

# Industrial SRF Activities at RadiaBeam Technologies

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# RadiaBeam

Company overview, products and capabilities

# RadiaBeam Overview

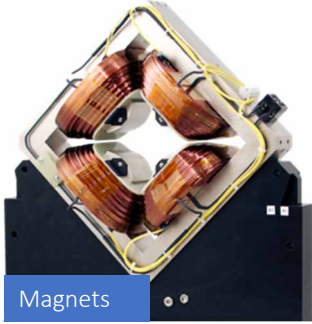


- 50 employees
- 35,000 ft<sup>2</sup> headquarters in Santa Monica, CA

- Accelerator R&D, design, engineering, manufacturing and testing under one roof in a dynamic, small-business setting
- Products: accelerator components (RF structures, magnets, diagnostics), medical/industrial accelerator systems

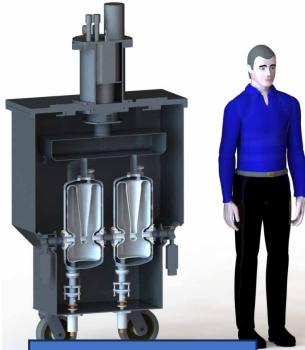


- Thousands of products delivered since 2004 with new products every year
- Mostly renowned for normal conducting RF



- Physics design and beam dynamics simulations
- RF and mechanical design/engineering
- Manufacturing/in-house machine shop
- Coil winding and epoxy encapsulation
- Precision magnetic testing
- Low-power and high-power RF testing
- Radiation bunkers with RF stations
- E-beam and X-ray measurement equipment

- RadiaBeam has recently engaged in SRF-related activities in collaboration with Universities and National Laboratories
  - Almost 100% supported via DOE SBIR program



Cryomodules



Qubit cavities



Accelerating cavities



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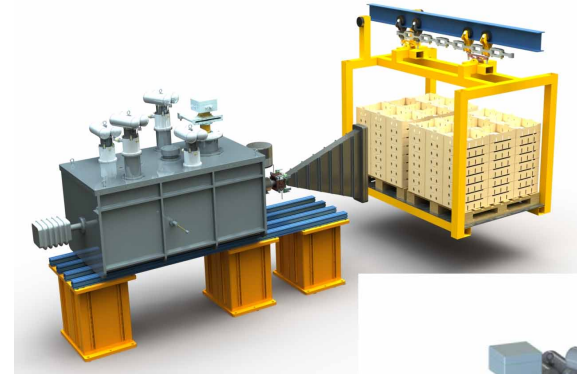
# Stand-Alone Cryomodules



- SRF accelerators are very attractive for both industrial and research applications
  - Can produce high power CW beams
  - RF losses are negligible, so they require low peak RF power
  - Using higher cavity frequency by 2-4 times simultaneously with high-Q cavities, can be used to achieve a transformational reduction in cavity, cryomodule, subsystem costs
- Typically, SRF accelerators require a LHe refrigerator and complex piping to distribute liquid helium and nitrogen
  - This comes at a price of a very expensive production of LHe (~\$10,000 per Watt)
  - Not many facilities have this
  - Many potential users can't afford such system
  - Building and maintaining SRF infrastructure is not an option for commercial devices
- There is an effort to build SRF cryomodules that can work without external cryogenic infrastructure

S.V. Kutsaev, “Advanced Technologies for Applied Particle Accelerators and Examples of Their Use (Review)”, *Tech. Phys.* **66**(2), p. 161-195, 2021.

- A small mobile cryostat capable of running SRF cavities without a cryoplant
- The design accommodates a 4.5 cell 650 MHz Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Cavity
  - 10 MeV, 200 kW – 1 MW e-beam
  - 20 kW demonstration
- Utilizes 4 pulse tube cryocoolers from Cryomech each capable of 2.5W @ 4.2K and 50W @ 42K
  - Net capability is: 10W @ 4.2K and 200W @ 42K

