

Muon Collider Machine Overview

Inaugural US Muon Collider Accelerator School

University of Chicago

Invited Evening Plenary Talk

Monday 4th August

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*Featuring work from 450 members of the
International Muon Collider Collaboration*



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Stickers for good questions, now and during tutorials!



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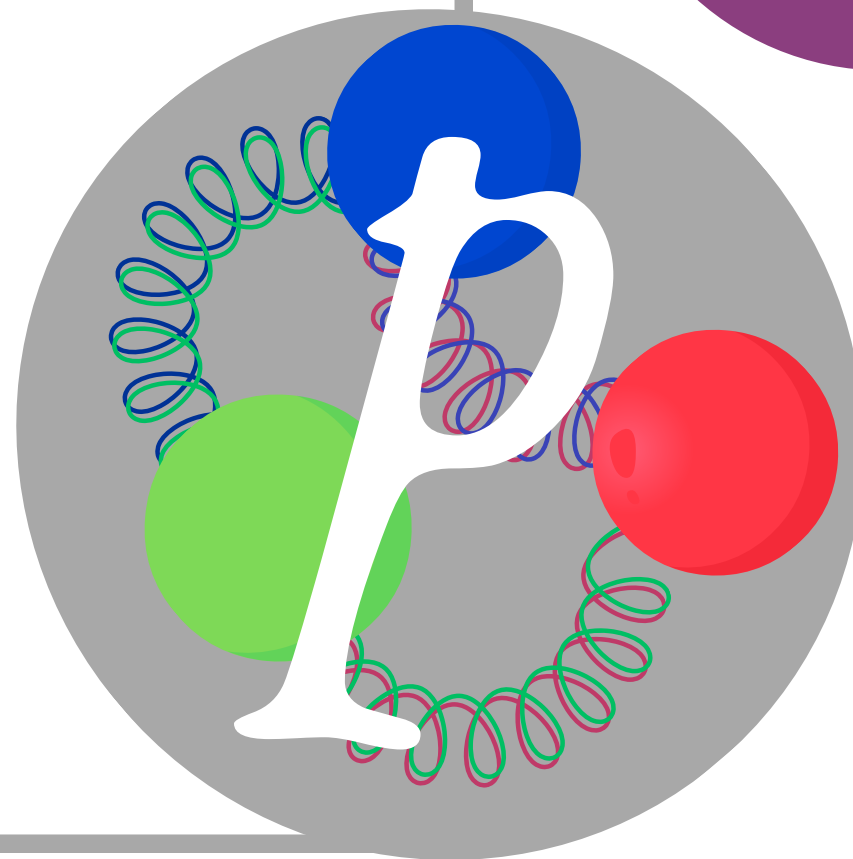
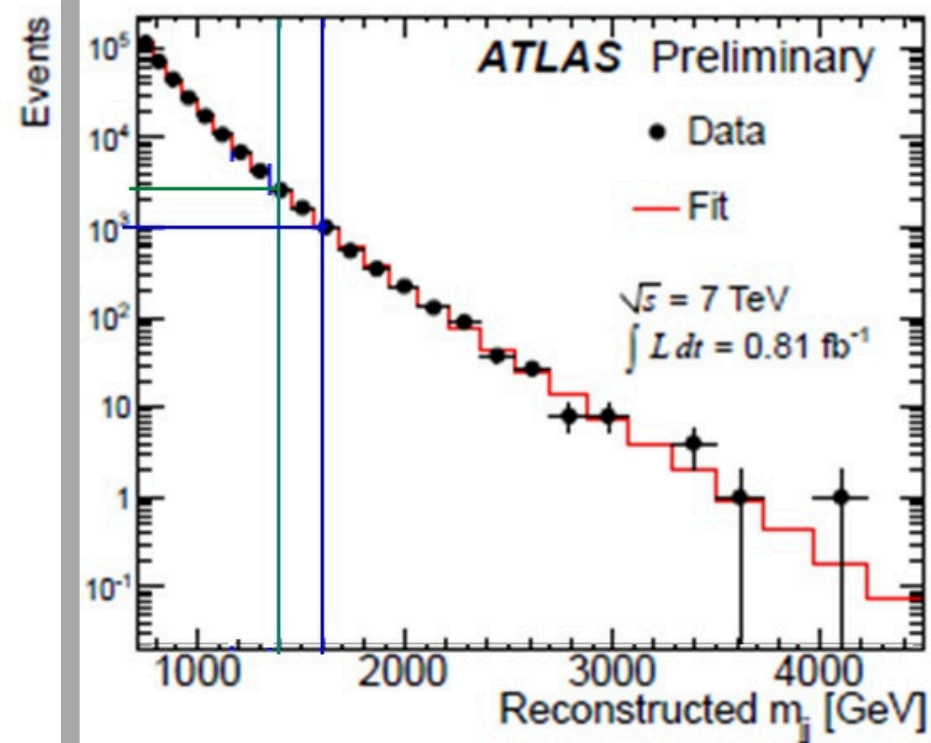
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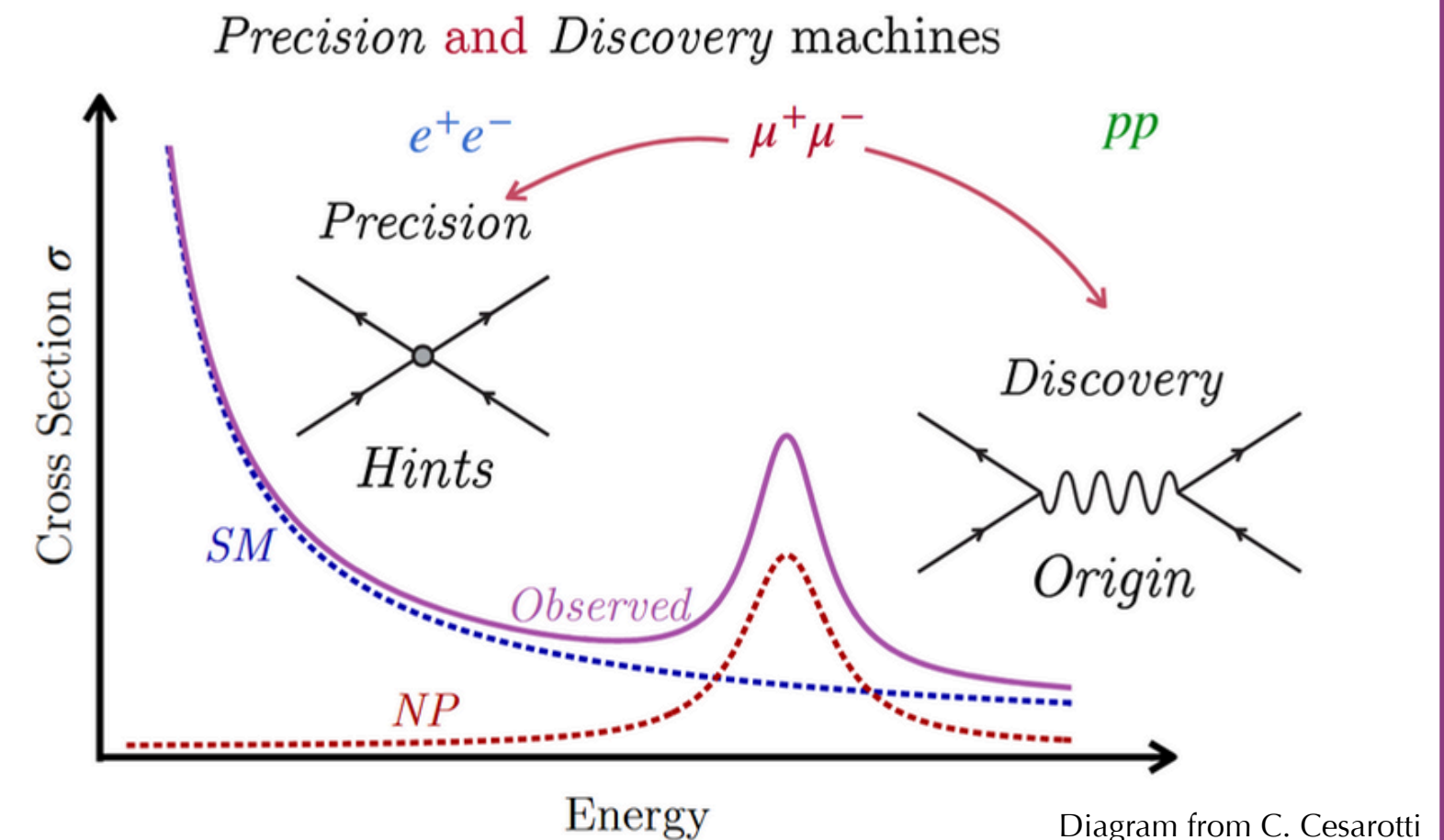
- Fundamental particles
- Hadrons** collide with a fraction of their full energy



Muons are:

- 200x heavier than **electrons**
- Emit 6×10^{-10} less bremsstrahlung / turn
- $$\Delta E \propto \frac{E^4}{m^4 r}$$

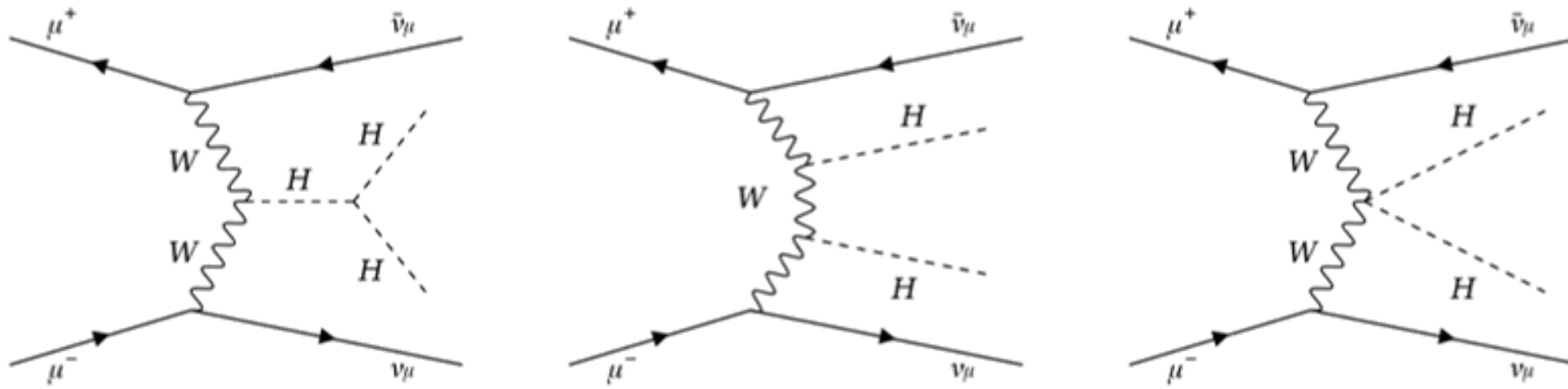
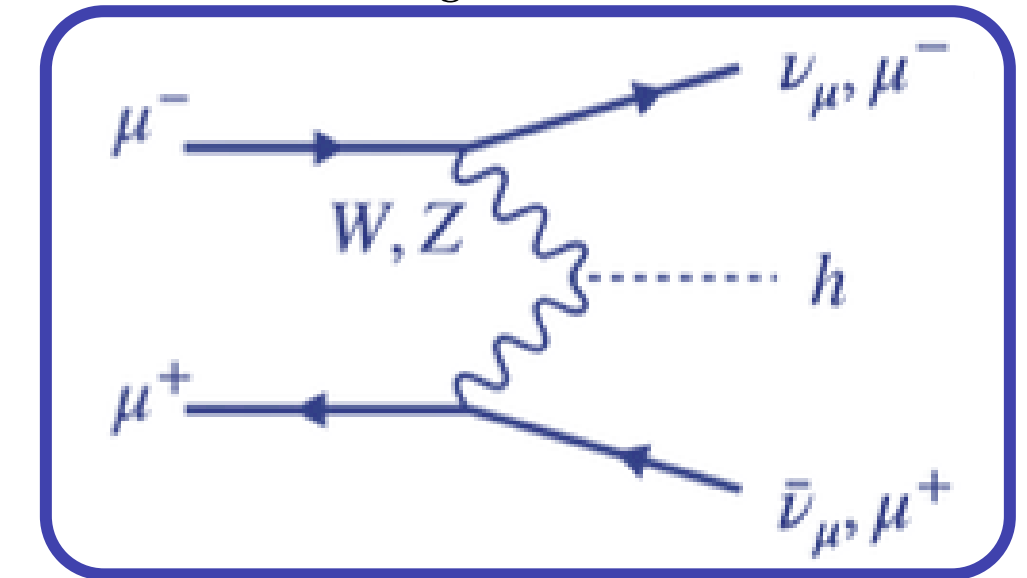
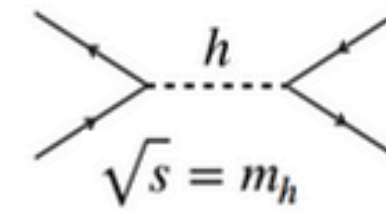
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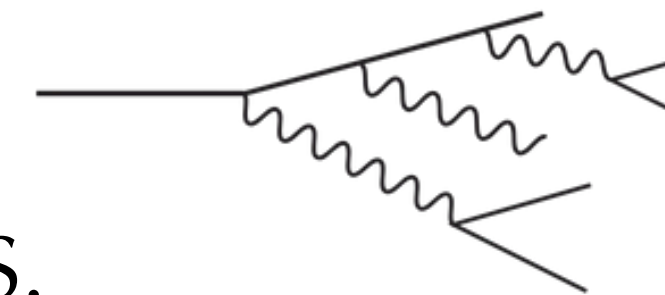
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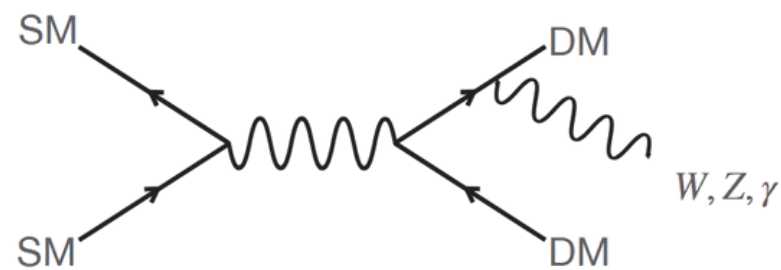
Muons at high energies are **vector boson fusion (VBF)** factories.
 S-channel directly has lower cross-sections.
 Environment to probe di-higgs / tri-higgs coupling.



At high energies, muons radiate gauge bosons like photons.



Ideal environment for **electroweak** studies, including WIMPS.



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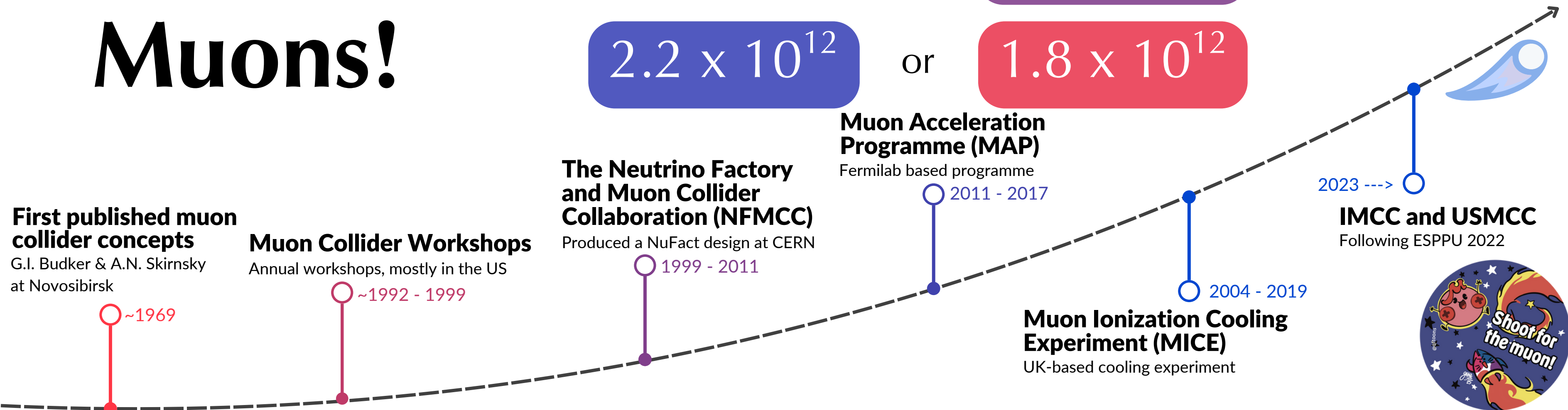
Luminosity also depends on:

- Transverse Emittance - 25 μm
- Longitudinal Emittance - 0.025 eVs
- Beta at IP: 1.5 mm
- Repetition rate: 5 Hz

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\gamma^3 \tau_0 c}{2C} \frac{N_0^2 \sigma_\delta}{4\pi \epsilon_{\perp, N} \epsilon_{L, N}} f_r$$

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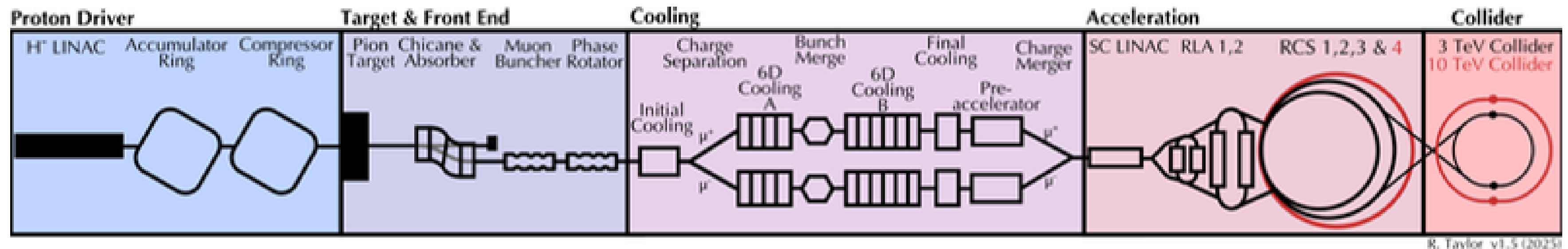
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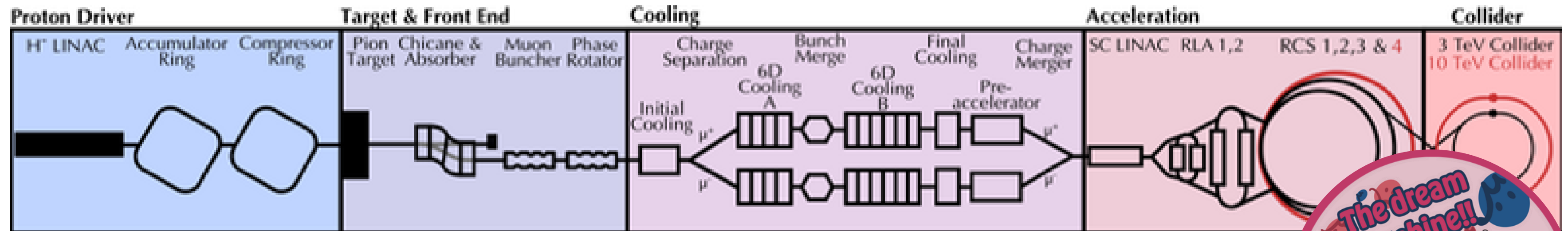
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Alternative: LEMMA Scheme

Generate electron-positron pair at muon mass resonance.
Complicated due to \sim TW positron source and intersecting beamlines at target.

