

# X-band RF Structure Fabrication at Technical Division, Fermilab

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# Outline

- ◆ RF Structure Factory
- ◆ Structure Fabrication
  - FXA-003
  - Dummy 0.6-meter Structures
  - FXB-002
  - Lessons learned
- ◆ FCX Disk Manufacturability R&D

# RF Structure Factory

- ◆ FNAL Technical Division Structure Group's goals for the RF structure R&D factory:
  - RF design (TD RF Engineering Group)
  - RF disk fabrication
  - RF disk quality assurance
  - RF structure fabrication
  - RF structure quality assurance
  - Infrastructure setup for all above
- ◆ Major infrastructure of the factory are:
  - Two clean rooms, RF QC area and a work area
  - Vacuum Furnaces inside soft sided clean room
  - Clean room Leak Detector, Clean room Pumping Station, RGA, Anaerobic Chambers etc.

# Clean Rooms



Clean Room A (Class 3000)



Clean Room B (Class 1000)

# Small Vacuum Furnace



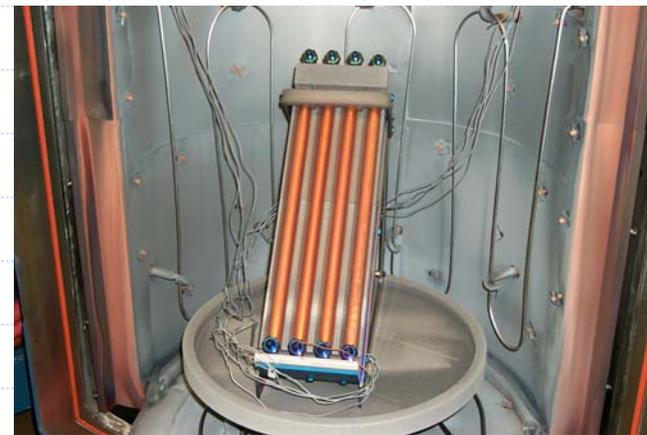
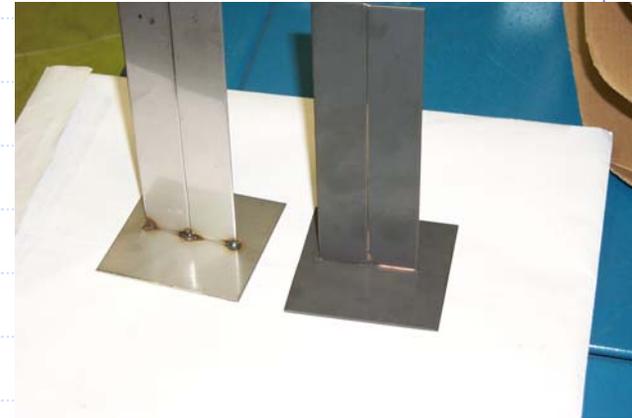
Small Vacuum Furnace was installed on September 01. Presently in use for RF Structure sub-assembly fabrication and brazing/bonding studies

# Large Vacuum Furnace



1. The furnace was delivered to FNAL on June 2002, 3 months late
2. The installation and commissioning were completed July 2002
3. The furnace started to leak after 10 heat cycles  
Major Problems:
  - Bad power feed-through design
  - Bad power feed-through insulation scheme
  - Bad thermocouple feed-through design
  - Undersized Heaters
4. The furnace leaks are routinely fixed before each run, after each heat cycle, a new leak opens at power feed-throughs due to the stress caused by the thermal expansion/contraction of the heating elements

# Large Vacuum Furnace-II



# Furnace Repair Status

- ◆ Hot zone shield pack is taken out and cleaned
- ◆ All the ceramic insulators are replaced
- ◆ All the molybdenum supports are cleaned
- ◆ The damaged heaters are replaced with new ones
- ◆ Old thermocouple feedthroughs are replaced with CONAX type connectors
- ◆ A new reflective shield is installed in order to keep the cryo pump cool
  
- ◆ Small Furnace company president came as a consultant to review the repair process plans and also consult the use of the AVS furnace. He will make recommendations
  
- ◆ AVS machined new power feedthroughs with correct dimensions
- ◆ AVS added new insulations (Fiberfrax, Alumina) to the feedthroughs. Only Fiberfrax is used.
  
- ◆ Bake out cycle: 5C/min ramp, 300C, 60 minutes, vacuum
- ◆ Bake out cycle: 5C/min ramp, 500C, 360 minutes, 500 micron Argon
- ◆ The upper zone back power feedthrough is installed almost touching to the upper zone over-temperature thermocouple. It shorted the thermocouple, damaged the shield on the thermocouple and caused a major leak. The hot zone got oxidized.
- ◆ Clean up cycles & Test runs

# RF Disk & Coupler Fabrication

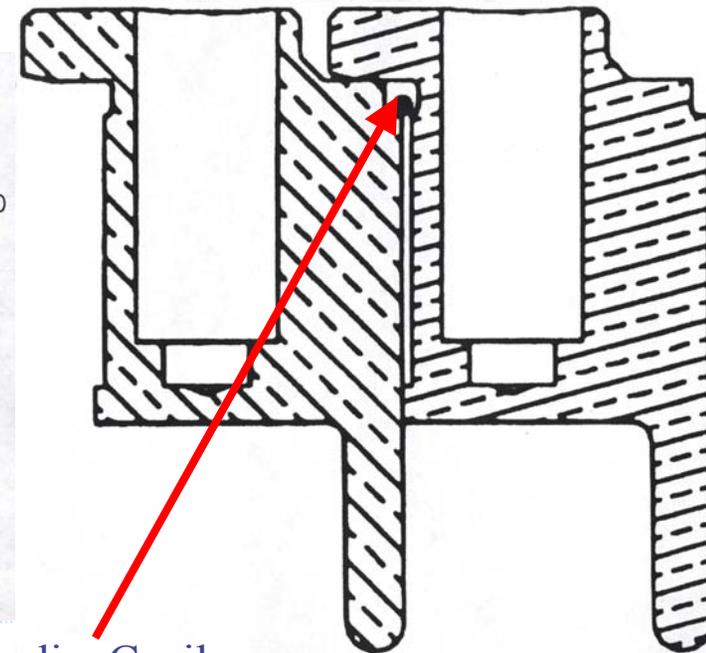
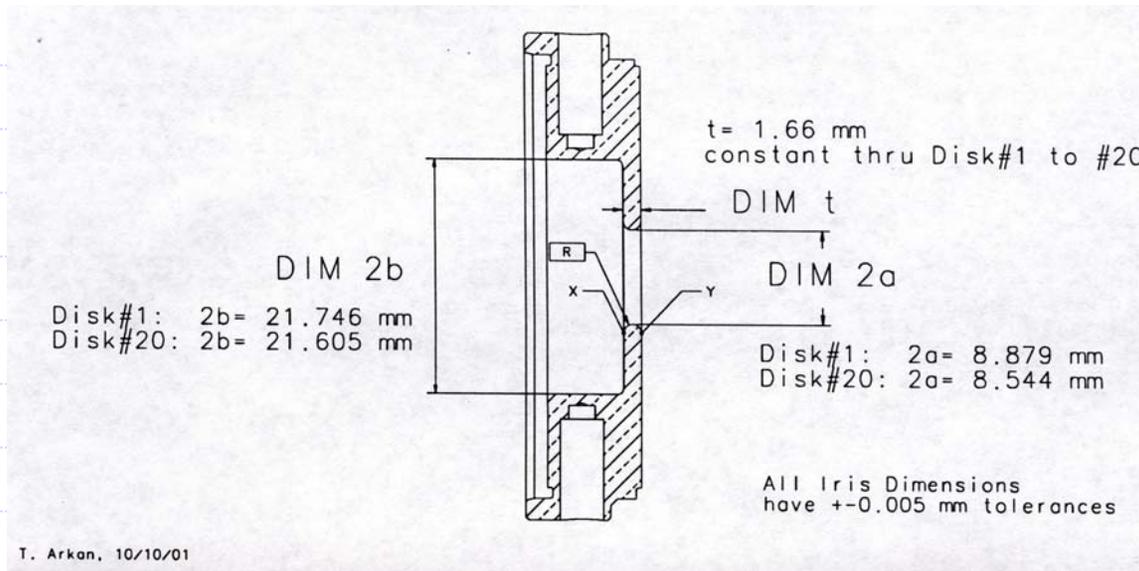
- ◆ Outside High Precision and Diamond Turning Machine Shops were used
- ◆ There is an existing technology and industry, maximize the competition and minimize the cost
- ◆ Identify more local vendors. Always keep the industrialization long term goals in mind
- ◆ For FXA's:
  - RF Disks from MEDCO, High Precision Machine Shop
  - RF Couplers from CMM, Diamond Turning Shop
- ◆ For FXB's:
  - RF Disks from MEDCO & LaVeZZi, High Precision Machine Shops
  - RF Couplers from CMM, Diamond Turning Shop for Fermi fat-lipped couplers
  - RF Couplers from High Precision Machine Shops (Medco) for Fermi mode launch couplers (Nantista design)

# FXA-003 Fabrication - Description

- ◆ FXA-003 is the last 20-cm structure produced by Fermilab
- ◆ FXA-003 is a 45-mm OD 20-disk high gradient test structure
- ◆ Design is identical to SLAC T20VG5 structure (except for brazing grooves in disks)
- ◆ This is an all-brazed structure (no diffusion bonding)
- ◆ Disks are precision machined (no diamond turning)
- ◆ Couplers are precision machined with some diamond-turned RF surfaces (in the iris area)
- ◆ All brazing operations were conducted in Fermilab Small & Large Vacuum Furnaces

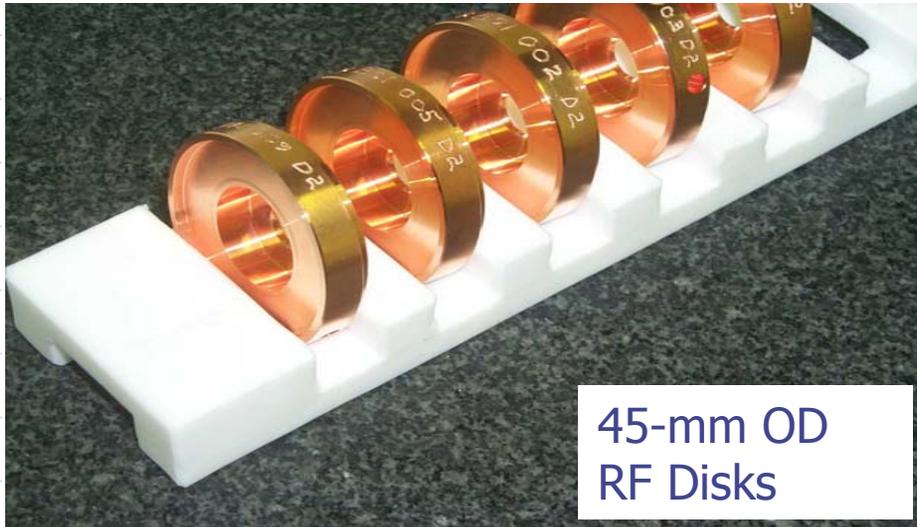
# FXA-003 RF Disk Details

- 2a, 2b, thickness (t) and profile of iris.



