



# WG4 Summary

**New techniques for fabrication of SRF components & CM assembly  
and design**

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- New fabrication methods

New fabrication methods are being pursued to improve the cost and or quality of cavities or cavity parts including laser welding, internal welding, hydroforming, electro-hydroforming, electro-deposition of Cu to make seamless cavities and 3-D printing.

- Alternative cooling technics













Finally new cryomodules that are being developed for industrial applications are providing an alternative to helium refrigerators by incorporating cryocoolers and conduction cooling.

- Non-standard concepts

Recent developments in non-standard concepts (fabrication, design and assembly) should be reported.


- Robotic Techniques

Cavity processing, cavity string assembly or cryomodule assembly may benefit in terms of quality and reproducibility, especially for mass production, through the incorporation of robotic techniques.

Seamless cavities via electrodeposition	Lucia Lain Amador	
Developments of Niobium atomize powder for superconducting	Takeshi Dohmae	
Metal Additive Manufacturing at CERN in general and SRF Niobium	Romain Gerard	
Electron beam welding for cavity production, collaboration with KEK on int...	Peter Oving	
Novel Technologies applied to SRF (cavity) fabrication	Said Atieh	
Fabrication Experience with Balloon SSR Cavity at TRIUMF	Robert Edward Laxdal	
RFD crab cavities manufacturing experience at CERN	Marco Garlasche	
Methods and results of laser welding of niobium	Kyle Branigan	
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An effective thermal link for cooling cryo-magnetic systems :...	Dr Bertrand Baudouy	
Developing conduction-cooled SRF cavities and first test results	Dr Ram Dhuley	
Results from a multi-metallic conduction-cooled SRF single-ce...	Robert Alan Rimmer	



- 24 talks (10+5)min
  - 8 America
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- includes work from 3 companies
- TECHMETA(FR),
- II-VI(US),
- ULVAC(JP)
- 12 Institutes

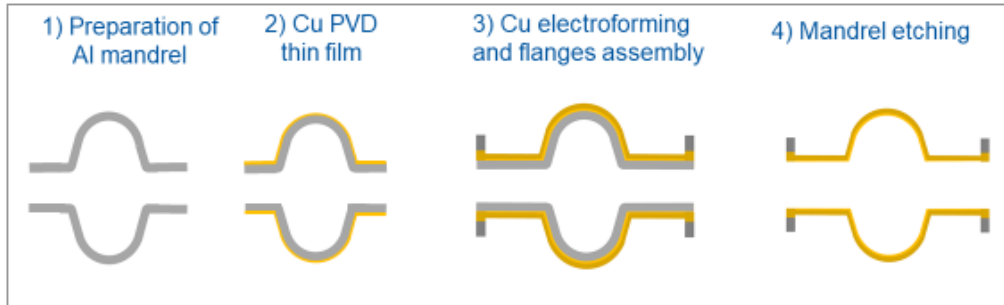
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Robotics HPR Application for Elliptical FRIB Upgrade Cavity	Laura Popielarski	
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Robotic disk stacking for the production of RF structures	Riccardo Zennaro	
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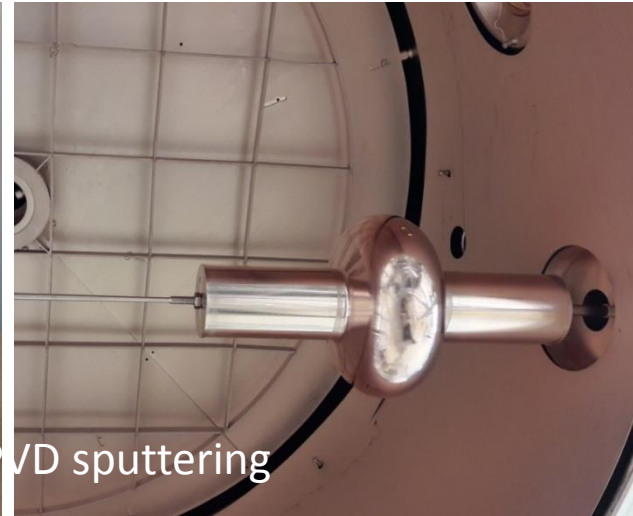


## Cu electroforming - approach

The cavity is produced by copper electroforming around a sacrificial aluminium mandrel which is pre-coated with a copper thin film.



- Seamless cavities (No EB welding)
- Stainless steel flanges assembled during electroforming



- First cavity in process

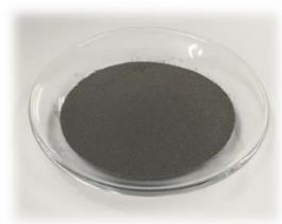


Electroformed cavity

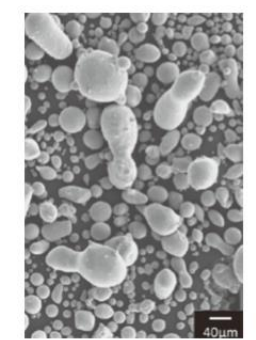
Next steps: Mandrel removal



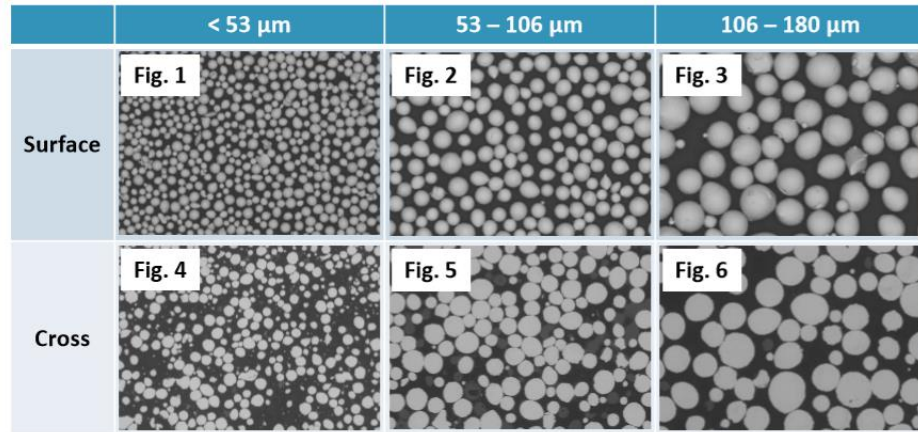
## Produced powder



Classified Nb Powder.  
 (Diameter: 53 - 106  $\mu\text{m}$ )

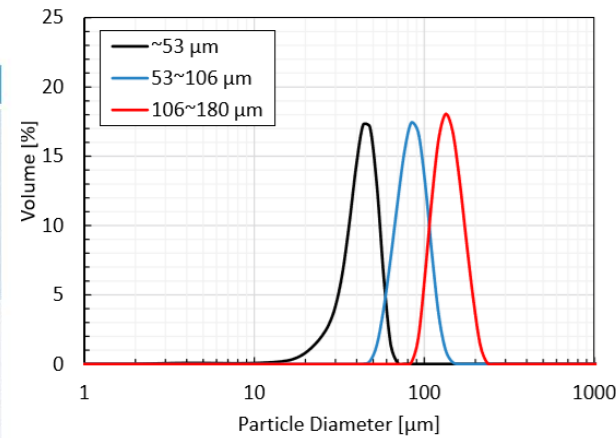


Example of Bad powder



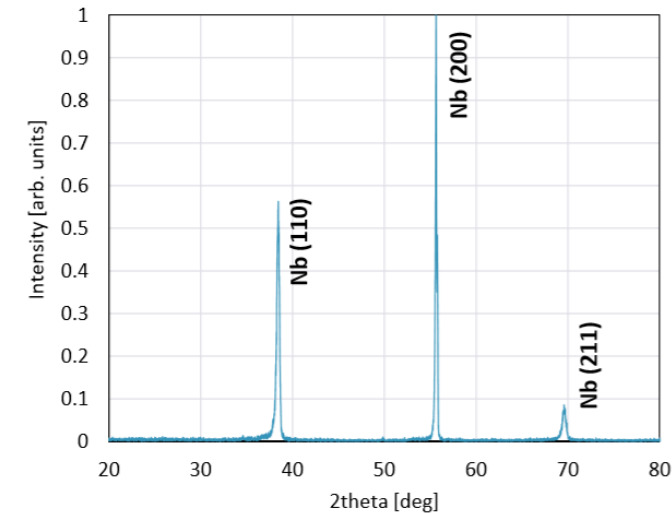
SEM images of Nb Powder.  
 Fig. 1-3: Surface morphology  
 Fig. 4-6: Polished cross section

500  $\mu\text{m}$



D ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	< 53 $\mu\text{m}$	53 - 106 $\mu\text{m}$	106 - 180 $\mu\text{m}$
< 10%	30.2	66.9	112.4
< 50%	44.9	88.5	143.2
< 90%	56.9	114.4	186.7
Mean	42.2	87.9	143.9

Particle size distributions of Nb powder  
 \*Method: Laser diffraction analysis



XRD pattern of Nb powder.

Each powder is well separated and has good sphere-shape

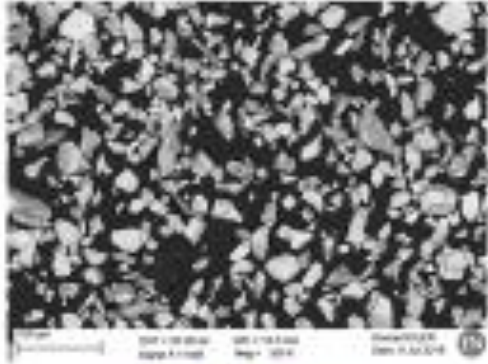
- Particles are well sorted by size.
- Only Nb is observed by XRD analysis.

