

SPOKE TUNER FOR THE MINERVA PROJECT





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In the framework of the MINERVA construction (MYRRHA Isotopes production coupling the linEar accelerator to the Versatile proton target fAcility), a fully equipped prototype cryomodule is being developed. In order to control the resonance frequency of the cavities during operation, a deformation tuner has been studied. The kinematic model is based on a double lever system coupled with a screw nut linear actuator. The motion is generated by a stepper motor and two piezoelectric actua-tors working at low temperatures within the thermal insu-lation vacuum of the cryomodule. Key parameter of this work is the high tuning speed which is required to fulfil the fault tolerance strategy. This paper reports the design study and first tests of the built tuners at room tempera-ture and in vertical cryostat configuration.











