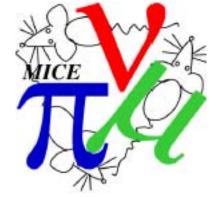
Muon Cooling and Future Muon Facilities

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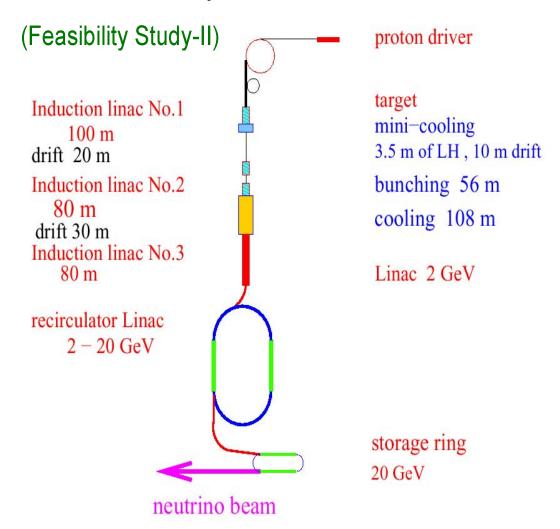


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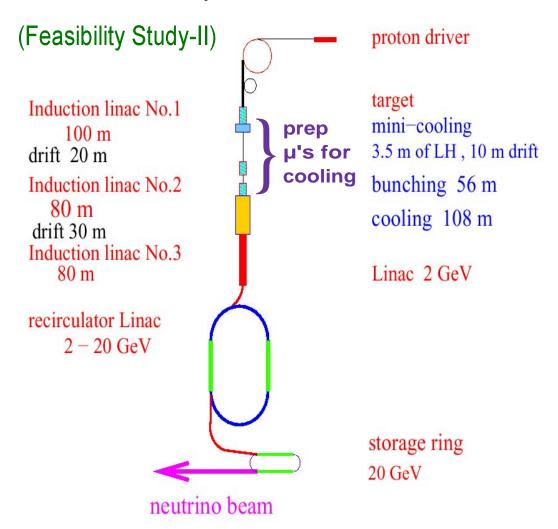
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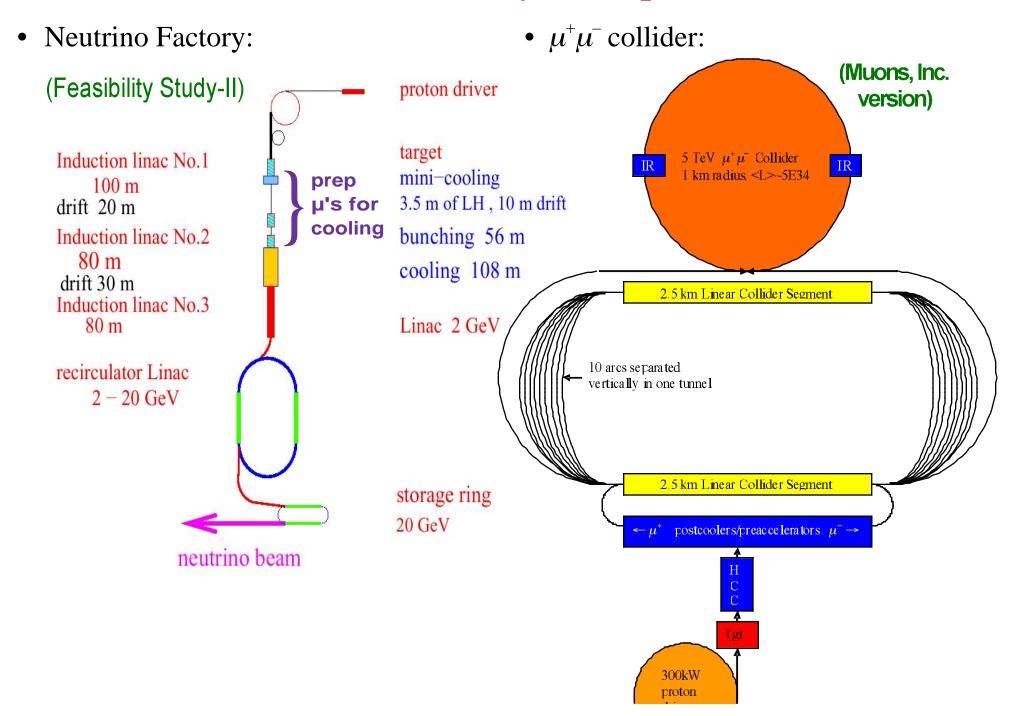
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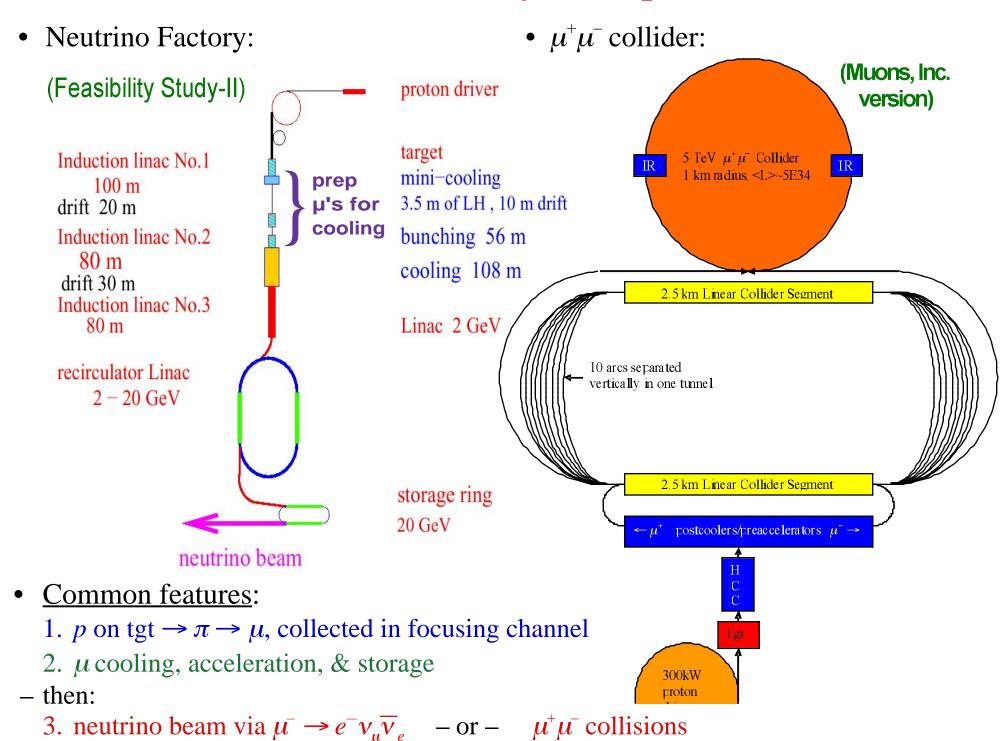
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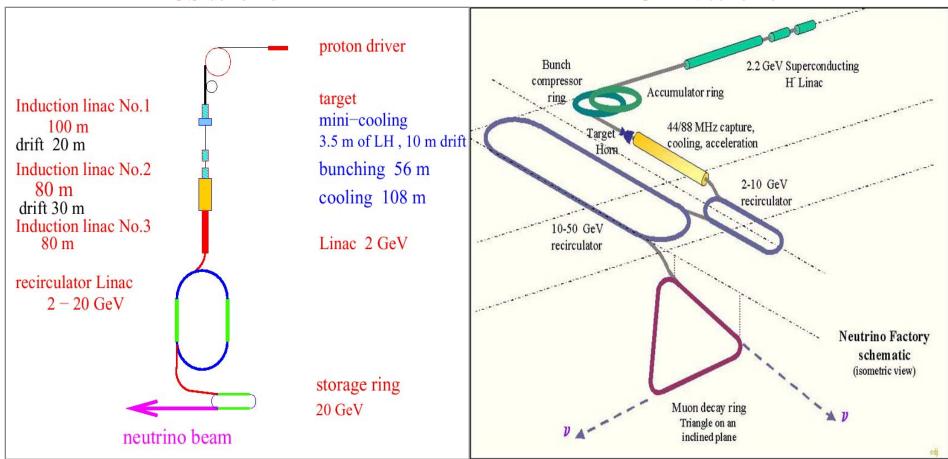


