

Update on the Development of Coated Cavities

New Results from 1-cell Cavities at Cornell and JLab

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Nb₃Sn For SRF Cavities



- Nb₃Sn is an attractive potential alternative material to Nb for SRF cavities, having:
 - A T_c of ~ 18 K, compared to ~ 9 K for Nb, giving it a much lower BCS R_s , ideal for CW linacs – **huge reduction in cost of cryo plant and grid power**
 - A predicted H_{sh} of ~ 400 mT, nearly twice that of Nb, ideal for high energy linacs – **higher accelerating gradient: fewer cavities required**
- Cornell has been pioneering new R&D on Nb₃Sn after 10 years of inactivity. Other labs are now starting Nb₃Sn programs as well.



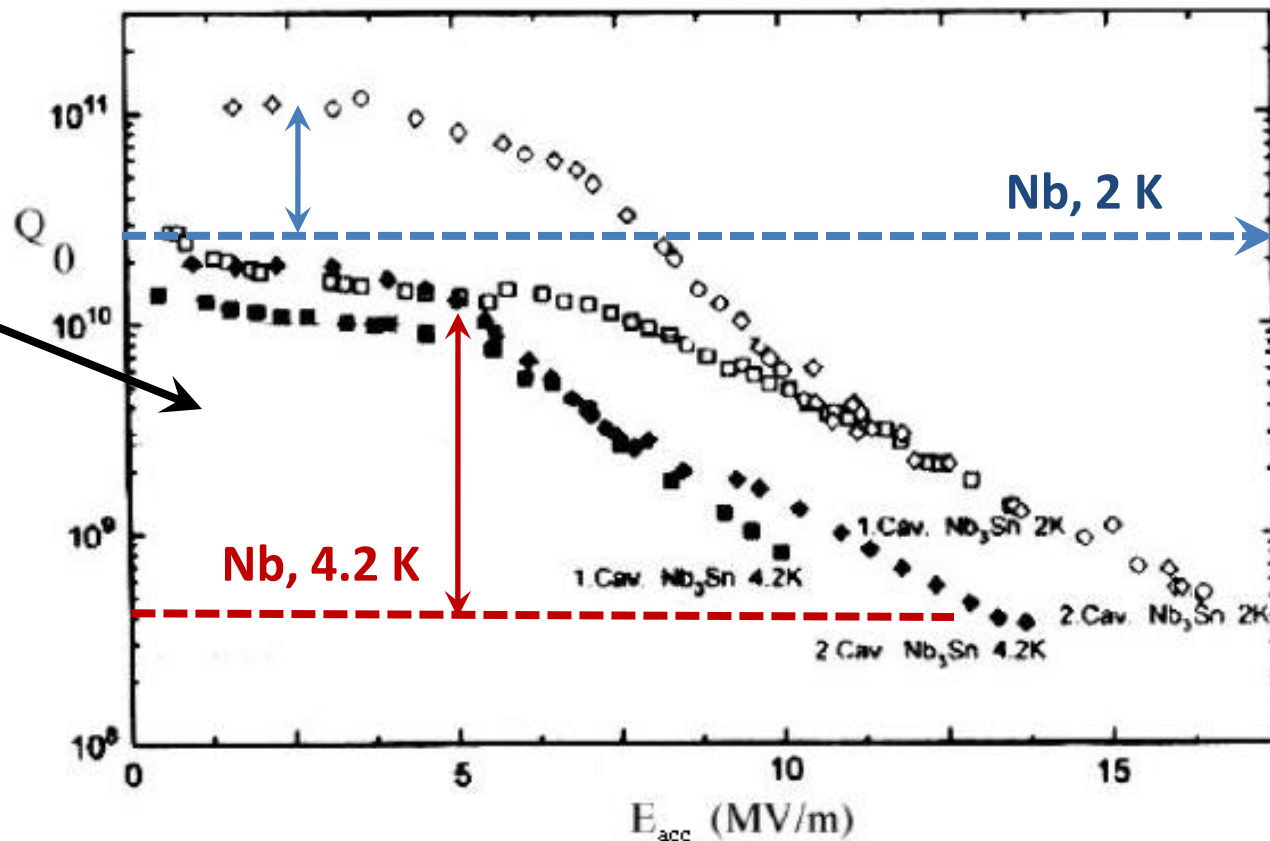


Previous SRF Research with Nb₃Sn



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- Siemens AG
- U Wuppertal
- KfK
- JLab
- Cornell
- And others