- Good potential to be used for 3D printing

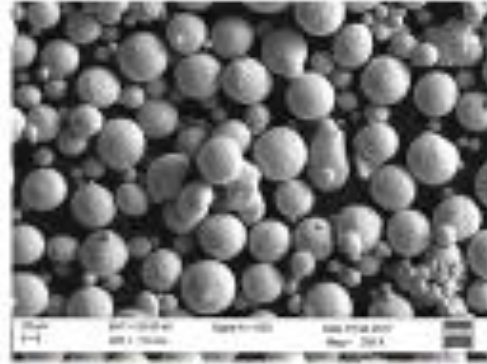




## Development of the powder



Classical Nb powder  
 Poor flowability.



EIGA spherical powder  
 Good flowability  
 => reliable layers

## Development of the process



180 parameters to play with.



## Development of post-processing techniques

$R_a$	10.8 $\mu\text{m}$
$R_a$	0.07 $\mu\text{m}$

Titanium gettering  
 Purification  
 Heat treatment  
 (next slides)

## Development of design, simulations and quality control

X-ray Microtomography



More info: Said Atieh's talk at 3pm





## Cooperation Steps for 2020 for 1 cell 1.3 GHz:

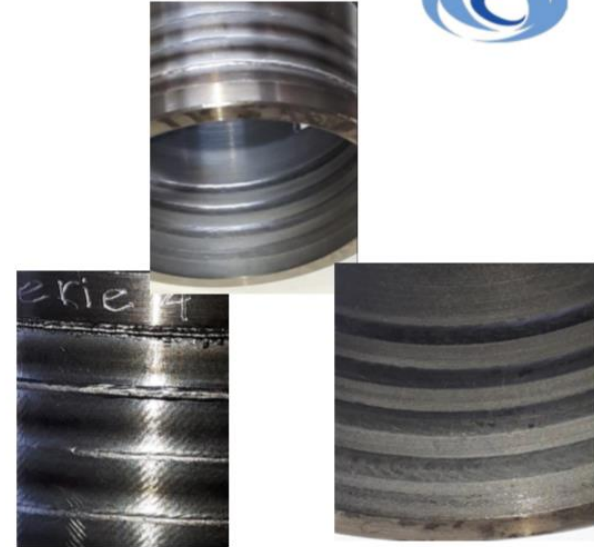
- KEK : - 1 cell Tesla-like (Type Cavity) parts preparation
- Techmeta : - Parameter Set Up – Slope In / Weld / Slope Out - Parameter Optimization on Niobium cylinders - Special Dedicated Weld Equipment under construction - Fixture Design & Realization - Inside Welding of 1.3GHz 1 cell Tesla-like Type Cavity
- KEK : - Welded Cavity surface preparation (EP etc.) for Cryo Test - Cryo Test and RF performance measurements



## Cooperation in Progress:

### Techmeta :

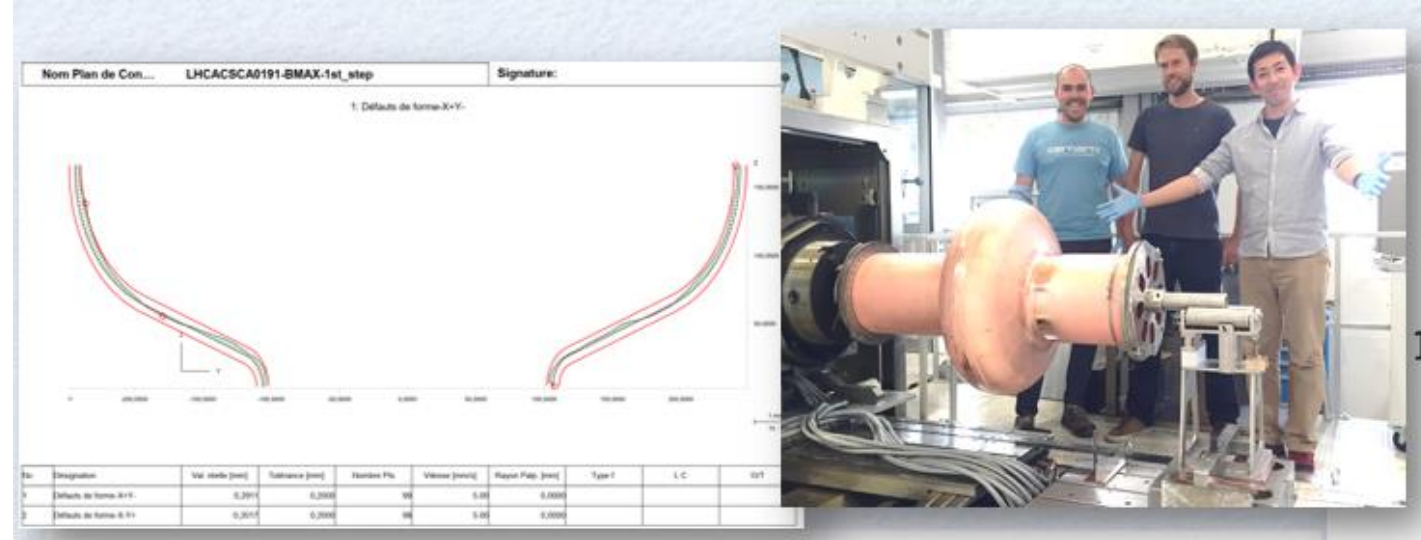
- Tool validation for  $D_{int}$  60mm Stainless Steel Samples
- TechBend Inside weld set-up



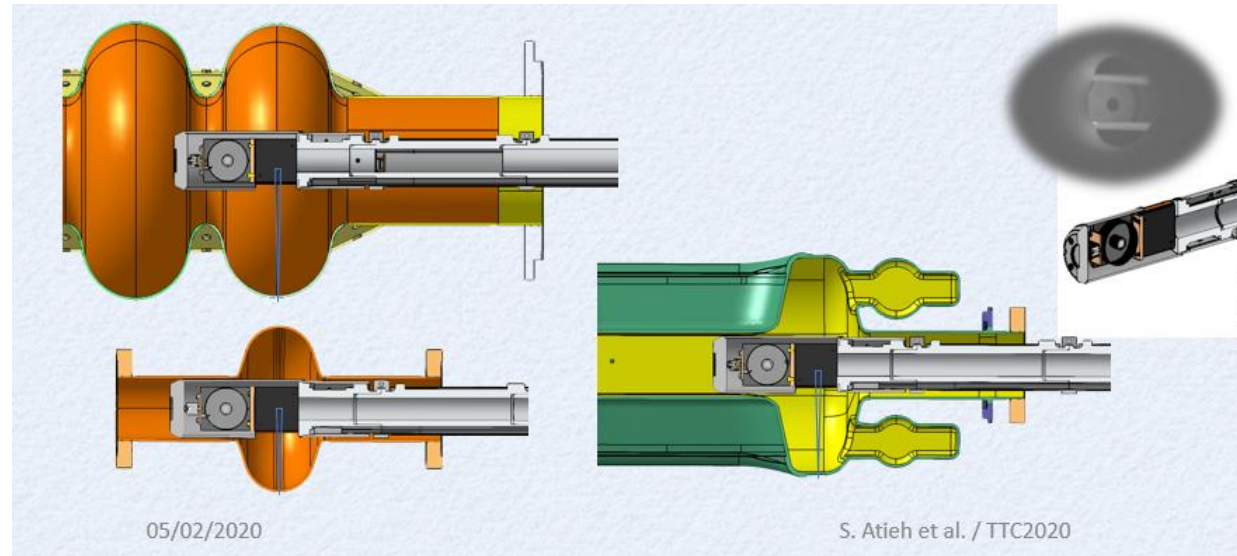




- Electrohydraulic forming



- Electron Beam Welding (computer-aided and internal deflector)







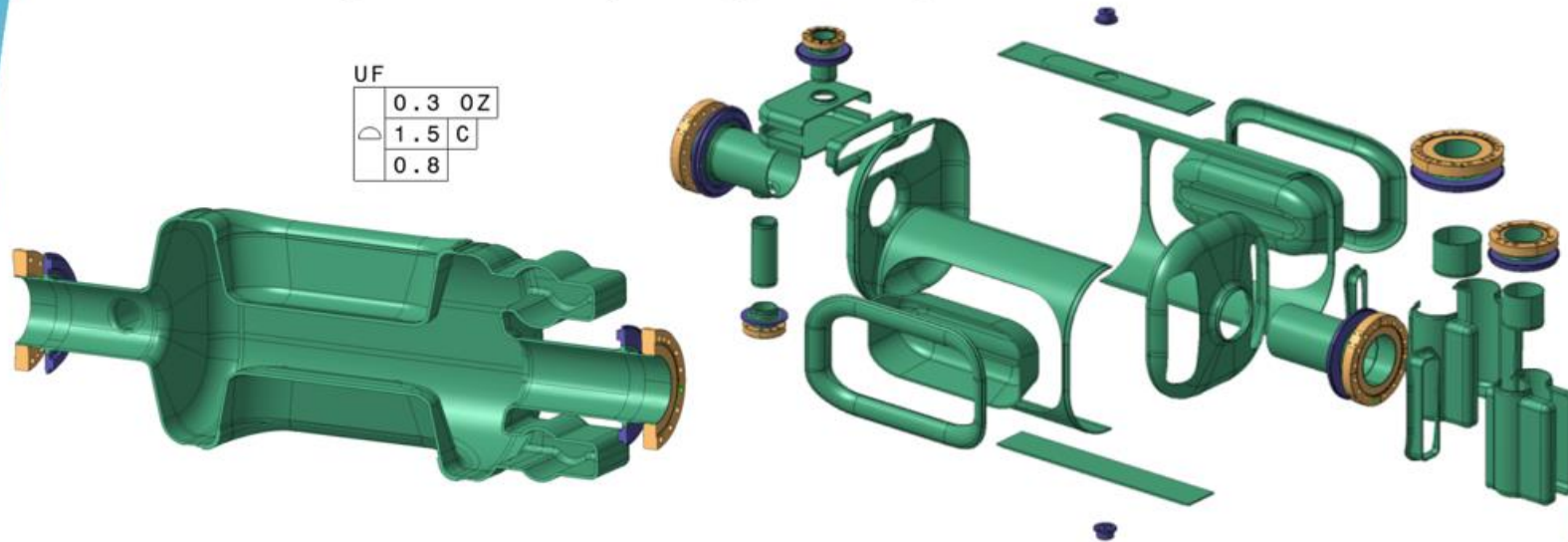
- The balloon variant of single spoke resonator is designed to mitigate problematic multipacting around operational field level.
- The first balloon SSR variant has been designed, fabricated and tested at TRIUMF meeting all the aims of the prototyping stage of the project
- Spinning of the shells has been successfully used for rapid, low cost prototyping





## Design Specificities vs. Fabrication Challenges

- Tight **tolerances**
- High sensitivity to final **surface quality**
- Bulk Niobium sheets, **thickness** up to 6.35 mm
- **Non axial-symmetric** shapes, **high forming ratios**



- **Major intertwining of fabrication techniques:**  
 Shaping + Machining + Electron Beam Welding

but also metrology, brazing, assembly, adjustment, surface treatments...





