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Thermal Boundary Resistance problems for SRF cavities

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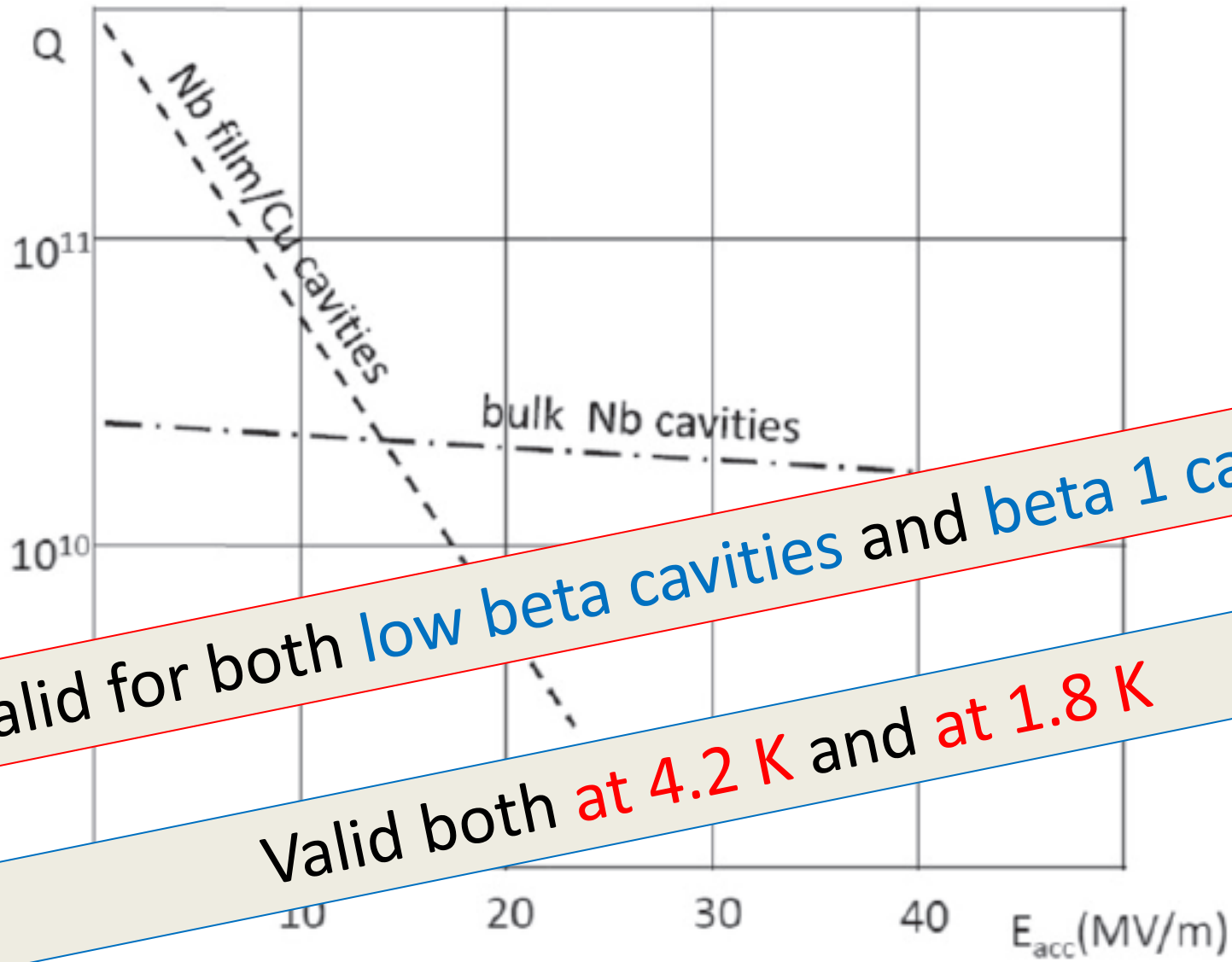
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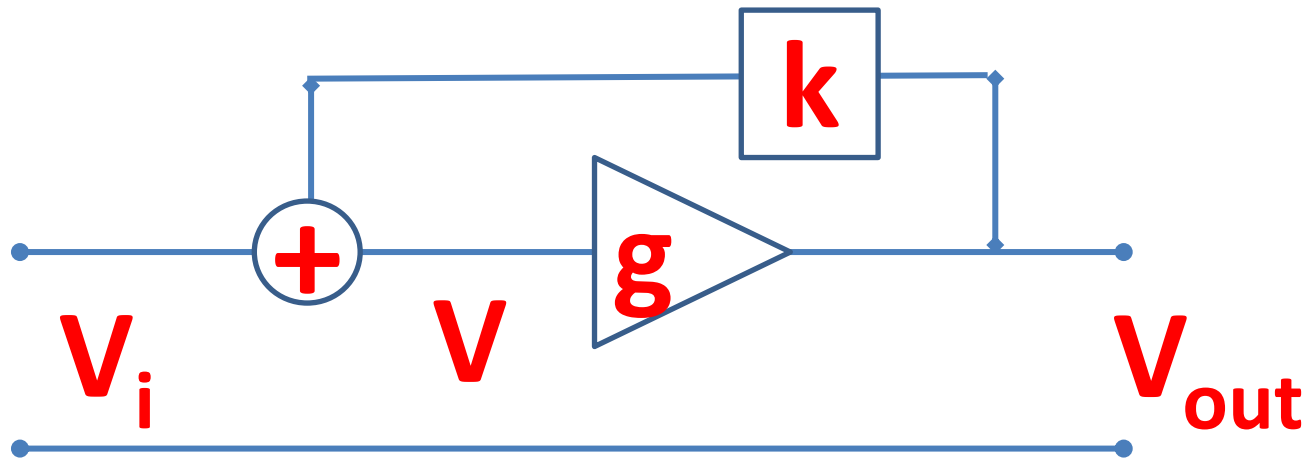
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The main limitation



Thermal Feedback Model

(Ernst Haebel – CERN 2003)



$$V_{out} = \frac{g V_i}{1 - g k}$$

Thermal Feedback Model

$$P_{diss} \propto R_S(T) U$$

$$U \propto E_{acc}^2$$

$$R_S(T) = R_S(T_0) + \left. \left(\frac{\partial R_S}{\partial T} \right) \right|_{T_0} \Delta T$$

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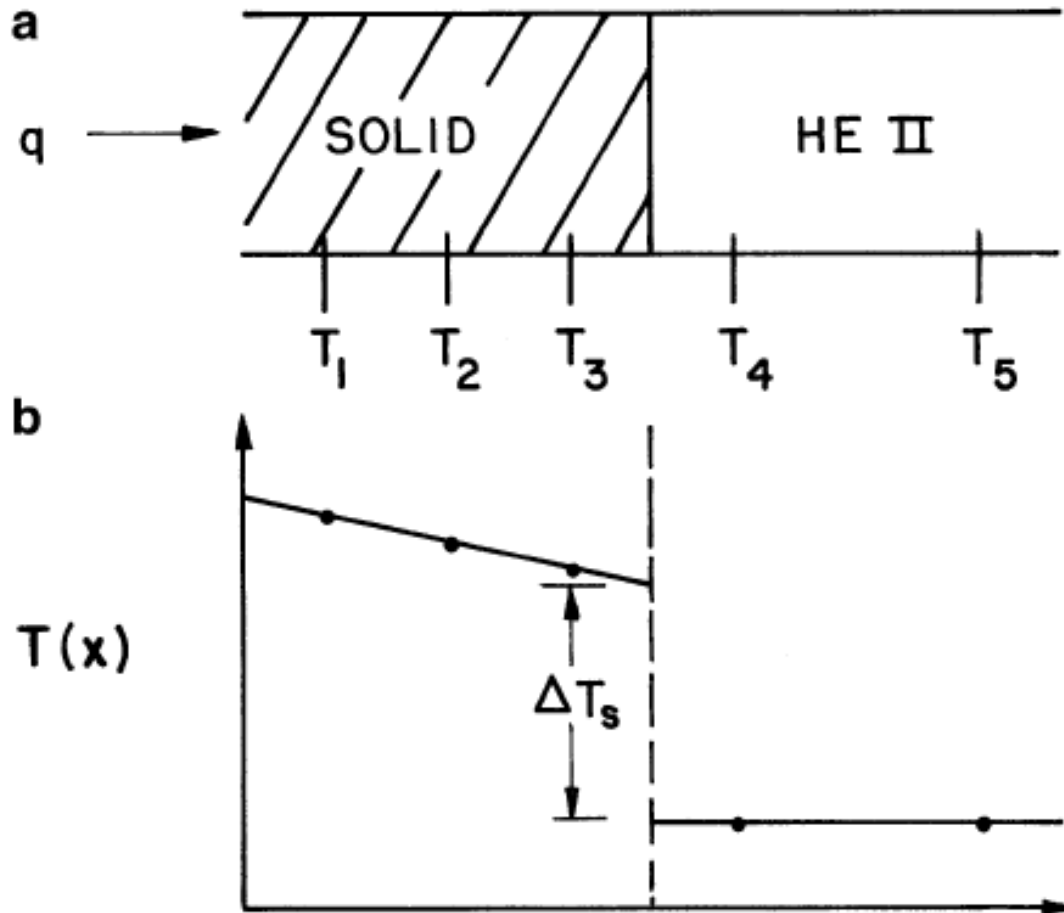
$$Q_0 \propto \frac{U}{P_{diss}} = \frac{\Gamma}{R_{S0}} - \gamma \frac{R_{th}}{R_{S0}} \left(\frac{\partial R_S}{\partial T} \right) U$$

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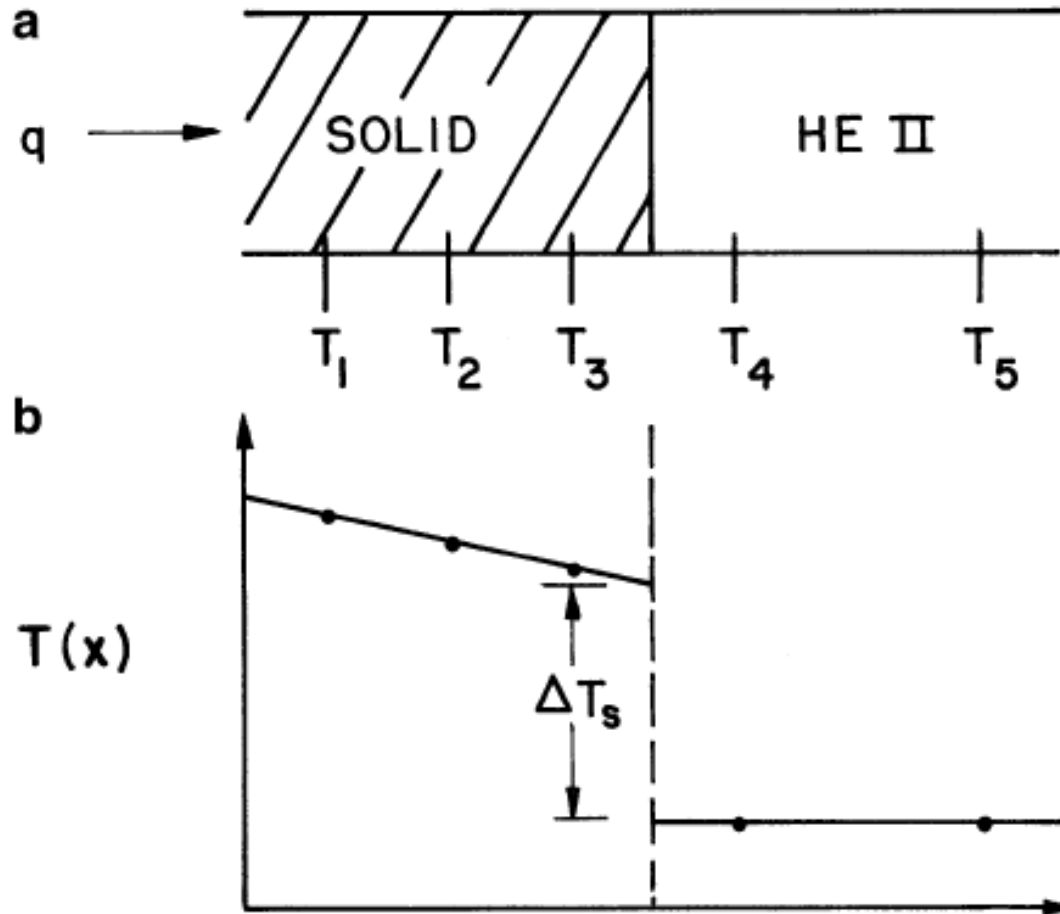
$$Q_0 = \frac{\Gamma}{R_{s0}} - G \frac{R_{th}}{R_{s0}} \left(\frac{\partial R_s}{\partial T} \right) E_{acc}^2$$

A Q-slope is intrinsic to any cavity
supposed a R_{th} however small

Thermal boundary conductance at the interface between solid and liquid-He was first studied by Kapitza in 1941

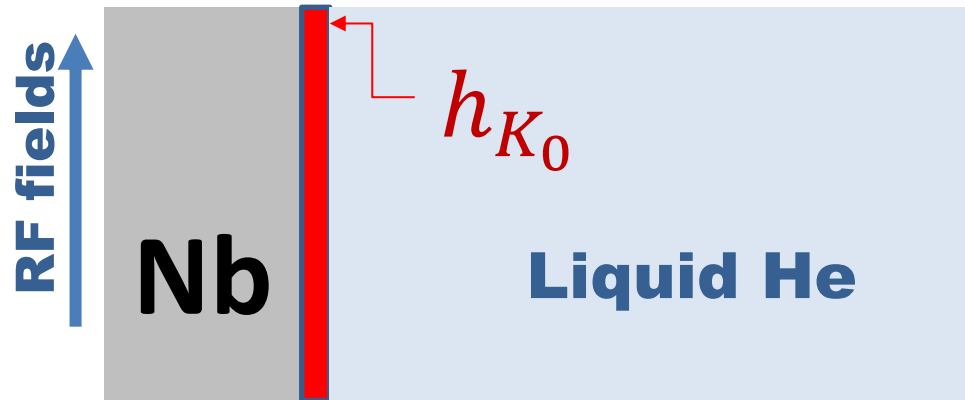


A method to measure R_{th} is described below



The temperature at various points within the solid and He are measured as they vary with applied heat flux q

Kapitza conductance



$$h_{K_0} = \lim_{\Delta T_S \rightarrow 0} \frac{q}{\Delta T_S}$$

This quantity has a strong T^n temperature dependence with n varying between 2 and 4

Phonon Radiation Limit

A body “above 0 K” contains thermal energy, which in the case of insulators is in the form of a phonon spectrum, while **for conductors** it may be due **partially** to **the electrons**.

Phonon Radiation Limit

In **Debye theory**, the internal energy may be written as a temperature-dependent quantity,

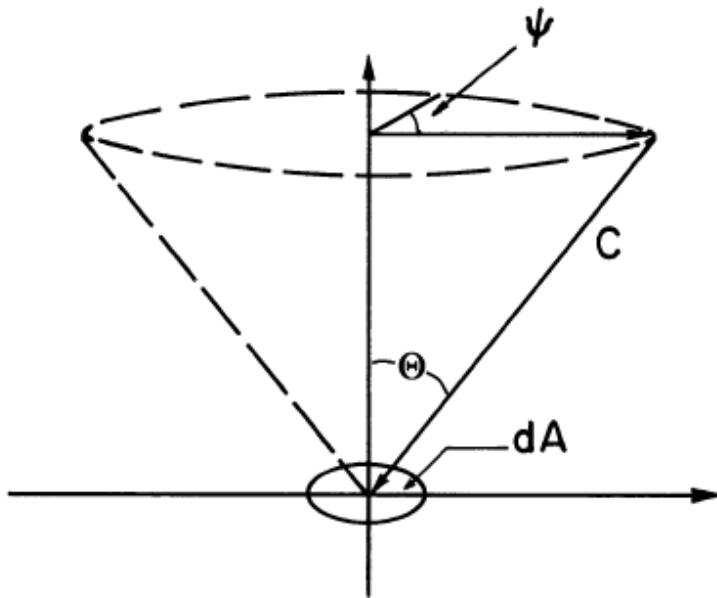
$$E_{Ph} = a T^4$$

where $a = \frac{3}{5} \pi^4 (N/V) k_B / \Theta_D^3$

and $T \ll \Theta_D$, the Debye temperature

Phonon Radiation Limit

$$q = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} c E_{\text{ph}} \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{4} c E_{\text{ph}}$$



$$E_{\text{Ph}} = a T^4$$

$$q = \sigma T^4$$

Phonon Radiation Limit

The net heat flux through the interface is a difference between the radiant energy incident on the high-temperature side, $q(T + \Delta T)$, minus that incident from the low-temperature side, $q(T)$

$$q_{net} = q(T + \Delta T) - q(T)$$

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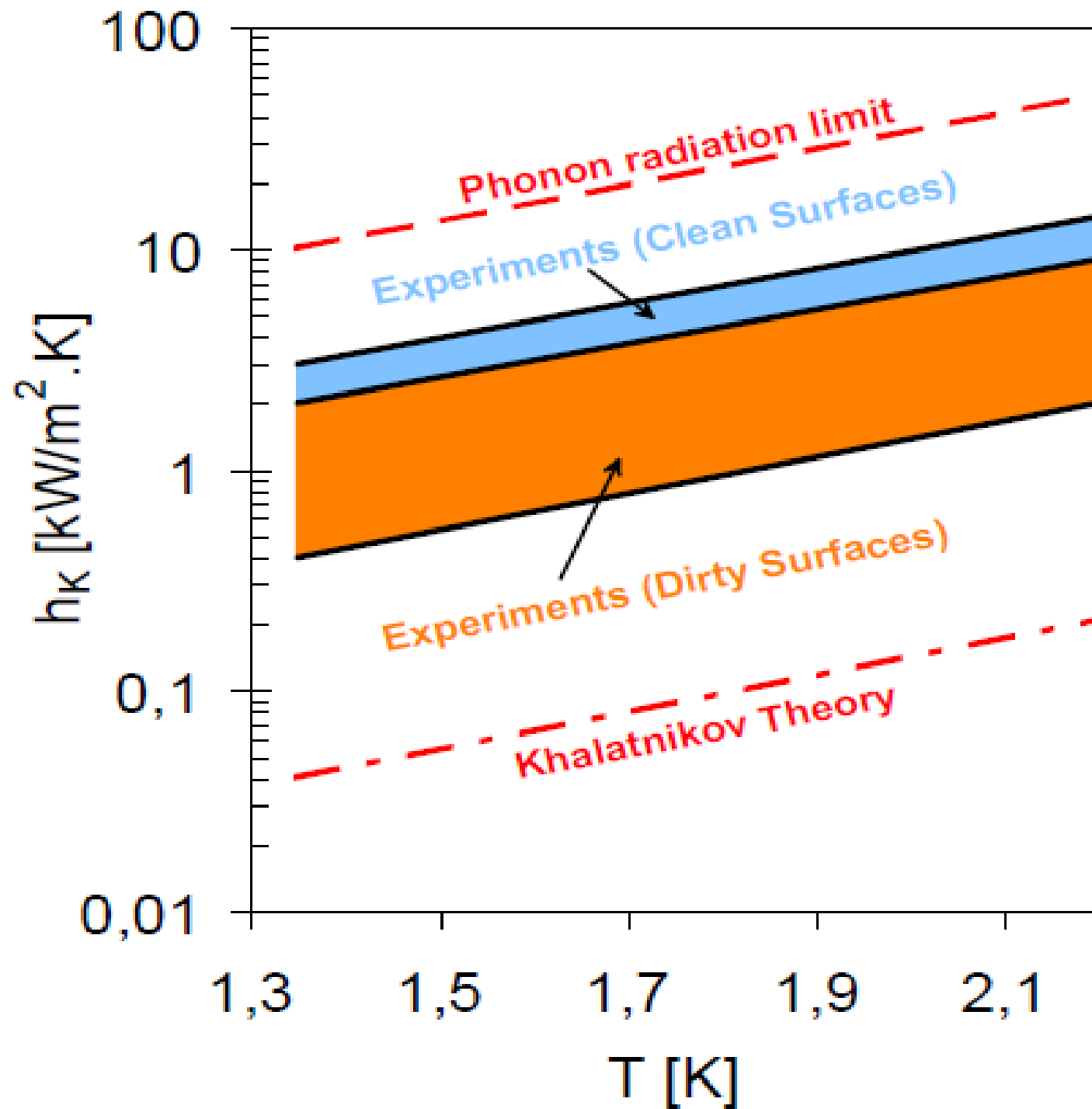
$$q_{net} = 4\sigma T^3 \Delta T \left[1 + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\Delta T}{T} + \left(\frac{\Delta T}{T} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\Delta T}{T} \right)^3 \right]$$

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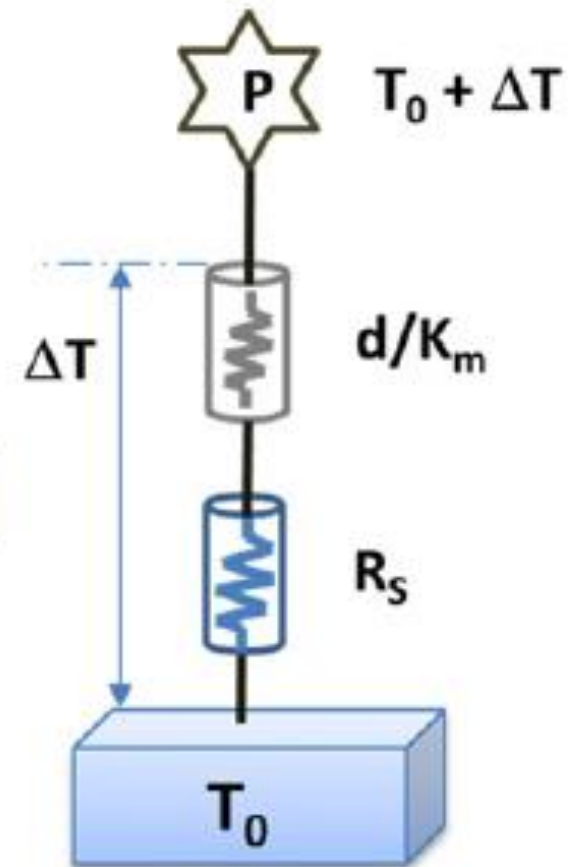
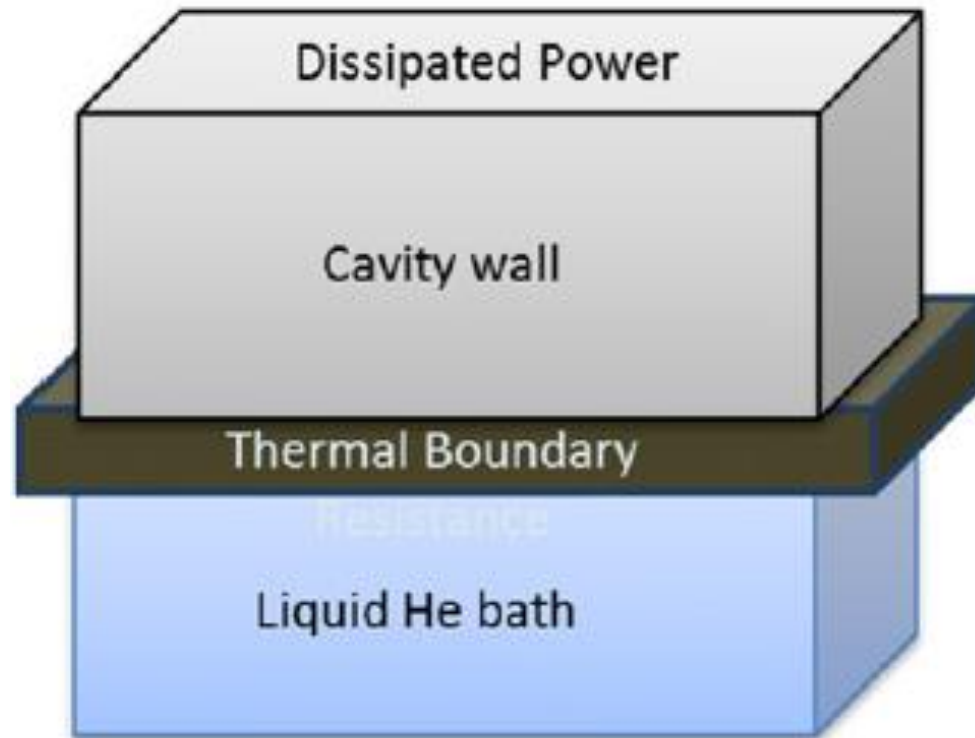
$$R_k^{ph} \propto T^{-3}$$

