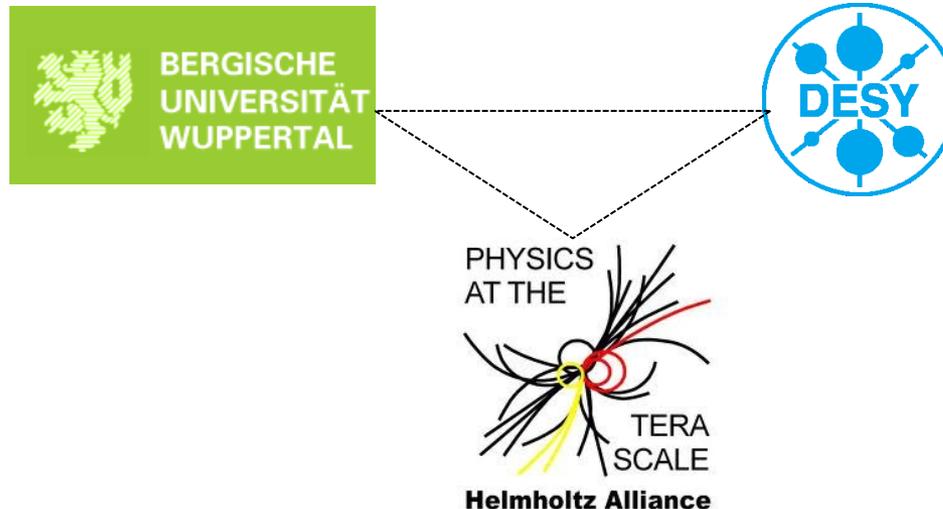


Progress in high gradient superconducting cavities

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9-cell cavities

Cavity surface & Quench studies: Summary & outlook

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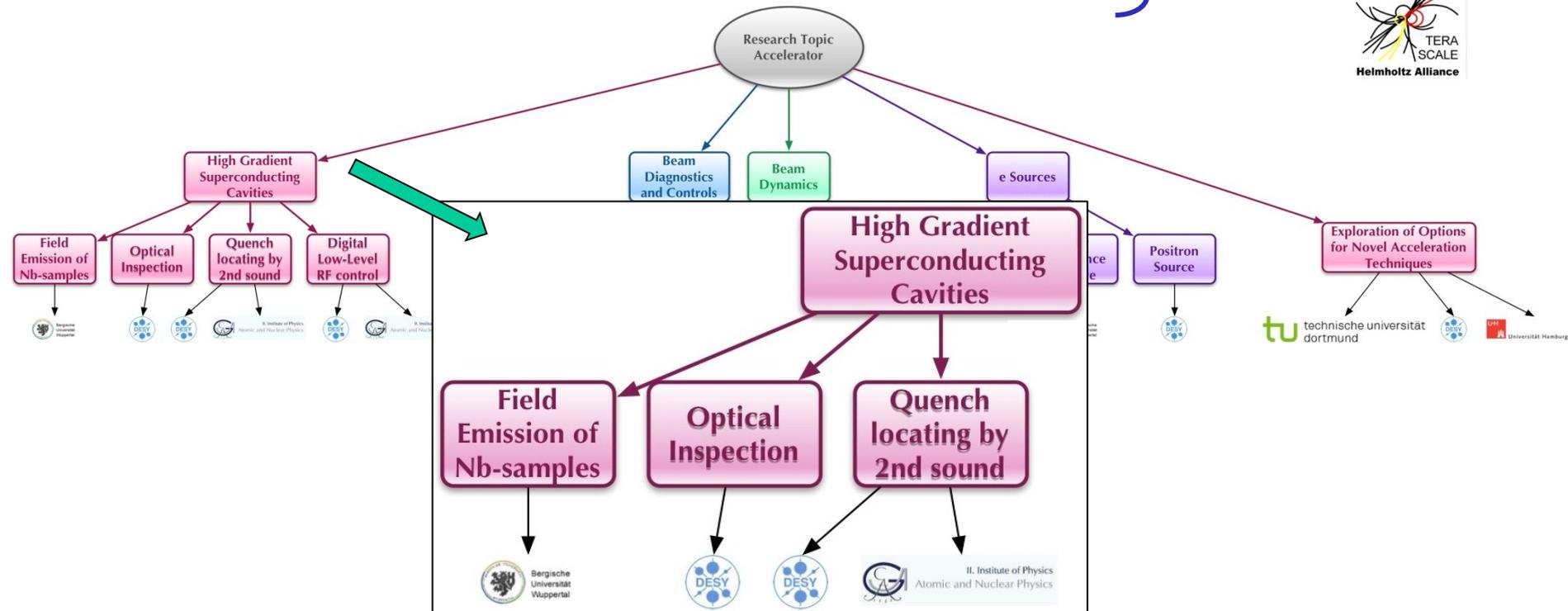
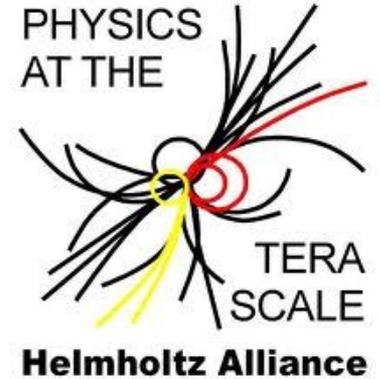
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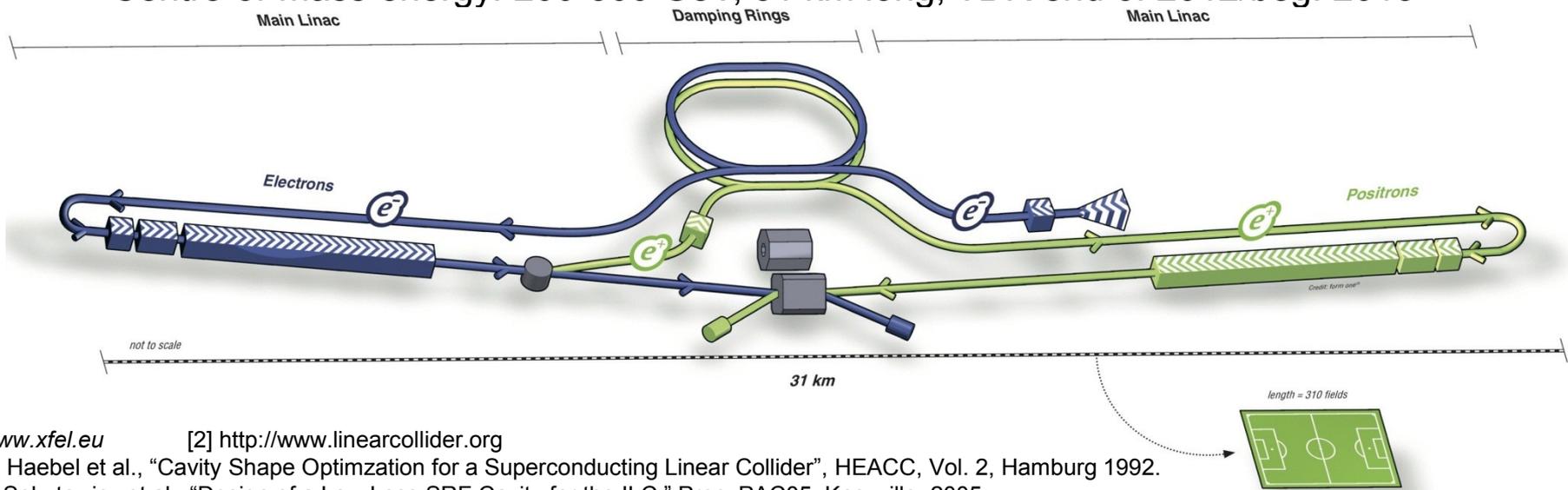
Motivation for high gradient superconducting (SC) cavities:

> European X-ray Free Electron Laser XFEL [1]

- 800 SC 1.3 GHz 9-cell cavities, production **is starting**
- Nominal gradient $E_{\text{acc}} = 23.6 \text{ MV/m @ } Q_0 > 10^{10}$
 $E_{\text{peak}}/E_{\text{acc}} = 1.98$; $B_{\text{peak}}/E_{\text{acc}} = 4.26 \text{ mT/MV/m}$
- 17.5 GeV beam energy, 3.4 km long

> The International Linear Collider ILC [2]

- 16,000 1.3 GHz 9-cell SC cavities
- Accelerating gradient required: $E_{\text{acc}} = 31.5 \text{ MV/m @ } Q_0 > 10^{10}$
 $E_{\text{peak}}/E_{\text{acc}} = 1.98$ (TESLA-shape [3]) or $E_{\text{peak}}/E_{\text{acc}} = 2.36$ if Low Loss shape [4] will be chosen
- Centre-of-mass energy: 200-500 GeV, 31 km long, TDR end of 2012/beg. 2013



[1] www.xfel.eu [2] <http://www.linearcollider.org>

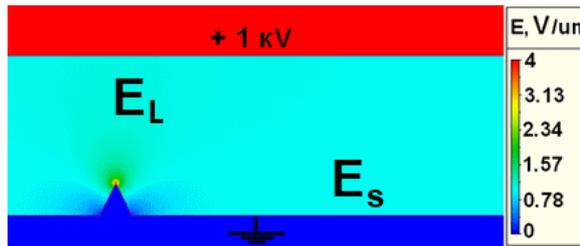
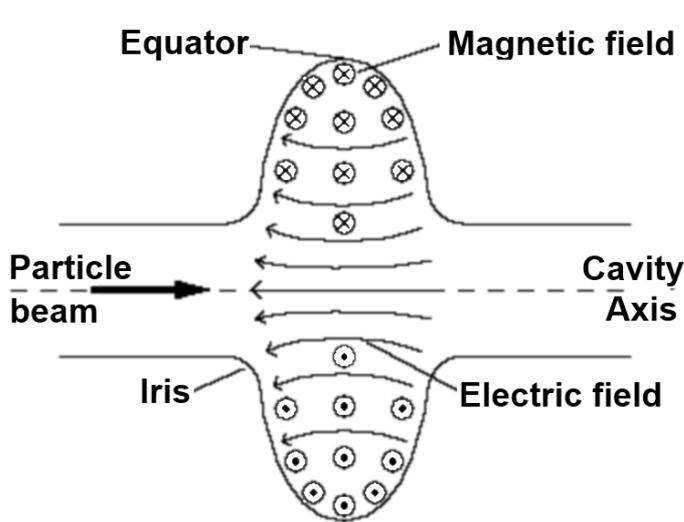
[3] E. Haebel et al., "Cavity Shape Optimization for a Superconducting Linear Collider", HEACC, Vol. 2, Hamburg 1992.

[4] J. Sekutowicz et al., "Design of a Low Loss SRF Cavity for the ILC," Proc. PAC05, Knoxville, 2005.

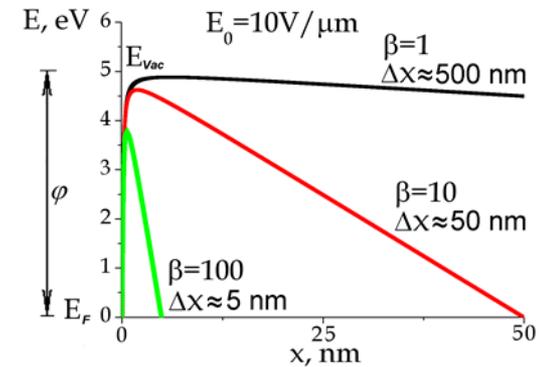
Why field emission (FE), surface and “Quench” studies (1)

- FE from particulate contaminations & surface irregularities
 - electron loading of high gradient SC Nb for XFEL and ILC
 - degradation of the cavity Q-value
 - increase of the cavity cryogenic consumption
 - radiational activation or even mechanical damages
- Surface irregularities might cause high-field Q-drop and quenches [1]

Field limitations



$E_{\text{peak}}(E_s) \geq 48 \text{ MV/m XFEL}$
 75 MV/m ILC



$$\Rightarrow E_L = \beta_E E_S$$

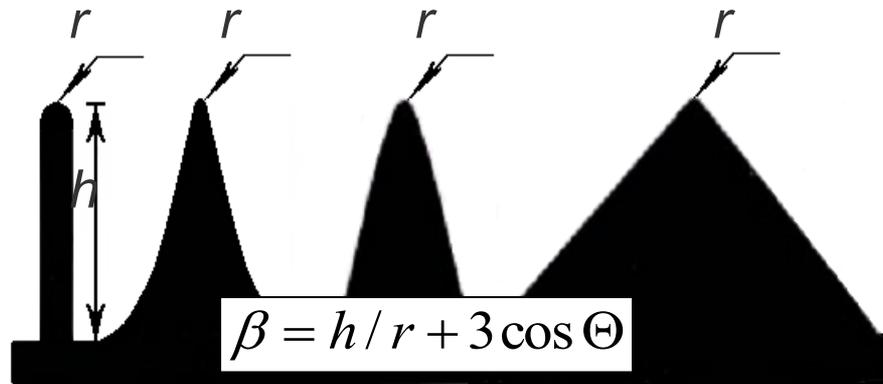
For Nb: $1 \text{ nA}/\mu\text{m}^2 @ 2000/\beta \text{ MV/m}$

[1] J.Knobloch et al., Proc. 9th Workshop on SRF (1999), p.77.

Why field emission (FE), surface and “Quench” studies (2)

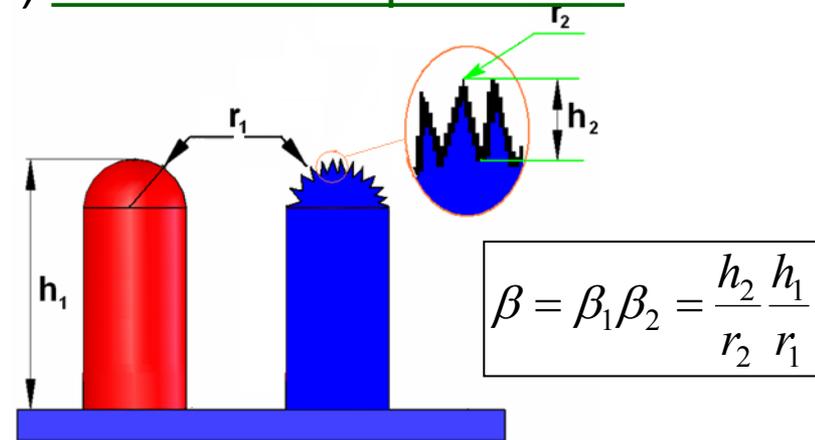
Electric field enhancement on defects:

1) Simple field enhancement model:

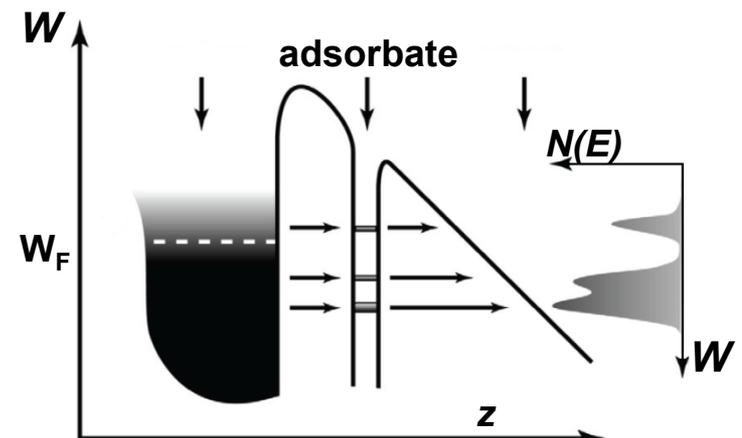


W. J. Orvis et.al. IEEE Trans. on El. Dev. **36**, 2615 (1989).

2) Protrusion on protrusion model:



3) Adsorbates lead to modification of potential distribution and can produce surface states → resonant tunneling

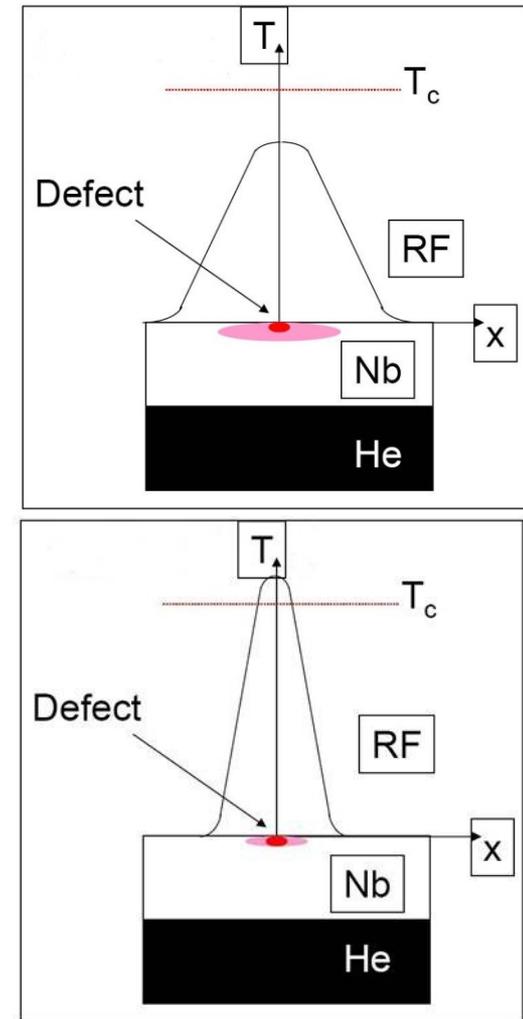


J. D. Jarvis, et al. IFEL 2010, WEPB46 (2010)

4) More complex MIV&MIM models see later

Why field emission (FE), surface and “Quench” studies (3)

- > Dissipation of energy on local defects with higher R_S
 - Inclusion of impurities
 - Geometric defects
 - Welding seem imperfections
- > Heating of Nb @ insufficient heat transport to He bath
→ T_C exceeded → Thermal breakdown or “Quench”
- > Quench localisation can be done using:
 - Temperature mapping of the outer surface of the cavity (very time consuming, measurements done with temperature dependent resistors)
 - Second Sound



H. Padamsee et al.
“RF Superconductivity for Accelerators”

Parasitic FE studies from Nb samples: Tasks & strategy

- Clear **correlation** between **surface defects** and FE of the actually EP and HPR Nb
Number density and size of particulates can be **much reduced** by HPR [1], DIC [2],
and clean room assembly, **but** influence of **surface defects** has been less **studied yet**
- Does **grain boundaries** leads to enhance **FE**?
- **Heat treatments** vs. **FE**? (e.g. **122 and 800°C used for cavities fabrication**)
- How to **eliminate** FE or **shift** to higher fields?

1-st step

Systematic measurements of the surface roughness of typical **Nb samples** by means of **optical profilometry** and **AFM**:

⇒ Average surface roughness R_a , R_q

Aims: ⇒ Geometry of defects

⇒ Electric field enhancement (and magnetic?)

