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Thermal Boundary Resistance at the Nb/Cu interface

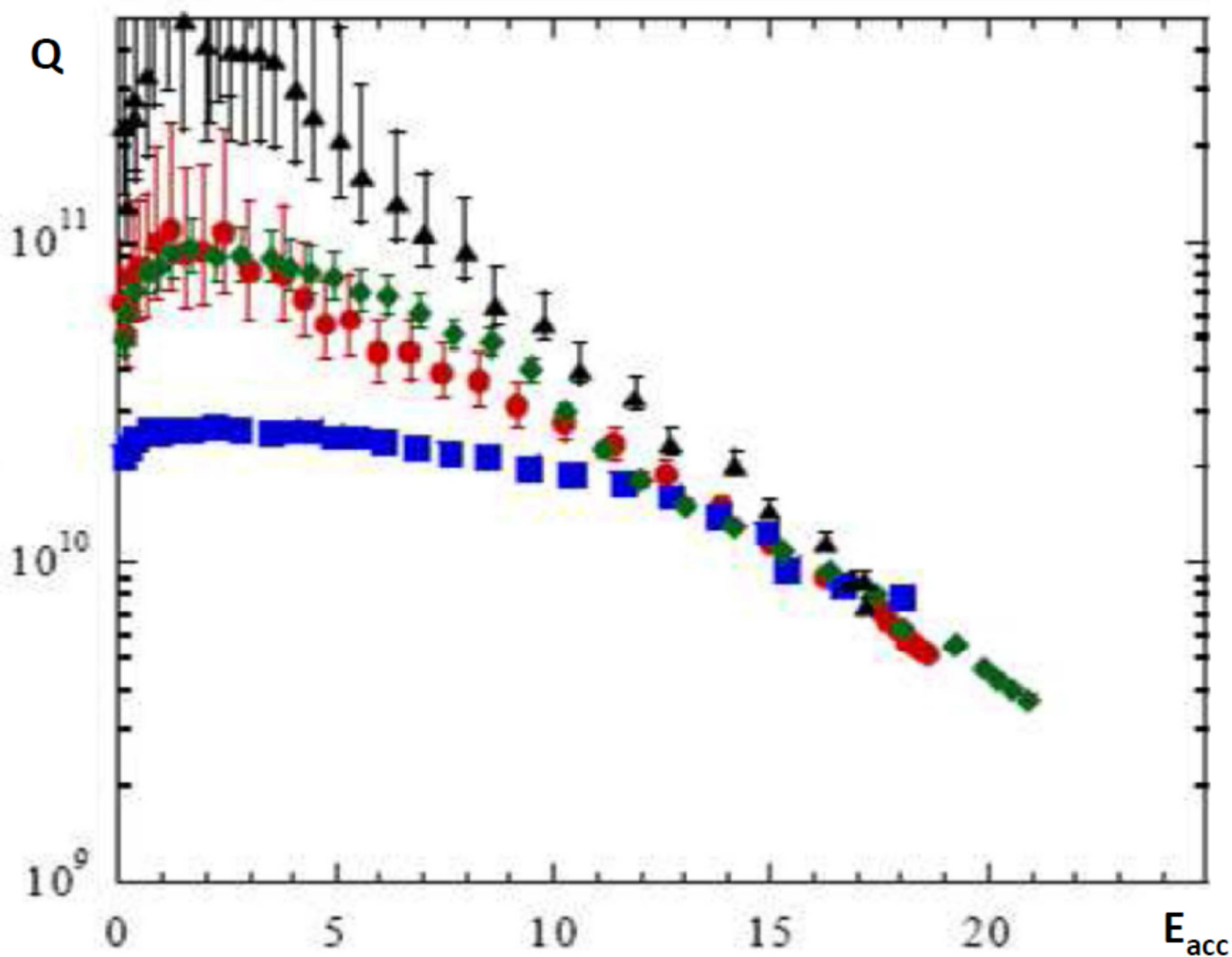
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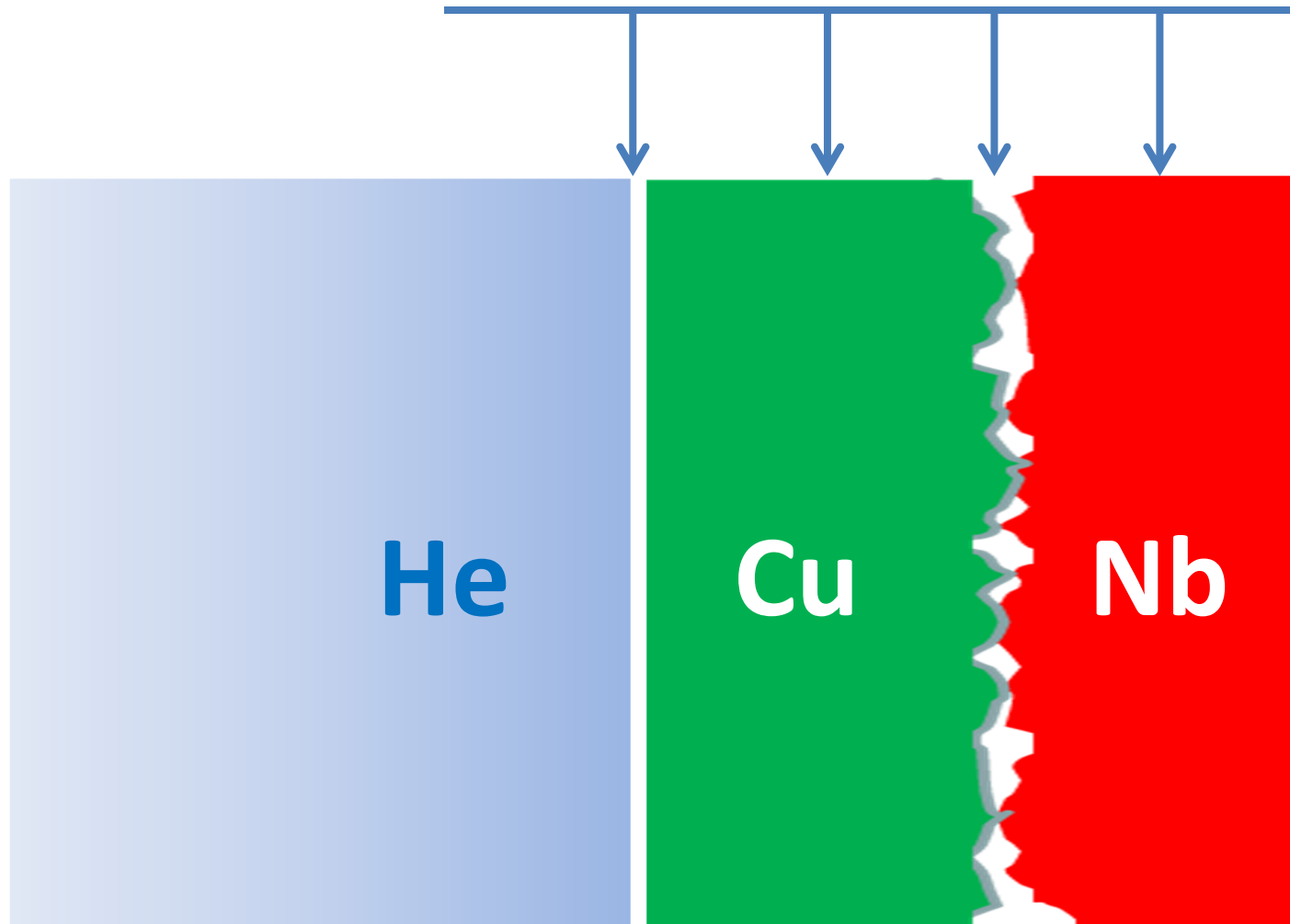
Best result ever for Nb Sputtered Cu



Aim of this talk:

**To understand the Physical motivation
under the Q-slope for Nb/Cu Cavities**

There are **only 4** possible players

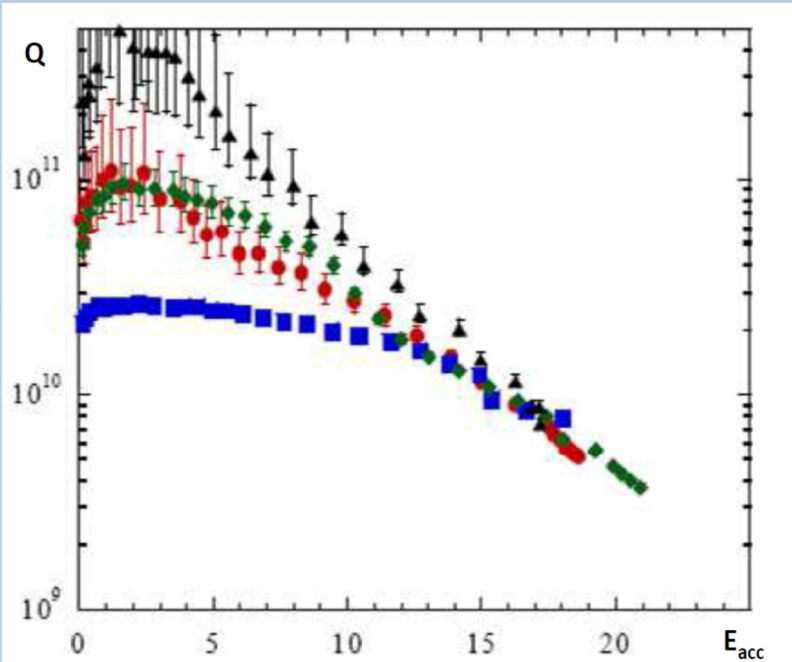


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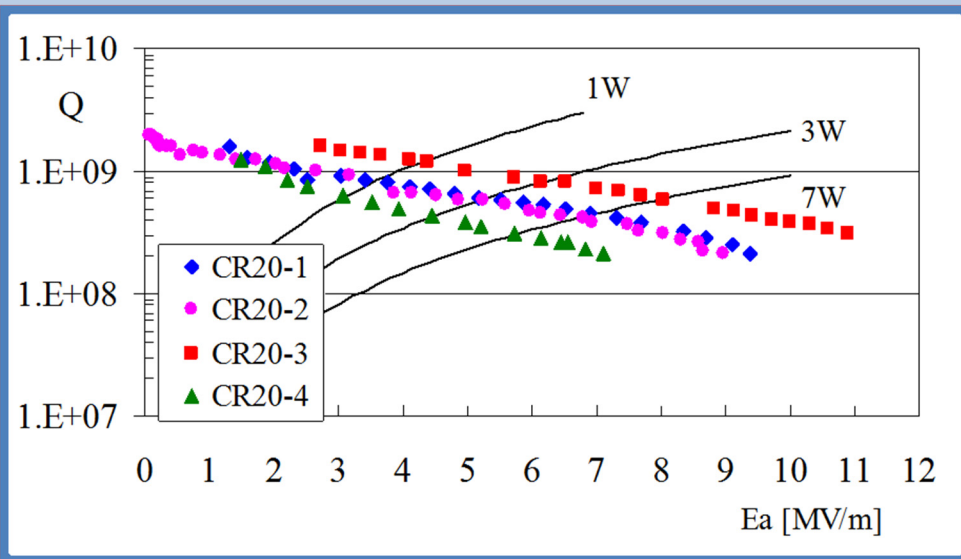
The Q-slope in sputtered cavities is **always present**, no matter if **different sputtering techniques** were adopted

1. The Nb film

Elliptical cavities



QWRs



1. The Nb film

All the attempts **to improve the film quality** did not provide significant
benefits