The lower the temperature is, the more important becomes **Kapitza resistance!**



The relevance of **thermal effects** on the cavities has been **widely discussed** in the literature

$$\Delta T \propto R_{th} P_{diss}$$



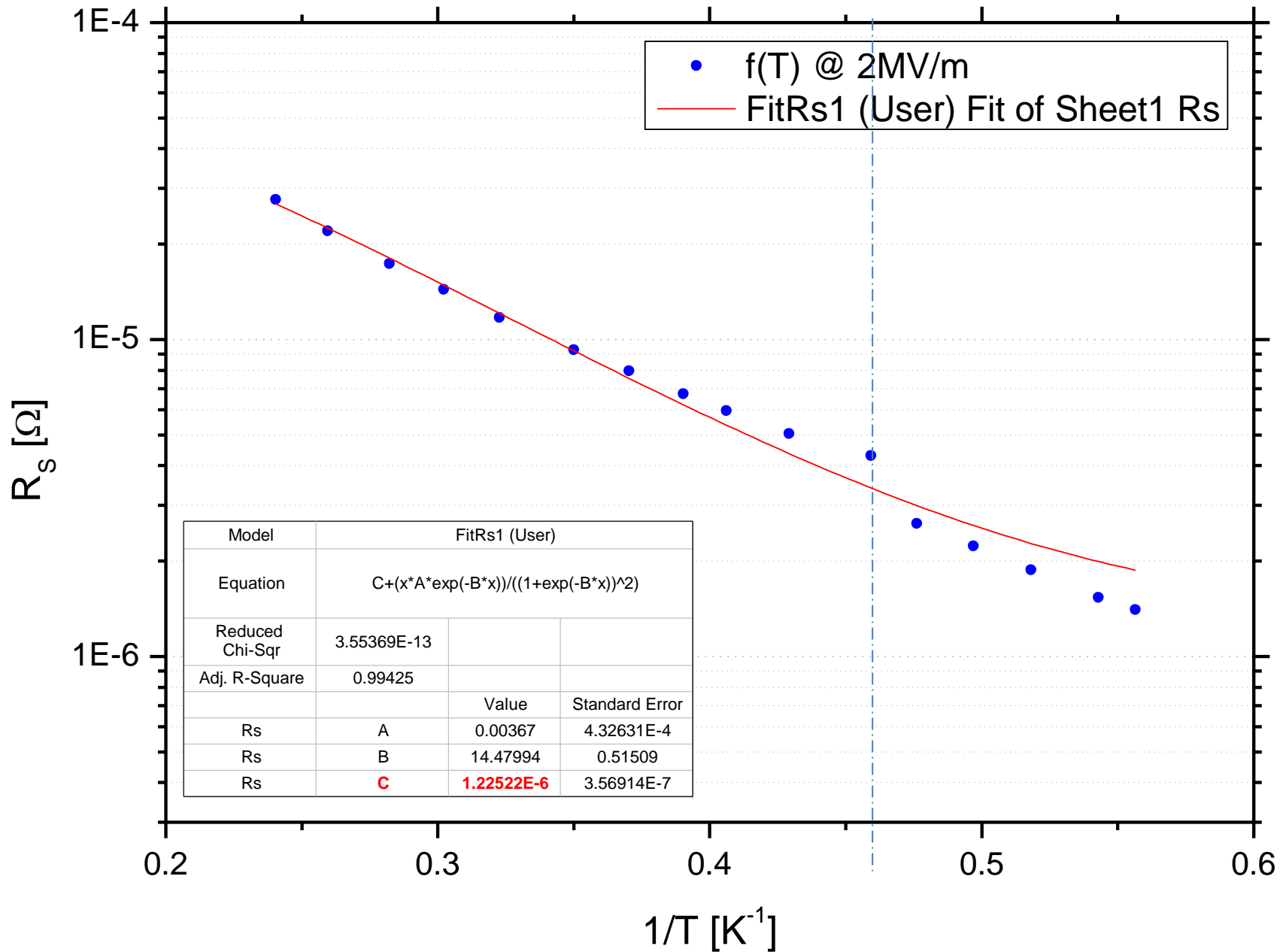
**A plethora of papers* state that,
beside fundamental interactions,
thermal effects are important**

* **Among the others for instance:**

- Bauer P et al 2006 Physica C ,C441 51
- Edwards H, Cooper C A, Ge M, Gonin I V, Harms E R and Khabiboulline T N S 2009 Comparison of buffered chemical polished and electropolished 3.9 GHz cavities TUPPO063 Proc. of SRF2009 ed J Knobloch (Berlin, Germany)

Nevertheless **never an action was
taken in order to control the status of
the cavity external surface**

R_s Nb 122 After ATM Annealing



EFFECT OF LOW TEMPERATURE BAKING ON NIOBIUM CAVITIES *

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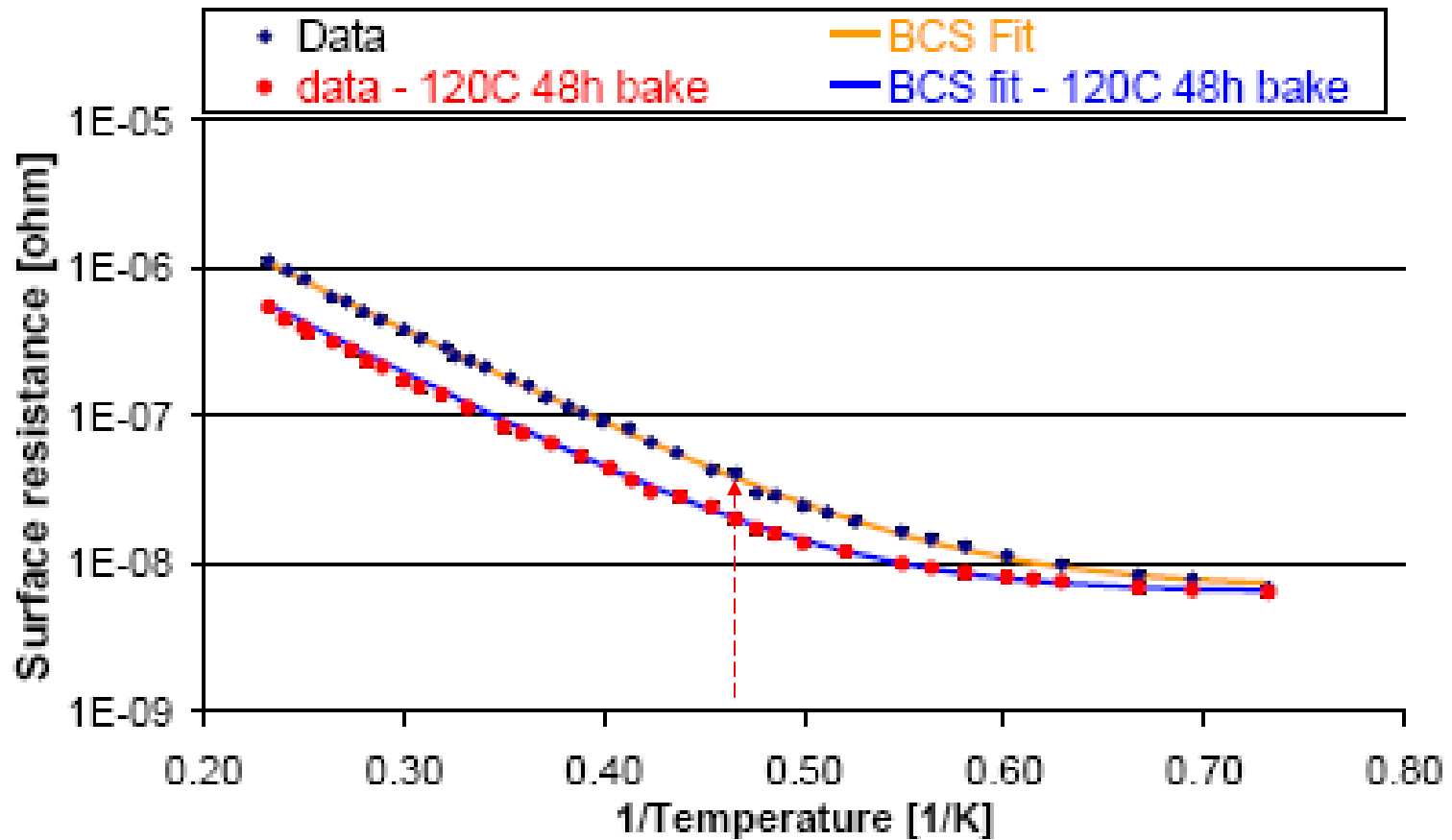


Figure 15: Surface resistance vs. 1/temperature before and after 120°C, 48h baking.

**Effect of high temperature heat treatments on the quality factor of
 a large-grain superconducting radio-frequency niobium cavity**

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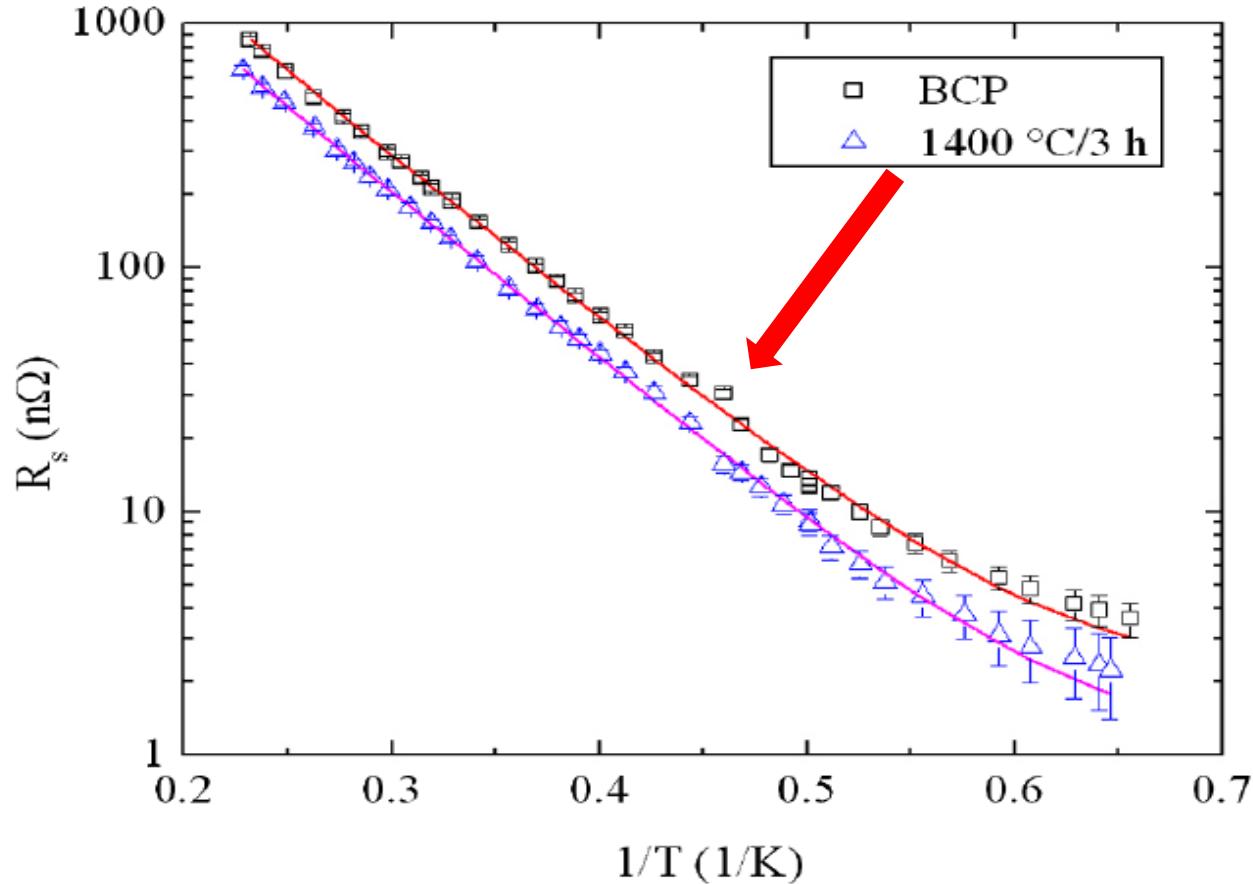
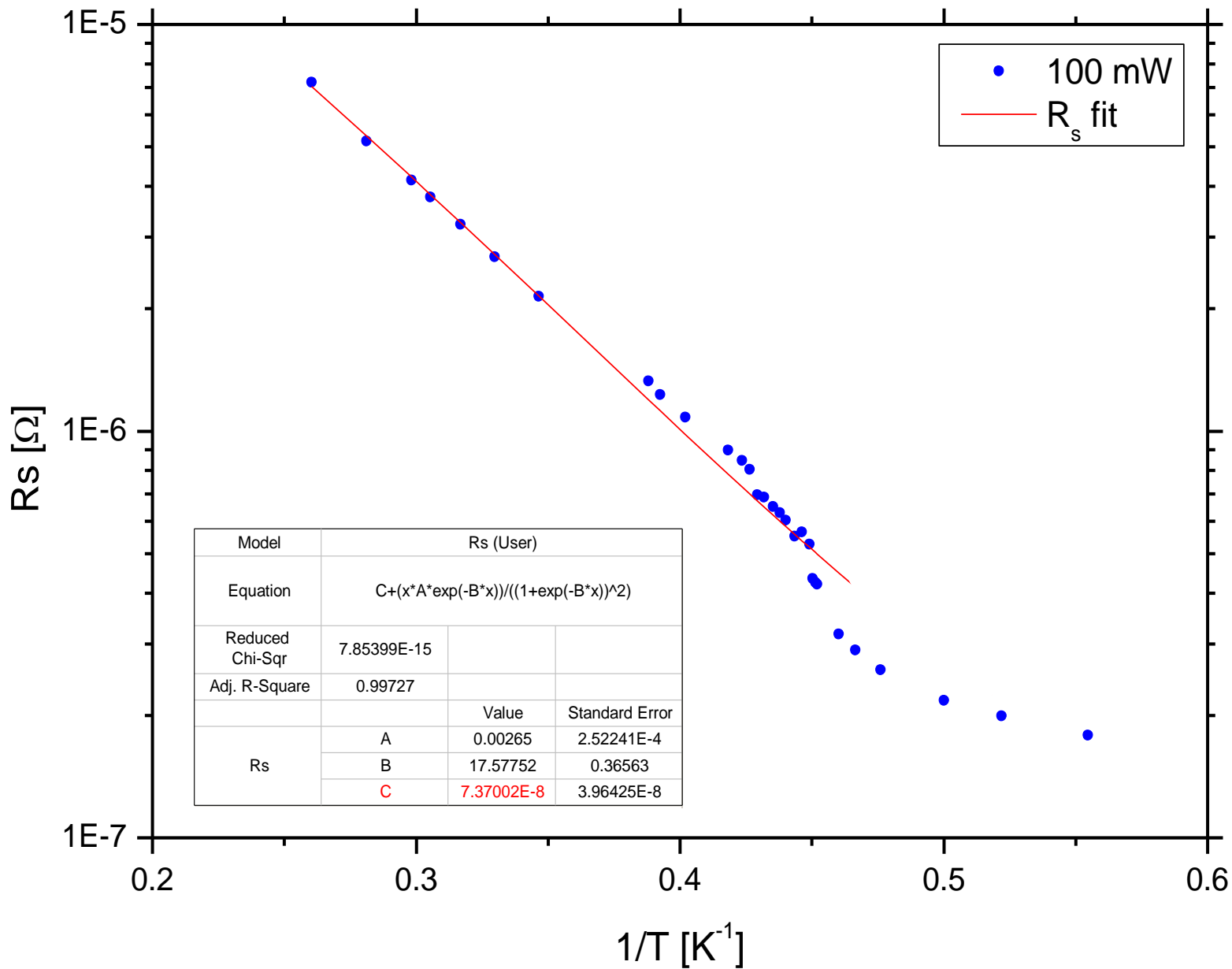
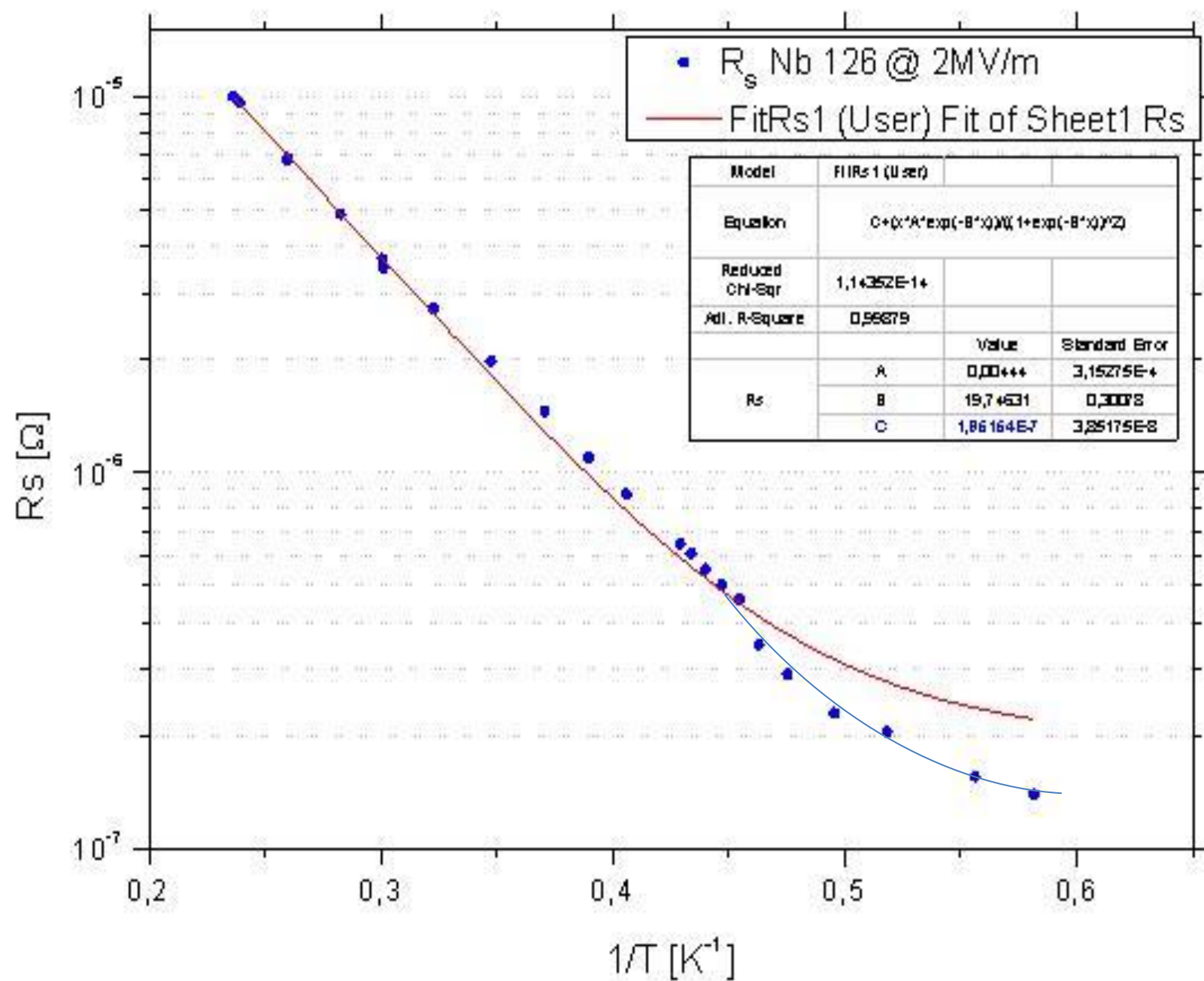


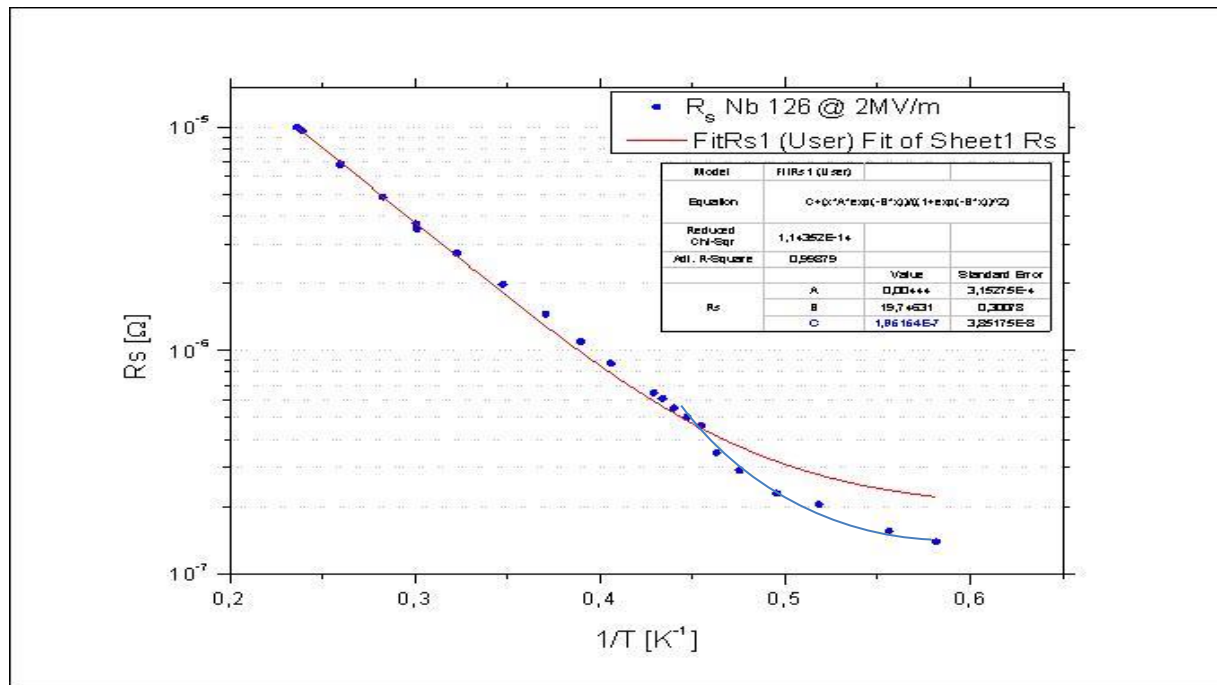
FIG. 9. R_s vs $1/T$ measured after BCP and after HT at 1400°C. Solid lines are least-square fits with $R_s(T) = R_{BCS}(T) + R_{res}$. The values of the fit parameters are $\Delta/kT_c = 1.87 \pm 0.02$, $\ell = (303 \pm 85)$ nm, $R_{res} = (2.0 \pm 0.3)$ n Ω after BCP and $\Delta/kT_c = 1.90 \pm 0.01$, $\ell = (76 \pm 17)$ nm, $R_{res} = (1.0 \pm 0.2)$ n Ω after HT at 1400°C.

