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## Effort Towards Improving Large Scale Production for Superconducting (SC) Cavities

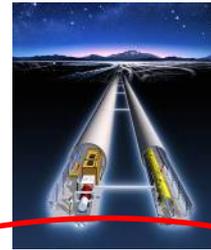
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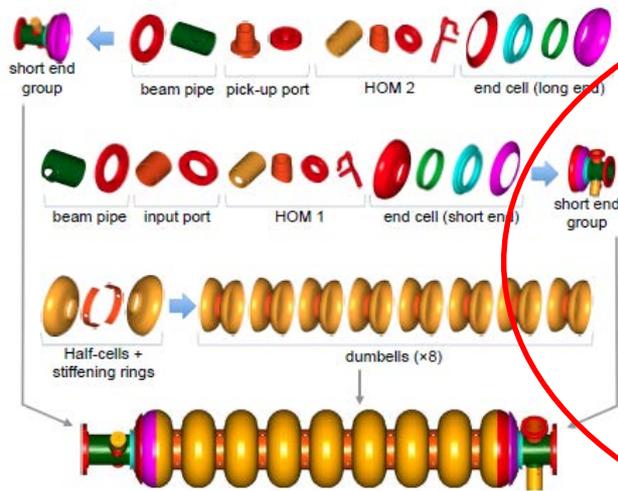


- **ILC: ~8000 Superconductive Niobium cavities > 31.5 MV/m**  
= cost driver
- **Challenging performance**
- **Requires a worldwide effort**



**Table 2.1**  
The main goals and timeline for SCRF R&D established at the beginning of the Technical Design Phase

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>S0:</b> Cavity gradient at 35 MV/m in vertical test	→ yield 50%		→ yield 90%			
<b>S1:</b> Cavity string at average gradient of 31.5 MV/m in cryomodule	Global effort for string assembly and test					
<b>S2:</b> System test with beam acceleration including high- and low-level RF	FLASH at DESY, ASTA/NML at FNAL, STF2 at KEK					
<b>Industrialisation:</b> Study and preparation for industrial production of SCRF cavities and cryomodules			Production technology R&D			



Inner surface treatment of cavity



Horizontal Electro-Polishing (EP)



Cleanroom Assembly



- Requires perfect knowledge of SRF technology from cavity fabrication to cleanroom assembly
- Decrease the cost: increase the performances ( $E_{max}$  and  $Q$ ) and VEP

- Develop process for the large scale cavity production
- From Cavity Fabrication, **inner surface treatments**, to RF performance Test (Vertical Test: VT)
- + **Multilayer and surface Analysis**.
- Thanks to advanced facilities: CFF/STF/COI at KEK, Supratech at CEA Saclay
- Thanks to motivated teams:

Concentrate in R&D of **Vertical EP (cost-effective inner-surface treatment)** and **multilayer surface (advanced high-performance inner-surface)** .

*Please replace the red examples by the appropriate data in black*

ID <sup>1</sup> :	Title: R&D on innovative treatments and characterization of SRF surface for future accelerators.					
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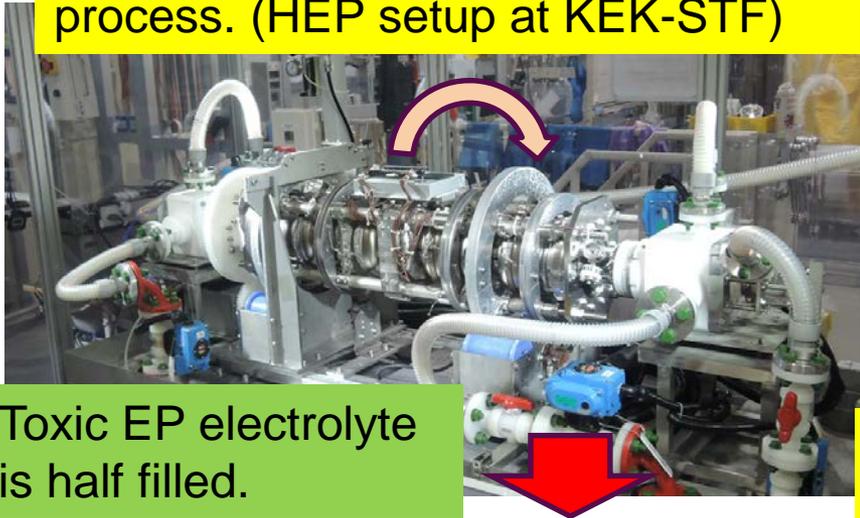
Collaboration with Marui Co. Ltd. (industry).

We will add a student in the members.  
Hayato Ito (KEK Sokendai Univ.)

# RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

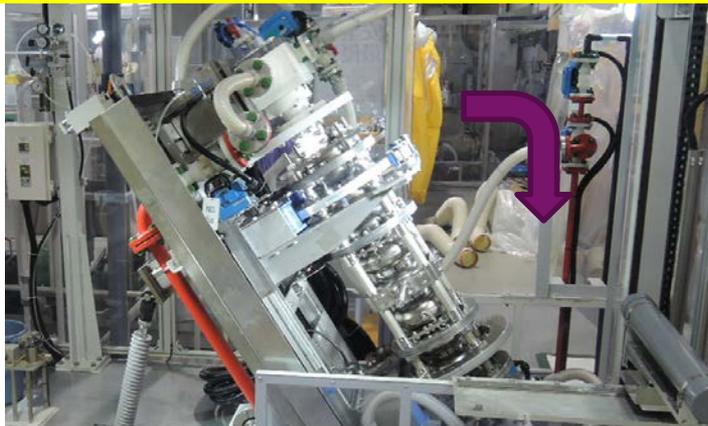
EP is the best method for inner surface treatment, but expensive.

Rotation of cavity in Horizontal EP process. (HEP setup at KEK-STF)



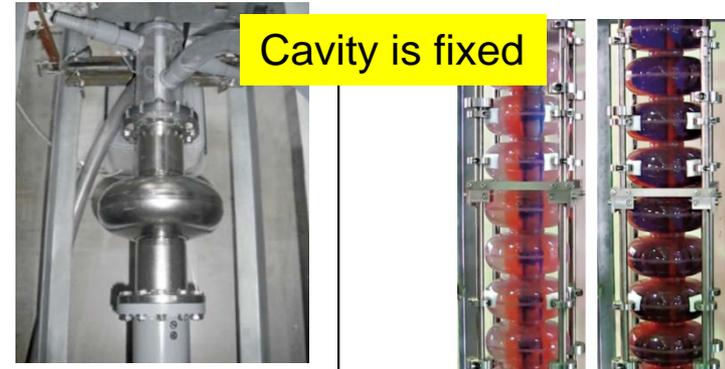
Toxic EP electrolyte is half filled.

Turning the EP-bed for draining

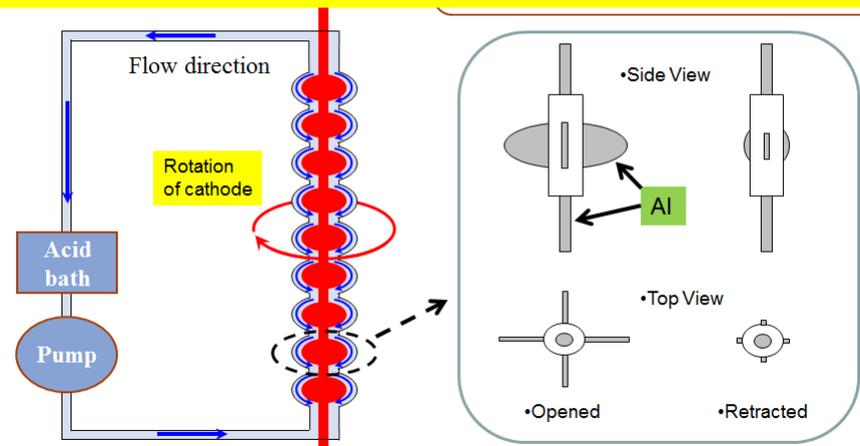


Massive and complicated system

Vertical EP (VEP) at Marui Galvanizing Co. Ltd. in collaboration with KEK



Simple VEP is more cost-effective than HEP, but hydrogen-gas generation at cathode has a narrow way to escape at top and it is the main problem.



Special **Ninja cathode** by Marui Co. Ltd.



