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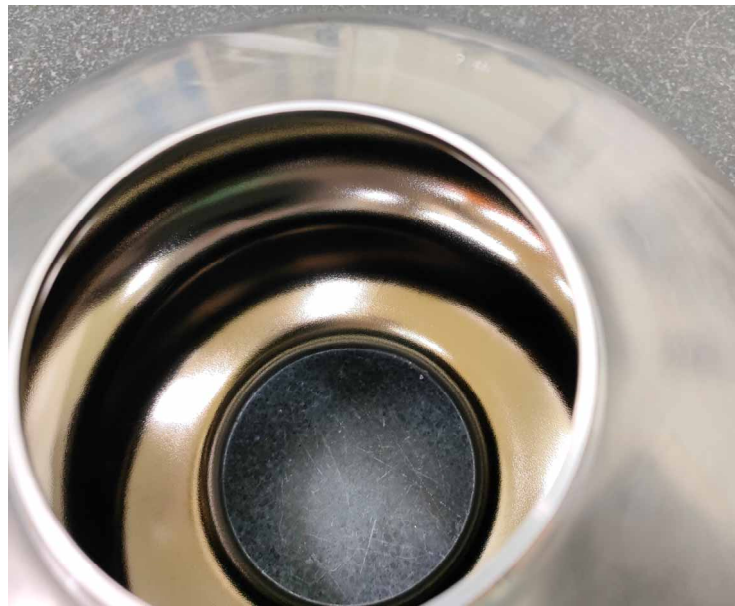
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# Recent Advances In Metallographic Polishing For SRF Application

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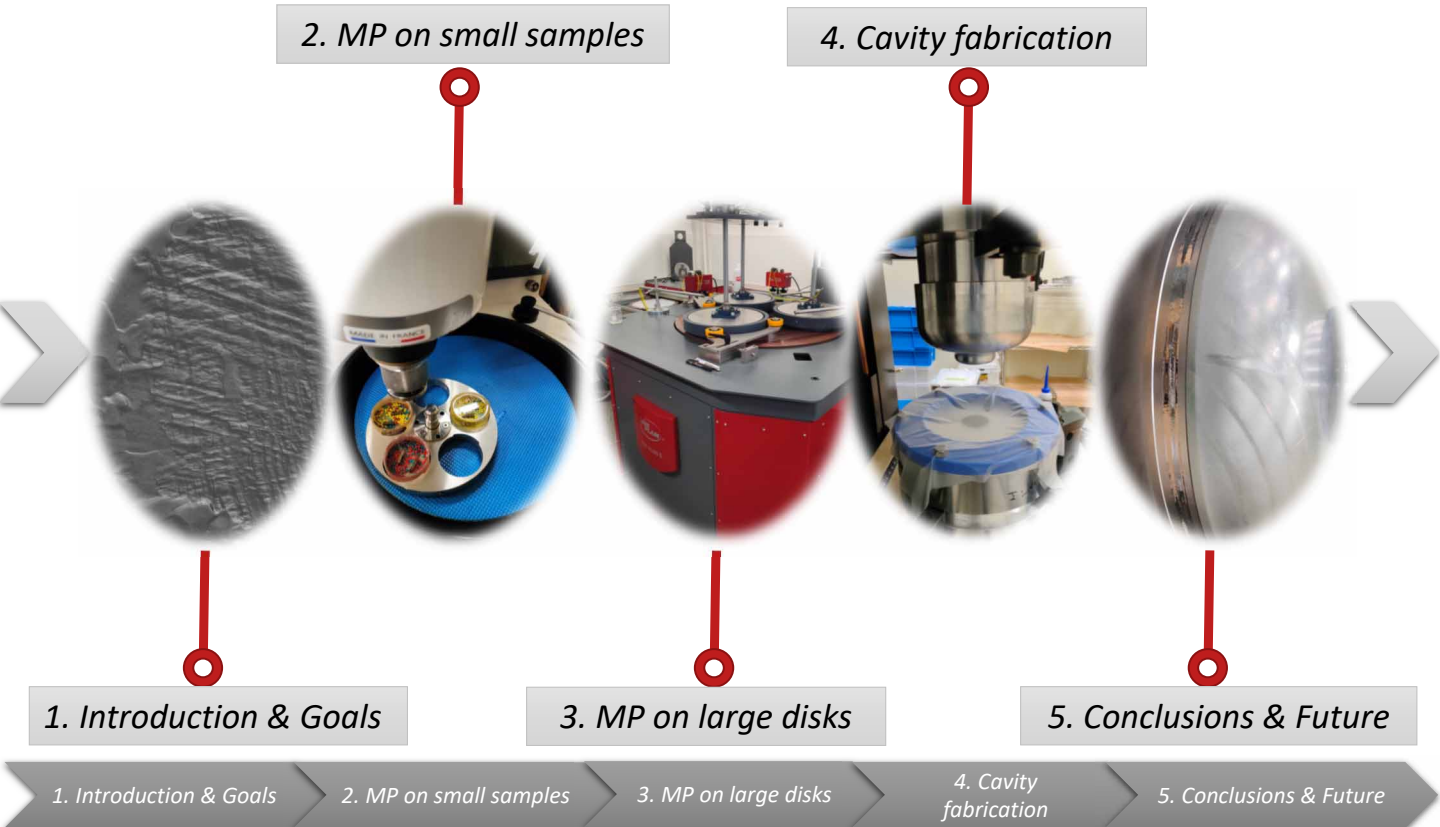
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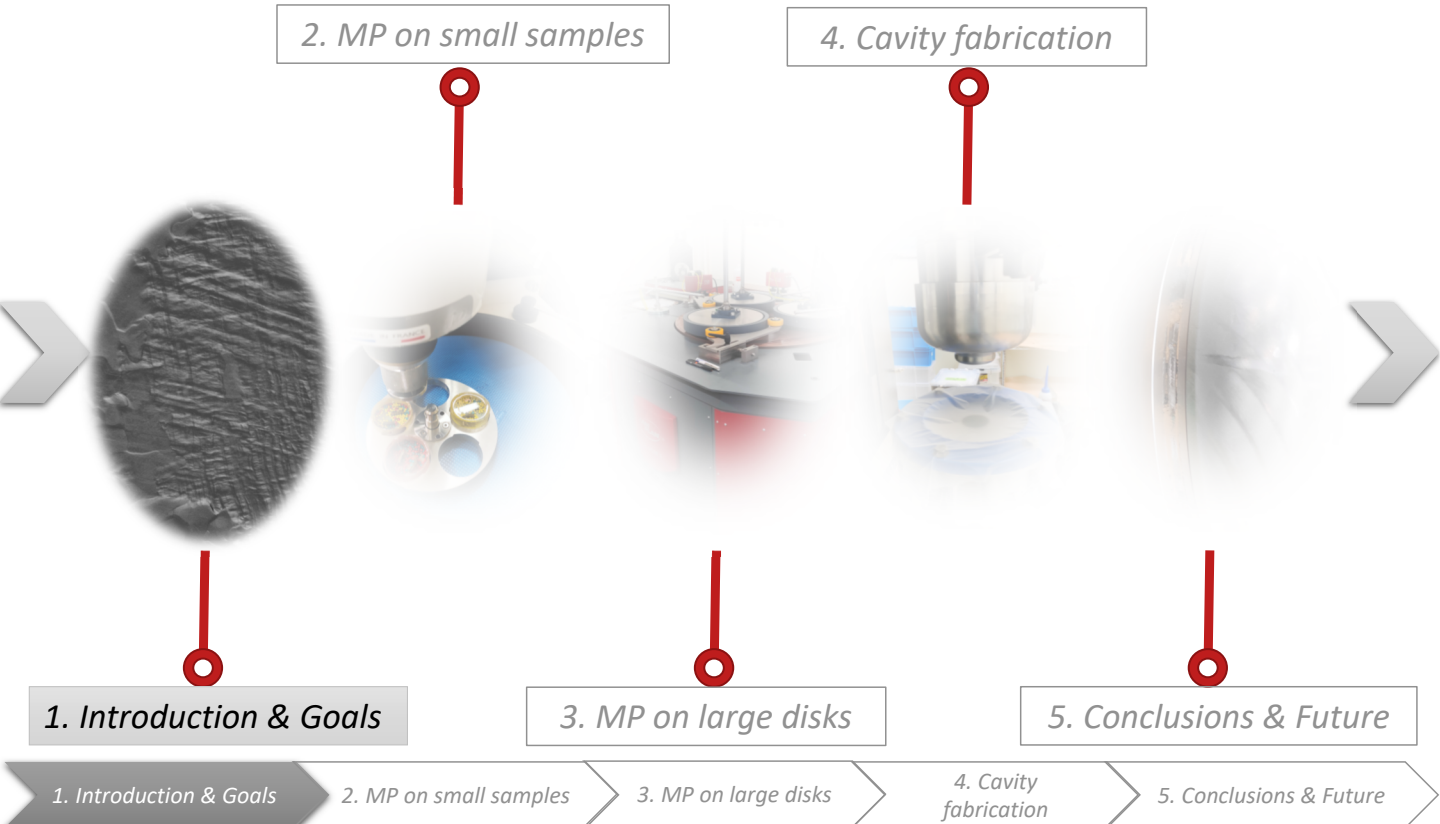
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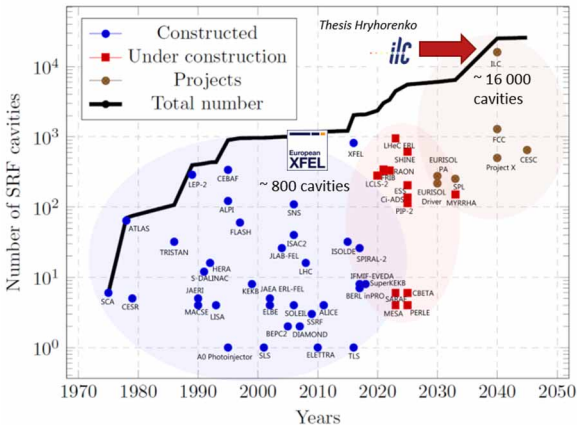
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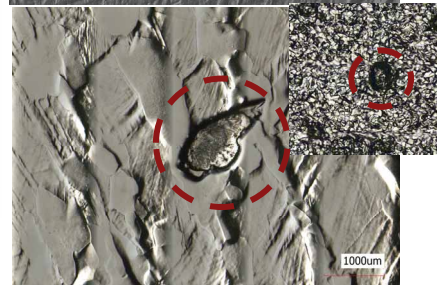
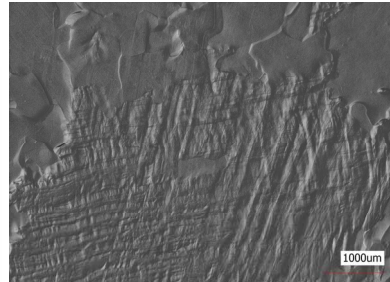
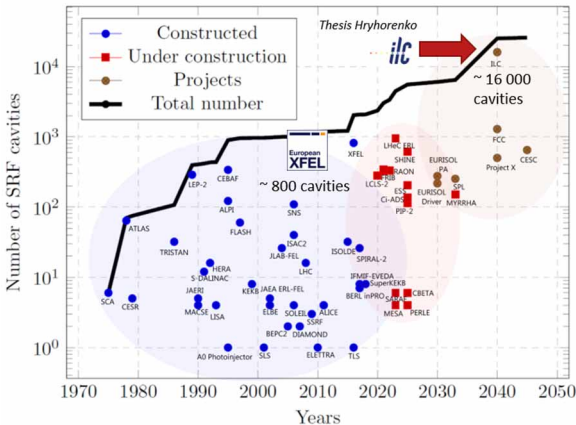


