



# HIGH $Q_0$ RESEARCH: THE DYNAMICS OF FLUX TRAPPING IN SC NIOBIUM

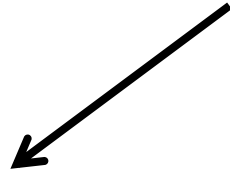
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$$G / Q_0 = R_{surface} = R_{BCS}(f, T) + R_{residual}(?)$$

- Trapped vortices under rf field (up to 100% of ambient field)
- Lossy oxides or metallic hydrides on surface
- Grain boundaries
- Precipitates
- Generation of hypersound
- Localized electron surface states
- ...

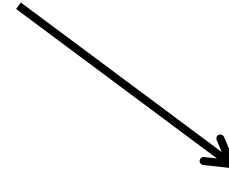
→ Surface treatment,  
Bake out

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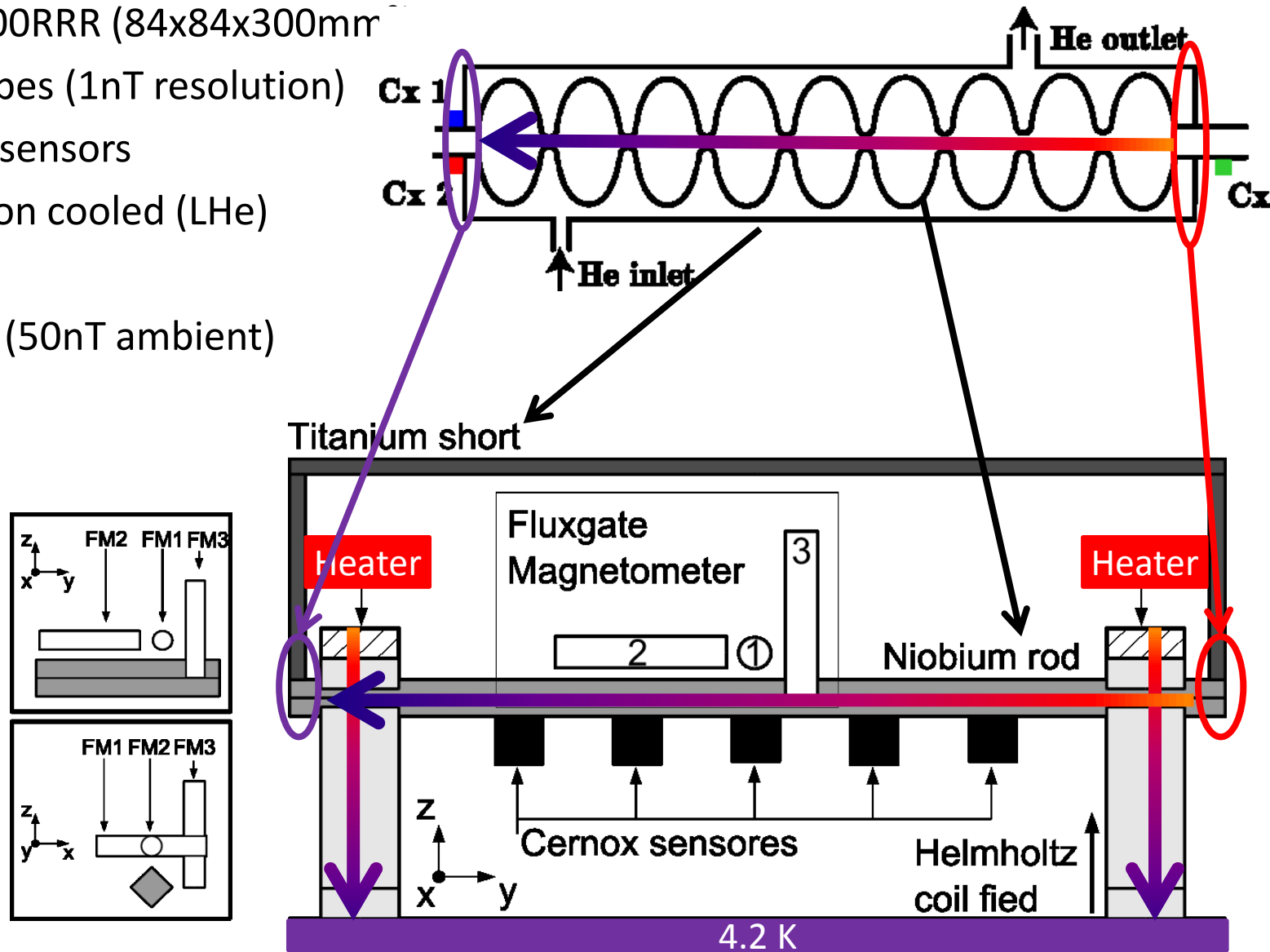
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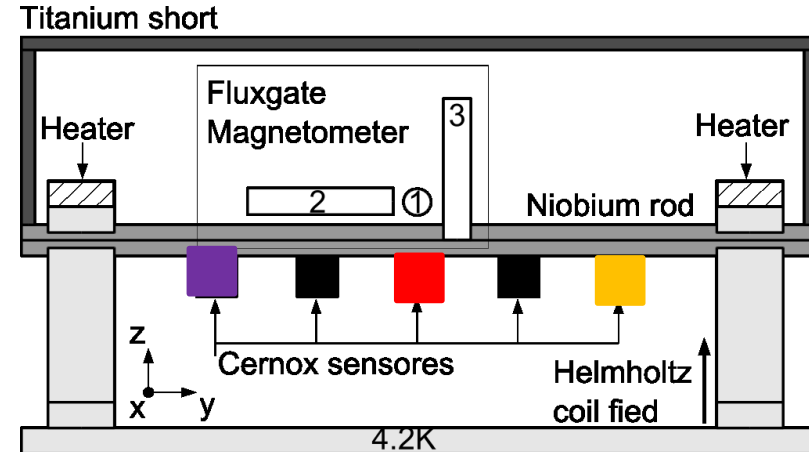
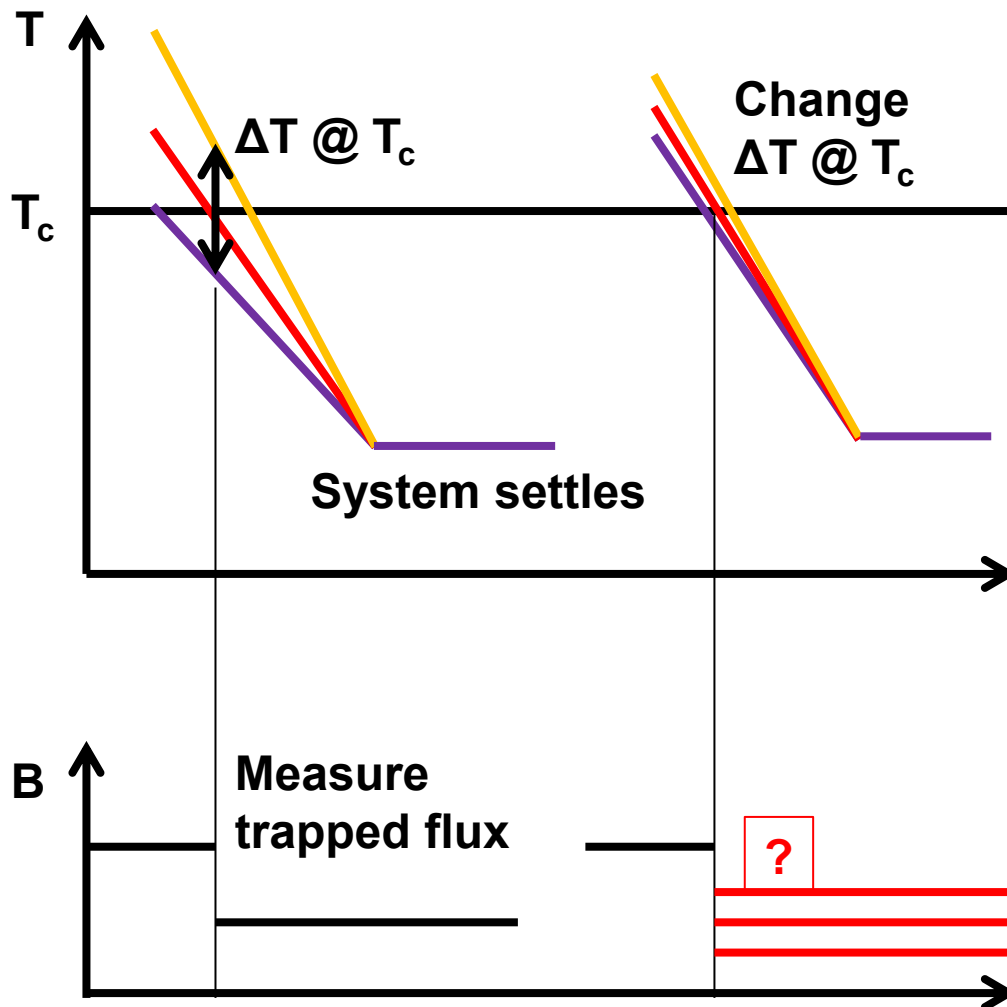
→ *Vogt, Kugeler and Knobloch, PRSTAB (accepted for publication, Sept. 11, 2013)*

