



Characterization of multilayer SRF cavity materials using radioactive beam based techniques for gradient enhancement

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Coating Nb with thin superconducting layers (with or without insulating layers, i.e., SS or SIS) with longer penetration depth λ can enhance the accelerating gradient by maintaining the Meissner state above each layer's superheating field B_{sh} , due to reduced surface screening currents and interfacial energy barriers. We review previously published studies using radioactive beam-based techniques to investigate SS and SIS for increasing accelerating gradient. Muon spin rotation (μ SR) measurements of Nb₃Sn(2 μ m)/Nb samples revealed interfacial energy barriers through depth profiling of the first-flux-penetration field B_{vp} , consistent with Nb's metastable B_{sh} . Low-energy μ SR study at depths $\leq \sim 150$ nm in SS Nb_{1-x}Ti_xN/Nb samples confirmed nanoscale current suppression and a bipartite Meissner screening profile, supporting the "counter-current" model and identifying optimal coating thickness for maximizing B_{vp} . For vortex penetration study in SIS, β -detected nuclear magnetic resonance (β NMR) study optimizes the superconducting and normal-state properties of Nb_{0.75}Ti_{0.25}N in Nb_{0.75}Ti_{0.25}N(91 nm)/AlN(4 nm)/Nb. Resonance measurements in the vortex state showed broadening below $T_c \sim 15$ K, yielding λ near the intrinsic limit, while spin-lattice relaxation exhibited a metallic Korringa response modified below T_c by a Hebel-Slichter coherence peak.

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