R_s Nb 122 After 3rd UHV Annealing

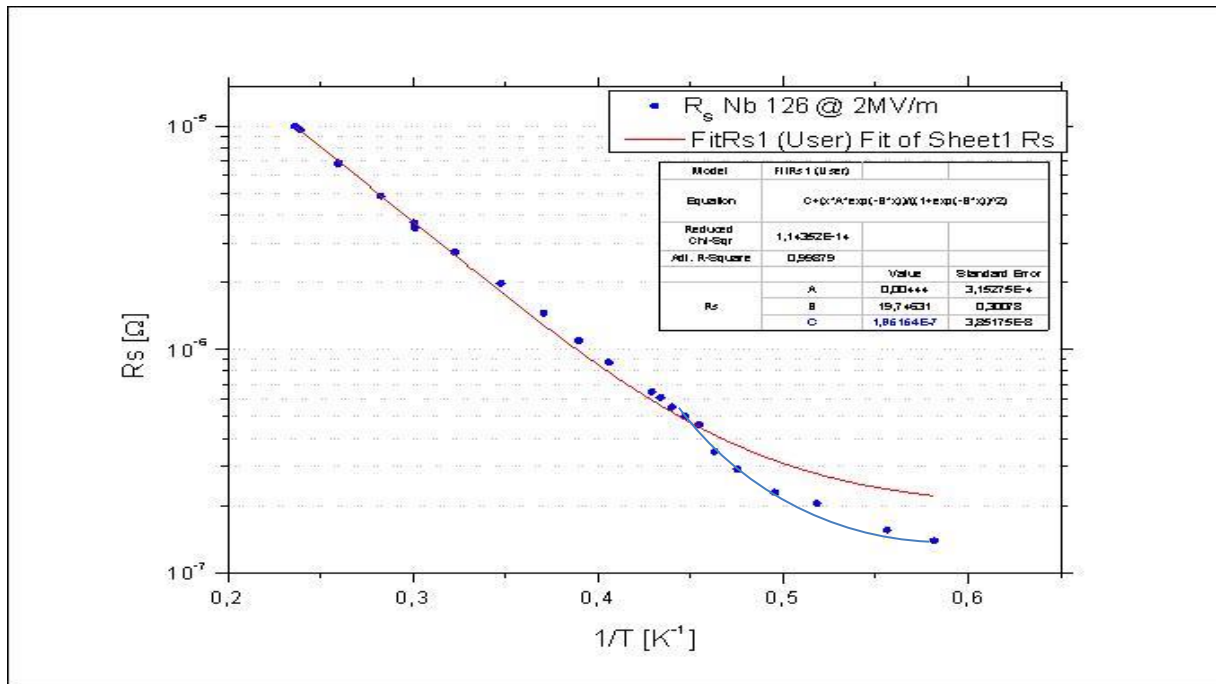


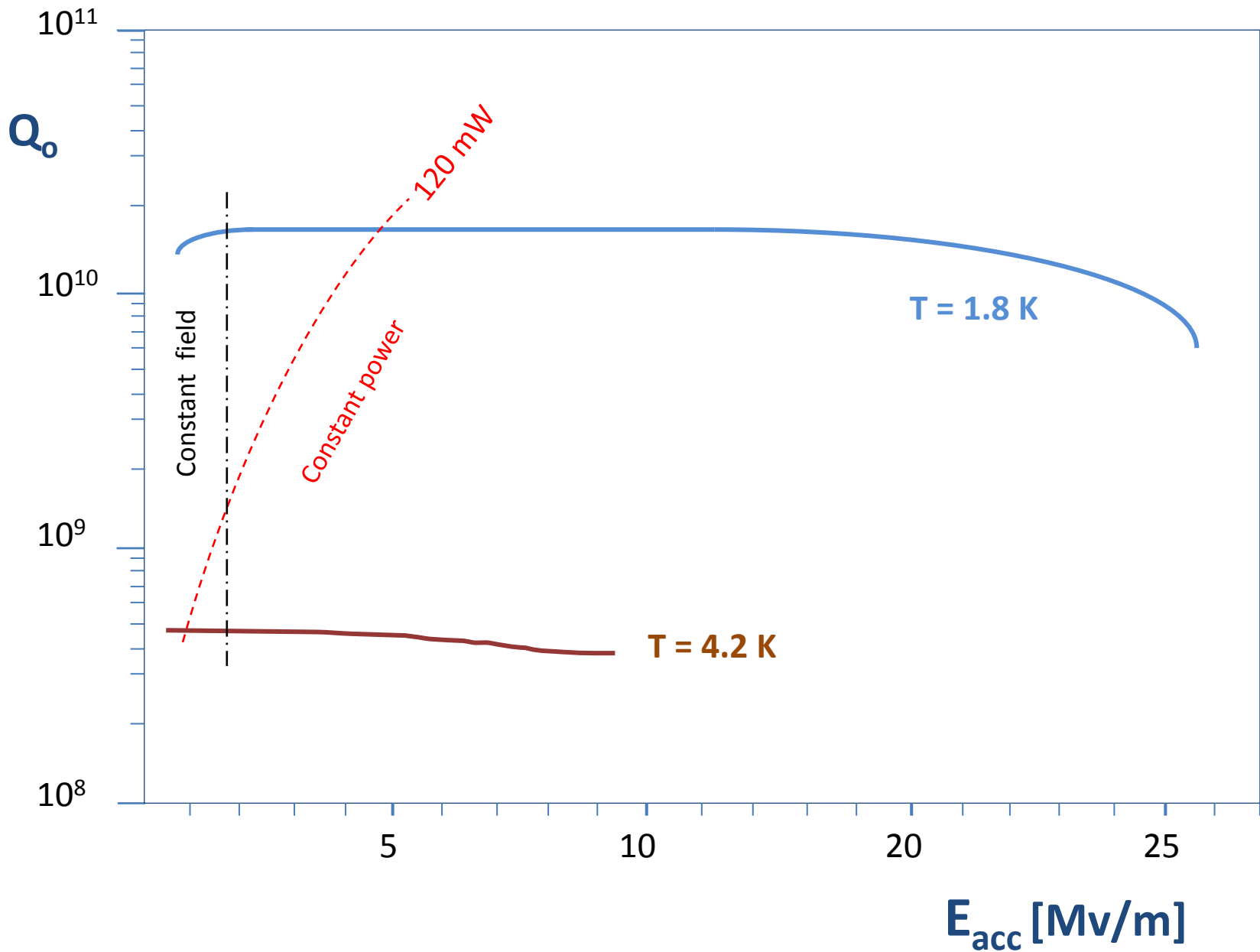


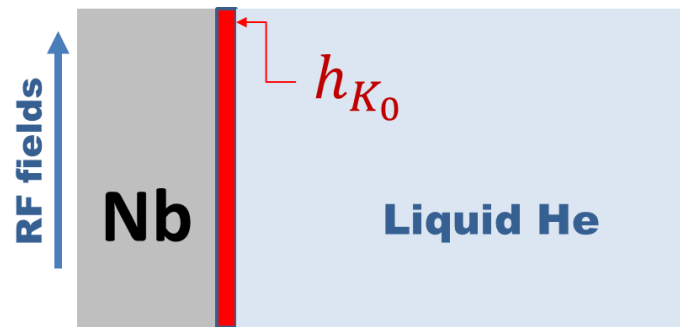
If we cooled the cavity **in ^3He** instead then **in ^4He** , should we wait **a different R_{RES}** ?



in other words, **R_{RES}** depends on **Liquid He** instead than on **Nb** material?

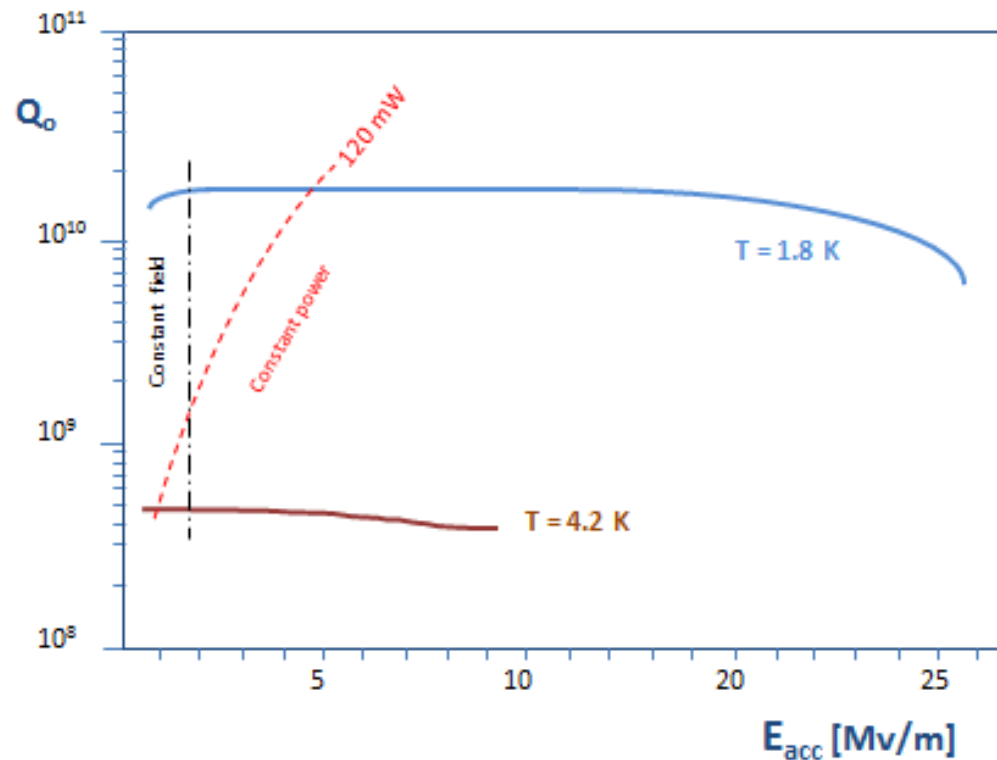




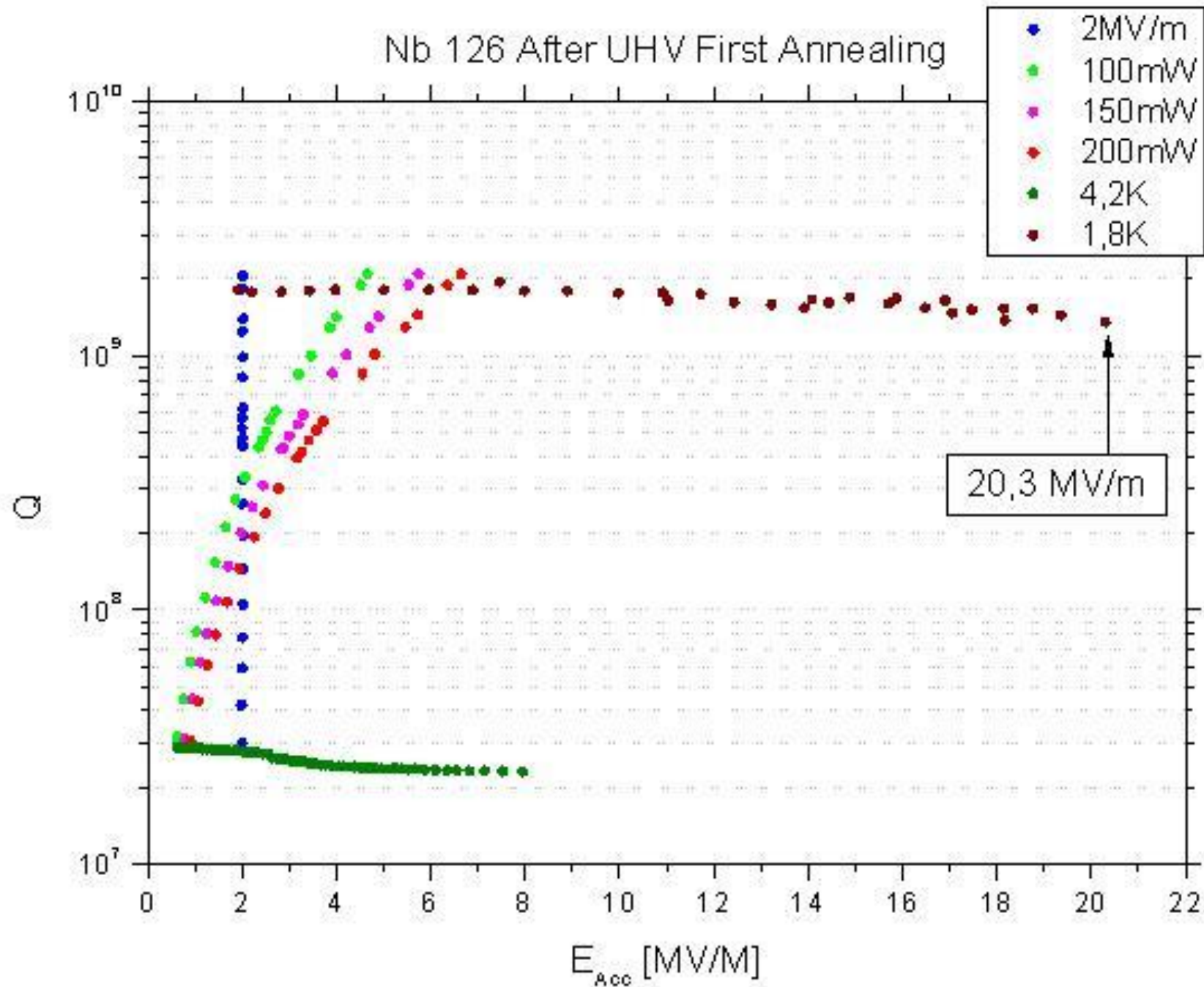


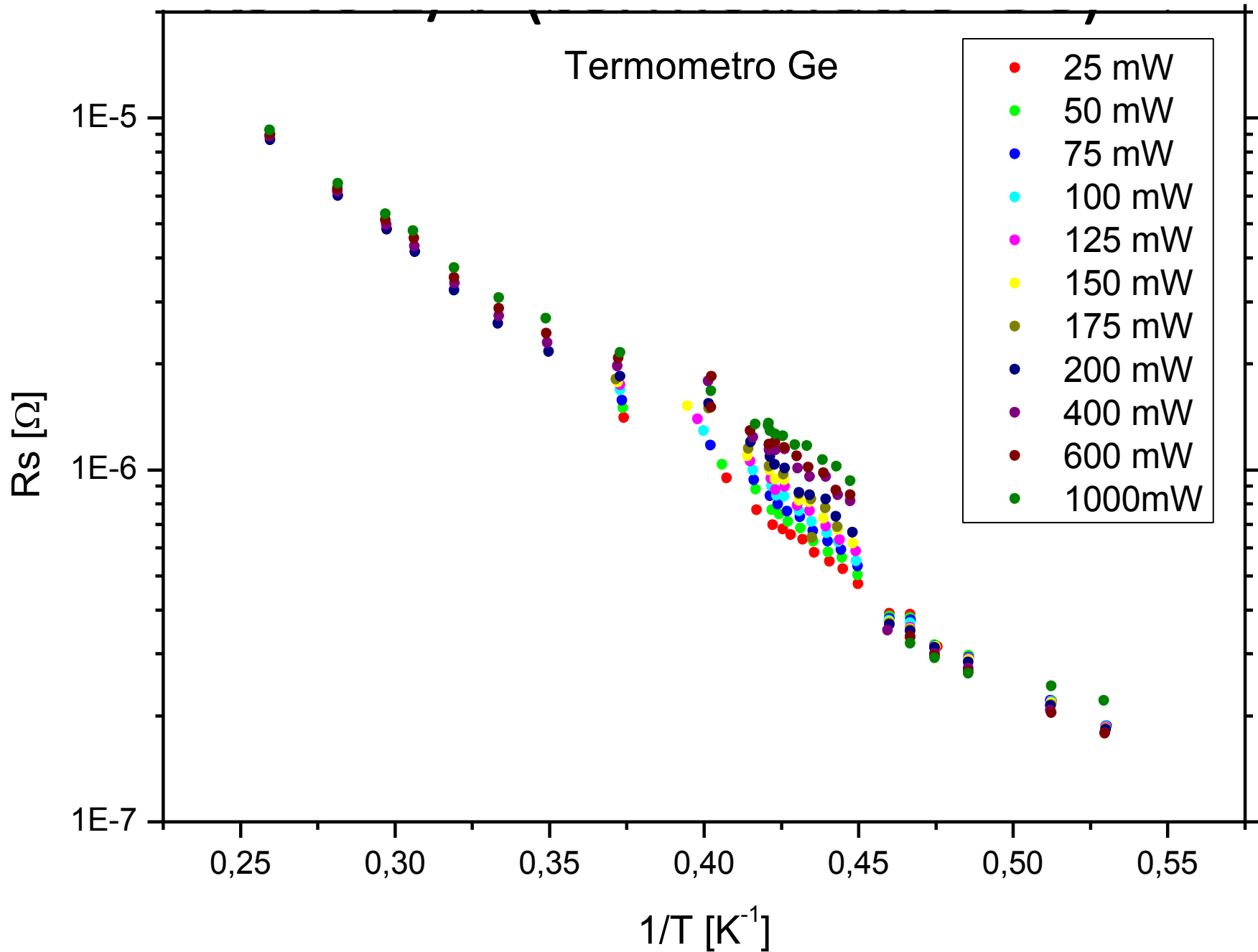
Constant E_{acc} means that both T and W are changing

Constant W means that, apart E_{acc} only T is changing

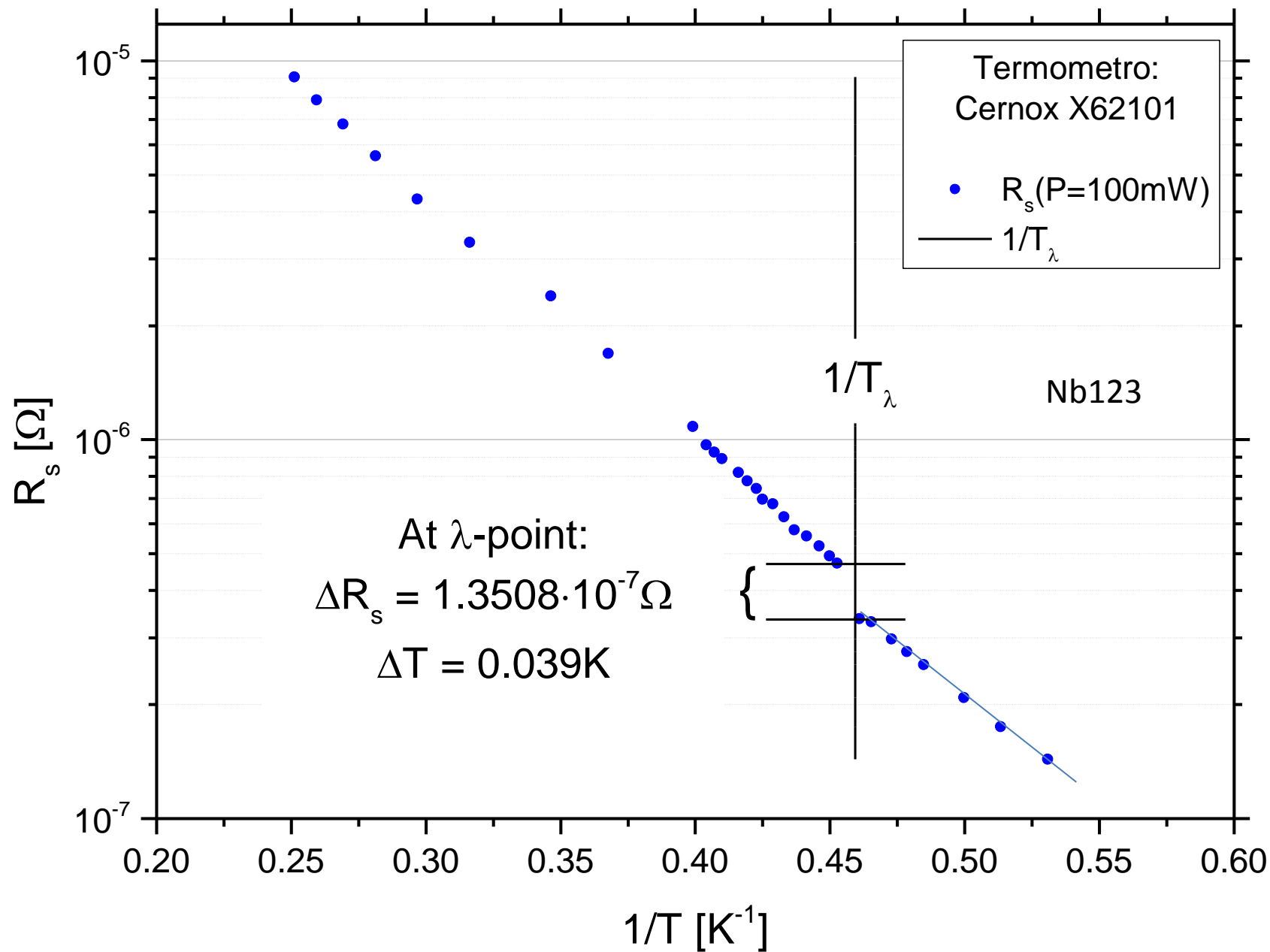


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R_s vs $1/T$ [P=100mW]



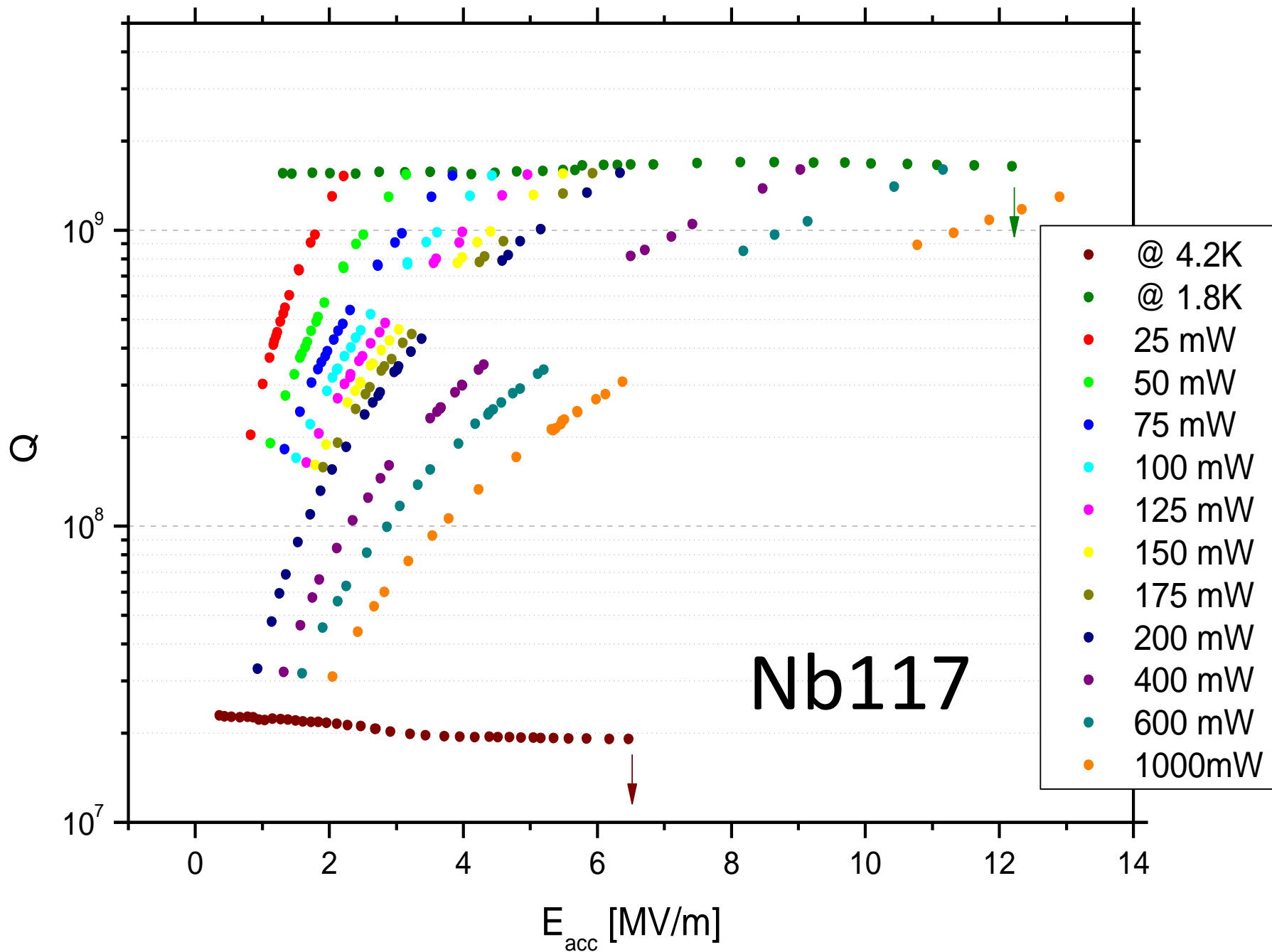
So, whenever we neglect the jump at T_λ , we extract a false value of the strong coupling factor **S !!!**

