

# 5-Year RF R&D Plan

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# Outline

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    - Baseline design for MICE
  - **Experimental Studies at 805-MHz**
    - RF gradients (pillbox cavity with and without RF buttons) in multi-Tesla magnetic fields (**Huang**)
    - Cavity with magnetic insulation to study ExB effect
    - High pressured RF cavity (Muons, Inc. + FNAL) (**Yonehara**)
    - Beam test plan at MTA, FNAL (**Torun**)
  - **Other Programs**
    - Atomic layer deposition (ALD) cavity (ANL)
    - Dielectric RF cavity (Muons Inc. + FNAL)
    - RF breakdown studies (**Palmer**)
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# Introduction

- Recommendations from last MUTAC Review on RF programs
  - Pursue a more aggressive program at MTA, taking advantages of its unique facilities to do experiments that compliment the MICE program
- Development of normal conducting 201-MHz cavity that can operate at a gradient of ~ 16 MV/m in a few Tesla magnetic fields environment (MICE gradient is limited to 8 MV/m by available RF power)
  - Hardware development: exploring engineering solutions and challenges (MuCool and MICE)
  - RF breakdown studies in magnetic fields and possible solutions



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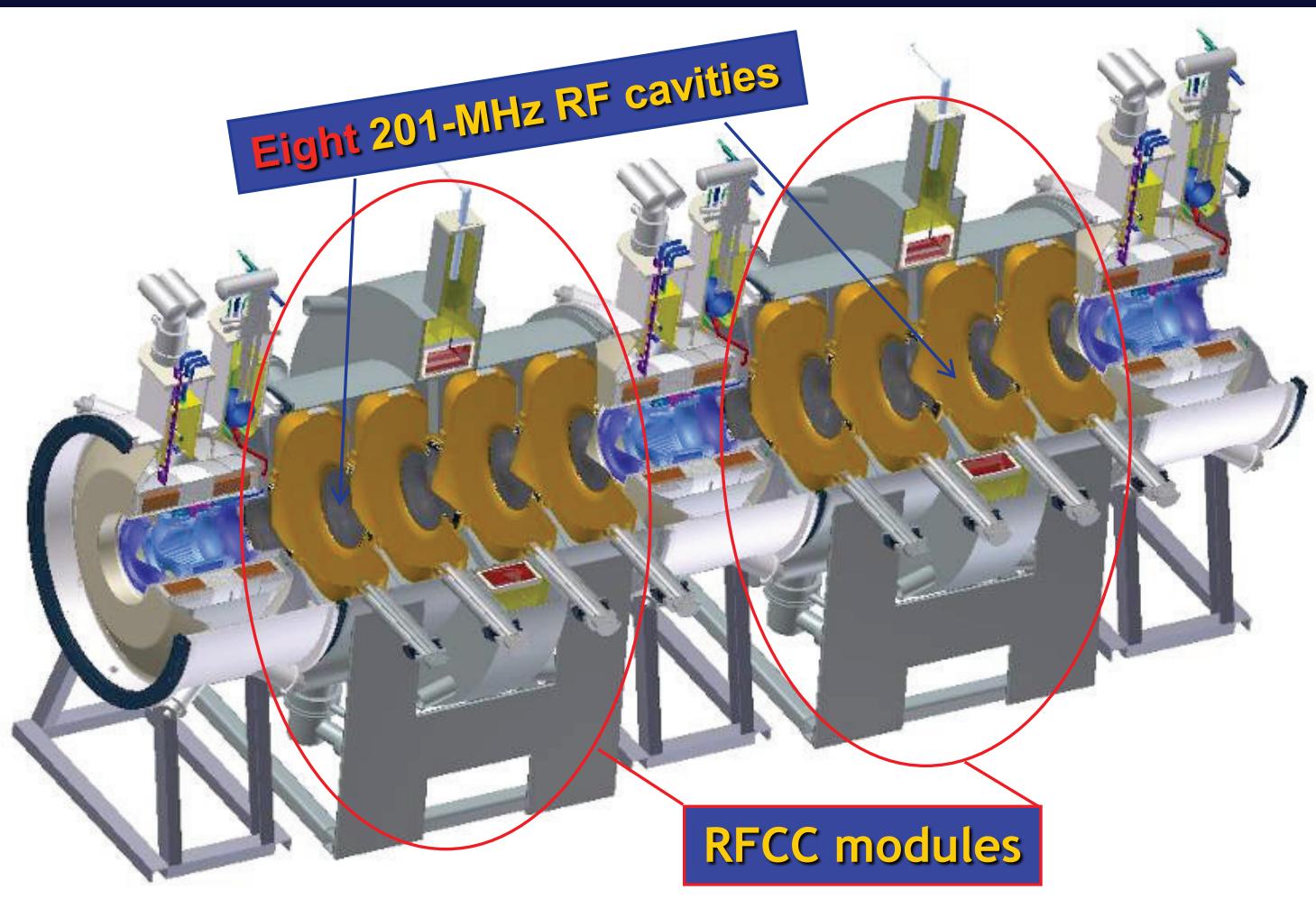
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# Muon Ionization Cooling Channel (MICE)



MICE Cooling Channel  
Courtesy of S. Q. Yang, Oxford Univ.



