



Researches of High Q Superconducting Cavities at Peking University

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- Introduction
- Nitrogen doping/infusion researches
- Medium temperature baking researches
- Nb₃Sn cavity and conduction cooling accelerator
- Summary



Introduction

- The development of high Q/high Gradient superconducting cavities is driven by large projects
 - High gradient: European XFEL, ILC
 - High Q: CEPC, LCLS-II, SHINE, S3FEL
- Technology to high Q
 - Nitrogen doping (high T)
 - Nitrogen infusion (low T)
 - Medium temperature baking (medium T)
 - Large grain cavity
 - Nb_3Sn cavity



Introduction

● Development of SRF cavities at PKU

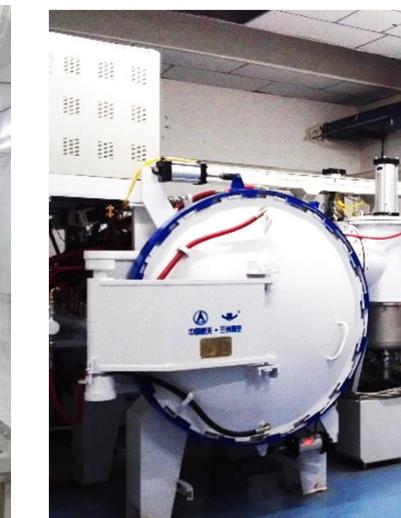
- Since 1988
- 1st L-band cavity (1994), 1st QWR (2000), 1st 9-cell cavity (2008)
- High Q researches
- Nb₃Sn cavities and conduction cooling accelerator
- Completion of SRF facilities



SRF lab



HPR



furnace



2K cryogenic system



VTS



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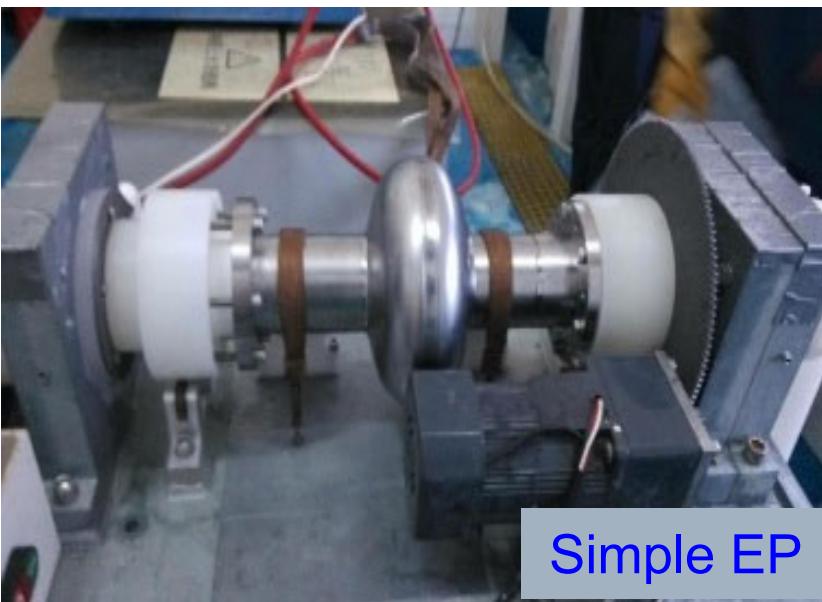
N-doping researches with single cell cavities

- Buffered Chemical Polishing (BCP) /Electropolishing(EP): refresh the surface
- High Pressure Rinsing (HPR)
- 800°C/900-950°C heat treatment: 3 h
- Nitrogen-doping at 2.7-4.0 Pa, 800°C
Heavy doping: N-doping 20 min/Annealing 30 min (**N20/A30**)

Light doping: **N2/A6**

Mid doping: **N10/A20**

- EP: remove NbN on the surface
- Ethanol cleaning and Ultra sonic cleaning
- HPR and clean room assembling
- Vertical Test

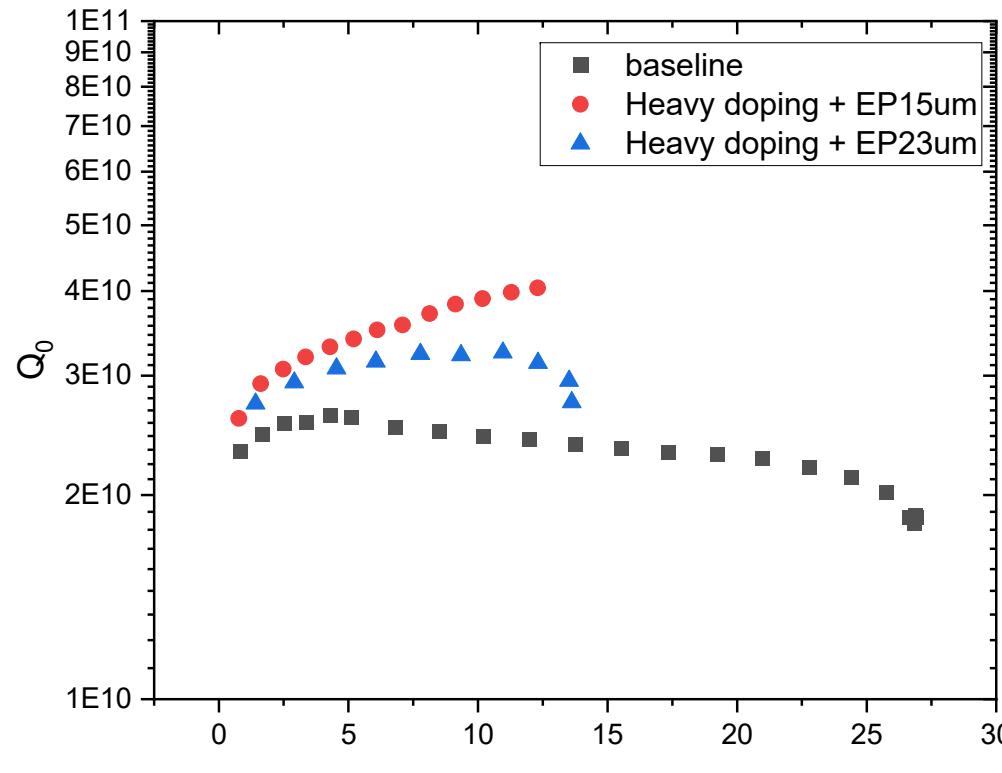




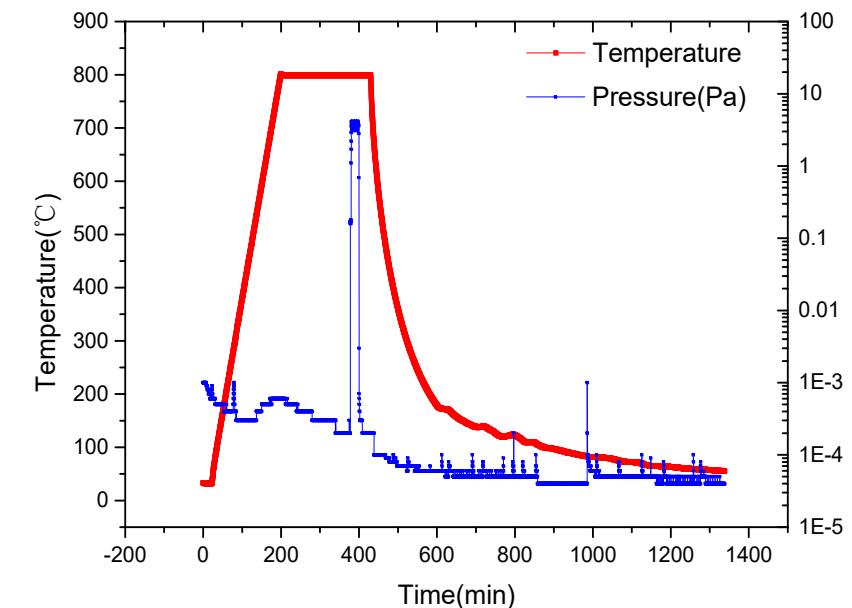
Heavy Doping

large grain cavity LG1

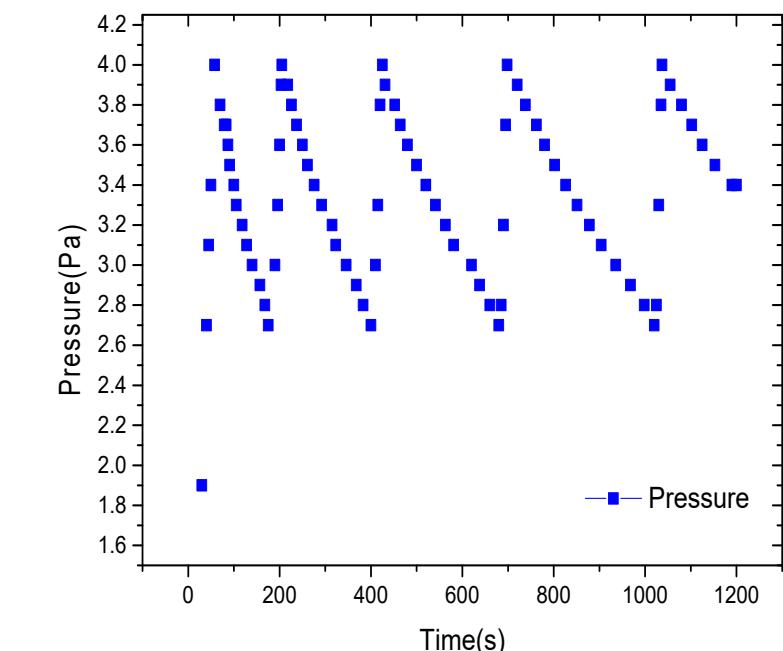
- BCP 250 μm , 800°C 3 h, N20/A30
- EP 15 μm , vertical test
- + EP 8 μm , vertical test



Vertical test



Temperature and Pressure



Pressure in doping

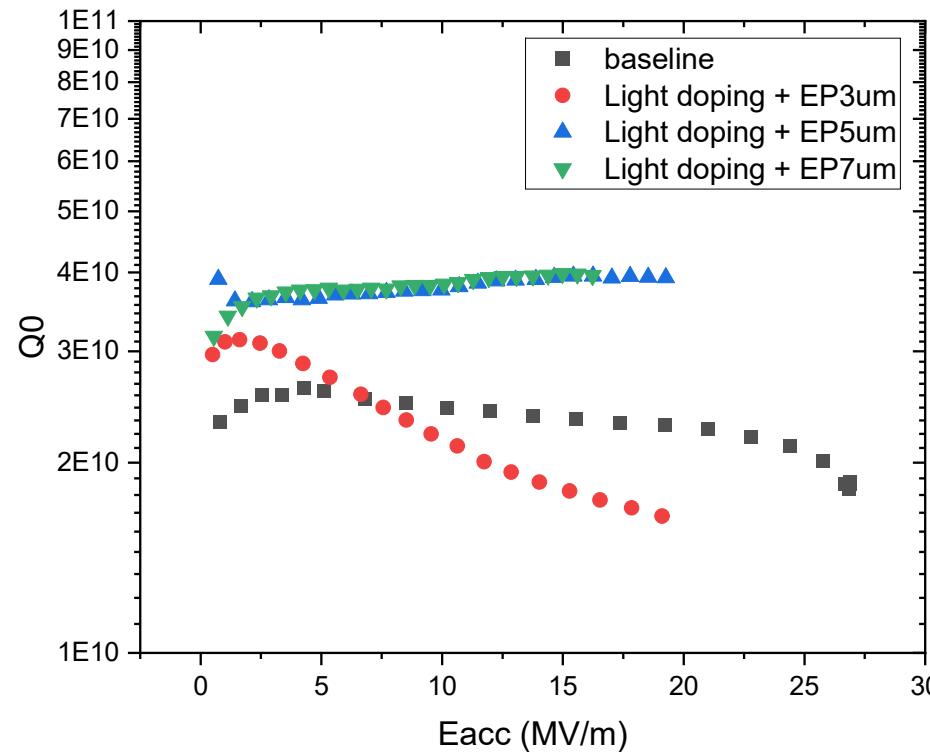
Treatment	Q_0 (2K)	E_{acc} (MV/m)
Baseline(BCP250+EP70)	$2.4\text{e}10$ @12MV/m	27.0
Heavy doping + EP15	$4.0\text{e}10$ @12MV/m	12.3
+EP8 (totally EP23)	$3.2\text{e}10$ @12MV/m	13.6

