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RF Breakdown Studies in Tungsten and Copper Structures

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Overview

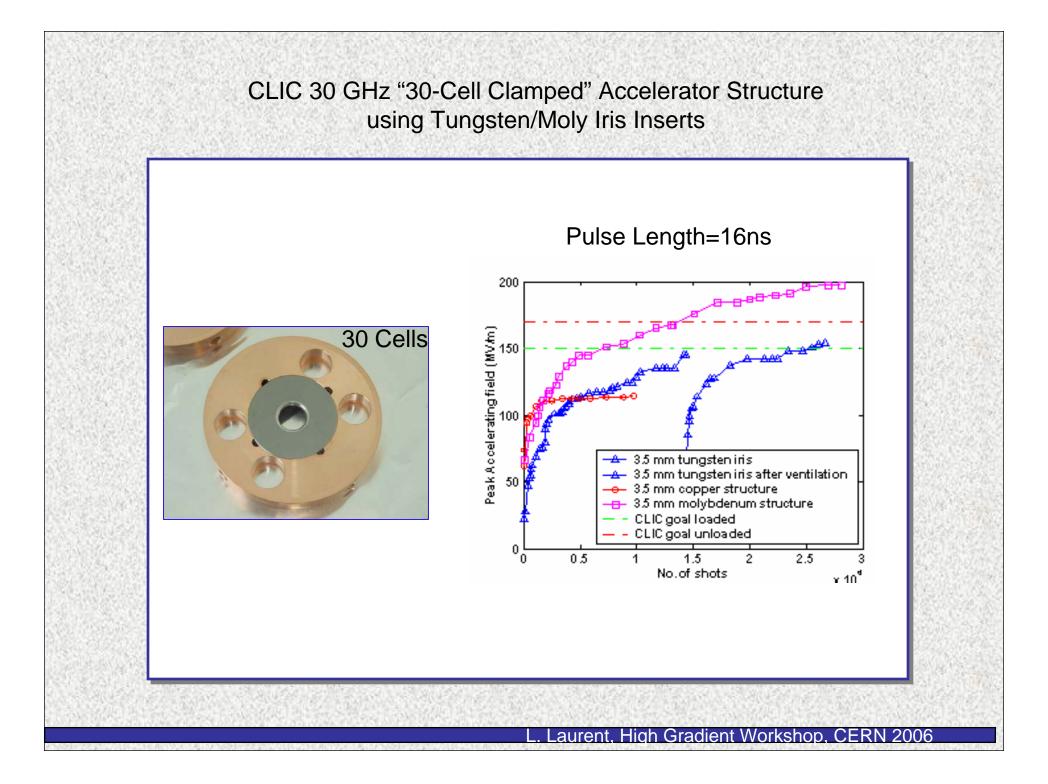
Review of AAC06 Presentation:

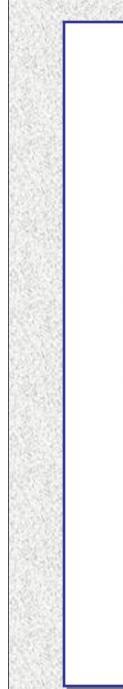
X-Band Accelerator Experiment:

CERN Fabricated Structure with Tungsten Iris Inserts Tungsten Material Study: Machining, Etching and Polishing Techniques

- Tungsten X-Band Cavity Experiments
- Tungsten GCIB Processing
- Molybdenum Cavity Nose Fabrication

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CERN Fabricated X-Band Accelerator with Tungsten Iris Inserts

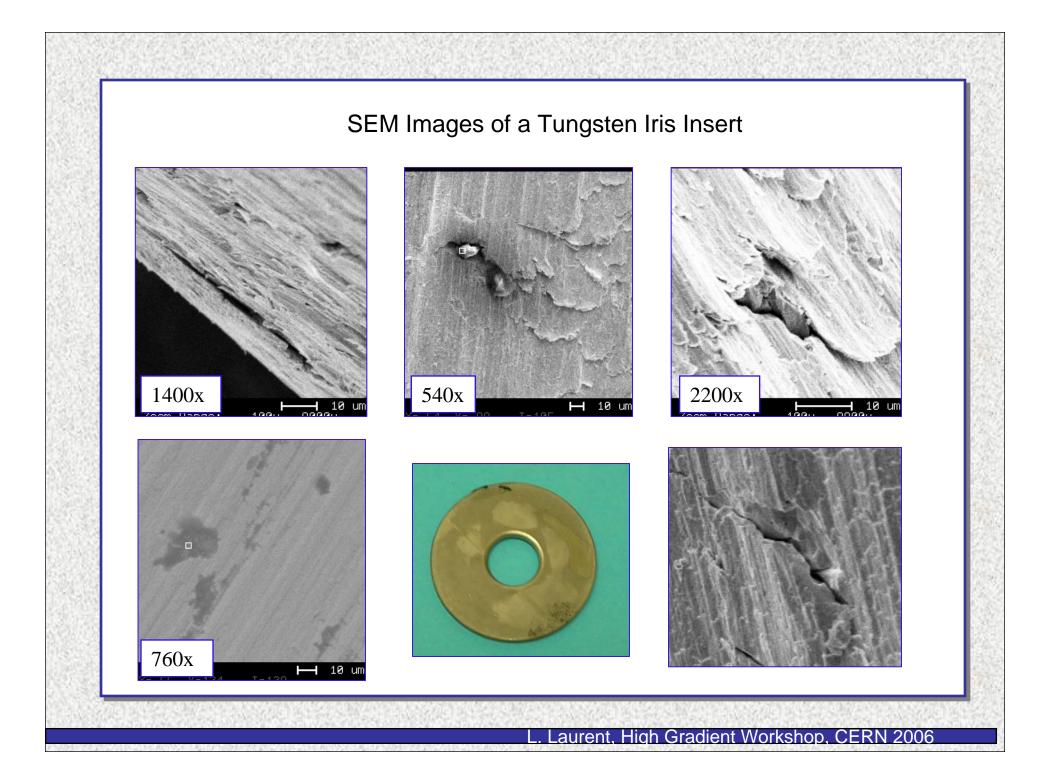
 Tungsten performed much worse than our X-band copper structures:

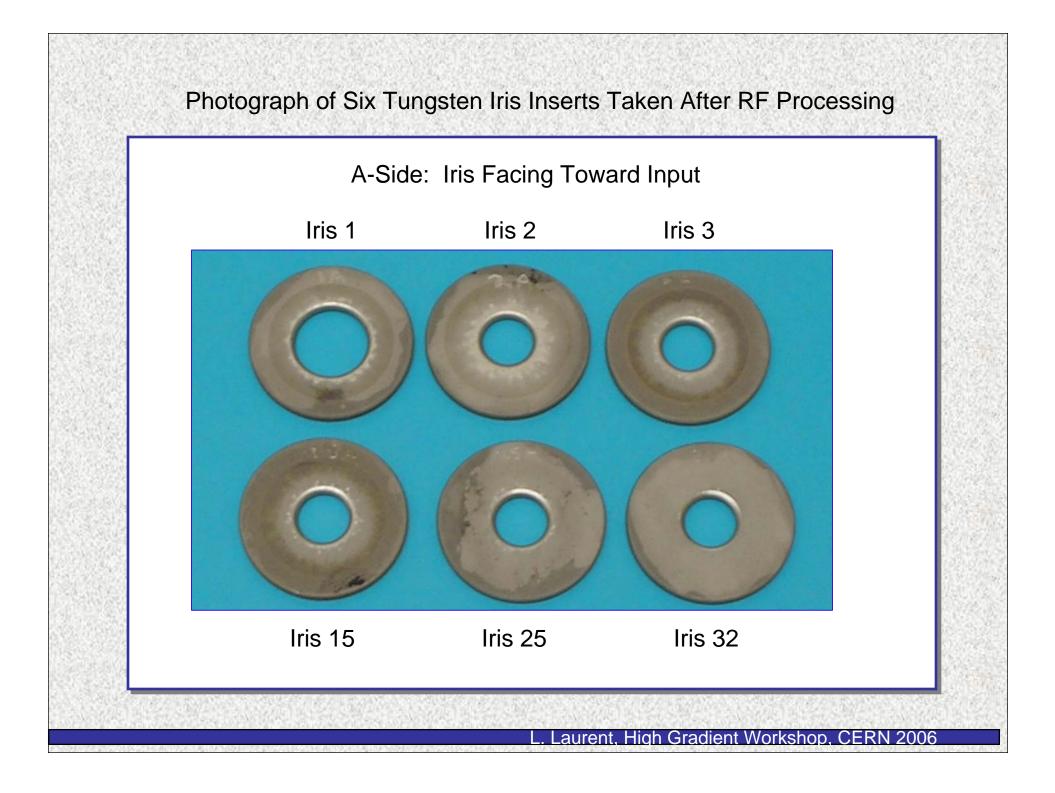
> W-structure: 200ns, 63 MV/m (10-20 bds/hr) Cu-structure: 250ns, 100MV/m (<10 bds/hr)

