Measurements Uncertainties in VTS (at Fermilab).

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Abstract

We discuss source of errors in Q and E measurements during testing of SRF cavity in VTS (at Fermilab, as an example).

Melnychuk's error propagation analysis

SRF2013 THP095 (to follow by expanded paper O. Melnychuk *"Error analysis for vertical test stand cavity measurements at Fermilab"*, submitted to PRSTAB) See also Fermilab Tech Report TD-13-010 Contact: alexmelnitchouk@gmail.com

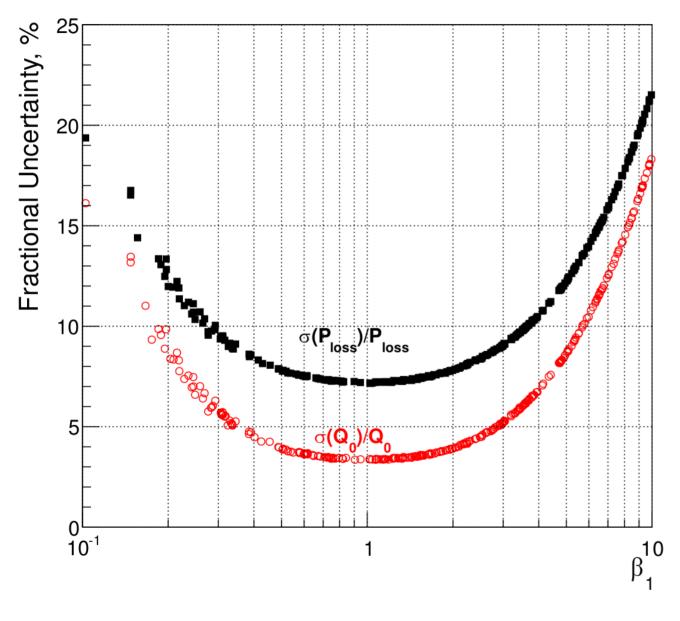
Follows and refines Tom Powers work (see e.g. SRF2011). More careful treatment of correlations between cable calibration, decay measurements, and actual CW measurements.

Melnychuk's error propagation analysis

Input uncertainties:

 Power meter sensitivity 	1 nW
 Power meter precision 	4.2%
 Operator error 	3%
• Cable loses	
 Forward / Reflected 	5%
 Transmitted 	0%
 Decay constant 	3%

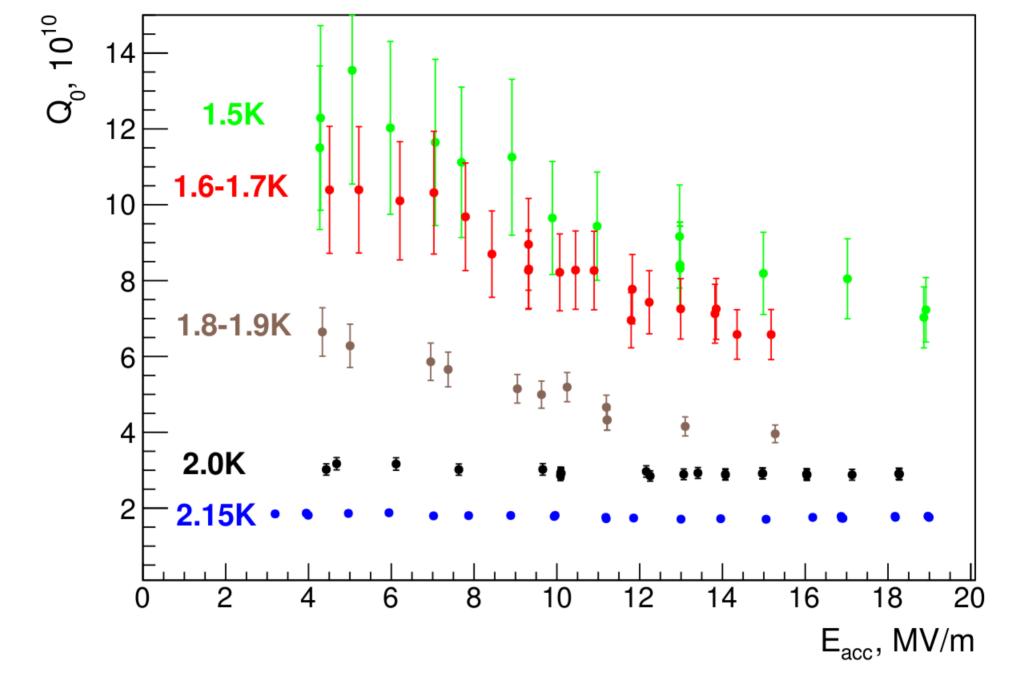
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For 0.5 < β_1 <2.5 $\delta Q/Q$ and $\delta E/E \sim 4\%$ (constant)

Main difference from Tom Powers' work:

- $\delta E/E$ does not depend on E
- $\delta Q/Q$ is about 2x smaller



Test of te1nr005 cavity on March 2013 on VTS1 at Fermilab. $\beta_1 \sim 2 \ @2.15 \mbox{K}, \sim 10 \ @1.5 \mbox{K}$

Directional coupler issues

Instigated by Warren Schappert (warren@fnal.gov). Still work in progress.