**VEP SET UP – CEA-Saclay**



**Ninja-cathod by KEK + Marui**

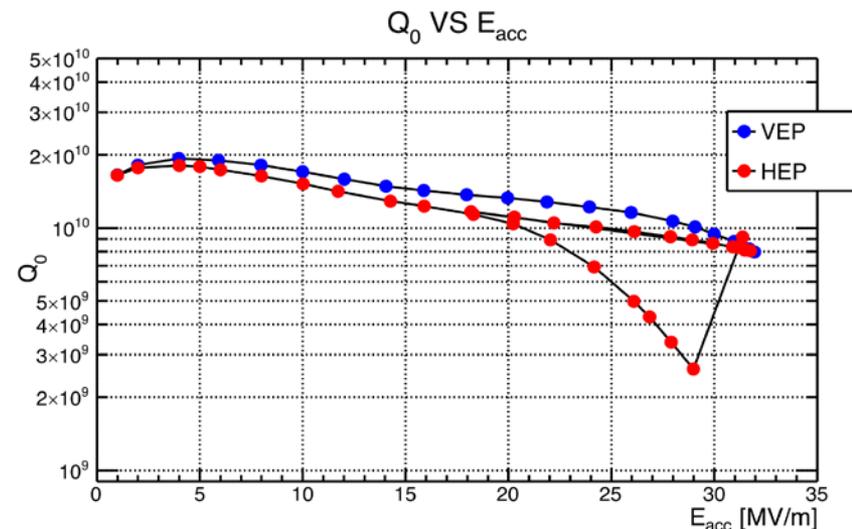


**VEP experiment at Saclay**

Vertical EP conditions:

- Thickness removal 150  $\mu\text{m}$
- Acid Temperature in tank: 18°C
- Rotation cathode: 20 rpm.
- Voltage cathode: 17,3 V.
- Acid flow: 10L/min.

- **32MV/m ( $Q_0=8.0E9$ ) was achieved.**
- Accelerating gradient after VEP was almost same as achieved after HEP.



## VEP setups of 9-cell cavity at Marui Co. Ltd.



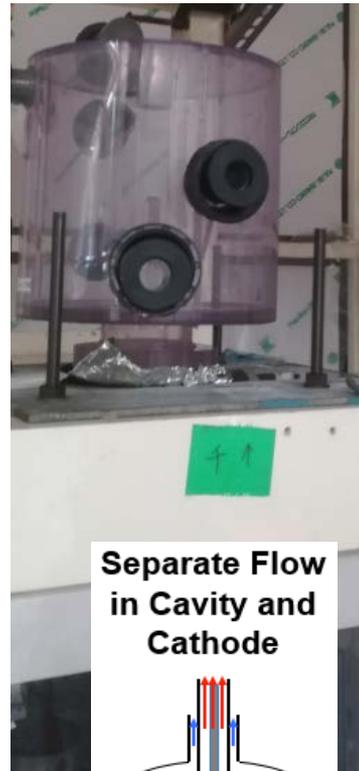
Continuous improvement of the **VEP set-up for 9-cell cavity at Marui Co. Ltd.:**

- Automation which makes it possible to test different flow configurations
- Cooling of the cavity
- Improvement of the acid tank with Teflon mesh to remove hydrogen bubbles

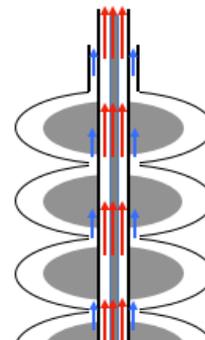


Acid reservoir with Teflon mesh to remove H<sub>2</sub>

Top of the cavity: large chamber to separate acid & H<sub>2</sub>



Separate Flow in Cavity and Cathode

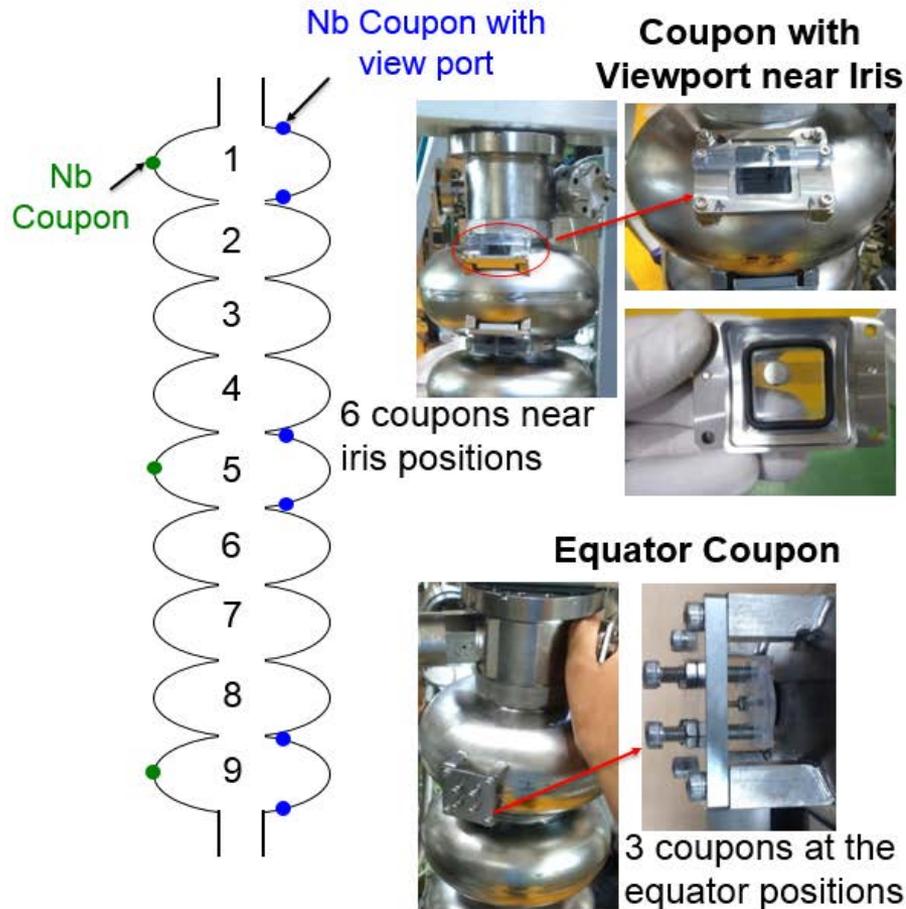


Teflon filter on the acid line to remove H<sub>2</sub>

Separated flow (cavity & cathode)



Fully automated process



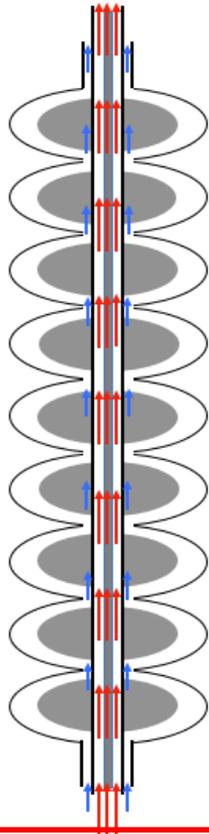
Coupon Cavity at VEP Stand



Dedicated to VEP studies. Powerful tool. Make it possible to achieve local studies along the cavity during process.

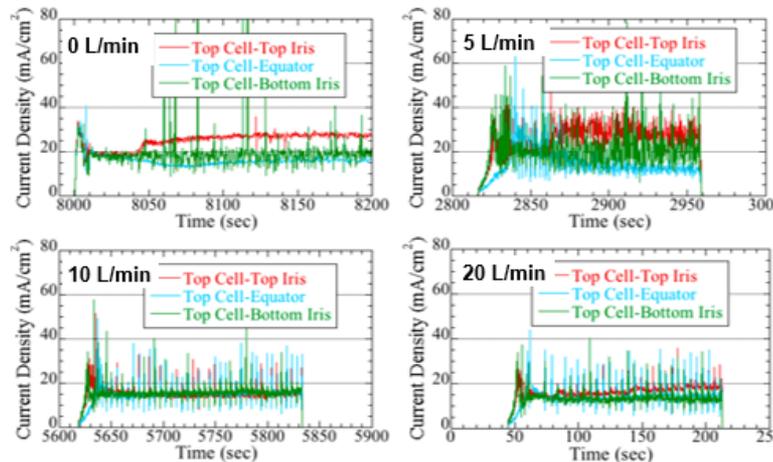
**Separate Flow in Cavity and Cathode**

- Removal of bubbles quickly from a multi-cell cavity to stop bubble accumulation in upper cells is difficult and challenging.

