Facility Design of the COMET Experiment at J-PARC

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COMET Experiment



- Search for the new physics
 - μ -e conversion = rare event
 - → High Intensity Muon Beam
 - \rightarrow High Power Target



- Muons can decay to electrons with neutrinos.
- μ-e conversion via the neutrino oscillation is <O(10⁻⁵⁴).



- Sensitivity for the new physics scale is >1000TeV.
- µ-e conversion has sensitivity to both photonic and non-photonic interaction.

Experimental Setup



To generate high intensity muon beam

- High intensity proton beam
- (Superconducting) Capture Solenoid
- Thick pion production target inside Capture Solenoid
- Radiation shield between target and Superconducting coil

Various Pion Capture System



Target

	Beam Power	Material	Thickness	Cooling
Phase-α	260W	C/C Composite	1.1mm	Thermal Radiation
Phase-I	3.2kW	Graphite	700mm	Thermal Radiation
Phase-II	56kW	Tungsten	160mm	Water





Makimura-san will present details on 11/8(Wed) 11:00 (#4-2).

Inner Radiation Shield for Capture Solenoid





Beam interaction with a thick target will generate intense radiation which attack superconducting coil.

- Cryogenic quenching
- Degradation of coils
- ➔ Shield is needed.

Shield material

- Copper, SUS (~25t) @ Phase-I
- Tungsten (~40t) @ Phase-II

Side-Sliding Installation is needed. We are considering two ways.

- Carriage Installation
 - Stable on the floor
 - Huge carriage is needed
- Crane Installation
 - Simple structure
 - ◊ Flexibility

Inner Radiation Shield for Capture Solenoid

Manufacturing with small pieces

- Manufacturing with single large piece is too expensive.
- Hop Isostatic Pressing is applied for cooling pipe attachment
- Sufficient Heat conduction between cooling part and main body is needed.
- Large force by eddy current is induced by rapid magnetic field disappear by quench.



Pion Capture Solenoid

4.7 mm

PCS should have sufficient radiation tolerance.

- Al-stabilized superconducting coil is adopted to reduce interaction of the scattered particle.
- Al-alloy shows full recovery of electrical resistivity after thermal cycle.
- NbTi shows no degradation up to 10²² n/m²
- BT-based resin shows excellent radiation hardness >10MGy.







Nuclear Heating > 100W Ionizing damage > 1MGy Neutron fluence > 10^{21} n/m²

Incidental Beam Assumption

Usage of high power beam has risk of damaging experimental equipment when Incidental beam is delivered by accelerator failure. J-PARC Main Ring is designed to stop beam at least within one-shot beam injection.



Failure of beam extraction magnet causes instantaneous beam injection.



Temp. Rise [K]	Thermal Stress [MPa]
7.2	12
24.8	49
23.3	51
19.8	35
78.1	37
18.2	56
91.1	135
12.5	12
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Max. Heat density ~ 10J/g. Temperature rise in adiabatic condition ~ 9.1K.

Upgrade to Phase-II

Upgrade is needed to achieve the final goal.

- Replace target
- Replace radiation shield in Capture Solenoid
- Upgrade beam dump

Work in high residual radiation circumstance will be needed.









Reuse of Radiation Shield as Beam Dump

Reduce activated waste and enhance the beam dump performance



One of the issues in the facility design is the storage of the activated waste.

Phase-I : Low beam intensity Beam dump with iron blocks can stop the beam.

Phase-II : High beam intensity Replace radiation shield in the magnet. Locate the old shield at the beam dump core.

MARS simulation shows the reused shield looks well stop the beam.





Proton Beam Commissioning



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Summary

The Construction of the COMET experiment is ongoing at J-PARC. The experiment utilizes high intensity proton beam to search for the rare event of the μ -e conversion.

One must consider various situation related to the high power beam use to design the experimental facility.

- * Realization of the pion capture system with target in the superconducting solenoid
- * Sufficient preparation for an Incidental beam injection
- * Evaluate residual radiation and method to upgrade the experiment

The first beam commissioning was performed in the last February. Construction towards physics measurements is underway.