

# Study of Basic Breakdown Phenomena in High Gradient Vacuum Structures

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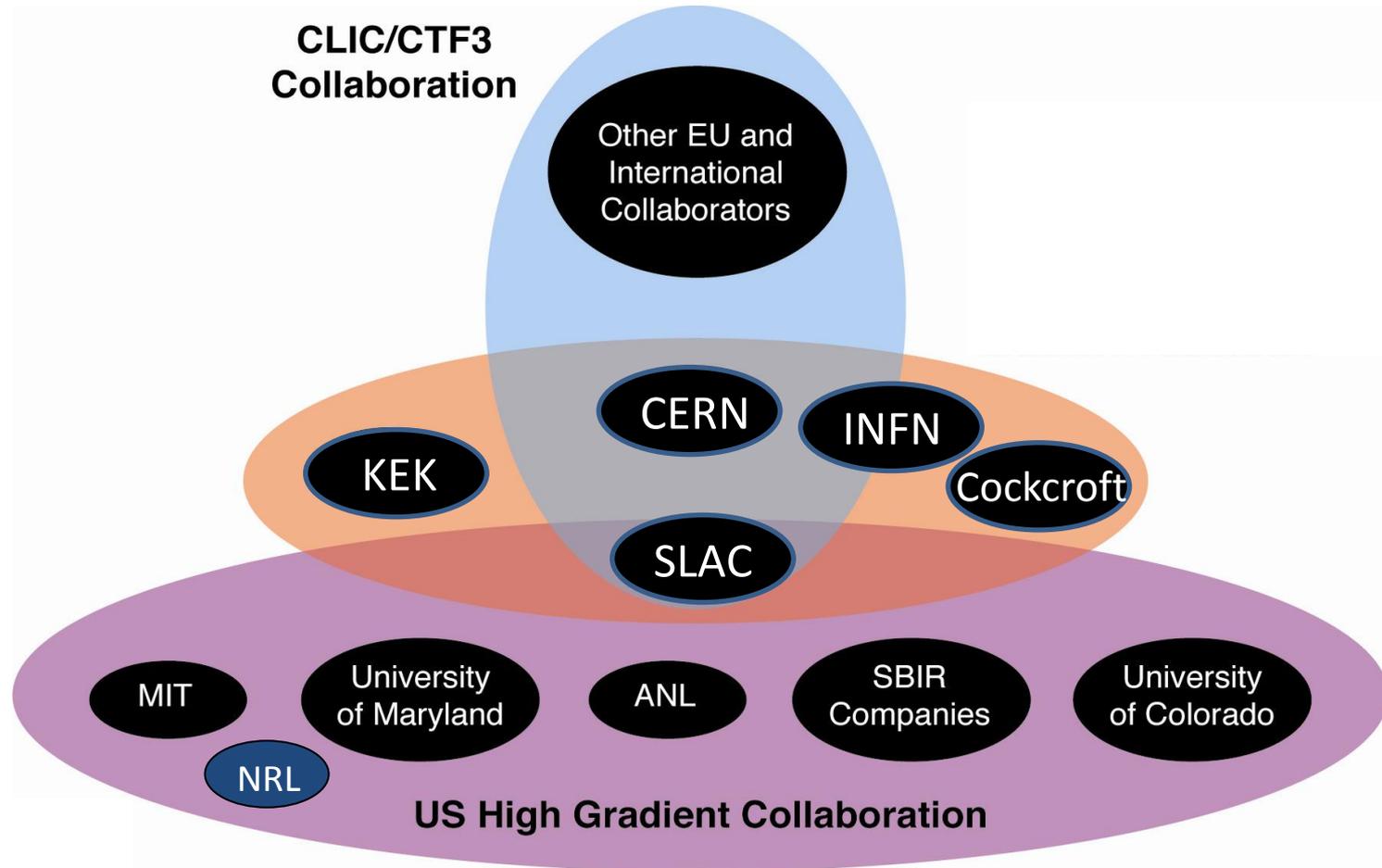
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# Outline

- General approach: simple structures with fast turn around
- Surface processing
- Reproducibility
- Breakdown behavior *vs.* geometry
- Pulse length dependence
- Pulse heating studies
- Breakdown behavior *vs.* materials
- Future directions

# Basic Physics Research on RF breakdown

Study dependence of rf breakdown properties on

- Surface Processing Techniques
- Geometry
- Material
- Frequency Scaling
- Circuit
- ...

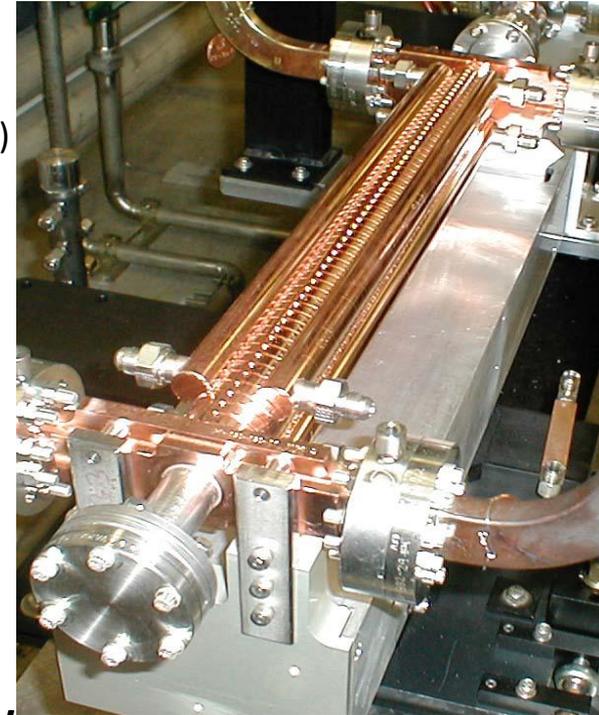
Theoretical developments

Goal: We want to understand and predict breakdown behavior for practical structures

# Experimental Studies of Basic RF Breakdown Physics at 11 GHz

T53VG3

( $v_g$  from 3.3% to 1.6% c)



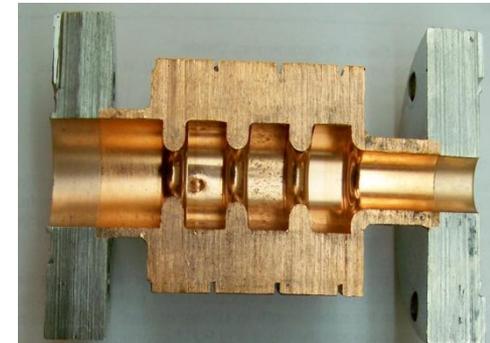
## Difficulties:

- Full scale structures are long, complex, and expensive

## Solution:

### Short Accelerating Structures

- *Single cell Standing Wave (SW) and Single Cell Traveling wave (TW) structures* with properties close to that of full scale structures
- Reusable couplers



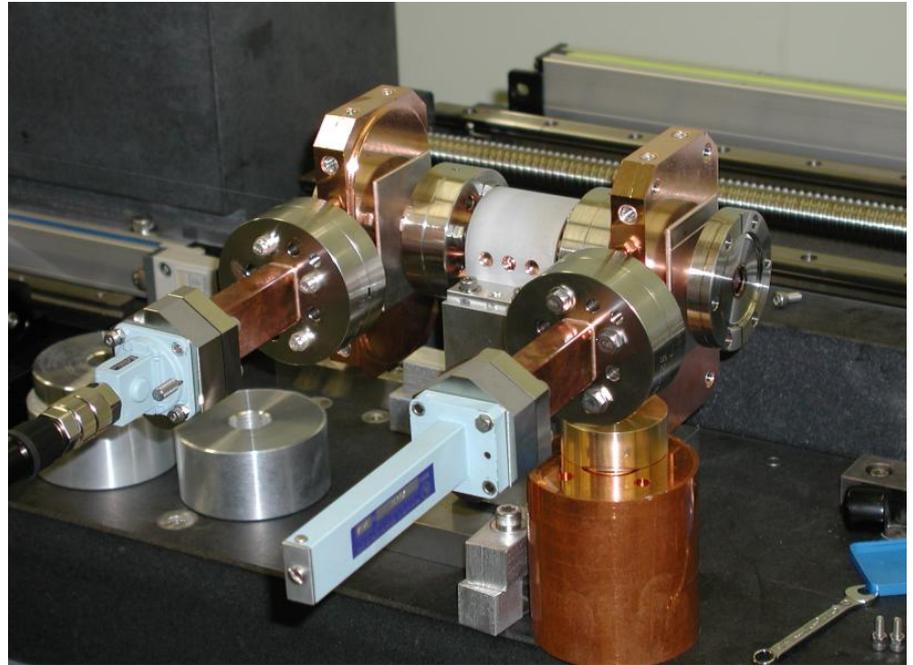
### Pulsed Heating Cavity with easy-to-replace samples

# Experimental Studies of Basic RF Breakdown Physics at 11 GHz

- Single Cell Accelerator Structures
  - standing-wave (SLAC, KEK, INFN-Frascati)
  - traveling-wave (SLAC, KEK, CERN)



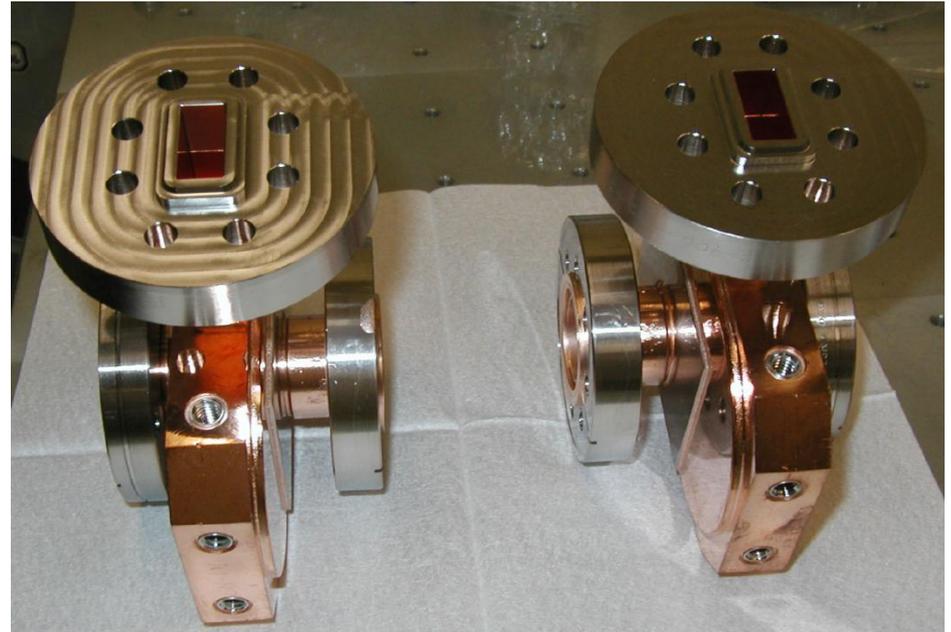
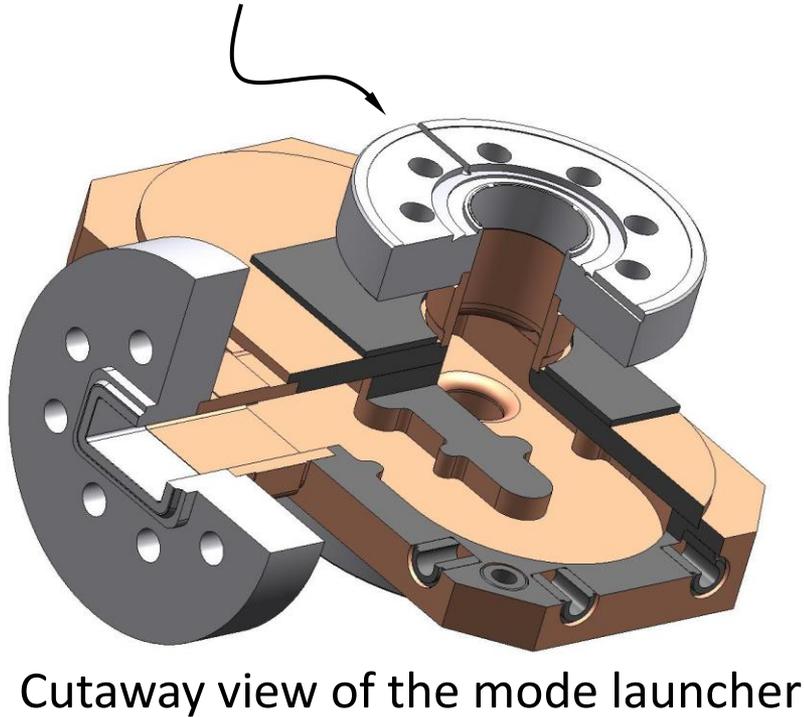
SW and TW structures



