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Q- Increase or Q- slope ?

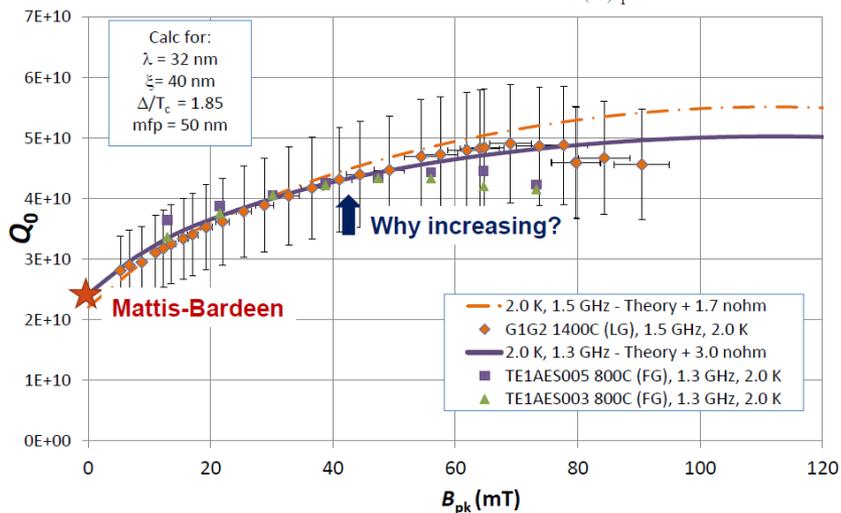
(medium field)

Origin of dissipations

# Theory vs Experiment

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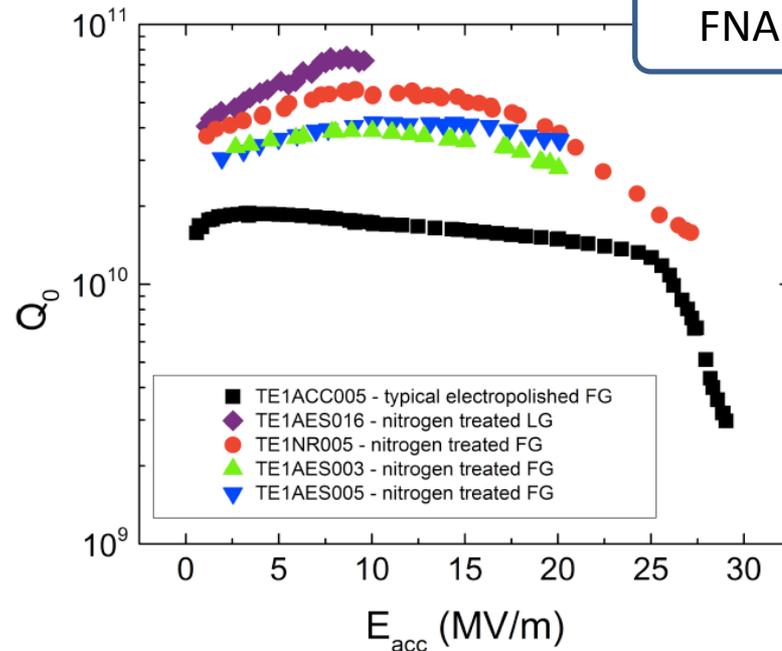
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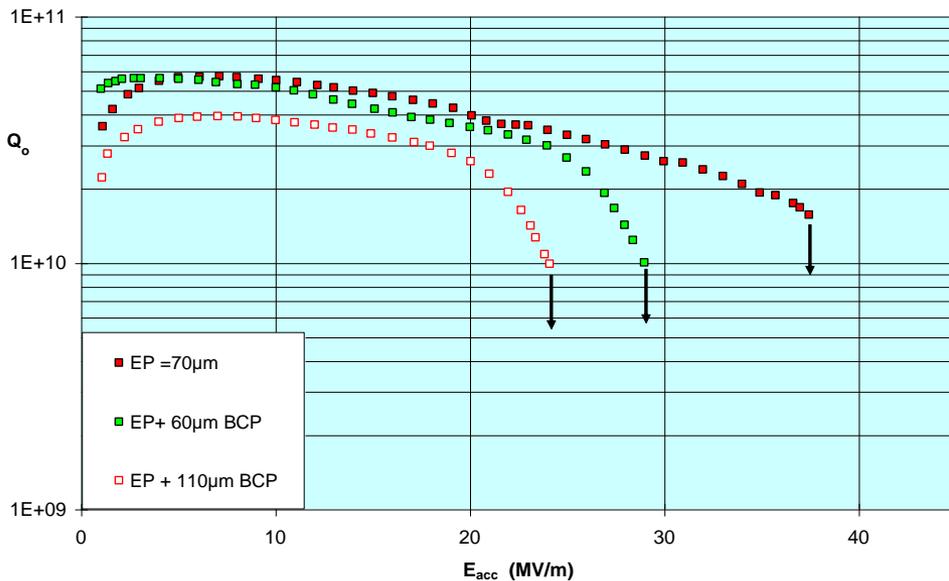
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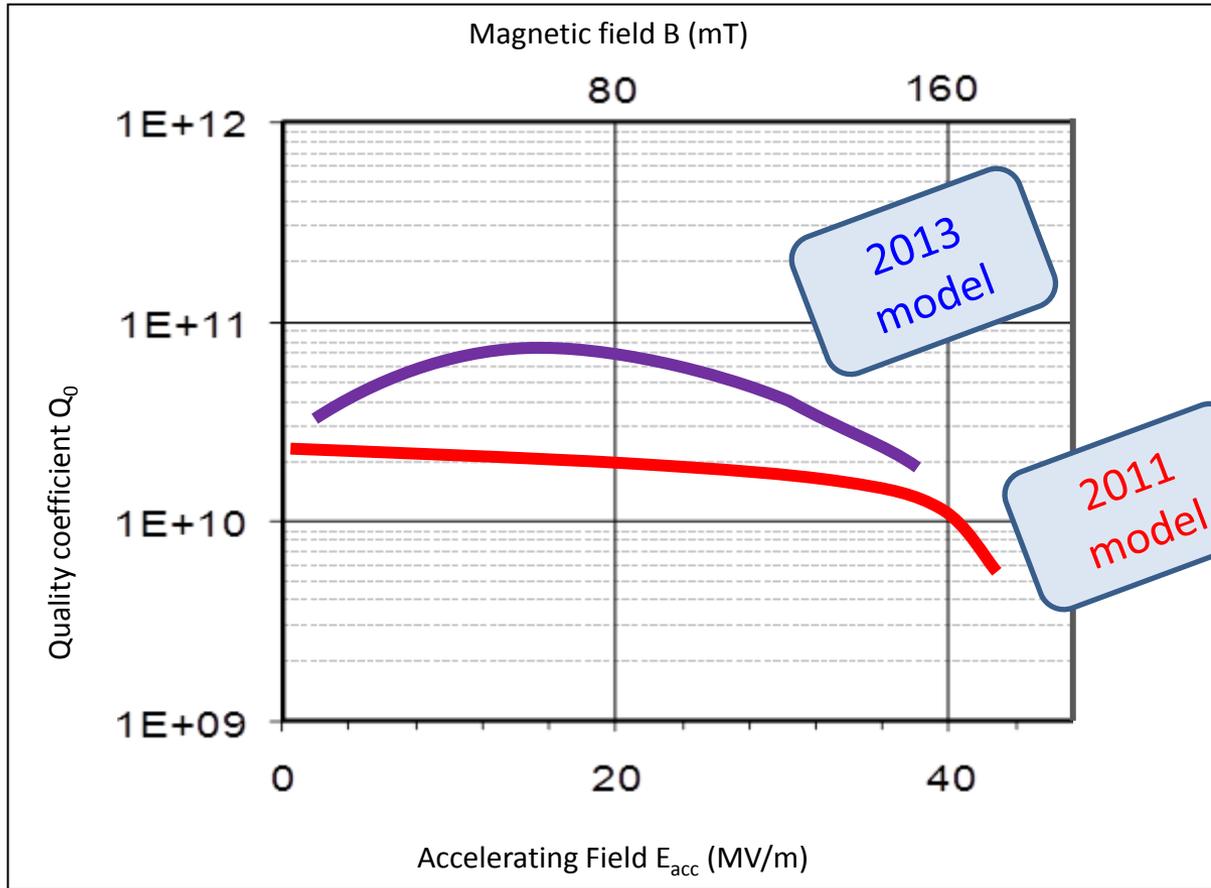
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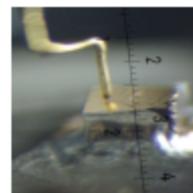
$Q_0 \sim 6 \cdot 10^{11}$