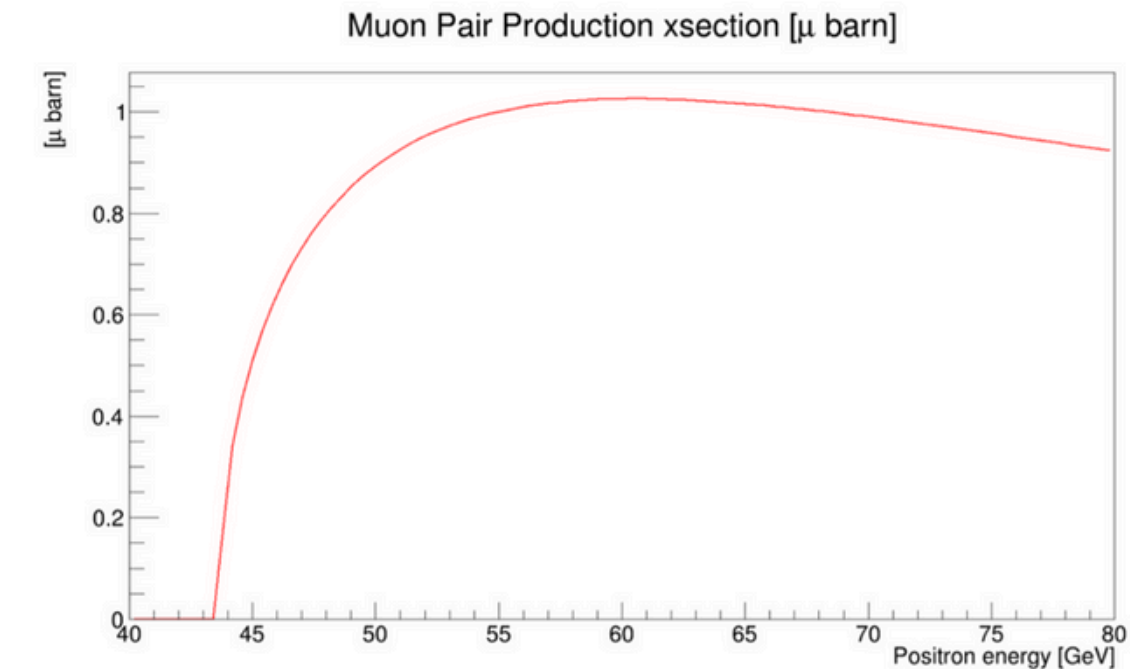
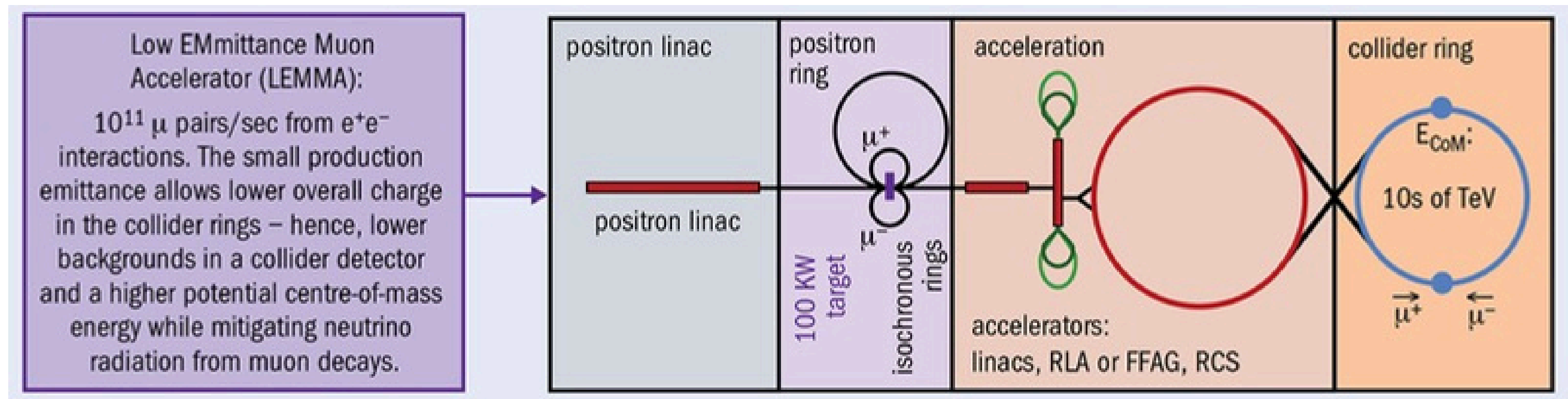


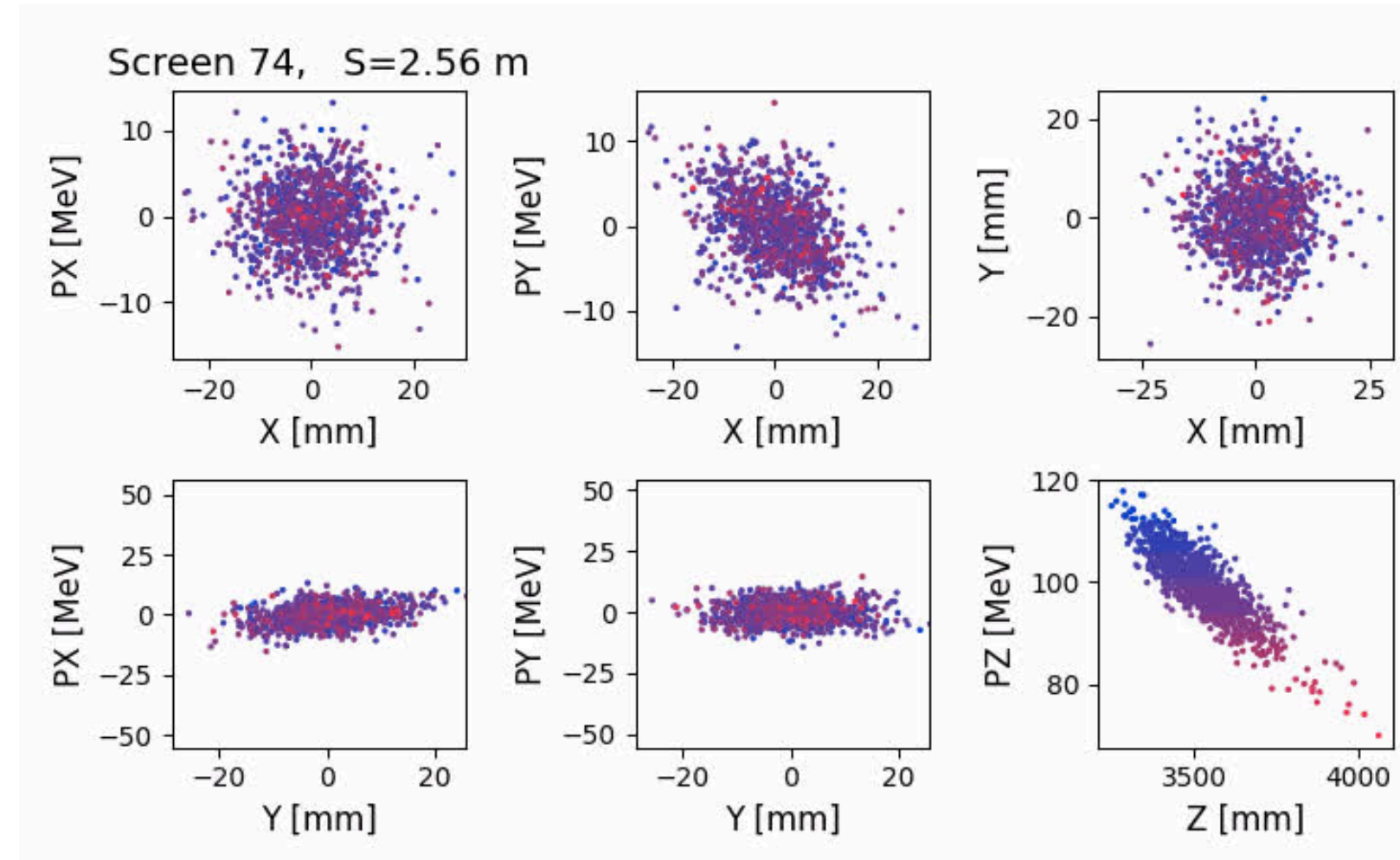
Figure 1: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ cross section as a function of the positron beam energy ($\sqrt{s} \sim 0.23 \text{ GeV} = 53 \text{ GeV}$ positron beam).

POSITRON DRIVEN MUON SOURCE FOR A MUON COLLIDER (2019)



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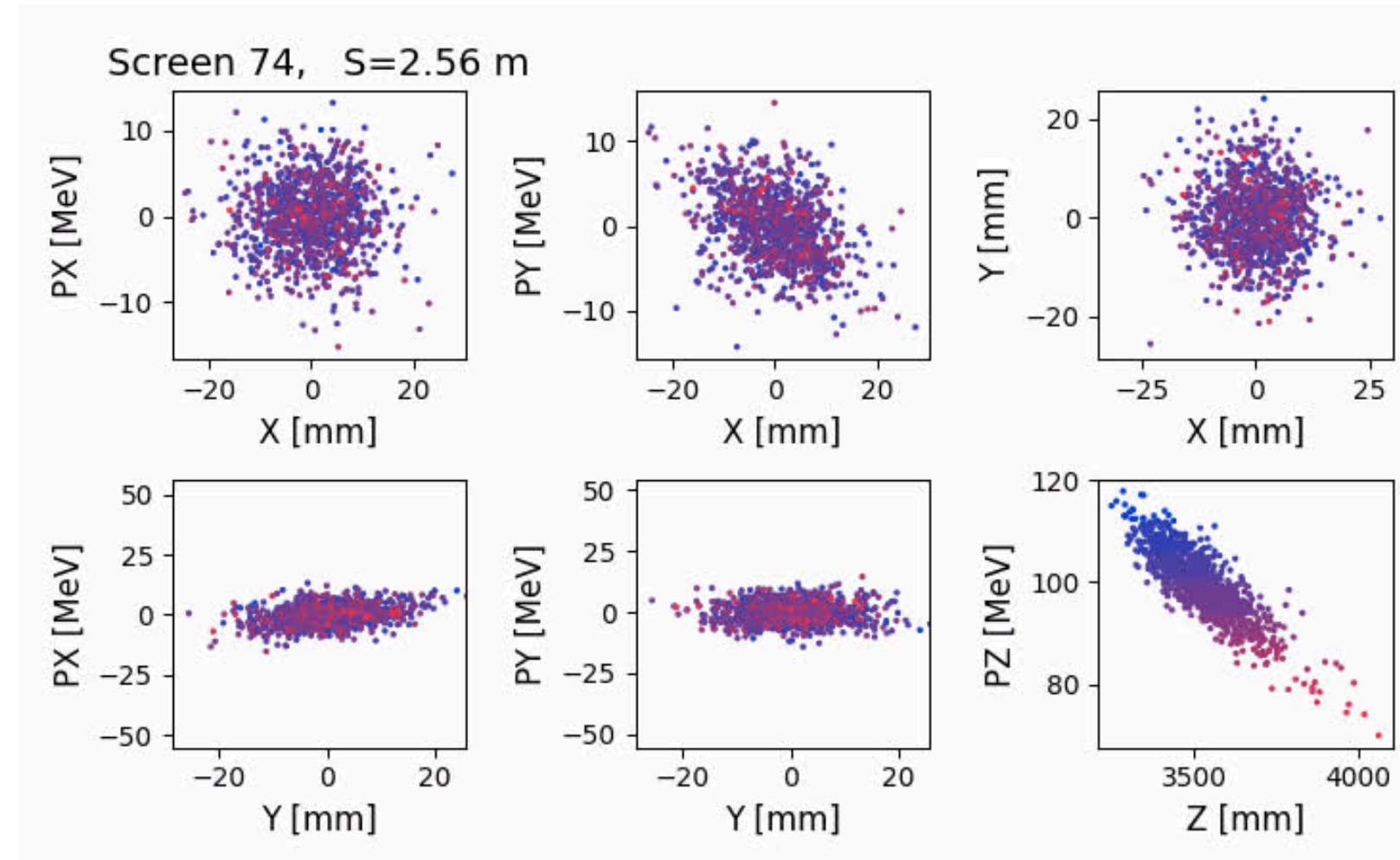


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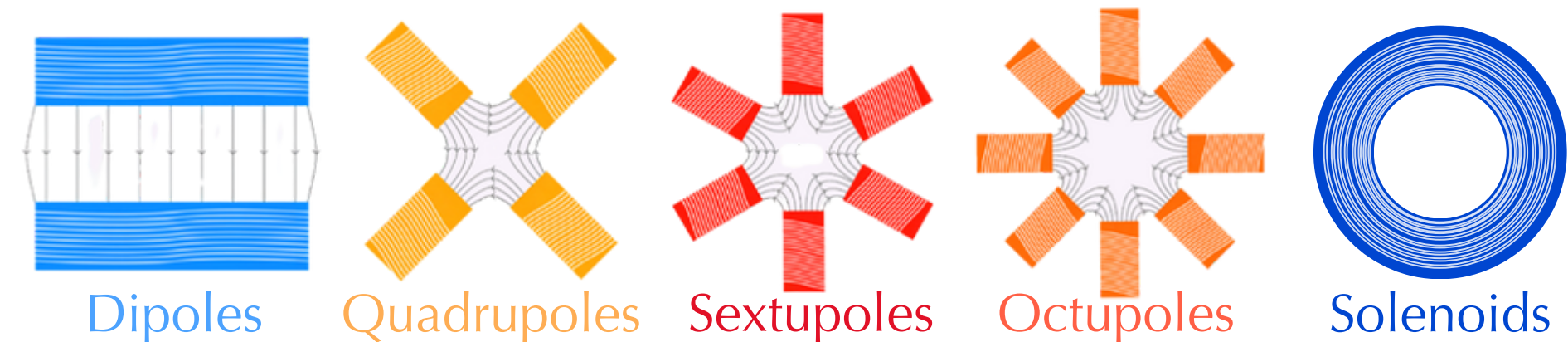
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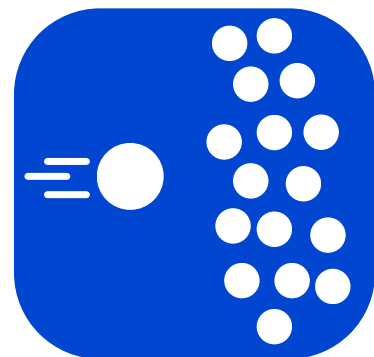
- Either model magnets as a **matrix**, applied to the 6D phase-space vector.
- Or model magnets as a **fieldmap** (B_x , B_y , B_z), and interpolate forces in steps.

*at least two



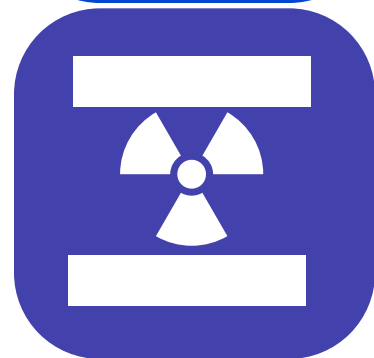
Why are simulations challenging?

Simulation code wish-list includes...



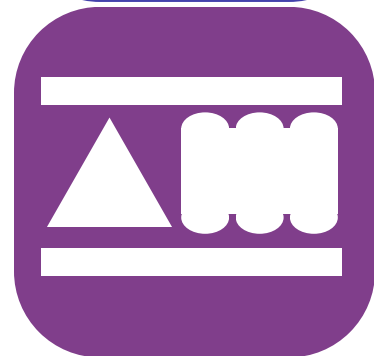
Particle interactions
with matter

Target, Cooling, MDI



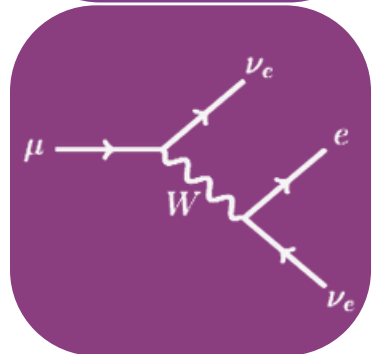
Radiation effects on
surrounding materials

Target, Collider



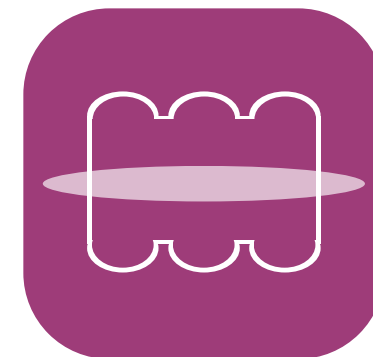
Overlapping elements
in high B_z fields

Target, Front-End, Cooling



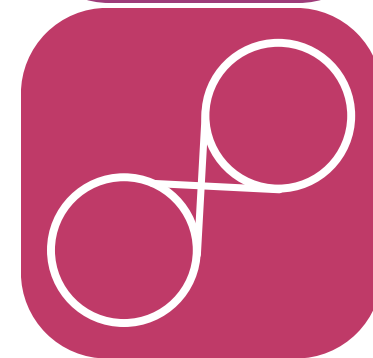
Muon decay and
tracking secondaries

Everywhere



Low-energy linear
acceleration of a long beam

Cooling, Acceleration



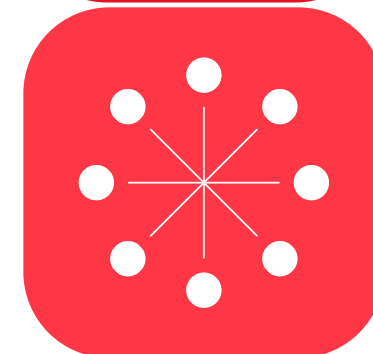
Matching beam conditions
between synchrotrons

Accelerator, Collider, (Everywhere)



Non-linear effects

Collider

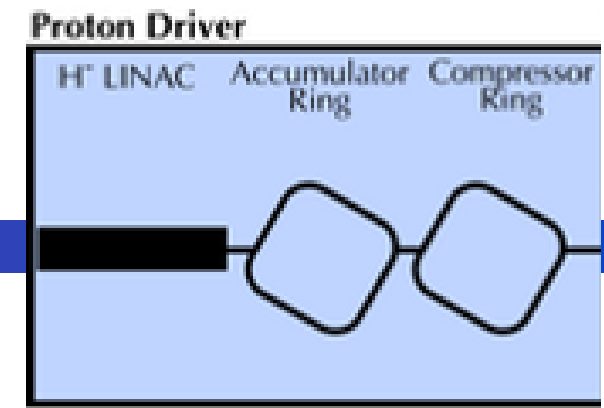


Collective effects including
space-charge, beam-beam
and wakefields

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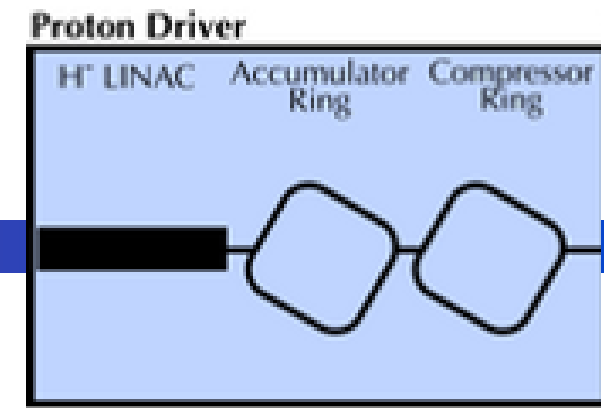
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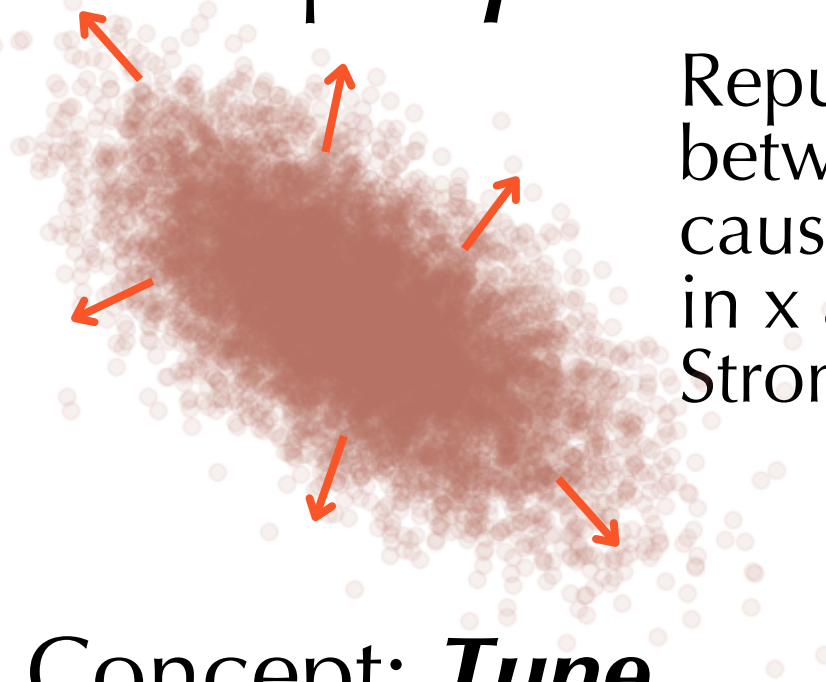
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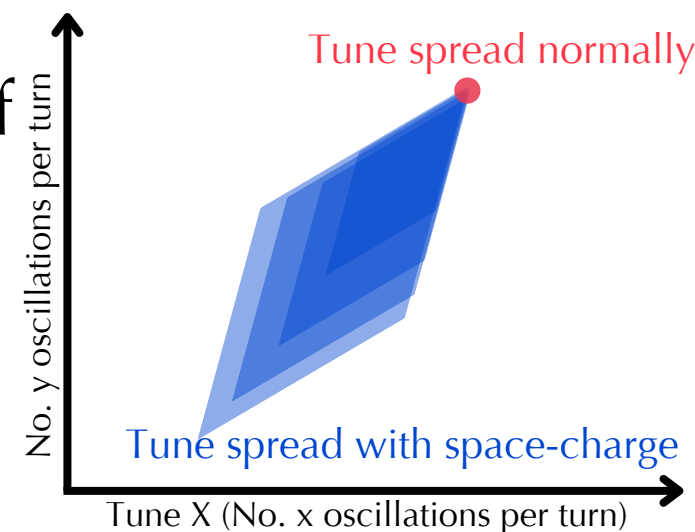
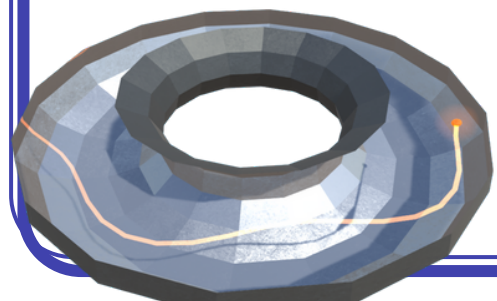
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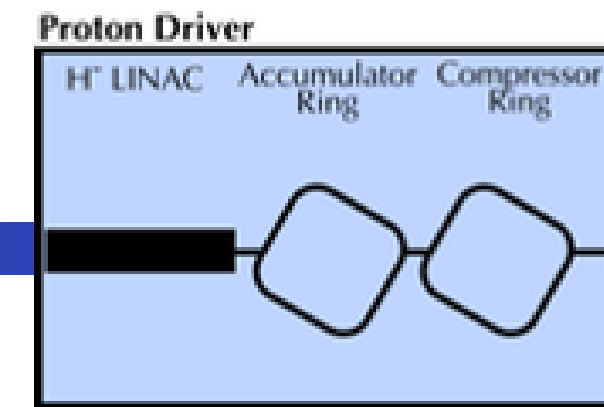
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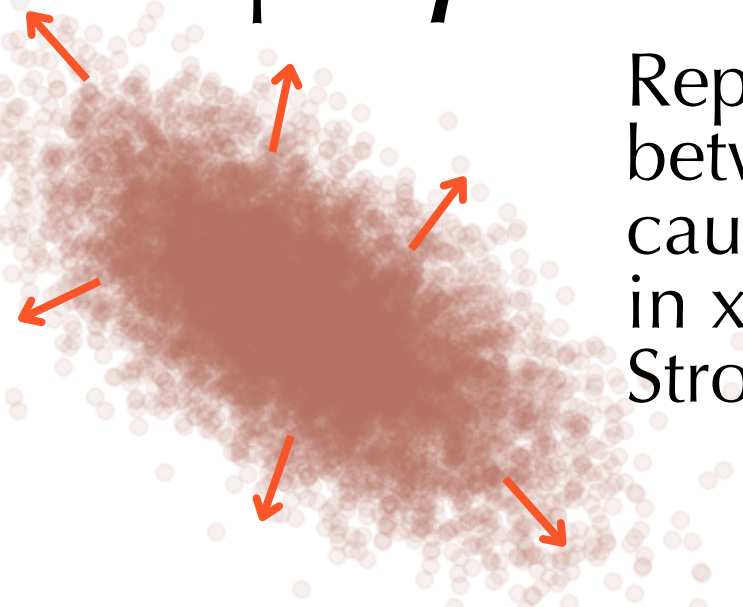
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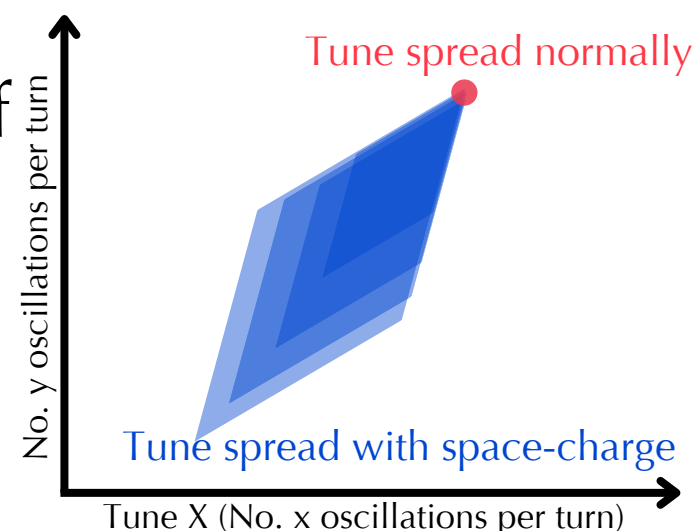
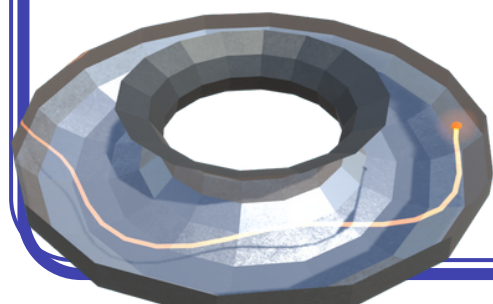
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Parameters request a **2 MW** beam at **5 GeV** or a **4 MW** beam at **10 GeV**.

