Q-Slope Studies at Fermilab: New Insight From Cavity and Cutouts Investigations

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Outline

- New experimental findings on Q slopes
  - Decomposition of the components of surface resistance (R_{BCS} and R_{res})
    - Shows which Q slope is due to what component
- New superconducting measurements
  - Low energy muon spin rotation
    - Baked/unbaked cutouts
    - N doped
- New proximity effect model of the high field Q slope
  - Evidence from cryogenic TEM investigations in cutouts
- New model of the 120C baking
  - Vacancy-based 120C baking mechanism and supporting evidence from cutouts
  - Suppression of the second phase of hydrides in direct observations
- Conclusions

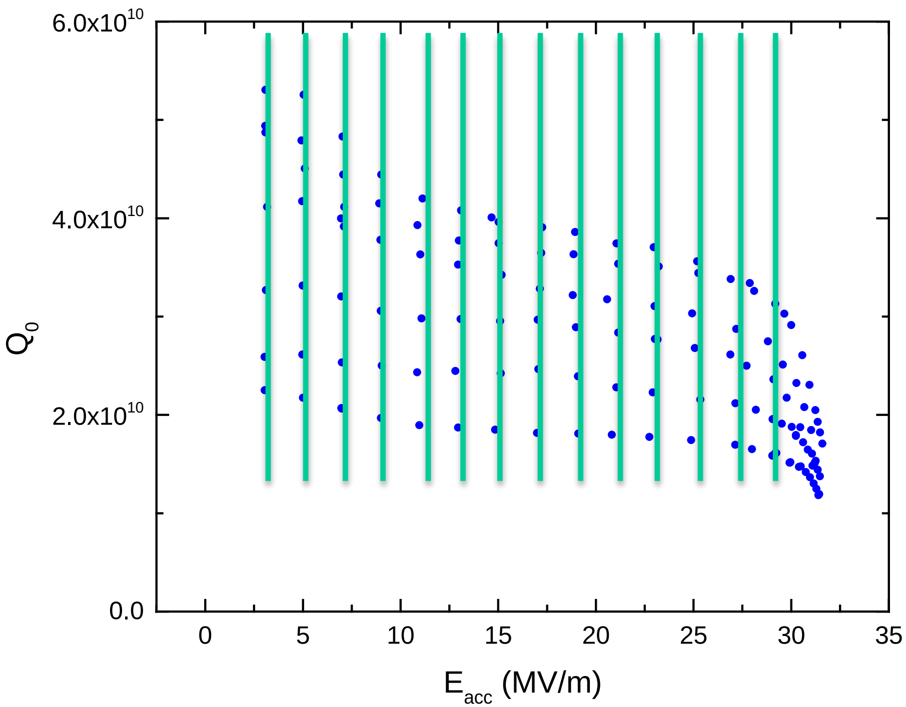
- Using different temperature dependence to deconvolute the components of average surface resistance at ALL fields

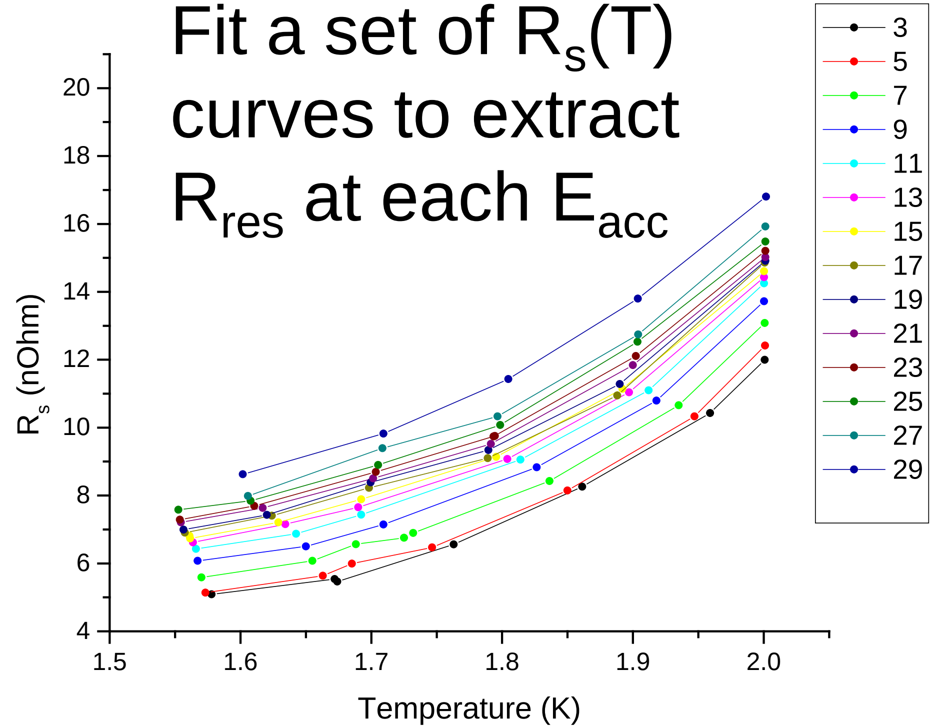
$$R_s(T) = R_{BCS}(T) + R_{res}$$

Due to thermally excited quasiparticles

Non-T-dependent, saturation value at T -> 0

Rs(B) decomposition





Fit a set of $R_s(T)$ curves to extract R_{res} at each E_{acc}

Measure $Q(E_{acc},T)$ at many different T<2.17K and E_{acc}

Can be fitted using both approximate formula $R_{BCS}(T)=A/T \exp(-⊗/kT)$, and by more precise BCS calculation based on Halbritter's program – virtually no difference in the results

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Residual resistance

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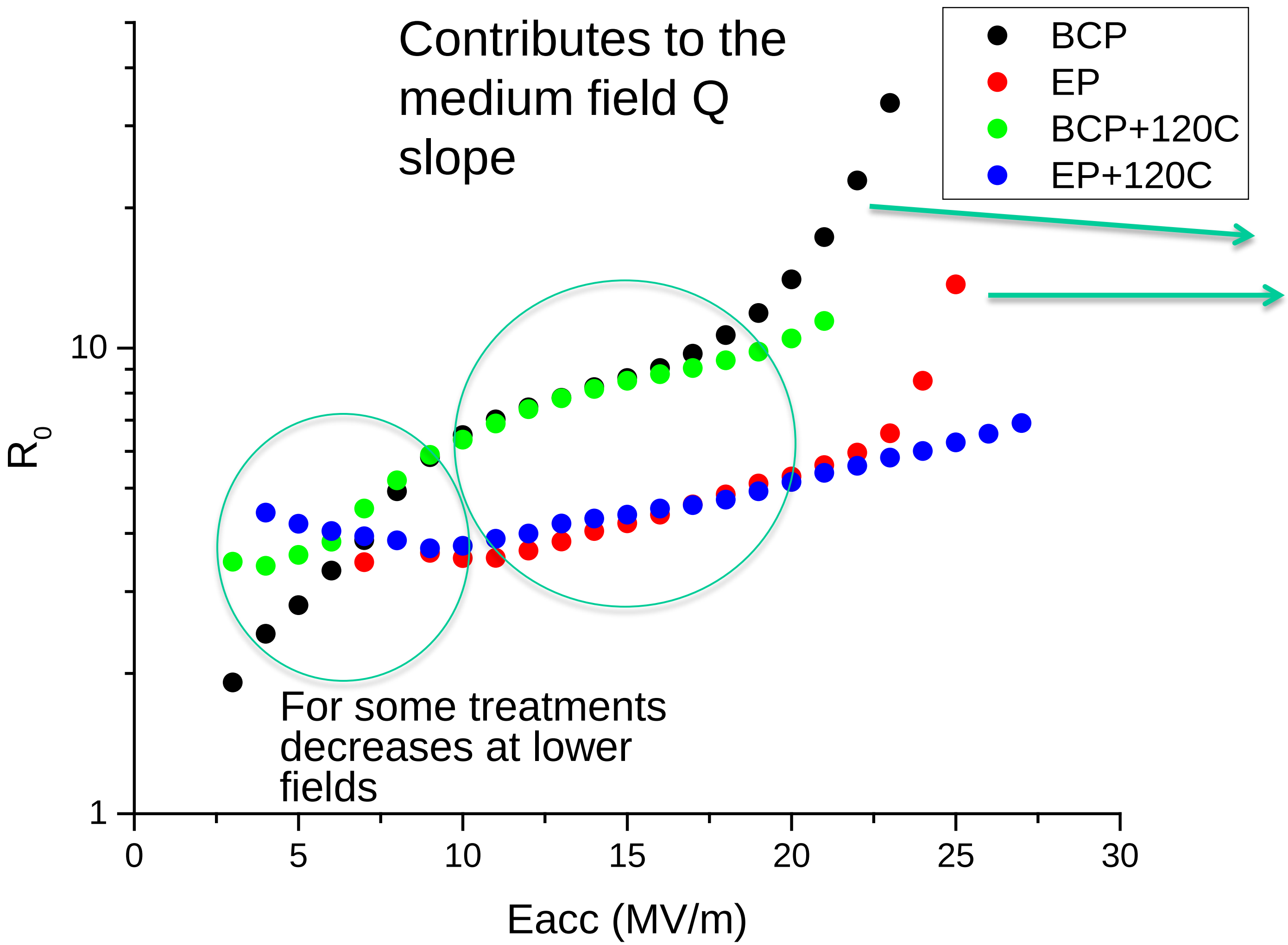

