

Materials fabrication in SRF cavities: beyond niobium

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Preamble

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European Strategy for Particle Physics

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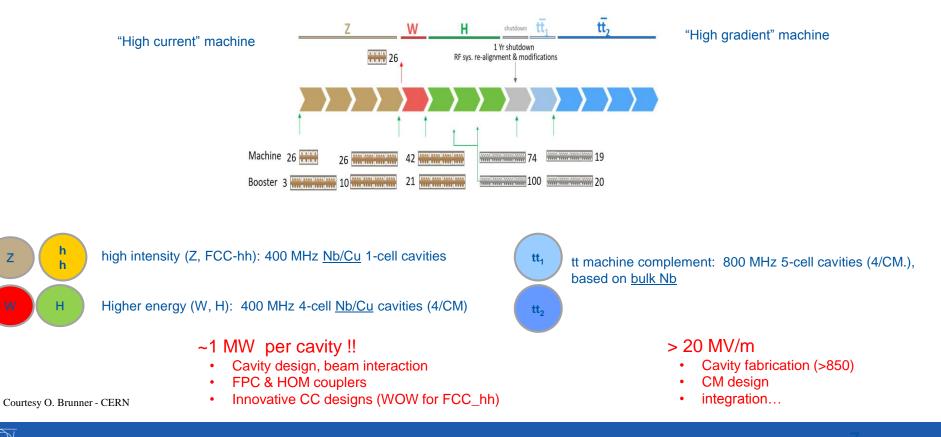
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- The European Strategy for Particle Physics must provide a clear prioritisation of European ambitions for the long-term future of the field.
- Mandated by the CERN Council, it is formed through a broad consultation of the particle physics community, it actively solicits the opinions of physicists from around the world, and it is developed in close coordination with similar processes in the US and Japan in order to ensure coordination between regions and optimal use of resources globally.
 - Europe is engaged in R&D projects for post-LHC facilities under the CLIC and FCC umbrellas
 - Globally-coordinated neutrino programme with experiments to be carried out in the USA and Japan
 - The International Linear Collider remains on the table with a site having been identified in Japan
 - · There are ambitious plans to build a large collider in China
 - At CERN, a study to investigate the potential for physics beyond colliders, maximising the potential for CERN's unique accelerator complex, was launched in 2016.
- The discussions are based on scientific evidence gleaned from the results coming in from the LHC, as well as from technological and resourcing considerations.
- Deliberations are underway. The Strategy is due to be updated by May 2020





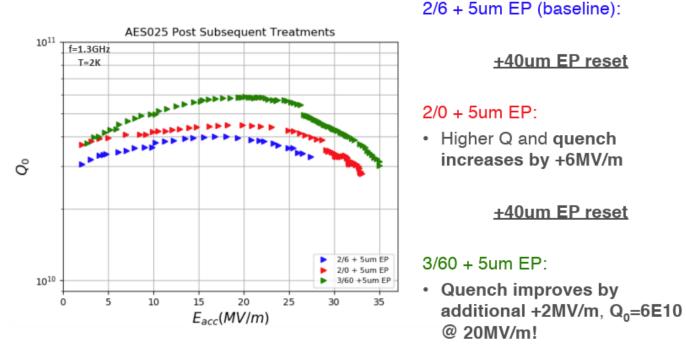
The FCC-ee project: a 14 years program prior to the FCC_hh





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State of the art: bulk niobium + nitrogen doping



Grassellino - Progress in High Q/high G

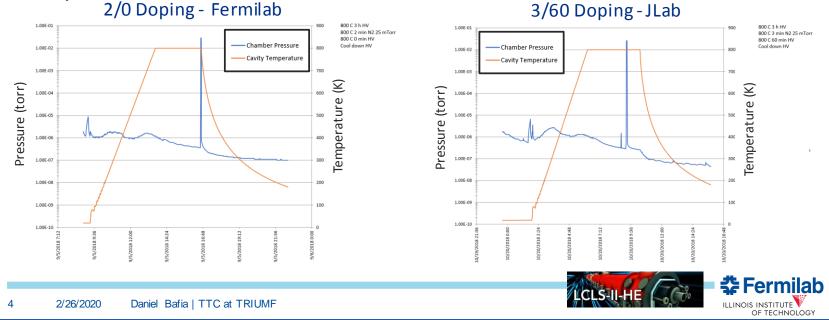
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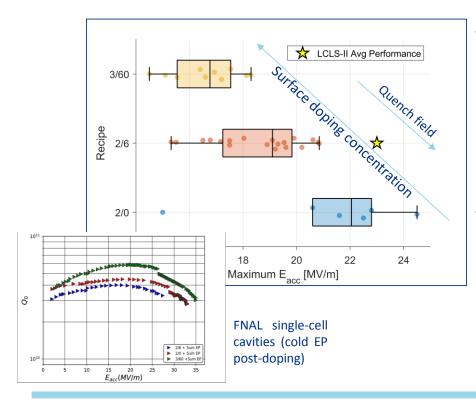
Doping?

- Using Nb 3 cavities, we test sequential treatments with a 40 μm EP surface reset in between
- Working in the context of Fermilab R&D and LCLS-II HE, we studied the following recipes:





Results



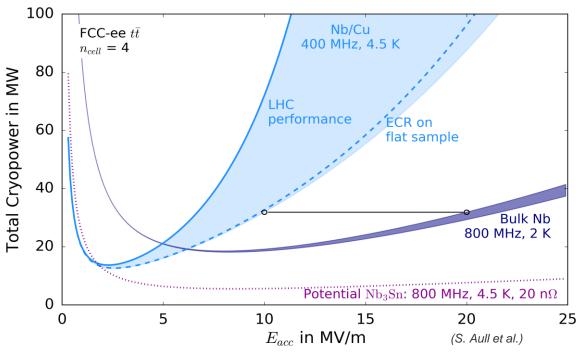
- Quench field scaling with surface nitrogen level (NbN) in 9-cell cavities suggest etching instead of polishing during EP (due to different reactivity of NbN compare to Nb)
- Colder EP help achieve higher gradients in doped cavities – independent of recipe – because the etching phase of the EP is reduced



