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**Properties of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn magnets  
in the accelerators HiLumi LHC and FCC**

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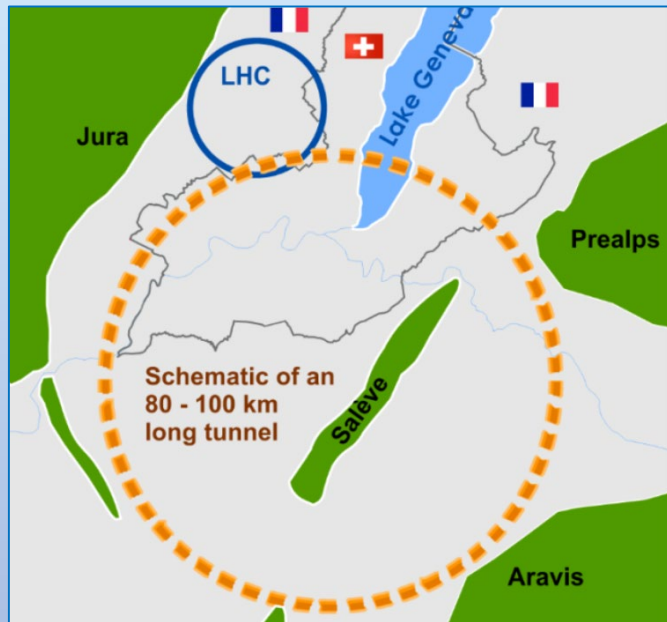
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# 1. Introduction

# The FCC Accelerator



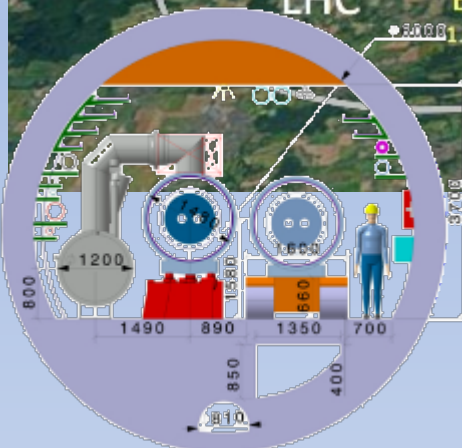
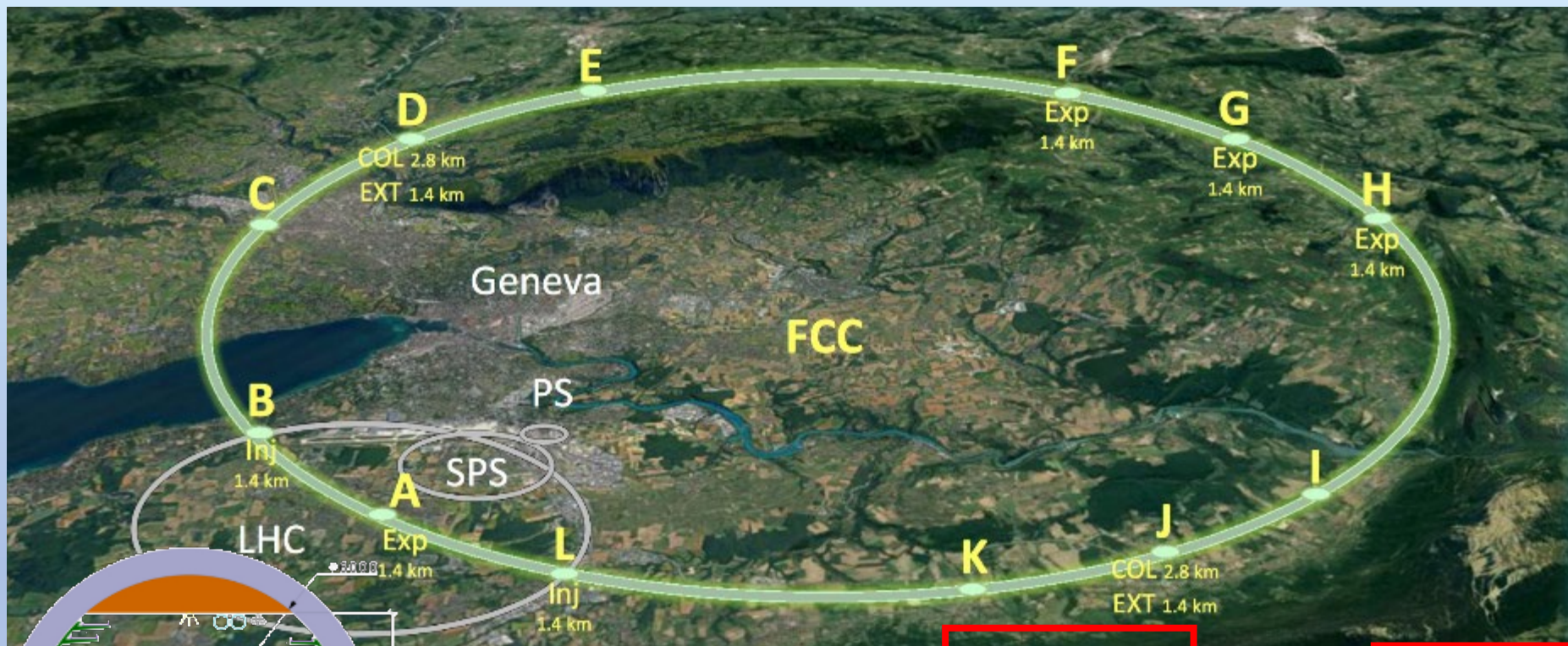
Future Circular Collider (FCC) study:  
100-TeV hadron collider in a 100 km  
long tunnel

Magnetic field in the dipoles: 16 T

Presently envisaged superconductor:  $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$

1. Required value of  $J_c = 1'500 \text{ A/mm}^2$  at 16T/4.2K before irradiation (has not yet been reached in industrial  $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$  wires, but very close to it):  
new challenge !

2. The radiation in FCC will affect the superconducting properties. To compensate them, even higher pristine  $J_c$  values are required (will be estimated in this talk)



	LHC	HE-LHC	HE-LHC	FCC
Circumference (km)	26.7	26.7	26.7	97.5
Dipole field (T)	8.33	16	20	16
C.o.M. energy (TeV)	14	27	33	100

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Coil ID	150 mm	205 mm	205 mm
➔ dpa	$2.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$5 \times 10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^{-3}$
W thickness	6-12 mm	15 mm	55 mm

Chosen for the present estimation

## **II. What happens in the Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn structure during high energy irradiation?**



# High energy particle (n, p, $\pi$ , heavy ions, fission fragments)

Collision events (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>,...)

Frenkel defects, Vacancies, Interstitials  
Focused Collision Replacement Sequences

Vacancy  
mechanism

Vacancy  
Clusters

Lattice  
expansion

Mean Static  
Displacements

Disordering  
(Antisite Defects)

Defect  
clusters

$$\Delta a > 0$$

$$\Delta(\langle u_s^2 \rangle)^{1/2} \neq 0$$

$$\Delta S > 0$$

$\Delta V$   
Damaged  
volume

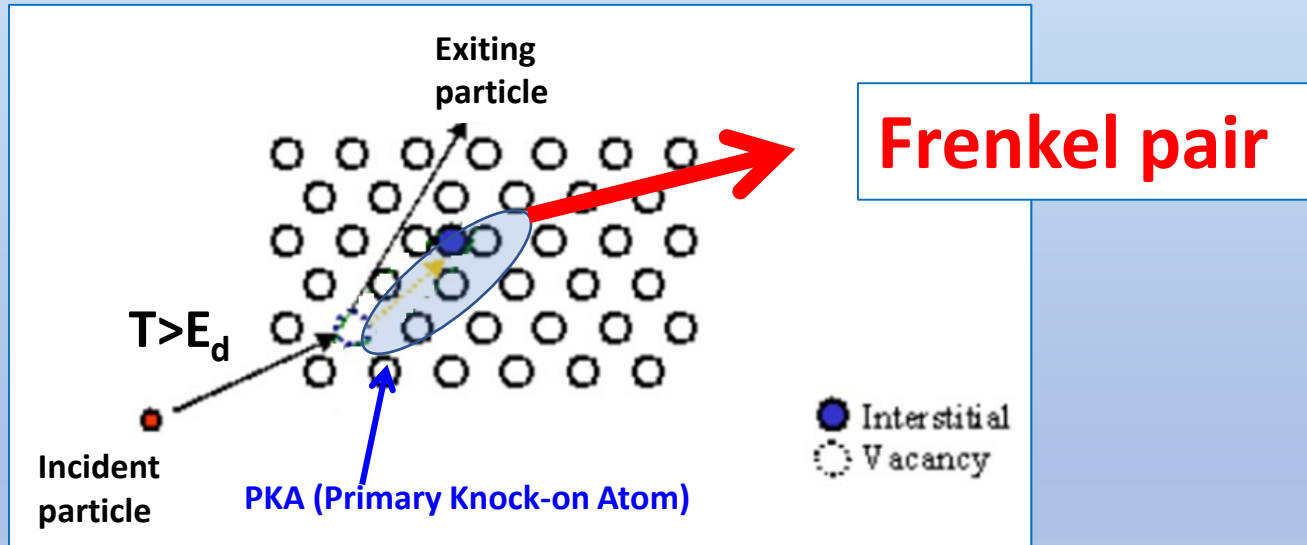
amorphous or transformed

Low Fluence

High Fluence

# Radiation damage: Frenkel pairs

Transfer of the kinetic energy,  $T$ , from projectile to the solid and the resulting distribution of target atoms (*displacement cascade*)



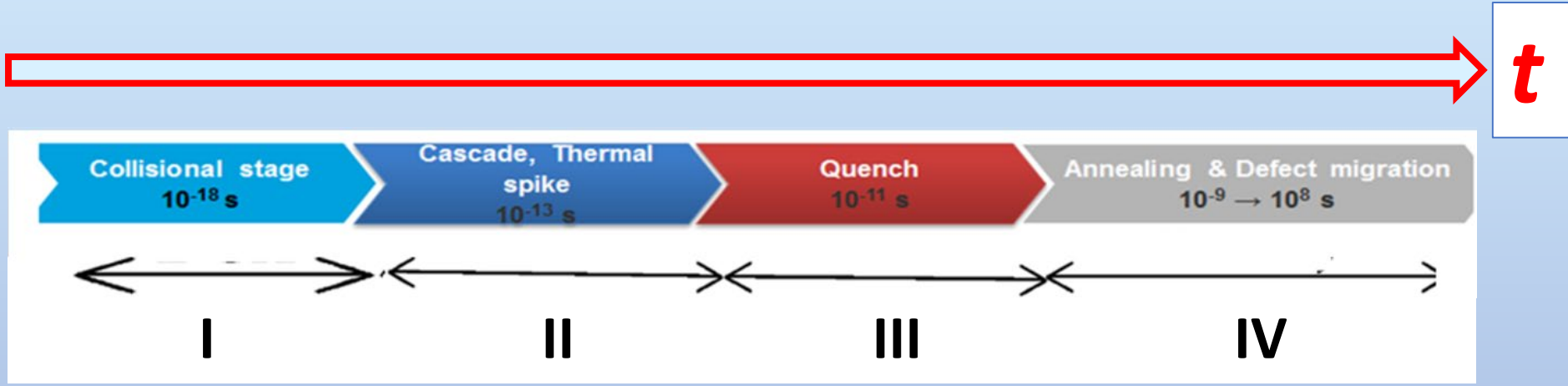
The radiation damage event is concluded when the PKA (Primary Knock Atom) comes to rest in the lattice as an interstitial (stage III)

**Stable Frenkel pairs** (stage III):

- additional pinning centers (higher  $J_c$ )
- determine the value of *dpa* (displacement per atom)

# Time evolution of the radiation damage in a crystal

Time evolution comprises 4 stages:



**Incident particle collisions:** Primary Knock Atom (PKA), Creation of **Frenkel pairs**

«**Thermal spikes**»  
Local melting, cascades, point defects of nm size

«**Quench**»:  
solidification, creation of stable **Point Defects** or **Defect Clusters**

«**Annealing stage**»  
Thermal diffusion, No new vacancies, but **Displacement Collision Sequences**

↓ **dpa**

↓ **S**

**Stable Frenkel defects**

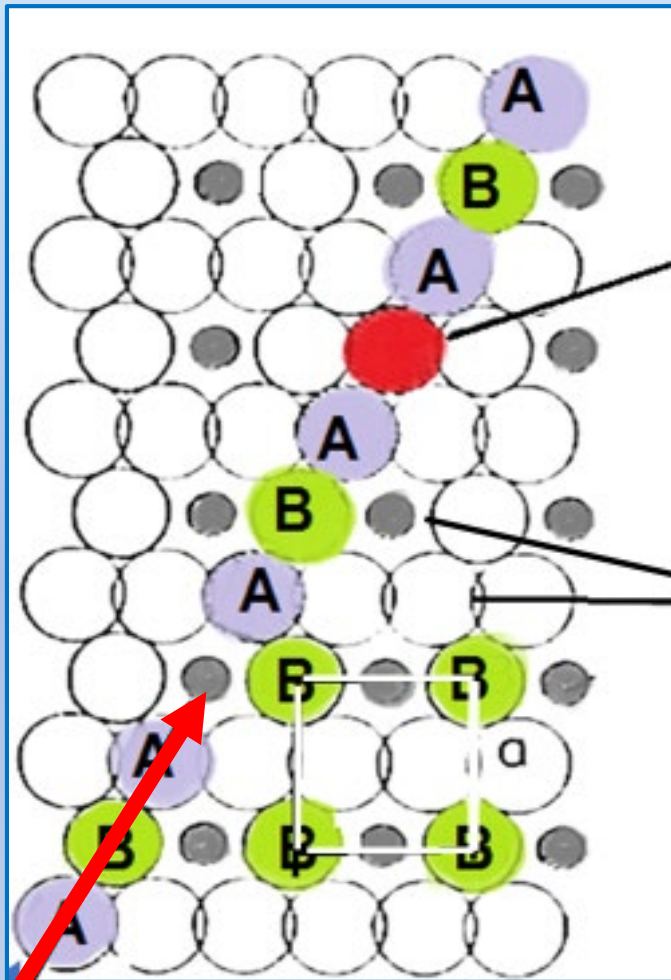
**Mobile Frenkel defects**

### III. Definition of the *dpa* (displacement of atoms)

# Stage IV: Decreasing atomic order parameter

Mechanism: Focusing Displacement Collision Sequence along  $\langle 102 \rangle$

A15 structure



A: Nb atoms  
B: Sn atoms

Occupied  
«virtual» site

Overlapping  
of Nb atoms in  
A15 structure

Step IV: Mobile  
Frenkel defects

Change of the  
order parameter  $S$

*dpa* unchanged

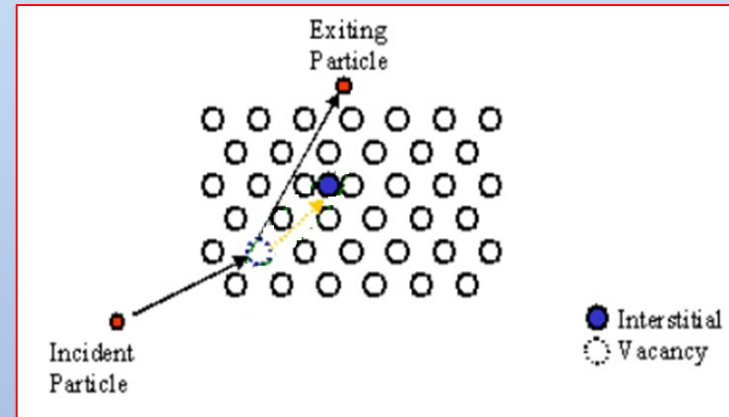
$\langle 102 \rangle$  Focusing Displacement Collision Sequence

# The «displacement per atom» or *dpa*

*dpa*: calculated by the **FLUKA** code: <http://www.fluka.org>  
 Multipurpose interaction, incl. a Monte Carlo simulation,  
 taking into account secondary ions

$$dpa \equiv \frac{A}{V N_A \rho} N_F$$

**Frenkel pairs**



A: molar mass (g/mol), V: vol. (cm<sup>3</sup>), N<sub>A</sub>: Avogadro number (mol<sup>-1</sup>), ρ: mass density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