2-nd step

FE study of Nb (after HPR) before/after ***in-situ heat treatment***:

⇒ Emitter number density

Aims: ⇒ Onset electric surface field of emitters

⇒ Electric field enhancement factor β_E of emitters

⇒ Activation/ Processing effects

3-d step

SEM/EDX identification of emitting defects

Aims: ⇒ Correlation between FE and geometry of defects

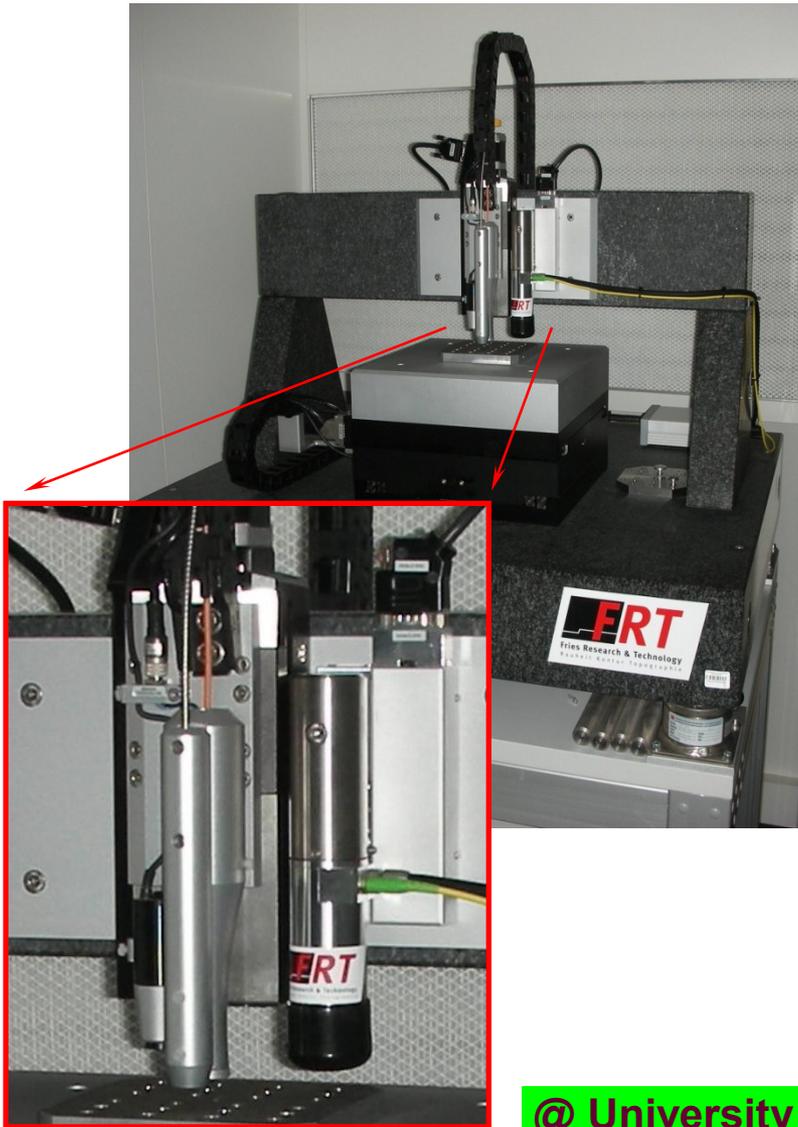
⇒ Understanding of activation/emission mechanisms

[1] P. Kneisel et al., Proc. 7th Workshop on SRF (1995),p.311. [2] A. Dangwal et al., J. Appl. Phys. **102**, 044903 (2007).

Optical profilometer (OP) with atomic force microscope (AFM):



- surface roughness
 - emitter geometry
 - $\beta_{E,geo}$

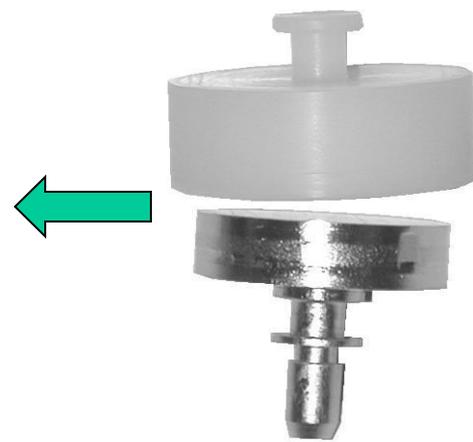
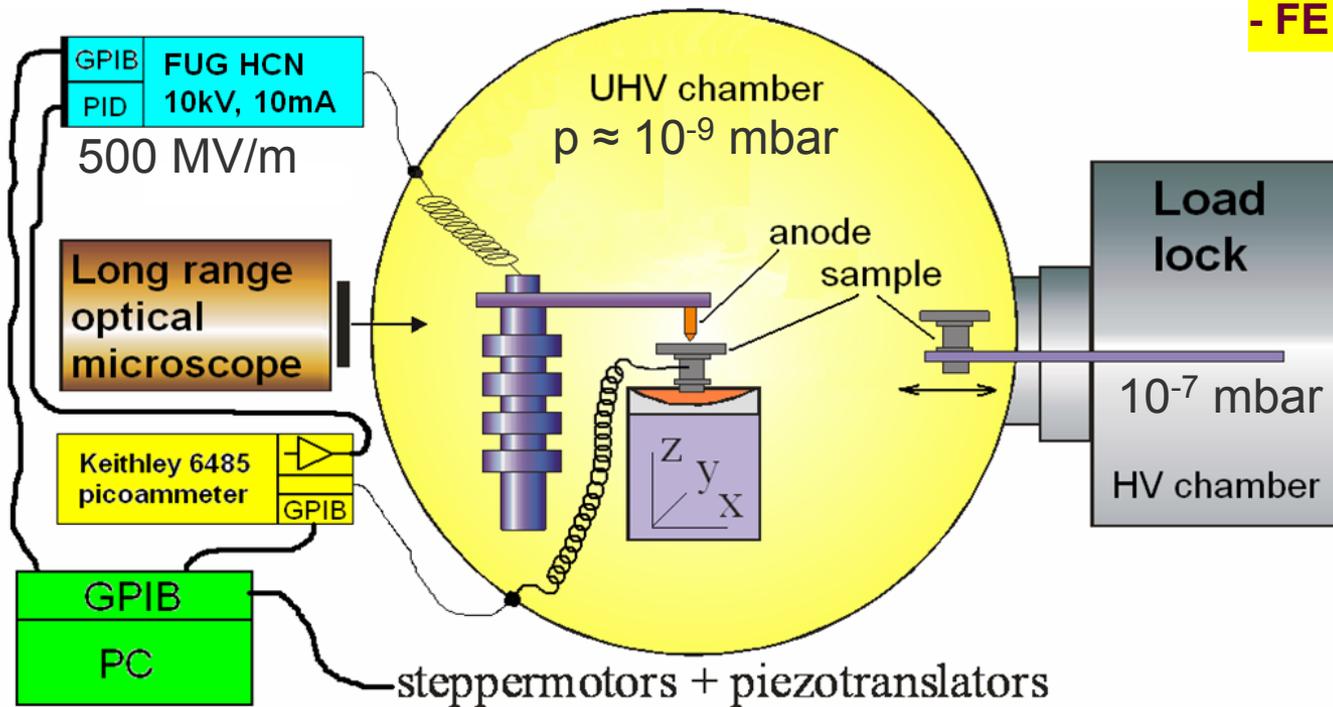


- Optical profilometer:
 - white light irradiation and spectral reflection (chromatic aberration)
 - up to 20×20 cm² and 5 cm height difference
 - 2 μm (3nm) lateral (height) resolution
- further zooming by AFM:
 - 2 μm precision of positioning with respect to the optical profilometer
 - 34×34 μm² scanning range
 - 3 (1) nm lateral (height) resolution
 - contact or non-contact modes
- CCD camera for positioning control
- granite plate with a passive damping system for undisturbed nm measurement
- clean laminar air flow from the back to reduce particulate contamination

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Field emission scanning microscope (FESM):

- localisation of emitters
- FE properties



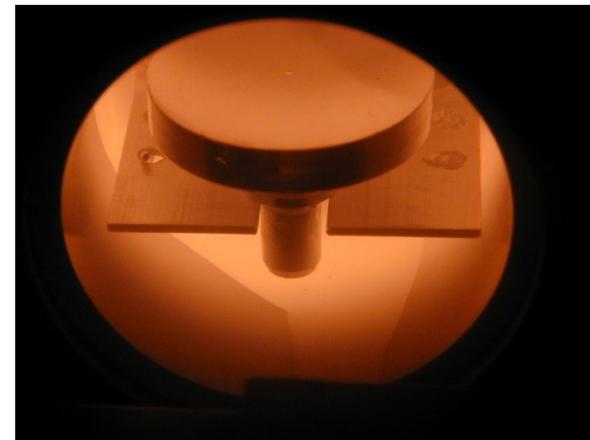
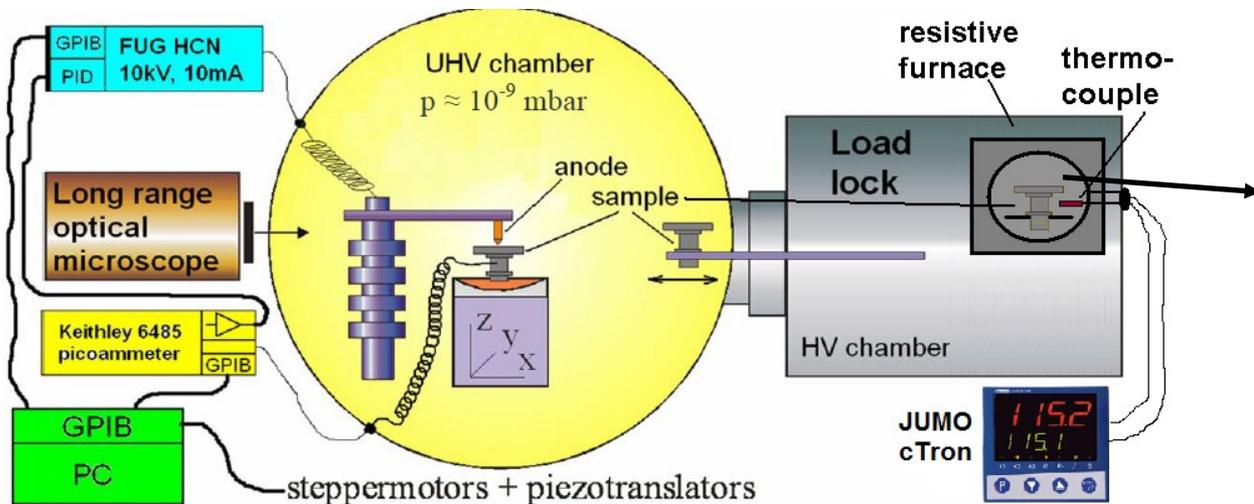
Dust-free transport
Opening under HV

- ⇒ Regulated $V(x,y)$ scans at fixed current $I = 1\text{ nA}$ and gap Δz ⇒ emitter position
(samples $\leq 25 \times 25 \text{ mm}^2$, tilt correction $\pm 1 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$) number density, distribution
- ⇒ Spatially resolved $I(E)$ measurements of single emitters ⇒ E_{on} , $\beta_{E,\text{FN}}$, S , I_{max}

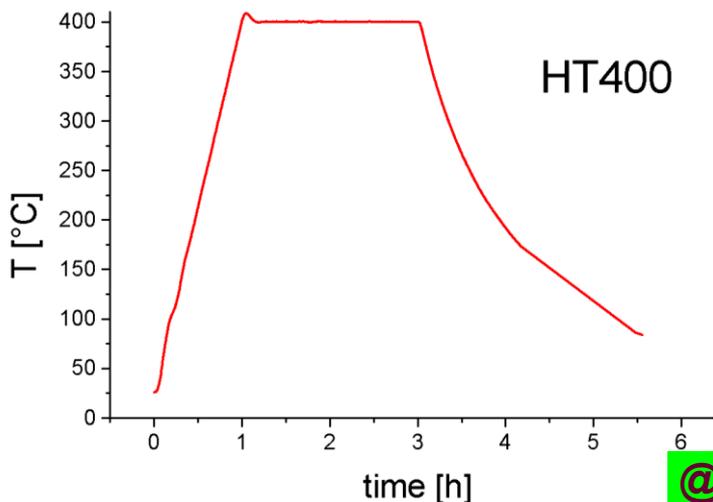
Scanning electron microscope (SEM/EDX):

- Identification of emitting defects

- ⇒ Correlation of surface features to FE properties (positioning accuracy $\sim 100 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$)
- ⇒ Determination of foreign material inclusions



- ⇒ Heat-treatments of samples $< 1200\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ @ $10^{-5} - 10^{-7}$ mbar ⇒ activation effects?
- PID controlled ($\pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, ramps, timers, etc.)
- ⇒ in-situ experiments in FESM ⇒ FE studies before/after under HV/UHV



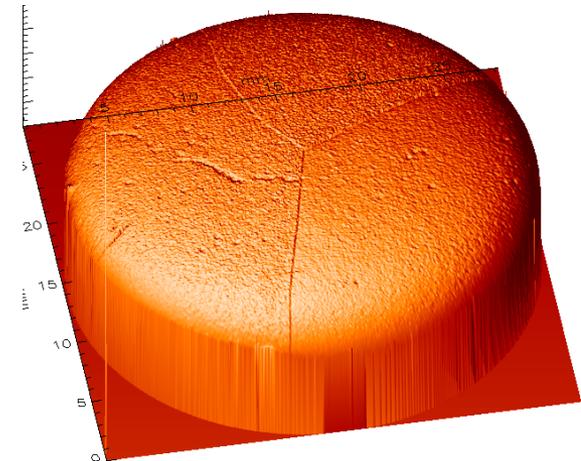
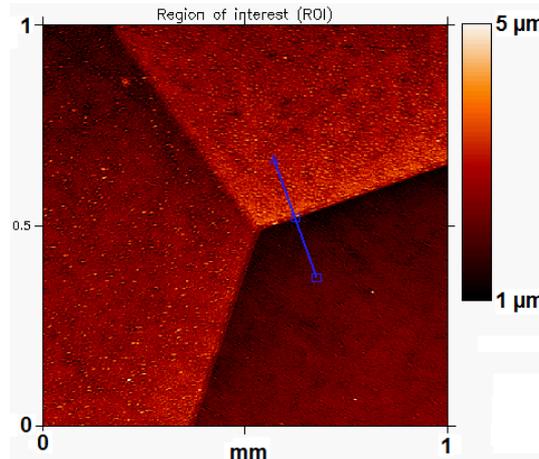
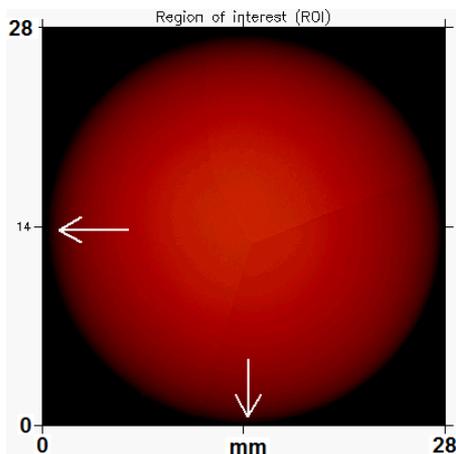
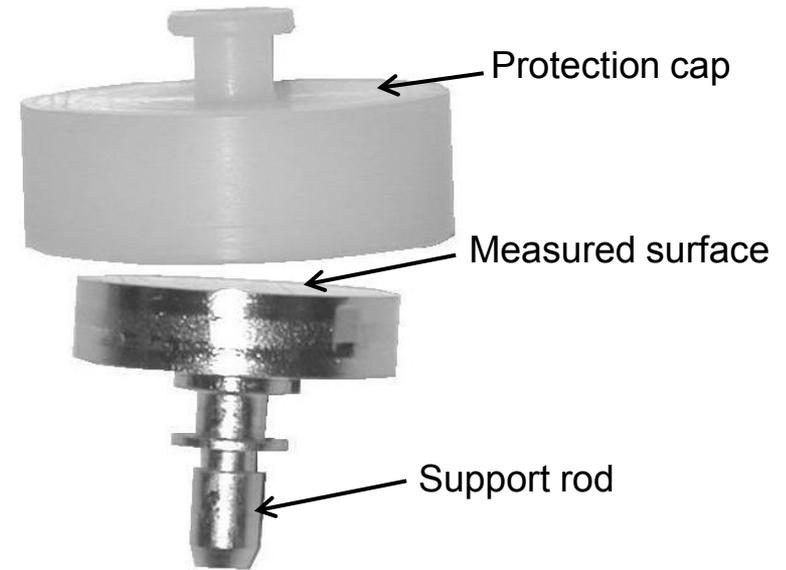
	T, °C	Ramp, h	Heating, h	Samples
HT122	122	3	24	2 LG, 2 SC
HT200	200	1	2	1 SC
HT400	400	1	2	1 LG, 2 SC
HT800	800	1	2	1LG, 2 SC

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Samples studied:

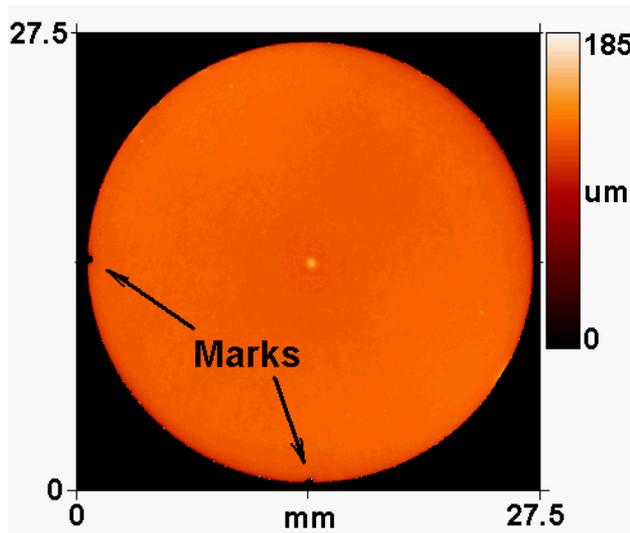
- 1) Samples cut from **real Nb cavities**
- 2) **Specially prepared** [1] flat Nb (RRR>250) samples
 - **Polycrystalline (PC)**
 - **Single crystal (SC)**
 - **Large grain (LG)** → **better correlation** possible, only 3 grains
 - diameter ~28 mm
 - **2 marks** at the edges (90°) for positioning in different measuring systems
 - got **EP (140 μm)** or **BGP (~40 μm)** @ DESY
 - **HPR** cleaned (cleanroom class 10) @ DESY
 - Transported under **Teflon® protection caps** to avoid contaminations.

Caps removed only under UHV (~10⁻⁷ mbar) or under laminar air flow of the OP



[1] G. Müller et al., EPAC98, p. 1876 (1998).

