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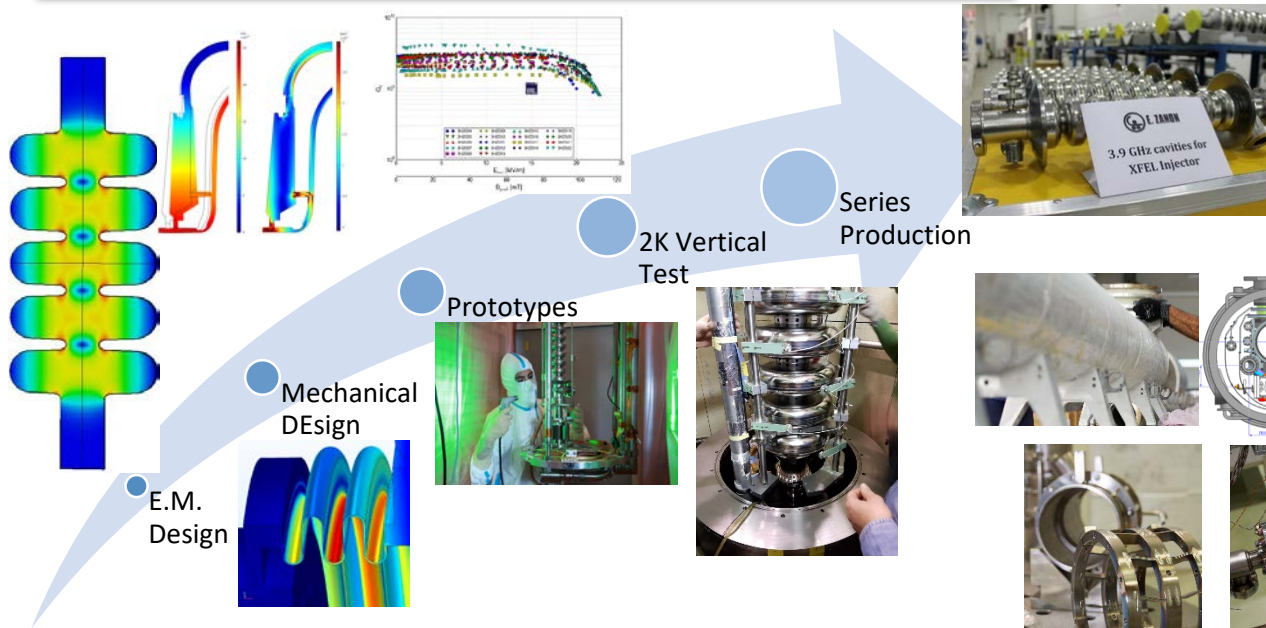
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Outline

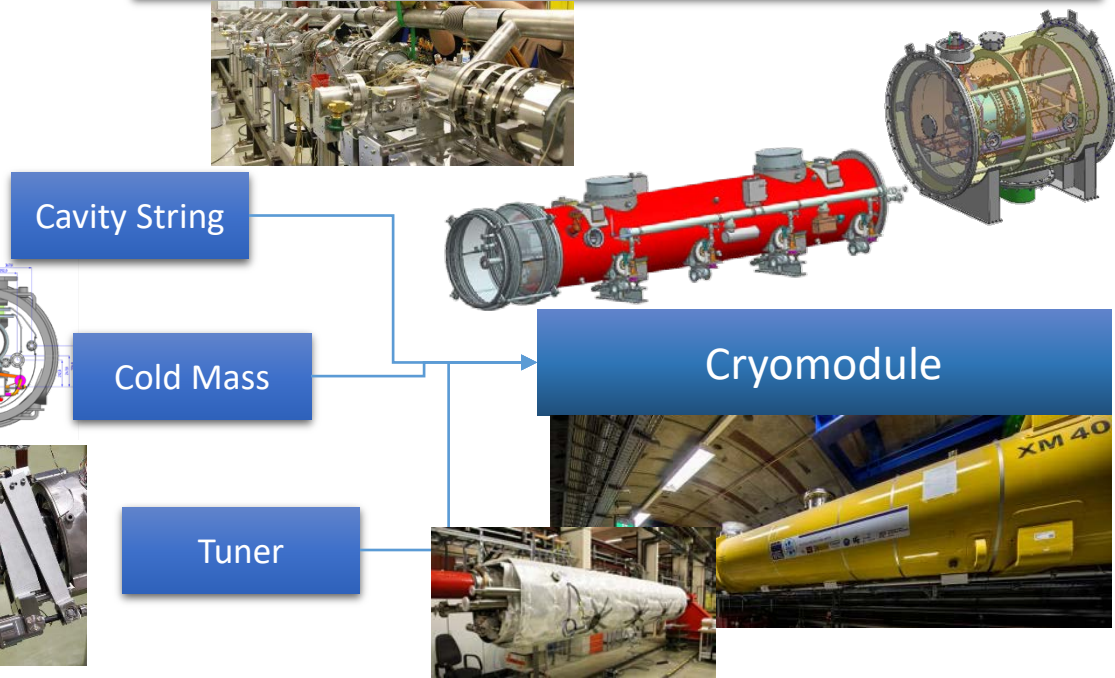
- History of LASA-INFN activities
- LASA expertises:
 - Electromagnetic and mechanical design, surface treatments, prototype production, cavity test and diagnostics, series production. Cryomodules, tuners, magnetic shields
- Main projects:
 - The past: E-XFEL
 - The present: ESS
 - The future: PIP-II
- R&D activities:
 - high Q/high G
 - New criostat design

LASA SRF Group: expertise and experience in SRF

SRF CAVITY FROM DESIGN TO SERIES PRODUCTION



SRF CRYMODULE COMPONENTS DEVELOPMENTS



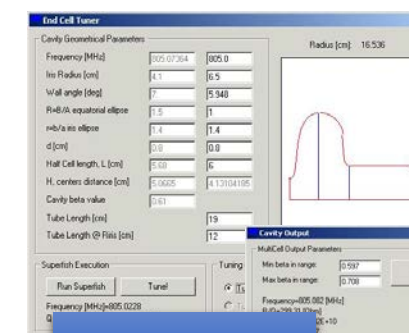
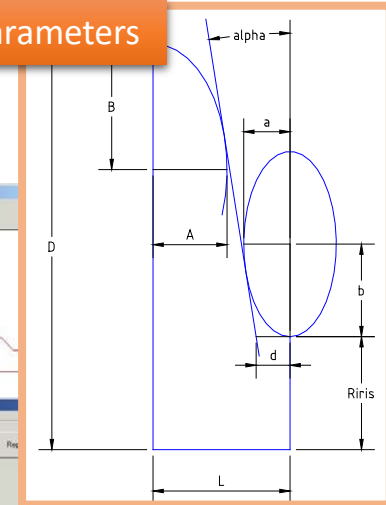
CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS



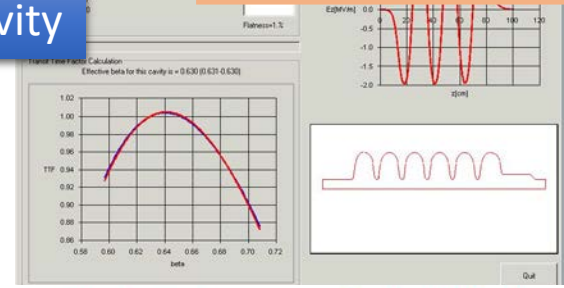
Cavity – Electromagnetic Design

- Full parametric model in terms of **7 geometrical parameters**
- We built a **2D parametric tool BuildCavity** for the analysis of the cavity shape on the **electromagnetic parameters** based on **SUPERFISH**
- A **multicell cavity** is then **built** minimizing Field Flatness error, compute β and TTF as well as final performances
- The **2D model** constitutes the **basis for further 3D simulations** (HFSS, CST) for HOMs, multipacting, field emission considerations

Half Cell Parameters



BuildCavity



INFN Cavity Design

TJNAP Fabrication Based on INFN Design & TTF Technology

Experimental Results 1st Prototypes

$\beta_0 = 0.61$ Cavity for SNS – 4 dies
 Effective β Restriction by TTF case = 0.001

E_p/E_{crit}	2.72 (260 inner cell)
β_0/E_{crit} [mT/(M/m)]	5.73 (5.44 inner cell)
R/O [k]	229
G [k]	214
k [%]	1.53
$Q_{ext} @ 2 \text{ K} [10^9]$	27.8
Frequency [MHz]	805.00
Field Flatness [%]	2

Geometrical Parameters

Inner cell	End Cell Left	End Cell Right (mirror)
L [mm]	55.0	55.0
R_{in} [mm]	49.0	43.0
D [mm]	163.76	165.00
d [mm]	19.0	19.0
r	1.7	1.5
R	1.0	1.0
α [deg]	7.0	7.0

$\beta_0 = 0.81$ Cavity for SNS – 4 dies
 Effective β Restriction by TTF case = 0.002

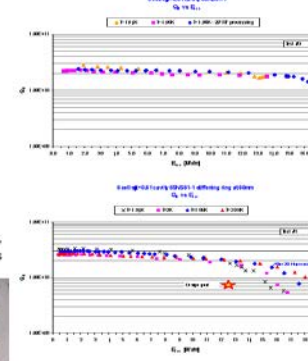
E_p/E_{crit}	2.19 (2.15 inner cell)
β_0/E_{crit} [mT/(M/m)]	4.79 (4.58 inner cell)
R/O [k]	480
G [k]	233
k [%]	1.50
$Q_{ext} @ 2 \text{ K} [10^9]$	36.2
Frequency [MHz]	805.00
Field Flatness [%]	1.1

Geometrical Parameters

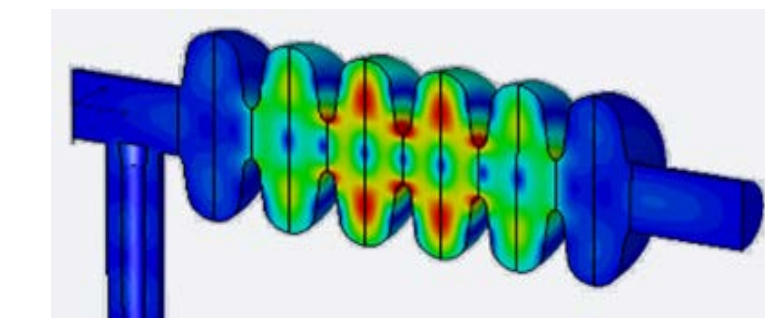
Inner cell	End Cell Left	End Cell Right (mirror)
L [mm]	75.0	75.0
R_{in} [mm]	48.0	40.0
D [mm]	164.10	166.00
d [mm]	19.0	19.0
r	1.8	1.6
R	1.0	1.0
α [deg]	7.0	7.0