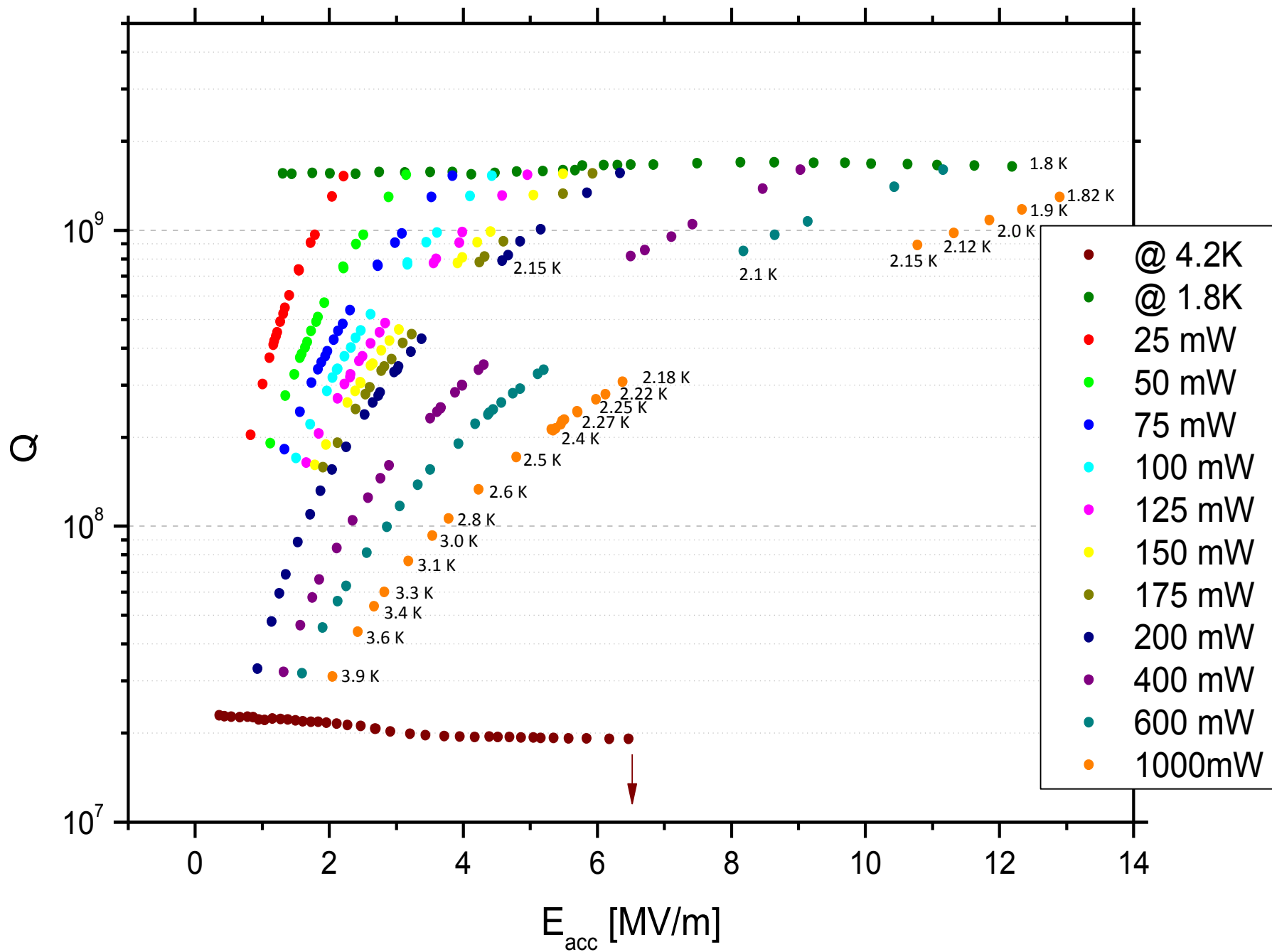
$$R_{BCS}(T_0) = \frac{A\omega^2}{T_0} \exp\left[-\frac{sT_c}{2T_0}\right]$$

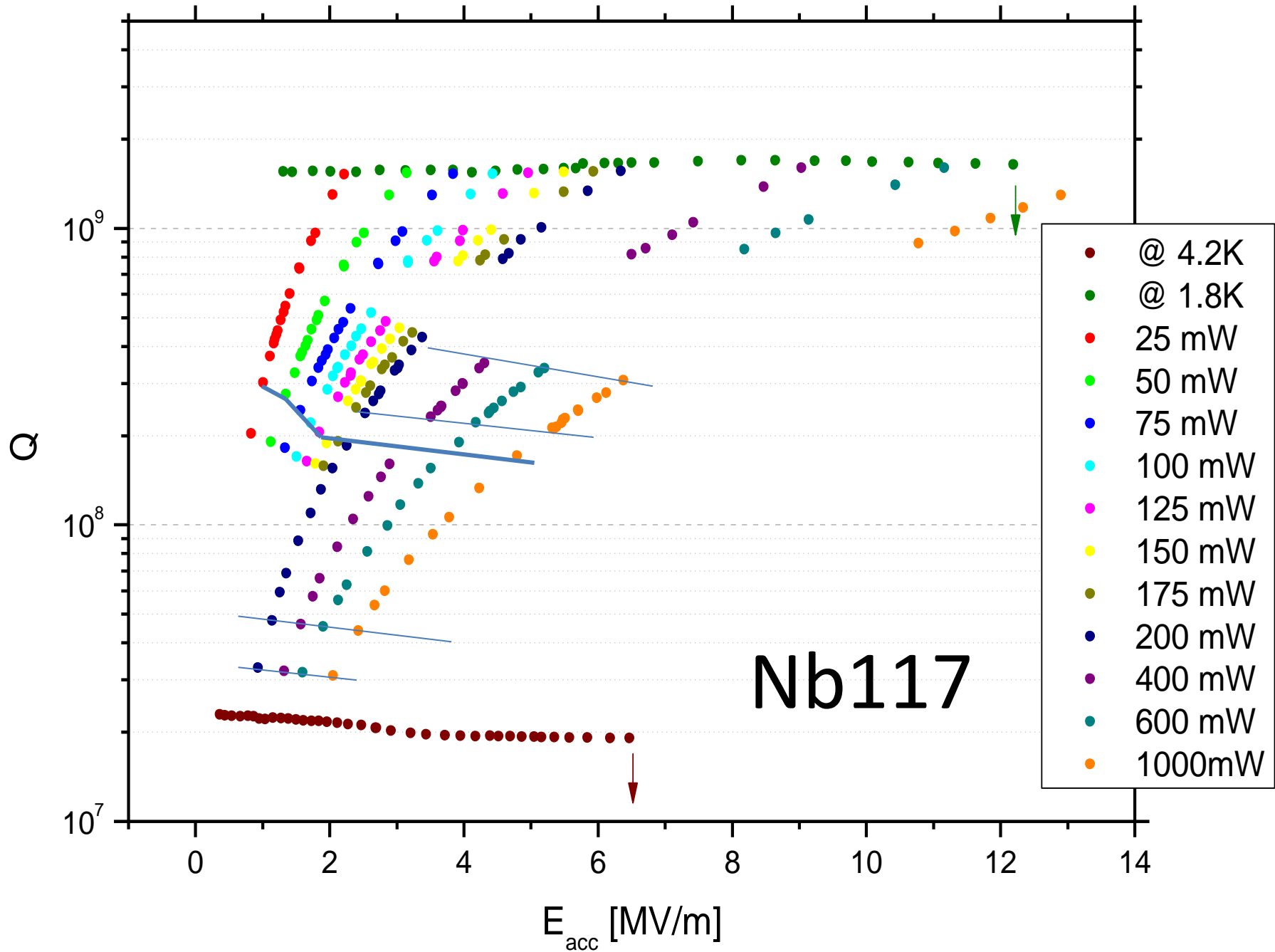
$$R_{BCS}(T_0 + \Delta T) \approx \frac{A\omega^2}{T_0} \exp\left[-\frac{sT_c}{2(T_0 + \Delta T)}\right]$$

$$R_{BCS}(T_0 + \Delta T) \approx \frac{A\omega^2}{T_0} \exp\left[-\frac{sT_c}{2T_0} \left(1 - \frac{\Delta T}{T_0}\right)\right]$$

$$s^{meas} = s \left(1 - \frac{\Delta T}{T_0}\right)$$








**Which strange dissipation mechanism
makes the Q-factor decreasing
linearly with W , but at a certain point
it becomes almost constant?**

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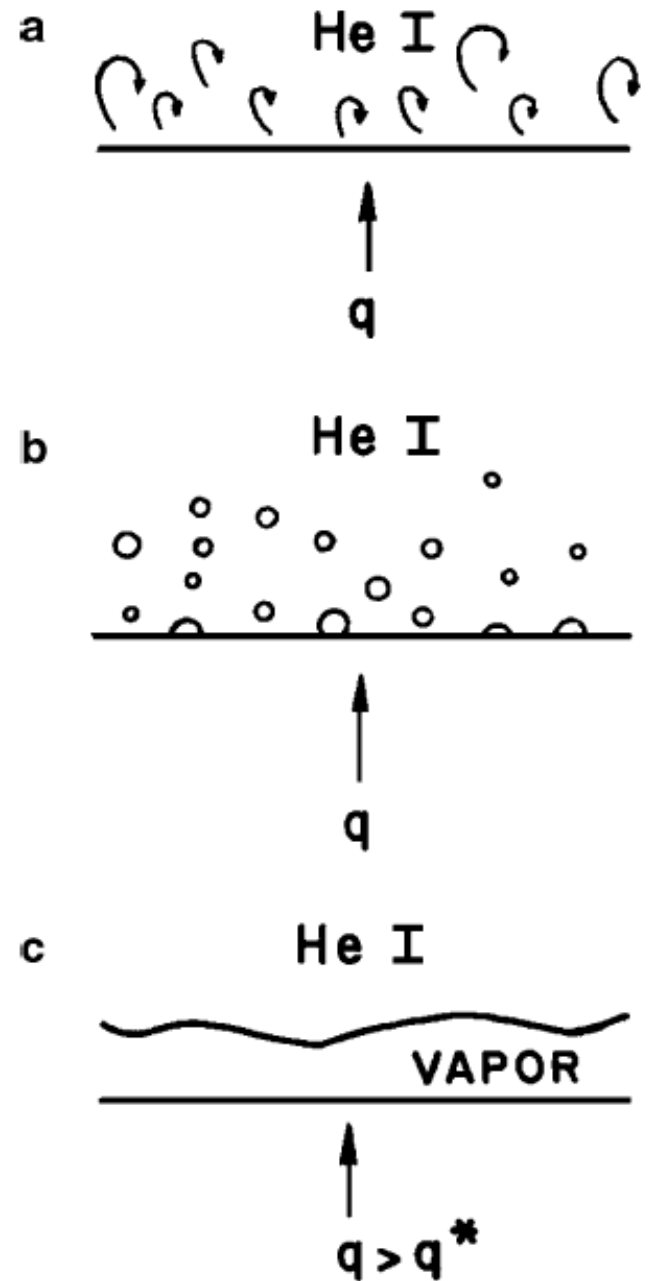
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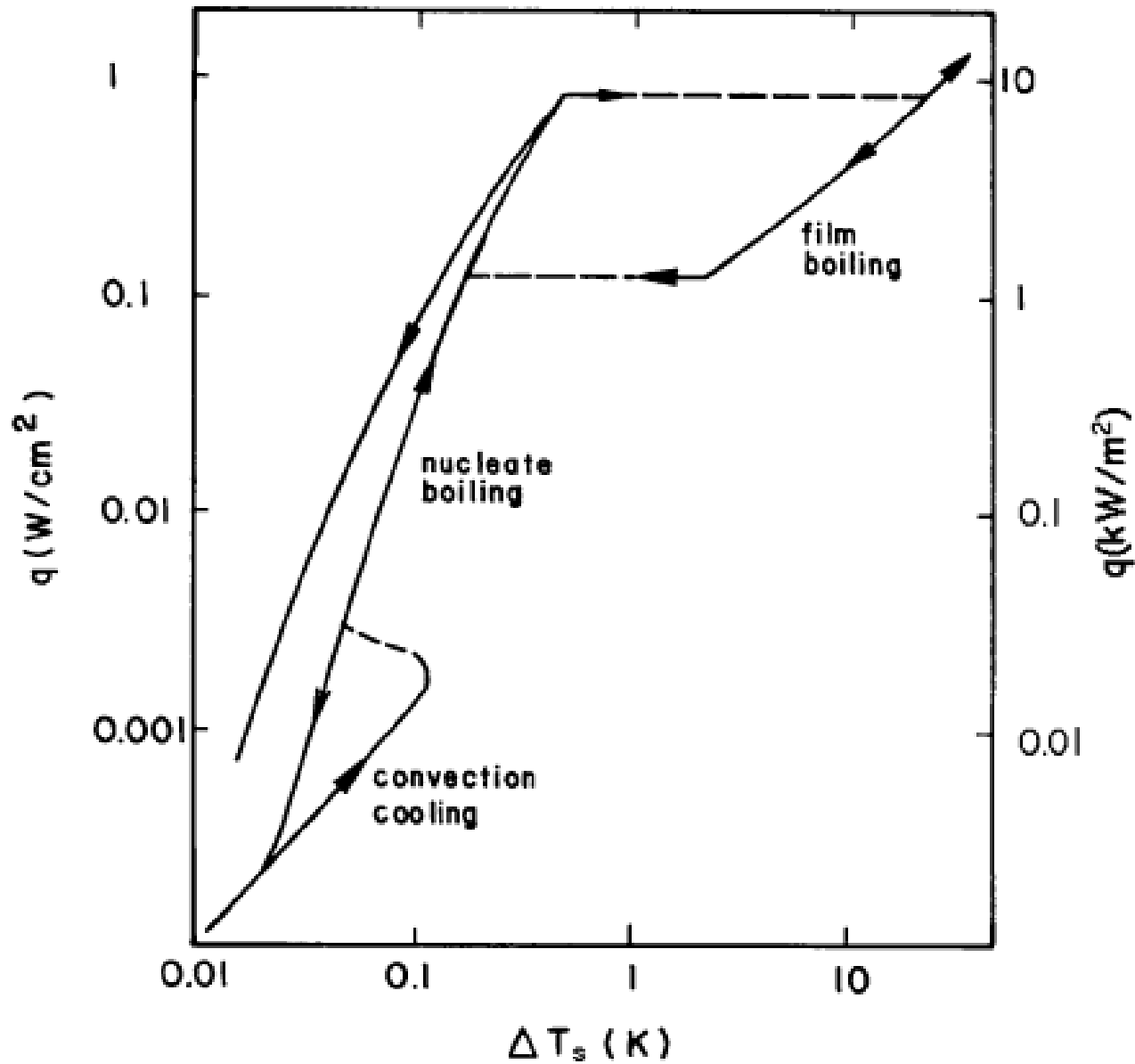
Schematic representation of regimes of heat transfer:

a) Natural convection

b) Nucleate boiling

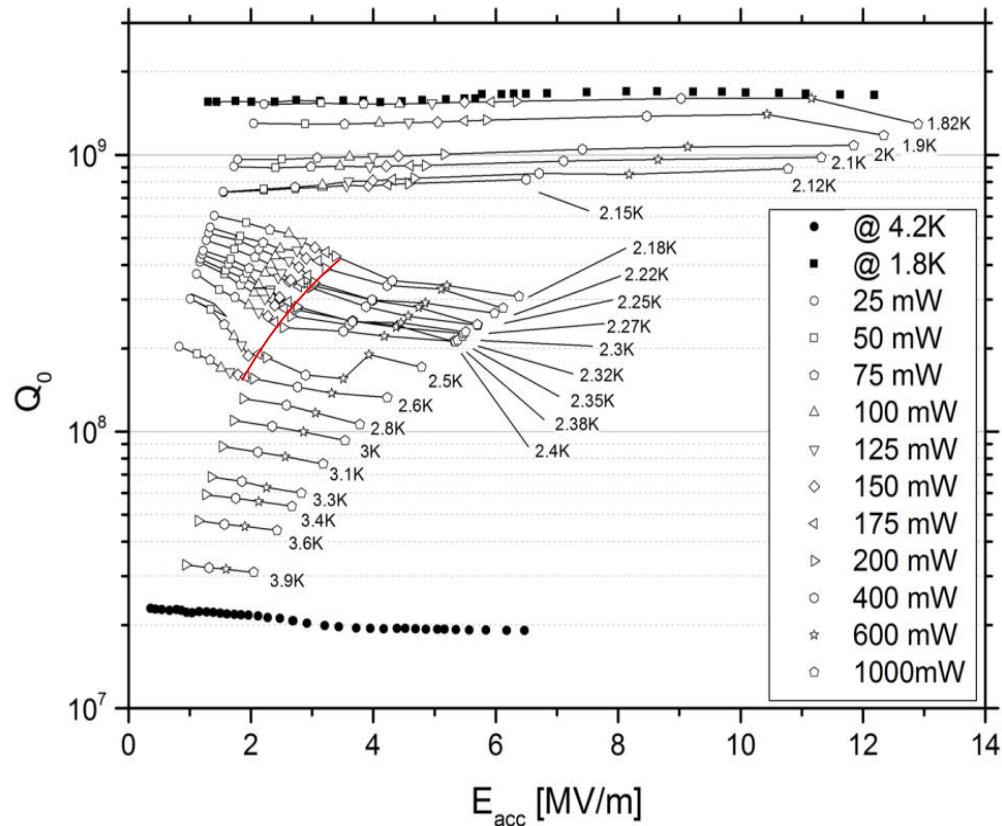
c) Film boiling





Typical heat transfer for pool boiling liquid

The critical power where the losses change slope do correspond to the He boiling nucleation?



Q-SLOPE ANALYSIS OF NIOBIUM SC RF CAVITIES

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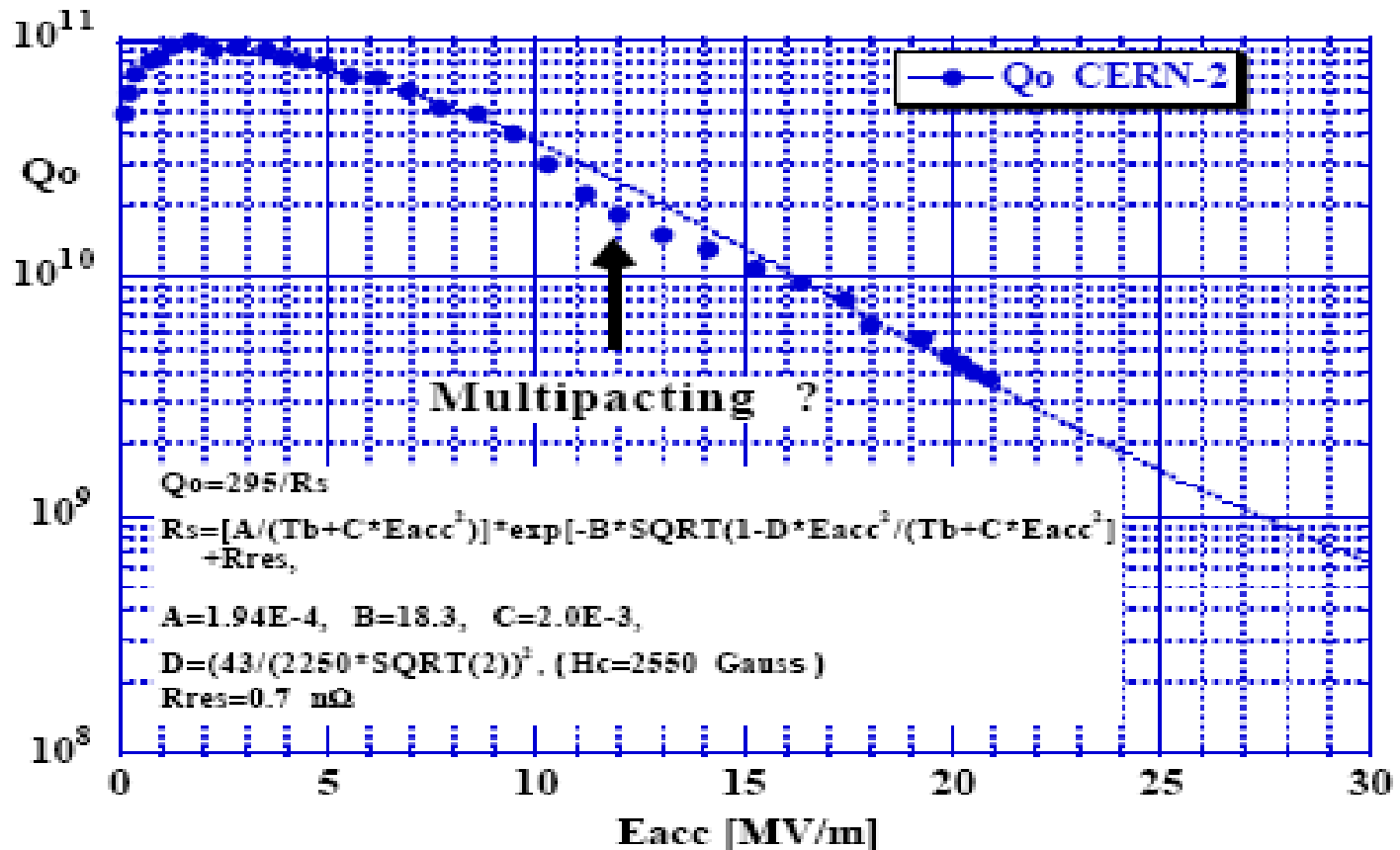
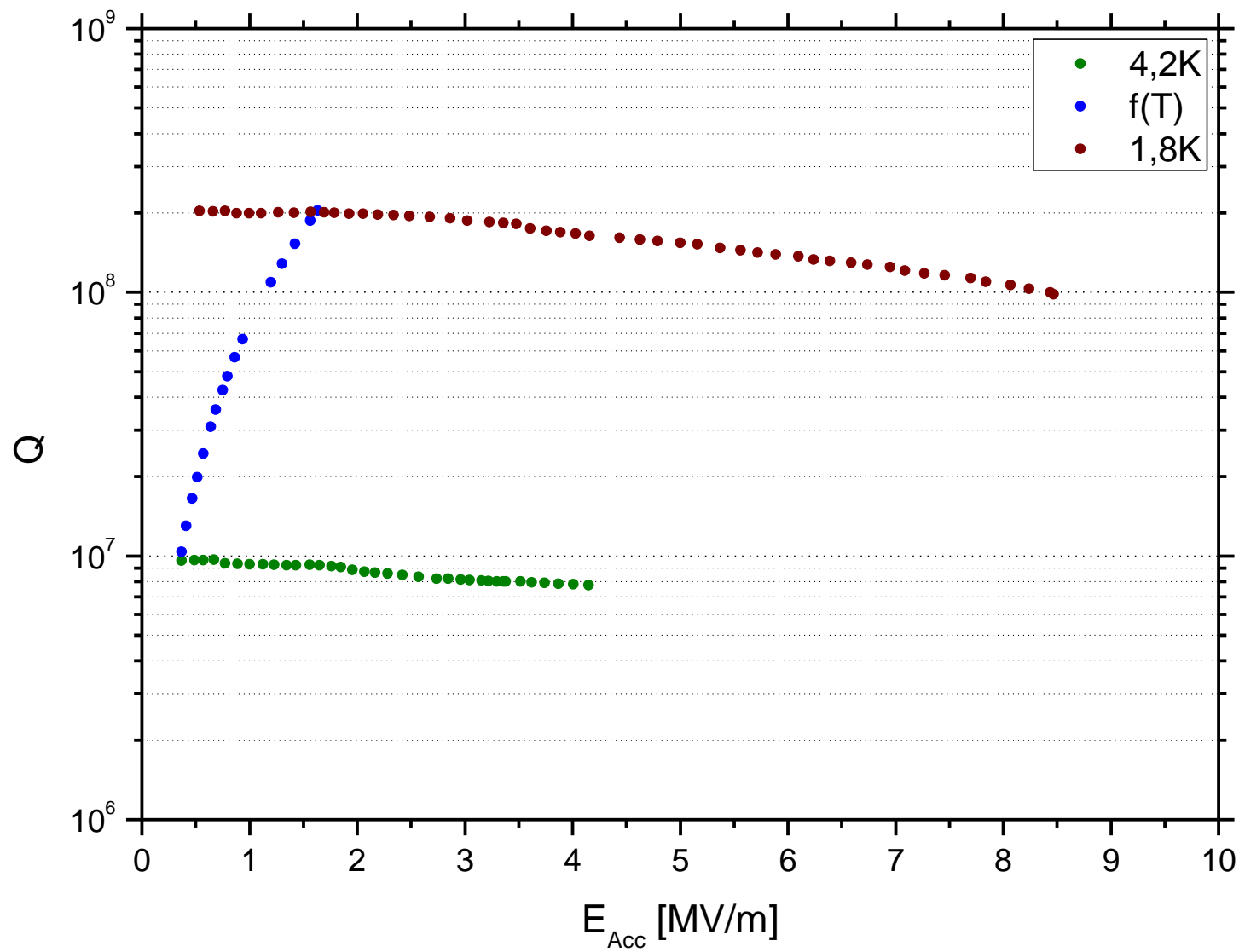


Figure 20: Q_0 - E_{acc} excitation curve fitting by the combined model for the 1500MHz niobium film coated cavity at CERN.