# *Fashion week...* New 2013 model



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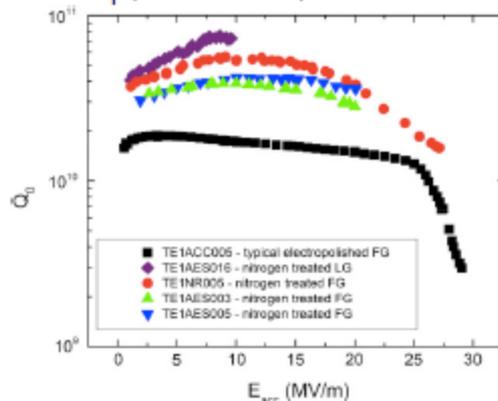
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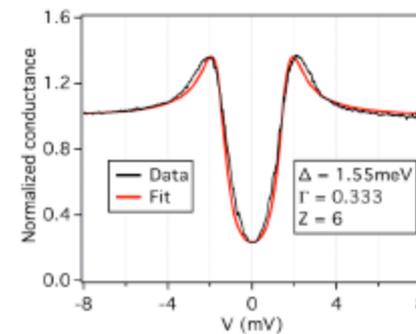
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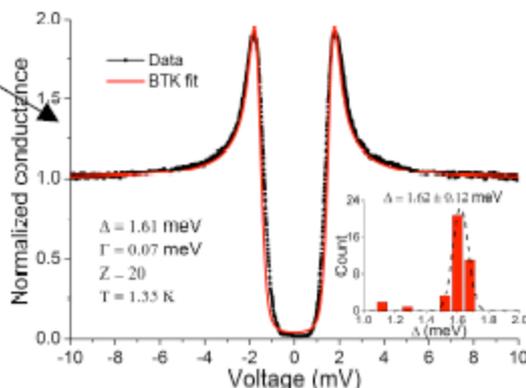
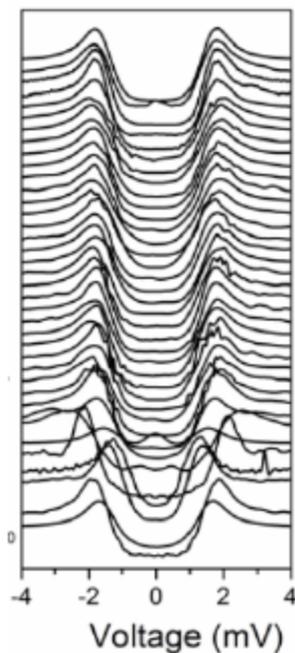
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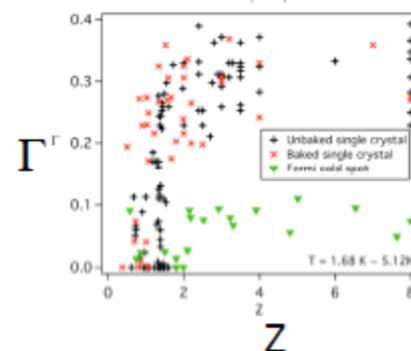
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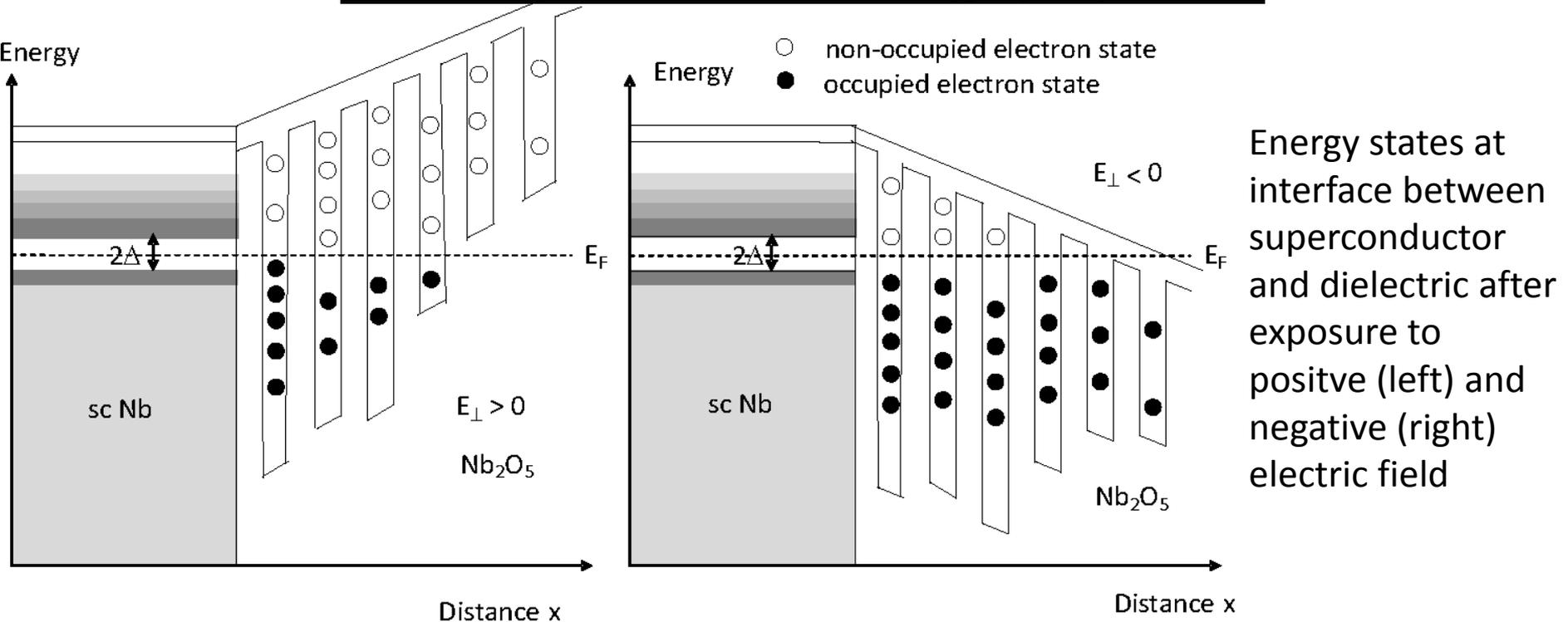
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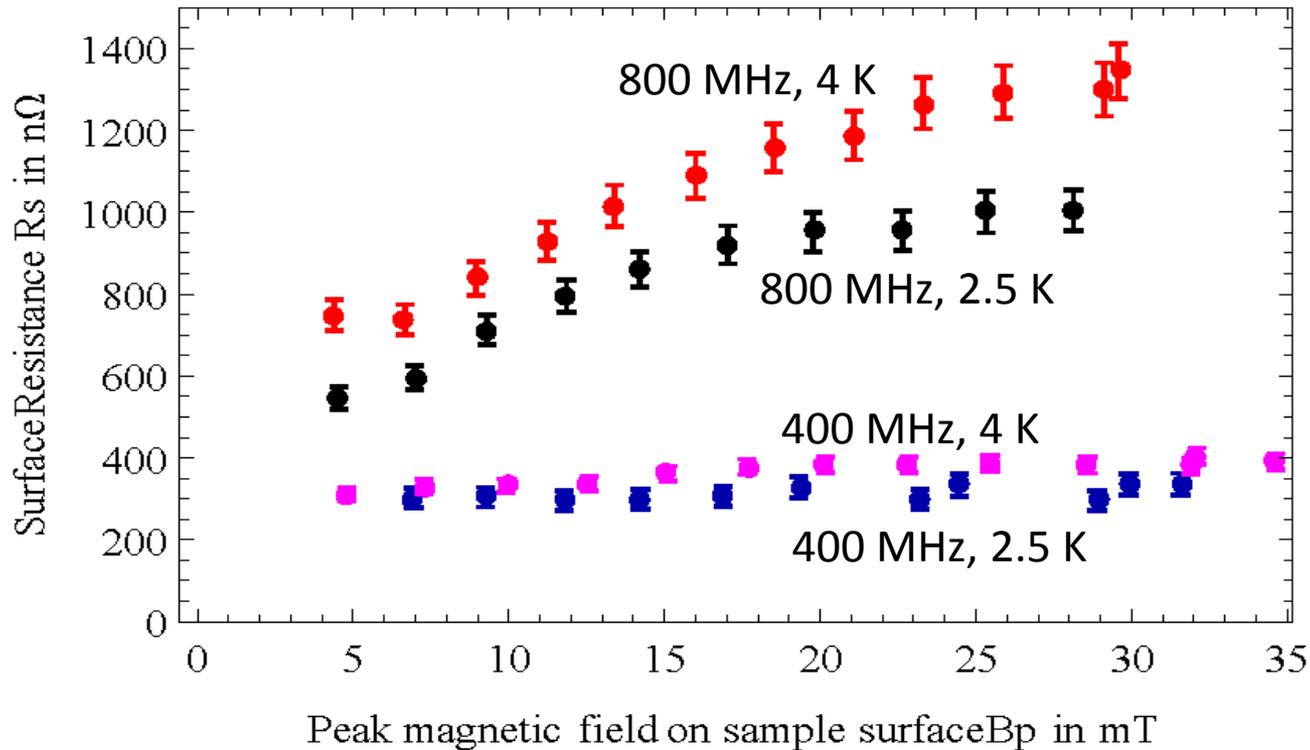
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## The Interface Tunnel Exchange (ITE) Model



