High Power Accelerator Modules: latest developments worldwide and perspectives for ion accelerators for stable beams

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Why High Power Accelerators ?

Secondary beams produced by a high energy proton beam in a target : 5 applications in fundamental and applied research





ATLAS (ANL, USA)



ANL : ATLAS UPGRADE (1)

Project objectives: Replace the 3 existing 97 MHz split-rings by a new cryomodule to increase beam transport efficiency (\nearrow acceptance & \checkmark emittance growth) **Cavity type:** Quarter-wave resonators, f=72 MHz, β =0.077 **Goal:** Voltage = 2.5 MV (Eacc ~ 7.5 MV/m with Leff = $\beta\lambda$)



Parameter	Value	Units			
Frequency	72.750	MHz			
Peak Beta	0.077				
QRs	26.4	Ohm			
R/Q	576	Ohm			
βλ	31.75	cm			
Design Voltage	2.5	MV			
$\Delta \mathbf{f} / \Delta \mathbf{E}^2_{acc}$	-1.9	Hz/(MV/m) ²			
$\Delta \mathbf{f} / \Delta \mathbf{P}$	-2.6	Hz/Torr			
Tuning Sensitivity	~8	kHz/mm			
At Eacc= 1 MV/m					
Stored Energy	0.375	Joule			
E _{peak}	5.16	MV/m			
B _{peak}	76.2	Oe			

EM design: a conical-shape outer housing reducing by 20 % the ratio Bpk/Eacc





Cavity preparation:

- 150 µm removed by EP (12 hours total EP time) on the new ANL EP system
- HPR and assembly in a class 100 clean room

RF test of the first prototype:



Final EB @ Sciaky





Cryomodule design: 17.5 MV in 5.2 m Clean cavity string (separate vacuum)



ANL: ATLAS UPGRADE (3)

Cold Tuning System Cavity wall deformation by piezo



2 Noliac piezo stacks : 10x10x40 mm Preload: by compressing 14 Belleville washers

To know more: THIOB04 by M.P. Kelly





HIE ISOLDE (CERN)



CERN : HIE ISOLDE (1)

Project objectives: post-accelerate the RIB beam coming from REX-ISOLDE up to 10 MeV/u (intermediate phase at 5.5 MeV/u).

Cavity type: Quarter-wave resonators, Nb/Cu, f=101.28 MHz

- SC-linac between 1.2 and 10 MeV/u
- 32 SC QWR (20 cavities @ β =0.1 and 12 cavities @ β =0.06)

Performances goal: Eacc = 6 MV/m and 7 W max of dissipated power

Objectives based on past experience at INFN-Legnaro on sputtered cavities developed for ALPI









CERN : HIE ISOLDE (2)

Cavity substrate: OFE copper, 10 mm thick, cold worked; deep drawing and EB welding at CERN. A new design and fabrication process is under study.

- Specially studied beam aperture shapes (racetrack) to minimize the beam steering effect of QWR.
- Op. T 4.2 K, LHe only on the cavity top and in the stem.



Table 1: Cavity design parameters						
Cavity	Low β	high eta				
No. of Cells	2	2				
f (MHz)	101.28	101.28				
eta_0 (%)	6.3	10.3				
Design gradient $E_{acc}(MV/m)$	6	6				
Active length (mm)	195	300				
Inner conductor diameter (mm)	50	90				
Mechanical length (mm)	215	320				
Gap length (mm)	50	85				
Beam aperture diameter (mm)	20	20				
$U/E_{\rm acc}^2 ({\rm mJ/(MV/m)^2}$	73	207				
$E_{\rm pk}/E_{\rm acc}$	5.4	5.6				
$\hat{H_{pk}}/E_{acc}$ (Oe/MV/m)	80	100.7				
$R_{\rm sh}^{\prime}/Q(\Omega)$	564	548				
$\Gamma = R_{\mathbf{S}} \cdot Q_0 \left(\Omega \right)$	23	30.6				
Q_0 for 6MV/m at 7W	$3.2\cdot 10^8$	$5\cdot 10^8$				
TTF max	0.85	0.9				
No. of cavities	12	20				



New mechanical design, for a 3D fabrication from a billet



CERN : HIE ISOLDE (3)

