Low and Medium-β Superconducting Cavities A. Facco

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Definition

low-, medium- and high- β : Just cavities with $\beta < 1...$

The definition, however, changes according to the community

| (Approximate) definition | low β | medium β | high β |
|--------------------------|--|---------------|------------------------|
| Heavy ion boosters | <0.06 | 0.06 ÷0.12 | >0.12 |
| Proton linacs | <0.2 | 0.2÷0.8 | >0.8 |
| Heavy ion drivers | Conjurg port Policito port Bran port | | e Calle Cie Da De Dova |

Low- β SC cavities peculiarities

- Low frequency
 - Large size
 - complicated geometries
 - High peak fields E_p , B_p
- Many different shapes
 - many different EM modes
- Short cavities
 - Many independent cavities in a linac (ISCL)
- Only a few accelerating gaps
 - Large velocity acceptance
- Mostly working at 4.2 K

The first low- β SC cavities application: HI boosters for electrostatic accelerators

First and ideal application of SC technology:

- •Low beam current: all rf power in the cavity walls
- •2÷3 gap: wide β acceptance
- •High gradient, cw operation
- •Hardly achievable with Normal
- Conducting (NC) cavities



Tandem-booster system

New problems: very narrow rf bandwidth, mechanical instabilities

Early resonators: 70's



Low- β cavities in operation from the 70's

•Tandem boosters for light ions β ~0.1

•Materials:

•Bulk Nb

•Pb plated Cu

•E_a typically **2 MV/m**

•Mechanical stability problems solved by the **first electronic fast tuners** for Helix resonators

SC low- β resonators : 80's



Low- β cavities in operation from the 80's

•At ANL Tandem replaced by the first low- β SC Positive Ion Injector, β ~0.001 ÷0.2

•Heavy ions up to U

New materials:
Explosive bonded Nb on Cu

Mechanical stability problems solved by electronic fast tuners VCX at ANL
E_a typically 3 MV/m; first operation above

4 MV/m

HI SC low-β resonators: 90's



Low- β cavities from the 90's

LNL damper

•β~0.001 ÷0.2

New materials:
Sputtered Nb on Cu

•Linac project with SC RFQs starts at LNL

 Mechanical stability problems solved also by mechanical damping

•E_a typically 3 \div 4 MV/m; first operation at 6 MV/m

Present QWR performance example: LNL bulk Nb, 80 MHz double wall



Ea (MV/m)

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On-line resonators test



What do we learn from HI boosters?

All SC low- β cavities presently in operation still belong to the low current, HI linacs category!

- QWRs are a good choice when possible
- $E_a > 6$ MV/m achievable in operation
- Max E_p ~ 60 MV/m
- Max H_p ~ 120 mT
- Very reliable machines are possible (ANL linac ~6000 h/y beam on target)
- Mechanical vibrations can be handled

Remark: different definitions of gradient in different labs



- E_a : Energy gain per unit charge at optimum β_0 , divided by the effective length L
- L can be: I_{int} , L_{max} or even $\beta\lambda$ (see figure)
- E_a defined with I_{int} give larger values than E_a defined with L_{max}
- This discrepancies do not affect the energy gain definition, which is the same

SC linacs : new trends

Low- β cavities: new applications

| Туре | β_{max} | A/q | current |
|---|---------------|----------|------------|
| Post-accelerators for RIB facilities | ~ 0.2 (0.5) | 7÷ 66 | < 1 nA |
| HI drivers for RIB facilities | ~ 0.3÷0.9 | ~ 1 ÷ 10 | ~0.1÷10 mA |
| p,d linacs | ~ 0.3 | 1 ÷ 2 | ~1÷10 mA |
| High Power Proton Accelerators | ~ 0.9 | 1 | ~10÷100 mA |
| High Power Deuteron Accelerators for material irradiation | ~ 0.3 | 2 | ~100 mA |

Radioactive Ion Beam Facilities



- •Driver: from p tu U, I~500 μ A
- •Post-accelerator: variable A/q, I<< 1 nA
- •Evolution of HI boosters

Moving to higher β and I

HI cavities •βs 0.3 •Low current (~μA) •Short cavities



Low-intermediate β •β=0.1÷0.5 ĵ•High current, mA •Short cavities

Electron cavities β=1 High current (~mA) Long cavities



High-β ↓•β=0.5÷0.9 •High current, mA •Long cavities

RIA cavities development at ANL



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RIA cavities development at MSU