Surface defects (1)

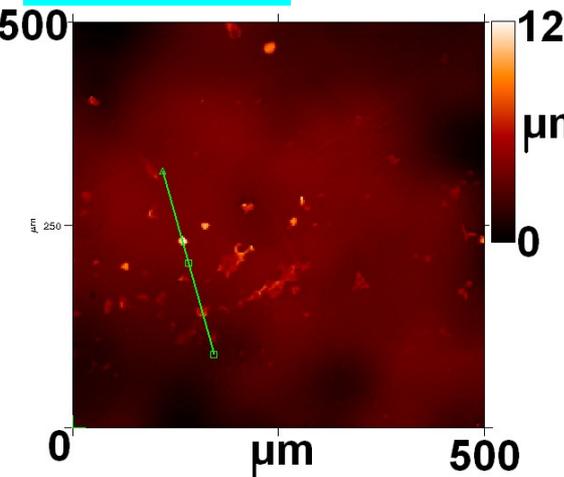


5 types of surface defects:

- particles
- scratches
- grain boundaries
- round hills and holes
- crater-like pits



1) Particles:



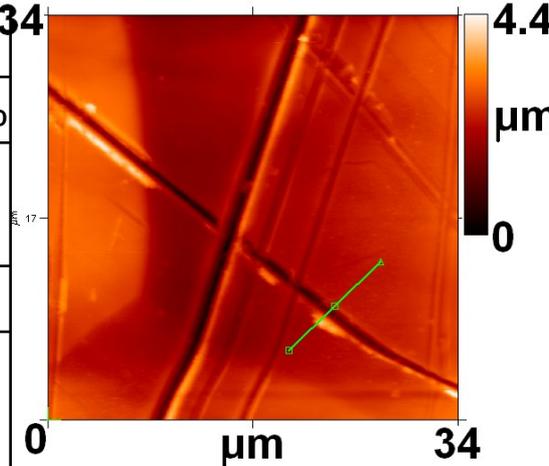
< 5 μm	43 %
5 - 15 μm	48.4 %
15 - 25 μm	6.1 %
> 25 μm	2.5 %

$$R_a = 0.276 \mu\text{m}$$

$$R_q = 0.548 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\beta_{E,\text{max}} \geq 15$$

2) Scratches:



4 - 100 μm width
 11 μm - 2.7 mm length
 ridge height < 10 μm

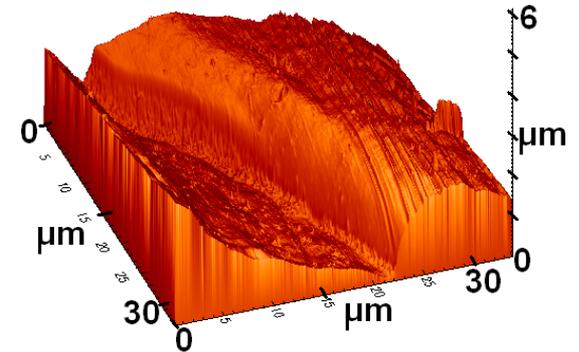
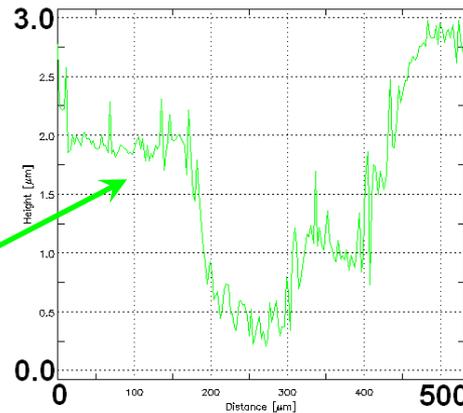
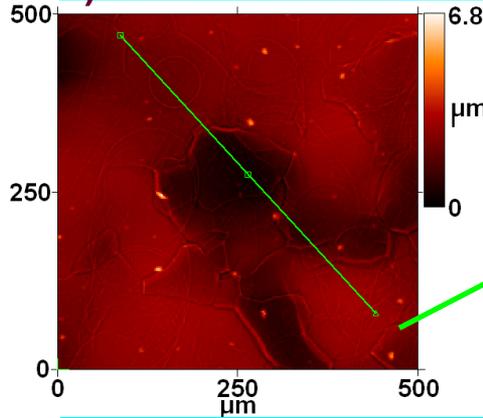
$$R_a = 0.466 \mu\text{m}$$

$$R_q = 0.646 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\beta_{E,\text{max}} \geq 13$$

Surface defects (2)

3) Grain boundaries:



step height < 1.55 μm
edge radius < 0.78 μm

$$\beta_{E,\text{max}} < 4$$

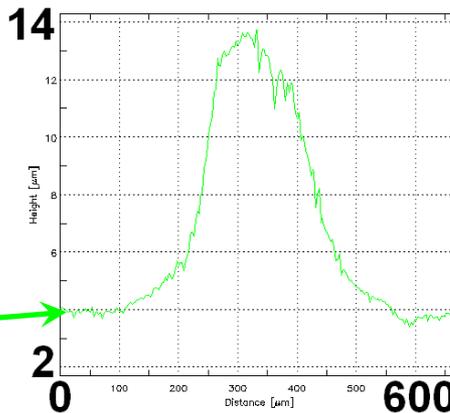
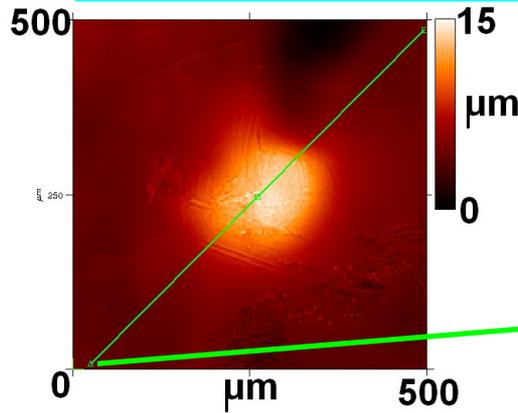
height < 17 μm
size 10 - 440 μm

$$R_a = 0.295 \mu\text{m}$$

$$R_q = 0.489 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\beta_{E,\text{max}} < 4$$

4) Round hills and holes:

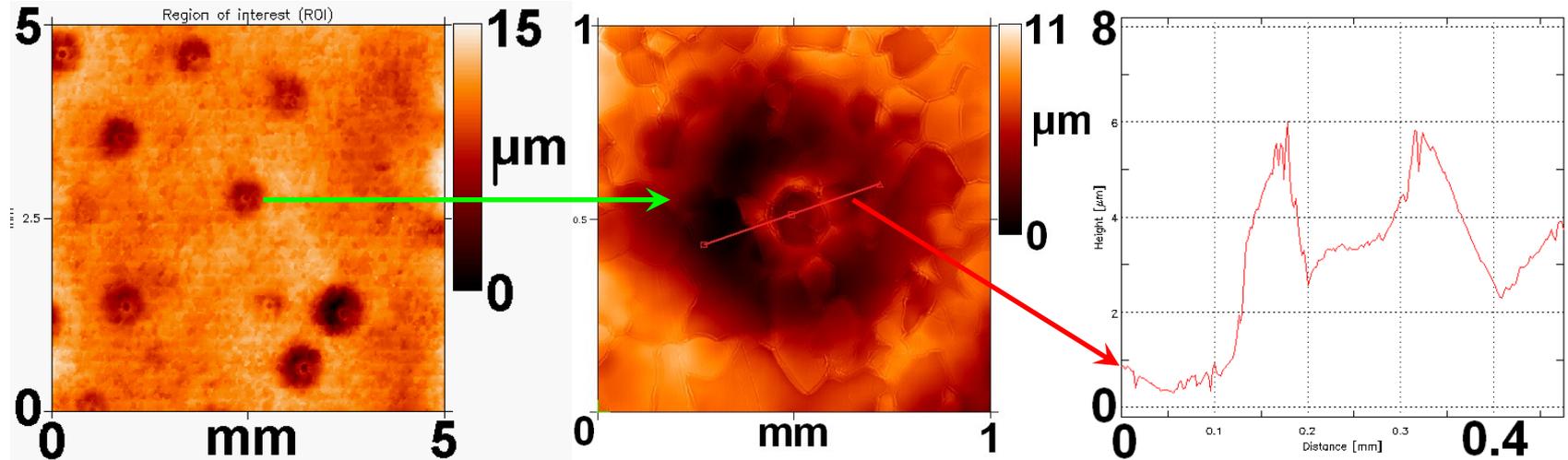


- ⇒ foreign material inclusions → modified chemical reactions during EP
- ⇒ small β_E → only weak EFE expected
- ⇒ **but magnetic** field enhancement β_M should be considered

Surface defects (3)

Cuts from nine-cell Nb cavities

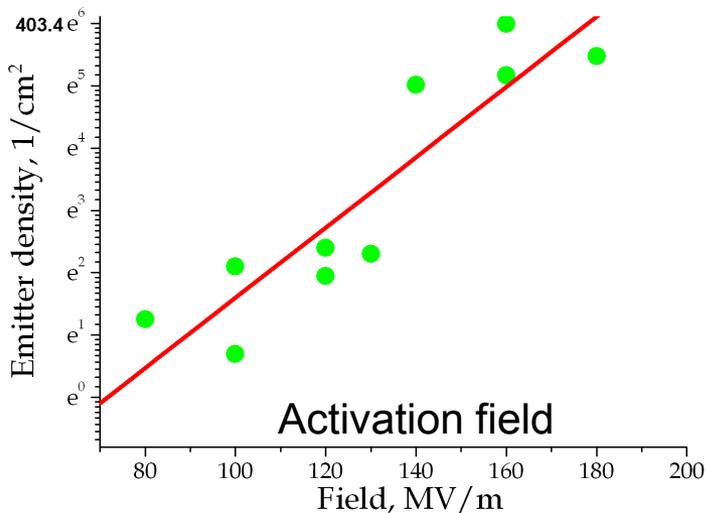
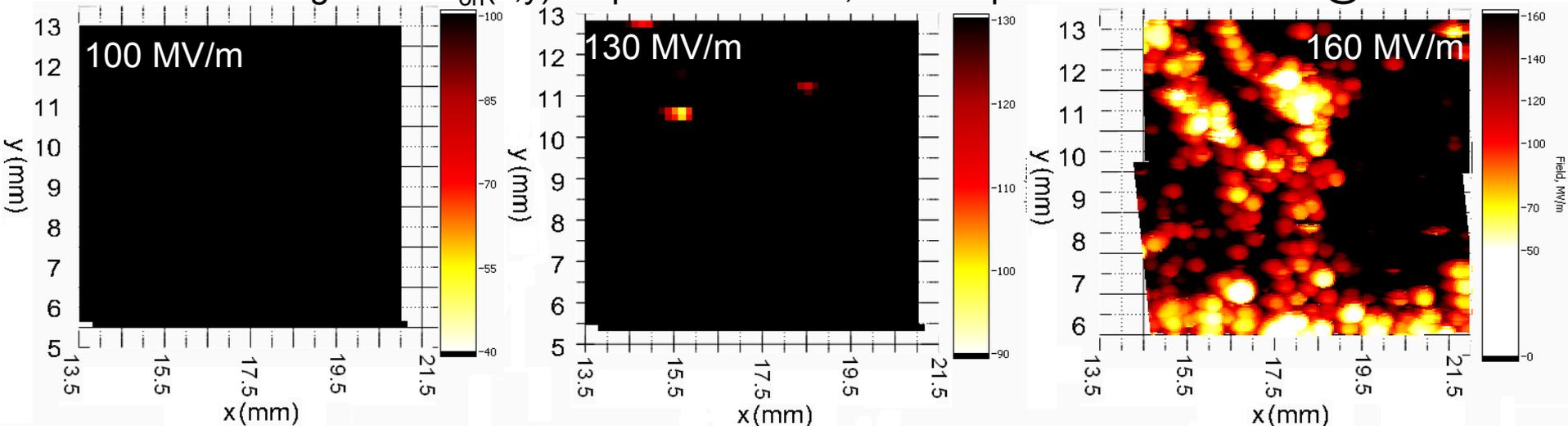
5) Pits on a half-cell surface of tested Nb cavity ($E_{acc} < 16$ MV/m, Z111):



- ⇒ $\leq \varnothing 800 \mu\text{m}$ with crater-like centers ($\sim \varnothing 100 \mu\text{m}$) and sharp rims (5-10 μm height)
- ⇒ $R_a = 0.418 \mu\text{m}$, $R_q = 0.557 \mu\text{m}$, $\beta_{E,max} > 10$
- ⇒ Appear more densely distributed on the lower than on the upper half-cell of vertically treated cavities.
- ⇒ Hints for problems with washing off the acid solution after electropolishing

FE results (1): EP poly-Nb samples

⇒ Regulated $E_{on}(x,y)$ maps for $I = 1\text{ nA}$, $\Delta z \approx 50\ \mu\text{m}$ of the same area @



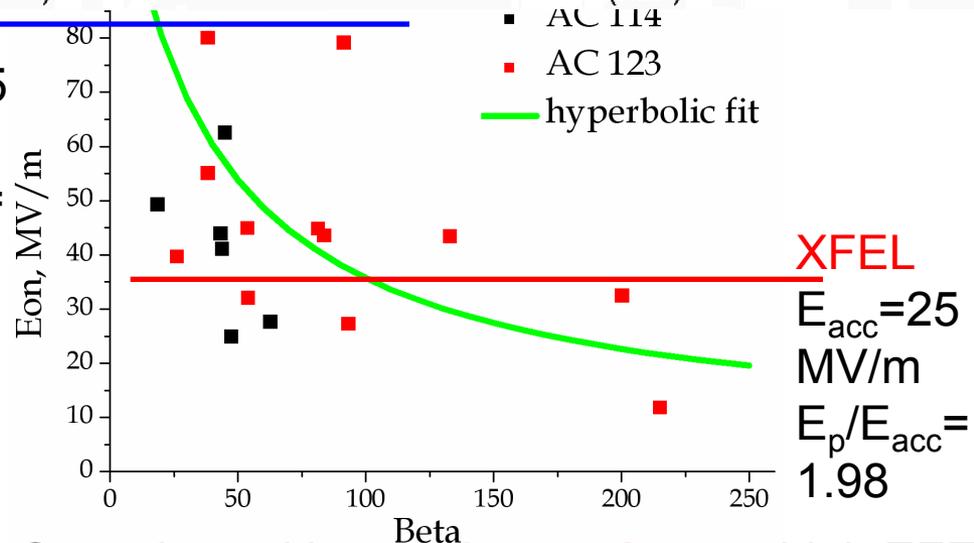
ILC

$$E_{acc} = 35$$

MV/m

$$E_p/E_{acc} =$$

2.4



XFEL

$$E_{acc} = 25$$

MV/m

$$E_p/E_{acc} =$$

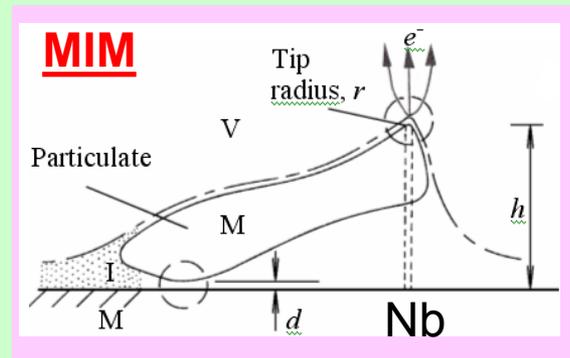
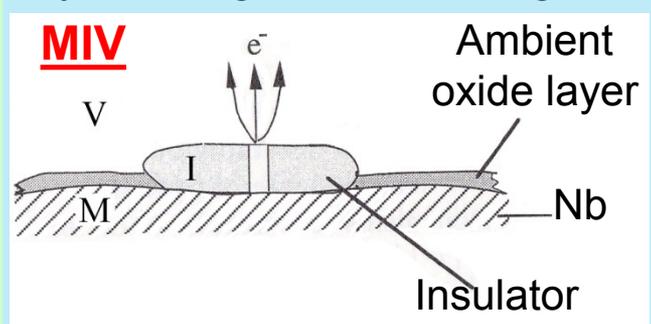
1.98

- ⇒ Emitter density increases **exponentially**
- ⇒ **Activation** of emitters is observed at $E_{act} = (2-4) E_{on}$
- ⇒ Scratches with **nm sharp edges** → high EFE
- ⇒ Defects with $\beta > 50$ for **XFEL** and $\beta > 20$ for **ILC** should be **avoided**

FE results (2): Explanations of the E activation effect

(1) Nb surface oxide:

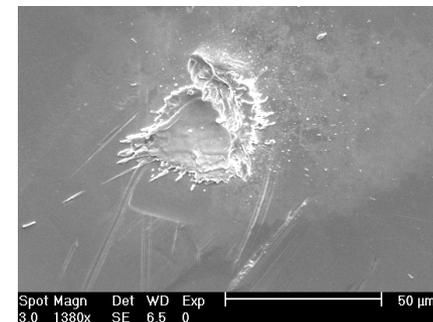
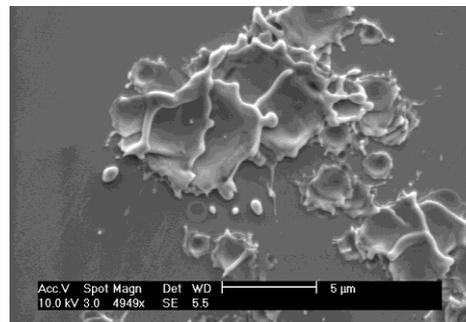
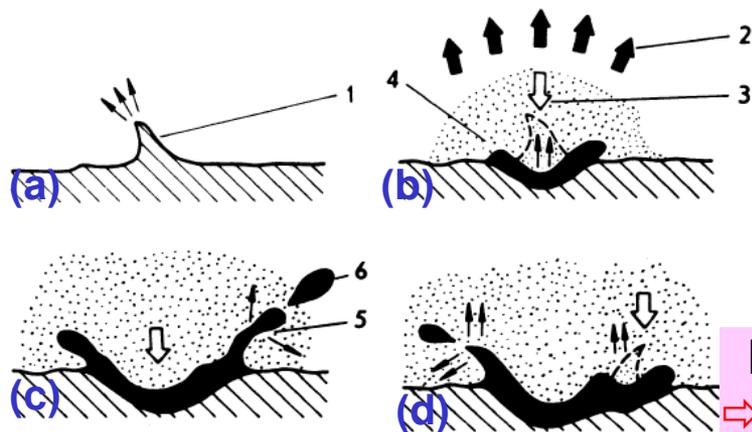
→ activation by burning of conducting channels:



Switch-on state persists! for a long period without E under UHV at RT → permanent formation of conducting channels [1]

(2) Micro-discharge or explosive-emission-induced erosion of Nb [2]

- ▶ Micro-discharge → molten craters on a bigger area with sharper features as the initial ones
- ▶ The primary FE sites can be one of the above mentioned ▶ Process is irreversible



Impact for cavities:

⇒ **heating** [3] or **rf power** [2] might activate emitters too

[1] R. V. Latham, "High vacuum insulation," (1995)

[2] J. W. Wang, et al. SLAC-PUB-7684 (1997)