1. The Nb film

At Cern,

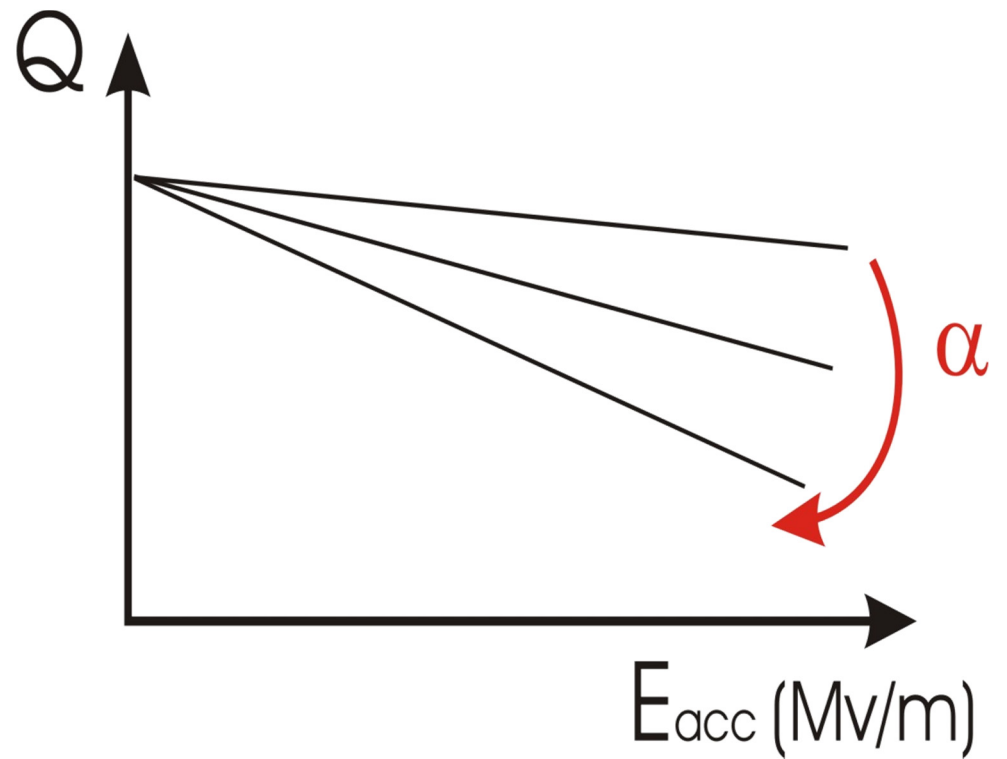
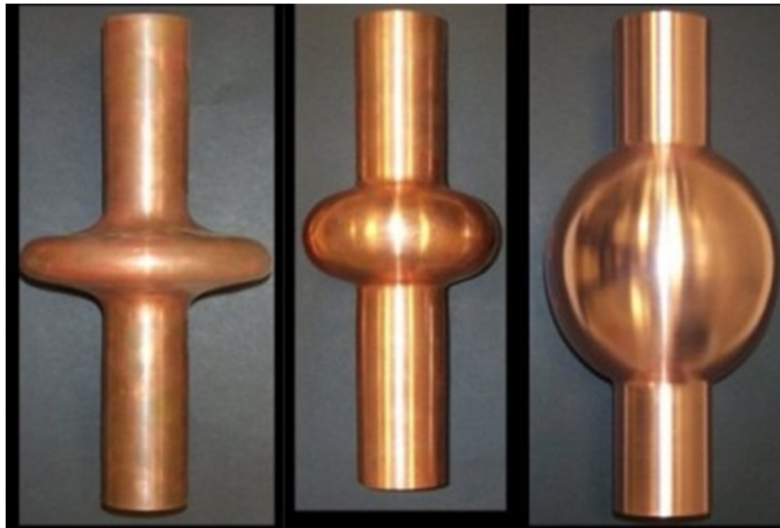
Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe and their mixtures

**were used as sputtering gases, in order to
minimize the effect of gas trapping inside
the films**

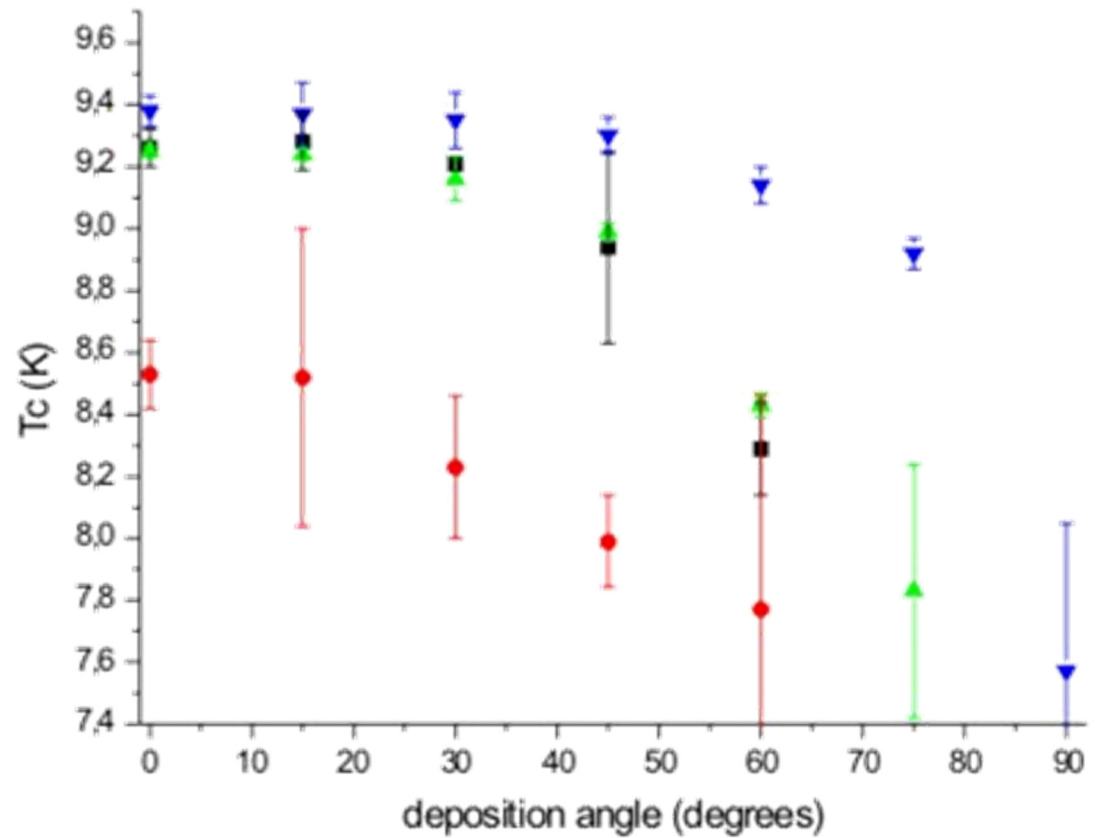
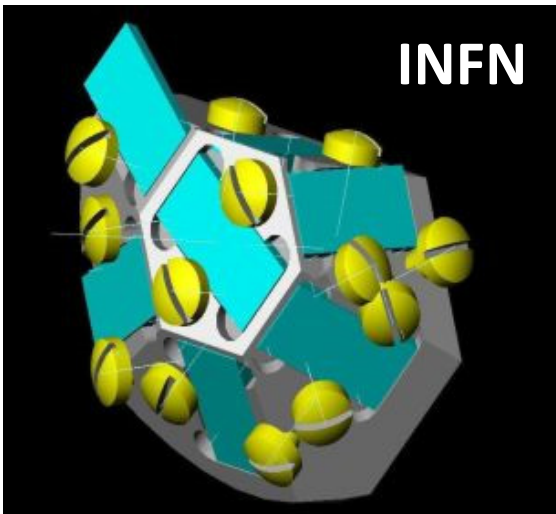
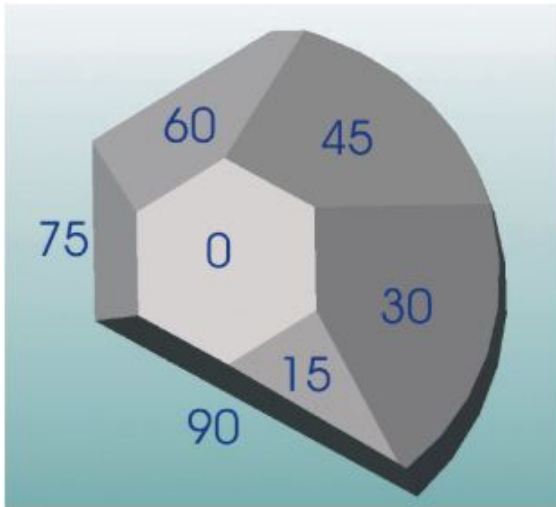
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Unfortunately, **No Significant Result!**

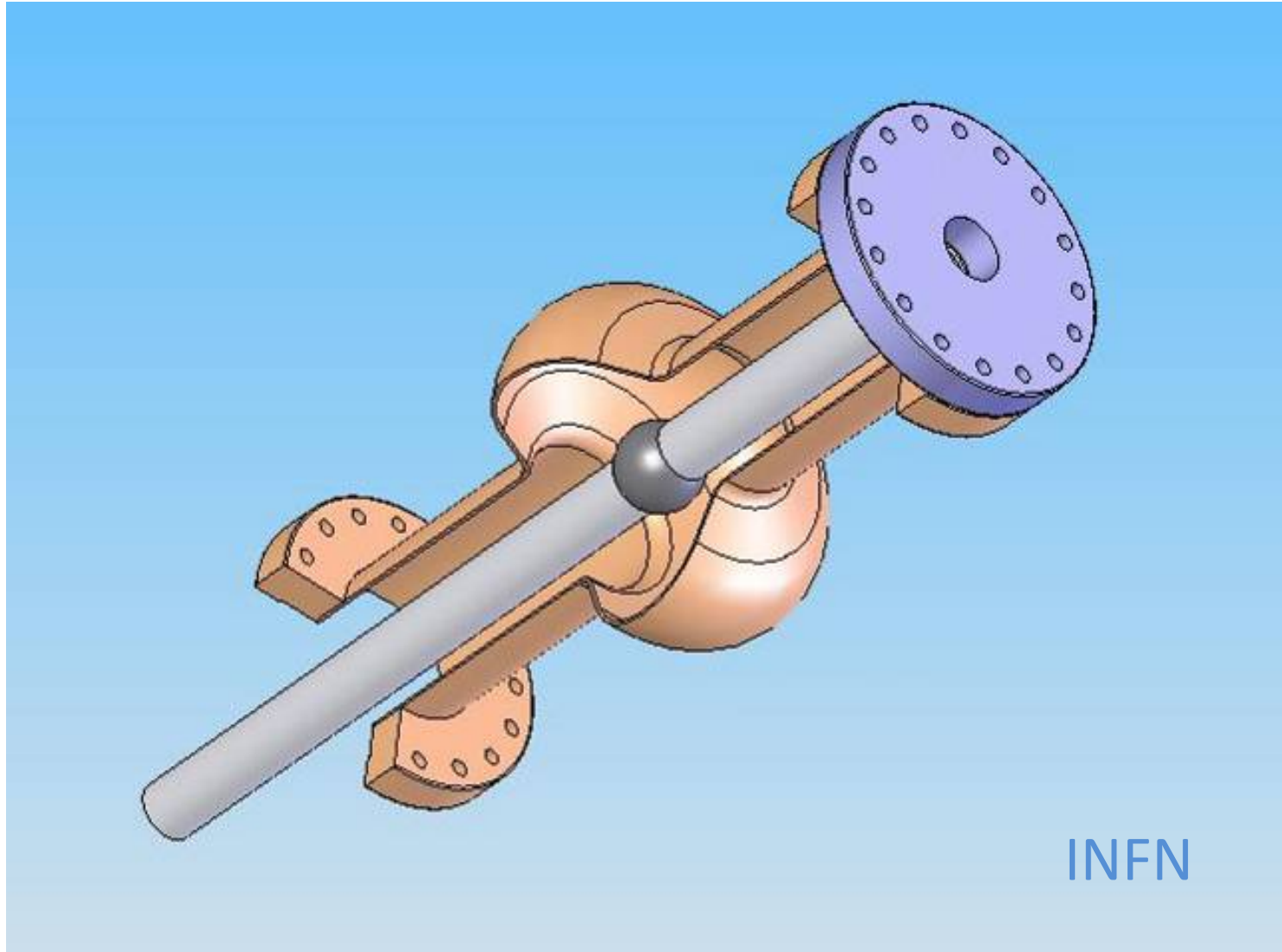
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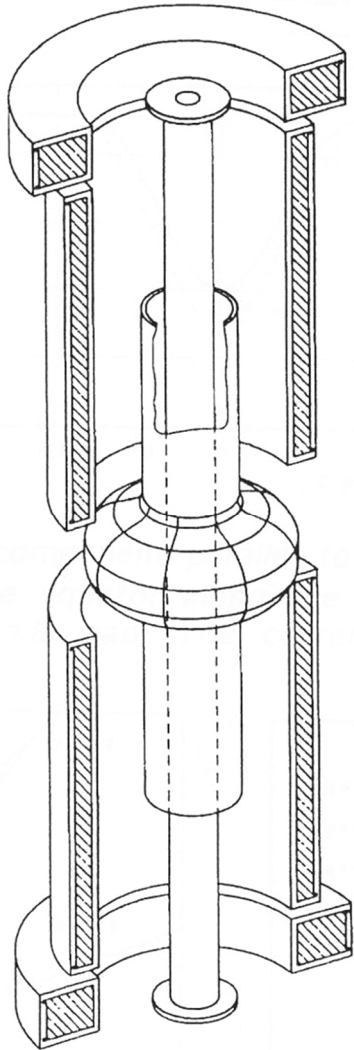
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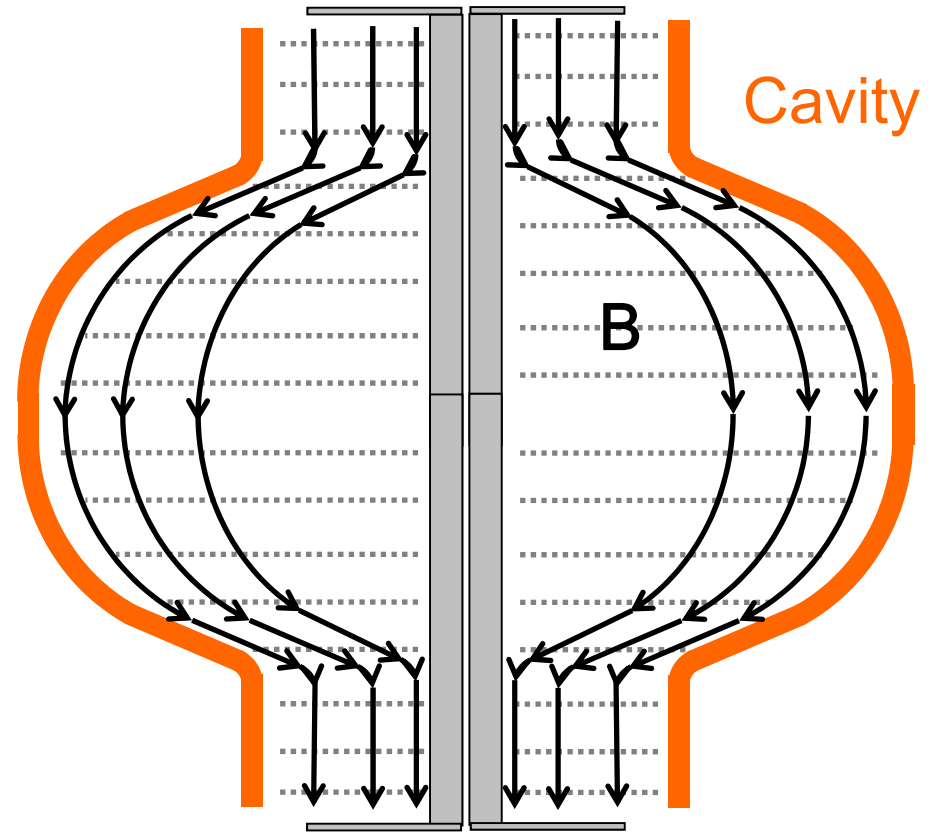
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1. The Niobium Film



