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## CI-RF-312 Cryogenics

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### **Course outline**

- Applications for accelerators
- Properties of cryogens
- Heat transfer and material properties at low temperatures
- Basic principles of cryogenic engineering
- Cryostat design
- Cryoplants, mechanical coolers
- Case study Daresbury vertical test facility



### **Cryogenic temperatures**

Cryogenics is defined by convention as the branch of science and technology of temperatures below 120 Kelvin

The upper limit of 120 K is chosen so as to include the boiling point under standard pressure of the main atmospheric gases, as well as methane (the main component of natural gas)



#### Kelvin temperature scale

Unit of thermodynamic temperature => absolute zero where entropy equals zero and effectively all motion stops

3<sup>rd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics states that we can never actually reach absolute zero but we can come vanishingly close

#### 0 °C = 273.15 K





# A system designed to maintain some system at cryogenic temperatures

#### Can be divided into "wet" (those using liquid cryogens) and "dry" (using mechanical coolers)







Direct cooling Bath cooling



Indirect cooling Bath cooling



Indirect cooling Bath as cold source



Indirect cooling Cryocooler as cold source Thermal link



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Direct cooling Forced flow



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Indirect cooling Forced flow

g



Indirect cooling Two-phase thermosiphon



h

Indirect cooling Two-phase thermosiphon Coupled with a cryocooler



Bauduoy (2015)

Cryogenics plays a significant role in modern accelerators as it enables superconductivity

- SRF cavities for charged particle beam acceleration
- High field magnets for bending, focusing, and wiggling charged particle beams
- High field magnets in large detectors for particle identification from colliders



Cryogenics also allows us to produce dense pure liquids

- LAr calorimeters
- LH<sub>2</sub> targets, moderators and absorbers

# Cryogenic sample environments widely used at neutron sources







CERN AC/DI/MM - 06-2001



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In modern high energy machines, ~30% cost is cryogenics

**Crucial therefore to consider** 

- cost (CAPEX and OPEX)
- performance (efficiency)
- reliability (availability 24 hours a day for several decades)



## **Superconducting RF accelerators**

Name	Accelerator Type	Lab	Т (К)	Refrigeration Capacity	Status
CEBAF	Electron Linac	JLab	2.1	4.2 kW @ 2.1 K	Operating
12 GeV Upgrade	Electron Linac	Jlab	2.1	4.2 kW @ 2.1 K	Operating
ESS	Proton Linac	ESS	2.0	3 kW @ 2 K	Under Construction
SNS	H <sup>-</sup> Linac	ORNL	2.1	2.4 kW @ 2.1 K	Operating
E Linac	Electron Linac	TRIUMF	2.0	288 L/Hr	Operating
S-DALINAC	Electron Linac	TU Darmstadt	2.0	120 W @ 2.0 K	Operating
ERL	Electron Linac	Cornell	1.8	7.5 kW @ 1.8 K	Proposed
XFEL	Electron Linac	DESY	2.0 5 -8 40-80	2.5 kW @ 2 K 4 kW@ 5 -8 K 26 kW @ 40-80 K	Operating
ATLAS	Heavy Ion Linac	ANL	4.7	1.2 kW @4.7	Operating
LCLS II	Accelerator	SLAC	2.0 K	8 kW @ 2 K 30.6 kW @ 35 -55 K 2.6 kW @ 4.5 -6 K	Under construction TESLA Tech
ISAC - II	Heavy Ion Linac	TRIUMF	4		Operating
FRIB	Heavy lon Linac	MSU	2.1 4.5 33/55	3.6 k W @ 2.1 K 4.5 kW @ 4.5 K 20 kW @ 35/55 K	Operating



### **Boiling temperatures**

# Boiling temperature under atmospheric pressure for some cryogenic liquids:

Substance	<b>O</b> <sub>2</sub>	Ar	N <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	<sup>4</sup> He	<sup>3</sup> He
Т <sub>b</sub> (К)	90.1	87.2	77.2	20.3	4.21	3.19





#### 0.93% of atmospheric air

Substance	Ar
Т <sub>b</sub> (К)	87.2

# Monatomic, extremely inert (no known compounds)

Widely used as shielding gas to prevent oxidation in welding, purge gas in semiconductor industry, but also...





#### **Detectors for neutrino physics, e.g. DUNE (17 kiloton)**







Images courtesy FNAL, CERN

## Liquid nitrogen

Substance	N <sub>2</sub>
Т <sub>b</sub> (К)	77.2

#### Primary component of atmosphere (78%) => cheap! ~£0.3 /liquid litre



# Most commonly used cryogen, widely used to provide cooling to 77 K



## Liquid nitrogen

Commercial uses include food freezing, metal treating, biological sample preservation

Substance	N <sub>2</sub>
Т <sub>b</sub> (К)	77.2

Also sometimes used to precool colder stages first to 77 K before being cooled further with other cryogens



## Liquid hydrogen

#### Can be explosive when mixed with air

Substance	H <sub>2</sub>
Т <sub>b</sub> (К)	20.3

#### Flammability range in air is 4% to 74%

Uses include as raw material for chemical processes, as rocket fuel, in fuel cells, for internal combustion, and as neutron moderator (ISIS, ESS)



#### Helium-4

The nucleus of <sup>4</sup>He contains two protons and two neutrons, each with anti-parallel spin orientation