# MODEL SYSTEM

- Mimics thermoelectric properties of cavity-tank system
- Nb rod 300RRR (84x84x300mm)
- 3 FM probes (1nT resolution)
- 7 Cernox sensors
- Conduction cooled (LHe)
- 2 heaters
- Shielding (50nT ambient)



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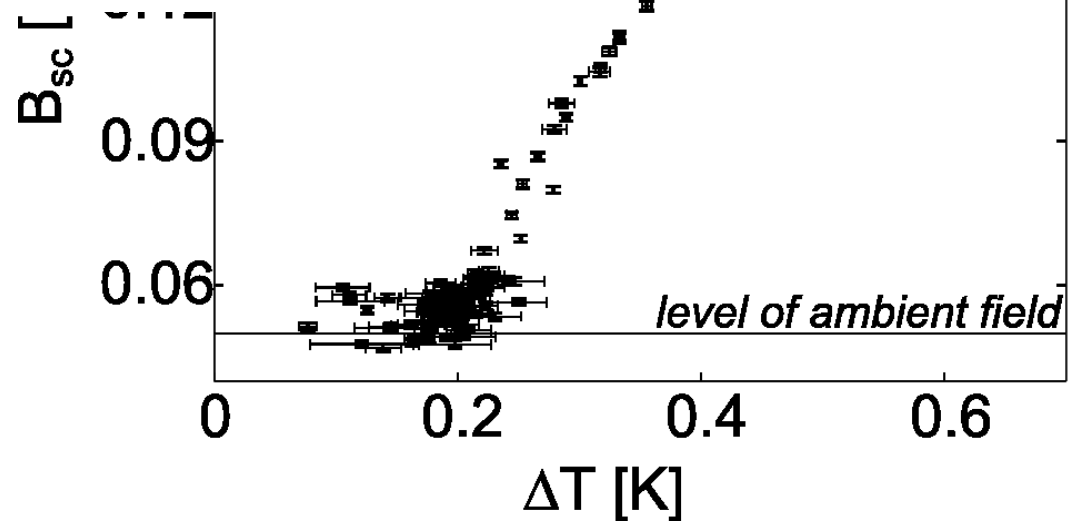
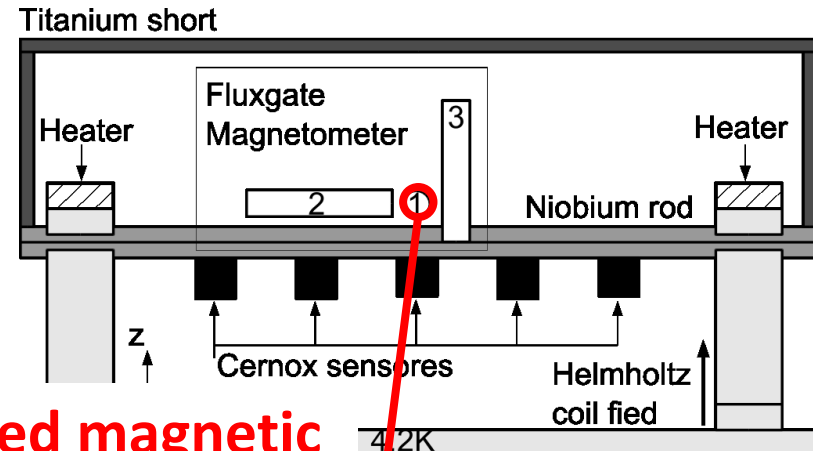
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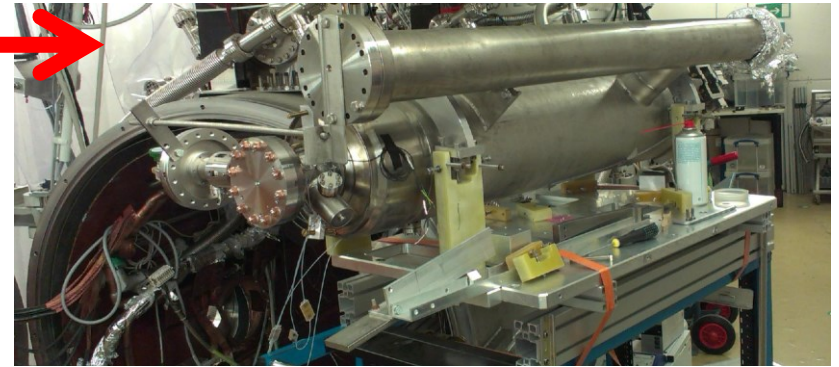
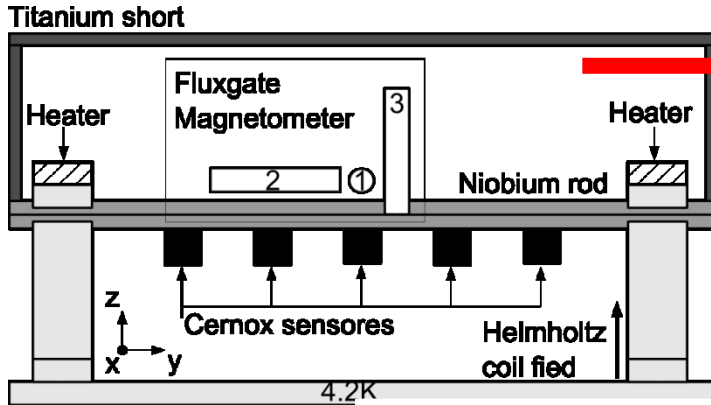
- Measure temperature during phase transition
- System settles
- Measure trapped flux