## Motivations

**BCP**  
of RFD & DQW complex geometries

**Electropolishing**  
of 400MHz cavities

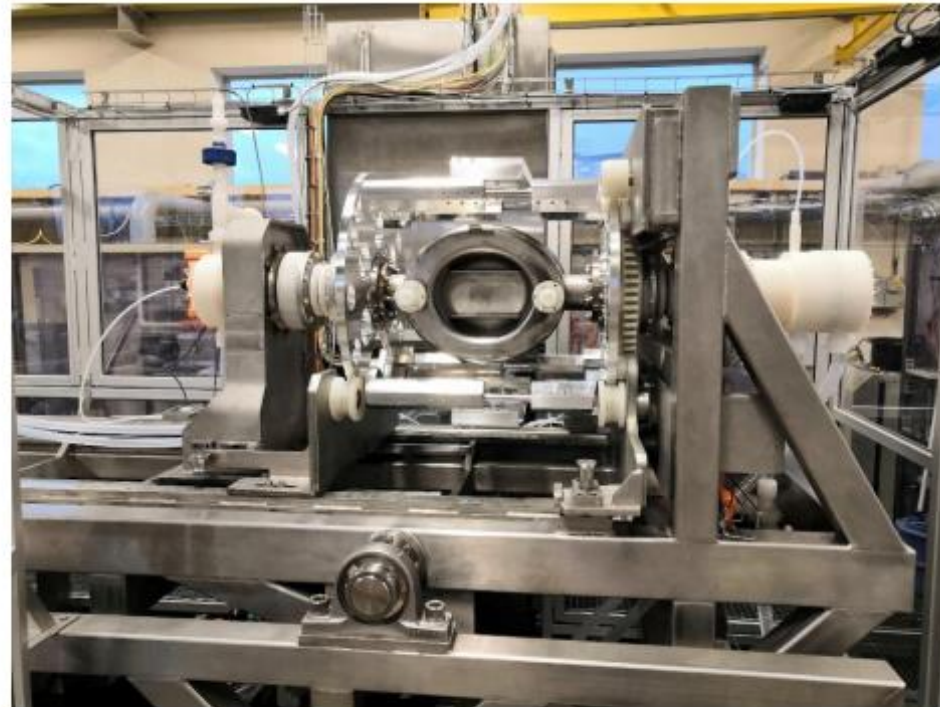
### Advantages of horizontal polishing

- Flushing of produced gas
- Less defects (bubbles)
- Increased homogeneity

Drawback → complexity and cost  
(316L SS, PVDF, FKM, ...)

### Advantages of vertical polishing

- Transposable to an industrialised process



# Methods and results of laser welding of niobium

Kyle Branigan, II-VI company

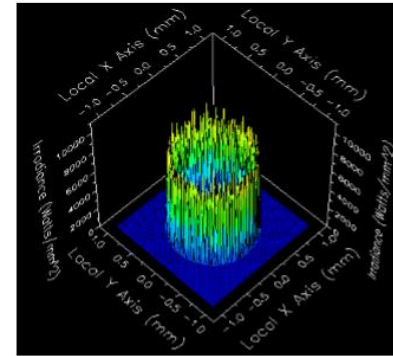
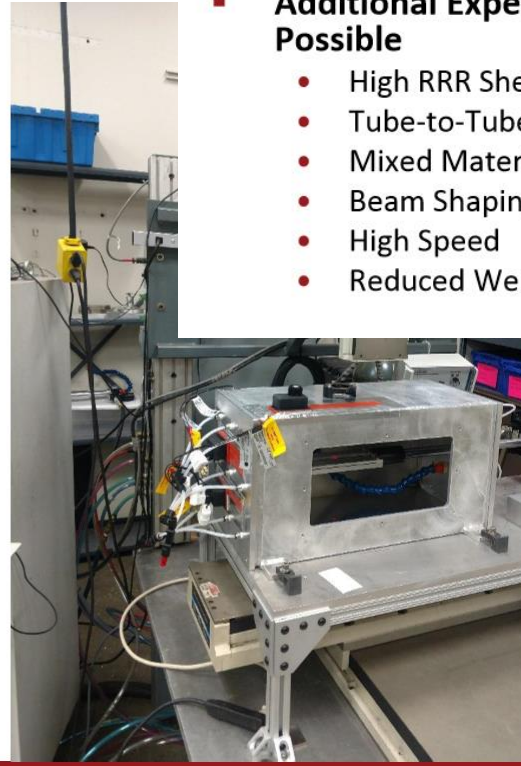
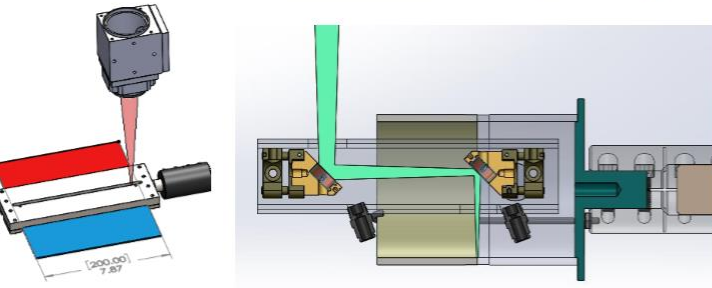
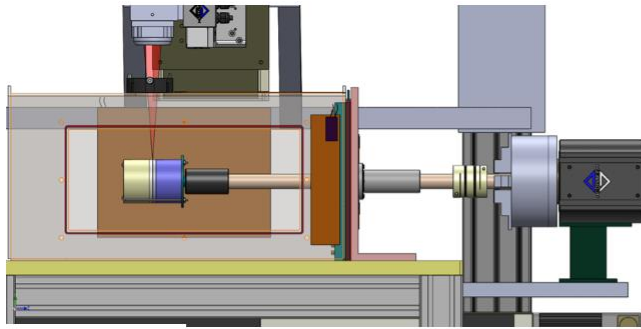


- Low profile welds
- Consistent, repeatable process
- 2<sup>+</sup>m/min weld speed
- RRR Testing underway
  - Further work
    - Sheet B additional BCP
    - Anneal and repeat measurement
    - EBW on base sheet for comparison
- Additional Experiments Possible
  - High RRR Sheet
  - Tube-to-Tube
  - Mixed Materials
  - Beam Shaping
  - High Speed
  - Reduced Weld Width

RRR Values (KEK Dec '19)	Sheet A (25 micron BCP)	Sheet B (5 micron BCP)
Base material 1 <b>C</b>	71.4	71.4
Base Material 2 <b>C</b>	73.6	71.9
HAZ <b>B</b>	73.7	73.1
Weld Bead <b>A</b>	71.7	61.3

