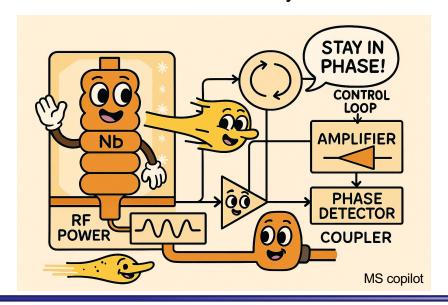
Precision Amplitude and Phase Control of High Q_L SRF Cavities

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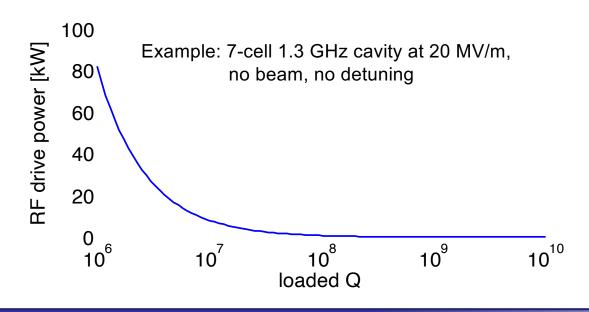


Outline

- Why high loaded Q?
- Challenges
- LLRF Control for high Q_L

Motivation: Why would one want to run at high Q_L?

- Low beam current machines:
 - Little RF power needed in principle (wall dissipation, power transferred to beam)
 - High matched external loaded Q: 10⁷ to 10⁹ range

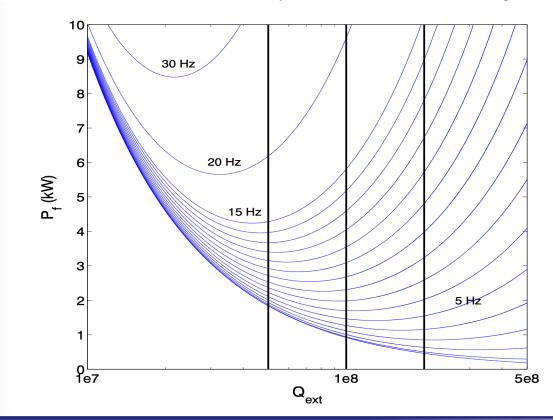


No beam, no detuning case:

$$P_g = \frac{V_{acc}^2}{\frac{R}{Q}Q_0} \frac{(1+\beta)^2}{4\beta}$$

A more complete picture: Impact of Cavity Detuning





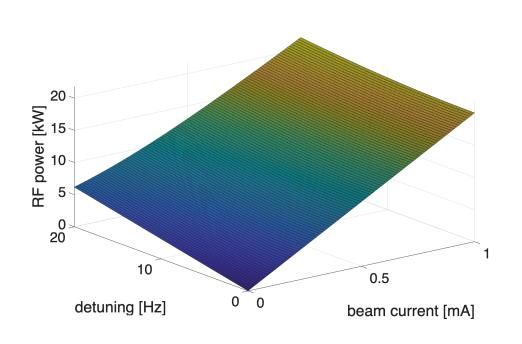
$$Q_{opt} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{f_0}{\Delta f}$$
 $\Delta f = \text{detuning}$

$$P_{g,\min} \approx \frac{V_{acc}^2}{2r/Q} \frac{\Delta f}{f}$$

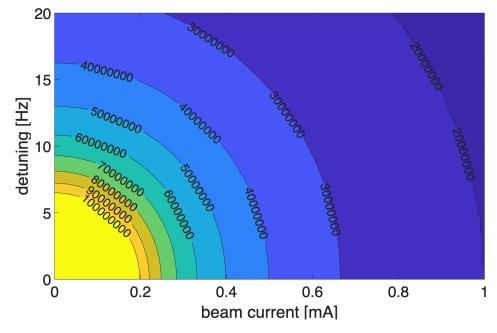
(for
$$Q_{ext} \ll Q_0$$
)