Very short pulse rms of ~ 2 ns

High Intensity

+

Short pulse

+

Lower Energy

=

Significant Space- Charge

Designing beam optics throughout:

- A LINAC to 5 or 10 GeV
- A ring to accumulate to one pulse
- A compressor ring to shorten the pulse

All while having a wide tune spread.

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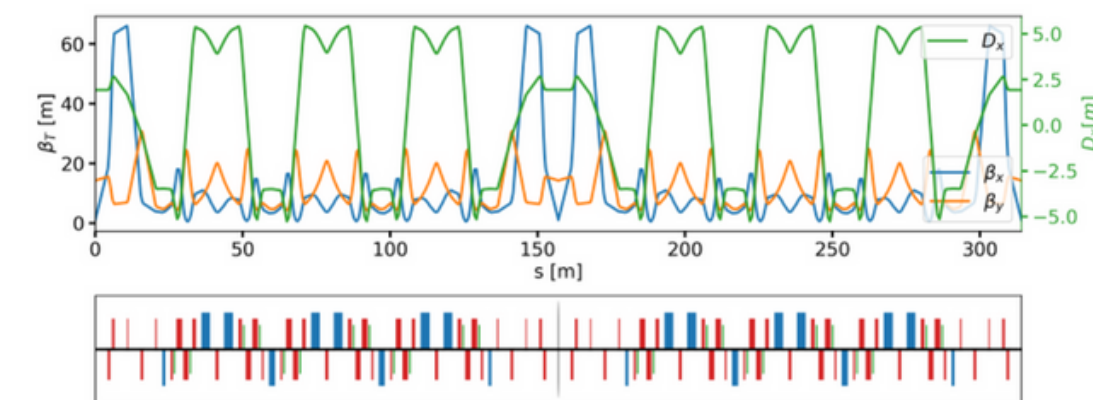
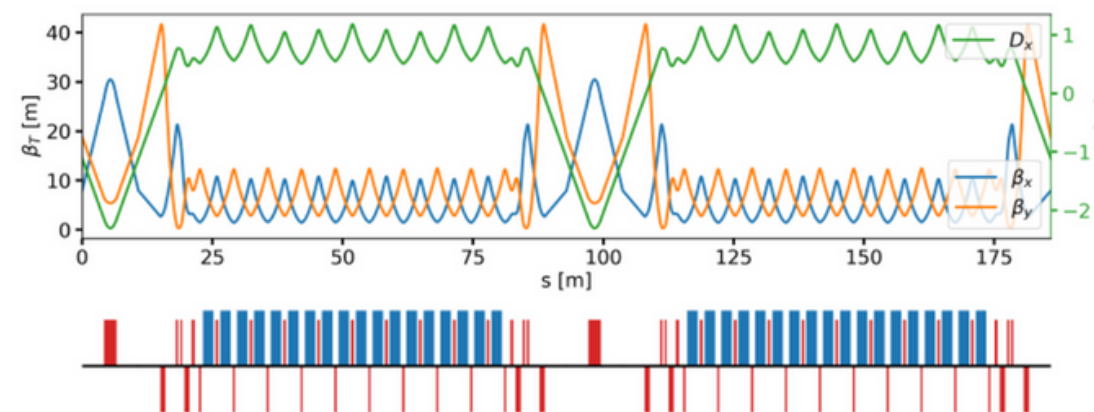
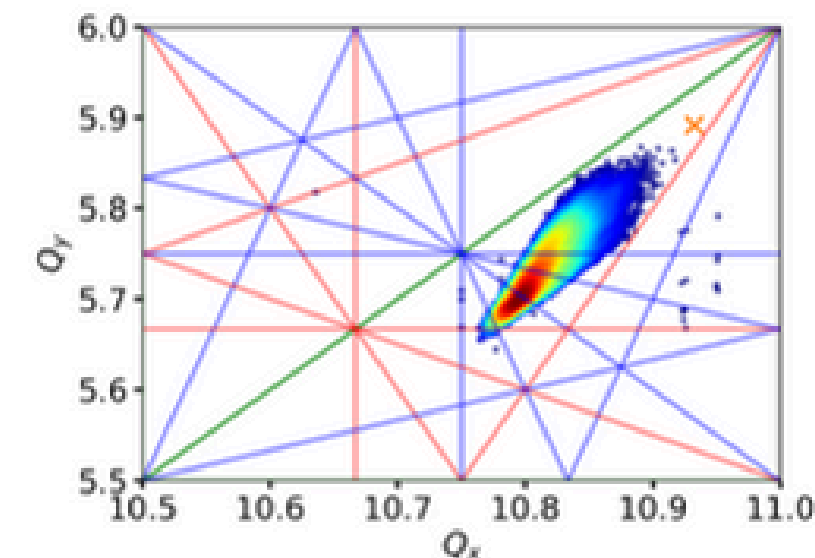
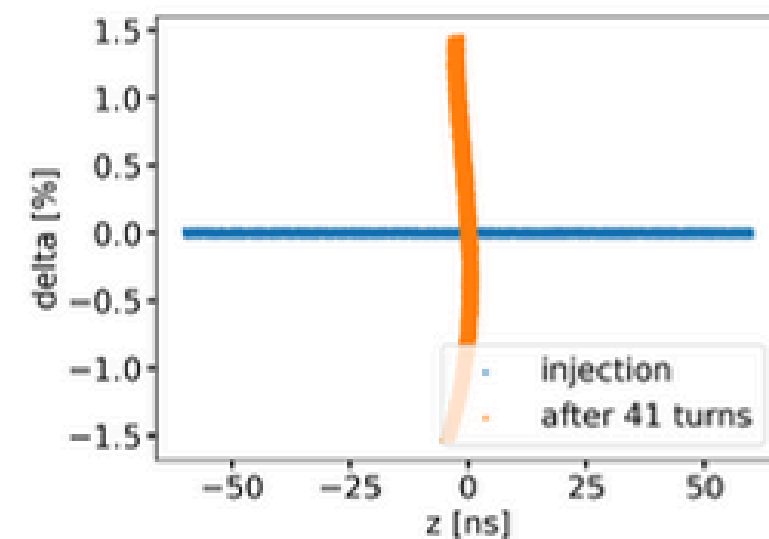
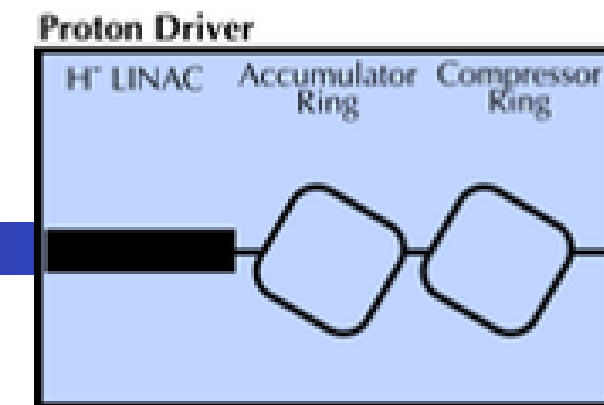
Proton Driver progress

Challenges:

- High intensity proton beam
- 2 MW, 5 GeV or 4 MW, 10 GeV
- Accumulate 5×10^{14} p⁺/pulse
- Compress to 2 ns

Achievements:

- Lattice designs for accumulator and compressor rings
- Collective effects studies



Future R&D:

- In parallel with other **high-intensity p⁺** facilities (SNS, ESS, CERN, JPARC, ISIS)
- High intensity, large-aperture **H⁻ sources** and **laser-assisted charge exchange** injection
- High transmission, high current RFQs
- Limitation of high intensity compression schemes with high space-charge

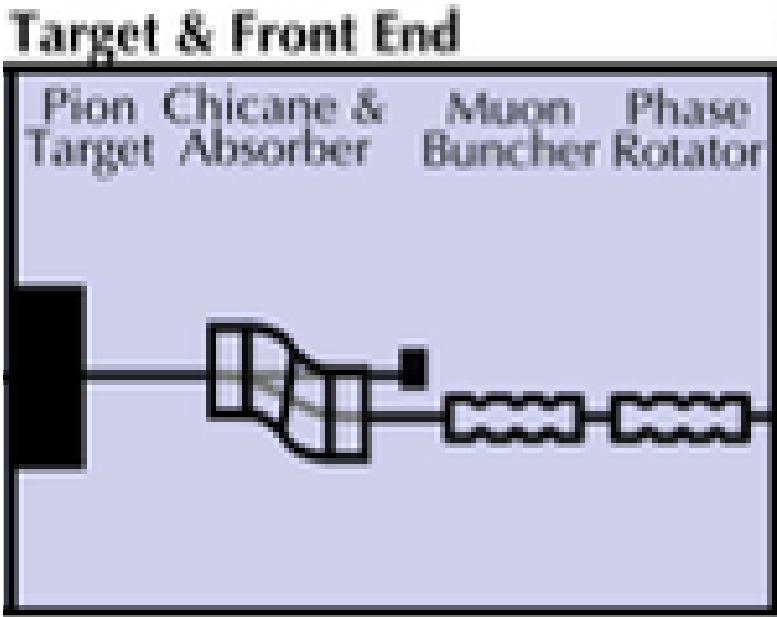
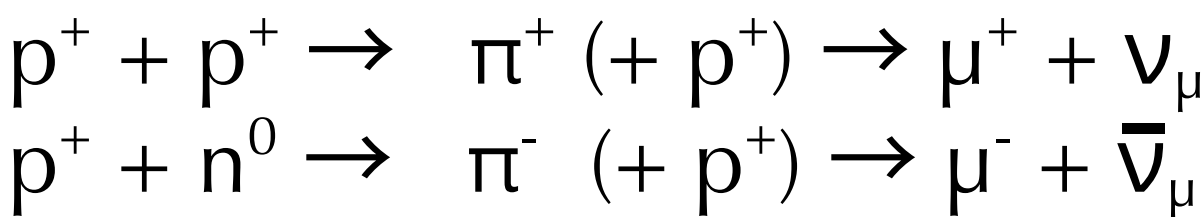
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Proton Driver for the Demonstrator and Muon Collider

Speaker: Dr Austin Hoover (ORNL)

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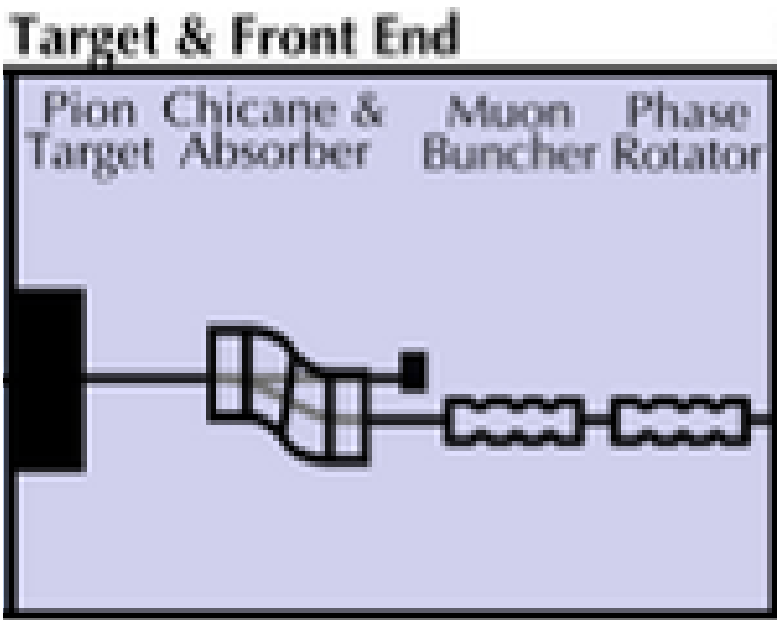
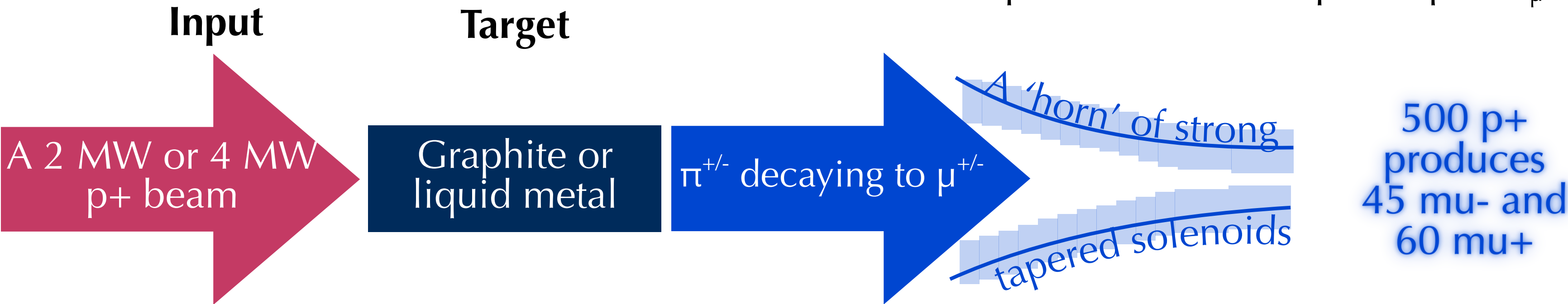
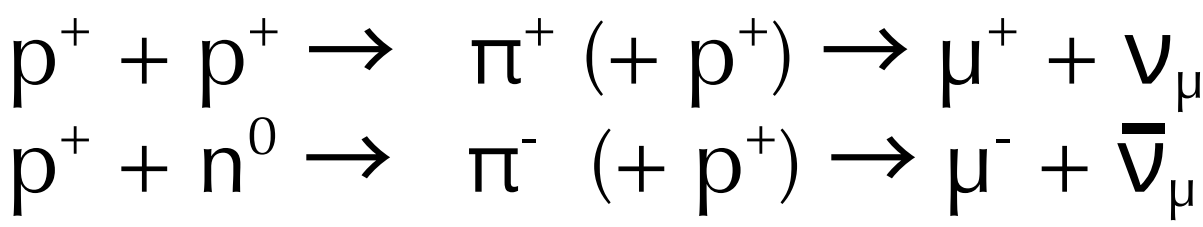


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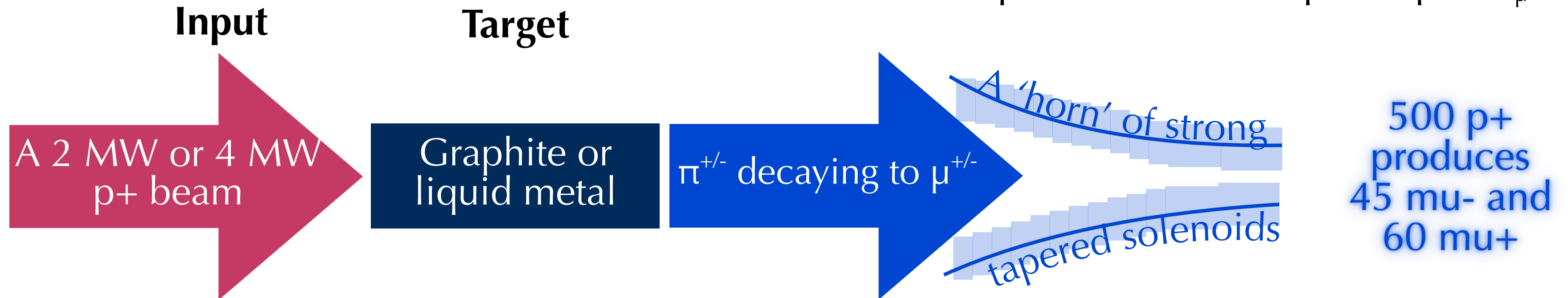
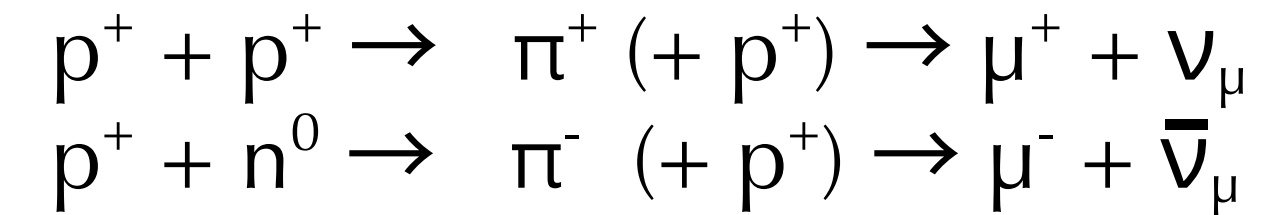


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Open questions:

- From what point do we define yield?
- What to do with the high-power protons after the target?
- How can we prevent the particles damaging the SC solenoids?
- How often do we need to replace the target?

