



# High Q-factor accelerating cavities as enabling technology for CW accelerators

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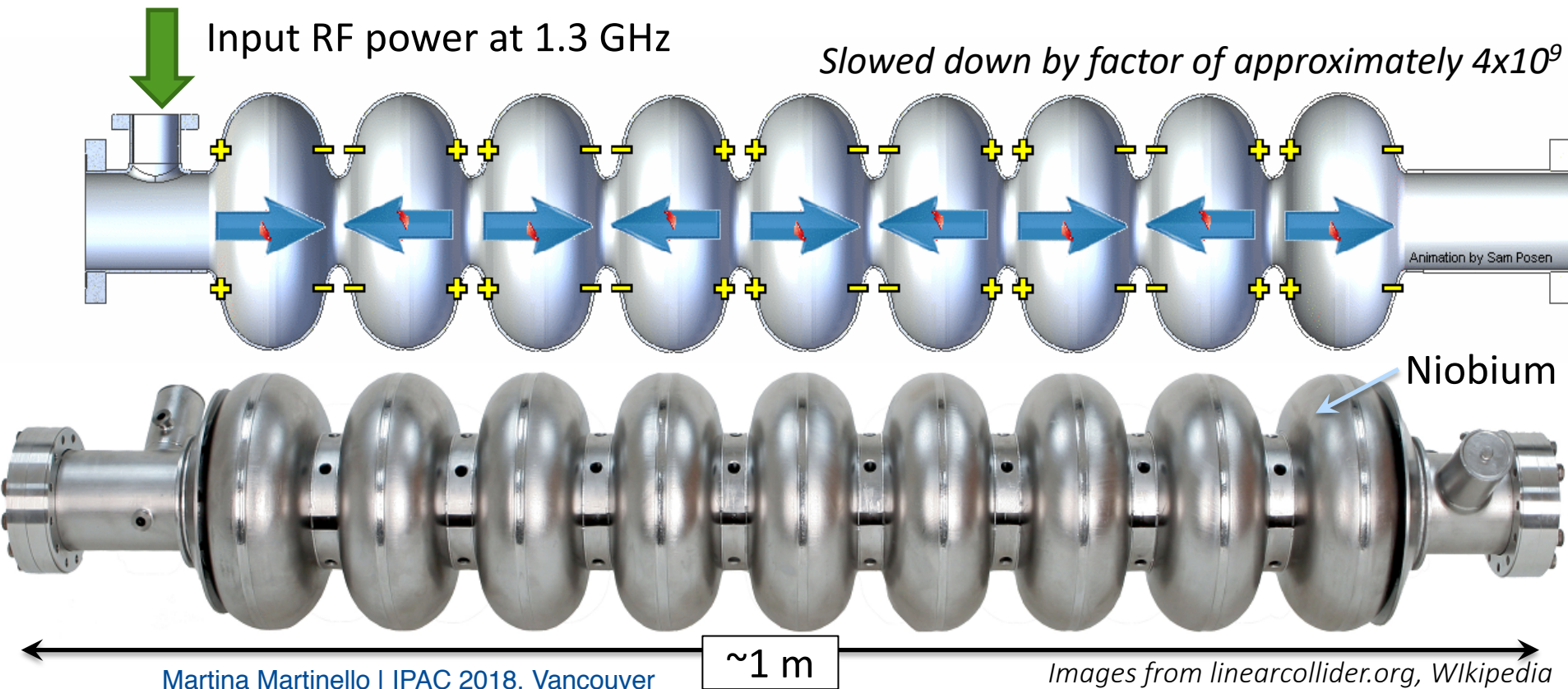
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# Particle Acceleration via SRF Cavities

- Superconducting radiofrequency (SRF) cavities
- High quality EM resonators: Typical  $Q_0 > 10^{10}$
- Large electric field generated along the cavity axis
- Particle beam gains energy as it passes through

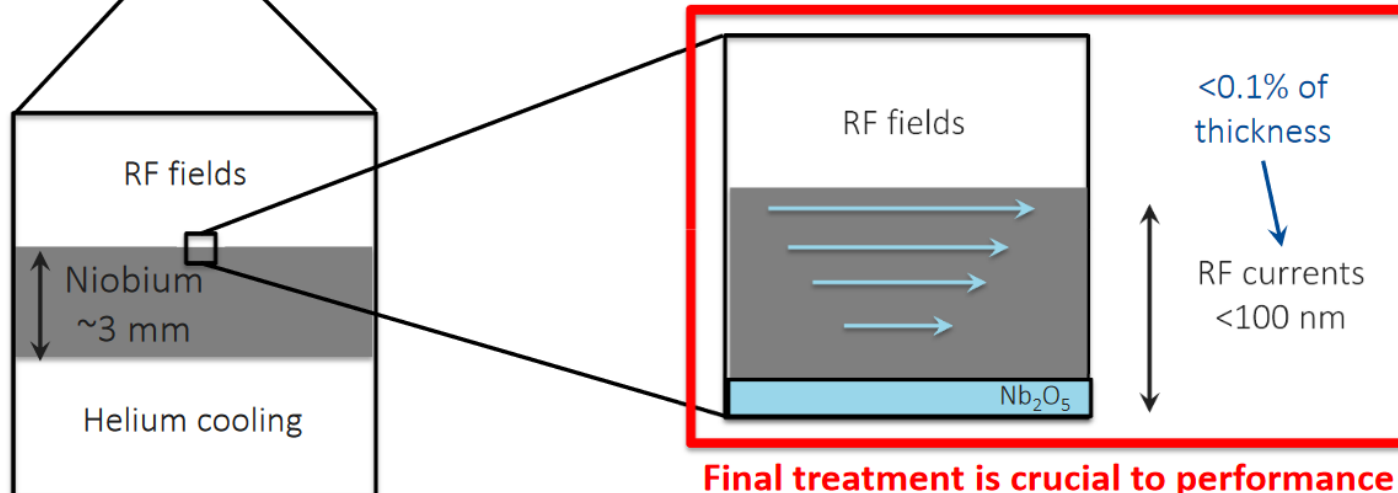


# Superconducting RF Cavities

- Niobium ( $T_c=9.2$  K), T operation 2-4.5 K
- RF surface resistance  $\rightarrow$  fighting against  $n\Omega$
- Losses concentrate on the first  $\sim 100$  nm of the **inner surface**

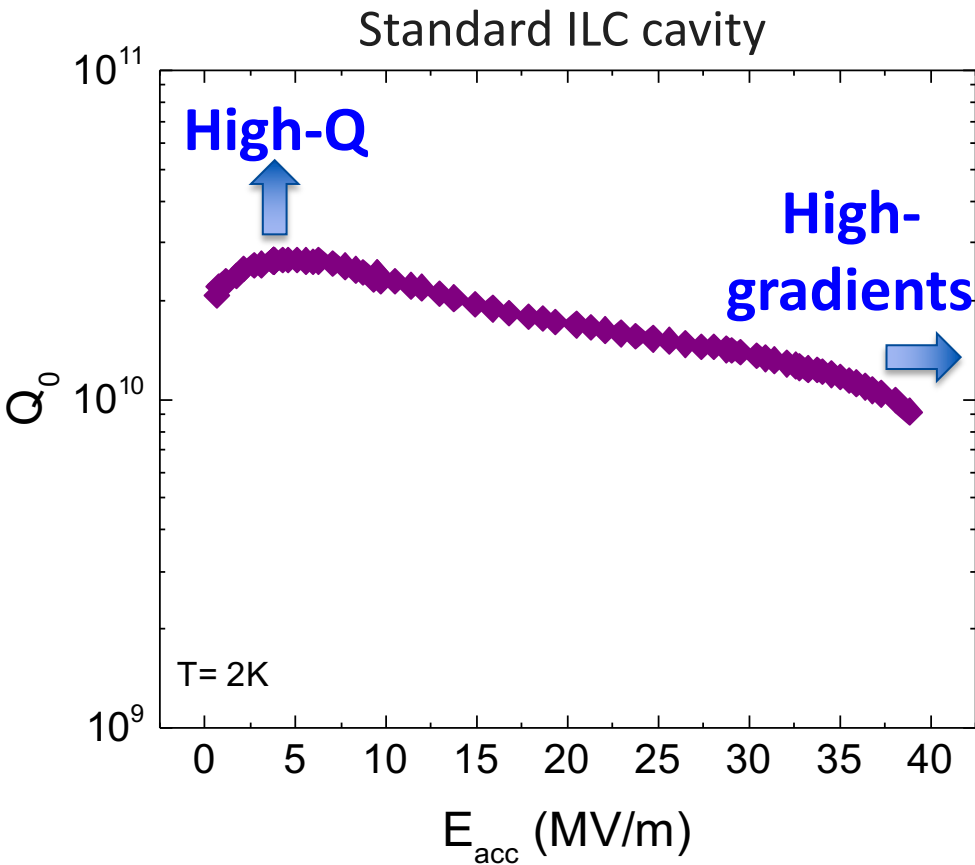


Image from linearcollider.org



**Final treatment is crucial to performance**

# SRF Cavities Figure of Merits



Q-factor ( $Q_0$ ):