Magnetic field lines follow the cavity shape



Niobium
cathode

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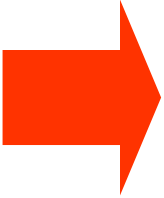
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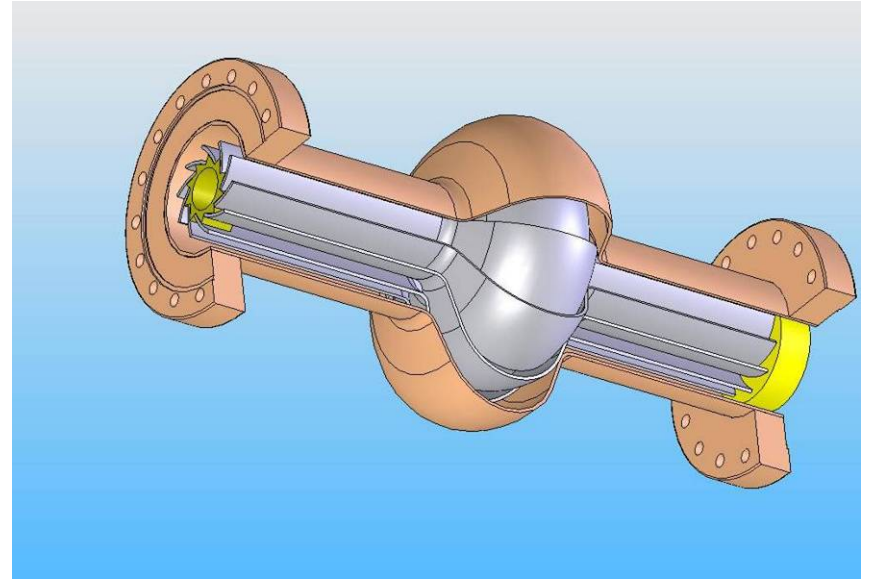
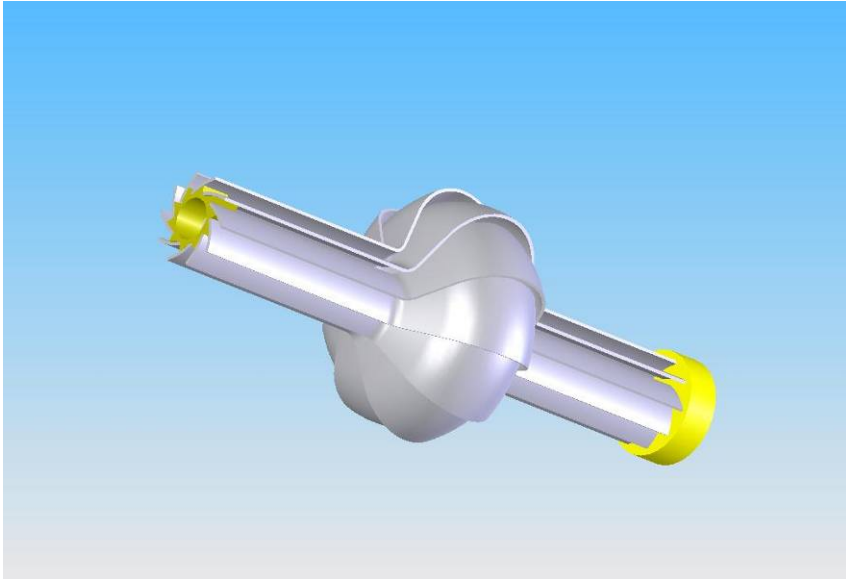

$$f_i = \frac{(N_i \alpha_i - \beta)}{(N_i \alpha_i - \beta) + R}$$

f_i = Fraction of impurities trapped into the film α_i = Impurities sticking coefficient

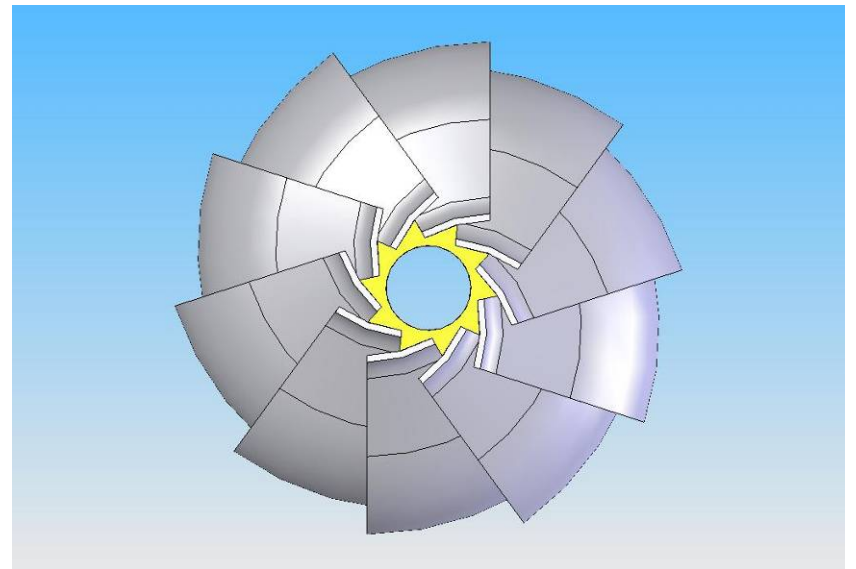
N_i = Number of atoms impurities arriving on the film surface

β = function of the bias current due to impurities ions

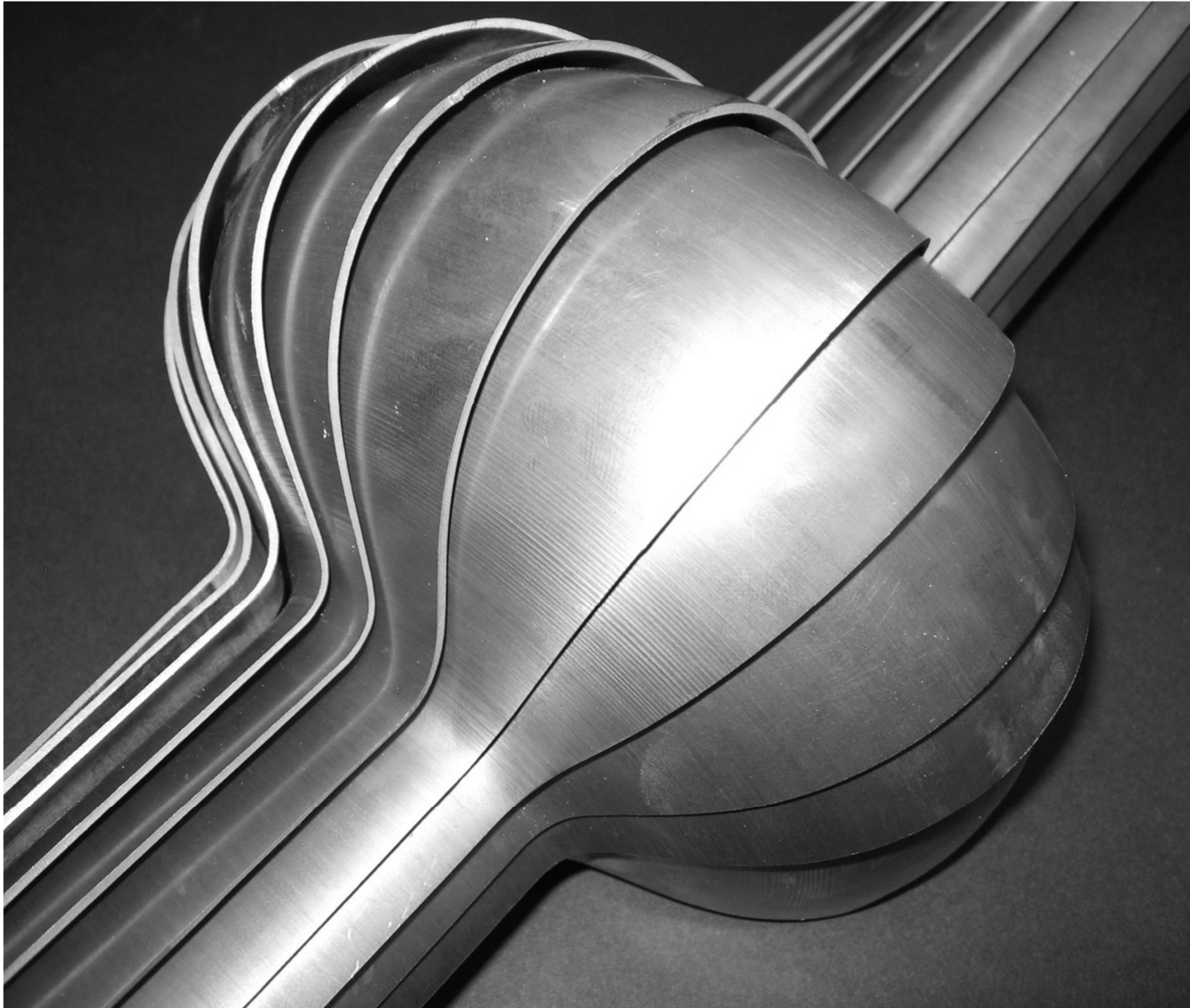
Bias Diode Sputtering: a cavity-shaped Cathode