The total nuclear spin I = 0 and <sup>4</sup>He is hence a boson (the superfluid obeying Bose-Einstein statistics)







Helium-3

# The nucleus of <sup>3</sup>He by comparison contains only one neutron

# Hence, I = 1/2 and is a fermion (the liquid obeying Fermi-Dirac statistics)







### Helium-4 and Helium-3

Whilst the different statistics are related to the different properties discussed in the next few slides, both isotopes similarly exhibit a number of remarkable properties

Weak van der Waals forces (owing to the closed electronic sshell) => low boiling temperatures (4.2 and 3.2 K respectively)



### Helium-4 and Helium-3

Both, unlike any other liquids, do not solidify under their own vapour pressures, even at T = 0 K. This is due to small atomic mass *m* and hence large quantum mechanical zero-point energy  $E_0$  given by

$$E_0 = \frac{h^2}{8ma^2}$$

where *a* is the radius to which the atoms are confined and *h* is the Planck constant



### Latent heat of evaporation

# Latent heat (when boiling under atmospheric pressure) for some cryogenic liquids:

Substance	0 <sub>2</sub>	Ar	N <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	⁴He	<sup>3</sup> He
Т <sub>b</sub> (К)	90.1	87.2	77.2	20.3	4.21	3.19
L (kJ/L)	243	224	161	31.8	2.56	0.48



#### Vapour pressure

The vapour pressure  $P_{vap}$  is that exerted by a vapour in thermodynamic equilibrium with its condensed phase

This varies as a function of temperature; an approximation is given by the Clausius-Clapeyron equation as

$$\left[\frac{dP}{dT}\right]_{vap} = \frac{S_{gas} - S_{liquid}}{V_{m,gas} - V_{m,liquid}}$$



#### Vapour pressure

Taking the difference in entropies of the liquid and gaseous phases as *L/T*, the observation that  $V_{m,liquid} << V_{m,gas}$  and, from the ideal gas equation, that  $V_{m,gas} \sim RT/P$ , then integrating the Clausius-Clapeyron equation gives

$$P_{vap} \propto e^{-L/RT}$$





#### **Agreement is shown with experimental data:**

 $P_{vap} \propto e^{-L/RT}$ 





### Vapour pressure

It can be seen from this that we can cool liquids further by pumping on the vapour to reduce the pressure and therefore move down these curves





### **Helium-4 and Helium-3**

Substance	<sup>4</sup> He	<sup>3</sup> He
T <sub>b</sub> (K)	4.21	3.19
L (kJ/l)	2.56	0.48
Maximum superfluid transition temperature (K)	2.1768	0.0025
Density (at saturated vapour pressure, $T = 0 K$ ) (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	0.1451	0.082
Gas-to-liquid volume ratio (Liquid at 1 K, NTP gas)	866	662
Cost (£/I)	15 (liquid)	2000 (gas)



#### Helium-4





#### Helium-3





## Superfluidity

Below the  $\lambda$ -line, Bose-Einstein condensation of <sup>4</sup>He results in the superfluid phase change

In this regime, helium (sometimes denoted He-II to distinguish it from the normal fluid He-I) behaves as a perfect fluid with zero viscosity





## Superfluidity

Behaviour in its superfluid state is well described by the two-fluid model of Landau and Tisza, which considers He-II to be comprised of a normal-fluid component and a superfluid component, each with their own independent densities, viscosities, and entropies

# This gives rise to many useful properties and interesting phenomena, along with some challenges





# He-II has exceptionally high thermal conductivity



#### This is useful

- a) in removing high heat loads from systems
- b) for reducing vibration from bubble formation as essentially all boiling occurs from the liquid surface



## Superfluidity

Superfluids will flow through extremely narrow channels and as a film which has many useful engineering applications

However, they will also leak through incredibly small gaps (that would otherwise appear leak tight to normal liquid or gaseous helium) => these are called superleaks and great care must be taken to avoid them



## Superfluidity

A further consequence of the two-fluid model is that the superfluid component will accelerate in the direction of positive temperature gradients  $\frac{\partial v_s}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla P + s\nabla T$ 





### **Physical adsorption**

Adsorbent materials may be used to trap gases such as helium at cryogenic temperatures

Charcoals and zeolites are typically used sorbents due to their high specific surface areas (~1000 m<sup>2</sup>/g) which result from their internal networks of pores


The binding of helium gas to charcoal at low temperatures occurs due to physical adsorption

This is distinct from chemical adsorption, for which the binding energies are much higher. In physical adsorption, forces involved are intermolecular (van der Waals' forces)



Cold gas (low kinetic energy particles) may sit in Lennard-Jones potential well of sorbent

Heating the sorbent can give sufficient excitation ('kick') to trapped particles to desorb (release) them



The amount of adsorption at a given pressure is temperature dependent => possible to provide a pressure increase (gas release) or decrease (gas trapping) by simply controlling the temperature of the material





Data from Pobell (2007)

Temperature and pressure dependence of adsorption capacity is described by isotherms

Increase in capacity as sorbent is cooled (cryopumping)





Data from Pobell (2007)