  
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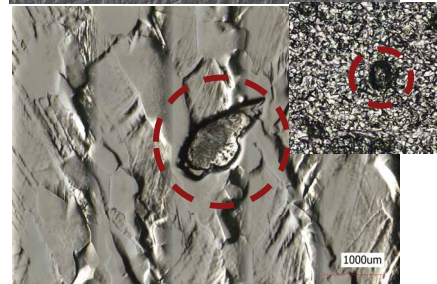
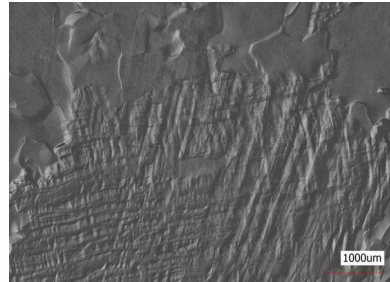
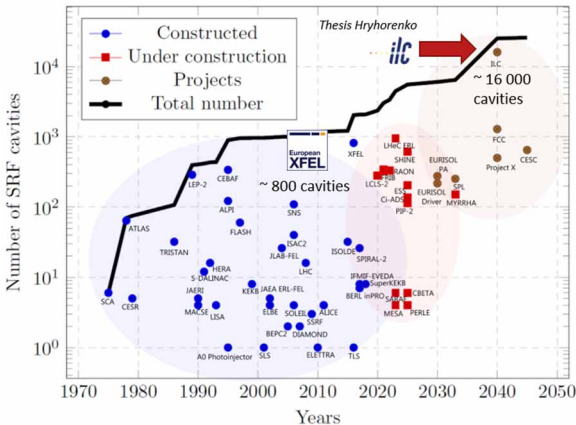
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First attempts to transfer MP protocol to large areas compatible for 1.3 GHz cavity fabrication and forming studies on samples. Presented at SRF 2021

Eduard Chyhyrynets performed vibro-tumbling on 6 GHz cavities (INFN). Presented at SRF 19

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- 2 steps/removal rate 3.2 um/h

# Goals

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- Remove damaged layer 100-200 um before cavity fabrication
- Get superior smoothness and flatness compared to conventional polishing
- Limit manipulations and process time (industrialization concern)
- Fabricate three 1-cell cavities with pre-polished disks
- Measure their performances