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Power losses



 $E_{acc} \approx H_s$



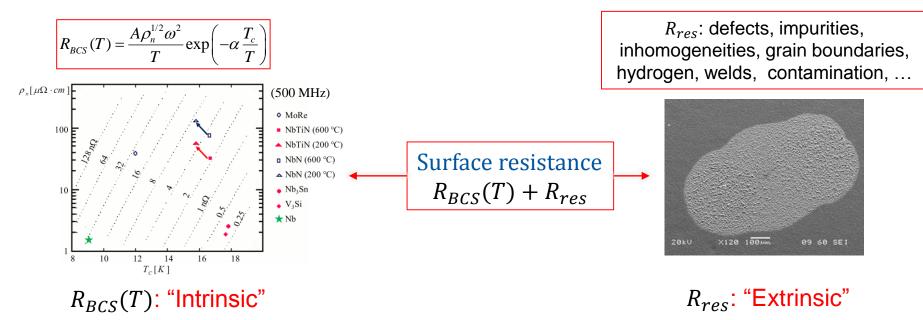
 $P = \frac{1}{2}R_sH_s^2$

A small accelerating field is favorable in circular accelerators, in terms of overall energy consumption

Example FCC-ee (tt⁻): orders of magnitude



Surface resistance



 R_{BCS} (4.5 K) of these A15 and B1 materials is comparable to R_{BCS} (1.9 K) of Nb Provided R_{res} is also kept similar, operation at 4.5 K could allow great power savings

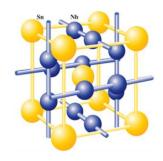


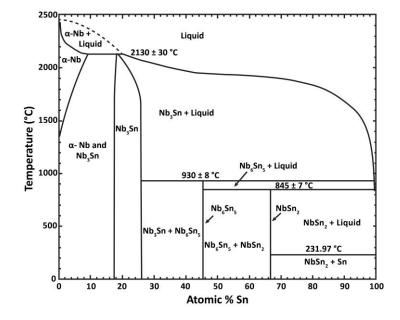
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Nb₃Sn





Two main routes:

Using a bulk Nb cavity, and forming Nb_3Sn on its surface , reacting either Sn vapours or Sn liquid

Using a Cu cavity, and sputter a thin Nb₃Sn film on its surface, either by co- or sequential sputtering or from an alloyed target

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Furnace configurations

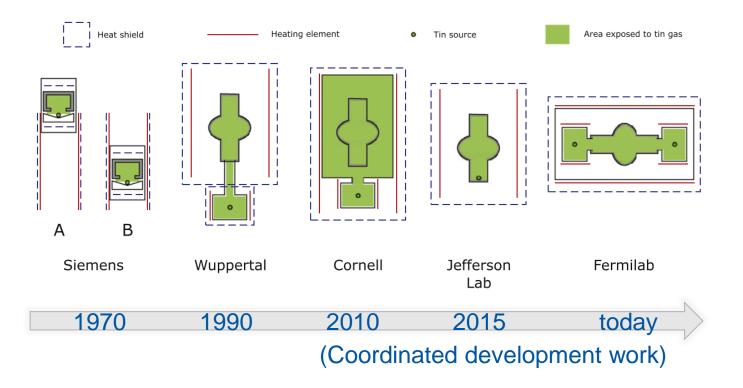


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Nb₃Sn from vapours



of a 9-cell ILC in Fermilab furnace (two sources, indent heating)

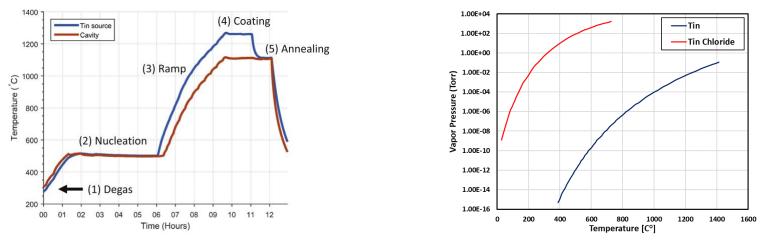
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Thermal cycles, vapour pressures



Excess of Sn to uniformly cover all the surface is needed, before Nb natural oxide is reduced.

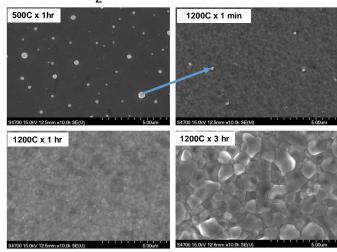
- By means of controlled-temperature Sn source
- By means of added SnCl₂ source (larger Sn vapour pressure)
 - (still unclear the role of CI, might promote nucleation sites)
- By means of thicker Nb oxide (anodization)
 - (thicker oxide detrimental to RRR, leading to quenches)

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Layer evolution with and without SnCl₂

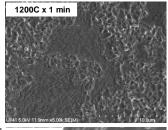
With SnCl₂

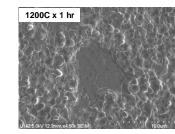


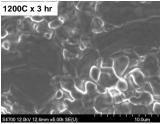
Little to no patches.



Without SnCl₂, the coating is susceptible to irregular coating with "patchy" regions.









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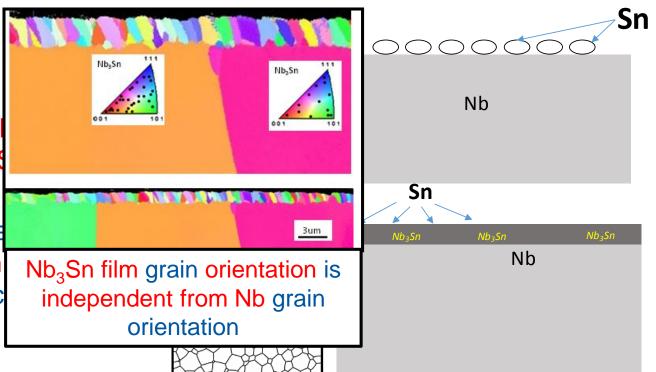


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Growth process

- 1. Sn arrives at Nb Sn source
- 2. Sn reacts with NI coverage of Nb₃ obtained.
- 3. Nb₃Sn progresse diffusion through boundaries, reac reacting with the substrate.