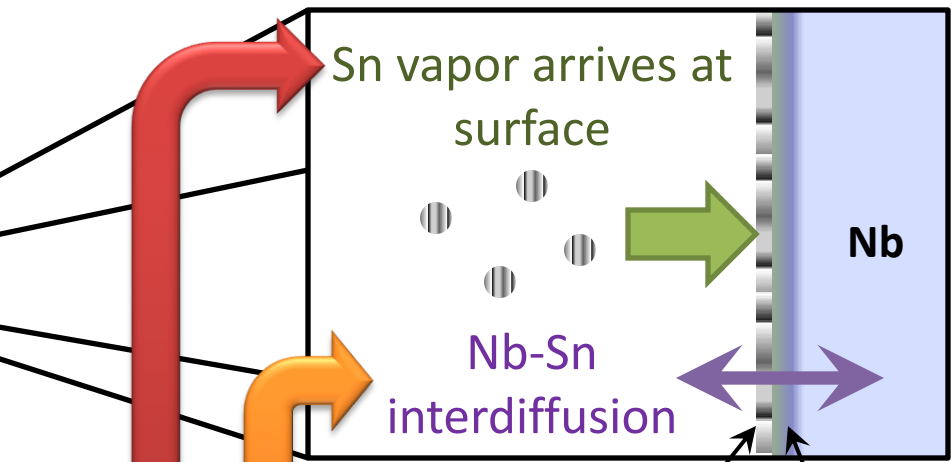
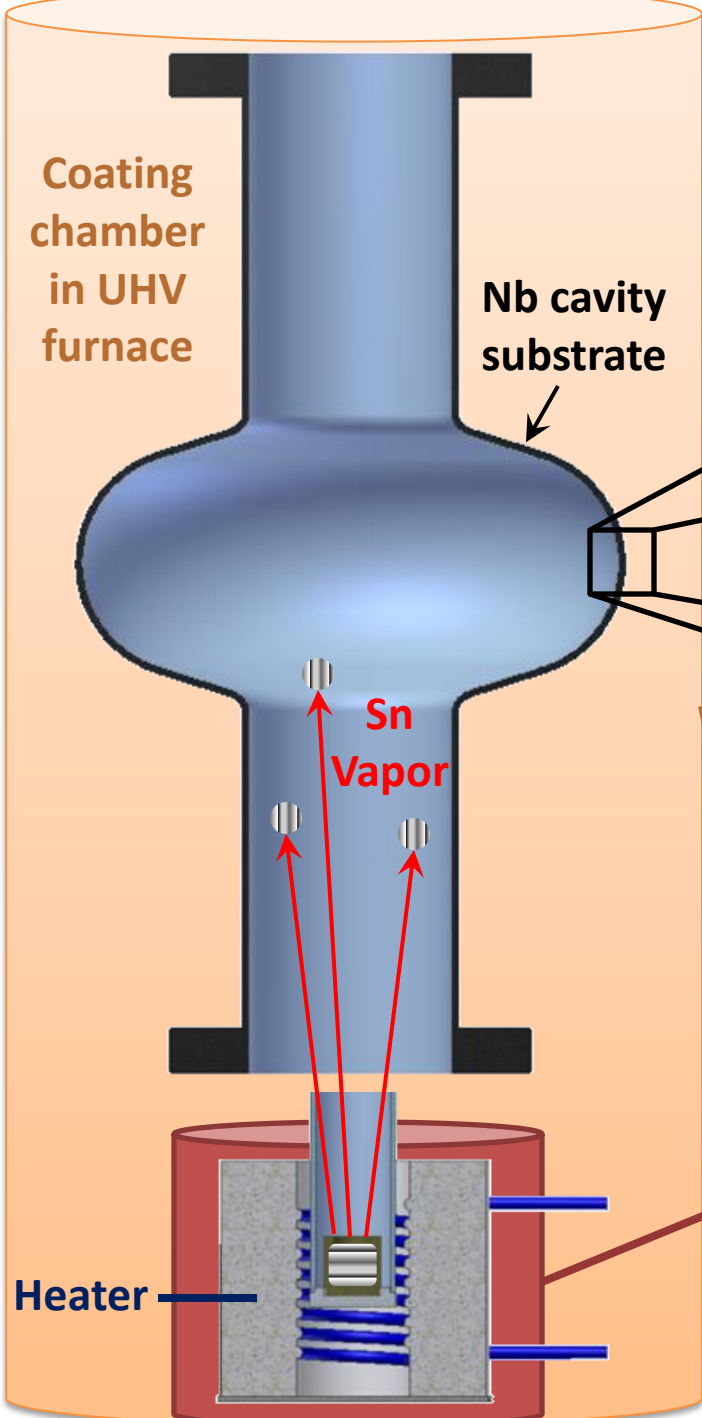
“Determining the origin of these non-linearities and eliminating the possibility that this behavior is not a fundamental property of the films are the next important steps.”

–Peter Kneisel, 2012



Coating Mechanism

Vapor Diffusion



T_f = furnace temperature
= ~1100 C

T_s = Sn source temperature
= ~1200 C

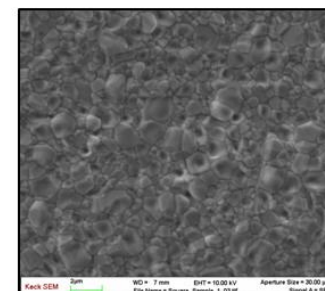
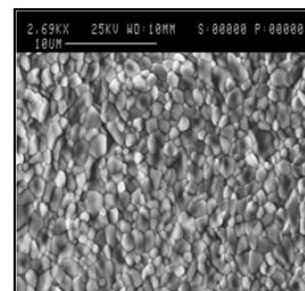
By independently controlling Sn vapor abundance, it can be balanced with Nb-Sn interdiffusion rate to achieve desired stoichiometry

- Successfully fabricated Nb_3Sn samples with near-ideal stoichiometry
- Uniformity of stoichiometry determined by anodization and EDX
- Appropriate grain size and texture confirmed using SEM



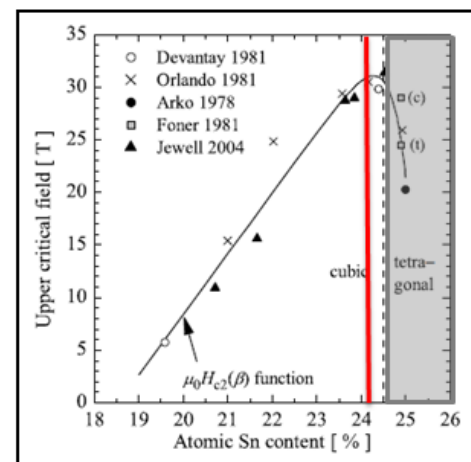
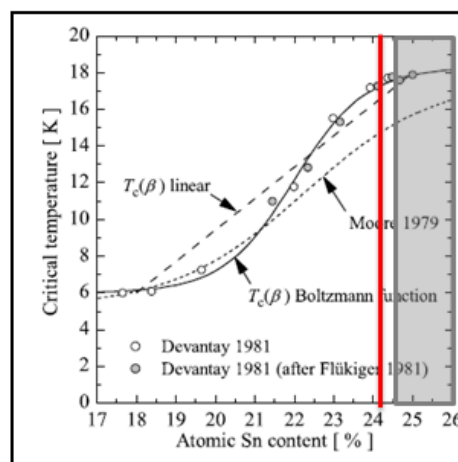
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Wuppertal, 1996