$$Q_0 = \frac{G}{R_s} = \frac{\omega_0 U}{P_d}$$

$$R_s = R_{BCS}(T) + R_{res}$$

High  $Q_0 \rightarrow$  lower power consumption

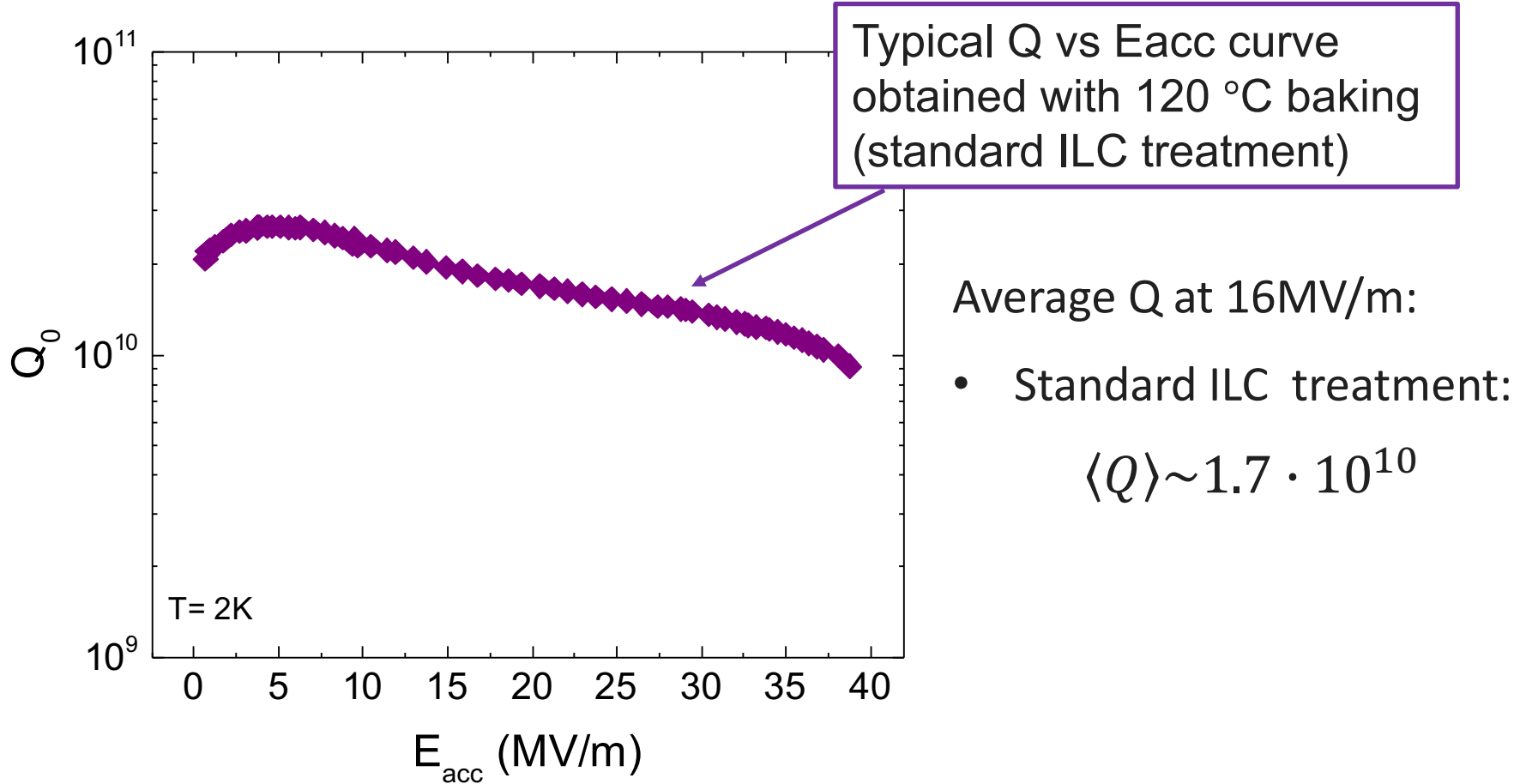
Accelerating field ( $E_{acc}$ ):

Determine the energy transferred to charged particles

High  $E_{acc} \rightarrow$  lower accelerator length

High Q at large gradient may **reduce both capital and operational costs of accelerators**

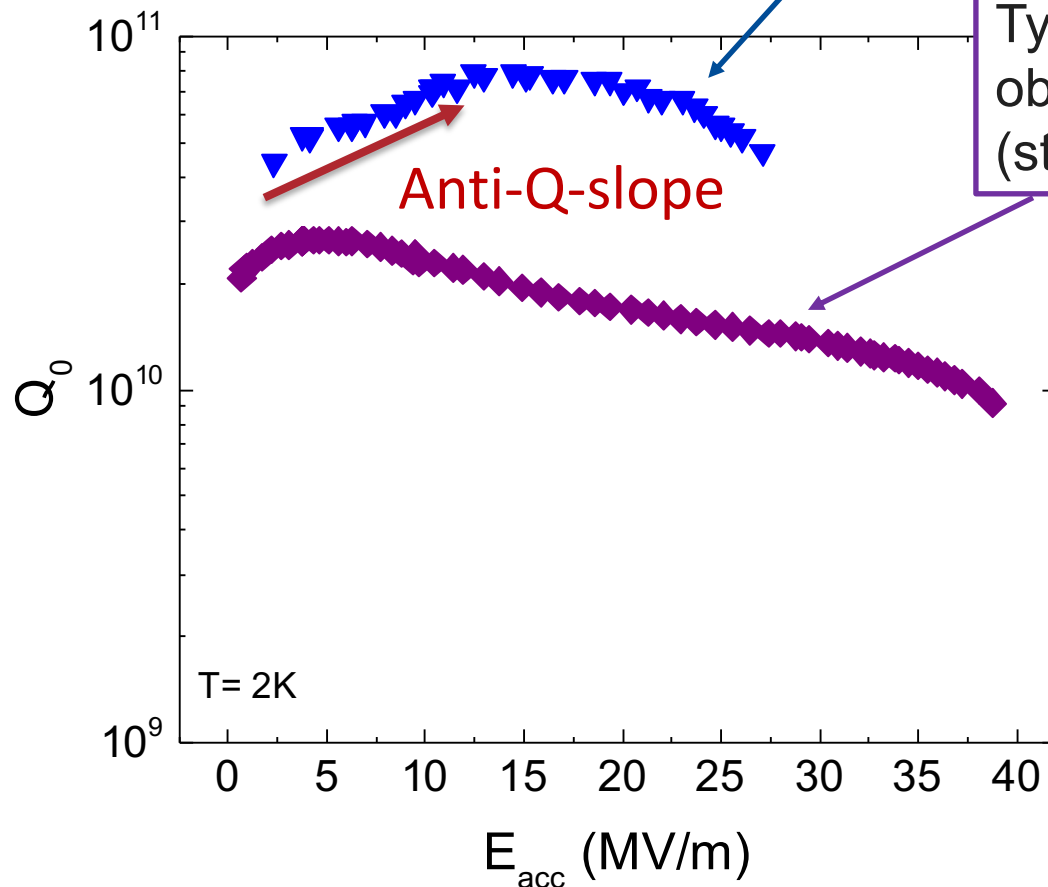
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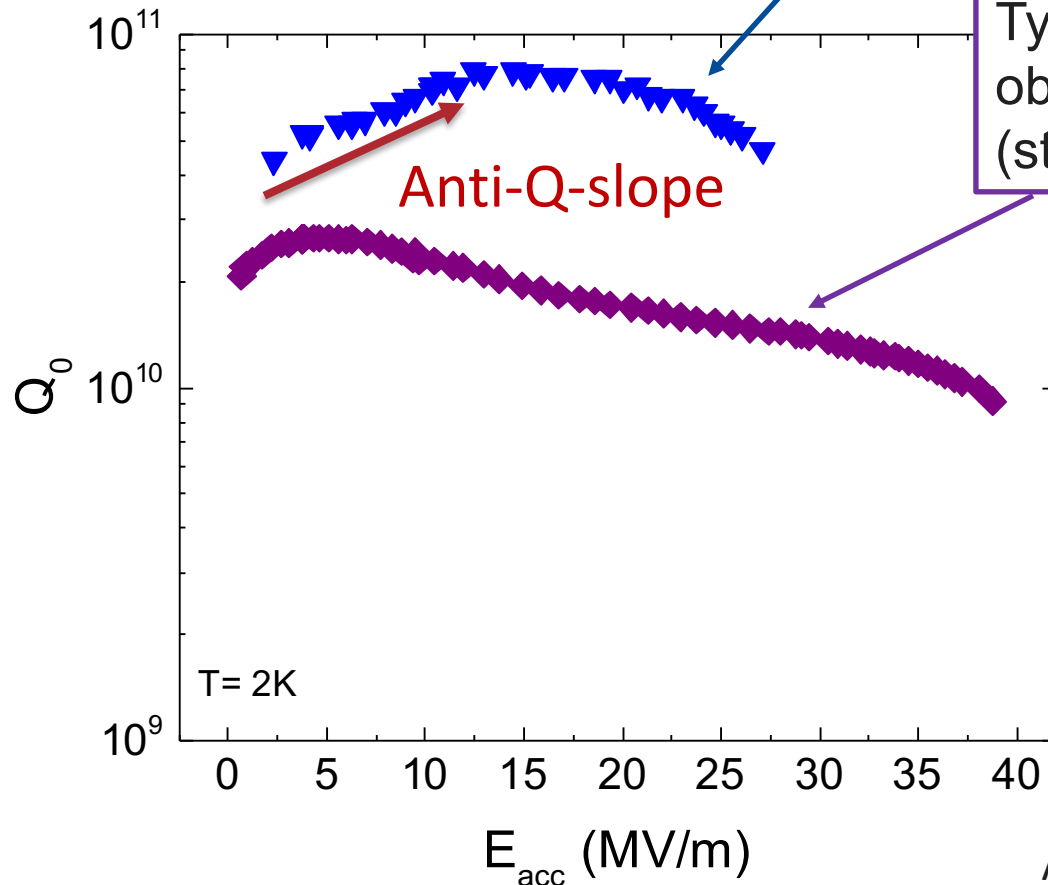
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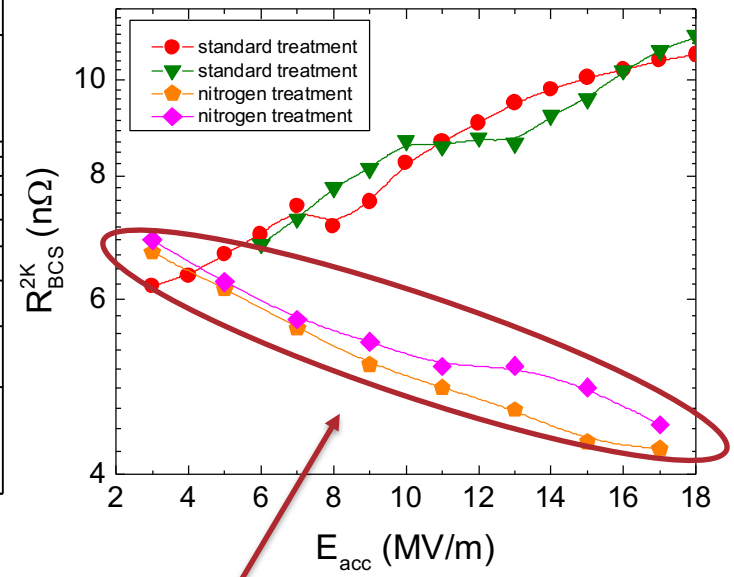
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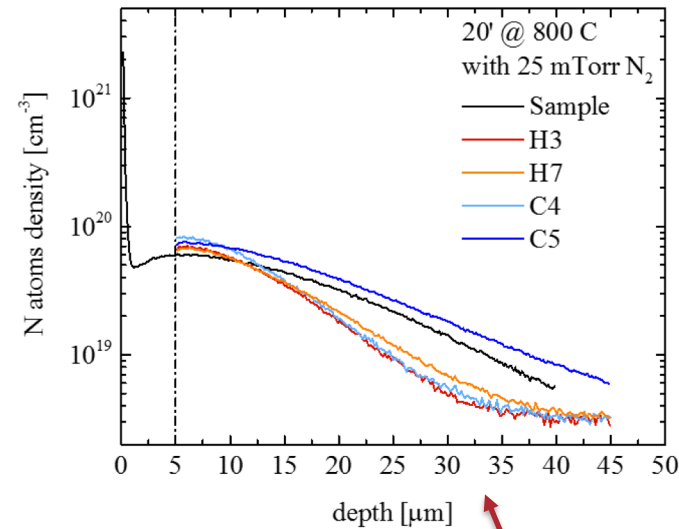
Typical Q vs E<sub>acc</sub> curve obtained with 120 °C baking (standard ILC treatment)



