

Effect of collimator coating thickness on HL-LHC octupole thresholds

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Motivation and previous work

Operation at the HL-LHC intensity (2.3×10^{11} ppb) is not compatible with the present LHC transverse impedance

In order to reduce the impedance, an upgrade of the collimator system is planned

- Lower the total impedance and the octupole threshold by $\sim 50\%$

Secondary collimators in IR-7 are coated with $5 \mu\text{m}$ Mo

- The coating thickness should provide sufficient margins for stable operation

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Goal: Update the estimate on how the thickness of the coating affects the octupole threshold

Most challenging, Ultimate, OP scenario

Three coating scenarios:

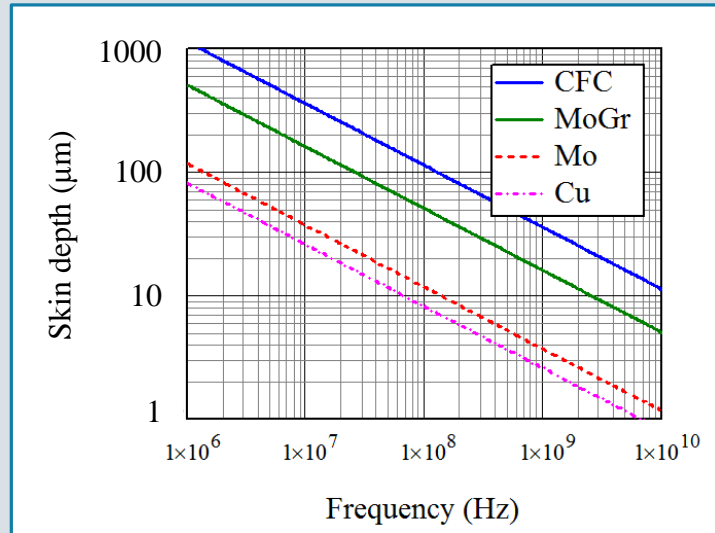
- **Mo+MoGr**
- Cu+MoGr
- Cu+CFC

Various coating thickness:

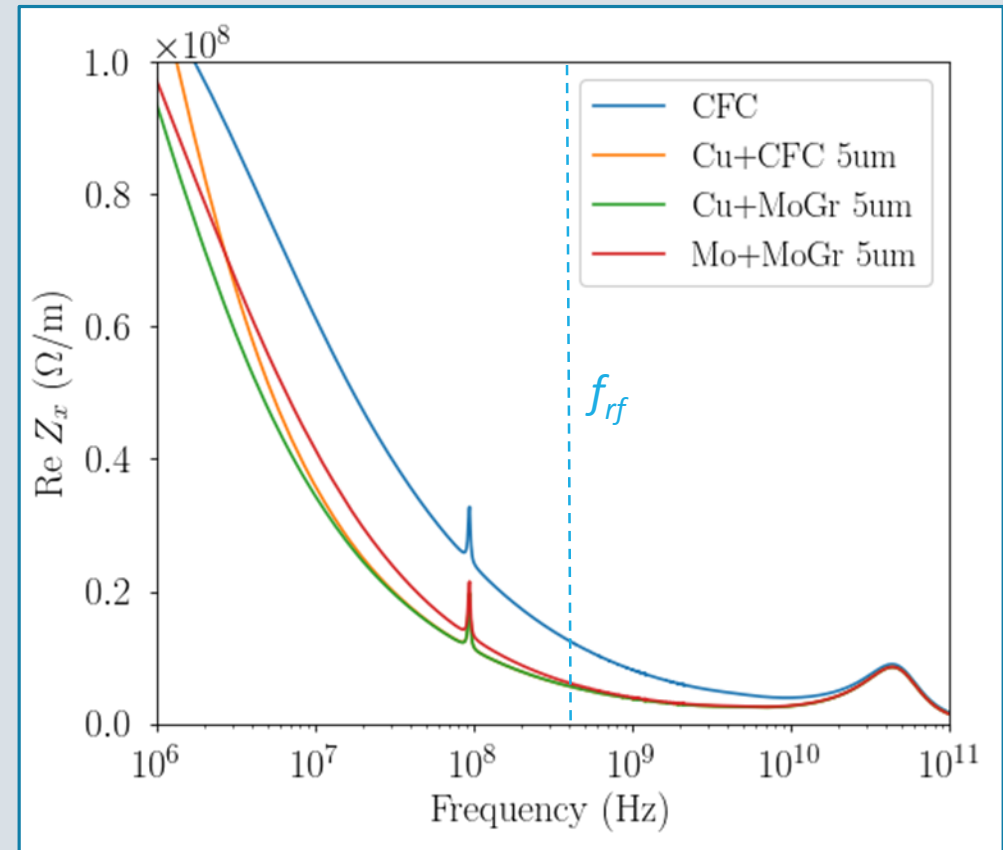
- 1, 3, **5** μm

Energy, β^*	$E = 7 \text{ TeV}, \beta^* = 41 \text{ cm}$
Beam intensity	$M = 2760, N_b = 2.3 \times 10^{11} \text{ p}$
Beam emittance Bunch length	$\epsilon_n = 2.1 \mu\text{m}$ (injection) $\sigma_z = 9.0 \text{ cm}$, rms, Gaussian
Damper	$d = 100 \text{ turns}^{-1}$
Octupole SD	Negative polarity, no ATS Tails cut at 3 rms beam size
Collimator settings	Nominal ($2.5 \mu\text{m}$ ref. ϵ): TCP – 6.7σ TCSG – 9.1σ