**Thermoelectrically induced magnetic field gets trapped in sc niobium!**

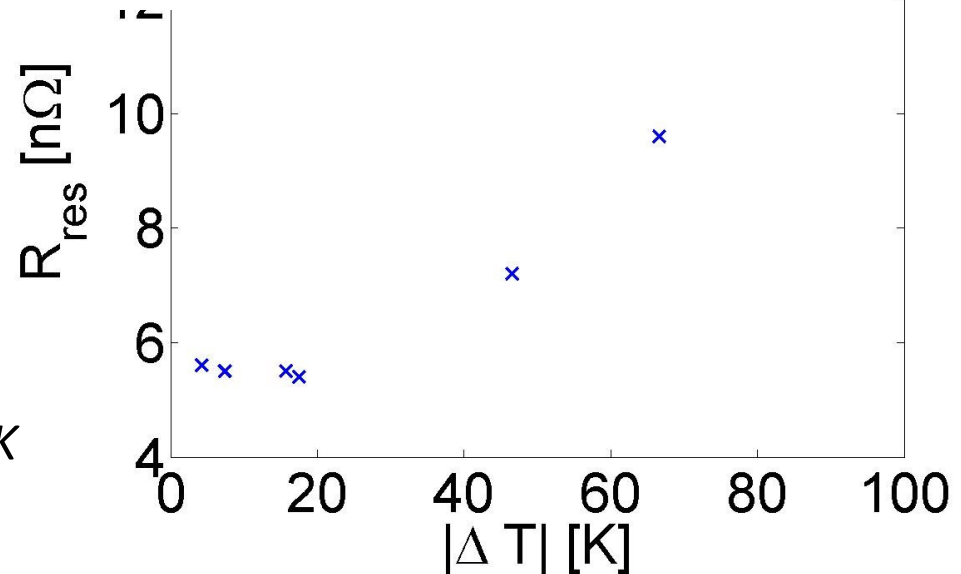
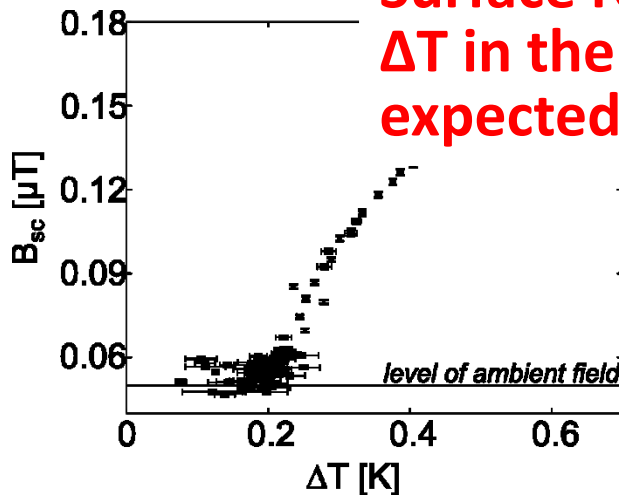
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# MODEL SYSTEM VS. DRESSED CAVITY: TEST 1



**Surface resistance in the 10 nΩ range for  $\Delta T$  in the 10's K range can reasonably be expected!**



**Model system:**  $B = 0.12 \mu T$  for  $\Delta T = 0.6 K$

**0.12 μT trapped in a TESLA Cavity:**

$$\rightarrow \Delta R_{res} = 0.4 n\Omega$$

→ Kugeler, Vogt and Knobloch, SRF2013, TUIOA01 7

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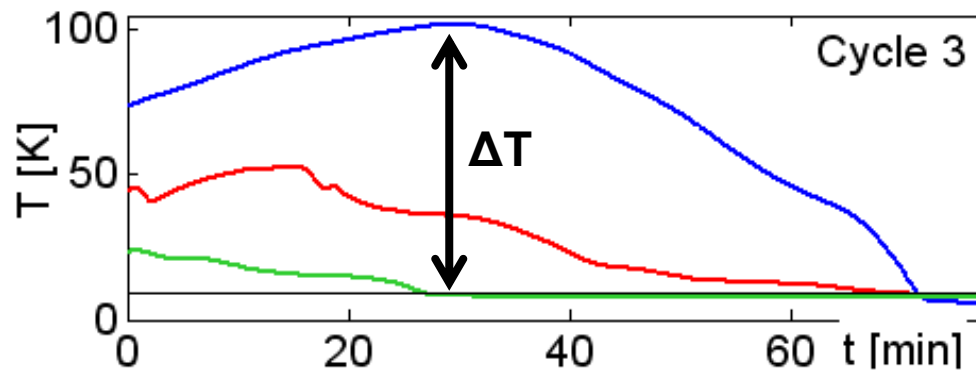
Thermopower:  $\Delta S \approx 10 \mu\text{V/K}$

Literature is not consistent for titanium.  
Independent measurement performed  
in HoBiCaT.