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EXPERIMENTAL COMPARISON AT KEK OF HIGH GRADIENT PERFORMANCE OF DIFFERENT SINGLE CELL SUPERCONDUCTING CAVITY DESIGNS

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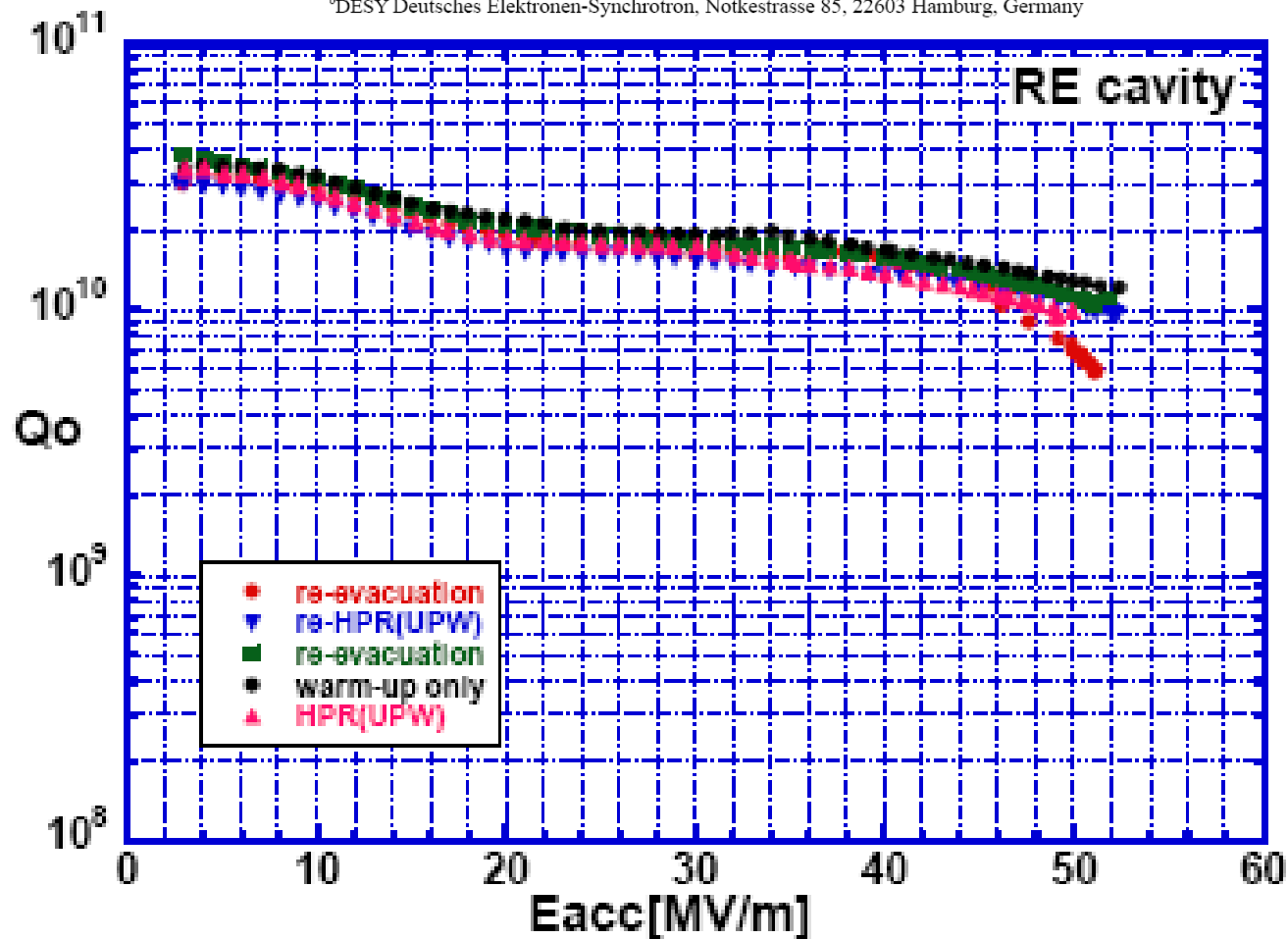
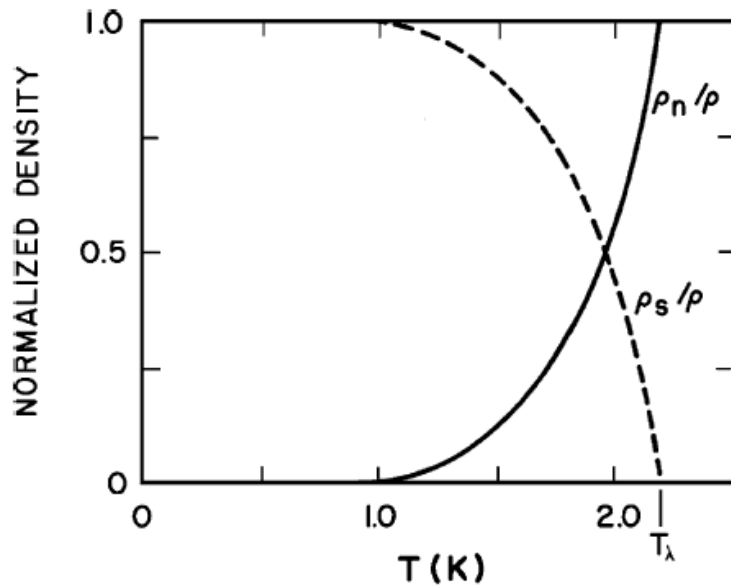


Figure 5: The reproducibility of high gradient.

How is it possible that

**He-II will have memory of the
boiling nucleation of He-I ?**

Actually 1.8 K is very close to T_λ ,



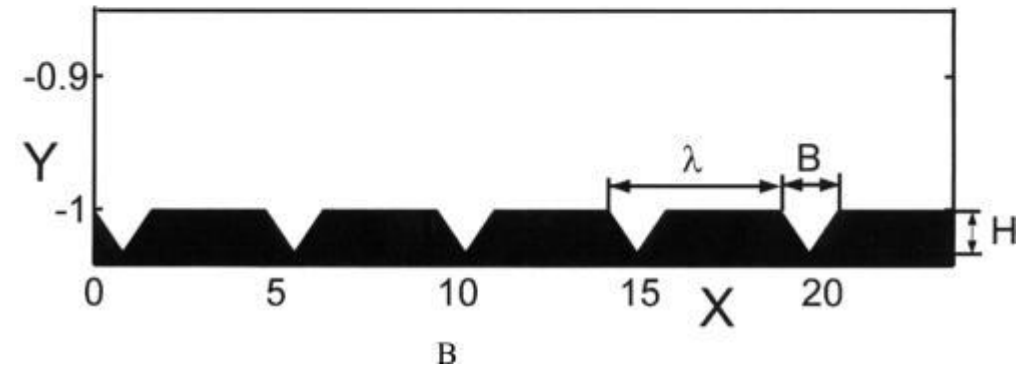
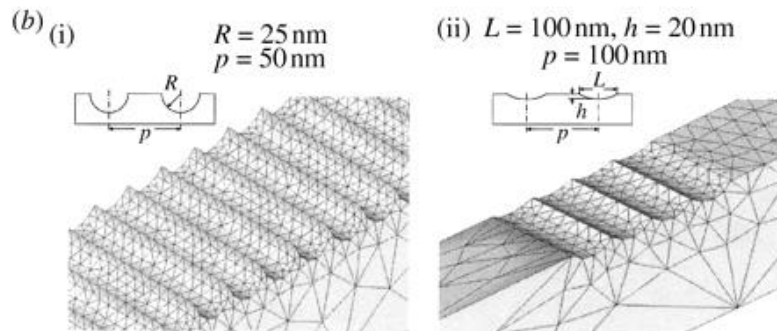
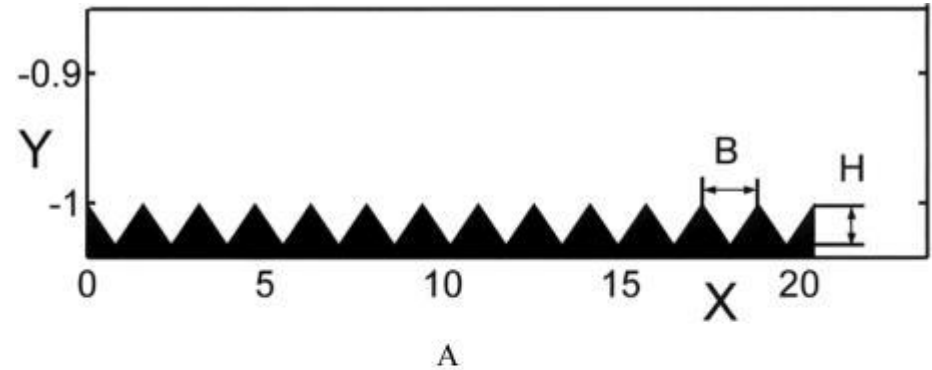
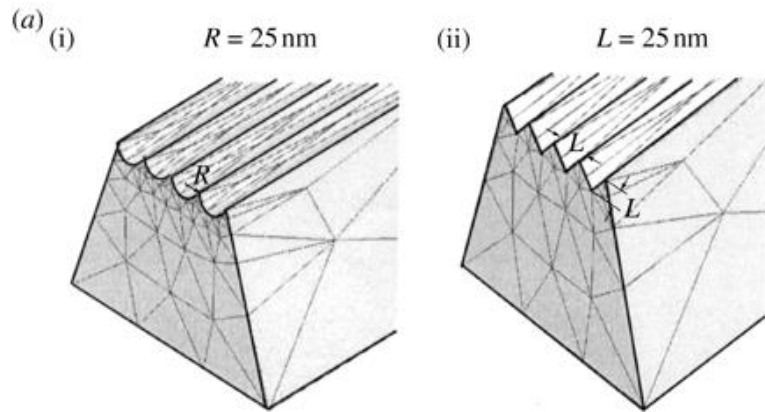
$$\rho = \rho_s + \rho_n$$

$$\frac{\rho_n}{\rho} = \left(\frac{T}{T_\lambda} \right)^{5.6} \quad \text{for } T \leq T_\lambda$$

so at 1.8K ρ_n is ~34% !!

and at 2K ρ_n is ~62% !!

Heat transfer, especially in film and transition boiling regimes, is improved by methods which increase the real surface area by means of groves and fins



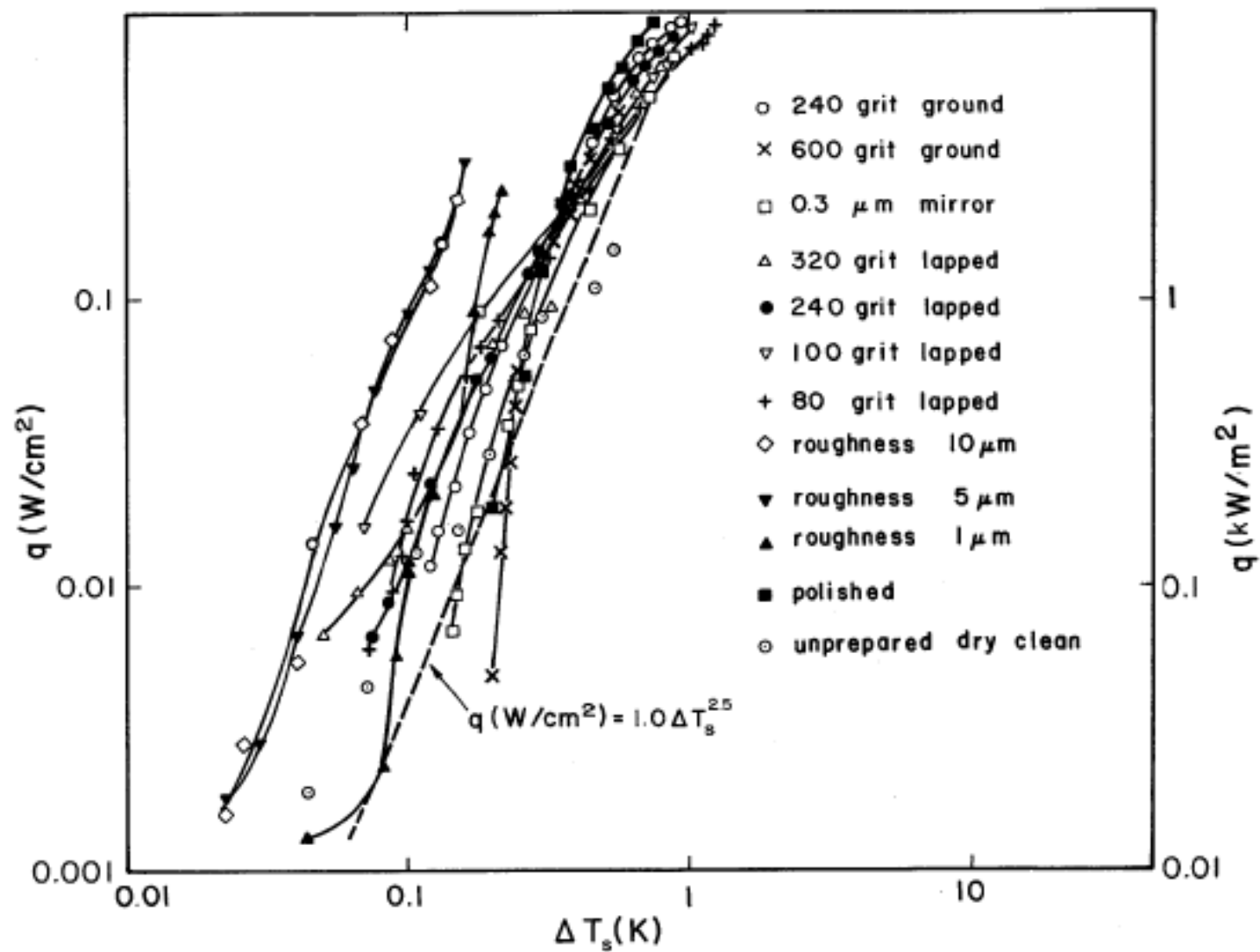


Fig. 5.9 Nucleate boiling heat transfer to He I (Compilation of data and suggested correlation from Schmidt [16])

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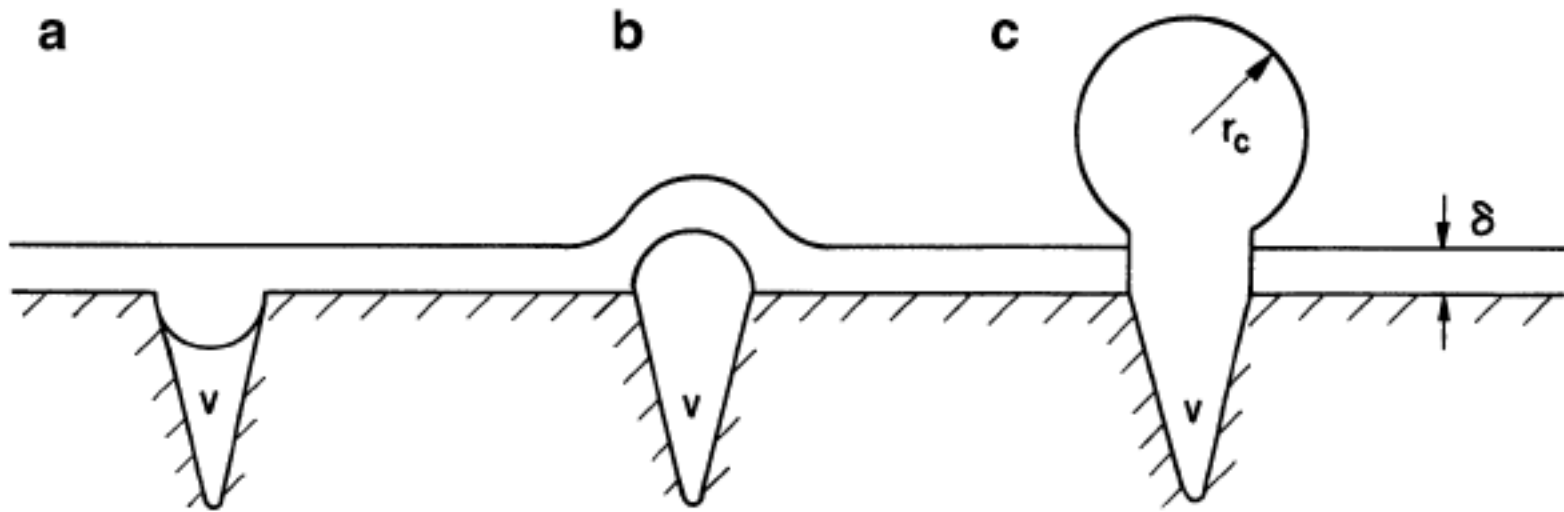


Fig. 5.6 Bubble nucleation on an imperfect surface: (a) negative radius of curvature, (b) positive radius of curvature, and (c) critical radius

In order to maximize heat transfer,

... employ surface structures that facilitate removal of vapor bubbles. Recommended minimum width of the grooves is 0,3 mm to avoid blanketing the grooves by vapor.

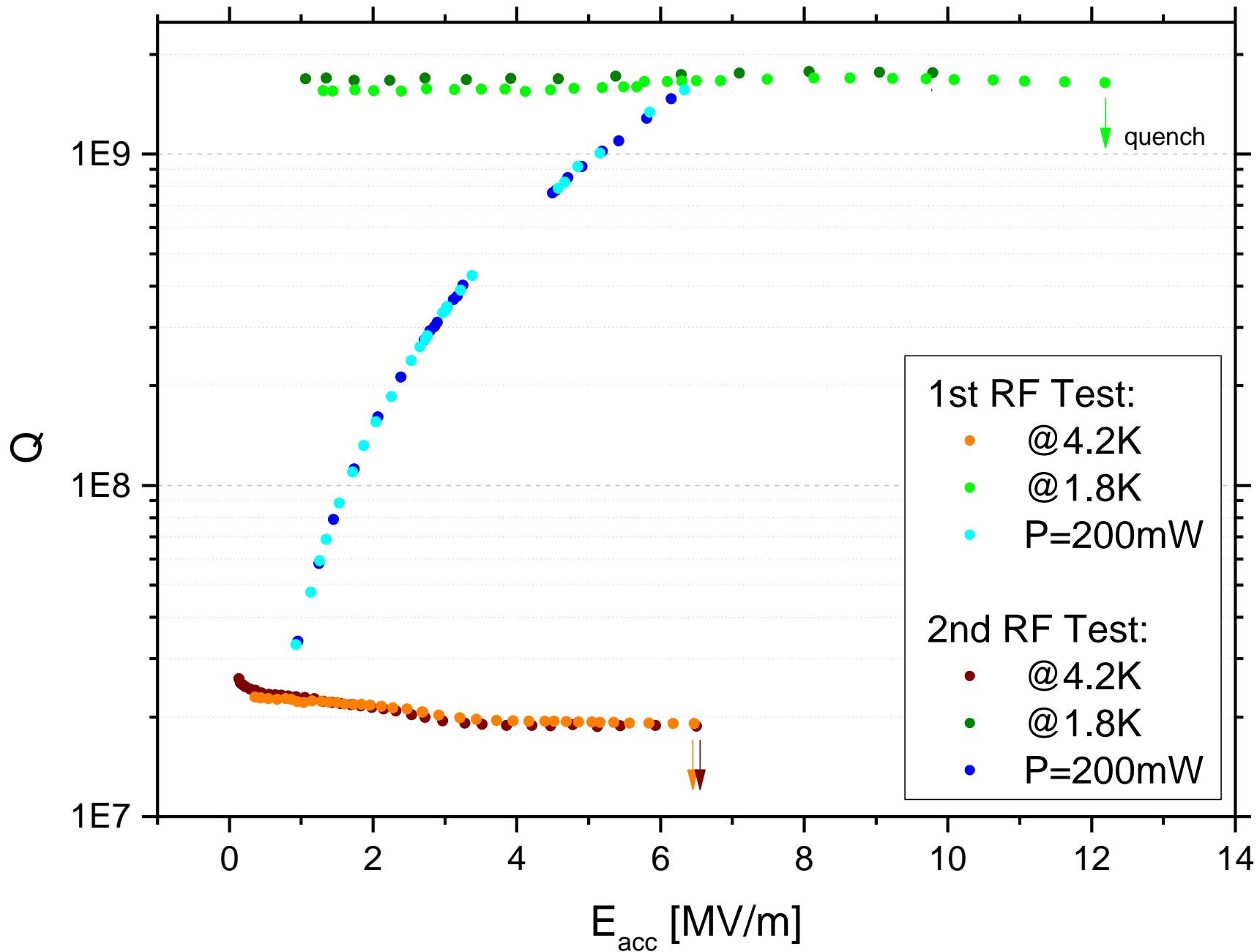
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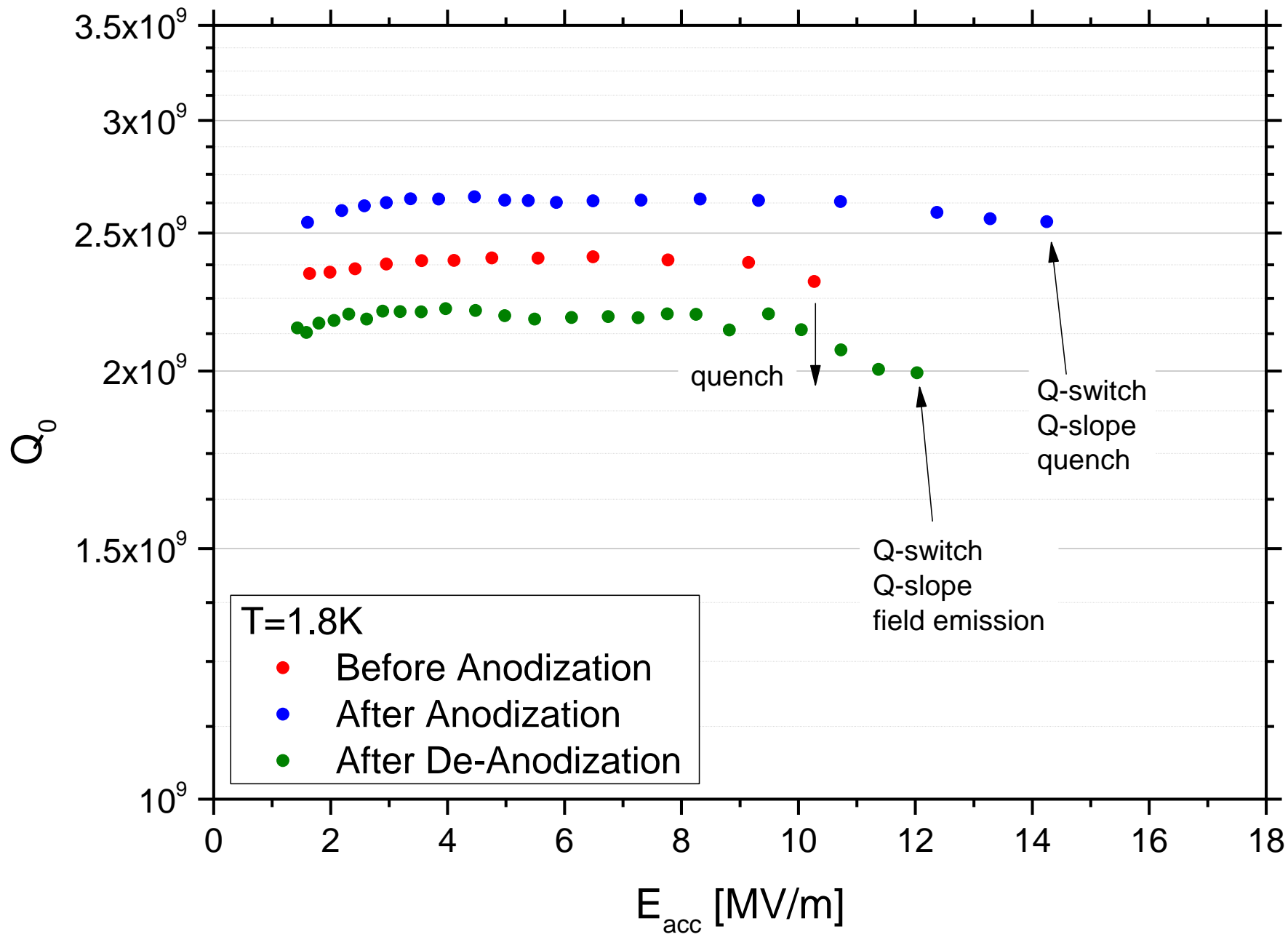
Oxydation of the surface helps to
improve transition biling heat transfer