# Cryopumping

Cryopumps generally can be used to provide high vacuum in cryostats

# Applications in fusion and many other areas requiring extremely clean vacua

# Also, small charcoal 'getters' can be used to offset small leaks in cryostats



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# Laboratory cryogens

# Nitrogen and helium-4 are most commonly used laboratory cryogens

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## Laboratory cryogens

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2.56

15

#### Cooling 1 kg of copper from 300 K to 4.2 K using latent heat of LHe only would require 32 I (~£500)

Using LN <sub>2</sub> to cool the same copper from 300
K to 77 K would require 0.46 I (a few pence)
and then LHe from 77 K to 4.2 K 2.2 I (~£35)
=> much more efficient and cost effective



Substance

**T<sub>b</sub> (K)** 

L(kJ/L)

Cost (f/L)

 $N_2$ 

77.2

161

0.1

Woodcraft (2007)

# Laboratory cryogens

Also, possible to improve efficiency further by utilising enthalpy of cold gas

Important: if using LN<sub>2</sub>, crucial to remove entirely before LHe as

- a) N<sub>2</sub> has high heat of melting and so LHe will be wasted solidifying N<sub>2</sub>
- b) Solid N<sub>2</sub> will likely cause blockages in pipework which can be catastrophic



# Heat transfer and design principles

**Occurs in systems due to conduction, convection, radiation** 





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Generally, we want to minimise all three – this is largely the goal of cryostat design. Given the cost of cooling (more on this later) this can have huge impacts on project cost



Occurs primarily within solids, although also within liquids and gases, without mass transport. Given by Fourier's law which can be written in one dimension as

$$\dot{q} = -k\left(T\right)\frac{dT}{dx}$$

where q is the conductive heat flux and k(T) is the conductivity of the material which is a function of temperature T and is generally non-linear (numerical integration over T is necessary in most practical cases)







Bauduoy (2015) and Ekin (2006)



#### In the case that A of the domain is constant, heat transfer is



Therefore, use long, narrow, low *k* supports to minimise *Q* 

#### **Common to find thermal conductivity integrals in the literature**



Bauduoy (2015)

# Thermal conductivity integrals (W/m) for selected materials between indicated temperatures and 4.2 K

	20 K	80 K	290 K
OFHC copper	11000	60600	152000
DHP copper	395	5890	46100
Aluminium 1100	2740	23300	72100
Aluminium 2024	160	2420	22900
Stainless steel AISI 304	16.3	349	3060
G-10	2	18	153



As we'll see later, it is more thermodynamically efficient to remove heat at higher temperatures

Therefore, typical to have thermal intercepts along supports, minimises heat load to coldest stages





For complex geometries, finite element analysis is a powerful tool

# FEA works by discretising geometry of system into cells and solving governing equations at nodes



#### **Example of FEA used in design of HL-LHC CC cryomodules**







Courtesy of N Templeton

In any real case, the boundary between two media will not be in perfect thermal contact => thermal impedance R<sub>c</sub> (=T/Q)





Boundary conductance strongly dependent on material combinations, surface cleanliness, compression force





At solid-helium boundary, phonon scattering gives rise to Kaptiza resistance

$$R_k = \frac{const.}{AT^3}$$





For a liquid helium-copper boundary, it has been shown experimentally that

$$R_K \approx \frac{0.025}{AT^3}$$





Fairly straightforward to eliminate => put cold mass in vacuum!

Insulating vacuum chamber is typically evacuated to <10<sup>-4</sup> mbar using rotary and then turbomolecular vacuum pumps, in order to prevent convective loading and minimise residual gas conduction

#### See Oleg Malyshev's course for in-depth treatment



In many wet cryostats, both forced and free convection of both liquids and gases provides useful heat transfer



Bauduoy (2015)

For flow over a surface, heat transfer is strongly dependent on the flow regime (Reynolds, Prandtl, and Grashof numbers)

# Can be modelled analytically as well as numerically (CFD is a powerful tool for this but can be very challenging)



# **Convective heat transfer – boiling**



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	$\Delta T_{c}$ (K)	$q_{c} (\mathrm{kW} \cdot \mathrm{m}^{-2})$	$q_{\rm r} ({\rm kW}\cdot{\rm m}^{-2})$	
Helium	1	10		
Nitrogen	10	100		
Hydrogen	5	100	10	



 $\Delta T$ 

Bauduoy (2015)

A surface at a given temperature absorbs, reflects, and emits electromagnetic radiation. The spectrum of the emitted power for a blackbody is described by Planck's law – integrating wrt frequency gives

$$\dot{q}_{rad,bb} = \sigma T^4$$

which gives the total hemispherical blackbody emissive power per unit area q at T, where  $\sigma$  is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant (= 5.67E-8 Wm<sup>-2</sup>K<sup>-4</sup>)



The ratio of the power emitted by a real surface to that emitted by a blackbody is the emissivity  $\varepsilon$ , hence

$$\dot{q}_{rad} = \varepsilon \sigma T^4$$

We can measure ε experimentally for any real surface



#### ε is highly dependent on surface finish

#### Values for a range of materials readily available in the literature





Obert (1982)

It may be seen that the rate of radiative heat exchange between two surfaces is simply the difference between the heat emitted from the first surface and absorbed by the second, and that emitted by the second surface and absorbed by the first; the general form is given by

$$\dot{q}_{rad,1-2} = \sigma \left( T_1^4 - T_2^4 \right) / \left( \frac{1 - \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_1 A_1} + \frac{1}{A_1 F_{12}} + \frac{1 - \varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_2 A_2} \right)$$