Preliminary

## Weld Setup





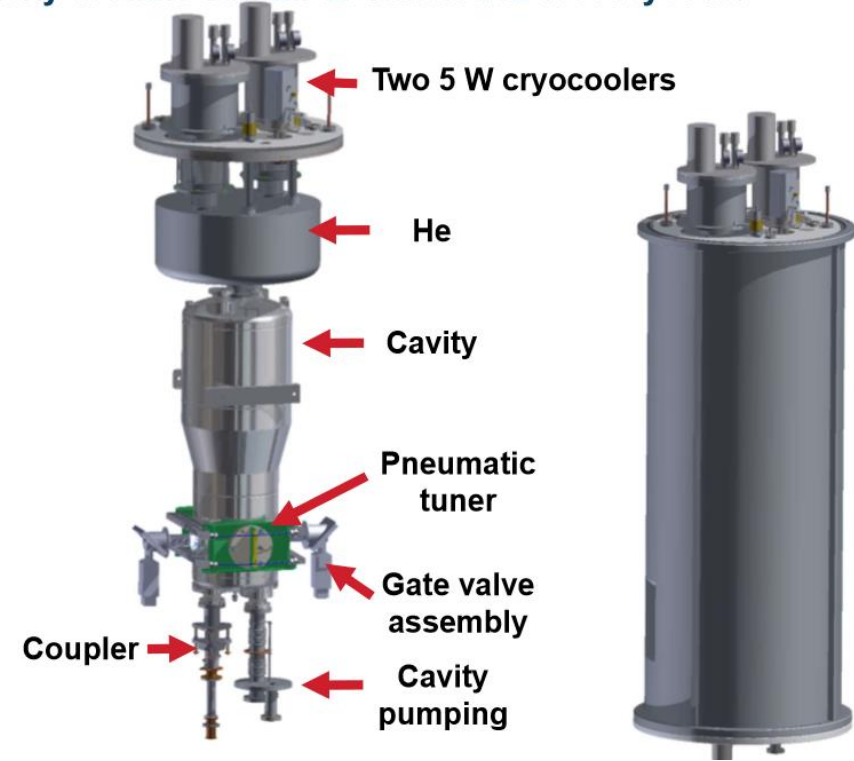


## Assembly and Integration of Cavity/Cryomodule

Single cavity module similar to small ANL test cryostat

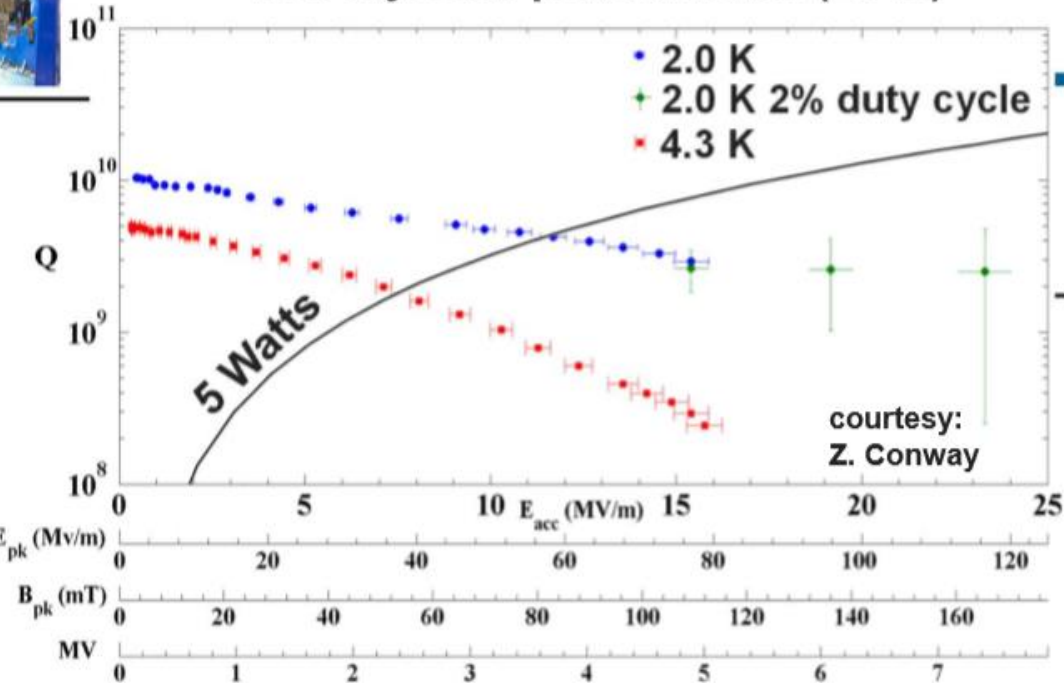


Clean assembly



Vacuum vessel w/ magnetic and 80 K shields

Test cryostat performance (2013)



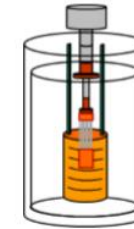
Planned operation here:  
 $V_{Acc} = 2$  MV for 5 W input power at 4.3 K (key is  $R_{BCS} \sim 2$  n $\Omega$  at 4.3 K)



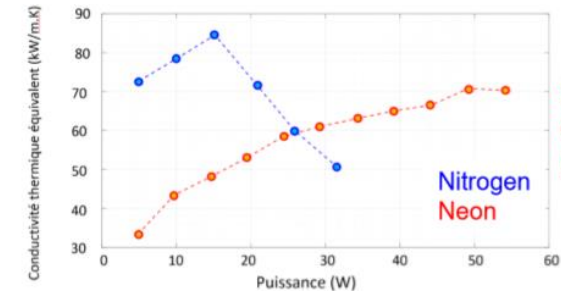
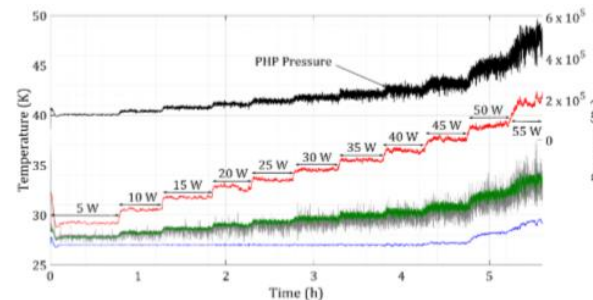
- Oscillations of liquid slugs and vapor bubbles
  - Capillary forces create a separation of liquid slugs and vapor plugs
  - Pressure change due to expansion and contraction at phase transition
    - Vaporization in the evaporator creates overpressure
    - Movement of the vapor plugs surrounded by a liquid film
    - Liquefaction of the vapor in the condenser



- Bruce *et al.* and Maria Barba PhD
  - Flat PHP horizontal,  $\varnothing$  1.5 mm SS tubes, 36 turns
  - Condenser and evaporator section : 330 mm long
  - Adiabatic section: 300 mm long
  - Nitrogen, neon and argon



Fluid	Heat input (W)	Condenser temperature (K)	Evaporator temperature (K)
Ne	50	27	37
N2	25	75	82



30 W  
 Cu 200 = 60 kg  
 PHP = 400 g



# Developing conduction-cooled SRF cavities and first test results

Ram Dhuley, FNAL



- Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn

R.C. Dhuley et al., IOP Conf. Series: Mat. Sci. and Eng. (to appear)

Vacuum vessel

- SS304, 5 feet tall

Cryocooler

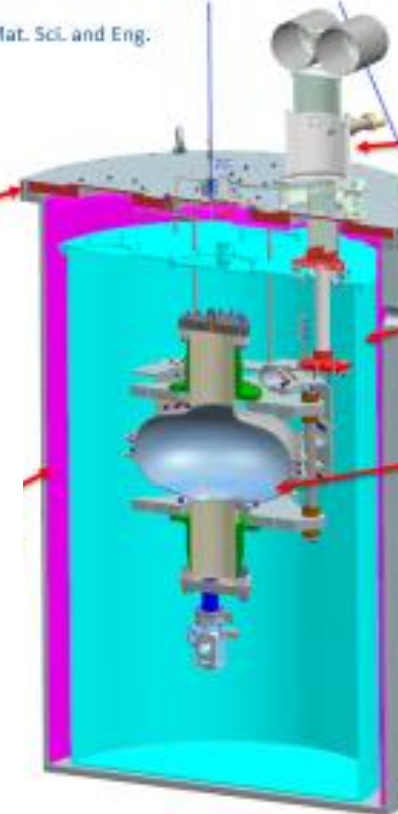
- Cryomech PT420
- 2 W @ 4.2 K (stage-1)
- with 55 W @ 45 K (stage-2)

Thermal shield

- Cooled by cryocooler stage-1

SRF cavity

- Cooled by cryocooler stage-2



- Niobium cavity (no Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn)

- limited in performance with a 4 K cryocooler

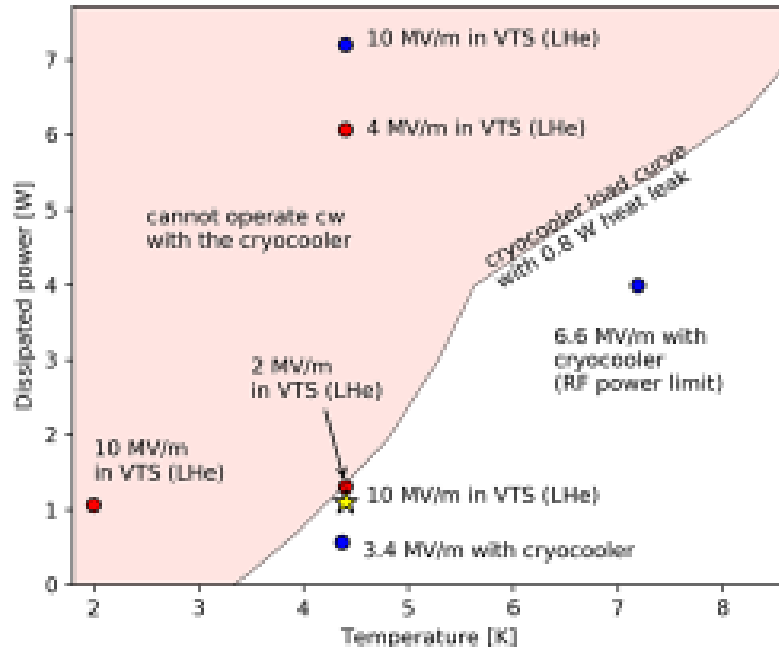
- Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coated cavity

- $E_{acc}$  can be pushed up by letting the cryocooler operate warmer than 4.4 K.
- Better coating and magnetic hygiene is needed to reach 10 MV/m cw.

