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Heat transfer and cooling techniques at low temperature

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Outline

- Heat transfer at low temperature
 - Conduction
 - Radiation
 - Convection
- Cooling techniques at low temperature
 - Different classifications of system with respect to cooling
 - Different methods of cooling
 - Some examples

(Lecture 2)

(Lecture 1)

Cooling methods at low temperature (Lecture 2)

Content

- Introduction
- Different classifications of system with respect to cooling
- Review of the different cooling methods
- Examples of system
- Just a few words in this lecture
 - Superfluid helium cooling methods
- Not included in this lecture
 - Cooling below 2 K
- Present until the end of the school, do not hesitate to ask

Cooling to the low temperature (1/3)

- Primary goal : maintain a system at temperature T << room temperature
 - Thermal stability in steady-state regime $\rightarrow T_{system} \approx constant$
 - Protection of your system against transient events $\rightarrow T_{system} < T_{max}$

• System defined by thermophysical properties, geometry, orientation, environment, confinement...

- System subjected to permanent heat input (heat losses),
 - Thermal radiation (room temperature to T_{system})
 - Conduction through supports, current leads, ...
 - Internal dissipation (Joule effect, AC losses, beam losses...)
- System subjected to transient heat perturbation, Q_t
 - Quench of a superconducting cavity or magnet



Cooling to the low temperature (2/3)

- Cooling power provided to the system, Q_R
 - Direct contact with cryogen (wet system, cavities,...)
 - Thermophysical properties of the cryogen
 - Contact heat transfer coefficient, h [W/m²]
 - Indirect contact with cryogen
 - Thermal link (liquid or gas, flow or no flow)
 - Heat exchanger (series of tubes,)
 - Without cryogen (Dry magnet, cryogen-free system)
 - · Performance and the temperature range of the cryocooler
 - · Heat distribution system, thermal links
- System design at low temperature
 - Minimize the heat input
 - Minimization of the heat transfer at a constant temperature difference
 - Maximize the heat extraction (cooling Q_R)
 - · Minimization of the temperature difference for a constant heat transfer



Cooling to the low temperature (3/3)

Common cryogenic fluids and "usable" superconductors

Fluid	He ⁴	H ₂	Ne	N ₂	O ₂
Boiling temperature @ 1 atm (K)	4,2	20,4	27,1	77,3	90,2
Latent heat of vaporization (kJ/kg)	21	452	86	199	213
Sensible heat from 300 K and T_{boiling} (kJ/kg)	1550	3800	280	233	193
Power to evaporate 1 liter	0,7	9,0	29,0	45	68
Approximate price €/liter	7			0,15	



Outline | Different classifications of system

Cooling methods at low temperature

(Lecture 2)

- Different classifications of system with respect to cooling
 - Dry systems
 - Indirect cooling
 - Wetsystems
- Different methods of cooling
 - Baths
 - Forced flow
 - Two-phase flow
 - Cryogen free cooling
 - Coupled systems
- Some examples
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Cooling classification | Dry Systems

- Cryogen-free (no cryogen)
 Conduction only in the system
- Cold source
 - Cryocooler
- Reasons
 - Non cryogenic environment preferred
 - Small heat load
 - Slow perturbations process
- Examples
 - Room temperature bore magnets
 - Small MRI magnets

- ...



Cryogenfree 18 T superconducting magnet with a Bi2223 insert

18 T cryogen free magnet with HTc K. Watanabe, J Supercond Nov Magn (2011) 24: 993–997

Cooling classification | Indirect cooling

- No direct contact between the cryogen and the system
 - Conduction in the system: important parameter
 - Surface heat transfer: less important
- Cold source
 - Liquid bath
 - External flow of cryogen
- Reasons
 - Moderate heat load no need to have an "overall" large heat transfer rate
 - No "vaporization" zone in confined geometry
 - Reduction of the cryogen quantity
 - Slow perturbations process
- Examples
 - Large detector magnet like CMS or Atlas at CERN



Coil cross section of the CMS magnet Two-phase helium flow external cooling ©CERN