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# Status of MTA Vacuum RF Programs

- **Current status**
  - Designed, built and tested 805-MHz and 201-MHz cavities at MTA, FNAL
  - The 201-MHz cavity reached 19 MV/m without external magnetic field
  - The cavity kept at 14 MV/m with ~ 0.75 Tesla stray magnetic fields from Lab-G magnet
- **What we have learned so far**
  - Achievable accelerating gradients degrade due to external magnetic fields (nearly a factor of 2 at 3-Tesla magnetic field)
  - External magnetic fields cause damage on cavity surface associated with RF fields



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# Summary of R&D Plans

- Continue experimental studies at 805-MHz
  - The 805-MHz pillbox cavity has been refurbished and ready for more button tests for RF breakdown studies
  - High pressured cavity test at MTA (Muons, Inc. + FNAL)
- 201-MHz cavity program
  - RF cavities for MICE
  - Superconducting coupling coil for MuCool RF breakdown studies at MTA
    - Collaboration with ICST of HIT, Harbin for design and fabrication: fabrication contract to be awarded this week
- RF breakdown studies
  - Magnetic insulation
    - Box cavities at FNAL to study ExB effects
  - High pressured cavity at different frequencies (Muons, Inc.)
  - Atomic layer deposition (ALD) cavity
  - Physics model to understand RF breakdown in magnetic fields



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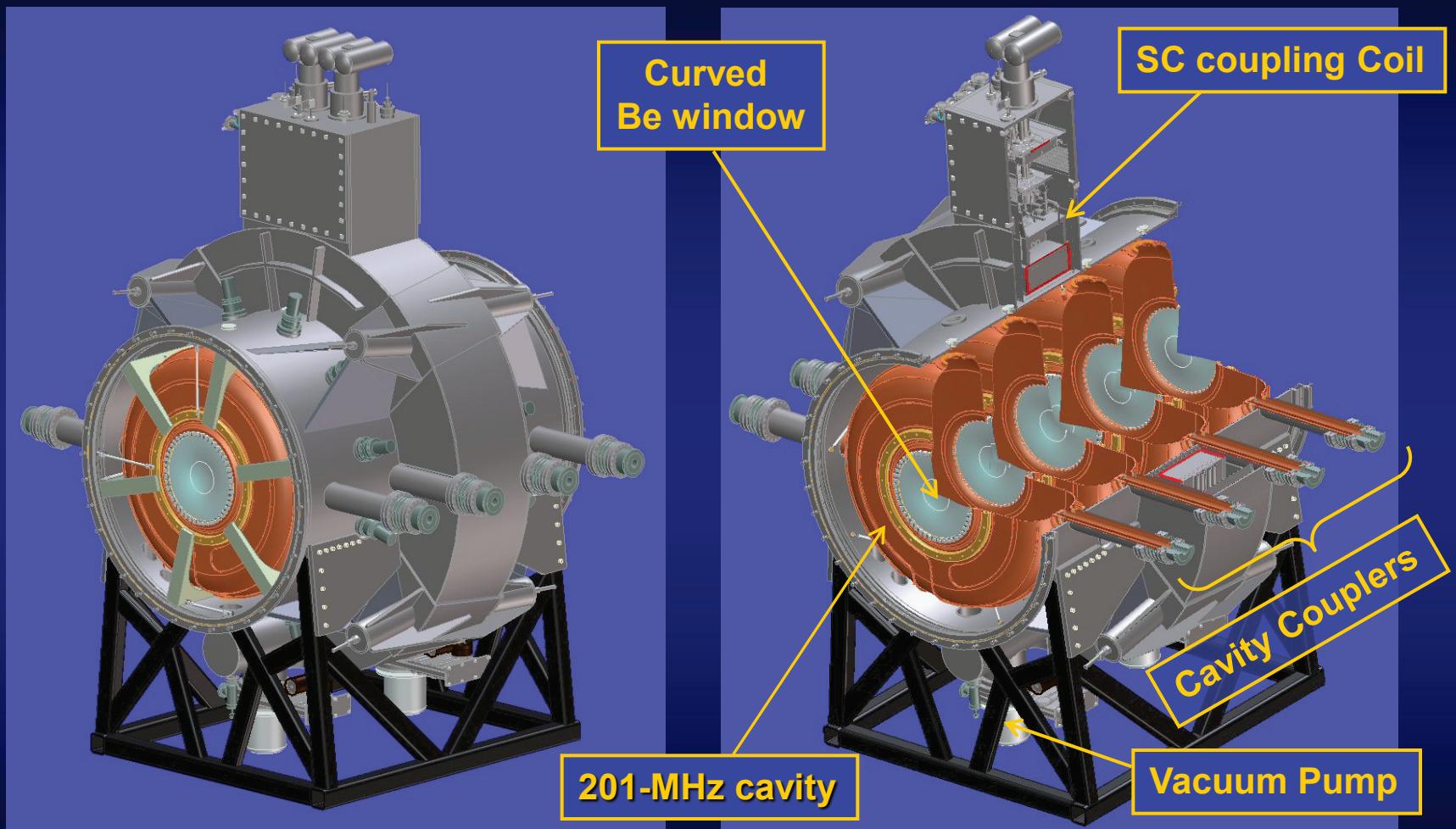
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# Responsibility for MICE (RFCC Module)