Cornell, 2011

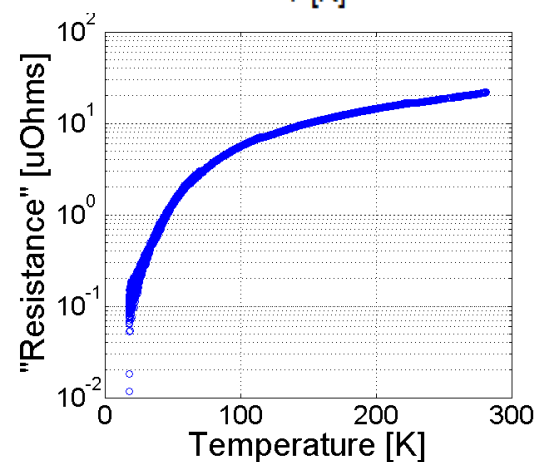
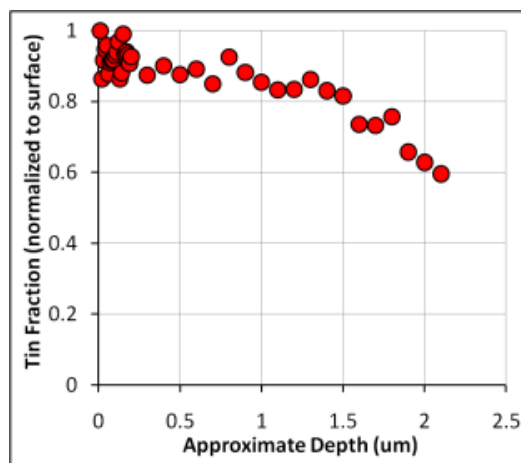
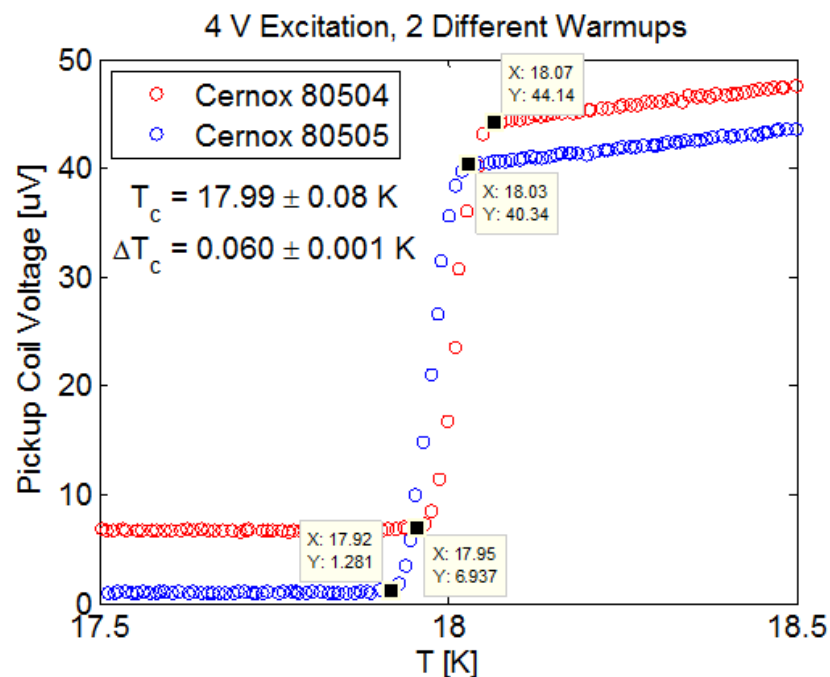




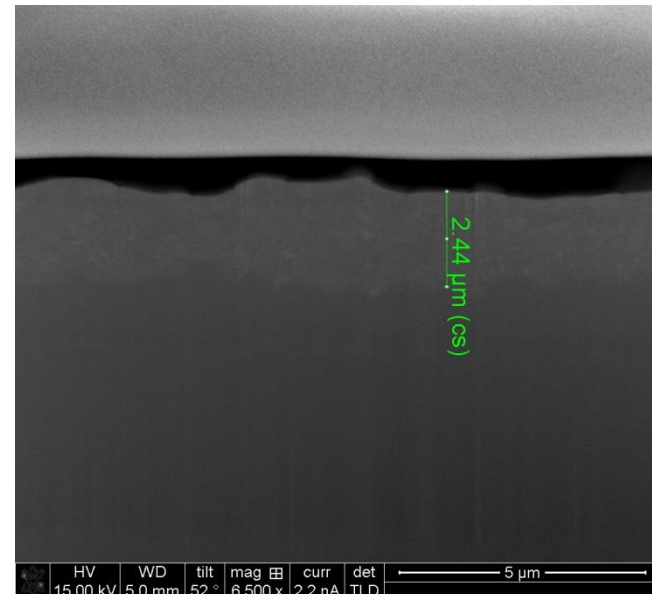
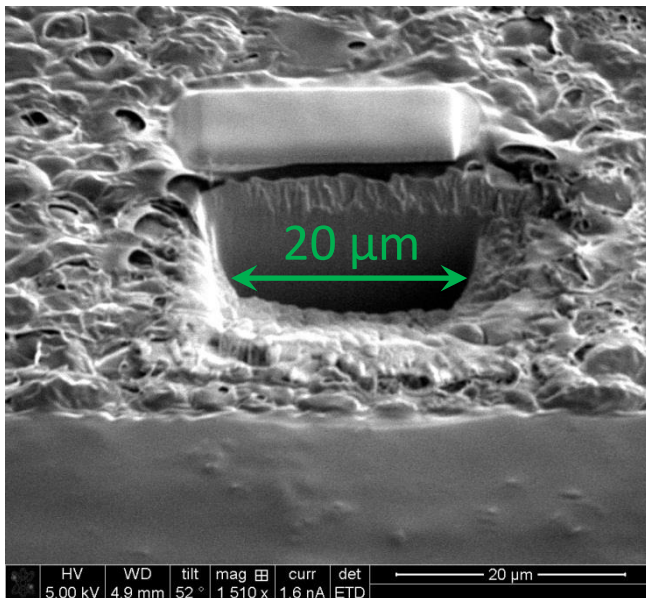
Cornell Sample Results