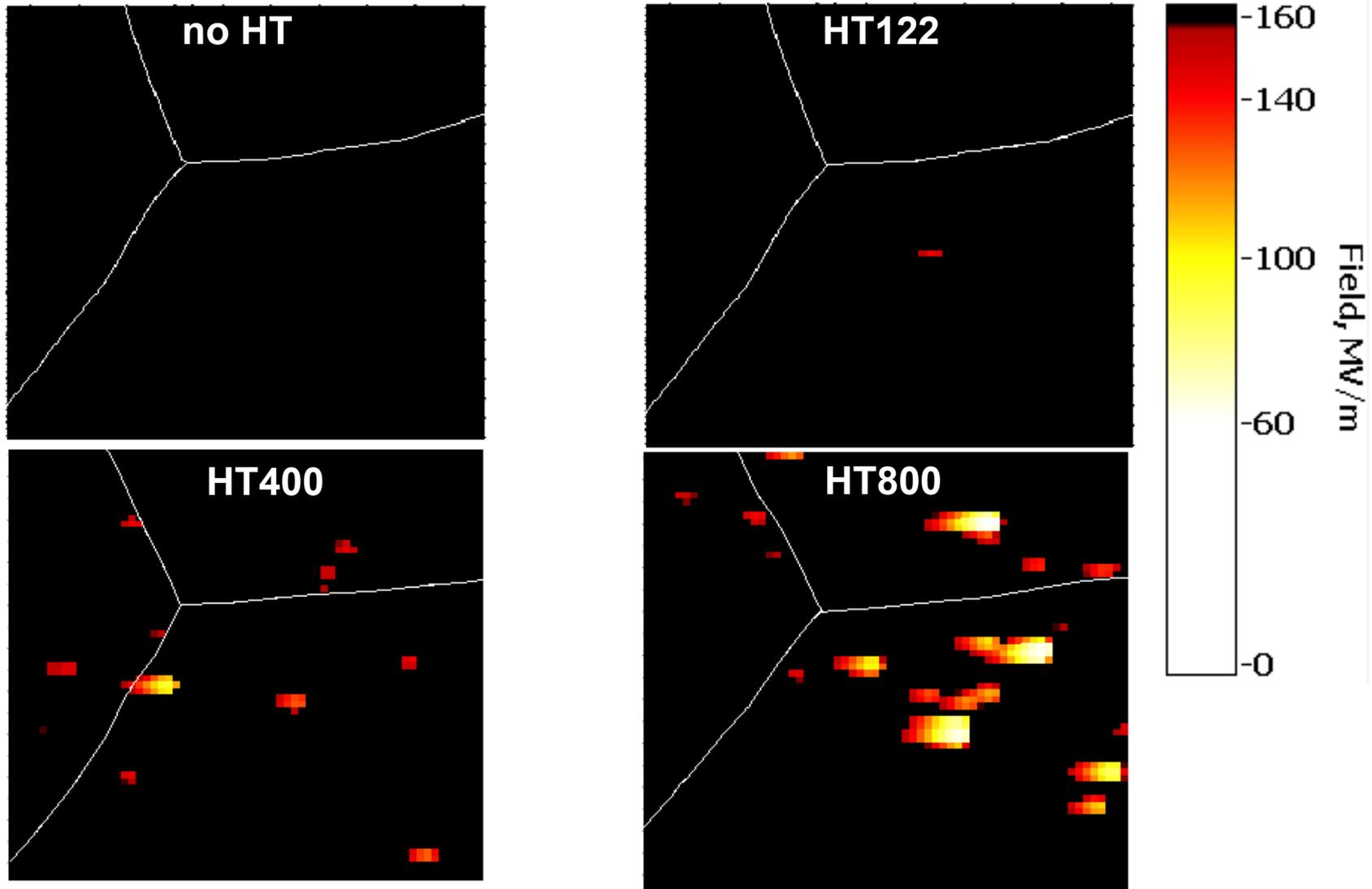
[3] E. Mahner, Part. Acc. 46, pp.67-82 (1994)

FE & Heat treatment (1): Results on LG Nb samples

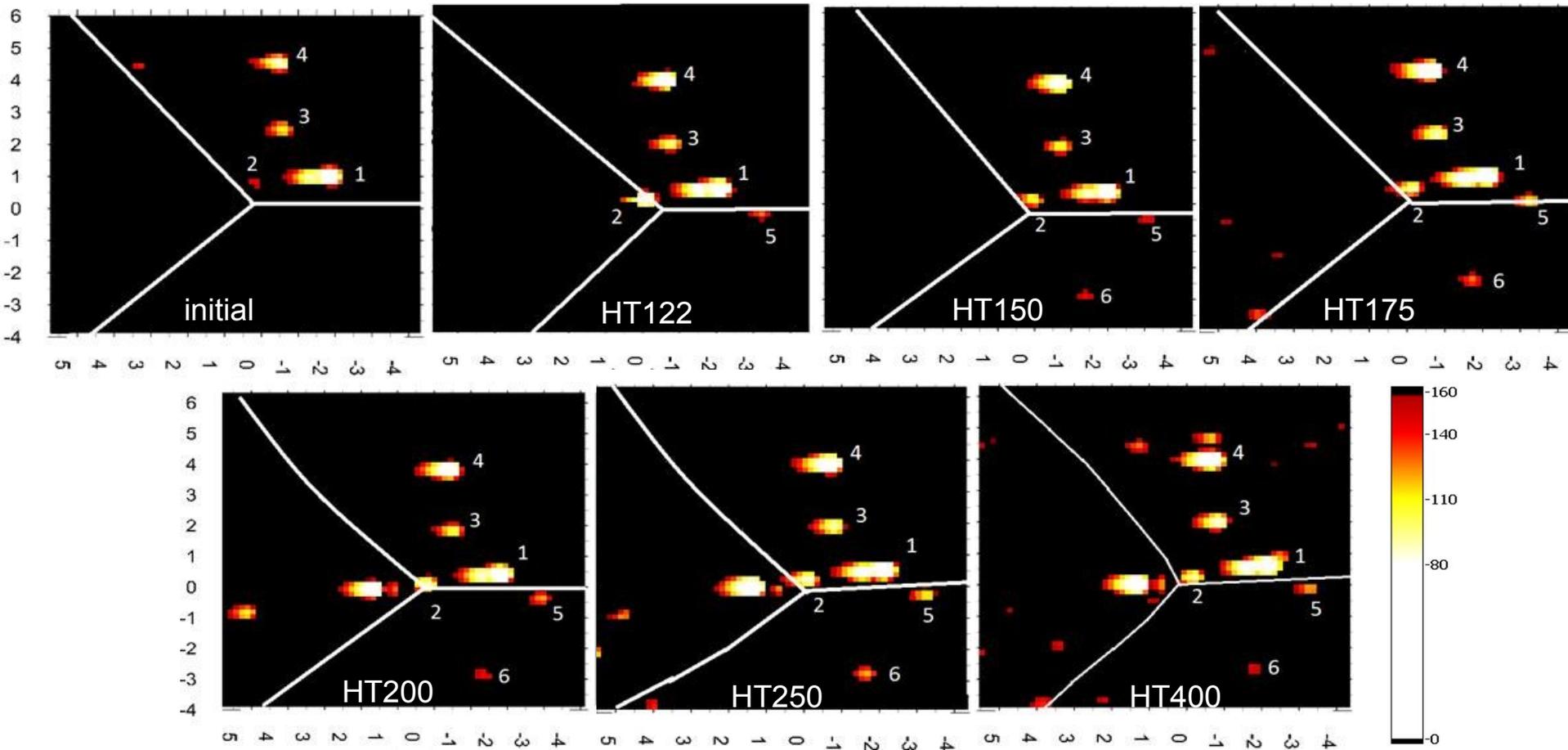
Field maps @ 1 nA fixed FE current: same 1cm² area, $\varnothing_a = 300\mu\text{m}$

⇒ No FE on grain boundaries!

⇒ Does grain orientation plays a role?



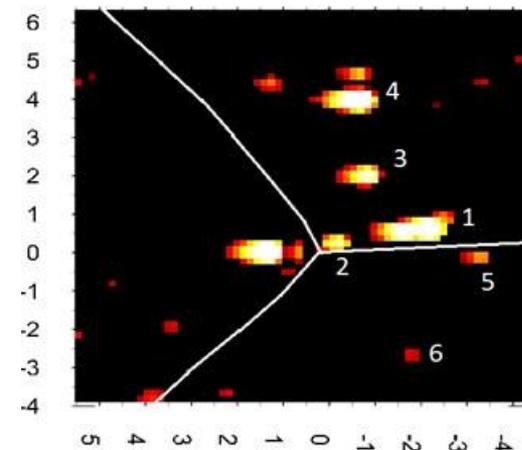
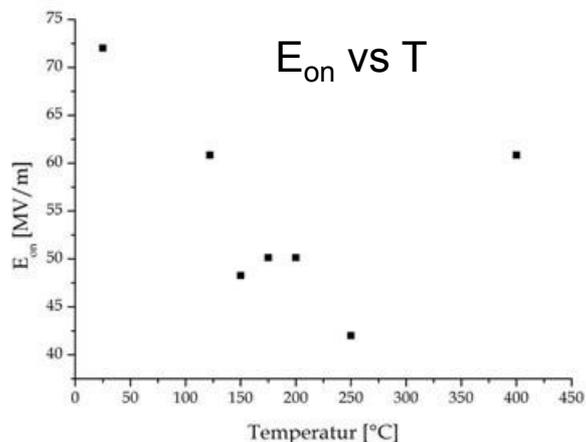
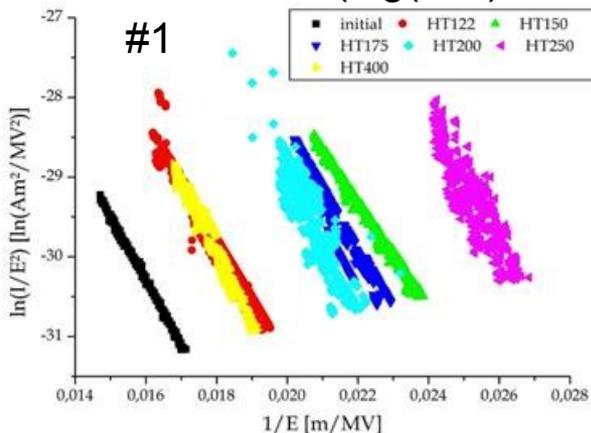
FE & Heat treatment (2): Results on LG Nb samples



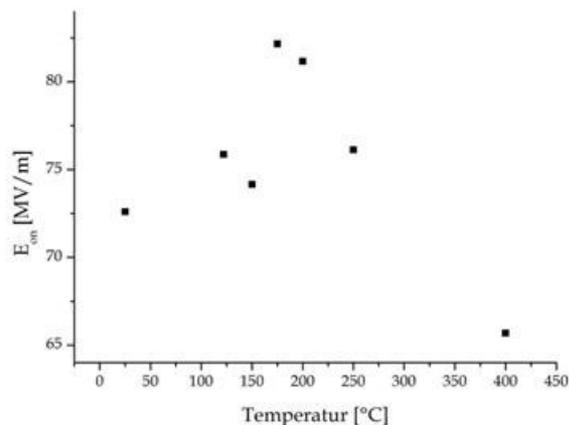
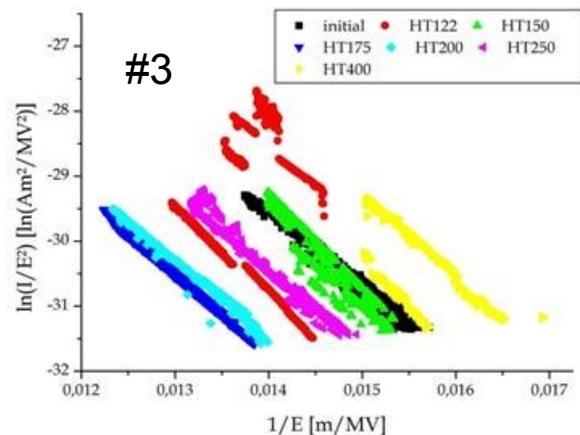
→ A clear **rise of the emitter density** (N/cm^2) with increasing temperature

FE & Heat treatment (3): Conditioning of single emitters by HT

FN-Plots ($\log(I/E^2)$ vs $1/E$)

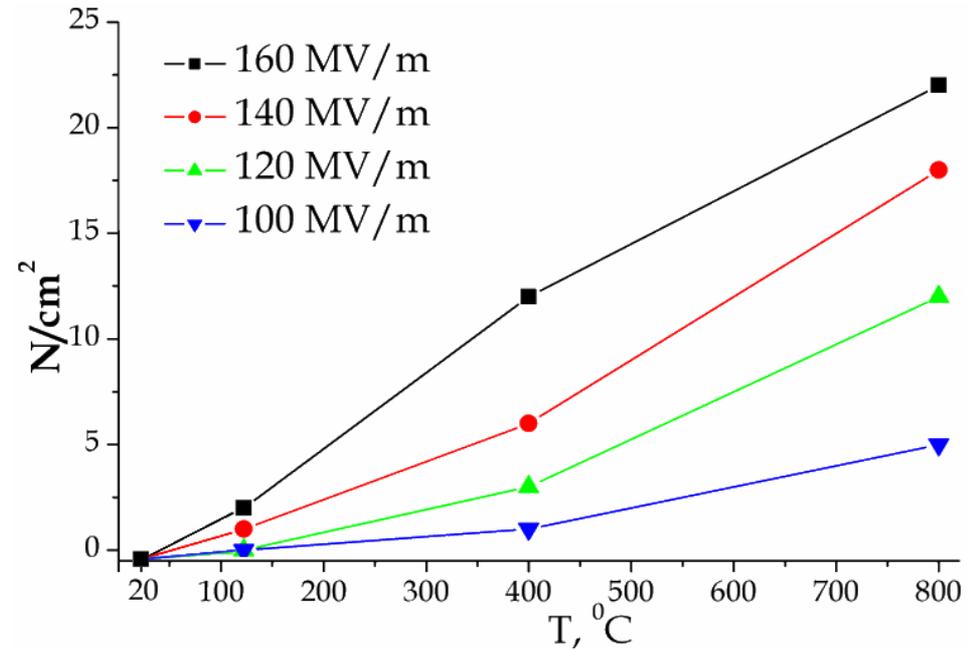
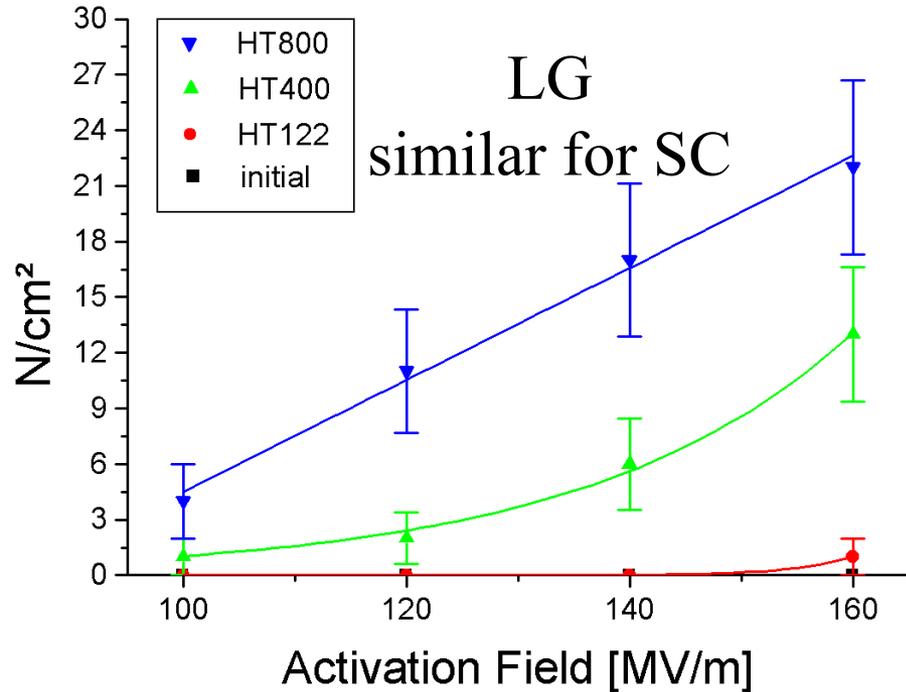


- Conditioning of emitter 1 and emitter 3 by HT
- Stability as well as E_{on} is affected by the HTs
- Two different emitters react in two completely different ways



→ HTs can make emitters either **stronger** (lower E_{on}) or **weaker** (higher E_{on})
 → No clear trend can be observed, yet
 → Is there a HT where most emitters become weak/strong?

FE & Heat treatment (4): Statistics



⇒ Emitter number density **increases** with T °C

⇒ Some **deactivation** is observed, but $N(E_{akt})$ still **increase** on average

⇒ $N(E_{akt})$ is **exponential** for (HT122, HT400)
but more **linear** for (HT800)

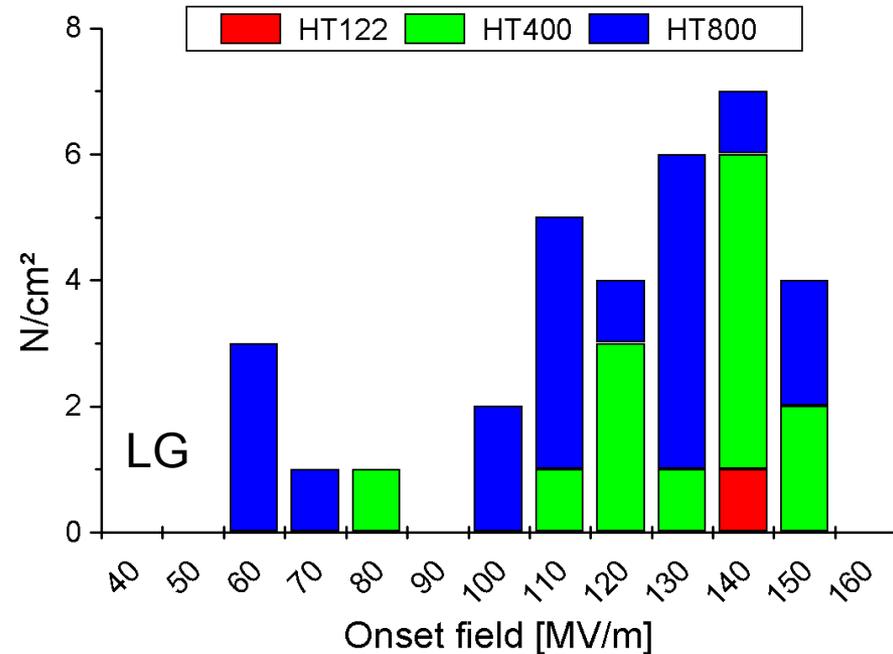
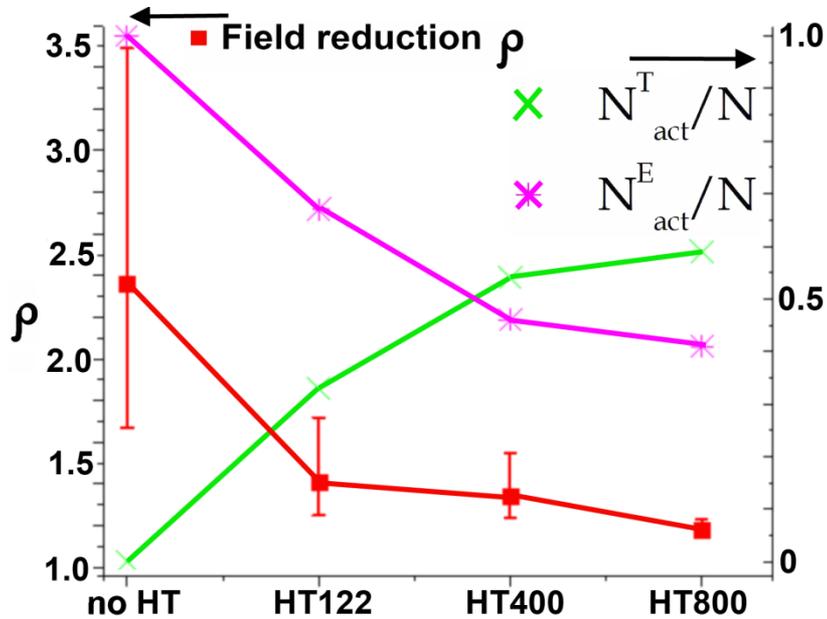
⇒ $N(T)$ is **linear**

Reason?: Competing mechanisms

FE & Heat treatment (5): Activation effect & onset field

There is a number of **potential emitters** which might be activated by:

- electric field (N_{act}^E) → **exponential increase with E [1]**
- heating (N_{act}^T) → **linear increase with T°C**
- rf power → ???

