"Quench Detection in 9-Cell ILC Superconducting Cavities Using Second Sound in He-II"

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What is 2nd Sound Quench Detection?

- 2nd Sound
 - Temperature wave propagation in superfluid helium due to large heat burst
- With well-known velocity, 20 m/sec at 1.8 K
- Use time delay to determine distance to quench spot
- Triangulate location of quench spot with information from 3 detectors
- Can be used to detect quench in several cells in one test by measuring pass-band modes

9-cell Re-entrant Cavity (AES)



• 100 rotating thermometers



• 8 Superfluid 2nd Sound Detectors





Time of flight of 2nd Sound for 3 detectors



Comparison Between 2nd Sound Location and Standard Thermometry Location







Standard Carbon thermometers

Defect Heating Below Quench



Questar Observation





3 mm

Heat Affected Zone

Defect Size 250 microns

Defect Found in 1-Cell Niowave Cavity #1 with 2nd Sound Detection and Questar Inspection





Several Standard Thermometrs Placed Near 2nd Sound Quench Location Temperature Rise vs. Position Compared to Prediction for Defect Heating Spread on He side





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