View factors account for the geometry of the system

For common geometries, these can be found in the literature, e.g. Parma (2015)





**Multi-layer insulation (MLI)** blankets consist of sheets of highly reflective layers, typically aluminized mylar, stacked alternately with insulating spacers. The mylar sheets then are floating temperature screens between T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub>





Image courtesy B Shaughnessy

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Image courtesy B Shaughnessy

A simplified thermal model (Parma, 2015) considers contributions from radiation and residual solid conduction across the blanket thickness as

$$\dot{q}_{MLI} = \left[\frac{\beta}{N+1} \cdot \left(T_1^4 - T_2^4\right)\right] + \left[\frac{\alpha}{N+1} \cdot \frac{T_1 + T_2}{2} \cdot \left(T_1 - T_2\right)\right]$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are coefficients that may be found experimentally (in the case of the LHC dipole cryostats,  $\alpha$  = 1.401e-4 and  $\beta$  = 3.741e-9



It may also be considered that an optimal packing density exists; this has been found experimentally to be 15 to 20 layers/cm

Some useful rules of thumb for design are 1 W/m<sup>2</sup> from 300 K to 40 K with 30 layers of MLI and 100 mW/m<sup>2</sup> from 40 K to 2 K with 10 layers of MLI



## **Material properties**

Many material properties are temperature dependent, including heat capacity, thermal conductivity, coefficient of thermal contraction, mechanical strength, stiffness

Essential that these are accounted for during design of cryogenic systems



# Heat capacity

**Specific heat** 

$$c = \frac{1}{m} \frac{dQ}{dT}$$

#### **Integrals in literature**




# Heat capacity

In general, specific heat capacity decreases with temperature. Hence, materials cool faster as they get colder, but also at low temperatures a small heat leak will cause a large temperature rise





# **Mechanical strength**

#### Not sufficient to simply consider room temperature values!

#### In many cases however, strength improves as material cools





Duthil (2015)

**Results from vibration of lattice structure of material** 

Most contraction happens above 77 K (=> components can be thermally cycled using LN2 only)

Must be considered in cryostat design (impact on alignment, interferences or gaps where dissimilar materials are used, etc.)



# FEA can be used to analyse thermal contraction

Typically managed by use of flexible sections (e.g., bellows) and configuring geometry to balance contractions or building in slack at room temperature





Courtesy of N Templeton





Duthil (2015)

Material	$\Delta L / L ( 300 - 100 )$	$\Delta L / L (100 - 4)$
Stainless Steel	296 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	35 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Copper	326 x 10 -5	44 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Aluminum	415 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	47 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Iron	198 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	18 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Invar	40 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	-
Brass	340 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	57 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Epoxy/ Fiberglass	279 x 10 -5	47 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Titanium	134 x 10 -5	17 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>



## Some commonly used materials

Material	Typical uses
Austenitic stainless steels, e.g., 304/L, 316, 321	Low $k$ components
Aluminum alloys e.g. $6061/3$ , $1100$	High $k$ components
Brass	Various, interface pieces
Copper e.g. OFHC, ETP	Very high $k$ components
Fiber reinforced plastics, e.g., G-10 and G-11	Very low $k$ components
Niobium and Titanium	Superconducting RF
Invar (Ni/Fe alloy)	Low $\alpha$ components
Indium	O-rings
Kapton and Mylar	Electrical insulation
Quartz	Vacuum windows



#### **Unsuitable materials**

Include (but are not limited to!) martensitic stainless steels, cast iron, carbon steels, rubber, and Teflon

These all become brittle when cooled



#### Instrumentation and controls

Typically require the ability to measure temperature, pressures (including vacuum), liquid level, valve position, flow rates, radiation levels, leak rates, pump speeds

Control requirements usually control valves, heaters, magnetic coils, pumps



#### Instrumentation and controls

Require sensors inside cryostat  $\rightarrow$  wire routing through system  $\rightarrow$  connector feedthrough out of cryostat (hermetic seals)  $\rightarrow$  cabling to rack  $\rightarrow$  monitor/readout  $\rightarrow$  GUI and data logging

#### **Good rule of thumb is £1000 per parameter**



#### Select type on basis of

- temperature range
- accuracy
- resolution
- stability
- power dissipation
- response time



- sensitivity to magnetic fields
- sensitivity to radiation
- price
- packaging (ease of installation)
- durability

Diodes may be used as thermometers as, under a constant current excitation, the forward voltage varies with temperature

Can have sufficient repeatability so as to be accurate to within 0.25 K from a standard calibration curve





Radebaugh (2016)

# RTDs work by measuring resistance which is a strong function of temperature for some suitable sensor



Radebaugh (2016)

RTDs read out using ac resistance bridges for high-resolution, low-power measurements

Selectable current excitation levels are used to minimise selfheating at lower temperatures (where R is high) and loss of resolution at higher temperatures (where R is low)



In addition to self-heating, the temperature of a sensor may be higher then the experiment due to heat leak through the wiring and poor thermal contact with the mounting position

In order to minimise this, the sensor packaging should be designed so as to provide excellent thermal contact and heat sinking of the wires