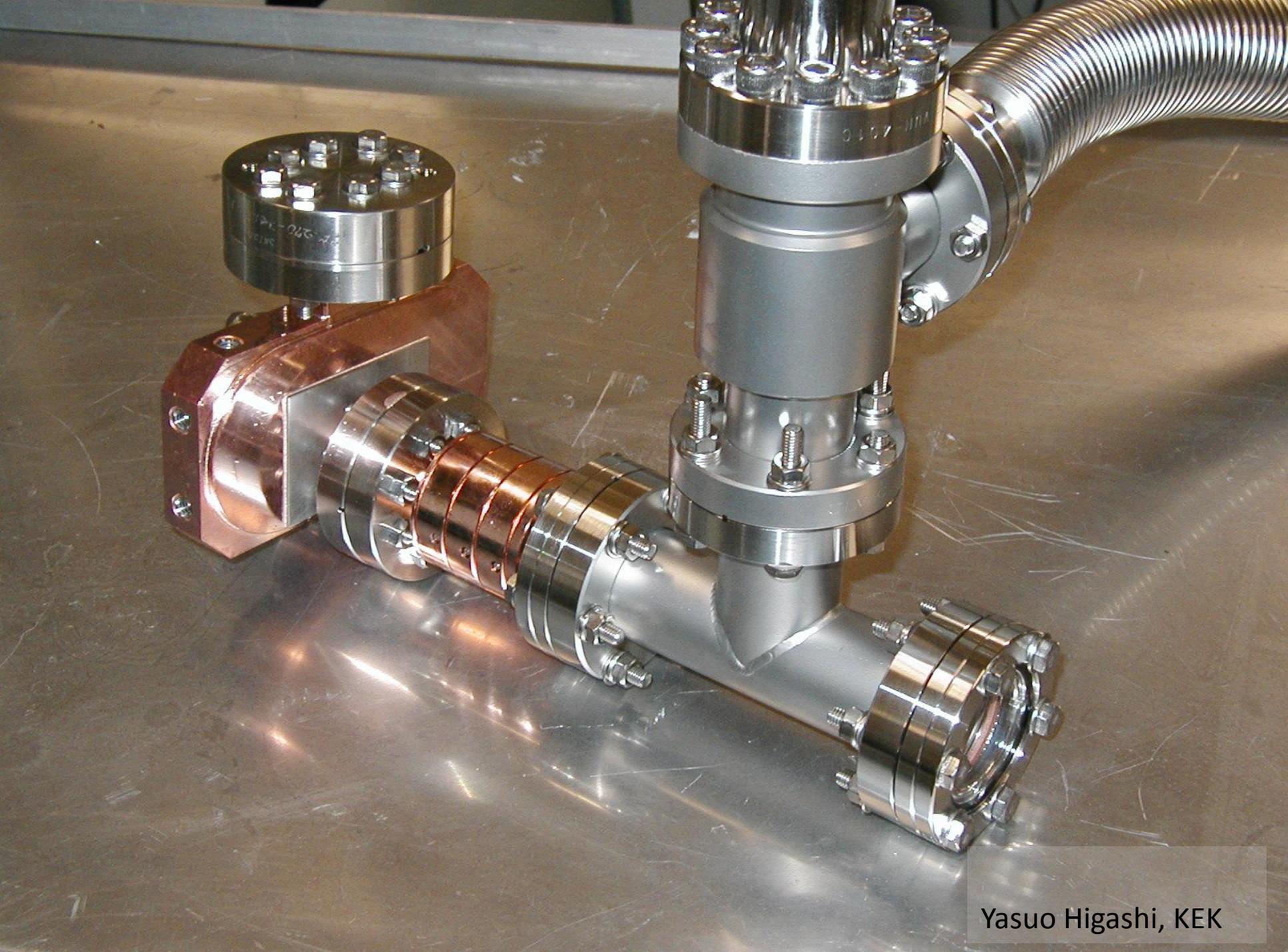
Bead-pull of TW structure

# Reusable coupler: $TM_{01}$ Mode Launcher

Pearson's RF flange



Surface electric fields in the mode launcher  
 $E_{\max} = 49 \text{ MV/m}$  for 100 MW



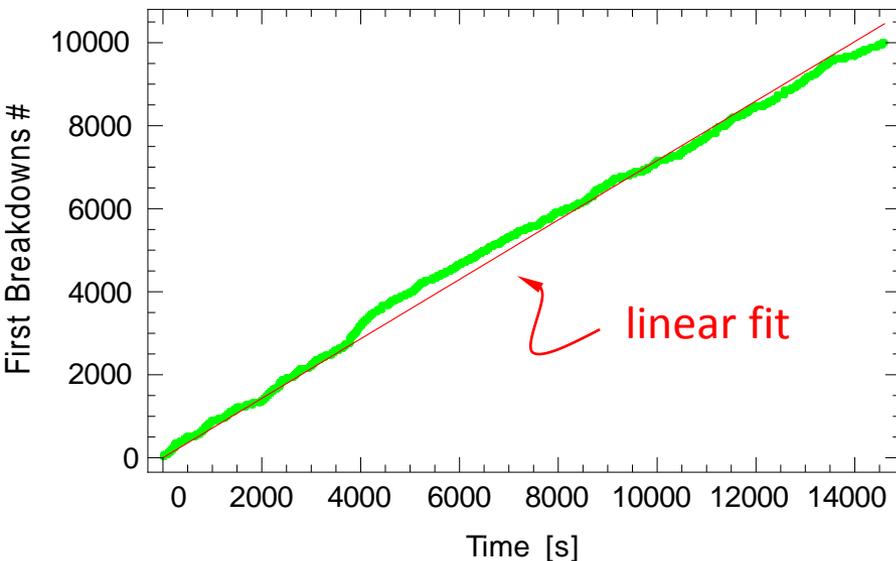
Yasuo Higashi, KEK

# Breakdown rate

We use a well defined parameter to characterize rf breakdown behavior:

breakdown rate (# breakdowns/pulse/meter)

For reference, linear collider CLIC has to have  $<10^{-7}$  breakdowns/pulse/meter

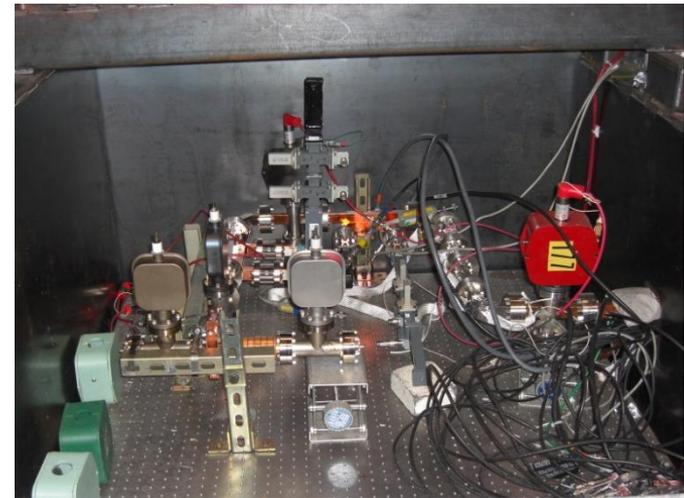


Gradient  $\sim 147$  MV/m,  
pulse heating temperature  $\sim 80$  deg. C,  
breakdown rate  $\sim 1$ /per pulse/meter  
(2600 per hour at 60 Hz rep rate),  
flat part of pulse 200 ns,  
data from June 4th, 2008

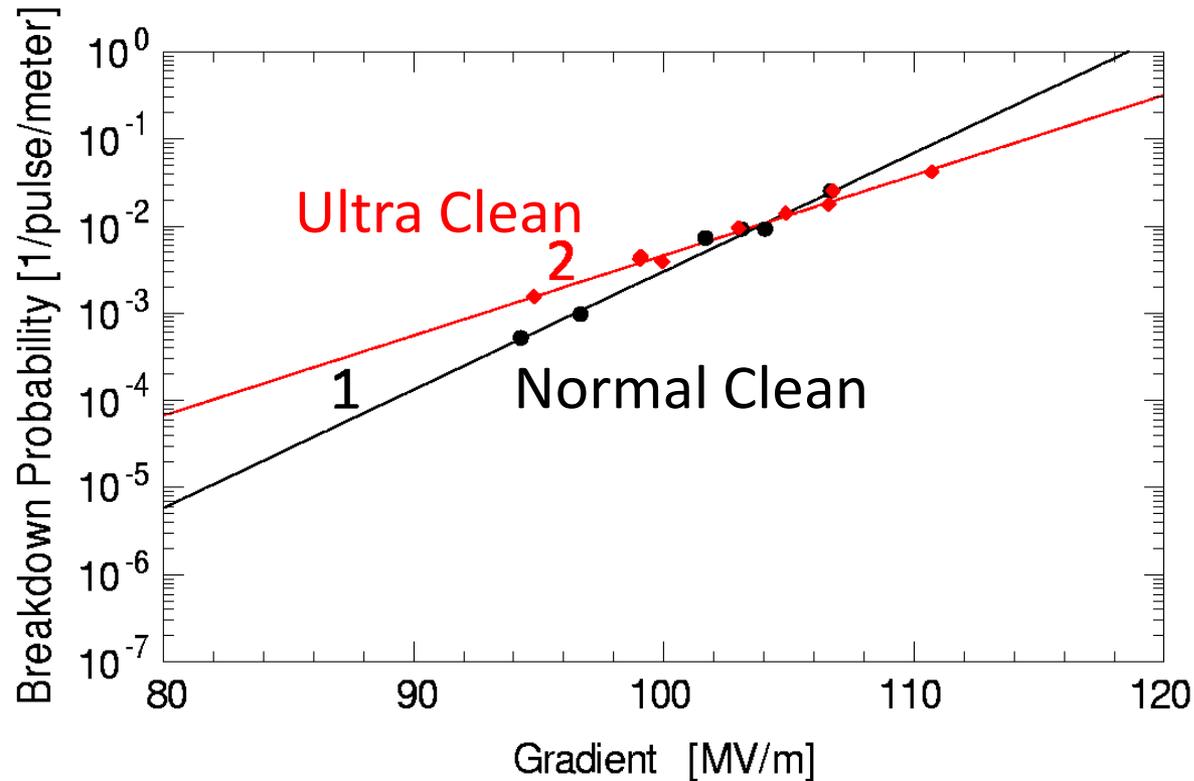
# Surface Processing

Dr. Yasuo Higashi  
and Richard  
Talley assembling  
3C-SW-A5.65-  
T4.6-Cu-KEK-#2