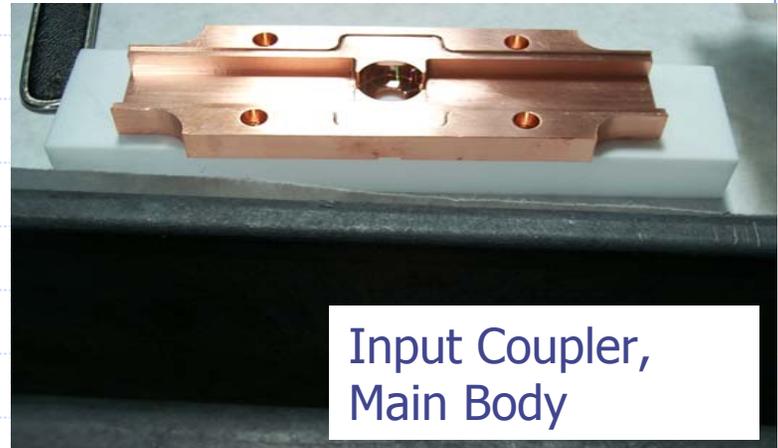
0.75 mm dia. Cusil wire

# FXA-003 Parts

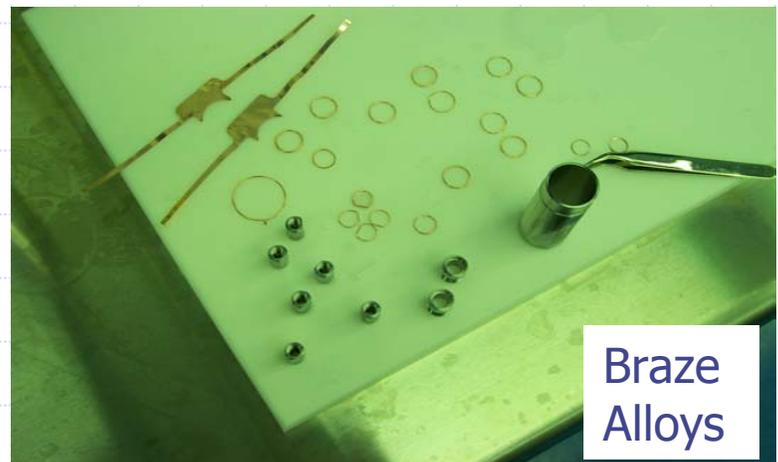


45-mm OD  
RF Disks

Each RF Disk is scribed with an unique identification number to distinguish, the design, vendor, disk and serial number

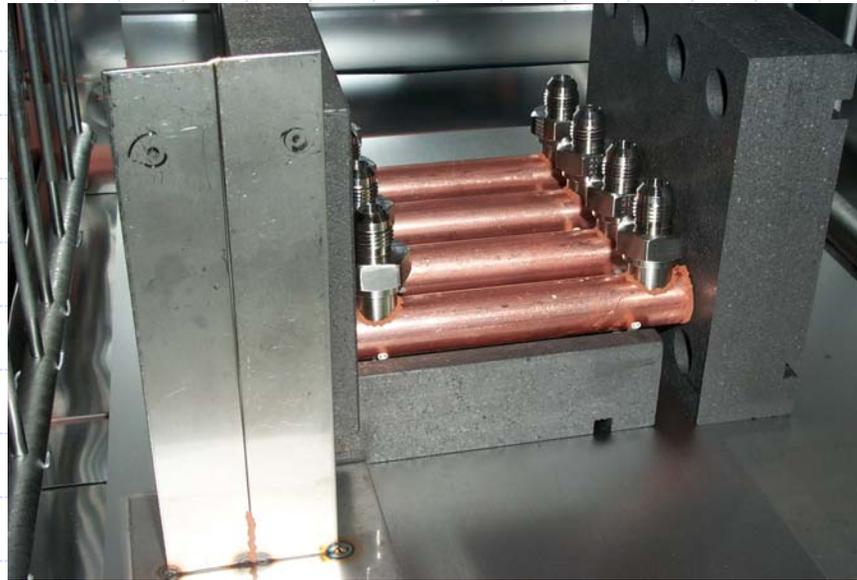


Input Coupler,  
Main Body



Braze  
Alloys

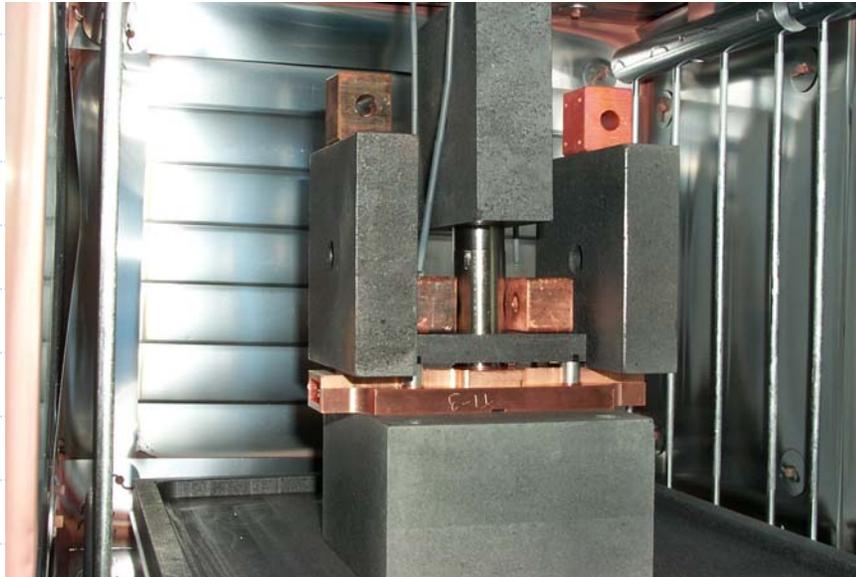
# FXA-003 Brazing – Water Tubes



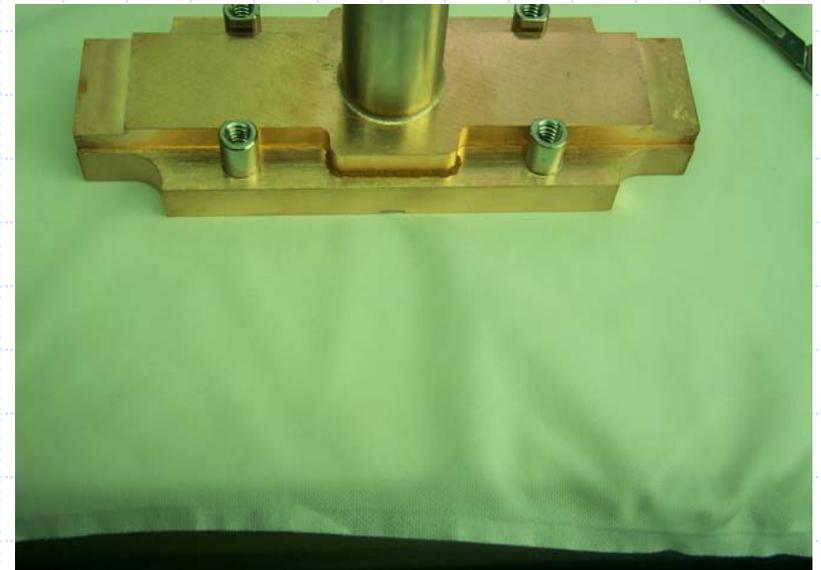
Four Water Cooling Tubes were brazed in the FNAL small vacuum furnace

- Brazing Alloy: 35% Gold + 65% Copper
- Braze Temp./Time: 1030 °C / 5 min.

# FXA-003 Brazing – Couplers



Output Coupler Sub-Assembly in the brazing fixture on the hearth of the FNAL small vacuum furnace



Brazed and Leak Checked completed Input Coupler Sub-Assembly

- Brazing Alloy: 35% Gold + 65% Copper
- Braze Temp: 1030 °C / 5 min.