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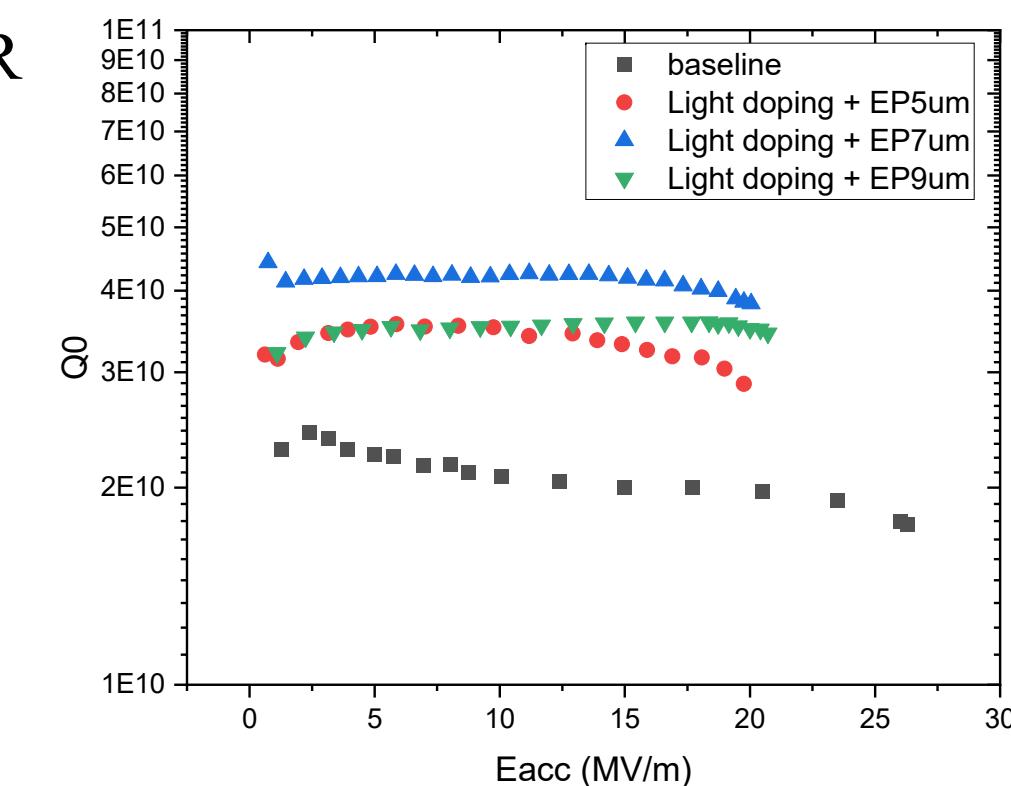
Light Doping

LG01



- BCP to remove the N-surface + HPR
- 800°C 3 h, N2/A6
- Light EP, vertical test
- + EP 2 μ m, vertical test
- + EP 2 μ m, vertical test

LG03

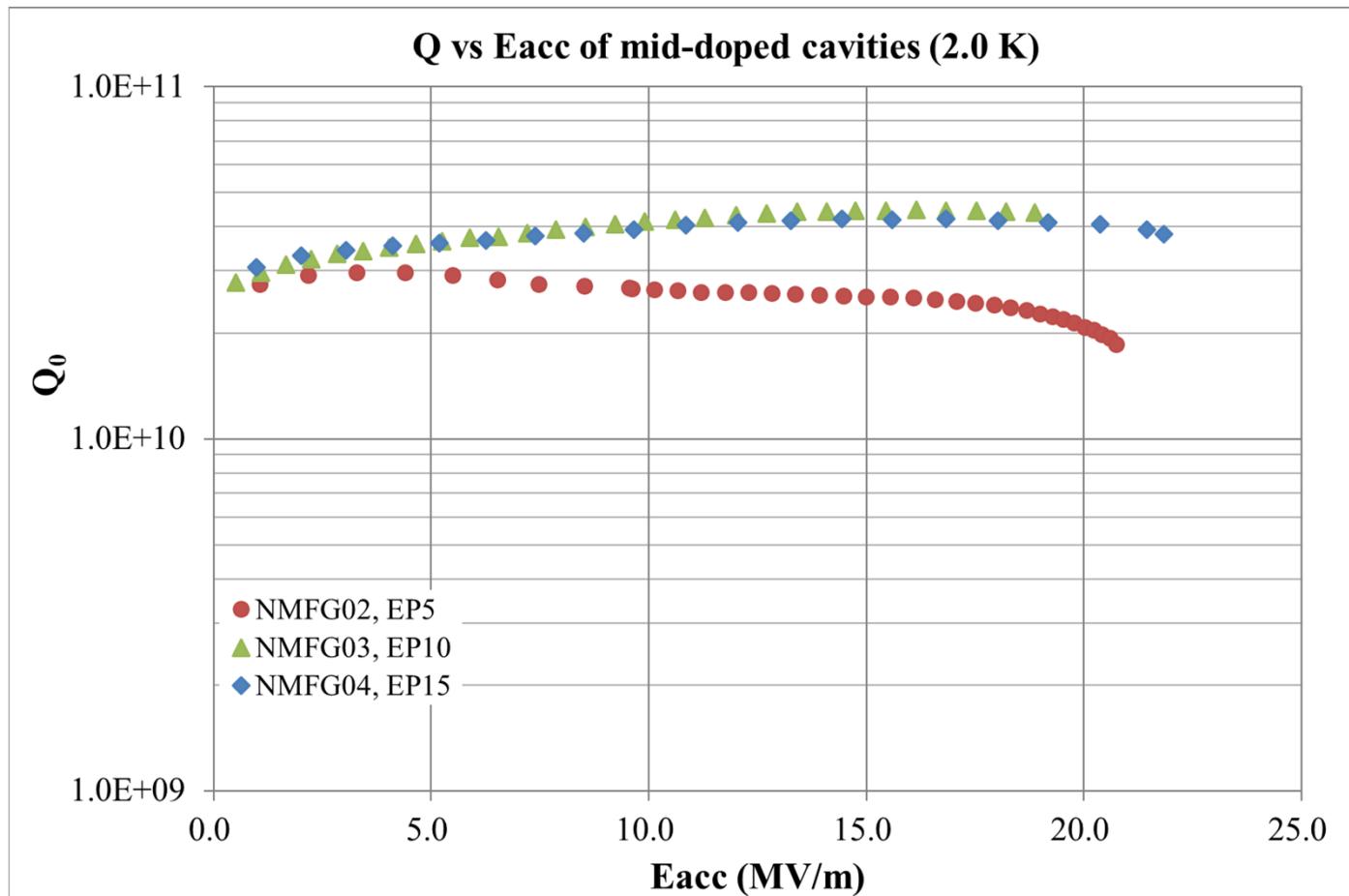


Treatment	Q_0 (2K,16MV/m)	E_{acc} (MV/m)
Baseline	2.4e10 (12MV/m)	27.0
BCP30+N2/A6+EP3	1.7e10	19.1
+ EP2 (totally EP5)	3.9e10	19.3
+ EP2 (totally EP7)	4.0e10	16.2

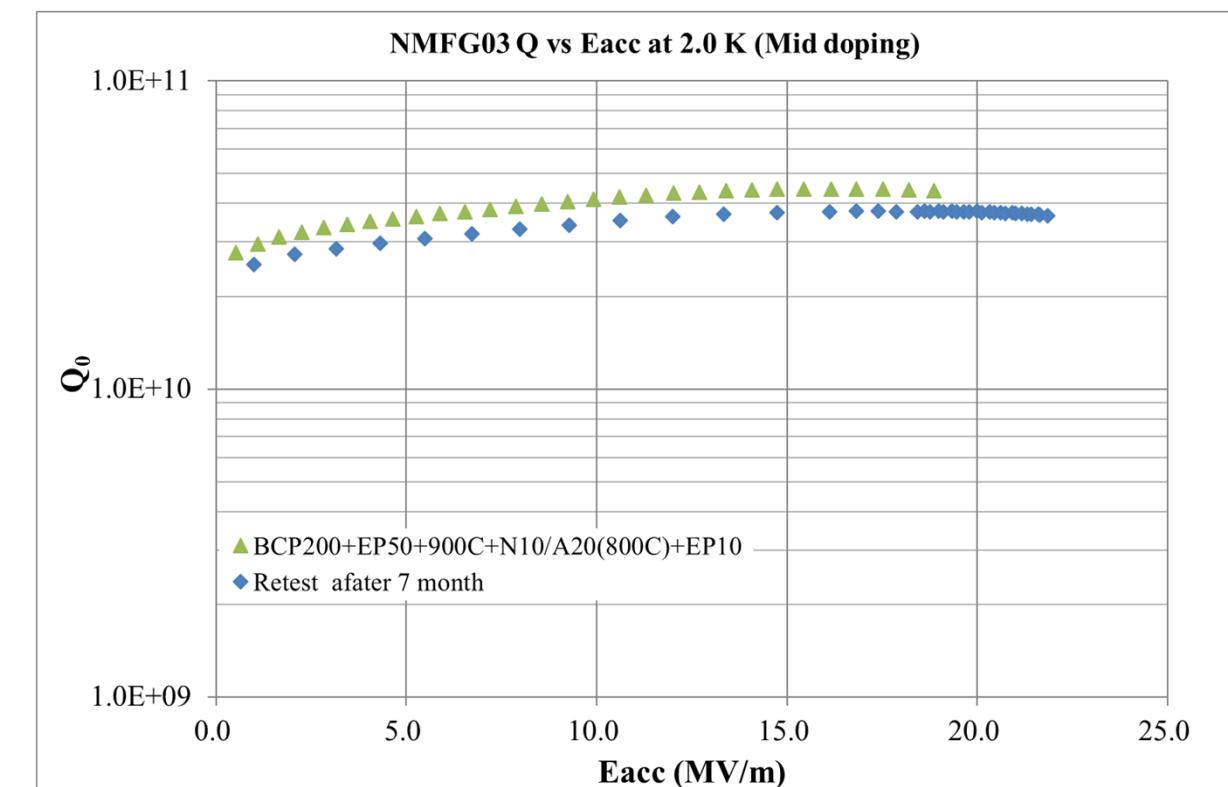
Treatment	Q_0 (2K,16MV/m)	E_{acc} (MV/m)
Baseline(BCP200+800C+EP6)	2.0e10	26.3
BCP30+N2/A6+ EP5	3.2e10	19.8
+ EP2(totally EP7)	4.1e10	20.0
+ EP2(totally EP9)	3.6e10	20.7



Medium Doping



- BCP 200 μm + EP 50 μm + 900°C 3 h
- N10/A20
- EP 5/10/15 μm , vertical test
- + EP 5 μm , vertical test



