

# Muon Cooling Experiments

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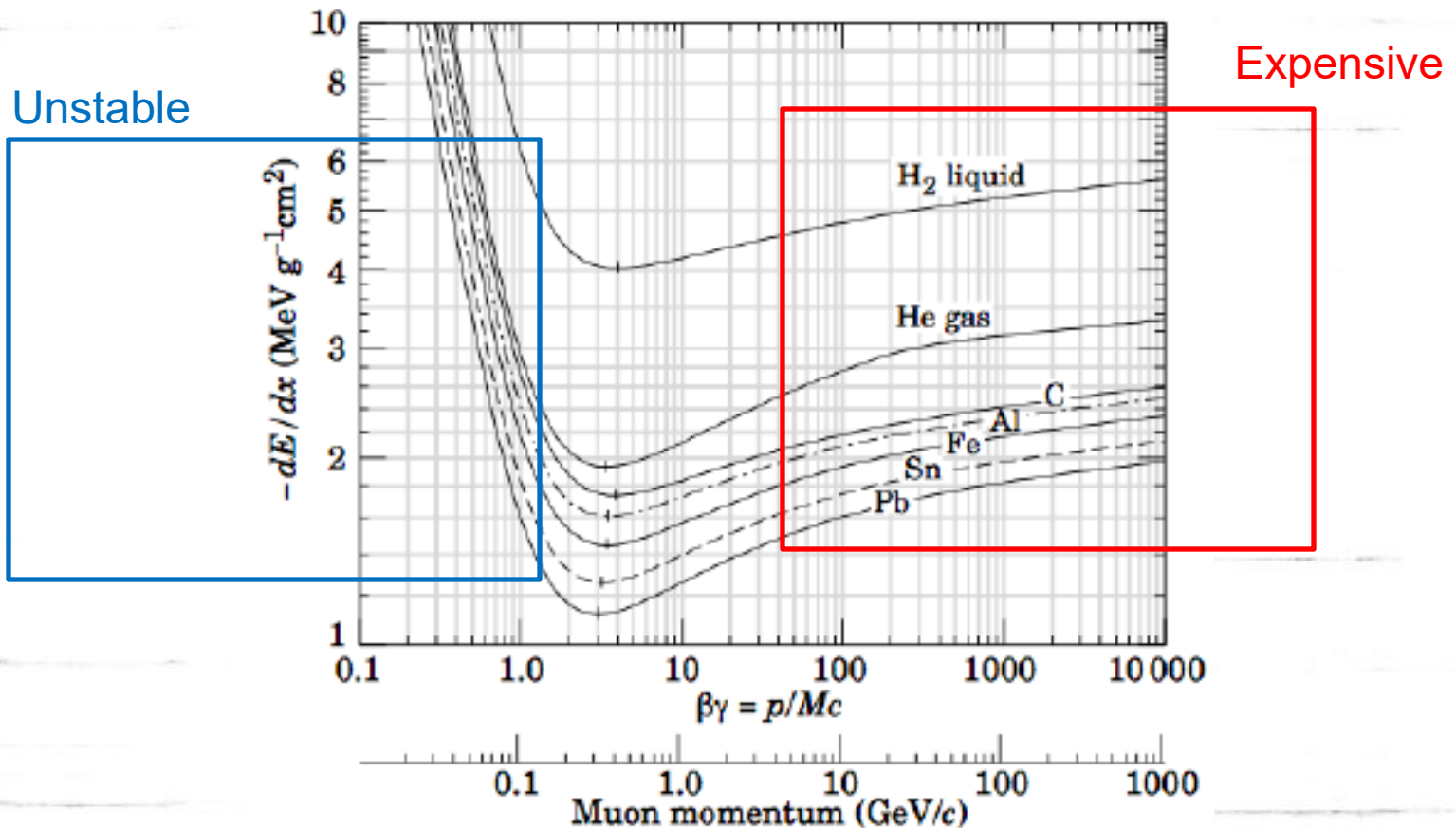
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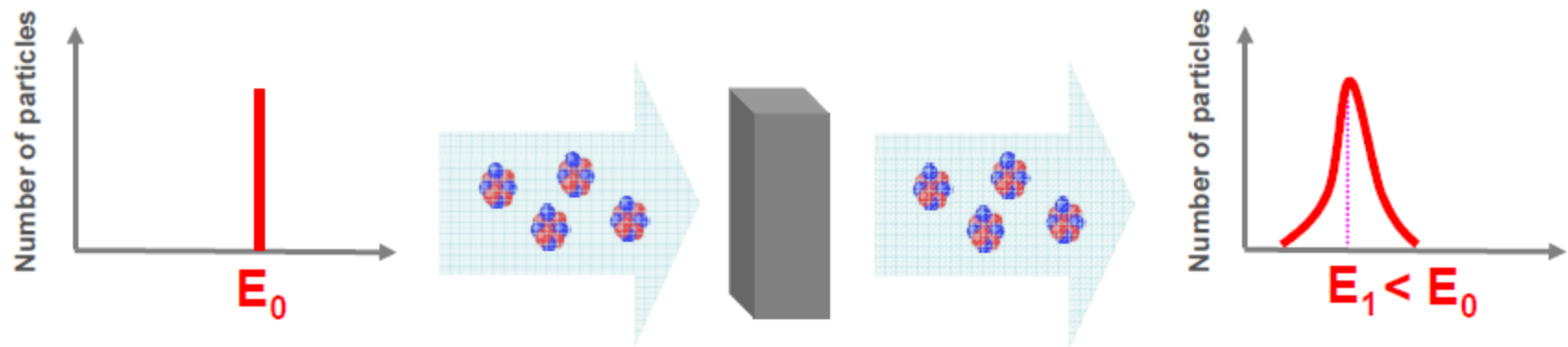
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# Ionization (the good)

- Momentum of muons is reduced as they ionize atomic electrons in the material

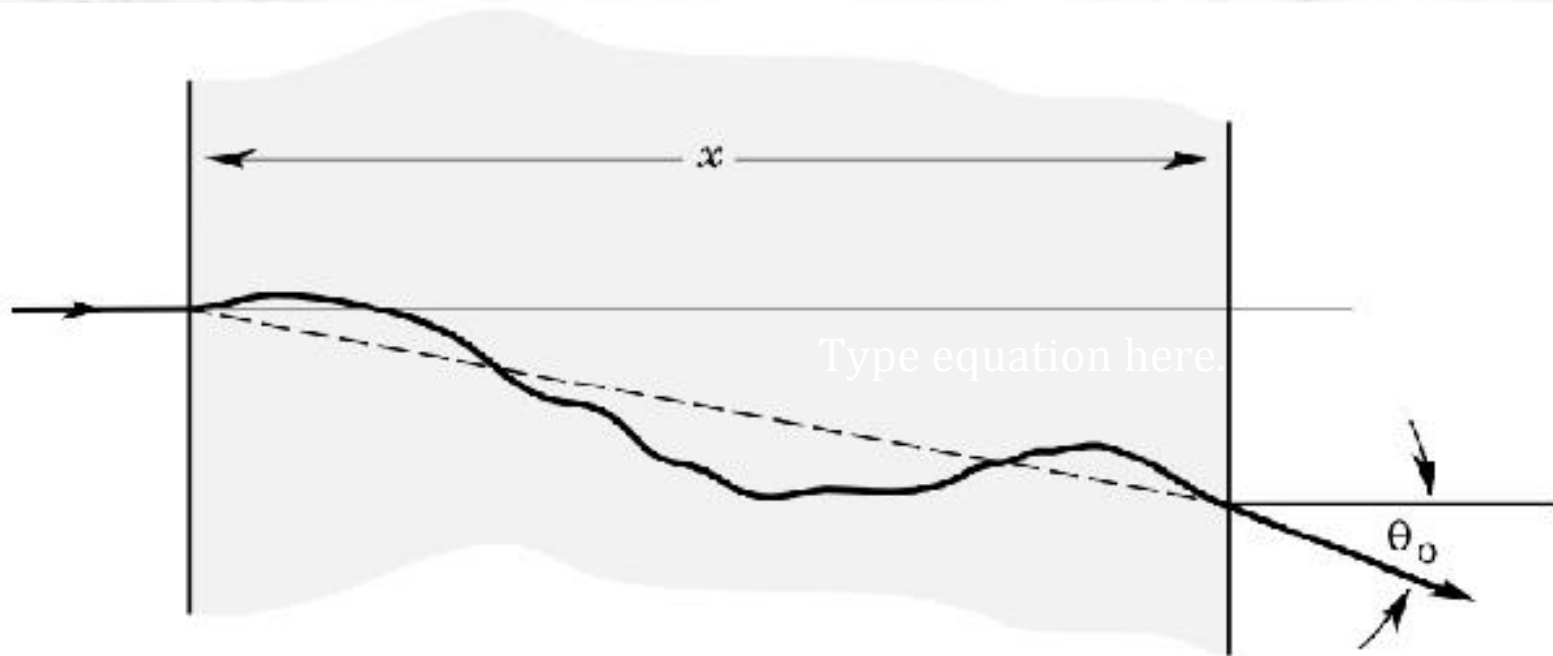


# Energy straggling (the bad)



- Due to the statistical nature of ionization energy loss, large fluctuations can occur in the amount of energy deposited by a particle traversing an absorber.

# Multiple scattering (the bad)

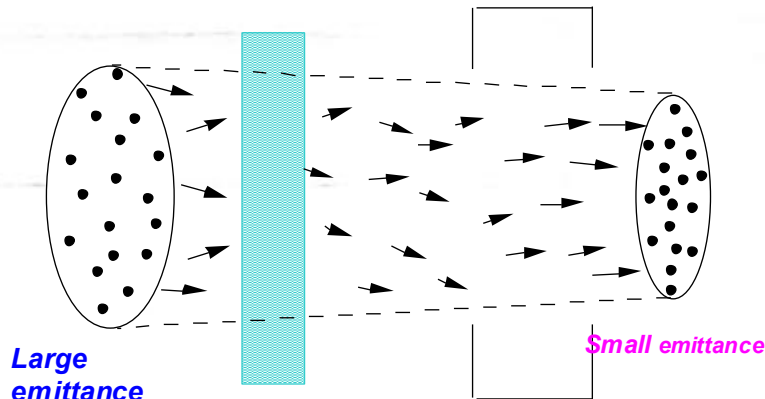


- The angle has a roughly Gaussian distribution of width  $\theta_0$ :

$$\theta_0 = \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}}{\beta c p} \sqrt{\frac{x}{L_R}} \left[ 1 + 0.038 \ln \left( \frac{x}{L_R} \right) \right]$$



# Ionization cooling formalism (1)



Momentum loss is  
opposite to motion,  
 $p$ ,  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ ,  $\Delta E$  decrease

Momentum gain  
is purely longitudinal

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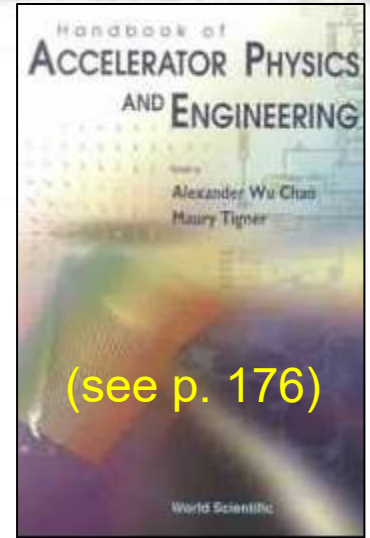
## PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATIONS OF MUON COOLING

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The basic principles of the application of "ionization cooling" to obtain high phase-space density muon beams are described, and its limitations are outlined. Sample cooling scenarios are presented. Applications of cold muon beams for high-energy physics are described. High-luminosity  $\mu^+\mu^-$  and  $\mu$ - $p$  colliders at more than 1-TeV energy are possible.



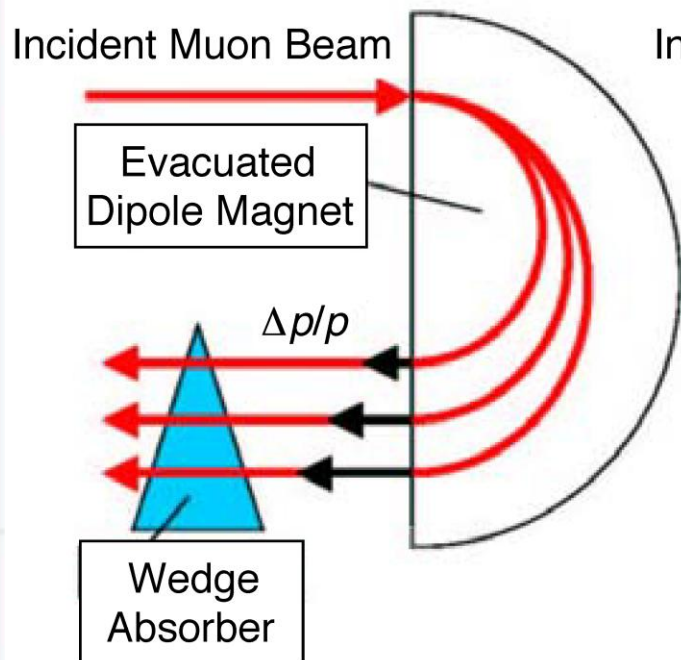
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$$\frac{d\varepsilon_T}{ds} = -\frac{1}{\beta^2 E} \frac{dE}{ds} \varepsilon_T + \frac{\beta \gamma \beta_T}{2} \frac{d\theta_0^2}{ds}$$

# Ionization cooling formalism (2)

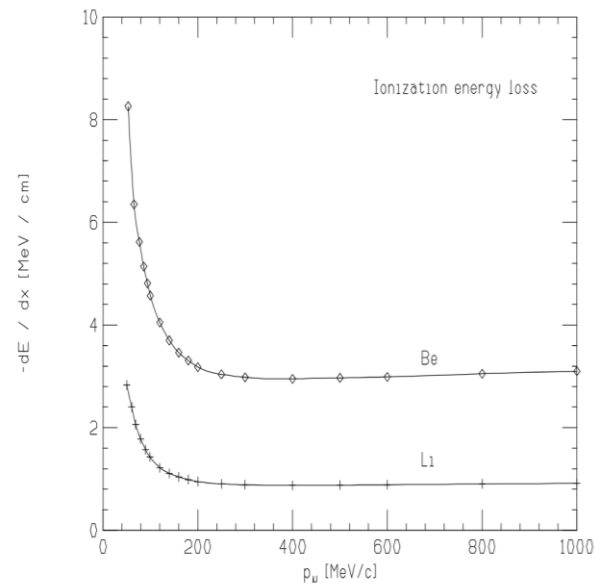
$$\frac{d\sigma_E^2}{ds} = -2 \frac{\partial \left( \frac{dE}{ds} \right)}{\partial E} \sigma_E^2 + \frac{d \langle \Delta E_{rms}^2 \rangle}{ds}$$