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Tumbling	0.008	weeks
CBP	0.08	days
Vibro-tumbling	0.05	days
BCP	1	4-8 h
EP	0.5	8-16 h
MP	1.5	1-3 h



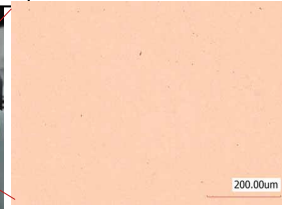
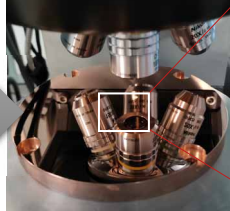
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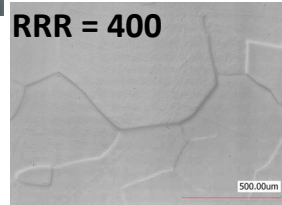


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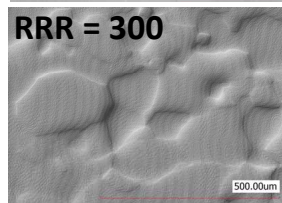
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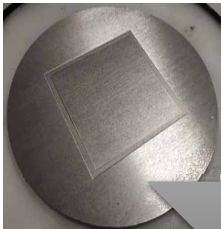
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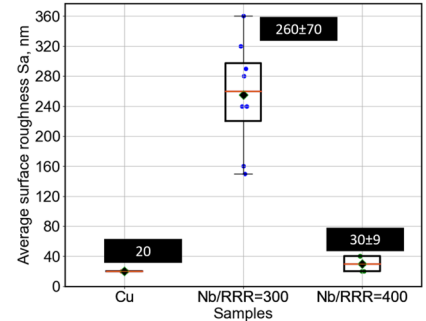
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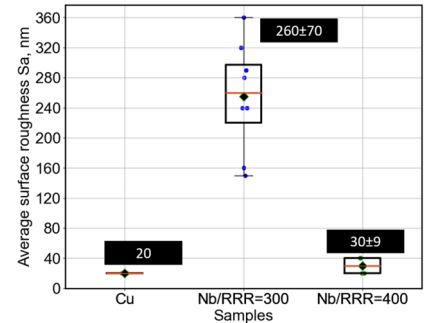
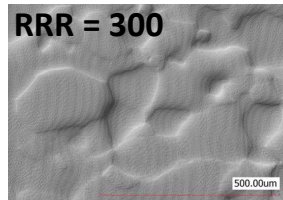
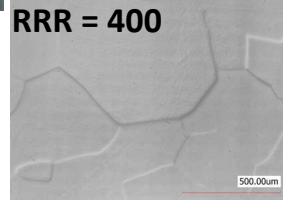
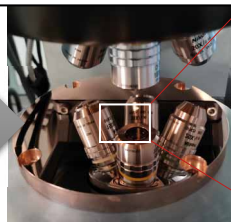
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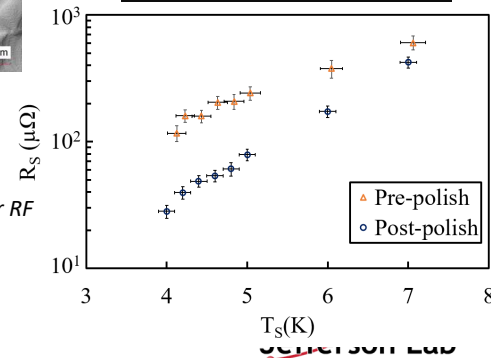
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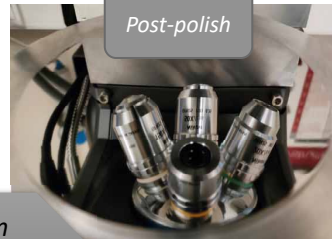
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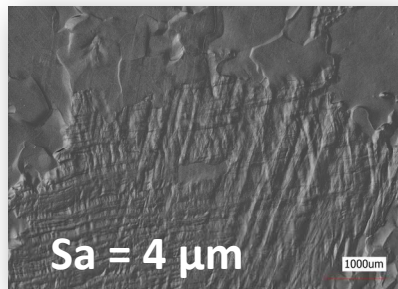
- Cavity frequency = 7.8 GHz
- TM<sub>010</sub> mode
- Sample temperatures, T<sub>S</sub>  $\geq$  4 K
- Sample B<sub>peak</sub>  $\leq$  1.1 mT
- Low RF powers  $\leq$  1 W
- Fast and qualitative analysis

- Nb disk is evaluated under RF
- R<sub>BCS</sub> (4.2 K)  $\sim$  15.3  $\mu\Omega$
- Improvement in R<sub>s</sub>

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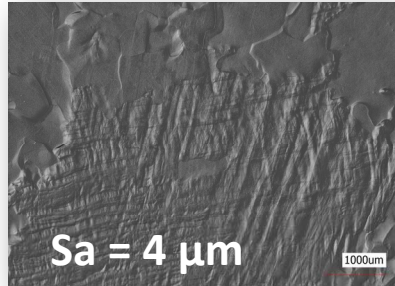
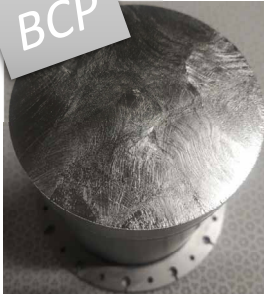
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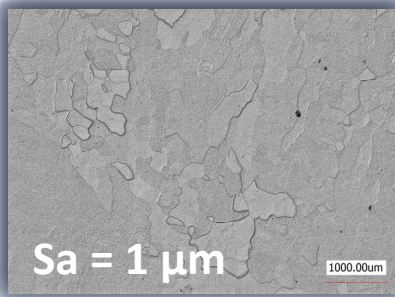


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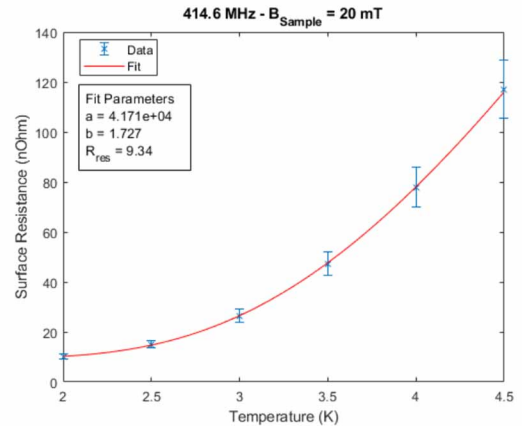