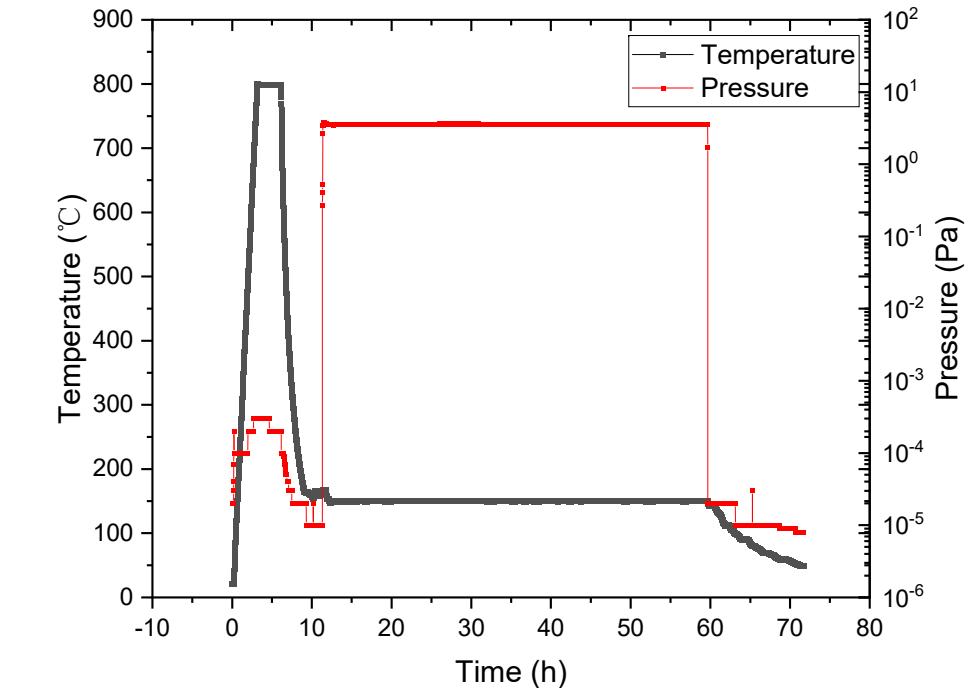
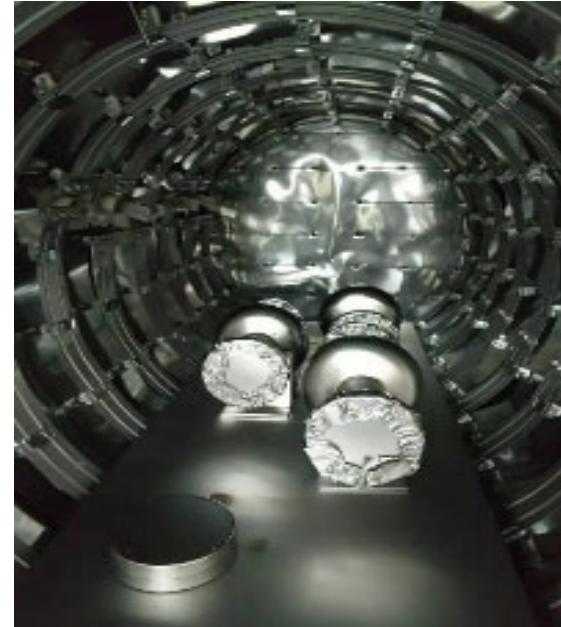
EP10, $Q_0 - 4.2\text{e}10$ @ 16MV/m
After 7 month, $Q_0 - 3.8\text{e}10$ @ 16MV/m

Treatment	Q_0 (2K,16MV/m)	E_{acc} (MV/m)
NMFG02, N10A20 + EP5	2.5e10	20.7
NMFG03, N10A20 + EP10	4.2e10	18.9
NMFG04, N10A20 + EP15	4.4e10	21.8

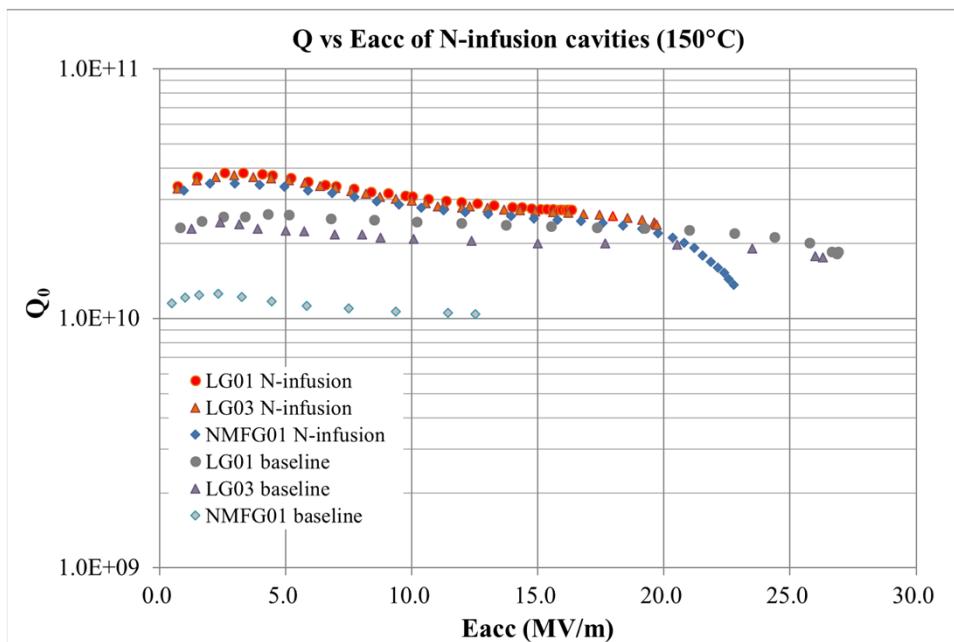


Nitrogen infusion

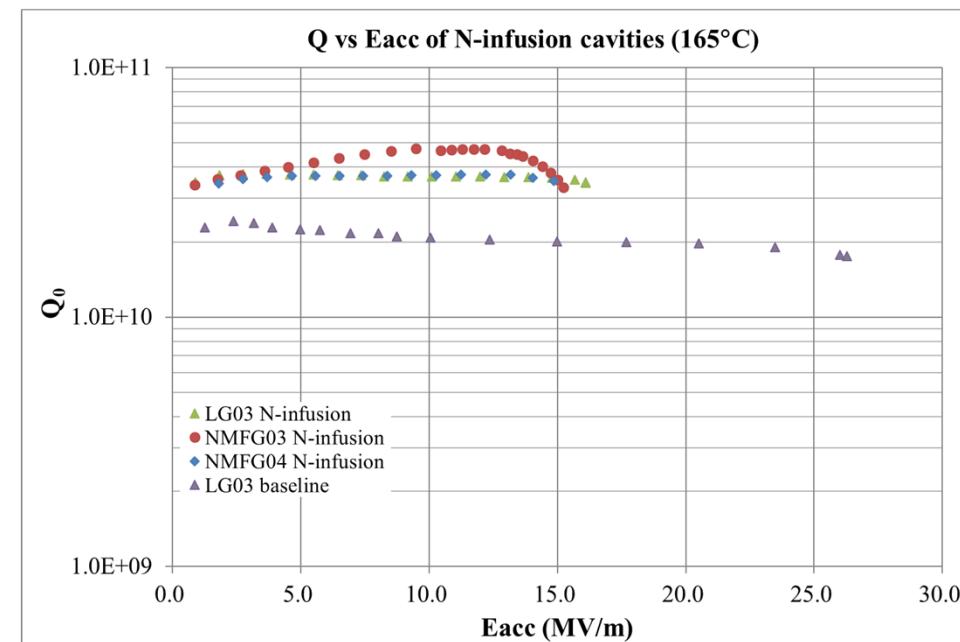
- BCP to remove the N-surface (if exist)+HPR
- 800°C 3 h (sealed with Nb cap)
- cool down to 150-180°C
- N-infusion at 3.5 Pa, 48 h
- Cavities: 1.3 GHz, 650 MHz, 162.5 MHz



