Gas Filled Study 2A Front End

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Abstract

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I. INTRODUCTION

In the present U.S. Neutrino Factory design [1], the so-called Study 2A, we have relaxed the requirements on the cooling channel by doubling the assumed acceptance of the acceleration section, i.e.,

\[ A_T = 30 \pi \text{mm} - \text{rad} \]
\[ A_L = 150 \text{mm} \]

The cooling cell is significantly simpler and therefore, less expensive, as compared with the one discussed in Study 2 [3], [2]. In particular, the beta function is almost constant, about \( \approx 80 \text{ cm} \) all along the cooling channel. Figure 1 shows a schematic of a cooling cell. This suggests that the LiH absorbers at the windows may be replaced by an uniformly distributed high pressure hydrogen gas (GH) [4]. We have performed ICOOL simulations to ascertain the performance of such a channel.

FIG. 1: (color) Top: Schematic of one cell of the cooling section. Bottom: Beta function along the front-end.
II. CALCULATIONS

The cooling channel consists of 66 cells with 4 LiH windows of 1 cm thickness each. The minimum of the energy loss for both GH and LiH are:

\[
\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{GH} = 4.103 \frac{MeV}{g \cdot cm^2}
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\[
\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{LiH} = 2.038 \frac{MeV}{g \cdot cm^2}
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The total energy lost of the muon beam in the LiH window is

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\Delta E_{LiH} = 2.038 \times \rho_{LiH} \times 66 \times 4 \approx 420 \, MeV
\]

At 25°C and 1 atm, GH gives

\[
\Delta E_{GH} = 4.103 \times \rho_{GH} \times 66 \times 150 \approx 3.4 \, MeV
\]

where \( \rho_{LiH} = 0.78 \, \frac{g}{cm^3} \) and \( \rho_{GH} = 8.38 \times 10^{-5} \, \frac{g}{cm^3} \). This implies we have to increase the density (pressure) of the GH by a factor of 124.

We have substituted the absorber LiH by GH and filled all the colling section with GH, but we have not included GH containment windows at the beginning nor at the end of it. The results are shown in the figures below.

III. CONCLUSIONS

These preliminary simulations seems to indicate that we do not achieve the desired performance of \( \mu s/p = 0.176 \) with a gas filled cooling channel.