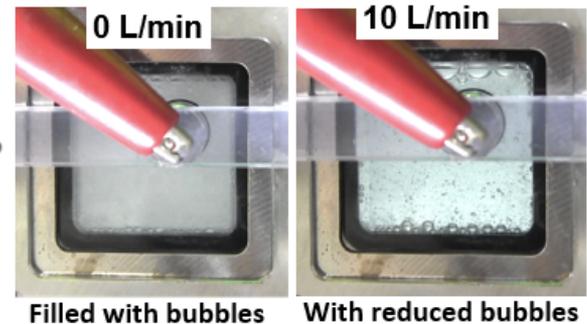


**Separate Acid Flow in Cathode and Cavity**

**Coupon currents at 5 L/min in Cavity & Different Flow Rates in Cathode Housing**



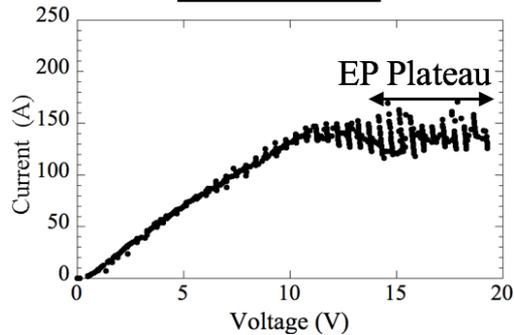
**Viewport (Top Cell) at 0 and 10 L/min in Cathode Housing**



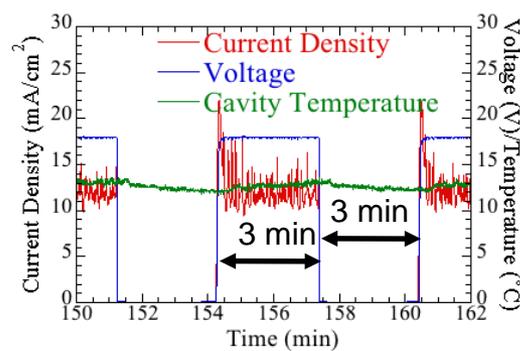
**Adequate acid flow rates:  
Cathode housing ~ 10 L/min & Cavity ~ 5 L/min**

**Separate acid flow in the cavity and cathode housing reduced bubble accumulation in the cavity cells.**

## I-V Curve

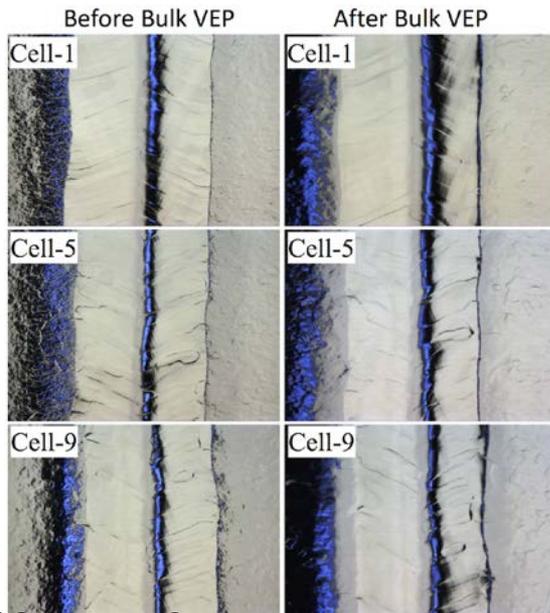
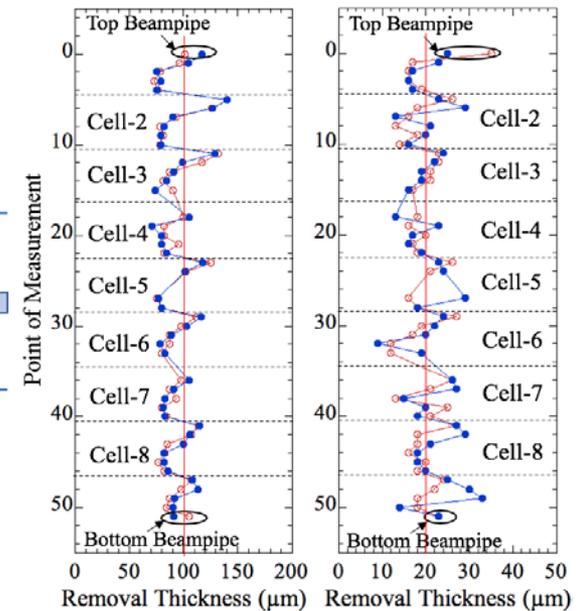
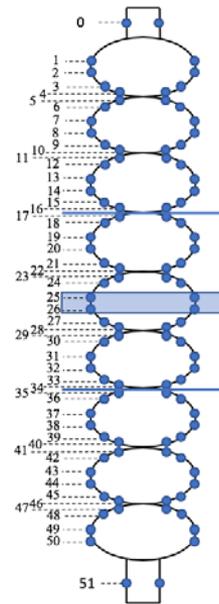


## On-Off voltage cycles



On-Off cycles were selected to reduce circulating bubbles from the acid tank to cavity

## VEP for 100 $\mu\text{m}$    VEP for 20 $\mu\text{m}$



12 mm x 9 mm



- Removal asymmetry significantly reduced.
- Surface was smooth in all the cells.

Horizontal EP (baseline RF test)



