# Cool-down & warm-up of XFEL linac

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#### **Overview**

- **XFEL project: General information**
- **XFEL cryogenic system**
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#### **General information about the XFEL project**

#### KFEL-Linac

- Length of accelerator: 1500m
- Accelerator modules: 96
- Max. electron energy: 17.5GeV
- Start of beam operation: January, 2017
- Start of user runs: September, 2017
- Three SASE undulators
  - serving 7 experimental stations
  - cover 300eV to 30keV photon energies

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#### XFEL cryogenic system:

- 671 control valves
- 2647 temperature sensors
- 800 pressure sensors
- 212 flow sensors
- > 100 level sensors

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- **XFEL-Cryomodules** 
  - Cavities: 8 superconducting 9-cell 1.3GHz cavities per cryomodule (a total of 768 cavities)
  - Cavity cooling: Helium II bath at 2.0K (5/8K and 40/80K thermal shields)

## 8 SC cavities + 1 SC quadrupole = cryomodule (12m)

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#### Warm He-Pumps (AMTF):

- Backup for cold compressors CB44
- Limited capacity: no beam operation possible
- Important component for XFEL

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    - Design / manufacturing failures would have been "visible"



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#### 3 Pressure Data

Colour code	Design pressure	Pneum. pressure test 1.1 x design pressure	Leakage test 1 x design pressure	Remarks
	20 bar(g)	22 bar(g)	20 bar(g)	PED
	16 bar(g)	17.6 bar(g)	16 bar(g)	PED
	4 bar(g)	4.4 bar(g)	4 bar(g)	PED
				no pressure and leak test
x	-	-	-	Equipment to be <b>removed</b> for pressure and leakage test
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- Alarm values for different components
  - High values (e.g. 15K for GRP vertical)
  - $\circ~$  Highhigh values (e.g. 20K for GRP vertical)

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- Different phases of warm-up
  - ► Phase 0: Stop CC operation
  - Phase 1: Evaporation of liquid helium (static heat load)
  - ► Phase 2: Cold gas flow of 10K
  - Phase 3: Conversion of coldbox to 80K mode
  - ▶ Phase 4: Cold gas flow of approx. 50K (below triple point of nitrogen: 63K)
  - Phase 5: Adjustment of flat ramp from 50K- 80K (to slowly reach/pass through 63K)
  - ▶ Phase 6: Adjustment of ramp (dT=50K) for warm up 80K 300K
  - ▶ Phase 7: Warm gas flow of 300K



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For all phases

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- ► Relevant valves, sensors, etc.
- Plausibility check of values (flows, pressures, temperatures)
  Inspection rounds for identification of failures/defects/damage, etc.



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Conclusion: With ΔT = 50K along the linac - No reasonable scenario during warm-up, where critical temperature gradients for a cryomodule will be exceeded

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### **Beam operation**

40/80K circuit: 135kg 5/8K circuit: 900kg 2K circuit: 2527kg **Total: 3562kg** 



### <u>Warm up</u>

40/80K circuit: 33kg 5/8K circuit: 26kg 2K circuit: 80kg Total: 139kg

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Pump port Pump port THEFT String N String N+1 Vacuum barrier Beam pipe Process pipes

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Summary

# The XFEL linac will be warmed up for the first time

There is always a risk but the system is designed for dynamic procedures, and...

- Procedures are well prepared
- ► The cryogenic design is safe
- ► We have longterm and adequate experience

(Most likely) nothing spectactular will happen but having a warm XFEL linac!
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## Thank you!

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