Superconducting Magnet R&D for the High Intensity Muon Beam Production in the COMET Experiment

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Searches for Charged Lepton Mixing

- Lepton flavor violation → Beyond standard model
- Muon plays important role in the searches
 - \Box Low mass \rightarrow High statistics
 - \Box Long life \rightarrow easy to handle







Detect monoenergetic electrons from μ -e conversion



COMET

- J-PARC E21
- BR <10⁻¹⁶
- A series of long solenods from end to end
 - pion capture & decay
 - muon transport
 - electron focus
 - spectrometer
 - detector





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Requirements on Muon Beam

Pulsed beam

□ Bunch spacing ~muon life

- can mask prompt BG
- High intensity negative muon beam

 \square Br<10⁻¹⁶ \rightarrow 10¹⁸ μ^-

- \square 10¹¹ μ^-/sec for 2 year operation
- Low energy muons
 - □ <~70MeV/c
 - □ to form muonic atoms
 - to avoid Decay-in-Flight BG

COMET@J-PARC

- Pulsed protons by slow extraction from MR
- 8GeV x 5~7microA
- Proton extinction <10⁻⁹
 O(10⁻⁷)x10⁻⁶







Muon sources

- Quadrupole
 - □ PSI, TRIUMF, RAL, J-PARC MUSE D-line (50mSr)
- Solenoid capture
 - Normal solenoid of SuperOmega
 - embedded target : MuSIC

Requirements for capture magnet

SuperOmega

超低速ミュオン@J-PARC MLF

超伝導湾曲ソレノイド

- Large aperture
- High magnetic field

常伝導ソレノイド

Radiation hardness

\$380



6900

1MW pulsed beam (50kW(5%))

■~4x10⁸ μ⁺/s, ~10⁷ μ⁻/s

無冷媒超伝導磁石

on target) 400mSr

DCミューオン源@RCNP

400W proton beam (100W on target)

MuSIC

■パイオン捕獲ソレノイド ■~3x10⁸ µ⁺/s, ~10⁸ µ–/s



Al-stabilized superconductor

- NbTi Rutherford cable with aluminum stabilizer
- "TRANSPARENT" to radiation
 Less nuclear heating
- Doped, cold-worked aluminum
 - Good residual resistance
 - RRR~500 (ρ₀=0.05nΩm@4K)
 - □ Good yield strength
 - 85MPa@4K



COMET design value

- Size: 4.7x15mm
- Offset yield point of Al@4K: >85MPa
- RRR@0T: >500
- Al/Cu/SC: 7.3/0.9/1
- 14 SC strands: 1.15mm dia.

Capture Solenoid Layout

- Superconducting solenoid magnets with Al-stabilized conductor
- High field 5T to capture π^-
- Large bore 1300mm
- High radiation env.
- Decreasing field
 - to focus trapped pions
- Thick radiation shielding 450mm
- Proton beam injection 10° tilted
- Simple mandrel

	CS	MS1	MS2
Length (mm)	1600	1900	300
Diameter (mm)	1300	1300	1300
Layer	8 layers	4 layers	8 layers
Thickness (mm)	120	60	120
Current density (A/mm ²)	42	42	42
Maximum field (T)	5.8	4.8	4.2
Hoop stress (MPa)	73	100	38



COMET Capture Solenoid





- Maximum heat deposit
 10 mW/kg
 - Maximum dose
 - 0.07 MGy/10²¹p
 - Neutron flux
 - □ 1x10²¹ n/m²/10²¹p
 - □ fast neutrons 6x10²⁰ n/m²/10²¹p (>0.1MeV)

Neutrons penetrates thick 45cm tungsten shield surrounding the target

Neutron fluence for experimental life-time (~10²¹ p) approaches a level of ITER magnets (ITER requirement: 10²² n/m²)

Superconducting Magnet R&D

Feasibility of Aluminum stabilized conductor

- Optimize strength vs. RRR
 - Additives, cold work
- industrial production, coil fabrication
 - Size, Details of coil structure
- Radiation Hardness
 - □ Availability of rad-hard insulator
 - Check electrical/thermal degradation of stabilizer, thermal links
- How fabricate a series of solenoid magnets with various function from proton target to detector

Superconductor R&D



Figure.3.2.1: Test Coil with the outer aluminum ring and G-10 lead insulators, installed on the bottom aluminum flange.

