

# Cornell SRF (Collider) R&D

## *Current Activities and Future Opportunities*

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## Cornell Superconducting RF Program

**Convergence  
fundamental  
research**

**Transformative  
understanding  
of super-  
conductivity  
and material  
growth**

**Energy and  
intensity  
frontier**

**Cavities as  
science  
drivers**

**Energy and  
environment**

**Enabling  
sustainable  
science via  
energy  
efficiency**

**Societal  
impact**

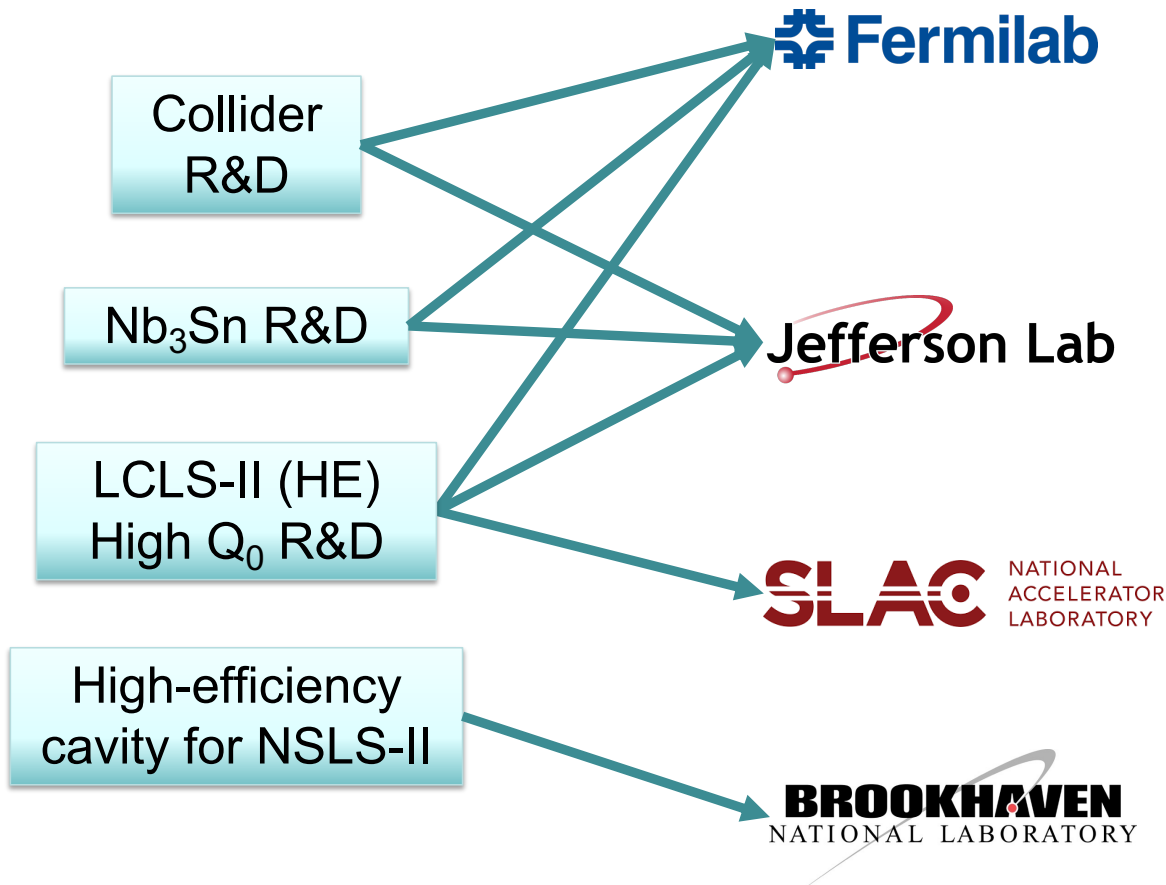
**Accelerators  
for medicine,  
environment,  
industry,  
national  
security...**