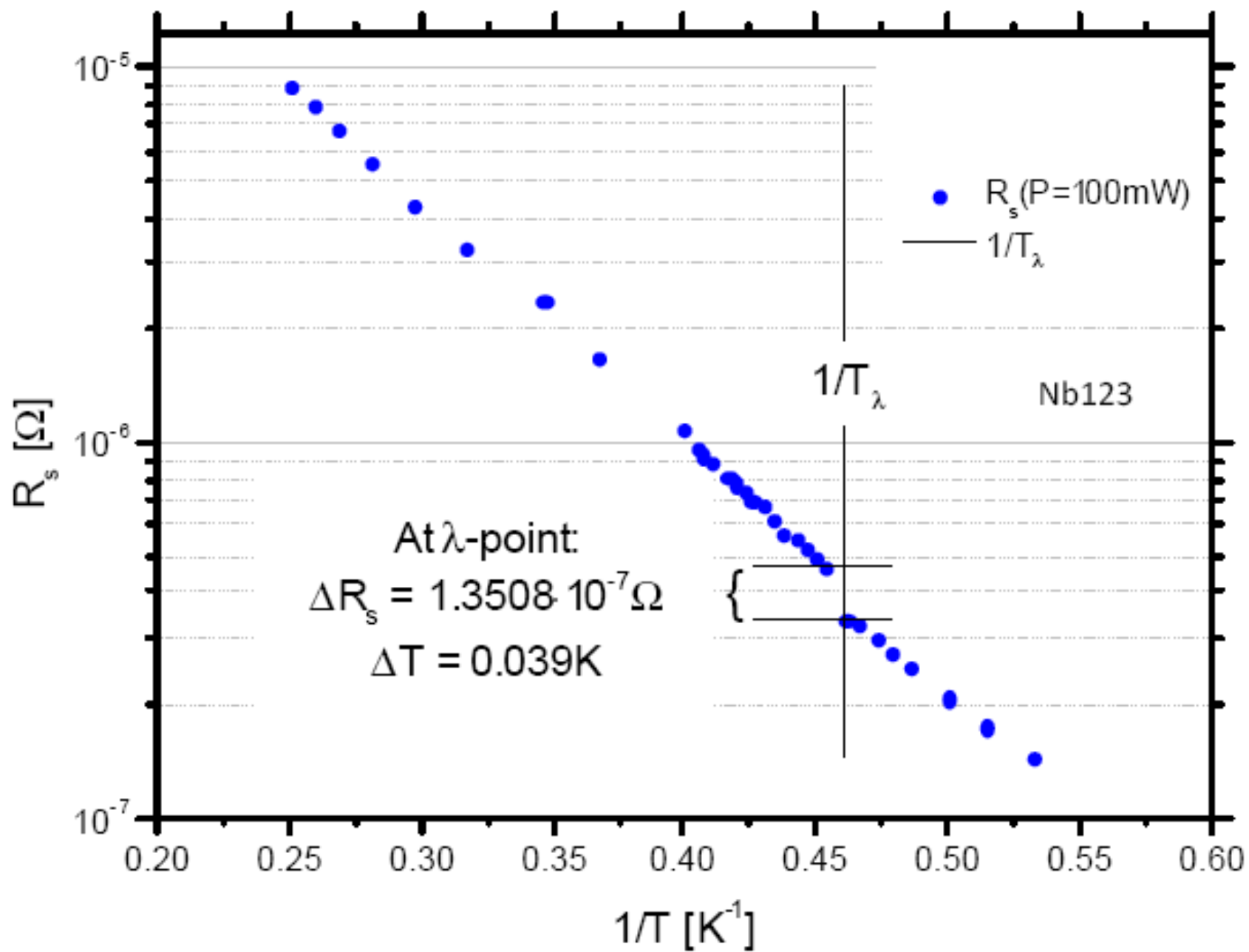


Measured twice







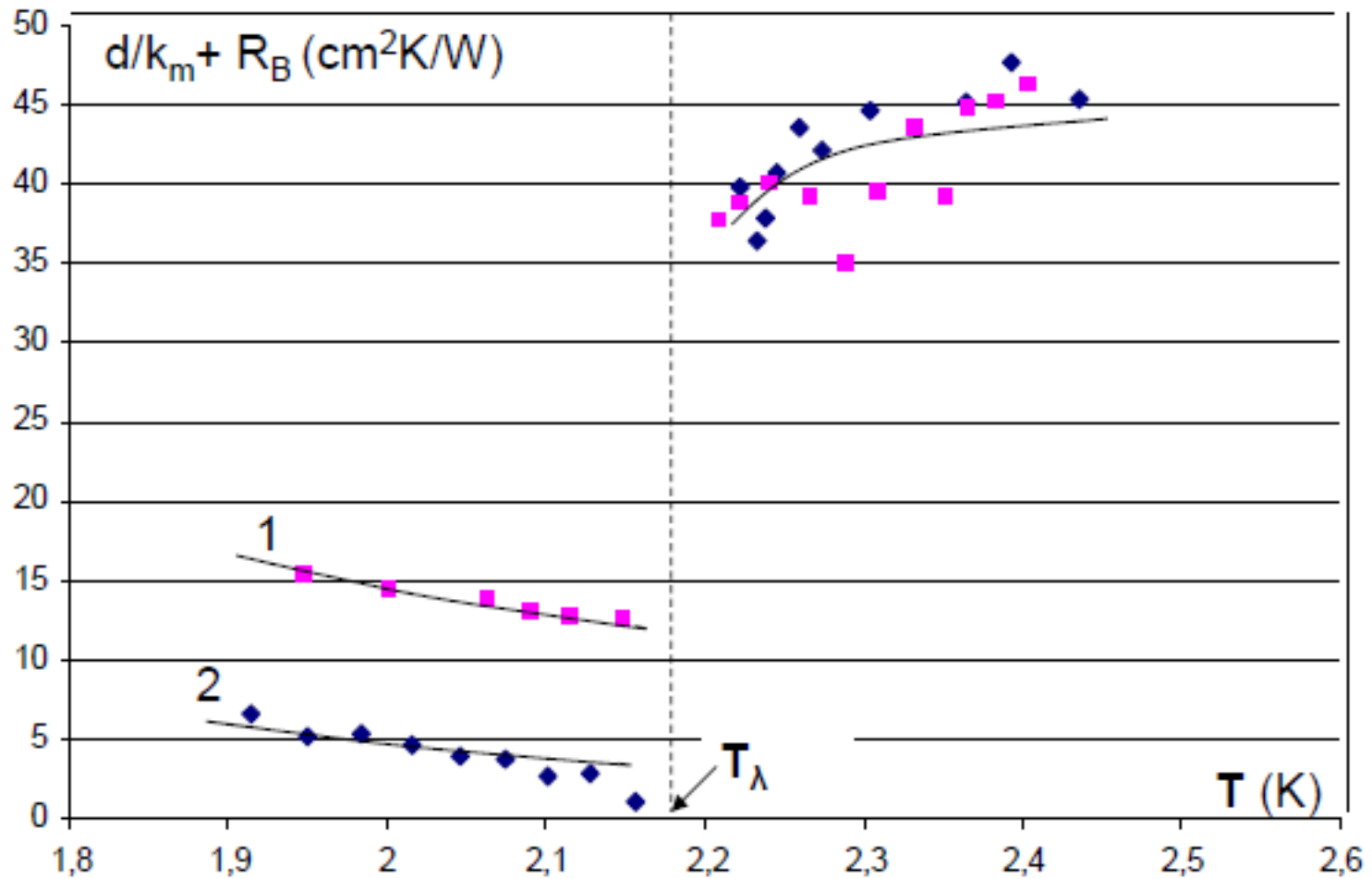


$$R_{\text{BCS}}(T) = \frac{A\omega^2}{T} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta_0}{K_B T}\right)$$

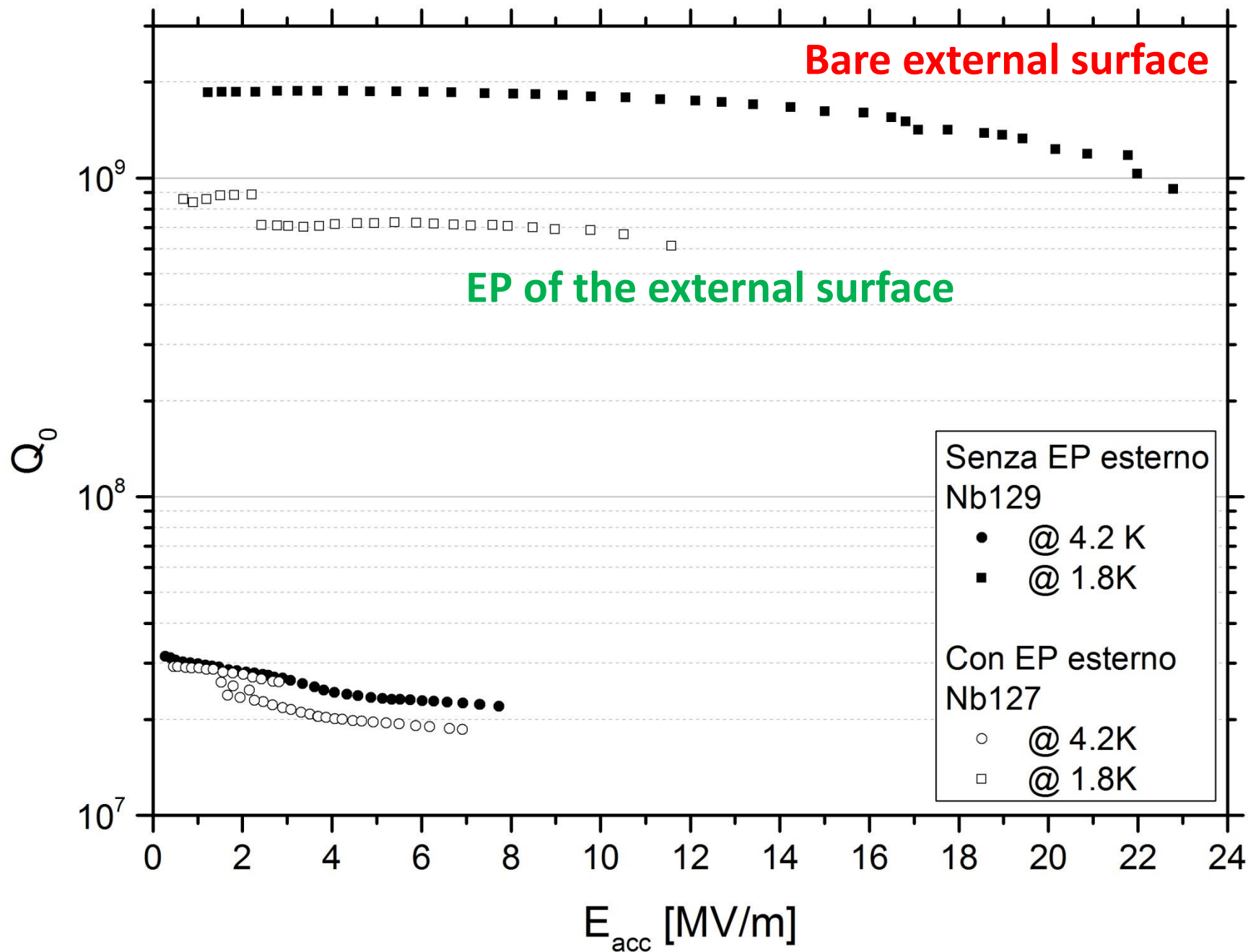
$$R_{\text{BCS}}(T_0) = \frac{A\omega^2}{T_0 + \Delta T} \exp\left[-\frac{\Delta_0}{K_B(T_0 + \Delta T)}\right] \cong R_{\text{BCSO}}(T_0) \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_0 \cdot \Delta T}{K_B T_0^2}\right)$$

$$\Delta T = T - T_0 = \left(\frac{d}{k_m} + R_B\right) P_d$$

$$\frac{d}{k_m} + R_B = \frac{K_B T_0^2}{\Delta_0 P_d} \left[\frac{R_s(T_0) - R_0}{R_{s\text{BCSO}}(T_0)} - 1 \right]$$



Thermal boundary resistance for a 6GHz Nb cavity:
 before (1) and after (2) external anodization treatment

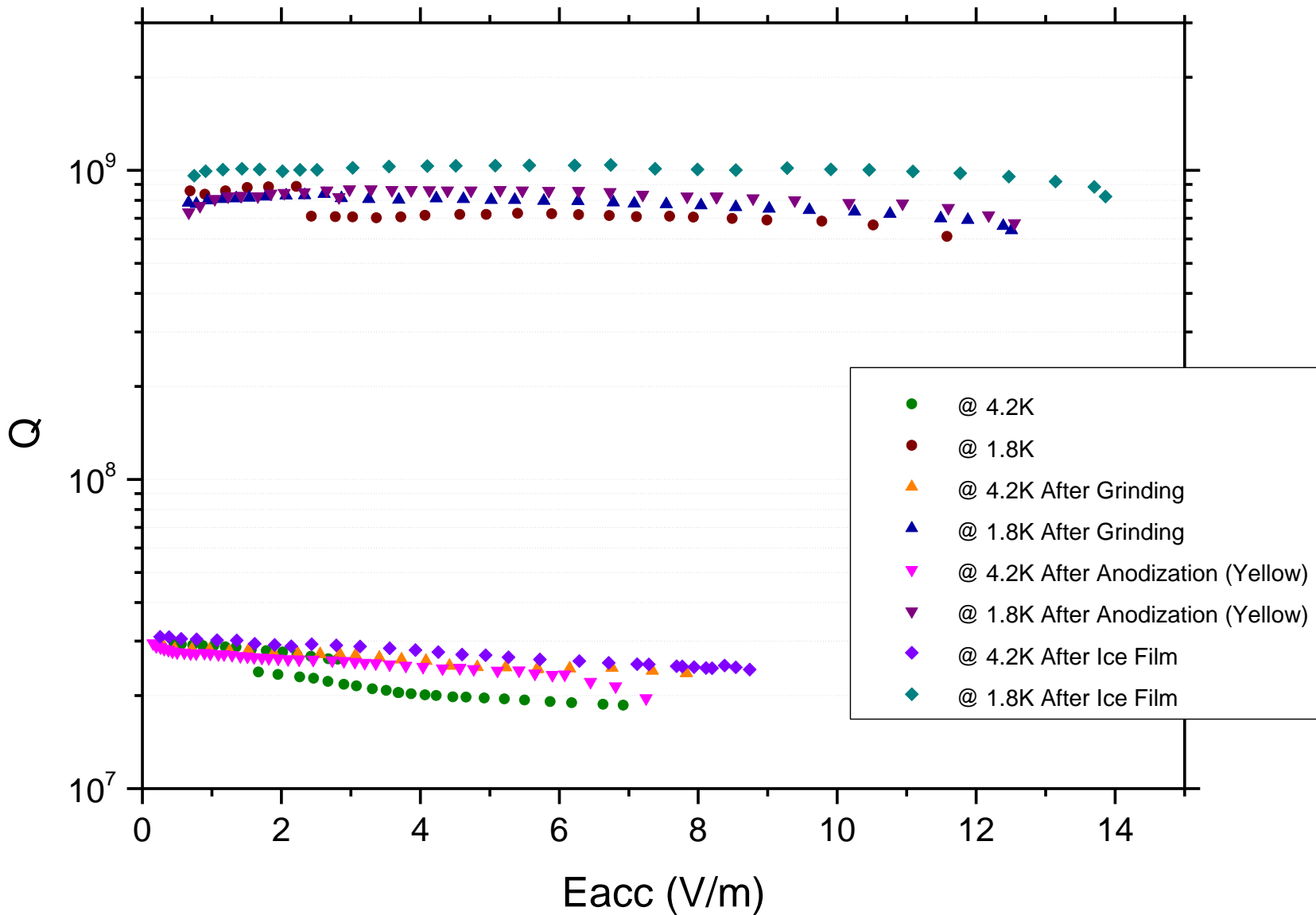


If we mirror finish the cavity exterior surface, will this behave as a Mirror for thermal phonons

**A mirror-like external surface will
decrease the nucleation sites for
Helium boiling nucleation,
promoting then
the Liquid He Super-heating**

It is well known that **water
micro-cristallites on the
external surface of Nb
promote film boiling and then
positively affect cavity
performances?**

Nb 127 with external EP

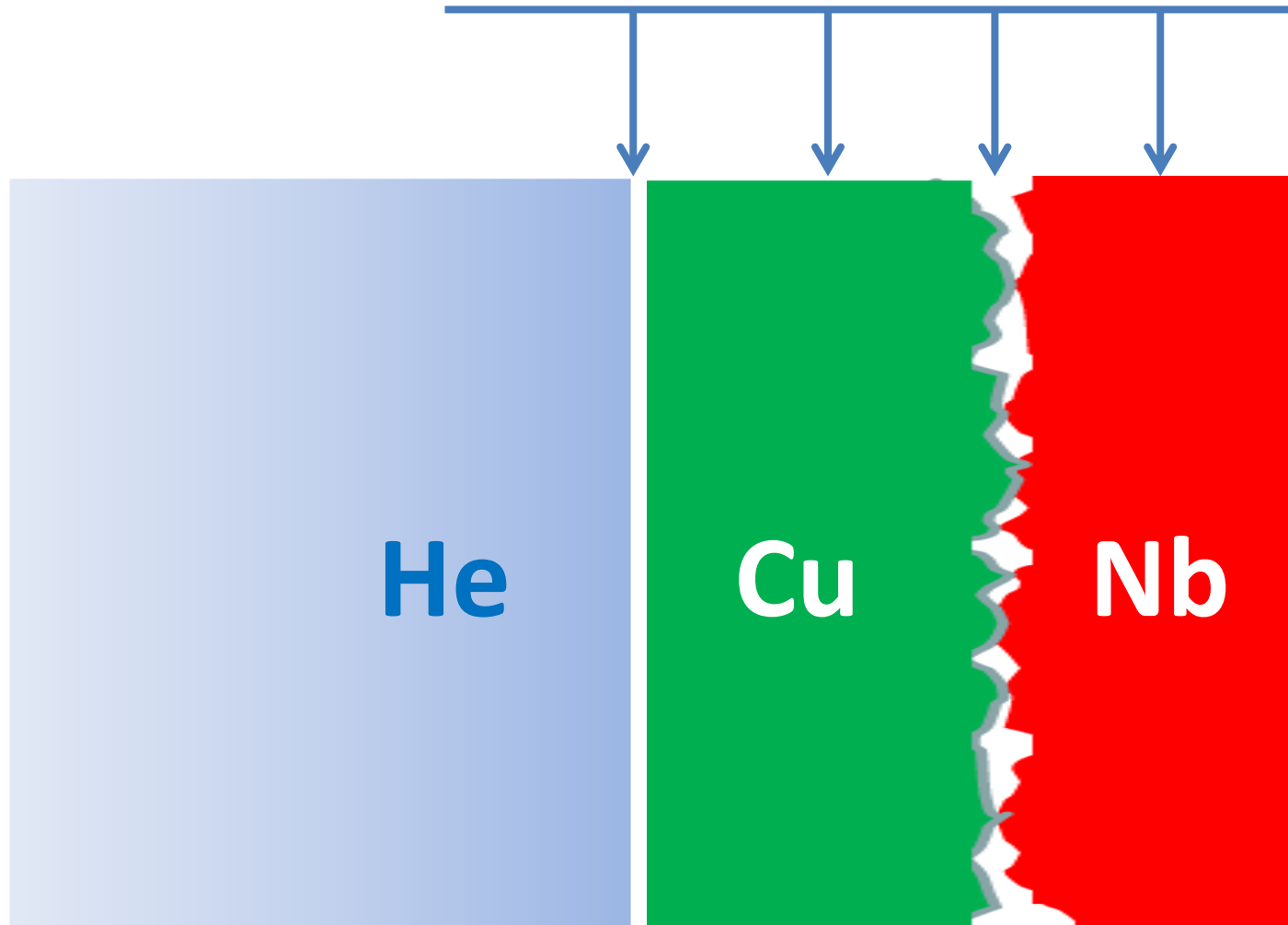


What do we understand?