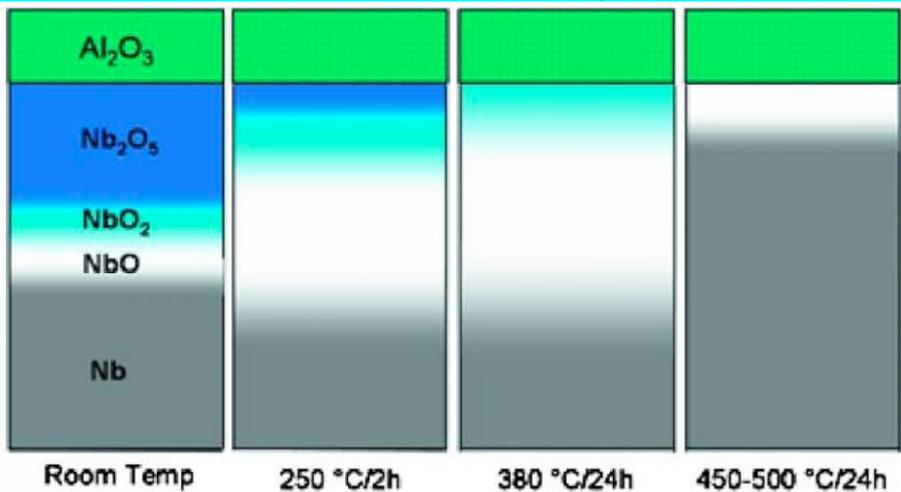


- ⇒ Number of **T°C** activated emitters N_{act}^T **increases** with T°C
 - ⇒ Number of **E** activated emitters N_{act}^E **decreases** with T°C
 - ⇒ Final onset field E_{on} become smaller with T°C (→ ~50 MV/m)
→ emitters **become stronger!!!** @ fields **relevant for acc.**
- Reduction factor ρ :**
- Smaller that for EP Nb
 - Decrease with T°C

[1] A. Navitski PhD thesis BUW (2010)

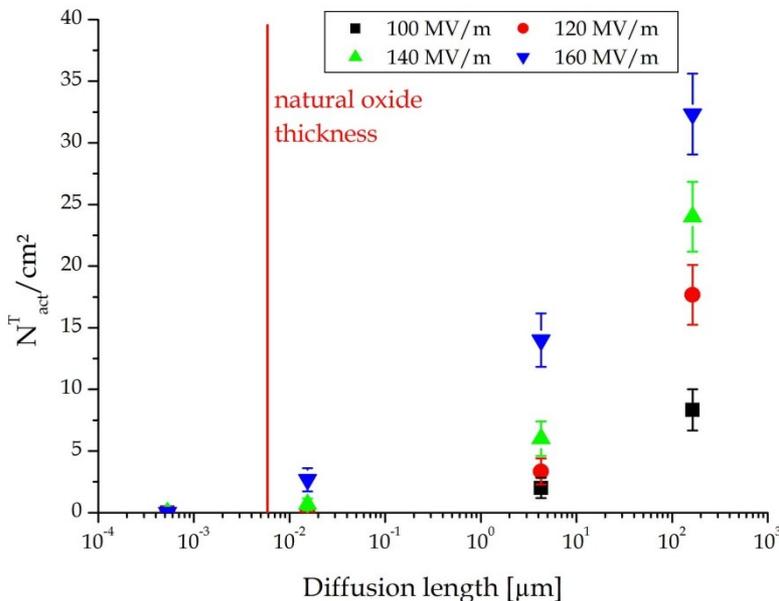
FE & Heat treatment (6): Explanation of T°C activation?

Reduction of isolating Nb₂O₅ layer by heat treatment [1]:



- ⇒ Enhance **MIM-activation** of particles
- ⇒ Enhance **MIV-activation** or surface defects

Nb₂O₅ natural (~5nm) isolating
NbO₂ semiconducting
NbO metallic



- First emission **appears @ $D(T) >$ natural Nb₂O₅**
- **Increase** of $D(T)$ lead to **decrease** of d_{Ox} and **increase** of N even for low electric fields
- Slightly **different** $D(T)$ for **different** crystal orientation **might contribute** to the varying emitter activation

$$D(T) = \sqrt{t \cdot k(T)}$$

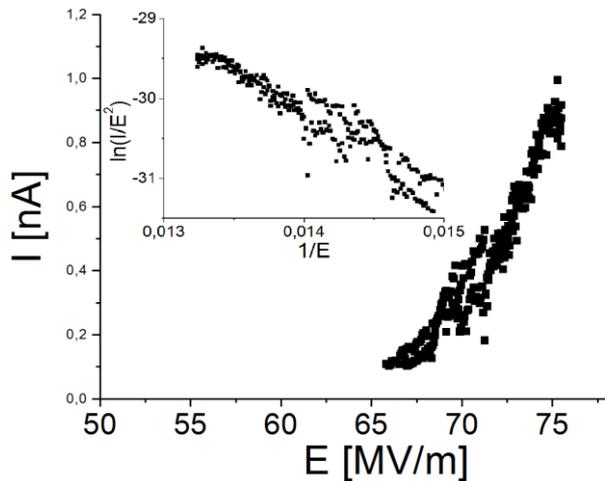
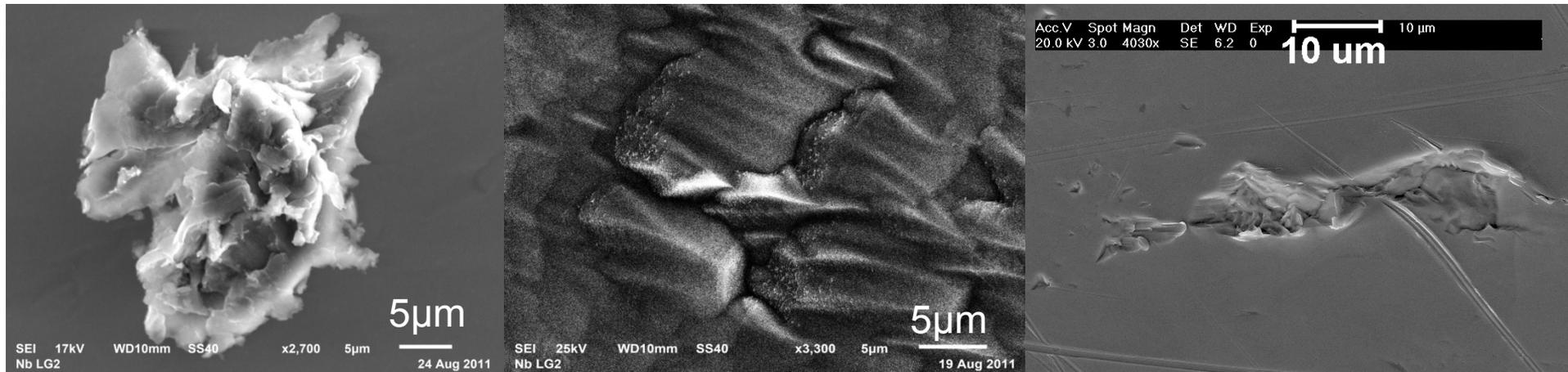
Impact on cavities:

⇒ **Heating** activate emitters, **rf power, too?**

[1] T. Proslie et al. Appl. Phys. Lett., 93, 192504 (2008)

[2] G. Ciovati, Appl. Phys. Letters **89**, 022507 (2006).

What emits (1): SEM-FESM correlated study

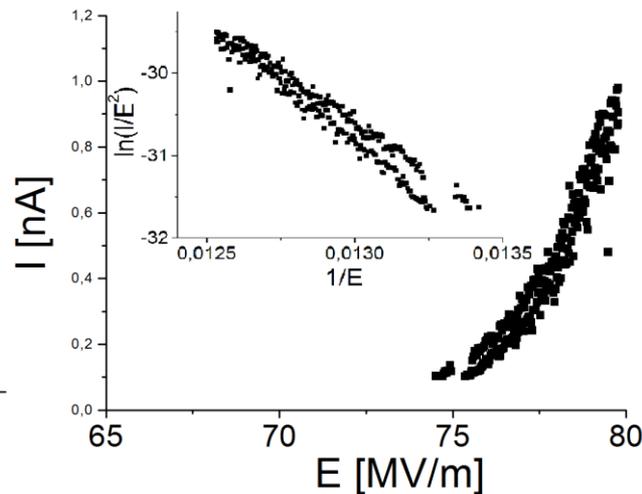


Al-Partikel

$\beta=37-86$

$S_{FN}=0.2-143\text{nm}^2$

$E_{on}=78\text{ MV/m}$

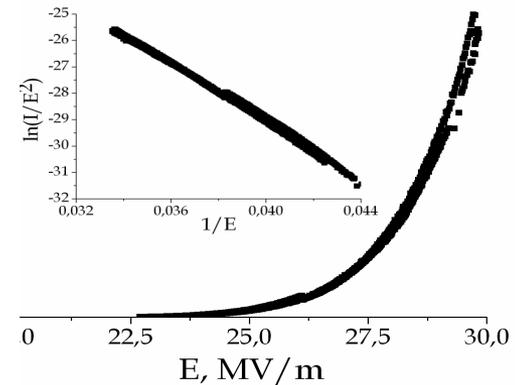


Material defect:

$\beta=19-22$

$S_{FN}=27\mu\text{m}^2$

$E_{on}=80\text{ MV/m}$



Scratch:

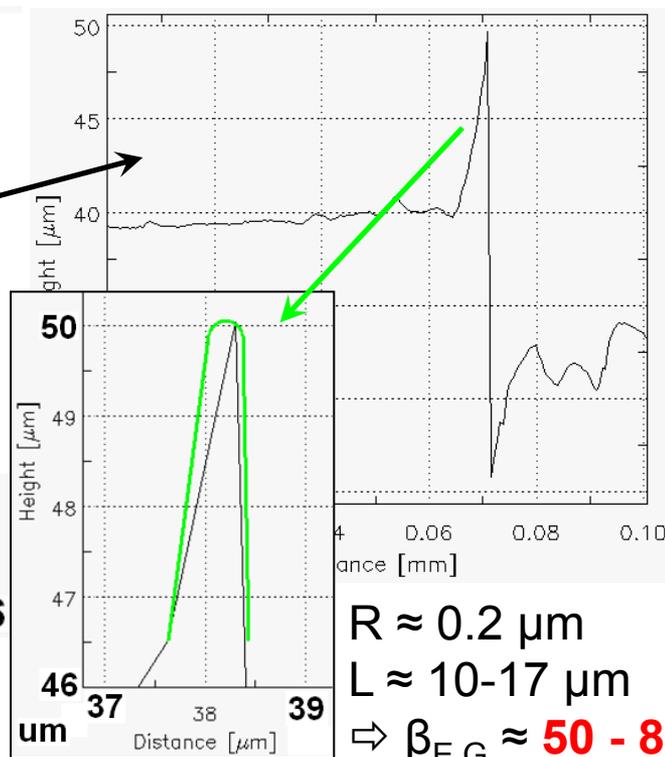
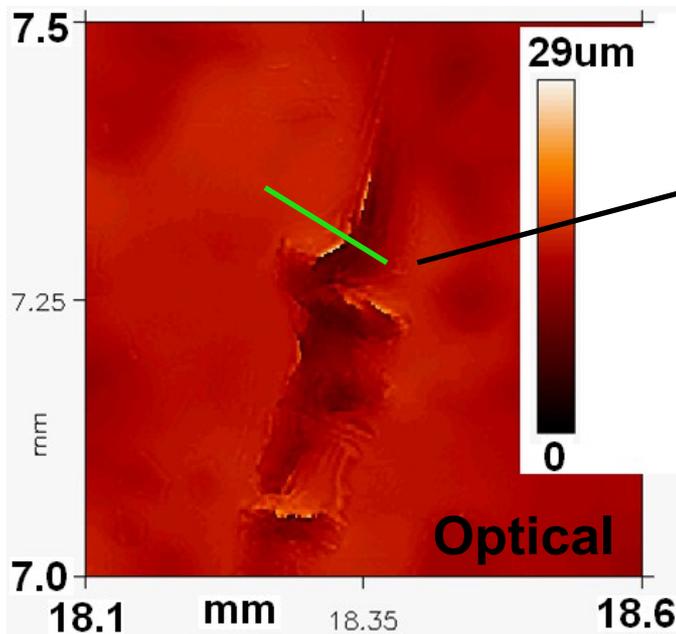
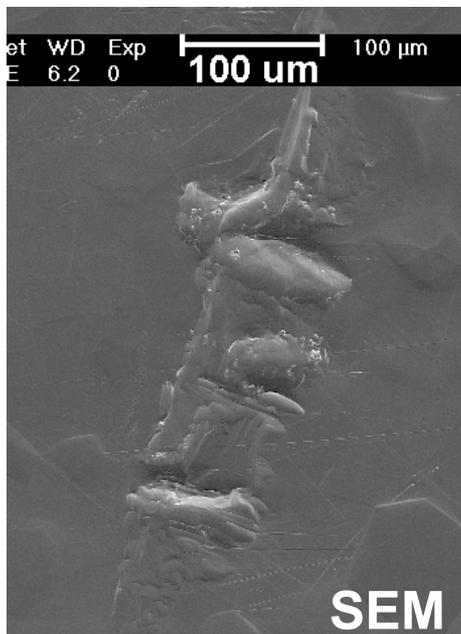
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$S_{FN}=96\text{ nm}^2$

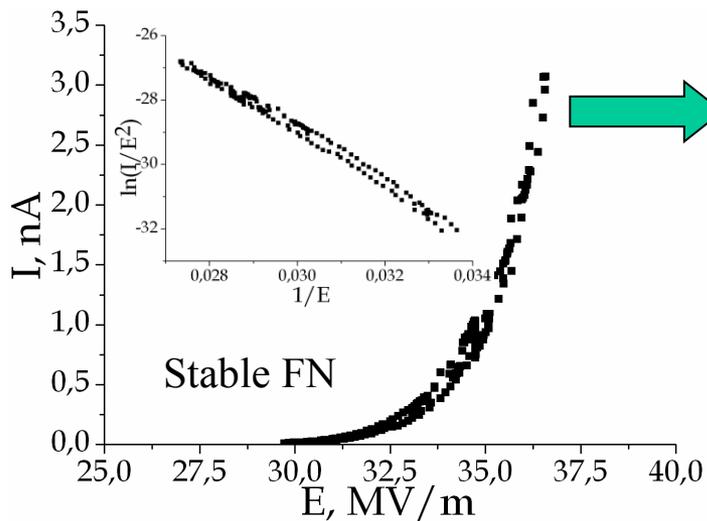
$E_{on}=27\text{ MV/m}$

$E_{act} \approx 160\text{ MV/m}$

What emits (2): Example of a scratch-emitter



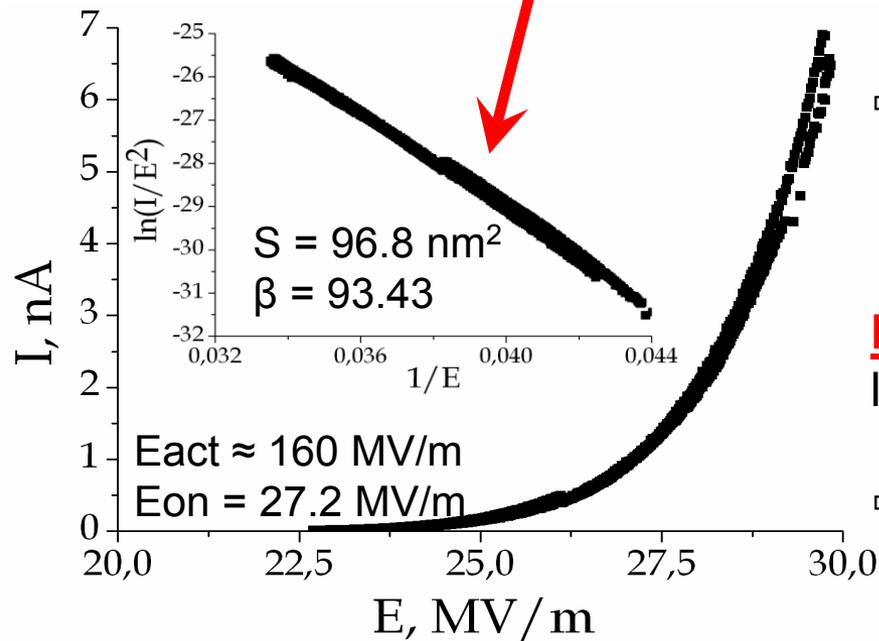
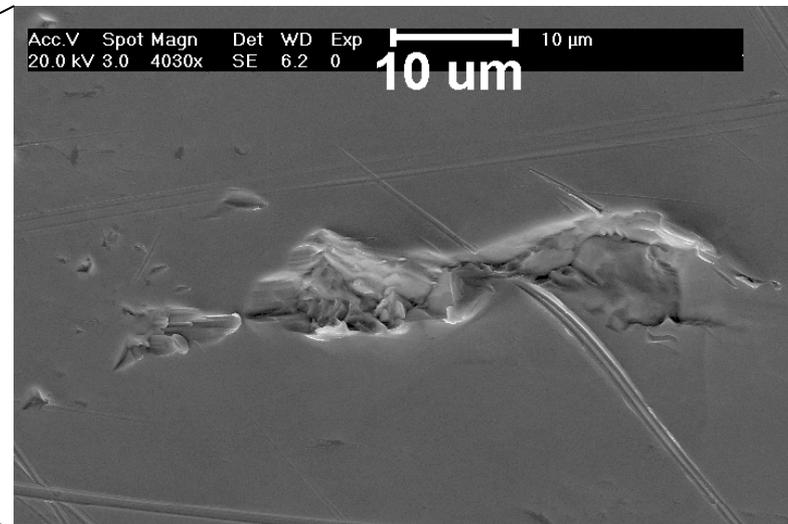
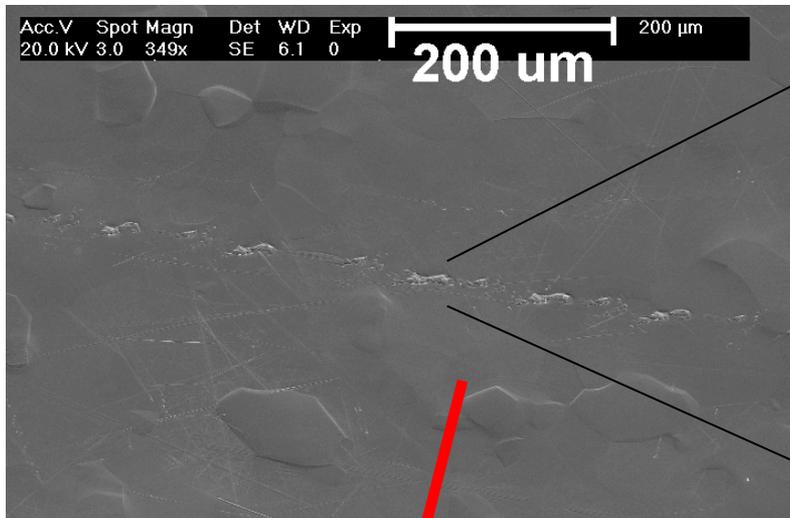
$R \approx 0.2 \mu\text{m}$
 $L \approx 10-17 \mu\text{m}$
 $\Rightarrow \beta_{E,G} \approx \underline{50 - 85}$



