



Processing of spoke cavities at ANL/FNAL and rotational BCP

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I. Introduction

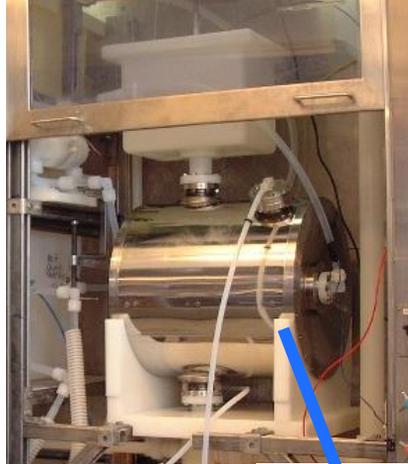
Spoke Cathode



End Plate Cathode



Flash BCP



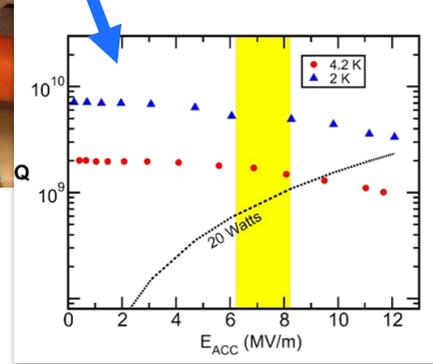
Bulk BCP



Light BCP



HPR



- Double (2002) & Triple (2004) Spoke Cavities for RIA
- Spoke and end plate assemblies electropolished (~150 μm)
- Flash BCP (<20 μm total) after final welding of complete cavities
 - Acid flow through beam ports
 - Flipped halfway due to trapped air bubble (no etching)
 - Helium jacket used for cavity cooling
- Test performance good for time; not great by today's standards

- SSR1 (2009) for HINS proton driver at FNAL
- Same facility and similar procedures as used on RIA spokes
 - Bare cavity: Bulk (120 μm) and light (20 μm) BCP
 - Water bath used for cavity cooling
 - Non-uniform etching
 - Jacketed cavity: Flash (<20 μm) BCP
 - Helium jacket used for cavity cooling



I. Introduction

ANL/FNAL joint cavity processing facility

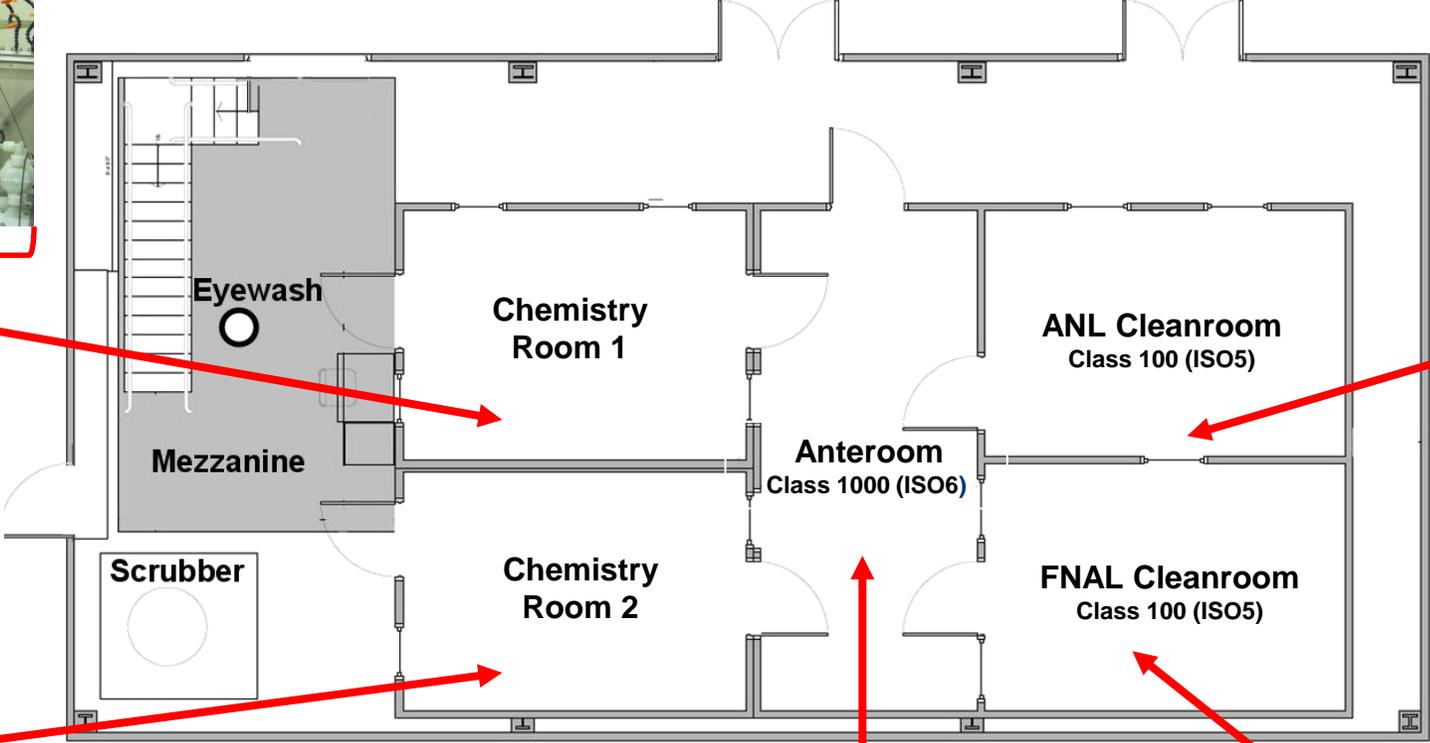
- 2000 ft² hi-bay (located at ANL)
- Fully operational since 2009 (1.3 GHz cavities)



