High-Gradient Superconducting Radiofrequency Cavities for Particle Acceleration

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- Why Superconducting Accelerating Cavities?
- Limiting Mechanisms
- High Gradient Cavities
 - Surface Preparation
 - Fast Frequency Tuning
- Outlook



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Superconducting RF History : Installed Accelerating Voltage



Superconducting RF Present and Future: Accelerator Projects Featuring SRF Cavities

- Disclaimer: The focus is mostly on electron machines with beta =1
- LINACs
 - ILC, European XFEL, FLASH, ELBE, BESSY-FEL, MIT Bates, FERMILAB 8 GeV, SNS
- Recirculating LINACS
 - S-DALINAC, CEBAF, LUX, Arc-en-Ciel, Neutrino Factory/Muon Collider
- ERLs
 - JLAB FEL, JAERI, Cornell FEL, PERL (BNL), 4GLS, KEK-ERL, RHIC-II
- Storage rings
 - HEP
 - KEK-B, CESR, HERA, Tristan, LEP
 - Synchrotron Light
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Superconducting Cavities

- SC cavities offer
 - a surface resistance which is six orders of magnitude lower than normal conductors (NC)
 - high efficiency, even when cooling is included
 - large currents can be accelerated
 - high duty cycle up to continuous wave (cw) operation
 - low frequency, large aperture
 - high accelerating gradients
 - attractive for a wide range of projects and a lot of ideas
 - E.g. XFEL, Linear collider, Energy Recovery LINACS





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Susceptibility Measurements: Niobium Properties

- Surface treatment does not change the bulk properties e.g. $\rm B_{c}$ and $\rm B_{c2}$
- Surface critical field B_{c3} depends on surface preparation
 - Electropolishing (EP) vs. Standard etch (BCP)
 - Baking

	BCP	EP
T_c [K]	9.263 ± 0.003	
RRR	≈ 300	
surf. roughness		
on grain [nm]	≈ 1	
steps at grain bound.	1-5 $\mu {\rm m}$	$\lesssim 0.1 \mu {\rm m}$
$B_c(0)$ [mT]	180 ± 5	
$B_{c2}(0) [{\rm mT}]$	410 ± 5	
$J_c(0,0) \; [{\rm A/mm}^2]$	240 ± 10	180 ± 10



Proof-of-Principle: TESLA Nine-cell Test (ILC Baseline Cavity)

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Examples for Limiting Mechanisms

1st Order

- Understanding Multipactoring
 - A few computer codes developed
 - Spherical shape realized at Genova and qualified at Cornell & Wuppertal
- Understanding Field Emission
 - Emitters were localized and analyzed
 - Improved treatments and cleanness
- Cure thermal Breakdown
 - Higher RRR Nb
 - Deeper control for inclusions



2nd Order



1984/85: First great success

- A pair of 1.5 GHz cavities developed and tested (in CESR) at Cornell
- Chosen for CEBAF at TJNAF for a nominal $E_{acc} = 5 \text{ MV/m}$

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Cleanroom Technology for SC Cavities



The inter-cavity connection is done in

class 10 cleanrooms

 the small surface resistance of the superconducting necessitates avoidance of NC contaminations larger than a few µm

- detailed material specification and quality control are done
- tight specification for fabrication e.g. welds have been implemented
- clean room technology is a must (e.g. QC with particle counts, monitoring of water quality, documentation of processes)



Performance of FLASH Accelerator Modul From H. Weise/ D. Kostin



Surface Preparation: Electropolishing

- Electropolishing (EP) of niobium surfaces is a key technology to achieve the highest electrical and magnetic surface fields
- KEK/ Nomura Plating pioneered application of EP to elliptical niobium cavities since TRISTAN using a Siemens' recipe from the 1970s
- Since then EP has also been successfully applied to
 - Low-Beta Quarter wave structures
 - TESLA nine-cells



Electropolishing Offers Improved Surface Quality



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Electropolished 1,3 GHz Elliptical Niobium Cavities K. Saito et al. KEK 1998/1999





Cavity Processing: ANL β=0.63 Triple-Spoke Cavity, Area ~1.5 m²

ANL EP: Beta=0.63 Multi-Spoke Cavity



Q-disease was observed; hydrogen degassing at 600 °C was performed at ANL

>2 K surface resistance decreased substantially after 600 °C bake.