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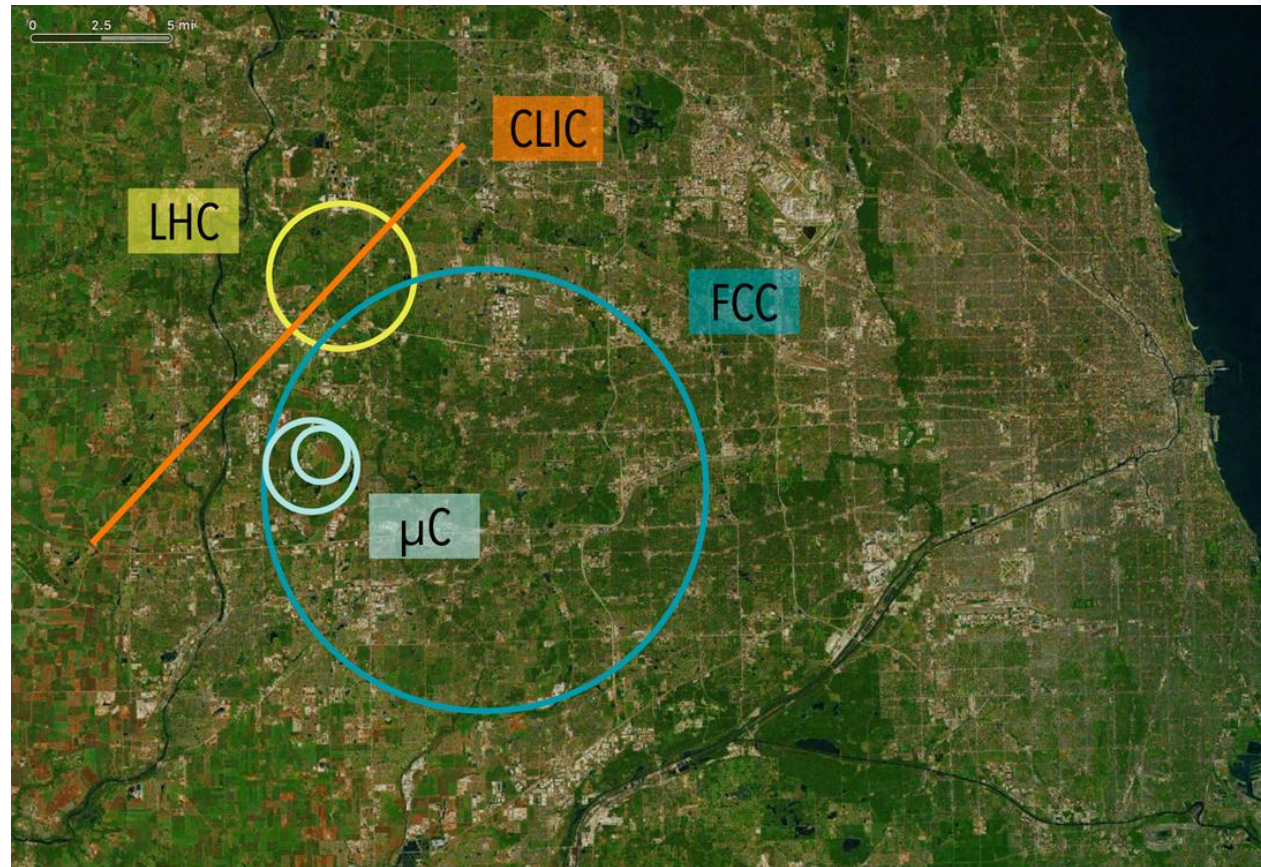
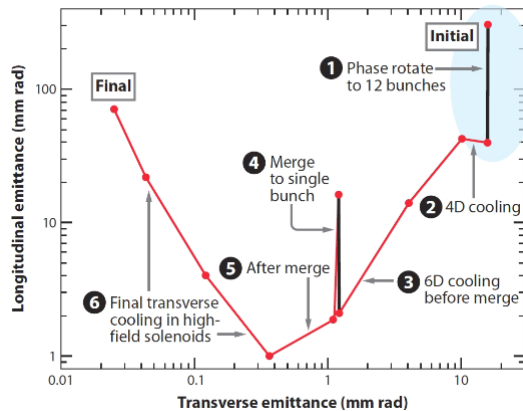
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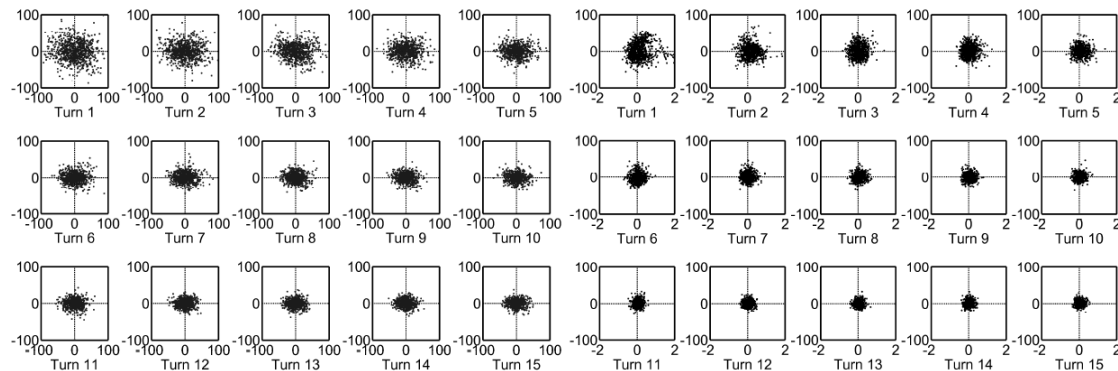
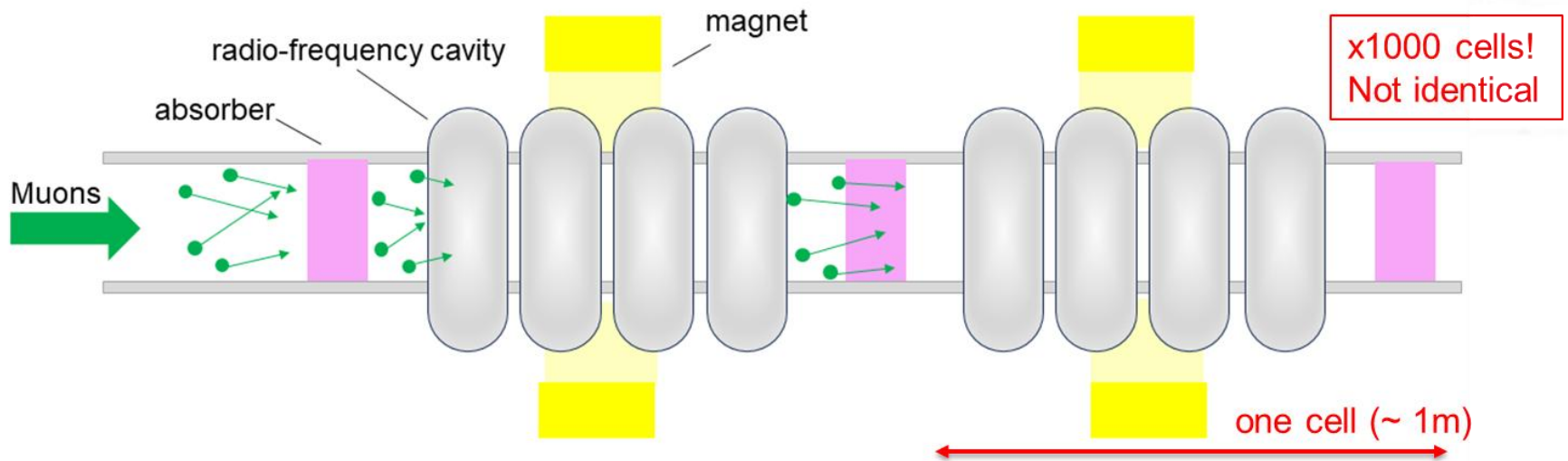


# Ionization cooling application

Requirement:  
Reduce 6D emittance  
by 5-6 orders  
of magnitude



# MuC ionization cooling channel



$x - p_x$

$t - p_z$

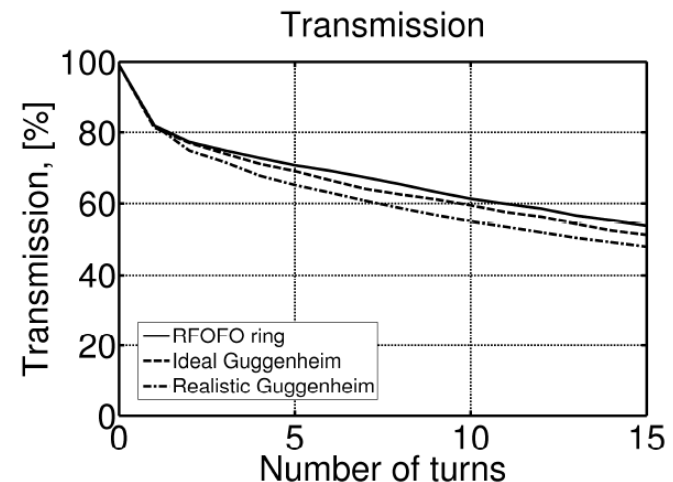
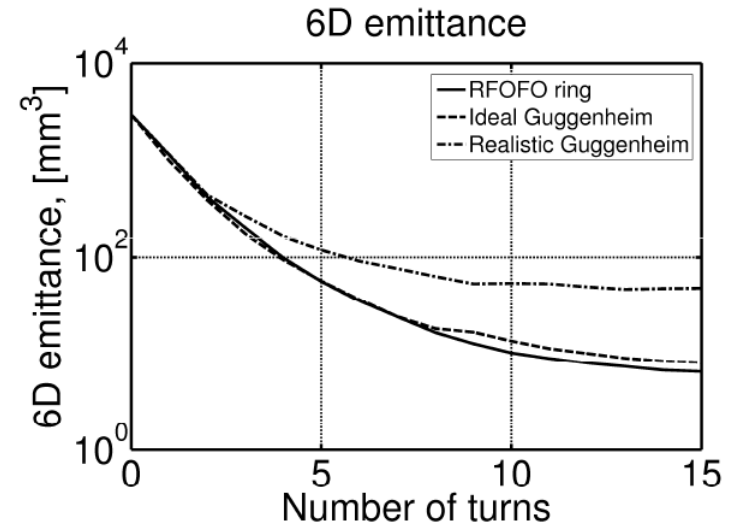
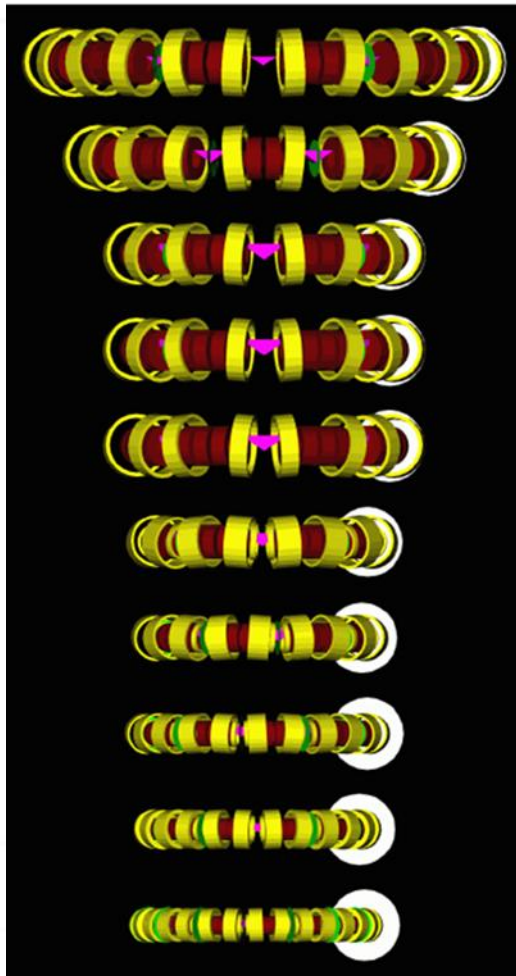


