

Muon Collider target Conceptual design selection



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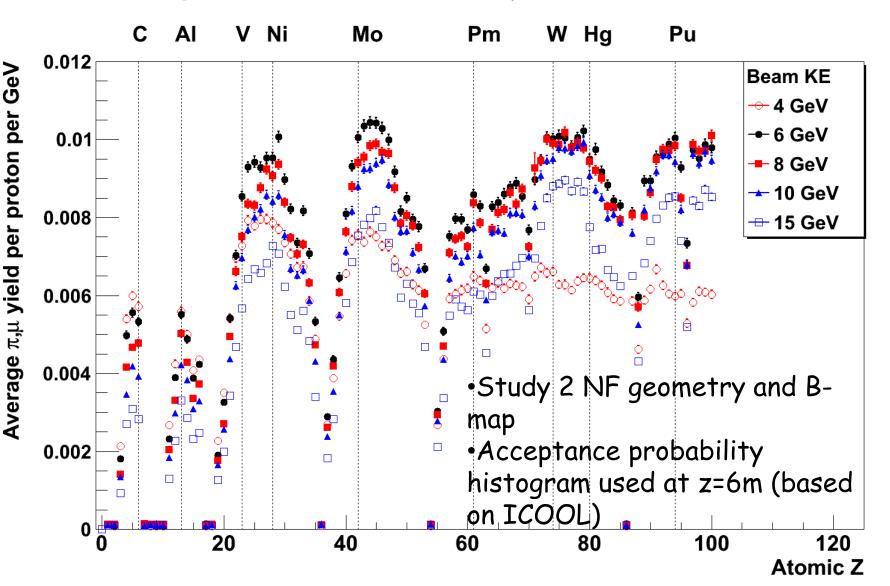
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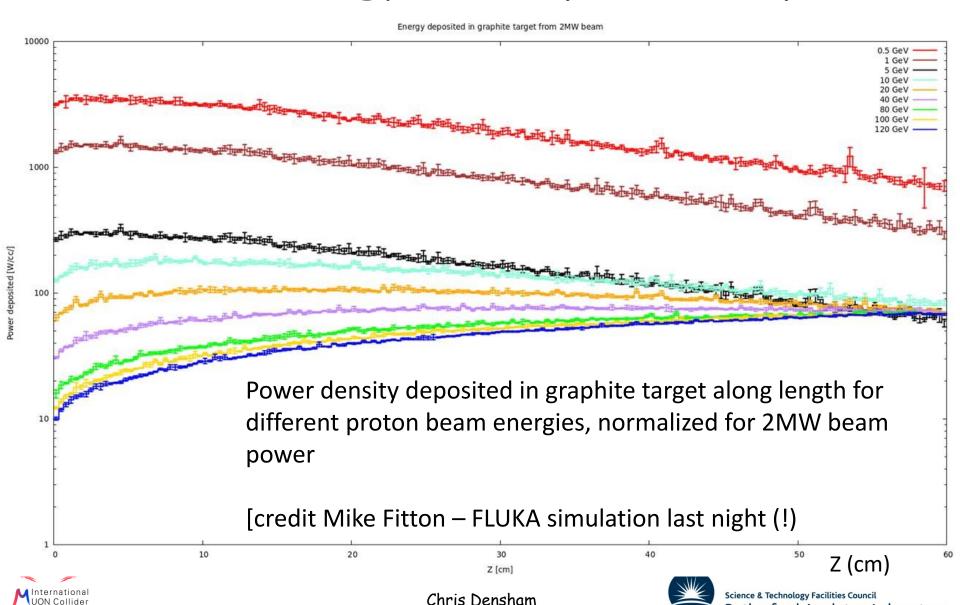


Pion/muon yields for different target Z's and beam energies (J.Back)

Low Z target is a candidate - reported at end of MAP study



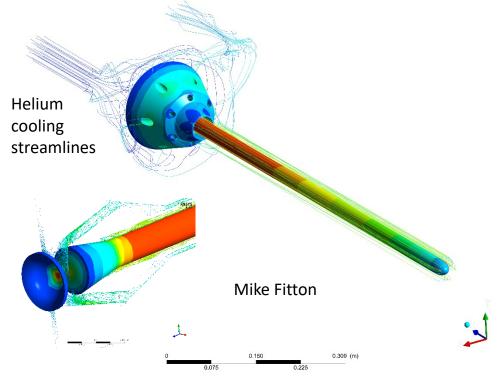
NB Beam energy is as important as power

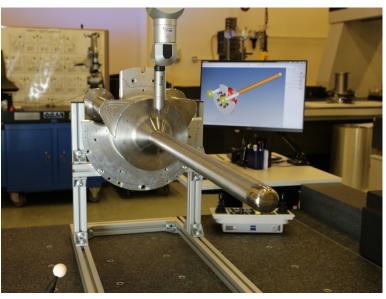


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T2K graphite target - 10+ years experience

- Stable operation at 500 kW at 30 GeV
- 1.3 MW prototype under construction
- Basis for LBNF target for 1.2 MW at 120 GeV (2.4 MW upgrade planned)
- Potential for Muon Collider?