Parameter of cavity-tank system @10K:  
 $R \approx 100 \mu\Omega$  (dominated by titanium tank)

→ J. Milck, Tech. Rep., Hughes Aircraft Company (1970)

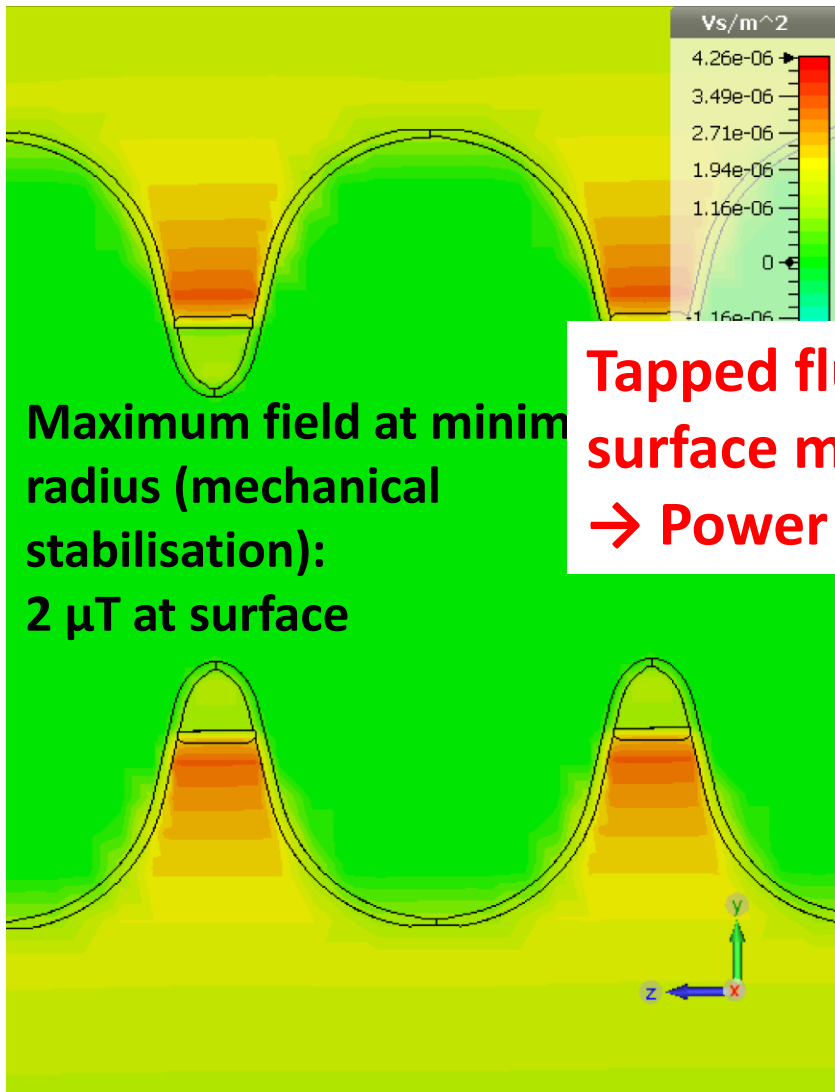
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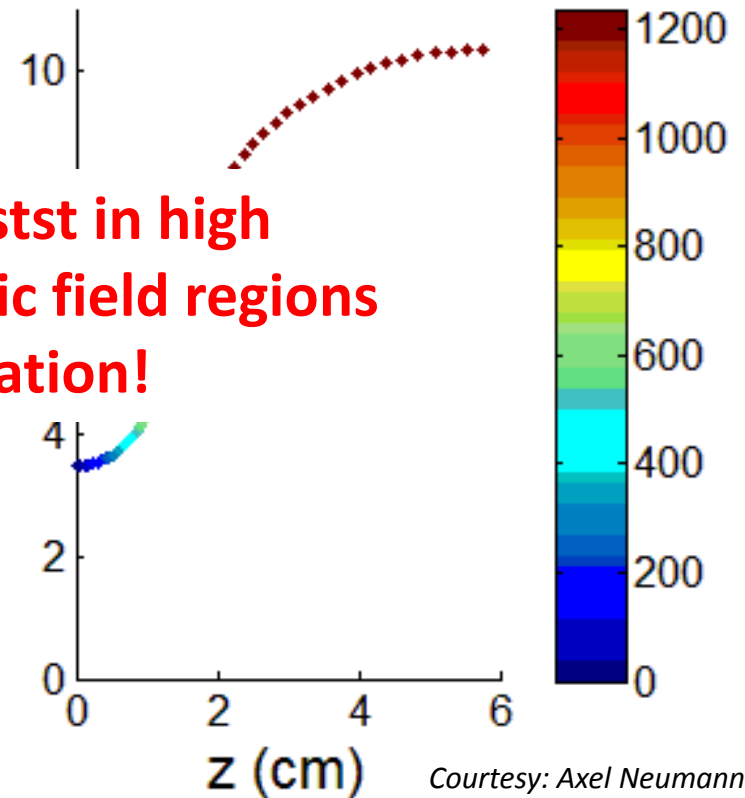
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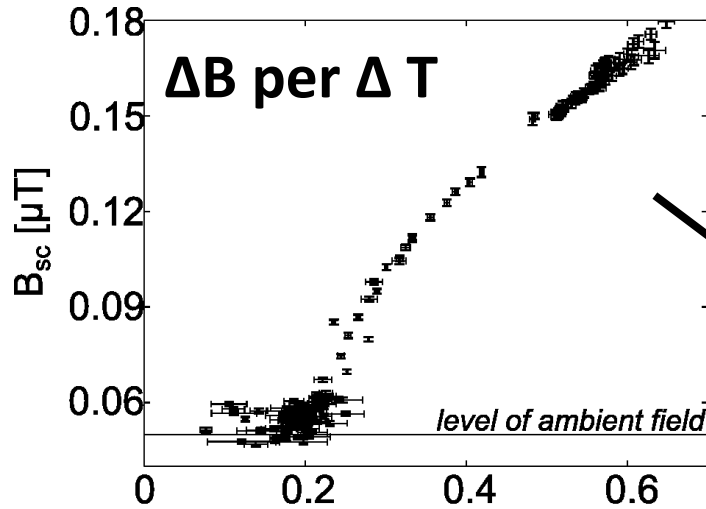
**Tapped flux existst in high  
surface magnetic field regions  
→ Power dissipation!**