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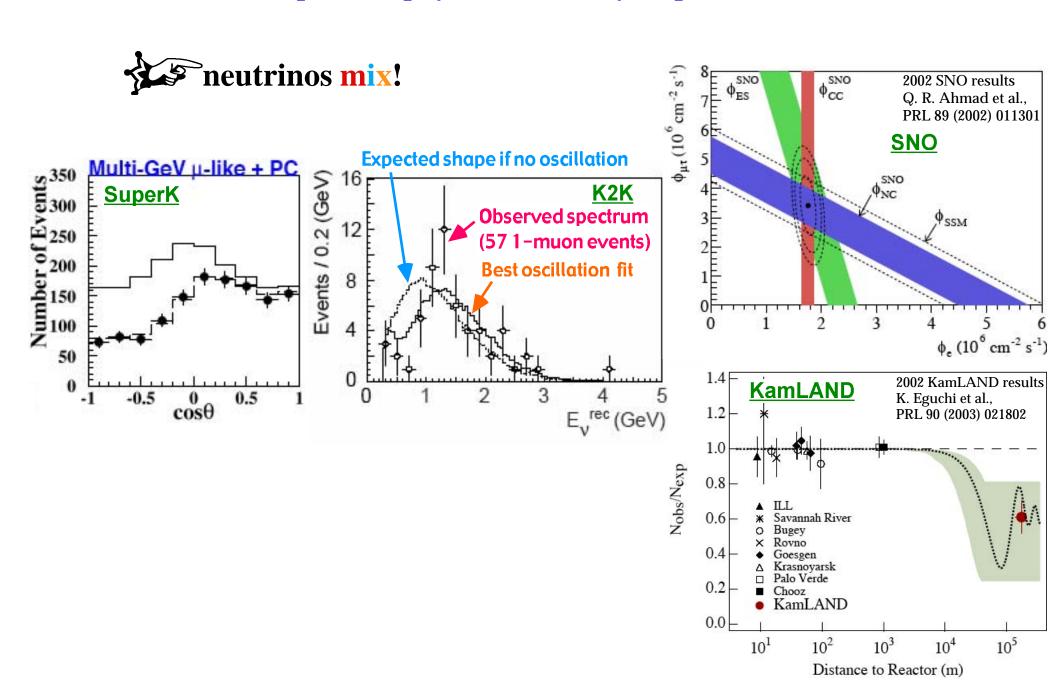
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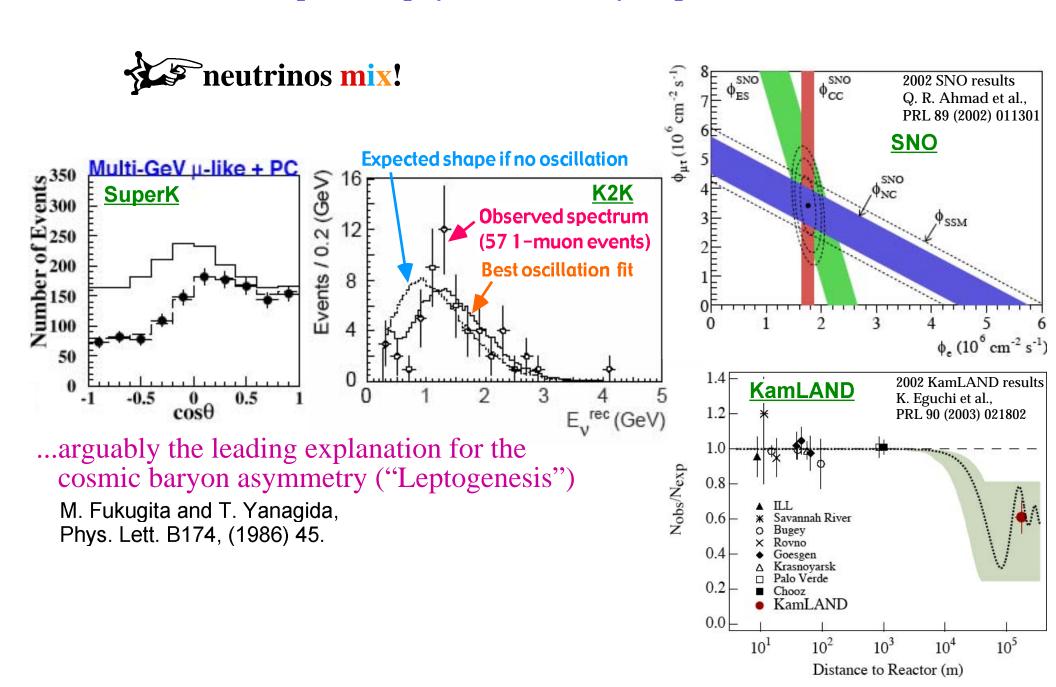
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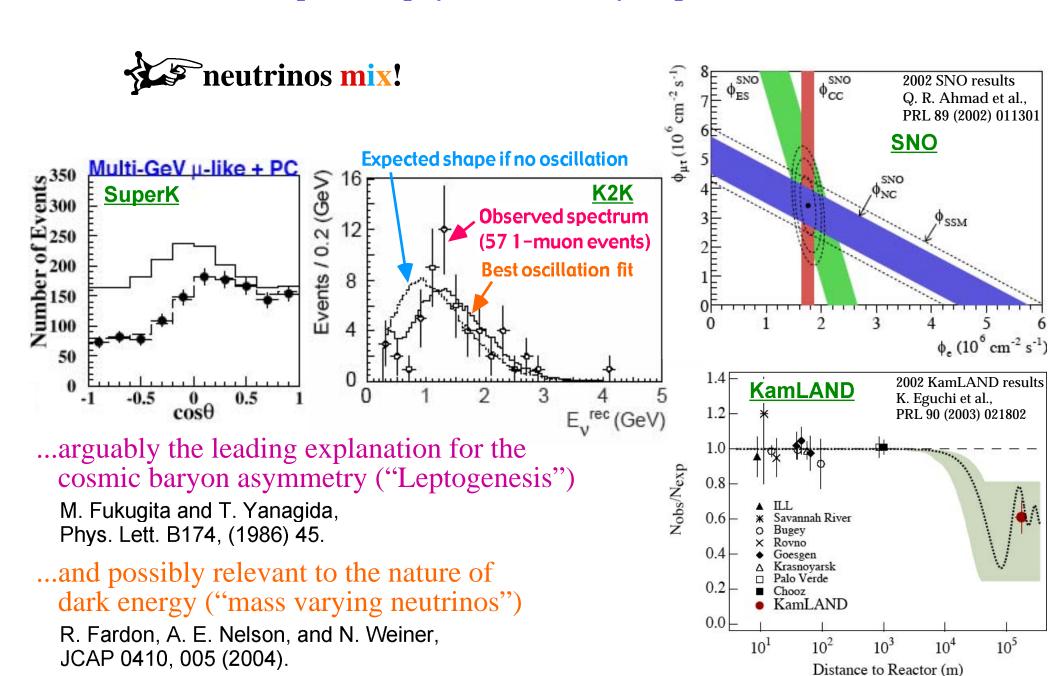
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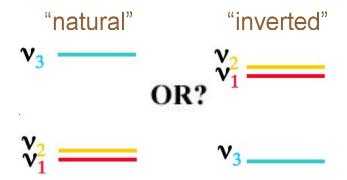
- ~MW proton beam on high-power target → pions, collected & decay in focusing channel
- Decay muons undergo longitudinal phase-space manipulation, cooling, acceleration, & storage in decay ring w/ long straight sections
- Makes intense beam of high-energy electron and muon neutrinos via $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- v_\mu \overline{v}_e$
- \exists also Japanese design does not require cooling but could benefit from it
- Recent work shows this is ~ 2G\$ facility







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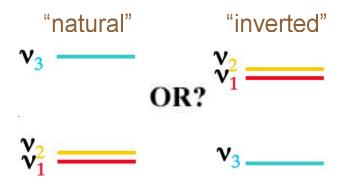


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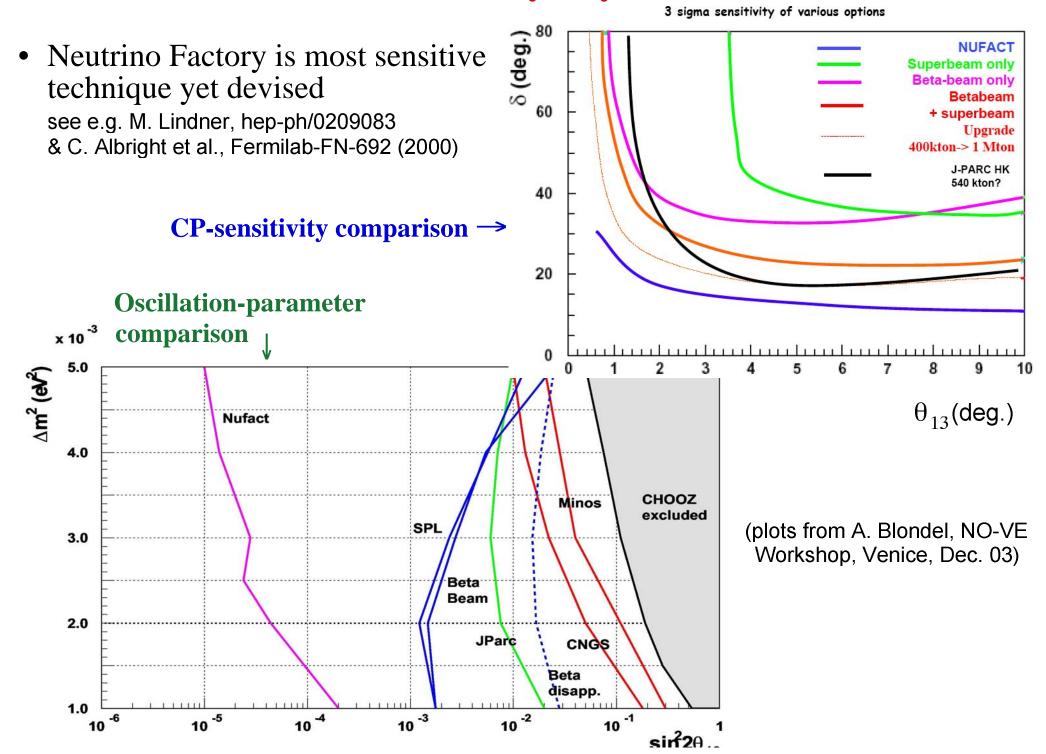
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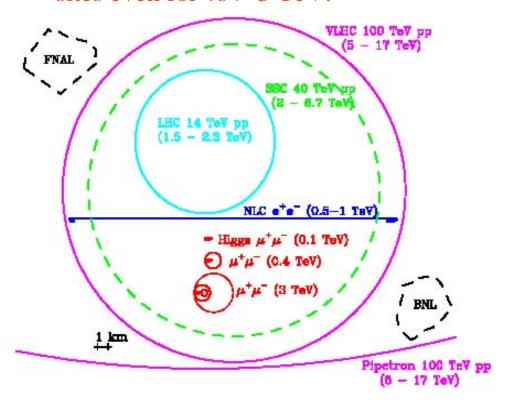
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- These call for a program to measure the PMNS elements as well as possible.