A special structure was built and processed (with best cleaning and surface processing we can master) at KEK and hermetically sealed, then assembled at SLAC at the best possible clean conditions



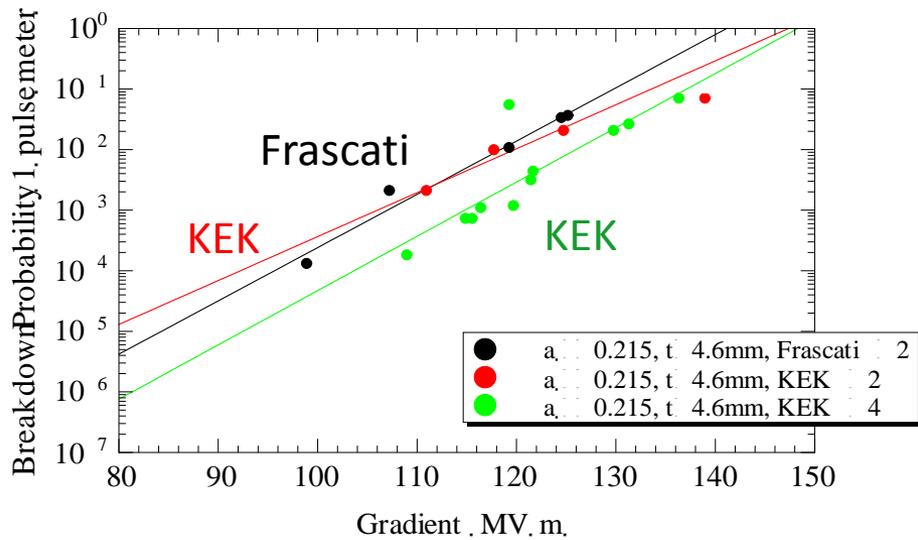
Two structures #1 processed normally and #2 processed similar to superconducting accelerator structures



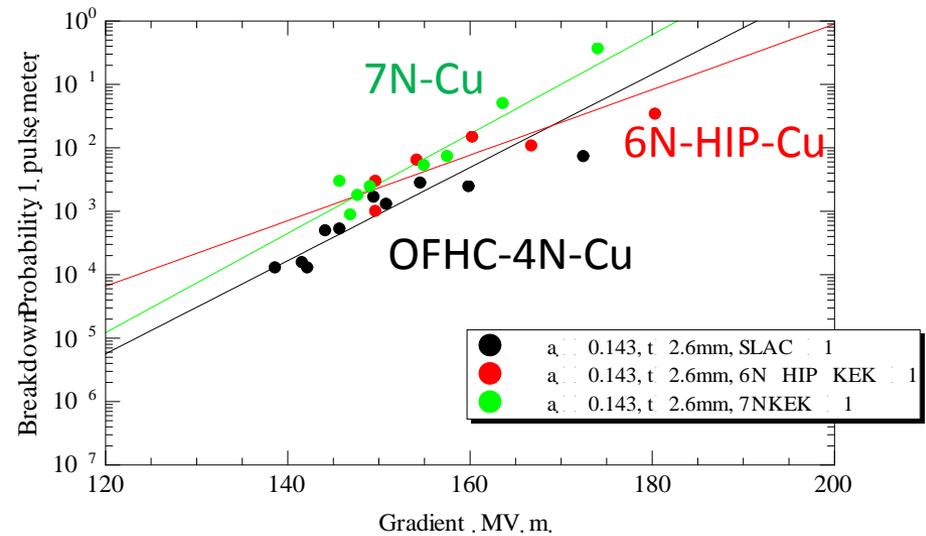
The near perfect surface processing affected only the processing time: the ultra-clean structure was processed in our system in  $2.4 \cdot 10^5$  pulses with an accumulated 260 breakdowns in contrast to a  $5 \cdot 10^5$  minutes and an accumulated 2000 breakdowns for the normal structure.

# Reproducibility of Ultimate Breakdown Properties for Brazed Copper Structures

Accelerator structures manufactured by different laboratories



Accelerator structures manufactured with different grades of copper purity



# Reproducibility

We found that ultimate breakdown rate is reproducible among structures of the same geometry and material.

## **Practical consequences:**

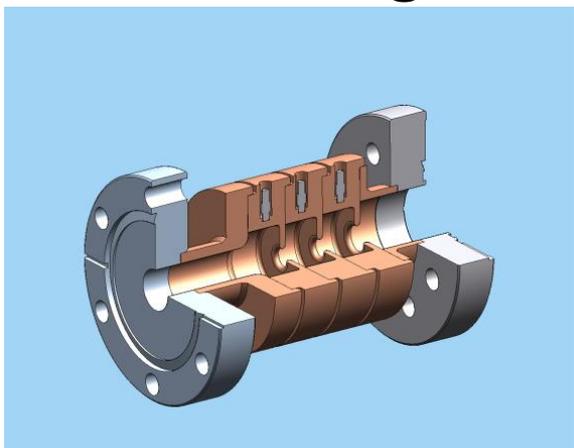
- Because of this reproducibility we can interpolate breakdown performance data to new geometries. We found that extrapolation of the data is often invalid.
- To predict the breakdown rate a physical model of breakdown performance should have structure drawings and material properties as main (and may be only) inputs.

# Dependence of Gradient on Geometry

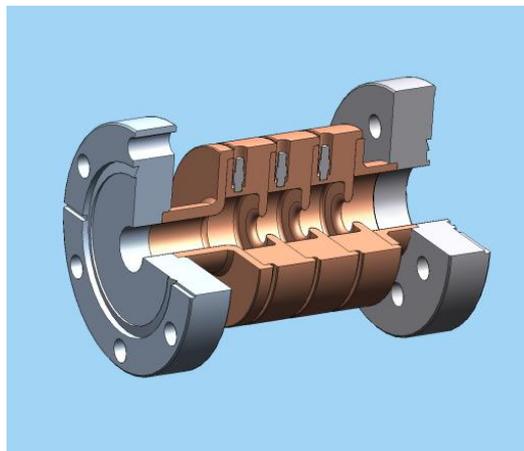
Surface Electric Field *vs.* Surface  
Magnetic Field

# Geometrical Studies

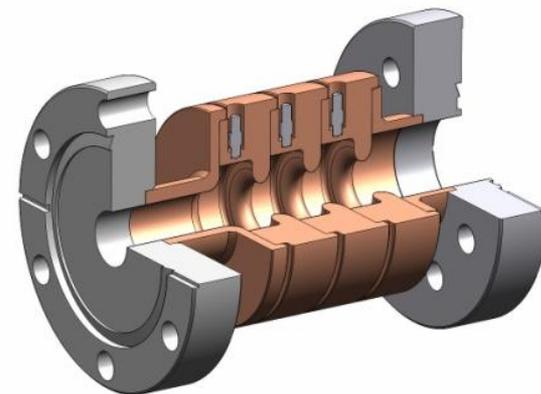
## Three Single-Cell-SW Structures of Different Geometries



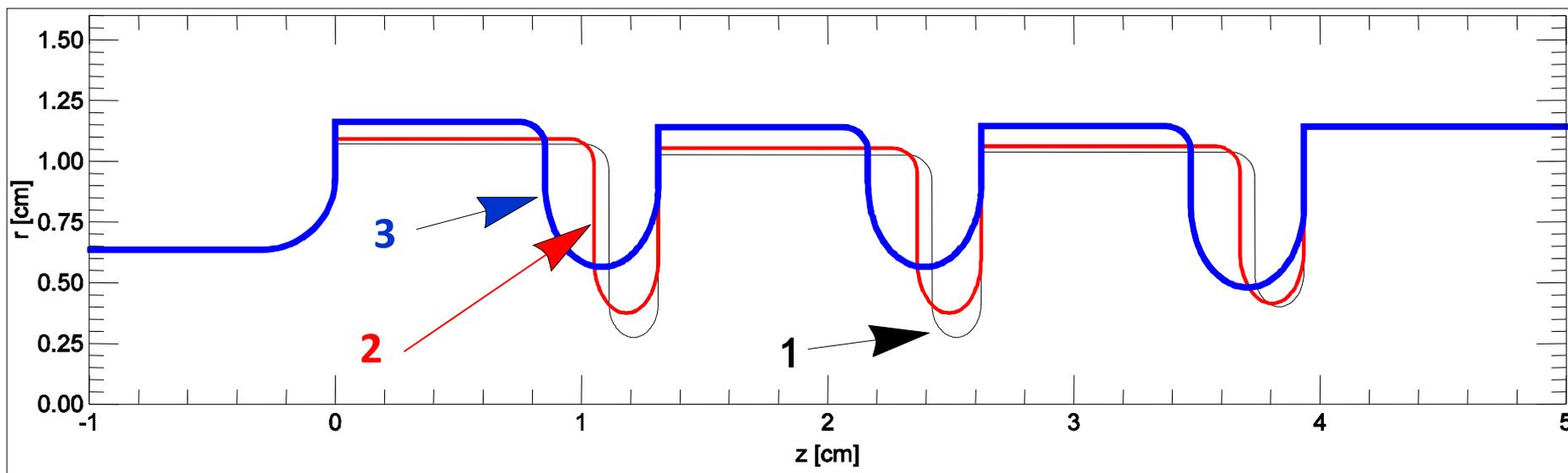
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2) 1C-SW-A3.75-T2.0-Cu

