV WVD = 2.9 mm Signal A = InLens Chamber 190 mm x 500 mm x 265 mm	HIE-ISOLDE cavity Nb coating on Cu Test 43 - Be3 - pt 4	Mag = 50.00 K X Maud Scheubel Date :6 Jul 2011	
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SE and BSE imaging detectors. Max resolution 4 nm

Beam 0.5 to 30 kV, 1pA to 500 nA

EDS analyser *Oxford Isis*.

FE-SEM. Zeiss *Sigma*

Chamber  $\varnothing 365$  mm x 275 mm

SE, BSE, in-lens SE imaging detectors. Max resolution 1.5 nm

Beam 0.1 to 30 kV, 4 pA to 20 nA

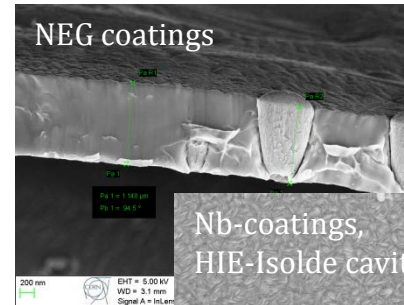
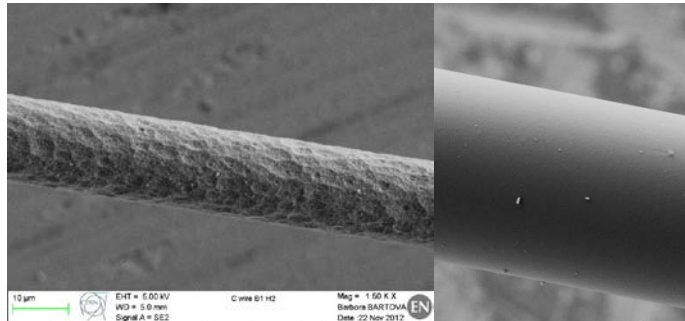
EDS analysis *Oxford Inca* with 30 mm<sup>2</sup> SDD detector

EBS analysis *HKL Chanel 5*

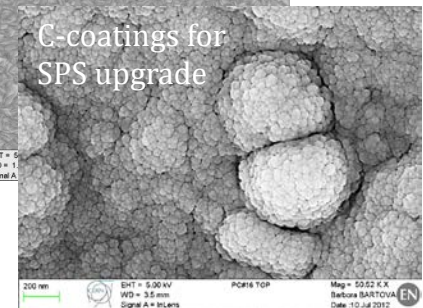
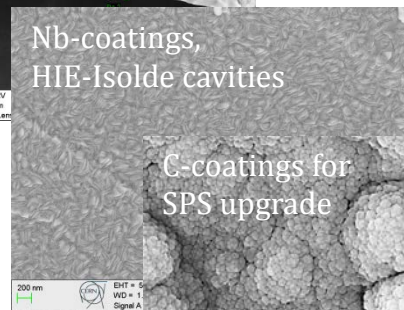




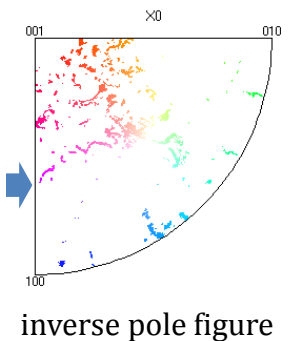
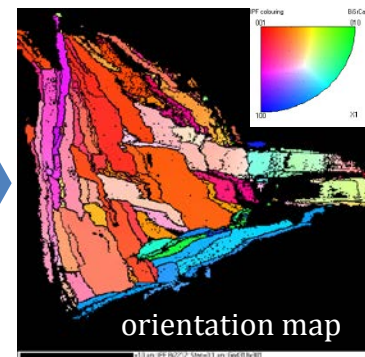
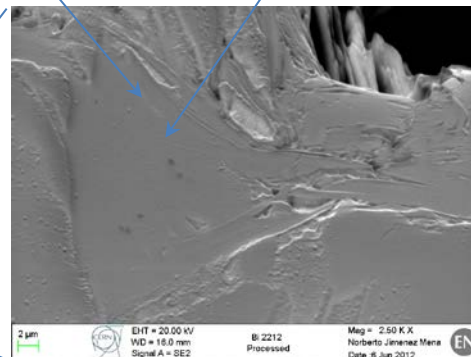
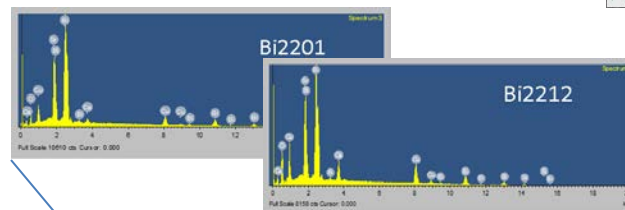
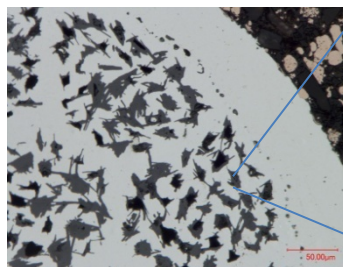
Carbon wires from SPS beam scan: region degraded by the beam (left) and unused reference (right, same scale)



Thin films



Microstructural characterisation by EBSD of Bi2212 wire



### Tensile testing machines

Two column electromechanical universal testing machine *UTS 200*

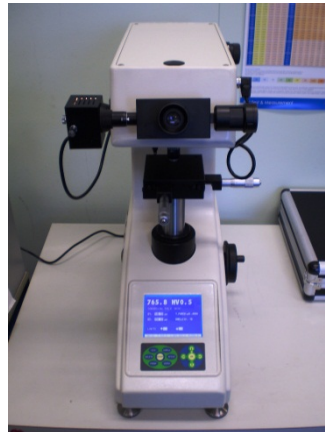
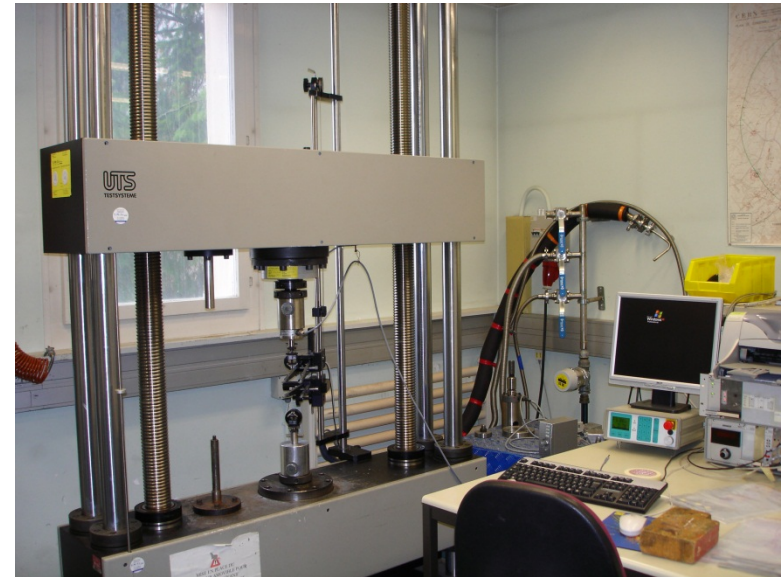
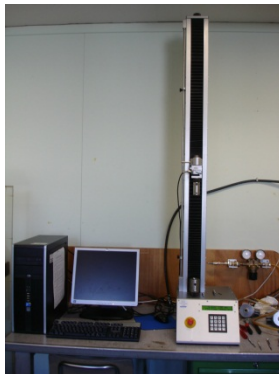
Load cells 1 kN, 20 kN and 200 kN, stroke 800 mm