- ★ Improved Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coating

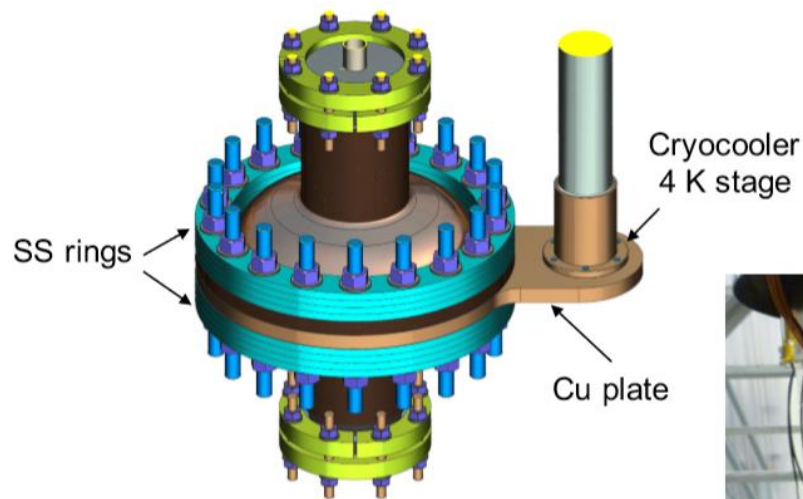
- New coating has produced 10 MV/m in VTS with dissipation manageable with the cryocooler at 4.4 K. (S. Posen et al. SRF2019)

Operating regime of a PT420

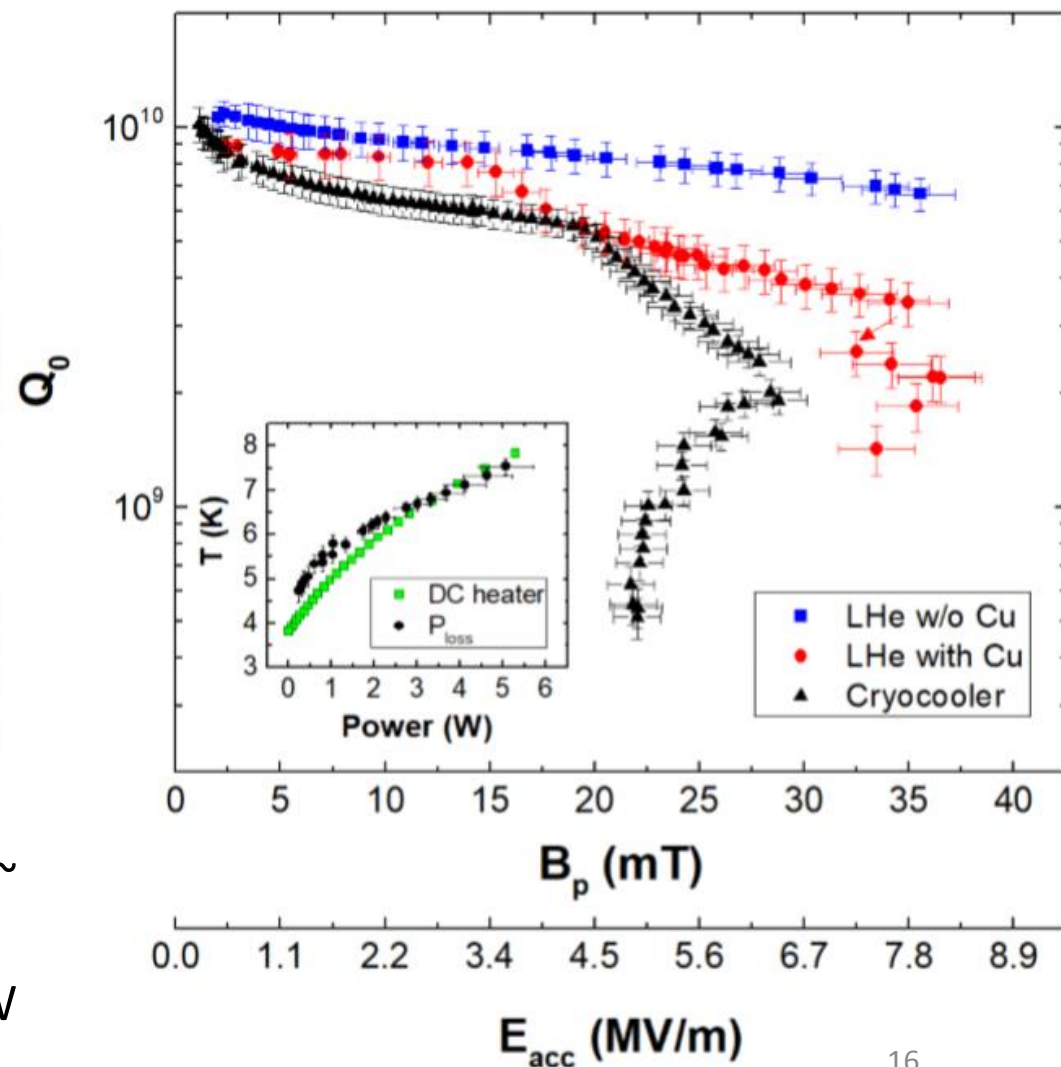
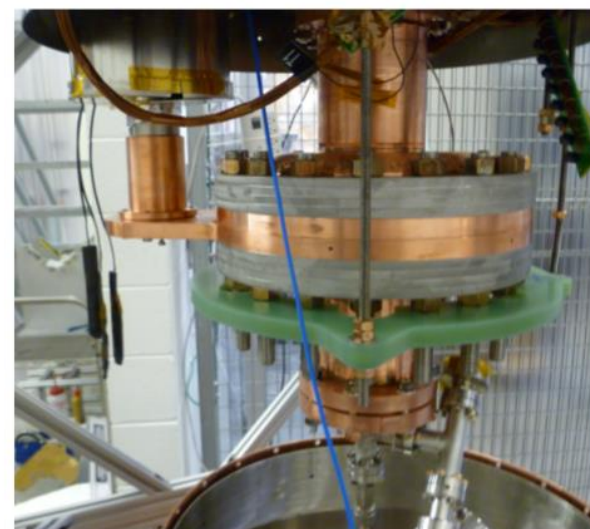


# Results from a multi-metallic conduction-cooled SRF single-cell cavity

Bob Rimmer, JLAB



**Cryocooler:** Gifford-McMahon type, Sumitomo RDE-418D4, cooling power: 2 W at 4 K



- We were able to demonstrate operation of the cavity up to  $B_p \sim 29$  mT ( $E_{acc} \sim 6.5$  MV/m), limited by defects in the Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn film
- The cavity exhibited remarkable thermal stability even with 5 W of power dissipation



# Measurement results of moving particles during STF cryomodule assembly

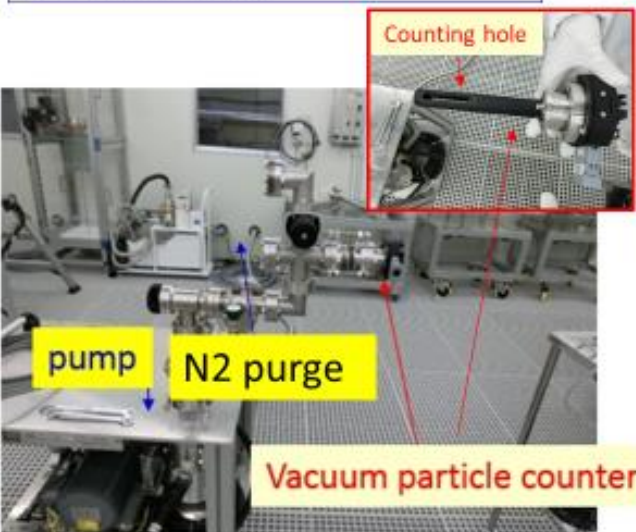
Hiroshi Sakai, KEK



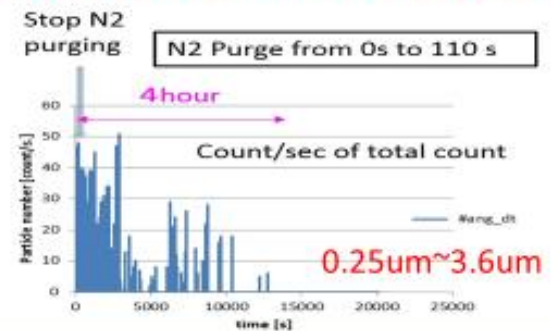
## Test of vacuum particle sensor

### Setup of vacuum particle sensor

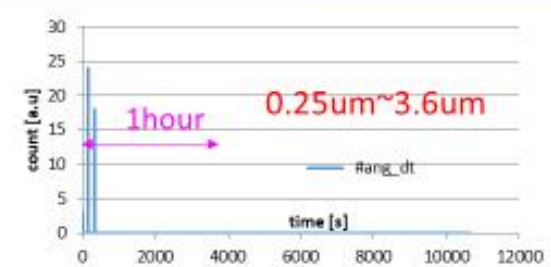
Particle measurement results after purging N2 with/without filter



We saw many particles after purging N2 gas w/o filter. Many particles come and stay in vacuum during 4 hours.



Particle was smaller than w/o filter case. Filter works to reduce particle contamination. But we saw the particle count during N2 purging both with and without filter of 5L/min flow

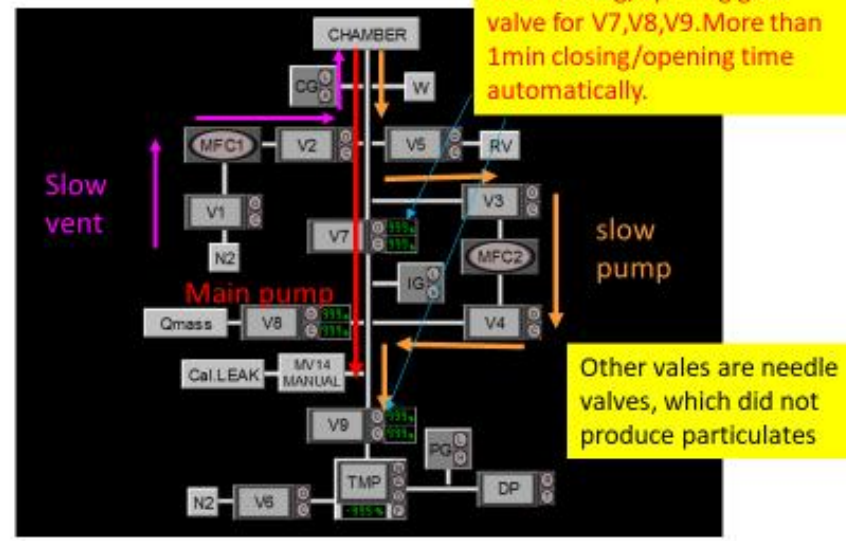


Venting is more dangerous than pumping. More slow pumping venting speed and optimization are needed to make slow pumping & venting system.