$E_{act} \approx 160 \text{ MV/m}$
 $E_{on} = 35 \text{ MV/m}$
 $S \approx 70 \text{ nm}^2$
 $\beta_{E,FN} \approx \underline{60}$

\Rightarrow Large scratches \rightarrow good correlation
 $\beta_{E,FN} \approx \beta_{E,G}$

What emits (3): Example of a scratch-emitter 2



⇒ Stable I-V → good electrical contact → emission from surface irregularities (no influence of adsorbates)

But: Mostly it is **difficult** to identify emitter location due to **complex geometry** of defects

⇒ AFM can be helpful in case of small clear structures and enough positioning accuracy

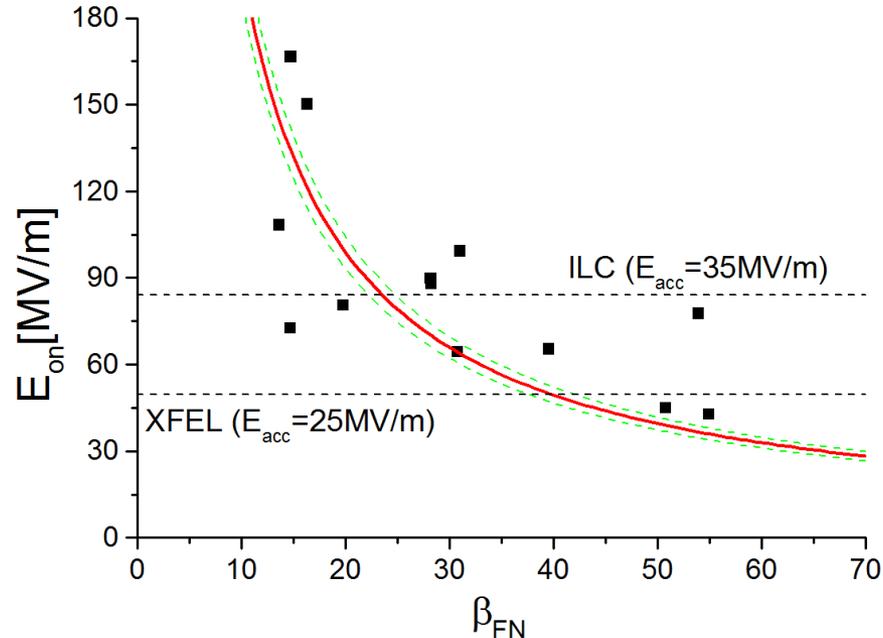
Three types of HT-activated emitters:

- a. 56% particulates (e.g. **Nb**, **Si**, **Al**)
- b. 30% scratches
- c. 14% other surface features

Deactivation or weakening of FE after exposure to **air**:

Reason?: - Oxidation of Nb?
- Adsorbates?

Overall impact on Nb cavities performance



FE studies: Summary & outlook

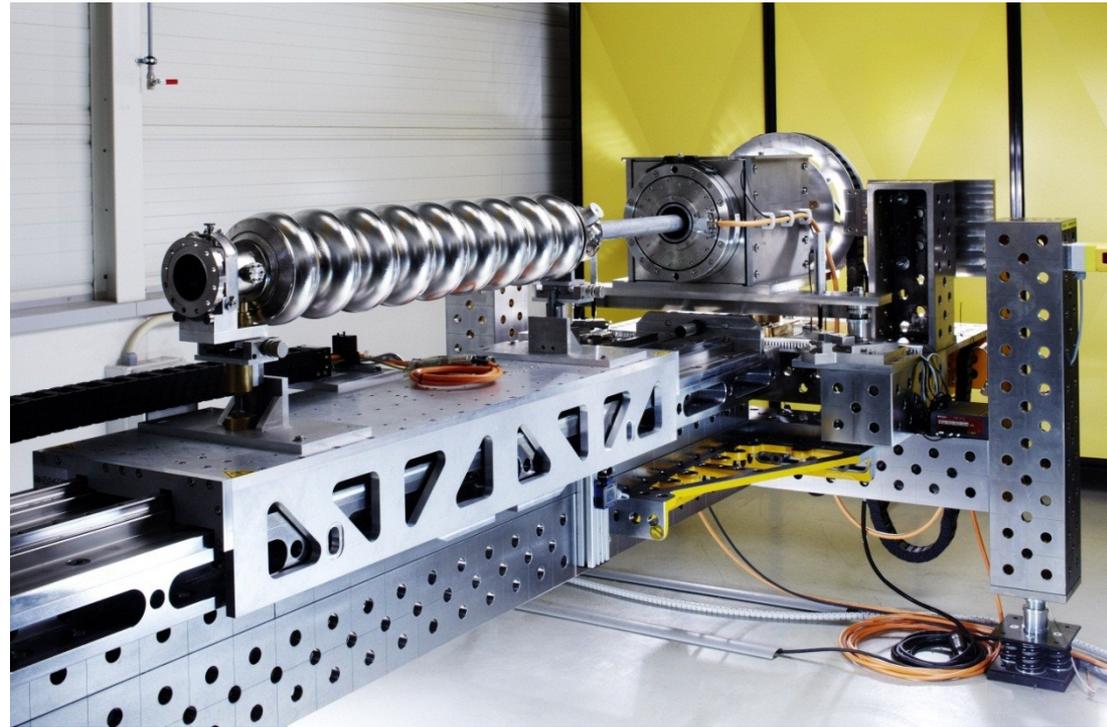
- **OP & AFM** → fast quality control of Nb surfaces (roughness/defects)
- **FESM** is very useful tool for FE studies
 - but: -only for small samples; -dust-free operation requires cleanroom
 - concentrate on emitter processing, study of FE-preventing coatings/treatment
- Highest field enhancement given by nm sharp 1) scratch-protrusions & 2) particles
 - to be prevented by: 1) more careful handling and 2) better cleanliness or ???.
- Grain boundaries: no FE but might reduce the magnetic field limit?
- Heat treatment ($T \geq 120^\circ\text{C}$) leads to activation of field emitters:
 - No. of emitters increase exponentially with E field and linearly with T, °C
 - Activation by E field at $E_{\text{act}}/E_{\text{on}} = 3$ for polycryst. & 1.7 for SC, LG Nb
 - There is a number of potential emitters which might be activated
 - **E** and **T** are competing driving forces of activation
 - Avoid any HTs of non-cleaned and rough Nb
 - activation by rf power!!! in a cavity should be considered and studied
- Nb surface oxide seems to be responsible for the activation
 - Will intentional oxidation prevent low field FE?
 - does grain orientation play a role?



Defects with $\beta > 50$ for FXEL and $\beta > 20$ for ILC should be avoided

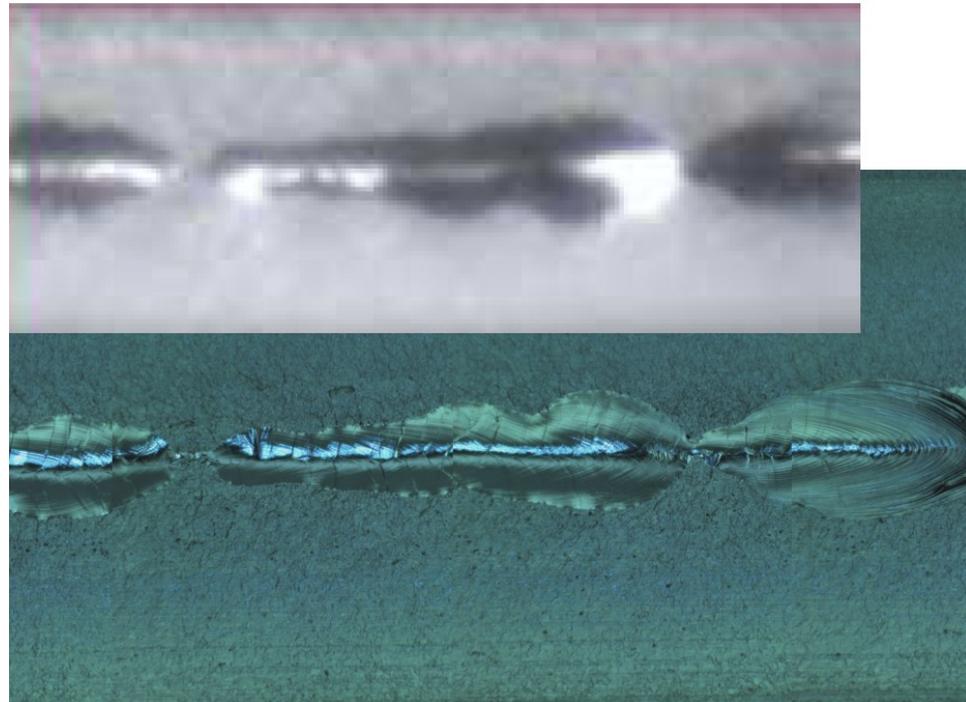
OBACHT – Optical Bench for Automated Cavity Inspection with High Resolution on Short Time Scales

- > **Large amount** of cavities (also dressed) can be **inspected**: ILC-HiGrade, (European XFEL)
- > **Fully automated** (LabView) cavity inspection with Kyoto Camera System yields
 - 2790 pictures in ~8 hours: welding seems of equator (iris) every 4° (10°) + equator left/right
 - ~12 x 9 mm pictures (2488 x 2616 pixels, ~10 μm /pixel) in *.bmp, *.png and/or *.jpg
- > Movable sled with cavity (axial posit. ~10 μm) and Kyoto camera (angular posit. ~ 0.01°),
- > Collision free movements assured by optical tests (**to be upgraded now**)
- > Fully **automatic** cavity **positioning**, **illumination**, and image **recording**
- > **Automatic** image **processing** and possibly defect **recognition** (for details contact M. Wenskat)



Examples of the OBACHT tests (1)

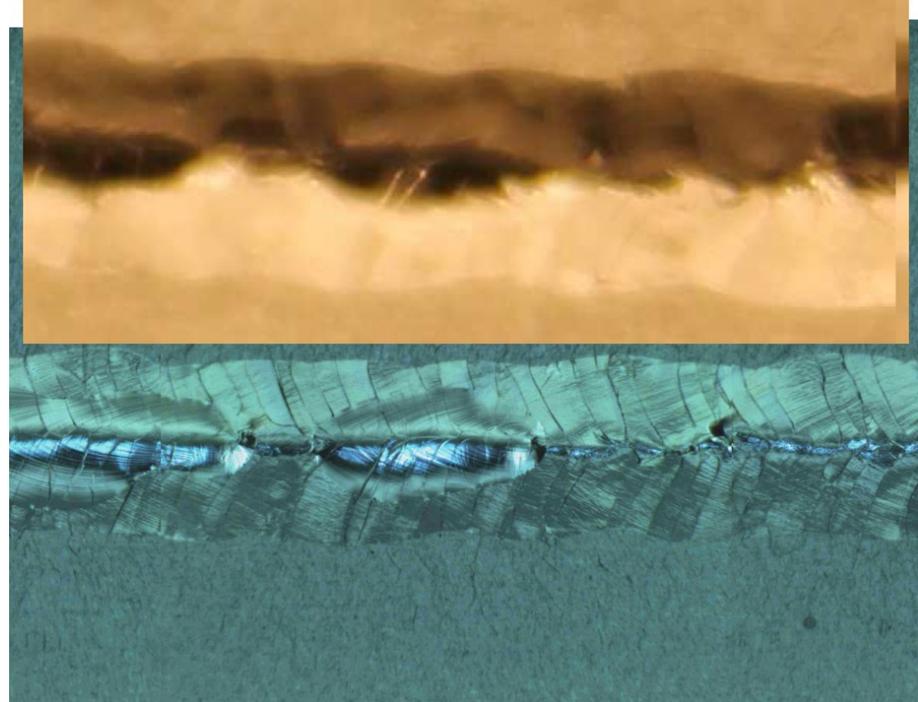
> **Optimization** of equator welding parameters:



Initial, **not optimized**

→ e⁻-beam **not penetrated** everywhere

→ **strong variation** of the seam- width



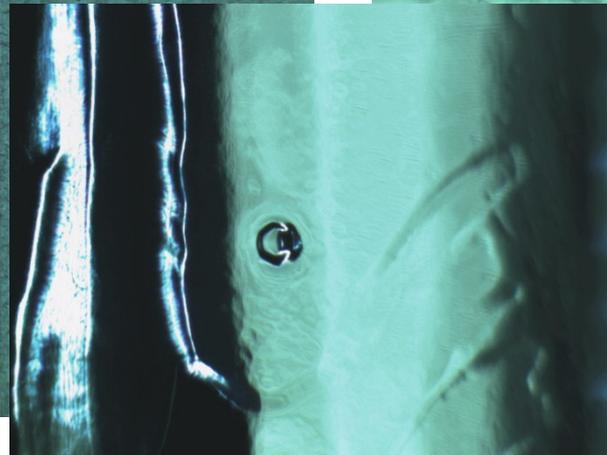
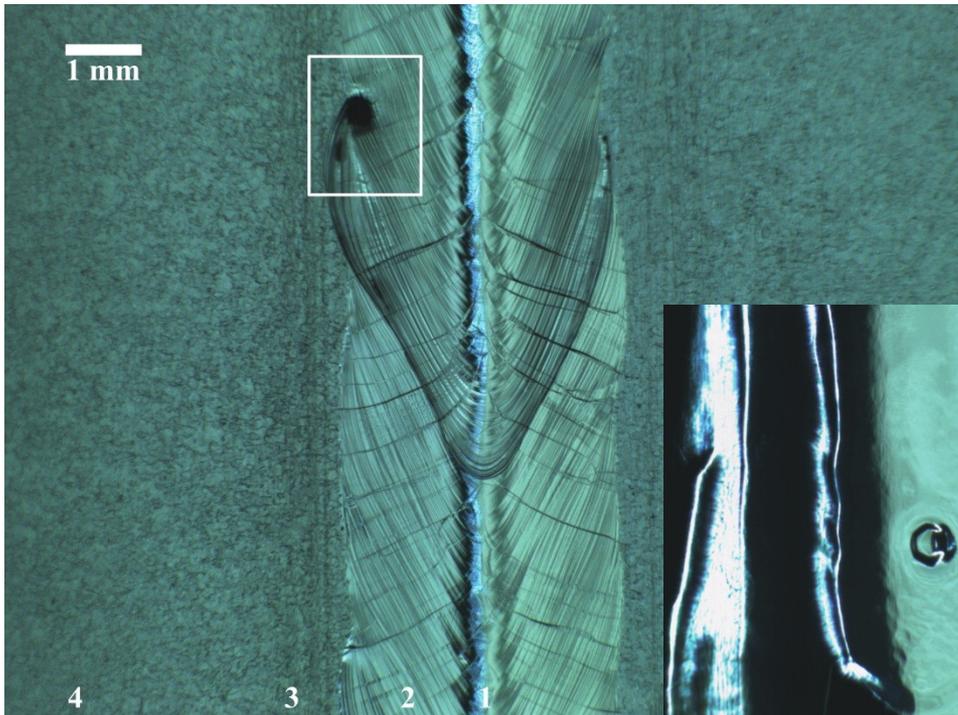
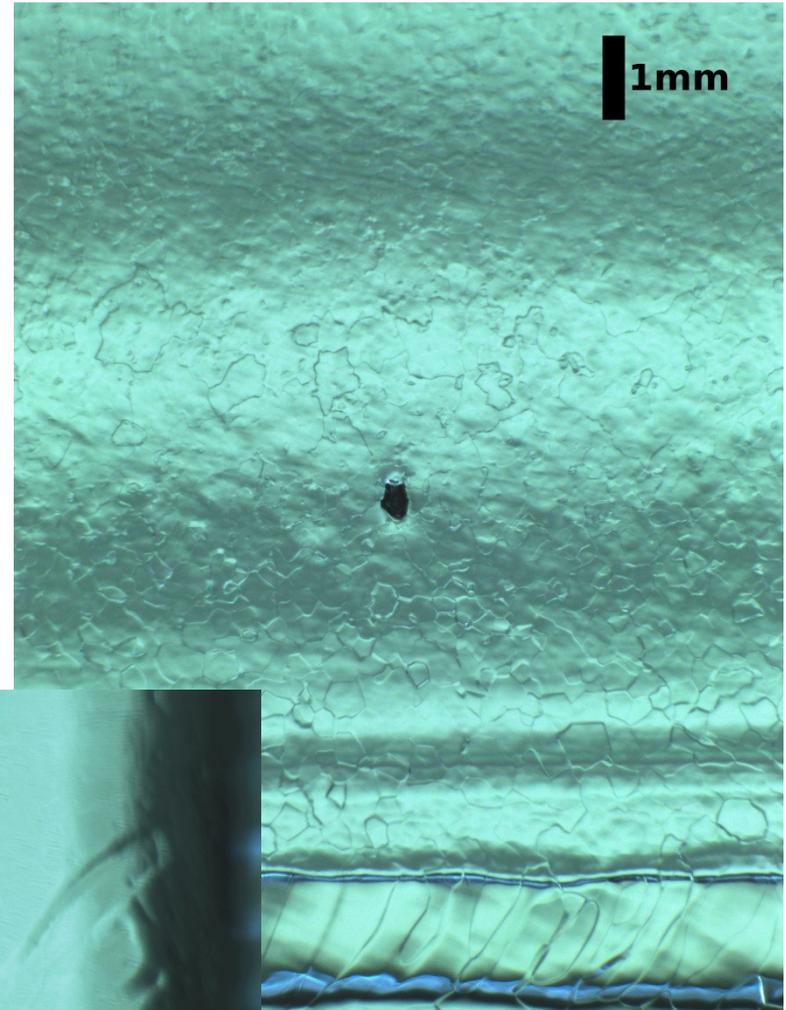
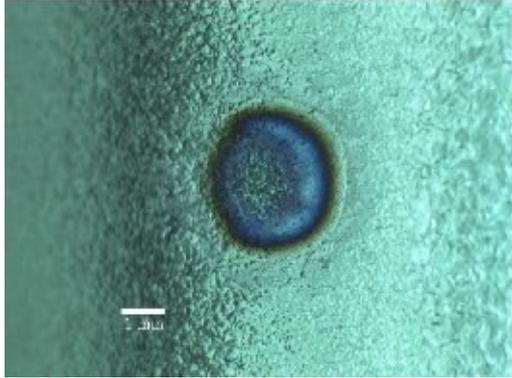
Final, **optimized**

