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Superconducting cavities in CAPP

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- Introduction
 - Axion haloscope with high Q-factor cavity
 - High temperature superconductor (HTS) ReBCO
- ReBCO microwave cavity in CAPP
- ReBCO cavities for CAPP's main axion experiment (CAPP-MAX)
- Summary







D. kim, et al (2020) Axions conversion power $P_{signal} = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta} g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \frac{\rho_a}{m_a} B^2 VC \frac{Q_l Q_a}{Q_l + Q_a}$

 $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$: coupling constant C: Form factor of the cavity mode \times 0.6 for TM_{010} mode V: Cavity volume \times 35L for ULC T_{sys} : Noise temperature B: Applied B-field \approx 12T for CAPP-MAX Q_l : Cavity Q-factor \approx 100k for Cu ULC

Scan rate

$$\frac{df}{dt} \propto \frac{B^4 C^2 V^2}{T_{sys}^2} Q_l$$

Goal: Making High-Q superconducting cavities that can withstand high B-field are required.



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D. Kim et al., Physics A (2020), 03 When Q_{cavity} << Q_a $P_{sig} = \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1} g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \frac{\rho_a}{m_a} B_0^2 V C_{lmn} \frac{Q_a Q_l}{Q_a + Q_l}$ $P_{signal} \propto Q_L \qquad P_{signal} \propto Q_a$

High Q factor boosts axion scanning speed

$$P_{sig} = \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1} g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \frac{\rho_a}{m_a} B_0^2 V C Q_{all}$$
$$\frac{1}{Q_{all}} = \frac{1}{Q_0} + \frac{1}{Q_{ext}} + \frac{1}{Q_a}$$
surface coupling axion

 $\propto Q_L$

R. Cervantes et al., arXiv:2208:03183

When Q_{cavity} >> Q_a





Superconductor in a magnetic field





Type II superconductors form vortices in a magnetic field. > Type II

- \checkmark Stronger B field \rightarrow More vortices \rightarrow Higher dissipation
- \checkmark Vortex pinning reduces the vibration of vortices \rightarrow Less dissipation.



 \succ Two criteria for evaluating materials \checkmark Large upper critical field (H_{c2}) ✓ High depinning frequency

High-temperature superconductor (HTS): ReBCO

	100 mK 8 GHz	R _s (B = 0 T) (Ohm) (ref. Rs _{cu} ~7e-3)	R _s (B = 8 T, c) (Ohm) (ref. Rs _{cu} ~7e-3)	Critical Field (H _{c2})	Depinning Frequency
	Nb	~ 1E-6			
*LTS	NbTi Gatti <i>et al.</i> PRD(2019)	~ 1E-6	~ 4e-3	~ 13 T _{small}	~ 45 GHz
	Nb ₃ Sn Alimenti <i>et al.</i> SUST(2020)	~ 1E-6	?	~ 25 T	~ 6 GHzan
**HTS	Bi-2212 Bi-2223	~ 1E-5	?	> 100 T (ab) Larbalestier et al. Nature(2001)	?
	TI-1223	~ 1E-5	~ 1e-4 Calatroni <i>et al.</i> SUST(2017)	> 100 T (llab) Larbalestier <i>et al.</i> Nature(2001)	Wear 12 – 480 MHz Calatroni <i>et al.</i> SUST(2017)
	ReBCO	~ 1E-5	~< 1e-4	> 100 T (∥ab)	^{Strong Pinning} 10 – 100 GHz
		Ormeno <i>et al.</i> PRB(2001)	Romanov <i>et al</i> . Scientific Reports(2020)	Larbalestier <i>et al.</i> Nature(2001)	Romanov <i>et al.</i> Scientific Reports(2020)

*low temperature superconductor

**high temperature superconductor



High-temperature superconductor (HTS): ReBCO





From Dr. Danho Ahn's slide

А.М. Романов, et al (2020) T = 50K, $\nu = 1GHz$

ReBCO (HTS) wins !



