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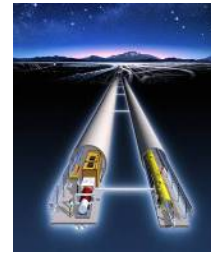
## Effort Towards Improving Large Scale Production for Superconducting (SC) Cavities

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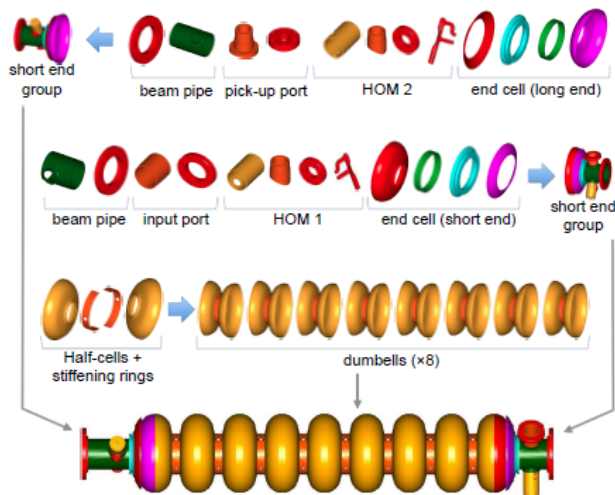
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- ILC: ~16000 Superconductive Niobium cavities > 31.5 MV/m  
= cost driver
- Challenging performance
- Requires a worldwide effort



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



## Inner surface treatment of cavity



Horizontal EP set-up at KEK



Cleanroom Assembly at CEA/IRFU

Requires perfect knowledge of SRF technology from cavity fabrication to cleanroom assembly

In last year, we concentrated in the inner surface treatment of cavity.

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

## FJPPL (TYL) application 2016-2017

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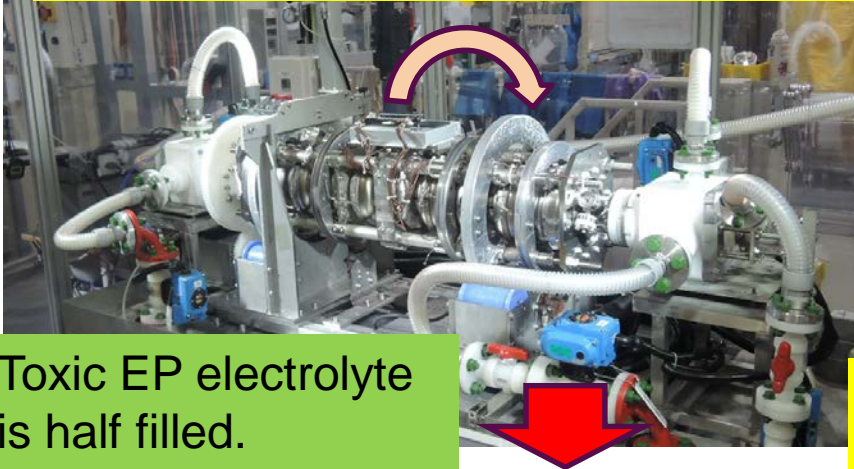
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# INFRASTRUCTURES

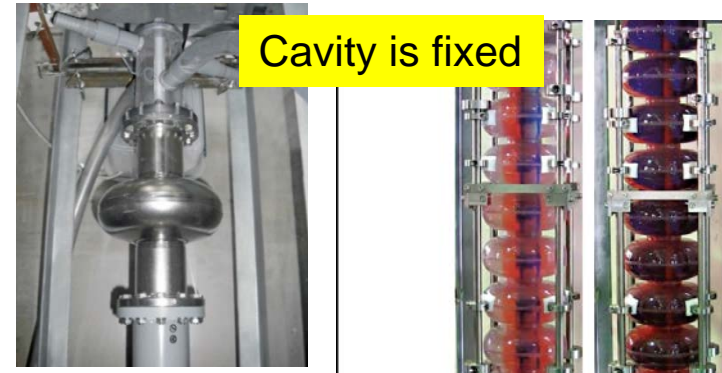
EP is the best method for inner surface treatment, but expensive.

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



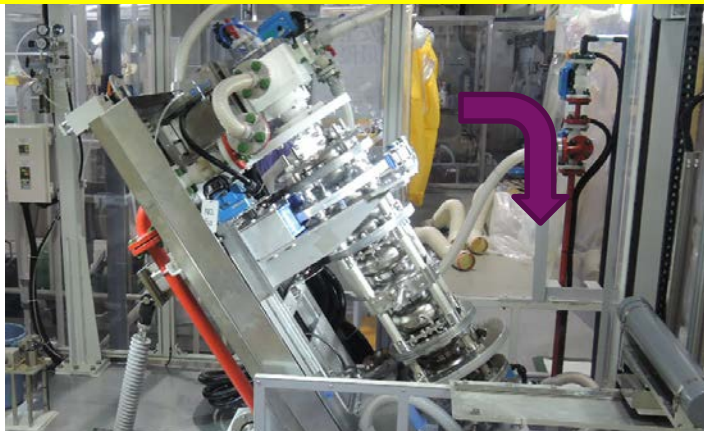
Toxic EP electrolyte is half filled.

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

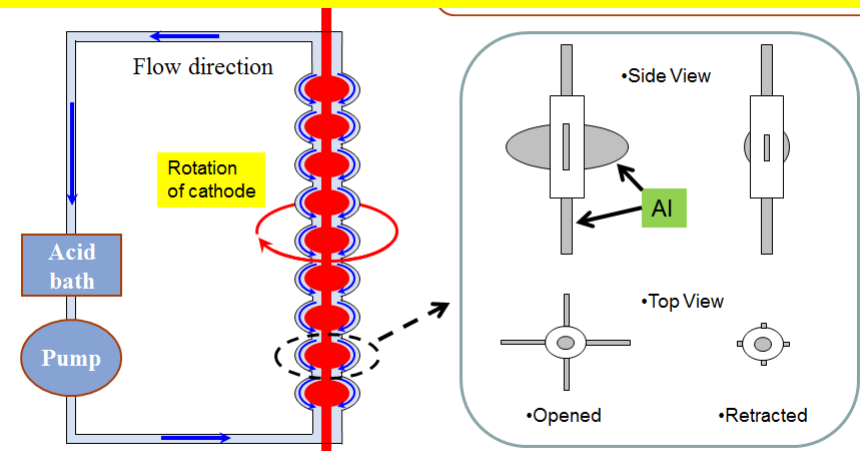


Simple VEP is more cost-effective than HEP, but hydrogen-gas generation at cathode has a narrow way to escape at top and it is the main problem.