In order not to measure the resistance drop across the sensor leads, 4-wire measurements may be used where the excitation current is applied across one wire pair (I+, I-) and the voltage drop is measured across the second wire pair (V+, V-)





**Courtesy Lake Shore Cryotronics** 

Low thermal conductance wiring is used (e.g. manganin) => each wire is a heat load

Sensor leads are also typically arranged as twisted pairs; this aids in both cancelling microphony and shielding from magnetic interference





#### Dewar design

Designed to store, transport, and dispense liquid cryogens

Insulating vacuum, neck support, MLI, countercooling => losses ~1% /day





Image courtesy Wessington

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Image courtesy C Monroe

#### **Cryomodule design**

**Cryomodules are specialised cryostats** 

Designed to provide required environment for operating SRF cavities in an accelerator

Design approach strongly dependent on cavity geometry (frequency) and operating temperature



#### **Cryomodule design**

<500 MHz, typically operate in He-I at 4.2 K

>500 MHz more energy efficient to operate in He-II at 2 K (recall rf surface resistance is inversely proportional to temperature)

He-II => excellent temperature and mechanical stability



# HL-LHC crab cavity cryomodule P&ID (draft)





#### HL-LHC crab cavity cryomodule CAD







# Cryomodule design

#### Major components:

- Dressed SRF cavities
- RF power couplers
- Tuners
- Thermal shield(s)
- Support structures
- Cryogenic lines



- Magnetic shield(s)
- Instrumentation
- Vacuum vessel
- Waveguide for RF supply
- Safety devices
- Bayonet connection for cryogen
  supply/recovery

#### **Dressed cavities**

Cavities assembled under cleanroom conditions (typically ISO4), typically integrated into cavity strings

Cavities typically have individual tanks welded around them to contain He-II





#### **Magnetic shielding**

Trapped flux in Nb decreases Q => shielding required from ambient fields





# **Magnetic shielding**

This may be achieved at the level of <1 µT using some combination of active (i.e., a solenoid), warm passive (typically a high magnetic permeability nickel-iron alloy such as Mu-metal), and cold passive shielding (eg







## **RF power couplers**

**Couplers are installed to** provide RF power and HOM pick-up from the cavity, and are generally either coaxial or waveguide with ceramic windows to provide environmental isolation for the cavity







#### Tuners installed on each cavity are used to ensure operation at the correct frequency





**Tuners** 

**Cavities may be detuned by** pressure changes and mechanical stresses, requiring "slow" correction by a mechanical tuner, as well as by **Lorentz forces which require** "fast" correction by a piezoelectric cartridge





## **Thermal shielding**

Cooled to intermediate temps using GHe (or in some cases LN<sub>2</sub>)

# MLI used to minimise radiative heat transfer





# **Thermal shielding**

**Typical radiative heat fluxes:** 

#### 1 W/m<sup>2</sup> for the radiation shield at 40 K dressed with 30 layers of MLI

#### 100 mW/m<sup>2</sup> for the cavities at 2 K with 10 layers of MLI



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Structural elements such as posts, tension members, and space frames, are required to support the cold mass under mechanical loading from shipping and handling, cooldown, fluid flow, and ground motion







Commonly used approaches include using a spaceframe or strongback, where the cold mass alignment is done outside and translated horizontally into the vacuum vessel, and top loading





#### **Supports**

Support elements must contribute as low a heat load to the cold stages as possible; accordingly, these are typically fabricated from high strength, low conductivity materials including fibre-epoxy composites such as G-10 and G-11, stainless steel, and Ti



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#### Vacuum chamber

Contains the insulating vacuum (typically on the order of 10<sup>-6</sup> mbar)

Also provides pressure containment in the event of an internal cryogen line failure




#### Interfaces

**Include input RF power from** the amplifiers, RF signals for control, HOM power extraction, electrical feeds for motors and actuators, and instrumentation signals including temperature, vacuum, pressure, and liquid level





# **Cryomodule design**

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Fig.: ESS elliptical cryomodule, taken from Darve et al. (2017)

# **Cryomodule design**





Images courtesy ESS, CEA



# **Cryogenic safety training**

Use of cryogenic systems immediately introduces range of potential hazards. Will mention some here, but not exhaustive!

#### If planning to work with cryogenic systems, can contact myself or Shrikant Pattalwar

Cryogenic safety training course taught by Rob Done (RAL)



# **Cryogenic safety**

Use of cryogenic systems immediately introduces range of potential hazards

#### Cold temperatures => contact burns, frostbite, hypothermia

#### Expansion ratio => ODAs, pressure systems



# Cryogenic safety

- E Eliminate
- R Reduce
- l Isolation
- C Controls
- P PPE
- D Discipline



High expansion ratios mean that boil-off of liquid cryogens can potentially lead to an oxygen depleted atmosphere in the surrounding environment. Can and has been fatal

Essential to calculate safe quantity of cryogens that can be used in area and design system accordingly. Additionally, O<sub>2</sub> depletion monitors (both area and personal) are essential safety devices



**Cryostats are pressure vessels** 

Vital that all systems are designed according to pressure safety codes (Pressure Equipment Regulations in UK, PED in EU, ASME in USA)

# Once in service, must comply with PSSR 2000 (assembly, maintenance and modifications)



Failure of insulating vacuum => room temperature air onto cold surface, massive heat load on cold stages