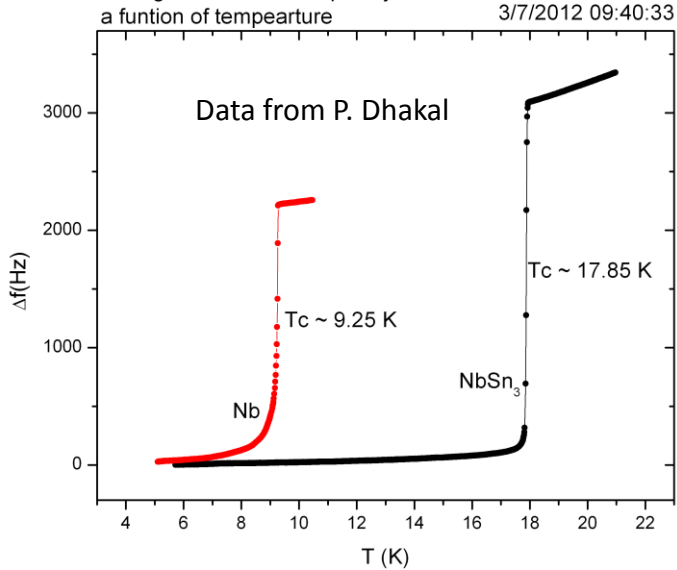
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- Appropriate thickness determined through XPS
- $T_c = 18.0 \pm 0.1$ K measured inductively is close to highest literature value
- RRR measured through cryogenic 4-wire probe shows minimal degradation

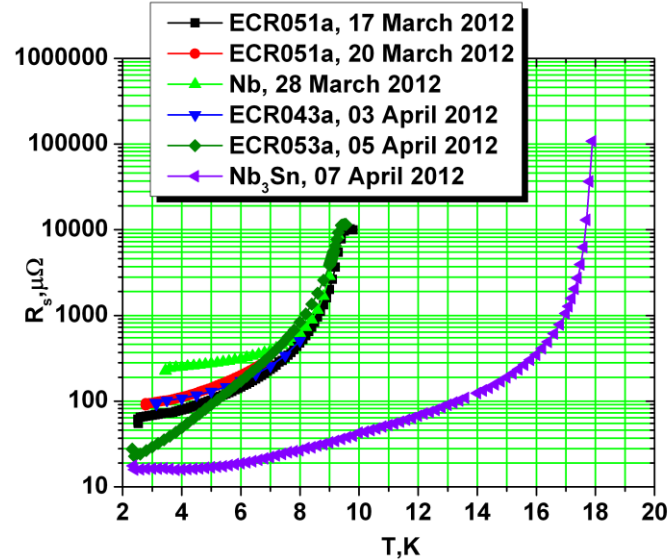


- Recently used focused ion beam milling to see cross section of coated sample
- Layer thickness measurement agrees with XPS
- TEM to come...

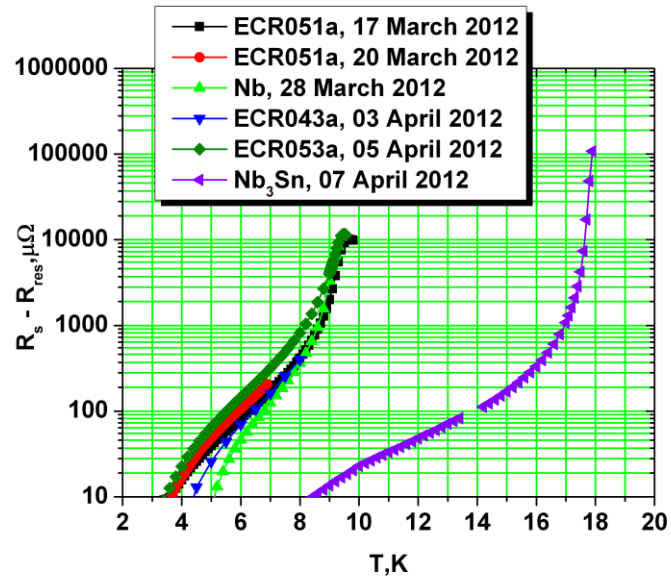




Transition temperature is ~ 17.85 K. The best of three samples shows very smooth surface with no residual tin contamination

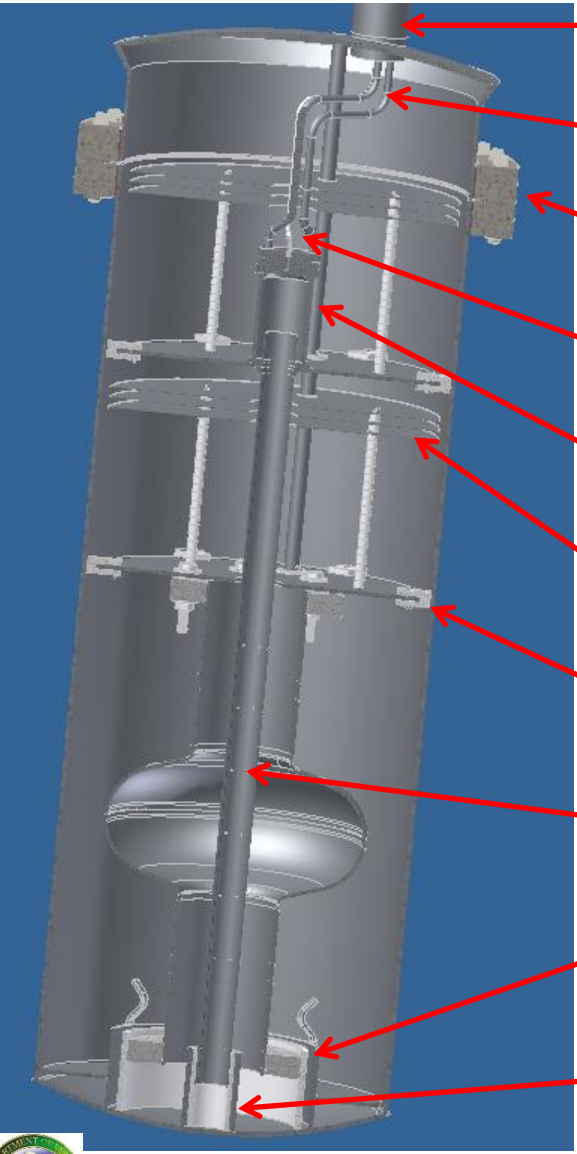


Recent measurements of surface resistance of several ECR films, bulk Nb sample, and Nb₃Sn sample as a function of temperature at 7.4 GHz. The samples exhibit high residual resistance at low temperature, which we believe is related to the measurement system and is extrinsic to the films.

