



Nb3Sn coatings on copper at INFN-LNL

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The successful development of Nb₃Sn/Cu coatings for the SRF cavities of next generation particle accelerators would allow for the operation of the SRF system at 4.5 K, resulting in a reduction of the needed cryogenic power by a factor 3 with respect to what normally needed for bulk Nb cavities, operated at 2 K. In the framework of I.FAST and ISAS collaborations, an optimized recipe for Nb₃Sn films deposited via DCMS has been established on small samples at INFN-LNL and is discussed in this work. Films with a $T_c \geq 17$ K at deposition temperatures ≤ 650 °C on Cu substrate pre-coated with a 30-micron thick buffer layer of Nb have been successfully produced. The same deposition recipe is RF validated on bulk Nb QPR sample, with the results being also discussed in this work. A surface resistance of 23 nΩ at 4.5 K (at 20 mT, 417 MHz, with quench field ~ 70 mT) is measured, which is about 5 times larger than the baseline specifications for the LHC Nb/Cu cavities and already fulfills the requirements for the FCC-ee. Finally, the expected challenges toward the scalability of the coating recipe to an elliptical cavity prototype are discussed.

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