

From science requirements to application in industry

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- ca. 140 physicists, engineers ca. 210 manufacturing specialists
- Annual revenue: 70 million EUR
- Established with the core team of ACCEL Instruments GmbH (1994-2009) and of **INTERATOM/Siemens**
- Company is majority owned by Bruker EST, Inc., management holding significant share of the company





RI Research Instruments

Facts and figures

- Founded in 2009
- Employees 420

GmbH

20%

20%

<u>15%</u>

55%

15%

30%

45%

Customers and contribution to revenue

"Big Science":

- Superconducting RF cavities and accelerator modules
- Normal conducting RF cavities, RFQ's, linacs
- Fusion equipment

Industry:

- EUV tools
- Components for EUV lithography machines









Manufacturing capabilities



RI philosophy: Perform the critical manufacturing steps in house







Milling, turning, metal working, electron-beam welding, TIG welding, vacuum brazing, heat treatment Leak checking, pressure test, RF testing, dimensional control, vacuum, cryogenics, electropolishing, pickling



Design and manufacturing cryogenic valve boxes for F4E/ITER

ITER - "The Way" to fusion energy





https://www.iter.org/mach/tokamak

RI scope: Design and manufacturing of

1 Warm Regeneration Box (WRB), 3 x 3 x 5 m³

8 Torus and Cryostat Cold Valve Boxes (T&C CVBs), Ø 3 x 4 m

3 **N**eutral **B**eam **C**old **V**alve **B**oxes (NB CVBs), Ø 3 x 4 m

Cryogenic System

To create and maintain low-temperature conditions for the magnet, vacuum pumping and some diagnostics systems



Note: T&C Cryopumps are also in RI scope but not part of this presentation.

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Design Requirements



Demanding environment and high-end operation

- Unique cryogenic operating temperature range Cryopump operation / regeneration **4-500 K**
 - → Design qualification for cryogenic parts to be extended up to 500 K (Bellows, T-sensors)
- Radiation compatibility

Cumulative equivalent radiation dose of up to 1 MGy

- → Use of synthetic material very limited (Yes: EPDM, PEEK; No: PTFE, Viton, Neoprene)
- \rightarrow Materials containing halogens are restricted in use
- → Instrumentation has to be specifically selected and designed
- Equipment is designed to withstand **seismic activities** and other hazards

- High reliability
 - → 20 years lifetime with dynamic cycles, operational periods of 18 months
- Pressure equipment according to PED and designed following EN 13445 / EN 13480
 - → Additionally 100 % x-ray testing required for PED equipment
- Magnetic field compatibility

DC modulus up to 150 mT, **modulus variations up to 24 mT/s**, **80 mT/s** for short duration

 \rightarrow Influence on instrumentation/cabling to be considered

 \rightarrow Use of austenitic stainless steel only and with low impurity requirements - Co, Ta, Nb)

Torus and Cryostat Cold Valve Boxes



Final Design - Internal maintenance concept

Maintenance flange considered instead of vacuum split flange

- Easily removable as equipped with forklift interface and lighter
- Front maintenance legs can be avoided \rightarrow handling too difficult in tight Port Cell
- Free available space: 620 x 820 x 1900 mm
- Possible to reach thermal shield top plate and first and second circle of internal piping









Timeline of the project





Summary of project and collaboration

- Successful design, manufacturing and delivery of
 - 8 Torus and Cryostat Cold valve Boxes and
 - 1 warm regeneration box for ITER
- What this particularly means:
 - ~9000 welds with ~2800 x-rays per CVB
 - ~ 500 m² of MLI
 - ~800 design and manufacturing documents
 - ~5400 m of cable
 - ~2000 m pneumatic tubing
- Colse and trustful collaboration with F4E/ITER:
 - Knowledge and guidance of F4E/ITER during design phase extremely helpful we learned from them
 - Trustful cooperation during all project phases key for success
 - Experience of RI and our industrial partner Cryoworld in view of manufacturability and during the manufacturing phase – they learned from us
- Next step: Manufacturing of 3 Neutral Beam Cold Valve Boxes (ongoing)