## Cryomodule Envelope

Width	1m
Height	0.9m (Chamber) /1.45m (total)
Length	1.81m

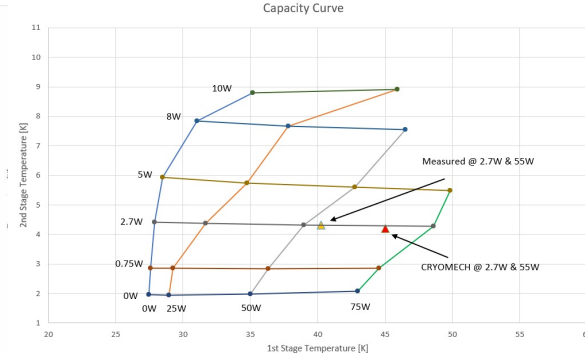
## Cryomodule Expected Thermal Load

Static @4.4K	1.3 W
Dynamic @4.4K	≈7 W
Thermal Shield @45K	56 W

Developed in collaboration with Fermilab's IARC team: Thomas Nicol, Charles Thangaraj, Christopher Edwards, Michael Henry



- The procurement of all the cryostat parts and the UHV parts has concluded in June 2023
- Cryomech PT425 coldhead was characterized at RadiaBeam
- The cryostat and its constituent components are currently being received at FNAL in preparation for full assembly.
- We are planning to integrate the Cryomodule at IARC at Fermilab during July 2023 for a first test run in early August 2023.
- The chamber will be validated utilizing a single cell conductively cooled 650 MHz cavity provided by the IARC team at Fermilab.



A. Schillaci et al, "Compact Cryomodule for Stand-Alone Accelerator", WEPWB086

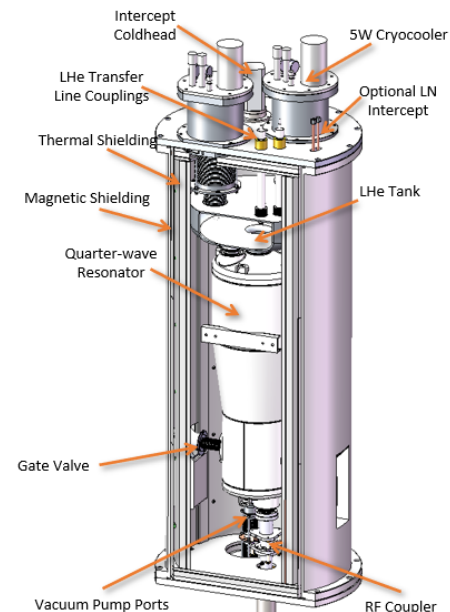
- Another project, funded by DOE NP in 2017, to design and build stand-alone cryomodules for ATLAS 72 MHz QWRs
  - Make a compact refrigerator that fits into a cryomodule
  - Compact LHe (4K) cryocoolers of only  $\sim 2\text{W}$  capacity existed
  - The cryocooler did not produce LHe (too long); it only removed enough heat to prevent boiling LHe
- RadiaBeam performed RF and engineering design/simulations



TABLE I  
PARAMETERS OF THE STAND-ALONE ACCELERATOR SYSTEM

Parameter	Value
Dimensions	$\text{\O}40'' \times 88.5''$ Length
Frequency	72.75 MHz
Beta	0.07 – 0.12
Voltage per cavity	Up to 2.0 MV
Static 4.5 K load	1.94W
Dynamic 4.5K load	4.58W
Number of cryoheads	1-3
Cryogenic capacity	5-12W
Helium tank capacity	100 L

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S.V. Kutsaev et al., “Design of Stand-Alone Cryomodule based on Superconducting Quarter-Wave Resonator”, *IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond.* **30**(8), 2020.