**Workforce  
development**

**Scientists  
prepared to  
join the  
workforce in  
areas of  
critical need**

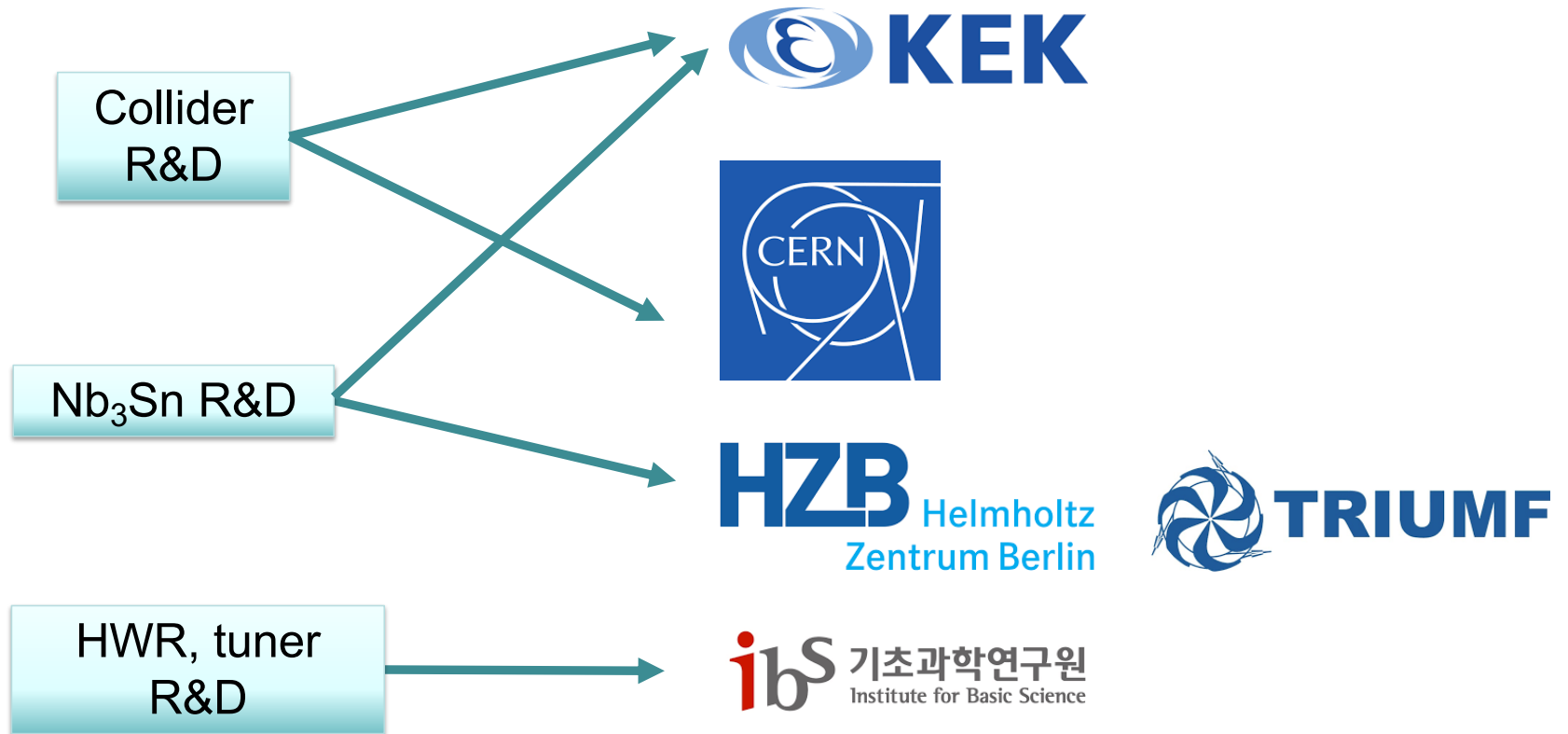
**Quantum  
materials  
and  
computing**