- Surface electric field only penetrates the oxides not the superconductor
- Exchange of electrons within one RF period yields an electric surface resistance proportional to  $f$
- Within the energy gap  $2\Delta$  there are no states available → Threshold effect

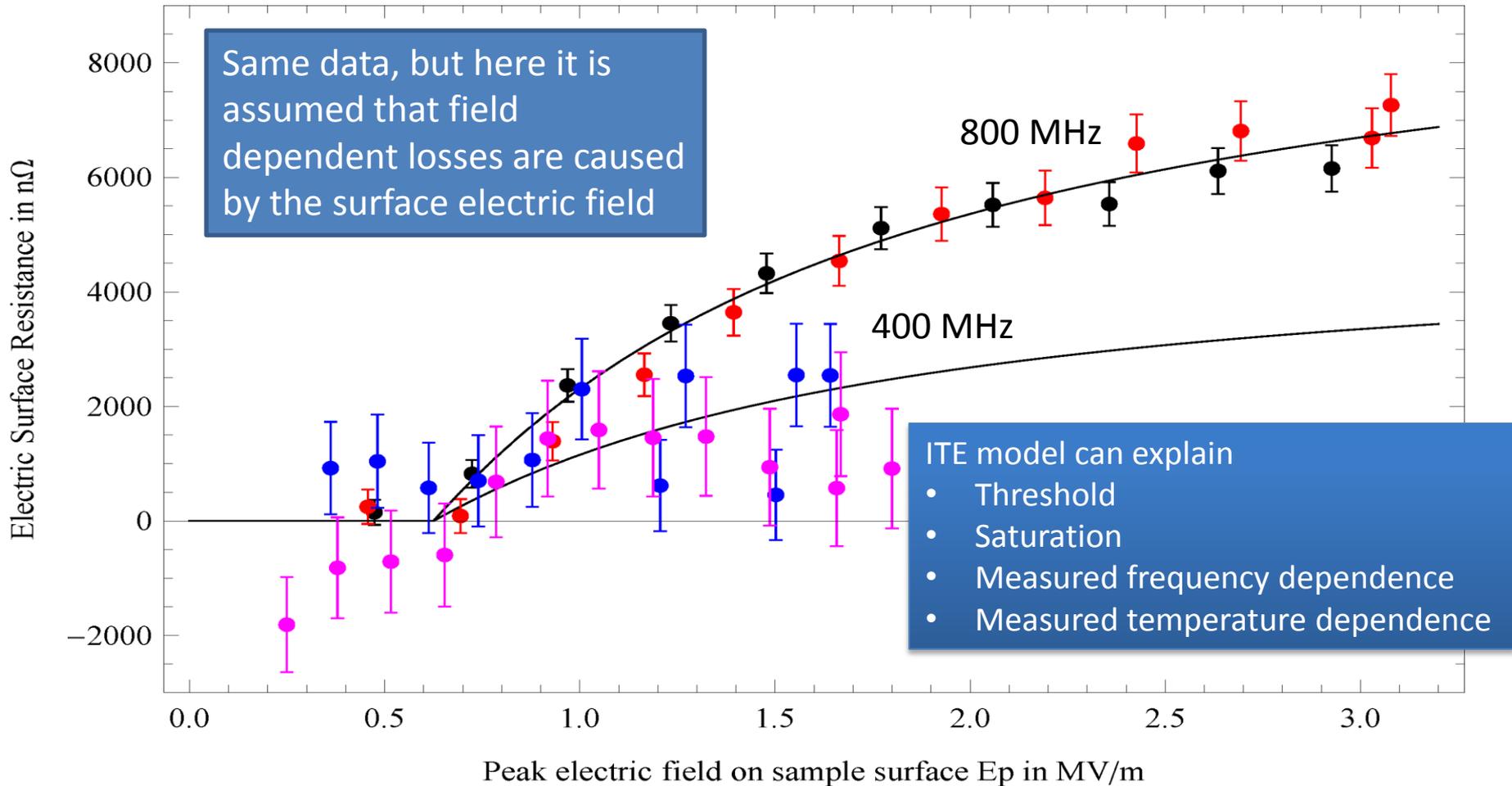
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## Origin of medium field losses

The new study leading to the deconvolution in  $R_{\text{BCS}}(B)$  and  $R_0(B)$  [1] allows to draw some important new conclusions on the origin of the low and medium field RF losses:

1. **Both** residual resistance and BCS resistance contribute to MFQS
2. **Thermal feedback** plays almost **no role** in avg performing 1.3 GHz cavities (below lambda point)
3. **Roughness plays a role**: BCP causes more MFQS than EP (manifests as residual)
4. **120C bake** enhances the MFQS by **making the BCS component strongly field dependent**
5. Reverse field dependence is possible! Impurity doping leads to a **BCS resistance decreasing with field**, reaching BCS values previously unseen in our niobium

[1] A. Romanenko and A. Grassellino, Appl. Phys. Lett. **102**, 252603 (2013)

# Origin of low and medium field losses – BCS component

1. EP, BCP: clean limit →

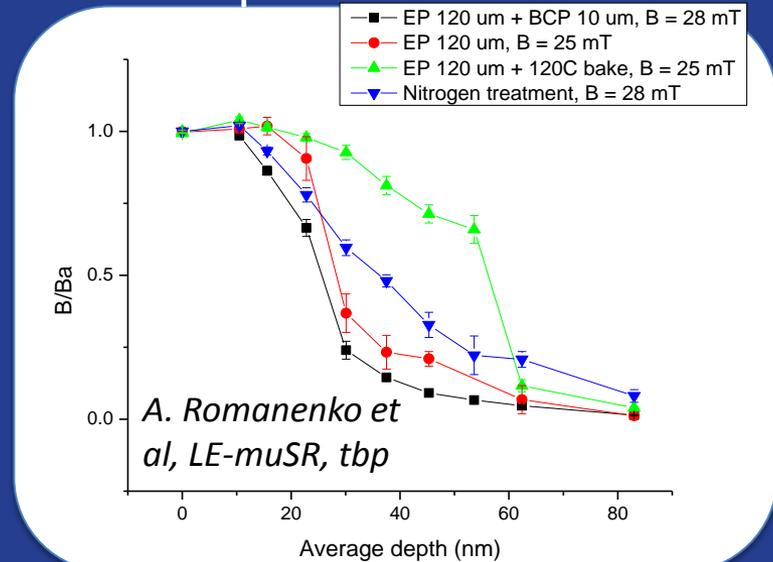
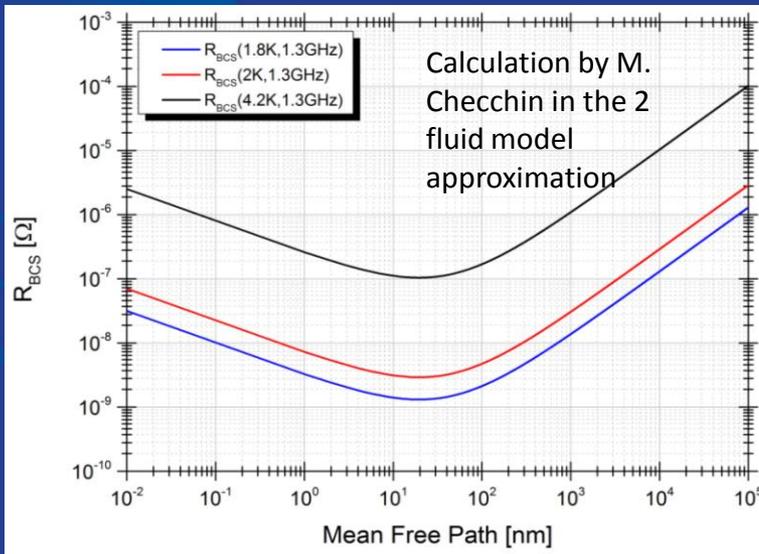
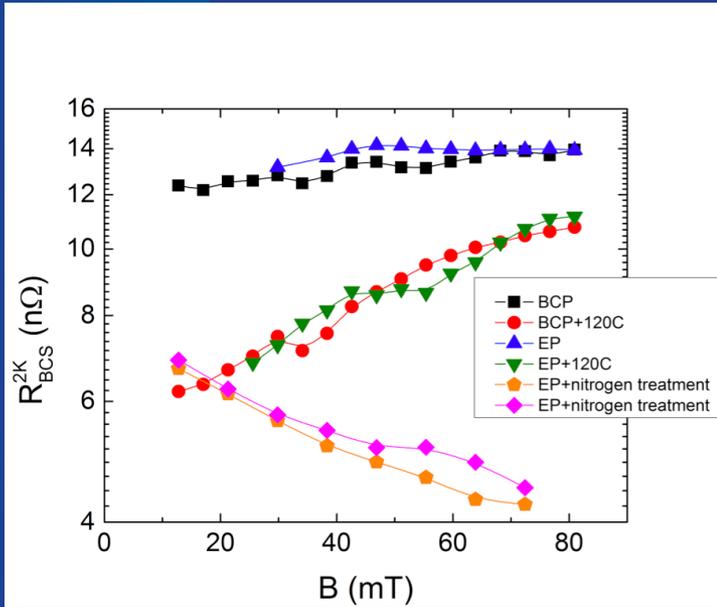
- High low field value bc of **large mfp**
- No Q-slope bc of **no  $\Delta(H)$**