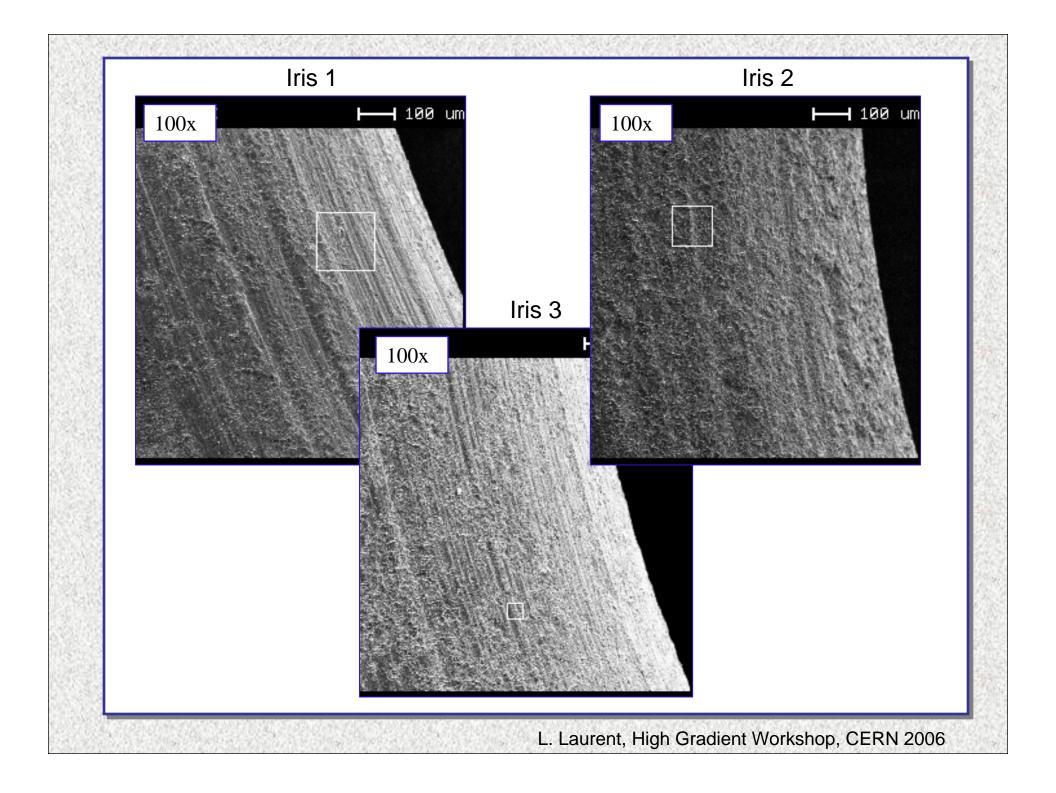
- No significant improvement with continued rf processing.
- Reprocessing was necessary when returning to any given pulse length in order to reach previously achieved power levels.
- SEM analysis on sample tungsten inserts revealed numerous fractures and embedded carbon particles on the surface suggesting the need to find a better fabrication process.