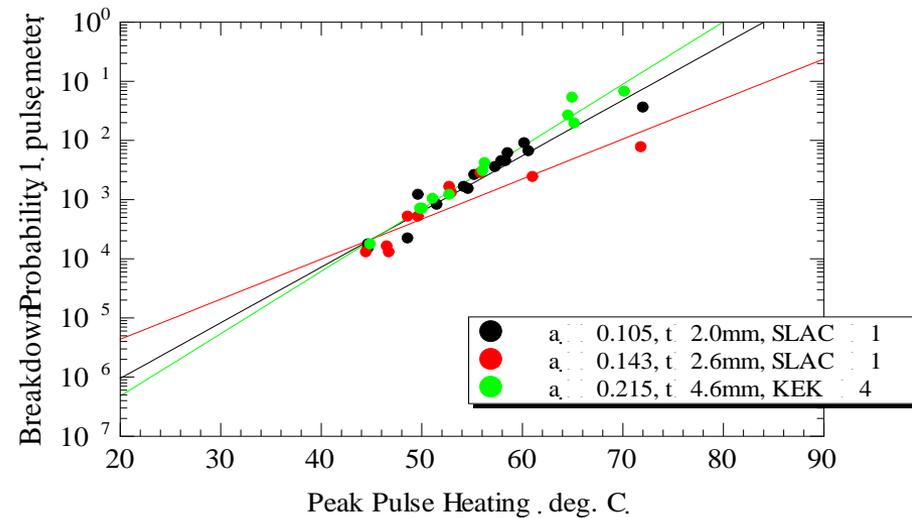
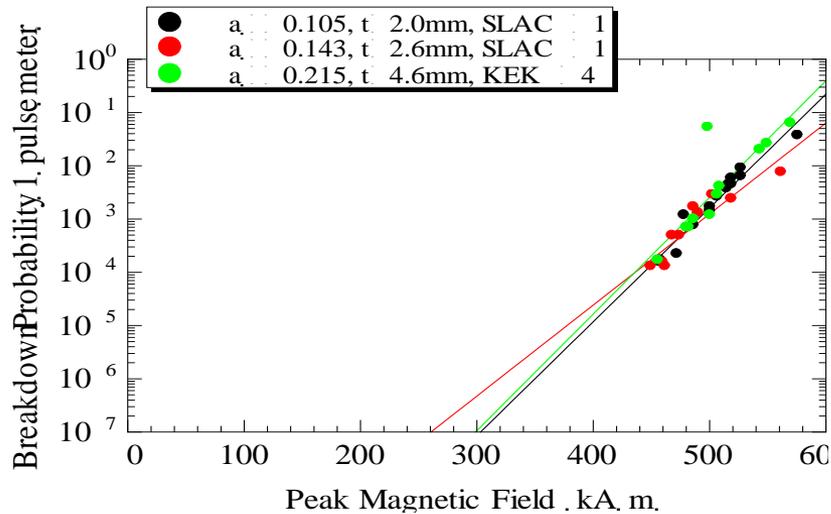
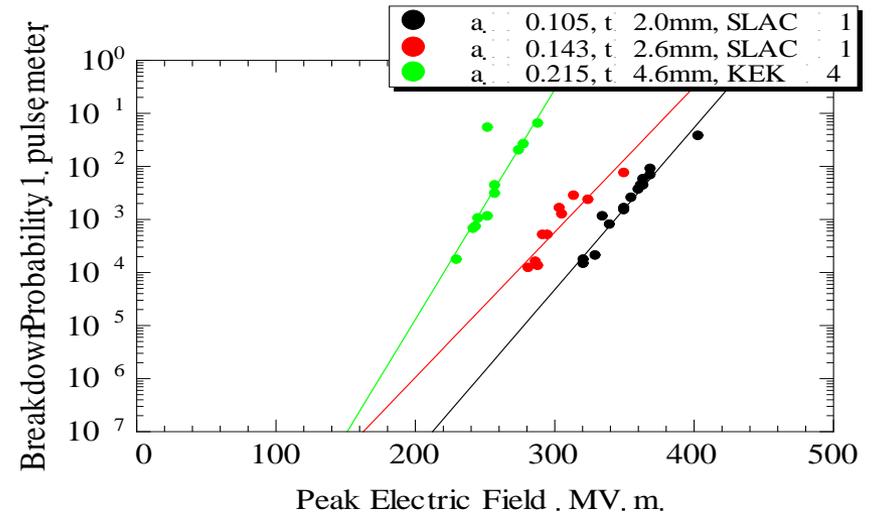
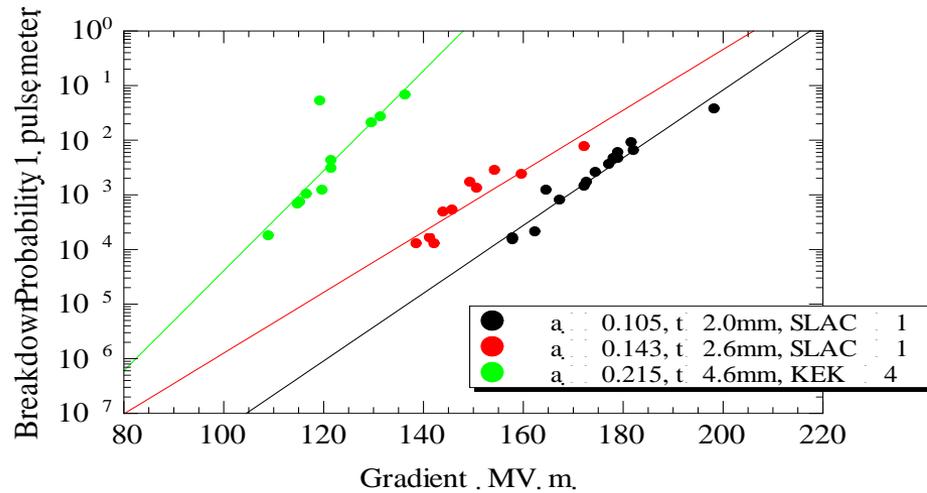


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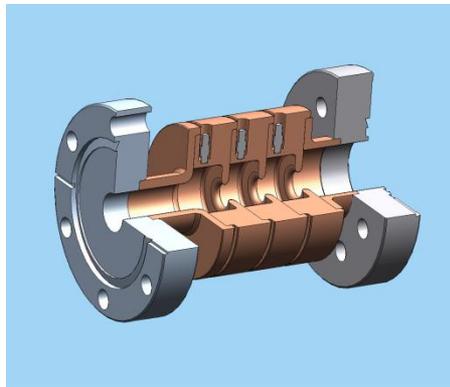
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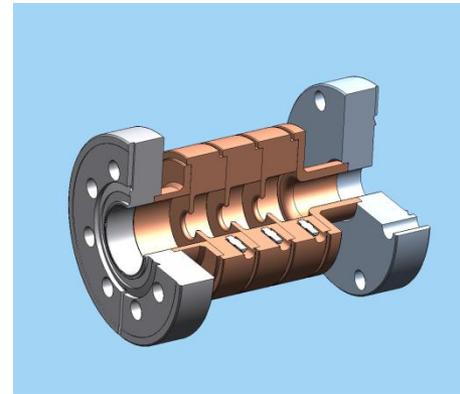


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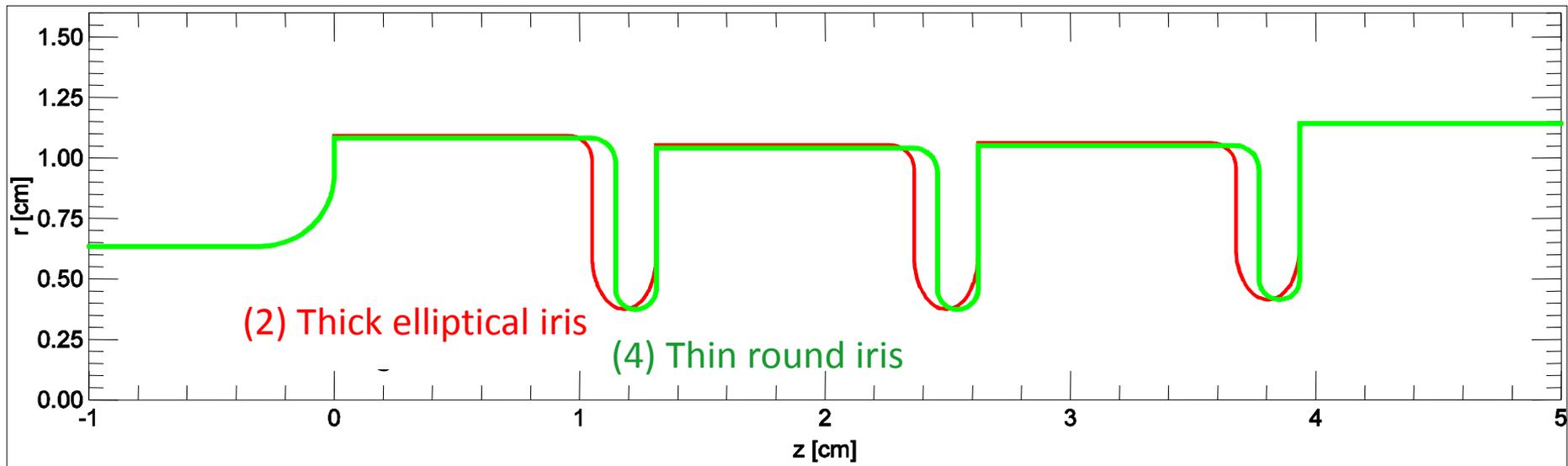
Two Single-Cell-SW Structures with same magnetic but different electric fields



2) 1C-SW-A3.75-T2.0-Cu

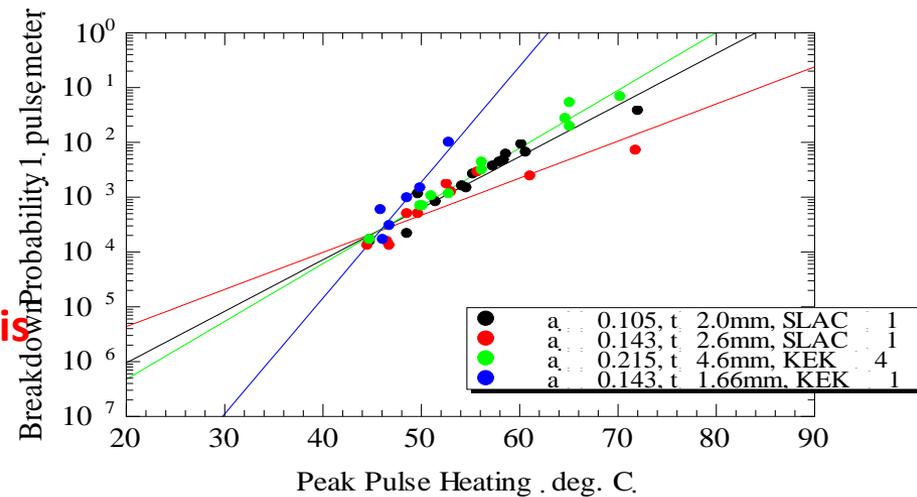
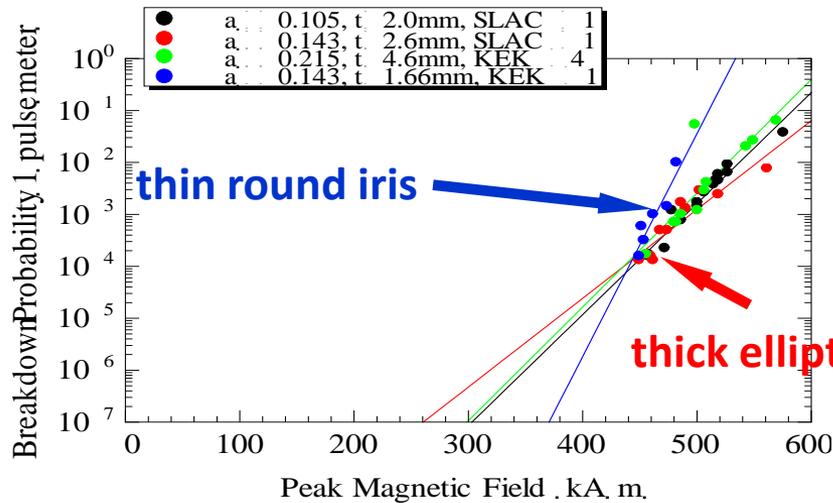
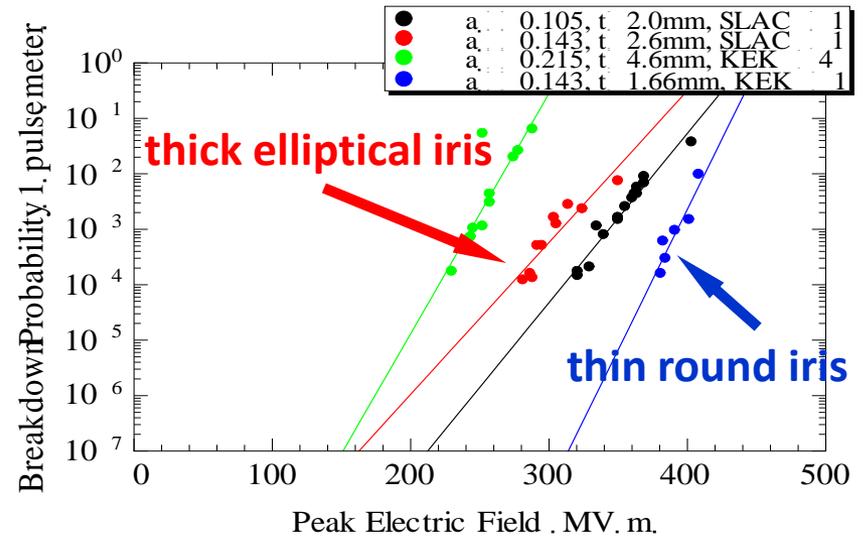
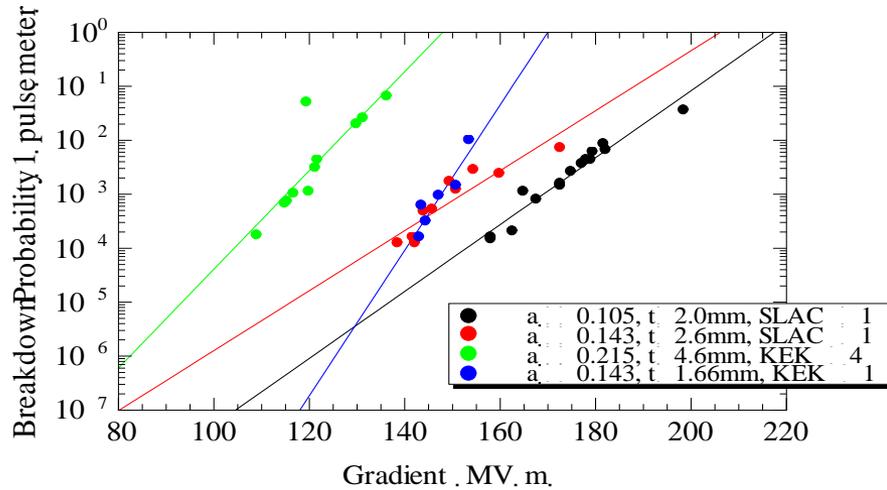