Knives and clip-on extensometers

Tensile grips, compression plates, bending tools

System for tests at 77 K and 4.2 K, 25 kN load cell

Single column press *ZPM 1000-500*. Load cell 1 kN, stroke 500 mm



### Hardness

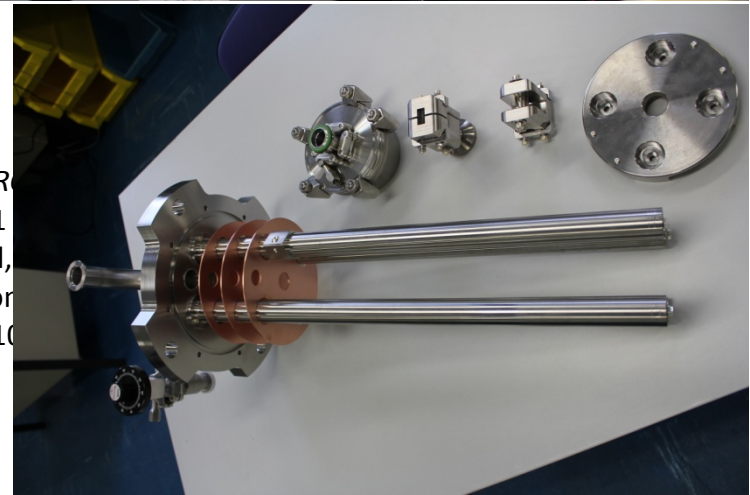
Hardness. *Wolpert 2R*

Load 1

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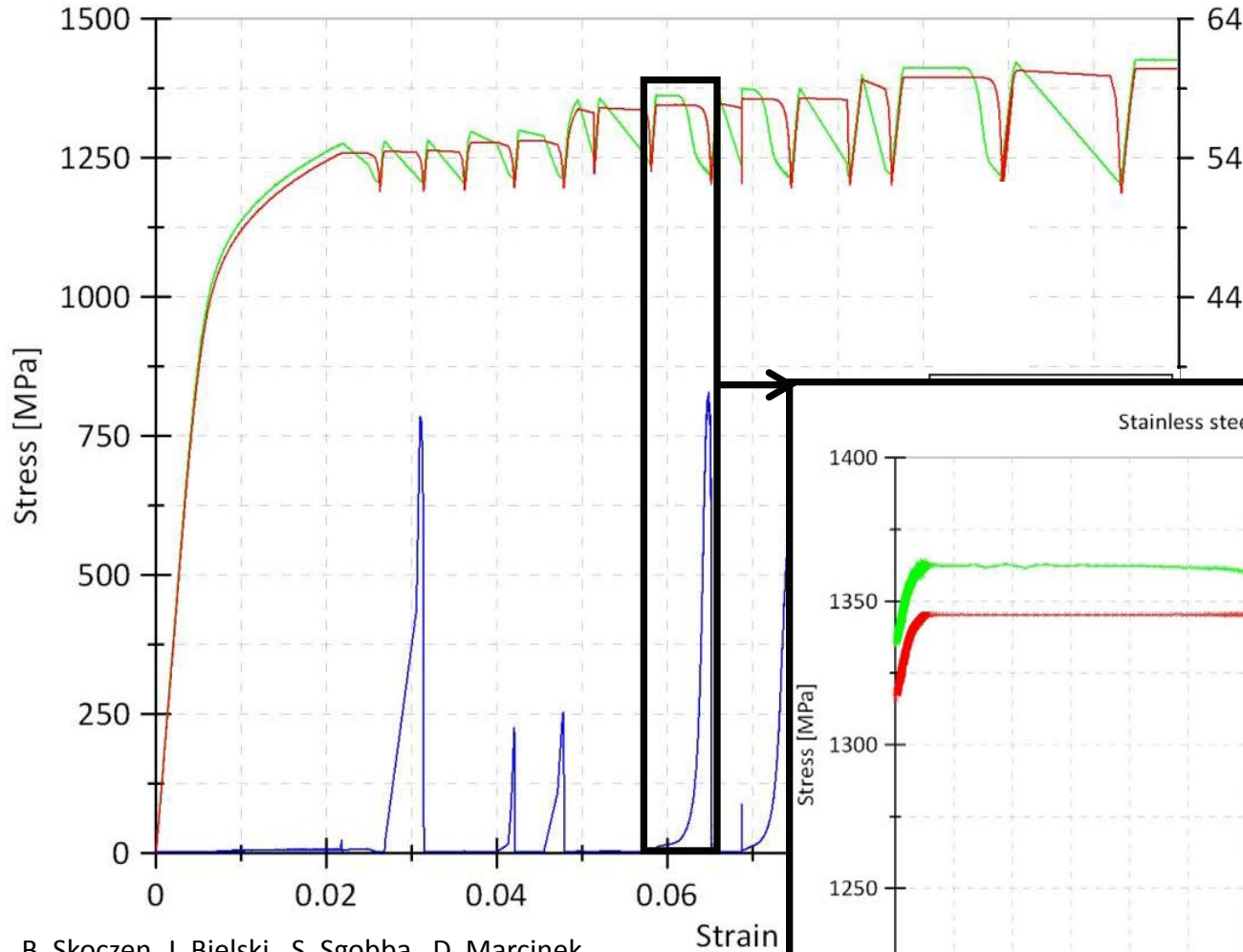
Micro hardness autor

Load 10



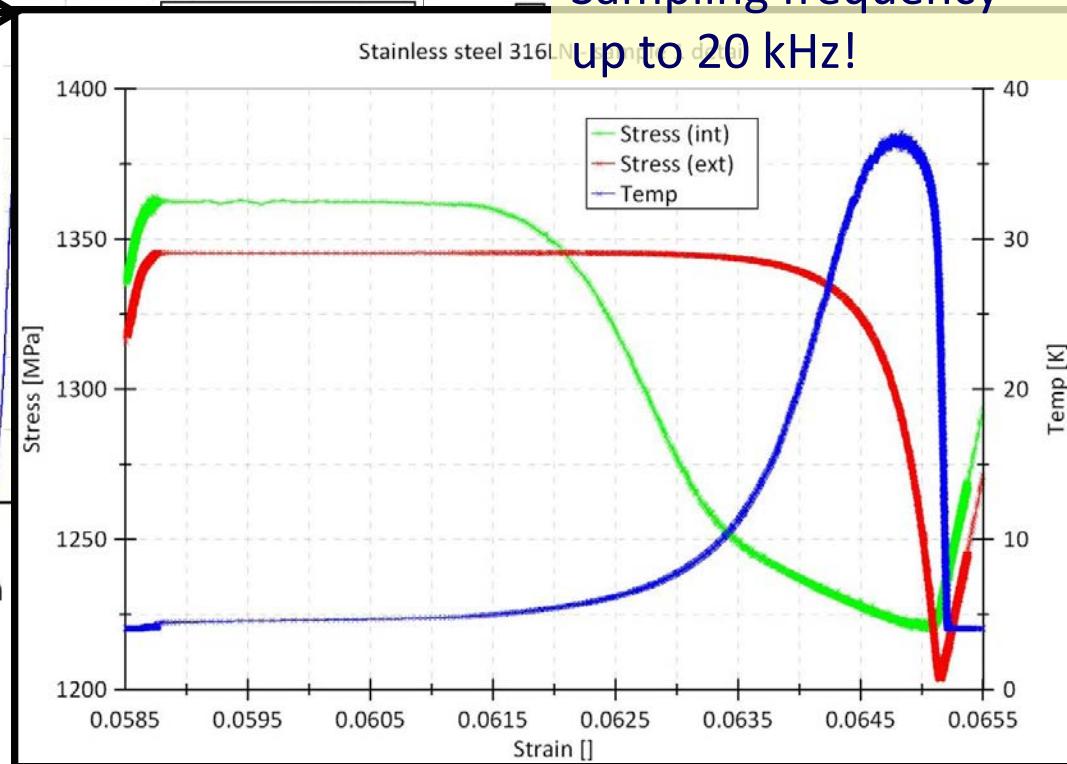
# Capabilities of the equipment

Stainless Steel 316LN - sample 1



D. J. Marcinek, *Experimental Study of Discontinuous Plastic Flow, Phase Transformation and Micro-damage Evolution in Ductile Materials at Cryogenic Temperatures*, Master of Science Thesis, CERN and CUT, 2009

Sampling frequency up to 20 kHz!