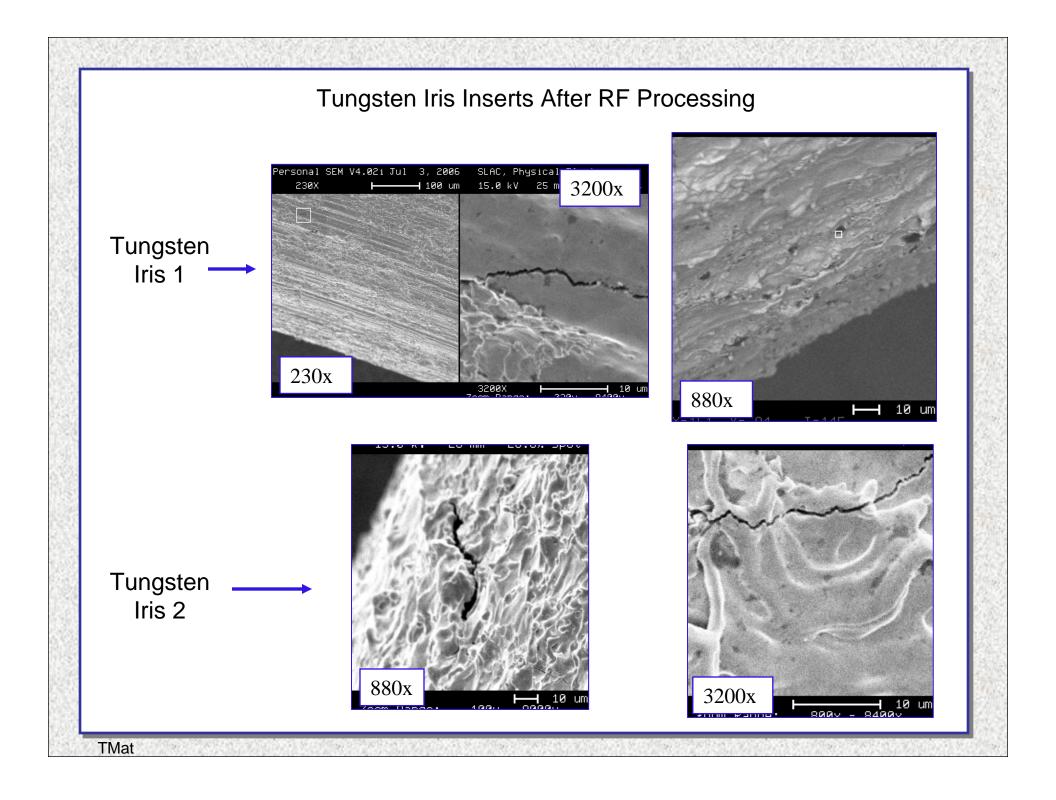


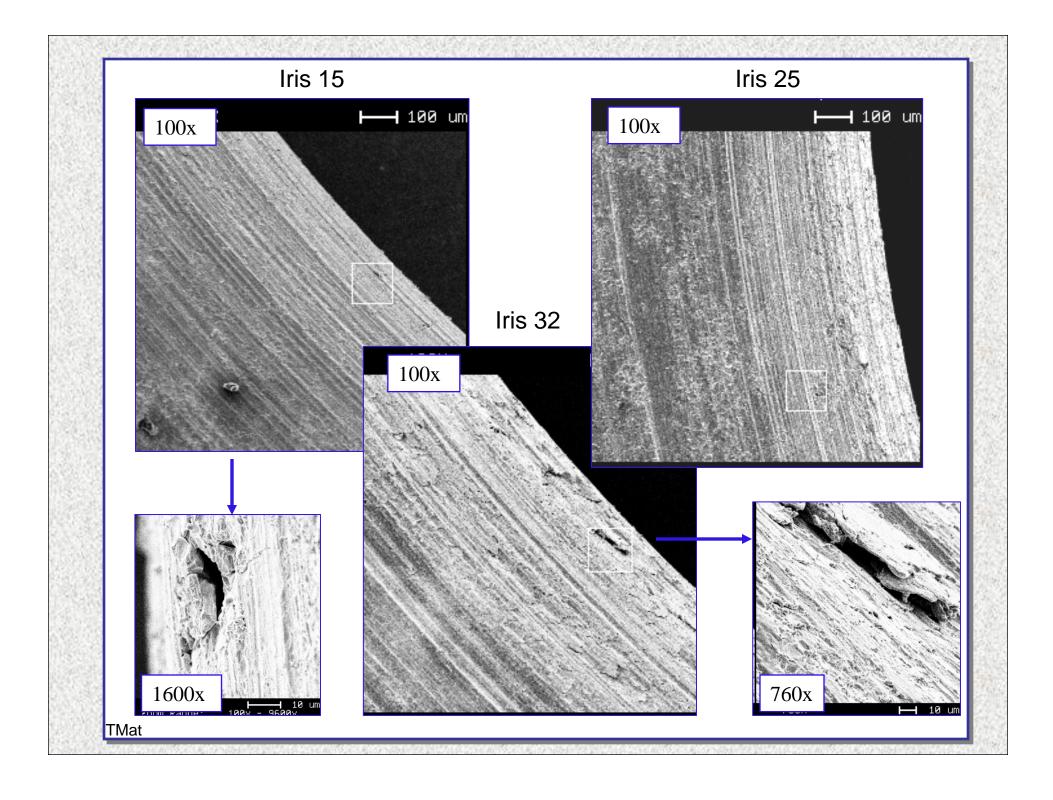


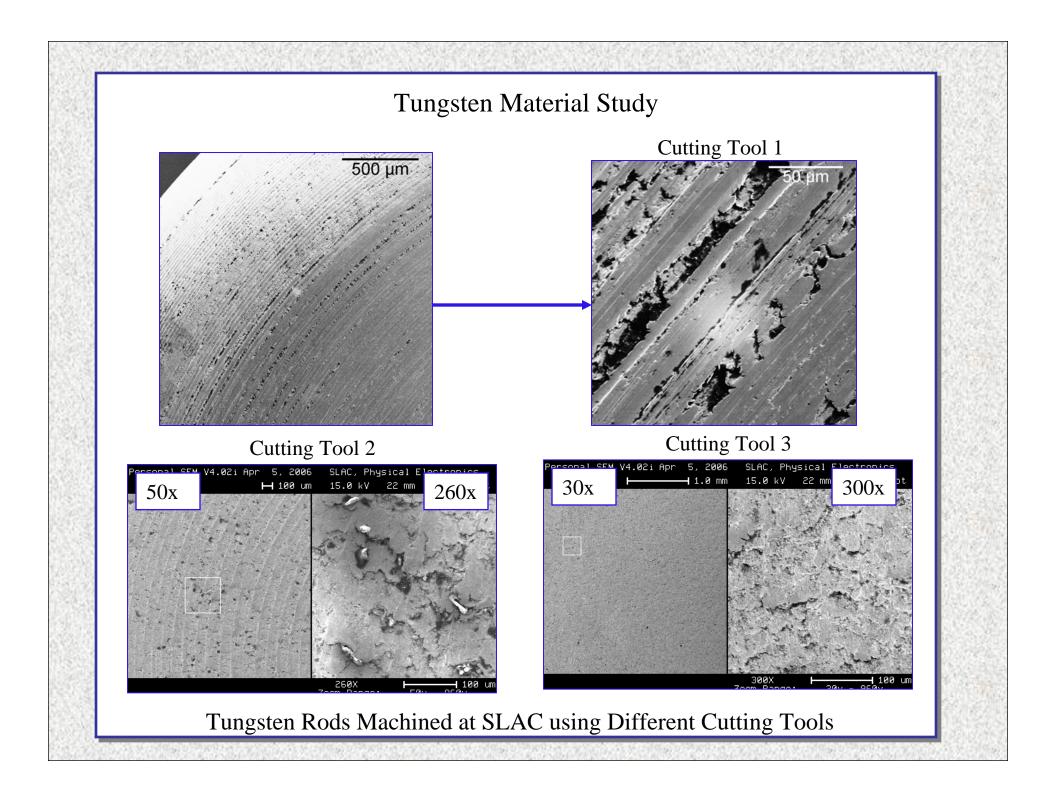


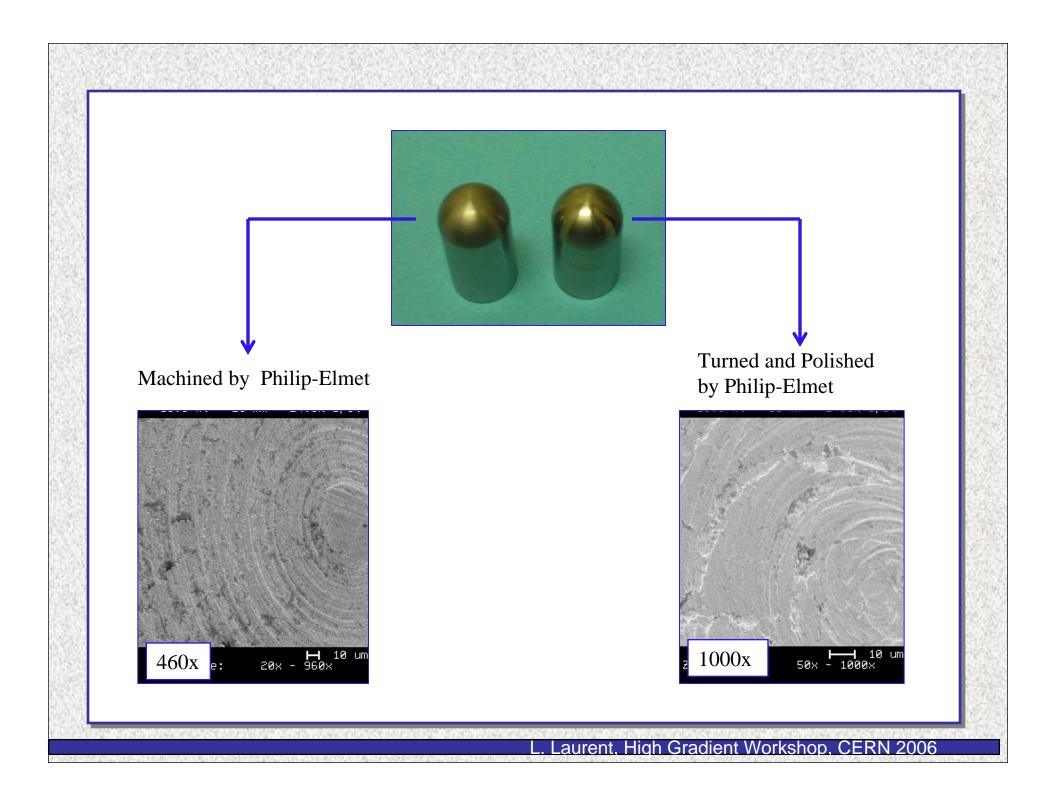










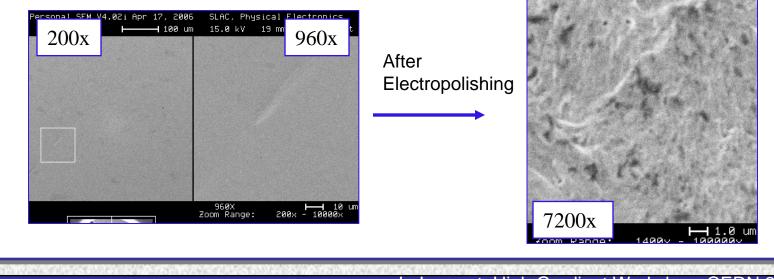


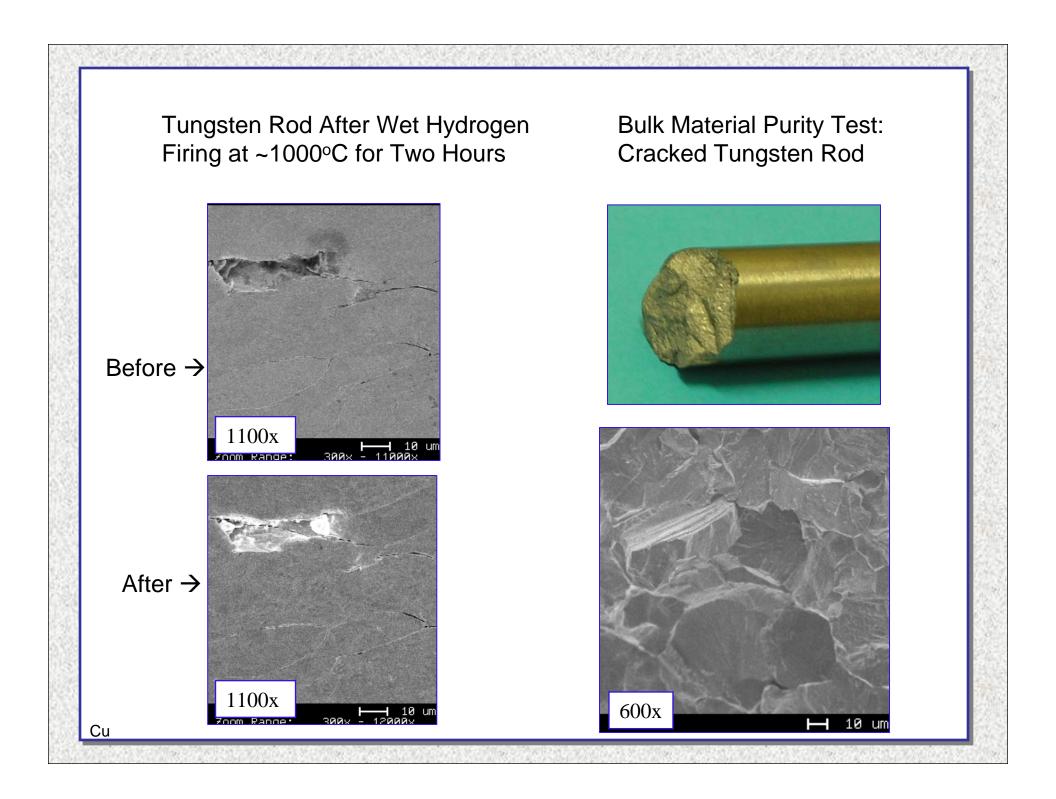