- Currently, we are collaborating with Argonne and Fermilab to develop and build a stand-alone cryomodule for 218 MHz Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn QWR
- RadiaBeam activities
  - Performed engineering simulations (RF, thermal, mechanical)
  - Machined Nb and Nb-Ti parts for the cavity
  - Will build a slow-tuner for the cavity
  - Will commission a 10W cryocooler
  - Will design and build a cryomodule

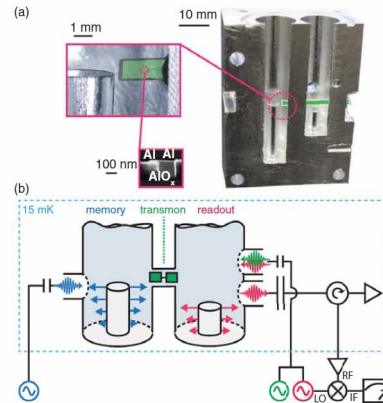
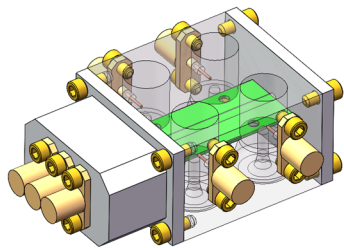
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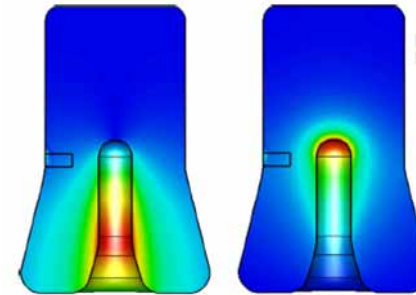


# Qubit 3D Resonators

- In 2018, a collaboration between UChicago, Argonne, and Fermilab was established to develop a Nb 6 GHz qubit QWR
  - based on the Yale University concept of  $\lambda/4$  Al resonator
  - allows *practical* coupling with a Josephson junction transmon
  - optimized shape with the increased G-factor
  - experience in building high-Q Nb resonators for accelerators
- 3 fabrication approaches were pursued at RadiaBeam
  - Machining
  - Additive manufacturing
  - Forming



M. Reagor, et al. Physical Review B 94.1 (2016): 014506.



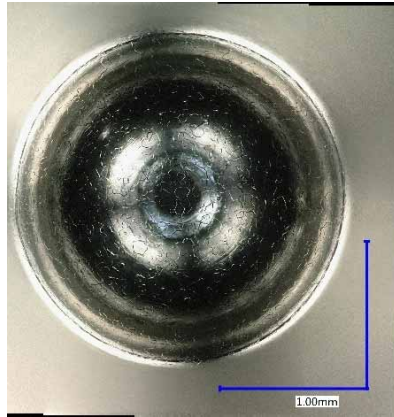
S. Kutsaev et al., Niobium quarter-wave resonator with the optimized shape for quantum information systems, *EPJ Quantum Technology* 7:1 (2020), 1-17.

A. Krasnok et al. "Advancements in Superconducting Microwave Cavities and Qubits for Quantum Information Systems", submitted to *Appl. Phys. Rev.* (2023): [arXiv:2304.09345](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.09345)

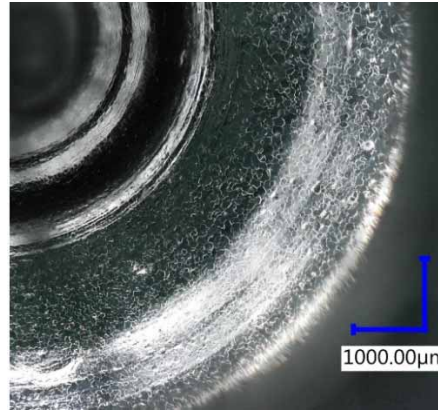
- Developed Nb machining capabilities at RadiaBeam
  - Machined 9 QWRs with the optimized shape
  - 2 niobium suppliers
  - Low  $f_0$  spread: good machining accuracy
  - Theoretical room temp  $Q = 1190$ , measured  $1074 \pm 18$ : good finish



Dimensional analysis of part in cross section



Etched niobium centerpin hemisphere



Etched niobium shorting plate

QWR	vendor	$f_0$ [MHz]	Q
Nb_Q_3A	Nb Tokyo	6047.8	1080
Nb_Q_3B	Nb Tokyo	6049.149	1084
Nb_Q_3C	Nb Tokyo	6068.076	1066
Nb_Q_3D	Nb Tokyo	6084.513	1096
Nb_Q_3L	Nb Ulvac	6048.167	1063
Nb_Q_3M	Nb Ulvac	6075.408	1092.1
Nb_Q_3N	Nb Ulvac	6061.252	1056
Nb_Q_3O	Nb Ulvac	6044.537	1090
Nb_Q_3P	Nb Ulvac	6044.69	1039
		<b>6058</b>	<b>1074</b>
		<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>

