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An Overview of Recent Developments in SRF Technology Bob Laxdal, TRIUME

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- Introduction to SRF
- Elliptical cavities
 - High Q and High Gradient
 - Doping, Infusion, Magic
 - Flux expulsion
 - Frequency dependence
- Non-elliptical cavities
 - High performance
 - New Structures
- Technical advances
- Future path





Introduction to SRF





SRF surface resistance



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For high gradient we need a material that can withstand vortex penetration up to a high magnetic field.

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SRF cavities – velocity and frequency range





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 RRR Material EB welding inclusions of lossy material
 - US degrease High pressure water rinse (HPWR) residues
 - Mumetahagnetic flux
 - Q-Disease too much
 - Hydrogen degassing 600-800C





XFEL

- XFEL is successfully completed many projects on the go
- Projects can drive SRF development and SRF developments can enable projects
- XFEL (ILC) research has been very successful at pushing 1.3GHz technology to high gradient performance
- Many of the techniques developed for XFEL are being applied successfully in both elliptical and non-elliptical cavities

Timeline	Elliptical	Non-elliptical	
Rec <mark>t</mark> past	XFEL	FRIB	
Present	LCLS-II	ESS, RISP	
Futu e	EIC, ILC	PIP-II, ADS	

	N _{cavs}	Average	RMS
VT	815	28.3 MV/m	3.5
СМ	815	27.5 MV/m	4.8

XFEL cavity useful gradient in vertical test and in cryomodule (goal 23.6MV/m)

See Talk FR2A02



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- Bake in vacuum at 120C for 48 hours mitigates high field Q-slope (HFQS) in 1.3GHz cavities
- Bake manipulates the surface oxide layer
 - Reduces the mean free path (dirtier) in the first 20-50nm to reduce the R_{BCS}
 - reduces lossy nano-hydrides
- Any cavity operating with R_{BCS}>R₀ can typically benefit from 120C bake





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Recent Progress with Elliptical cavities





High Q – LCLS-II



- LCLS-II consists of 35 cryomodules each with 8 cavities total of 280 cavities at 1.3GHz
- LCLS-II (boldly) chose N-doping as the baseline recipe with a cavity performance specification of:



2.7 x 10¹⁰ at 16 MV/m and 2 K

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- N2 is introduced at 25 mTorr after 800C degassing for a few minutes
- N2 doping increases Q substantially by reducing electron mean free path, reducing BCS resistance with signature anti-Q-slope
- Requires 5-10 micron EP to clean the surface
- Results in a lower quench field and increased sensitivity to flux trapping





LCLS-II SRF Issues - mitigations

- First articles from vendors did not perform as well as qualifying cavities – problem trapped flux -> rf losses
- It was found that different batches of material (that meet specification) can behave differently with respect to flux expulsion
- New treatment and processes developed to mitigate the issue – process now robust —









Obtaining and preserving $Q \ge 2.7e10$ at 16 MV/m, 2K



Study led to three important conclusions

- 1. Different treatments impact the sensitivity to trapped flux
- 2. Trapping percentage impacted by speed of cooldown
- Trapping percentage impacted by material – heat treatments >800C help mitigate by reducing pinning

S. Posen et al., J. Appl. Phys. 119, 213903 (2016) TTC 2018 [Milano] (M. Ross, SLAC)





LCLS-II Cryomodule Performance

S. Posen (FNAL) TTC [Milano]

900C

FNAL utilizes new heat treatment and fast cooldown (>32 gm/s) to achieve 3.5e10 in the cryomodule

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Cavity	Usable Gradient* [MV/m]	Q0 @ 16 MV/m (or useable gradient) 2 K		
CAV0008	20.5	2.0E+10		
CAV0003	21.0	2.5E+10		
CAV0006	21.0	2.0E+10		
CAV0007	21.0	2.2E+10		
CAV0016	18.2	1.8E+10		
CAV0013	16.5	2.0E+10		
CAV0011	20.5	2.3E+10		
CAV0015	21.0	2 3E+10		
Average	20.0	2.1E+10		
Total Voltage	166 MV			

Cavity	Usable Gradient* [MV/m]	Q0 @ 16 MV/m (or useable gradient) 2 K
CAV0034	21.0	3.4E+10
CAV0039	21.0	4.2E+10
CAV0040	10.0	3.6E+10
CAV0026	9.2	3.2E+10
CAV0027	21.0	3.2E+10
CAV0029	21.0	4.4E+10
CAV0042	16.8	2.8E+10
CAV0032	21.0	3 0E+10
Average	17.6	3.5E+10
Total Voltage	146 MV	