Tungsten Rod Machined at Philip-Elmet and Hand Polished using a Lathe at SLAC

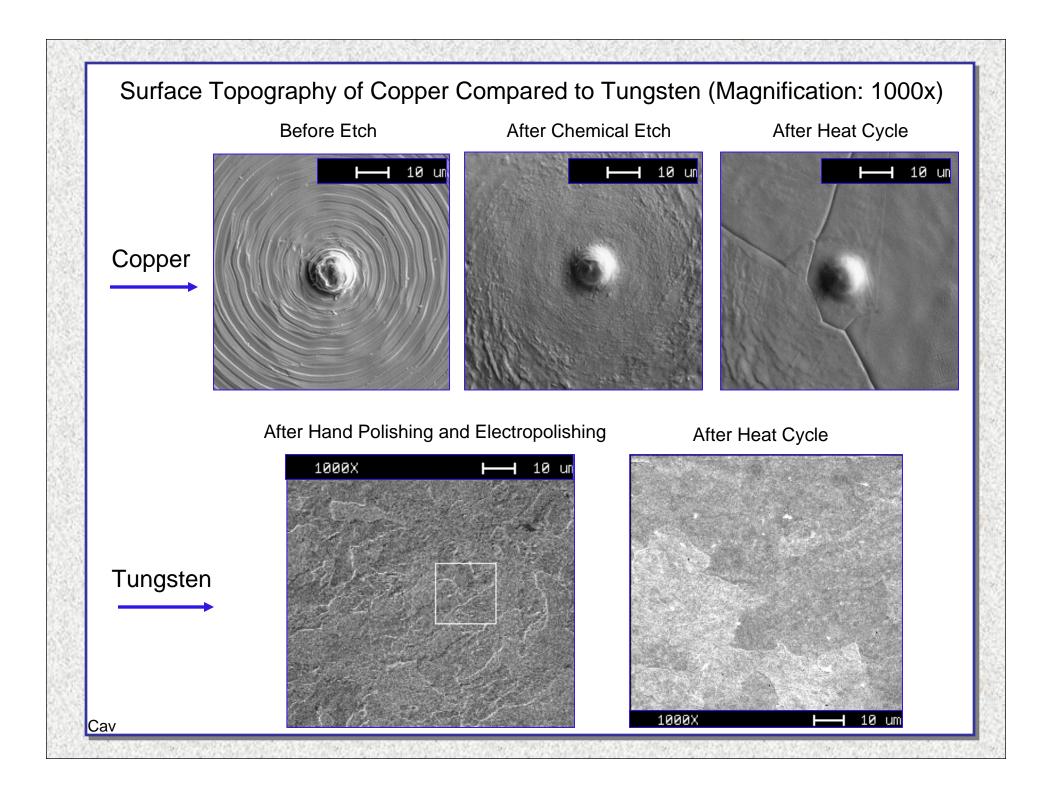


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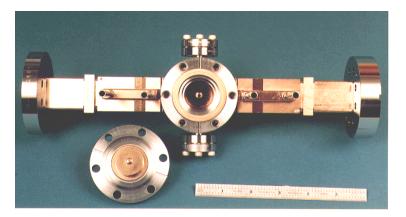