The bulk has little effect on impedance for a sufficiently thick coating



Material	Bulk resistivity (nΩ·m)
CFC	5000
MoGr	1000
Cu	26
Mo	53.5

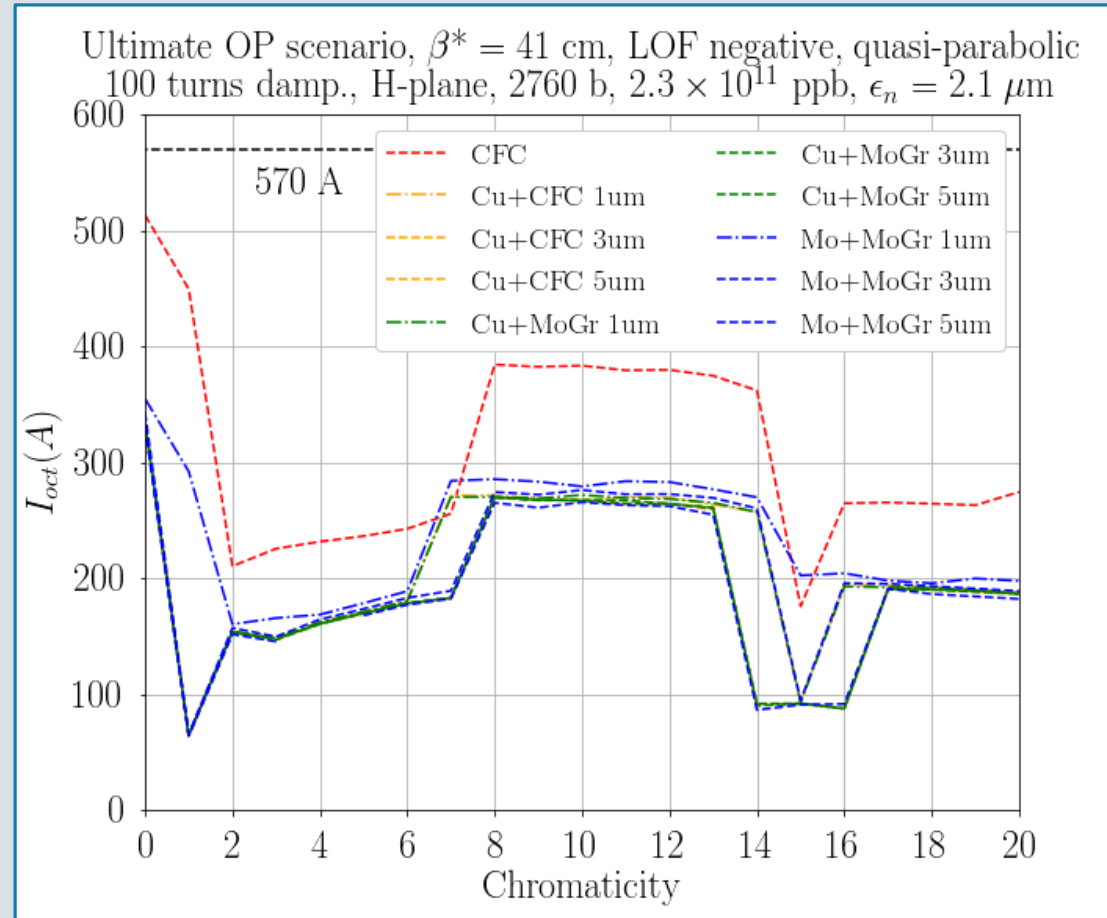


Octupole threshold increases for thinner coatings

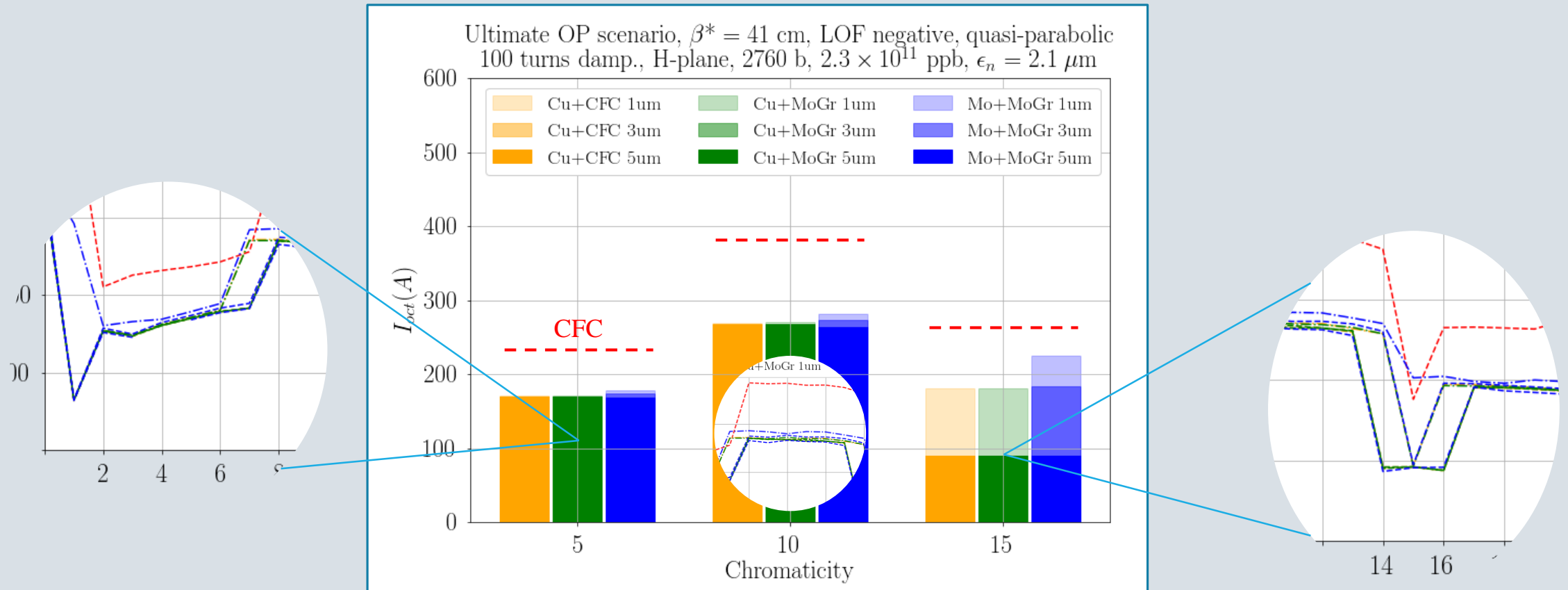
Mo: +20 A for $Q' \sim 8-12$

Cu: no significant difference for Cu around $Q' \sim 10$

The effect may be large at some chromaticities



Increase in octupole threshold assuming $\Delta Q' = \pm 1$ uncertainty in Q'



