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Development of MgB₂/Cu cavities by HPCVD

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MgB₂ is a promising superconductor to replace Nb for SRF cavities. Clean MgB₂ thin films have a low residual resistivity ($<0.1 \mu\Omega\text{cm}$) and a high T_c of 40 K, promising a low BCS surface resistance. Its thermodynamic critical field H_c is higher than Nb, potentially leading to a higher maximum accelerating field. The lower critical field H_{c1} of MgB₂ is lower than Nb, but it can be enhanced by decreasing the film thickness. MgB₂ coated Cu cavities have an added advantage from the high thermal conductivity of Cu, which will enhance the heat transfer from the MgB₂ layer, improving the cavity's resistance to "quenching." MgB₂ coated Cu cavities working at 20 - 25 K will eliminate the need for liquid He refrigeration. I will present the latest results of our research on the coating of mock 3.9 GHz Cu cavity by hybrid physical-chemical vapor deposition (HPCVD). The materials issues involved in MgB₂ thin films on Cu will also be discussed.

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