B. Skoczen, J. Bielski, S. Sgobba, D. Marcinek, *Constitutive model of discontinuous plastic flow at cryogenic temperatures*, International journal of plasticity, 26 (2010) 1659-1679

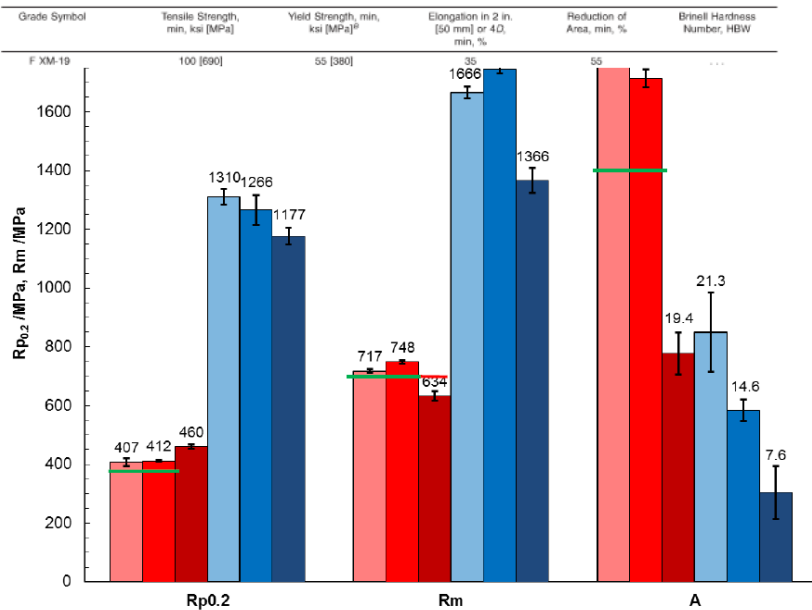


## 5.2 Mechanical Testing

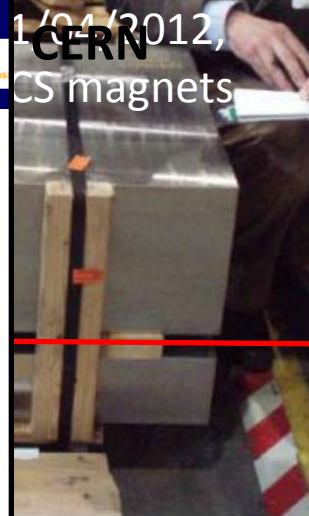
The mechanical properties of forgings supplied under this specification shall meet the properties required by ASTM A182, Grade FXM-19.

A182/A182M - 10a

TABLE 3 Continued

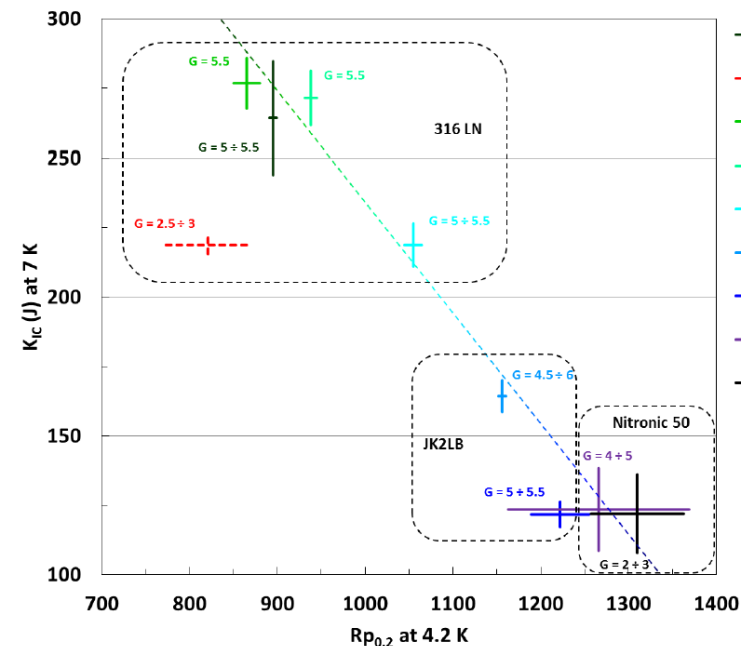
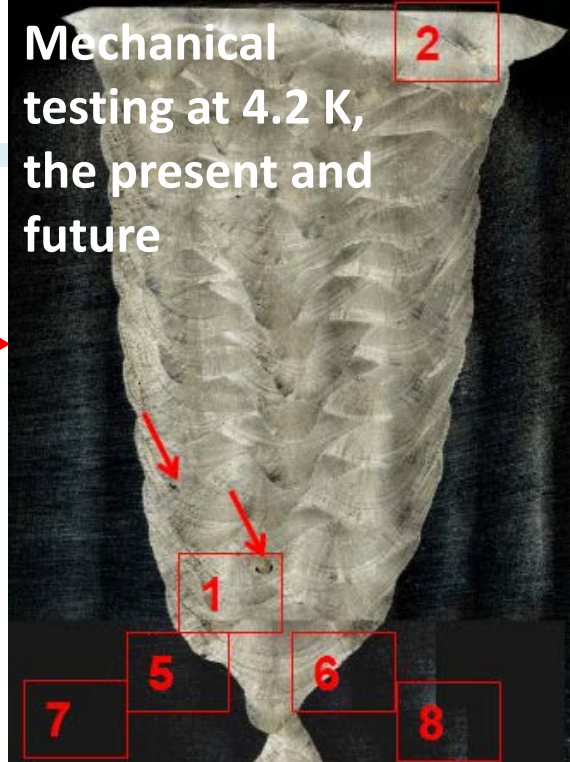


1/04/2012, CERN CS magnets



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Mechanical testing at 4.2 K, the present and future

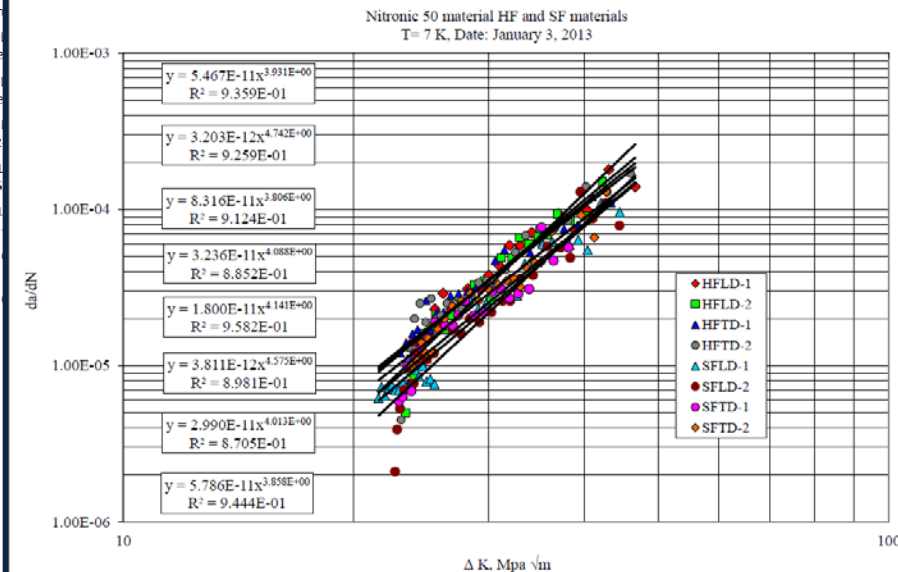


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FCGR results Base metal

Document: 060741-14 © CEME: 2013

Fatigue crack growth rate and fracture toughness properties at 7 K of forged Nitronic 50 material and its welding