HWR + SSR1 HPR



650 MHz Cavity HPR

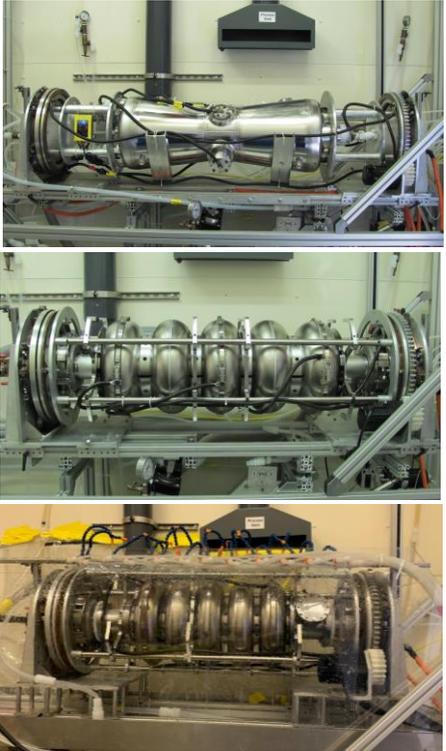
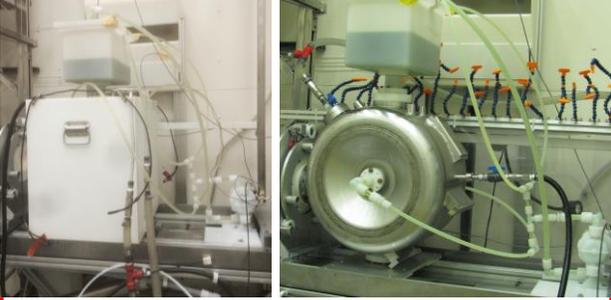


Cavity Ultrasonic Cleaning



**HWR + 650 MHz Cavity EP
SSR2 BCP (planned)**

SSR1 BCP

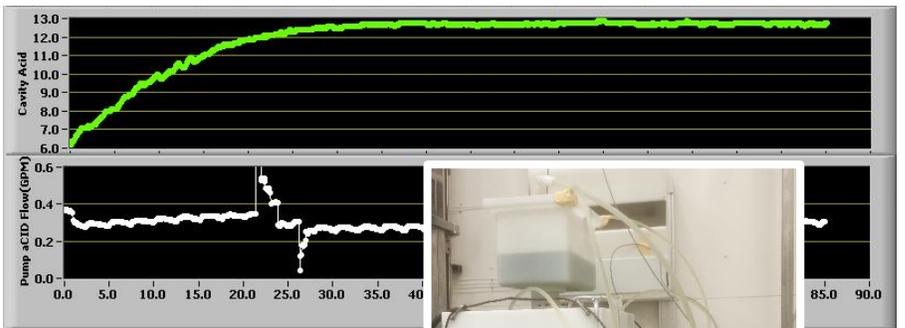
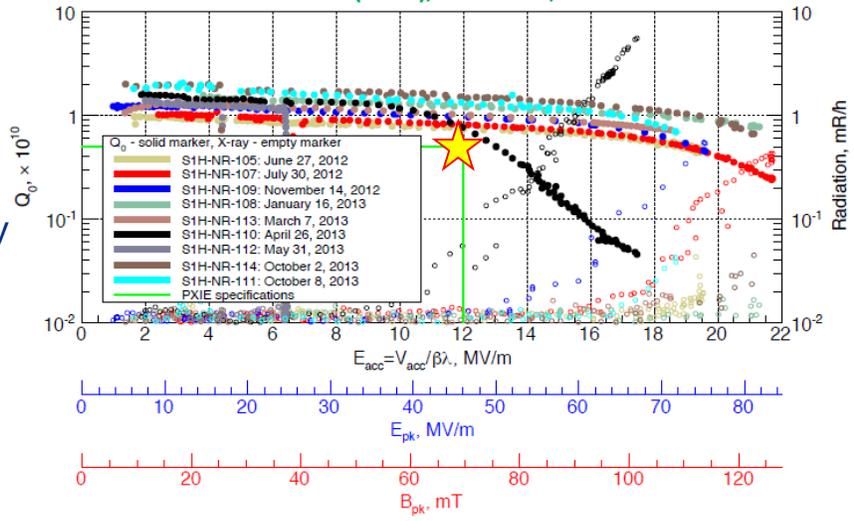


II. Experience with SSR1 BCP

- New facility, same procedure as HINS cavity BCP
 - Additional mixing to prevent stagnant areas
- Standard 1:1:2 BCP mix
 - Pre-chill overnight (2-7° C)