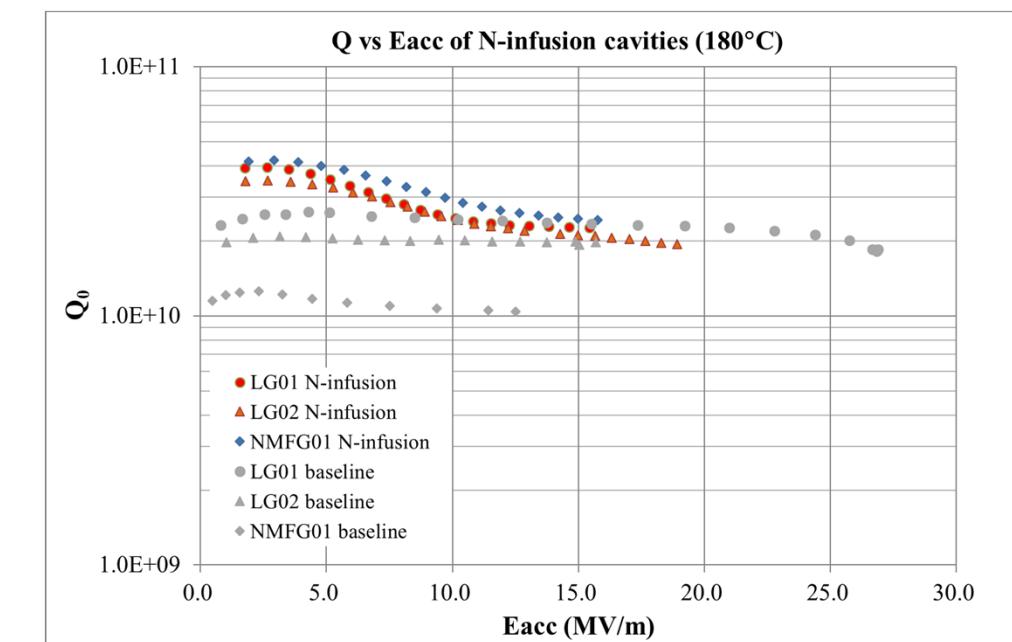
N-infusion of 1.3 GHz cavities



150°C



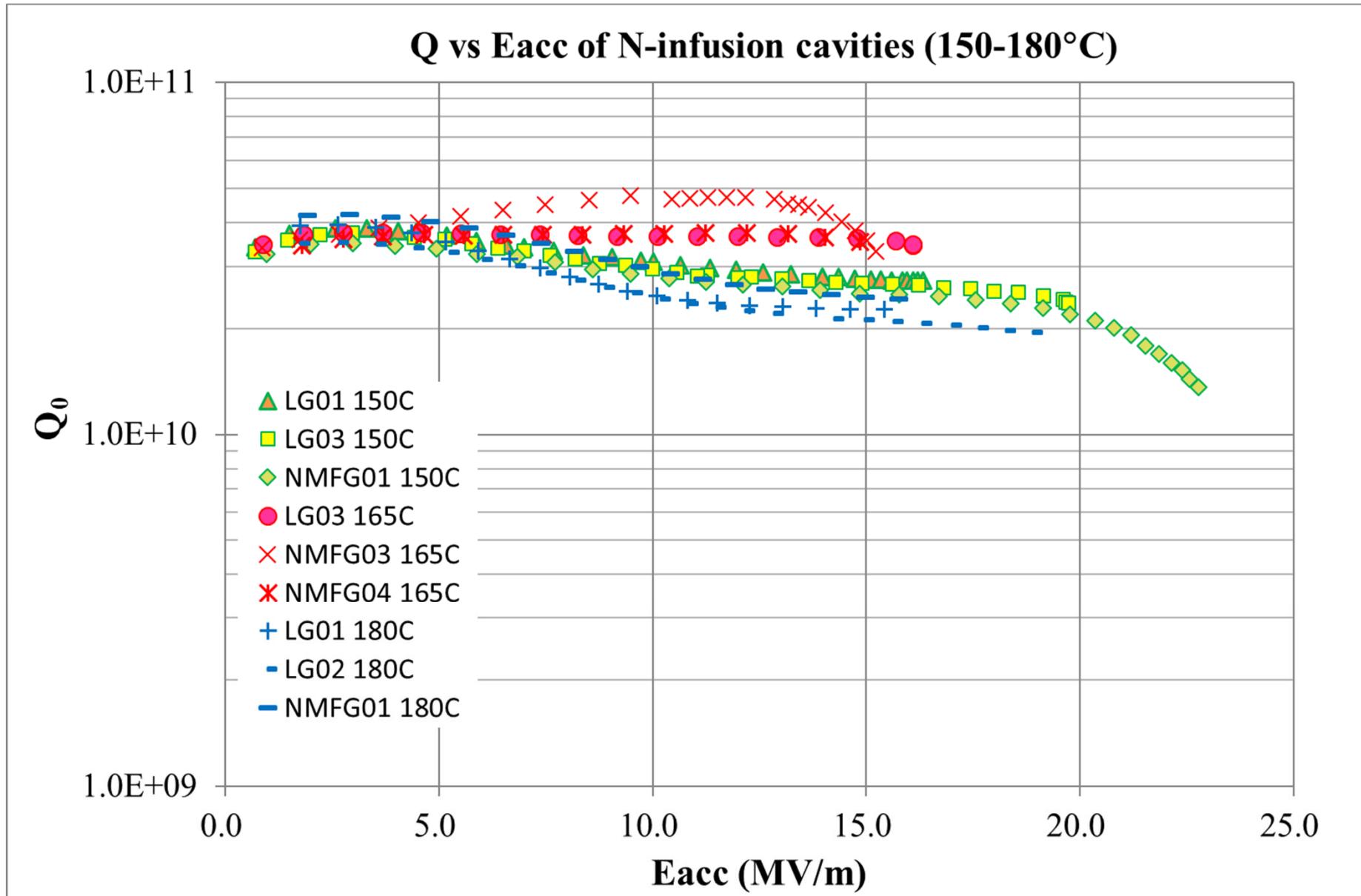
165°C



180°C



Nitrogen infusion



N-infusion of 1.3GHz cavities

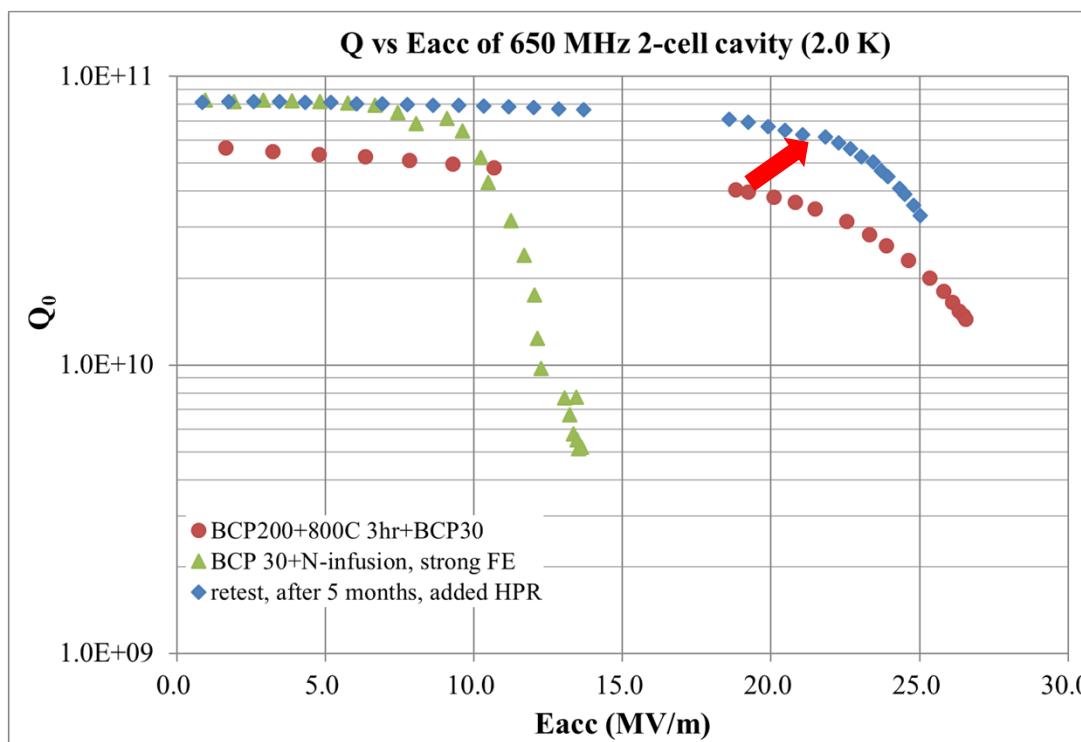
Treatment	$Q_0(2K)$
LG01, 150°C	2.7e10@16.0MV/m
LG03, 150°C	2.7e10@16.0MV/m
NMFG01, 150°C	2.5e10@16.0MV/m
LG03, 165°C	3.5e10@16.0MV/m
NMFG03, 165°C	3.3e10@15.2MV/m
NMFG04, 165°C	3.5e10@14.9MV/m
LG01, 180°C	2.3e10@15.5MV/m
LG02, 180°C	2.0e10@16.0MV/m
NMFG01, 180°C	2.4e10@15.8MV/m

Q improvement: $165^\circ\text{C} > 150^\circ\text{C} > 180^\circ\text{C}$



Nitrogen infusion

- 650 MHz 2-cell, CEPC cavity
- Nitrogen infusion, 165°C



Baseline, BCP200+800C+BCP30

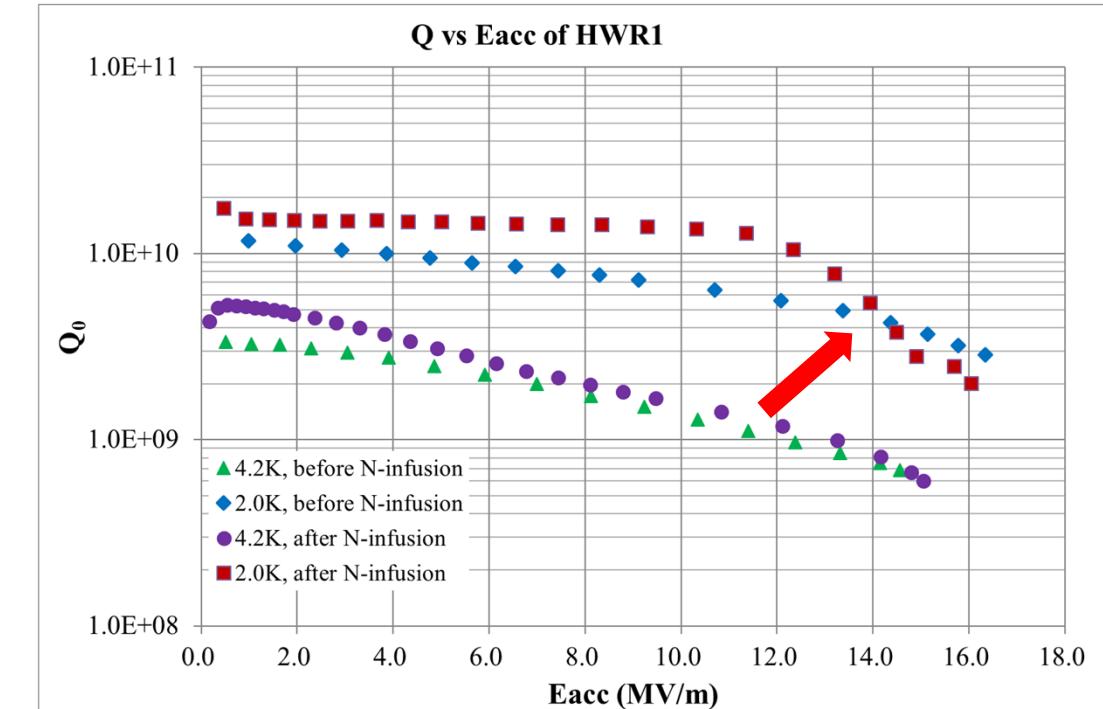
$$Q_0 \sim 3.8 \times 10^{10} \text{ (2.0 K, 20 MV/m)}$$

BCP30+N-infusion

$$Q_0 \sim 6.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ (2.0 K, 20 MV/m)}$$

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- 162.5 MHz HWR
- Nitrogen infusion, 160°C



Before infusion

$$\begin{aligned} Q_0 &\sim 7.9 \times 10^9 \text{ (2.0K, 10 MV/m)} \\ &1.3 \times 10^9 \text{ (4.2K, 10 MV/m)} \end{aligned}$$

After infusion

$$\begin{aligned} Q_0 &\sim 1.4 \times 10^{10} \text{ (2.0 K, 10 MV/m)} \\ &1.6 \times 10^9 \text{ (4.2 K, 10 MV/m)} \end{aligned}$$

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Medium temperature baking

- Advantages of medium temperature baking

- N-doping: high Q, E_{acc} is limited, post-EP
- N-infusion: high Q, high E_{acc} , no post-EP, long infusion time
- Medium T baking, high Q, high E_{acc} , no post-EP

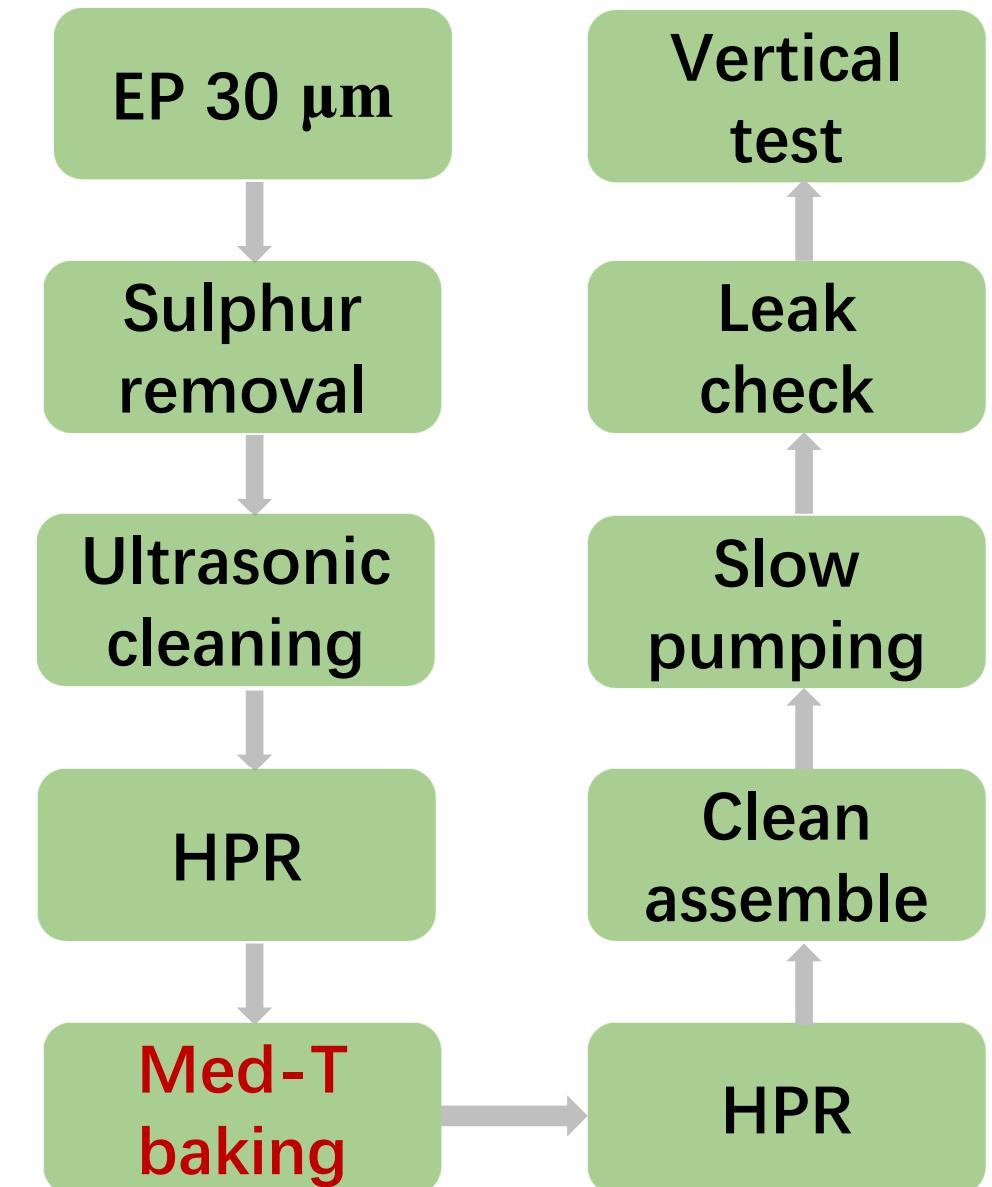
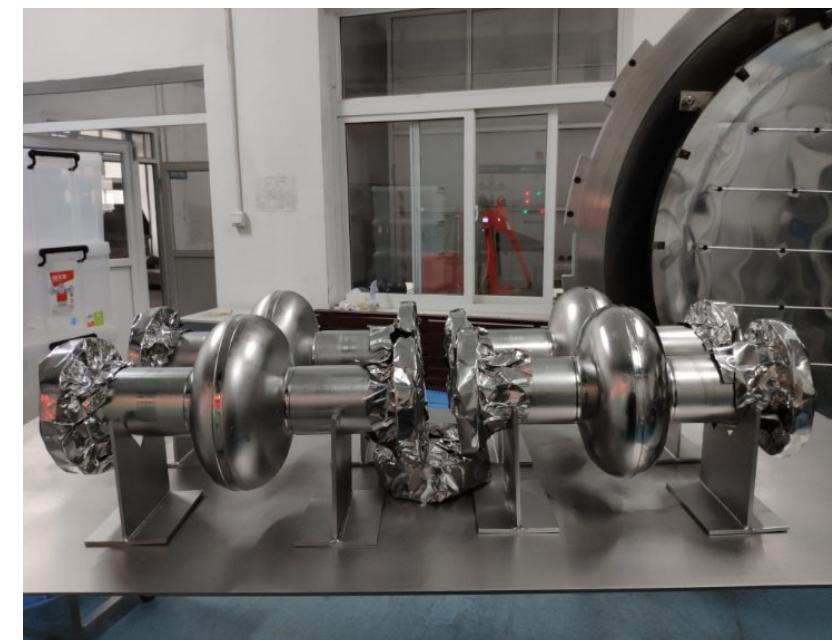
- Medium temperature baking

- Proposed by FNAL
- Developed at FNAL, IHEP, Jlab, Cornell, KEK, PKU, SARI...

