



Cryostat Design

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- Insulation vacuum and construction issues
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- Supporting systems
- Over-pressure safety issues

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A bit of History




- **Cryostat** (from *cryo* meaning cold and *stat* meaning stable): *“a device used to maintain at cryogenic temperatures samples or devices mounted within the cryostat”*
- Dewar invents the “dewar”, 1892, London
- A dewar: the first performing cryostat
 - silvered, double-walled, glass vacuum vessel to contain cryogenic liquids
 - J.Dewar: 1st liquefaction of H₂ in 1897
 - ...but did not manage liquefaction of He, achieved by H.Kamerlingh Onnes in 1908
- Glassblowers: the “enabling technology” of the epoque:
 - J.Dewar did not patent his invention...
 - H.K.Onnes created the “Leidse Instrumentmakerschool” (still existing!), and *industrialized* cryostats




Sir James Dewar (1842-1923)

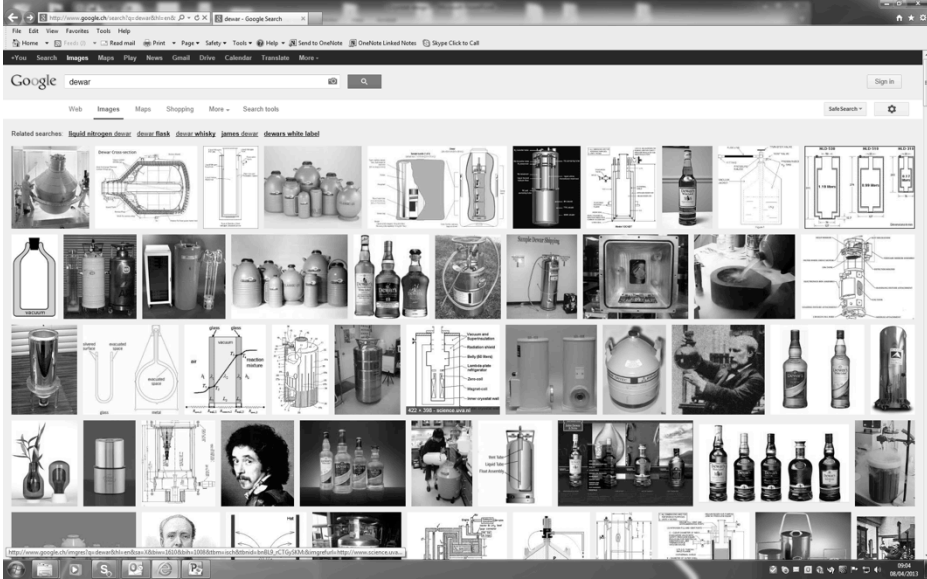


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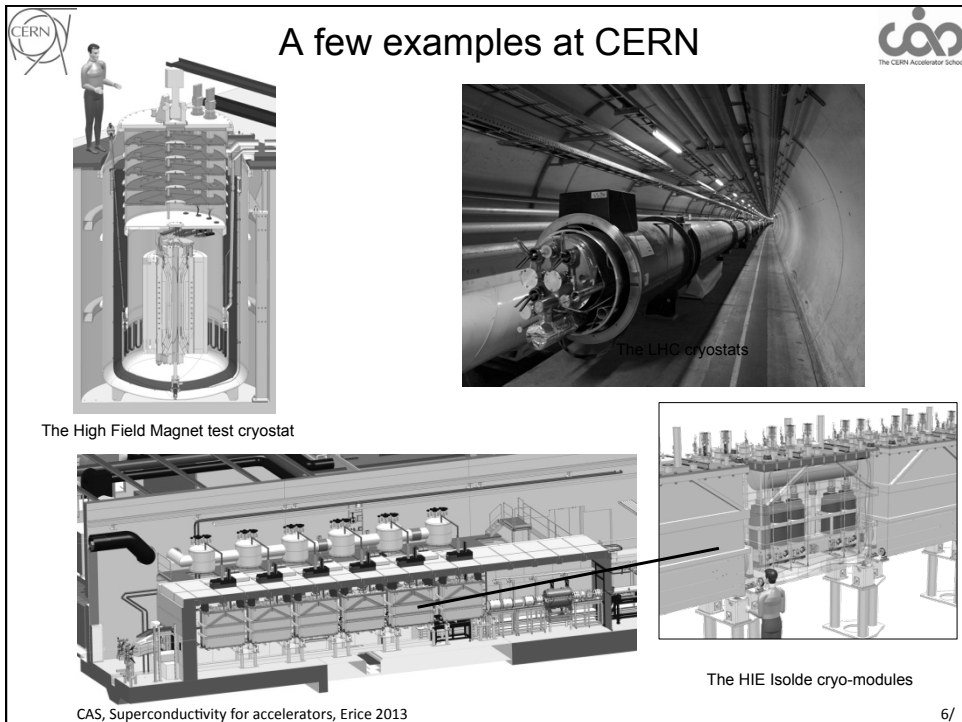
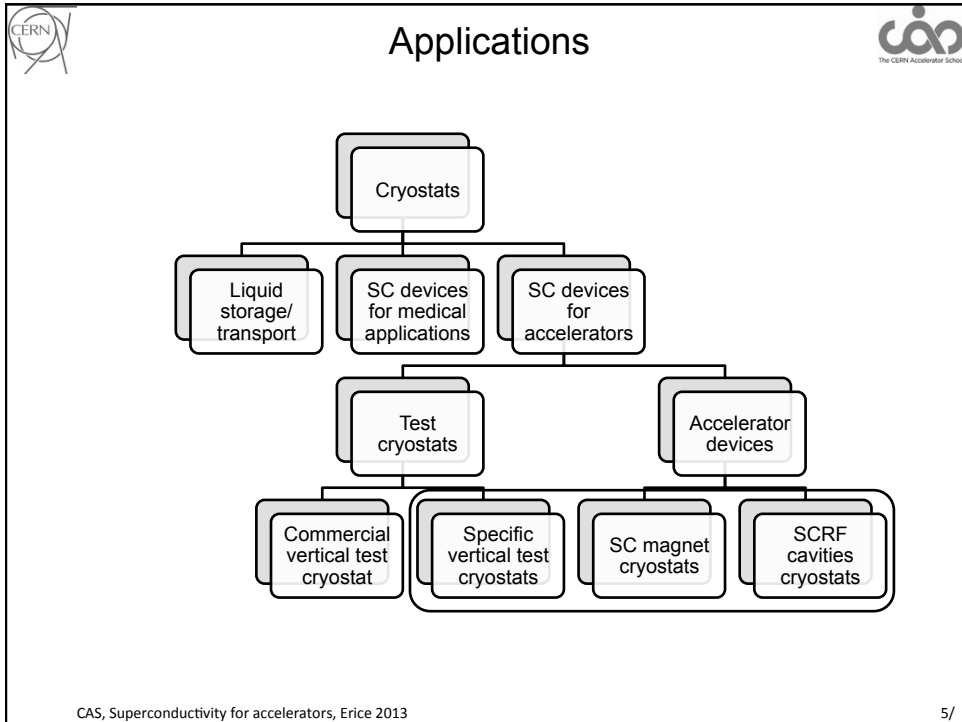


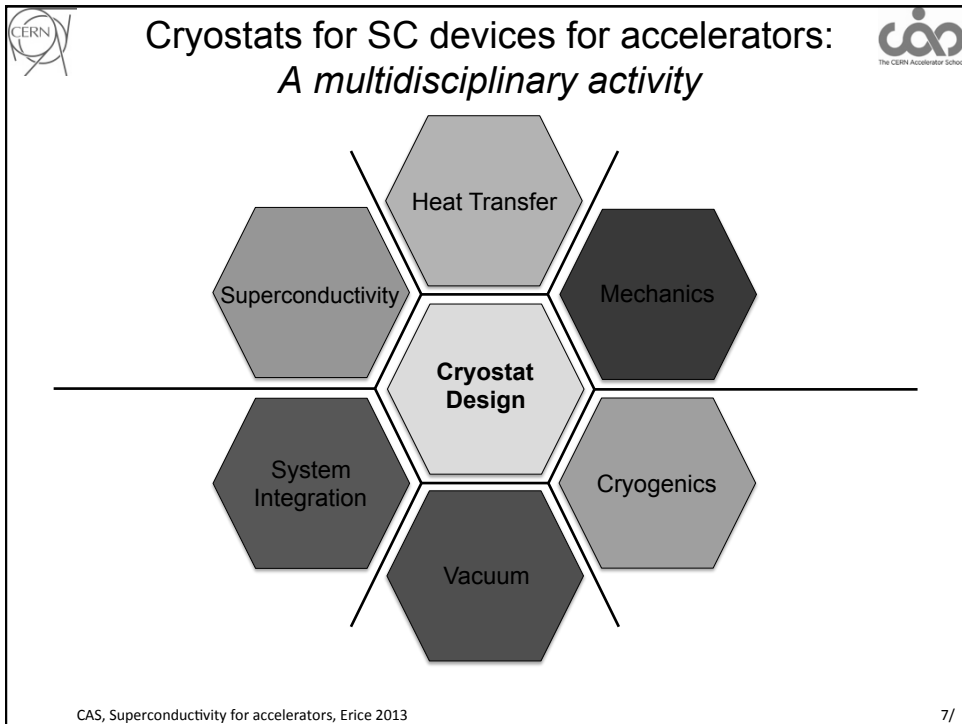
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Cryostat requirements

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Functions



Two main functions:

- Mechanical housing of cryogenic devices (supporting systems):
 - Supporting of (sometimes heavy) devices
 - Accurate & reproducible positioning (almost always)
 - Precise alignment capabilities (SC devices in accelerators)
- Thermal efficiency of the cryostat (heat loads *as low as possible*):
 - Cooling capability (SC device, thermal shields and heat intercepts)
 - Insulation vacuum (SC devices "hidden" in vessels)
 - Thermal radiation shielding (screens, MLI)
 - Low heat conduction (low thermal conductivity materials)


Often conflicting, → calls for trade off design solutions

Many other complementary functions...:

- Integration of cryogenic equipment (ph.separators, valves, etc.)
- Cryogenic cooling piping and interfaces to cryoplant
- Integration of Beam instrumentation (e.g.BPMs, BLMs,etc.)
- Instrumentation wires feed-throughs (control/diagnostics)
- magnetic shielding from/to environment (e.g. SCRF cavities, magnets)
- Maintainability (access ports)
- Handling and transport features
- ...


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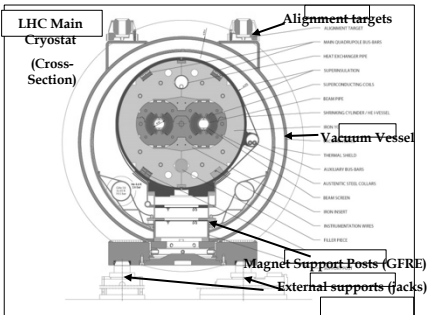
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Mechanical Housing

example of LHC





LHC Main Cryostat (Cross-Section)

Alignment targets

Vacuum Vessel

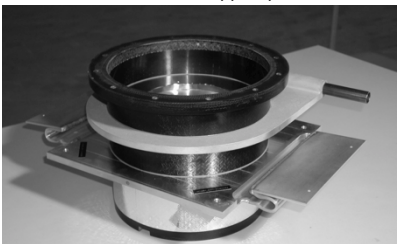
Magnet Support Posts (GFRE)

External supports (jacks)


Table of main requirements for the support systems for dipole and quadrupoles

Requirement	Dipole	Quadrupole
Weight	300 kN	65 kN
Magnet positioning accuracy:		
<i>(after assembly)</i>		
x (radial)	± 1 mm	± 0.5 mm
y (longitudinal)	± 2 mm	± 1 mm
z (vertical)	± 1 mm	± 0.5 mm
Positioning reproducibility-stability:		
<i>(in operation, during lifetime)</i>		
x (radial)	< ± 0.3 mm (3σ)	< ± 0.3 mm (3σ)
y (longitudinal)	< ± 1 mm (3σ)	< ± 1 mm (3σ)
z (vertical)	< ± 0.3 mm (3σ)	< ± 0.3 mm (3σ)
θ y (radial tilt)	< ± 0.3 mrad (3σ)	< ± 0.3 mrad (3σ)
External supporting system		
Adjustable range required in X-Y directions	±10 mm	
Adjustable range required in Z direction	±20 mm	
Setting resolution:		
x (radial)	0.05 mm	
y (longitudinal)	0.05 mm	
z (vertical)	0.15 mm	

Low heat in-leaks support posts




Alignment jacks under a dipole




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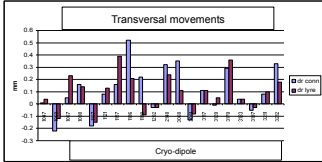
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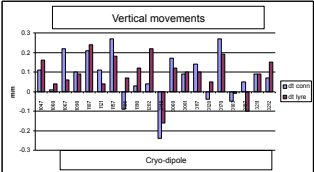
Geometrical Stability: survey measurements



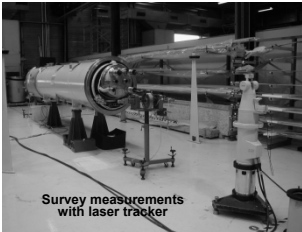
Cold mass stability w.r.t. fiducials measurements on 20 cryo-dipoles
After transport to the tunnel



Mean: +0.1mm; St.dev.: 0.17mm






Mean: +0.08mm; St.dev.: 0.11mm




Survey measurements with laser tracker


- Quad CM positional stability and reproducibility at cold

Arc SSS (392 units)	Horizontal		Vertical	
	Mean [mm]	St.Dev. [mm]	Mean [mm]	St.Dev. [mm]
Positional reproducibility after 1 cool-down/warm-up cycle	-0.08	0.42	0.04	0.43
Cool-down movements	-0.17	0.22	-1.3	0.36



Thermal efficiency



Cooling of SC device:

- Ensure operating T: cryo scheme, fluid distribution and heat transfer. Strongly coupled to cryoplant and cryo distribution system

Heat loads management:

- Heat in-leaks
 - Radiation
 - Residual gas conduction
 - Solid conduction
- Internal heat sources:
 - Joule heating (SC magnet splices)
 - BCS residual resistance (RF cavities)
- Beam-induced heat:
 - Synchrotron radiation
 - Beam image currents
 - Photoelectrons (e-cloud)

Mitigation measures:

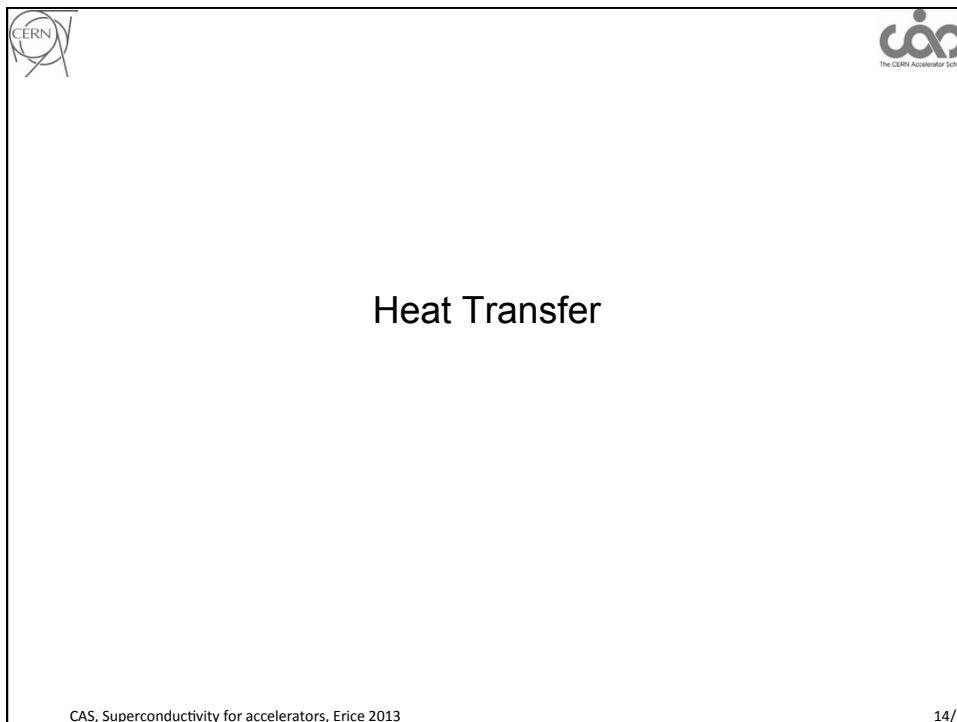
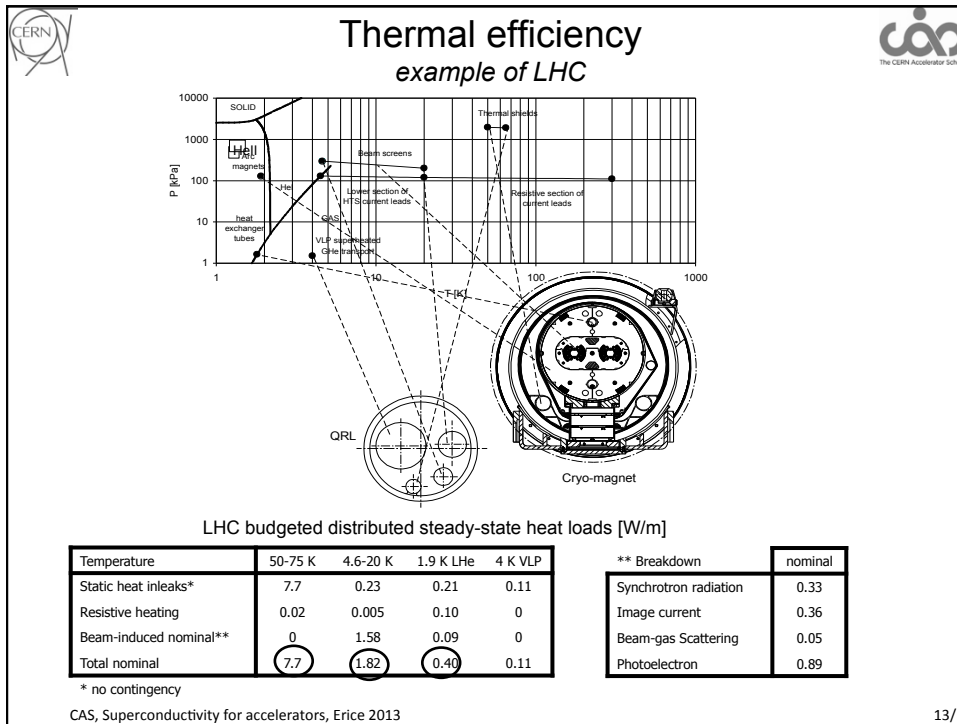
- 70 K shielding, MLI
- Vacuum < 10⁻⁴ Pa
- Low conductivity materials (non metallic), heat intercepts
- Special brazing (resistance < a few nΩ)
- Q enhancement, pulsed operation
- 5-20 K beam screens
- Cu plated beam screens
- 5-20 beam screens


static

dynamic


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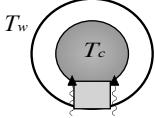




Heat transfer: General



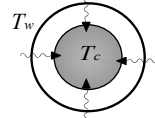
- Solid conduction:

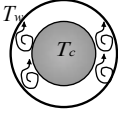
$$Q_c = \frac{S}{L} \cdot \int_{T_c}^{T_w} \lambda(T) dT$$


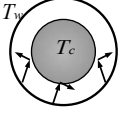
$T_w > T_c$
- Thermal radiation:
(with and without MLI)

$$Q_r = \sigma \cdot E \cdot S_r \cdot (T_w^4 - T_c^4)$$

Between cylinders: $E = \frac{\epsilon \cdot \epsilon_r}{\epsilon_r + (1 - \epsilon_r) \cdot \frac{S_c}{S_r}}$



- Viscous gas conduction and natural convection: (Negligible with good insulation vacuum, 10^{-4} Pa)


- Gas conduction: *molecular regime*


$$Q_{res} = A_1 \cdot \alpha(T) \cdot \Omega \cdot P \cdot (T_2 - T_1)$$


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Thermal conduction




Thermal conduction

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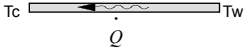
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Thermal Conduction



- When a T gradient exists in a body, there is a heat transfer from the high T region to the low T region (Fourier Law):
- For one-dimensional problems (ex. a bar or tube):
- k is the thermal conductivity (W/mK⁻¹), normally a function of P,T, material structure, non-homogeneity, anisotropy (ex. Composite materials).
- k is strongly T-dependent and non-linear at low T
- "good conductors" vs. "poor conductors" → k range ~ 5 orders of magnitude



$$\dot{Q} = -kA \text{grad}(T)$$

$$\dot{Q} = -kA \frac{dT}{dx}$$

$$k = k(T, P, x, y, z)$$

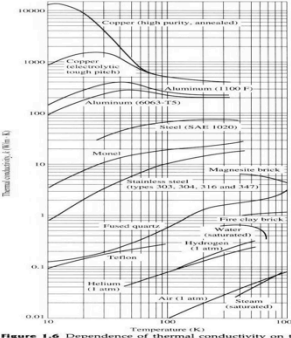




Figure 1.6 Dependence of thermal conductivity on temperature (the k data are from Refs. 3-5).

