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### Designed EP system

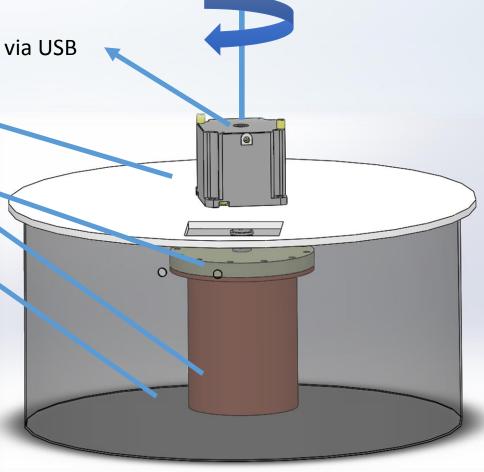
- 1) Electric motor 24V. Controlled by PC via USB
- 2) Top cover, PVC, Ø 340mm
- 3) Holder, PVC, Ø 99mm
- 4) QPR, Cathode with Cu welding
- 5) Bath, 316L, Anode +, Ø 300mm











Modes to test: Rotating, Stirring and Combination



### Preliminary EP test







*Initial state of Nb/Cu edge* 

1 phase - ~4 volts (5 min)

2 phase - ~18 volts (15 min)

3 phase - ~3 volts (10 min)

### Preliminary EP test







Oxidation of Nb

It is possible to deoxidize with 3-5% HF solution

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2 phase - ~18 volts (15 min)

3 phase - ~3 volts (10 min)

## EP test with samples



#### Algorithm

- 1) Ultrasound in soap
- 2) EP for 10 min  $(H_3PO_4:Buthanol = 3:4)$
- 3) Deoxidation of the Nb in 3% HF
- 4) Citric acid cleaning





## 3 EP test with samples



Same oxidation

Cu obtain some stains

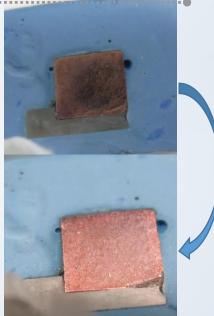


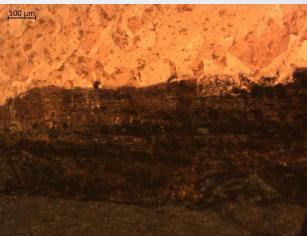
# 4 SUBU5 test



72 °C, SUBU5 5 min, stirring.







No, visible effect on Nb. Welding is partially attacked.



## 5 Conclusions

- Designed system is being proceeded.
- ☐ EP stage oxidize the Nb -> need additional stage to deoxidize.
- ☐ SUBU doesn't effect badly both on Nb and welding.
- ☐ Test EP treatments are coming with different agitation modes.