Neutrino Factory Physics Reach



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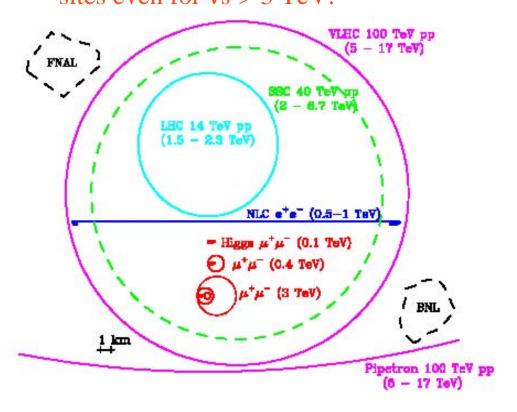
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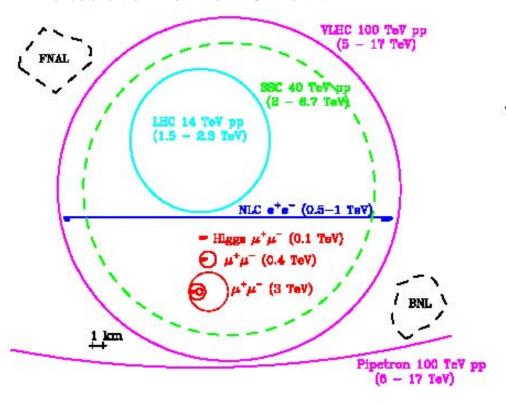
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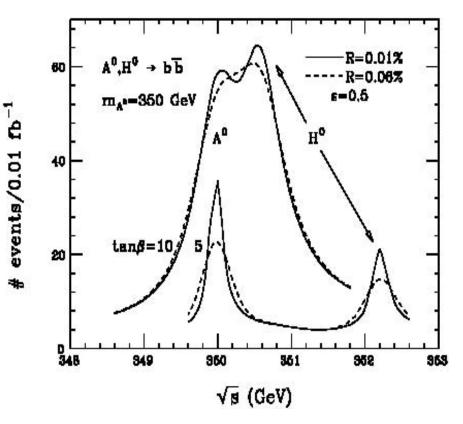
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• Also...

s-channel coupling of Higgs to lepton pairs $\propto m_{\text{lepton}}^2$



• E.g., $\mu\mu$ -collider resolution can separate near-degenerate scaler and pseudo-scalar Higgs states of high-tan β SUSY

"A Brief History of Muons"

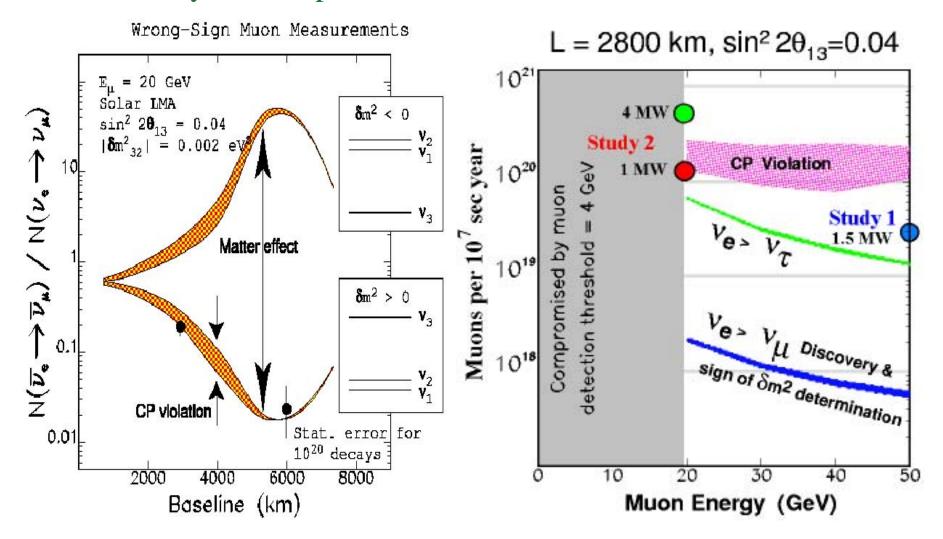
- Muon storage rings are an old idea:
 - Charpak *et al.* (g-2) (1960), Tinlot & Green (1960), Melissinos (1960)
- Muon colliders suggested by Tikhonin (1968), Neuffer (1979)
- But no concept for achieving high luminosity until ionization cooling
 - O'Neill (1956), Lichtenberg et al. (1956),
 applied to muon cooling by Skrinsky & Parkhomchuk (1981), Neuffer (1983)
- Realization (Neuffer and Palmer) that a high-luminosity muon collider might be feasible stimulated series of workshops & formation (1995) of Neutrino Factory and Muon Collider Collaboration
 - has since grown to 47 institutions and >100 physicists
- Snowmass Summer Study (1996)
 - study of feasibility of a 2+2 TeV Muon Collider [Fermilab-conf-96/092]
- Neutrino Factory suggested by Geer (1997) at the Workshop on Physics at the First Muon Collider and the Front End of the Muon Collider [AIP Conf. Proc. 435]; Phys. Rev D 57, 6989 (1998); also CERN yellow report (1999) [CERN 99-02, ECFA 99-197]
- See also:
 - Neutrino Factory Feasibility Study I (2000) and II (2001) reports;
 - Recent Progress in Neutrino Factory and Muon Collider Research within the Muon Collaboration, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 6, 081001 (2003);
 - APS Multidivisional Neutrino Study, www.aps.org/neutrino/ (2004);
 - Recent innovations in muon beam cooling, AIP Conf. Proc. **821**, 405 (2006);
 - www.cap.bnl.gov/mumu/; www.fnal.gov/projects/muon_collider

Neutrino Factory Feasibility

- Much work on Neutrino Factory design has convinced us that it is feasible
- Feasibility Study I (1999):
 - 6-month study sponsored by Fermilab, led by Norbert Holtkamp
 - many person-years of effort, including detailed simulation studies and engineering of conceptual designs
 - goal: based on assumed technical solutions, estimate relative costs of subsystems to see
 which ones are "cost drivers" for further R&D
 - main cost drivers were acceleration, cooling, longitudinal phase-space manipulation
- Feasibility Study II (2000–01):
 - 1-year study sponsored by BNL, led by Bob Palmer (BNL) and Mike Zisman (LBNL)
 - again many person-years of effort, including simulation and engineering
 - goal: improve FS-I performance and reduce estimated facility cost
- Feasibility Study 2a (2004):
 - undertaken as part of APS Multi-Divisional Neutrino Study
 - goal: use new ideas to tweak FS-II design to reduce cost while maintaining performance
- International Scoping Study (2005-6)
 - under auspices of CCLRC/RAL, lay groundwork for multi-year Int'l Design Study

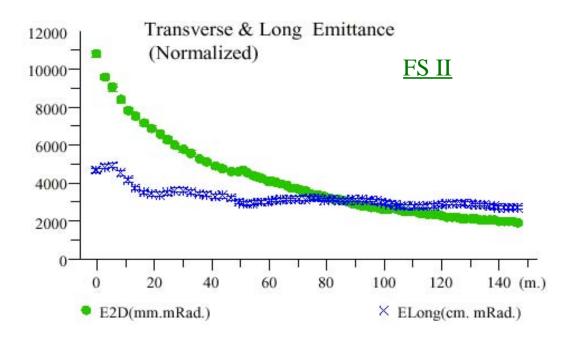
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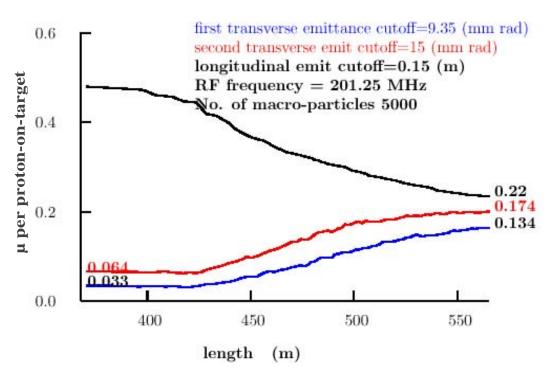
• With suitably chosen baseline(s), comparing $v_e \rightarrow v_\mu \& \overline{v}_e \rightarrow \overline{v}_\mu$ determines mass hierarchy and CP phase δ :



- To set scale, 10^{20} decays with 50-kT detector sees δ down to $\approx 8^{\circ}$
 - ⇒ important to maximize flux!

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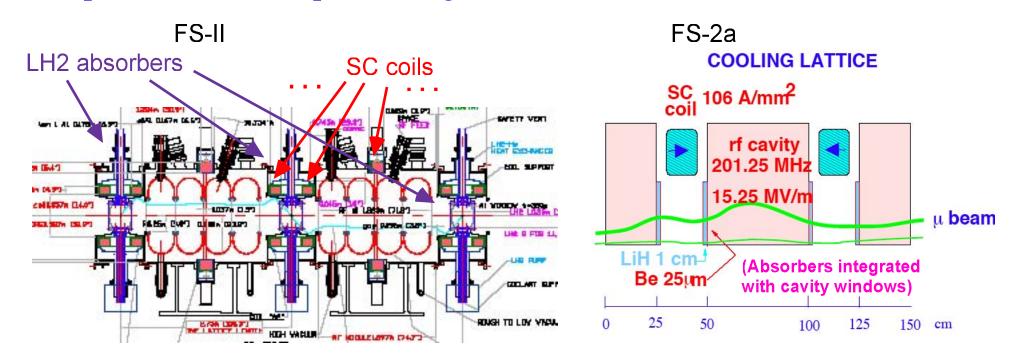


Indicative (not definitive!) FS II cost estimate			
System	Sum	${ m Others}^a$	Total
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Proton Driver	167.6	16.8	184.4
Target Systems	91.6	9.2	100.8
Decay Channel	4.6	0.5	5.1
Induction Linacs	319.1	31.9	351.0
Bunching	68.6	6.9	75.5
Cooling Channel	317.0	31.7	348.7
Pre-accel, linac	188.9	18.9	207.8
RLA	355.5	35.5	391.0
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Site Utilities	126.9	12.7	139.6
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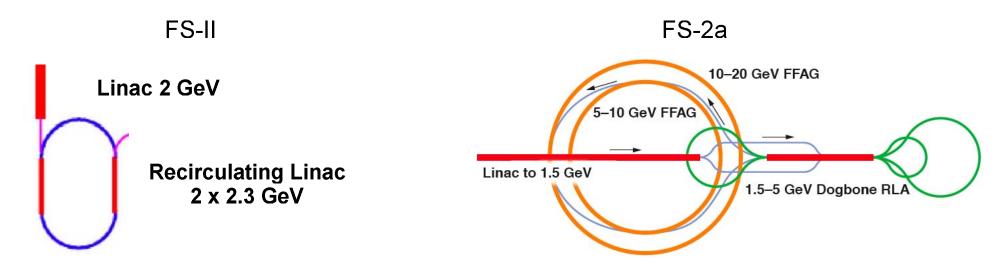
- FS-II cost drivers: phase rotation, cooling, acceleration
- FS-2a features cheaper solutions for all three of these
 - → "Bare" cost of Neutrino Factory now estimated at ≈ 1 G\$

Study 2a Progress

• Simpler, shorter, cheaper cooling channel:



• New, cheaper, "non-scaling FFAG" acceleration:



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⇒It is urgent to figure out the best way to study this new physics.

may be our best experimental access to physics at the GUT scale*

^{*} Please don't get me wrong: ILC work is important – but doesn't mean we should neglect muon facilities.