Alternative design of the RIA driver based on 80.5 MHzMost of the cavities are ready



Courtesy of T. Grimm, MSU

Heavy Ion and Proton linacs

• Low- and intermediate- β SC cavities for Proton linacs are very similar to the ones for Heavy lons

•The main differences are at β <0.3:

•Higher frequency at low beta (from 350 MHz RFQs)

•larger rf power couplers, rf ports and beam aperture (from higher beam current)

Example: β =0.1 10 mA protons \Rightarrow 350 MHz cavity (reentrant, spoke, HW...) 10 μ A heavy ions \Rightarrow 100 MHz QWR LANL

LANL β =0.175 SC spoke resonator for high power proton beams



High Intensity Superconducting Proton Linacs



- Many applications
 - RIB drivers, ADS systems, spallation neutron sources, …
- Consolidated scheme
 - a proton (H⁺,H⁻) injector and a ~350 MHz, NC RFQ
 - a SC high energy linac with multicell, elliptical cavities
 - A low and intermediate energy linac, either NC (DTL, CCL), SC (low- β elliptical, spoke, half wave coaxial, reentrant...) or both
- Problem: where do we change from NC to SC?

Where do we change from NC to SC?

No unique answer, many points to consider:

Beam A/q

NC: fixed velocity profile

SC: ISCL (Independently-phased SC Cavity Linac) with large velocity acceptance

Pulsed vs. CW

NC E_a limited by water cooling: better pulsed

SC are very sensitive to Lorentz force detuning: better cw

Beam current

High current \rightarrow high beam loading \rightarrow NC high rf losses negligible

Low current \rightarrow low beam loading \rightarrow SC efficiency is important

Reliability issues

NC large cavities \rightarrow no fault tolerance

SC short cavities \rightarrow some fault tolerance is possible

Construction and operation cost

From EURISOL studies, 5 mA 5-100 MeV NC and SC proton linacs have comparable construction cost, while SC is cheaper in operation

Where do we change from NC to SC?

In low power heavy ion accelerators: as soon as possible
In high power proton accelerators the real estate gradient at β<0.3 can hardly exceed 1 MV/m for beam dynamics constraints: NC solutions can be competitive even in cw mode



- IPHI: NC
 - 5-11 MeV, 100 mA p DTL
 - 352 MHz cw
 - E_a~ 0.8 MV/m r.e.



- SC ADS Driver (LANL):
 - 6.7-43 MeV, 20 mA p linac
 - 352 MHz cw
 - E_a ~ 0.4 MV/m r.e.

Low- and intermediate-β Resonator geometries and characteristics

Superconducting RFQ's

80 MHz, $0.001 \le \beta_0 \le 0.035$



- Compact
- •CW operation
- •High efficiency
- •Down to very low beta



- •Mechanical stability (fast tuners required)
- •Low beam current only
- •Difficult to build
- •Expensive



LNL SRFQ2, A/q=8.5



Two superconducting RFQs in one cryostat

Courtesy of G. Bisoffi, INFN-LNL

 Installation is complete Beam transport to the RFQs Alignment checked to be within ± 0.2 mm on the beam axis Q values and E_{s.o} exceeding specs $(>3x10^{8} \text{ and } > 25 \text{ MV/m})$ Stiff vs. mechanical noise: locking with VCX was proven to work, providing a bandwidth of 80 & 200 Hz on SRFQ1 and SRFQ2 •Slow P changes of the refrigerator (TCF50) can be controlled, to a level where the slow f-tuners can follow (~ 20 mbar/min) Beam acceleration through SRFQs: planned for October 2004

SRFQs in the PIAVE Injector at IN

Quarter-Wave resonators

 $48 \le f \le 160 \text{ MHz}, 0.001 \le \beta_0 \le 0.2$



Compact
Modular
High performance
Low cost
Easy access
Down to very low beta



- •Dipole steering above ~100 MHz
- •Mechanical stability below ~100 MHz
- •(Quadrupole steering: could give problems with solenoids)