**High ratio
cathode/substrate
area**



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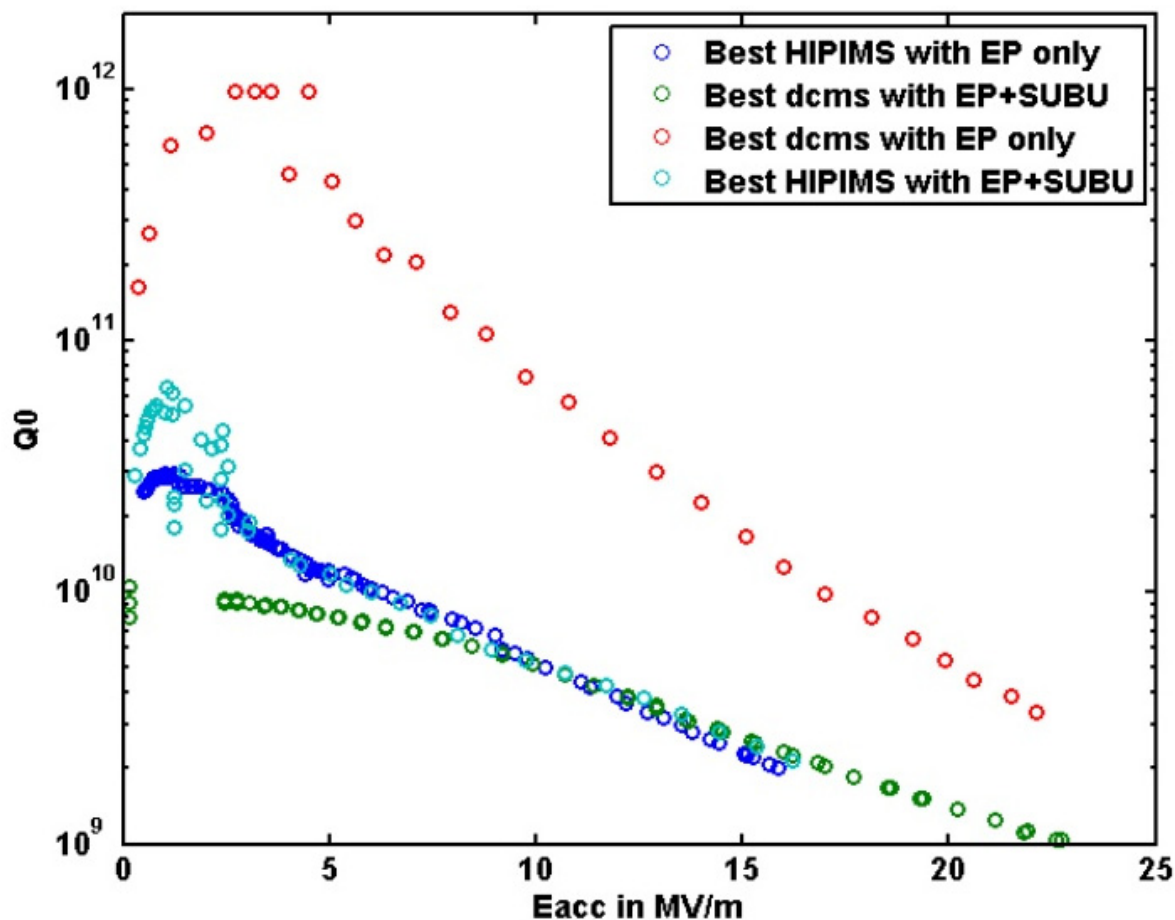
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About all the **Energetic Condensation**
Deposition techniques,
HIPIMS gave the best results

1. The Nb film

HIPIMS on 1.3 GHz Cavity - Results

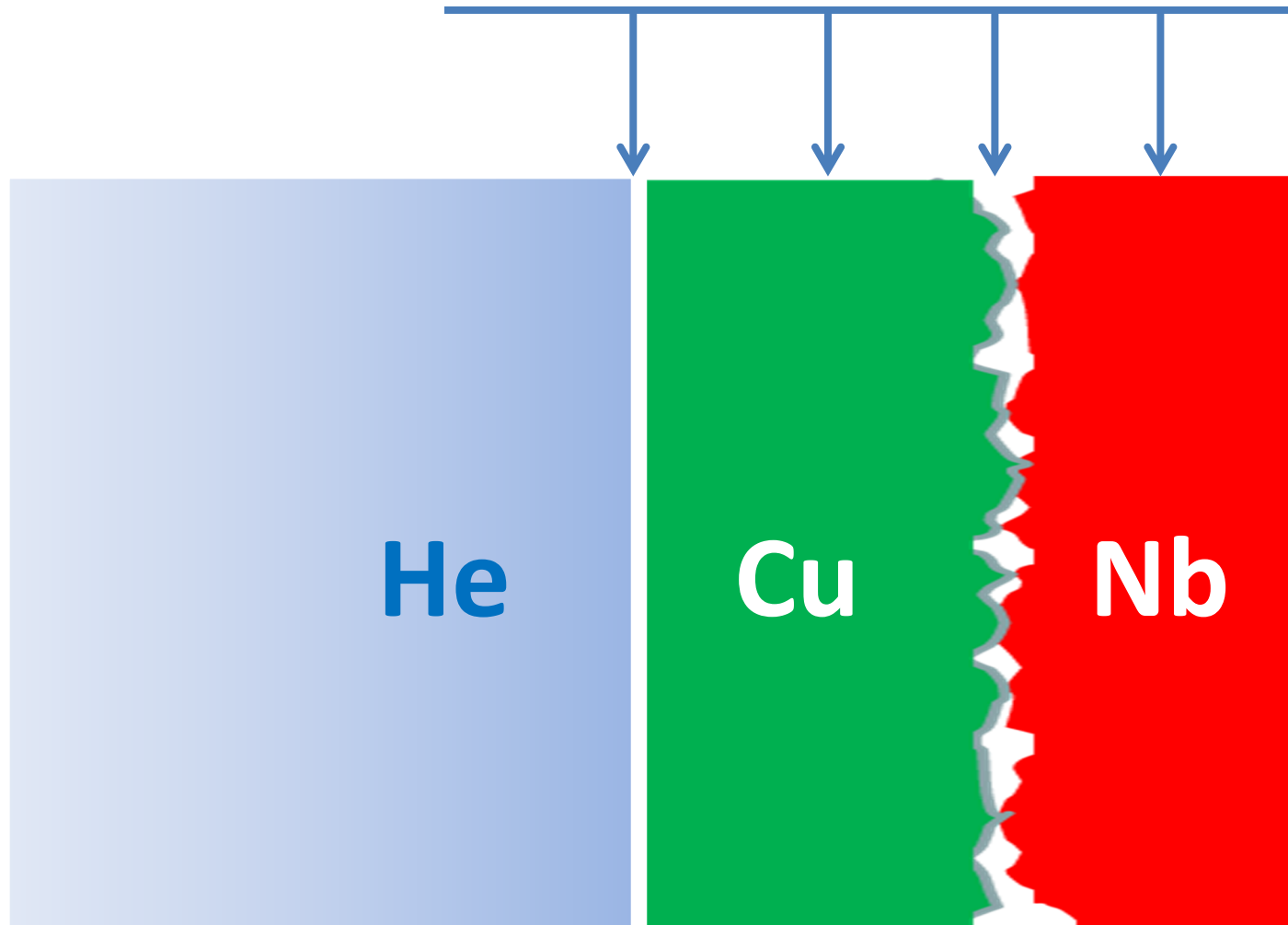


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(.... up to now!)

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2. The Cu Substrate

Hydrogen or maybe **Oxygen** could possibly
diffuse from the Cu substrate into the film

2. The Cu Substrate

**Attempts at CERN to getter Hydrogen,
by depositing a Ti under-layer
between Cu and Nb**

C. Benvenuti, S. Calatroni, M. Hakovirta, H. Neupert, M. Prada, A.-M. Valente, "CERN Studies On Niobium-Coated 1.5 Ghz Copper Cavities", Proc of the 10th Workshop on RF Supercond., 2001, Tsukuba, Japan

2. The Cu Substrate

Simply the Nb films behaved in all respects **like standard films** on Cu

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In order to **prevent Oxygen from Cu diffusing** into Nb,

The Copper substrate was sputtered onto a dummy cathode before to deposit niobium

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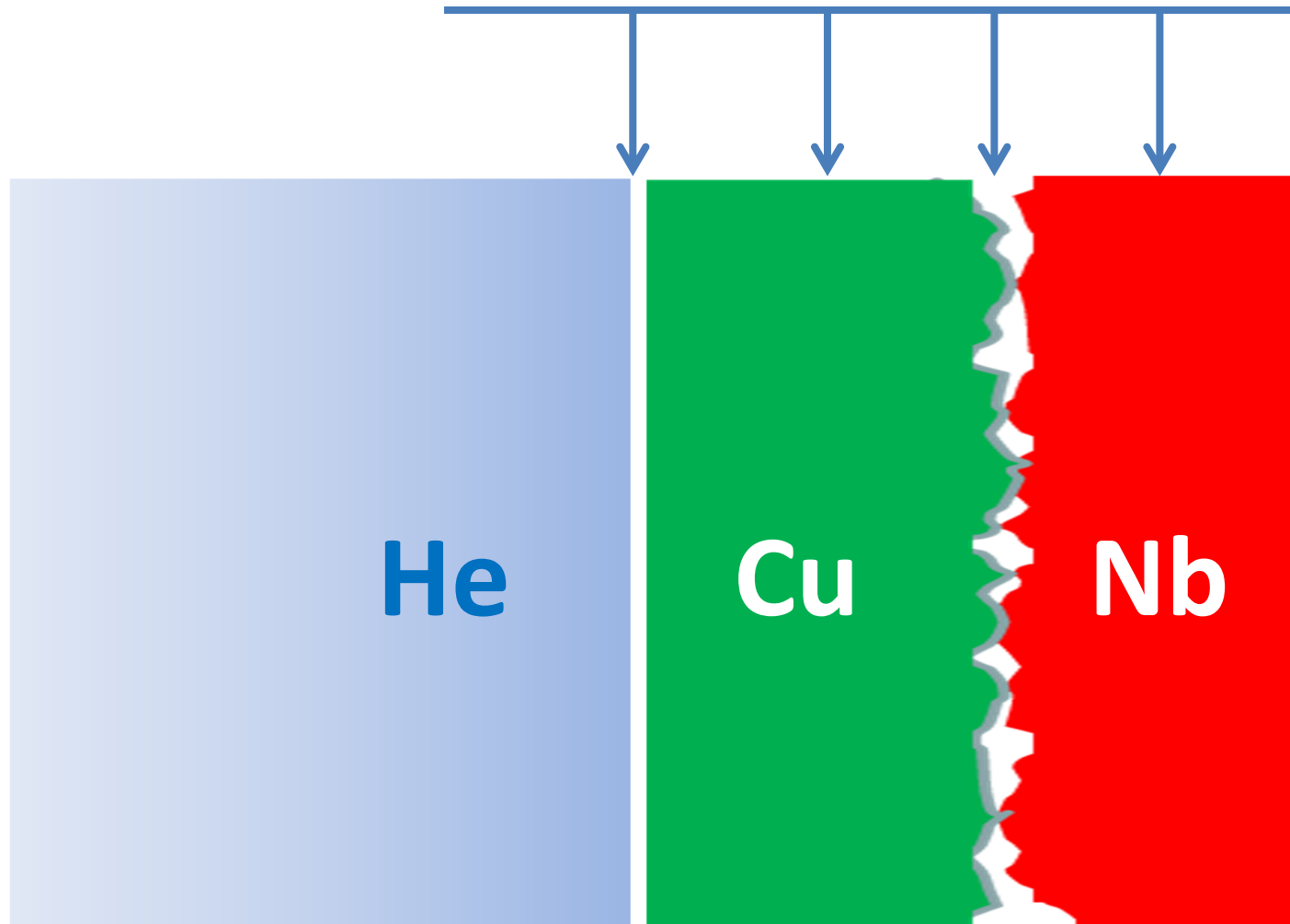
Paradoxally, Nb film cavities, an oxidized copper surface works even better than a pure copper surface

C. Benvenuti, S. Calatroni, P. Darriulat, M.A. Peck, A.-M. Valente, "Fluxon pinning in niobium films", Physica C 351, (2001) p.429-437

2. The Cu Substrate

The **Q-drop was consistently larger** for
Nb films grown on **fully oxide-free copper**

