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CERN SRF Cavity Testing Infrastructure

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Outline

- Overview of infrastructure
- Process From reception of cavity to end of test
- RF / Testing System
- Future Developments





Testing Infrastructure

SM18

- 4 x Vertical Test Stands
 - For testing cavities (bare/dressed)
 - Production & R&D
- 2 x Test Bunkers
 - For verification & conditioning of cryomodules

Cryolab

- **1 x** Dedicated Vertical Cryostat
 - 1.3GHz
 - QPR
- **1 x** On-Demand Cryostat
 - Material & Instrumentation R&D





Credit: Pirotte_SM18_CER-ACC-2014-0314



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SM18 Test Stand V3 summary

Property name	Value	Unit	Comment	
LHe volume	2500	L		
Operating temperature	1.7 - 4.5	К	2 Operating Modes	
Diameter / size	1.1	m		
Number of inserts	1			
RF Frequency	350 - 1500	MHz		
Maximum Incident power	300	W		
Additional instrumentation			B-Field Compensation Granular Temperature Mapping Programmable Attenuation Mobile Coupler Quench Detection by 2nd Sound (OST) Top & Bottom Radiation Monitor Thermo-electric current Tuner controls	
Typical testing rate (Vts / year)	N/A		Mix of dedicated R&D and production tests (\approx 2 weeks)	
Possibility to test bare cavities	Yes	Y / N	Bare, dressed, cavities with tuners	
Infrastructure for small intervention	?	Y / N	Any intervention to be negotiated with CERN SRF program	





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SM18 Test Stand V4 summary

Property name	Value	Unit	Comment
LHe volume	1500	L	
Operating temperature	1.8 - 4.5	К	2 Operating Modes
Diameter / size	1.1	m	
Number of inserts	1		
RF Frequency	100 - 1000	MHz	
Maximum Incident power	300	W	
Additional instrumentation			B-Field Compensation Granular Temperature Mapping Mobile Coupler, Top & Bottom Radiation Monitor Thermo-electric current
Typical testing rate (Vts / year)	8		Based on 2021
Possibility to test naked cavities	Yes	Y / N	
Infrastructure for small intervention		Y / N	Any intervention to be negotiated with CERN SRF program







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SM18 Test Stand V5 summary

Property name	Value	Unit	Comment
LHe volume	100	L	
Operating temperature	1.8 - 4.5	К	2 Operating Modes
Diameter / size	1.0	m	
Number of inserts	1		
RF Frequency	100 - 1000	MHz	Upgrade to 1.3GHz foreseen
Maximum Incident power	100	W	
Additional instrumentation			B-Field Compensation Common vacuum system Mobile Coupler
Typical testing rate (Vts / year)	1		Based on 2021
Possibility to test naked cavities	No	Y / N	Cavity must be equipped with He circuit
Infrastructure for small intervention		Y / N	Any intervention to be negotiated with CERN SRF program







SM18 Test Stand V6 summary

Property name	Value	Unit	Comment
LHe volume	2500	L	
Operating temperature	1.8 - 4.5	К	2 Operating Modes
Diameter / size	1.1	m	
Number of inserts	1		
RF Frequency	100 - 1000	MHz	
Maximum Incident power	300	W	
Additional instrumentation			Mobile Coupler Granular Temperature Mapping Mobile Coupler Top & Bottom Radiation Monitor
Typical testing rate (Vts / year)	5		Based on 2021
Possibility to test naked cavities	Yes	Y / N	
Infrastructure for small intervention		Y / N	Any intervention to be negotiated with CERN SRF program





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Cryolab Test Stand Summary

Property name	Value	Unit	Comment
LHe volume	90	L	
Operating temperature	1.5 – 4.22	К	
Diameter / size	0.34	m	
Number of inserts	2		
RF Frequency	400 - 1300	MHz	
Maximum Incident power	25	W	
Additional instrumentation			Temperature Mapping System (Nb on Cu) Mobile Coupler
Typical testing rate (Vts / year)	15		Based on 2021
Possibility to test naked cavities	Yes	Y / N	
Infrastructure for small intervention		Y / N	Any intervention to be negotiated with CERN SRF program







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SRF Full Testing Programme 2022



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Schedule / Throughput



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Process Overview









Cavity Preparation

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LPR booth

- LPR Up to 7 bar, ultra-pure water, and alcohol post-rinse
- 2 x Clean Booths (currently)
- Components preparation in new clean booth with washing machine

SM18 Overview

- HPR Up to 100bar
- 1 x ISO 2 Clean Room
- 4 x Clean booths (1 x horizontal flow, 3 x vertical flow)





Dynamic





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Insert Preparation

Insert Diagnostics

- Temperature
 - 3 x PT100 Temperature Sensors on heat shields of all stands
 - 6 16 x CERNOX Temperature Sensors
 - 3 x PT100 and 6x cernox integrated into cryo process control

Pressure

- Cryostat Pressure
 - 0-2 bar gauge for pressure cycles up to 1.5 bara
 - 0-50 mbar gauge for superfluid helium operation
- Cavity Vacuum
 - Pirani 1 x 10⁻³- 1bar
 - Pening $1x10^{-2} 1x10^{-10}$ (target = $1x10^{-9}$ prior to cooldown)
- Helium Level
 - 3 x Gauges spanning full operation volume of cryostat
- B-field probes
 - Vertical, horizontal, azimuthal (V3 & V4 only)
 - Achievable compensation below **50 nT**