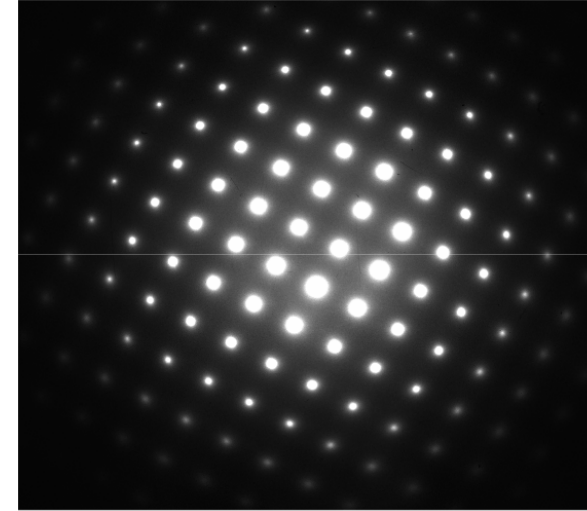
Anti-Q-slope emerges from the BCS surface resistance decreasing with field

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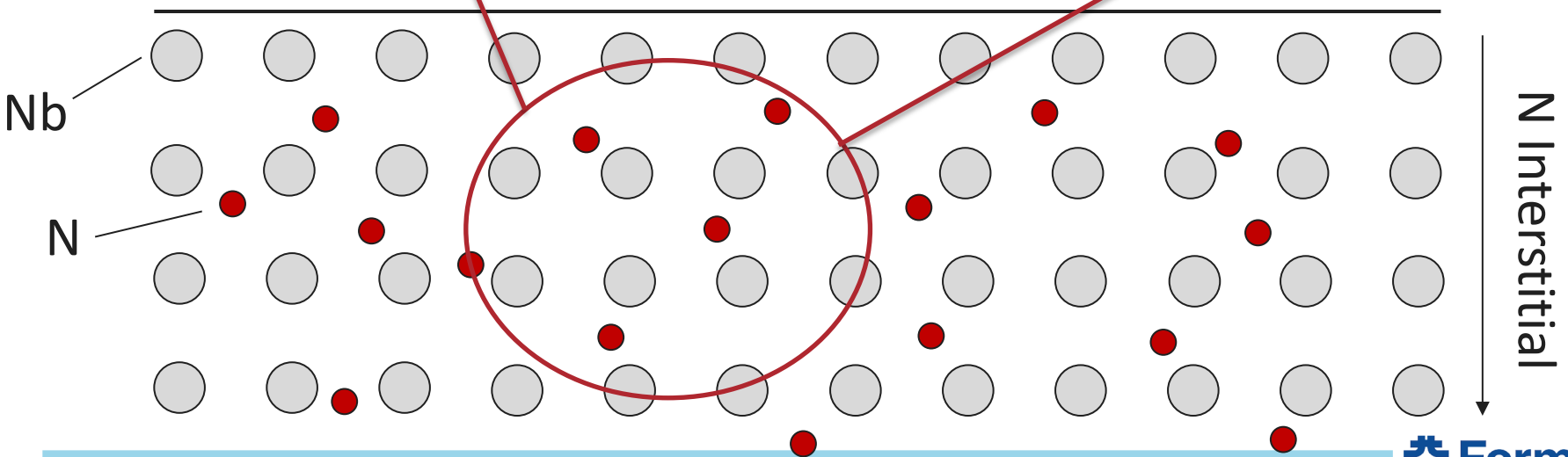
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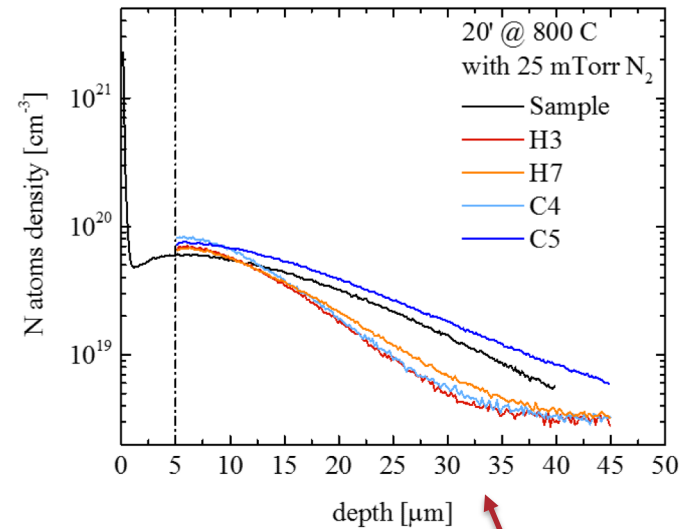
Only Nb from TEM spectra:  
N must be interstitial



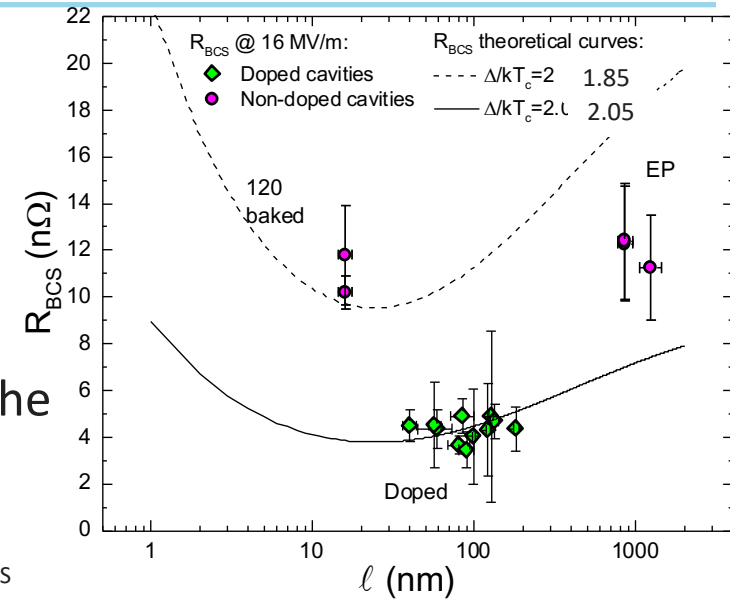
Final RF Surface



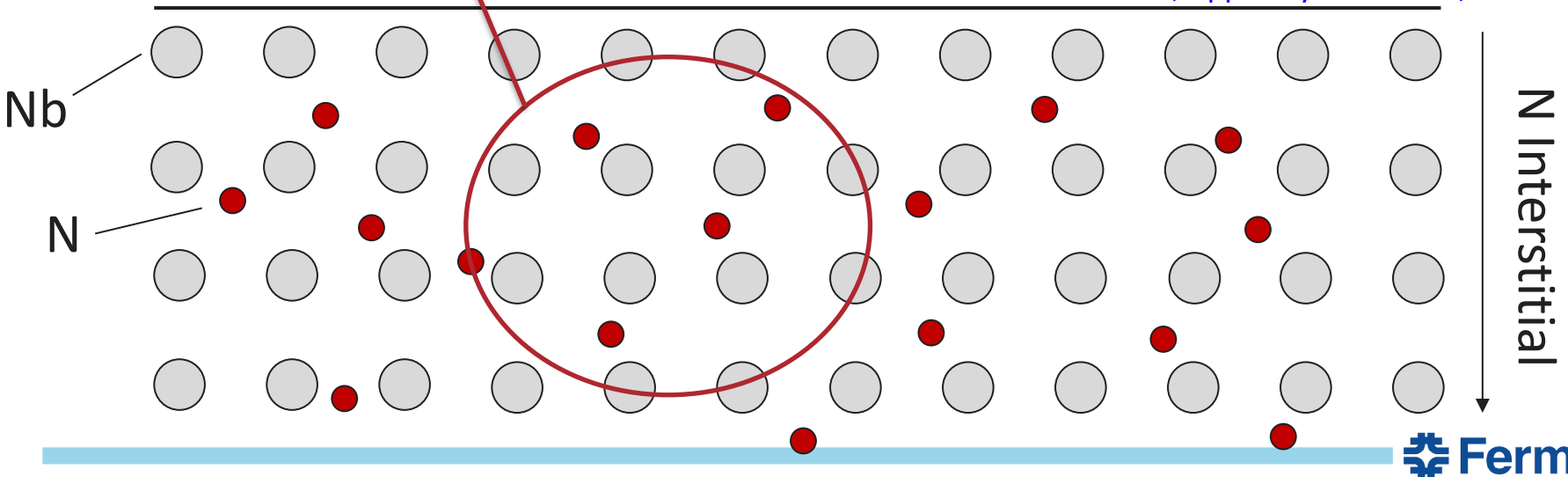
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N-doping lowers the mean-free-path  
→ Mean-free-path close to theoretical minimum of  $R_{BCS}$



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**For CW accelerators the refrigeration cost is of the order of several tens of millions \$**

Jefferson Lab Cryoplant  
(completed 2012)  
→ SLAC / LCLS-II to be similar ←

**$Q_0 \times 2 \Rightarrow$  half cryo-power is required**

# Linear Coherent Light Source-II (LCLS-II)

- 4 GeV, 0.3 mA **CW SRF LINAC**
- 35 CM, 8 cavities/CM + 1 quad
- TESLA-type 1.3 GHz 9-cells cavities
- Specs:  $E_{acc} = 16 \text{ MV/m}$  with  $Q_0 = 2.7 \times 10^{10}$