→ e⁻-beam **fully penetrated**

→ **homogeneous** welding seam

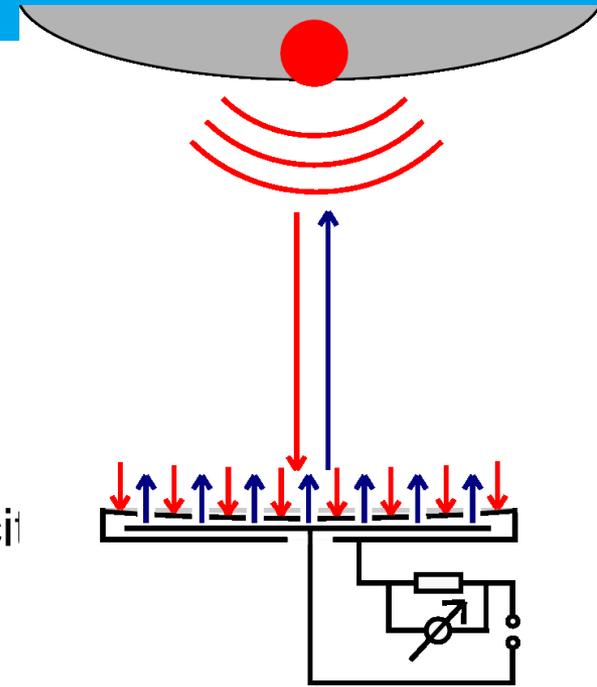
> **OBACHT** provides much **better resolution and image quality** as compared to the conventional **endoscopes** (see upper images)

Examples of the OBACHT tests (2)



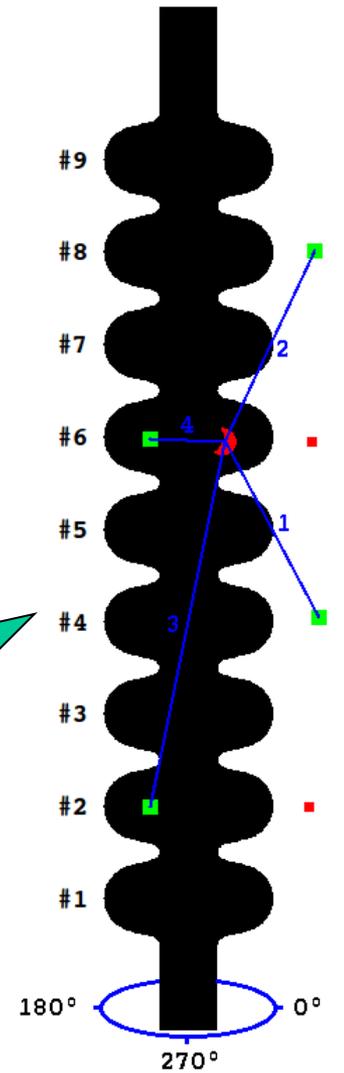
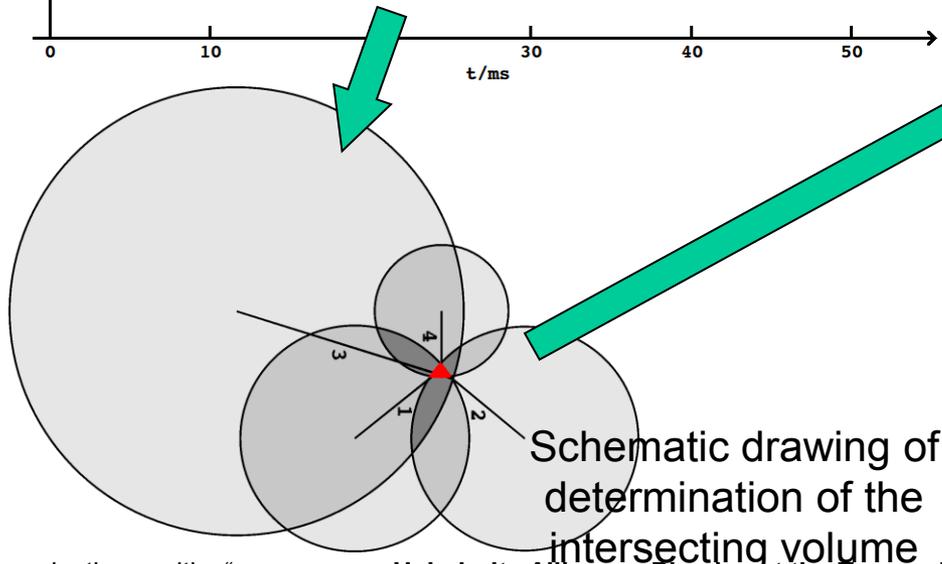
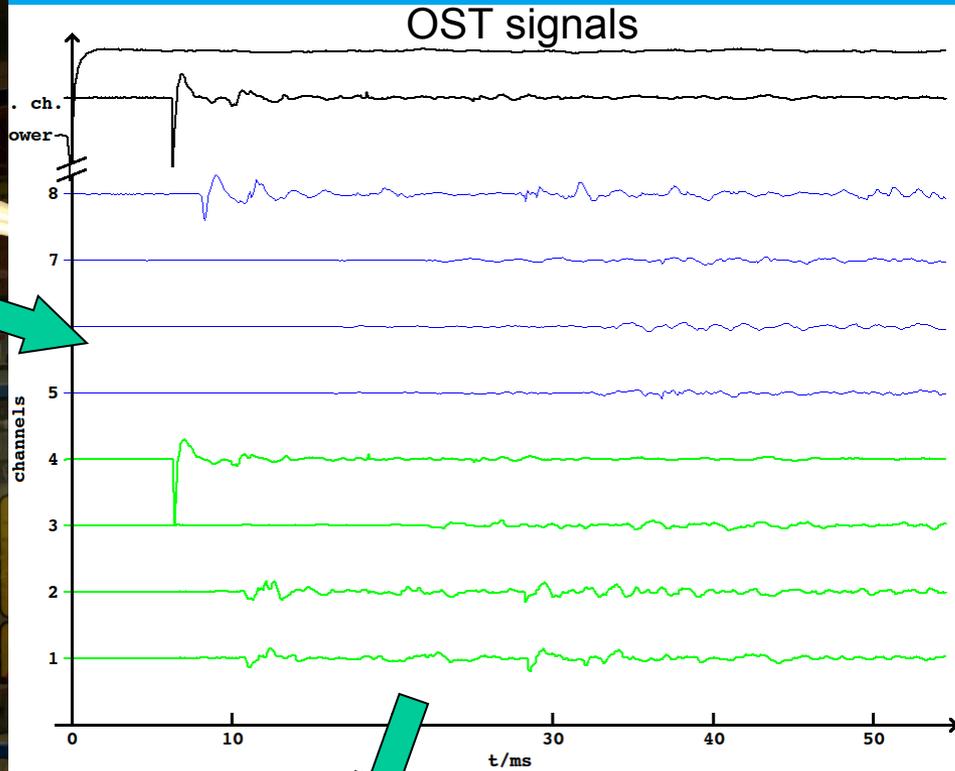
Quench localization by Second sound (1)

- A quenching spot provides a heat pulse leading to
 - temperature wave or 2nd Sound
 - **disequilibrium**: 'superfluid' helium (Bose-Einstein condensate) breaks to 'normal' liquid helium
 - **equalization** induces He flow which can be measured
- > Transducer consists of a metal plate and a porous diaphragm with a thin Au-layer connected as capacitor
- > 2nd sound wave will make the membrane oscillate
- > Voltage changes can be measured
- > Determination of quench location via triangulation
- > A first setup and first measurements have been realized at Cornell University, USA since 2008 [1]



[1] Z.A. Conway et al., Oscillating Superleak Transducers for quench detection in superconducting ILC cavities cooled with He-II, Proceedings of LINAC08, Victoria, BC, Canada THP036

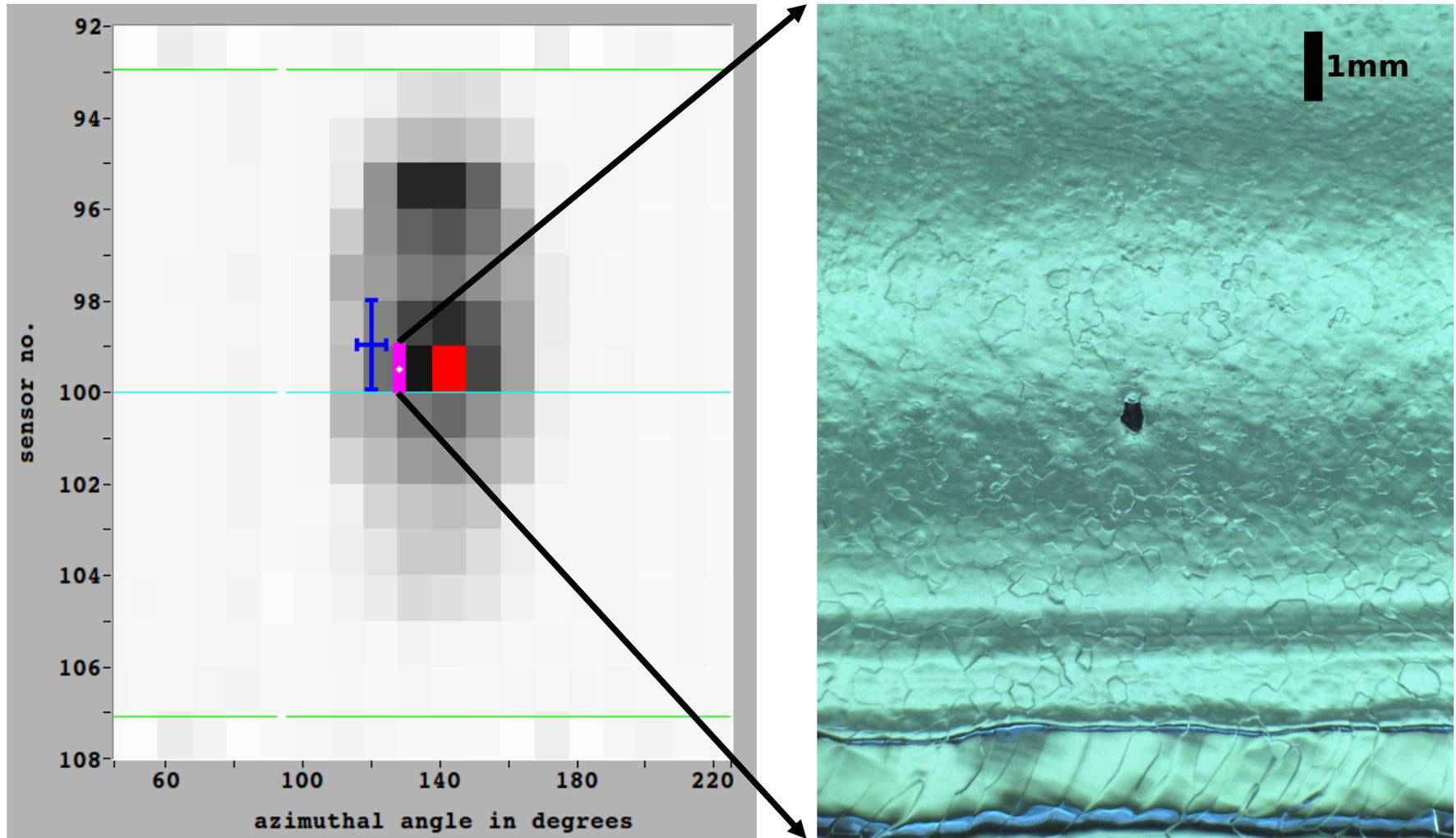
Quench localization by Second sound (2)



Calculation result

Quench localization example

- > Z161, cell #2 in pi-mode: Second sound (blue) vs. OBACHT (pink) and T-map (red)



Cavity surface & Quench studies: Summary & outlook

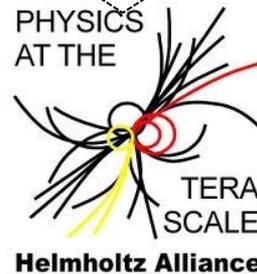
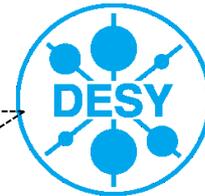
- > **Real** 9-cell cavity can be inspected and analyzed also during mass production
- > OBACHT optical inspection & 2nd Sound quench localization used @DESY routinely
- > 2nd Sound setup is reliable and is able to locate the quench position with the same precision like the temperature mapping (~10 mm)
 - **Upgrade** to 16 OSTs per insert for better accuracy and additional **R&D** planned
- > **Automatic** image processing and defect recognition is still to be optimized/developed to analyze thousands of pictures taken
- > Unfortunately, still not clear correlation of all diagnostic methods (~10)
 - Quench localization and optical inspection do not fit
 - Often huge “objects” seen with optical inspection – no effect for performance
 - **Additional** surface mapping technique required?



Future plans:

- Clear identification of the gradient limiting factors
 - 24 cavities ordered within the EU ILC-HiGrade program for further analysis/diagnostics
- Solid understanding/control of the industrial mass-production process (XFEL)
- **Elaboration** of cavity treatment technique providing at least $E_{acc} > 35 \text{ MV/m}$ at production yield of >90% in one pass

Thank you for your attention !



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Back slides

Former Heat-experiments + field emission:

E. Mahner, 1994 (low-purity Nb samples [3]):

- increase of emitter density @ $T < 800$ °C
- decrease @ $T < 1000$ °C
- disappearing of emitters @ $T > 1200$ °C
- no clear correlation to surface defects
- speculation about segregation of impurities @ grain boundaries

• *A. Dangwal, 2009* (LG samples [4]):
evidence for grain boundary assisted FE @
250 MV/m after 150 °C for 14 h



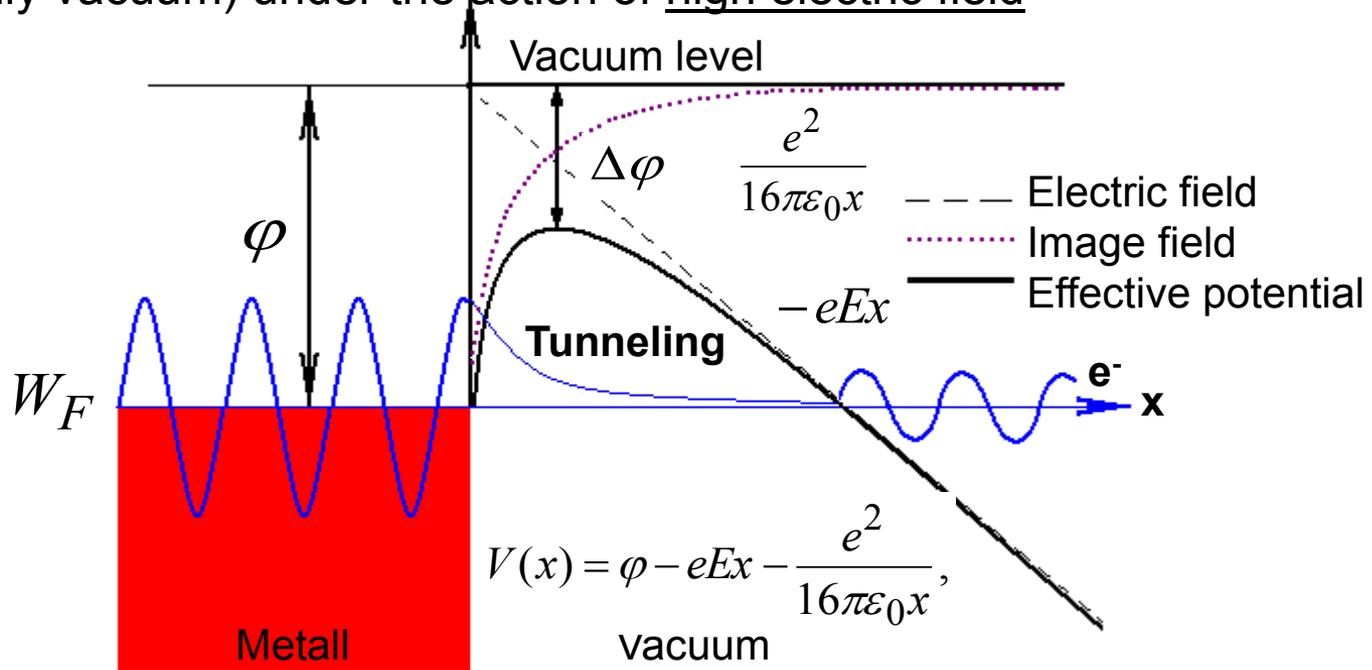
Clear answers and detailed studies are required!!!

[3] E. Mahner , Part. Accel. **45**, 67 (1994).

[4] A. Dangwal et al., PRST Accel. Beams **12**, 023501 (2009).

Theoretical background of electron FE (1)

FE → emission of electrons from the surface of a condensed phase into another phase (usually vacuum) under the action of high electric field



FE → quantum mechanical tunneling of electrons through a deformed potential barrier of suitable height and thickness

Fowler and Nordheim → first correct mathematical explanation (for metall) by solving Schrödinger equation with WKB approx. → transmission coeff. through triang. barrier:

→ FN equation:

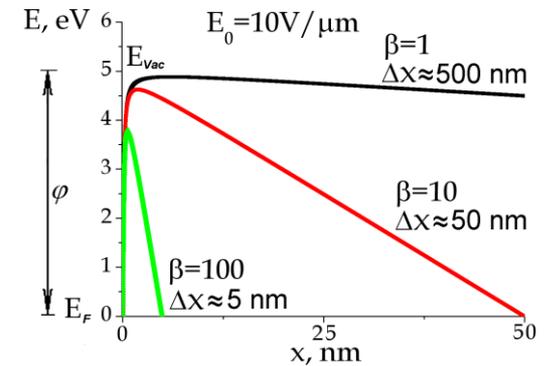
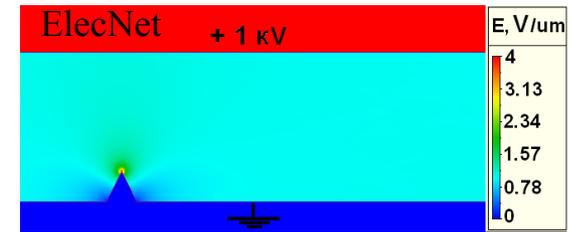
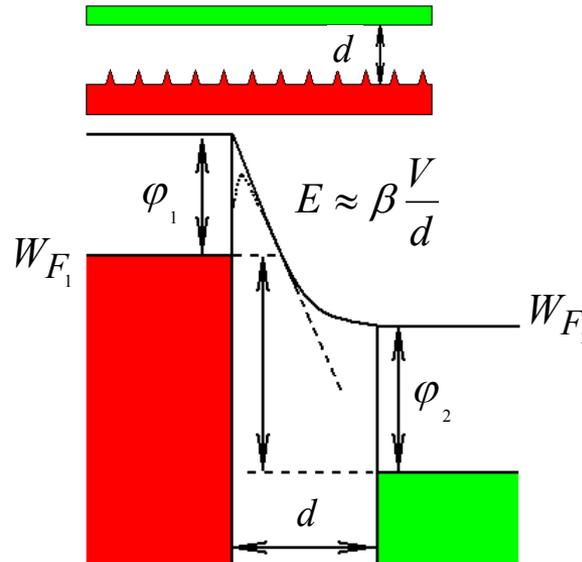
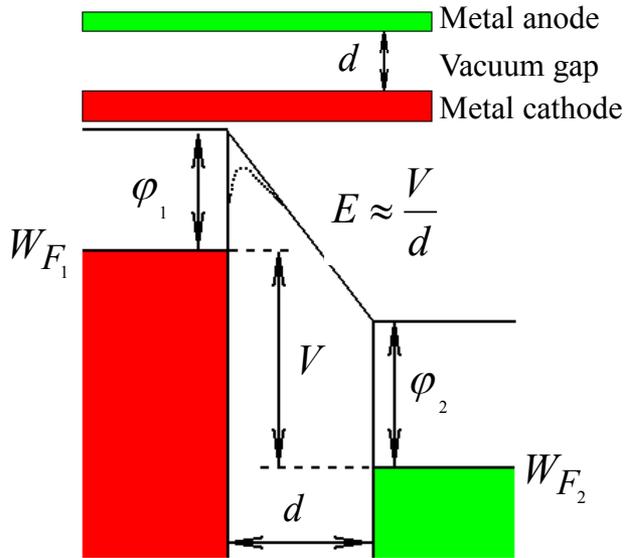
$$I_{FN} = A \frac{SE^2}{\varphi t^2(y)} \exp\left(-B \frac{\varphi^{3/2} v(y)}{E}\right)$$

const. A = 154 and B = 6830
 S – effect. emission area in m²
 E – field, V/μm
 t(y), v(y) tabulated Nordheim functions
 y = Δφ/φ

Theoretical background of electron FE (2)

- 1) Strong dependence on ϕ → choose of material is important
→ slight change in work function (adsorbates) → large fluctuations
 - 2) For metals $\phi \approx 4\text{-}6\text{ eV}$ → $E > 1\text{ GV/m}$! is required to get **measurable** current from a **planar metal**
- But!** experimentally: FE appear at $E \sim 10\text{ MV/m}$

→ roughness of a real surface is an important issue!