Note: sometimes conductivity denoted by λ.

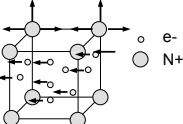
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Thermal conductivity in solids (& metals)



- The conductivity is attributed to the movement of **conduction electrons** ("electron gas"), k_e , and the effects of **phonon lattice vibrations**, k_l .
- In metals, the electron contribution dominates.
- The movement of conduction electrons is impeded by **scatter: interactions with phonons, and interactions with impurities/imperfections**. We can introduce **thermal resistivities**:
- Therefore for **metals**, the resistivity can be expressed as:
- And has a **maximum** conductivity:
- Therefore, for **metals**:
 - k_{max} shifts at higher T with increasing impurity (see coppers and aluminiums)
 - The maximum vanishes for highly impure alloys (see steels) and in these cases impurity scattering dominates phonon scattering, thus at $T < RT$:
- For **metals**, from electron conduction theory and analogy with electrical diffusion → **Wiedemann-Franz law**:
 - Good agreement at $T \ll$ and $T \gg RT$
 - Better agreement from $T \ll$ to $T \gg$ with increasing impurities
 - Electrical resistivity easier to measure than thermal conductivity



$$k = k_e + k_l$$

$$k \approx k_e \gg k_l$$

$$\frac{1}{k_e} = \frac{1}{k_p} + \frac{1}{k_i}$$

$$\frac{1}{k_i} = \frac{a_i}{T}$$

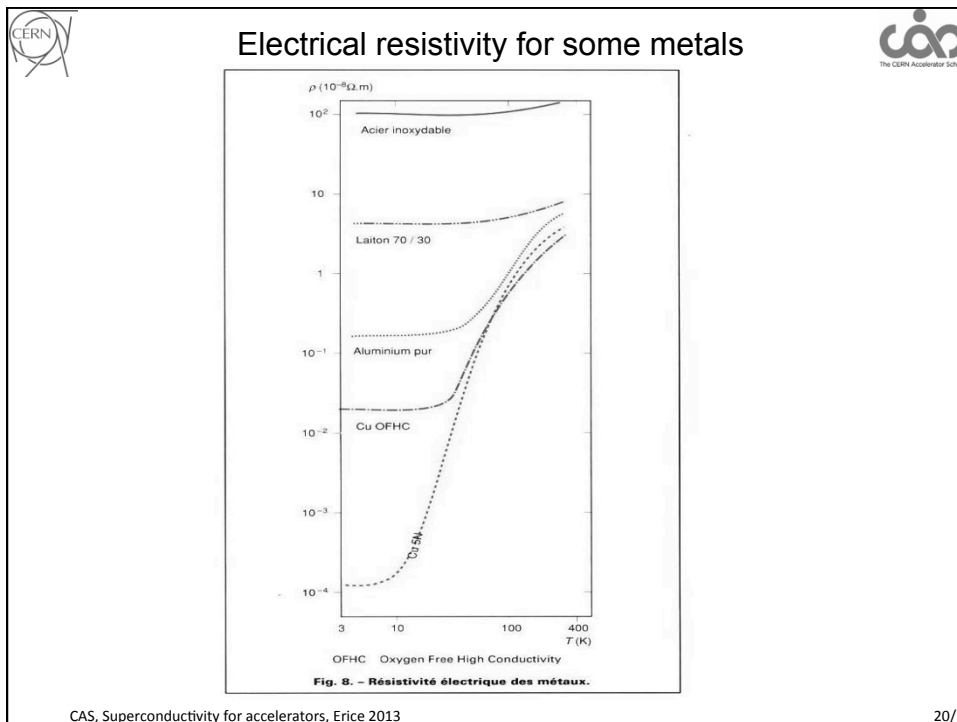
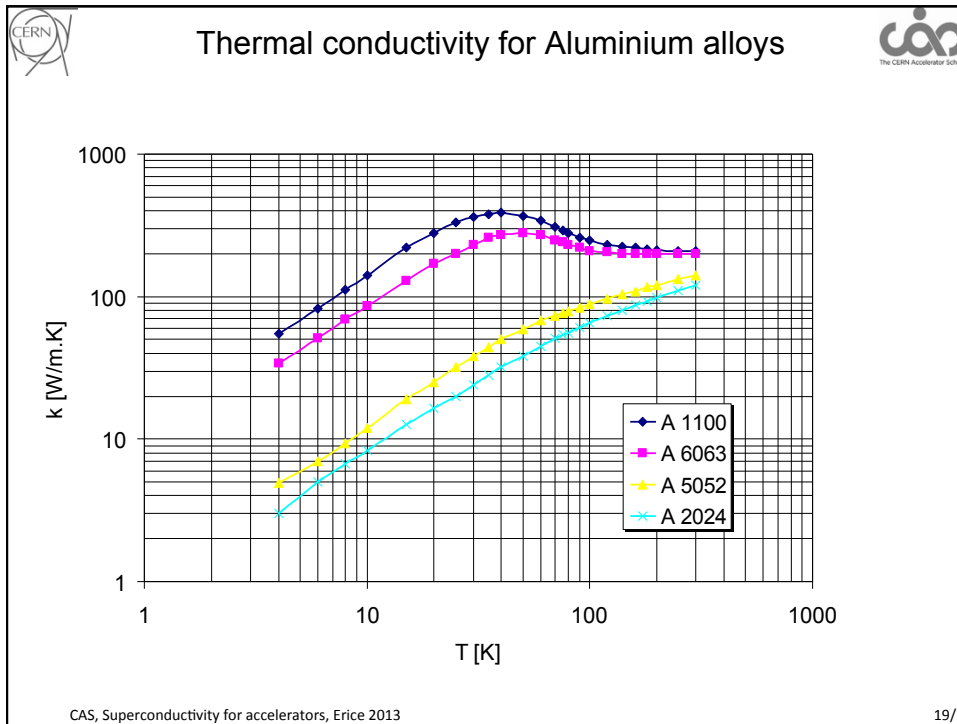
$$k = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a_e T^2} + \frac{a_i}{T}}$$

$$k_{max} = \frac{3}{2^{2/3}} a_p^{1/3} a_i^{2/3} \text{ at } T = \left(\frac{a_i}{2a_p}\right)^{1/3}$$

$$k \approx \frac{T}{a_i}$$

$$k = \frac{L_0}{\rho_e} T \quad L_0 = 2.45 \cdot 10^{-8} \left(\frac{V}{K}\right)^2 \text{ (Constant for metals)}$$

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The conduction equation (unidirectional case)

$q_x - q_{(x+\Delta x)} + \dot{q} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial t}$ (1st principle of thermodyn.)
 $q_x = -kA \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$ (Fourier law of heat conduction)
 $q_{x+\Delta x} = q_x + \frac{\partial q_x}{\partial x} \cdot \Delta x$ (Taylor expansion)
 $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \rho c A \Delta x \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$ (change of internal energy)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(k \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \dot{q} = \rho c \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

↑

Longitudinal
conduction

↑

Internal
heat
generation

↑

Thermal
inertia

Or, if $k \sim \text{const. with } T$ and introducing α thermal diffusivity:

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\dot{q}}{k} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad \text{with } \alpha = \frac{k}{\rho c}$$

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No heat deposition and steady-state

• If k constant with T :

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow T = T_0 + \frac{(T_L - T_0)}{L} x$$

(Linear solution)

$$\dot{q} = -kA \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = -\frac{kA}{L} (T_L - T_0)$$

• If $k = k(T)$:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(k(T) \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) = 0 \quad \dot{q} = -k(T)A \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

$$\dot{q} \int_0^L dx = -A \int_{T_0}^{T_L} k(T) dT$$

$$\dot{q} = -\frac{A}{L} \int_{T_0}^{T_L} k(T) dT$$

Thermal conductivity Integral (conductance)



• For impure metals (ex.steels) at low T:

$$k \cong \frac{T}{a_i} \Rightarrow \dot{q} = -\frac{A}{L} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \frac{(T_L^2 - T_0^2)}{a_i}$$

$$T = \sqrt{T_0^2 + \frac{(T_L^2 - T_0^2)}{L} x}$$

(parabolic solution)

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Electrical network analogy

- The inverse of the *thermal conductance* → *thermal resistance*:
 - For constant k :

$$R = \frac{L}{kA} \quad \dot{q} = -\frac{kA}{L}(T_L - T_0) = \frac{T_0 - T_L}{R}$$
 - For variable k , define an average value k_{AV} :



$$k_{AV} = \frac{\int_{T_0}^{T_L} k(T) dT}{(T_L - T_0)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad R_t = \frac{L}{k_{AV}A} \quad \dot{q} = -\frac{A}{L} \int_{T_0}^{T_L} k(T) dT = \frac{T_0 - T_L}{R_t}$$
- In both cases we can recognize an analogy with the electrical resistance (replace q with I , T with V):

$$I = \frac{V_0 - V_L}{R}$$
- We can therefore model a complex thermal conductivity problem by elementary *thermal resistances* R_i , and solve the network by using *Kirckhoff's laws*.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n q_i = 0 \quad (\text{at knots})$$

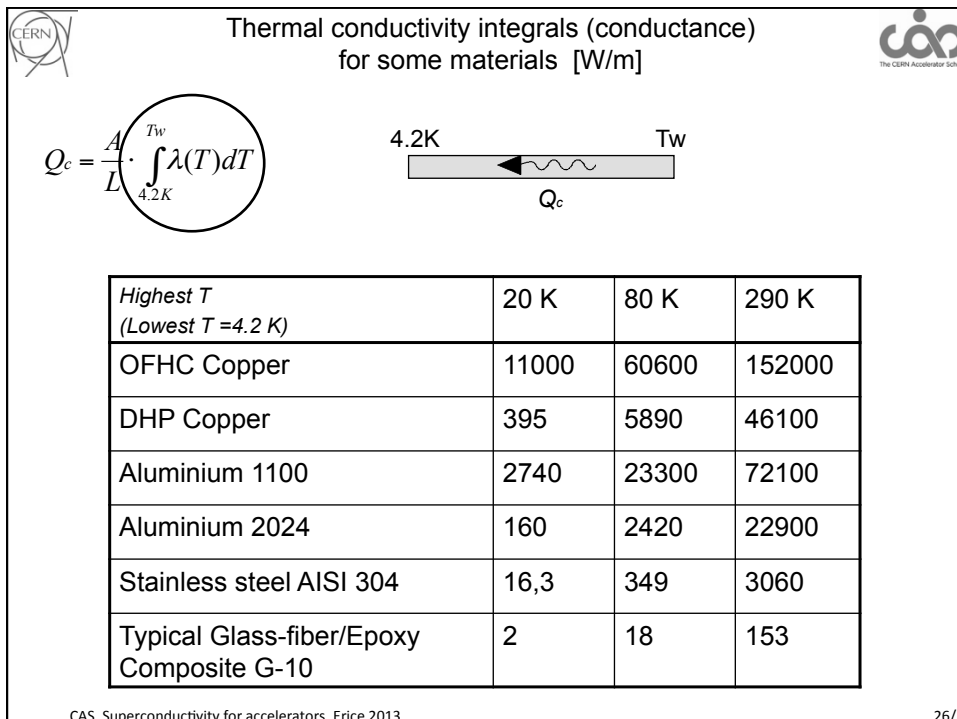
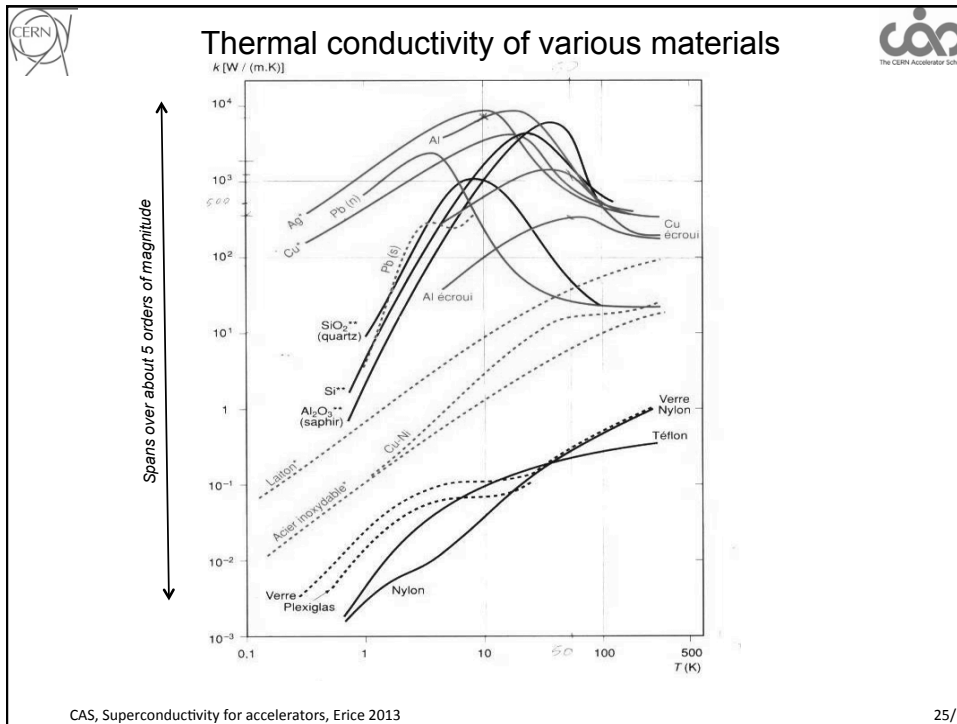
$$\sum_{i=1}^m (T_i - T_{i-1}) = 0 \quad (\text{in loops})$$

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Thermal conductivity data for selected materials

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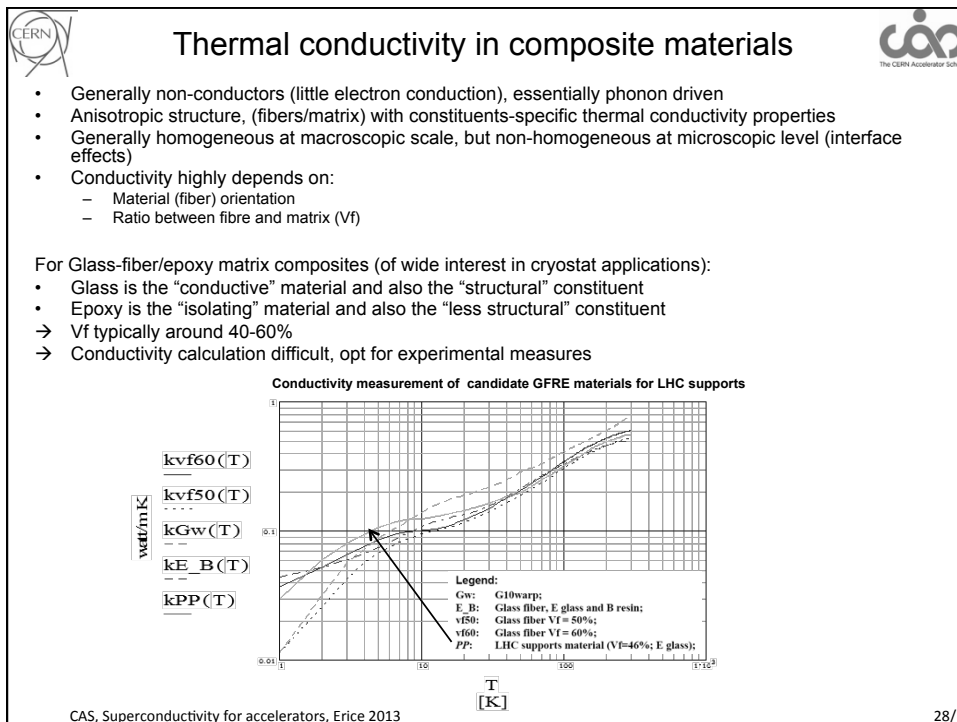



...more conductivity integrals

Tableau E. - Valeurs de l'intégrale $\int_{4,2}^T k(T) dT$ pour quelques matériaux.