High field Q slope is clearly a residual resistance effect

BCS resistance

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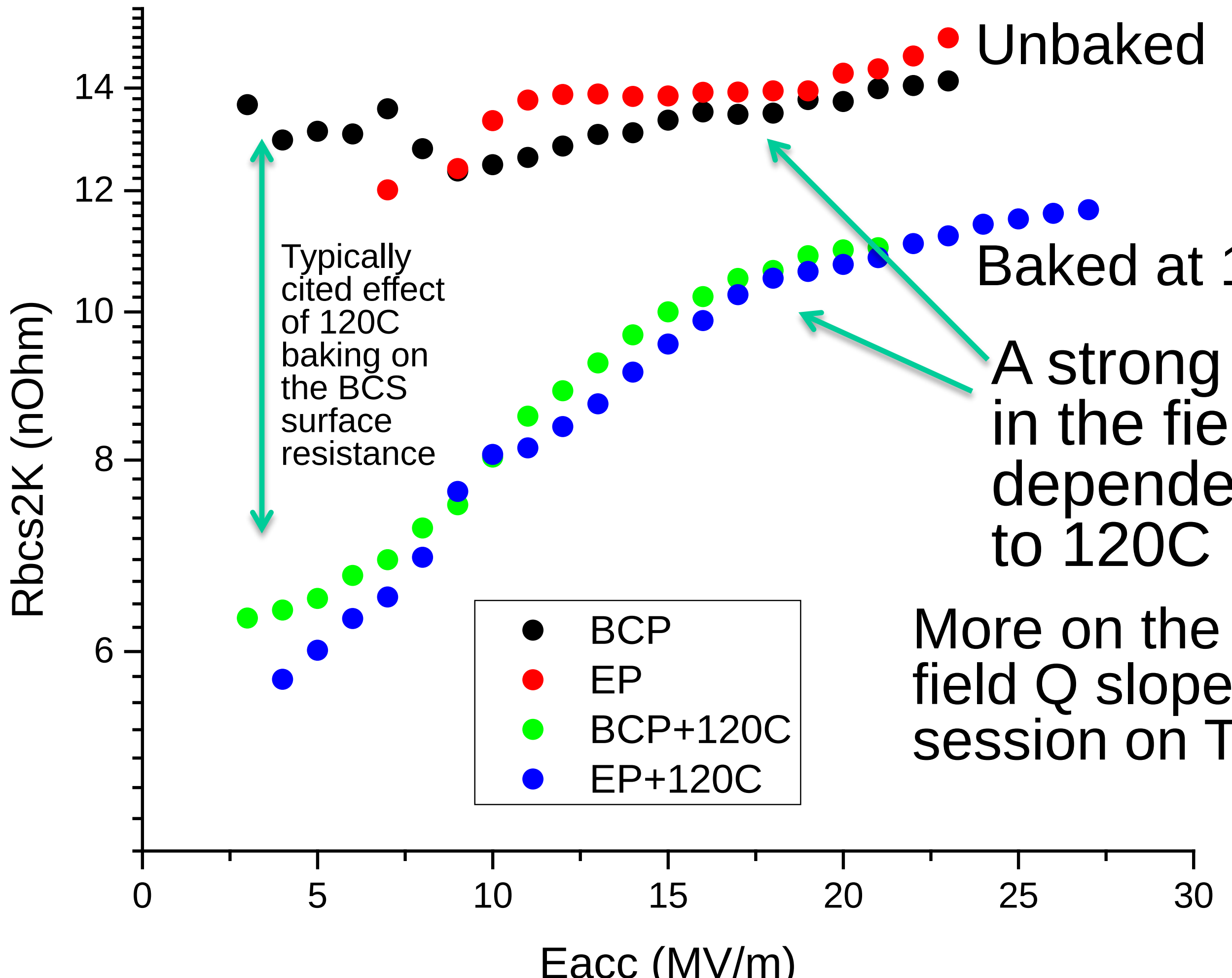
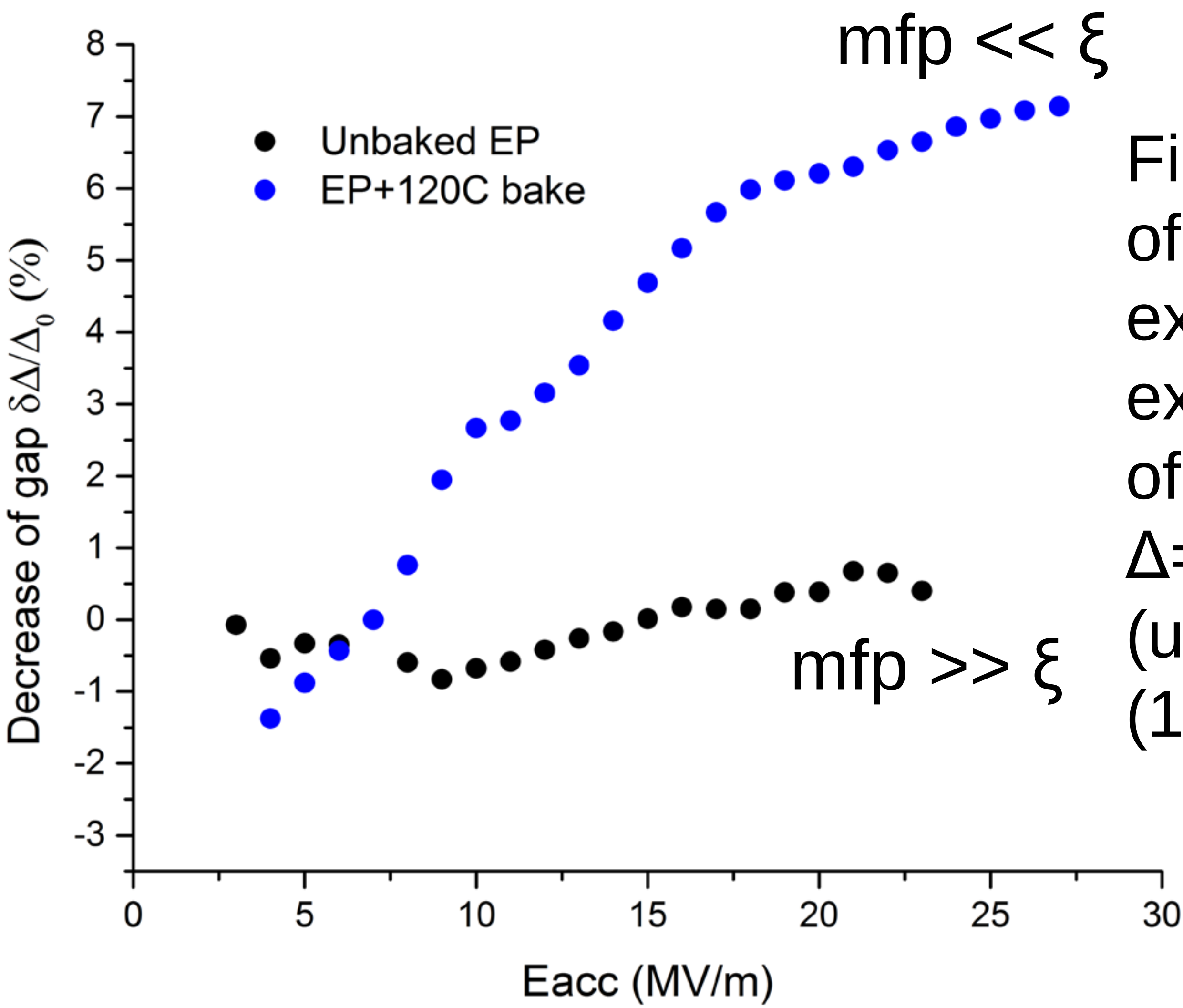


A strong change in the field dependence due to 120C bake

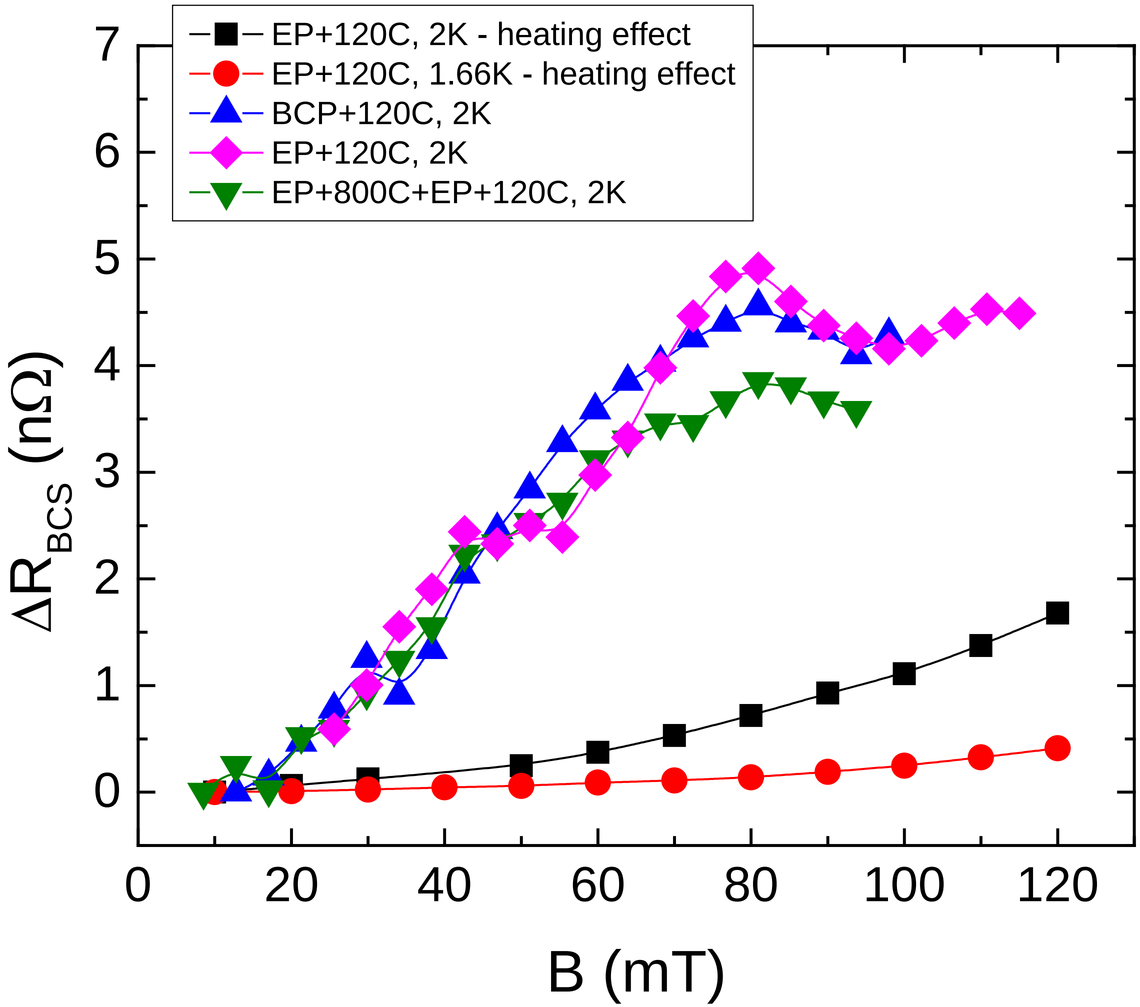
More on the medium field Q slope – hot topic session on Thursday