- Med-T at PKU

- 1-cell cavities
- 9-cell cavities

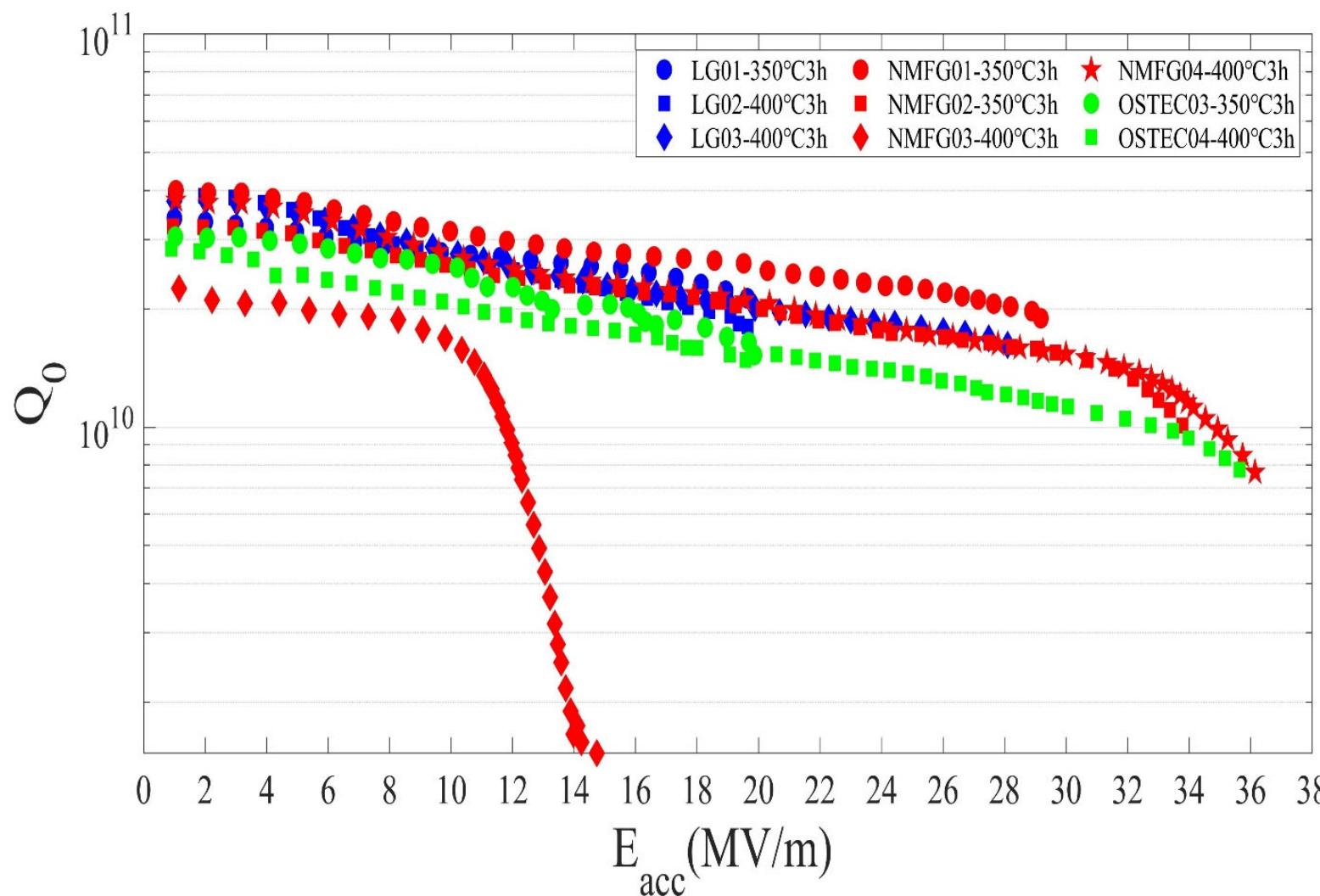
1-cell cavities
350-400°C 3h



Med-T for 1-cell cavities

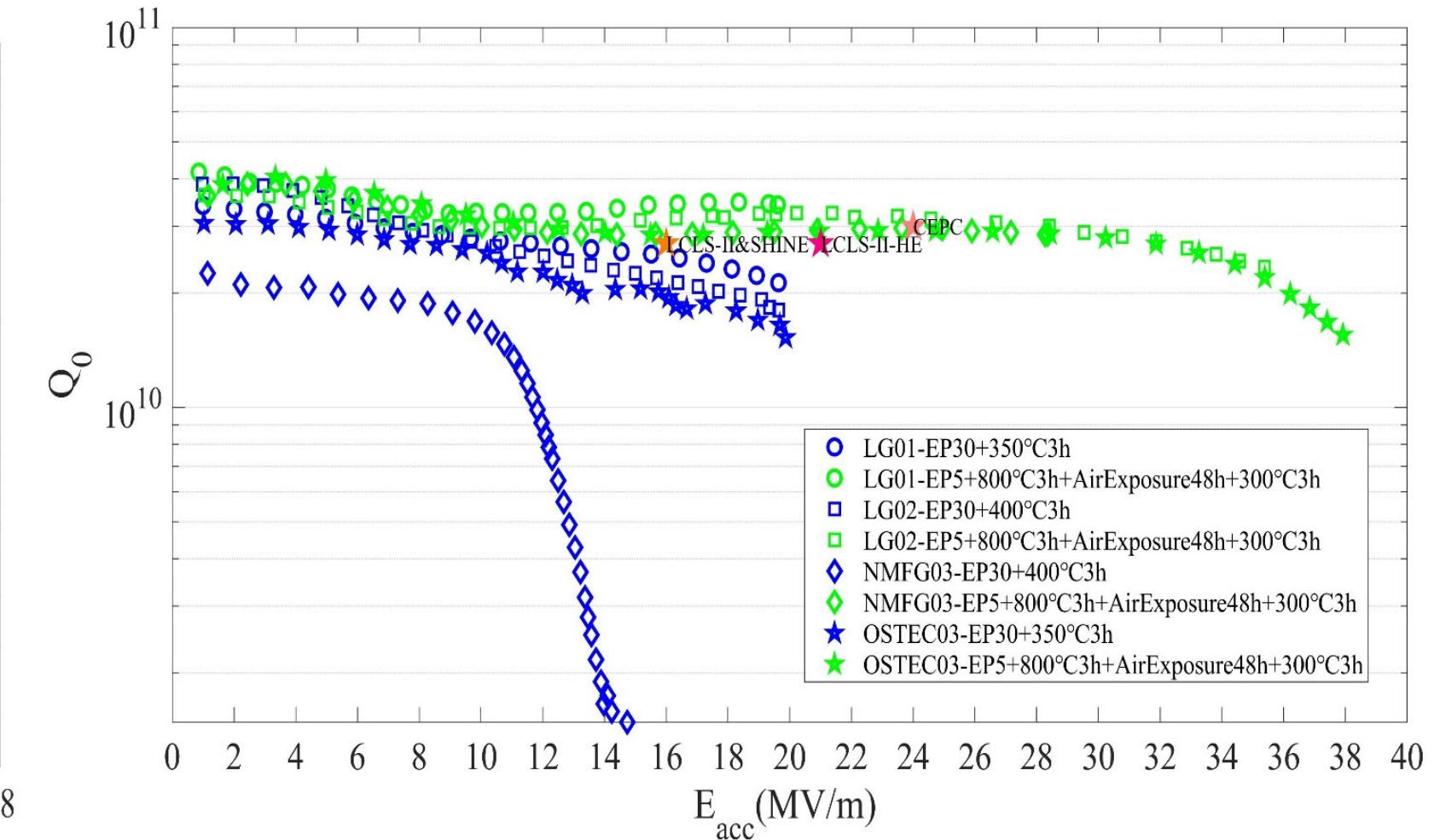


Med-T for 1-cell cavities



Preliminary Med-T, 350-400°C,
continuous Q-slope

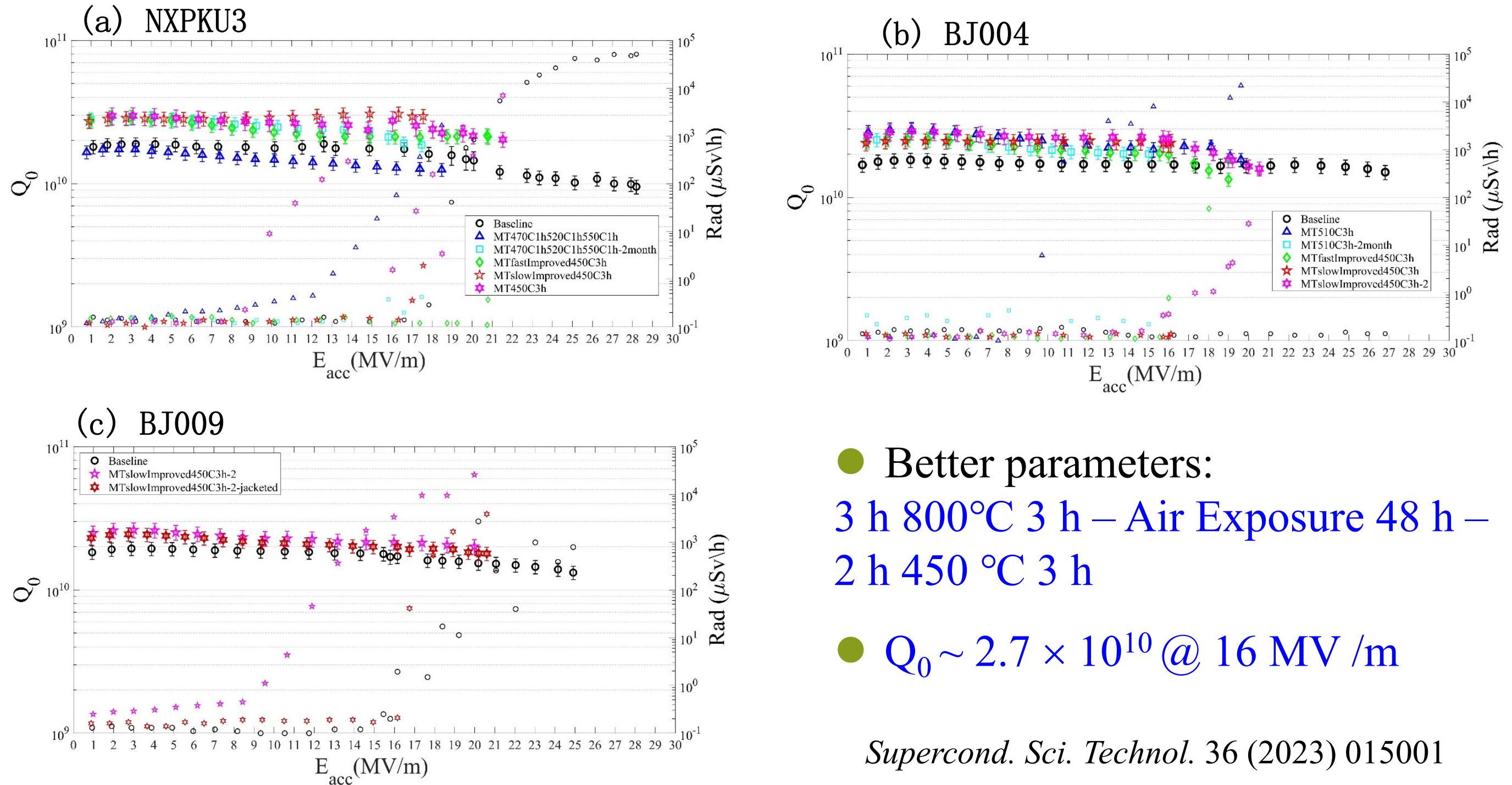
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Improved Med-T: Q improved
800°C3h+AirExposure48h+300°C3h
 $Q_0: 2.8\text{-}3.4\text{E}10 @ 16\text{MV/m}$