# National Lab Connections



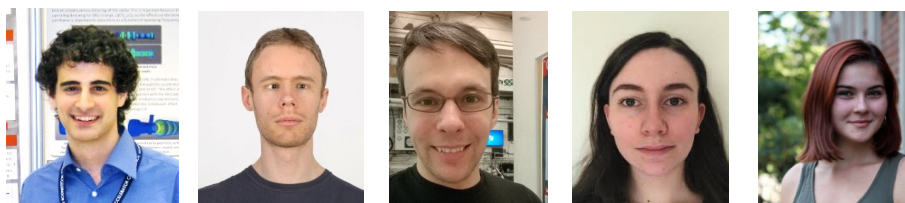
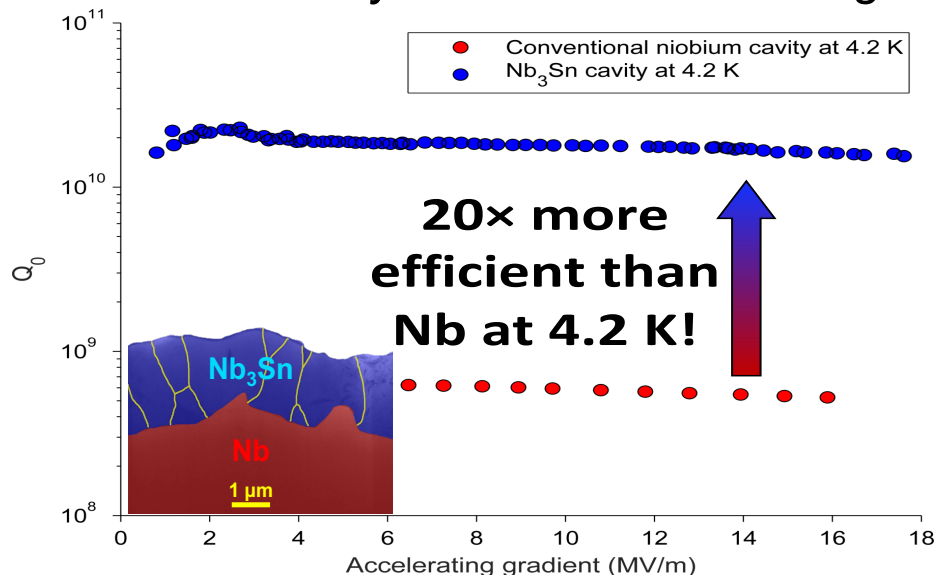
- ILC cost reduction (high Q – high field)
- N-doping development
- US – Japan accelerator R&D
- Inspired Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn program at FNAL (former Cornell student Sam Posen)
- Future: collaboration on TW structures, collider SRF R&D, quantum materials...
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- N-doping development
- Inspired Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn program at JLab (former Cornell student Grigory Ereemeev)
- First N-doped cavity in a cryomodule (Dan Gonnella, now SRF group leader at SLAC)
- Discovered importance of minimizing trapped magnetic flux in N-doped cavities
- First high-performance (electropolished and doped) 500 MHz cavity for storage rings

# International Lab Connections



# Cornell Breakthrough: $Nb_3Sn$ SRF

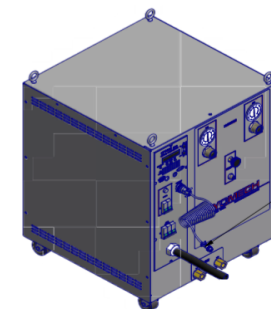
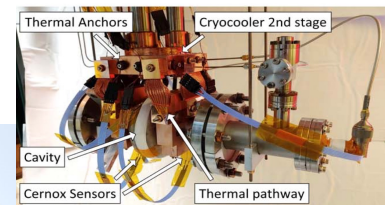
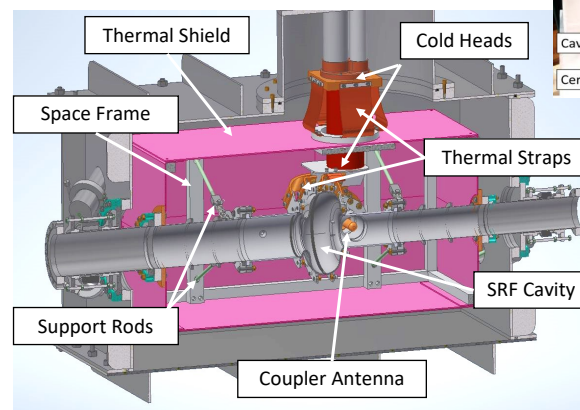
- Funded and enabled by the DOE GARD Program (DE-SC0008431) -



- ➔ 2x to 4x lower cooling power than Nb (sustainable CW accelerators, e.g. FCC)
- ➔ 4.2 K cavity operation
- ➔ New SRF direction with worldwide activity
- ➔ Enabled new SRF application area: Turn-key SRF for industry, medicine, environment...