Turning the EP-bed for draining



Massive and complicated system

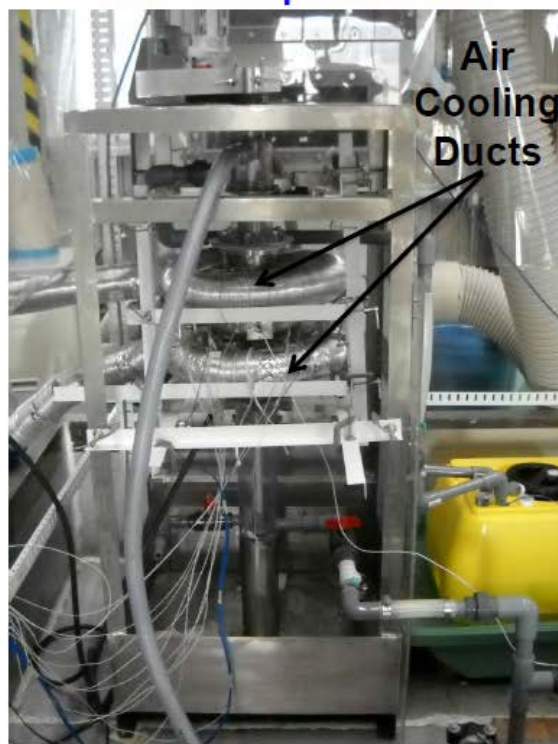


Special **Ninja cathode** by Marui Co. Ltd.

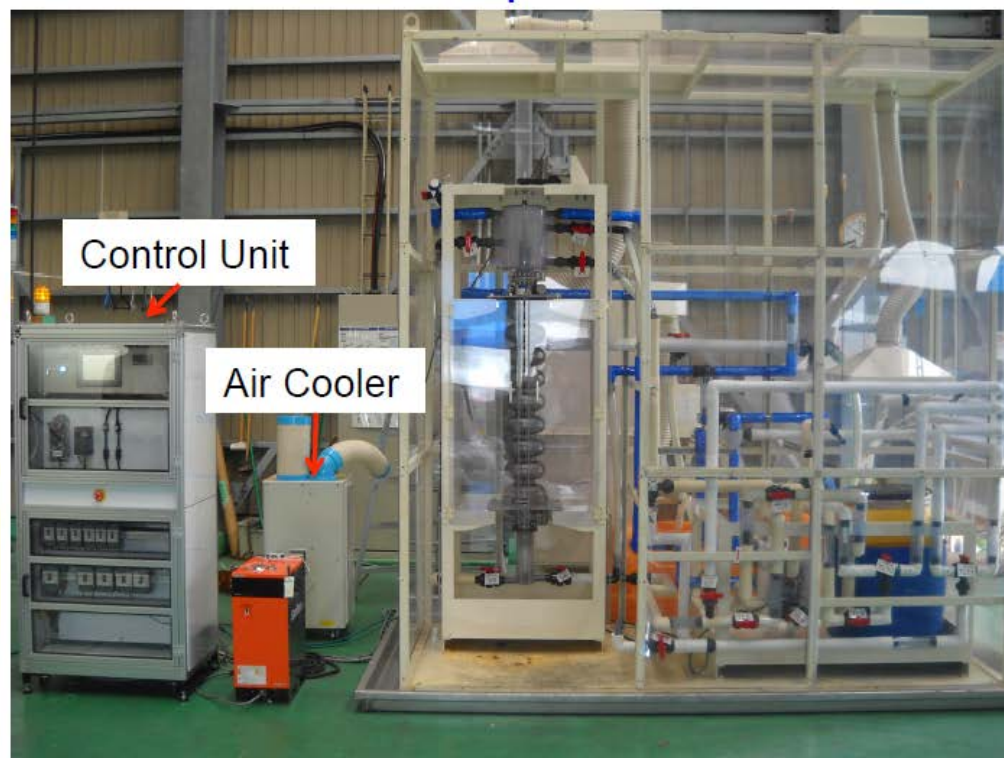


## Simple VEP setups at Marui Co. Ltd.

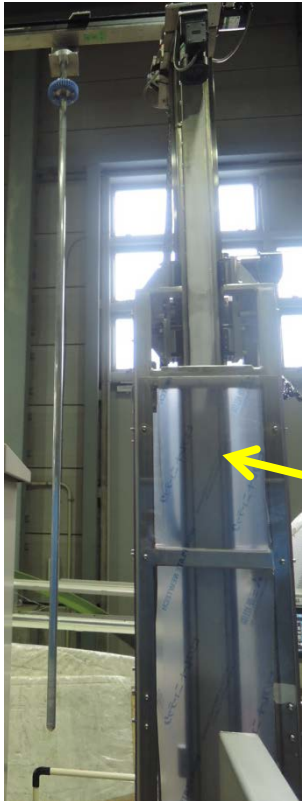
### VEP Setup for 1-Cell



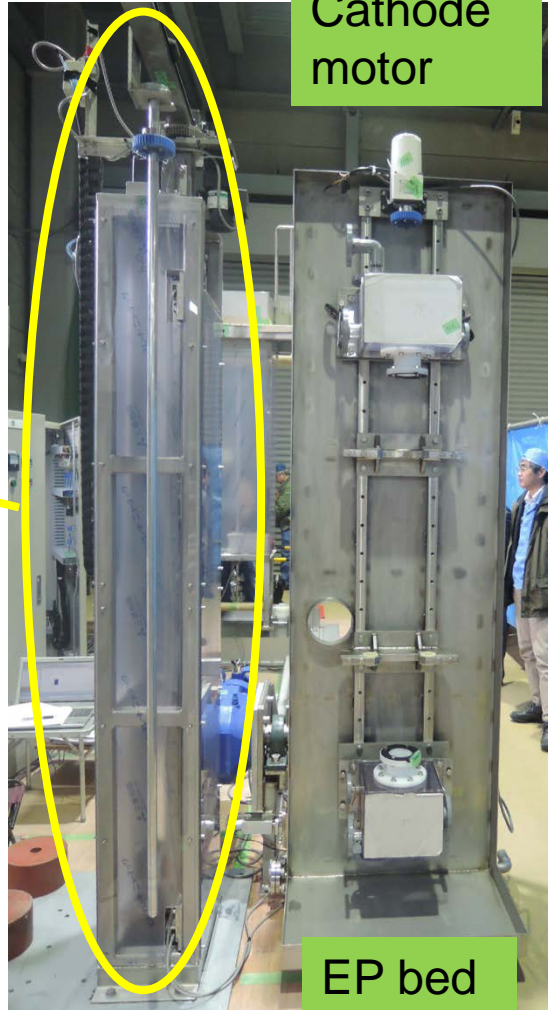
### VEP Setup for 9-Cell



- We challenged to make the setups with PVC material for mass production and cost reduction.
- The 9-cell cavity VEP system can be used for VEP of 1-cell cavity also.
- System contains separate pipe lines and pumps for water and EP solution.