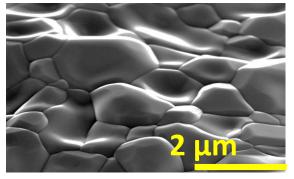
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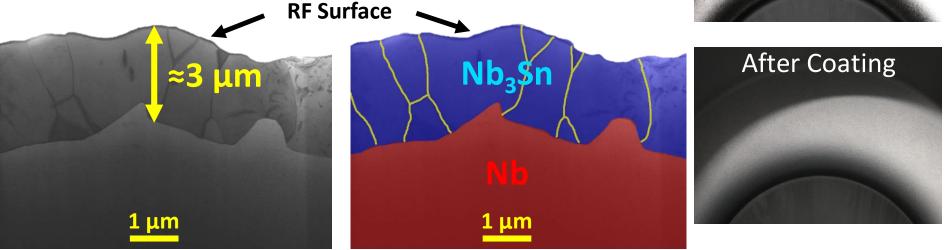
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Nb₃Sn layer

Nb₃Sn forms a polycrystalline layer on the surface of the Nb

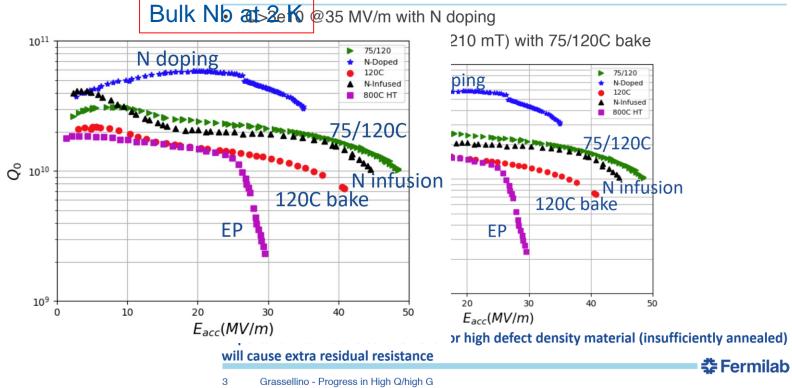




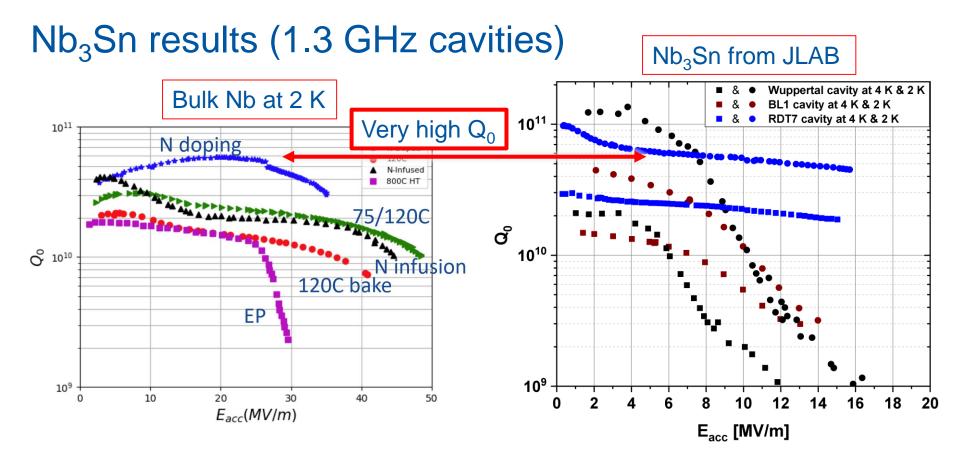


RF results: Nb bulk reference

State of the art in high Q and high G (1.3 GHz, 2K)





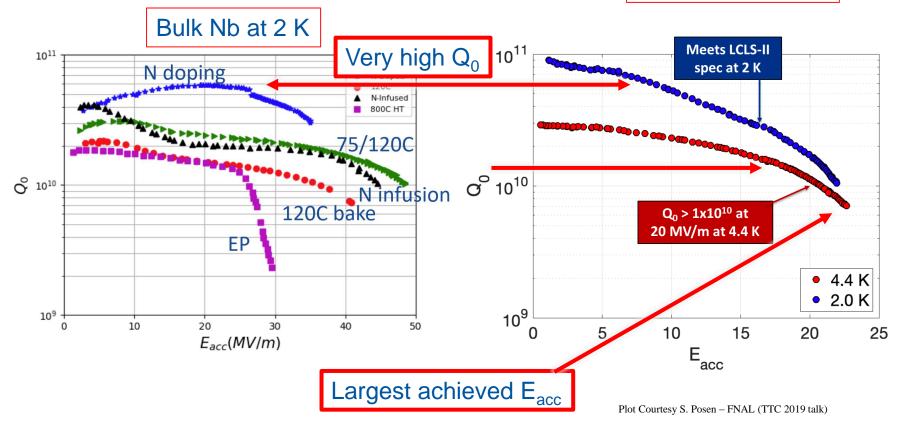


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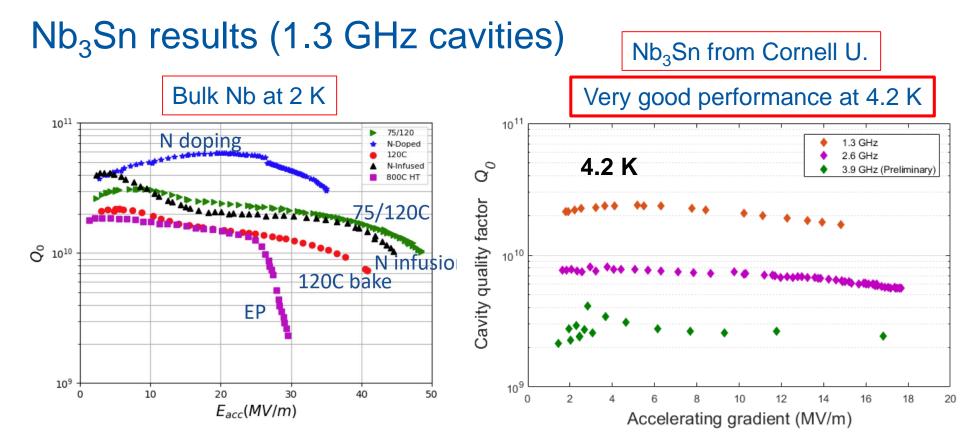


Nb₃Sn results (1.3 GHz cavities)

Nb₃Sn from FNAL





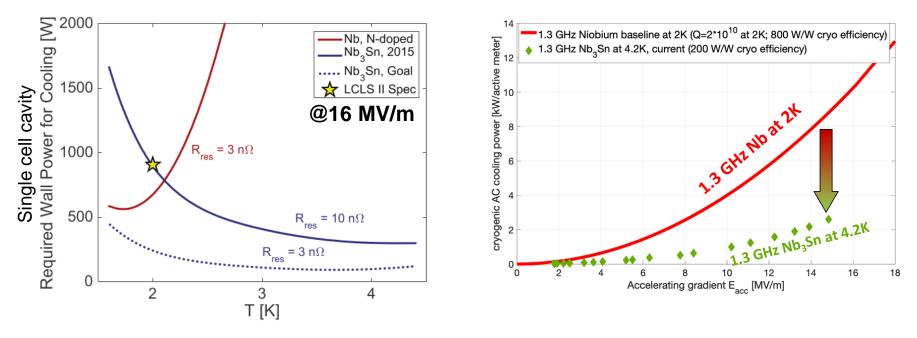


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Cryogenic efficiency: operation at 4.2 K