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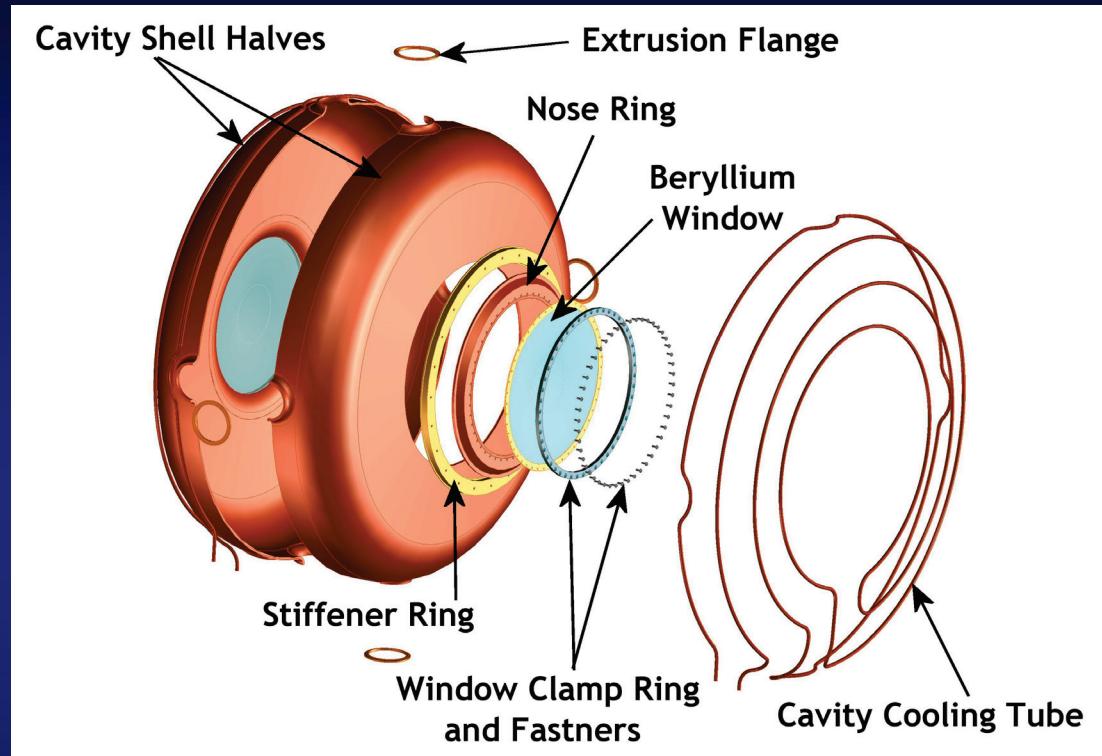
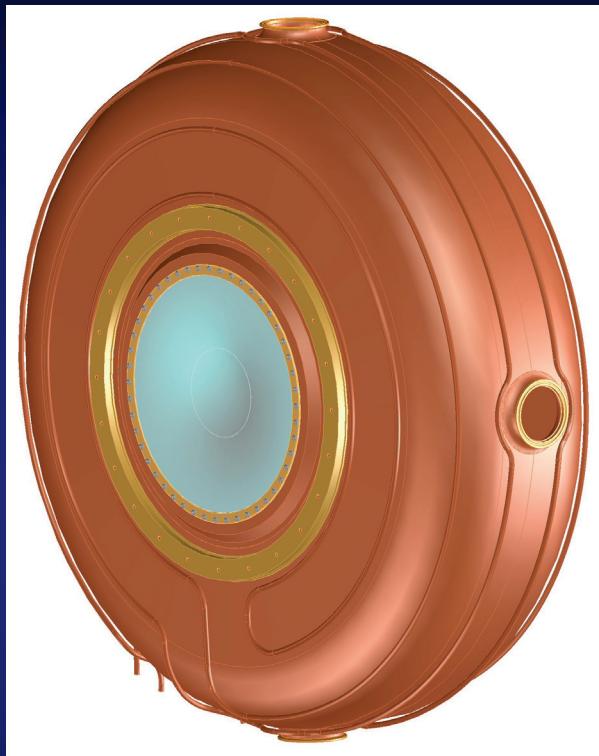
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# The 201 MHz Cavity (MuCool/MICE)