# First candidate – Rings

Coils

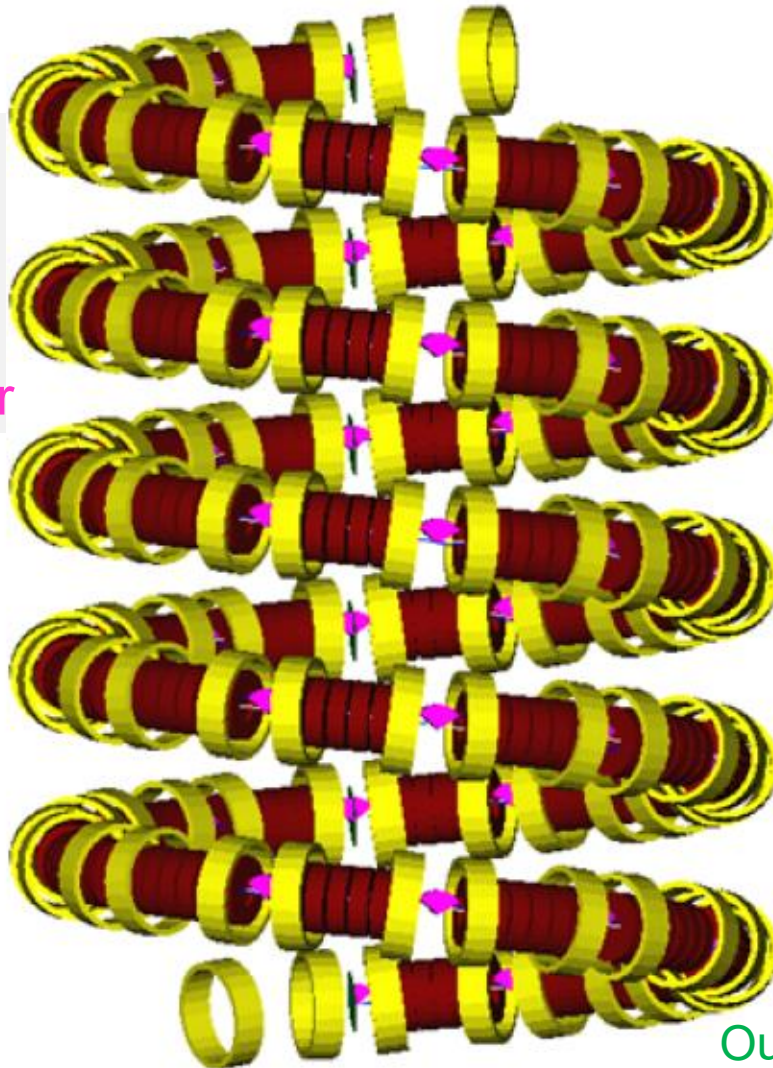
Cavities

Absorber



# Second candidate – The Guggenheim

Coils  
Cavities  
Absorber



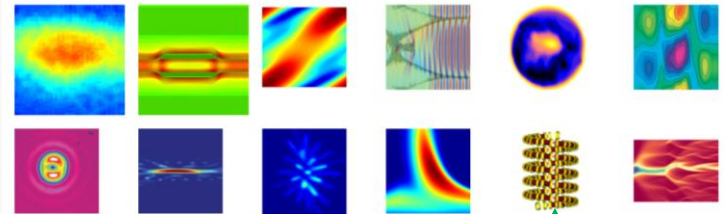
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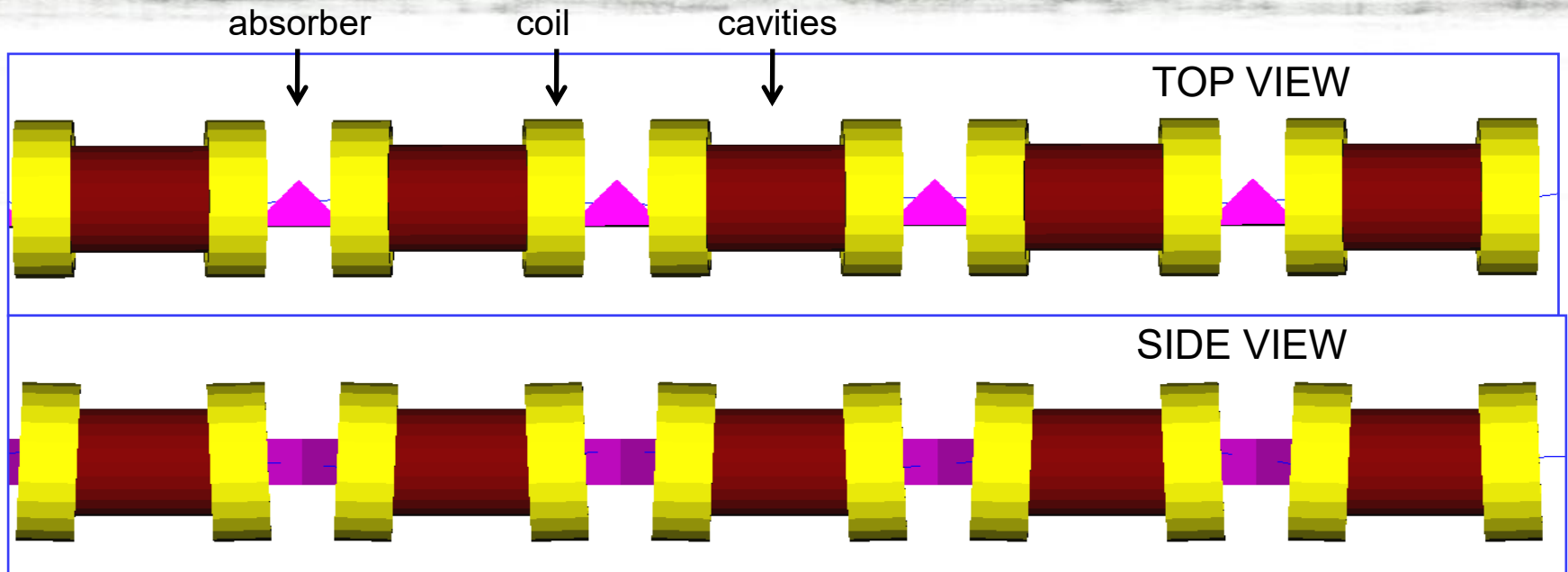
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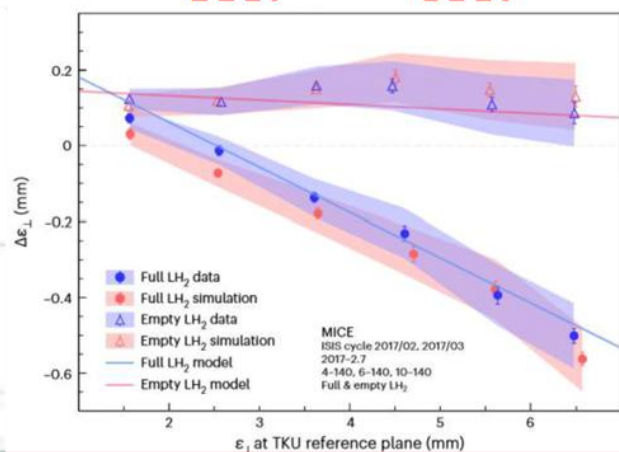
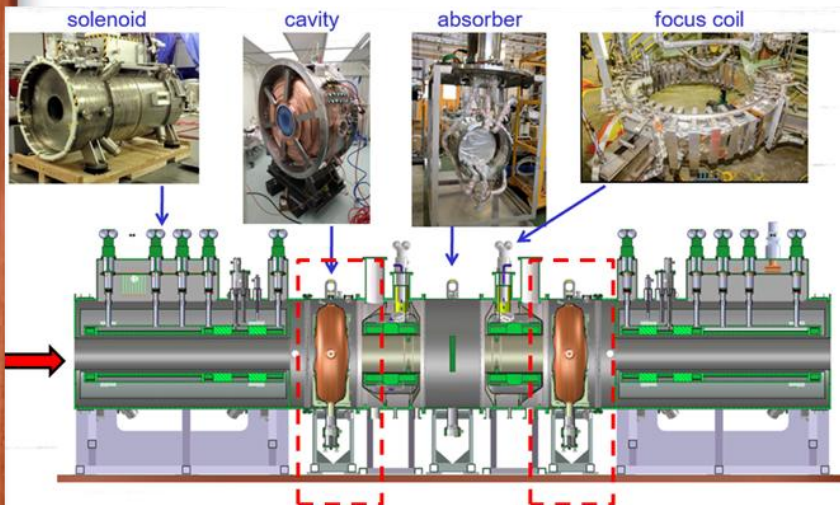
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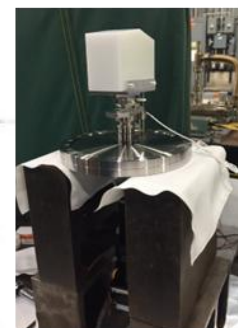
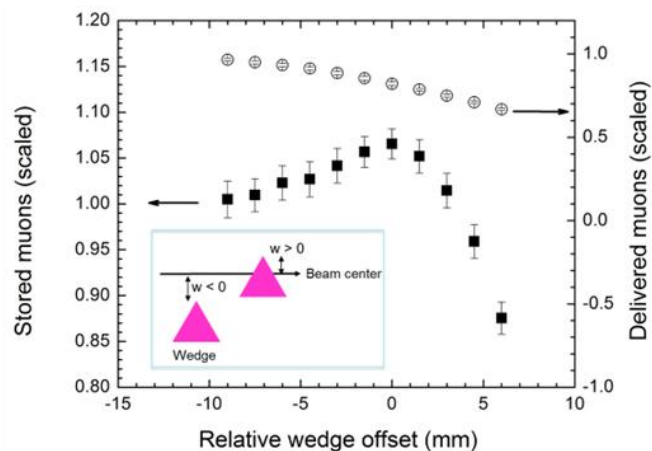
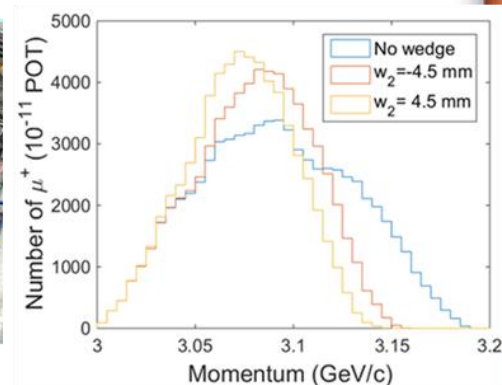
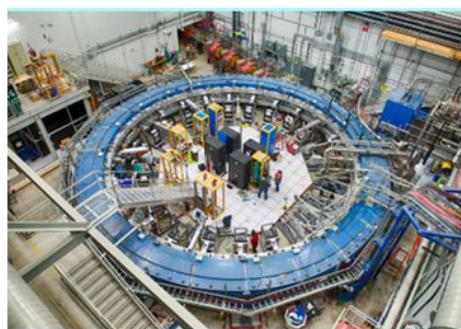


# Cooling Demonstration

## MICE Experiment



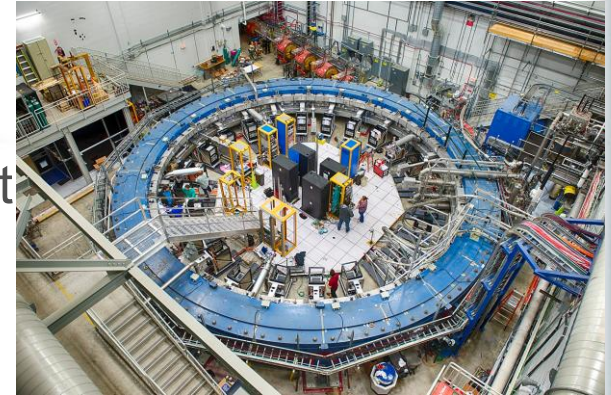
## Fermilab Muon g-2 Experiment



# Fermilab Muon g-2 Experiment

## Goal

- Measure the muon anomalous magnetic moment (g-2) with 0.14 ppm uncertainty - a fourfold improvement of the BNL measurement (0.54 ppm)



## Approach

- Circulate polarized muons in a uniform magnetic field and measure the precession frequency

- 3.1 GeV/c muons to simplify Thomas-BMT

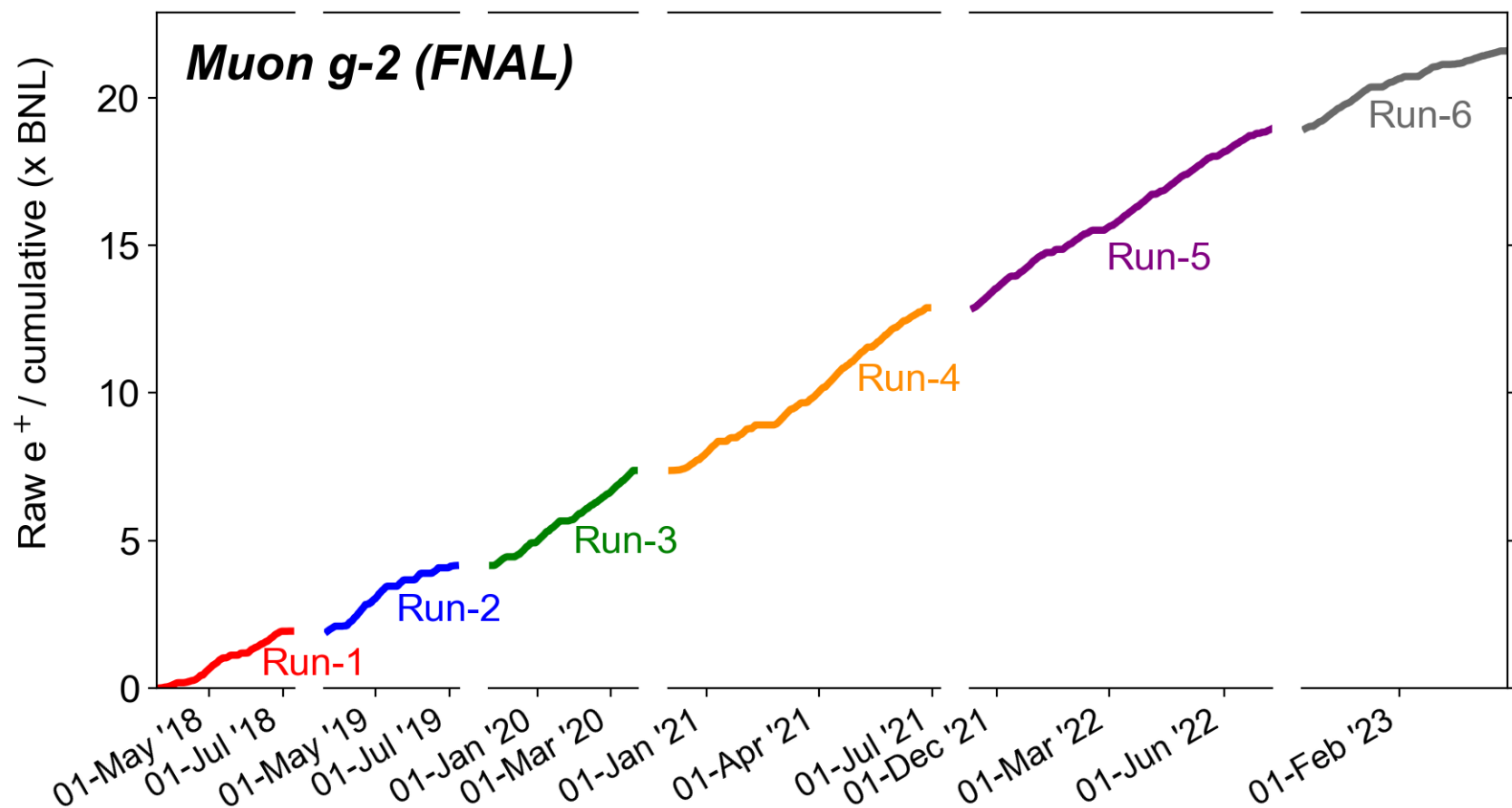
equation: 
$$\vec{\omega}_a = \frac{e}{mc} \left[ a_\mu \vec{B} - \left( a_\mu - \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \right) \vec{\beta} \times \vec{E} \right]$$

## Requirement

- Requires delivery of  $1.4 \times 10^{14}$  muons in the ring which is x20 the statistics of the BNL experiment