SC gap change with field



Field dependence of R_{BCS} may be explained by the expected changes of pairing potential Δ=Δ (H) in clean (unbaked) and dirty (120C baked) limits

Role of thermal "feedback"



Instead of modeling the full temperature transfer with only $R_s=G/Q_0$ as an input use temperature mapping to measure the outside wall temperature

Negligible effect on R_{BCS} at T <= 2K

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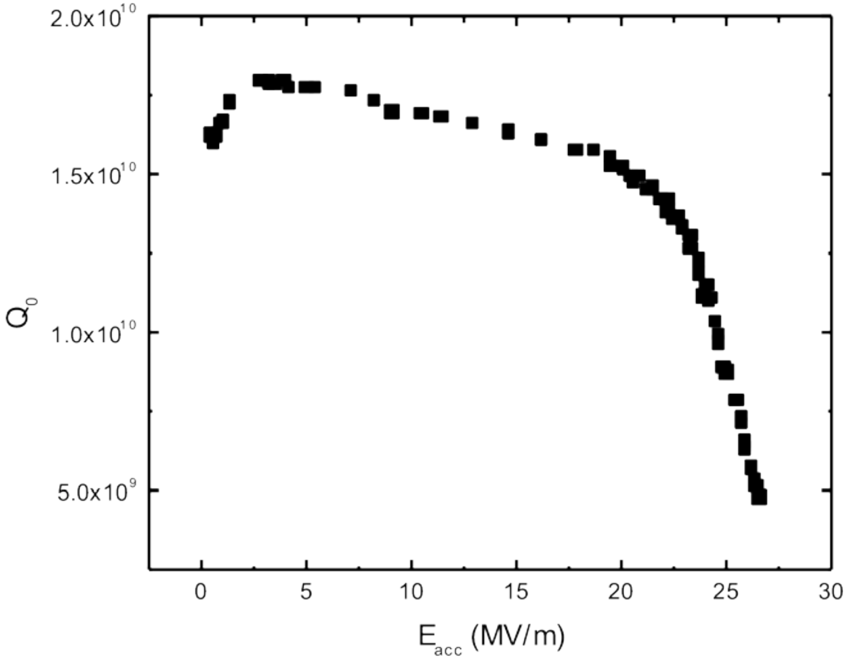
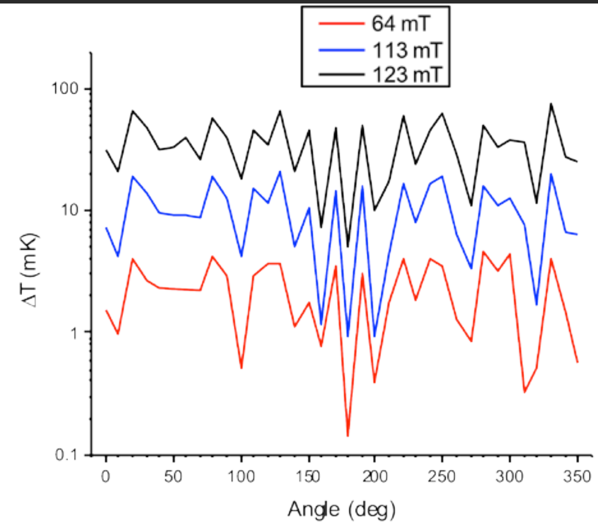
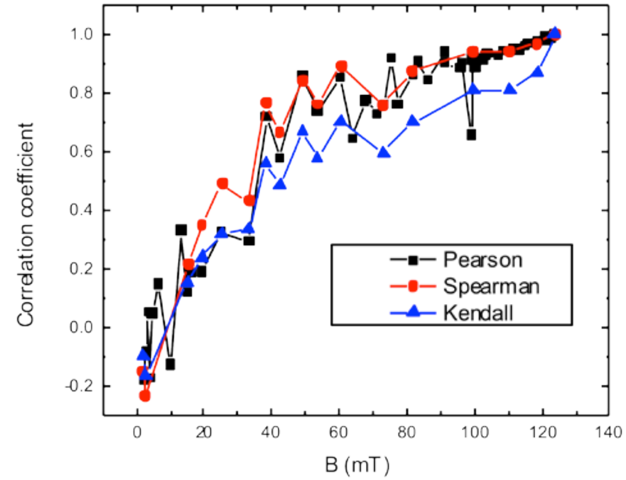
Correlation between medium and high field Q slopes in unbaked cavities







T-map data shows that local surface resistance in HFQS regime is highly correlated to Rs at lower fields (MFQS)

More info – please see [A. Romanenko et al, TUP101]

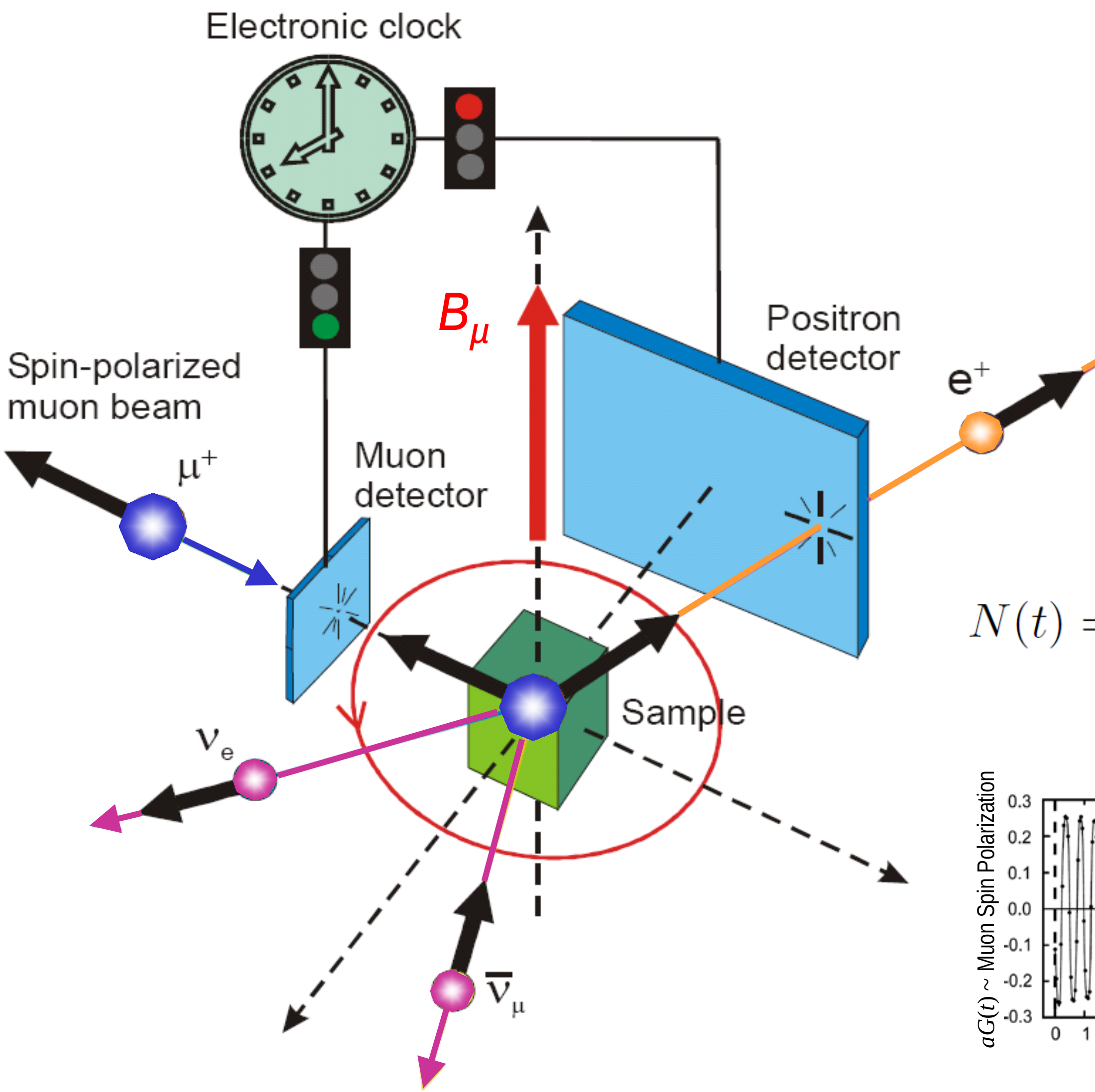
New cavity data allows to “filter” models

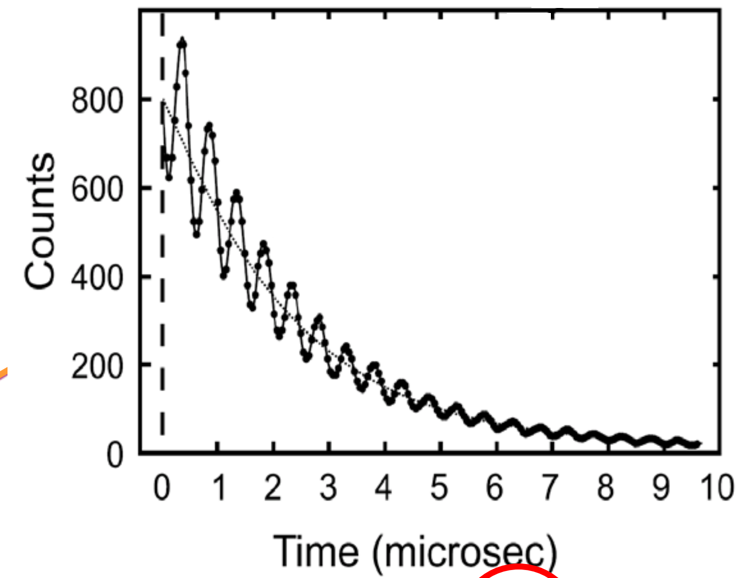
- High field Q slope is due to residual
  - Not SC gap closing, thermal feedback etc.
- Medium field Q slope is a combination of R_{BCS} and R_{res}
  - Not due to the difference in Trf and Tbath
  - Correlation between high and medium fields in unbaked cavities
- Low field Q slope is likely due to residual