Spinning of half shells using thin copper sheets and e-beam welding to join the shells; extruding of four ports; each cavity has two pre-curved Beryllium windows, but also accommodates different windows



# Cavity Design Parameters

- The cavity design parameters
  - Frequency: 201.25 MHz
  - $\beta = 0.87$
  - Shunt impedance ( $VT^2/P$ ):  $\sim 22 \text{ M}\Omega/\text{m}$
  - Quality factor ( $Q_0$ ):  $\sim 53,500$
  - 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 ( $\sim 16 \text{ MV/m}$ ) peak accelerating field
  - Peak input RF power: 1 MW ( $\sim 4.6 \text{ MW}$ ) per cavity
  - Average power dissipation per cavity: 1 kW ( $\sim 8.4 \text{ kW}$ )
  - Average power dissipation per Be window: 12 watts ( $\sim 100 \text{ watts}$ )



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# Other Module Components

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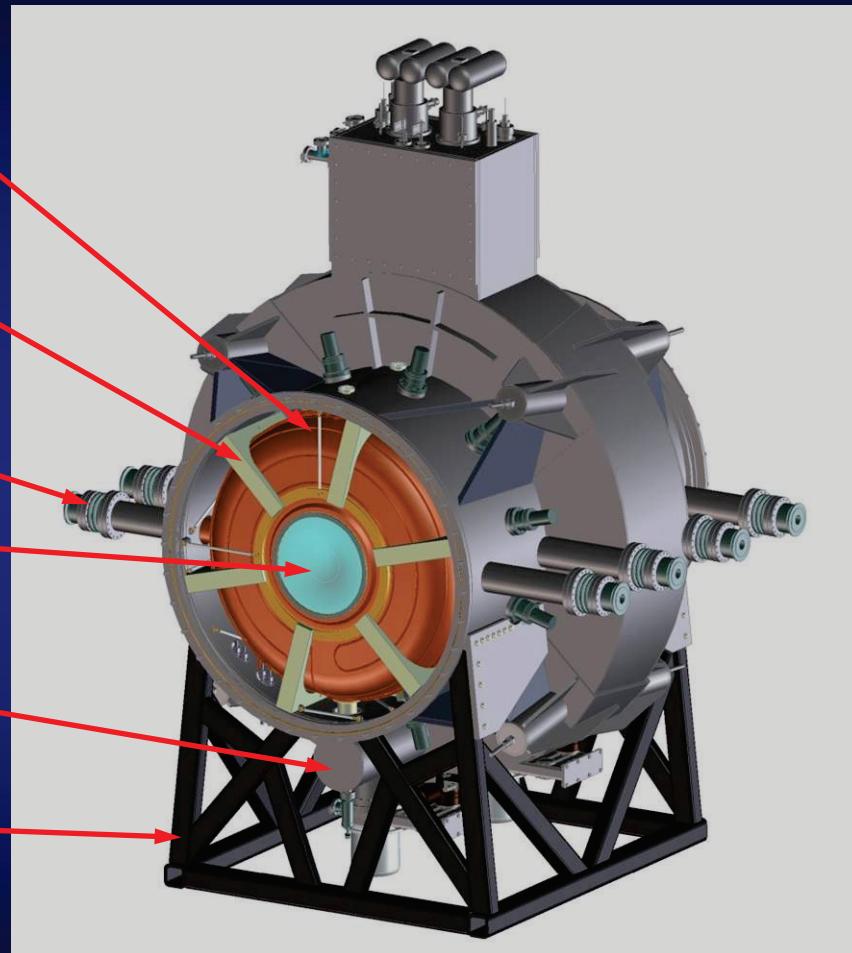
Dynamic Tuners

