Cornell ERL's Main Linac Cavities



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- Maximize Threshold Current through linac
 Require > 100 mA at 77 pC bunch charge
- Minimize cryogenic losses due to fundamental
- Maintain low peak fields (Epk/Eacc < 2.1)
- Obtain robust design w.r.t. machining variation



Optimization Methods

Naïve Method



• Very computationally expensive!



Parallel Computing Resources Supported at Cornell's Center for Advanced Computing

Better Method

- Determine analytical goal function from scaling laws and optimize it
- Single cavity result

$$I_{th} \propto \frac{1}{\left(\frac{R}{Q}\right)_{\lambda} (Q_L)_{\lambda} \frac{1}{\omega_{\lambda}}} \cdot \frac{1}{T_{12}^* \sin(\omega_{\lambda} t_r)}$$

- Optimization then only requires a field solver, saving particle tracking as a verification of design
- Use parallel computing to speed optimization



Goal Function from Scaling Laws



Baseline Design

Center cells with increased cell-to-cell coupling



Increasing cell-to-cell coupling results in less variation of HOM properties for a given dimensional error, leading to increased threshold current through the linac.



Beam-Break Up Simulations



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Specific Manufacturing Defects



Cell Length Error



Elliptically Deformed Cell



Cell Radius Error



Cell with Bump



Deformed Cell Surface



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Threshold Current Results



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Coupler Kick Studies

Goal to minimize the effect of the coupler on the beam. Necessary for low emittance operation.



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Minimizing Microphonics in Cavities



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- Small bandwidth cavity vulnerable to detuning caused by microphonics, especially helium pressure fluctuations
- Diameter of cavity stiffening rings used as free parameter to reduce df/dp
- ANSYS simulations show that large diameter, small diameter, or no rings at all have smallest df/dp







- Tuner requirements rule out largest diameter stiffening rings
- Manufacturing easier with no rings
- Small/no rings make cavity fragile and lower mechanical resonant frequencies Sam Posen



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Prototype Cavity Fabrication













Finished main linac cavity with very tight (± 0.250 mm) shape precision \Rightarrow important for supporting high currents (avoid risk of trapped HOMs!)

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Prototype Cavity Pre-Test Treatment

- Fabricated with 85% field flatness
- Heavy BCP
- Outgassing (>600 C)
- Tuned to 95% field flatness
- Light BCP
- Ultrasonic cleaning
- HPR 16 hr
- 120^o bake 48 hr







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- The cavity design for the CERL main linac has been completed
 - Cavity design optimized with respect to beambreak up current
 - Simulations show linac supports > 400 mA current
 - Coupler kick and mechanical simulations are consistent with high quality beam requirements
- Prototype Cavity Fabricated and Tested
 - Fabrication: Cavity meets tight shape tolerances
 - RF Test: Cavity met specifications on first test
 - Next steps: maintaining performance with HOM absorbers and when in horizontal test cryostat

Conclusions



- Test of prototype cavity without and with beam (up to 100 mA)
- Build and test full main linac SRF cryomodule



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