Sputtering: 2 techniques are studied: bias diode and magnetron sputtering





Bias Diode Sputtering

Magnetron Sputtering





Courtesy M. Pasini



Ongoing RF test on cavity prototype: an accelerating field of 3 MV/m reached, with an important slope on the Q₀. Most recent results showed improvement on Eacc & Qo. Optimization of deposition parameters are undergoing (first

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CERN : HIE ISOLDE (4)

Cryomodule: common cavity/cryomodule vacuum, superconducting solenoid





ISAAC-II (Triumf, Canada)

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Project objectives: Upgrade of ISAC II (Phase 2)

Cavity type: 20 more quarter-wave resonators, beta 0.11 @ 141 MHz. Specifications: P<7 W/cavity and voltage = 1.08 MV. All cavities fabricated by local company PAVAC.

Performances:

Individual cavity testing: Almost all cavities above specs. (average Epk=32 MV/m)





 All cryomodules are installed since March 2010 and have accelerated beam with Epk=26 MV/m in average. Some studies are ongoing to increase cavity performances.*

 Common vacuum between cryomodule vacuum (thermal insulation) and beam vacuum => simplfied cryomodule design but issues with cleanliness... (conditionning)



SPIRAL-2 (GANIL,France)

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GANIL, CEA, IPNO : SPIRAL-2 (1)

Project objectives: construction of a 40 MeV deuterons accelerator (which can also accelerate q/A = 1/3 and 1/6) as a driver for RIB production

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	n	Valve-to-valve length [mm]	610	1360
		# cavities	12	14
		f [MHz]	88.05	88.05
		$\beta_{\sf opt}$	0.07	0.12
		Epk/Eacc	5.36	4.76
lattice 1940 mm		Bpk/Eacc [mT/MV/m]	8.70	9.35
		r/Q [Ω]	599	515
		Vacc @ 6.5 MV/m & β_{opt}	1.55	2.66
Cryomodule A Cryomodule B Power coup	oler	Lacc [m]	0.24	0.41
CEA Saclay IPN Orsay LPSC Greno	ble	Beam tube \varnothing [mm]	38	44



GANIL, CEA, IPNO : SPIRAL-2 (2)

Low beta cavities ("A" type): developped by CEA Saclay: QWR with dismountable copper bottom flange





12 over 13 cavities received – 1 under repair

Courtesy P. Bosland



GANIL, CEA, IPNO : SPIRAL-2 (3)

High beta cavities ("B" type): developed by IPN Orsay: QWR with welded Nb bottom flange, Titanium He tank (4 mm), SS cavity flanges.



Total produced: R&D phase: 1 prototype +2 pre-series Series production: 16 (made by Research Instruments)



GANIL, CEA, IPNO : SPIRAL-2 (4)

Performance Goal : 6.5 MV/m and 10 W max.

- Preparation: standard BCP, HPR @ 100 bar, class 10 clean room assembly
- All cavities exhibits multipacting. MP Barriers above 1 MV/m are easily processed. FE level and onset is variable, but when present, it is always processed in VT.
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High beta cavities : baking effect

Courtesy G. Olry

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- After 72h drying -> 48 h baking @ 120°C
- "Forced" air flow inside the helium vessel + heater on the cavity bottom
- Cavity wrapped in a foil blanket

Covity	Losses @ 6.5 MV/m [W]				
Cavity	No baking	With baking			
MB01	8.5	3.7 (-56%)			
MB02	6.9	4.1 (-41%)			
MB03	7.0	4.4 (-47%)			
MB04	8.4	3.6 (-58%)			
MB05	7.2	3.5 (-51%)			
MB06	7.5	4.8 (-36%)			
MB07	6.9	3.4 (-51%)			
MB08	Х	4.0			
MB09	8.9	3.9 (-56%)			
MB10	7.1	3.5 (-51%)			
MB11	Х	3.1			
MB12	Х	3.8			
MB13	Х	3.0			
MB14	Х	4.0			
MB15	Х	3.1			
MB16	Х	3.9			
Mean value	7.6	3.7			





GANIL, CEA, IPNO : SPIRAL-2 (5)

Low β Cold tuning system

Mechanical tuner, push system



Good linearity: 0.15 Hz/motor step Sensitivity: ~28 kHz/mm Full range: +25 kHz

High β Cold tuning system

Tuning by insertion of an Nb rod

2 ports on the top of the cavity:

- a) One static plunger
- b) One moving plunger



Sensitivity ~1 kHz/mm with Ø 30 mm plunger Introducing one plunger by 50 mm(Ø 30 mm) First "coarse" tuning: + 50 kHz then fine tuning: +/- 4 kHz



GANIL, CEA, IPNO : SPIRAL-2 (6)

Low β Cryomodule

High β Cryomodule



Two different layout, but both have separated vacuum (clean string assembly)

Power couplers: developed, prepared and conditionned by LPSC Grenoble



FRIB (MSU, USA)

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MSU : FRIB (1)

Project objectives: Produce RIB using a 400 kW CW heavy ion driver linac (p to U) up to 200 MeV/u.

Cavity type: Quarter-wave resonators (80.5 MHz) and half-wave resonators (322 MHz), bulk niobium for a total of 344 cavities and 52 cryomodules



Courtesy Q. Zhao, R. York

in []: matching cryomodule



MSU : FRIB (2)

Cavity type: Quarter-wave resonators (80.5 MHz) and half-wave resonators (322 MHz), bulk niobium for a total of 344 cavities and 52 cryomodules

Туре	λ/4	λ/4	λ/2	λ/2
β _{opt}	0.041	0.085	0.29	0.530
f(MHz)	80.5	80.5	322	322
Aperture (mm)	30	30	30	40
V _a (MV)	0.81	1.62	1.90	3.70
E _p (MV/m)	30.0	31.5	31.5	31.5
B _p (mT)	53	71	75	77
T(K)	4.5	4.5	2.0	2.0



4 cavity types and 2 frequencies



MSU: FRIB... and ReA3 (3)

Cavity study status:

• Developments for ReA3: a FRIB technology "prototype" : β =0.041 QWR cavities successfully accelerates beam at ReA3; tested for FRIB gradients (first accelerated beam by the cryomodule in May 2011)

• 5 β=0.53 HWR prototypes fabricated and 3 tested



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 2_0 from $P_f P_r - P_t$

MSU: FRIB... and ReA3 (4)

Cavity study status:

• Test of β=0.085 QWR prototype



Cavity tests performed at 2K and 4.2 K

Thermal calculations showing previous tuning plate above the critical temperature for superconductivity





Improved tuner design under progress



IFMIF (EU, Japan)

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BEAM EXTRACTION

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Cavity type: Half-wave resonators

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Courtesy F. Orsini

IFMIF - EVEDA

Project objectives: characterization of materials with intense neutrons flux (10¹⁷ n/s) for the future Fusion Reactor DEMO (~150 dpa). Based on two CW 40 MeV deuterons SC linac, 125 mA each. EU + Japan Collaboration



EVEDA (demonstrator)

Parameters	Target Value	Units
Frequency	175	MHz
β value	0.094	
Accelerating field E _a	4.5	MV/m
Unloaded Quality factor Q_0 for $R_s=20 n\Omega$	1.4 10 ⁹	
Freq. range of HWR tuning syst	50	kHz
Max. transmitted RF power by coupler (CW)	200	kW
External quality factor Q _{ex}	6.3 10 ⁴	



IFMIF - EVEDA

IFMIF Linac : 2 X deuteron beam 40 MeV, 125 mA CW each





IFMIF - EVEDA

Prototyping status: 2 prototypes have been fabricated and are under testing phase. Results shows strong MP barriers, abnormal dissipation in the cold tuning system location.





Cavity HPR @ l'IPNO



Cold tuning system ("mushroom")





SOREQ (Saraf, Israel)

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SOREQ : SARAF

Project objectives: SARAF phase 1 : a 2 mA protons and deuterons beam up to 4 MeV (resp. 5 MeV).

Cavity type: 6 Half-wave resonators / module; beta 0.09 @ 176 MHz. Specifications: P<10 W/cavity @ Epk=25 MV/m (Eacc=5MV/m)



Courtesy I. Mardor

PSM Cryomodule test:

- Each of the cavities individually reached stable operation at its specified field (Epk of 25 MV/m, corresponding to a voltage of 840 kV).
- FE: Improvement after He processing (a few 10⁻⁵ mbar)
- Difficulties with stable simultaneous operation of all cavities at nominal field due to cavity high sensitivity to He pressure

variations (60 Hz/mbar).