# HIGH-Q PRESERVATION IN CRYOMODULES

# SC Transition in Presence of External Magnetic Field

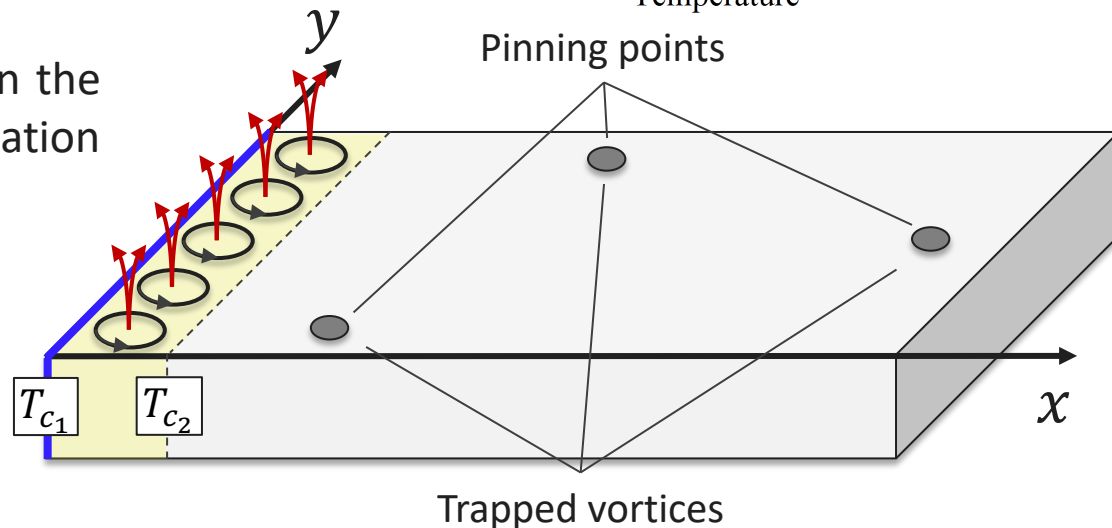
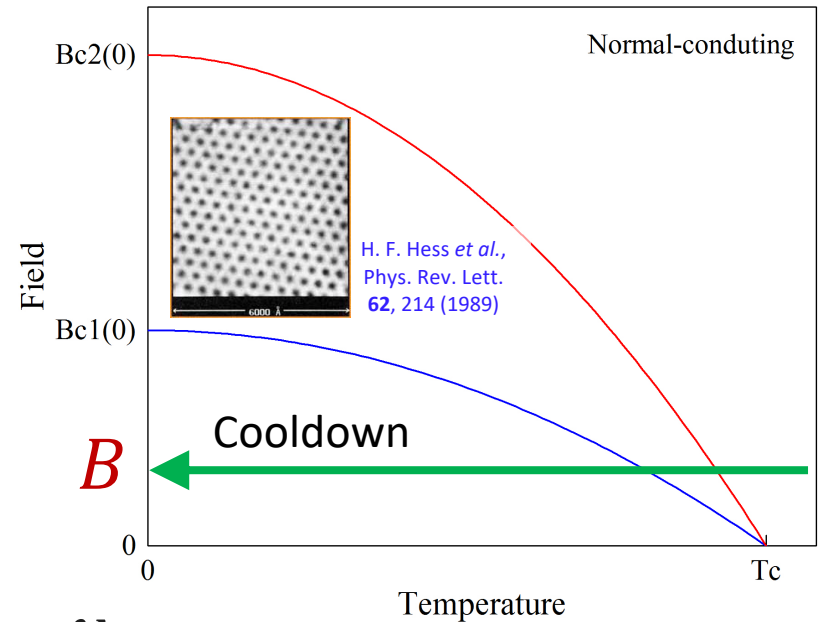
$$R_s(T, B) = R_{BCS}(T) + R_{fl}(B) + R_0$$

$R_{BCS} \Rightarrow$  temperature-dependent part of the surface resistance

$R_0 \Rightarrow$  intrinsic residual resistance

$R_{fl} = \eta_t SB \Rightarrow$  trapped flux surface resistance:

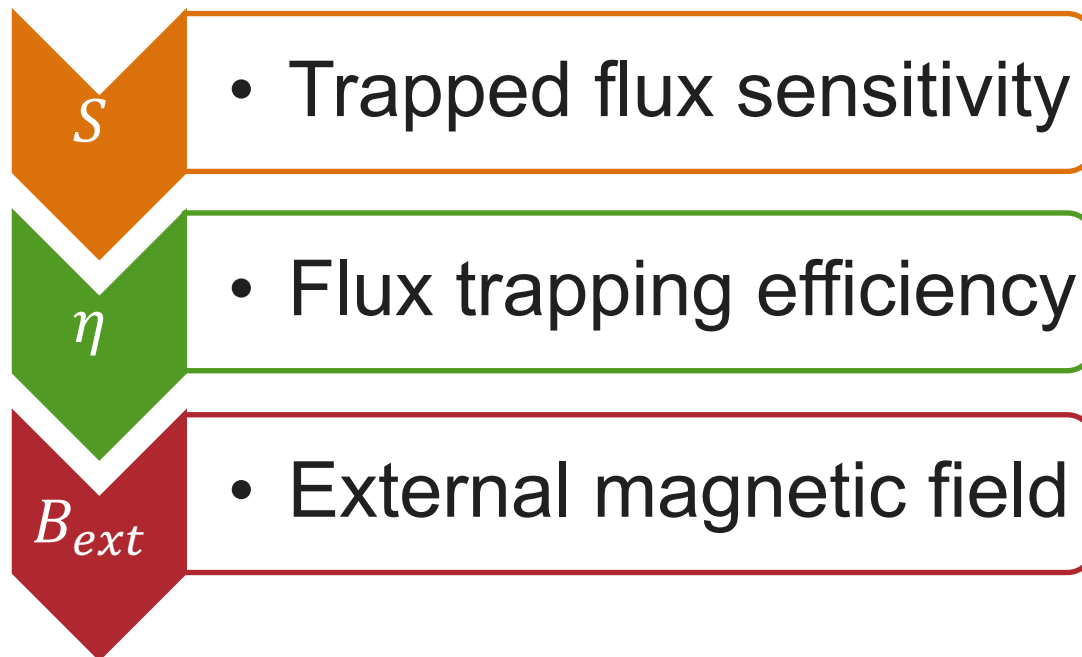
- If pinned, vortices may survive in the Meissner state introducing dissipation
- $\eta_t$ —flux trapping efficiency
- $S$ —trapped flux sensitivity
- $B$ —external magnetic field



# Trapped Flux Surface Resistance

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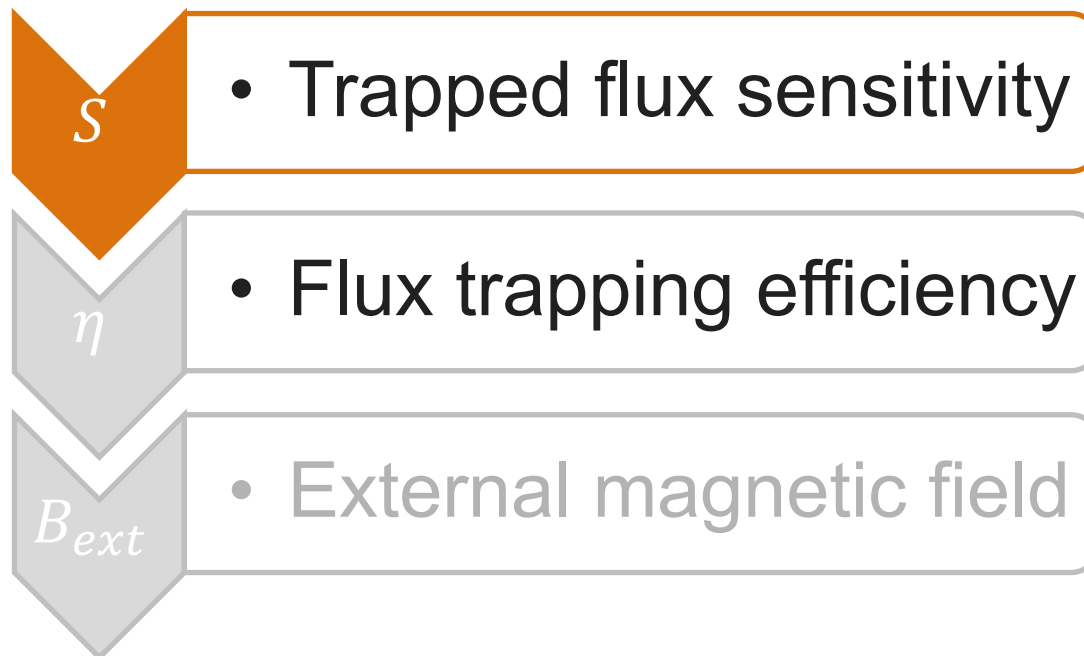
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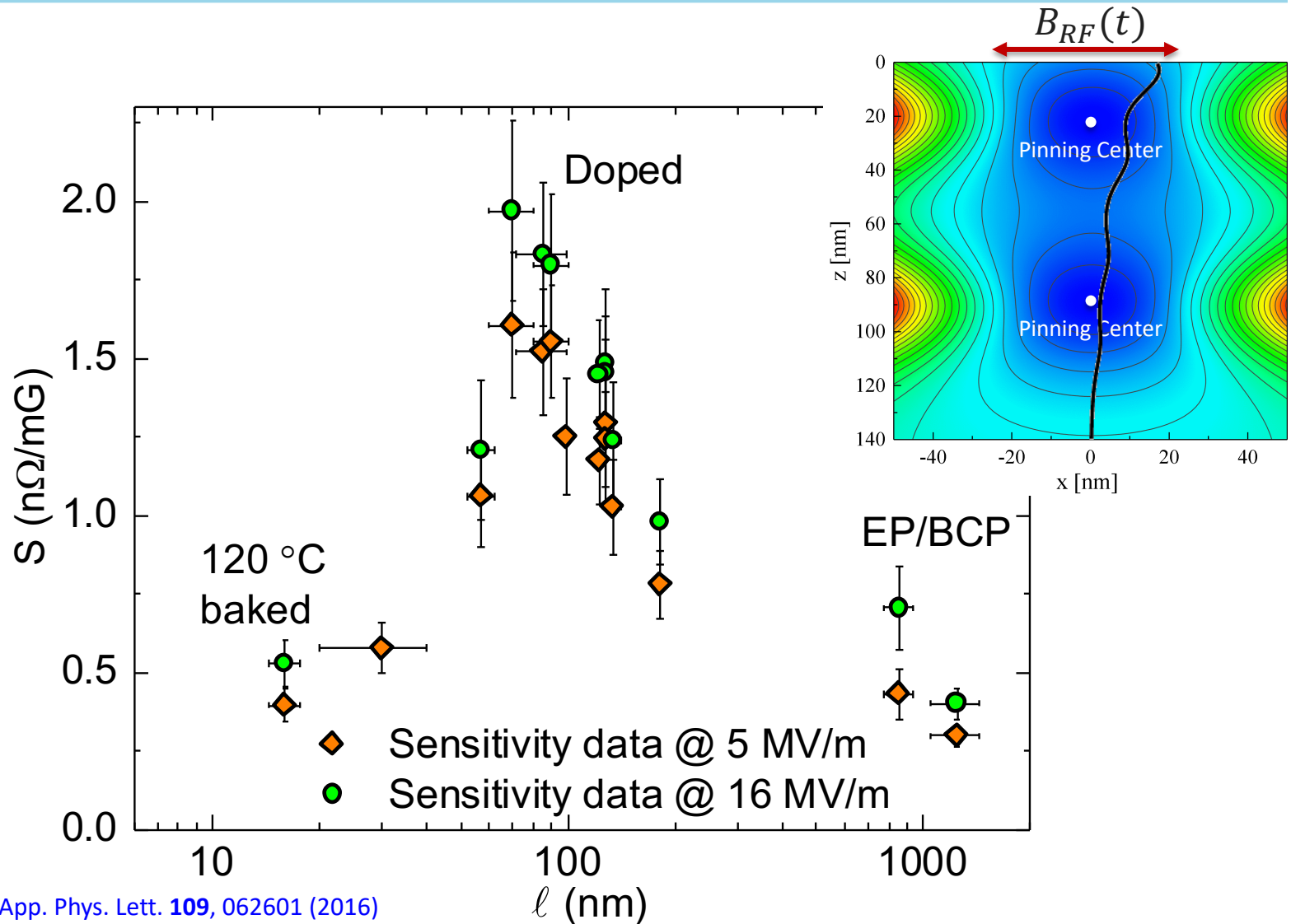
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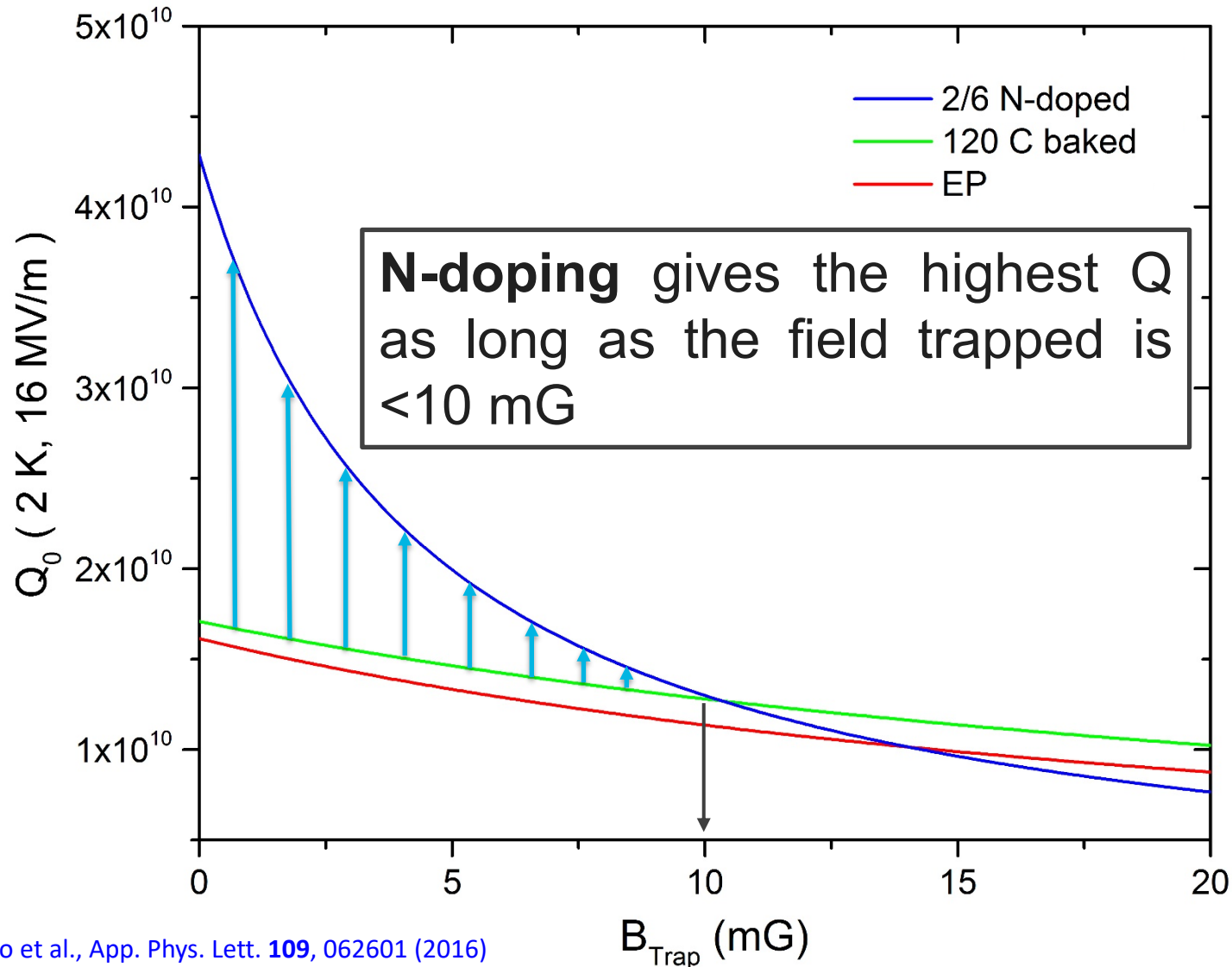
# Sensitivity Higher in N-doped Cavities