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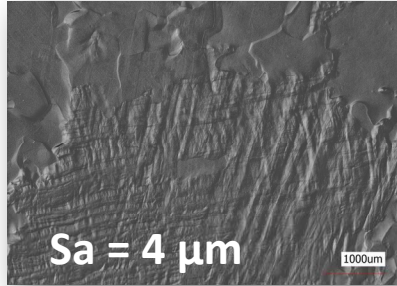
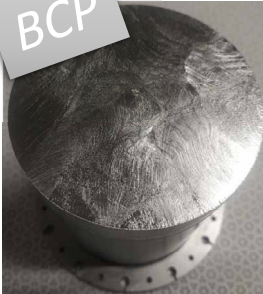
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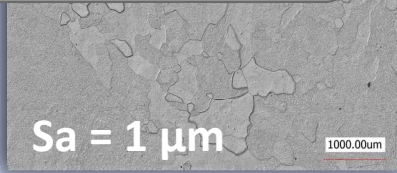
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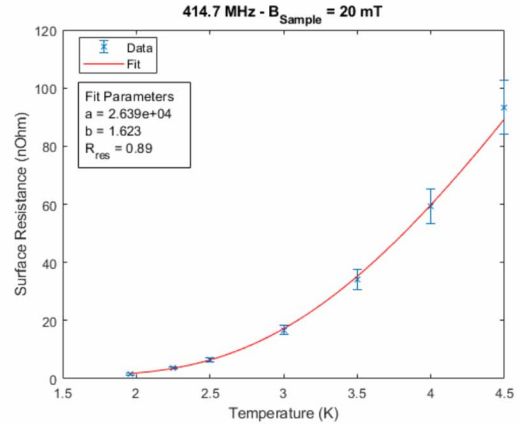
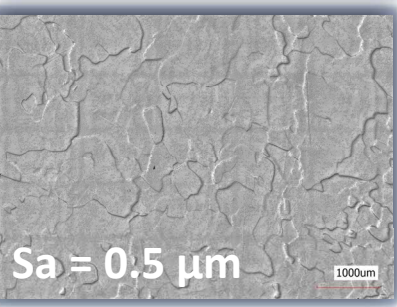
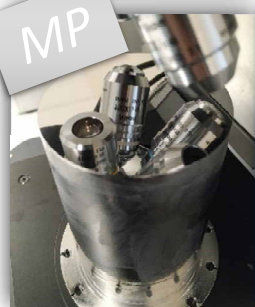
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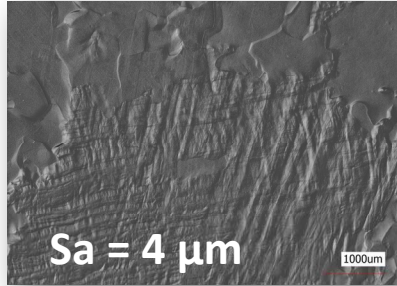
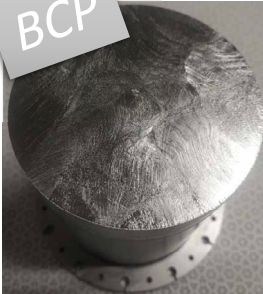
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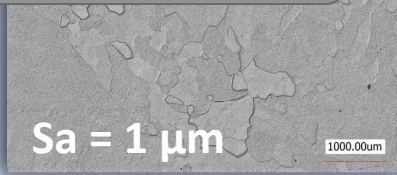


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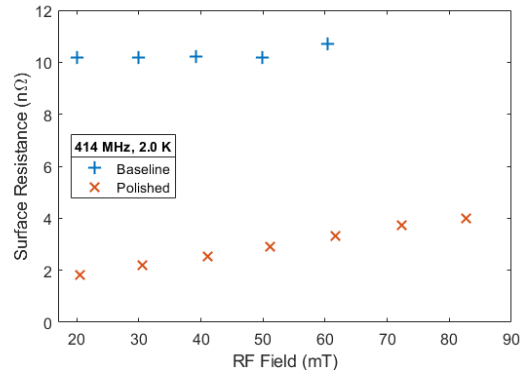
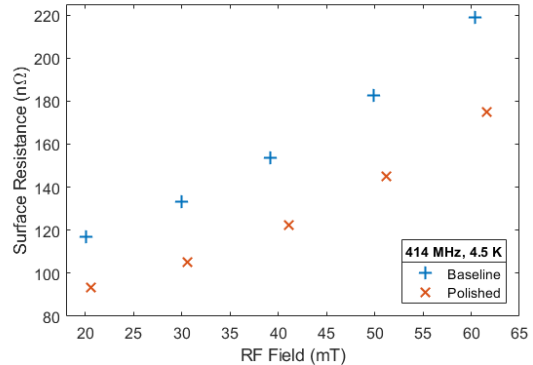
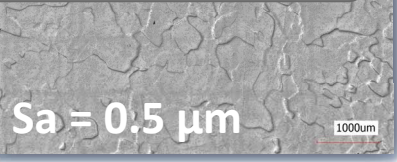