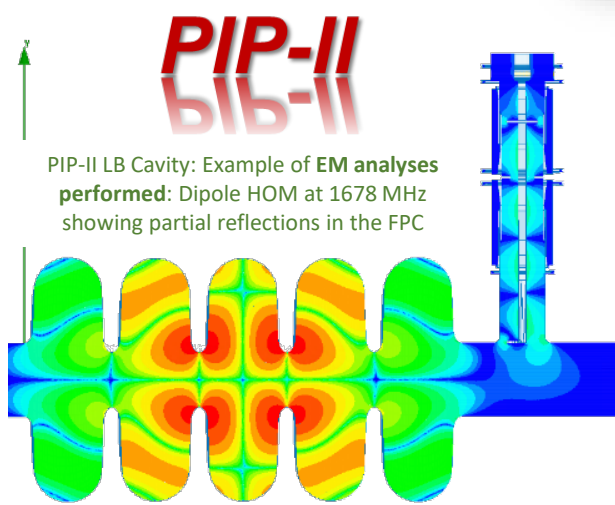
G. Ciovati, former student of mine, working at TJNAP on SNS cavities



MoU between INFN and TJNAP
 "for the Development of low β Superconducting Cavities for Proton Accelerators"



ESS MB Cavity: Example of EM analyses performed: Dipole HOM at 1742.47 MHz

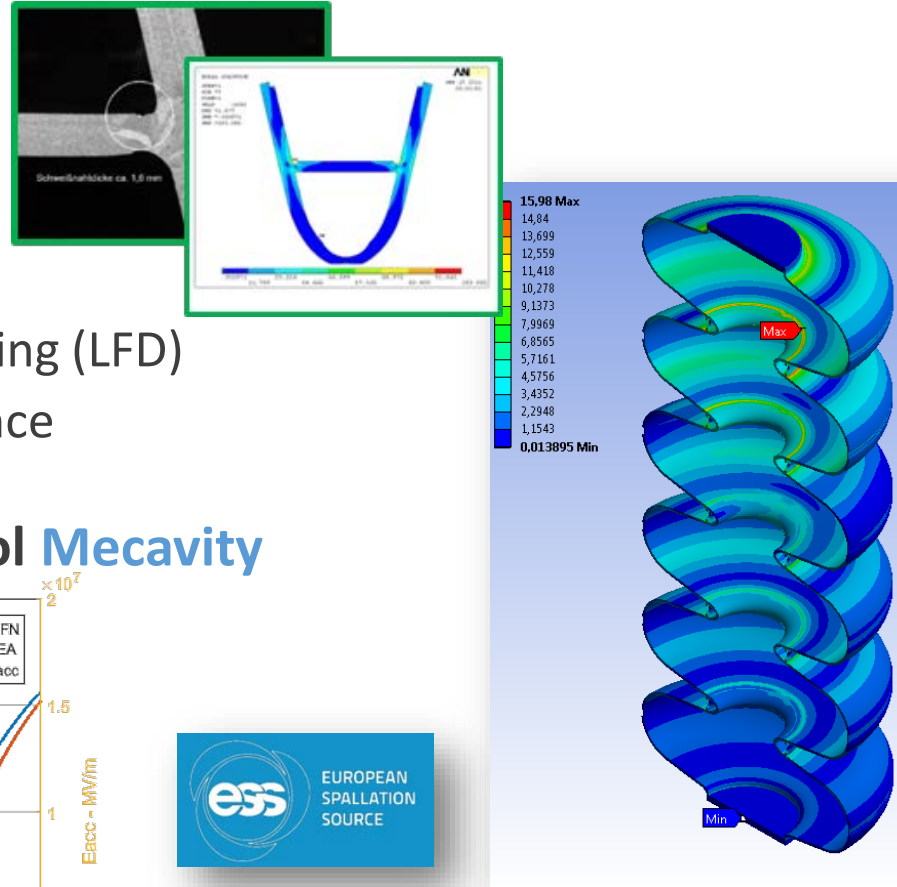


PIP-II LB Cavity: Example of EM analyses performed: Dipole HOM at 1678 MHz showing partial reflections in the FPC

Cavity – Mechanical Design

- The EM design is transferred to mechanical analysis (**iterative loop**) for estimating critical parameters as:

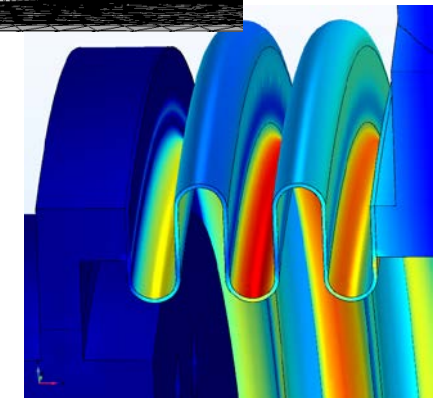
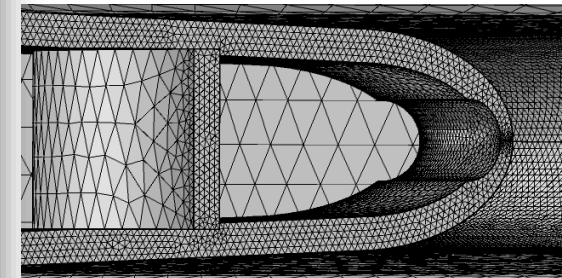
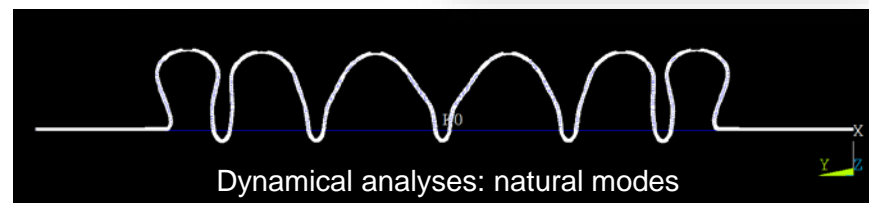
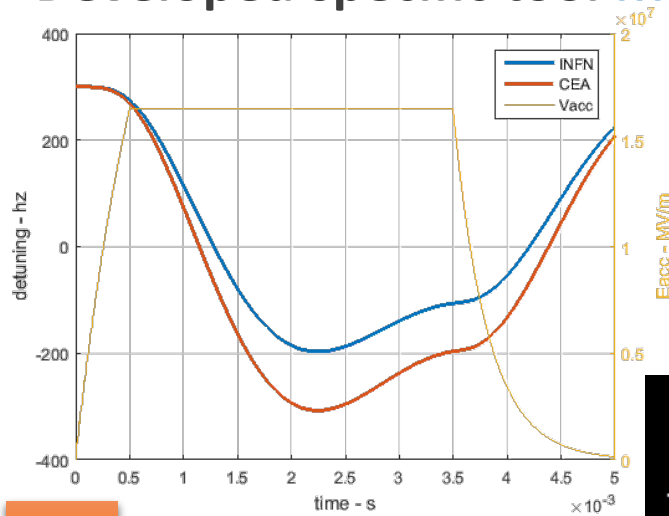
- Ring radius
- Stiffness
- Tuning sensitivity
- Vacuum sensitivity
- Lorentz Force Detuning (LFD)
- PED, ASME compliance



Mechanical Parameters	INFN design
Cavity wall thickness (mm)	4.2
Stiffening ring radius (mm)	70
Internal volume (l)	69
Cavity internal surface (m ²)	1.8
Stiffness (kN/mm)	1.7
Tuning sensitivity K_T (kHz/mm)	205
Vacuum sensitivity K_V	-8
- $k_{ext} \sim 21$ kN/mm (Hz/mbar) -	
LFD coefficient K_L	-1.8
- $k_{ext} \sim 21$ kN/mm (Hz/(MV/m) ²) -	



- Developed specific tool **Mecavity**



PIP-II
BIB-II

LFD

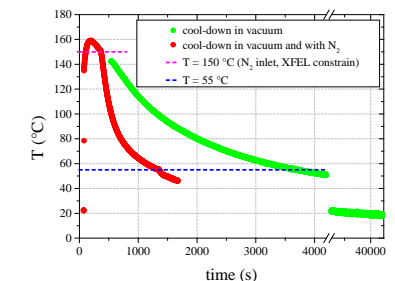
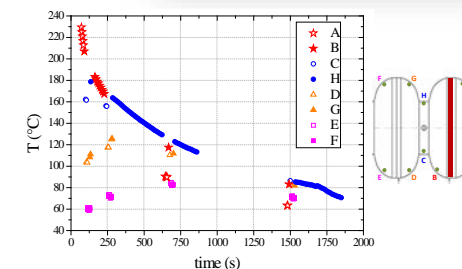
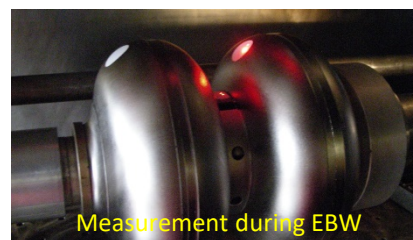
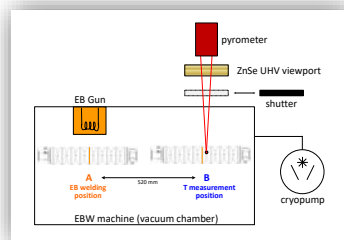
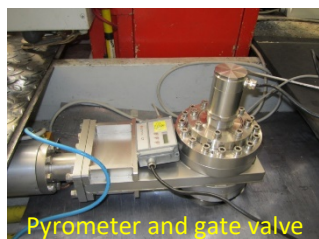
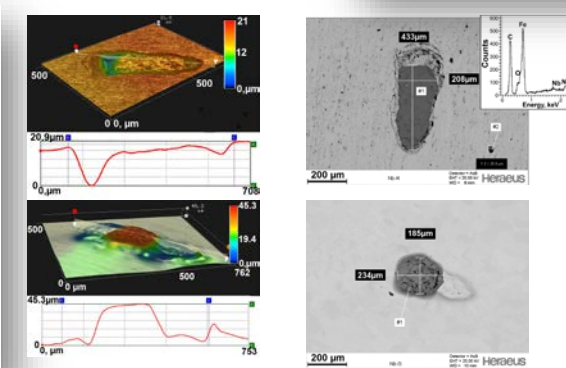
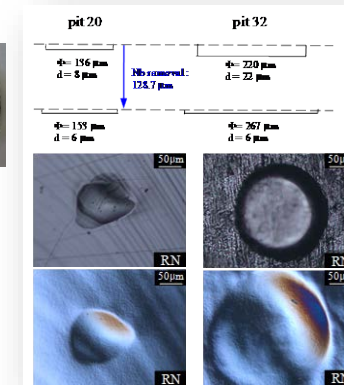
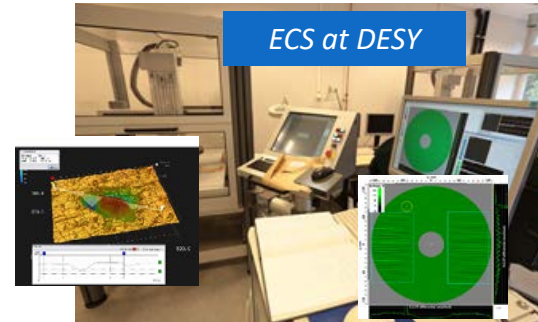
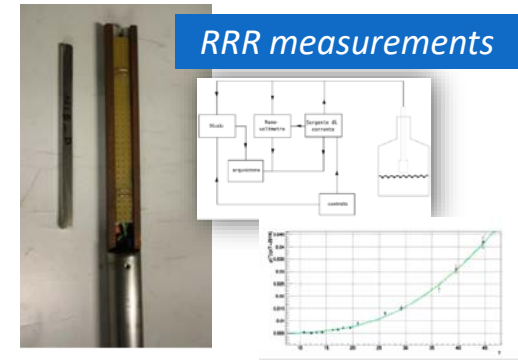
Cavity – Nb studies and characterization