RF Coupler

Beryllium Window

Vacuum System

Module Support



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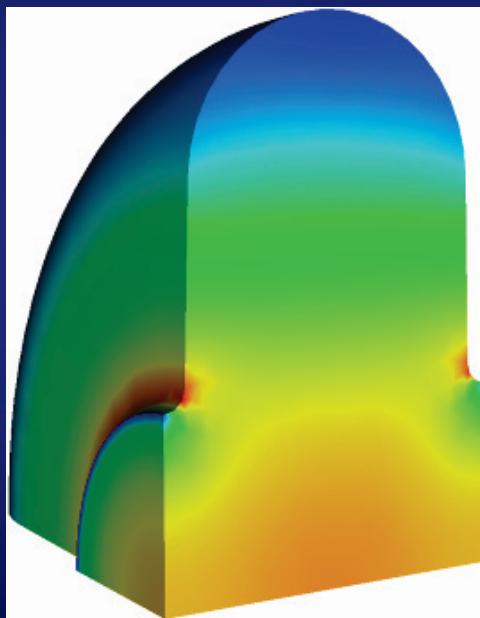
# MICE RF Cavity Status

- MICE RF cavity design is based on the successful prototype cavity for the US MuCool program
- Fabrication of the prototype cavity was successful
- The fabrication techniques used to produce the prototype will be used for the MICE RF cavities
  - A slight reduction in cavity diameter to raise the frequency
- Cavity fabrication contracts have been awarded
- Copper sheets have been shipped to the spinning company
- First five cavities will be delivered to LBNL middle next year
- Fab. & design of other accessory components progressing well
  - Be windows, RF power coupler, tuners, cavity support, vacuum and integration with RFCC module

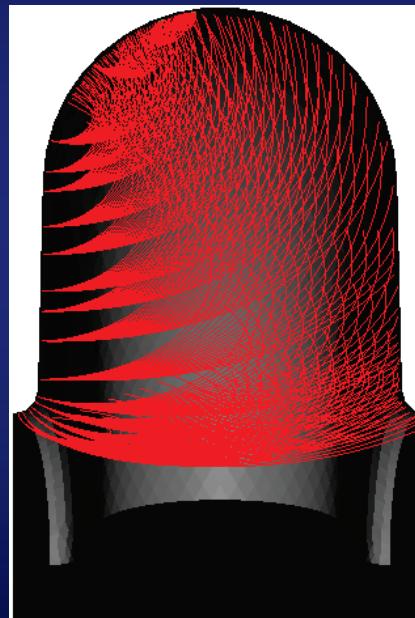


# Study of Magnetic Insulation

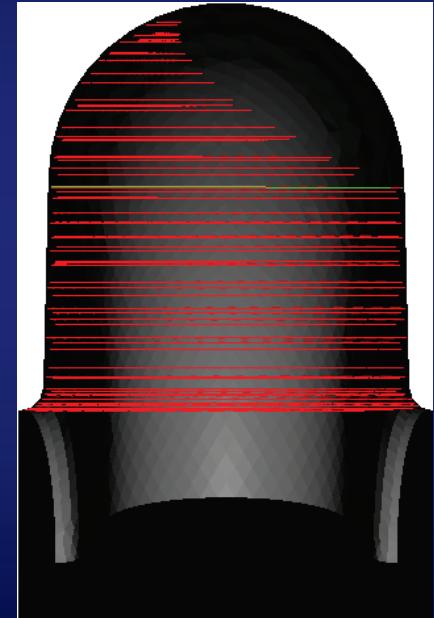
- Numerical studies at BNL and SLAC (in collaboration) using Omega-3P and Track-3P codes,
  - Cavity with flat windows: 5 MV/m on axis; 2-T uniform external magnetic field; scan of a few points from one cavity side