Cooling classification | Wet Systems

- Direct contact between the cryogen and the conductor
 - Heat transfer in the system (coil for magnet)
 - Enthalpy reserve in the liquid (in the system)
- Cold source
 - Liquid bath
 - Stagnant coolant (He II pressurized or saturated)
 - Single phase flow (supercritical)
- Reasons
 - Need of a large overall heat transfer rate due to large heat loads (steady-state or transient)
 - Need of surface temperature uniformity
- Examples
 - Accelerator magnets (LHC magnets)
 - CICC magnets (ITER, 45T NHMFL magnet)
 - He II cooled magnet (Tore Supra, Iseult)
 - Superconducting cavities



Iseult – 11.7 T whole body MRI (CEA Saclay) Coil model



ITER Cable-In-Conduit conductor

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Cooling methods



Direct cooling Bath cooling



Indirect cooling Bath cooling



Indirect cooling Bath as cold source



Indirect cooling Cryocooler as cold source Thermal link



Direct cooling Forced flow

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Indirect cooling Forced flow



Indirect cooling Two-phase thermosiphon



Indirect cooling Two-phase thermosiphon Coupled with a cryocooler

Cooling methods | Baths (1/2)

- Saturated bath (P=1 Atm and T≈T_{sat})
 - Latent heat cooling (phase change)
 - Sensible heat (if subcooled)
 - No cryogen flow
 - Direct and indirect cooling
 - Advantages
 - Simple design and operation for cryogenics
 - Almost constant surface temperature (ΔT small)
 - High heat transfer (nucleate boiling)
 - If sub-cooling then extra ΔT_{sub} before boiling (natural convection)
 - Disadvantages
 - Discrete temperature cooling (He 4.2 K, H_2 20.4 K, N_2 77.3 K...)
 - Large quantity of cryogen to handle in case of quench (pressure rise)
 - Non uniform cooling if vapor formation
 - If $q>q_{cr}$ then film boiling (an order of magnitude smaller heat transfer)
 - h dependent on orientation and gravity





Cooling methods | Baths (2/2)

Superfluid helium bath

- Heat transfer in He II (conduction-like in liquid)
- Surface heat transfer (Kapitza resistance)
- Direct and indirect cooling
- Advantages
 - Huge heat transfer rate: k≈10⁵ W/m.K
 - h independent of orientation and gravity
- Disadvantages
 - Thermal (Kapitza) resistance between solid and He II
 - R_k=3 10⁻⁴ K.m²/W for Cu and R_k= 10⁻³ K.m²/W for Kapton
 - Large quantity of cryogen to handle in case of quench
- Saturated bath (superconducting cavity)
 - If sub-cooling then extra ΔT_{sub} before boiling ${\color{black} 0}$
 - Large volume below atmospheric pressure (leaks)
- Pressurized bath (for LHC magnets)
 - Finite ΔT (0.3 K) before reaching He I
 - Costly and complicated design and operation
 - Heat exchanger needed





Huge Heat

transfer : no boiling in he II

Cooling methods | Forced flow (1/4)

Single phase forced flow

- Sensible heat, advection
- Indirect and direct cooling
- Advantages
 - · Smaller amount of cryogen if external circuits
 - · Save space and weight in the system design
 - · High heat transfer rate adjustable with mass flow rate



Tatsumoto H, et al. Forced Convection Heat Transfer of Liquid Hydrogen Through a 200-mm Long Heated Tube. Physics Procedia. 2012;36(0):1360-5.

- Disadvantages
 - · Pressurization system or circulation pumps to implement and maintain at low temperature
 - · Heat exchanger to sub-cool the fluid
 - · Range limitation due to finite sub-cooling
- Sign of the JT coefficient



- If JT coefficient negative then in a flow $\Delta P \searrow$ implies $\Delta T \nearrow (T_{fluid} \nearrow)$
- If JT coefficient positive then (T_fluid $\searrow)$



Cooling methods | Forced flow (2/4)

Two-phase saturated forced flow

- Latent heat
- Sensible heat, advection
- Indirect cooling
- Advantages
 - Almost isothermal flow
 - · High heat transfer rate up to high vapor quality
 - · Save space and weight in the system design
 - Smaller amount of cryogen because of external circuits