TESLA half cell,  $\text{TM}_{010}$   $\pi$ -mode, surface H-field

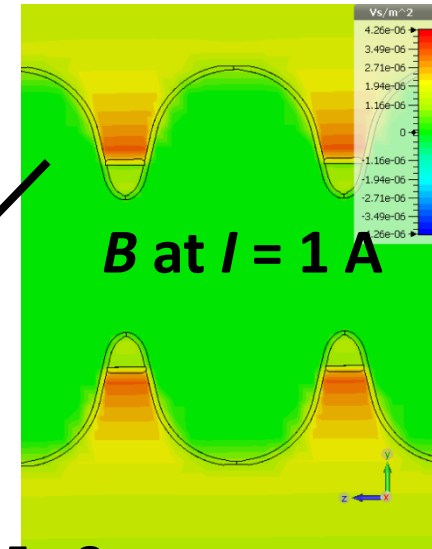


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Model system results

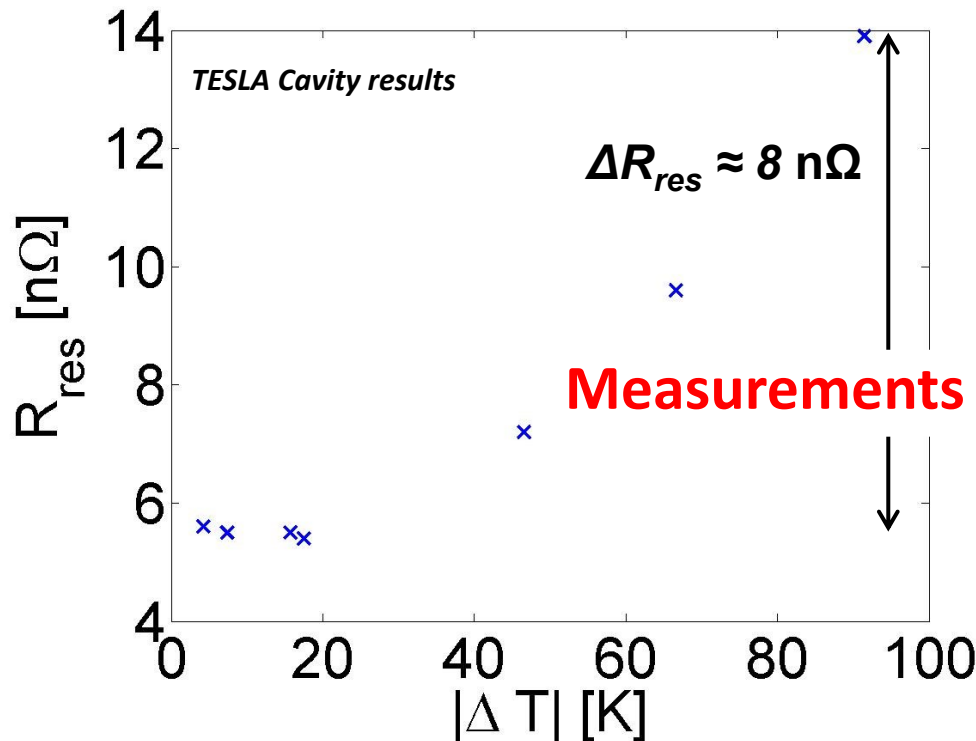


2  $\mu T$  trapped flux  
for  $\Delta T = 100 K$

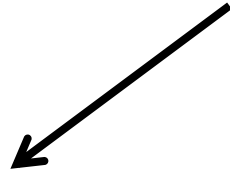


1  $\mu T \Leftrightarrow 3.5 n\Omega$

cause 7  $n\Omega$  additional  
surface resistance

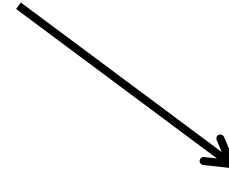


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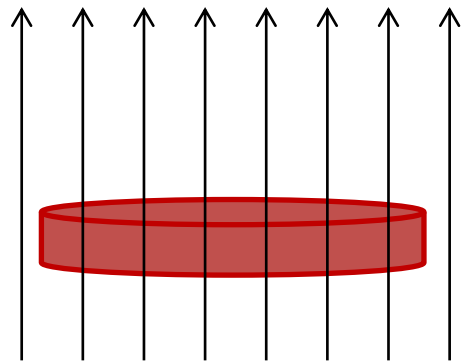
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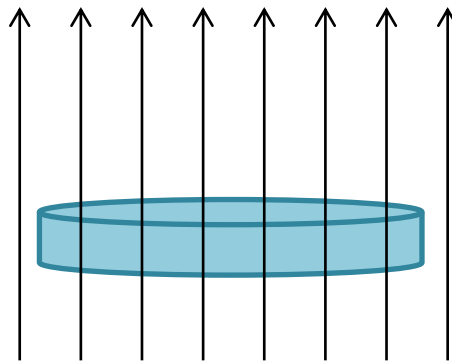
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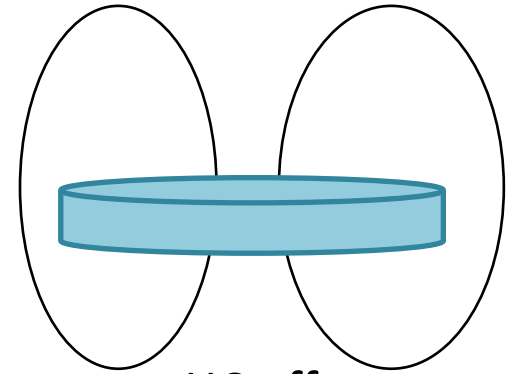
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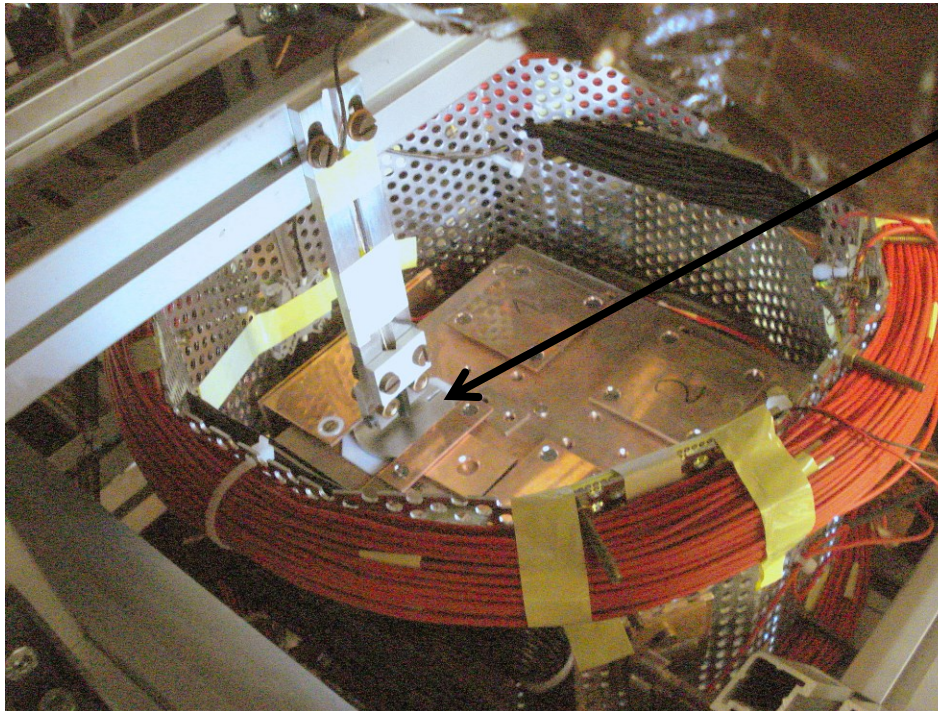
Helmholtz coil applies  
magnetic field