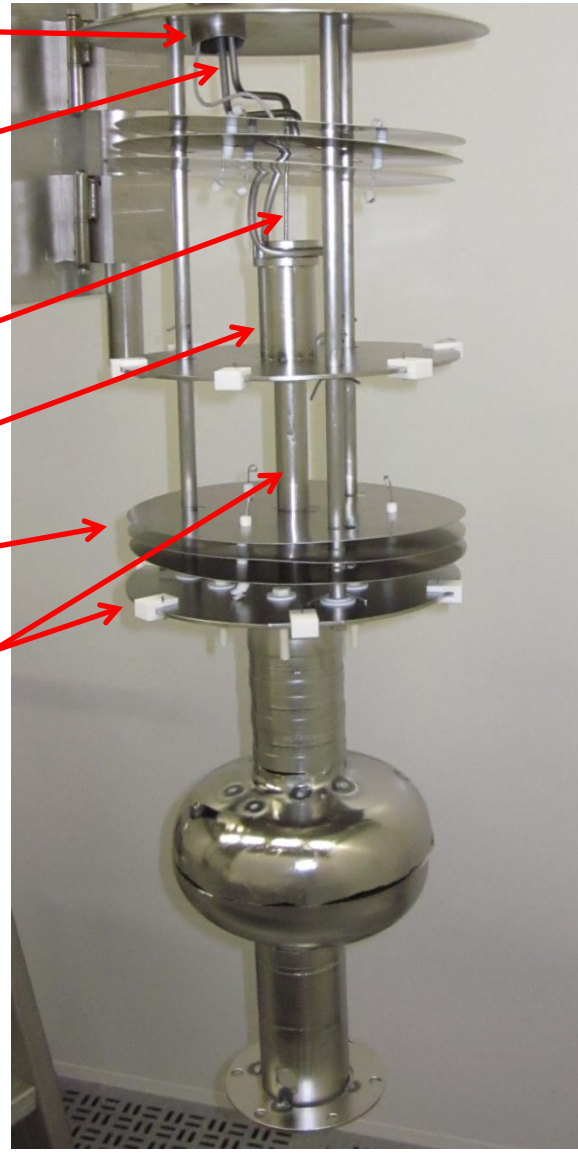


Surface resistance of the films as a function of temperature at 7.4 GHz with the residual resistance subtracted.





- Pump-out line
- He gas cooling line for crucible
- 14" conflat mating flanges
- Crucible thermocouple
- Sn and SnCl₂ crucible
- Nb heat shields
- Nb cavity support plate
- Sn vaporguide
- Cavity flange support cylinder
- Vapor guide support cylinder





- Preliminary studies with samples have been done.
- The horizontal insert has been built and inserted in the furnace. The first furnace run is being done.
- R&D furnace for Nb₃Sn development has been ordered in October 2012. It is expected to be delivered in August 2013.





Cornell Cavity Coating Chamber

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- Degas: 1 day
- Nucleation: 5 hours
- Coating: 3 hours
- Surface diffusion: 0.5 hours

Flange to UHV furnace

Copper transition weld from stainless to Nb

Cavity Temp Thermocouples

Heat Shields

UHV Furnace

Heater Temp Thermocouples

Tungsten Supports

Heater Power

Tin Heater

Tin Container





Cornell Cavity Testing

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- One cavity has been coated: ERL shape (similar to ILC), single cell, 1.3 GHz
- Tested after very slow cool (≈ 6 min/K) with T-map