Potential for 1.3 GHz cavities, ILC / LCLS-II type



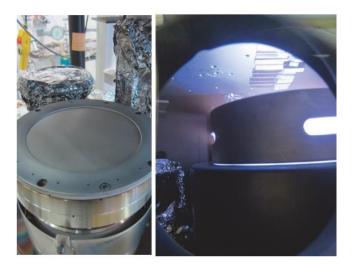
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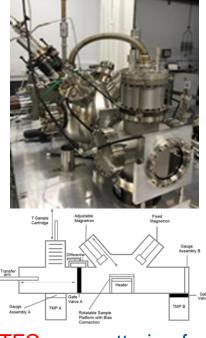
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Nb₃Sn thin films on copper

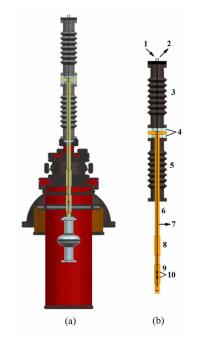
CERN: sputtering from alloyed target





STFC: co-sputtering from Nb and Sn targets

JLAB, INFN-LNL: multilayer sequential sputtering

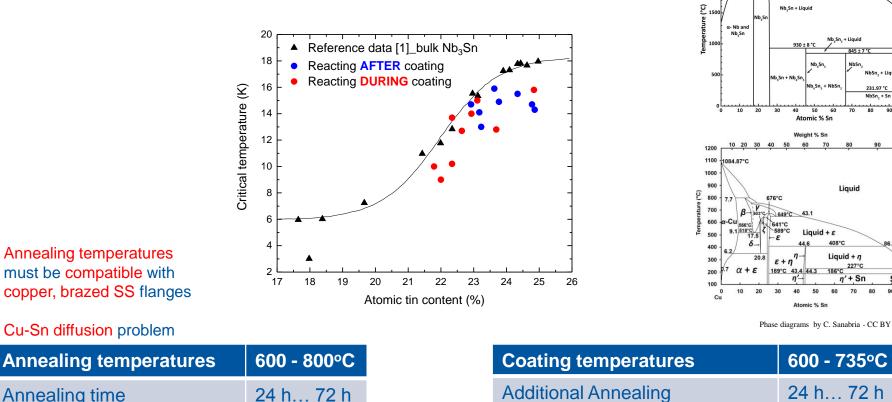


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Thermal treatment



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Annealing time

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a-Nb

200

Liquid

2130 ± 30 °C

Nb.Sn + Liquid

+ Liquid

NbSn, + Liquid

231.97

Sn

231.97 °C NbSn, + Sn

80

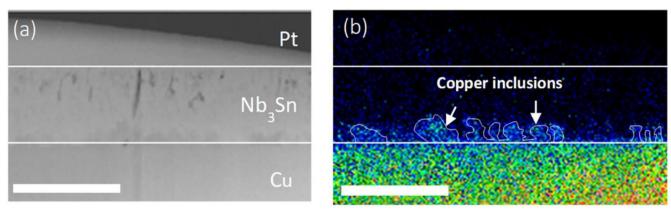
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Intermixing – Cu diffusion

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EDS

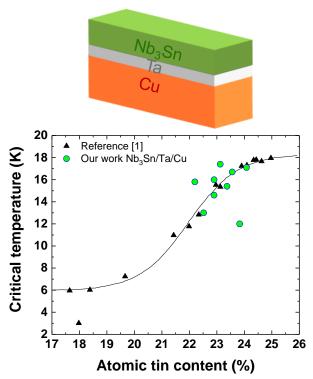


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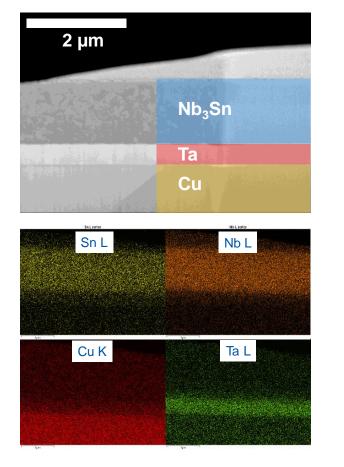


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Barrier Layer of Ta



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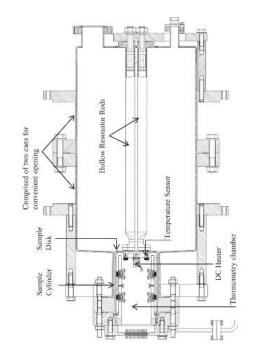


The Ta barrier layer is the solution in order to avoid any Cu diffusion into the Nb₃Sn layer.



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RF characterization with quadrupole resonator





Calorimetric technique $R_{s} = \frac{2\mu_{0}^{2}(P_{DC1} - P_{DC2})}{\int_{sample} |\overrightarrow{B}|^{2} dS}$



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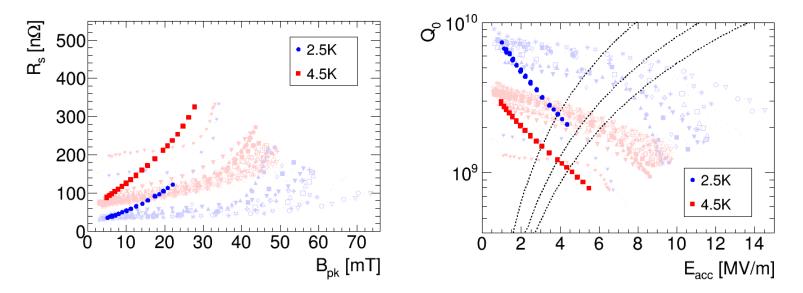