2. 120C bake: dirty limit →

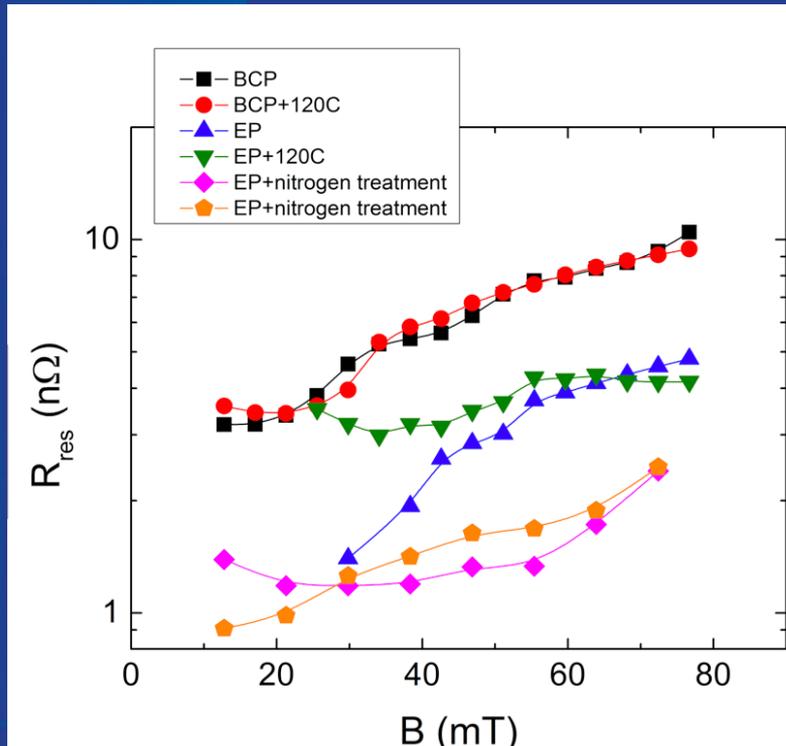
- Lower low field value bc of **low mfp**
- **Strong field dependence bc of  $\Delta(H)$**  (bc of dirty limit)

3. Nitrogen baked: Intermediate purity →

- Lower low field value bc of **low mfp**
- Decrease bc of  **$\lambda(B)$** ? Or is nitrogen a better dopant?



# Origin of low and medium field losses – residual part



## 1. Hydrides:

- **Low field: yes** (hydrides always present as shown via cryogenic TEM by Trenikhina and Romanenko, residual consistently  $<1 n\Omega$  in annealed as last step cavities demonstrated at FNAL)
- **Field dependence: yes** (see second cooldown  $R_s(B)$ )

## 2. (Macro)Roughness (BCP vs EP):

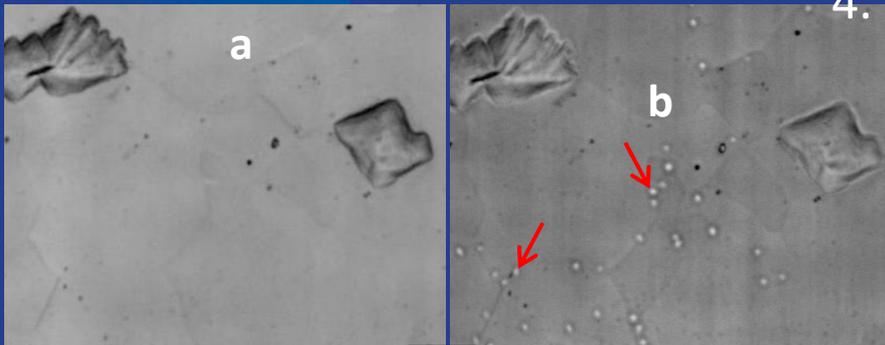
- **Low field: no**
- **Field dependence: yes**

## 3. Trapped flux:

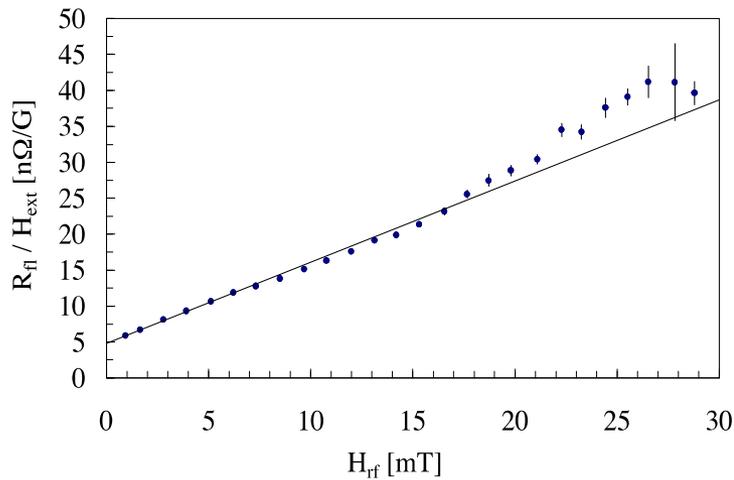
- **Low field: yes**
- **Field dependence: yes, linear**

## 4. Oxide and suboxides:

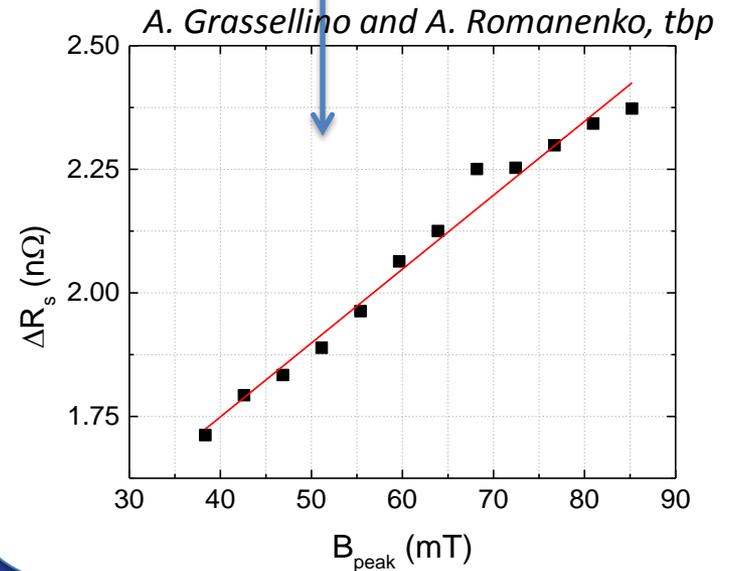
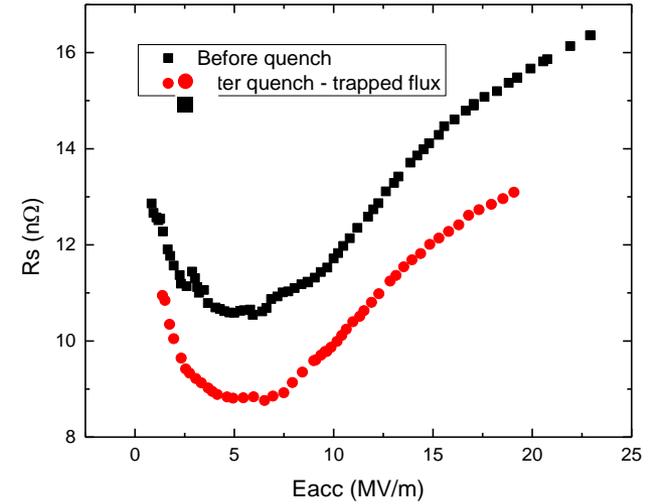
- **Low field: maybe** (increase in 120C localized in first  $\sim 3 nm$ )
- **Field dependence: not clear**