Why Muon Cooling?

- vF physics needs $\gtrsim 0.1 \,\mu/p$ -on-target \Rightarrow very intense μ beam from π decay
 - \Rightarrow must accept large (~10 π mm·rad rms) beam emittance
- No acceleration system yet demonstrated with such large acceptance
 - ⇒ must *cool* the muon beam or develop new, large-aperture acceleration

(in recent vF studies, cooling $\rightarrow \times 2 - 10$ in accelerated muon flux)

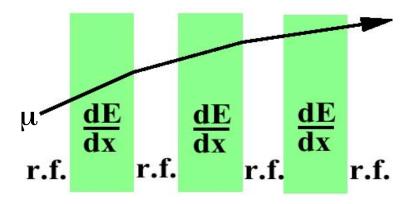
- $\mu C: \mathcal{L} \propto I^2/\sigma_x \sigma_y \Rightarrow$ big gain from smaller beam
 - ⇒ to achieve useful collider luminosity, *must* cool the muon beam

The Challenge:

$$\tau_{\mu} = 2.2 \ \mu s$$

Q: What cooling technique works in microseconds?

A: There is only one, and it works only for muons:



G. I. Budker and A. N. Skrinsky, Sov. Phys. Usp. **21**, 277 (1978) A. N. Skrinsky and V. V. Parkhomchuk, Sov. J. Part. Nucl. **12**, 223 (1981)

A brilliantly simple idea!

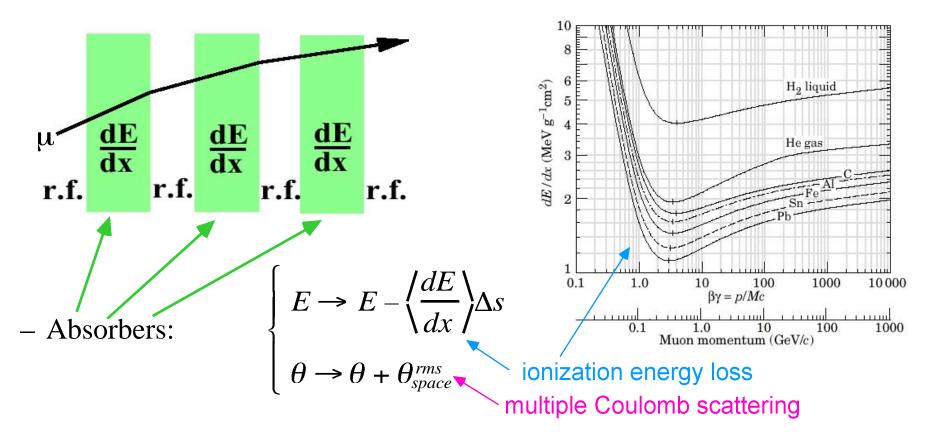
• **BUT**:

- it has never been observed experimentally
- studies show it is a delicate design and engineering problem
- it is a crucial ingredient in the cost and performance optimization of a Neutrino Factory

⇒ Need experimental demonstration of muon ionization cooling!



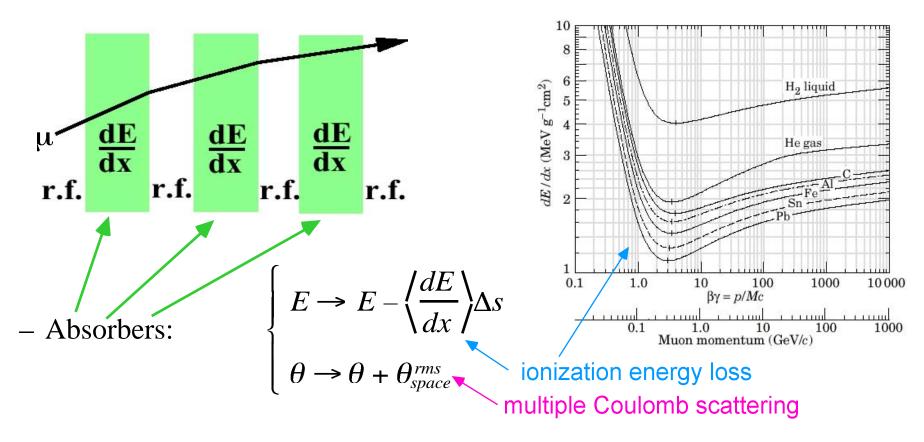
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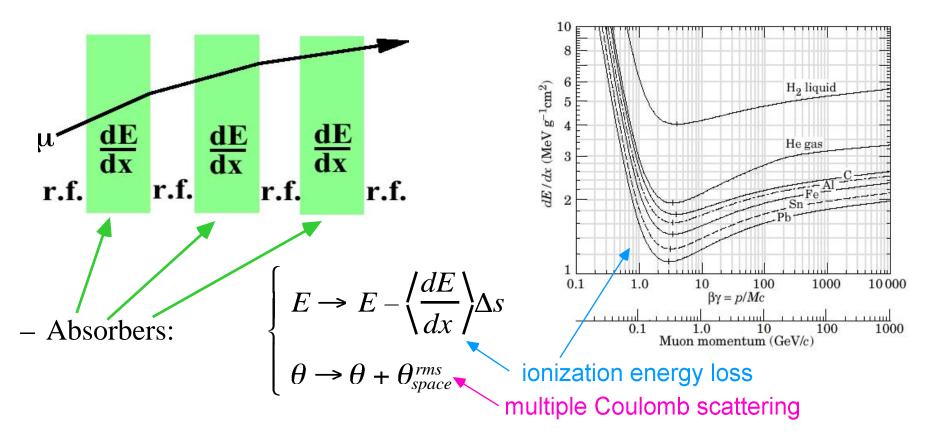


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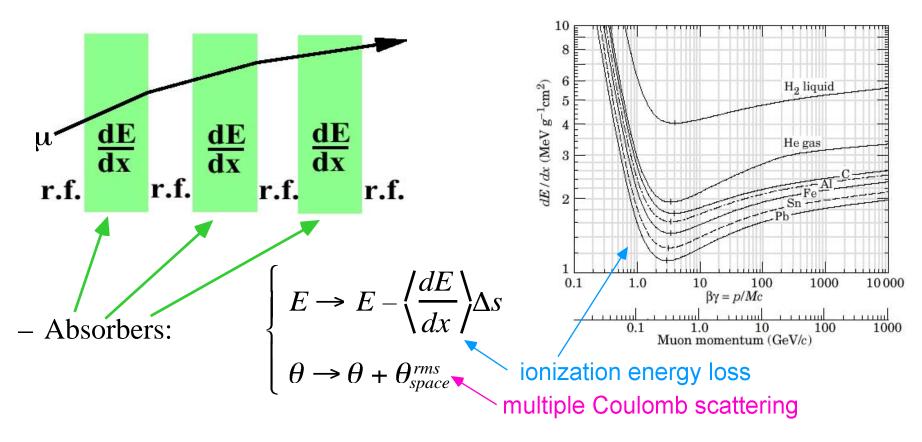
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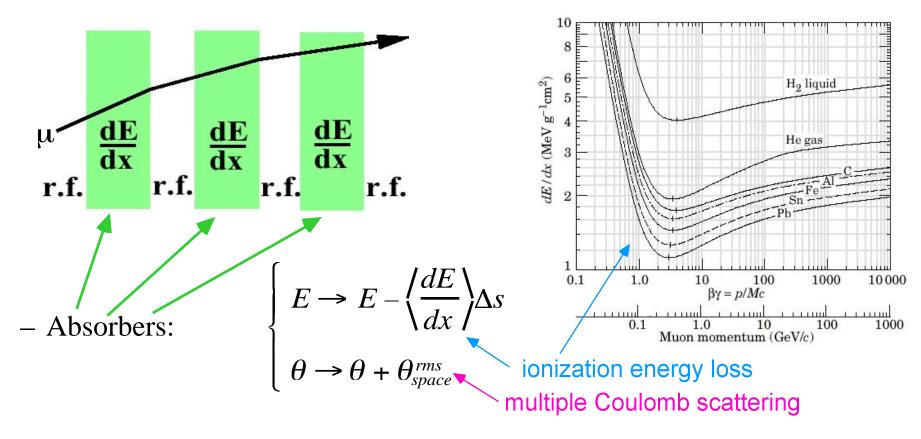
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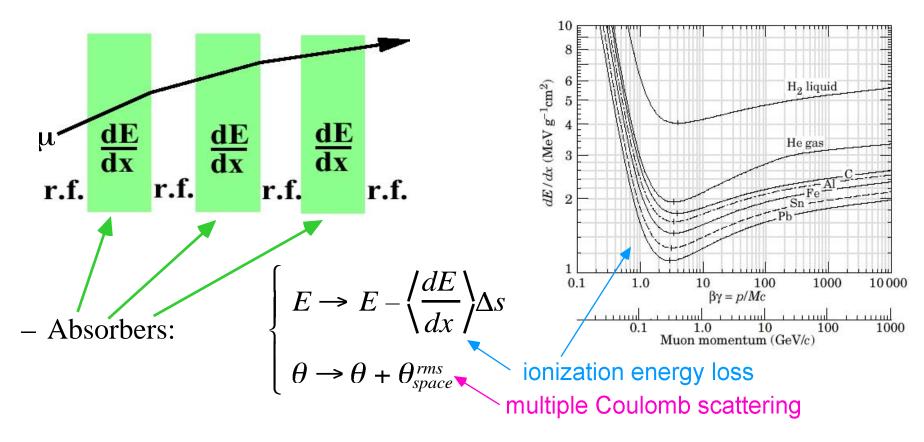