~3.8 W/cm<sup>2</sup> to bare surfaces at 2 K and ~0.6 W/cm<sup>2</sup> to those insulated with MLI

# Safety devices including pressure relief valves and burst discs must be sized accordingly



# When carrying out cryogen transfers etc, correct use of PPE is essential







Courtesy Rob Done

	Each unit (W)						Total (W)				
HB650	HTTS (40 K Supply/Return)	LTTS (4.5 K Return)	4.5 K Supply	2 K Isothermal	2 K Non-isothermal	#	HTTS (40 K Supply/Return)	LTTS (4.5 K Return)	4.5 K Supply	2 K Isothermal	2 K Non-isothermal
Cavity dynamic	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.20	0.00	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	115.2	0.0
Input coupler (dynamic)	1.10	0.04	0.0	0.56	0.00	6	6.6	0.2	0.0	3.36	0.0
Input coupler (static)	7.50	2.20	0.0	0.54	0.00	6	45.0	13.2	0.0	3.24	0.0
Support post	1.96	0.72	0.00	0.11	0.00	12	23.5	8.6	0.0	1.31	0.0
Beam line	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.27	0.00	2	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.54	0.0
Thermal shield	63.61	0.00	0.00	1.79	0.00	1	63.6	0.0	0.0	1.79	0.0
View ports	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.55	0.0
Reliefline	0.75	0.2	0.0	0.21	0.00	1	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.21	0.0
Pressure transducer line	1.47	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	1	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.02	0.0
HX support	1.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	1	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.1
Middle support	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.07	1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.1
Bayonet and Valve	7.24	0.09	0.09	0.87	0.15	1	7.2	0.1	0.1	0.87	0.2
Instrumentation	0.74	3.18	0.00	1.05	0.00	1	0.7	3.2	0.0	1.05	0.0
Total dynamic							6.6	0.2	0.0	118.6	0.0
Total static							144.4	26.3	0.4	9.57	0.3

Table 6: HB650 cryogenic heat load



These are modelled during design, verified experimentally during commissioning

Heat loading to the thermal shield circuit can be found by measuring the inlet and outlet temperatures and pressures, calculating the associated increase in enthalpy, and multiplying by the measured mass flow rate



Loading to the 2 K circuit can be found by measuring the mass flow rate at the cold compressor/vacuum pumps, subtracting the vapour generated at J-T expansion, and multiplying by the latent heat of evaporation of helium at 2 K



#### Incredibly important when scaled up to entire accelerator!





**Courtesy FNAL** 

Distribution system to get liquid and cold gaseous helium from cryoplant where it is produced across some distance (can be several km!) to the cryomodules

Huge infrastructure requiring complex network of transfer lines and individual cryostats housing valves, distribution, auxiliary, feed, splitting, end, subcoolers, etc.



Vacuum jacketed transfer line to minimise heat leak

Stainless steel vacuum pipe with concentric volumes wrapped in MLI for cryogens

Plastic or composite supports (eg G-10, G-11 epoxy-fibreglass)









Fydrych (2016)





Figure courtesy J Fydrych

# **Producing cold**



Figure courtesy R Radebaugh

# **Producing cold**

Only a few ways to make a pure fluid (eg helium) colder:

- Reduce pressure above liquid bath (move down vapour pressure curve)
- Heat exchange with a cold surface
- Extract work from fluid (eg expand through a turbine) whilst keeping it thermally isolated (=> isentropic expansion)
- Cause fluid to do internal work (eg expand through a valve) whilst keeping it thermally isolated (=> isenthalpic expansion)



Cycle is a series of thermodynamic processes, involving transfer of heat and work in and out of a system along with changes in state variables (pressure, temperature, etc.), that returns system to initial state





Theoretically the most efficient heat engine cycle (reversible) (1-2) Isothermally compress fluid, reject heat

(2-3) Adiabatic expansion (3-4) Isothermally expand fluid, absorb heat

(4-1) Adiabatic compression





Idealised cycle because all processes are reversible

Isentropic expansion/compression essentially impossible

In reality, compressing fluid isothermally is incredibly difficult





However, Carnot sets theoretical maximum efficiency of a thermodynamic cycle

We can define a coefficient of performance as the heat absorbed from the cold sink divided by the net work required to remove this heat

$$\eta_{carnot} = COP = -\frac{Q_a}{W_{net}} = \frac{T_c}{T_h - T_c}$$



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#### For Carnot, a function only of temperature

For 
$$T_h = 300$$
 K and  $T_c = 77$  K,  $\eta_{Carnot} = 0.34$   
For  $T_h = 300$  K and  $T_c = 4.2$  K,  $\eta_{Carnot} = 0.014$   
For  $T_h = 300$  K and  $T_c = 2$  K,  $\eta_{Carnot} = 0.0067$ 



Inverse of COP is useful as it gives us the number of W required to produce 1 W of cooling, e.g. for 4.2 K system this would be 70 W/W

Furthermore, real cycles are less efficient than this so we will be working much higher than this in practice. We therefore talk about % Carnot (also Figure of Merit)



$$\%_{carnot} = FOM = \frac{COP}{COP_{Carnot}}$$

#### Best current cryoplants operate at 220 W/W (~32%<sub>Carnot</sub>)





## **Justification for SRF**

**Consider wall plug power for normal vs s/c accelerator** 

Microwave surface resistance of a superconductor is 5 to 6 orders of magnitude lower than for copper cavities