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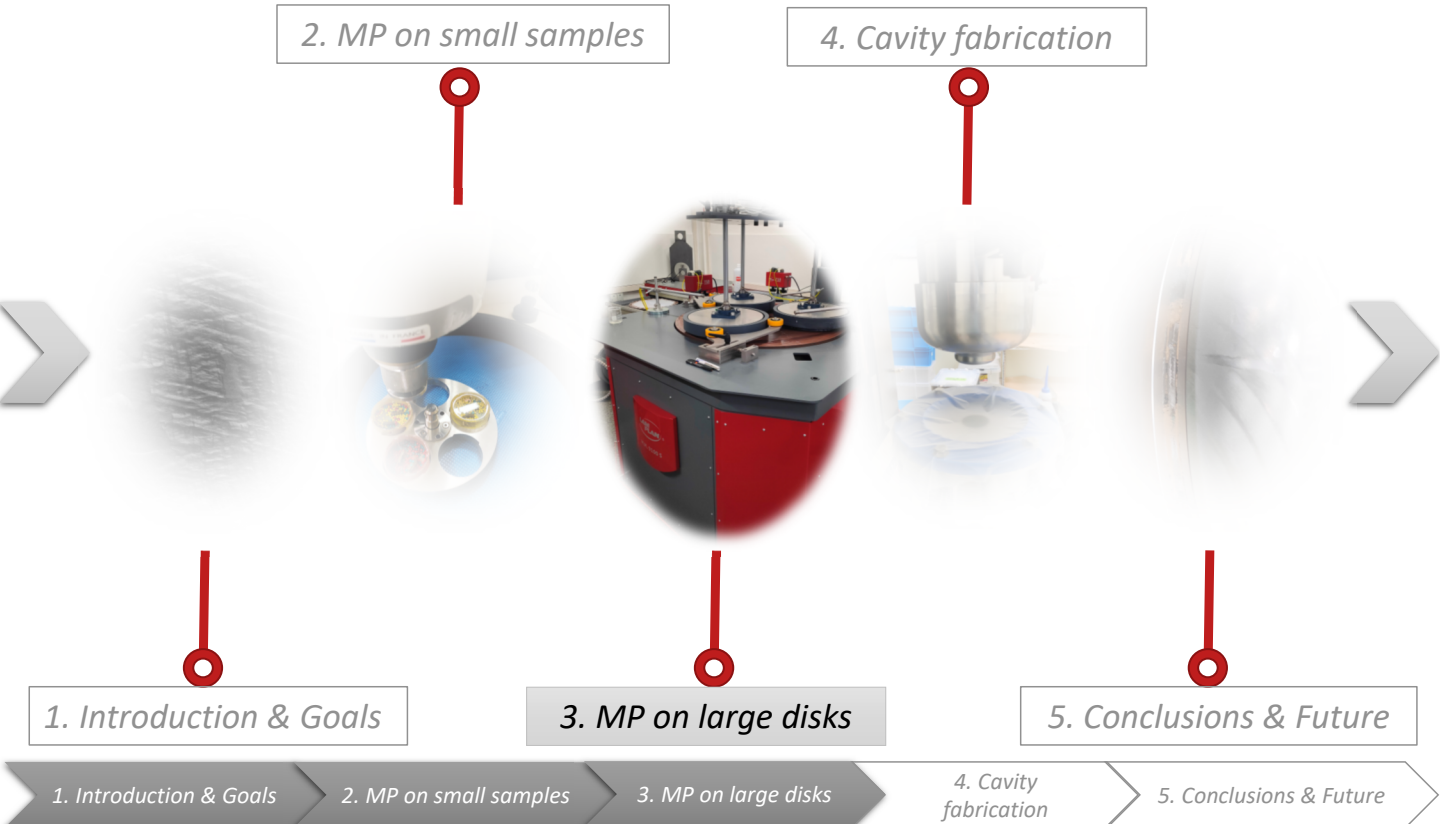
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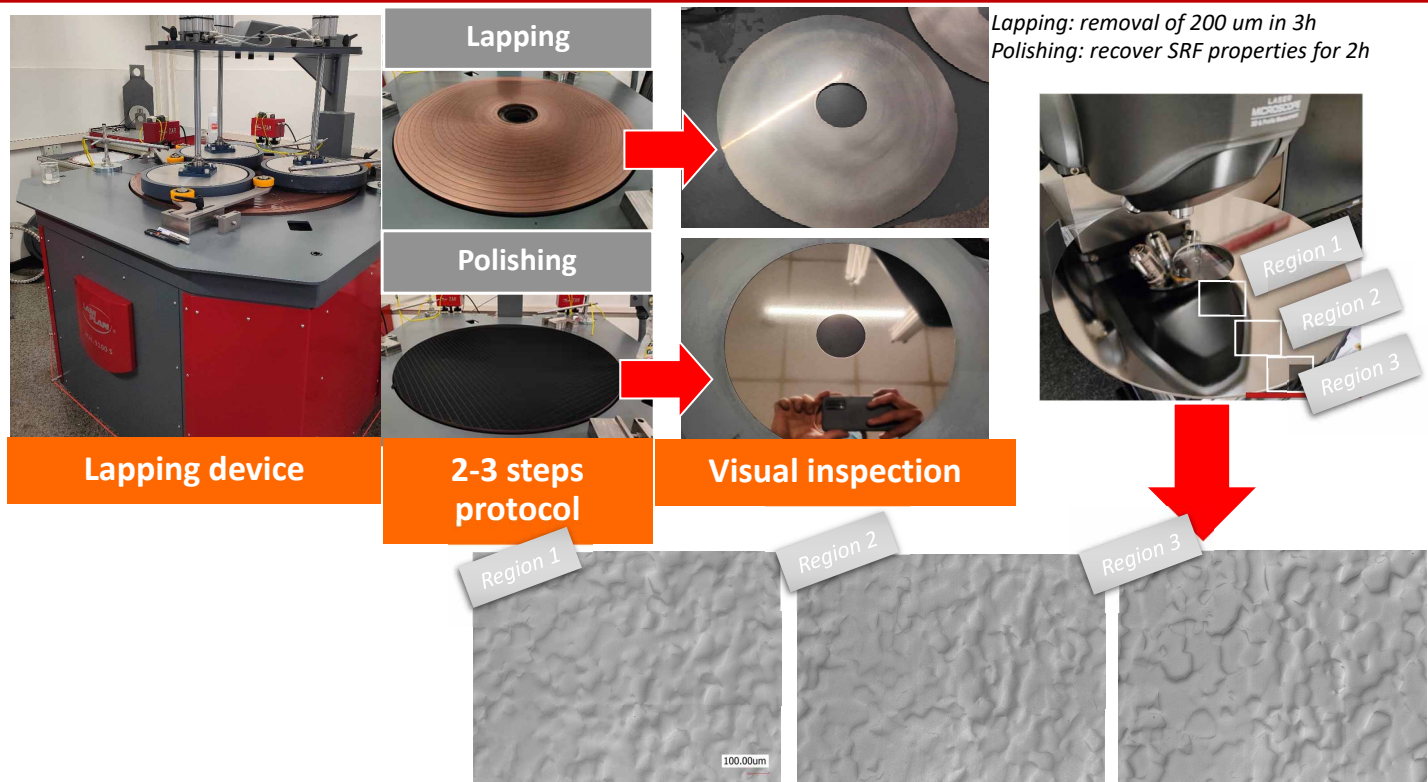


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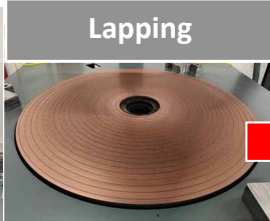
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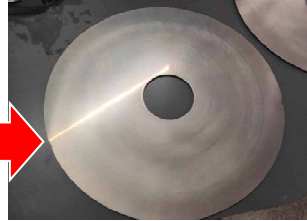
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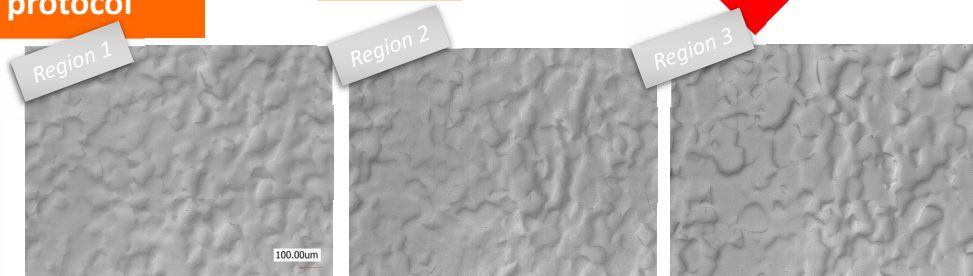
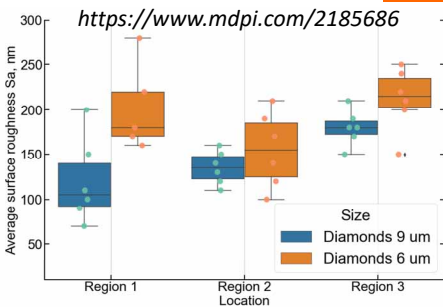