Survey of T2K target using Co-ordinate Measuring Machine (CMM) at RAL.





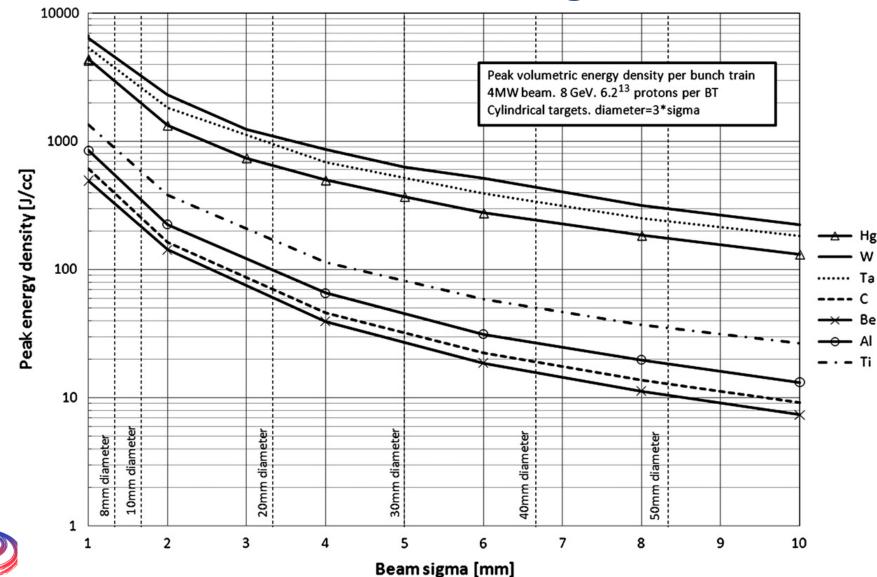




CT scans of new target



Peak heat load for various target materials

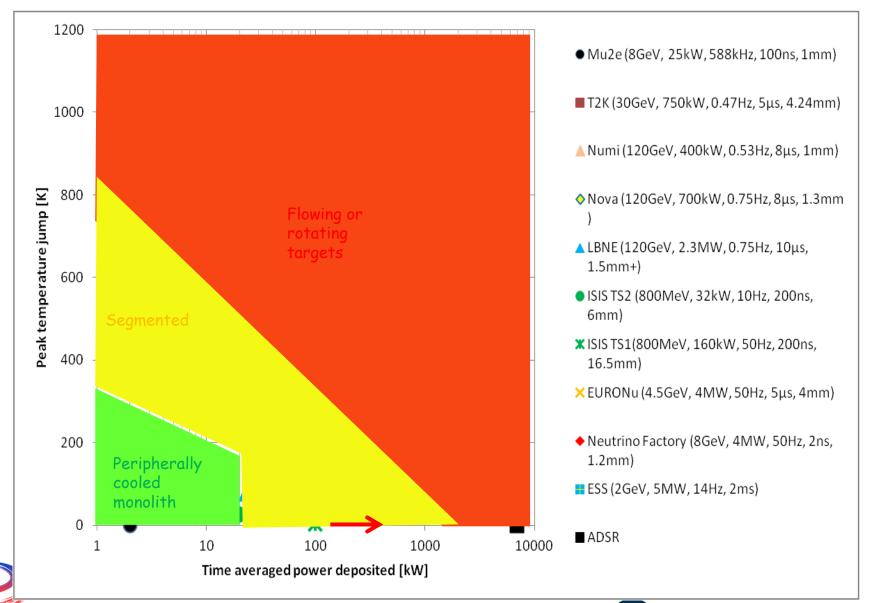


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Limitations of target technologies





'Divide and Rule' for increased power

Dividing material is favoured since:

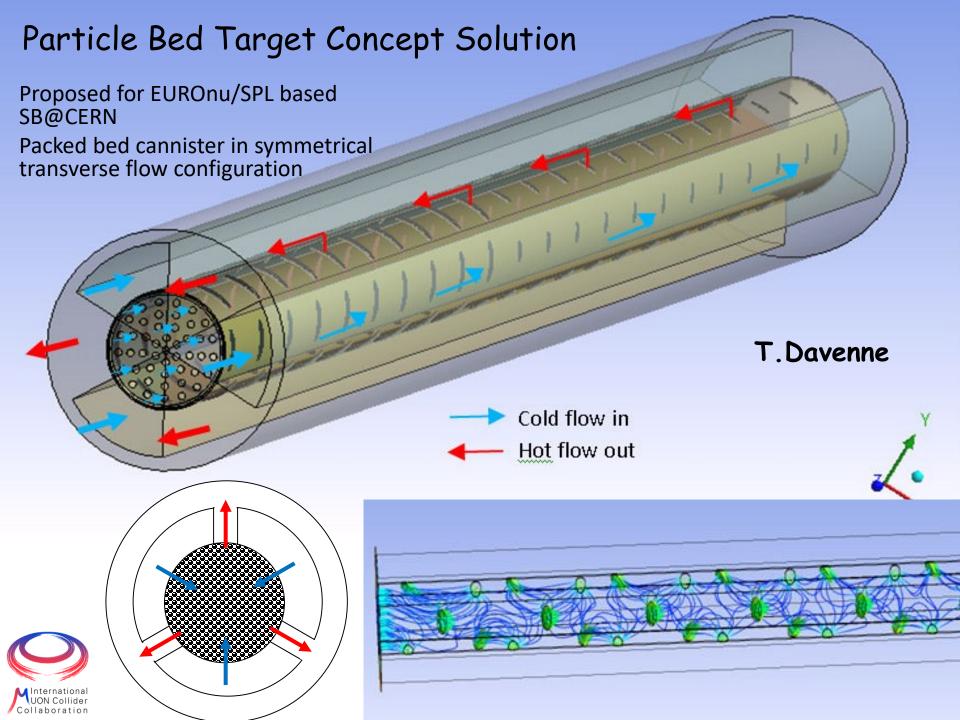
- Better heat transfer
- Lower static thermal stresses
- Lower dynamic stresses from intense beam pulses
- Particle bed is a conventional solution

Helium cooling is favoured (cf water) since:

- No 'water hammer' or cavitation effects from pulsed beams
- Lower coolant activation, no radiolysis
- Negligible pion absorption coolant can be within beam footprint
- For graphite, higher temperatures anneal radiation damage

Low-Z target concepts preferred (static, easier)





Particle bed challenges and limits - need for R&D

- High pressure drops, particularly for long thin target geometry
 - Need to limit gas pressure for beam windows
- Transverse flow reduces pressure drops
 - But difficult to get uniform temperatures and dimensional stability of container
- Radiation damage of container windows
- Possible vibration and erosion of spheres and container from pulsed beam and thermal cycling





Fluidised tungsten powder technology

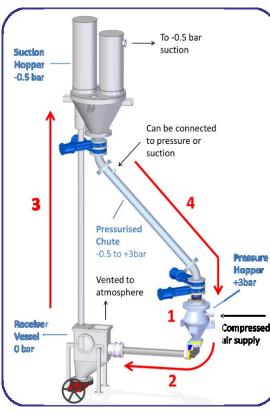
- High Z refractory metal maximal production of pions
- Alternative to Muon Collider liquid mercury jet
- · Pneumatically (helium) recirculated tungsten powder
- An innovative generic target system exploiting wellestablished granular flow technology
- Demonstrated off-line at RAL
- 1st in-beam experiment on mixed crystalline powder sample carried out at HiRadMat facility, CERN in 2012
- 2nd HiRadMat experiment carried out in 2015



Fluidised Tungsten Powder Experiments (Offline)

- Test rig built and operated at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory from 2009-2018
- Demonstrated key powder handling processes:
 - Suction lift of powder (lean phase fluidisation)
 - Pneumatic conveying of dense phase powder (~50% volume fraction)
 - Ejection of powder as a dense fluidised jet (~40% volume fraction)
 - Continuous recirculation of powder, allowing for an uninterrupted stream of target material





Key components of RAL fluidised powder rig

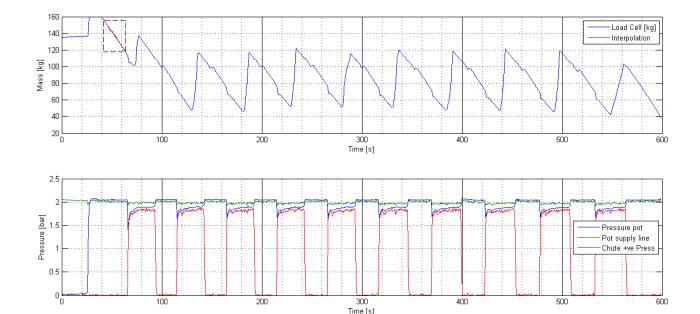


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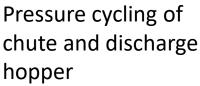
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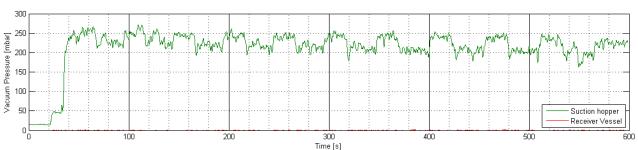


