



Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare  
Laboratori Nazionali di Legnaro



# RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON SRF 6 GHZ CAVITIES

Vanessa Garcia Diaz, E. Chyhyrynets, F. Stivanello,  
M. Zanierato, C. Pira



EASITrain – European Advanced Superconductivity Innovation and Training. This Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA) Innovative Training Networks (ITN) has received funding from the European Union’s H2020 Framework Programme under Grant Agreement no. 764879

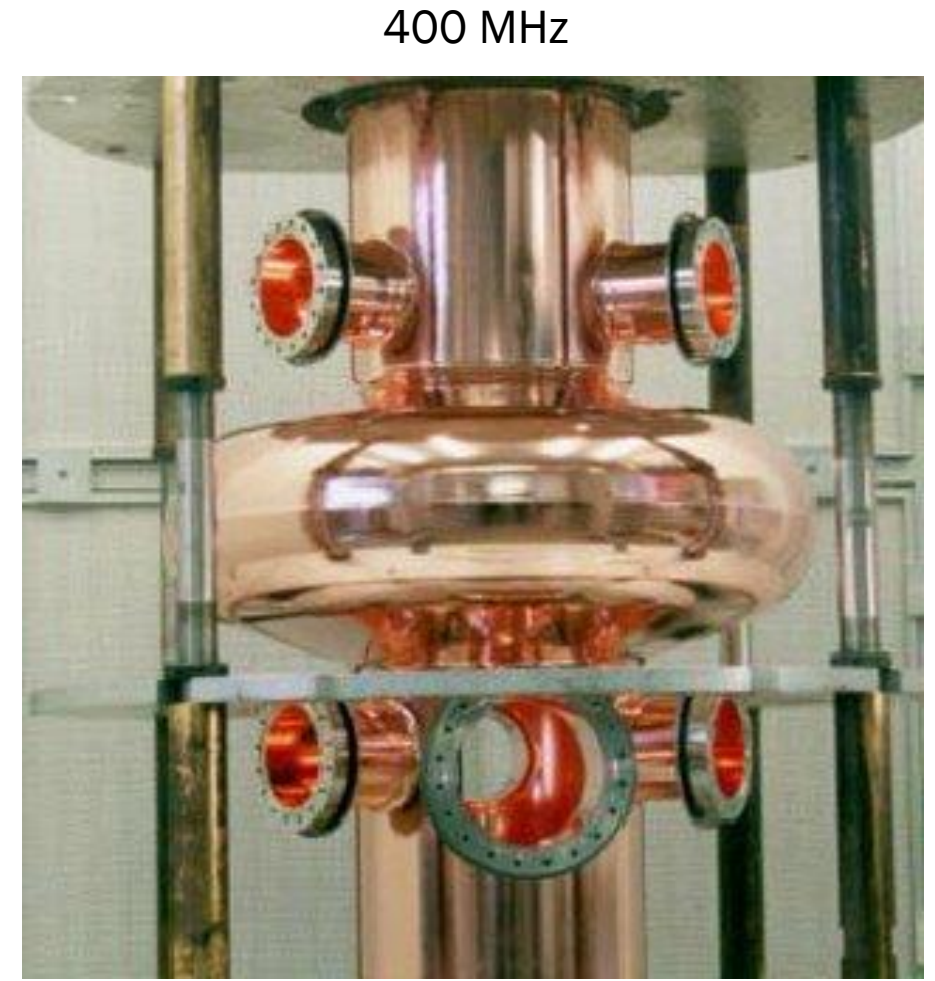
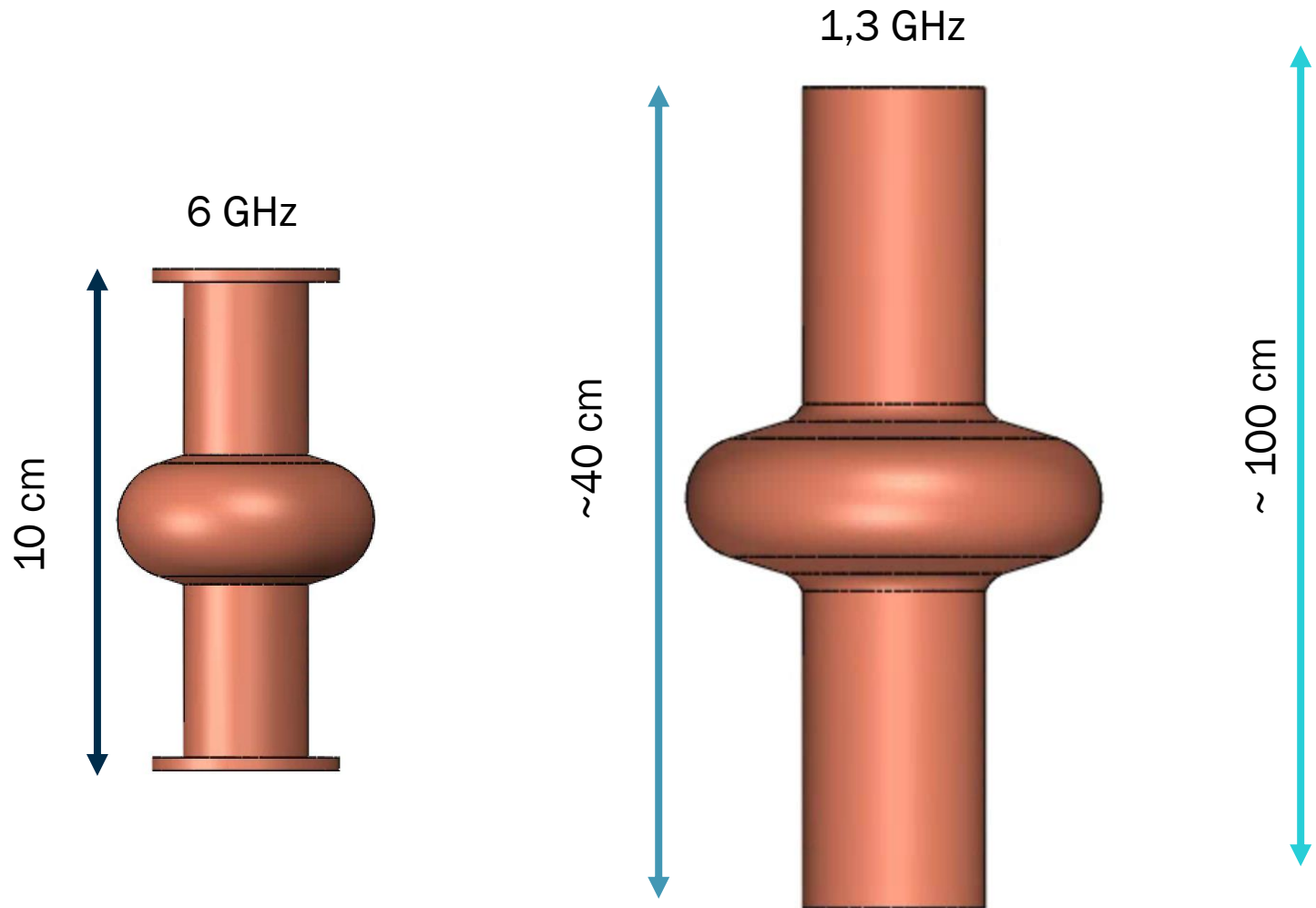
# OUTLINE

- Why 6 GHz?
- State of art on 6 GHz cavities
- Seamless motivation
- Manufacturing process
- Surface treatments
- Coating process
- RF Characterization
- Magnetic flux trapped study



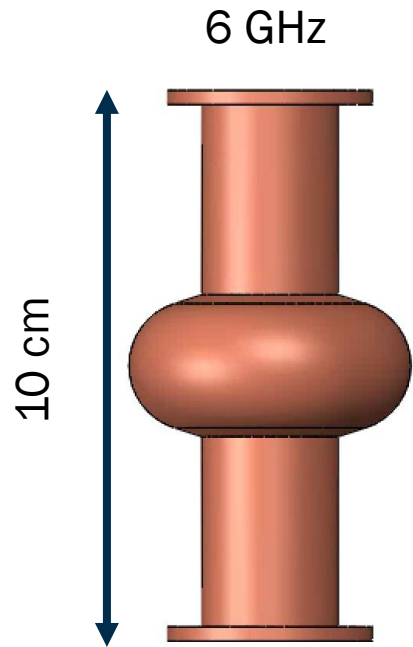
*Nb on Cu coated QWR (LNL)*

# WHY 6 GHZ CAVITIES?

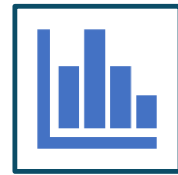


S. Bauer et al., TEST RESULTS OF SUPERCONDUCTING CAVITIES PRODUCED AND PREPARED COMPLETELY IN INDUSTRY, Proceedings of EPAC 2004, Lucerne, Switzerland.

# WHY 6 GHZ CAVITIES?



Low cost



Statistic



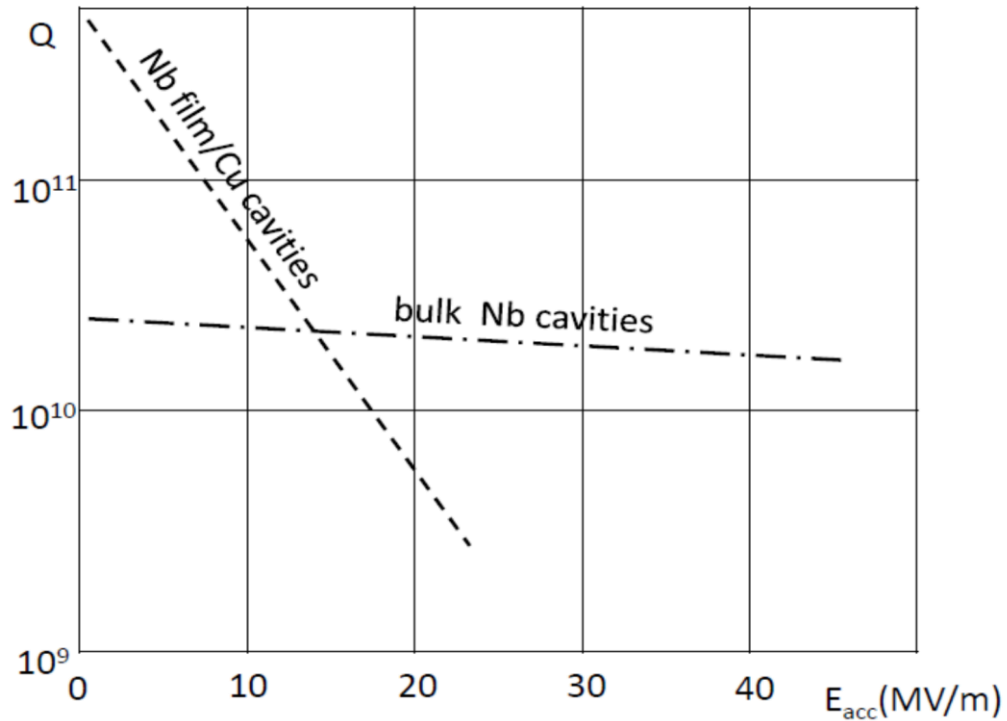
Easy to  
handle



Smaller  
equipments

# STATE OF ART NB ON CU

- High  $Q_0$
- Thermal stability
- Cost reduction

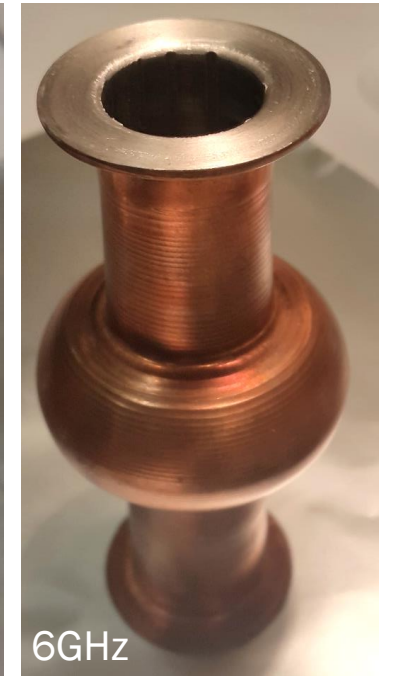


- ALPI (LNL-INFN)
- ISOLDE (CERN)
- LHC (CERN)
- LEP2 (CERN)