## Ultrasonic testing, UT

Portable flaw detectors. *Krautkramer USN 60*

Gain 0 dB to 110 dB, probe from 0.25 MHz to 25 MHz,

Portable flaw detector with Phased Array mode. *GE Phasor XS*

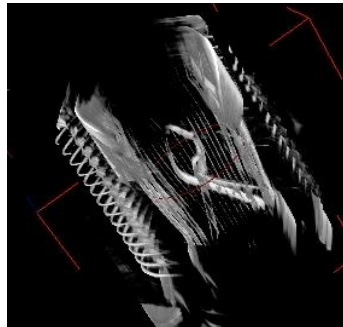
Gain 0 dB to 40 dB, probe from 0.5 MHz to 10 MHz,

Various sectorial or linear transducers

Immersion tank scanner

Scan-surface: 500 mm x 500 mm, 0.1 MHz to 150 MHz

Level 3 and 2 certified operators



## Radiographic testing, RT

Mobile X-ray computed tomography

Mini-focus x-ray source

Flat panel detector

Software for 3D reconstruction

X-ray sources. *Philips 160 kV, 0.1 A*

Sieffert isovolt 160 kV

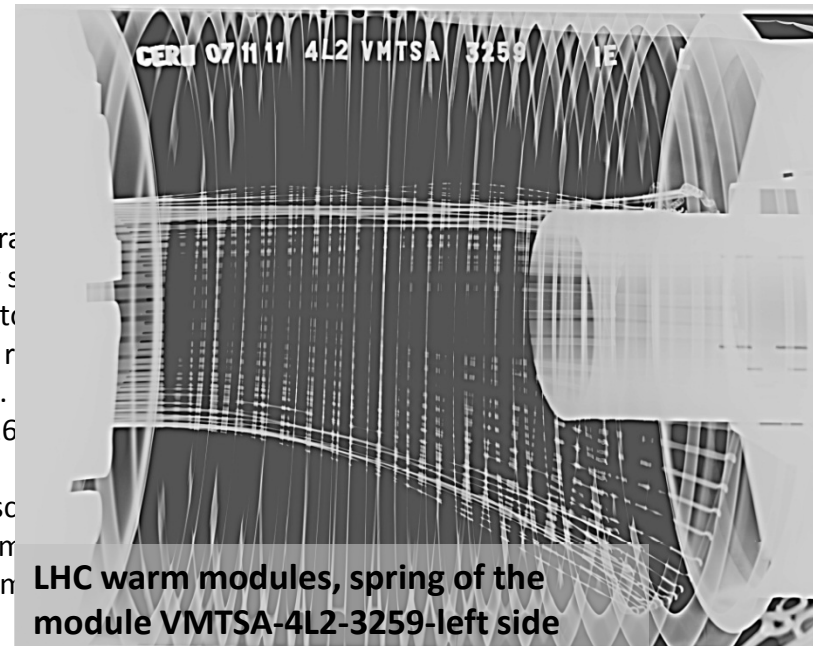
Computer radiography system

High definition software

High resolution monitor

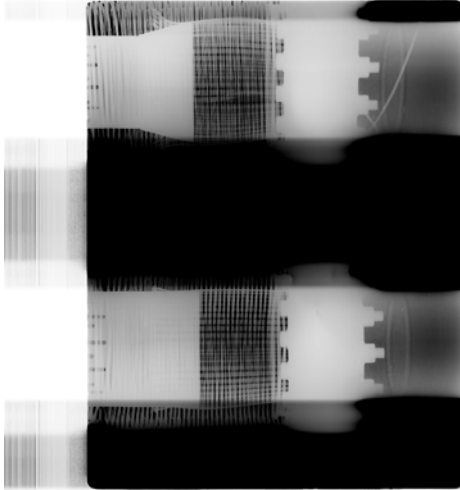
Controlled area (bunker) of 30 m<sup>2</sup>

Level 2 certified operators

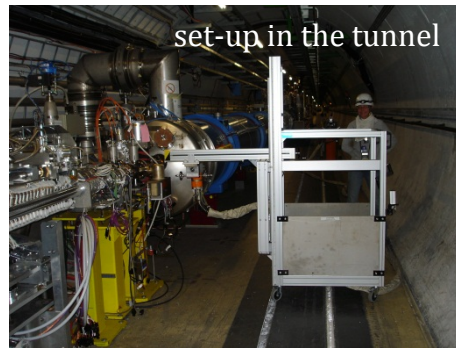


LHC warm modules, spring of the module VMTSA-4L2-3259-left side

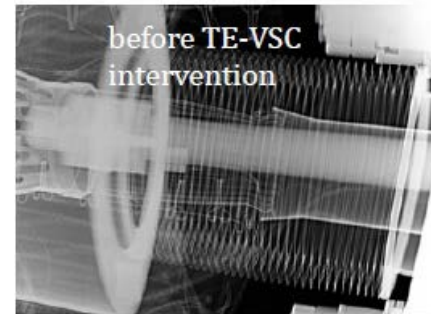




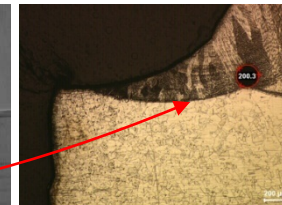
⇐ Computed Radiography Testing (RT) of LSS warm modules. Completion of the radiography campaigns during LHC technical stops. 1767 modules examined, 107 non-conformities identified to be repaired during LS\_1, 46 nights.



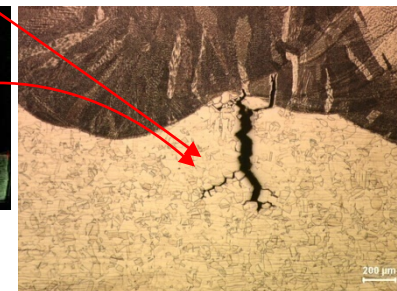
⇓ Computed RT of CMS RF modules



courtesy of RX-Solutions



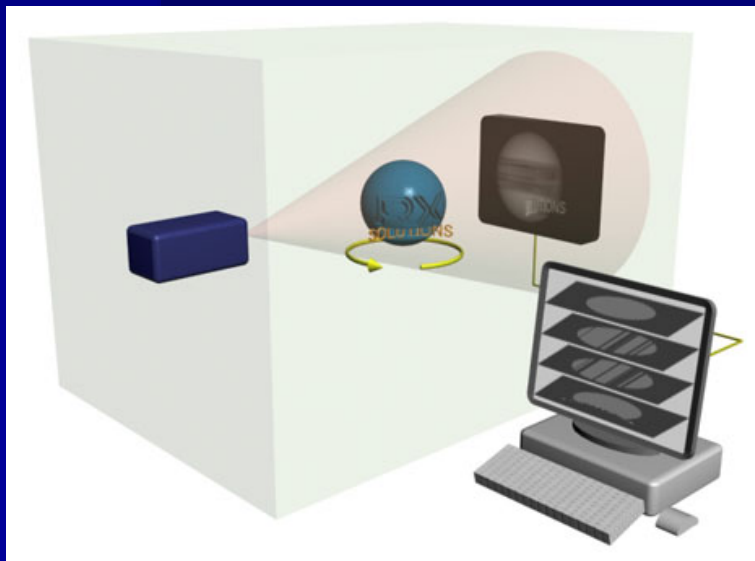
X-Ray tomography of ITER CC He-inlets: thin defects precisely identified and confirmed by metallography