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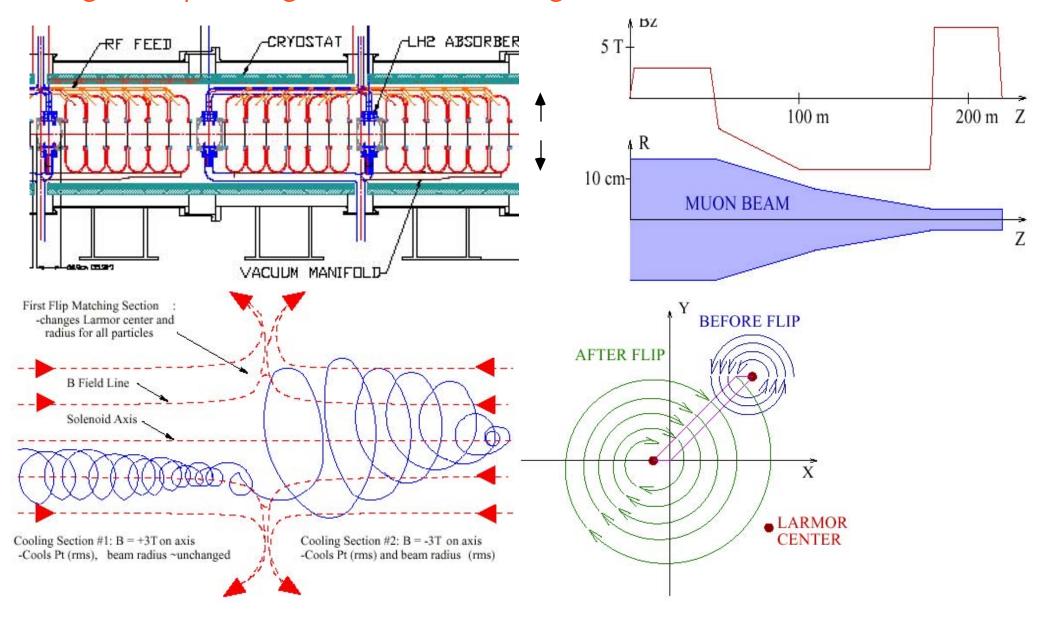
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E.g., Double-Flip Cooling Channel

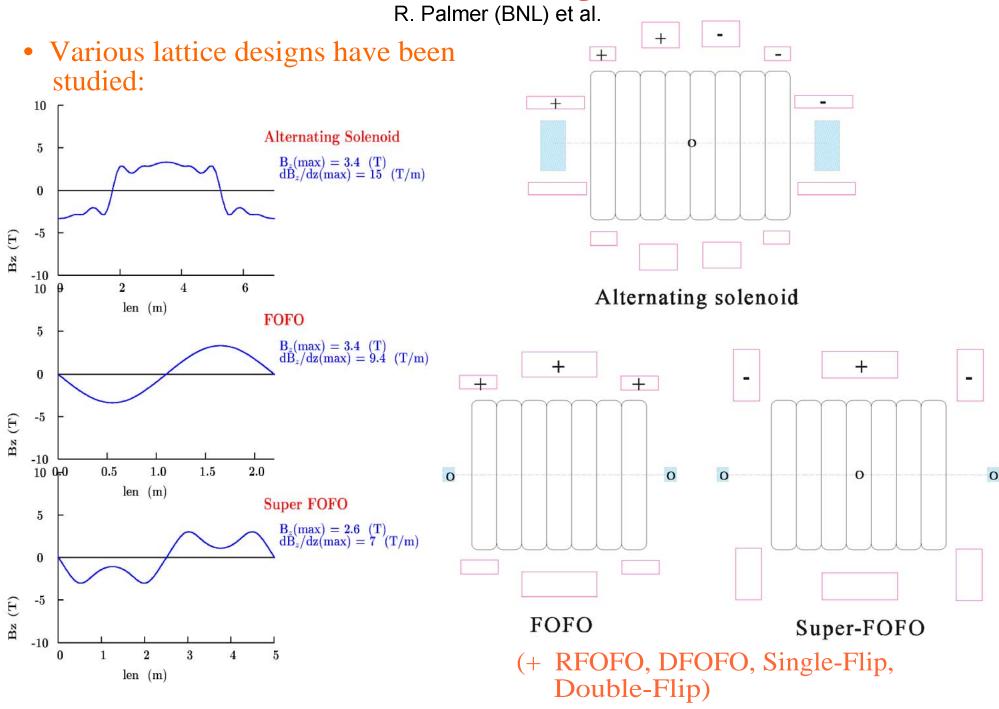
V. Balbekov & D. Elvira (FNAL)

• To get low $\beta \rightarrow \text{big S/C}$ solenoids & high fields!



 \Rightarrow expensive

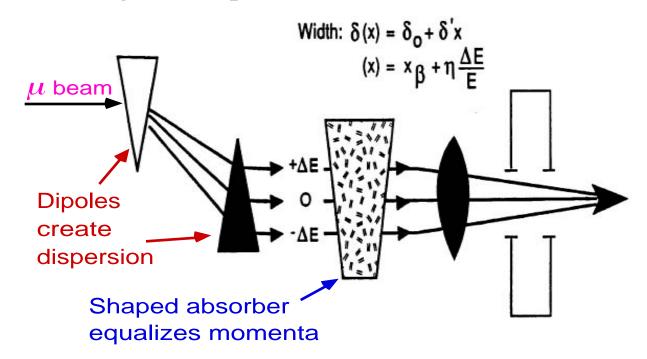
Or, Periodic Cooling Lattices



 \rightarrow Alternating gradient allows low β with much less superconductor

Longitudinal Cooling?

- Transverse ionization cooling self-limiting due to longitudinal-emittance growth, leading to particle losses
 - caused e.g. by energy-loss straggling plus finite dE acceptance of cooling channel
 - \Rightarrow need longitudinal cooling for muon collider; could also help for vF
- Possible in principle by ionization above ionization minimum, but inefficient due to straggling and small slope d(dE/dx)/dE
- → Emittance-exchange concept:



• Several promising paper designs exist (see example below)

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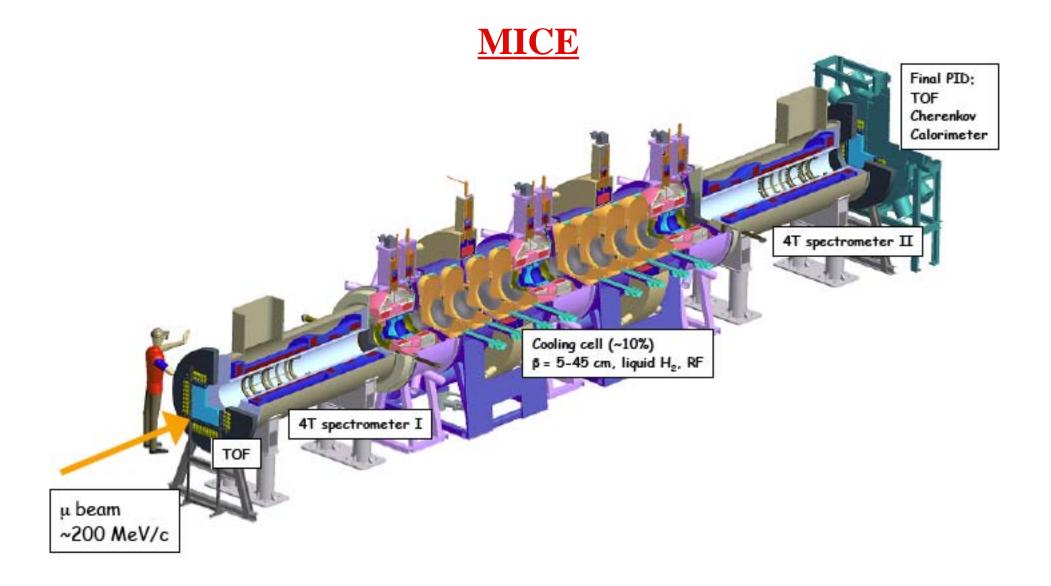
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Measure the beam one muon at a time!



Goals of MICE:

- to show that it is possible to design, engineer and build a section of cooling channel capable of giving the desired performance for a Neutrino Factory;
- to place it in a muon beam and measure its performance in a variety of modes of operation and beam conditions.