E field contour



Trajectories without  
external B field



Trajectories with external  
B = 2-T field



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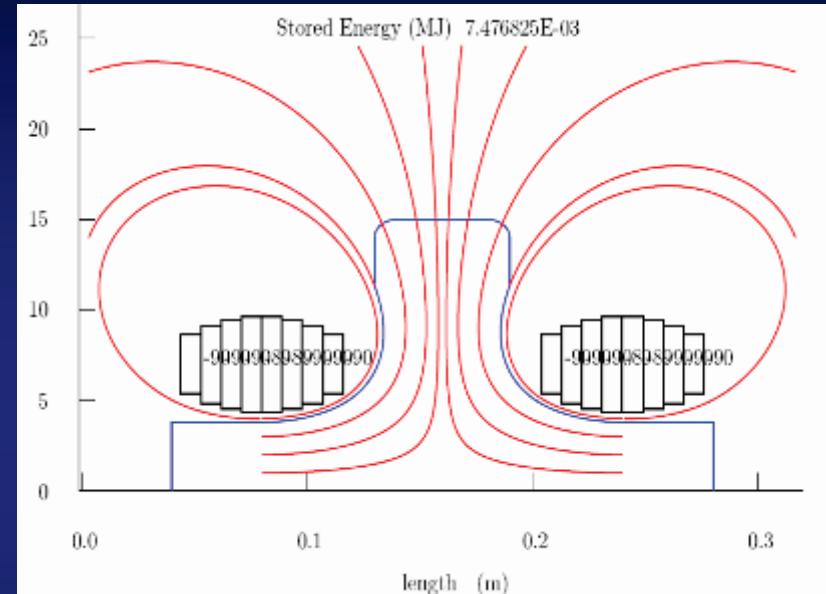
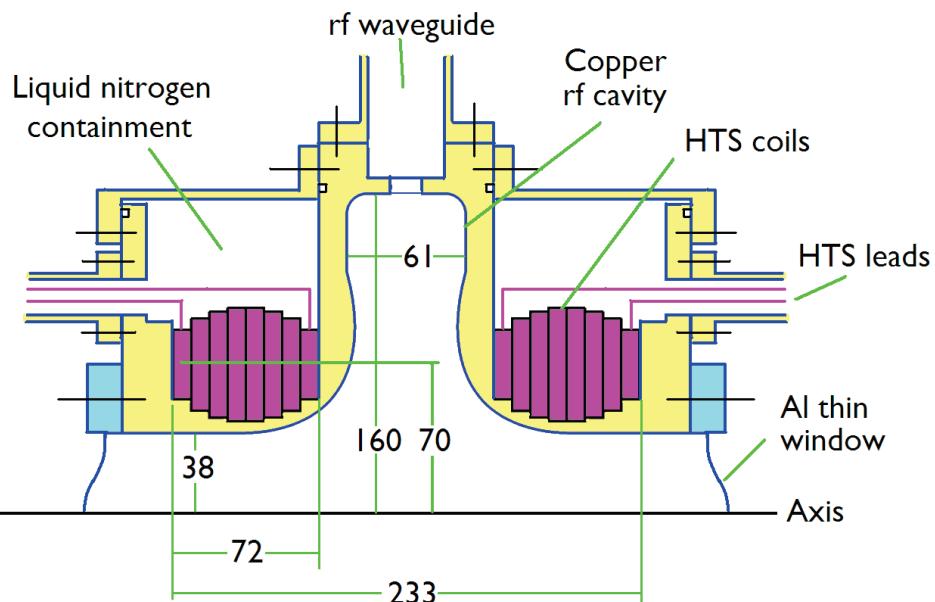
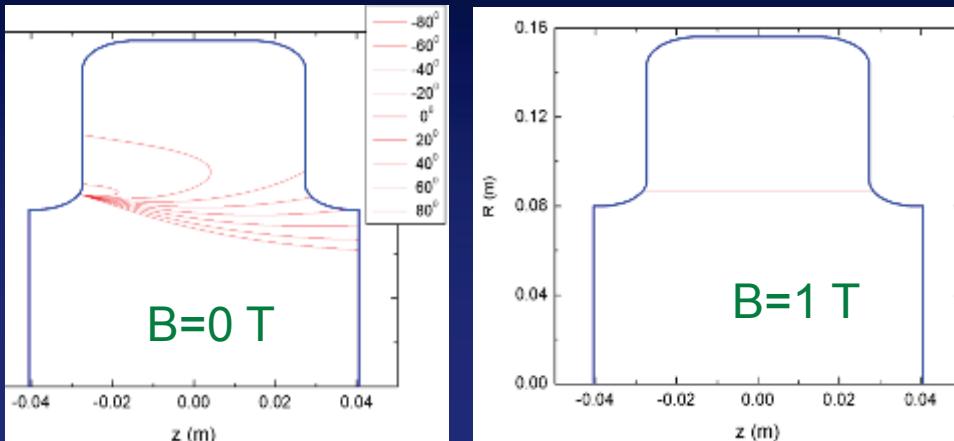
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# Magnetic Insulated RF Cavity

- Similar simulation results and magnetic field shielded RF cavity (BNL)