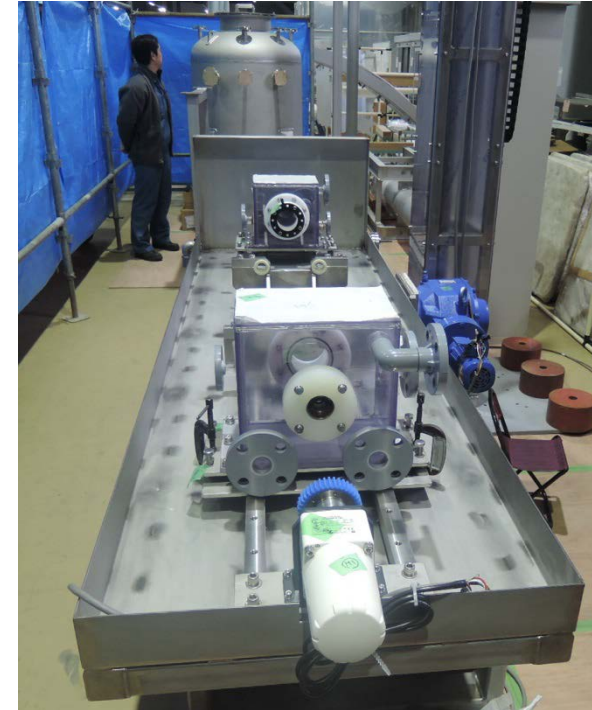


Cathode insertion tool.



Cathode motor

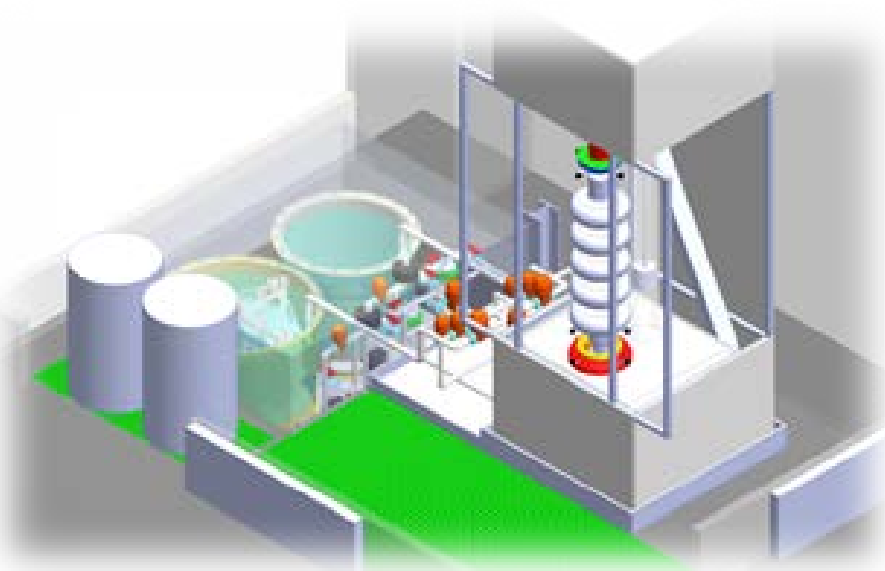
EP bed



EP bed is used both for HEP and VEP (2 ways). This enables the direct comparison of HEP and VEP processes.

Manufacturer is MHI





- ❖ 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



Cathode's insertion in horizontal position

A simple rod-cathode is used. Low-voltage recipe to reduce hydrogen gas.

# RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Improved set up to observe the inside of a 1 cell cavity during VEP
- Videos have been made with and w/o the use of a teflon net around the cathode to trap hydrogen gas.
- Teflon net efficient to guide the H<sub>2</sub> –gas generated during process, but bubbles already existing in the mixture (previous VEP) may reach the cavity surface
- Acid circulation without current prior to the process makes it possible to reduce the quantity of hydrogen bubbles



Rod aluminum cathode



Teflon net

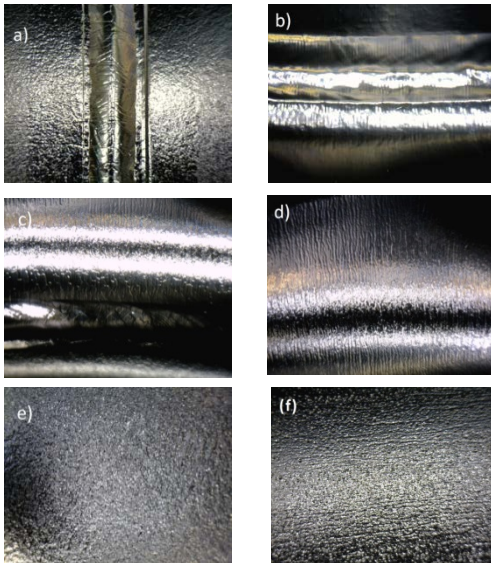
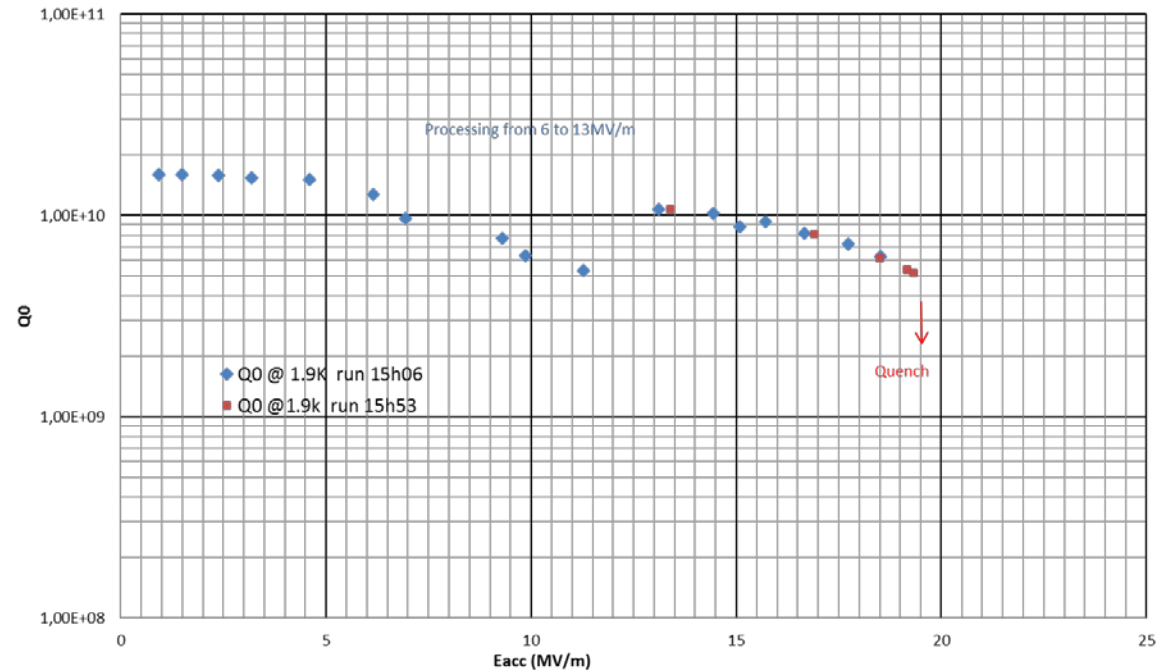
Cloud of H<sub>2</sub> bubbles