Looking down into cavity from above

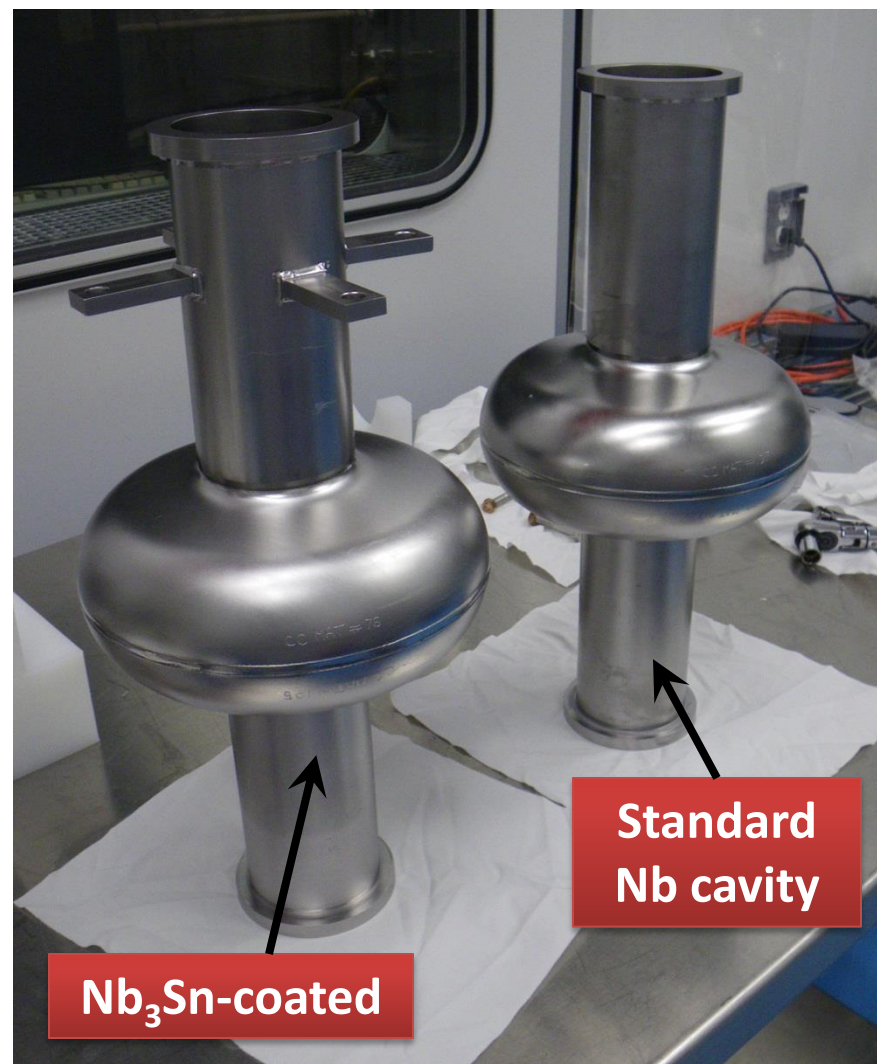




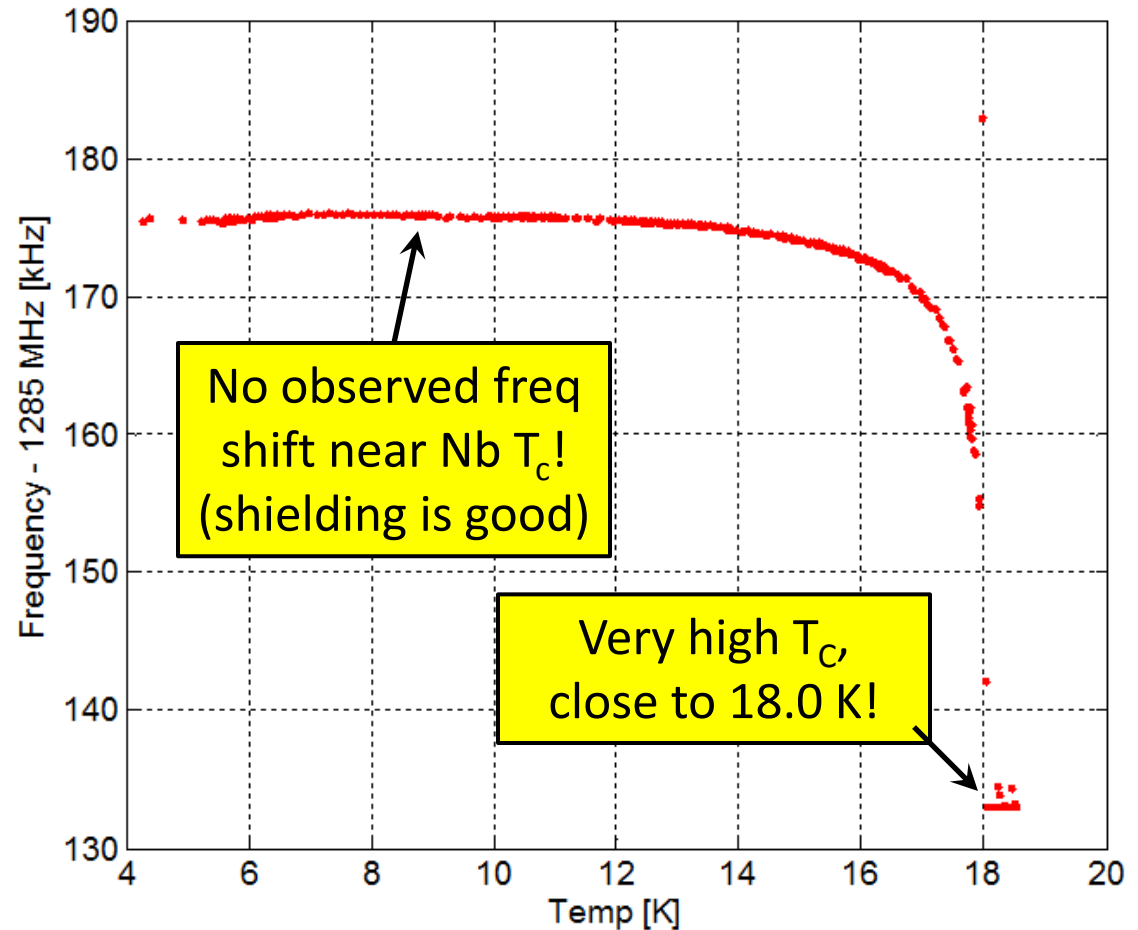
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- Some very positive results:
 - Very high T_c
 - Reaches mid-field range without quenching
 - 4.2 K Q_0 is much higher than a similar Nb cavity
 - Most of cavity shows little heating in T-map
- Some problems to work on:
 - Residual resistance higher than Wuppertal cavities
 - Some bad spots on T-map



- Network analyzer used to follow resonance during cooldown
- Temperature given by 3 cernox sensors over cavity surface (close agreement between sensors)





Q vs E

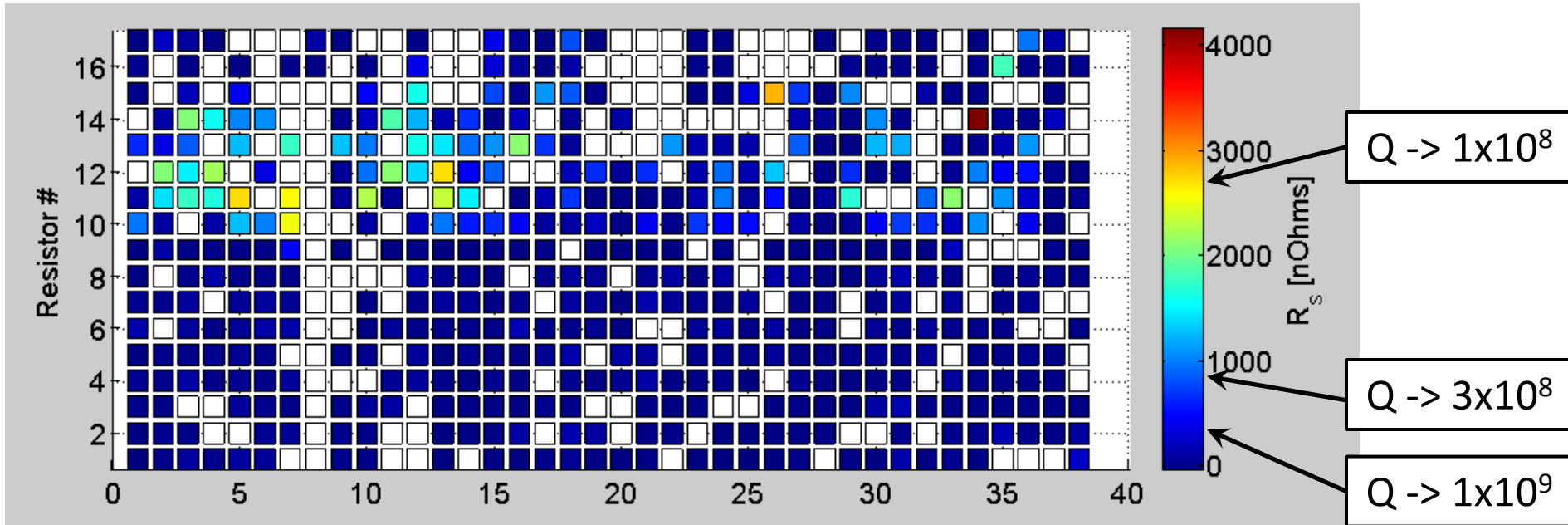


Indication of residual resistance: T-maps on next slide show heating pattern

Strong improvement compared to Nb in 4.2 K Q_0 (Nb $\sim 3-5 \times 10^8$)

Similar Q-slope is observed, so we can begin to investigate its origin!