Test of magnetic field shielded concept will be conducted using a box cavity (FNAL) at MTA

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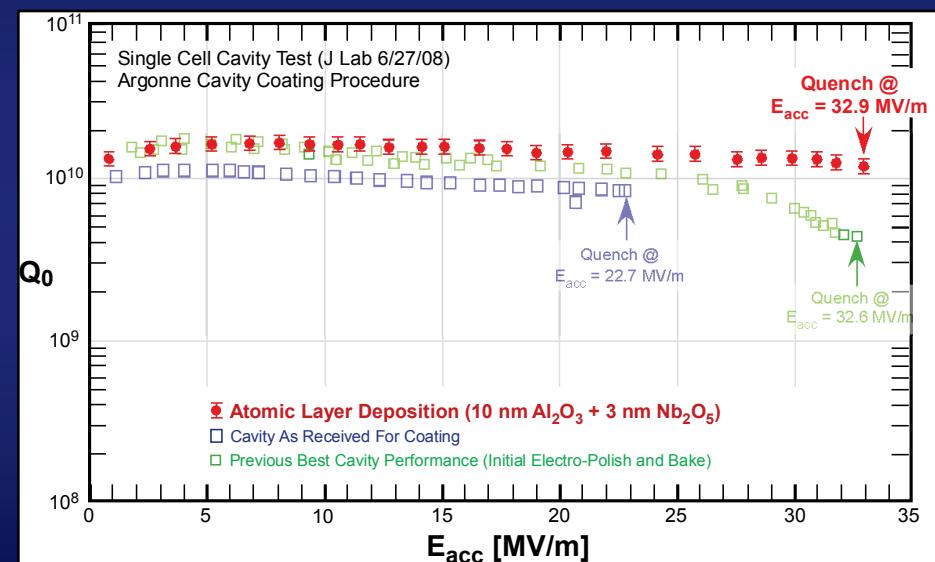
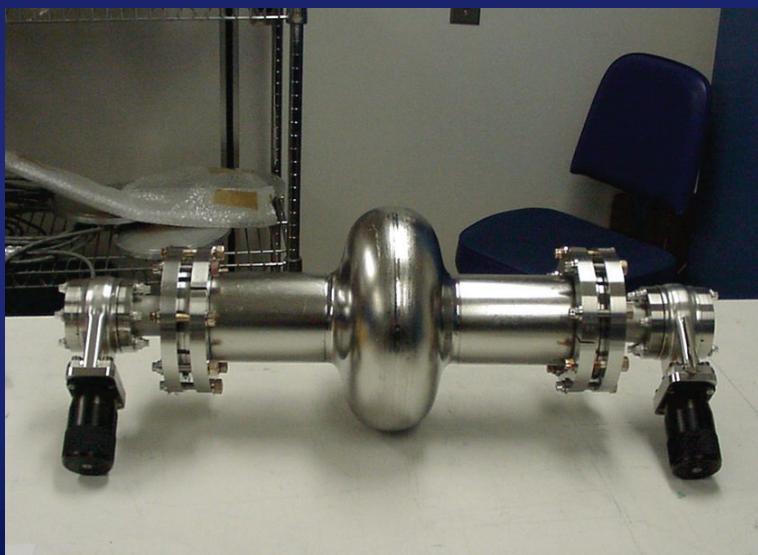
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# Can an ALD Cavity Eliminate Field Emission?

- Single-cell cavity ALD coated at ANL
  - Alumina barrier layer plus niobium oxide coating
- Cavity prepared and tested at JLab
  - Result equaled best previous performance with no FE



- Encouraging results and the coating process is conformal, can coat compounds (e.g. NbN, and multilayers (Gurevich structure))



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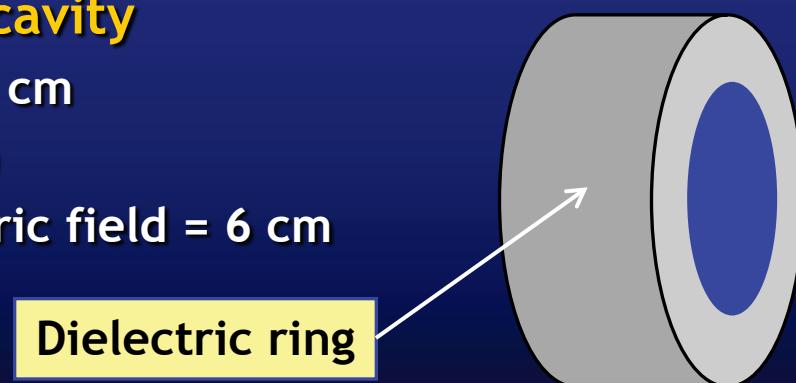