Nb cell

- 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

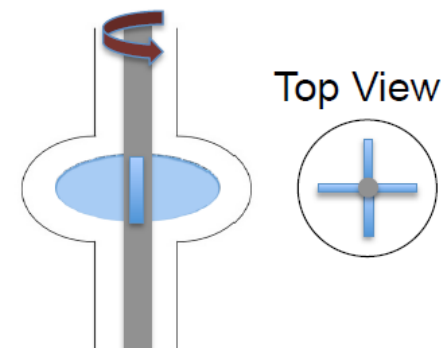


Typical surface morphologies after  $>100\mu\text{m}$  VEP at different locations. The weldings at a) equators, and b) irises are smooth. Bubbles stripes are observed at the proximity of irises c) and d). In the areas between equators and irises e) and f), the surface is rougher. Some pitting due to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



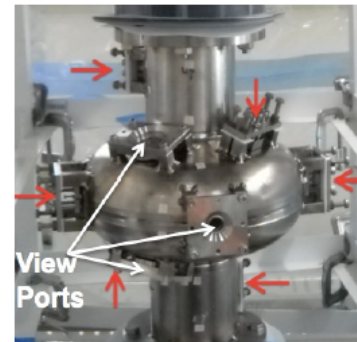
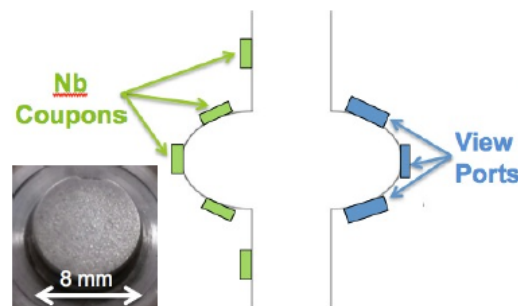
## Ninja Cathode

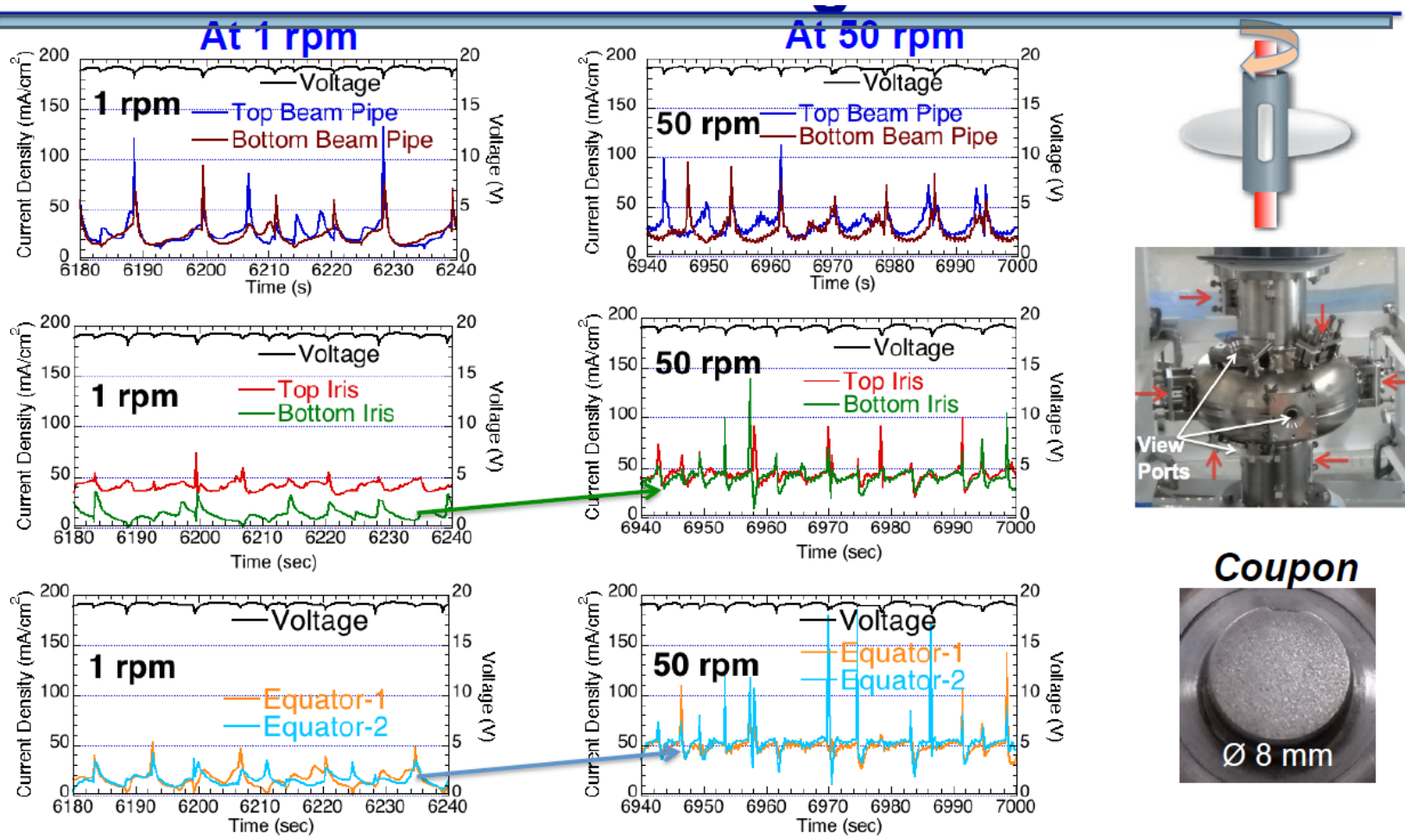
- There are a couple of advantages in VEP.
- However inhomogeneous removal along with cavity length is usually found and this is a primary issue in VEP.
- Marui Galvanizing developed a unique cathode called Ninja cathode for VEP with 4 retractable Al wings for agitation and uniform EP over the cavity.



## Coupon Cavity

- A KEK coupon cavity was used in order to investigate VEP with Ninja.
- 6 Nb disk type coupons can be set at beam pipes, irises and equator of a single cell cavity.
- The individual coupon EP current is measurable.
- The cavity has also 4 view ports at the top iris, bottom iris and equator for in-situ observation of wings and H<sub>2</sub> bubbles.