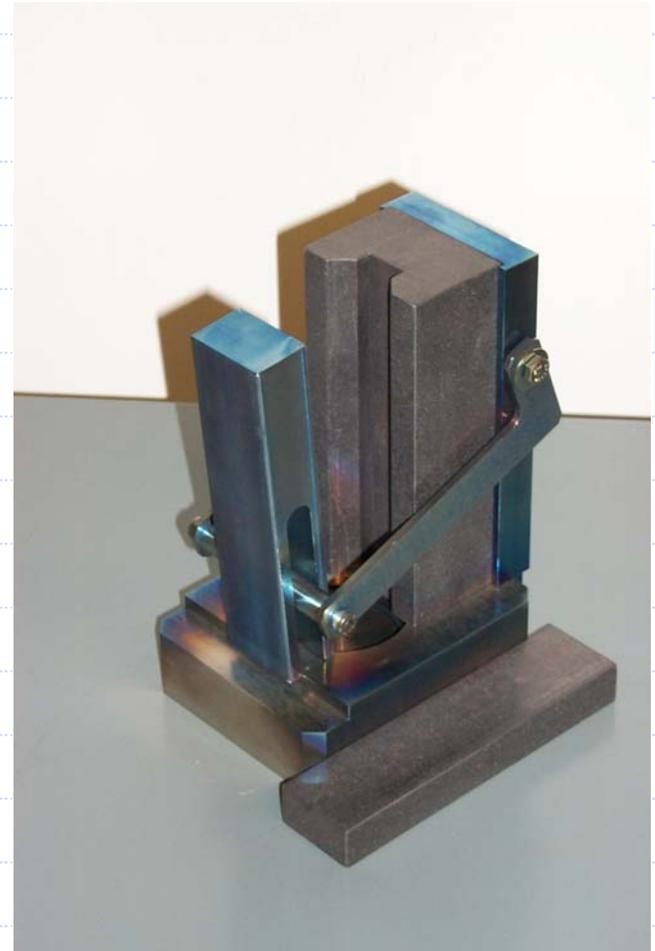
# FXA-003 Brazing – RF Flanges

- After the machining of the ends of the brazed coupler sub-assembly, RF Flanges are brazed:
  - FNAL Small Vacuum Furnace
  - Brazing Alloy: 50%Cu +50%Au
  - Braze Temp./Time: 970 °C / 5 min.

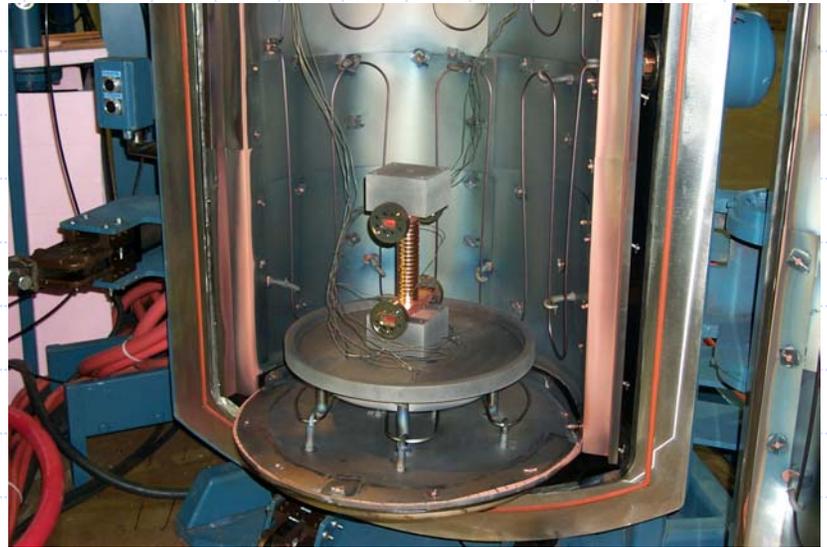


# FXA-003 Brazing – Disk Stack

- FNAL Small Vacuum Furnace
- Brazing Alloy: Cusil (28%Cu + 72% Ag)
- Braze Temp./Time: 790 °C / 10 min.

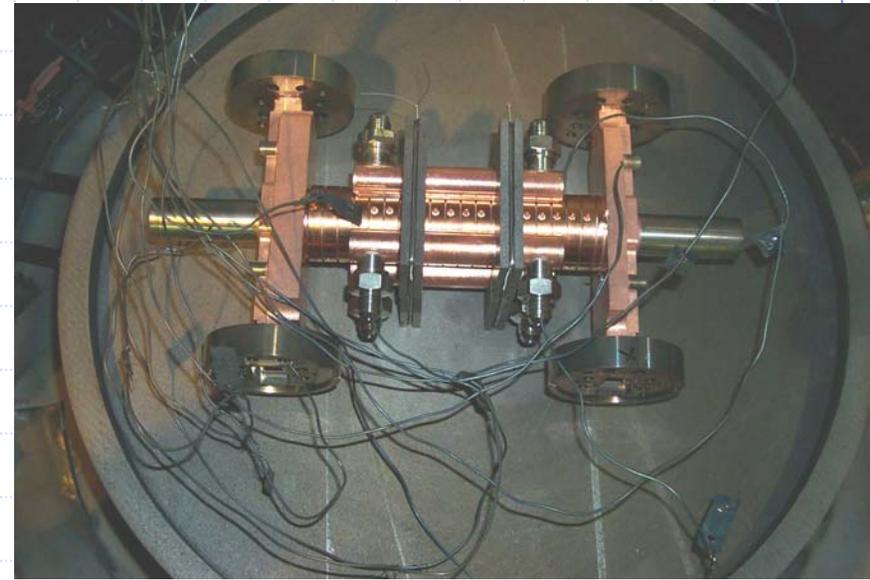
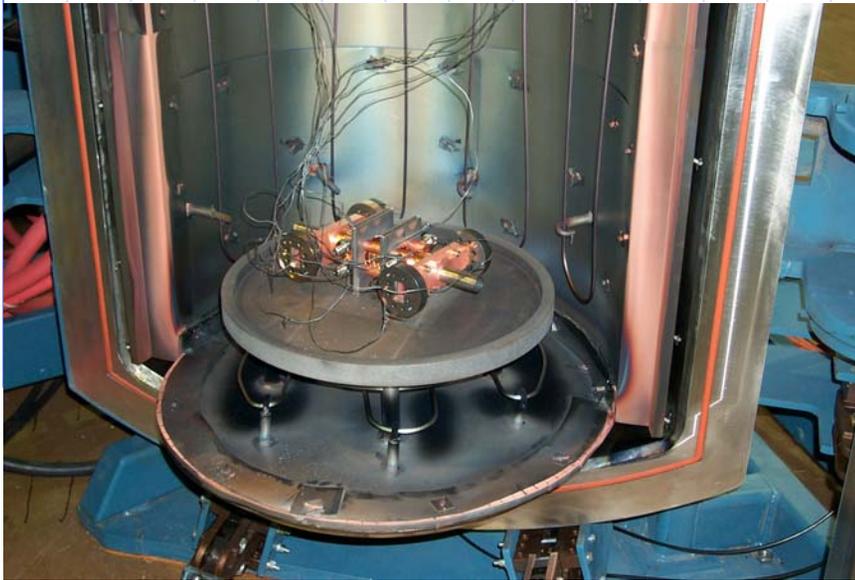


# FXA-003 Brazing – Disk Stack to Couplers



- **Disk Stack to Coupler Brazing**
  - FNAL Large Vacuum Furnace
  - Brazing Alloy: Cusil (28%Cu + 72% Ag)
  - Braze Temp./Time: 790 °C / 10 min.

# FXA-003 Brazing – Final



- **Water Cooling Tubes-to-Structure Brazing**
  - FNAL Large Vacuum Furnace
  - Brazing Alloy: Incusil (61.5% Ag + 23.5% Cu + 15% In)
  - Braze Temp./Time: 725 °C / 15 min.

# FXB-002 Fabrication

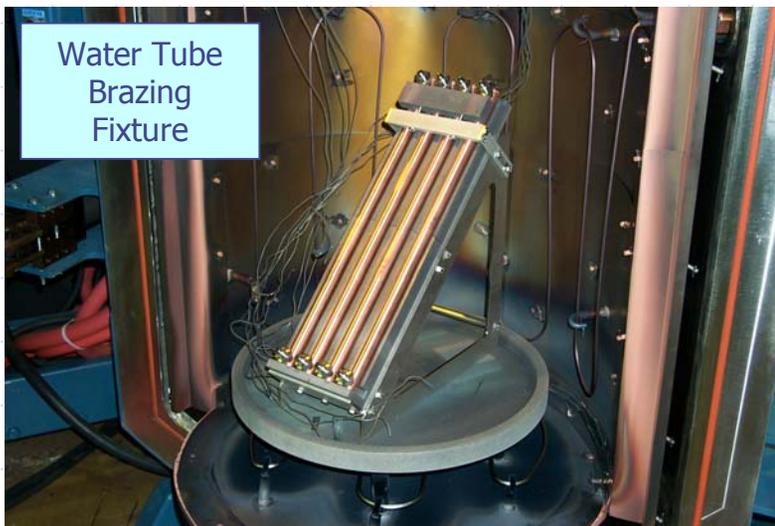
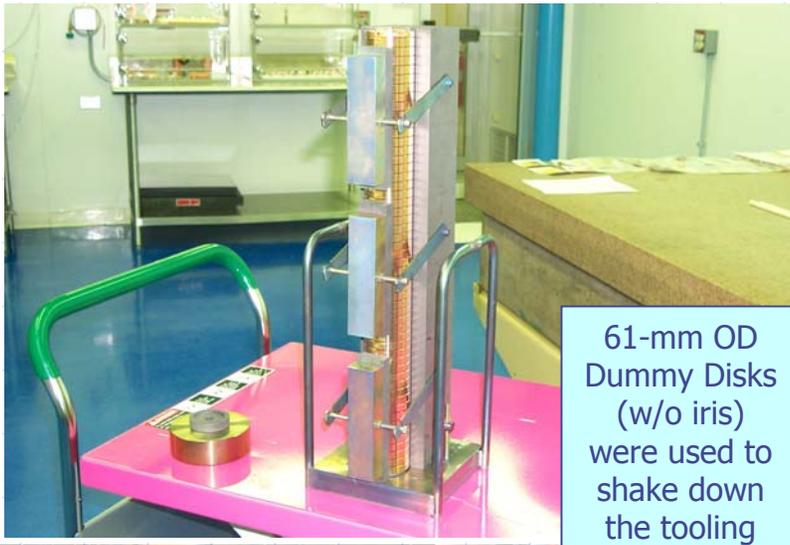
## ◆ From FXA's to FXB's:

- Disk OD is increased to 61-mm, the brazing groove design is not changed, the brazing groove is at 45-mm OD
- New Couplers with larger horn radius (fat-lipped coupler)
- Both Disks (60 seconds) and Couplers (5 seconds) are etched with SLAC's etching procedure
- New Tooling for Assembly
- New Tooling for Leak Check
- More Care for cleanliness during assembly
- Clean Room working and proper attire procedures are revised
- Soft sided Clean Room is placed around the vacuum furnaces

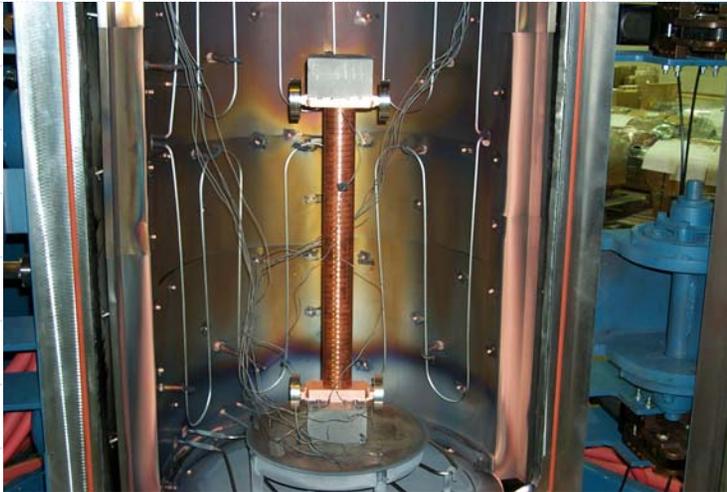
# FXB-002 Fabrication - Description

- ◆ FXB-002 is the first 0.6-meter long structure produced by Fermilab
- ◆ FXB-002 is a 61-mm OD 52-disk high gradient test structure
- ◆ Design is identical to SLAC H60VG3 structure (except for brazing grooves in disks, larger OD for the disks and Fermi designed fat-lipped couplers).
- ◆ This is an all-brazed structure (no diffusion bonding)
- ◆ Disks are precision machined (no diamond turning)
- ◆ Couplers are precision machined with some diamond-turned RF surfaces (in the iris area)
- ◆ RF Parts were cleaned & etched with SLAC's procedure
- ◆ Sub-Assembly (Couplers) brazing of the structure were conducted in FNAL small vacuum furnace
- ◆ Water Tubes. RF Disk Stack to Couplers and Water to tubes to RF Disk Stack Brazing Operations were done in a vacuum furnace at ATP, a local heat treating shop at Bensenville, IL
- ◆ Structure is not intentionally exposed to Hydrogen during brazing

# Dummy Structure Fabrication

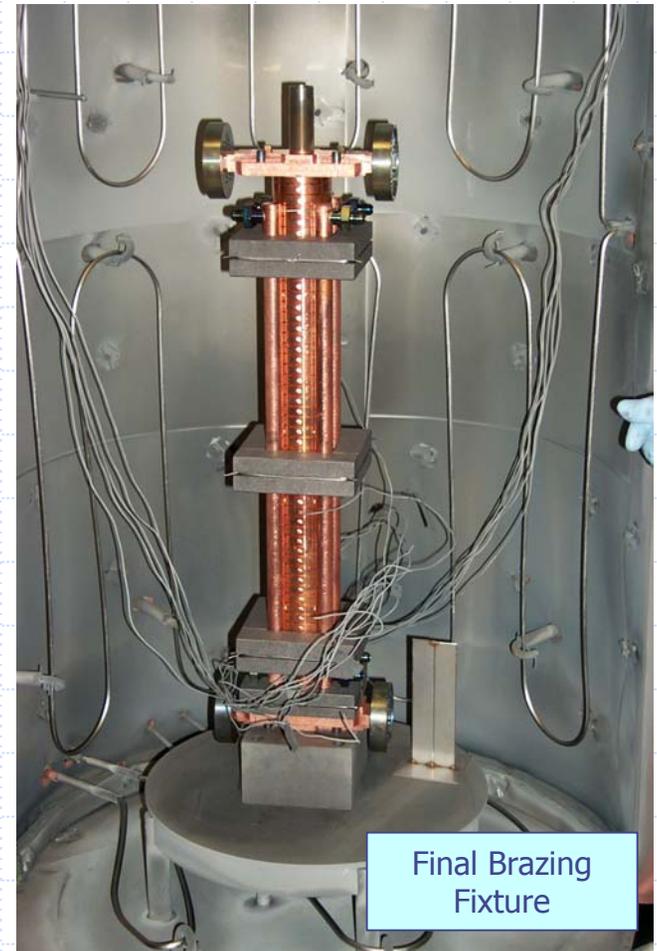


# Dummy Structure Fabrication



Except the coupler brazing, all the brazing processes of FXB type structures have to be done in the large vacuum furnace

New Tooling, New Furnace, New Structure --- R&D

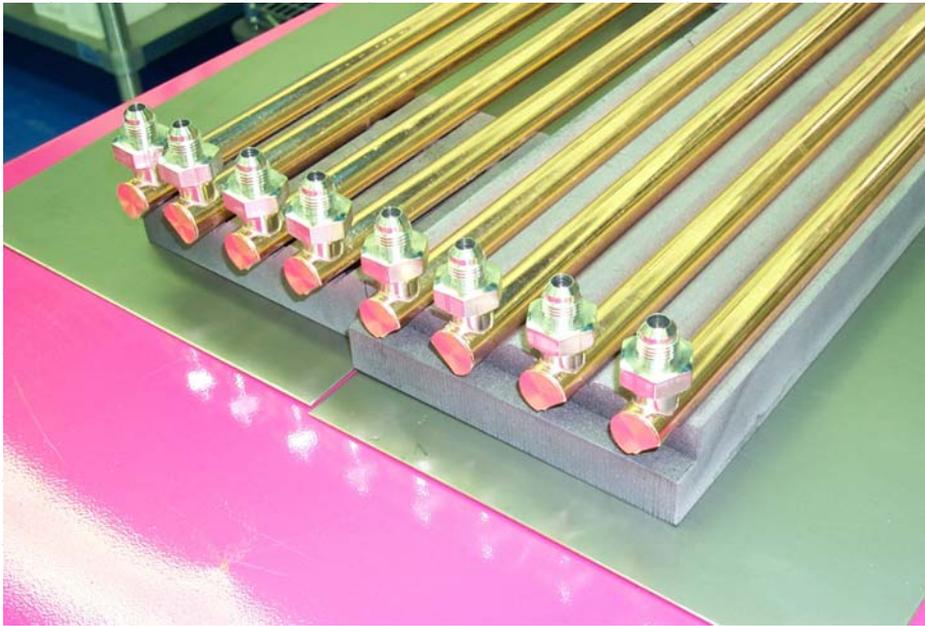


# Large Vacuum Furnace at ATP



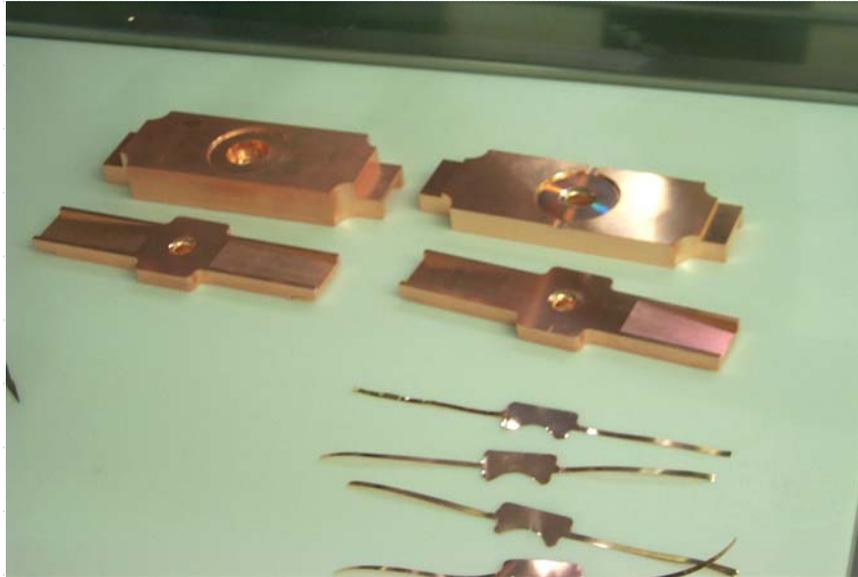
- Molybdenum Heaters
- Graphite Shields
- Dry Roughing Pump
- Diffusion Pump
- Used mostly for SS parts baking & annealing
- Some Prior Hydrogen use
- Bake out cycle before Structure Brazing

# FXB-002 Brazing – Water Tubes



- Water Cooling Tubes were brazed in the ATP large vacuum furnace
- Flat Carbon trays with accommodating grooves were used
- Brazing Alloy: 35% Gold + 65% Copper
- Braze Temp./Time: 1030 °C / 10 min.