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3. The Cu-He interface

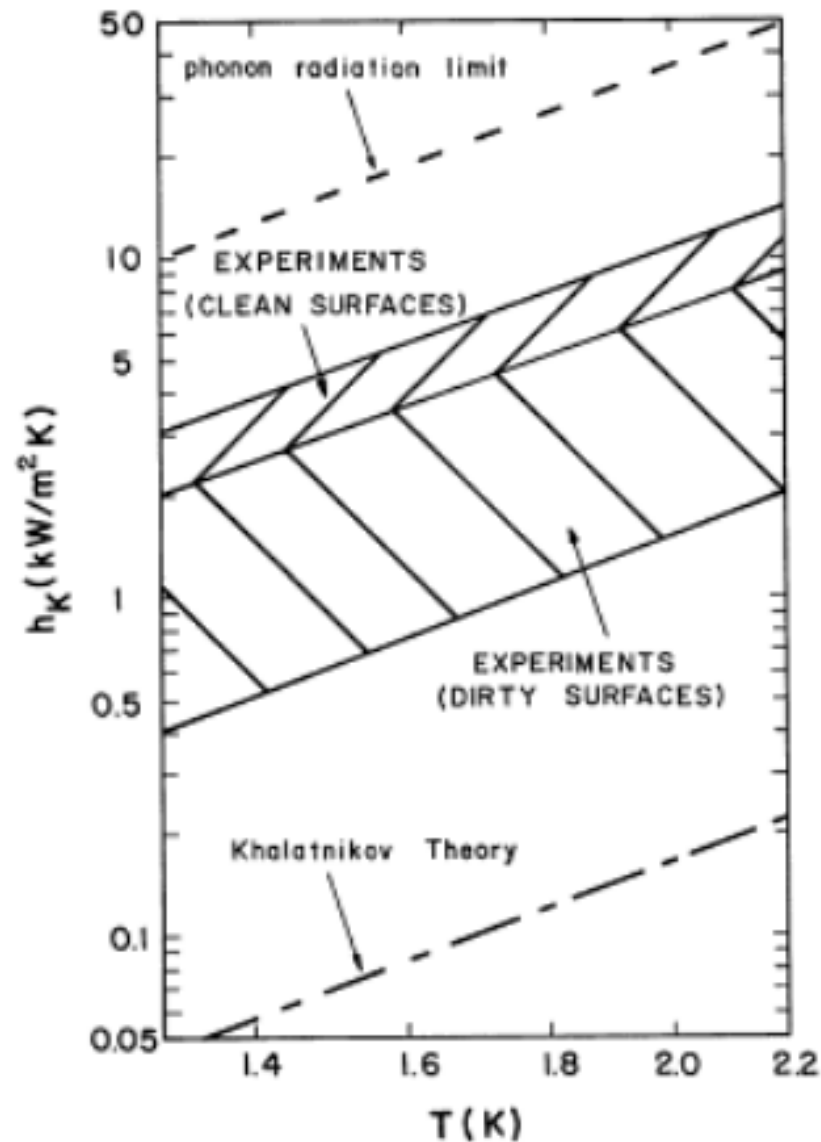


Fig. 7.36 Experimental values for the Kapitza conductance of copper between 1.3 K and T_λ (Compiled by Snyder [54])

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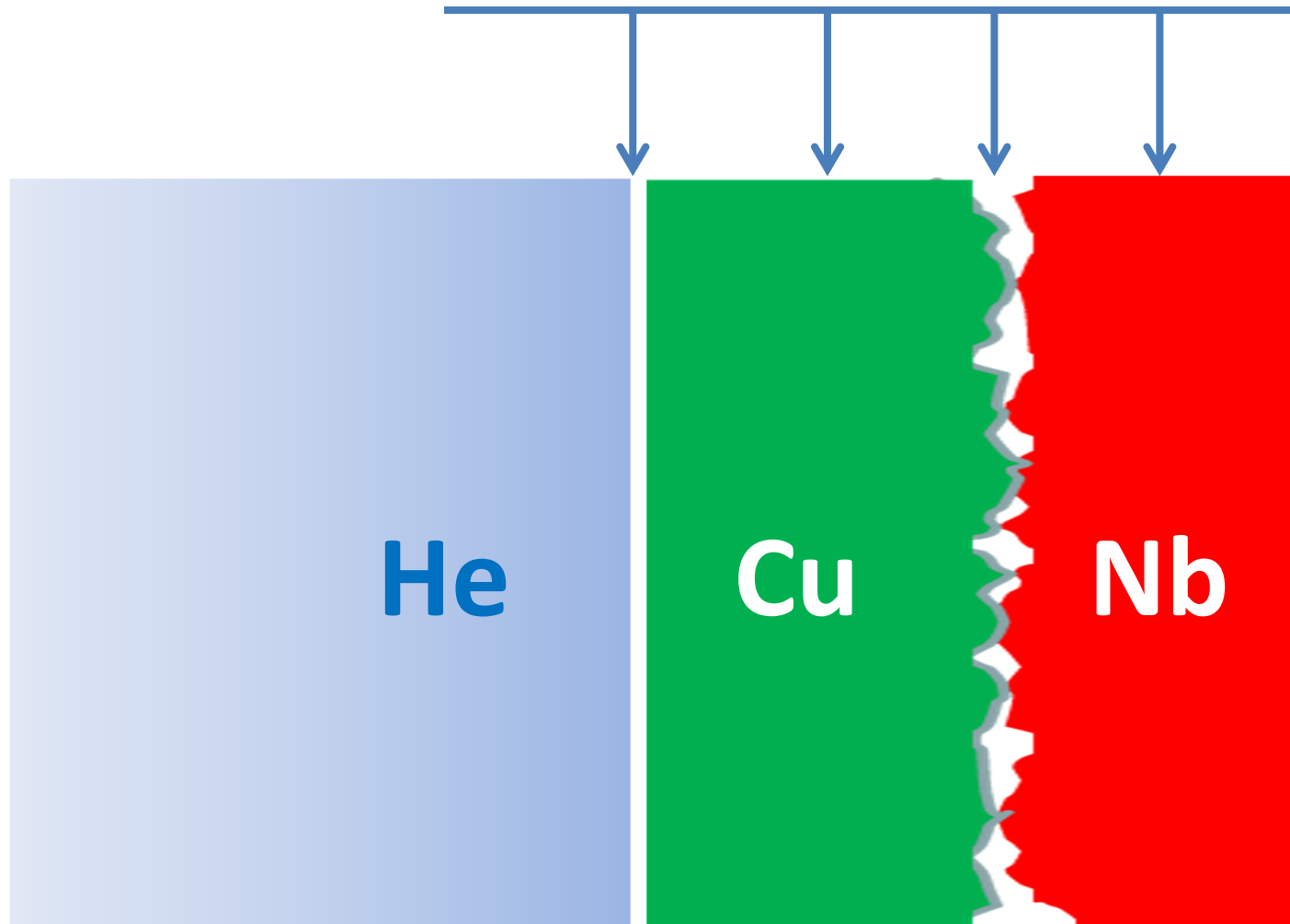
The **Kapitza resistance** at the Cu/HeII

interface, at 1.8K is **$R_K = 2-4 \text{ cm}^2\text{K/W}$**

(in the same range for the Nb/He-II interface)

- N.S Snyder, “Heat transport through helium II : Kapitza conductance”, *Cryogenics*, APRIL, 89 (1970).
- Van Sciver, S.W., “Helium Cryogenics”, Plenum Press, New York (1986)
- M.M Kado, , Thermal Conductance Measurements on the LHC Helium II Heat Exchanger Pipes, LHC Note 349, CERN-AT-95-34 CR (1995)

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4. The Cu-Nb interface

if Nb is in intimate contact with Cu

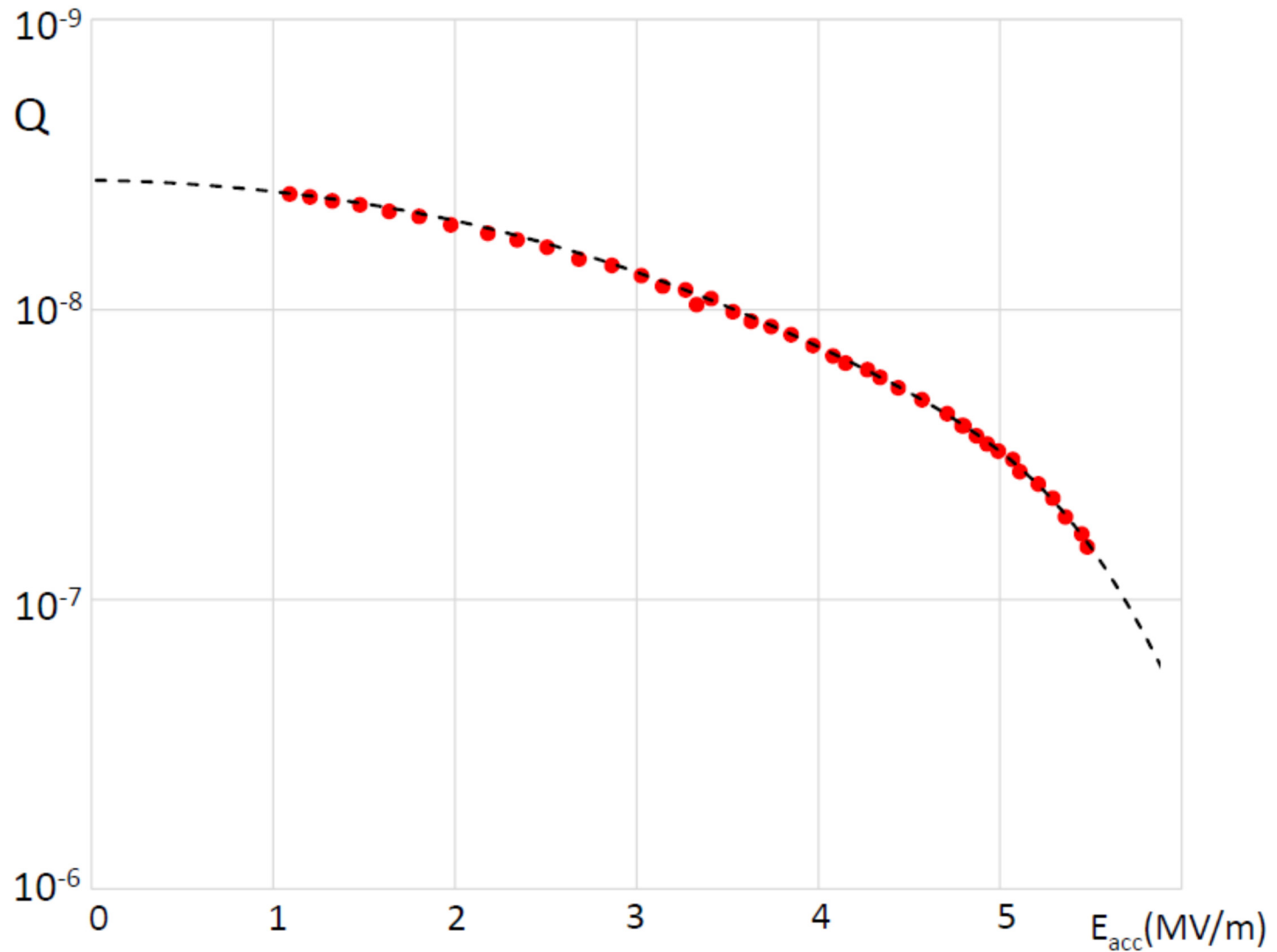
$$R_{Nb/Cu} = 1/h_k \approx 0.3 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ K/W}$$

much smaller than the Cu/He Kapitza value

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A Nb clad Cu 1,3GHz cavity



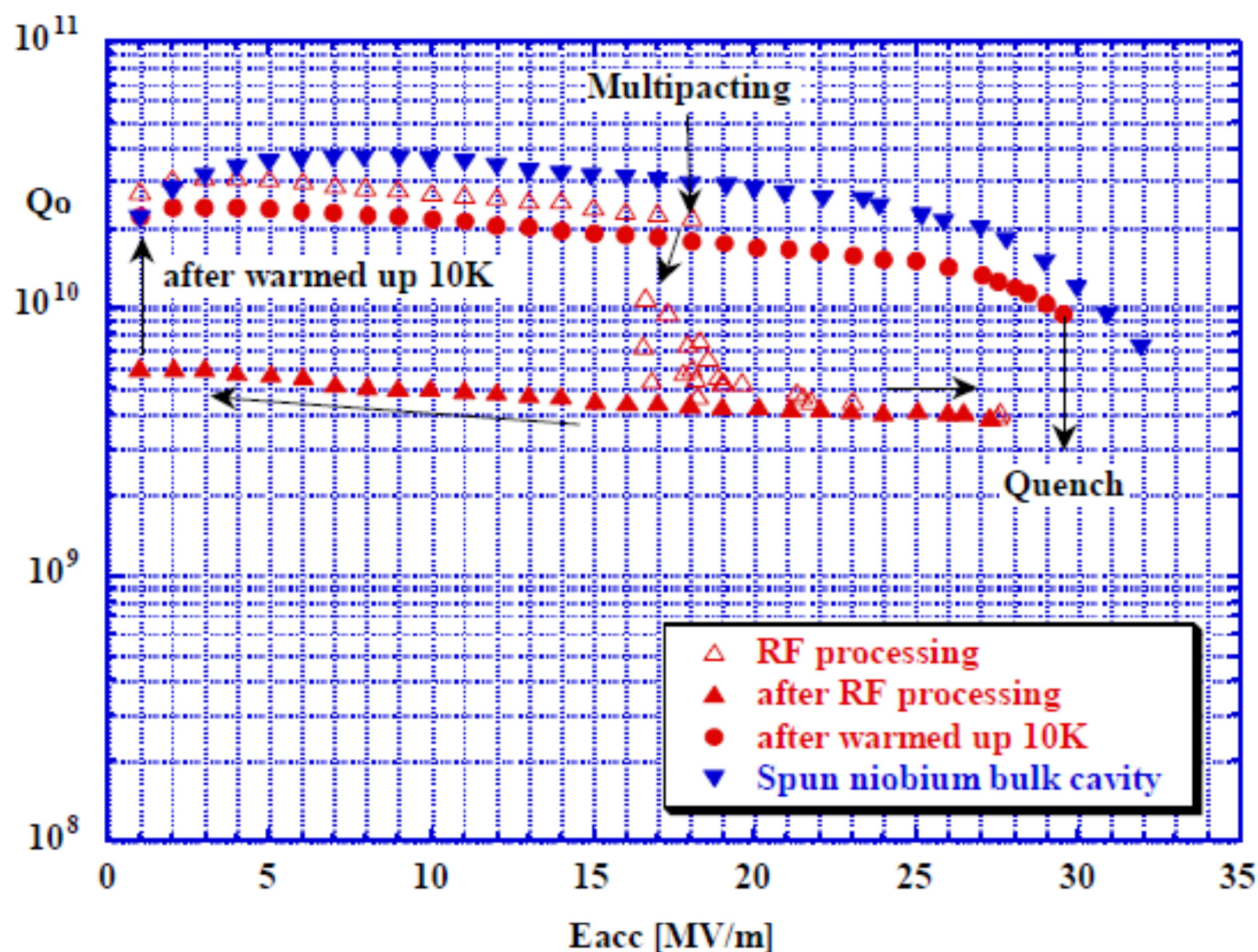


Figure 1: Result of the new Nb/Cu clad spun cavity from RRR = 200 niobium material

Why Nb clad Cu cavities work,

And Nb Sputtered Cu cavities do not?