6GHz

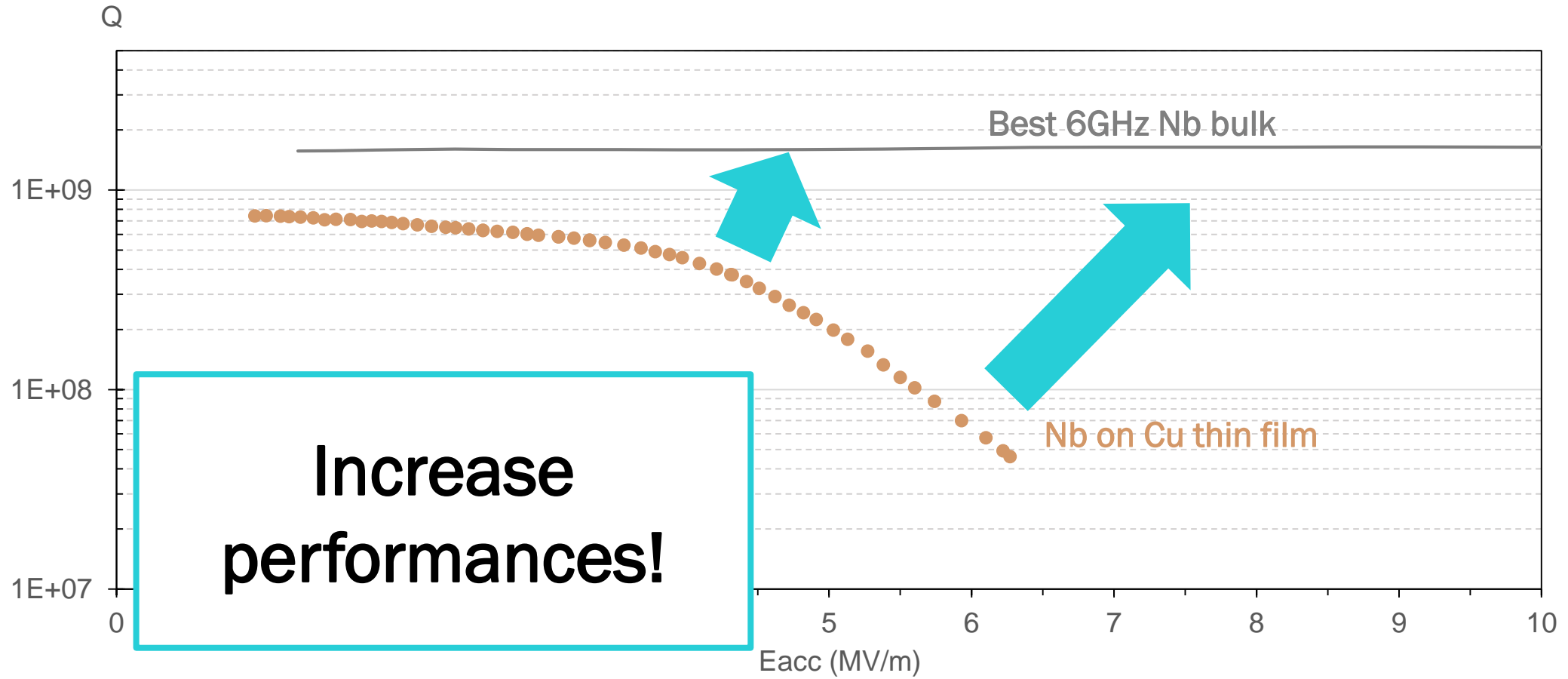
Bulk Nb

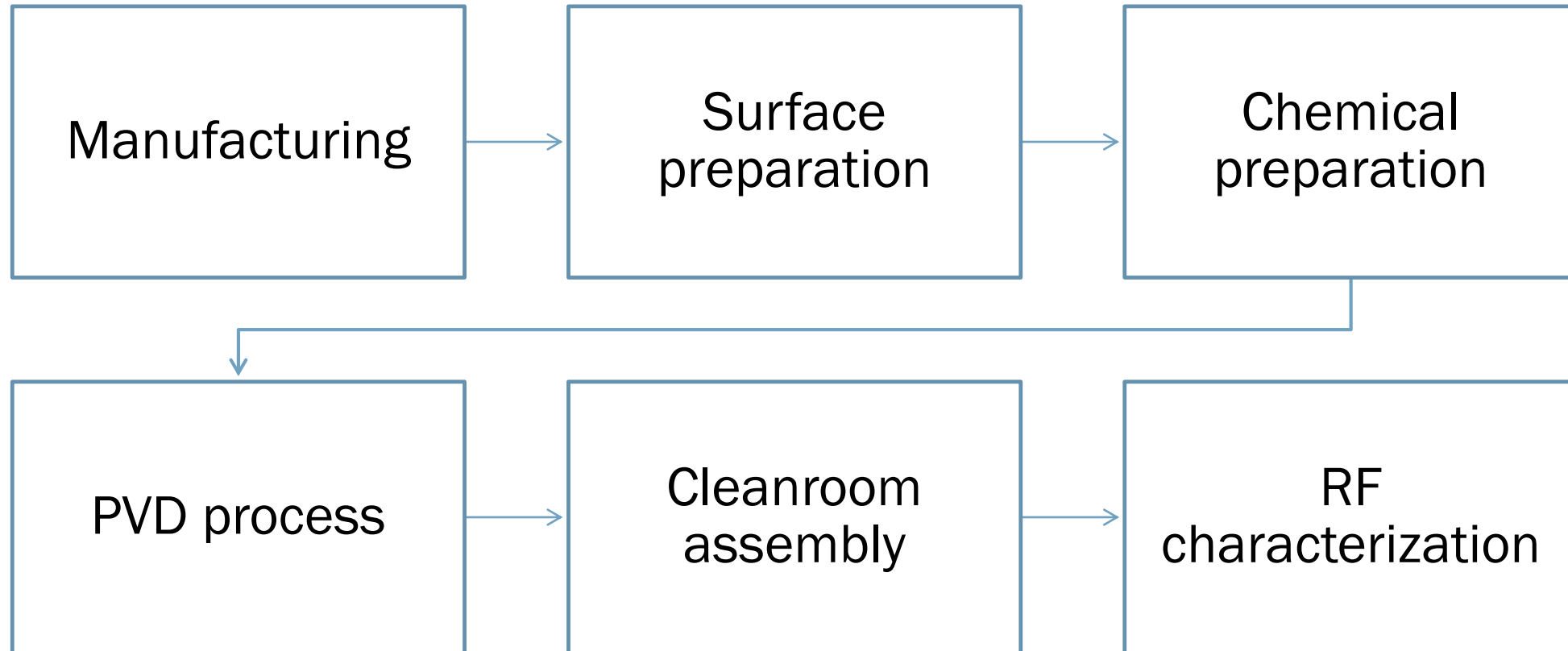


6GHz

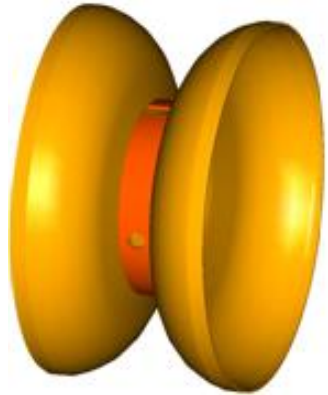
Nb on Cu

# 6GHZ STATE OF ART





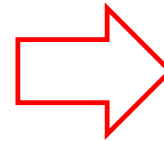
# SEAMLESS MOTIVATION



JLAB

Imperfections  
+  
Roughness effect

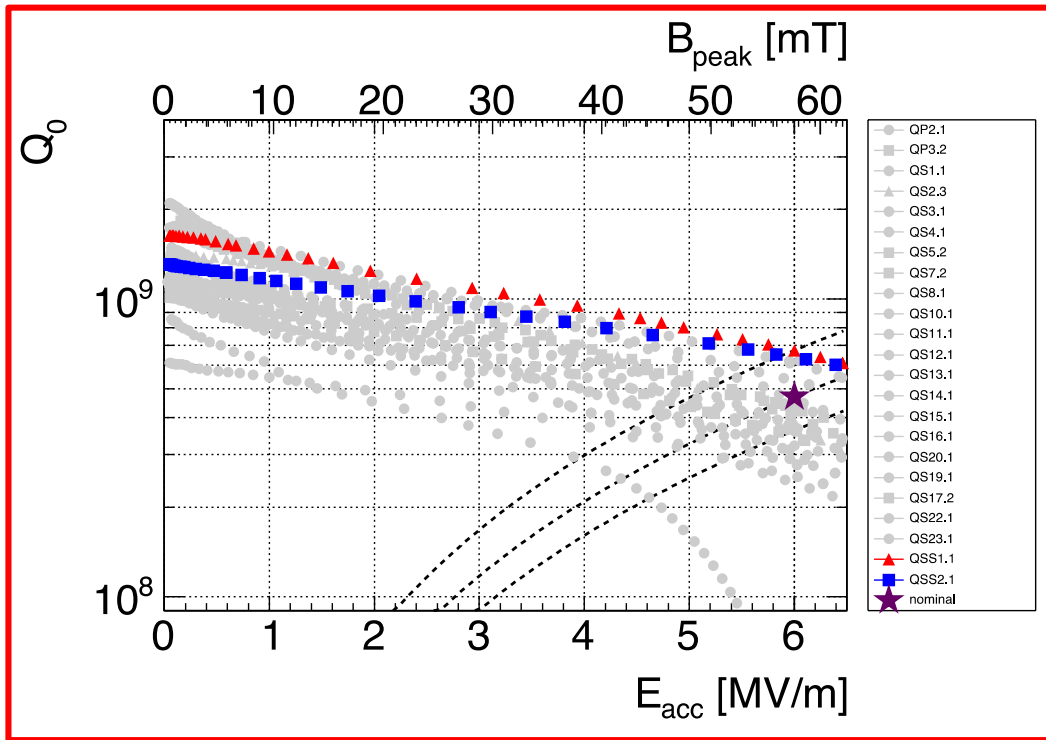
Defects in the  
equator!