VEP for 100  $\mu\text{m}$



750°C bake



VEP for 20  $\mu\text{m}$



750°C bake

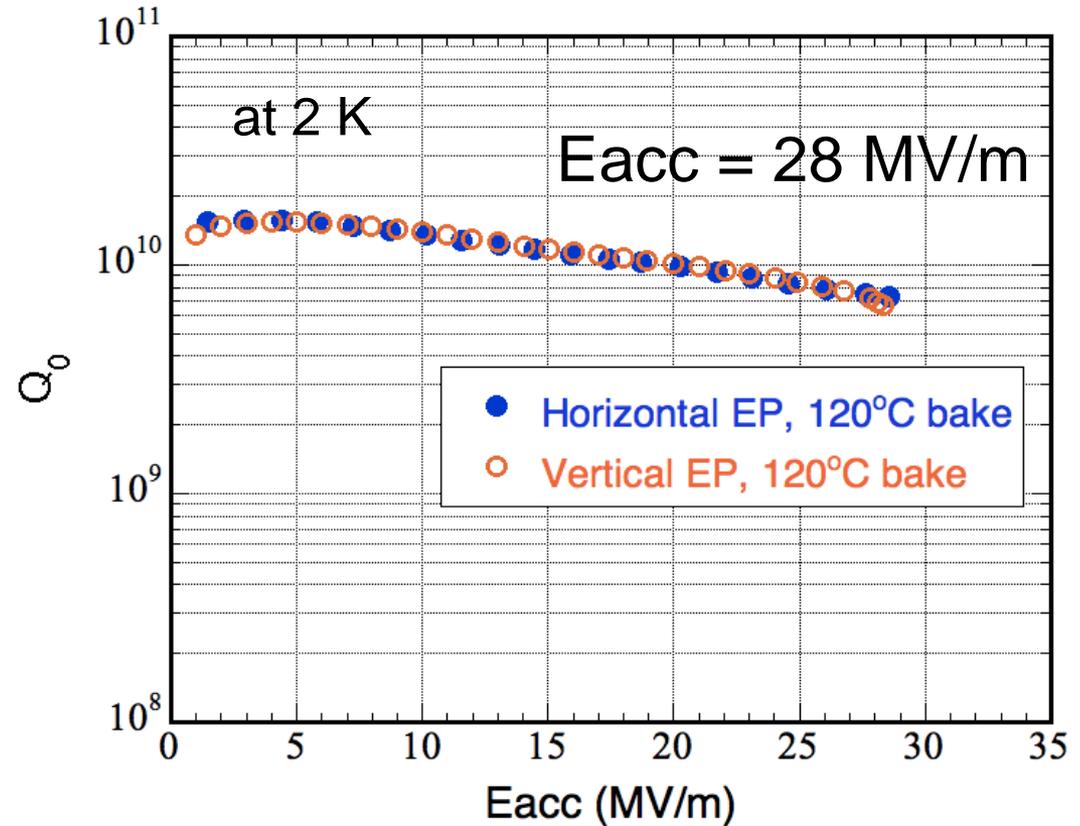


VEP for 10  $\mu\text{m}$  and 120°C

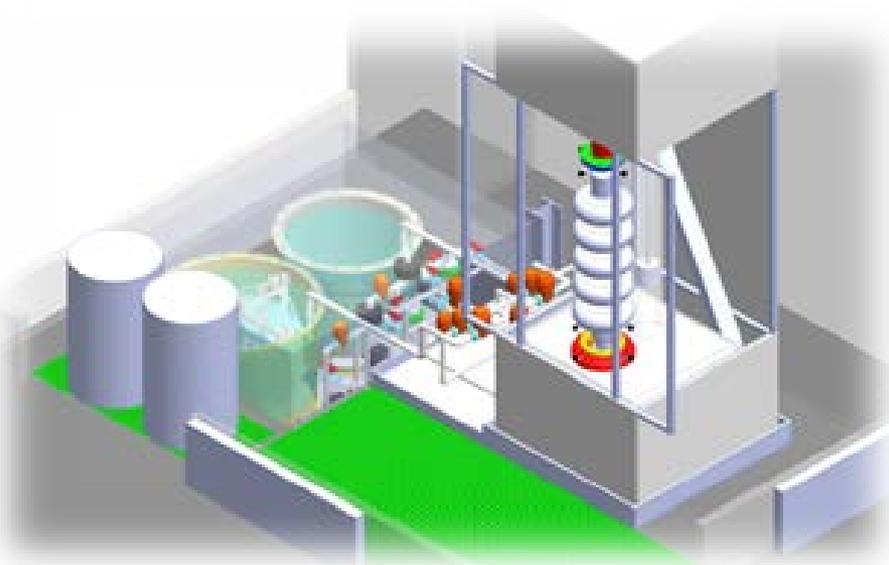


RF Test

Eacc = 28 MV/m



Cavity performance after VEP is the same as achieved after HEP.



- ❖ Designed for large cavities
- ❖ Circulating acid
- ❖ Injected from bottom
- ❖ 300L acid capacity
- ❖ Cooling system (heat exchanger in acid tank)
- ❖ Emptying/draining by gravity
- ❖ Nitrogen blowing in top of cavity/acid tank
- ❖ Cathode inserted in horizontal position



SPL Cavity insertion in the cabinet

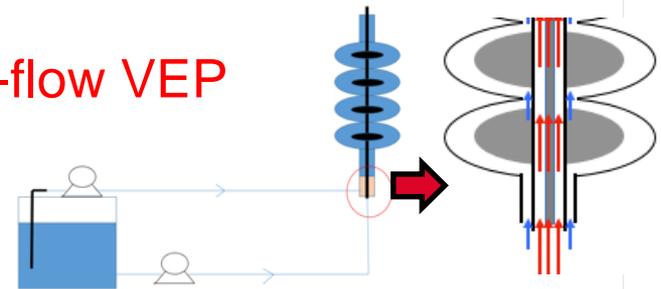
Set-up at Saclay has a larger acid reservoir (300L capacity). It makes it possible to VEP big cavities and to tackle the H<sub>2</sub> problem.

Mechanical fittings were necessary to use the Ninja Technology at Saclay

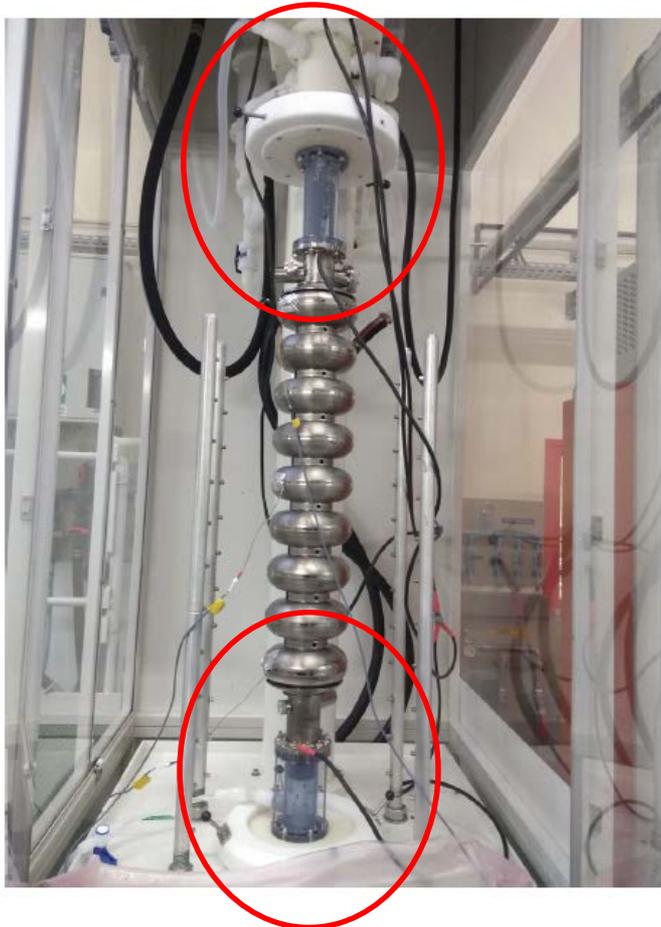
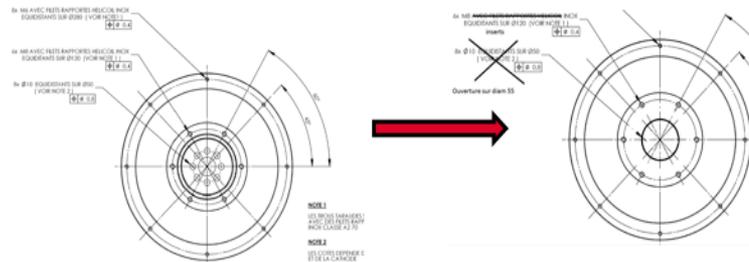
CEA has modified set-up for Marui/KEK experiments:

- Additional pump to feed the external area (cavity) with acid (lower flowrate)

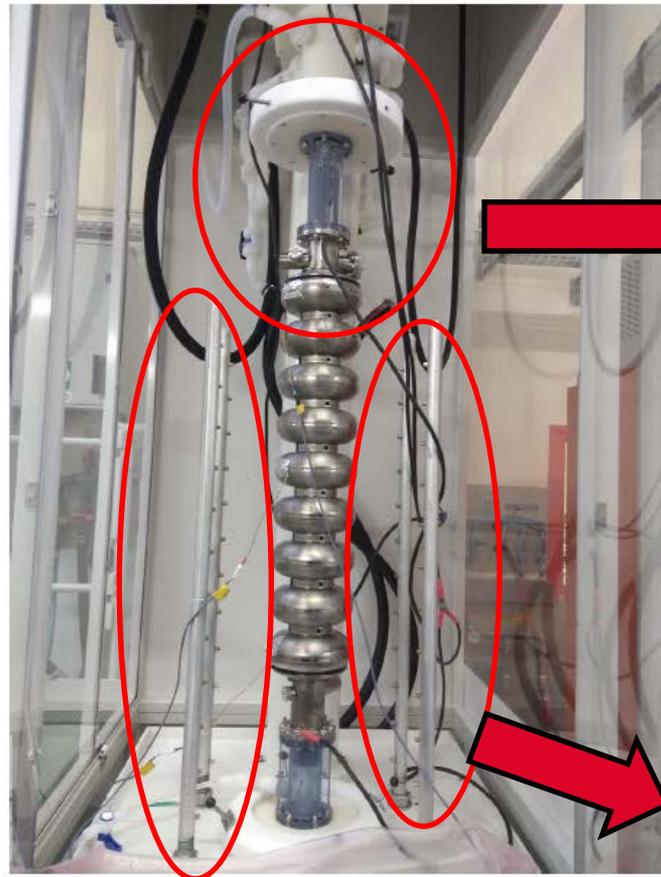
Applied 2-flow VEP



- Modification of upper plate for better H2 removal (tested with water test).