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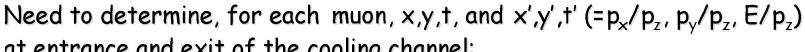
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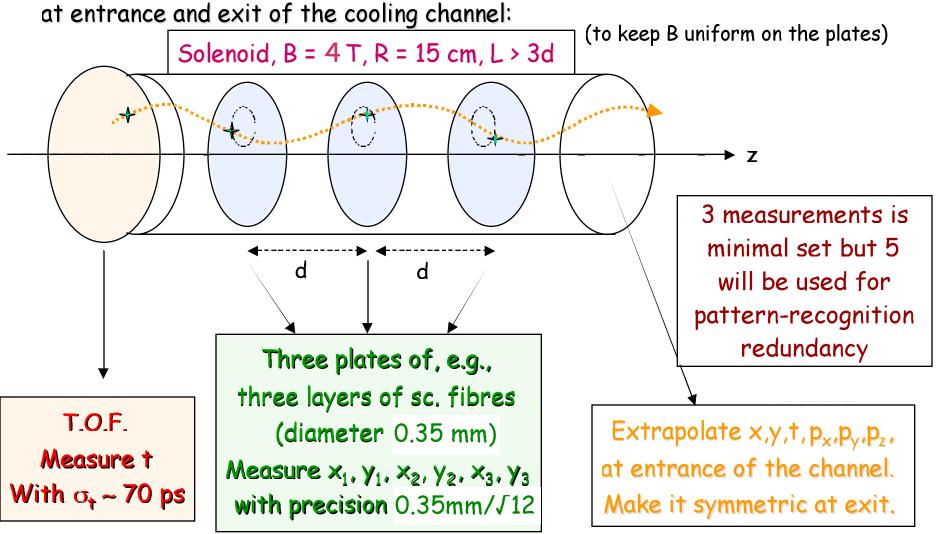
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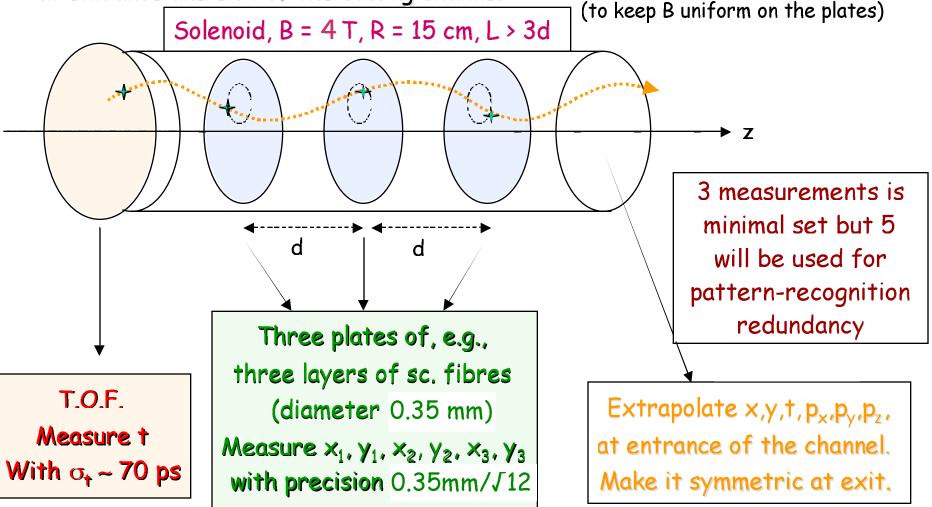




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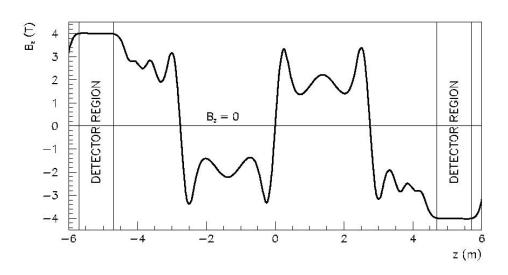
Need to determine, for each muon, x,y,t, and x',y',t' (= p_x/p_z , p_y/p_z , E/p_z) at entrance and exit of the cooling channel:



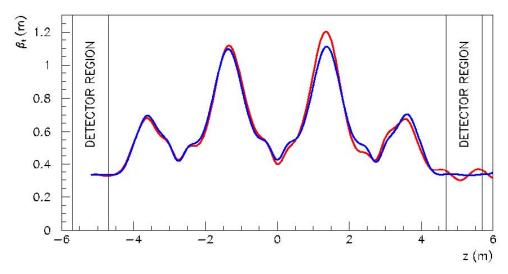
...but mux'ing readout by 7 gives suff. resolution and reduces cost

Nominal ("SFOFO") Lattice (200 MeV/c)

• B_z vs. z:



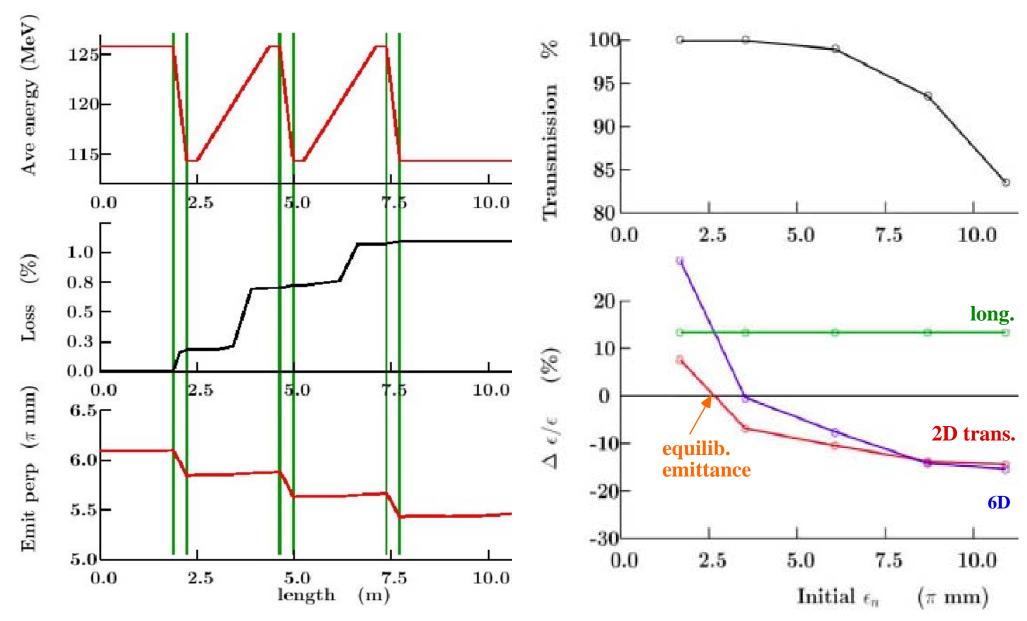
• β_t vs. z:



• **3** flexibility to explore other settings, momenta, absorber mat'ls...

Performance Simulation (nominal SFOFO mode):

(BNL ICOOL simulation)

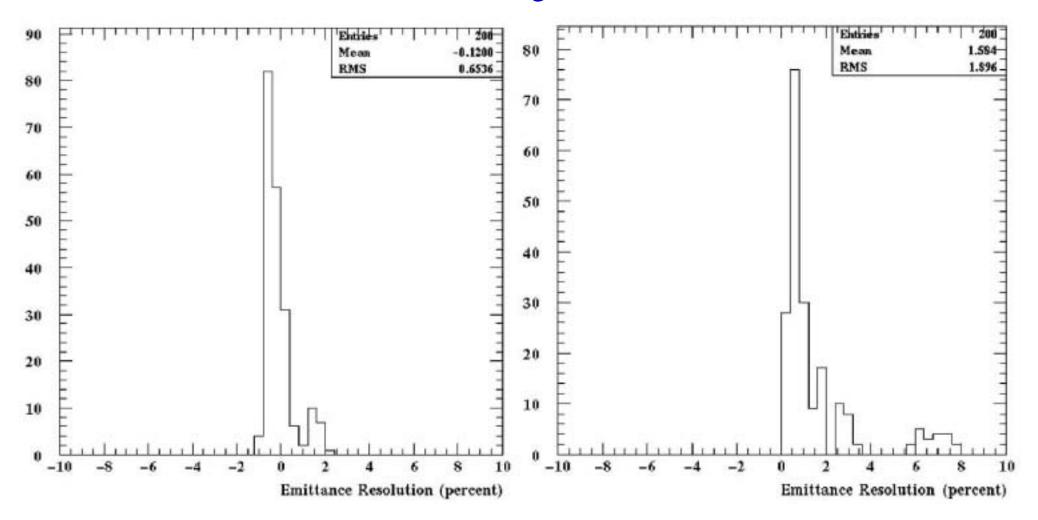


→≈10% transverse emittance reduction, measurable to 0.1% (abs.) given precise spectrometer, clean beam, and efficient, redundant particle ID

Tracker Performance Simulation:

(C. Rogers, ICL G4MICE simulation)

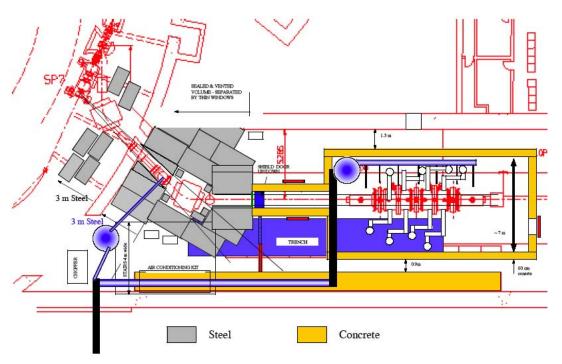
• Correctable ≈1% bias due to scattering in detectors:



- Key physics goal of "MICE Phase 1":
 - demonstrate bias correction to <10% of itself as req'd for 0.1% emittance measurement

Current Status:

- MICE proposal submitted January 2003
- Proposal approved by CCLRC (UK gov't research org.) 10/24/03
- MICE funding (Phase 1) approved in Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Switzerland, UK, US
 - Includes installation of muon beamline on ISIS at RAL:



Beamline includes:

2 bends
3 small-aperture quads
6 large-aperture quads
4T decay solenoid (from PSI)

... as well as MICE spectrometers, e.g.:

Prototype solenoidal spectrometer: 43-view SciFi stations designed for insertion in 4T SC solenoid