**... that a deeper understanding
of Cryogenics is mandatory!!!**



There are **only 4** possible players



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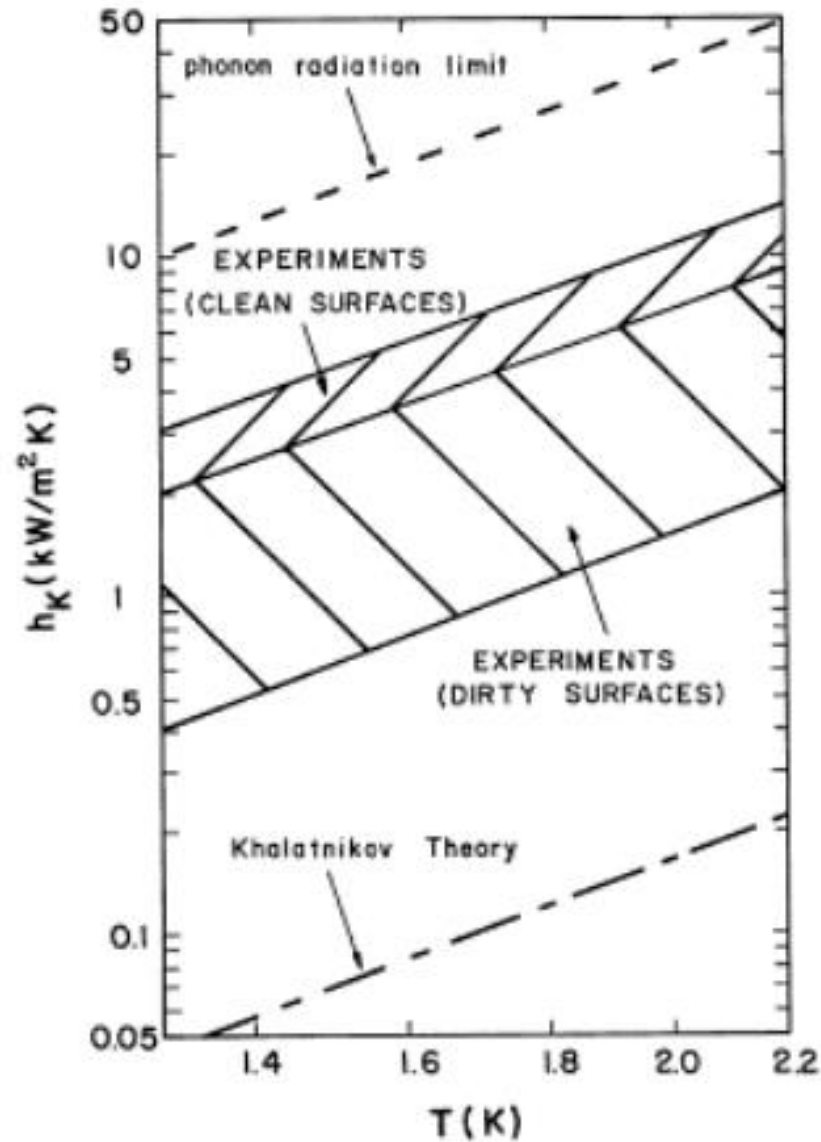


Fig. 7.36 Experimental values for the Kapitza conductance of copper between 1.3 K and T_2 (Compiled by Snyder [54])

3. The Cu-He interface

The **Kapitza resistance** at the Cu/HeII

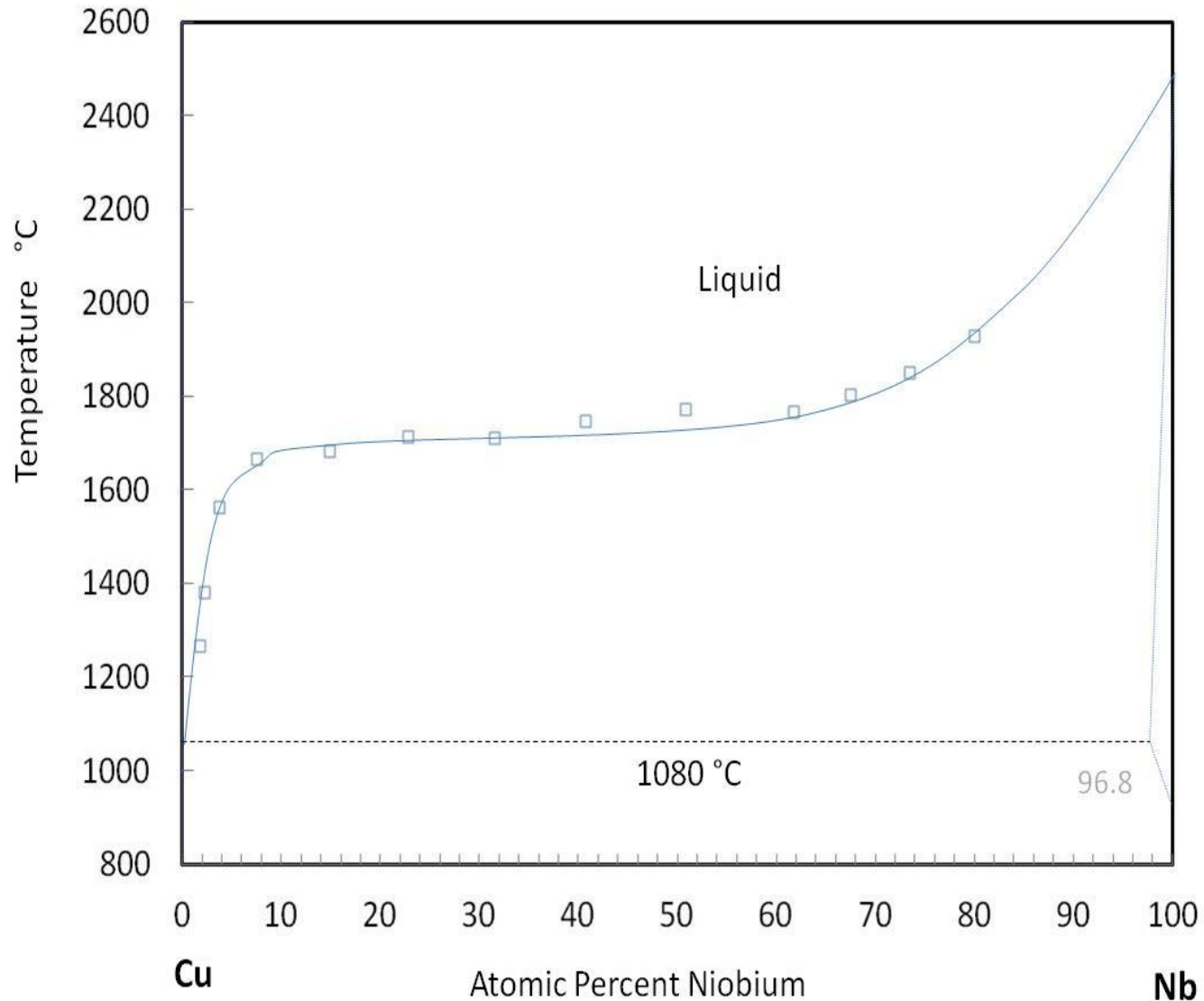
interface, at 1.8K is $R_K = 2-4 \text{ cm}^2\text{K/W}$

(in the same range for the Nb/He-II interface)

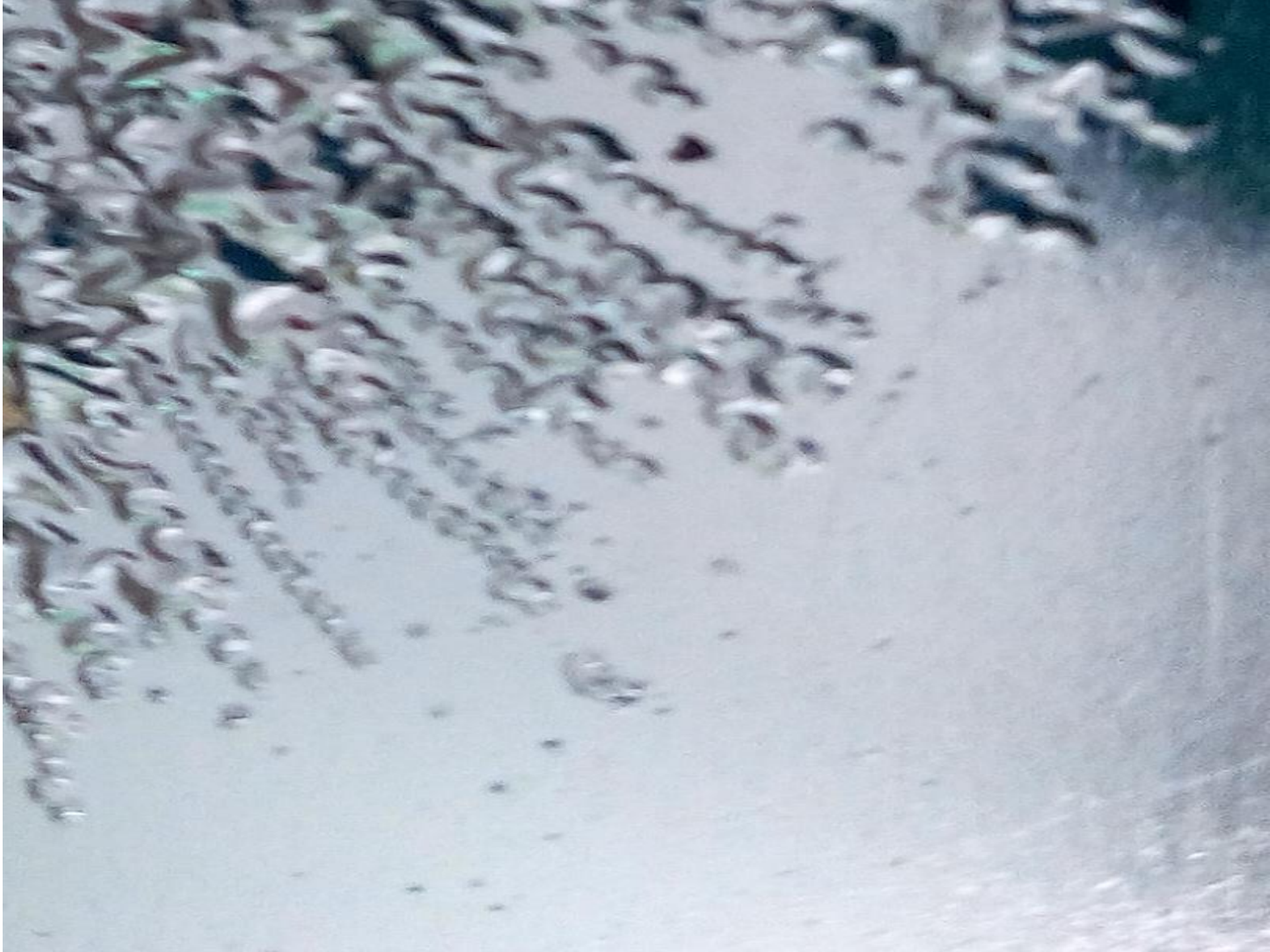
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The Cu-Nb phase diagram

(after D.J. Chakrabarti and D.E. Laughlin)









The Cu-Nb interface

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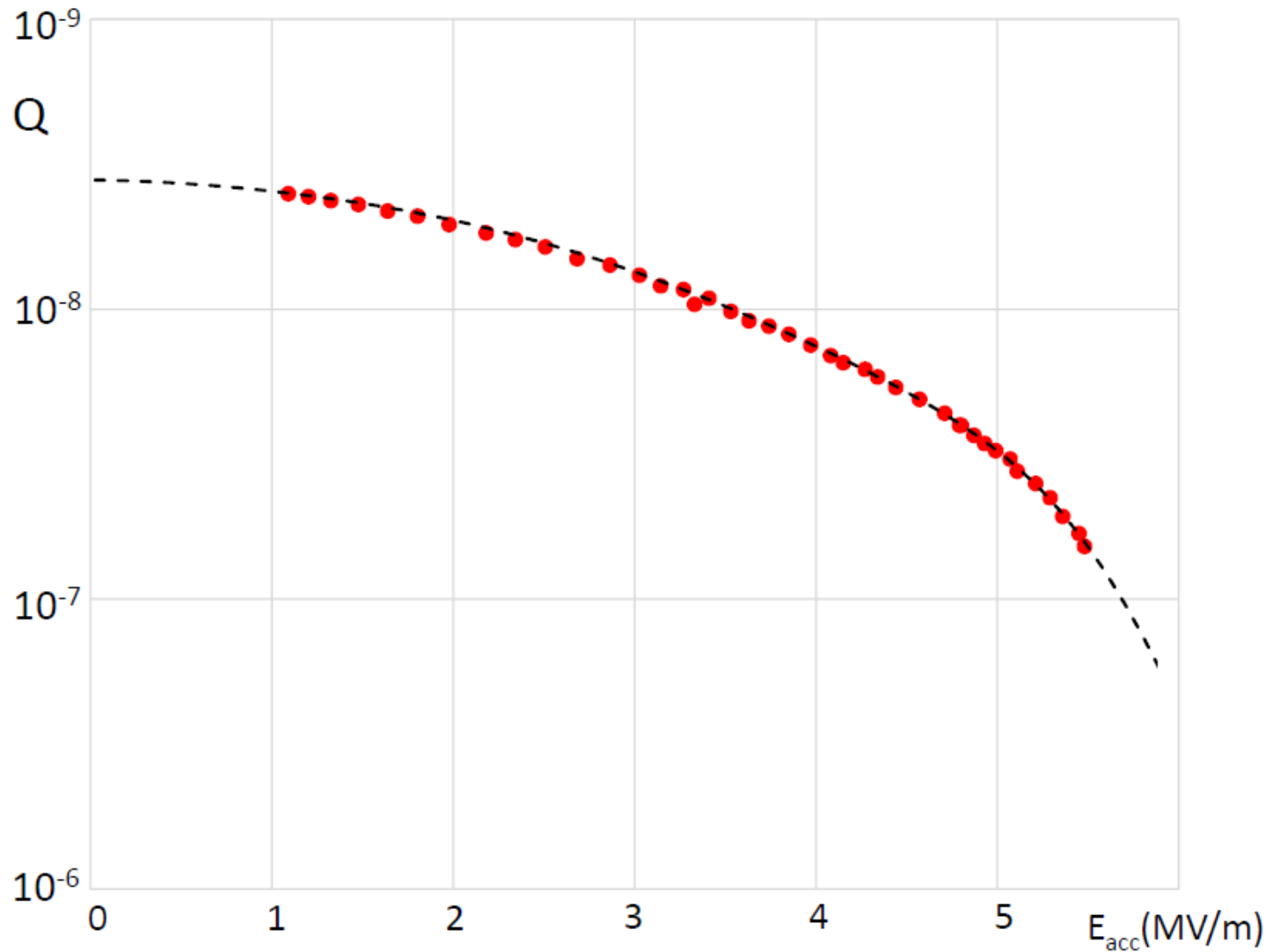
The Cu-Nb interface

*..and even **arc coated cavities** were not measured because of **poor film adhesion***

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A Nb clad Cu 1,3GHz cavity



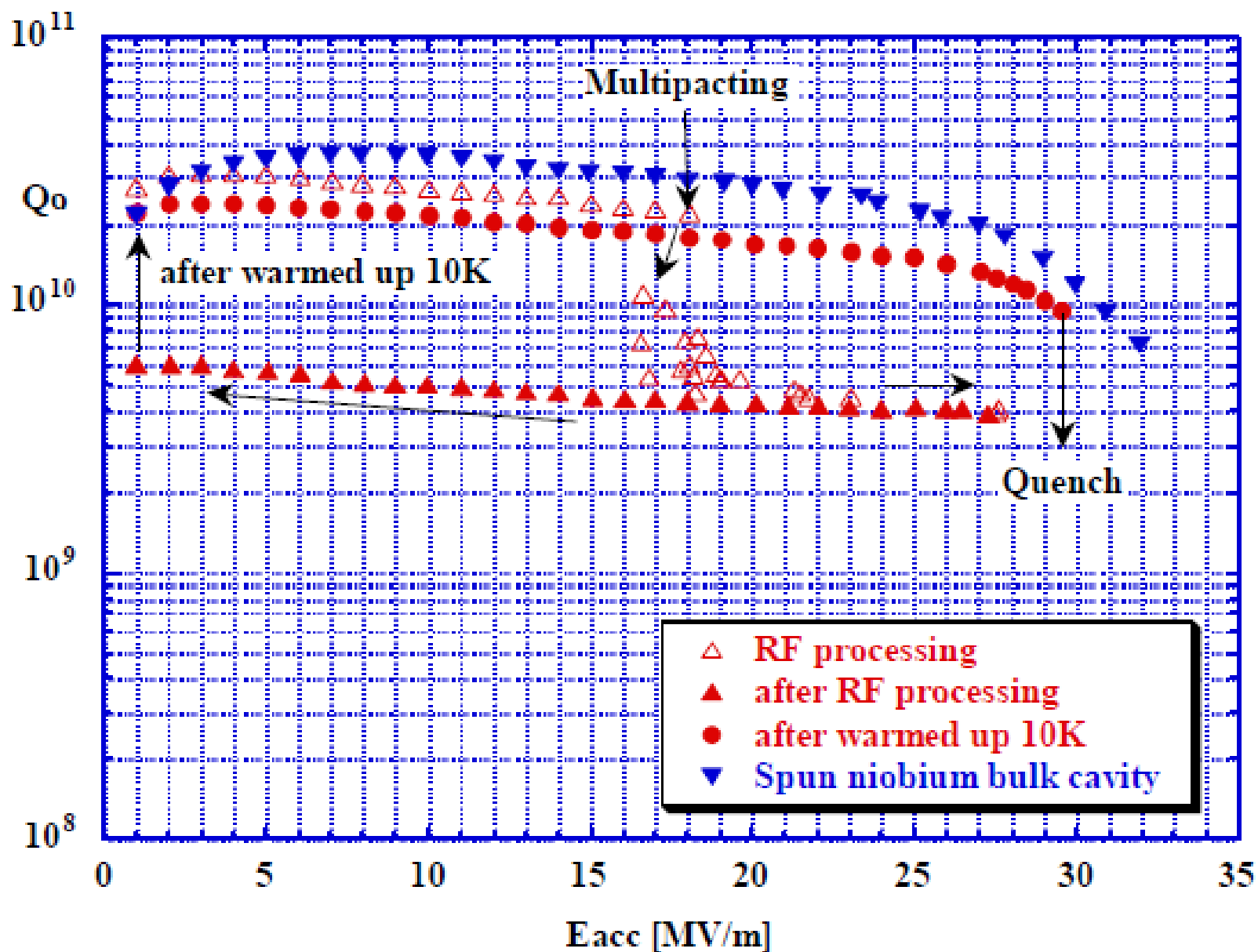


Figure 1: Result of the new Nb/Cu clad spun cavity from RRR = 200 niobium material

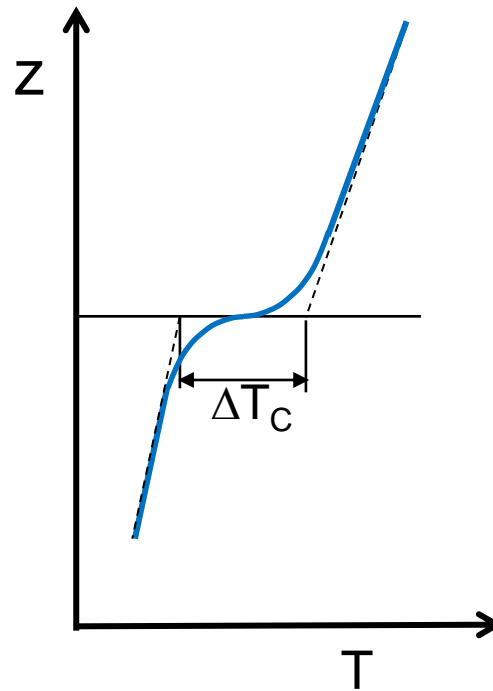
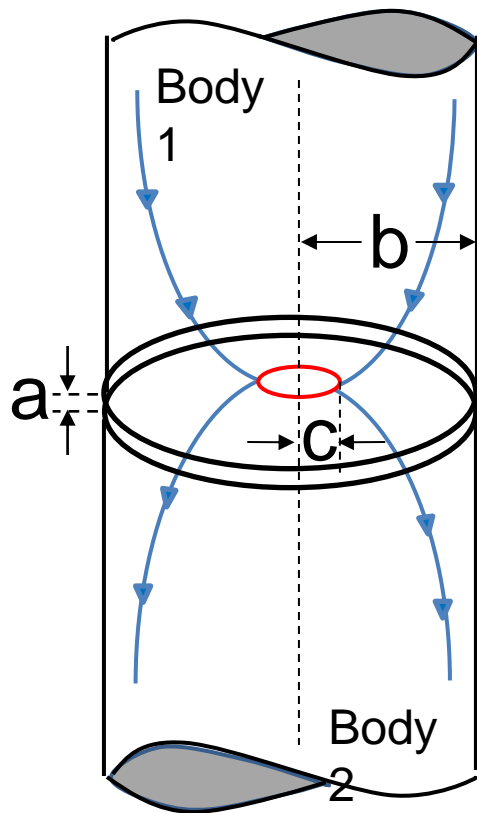
Why **Nb clad Cu** cavities work,

And **Nb Sputtered Cu** cavities do not?

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Int. J. Heat Mass Transfer. Vol. 12, pp. 279–300. Pergamon Press 1969. Printed in Great Britain



$$\dot{Q} = h_c \Delta T_c$$

$$h_c = 2k \frac{nc_m}{\psi}$$

Model for the individual flow channel

What it will happen for **a non perfect contact** between Nb and Cu?

$$\Delta T = R_B P_{RF}$$

$$P_{RF} = \frac{1}{2} R_s(T) H_{RF}^2$$

$$\Delta T = R_B \frac{1}{2} R_s(T) H_{RF}^2$$

$$R_s(T + \Delta T) = \frac{A\omega^2}{T_0 + \Delta T} \exp\left[-\frac{\Delta_0}{K_B(T_0 + \Delta T)}\right] + R_o$$

(dirty limit and $T \leq T_c/2$)

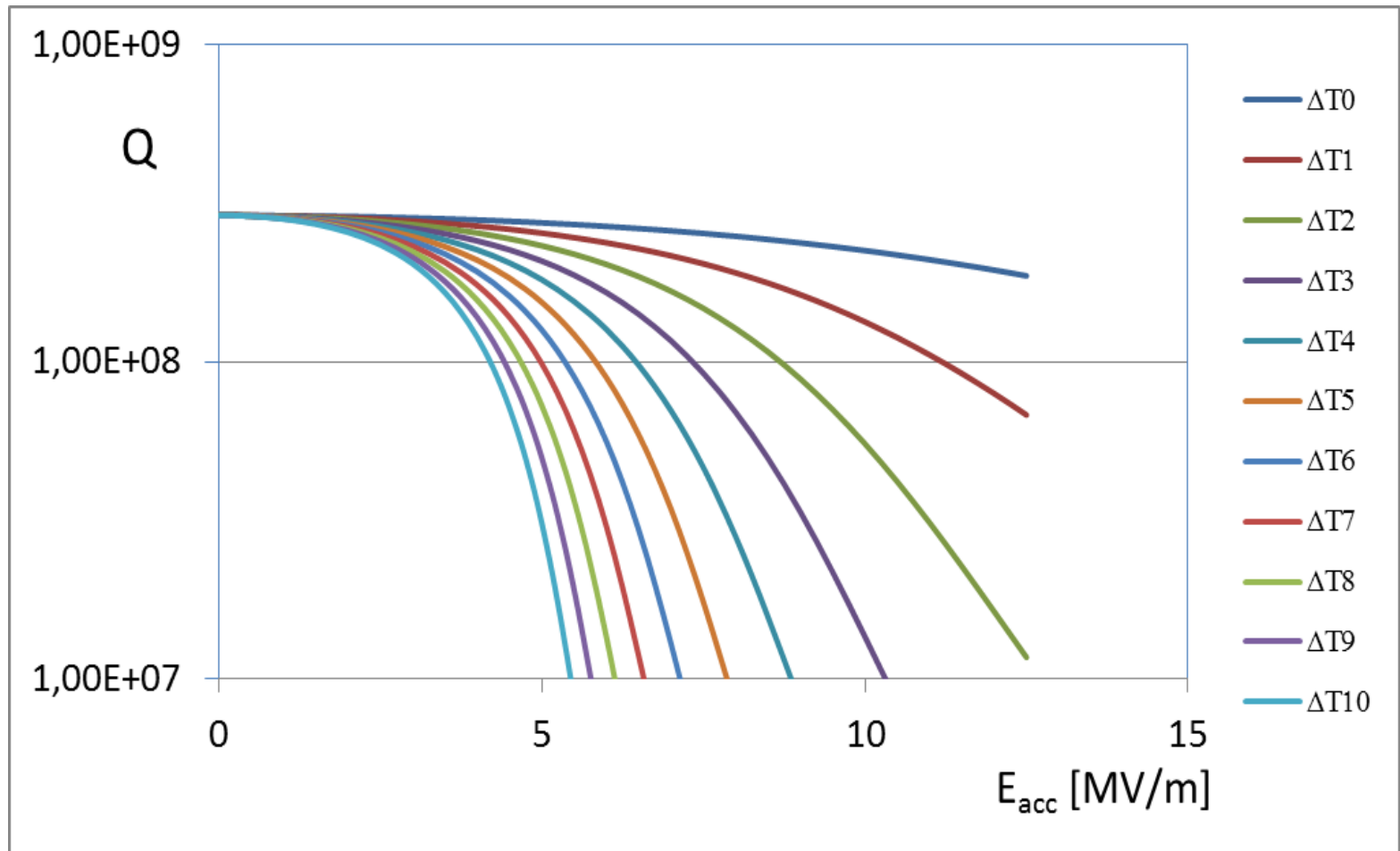
$$\Delta T = R_B \frac{1}{2} R_s(T) H_{RF}^2$$

**If the adhesion of
Niobium to Copper is not
good, the cavity will go in
thermal runaway!!!!**

$$R_s(T + \Delta T) = \frac{A\omega^2}{T_0 + R_B \frac{1}{2} R_s(T) H_{RF}^2} \exp \left[- \frac{\Delta_0}{K_B (T_0 + R_B \frac{1}{2} R_s(T) H_{RF}^2)} \right] + R_o$$

increasing the rf field we have an increase in ΔT that produces an increase in $R_s(T)$, producing a further increase in ΔT , in a kind of “**thermal runaway**” effect.