4) 1C-SW-A3.75-T1.66-Cu



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Geometry plays a major role in determining the accelerating gradient and breakdown performance:

Local electric field seems to have less importance than magnetic field in disk-loaded-waveguide type SW structures

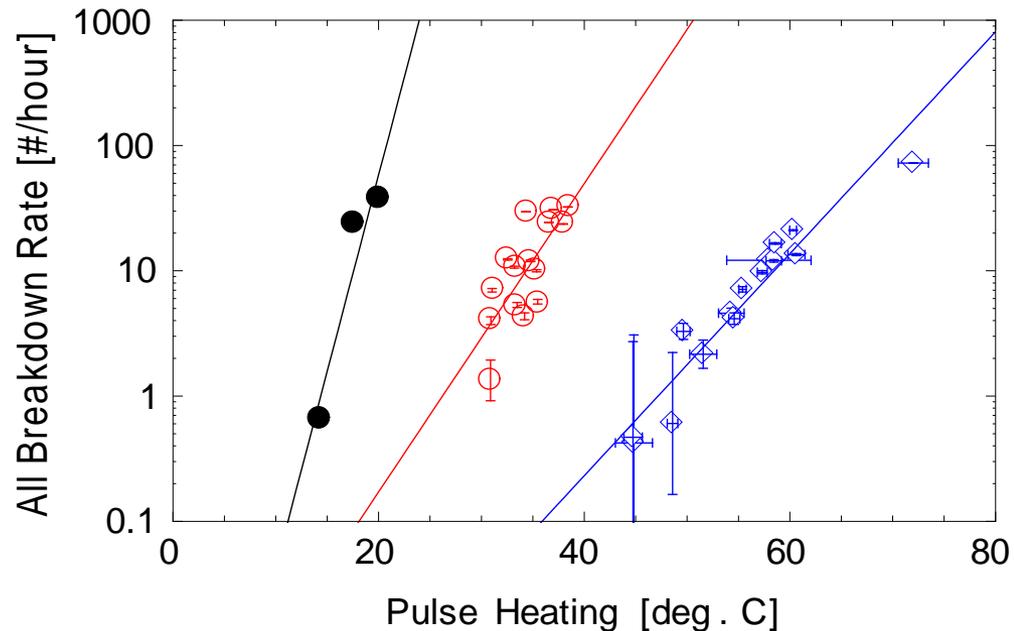
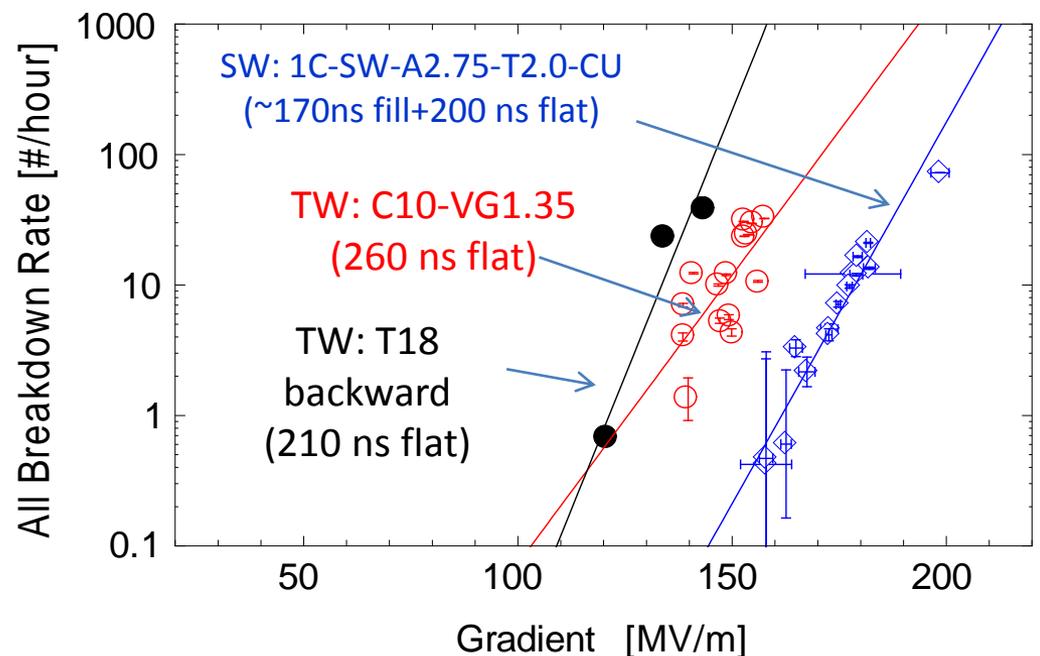
# Geometrical Studies

TW *vs.* SW with Breakdowns in One  
Cell

# Geometrical studies

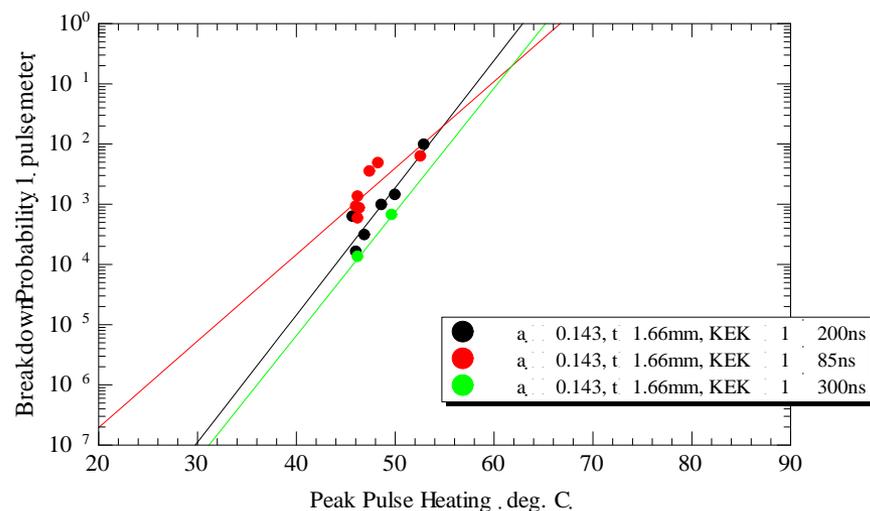
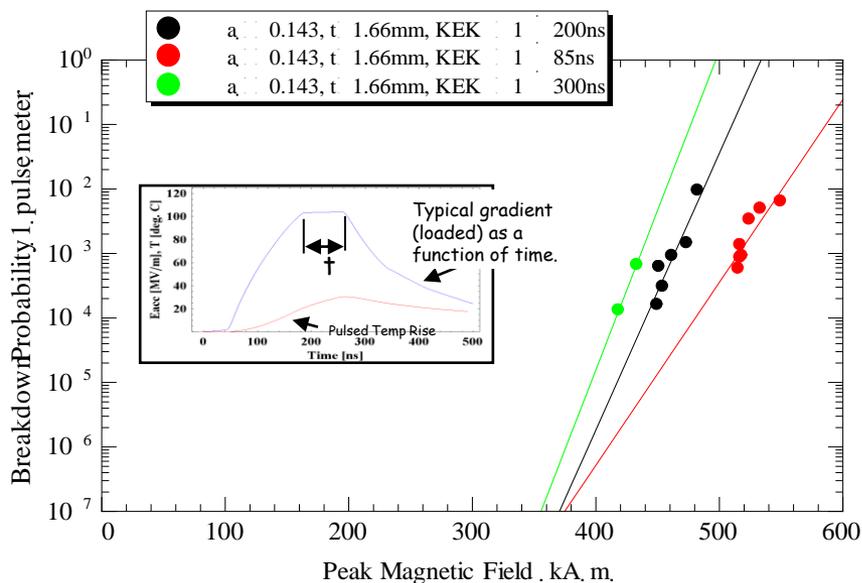
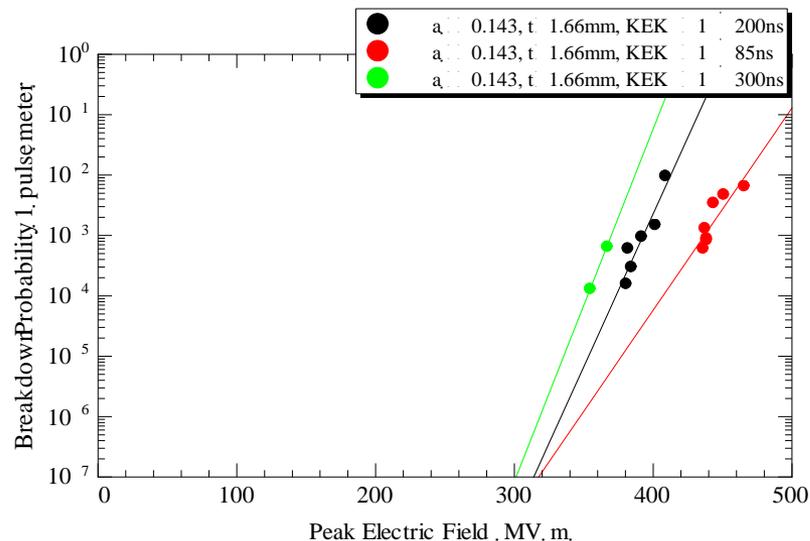
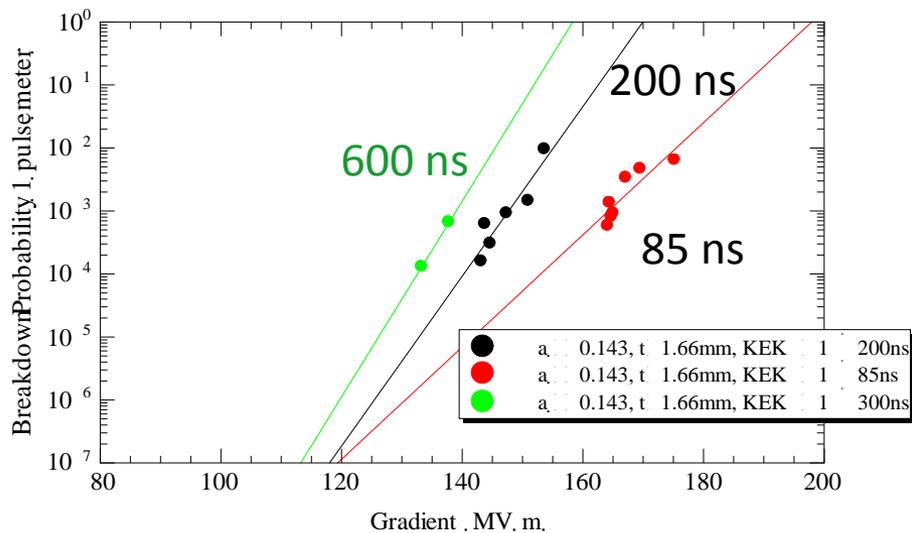
**TW vs. SW:** At low breakdown rate  $< 5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ /per pulse/meter ( $< 10$  per hour@60Hz) the statistical behavior of the SW and low group velocity TW structures is very similar but TW structures has  $\sim 20$ - $30\%$  lower gradient and about 2 times lower peak pulse heating.