A more complete picture: Add Non-Zero Beam Current

Example: 9-cell 1.3 GHz cavity at 20 MV/m

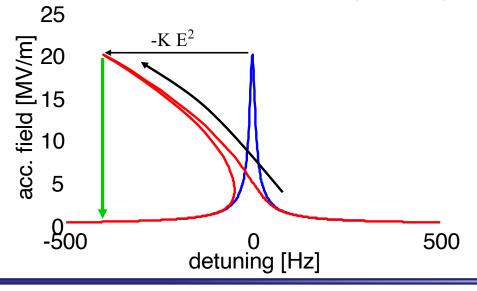


Optimal external Q: 10⁷ to >10⁸ range



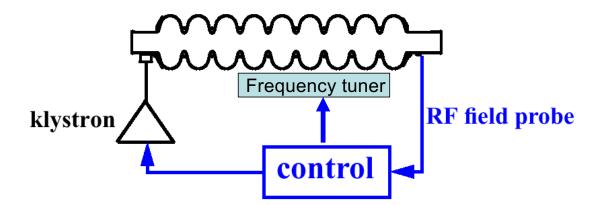
High Q_L Challenges

- The higher \mathbf{Q}_L , the smaller the resonance bandwidth, and the more the field gets perturbed by cavity detuning
- Runing at high \mathbf{Q}_{L} only useful if small (few Hz) cavity detuning can be maintained over long durations
- Also need to deal with Lorentz-force detuning during field ramp-up

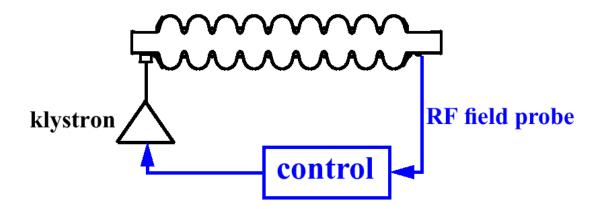


What's needed?

- A. RF control system which can deal with large amplitude and phase field perturbations
- B. Solution for field ramp up
- C. Microphonics mitigation and control

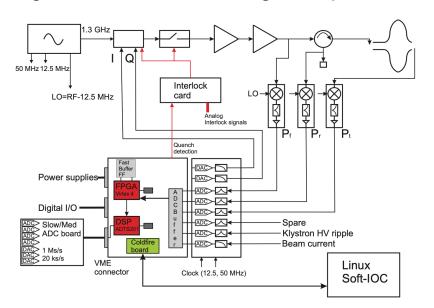


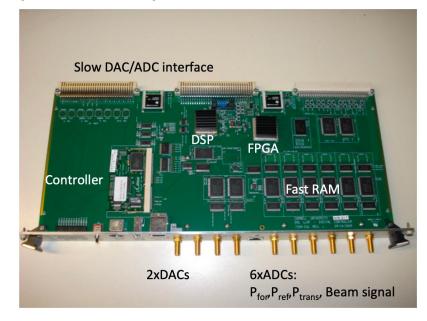
A. RF control system which can deal with large amplitude and phase field perturbations



Cornell LLRF R&D

- Fast digital components
- Fast I-Q proportional-integral feedback and feedforward control loops
- Fast cavity frequency control (piezo cavity frequency tuner)
- Designed to deal with large amplitude and phase field perturbations





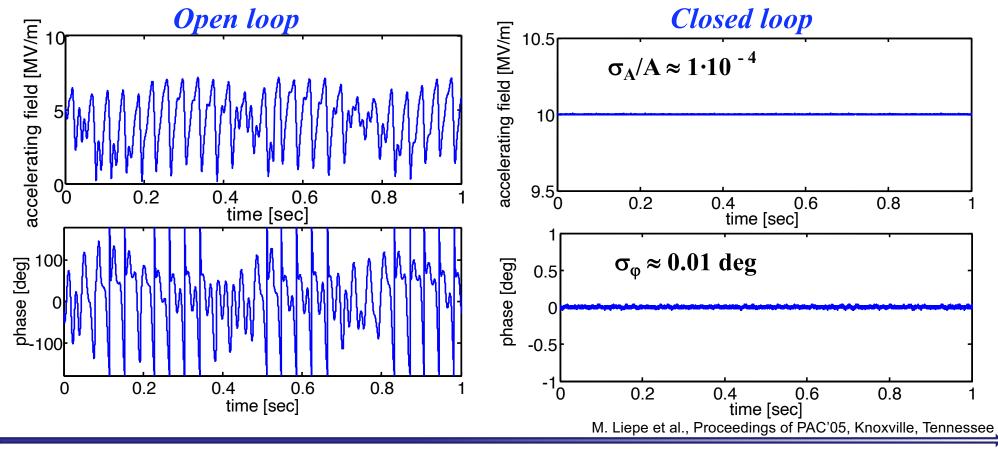
Cornell LLRF High Q_L Operation Test at CEBAF