Allowing for Carnot at 2 K [2/(300 - 2) = 0.0067] and modern plant at 30% of Carnot, still have a net gain on the order of 200 [=  $10^5 * 0.0067 * 0.3$ ] using SRF



KK



Figure courtesy R Radebaugh







**Claude cycle** 

#### Can add additional turbines (Collins cycle) to increase efficiency





Figures courtesy Pascale Dauguet

# **Joule-Thomson effect**

Fluids can be cooled by expanding at constant enthalpy through a constriction (orifice or valve)

# Joule-Thomson coefficient must be positive for cooling to occur



Data courtesy John Weisend



Fluid	Max Inversion Temperature (K)				
Nitrogen	623				
Argon	723				
Hydrogen	202				
Не	43				





Figure courtesy Pascale Dauguet

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#### **Daresbury cold box**



#### Cryocoolers



Figure courtesy R Radebaugh



Commonly used mechanical cryocoolers include Gifford-MacMahon (G-M) and pulse tube cryocoolers (PTC)

#### G-M cheaper, higher cooling power (few W at 4 K)

PTC more expensive, lower vibration (1 W at 4 K)



#### Operate in an isobaric-isothermal Ericsson cycle

Achieved by synchronising the operation of the rotary valve with the regenerator, usually ~1 Hz





(i) With the displacer at the bottom of the cold head, the rotary valve is opened to the high-pressure side. Highpressure gas fills the space above the displacer and the regenerator at ambient temperature.





(ii) With the valve to the high-pressure side still open, the displacer is moved to the top of the cold head. The gas passes through the regenerator matrix where it exchanges heat and is cooled isobarically. The gas fills the space below the displacer at low temperature.





(iii) With the displacer in its upper position, the rotary valve is closed to the high-pressure side and opened to the low-pressure side. The gas within the coldhead (both in the regenerator and the cold space) expands, taking in heat from the environment surrounding the cold side (i.e., producing the useful heat lift).



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(iv) With the rotary valve still open to the low-pressure side, the displacer is moved back to the bottom of the cold head. The gas passes back through the regenerator matrix where it is warmed isobarically and fills the space above the displacer at ambient temperature





This can easily be extended to provide two cooling stages

Will provide cooling as long as electrical power is supplied to compressor and cold head (rotary valve and displacer)





Images courtesy SHI Cryogenics





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#### **PT cryocoolers**

**PTC operates using same cycle** 

Consists of a pressure-wave generating subsystem, a first tube containing a stationary regenerator, and a second (hollow) tube





#### **PT cryocoolers**

Impedance gives phase difference to support Ericsson cycle

No moving parts => huge reduction in vibration at the expense of some cooling power





Image courtesy Cryomech

#### Case study - VTF cryostat at Daresbury



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#### **ESS** high-β cavities

# As part of the UK's IKC to the ESS, Daresbury is responsible for the manufacture and qualification of 84 high-β SRF cavities







#### $\textbf{Concept} \rightarrow \textbf{accelerator}$

**EM modelling of RF cavity**  $\rightarrow$  **Manufacturing**  $\rightarrow$ 







Michelato et al. (2016)

#### $\textbf{Concept} \rightarrow \textbf{accelerator}$

 $\rightarrow$  Bare cavity test  $\rightarrow$  Jacketing







Sertore et al (2015) Kako et al (2010)

#### **ESS high-**β cavities



	Medium-β	High-β
Geometrical β	0.67	0.86
Frequency (MHz)	704.42	
No. of Cryomodules	9	21
Cavities /Cryomodule	4	4
No. of Cavities	36	84
Cryomodule length (m)	6.584	
Nominal Accelerating gradient (MV/m)	16.7	19.9
Nominal Accelerating Voltage (MV)	14.3	18.2
$\mathbf{Q}_0$ at nominal gradient	> 5e9	







#### **VTF key design requirements**

**Operating temp**  $2 \text{ K} \rightarrow \text{He-II}$ 

# cavities to test84Estimated retests30%Total anticipated tests115

Time scale

**2** years  $\rightarrow$  **1** cavity/week



#### **Conventional VTF approach**

Immerse cavities in bulk LHe bath, pump to 30 mbar (2 K), use 2 K HEX + JT valve to maintain LHe level

Used successfully at DESY, CERN, FNAL

Requires <u>~7500 L</u> LHe per test and GHe handling (2 K HEX, 2 K pumps, distribution pipework, valves, safety devices, etc.) for <u>20 g/s</u>



#### 'Horizontal' VTF approach



LHe Fill /

Pumping line

**RF** Probes



#### 'Horizontal' VTF approach



Individual LHe jackets, each ~50 L

**Cryostat sized to accommodate horizontal cavity mounting (closer to linac configuration)** 

3 cavities tested per cooldown

~1500 L required per test (vs 7500 L)

< 2 g/s in steady state under static load (vs 20 g/s)</pre>



### **Cavity support insert design**

## Pair of identical CSIs with common cryostat to allow simultaneous testing and preparation of next set of cavities

Component	Volume for 3 cavities (L)
CSI top header	213.0
LHe column Section 1 Section 2 Section 3	33.4 15.2 4.4
Di-phase connection	23.1
Cavity helium jacket	155.7
Total:	444.8







## **Cavity loading and preparation on CSI**

Cryo connections made + RF, mechanical, UHV

**Cernox RTD thermometers mounted on cavities** 

**MLI** jackets installed

Input coupler cooling link installed

"Mode-2" checks carried out on stand, inc.