***dpa* : proportional to the fluence, different for each reactor and particle**

Essential property of *dpa*:  
 Treatment of multiple sources

$$dpa = \sum (dpa)_j$$

*j*: different energy sources

## Formulation of tasks

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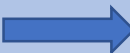

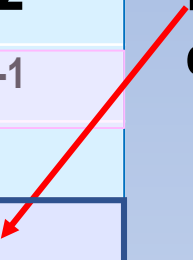
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# Radiation damage in Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn magnets in accelerators

The Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn superconducting magnets in these accelerators will be submitted to **high energy irradiation**, produced by multiple particles:

- \* Photons,
- \* Electrons

} Photons are the major cause of damage for the **insulator**; Little effect on the superconductor (not treated here)

- \* Neutrons
- \* Protons
- \* Pions

} These sources cause almost all the effect on

- the Cu stabilizer and
- **the superconducting properties**

In order to describe the cumulated radiation damage, these individual quantities have to be replaced by a more general quantity: the number of **displacements per atom**, or **dpa**.


$$\text{dpa} = \sum (\text{dpa})_i$$

dpa: appropriate parameter for irradiation by multiple sources in accelerators

# Remarks: radiation induced effects in accelerator magnets

All magnet components are sensitive to radiation effects.  
However, their importance differs for the various materials:

Material	Reversibility	Remarks
1. Insulator	<b>Irreversible</b>	Most sensitive part to high energy irradiation
2. Cu stabilization	<b><math>\geq 90\%</math> reversible at 300 K</b>	<b>High initial RRR required</b>
3. Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn wires	<b>Irreversible at 300K</b>	Only reversible at $\geq 700^\circ\text{C}$ : not suitable for magnets

 Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires: No recovery at 300K: The initial values of  $T_c$ ,  $B_{c2}$  and  $J_c$  of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires must be sufficiently high to fulfill stability requirements, even after irradiation during the whole lifetime (10 years and more)

## Contribution of neutrons and charged particles to dpa of HL-LHC and FCC

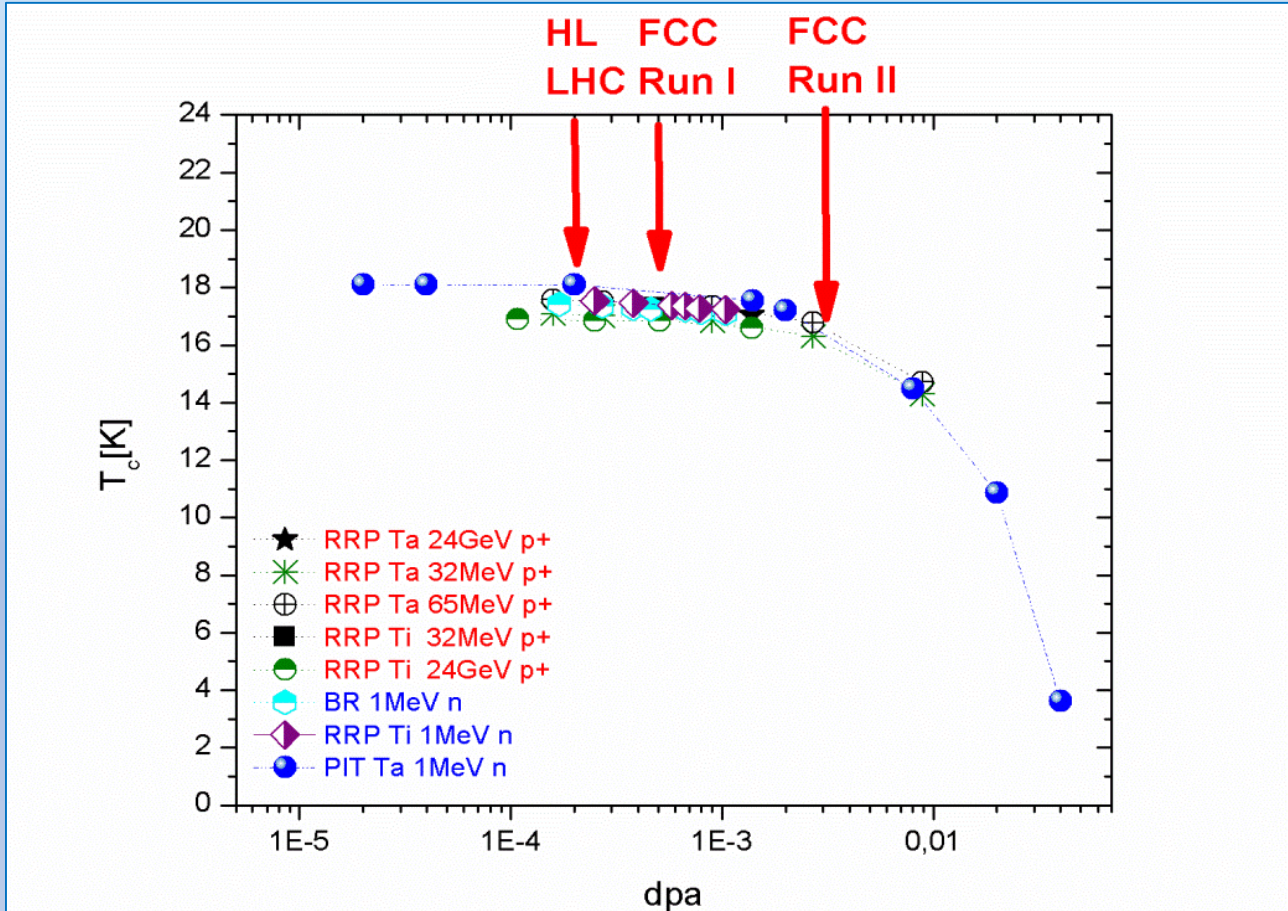
	HiLumi LHC	FCC/Run1	FCC/Run2
Neutrons	~ 70 %	~ 80 %	~ 90 %
Charged particles	~ 30%	~ 20 %	~ 10 %

Neutron contribution for FCC/Run 2 is as high as **90%**!

However, protons cause a **10 x higher radiation damage** on  $J_c$  than neutrons (thus higher dpa values):

**The effect of protons must in any case be taken into account**

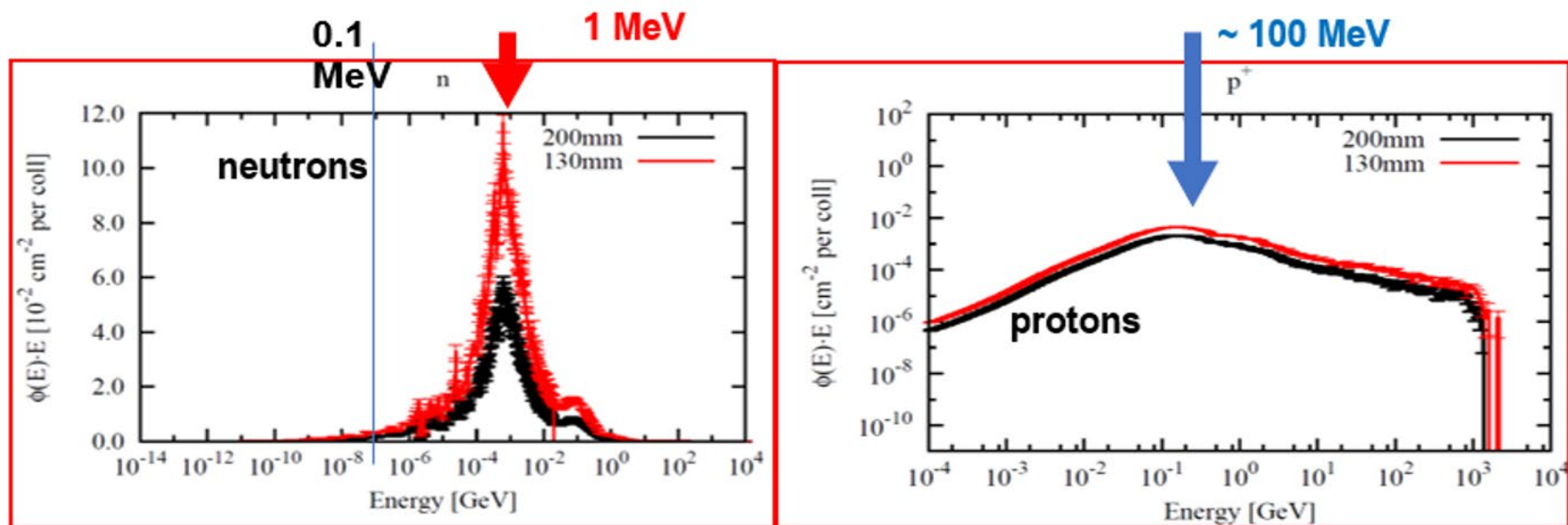
# dpa values for various accelerator types



T. Spina, R. Flükiger et al., to be published

# Comparison : neutron and proton irradiation fluences

# Example: particle spectra acting on quadrupoles (HiLumi LHC)



Where can the Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires in preliminary studies be irradiated under conditions approaching those in accelerators?

Neutrons: ATI (Atominstut) in Vienna (Austria):  $E > 0.1 \text{ MeV}$

Protons: **Kurchatov Institute, Moscow:  $E = 12 - 32 \text{ MeV}$**

**Cyclotron, Louvain la Neuve, Belgium;  $E = 63 \text{ MeV}$**

**CERN, IRRAD1 (PS beam),  $E = 24 \text{ GeV}$**

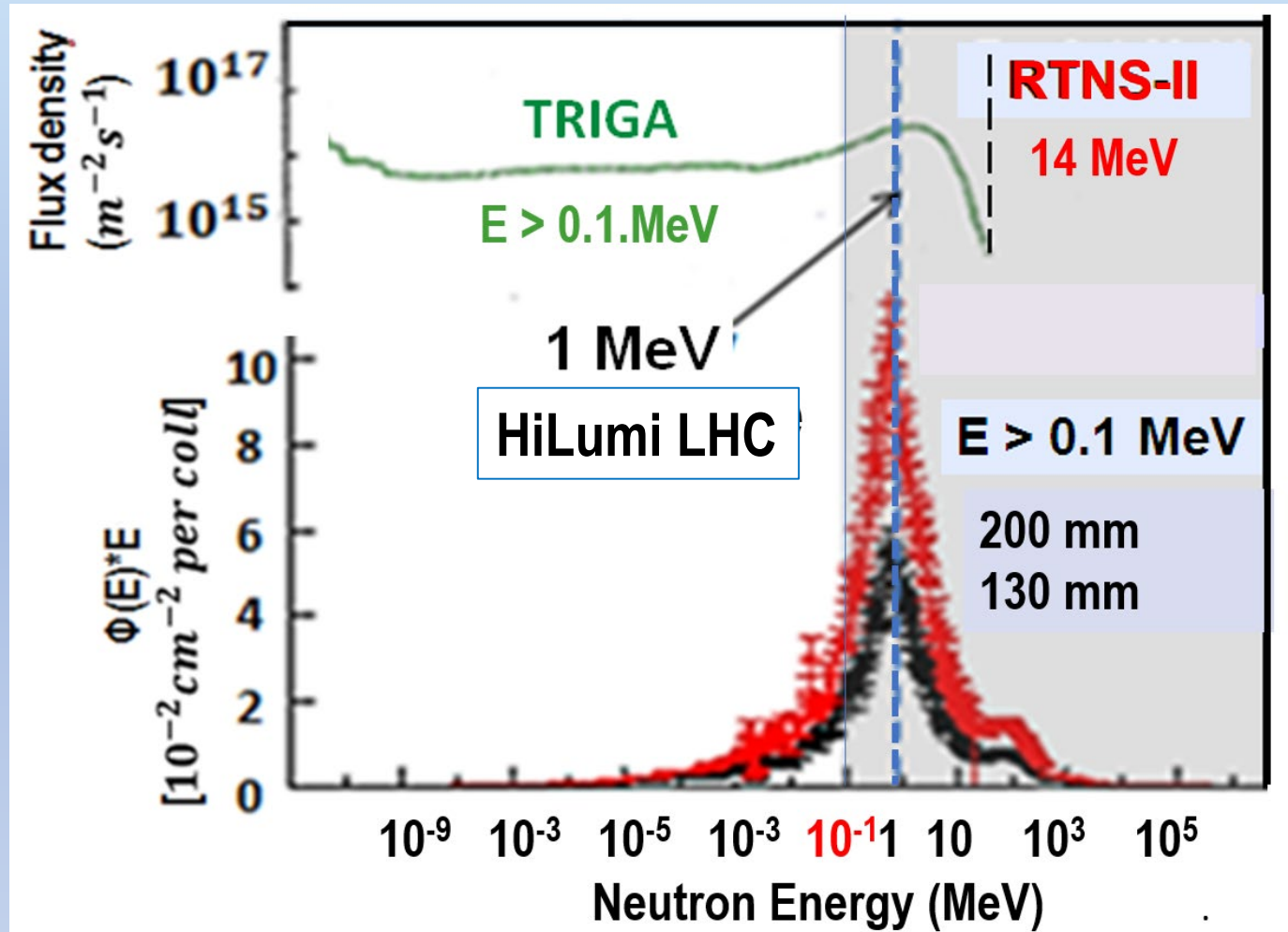


# The Neutron Energy spectra in various reactors

Present work:

TRIGA (>0.1 MeV)

RTNS-II(14 MeV)



# Irradiation at various proton energies

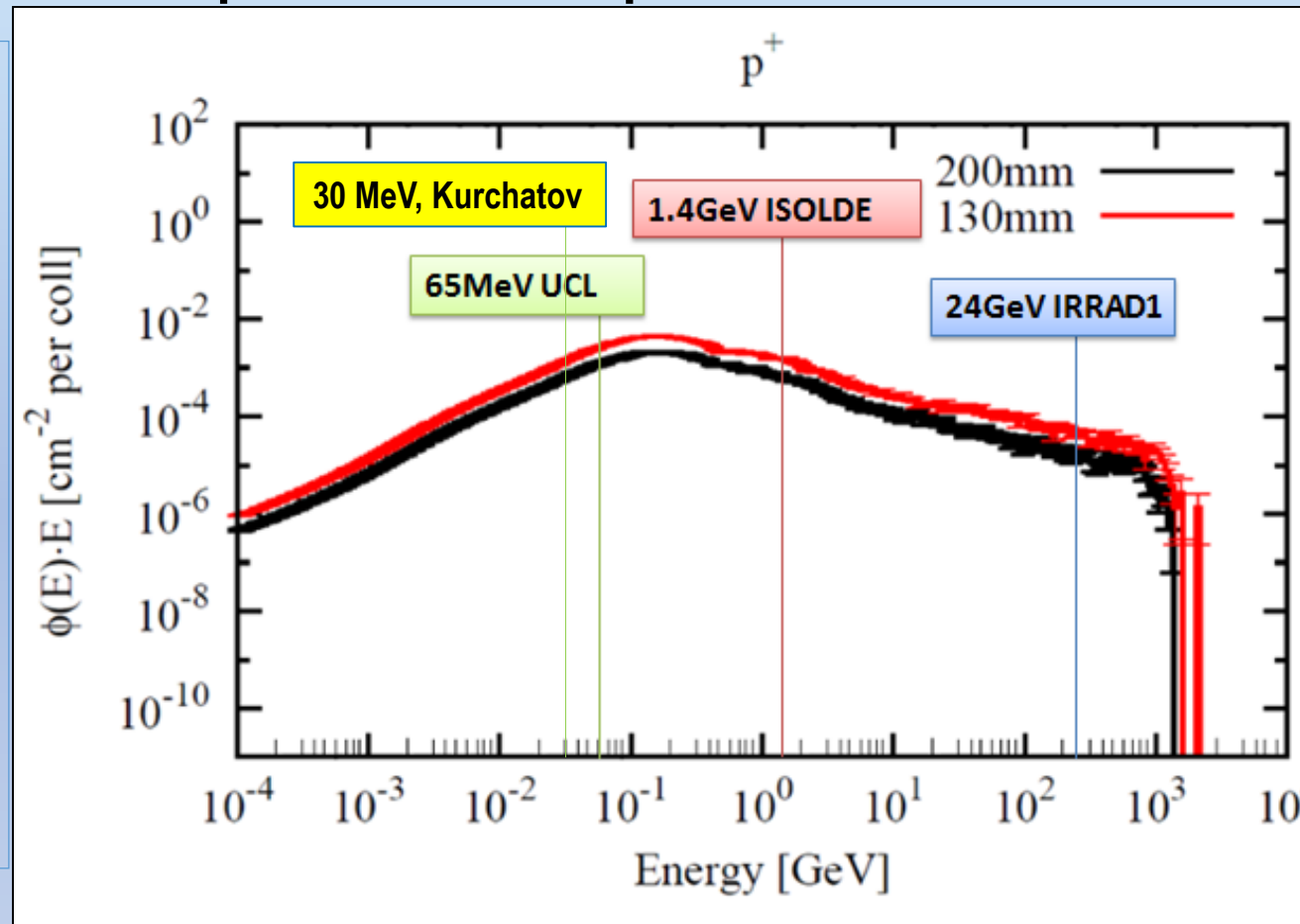
Irradiation at various proton energies, covering the proton spectrum  
**Example: Q2a Quadrupole of HiLumi LHC**