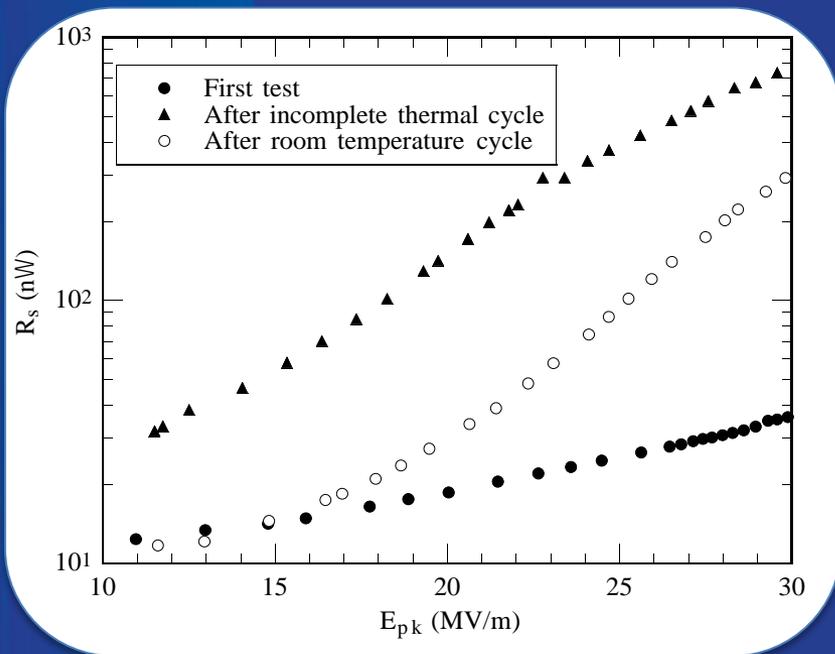
# Trapped flux produces a linear field dependence [ $R_0(B)$ ]



Benvenuti, Calatroni et al, Proceedings of the 1997 Workshop on RF Superconductivity, Abano Terme (Padova), Italy

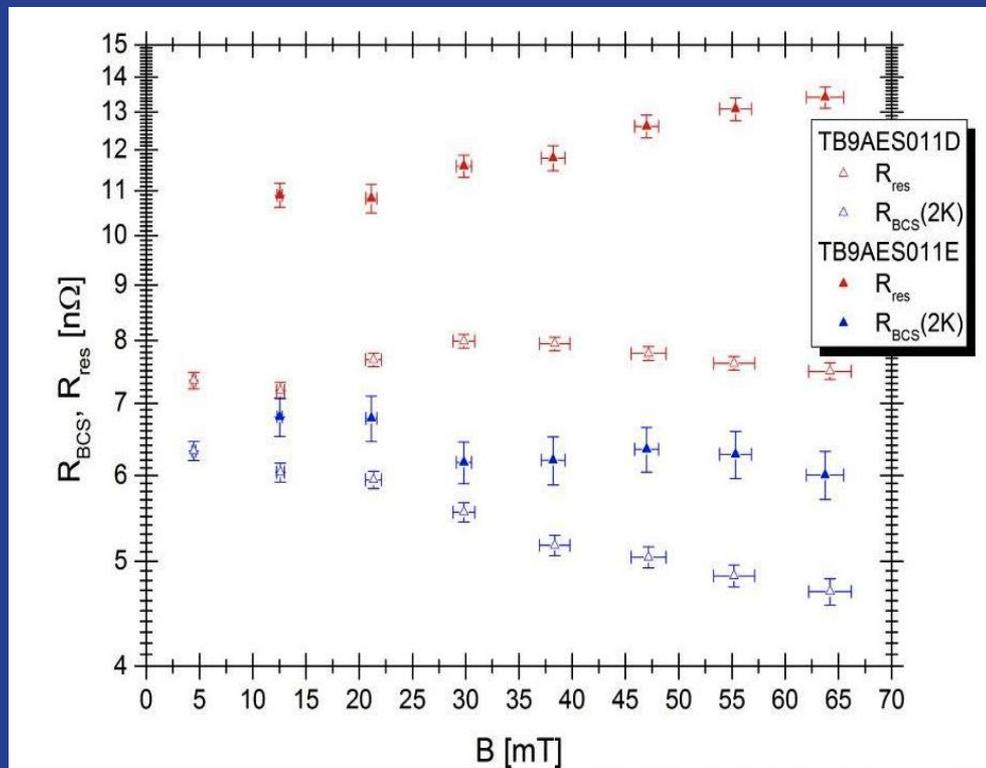


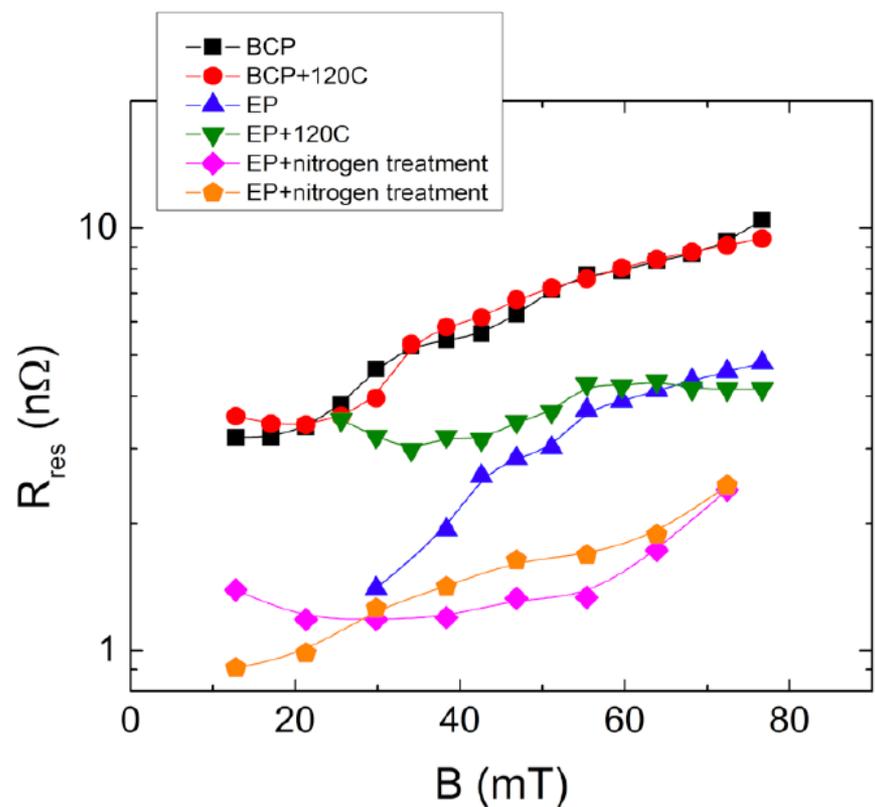
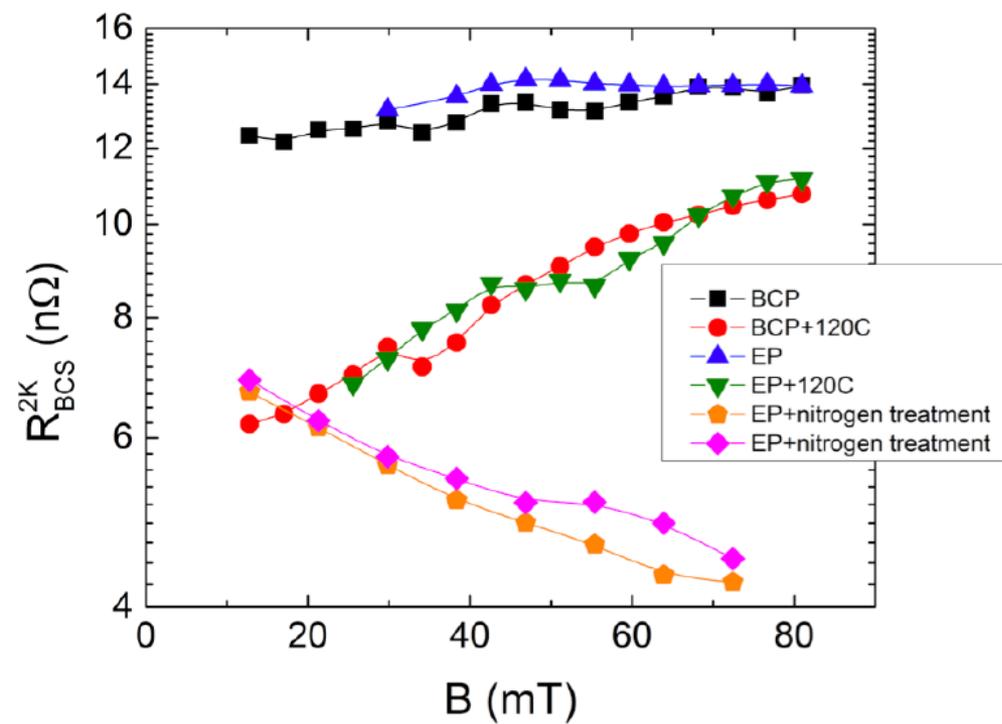
# Hydrogen affects the field dependence of residual resistance: example second cooldown



Knobloch and Padamsee, 8th Workshop on RF Superconductivity, Padova, Italy. SRF 981012-12