	Bulk BCP (bare)	Light BCP (bare)	Light BCP (jacketed)
Target Removal (µm)	120-150	20-30	20
Acid Temperature (°C)		<15	
Cavity Cooling	External Water Bath		Helium Jacket
Flow Rate (gpm)		~0.5	

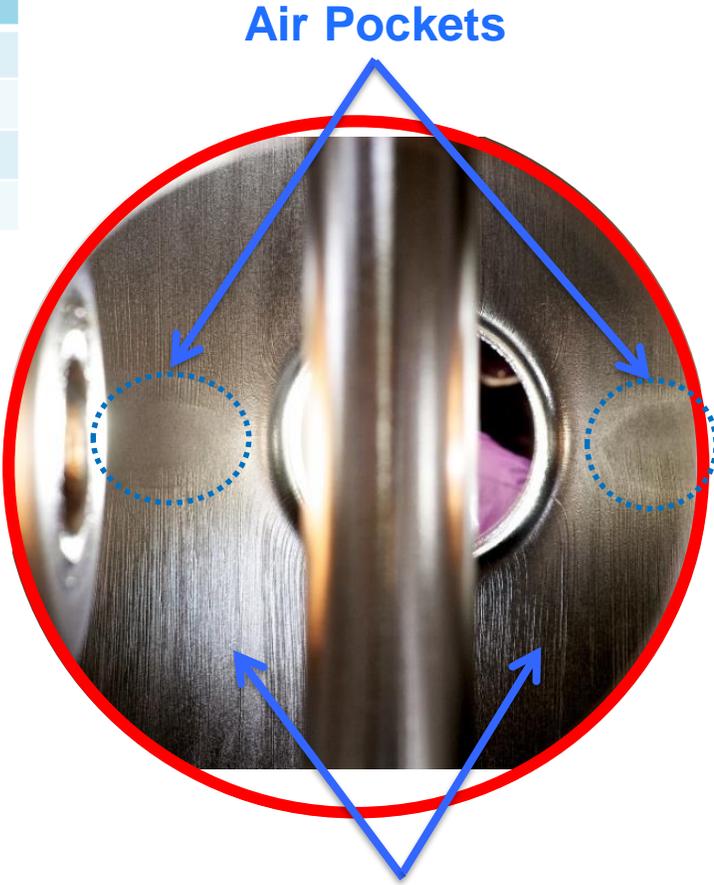
- Fixed cavity BCP results in unwanted surface features
- Cavity performance pretty good (lots of multipacting, not sure if any relation to chemistry)
- But room for improvement