X-Band Cavity Material Breakdown Study



Program History

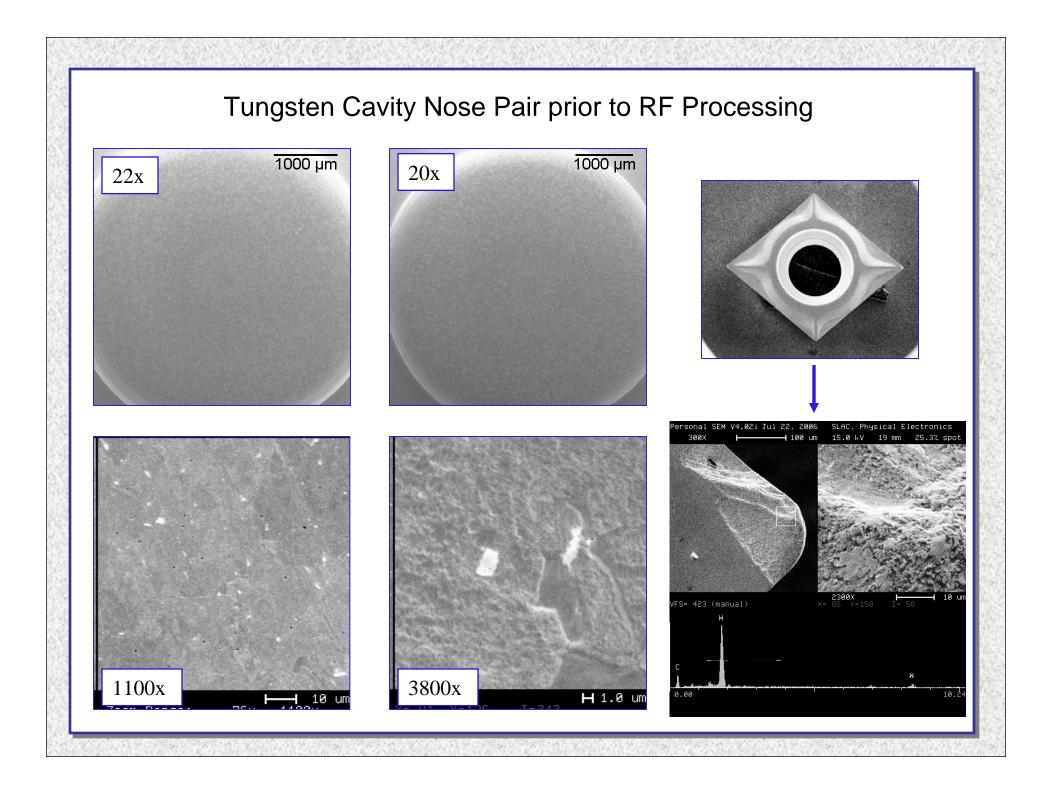
1996 Development of a TM₀₁₀ Cavity

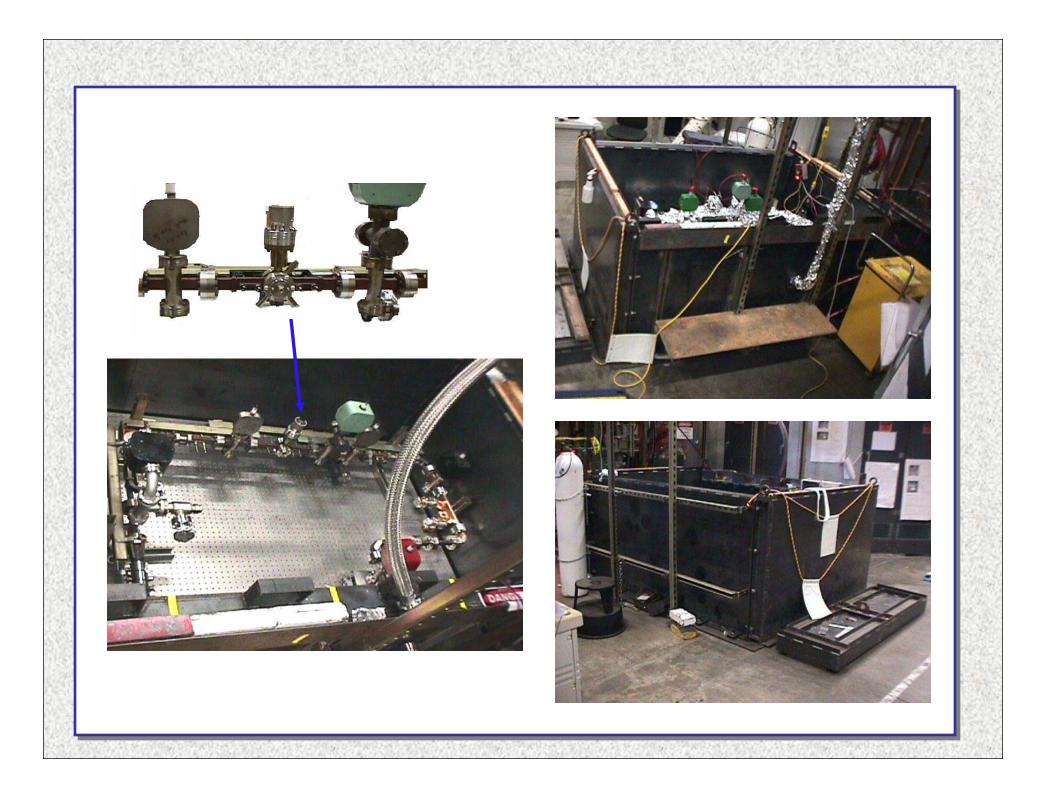
- 1997 Testing of Coatings and Surface Finish Development of a TM₀₂₀ Cavity
- 1998 Micro-particle Contamination Grain Boundaries
- 1999 Pulse Length Studies Various Vacuum Conditions
- 2000 Hi Q and Lo Q Cavity Experiments
- 2001 Materials Study Short Pulse Processing