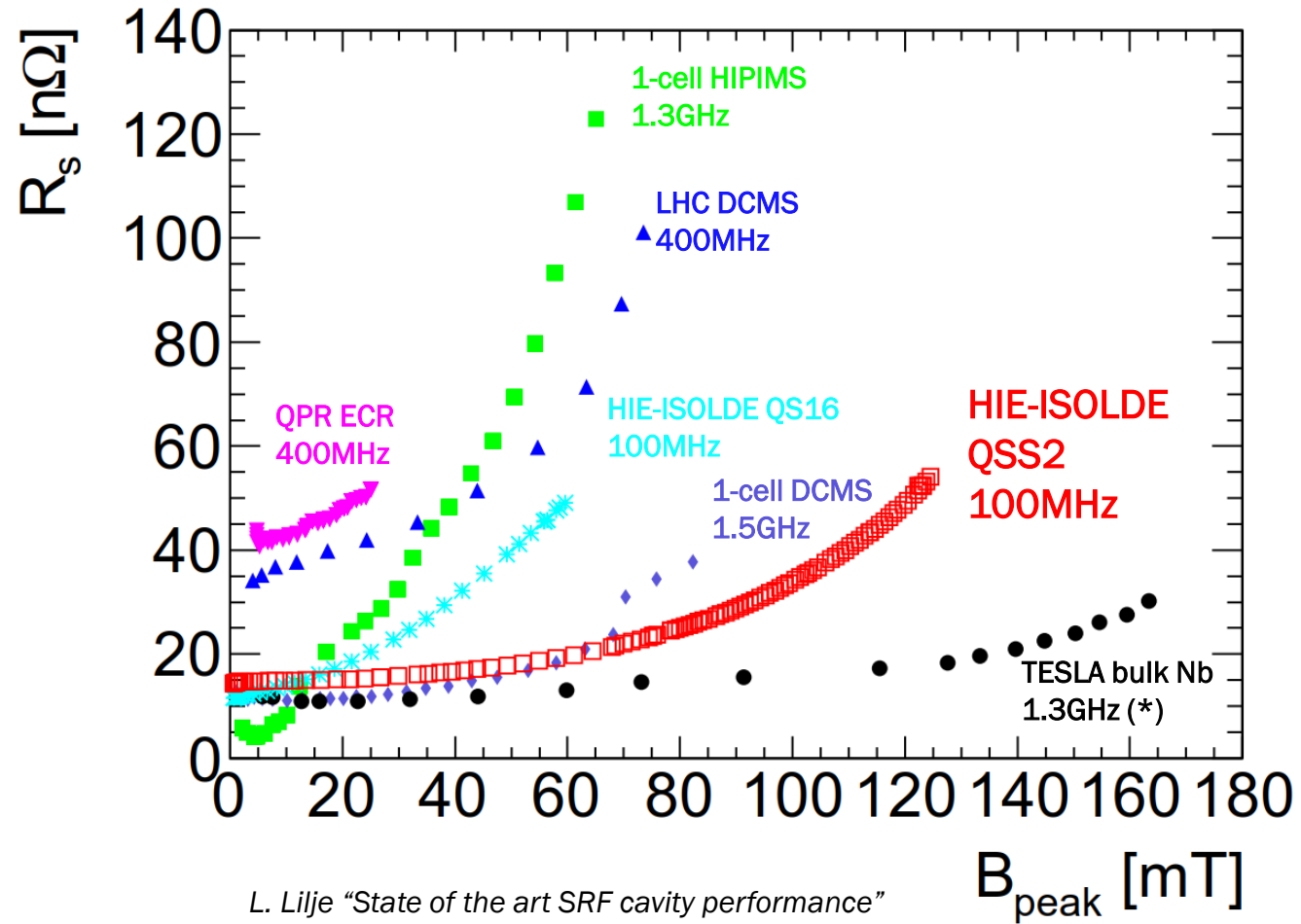
Lower RF  
performances



# SEAMLESS MOTIVATION



W. Venturini "Thin film research: CERN experience and possible future applications" TTC meeting Milano 2018



L. Lilje "State of the art SRF cavity performance" Proceedings of LINAC 2004, Lübeck, Germany

# MANUFACTURING PROCESS @LNL

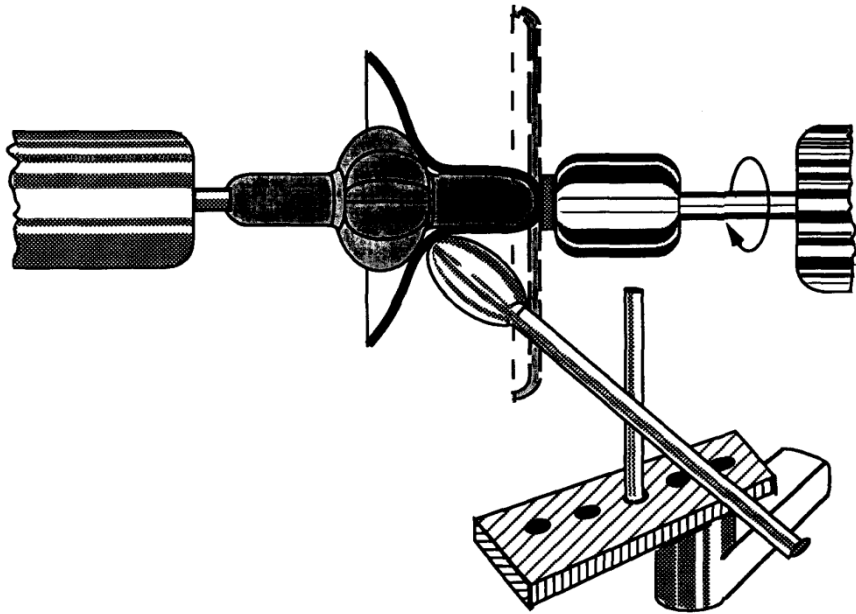
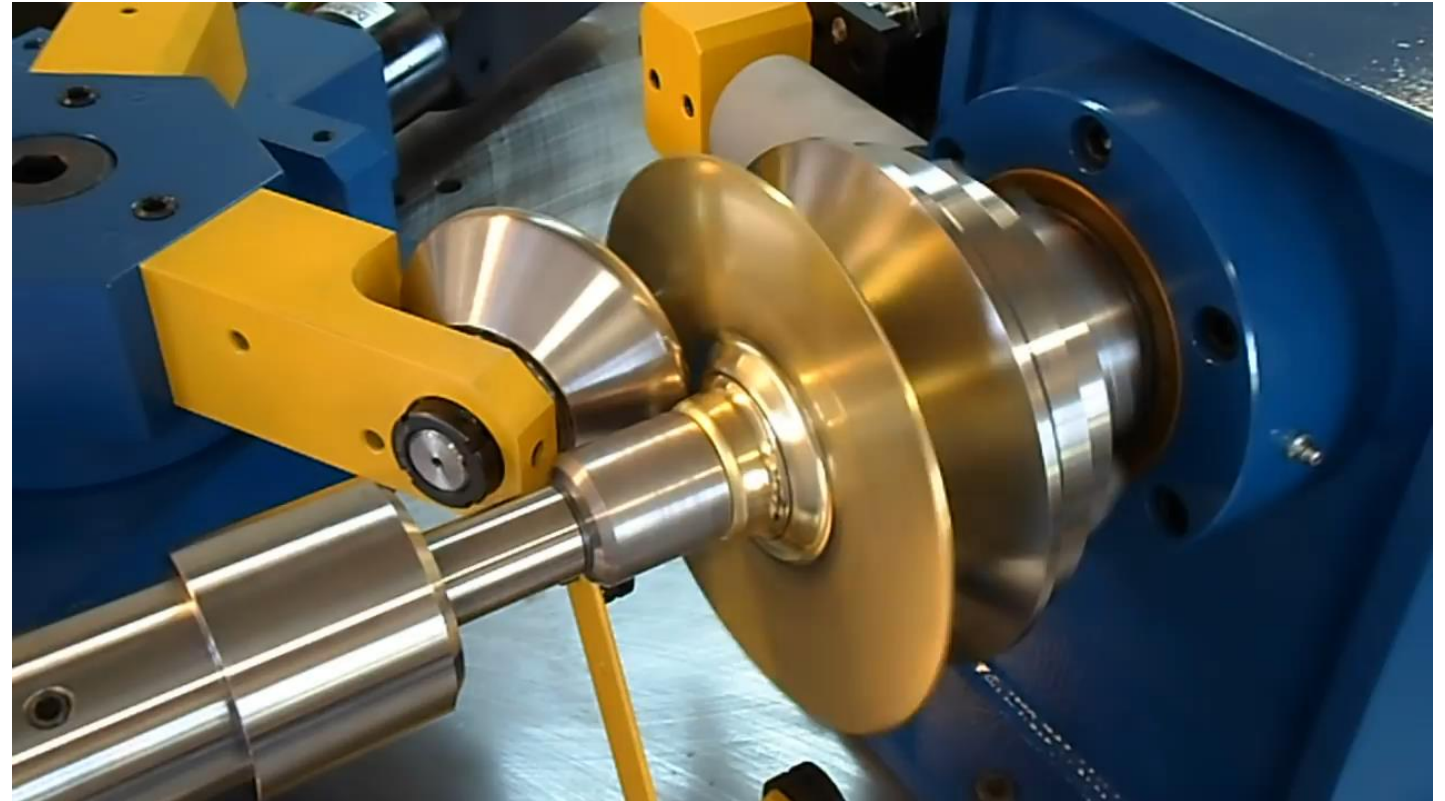


Fig. 1 Set-up for monocell cavity spinning using a simple hand tool applied as a pry bar.

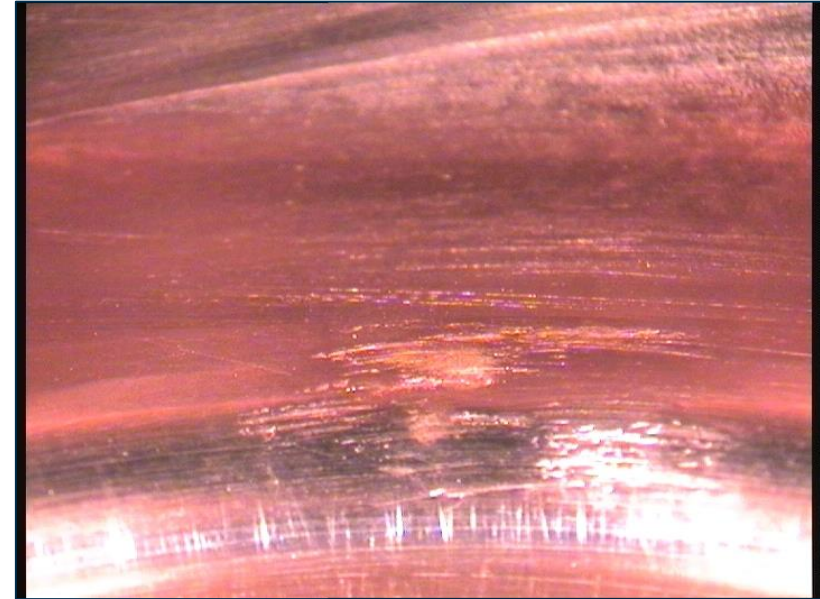
V. Palmieri «Seamless 1,5GHz cavities obtained by spinning a circular blank of Copper or Niobium» Proceedings of SRF 1993, Virginia, USA.