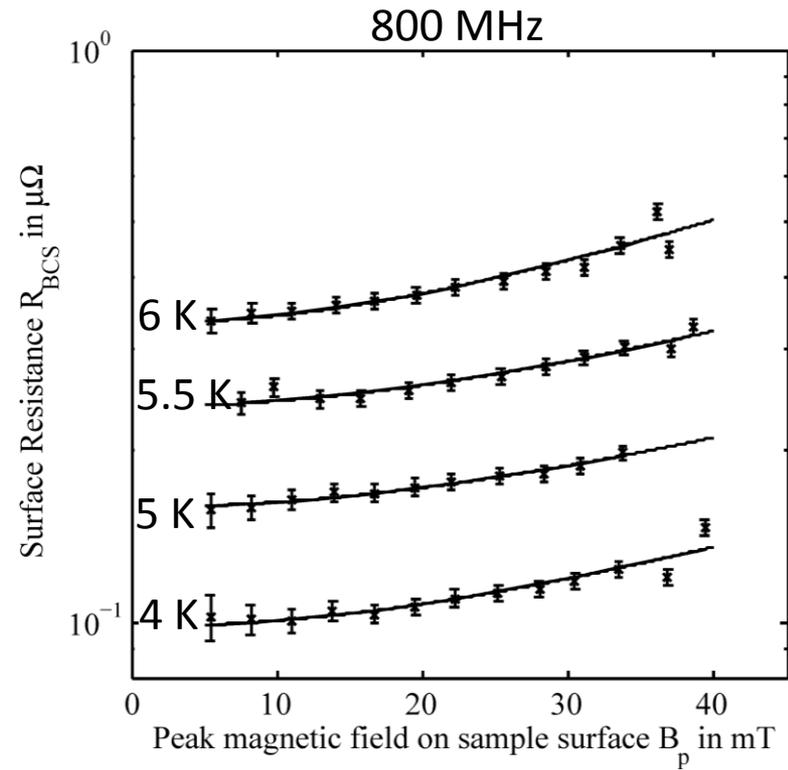
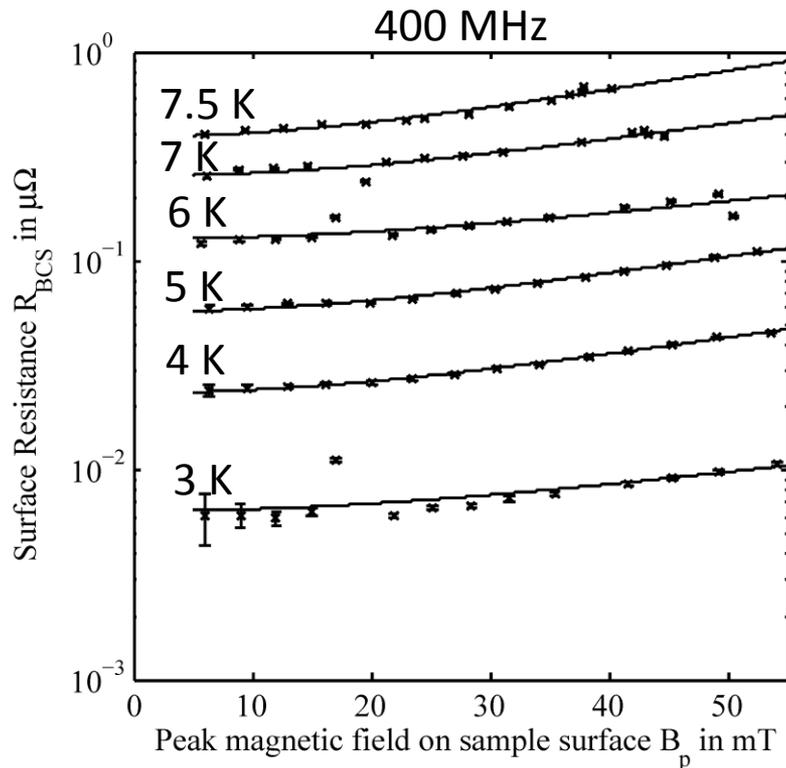
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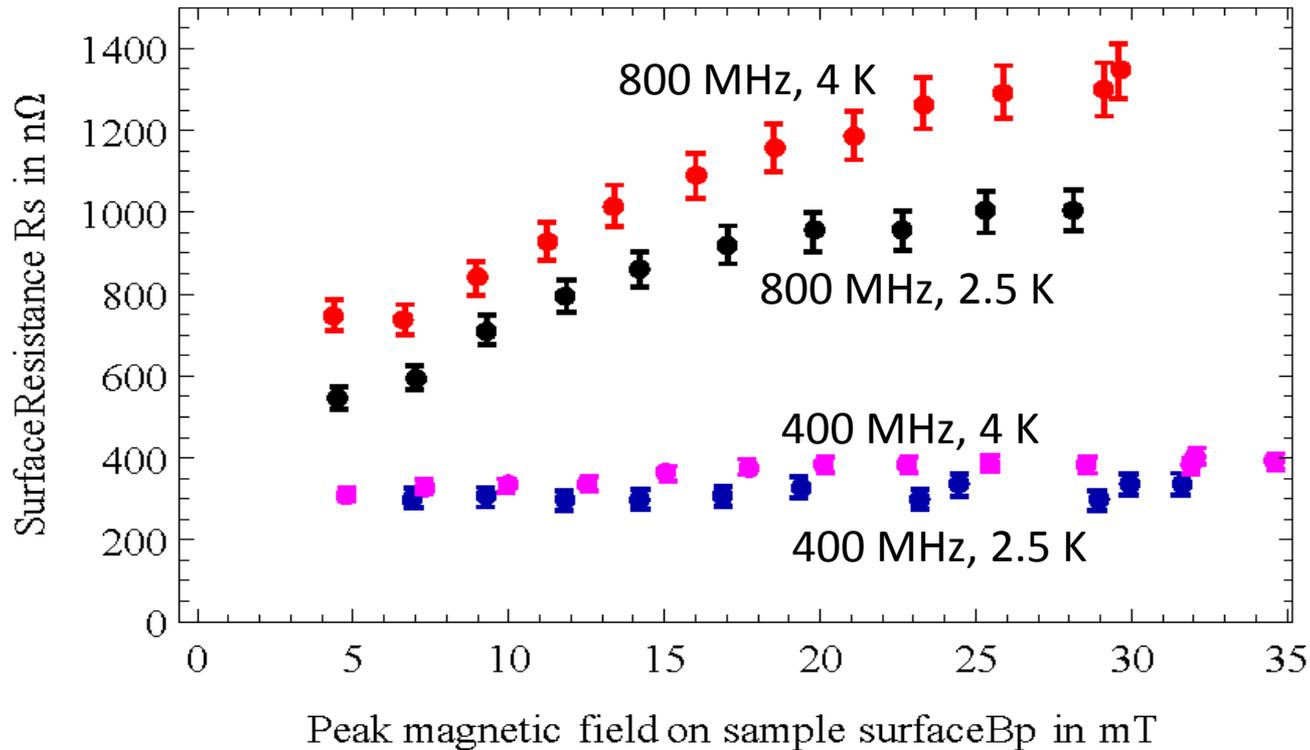
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## Quadrupole Resonator measurements on one bulk niobium sample



All curves can be fitted by  $R_s(T,B)=R_s(T) \cdot c \cdot (B/B_c)^2$  with  $c=10.2 \pm 2.5$  independent on T and f