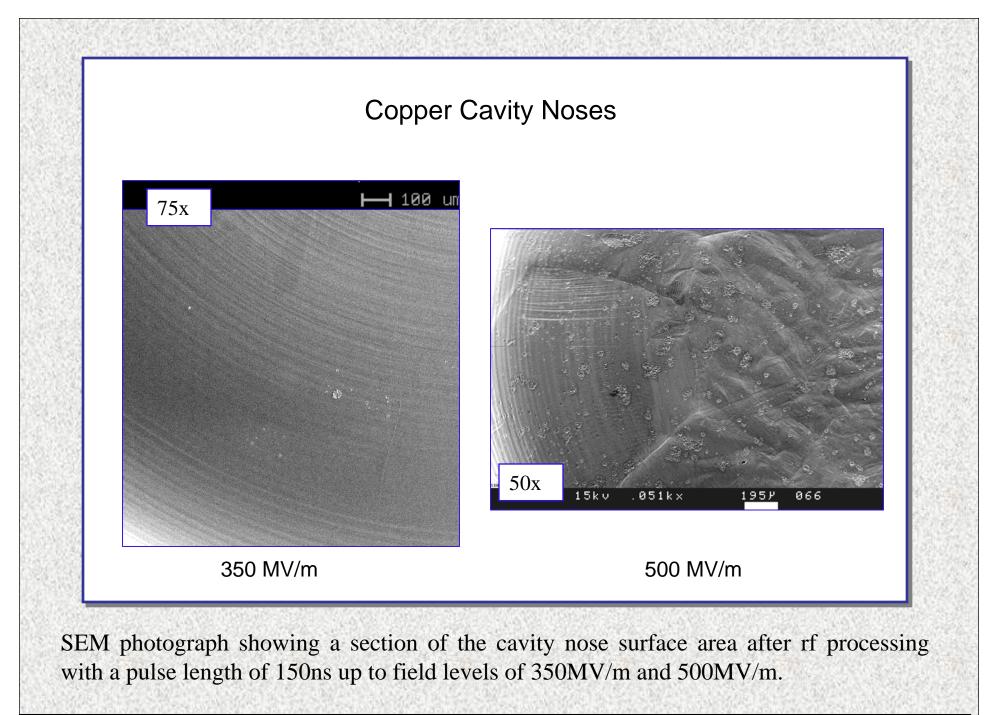


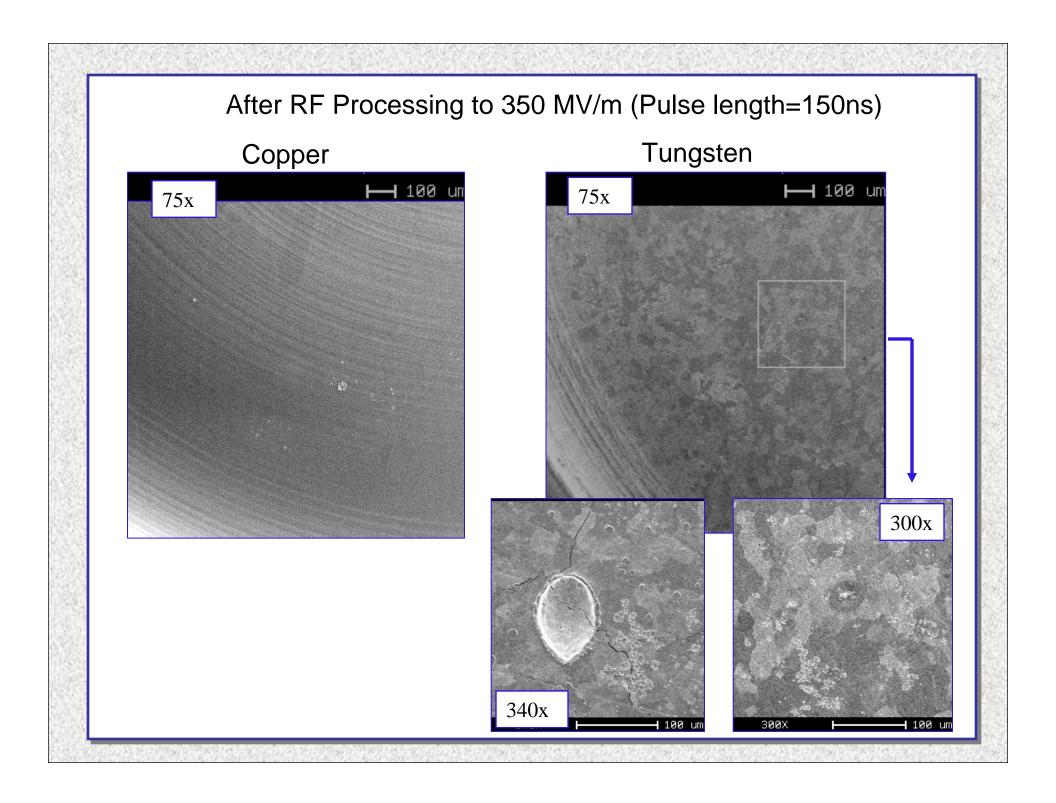
Cavity Nose with Tungsten Insert

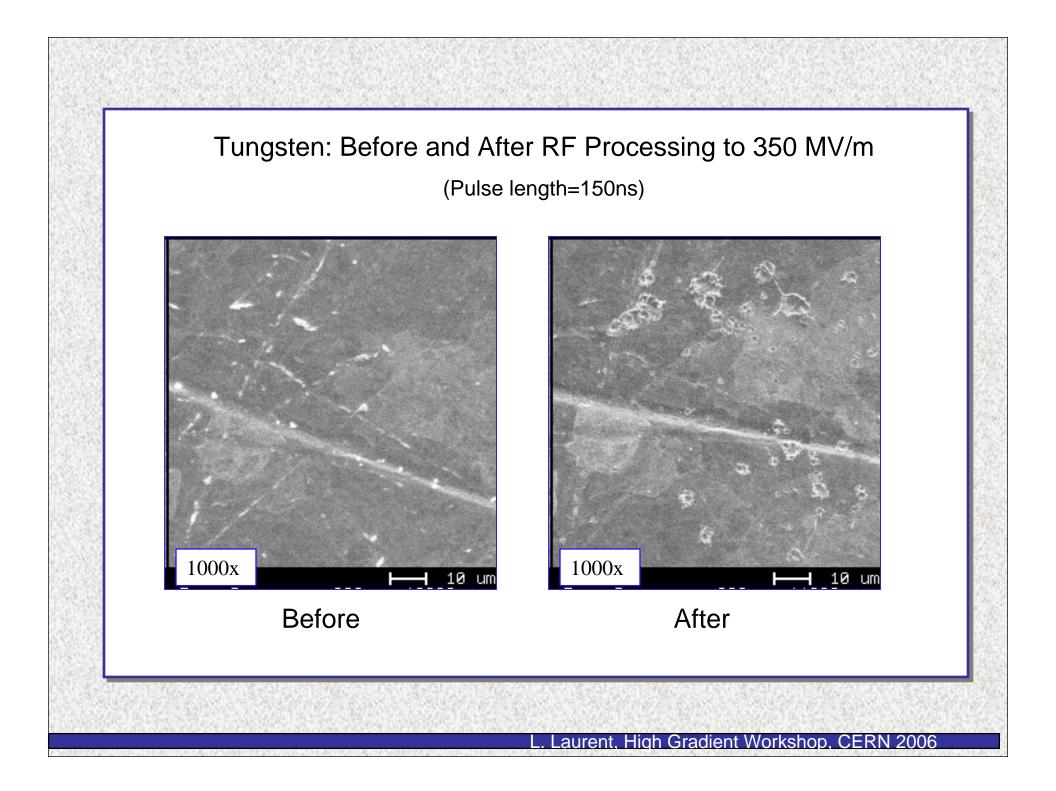






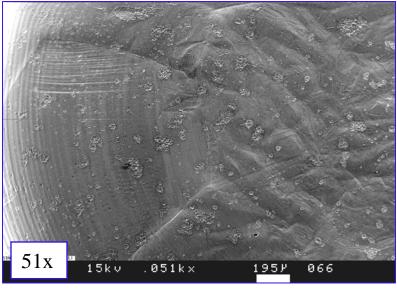








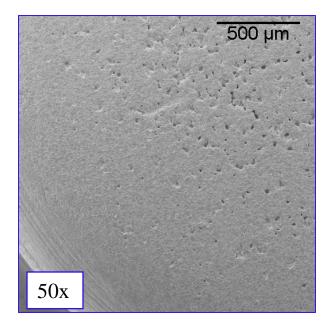