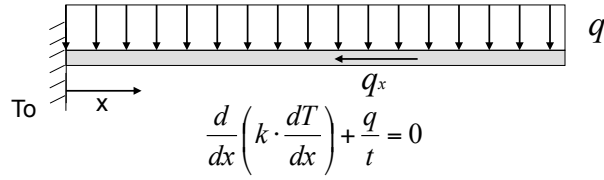
Matériau	T(K)	6	8	10	15	20	60	80	300
Conducteurs (en W/cm)									
Cuivre extra-pur	166	382	636	1270	1790	2960	3090	4000
Cuivre électroécroui	8,0	19,1	33,2	80,2	140	587	707	1620
Argent	320	670	990	1610	1980	2570	2670	3570
Aluminium extra-pur	73	168	280	600	907	1740	1840	2390
Aluminium du commerce	1,38	3,42	6,07	15,2	27,6	170	232	728
Or	41	93	149	274	364	612	682	1370
Laiton	0,0531	0,129	0,229	0,594	1,12	10,4	17,7	172
Plomb (normal)	27,0	37,3	42,4	49,0	52,5	73,8	81,3	160
Titane	0,115	0,277	0,488	1,21	2,20	15,5	22,6	99,6
Monel	0,0235	0,0605	0,112	0,315	0,618	5,23	8,24	52,5
Acier inoxydable	0,0063	0,0159	0,0293	0,0816	0,163	1,98	3,49	30,6
Isolants (en mW/cm)									
Verre	2,11	4,43	6,81	13,1	20,0	115	194	1990
Téflon	1,13	2,62	4,4	9,85	16,4	93,6	139	702
Plexiglas	1,18	2,38	3,59	6,69	10,1	68,3	110	630
Nylon	0,321	0,807	1,48	4,10	8,23	85,9	142	895


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Thermal conduction with uniform heat deposition

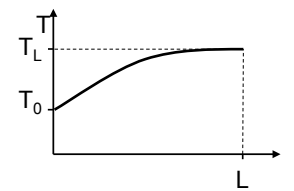




- Beam of length L, thickness t, width w;
- beam *thermalized* on one side at T₀
- uniform heat deposition from one side, q (W/m²)
- considering k constant with T
- Boundary conditions: a) for x= 0 T=T₀ (heat sink); b) q=0 for x=L (isolated tip)
- Integrating and imposing the 2 boundary conditions:

$$T(x) = T_0 - \frac{q}{2kt} x^2 + \frac{qL}{kt} x$$

⇒




practical interest:
calculate thickness of a thermal shield

$$t = \frac{q \cdot L^2}{2 \cdot k \cdot \Delta T_{\max}}$$


$$\Delta T_{\max} = T_L - T_0 = \frac{qL^2}{2kt}$$

$$q_x(T) = -kwt \frac{dT}{dx} = qwx - qwL$$

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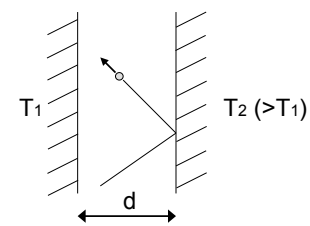


Residual Gas Conduction



λ_{molecule} << d → Viscous regime
 λ_{molecule} >> d → Molecular regime

- **Viscous regime:**
 - At High gas pressure
 - *Classical conduction* (q = - A k(T) dT/dx) with k independent of pressure
 - but *natural convection* must be included
- **Molecular regime:**
 - At low gas pressure
 - Kennard's law
 - Conduction is proportional to P
 - Ω depends on gas species (for helium Ω = 2.13 W/m².Pa.K)
 - α(T) → *accommodation coefficient* depending on gas species, T₁, T₂ and surface geometry (*applicable for flat parallel surfaces, coaxial cylinders and spheres*)



λ_{molecule} = mean free path

$$\lambda_{\text{molecule}} = 8.6 \cdot 10^3 \frac{\eta}{P} \sqrt{\frac{T}{M}}$$



η = gas viscosity in poises
 P = pressure in micrometers of mercury, μHg
 T = temperature, K
 M = molecular weight, g/mole

$$Q_{\text{res}} = A_1 \cdot \alpha(T) \cdot \Omega \cdot P \cdot (T_2 - T_1)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}{\alpha_2 + \alpha_1 (1 - \alpha_2)} \frac{A_1}{A_2}$$

Temp. [K]	Helium
300	0.3
80	0.4
20	0.6
4	1



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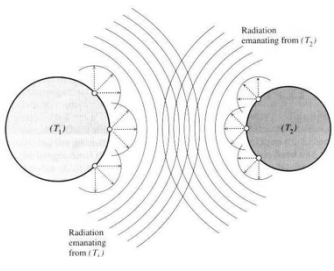
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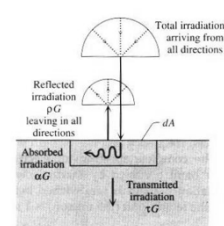



Thermal Radiation



Radiation emanating from (T_1)

Radiation emanating from (T_2)



Total irradiation G arriving from all directions

Reflected irradiation ρG leaving in all directions

Absorbed irradiation αG

Transmitted irradiation τG

$\alpha = \text{absorptivity}$

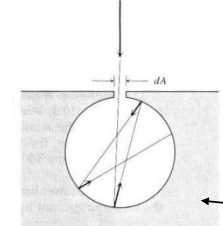
$\rho = \text{reflectivity}$

$\tau = \text{transmissivity}$

$\alpha + \rho + \tau = 1$

$\alpha + \rho = 1 \quad (\text{opaque}, \tau = 0)$

$\alpha = 1 \quad (\text{black}, \rho = 0, \tau = 0)$




Black surface: $\alpha = 1$


Practical interest for cryostats shielding:
 every gap is a black surface (example: 1 cm² gap exposed to a 293 K surface (e.g. vac.vessel with $\epsilon = 0.2$) receives ~10 mW

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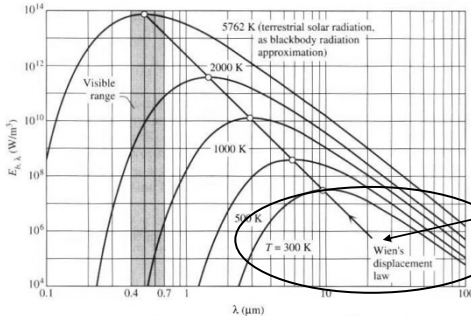
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Black body radiation



• Emissive power (monochromatic)



In cryogenics: far infrared region:
(emissivity not necessarily related to surface appearance)

$\lambda T = 2.898 \cdot 10^{-3} (m \cdot K)$

$E_{b,\lambda, \max} = (12.87 \cdot 10^{-6} W/m^2 \cdot K^5) \cdot T^{-5}$

• Total emissive power (integrating over λ):

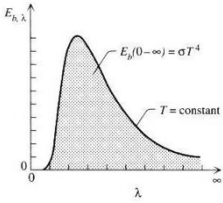
$$E_b(T) = \int_0^\infty E_{b,\lambda} d\lambda = \sigma \cdot T^4 \quad (W/m^2)$$

with:

$$\sigma = \frac{2\pi^5 k^4}{15 (hc)^3} \cdot \frac{\pi^4}{15} = 5.6710 \cdot 10^{-8} (W/m^2 \cdot K^4)$$


Stefan - Boltzmann's constant

In practice: a blackbody at 293 K emits ~ 420 W/m²:




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Radiation heat exchange between black bodies

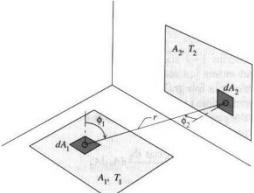


• Radiation from A1 to A2:

$$q_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \sigma T_1^4 A_1 F_{12}$$

with:

$$F_{12} = \frac{\text{radiation leaving } A_1 \text{ and intercepted by } A_2}{\text{Total radiation leaving } A_1} \quad (\text{Geometric view factor})$$



• Radiation from A2 to A1:

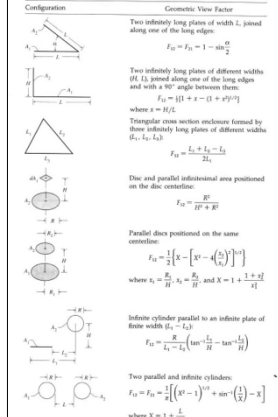
$$q_{2 \rightarrow 1} = \sigma T_2^4 A_2 F_{21}$$

• Radiation balance between A1 and A2:

$$q_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4) A_1 F_{12}$$


Note:

$$A_1 F_{12} = A_2 F_{21}$$




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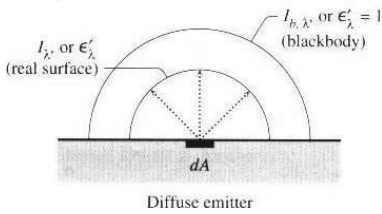
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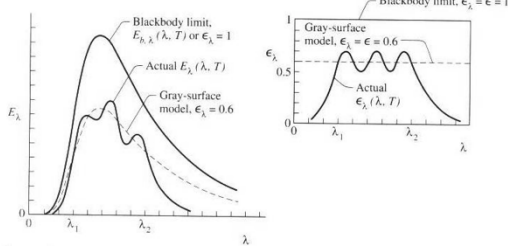
Non-black surfaces: the diffuse-gray model (real surfaces)



- Diffuse-gray emitter (good approximation for real surfaces)



Diffuse emitter




- Total hemispheric *emissivity*:

$$\varepsilon(T) = \frac{E(T)}{E_b(T)} \leq 1$$


(Note: @ cryo temp. ε is strongly T dependent)
- Similar considerations can be made for *adsorptivity* and *reflectivity*
- The **Diffuse-gray model**:
 - Gray
 - A diffuse emitter, absorber and reflector
 - Opaque (no transmittivity)

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Emissivity of various materials as a function of T



Temperature [K]	4	20	80	300
Copper mechanically polished	0.02		0.06	0.1
Copper black oxidized				0.8
Gold			0.01	0.02
Silver	0.005		0.01	0.02
Aluminium electropolished	0.04		0.08	0.15
Aluminium mechanically polished	0.06		0.1	0.2
Aluminium with 7µm oxide				0.75
Magnesium				0.07
Chromium			0.08	0.08
Nickel			0.022	0.04
Rhodium			0.08	
Lead	0.012		0.036	0.05
Tin	0.012		0.013	0.05
Zinc			0.026	0.05
Brass, polished	0.018		0.029	0.035
St. steel 18-8	0.1		0.12	0.2
Glass				0.94
Ice				0.96
Oil paints any color				0.92-0.96
Silver plate on copper		0.013	0.017	
Aluminium film 400A on Mylar			0.009	0.025
Aluminium film 200A on Mylar			0.015	0.035
Nickel coating on copper		0.027	0.033	

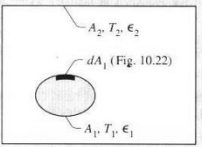
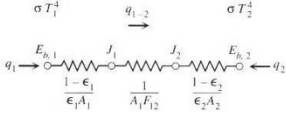
(R.B.Scott, *Cryogenic Engineering*, (Van Nostrand, New York, 1959; Y.S.Touloukian, *Thermophysical Properties of Matter*, (Plenum Press, New York, 1995))

- Strong T dependence (quasi proportional to T)
- Emissivity reduces with T
- At cryogenic temperatures low emissivity in the far infrared is not necessarily related to surface brilliance

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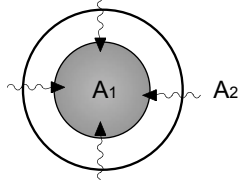
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Radiation between 2 diffuse-gray enclosures

- Radiation balance between A1 and A2:

$$q_{1-2} = \frac{\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1-\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_1 A_1} + \frac{1}{A_1 F_{12}} + \frac{1-\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_2 A_2}}$$
- For **2 enclosed cylinders or spheres** (not necessarily concentric!):

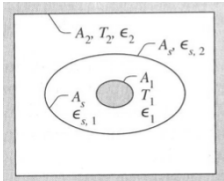
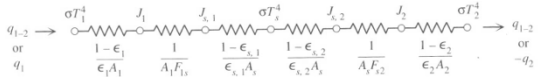
$$q_{1-2} = \frac{\sigma A_1 (T_2^4 - T_1^4)}{\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} + \frac{A_1}{A_2} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_2} - 1 \right)}$$


To **reduce heat load** to inner surface (cryostat case):

- **Reduce A2** (vac.vessel as small as possible)
- **Small emissivities:** ϵ_1 reduced by low T; ϵ_2 at RT & moderated by A_1/A_2

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Radiation with an intermediate floating shield

- Radiation balance between A1 and A2:

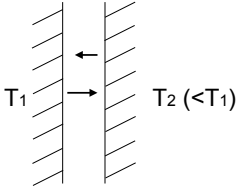
$$q_{1-2} = \frac{\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\underbrace{\frac{1-\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_1 A_1} + \frac{1}{A_1 F_{13}} + \frac{1-\epsilon_{s,1}}{\epsilon_{s,1} A_s}}_{\text{A1 to S gap}} + \underbrace{\frac{1-\epsilon_{s,2}}{\epsilon_{s,2} A_s} + \frac{1}{A_s F_{s2}} + \frac{1-\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_2 A_2}}_{\text{S to A2 gap}}}$$
- For flat surfaces approximation, and same ϵ :

$$q_{1-2} = \frac{\sigma(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\left(\frac{2}{\epsilon} - 1 \right)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{ of the rate without shield}$$

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Radiation between 2 diffuse-gray flat plates

- Radiation balance between A1 and A2
(A1=A2=A):



$$q_{1-2} = \frac{\sigma A(T_1^4 - T_2^4)}{\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_2} - 1}$$


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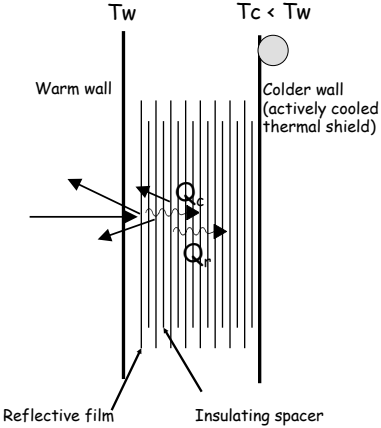
Multi Layer Insulation (MLI)

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MLI principle

- Low emissivity of aluminium layer
- Multi-layer to enhance radiation protection:
 - multi reflection of radiation...
- Minimal thermal conductivity between reflective layers: interposing of isolating layers
 - Reduced inter-layer thermal conduction heat loads
- Enhanced performance @ low T → use actively cooled shield
 - Lower emissivity of reflective material layers @ low T
 - Reduce radiation from inner-most layers, cooled at T of shield
 - Extract heat @ thermal shield T → more efficient heat extraction





Warm wall $T_c < T_w$
Colder wall (actively cooled thermal shield)

Reflective film Insulating spacer

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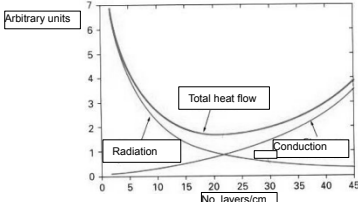
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MLI:
How many reflective layers (N)?

Radiation vs. conduction, two conflicting phenomena


- Radiation reduces as $1/N$
- Conduction is proportional to packing density (N/mm)




- Packing density should be limited → typically ~ 25 N/cm
 - Avoid “compressed” blankets, do not put as much MLI as possible...
 - Do not forget space allocation for MLI blankets
 - Consider differential thermal contractions wrt support (Al shields, cold mass...): blankets must remain loose at cold

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Multi Layer Insulation (MLI): a simplified calculation model

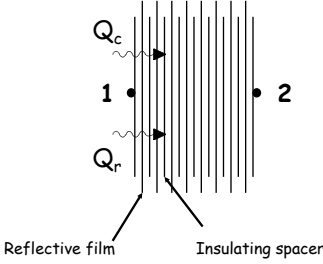


- A simplified model:
 - Radiation reduction
 - Solid conduction

$$Q_{MLI} = \left[\frac{\beta}{N+1} \cdot (T_1^4 - T_2^4) \right] + \frac{\alpha}{N+1} \cdot \frac{T_1 + T_2}{2} \cdot (T_1 - T_2)$$

N = No. of reflective layers
 α, β = average thermal conductivity and emissivity constants of the MLI system (obtained experimentally. For LHC cryostats: $\alpha=1.401 \cdot 10^{-4}, \beta=3.741 \cdot 10^{-9}$)






Reflective film Insulating spacer


Considering the complexity of the phenomena involved, an experimental characterisation of MLI performance, in particular for large machines, **must** be made. However, abundant literature data available.


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LHC Multi Layer Insulation (MLI)






Interleaved reflectors and spacers




Velcro™ fasteners





Blanket manufacturing

Features:

- 1 blanket (10 reflective layers) on cold masses (1.9 K)
- 2 blankets (15 reflective layers each) on Thermal Shields (50-65 K)
- Reflective layer: double aluminized polyester film
- Spacer: polyester net
- Stitched Velcro™ fasteners for rapid mounting and quality closing





1 blanket on CM, 2 on thermal shield

Measured thermal performance on LHC

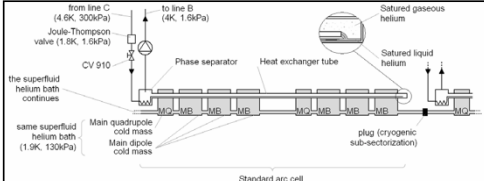
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LHeII calorimetric measurements of 1.9 K static heat loads in LHC

Static HL natural warm-up of cryogenic subsector after stop in cooling



Schematic of a standard arc cell, a common superfluid helium bath of 106 m cooled by a unique heat exchanger tube.

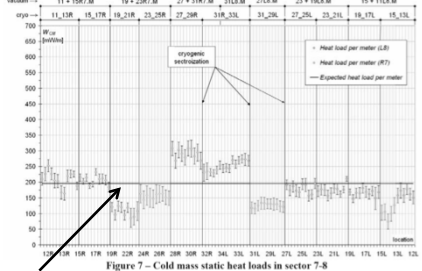
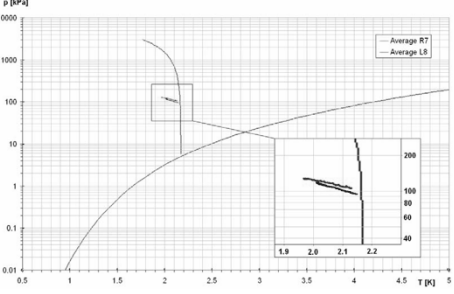


Figure 7 – Cold mass static heat loads in sector 7-8



Transformation in p-T helium phase diagram during warm up


$$W_{CM} = \frac{\Delta U_{CM}}{\Delta t \cdot L_{CM}}$$

- Average heat load to cold mass (10 MLI layers) ~ 0.2 W/m
- Rescaled on cold mass surface and subtracting solid conduction contributions (lab tests on components) :


10 layers MLI between 50K and 1.9 K → ~ 0.054 W/m²

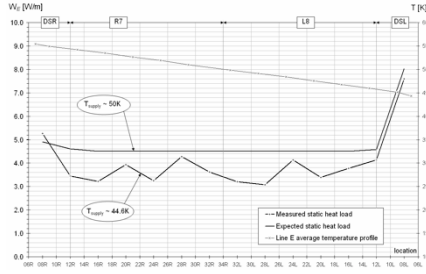
→ Practical figure: 50 mW/m²

C. Maglioni, V. Parma: "Assessment of static heat loads in the LHC arc, from the commissioning of sector 7-8", LHC Project Note 409, 2008.