Directional coupler

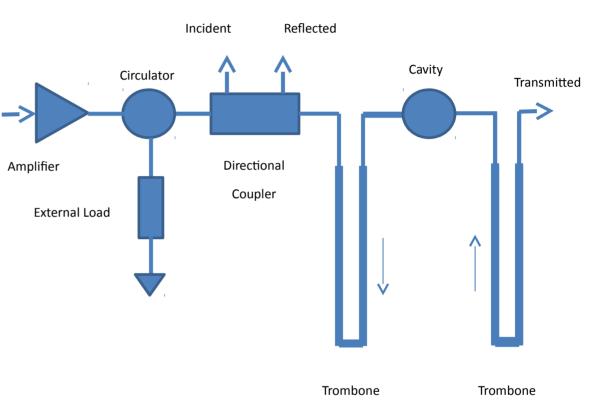
- Coupler directivity is a measure of cross-talk between the forward and reflected signals
- Trade-off between frequency response and directivity
 - > Wide bandwidth => low directivity
 - > High bandwidth => narrow bandwidth
- Coupler directivity can be modeled as linear mixing between the forward and reflected signals

		Coupler	
Manufacturer	RF-Lambda	Agilent	Flann
Model	RFDDC1M2G20	776D	11A113
Style	Coaxial	Coaxial	Waveguide
f _{Min}	0.11	0.9	3.30
f _{Max}	2.0	1.1	4.90
Coupling	20	40	20
Insertion Loss	0.5	0.3	
Power	500	50	
Directivity	22	40	50

Appendix: Directional Coupler Comparison

Experimental Setup

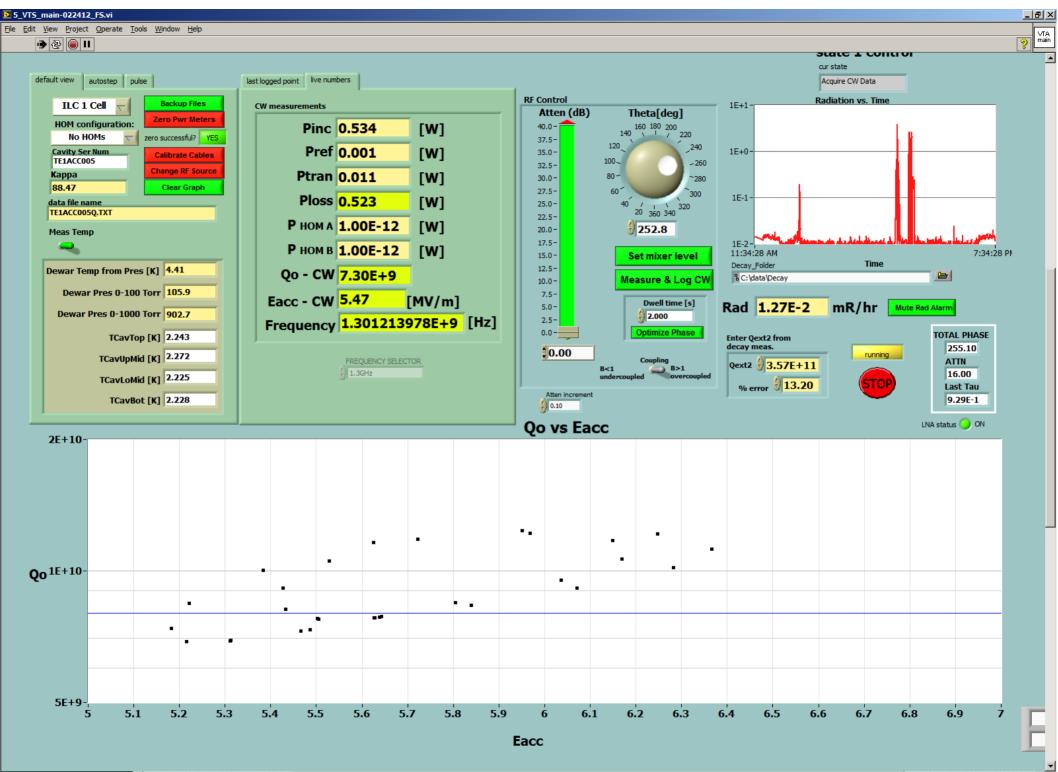
- Two back-to-back trombones
- Vary the length of the cable between coupler and cavity
 - Changes relative phase between forward and reflected signals
 - Phase between forward and probe remains unchanged