ANL 48.5 MHz, β =0.0016 QWR

NSC New Delhi

Superconducting QWRs development at Nuclear Science Centre



Required 26, β=0.08, 97 MHz QWRs
8 built in collaboration with ANL
The rest is being built in house. A facility for Nb resonators production has been set up, with:

•Eb welding

•EP •HPR

•High vacuum baking at 1200 °C





Courtesy of S. Ghosh, NSCL

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Poster TUPKF024



□ Some of them are reliably locked up to 6.5-7.3 MV/m without necessity of fast or "soft" tuners and/or strong overcoupling. Frequency not affected by changes in the He bath pressure ($\Delta f < 0.01 \text{ Hz/mbar!}$) *Courtesy of A. Porcellato, INFN-LNL*

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ISAC-II SC QWRs

| Section | β ₀ (%) | f _{RF} (MHz) | No. | E _a (MV/m) |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Low b | 4.2 | 70.7 | 8 | 5 |
| Med β | 5.7 | 106 | 8 | 6 |
| | 7.1 | 106 | 12 | 6 |
| High β | 10.4 | 141 | 20 | 6 |





Courtesy of R. Laxdal, TRIUMF

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ISAC-II QWRs Performance

•20+1 resonators produced

- •All cavities tested up to now meet the specifications of 6MV/m @7W
- •CP at CERN (5 QWRs) and Jlab

•HPR at TRIUMF







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ISAC-II Medium Beta Cryomodule

First Medium beta cryomodule in assembly







LN cooled rf coupler

Mechanical tuner

Provide suitable bandwidth by overcoupling

 $\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{f}}\!=\!\!200$ W at cavity: f_{1/2}\!=\!\!20\text{Hz} at E_a=6MV/m with $\beta_{c}\!=\!\!200$

Courtesy of Bob Laxdal, TRIUMF

CEA Saclay

SPIRAL 2 low-β QWRs

SPIRAL2 HI driver

•40 MeV, 5 mA SC linac for A/q=2 and 3

- •To be built at GANIL as a RIB driver
- •CEA Saclay and IPN Orsay are developing the resonators

CEA prototype

•Nb QWR - 88 MHz - β=0.07

•Design goals for operation:

•Eacc = 6.5 MV/m

•Epeak = 32 MV/m

•Prototype under construction



Courtesy of B. Visentin, CEA

IPN Orsay

SPIRAL 2 medium-β QWRs

IPN Orsay prototype

Nb QWR - 88 MHz - β=0.12
Beam tube aperture: Ø36 mm
RF coupling by Ø36 mm port
6 ports for HPR

•under construction, delivery in October2004



- •Design goals for operation:
 - •Eacc = 6.5 MV/m
 - •Epeak = 36 MV/m
 - •Bpeak = 66 mT
- •Design of the cryomodule



Preliminary design of the β 0.12 cryomodule

Courtesy of G. Orly, IPNO

INFN Legnaro MSU-LNL: QWR with steering correction

- •161 MHz, β=0.16
- separate vacuum is possible
- Extendable to different f and β
- first preliminary test before HPR
- RIA specifications already fulfilled









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QWRs and HWRs for RIA

- •Prototypes built and tested
- •RIA specifications met
- •Cryomodule under construction





322 MHz β=0.28

161 MHz β=0.16 (MSU-LNL)





ANL QWR and HWR prototypes for RIA

Prototypes constructed and under testing
The preliminary results are very encouraging and final results will be persented at the LINAC conference

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Courtesy of K. Shepard, ANL



With steering correction

ANL QWR prototype cryomodule



ANL

Half-Wave resonators

$160 \le f \le 352 \text{ MHz}, \ 0.09 \le \beta_0 \le 0.3$



No dipole steering

- •High performance •Lower E_{p} than QWRs •Wide beta range
- •Very compact





MSU 322 MHz β=0.28



The first 355 MHz SC HWR ANL - β=0.12



ACCEL 176 MHz SC HWR β=0.09



- •Not easy access
- Difficult to tune
- Less efficient than QWRs
- •(Quadrupole steering)



ACCEL cavities for SARAF

- ACCEL is currently building a 40 MeV linear accelerator for 2 mA cw protons and deuteron for the SARAF (SOREQ APPLIED RESEARCH ACCELERATOR FACILITY) at SOREQ NRC, Israel;
- 176 MHz superconducting half-waveresonators
- 2 HWR families: β =0.09 and β = 0.15