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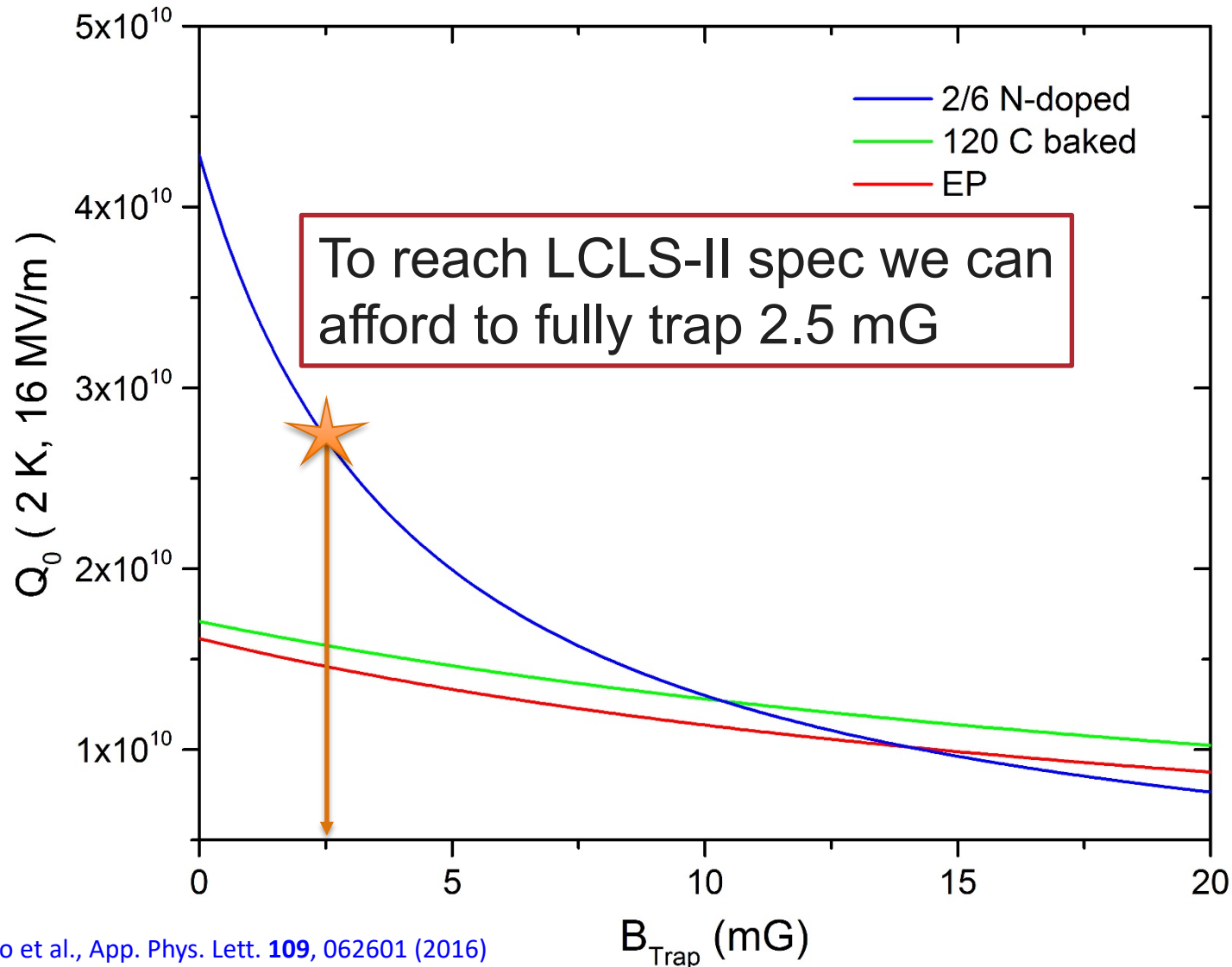
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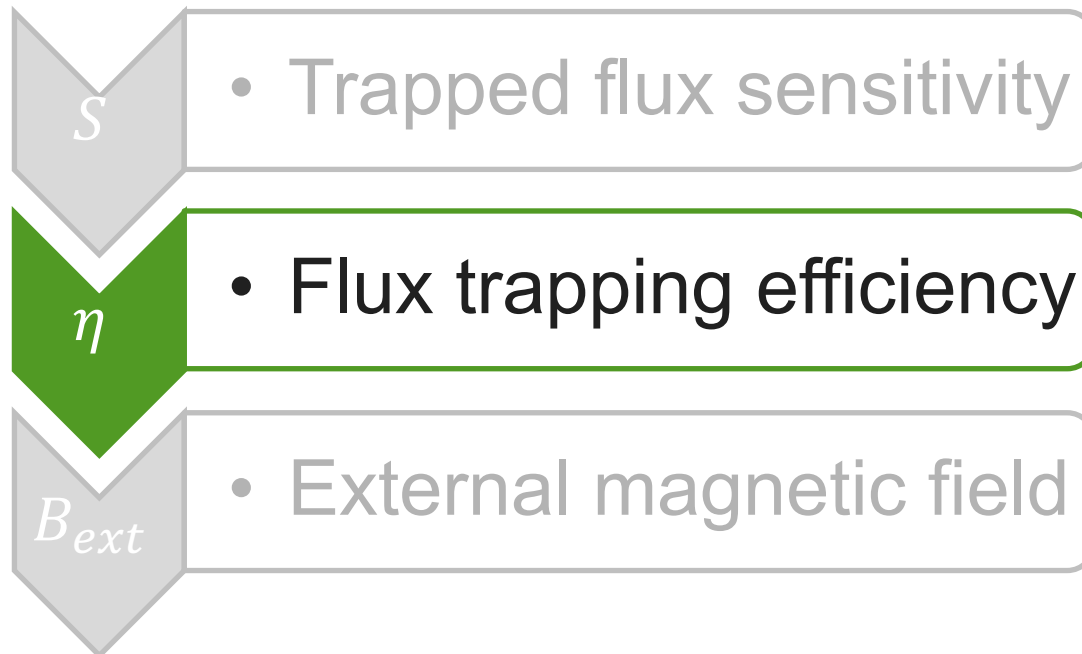