New superconducting measurements

- Bulk muon spectroscopy
  - A. Grassellino et al, TUP031
- Low energy muon spectroscopy
  - A. Romanenko et al, TUP038
- Bitter decoration
  - F. Barkov et al, TUP016

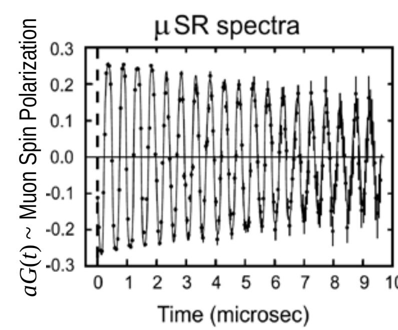
Muon spin rotation





$$N(t) = N_0 \exp(-t/\tau_\mu)\,[1 + a\,G(t)] + \mathrm{Bkg}$$

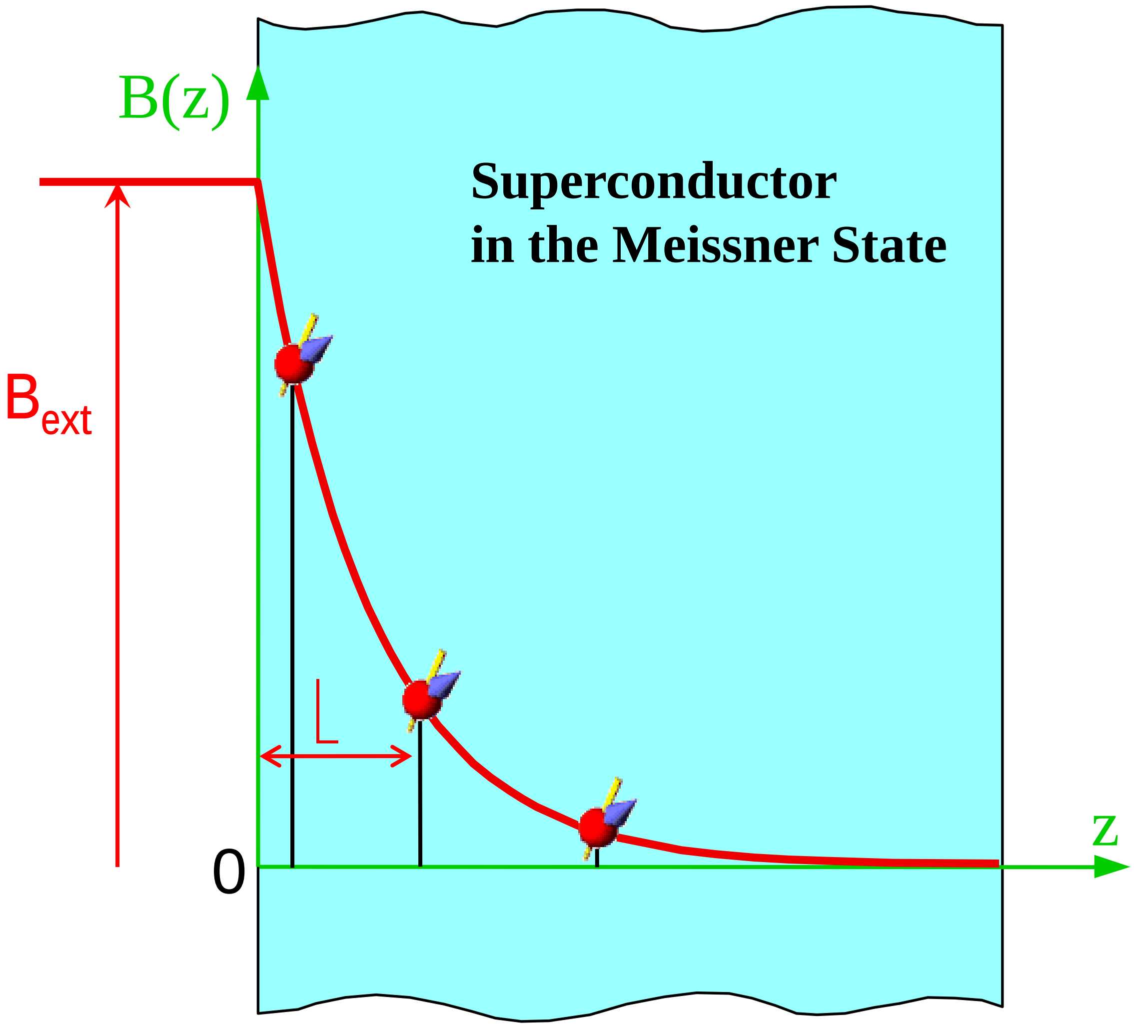
Contains physics

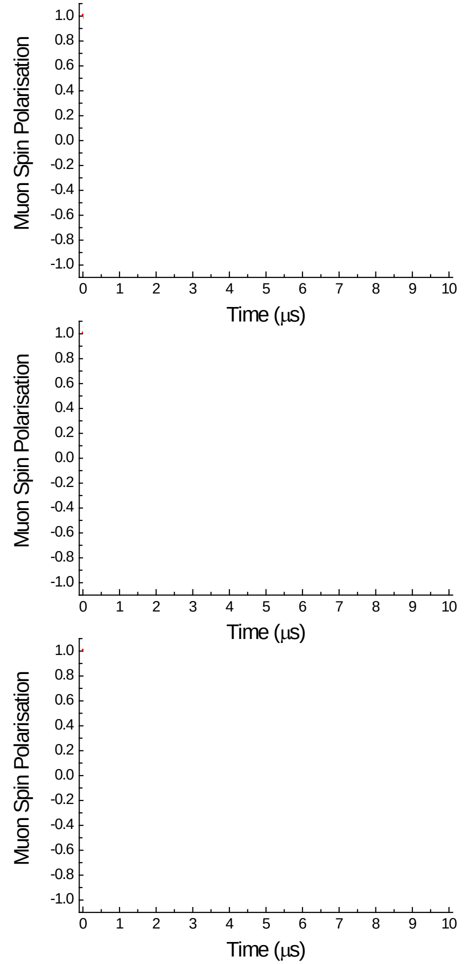


$$\omega_\mu(z) = \gamma_\mu B_{\mathrm{loc}}(z)$$

Frequency – field amplitude
Damping – field non-uniformity

Muon spin rotation – measure B(z)





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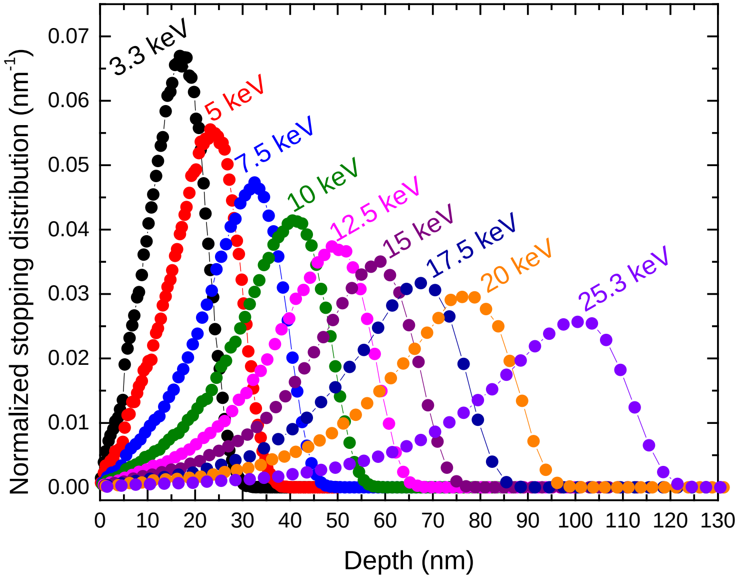
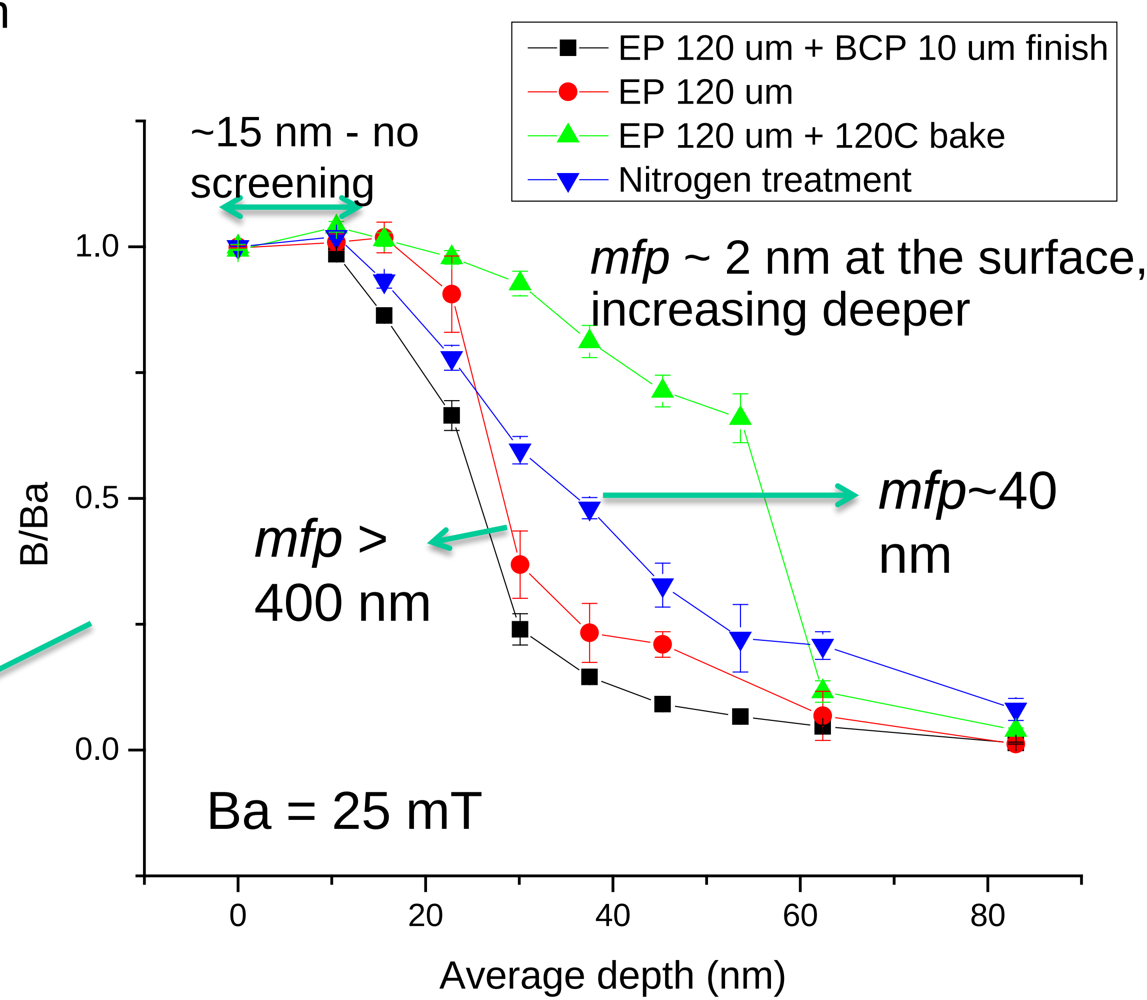
LEM – data on EP baked/unbaked

