

# Slow $\mu^-$ BEAMS: COOLING AND NEW SOURCE

1. Extension of the existing low energy  $\mu^$ beam into an ultra-low energy  $\mu^-$  beam for stopping of  $\mu^-$  on first solid surface layers.

**2.** A new concept for a low energy  $\mu^-$  source

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Ultra-low energy  $\mu^-$  beam for study of surfaces of materials with monolayer resolution. Intensity: <u>500/sec</u> Energy: variable with <u>50 eV</u> resolution in 100 ns





### AN INTENSE LOW ENERGY $\mu^-$ SOURCE BASED ON A $\mu^-\text{He}^{++}$ BEAM

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#### AN INTENSE LOW ENERGY $\mu^-$ SOURCE BASED ON A $\mu^-$ He<sup>++</sup> BEAM μ<sup>-</sup> ( 20-60 keV) μ<sup>—</sup> He<sup>++</sup> He<sup>++</sup> (3 MeV) mm μ<sup>-</sup> beam μ<sup>-</sup> He<sup>++</sup> N beam Target B = 10 T B = 0.1 T



#### **SCALING OF EXISTING MEASUREMENTS**

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**Figure 1.** The cross sections  $\sigma_i(\text{Li}^{q+})$  and  $\sigma_c(\text{Li}^{q+})$  for ionisation and electron capture, respectively, in collisions of  $\text{Li}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Li}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Li}^+$  ions with H atoms.  $\oplus$ ,  $\sigma_i(\text{Li}^{q+})$ , present data; —,  $\sigma_i(\text{Li}^{q+})$ , Born approximation, McGuire (1981); —,  $-, \sigma_i(\text{Li}^{q+})$ , generalised Bethe approximation, Gillespie (1979); ...,  $\frac{1}{2}$  (experimental cross sections for electron removal from H<sub>2</sub>), Pivovar *et al* (1971);  $\Box$ ,  $\sigma_c(\text{Li}^{q+})$ , Shah *et al* (1978).

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Exp.  $\Box$  H<sup>+</sup>  $\odot$  He<sup>2+</sup>  $\bigtriangledown$  Li<sup>3+</sup>  $\bigtriangleup$  C<sup>6+</sup>  $\diamond$  C<sup>4+</sup>  $\triangleleft$  O<sup>5+</sup> Fit ---- BA- - Gillespie - R.& P. — new





Projectile: Fully stripped ion with charge Zp Target: Hydrogenic ion with charge Zt Experiments: Zt=1 Scaling law:

$$\sigma^{\text{ion}}(v, I_{nl}, Z_p) = \pi a_0^2 \frac{\overline{Z_p^2}}{(Z_p/Z_T + 1)} N_{nl} \frac{\overline{E_0^2}}{\overline{I_{nl}^2}} G^{\text{new}} \left( \frac{v}{\overline{v_{nl}}\sqrt{Z_p/Z_T + 1}} \right) \\ \sim Z_T^4 \sim Z_T$$

 $\sigma(Z_P=6,Z_T=2,v)=(1/4)\sigma(Z_P=3,Z_T=1,v/2)C^{6+} + He^+$ C<sup>6+</sup> +  $\mu^-$  He<sup>++</sup>

Energy: 
$$E(x) = E_{initial} - \int_0^x \frac{dE}{dx} dx$$
  
Population:  $P(x) = \exp\left(-\int_0^x N\left(\sigma_{ionization}(E(x)) + \sigma_{capture}(E(x))\right)dx\right)$   
Ionization:  $P_{ionization} = \int_0^x N\sigma_{ionization}(E(x))P(x)dx$ 







Figure 1. The drift velocity  $\hat{v}$  of negative ions moving through He II under the influence of an electric field of 2.7 MV m<sup>-1</sup>, plotted as a function of pressure P for two different temperatures.

→Velocity of electron bubbles at high field : v = 50 m/s →Velocity of positive ion snowballs at high field: v = 50 m/s



Momentum conservation  $\rightarrow$  Velocity of neutral atom: v = 50 m/s





Superfluid helium excitation spectrum and muonic atom motion



 $\rightarrow$ any µHe (neutral) atom approaching the helium surface is kicked into vacuum with an excess kinetic energy of 0.9 K

For  $\mu$ He atoms having a velocity of 50 cm/s or an energy of 1.3 K the total energy after emission will be 2.2 K

Hydrogen Isotope and <sup>3</sup>He Impurities in Liquid <sup>4</sup>He



## LASER IONIZATION OF $\mu$ He ATOMS





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#### **CONVERSION PROCESSES**









# CONCLUSIONS

- 1. A  $\mu^{-}$  beam of 10 100 eV is feasible.
- 2. Achievable by adding a final stage to existing PSI beam. Intensity: 300 500 /s.
- 3. A new concept for intense low energy  $\mu^{-}$  source in pulsed mode is proposed.
- 4. The basic property, the emission of  $\mu^{-}He^{++}$  from Helium II into vacuum can be experimentally tested.