Cryomodule n.1 - p and d from 1.5 MeV/u

Courtesy of ACCEL

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Parameters of $\beta = 0.09$ SARAF HWR

Cavities are produced out of RRR > 250 bulk niobium, design goal: $E_n = 25 \text{ MV/m}$

| Parameter | Value | Unit |
|---|-------|---------|
| Frequency | 176 | MHz |
| Cavity height h | 835 | mm |
| Diameter of inner conductor | 80 | mm |
| Diameter of outer conductor | 180 | mm |
| Wall thickness | 3 | mm |
| Cavity volume | 17 | I |
| Accelerating length ¹ L _{acc} | 99 | mm |
| Optimum beta | 9 | % |
| Geom. constant G = $R_S \times Q_0$ | 24.5 | W |
| Shunt Impedance R/Q | 164 | W |
| E _{peak} / E _{acc} | 2.9 | |
| B _{peak} / E _{peak} | 2.1 | mT/MV/m |
| B _{peak} / E _{acc} | 6.2 | mT/MV/m |

¹ Measured from start of the first to the end of the second acceleration gap of the HWR, excluding leakage field in beam tubes

- The 1st prototype is under testing
- The 1st cryomodule is under construction
- •The β = 0.15 prototype and cryomodules will follow





IKF Juelich

H^{-}, D^{-} injector



COSY Injector project

- (temporary suspended)
- 50 MeV with both H

and D⁻ beams

- 2 mA (COSY space charge limit)
- 0.5 ms pulses @ 2 Hz
- 44 HWRs
- •160-320 MHz
- 8 MV/m
- β=0.11-0.2

A first 160 MHz prototype has been built and is presently under testing
Preliminary results very encouraging 160 MHz, β =0.12 HWR Designed for the COSY injector



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LNL: 352 MHz, β=0.3 HWR

•Modular design for high intensity p and HI linacs (SPES, EURISOL) , extendable to different β and f

•Very compact and stiff structure including He vessel

•Side tuner insensitive to He pressure







SPOKE resonators

 $345 \le f \le 805 \text{ MHz}, 0.15 \le \beta_0 \le 0.62$



No dipole steering
High performance
Higher R_{sh} than HWRs
Wide beta range
Multi-cell possibility



LANL β=0.2 SPOKE ANL β =0.4 Double SPOKE





Not easy access
Difficult to tune
Larger size than HWRs
More expensive than HWRs
(Quadrupole steering)



IPNO SPOKE, β =0.35 352 MHz

SPOKE resonators performance example: ANL and LANL 352 MHz cavities



IPN Orsay

IPNO - β 0.35, 352 MHz spoke cavity *New tests in 2004 @ 4.2 K & 2 K*



IPN Orsay

New β 0.15, 352 MHz spoke cavity design



- New stiffeners
- RF port bigger and @ 90°/spoke bar
- Nb: RRR250, 3 mm thick



RF parameters (MAFIA calculations)

| Qo ^a (@ 4.2K) | 1.4 E+09 | |
|--|-------------------|--|
| r/Q [Ω] | 88 | |
| G [Ω] | 67 | |
| Ep/Eacc | 3.97 ^b | |
| Bp/Eacc [mT/MV/m] | 7.95 ^b | |
| Voltage gain @ Ep=30 MV/m [MV] | 0.63 | |
| ^a assuming a 10 nOhm residual resistance ^b Lacc=iris-to-iris length=0.2 m | | |

Mechanical parameters (COSMOS & MICAV calculations)

| Maximum stress under 1 bar [MPa] | < 39 |
|---|----------------|
| Stiffness with stiffening rings (without stiffening rings) [N/mm] | 6200 (3200) |
| Tuning sensitivity (using beam tubes) [kHz/mm] | ~1100 |

Double SPOKE $\beta=0.4$



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Elliptical resonators

352≤f≤805 MHz, 0.47≤ β_0 ≤ 1



Highly symmetric field High performance Low E_p and B_p Multi cell possibility Large aperture



INFN Milano 700 MHz, β =0.5



Not suitable for β<0.4
Operation at 2K (with one exception)