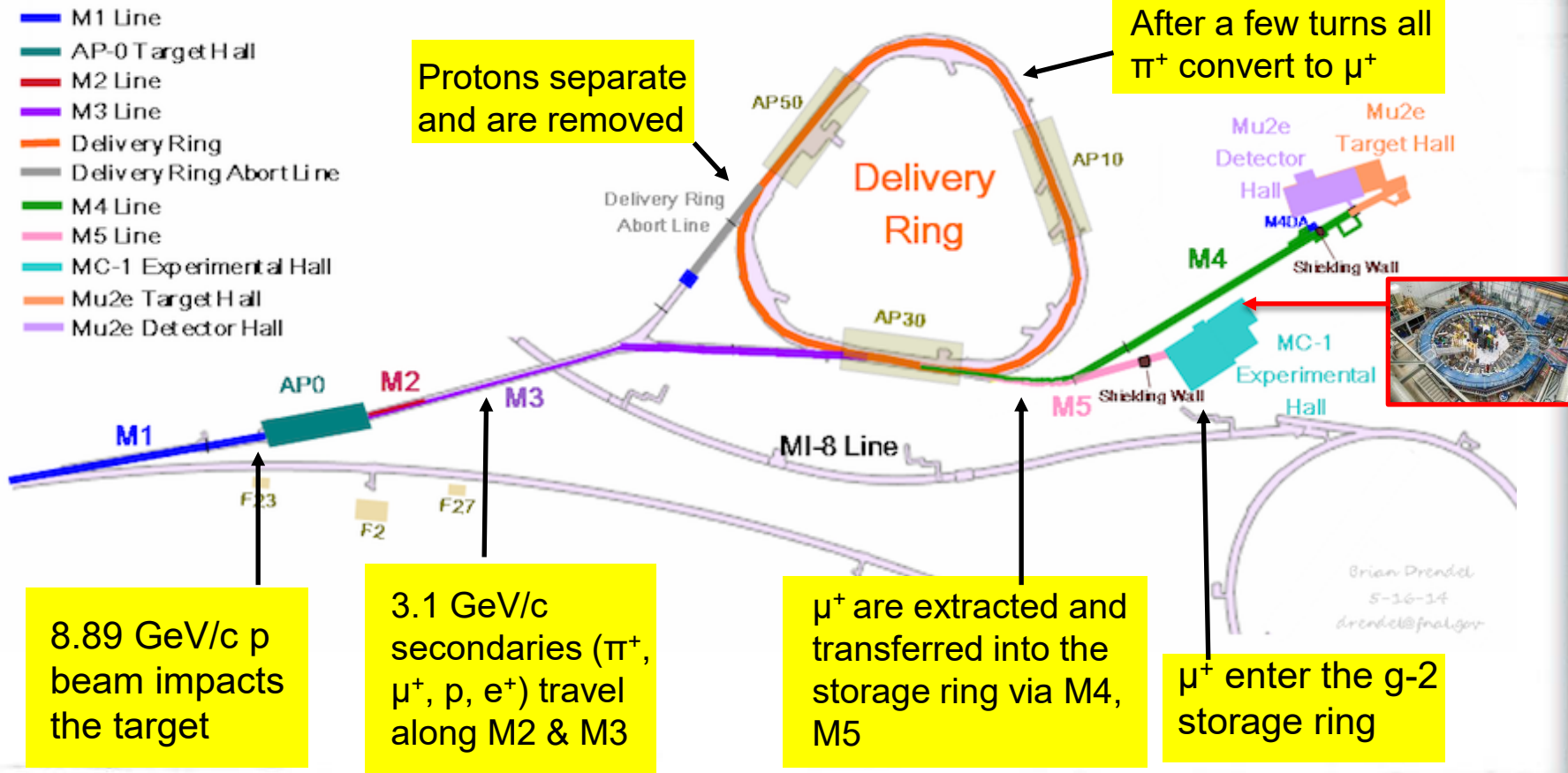
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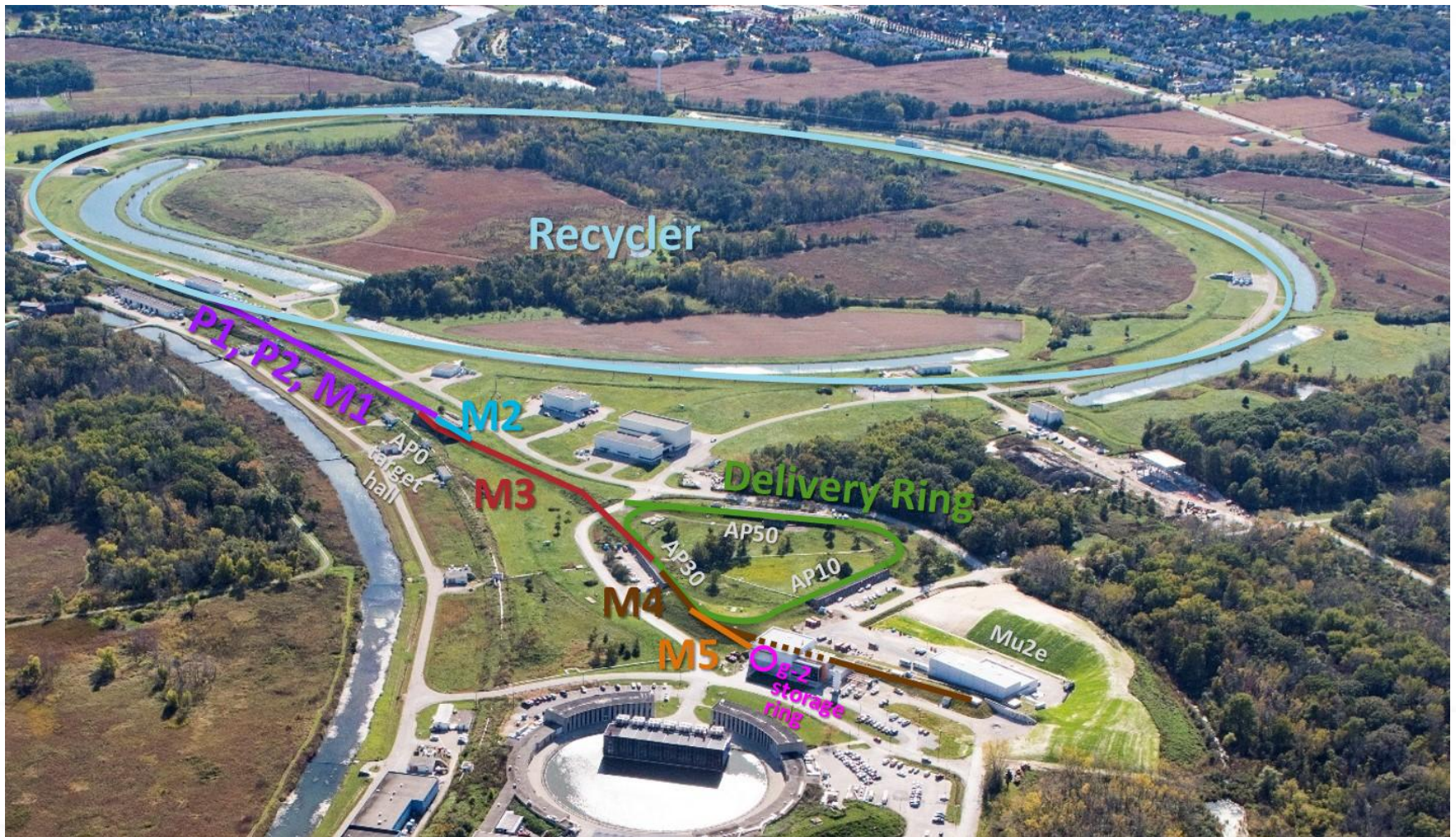


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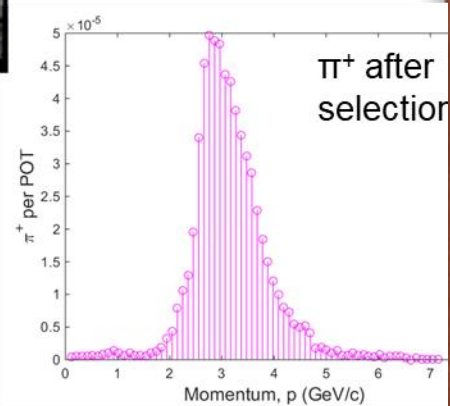
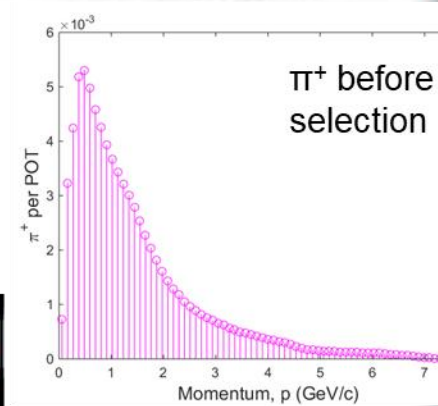
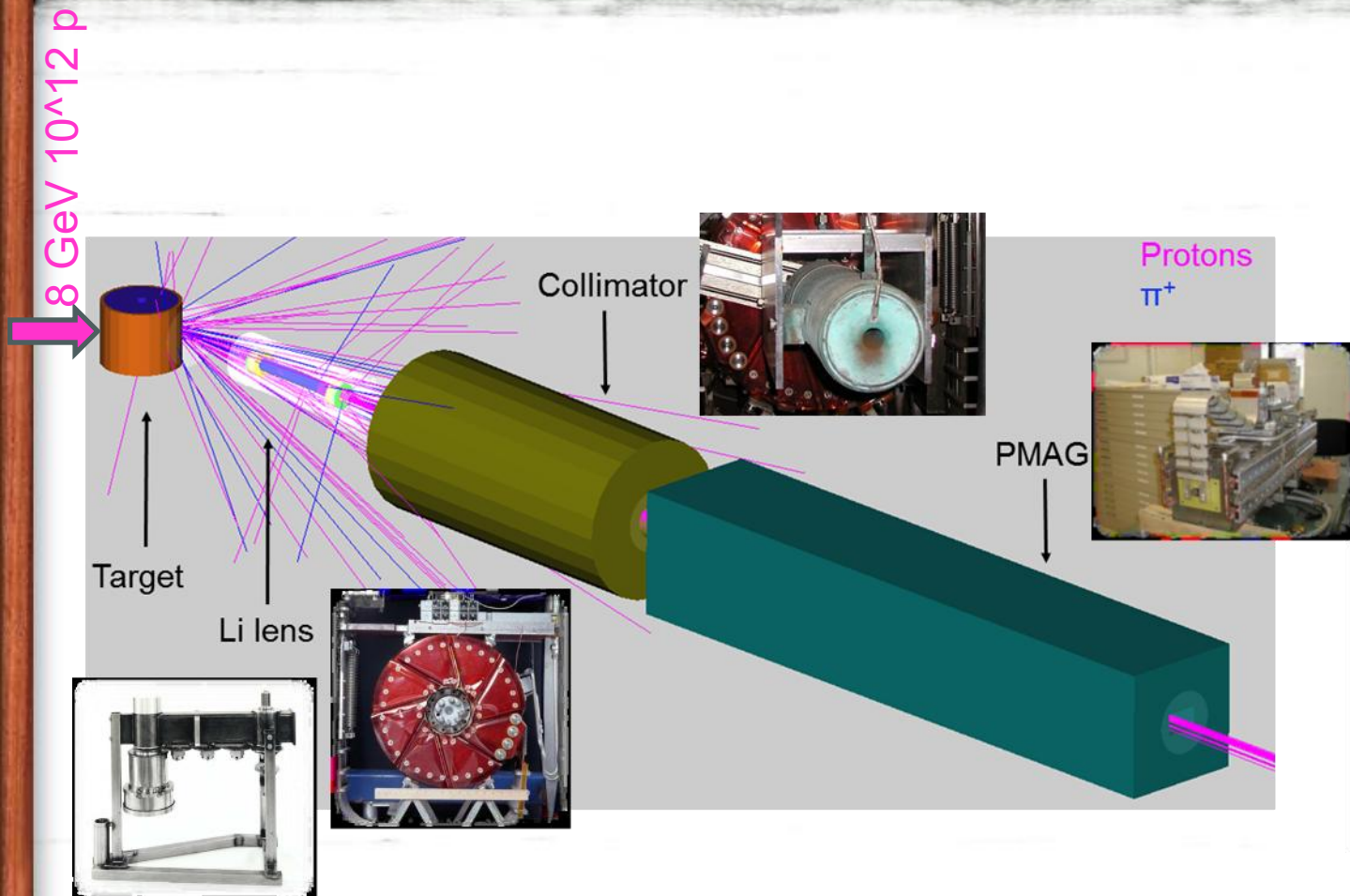


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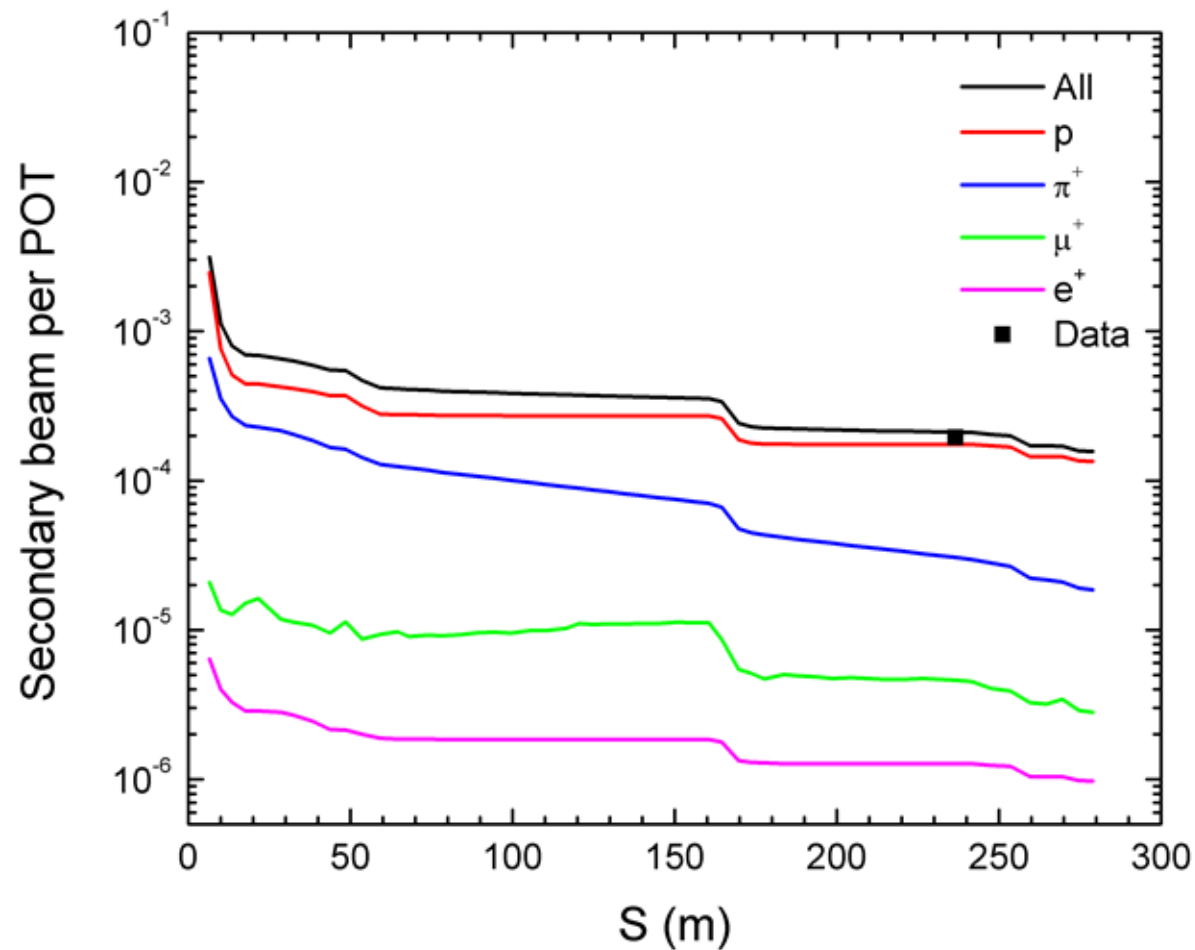