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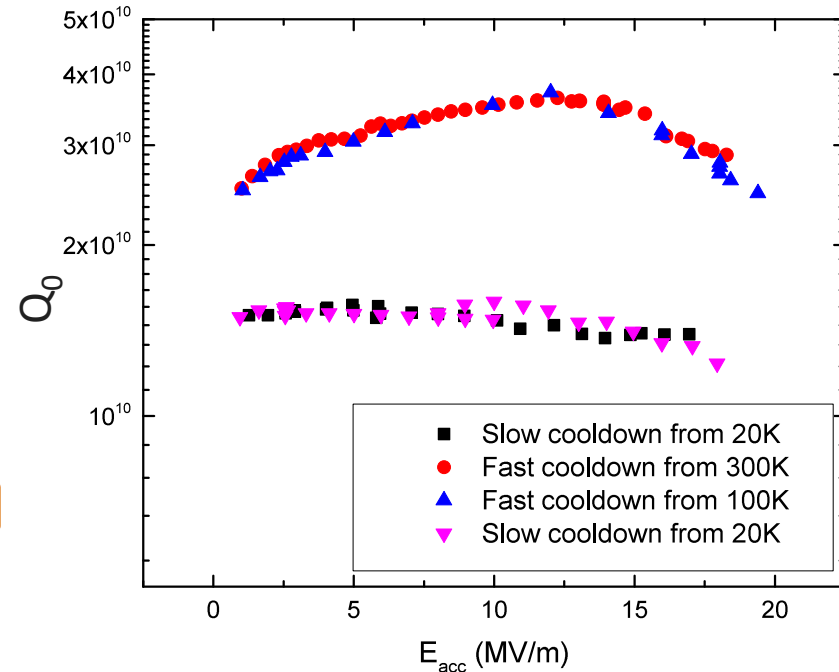
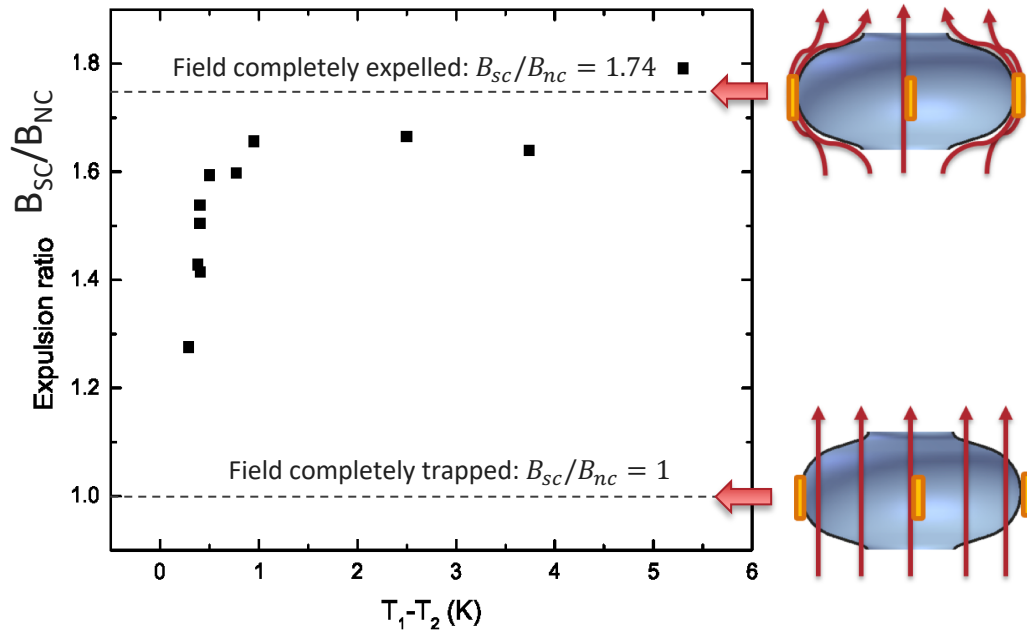
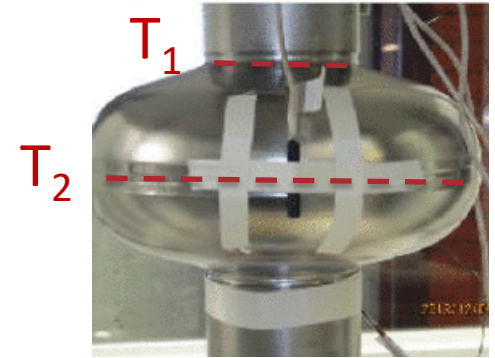
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# Fast Cool-down Promotes Flux Expulsion

- **Fast cool-down** lead to large thermal gradients which promote efficient flux expulsion
- **Slow cool-down** → poor flux expulsion



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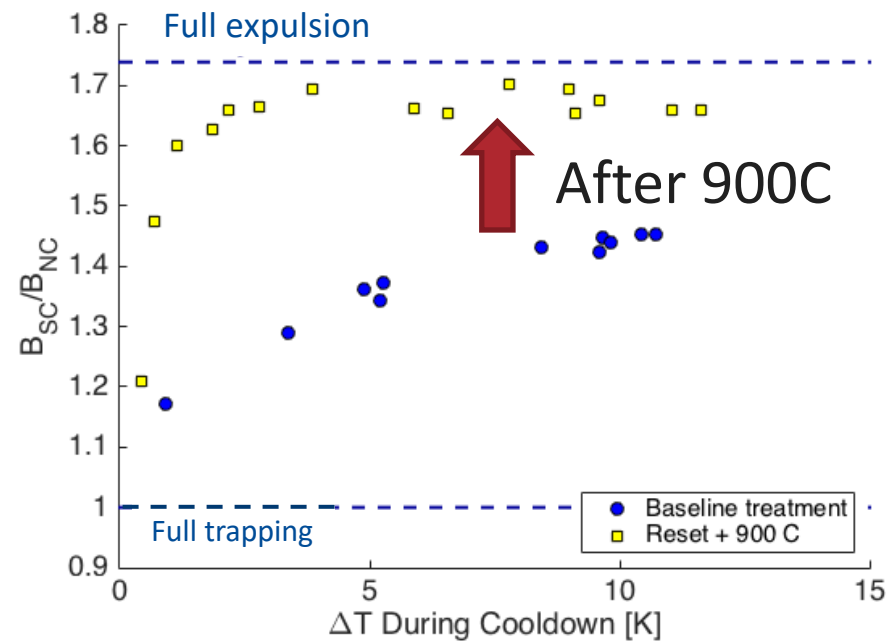
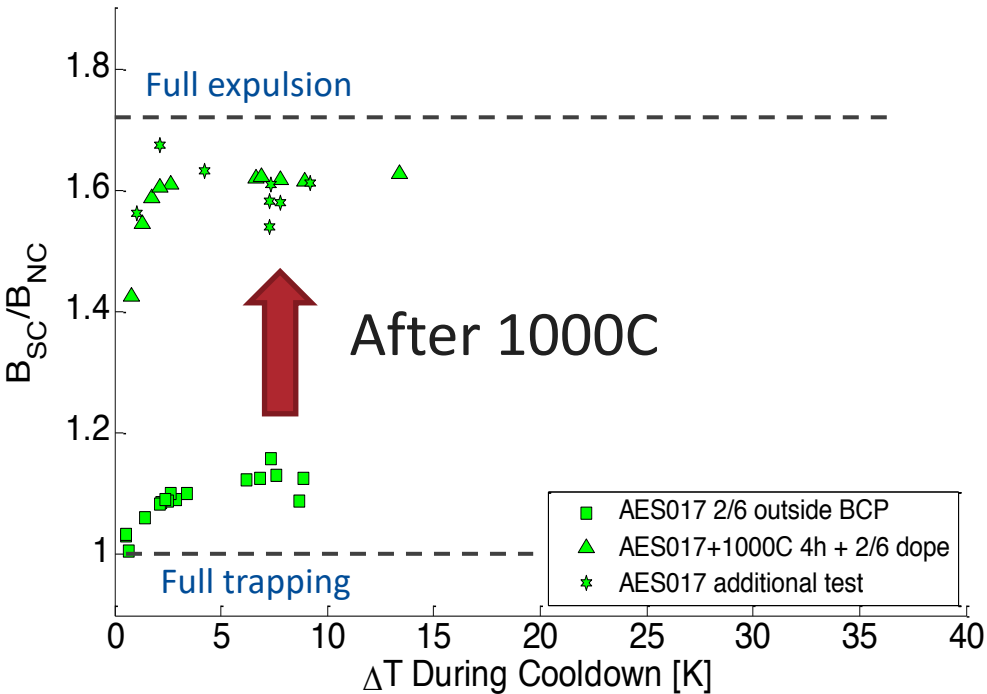
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# High-T Baking for Flux Expulsion Improvement

- Not all materials show good flux expulsion even with large thermal gradient
- High T treatments are capable to improve materials flux expulsion properties



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# Fermilab Prototype LCLS-II Cryomodule

Cavity	Usable Gradient* [MV/m]	Q0 @16MV/m* 2K Fast Cool Down
TB9AES021	18.2	2.6E+10
TB9AES019	18.8	3.1E+10
TB9AES026	19.8	3.6E+10
TB9AES024	20.5	3.1E+10
TB9AES028	14.2	2.6E+10
TB9AES016	16.9	3.3E+10
TB9AES022	19.4	3.3E+10
TB9AES027	17.5	2.3E+10
<b>Average</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>3.0E+10</b>
<b>Total Voltage</b>	<b>148.1 MV</b>	

