Low-β Superconducting Cavity Design

Tutorial

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This tutorial is an introduction to superconducting cavities for low velocity beams. It is intended for non-specialists. Specialists, however, will find much of their material in the following slides: I thank them all.

1. Introduction

What are low-β superconducting resonators?

low- β cavities: Just cavities that accelerate efficiently particles with β <1...

low- β cavities are often further subdivided in low-, medium-, high- β

β=1 superconductingresonator:"elliptical" shapes



 β <1 resonators, from very low (β ~0.03) to intermediate (β ~0.5): many different shapes and sizes



Low-β cavity design

More definitions...

The definition changes according to the community

(Approximate) definition	low β	medium β	high β
Heavy ion boosters (usually coupled to electrostatic accelerators)	<0.06	0.06÷0.12	>0.12
Proton linacs	<0.2	0.2÷0.8	>0.8
Heavy ion drivers	Syster Syster Bister port Bent port		- Mattellellellellelle

Important parameters in accelerating cavities

Avg. accelerating field	$E_a = V_g T(\beta_0)/L$	MV/m		
Stored energy	U/E_a^2	J/(MV/m)²		
Shunt impedance	$R_{sh} = E_a^2 L/P$	MΩ/m		
Quality Factor	Q= <i>wU/P</i>		CC	$\vec{E} = \vec{E}(r, v, z)\cos(\omega t)$
Geometrical factor	$\Gamma = Q R_s$	Ω	Suc	$\vec{B} = \vec{B}(x, y, z) \cos(\omega t)$ $\vec{B} = \vec{B}(x, y, z) \sin(\omega t)$
Peak electric field	E_p/E_a		tan	\sim
Peak magnetic field	B_p/E_a	mT/(MV/m)	ts	E,
Optimum β	$oldsymbol{eta}_{ heta}$			
Cavity length	L	m)		beam z
				V,
where:				
R_s =surface resistance of the o	cavity walls			B →

P =rf power losses in the cavity, proportional to R_s

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Energy gain, TTF, gradient

$$\Delta W_p = q \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E_z(z_p, t) dz_p$$

In a resonator $E_z(r,z,t) = E_z(r,z)\cos(\omega t + \varphi)$. (For simplicity, we assume to be on axis so that r=0, and $E_z(0,z) \equiv E_z(z)$). A particle with velocity βc , which crosses z=0 when t=0, sees a field $E_z(z)\cos(\omega z/\beta c + \varphi)$.

Transit time factor:

$$T(\beta) = \frac{\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E_z(z) \cos\left(\frac{\omega z}{\beta c}\right) dz}{\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E_z(z) dz}$$

Avg. accelerating field:

$$E_a = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E_z(z) dz$$

We obtain a simple espression for the energy gain

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



$T(\beta)$ for 1 gap (constant E_z approximation)



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$T(\beta)$ for 2 gap (π mode)





⁻1° term: 1-gap effect $\rightarrow g < \beta \lambda/2$ -2° term: 1+2 gap effect $\rightarrow d \sim \beta \lambda/2$

(For more than 2 equal gaps in π mode, the formulas change only in the 2° term)

Transit time factor (normalized)

It is usually convenient to use the **normalized transit time factor** and include the gap effect in the accelerating gradient:

Normalized Transit time factor:
$$T^*(\beta) = \frac{T(\beta)}{T(\beta_0)}$$

Avg. accelerating field:
$$E_a^* = E_a T(\beta_0)$$

where
$$\beta_0 \equiv \beta / T(\beta_0) = \max\{T(\beta)\}$$
 and $T^*(\beta_0) = 1$

and the energy gain definition does'nt change

$$\Delta W_p = q E_a^* L T^*(\beta) \cos \varphi$$

Transit time factor curves (normalized)





Normalized transit time factor curves vs. normalized velocity, for cavities with different number of gap

Remark: different definitions of gradient



- Sometimes difficult to decide on the definition of L: l_{int} , L_{max} or even $n\beta\lambda/2$
- The shorter L is defined, the larger E_a appears in Q vs. E_a graphs
- The energy gain, however, is always the same and all definitions are consistent

To be efficient at low-β:

This implies:

- short gap length
 - \rightarrow High peak fields, low energy gain
- low rf frequency
 - \rightarrow Large resonators, complicated shapes
- small bore radius
 - \rightarrow Low transverse acceptance

Superconductivity, with high fields and low power

dissipation, allows to overcome most of these drawbacks

Low- β SC cavities peculiarities

- Low frequency
 - Large size
 - complicated geometries
 - High peak fields E_p , B_p
- Many different shapes
 - many different EM modes
- Short cavities
 - Many independent cavities in a linac (ISCL)
- Only a few accelerating gaps
 - Large velocity acceptance
- Mostly working at 4.2 K

Superconducting low-β linacs

t.i. b many short cavities independently powered large aperture different beam velocity profiles different particle q/A cavity fault tolerance

2. Some history

The first low- β SC cavities application

HI boosters for electrostatic accelerators

First and ideal application of SC technology:

- •Low beam current: all rf power in the cavity walls
- •2÷3 gap: wide β acceptance
- •High gradient, cw operation
- •Hardly achievable with Normal
- Conducting (NC) cavities



Tandem-booster system

New problems: very narrow rf bandwidth, mechanical instabilities

Early resonators: 70's



Low- β cavities in operation from the 70's

Tandem boosters for light ions β~0.1
Materials:

•Bulk Nb

•Pb plated Cu

•E_a typically **2 MV/m**

Mechanical stability problems solved

by the **first electronic fast tuners** for Helix resonators

SC low-\beta resonators : 80's



Low- β cavities in operation from the 80's

•At ANL Tandem replaced by the first low- β SC Positive Ion Injector, β ~0.001 ÷0.2

•Heavy ions up to U

•New materials:

•Explosive bonded Nb on Cu

•Mechanical stability problems solved by electronic fast tuners VCX at ANL

 ${}^{\bullet}\mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{a}}$ typically 3 MV/m; first operation above

4 MV/m

HI SC low- β resonators: 90's



Low- β cavities from the 90's

•β~0.001 ÷0.2

•New materials:

•Sputtered Nb on Cu

•Linac project with SC RFQs starts at LNL

 Mechanical stability problems solved also by mechanical damping

•E_a typically 3 ÷4 MV/m; first operation at **6 MV/m**

LNL damper

HI SC low- β resonators: present



2-gap spoke cavity and cryomodule (IPNO)



ANL cavities for RIA

• β ~0.001 ÷ 0.8

- •material: mainly Bulk Nb
- •high intensity proton SC accelerators under construction
- Development for RIB facilities
- •Mechanical stability problems solved also by mechanical piezo tuners
- •Design E_a typically 6 ÷8 MV/m, up to 15 for multicell elliptical

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Low-β cavities: new applications

Туре	β_{max}	A/q	current
Post-accelerators for RIB facilities	~ 0.2 (0.5)	7÷ 66	< 1 nA
HI drivers for RIB facilities	~ 0.3÷0.9	~ 1 ÷ 10	~0.1÷10 mA
p,d linacs	~ 0.3	1 ÷ 2	~1÷10 mA
High Power Proton Accelerators	~ 0.9	1	~10÷100 mA
High Power Deuteron Accelerators for material irradiation	~ 0.3	2	~100 mA

3. Low-β cavities design

It must fulfill the following principal requirements:

- 1. large E_a (energy gain)
- 2. large R_{sh} (low power dissipation)
- 3. easy and reliable operation
- 4. easy installation and maintenance
- 5. low cost/performance ratio

Preliminary choices

- beam energy \rightarrow
- velocity acceptance \rightarrow
- beam size, transv. \rightarrow
- beam long. size & $f \rightarrow$
- beam power \rightarrow
- gradient, efficiency
- cw, pulsed
- cost
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Choice of the SC technology

- Bulk Nb (by far the most used)
 - highest performance, many manufacturers, any shape and *f*
 - performance **** cost **
- Sputtered Nb on Cu (only at LNL)
 - high performance, lower cost than bulk
 Nb in large production, simple shapes
 - performance ***

cost ***

- Plated Pb on Cu
 - lower performance, lowest cost, affordable also in a small laboratory
 - performance **

cost ****







Low-β cavity design

Niobium bulk



The design must allow: parts obtained by machining of Nb sheets, rods, plates,... required excellent electron beam welding required excellent surface treatment (large openings for chemical polishing or electropolishing, high pressure water rinsing...)

