## RF Superconductivity Part2 : reality and applications Akira Miyazaki

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### Answer to the first three questions yesterday

- 1. What is the superconductivity?
  - 1. A finite attractive interaction between independent electrons form a Cooper pair that obeys nonrelativestic U(1) Higgs mechanism
  - 2. Photons gain mass in superconductors due to spontaneous symmetry breaking, which leads to the Meissner effect
- 2. What are the fundamental origins of finite RF loss in SRF cavities?
  - 1. Thermally activated quasi-particles at finite temperature act like normal conducting electrons and cause a loss in RF
  - 2. Even at absolute zero temperature, residual resistance exists due to several different mechanisms, such as flux oscillation and subgap state's effect, whose ultimate origins are not wholly understood
- 3. What are the fundamental limitations of the field inside SRF cavities?
  - 1. Superheating field, which exceeds thermodynamic critical fields in equilibrium state, would give a fundamental limitation
  - 2. The dynamic calculation of the superheating field is still an open field of fundamental research

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I will give you contacts to experts at CERN

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### Yesterday: idealized model

# Perfect vacuum

Perfect superconductor
→ Higgs + RF + phase transition

**Constant temperature** 

### Today: real superconducting cavities

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 $0 \ll Vacuum < 1 \times 10^{-8}$  mbar



### Cryomodule: SRF cavity cryostat in accelerators



#### **Technical challenges**

Contact: Vittorio Parma

- What determines the shape of the cavities?
- How to fabricate and prepare perfect cavities? Typical surface resistance is only  $10 n\Omega!$
- How to feed RF to the cavities? 100 kW to 100 W cooled 2K system!
- How to control RF to be very precise? Better than 0.1% fluctuation in field and 1 deg in phase
- Cryogenics (2-4K), ultra-high vacuum ( $1 \times 10^{-10}$  mbar), etc, etc

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### Various structures of SRF cavities

#### Bulk niobium cavities: standard

### Nb/Cu: CERN's specialty



### → Why so many different structures?

### Geometrical consideration: low- $\beta$ , middle- $\beta$ , and high- $\beta$

TEM<sub>00</sub> modes in a quarter-wave or half-wave cavity



- p+ upstream (<1GeV)
- Heavy ion
- HIE-ISOLDE at CERN



- TEM modes in a spoke cavity
- p+ (<1GeV)
- Not at CERN Θ



TM<sub>010</sub> modes in an elliptical cavity



- p+ downstream (>1GeV)
- e-, e+ (>0.5MeV)
- LHC at CERN

Contact: Franck Peauger



# Exception: deflecting cavity (eg HL-LHC crab cavity) For better luminosity



#### Contact: Rama Calaga

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### Fabrication processes

#### Deep drawing + electron beam welding





#### Seamless cavity fabrication

Hydro forming (W.Singer,DESY)







Spinning (V.Palmieri, INFN Legnaro)



Courtesy: Rong-Li Geng

CERN is also working on seamless cavities Contact: Said Atieh

### Table of superconductors of pure elements



<sup>a</sup>Period 7, and the *f* elements in period 6, with the exception of lanthanum, La, are not shown.

Pb is toxic and soft  $\rightarrow$  Nb is the standard for SRF cavities

Nb: 
$$T_c = 9.25 \text{ K}, B_c = 200 \text{ mT}$$

### Defects enhance thermal breakdown



B<sub>peak</sub> [mT]

100 120

20

100<sup>E</sup>

40

60

80

 $\rightarrow$  defect-free and good thermal conductance is a key of SRF cavities

### Issue of Nb: thermal conductivity vs surface resistance



### How to achieve clean bulk and dirty surface

### Heat treatment, doping,...





Hyper-low  $R_{BCS}$ , sensitive  $R_{mag}$ , anti-Q-slope, a lot of mysteries

Very low  $R_{BCS}$ , insensitive  $R_{mag}$ , Q-slope, ... a lot of mysteries

We have been developing **recipes** but why and how are generally missing **One of the research frontiers for new SRF cavities** 

### Importance of surface roughness: one example Local defect or field enhancement



→ Choice of chmical etching method
 (Buffer Chemical Polishing or Electro Polishing)

Quench limit and high-field Q-slope is an open research area

# Two methods of surface etching

Contact: Marc Thiebert

**Electropolishing (EP)** 

#### **Buffered Chemical Polishing (BCP)**

 $HF + HNO_3 + H_3PO_4$ 



EP is known to be better but more complex and expensive  $\rightarrow$  BCP may be enough depending on the performance requirement