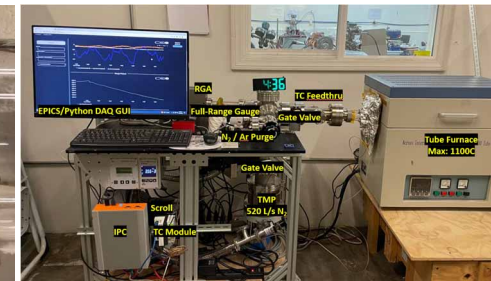
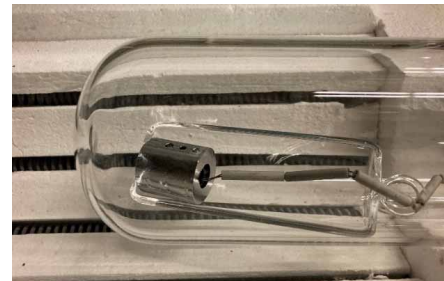
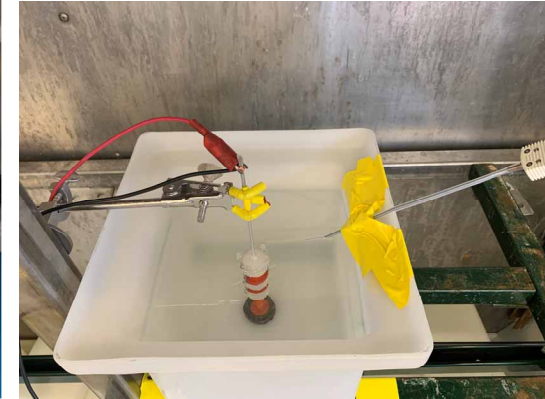




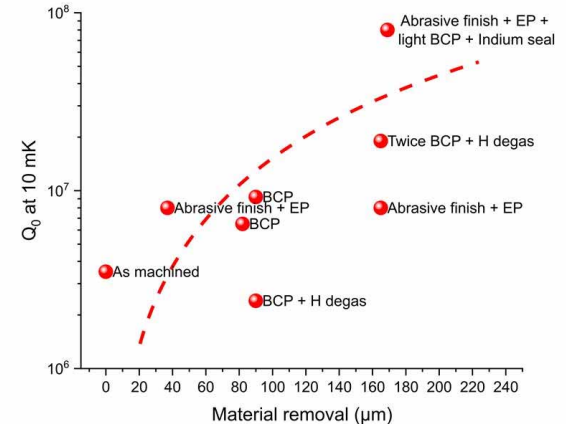
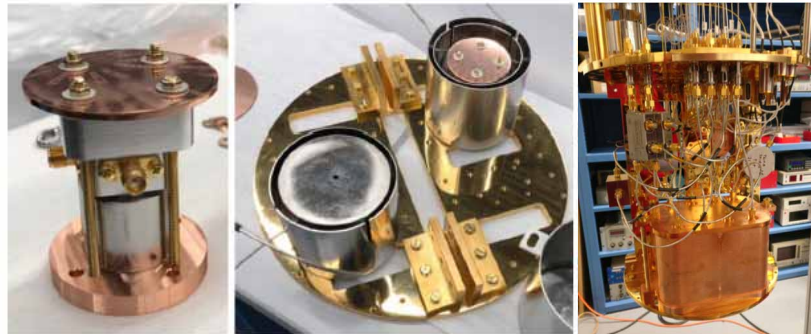
- Adapted best practices from SRF
  - Abrasive surface finishing
    - Bulk material removal + polishing
  - Buffered Chemical Polish
    - Bulk material removal
  - Diffusion-limited electropolishing
    - Improve surface finish
    - Remove mechanical damage layer
    - ANL DC: HF/H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> Solution
    - Faraday technologies: Pulsed bi-polar EP: dilute H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>
  - High vacuum hydrogen outgassing
    - Remove interstitial H from chemistry
  - High pressure rinsing in class 100 clean room
  - 120°C/48Hr vacuum bake



