

# Select BIO for Perry Wilson

(from Greg Loew)



- **Perry Baker Wilson, 1927-2013**
- 1958 PhD thesis “Microwave Electron Velocity Spectrograph,” under Prof. Edward Ginzton in the Microwave Laboratory/Stanford.
- 1959-1964 Stanford University, Research Associate, High Energy Physics Laboratory (HEPL)
- 1964 -1966 Associate Director for Operations at HEPL
- 1966-1968 Senior Research Associate
- 1968-1969 Visiting Scientist at CERN
- 1969 SLAC as a Senior Research Associate.
- SLAC first assignment: explore the possibility of converting the three-kilometer-long copper linear accelerator to a higher duty-cycle, higher-gradient superconducting niobium machine (now LCLS-II !!)

# INVESTIGATION OF THE Q OF A SUPERCONDUCTING MICROWAVE CAVITY

- P B WILSON, *High-Energy Physics Laboratory, W W Hansen Laboratories of Physics, Stanford University*
- Wilson is Sole author
  - acknowledges, Fairbanks and Pierce
- NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS 20 (1963)
- Note BCS :1957, Mattis and Bardeen :1958
- surface conductivity for lead and tin superconductors as a function of temperature, frequency, rf field strength.
- Motivation: possible application of superconductivity to particle accelerators, superconducting linacs and rf separators.

# Cavity

- Copper  $TE_{011}$  cavity, 2856 MHz, 14 cm in diameter and 14 cm long, with a surface deposit of the superconductor.  $G = 780 \text{ Ohm}$ .
- Indium gaskets at the joints.
- $TE_{011}$  mode picked because there is no current flow across the junctions between the cylindrical cavity side wall and the end plates.
- The Q therefore does not depend on the quality of the contact at these junctions.
- A re-entrant trap in one end plate perturbs the frequency of the unwanted, degenerate  $TM_{111}$  mode.
- Gives a block diagram of the microwave circuitry involved for measurements.

# Pioneering Results

- The  $Q$  for tin and lead cavities measured at  $1.8^\circ$  K, highest reached  $2 \times 10^8$  for lead and  $5 \times 10^7$  for tin.

=>  $R_s$  for lead  $3.6 \times 10^{-6} \Omega$ ,  $R_s$  for Sn  $15.6 \times 10^{-6} \Omega$

- Surface resistance fitting was done with a Pippard two fluid like model:

$$R_s = A(\omega) R_n \frac{t^4(1-t^2)}{(1-t^4)^2} + R_0$$

- $Q$  was constant with power up to about 3 W, reaching peak magnetic fields of about 40 G for tin and about 70 G for lead.