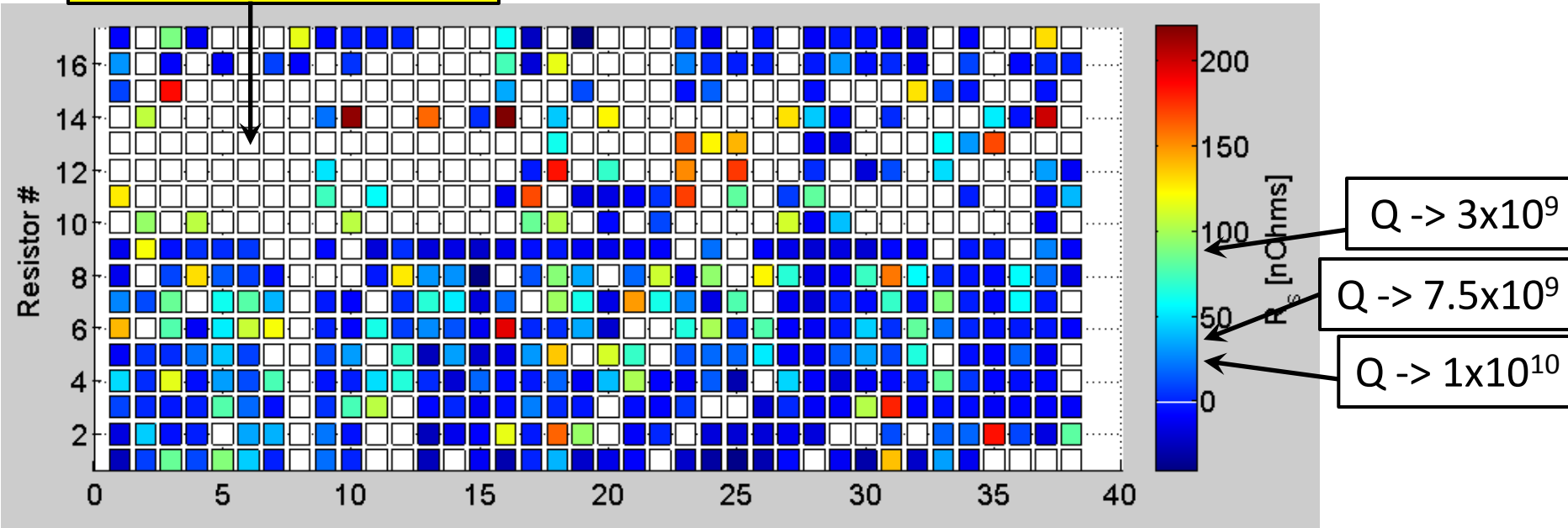




- Cavity at 2.0 K, 9 MV/m, $Q = 1.4 \times 10^9$
- White indicates bad channel or R_s very close to 0
- Tmap indicates bad spots with very large R_s

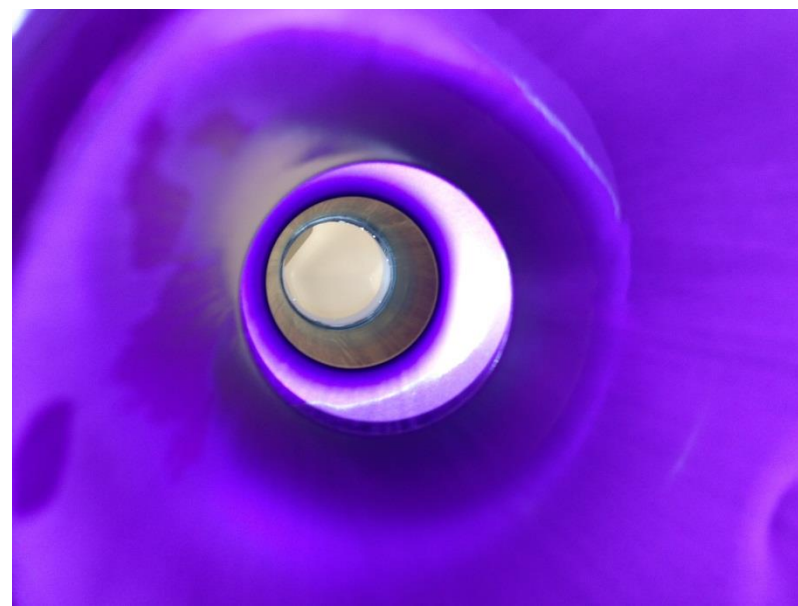
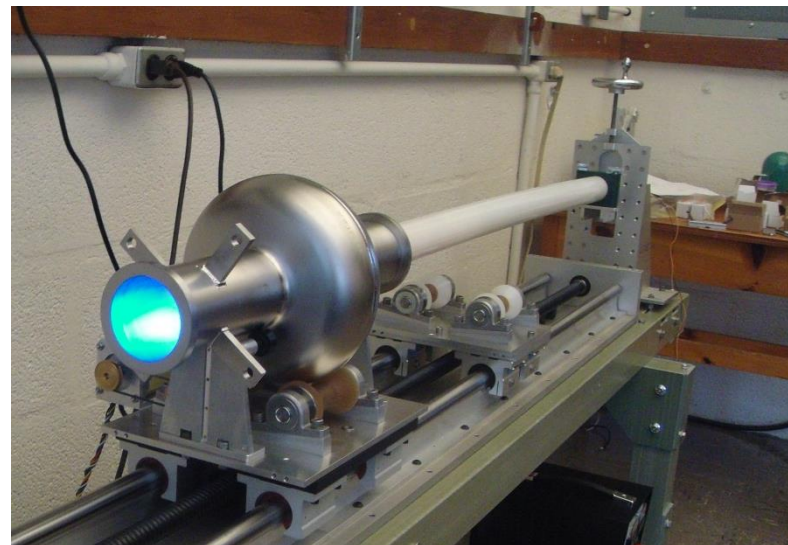
Ignored sensors with R_s above $\sim 220 \text{ n}\Omega$ (20% of sensors)