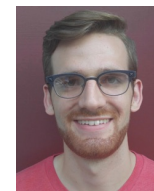
**First-ever functional alternative-material ( $Nb_3Sn$ ) SRF cavities that outperform traditional niobium cavities!**

# Cornell Breakthrough: Robust, turn-key SRF technology, e.g., for industrial, medical, security applications



Cornell Compact Cryomodule;  
similar programs at FNAL and JLab

**First demonstration of a Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cavity operated at 10 MV/m with conduction cooling from a commercial cryocooler!**

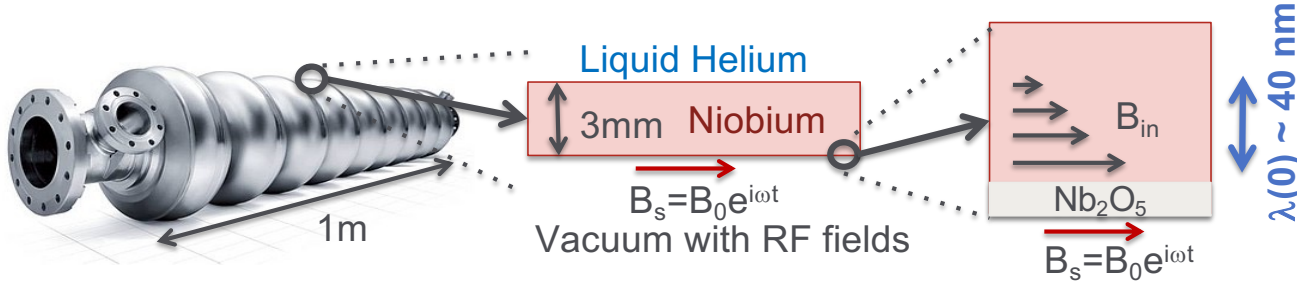
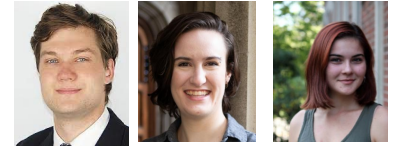


U.S. DOE award DE-SC0021038 "Next Steps in the Development of Turn-Key SRF Technology"

# Opportunity: Boosting Energy Efficiency ( $Q_0$ )



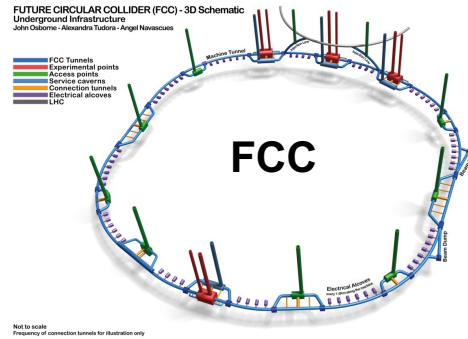
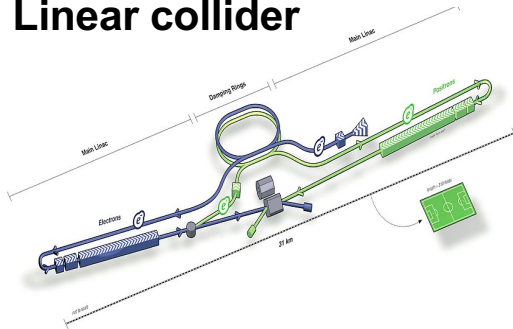
$$R_{BCS} \propto f^2 e^{(-const \cdot T_C / T)}$$



Huge potential for large gains:

- Improved Nb
- Larger energy gap (higher  $T_c$ ) superconductors
- Inhomogeneous layers: Surfaces by design