# Production





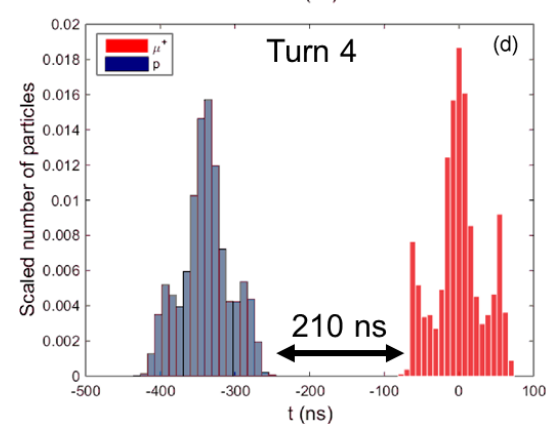
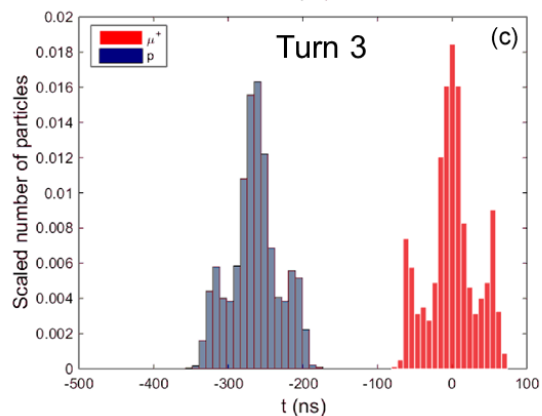
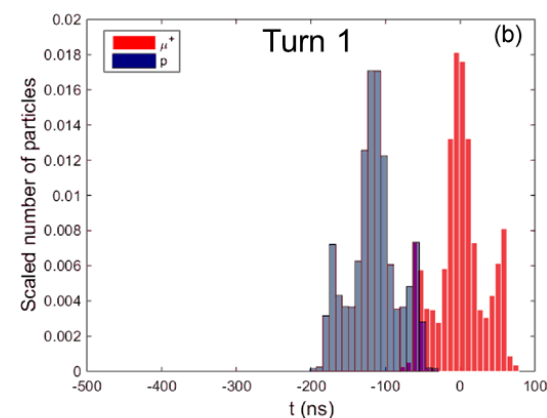
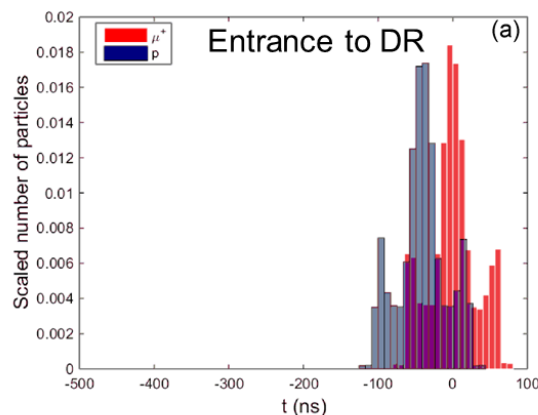
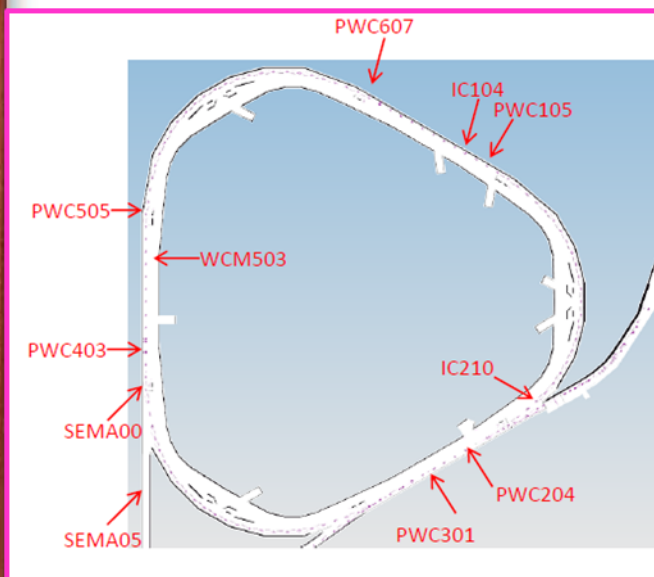
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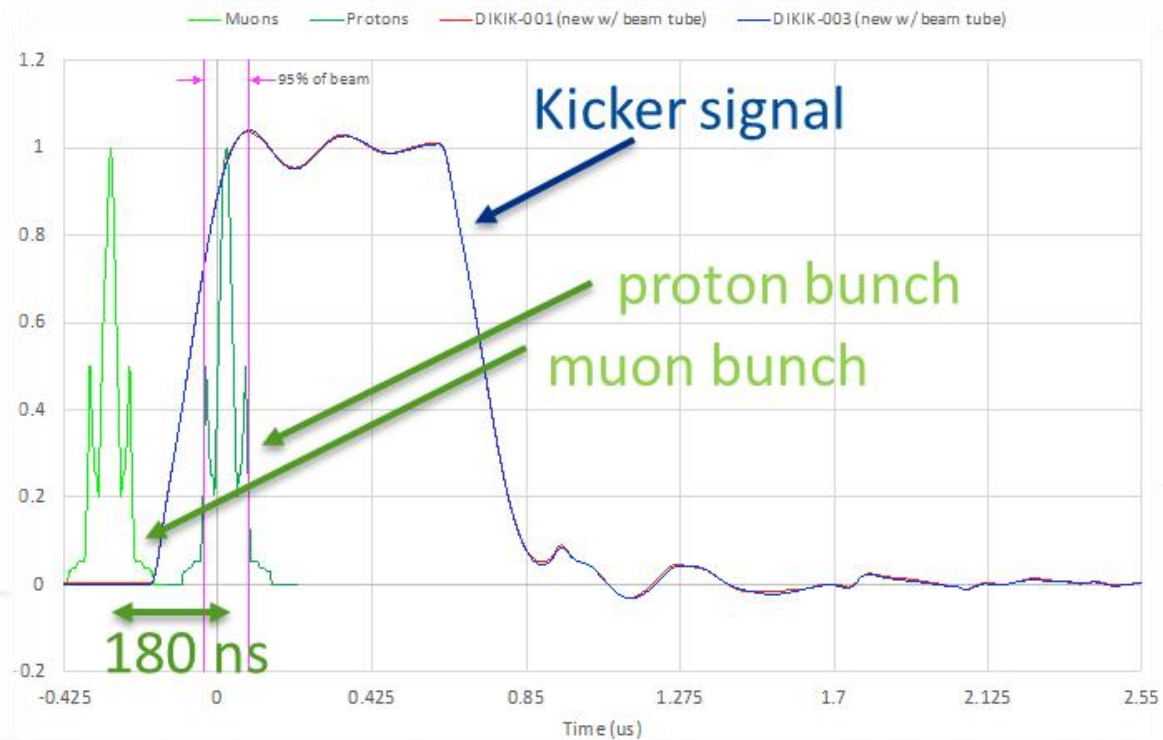
# Bunch separation

- Revolution times for 3.1 GeV/c beam:

$\mu^+, \beta = 0.999, T = 1685.5 \text{ ns}$   $e^+, \beta = 0.999, T = 1684.5 \text{ ns}$   $p, \beta = 0.957, T = 1760.2 \text{ ns}$

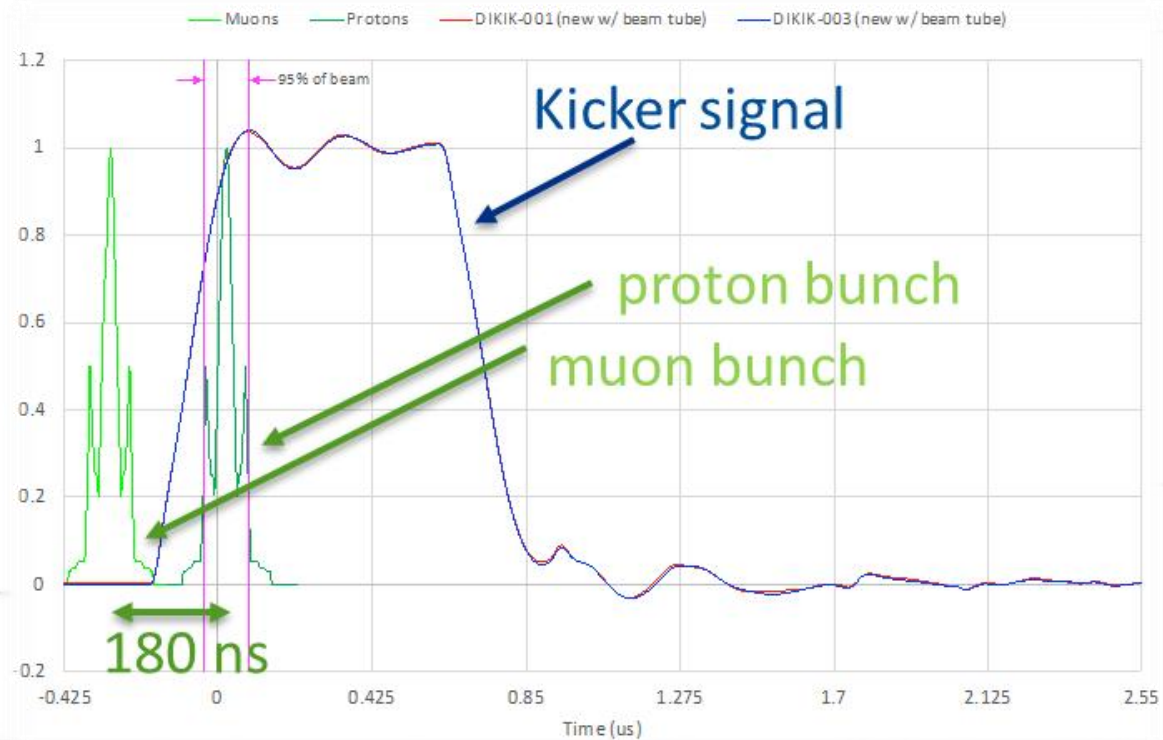


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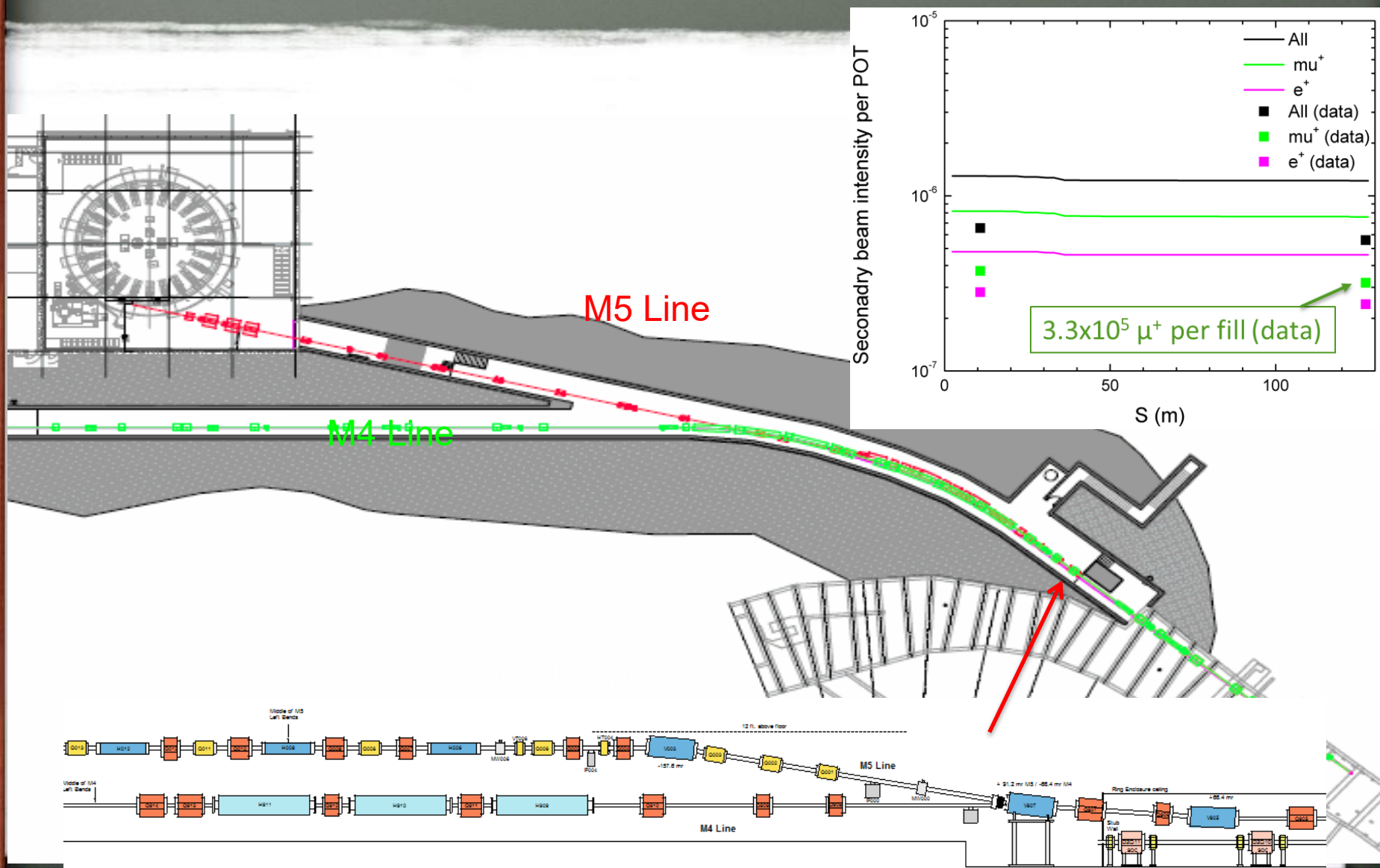