Electropolishing Setup at DESY



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TESLA Nine-Cells: Low-Power Results



FLASH Module 6: High Gradient Module



Cavity Position in Module



Work needed: Reproducibility in the EP Process



Active Tuner

- Lorentz force detunes the cavity during one RF pulse
 If detuning is too large extra RF power would be needed
- Actively compensate the detuning of the cavity during the RF pulse by mechanical means
- Piezoelectric elements are suitable for this application



Frequency Detuning during RF Pulse



Proof-of-Principle: Piezoelectric Tuner

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Sensor-Actuator: Piezoelectric Elements in the Tuning Mechanism



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RF Signals at 35 MV/m





Damping of the ringing between pulses (5Hz operation)

Frequency stabilization during RF pulse using a piezoelectric tuner Blue: With piezo

Red: Without piezo

Frequency detuning of ~ 500 Hz compensated voltage pulse (~ 100 V) on the piezo. No resonant compensation



Resonant Excitation of the Cavity



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Frequency stabilization at 35 MV/m

Blue: With piezo

Red: Without piezo

Frequency detuning of ~1000 Hz compensated with resonant excitation of a mechanical cavity resonance at 230 Hz.

NOTE: This is rather an demonstration of the capability of active tuning. Application in a real machine needs investigation.

Work to be done for projects ahead

• XFEL

- Transferring knowledge to industry

- Cavity manufacture done in industry since the formation of the TESLA collaboration
 - Also for auxiliaries
- Cavity Processes
 - Electropolishing has started
- Module manufacturing and assembly
 - Studies with participation of industry in progress (see module 6)

• ILC

- Proof-of-existence is there!
- Need to increase yield of getting 'good' cavities
 - Surface preparation is the clue
- Further look into cost reduction
 - Other cavity shapes
 - Other materials
- Involve industry in an early stage
- Other projects (e.g. see Susan Smith's Talk)
 - Higher beam currents
 - E.g. HOM damping
 - CW operation
 - E.g. Higher Q₀

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Example of XFEL Industrialisation: Henkel





- Very high gradient (up to 40 MV/m), high Q₀ single-cell cavities have been prepared
- Study on improved quality control measures at DESY and Henkel
 - E.g. Improved parameter-control of electrolytes
- Upto three-cell 1.3 GHz cavities can be treated currently

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ILC: Shapes

- TESLA shape
 - Baseline
- Alternative Shapes
 - Main Feature
 - Designed for
 - Lower H_{peak}/E_{acc} : magnetic field limit
 - Caveat
 - Higher E_{peak}/E_{acc} : field emission
 - 'Low-Loss' shape (LL)
 - Originally designed for lower cryo losses
 - Re-entrant shape (RE)



TESLA Cavity Design

- Frequency choice
 - Lower frequency better for
 - RF losses (BCS surface resistance)
 - Lower wakefields
 - 1.3 GHz klystrons were available
- Cavity RF Layout
 - Number of cells determined by maximum cell-to-cell coupling k_{cc} (field flatness)
 - Low E_{peak}/E_{acc} (less sensitive to field emission)
 - End cells asymmetric
 - Avoid trapping of TE121 higher order mode
 - Keep TM010 and first two dipole bands mode flat



Figure 2.1.3: Side view of the 9-cell cavity with the main power coupler port and two higher-order mode couplers.



stiffening ring

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1. Introduction: Evolution of the elliptical cavities cont.

Example: 1.3 GHz inner cells for TESLA and ILC





1. Introduction: Criteria, cont.

"Hunting" for high gradients goes together with "hunting" for low cryogenic loss.







Conclusion

- SCRF cavities have a broad range of applications
- Technology matured over the recent years
 E.g. commercially available SCRF systems
- Challenges are the reproducibility of very high gradients and cost reduction
 - 35 MV/m has been demonstrated several times
 - A production-like process is under development
- A lot of working ongoing for the XFEL and ILC
 - It is a big asset for both of them that they still can profit from each other
- Single-cells have shown more than 50 (!) MV/m
 - First tests on multi-cells are underway





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Cavity Test Inside a Module (ctd.)



- One of the electropolished cavities (AC72) was installed into an accelerating module for the VUV-FEL
- Very low cryogenic losses as in high power tests
- Standard X-ray radiation measurement indicates no radiation up to 35 MV/m

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Goals of the TESLA Test Facility Linac