Spec:  
133 MV



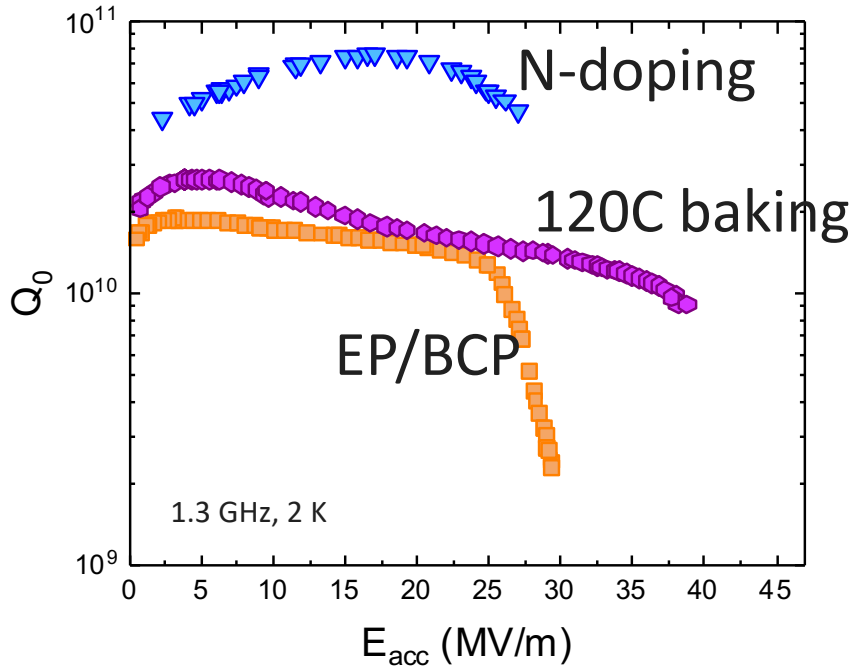
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World record cryomodule with twice efficiency

# FIELD AND FREQUENCY DEPENDENCE OF THE SURFACE RESISTANCE

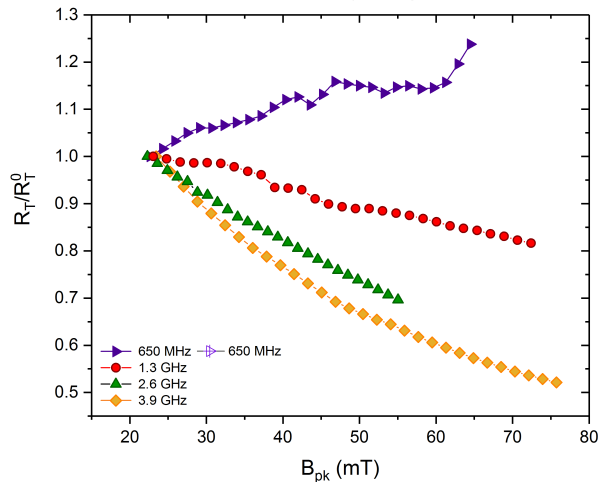
# Study of Cavities at Different Frequency



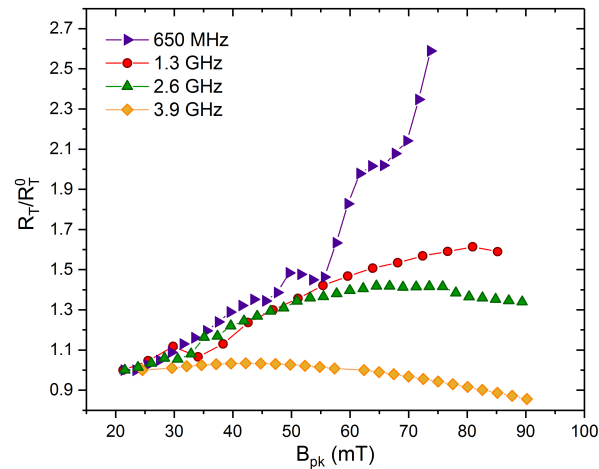
	650 MHz	1.3 GHz	2.6 GHz	3.9 GHz
EP		✓	✓	
BCP		✓		✓
120 C baking	✓	✓	✓	✓
2/6 N-doping	✓	✓	✓	✓

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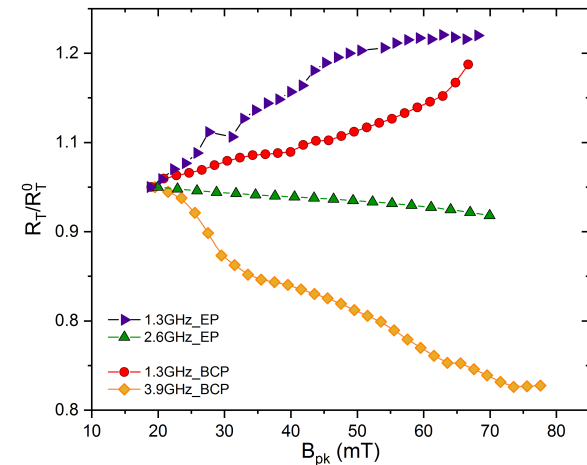
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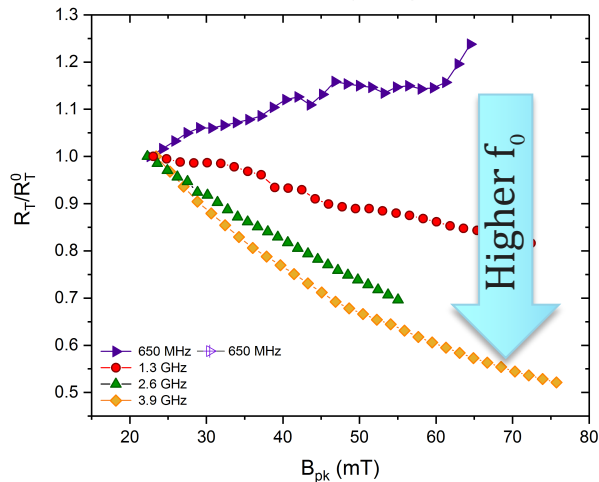


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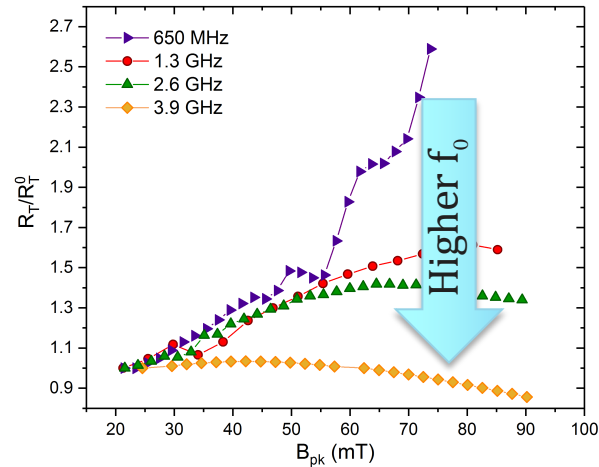
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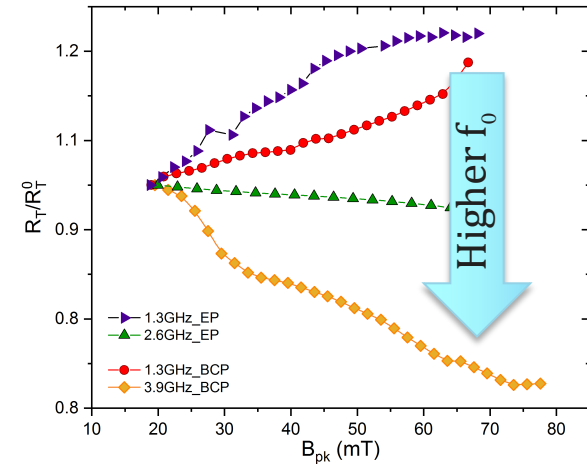
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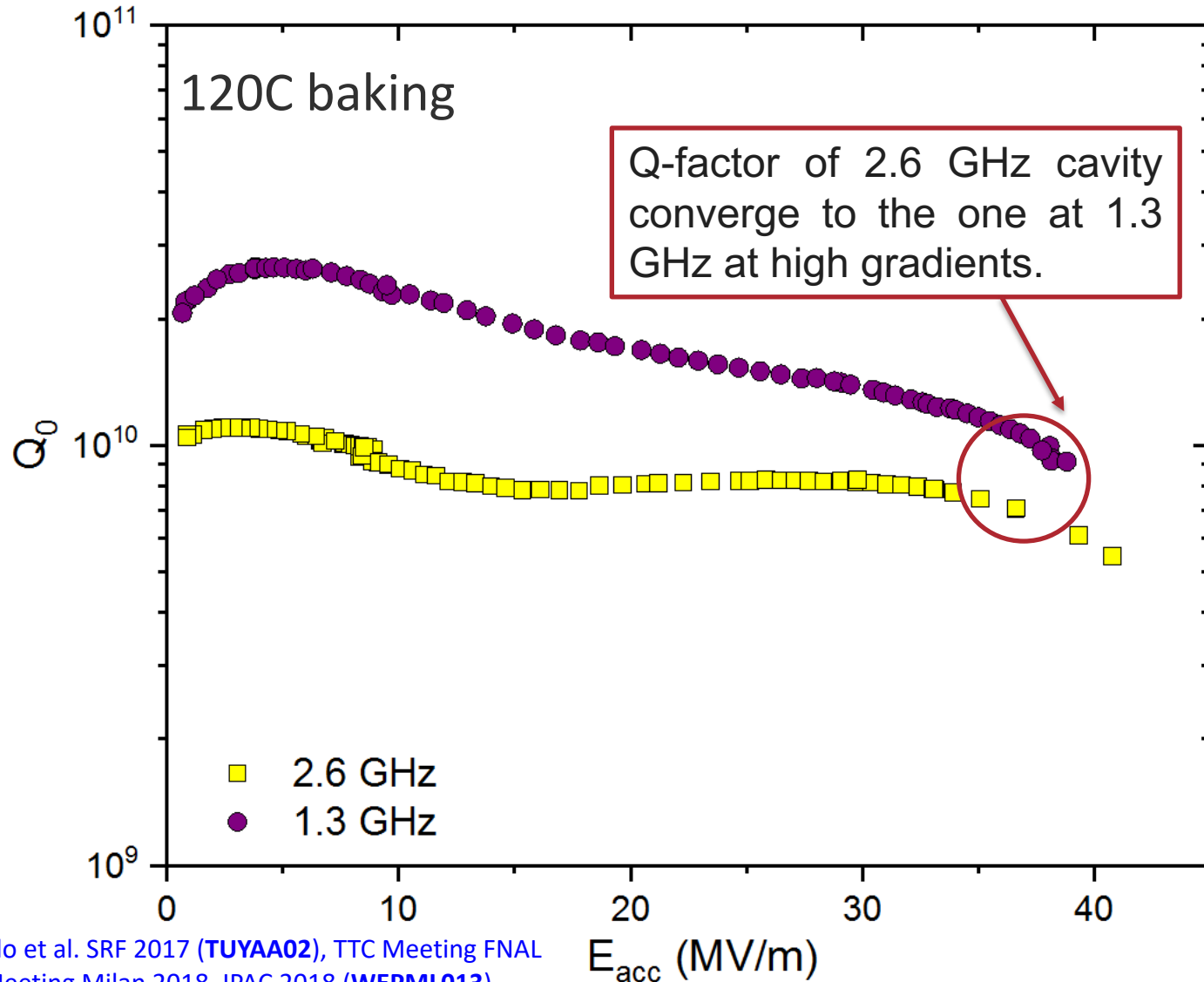