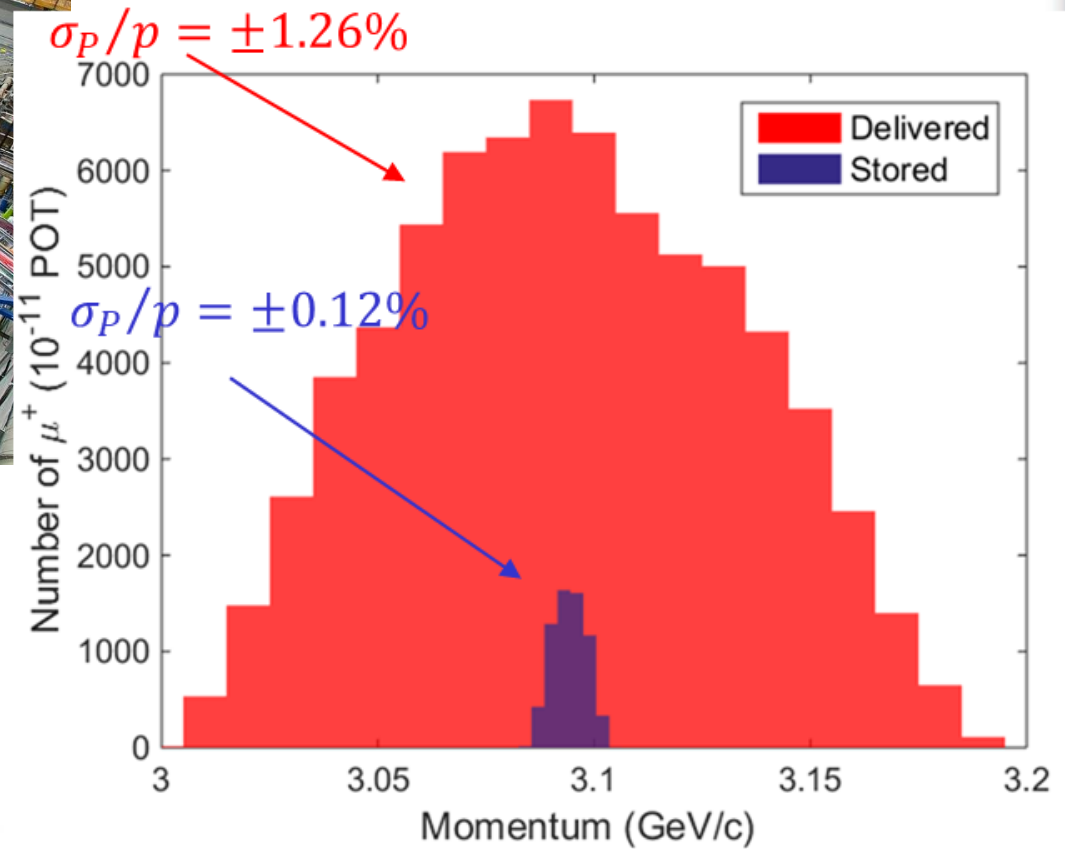
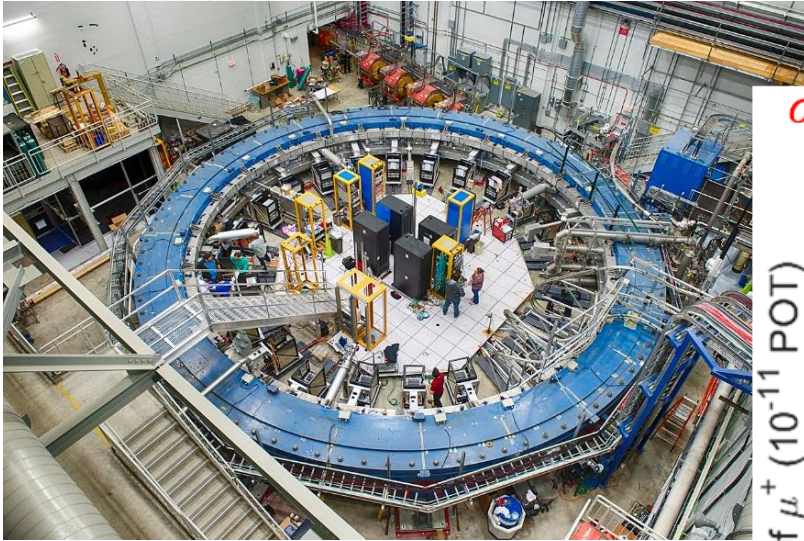
# Proton removal



# M4-M5 lines separation (top view)

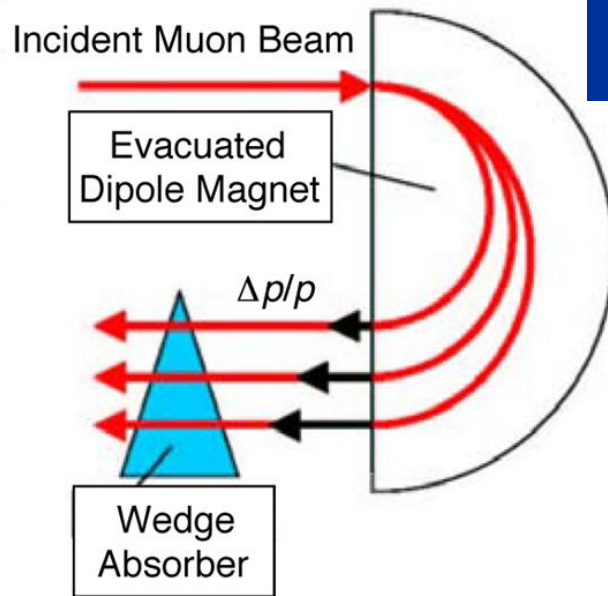


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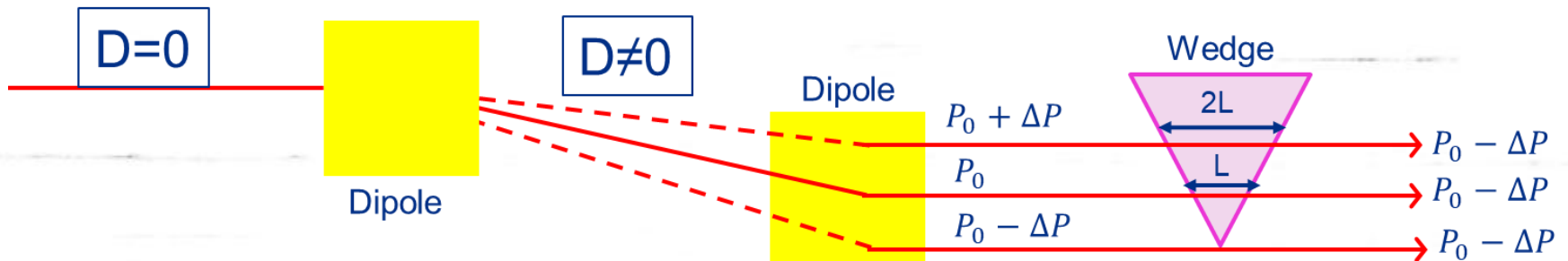




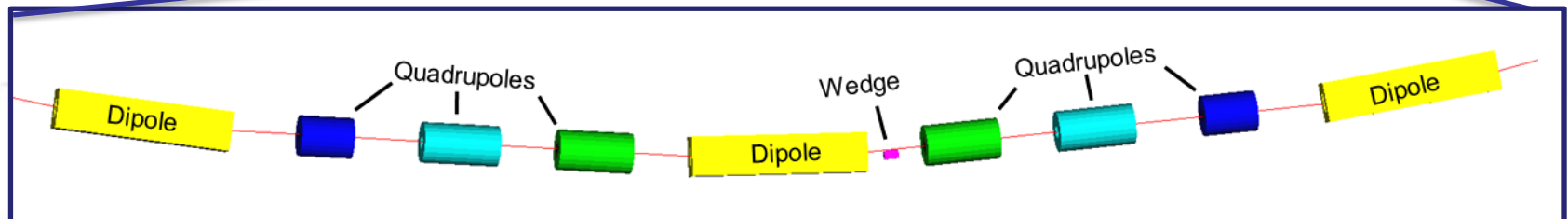
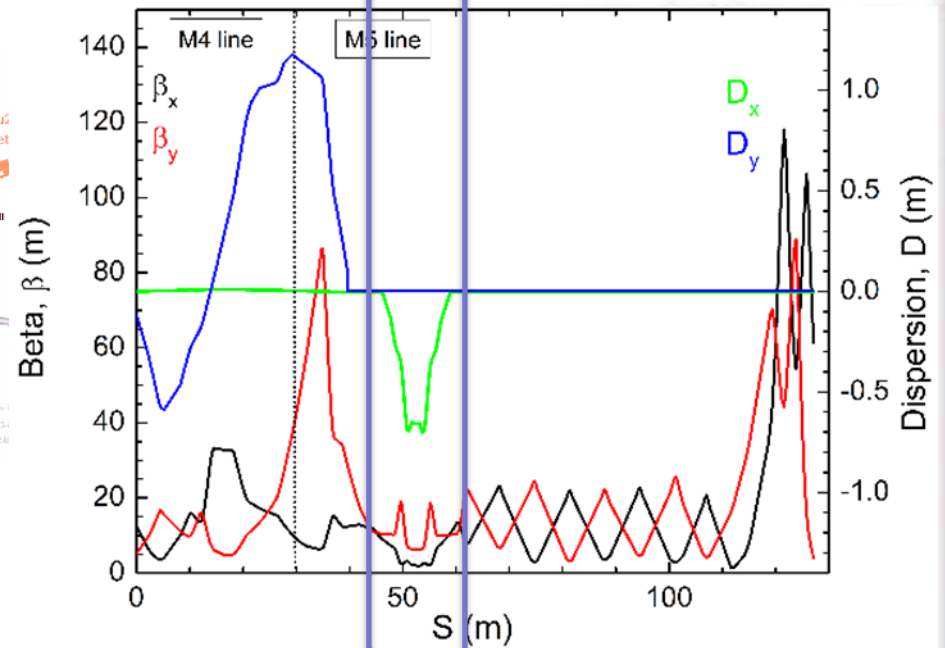
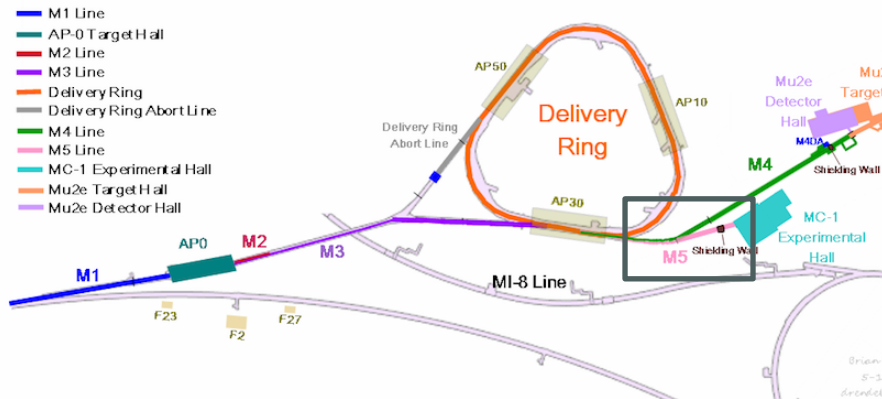
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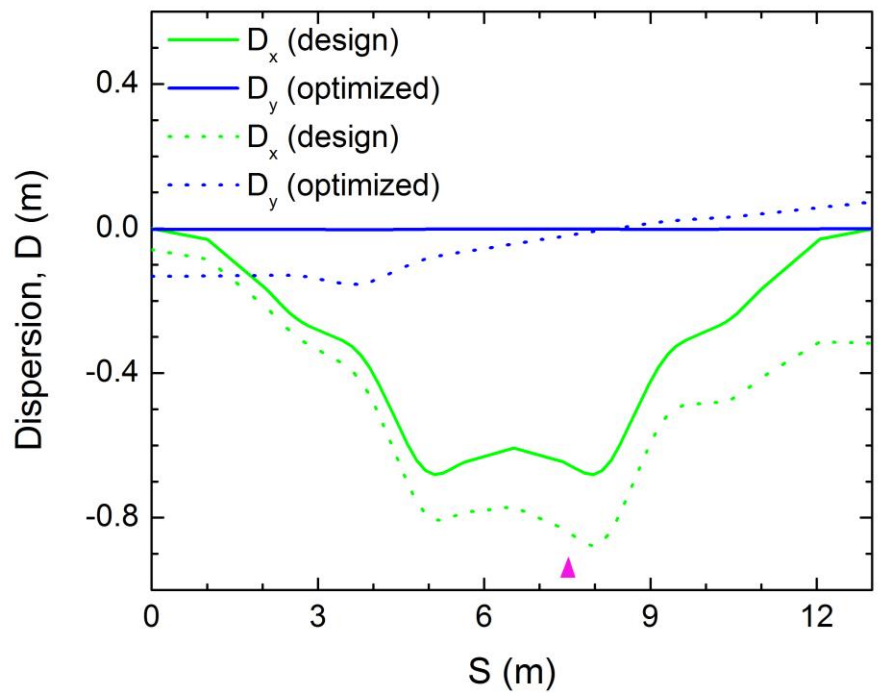
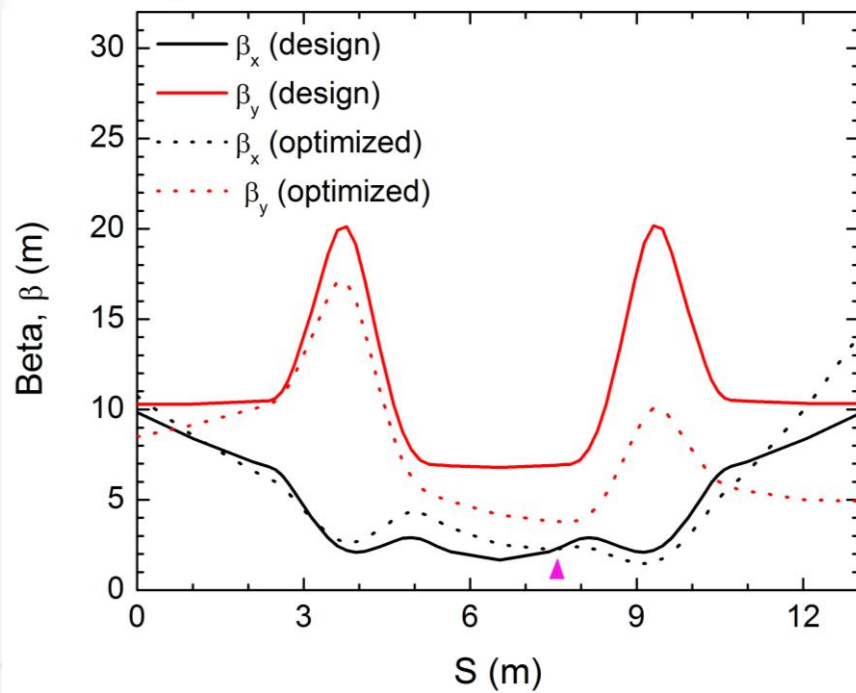
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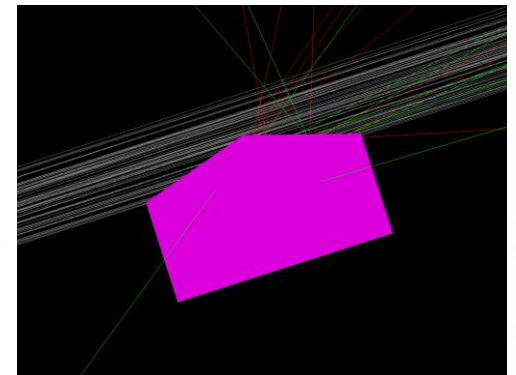
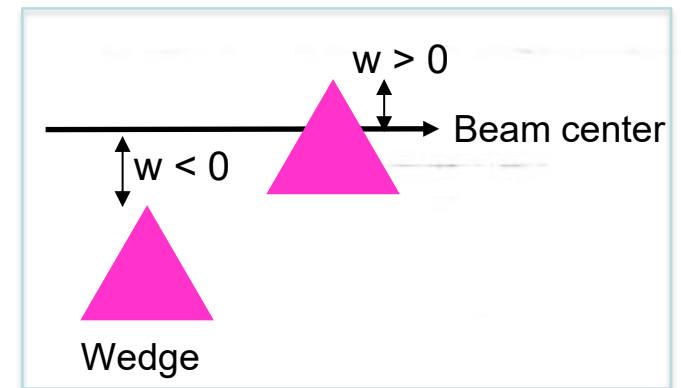
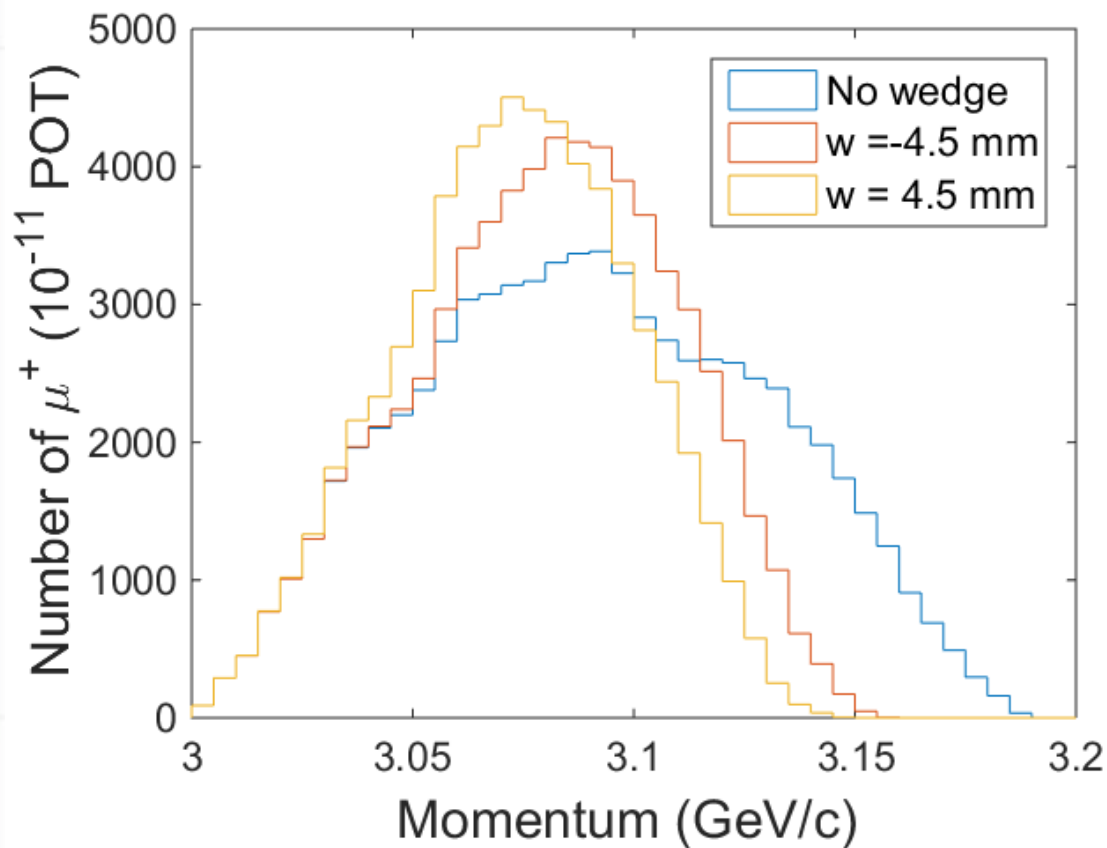