Nb₃Sn by sputtering: QPR results

Comparing to Nb/Cu LHC cavities

Best cool down

Predicted Q vs E assuming uniform coating



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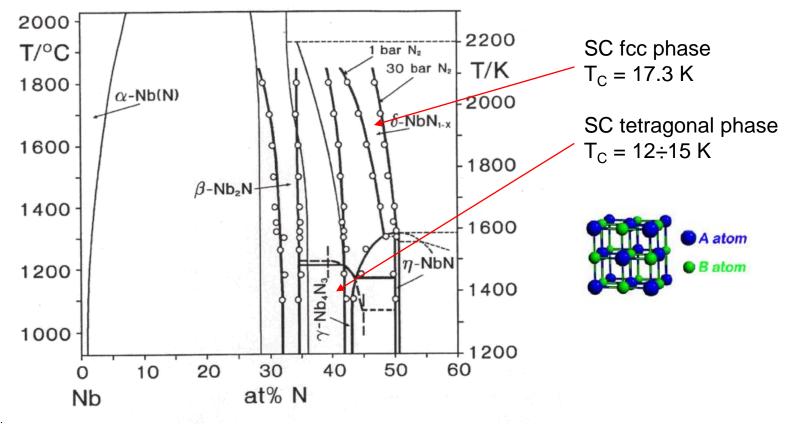


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The NbN phase diagram



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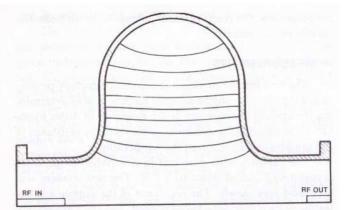
NbN Thermal diffusion

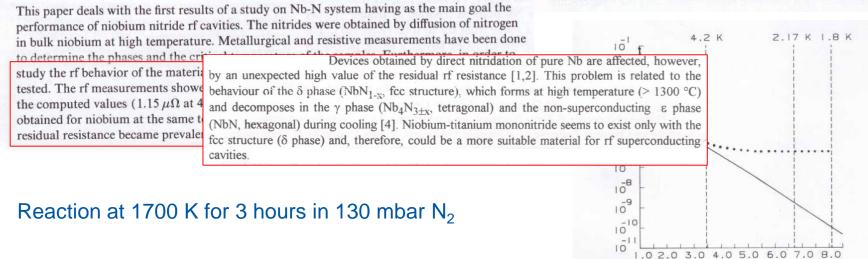
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Study of niobium nitrides for superconducting rf cavities

P. Fabbricatore, P. Fernandes,^{a)} G. C. Gualco, F. Merlo,^{b)} R. Musenich, and R. Parodi *I.N.F.N. Sezione di Genova, via Dodecaneso, 33 16146 Genova, Italy*

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The NbTiN phase diagram at 1200 °C

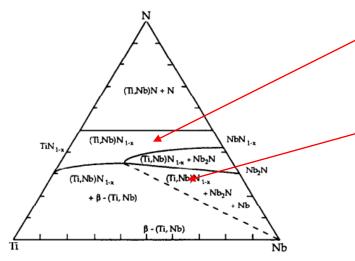


Fig. 1. Phase diagram for the Nb–Ti–N system at 1200°C and 1 bar N_2 pressure [14].

H. Hollek, Binäre und Ternäre Carbid- und Nitrid-Systeme der Übergangsmetalle (Gebrüder Borntraeger, Berlin, 1984)

Equilibrium nitride phase for any Nb,Ti ratio

Segregation of other phases for non optimal composition range

Stabilization of δ -phase at low temperature, associated with equilibrium segregation of TiN (from Musenich)



NbTiN by thermal diffusion

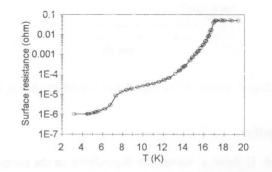


Fig. 10. Surface resistance of a Ti63Nb37 cavity after 24 h nitridation at 1300 °C.

Conclusions

Nitridation of four different Ti-Nb alloys (10, 37, 54 and 90 at.% Nb) was carried out at 1300, 1450 and 1600 °C and at nitrogen pressure of 0.3 and 30 bar. The phases present in Nb-Ti-N diffusion couples are isostructural with those present in the Nb-N, Ti-N and Nb-Ti binary systems; formation of individual ternary compounds was not detected. A layer of the δ -(Ti,Nb)N phase (fcc structure) was present at the surface for all compositions. This phase does not decompose during cooling down, in contrast to δ -NbN_{1-x}, which transforms into γ -Nb₄N_{3±x} and ϵ -NbN. T_c \geq 16.5 K were measured for the three niobium-richer diffusion couples. As a consequence, the nitridation route can be successfully used to prepare superconducting rf devices with high T_c (17.5 K) starting from a Ti-Nb alloy. The residual rf surface resistance of a 4.7 GHz superconducting cavity at 4.2 K ($\approx 1 \mu\Omega$) was three times lower than that of niobium at the same temperature, but still too high for practical applications.

(NbTi cavities were tested as well, but NbTi is not a good candidate material)

From R. Musenich – Genova U.

Surface Performance of Titanium Edited by J.K. Gregory, H.J. Rack, and D. Eylon The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society, 1997



Nb_{1-x}Ti_xN by sputtering

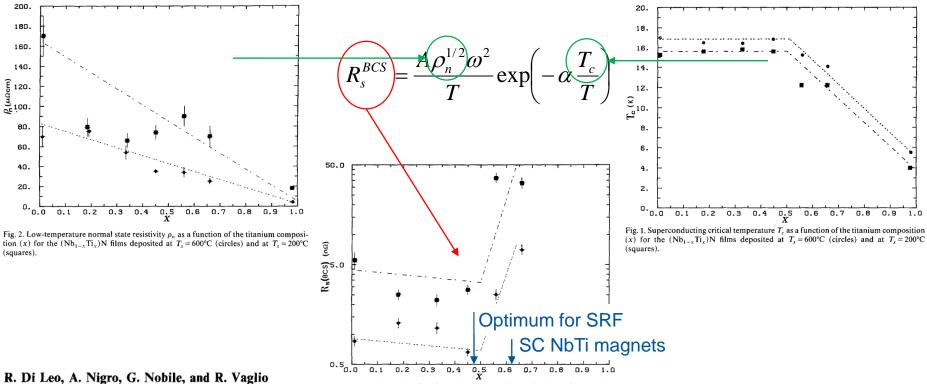
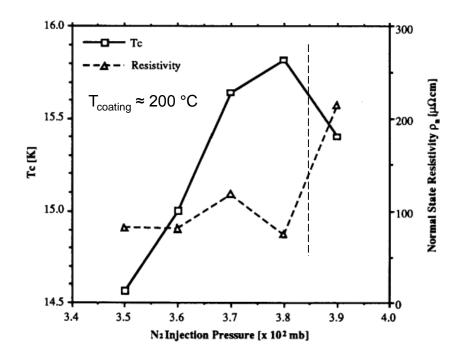


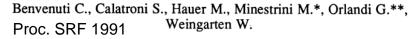
Fig. 3. Calculated BCS surface impedance $R_s(BCS)$ as a function of the titanium composition (x) for the $(Nb_{1-x}Ti_x)N$ films deposited at $T_s = 600^{\circ}C$ (circles) and at $T_{\rm s} = 200^{\circ} {\rm C}$ (squares). The continuous lines correspond to the values of the lines through the data in Figs. 1 and 2.