Tungsten Insert Before RF Processing



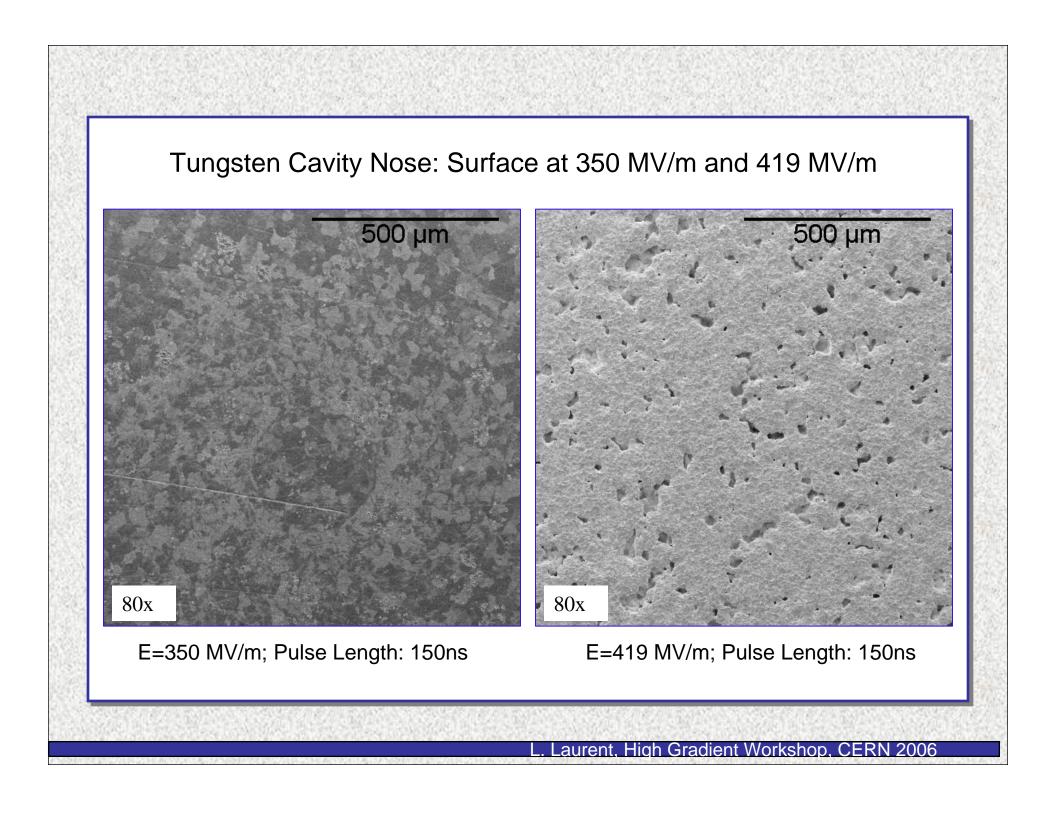
Copper Surface: 500 MV/m

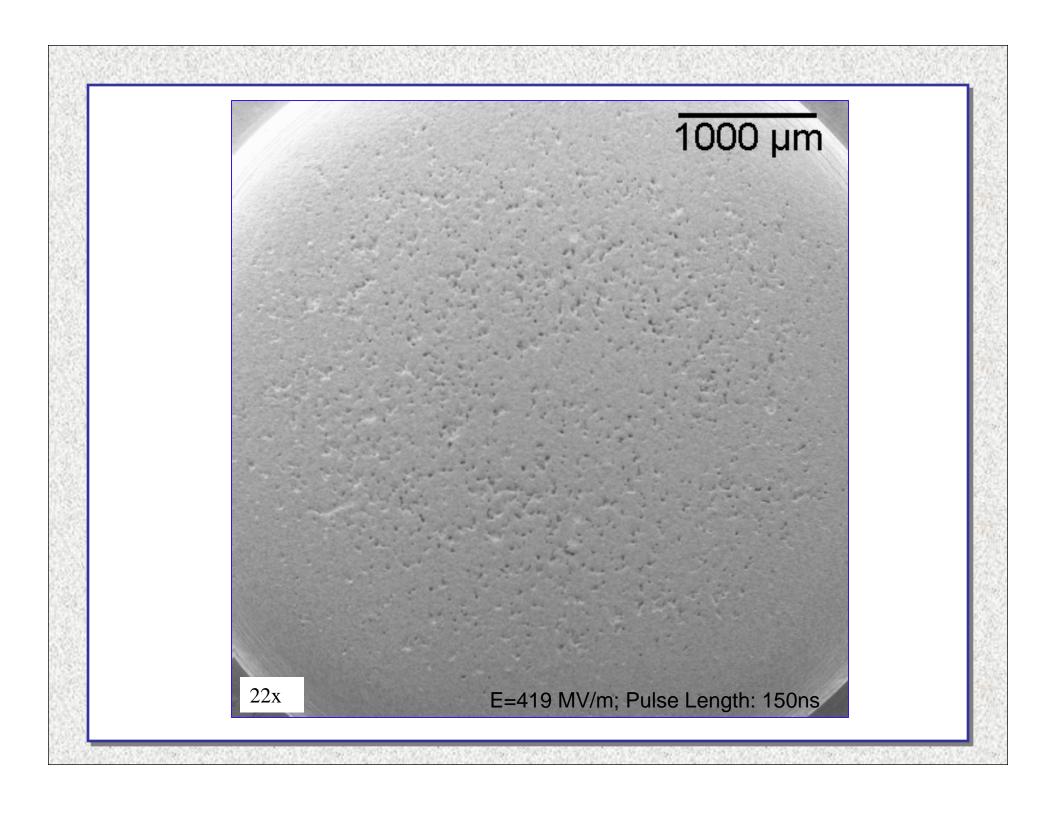


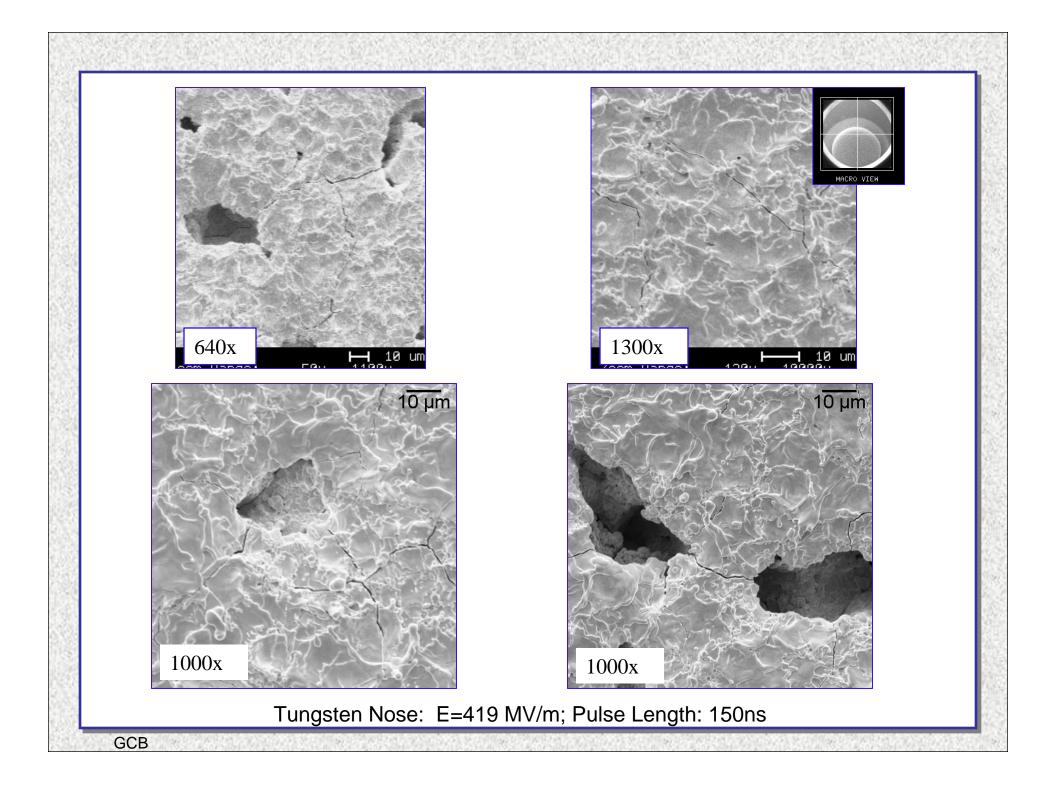
Tungsten Insert After RF Processing to 419 MV/m (Pulse Length: 150ns)