Non-isothermal cooling of LHC thermal shield (2'700 m)





Thermal shield static heat load profile along sector 7-8

- Average heat load @ 50K of ~ 4 W/m
- Thermal shielding with MLI (30 layers)
- Rescaled on cold mass surface and subtracting solid conduction contributions (lab tests on components):

30 layers MLI between 300K and 50 K → ~ 1 W/m²


→ Practical figure: 1 W/m²

$$W_E = \frac{\Delta H_{avg}}{L_{TT}} = \frac{(\dot{m}_E \cdot \Delta h)_{avg}}{L_{TT}} \quad [W/m]$$


\dot{m}_E : Helium flow (measured)

Δh : Specific enthalpy change (T measurements and He properties)

L_{TT} : Distance between T sensors





Numerical application on the LHC Cryostat



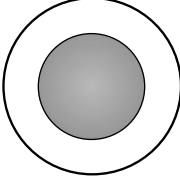
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Application to an LHC-like cryostat

- heat loads HL will be calculated for a 1-m cryostat unit length
- Vacuum vessel diameter: 1 m ($A_{VV} = \pi \times 1 = 3.14 \text{ m}^2$)
- Cold mass diameter: 0.6 m ($A_{CM} = \pi \times 0.6 = 1.88 \text{ m}^2$)
- T cold mass: 2 K
- T vac.vessel: 293 K
- Budgets: $HL_{CM} \sim 0.2 \text{ W/m}$; $HL_{TS} \sim 5 \text{ W/m}$





$$Q = \frac{\sigma A_{CM} (T_{VV}^4 - T_{CM}^4)}{\frac{1}{\epsilon_{CM}} + \frac{A_{CM}}{A_{VV}} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_{VV}} - 1 \right)}$$

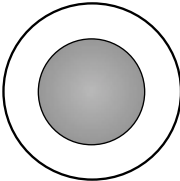
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a) Bare cold mass

- Emissivity cold mass: $\epsilon_{CM} = 0.12$
- Emissivity vac.vessel: $\epsilon_{VV} = 0.2$





$$HL_{CM} = 63 \text{ W}$$

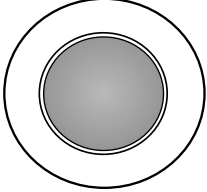
Budget for LHC is $\sim 0.2 \text{ W} \rightarrow$ HL too high

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 b) Cold mass wrapped with 1 layer of Al foil 

- Emissivity of Al foil (at 2 K): $\epsilon_{CM} = 0.06$

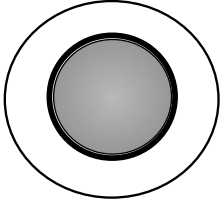


$HL_{CM} = 40 \text{ W} \quad \rightarrow \text{HL still too high}$

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 c) Cold mass wrapped with 30 layers of MLI 

- HL from 290 K with 30 MLI layers (*calculated with MLI formula*): 1.2 W/m^2

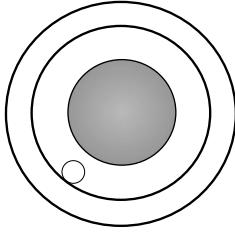


$HL_{CM} = 1.2 \times 1.88 = 2.3 \text{ W}$
 $\rightarrow \text{HL still 1 order of magnitude too high}$

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d) Addition of thermal shield actively cooled

- Thermal shield diameter: 0.8 m ($A_{TH} = \pi \times 0.8 = 2.51 \text{ m}^2$)
- Thermal shield at intermediate T $\rightarrow 80 \text{ K}$
- Emissivity of Al (at 80 K): $\epsilon_{TS} = 0.1$

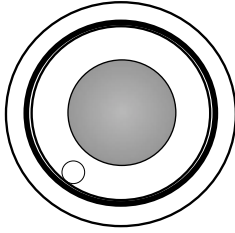


$HL_{CM} = 0.26 \text{ W} \quad \rightarrow \text{Close to budget}$
 $HL_{TS} = 79 \text{ W} \quad \rightarrow \text{too high (Budget for LHC is 5 W)}$

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e) Wrapping of MLI around thermal shield



- HL from 290 K with 30 MLI layers 1 W/m^2



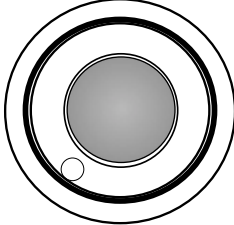
$HL_{CM} = 0.26 \text{ W} \quad \rightarrow \text{Close to budget}$
 $HL_{TS} = 1 \times 2.51 = 2.51 \text{ W} \quad \rightarrow \text{Within budget for LHC (5 W)}$

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f) Adding 1 Al foil around cold mass

- Emissivity of Al foil (at 2 K): $\epsilon_{CM} = 0.06$





$HL_{CM} = 0.18 \text{ W}$
 $HL_{TS} = 2.51 \text{ W}$

\rightarrow within budget (0.2 W)
 \rightarrow Within budget (5 W)

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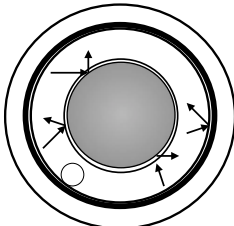
g) What in case of bad vacuum (He leaks)?

\rightarrow Residual gas molecular conduction:

$$Q_{res} = A_1 \cdot \alpha(T) \cdot \Omega \cdot P \cdot (T_2 - T_1)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}{\alpha_2 + \alpha_1 (1 - \alpha_2) \frac{A_1}{A_2}}$$



- From table, for He at 2 K: $\alpha_{CM}=1$, for He at 80K $\alpha_{TH}=0.4 \rightarrow \alpha = 0.47$
- for He, $\Omega = 2.13 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{Pa} \cdot \text{K}$

For 1 Al foil on cold mass, in case of degraded vacuum: $Q = Q_{rad} + Q_{res}$

For P = 1 mPa:
(still quite good vacuum) $Q_{res} = \underline{0.15W}$ $Q = Q_{rad} + Q_{res} = 0.18 + 0.15 = \underline{0.33W}$


For P = 100 mPa:
(degraded vacuum) $Q_{res} = \underline{\underline{15W}}$

Exceeds budget \nearrow


2 orders or magnitude higher than budget!! \longleftarrow

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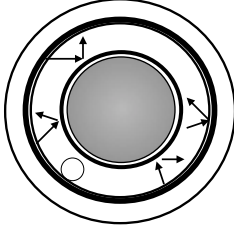
h) Add MLI around the cold mass



- 10 MLI layers on cold mass
- Using measured data
 - In good vacuum (<1mPa): 50 mW/m²

$$HL_{CM} = 1.88 \times 0.05 = 0.09 \text{ W}$$

$$(HL_{TS} = 3.59 \text{ W})$$



HL even lower


- Under degraded vacuum (~100 mPa): ~2W/m²

$$HL_{CM} = 1.88 \times 2 = 3.8 \text{ W}$$


MLI cuts residual conduction by 4 !!

Important note: MLI on helium vessels also necessary to reduce by about 7 condensation heat fluxes in case of accidental cryostat venting with air (bare surface: q ~4 W/cm² ; 10 layers of MLI: q ~0.6 W/cm²)

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Summarizing



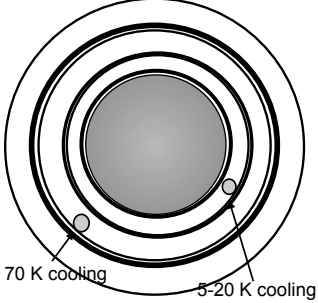
Case	2K heat loads	80 K heat loads
a) Bare Cold mass	63 W	N.A.
b) Cold mass with 1 Al foil	40 W	N.A.
c) Cold mass with 30 MLI layers	2.3 W	N.A.
d) 1 thermal shield at 80K, no MLI	0.26 W	79 W
e) 30 MLI layers on thermal shield	0.26 W	2.51 W
f) As e) + 1 Al foil on cold mass	0.18 W	2.51 W
g) As f) but degraded vacuum	up to 15 W (100 mPa)	> 2.51 W
h) +10 MLI layers on cold mass	0.09 W in good vac. 3.5 W in deg.vac.	3.59 W > 3.59

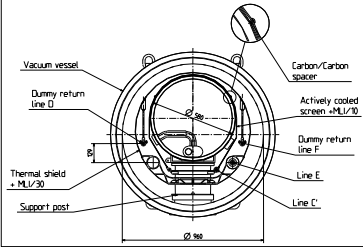
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What about a second actively cooled shield?

- Experimental program for LHC cryostat in the late nineties (Cryostat Thermal Model, CTM)
- A 10 K active cooled screen with 10 MLI layers
- An estimated (tests far from simple!) saving of about 0.15 W/m at 1.9 K
- but the an equivalent increase at the 5-20 K level (~5 times less costly)
- Overall electrical power saving: ~ 100 W/m
- Additional hardware (line, MLI, supports, etc) → higher capital cost
- Additional assembly complexity
- Breakeven only after ~10 years of operation
- For LHC it was decided to keep 1 active shield at 70K







The Cryostat Thermal Model

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Thermal shield: what thickness ?

- Aluminium shield, in Al 5052
- Actively cooled by 1 cryo line at 80K
- Average conductivity: $k = 80 \text{ W K}^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}$
- Uniform heat deposition:
 $HL_{TS} = 3.59 \text{ W} \rightarrow q = 3.59 / (0.8 \times 1 \times \pi) = 1.43 \text{ W/m}^2$

Calculate thickness with the requirement:

- Azimuthally quasi iso-thermal shield:
 - $\Delta T_{\max} = T_{\max} - T_{\min} \approx 5 \text{ K}$

Remembering the formula yielding ΔT_{\max} :

$$\Delta T_{\max} = \frac{qL^2}{2kt}$$

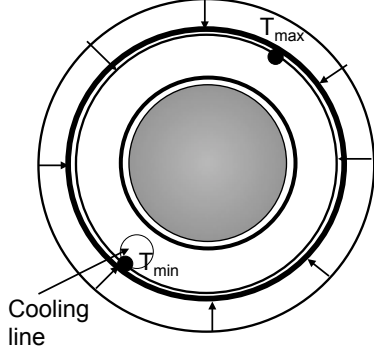
Replacing L by $\frac{1}{2}$ circumference of diameter D (Tmax opposite to cryo line):

$$\Delta T_{\max} = \frac{qD^2\pi^2}{8kt}$$

→


$$t = \frac{qD^2\pi^2}{8k\Delta T_{\max}} = \underline{\underline{2.8 \text{ mm}}}$$

(for LHC, 2.5mm thick Al 1100 equivalent)




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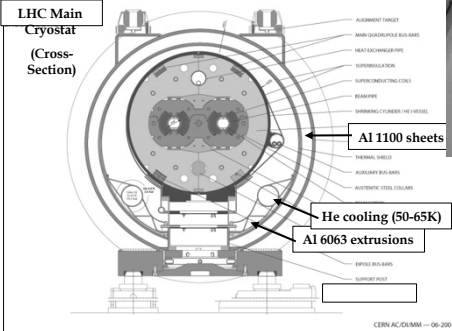



LHC thermal shields

Aluminium alloy 6063 extrusions and 1100 top sheets









Heat transfer to cryogenic fluids




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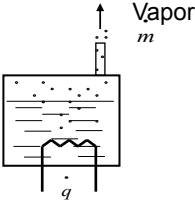


2 main mechanisms of interest for cryostats



- Vaporisation in pool boiling (2-phase)
 - Latent Heat (LH) of vaporisation
 - Isothermal cooling (T constant if P constant)

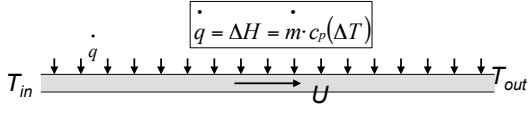
$\dot{q} = \dot{m} \cdot LH$




Cryogen	Latent Heat (at 1tm) [kJ/kg]	[mg/s]	[l/h] (liquid)	[l/min] (gas NTP)
Helium	21	48	1.38	16.4
Nitrogen	199	5	0.02	0.24

- Forced internal (tube) convection of single-phase fluid:
 - Non-isothermal cooling: enthalpy change of fluid
 - Depends from *thermo-hydraulics* of the flow (see next slide)
 - Used in cooling of thermal shields (supercritical He)


$\dot{q} = \Delta H = \dot{m} \cdot c_p (\Delta T)$

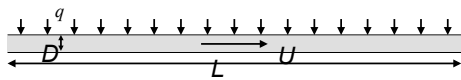
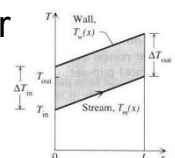


For conduction in superfluid helium see dedicated course



Forced Convection Heat Transfer



- **Forced flow** of coolant fluid in **round tube** cooling lines
- Considering *hydro-dynamically* and *thermally fully developed flow*
- **Uniform** wall heat flux (linear T profiles)

} *Case of a Thermal Shield*

- **Convection heat transfer** from wall to fluid:

$\dot{q} = h \cdot D \pi L \cdot (T_w - T_m)$

$T_w = \text{wall temperature}$
 $T_m = \text{mean temperature}$
- **Enthalpy balance** along the line L:

$\dot{q} = \dot{m} \cdot c_p \cdot (T_{out} - T_{in})$

$\dot{m} = \text{mass flow [kg/s]}$
 $T_{out} = \text{fluid exit temperature}$
 $T_{in} = \text{fluid entrance temperature}$
- **Reynolds No.:**

$$Re_D = \frac{UD}{\nu}$$
- **Nusselt No.:**

$$Nu_D = \frac{h \cdot D}{k}$$
- For **laminar flow:**

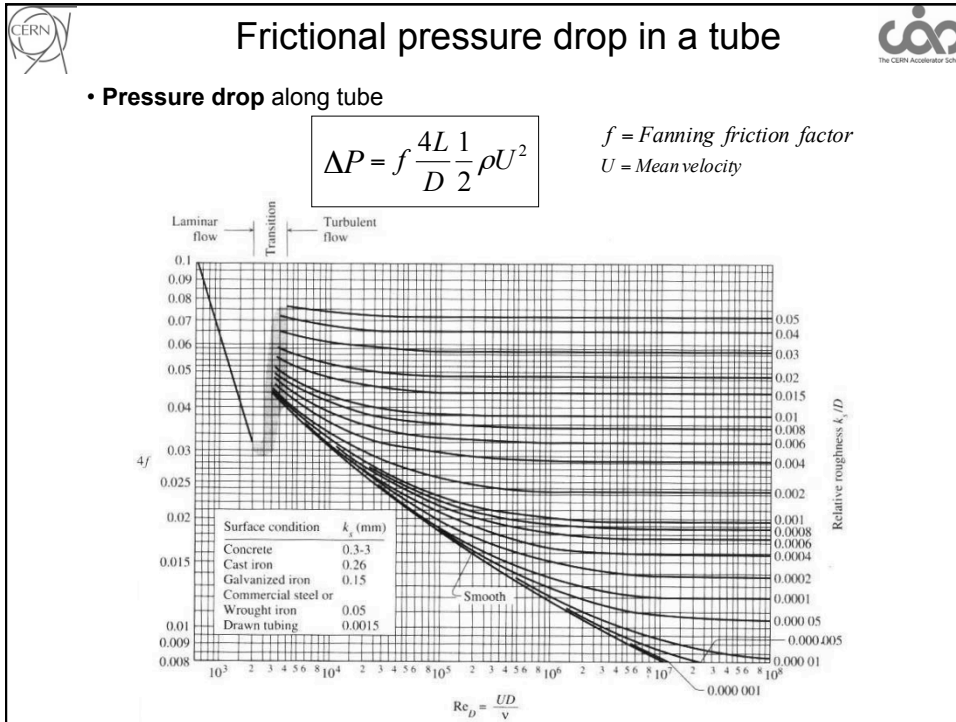
$Nu_D = \frac{h \cdot D}{k} = 4.364$


$\frac{dT_m}{dx} = \frac{4}{D} \cdot \frac{\dot{q}}{\rho c_p U}$
- For **turbulent flow**, $Nu_D = f(Re_D, Pr)$:

$Nu_D = 0.023 \cdot Re_D^{4/5} \cdot Pr^{2/5}$


$Pr = \frac{\nu}{\alpha}$
 $\alpha = \text{thermal diffusivity}$

for heated fluid;
 $0.7 \leq Pr \leq 120$
 $2500 \leq Re_D \leq 1.24 \cdot 10^5$





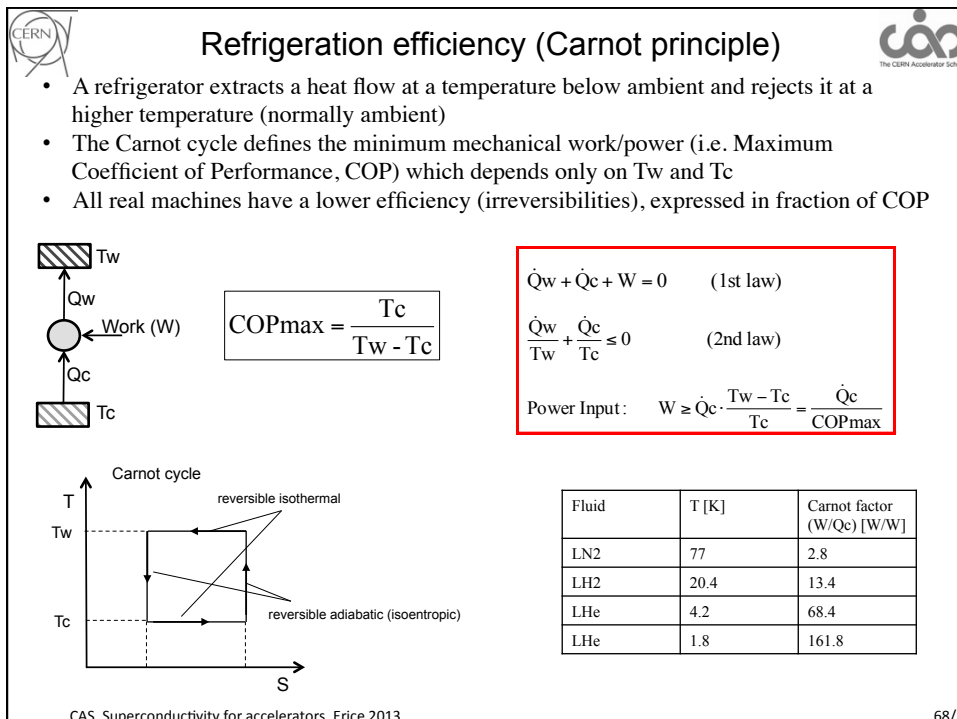
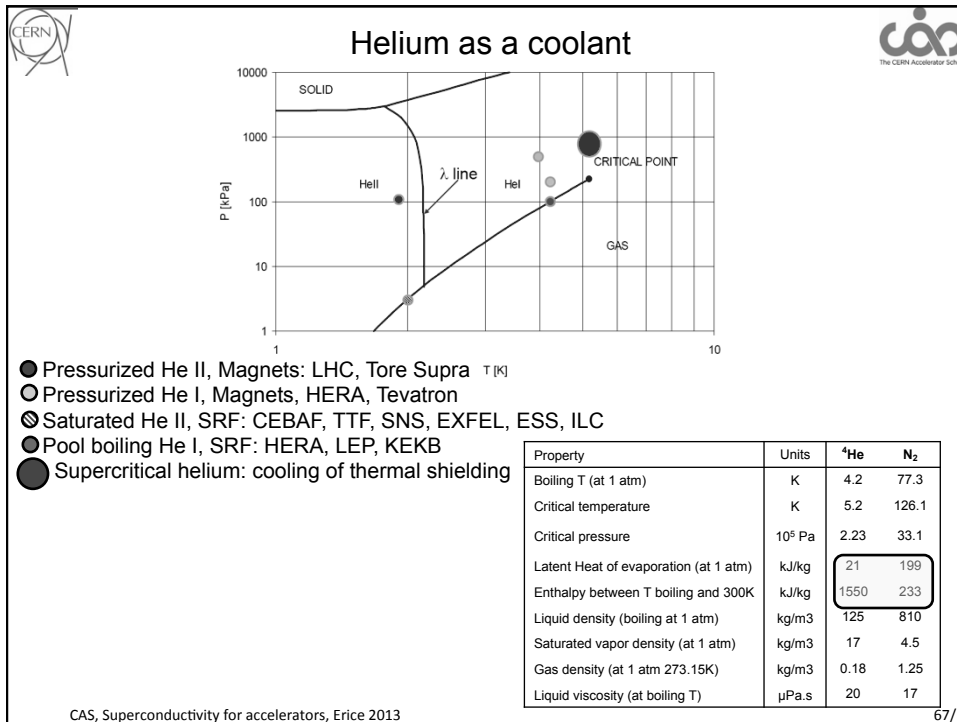
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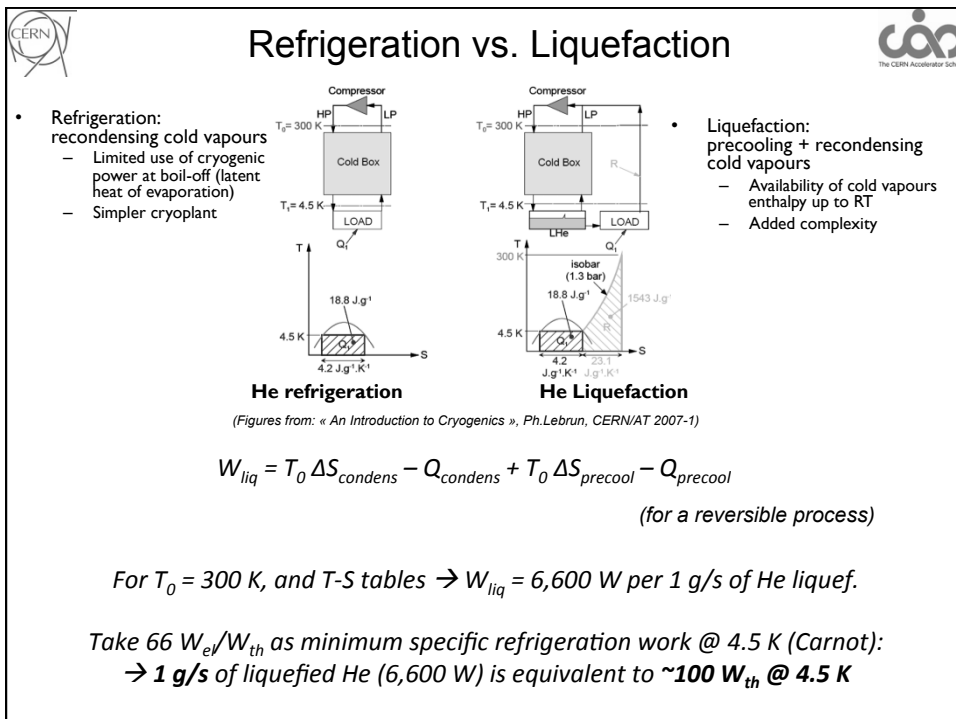
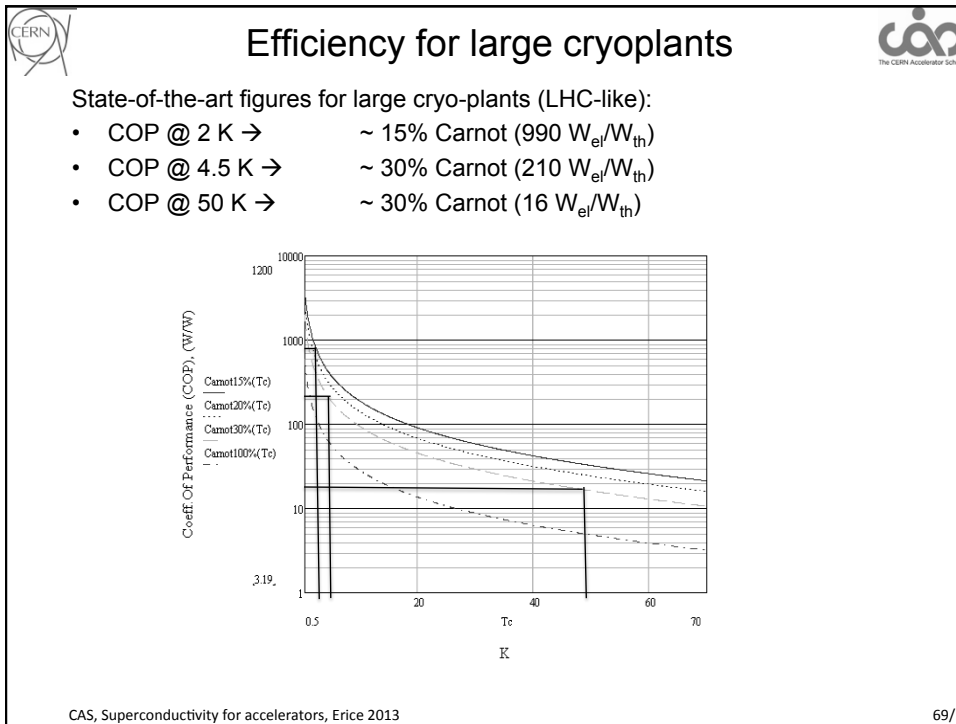




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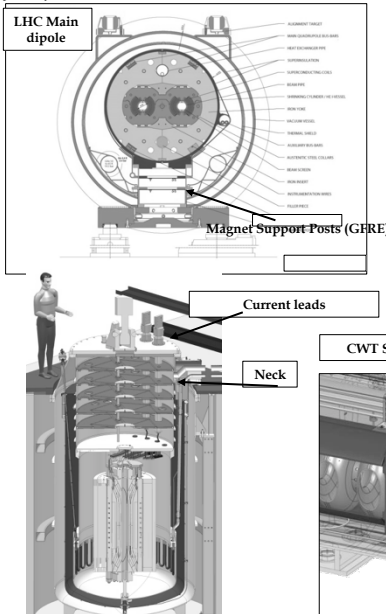
Thermally efficiency solid conduction: heat intercepts, vapour helium cooling

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Solid conduction in cryostats




Solid conduction paths:

- Supporting systems
- Current leads
- RF main coupler
- Beam tubes Cold-to-Warm (CWT) transitions
- Instrumentation feed-throughs
- Necks (vertical cryostats)




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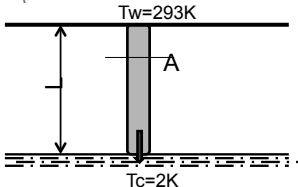
Solid conduction and heat intercepts



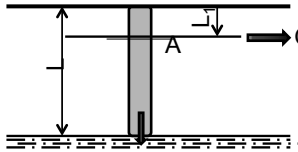
$$\dot{Q} = k(T) \cdot A \cdot \frac{dT}{dx}$$

- simple solid conduction

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{A}{L} \int_{T_c}^{T_w} k(T) dT$$



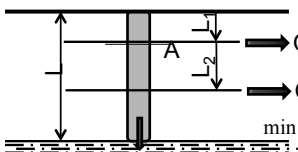
- 1 heat intercept at optimal distance



$$\min\{f(L_1) = C_1 \cdot \frac{A}{L_1} \int_{T_w}^{80K} k(T) dT + C_2 \cdot \frac{A}{L-L_1} \int_{80K}^{T_c} k(T) dT\}$$

→ L₁


Minimizing using cost factors:
 C₁ = 16 w/w
 C₂ = 210 w/w
 C₃ = 990 w/w




- 2 heat intercepts at optimal distance

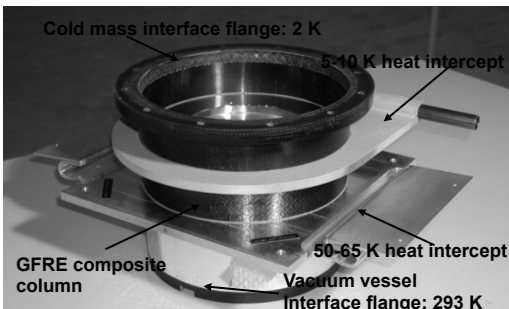
$$\min\{f(L_1, L_2) = C_1 \cdot \frac{A}{L_1} \int_{T_w}^{80K} k(T) dT + C_2 \cdot \frac{A}{L_2-L_1} \int_{80K}^{8K} k(T) dT + C_3 \cdot \frac{A}{L-L_2} \int_{8K}^{T_c} k(T) dT\}$$

→ L₁, L₂

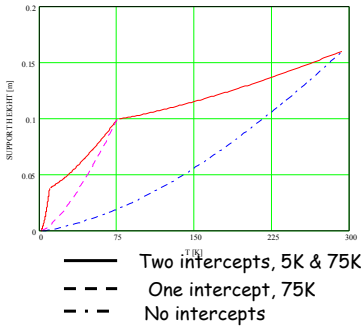


LHC supports






- **4-mm thickness**, single-part composite column (integrating interface flanges)
- Manufactured by **Resin Transfer Moulding (RTM)**:
 - Suited to a large-scale industrial production (4700 units)
 - High reproducibility in thermo-mechanical properties




— Two intercepts, 5K & 75K
- - - One intercept, 75K
- · - · No intercepts

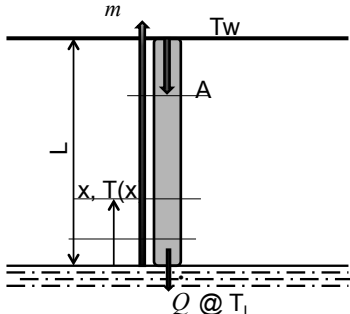
	$Q_{1.8K}$ [W]	Q_{5K} [W]	Q_{75K} [W]	$Q_{elec.}$ [W]
1	2.79	-	-	2790
2	0.541	-	6.44	638
3	0.047	0.42	7.1	252

Heat loads comparison for GFRE with & without heat intercepts



Vapour cooling in solid conduction





- Vapour cooled wall
- Assuming perfect exchange (T gas = T wall)

$$k(T) \cdot A \cdot \frac{dT}{dx} = \dot{Q} + \dot{m} C_p \cdot (T - T_1)$$

- If \dot{Q} , which is the residual heat to the bath, is equivalent to the evaporation (i.e. self-sustained):

$$\rightarrow \dot{Q} = \dot{m} \cdot L_v \quad L_v, \text{ latent heat of evap.}$$

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{A}{L} \cdot \int_{T_1}^{T_w} \frac{k(T)}{1 + \frac{(T - T_1) \cdot C_p}{L_v}} \cdot dT$$


Reduced heat conduction in self-sustained helium cooling for selected technical materials

	Thermal conductivity integral [W cm ⁻¹]	Effective thermal conductivity integral [W cm ⁻¹]
ETP copper	1620	128
OFHC copper	1520	110
Aluminium 1100	728	39.9
AISI 300 st. steel	30.6	0.92


attenuation factor (w.r.t. solid conduction)

Large enthalpy in He vapours (1550 kJ/kg from 4.2K to 300K) → usable cooling capacity


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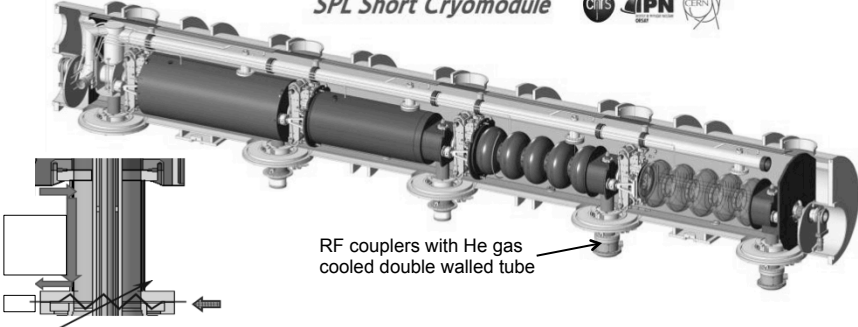


Vapour cooled RF coupler for SPL



SPL Short Cryomodule






RF couplers with He gas cooled double walled tube


Case	Q @ 2K [W]	Wel [W]	Q @ 8K [W]	Wel [W]	Q @ 80K [W]	Wel [W]	vapours rate g/s	Q equiv. @ 4.5K [W] (1g/s=100W)	Wel [W]	Total Wel [W]
A) No intercept	11.629	11512.71								11,513
B) 1 optimised and perfect intercept @ 80K	1.816	1797.84			39.513	632.208				2,430
C) 2 optimised and perfect intercepts @ 80K & 8K	0.129	127.71	2.64	580.8	26.816	429.056				1,138
D) 4.5K self-sustained vapour cooling	0.031	30.69					0.019	1.9	407	438
F) Real case, He vapour cooling, 4.5K-300K	0.1	99					0.04	4	880	1,039
F) Real case, He vapour cooling, 4.5K-300K, RF power on	0.5	495					0.04	4	880	1,435
G) Real case, No He vapour cooling, RF power on	22	21780					0	0	0	21,780

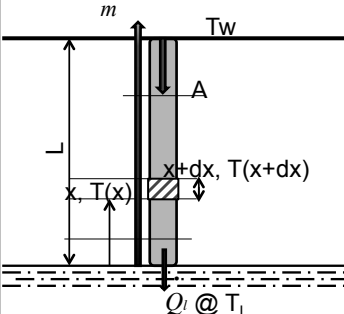
When RF is on, a distributed vapour cooling is essential to contain distributed RF heating (local heat intercepting can hardly provide efficient cooling)

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Vapour cooling of current lead





$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(k(T) \cdot A \cdot \frac{dT}{dx} \right) - f \cdot \dot{m} \cdot Cp(T) \cdot \frac{dT}{dx} + \rho(T) \cdot \frac{I^2}{A} = 0$$

↑ conduction
↑ cooling
↑ resistance heating

(efficiency $0 < f < 1$)

With:

- I, current in the lead
- Cp(T), specific heat
- f = 0 → no cooling
- f = 1 → perfect heat exchange (T(x) lead = T(x) vapour)

For current lead material following the Wiedmann-Franz law (most metals and alloys, Cu for example):

$\rho(T) \cdot k(T) = L_o \cdot T$


$$L_o = 2.45 \cdot 10^{-8} \left(\frac{V}{K} \right)^2$$

(Constant for most metals and alloys)


- $\rho(T)$ and $k(T)$ are correlated! (good electrical conductors are also good thermal conductors)
- Minimising heat in-leaks is independent of material choice for normal conducting materials

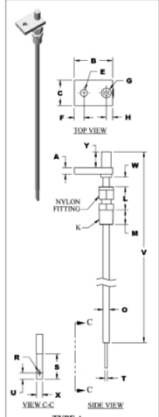
Substituting in the above equation and integrating it for variable f efficiencies... (next slide)

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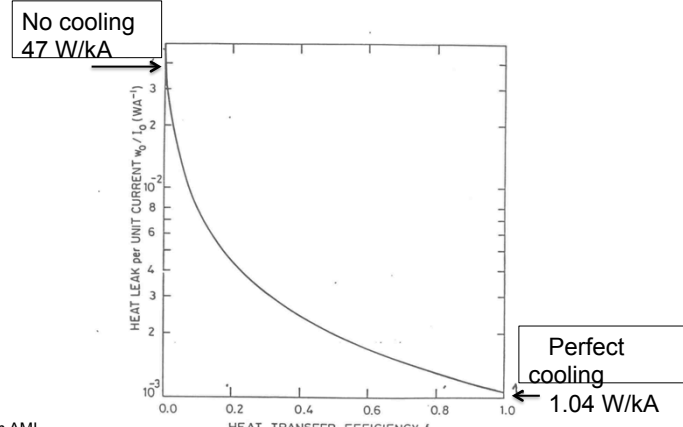


Heat load to bath per unit current





Example of off-the-shelf lead from AMI (current rating up to 10 kA)



- Enhancing thermal performance can be achieved with materials which do not follow the WF law
- High Temperature Superconductors, for example, have zero resistivity and are relatively bad thermal conductors up to high temperatures. → *more in specific lecture*


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End of 1st Part...



Insulation vacuum
and construction aspects



Leaks



Units:


- A leak is a throughput, normally given symbol q_L

$$q_L = q_{pV} = \frac{pV}{t} = \frac{n}{t} RT = \frac{m}{t} \cdot \frac{RT}{M}$$


- Common units are:
 - mbar.l/s atm.cc/s torr.l/s Pa.m³/s (SI unit)
 - With a leak rate of 1 mbar.l/s a volume of 1 litre will change in pressure by 1 mbar in 1 second
 - Units of mbar.l/s equivalent to atm.cc/s
 - Eg immersed in water:
 - A leak of 1 atm.cc/s would produce a bubble of 1 cm³/s
 - A leak of 10⁻³ atm.cc/s would produce a bubble of 1 mm³/s
- Flux through a leak will be different depending on the prevailing conditions (temperature, pressure, gas type)
- Unless otherwise stated, a 'standard helium leak rate' in mbar.l/s implies:
 - Helium as tracer gas,
 - Under vacuum test,
 - Helium at 1 bar_{abs} and 100% concentration
 - System at 20 °C.