- **Nb quality is critical** for the final cavity performances:

- Mechanical properties (grain size, hardness, thickness, etc.)
- Chemical composition (elements and gas contents)
- RRR (Residual Resistance Ratio)
- Surface defects (scratches, marks, grease, etc.)
- Foreign materials (ECS – Eddy Current Scanning)
- Traceability (pressure vessel code)

- **Studies and tools developed:**

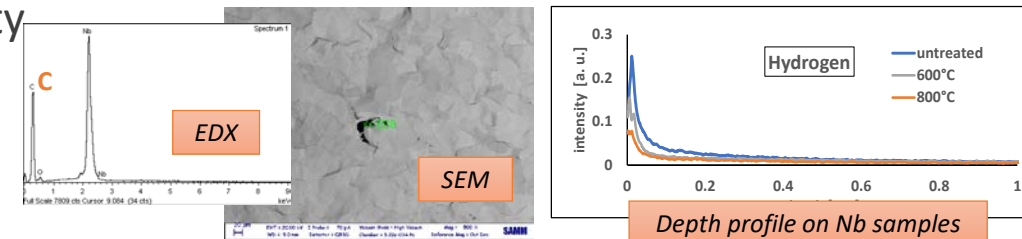
- Treatment studies (BCP/EP) of defect evolution on Nb samples
- Final roughness (Ra) of Nb surface
- RRR measurements set-up
- Experience on FG and LG Nb
- EBW (Electron Beam Welding) studies



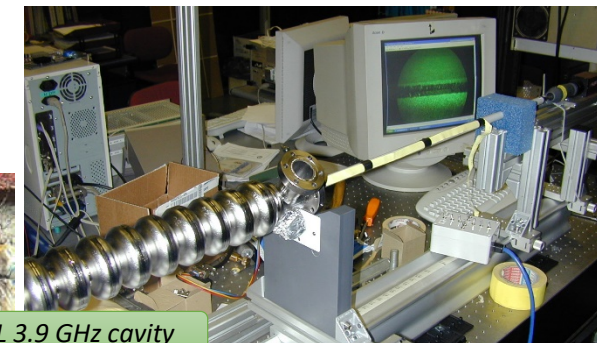
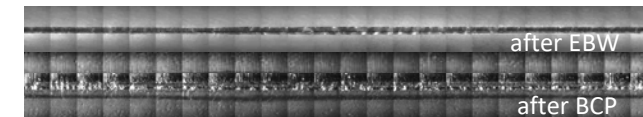
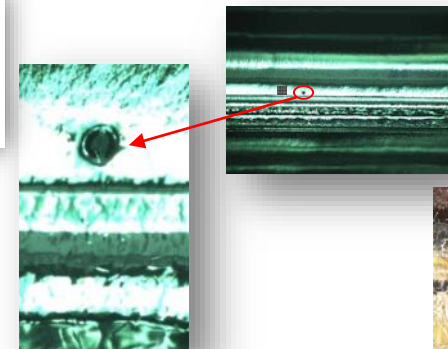
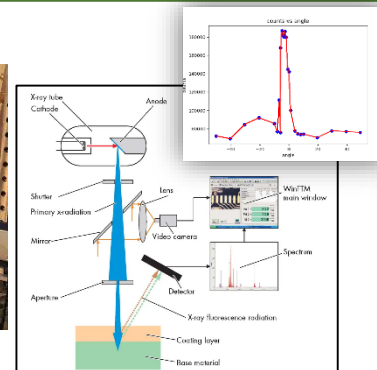
Cavity – Thermal and Surface treatments

- Once the mechanical production is complete, **thermal and surface treatments** play a crucial role in the **cavity preparation** to reach the **final performances**.
- **Thermal treatments** for **stress release, de-hydrogenation, performance improvement**:
 - Vacuum quality (RGA - Residual Gas Analysis), pressure and temperature control, RRR
- **Surface treatments** for **proper finishing and cleaning** of the inner surface exposed to RF:
 - **BCP** (Buffered Chemical Polishing) and **EP** (Electro Polishing)
- **Studies and tools developed**:
 - **Depth profile** and SEM/EDX for process optimization and quality
 - **Acid flow simulation** and **test bench** for process improvement
 - **Temperature** and **thickness evolution during BCP/EP**
 - **Inner visual inspection** set-up for surface finishing check
 - **X-ray fluorescence** set-up for foreign materials analysis (non-destructive diag.)

Annealing cycle

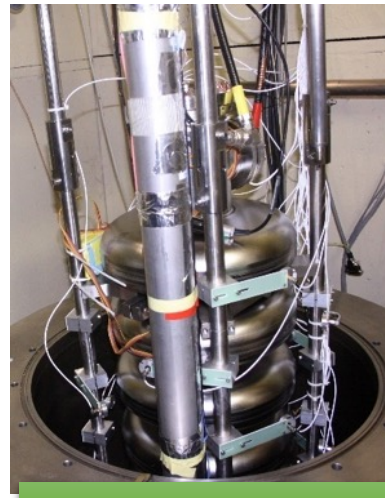


X-ray fluorescence system and Inner optical inspection



Cavity – Cold VT at LASA

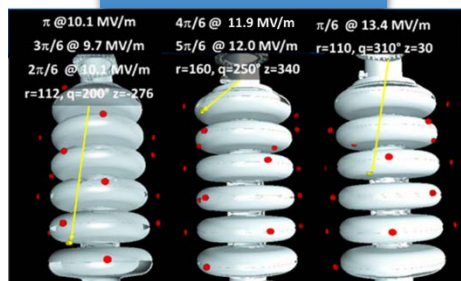
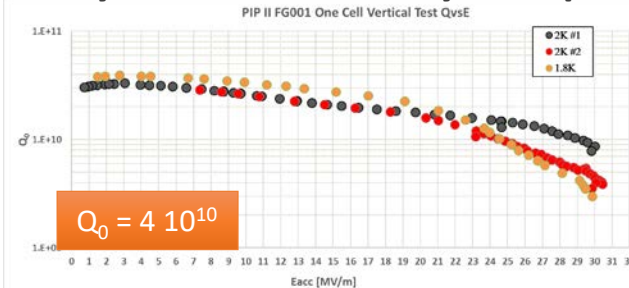
- **Clean Room and UPW**
 - Ultra-Pure Water plant
 - ISO4-7 clean room, HPR system
 - Qualified Slow Pumping Slow Venting system
- **Cryostat:** ϕ 700 mm, 4.5 m length, losses \sim 1 W @ 2 K
- **Residual magnetic field:** < 8 mG (single shield)
 - Single μ metal external shield and, second cryogenic shield (Cryoperm) installed
- **Sub-cooling system:**
 - Cooling power: \sim 60 W @ 2 K
 - Lowest temperature 1.5 K.
 - Direct filling at 2 K
- **RF capability:** 500 to 3900 MHz
- **Dedicated inserts with several diagnostics:**
 - 2nd sound detectors for quench localization
 - cryogenic photodiodes
 - fast thermometry
 - fluxgates/AMR sensors for magnetic mapping
- **X-ray counter and X-ray NaI spectrometer**



Internal Magnetic Shield



Second Sound



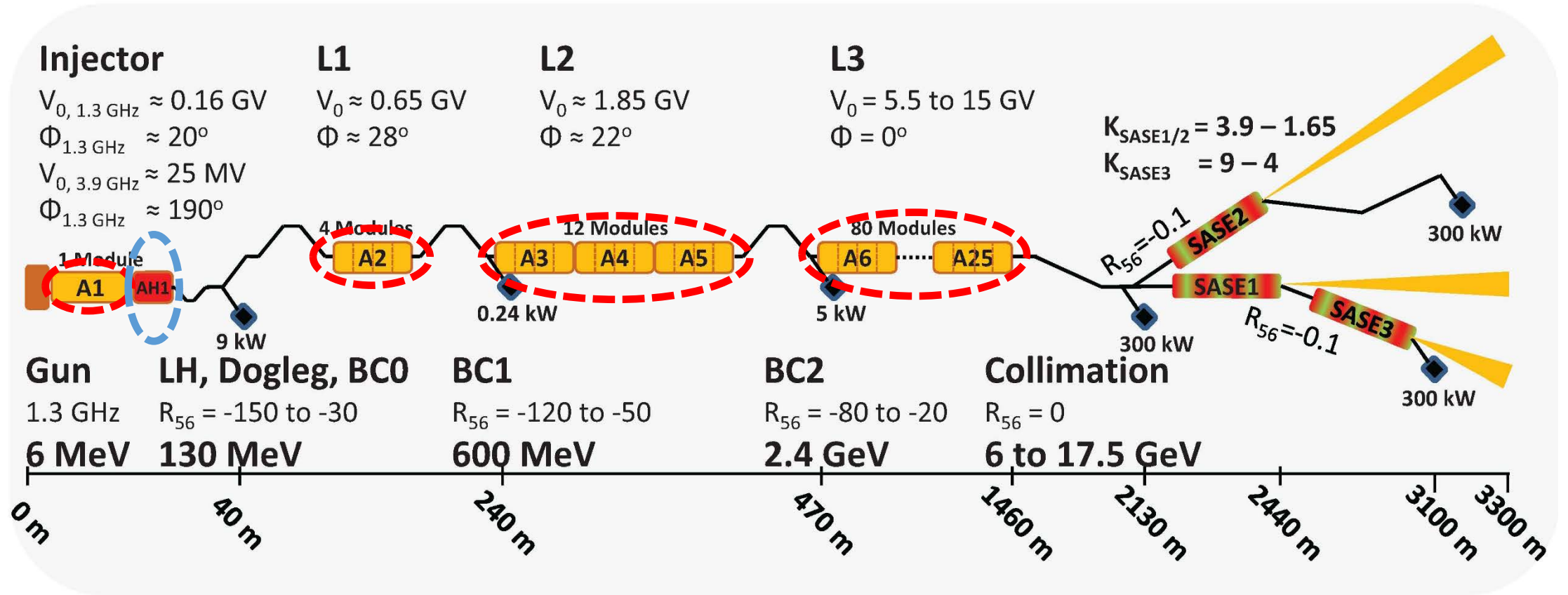
From prototypes to series production

- **Large projects requirements:**
 - **Large number of components** (cavities, cryomodule, ancillaries), **massive number of high quality Nb sheets**
 - **Process optimization (industrialization)** for **high reproducibility** and **reliability**
 - **High production rate**
- **Laboratory resources:**
 - **not able to manage** large numbers in term of quality, man-power, optimized cost, scheduling respect, infrastructures, etc.
- **Criticalities, warnings (mainly for cavities):**
 - **Optimization of components design:** feasible for the production and for repairing action
 - **Stable and feasible preparation process:** **no R&D during series production -> high risk of delays!**
 - **Long production cycle:** from mechanical production to final steps some months -> **risk of several defective cavities and a long and expensive recovery process**
 - **High Quality Control (QA/QC plan) is a must:** diagnostic of large number of parameters during all production steps (failures mitigation)
 - **Preventive maintenance on plants:** mitigation of possible faults