- Connected Cornell RF control system to one of the CEBAF 5-cell cavities.
- Increased loaded Q to 4.2 · 10⁷
 (36 Hz cavity bandwidth)
- Run up to 4*100 μ A = 400 μ A total beam current.

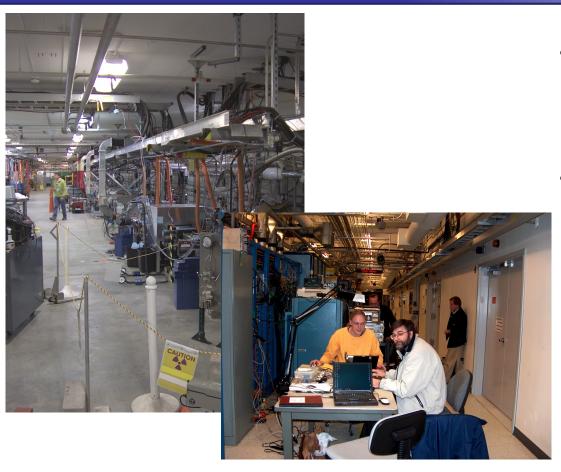


Cornell LLRF High Q_L Operation Test at CEBAF (cont.)

Very strong microphonics (peak detuning > 1.5 cavity bandwidth)



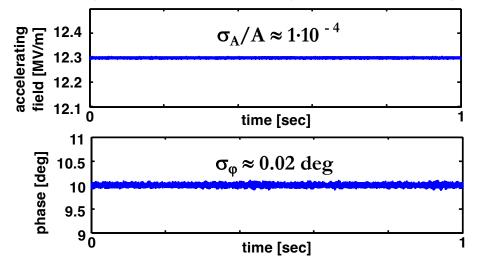
Cornell LLRF High Q_L Operation Test at JLAB FEL

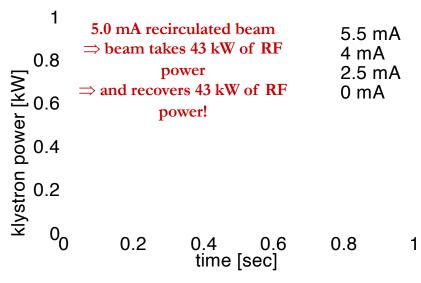


- Operated cavity at $Q_L=1.2\cdot10^8$ with 5 mA energy recovered beam.
- Active control loops :
 - PI loops for cavity field (I and Q component)
 - Stepping motor feedback for frequency control
 - Piezo tuner feedback for frequency control

Cornell LLRF High Q_L Operation Test at JLAB FEL (cont.)

- Proof-of-principle experiment with high- Q₁ ERL cavity
 - Loaded Q of 1.2 · 10⁸ (12 Hz cavity bandwidth)
- Excellent field stability
- Very efficient cavity operation (some 100 W instead of kWs)





M. Liepe et al., Proceedings of PAC'05, Knoxville, Tennessee

Cornell LLRF High Q_L Test at HZB Test Stand



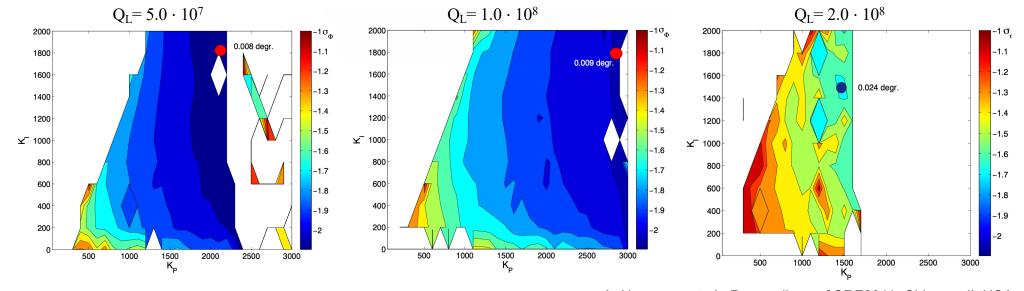
- Connected Cornell RF control system to a nine-cell TESLA cavity in the HZB horizontal test stand (HoBiCaT).
- Increased loaded Q up to 2 · 10⁸
 (6.5 Hz cavity bandwidth).
- RMS microphonics cavity detuning of 4 Hz with 15 Hz peak detuning.
- No beam.