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Leak tightness



- No vacuum vessel is leak-tight, nor should it be
- Define the satisfactory leak rate needed to remain within the needed pressure:

$$q_L = \frac{\Delta p \cdot V}{\Delta t}$$

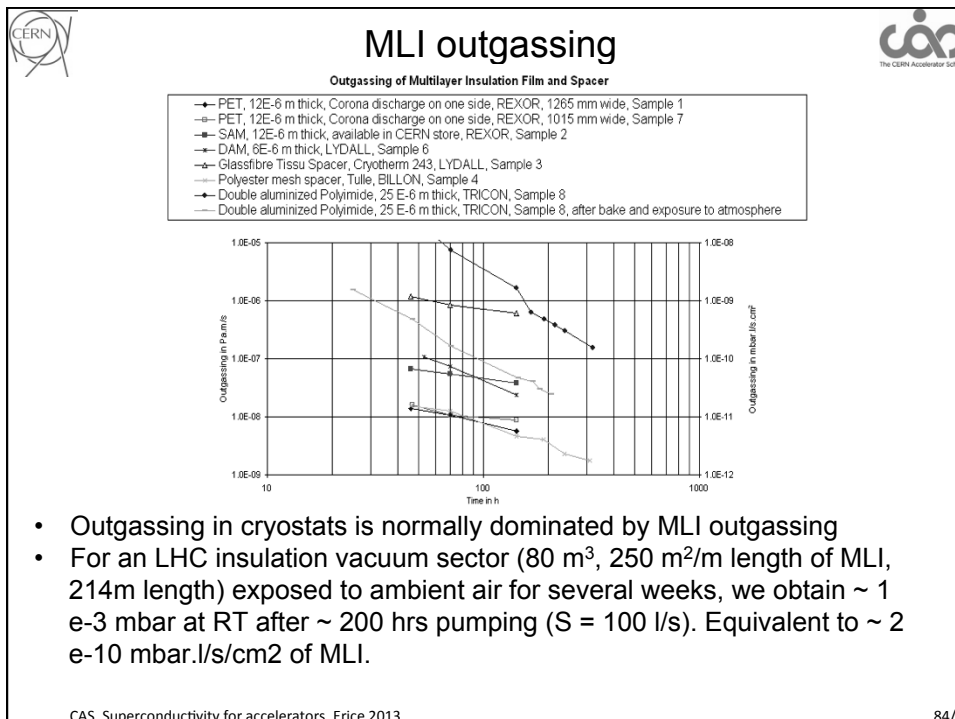
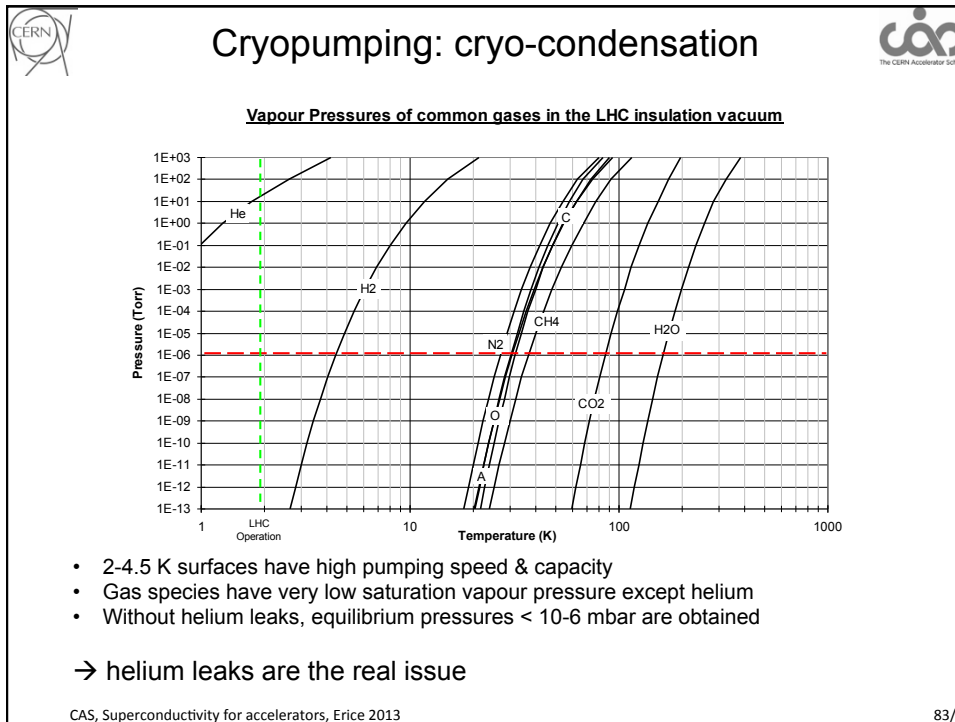
- Normally 2 sources of pressure increase: leaks and outgassing

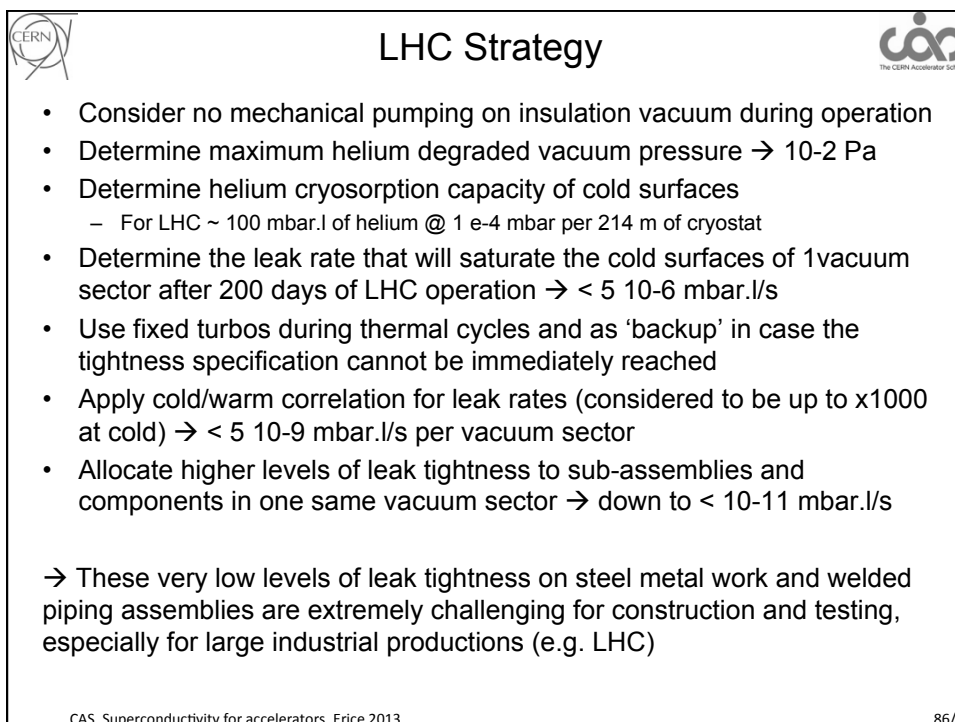
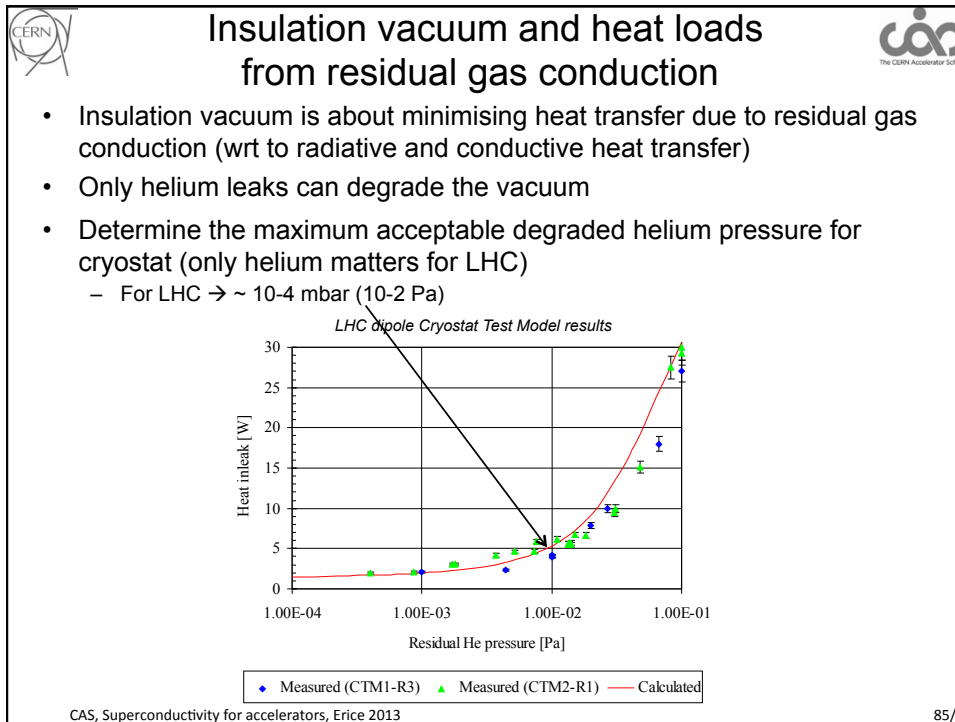
The graph plots pressure on the vertical axis against time on the horizontal axis. Three curves originate from the origin (0,0):

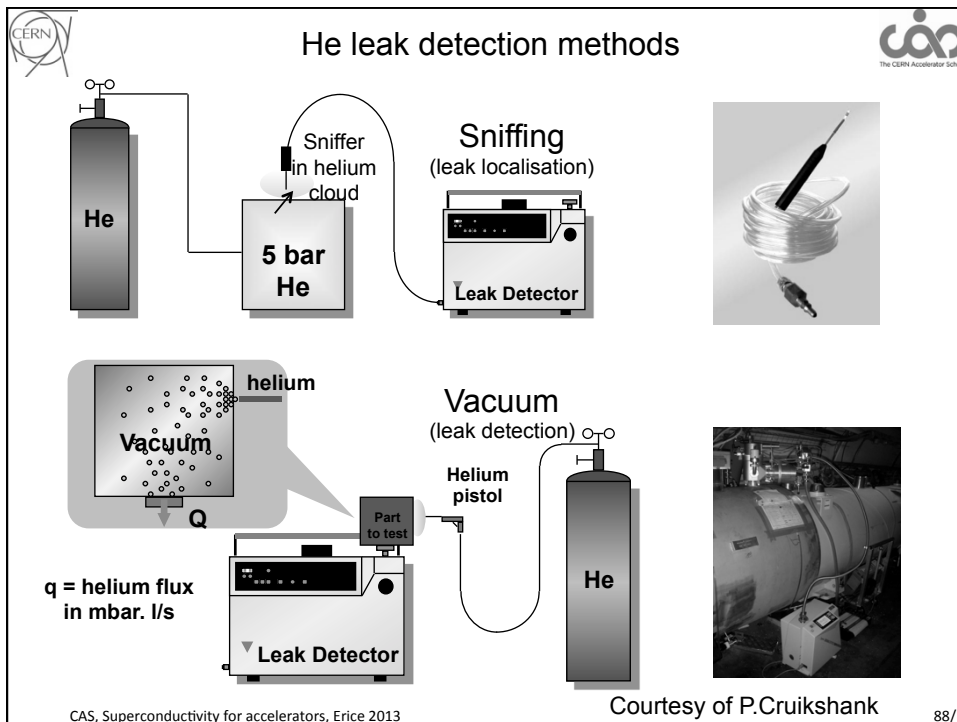
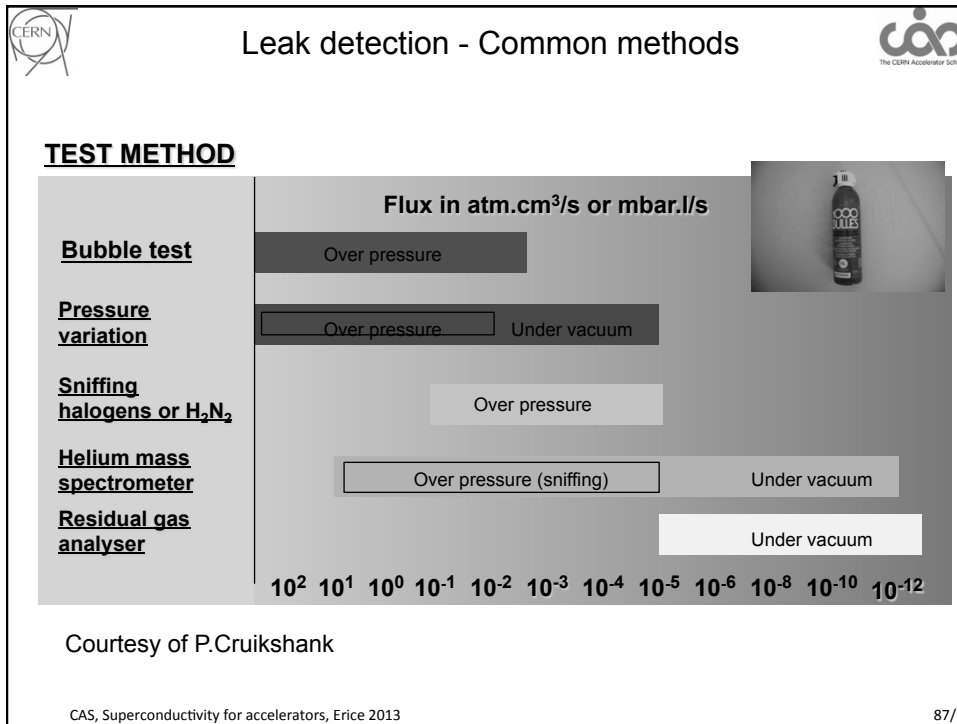
- The top curve, labeled 'leak + outgassing', shows the highest rate of pressure increase.
- The middle curve, labeled 'leak', shows a moderate rate of pressure increase.
- The bottom curve, labeled 'outgassing', shows the lowest rate of pressure increase.

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Leak detection with clam-shell







- A practical detection method for circumferential welds
- Pumping of reduced volumes
- Particularly interesting for helium polluted circuits (e.g. magnets cold tested in helium)




Clam-shells for pipe geometries for LHC

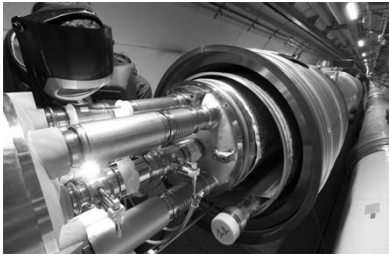
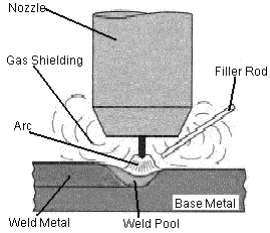
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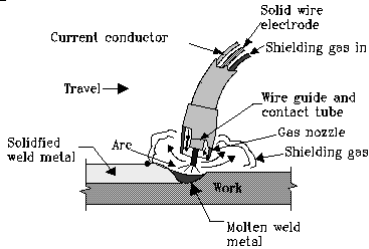


Welding




- Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) and Metal Inert Gas — Welding (MIG) are the most commonly used processes in cryostat fabrication
- Qualification of welding procedures and personnel required to fulfil mechanical requirements imposed by pressure vessel codes
- Design of welded seams must be carefully chosen to avoid sources of impurities and defects
- Non-destructive testing is often necessary




Metal inert gas welding

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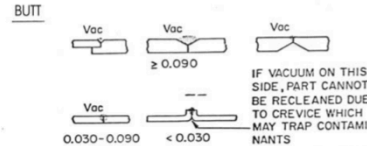


Design of vacuum facing welds



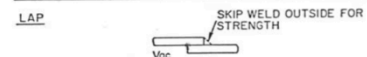
Preferred Joint Design for Welding Vacuum Components

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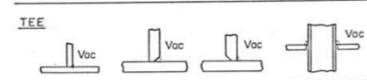


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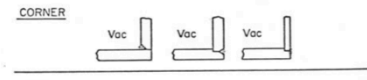
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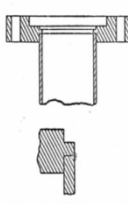
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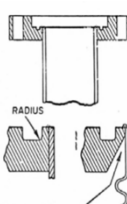
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IF VACUUM ON THIS SIDE, PART CANNOT BE RECLEANED DUE TO CREVICE WHICH MAY TRAP CONTAMINANTS





REFERRED FOR STANDARD TUBING & FLANGES




RADIUS

CHAMFER FLANGE TO AVOID CREVICE WHICH MAY TRAP CHEMICAL CLEANING SOLUTIONS


FOR VERY THIN SECTIONS (BELLOWS ETC.)

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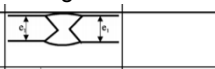
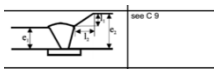
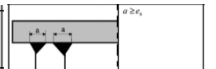

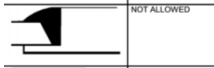
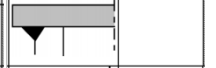
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Design of pressure bearing welds



- EN 13445-3 annex A is a good reference for designing pressure bearing welds. EN 1708-1 is also a very useful harmonised standard. Some examples:

Longitudinal welds	Circular welds	Flat ends	Nozzles
			
$c_1 - c_2 \leq 0.30 c_1 \leq 6 \text{ mm}$	see C 9	$a \geq 2c_1$	Full penetration
$a_2 \leq 3 \text{ mm}$	NOT ALLOWED	$a \geq 2c_1$	Full penetration
allowed for fatigue only if full penetration can be verified at least by visual inspection	see C 4	not allowed	Full penetration
$l_1 \geq 2c_1$	see C 4	not allowed	Full penetration
$l_1 / l_2 \leq 1/4$	NOT ALLOWED	not allowed	Full penetration
see M 4 see M 10			$a \geq 0.7 r_{min}$ for each weld if $d \leq 600 \text{ mm}$ $d / D \leq 1/3$
NOT ALLOWED	FR 1	all allowed circumferential joints can be used	$a \geq 0.7 r_{min}$ for each weld if $d \leq 800 \text{ mm}$ $d / D \leq 1/3$
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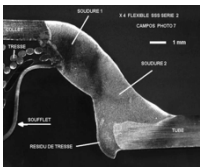
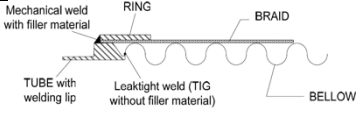
	Steel	Aluminium
Welding procedure approval	EN ISO 15614-1:2004 Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials - Welding procedure test - Arc and gas welding of steels and arc welding of nickel and nickel alloys	EN ISO 15614-2:2005 Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials - Welding procedure test - Arc welding of aluminium and its alloys
Qualification of welders	EN 287-1:2004 Qualification test of welders - Fusion welding - Steels	EN ISO 9606-2:2004 Qualification test of welders - Fusion welding - Aluminium and aluminium alloys
Qualification of welding operators	EN 1418:1998 Welding personnel - Approval testing of welding operators for fusion welding and resistance weld setters for fully mechanized and automatic welding of metallic materials	

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Some typical mistakes causing leaks

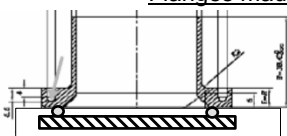
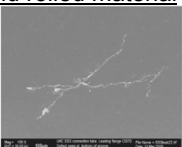
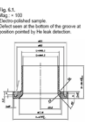



Flexible hose

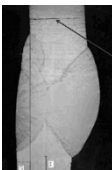

Same weld including braid/ring/bellows → separate weld functions

Flanges made of cold rolled material

Leak through material inclusions → QA of raw materials, or 3-D forged flanges (but expensive!)


Sheet metal work vessel


Leak through material crack → QA of raw materials,

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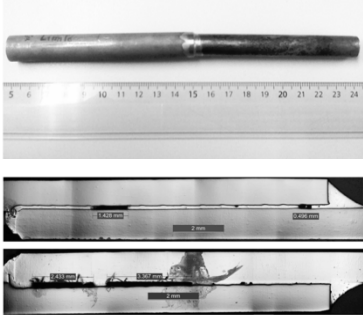


Brazing



- Often the only solution to join different materials (ex: copper to stainless steel; stainless steel to ceramics...)
- Vacuum brazing (no flux required) gives the most reliable joints, but at a cost
- Thorough cleaning after brazing with flux is mandatory. Poor cleaning often results in the development of leaks in stainless steel due to corrosion!
- Useful standards for brazing specification and execution:


Example of flame brazed stainless steel to copper transition for a thermal shield cooling circuit




- EN 13134:2000 Brazing - Procedure approval
- EN 13133:2000 Brazing - Brazer approval
- EN 12797:2000 Brazing - Destructive tests of brazed joints
- EN 12799:2000 Brazing - Non-destructive examination of brazed joints
- EN ISO 18279:2003 Brazing - Imperfections in brazed joints

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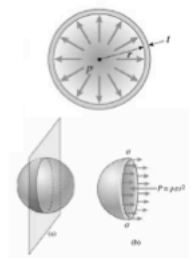


Thin shells under internal pressure



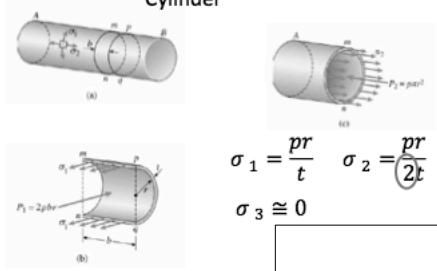
valid for $r \geq 10t$

Sphere



$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \frac{pr}{2t} \quad \sigma_3 \cong 0$

Cylinder



$\sigma_1 = \frac{pr}{t} \quad \sigma_2 = \frac{pr}{2t}$
 $\sigma_3 \cong 0$


Tresca yield criterion: $|\sigma_1 - \sigma_3| \leq \sigma_a$ Where σ_a is the maximum allowable stress

$\frac{pr}{2t} \leq \sigma_a$


$\frac{pr}{t} \leq \sigma_a$

Note why spherical vessels are often used in very high pressure applications!