• Plan: 1st MICE beam at RAL 9/07

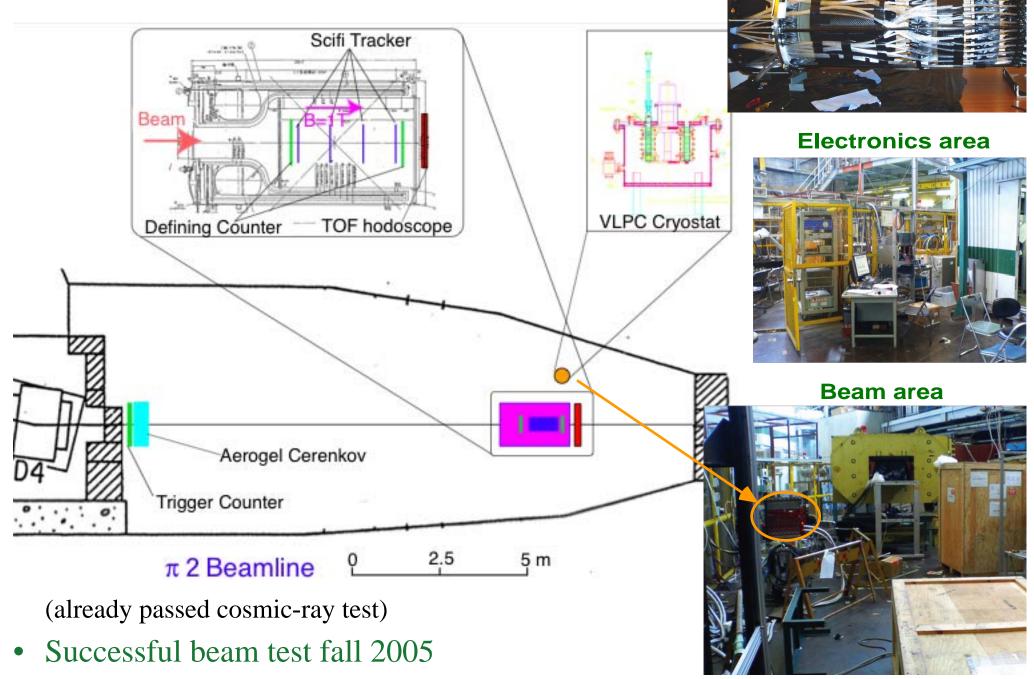


Some Recent Progress: SciFi Tracker Test at KEK

(KEK / Osaka / UK / FNAL / IIT / UCR / UCLA)

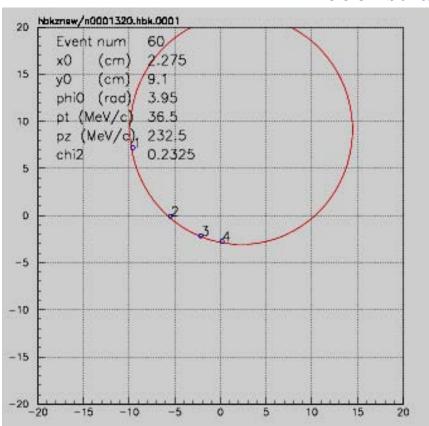
Tracker prototype

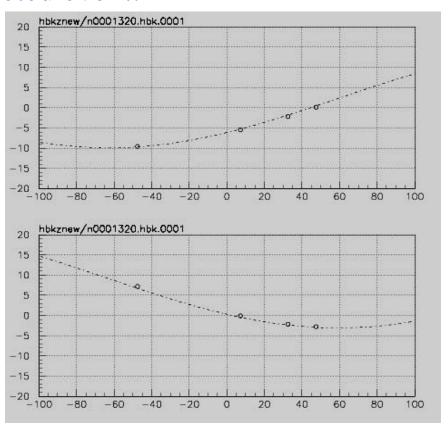




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Reconstructed event:





 Prototype plane with latest connector design showed lower light yield

study & possible design iteration in progress



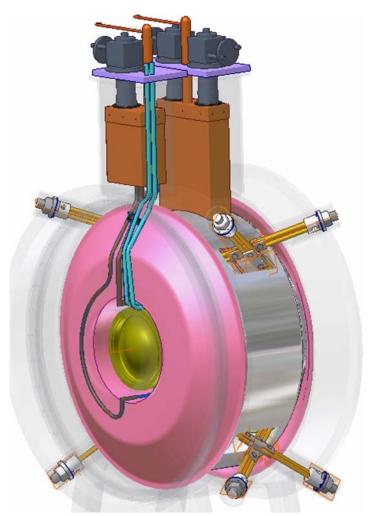
Absorber Design

(KEK, Oxford, RAL)

- Need LH₂ absorbers with 0.1–1 kW power-handling capability
 - designs build on hydrogen-target experience



Prototype high-power LH₂ absorber (MuCool)



MICE low-power design (cryocooler-cooled)

also much work on hydrogen safety

RF Cavities

(LBNL / JLab / FNAL / Oxford / UMiss)

• Prototype 201 MHz cavity with thin, curved Be windows

...high-power testing in progress at Fermilab MTA

RF Power

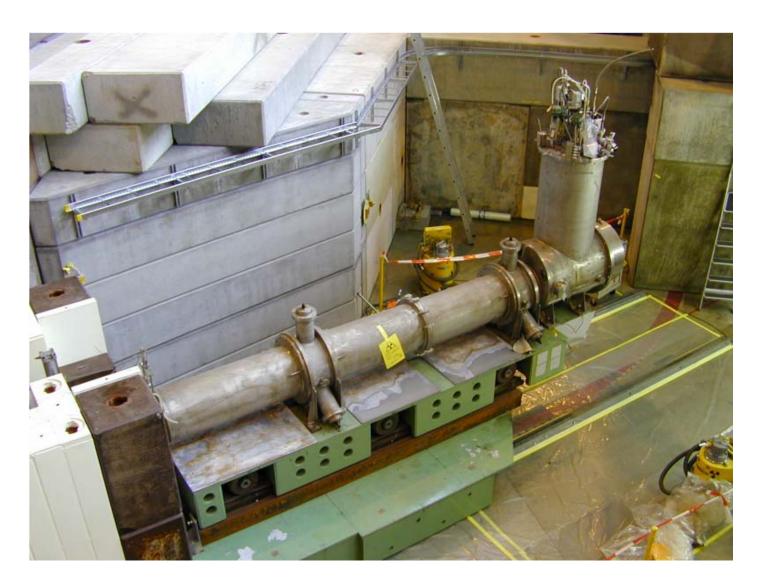
• Two surplus 4 MW, 201 MHz power amplifiers shipped from LBNL to Daresbury Lab for refurbishing



- Plan to get two more refurbished power amps from CERN
 - → 2 MW per cavity in Step V,1 MW per cavity in Step VI

@ DL

Beamline includes 5T π -decay solenoid from PSI

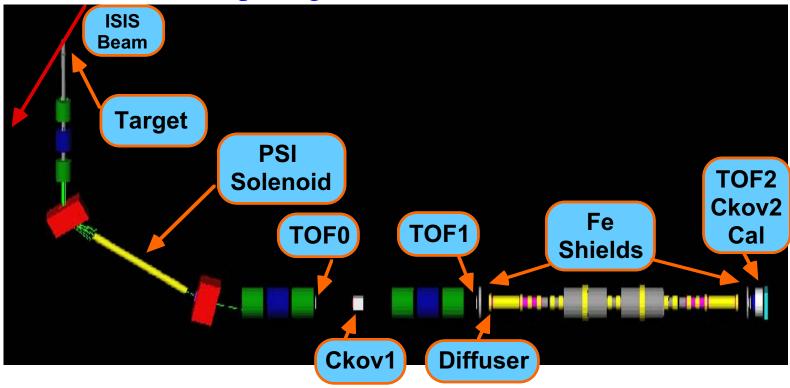


- Gives x10 increase in μ rate comp. to quads
- Delivered to RAL in Dec., 2005

Beamline Simulation

(T. Roberts, Muons, Inc.)

• Using T. Roberts-developed "g4beamline" to simulate MICE beam:



• Optimized beam rates per "target-in" ms (occuring once per s):

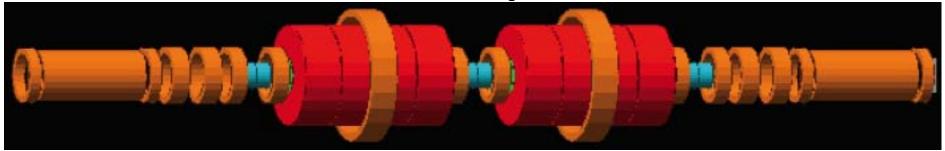
Description	LAHET	Geant4	MARS
1mm x 100mm, 10m from target			33,400
TOF0	2355	2693	2834
TOF1	462	529	557
Tracker1	422	482	507
Tracker2	284	324	342
TOF2	281	321	338
Good µ⁺	277	316	333

G4MICE Experiment Simulation

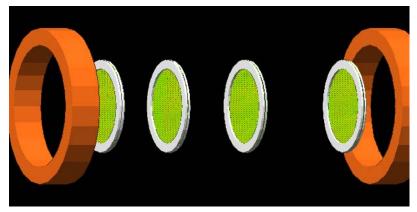
(FNAL / IIT / BNL / Geneva / ICL / UCR et al.)