Biaxially-Textured ReBCO

M. J. Lancaster, "Passive microwave device applications of HTS", Cambridge University Press (2006).





Vetto Superconductor Cerium Oxide (ceO2) 75 nm Vettrium Stabilized Zirconia (YS2) 75 nm Vettrium Oxide (Y_2O_3) 75 nm Hitrium Oxide (Y_2O_3) 75 nm Hitr

> IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond. 23 (2013) 6601205 Multi-layered structure

- \checkmark Weak links at grain boundaries degrades surface resistance.
- ✓ *Biaxial texture is essential* to avoid weak links

Impractical to construct 3D microwave cavity

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> **TM010** mode is compatible with vertical division



Parallel polarization of E-field and the cutting direction doesn't harm Q-factor much

Woohyun's innovative idea:

* Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, 191802 (2021) ** Phys. Rev. Lett. **125**, 221302 (2020)

what if the cavity is composed of multiple pieces of HTS sheets or wires?

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Flexibility of the ReBCO film + split cavity structure



CAPP's 1st success on high-Q HTS cavity





* Phys. Rev. A. **17**, L061005 (2022)

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We may reach 10^8 ?

HTS cavity project: suppressing losses caused at HTS boundaries



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RE- BASED HIGH- TEMPERATURE SUPERCONDUCTOR

CHARACTERISTIC FEATURE



- ~1um HTS layer
- Electrically open (buffer layer)
- High low substrate!
- Bigger loss at sharp edge..

HTS cavity project: suppressing losses caused at HTS boundaries





Major loss

- RF leak
- Thermal loss

Caused by

- 1. misaligment
- 2. Surface defect

during etching or cutting



NReBCO preparation



Method 1



Dielectric region Electrically disconnected!!

Method 2



Pros: better to keep RF, less loss below HTS Cons: harder handing





1st track: The Highest Q-factor in a magnetic field

- Fabricating a perfect unit
- \rightarrow perfect alignment
- \rightarrow Construct cavity with minimum defect or non-ReBCO area.



- High Q-factor possible
 - but sensitive to unit condition and alignment
- New frequency tuning method not to break azimuthal symmetry

Perfect ReBCO surface but units are not electrically connected



1st track results: > 3M Q-factor!







)1st track results: > 107 Q-factor!!!!!







CAPP's two tracks strategy

2nd track: Electrically closed cavity w/ a Q-factor high enough

Simulation result (perfect HTS-ULC w/ 0.2mm vertical gap)







CAPP's two tracks strategy



2nd track: Electrically closed cavity w/ a Q-factor high enough

Make an electrically closed wide sheet (by electrically connecting the boundary of copper stabilizers)



- not sensitive to any kind of tuning method

- possible to harm HTS surface during electrical connection (heat, chemical) less Q factor than track 1, but very easy (costs less, easier to fabricate)

Multiple ReBCO tapes are soldered on OFHC sheet and become one electrically closed sheet









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We took data using this cavity!!

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CAPP's flagship experiment to search for axion above 1GHz •

Dine-Fischler-Srednicki-Zhitnitsky (DFSZ) sensitivity \bullet



Dilution refrigerator 25mK

JPA (quantum amplifier) $1 \sim 2 \text{ GHz}$

12 Tesla SC magnet 320mm bore diameter

Large cavity

- maximum volume
- high Q
- easy cooling
- frequency tunable



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0.5mm thickness

37L, total ~6kg

< 10 hrs cooling time using typical 4K cooler, tuning assembly included

Q₀ > 170k w/o tuning rod >100k w/ tuning rod

Ultra-light cavity (ULC) for CAPP-MAX



arXiv 2402.12892

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Comsol results



Copper cavity? Or HTS cavity??



Due to the relatively big tuning rod (80mm dia), Q0 < 100k in the whole range



ULC2 with ReBCO tuning rod







• CuRod • HTS Rod

















Gearbox (1:20) is ready to move HTS tuning rod

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Search <1 DFSZ or <100% axion in dark matter halo using HTS-ULC



CAPP-GrAHal collaboration



arXiv: 2110.14406

M	Iagnetic	Warm			
	Field	Diameter			
	(Tesla)	(mm)			
	43	34	+		
	40	50			
	27	170			
	17.5	375			
	9.5	812			

20mm x 30cm ReBCO cavity

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70cm x 1500mm (580L) OFHC copper cavity

(~2025)





- High Q-factor cavity boost axion scanning speed.
- HTS-ReBCO is the promising material for high Q-factor within a strong magnetic field.
- CAPP has achieved 10⁷ Q-factor even inside 8T magnetic field.
- Large size (>30L) HTS cavity is ready to assemble for 1.2-1.5GHz and 1.5-1.9GHz CAPP-MAX.