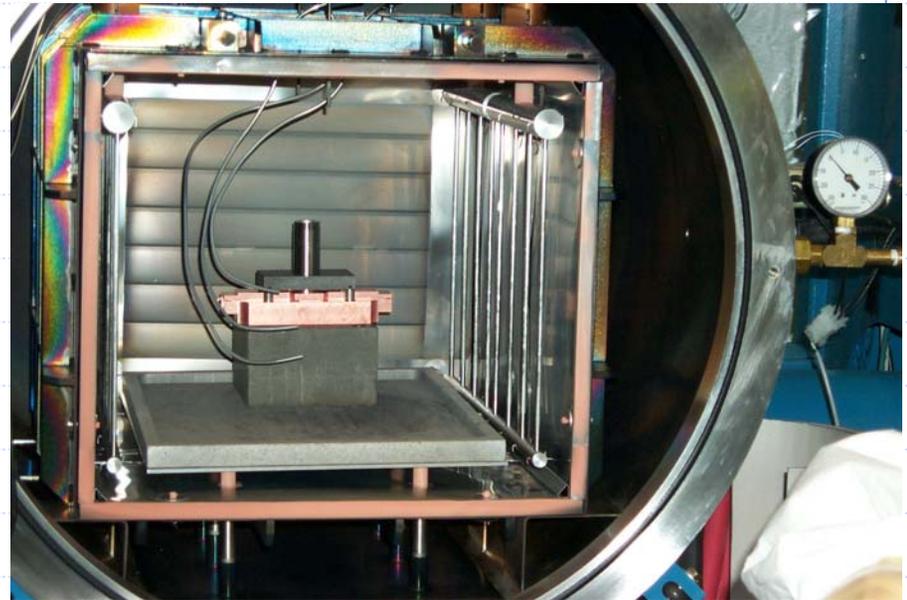
# FXB-002 Assembly – Couplers



- Coupler parts were etched and transported to the Clean Room in the Alcohol Bath
- Coupler parts were dried with filtered nitrogen and assembled under a Class 10 Hood

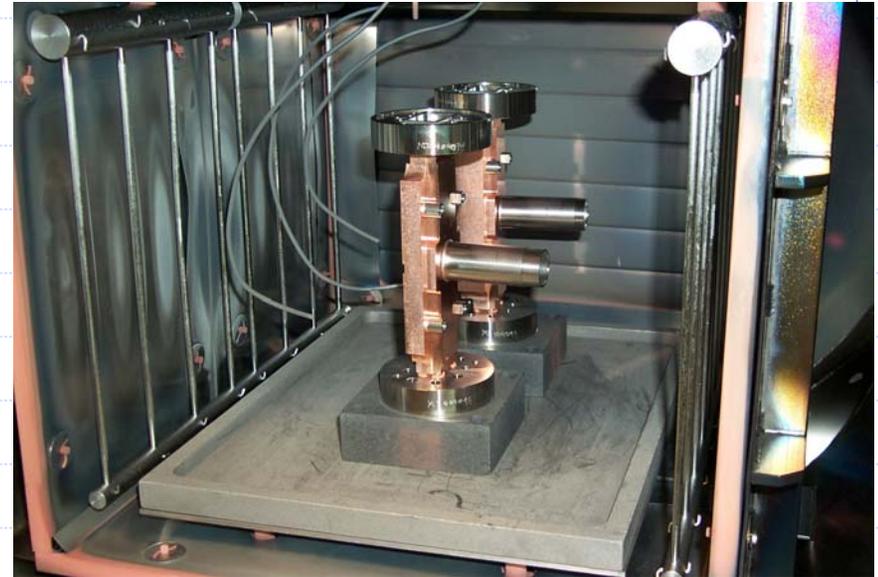


# FXB-002 Brazing – Couplers



- FNAL Small Vacuum Furnace
- Brazing Alloy: 35% Gold + 65% Copper
- Braze Temp: 1030 °C / 10 min.

# FXB-002 Brazing – RF Flanges



- FNAL Small Vacuum Furnace
- Brazing Alloy: 50%Cu +50%Au
- Braze Temp./Time: 970 °C / 10 min.

# FXB-002 Brazing – Disk Stack

- ATP Large Vacuum Furnace
- Brazing Alloy: Cusil (28%Cu + 72% Ag)
- Braze Temp./Time: 800 °C / 30 min.
- Longer Soak times in order to get temperature stabilization through large mass of the carbon V-block tooling and larger 61-mm OD RF disks



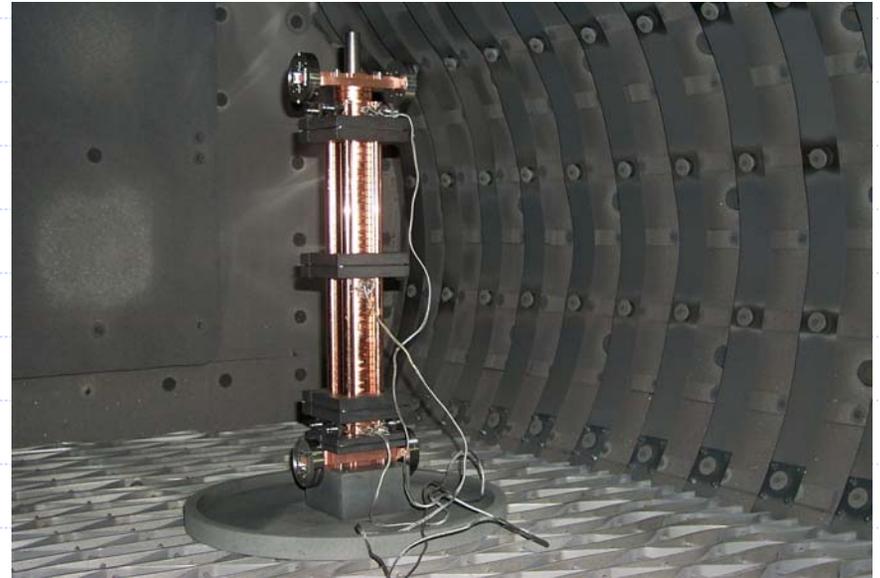
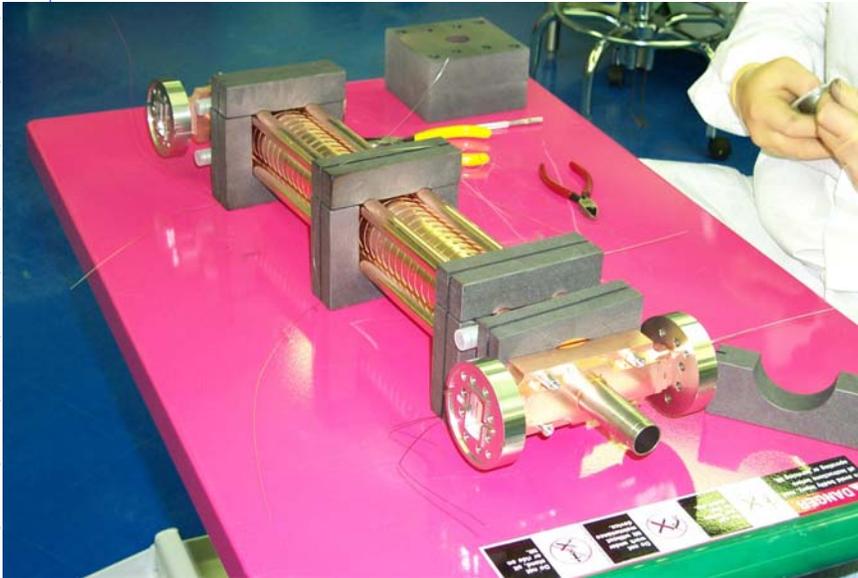
# FXB-002 Brazing – Disk Stack to Couplers

- 0.030 inch thick Cusil wire was wrapped around each disk joint in order to ensure a helium leak tight structure during the brazing of the couplers to the already brazed disk stack
- Longer Soak times in order to get temperature stabilization



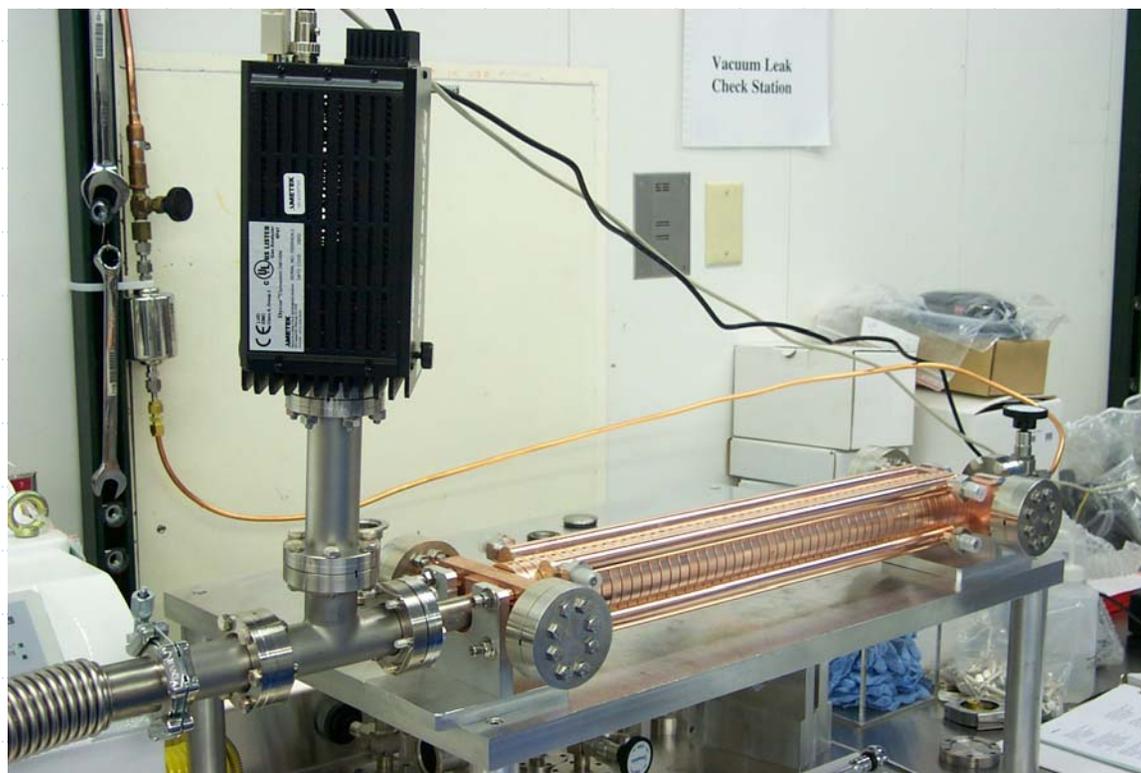
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# FXB-002 Brazing – Final