Field cooled



HC off,  
Measure magnetization



Sample

*Courtesy: Sarah Aull*

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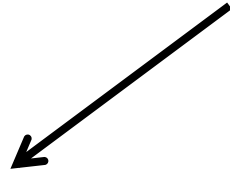
#	Crystal structure	Treatment	Fraction of trapped flux
1	Polycrystalline	None	100%
2	Polycrystalline	BCP	100%
3	Polycrystalline	BCP + 800°C bake out	$(83.1 \pm 0.8)\%$
4	Single crystal	BCP	$[(72.9 + 0.1 \ln v) \pm 0.8]\%$
5	Single crystal	BCP + 800°C bake out	$[(61.6 + 1.3 \ln v) \pm 0.8]\%$
6	Single crystal	BCP + 1200°C bake out	$[(42.1 + 0.13 \ln v) \pm 0.6]\%$

→ Aull, Kugeler and Knobloch, *PRSTAB* 15, 062001 (2012)

depends on cooling rate  $v = \Delta T / \Delta t$

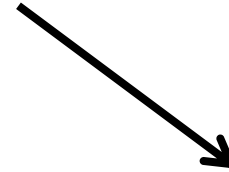
Consistant with results that Q's of large grain cavities are greater.  
For example W. Singer, MOIOA03: "Large grain cavities on average have 60% higher Q"

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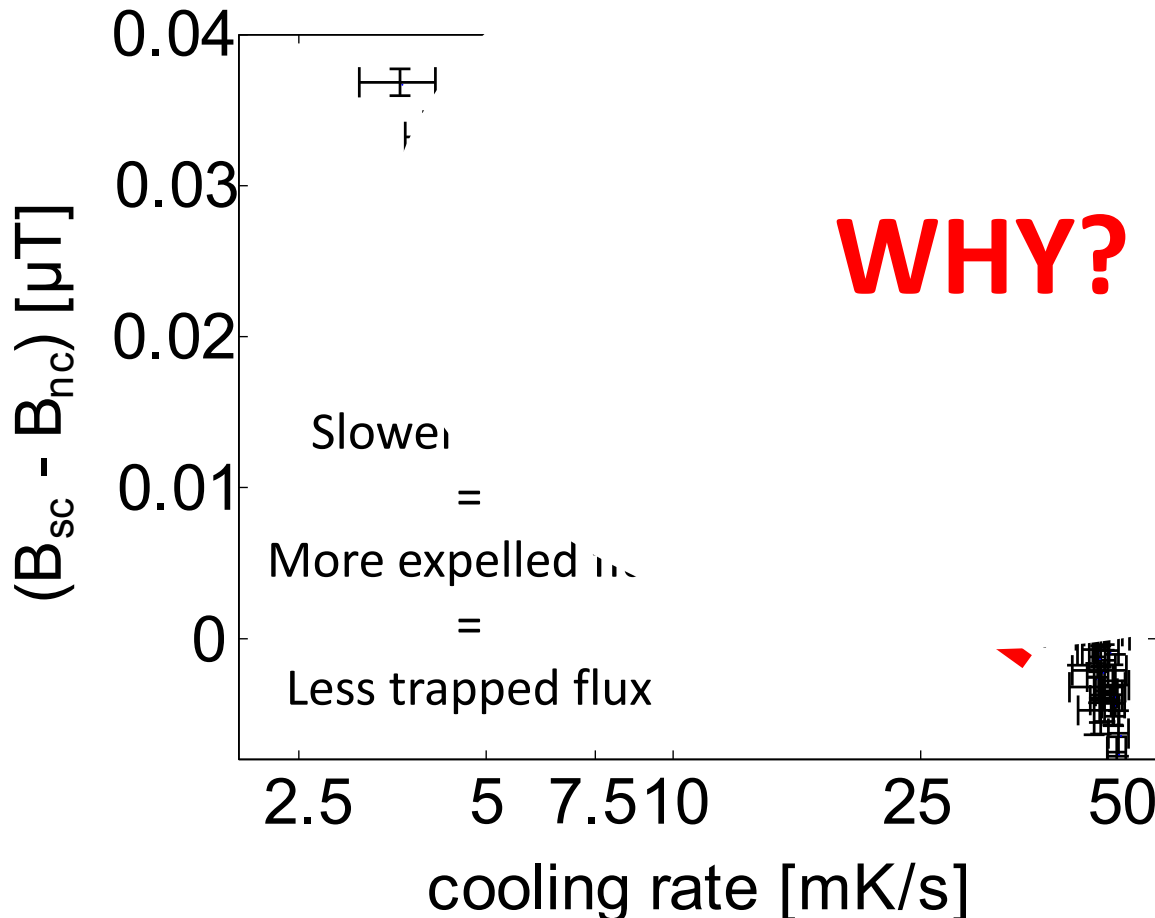
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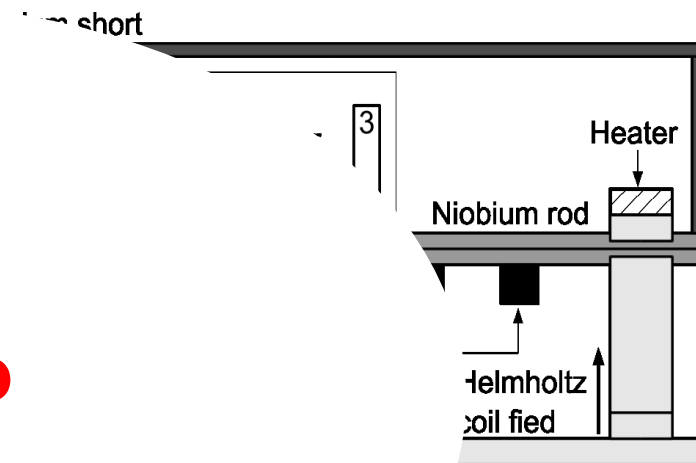
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# COOLING RATE