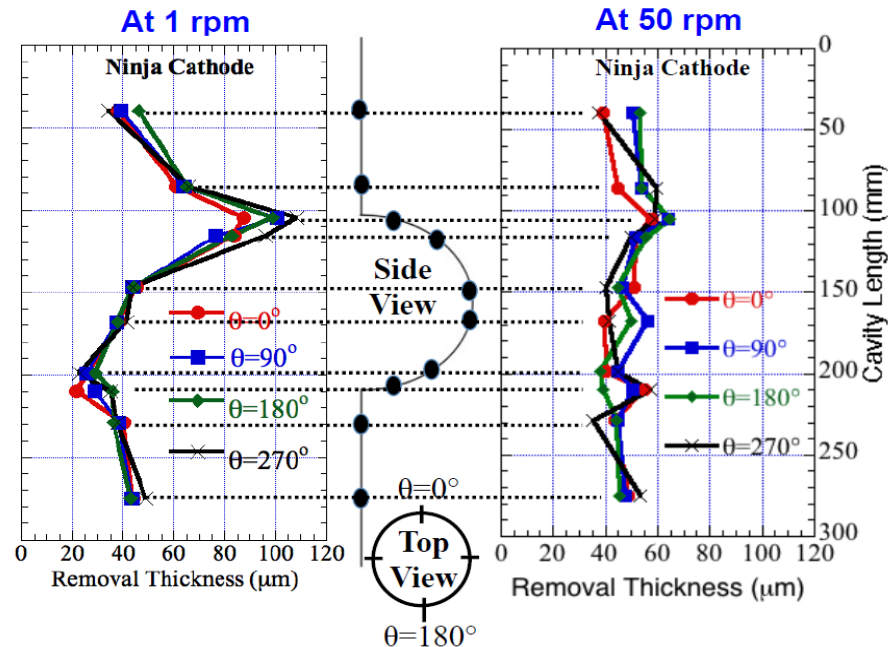
Increasing the stirring speed makes it possible :

- to increase the current in lower half cell
- to achieve similar current in both half cells : symmetric removal expected

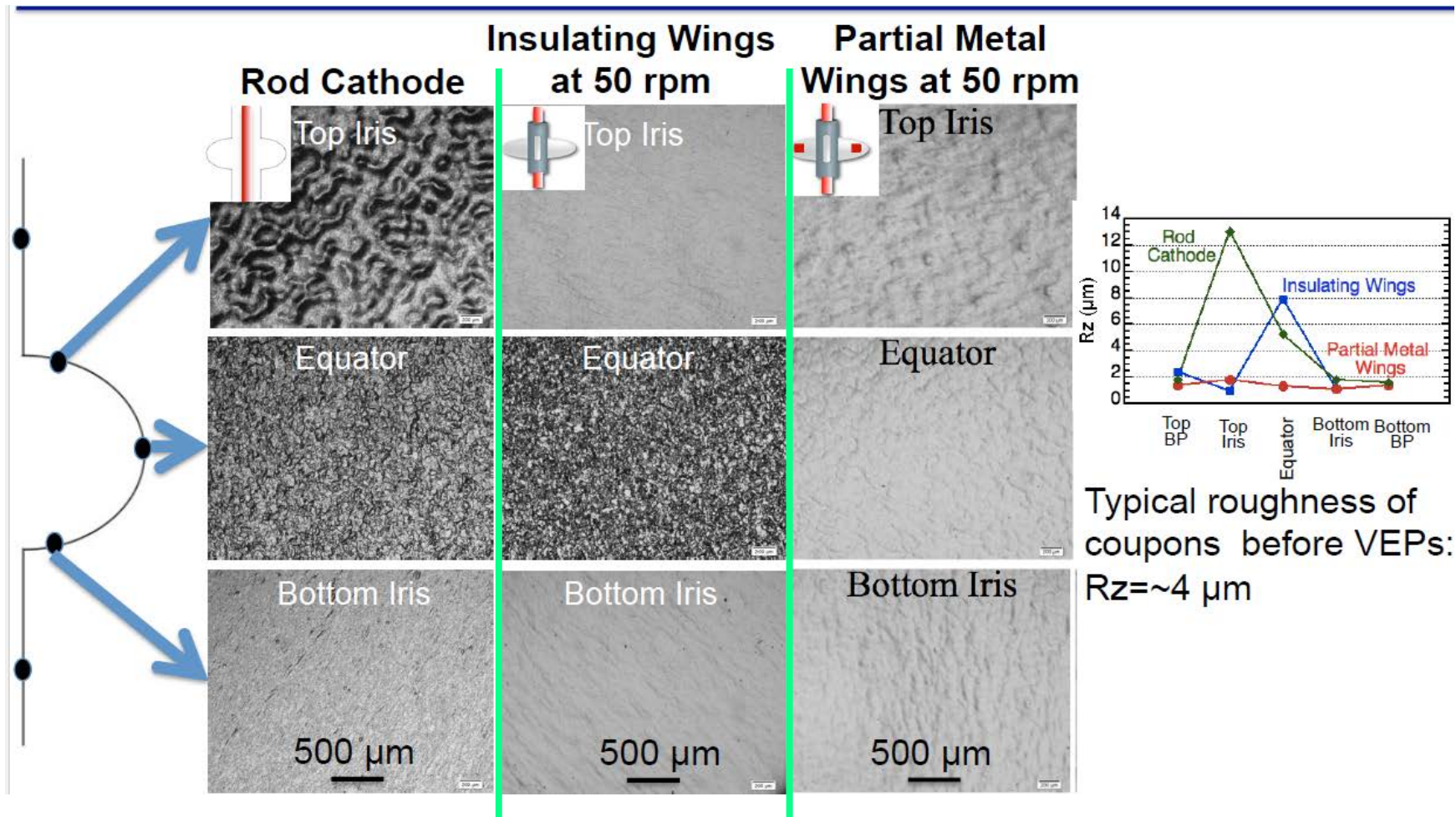
- First test carried out on 1cell cavity carried out at 1rpm
- New experiment at 50 rpm