In what they are different?

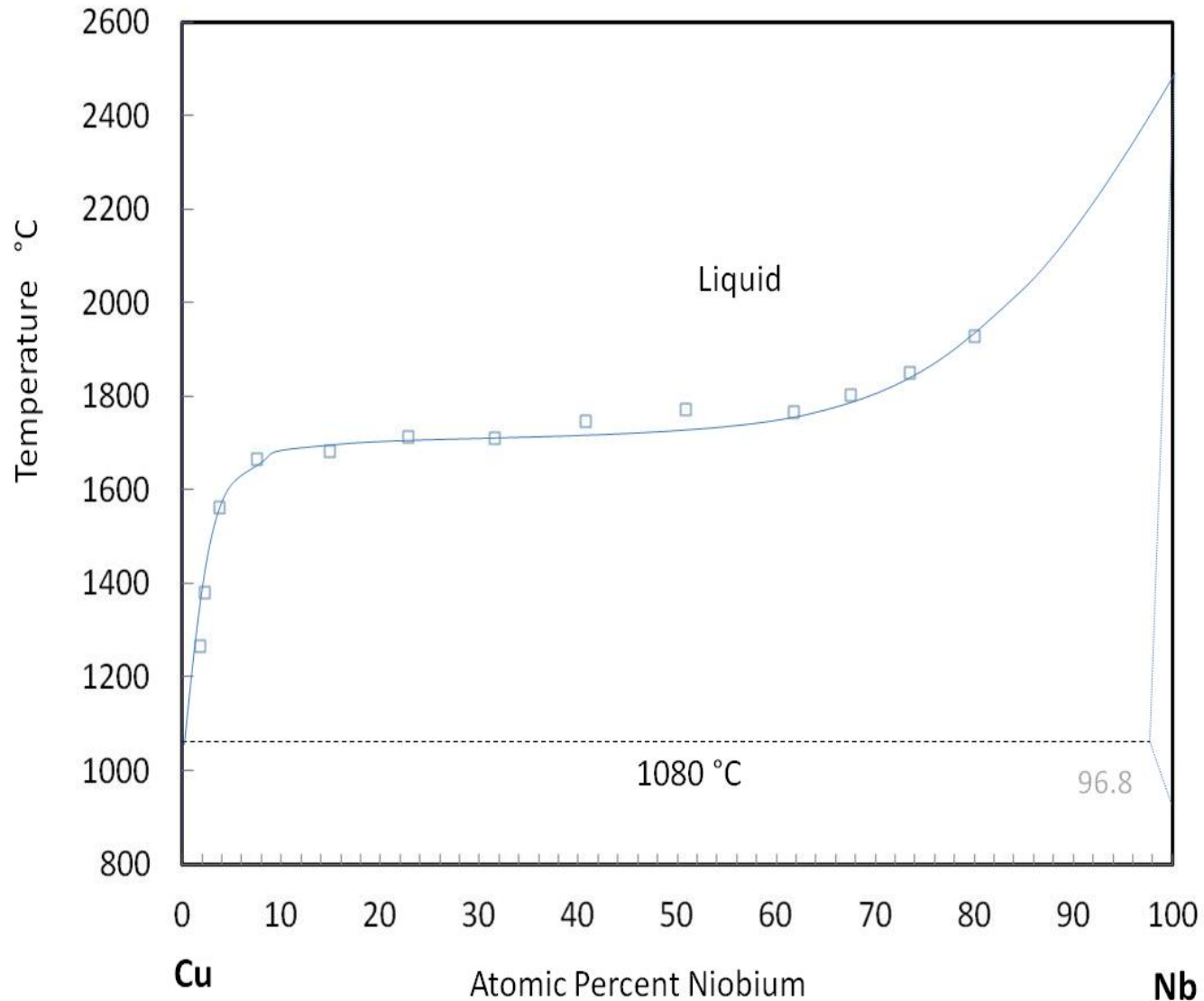
for a **hypotetical film nanoporosity**

(that would inflence however Q_0),

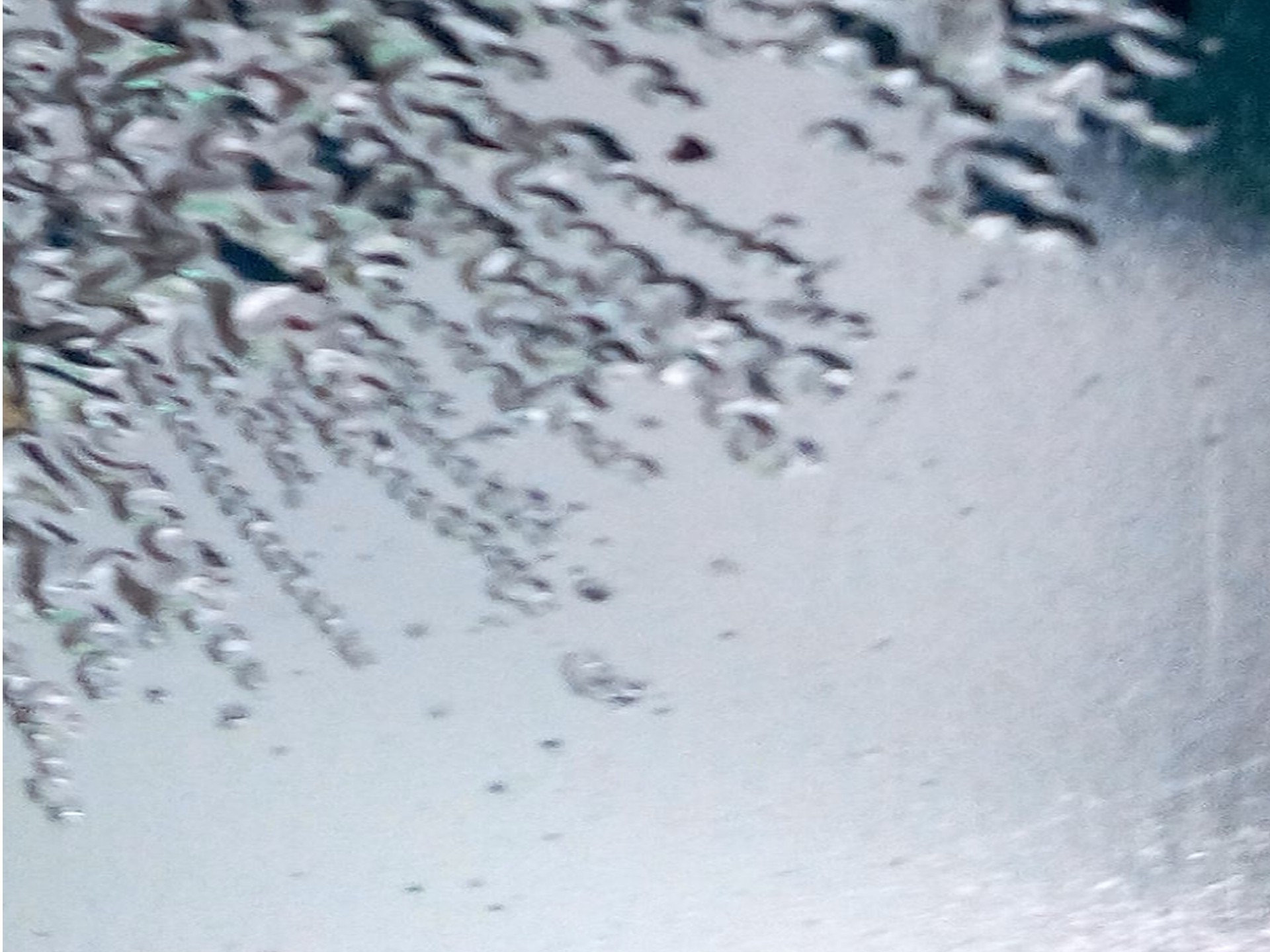
or for a more **diffused interface**?

The Cu-Nb phase diagram

(after D.J. Chakrabarti and D.E. Laughlin)









4. The Cu-Nb interface

*at CERN, **film peeling** was even found in some 352 MHz 4-cell **cavities** when **dismounted from LEP** several years after of their operation.*

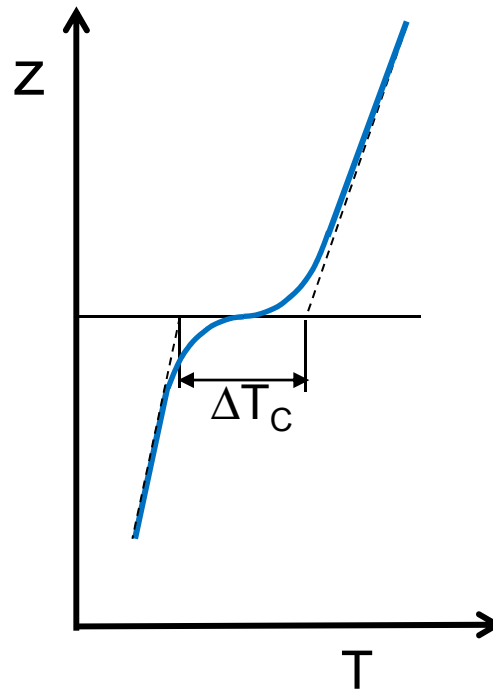
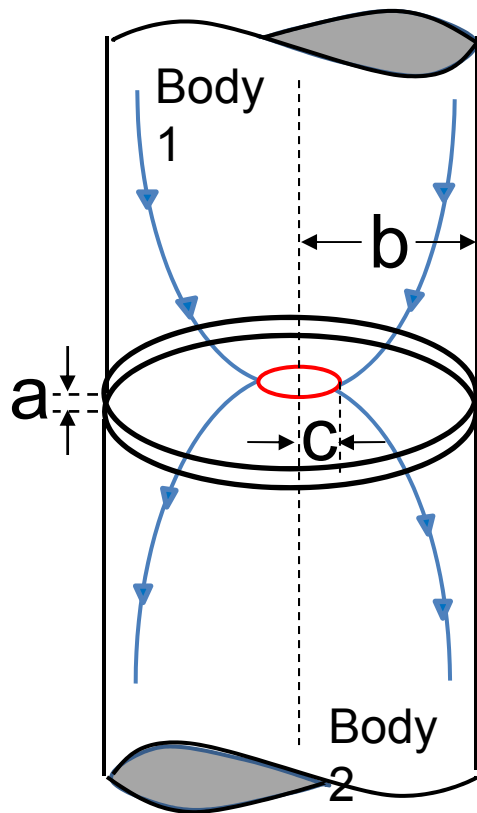
4. The Cu-Nb interface

*..and even **arc coated cavities** were not measured because of **poor film adhesion***

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Int. J. Heat Mass Transfer. Vol. 12, pp. 279–300. Pergamon Press 1969. Printed in Great Britain



$$\dot{Q} = h_c \Delta T_c$$

$$h_c = 2k \frac{nc_m}{\psi}$$

Model for the individual flow channel

What it will happen for **a non perfect contact** between Nb and Cu?