Use variable energy muons, which stop in the first ~100nm





BCP and EP unbaked -> strong screening, excellent fit provided by the clean limit Pippard/BCS model

EP+120C bake-> strongly suppressed m.f.p., gradient of the m.f.p. from the surface, dirty limit

N-doped -> intermediate m.f.p., no gradient

Fit by Gaussian model for the field at the muon site – approximate, qualitative comparison

New model of the HFQS

- Main element: presence of small proximity effect coupled nanohydrides within the penetration depth
  - Q disease "in miniature"
- Consistent with all experiments, provides quantitative description
- Falsifiable
  - Testable predictions

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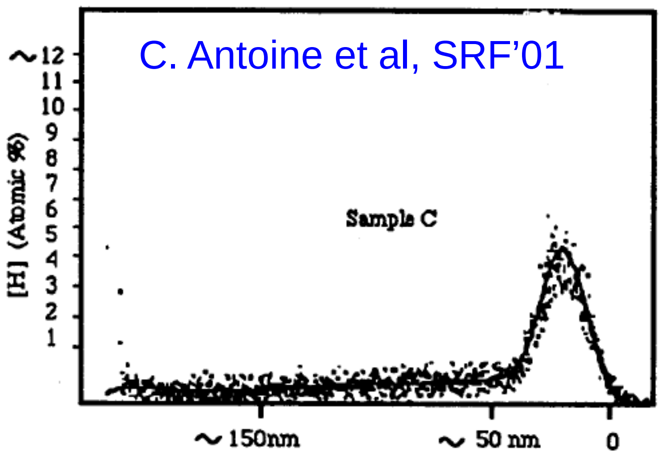
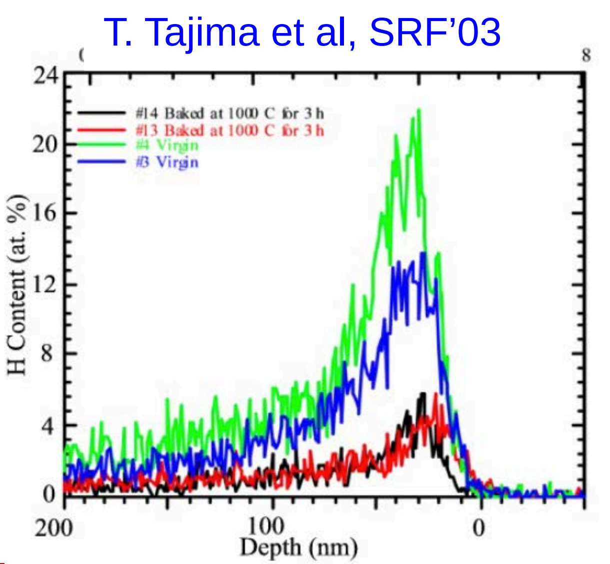
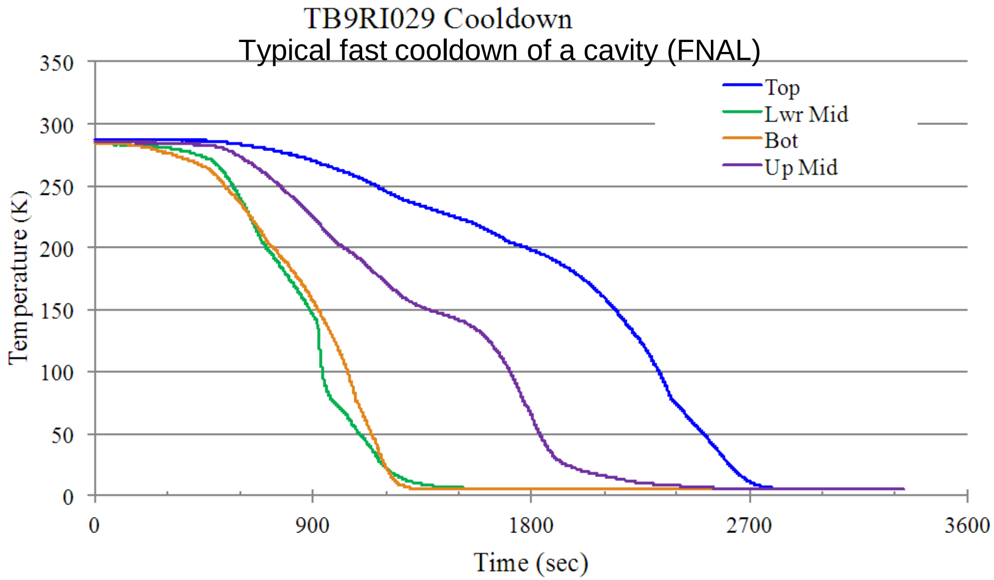
Neither standard 800C degassing nor "fast" cooldown help

Near-surface H-rich layer is still there after standard H degassing treatments





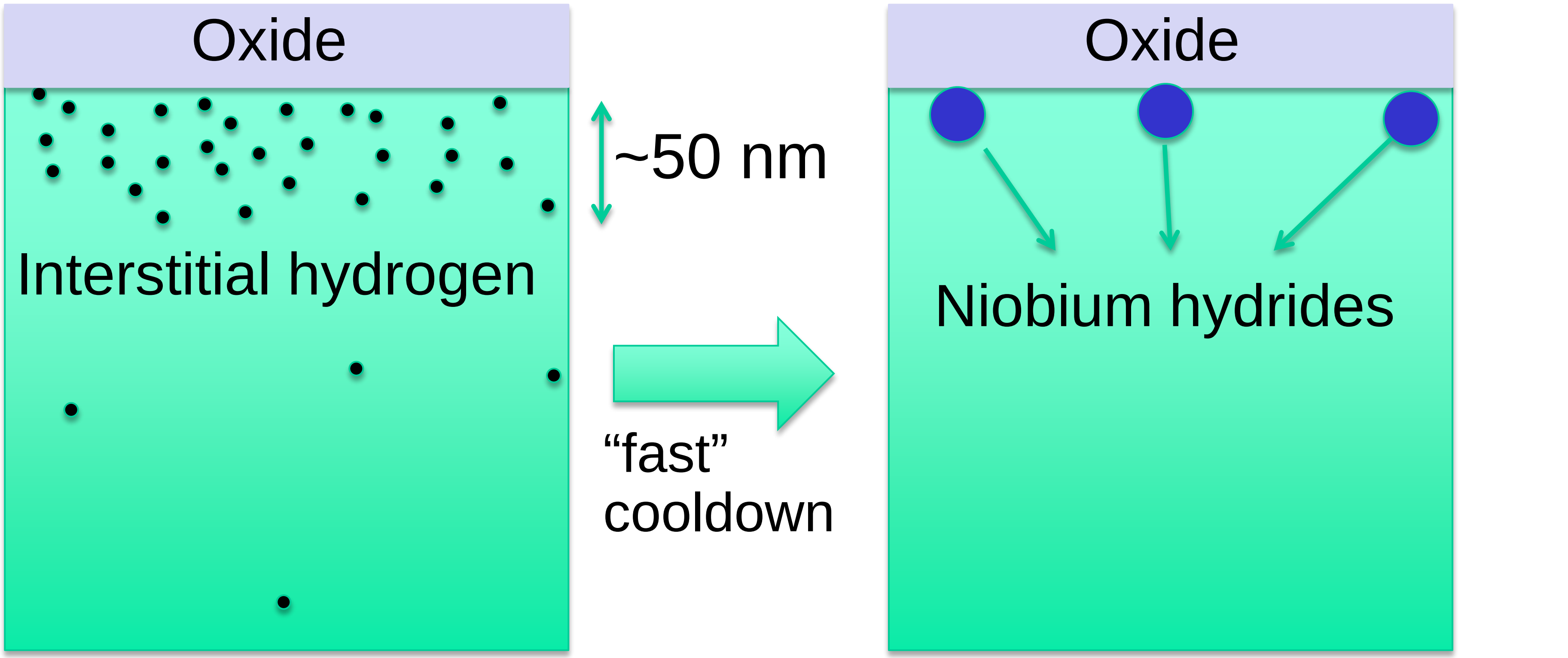


Integrate the H diffusion over the time spent in the precipitation temperature range T < 160K => L > 1 um