Breakdown rate vs. gradient and pulse heating for one SW and two TW structures with  $\sim 3$ mm aperture



# Pulse Length Dependence

## Peak Pulse Heating correlate better with breakdown rate than peak magnetic field



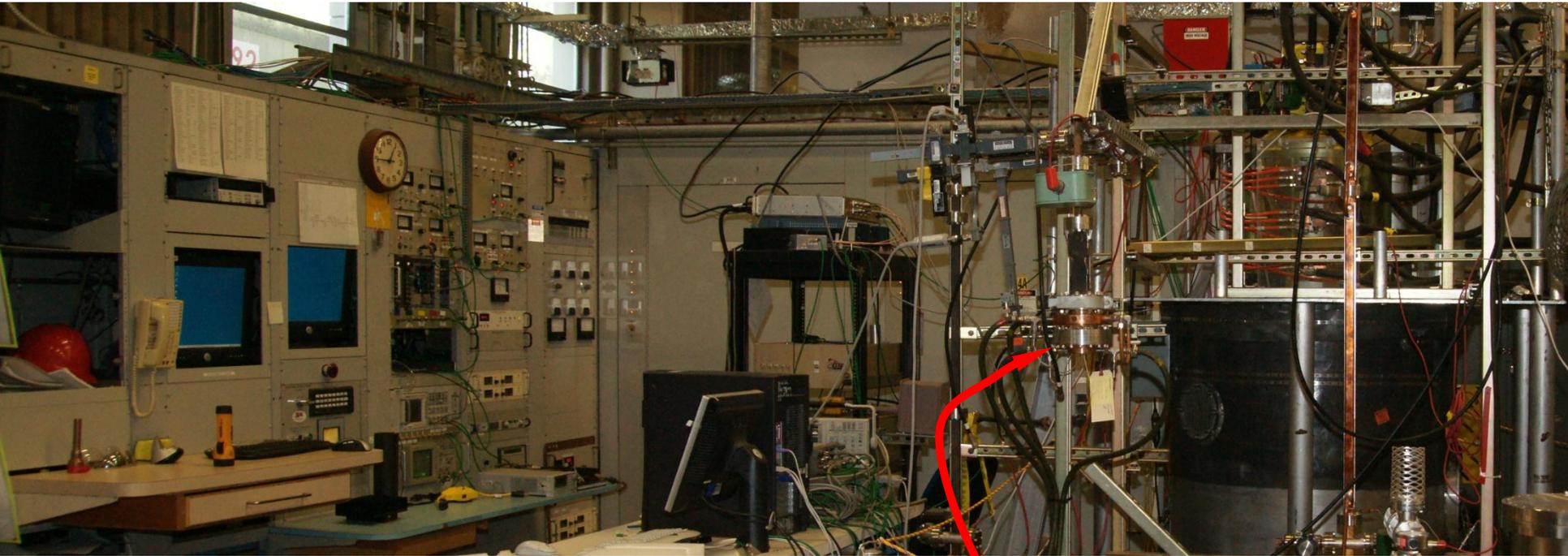
# RF Magnetic Fields and Pulse Heating

- Experimental and theoretical evidence points to the rf magnetic field as an important factor in determining the breakdown behavior in given structure.
    - Magnetic field can be responsible for:
      - Geometrical effects
      - Effective field enhancement
      - Extreme heating of small metal particles (*model of exploding copper dust*)
    - Surface fatigue may contribute to the low statistics phenomena of breakdown: why a breakdown occurs after thousands and millions of *quiet* pulses.
  - Surface fatigue is particularly important in areas where peak magnetic field is enhanced and can cause damage, such as in coupling slots for wakefield damping
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# Material Testing

## Pulse Heating Cavity Experiments

# Material Testing ( Pulsed Heating Experiments)

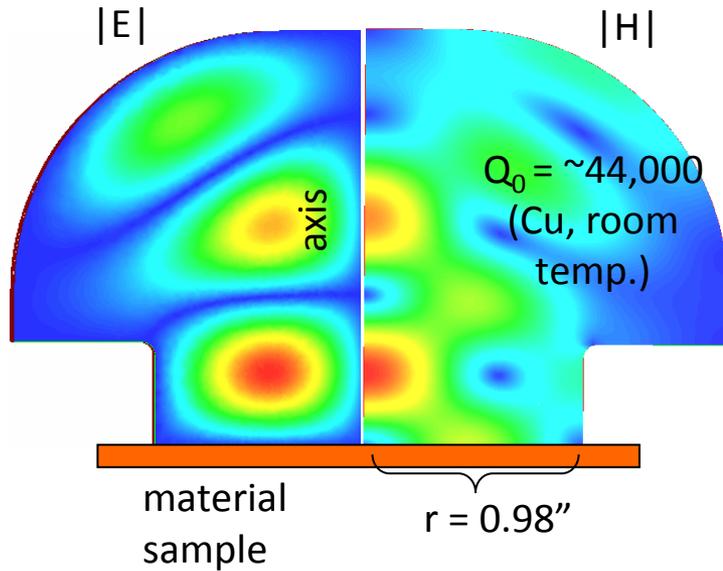


Pulse heating cavity

- Lisa Laurent, **MOP076**
- S. Heikkinen, *Study of High Power RF Induced Thermal Fatigue in the High Gradient Accelerating Structures*, Ph.D. thesis, Helsinki University of Technology, Finland (2008).

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TE<sub>013</sub>-like mode (no surface electric fields)

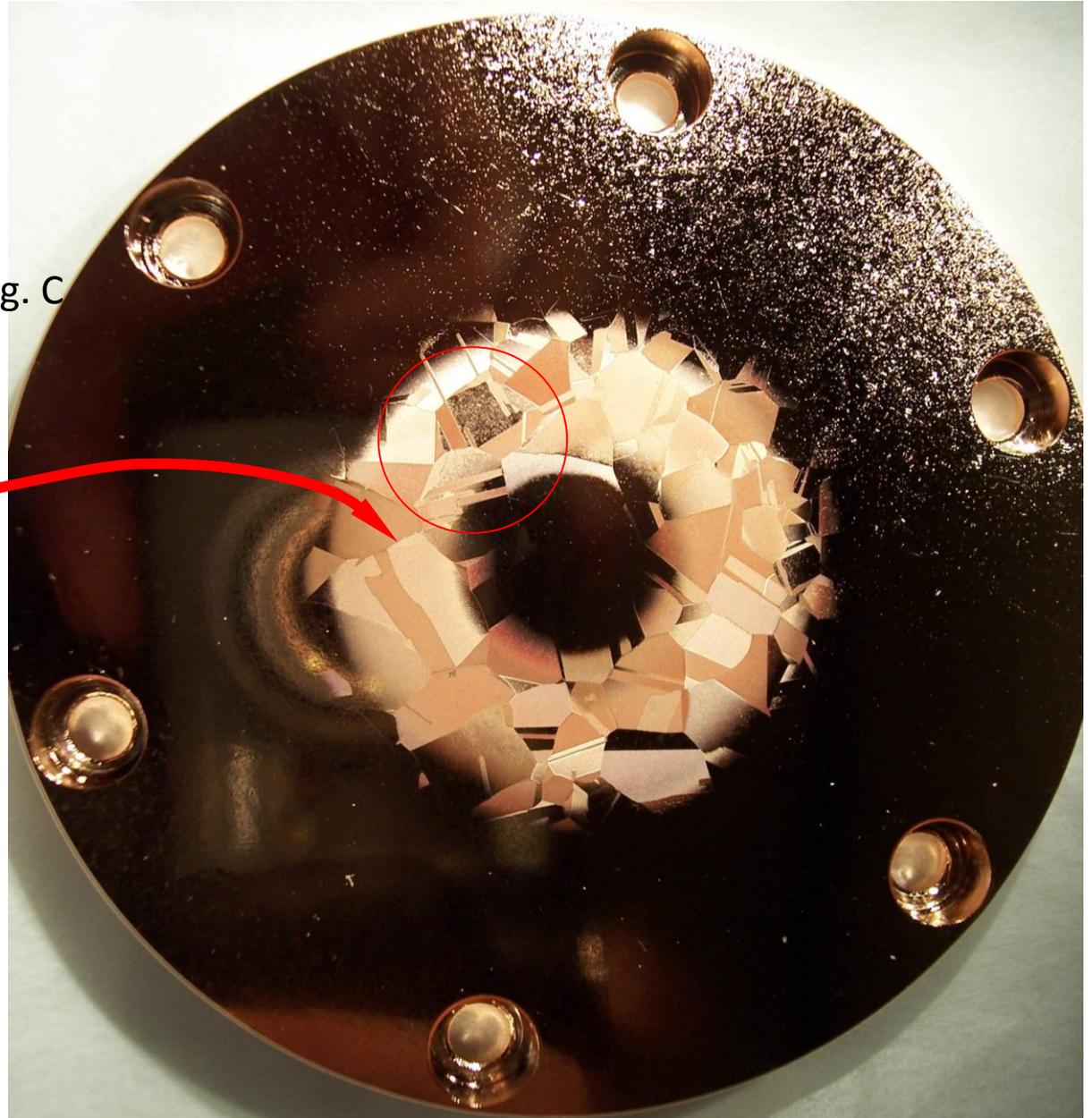


Special cavity has been designed to focus the magnetic field into a flat plate that can be replaced.