Process

• Stiffening Frame (Crab)

Mount on insert

•Connect pumping line

•Leak Test

●RGA

- •120°C Bakeout (unless dressed Crab)
- Mounting of test diagnostics probes (CERNOX, B-Field, Level)





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Cooldown / Cryo Conditions

- Overview of cryogenics capabilities/capacity
- Dedicated cooldown 'recipes'
- Operating modes (4.5K, 2K, detail thermal cycles etc)
- Limitations (Demand from magnets)



Overview of RF System

- Both PLL and UCC systems on V3, V4 and V6
- UCC based on accelerator technology, incorporating SEL and GD
- UCC vs PLL results comparison shown below (NC03 LHC cavity, October 2021)
- PLL operated via LabView application
- UCC has python UI via Spyder





UCC System

- Extensible framework for operator (Spyder, IPython)
 - Database of adaptable test procedures (calibration, pulse/CW scans etc..)
 - Several methods of calculating Q₀ data from raw measurements
 - Live plotting
- Reused accelerator LLRF & Controls Systems
 - FPGA with multimode drive (SEL, GD), input ADCs (Vf, Vr, Vt), and buffer memory
 - V2 in testing
- Saves all raw data
 - Timestamps, raw scan data, processed data and relevant environmental data (radiation, temperatures, helium level, dark currents etc)





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Cavity Loops UCC

- Ring buffer memory for ADCs
 - 8 x 2²⁰ (4 ADCs, 2 channels each)
 - Time range = 1 60s (80 16MS/s)
 - Freeze on demand
- RF Safety Limit on Drive

FAST

- SEL
 - Adapts to changing phase/frequency

ACCELERATOR AND MAGNET INFRASTRUCTURE

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User Interface - Inspector

- **CERN Control & Monitoring Interface**
- Displays environmental & test data in real-time
- Designed to be both user-friendly & user configurable
- Gives controllable interface to controls layer
- Can also be used to control test stand apparatus such as heaters, magnetic field compensation coils etc.
- Allows remote monitoring of test progress (mobile phone compatible)



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Cryolab

- 1.3GHz Nb on Cu cavities results shown below
- 'On-demand' cryostat being used for flux lens project
- Plans for mobile UCC system, like those found in SM18, which can be used in cryolab
- Limitations: Radiation







Flux Lens

Cryolab Thermal Mapping

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- Designed specifically for measurement of heat dissipation on Nb on Cu cavities
- 192 thermometers in 12 boards

Max sample rate = 100kS/s

4 calibrated thermometers

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• 480 feedthroughs in 3 PCBs





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Credit : Antonio Bianchi



3 x 1.3GHz Cavity Insert Configuration

Motivation

- Comparative RF measurement of 1.3 GHz cavities : identical environmental conditions
- Comparison of RF results between Cryolab and SM18
- Validate testing with cavities under static vacuum: simplifies cavity preparation sequence
- Raise field emission threshold (compared to cryolab)
- Increase throughput



Cavity A – 1.3GHz Bulk Nb Measured as reference Nb Cavity Cavity B – 1.3GHz Bulk Nb Cavity micro-mechanical polished Cavity C – 1.3GHz Thin film cavity HiPIMMs Nb coated copper cavity

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Timber – Data Logging



- CERN Accelerator Logging Service
- Includes SM18 environmental data for each test stand
- PyTimber module for extracting and processing data stored in database





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Cavity producers

Pending Projects					
Project name	Frequency (MHz)	Number of cavities	Operating temperature [K]	Comment	
Crab [Hi-Lumi LHC]	401	DQW - 10 (x3 tests each) RFD - 2	2	Bare / with couplers / with He tank	
LHC Spares	400	4	4.5		
HIE-ISOLDE	101	32	4.5		
Foreseen Projects					
SWELL [FCC]	1300	1	4.5	SRF Workshop (INDICO 1103356)	
FCC Elliptical	400	2-4	4.5		
R&D					
Nb Multi-cell	704 & 800		1.8	CERN Internal	
Single Cell Cavities	1300		1.8 - 4.2	CERN Internal	
Tuning Devices	400	N/A	1.8 - 4.5	Transient Detuning Project	



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Ongoing R&D

Beam Loading Electronic Emulation Project



Mobile UCC (cryolab/V5) UCC Upgrades

Example of transient tuning





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Questions?



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Upcoming Upgrade of SEL

- Built in simple spectrum analyser functionality
- Wider bandwidth (dynamic)
- Latest generation FPGA custom logic for experiments such as FRT
- Up-rated ADCs 6 x 14-bit, 100MS/s
 - Ch1-4 : V_{fwd} , V_{rfl} , V_{inc} , V_{cav}
 - Ch5 : Output (Drive)
 - Ch6 : Cavity Antenna Frequency
- Conditioning brake faster
- Phase-following polar loop on P_{fwd} & Magnitude Loop on P_{trns}
- Peak detection in a window

Range of Operation	350 – 1350 MHz
IF Bandwidth	5MHz (≈0.1dB gain flatness)

Stock	12
Cost per card	≈ 2k CHF
Inc. VME + FEC	≈ 7k CHF