15mm

COMET conductor (2009):

- Size: 4.7x15mm
- Offset yield point of Al@4K: >85MPa
- RRR@0T: >450
- Al/Cu/SC: 7.3/0.9/1
- 14 SC strands: 1.15mm dia.
- Ic@4.3K > 11 kA@6T



in US-Japan Collaboration

- In JFY2009
 - Replicate aluminum conforming technology
 - Confirm yield strength of aluminum with various additives
 - □ Successful trial production of 200 meter cable
 - 15mmx4.7mm (COMET design)
- In JFY2010
 - Test of RIKEN test coil in FNAL
 - Test of ATLAS short sample stack in FNAL
 - □ Trial production of larger conductor
 - 30mmx6.5mm (Mu2e design)
- In JFY2011
 - Plan to fabricate a test coil with 15mmx4.7mm conductor in FNAL
 - small diamter
 - Plan to fabricate a test coil with 30mmx6.5mm conductor in Japan
 - 1.3 m diameter
 - radiation hard insulator

Bending Tests of a Wide Conductor (ATLAS cable)





No problem was found in R=650

Test Coil Specification Strain Gauge

- Coil dimensions
 - 4 layers
 - 8 turns
- Al-stabilized Conductor
 - 6.5mmx30mm
 - test underway
- Conductor Insulation
 - Upilex/Glass*
 - Double spiral wrapping
- Ground Insulation
 - □ GUG*
 - Double spiral
- Resin
 - BTresin
- Thermal propagator
 - 2mm thick pure aluminum strips in between each lay
 - □ coverage 50%(*)
- Conductor joint welding for R&D
- Film heater for quench test
- End piece or flange (GFRP) to be attached to supports
- * may be changed in engineering design



Radiation-resistant SC magnet

- Neutron fluence >10²¹⁻²² n/m²
 Dose >>1 MGy
- High field application needs radiation resistant superconducting magnets
 - □ High intensity muon source
 - MuSIC, COMET, Mu2e and next
 - Synergy to the next generation accelerator
 - Muon colliders, LHC upgrade ...



MC/NF capture system by K. McDonald@Nufact11



Radiation hardness of magnet materials

- Insulator, resin
 BT resin, Cyanate ester
 Polyimide/Glass composite
 Thermal insulator
 - \Box Al-coated polyimide film \leftarrow Less outgas
- Support structure
 GFRP, Titanium rod
- Superconductor
 NbTi, Nb3Sn would be OK up to 10²² n/m²

Problematic components

Stabilizer

- □ Aluminum alloy
- □ Copper
- Thermal conductor
 - Pure aluminum
 - Copper
 - □ Aluminum alloy
- Thermo sensor
 - \Box No experience at 10²¹ n/m²



Figure 3 Error on temperature measurement on some sensors during irradiation (Tbath=1.8 K)

LHC Project Report 209

- Fast-neutron irradiation induces defects in metal.
- Defects could be accumulated at Low temperature,
- and causes degradation of electrical/thermal conductivity



- Problems in
 - Quench protection, Stability
 - Cooling



Table 3 Irradiation induced resistivity, ρ_i , defect concentration, C_i , and ratio of induced to residual resistivity, ρ_i/ρ_0 .

Induced

 (10^{-4} a.f.)

5.6

5.6

4.8

3.6

4.0

3.6

9.1

6.0

8.0

concentration a)

Pi/Po

275

31

142

54

40

48

21

142

9

Induced

resistivity.

382.3

363.9

116.2

87.9

102.7

264.6

593.3

794.6

1137.2

 $\rho_i(n\Omega \cdot cm)$

Irradiation effects on AI, Cu in literature

pure AI (RRR=2286)

- Fast neutron 2x10²² n/m² Induces ρ_i=3.8nΩ.m [1]
- Perfect recovery by annealing at RT

pure Cu (RRR=2280)

- ρ_i=1.2nΩ.m [1]
- 10% damage remains after annealing at RT

Element

Aluminum

Nickel

Copper

Silver

Gold

Iron

Cobalt

Platinum

Moly bdenum

How about cold-worked Al-stabilizer and CERNOX sensor?