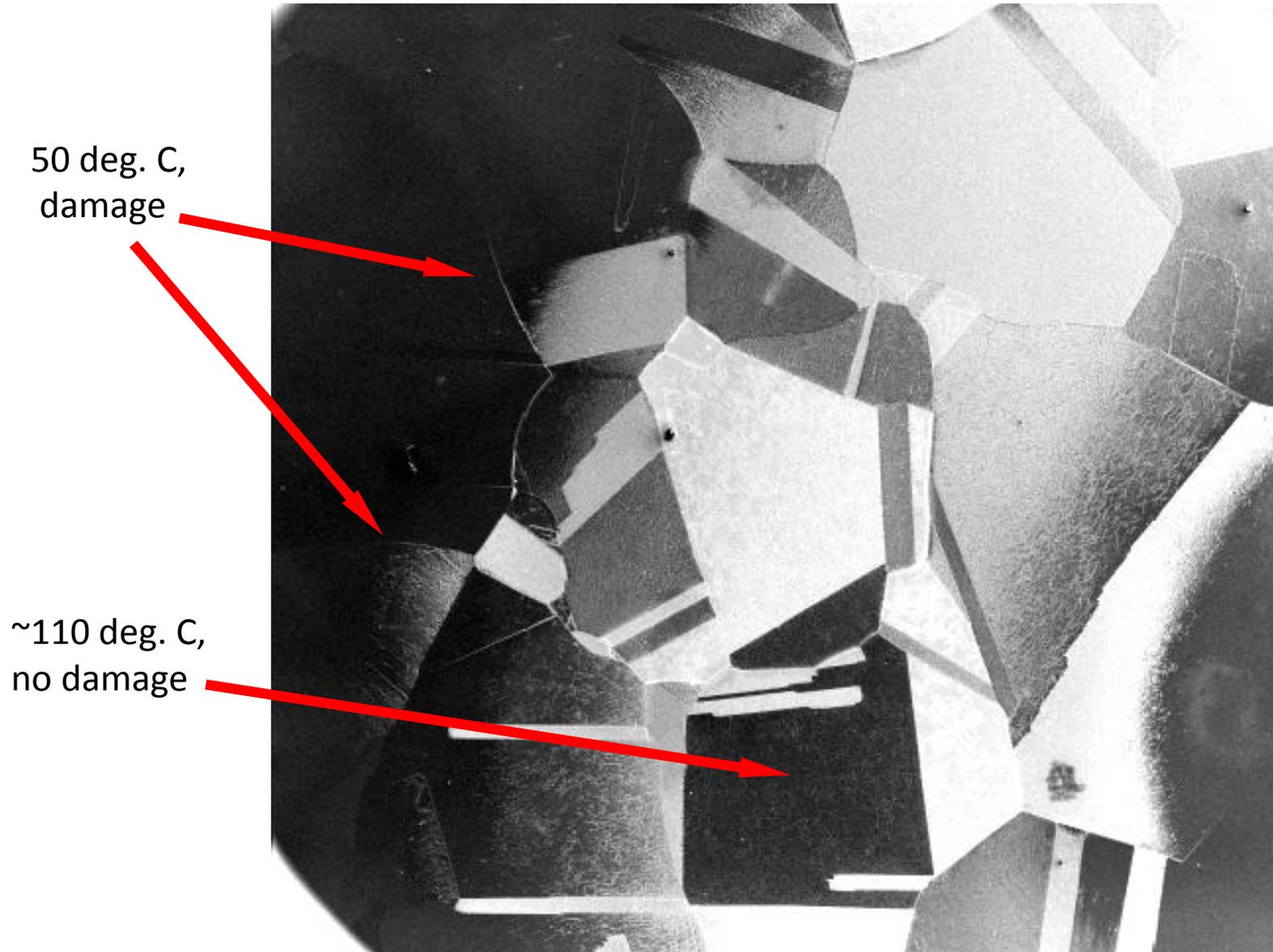
# Pulse Heating Sample

Pulse heating ring,  
peak temperature 110 deg. C

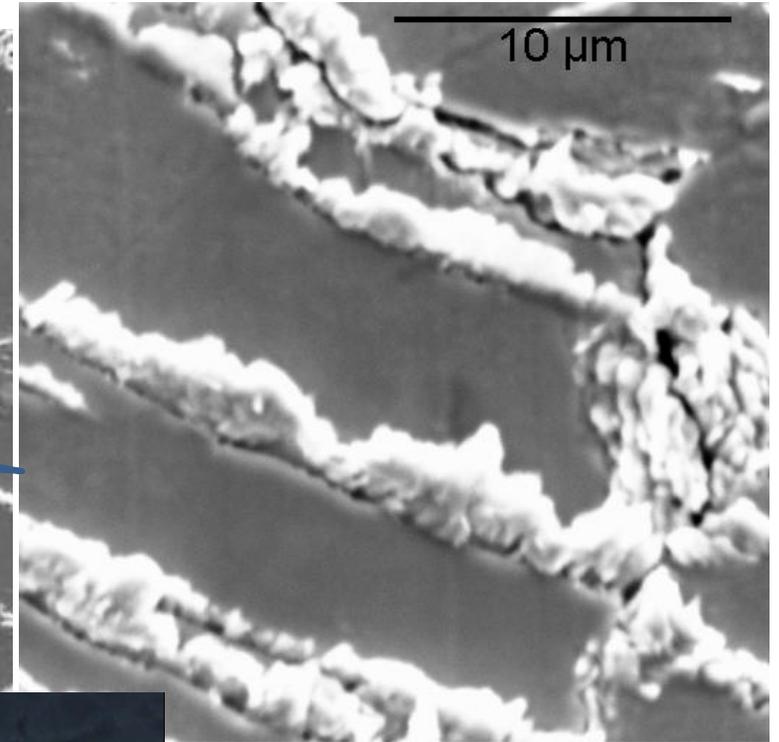
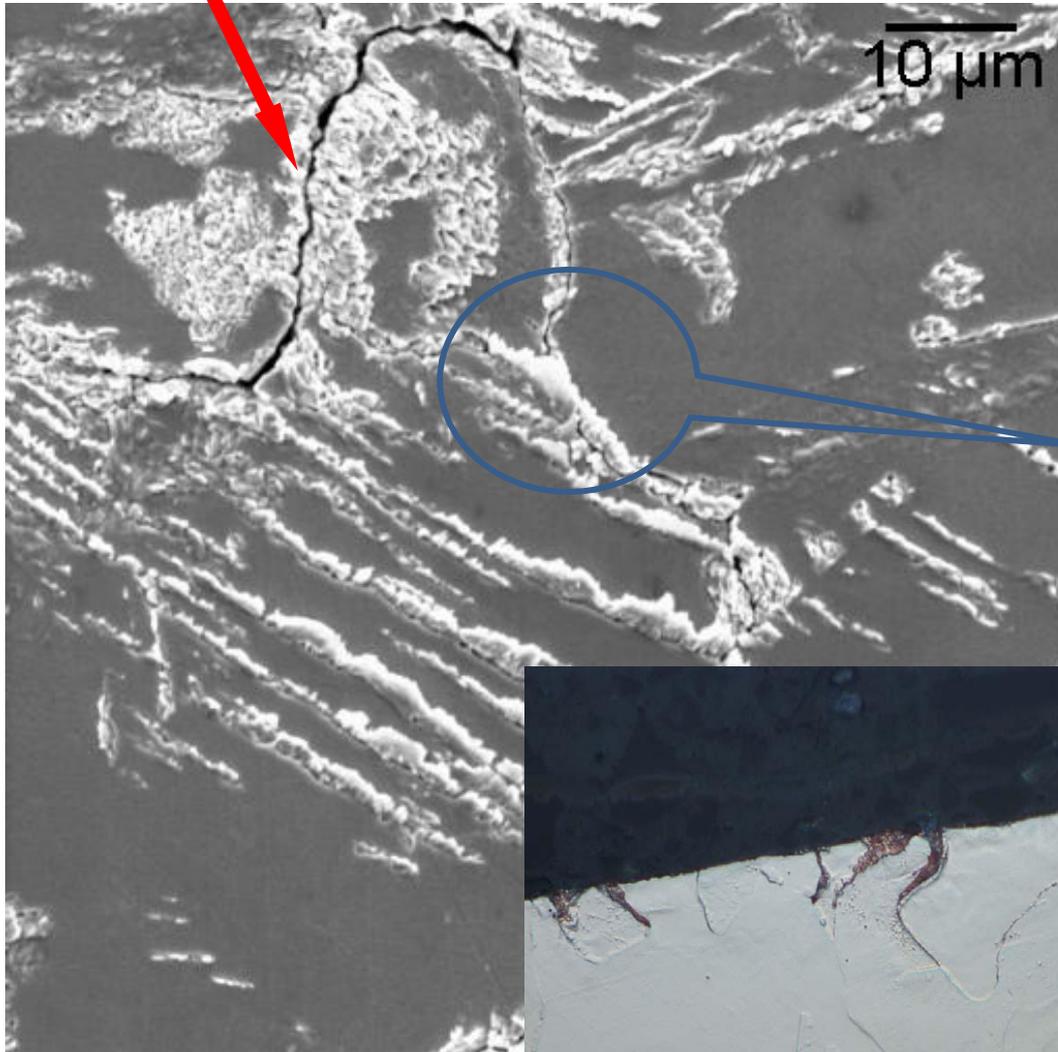


Sample manufactured by Y. Higashi, KEK

# Pulse Heating Damage Strongly Depends on Crystal Grain Orientation and Starts at Grain Boundaries



# Inter-granular fracture Pulse Heating Damage



Trans-granular fractures

# Pulse Heating Test Samples



Breakdown and pulsed heating effects on an standing wave accelerating structure iris

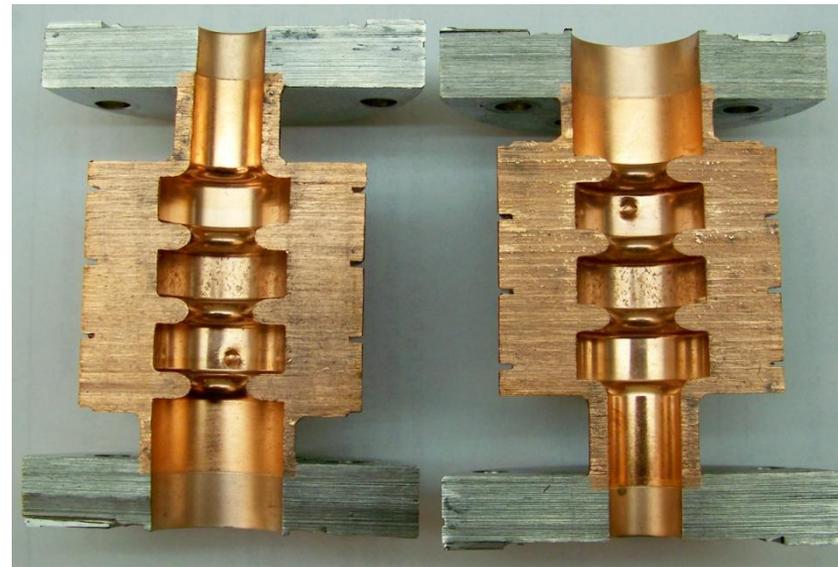
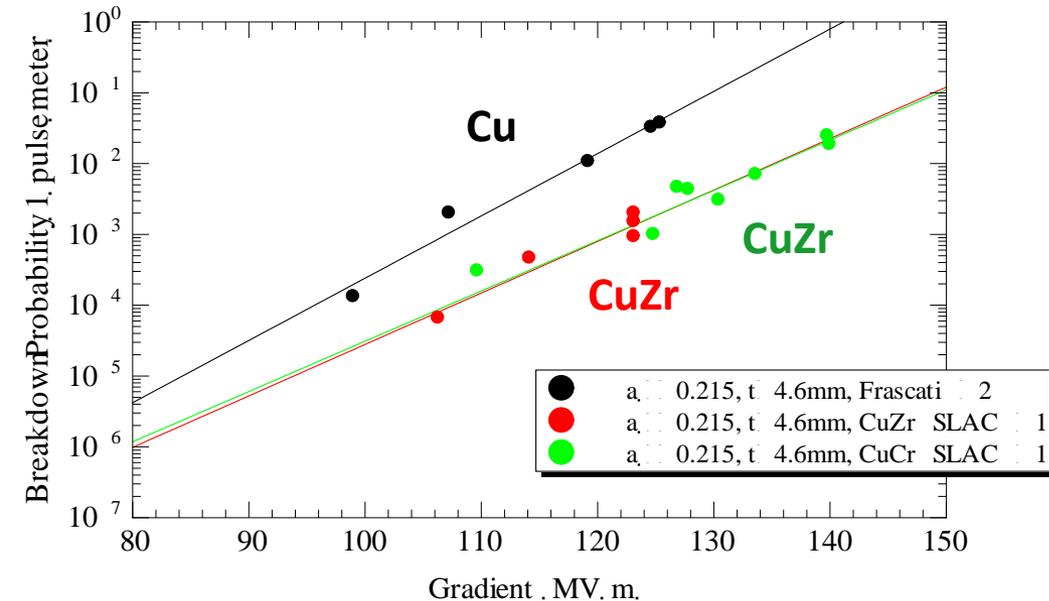
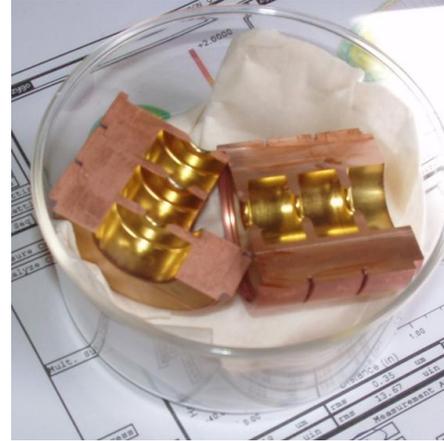