Med-T for BCPed large grain 9-cell cavities

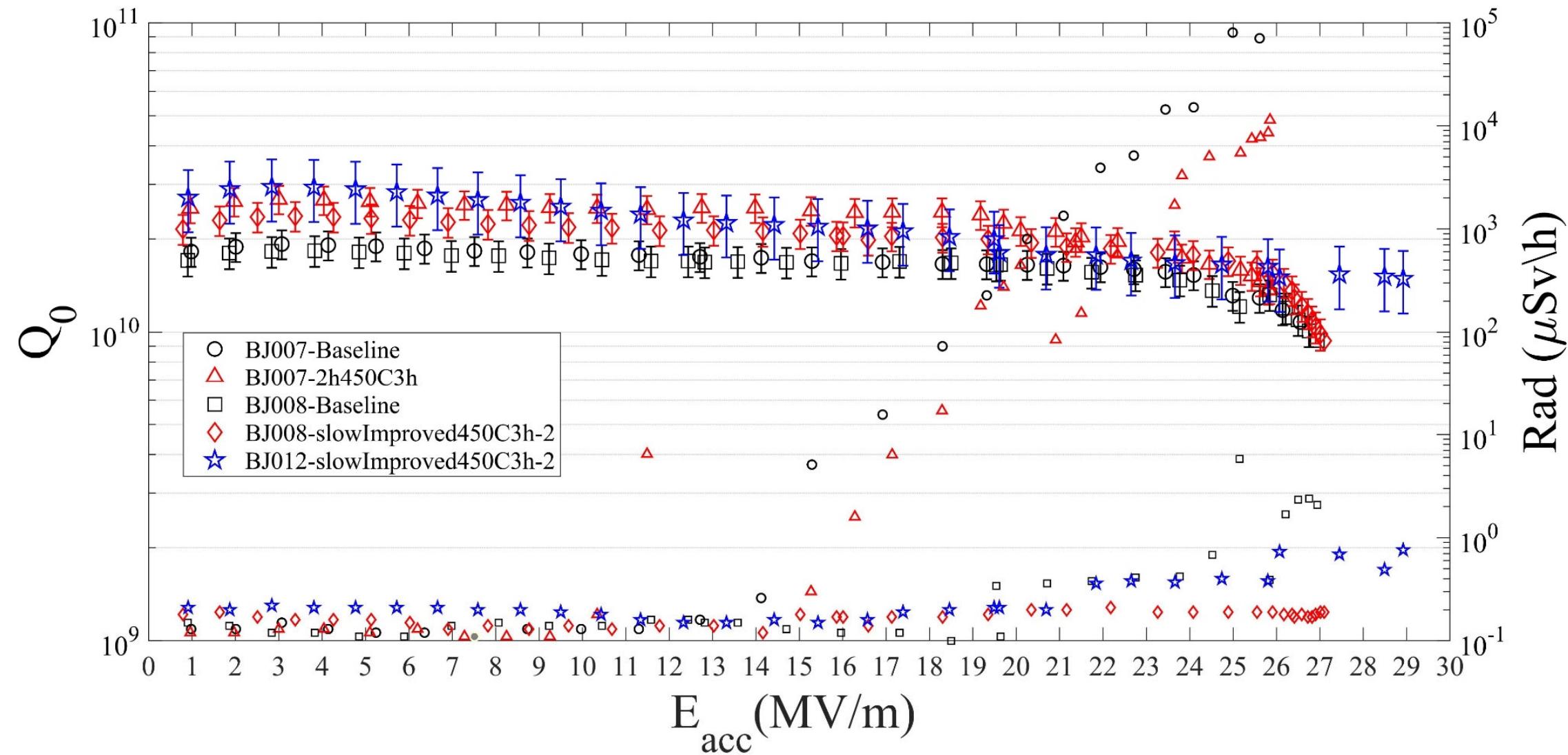


- Better parameters:
3 h 800°C 3 h – Air Exposure 48 h –
2 h 450 °C 3 h
- $Q_0 \sim 2.7 \times 10^{10} @ 16 \text{ MV/m}$

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Med-T for EPed fine grain 9-cell cavities



- 3 h 800°C 3 h – Air Exposure 48 h – 2 h 450 °C 3 h
- $Q_0 \sim 2.3 \times 10^{10}$ @ 16 MV /m



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Compact electron accelerator

Application of electron beams

□ Scientific research

material detection, X-ray

□ Industrial application

imaging, iridation

□ Application in environmental fields

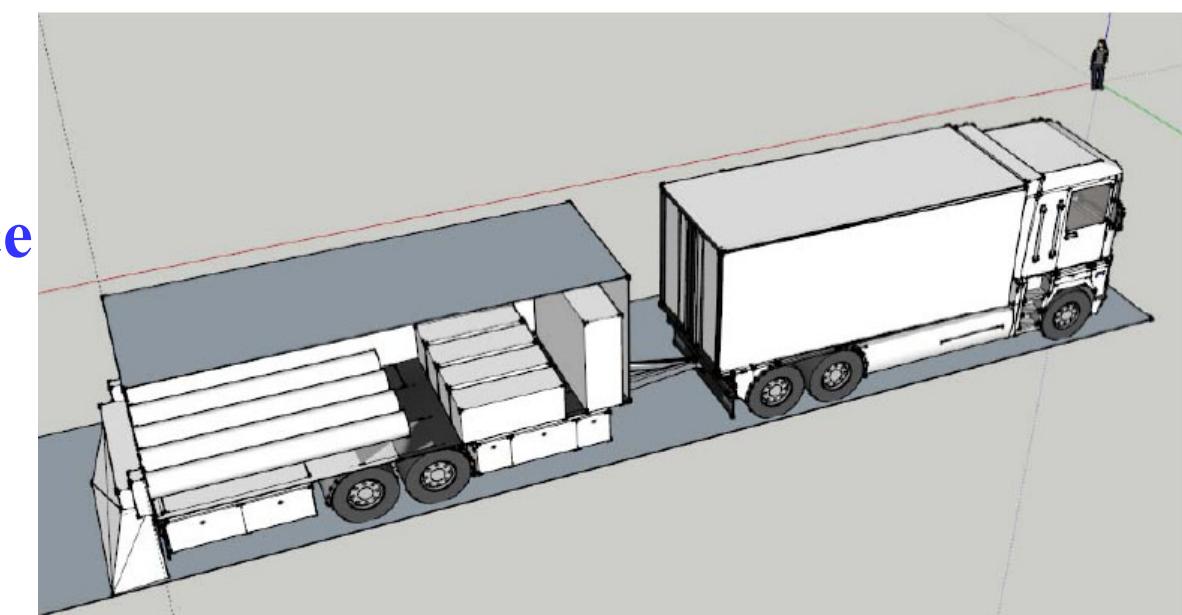
- Waste water 10MeV, 1MW
- Flue gas desulfurization 1-2MeV, 1MW
- Medical waste 10MeV, 100kW

	Demo/ Small Scale	Medium Scale Low Energy	Medium Scale High Energy	Large Scale High Energy
Description	Demo and pilot-scale low-energy systems	MW-class, industrial-scale, low-energy systems based on DC technology	MW-class, industrial-scale, high-energy systems	10 MW-class, industrial-scale systems based on RF technology
Applicability to E&E Needs	Sterilization, R&D	Flue gas, wastewater	Wastewater, sludge, medical waste	Wastewater, sludge, medical waste
Electron Beam Energy	0.5–1.5 MeV	1–2 MeV	10 MeV	10 MeV
Electron Beam Power	>0.5 MW	>1 MW	>1 MW	>10 MW
Electron Beam Current	0.33–1.0 A	0.5–1.0 A	0.1 A	1 A

compact, portable,
low cost, high performance



Industrial application





Compact electron accelerator

□ Requirement for industrial application: MeV, MW

	MeV	MW
NC	✓	✗
SC	✓	✓

But for SRF accel.: large cryogenic

□ Solution:

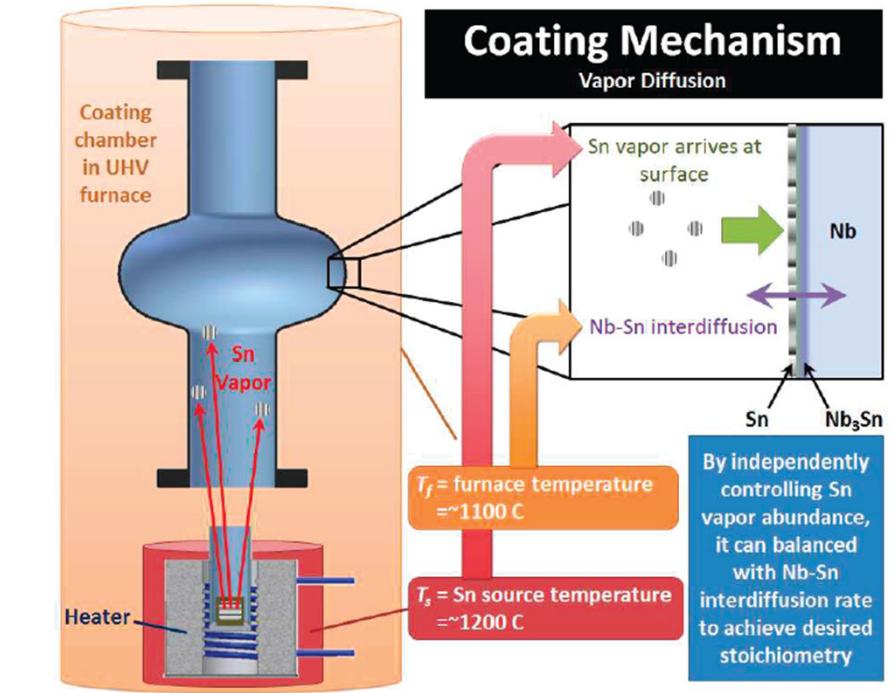
Higher T_c material: Nb_3Sn

} compact

Conduction cooling with cryocooler

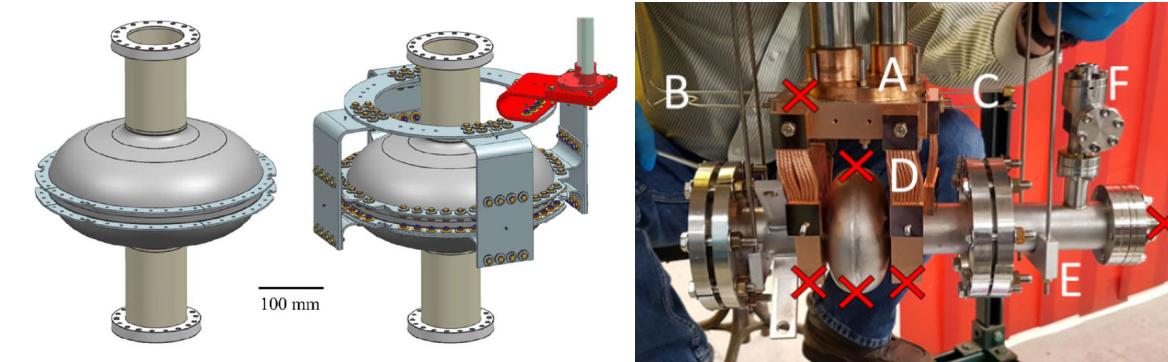
□ Nb_3Sn film preparation

- Vapor diffusion
- Magnetron sputter
- Bronze method
- Electroplating
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Tin vapor diffusion