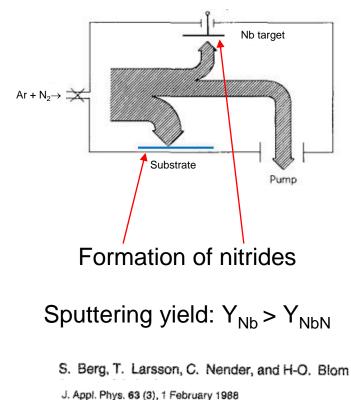
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Sputtering of 500 MHz at CERN



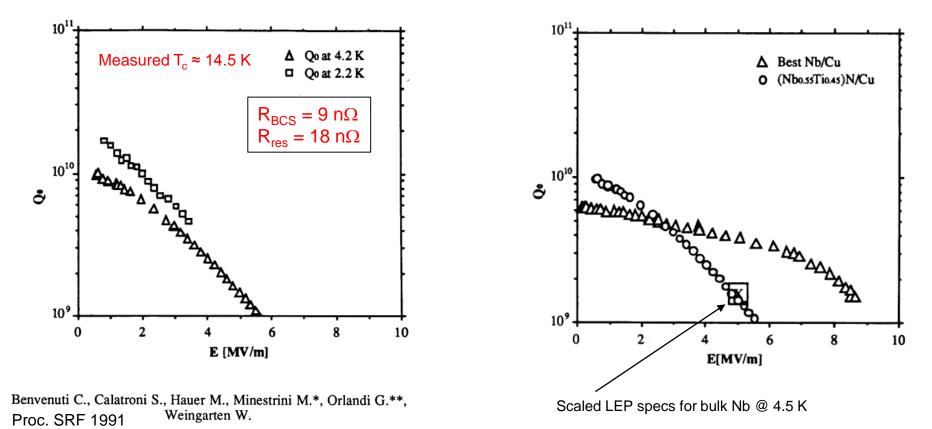






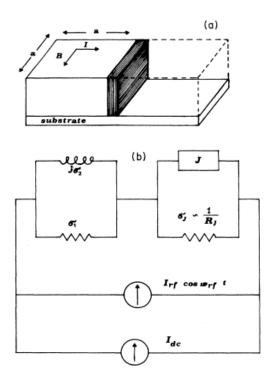
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Grain-boundary model



$$R_{sj} = \frac{1}{2\lambda_{\text{eff}}} \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_r}{\sigma_2^2} \qquad \sigma_r / \sigma_n = \left[\frac{\lambda_j}{\lambda}\right]^2 \frac{\pi \Delta}{2eI_c R_j} F^{-2}$$
$$\lambda_{eff} = \left(\lambda^2 + \frac{\hbar}{2eaJ_c \mu_0 F}\right)^{1/2} \qquad F = \sqrt{1 - (I_r / I_c)^2}.$$
$$\rho = \rho_i + \rho_{G.B.} = \rho_i + \frac{I_c R_j}{J_c a}$$

$$I_c R_j = J_c G = \frac{\pi \Delta}{2e},$$

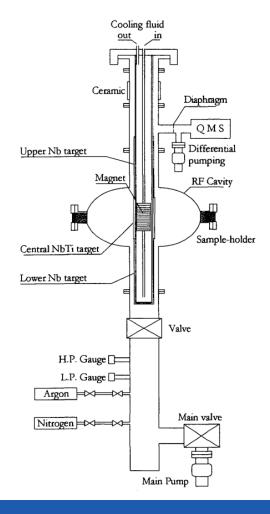
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 N_2 to NbTi ratio depends on position, can be problematic close to sputtering threshold.

Better designs are possible



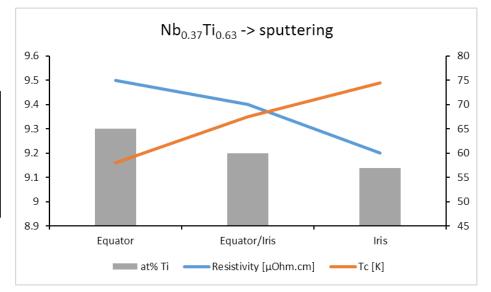


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Non homogenous composition along cavity meridian

- (Can be troublesome for Nb₃Sn)
- Better cathode design



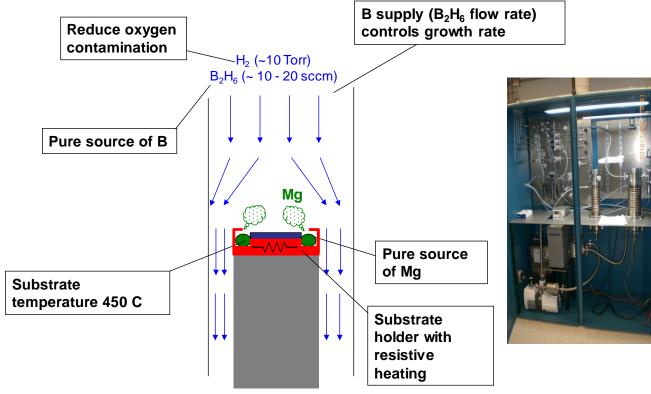


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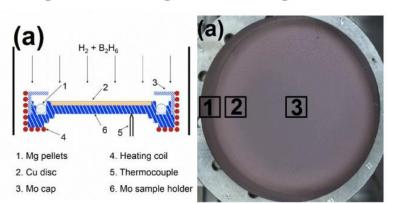
MgB₂ by HPCVD at Temple University



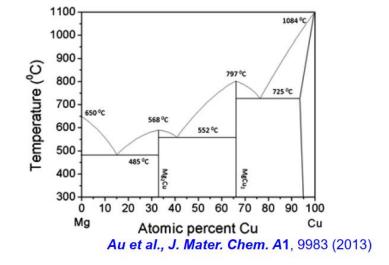
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Film deposition--HPCVD



Challenge for coating on Cu --Mg-Cu reaction

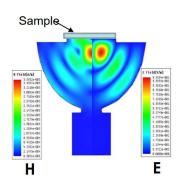


- To reduce Mg-Cu alloy formation the deposition temperature was lowered to $\sim 470^\circ\,$ C.
- Mg₂Cu alloy acts as a source of Mg for the growth of MgB₂.

