SRF Developments at the HIE ISOLDE Accelerating Structures Working Group

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HIE-ISOLDE ASWG: facts and figures

- Design, technological choices and production
 - HIE ISOLDE Accelerating Cavities
 - Fundamental Coupler
 - Tuning System
- Multidisciplinary team: material science, RF and mechanical engineering, and more.
- CATHI fellows first actors
- Regular (now weekly) meetings
- Minutes and slides on EDMS



The HIE ISOLDE Cryomodues

Common vacuum concept - Actively cooled thermal shield-Superconducting active elements: RF cavities and solenoid



Why quarter wave resonators

At low particle velocities, effective acceleration depends on transit time

$$\Delta W_p = q E_a LT(\beta) \cos \varphi$$



- Low frequency improves the TTF
- Multi (two) gap structure \rightarrow TTF curve with a maximum (optimum beta)
- Quarter wave resonators have broader TTF(β) curves (larger energy acceptance); relatively favourable field ratios for a low beta structure, and high frequency of the lowest mechanical mode
- Low frequency \rightarrow low BCS surface resistance \rightarrow 4.2 K operation

High beta QWR design (electromagnetic)



HIE ISOLDE	Baseline ⁺	New*
<i>f</i> ₀ at 4.5 K [MHz]	101.28	101.28
β _{opt} [%]	10.86	10.88
TTF at β _{opt}	0.9	0.9
R/Q [Ω] (incl. TTF)	554	556
E _p /E _{acc}	5.5	5.0
H _p /E _{acc} [G/(MV/m)]	95.4	95.3
U/E_{acc}^{2} [mJ/(MV/m) ²]	208	207
G=R _s Q [Ω]	30.7	30.8
P _{diss} @ 6 MV/m [W]	10	10
P _{diss} on bottom plate [W]	0.0035	0.0018

⁺Original tuning plate ^{*}Simplified tuning plate

Ref. Proceedings of SRF2009, p. 609

Choice of cavity technology

Superconducting option

- High Q (low power dissipation)
- Cryogenics
- High CW fields (30 MV/m peak)
- Possible field emission, X rays

Niobium sputtering on copper

- Thermal stability
- Mechanical stability → less sensitive to He pressure fluctuations and to mechanical vibrations → Low RF power
- Less sensitive to magnetic fields → no need of shielding the cryostat
- Potentially cheaper (especially for large series)
- Possible to recycle substrates



Liquid Helium space

The ALPI experience: over 50 Nb/Cu QWR made at INFN -LNL installed between 1999 and 2003





Fig. 6. Detail of resonator geometry: a) old model with curvature radius of 10 mm; b) modifyed model with curvature radius of 20 mm; c) definitive model with curvature radius of 30 mm.



Evolution of resonator geometry (from V. Palmieri, V. L. Ruzinov, S. Stark, et al; Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on RF superconductivity, 1993)

High beta QWR design (mechanical)

Version 1

Version 2







Bias diode sputtering system

Schematics



System assembly in ISO 5 clean room



Power dissipation, surface resistance

$$P_c = \frac{1}{2} R_s \int H^2 ds \qquad Q_0 = \frac{\omega U}{P_c} = \frac{\Gamma}{R_s}$$

$$R_{s} = (RB_{CS} + Rr_{es}) \quad R_{BCS} = \frac{A\omega^{2}}{T} \exp(-\frac{\Delta}{k_{B}T})$$

HIE ISOLDE low beta cavity: R_{BCS} at 4.2 K and 101.28 MHz < 10% of total R_s

 R_{res} is related to the "real" surface: defects, oxides, etc.

Thin film growth: structure zone models



A. Anders, Thin Solid Films, Volume 518, Issue 15, 31 May 2010, Pages 4087–4090

Roadmap of developments (2011-2013)

Strong development program focused on bias diode sputtering method. Main steps:

- Increasing baking and coating temperatures
- Increasing sputtering power (global deposition rate)
- Coating in steps
- Sputtering gas, venting gas
- Global film thickness
- Local film thickness

Increasing coating temperature, $T_{(bake out)} < T_{(coating)} \rightarrow 600 \ ^{\circ}C$



 $E_{acc}(MV/m)$

$T_{(bake out)} > T_{(coating)}$, higher sputtering power (layers), change of gases: Kr, dry air \rightarrow Ar, N₂