⇐ Computed RT of ATLAS RF modules

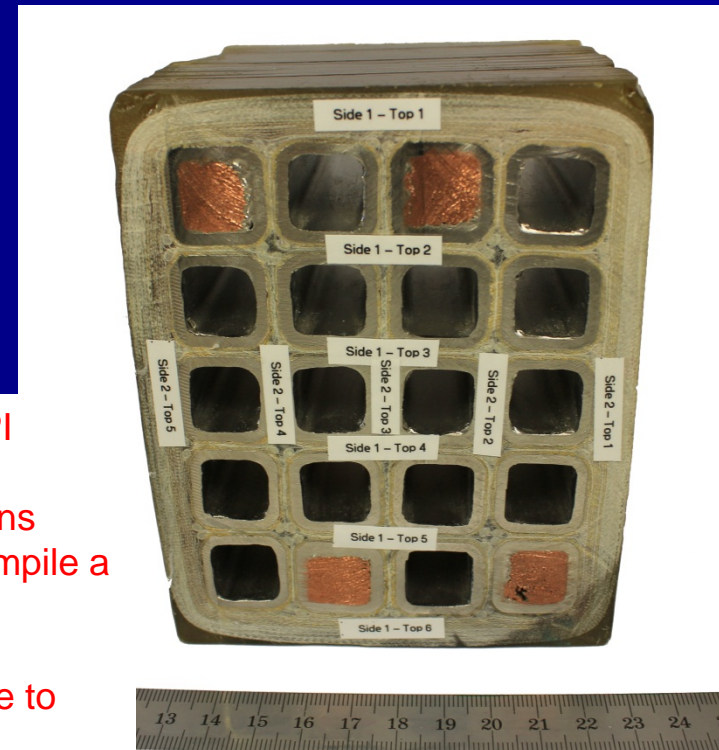


- Specimens placed on a mobile and rotatable stage
- Motorized zoom
- Full inspection of samples up to 240 mm length
- Sealed microfocus source, max. tension 150 kV
- HR area image sensor, 1920 pixels x 1536 pixels
- Detection surface: 200 mm x 250 mm
- 14 bits – 16000 gray levels
- 1-30 images /s

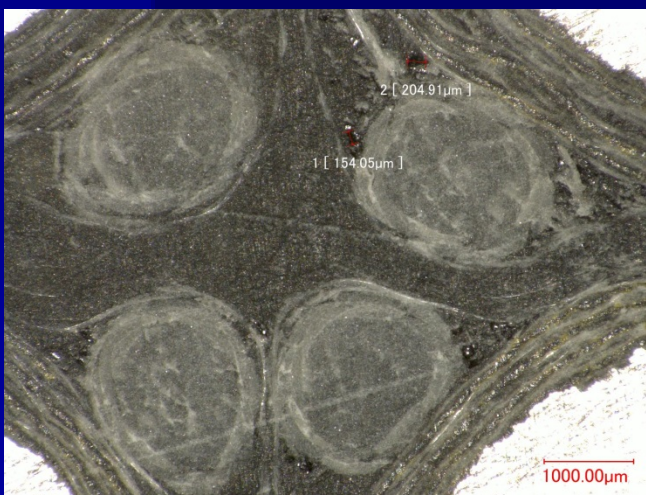
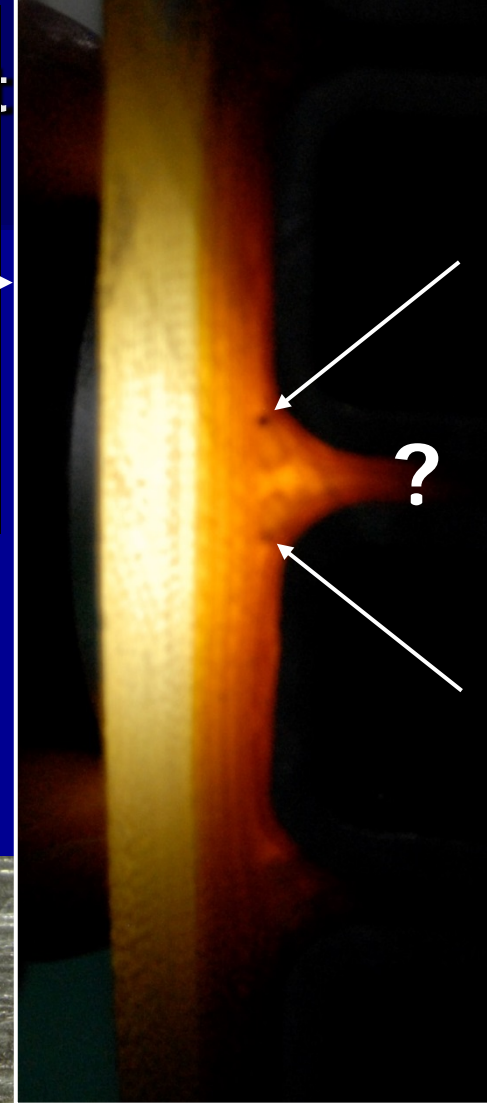
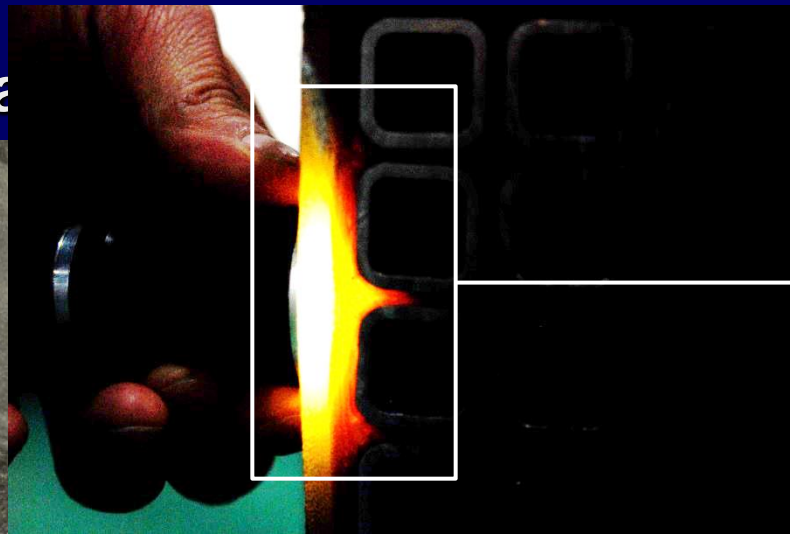
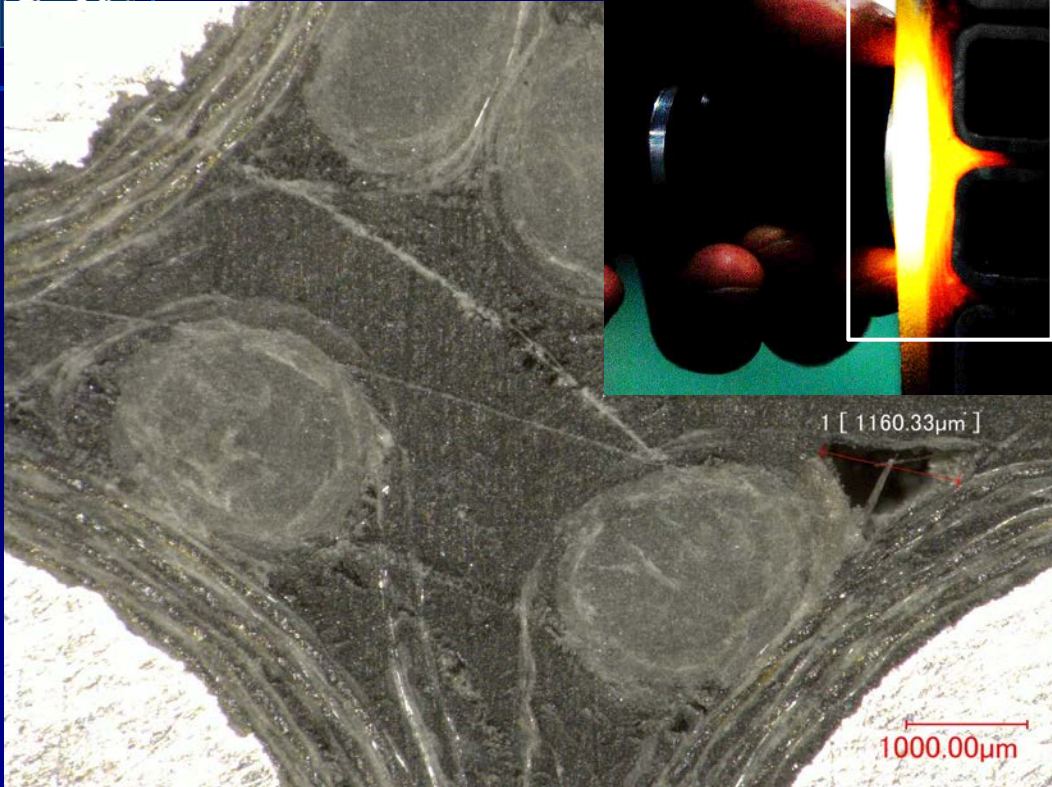