Continuous flow demonstrated (batch mode)



Mass in pressurised discharge hopper





Suction line pressure variation during recycling



Circulating Fluidized Bed technology

Read the literature & re-

imagine for a MC

Hindawi Publishing Corporation Journal of Powder Technology Volume 2015, Article ID 293165, 9 pages http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2015/293165

Research Article

Wall-to-Suspension Heat Transfer in a CFB Downcomer

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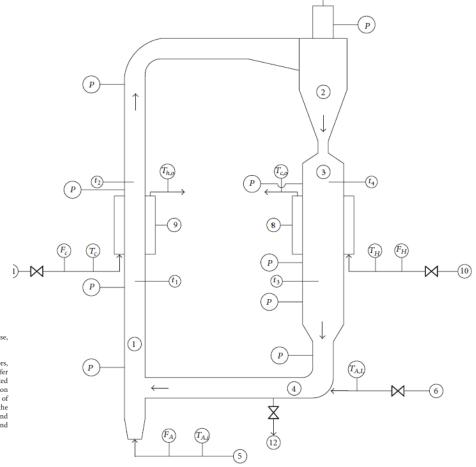
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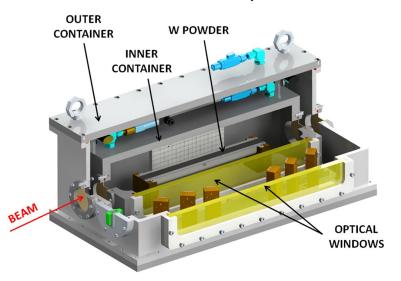
With the development of circulating fluidized beds (CFB) and dense upflow bubbling fluidized beds (UBEB) as chemical reactors, or in the capture and storage of solar or waste heat, the associated downcomer has been proposed as an additional heat transfer system. Whereas fundamental and applied research towards hydrodynamics has been carried out, few results have been reported on heat transfer in downcomers, even though it is an important element in their design and application. The wall-to-suspension heat transfer coefficient (HTC) was measured in the downcomer. The HTC increases linearly with the solids flux, till values of about 150 kg/m^2 s. The increasing HTC with increasing solid circulation rate is reflected through a faster surface renewal by the downflow of the particle-gas suspension at the wall. The model predictions and experimental data are in very fair agreement, and the model expression can predict the influence of the dominant parameters of heat transfer geometry, solids circulation flow, and particle characteristics.

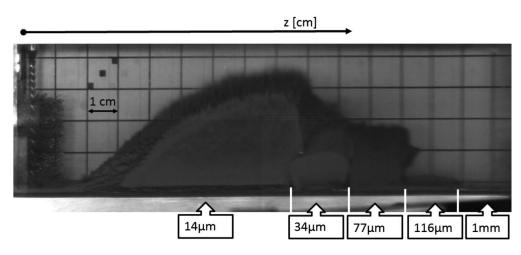




Tungsten Powder Experiments (Online)

- Two in-beam experiments carried out at CERN's HiRatMat facility
 - Beam induced lifting of the powder was observed
 - Eruption velocities lower than for liquid mercury at the same energy density
 - Future experiments needed for powder contained in tube





Response of various size spherical tungsten particles to 2E11 protons





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Fluidised Tungsten Powder - Future R+D

- Selection of container materials (SiC-SiC composite?)
- Measurement of erosion rates, and development of improved components to mitigate erosion risk
- Development of powder circuit design to minimise or eliminate moving parts
- Measurement of heat transfer between flowing tungsten powder and container wall
- Development of improved diagnostics for automated operation and fault detection
- Investigate the use of spherical powder to improve flow characteristics





Pragmatic plan for target technology

- Previous MC baseline of high-Z liquid metal target best avoided (liquid Hg likely excluded at CERN ref Marco Calviani)
- Low-Z more feasible than High-Z
 - (Plus lower neutron & heat load on SC solenoid)
- Graphite has an excellent pedigree as a target material well worth pursuing for a MC
 - May need larger radius than physics optimum
 - Lifetime limited
- If monolithic target not feasible, try a packed particle bed target (NB bulk fraction c.50%)
- If High-Z is strongly favoured, then fluidised tungsten powder offers an interesting potential technology
 - Needs a (mostly) off-line research programme plus more pulsed beam experiments at HiRadMat
- The optimum target is one that works continuously and reliably!
- Materials science cross-cutting issue for any target technology...