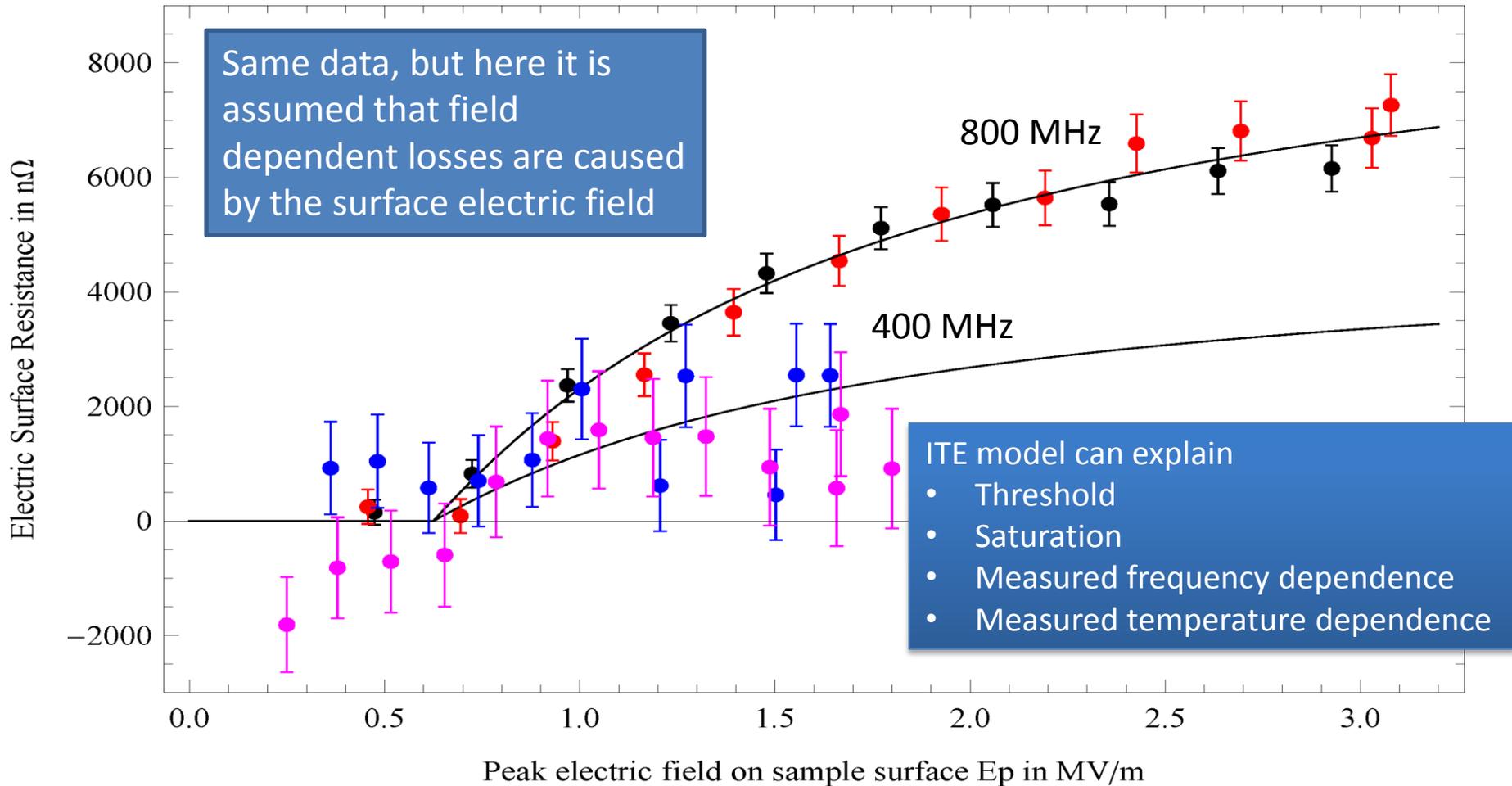
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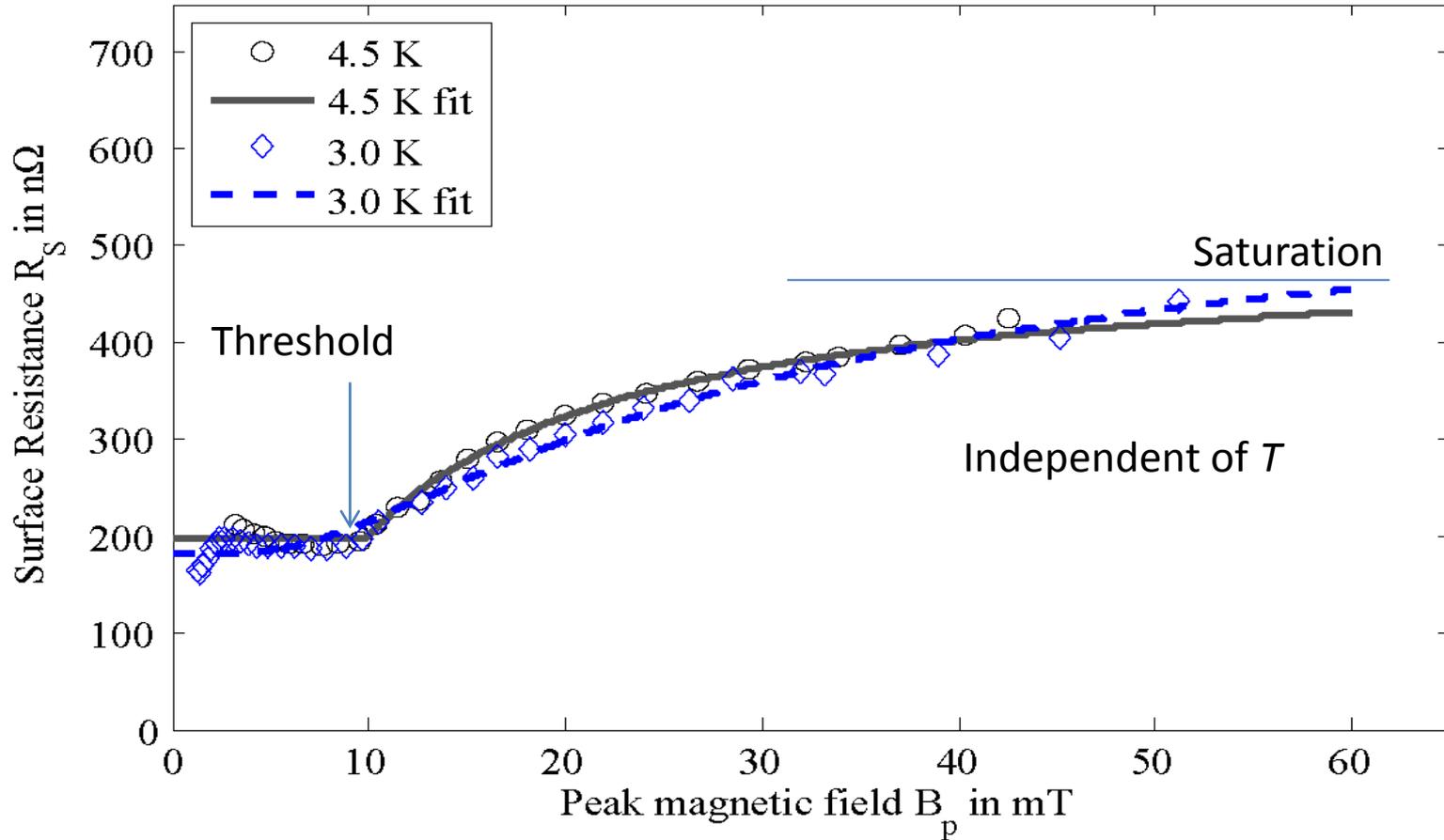


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ITE fit can explain cavity data

Example: Early HIE Isolde QWR measurement (100 MHz)



# Summary on medium field Q-slope

Combined results of surface resistance measurements on samples and cavities allow to conclude:

1. There are temperature dependent and independent contributors to the medium field Q-slope.
2. The temperature dependent surface resistance factorizes in a temperature and a field dependent part like  $R_s(T,B) = R_s(T) \cdot c \cdot (B/B_c)^2$ , where  $c$  is a constant independent of  $T$  and  $f$ . These losses can be correlated to the surface magnetic field.
3. Often a surface resistance increasing above a threshold field, saturating at higher field is observed. Quadrupole Resonator measurements give evidence that these losses are caused by the surface electric field and the interface tunnel exchange model can provide a good fit to the data with physically meaningful parameters.



# Dissipation Mechanisms in SRF Cavities from Tunneling and Raman Spectroscopies

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## Nb Samples: SRF (Hot Spot, Cold Spot), Processed Nb Coupons

FNAL: L. Cooley, A. Romanenko, A. Grassellino

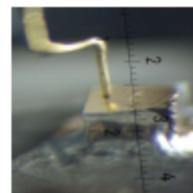
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## No Singular Theme: Multimodal Processes

- Nb Oxide is NOT a benign dielectric (defective, variable conductivity, variable barrier strength, locally magnetic, source of De-Pairing)
- Hot Spots/ Cold Spots differ in the area density of macroscopic surface blemishes (etch pits, rough pits, patches of excess C, O, H)
- Very Best regions show ideal Nb gap, ideal oxide/interface, no depairing
- Surprises: NbC inclusions (50 nm - 1  $\mu$ m) (Raman/TEM/EELS)

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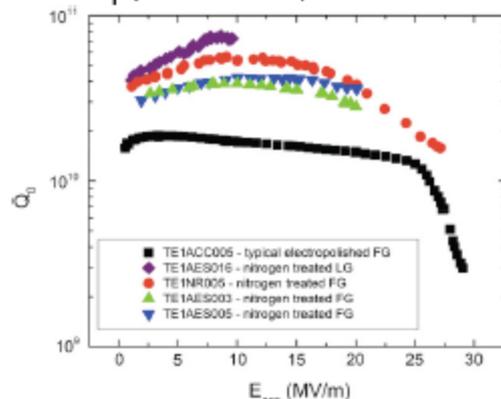