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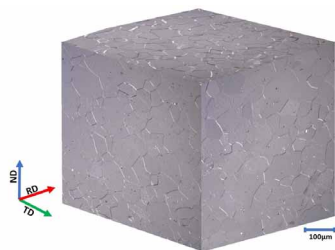
- 2019: Single cavity tested at 10 mK at UChicago ( $Q_0 \sim 1e6$ )
- 2020: 4 cavity cryogenic test stand ( $Q_0 \sim 2e7$ )
  - Magnetic shielding:  $\mu$ -Metal, 2 layer, x5000 attenuation
  - IR shielding and absorption coating
  - 'Clean' assembly
- 2022: Indium-Sealed cavity @SFU  $Q_0 = 8e7$
- 2023: New Tests planned at SLAC



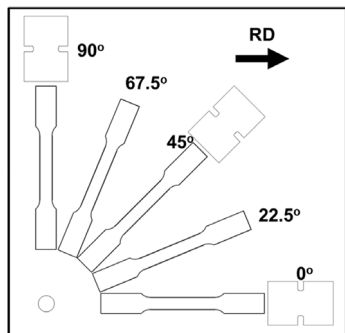
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Industrial SRF Activities at RadiaBeam Technologies

- Plasticity modelling and characterization of commercially-pure niobium (RRR = 60-70)
  - Calibration of FEA model: Uniaxial tension, strain-rate-jump, biaxial tension and disc compression

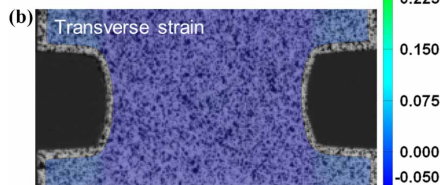
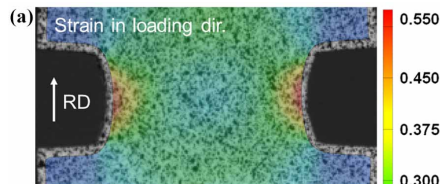


Material Microstructure

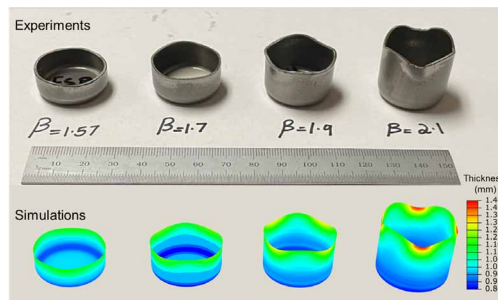


Sample Layout

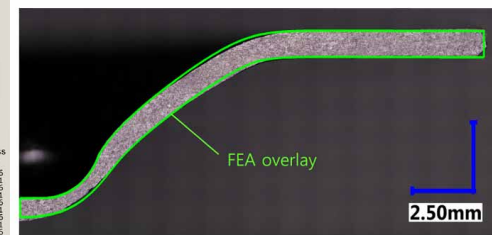
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Biaxial tension tests with 3D DIC imaging



Deep-drawn cups: Earing plastic anisotropy FEA model

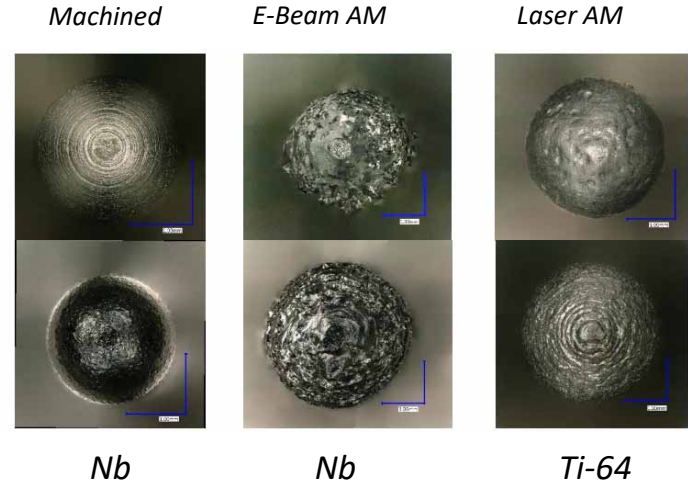


Cross section of local thinning versus FEA model

M. Kim, et al. "Mechanical behavior and forming of commercially-pure niobium sheet." *International Journal of Solids and Structures* 257 (2022): 111770.