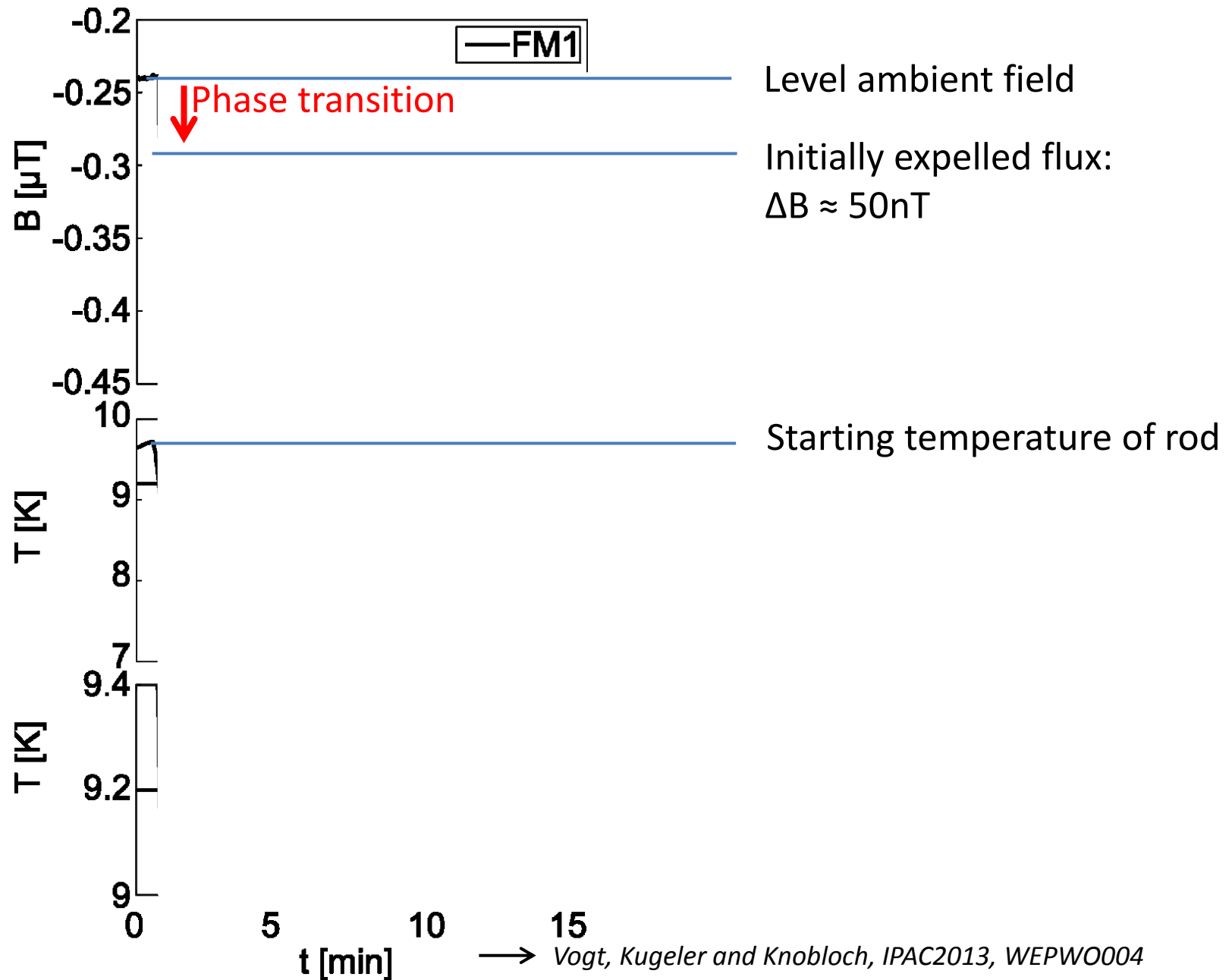
- Ambient field increased to 3μT (0.3μT in FM1 direction)
- Vary cooling rate during isothermal cooldown (max  $\Delta T < 0.1\text{K}$ )
- Slower transition supports Meissner effect
- Logarithmic correlation



WHY?