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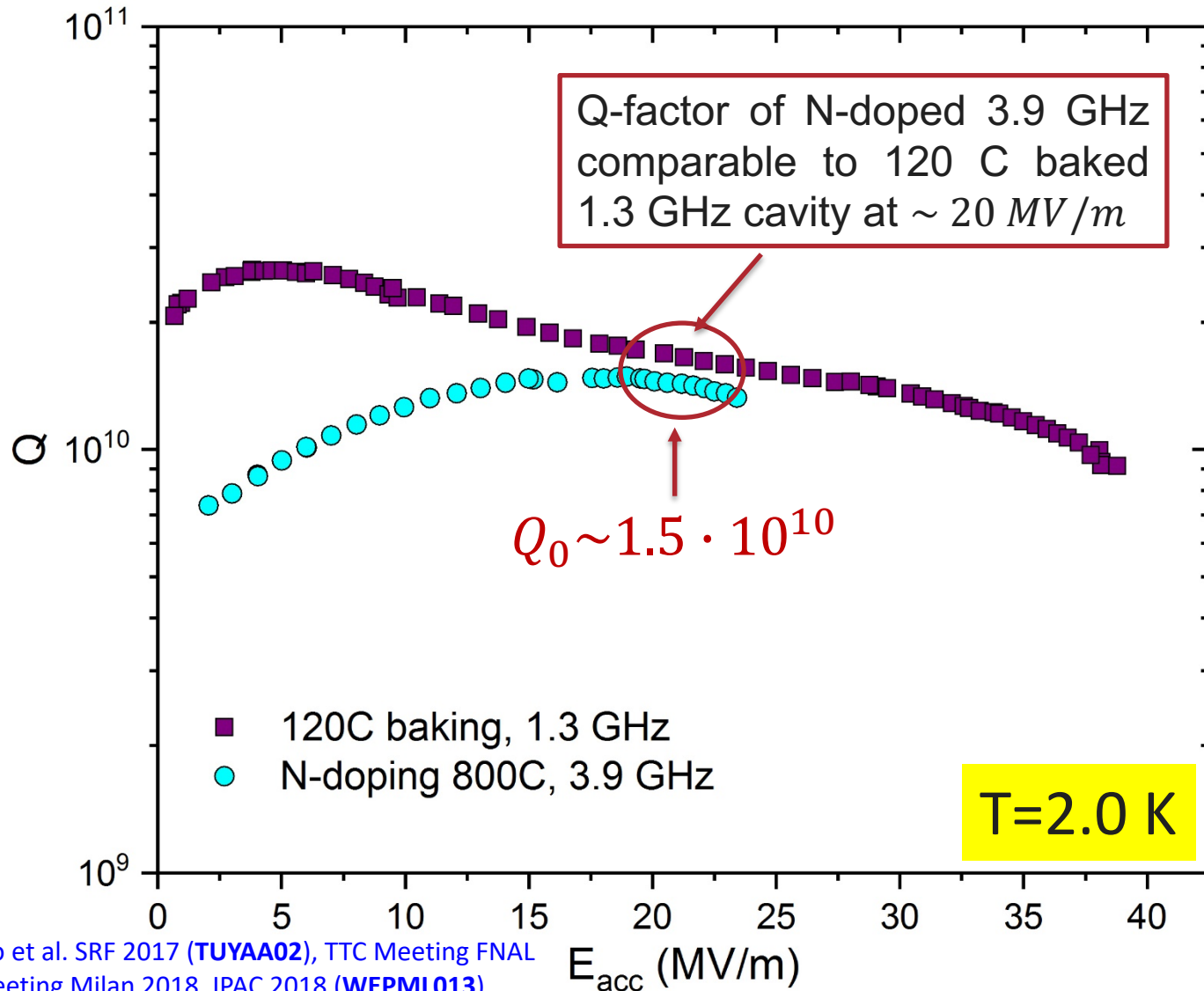
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# High Frequency Cavities Favorable at High Field



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# Unprecedented Medium Field $Q_0$ at 3.9 GHz

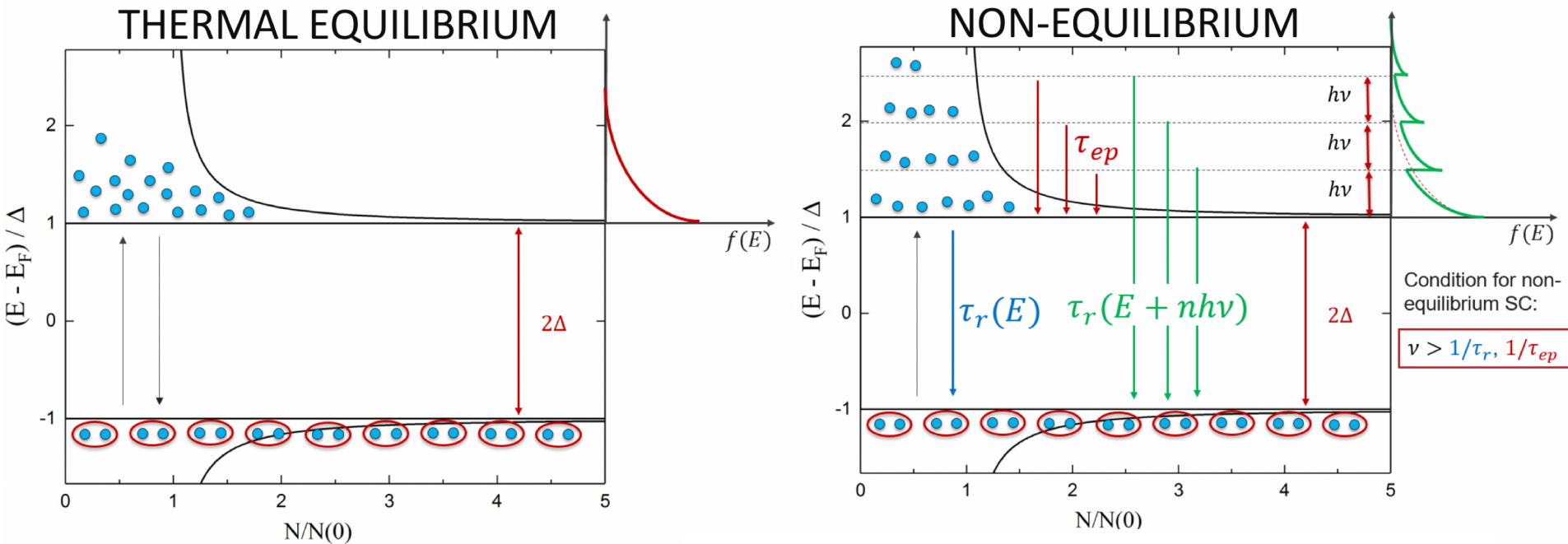


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$E_{acc}$  (MV/m)

$T = 2.0$  K

# Doping and Frequency Effect on the QPs Distribution

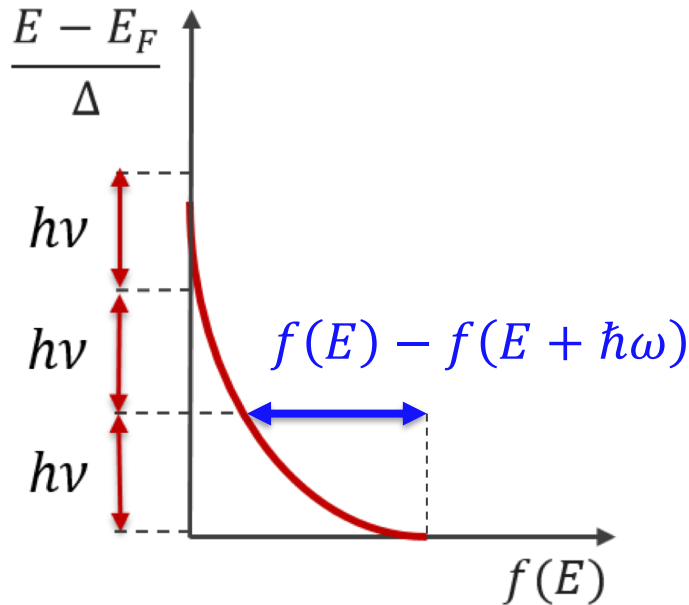


- Higher the frequency, higher the probability to match the condition for non-equilibrium
- N-doping (surface treatments in general) may modify  $\tau_{ep}$  and  $\tau_r$  enhancing non-equilibrium effects

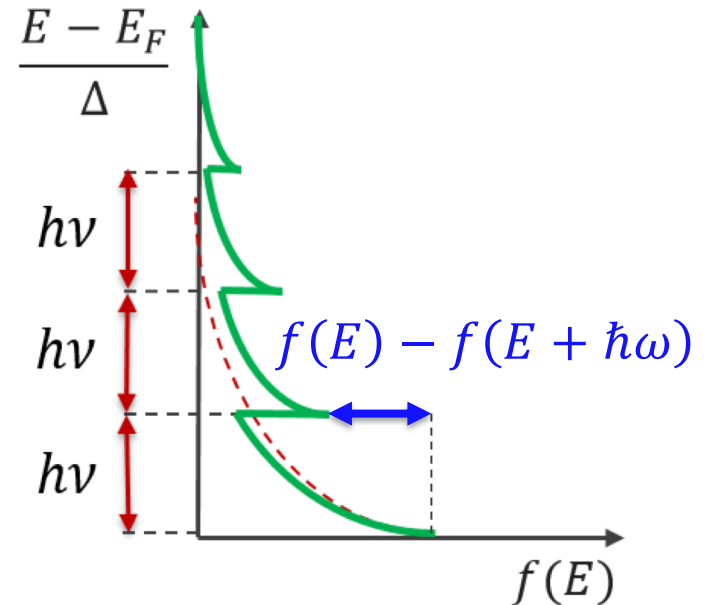
# Non-equilibrium Lowers Surface Resistance

When the SC is out-of-equilibrium the surface resistance is minimized

*Equilibrium distribution of QPs*



*Non-equilibrium distribution of QPs*



$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_N} = \frac{2}{\hbar\omega} \int_{\Delta}^{\infty} [f(E) - f(E + \hbar\omega)] g_1(E) dE$$



Smaller with **non-equilibrium** QPs distribution

# Conclusions

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- N-doping promote very high Q-factors at medium field, but larger sensitivity to trapped flux so important minimize trapped field
- Trapped flux minimization can be achieved by maximizing flux expulsion via fast cooling
- BCS surface resistance field dependence more favorable at high frequencies. High-Q at medium and high field achievable with high frequency cavities
- Understanding of the surface resistance critical to improve further performance of SRF cavities and enable realization of future machines

**Thank you for your  
attention!**

