



Status and Progress of LDRD to Improve Stopped Muon Yield for Mu2e-II

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 - Expected benefits for the experiment
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Ionization cooling

- The idea is to guide muons through a dispersive area, which separates the beam by momentum
- Subsequently the particles pass through a wedge absorber to reshape their momentum distribution



D. Neuffer, D. Stratakis, J. Bradley, *Muon Intensity Increase by Wedge Absorbers for low-E Muon Experiments,* Fermilab 2017



Choice of wedge material



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Muon g-2 experiment



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Muon g-2 motivation for muon cooling



• The upstream beamline delivers muons to the ring with a very broad momentum spectrum

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Muon g-2 wedge location along the Muon Campus



Fully funded proposal to study wedge cooling for Muon g-2



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Expected performance



 Colormaps indicate the potential to increase the number of stored muons by more than 20%

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J. Bradley et. al., *Initial studies into longitudinal ionization cooling for the muon g-2 experiment*, proceedings of IPAC2018, Vancouver Canada

Mu2e-Il experiment



Mu2e apparatus



• For this study, the Mu2e beamline has been used as a baseline with some small modifications

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Mu2e Collaboration, Mu2e Technical Design Report, arXiv 1501.05241, October 2014

My simulation setup

- G4Beamline deck provided by Y. Oksuzian
- Tracking starts upstream the Collimator 1 I don't generate interactions at the proton target
- Particles distribution is provided by D. Hedin for 800 MeV input proton beam
- All the simulations were run at NERSC-Edison cluster, which allows to process several millions of particles in a few minutes





Ionization cooling for Mu2e-II

- The muon beam at the stopping target has a momentum spread up to 100 Mev/c
- Our goal is to increase the number of muons stopped inside the target
- Using the wedge, we want to cool down as many muons as possible to P < ~40 MeV/c



The Wedge – how it is created

Average momentum values



- Y corresponds to the vertical distance from the beam center (Y=0 mm)
- The idea is to calculate the average momentum in the chosen bins in Y

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Defining the width of the wedge



- OptMom is the desired final average energy that we want to obtain with the wedge
- OptMom values between 40-70 MeV/c were tried in the simulations

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Mu2e-II wedge – how it is created





LOCATION 1 (called C3 wedge)



C3 wedge position zoomed in





C5 wedge position zoomed in





C3 wedge results



 This plot indicates that for optimum performance of a wedge the collimators may need to be redesigned
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Performance of C3 wedge – 59 MeV OptMom, noC3



Beam propagation downstream the C3 wedge



• We don't see significant losses as the beam propagates the transport solenoid downstream the C3 wedge. However, some retuning might be necessary for full recovery

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C5 wedge results



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C5 wedge results, OptMom 50 MeV/c



Results summary

- We showed that a wedge absorber has the potential to benefit the Mu2e-II Experiment in two ways:
 - More muons <40 MeV/c (more stopped muons)
 - Less muons > 50 MeV/c (less background)
- Two sweet spots have been identified. One between C3up and C3dn and one downstream of C5.
- Devices are relatively inexpensive and the benefits to the Experiment potentially can be high for a fairly modest investment
- A current LDRD program to test the principle is underway for the Muon g-2 Experiment. First results are expected in FY 2019



Future studies

- Investigate the sensitivity in performance with the field of the detector solenoid (not yet done).
- Reshape collimators and identify their optimum aperture provides the best performance when the wedge is inserted. The possibility of using a wedge for collimation AND momentum tailoring will be explored.
- Optimize the stopping target. Since we gain low energy muons with the wedge, it is likely that we can use a thinner stopping target. Consider extending the target radius
- Check if 2 wedges can improve the results
- Explore other materials. For instance, use B₄C which theoretical calculations indicate that it can achieve the same performance as Be with 2/3 of its length.



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Backup slides



Requirements for wedge material

- There are competing processes involved in the ionization cooling
 - Cooling from ionization of the material
 - Heating from Coulomb scattering
- We need a material with:
 - Large *dE/dx*
 - Lardge radiation lenght L_R
- We require a location with:
 - High dispersion
 - Low beta function





C3 wedge results – P < 40 MeV



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C5 wedge results – P < 40 MeV



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C3 wedge results – no Coll 3

 No significant gain can be seen in muons stopped in the target





• Most of the good muons gained with the wedge are lost on the way to the target!



C5 wedge results – no Coll 5

• No significant gain can be seen in total number of muons stopped in the target



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Mu2e wedge – how it is created



• The main problem is the momentum spread – the wedge is able to efficiently cool down only the average momentum in the bin



C3 wedge, no Coll 3



C3 wedge, Coll 3 only downstream part