## Linear collider



accelerator-based light source solution for a sustainable future of EUV lithography



Strong synergy with superconducting quantum materials and systems R&D

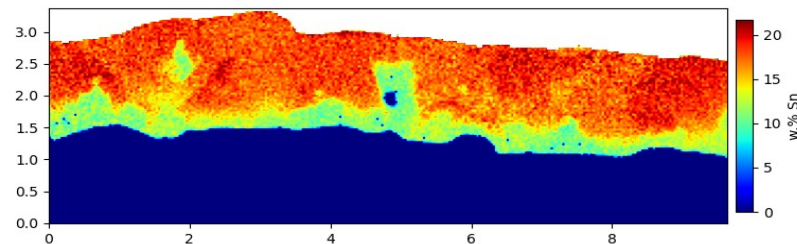
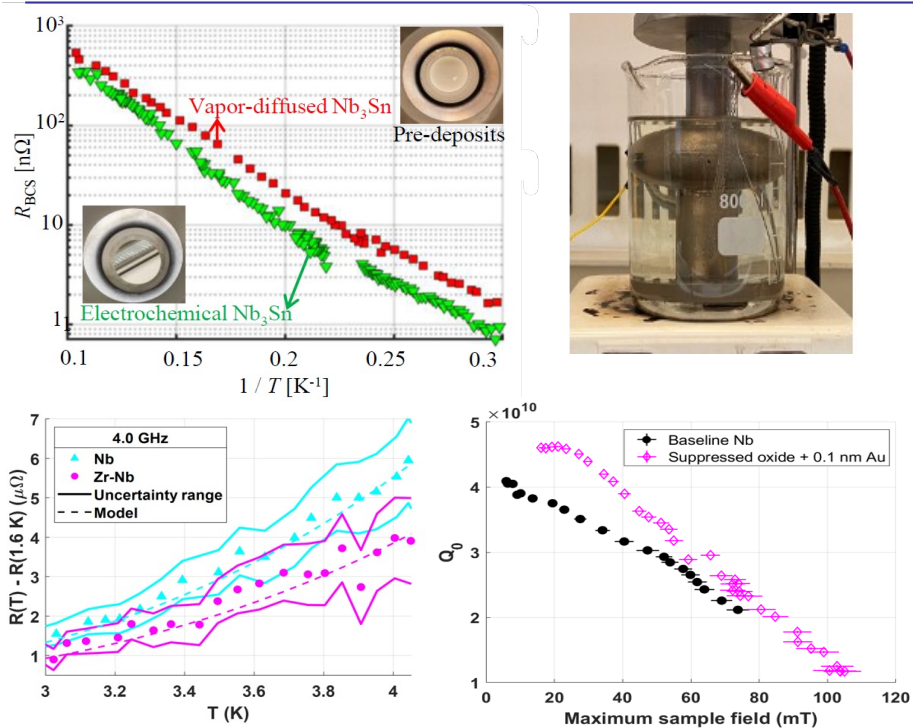
Image credit FNAL

# Opportunity: Boosting Energy Efficiency

	Niobium	Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn	Nb-Zr
Critical Temperature T <sub>c</sub>	9 K	18 K	13 - 16 K
Q <sub>0</sub> at 4.2 K	6 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	6 × 10 <sup>10</sup>	?

## R&D directions:

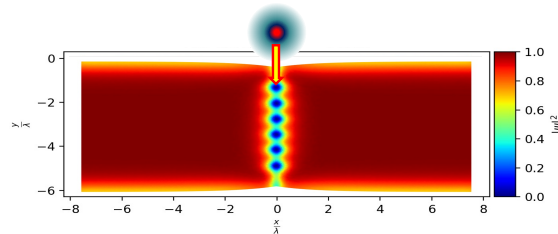
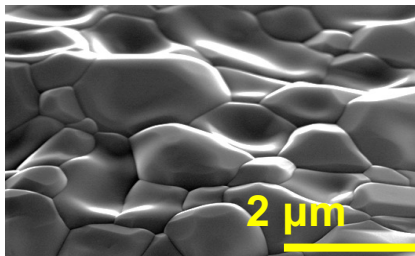
- Improved Nb treatments
- Passivating surface layers to prevent formation of lossy oxide
- Improve Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coatings and new growth methods (electroplating, CVD)
- Explore potential of Nb-Zr alloys and metal doping (new ARDAP award)