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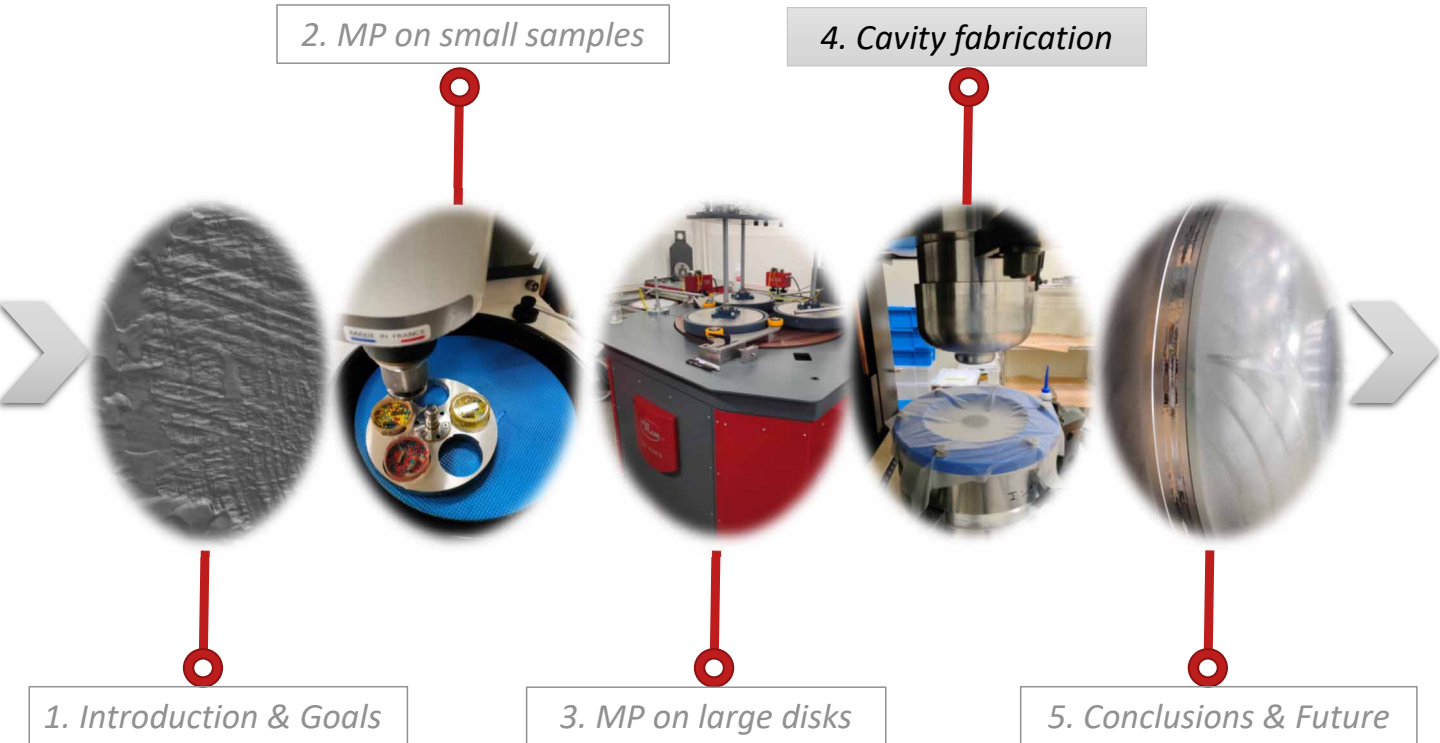
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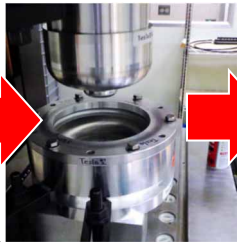
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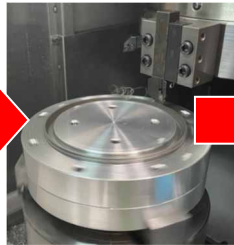
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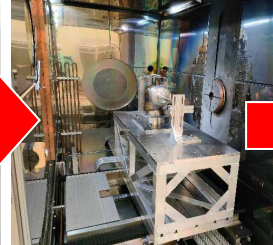
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Deep-drawing