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### Hydrogen from HF acid $\rightarrow$ Nb hydride



<sup>1.</sup> Anneal the cavity above 600C to degas hydrogen

2. Avoid slow cooling down around dangerous temperature 75-150K

### Field Emission (FE): discharge due to electron tunneling



Practical challenge in SRF projects with a large number of cavities 22

### Mitigate FE: High Pressure Water Ringing & clean room assembly

Water jet From ultrapure water system Pressure regulator Filter Rotation ~ 80 bar  $\sim 0.02 \ \mu m$ 

#### Contact: Mathieu Therasse



Working in a clean room is tough business

### Introduction of robotics is one research direction



Courtesy: Julien Drant CEA Saclay

### Multipacting: resonant avalanche of secondary electrons



Multipacting is annoying but *conditionable* in properly designed Nb cavities

- Sending RF in the MP band
- Jump up to outside the band within a few hours or one day
- Repopulated after thermal cycles

Low-T baking is often performed to get rid of water from the surface

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- An low-power RF circuit locks frequency, phase, and amplitude of the superconducting cavity
- An RF amplifier generates useful power level
- A power coupler feeds RF to the cavity
- Tuner controls resonant frequency of the cavity

## LLRF: digital system and control algorithm



- Design analog and digital circuit to cope with various phenomena to keep cavity field stable
- Control theory and implementation in FPGA
- Directly handled power:  $1 \text{ mW} \rightarrow \text{needs amplifier}$







# High-power amplifiers

### Vacuum tubes / klystrons



Amplification via the RF & DC beam interaction





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### Transistor-based solid-state amplifiers

Amplification via the tunneling effect



Shockley Bardeen Brattain



Courtesy: Eric Montesinos

#### Recent research directions at CERN

- Very efficient klystron design (contact: Igor Syratchev)
- Large combiner of a large number of transistors
- Sustainability & reliability



#### Power flow (Poynting vector) through the port gives coupler Q

$$Q_{ext} = \frac{\omega_0 U}{P_e} = \frac{\omega_0 U}{\frac{1}{2} \int_{S_{port}} \vec{E} \times \vec{H} d.}$$

Total Q of the cavity is thus shifted from unloaded  $Q_0$ 

$$\frac{1}{Q_L} = \frac{1}{Q_0} + \frac{1}{Q_{ext}}$$





### Tuner to control resonant frequency of cavities



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### Non-mechanical fast reactive tuner





Active R&D is on-going at CERN Contact: Alick Macpherson

# Beam $\rightarrow$ RF excitation



### Beam loading

Accelerating mode  $V_b$  is excited in another phase  $\rightarrow$  Overhead in the amplifier  $V_a$  to compensate it  $\rightarrow$  Optimum detuning trick (see LHC)

### <u>Higher Oder Modes</u>

Non-accelerating modes are excited

- $\rightarrow$  Perturbation to beam (challenge in circular machines)
- ightarrow HOM couplers / dampers to mitigate them





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### Three different families of superconductors



Year

## How about alloys?

Material	$\lambda(T=0)$	$\xi(T=0)$	$\mu_0 H_{sh}$	$T_c$	$\Delta/k_BT_c$
	[nm]	[nm]	[mT]	[K]	
Nb	50	22	219	9.2	1.8
Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn	111	4.2	425	18	2.2
MgB <sub>2</sub>	185	4.9	170	37	0.6-2.1
NbN	375	2.9	214	16	2.2
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$$R_{BCS}(T) = \frac{A}{T} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta}{k_B T_c} \frac{T_c}{T}\right)$$

### Mechanically brittle

Difficult to fabricate cavity structures  $\rightarrow$  coating?

<u>Thermal conductivity</u> Much worse than Nb  $\rightarrow$  Just a film?

### Short $\xi_0$

Flux penetration through grain boundaries  $\rightarrow$  Protective layer?