2nd sample of the VPI

11 separate 360° scans were combined to compile a final single 3D object reconstruction while avoiding shadows due to steel conduits

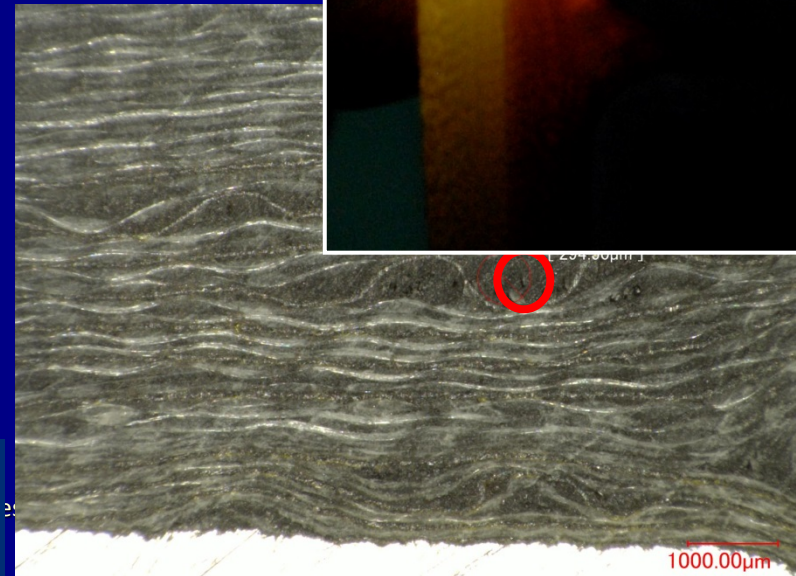






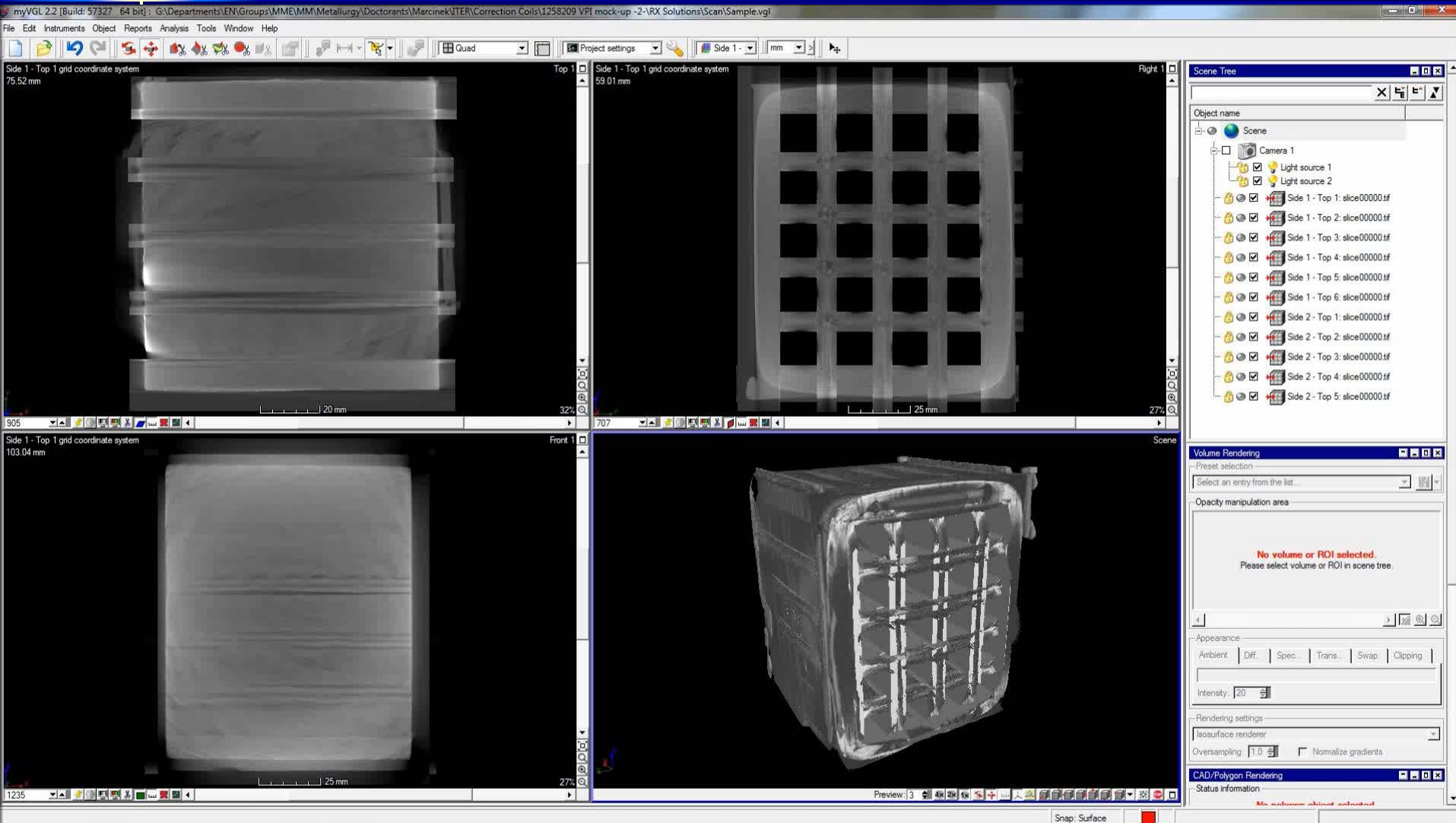
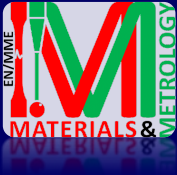
⇐ lack of resin  
in the cross-  
section