$$\Delta T = R_B P_{RF}$$

$$P_{RF} = \frac{1}{2} R_s(T) H_{RF}^2$$

$$\Delta T = R_B \frac{1}{2} R_s(T) H_{RF}^2$$

$$R_s(T + \Delta T) = \frac{A\omega^2}{T_0 + \Delta T} \exp\left[-\frac{\Delta_0}{K_B(T_0 + \Delta T)}\right] + R_o$$

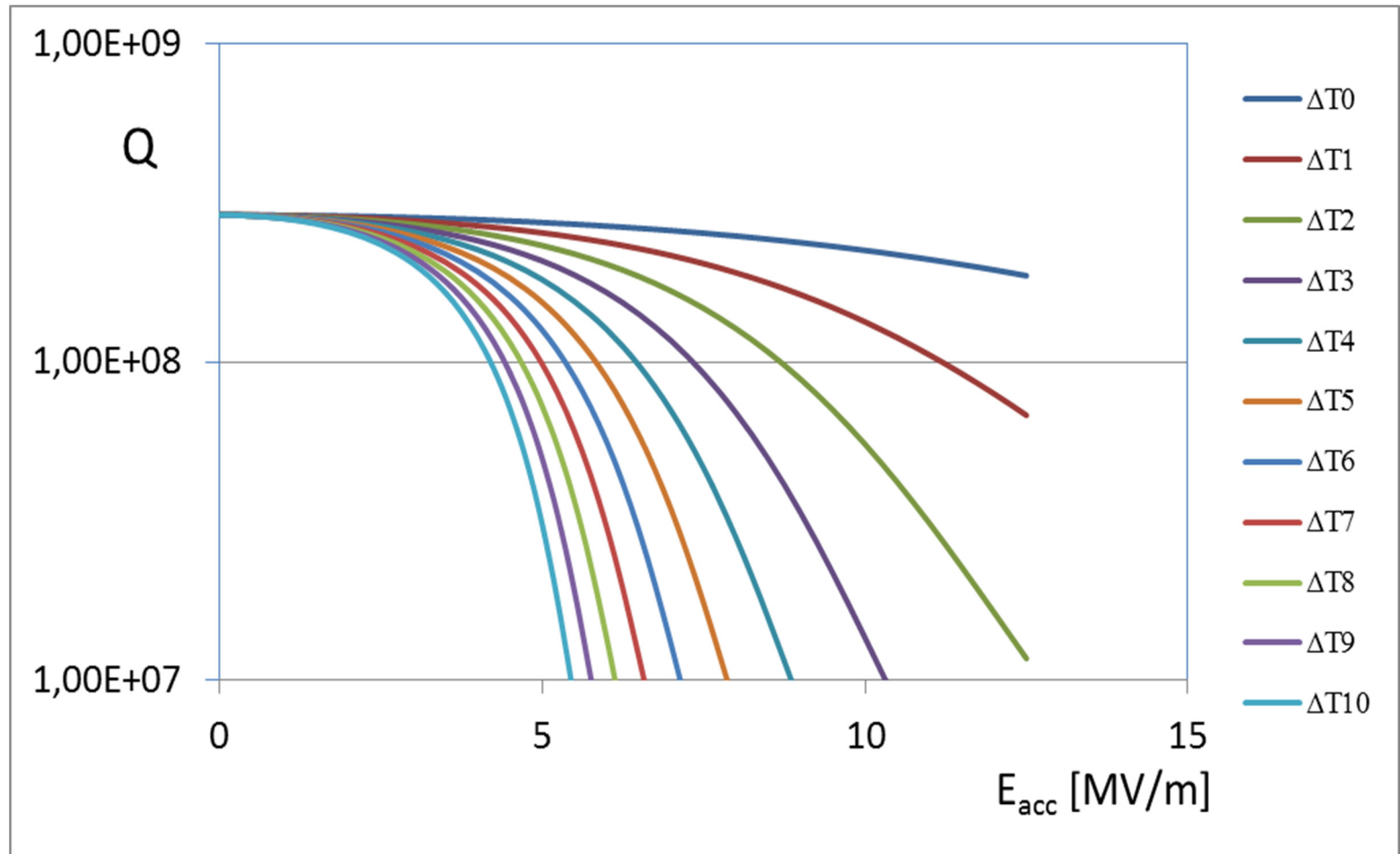
(dirty limit and $T \leq T_c/2$)

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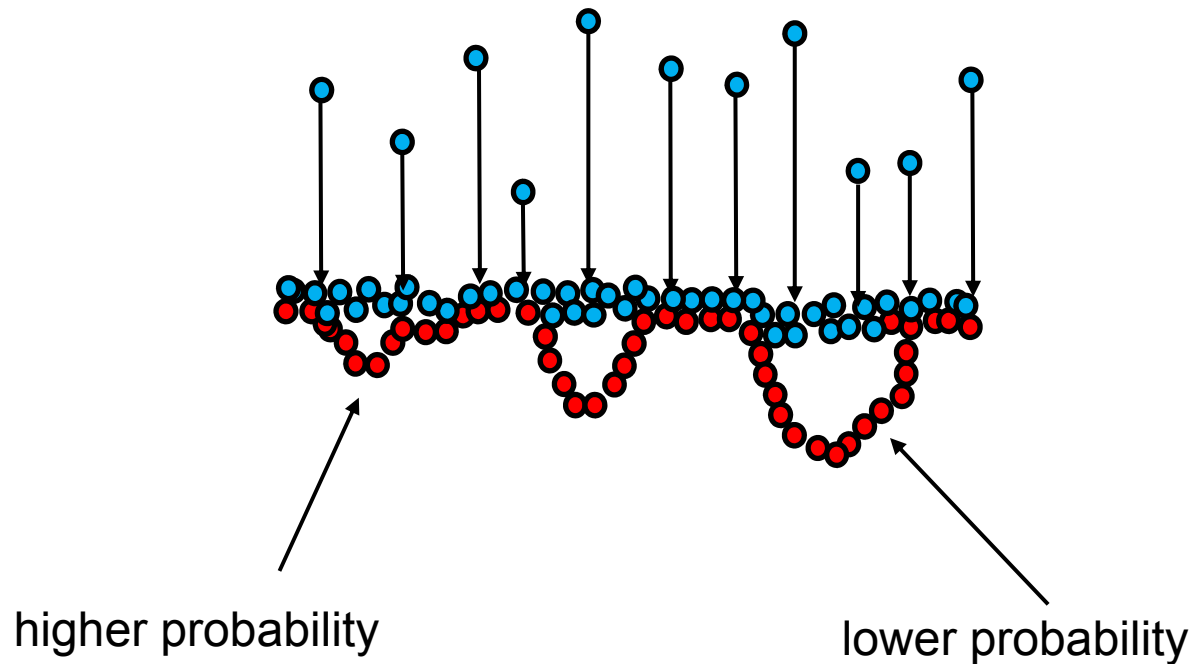
increasing the rf field we have an increase in ΔT that produces an increase in $R_s(T)$, producing a further increase in ΔT , in a kind of “thermal runaway” effect.

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If there are **weak contact points
between Cu and Nb, how probable is
they will be all of the same size???**

If micro-voids form at the interface they would be **log-normally distributed**



«Void formation during film growth: A molecular dynamics simulation study»
R.W. Smith and D.J. Srolovitz, J. Appl. Phys., Vol. 79, p. 1448 (1996)

Most Probably

$$\overline{R_s(T_o, E_{acc})} = \int_0^{\infty} R_s(T_o, E_{acc}, R_B) f(R_{Nb/Cu}) dR_{Nb/Cu}$$

Where $f(R_{Nb/Cu})$ is the statistical distribution function of defects in adhesion

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(R_{Nb/Cu}) dR_{Nb/Cu} = 1$$

This equation belongs to the class of first type Fredholm integral equations, used for solving inverse problems

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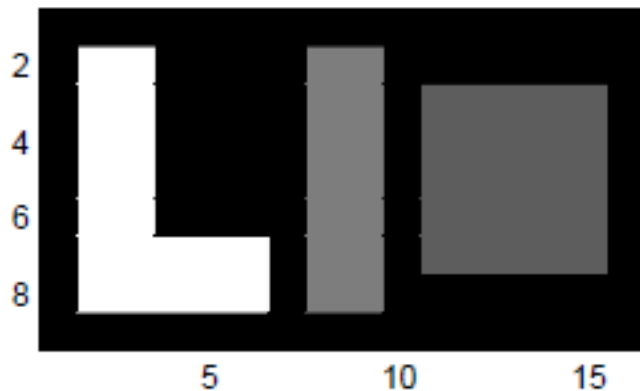
Inverse Problems for Image Processing and deblurring



$$\overline{R_s(T_o, E_{acc})} = \int_0^{\infty} R_s(T_o, E_{acc}, R_B) f(R_{Nb/Cu}) dR_{Nb/Cu}$$

Consider this 9 x 16 array

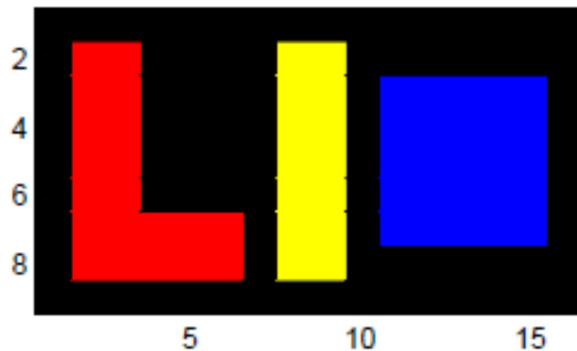
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8= white,
0 = black,
Intermediate values = different grey

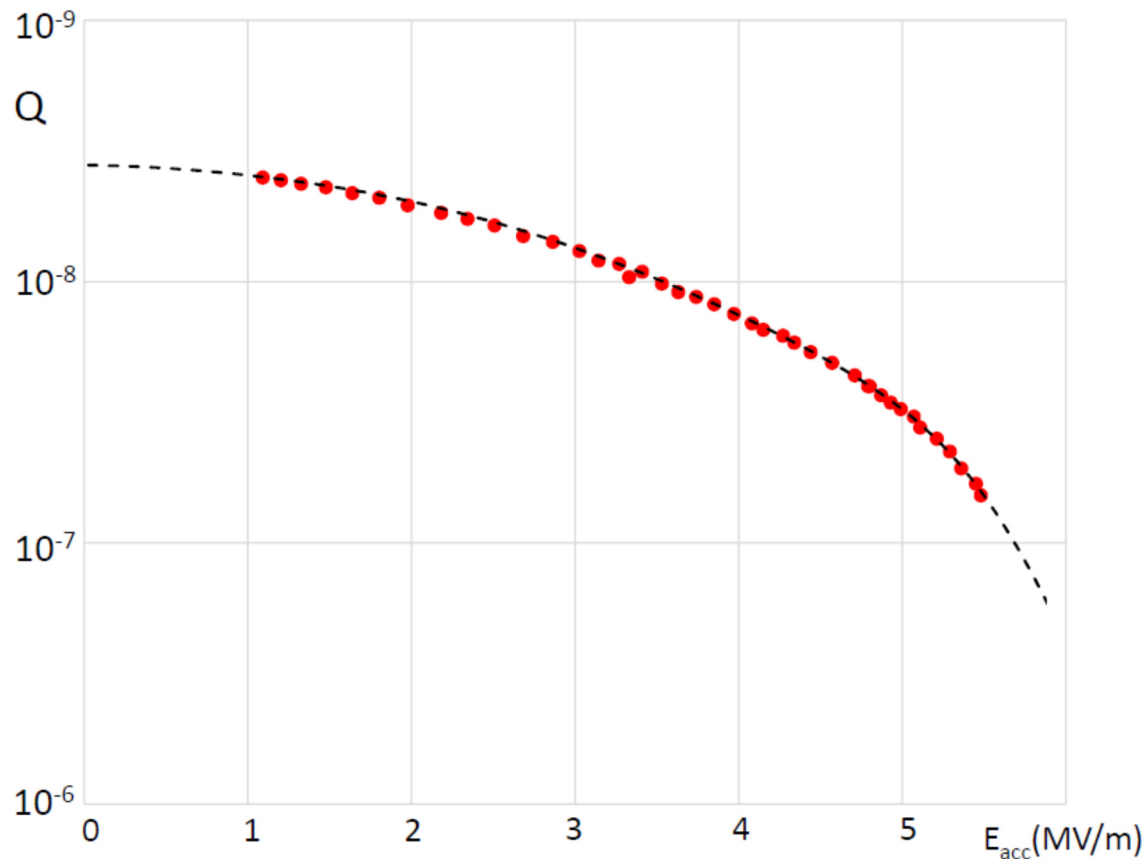
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the RGB format stores images
As 3 components, which represent their
intensities on the red, green, and blue
scales. Pure red is represented by (1, 0, 0)
while, the values (1, 1, 0) represent
yellow and (0, 0, 1) represent blue;

