MICE RF Cavity Measurements

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Summary

- Cavity fabrication status
 - The first five MICE RF cavity bodies are at LBNL (received in December of 2009)
 - The second five MICE RF cavities expect to arrive at LBNL in September of 2010
- Cavity measurements
 - Completion of CMM and low power RF measurements of the first five MICE cavities
- Auxiliary components of the cavity
 - Three completed Be windows at LBNL now, 11 windows have been ordered and expect to receive the remaining eight in next two months.
 - RF coupler fabrication in progress & purchase order of 10 ceramic RF windows in process
 - Progress on RFCC module, RF tuner design, prototype and tests (Virsotek's talk)
- Near term plans





Preparation for RF measurements



Cavity stand for RF measurements and assembly, March 2010



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RF measurements

Two curved Be windows (#1 and #2) used as references for all the cavity measurements; require minimum three measurements to determine cavity body frequency



Installation of Be windows for RF measurements, March 2010



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RF Measurement Setup, Results





S₁₁ measurements







MICE Cavity Design Parameters

- The cavity design parameters
 - Frequency: 201.25 MHz
 - $\beta = 0.87$
 - Shunt impedance (VT²/P): ~ 22 MΩ/m
 - Quality factor (Q_0) : ~ 53,500



- Be window diameter and thickness: 42-cm and 0.38-mm
- Nominal parameters for MICE and cooling channels in a neutrino factory
 - 8 MV/m (~16 MV/m) peak accelerating field
 - Peak input RF power: 1 MW (~4.6 MW) per cavity
 - Average power dissipation per cavity: 1 kW (~8.4 kW)
 - Average power dissipation per Be window: 12 watts (~100 watts)





Measurement Results

 The first five MICE cavities have been measured in three different window configurations using Be windows #1 and #2 (reference windows)

Cavity #	1	2	3	4	5 (spare)*
Freq. (MHz)	201.084	200.888	201.247	200.740	201.707

*no water cooling tube brazed to the cavity body

- Average center frequency of the cavity body (#1 to #4) = 200.990 MHz; frequency variations among the cavities ± 254 kHz (within our expectations)
- Q measurements of the first five MICE cavities: 42,000 – 44, 600 (~ 80% of the design Q)

(S₂₁ measurements using 2 probes with all ports terminated)





Measurement Data Analysis







Analysis of the Measurements

- Additional RF measurements to study frequency shifts due to each RF port
 - Frequency shift of one RF port (from open to short) :
 - ~ +11 kHz/port (S₁₁ measurements)
- Preliminary analysis
 - Definition of a cavity body frequency (approximately equivalent to the iris terminated by flat metal sheet/window, *f*body
 - Assuming the curved Be windows introduce frequency shifts of $+\Delta f_1$ (out) by window #1 and $-\Delta f_2$ (in) by window #2 and neglecting higher order frequency shifts due to local field changes by the curved window, therefore:

Measured frequency $\approx f_{body} \pm \Delta f_1 \pm \Delta f_2$

- The "±" depends on Be window configurations (curved-in or -out of the cavity body)
- Require three measurements to determine f_{body}, Δf₁ and Δf₂







Data Analysis (cont'd)

- Curved Be windows
 - Measured three windows so far

Window	#1	#2	#3
Frequency (MHz)	0.691	0.591	0.659

- Frequency shifts from curved-in and curved-out are different
- For a given window configuration, the cavity frequency can be predicted within less than 20 kHz using the formulae and measured frequencies of the cavity body and the windows
- Conclusions:
 - Profiles of the two windows must be different (~ 100 kHz or less)
 - Cavity frequency variation within ± 254 kHz
 - Be windows can be used as additional tuning knobs, find best pairs to match with cavities





Near Term Plans

- Low power RF measurements
 - The 2nd batch of five MICE cavities
 - Find center (average) frequency of all (8) MICE cavities
 - Tune cavity a center frequency, in combination with best pair of Be windows predicted by the formula
- Cavity fabrication and assembly
 - Modified port extruding technique at Applied Fusion
 - Better control of local temperature using torch
 - Ports: more consistent, less sagging and good finish
 - Oxidation: argon purge during extruding process
 - Be windows, tuners, RF couplers, RF windows and vacuum vessels
- Post-processing
 - Electro-polishing and cleaning
 - Identified a local company (San Francisco Bay Areas)





Near Term Plans (cont'd)

- Production of the second batch of five MICE cavities at Applied Fusion
 - Nose rings
 - Port extruding and flanges
 - Braze water cooling tubes

Modified extruding technique

- Experimented using the test cavity
- Need argon gas purge to prevent oxidation of cavity surface
- Measure oxidation layer thickness







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Near Term Plans (cont'd)

– EP: vendor visit



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- The inside surface of each cavity needs to be electro-polished
- Electro-polish tank dimensions: 12' Long x 5' Wide x 6' Deep
- EP test using the test cavity







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