We are now ready for design and production of valve boxes for other (commercial) fusion plants



Technology transfer of superconducting RF cryomodules from research laboratories to industry

Superconducting 500 MHz cryomodules

Physics design: Cornell University, USA

- 1999: Taiwan laboratory NSRRC plans upgrade of their Light Source with superconducting 500 MHz cryomodules
- Cornell had designed and built already 4 such 500 MHz cryomodules and operated them in CESR
- RI (ACCEL) offered NSRRC 2 such 500 MHz cryomodules through a technology transfer contract with Cornell
- RI modified the cryomodule design in view of better manufacturability
- Various worldwide customers ordered up to today additional 500 MHz cryomodules making this technology transfer to a big success for Cornell and RI

In total 20 SRF modules for various worldwide customers produced (Taiwan, Cornell, Canada, Diamond GB, Shanghai, Pohang Korea, Sirius Brazil)

System includes cryogenic valve boxes and transfer lines, control electronics, installation and on site commissioning





FAT, installation and commissioning





Superconducting RF module



1.3 GHz Rossendorf (HZDR) cryomodule based on XFEL/ILC technology







2 SRF modules	for Daresbury,	Great Britain
2 SRF modules	for Ankara,	Turkey
2 SRF modules	for Mainz,	Germany
4 SRF modules	for Polfel,	Poland

Cryomodule design evolution and improvement



Project	Original design	Turkey modules	Mainz modules	POLFEL modules
Cavity treatment	BCP & HPR	EP / 800 °C / HPR (E-XFEL recipe)		EP / 900 °C / HPR
FPC	ELBE (fixed Q _{Ext})		TTF-III (variable Q _{Ext})	
Tuner	ELBE tuner (lever arms, warm motor)	ELBE tuner with Piezos added	E-XFEL (cold SM, piezos)	
HOM pickups	AlO2-ceramic	Sapphire with cooling braids	Sapphire with improved cooling braids	
Inner magnetic shield	Not installed		Cryoperm equivalent	
Thermal shield	Aluminum skelleton LN2 reservoir	Aluminum (improved welding) LN2 reservoir		Copper GHe flow
Gate valves	Inner only	Inner & outer		Outer only (string contains VV flange)
Vacuum vessel	Closed end caps	End caps with maintenance flanges (tuner)		End flanges Side flanges (tuner)
Cryo Interface	He-port / N2-port		Heat exchanger /JT Improved LN2 supply	Multi-Channel-Transfer- line port

Most important performance improvements



Gate valve included In cavity string to reduce risk of contamination When leaving cleanroom

Cavity vacuum is sealed in clean room and not opened again during following cryomodule assembly



Inner magnetic shield for better cavity Q

- CP-EXP-1184 (AdVance Magnetics)
- Wall thickness: 0,5 mm
- Mounted with sliding joints (thermal contraction)



Cryomodule assembly (POLFEL)





Cavity string leaving the cleanroom



Cold mass being equipped with magnetic & thermal shield



Parallel work on



Cryomodule modifications have been proven to optimize the cryomodule for future FEL applications



Next step: 1.3 GHz Nb₃Sn SRF cryomodule



Features of the cryomodule

- Operates at 4.5 K
- Cooled by conduction through cryocoolers (no cryoplant needed)
- 10-40 MeV electrons, 5-10 mA
- 100+ kW beam power
- Various industrial applications possible (sterilization, water treatment, isotope production, ...)
- Reliable coating of cavity for high performance operation still challenging
- Input coupler for transmission of high RF power needed
- Possible collaboration between laboratory and RI: coating and testing of cavity, remaining manufacturing, installation and commissioning
- Needed: pilot customer



Concept study compact cryogen free SRF accelerator for various use



Thank you