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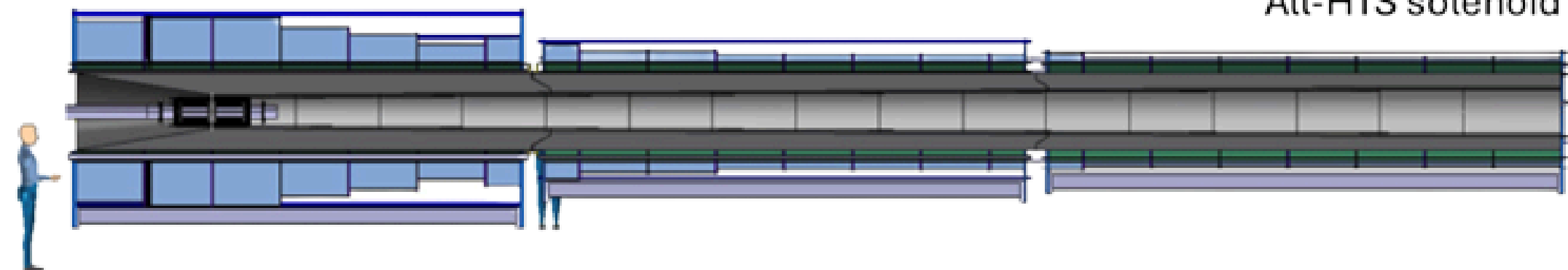
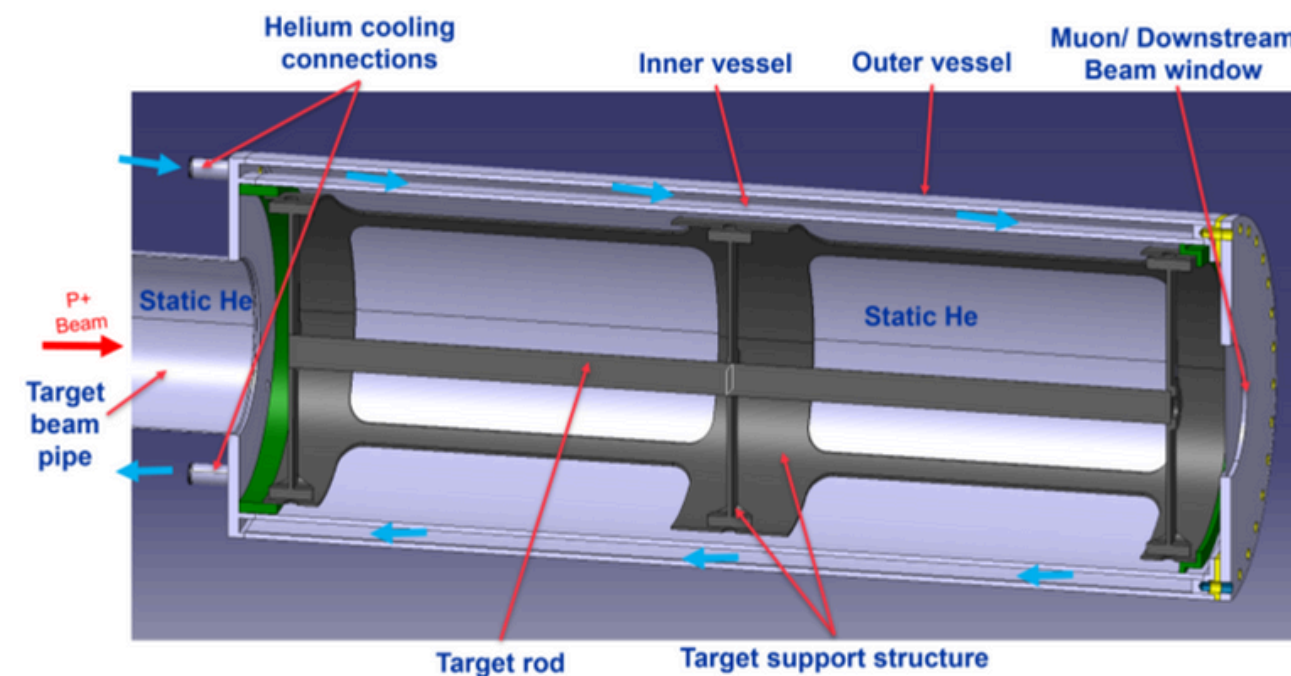
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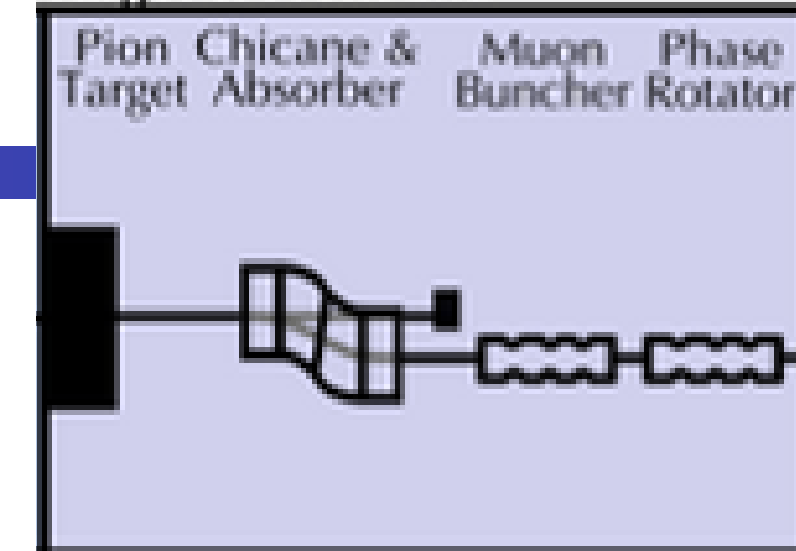
- 2 MW, 400 MJ/pulse on target
- Optimising for pion yield
- HTS solenoid capture system
- Extraction of spent proton beam

Achievements:

- Radial build of graphite target
- Studied radiation load on HTS
- Begin 4 MW targets, e.g. liquid Pb, fluidized W



Target & Front End



Future R&D:

- 1400 mm, 20 K, 20 T HTS solenoids with 80 MGy radiation. Synergies with fusion magnets.
- 20 MV/m RF cavities within 3 T, over large range of frequencies.
- Beam loading and collective effects in Front-End.

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Progress on High Power Targetry

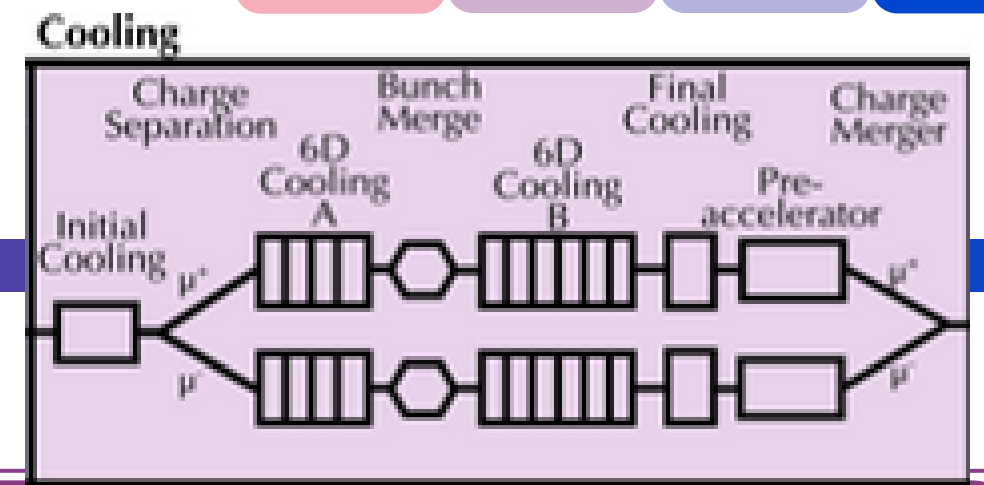
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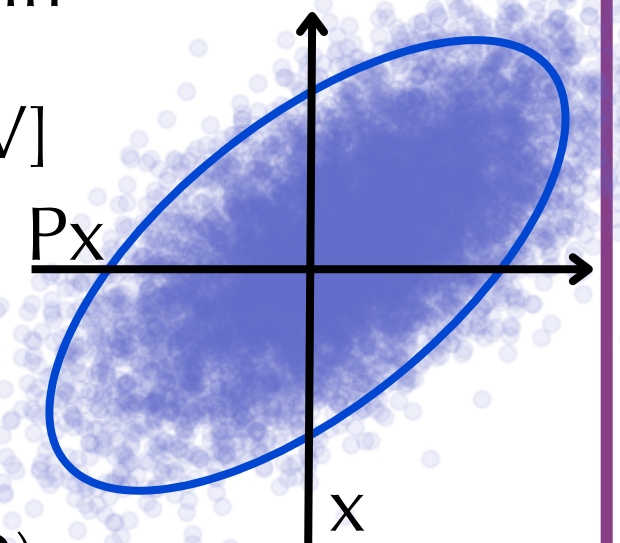


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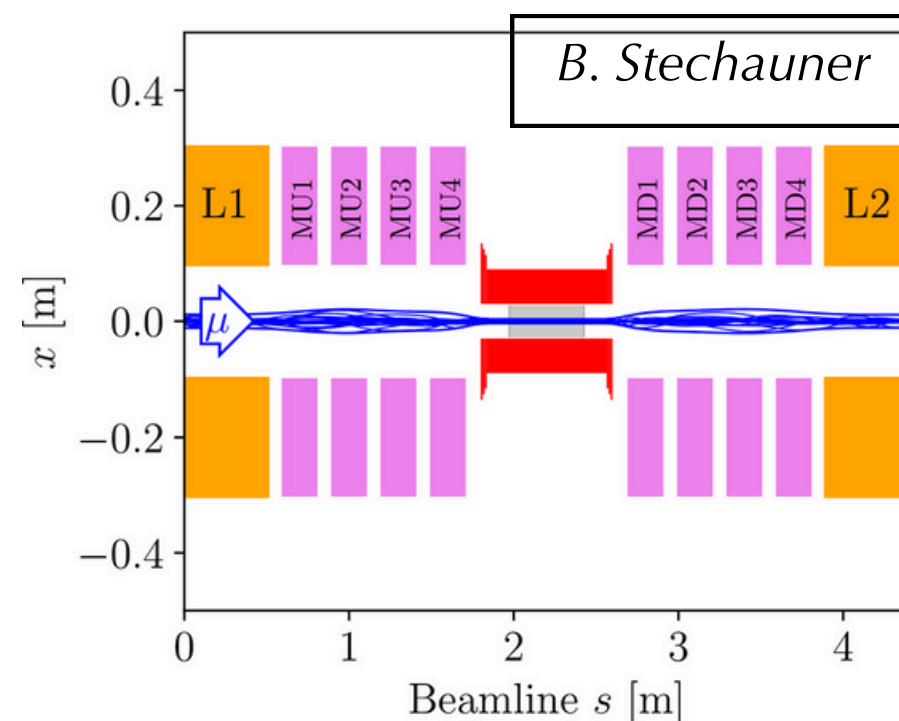
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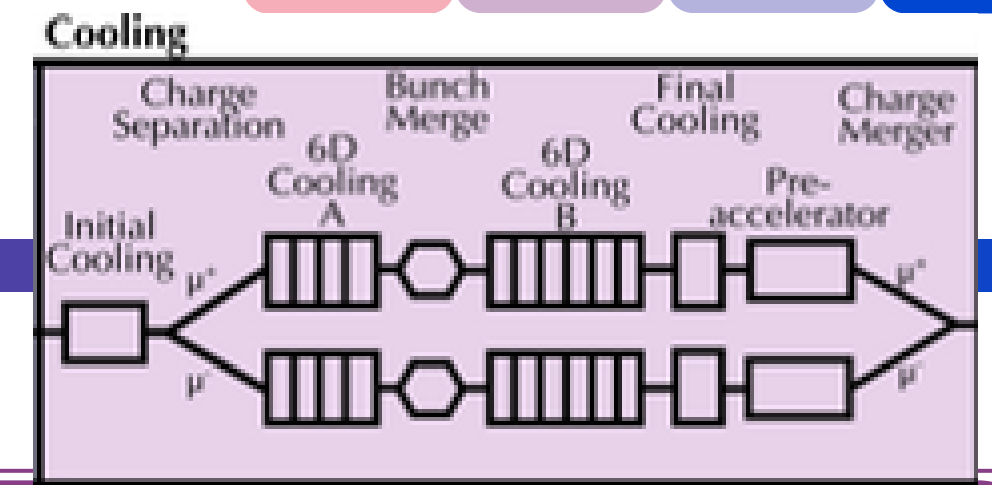
After target, beam is non-relativistic:

- Energy = 5 – 200 MeV = 30 – 80% speed of light



Beam must be constantly focused to keep their size. Lack of solenoid fields causes emittance increase.

Need to ensure smooth fields between solenoids, to avoid emittance increase (see, matching).



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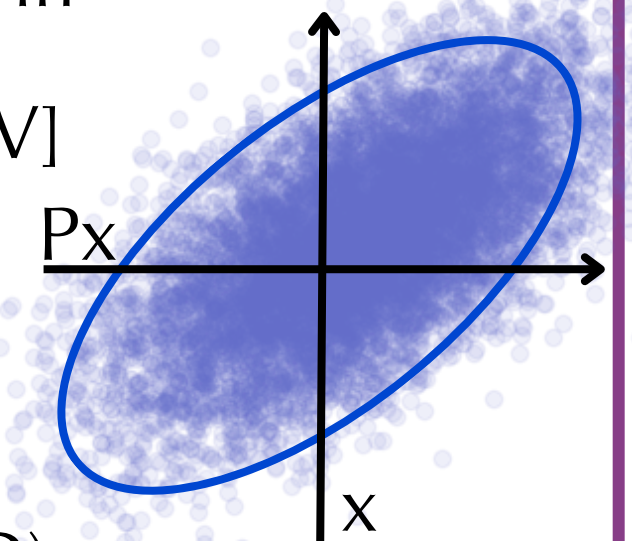
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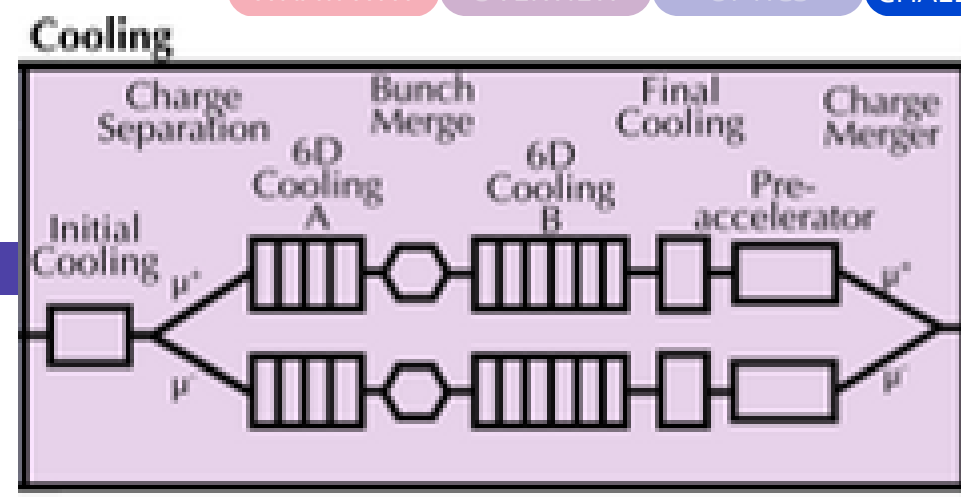
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IONIZATION COOLING	
Elastic Electron Scattering	Nuclear Multiple Scattering
Cooling	Heating
Favour low-A materials E.g. Hydrogen, Lithium Hydride	

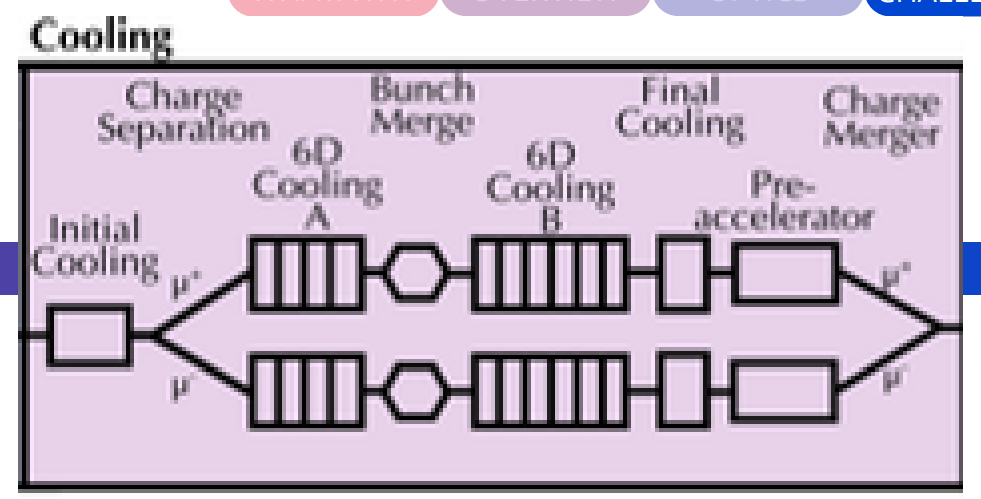
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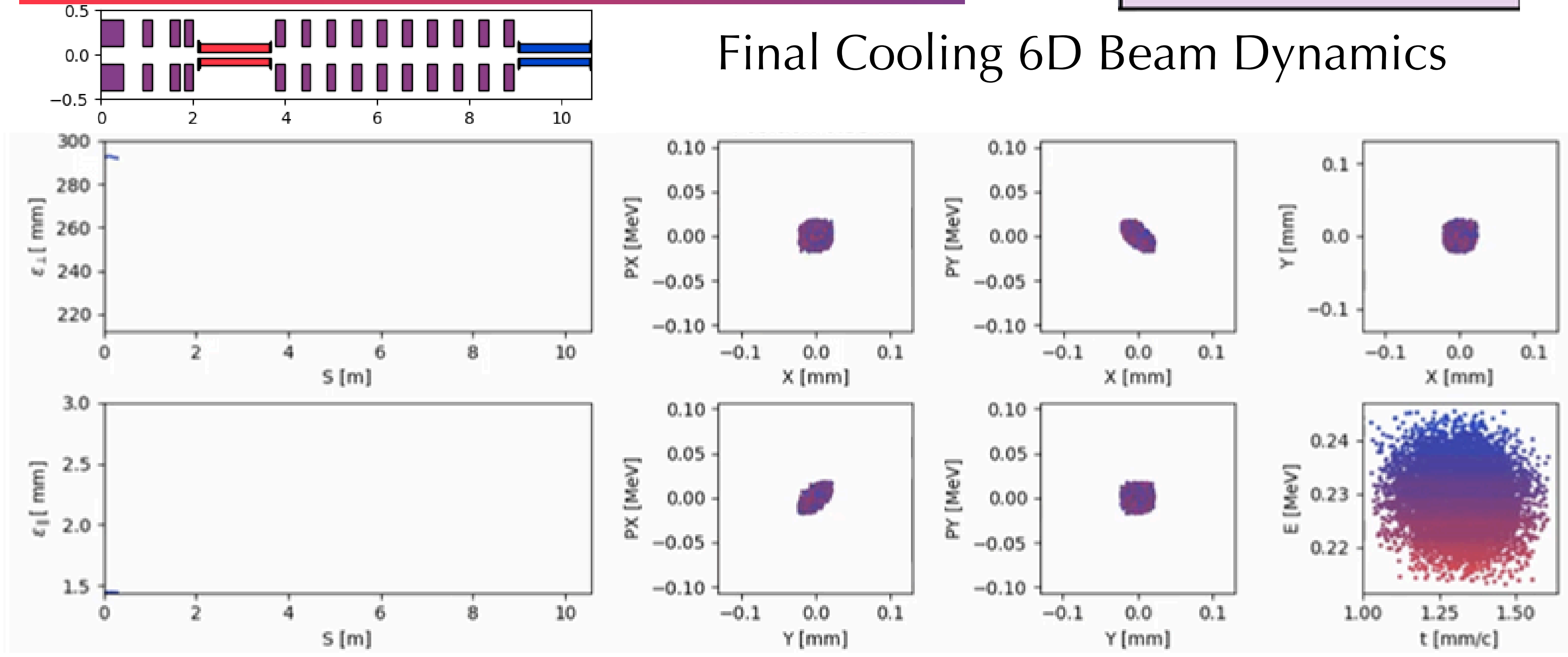
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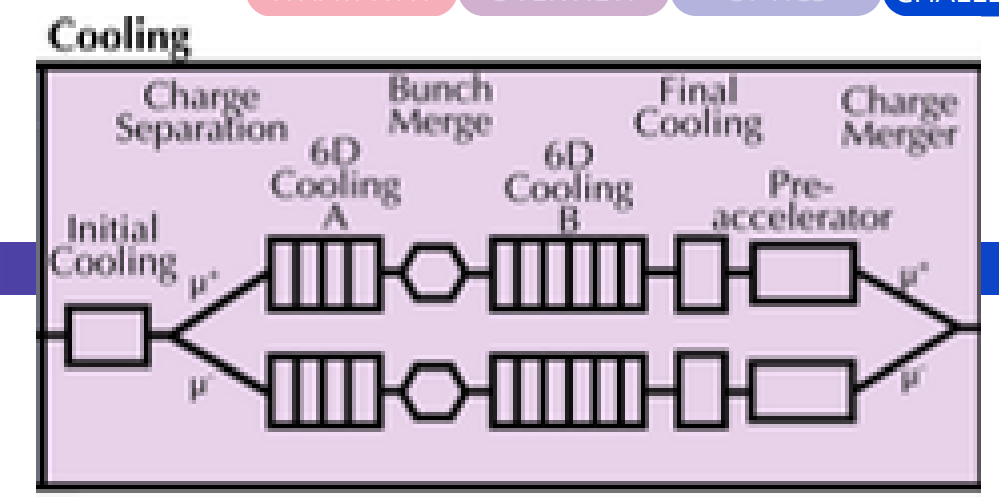


