

## **Conduction-Cooled SRF Cavities: Opportunities and Challenges**

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- Foundation: Conduction-Cooled SRF Cavities
- Overview: Compact Cryomodules
- Implementation: Key Challenges & Solutions
- Summary

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- 2.6 GHz Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cavity
- Beam clamp design for thermal gradient control
- First demonstration of stable RF operation at 10 MV/m!
- Controlled cooldown required





N.A. Stilin et. al, doi:10.1088/2631-8695/acdd51



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- 650 MHz Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cavity
- Nb rings welded at equator for heat extraction
- Reached 10 MV/m after controlled cooldown





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## Proof-of-Principle Demonstrations

Initial studies completed at Cornell, Fermilab, JLab: Jefferson Lab

- 1.5 GHz Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cavity
- 5 mm copper layer electroplated to cavity exterior
  - Offers better thermal conduction across cavity
- *Performance possibly limited by strain on Nb3Sn layer*





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## *Proof-of-Principle Demonstrations*

#### Similar studies ongoing at KEK & IMP:

#### **Cavity cooling test under construction**

- Chamber and components were prepared for conduction cooling R&D
- Applying prototype high-capacity GM-JT cryocooler from SHI (see talk THIXA03)



#### First test performance:

- Q<sub>0</sub> at low field ~9E9
- E<sub>acc,max</sub> ~6.6 MV/m Structural optimization and improvement of the conduction cooling is ongoing

Good thermal stability at the dissipation power of below 3.2W

#### Precise slow-cooling of 2-10min/K





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Poster

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#### Significantly lower costs, very low-maintenance (robust), turn-key operation (no expertise)



Applications for small-scale operations:

- Energy and environment
  - Sterilizing waste water, sludge, medical waste
  - Flue gas treatment
  - Remediation of contaminated soil
  - Asphalt treatments (durability)
- Medicine
  - Radioisotope production
- Security & defense
  - Cargo inspection
- Industry
  - Producing biofuel
  - Curing carbon fiber composites
- ... and many more!

#### Typical beam parameters

- Moderate Energy: 1 10 MeV
- High Current:  $\geq 100 \text{ mA}$
- High Avg. Power:  $\geq 1 MW$



Decontamination cross section for a 10 MeV beam into a high-claycontent 5% contaminated soil



U.S. DOE Report, "Accelerators for America's Future"

U.S. DOE Report, "Workshop on Energy and Environmental Applications of Accelerators"

# OVERVIEW Compact Cryomodules

8 Examples





#### **R&D** Project – General Application

Energy Gain	1 MeV
Beam Current	100 mA
Average Power	100 kW

- Single-cell **1.3 GHz** Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cavity
- Nb rings at cavity equator (2) and near cavity irises (2)
- 1 PT420 + 1 PT425 cryocoolers (Cryomech)
  - Total capacity: 4.15 W at 4.2 K and 100 W at 45 K









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#### **Application: Wastewater Treatment**

Beam Energy	10 MeV
Beam Current	100 mA
Average Power	1 MW

- Design: treat up to 12 million gallon / day
- Pre-accelerator (RT gun + injector cavity + sol.)
- Accelerating cryomodule
  - 5-cell 650 MHz Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cavity
  - Twin coaxial FPC
  - 6 PT420 + 2 PT425 cryocoolers (Cryomech)
- Beam delivery (raster magnet + beam horn)

See: R.C. Dhuley et al., Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams **25**, 041601 (2022) "Design of a 10 MeV, 1000 kW average power electron-beam accelerator for wastewater treatment applications"





Talk THIXA07

Core Team: Ram Dhuley, Christopher Edwards, Jayakar Thangaraj, Tom Kroc

See also: C2Po1B-10 at CEC in July

#### Application: Medical Device Sterilization

- Beam power: 20 kW
- 1.5-cell 650 MHz Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cavity

IARC @ 🛟 Fermilab

• Multi-year funded program, looking to replace Co-60 with accelerator-based ionizing radiation



Cryomodule Design – Tom Nicol

#### **Application: Improved Pavement Processing**

- Beam power: 200 kW
- 9-cell 1.3 GHz Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cavity
- Multi-year funded program, interested in the ability to modify pavement in-situ