Spinning of a Brass Disc

<https://www.manufacturingguide.com/en/spin-forming-discs>

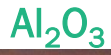
# SURFACE PREPARATION



Cavity inner surface after grinding

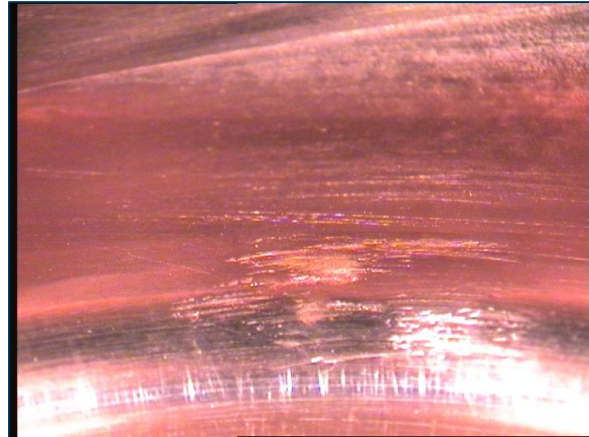
# SURFACE PREPARATION

Step 1



8h

0,3 g/h  
3,6  $\mu$ m/h



Initial surface

Coconut

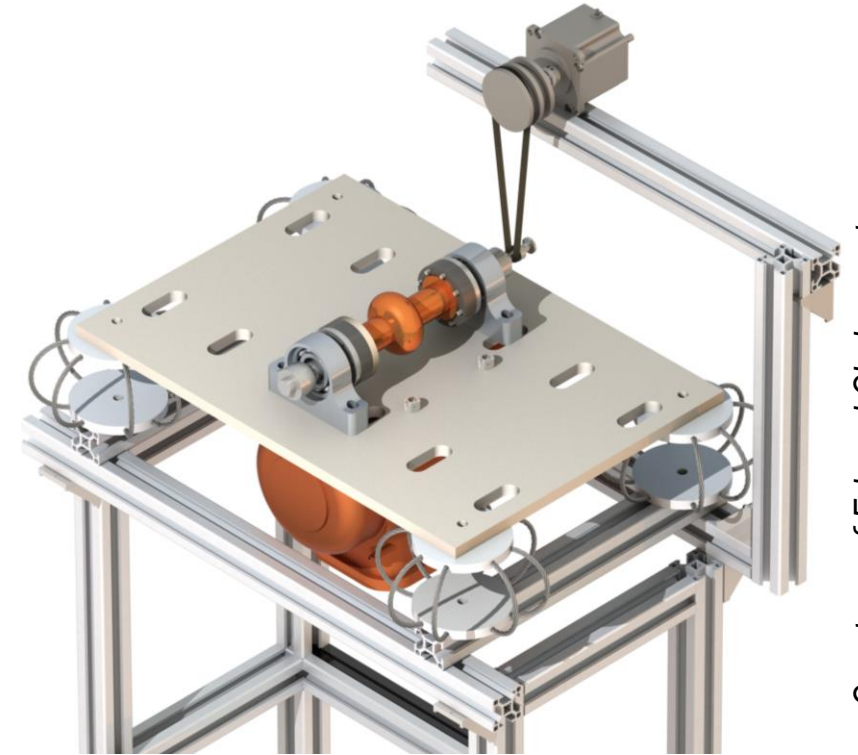


4h

0,01 g/h  
0,1  $\mu$ m/h



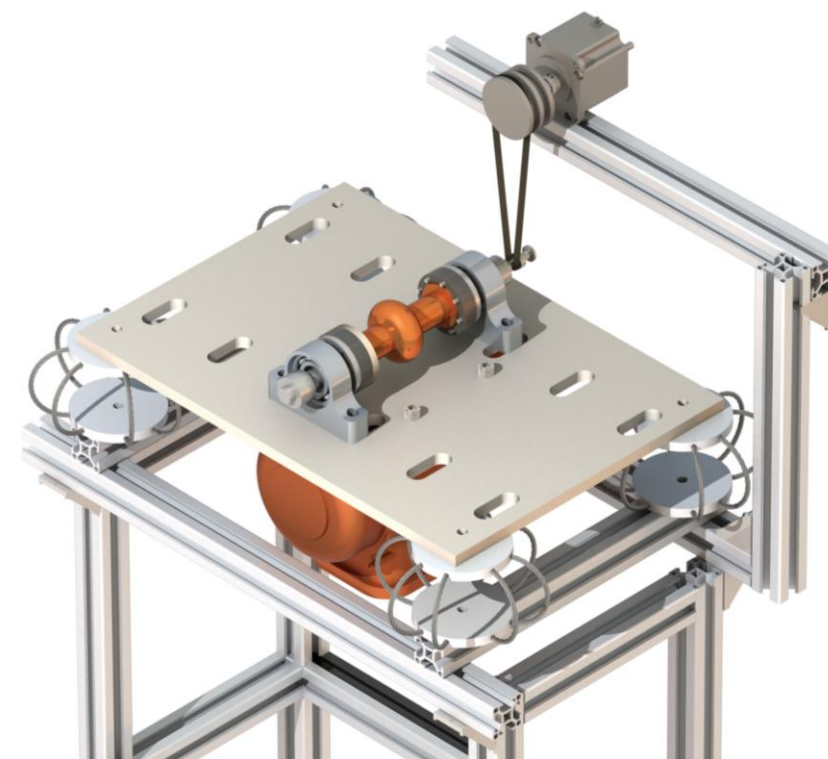
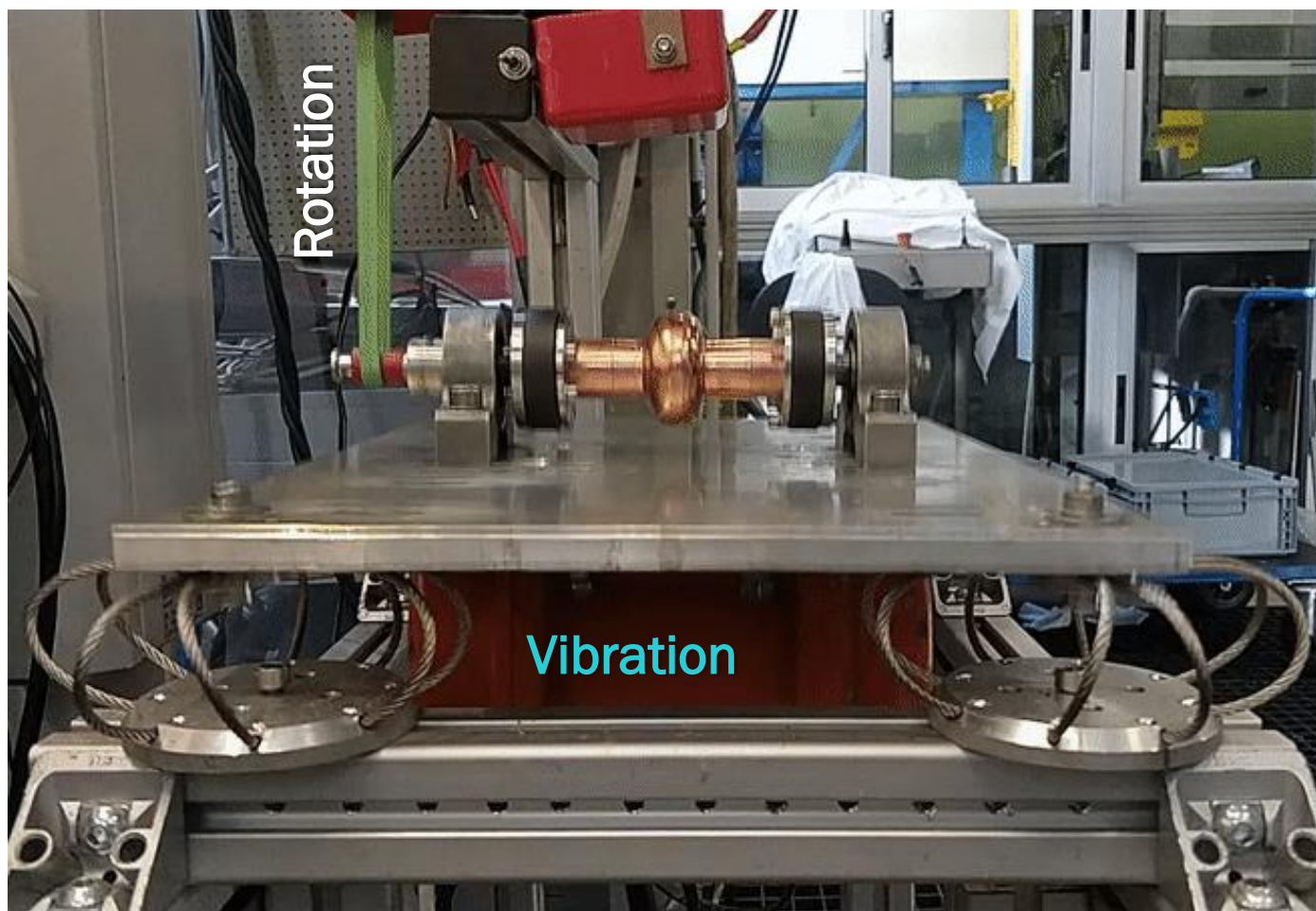
Step 2



Vibrotumbling

Courtesy of Eduard Chyhyrnyets

# SURFACE PREPARATION

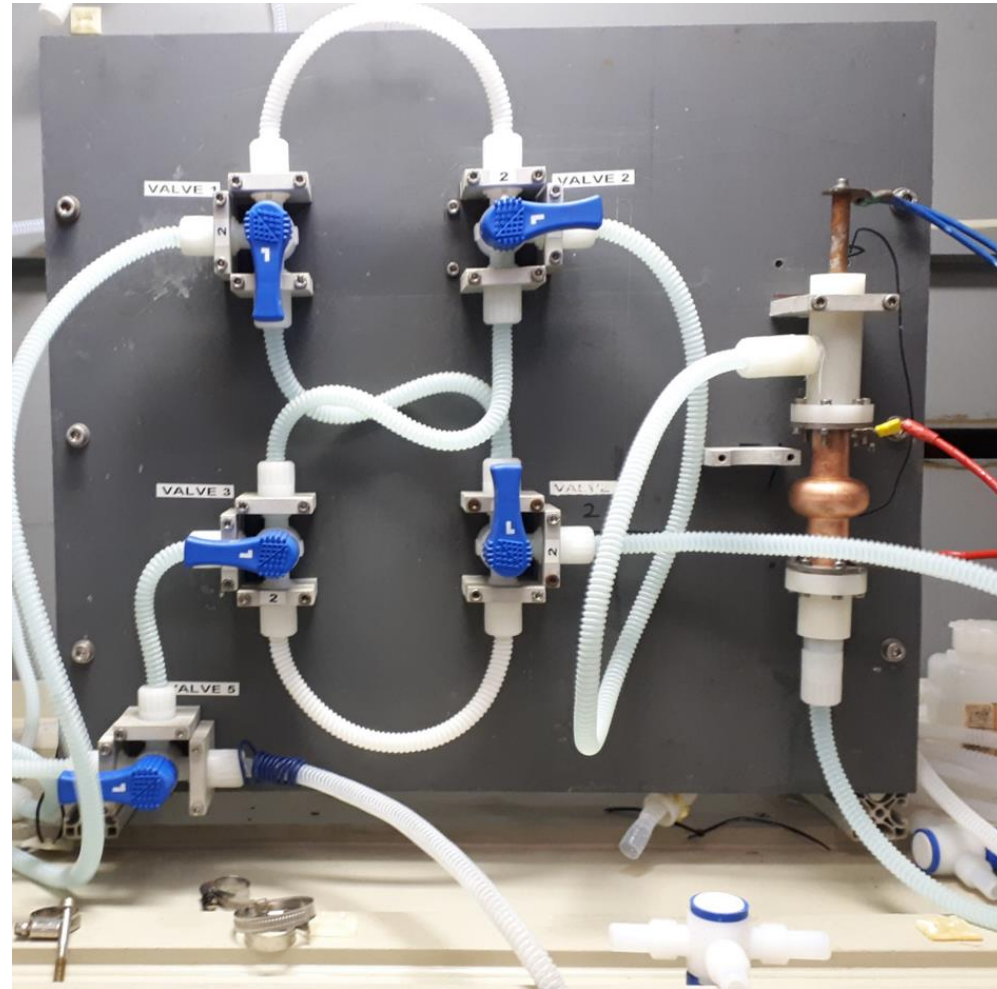


Courtesy of Eduard Chyhyrnyets

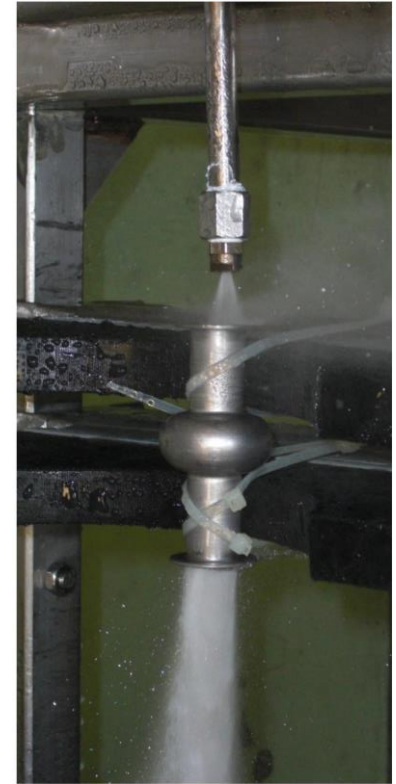
Vibrotumbling

# CHEMICAL PREPARATION

- Deoxidation
- Electropolishing
- Chemical polishing SUBU
- HPR

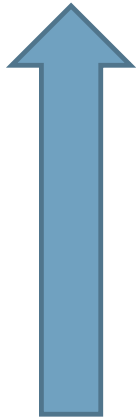


*Vertical electropolishing set up*



*HPR set up*

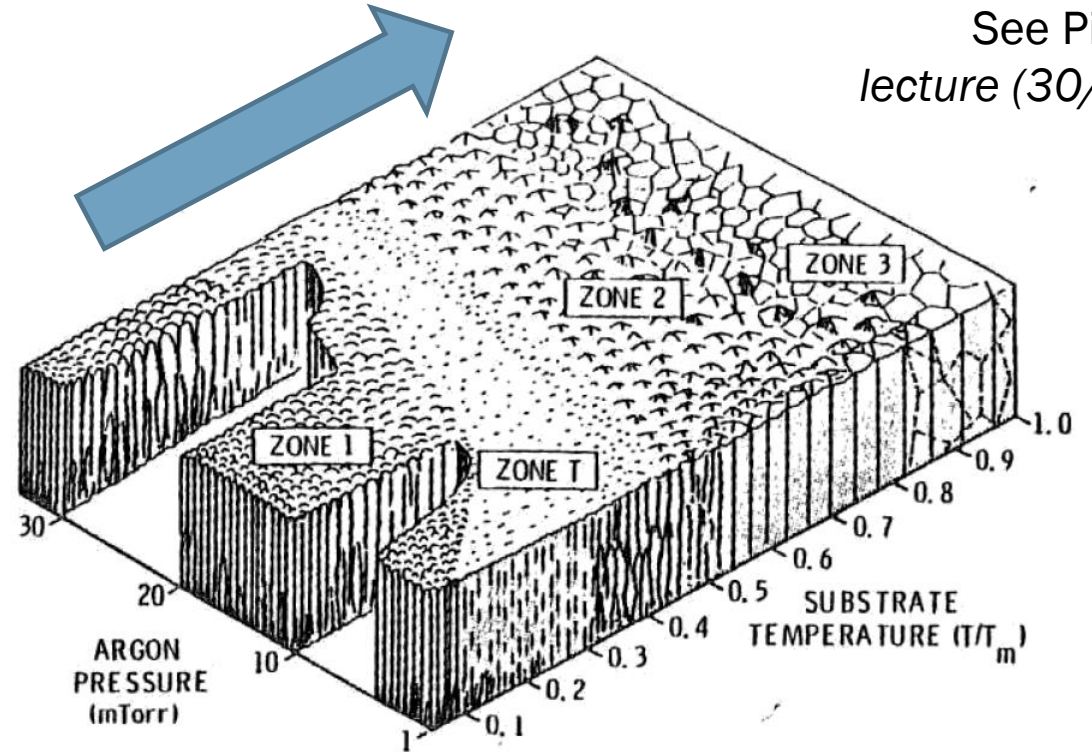
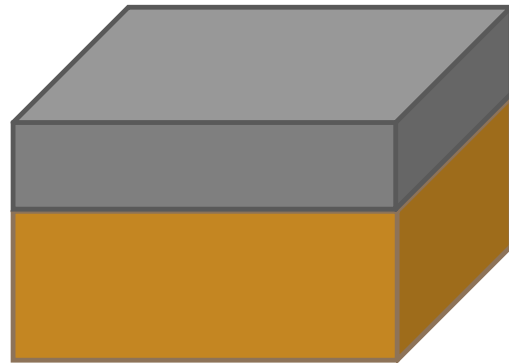
# PVD PROCESS BY DC MAGNETRON SPUTTERING



High substrate temperature

Niobium

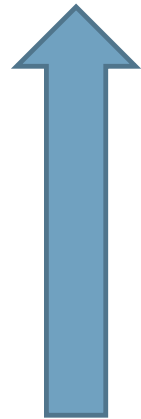
Copper @550 °C



See Pira's  
lecture (30/09)

J. A. Thornton and D. W. Hoffman, "Stress-related effects in thin films,"  
*Thin Solid Films*, vol. 171, no. 1, pp. 5-31, 1989.

