

RF Cavity Operation in Strong Magnetic Fields

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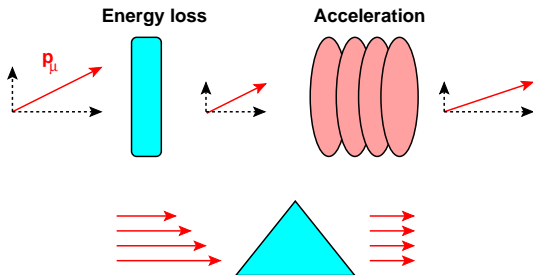
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Ionization Cooling

The only muon cooling scheme that appears practical within the muon lifetime ($2.2\mu\text{s}$).



Mainly transverse; longitudinal cooling requires momentum-dependent path-length through the energy absorbers

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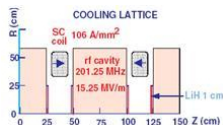
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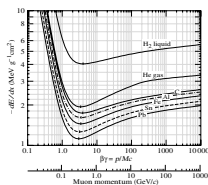
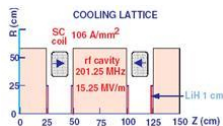
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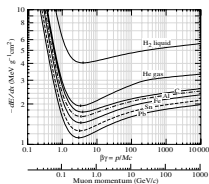
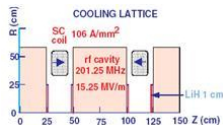
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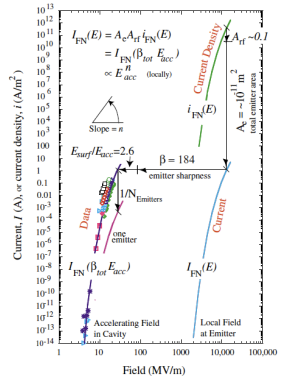
Field emission

- Electrons tunneling through work function ϕ at metal surface due to the rf electric field E
- Enhanced by sharp features on the surface
- Described by the Fowler-Nordheim current density j

$$j(E) = \frac{A}{\phi} (\beta_s E)^2 \exp\left(-\frac{B\phi^{3/2}}{\beta_s E}\right)$$

- Steep dependence in E

$$j \sim E^m \rightarrow m = \frac{E}{j} \frac{\partial j}{\partial E} \simeq 2 + \frac{67.4 \text{ GV/m}}{\beta_s E}$$



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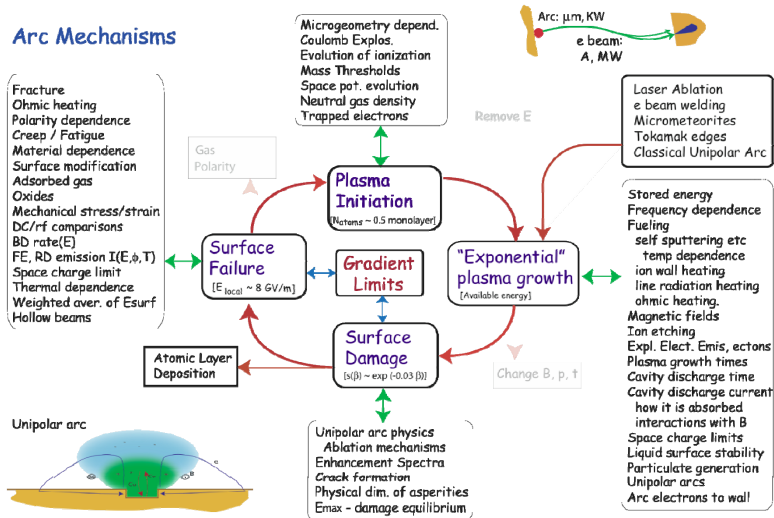
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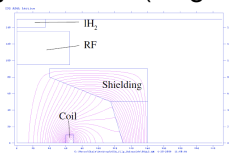
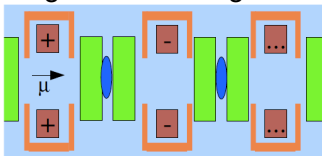
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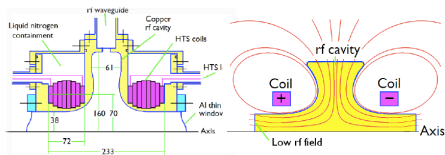
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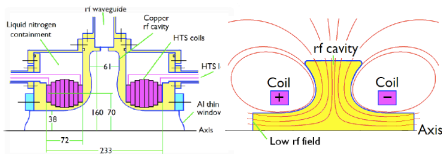


