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Next-generation, thin-film surfaces employing Nb3Sn, NbN, NbTiN, or other compound superconductors are essential for reaching enhanced RF performance levels in SRF cavities. However, optimized, advanced deposition processes are required to enable high-quality films of such materials on large and complex-shaped cavities. For this purpose, Cornell University developed and commissioned a chemical vapor deposition (CVD) system that facilitates coating on complicated geometries with a high deposition rate. This system is based on a high-temperature tube furnace with a high-vacuum, gas, and precursor delivery system. Here, we present the commissioned system with the control aspects and safety considerations addressed and the materials we are interested in growing.

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