Cornell LLRF High Q_L Test at HZB Test Stand (cont.)

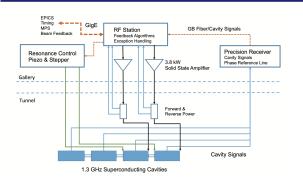
Table 1: Cavity field stability results at $E_{\rm acc}$ =10 MV/m

	σ_f	σ_{Φ}	$\sigma_{ m A}/A$	$P_{ m f}$
$Q_{ m L}$	(Hz)	(deg)		(kW)
$5.0 \cdot 10^{7}$	9.5	0.008	1.10^{-4}	1.106
$1.0 \cdot 10^{8}$	7.9	0.0093	$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.595
$2.0 \cdot 10^{8}$	4.2	0.024	3.10^{-4}	0.324

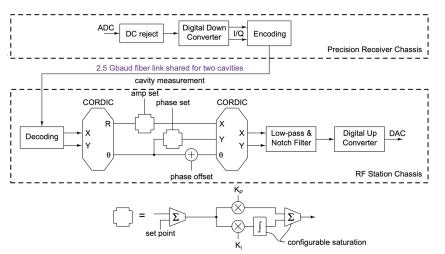
Very good field stability even at Q_L= 2.0 · 10⁸ with strong microphonics (peak detuning >2.5 full bandwidths)

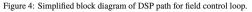


LCLS-II LLRF Developments for high Q_L Cavities



- Control algorithm is based on digital Delayen-style Self Excited Loop concept, extended by an amplitude and phase lock feature.
- Resonance controls system is fully integrated with the LCLS-II LLRF system.
- Excellent field stability, meeting the requirements of up to 0.01% in amplitude and 0.01° in phase (Q_L of 4 ×10⁷).





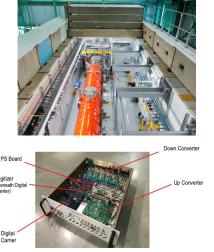
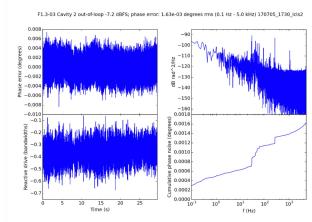


Figure 7: LCLS-II LLRF RF station

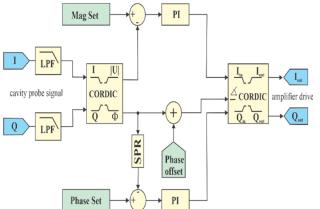


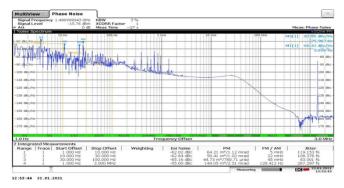
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- G. Huang, NAPAC2016, Chicago, IL, USA
- C. Serrano, IPAC2018, Vancouver, Canada

JLAB LLRF Development for high Q_L CEBAF Cavities



- Control algorithm is based on digital Self Excited Loop concept, extended by an amplitude and phase lock feature (SELAP).
- Tested results shown below are with a 7-cell SC cavity with external Q of 9·10⁶.
- Good field stability: better than 0.15° in phase and 0.01% in amplitude.
- SELAP mode enables very quick trip recovery.