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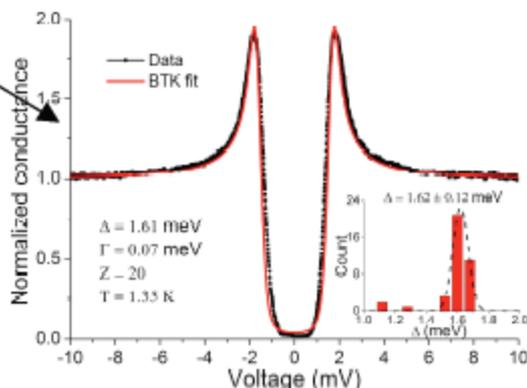
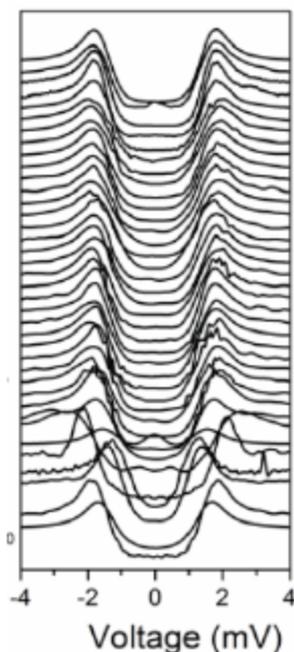
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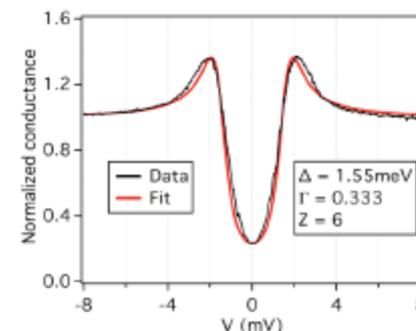
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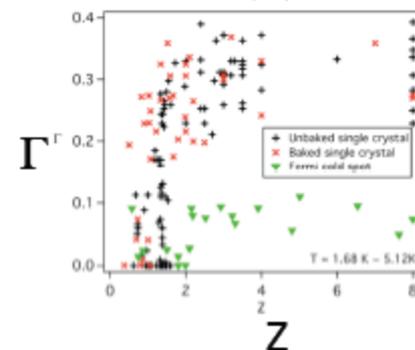
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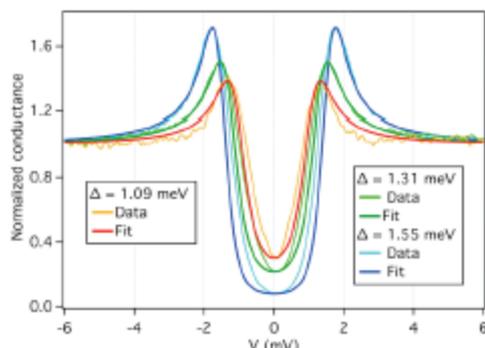
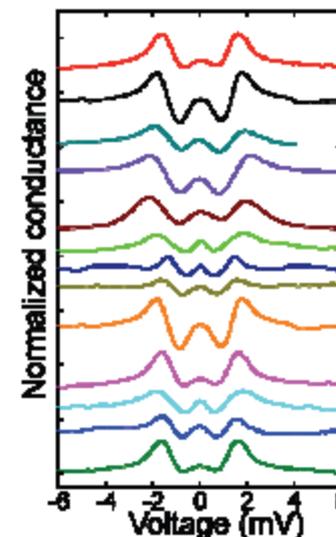
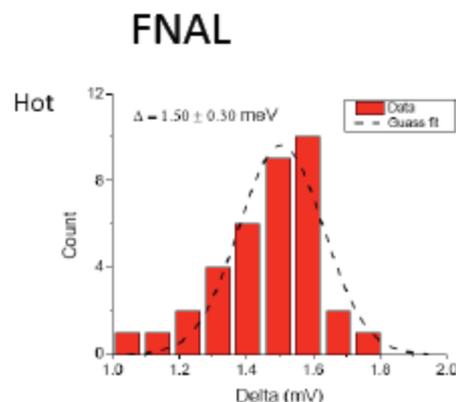
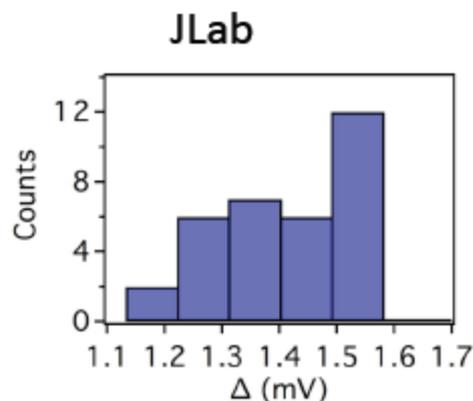
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## Tunneling in Cavity Hot Spots

Spin flip tunneling  
(zero bias peak)



Hot Spots show distribution of Gaps as low as 1.0 meV.

Important  $R_S \sim e^{-\Delta/kT}$

Areas of reduced  $T_C$

Origin?  $NbH_x$ ,  $NbC_x$ , Proximity Effects, magnetism?

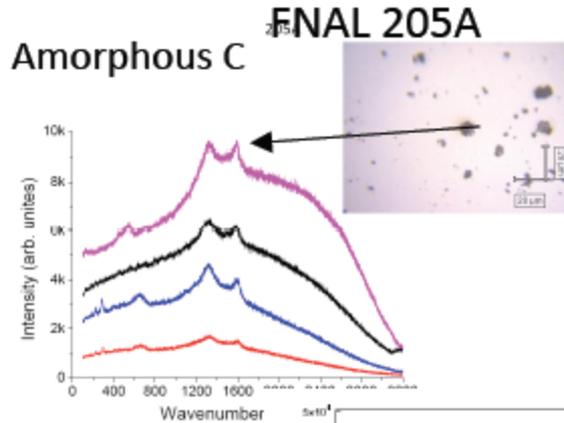
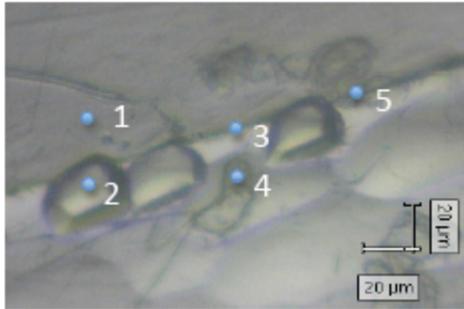
Need new probes! Measure local gap, composition, structure

Hot spots show regions of Kondo tunneling - magnetic moments in the oxide!

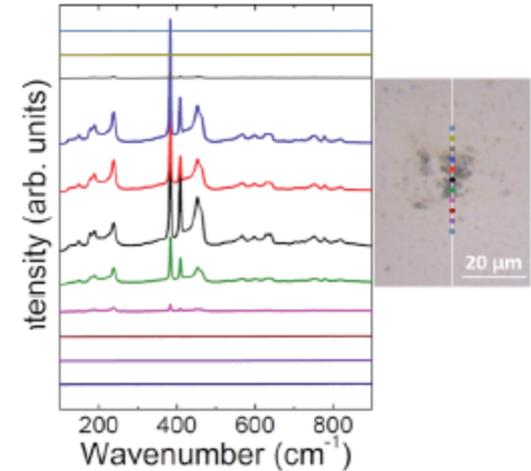
Is the origin of Pairbreaking  $\Gamma$  Magnetic moments in oxide?

# Raman/SEM Mapping of Surface Blemishes

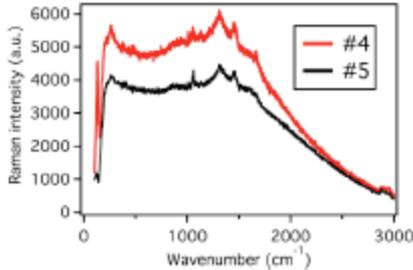
Jlab Hot Spot



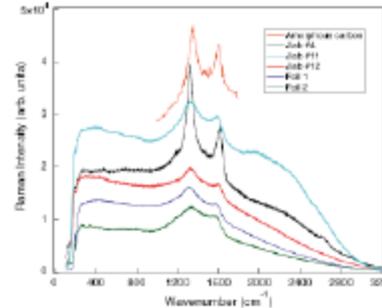
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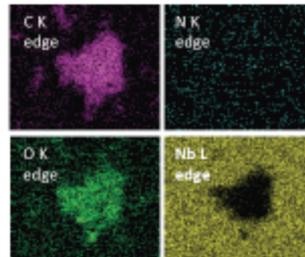
Chain Hydrocarbons CH<sub>2</sub>



C. Cao et al,  
PhysRevSTAB.16.064701



SEM probes 1 μm  
Thick excess C  
Excess O also



## Summary of Surface Blemish Studies:

- Higher density of blemishes on Hot Spots
- Raman shows a-C, CH<sub>2</sub> chains, NbC (inclusions in TEM)
- SEM shows excess carbon can be thick
- Raman not sensitive to NbH<sub>x</sub> need FTIR?
- Is excess C tied to reduced gaps in hot spots?