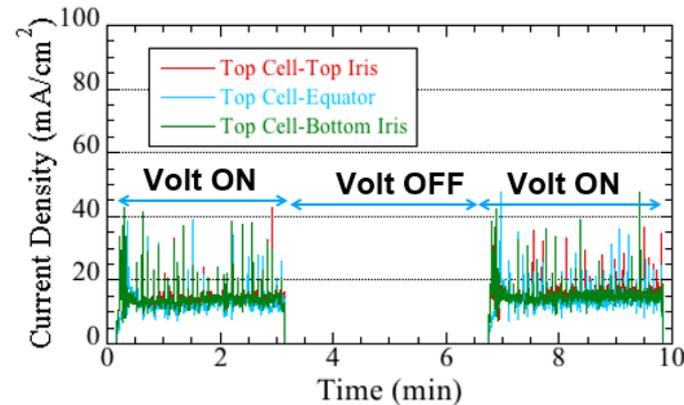
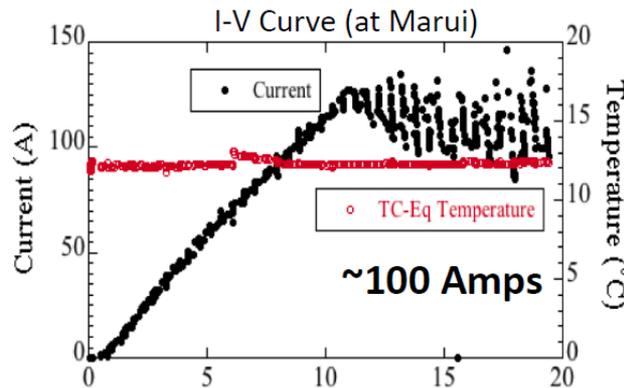
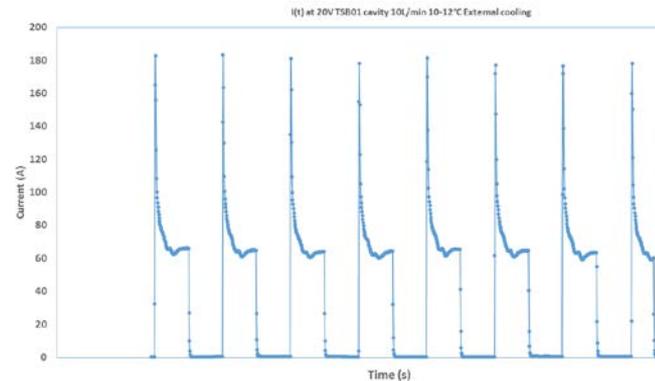
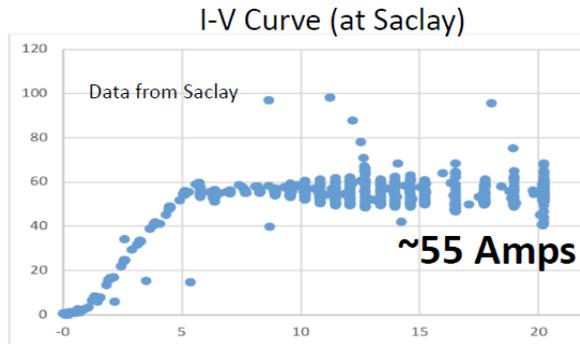
9-cell cavity (TSB01) was provided from KEK



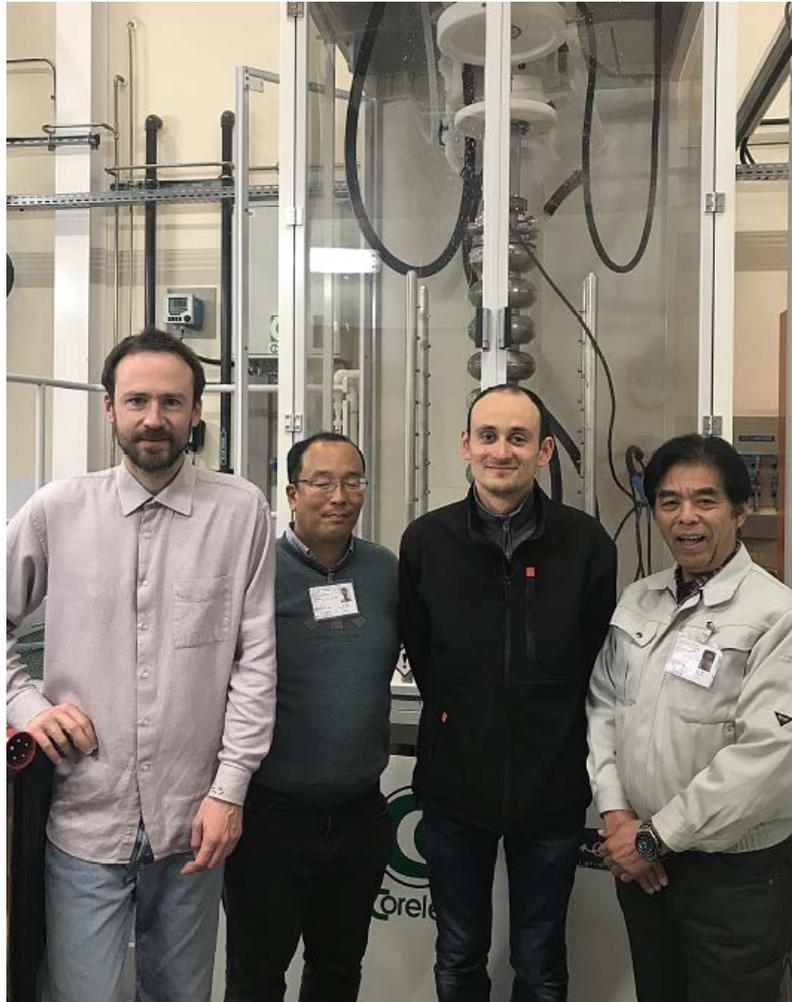
Issue: Coupler

External cooling of cavity surface by applying water spray.

- 30 $\mu$ m removed at Saclay on TSB01, previously VEP'ed at KEK/Marui.
- The cavity will be tested at Saclay in May 2019.



- I(V) curves have been recorded, as well as I(t) curve.
- On/off (3' – 3') sequences were applied during VEP.
- The EP 'plateau' is wider at Saclay. It might be attributed to a light difference in acid concentration (HF 40% - Vs HF 55%).
- The cavity will be tested at Saclay in May 2019.

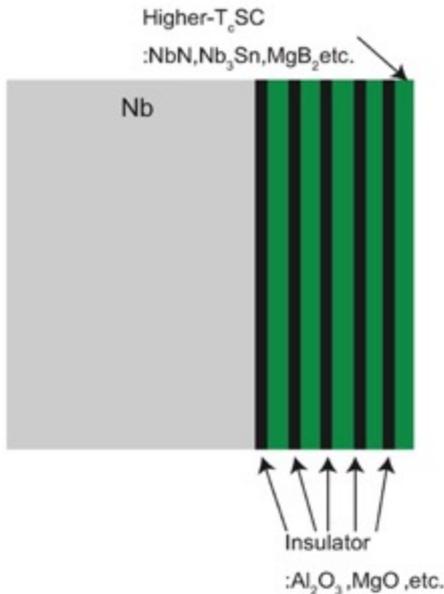


Joint-Experiment was  
broad-casted on a local  
Iwate TV channel.  
(Iwate is the Japanese  
ILC-site)

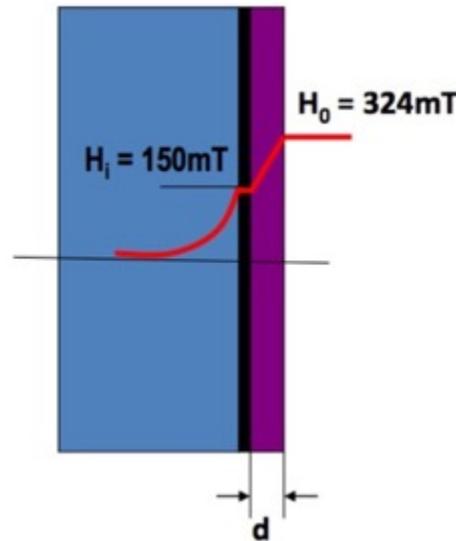
Higher  $H_c$  of thin-film on Nb  $\rightarrow$  Higher quench field  
(Cavity of higher gradient)