Fermilab CM-2 Cavities treated with baseline recipe

Fermilab CM-3 Treatment modified to improve flux expulsion

Total voltage Spec: 133 MV Q₀ Spec: 2.7x10¹⁰

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- LCLS-II
 - High Q₀ has been reliably demonstrated after early pains - Q₀ more than 3.4x10¹⁰ can be consistently achieved
- Conclusion:
 - Nitrogen-doping is a robust reproducible procedure
 - Flux expulsion is the most important factor limiting performance
 - Low residual field and fast cooldown are required to get the best performance
 - Flux expulsion is material dependent heat treatments can help – community engaged with vendors to optimize





N-doping favours higher frequency 2K applications



E_{sc} (MV/m)

Cornell achieves factor of 2 gain in Q at 500MHz and 4K with N-dope





High Q, High Gradient

Nitrogen Infusion

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- After 800°C degas, the temperature in the furnace is lowered to 120-160°C (under vacuum), 25mTorr nitrogen is introduced for 48h.
- The N2 infusion treatment (FNAL) raises Q and extends gradient beyond standard 120C recipe
- No chemistry after treatment.
- Potential treatment for ILC

A. Grassellino, et al, Supercond. Sci. Technol. 30, 094004 (2017).



Infusion Experience Worldwide

 This has proven to be a challenging recipe – very dependent on the quality of the vacuum furnace

KEK

- N-Infusion research is on-going at a number of SRF centers worldwide
- KEK successful at 20% of attempts
- J-Lab Cornell higher Q but not gradient - Cornell – experimenting with N and other dopants - C and O
 - Infusion vs doping no need for post chemistry with infusion
- FNAL succeeded with infusion on BCP cavities



See Marc Wenscat TH2A01

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- New recipe from FNAL raises Q and extends the reachable field beyond standard 120C recipe
- Standard 120C bake but with an initial hold at 75C for 3 hours
- No nitrogen required!
- No chemistry required!
- This will undoubtedly double efforts to try to harness the optimum high Q, high gradient recipe





Fine grain vs large grain

Large Grain Niobium from Ingot

• Lower material cost – less steps

KEK

- Need to optimize processing and demonstrate forming technique for industrial production
- Sheet production by slicing may be less prone to `pinning' variations seen in LCLS-II material
- DESY and KEK show impressive high field performance - near 50MV/m and Q=1e10



Large grain Nb sheet



Direct slicing from Nb ingot



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LARGE GRAIN CAVITIES







- 6 large grain 9-cell cavities were fabricated and post-treated in PKU
- Only BCP, no EP
- Vertical tested in 2017 at PKU
- E_{acc} of 6 cavities all larger than 25 MV/m

A Large grain cavity (ingot from CBMM) fabricated and processed at KEK was tested at JLAB - measured record Q and gradient for RRR= 107. $E_{acc} = 36 \text{ MV/m}, Q_0 = 2 \times 10^{10}$



Beyond Bulk Niobium



Nb₃Sn Development

M. Liepe (Cornell)



- Why Nb_3Sn ?
 - Nb3Sn still remains the only new material that has produced a result suitable for acceleration
 - High H_{sh} means high <u>theoretical</u> max accelerating gradient (~ 96 MV/m)
 - 1.3GHz at 4.2 K means cheaper cryogenics!
- Current State:
 - 18 MV/m CW operation
 - 26 MV/m pulsed operation
 - High Q of **2 x 10¹⁰** at 4.2 K operation

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- Work continues globally to optimize the coating – Focus is on understanding limitations in the film - defects and tin depleted regions
- FNAL is extending applications to nine cell and 650MHz
- What is limiting gradients to 18MV/m at 1.3GHz a fundamental limit?



FNAL furnace

S. Posen (FNAL) – TTC 2018 [Riken]



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FNAL sample



Non-elliptical Cavities



FRIB Heavy Ion Linac

- FRIB is the largest SC hadron linac ever built
- Cavity fabrication almost complete CMs at 50%
- Technical highlights
 - CM performance is matching vertical test

 for all four cavity variants
 - Beam test of first 3 CMs very successful



See E. Pozdeyev WE2A01



Cavity beta	# required	# received	Certified	CM required	CM built
QWR 0.041	16	16	16	3	4
QWR 0.085	92	123	101	11	11
HWR 0.29	72	83	72	12	7
HWR 0.53	147	118	101	18	2
Totals	327	340	290	44	24
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High Field Q-Slope



K. Saito (FRIB) TTC2018 [Riken]

- FRIB offers rich data set
- High field Q-slope (HFQS) without X-ray is observed in each cavity family.
- The average onset field is coincident at a Bp ~ 85 mT corresponds to Eacc=20MV/m for ILC cavity – similar to the onset field of HFQS with BCP'ed cavities.
- Could high field performance be improved with EP?