*Photo John Van Pelt*

# Material Tests

## *Vacuum Brazed CuZr and CuCr Structures*

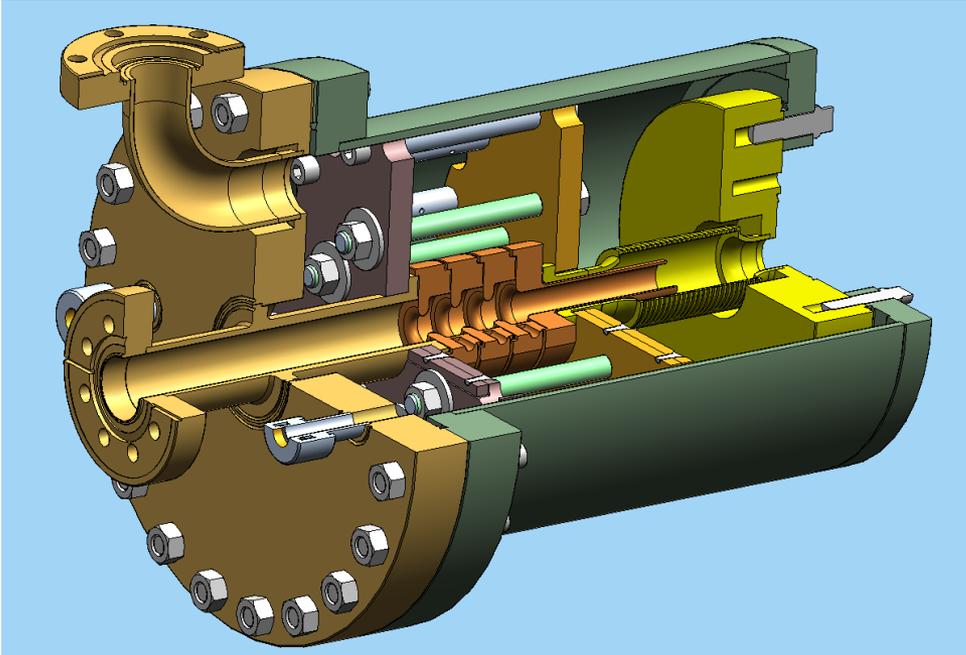
Trials of diffusion bonding and brazing of CuZr at SLAC.



1C-SW-A5.65-T4.6-CuZr-SLAC-#1

# Material Tests Without Brazing Clamped Structure

Clamping Structure for testing accelerating structures made of copper alloys

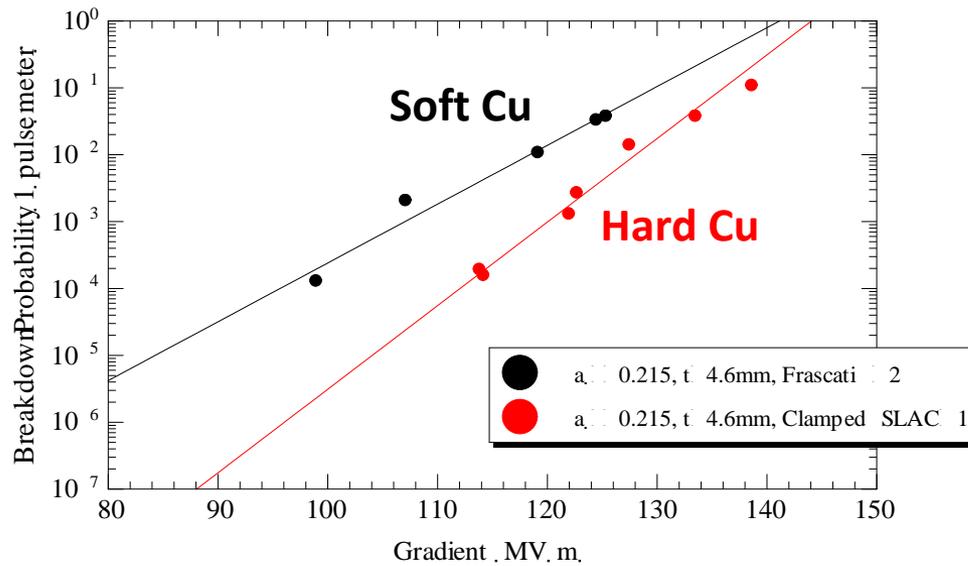


- The clamped structure will provide a method for testing materials without the need to develop all the necessary technologies for bonding and brazing them.
- Once a material is identified, we can devise constriction methods to building structures.
- Furthermore, it will provide us the opportunity to test hard materials without annealing which typically accompany the brazing process

# Material Tests

## Hard Copper

Clamped Structure with Hard Copper cells

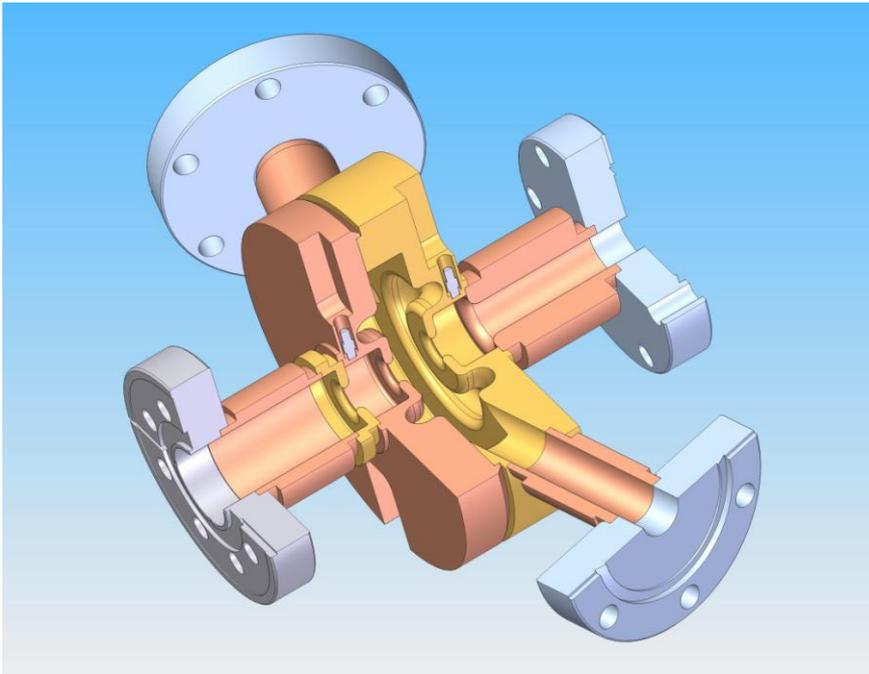


## Next Steps

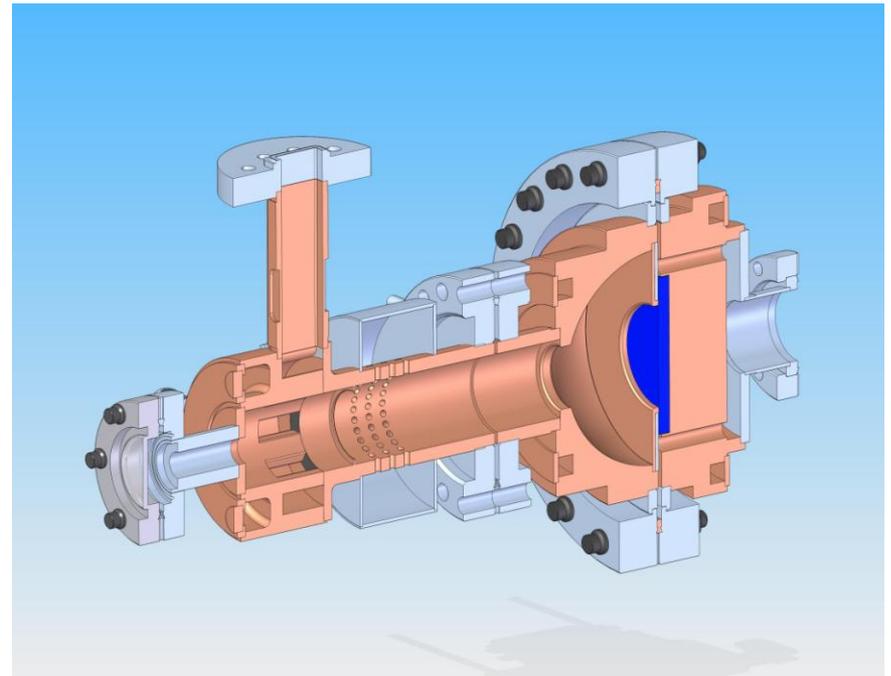
In Situ Observation of  
Microscopic Surface  
Properties

# In-Situ Observation of Metal Surface (KEK, SLAC)

- Crystal migration due to pulse heating
  - Interferometer (ready)
  - High resolution microscopy (ready)
- Pulse temperature measurement by High-Speed Radiation Thermometer (under development)
- Particles observation by Laser scattering (under development)



SW structure



New pulse heating cavity

# Summary

- **This work is done by a strong international collaboration. This is the only way to gather the necessary resources. New participants are welcome.**
- Short SW structures have higher gradient than short TW structures for the same aperture and breakdown rate.
- Geometry and material are determining ultimate rf breakdown behavior in short SW structures.
- Peak rf magnetic field has stronger effect on the rf breakdown than peak electric field which contradicts commonly accepted model of the rf breakdown.
- When soft copper is exposed RF magnetic field alone some grain boundaries show signs of damage at about 50 deg. C pulse heating.
- Pulse heating damage in hard metals is strongly suppressed which is consistent with models of stress induced fatigue.
- Breakdown behavior of hard materials is different from soft materials which suggest connection between the fatigue and the breakdown trigger.
- We started building and debugging experimental setups that may allow in situ microscopic observation of metal surface.
- We are designing cavities in which we decouple rf magnetic and rf electric fields.