# Opportunity: Higher Energy Gain SRF

	Niobium	Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn theory	Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn reached to date
Superheating field	220 mT	420 mT	-
Corresp. max. E <sub>acc</sub>	55 MV/m	100 MV/m	24 MV/m

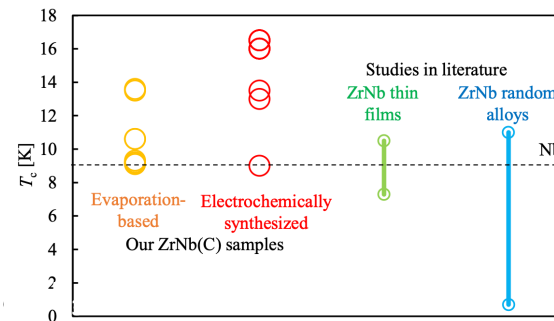
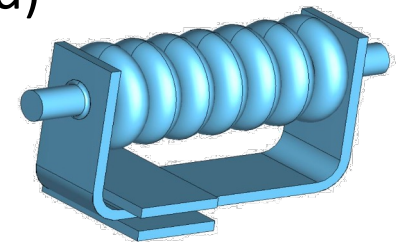


Surface roughness lowers vortex entry field ( for  $\xi \ll \lambda$  Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn!)

	Niobium	Nb-Zr
Critical Temperature T <sub>c</sub>	9.2 K	13 - 16 K
Predicted superheating field	220 mT	>300 mT ?
Corresponding max. E <sub>acc</sub>	55 MV/m	>75 MV/m?

## R&D directions:

- Improve Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coating methods for increased quench fields
- Explore potential of Nb-Zr alloys (new ARDAP award)
- Traveling wave structures (collab. with FNAL)



Nb-Zr alloy  
Z. Sun et al., Adv. Electron. Mater

# Potential Cornell SRF Contributions to ITN Work Packages

## WP-prime 1: Cavity Industrial-Production Readiness

### Goals of the workpackage

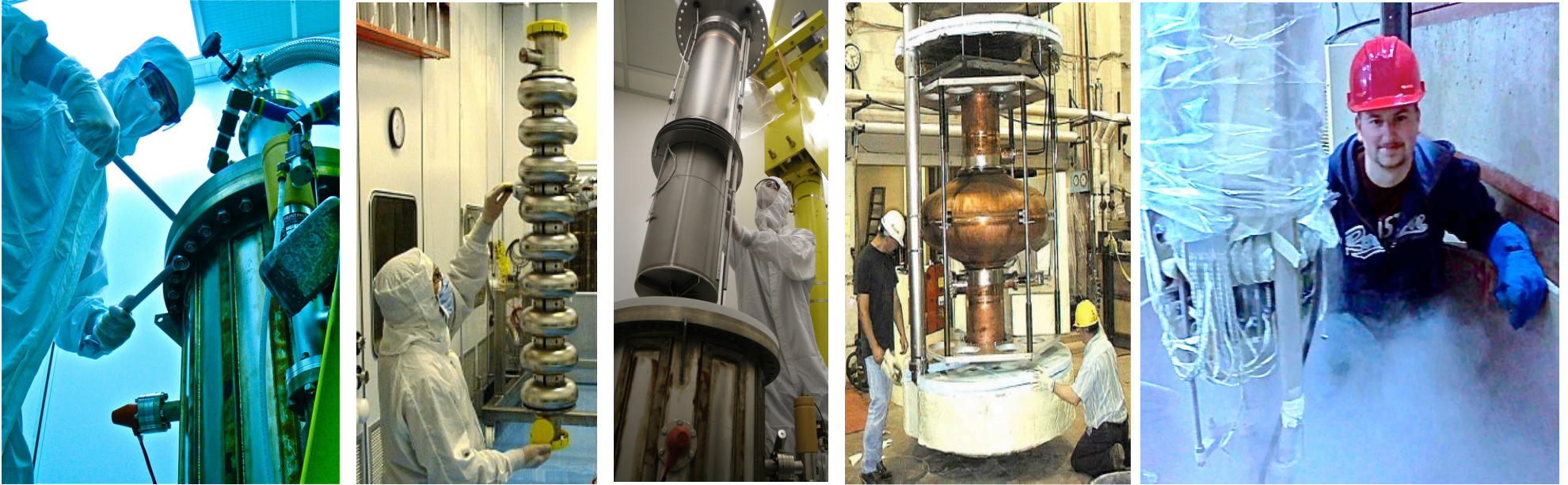
<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Design</i>
Baseline: Cavity gradient, E, at Q value ( $Q_0$ ) (Cost-Reduction R&D goal: E, at Q value)	MV/m	35 at $Q \geq 0.8 E10$ (38.5 at $Q \geq 1.6E10$ )
Cavity production yield	%	90