areas of pure  
resin ⇒





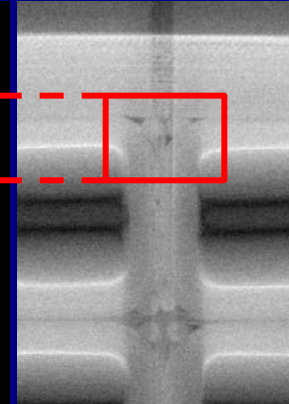
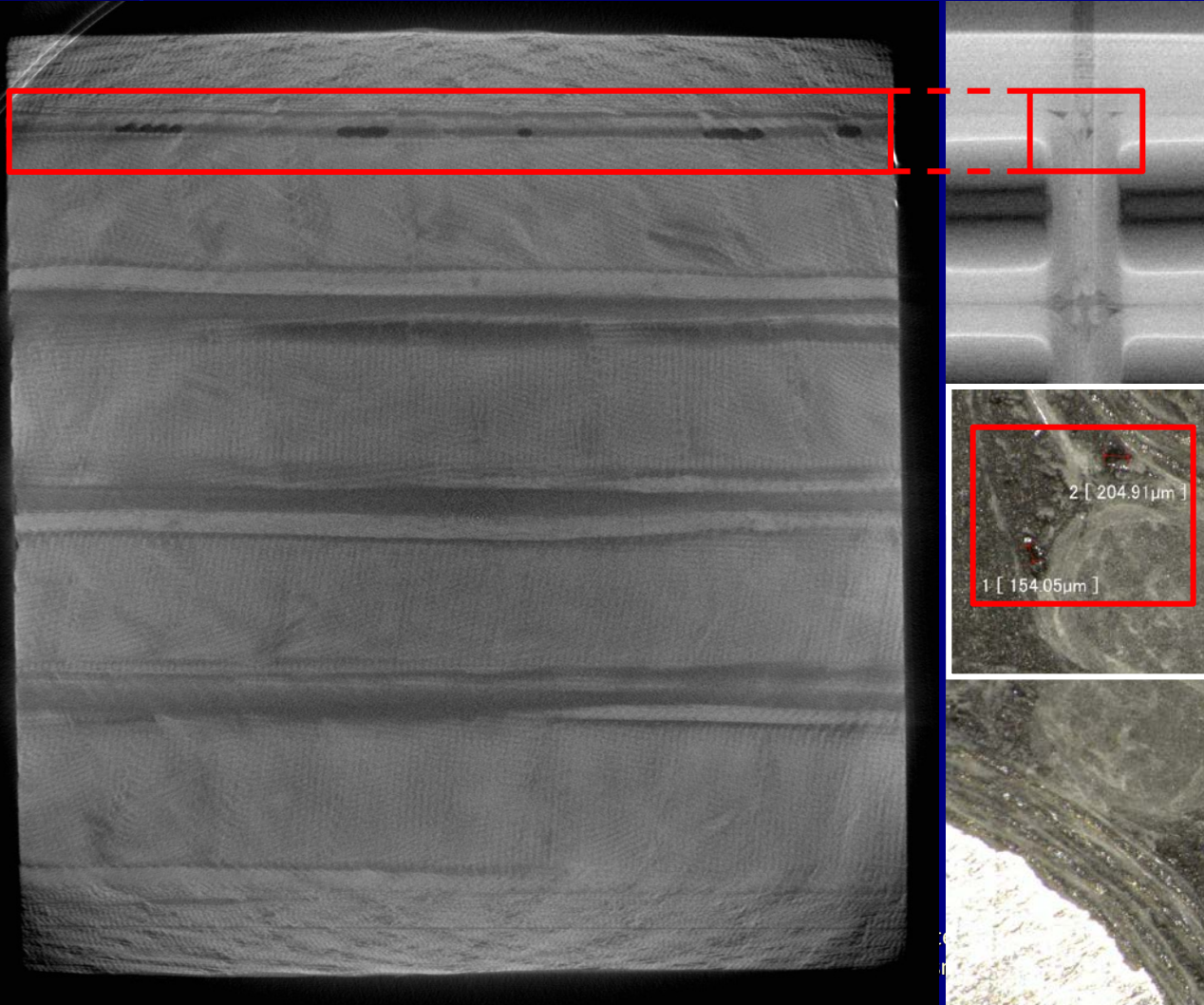
# X-Ray Computed Tomography (CT)





# X-Ray Computed Tomography (CT)

Slices extracted from the CT inspection confirming presence of voids along the fibers consistent with metallurgical cross sectional observations

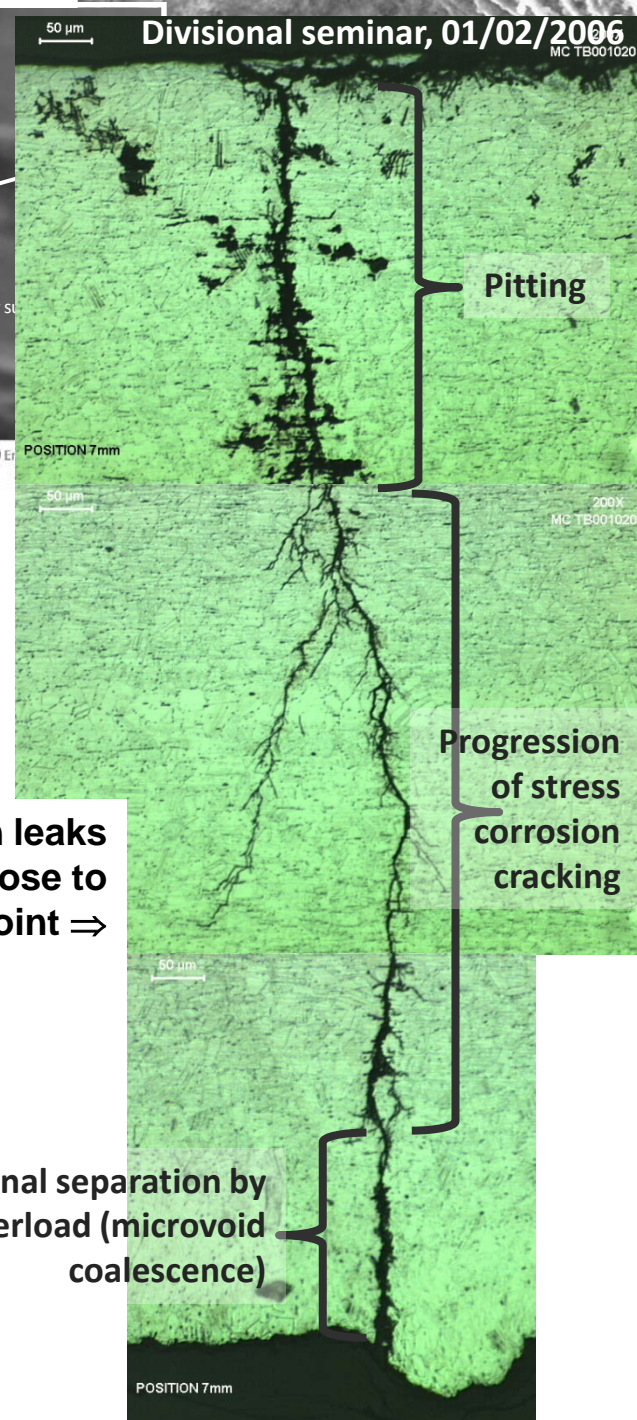
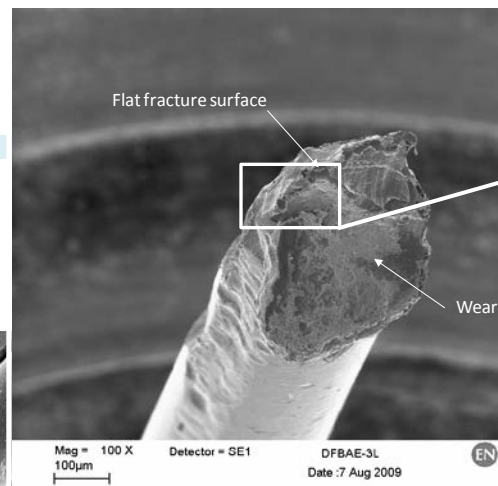
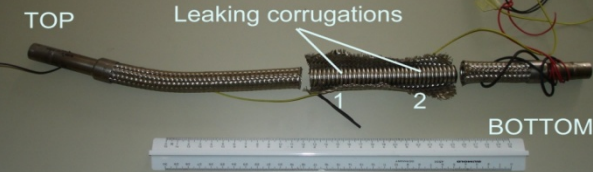


**Elongated voids in resin  
along glass ropes  
between the steel  
conduits**



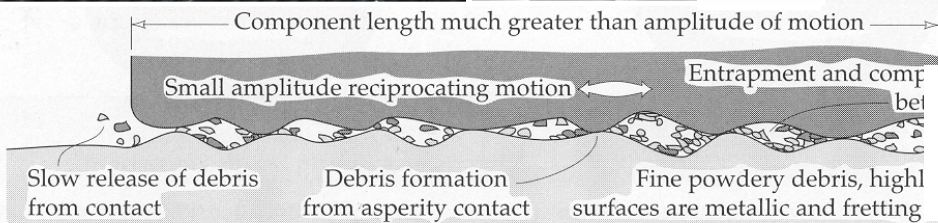
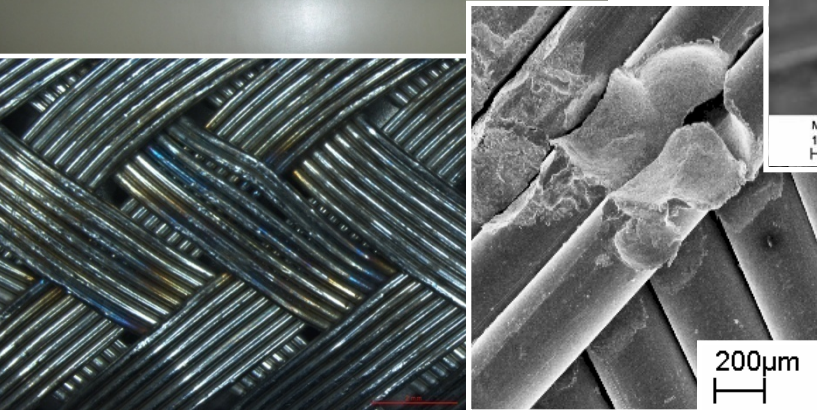