Final Cooling 6D Beam Dynamics

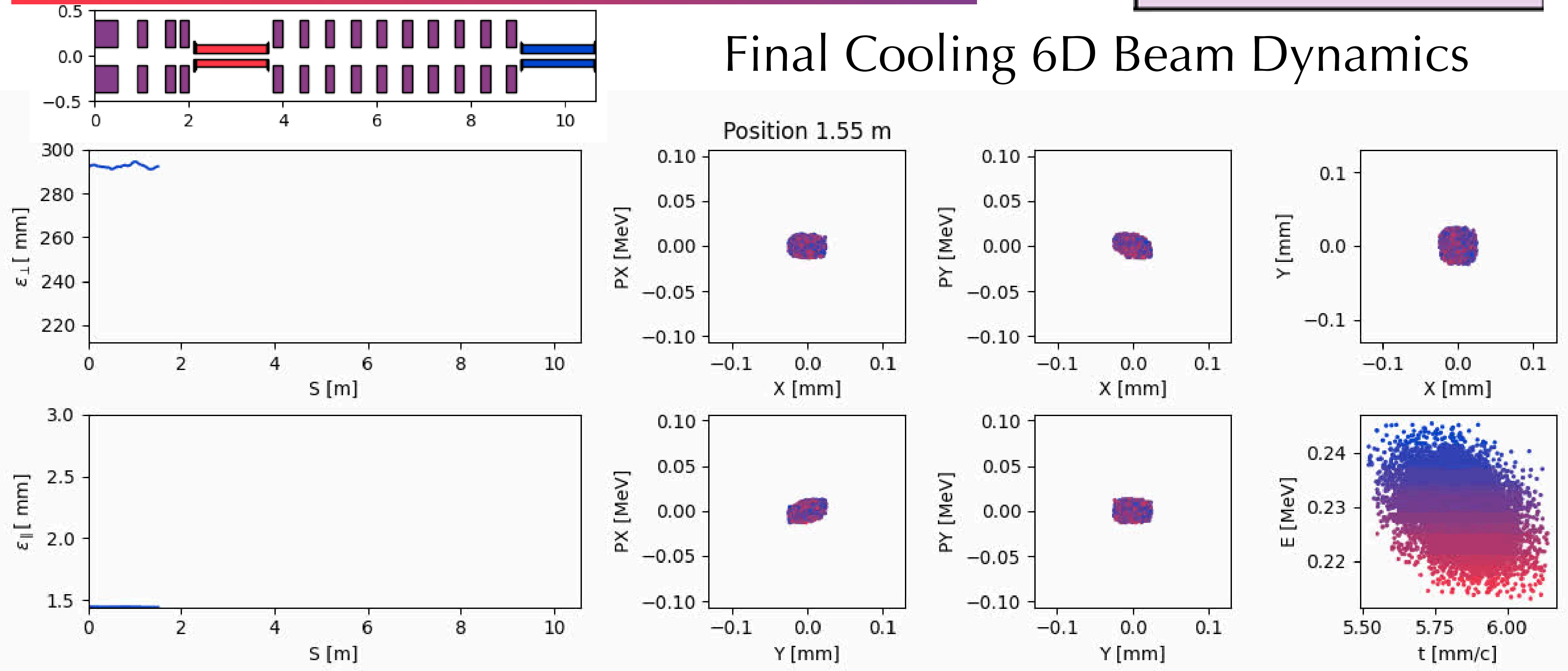


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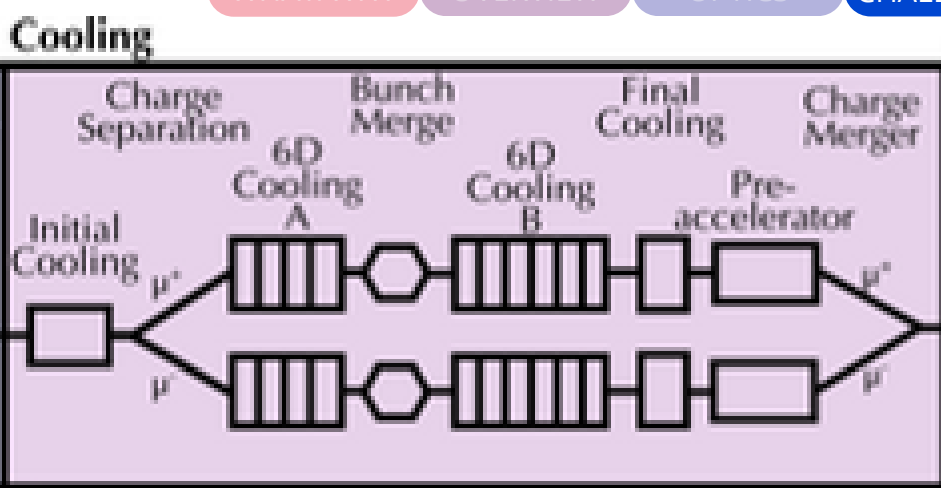


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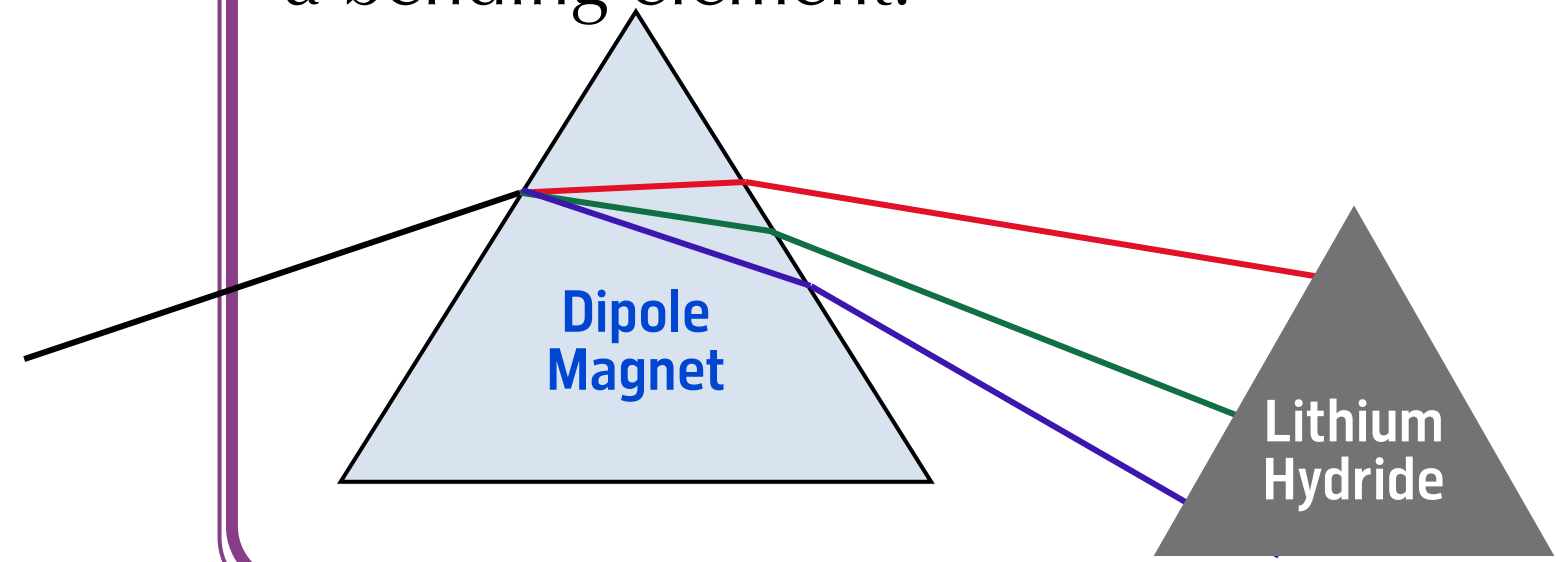
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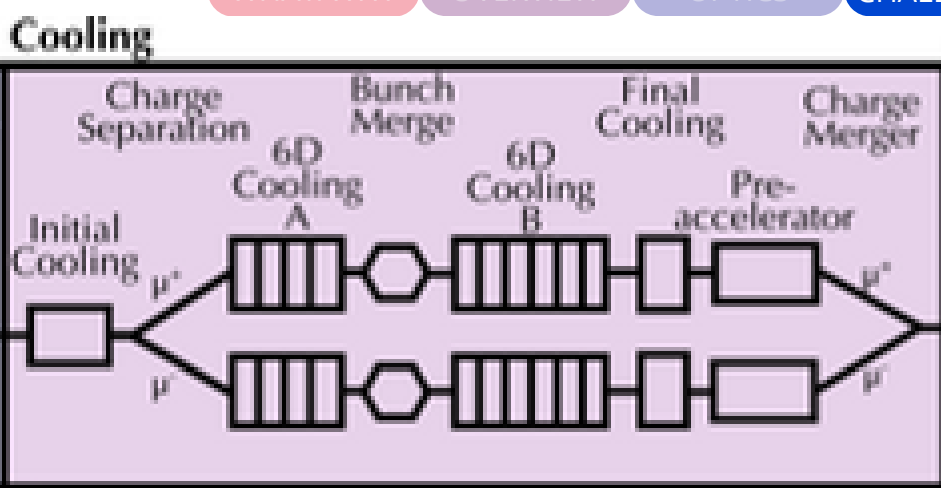
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For both forms of cooling, we need to restore the energy lost, or else the muons will slow down to a stop. So after our absorbers we need an *RF cavity* to re-accelerate the beam.

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Absorbers and RF Cavities need to constantly be in high solenoidal fields!
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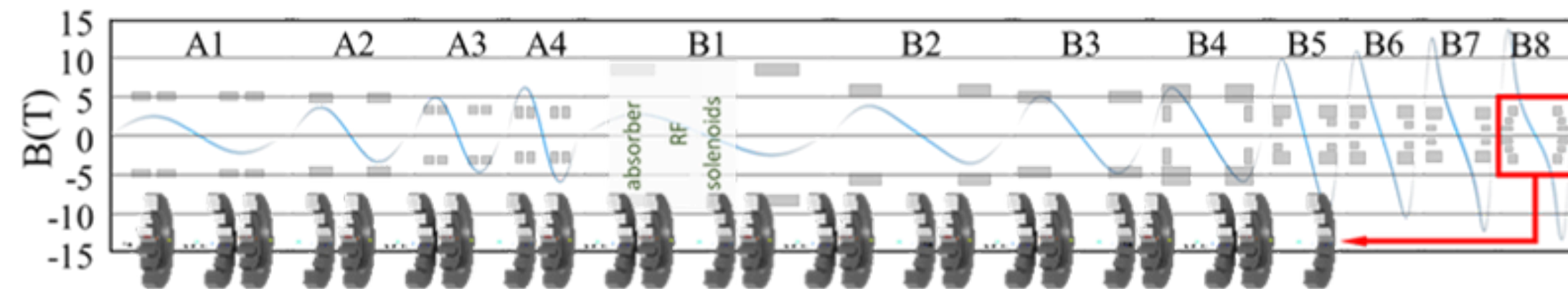
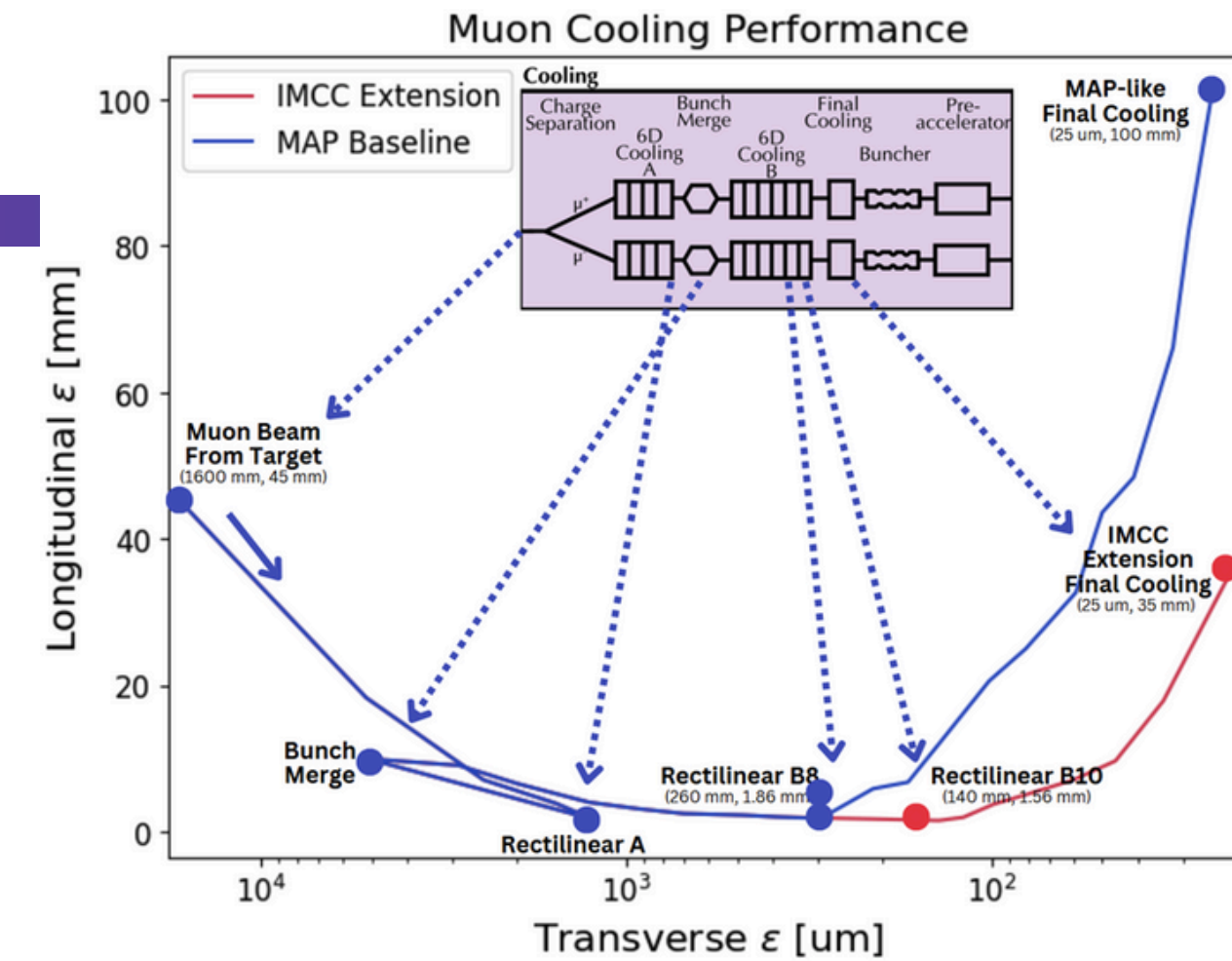
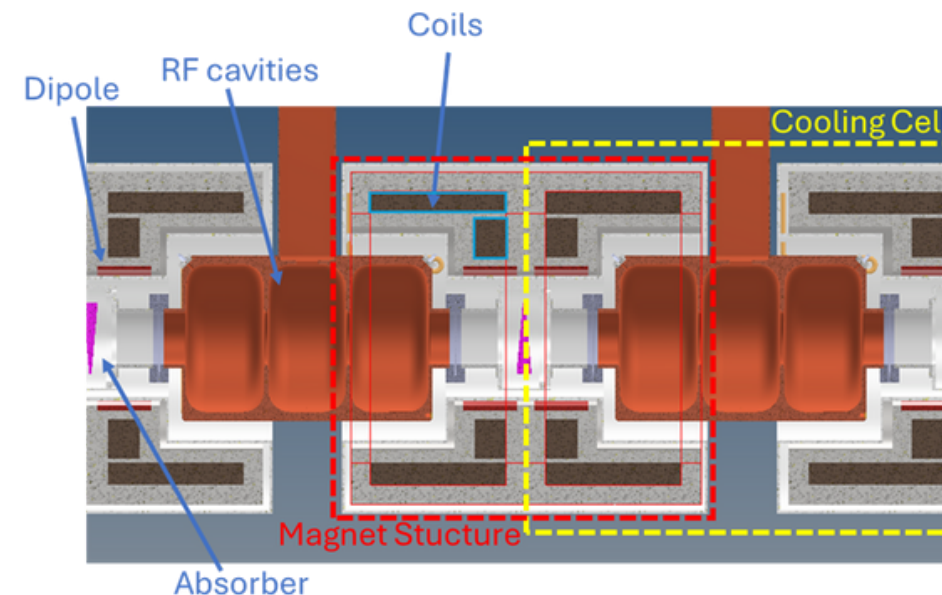
Cooling progress

Challenges:

- Overlapping dipoles, absorbers and RF cavities within solenoids.
- Bright beam on liquid hydrogen
- Beam loading and space charge

Achievements:

- Benchmarked codes, RF Track, BDSIM, G4Beamline, ICOOL
- Improved 6D cooling design



6D Future R&D:

- 2.6 - 17.9 T solenoids with 800 - 60 mm bore.
- >30 MV/m in fields >10 T.
- Develop **cooling demonstrator** to verify integration.

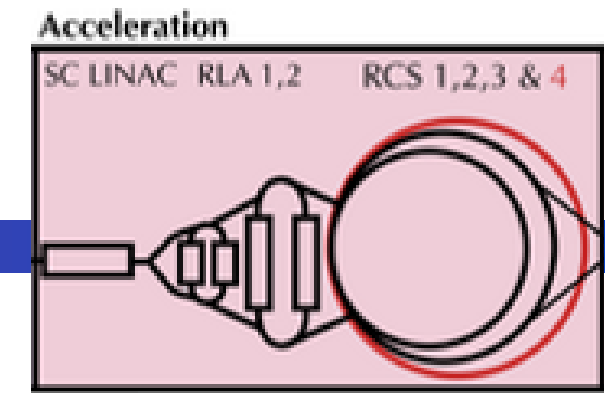
Final Cooling Future R&D:

- 40 T, 50 mm solenoids for final cooling.
- ~ 20 MV/m in 4 T fields from 200 - 5 MHz
- LH_2 pressure and windows