# PVD PROCESS BY DC MAGNETRON SPUTTERING



High substrate temperature

Thick film

- Nb bulk like properties
- Decrease thermal boundary resistance

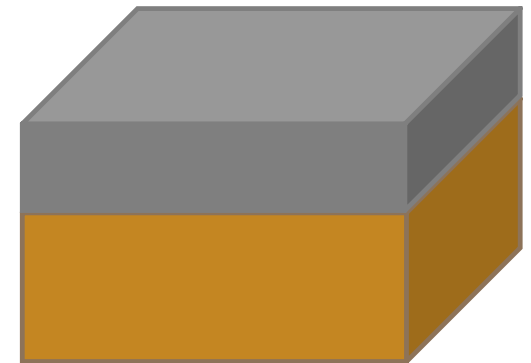
Thin film  $\sim 2-3 \mu\text{m}$



Niobium

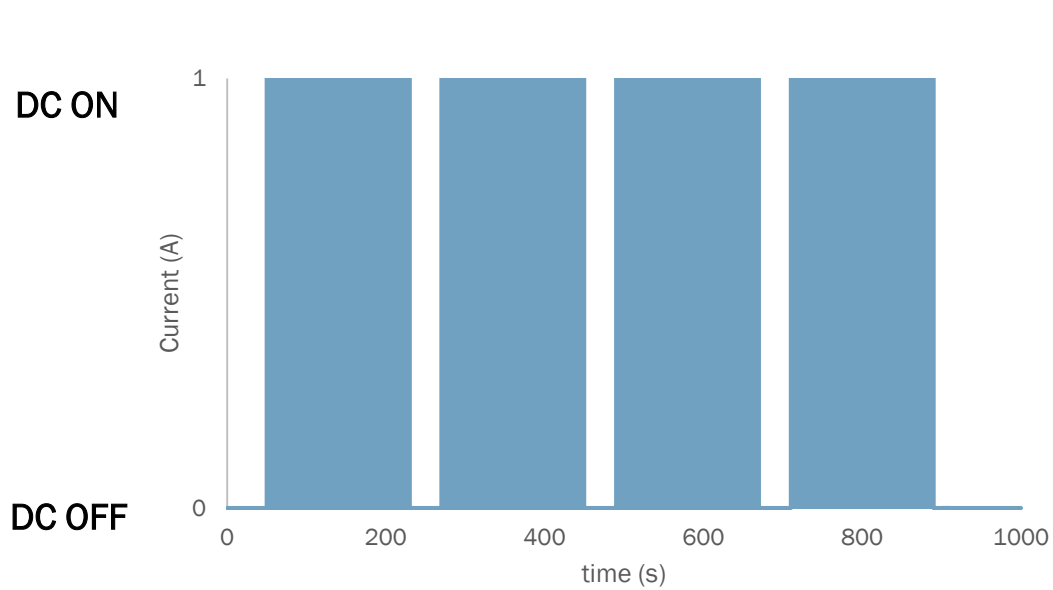
Copper

Thick film  $\sim 70 \mu\text{m}$



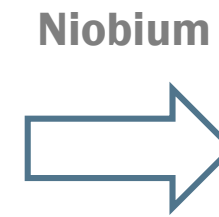
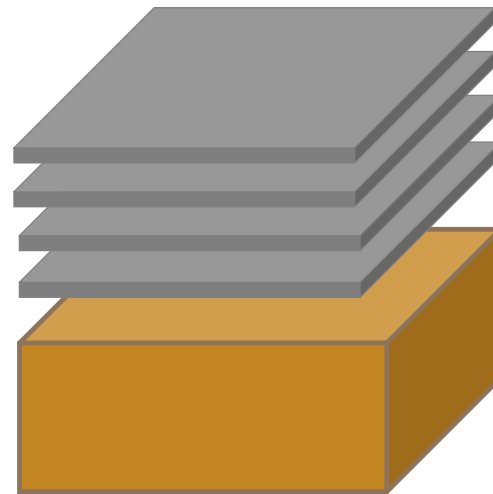


# PVD PROCESS: THICK FILMS BY LONG PULSED DCMS



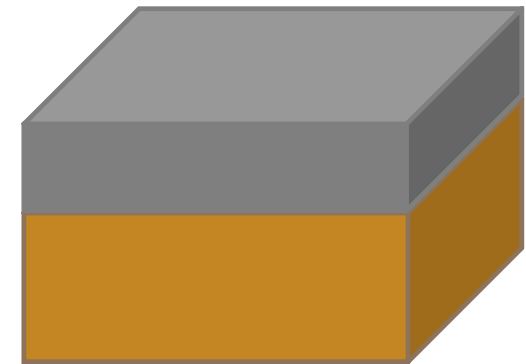
Total time of process ~ 5 hours

Single Layer thickness  
100 - 500 nm

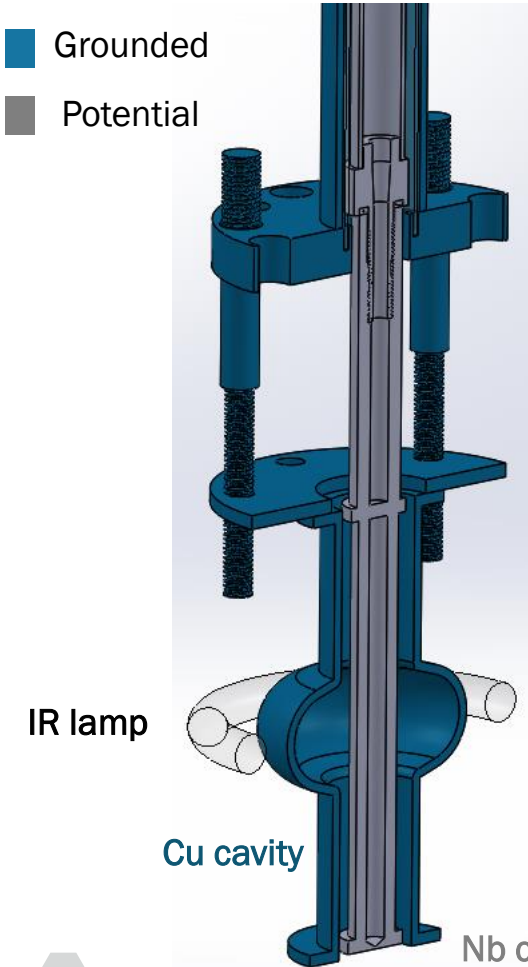


Copper

Thick film ~70  $\mu\text{m}$



# PVD PROCESS: THICK FILMS BY LONG PULSED DCMS



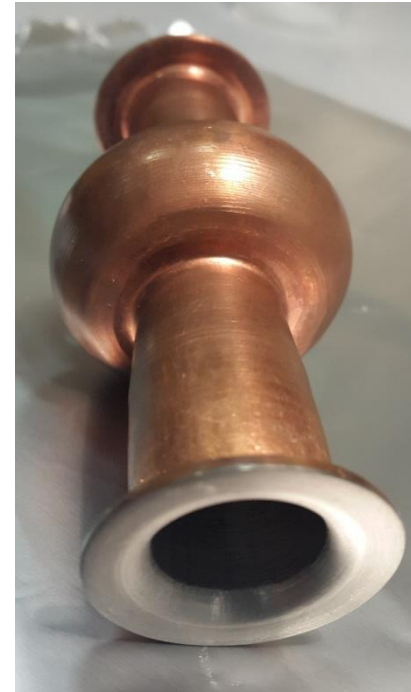
Baking = 600 °C for 48 hours

Temperature = 550 °C

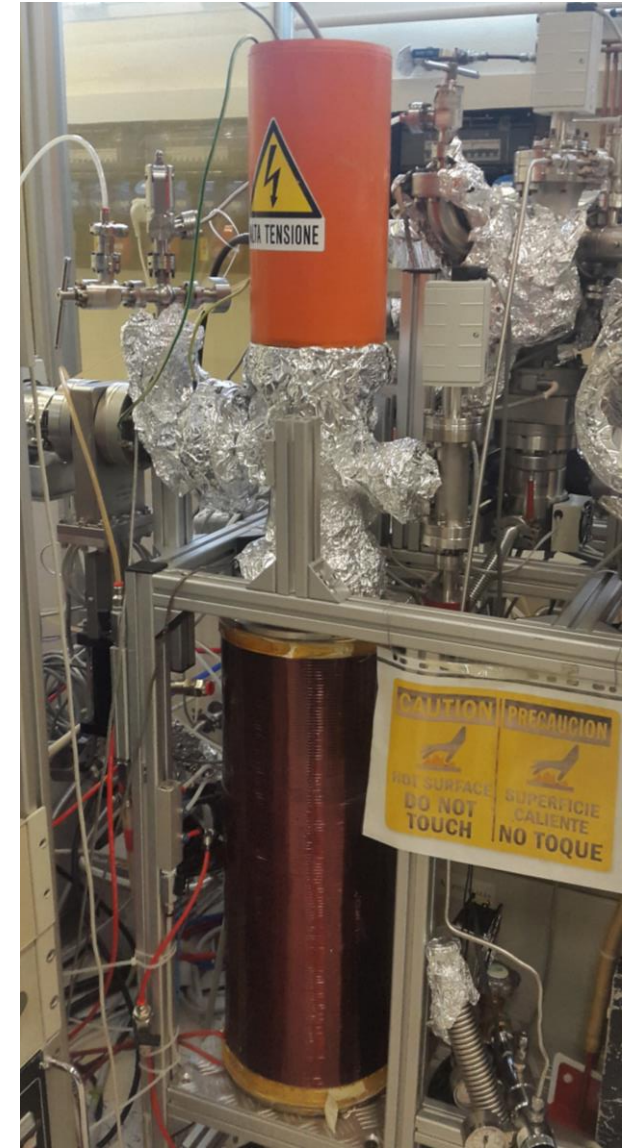
Base pressure <  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  mbar

