

Muon cooling at PSI

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Muon beamline at PSI

 High intensity cw positive muon beam (4.1 MeV) at the Paul Scherrer Institut (PSI)

$$p + p \rightarrow \pi^+ \dots \rightarrow \mu^+ \dots$$

(beam) (target)

What for?
e.g. Rare muon decay searches (μ⁺ → e⁺γ, μ⁺ → e⁺e⁻e⁺)

High "rate", poor "quality"

- For several precision experiments "quality" is important
- How can we cool a muon beam? ($\tau_{\mu} = 2.2 \ \mu s$)



muCool: "fast" phase space compression



- \blacktriangleright Efficiency of $10^{-4} 10^{-5}$
- > Phase space improved by $> 10^8$

muCool: "fast" phase space compression



Muon g-2/EDM with storage ring

D. Taqqu. Phys. Rev. Lett. 97.194801 (2006)

muCool scheme

• Complex E-fields and B-field + density gradient compress the muon beam



Muon drift in crossed E and B-fields



muCool principle



A. Antognini et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 125.164802 (2020)

muCool principle

Simulated muon trajectories



Longitudinal Compression

Y. Bao et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 112.224801 (2014)

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muCool principle



• Lined Kapton-foil: Electric field for mixed compression



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GND

HV

lateral

top

bottom

GND







Experiment

Test of mixed compression (2019)

- PSI πE1 beamline
- Momentum tuned ~15 MeV/c





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Measured time spectra (2019 beamtime)

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Tuning target parameters





Open up muCool target

Next step: make an hole and extract muons



The make a hole and extract muons 2022

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Make a hole and extract muons 2022



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Electric field design



Electric field design and Geant4 simulations



Target production



Electrode lines on Kapton foil

N N N N N 9 9 9 D -20 0 E 100 0 20 6 P -80 -60 -40 -20

Target frame



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M. Sakurai. PhD thesis (ETH Zurich) (2023)

Efficiency estimates



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EXTRA SLIDES

Muon production





Muon-helium collisions



- collision type depends on muon energy
- consequences of the collisions: energy loss, direction change



He gas injection schemes



Muon extraction from gas target into vacuum





He gas density simulations with 65% back-injection and 35% side-injection

Extraction: xy plane



Position the parallel strips at x point where density drops sufficiently, i.e. drift angle in $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ tends to 0

0.4

0.2

6

x [mm]

-2

0

2

4

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Electric field design and Geant4 simulations



Preliminary conclusions

Baseline Efficiency	Possible Improvements	Description
$5.5 \cdot 10^{-1}$		Coupling to 5T solenoid
$4.6 \cdot 10^{-1}$	×2	Into target entrance
$6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	×1.6	Stopping in He gas
$8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	×1.5	Compression towards orifice (5 μs)
$9 \cdot 10^{-1}$		Extraction from orifice
$5 \cdot 10^{-1}$		Drift to re-acceleration region ($0.5 \ \mu s$)
$8 \cdot 10^{-1}$		Re-acceleration up to iron grid
$7 \cdot 10^{-1}$		Transmission to B-field free region
$3 \cdot 10^{-5}$	×4.8	Total baseline compression efficiency (and possible improvement)

HIMB rate: $10^{10} \mu/s$

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- Efficient Mu production: Mu-spectroscopy and Mugravity
 - **Mathebasic Re-accelerate to higher energies:** e.g. 60 MeV for storage-ring-like experiments as μ EDM or g-2

Material science: distribute the muCool beam to

several μ SR setups at 40 kHz each

Extraction from B-field

Charge particles follow magnetic field lines

$$r_i \sim r_0 \sqrt{\frac{B_0}{B_i}}$$
$$\Delta E_{\perp i} \sim \Delta E_{\perp 0} \frac{B_i}{B_0}$$



The magnetic field can be terminated so that the beam transits from a region to another region with different field strengths. But in this process the charge particle receive an additional traverse momentum

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$$\begin{split} \Delta p_{\perp} &= e \int_{0}^{t} v_{z} B_{\perp} dt \sim \frac{e w B_{i}}{2} \\ \Delta E_{\perp} &= \frac{e^{2}}{8m} w^{2} B_{i}^{2} \quad , \end{split}$$



Gerola et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 66 (7) 1995

Protons and muons at PSI



Muon beam

- Trade-off between "rate" and "quality"
- e.g. πE5 beamline at PSI

100 MHz at 28 MeV/c

 $\sigma_x \sim 1 \text{ cm}$

σ_E ~ 0.5 MeV

Sensitivity to misalignment of incoming beam

- · Misalignment between target axis and magnetic field
 - Maximum possible angle: $\theta_{MAX} \sim 4.5^{\circ}$



Scintillators position and data