### List of items:

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Items</i>	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
A	1-cell cavities: Fundamental research (for establishment of production/surface treatment process)	All	All (half)		
A	9-cell cavities: HPGS regulation issues to be settled	All			
A	Purchasing SC material (Nb, NbTi) contributed by JP	All			
A	Industrial production with globally shared contracts		All	All	
A	1 <sup>st</sup> vertical test (VT), and further efforts (2 <sup>nd</sup> and later cycle process)			All	All
A	Clean room work procedure (Robotics technology to be matured)	All	All	All	All
A	Quality control/assurance	All	All	All	All

Note: 9-cell cavity production is assumed to be continued after Y3 (totally 120 cavities in TPD)

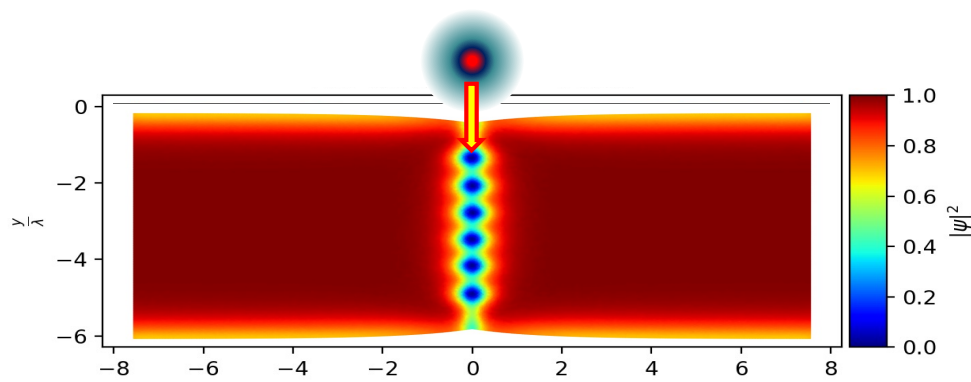
# Cornell SRF Facilities



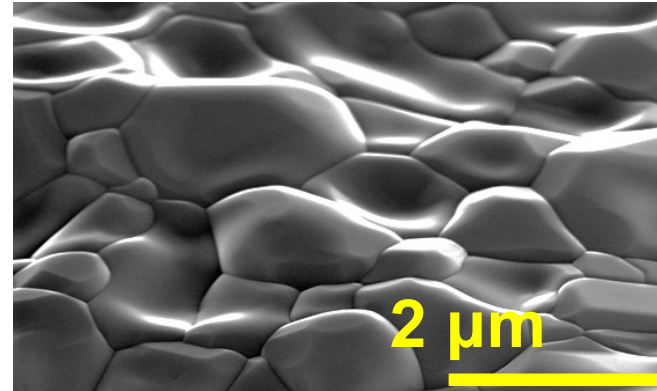
*Clean room, chemical facility, UHV furnaces, coating furnaces, cryogenic RF test facility...*