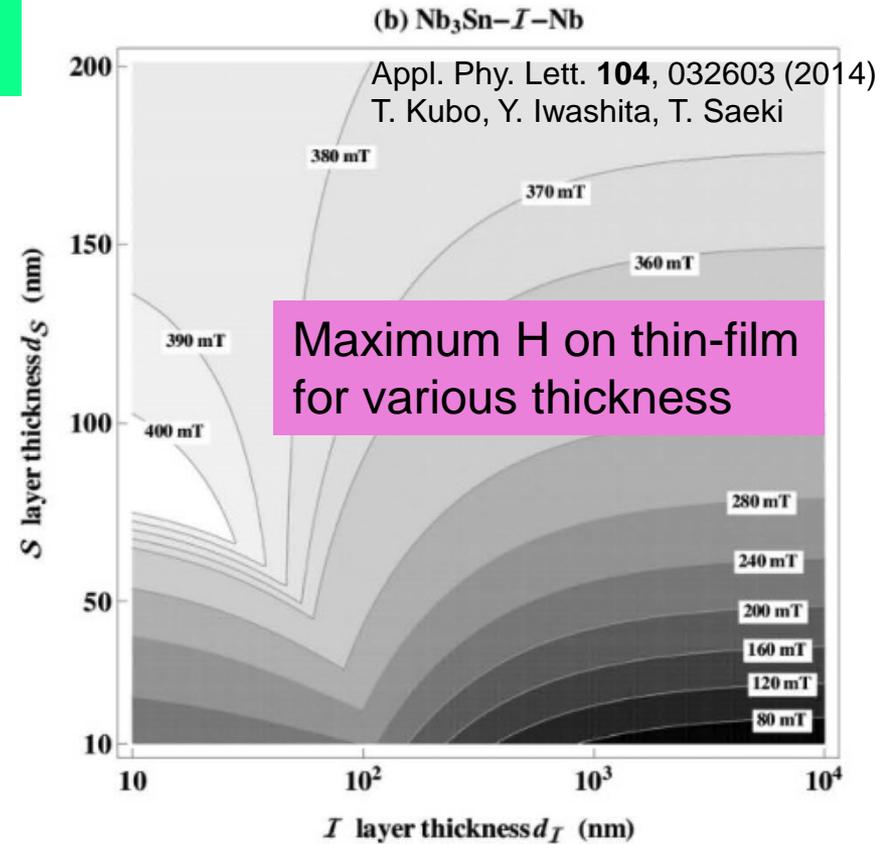
Very big impact on ILC.



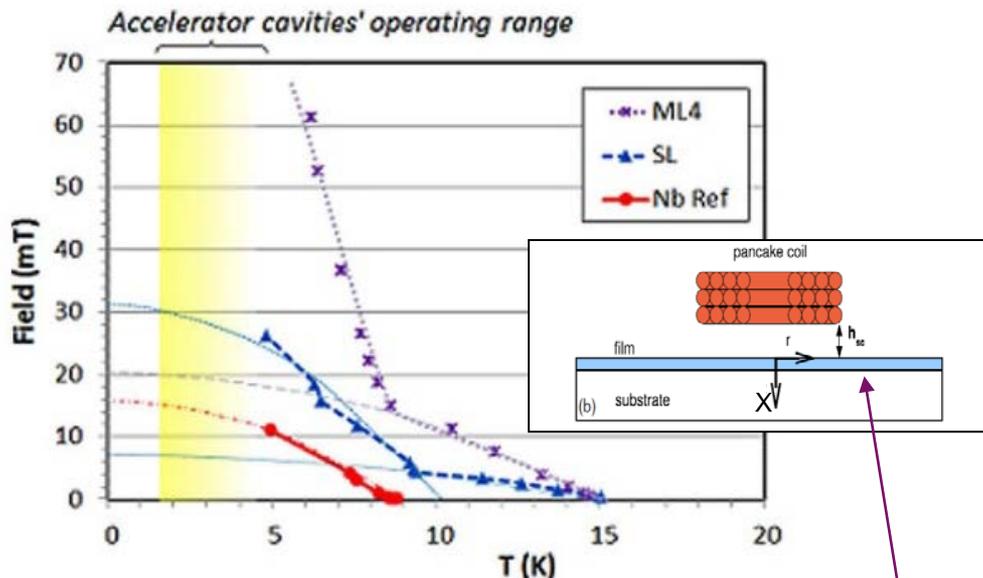
Multi-layer-thin-film



Single-layer-thin-film

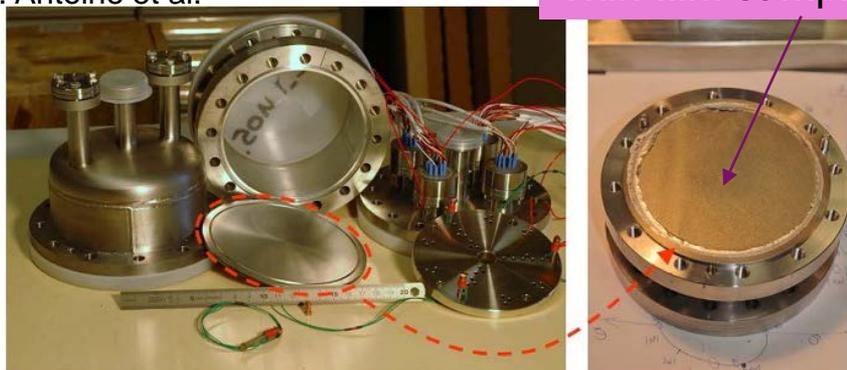


Optimized thicknesses of SC and Insulator layers are calculated.  
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Thin-film samples



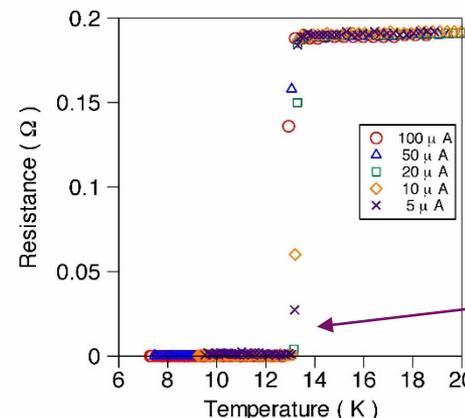
CEA/Saclay has lots of experiences for experiments of thin-film samples.



KEK experiments for thin-film samples.

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Thin-film sample NbN (200 nm)



( $T_c$  of NbN = 16.2 K)

Measured  $T_c = 13.3K$



Collaboration for thin-film subjects

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## Optimization of tailored multilayer superconductors for RF application and protection against premature vortex penetration.

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### Abstract

Superconducting radiofrequency (SRF) cavities for accelerators is the unique superconductivity application that operates in the Meissner state. For decades bulk niobium, which exhibit the highest 1st critical field among all known superconductors, has been the only material able to achieve high performances in terms of high accelerating field (proportional to the RF field at the Nb surface) together with quality factor (inversely proportional to surface resistance). A better understanding of the peculiarities of SRF physics (comparatively much less explored than the mixed state of high  $\kappa$  superconductors) led to the proposal of specific nanostructures tailored for SRF applications, in the form of superconducting/Insulating/superconducting (S-I-S) multilayers which could improve SRF performance. In this paper we present the study of a series of NbN/MgO/Nb trilayers, including standard material characterization and specific superconducting characterization (local magnetometry), along with a comparison to the theoretical modeling available up to date for this kind of structures.

## Thin-film experiment at Saclay

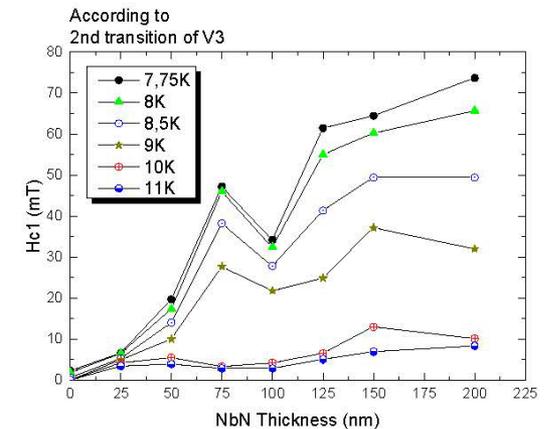


Figure 12.  $\mu_0 H_{C1}$  as functions of NbN thickness for the series of NbN/MgO/thick-Nb trilayers at various temperature. The improvement seems indeed to saturate above 150 nm. However, thicker films need to be explored. Note that the 100 nm sample appears to be more defective than the rest of the series.

Fig. 12 clearly demonstrates the improvement of the transition field with layer thickness. Although this improvement appears to saturate above 150 nm, there is still room for improvement with thicker layers. This option will be explored in the near future.

Systematic measurements of  $H_{c1}$  to show the dependence on multilayer thickness (for the first time in the world).