CERN 352 MHz, β =0.8 Sputtered Nb on Cu

$\beta < 1$ Elliptical resonators examples



Prototypes successfully developed at JLAB, KEK, JAERI, LANL, CEA Saclay, IPN Orsay, INFN Milano, CERN
SNS cavities and cryomodules under production, very good performance **CEA Saclay**

Intermediate-β cavities

Nb Cavity (5-cell 700 MHz $\beta = 0.65$) In collaboration with IPNO

Results Improvement in Vertical Cryostat and Cry-Ho-Lab





 $Q_0=9.10^9$ at $E_{\rm peak}=43$ MV/m, $B_{\rm peak}=83$ mT

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MSU-JLAB 6-cell elliptical β =0.47





He Return

Line

Tri-Link

Top feed FPC

External Tuner

Alignment View Port

TRASCO/ADS β =0.47



3-Spoke or 6-cell?

- 3-SPOKE advantages:
 - lower n. of cavities if ${\rm B}_{\rm p}$ of 82 mT in operation is used
 - Higher longitudinal and transverse acceptance
 - 4.2 K instead of 2 K
- On the other hand:
 - B_p=82 mT in operation is rather challenging
 - 6-cell are well developed, 3-SPOKE not yet
 - 2 K have some advantages in terms of mechanical stability
 - According to MSU calculations both SPOKE and 6 cell have adequate acceptance for RIA, and their cost, using realistic B_p, would be the same
- The discussion is still open to new results.





Reentrant cavities

 $352 \le f \le 402 \text{ MHz}, 0.1 \le \beta$



Highly symmetric field
Very Compact
Low E_p and B_p
Widest velocity acceptance
Possibility of large aperture



The first reentrant cavities - SLAC



- short accelerating length, little E gain
- mechanical stability
- inductive couplers only

LNL 352 MHz reentrant cavity





LNL β >0.1, 352 MHz Reentrant cavity







TRASCO 30 mA Fault tolerant Linac with Reentrant Cavities

- 5÷ 100 MeV
- 230 cavities
- •Cavity aperture 30 mm
- Superconducting quadrupole singlets in a FODO lattice



• SC Linac length : 48 m

Other multi-gap SC cavities

$174 \le f \le 352 MHz, 0.1 \le \beta_0 \le 0.3$



Very efficient
large energy gain
They can be made for rather low β

4 gap ladder l 352 MHz, β =0.12 INFN-LNL



β=0.2 784 MHz IKF Juelich





• β acceptance

- •Difficult to have large aperture
- difficult to build and expensive
- •Not yet demonstrated



19 gap CH, β =0.1 352 MHz, IAP Frankfurt IAP-Univ. of Frankfurt

19 gap, 352 MHz, β=0.1

Fixed velocity profile, high energy gain resonator Under construction



| Cells | 19 |
|---|---------------------|
| Length (cm) | 105 |
| Frequency (MHz) | 352 |
| β | 0.1 |
| Material | Bulk Niobium |
| E _o (MV/m) | 4 |
| E _a =ET (MV/m) | 3.2 |
| E _p (MV/m) @ 3.2 MV/m | 21.0 |
| B _p (mT) @ 3.2 MV/m | 23.3 |
| G=R _s Q ₀ (Ω) | 56 |
| R_a/Q (Ω) (T incl.) | 3220 |
| $(R_a/Q)G$ (Ω^2) | 180000 |
| O ₀ (BCS, 4K, 352 MHz) | 1.5x10 ⁹ |
| Q_0 (total R _s =150 n Ω) | 3.7x10 ⁸ |
| W (mJ/(MV/m)²) | 155 |
| W @ 3.2 MV/m (J) | 1.58 |
| P @ 3.2 MV/m and R_s =150 nΩ =(W) | 9.5 |

Conclusions

- •After two decades of heavy ion SC boosters, new applications for low- and intermediate- β superconducting resonators
- •Low- and intermediate- β cavities reach nowadays $E_p \sim 60$ MV/m and $B_p \sim 120$ mT, and approximately half of these values are considered reliable in operation
- •Strong development in SC cavities is pushed by new high power proton accelerator and heavy ion linac projects
- •Large variety of shapes and characteristics for different applications •In high current proton linacs ,however, NC DTLs choice can be still competitive for β <0.3, even in cw
- •The time of commercial SC linacs for HPPA is maybe starting