□ Conduction cooling



Conduction cooling structure

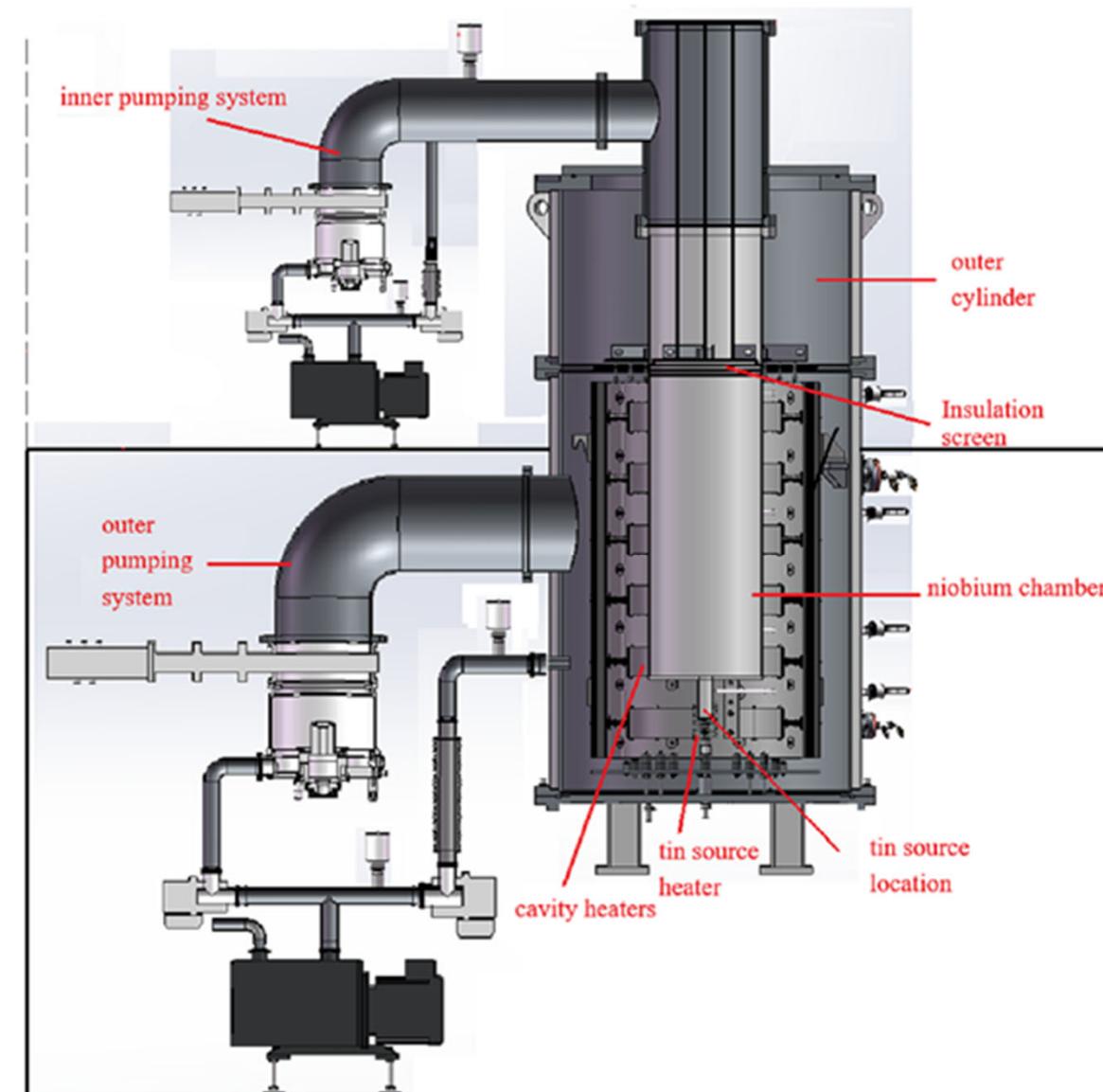


Nb₃Sn film cavities

Tin vapor diffusion method for Nb₃Sn coating on Nb cavities

High T furnace

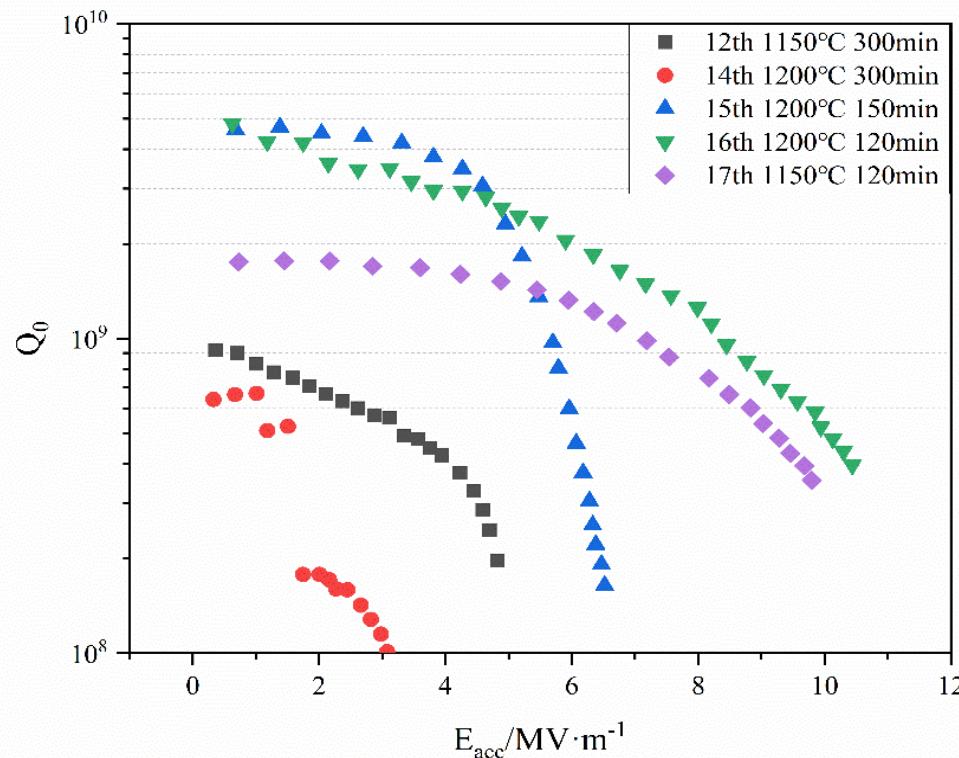
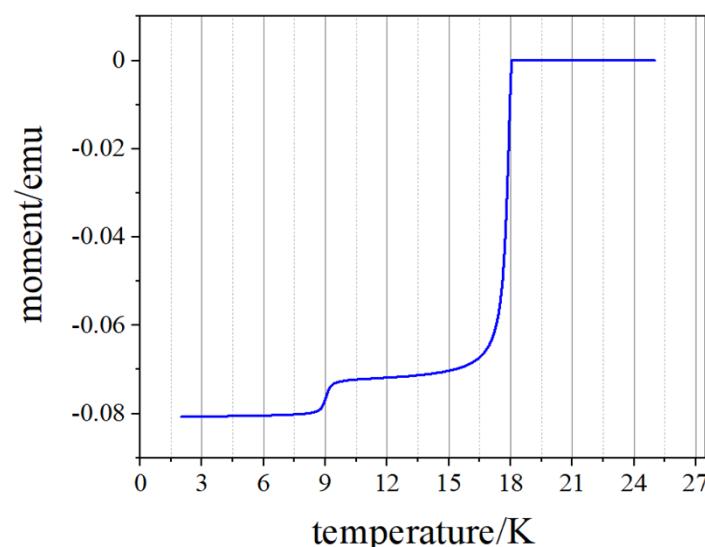
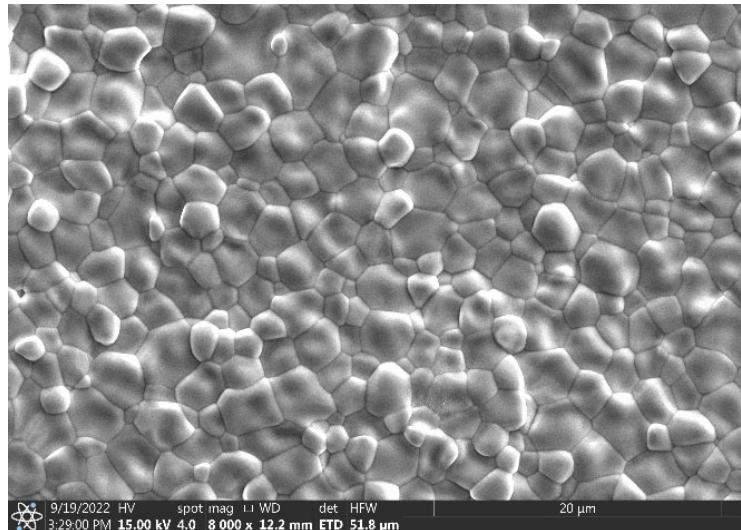
- Const T area:
diameter 300mm
height 600mm
- Temperature stability
 $<\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$
- Temperature ramp
 $\geq 10^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$
- background vacuum
 $\leq 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Pa}$