Increasing global Nb thickness by 25%



Reduced "top gap" length from 52 mm down to 32 mm



Same parameters on a 20 mm shorter substrate



Scaling the "top-gap" length



Top gap distance reduced to 22 mm



Average RRR extracted from f_{res}(T) measurements

 $\lambda_0 = 51 \pm 3 \text{ nm}$ $T_c = 9.55817 \pm 4e - 5 \text{ K}$ Freq=101219201 $\pm 3.5 \text{ Hz}$ mfp = 64 $\pm 14 \text{ nm}$ $\varrho = (0.6 \pm 0.1) \mu \Omega^* \text{cm}$ RRR = 26 ± 5.5



Coating test	λ_0 (nm)	RRR
Q2_3 April 2011	188	1.9
Q1_5 June 2011	83	6.8
Q1_10 Feb. 2012	62.3	13.5
Q2_8 April 2013	50.7	26.4
Q3_4 March 2013	45.7	41.8

Surface quality of the inner conductor tip \rightarrow field emission



Central electrode: 20 mm diameter, at earth potential

No counter electrode

Q switches



Investigating thickness/adhesion by step-stripping

Q1_11: Pictures after 15' stripping + 100bar rinsing Cavity top (---- = welding ring)



information on thickness profile from beta-scope and sample measurements

Confirmed and

integrated the

Pictures after 15' +15' stripping + 100bar rinsing



Cooling circuits: series vs. parallel

Phase I Test cryostat Phase II Test cryostat

Series:

- 1. The He tank is cooled down
- 2. The cold gas is extracted and used to thermalize the RF cable
- 3. The gas is then directed to the thermal screen



Parallel:

- 1. The He tank is cooled down
- The cold gas is directed to thermalize the RF cable and extracted
- 3. An independent line feeds the thermal screen

Coupling system evolution



















Tuning system evolution (plates and actuators)















Tuning plate is fixed with 72 M6 screws closed at 5 Nm and acting on Ti rings



Pondering on the RF contact at cold...





CALCUL DU RELACHEMENT À FROID

Les pertes de deformation (en compression) sont equivalentes aux pertes de serrage

Car la déformation par compression élastique des composants en série (~60um) soumis à la charge des vis est toujours plus importante que la contraction thermique (1-5um), le contact est toujours assuré, soit avec la bague en inox, soit avec la bague en titane.

Avec: -1 bague en titane (t=3mm), la pression de contact reste pratiquement la même (98%);

-2 bagues en titane (t=6mm), la pression de contact augmente de 4%;

-1 bague en inox (t=3mm), la pression de contact reste à 92% de la valeur initial;

-2 bagues en inox (t=6mm), la pression de contact reste aussi à env. 92%;

Remaining issue in 2014 Cavity Tuning

Available tuning range: 40 kHz Statistics of warm to cold shift was known Strategy to cut the cavity at reception Something went wrong...

The first cavities had a higher-than-expected $\Delta f!$ Investigations to find the reason took several months (more in Pei's talk)

Cavity tuning, mystery solved



Peel off of RF contact: the problem



Peel off of RF contact: the problem



Peel off of RF contact: the solution





Cavity production workflow



Documentation structure



Series substrates "teething" problems





Not visible anymore after SUBU

1mm

Defect appeared close to the weld after SUBU

Performance of the first 4 series cavities



RF systems (Power and LLRF)

- Low microphonics; sensitivity to He pressure
 ~ 0.01 Hz/mbar, no beam loading → high Q_L in operation
- \rightarrow Eased design for the input coupler
- \rightarrow 700 W solid state RF amplifiers
- State of the art digital LLRF system
 - Direct RF sampling
 - Digital quadrature demodulation
 - Direct RF generation by DAC
 - VME form factor, 1 LLRF controller card per cavity
- LLRF system installed in 14 shielded racks
- Reference RF phase distributed over the length of linac to allow automatic cavity phasing for different species

LLRF controller for one cavity



LLRF system for a complete cryomodule (6 cavities)



Low-Level RF system

Example of a cavity start up with self excited loop

Cavity start-up with SEL. BW ~0.1 Hz 100 Antenna magnitude % of nominal voltage) 2) Inject 80 1) Start at low power, nominal measure cavity 60 Antenna power parameters (BW) 10*Forward 40 20 о L 15 25 30 20 35 40 45 Time (sec) 50 Cavity resonant frequency wrt. reference (Hz) 0 -50 Lorentz force detuning 3) Mechanical tuner action -100 -150 25 30 35 15 20 40 45 Time (sec)

Conclusion

The HIE-ISOLDE working group on accelerating structures was the crucible of all the developments which made possible to achieve the specified performance of the HIE ISOLDE superconducting cavities.

The CATHI fellows played a key role: thank you!

Much work and unknowns are still in front of us towards the final goal of delivery the first beams from HIE-ISOLDE to the experiments, but all the ingredients are now in our hands thanks to the work of these years

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