Performances are continuing to improve – latest results from ANL and TRIUMF (RISP) indicate cavities operating at up to **Bp~143mT** for both EP and BCP cavities respectively with ANL at **Ep=135MV/m**! (well above beta=1 cavity)



ANL HWR Performance





 Excellent developments with 352 MHz spoke resonators for ESS and Myrte – reach Bp=140mT

Myrte

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- Concentrating on heat treatments and postprocessing – find that using Nb caps during degassing cycle can eliminate the need for final chemical etch – better Q achieved – $R_0=1.3n\Omega!$
- Also studying flux expulsion as a function of geometry – QWR vs SSR vs DSR



D. Longuevergne (IPNO)





Cavities are degassed at 650°C during 10h with their titanium tank with Nb caps to reduce contamination

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New Cavity Variants



SSR Balloon Resonator

See Z. Yao TUOP07

TRIUMF has developed a new variant of the Single Spoke Resonator called the balloon cavity

- Eliminate multipacting at high field
- Mechanically more stable drum vs sphere

The development recalls the evolution from pill box to elliptical cavity in the early days of SRF to reduce the impact of multi-pacting







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WTRIUMF Multipacting simulations confirmed in First Balloon Cold Test

TRIUMF: First demonstration of Balloon geometry 325MHz β =0.3

- There is excellent agreement between MP simulations and cold test data
- No multipacting barriers near the operational gradient or below 0.1 MV/m.
- Designed and fabricated by TRIUMF for RISP project









Coaxial Resonators for Frequency Dependence Study Accelerator Science

ODU has fabricated and tested a coaxial HWR for fundamental SRF studies – goal is to study frequency dependent surface resistant in the same cavity using fundamental and harmonics in the same cold test. Delayen (ODU) TTC2018 [Riken]







See H. Park TUOP04

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SRF Development for cw Linac at GSI

CW-Linac based on 217 MHz sc CH-cavities - CH-0 successfully demonstrated first acceleration See W.A. Barth TU2A01



W. Barth et al., PRAB **21**, 020102 (2018)

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Technology Developments



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See W. Venturini Delsolaro TU1A05

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B_{peak} [mT]

<mark>⊨_{peak} [MV/m</mark>

E_{acc} [MV/m]

60

50

120

- HIE-Isolde now has installed three cryomodules of QWR sputtered Nb on Cu cavities
- Seamless QWR reached unprecedented peak fields for Nb/Cu





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W. Venturini Delsolaro (CERN),

IMP is also looking now at Nb on Cu for C-ADS development

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Double quarter wave (DQW) have been fabricated and assembled into a cryomodule for a proof of principle beam test in CERN SPS

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Cavity string assembly



DQW cryomodule installed in the SPS

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SRF Dipole Cavity – Low cost manufacture

- 650MHz rf deflecting mode cavity has been fabricated from reactor grade Niobium machined from bulk and with TIG welding
- First superconducting rf cavity fabricated at TRIUMF
- Cavity recently tested and meets design specification



Separator Cavity 4K and 2K Test Results











Plasma cleaning on TEM Mode Cavities

- IMP plasma cleaning on HWR
 - Max E_{peaks} increased from 57MV/m to 70MV/m (23%) after plasma cleaning
 - Onset of the FE increased from 32MV/m to 58MV/m (43%)
 - MP effect eliminated at E_{peak}=16MV/m



- FNAL plasma cleaning on SSR
 - Developing plasma cleaning for 9 cell
 1.3GHz cavity ignition with HOMs
 - Also developing plasma leaning of SSR cavity – Argon at 250mTorr 2-30W
 - Require correct mix of modes to cover areas of interest



P. Berrutti (FNAL) TTC2018 [Riken]

Where are we going?

A. Romanenko et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 104, 072601 (2014)

- 120C bake is known to manipulate the • mean free path at the near surface creating a dirty layer of ~50nm
- A dirty layer seems beneficial in order to increase the quench field beyond B_{c1} - theoretical models agree
- N infusion and magic bake provide other means to create a dirty layer

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Clean Nb

Dirty Nb

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Flux entry on layered system

muSR Findings (TRIUMF): Baking at 120C (high K) enhances the field of first flux entry; A layer of a high K and Tc material on niobium enhances the field of first entry by about 40%.

• Consistent with `dirty layer' hypothesis.

T. Junginger, R. Laxdal, W. Wasserman, *Superheating in coated niobium*, SUST, DOI: 10.1088/1361-6668/aa8e3a, 2017

- ILC and other projects are looking for reproducible robust recipes that can be replicated in industry
- We know that variations in the dirty layer produce significant variations in performance
- Strategy: to engineer a surface layer on bulk Nb to reproducibly optimize the performance
- Thin film research and theory are continuing in parallel – Nb3Sn, SIS layers, high frequency cavities, ?
- Stay tuned!

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