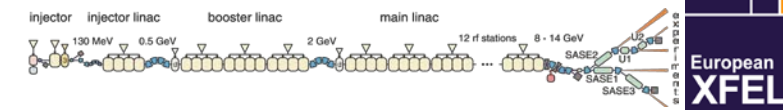
European XFEL

Italian in-kind contribution:

- **1.3 GHz: 320 cavities, 42 cryomodules, QC 800 tuners**
- **3.9 GHz: 1 cryomodule, 20 cavities (blade tuners, He-tanks, magnetic shields)**



European XFEL: 1.3 GHz series cavity

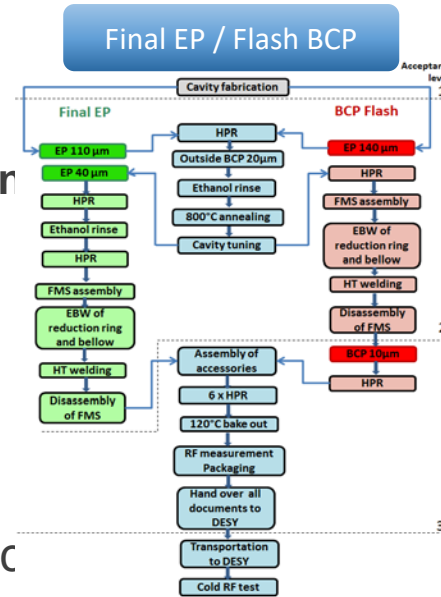


Purposes:

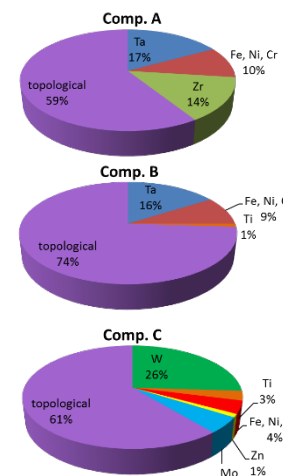
- 800 SC cavities, 3 Nb suppliers, 2 industries, 2 recipes (Final EP/ Flash BCP)
- Average usable E-XFEL gradient
 - $Q_0=1 \times 10^{10}$ @ 23.6 MV/m, X-Rays $< 1 \times 10^{-2}$ mGy/mir
- Delivery rate about 8 CVs/week

How it worked:

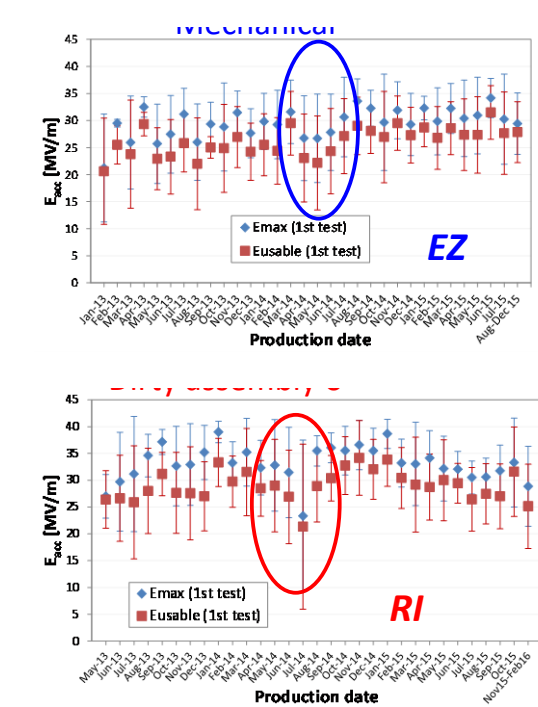
- Materials and vendors qualification (Nb)
- Definition of production specs (2 recipes), PED 4.3 compliant (prototypes, TESLA experience)
- Cavity producers qualification (mechanical)
- Technology transfer to industries
- Grown and qualification of infrastructures
- Qualification of the transferred technology
- Set-up of the «external» QA/QC at industries
- Series cavities production: continuous monitoring of key parameters
- Prompt feedback of the production quality (analysis of VT vs. key parameters)



Inclusions in Nb sheets



Analysis VT @ 2 K vs. running production quality



120 °C baking system (EZ)



HPR cabinet (RI)

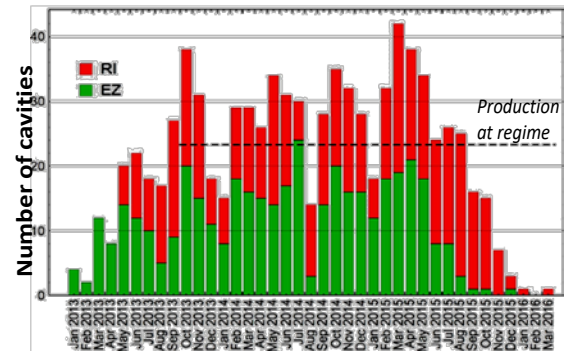
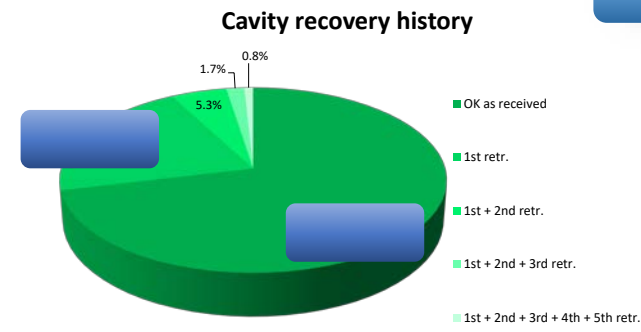
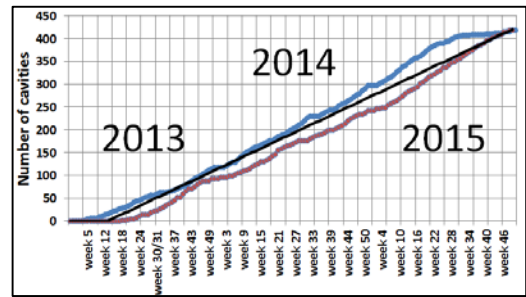
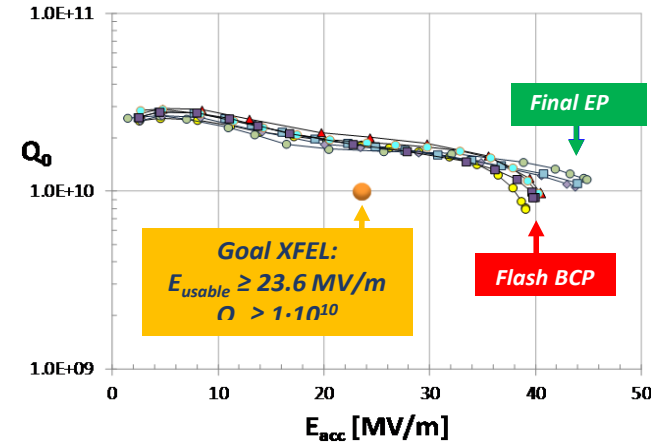


EBW (EZ)

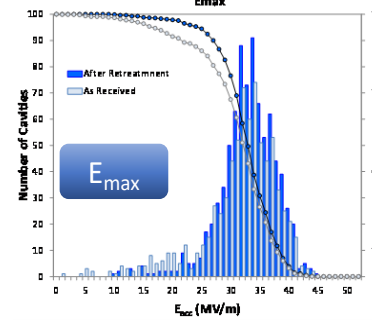
European XFEL: 1.3 GHz series cavity results

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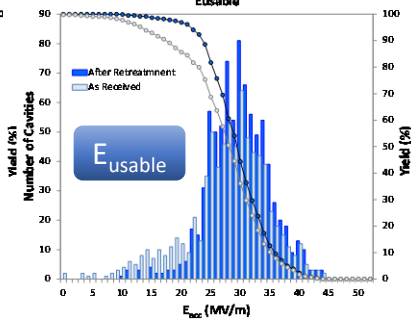
- **Accepted Cavities as Delivered: $\approx 70\%$** (over 800)
- After Additional Treatments (mainly HPR): **all cavities accepted**
- **Rejected Cavities** (replaced by companies): **8 (1%)**
- In total **3 years** (2013-2015)



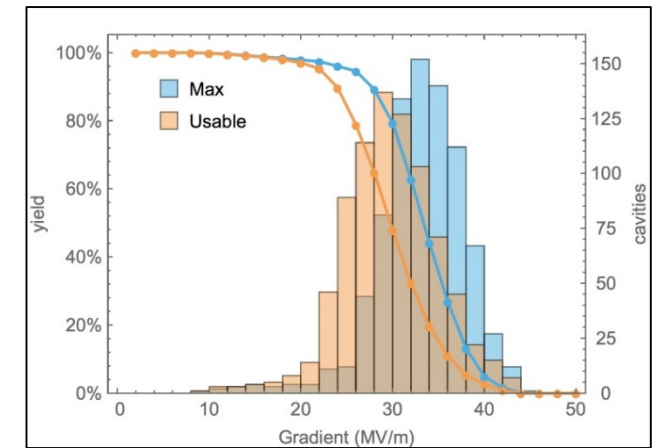
DESY Arrival Date



After 33.0 ± 4.8 [MV/m]
Before 31.4 ± 6.8 [MV/m]



After 29.8 ± 5.1 [MV/m]
Before 27.7 ± 7.2 [MV/m]



Final Performances

$E_{max} = 33.0 \pm 4.8$ [MV/m]

$E_{usable} = 29.8 \pm 5.1$ [MV/m]

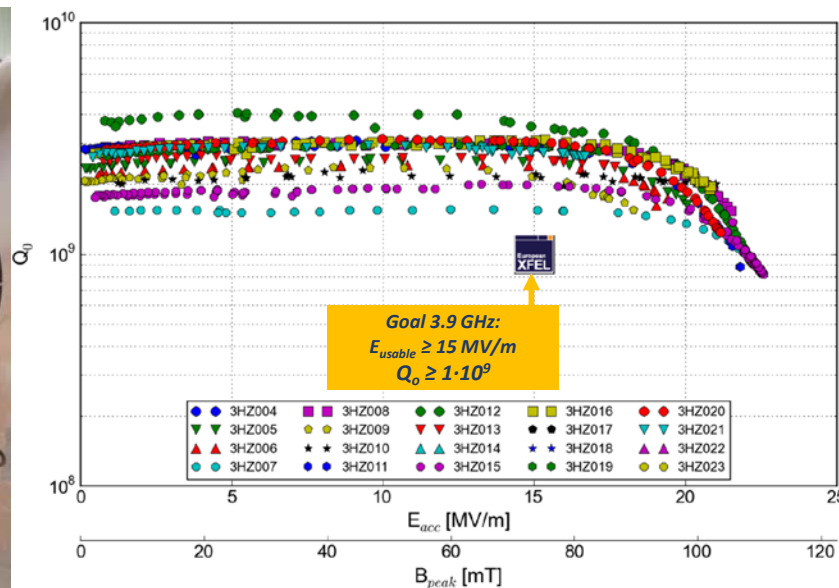
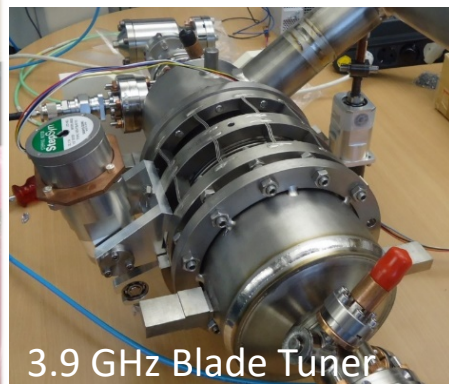
Q_0 (23.6MV/m) = 1.4 ± 0.2 [10^{10}]