**24 GeV** protons  
 IRRAD1 (PSbeam), CERN

**1.4 GeV** protons, ISOLDE  
 (booster beam), CERN

**65 MeV** protons, Cyclotron  
 of University Louvain la  
 Neuve, Belgium

**10 - 30 MeV** protons,  
 Cyclotron of Kurchatov  
 Moscow (Russia)



## V. The irradiation research program at CERN

Comprises both:  $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$  wires and  
 $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$  bulk samples

# The Irradiation Program at CERN

Same set of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires

Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires

Proton irradiation  
@ CERN  
(24 GeV)



Neutron irradiation  
ATI Vienna, Austria  
> 0.1 MeV



Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires +  
bulk samples

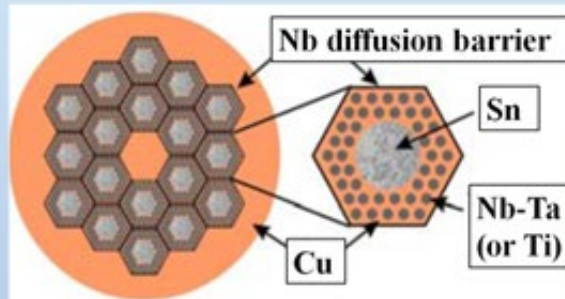
Proton irradiation  
NRC Kurchatov (Russia)



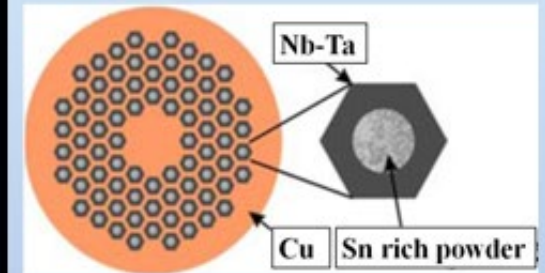
Proton irradiation  
Louvain Cyclotron, Belgium  
(65 MeV)

# Industrial Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires for the CERN irradiation study

## Internal Tin (RRP)

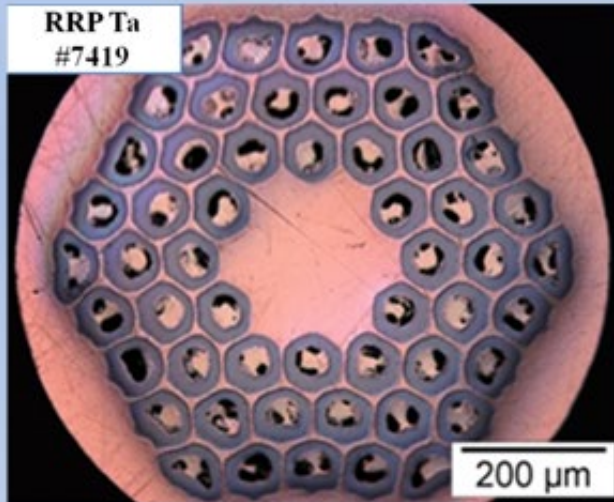


## Powder In Tube (PIT)

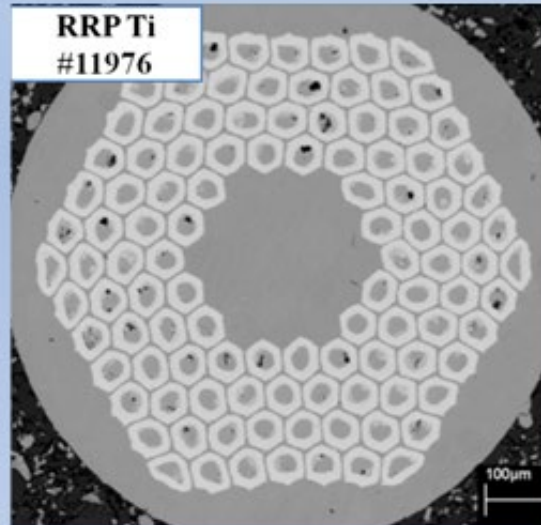


## Oxford Instruments

RRP Ta  
#7419

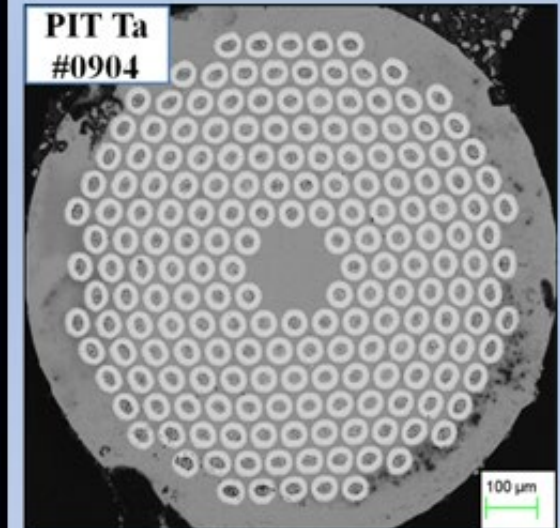


RRP Ti  
#11976



## Bruker

PIT Ta  
#0904



# Characterization of the Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires (at 12 T)

Wire	Diameter (mm)	Type	Sub-elements	Twist pitch (mm)	T <sub>c</sub> (K)	J <sub>c,A15</sub> at 4.2K/12 T (A/mm <sup>2</sup> )
#7419	0.8	RRP+Ta	54	12	17.84	4843
#0904	1.0	PIT+Ta	192	24	17.93	3930
#11976	0.8	RRP+Ti	108	14	17.44	4135
#63468	1.25	IT	246	55	17.16	2057

Annealing conditions:

#7419: 695 °C/17 h,

#0904: 625 °C/250 h,

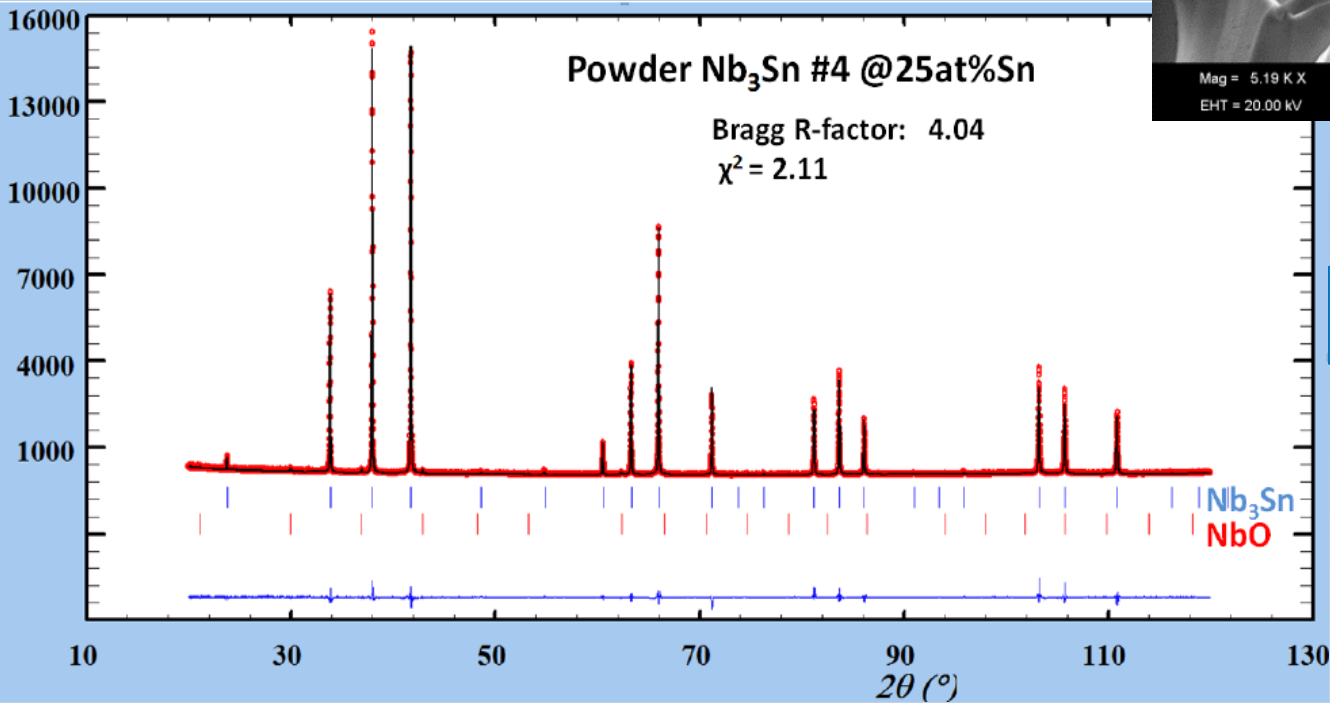
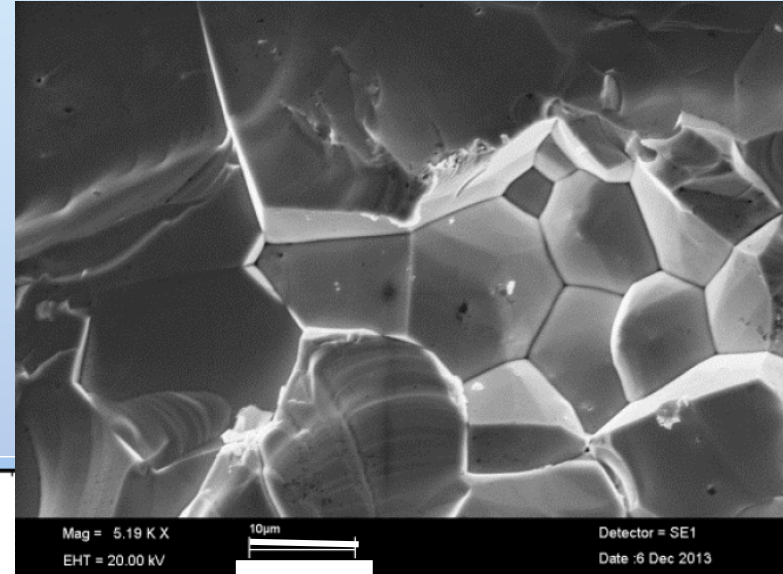
#11976: 210 °C/48 h + 400 °C/48 h + 665 °C/50 h,

#63468: 215°C/24 h + 340°C/24 h + 400°C/24 h + 645 °C/50 h.

# Characterization of the bulk Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn samples (Kurchatov)

Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn platelets: d = 0.090 – 0.15 mm

Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn melted under 2 kbar at UniGe  
Cut by spark erosion  
Polished  
Flash annealed to remove stresses



> 98% single phase

R. Flükiger et al, SuST  
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## VI. Radiation damage mechanism in Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn

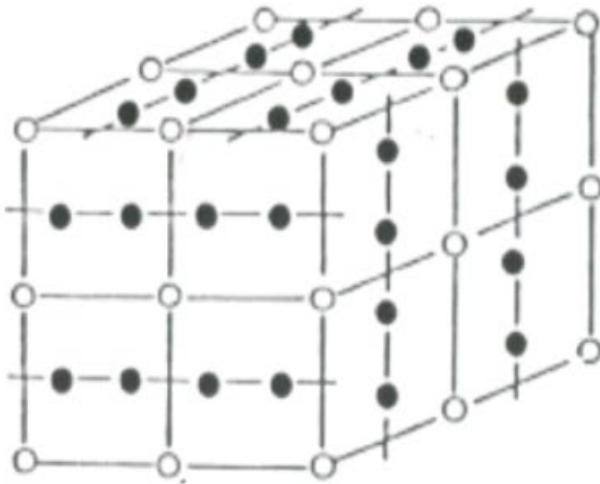
VI.A. *dpa*: «Universal» parameter for the change of T<sub>c</sub>



# The A15 crystal structure of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn

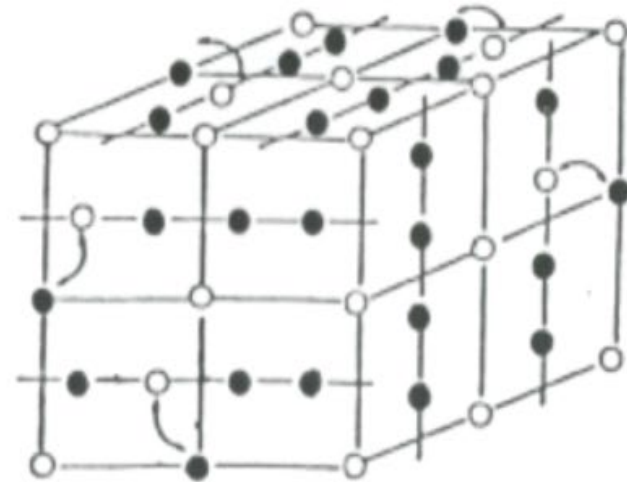
The long-range **atomic order parameter S**: occupation of the atomic sites