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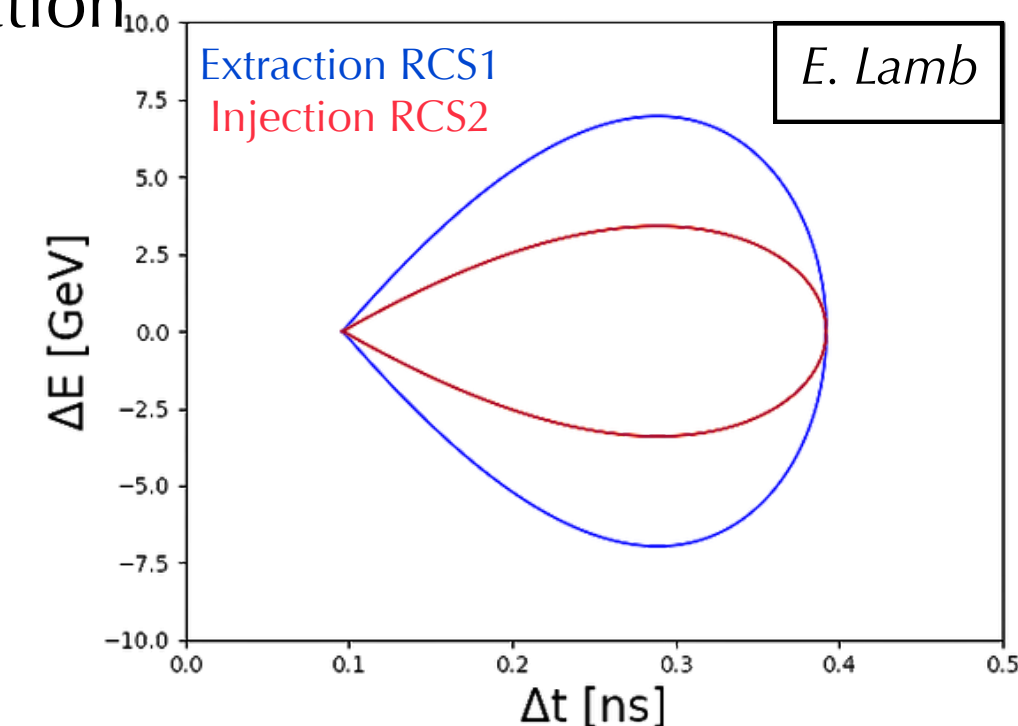
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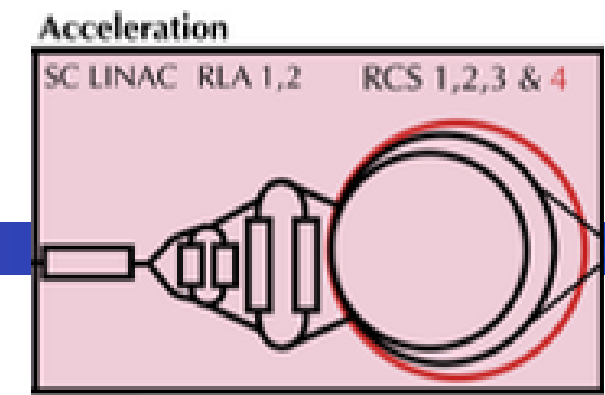
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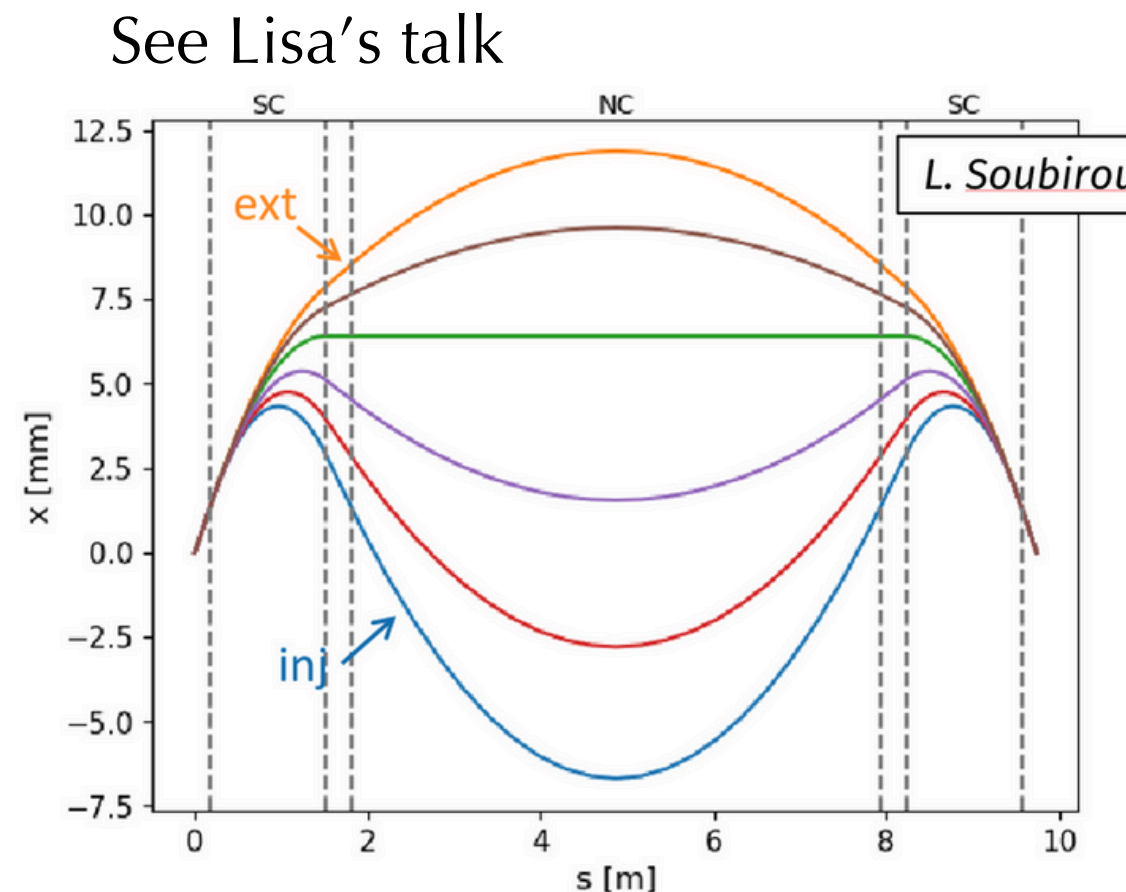
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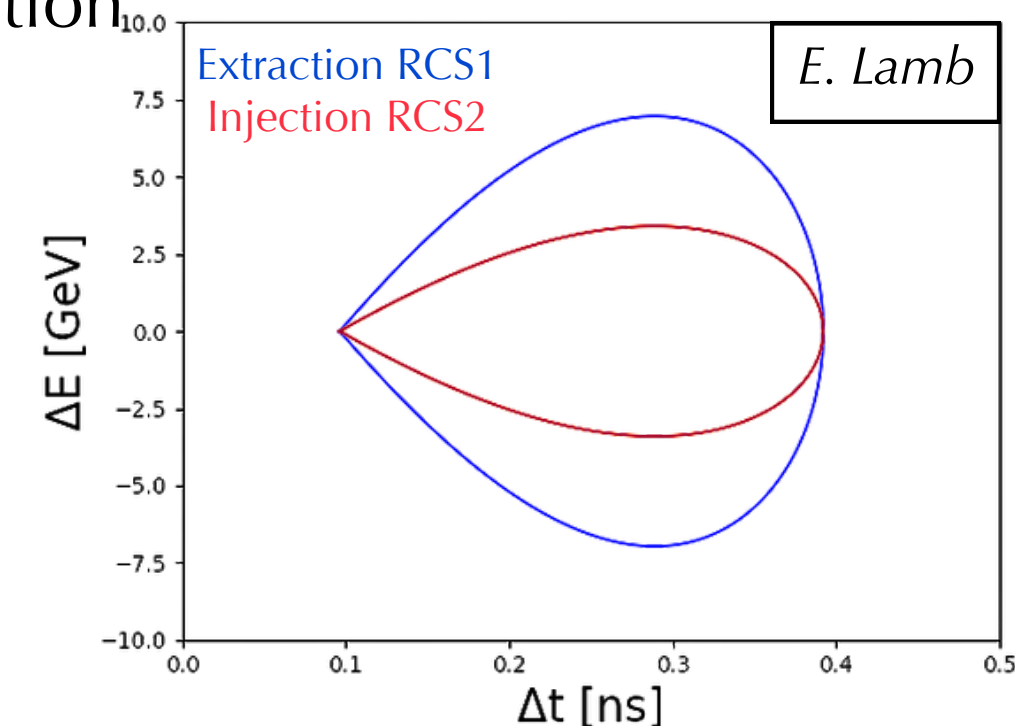
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Hybrid RCS includes both *fast-ramping normal-conducting* magnets and *static superconducting* magnets:
This gives large orbits, and large magnet sizes



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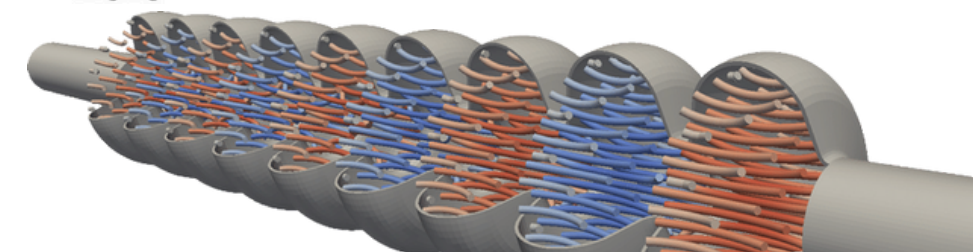
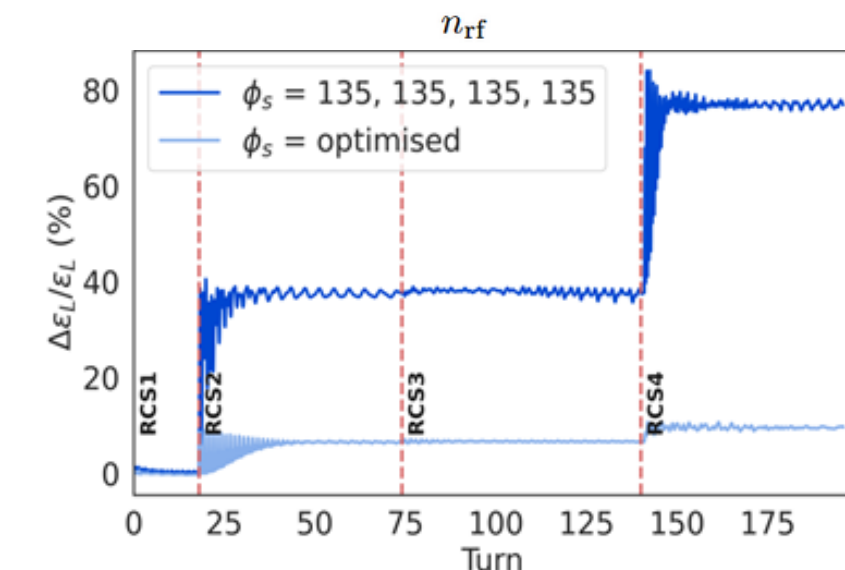
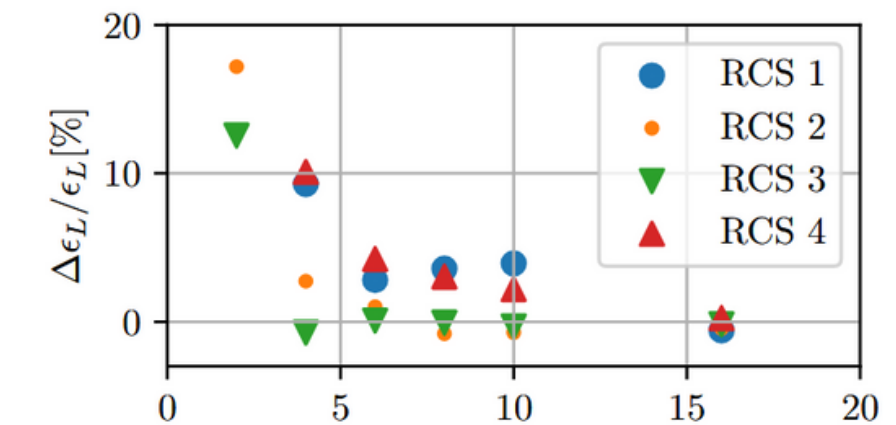
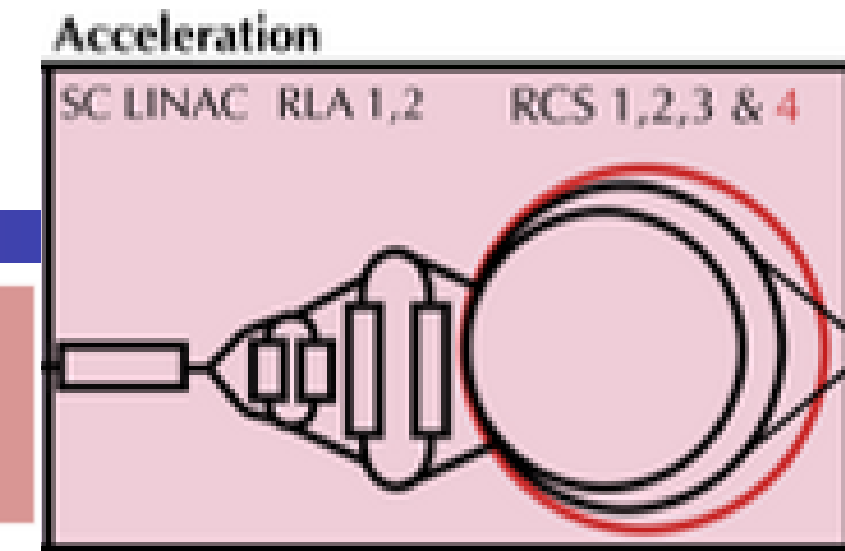
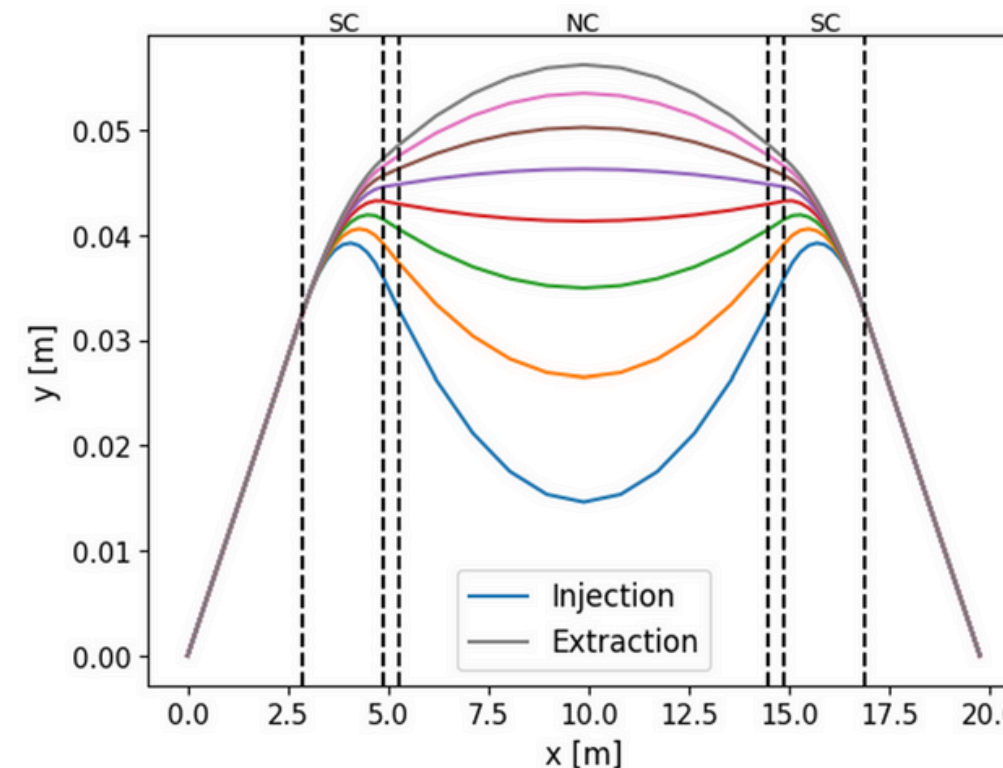
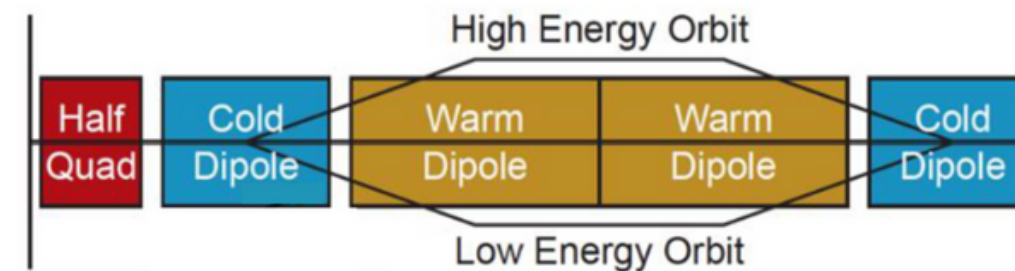
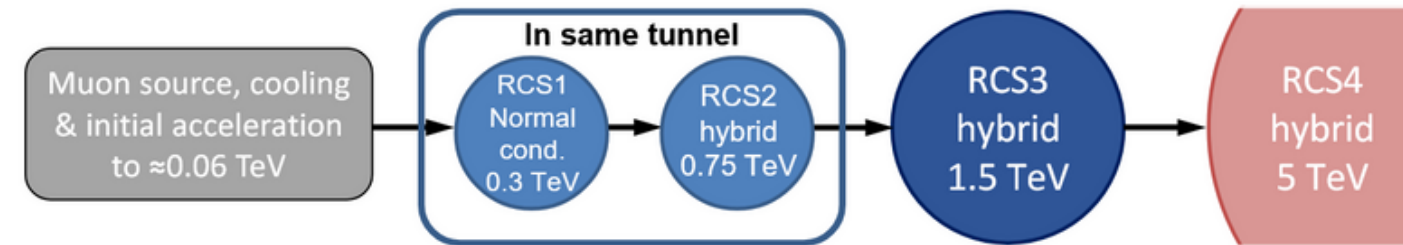
- Fast-Ramping NC magnets hybrid with static SC magnets
- Multiple RF stations throughout
- Large aperture from orbit

Achievements:

- Lattice designs & matching for greenfield and CERN RCS
- 1.3 GHz Tesla Cavities
- Impedance studies of RCSs

Future R&D:

- Designs of SC LINAC and Recirculating LINACS
- Validate power sources for 1.3 GHz
- Higher order mode damping schemes



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Progress on TeV acceleration for the Fermilab Muon Collider

Speaker: Kyle Capobianco-Hogan (Stony Brook University)

Acceleration progress

Challenges:

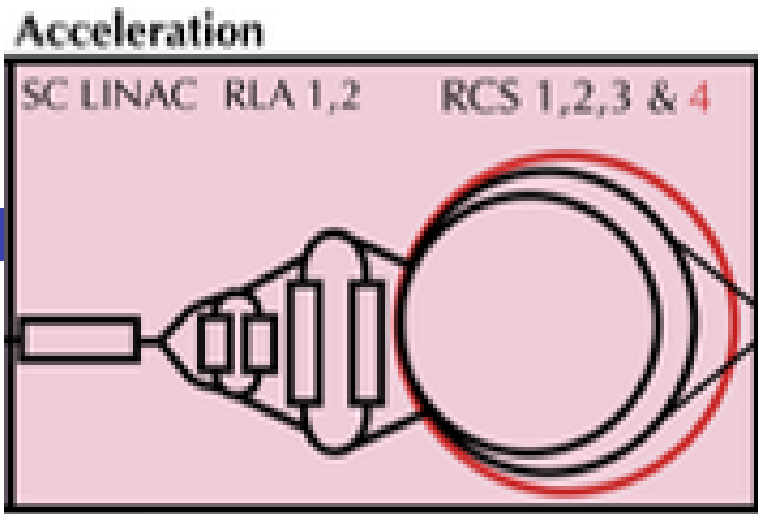
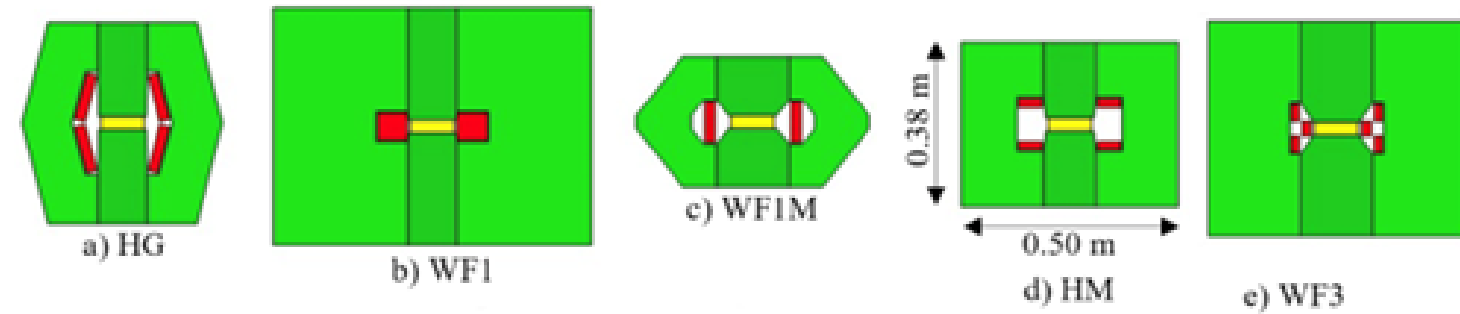
- 1-10 ms ramping NC magnets with 98-99% energy recovery of 200 MJ stored in magnets

Achievements:

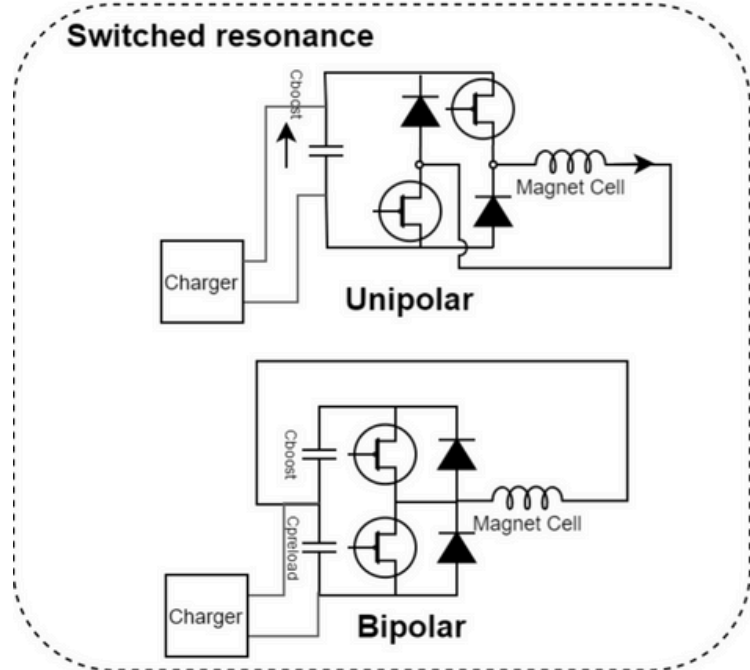
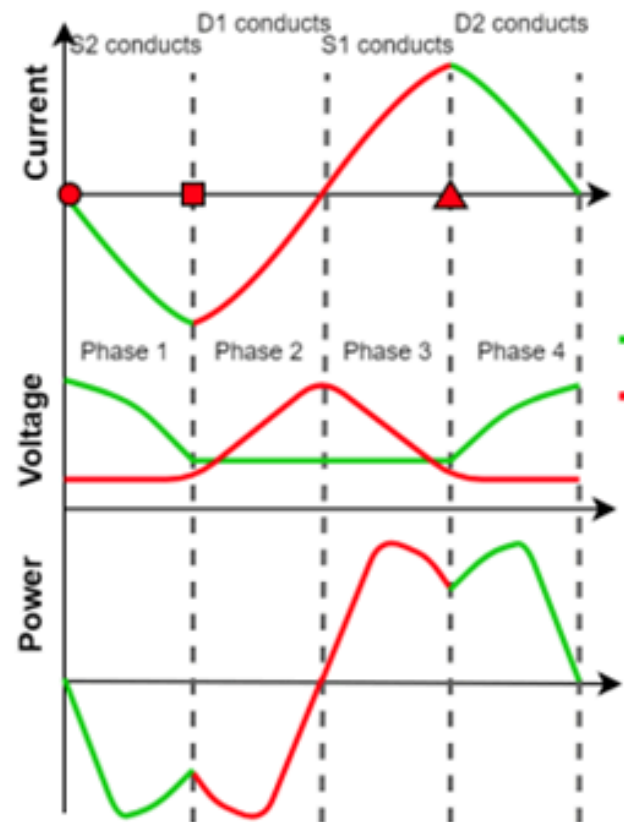
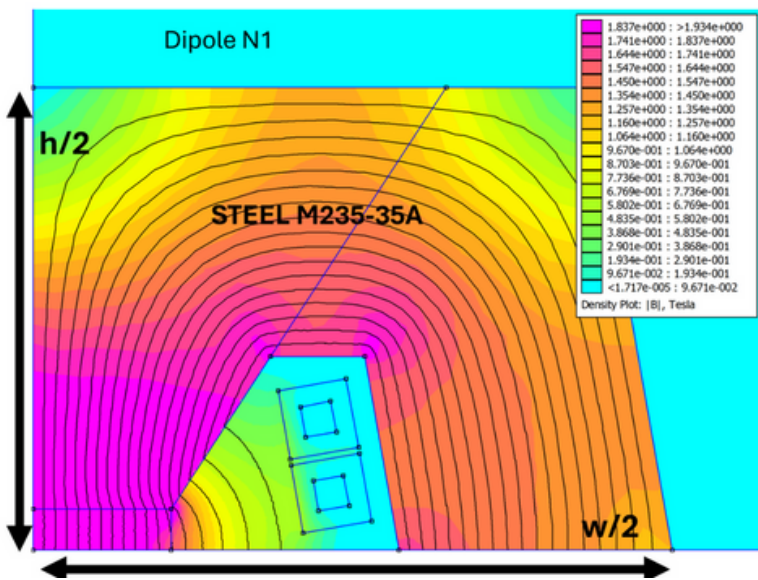
- Design of magnets, power converters, optimised together with RF
- Power converters switching magnet sign magnets without changing voltage direction