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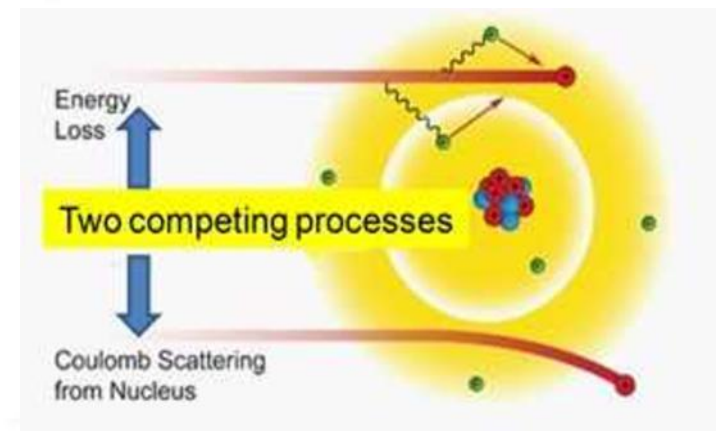


# First simulation



# Choice of material (1)

- Mechanisms involved in the process:
  - Energy loss (contraction)
  - Multiple Coulomb scattering (expansion)
  - Energy straggling (expansion)
- We require materials with:
  - Large energy loss term
  - Large radiation length
- Beamline location with:
  - Small beta function
  - Large dispersion

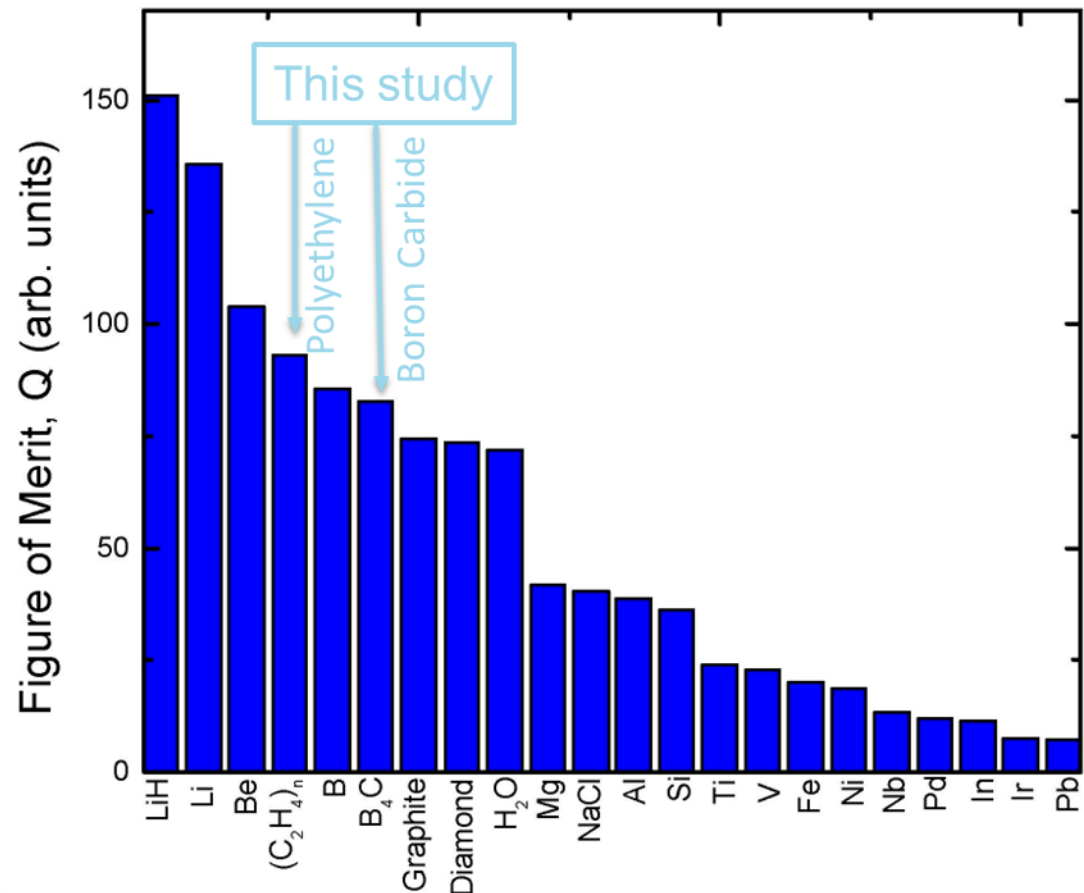


# Choice of material (2)

- $Q$  takes into account the cooling term ( $dE/ds$ ) and scattering term ( $1/L_R$ ), i.e.  $Q = L_R \times dE/ds$

## Boron Carbide ( $B_4C$ )

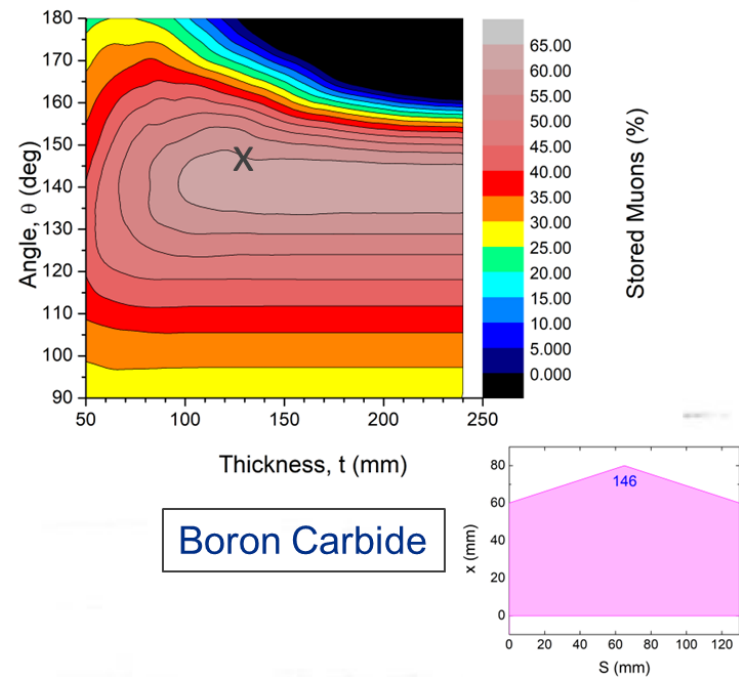
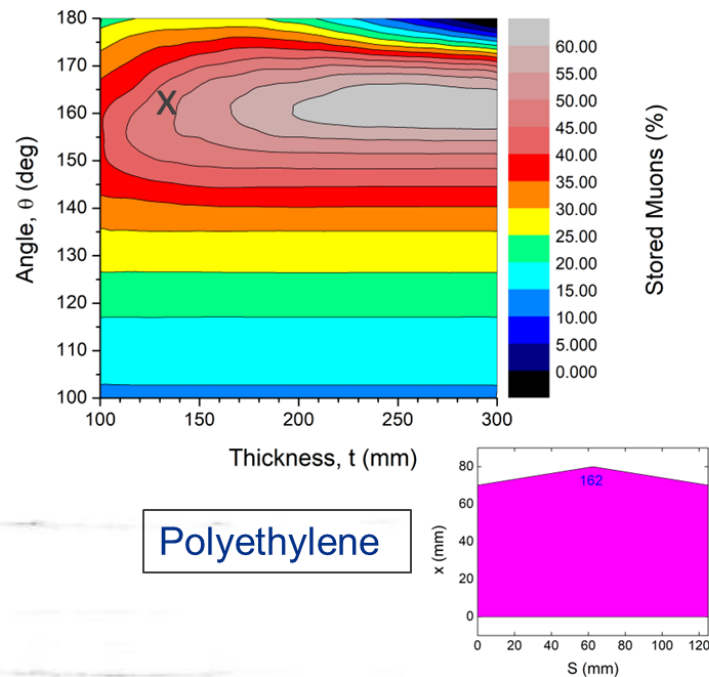
Quantity	Value	Units
$\langle Z/A \rangle$		
Specific gravity		
Mean excitation energy		
Minimum ionization	4.157	MeV cm <sup>-1</sup>
Nuclear collision length	23.12	cm
Nuclear interaction length	33.27	cm
Pion collision length	33.92	cm
Pion interaction length	46.04	cm
Radiation length	19.89	cm
Critical energy	88.08	MeV (for $e^+$ )
Molière radius	4.659	cm
Plasma energy $\hbar\omega_p$		
Muon critical energy		





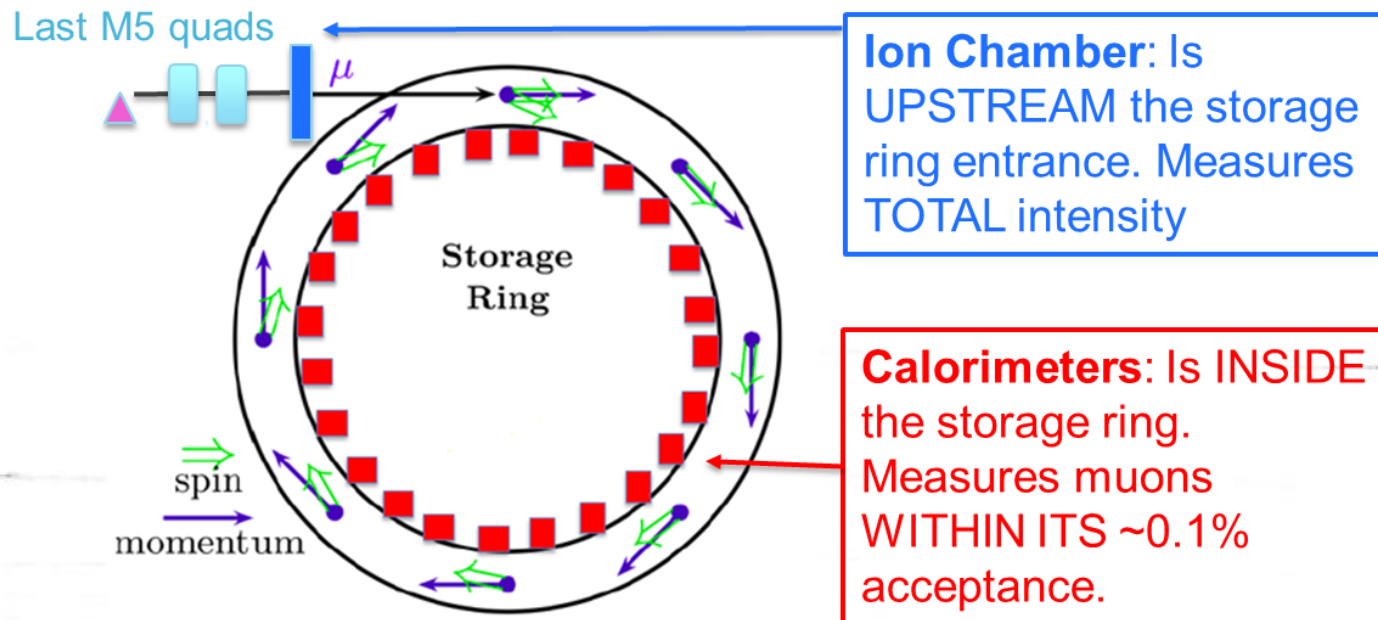
# Optimum geometry

- Optimum wedge geometry was studied with a fast Monte Carlo program
- Space restrictions limit the allowable wedge length to 130 mm