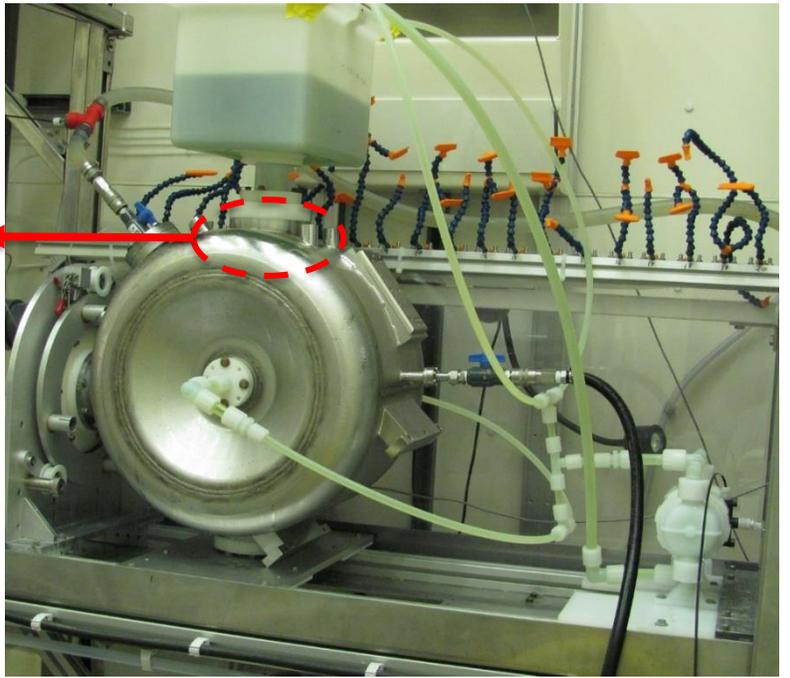
Max acid temp: 13°C
Run Time: 90 min



Bulk BCP of bare cavity



Bubble Streaks

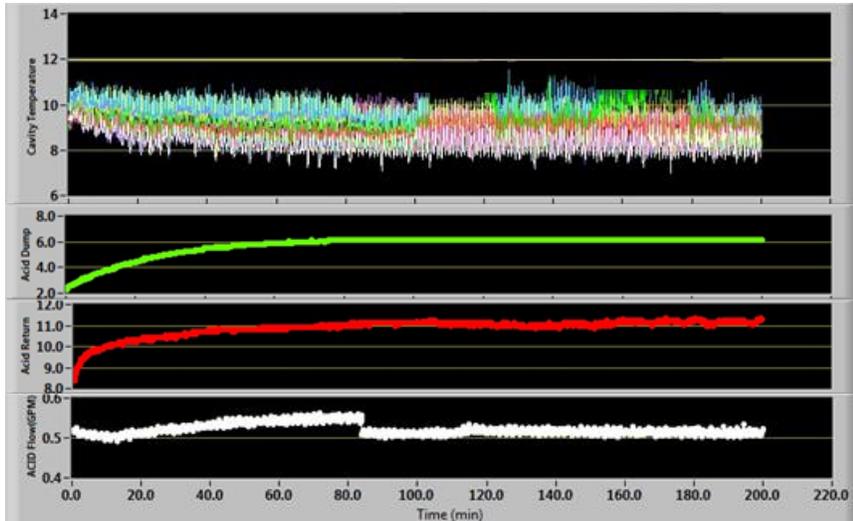


Light BCP of jacketed cavity



III. Motivation for SSR2 BCP

- Horizontal rotating BCP
 - 400 MHz RF-Dipole crab cavity for LHC-HiLumi (2018)
- Based on horizontal EP
 - Plastic tube replaces Al cathode
 - Cavity 60% full of acid
 - Bubbles rise to surface of acid bath
 - Don't have to flip cavity for uniformity
- Two 10 kW chillers for process temperature control
 - External water-cooling spray
 - Active acid-cooling

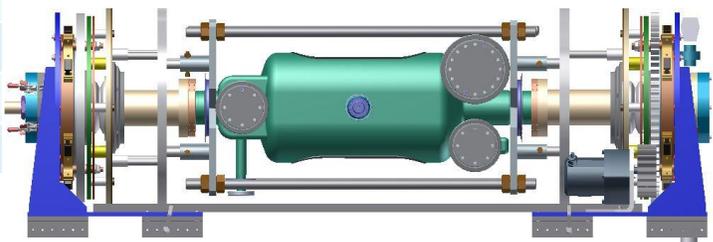


After rotational BCP – no bubble streaks!

Etch Rate:
0.58 μm/min

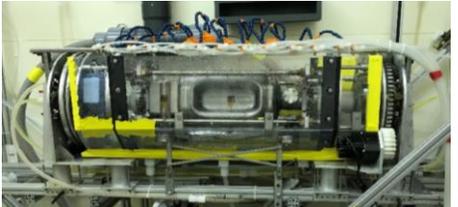
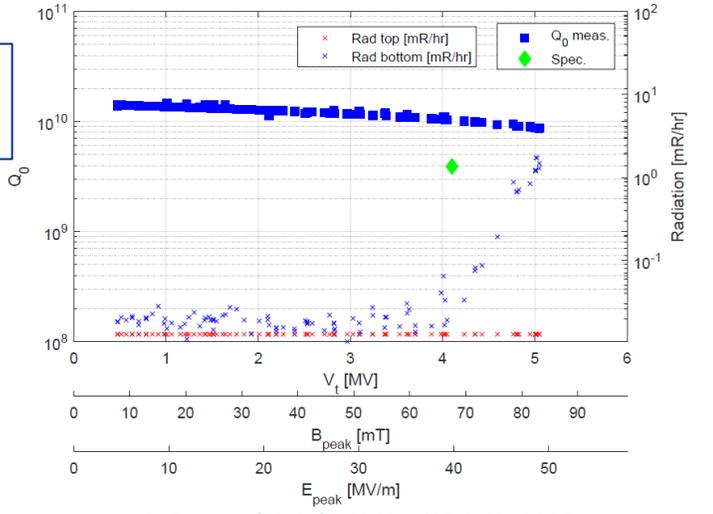
Run Time: 200 min (3.3 hrs) Removal: 117 μm

	Bulk BCP (bare)	Light BCP (bare)
Target Removal (μm)	140 (40+100)	10
Cavity Temperature (°C)		<15
Flow Rate (gpm)		~0.5
Rotation Speed (rpm)		1
Cavity Cooling		External Water Spray



Requirement:
 $Q_0=3.9E9$
 $V_t=4.1$ MV

Measured:
 $Q_0=1E10$ @
 $V_t=4.1$ MV



External water-cooling



Horizontal HPR



Vertical HPR



Quench increased from 3.47 to 5.1 MV after rotating bulk BCP + subsequent processing