- Nb
- Sn



$$S = 1$$

Perfect order



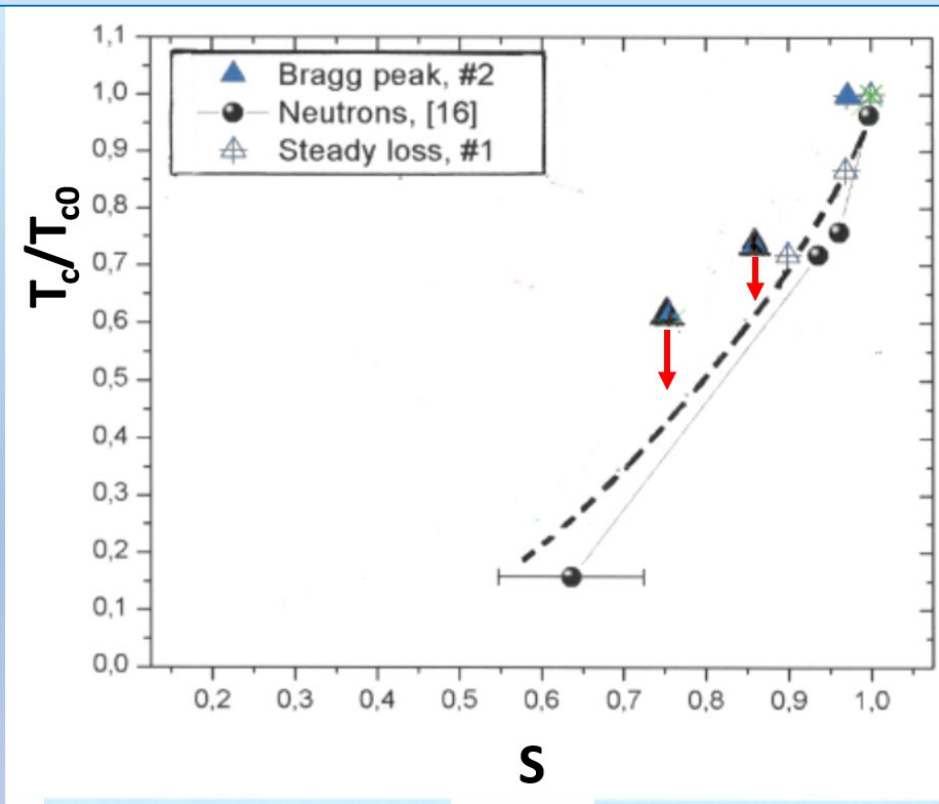
$$S \neq 1$$

Partial disorder

S depends on the fluence  $\phi t$

$$S = S_0 \cdot \exp(-k \cdot \phi t)$$

# Atomic ordering and $T_c$ in $Nb_3Sn$



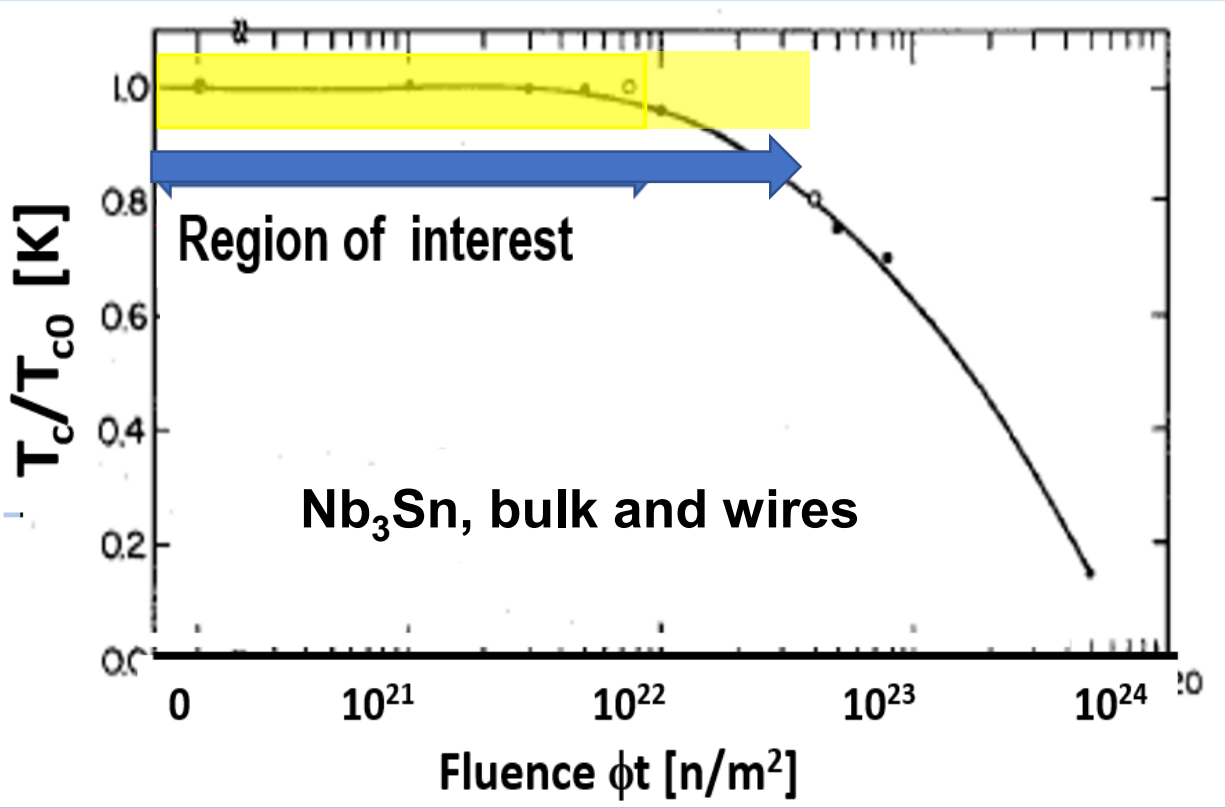
**S** : Atomic order parameter:  
indicates occupation of the Nb  
sites in the A15 structure

The dependence of  $T_c$  vs. fluence  
 $\phi t$  is directly correlated to the  
variation  $T_c = T_c(S)$

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➔  $T_c/T_{c0}$  vs. **S** very similar, for both, neutron and proton irradiation

# The dependence $T_c$ vs. $\phi t$ : literature results



Well-known data:

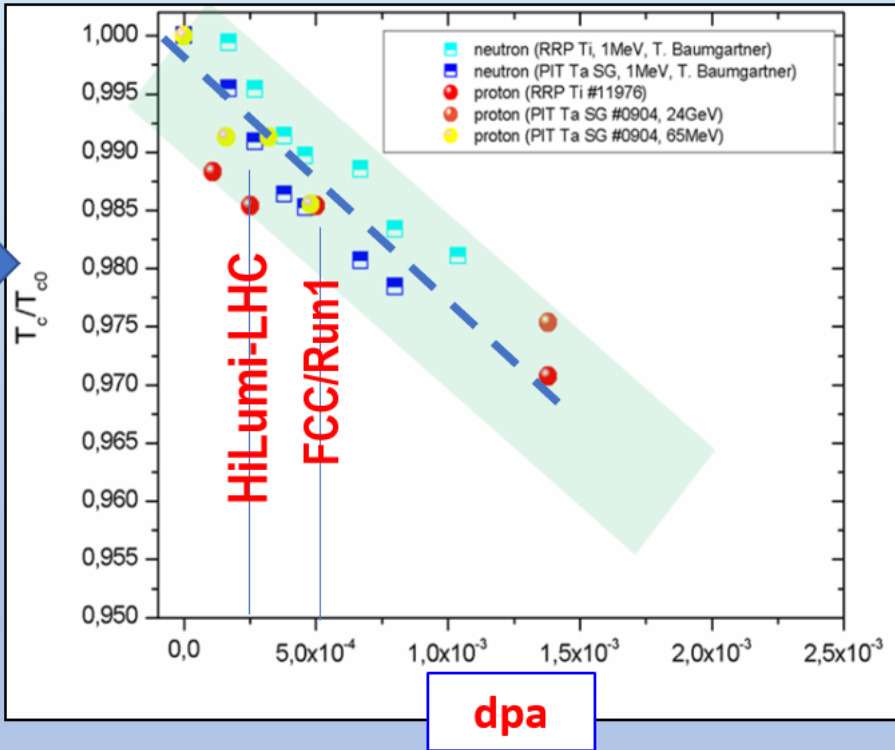
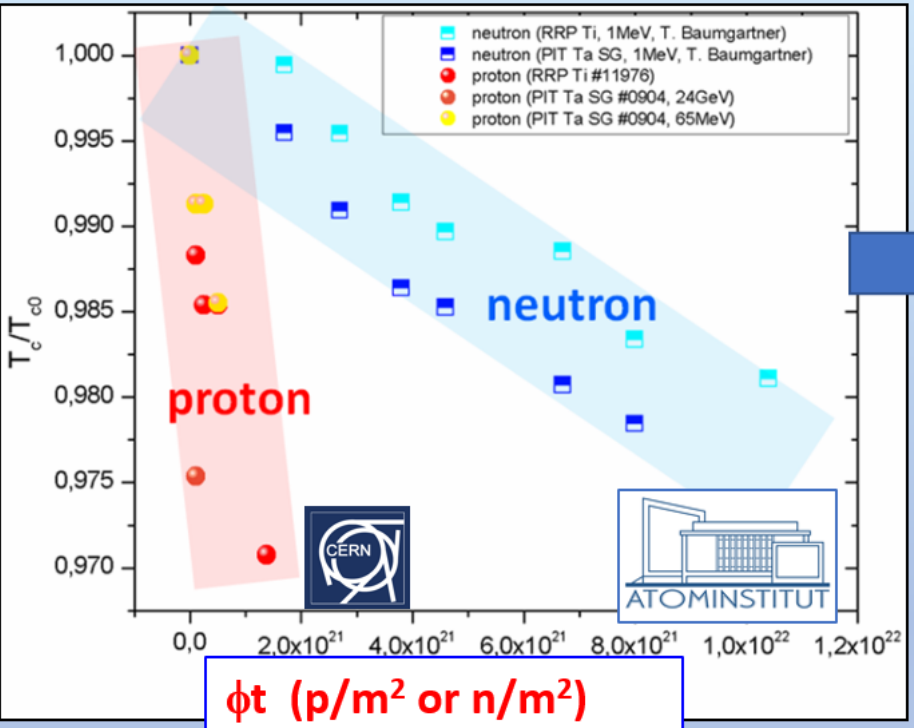
A.R. Sweedler, D.E. Cox and S. Moehlecke, J. Nucl. Mater., 72, 50 (1978)

$$T_c = T_c(\phi t)$$

In the region of interest for accelerators,  $T_c$  vs.  $\phi t$  is linear. It reflects the **damage energy** of the incident particle.

# Neutron and proton irradiation

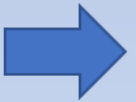
Different PROJECTILES (protons, neutrons) and ENERGIES



Protons: T. Spina et al, *IEEE Trans.Appl.Supercond.*, 25,6000505 (2015)

Neutrons: T Baumgartner et al., *Supercond. Science and Technol.*, 27,1(2014)

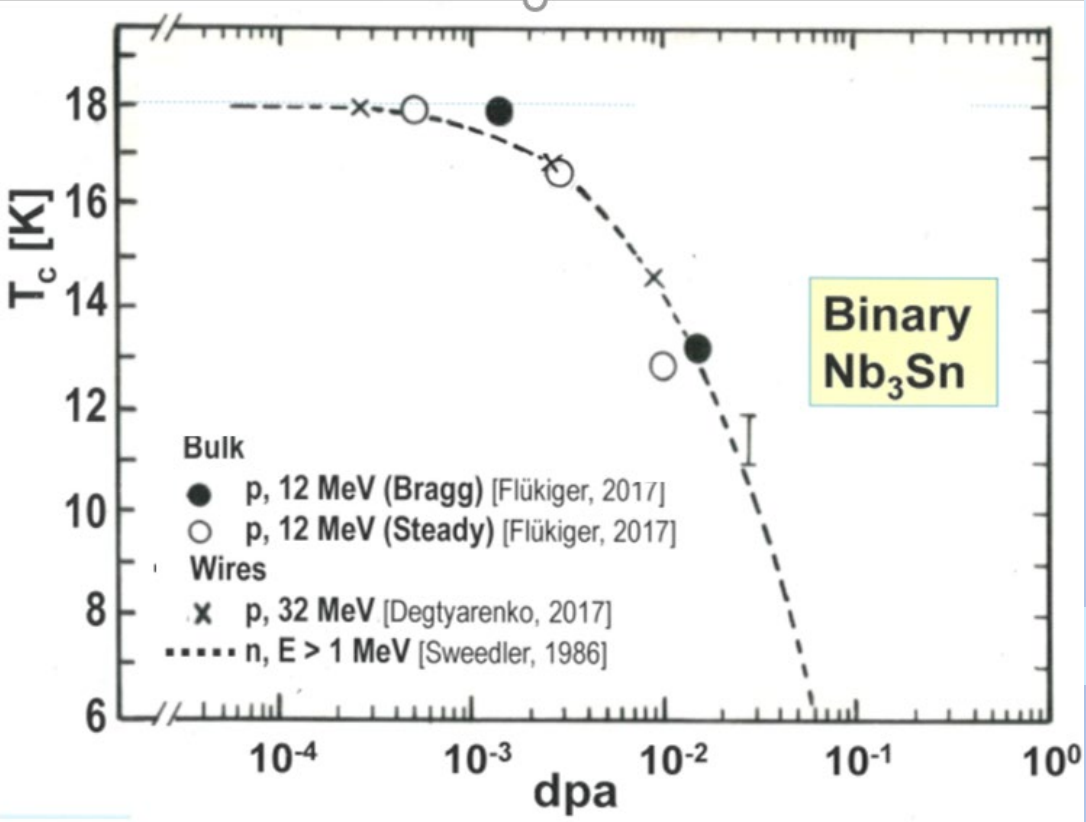
For a given value of dpa the decrease of  $T_c$  is **the same** regardless of the **type of projectile** and the **different energy** during irradiation.



«Universal relation» between  $T_c$  and  $dpa$

# The dependence $T_c$ vs. $\phi t$ for protons and neutrons

## in binary $Nb_3Sn$



All known data fall on the same curve:  $T_c \longleftrightarrow dpa$

$dpa$  : «universal» parameter for binary  $Nb_3Sn$

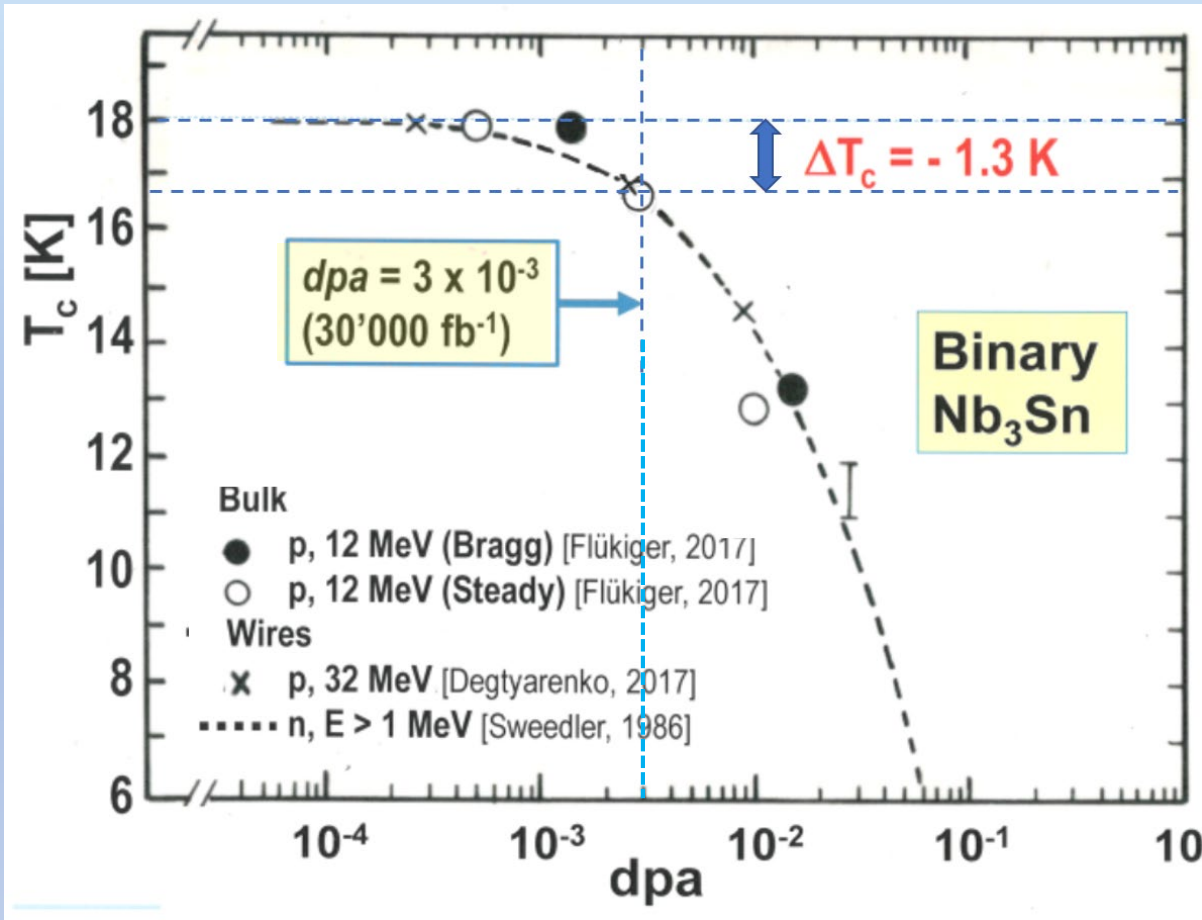
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For binary  $Nb_3Sn$ , each  $dpa$  corresponds to one value of  $T_c$

Linear variation of  $T_c$  vs.  $\phi t$  : reflects the **damage energy** of the incident particle  $\longrightarrow$  it is now possible to compare the data obtained with very different reactors.