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Most Probably

$$\overline{R_s(T_o, E_{acc})} = \int_0^{\infty} R_s(T_o, E_{acc}, R_B) f(R_{Nb/Cu}) dR_{Nb/Cu}$$

Where $f(R_{Nb/Cu})$ is the statistical distribution function of defects in adhesion

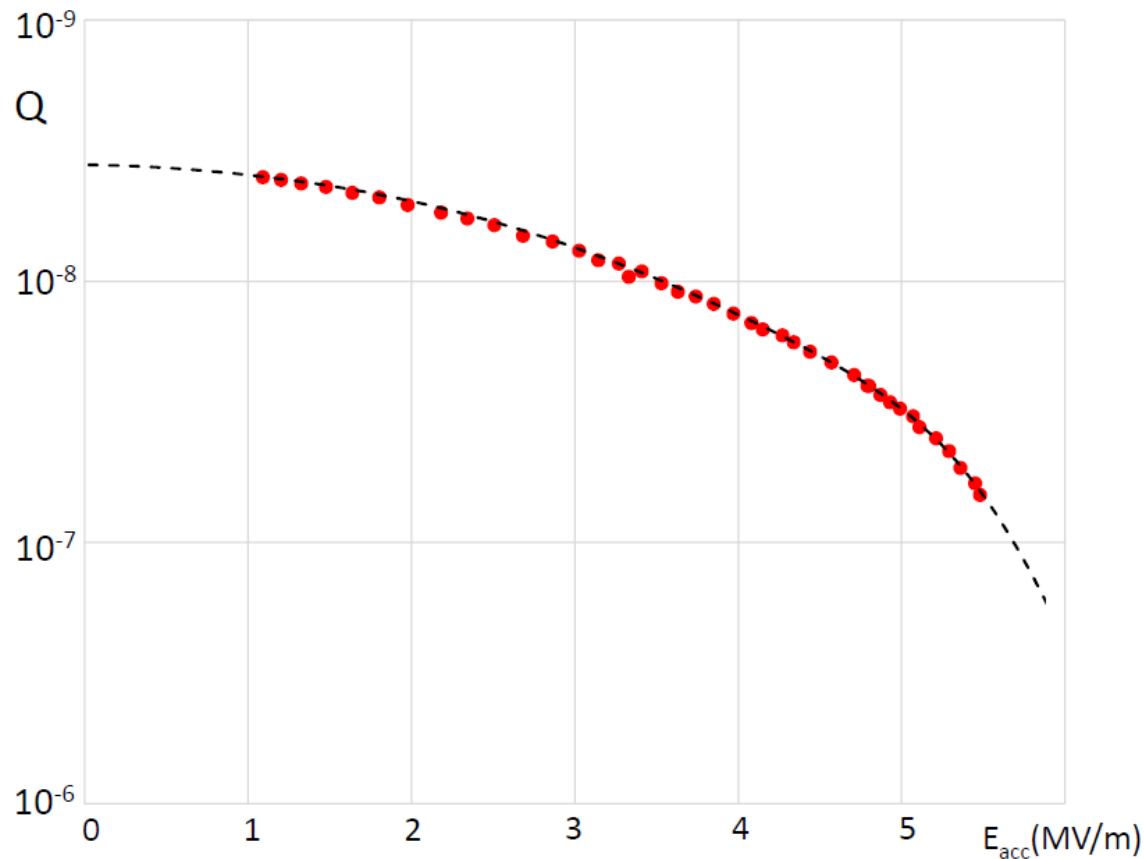
$$\int_0^{\infty} f(R_{Nb/Cu}) dR_{Nb/Cu} = 1$$

This equation belongs to the class of first type Fredholm integral equations, used for solving inverse problems

$$\overline{R_s(T_o, E_{acc})} = \int_0^{\infty} R_s(T_o, E_{acc}, R_B) f(R_{Nb/Cu}) dR_{Nb/Cu}$$

Then solving numerically the integral equation , we can use the solution in order to fit the $Q(E_{acc})$ curves and to find the

$f(R_{Nb/Cu})$ statistical distribution



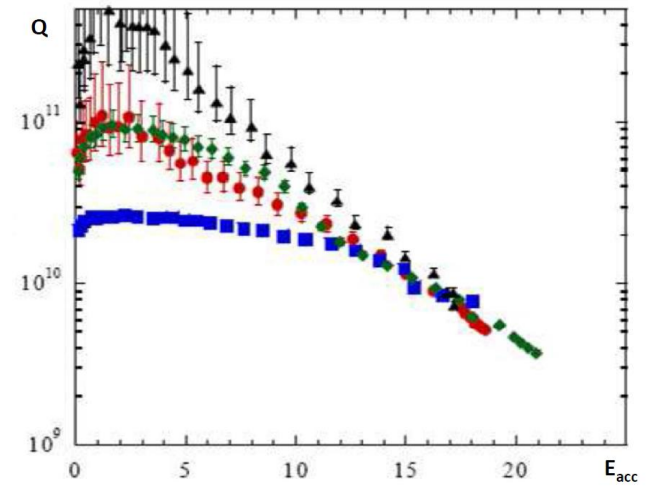
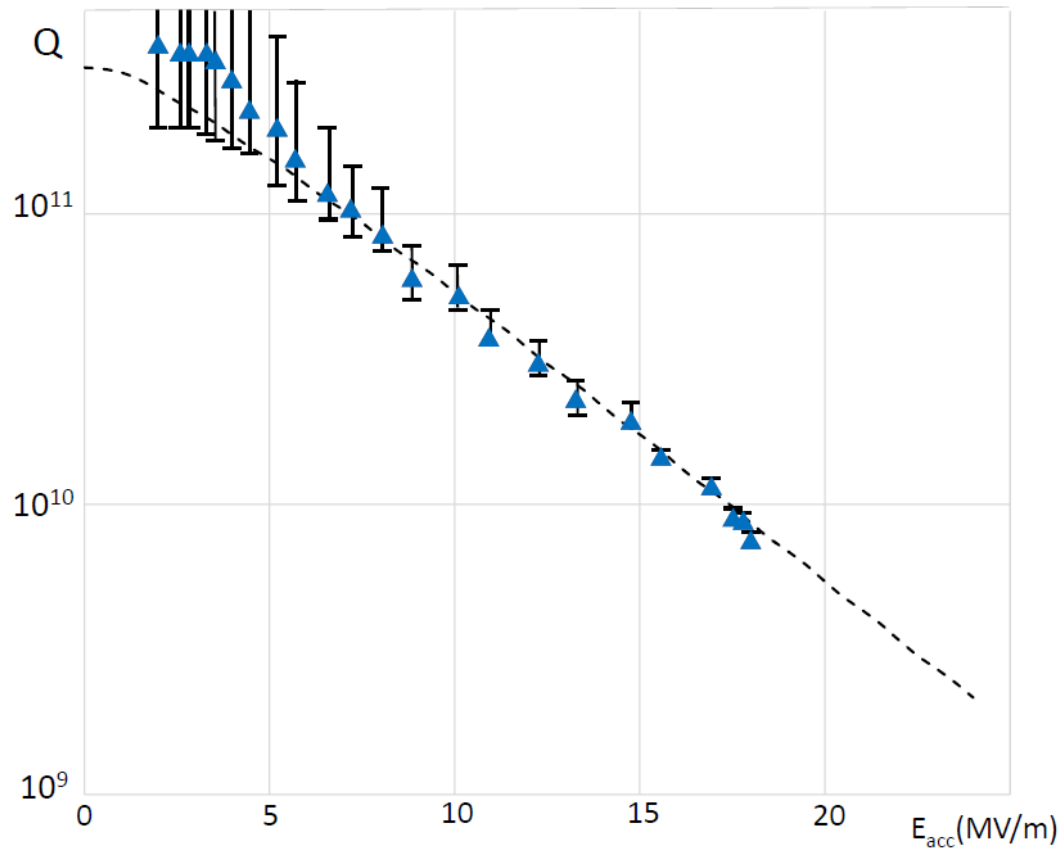
LNL-INFN 6GHz Nb/Cu cavity
T=1.8K

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2) CERN 1.5GHz Nb/Cu cavity (high quality), T=1.7K

V. Abet-Engels, C. Benvenuti, S. Calatroni, P. Darriulat, M.A.Peck, A.-M. Valente, C.A. Van't Hof, Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research , p. 1-8, A463 (2001).

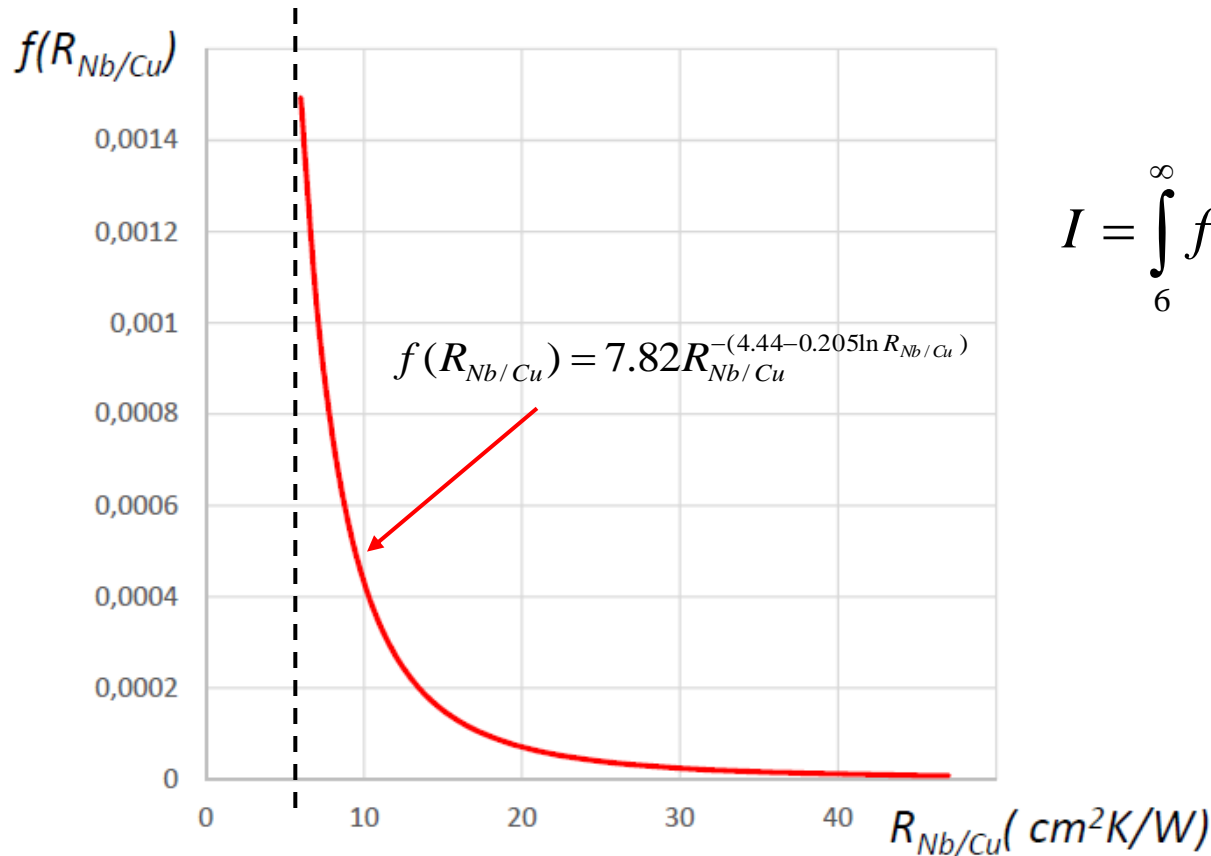


Fitting parameters (from independent measurements)

Tab I

T_o	$A\omega^2$	Δ_o/K_B	R_θ	R_{sn}	$R_{K(Cu/He)}$
1.8K	$6 \cdot 10^{-3} \Omega/K$	17.5K	$0.8 \mu\Omega$	0.01Ω	$3 \text{ cm}^2\text{K/W}$

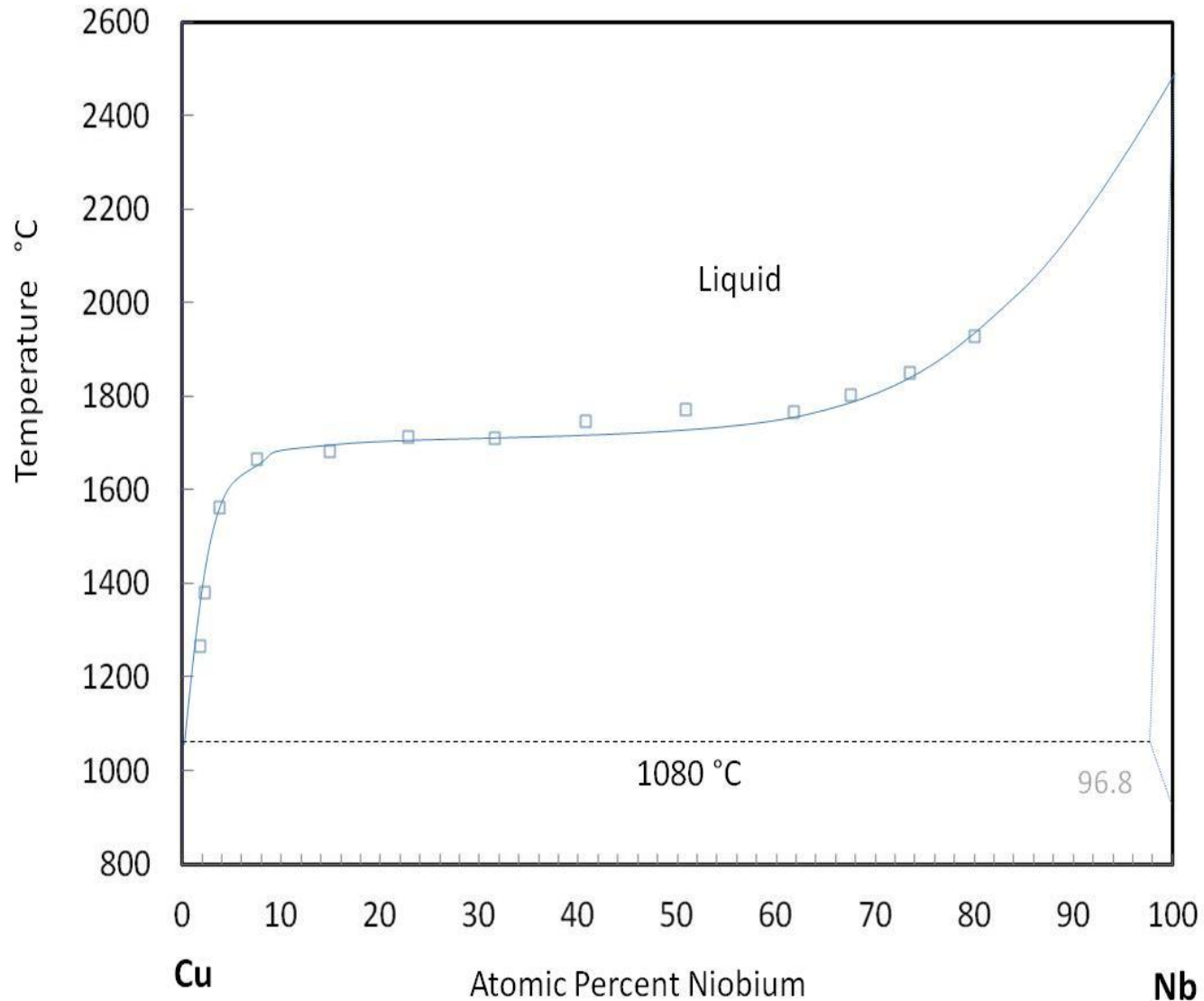
Deduced distribution function $f(R_{Nb/Cu})$



$$I = \int_6^{\infty} f(R_{Nb/Cu}) dR_{Nb/Cu} = 0.005 \quad (0.5\%)$$

The Cu-Nb phase diagram

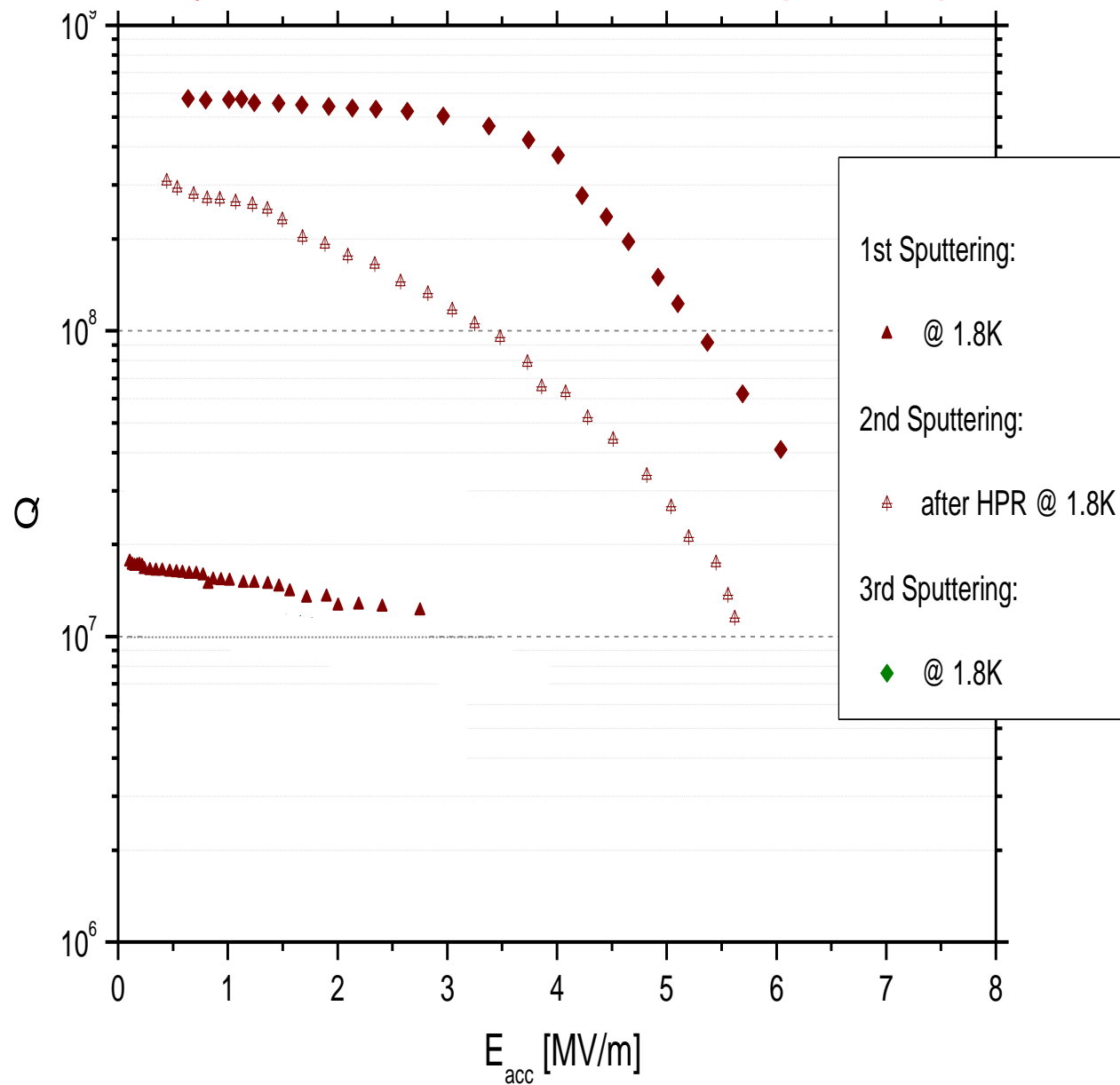
(after D.J. Chakrabarti and D.E. Laughlin)



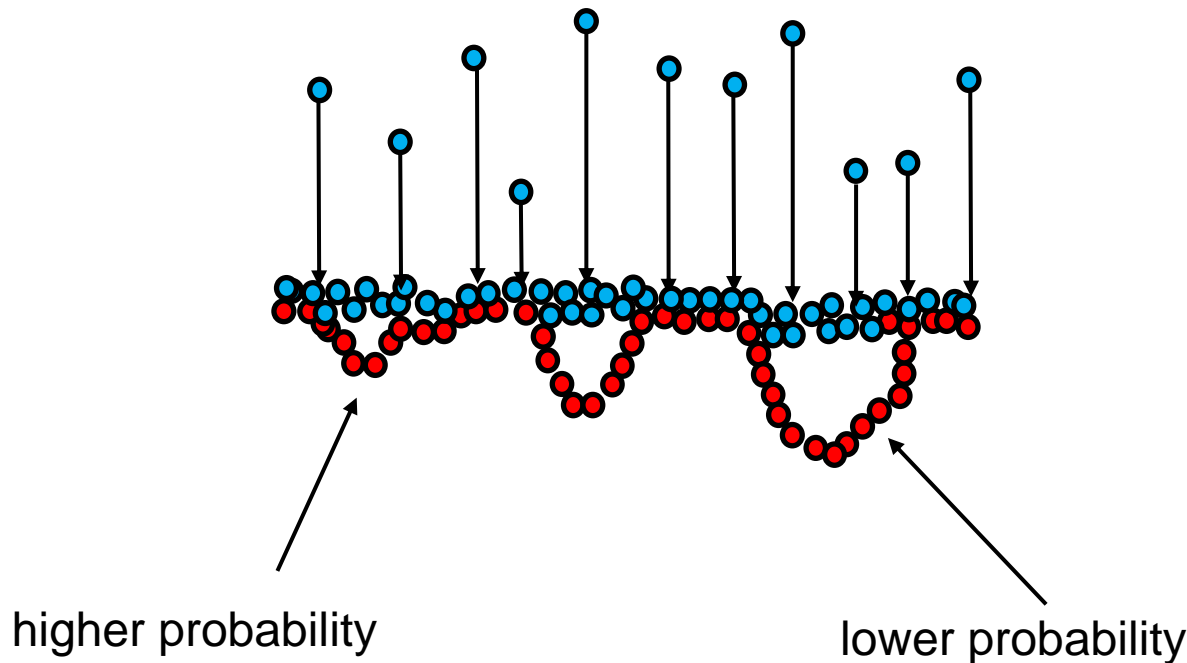
What has high solubility both in Niobium and in Copper?

- **Palladium**
- **Tin**
- **Aluminum**

A palladium underlayer at the Nb /Cu interface improves performances

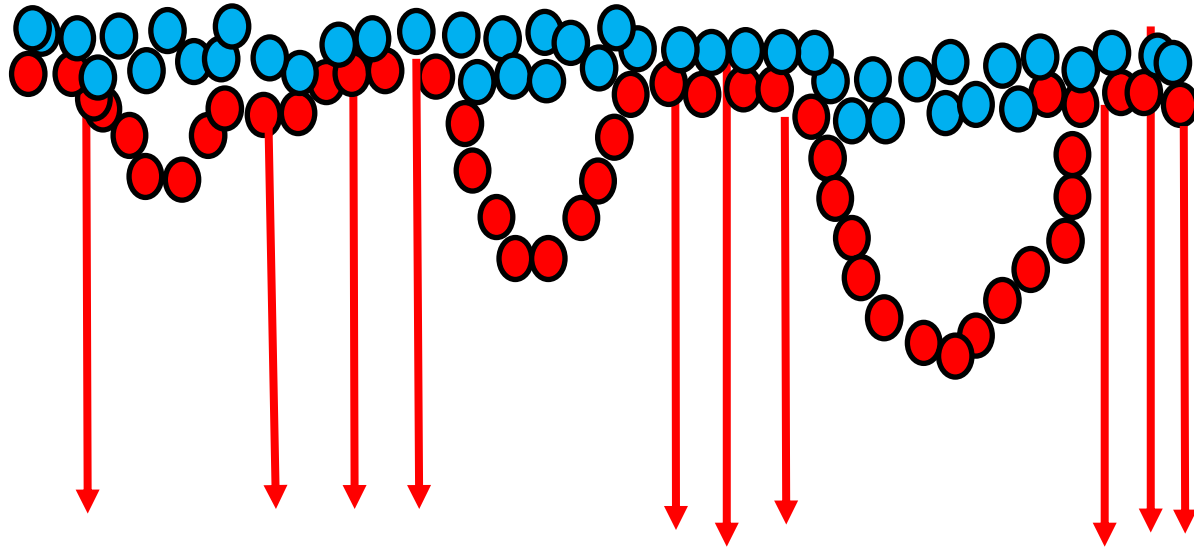


If micro-voids form at the interface they would be **log-normally distributed**



«Void formation during film growth: A molecular dynamics simulation study»
R.W. Smith and D.J. Srolovitz, J. Appl. Phys., Vol. 79, p. 1448 (1996)

The heat removal from the film to substrate is mediated by the pinholes



Conclusions

If the Nb-Cu interface is not perfect, high values of the **thermal resistance** $R_B = R_{\text{Nb/Cu}}$ **will rise.**

The Nb film areas in loose contact will be gradually driven into the normal state, characterized by a high surface resistance, so that the typically **high Q-slope** is due to a progressive “micro-quench” process.

Two roads of investigation:

Buffer layers and thick films

Conclusions

The two roads of investigation:

Buffer layers and **conformal**

coating of pin holes