Conclusion

The choice of bulk collimator material has little effect on the machine impedance and hence beam stability if the coating is sufficiently thick

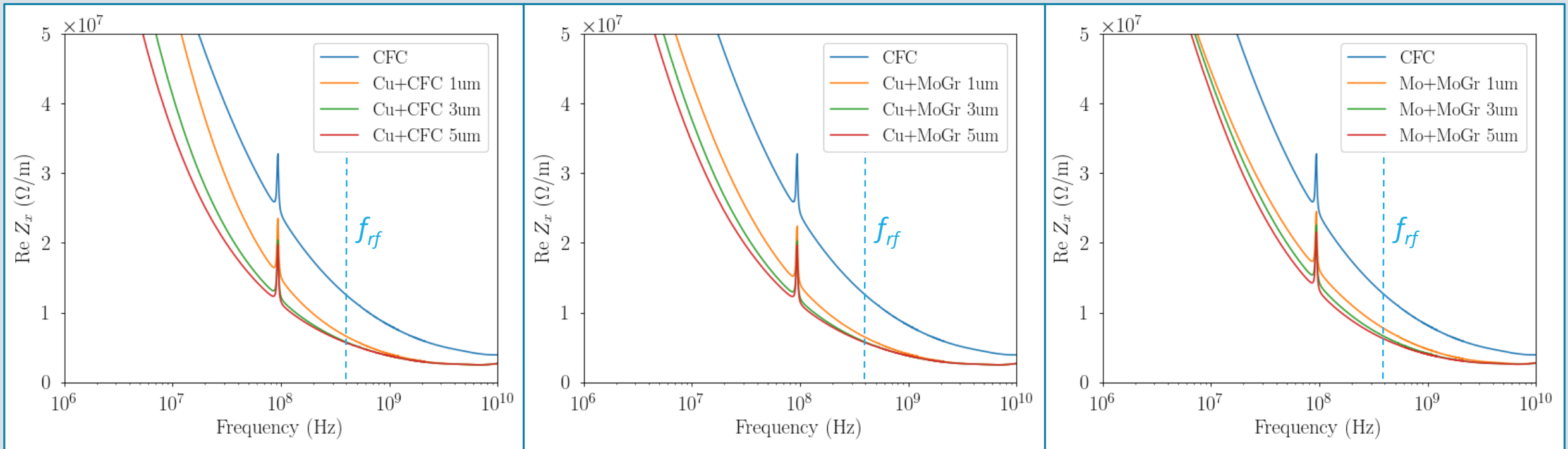
5 μm coating provides a significant safety margin in terms of the octupole threshold

The increase of octupole current for thinner coatings is relatively small for most positive Q' , even when its thickness is reduced to 1 μm