# Determination of $\Delta T_c$ for FCC/Run2 for **binary** Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn

FCC/Run2:  $dpa = 3 \times 10^{-3}$   $\longrightarrow$   $\Delta T_c$



Recent result: For binary Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn, there is a direct correlation between  $T_c$  and  $dpa$  (or protons and neutron irradiation)

Situation in **alloyed** Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn?

FCC/Run2:  $dpa = 3 \times 10^{-3}$   $\longrightarrow$   $\Delta T_c = -1.3 \pm 0.2$  K

# Difference between binary and alloyed Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn

In accelerators, only alloyed Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires will be used.

Binary : Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn

Alloyed: (Nb<sub>1-x</sub>Ti<sub>x</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Sn or (Nb<sub>1-x</sub>Ta<sub>x</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(Sn<sub>1-y</sub>Ta<sub>y</sub>)

A given fluence  $\phi t$  corresponds to a value of  $dpa$ :  $dpa = N_d \sigma \phi t$

$N_d$ : Number of displacements per cascade vs. the damage energy  $E_d$

$\sigma$ : Scattering cross section

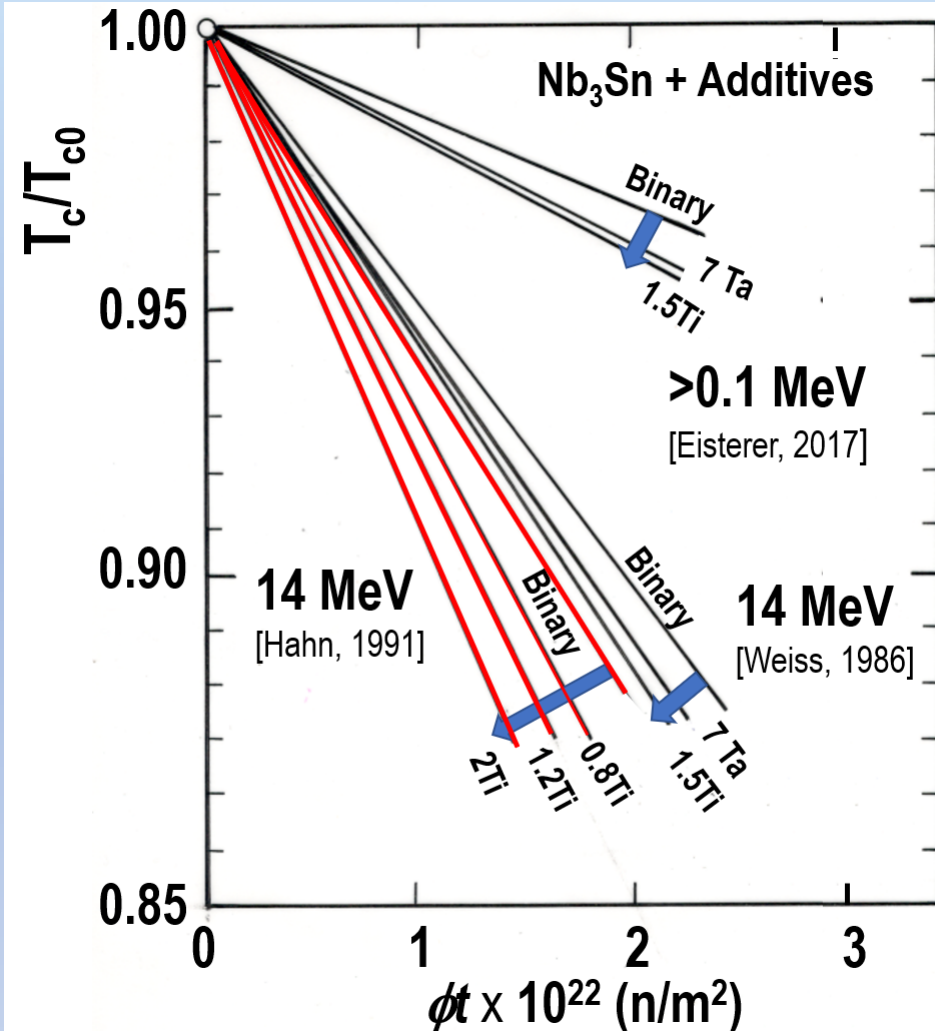
Small amount of alloy Ta or Ti ( $\leq 3\%$ ), the  $dpa$  at a given fluence is very similar for binary and ternary alloyed Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn.

However, binary and alloyed Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn samples with the same  $dpa$  do not exhibit the same value of  $T_c$ .

This is illustrated by the known values of  $T_c$  vs.  $\phi t$

# *dpa* values for binary and alloyed Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires

After irradiation at a given fluence  $\phi t$ , *dpa* for binary and alloyed Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires is essentially the same, but a certain difference  $\Delta T_c$  still subsists.



Data from two reactors: ATI: >0.1 MeV  
RTNS-II: 14 MeV

**Stronger decrease of  $T_c$  for alloyed Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires**

## **E = 14 MeV:**

\*P.A Hahn, M.W. Guinan, I. T. Summers, T. Okada, D.B. Smathers, J. Nucl. Mater., 179, 1127 (1991)

\*F. Weiss, R. Flükiger, W. Maurer, et al., IEEE Trans Magn., MAG 23, 976 (1987)

## **E > 0.1 MeV:**

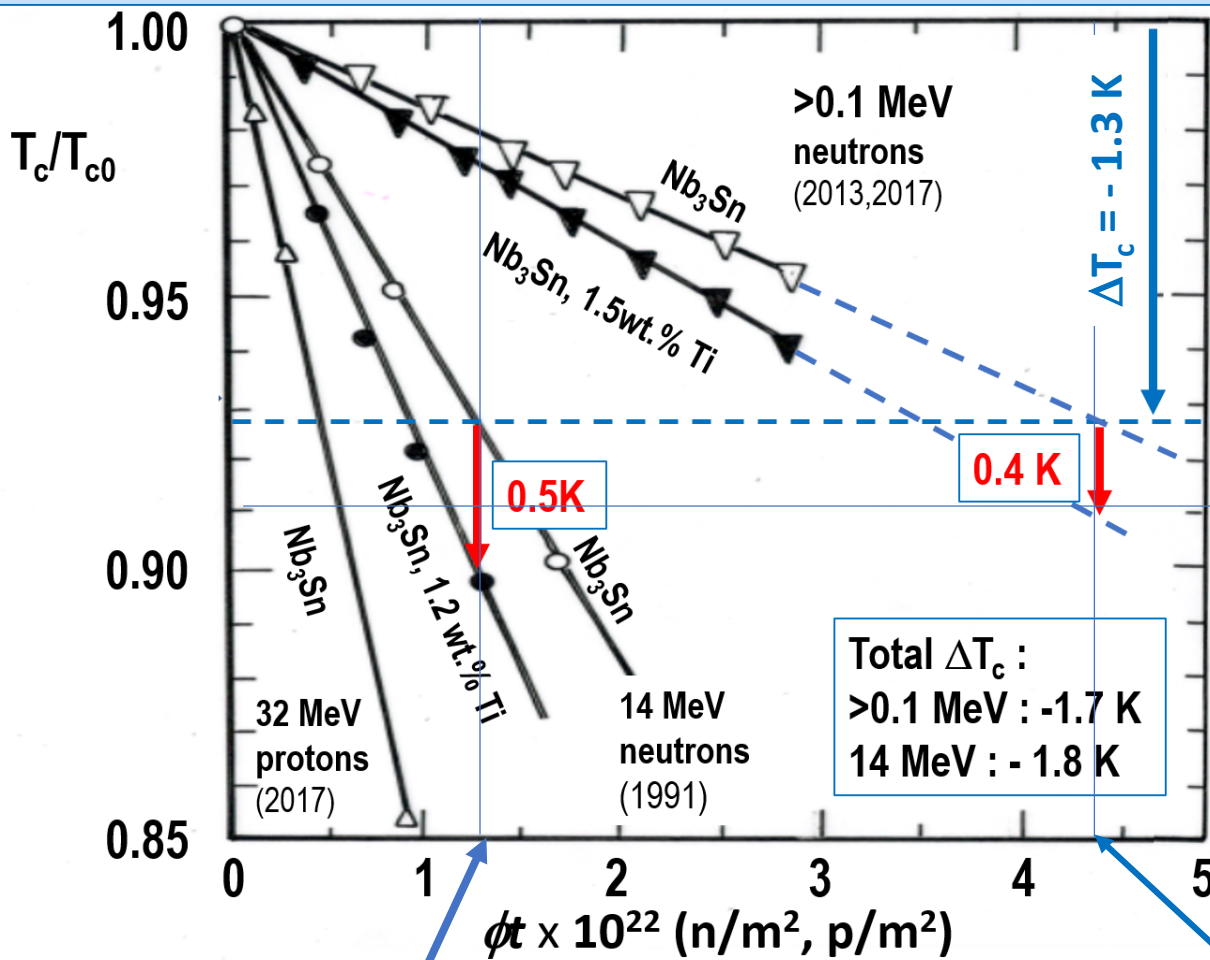
\*M. Eisterer, T. Baumgartner et al., ICMC 2017

\*Flükiger et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond., 23, 8001404 (2013)



# Determination of $\Delta T_c$ for alloyed $Nb_3Sn$ wires

FCC/Run2: Binary  $Nb_3Sn$ :  $\Delta T = -1.3 \text{ K} \pm 0.2 \text{ K}$



**E > 0.1 MeV:**

- \*Flükiger et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond., 23, 8001404 (2013)
- \*M. Eisterer, T. Baumgartner et al., ICMC 2017

**E = 14 MeV:**

- \*P.A Hahn, M.W. Guinan, J. Nucl. Mater., 179- 181, 1127 (1991)
- \*F. Weiss, et al., IEEE Trans Magn. MAG 23, 976, 1987

**Estimation for FCC/Run2, for alloyed  $Nb_3Sn$**

$$\Delta T_{c,\text{total}} = -1.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ K}$$

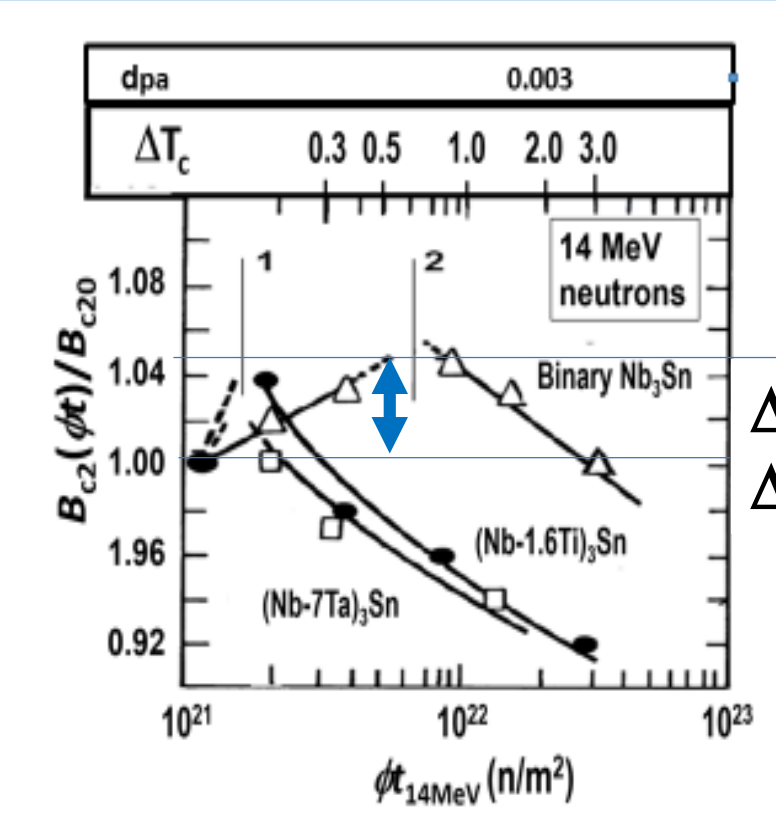
$$1.3 \times 10^{22} \text{ n/m}^2$$

$$4.3 \times 10^{22} \text{ n/m}^2$$

## VI.B: Effect of Irradiation on $B_{c2}$

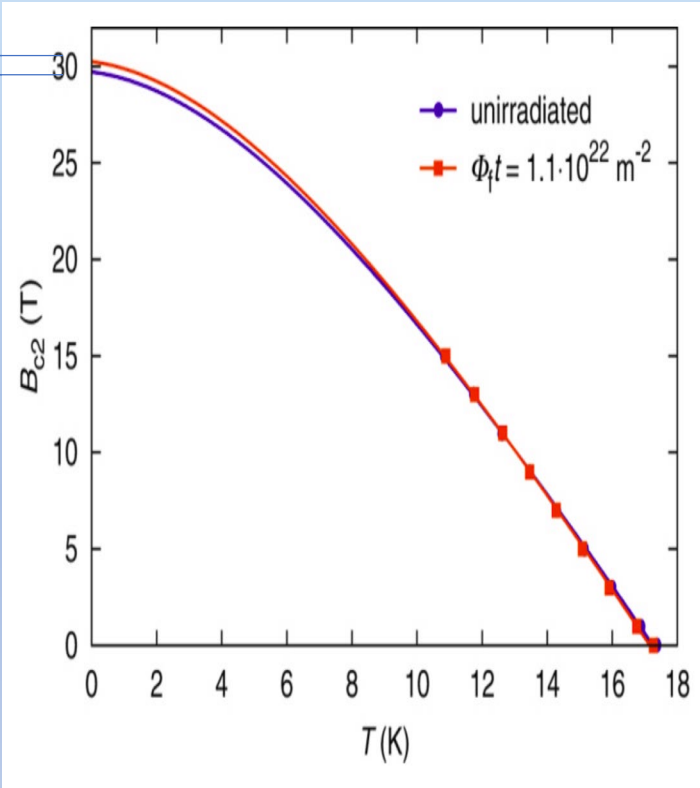
# Upper critical field after irradiation

Small number of investigations, lead to the same result  $\Delta B_{c2} \sim +1 \text{ T}$



$\Delta B_{c2} \sim 1 \text{ T}$

$\Delta B_{c2} \sim 5\%$   
 $\Delta T_c \sim 1 \text{ T}$



F. Weiss, R. Flükiger, W. Maurer, et al., IEEE Trans Magn., MAG 23, 976 (1987)

T. Baumgartner, M. Eisterer, H.W. Weber, R. Flükiger, C. Scheuerlein, L. Bottura, SuST, 27, 015005 (2014)

# Properties depending only on the number Frenkel pairs

We have experimentally proven by independent measurements that

- The transition temperature  $T_c$ ,
- the order parameter  $S$  and
- the lattice parameter  $a$

of  $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$  depend **only on the number of Frenkel pairs  $N_F$** , and thus of *dpa*.

$T_c$  and  $S$  and are directly correlated, this constitutes an additional proof!

The prediction of these three quantities in future accelerators can be performed with a good precision.