All free near-surface H will precipitate into hydrides

Nanohydrides upon cooldown

Not 120C baked sample



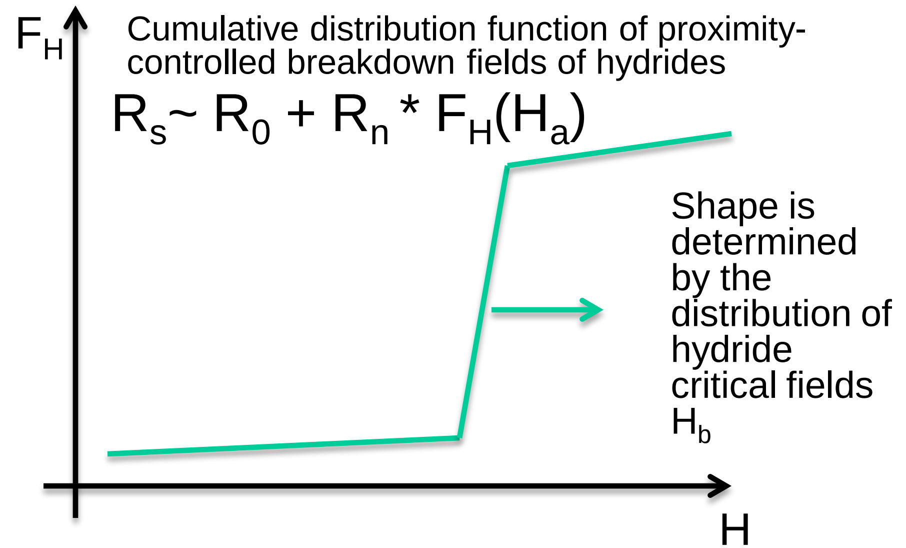
T= 300K

T= 2K

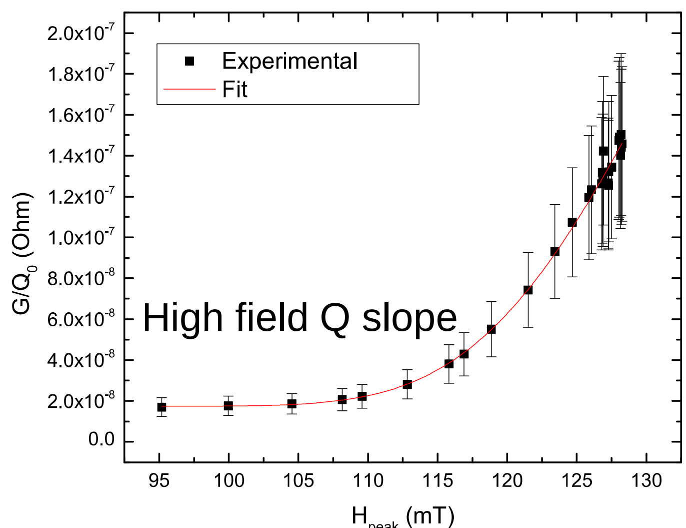
Note drastic change in the hydrogen-related m.f.p.

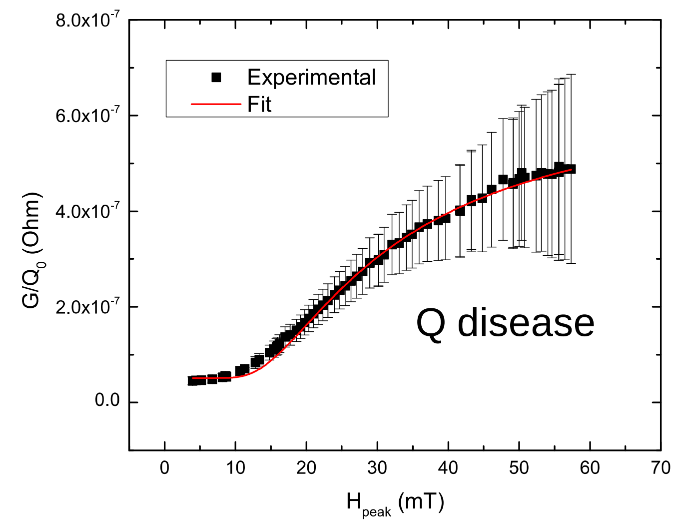
Proximity effect model

- Normal conducting hydrides of size *d* are superconducting by proximity effect up to the field $H_b \sim 1/d$



- Excellent fits





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- So what happens with 120C bake?

Positron annihilation on cavity cutouts

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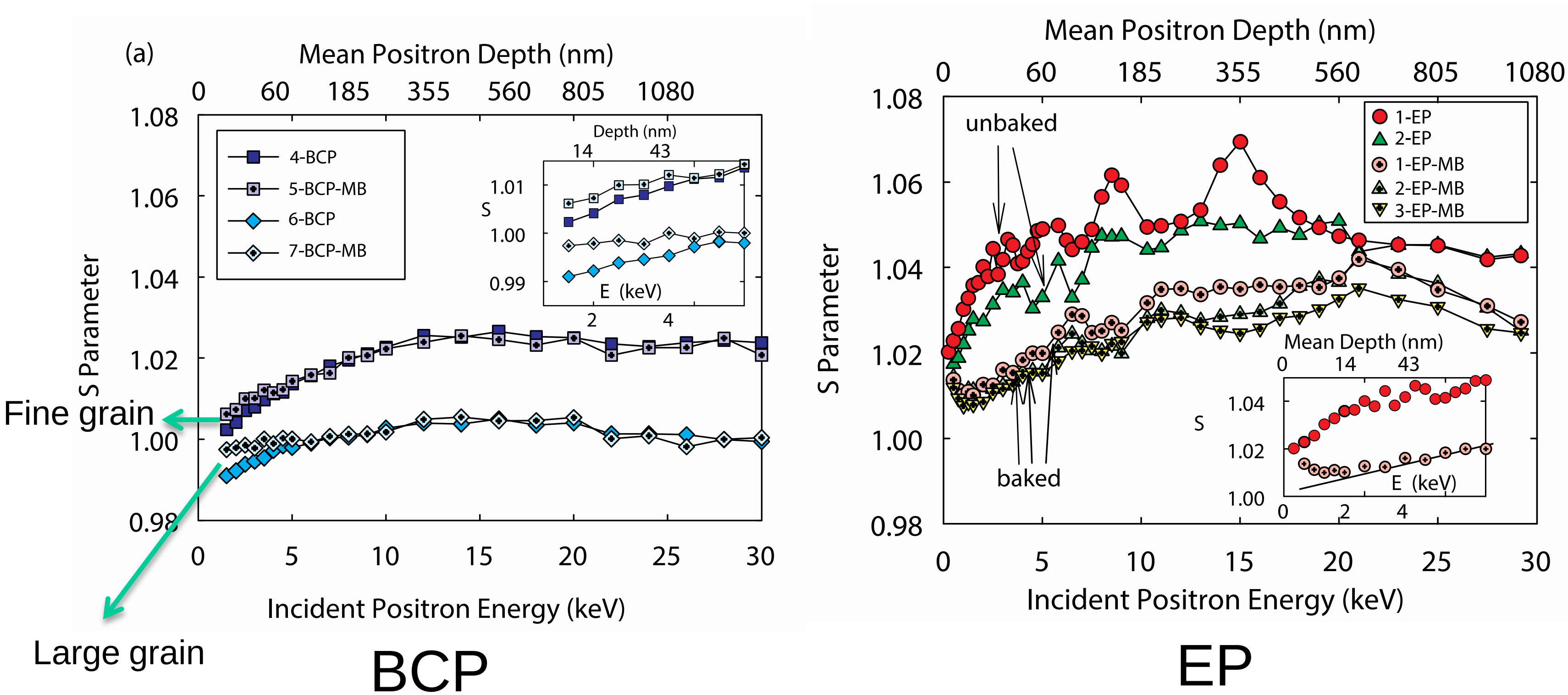
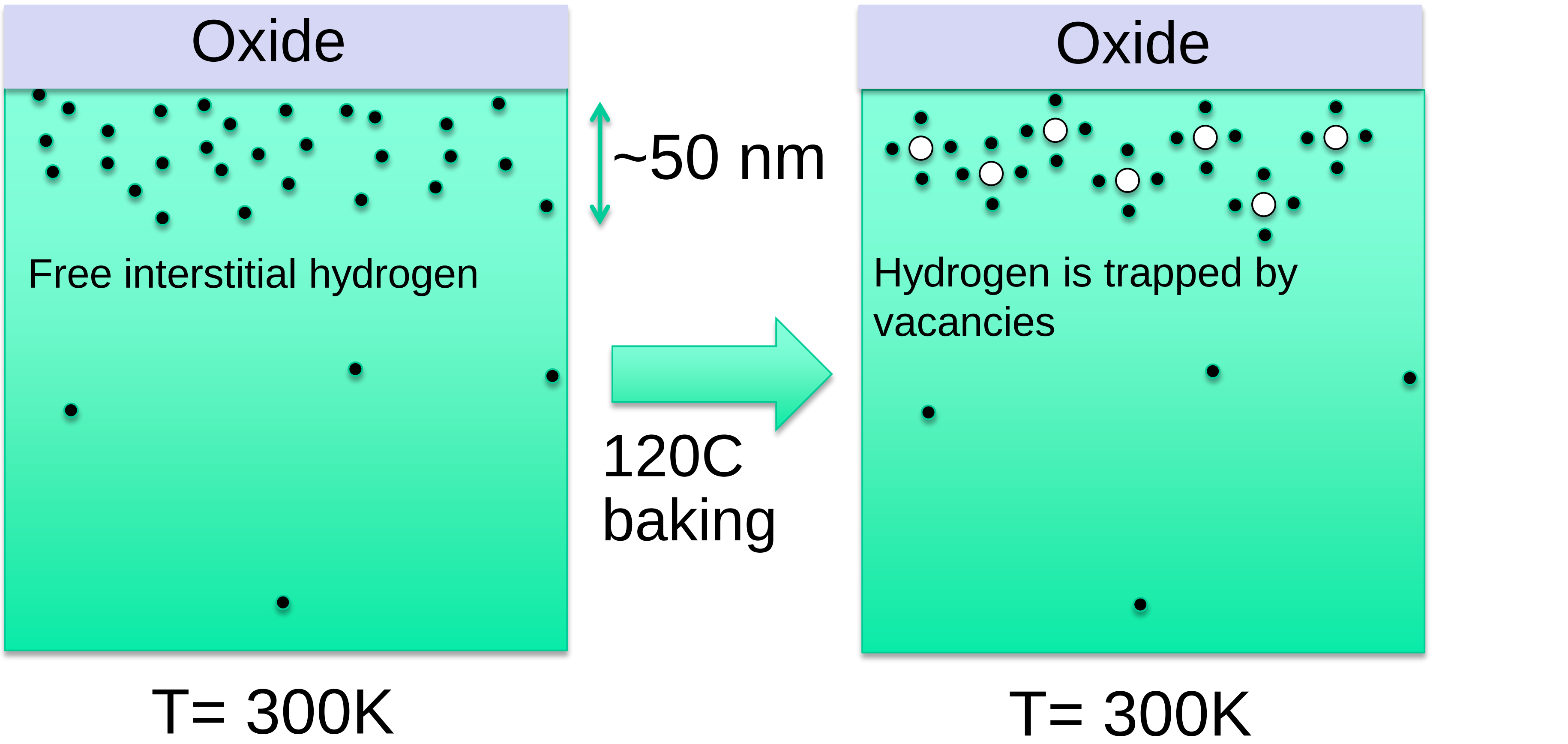