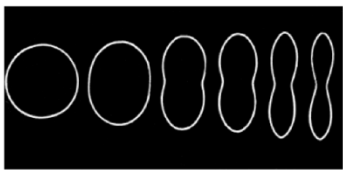
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Radial buckling under external pressure



- Non-linear phenomenon. Actual critical pressure depends on initial imperfections: Safety factor needed!
- Buckling critical pressure for a thin tube of infinite length




- A conservative rule of thumb for stainless steel tubes under vacuum:


$$\frac{t}{r} \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{0.1 \text{MPa} \times 4 \times (1 - 0.3^2)}{200 \times 10^3 \text{MPa}}} = 0.012$$
- If we use a safety factor of 3:

$$\frac{t}{r} \geq 3.7\%$$
- Alternatively, we need to add reinforcements

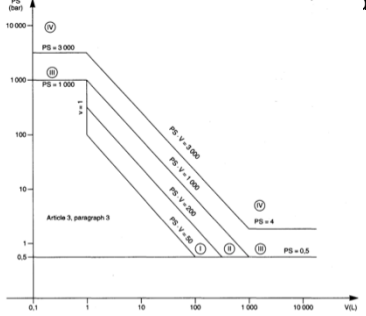
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Pressure vessel codes regulations




- Pressure European Directive 97/23/EC (PED) is obligatory throughout the EU since 2002
 - Applies to **internal pressure ≥ 0.5 bar**
 - Vessels must be designed, fabricated and tested according to the essential requirements of Annex I (Design, safety accessories, materials, manufacturing, testing, etc)
 - Establishes the conformity assessment procedure depending on vessels on the stored energy, expressed as




For vessels with non-dangerous gases (cryogenic liquids are treated as gas)

Category	Conf. assessment module	Comment
SEP	None	The equipment must be designed and manufactured in accordance with sound engineering practice. No CE marking and no involvement of notified body.
I	A	CE marking with no notified body involvement, self-certifying.
II	A1	The notified body will perform unexpected visits and monitor final assessment.
III	B1+F	The notified body is required to approve the design, examine and test the vessel.
IV	G	Even further involvement of the notified body.

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Harmonised codes and standards




- Harmonised standards give presumption of conformity with the PED, within their scope. Useful codes for cryostat design and fabrication:
 - EN 13458-1:2002 Cryogenic vessels - Static vacuum insulated vessels - Part 1: Fundamental requirements
 - EN 13458-2:2002 Cryogenic vessels - Static vacuum insulated vessels - Part 2: Design, fabrication, inspection and testing + EN 13458-2:2002/AC:2006
 - EN 13458-3:2003 Cryogenic vessels - Static vacuum insulated vessels - Part 3: Operational requirements + EN 13458-3:2003/A1:2005
 - EN 13445-1:2009 Unfired pressure vessels - Part 1: General
 - EN 13445-2:2009 Unfired pressure vessels - Part 2: Materials
 - EN 13445-3:2009 Unfired pressure vessels - Part 3: Design
 - EN 13445-4:2009 Unfired pressure vessels - Part 4: Fabrication
 - EN 13445-5:2009 Unfired pressure vessels - Part 5: Inspection and testing
 - EN 13445-8:2009 Unfired pressure vessels - Part 8: Additional requirements for pressure vessels of aluminium and aluminium alloys
- Other codes such as the French CODAP or the American ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code can be used, but proof of conformity is at the charge of the manufacturer.

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Useful material standards for cryostats




Plates and sheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN 10028-1:2007+A1:2009 Flat products made of steels for pressure purposes - Part 1: General requirements • EN 10028-3:2009 Flat products made of steels for pressure purposes - Part 3: Weldable fine grain steels, normalized • EN 10028-7:2007 Flat products made of steels for pressure purposes - Part 7: Stainless steels
Tubes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN 10216-5:2004 Seamless steel tubes for pressure purposes - Technical delivery conditions - Part 5: Stainless steel tubes • EN 10217-7:2005 Welded steel tubes for pressure purposes - Technical delivery conditions - Part 7: Stainless steel tubes
Forged blanks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN 10222-1:1998 Steel forgings for pressure purposes - Part 1: General requirements for open die forgings • EN 10222-5:1999 Steel forgings for pressure purposes - Part 5: Martensitic, austenitic and austenitic-ferritic stainless steels
Castings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN 10213:2007 Steel castings for pressure purposes
Pipe fittings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN 10253-4:2008 Butt-welding pipe fittings - Part 4: Wrought austenitic and austenitic-ferritic (duplex) stainless steels with specific inspection requirement
Bars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN 10272:2007 Stainless steel bars for pressure purposes
Aluminium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN 12392:2000 Aluminium and aluminium alloys - Wrought products - Special requirements for products intended for the production of pressure equipment (choose materials included in the list given in EN 13445-8 section 5.6)

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Design stresses for some materials



- Design stresses for plates less than 12 mm thick applicable to membrane stress (safety factor 1.5 included) according to EN 13445-3
- For stainless steels:

$$f = \frac{R_{p1.0}}{1.5} \qquad f_{test} = \frac{R_{p1.0}}{1.05}$$



Material	R _{p1.0} (MPa)	f (MPa)	f _{test} (MPa)
I.4306 (304L)	240	160	228
I.4435/I.4404 (316L)	260	173	247
I.4406/I.4429 (316LN)	320	213	304
AW 5083-O/H111		83	

- For aluminium-magnesium alloys:

$$f = \min\left(\frac{R_{p0.2}}{1.5}, \frac{R_m}{2.4}\right) \qquad f_{test} = \frac{R_{p0.2}}{1.05}$$

Material	R _{p1.0} /R _m (MPa)	f (MPa)	f _{test} (MPa)
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Best practices

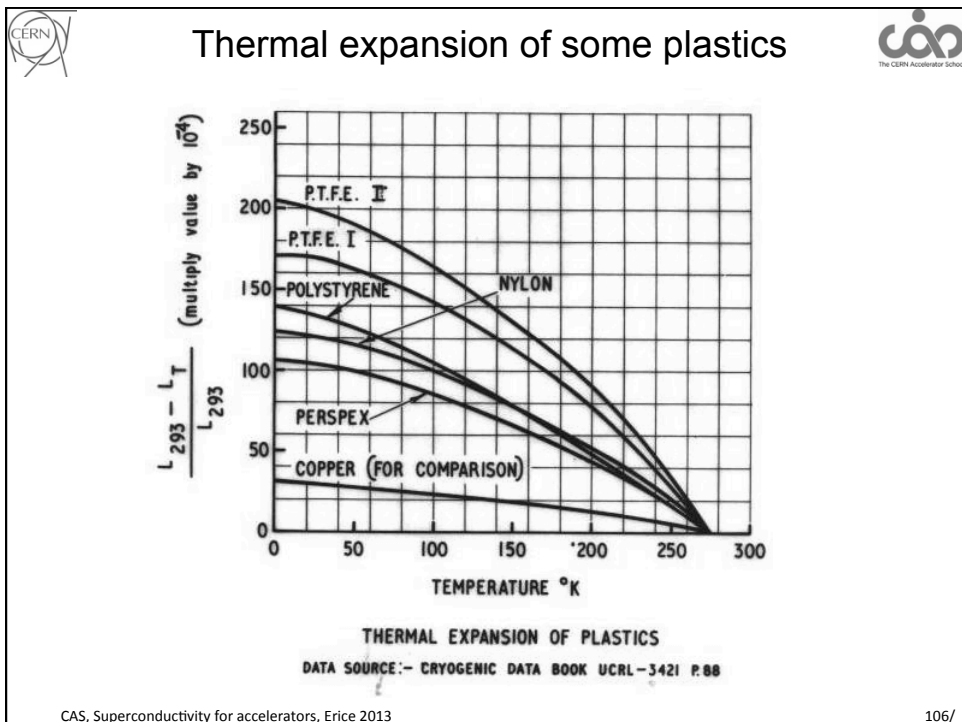
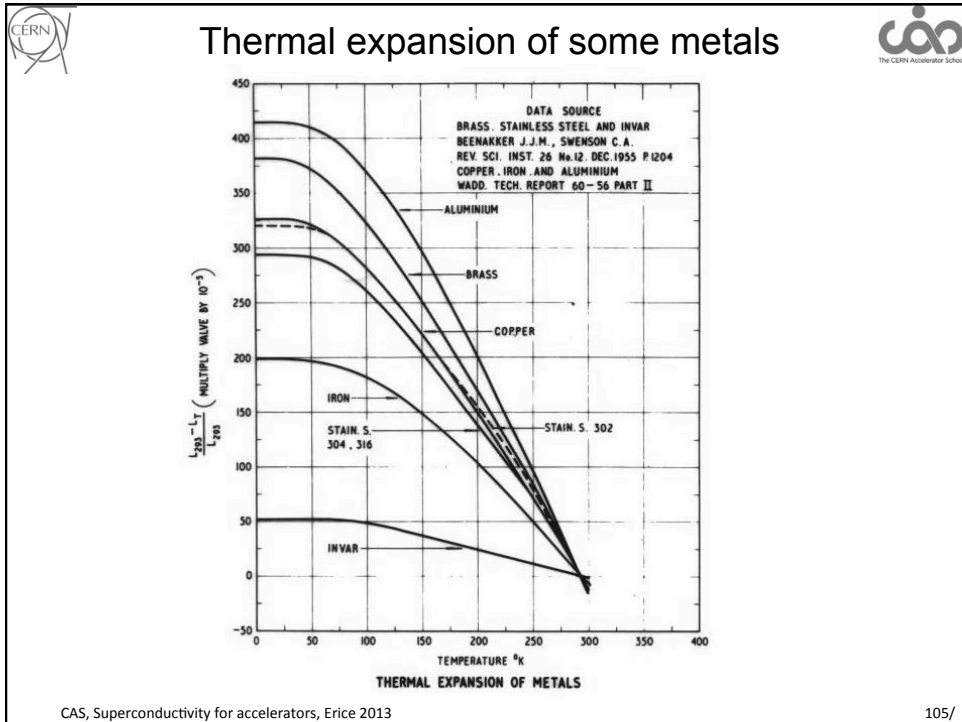
- Using a coherent set of standards throughout the lifecycle of the cryostat is the simplest and safest approach. As an example when using only EN harmonised standards:
 - Error margins of pressure relief devices are taken into account in the design rules
 - The design rules are only applicable if the material has enough ductility
 - Materials certified for pressure vessels have measured minimum fracture toughness
 - Safety factors included in buckling formulae take into account shape imperfections up to the allowable tolerances layed out in the manufacturing section of the standards
 - The extent of welding inspection must be compatible with the joint coefficient used in thickness calculations
 - Coherence of test pressure and testing procedure with the design rules


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Thermo-mechanical considerations

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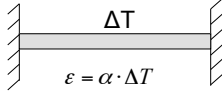




Thermal stress: 3 cases




A) Restrained component



$\varepsilon = \alpha \cdot \Delta T$
 $\sigma = \frac{\alpha \cdot \Delta T}{E}$

α = thermal expansion coefficient [K^{-1}]
 E = Young modulus

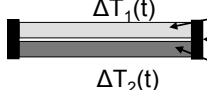
B) Assembly of different materials



Material 1: α_1, E_1, A_1
 Material 2: α_2, E_2, A_2


$\varepsilon_1 = \frac{E_2 A_2}{E_1 A_1 + E_2 A_2} (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) \cdot \Delta T$
 $\varepsilon_2 = \frac{E_1 A_1}{E_1 A_1 + E_2 A_2} (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) \cdot \Delta T$
 $\sigma_1 = E_1 \varepsilon_1 = \frac{E_1 E_2 A_2}{E_1 A_1 + E_2 A_2} (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) \cdot \Delta T$
 $\sigma_2 = E_2 \varepsilon_2 = \frac{E_1 E_2 A_1}{E_1 A_1 + E_2 A_2} (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) \cdot \Delta T$

**C) Different cooling $\Delta T_1(t) \neq \Delta T_2(t)$
(different material diffusivity or different cooling)**




Material 1: α_1, E_1, A_1
 Material 2: α_2, E_2, A_2


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Supporting systems



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Supporting system






- Mechanical housing of cryogenic devices (supporting systems):
 - Supporting of (sometimes heavy) devices
 - Accurate & reproducible positioning (almost always)
 - Precise alignment capabilities (SC devices in accelerators)
- Many solutions available:
 - Tie rods
 - Suspended posts
 - Compression posts
 - ...other
- Each having specific advantages/drawbacks depending on:
 - Cold mass weight and cryostat assembly methods
 - Vacuum vessel external supporting (supported? Suspended?)
 - Adjustment of cold mass inside vacuum vessel
 - ...
- For the LHC, the compression posts were preferred because of :
 - Heavy cold masses (~30 tons!) → supported on jacks on tunnel floor
 - Cryostat assembly based on sliding (or rolling through) of cold mass standing on supports
 - No need for adjustment, magnets individually fiducialised and machine aligned w.r.t. external cryostat-mounted fiducials

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LHC dipole cryostat assembly





Pulling through sliding on vacuum vessel

Assembly bench

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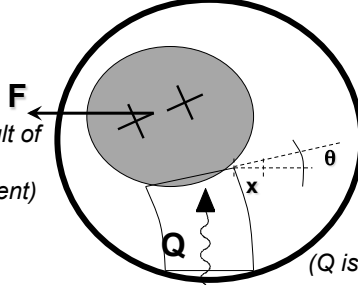


LHC Supporting system



The design is a trade-off between 2 conflicting requirements:

- High flexural stiffness (for mechanical stability) → thick and bulky structure
- Low heat in-leaks → thin and slender structure and low conductivity material



(F is mainly the result of interconnect forces and gravity component)


(The acceptable x and θ are alignment requirements)

(Q is to be within budget)


→ Flexural stiffness/conductivity is an interesting figure of merit in the choice of the material

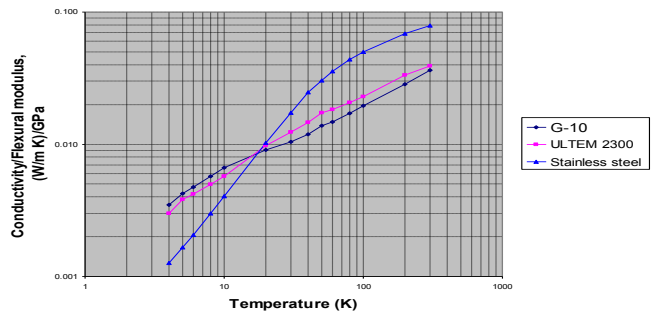
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Choice of the material (a few examples)





- St. steel → interesting below 20K
- G10 and Ultem 2300 → preferable at 20K < T < 300K
- Other interesting material: Carbon-fiber Epoxy → also interesting below 20 K (not shown in diagram)

For LHC, a Glass-fiber Epoxy Composite (GFRE) was chosen:

- Good conductivity/flexural stiffness
- Widely available on the market → cost effective for large production (5000 units!) ...but a specific thermal conductivity validation campaign was needed.

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Supporting system


No. of supports, spacing and positions:

- 2 support posts whenever possible:
 - Isostatic: well known forces on cold mass/supports/vacuum vessel, not conditioned by handling
 - Optimise spacing to minimize vertical sag
- Add 3rd support post if necessary for long cold masses:
 - Limit vertical sag to acceptable values (cold mass straightness)
 - Hyper-static: precautions when handling, use of specific girders
- Position of support posts on vacuum vessel:
 - Always above the external jacks → direct load transfer from cold mass to ground, hence the vacuum vessel is unstressed (only vacuum loads).


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The LHC vacuum vessel, a 3 supports solution

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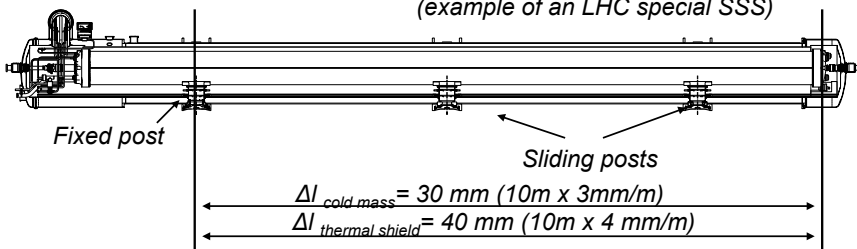


Longitudinal thermal contractions




- Cold mass, thermal shield, support posts and vacuum vessel must be free with each other to cope with longitudinal thermal contractions
- One fixed point per each component
- Leave plays to cope with all extreme T cases (ex. Cold mass cold, thermal shield warm)
- Guided sliding of cold mass onto vacuum vessel
- Flexible thermalisations anchors

(example of an LHC special SSS)




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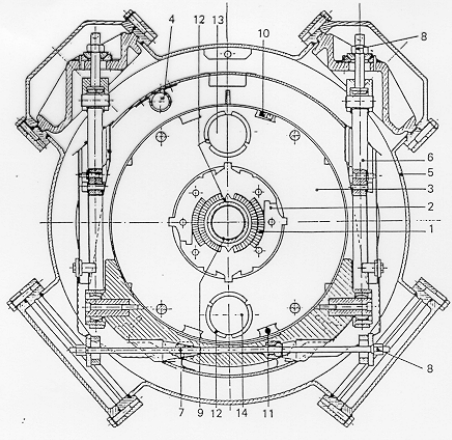
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Other solutions



HERA Dipole



HERA Dipole Cross Section

(1) Two layer coil	(8) Adjustment
(2) Laminated aluminum collars	(9) Beam tube with correction Coils
(3) Laminated yoke	(10) Forward and return bus
(4) Shield cooling tube	(11) Correction coil bus
(5) Vacuum container	(12) One-phase helium
(6) Glass fiber tape	(13) Two-phase helium
(7) Glass fiber rod	(14) Aluminum filler

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Other solutions

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RHIC Dipole

Vacuum Tank
Heat Shield
Cold Mass
Cryostat
Cradle Assembly
Leg
Survey Target Socket
Laminated Shim
Support Post
Vacuum Cover

