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[316] Development of a frozen-spin muon trap for the search for a muon electric dipole moment

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The muEDM Collaboration is searching for the muon EDM by implementing, for the first time, the frozen-spin technique [Farley et al. (2004), PRL:93:052001]. A factor 1000 improvement upon the current limit $d_{\mu} < 1.8 \times 10^{-19}~e{\rm cm}~(95\%~{\rm C.L.})$ [Bennett et al. (2009), PRD:80:052008] is expected from this approach. A sub-microsecond trapping scheme is being developed to store $28~{\rm MeV}/c$ muons on a circular orbit exposed to a $0.3~{\rm MV/m}$ radial electric field inside a $3~{\rm T}$ solenoid. A pulsed magnetic field will accordingly kick the longitudinal momentum of injected muons, thereafter axially confined by a static weakly-focusing magnetic field. Prototypes are being tested to explore different field geometries and study the effect of eddy currents on the frozen-spin conditions.

Theoretical Work

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