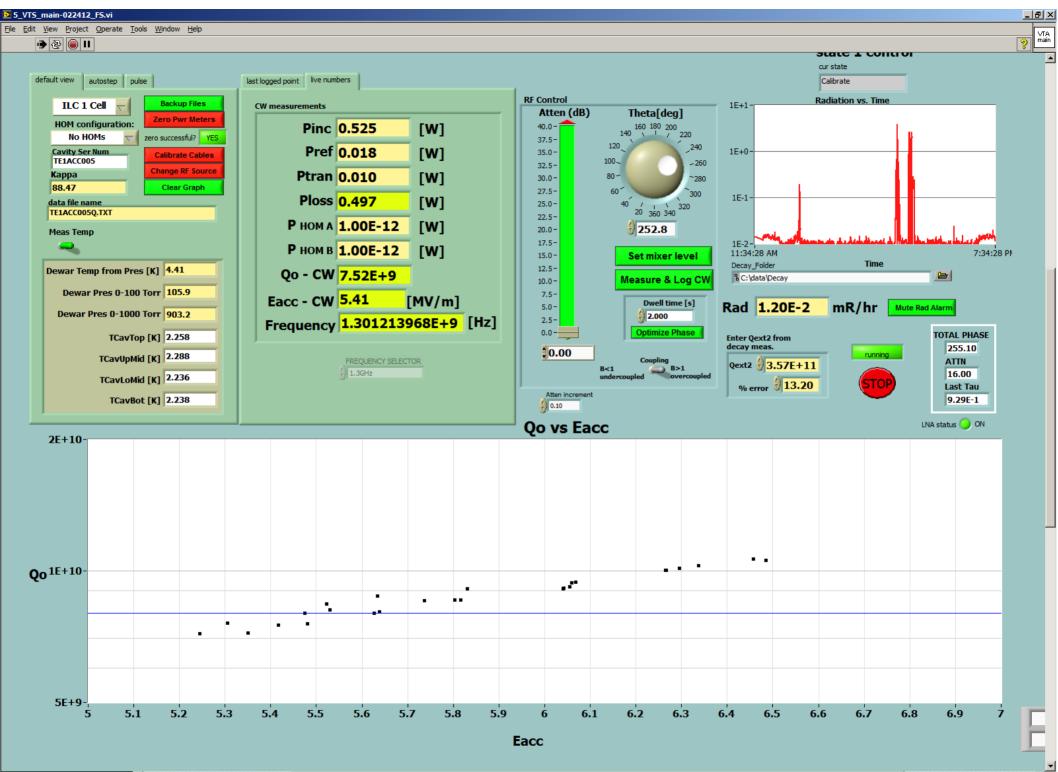




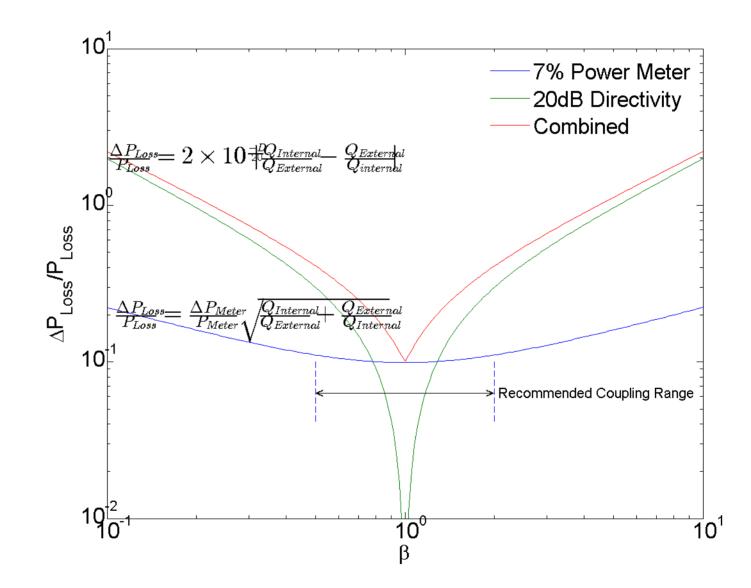
"Trombone": GR874-LT Constant Impedance Variable Length Coaxial Air Line

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Directivity Errors



Conclusion (W.S.)

The upgrades to the VTS in order of importance are (in my opinion)
1)A variable power coupler.
2)A high directivity directional coupler
3)A digital I/Q system.

The power coupler is by far the most important.

A high directivity coupler will improve both analog power and complex digital measurements but the power meter limits will still dominate in the analog case The digital I/Q system in combination with a high directivity coupler provides sufficient information to determine the relative calibration of the forward, probe and reflected signals from the data itself. No measurements of or corrections for cable loss are required. This results in a significant reduction in the systematic uncertainties.

With a poor directivity coupler it is difficult to separate contamination in the coupler from reflections from the circulator even with a digital system. A trombone can resolve that ambiguity.