> [1] J.A. Horak and T.H. Blewitt, J. Nucl. Materials, Vol. 49 (1973) p161

Low Temperature Irradiation Facility

- Kyoto Univ. Research Reactor Institute
- 5MW max. thermal power
- Cryostat close to reactor core
- Sample cool down by He gas loop
 10K – 20K
- Fast neutron flux(>0.1MeV)
 1.4x10¹⁵ n/m²/s@1MW

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KUR-TR287 (Fig. 7. Neutron flux distribution as a function of distance from top of sample chamber, (a) fast-neutron and (b) thermal neutron.

Irradiation sample

- Aluminum stabilizer sample from the superconductor by wire electrical discharge machining in KEK
 - $\hfill\square$ Keep defects by cold-work
- Size: 1mmx1mmx70mm
- Voltage taps with 45mm spacing
- 4 wire resistance measurement by nano-voltmeter
- CERNOX CX-1050-SD close to sample temperature (also irradiated)

Irradiation sample

- 5N aluminum + Cu, Mg with 10 % cold work
- RRR=450
 - •1.35mΩ @RT, 3μΩ @10K

Result

- Fast neutron exposure at 12K
- Resistance increased in proportional to neutron fluence
 - No threshold at low neutron fluence10¹⁹-10²⁰ n/m²
- Observed ρ_i = 0.056 nΩ.m for 2.3x10²⁰ n/m² (>0.1MeV)
 - Good agreement with pure aluminum results (cf. [1])
- In COMET life time (2 year operation), resistivity of stabilizer will increase by a factor of 4 for neutron fluence of 6x10²⁰ n/m²
- →Seasonal warm-up would be enough to recover

Perfect recovery was observed by thermal cycling to RT
Temperature drift due to CERNOX sensor degradation?

Design Study

So far

- Coil layout for field optimization
- Conceptual design of cryostat
- Estimation of cryogenics
- To do
 - □ Interface to contents;
 - Proton target, Beam monitor, Collimator, Stopping target, Detectors
 - Remote handling, installation/disassembly procedure
 - \Box Coil structure \rightarrow test winding (conductor R&D)
 - □ Cryogenics design
 - Optimize refrigerator
 - LHe piping
 - Thermal links
 - Thermal cycling procedure

Indirect Cooling of Capture Solenoid

- Bath cooling could cause helium activation
 - □ Tritium production by ³He(n,p)³H
- \rightarrow Conduction cooling
 - Remove nuclear heating (max. 20W) by pure aluminum strip in between coil layers
- Thermal conduction can be degraded by neutron irradiation
- Temperature gradient in coil
 - □ 0.5mm thick, λ =4000W/m-K (RRR=2000) $\rightarrow \Delta$ T=0.12K
 - □ If irradiation degrade λ =400W/m-K → Δ T=1.2K
- Taking into account margin for irradiation damage, thick aluminum will be used
 - \Box 2mm, λ =400W/m-K $\rightarrow \Delta$ T=0.3K

Fig. 11. Sketch showing the showing the concept of the thermosiphon and indicating where the cooling pipes are fixed to the cold mass.

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 - 30W GM cryocoolers for downstream magnets

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Summary and Prospects

- Solenoid capture scheme is adapted for high intensity muon source in NF/MC, mu-e conversion experiments
- Radiation issues are most important for the feasibility
 - □ Irradiation effects on electrical and thermal properties
 - Indirect cooling
 - □ Radiation hard organic materials
- Steady R&D on irradiation effects is underway
 - □ First test successfully done in 2010
 - □ Degradation of electric resistivity of Al-CuMg was observed from $\sim 10^{20}$ n/m².
 - □ Full recovery by thermal cycle to room temperature was also confirmed.
 - □ Will investigate different additives, copper, pure aluminum for thermal conduction.
- Feasibility of proposed coil structure will be checked in the test coil using large Al-stabilized superconductor.
- Detailed design will take into account the R&D results.