A large variety of cavity shapes can be obtained

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Niobium sputtering on copper



DC biased diode

The design must allow:

•OFHC Cu substrate

•no brazing

rounded shape optimized for sputtering

•no holes in the high current regions

•Only shapes with large openings for cathod insertion and large volumes to maintain sufficient distance between cathode and cavity walls

practically suitable mainly for QWRs

Nb properties – design specifications limits

- Maximum peak electric field E_p
 - Achievable: ~ 60 MV/m
 - Reliable specs 30÷35 MV/m
- Maximum peak magnetic field B_p
 - Achievable ~120 mT
 - reliable specs 60÷70 mT
- R_s surface resistivity = R_{BCS}+R_{res}
 - R_{res} achievable: ~1 n Ω
 - reliable specs <10 n Ω
- Maximum rf power density on the cavity walls
 - ~1*W/cm*² at 4.2K
- Critical temperature
 - $T_c = 9.2\sqrt{1 B/200}$

E_a performance limitations : Multipacting

- Multipacting: resonant field emission of electrons
- Conditions:
 - 1. stable trajectories ending on cavity walls +
 - 2. secondary emission coefficient >1 +
 - 3. initial electron impinging the right surface at the right field and phase to start the process



Multipacting in low-β cavities - examples



performance limitations: Q slope

(we will consider only clean and well prepared resonators)

 Surface resistance, especially at 4.2 K, usually decreases at increasing field (not fully understood): the Q curve has usually a slope that must be taken into account



EM design

minimize:

- E_p/E_a B_p/E_a

maximize:

• $E_a^2/(P/L)$

optimize: •*E*,*B* for beam dynamics •geometry for MP •coupling and tuning



Rf couplers

- High power couplers can be larger than resonators an require a well integrated design
- Inductive couplers at low *P* (<1 kW) and low *f* (<300 MHz)
- Capacitive couplers above ~1 kW and ~ 300 MHz



Inductive coupler (TRIUMF)

Capacitive coupler (LEP type)





EM design: Beam steering

- Non symmetric cavities can produce beam steering
- The magnetic field gives usually the dominant contribution
- especially in QWRs with large aspect ratio (i.e. approximately L/λ > 1/10) this can give serious beam dynamics problems
- QWRs above ~100 MHz often need some correction
- Transversal kick:

$$\Delta p_{y} = q \int \left(E_{y}(z,t) + \beta c B_{x}(z,t) \right) dt$$

QWRs Beam steering

On-axis field components in QWRs



•E_y is symmetric: it cancels in the 2 gap

- $\bullet B_x$ is antisymmetric: it adds in the 2 gap
- $^{\bullet}\text{E}_{\text{y}}$ and $\text{B}_{\text{x}}\text{are 90}^{\circ}$ out of phase
- •B is generally dominant
QWR steering compensation: axis displacement



QWR steering on axis analytical formulation

•The QWR steering is similar to the rf defocusing effect in misaligned cavities •In many low- β resonators, a slight displacement of the beam aperture axis can remove most of the steering

QWR steering compensation by gap shaping



The magnetic steering can be compensated by an artificial enhancement of the electric deflection

QWR steering : 161 MHz standard shape (top) 161 MHz corrected



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Low-β cavity design

Multipacting simulations

• cavity design with no stable MP trajectories, or with impact energy out of the δ >1 region



Example of simulation:

- code TWTRAJ (courtesy of R.Parodi, INFN Genova)
- ~60000 Runs
- 0.005 MV/m steps in Ea
- 5 mm steps in e- starting position

Results:

- MP negligible near the gap
- All levels at the equator: the equator profile is critical
- Ellipsoidal shape 1.5:1 free of MP

Example: redesigned HWR for MP removal



EM design: Rf losses calculations

- Maximum allowed power density for cooling reasons:
 ~1 W/cm² at 4.2K
- Large safety

 margin required:
 local defects can
 increase power
 losses significantly
- high power density must be avoided



Mechanical design

Mechanical design:

- •Statical analysis (He pressure...)
- •Dynamical analysis (mechanical modes...)
- •Thermal analysis (cooling, T distributions,...)
- Construction procedure



• Thermal conductivity at 4.2 K:

 κ = RRR/4 (W/m)/K

- high RRR required, which have poorer mechanical properties compared to normal grade Nb (RRR~40) and higher cost
- typical good choice for rf cavities: RRR~200÷300

Temperature distributions

- Maximum allowed power density on the cooled surface: ~1 W/cm² at 4.2K
- Provide good ways for liquid He transport and for gas He removal



Courtesy of V. Zvyagintsev

Temperature distributions

- Low-power density surfaces (e.g. tutning plates) can be cooled
 by thermal conduction through an rf joint
- Don't exceed a few mT magnetic field on rf joints
- Check the effect of a possible super- to normal-conducting transition in such regions: sometimes it is not critical



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Mechanical tuners

wall displacement toward: -

$$\begin{bmatrix}
high E \rightarrow f \, down \\
high B \rightarrow f \, up
\end{bmatrix}$$

Slow- For center frequency tuning and helium pressure compensation



TRIUMF Mechanical tuner

ANL superconducting bellows tuner



Slow and Fast



Piezoelectric tuner. Suitable for fast tuning and also for high precision slow tuning

Detuning from mechanical instabilities

Source:	Solution:
Helium pressure variations	mechanical tuning in feedback, mechanical strengthening
Lorentz Force detuning	slow tuning and rf feedback
microphonics	fast tuners, mechanical design, noise shielding, etc.
resonant vibrations	mechanical damping

dfR dP

- Example:
 - 80 MHz Nb cavity: df/dP ~ 1 Hz/mbar
 - cryosystem: up to 100 mbar/minute observed
- "Natural" solutions
 - Design your resonator strong and your cryosystem stable in pressure
 - use the mechanical tuner in a feedback loop
- "Clever" solution:
 - design a "self-compensating" resonator

Mechanical reinforcement: double wall



The double wall structure allows to null the net force of the He pressure

It is possible to expose to He pressure large surfaces without making them collapse

a careful design can minimize df/dP Since it is impossible to eliminate completely deformations caused by He pressure fluctuation, the resonator can be designed in order to produce displacements with opposite effects to the frequency, to obtain a balance.



ANL 3-Spoke resonator end-plate with selfcompensating design for minimum df/dP



Lorentz Force detuning



Lorenz Force detuning measured in a 80 MHz QWR



Lorentz force gives a quadratic detuning with field

$$dfR - d(E_a^2)$$

• solution: strong mechanical structure, tuning

Resonant vibrations: mechanical modes

- Most dangerous: a small vibration can cause large deformation → large detuning that can exceed the resonator rf bandwidth
- The deformation is usually too fast to be recovered by mechanical tuners (however, the piezo technology is progressing)
- Solutions:
 - 1. Make the rf bandwidth wider
 - overcoupling
 - electronic fast tuner
 - 2. Make the detuning range narrower
 - careful design
 - mechanical damper

Example: stem vibration in a QWR

Mechanical modes: ~50÷60 Hz most critical <150 Hz dangerous criticity decreasing with frequency

Lowest mode frequency of a 106.08 MHz Nb QWR:

Simulation: 81 Hz

Analytical: 83 Hz

Measured: 78





Mechanical frequency vs inner conductor length in LNL type QWR's (analytical results). red: 2mm Nb tube; blue: full Cu rod; Green: 2nd mode. Mag: 80 mm dia tube

Mechanical vibration dampers

4-gap, 48 MHz QWR with vibration damper







80 MHz QWRs with vibration damper



Approx. ×10 attenuation of the vibration amplitude

Vibration dampers are cheap and effective

Cavity integration in cryostats

Design objectives:

- easy installation and maintenance
- stable and reliable operation



Common vacuum cryostat (TRIUMF)

Common or separate vacuum?