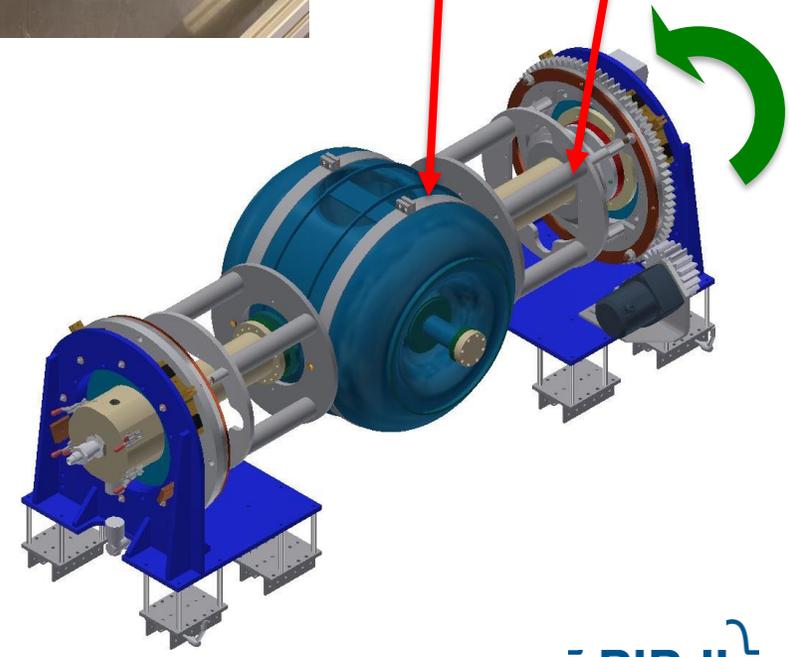
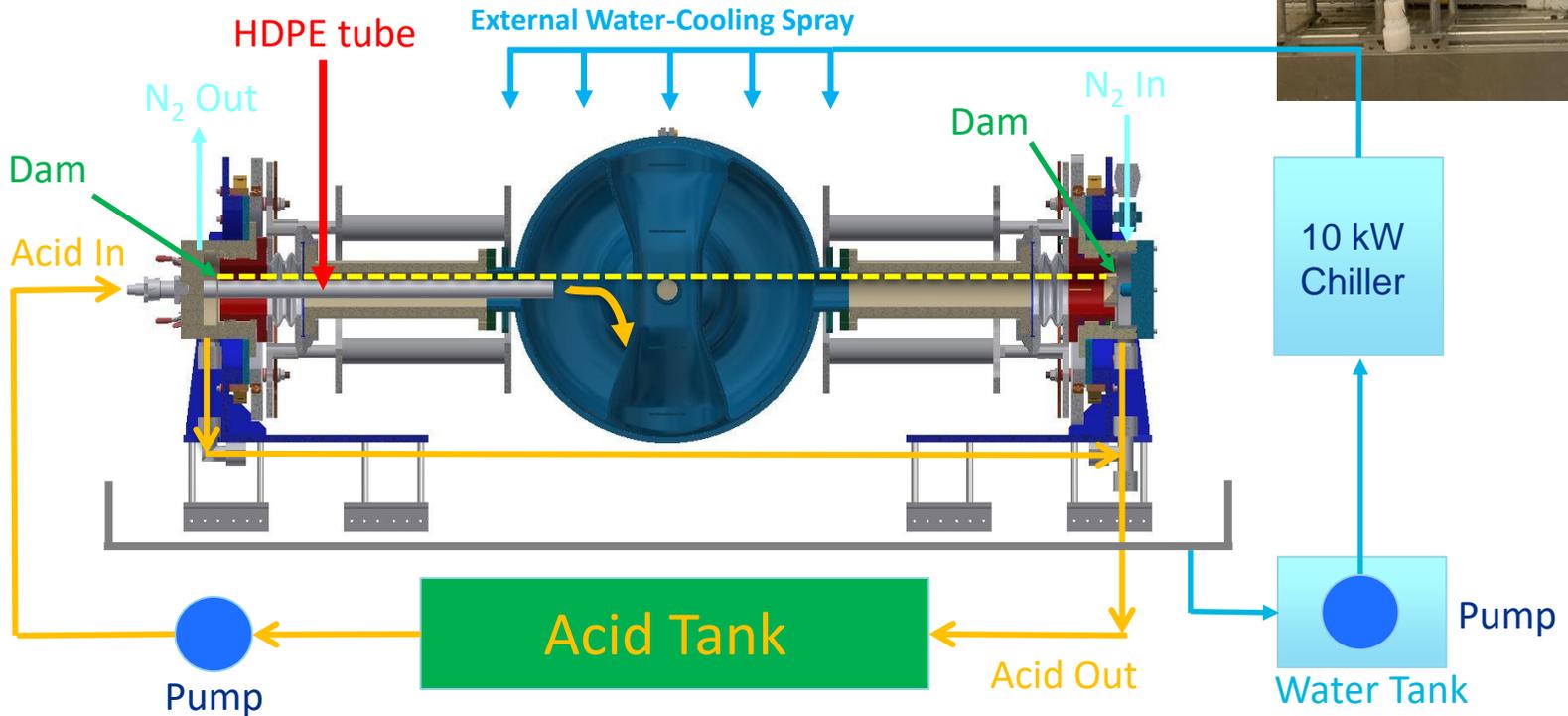
P. Berutti (FNAL), US HL-LHC AUP, 2020



III. Plan for SSR2 BCP

- Apply horizontal rotational BCP to eliminate unwanted surface features inherent to fixed cavity BCP as seen in SSR1s
- Only needed hardware is a cavity support structure and flange adapters
 - Based on SSR1 HPR cage and 162 MHz HWR processing cage

	Bulk BCP (bare)	Light BCP (bare)
Target Removal (μm)	120-180	20-30
Acid Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	<15	
Flow Rate (gpm)	~0.5	
Rotation Speed (rpm)	1	
Cavity Cooling	External Water Spray	



Summary

- More than two decades of spoke cavity chemistry at ANL
- Fixed cavity BCP (fill and dump) works OK for moderate performance requirements
 - Simple to design and implement
 - Unwanted RF surface geometrical features due to bubbles are practically unavoidable
- **Rotational BCP solves issue of features produced by bubbles**
 - Likely improves overall uniformity in almost all geometries relative to fixed BCP
 - Proof of principle with recent 400 MHz crab cavity for HL-LHC

QUESTIONS?