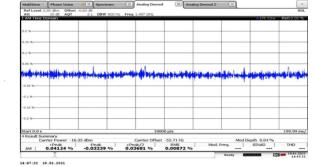
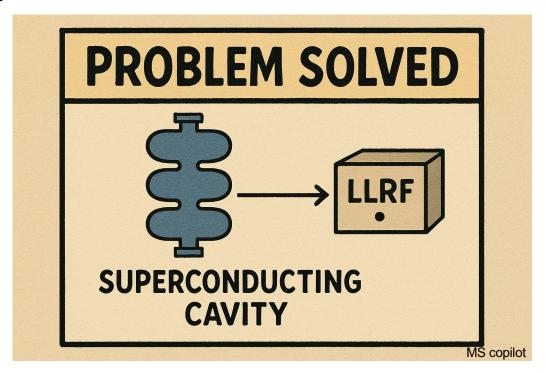


Figure 5: Cavity field phase noise [SELAP].

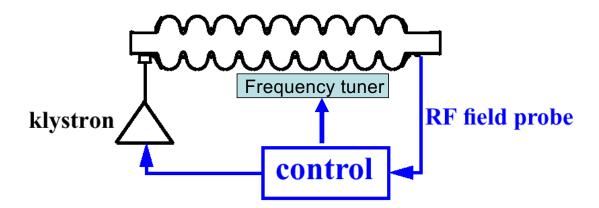
Figure 6: Cavity amplitude [SELAP].

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A. RF control system which can deal with large amplitude and phase field perturbations



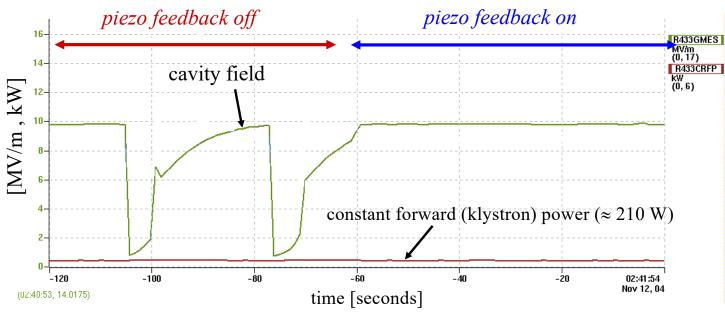
B. Solution for field ramp up (and trip recovery)



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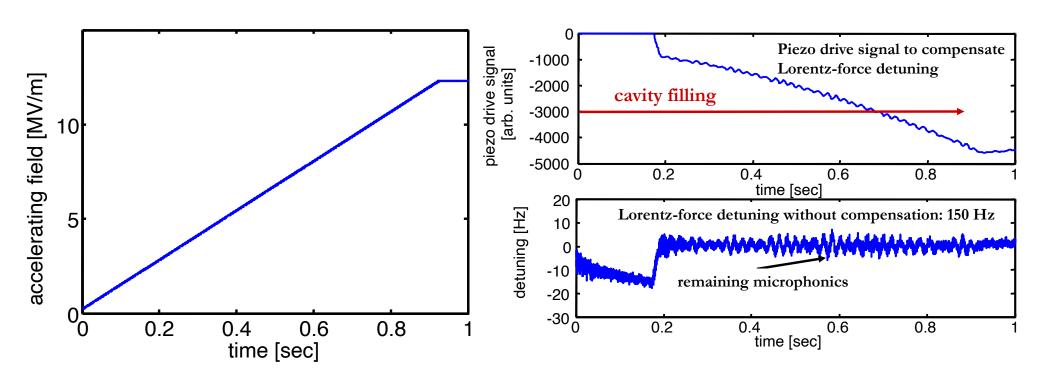
Piezo frequency tuner based fast compensation of Lorentz-force detuning





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Start-up: Field Ramp at $Q_L = 1.2 \cdot 10^8$



≈ 150 Hz Lorentz-force detuning compensated by piezo; cavity half bandwidth = 6 Hz.