Cryomodule Design - Tom Nicol (under development)

Courtesy of Chris Edwards





- Twin coaxial FPC
- 4 GM cryocoolers (each 1.5 W at 4.2 K)
- Beam generation and delivery systems
- Possible use in flue gas treatment

G. Ciovati et al., Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams **21**, 091601 (2018) US Patent 10,932,355 High-current conduction cooled superconducting radio-frequency cryomodule



Example of a facility layout using a 1 MW CW commercial klystron

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#### Application: SRF Photogun for MeV UED/UEM

Beam energy	1.655 MeV	1.655 MeV
Charge	5 fC	0.5 pC
Laser pulse length, rms	6.4 fs	6.4 fs
Beam bunch length, rms	167 fs	741 fs

- 1.5-cell 1.3 GHz Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn cavity
- One cryocooler is enough to cool Nb3Sn gun at 4K
- Final goal user facility at BNL Accelerator Test Facility
- Successful test of pure Nb photogun at 2 K
- 4 K test of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn photogun had low Q<sub>0</sub> and HFQS

See: R.Kostin et al., "Conduction cooled SRF photogun for UEM/UED applications", UED 308081, 23-rd ATF user meeting, 2020. R.Kostin et al., "Status of Conduction Cooled SRF Photogun for UEM/UED", proc. of IPAC21, TUPAB167. \*DoE SBIR Phase II Grant #DE-SC0018621





Assembled cryomodule

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#### Application: Deployable Conductively Cooled Cryostat

- Small, mobile cryostat with no cryoplant requirement
- Target design: 4.5-cell 650 MHz Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Cavity
- Utilizes 4 PT420 cryocoolers (Cryomech)
- Currently in fabrication to test with a single-cell 650 MHz cavity in the last quarter of this year





### Application: Standalone Cryomodule for SC Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn QWRs

- Current QWRs for ion linacs are ~ 1 m long
- Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn enables higher frequency (small) & lower loss
- ATLAS upgrades, medical isotope production



Courtesy of Mike Kelly

IMPLEMENTATION Key Challenges & Solutions

Focus: Cavity & Coupler





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**Challenge #1**: effective **conduction cooling** of cavity



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# Heat Extraction

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- Perform thermal modeling corresponding to **10 MV/m operation**
- Primary RF heat load extracted by equator intercepts
- Temperature results show small thermal gradients across cavity assembly
- Total of 1.65 W at 4.2 K (0.16 W static / 1.49 W dynamic)















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# Cavity Cooldown

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- Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn requires small thermal gradients during cooldown for optimal performance
  - $\rightarrow$  Aim for < 200 mK/m to reduce thermocurrents (Seebeck) during transition at  $T_c$
- *Proof-of-principle study demonstrated effectiveness of* **independent heater control**
- Same capability enabled by use of additional intercept rings near cavity irises











## ACHIEVED:

## Ability to optimize cavity cooldown to improve RF performance









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Factor of 10<sup>5</sup> difference between **RF** and dissipated power required!





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- 1) Extract heat via flexible thermal straps mounted to coupler intercepts
  - $\rightarrow$  Replace typical cooling pipe intercepts with copper disks and flanges





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  - ightarrow Only needed for thermal contraction





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- Recall ERL injector heat loads:
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  - **3 W** at 5 K





# Thermal Results

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# ACHIEVED: Only 1.1 W dissipated at 4.2 K for 100 kW forward power





# *Full System Example: My Cryomodule*

Cryocooler Cold Heads			
Thermal Straps		45 K	<b>4.2</b> K
	Source	Heat Load	Heat Load
G10 Rods	Cavity & Beamline	15.2 W	1.65 W
	Coupler	37.9 W	1.11 W
Space Frame	Support Rods	0.34 W	0.02 W
	Thermal Rad.	4 W	0.1 W
Heat Intercepts	TOTAL	95.34 W	3.99 W
	Cryocooler Limits	100 W	4.15 W
Thermal & Magnetic Shielding 1.3 GHz Cavity     Coupler Antenna			






## SUMMARY What have I shown?



- Achieved first-ever operation of a conduction-cooled SRF cavity at **10 MV/m**!
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## **Cool** future for this technology!



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