($E_{goal} = 23.6$ [MV/m], $Q_0 \geq 1 \cdot 10^{10}$)

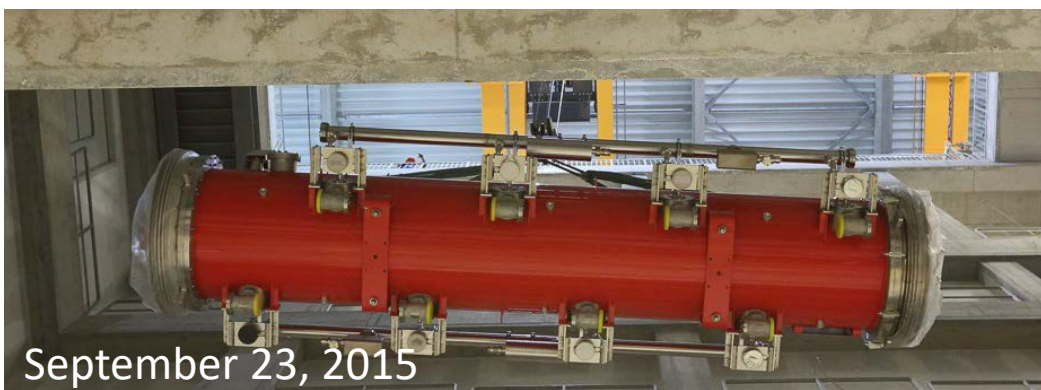
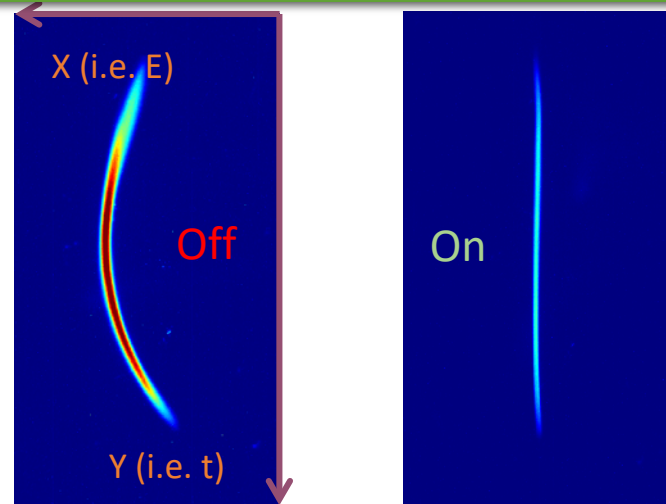
European XFEL: 3.9 GHz cavity and cryomodule results

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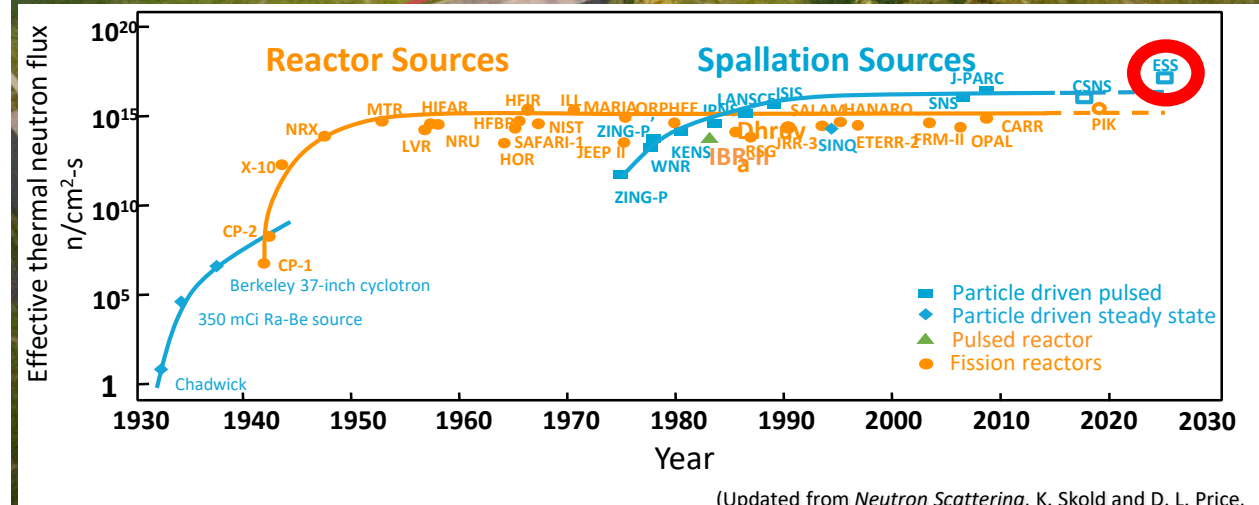
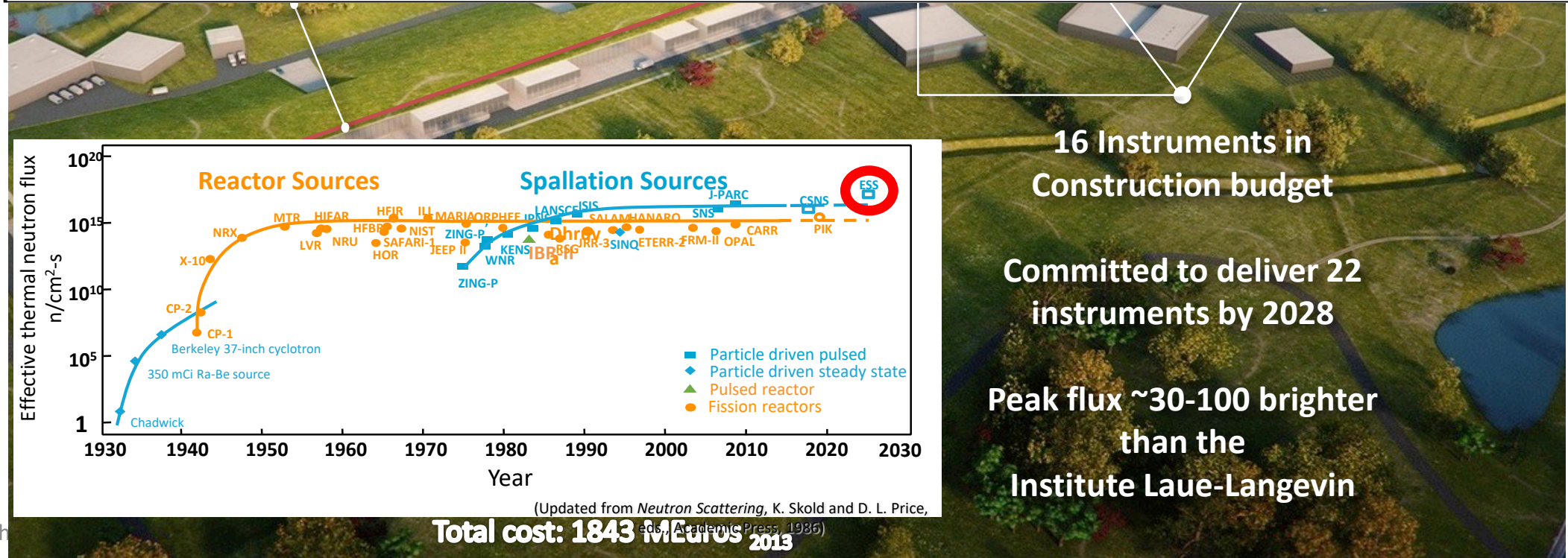
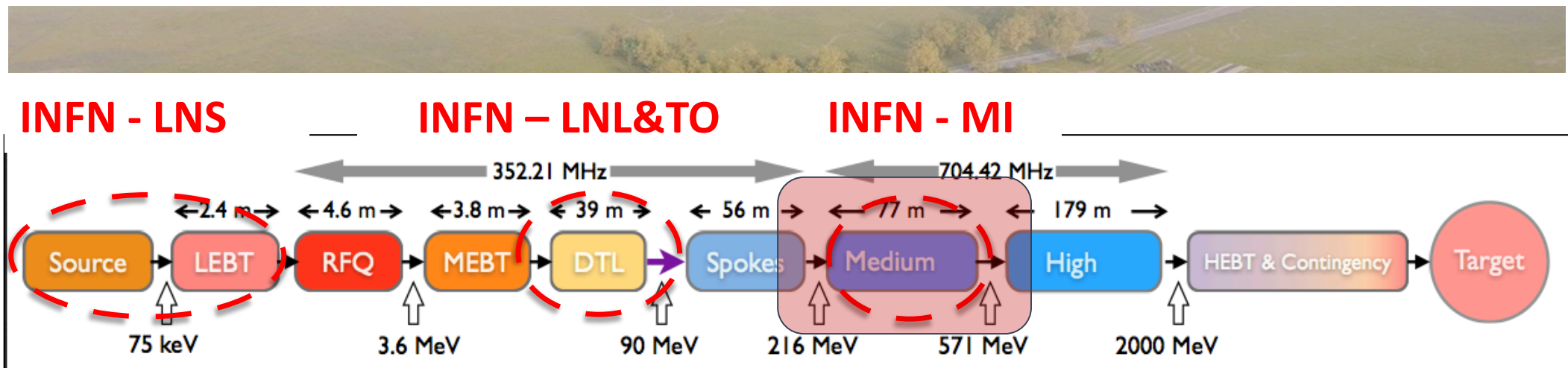
- **Accepted Cavities as Delivered:** 85% of 20 overall
- After Additional Treatments (only HPR): **all accepted**
- **Rejected Cavities:** none
- Delivery rate: **2 cavs/3 weeks**



