Normal Conducting RF Cavities for ionization cooling in a Muon Collider Tianhuan Luo, ATAP, LBNL

Ionization cooling: the only cooling scheme that can reduce the emittance fast enough to overcome the 2.2 µs muon decay time and achieve the targe luminosity for a TeV MuC.



The RF cavity gradient directly affect the cooling efficiency. The higher the gradient the better. Major challenge: the surrounding multi-tesla B field from the focusing solenoids makes the cavities more susceptible to RF breakdown.

Two possible mechanisms: 1) affecting the local plasma environment for the field emission 2) focusing the emitted electrons hitting on the cavity wall.

A modest RF gradient (~25 MV/m) for a cooling demonstrator is highly achievable based on current R&D progress within next 10 years. More studies are required to further increase the cavity operation gradient.

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Material	B-field (T)	SOG (MV/m)	BDP (×10 ⁻⁵)
Cu	0	24.4 ± 0.7	1.8 ± 0.4
Cu	3	12.9 ± 0.4	0.8 ± 0.2
Be	0	41.1 ± 2.1	1.1 ± 0.3
Be	3	$> 49.8 \pm 2.5$	0.2 ± 0.07
Be/Cu	0	43.9 ± 0.5	1.18 ± 1.18
Be/Cu	3	10.1 ± 0.1	0.48 ± 0.14

A 805 MHz vacuum cavity with Be end walls D. Bowring et al.







New possible approaches utilizing recent R&D advancements

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- Cool copper RF cavity
 - Copper cavity operated at LN2 temperature shows significantly stronger resilience to RF breakdown than at room temperature.
 - Discovered in the campaign for high gradient NCRF for future linear colliders.
 - This technology is being applied to the proposed linear collider C3 (with a demo planned for ~2029), high-brightness electron gun, etc.





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