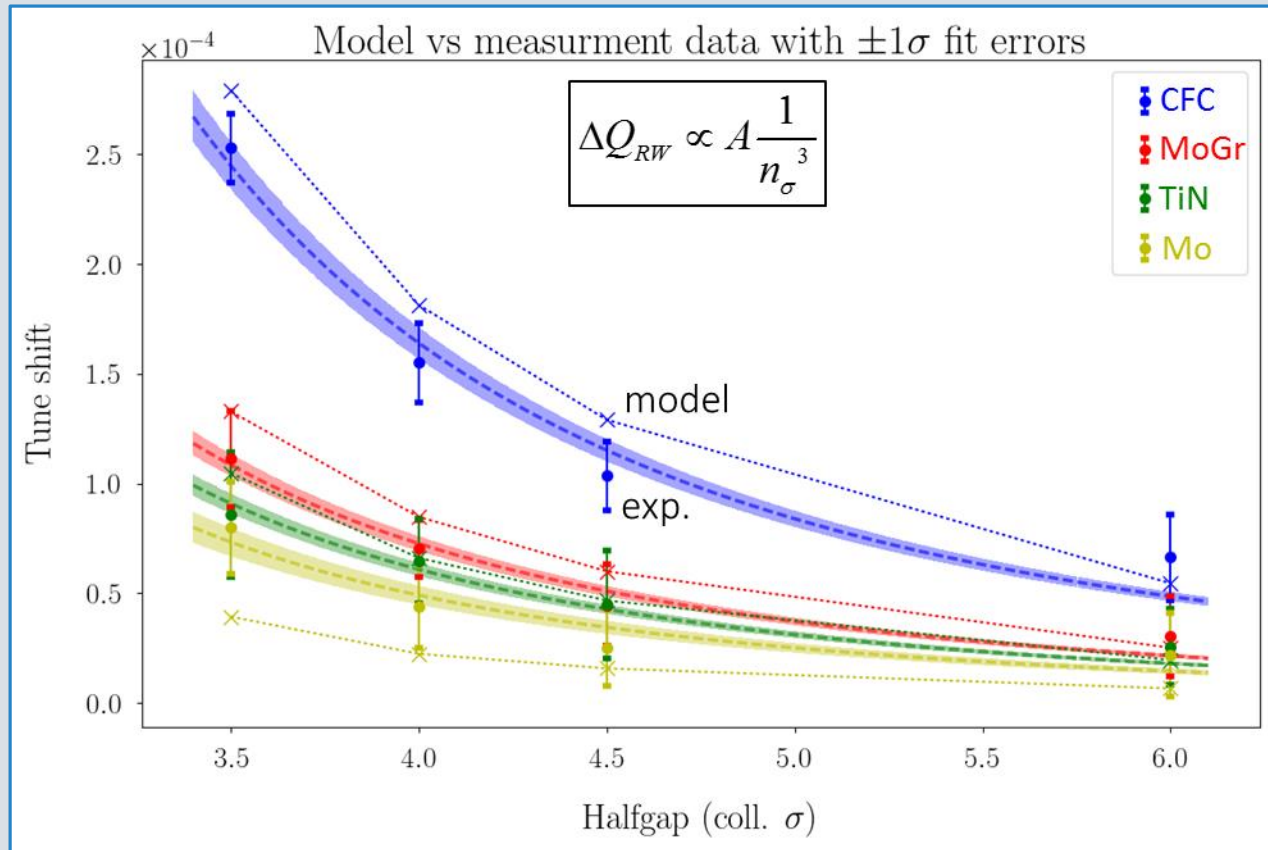
- Up to 20 A ($\sim 10\%$ of the total) for Mo coating on MoGr and $Q' \sim 10$
- Nearly no effect for better coatings with lower resistivity, such as Cu
- The octupole threshold may double for certain values of Q'
 - Still, it shall **not exceed 300 A** at any chromaticity in the range $Q' = 5-20$

Back-up slides

Impedance of different coating thickness options



Mo resistivity might be not as good as expected



Material resistivities (in nΩ-m): measured vs expected

Material	Beam Meas.	Lab Meas. (AC)	IW2D Model
CFC	4030 ± 380	–	5000
MoGr	760 ± 60	800 – 1200	1000
TiN	340 ± 40	Not measurable	400
Mo	250 ± 50	20 – 100	50