P. Wilson pioneering measurement 1963,  
 $H_{\max}$  70 Gauss (power limit)  $Q = 2.2 \times 10^8$

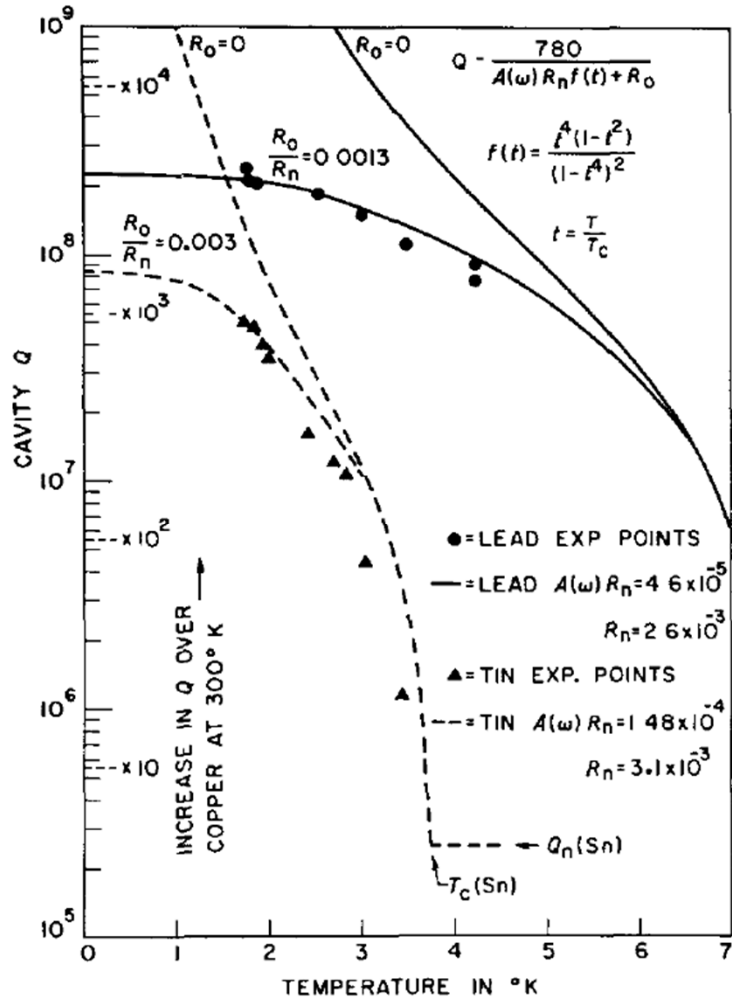


Fig 3 Cavity  $Q$  as a function of temperature

Rapid progress in field: 10 years later, CERN  
 $Q$ : Hrf max near 800 Gauss, Max  $Q$  at low  $H = 8.3 \times 10^9$

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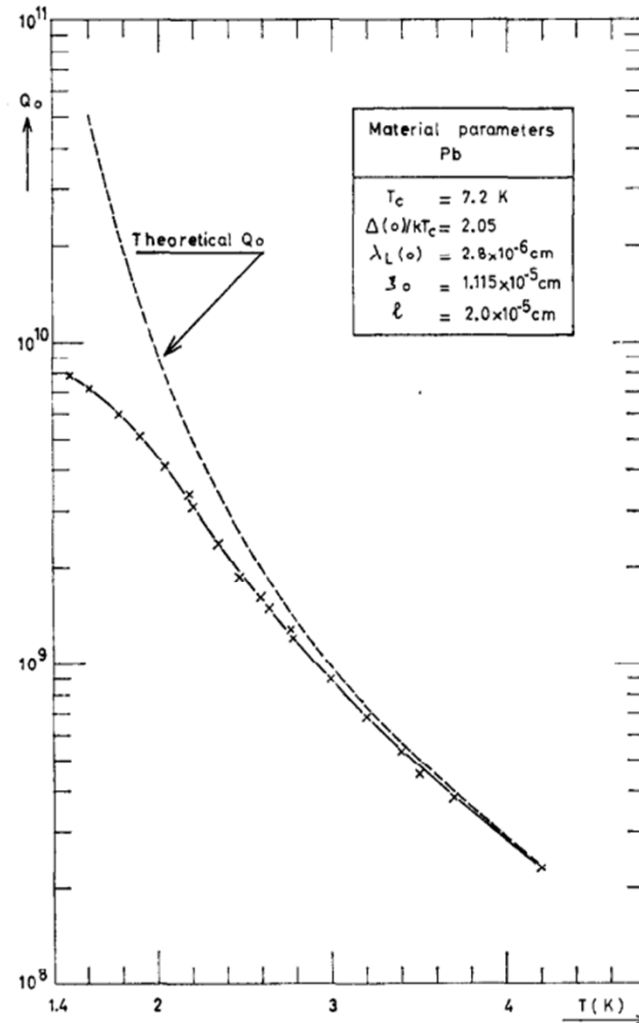


Fig. 5. The  $Q_0$  variation at 2.85 GHz as a function of temperature for a Pb-plated  $TE_{011}$  cavity. (x) = measured values; dashed curve =  $Q_0$  (theory); full curve =  $Q_0$  (theory) —  $Q_0$  (residual).

Wilson's role in this pioneering SRF research was historically crucial for the entire accelerator community.