LCLS-II LLRF Developments for high Q_L Cavities

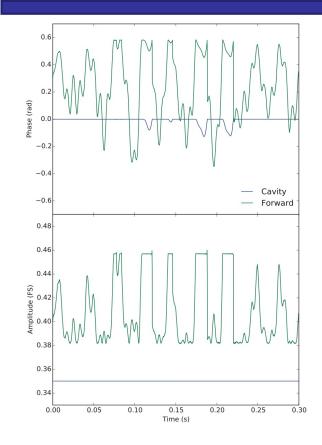
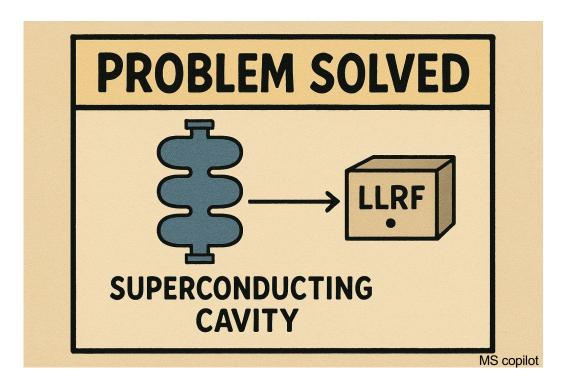


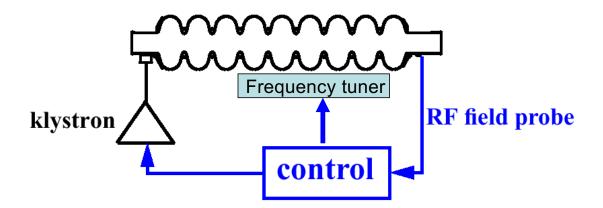
Figure 6: SEL operations with ordinary time axes.

- Control algorithm is based on digital Delayen-style
 Self Excited Loop concept, extended by an amplitude and phase lock feature.
- SEL capabilities with seamless transition between resonance-tracking mode and phase-locked mode allow for
 - Quick field ramp up in SEL mode
 - Centering the cavity tune (at the operational gradient) as a "leisurely second step"
 - Elegant handling of RF power saturation instances: System falls back and runs in SEL with amplitude control mode. Once detuning lessens below power saturation, the system seamlessly locks back to full phase control.
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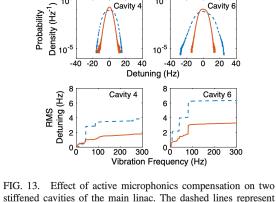


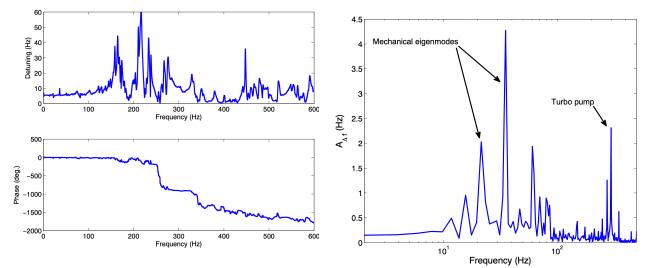
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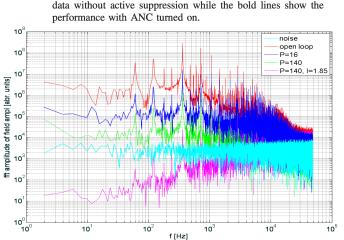


Microphonics Control

- Active microphonics control challenging due to complex mechanical system.
- Some progress using advanced control algorithms, especially in suppressing narrow-band disturbances.
- Reduction of peak detuning most critical and most challenging.

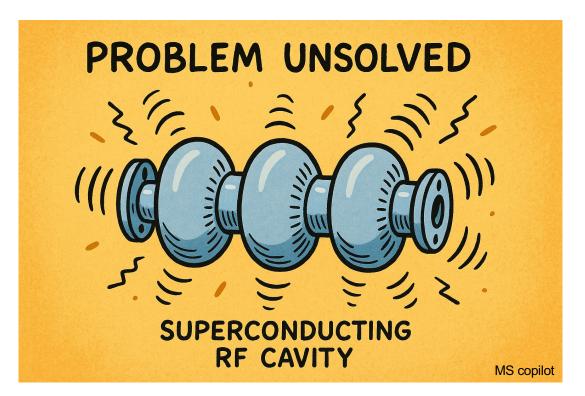






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C. Microphonics mitigation and control



Summary and Outlook

- Achievable today: SRF operation in the 10⁷ loaded Q range with excellent field stability (10⁻⁴ amplitude, 0.01 deg phase)
- Future: 10⁸ loaded Q range quite possible but will need significant R&D in cavity resonance control.

That's all for now.