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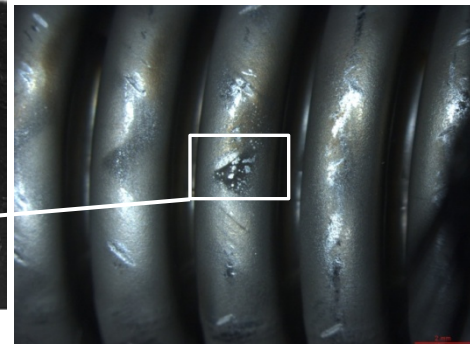
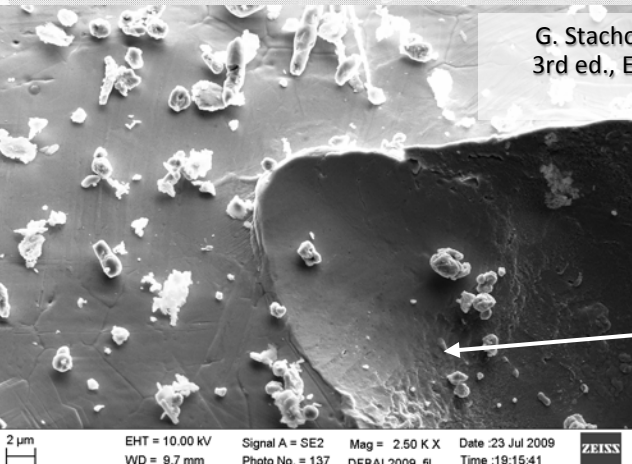


⇐ **Complex failure analysis of DFBA flexible metal hoses, TE-TM, 01/09/2009**

**QRL: corrosion leaks on the tube F close to the fix point ⇒**



G. Stachowiak, A.W. Batchelor, Engineering Tribology, 3rd ed., Elsevier Butterworth-Heinemann, Amsterdam (2005)





facing surface

opposite surface

lead sample 2

lead sample 2

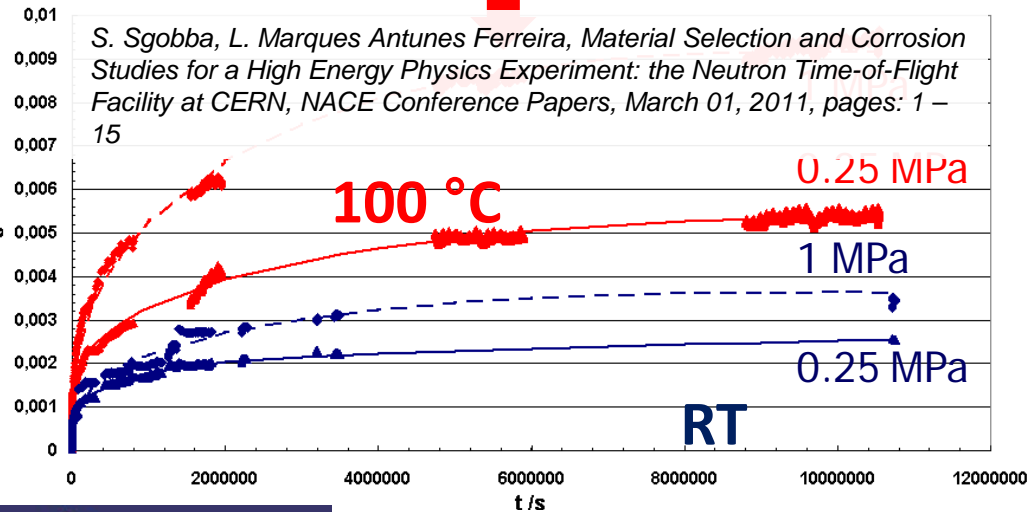
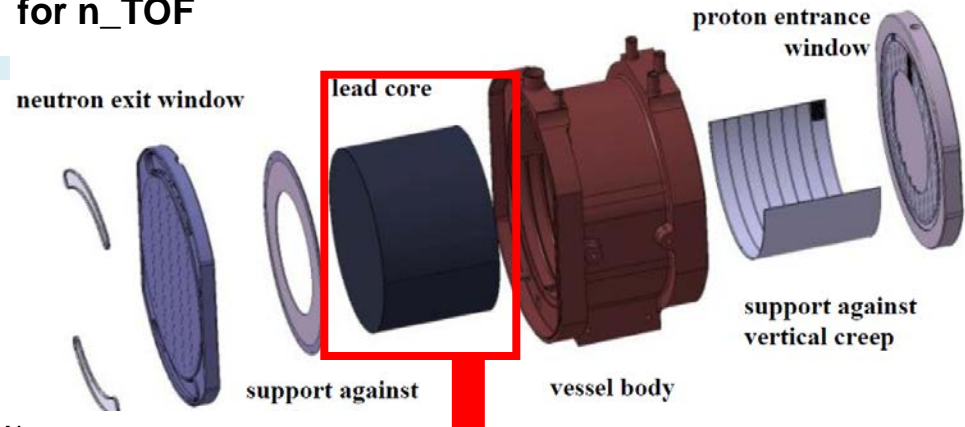
23 days

lead sample 3

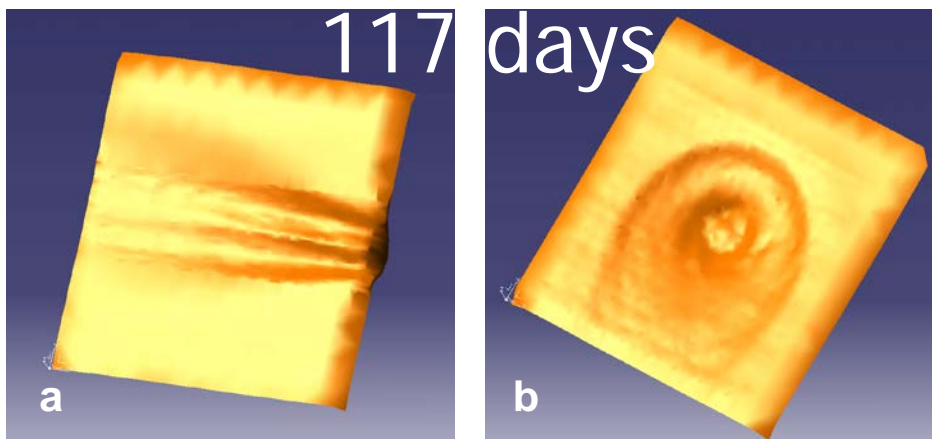
lead sample 3

28 days

## 2008-2009, material selection and corrosion studies for n\_TOF



erosion and impingement quantified by 3D metrology



## Conclusions

- CERN-wide (and beyond) activity
- Limited but selected and highly specialized equipment
- **CERN expertise completed by an extensive network**
- Combined resources, facilities and expertise support advanced materials activities at CERN
  - Industrial partners
  - National labs, academy
  - CERN-ITER cooperation agreement (IO, DAs via IO)
- Materials can be submitted to aggressive environments in HEP applications
  - Corrosive environments (radiations, flux residues, erosion, impingement...)
  - Cryogenic temperatures (ductility and fracture toughness to be preserved, response to fatigue, fretting fatigue...)