Future R&D:

- 4 kT/s ramp rate
- Synergies with infineon for sustainable energy sources



RCS	E [J/m]	E_iron [J/m]	E_copper [J/m]	Loss [%]	P [MW]
SPS 1	5447	10	52	1.1	1.9
LHC 1	5678	9.2	80.6	1.6	12.8
LHC 2	5752	63.4	298	6.3/2	26.6



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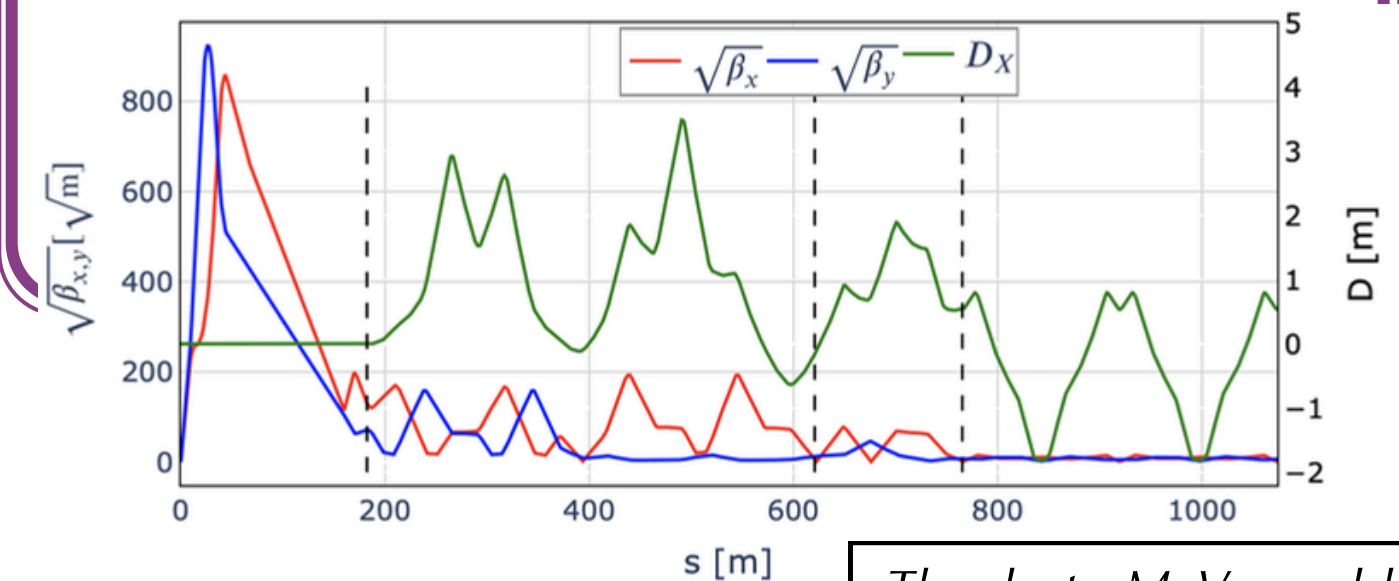
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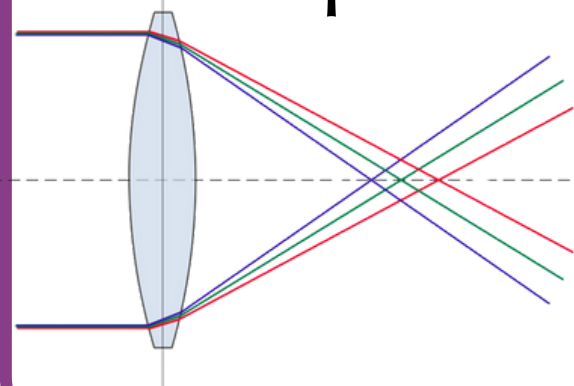
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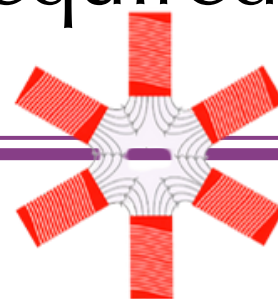
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Large beta causes strong *chromatic effects*, especially to prior to the interaction point. Required dedicated correction via *sextupole* magnets.

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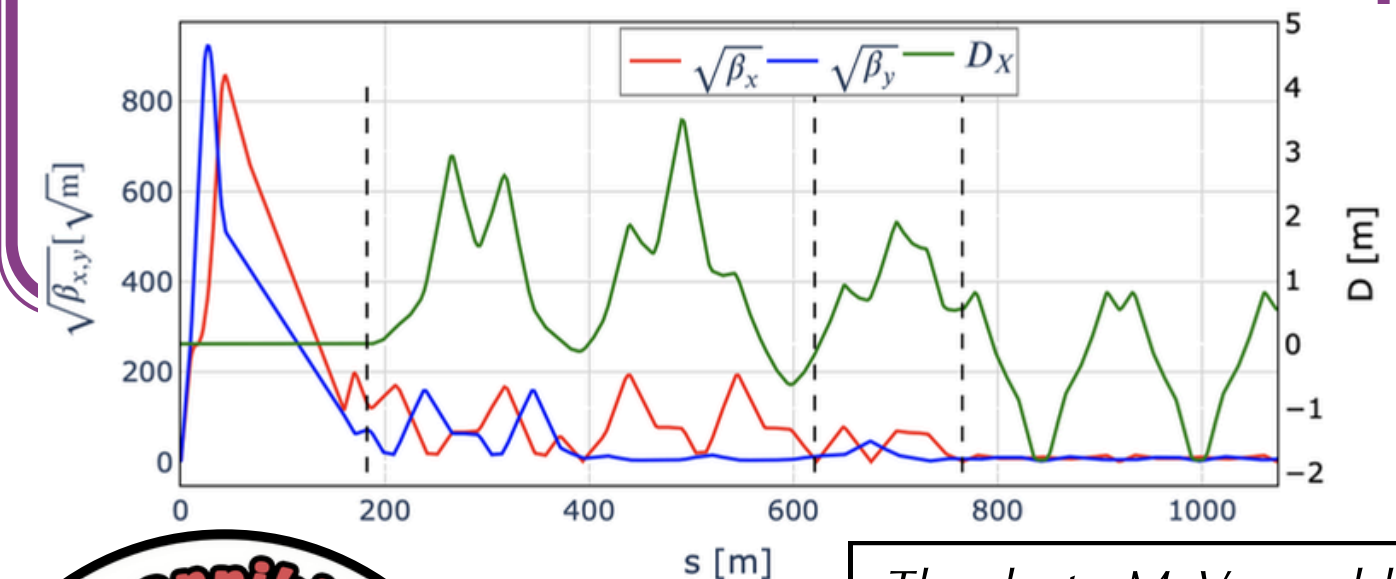


Particles with different energy will focus at different points. This affects their *tune*. Chromaticity is the linear correlation between particle momentum and tune.

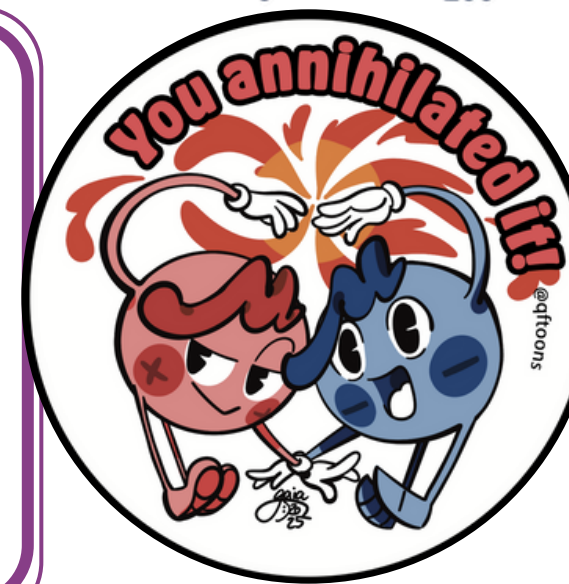


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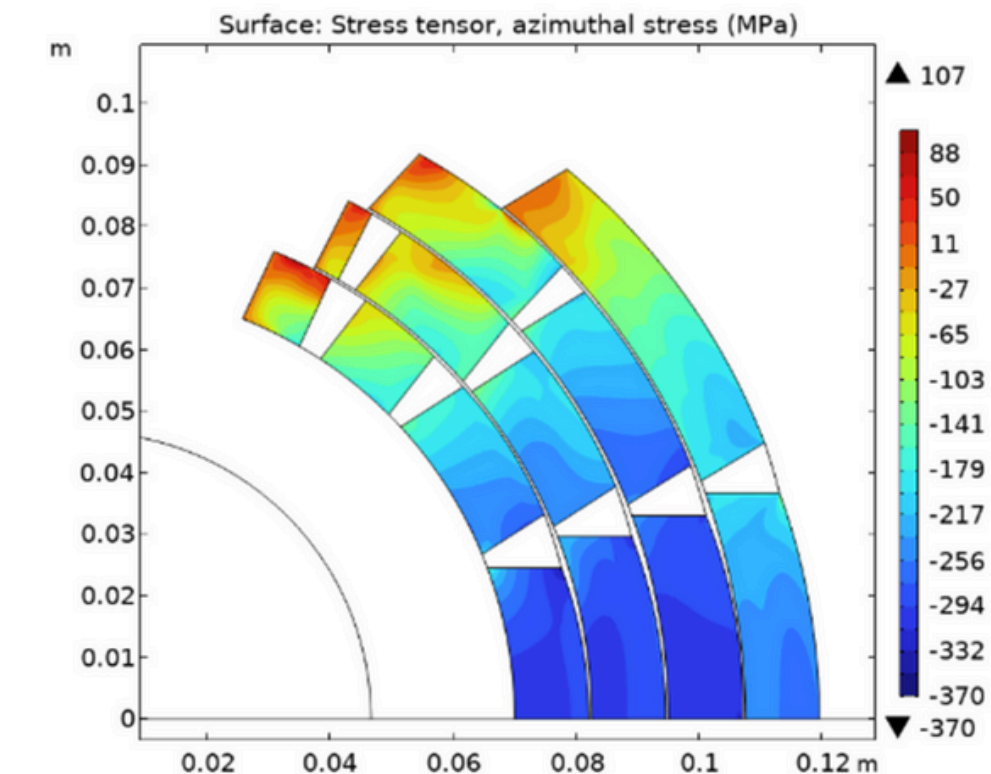
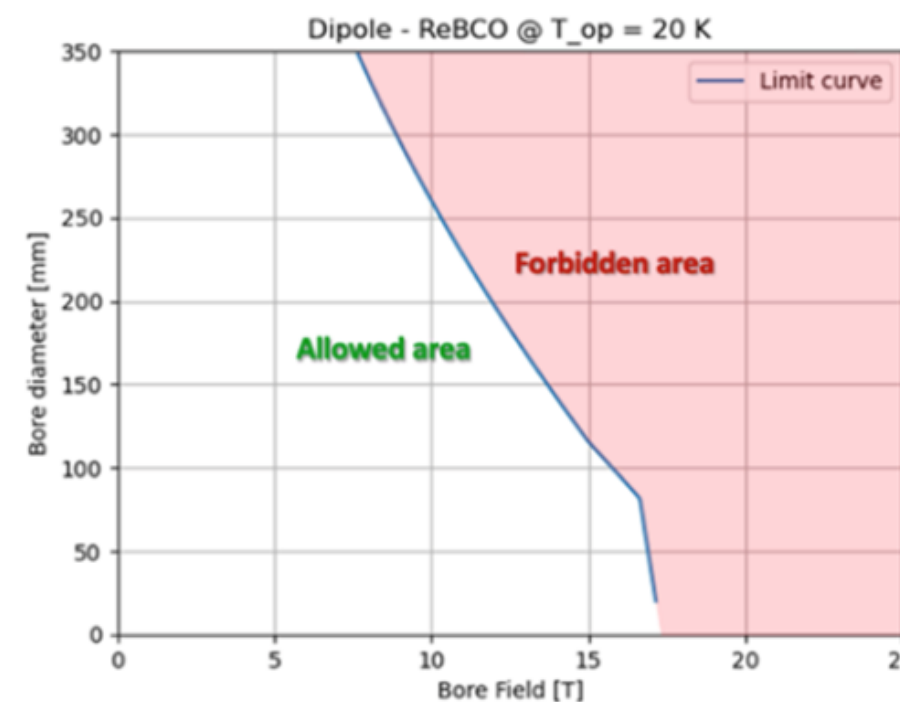
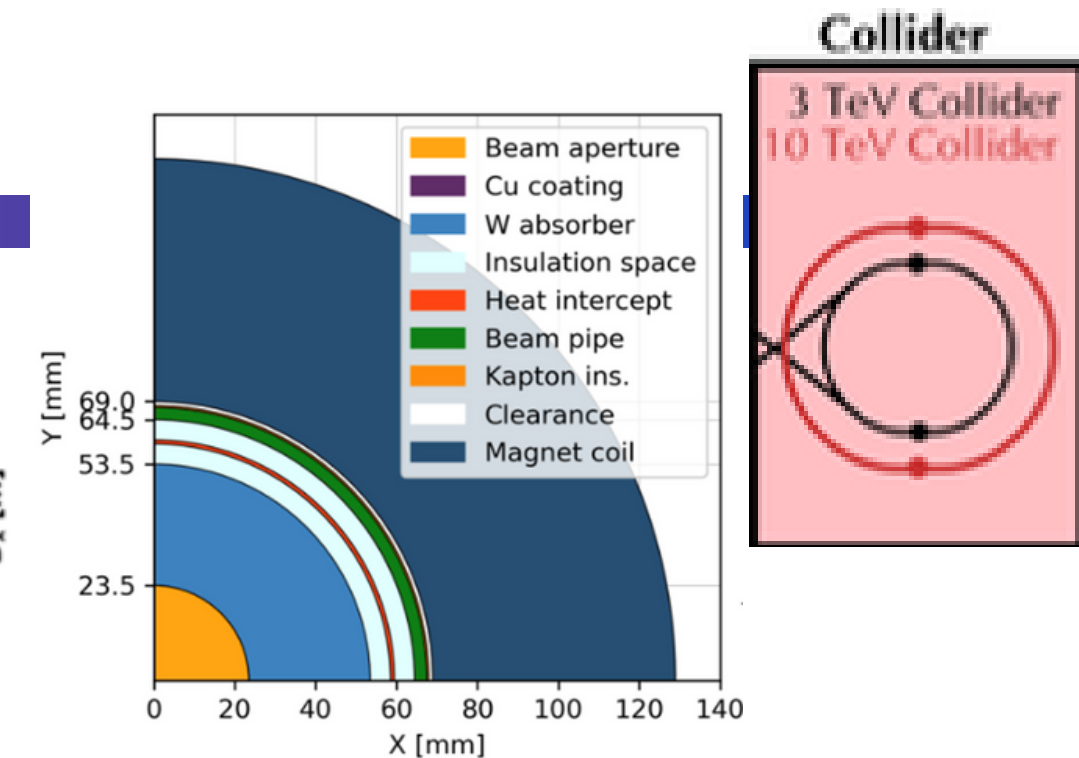
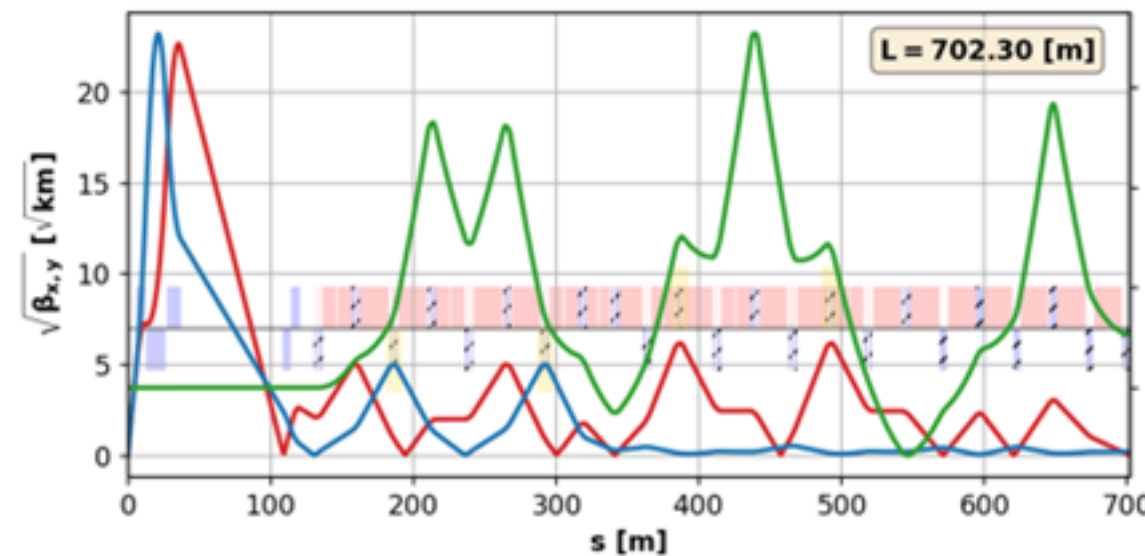
Collider progress

Challenges:

- Lattice design with β^* 1.5 – 5 mm
- 0.1% beam energy spread
- High radiation, 500 W/m loss
- High magnetic field / aperture

Achievements:

- Magnetic shielding design
- Cryogenic concept
- Impedance models



Future R&D:

- Studies on machine imperfections and misalignment
- Improve energy acceptance compensating chromatic effects
- *NbTi*: 4.8 T, 16 cm / *Nb3Sn*: 11 T, 16 cm / *HTS*: 14 T, 14 cm

Experimental programme is now essential

Why is **decay** challenging?

Short answer: Time

Muons have a rest lifetime of 2.2 *us*.

At 5 TeV, this would be 110 ms.
At 1.5 TeV, this would be 30 ms.

The speed throughout the muon collider *changes*.

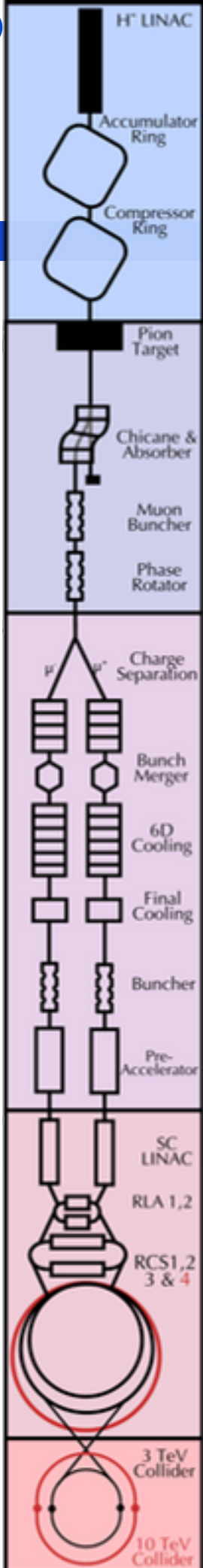
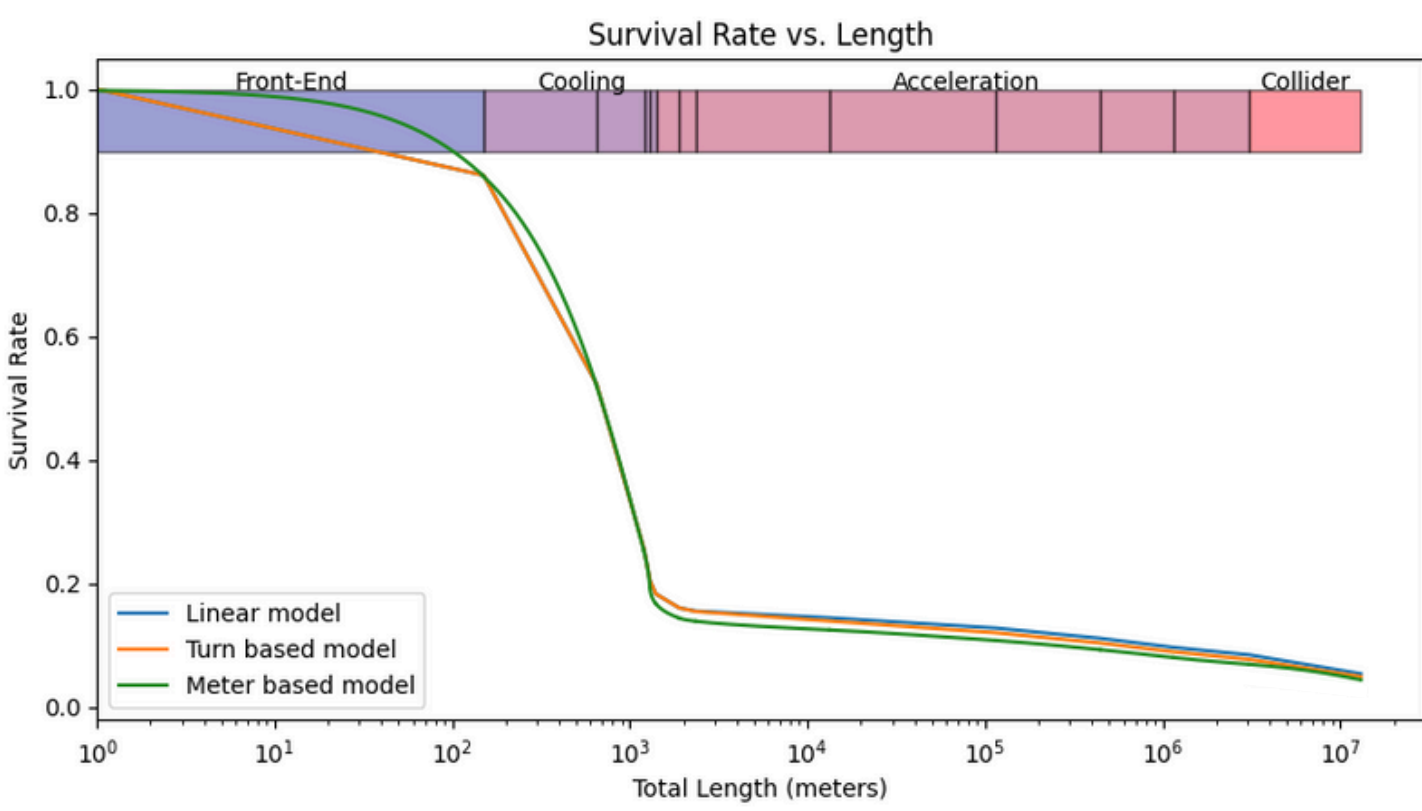
- Have a decay ‘budget’, based on energy and length
 - Earlier stages are shorter but have non-relativistic energies
 - Later stages are longer, have multiple passes, but relativistic energies

System:	RLA1	RLA2	RCS1	RCS2	RCS3	RCS4
Passes:	4.5	4.5	17	55	66	55

Currently estimate 5% of muons survive.
But full start-to-end simulation required.