III. SSR Electropolishing

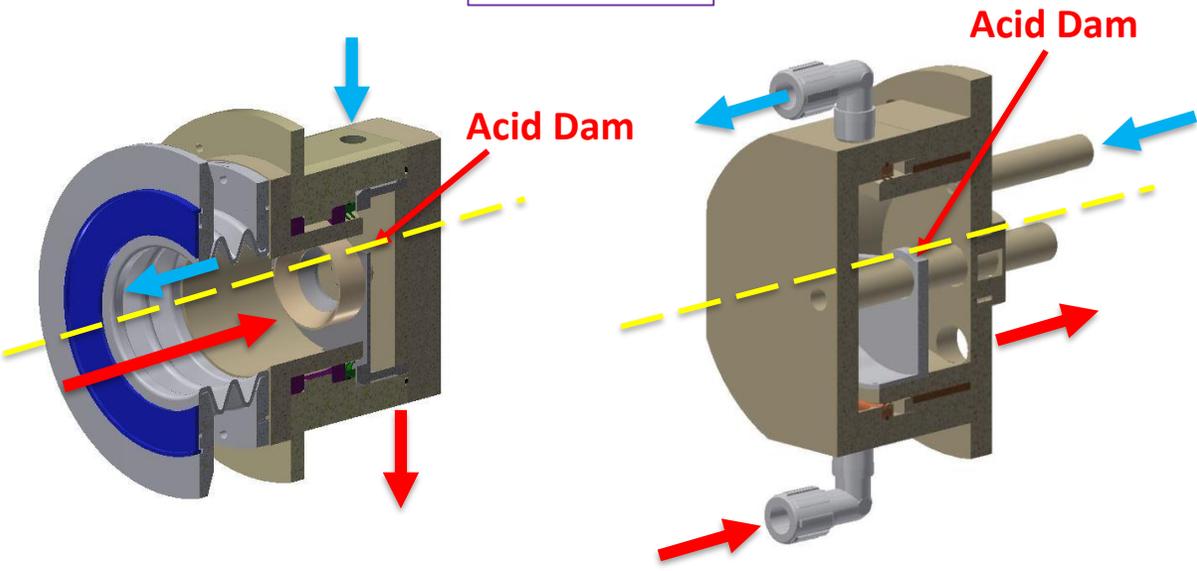
Electropolishing Considerations:

H. Tian (JLAB), SRF2011, WEIOA01

- Need at least 10:1 cavity to cathode surface area ratio
- Can use more than one cathode
- Multiple cathodes require a second sliding electrical contact
- Cathodes don't have to be used to transfer acid
- Different end groups for different acid flow scheme

SSR2 Example	Units (m ²)
Cavity Surface Area	1.472
Cathode Surface Area	0.1472

N₂ Purge In
Acid Out



Elliptical cavity end group

- Designed for 650 MHz 1-cell and 5-cell cavities
 - Upsized version of 1.3 GHz setup
 - One fixed cathode
- Can also be used for BCP with no cathode