- In many low-β cryostats the vacuum inside and outside the resonators is not separated
- In spite of that, very high Q can be maintained for years in on-line resonators
- Q degradation seems to happen only when the cryostat is vented from outside the resonators
- Provide clean venting!
- most specialists are anyhow in favour of separate vacuum, considering it safer

Low-β resonators performance

- achieved >60 MV/m and >120 mT peak fields, and <1 nΩ residual resistance at 4.2K
- Even if geometries are not favorable for surface preparation (numerous welds, small apertures, etc), the maximum *E*,*B* fields are not far from the ones of β =1 cavities
- The recent application to low-β of the most advanced preparation techniques had raised also low-field *Q*'s to extremely high values
- Still problems with Qslopes



4. Low-β cavity types and characteristics

Quarter-wave stuctures: small g/λ , small size



Low-β cavity design

SRF05 - Cornell, 10/7/2005

Quarter-Wave resonators



48≤f≤160 MHz, 0.001≤β₀≤0.2

- •Compact
- Modular
- •High performance
- Low cost
- •Easy access
- •Down to very low beta





Dipole steering above ~100 MHz
Mechanical stability below ~100 MHz
(Quadrupole steering)

Very successful



ANL 4-gap QWR family

Some of the QWR worldwide



Low-*β* cavity design

Split-ring resonators



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 mechanical stability beam steering high peak fields •more expensive and difficult to build than QWRs

In use for many years but not developed anymore



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Average E_a (MV/m)

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Half-wave structures



Half-Wave resonators



Single-SPOKE resonators

345≤f≤805 MHz, 0.15 ≤ β_0 ≤ 0.62

No dipole steering
High performance
Higher R_{sh} than HWRs
Wide beta range



LANL β =0.2 SPOKE



0 0

- Not easy access (but better than HWRs)
 Difficult to tune
 Larger size than HWRs
 More expensive than HWRs
- •(Quadrupole steering)





the preferred choice at 350 MHz

IPNO SPOKE, β =0.35 352 MHz

Ladder SC cavities



350 MHz, $0.1 \le \beta_0 \le 0.3$

•large energy gain •They can be made for rather low β



• β acceptance •small aperture •not easy to build •not yet tested •multipacting?

promising after RFQs



4 gap ladder 352 MHz, β=0.12 **INFN-LNL**



TM mode cavities

- TM₀₁₀ (Transverse Magnetic) mode
- *B* always perpendicular to the EM wave propagation axis (and to the beam axis)



Elliptical resonators

352 ≤ f ≤ 805 MHz, 0.47≤ $β_0 ≤ 1$

CERN 352 MHz β=0.8 Nb on Cu







0 0

•Not suitable for $\beta < 0.4$ •Mechanical modes

Highly symmetric field

•High performance

•Multi cell possibility

•Low E_p and B_p

•Large aperture

Very successful





Low-β cavity design

Reentrant cavities

352≤f≤402 MHz, 0.1≤β



Highly symmetric field
Very Compact
Low E_p and B_p
Widest velocity acceptance
Possibility of large aperture





The first reentrant cavities - SLAC



- short accelerating length, little E gain
- single gap only
- mechanical stability
- inductive couplers only

for special applications



LNL 352 MHz



IH and CH multi-gap structures



Superconducting RFQ's





- Compact
- •CW operation
- •High efficiency
- Down to very low betalarge acceptance



- Mechanical stability
- •Not easy to build
- •MP and FE •Cost



LNL SRFQ2, A/q=8.5

technologically challenging

Multi-SPOKE resonators

345≤f≤805 MHz, 0.15 ≤ β_0 ≤ 0.62

ANL β =0.4 Double SPOKE







High performance
High efficiency
Large energy gain

Lower frequency than elliptical
Mechanically more stable than elliptical

0 0

- •Large size
- Not easy access
- •Difficult to tune
- smaller aperture than ellipticalMore expensive than elliptical

very promising, esp. for $\beta \sim 0.5$

CH multi-gap SC cavities





for rather low β



19 gap CH, β =0.1 352 MHz, IAP Frankfurt



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β acceptance
Difficult to have large aperture
not easy to build
cost

β=0.2 784 MHz IKF Juelich



Promising for fixed velocity profile
- Great interest at present in superconducting lowβ resonators
- many applications, old and new
- high perfomance reached, not far from β=1 cavities one
- numerous projects, some funded
- large variety of resonators and new inventions coming
- still open problems: new ideas are welcome!