T-maps



- **Subsection:** 80% of resistors with the lowest R_s
- $G/\text{Mean}(|R_s|) = 7.5 \times 10^9$
- Conclusion: Most of cavity (including an entire half cell!) has very small R_s : $Q \gtrsim 7.5 \times 10^9$, with measurement limited by noise

- Performed a series of vertical tests:
 - Orientation during cooling does not seem to affect location of bad spots
 - 2x HF rinse does not affect Q significantly, 2x oxipolishing reduces Q significantly, bad area remains bad





- Performed a second coating cycle (following BCP to reset surface):
 - Orientation during coating does not seem to affect the half cell in which bad spots appear
- Overall indication: problem with Nb substrate surface?



Summary and Outlook

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- Coating cavities with Nb_3Sn may allow for higher gradients, and therefore shorter linacs
- Cornell has developed repeatable fabrication of high quality Nb_3Sn surfaces on samples
- Great promise in results of first coated cavity
- Already with our first cavity we have an opportunity to study the origin of the Q-slope associated with Nb_3Sn cavities!
- High residual resistance in bad spots may be result of problems with Nb cavity substrate
- Next: Study Q-slope in first cavity, coat a second cavity





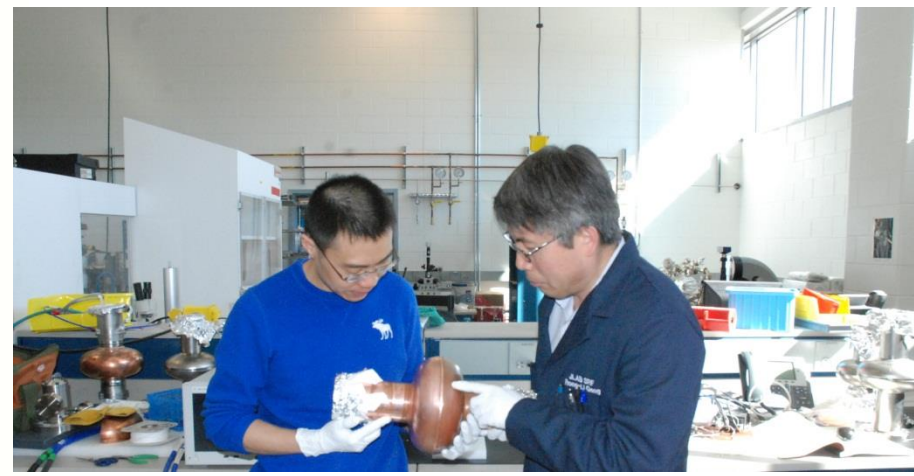
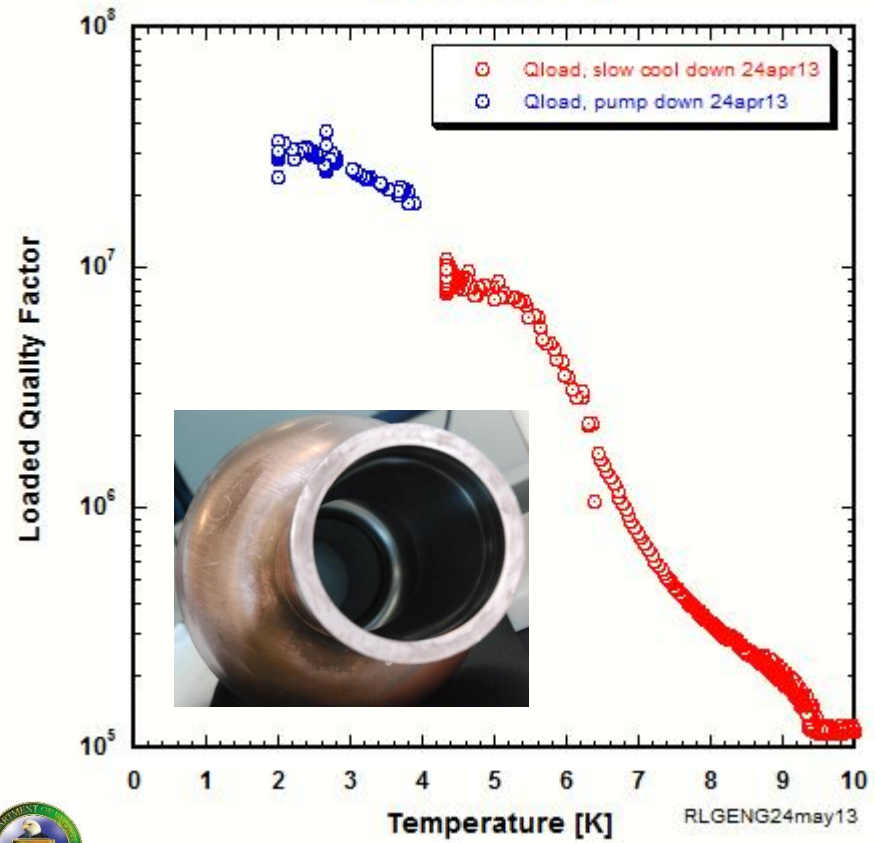
Coated Nb-Cu Cavity Development at JLab



Motivation: Ultimately coated cavity. Near term applications to end groups for cost saving

- **Cu cavity fabrication at Jlab**
 - LSF shape
 - Mirror-finish surface
- **Coating at AASC**
 - Energetic condensation via CED
- **Processing and cryogenic RF testing at Jlab**
 - 1st result excellent SC transition
 - But high R_{res} – source being studied

1-Cell 1300 MHz Nb-Cu Coated Cavity LSF1-1 (JLAB/AASC)





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