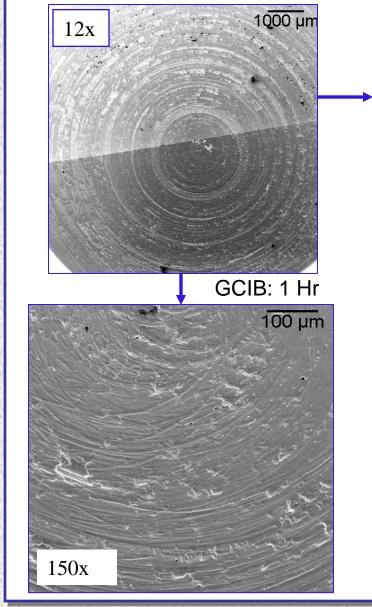
Tungsten Surface: 419 MV/m

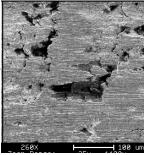






GCIB Processing: Tungsten

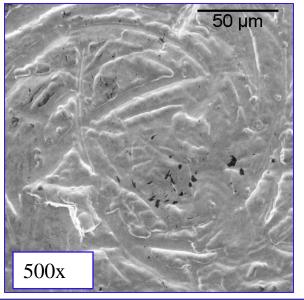


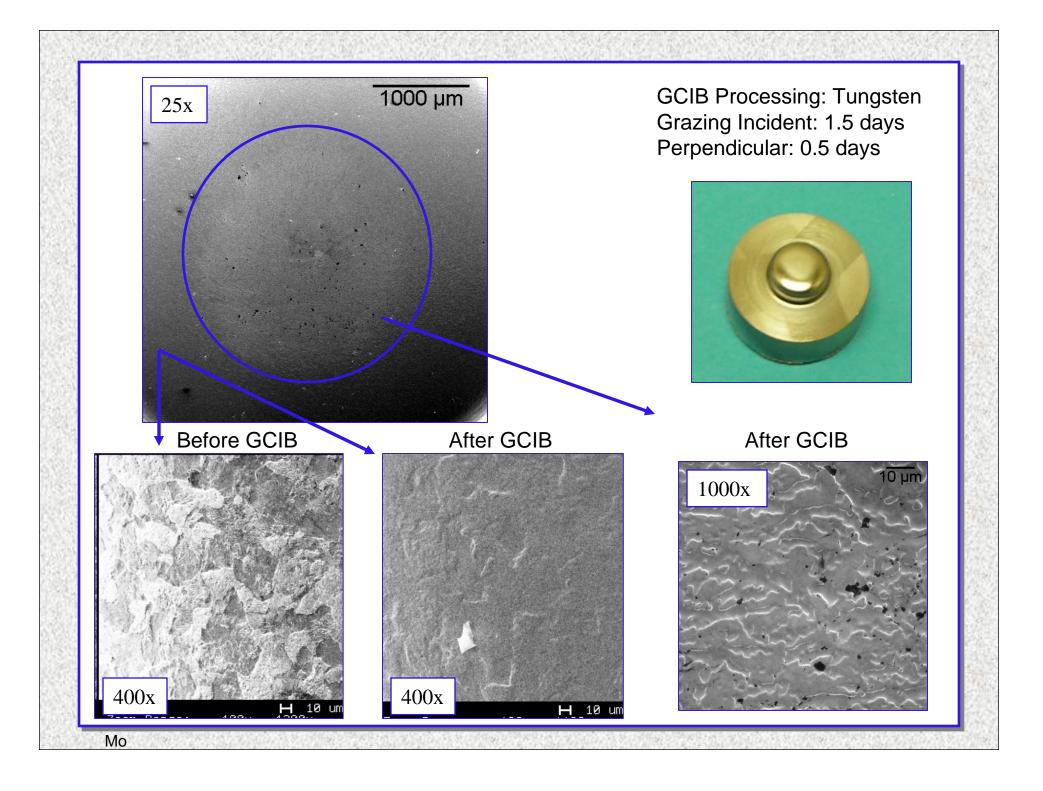


Masked Area

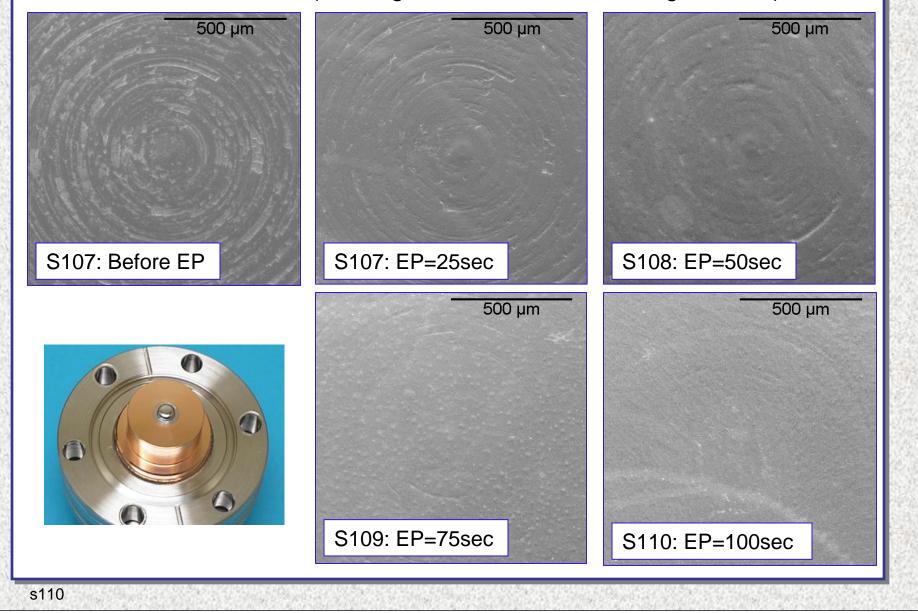


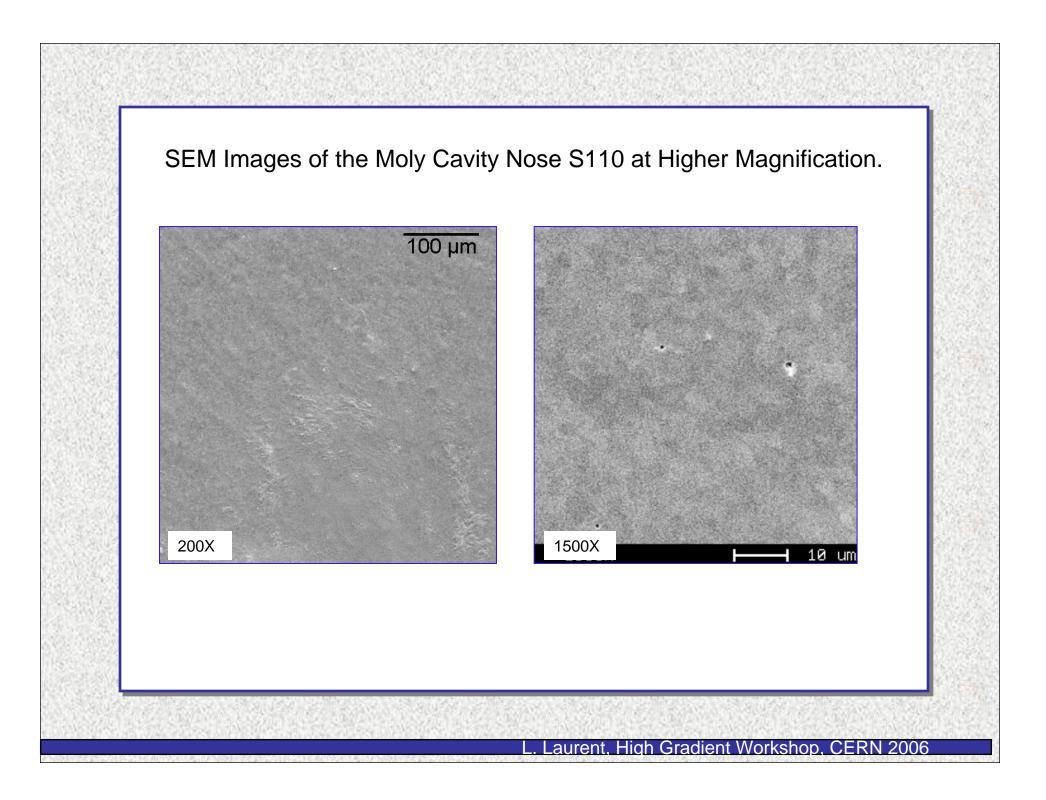
GCIB: 2 Days





SEM Images of Four Moly Cavity Noses Before and After Electropolishing from 25 to 100 seconds (All images were taken at 80x magnification).





Conclusions

- Eliminating carbon and tears from tungsten surfaces may not end up being the overarching issues when working with tungsten as once was thought.
- Commercial tungsten is fabricated using Powder Metallurgy which may limit tungsten's full capabilities.
- GCIB processing was conducted on both rough and smooth tungsten surfaces. It does not appear that GCIB processing will be effective at a macroscopic level but it may have potential on microscopic features.
- Molybdenum noses have been fabricated and are ready for rf testing. They were also manufactured using powder metallurgy and rf testing these cavity noses may shed more light on the powder metallurgy issues.

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