Short answer: Neutrinos

Neutrino radiation at the collider must remain negligible at the earths’ surface. Affects design of the straight sections to prevent build-up of muon decay in one direction.



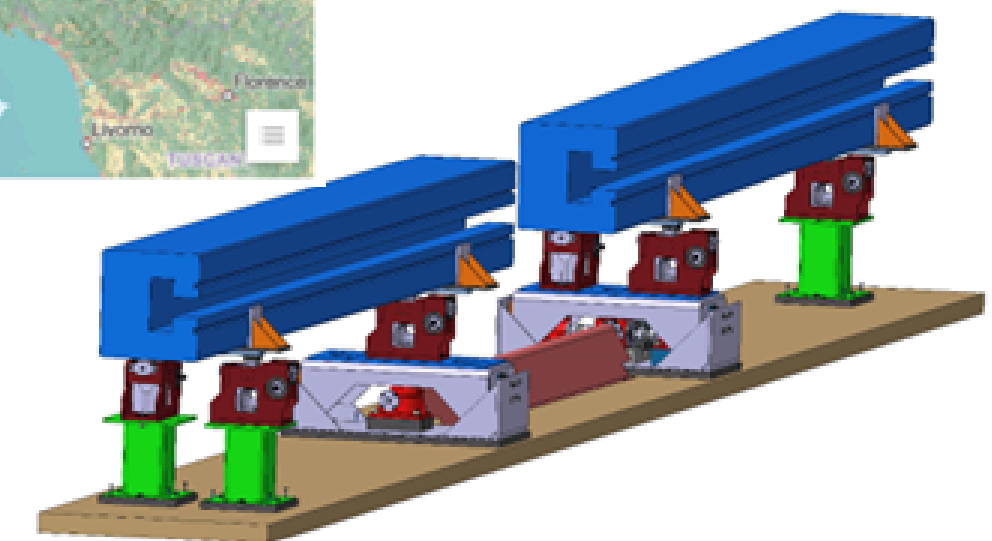
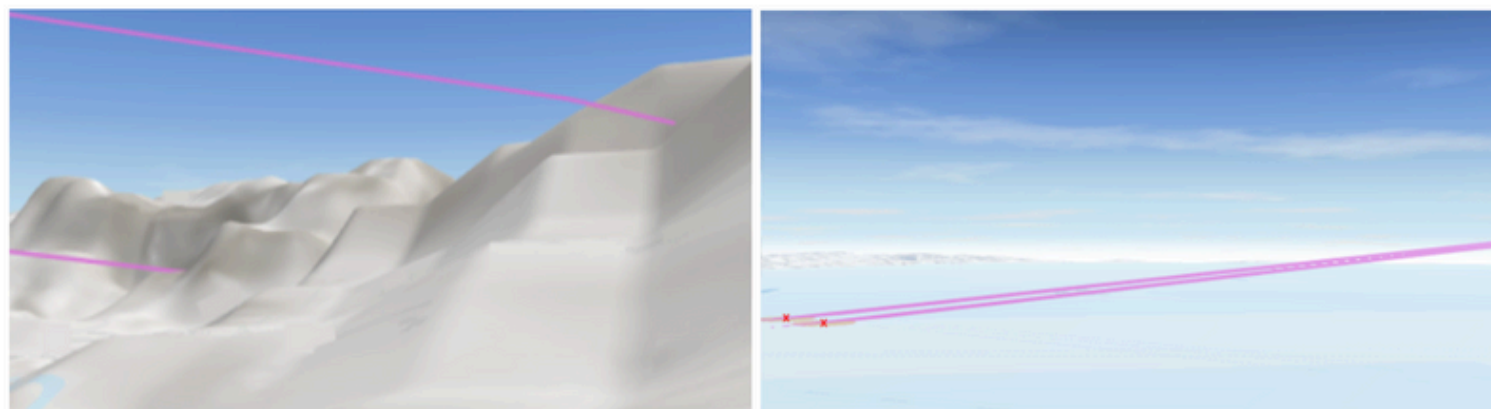
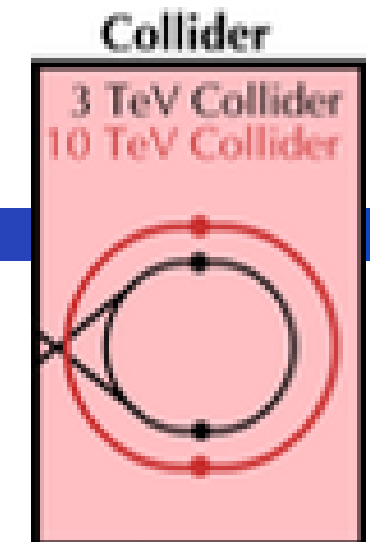
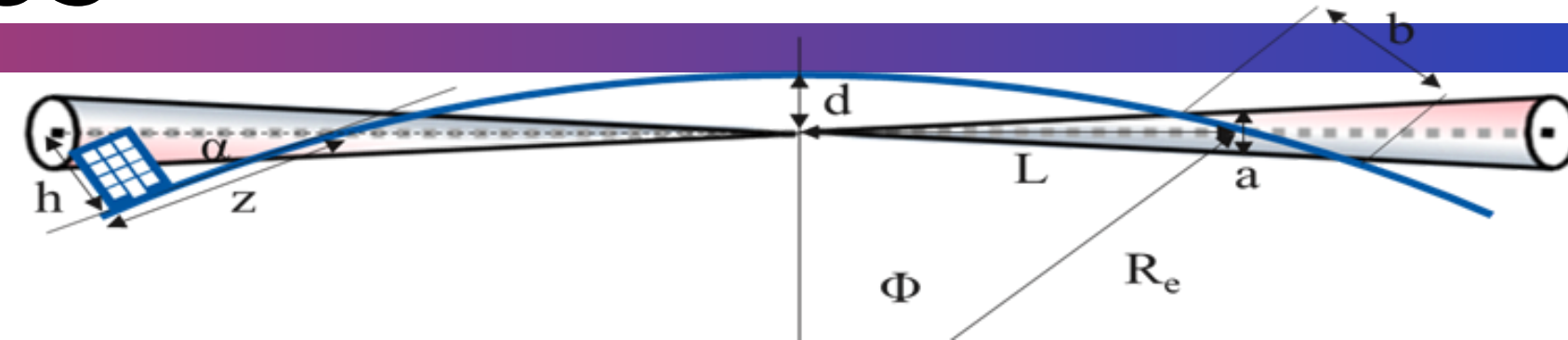
Collider progress

Challenges:

- Negligible neutrino flux
- Orient collider to benefit neutrino detector studies

Achievements:

- Geoprofiler for detailed modelling
- Orientation options found
- Conceptualised mover system



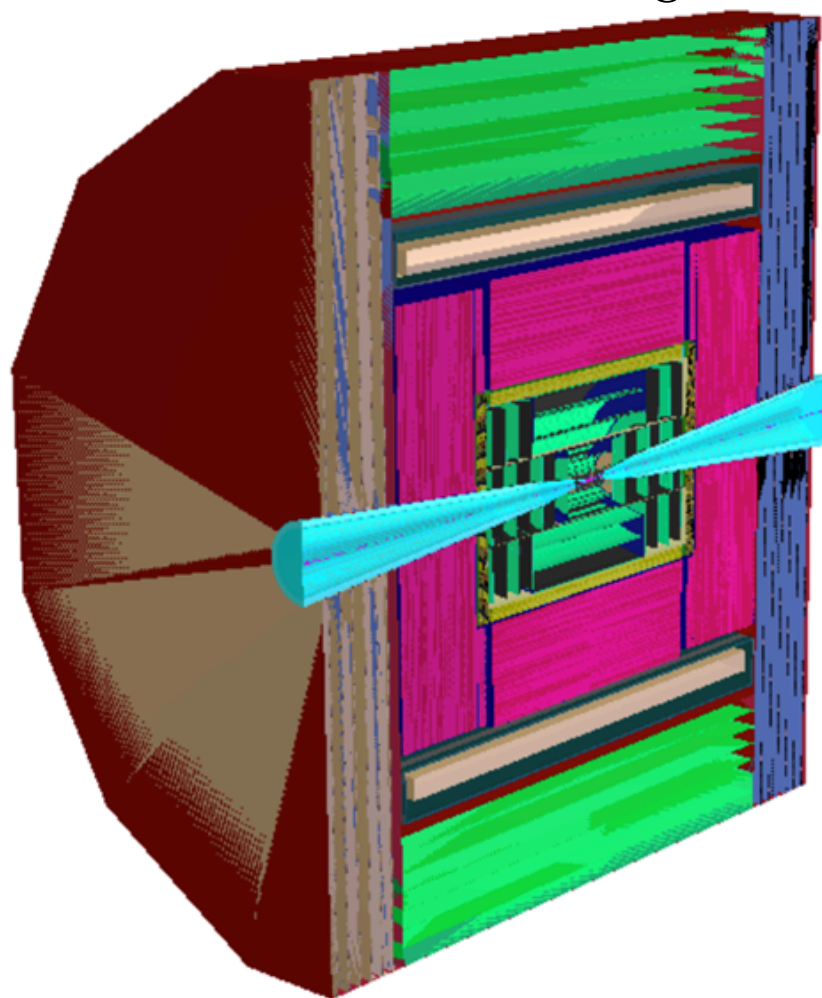
Future R&D:

- Jack development programme to reach 1 mrad with 0.004 mrad tolerance
- Further iteration with collider lattice

Detector progress

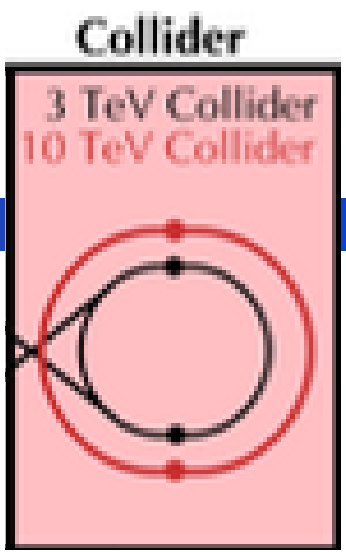
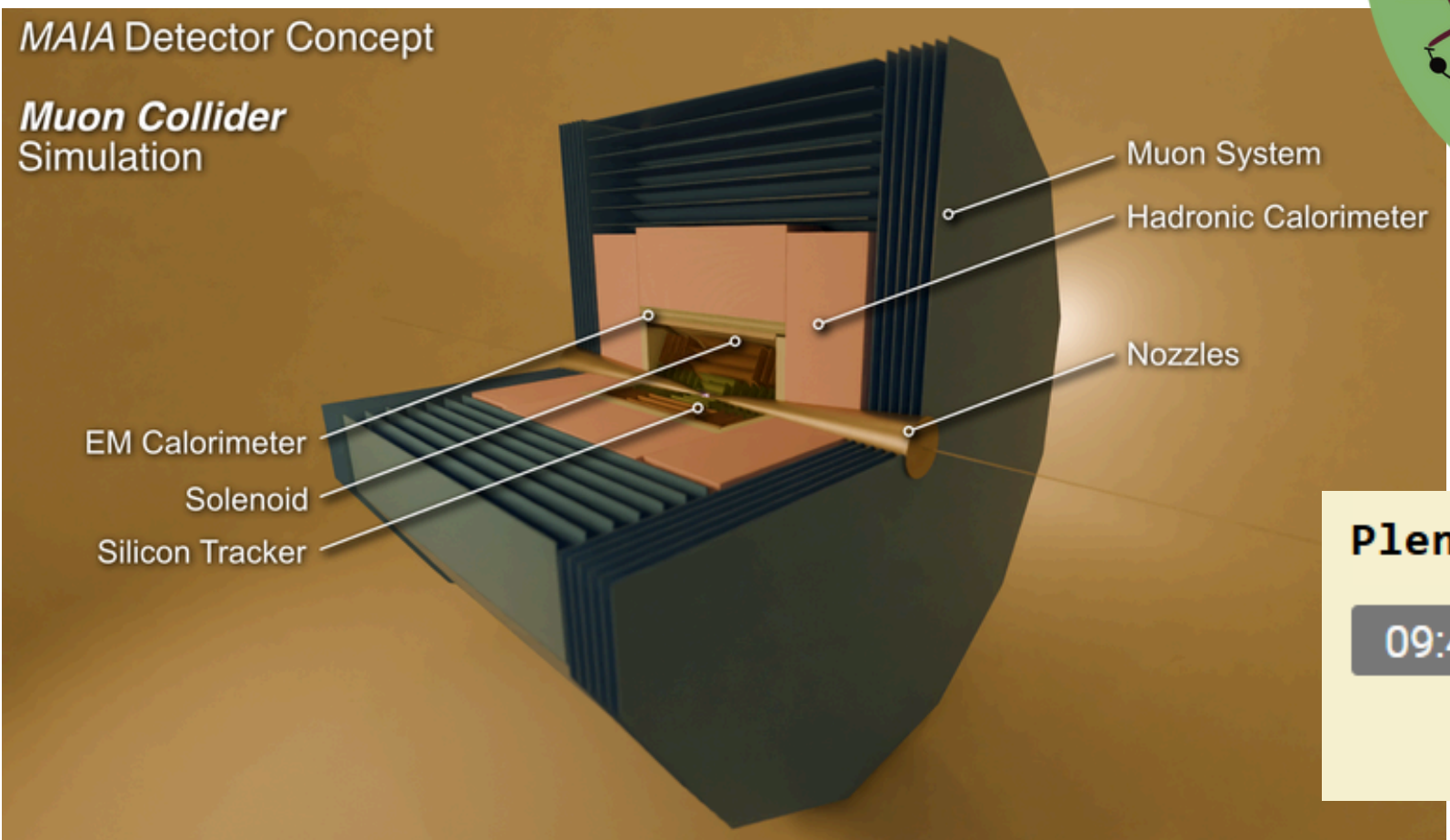
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Muon Smasher for Interesting Collisions



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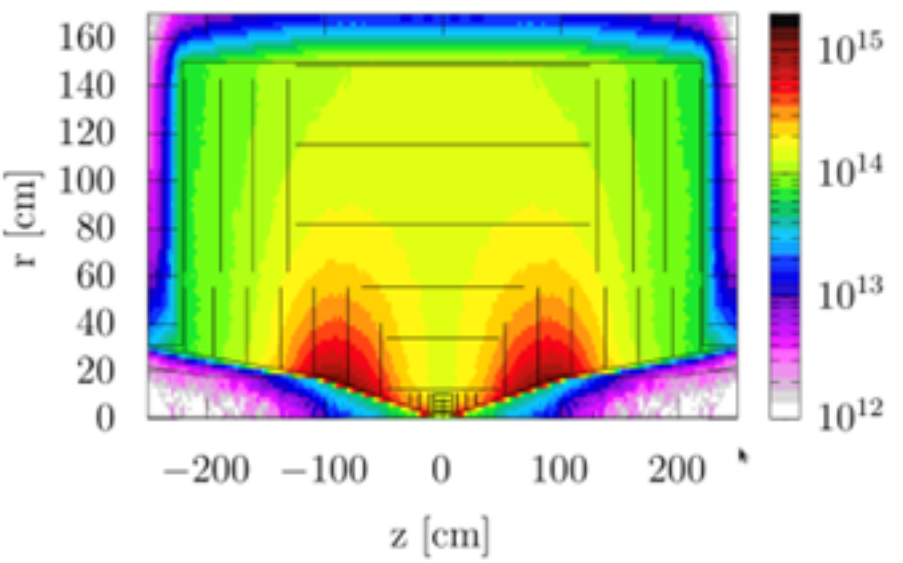
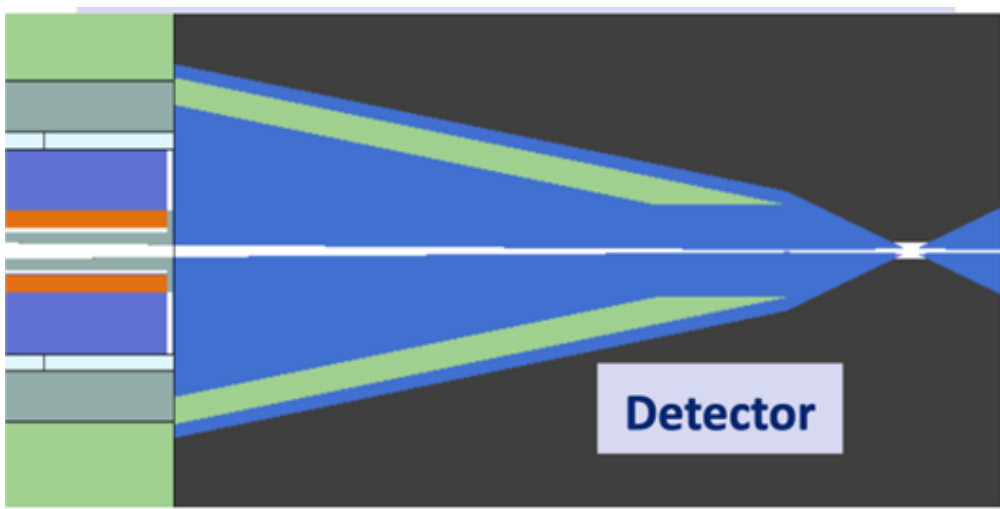
Muon Accelerator Instrumented Apparatus



Plenary: Wednesday Morning
09:45 **MDI Design**
Speaker: Dr Donatella Lucchesi (INFN)

Future R&D:

- Reconstructing events with high BIB
- Tungsten nozzle configuration
- State-of-the-art detector technologies



Useful Links

IMCC Mattermost:

- Can be accessed with a guest account
- Channels for each section
- Direct communication to members of the IMCC active community
 - (Don't need to know who you're messaging)

Early Career Mailing List:

- Informal, open to those external to USMCC/IMCC interested in muons
- Workshops, job openings can be advertised here

MuonCollider-Facilities Mailing List:

- The main Muon Collider mailing list in IMCC. Best way to stay in touch.

Other mailing lists can be subscribed on e-groups.cern.ch

Search for “*muoncollider*”. (Some may be less active):

- detector, cooling, magnets, mdi, rf, test facilities, *coffee meeting*



Conclusion



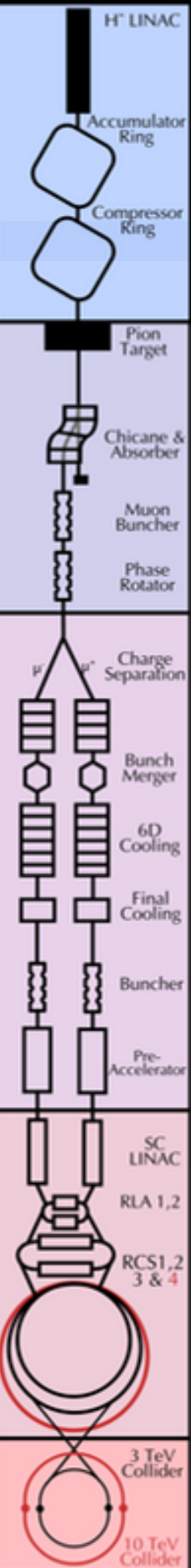
The beam physics challenges change across the muon collider.

Each system requires a different combination of simulation codes to accurately model their effects.

Modelling these systems is essential to begin the design process and guide magnet/RF/technological limits.

A start-to-end simulation would ensure matching between systems and model rate of muon decay.

Overall aim is to provide a design which meets the goals of energy, intensity and luminosity, at interaction points.



Thank you



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