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Welding



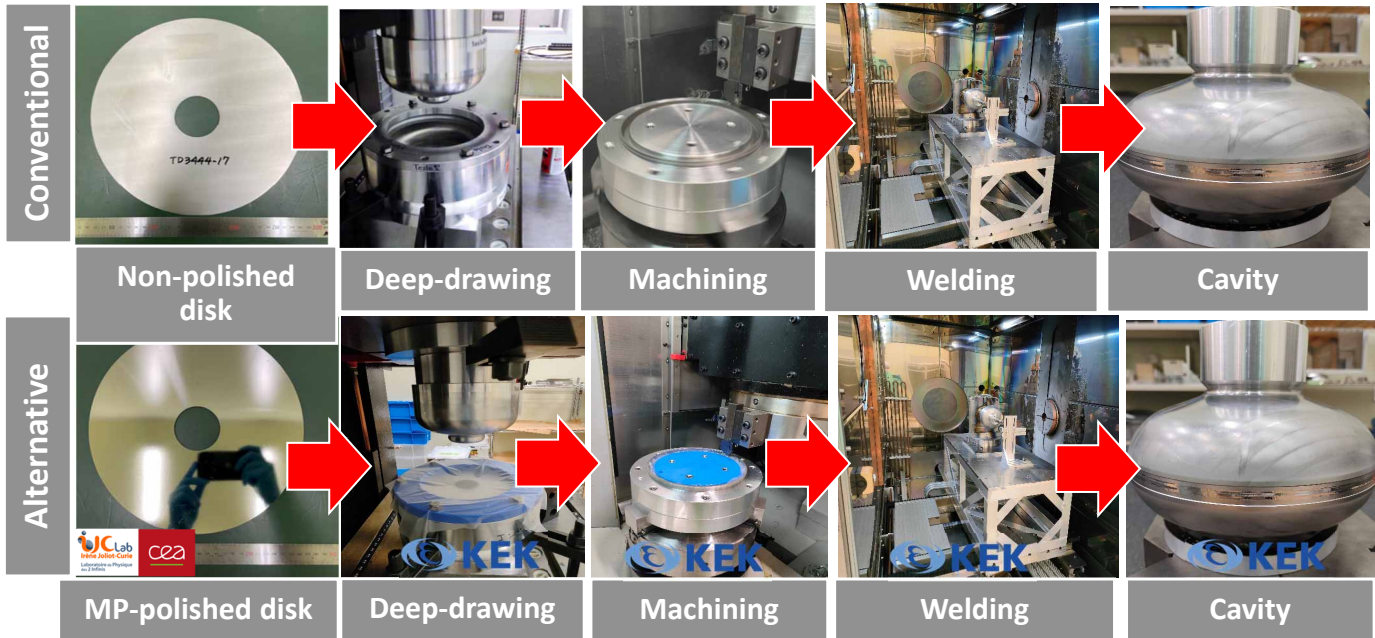
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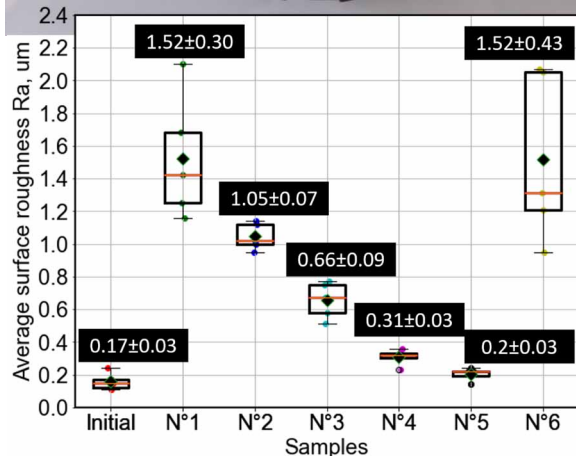
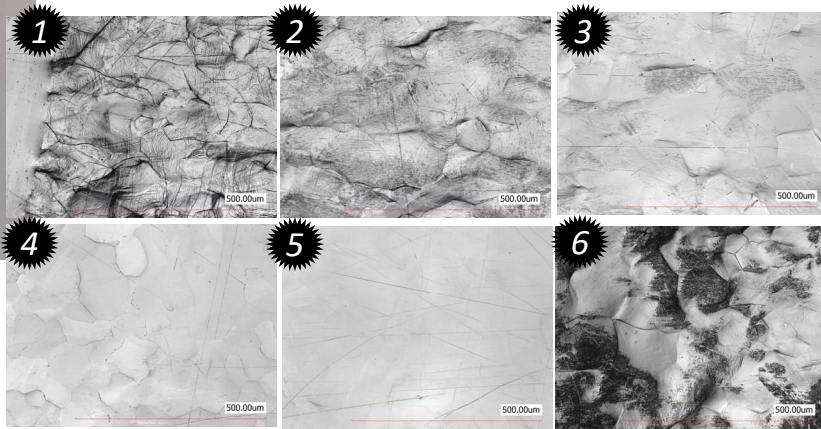
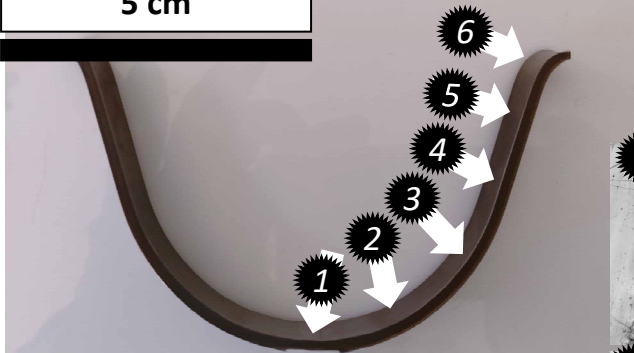
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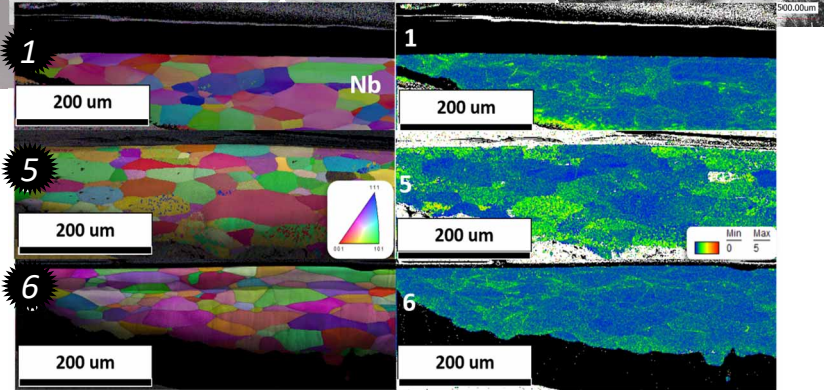
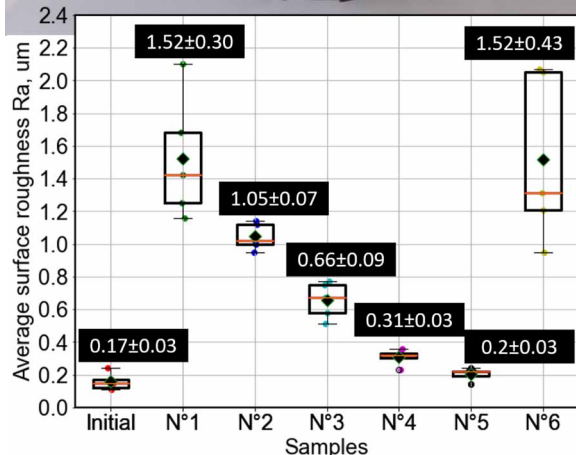
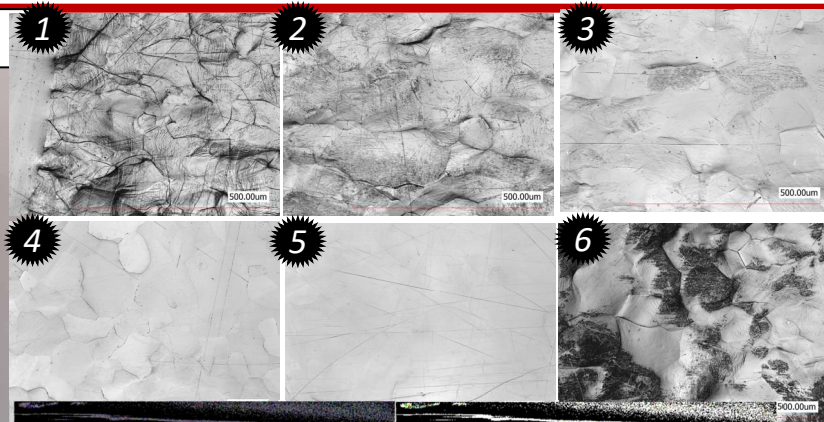
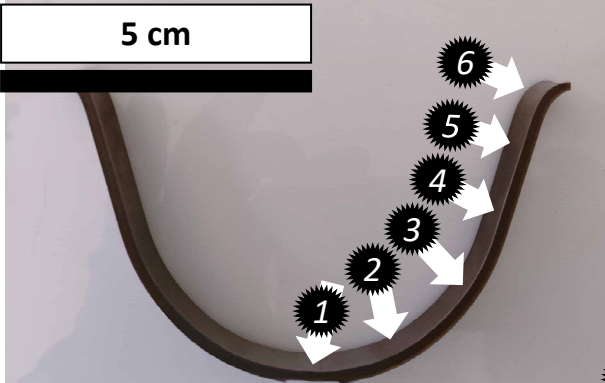
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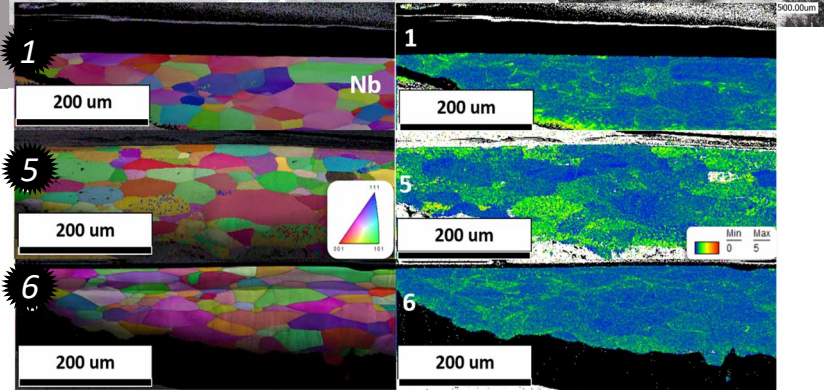
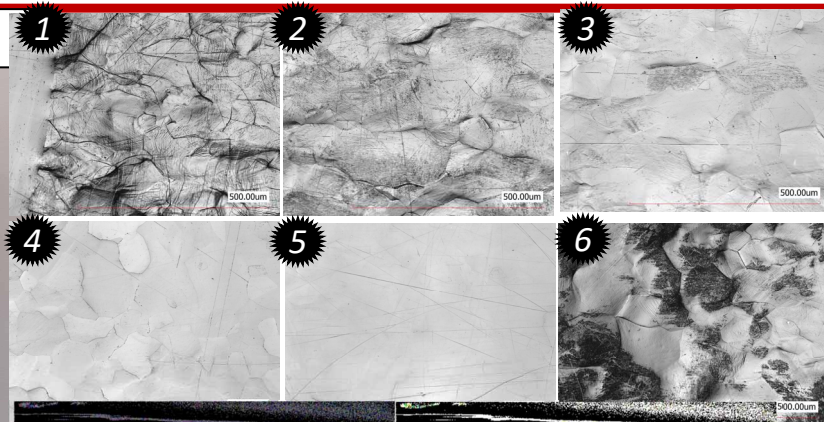
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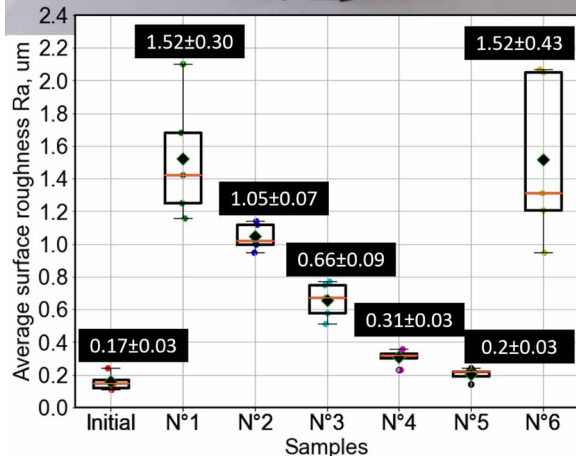
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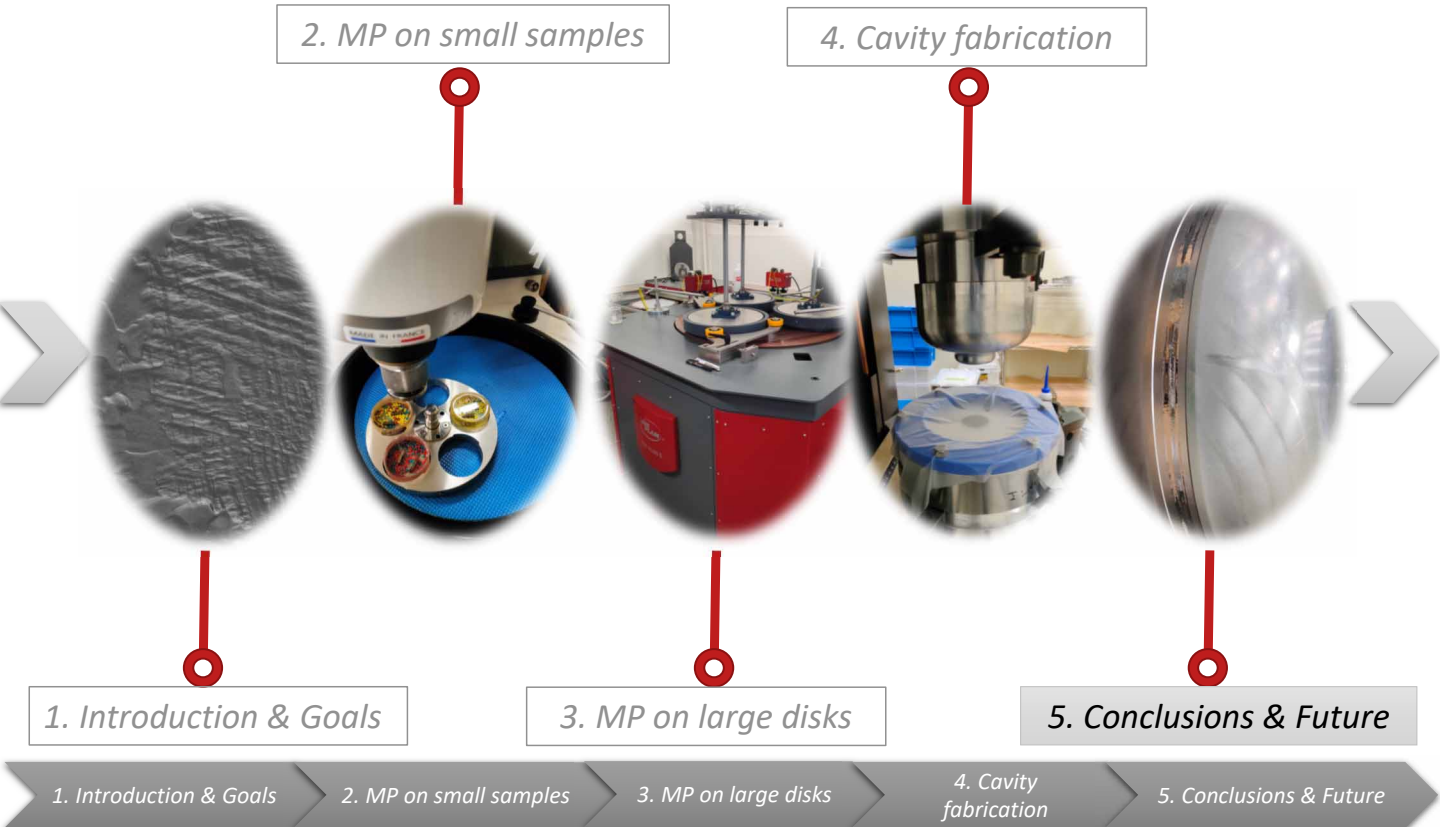
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Combined action of an intermediate layer at the interface between dies and disk, and improved final internal surface resulted that the load being better distributed during deep drawing, as well as the better-distributed and reduced friction.



# Outline



# Conclusions & Future

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- MP polishing is a great method to prepare substrates for thin deposition
- MP polishing protocol successfully transferred to large disks
- We fabricated dummy 1.3 GHz cell with a novel approach, applying polishing before fabrication, to study material properties.
- Damages after cavity fabrication are considered to be less than 1  $\mu\text{m}$  and located at revealed new grain GBs.
- Superior level of smoothness and flatness before forming compared to conventional polishing.
- High residual strain at GB might be removed via recrystallization (800 °C, 2h).
- Three additional cavities will be fabricated in the framework of the FJPPL program (one is welded, and 4 half-cells are ready), to study RF performance.

# Thank you all for listening !

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