# Cornell SRF Facilities: High-Field Sample Cavity

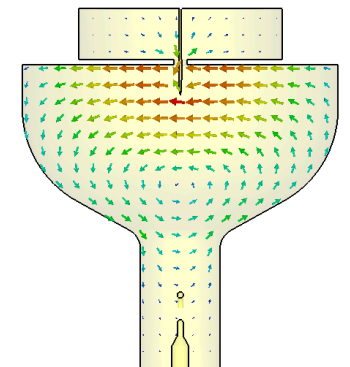
## Ginzburg-Landau Simulation of Vortex Nucleation In Grain Boundaries



- Geometry of grain boundaries lowers vortex entry field ( for  $\xi \ll \lambda$   $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$ !)
- **New setup to measure vortex entry fields of superconducting samples**

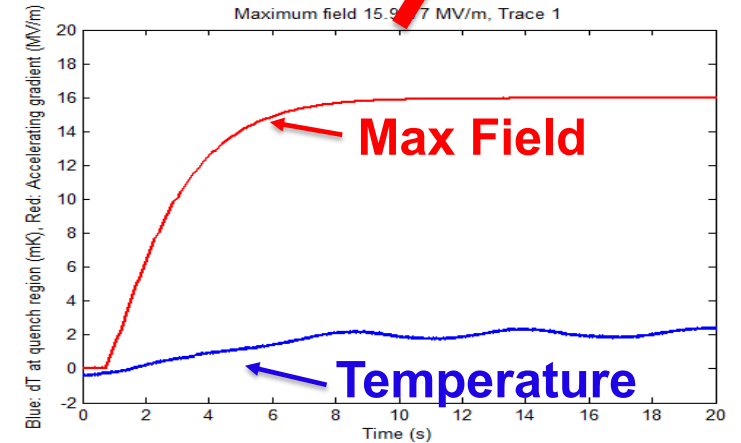
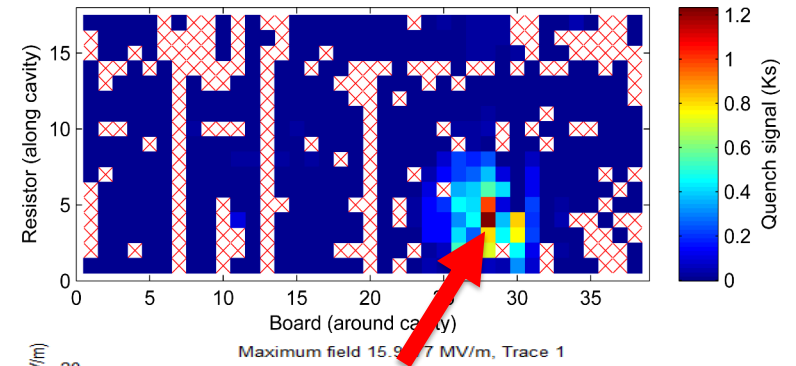
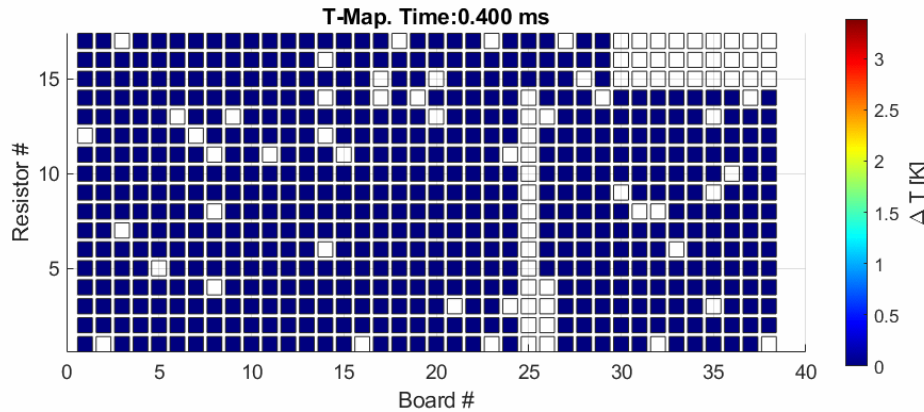


- Surface roughness enhances local surface fields



# Cornell SRF Facilities: High-Speed T-Map

New time-resolved temperature mapping system to study dynamics of RF dissipation



Time →  
magnetic vortex entry?

# Questions?



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