- Metal additive manufacturing has reached high TRL in aero, medical & defense
  - Established alloys: cpTi, Al-Si-Mg
  - Emerging alloys: Nb (C103)
- Advantages:
  - Seamless 3D geometries without tool access limitations
  - Batch production with connecting channels



P. Carriere et al., First cryogenic test results of 3D-printed resonators for quantum bits, *IOP Conf. Ser.: Mater. Sci. Eng.* 1241 012046, 2022  
 A. Riensche et al., "Application of Hybrid Laser Powder Bed Fusion Additive Manufacturing to Microwave Radio Frequency Quarter Wave Cavity Resonators", *Int. J. Adv. Manuf. Technol.* 10547, 2022.

Nb	Machined, as is	$3.5 \cdot 10^6$
Nb	EB-PBF, abrasive polish and etched	$1.6 \cdot 10^6$
Nb	EB-PBF, abrasive polish and etched	$1.2 \cdot 10^6$
Ti64	L-PBF, HIP, tumbled, etched (-10um)	$0.4 \cdot 10^6$
Ti64	L-PBF, HIP, etched (-10um)	$2.2 \cdot 10^6$

# Accelerating Cavities



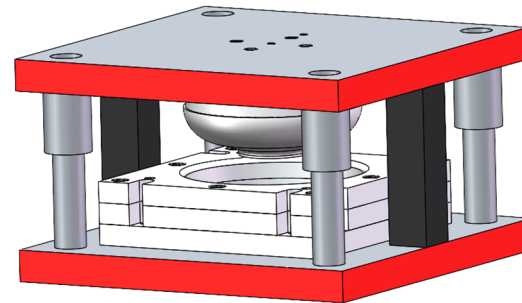
- We are developing the technology, vendors, and collaborators to fabricate 1.3 GHz and 3 GHz Nb cavities.

## Ongoing activities:

- In-house: Tooling and inspection, Weld joint machining, pre-weld BCP
- Outsourced: Forming – Ohio State University, EBW – Applied Fusion, CA
- Project consultants: John Rathke (AES), Ralf Edinger (PAVAC)
- Design and fabrication of deep drawing tooling for half-cells: punch + die set



**300T Interlaken Servopress-  
Ohio State University**

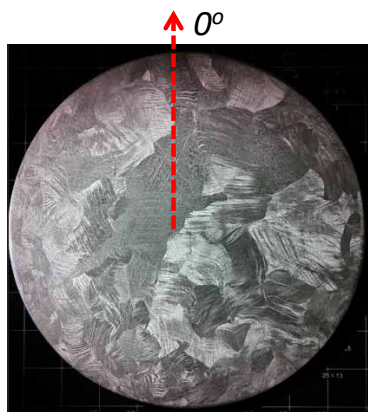


**Deep drawing tooling**

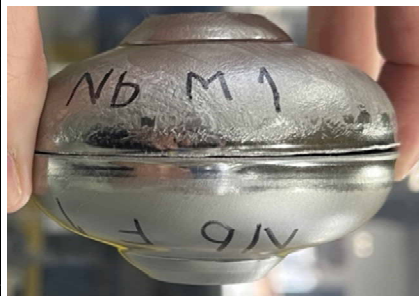




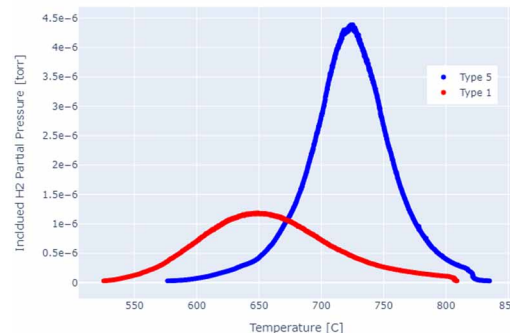
- Servopress forming of direct-sliced, medium grain high RRR niobium
  - Radiabeam, Jlab, Ohio State University, and ATI Wah Chang
- Comparative study with RRR and reactor grade, direct-forged ingot