## Removal Thickness of the Cavity

- Average cavity removal thickness (from cavity weight loss) = 55  $\mu\text{m}$



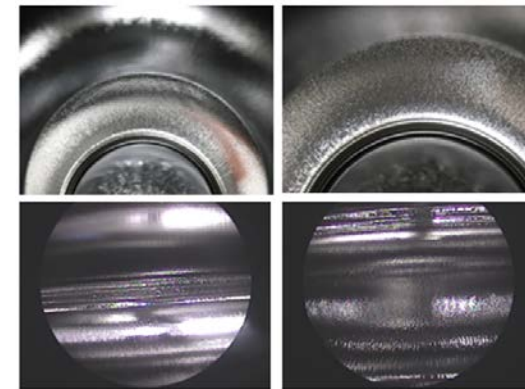
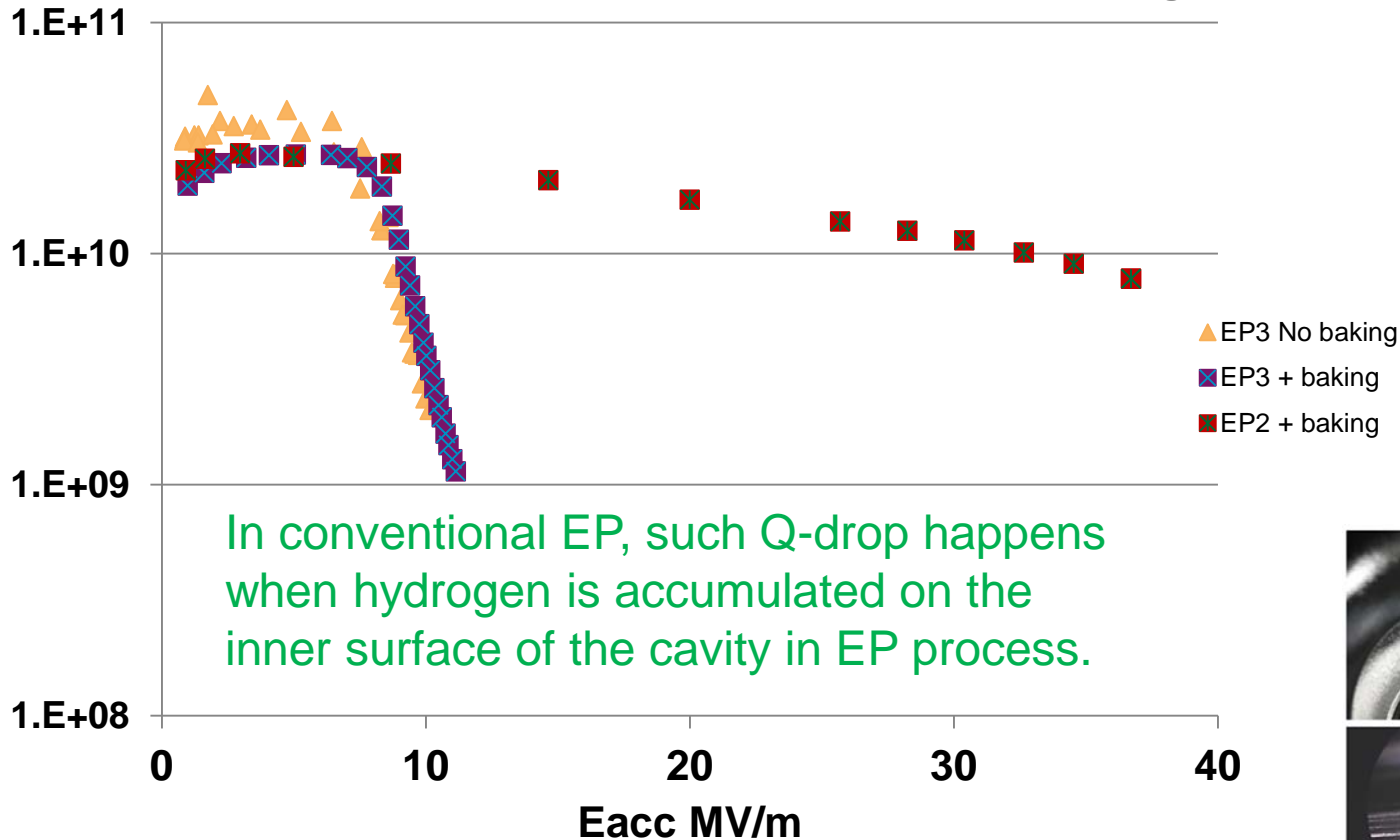
- The removal thickness was almost homogeneous on entire cavity including the top and the bottom irises.
- The high rotation speed might generate uniform viscous layer on the surface of cavity cell since the high flow of EP solution remove  $\text{H}_2$  bubbles from the top iris.



Continuous improvement of Ninja cathode concept makes it possible to improve the surface along the cavity surface

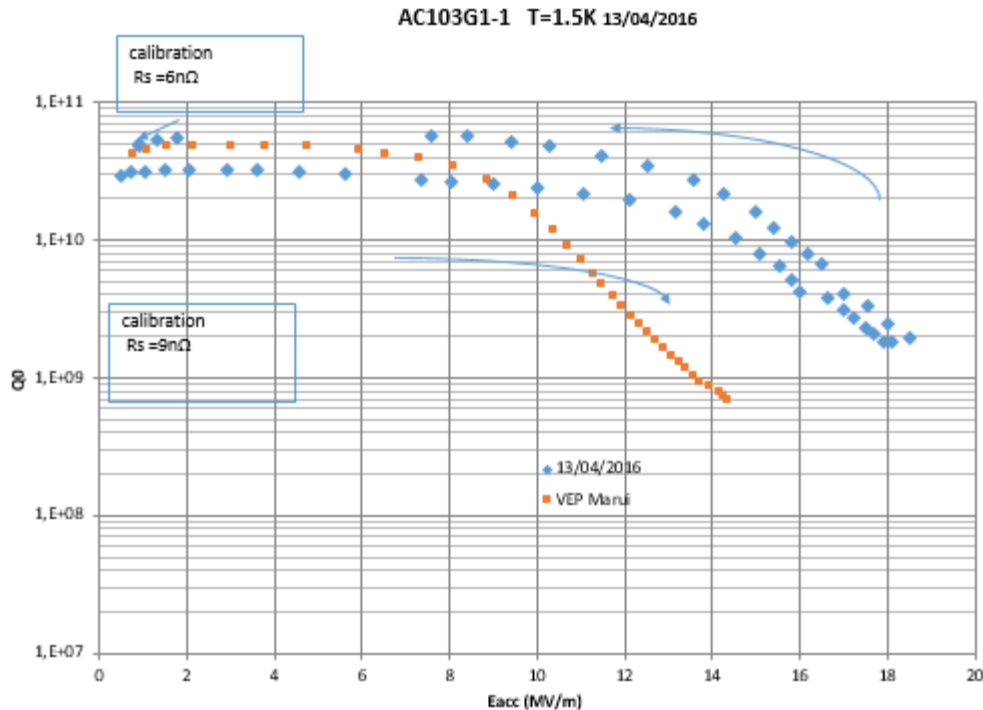


### 1AC3: Results after VEP with rotating cathode



Surface improvement of 1AC3 after VEP with rotating cathode

- 1AC3 cavity was VEP'ed at KEK after previous VEP at CEA
- The inner surface has been smoothed
- However, the cavity is limited by Q-slope
- The Q deterioration is not cured by baking (120 C).

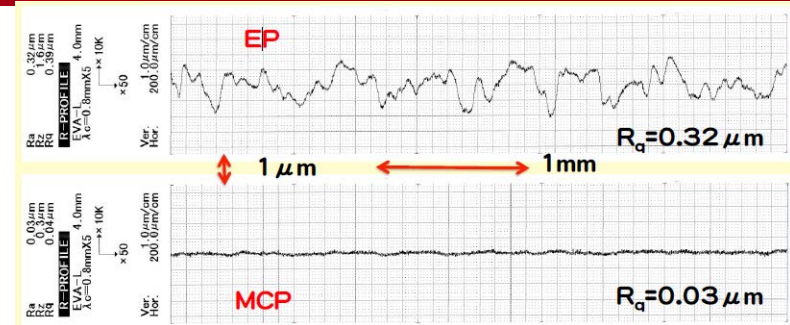


Baking (800 C) should degas/  
release the hydrogen from the  
cavity.