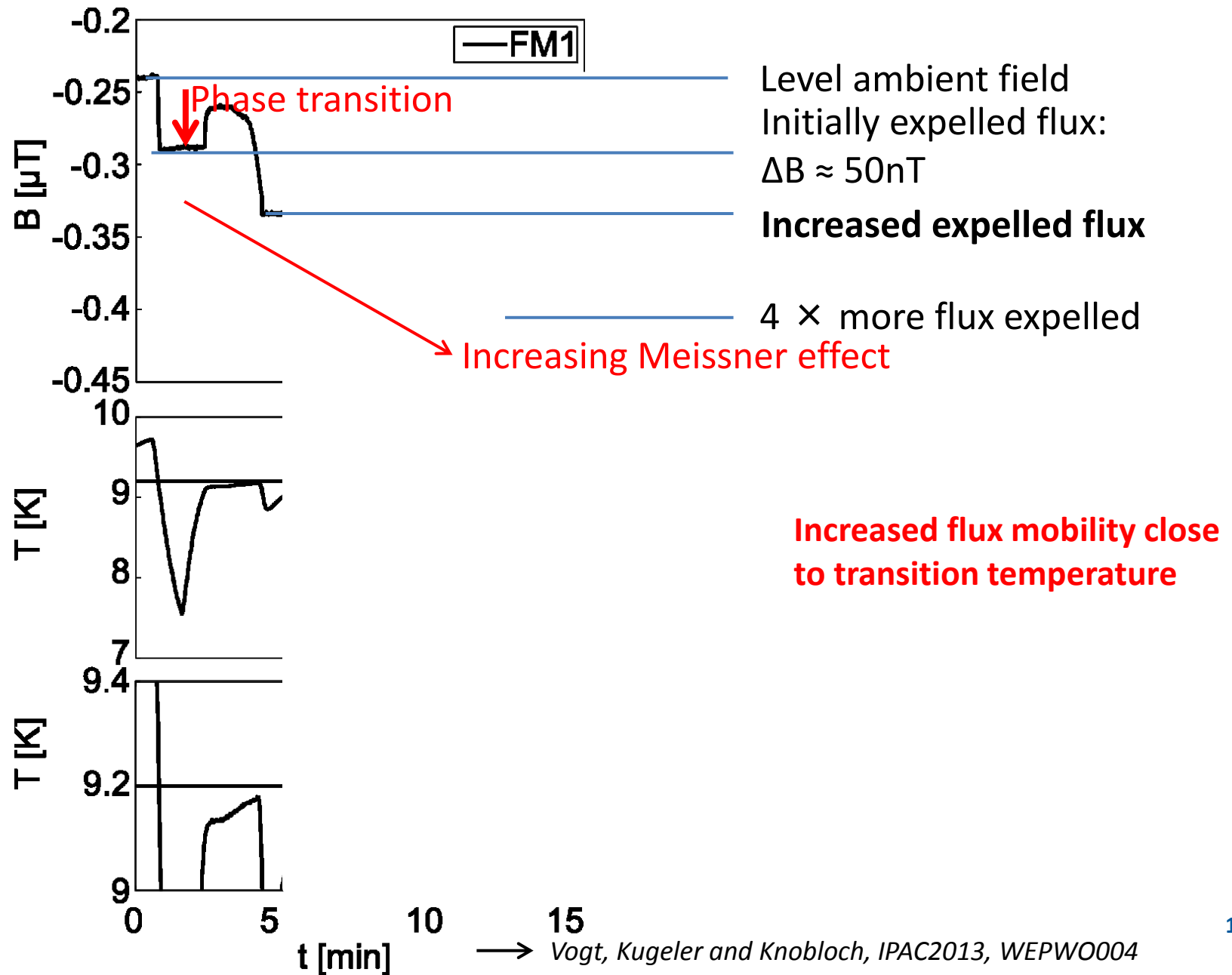


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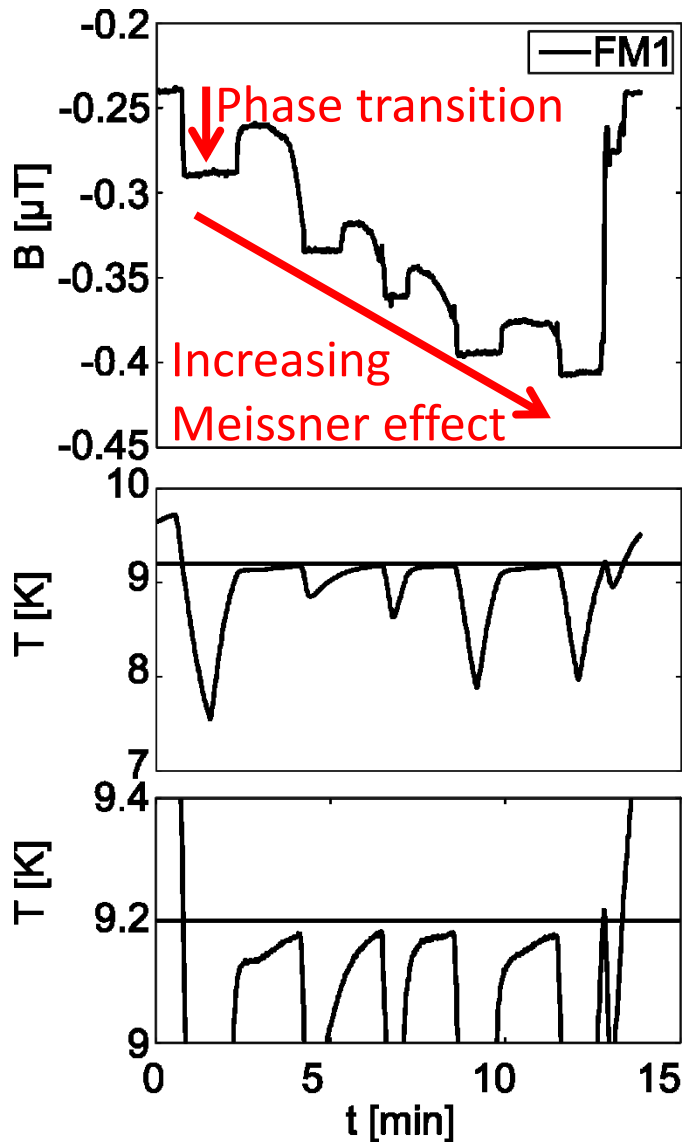




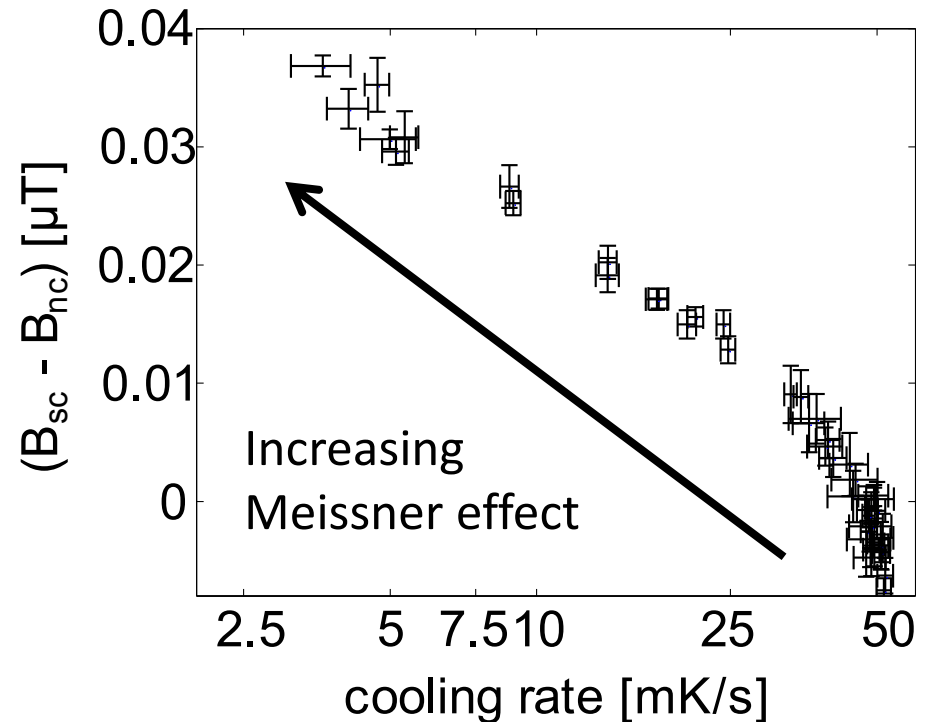
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Slower coolingrate = niobium longer in region with increased flux mobility



***Sarah Aull et al., SRF2013, WEIOC01  
RF measurements demonstrate that  $R_s$   
is impacted by the cooling rate***

Do temperature gradients generate trapped flux?	Thermoelectrically induced magnetic fields exist and get trapped in sc niobium.	Avoid temperature gradients as you transition to the SC state!
Can we reduce pinning centers? Impact niobium material properties the trapping behavior?	Material defects and contaminants affect trapped flux	Use large grain material and/or high temperature treatment!
Are there additional ways to optimize Meissner effect?	Flux shows increased mobility close to transition temperature	Decrease cooling rate near $T_c$ to take advantage of increased flux mobility!



- Cavity cooldown without  $\Delta T$  (time to settle before transition or add cycling)
- Cool slowly and smoothly through  $T_c$

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