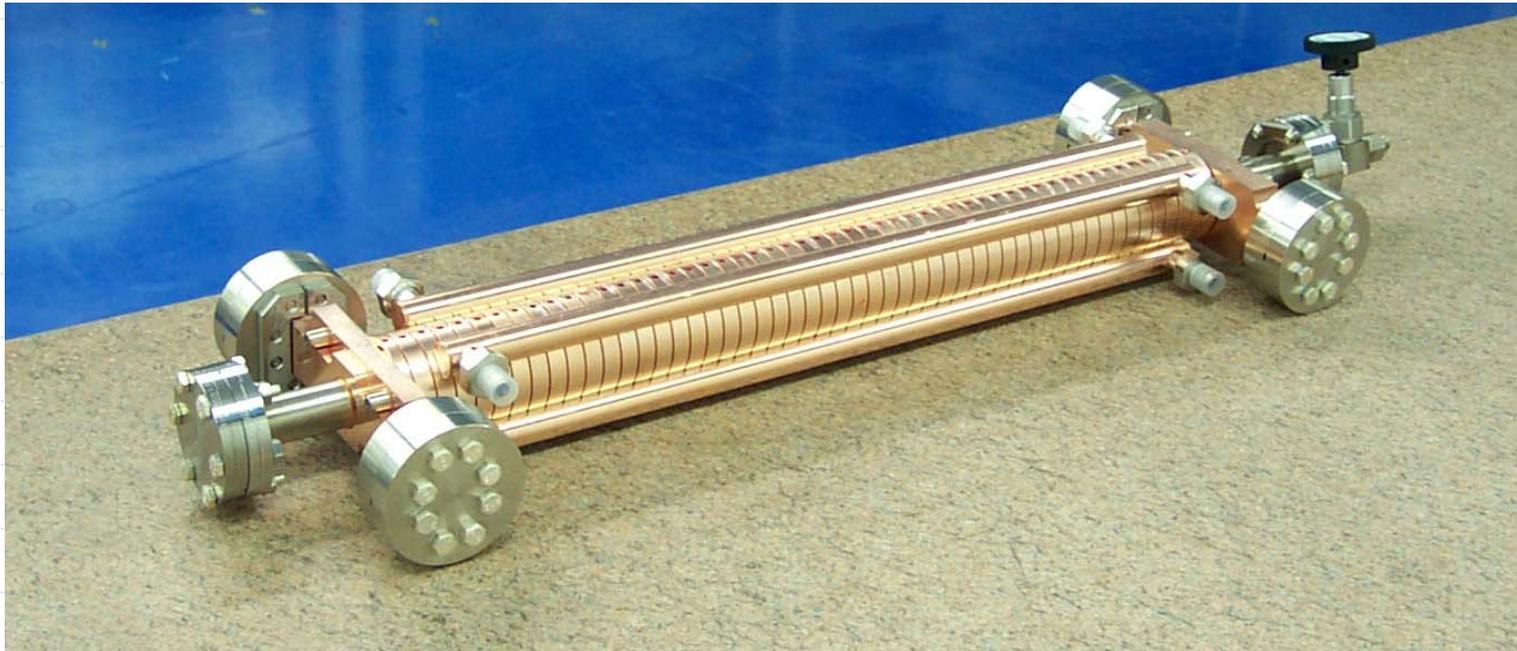


- ATP Large Vacuum Furnace
- Brazing Alloy: Incusil (61.5% Ag + 23.5% Cu + 15% In)
- Braze Temp./Time: 725 °C / 30 min.

# RGA in Room Temperature



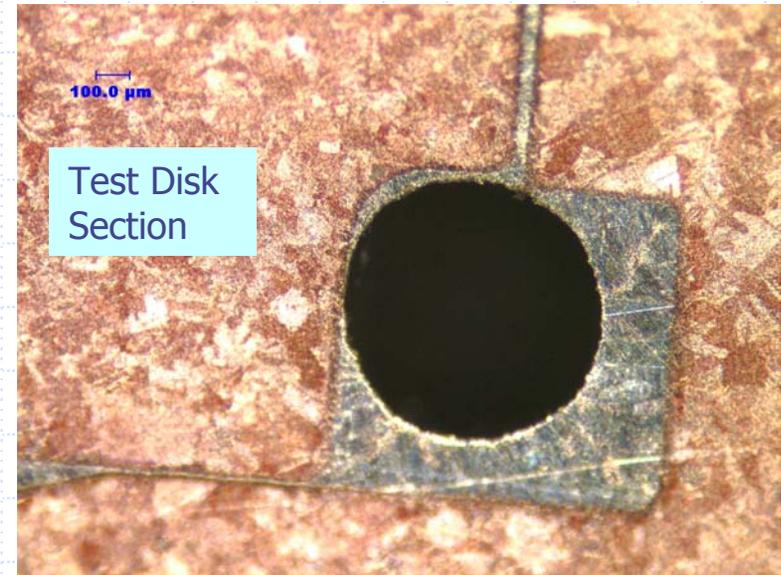
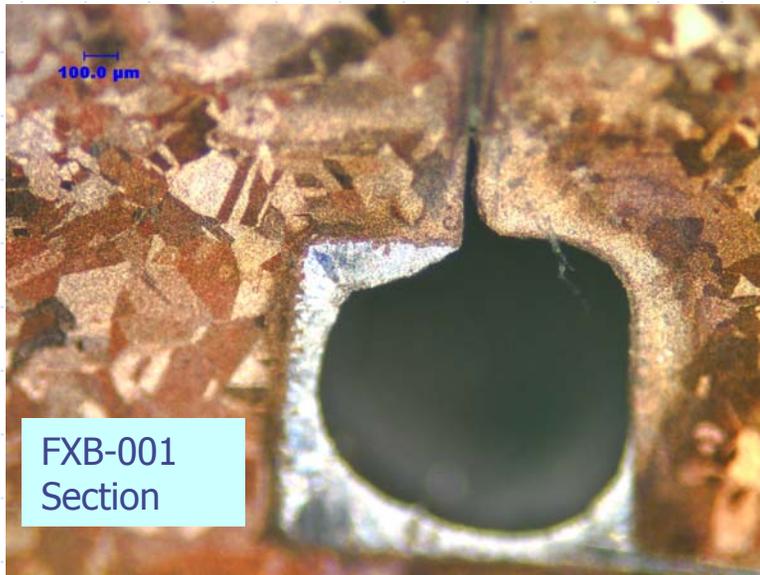
# Completed FXB-002



# FXB-002 & FNAL Folks at NLCTA



# FXB-001



The braze material reached its melting point but did not have enough soak time to flow in the designed braze groove for FXB-001 disk stack

Higher temperature and longer soak time used for FXB-002 disk stack brazing



# Lessons Learned from FXB-002

- ◆ RF Parts cannot be left in the alcohol bath after etching more than 48 hours, they become oxidized
- ◆ The integrity of the brazing operation should not be only evaluated with helium vacuum leak check, mechanical integrity does not depend on the leak tight criteria
- ◆ CUSIL brazing wire thickness for the RF Disks brazing of further structures will be increased from 0.030 inch to 0.035 inch in order to ensure a more guaranteed fill of the brazing groove between the disks
- ◆ During a brazing heat cycle, the temperature distribution throughout the tooling and the parts have to be carefully monitored and adequate soak times have to be allowed in order the braze alloy melts and flow
- ◆ The disk stack straightness changes with handling. The stack can be straightened with couple of taps on the body while laying on a granite table
- ◆ During the leak check of the structure, RF Flanges have to be sealed. While tightening the bolts on the flanges, it is likely that the flange will be distorted from the coupler end