#### Contact: Guillaume Jonathan Rosaz

### High-Tc SC $\rightarrow$ Full gap may be important for high RF field



$$R_s \propto \hbar \omega \int_{\Delta}^{\infty} dE \left[ f(E) - f(E + \hbar \omega) \right] \times N(E) N(E + \hbar \omega)$$

- One of the major sources of the SC surface resistance is thermally excited quasi-particles
- Conventional SC is s-wave and the full gap structure prevents the number of quasi-particles  $\sim \exp(-\Delta/T)$
- Cuprate is gapless d-wave and many quasi-particles can be excited  $\sim T^{\alpha}$
- Ion-based superconductors are gapful
  - Preliminary study by AM (arXiv:2311.17513)
  - B<sub>c1</sub>&B<sub>c2</sub> enhancement was observed (SUST 34 015001 34)
- SLAC & CERN  $\rightarrow$  YBCO with medium pulse length
  - Open question for the future generation

### Microwave photons may address fundamental physics



## HTS SRF cavities under static magnetic field



### Two Phenomena to address GW via microwaves

The Einstein equation

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

can be expanded to the linear order with small strain h

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

- Primodial blackhole merger →MHz-GHz signal
- GW from early universe

Mechanical deformation of a cavity wall

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2h_{xx}}{dt^2}x + \frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2h_{xx}}{dt^2}y$$
$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2h_{xx}}{dt^2}x + \frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2h_{xx}}{dt^2}y$$



arXiv:gr-qc/0502054

Coupling to microwaves under static B

M. E. Gertsenshtein JETP 41 113 1961

### Single microwave photon sensors



### Superconducting qubit based on SRF cavities (?)

### Key: quantized LC circuit



Harmonic oscillator has equally spaced many states → Not useful as qubit



Josephson junction



JJ  $\rightarrow$  anharmonic potential  $\rightarrow$  selective |0> & |1> transmon





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SRF cavity is also a (huge) LC circuit
→ Longer coherent length than existing qubits (qudits)



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### Conclusions

- Fundamental aspects of SRF cavities are interesting but can be hidden by practical challenges
  - Practicality requires extremely broad range of expertise of state-of-the art science and engineering
  - Recent progress in technology gives us almost ideal SRF cavities → chance to further validate and develop fundamental theory originally calculated but kind of stuck in the 1970s
- Cavity engineering is very delicate but finally matured today
  - Geometry and fabrication process
  - Bulk niobium material must be very pure  $\rightarrow$  surprisingly expensive!  $\rightarrow$  Nb/Cu cavities for CERN cavities
  - Surface cleaning and heat treatment (BCP, EP, HPR, HT) to avoid practical limitations (thermal breakdown, Field emission, Q-disease, multipacting), recently with robotics
- A cavity becomes useful only with ancillary RF components
  - LLRF digital circuit and control theory
  - High-power amplifier: vacuum tube vs solid state
  - High-power couplers  $\rightarrow$  be careful! It can be broken
  - Tuner: stepper motor + piezo  $\rightarrow$  New! Fast reactive tuner is being developed
  - Beam  $\rightarrow$  RF excitation: beam loading and HOM handling
- New research opportunities are emerging in the SRF research domain
  - New SC materials: Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn, NbN, MgB<sub>2</sub>, cuprate (?), ion-based superconductors (??)
  - SRF is a mean to directly address fundamental physics: axion dark matter, gravitational waves, neutrino decay
  - RF photon sensor and even quantum computing applications
- SRF is an extremely exciting research field and you are more than welcome! 47

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### Accelerating cavities

### Superconducting niobium cavities (TESLA)





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### Normal conducting copper cavities



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Courtesy: Walter Wuensch <sup>51</sup>

# Superconducting vs normal conducting <u>Aperture</u>





Pulse length and duty cycle





Normal conducting cavities are efficient at high frequency  $\rightarrow$  small aperture (CLIC X-band: around  $\phi$ 3 mm)



### Cooling efficiency < Carnot cycle



 $\beta = \frac{Q_L}{W_R} = \frac{Q_L}{Q_H - Q_L} \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} \frac{T}{T_0 - T}$ 

Required power

$$P_{cryo} > W_R = \frac{P_c}{\beta}$$

(typically 5 kW/W @ 2 K for AC plug)



#### SC cavities

#### NC cavities

 $P_c = 100 \text{ W} (\text{CW})$ Duty cycle  $10^{-2}$ T = 2 K  $P_c = 10 \text{ MW}$  (CW) Duty cycle  $10^{-5}$ Water cooling

 $P_{NET} \sim 100 \text{ W} \times 1\% \times 150 = 150 \text{ W}$ 

 $P_{NET} \sim 10 \text{ MW} \times 10^{-5} \times 1 = 100 \text{ W}$ 

→ Short pulsed NC cavities and long pulsed SC cavities are similar in power consumption<sup>3</sup>

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