Magnetic Field = 830 Gauss

Current = 1 A



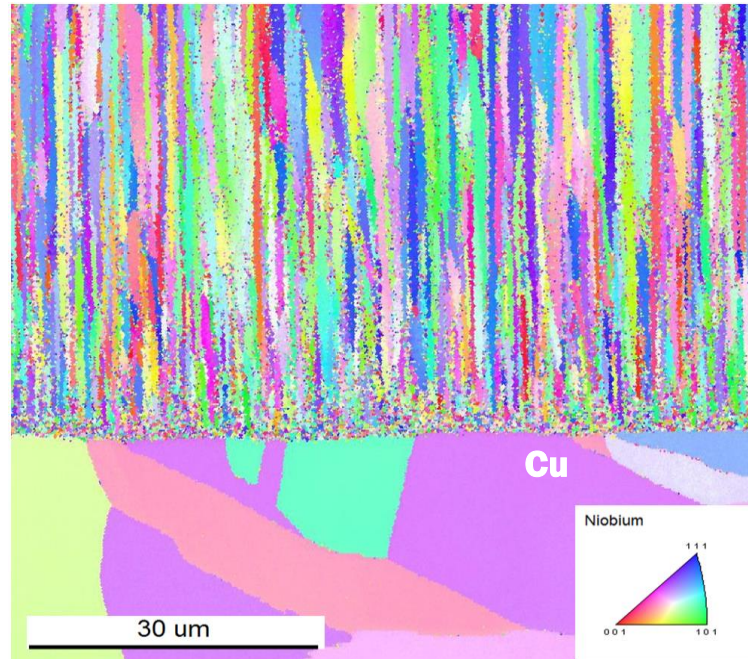
Nb on Cu 6GHz cavity



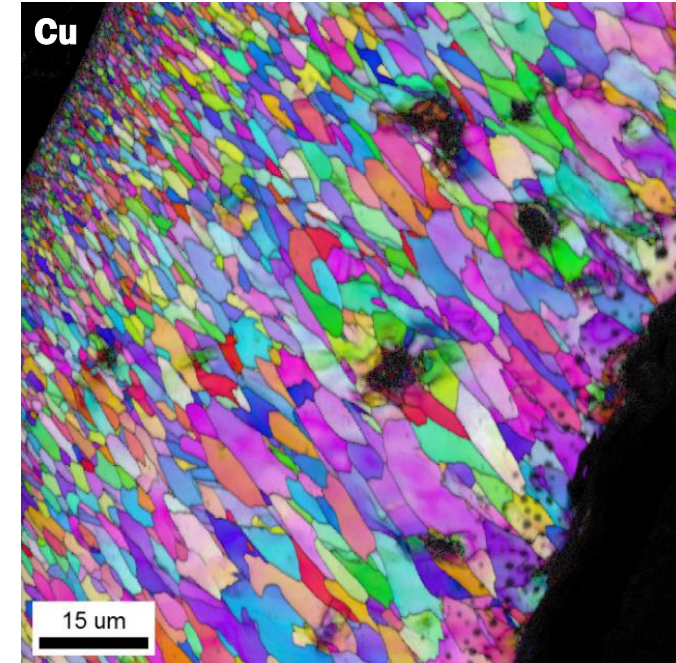
Sputtering system for 6GHz cavities

# THICK FILM MORPHOLOGY BY EBSD

- Columnar growth
- Larger grains



**Cav 21: 75 μm**  
**500nm single layer thickness**

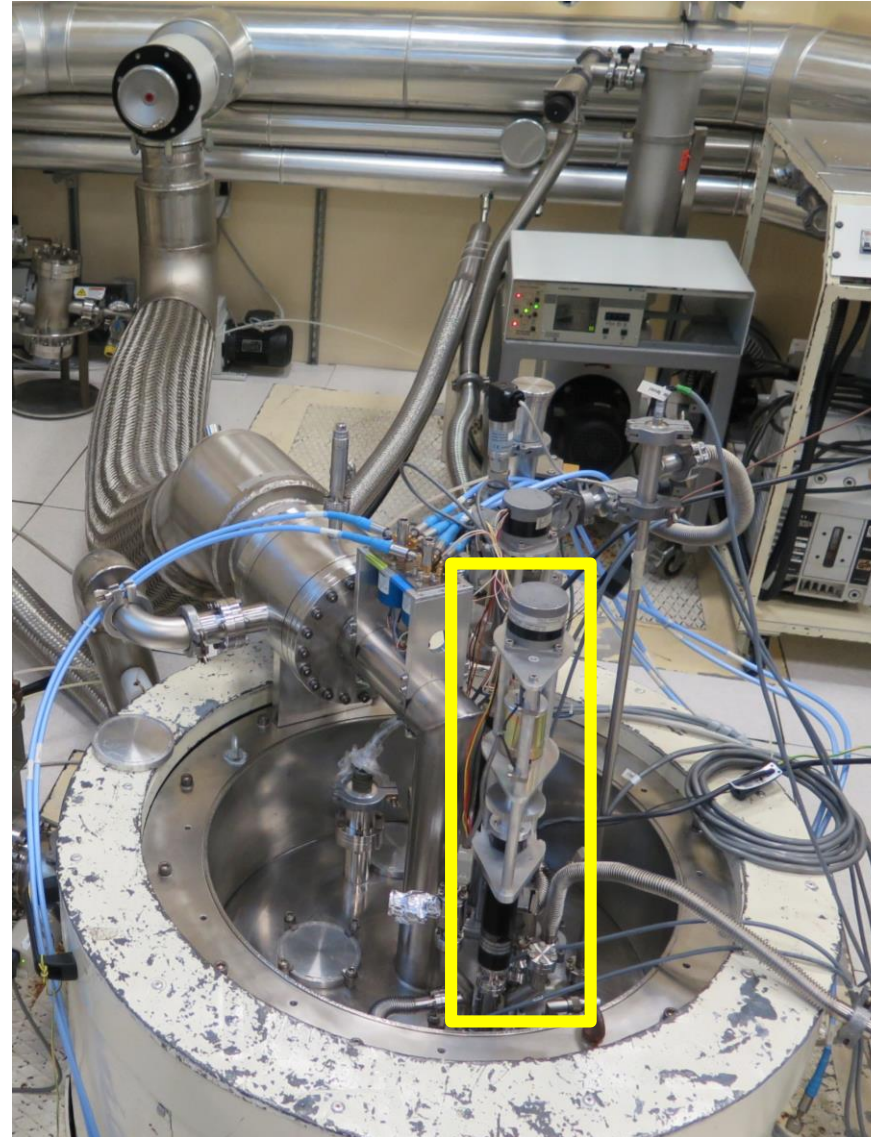


**Cav 16: 75 μm**  
**500nm single layer thickness**

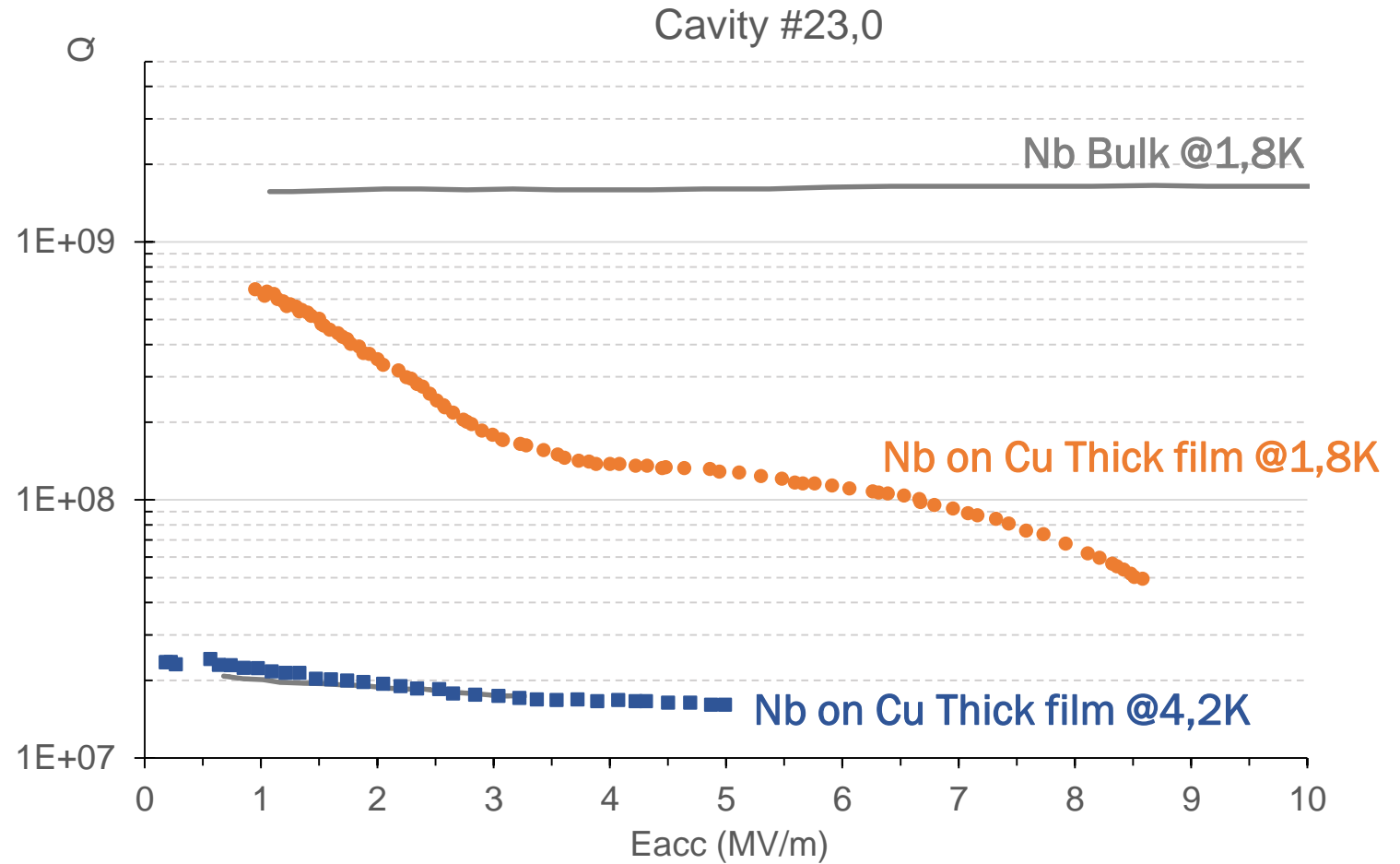
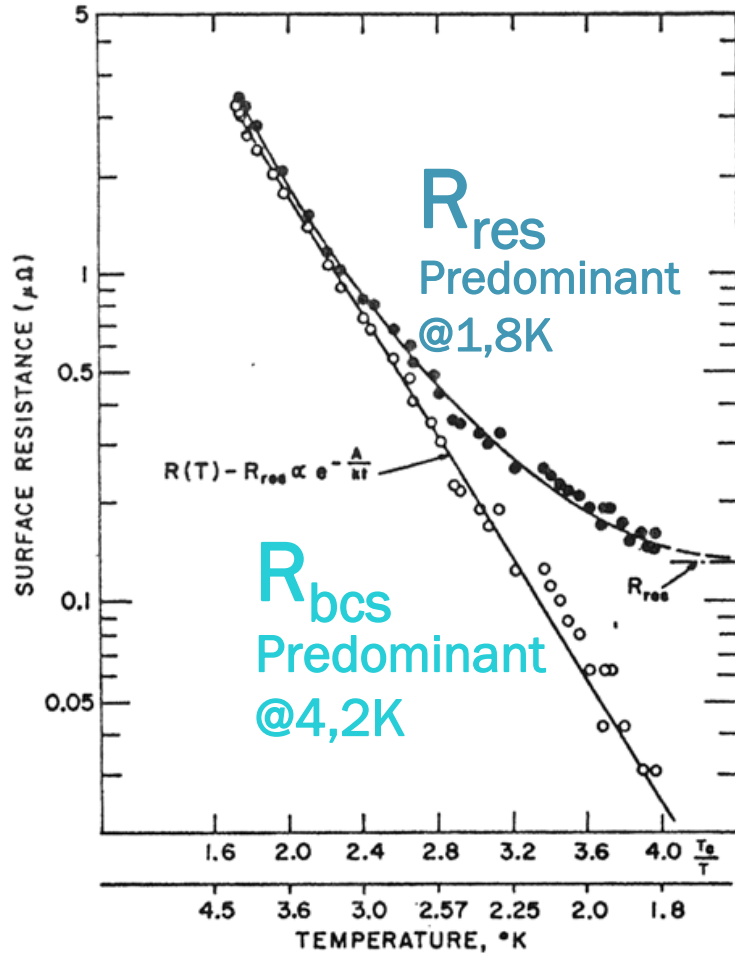
Courtesy of STFC (Reza Valizadeh)

# RF CHARACTERIZATION

- Cavity inserted in cryostat in order to cool down
- After cool down,  $Q$  vs  $E_{acc}$  is measured 4,2K and 1,8K.