- Positron annihilation spectroscopy: 120C baking results in “doping” of the first ~50 nm from the surface with defects, most likely vacancies
  - EP itself introduces some vacancies in ~1 um – may be the reason for more efficient 120C baking in EP cavities

Effect of 120C baking



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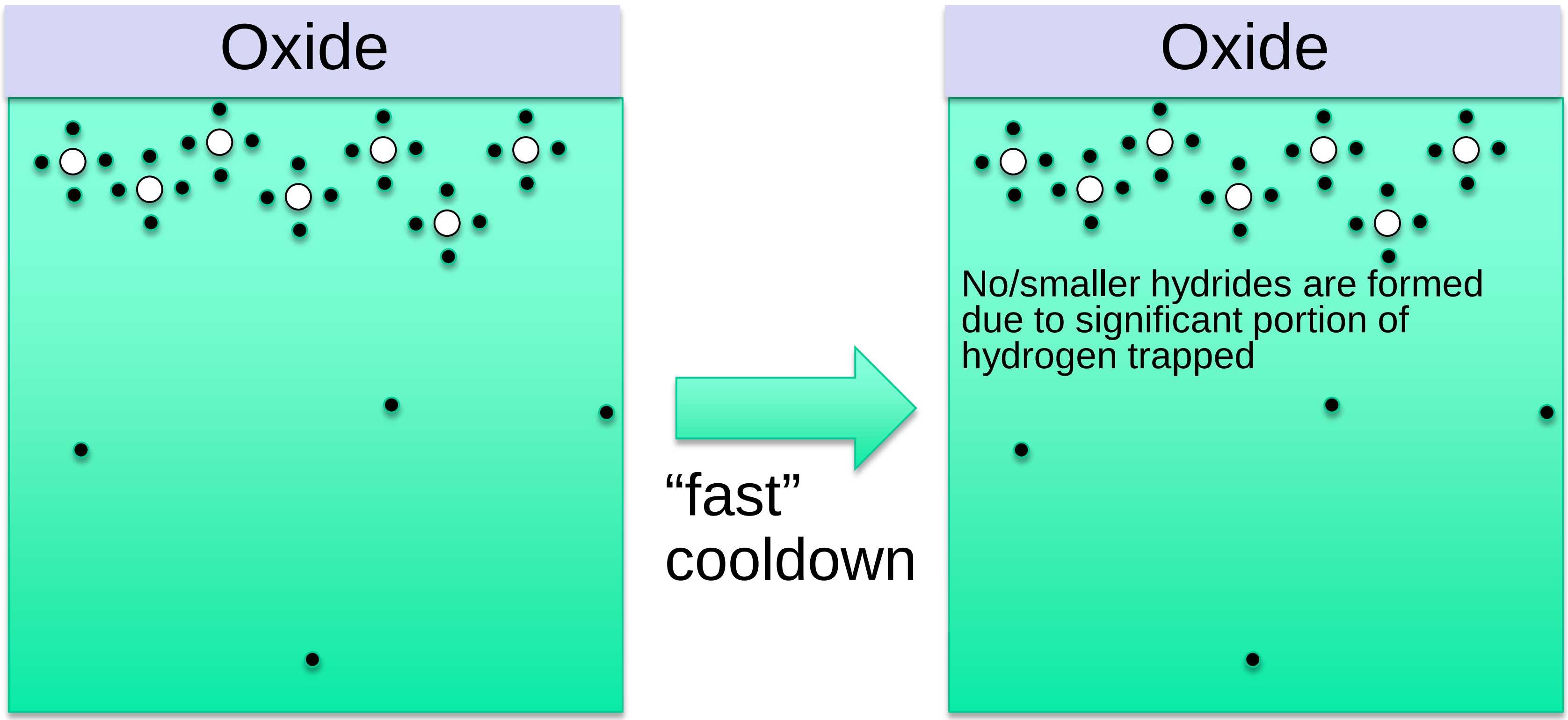
Cooling down of 120C baked niobium



T= 300K

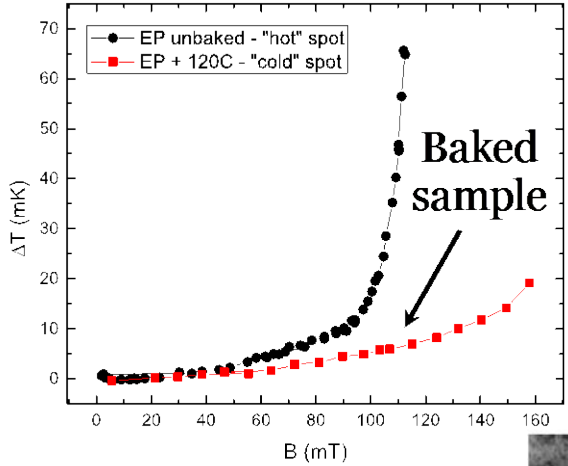
T= 2K

Note no change in the hydrogen-related m.f.p. – remains low

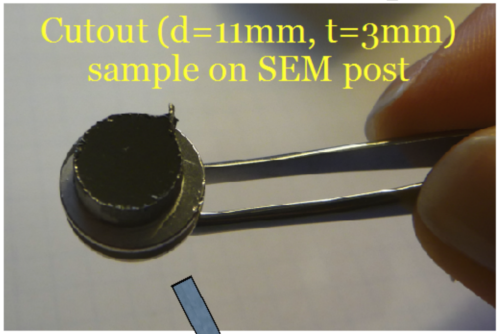
TEM evidence for nanohydrides

- Direct imaging of the cross-sections of cavity cutouts in cryo-TEM [see Y. Trenikhina et al, TUP043]

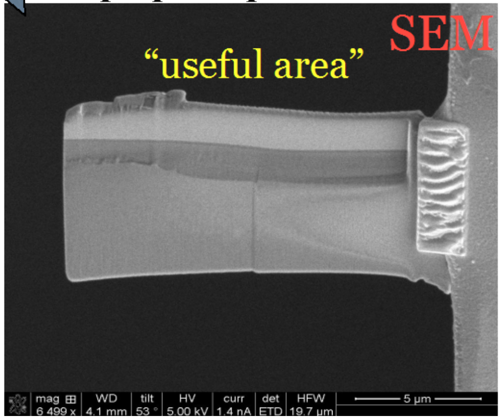
Cold: 120C in situ bake for 48hours
Hot: no such bake

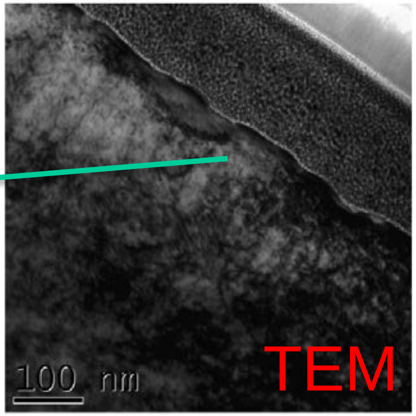


Heating: comparison of "cold" and "hot" spots



FIB prep sample for TEM





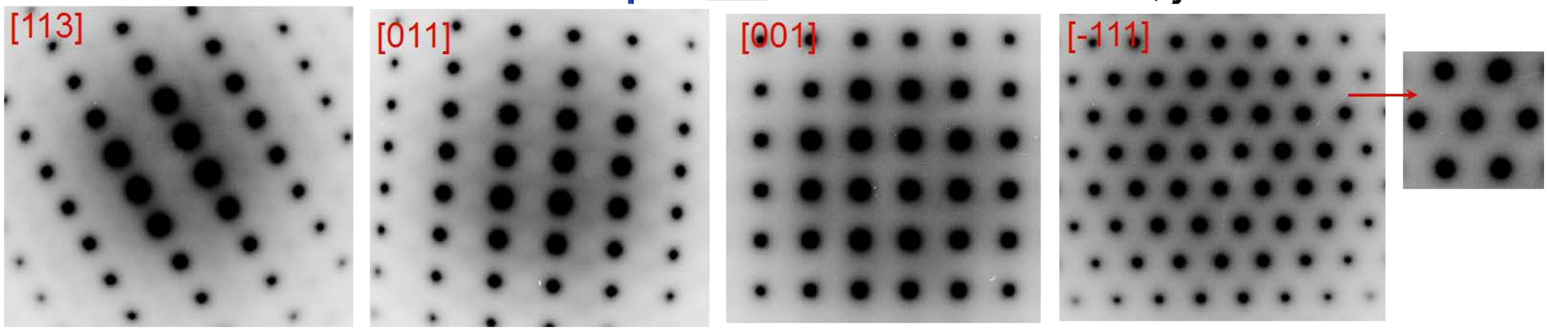
Look at this area with subnanometer resolution in TEM at room AND T<100K temperatures

