High gradient testing in magnetic field at CEA Saclay

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RF system for muon capture and cooling

It is a very large and complex RF system with high peak power

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RF system for 6D cooling (MAP study)

Rectilinear channel contains some of the most challenging NC cavity designs in terms of required RF gradient and B-field

RF cavities for muon cooling cells

- Normal conducting cavities
- $f \sim 325 \, MHz$, 650 MHz
- Short RF pulses $(\sim \mu s)$
- **High acceleration gradients** (~30 MV/m)
- High magnetic solenoidal field (up to13 T)

Part 1: ideas for breakdown mitigation in high Bfields

Breakdown model: beamlet focused by magnetic field

Numerical simulations conducted by SLAC collaborators showed trajectories of beamlets in the presence of the 805 MHz pillbox cavity

§ Model developed by US labs, checked against measurements in high B . Papers: Palmer et.al PRAB 2009, Stratakis et.al NIMPR 2010, Bowring et.al PRAB 2020

rf breakdown with external magnetic fields in 201 and 805 MHz cavities

R. B. Palmer, R. C. Fernow, Juan C. Gallardo, Diktys Stratakis, and Derun Li Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 12, 031002 - Published 12 March 2009

- Model predicts local temperature rise ΔT due to electron bombardment
- Breakdown occurs when $\Delta T > \Delta T_{plastic}$

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Approximation for no-diffusion beamlet model

Local temperature rise (°C)

 $0²$

 $0⁰$

Copper

 38° C

2

3

Aluminum

 $\overline{2}$

Magnetic field (T)

3

224 °C

Beryllium

 $\Delta T_{\rm s}$ = 128 °C

 $\overline{2}$

50

40

30

20

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Cavity gradient (MV/m)

The breakdown model can be simplified: for short pulses $(t_{pulse} < 10 \mu s)$ we can neglect heat diffusion in the wall. Then the breakdown condition is given by:

Operation of normal-conducting rf cavities in multi-Tesla magnetic fields for muon ionization cooling: A feasibility demonstration

D. Bowring, A. Bross, P. Lane, M. Leonova, A. Moretti, D. Neuffer, R. Pasquinelli, D. Peterson, M. Popovic, D. Stratakis, K. Yonehara, A. Kochemirovskiv, Y. Torun, C. Adolphsen, L. Ge. A. Haase, Z. Li, D. Martin, M. Chung, D. Li, T. Luo, B. Freemire, A. Liu, and M. Palmer Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams 23, 072001 - Published 2 July 2020

FIG. 2. Semi-log plot of local ΔT for Cu, Al, and Be cavities at various gradients and across a range of solenoidal magnetic field strengths. ΔT_s [Eq. (4)] is indicated in each plot by a horizontal, dashed line. Note that for Be, the local temperature rise is lower than ΔT_s for a broad range of gradients and magnetic fields.

I No diffusion

 ΔT

Scaling using no-diffusion beamlet model

The breakdown condition equation in the no-diffusion model (previous slide) can be reshuffled to express the breakdown frontier $B(E_{acc})$:

When combined, benefits from different solutions would multiply

 \sim 10 μ s t_{pulse}

Diffusion

This equation provides scaling laws of $B(E_{acc})$ on different parameters. Mitigation solutions that follow from this equation:

- Very short pulse (sub μs)
- Different wall materials (Al, hard copper alloys, 70 K copper)
- Cavity shape optimization

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Benefits of short sub-µs pulse

- Going down from 10 µs to 300 ns pulse would dramatically improve cavity breakdown performance
- 300 ns pulse length needs an overcoupled cavity and a 23 MW klystron (only a factor of 2 increase from Litton 805 MHz 12 MW klystron)

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Comparing breakdown mitigation ideas

This plot is not intended to give absolute values for breakdown threshold, but only a feeling of which solutions can be more promising. We scale curves from MUCOOL cavity study $(t_{pulse} = 20 \mu s > 10 \mu s$ so the no-diffusion model applies only approximately)

Part 2: proposal of a test plan

RF test cavities for MCC tested so far

• MUCOOL 800 MHz **beryllium** cavity: 3T, **50 MV/m**, 30us@10Hz

State of the art (not complete): • MICE 200 MHz RF module

4T, **10 MV/m**, 1ms@1Hz

prototype (beryllium windows):

• MUCOOL **Gas** filled RF cavity: 3 T, **65 MV/m** 800 MHz molybdenum cavity

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R&D directions for MCC RF cavities

- § **High gradient RF test facility with magnetic field up to ~10T :** Test cavities for technology development
	- Frequency: 200 800 MHz, some initial tests even in S-band (UK)
	- RF power to get gradients from 25 to 50 MV/m
	- Short RF pulses ($\sim \mu s$)
	- Magnetic field: 0 10T, different field configurations
	- Different materials: Cu, Be, Al, …
	- Different temperatures: 300K -> 70K ->...