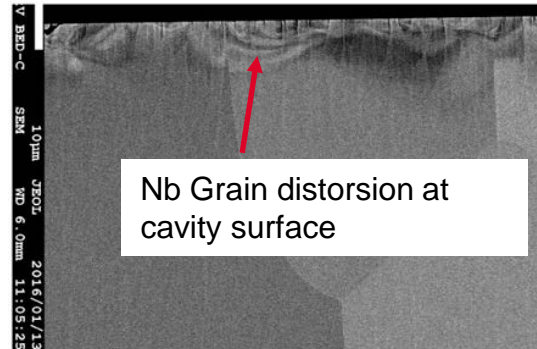
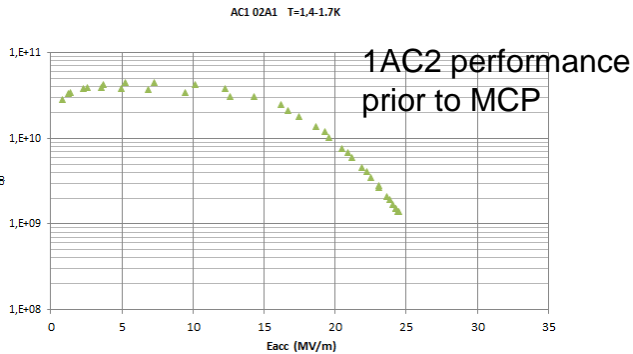
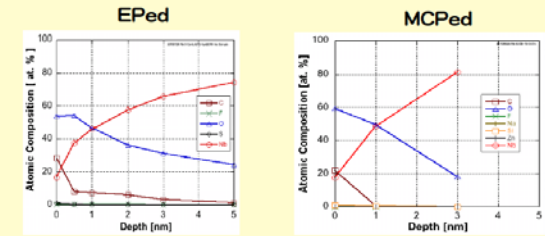
- 1AC3 cavity was baked at KEK (800°C) and VEP'ed with new VEP parameters to reduce hydrogen generation.
- The cavity was sent back to Saclay for VT
- Performance is limited by similar Q-slope
- $Q_0$  at low field is high
- Additional 10 $\mu$ m standard VEP at Saclay: Performance is improved

Ninja cathode is being modified to trap hydrogen gas in Teflon-mesh net.  
(Smoothness and uniformity is OK, but hydrogen gas is still problem.)

- In the program ECB (electro-chemical buffing) was replaced by MCP.
- MCP is cost effective compared to ECB
- Makes it possible to reach low Ra
- Polishing into 2 steps:
  - MCP with SiO<sub>2</sub> (65 nm)
  - MCP w/o SiO<sub>2</sub>



KEK Depth Profiles and Top Surface Compositions of As-received Nb Coupons (lab data)



1AC2 cavity after MCP

- Cavity exchange program with 1AC2
- Performance of 1AC2 limited by Q-Slope after VEP
- **MCP at KEK: Very smooth surface, removal of defects (pits)**
- **Very high Rs found at 4K.**  
Probably due to grain distortion at Niobium surface
- +10 μm Standard VEP at Saclay: Decrease in Rs, but still high.  
The cause of the bad RF performance is investigated by sample test.  
(Also more VEP removal of 1AC2 is planned to check the depth of bad surface.)

# PROPOSAL FOR FY 2016-2017



Repeat VEP (w/ modified Ninja cathode) and VT by a new single-cell cavity: C1-19.

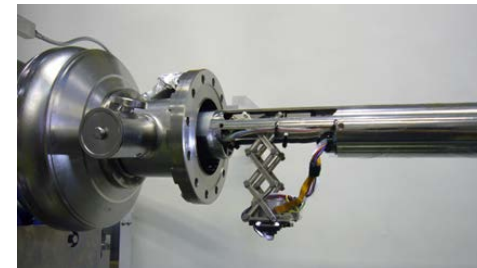
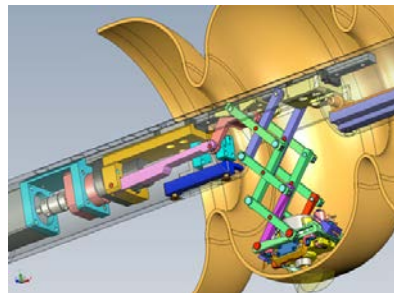
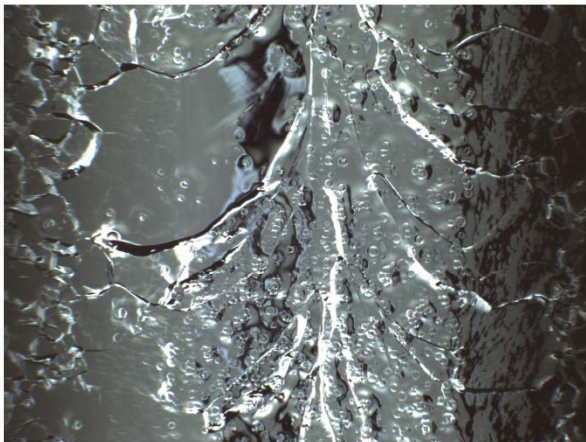
**C1-19:** Single Cell Nb cavity treated by standard Chemical Polishing (BCP) at Saclay

**C1-19** will be tested for ultimate VEP recipe (w/ Ninja cathode) developed by KEK:

- Bulk VEP ( $50\ \mu\text{m} + 50\ \mu\text{m}$  after flipping the cavity; total  $100\ \mu\text{m}$ )
- Baking at  $800\ ^\circ\text{C}$
- Fine VEP ( $5\text{-}10\ \mu\text{m}$ ) With 'Ninja2' cathode
- HPR at KEK
- Cavity shipped to Saclay for VT

Image of cavity surface at equator welding after BCP ('Kyoto Camera').

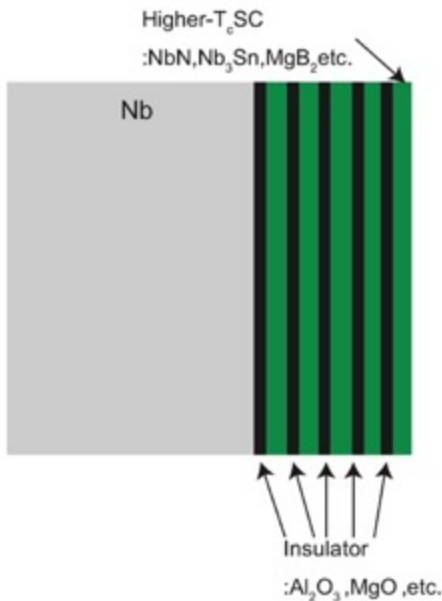
The cavity will be mechanically polished by local grinding prior to VEP treatment.