- Disadvantages

- Discrete temperature cooling (He 4.2 K, N₂ 77.3 K et H₂ 20.4 K, ...)
- Non uniform cooling if vapor formation
- If q>q_{cr} then film boiling (an order of magnitude smaller heat transfer)
- · h dependent on orientation and gravity





Ogata, Forced convection heat transfer to boiling



Cooling methods | Forced flow (3/4)

• Supercritical forced flow (helium)

- Sensible heat, advection
- Direct and indirect cooling
- Advantages
 - Single phase flow (no vapor formation)
 - · Comparable heat transfer coefficient to pool boiling
 - Classical heat transfer q~10⁴ W/m² for ΔT ~1 K
 - JT coefficient positive or negative
 - Adjustable heat transfer with mass flow (temperature optimization)
 - Cooling system can be « plugged » to refrigeration plant and be used for cooling from 300 K
- Disadvantages
 - Pressurization system
 - Absolute pressure P≈3-8 bar + extra Δ P in the system
 - Periodic re-cooling for operation (series of large magnets)







Cooling methods | Forced flow (4/4)



- Needs specific pumps, heat exchanger, more complicated cooling scheme
- Transition velocity for advection effect (1m/s @ 1.8 K)
- JT effect
 - Smooth tube : Dh=10 mm, $\Delta p=0.3$ bar $\rightarrow \Delta T=0.1$ K
- Never applied in accelerator magnets

Cooling methods | Natural circulation loop

Natural circulation loop

- Flow is created by the weight unbalance between the two branches due to vaporization or decreased density
- Mass flow rate linked to the heat flux
- No pumps or pressurization system
- Auto-tuned mass flow rate
- « Open loop »
 - Vapor goes out of the system
 - Reservoir must be filed to avoir dry-out
- « Closed loop »
 - · Vapor is re-condensed in the reservoir





Case of a two-phase circulation loop

Cooling methods | Natural circulation loop

Single phase natural convection

- Buoyancy
- Direct and indirect cooling
- Advantages
 - No pressurization system
 - High heat transfer rate
 - In a circulation loop
 - − Nitrogen flow $q_x \approx 410^3 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ for Ø10 r
 - m=40 gs⁻¹ and ΔT≈3 K



- Disadvantages
 - Must have gravity!
 - In a circulation loop, mixed convection
 - Forced convection reduces natural convection





Mixed convection correlation Nitrogen

Baudouy B. Experimental study of a nitrogen natural circulation loop at low heat flux. Adv. in Cryo. Eng. 55A, AIP Conf. Proc. 1218; 2010. p. 1546-53

Cooling methods | Two-phase circulation loop (1/2)

Open vertical two-phase circulation loop

- Latent heat, sensible heat, advection
- Indirect cooling
- Advantages
 - No pressurization system (no pump and its associated maintenance)
 - · Auto-tuned mass flow rate
 - Reservoir above the liquid serves as a reservoir in case of cryogenic failure
 - Reduced cryogen quantity
 - High heat transfer rate
 - − Nitrogen flow $q_x \approx 10^4$ Wm⁻² for Ø10 mm m=40 gs⁻¹ and $\Delta T \approx 2.5$ K
 - Helium flow $q_{max} \approx 10^3 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ for Ø10 mm m=20 gs⁻¹ and $\Delta T \approx 0.3 \text{ K}$
- Disadvantages
 - Must have gravity!
 - Reservoir high enough above the circuit to create a sufficient △P (driving force)
 - · Requires permanent refill to avoid dry-out in the cooling branches
 - · One order of magnitude lower critical heat flux compared to pool boiling



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Cooling methods | Two-phase circulation loop (2/2)

- Open horizontal two-phase circulation loop •
 - Circulation loop with horizontal parts possible (but not at the bottom)
 - Instability at low heat flux ٠
 - But high heat transfer





B. Baudouyet al. Modeling of a horizontal circulation open loop in two-phase helium,

Gastineau B, et al. R3B-GLAD magnet R&D tests program: Thermosiphon loop with horizontal section, superconducting cable joints at 3600 A, and reduced scale "coil in its casing" mock-up. IEEE Transactions on Applied Superconductivity. 2012;22(3):900-1004.