# Dielectric Loaded RF Cavity

## Motivation:

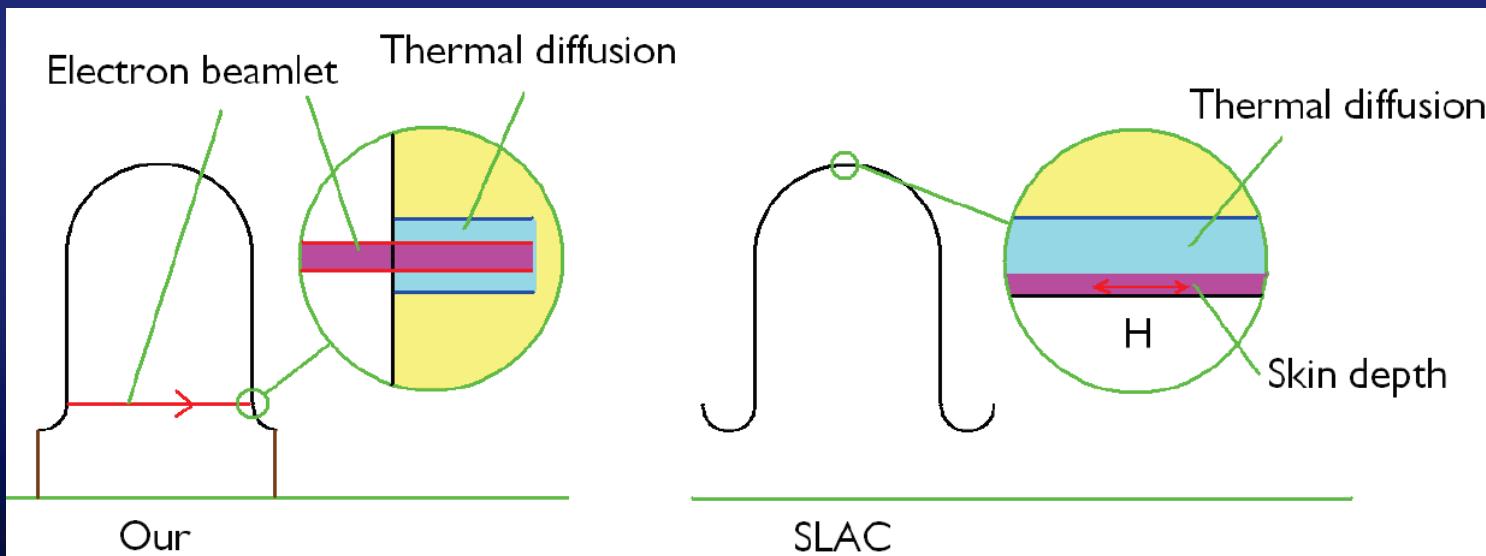
- To fit pressurized cavities in HCC, size of cavity has to be reduced
- Examples:
  - 800 MHz dielectric loaded cavity
    - Maximum RF cavity radius = 8 cm, (pillbox cavity: 14.3 cm)
    - Radius of effective electric field (95 % from peak) = 3 cm
  - 400 MHz dielectric loaded cavity
    - Maximum RF radius = 16 cm  
(pillbox cavity: 28.6 cm)
    - Radius of effective electric field = 6 cm





# RF Breakdown Studies

- Two related RF breakdown problems by heating (magnetic & RF)
  - Magnetic field
  - Ohmic heating
- Possible solutions
  - Choice of materials
  - Lower initial temperatures





# Possible solution for Vacuum RF Breakdown?

- Based on the physics model, **Beryllium is the ideal material for the cavity surface**
- **Aluminum is significantly better than Copper**
- **Operation at low temperature**
- **Magnetic Insulation**
- **Material and surface studies**
  - ALD process



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# Summary

- **Muon Ionization Cooling Channel requires normal conducting RF cavity operating in a few Tesla magnetic field**
  - Remains a challenge
- **201-MHz RF cavity for MICE progressing well**
  - Contracts have been awarded and the first five cavities expect to be delivered to LBNL middle next year
  - Superconducting coupling coil contract to be awarded this week
- **Plans for RF breakdown studies**
  - Vacuum cavity
    - 805-MHz button cavity tests
    - 201-MHz cavity test to be resumed soon
    - ALD processed cavity to eliminate field emission
    - Dielectric loaded cavity
    - New cavity?
  - High pressured RF cavity tests
  - Test of magnetic field shielding cavity
- **Superconducting RF for acceleration**



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