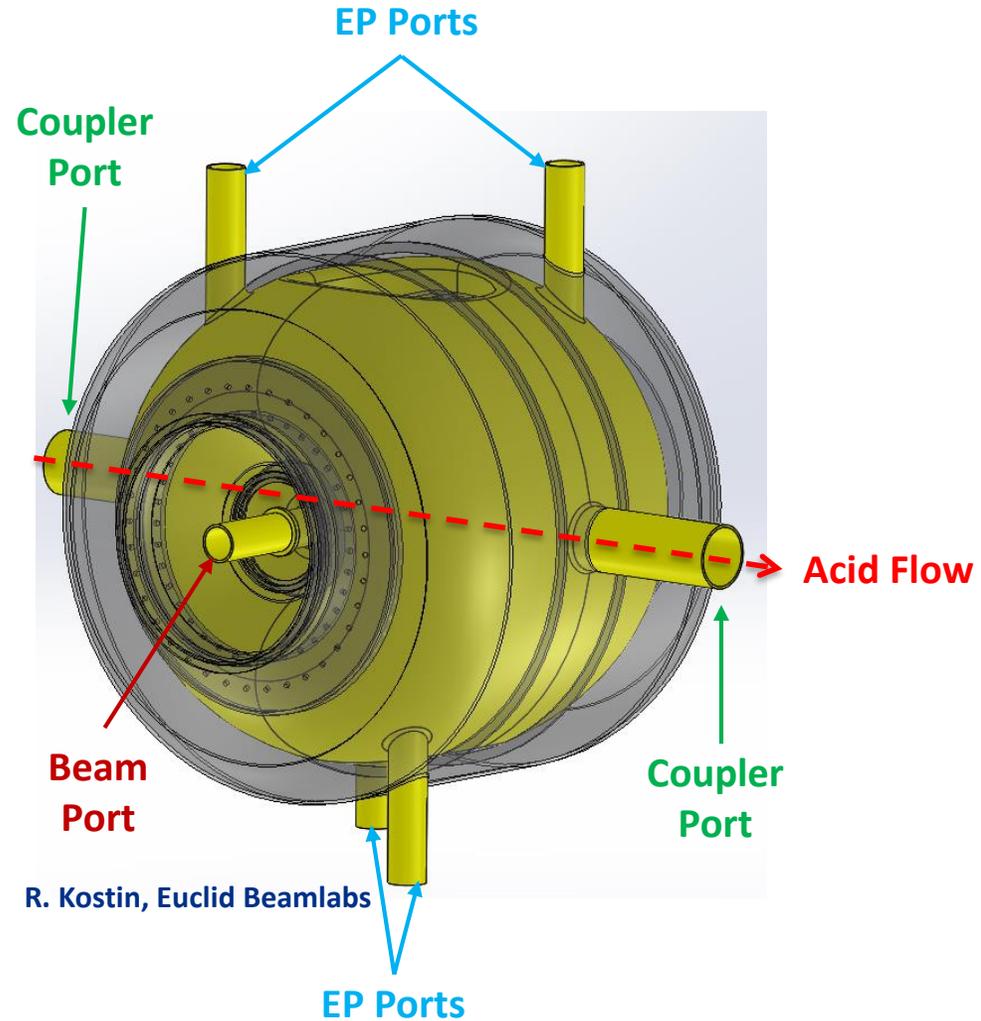
Low-β end group

- Designed for Low-β QWR and HWR
 - Four rotating cathodes
- Can also be used for BCP with no cathode

S. Gerbick (ANL), SRF11, WEIOA03

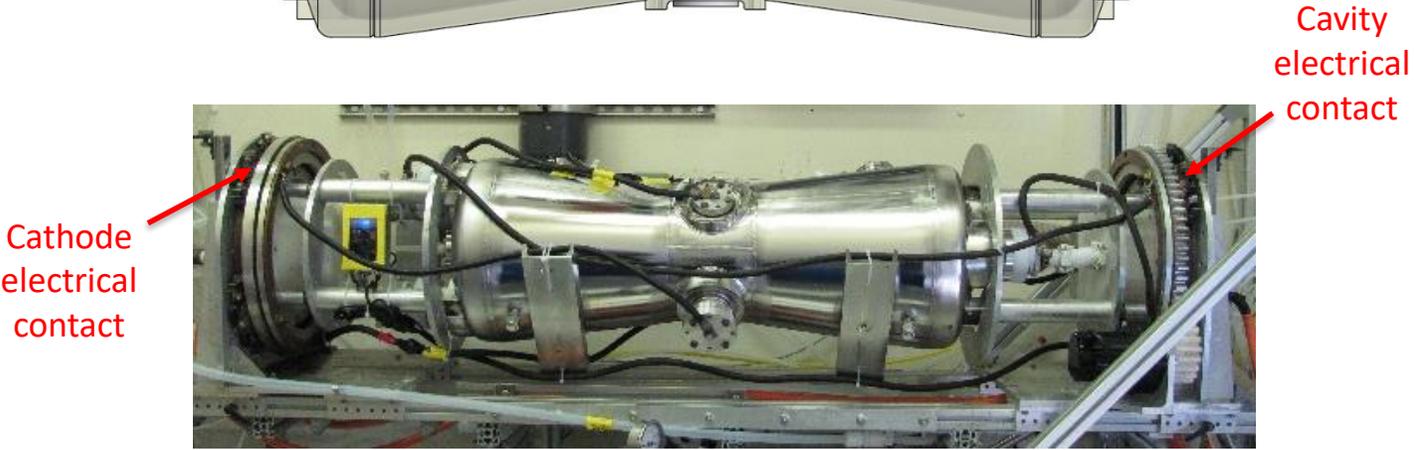
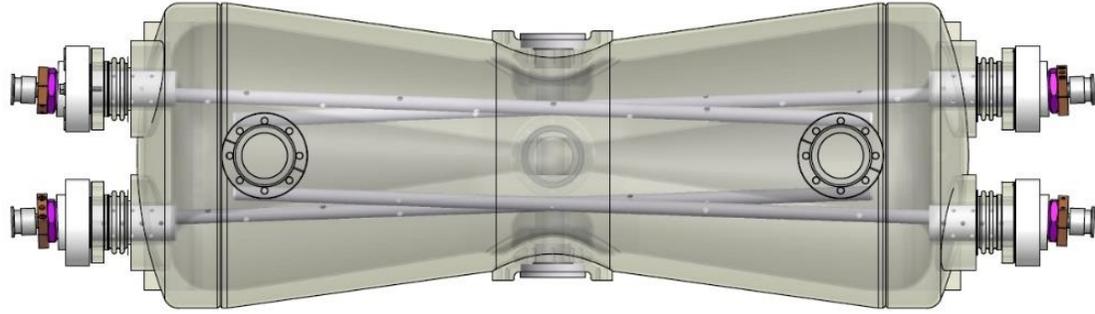