# Measuring technique

- We measure beam intensity at two locations: (1) upstream of ring injection, and (2) inside the ring after thousand of turns
- Calorimeters measure only muons that fit within the ring's momentum acceptance (stored muons)

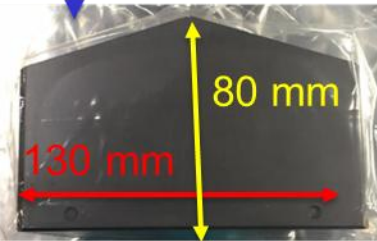


# Fabrication & installation

Polyethylene wedge



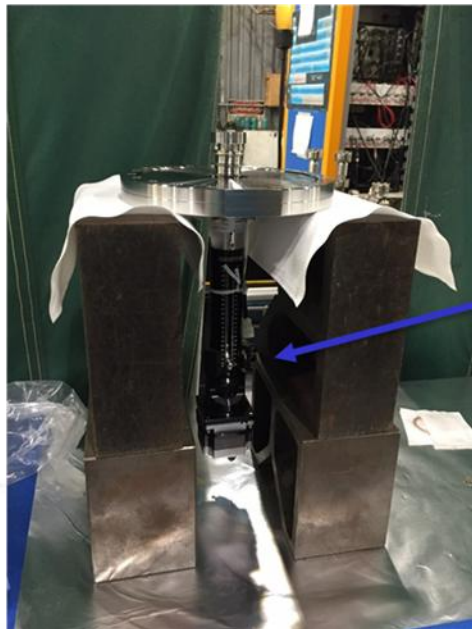
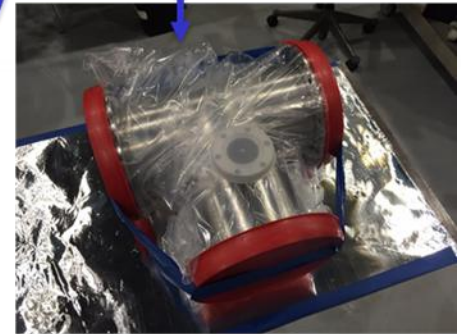
Boron Carbide wedge



New power supplies for downstream optical matching

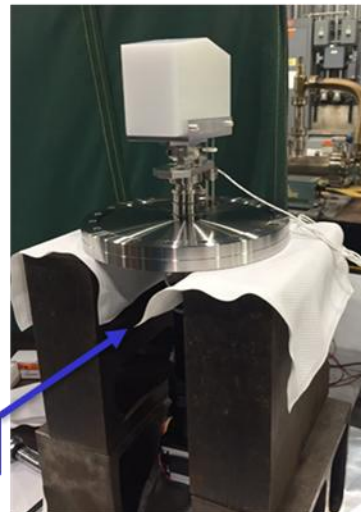


Wedge housing

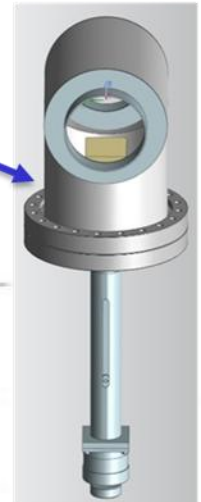


Wedge insertion actuator with submillimeter precision

Motion-control tests

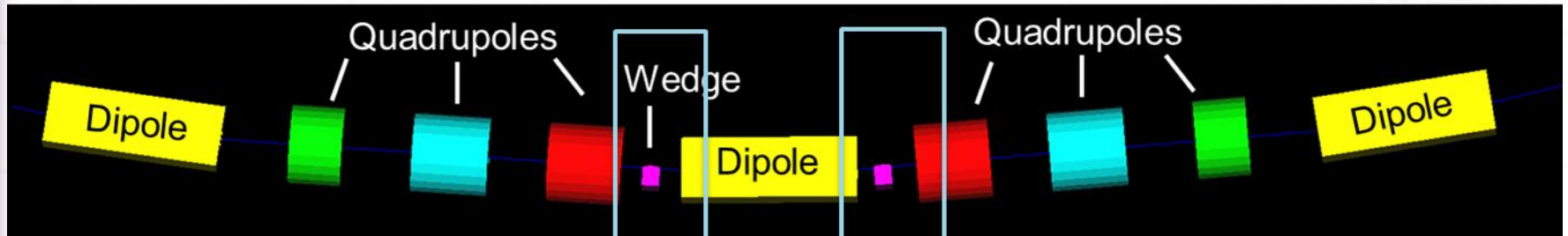


Design of complete mechanical assembly



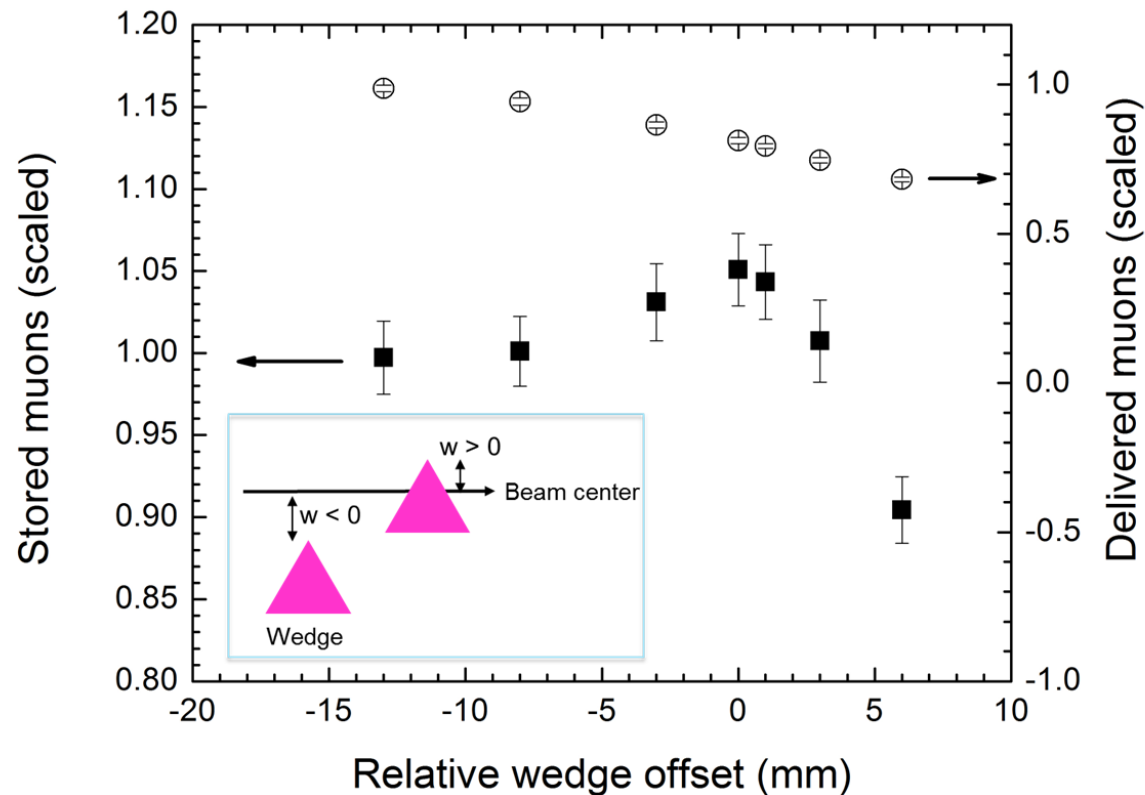


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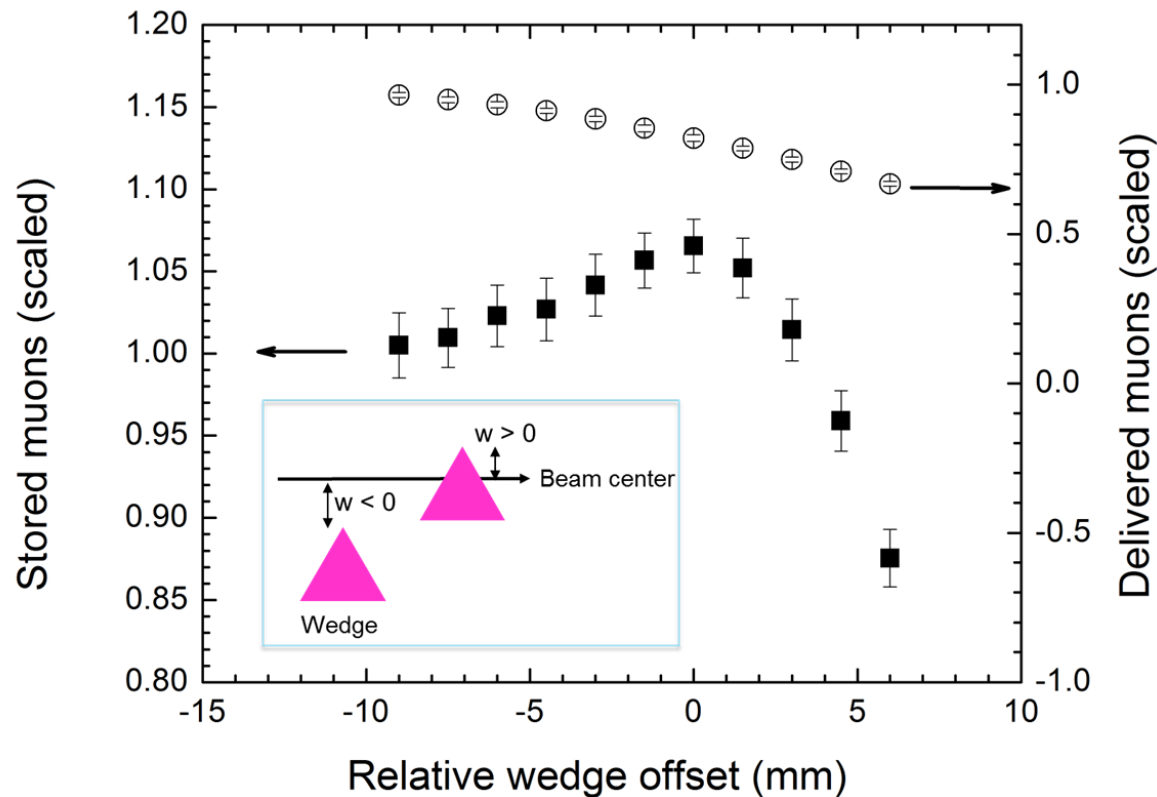
# Test with a Polyethylene wedge

- A plastic wedge provided a 5% gain in stored muons



# Test with a Boron Carbide wedge

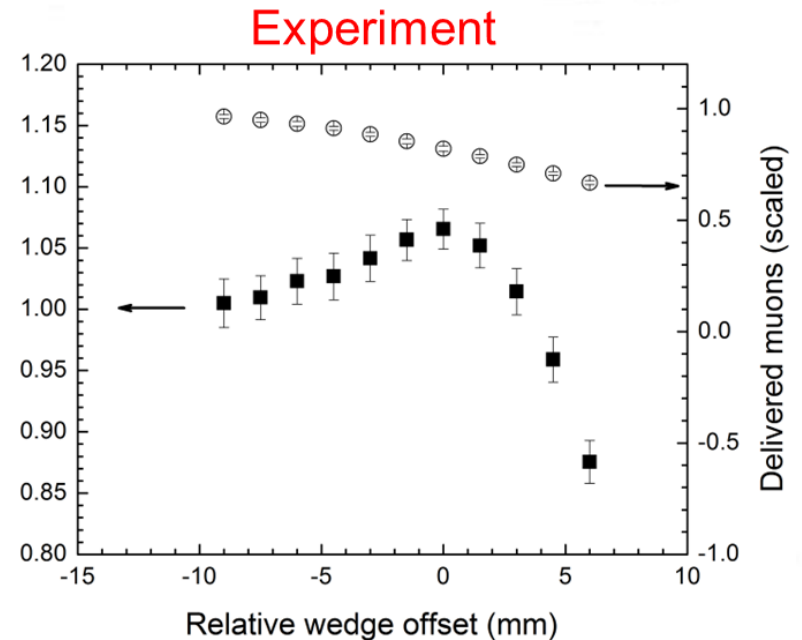
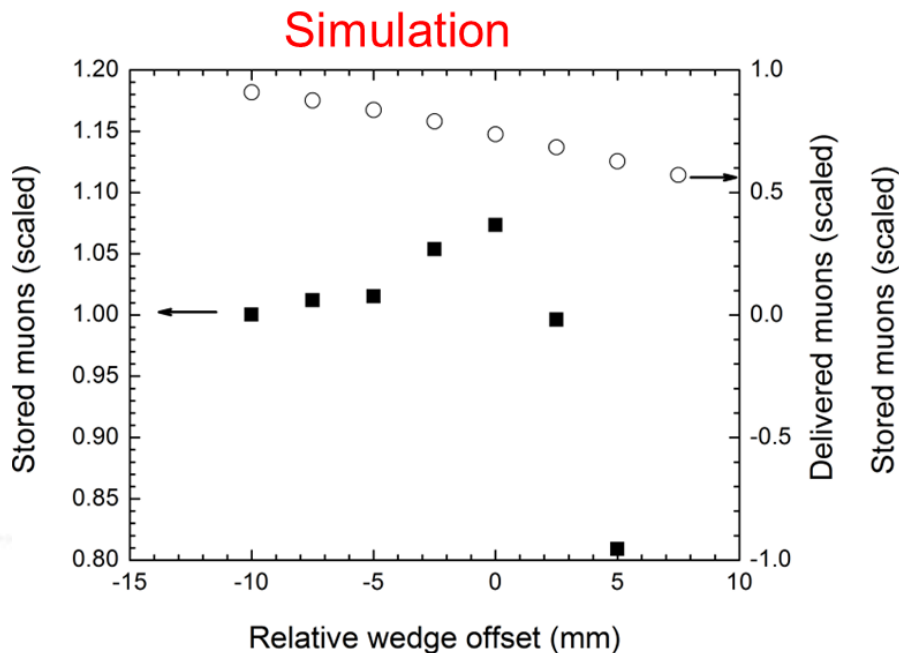
- A boron carbide wedge provided a 7% gain in stored muons





# Simulation vs experiment

- The agreement between simulation and experiment is good



# Thank you



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Master's Thesis, **NIU**  
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Title: Improved momentum spread for precision experiments using wedges



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Realistic modeling of a particle-matter-interaction system for controlling the momentum spread of muon beams

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A parametric analysis for maximizing beam quality of muon-based storage ring experiments

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