Then solving numerically the integral equation , we can use the solution in order **to fit the $Q(E_{acc})$ curves** and **to find the $f(R_{Nb/Cu})$ statistical distribution**



LNL-INFN 6GHz Nb/Cu cavity
 $T=1.8K$

data

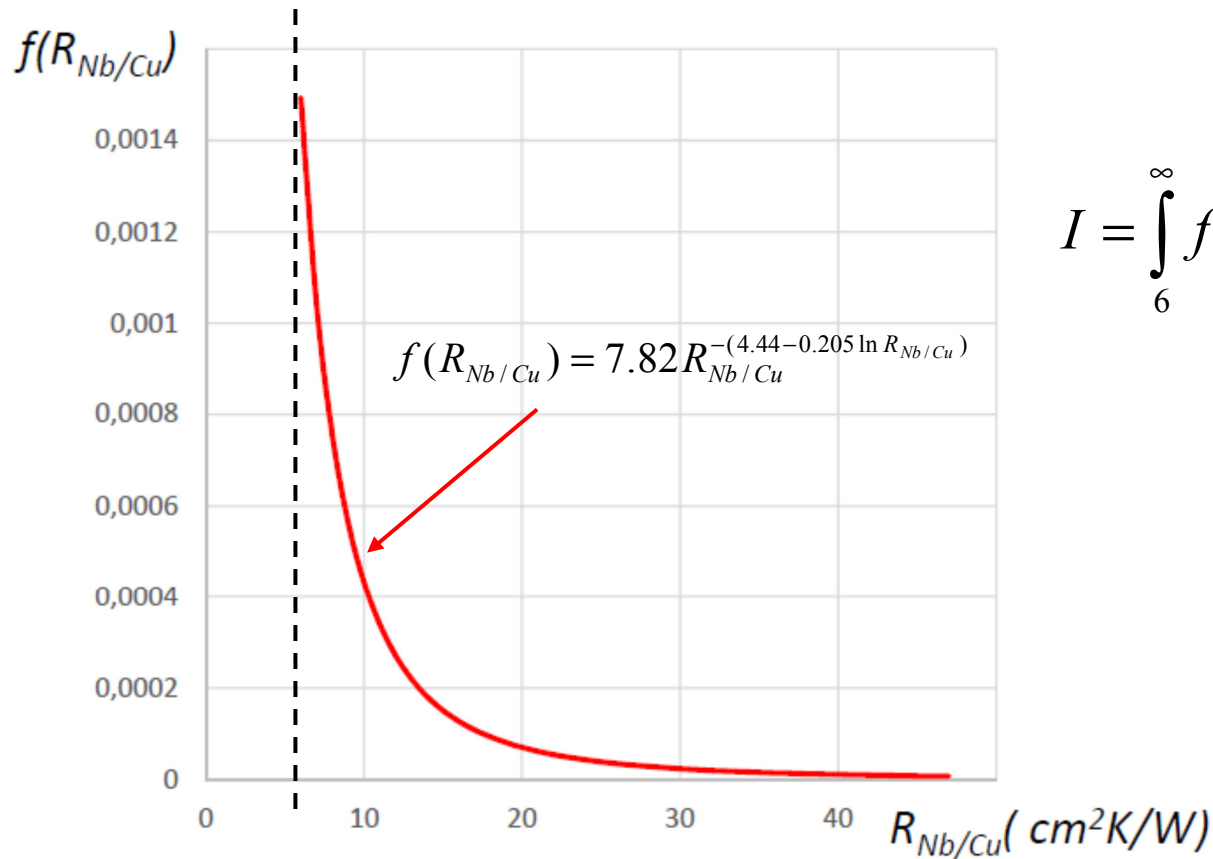
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Fitting parameters (from independent measurements)

Tab I

T_o	$A\omega^2$	Δ_o/K_B	R_θ	R_{sn}	$R_{K(Cu/He)}$
1.8K	$6 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ } \Omega/\text{K}$	17.5K	$0.8 \mu\Omega$	0.01Ω	$3 \text{ cm}^2\text{K/W}$

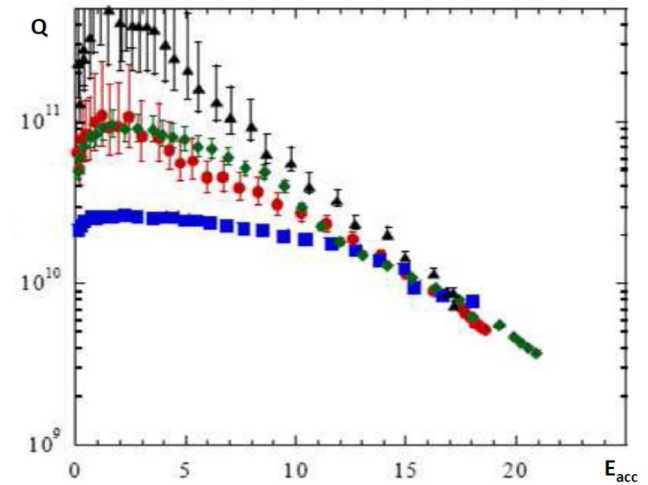
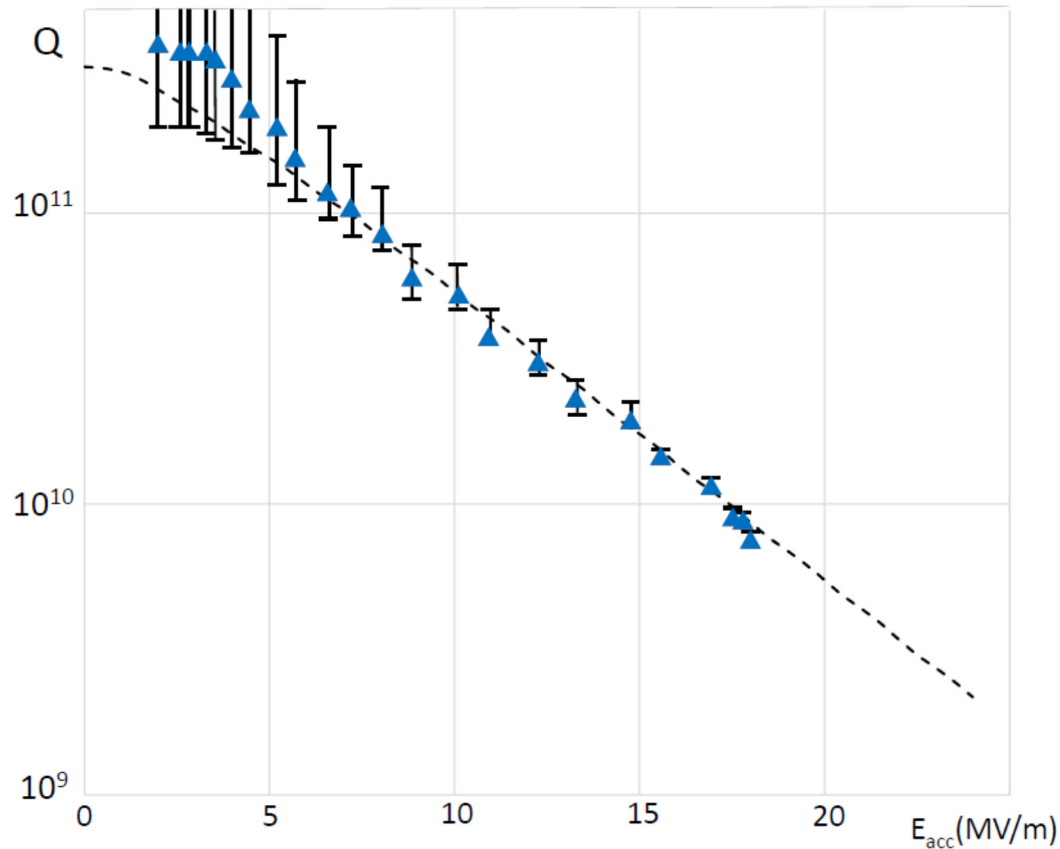
Deduced distribution function $f(R_{Nb/Cu})$



$$I = \int_6^{\infty} f(R_{Nb/Cu}) dR_{Nb/Cu} = 0.005 \quad (0.5\%)$$

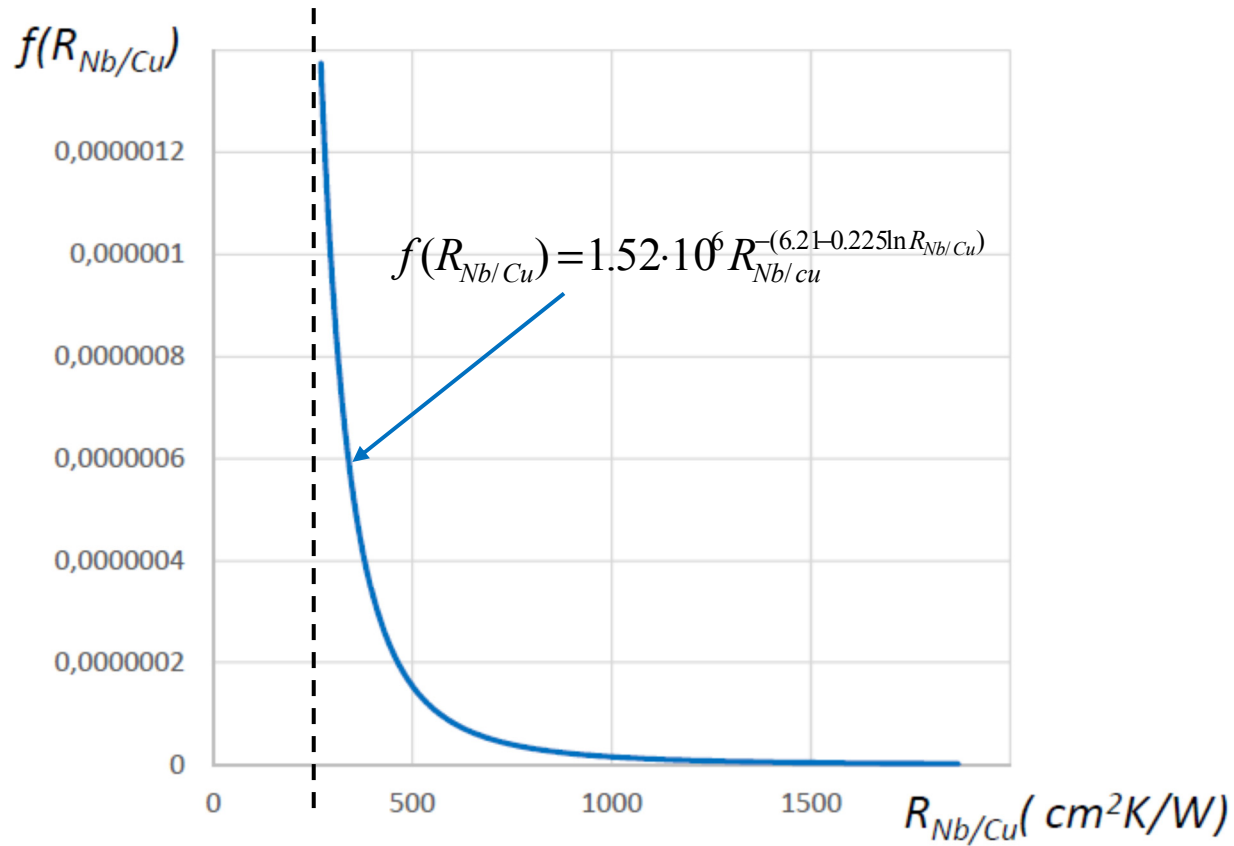
2) CERN 1.5GHz Nb/Cu cavity (high quality), T=1.7K

V. Abet-Engels, C. Benvenuti, S. Calatroni, P. Darriulat, M.A.Peck, A.-M. Valente, C.A. Van't Hof, Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research , p. 1-8, A463 (2001).



▲ data
----- fit

Deduced distribution function $f(R_{Nb/Cu})$



$$I = \int_{250}^{\infty} f(R_{Nb/Cu}) dR_{Nb/Cu} = 0.0003 \quad (0.03\%)$$

Conclusions

If the Nb-Cu interface is not perfect, high values of the **thermal resistance** $R_B = R_{\text{Nb/Cu}}$ **will rise.**

The Nb film areas in loose contact will be gradually driven into the normal state, characterized by a high surface resistance, so that the typically **high Q-slope** is due to a progressive “micro-quench” process.

Of course these phenomena are typically of the Nb-Cu sputtered cavities and cannot occur in bulk Nb cavity.