RF Curvature Linearization by AH1



European Spallation Source



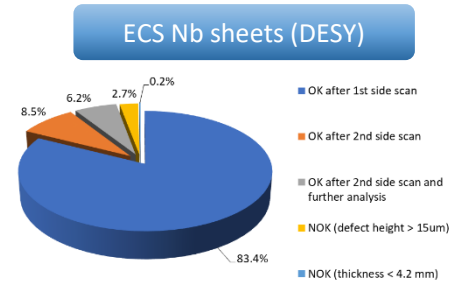
ESS: 704.4 MHz series cavity

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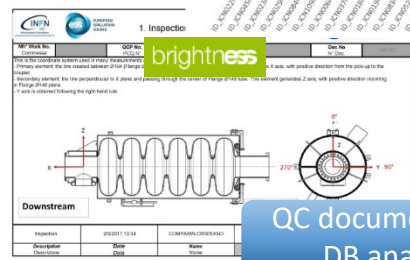
- 36 (+2) SC cavities, 1 Nb suppliers, 1 industry, 1 recipe (BCP)
- ESS medium β (0.67) $Q_0 = 5 \cdot 10^9 @ 16.7 \text{ MV/m}$

How it is working:

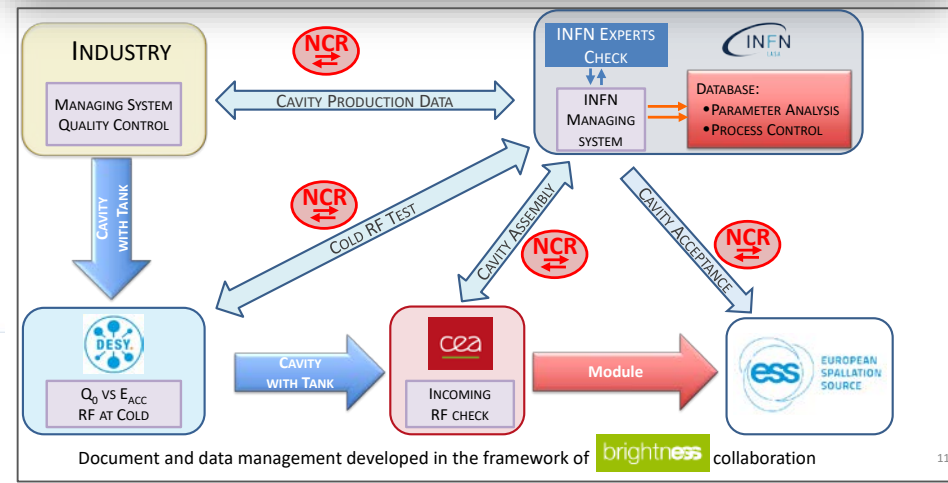
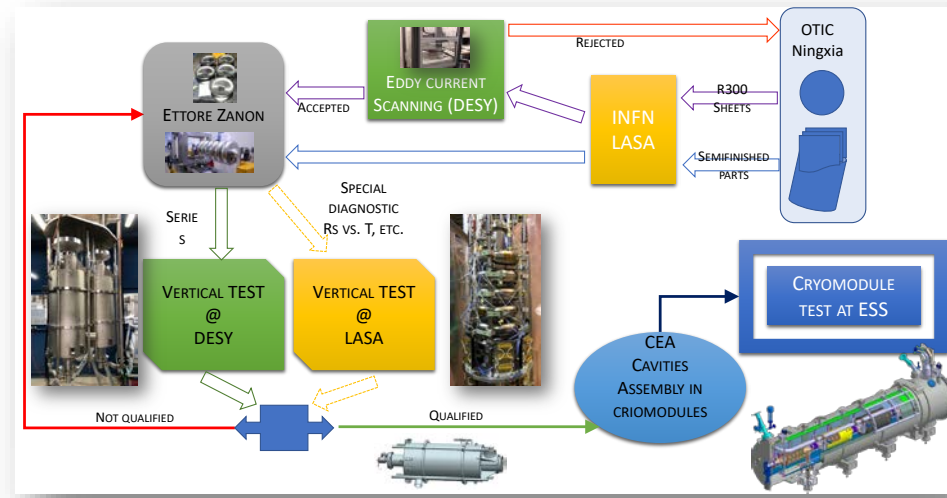
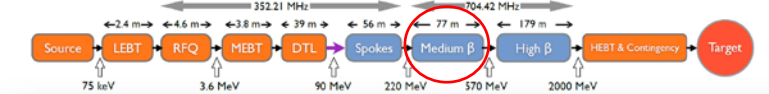
- Definition of Nb specs and QC (inspection at Nb vendor, ECS at DESY)
- Optimization of the RF and mechanical design
- Definition of detailed production specs (1 recipe), PED sound engineering practice compliant (3 prototypes)
- Infrastructures adapted to 704.4 MHz larger geometry and qualified (BCP treatment, new HPR head geometry, new inner inspection system, EP treatment, tuning machine)
- Definition of the QC plan -> QC improved for the interfaces between all partners (INFN-Industry-DESY-CEA-ESS)
- Management of all documentation (INFN Alfresco based) and database developed for analysis of key production parameters
- Cold VT at LASA for «special» cavities (more diagnostics available)



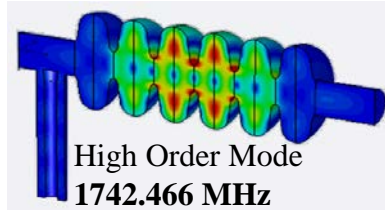
Item	Spec	Value	Unit
A11	Surface roughness	0.4	µm
A12	Surface cleanliness	10	µm
A13	Surface oxidation	0.1	µm
A14	Surface porosity	0.1	µm



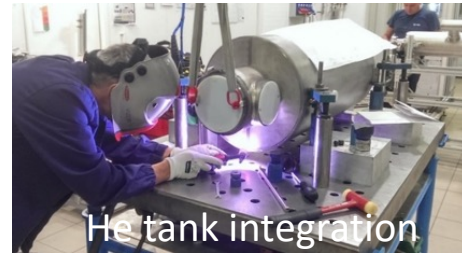
QC documents and DB analysis



Document and data management developed in the framework of **brightness** collaboration

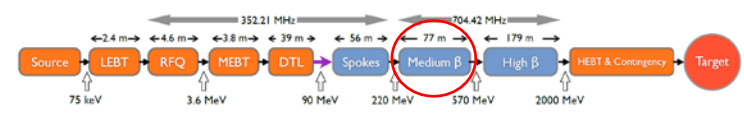


High Order Mode
1742.466 MHz



He tank integration

ESS: 704.4 MHz series cavity results

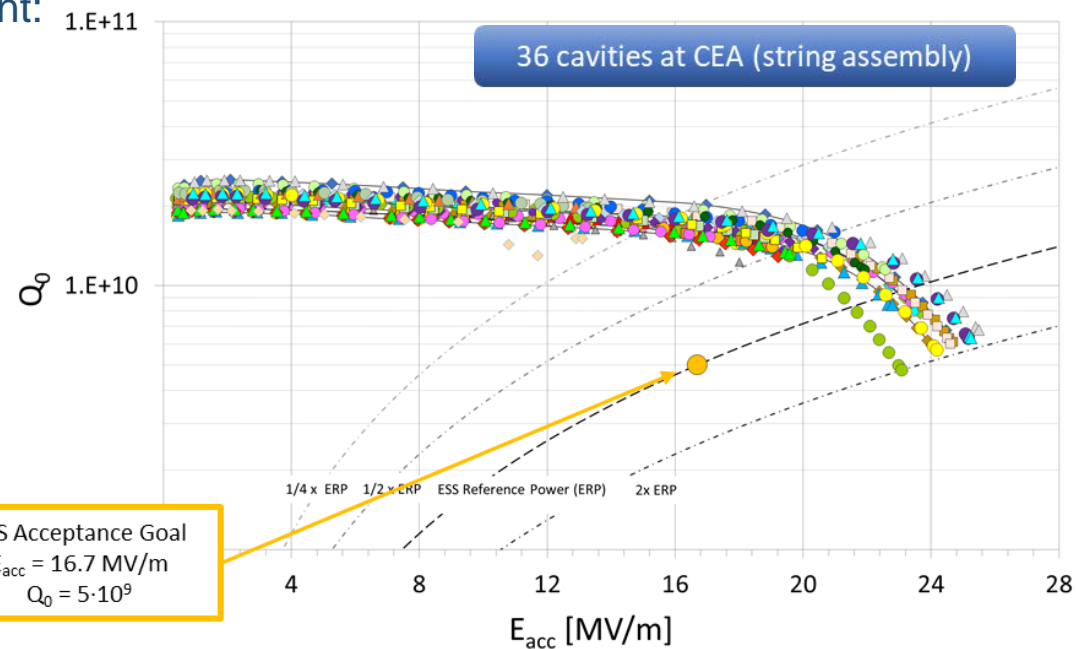
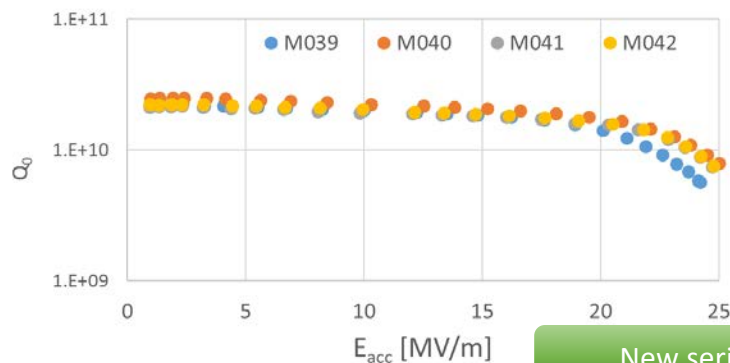
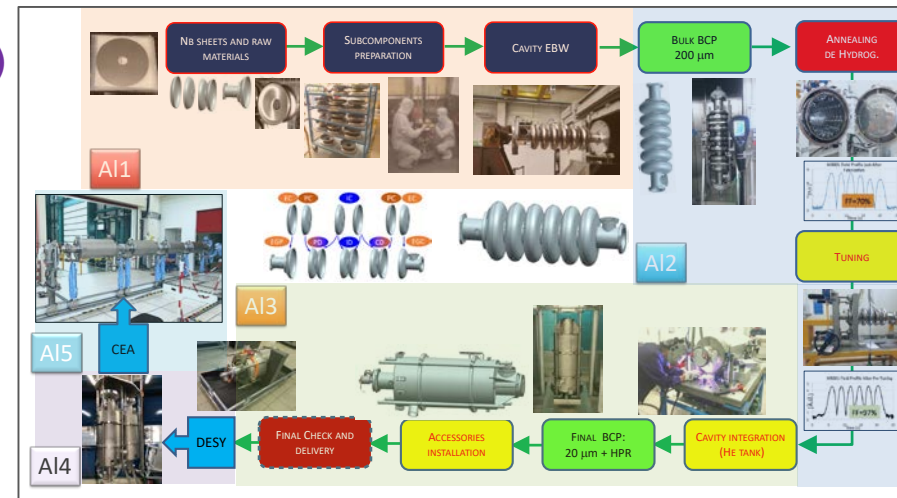


Results:

- Cavities at CEA for string assembly (cryomodule): 36 (+1 spare)
- Accepted Cavities as Delivered: 27
- Recovered after Additional Treatments
 - HPR: 3; EP: 3
- Further 4 cavities produced (EP cycle):
 - Now integrated in cryomodule 9 @ ESS
- Cavities in quarantine: 5