## Summary & future plan

- Slow pumping & venting system works well. Slow closing/opening valve is important.
- This clean assembly work in new local clean booth and slow pumping/venting system with vacuum particle monitor helps keep clean environment of cryomodule assembly.
- Vacuum particle monitor give the important information during slow pumping/venting

Already made 2<sup>nd</sup> slow pump in KEK

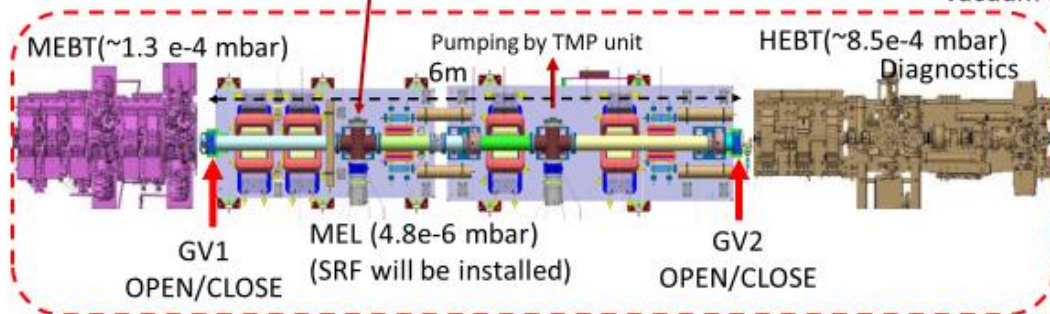
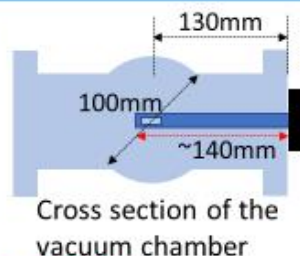




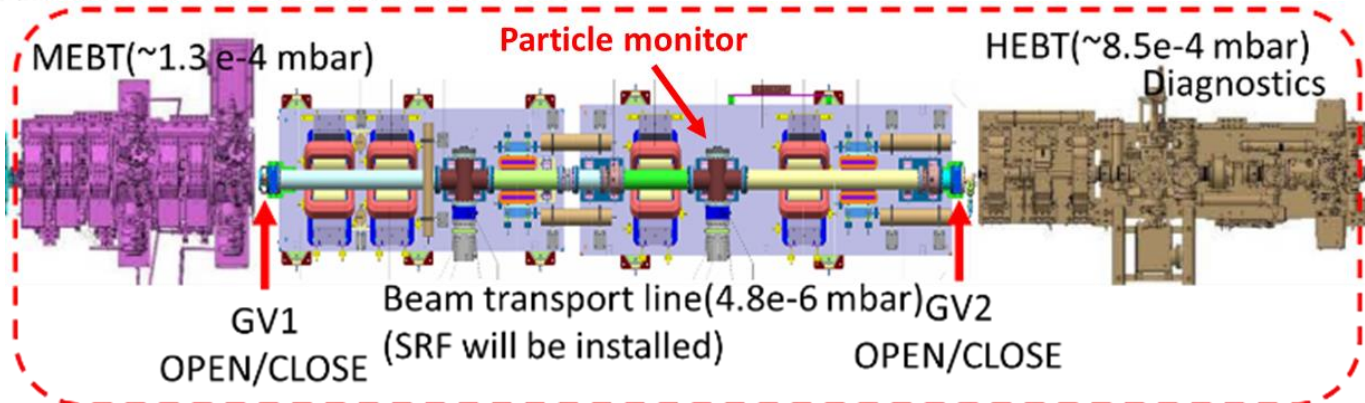


## Setup and experiment

Vacuum particle monitor  
Principle: Laser scattering  
Resolution: 0.3~3.6  $\mu\text{m}$   
Developed by Wexx Company



To visualize particle moving in beam transport line, a vacuum particle monitor was installed in vacuum chamber. Detector was located around the center of the beam axis. After pumping the beam line and open GV, we measured particle counting in vacuum.



GV	OPEN	CLOSE
GV1 (MEBT side)	0.3 $\mu\text{m}$ x 356	0.3 $\mu\text{m}$ x 264
GV2 (HEBT side)	No count	No count

Several hundreds of 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$  particles were detected by GV operation of MEBT side. Repeating the valve operation, 0.5 $\mu\text{m}$  particles were detected. No detection by GV operation of HEBT side.

GV	OPEN	CLOSE
MEBT side	No count	No count
HEBT side	0.3 $\mu\text{m}$ x 42	0.3 $\mu\text{m}$ x 80

Several tens of 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$  particles were detected by GV operation of HEBT side. No detection by GV operation of MEBT side.



# Cryomodule assembly and installation utilizing 'KOACH' system

Kazunari Yamada, RIKEN



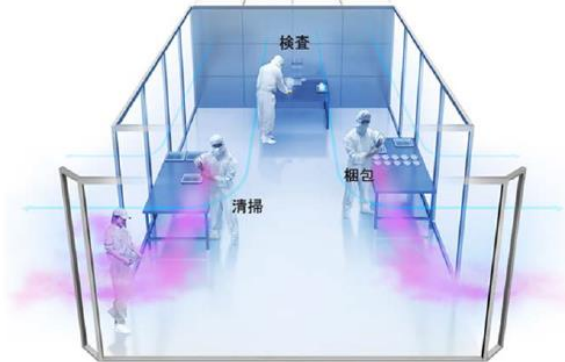
## KOKEN KOACH clean system

We introduced KOACH clean system for assembling work.

<https://www.koken-ltd.co.jp/english/product/clean/super/>

- ISO class 1 super clean environment
- High coherent side laminar flow (wind speed: 0.3~0.5 m/s)
- Short clean-up time
- Short construction period (~1 week) for clean room type
- Reasonable price
- Low running cost

### Room type for cryomodule assembly



KOACH F1050-F (Floor KOACH) + guide screen

Clean area: W1050 mm × H850 mm/one module  
 < L20,000 mm



### Open zone type for connection in situ



KOACH C900-F (Stand KOACH)

Clean area: W900 mm × H700 mm × L1800~2300 mm

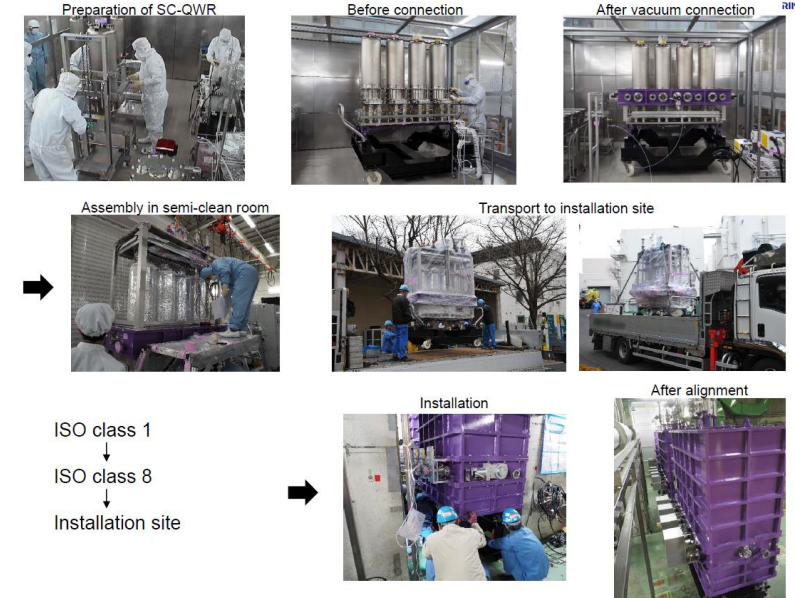
### Open tabletop type for VT connection



KOACH T500-F (Table KOACH)

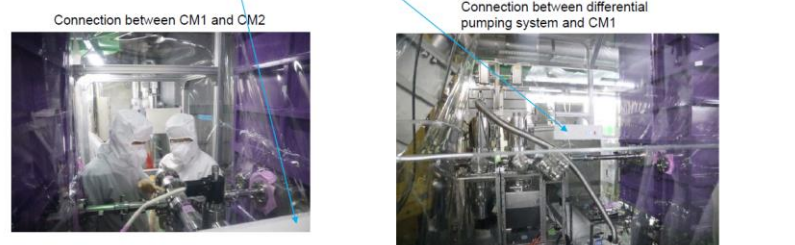
Clean area: W496 mm × H310 mm × L700 mm

## Assembly and installation of cryomodule



ISO class 1  
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 ISO class 8  
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 Installation site

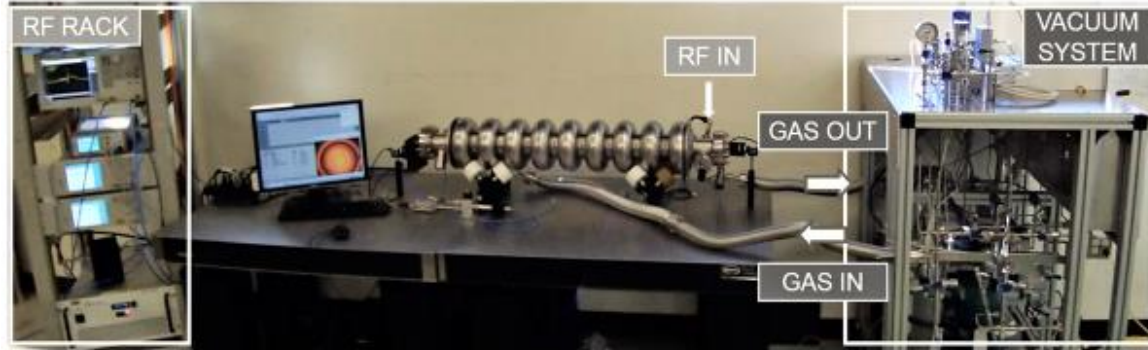
### Connection work in situ







## Plasma cleaning apparatus



- Plasma processing is performed cell by cell
- Cleaning is performed at room temperature with 75-200 mTorr of Ne-O<sub>2</sub>
- Cavities are assembled with valves on both end sides, for injection and evacuation of the gas
- Neon and Oxygen are sent to the cavity mixed (few % of O<sub>2</sub>)
- RGA is used to analyze by-products



-Plasma processing applied to cavities subject to simulated vacuum failure outside clean room has shown little or no improvement in the performance.