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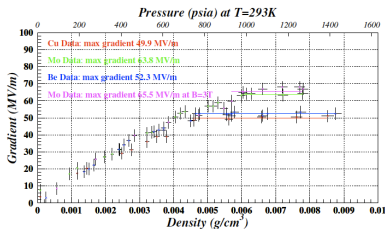
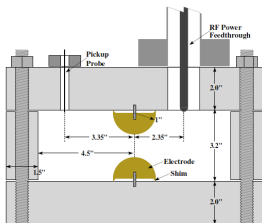
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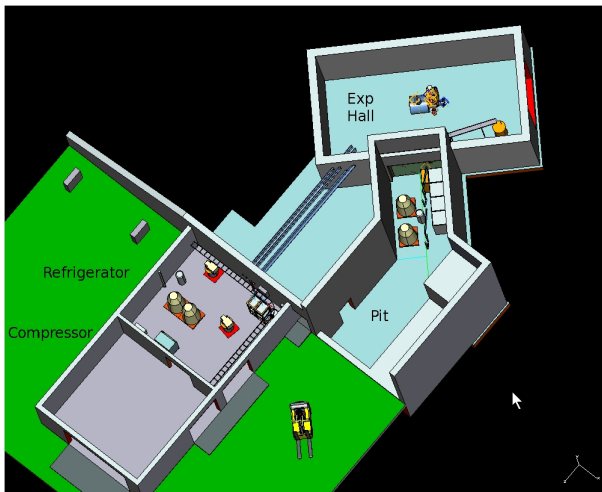


Dedicated facility at the end of the Linac built to address MuCool needs



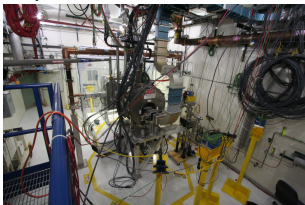
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- Superconducting magnet (5 T solenoid)
- Large coupling coil under construction
- 805 and 201 MHz cavities
- Radiation detectors
- Cryo plant (commissioned this year)
- 400 MeV p beamline (commissioned to upstream of hall)

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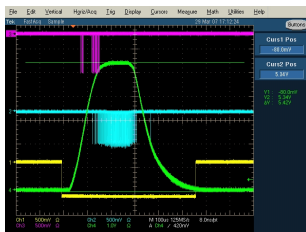
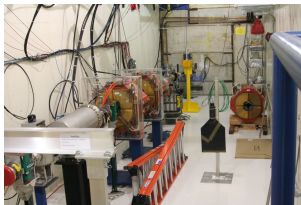