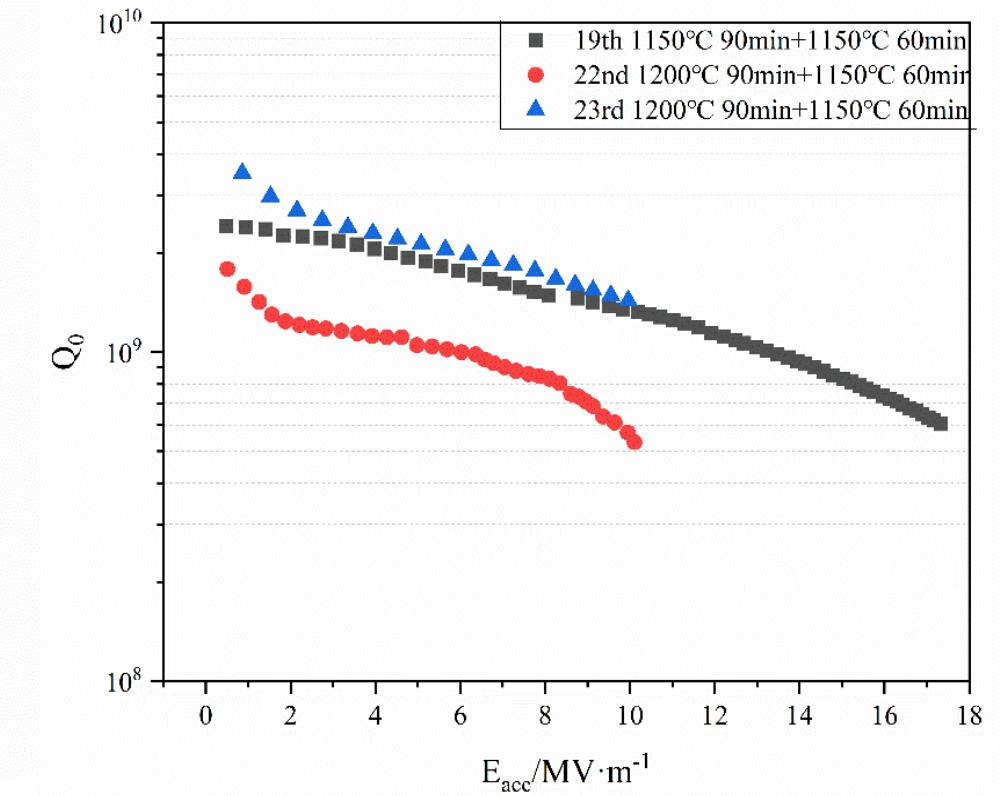


Nb₃Sn film cavities

- T_c~18.1K
- Tin: 25-26%
- Thickness of Nb₃Sn film: 1~2 μm



without annealing stage



with annealing

Vertical test at 4.2 K

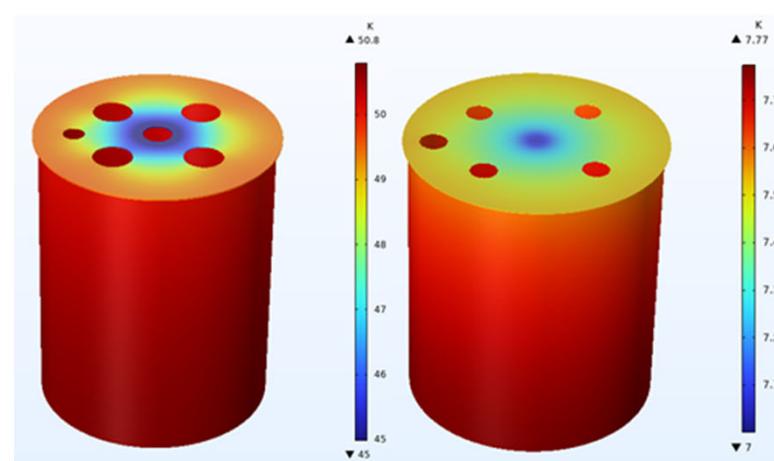
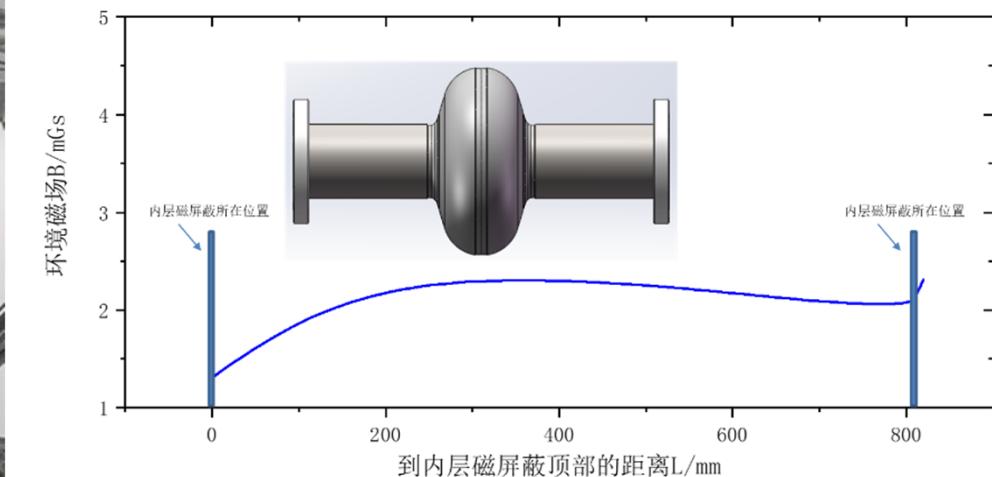
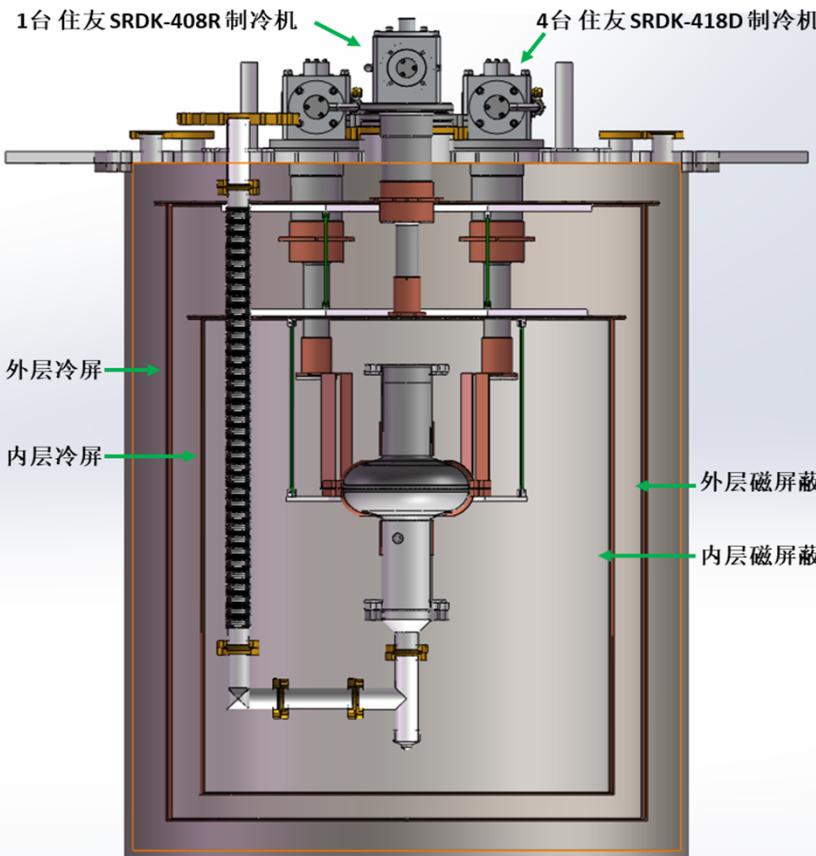
Q₀~4.8×10⁹ @ low field

max. E_{acc} ~ 17.3MV/m

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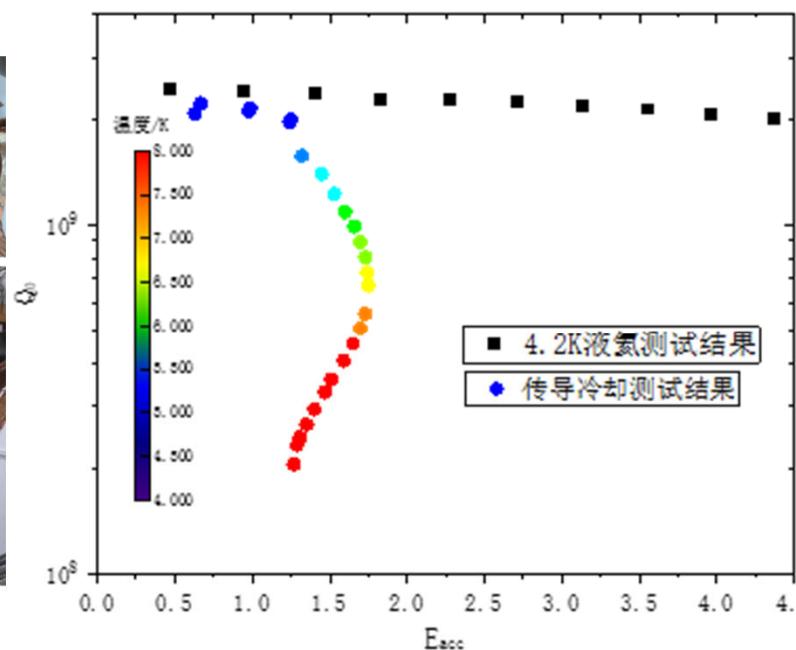
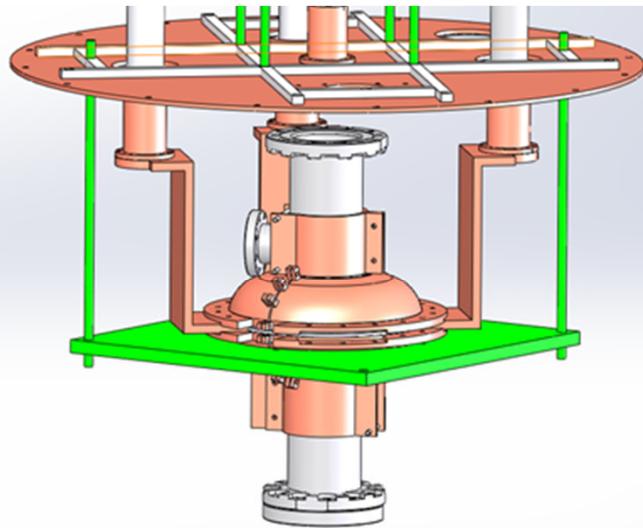
Conduction cooling test cryostat



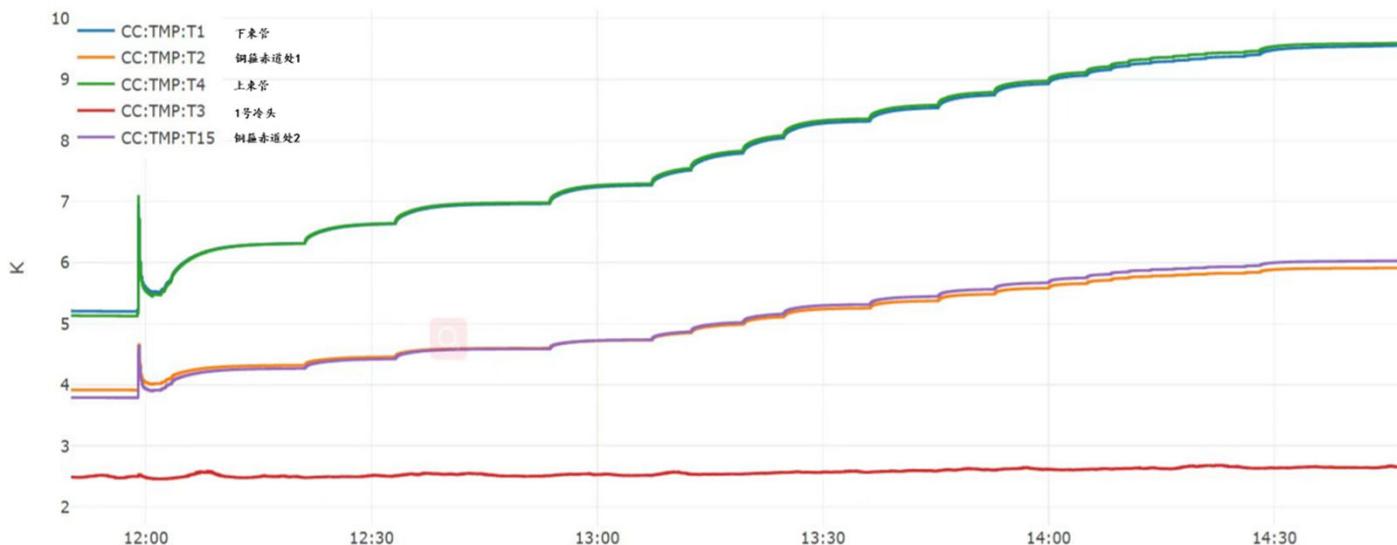
- For 1-cell 1.3 GHz cavity
- 5 Sumitomo cryocooler
 - 1 for thermal shield, 4 for cavity
- Heat loss@4K
 $< 0.02 \text{ W}$
- Residual magnetic field
 $< 3 \text{ mGs}$



Conduction cooling of SRF cavities



Connection with copper hoop and strip

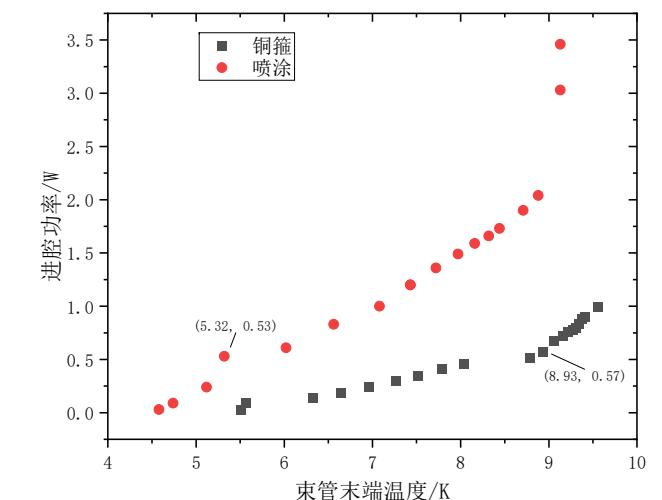


Temperature during RF test



Cold spraying with copper

- CW running of Nb_3Sn cavity with conduction cooling
 $Q_0 = 6.7 \times 10^8$
- $@E_{acc,max} = 1.75 \text{ MV/m}$
- Cavity heat loss: 0.58W
- Ave. T of cavity $\sim 7\text{K}$



- Improvement by Cold spraying with copper
- Cavity T $\sim 5.5\text{K}$ @ 0.58W



Summary

- Q_0 of $> 3.0 \times 10^{10}$ @ 16 MV/m @ 2K is obtained with both N-doping and N-infusion for 1.3 GHz cavities
- N-infusion is also effective to improve Q_0 of cavities with lower frequencies and/or complicated shape
- Medium temperature baking is successfully used for 9-cell cavities to improve the Q_0
- Nb₃Sn cavities and conduction cooling experiments are successfully carried out, improvement of Q_0 of Nb₃Sn cavity is in process.



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