## What about $J_c$ ?

As expected, the prediction of  $J_c$  vs. *dpa* shows a considerably higher uncertainty, but a prediction can be done within certain limits

## VI.C: Effect of Irradiation on $J_c$

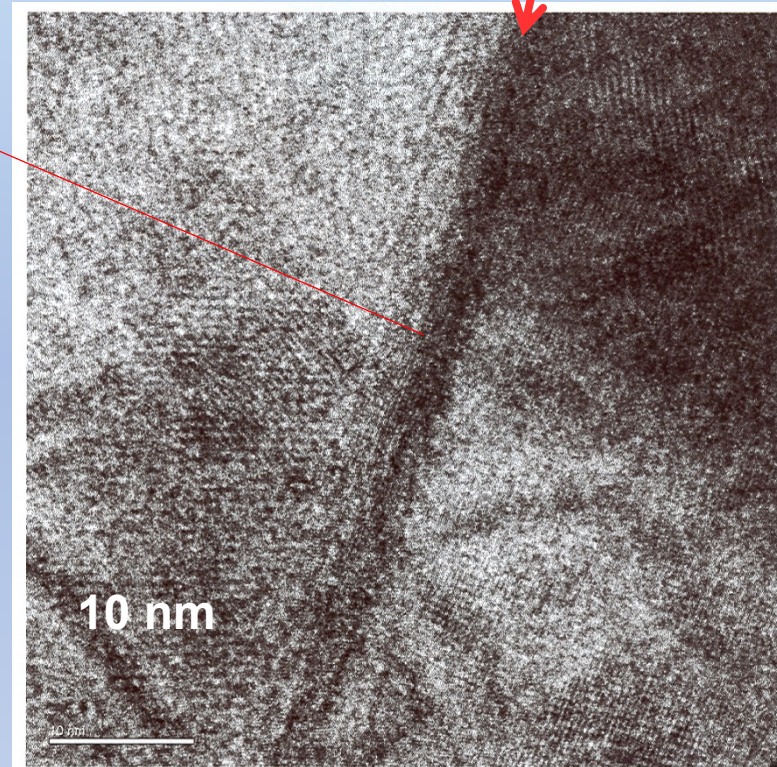
# $J_c$ : Phenomenon at nanometric scale

**Before irradiation:**

Intergrain boundaries between neighbouring A15 grains

Boundary between  
 $Nb_3Sn$  grains

M. Cantoni et al., 2006



**$Nb_3Sn$ :**

Defects at grain boundaries:  
breakage of periodicity creates  
normal conducting regions

Vortices will pin the flux lines

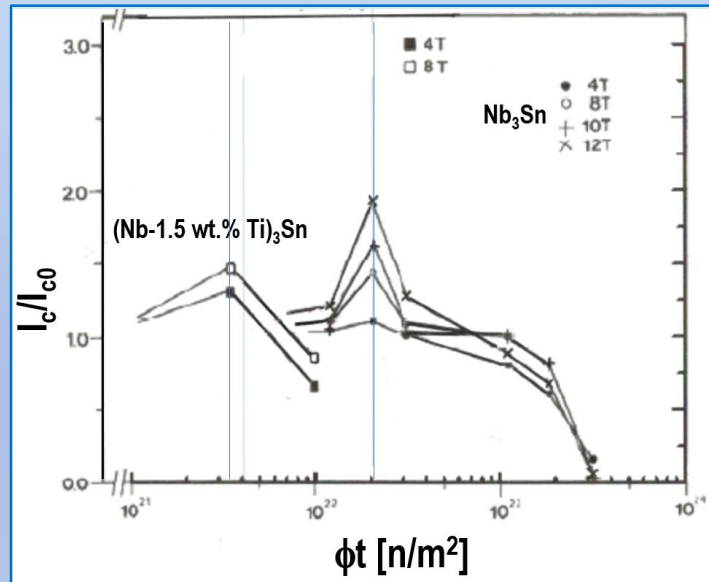
➔  $J_c$

4 nm: ~ Coherence length  $\xi_0$

# $J_c$ in binary and alloyed $Nb_3Sn$

Two kinds of irradiation/measurement cycles have been applied:

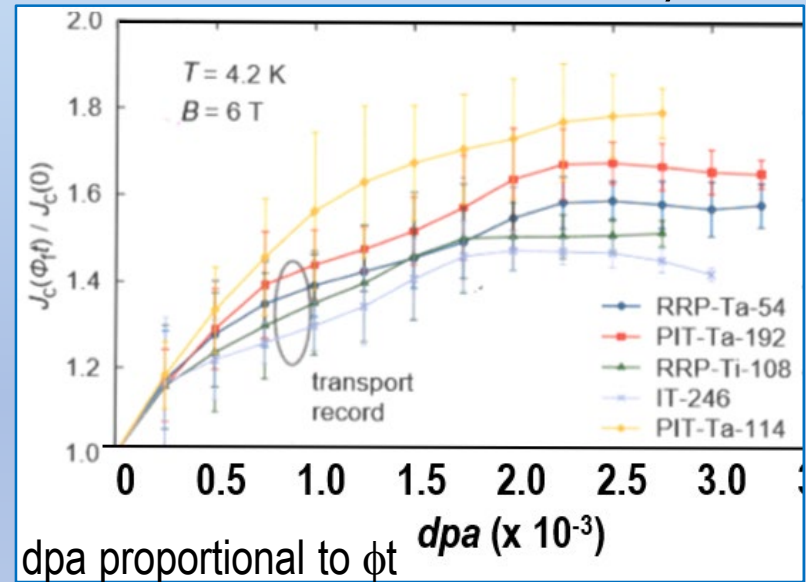
**Only one irradiation:** each wire undergoes only one Irradiation/measurement cycle (All data before 2013)



H. W. Weber, Int. J. Modern Phys., E 20 (2011)

All known data  $J_c$  vs.  $\phi t$  show a marked peak.  $J_{c,max}$  occurs at different fluences for binary and alloyed  $Nb_3Sn$

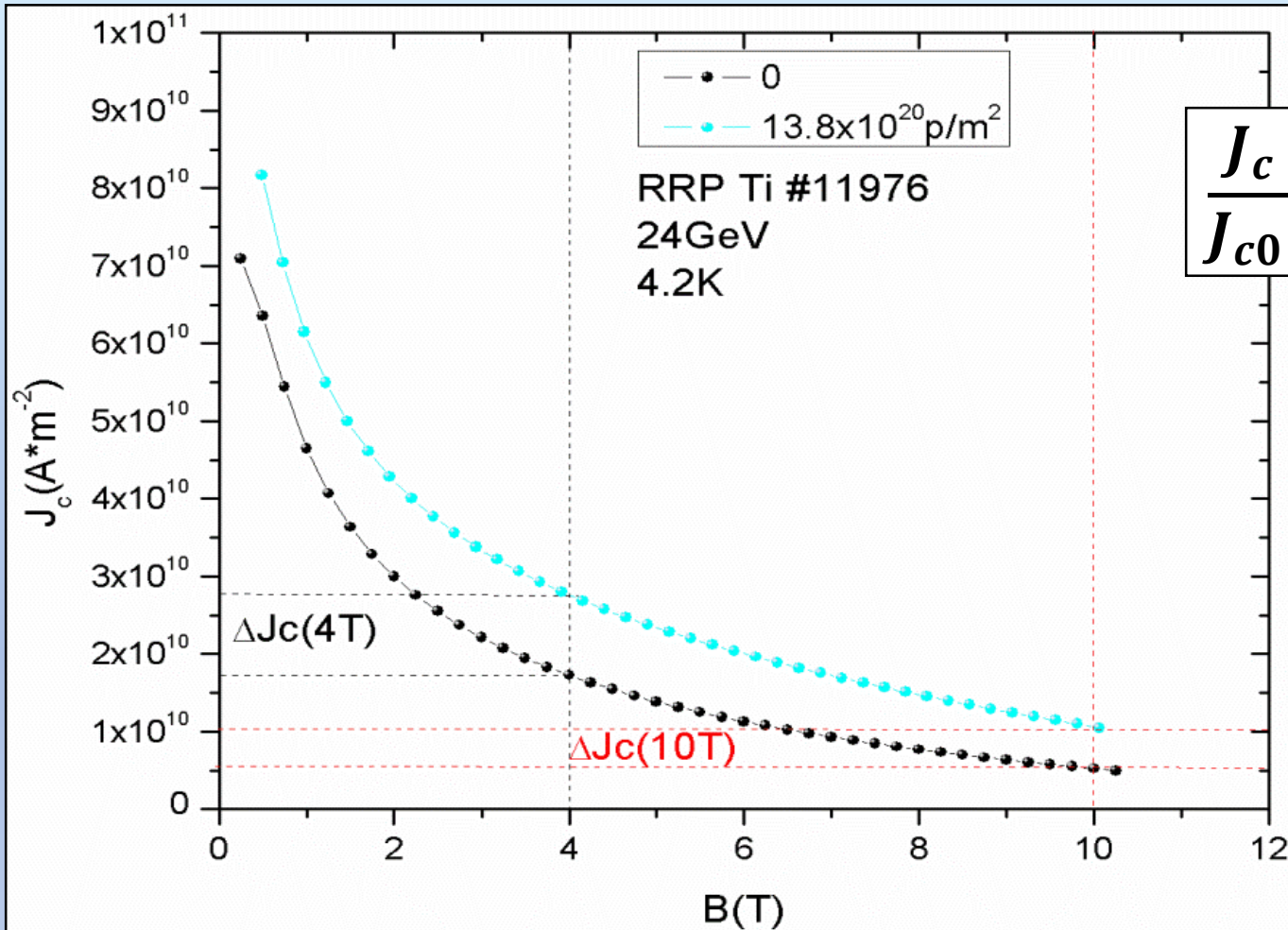
**Repeated irradiation:** The same wire is submitted to all irradiation/measurement cycles (Measurements at ATI, after 2013)



M. Eisterer et al., ongoing work

Current results at ATI: no clear peak. Is there diffusion at 300 K, after irradiation? Answer later in this talk

# Irradiation: Larger enhancement of $J_c/J_{c0}$ at higher fields



$$\frac{J_c}{J_{c0}} (4\text{T}) < \frac{J_c}{J_{c0}} (10\text{T})$$

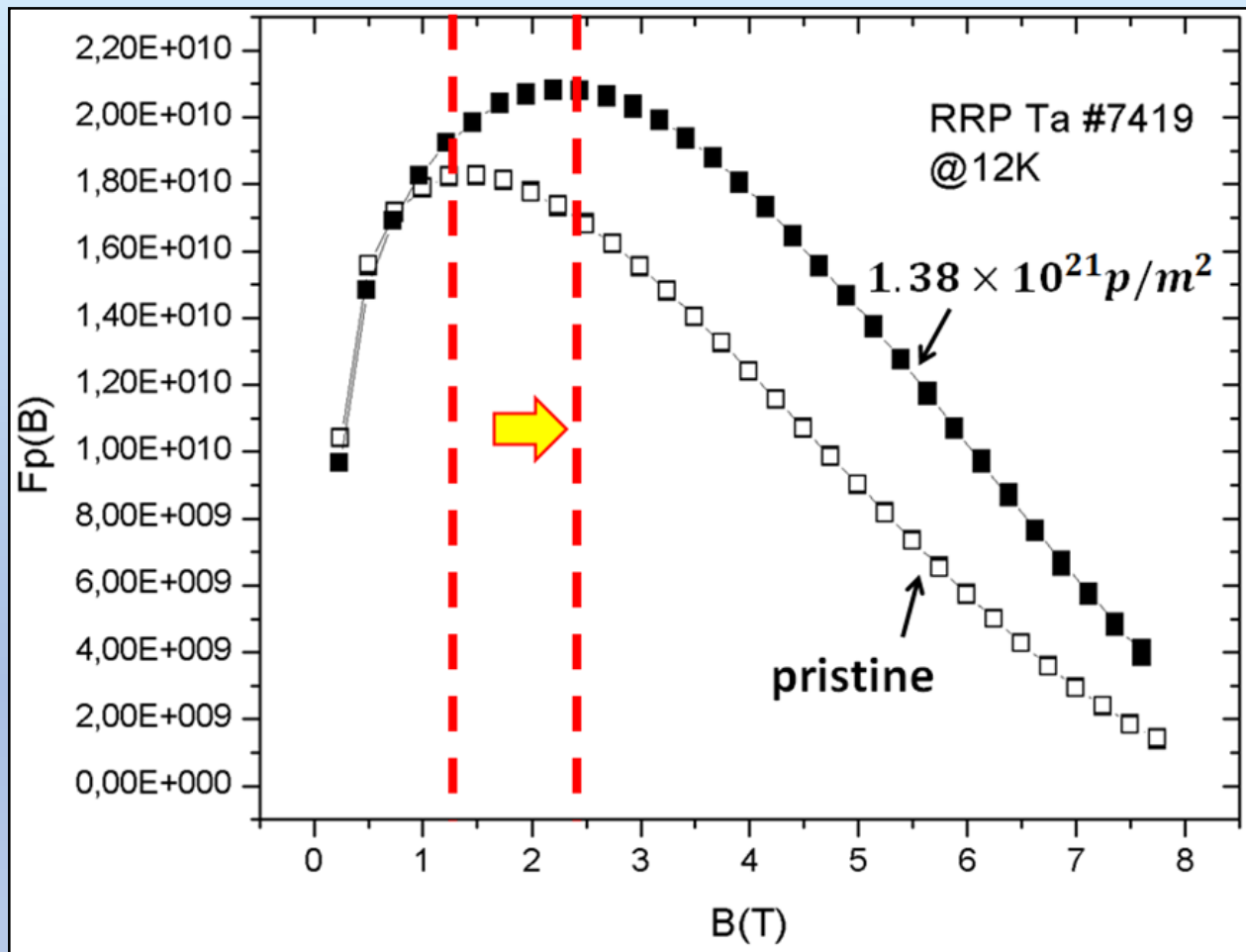
$$\Delta B_{c2} = \sim +1 \text{ T}$$

T. Spina, C. Scheuerlein, D. Richter, L. Bottura, A. Ballarino, R. Flükiger, J. Physics: Conference Series, 507, 022035 (2014)



# Shift of the maximum $F_{p,max}$ after irradiation

Proton irradiation:



T. Spina et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond., 25, 6000505 (2015)

What is the nature of the enhancement of  $J_c$  after irradiation?



# The two-mechanism model

Separation of contributions due to grain boundary and to point pinning:

T. Baumgartner, M. Eisterer, H. Weber, R. Flükiger, B. Bordini, L. Bottura, C. Scheuerlein, *SuST*, 27, 1, 2014

$$F_p(b) = c_1 * b^{0.5} (1 - b)^2 + c_2 * b^1 (1 - b)^2$$

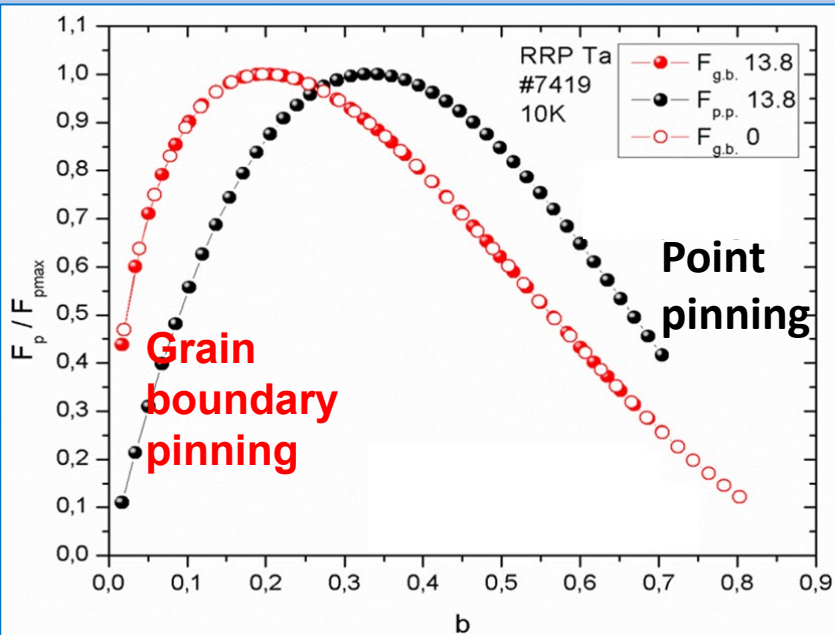
Grain boundary pinning

Point defect pinning

$$c_1 \equiv c_{unirr}$$

$c_2$  and  $B_{c2}$ : Fitting parameters

Grain boundary pinning: essentially unchanged after irradiation

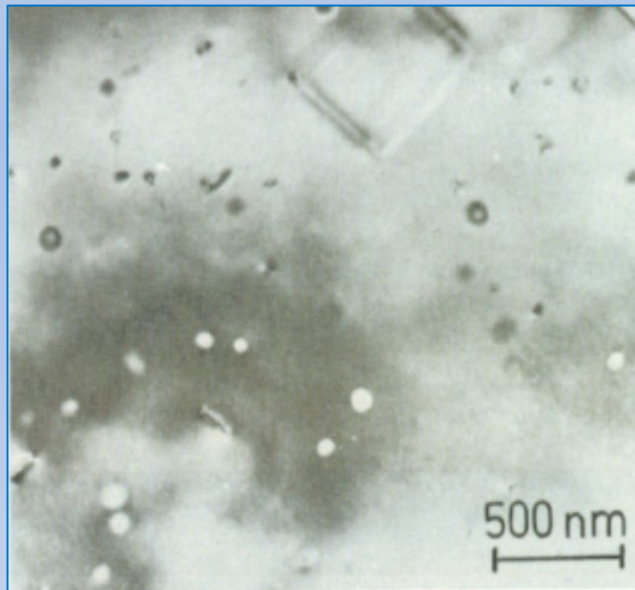


# Origin of the enhancement of $J_c$ after irradiation

The variation  $\Delta B_{c2}$  is not sufficient for explaining the increase of  $J_c$   
 (Brown, 1976; Colucci 1977, Fähnle 1977, Baumgartner, 2016)