RF test stand at the Cockcroft Institute

RF sample testing

- Plan to replicate something like our RF guns where we have removable back plates or plugs
- Can design to maximise peak fields on the removable part while keeping most of the cavity the same
- Can test different materials
- Possibility to test same sample with DC
- RF : 3 GHz, B up to 2 T

CEA 704 MHz test station for ESS FPC conditioning

3D view Top view

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CEA 704 MHz test station for ESS FPC conditioning

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Chosen test cavity

6D cooling channel RF cavities

Cavity candidate for RF tests: B8 cavity adapted into a 704 MHz pillbox $f = 704 MHz$

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E_{grad} = 28 \, MV/m
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\left(\frac{R}{Q}\right)^{linac} = 194 \, \Omega
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G = 177 \, \Omega
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Q_0 = 25600
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t_{fill} = \frac{Q_0}{\omega} = 5.8 \, \mu s
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P_{\beta=1, E=E_{grad}} = 1.7 \, MW
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P_{\beta=1, E=2E_{grad}} = 6.9 \, MW
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Cavity position in the magnet

MUCOOL setup, 805 MHz (D. Bowring)

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Pulse compressor

- Tests at the nominal gradient (28 MV/m) can be done without a pulse compressor
- Pulse compressor is needed to increase input power and test beyond nominal gradient
- We consider two options of a SLED type compressor:
	- Small compressor (60cm cavity diameter): power gain of 3 at output pulse length of 10 μ s
	- Big compressor (1.3m cavity diameter): power gain of 4 at output pulse length of 10 μ s and possibility to go to 20 μs

Short cavity to test the effect of pulse length on breakdown

- We expect that a short RF pulse time will make cavity more breakdown-resistant, and we want to test it
- Testing this with the nominal-size cavity requires very high input power perhaps only reachable with a complex two-stage pulse compressor
- But testing it with a short cavity requires no additional input power. The hope is that a conclusion (e.g. "sub- μ s pulse gives 3x boost in usable gradient") would translate to the nominal cavity.

Test plan for RF test cavities for MCC

- 1. Tests with existing 704 MHz klystrons, MICE 4T solenoid, gradients up to 28 MV/m
	- Ship the solenoid from UK and install at CEA Saclay
	- Build the magnetically shielded bunker
	- Build the waveguide lines
	- Design and fabricate the cavity (similar to modular cavity of MUCOOL)
- 2. Tests with a short cavity to probe into sub- μ s pulses
- 3. Test different materials such as Al, CuBe, etc
- 4. Possibly 70K copper cavity. Requires cryostat design.
- 5. Adding a pulse compressor for testing at >28 MV/m (requires some compressor R&D as no compressors exist at <1 GHz)
- 6. Test at B fields $> 4T$ (10 to 14 T solenoid)

Thank you for attention

How to achieve shorter RF pulse

Method 1: lower $Q_0 \rightarrow Q_0/\alpha$

- t_{fill} decreases by factor α
- Required P_{source} increases by factor α

method 2 is more efficient

Method 2: over-coupled cavity with $\beta \gg 1$

- t_{fill} decreases by factor $\alpha = \frac{1+\beta}{2}$
- Required P_{source} increases by factor $(1 + \beta)^2$ $\frac{(\pi P)}{4\beta} \approx \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$

The energy consumption per pulse scales as $t_{pulse}P_{source} \propto \frac{1+\beta}{2\beta}$ - we save a factor of 2 in energy for $\beta \gg 1$

Over-coupled cavity:

How to achieve shorter RF pulse

Method 3: triangular pulse Triangular pulse:

- It is beneficial to cut off the input power at $t = kt_{fill}$ before the steady state is reached, resulting in a triangular pulse.
	- Required power scaling with the pulse time is more complicated (see Appendix 3)

For now, let's focus on methods 2 and 3

Back-up slide: triangular pulse

One way to shorten the pulse length is to not wait until saturation but cut off the RF before ("early stopping"):

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Backup slide: cavity fit in MICE solenoid

Radial waveguide may not fit within the 47 cm bore

A custom curved waveguide can be a solution

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Back-up slide: Need for a pulse compressor

Small compressor $(Q_0 \sim 10^5)$ can only produce short pulses (\sim 10 μ s max), so an overcoupled cavity may be needed

Big compressor $(Q_0 \sim 2 \times 10^5)$ allows testing at twice the nominal

No compressor - sufficient for tests at the nominal gradient

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