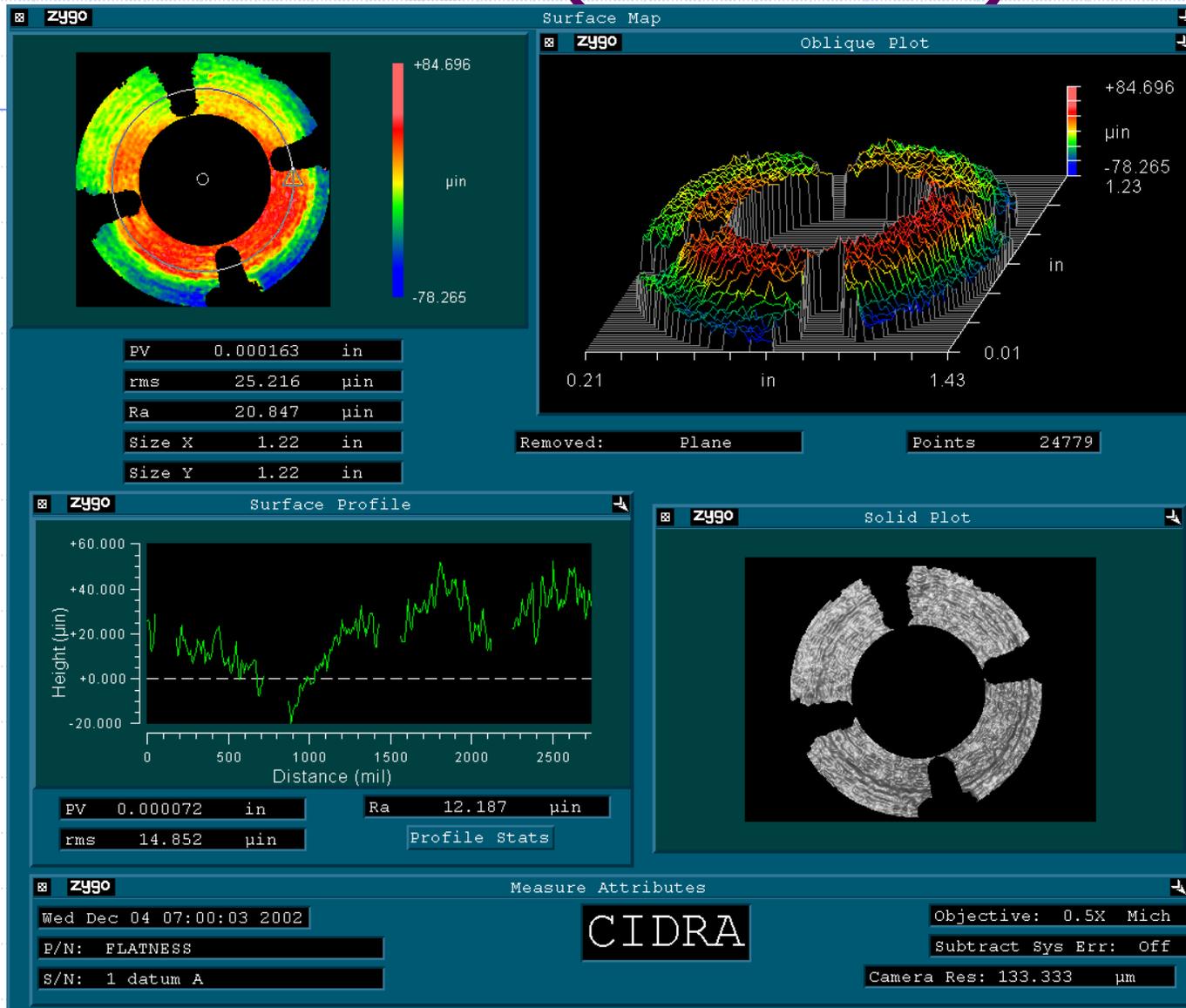
# FXC Disk R&D

- ◆ 6 identical Disk#2 from HDDS cell table are ordered from our two major vendors (Medco and LaVezzi)
- ◆ 6 Disk#2 are received from Medco on November 25, 2002
- ◆ LaVezzi disks are due the first week on January 2003
- ◆ The QC conducted on 6 Medco disks:
  - 2 of the disks were sent to a vendor for Zygo Flatness measurements
  - 2 of the disks were sent to Mechanical QC lab for CMM measurements
  - 2 of the disks were measured with RF
  
- ◆ We are trying to identify more vendors for disk manufacturing

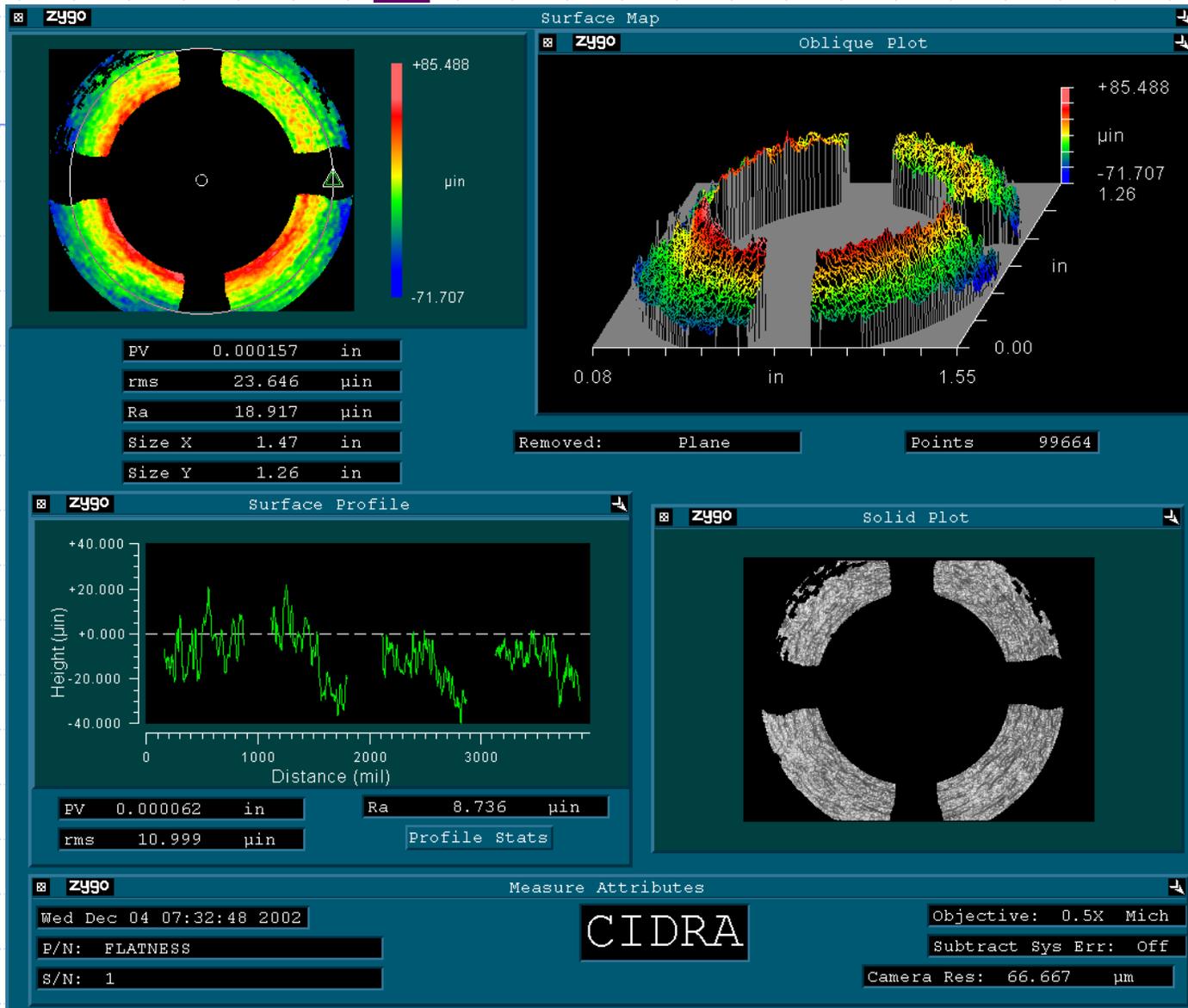
# Flatness Measurements

- ◆ Flatness Measurements are done with a Zygo New View 5000 3-D Surface laser interferometer (Vertical Resolution: 0.1 nm; Lateral Resolution: 0.64 micron)
- ◆ 2 identical FCX disks and 5 diffusion bonding dummy (w/o iris) test disks were sent for measurements
- ◆ Summary of the datum A flatness:
  - FXC Disk#2\_1: Flatness(0.0001")=0.000157"=3.8 micron
  - FXC Disk#2\_2: Flatness(0.0001")=0.000128"=3.4 micron
  - Dummy#1: Flatness(0.0001")=0.000122"=3.0 micron

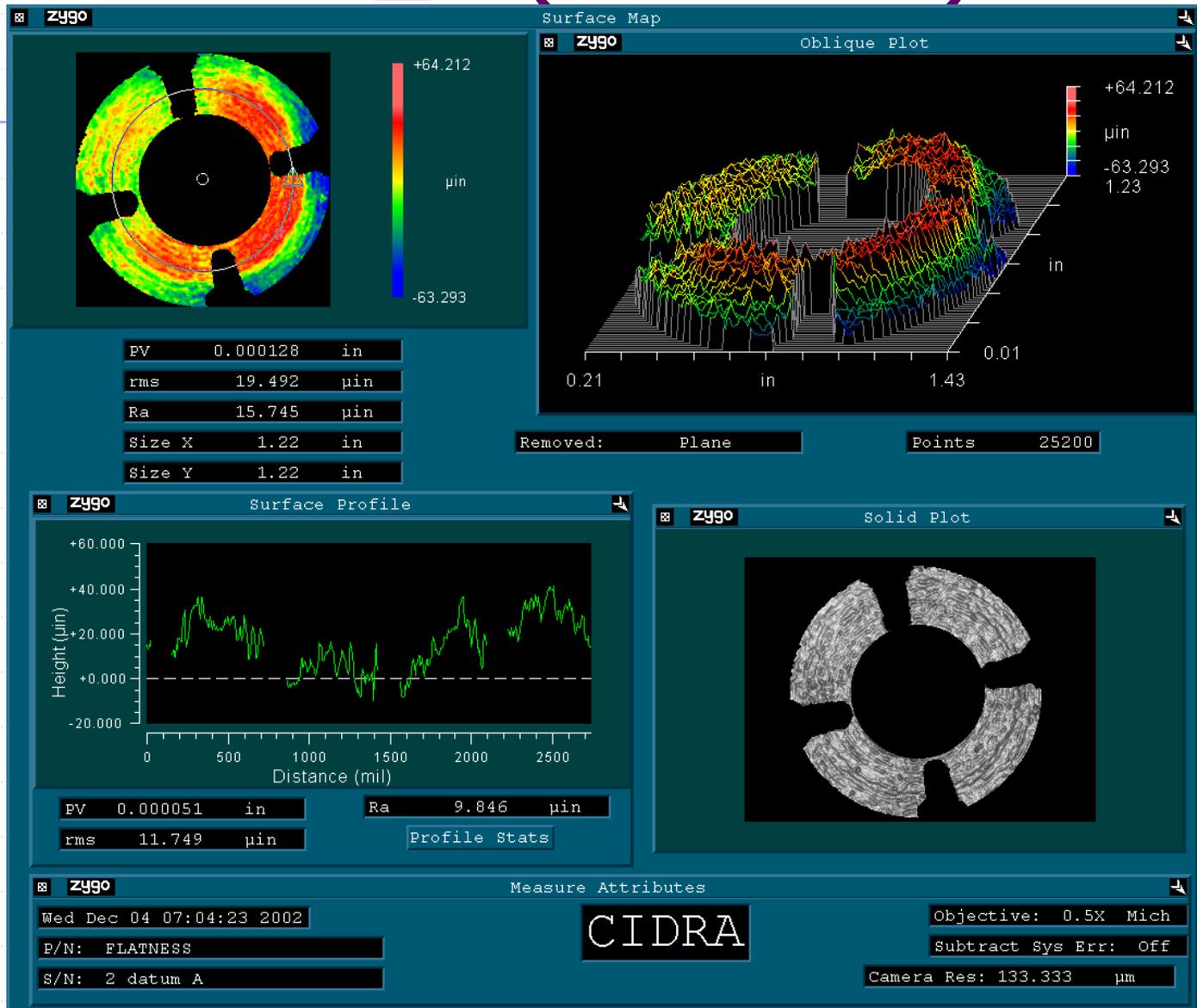
# FXC Disk#2\_1 (Datum A)