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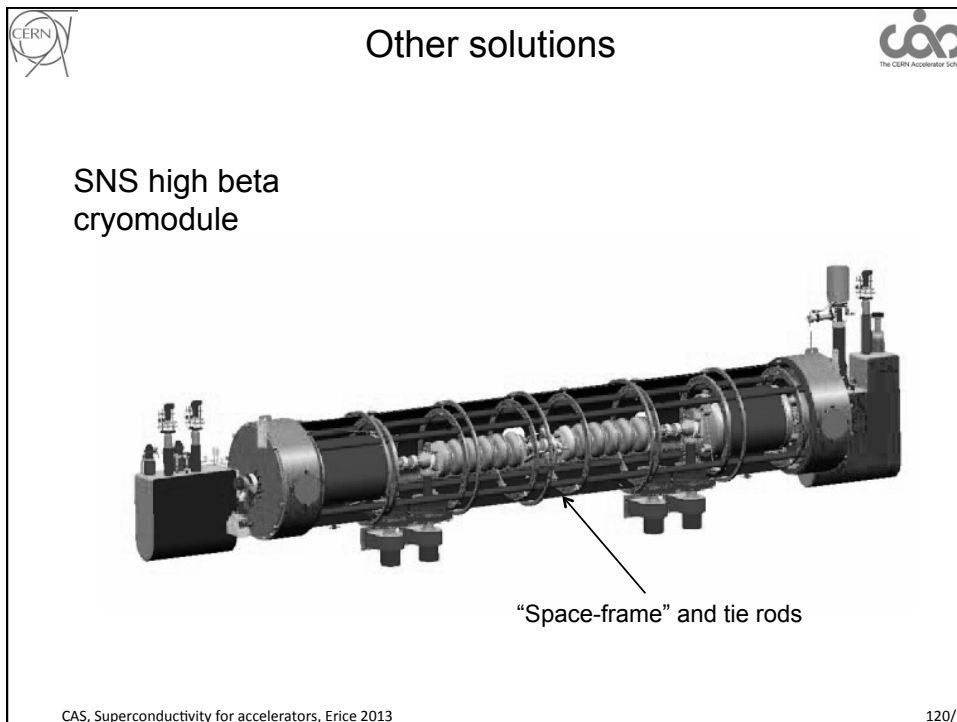
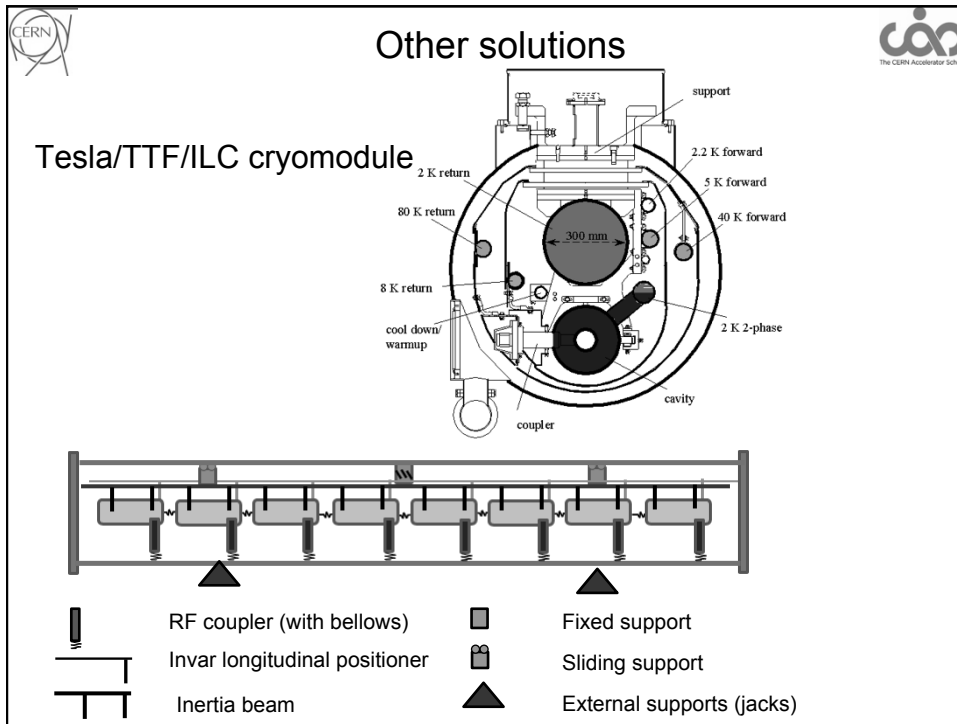
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VACUUM VESSEL
SUPPORT RING
SUPERINSULATION
SUSPENSION ROD
VAPOUR-COOLED SCREEN
WARM BORE
COLD BORE
COIL ASSEMBLY
STIFFENING QUADRANT
SHRINKING RING
HELIUM VESSEL

scale: 100 mm

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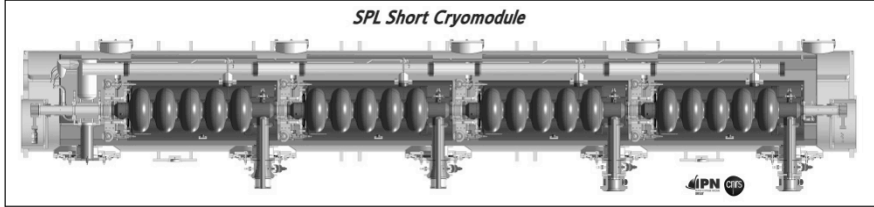


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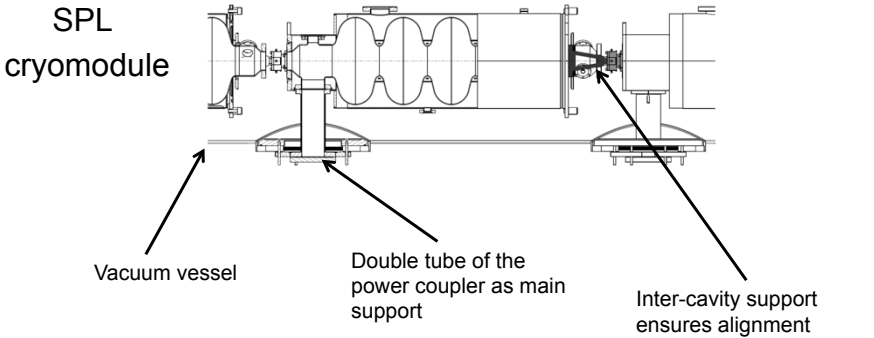
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SPL Short Cryomodule



SPL cryomodule



Vacuum vessel

Double tube of the power coupler as main support

Inter-cavity support ensures alignment

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Pressure relief protection systems


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Pressure relief protection systems



- Cryostats include large cold surfaces, inventory of cryogenic fluids, sometimes large stored energy quantities (e.g. energized magnets)
 - a potentially unstable energy storage which will tend to find a more stable state of equilibrium
 - Through a thermodynamic transformation which can be sudden and uncontrolled with a dangerous increase of pressure
- Protect personnel (burns, ODH) and equipment (direct and collateral damage)
- Risk hazards:
 - Sources of pressure:
 - Compressors connected to cryo lines
 - Connection to higher pressure source (e.g. HP bottles)
 - Heating of “trapped” volumes (typically in a circuit between valves) during warm-ups
 - Helium leak to insulation vacuum, with consequent increased conduct/convection heat loads to cryogenic liquid vessels
 - Cryo-condensed air leaks on cold surfaces and consequent pressure increase and increased conduct/convection heat loads during warm-ups
 - Heating/vaporization of cryogens from sudden release of stored energy in SC device (e.g. quench or arcing in a SC magnet circuit)


Often the most critical

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- Uncontrolled air/nitrogen venting of insulation vacuum with sudden condensation on cold surfaces
- Uncontrolled release of cryogenic fluid to higher T surfaces (thermal shield and vacuum vessel), and consequent pressure increase and increased of conduct/convection heat loads to cold surfaces

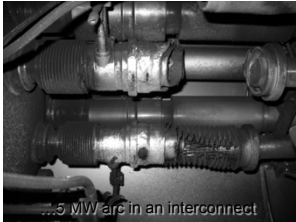
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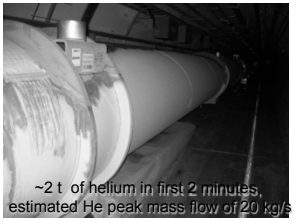


A typical example...LHC 19th sept.2008

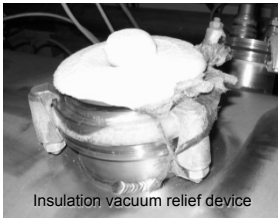




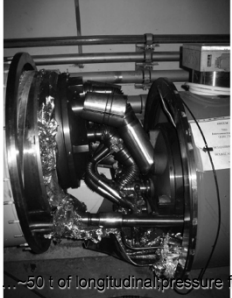
...5 MW arc in an interconnect



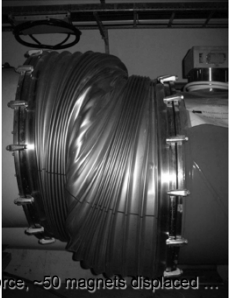
~2 t of helium in first 2 minutes, estimated He peak mass flow of 20 kg/s




Insulation vacuum relief device




...~50 t of longitudinal pressure force, ~50 magnets displaced ...






...uprooting of jacks




General approach




- Make a thorough risk analysis and evaluate risk hazards
- Identify mitigation measures (e.g. protections of exposed bellows and flanged connections)
- Identify severity of consequences and appreciate probability of the event
- Define the maximum credible incident(s) and design the safety relief system accordingly
- The safety relief system must be designed to keep pressure rise within the limits of the Maximum Allowable Working Pressure (MAWP)
- Estimate the heat exchange and its conversion to mass flow rates to be discharged
- Check the sizing of piping (generally designed for normal operation) to the relief device and increase if necessary
- Choose the type of safety device (burst disks, valves, plates) and size the safety device (DN and set pressure). Make use of safety device manufacturers formulas and charts
- Size recovery piping downstream of safety device and check venting needs in the buildings where the release occurs (ODH issue)

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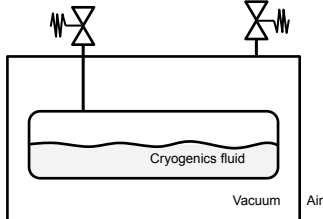
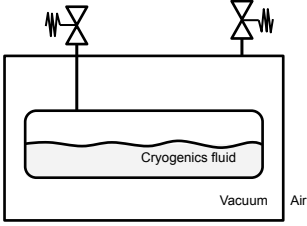


Pressure Safety Relief Devices



- **Vacuum vessel**
 - Typical PS (maximum allowable pressure) < 1.5 bara (<0.5 bar relative to atm.)
 - Safety device should keep $p_{max} < 1.5 \text{ bara}$
 - Define DN of valve and set pressure


- **Cryogenic fluid vessel**
 - Typical PS depends on the device (~few bara for SC cavities, up to ~20 bara for magnets)
 - Safety device should keep $p_{max} < PS$
 - Define DN of valve and set pressure


According to European directive 97/23/EC and EN 13648 "Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure"

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Cryogenic fluid vessel



- The cryogenic fluid volume must be protected against over-pressure consecutive to unexpected heat transfers

Hazard: breach in insulation vacuum:

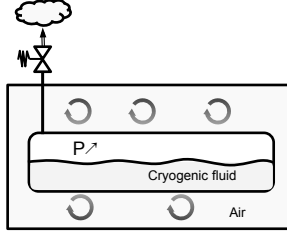
- Uncontrolled air/nitrogen venting of insulation vacuum with sudden condensation on cold surfaces

Heat flux:

- From 3 experimental sources internationally recognised:
 - W. Lehman and G. Zahn, "Safety Aspects for LHe Cryostats and LHe Transport Containers," ICEC7, London, 1978
 - G. Cavallari, et. al., "Pressure Protection against Vacuum Failures on the Cryostats for LEP SC Cavities," 4th Workshop on RF Superconductivity, Tsukuba, Japan, 14-18 August, 1989
 - M. Wiseman, et. al., "Loss of Cavity Vacuum Experiment at CEBAF," *Advances in Cryogenic Engineering*, Vol. 39, 1994, pg. 997.


Experimental values:

- 0.6 W/cm² for a superinsulated tank of a bath cryostat
- Up to 4 W/cm² for a bare surface tank of a bath cryostat




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Cryogenic fluid vessel (cont.d)



- The safety device is designed to relieve a mass flow equivalent to the highest heat load
- Calculate the mass flow, Q_m to be released by the safety device (EN13468-3.4)

2 cases:

- Below critical pressure ($p < 2.23$ bar for helium):
 - Bi-phase with liquid boil-off → take L_v (latent heat)
- Above critical pressure (often the case):
 - Supercritical fluid expelled → use a "pseudo latent heat" L'


$$L' = v \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial v} \right]_{P_0} \text{ where } \frac{\sqrt{v}}{v \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial v} \right]_{P_0}} \text{ is maximum}$$

P_0	[bara]	$P_0 < 40\% P_c$	$40\% P_c < P_0 < P_c$	$P_0 > P_c$
Q_m	[kg/s]	$Q_m = \frac{W}{L}$	$Q_m = \left(\frac{v_g - v_l}{v_g} \right) \frac{W}{L}$	$Q_m = \frac{W}{L'}$


- P_0 : relieving pressure [bara]
- P_c : critical pressure [bara] (2.23 for He)
- Q_m : mass flow in [kg.s⁻¹]
- W : heat load [W]
- L : latent heat in relieving conditions [J.kg⁻¹] (20.10³ at 1 bar for He)
- v_g/v_l : specific volume of saturated gas/liquid at P_0 [m³.kg⁻¹]
- L' : specific heat input, see EN13468-3.4
- h : enthalpy of the fluid [J/kg]
- v : specific volume [m³.kg⁻¹]

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Cryogenic fluid vessel (cont.d)



- The minimum required flow area is calculated with conservative assumptions on fluid properties
- For compressible fluids, the mass flow through a restriction depends on the downstream pressure until a fixed P_b/P_0 ratio (0.49 for helium)

$$\frac{P_b}{P_0} ? \left(\frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{k/(k-1)}$$

≤ Critical flow

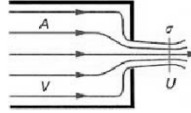
≥ Subcritical flow

$K_d = 1$


$$K_d = \frac{\frac{2k}{k-1} \left[\left(\frac{P_b}{P_0} \right)^{2/k} - \left(\frac{P_b}{P_0} \right)^{(k+1)/k} \right]}{k \left(\frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{(k+1)/(k-1)}}$$

$$A \geq 3.469 \frac{Q_m}{K_d \cdot C \cdot \alpha \cdot \sqrt{P_0 \cdot \rho}}$$


- P_0 : relieving pressure [bara]
- P_b : back pressure [bara]
- Q_m : mass flow in [kg.h⁻¹]
- A : required minimum cross-sectional flow area [mm²]
- k : isentropic exponent [-] (1.67 for He)
- ρ : density at upstream conditions [kg. m⁻³]
- α : discharge coefficient, depends on geometry.
- $C = 3.948 \sqrt{k \left(\frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{(k+1)/(k-1)}}$ (2.87 for He)



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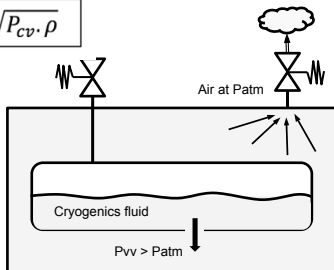
Vacuum vessel




- The vacuum vessel safety device is designed to relieve a mass flow equal to the highest incoming flow at warmer temperature while keeping the vessel pressure within the PS
- Identify the worst case scenario (highest mass flow and coldest fluid)
- Often the worst case corresponds to a rupture of a cryogenic circuit:
 - The cryogenic fluid flows into the vacuum vessel → the fluid vaporizes/expands in contact with the warm walls → the internal pressure increases until the safety device set pressure → the device opens and the fluid is relieved to atmosphere
- Calculate the mass flow from the reservoir to the vacuum vessel
 - Estimate the area of the breach in the cryogenic circuit
 - Calculate the mass flow through an orifice

$$Q_{m1} = 0.2883 A \cdot K_d \cdot C \cdot \alpha \cdot \sqrt{P_{cv} \cdot \rho}$$


- P_{cv} : relieving pressure of cryogenic vessel safety device [bara]
- Q_m : mass flow in [kg.h⁻¹]
- A : orifice in the cryogenic circuit [mm²]
- ρ : density at upstream conditions [kg. m⁻³]
- α : discharge coefficient, depends on geometry. (0.73 for a hole)
- $C = 3.948 \sqrt{k \left(\frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{(k+1)/(k-1)}}$ (2.87 for He)
- k : isentropic exponent [-] (1.67 for He)
- $K_d=1$ ($P_b \ll P_0$: critical flow)



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Vacuum vessel (cont.d)



- Calculate the minimum required flow area, A for the safety device
 - Mass flow through the safety device = mass flow to the vacuum vessel
 - $Q_{m1} = Q_{m2}$
 - $A >$ than the orifice area as P_b/P_0 is lower and the gas is warmer.
 - The flow area is highly dependent on the relief temperature, usually difficult to estimate
 - First case $T_{\text{relief}} = 300\text{K}$
 - If the device is too big, investigations are needed to estimate T_{relief}

- P_s : relieving pressure [bara]
- P_b : back pressure [bara] (often atmospheric)
- Q_{m2} : mass flow in $[\text{kg}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}]$
- A : required minimum cross-sectional flow area $[\text{mm}^2]$
- k : isentropic exponent [-] (1.67 for He)
- ρ : density at upstream conditions $[\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}]$
- α : discharge coefficient, depends on geometry.
- $C = 3.948 \sqrt{k \left(\frac{2}{k+1}\right)^{(k+1)/(k-1)}}$ (2.87 for He)

$$\frac{P_b}{P_0} ? \left(\frac{2}{k+1}\right)^{k/(k-1)}$$


\leq
 Critical flow
 $K_d = 1$

\geq
 Subcritical flow
 $K_d = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{2k}{k-1} \left(\frac{P_b}{P_0}\right)^{2/k} - \left(\frac{P_b}{P_0}\right)^{(k+1)/k}}{k \left(\frac{2}{k+1}\right)^{(k+1)/(k-1)}}$


$$A \geq 3.469 \frac{Q_{m1}}{K_d \cdot C \cdot \alpha \cdot \sqrt{P_s \cdot \rho}}$$


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Examples of safety devices

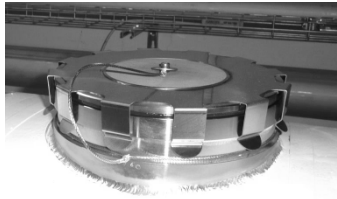




Safety valves



Burst disks





LHC pressure release plates (DN200)

Some suppliers:
Herose, Rembe, Ramseyer, Leser...

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Summary

- Since Dewar's invention, cryostats have evolved from simple containers for cryogenes to sophisticated mechanical assemblies for SC accelerator devices for fundamental science as well as for industrial applications (e.g. NMR machines)
- Though the understanding of the heat transfer phenomena involved in a cryostat have considerably progressed since the time of Dewar, the main outstanding innovation was the introduction of MLI, in the 50^{ties}...
- ...But the *enabling technologies*, have greatly evolved from "simple" "glass-blowing" to covering a wide range of disciplines, enhancing performance of modern cryostats:
 - Low thermal conductivity composite materials
 - Stainless steel (and low-carbon steel) sheet-metal work compatible with vacuum requirements
 - Vacuum and cryogenics technology
 - Leak-tight welding techniques
 - Leak detection with helium mass spectrometry
 - ...
- The cryostat design engineer is confronted with a multidisciplinary environment in which he needs to master "a little of everything"
- ...not to forget the industrialisation aspects when he is asked to produce cryostats in large series



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Thank you for your attention!

Questions ?



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