See also R. Tao et al, J. Appl. Phys. **114**, 044306 (2013) and TUP042 for cryoimaging of H-reach Nb samples

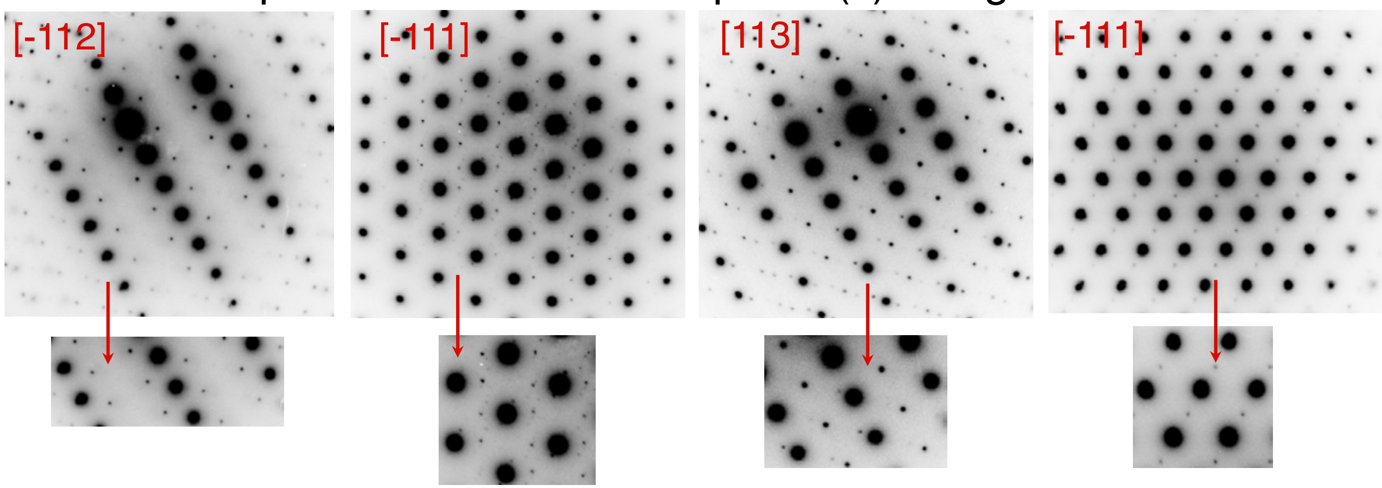
Direct evidence for nanohydrides

Y. Trenikhina et al, TUP043

NED at room T Hot and Cold spot: NO additional reflections, just Nb



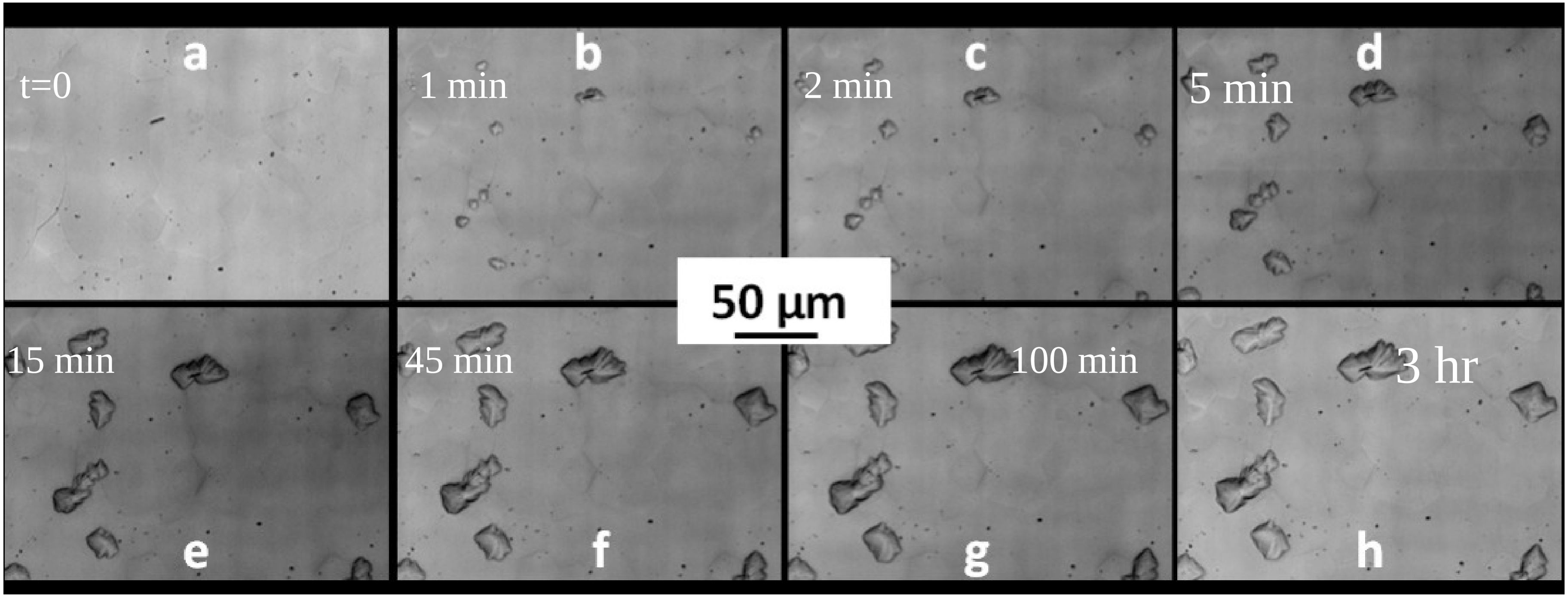
Hot spot NED at 94K: low T phase(s) along with Nb



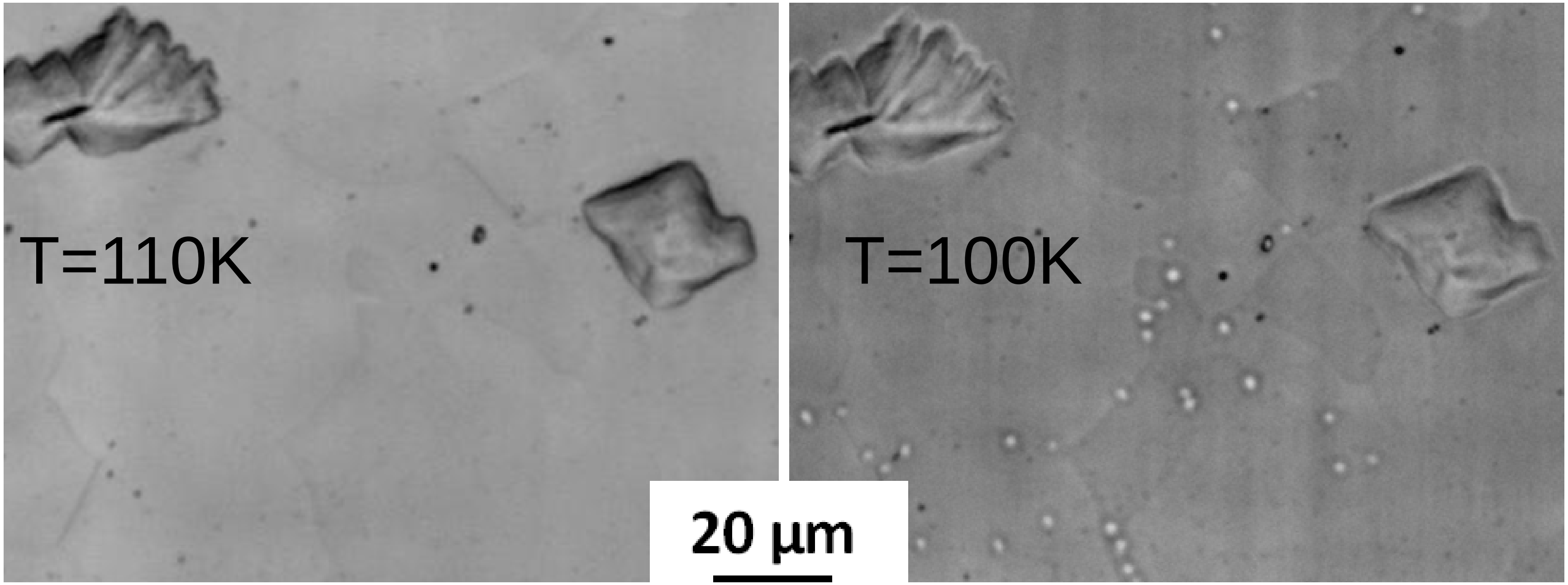
"Statistics" of the second phase appearance: 44%-68% of the probed spots

F. Barkov et al, TUP014

Growing of hydrides at T=160K in a mechanically polished sample



Further evidence: 100K and 120C baking effect



- Second phase (lower concentration, lower temperature) forms at 100K
  - NOT observed on 120C baked samples

Summary

- Both residual and BCS surface resistances carry a field dependence
  - Analysis of Q slopes should only be done on components
- Mean free path/ Meissner screening is lowest, depth-dependent in 120C baked material, highest in unbaked, N-doping leads to the "intermediate" situation
- Nanohydrides may be an omnipresent entity not appreciated before
  - May be THE cause of the high field Q slope
    - Proximity-induced superconductivity breaks down at lower fields than host (Nb)
  - May be related to the residual resistance field dependence
    - Dominant source of the medium field Q slope in unbaked cavities
  - Absence of nanohydrides may be behind the effect of doping
  - Plausible mechanism of 120C baking -> trapping of hydrogen by vacancies -> preventing/decreasing size of nanohydrides

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