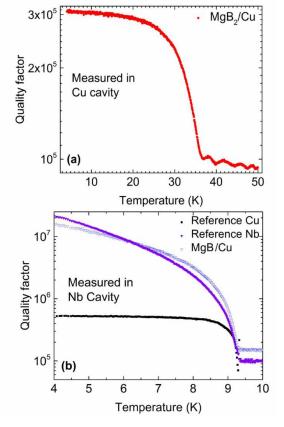
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RF results on samples



- The MgB₂ coatings were also characterized at 11.4 GHz at SLAC using a cryogenic RF system.
- The samples showed a Q factor comparable to a Nb reference sample and higher than the Cu reference sample.
- The films showed a T_c of 37 K.

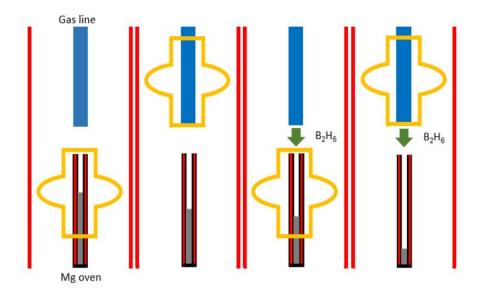


- Mg-Cu eutectic liquid promote growth aty low temperature process, <500°C.
- MgCu₂ alloy layer grows on top of Cu substrate

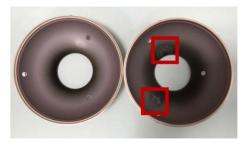
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Film deposition on 3.9 GHz mock cavity





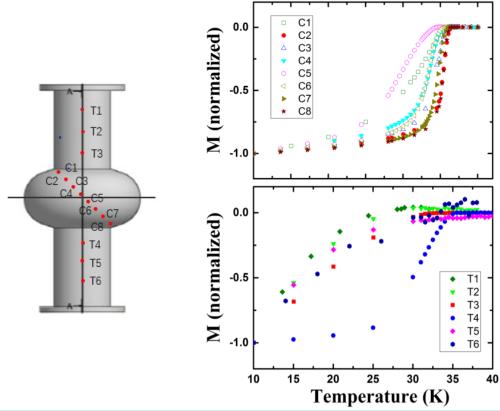


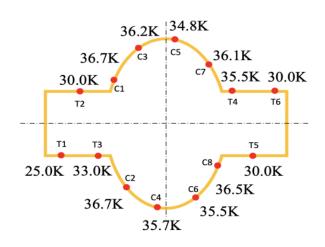
Mg-Cu alloy coated before MgB₂ deposition

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Superconducting property



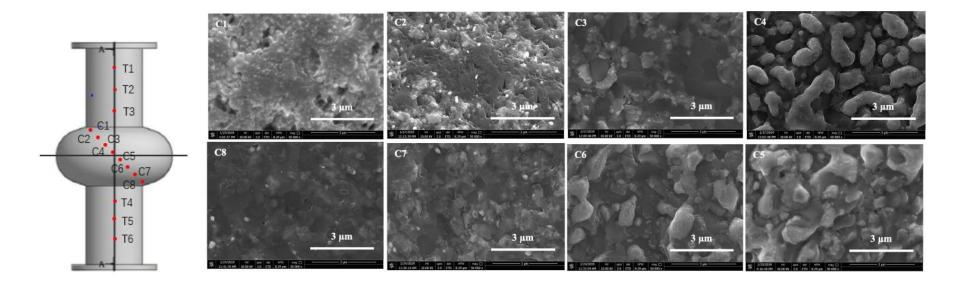


- All the samples show superconducting transition
- The transition temperature for MgB₂ films on cavity cell: around 34.8-36.7 K

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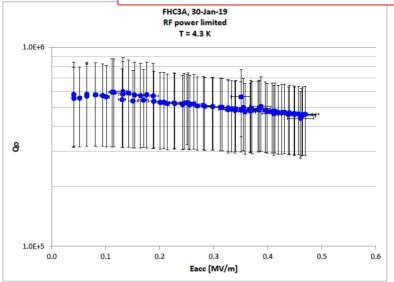
Surface Characteristics





RF Test

Poor RF properties due to poor connectivity of MgB_2 coating caused by incomplete reaction of B with Mg-Cu alloy. Longer time deposition can achieve more complete reaction.





- RF test performed at JLab
- The 3.9 GHz MgB_2 thin film cavity show transition at around 36K.
- Q value is low.

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REBCO: old idea, new materials and technologies

- Collaboration within CERN FCC-hh study to apply HTS for beam impedance reduction
 - Operation at 50 K, 16 T, needed J_c of 25 kA/cm²
- S. Calatroni, E. Bellingeri, C. Ferdeghini, M. Putti, R. Vaglio, T. Baumgartner and M. Eisterer, *"Thallium-based high-temperature superconductors for beam impedance mitigation in the Future Circular Collider"*, Supercond. Sci. Technol. 30 (2017) 075002
- T. Puig, P. Krkotić, A. Romanov, J. O'Callaghan, D. A. Zanin, H. Neupert, P. C. Pinto, P. Demolon, A. Granadeiro Costa, M. Taborelli, F. Perez, M. Pont, J. Gutierrez and S. Calatroni, *"Coated conductor technology for the beamscreen chamber of future high energy circular colliders"*, Supercond. Sci. Technol. 32 (2019) 094006
- Important results on RF behavior of HTS in presence of strong magnetic field
 - Potential use for muon collider capture cavities, SRF cavities for axion detection,
 - Potential operation at 77 K





REBCO: how to make cavities?