Evolution of the total mass flow rate (a) and wall ΔT (b) at the bottom and top of Ø10 mm tube at 3.508 m from the entrance of the tube for 5 W/m²

150

Time (s)

50

100

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Cooling methods | Large open thermosiphon

- Open thermosiphon with a closed tube
 - Counter-current two-phase flow
 - Indirect cooling
 - Advantages
 - · Even simpler design and less cryogen
 - Large heat transfer rate
 - Disadvantages
 - Low critical heat flux
 - · Flooding, instability
 - Helium case
 - 1 m long, Ø 10 mm
 - h~10⁴ W/m².K
 - $q_c \sim 100 \text{ W/m}^2$



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Cooling methods | Conduction (1/2)

- Cryogen-free cooling
 - Conduction between the cold source and the system
 - Indirect cooling
 - Advantages
 - Easy implementation (no liquid, no heat exchanger, no transfer line, ...)
 - Suitable for small power system without large transient event
 - Disadvantages
 - Finite cooling power thermal design must be accurate if real power to be extracted exceeds the cryocooler power, then what?
 - A point-source of cold (distribution of cooling power)
 - Conductive diffusion limit for transient
 - Examples
 - 10T magnet class commercialized since 1990
 - 18T NbTi and Nb₃Sn magnet (MIMS, Toshiba et TIT)







A. Sato, MiMS

High Field Magnet, T



Cooling methods | Conduction (2/2)

- GM Cryocooler characteristics
 - 4K two-stage cryocooler
 - 2^{nd} stage 1.5 W at 4.2 K
 - 1st stage 30 W at 50 K
 - 20K two-stage cryocooler
 - 2nd stage 10 W at 20 K
 - 1^{st} stage 35 W at 77 K
 - 77 K single stage cryocooler; several 100 W!
- Cryocoolers are point-source of cold systems and a power distribution is needed (thermal links)



- Conductive links
- Small loops with Twophase fluid



4K class cryocooler



10K and 77K class cryocoolers

Cooling methods | Capillary pumped device (1/2)

• Flow is created by capillary pressure in porous media at the liquid/vapor interface



Cooling methods | Capillary pumped device (2/2)

Cryogenic loop heat pipe

- Heat pipe in a loop configuration (mass flow)





Y. Zhao, et al. Experimental studyon a cryogenic loop heat pipe with high heat capacity, Int J Heat Mass Transfer, 54 (2011), pp. 3304–3308

- Heat transfer in Nitrogen
 - Δ T=6 K for 40 W for 0.5 m long
 - $-R_{th} \ge$ for the heat load

Cooling methods | Oscillating Heat Pipe

- Pressure change due to volume expansion and contraction at phase transition
- Oscillation of liquid slugs and vapor bubbles between the evaporator and the condenser
- Advantages
 - Easy to implement
 - Large heat transfer





K. Natsume, Heat transfer performance of cryogenic oscillating heat pipes for effective cooling of superconducting magnets, Cryogenics, Volume 51, Issue 6, June 2011, Pages 309-314

Fluid	Heat input (W)	Cooling part temperature (K)	Heating part temperature (K)	Keff (kW/m.K)
H2	0-1.2	17-18	19-27	0.5-3.5
Ne	0-1.5	26-27	28-34	1-8
N2	0-7	67-69	67-91	5-18



Cooling methods | Thermosiphon

- Counter-current two-phase flow
- Same advantages as the open large thermosiphon
- Autonomous loop
- Heat transfer in nitrogen
 - R_{th}=0.5 K/W for 20 W and $\ \Delta T$ =10 K





Heat output

0

Return liquid

20

A. Nakano, et al. An experimental study of heat transfer characteristics of a two-phase nitrogen thermosyphon over a large dynamic range operation, Cryogenics, Volume 38, Issue 12, December 1998, Pages 1259-1266

Conder section

Adiabatic

Evaporato

section

section

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Cooling methods | Natural circulation close loop

- · Co-current two-phase flow
- Same advantages than the open natural circulation loop
- Autonomous loop
- Heat transfer in helium Ø4 mm
- Around 4.2 K at saturation
 - h~5000 W/m²K
 - $q_c = 500 \text{ W/m}^2$