-SEM/EDS analysis of the particles collected from single cell cavity shows that the majority of the contaminants are metal based.

## Particle Collection Methodology

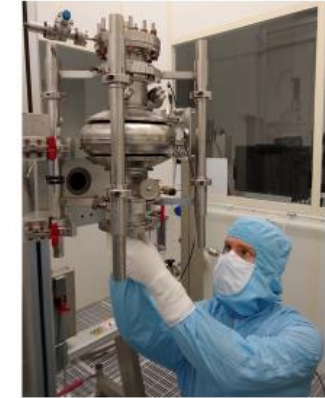
Cavity: slowly vented, cleaned, blown and disassembled in clean room.

A piece of clean room lint-free cloth is used to wipe each half iris and equator.

Carbon disks are used to collect the particles from the cloth.



Gunshot Residue Stubs



Procedure followed similar to JLab work: [doi:10.18429/JACoW-SRF2017-TUPB106](https://doi.org/10.18429/JACoW-SRF2017-TUPB106)



## SEM-EDS particle analysis: clean carbon stub

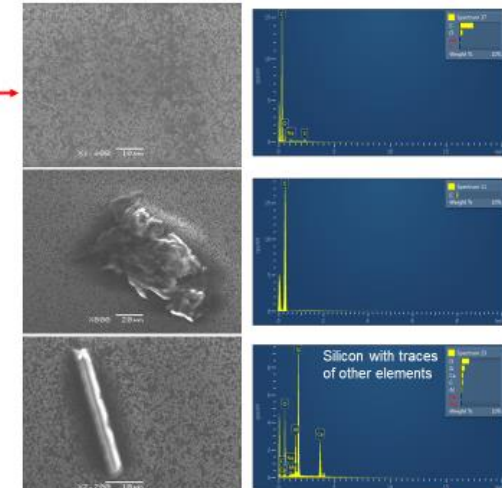
- A clean carbon stub is always used as reference



Carbon tape background

Few particles found on clean carbon stubs:

- Organic
- Silicon
- Calcium





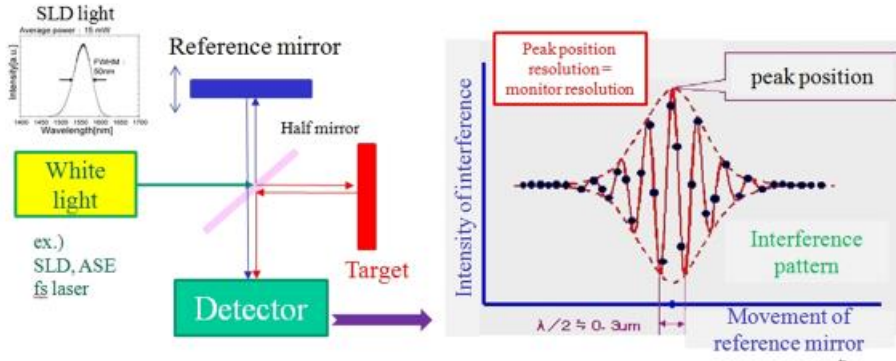
# Position monitor by white light interferometer in cERL cryomodule

Hiroshi Sakai, KEK



## 1) Principle of the WLI monitor

- WLI monitor was based on the peak detection of the interference pattern when distances of the measured target and the reference mirror are the same.
- While we keep the peak detection under scanning the reference mirror precisely, we know the relative displacement of the target at every second.
- High resolution of less than 1 μm with large dynamic of more than 10mm can be available with non-destructive (non-contact) manner.

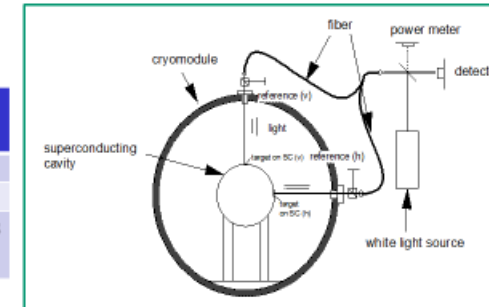


## Feature of WLI monitor (compared with other position monitor like wire position monitor)

- Measure the cavity position **directly from the outside the cryo-vessel** even thanks to the white light interferometry.
- Less than 1 μm resolution** of this monitor will be achieved with the large dynamic range of **more than 100mm**.
- When the monitor was broken, we **easily repaired** the sensor **without opening the cryomodule**.
- Small aperture of view ports** can be placed for monitoring and thus reduce the thermal radiation.

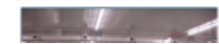
## Schematic drawing and requirement of WLI monitor to cERL cryomodule

Parameters	Requirements of new WLI monitor
Stability	< +10 μm
Dynamic range	> +30mm
Measurement points	2 positions of x-y values



Alignment target with cross line

- First test satisfied our requirement of less than 10 μm resolution under the principle of white light interference method. But we saw thermal drift.
- By setting the reference mirror on the way from the light source to the target, we drastically cancelled thermal drift come from the fiber of the WLI monitor and found that the resolution of this monitor was 3 μm at a test bench, in spite of the fiber length of more than 80 m.
- By improving this monitor, we kept monitoring the cryomodule every 5 seconds for half year during high power test and beam operation including two-times thermal cycles from room temperature to 2 K. We found the reproducibility of the cavity displacements with 50 μm level between after warming up and cooling to 2 K. The upgraded WLI monitor could monitor the displacements for a long time with +5 μm resolutions







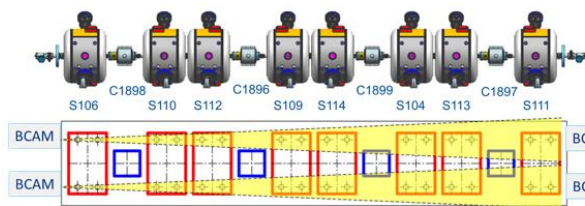
Alignment measurements  
 Tens of micron

& Feedback loop for robot  
 sub microns

## Coldmass insertion

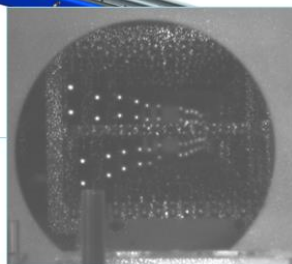
### Position monitoring during insertion

- Two cameras attached on the thermal shielding
- Two cameras installed at the ground and used as a reference

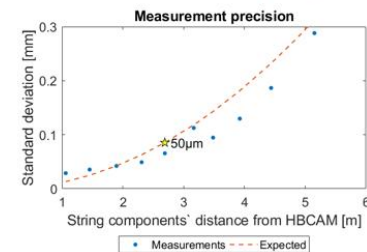
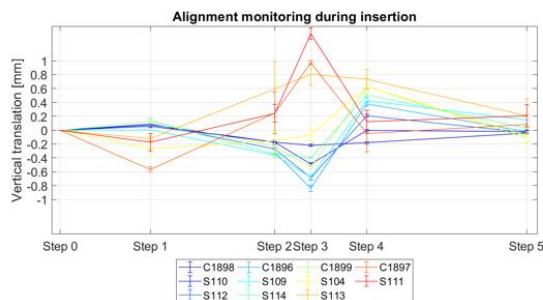


Relative monitoring

Absolute position



Full target view from the external H-BCAM



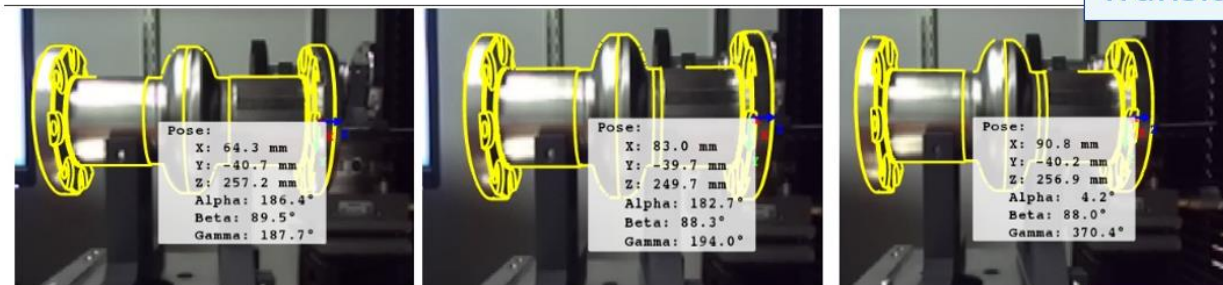
The measurement uncertainty for each component in the string assembly depends from the distance to the camera. Acquired data are matching with the expected precision.