**Mechanisms leading to new pinning centers  
 (additional to grain boundary pinning):**

- \* Observation of **defect clusters** ( Pande 1978)
- \* Observation of **dislocation loops** (H. Meier-Hirmer, H. Küpfer,  
 J. Nucl. Mater., 108, 593 (1982))



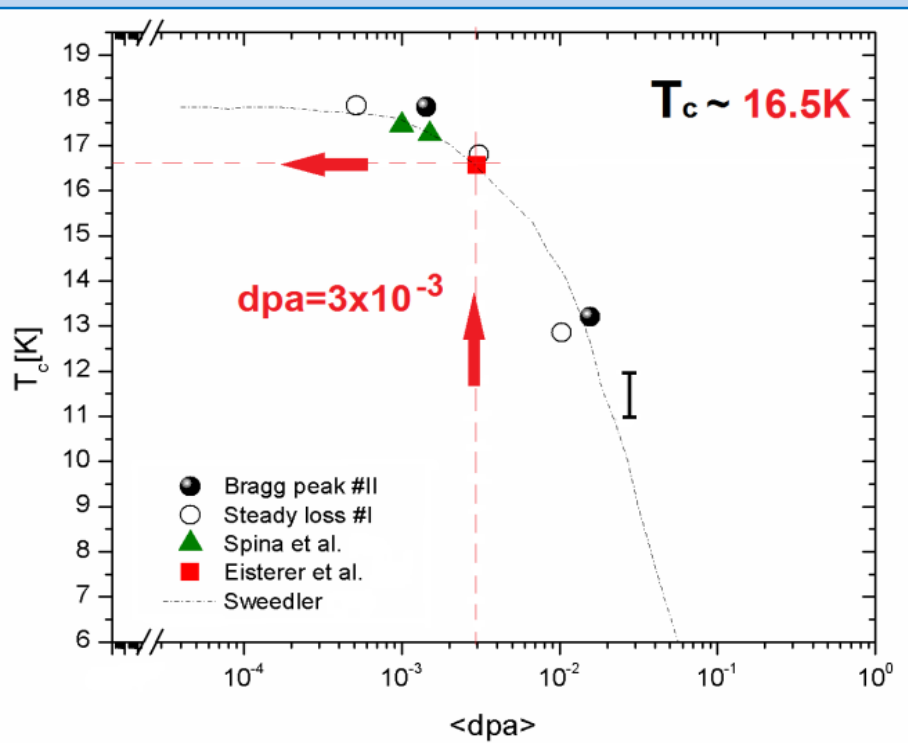
- Are defect clusters or dislocation loops responsible for the radiation-induced effects on  $J_c$ ?
- \* Are there other effects?

**More research is needed to fully answer these questions**

# Estimation of the changes in FCC/Run2 at $dpa = 3 \times 10^{-3}$

Change of  $T_c$  for  $dpa = 3 \times 10^{-3}$  value is extracted from the relationship between  $T_c$  and  $dpa$

R. Flükiger et al., SuST, 30, 101979 (2017)



«Universal» behavior for neutrons and protons

$dpa = 3 \times 10^{-3}: \Delta T_c = 1.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ K}$

Two estimations, based on earlier 14 MeV irradiations:  
A: Weiss et al, 1987,  
B: Hahn et al., 1991

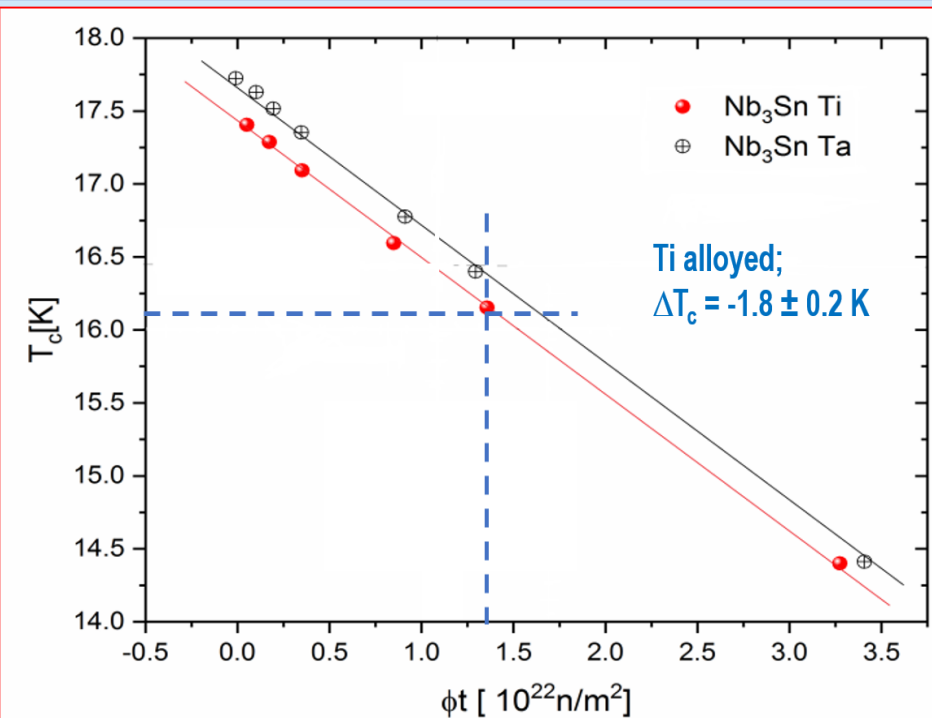
It is expected that the «universal» behavior is also valid for other particles: This question is being studied

# Estimation of the changes in FCC/Run2, with $dpa = 3 \times 10^{-3}$

## A. First estimation:

Based on  $T_c$  vs.  $\phi t$ , 14 MeV neutron data on 19-core Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires (resistive  $J_c$  measurements up to 20 T):

F. Weiss W. Maurer, R. Flükiger, P.A. Hahn, M. Guinan, et al., IEEE Trans. Magn., MAG-23, 976 (1987)



1st step: find  $T_c$  from  $dpa = 3 \times 10^{-3}$

2nd step: find corresponding  $dpa$  for 14MeV neutrons

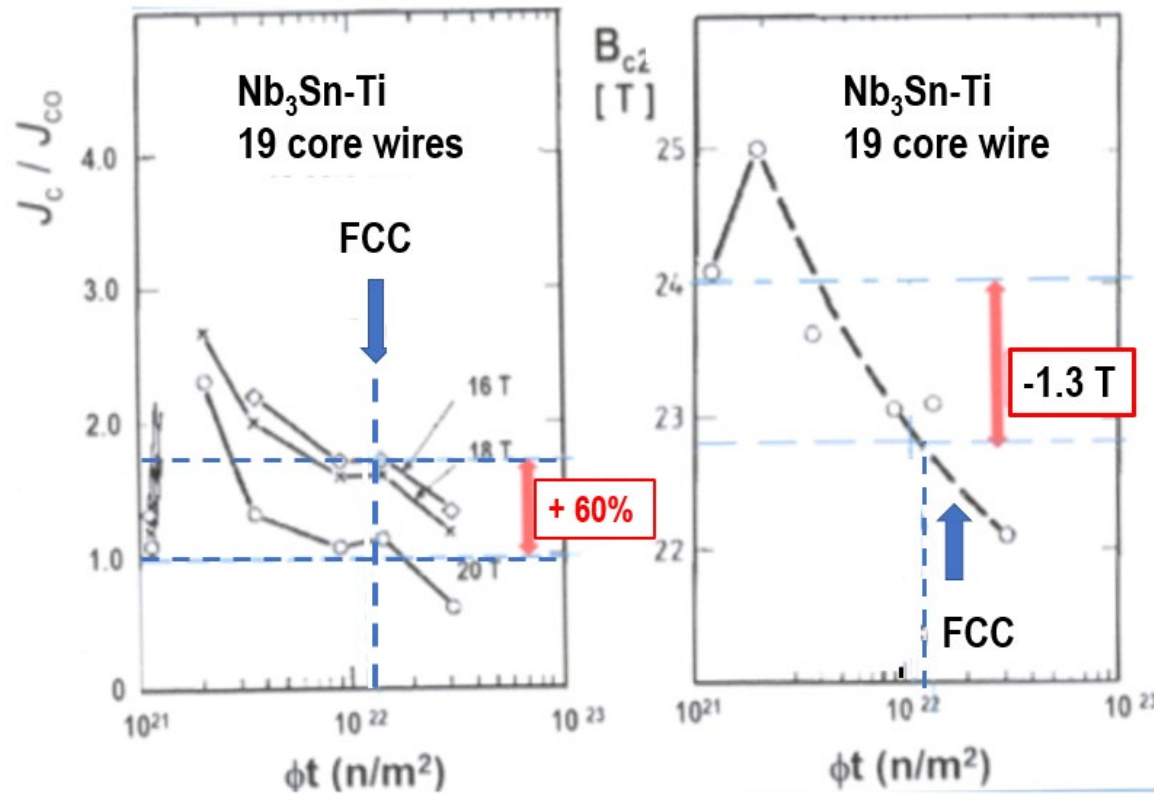
➔  $dpa$  value for FCC/Run2:

$$\Phi t(14 \text{ MeV}) = 1.3 \times 10^{22} \text{ n/m}^2$$

# Estimation of the changes in FCC/Run2, with $dpa = 3 \times 10^{-3}$

3rd step:

Find  $J_c$  and  $B_{c2}$  for the corresponding fluence at 14 MeV:  $1.3 \times 10^{22} \text{ n/m}^2$



At 16T/4.2K:

$$\Delta J_c = + 60\%$$

$$\Delta B_{c2} = - 1.3 \text{ T}$$

For alloyed Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires, we had found:

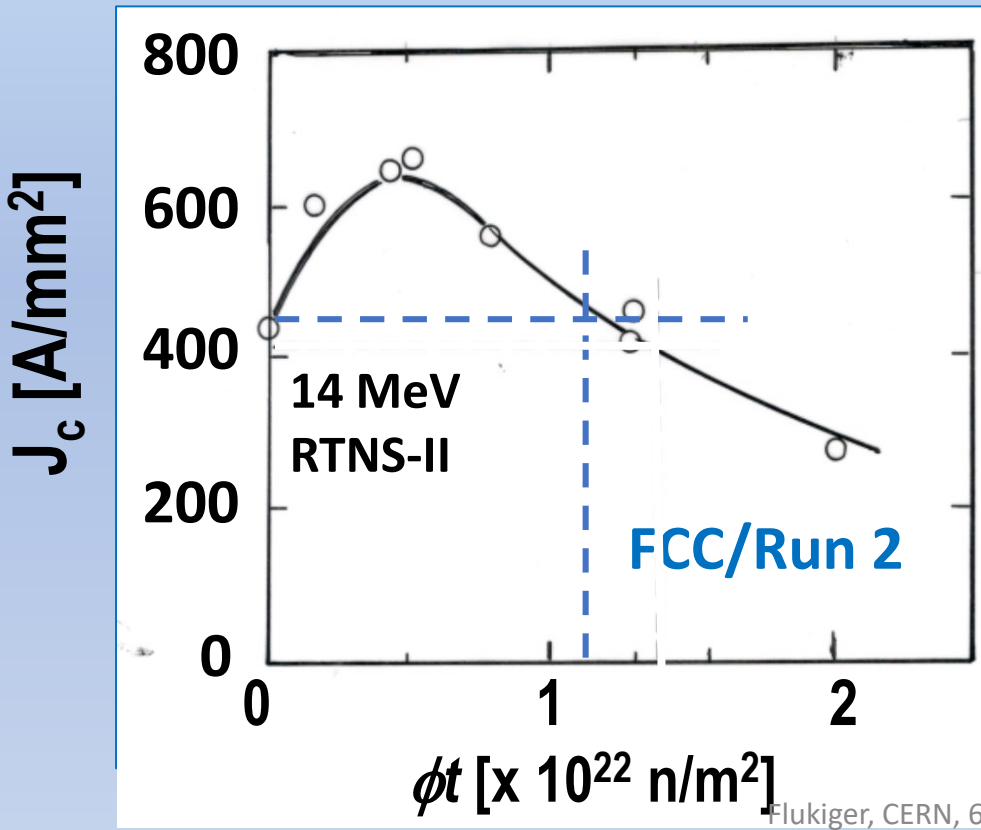
$$\text{Total } \Delta T_c = - 1.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ K}$$

F. Weiss et al, 1987

# Estimation of the changes in FCC/Run2, $dpa = 3 \times 10^{-3}$

**B: Second estimation:** Based on  $T_c$  vs.  $\phi t$ , 14 MeV neutron data on 19-core Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn wires (resistive  $J_c$  measurements up to 20 T)

P.A. Hahn, M.W. Guinan, L.T. Summers, T. Okada, D.B. Smathers, J. Nucl. Materials, 179-181, 1127 (1991)



**At 16T/4.2K:**

$\Delta J_c \sim 0$   
 $\Delta B_{c2}$  not given

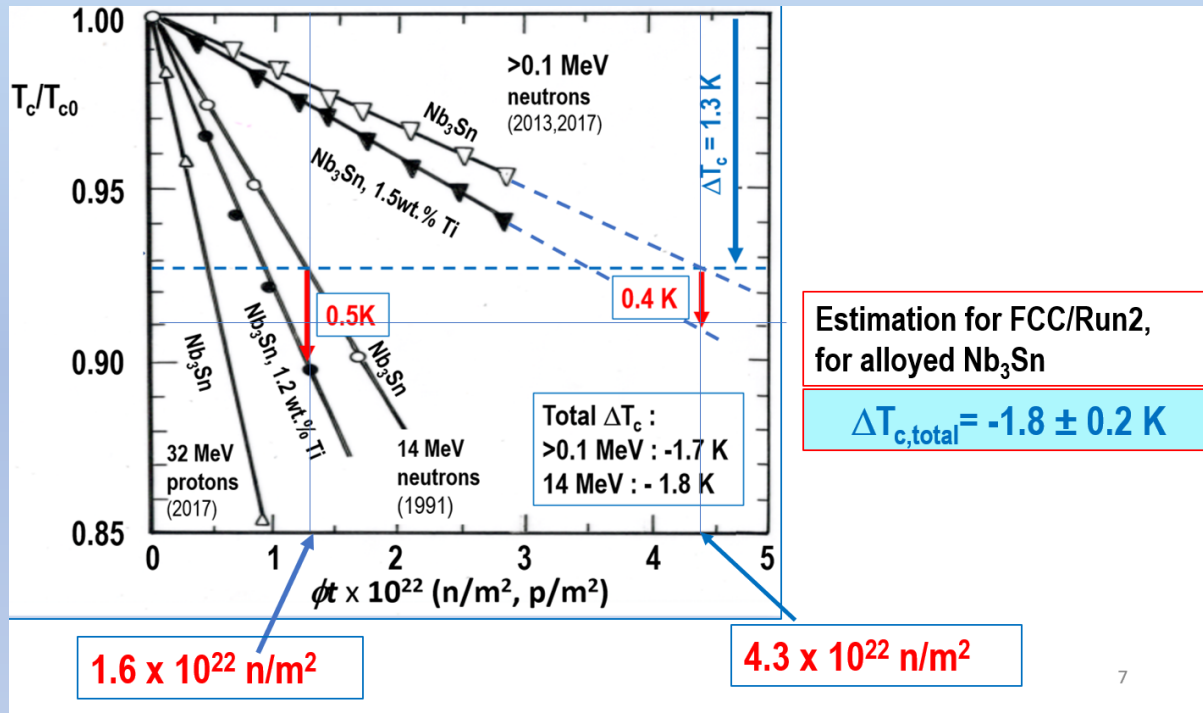
For alloyed wires, we had already found:  $\Delta T_c = -1.8K \pm 0.2 K$ :