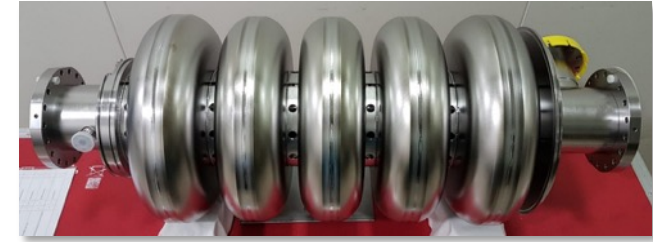
Recovery strategy:

- HPR improved to better fit the cell shape (new head), EP adapted to ESS shape for surface treatment:
 - > performance improvement of MP/FE limited cavities
- rotating BCP on integrated cavities:
 - > some performance improvement
- Risk mitigation with 4 new cavities produced:
 - > all cavities overcome ESS goal (EP process)



INFN in-kind contribution to PIP-II

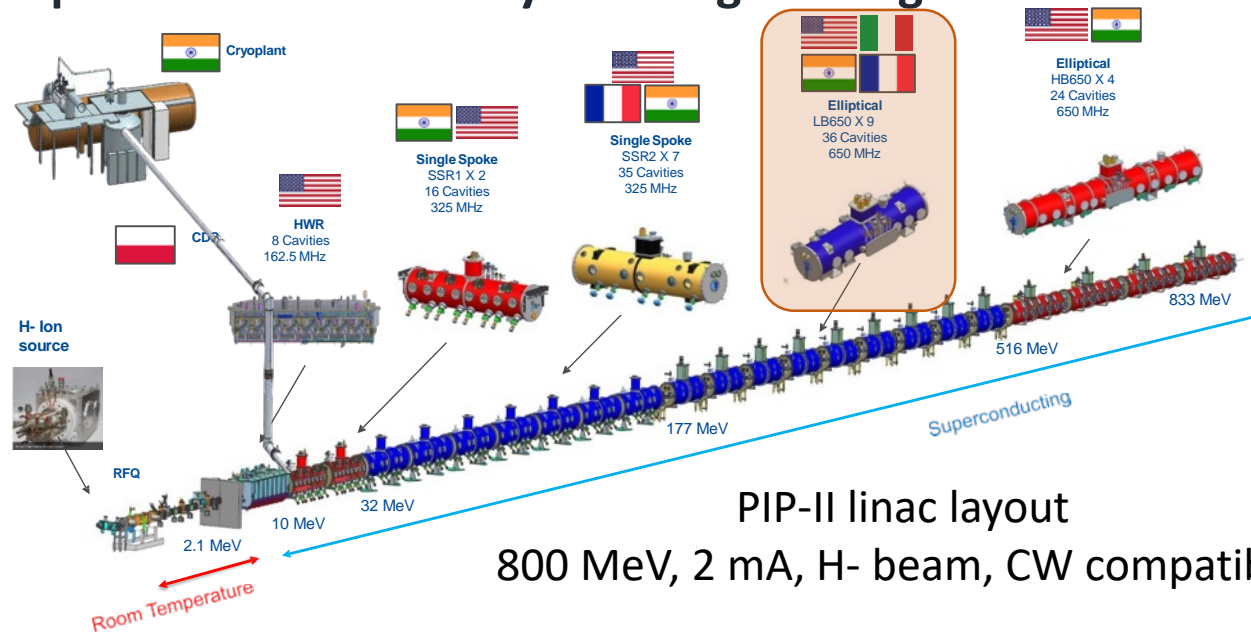
INFN LASA provided a *novel RF design for the LB650 cavities*, compliant to Fermilab technical interfaces and specifications (outstanding Q_0 requirements).



INFN-LASA contribution will cover the needs of LB650 section:

- **2 proto cavities** to validate processing and tech. transfer
- **38 SC cavities** required to equip 9 cryomodules with 2 spares, delivered as ready for string assembly.
- **Qualification** via vertical cold-test provided by INFN through a qualified cold-testing infrastructure acting as a subcontractor
- **Compliance to the PIP-II System Engineering Plan**

PIP-II LB650 Project Specifications	
Acc. Gradient	16.9 MV/m
Q_0	$2.4 \cdot 10^{10}$
RF rep rate	20 Hz to CW
Beta	0.61



PIP-II linac layout
800 MeV, 2 mA, H- beam, CW compatible

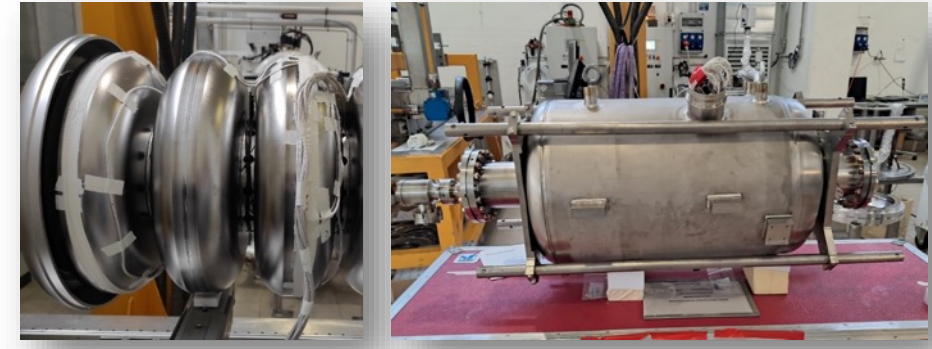
INFN Deliverable Components	Acceptance Early Date
LB Jacketed Cavities (Batch 1 - Qty 4) and Pre-Series (Qty 2)	Jun-2025
LB Jacketed Cavities (Batch 2 - Qty 4)	Aug-2025
LB Jacketed Cavities (Batch 3 - Qty 4)	Oct-2025
LB Jacketed Cavities (Batch 4 - Qty 4)	Dec-2025
LB Jacketed Cavities (Batch 5 - Qty 4)	Feb-2026
LB Jacketed Cavities (Batch 6 - Qty 4)	Apr-2026
LB Jacketed Cavities (Batch 7 - Qty 4)	Jun-2026
LB Jacketed Cavities (Batch 8 - Qty 4)	Sep-2026
LB Jacketed Cavities (Batch 9 - Qty 4)	Oct-2026



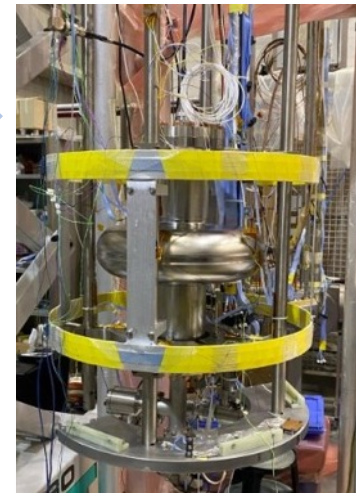
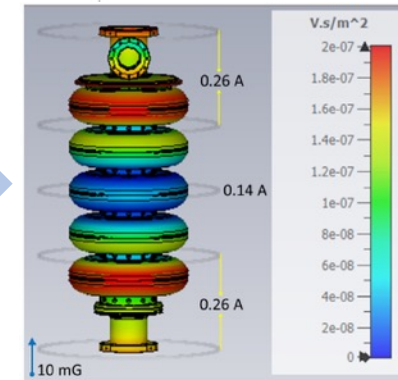
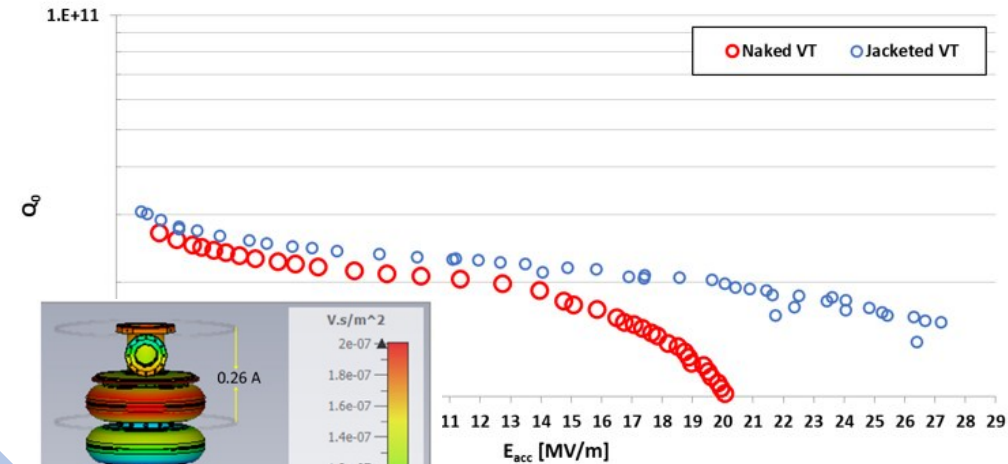
LB650 on-going activities at INFN

R&D towards high Q_0 and preparation for transfer to industry

- Prototypes to **develop proper surface treatments**
 - B61-EZ-001 jacketed and tested at FNAL
 - B61-EZ-002 jacketed and tested at LASA
 - B61S-EZ-001 single cell treated and tested at FNAL
 - B61S-EZ-002 treated, jacketed and tested at LASA
 - B61S-EZ-003 single cell processed and tested at LASA
- **Develop diagnostic** for process control
- Analytical Field-Emission model
- **Cavity transport boxes** developed; prototypes built
- Prepare **LASA test station** for high Q_0 measurements
 - Lower residual magnetic field, Helmholtz coils
 - Faster cool-down rate across SC transition



B61-EZ-002 - Naked vs. Jacketed VT



Main procurements in view of the series production

- **RRR300 Nb** tender: 1st batch inspected in Oct. 23 and delivered, next Eddy Current Scanning.
- Agreement with DESY in progress for **Eddy current scanning** and **series cavity vertical tests**
- **Cavity manufacturing, treatment and preparation**: CFT and selection closed, waiting for final awarding.