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Experimental Hall



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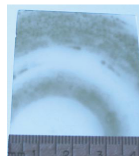
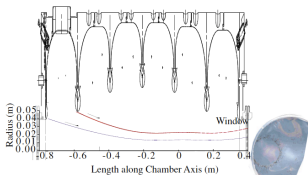
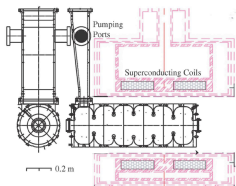
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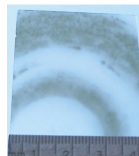
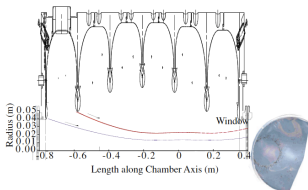
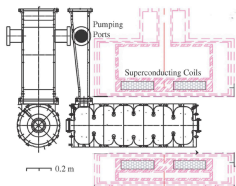
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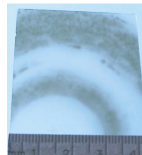
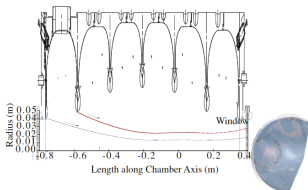
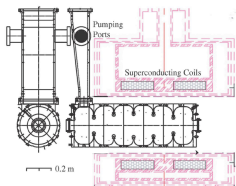
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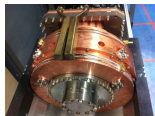
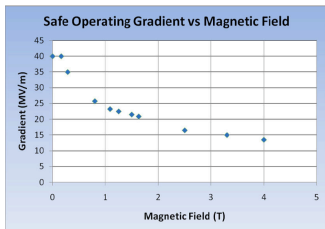
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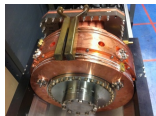
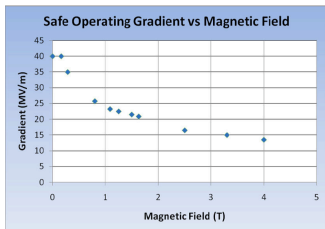
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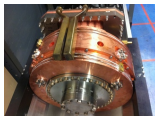
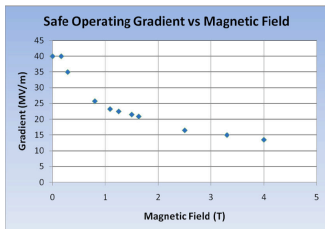
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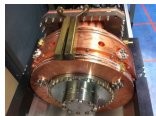
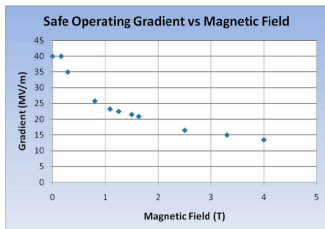
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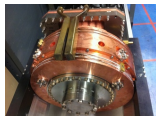
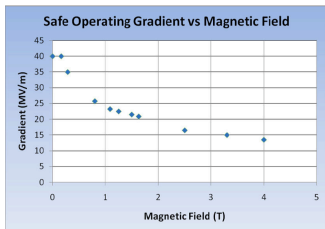
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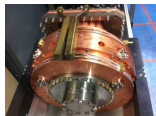
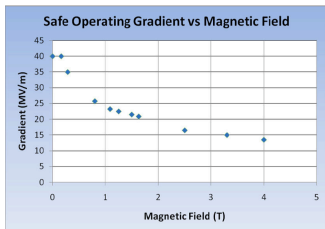
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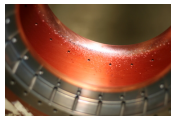
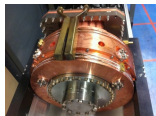
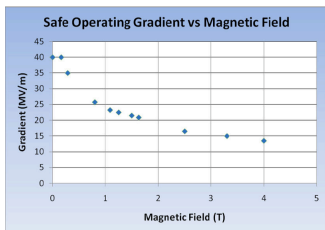
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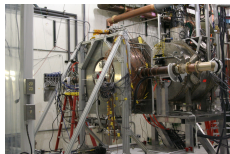