## LINAC2018 at Beijing/China

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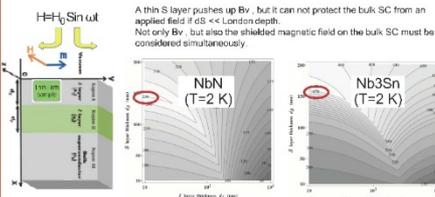
### Precise evaluation of characteristics of the multilayer thin-film superconductor consisting of NbN and Insulator on pure Nb substrate

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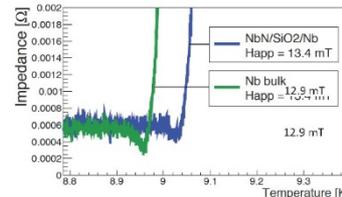
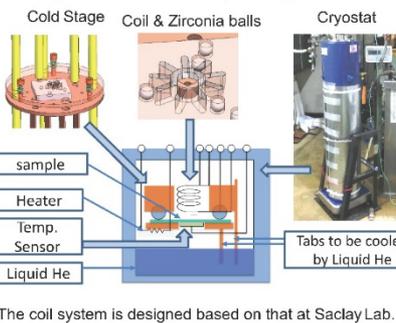


#### INTRODUCTION

Multilayer thin film coating is a promising technology to enhance performance of superconducting cavities. Until recently, principal parameters to achieve the sufficient performance had not been known, such as the thickness of each layer. We proposed a method to deduce a set of the parameters to exhibit a good performances. In order to verify the scheme, we are trying to make some experiments on the subject at Kyoto University.



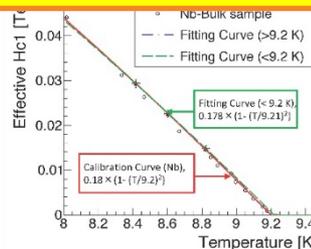
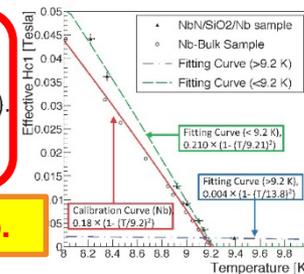
#### Experimental Setup: Stage & Coil



- Third harmonic signals are compared between Bulk pure Nb (Green) and NbN/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Nb (Blue).
- Significant difference exists between two results.

- Effective H<sub>c1</sub> are compared between Bulk pure Nb (circle) and NbN (200 nm)/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Nb (black triangle).
- Effective H<sub>c1</sub> for T < 9.2 K is  $(0.210 \pm 0.007) \times (1 - (T/9.21 \pm 0.02))^2$ .

**17% higher H<sub>c1</sub> than bulk-Nb.**



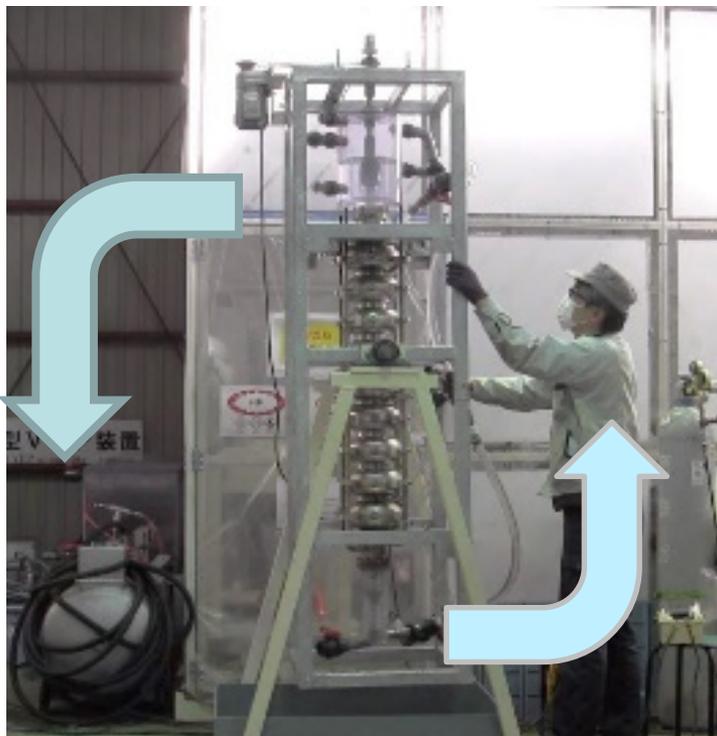
- Preliminary result of Effective H<sub>c1</sub> for NbN(50 nm)/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Nb is shown in the left figure.
- Effective H<sub>c1</sub> for T < 9.2 K is  $(0.176 \pm 0.16) \times (1 - (T/9.21 \pm 0.06))^2$ , H<sub>c1</sub>(0) of which is consistent with that of Bulk pure Nb.

**SRF characteristics (H<sub>c</sub>) of NbN thin-film samples was measured by Katayama (KEK member) at Kyoto University. Hayato Ito (student of Sokendai-KEK) measured T<sub>c</sub> of thin-film sample at KEK, and H<sub>c</sub> measurement setup at KEK was also done.**

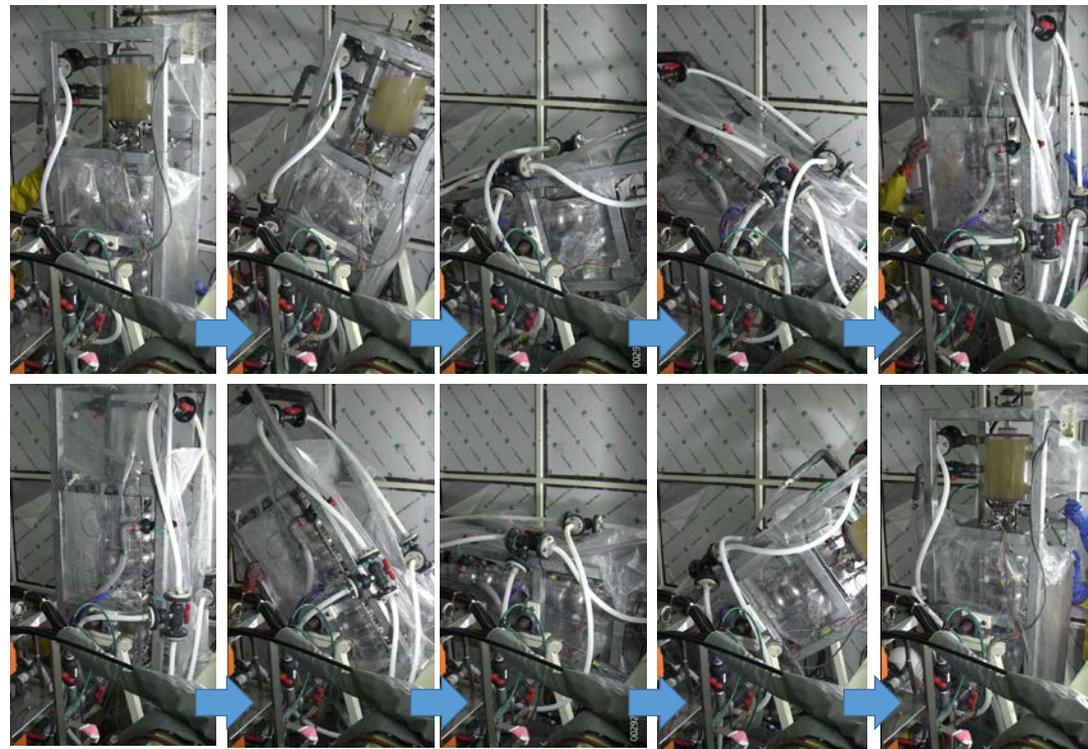
# PROPOSAL FOR FY 2019-2020

• Continue the 2-flow VEP of 9-cell cavity to achieve  $E_{acc} > 35$  MV/m at Marui/KEK and Saclay

- In the VEP, the small asymmetry of the removal thickness in the cells has been a remaining problem.
- In order to solve this problem, we proposed and experimented “cavity flipping (rotation) VEP”.