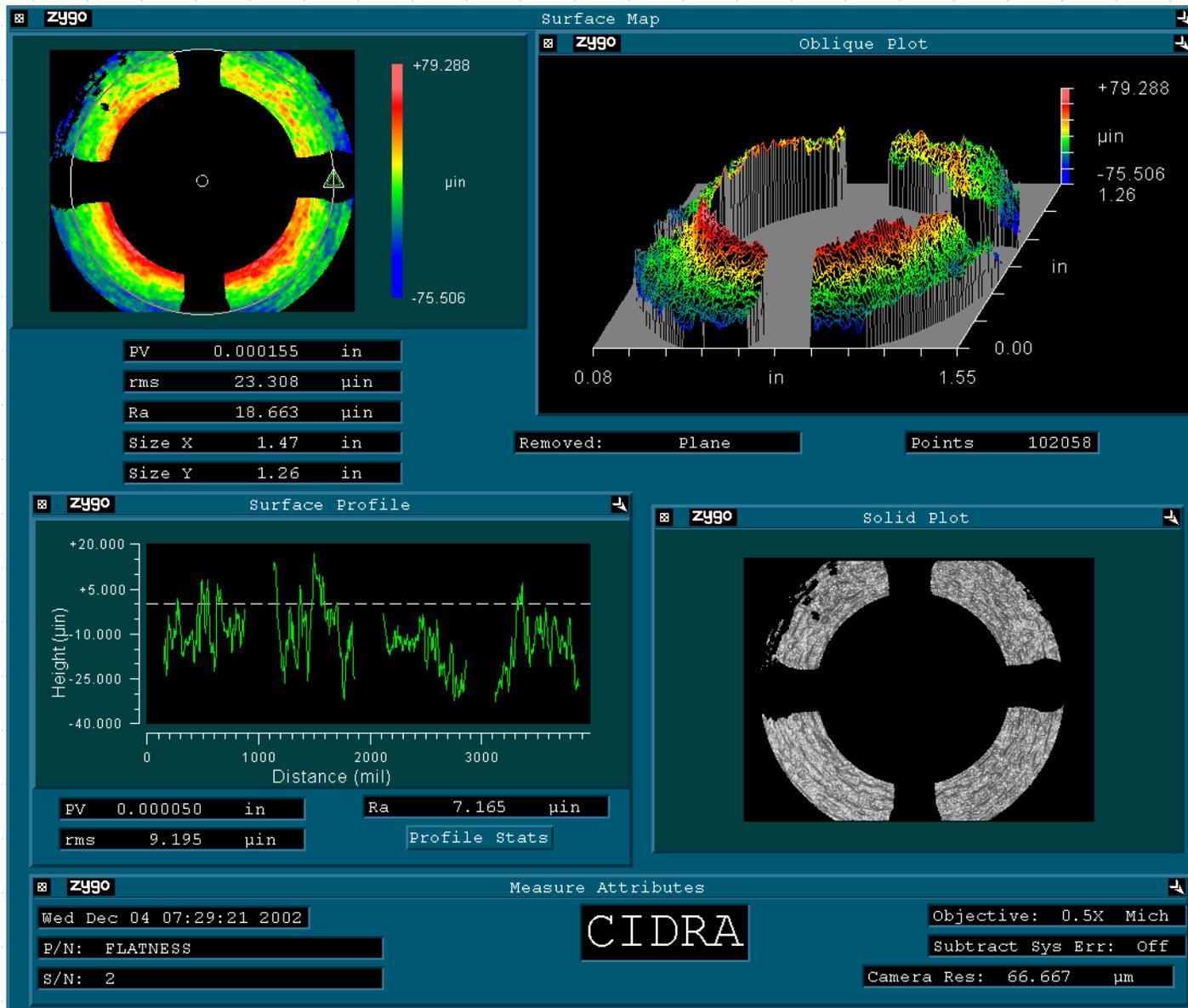
# FXC Disk#2\_1



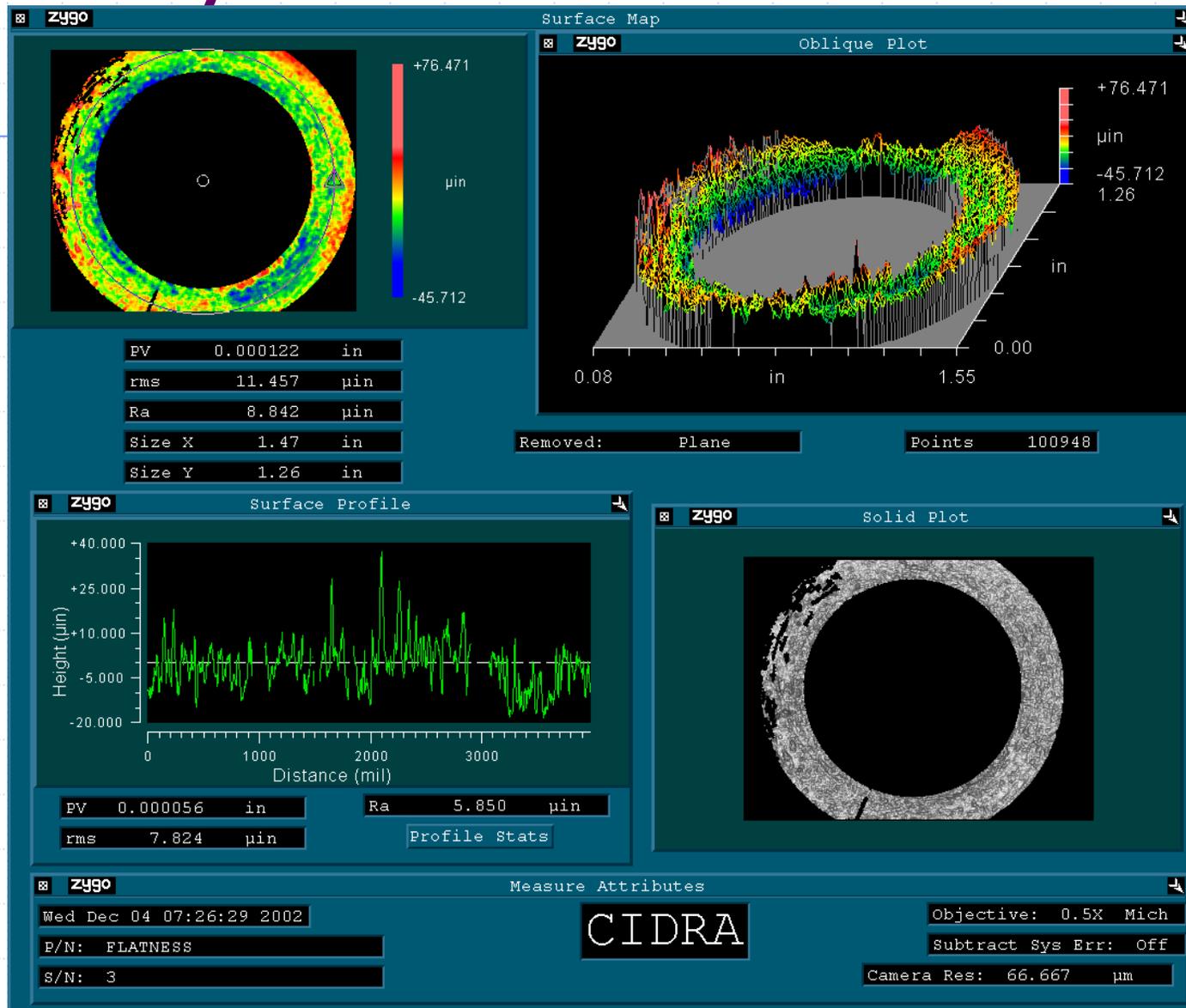
# FXC Disk#2\_2 (Datum A)



# FXC Disk#2\_2



# Dummy Disk



# CMM QC on FXC Disks

- ◆ The brand name of the CMM is Cordax. It has a 2.5-micron accuracy
- ◆ The measurements were done during two days
- ◆ No actual timing of the actual measurement process was recorded, but it is reported by the QC lab that it is very time consuming to QC these parts due to HOM holes & radiuses
- ◆ The temperature in the QC laboratory is usually stable and monitored within  $\pm 2$  degree F and it was recorded as 74~75 degree F in the room during the measurements for both days



# CMM QC on FXC Disks

## FXC Disk2\_3:

### ***Dim2a=***

Nominal: 10.795mm (+-5 micron)

Measured: 10.795mm

Deviation: 0

### ***Dim2b=***

Nominal: 22.616mm (+-5 micron)

Measured: 22.618mm

Deviation: +2 micron

### ***Dim t=***

Nominal: 4.536mm (+-5 micron)

Measured: 4.534mm

Deviation: -2 micron

### ***OD=***

Nominal: 61.00mm (+-25 micron)

Measured: 61.02mm

Deviation: +20micron

### ***Thickness=***

Nominal: 12.928mm (+-50 micron)

Measured: 12.926mm

Deviation: 2 micron

### ***Parallelism=***

Nominal: 0 (+5 micron, -0)

Measured: 12.5 micron

# CMM QC on FXC Disks

FXC Disk2\_3:

## **HOM(4) ID=**

Nominal: 6.50mm (+-50 micron)

Deviation: First:+7.5micron

Second:+2.5micron

Third:+2.5micron

Fourth:+7.5micron

## **HOM(4) Dim w1=**

Nominal: 4.856mm (+-5 micron)

Deviation: First:+119micron

Third:+115micron

## **HOM(4) Dim w=**

Nominal: 3.159mm (+-12.5 micron)

Deviation: First:-73micron

Second:-71micron

Third:-88micron

Fourth:-83micron

## **HOM(4) Dim d=**

Nominal: 8.750mm (+-5 micron)

Deviation: First:-20micron

Second:-10micron

Third:-18micron

Fourth:-15micron