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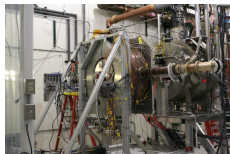
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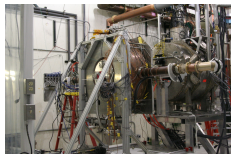
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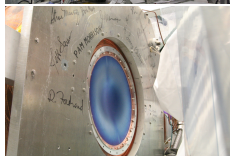
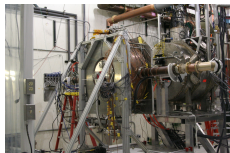
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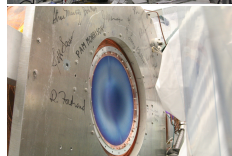
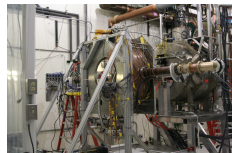
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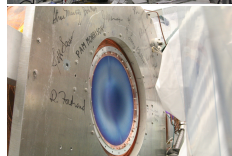
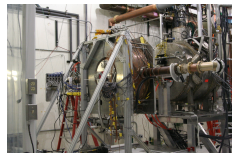
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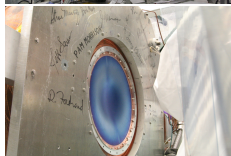
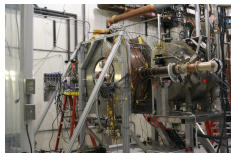
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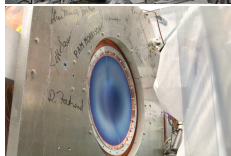
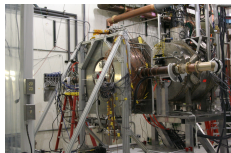
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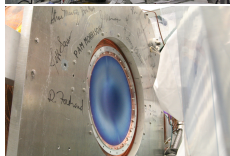
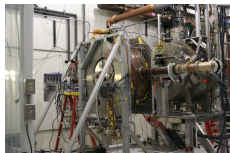
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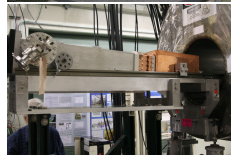
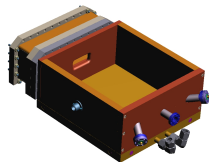
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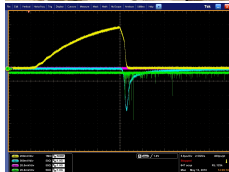
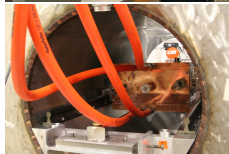
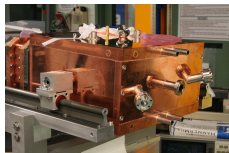
Box Cavity

- Rectangular geometry chosen for test cavity to allow fast fabrication and simplify analysis
- Interior dimensions: 276.5 x 250 x 123.8 mm
- Made of 101 OFE copper plates
- Attached in two hydrogen brazing cycles
- Support system designed to rotate cavity pivoting around magnet center by up to 12°
- Rectangular coupling aperture with rounded edges and a coupling cell built to match the power coupler to waveguide
- Three CF flange tubes for rf pickups and optical diagnostics
- $f_0 = 805.341$ MHz, $Q_0 = 27.9 \times 10^3$, coupling factor 0.97



Box Cavity

- Operating in the MTA magnet since mid-March
- Automated control program, optical diagnostics
- Commissioned to 49MV/m at B=0
- Took data at 0, ± 1 , 3, 4° wrt B axis (3T)
- Large effect seen at 3-4° (stable gradient down to about 25MV/m)
- Some degradation even at 1°
- Visual inspection of interior, no spark damage
- RF, optical and X-ray signals during sparks saved for analysis



Experimental roadmap

Cavity	Outstanding issues	Proposed resolution	Experimental tests
Vacuum pillbox rectangular open-iris	Breakdown and damage	Better materials	Mo, W, Be buttons Be-walled 805-MHz cavity
		Surface processing	Electropolished buttons 201-MHz pillbox in B-field
		Coatings	ALD-coated buttons ALD-coated cavity
		Magnetic insulation	E \perp B box cavity E \parallel B box cavity Prototype with modified cavity-coil geometry
Pressurized	Beam-induced ionization	Measure ionization lifetime	805-MHz cavity in beam
	Frequency dependence	Test at different frequency	Pressurized 201-MHz cavity

New test facility at CERN? (G. Prior)

- M1 magnet (3T, 1.4m bore)
- T2H2 area (floor space, infrastructure, control room)
- Could be used to test MuCool or MICE 201 MHz cavity
- Major effort and coordination with other users required
- Could become another long-term test facility (CERN NuFact Test Area?)



- 805 MHz rectangular box cavity run with $B \perp E$ complete
- Data should provide insight into effect of magnetic field
- Another box cavity with $B \parallel E$ also in the pipeline
- 805 MHz pillbox cavity will be running again to study breakdown resistance of different surfaces using buttons
 - Be
 - ALD coating
- 201 MHz pillbox cavity to be tested again
- High pressure RF tests to continue (with beam when available – late 2010)
- Be-walled cavity being designed
- We hope to demonstrate a viable solution to RF in magnetic field for muon cooling within the next couple of years at the MTA
- RF strategy meeting at Fermilab: Nov 15-16, 2010 (contact A. Bross, D. Li or YT)