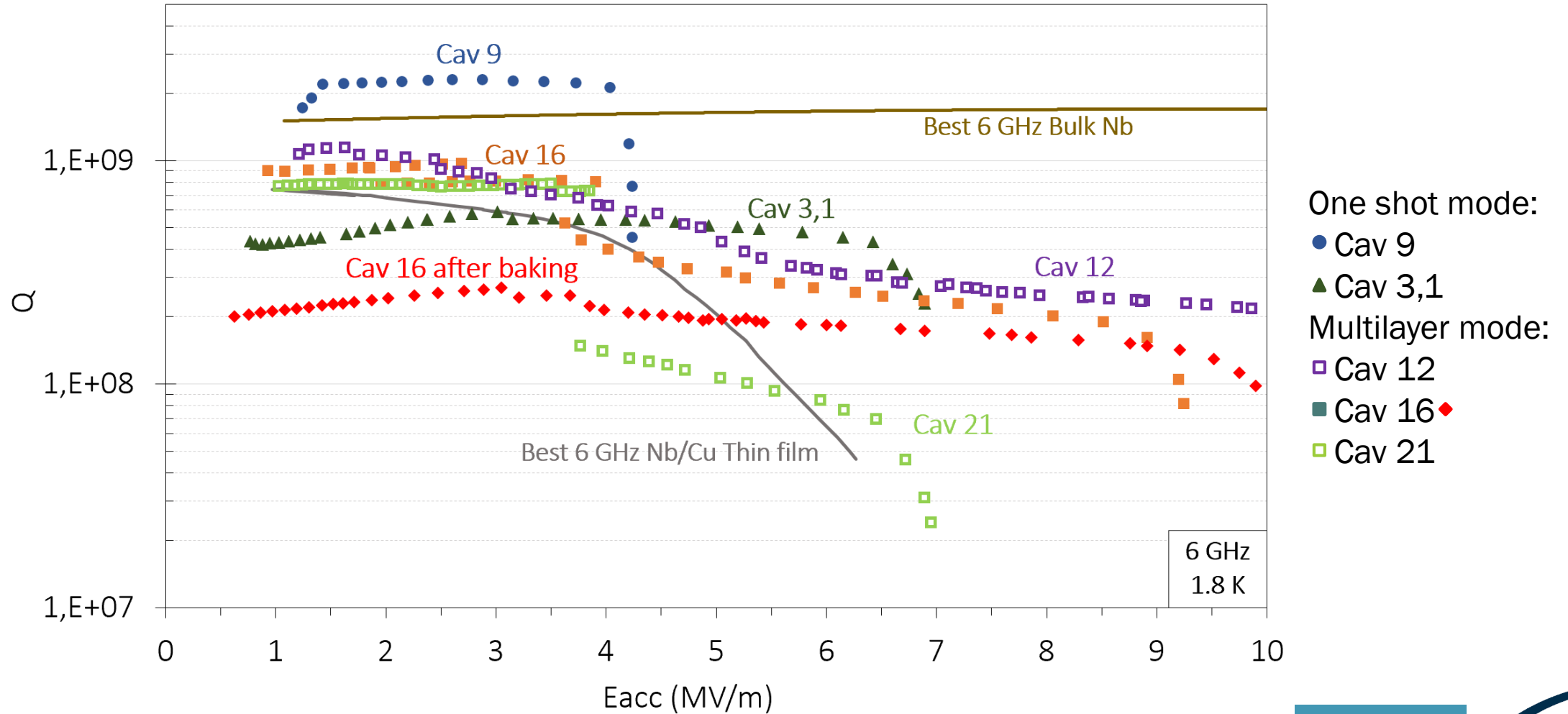


# RF CHARACTERIZATION

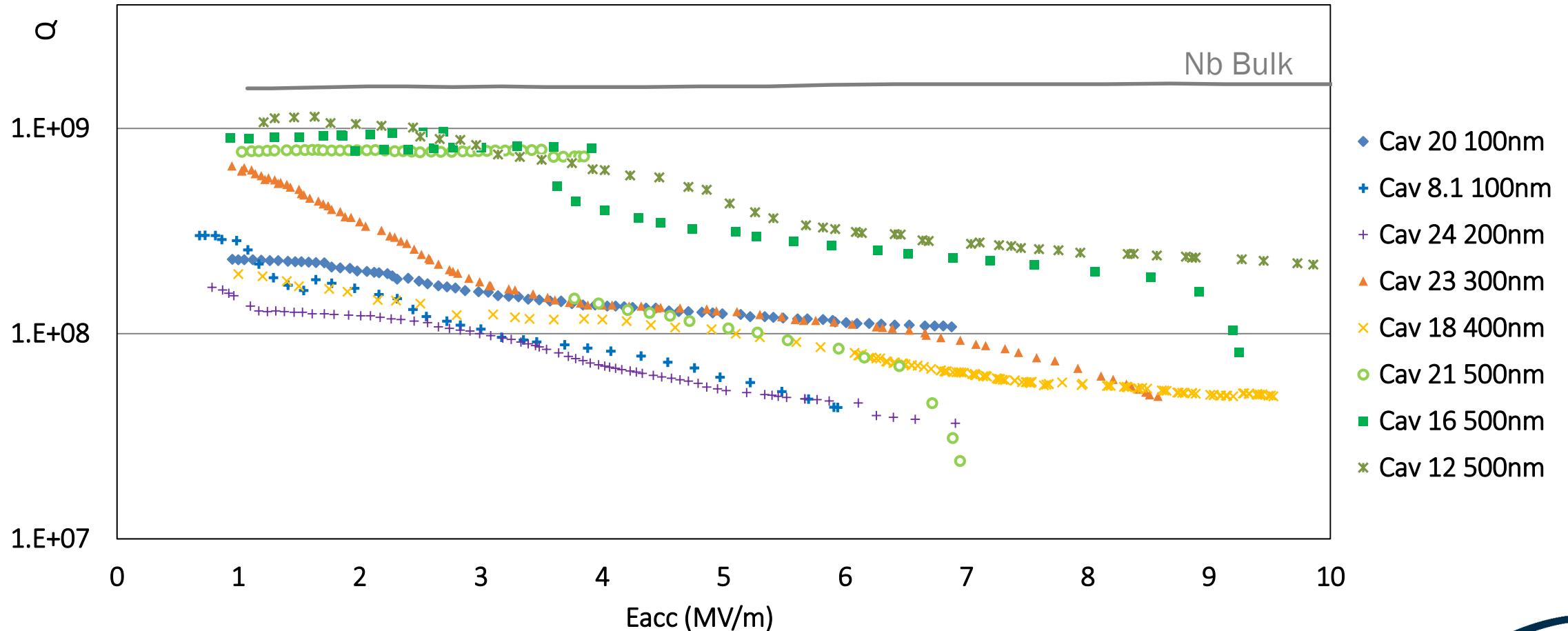


See Vaglio's lecture

# RF CHARACTERIZATION @1,8K 6GHZ

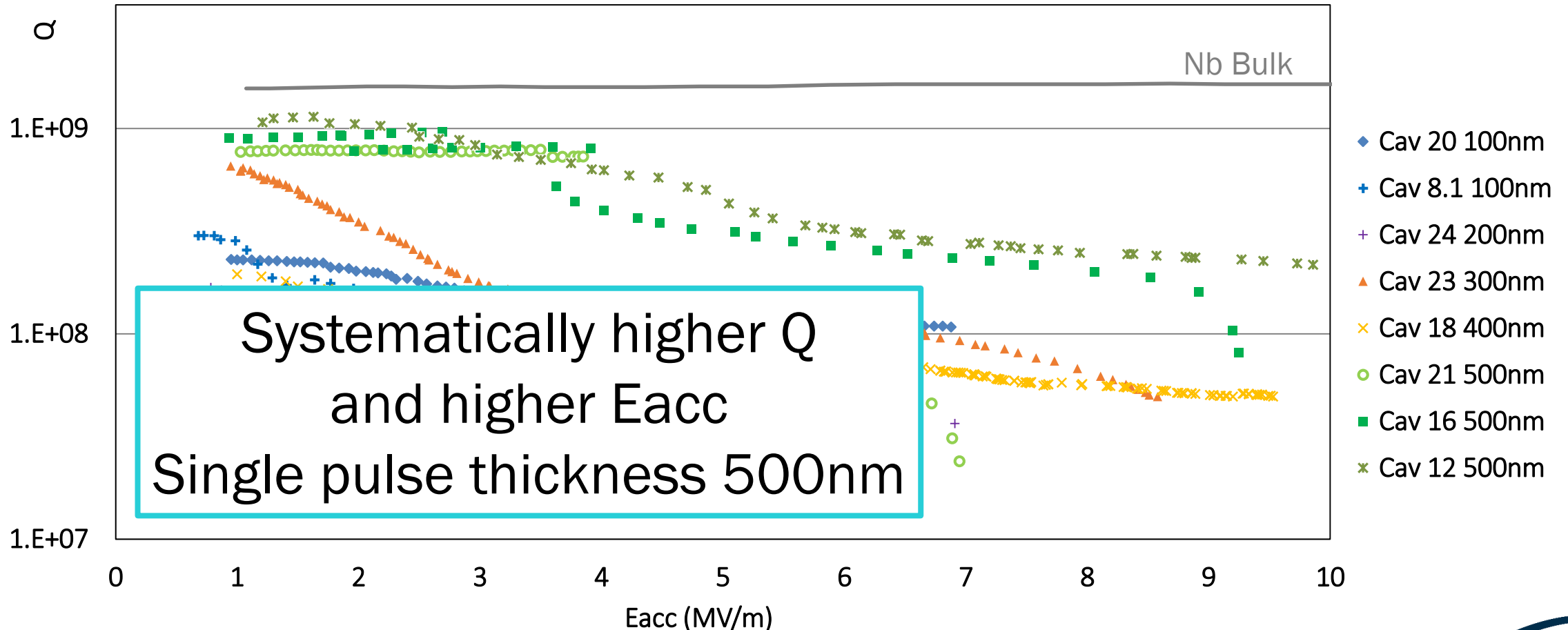


# RF CHARACTERIZATION @1,8K 6GHZ DEPENDENCE OF SINGLE PULSE THICKNESS



# RF CHARACTERIZATION @1,8K 6GHZ

## DEPENDENCE OF SINGLE PULSE THICKNESS





# MAGNETIC FLUX TRAPPED STUDY

$$R_s = R_{BCS} + R_{res}$$

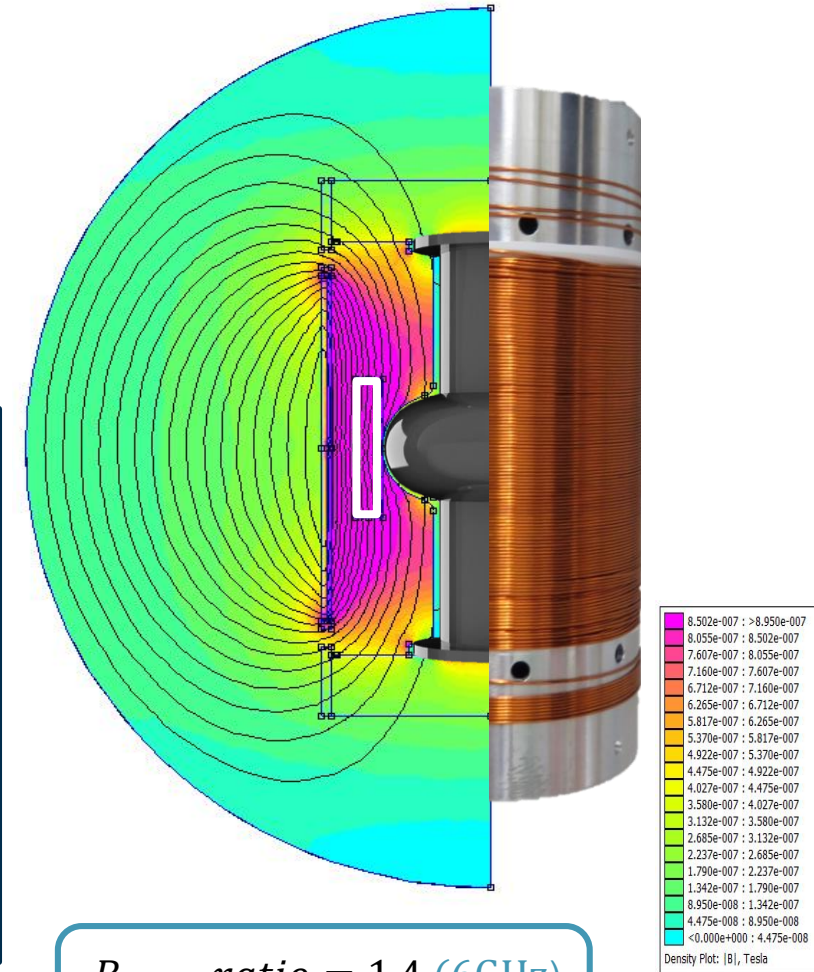
$$B_{trap}(B_{NC}, \frac{B_{SC}}{B_{NC}}) = B_{NC} \left( 1 - \frac{\frac{B_{SC}}{B_{NC}} - 1}{1 - B_{F exp}} \right)$$

$$S = \frac{R_s(B_{trap}) - R_{B0}}{B_{trap}} \left[ \frac{n\Omega}{mG} \right]$$