## Pose reconstruction with point clouds - image

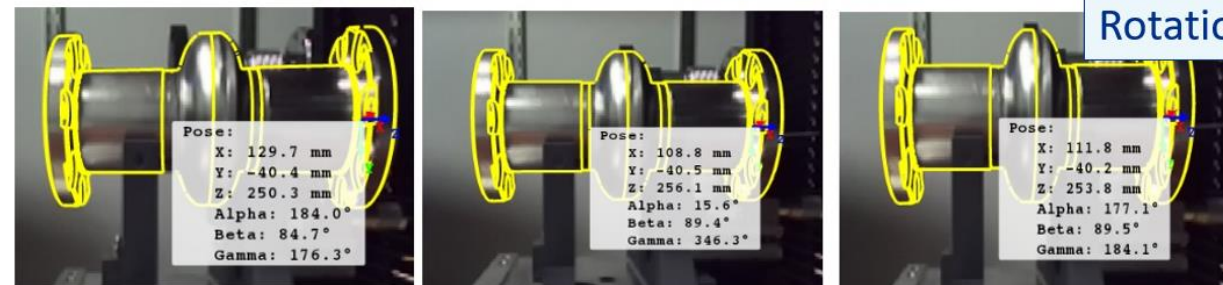
### Performance evaluation

- The cavity is mounted on translation stages to validate the position monitoring
- Sub-micrometric accuracy for the translations

Translation



Rotation







- FRIB HWR requires cleaning through 7 ports and four rotations by a 7th-axis motor
- FRIB elliptical requires cleaning through one port and zero rotations by 7th axis motor
- Elliptical internal surface area = 1.677 m<sup>2</sup>
- FRIB 0.53 HWR = 1.366 m<sup>2</sup>



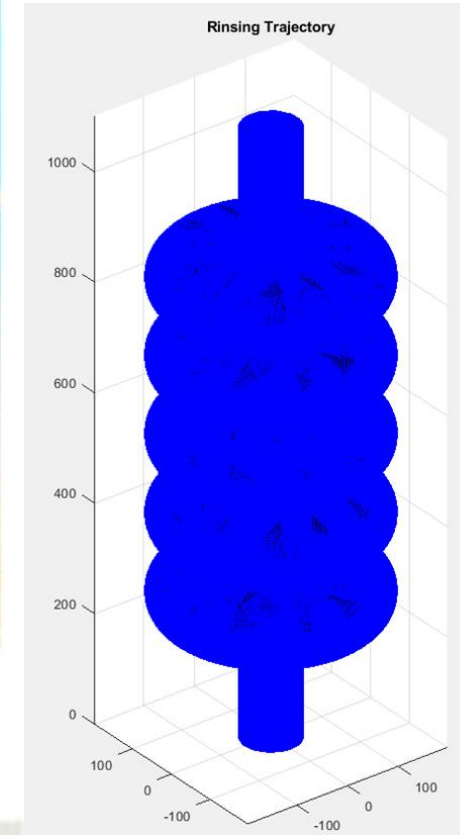
FRIB elliptical cavity assembled with supporting frame



FRIB HWR cleaning through seven ports



FRIB elliptical cleaning through one port







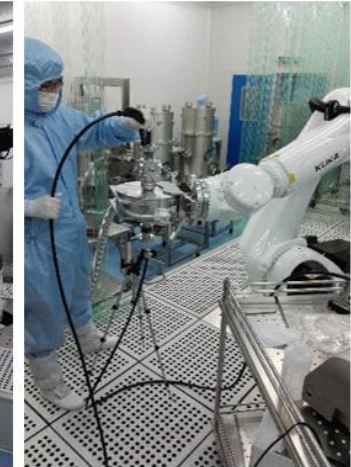
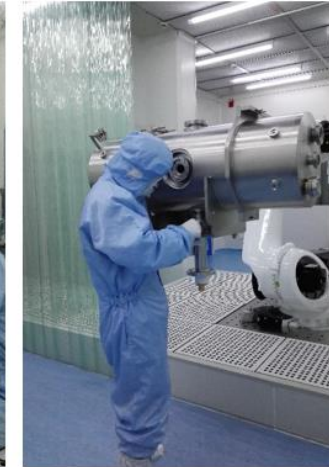
- Heaviest cavity for CADS is ~180kg



## Robot assisting on string assembly



## Robot assisting on HPR process

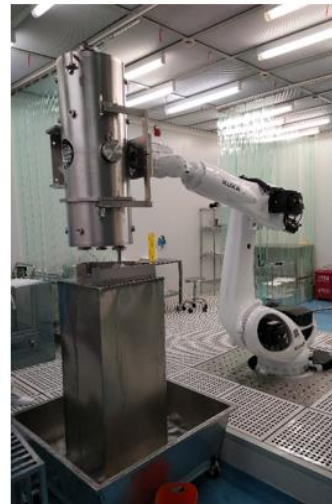


Cavities moving and fixing on the bracket

Solenoid assembly and fixing on the bracket

Coupler assembly assisting

Nitrogen cleaning assisting



- Reduced manpower in cleanroom
- Increased productivity

Horizontal HPR for HWR-015 cavities

Vertical HPR for HWR-015 cavities

HPR for 325MHz QWR Nb/Cu cavities

HPR for 1.3GHz Elliptical cavities





## VAX prototype and tests

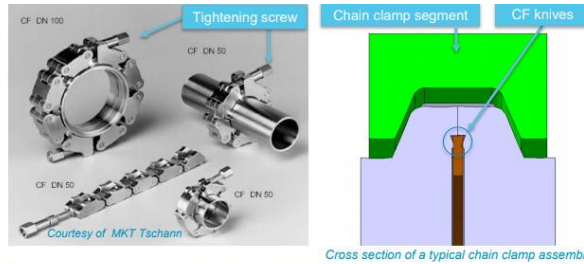
### VAX chain clamps:

- Torque control;
- Tightening screw's turns control;
- Robot friendly interface;
- Minimum number of steps for the robot to operate the tightening (locking) screws;
- Chain clamp size determines number of segments (chain links) so that working conditions potentially could be affected by the gravity.



### VAX remote operation:

- intervention of robot (gripper or gripper with extension tool);
- Intervention of personnel from 'safe' area using extension tool.



Overview chain clamps CF	
Material	Stainless steel 1.4435
Temperature range	-200 to +350°C

### Quick CF Flanges (conical)

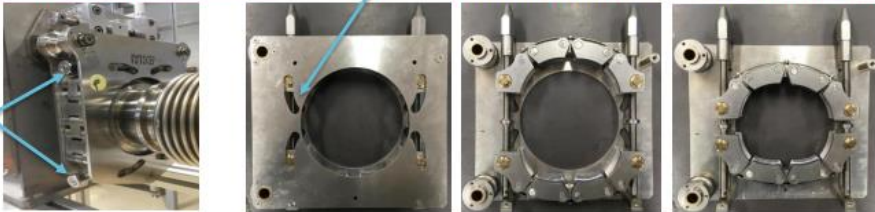


### Quick CF Flanges

Combination of chain clamp and bellows compression tool

Chain clamp in open position    Chain clamp in close position

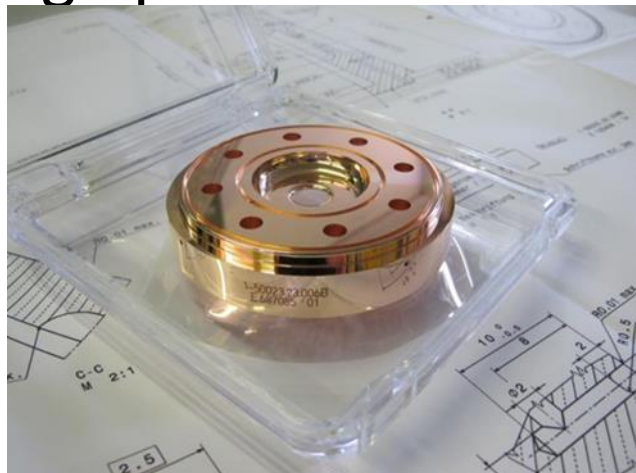
Horizontal actuation of tightening screws







- High precision machining



Storage under N2



Cup washing



Disk stacking

- Heating for assembly
- Long structure stacking with precision using robotic system



Vacuum brazing



Structure reversed to horizontal position on a temporary girder



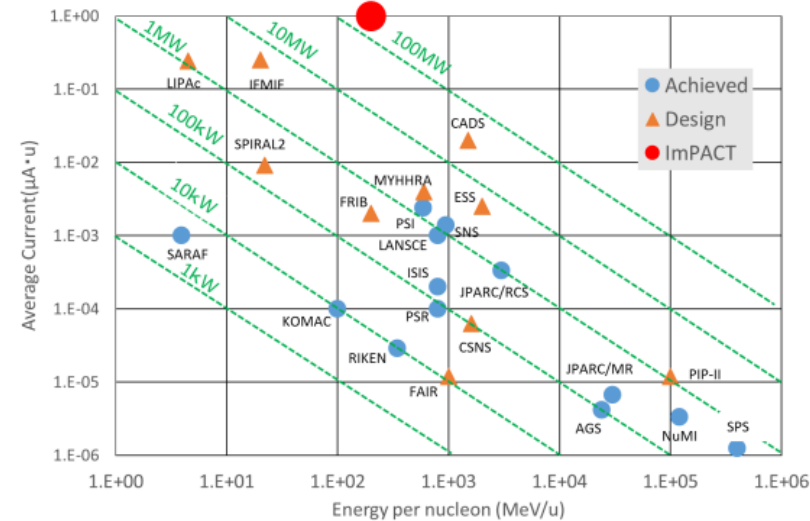
Bead pulling





## Summary

- We proposed **1 ampere class single cell linac to realize nuclear transmutation of High level nuclear waste using accelerator.**
- 1-ampere class single cell linac (Deuteron, 1A, 200 MeV/u)
  - **no RFQ**
  - **Can accept large size beam**
  - **Low frequency rf system**
- **Large bore rf cavity**
  - Two types of the cavities should be fabricated.
- **Thin Nb film on Copper vs. Bulk Nb**
  - General comparison
  - **Simple and smooth shape of QWR for thin Nb film method (x2 HIE-ISOLDE)**
  - **Proposal of a new fabrication method of HWR using thin NB film method**



$E_d$  [MeV/u]

**We need more than 100 times of the available maximum beam power in the world.**