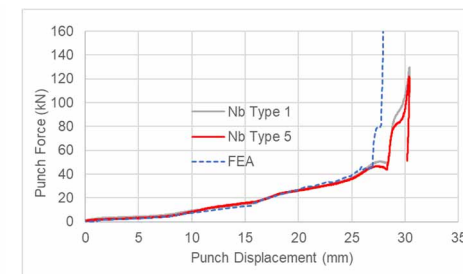
ATI direct forged, reactor-grade, medium grain Nb



3.9 GHz cavity



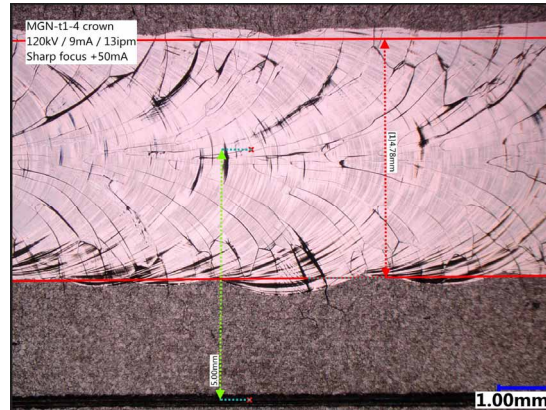
Post-BCP H vacuum desorption of MG and FG Nb



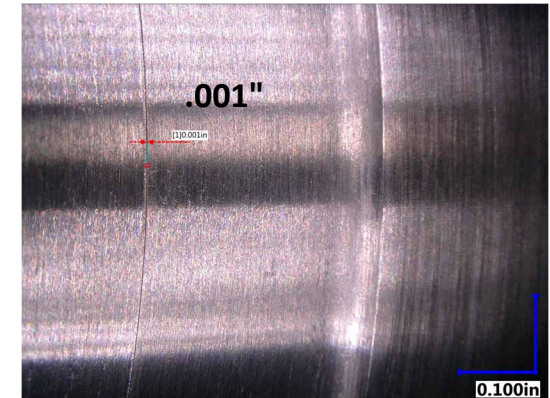
Deep drawing punch force/displacement curve versus FEA

## Ongoing activities:

- Applied Fusion: x7 modern 150kV CNC probeam machines
  - Experienced: Semiconductor & Aerospace
  - State-of-the-art beam diagnostics and CNC control
- Bead-on-plate trials complete, radial weld trials of machined reactor-grade tube in-progress



Sample 4/5 gap, x30, within designed tolerances





- Cavity Development and Fabrication
  - No present U.S. vendors for finished niobium cavities
  - Situation: AES out of business, Roark has some, but not all capabilities, European vendors costly/slow
- Thanks to DOE SBIR program + consulting from ANL, RadiaBeam developed in-house Nb machining capability
  - We machined 6 GHz QWRs, and Nb /NbTi parts for 218 MHz QWR
  - BCP and cavity baking capabilities were also developed for small scale cavities
  - EBW machine exists at RadiaBeam, but requires significant resources to become operational
- A new Phase IIB has been awarded to develop more SRF technology capabilities
  - Forming, welding, etc.
  - In discussions with FNAL, JLAB, ANL and other interested parties
- **In 2023 DOE introduced 70% cuts in the Office of Science SBIR programs**
  - This was historically the critical DOE program to support R&D activities by small businesses
  - These cuts affect RadiaBeam and other companies in the field, and may result in a major loss of capabilities and trained personnel within 1–2 years
  - Putting in question SRF perspectives at RadiaBeam and the ability of the US small businesses to remain a part of the accelerator community
- *We would like the community's feedback and ideas on how to support these new capabilities in this new environment*