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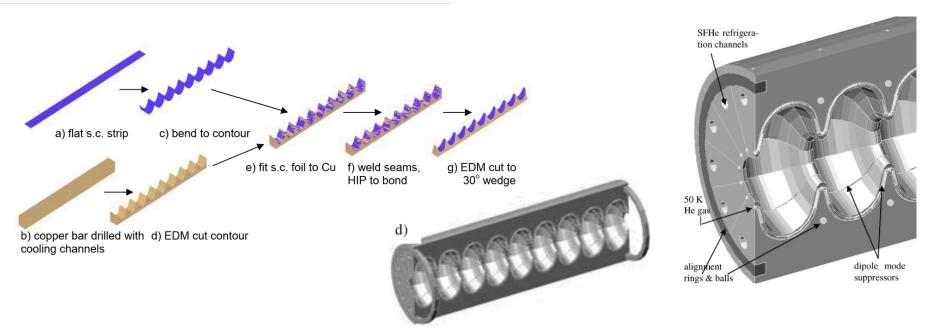
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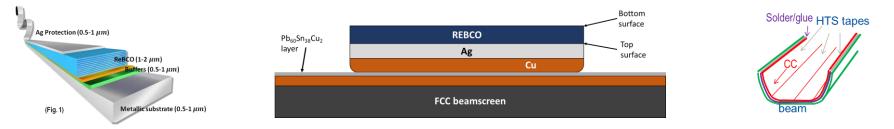
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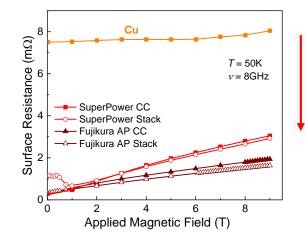




Technique and results



Bonding technology under active development (first results very encouraging)



3x improvement at 8 GHz at 50 K compared to copper expected 20x improvement at 1 GHz (f^{3/2}) no degradation from stacking

Courtesy J. Gutierrez - ICMAB



Spin-off: axion detection

- Axions as solution for strong-CP problem
- Axions as dark matter candidates:
 - Dark matter axions (low mass) converting to photons in B-Field
 - o By means of microwave cavities in solenoid magnet
 - Sensitivity goes as B² V Q_{cav} where B is the applied field, V the total volume, Q is the quality factor of the cavity

 ADMX type experiment: using tunable cavities in the ~1 GHz range

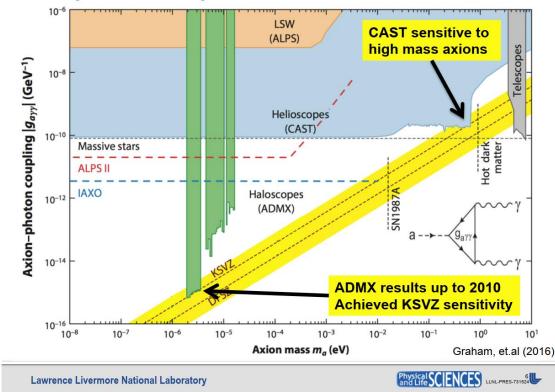




From Gianpaolo Carosi LLNL

Axion parameter space

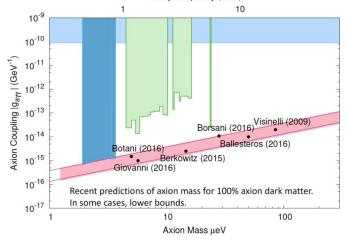






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Checking other frequencies



Theoretical predictions (plot from Gray Rybka 2017)

- HTS can have much better Q at lower frequencies
- There is a crossover with copper at high frequencies: to be verified with our data

Challenge of moving to higher axion mass (frequency)

- Scaling single cavity to higher frequencies (f) Volume ~ (f)⁻³ !
- Quality factor also goes down as frequency increases (Q_L ~ 10⁵ · (f)^{-2/3})
- Need to move to multi-cavity array's. Frequency ~ 540 MHz Q_L - 100,000 Axion Mass ~ 2 µeV

Volume - 135 liters

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- Frequency ~ 2.4 GHz Axion Mass ~ 9 μeV Q_L – 60,000 Volume ~ 2.6 liters
- Frequency ~ 10 GHz Axion Mass ~ 36 µeV Q_L – 25,000 Volume – 0.025 liters







1" diameter



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5" diameter Life SCIENCES LINL-PRES-731524

Pictures from CAPP

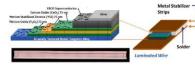


Figure 1 The architecture of the YBCO tape [18]

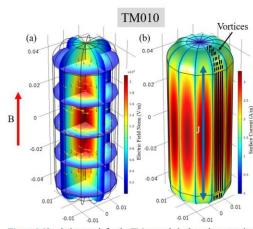


Figure 2 Simulation result for the TM₀₁₀ mode in the polygon cavity. B is the direction of the applied magnetic field in the axion cavity experiment. (a) The electric field (Red Arrows, Colored 3D Plot) and magnetic field (Yellow Arrows) of the TM₀₁₀ mode, (b) Surface current distribution of the TM₀₁₀ mode. Current flows in the direction of J. The black lines represent vortices in the YBCO film. Since the motion of the vortices is governed by $f = J \times \Phi_0/c$ (Φ_0 : Magnetic Field Quanta for a Vortex in z-direction), the vortices vibrate at the curved films, but not vibrate at the side wall.

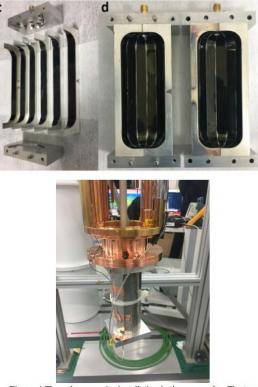
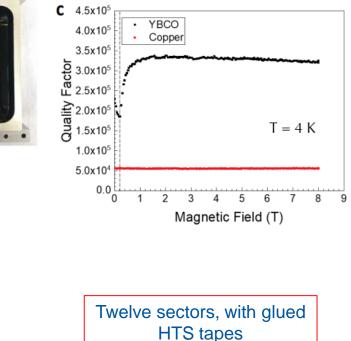


Figure 4 The polygon cavity installation in the cryocooler. The two RF lines connect to the cavity and two temperature sensor attached on the top and bottom parts of the cavity. D. Ahn et al, ArXiV:2002.08769v1



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Conclusions

- Promising candidate new materials for SRF: A15 (Nb₃Sn, V₃Si, ...) and B1 (NbN, NbTiN, ...)
- Very successful results for Nb₃Sn from Sn vapour diffusion
 - Technological evolution over >30 years, great leap in the past 10 years
- Fast-pace evolution for Nb₃Sn films on Cu
 - Mastering Sn-Cu diffusion is the key for success... as in magnets!
- NbN being pursued in several places
 - \circ Probably intrinsically limited by metastable δ -phase
- NbTiN remains the best B1 candidate
 - Composition accuracy and grain size need to be solved
- Other innovative materials will require further developments
 - MgB2 being pursued only at Temple University
 - REBCO might be a viable alternative, for some niche applications. New-generation coatedconductors have very peculiar performance



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