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Large detector magnets

- Large scale magnet
 - Large stored energy and small thermal losses
 - Large thermal stabilizer cross-section needed
 - T_{max} and ∇T must be controlled to minimize the mechanical constraints
- Indirect cooling "Dry coil" magnet
 - Reduced cryogen quantity
 - Fully impregnated coil with epoxy resin
 - High purity aluminum stabilized conductor
- Heat transfer
 - Cold source : He reservoir / phase separator
 - Two-phase flow of He I in external tubes
 - Forced flow or natural two-phase flow





Detector Magnets | CMS

- Two-phase convection in thermosiphon mode
 - Solenoid with "vertical parts"
- Heat transfer
 - 180 W of static load
 - 1 4.4 K at 1.25 bar (saturated)
 - 2 4.4 K at 1.25 bar (Two-phase)





- Mass flow rate 0.2 -0.4 kg/s
- Vapor quality 5-10%

Detector Magnets | ATLAS

- Helium two-phase forced convection and thermosiphon
 - "Air" toroid with long horizontal parts
 - Central solenoid
- · Heat transfer in the toroid
 - 8x80 W of static load (barrel)
 - 2x200 W of static load (end-cap)
 - 1 4.65 K at 1.7 bar (sub-cooled)
 - 2 4.8 K at 1.67 bar (Two-phase)





- Mass flow rate 0.7 kg/s in the barrel
- Mass flow rate 0.5 kg/s in the end-cap
- Vapor quality up to 8%

Superconducting RF cavities (1/2)

• Direct cooling with liquid helium (He I or He II) in saturated bath



- $-R_{BCS}$ decreases with decreasing temperature
- R_{BCS} is proportional to f²
- 4.2K \rightarrow 2K R_{BCS} est divided by 50

Superconducting RF cavities (1/2)



XFEL general Cryo design

- Two-phase helium distribution pipe
 - Vapor/ He II at saturation
- Pumping line
- Heat exchanger + JT valve to feed the He II bath from 4.2 K
- He II saturated Bath
 - Pumping is a simple way to control temperature via pressure
 - $(\delta p \sim 1 \text{ mbar} \rightarrow \delta T \sim 1 \text{ mK})$
 - Stability in Temperature



Accelerator magnets

- "Wet" magnets with "heat exchanger"
 - Large internal losses and smaller stored energy
 - "Beam losses" in LHC (10 mW/cm³ or 0.4 W/m (cable))
 - Cooling source : Internal tube heat exchanger
 - Single phase coolant in contact with conductor
- LHC He II cooling
 - Two-phase He II for the exchanger, T_b
 - Stagnant He II for the magnet
- Heat transfer between the conductor and the cooling source determines the working conditions temperature margin, $\Delta T{=}T{-}T_{b}$
 - Tb=1.9 K $\rightarrow \Delta$ T=T-T_b < 0.3 K!







Accelerator magnets | LHC

- LHC heat load
 - $-\Delta T < 0.3$ K with permeable insulation
 - $-\Delta T \sim 4$ K with monolithic insulation
- LHC electrical Insulation
 - triple polyimide wrapping
 - First 2 wrappings without overlap
 - 3rd wrapping with spacing
- Polyimide wrapping creates µ-channels
- Heat transfer in insulation
 - Ø~10 μ m, channel length of ~mm
 - He II in the μ-channels + Conduction/Kapitza









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Fusion Magnets

- Large losses due to plasma and radiation
- Direct cooling within cable in conduit conductor
- ITER
 - Supercritical helium flow at 4.5 K and 6 bars
 - Helium circulator up to 3 kg/s







L. Serio, Challenges for cryogenics at iter, Adv. Cryo. Eng. AIP Conf. Proc. 1218, pp. 651-662, 2010



- W7X
 - Supercritical helium at 3.8 K and 6 bars max



Magnets for life science | Iseult

- "Wet" and "cryostable" magnet
 - Cold source : He II static helium
 - Large He II bath (volume ~ 1000 l)
 - No perturbation for the medical environment!



- Iseult 11.7 T whole body MRI
 - T=1.8 K at 1.2 bars (caloduc)
 - Insulator/separator of conductors creates channels
 - Channel heat transfer know in He II





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