- Safety checks
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- + RF, mechanical, UHV checks



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#### **CSI transfer**

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![](_page_174_Picture_2.jpeg)

### **VTF cryostat and bunker**

Single vacuum chamber (OVC+IVC) in bunker (inc. thermal and magnetic shielding)

2 K valve box

2 K pumps (>1 g/s @ 30 mbar/2 K) + redundant set/additional capacity being installed mid-2021

**Recovery circuit => closed-cycle** 

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#### **Magnetic shielding**

Stray field attenuation to <1.4 µT by static Mumetal shield

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Further attenuation <1.0 µT by two active coils

![](_page_179_Picture_4.jpeg)
## **Cryoplant and recovery infrastructure**

Air Liquide Helial ML ~130 L/hour (w/ LN2 precool) Gas @ 50 K, currently run ~2 g/s

**3000 L LHe dewar** Currently run at 2000 L

**Recovery circuit** 

Total current operating inventory ~ 2700 L liquid equivalent







#### Custom slow pump/slow vent systems developed to operate down to 10<sup>-7</sup> mbar



Mass to charge ratio



#### Instrumentation and controls



Slide by Adrian Oates (STFC, DL, TECH)

#### **Modes of operation**

Mode-1 Cavity assembly on CSI Mode-2 CSI loading and checks on stand Mode-3 Shield and cavity cooldown to 40 K Mode-4 Cavity cooldown to 4.2 K Mode-5 RF operations at 4.2 K





#### **Modes of operation**

Mode-6 Cavity cooldown to 2 K Mode-7 RF operations at 2 K Mode-8 Warmup to 300 K Mode-9 CSI removal Mode-10 Cavity disassembly on CSI





#### Shield cooldown

EPICS Archiver Appliance Viewer



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24 hours

## **Cavity cooldown**





#### Further optimisation of cooldown tbd

**Courtesy: A White** 

#### Pressure and temperature stability at 2 K

Excellent pressure and temperature stability under static load at 2 K with PID control of 2 K pumps

±0.1 mbar ±1 mK

Stability under dynamic load subject of ongoing work





## Cryo + RF ops at 2 K

Minimum liquid level to keep cavity immersed is 70%

With CSI filled to top of header tank (i.e. 100%), hold time at 2 K under static loading >18 hours

Actual duration available during testing will depend on RF power dissipated, typically ~8 hours

Top up duration ~2.5 hours; in practice fills carried out daily to support RF ops



#### Cavity test results – H004





#### **Response to loading**

Tests carried out to simulate RF loading

Series of 40 s pulses applied up to 200 W







Speedy warm up carried out by boiling off remaining LHe and employing recirculation pumps to drive warm GHe through cooling circuits

~72 hours for warm up to 300 K

**Cryogenic performance allows us to test 3 cavities / 2 weeks** 





Significant efforts have been devoted to safety considerations during design

**Worst-case failure scenarios considered to be:** 

- cryostat vacuum failure
- beam pipe vacuum failure
- contamination of helium circuit



#### Safety – cryostat vaccum failure

Cryostat vacuum loss  $\rightarrow$  immediate leak of 300 K air onto cold surfaces

MLI on cavity jackets retards heat transfer from warm gas



	Loss of vacuum heat load	Ø safety valve required
Without MLI on cavities	170 kW	64 mm
With MLI on cavities	42 kW	32 mm



#### Safety – beam pipe vacuum failure

Immediate leak of 300 K air onto inside surface of cavity

3 independent UHV lines  $\rightarrow$  extremely unlikely all three would fail simultaneously

Loading found to be lower than for previous case, hence not limiting scenario



#### Safety – contamination of helium circuit

If PRV does not close properly following He boil off from transient event, air ingress possible

In order to mitigate this, low pressure helium guard around PRV used







#### **Operational history and future plans**

**Commissioning completed 2019** 

ESS high-β cavity testing programme late 2020 to mid 2023

Summer 2023 upgrade work to prepare for PIP-II

From end of 2023 facility will be used for testing HB650 cavities for PIP-II

Longer term plans for thin film cavity testing



### **Daresbury VTF summary**

"Horizontal" VTF developed at STFC Daresbury allowing test of 3 high-β SRF cavities per run whilst requiring ~70% less LHe than conventional facilities

Demonstrated cooldown of 3x ESS high-β cavities to 2 K with excellent pressure/ temperature stability

**Cryogenic performance validated for high-power RF tests at 2 K** 

Nearing end of successful ESS cavity testing programme

**Preparing for PIP-II HB650 modifications this Summer** 



## **Overall summary**

- Applications for accelerators
- Properties of cryogens
- Heat transfer and material properties at low temperatures
- Basic principles of cryogenic engineering
- Cryostat design
- Cryoplants, mechanical coolers
- Case study Daresbury vertical test facility



#### Cryogenics

Fundamentals, foundations and applications

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