→ assumption of **uniform electric field** in the vacuum gap **cannot** be applied
Sommerfeld and Bethe included a **field enhancement factor β** ! due to sharp features

⇒ of utmost importance in FE theory

Modified FN

$$I_{FN} = A \frac{S(\beta E_0)^2}{\phi t^2(y)} \exp\left(-B \frac{\phi^{3/2} \nu(y)}{\beta E_0}\right)$$

$$E = \beta E_0 = \beta \frac{V}{d}$$

European ILC-HiGrade programme

➔ XFEL order includes 24 cavities as a part of the ILC-HiGrade program:

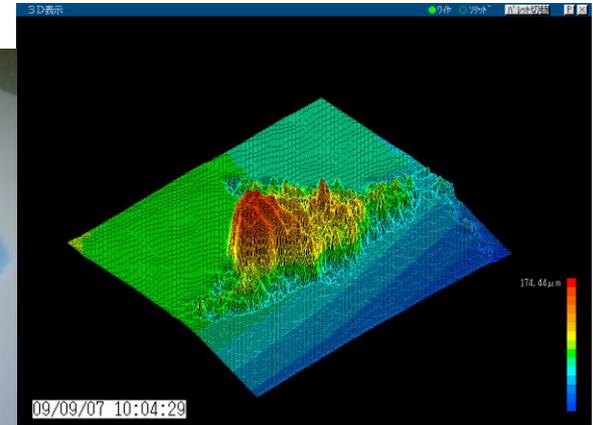
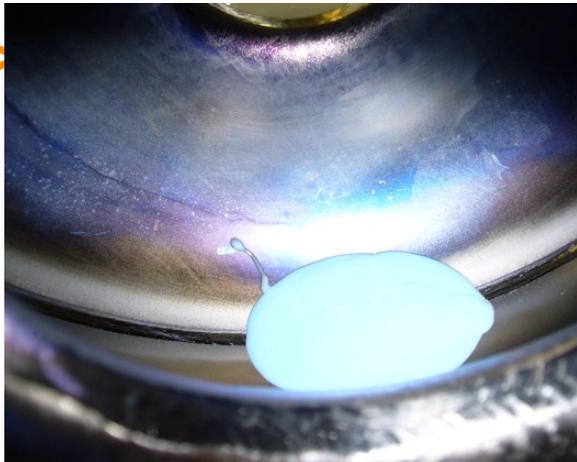
- > Initially, serve as quality control (QC) sample for the XFEL cavity production
 - extracted on a regular basis, roughly one cavity/month
 - after the normal acceptance test will be taken out of the production flow
- > Will be delivered with full treatment of the inner surface but without helium tank to maximize the data from the QC cavities
- > Further handling done within the frame of the ILC-HiGrade program as feasibility study for meeting the ILC performance goal:
 - surface mapping technique will be applied starting from the second cold RF test
 - high resolution optical inspection with OBACHT to improve understanding of defects
 - serial tests of the Centrifugal Barrel Polishing procedure
 - tests of the repair procedure by means of Local Grinding
 - use of replica as additional surface study technique

➔ Gain of experience with industrial mass-production of 800 XFEL cavities:

- monitoring of the process
- analysis of cavity database
- experience/knowledge gain with inspection/repair of gradient limited cavities of XFEL

Replica as additional surface study technique for cavities

- > **Replica** is non-destructive testing tool of inner cavity surface
 - helps analyse 3D geometry of defects
 - deliver resolution down to 1 μm
 - do not leave residues on the surface if done correctly (at least after HPR)
 - no cavity performance degradation
- > **Replica** in use at KEK (shown below [1]), Fermilab [2], CEA/DSM/DAPNIA [3] etc.
- > Similar technique *has been/is to be used at DESY* for:
 - **tests** of the surface defect geometry
 - **correlation** between 3D topography and 2D images from OBACHT



[1] K. Watanabe, et. al, TTC2010.

[2] M. Ge et. al, SRF2009, TUPPO064.

[3] S. Berry et. al, EPAC04, TUPKF018

Centrifugal Barrel Polishing (CBP) of Nb cavities

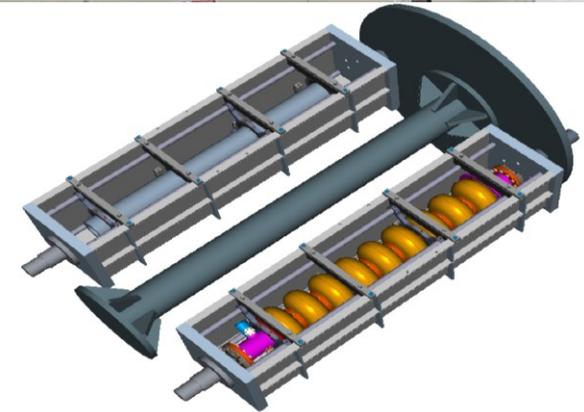
- > CBP is an **acid-free** surface polishing technique using abrasive media
 - **reduce chemistry** amount, only light EP (~10 μm) finally required [1]
 - **~10x smaller surface roughness** compare to chemistry alone [2] with mirror-like surface
 - **better Q_0** and **E_{acc}** might be achieved
- > CBP machines in use at FNAL (shown below, [2]), Cornell and JLab
- > Identical machine **has been ordered by Uni Hamburg** and made available at DESY HiGrade Lab for:
 - **serial tests** of the polishing procedure (partially with **ILC-HiGrade cavities**) as feasibility study for meeting the ILC performance goal
 - **further optimizations/understand.** of the process (H-free polishing, time, etc)
 - Study of CBP as **cavity repair** and possibly **preparation technique**

[1] A. D. Palczewski et.al, WEPPC094 , IPAC2012

[2] C. A. Cooper et.al <http://lss.fnal.gov/archive/2011/pub/fermilab-pub-11-032-td.pdf>

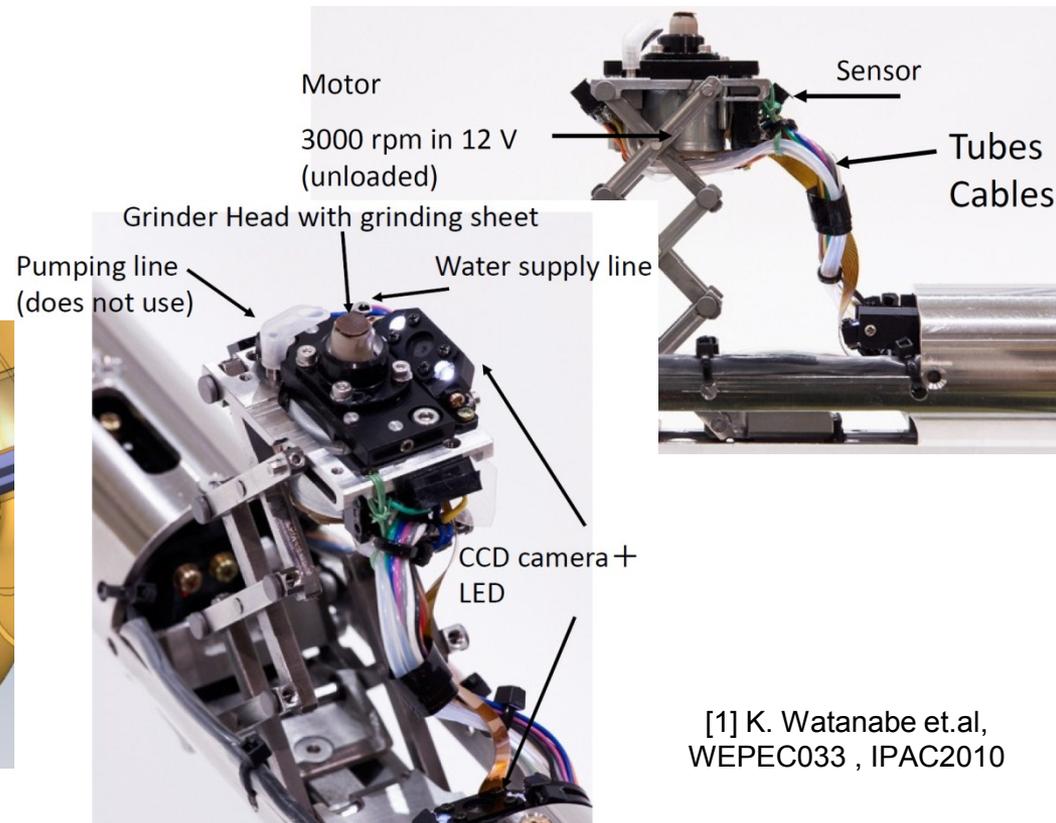
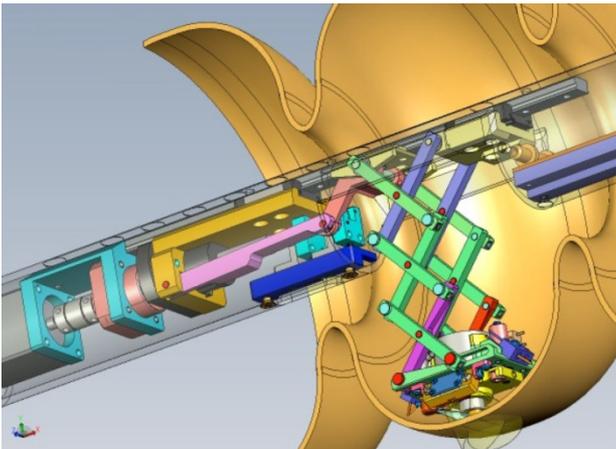


Individual Barrels rotate 115 RPM in opposite direction to main shaft



Local grinding as repair technique for cavities

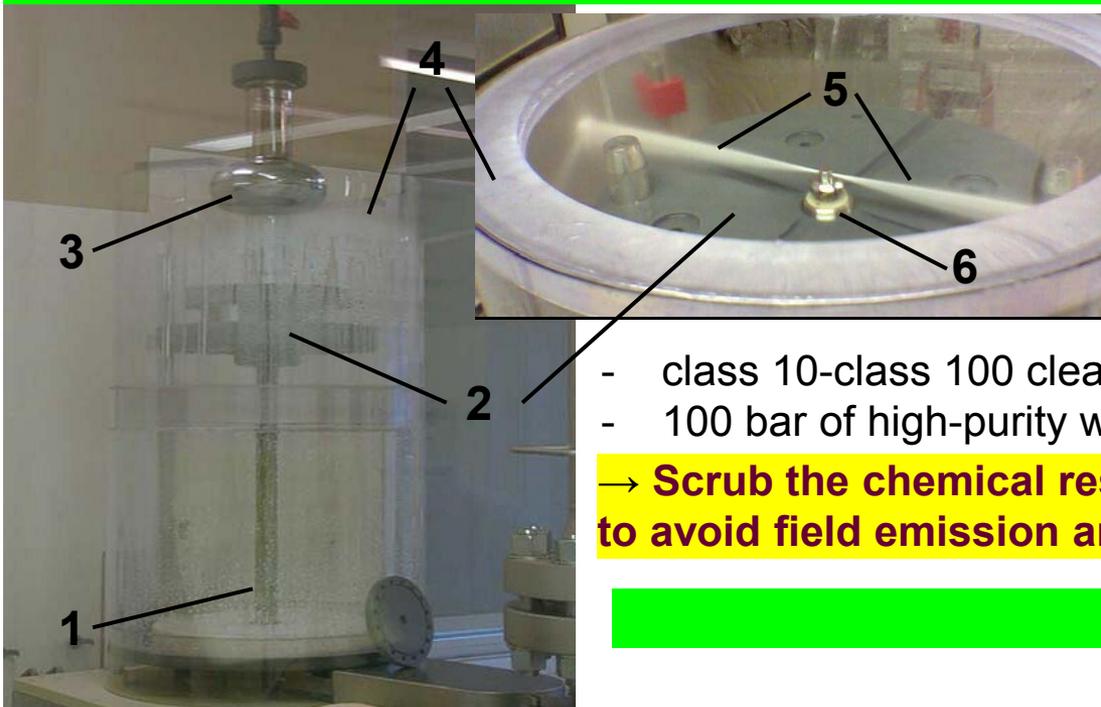
- > **Local grinder** is a mechanical polishing technique used for **local** defects removal
- > Defects unaffected by standard chemical polishing can be eliminated [1]
- > Local grinder in use at KEK (shown below [1]) and deliver very promising results
- > Similar machine **is planned to be ordered by Uni Hamburg** and made available at DESY HiGrade Lab for:
 - **serial tests** of the repair procedure (partially with **ILC-HiGrade cavities**) as feasibility study for meeting the ILC performance goal
 - **further optimizations** of the process



[1] K. Watanabe et.al,
WEPEC033 , IPAC2010

Experimental techniques (4): HPR + DIC

High pressure ultra pure water rinsing (HPR) [1]:



The HPR system for 9-cell cavities at DESY: rotating high pressure water pipe (1), vertically moving support plate (2), 1-cell cavity under rinse (3), protection envelope (4); (b) high-pressure water jet streams (5) emerging from the nozzle(6)

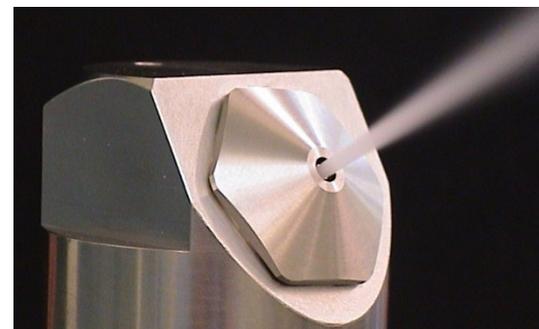
- class 10-class 100 clean room
- 100 bar of high-purity water jets

→ **Scrub the chemical residues and particulate contaminants to avoid field emission and quenches**

Dry ice (CO₂) cleaning (DIC) [2]:

High-pressure dry-ice jet emerging from DIC nozzle

- class 10 clean room
- 50 bar CO₂, 12 bar N₂ (particle filtered to < 0.05 μm)
- CO₂ snow jet (45%) is surrounded by supersonic nitrogen
- -18 / -10°C temperature of liquid CO₂
- developed @ Fraunhofer Institut Produktionstechnik und Automatisierung Stuttgart, Germany for DESY



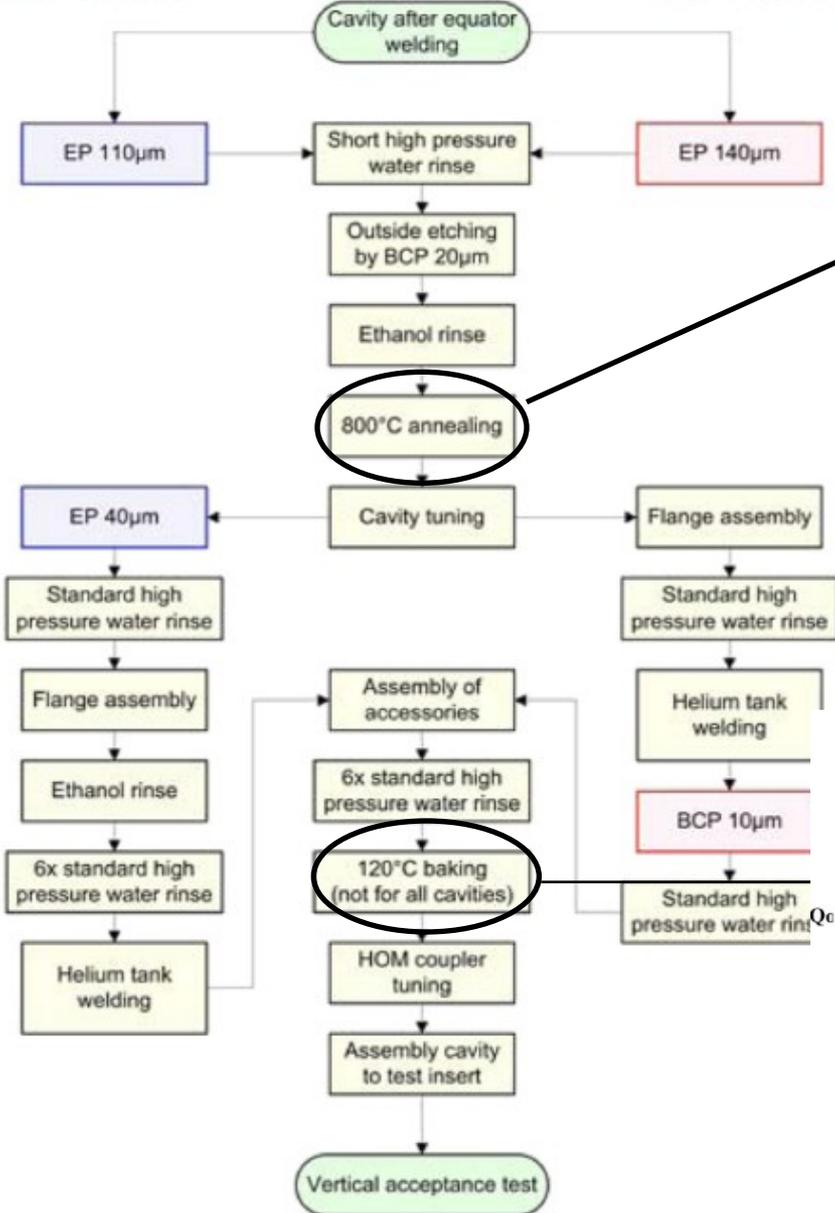
[1] H. Padamsee, "RF superconductivity," Wiley, ISBN 978-3-527-40572-5.A (2009)

[2] D. Werner and C. Zorn, in Proceedings of Precision Cleaning, Clean Tech, Frankfurt 2000.

Cavity treatment

Final EP Scheme

BCP Flash Scheme



- Removal of hydrogen after polishing
- Reduction of mechanical stress
- Option: Backe at 1400°C for removal of other O-,N- and H-atoms

Midtemperature heating:
Removal of High-Field Q-drops by improving SC properties

High temperature heating:
removal of insulating oxide layer