**Total  $\Delta T_c = - 1.8 \pm 0.2K$**

# How will $J_c$ vary with higher $\phi t$ in TRIGA ?

TRIGA in Vienna is at present the only easily available neutron reactor

We have seen earlier that  $dpa = 3 \times 10^{-3}$  for FCC/2 corresponds to a fluence of  $4.3 \times 10^{22} \text{ n/m}^2$  ( $E > 0.1 \text{ MeV}$ ):



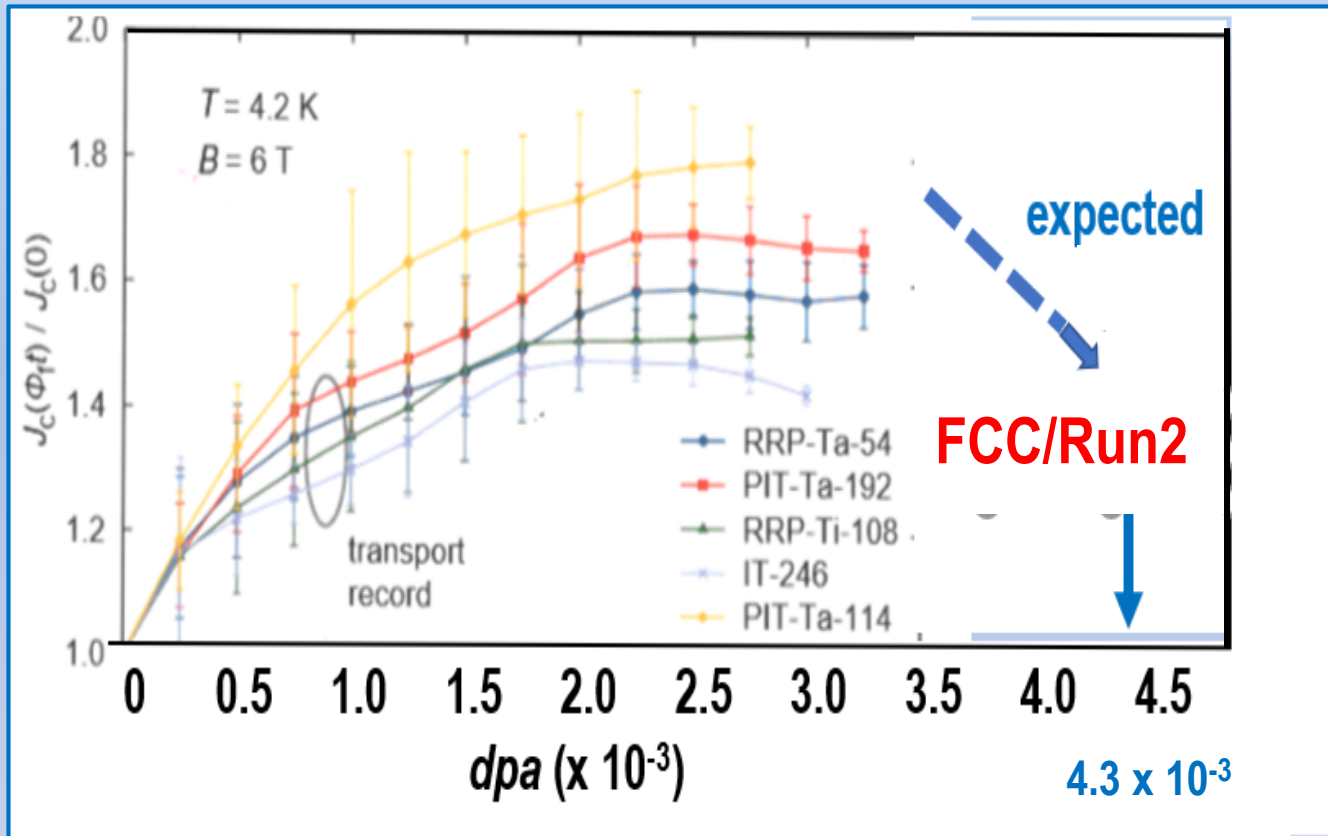
This allows to conclude about the reversibility of  $J_c$  at cycles between  $T_{\text{irr}}$  and 300K:



# Expected behavior of $J_c$ in $Nb_3Sn$ wires in TRIGA

For  $E > 0.1$  MeV:  $\phi t = 4.3 \times 10^{22}$  n/m<sup>2</sup> corresponds to  $dpa = 4.3 \times 10^{-3}$ .

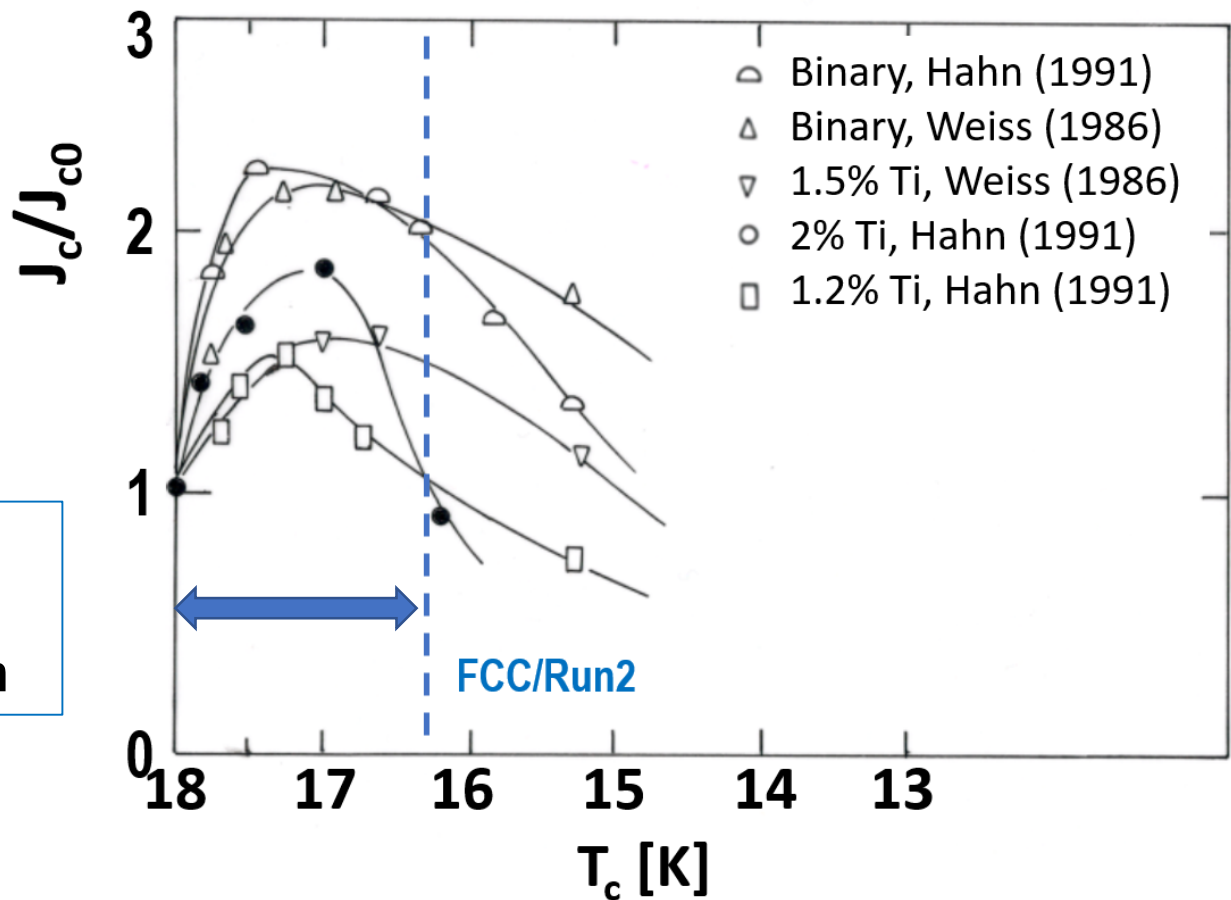
At  $dpa = 4.3 \times 10^{-3}$ , dpa values are well beyond the maximum of  $J_c$  vs.  $\phi t$  curves for  $E > 0.1$  MeV: this is comparable to all previous literature data



M. Eisterer,  
T. Baumgartner et al.,  
ICMC 2017

Starting from the data with  $E = 14$  MeV, the data for higher fluence at  $E > 0.1$  MeV can be predicted

# General behavior of $J_c/J_{c0}$ with decreasing $T_c$



Region of  $J_c$  enhancement prior to irradiation

## VII. Remarks about recent progresses in $J_c$ of $Nb_3Sn$

# Will Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn reach the required properties at 16 T ?

As mentioned in this talk, Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn industrial wires should even overcome the limit of 1'500 A/mm<sup>2</sup> at 16T/4.2K, due to radiation damage, and possibly also due to stress effects.

There have been 2 very recent developments which show that Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn has still a potential for a sizeable increase:

- 1: Internal oxydation (X. Xu et al., OSU, Columbus, Ohio), and
- 2: Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn with Hf + Zr (S. Balachandran et al., NHMFL Tallahassee, FL)

Both groups conclude that their developments may lead to non-Cu considerable above 2'000 A/mm<sup>2</sup>.

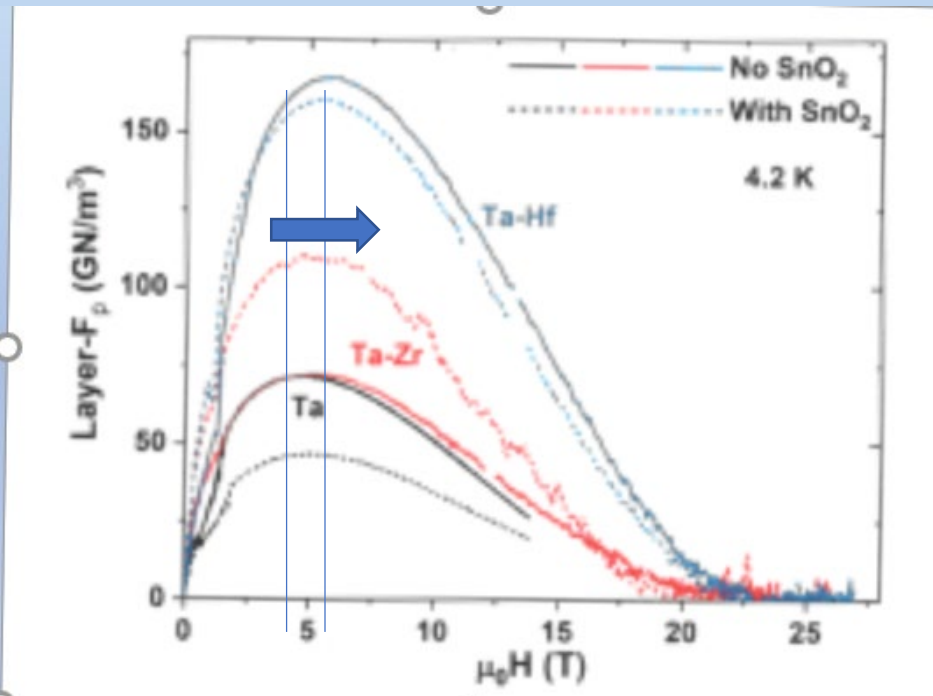
Jc What should we expect from these wires after irradiation?

# Recent progress in Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn with Zr + Hf additives

S. Balachandran et al. (group of D. Larbalestier): ArXiv 2018

Enhancement of  $J_c$  and  $B_{c2}$  by two effects:

1. Substitution (by Ti)
2. Grain size reduction (attributed to Hf)



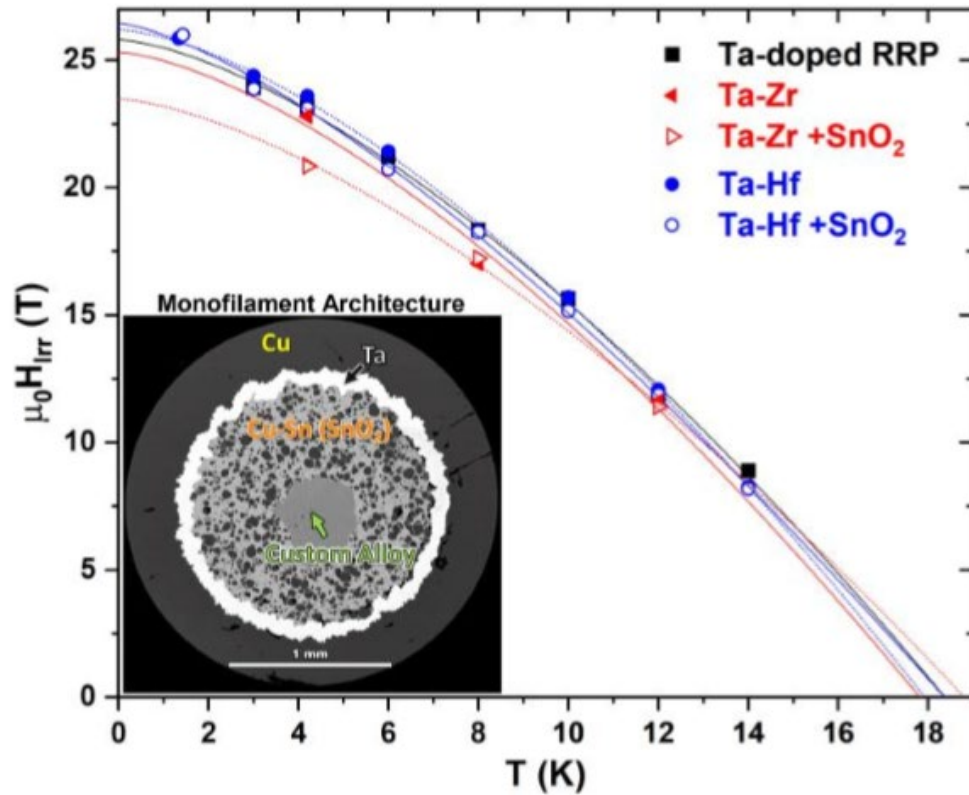
Shift of  $J_c(\text{max})$  towards higher values of  $b = B_{c2}/B_{c20}$ : Additional **point pinning** (defect clusters?)

Also observed for Internal Oxidation

For irradiation: 1: Grain boundary pinning unchanged

2: Enhancement due to point pinning: additive? To be analyzed

# Recent progress in $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$ with Zr + Hf additives



Highest  $B_{c2}$  for Hf added wires

S. Balachandran et al. Nov. 2018

Common point:

In both cases, Internal Oxidation and Hf +Zr additives, the enhancement of  $J_c$  is due to 2 effects: **Grain boundary pinning + Point pinning** (the details of point pinning have still to be elucidated)

# Conclusions

# Conclusions (1)

- The change of  $T_c$  and  $J_c$  in  $Nb_3Sn$  after irradiation with multiple sources can be described by the parameter: *dpa* (displacement per atom)
- $T_c$  is governed by the mobile Frenkel defects **6c-vacancy/interstitial** (in the chains)
- The change of  $T_c$  and  $J_c$  after irradiation follows a different mechanism
- Based on the present considerations, the change of the superconducting properties in the 3 types of accelerators studied here is estimated

Changes at 4.2 K	HiLumi LHC	FCC/RUN1	FCC/Run2
$\Delta T_c$	< - 0.20 K	< - 0.40 K	- 1.8 ± 0.2 K
$\Delta J_c$	≤ + 30 %	≥ + 60 %	0....+ 60 %*)
$\Delta B_{c2}$	< +1 %	< 2 %	- 1.30 T

\*) depends on the type of wire



## Conclusions (2)

- \* More work has to be done for a more precise knowledge of the behavior of the industrial wires which are foreseen for future accelerators:
- \* For a deeper understanding, more properties have to be studied *on the same* wire (including electrical resistivity, initial slope,....)
- \* Irradiations have to be performed on advanced wires using Internal Oxidation and quaternary additives, e.g. Hf +Zr.  
From the present data, it follows that the higher amount of addition elements (Zr+ Hf) may lead to a decrease of  $T_c$  to values slightly below  $\Delta T_c = -1.8 \pm 0.2$  K found in the present work.