INFN High-Q/High-G R&D activities

Foreseen activity (3 years):

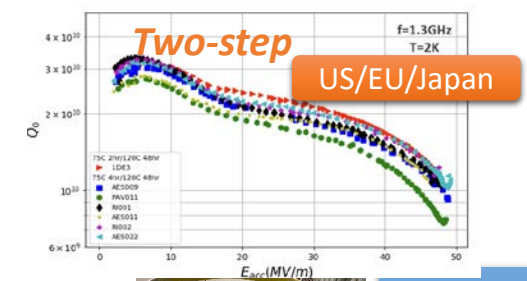
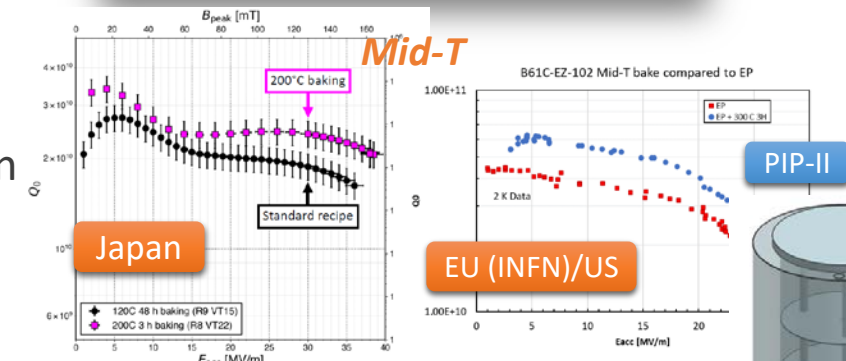
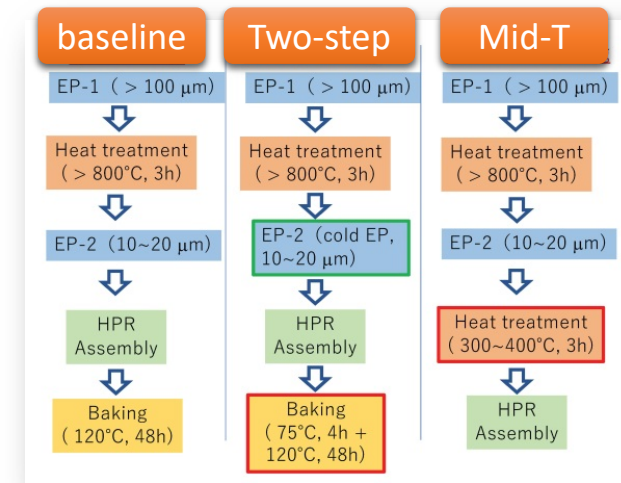
- **Surface treatments** development for reaching High-Q/High-G performances (single-cells)
- **Industrialization:** from single to multicell cavity
- **R&D on cavity ancillaries** (tuner, magnetic shield, etc,)

R&D for High-Q/High-G cavities :

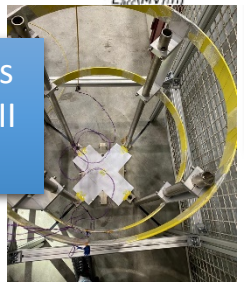
- 1-cells 1.3 GHz: **surface and thermal treatments** development & qualification
 - E-XEFL (baseline), Mid-T , two-step baking
 - Cold VT (qualification) at LASA and in other labs (results validation)
- 9-cells 1.3 GHz: **industrialization** (9-cells) of the developed process

Upgrade of LASA VT system:

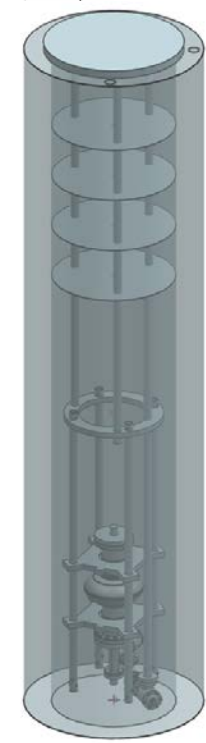
- **New cryostat dedicated to R&D:**
 - Design specifically for R&D on TESLA type single- and multi-cell cavities
 - Much faster overall work cycle compared to main cryostat
 - Active B-field compensation by design



Helmholtz coils (based on PIP-II experience)

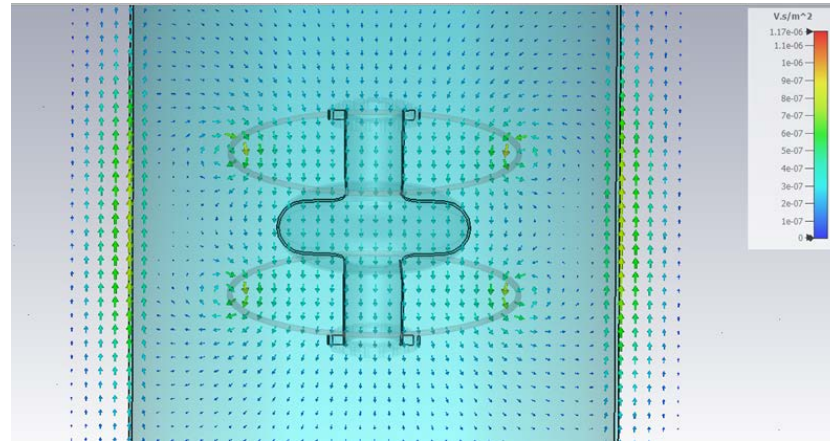


Sketch of R&D cryostat and insert

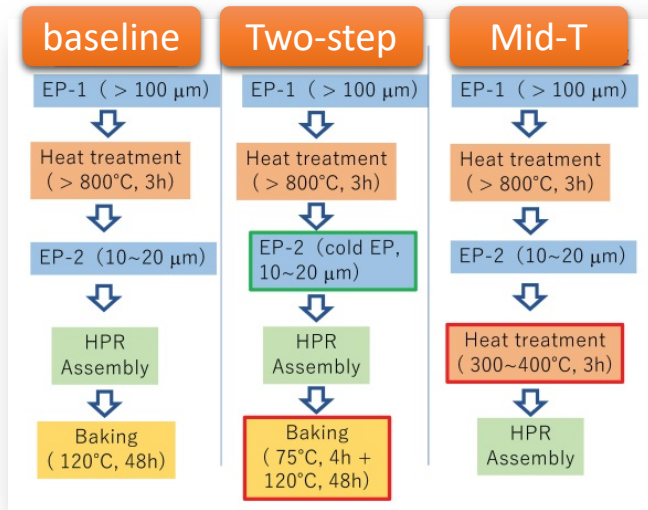
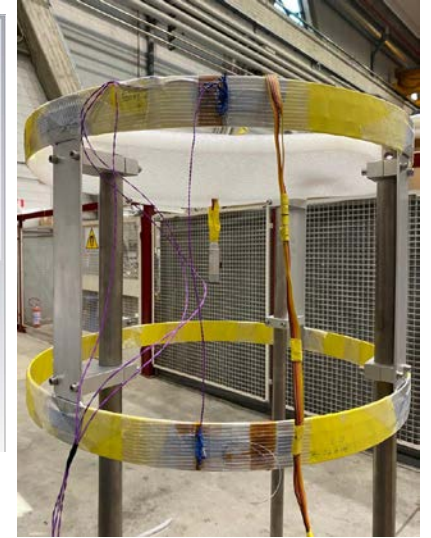


INFN High-Q/High-G R&D: experience on PIP-II LB650 single-cells

- The same recipes foreseen for the 1.3 GHz cavities are currently carried out on the PIP-II LB650 single cell prototypes
- This allows a real-time optimization of treatment parameters (EP, furnace for baking, HPR,....)

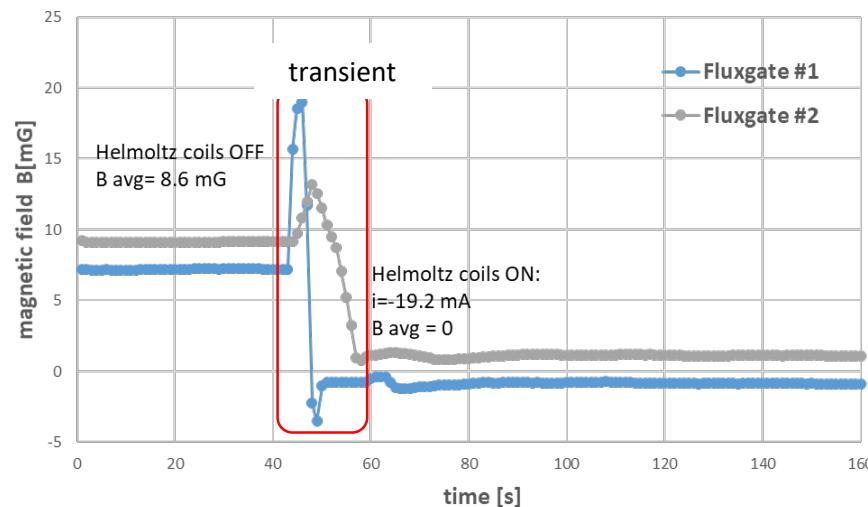


Coil field + residual field CST simulation

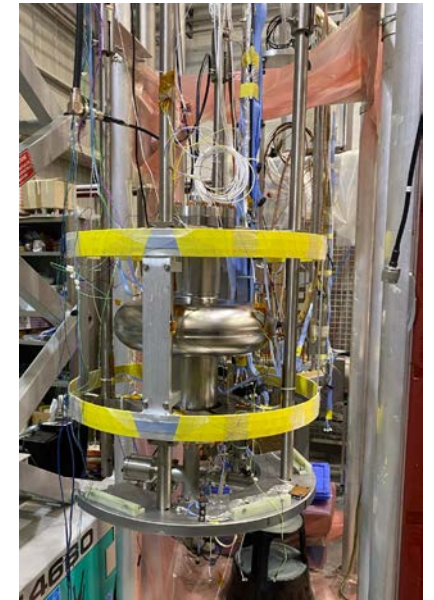


Done To be done Done

Field cancellation during cooldown



PIP-II Vertical insert with Helmholtz coils



Sinergies: ITN e EAJADE

• ILC Technology Network (ITN), 2-4 years

derived from ILC IDT (ILC International Development Team) to support pre-lab technological priorities as identified by the International Expert Panel

- March '23: budget approved by Japan; KEK-CERN agreement: signed in July 2023
- **INFN Milano LASA** involved in ILC SRF activities (R&D and industrialization of 1.3 GHz cavities)
- **Activities foreseen in 2023-2026**
 - Treatments targeted to ILC goal (single and 9-cell cavities) towards industrialization with qualified vendors
 - Harmonization of pressure vessel codes (PED/ASME/HPGS)
 - Fine Grain and Mid Grain Nb studies for single and 9-cell cavities -> in view of the cost reduction
 - Assembly at KEK of an ILC cryomodule with 1 EU cavity, 1 US cavity and 6 Japan cavities

Item	Parameters
C.M. Energy	250 GeV
Length	20km
Luminosity	$1.35 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
Repetition	5 Hz
Beam Pulse Period	0.73 ms
Beam Current	5.8 mA (in pulse)
Beam size (μ) at FF	7.7 μm @250GeV
SRF Cavity G. Q_0	31.5 MV/m (35 MV/m) $Q_0 = 1 \times 10^{10}$

ILC cavity Goal

• EAJADE, 4 years



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Staff Exchanges

Staff exchange network for accelerator R&D within elementary particle physics

- Exchange between:
 - EU labs/university and US-Japan labs/universities
 - EU labs/university and EU industries
- started in March 2023, 4 years duration
- Six WPs
- **INFN responsibility:**
 - WP2 lead beneficiary L. Monaco (*State-of-the-art high-gradient, high-efficiency, reduced-cost radio-frequency structures and power Sources*)



Conclusive remarks

- LASA is involved since several years in the field of SRF
 - Cavity design (EM and mechanical), prototyping, study of material and surface treatments, vertical test in the LASA facility. Beyond cavities: cryomodule installation, tuner, magnetic shields,...
- LASA contributes to the series production of cavities for acceleration of electrons (E-XFEL) and protons (ESS, PIP-II)
- LASA is devoted to R&D activities for the development of surface treatments for high-Q/high-G performances in view of future colliders
 - Study and industrialization of cutting-edge surface recipes
 - Project and development of a cryostat for prototypes with high magnetic hygiene and dedicated diagnostics to investigate possible performance limitations.