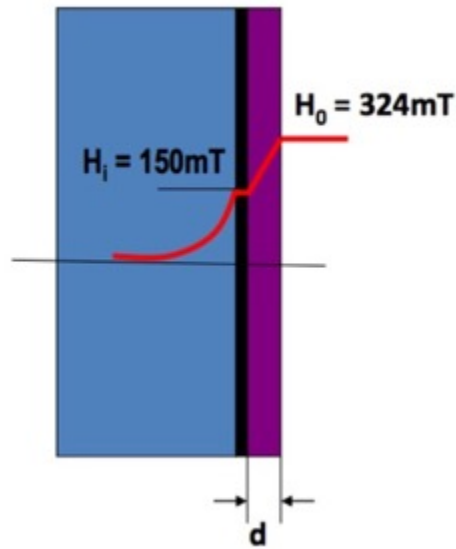
Higher  $H_c$  of thin-film on Nb  $\rightarrow$  Higher quench field  
(Cavity of higher gradient)



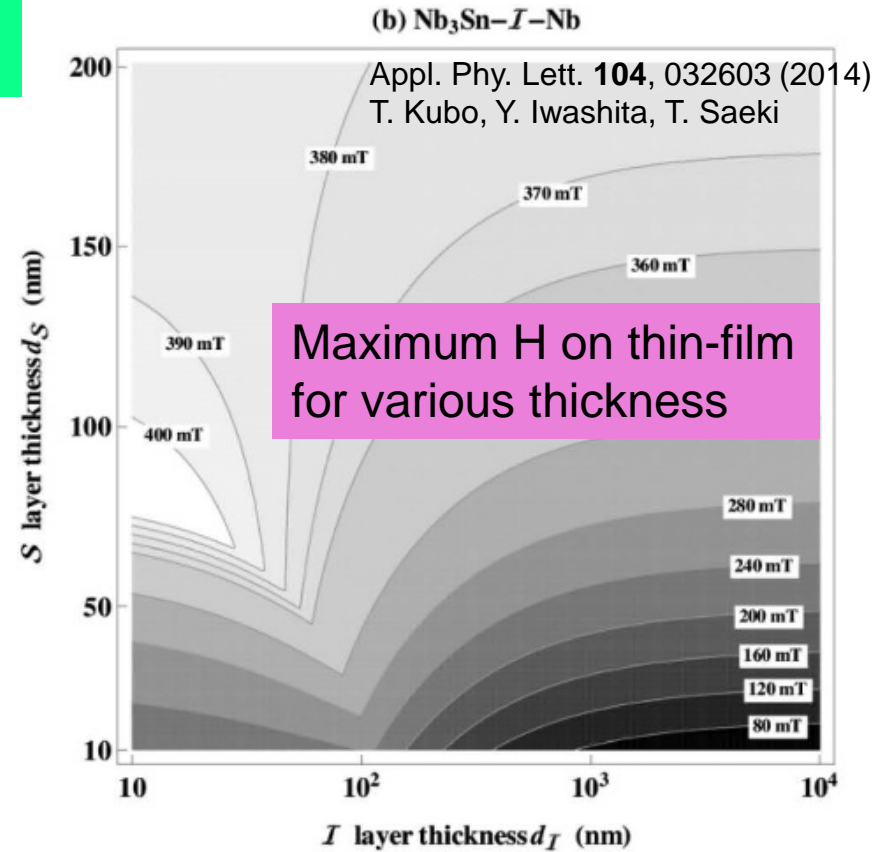
Very big impact on ILC.



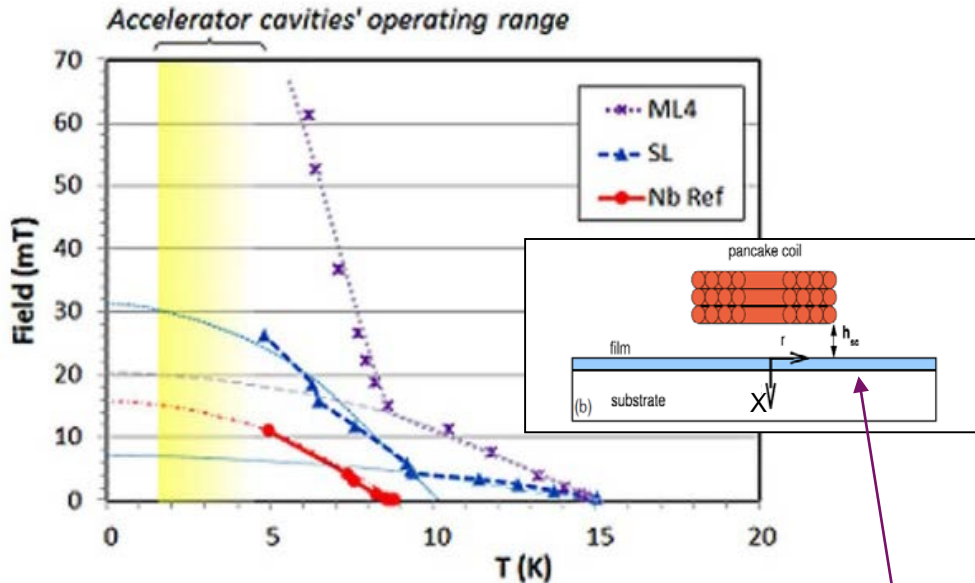
Multi-layer-thin-film



Single-layer-thin-film

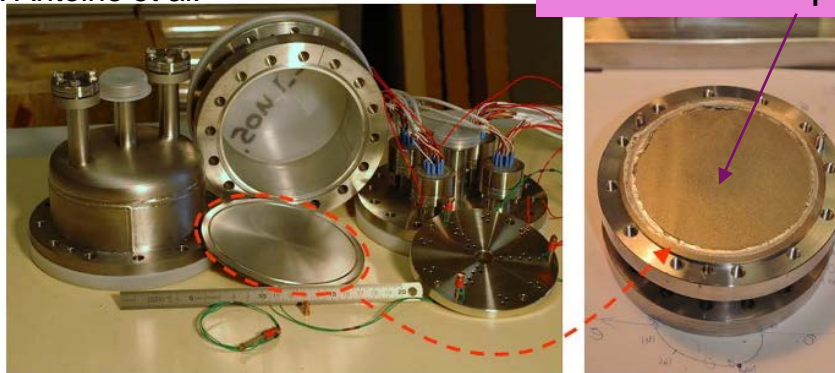


Optimized thicknesses of SC and Insulator layers are calculated.  
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Thin-film samples



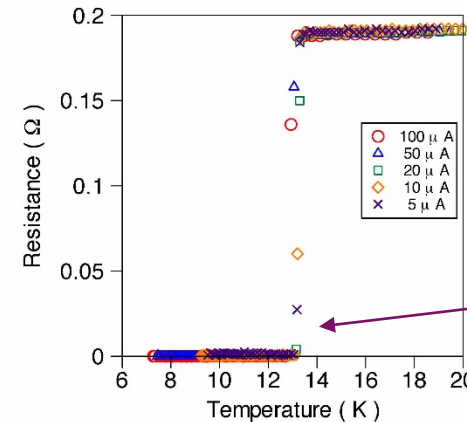
CEA/Saclay has lots of experiences for experiments of thin-film samples.



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KEK just started experiments for thin-film samples.

Thin-film sample NbN (200 nm)



Collaboration for thin-film subjects

<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	1	1000	Irfu
Visit to Japan	150/day	4	600	Irfu
Shipping of cavity	1300	1	1300	Irfu
Tests of cavity	2500	4	10000	Irfu
<b>Total</b>			12900	Irfu
<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	250	2 travels	500	KEK
Visit to France	20/day	20	400	
<b>Total</b>			900	

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