- -> difficult to compensate with the tuner (strong hysteresis)
- Increase of available RF power from 2 to 4 kW to compensate





ESS (Lund, Sweden)

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ESS (European Spallation Source)

ESS Linac: High power proton accelerator, 5 MW

- Pulse 2.86 ms
- Rep. rate: 14 Hz
- Protons (H+)
- Low loss
- High reliability >95%
- Modular design for future upgrade



Investment cost: $1478 \text{ M} \in \text{over} \sim 10 \text{ years}$ Operation cost: $106 \text{ M} \in / \text{ year}$ Dismounting : $346 \text{ M} \in (2008 \text{ costs})$





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ESS Master Programme Schedule





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Spoke cavity & cryomodule (IPNO)



Elliptical cavity & cryomodule (IRFU + IPNO)









MYRRHA (Mol, Belgium)

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MYRRHA

- Main goal: nuclear waste transmutation with and ADS
- MYRRHA (Multi-Purpose hYbrid Research Reactor for High-tech Applications)
- Project initiated and lead by SCK-CEN (Mol, Belgium)
- Goal: operation ~2023
- ISOL @ MYRRHA possible

Reactor

- subcritical mode (50-100 MWth)
- critical mode (~100 MWth)





MYRRHA

	Transmuter demonstrator (XT-ADS / MYRRHA project)		Industrial transmuter (EFIT)	
Proton beam current	2.5 mA (& up to 4 mA for burn-up compensation)		~ 20 mA	
Proton energy	600 MeV		800 MeV	
Allowed beam trips nb (>3s)	~ <19 per 3-month operation cycle		~<3 per year	
Beam entry into the reactor	Vertically from above			
Beam stability on target	Energy: $\pm 1\%$ - Current: $\pm 2\%$ - Position & siz	e: ±10%		
Beam time structure	CW (w/ low frequency 200µs beam "holes" for	sub-o	criticality monitori	ng)
Challenge #2: Ext	treme reliability required !			

Challenge #1: High power CW beams



MYRRHA



Reliability guidelines have been followed during the ADS accelerator design

 Strong component design & derating: components derated with respect to tech. limitations; prototyping & test on each key components (FP6-7 EU programs)
Redundancies in critical areas: Front-end duplication, solid-state RF amplifiers
Capability of fault-tolerant operation : Expected in the highly modular superconducting RF linac (from ~20 MeV) -> Implies reliable and sophisticated digital RF control systems (preset op. set points)
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Conclusions

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Conclusion (1)

Intrinsic advantage of cold cavities

Almost no losses on the cavity wall (thanks to superconductivity)

 \Rightarrow ~100% of the injected RF power goes to the beam : very high efficiency !!!

- Operating cost gain as compared to warm structures (which dissipate ~10⁵ times higher)
- Possibility to accelerate CW beams or beams with a high duty cycle (> 1 %) with high accelerating gradients (impossible with warm structures)
- Possibility to relax the constraints on the cavity RF design: choosing larger beam port aperture is possible ⇒ reduction of the activation hazard = <u>security gain</u>
 - High potential for **reliability and flexibility**
 - Main drawback : need to be operated at cryogenic temperature







Conclusion (2)

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Superconducting technology:

- Is a technology of choice for high power acceleration, thanks to intrinsic efficiency and its maturity gained over the past 25 years.
- Can efficiently accelerate high (and low...) power ion beam starting from a few MeV/u (starting at β ~ 0.05)

• The type of cavity and implementation in the accelerator needs to be carefully chosen according to beam specifications and requirements: range of β , beam current, variety of beam species to accelerate, final energy, reliability, upgradability, ... and cost !

• The cavity type or design IS NOT the whole story: coupling the power to the beam, tuning the cavity, prepare the cavity (dust is a tough and invisible enemy !), integration in a cryomodule are even more potential sources of problems.



Low beta superconducting cavities

• SC RF developments for low beta ion accelerators is very active worldwide; many projects are under study or construction and drive intense R&D programs on such accelerating structures.

-> Potential for real technical synergies between the projects

• There are many issues faced by all projects for these structures: field emission, multipacting, tuning capabilities, and all required a dedicated study because all cavities are different (cavity type, frequency, β , coupling or tuning solutions)...

 Progress done are tremendous, and in some cases, peak fields achieved start to be comparable with the ones obtained on electron cavities.



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