$$R_{res} = R_s(B_{trap}) + R_0$$

Trapped magnetic flux

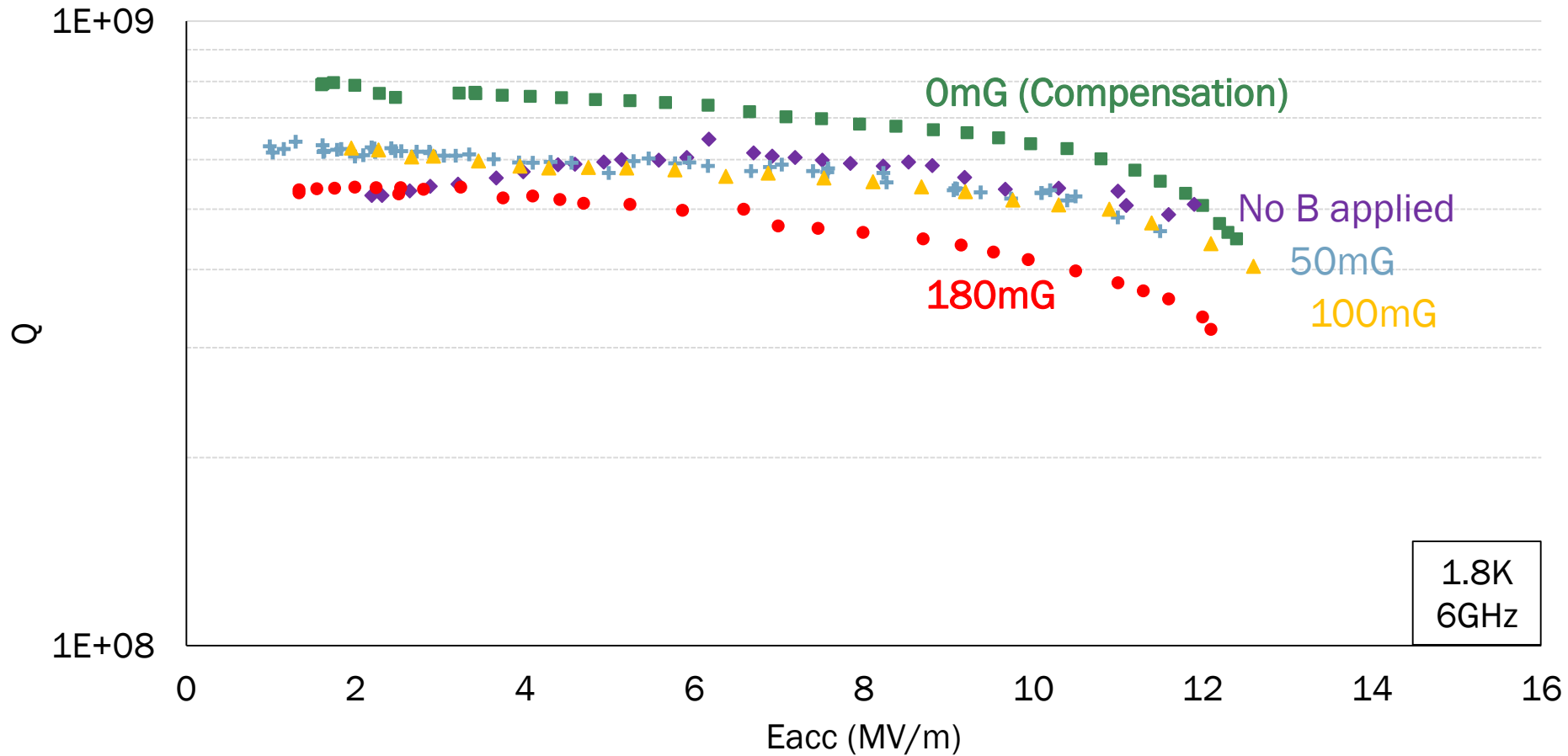
**Increase  $R_{res}$  !!**



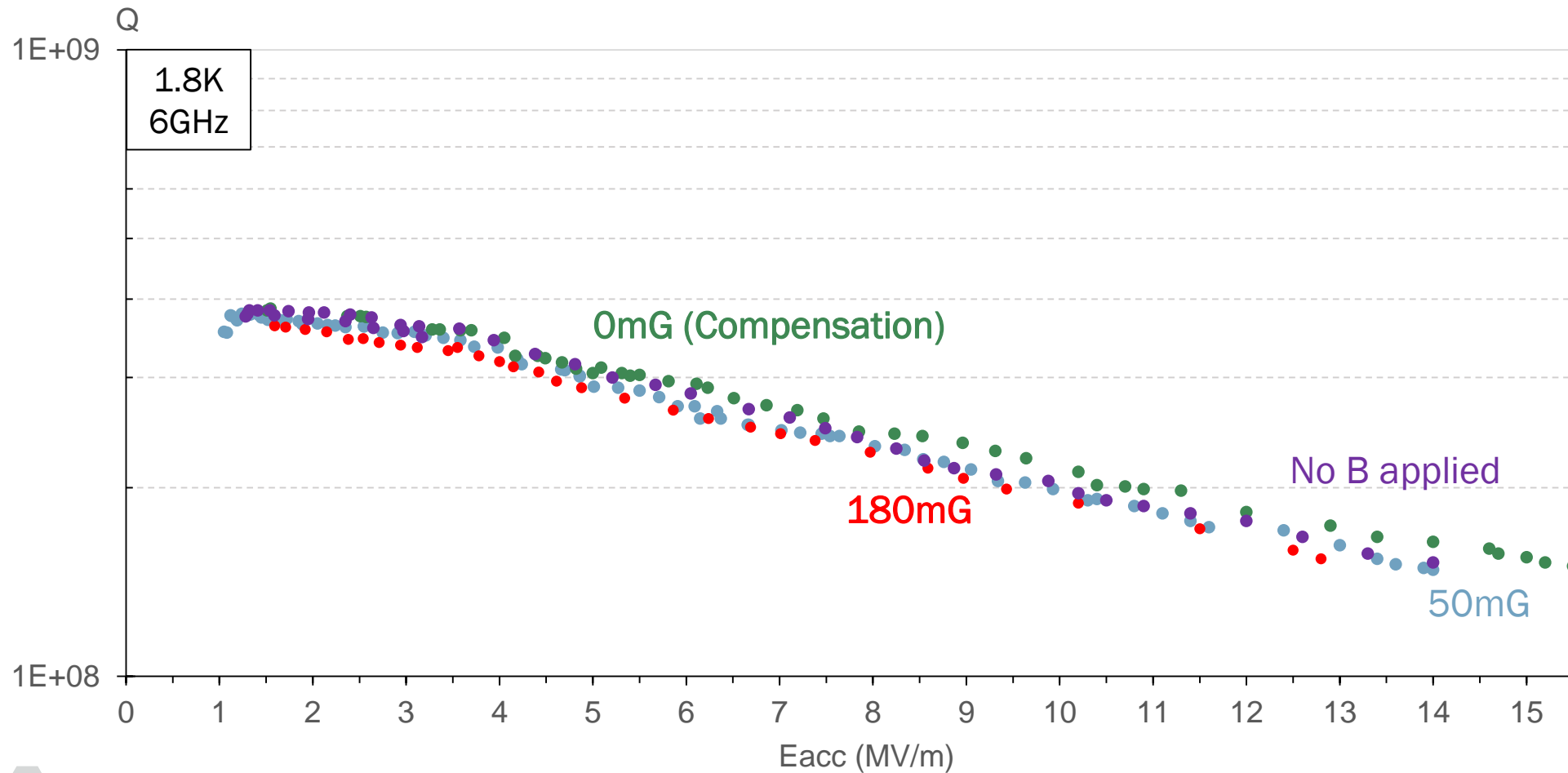
$B_{F exp} ratio = 1,4$  (6GHz)  
instead of 1,8 (1,3GHz)

Martinello 2015, «Trapped flux surface resistance analysis for different surface treatments», Proceedings SRF2015, Whistler, Canada

# MAGNETIC FLUX TRAPPED STUDY



# MAGNETIC FLUX TRAPPED STUDY

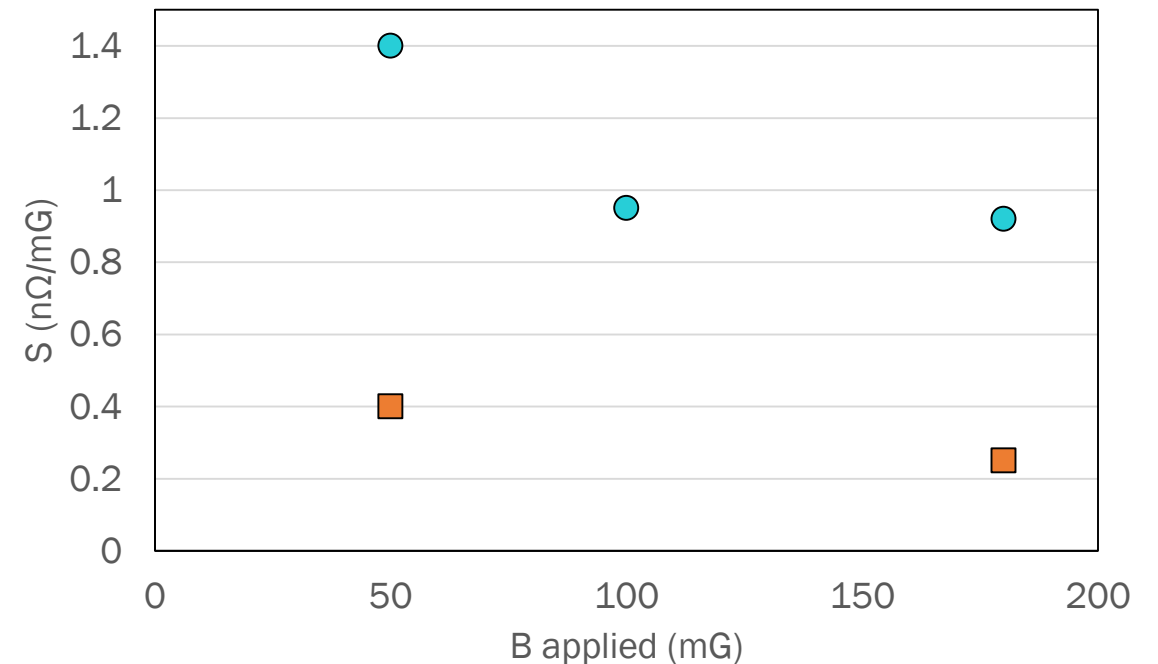


**Nb on Cu  
thin film**

# MAGNETIC FLUX TRAPPED STUDY

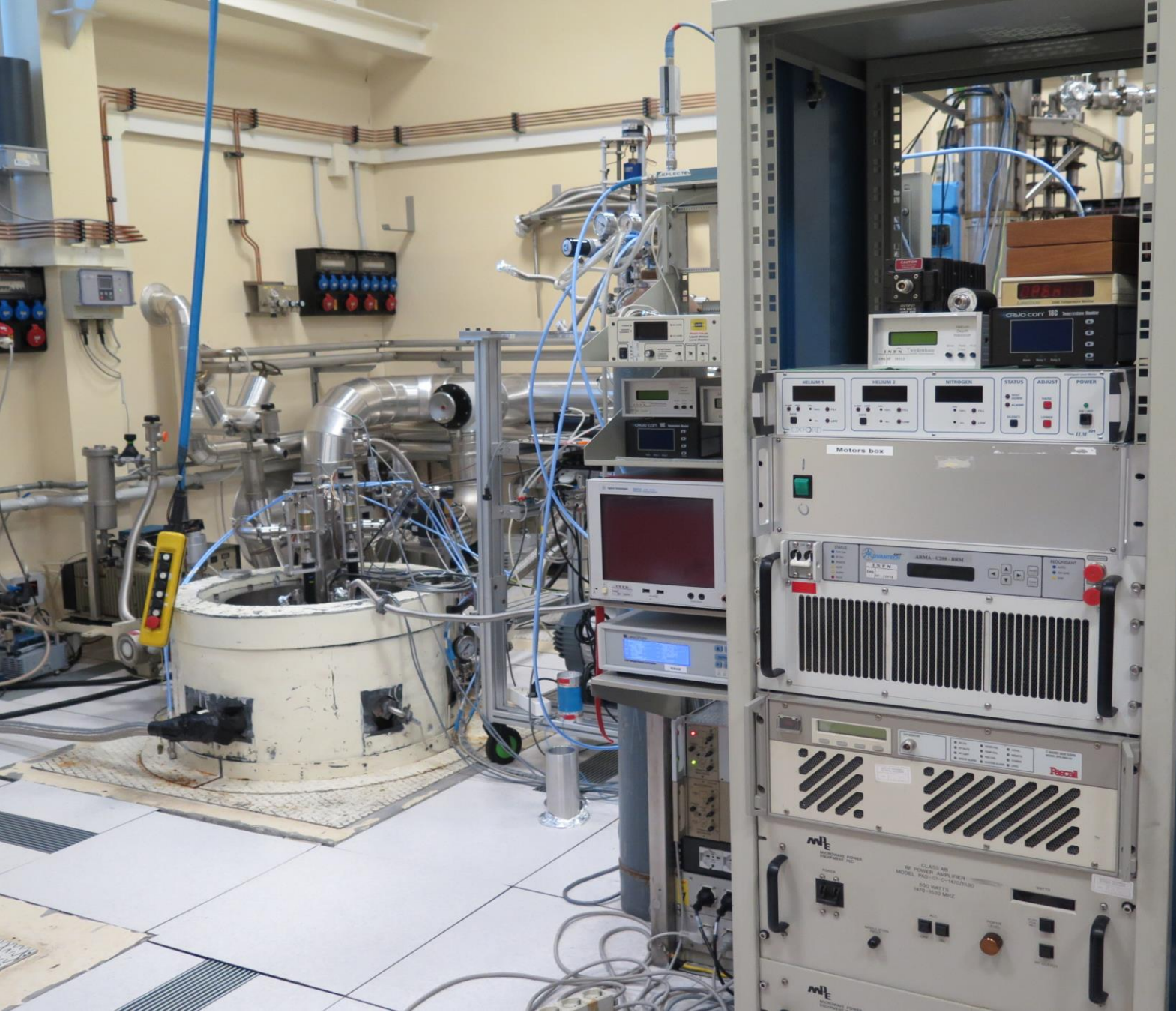
It is needed more statistic to confirm but this data indicates that **Nb bulk** cavities are more sensitive to magnetic field respect to **thin film** cavities, as expected

Effect higher in Bulk Nb  
Thick films effect?...



# CONCLUSIONS

- Thick film is a promising approach in order to push the limits of the Nb on Cu cavities technology.
- The effect of the surface preparation and single pulse thickness is fundamental for the cavity performance.
- Magnetic flux trapped in 6GHz cavities study will include a thick film RF characterization.



# Thank you!

Student workshop on  
Superconductivity  
and applications

OCTOBER  
8-9 2020

CNR-SPIN  
GENOA  
ITALY

Submit your  
abstract now at:  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/935067/>

Guest speakers  
to be announced

Open-Access proceedings will be published at:  
<https://zenodo.org/communities/eastrain>