III. 'Balloon' Spoke Cavity



**Euclid Beamlabs
325 MHz 'Balloon' SSR1**

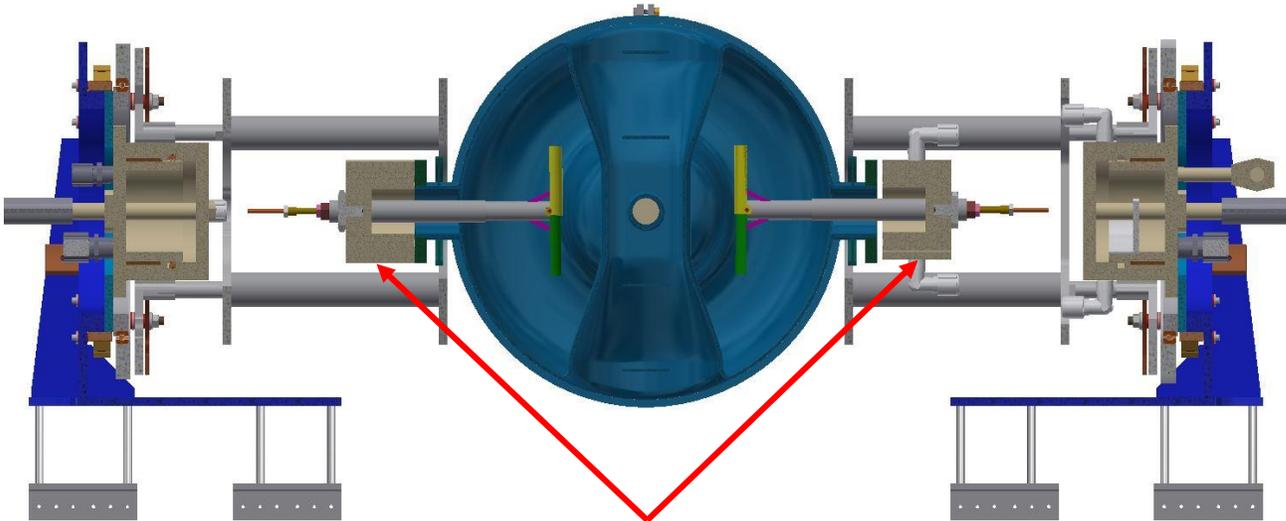
- Most practical way to apply EP to spoke cavity geometry is to add ports for cathodes to cavity design
- Can easily achieve necessary amount of cathode surface area
- Similar concept used for 162 MHz HWRs
- Same end groups used for SSR2 BCP (650 MHz end group)
- Four cathodes
 - Requires second sliding electrical contact



T. Reid (ANL), IPAC15, WEPTY010



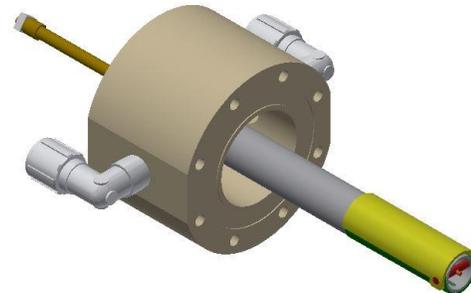
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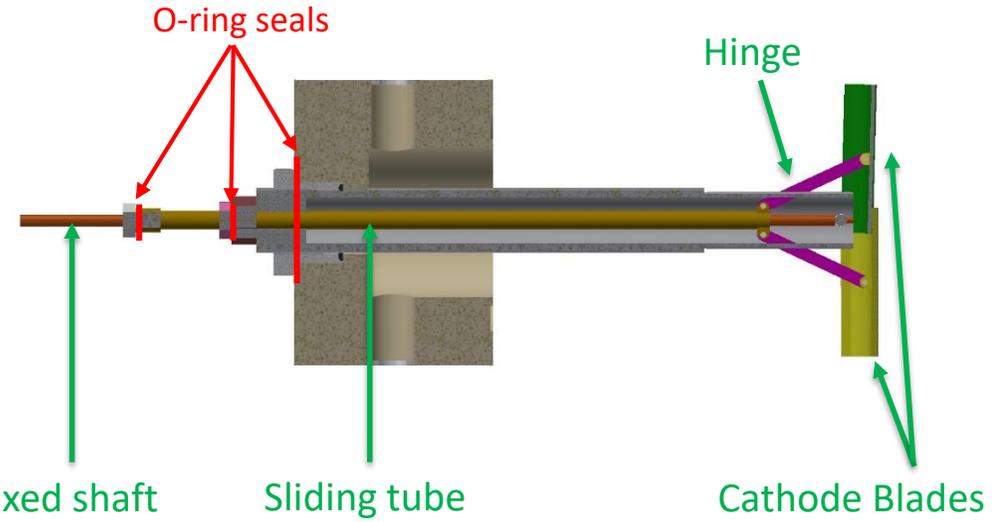
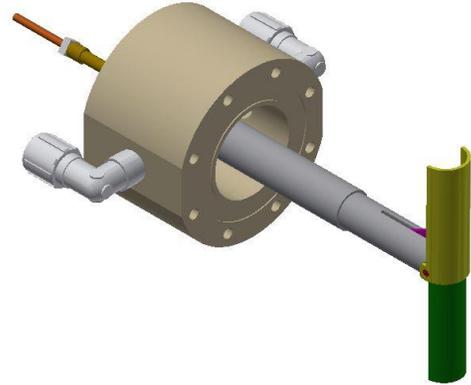
Adapter End Groups

- EP of existing SSR1 and SSR2 geometries is also possible
- Low- β end groups + adapter end groups used for acid flow
- Expanding cathode increases cathode surface area
- Minimal moving parts, all made from high-purity aluminum
- Cathodes loaded in the closed position, and opened inside cavity

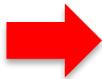
Cathode Closed Position



Cathode Open Position



SSR2 Example	Units (m ²)
Needed Cathode SA	0.147
Cathode SA (x2)	0.136



Increase cathode diameter to further increase surface area