Cavity flipping (rotation) system

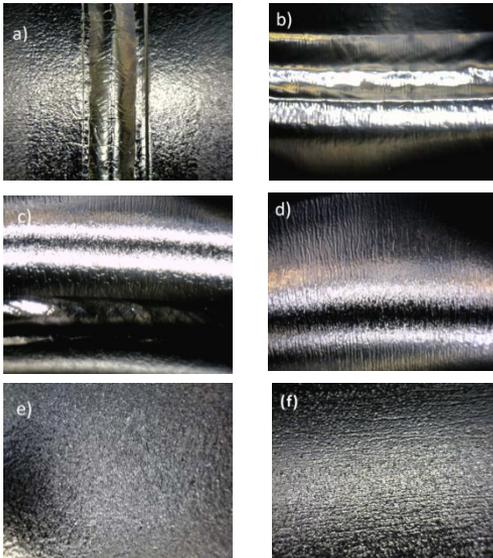
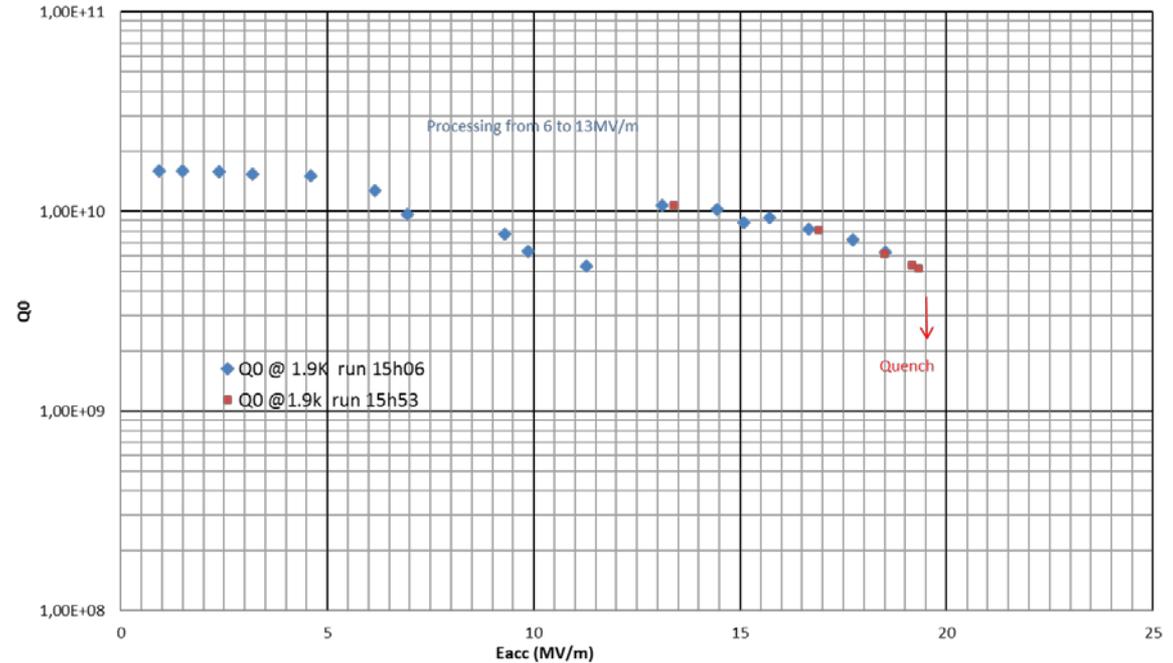


Cavity flipping (rotation) procedure



- 200  $\mu\text{m}$  average removal by VEP
- Test stopped because of radiation level
- Test carried out at higher power until reaching quench at 20 MV/m

Test SPL cavity @ 1.9K 07/11/2014



Typical surface morphologies after  $>100\mu\text{m}$  VEP at different locations. The weldings at a) equators, and b) irises are smooth. Bubbles stripes are observed at the proximity of irises c) and d). In the areas between equators and irises e) and f), the surface is rougher. Some pitting due to the uncontrolled EP sequence

# PROGRAM FOR VEP OF ESS GEOMETRY 1-CELL CAVITY

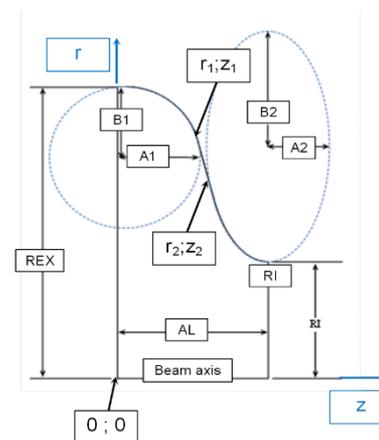


1st step:

- Fabrication of single-cell  $\beta=0.86$  cavity
- VEP at Saclay with dedicated VEP cathode by Marui
- VT (before/after baking)

2d step:

- Atomic Layer Deposition on the cavity
- VT



IF SUCCESSFUL, IT WILL BE ADAPTED TO 5-Cell CAVITY CONFIGURATION.



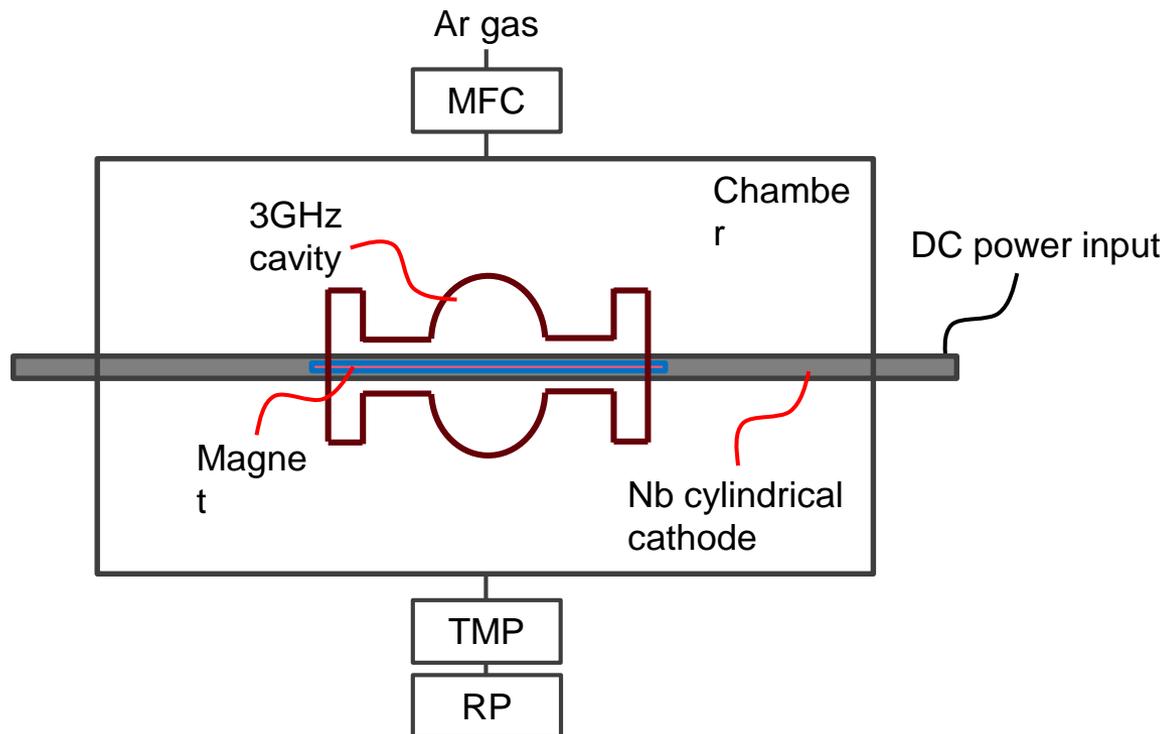
Figure 2: Medium beta cavity.

Current BCP  
treatment of ESS  
cavity at Saclay



R&D of VEP with  
ESS cavity by  
Ninja cathode

We are setting up an apparatus that can deposit Nb or NbN thin-film on Cu or Nb 3GHz cavity in collaboration with ULVAC (industry).



Nb thin film deposited on the inner wall of Cu tube ( $\Phi 35\text{mm}$ ).

**Inner sputtering at ULVAC (Industry)**

<b>Funding Request from France</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>€/unit</b>	<b>Nb of units</b>	<b>Total (€)</b>	<b>Requested to<sup>4</sup>:</b>
Travel to Japan	1000	2	2000	Irfu
Visit to Japan	150/day	12	1800	Irfu
Shipping of cavity and samples	1300	1	1300	Irfu
<b>Total</b>			<b>5100</b>	
<b>Funding Request from KEK</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>k¥/Unit</b>	<b>Nb of units</b>	<b>Total (k¥)</b>	<b>Requested to:</b>
Travel to France	250	2 travels	500	KEK
Visit to France	20/day	10 days	200	
Travel to TYL-WS at Jeju/Korea	100	1 travel	100	
Visit to Jeju/Korea	20/day	3 days	60	
<b>Total</b>			<b>860</b>	

Picture at Himeji in Japan.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

# BACKUP



The set up is further being improved with mechanical development for the flipping of the cavity