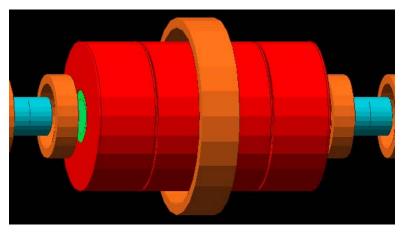
• Under development by int'l team led by Y. Torun, IIT & M. Ellis, FNAL

Screen shot of the magnetic lattice:



View with the solenoid removed showing scintillating-fiber tracking stations:



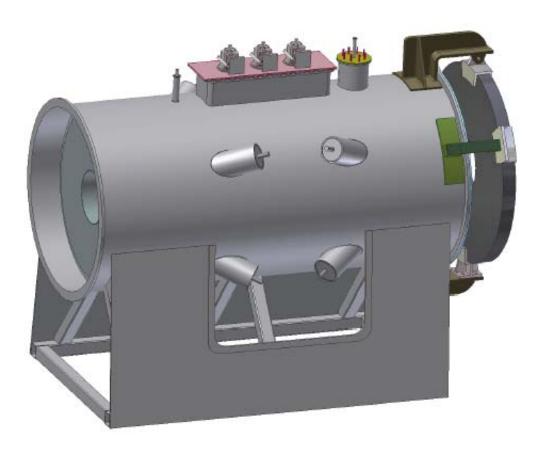


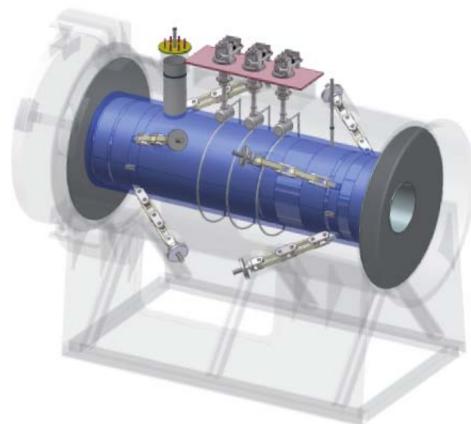
Cooling 1/2-cell: two absorbers (blue), three coils (brown), two focusing and one coupling, and four rf cavities (red)

- Geant 4 simulation generates hits on detectors taking all relevant physics processes into account
- Used to study effectiveness of PID, systematics of emittance reconstruction, etc.

Spectrometer Solenoids

Superconductor delivered (LBNL/IIT)





• Module fabrication in progress (LBNL)

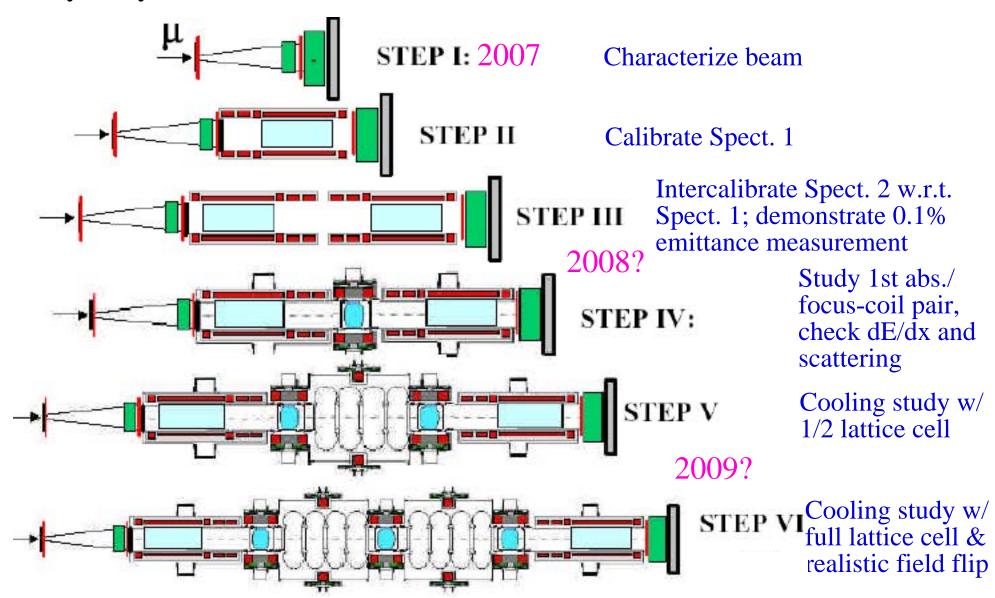
More Progress

- Work also proceding on
 - particle-ID detectors
 - DAQ system
 - software...

...but I lack the time to tell you about it!

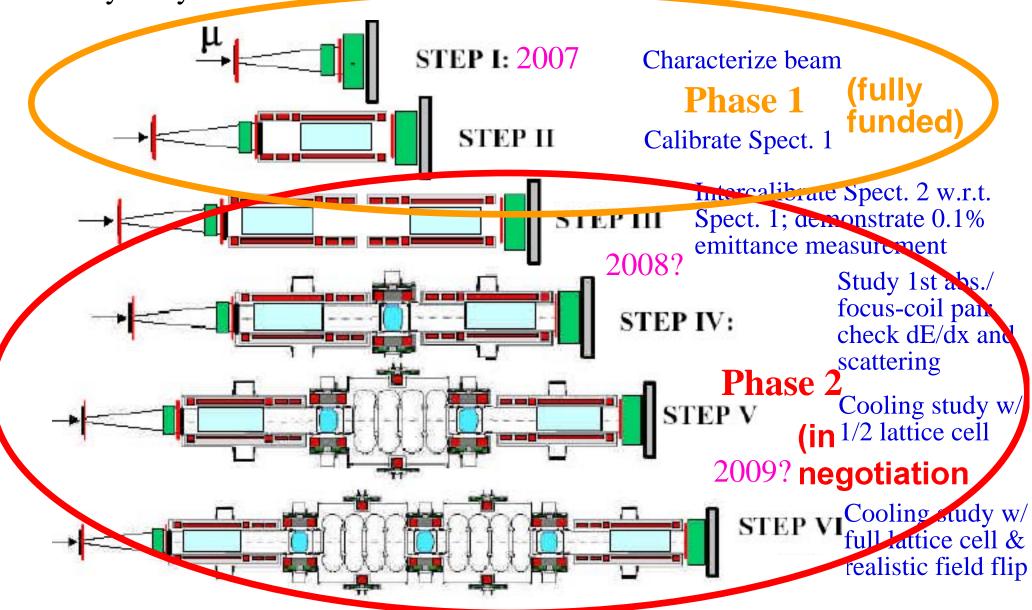
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MICE Future?

- MICE muon beam + spectrometers + DAQ constitute general-purpose facility for studying muon cooling
- Not limited to SFOFO design, nor to demonstrating just transverse cooling

Helical Cooling Channels

R. Johnson et al. (Muons, Inc., www.muonsinc.com), Ya. Derbenev (JLab)

• Recent work by R. Johnson, Ya. Derbenev, et al. (Muons, Inc.) points to possibility of 6D cooling via emittance exchange in helical focusing channel (solenoid + rotating dipole and quadrupole) filled with dense low-Z gas or liquid

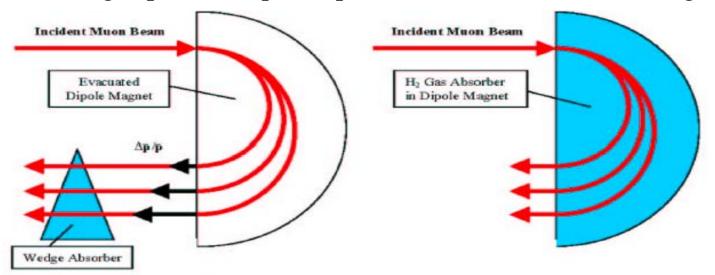
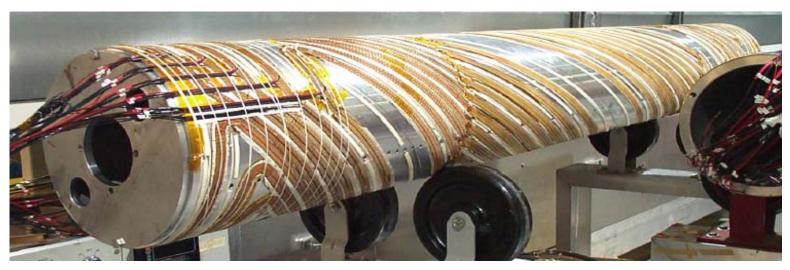


Figure 1. Use of a Wedge Absorber for Emittance Exchange

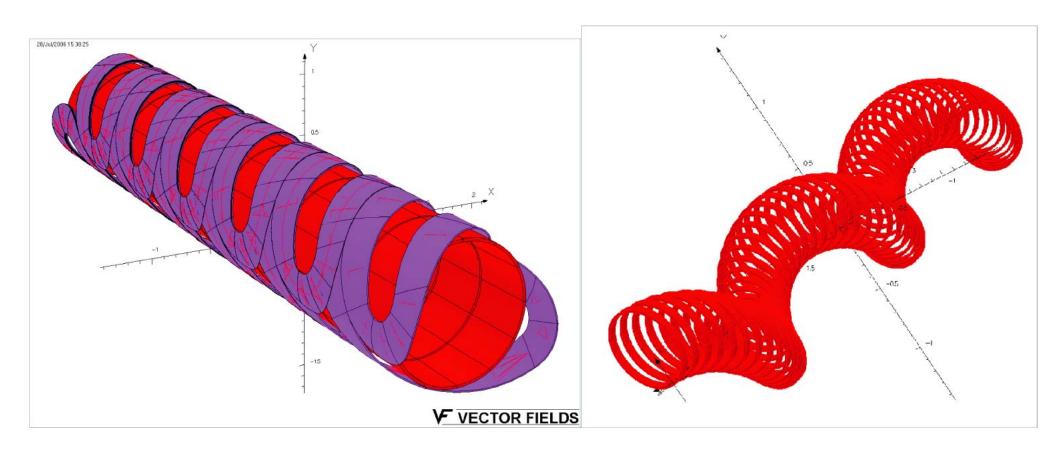
Figure 2. Use of Continuous Gaseous Absorber for Emittance Exchange



Example helical rotating-dipole magnet from AGS "Siberian Snake"

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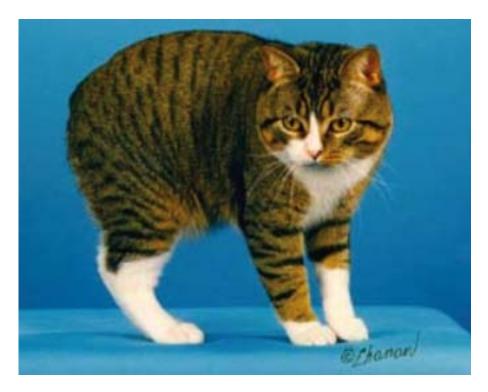
• Implementation options being explored [V. Kashikhin et al., FNAL MCTF]:



→ Small coils could reduce difficulty and cost

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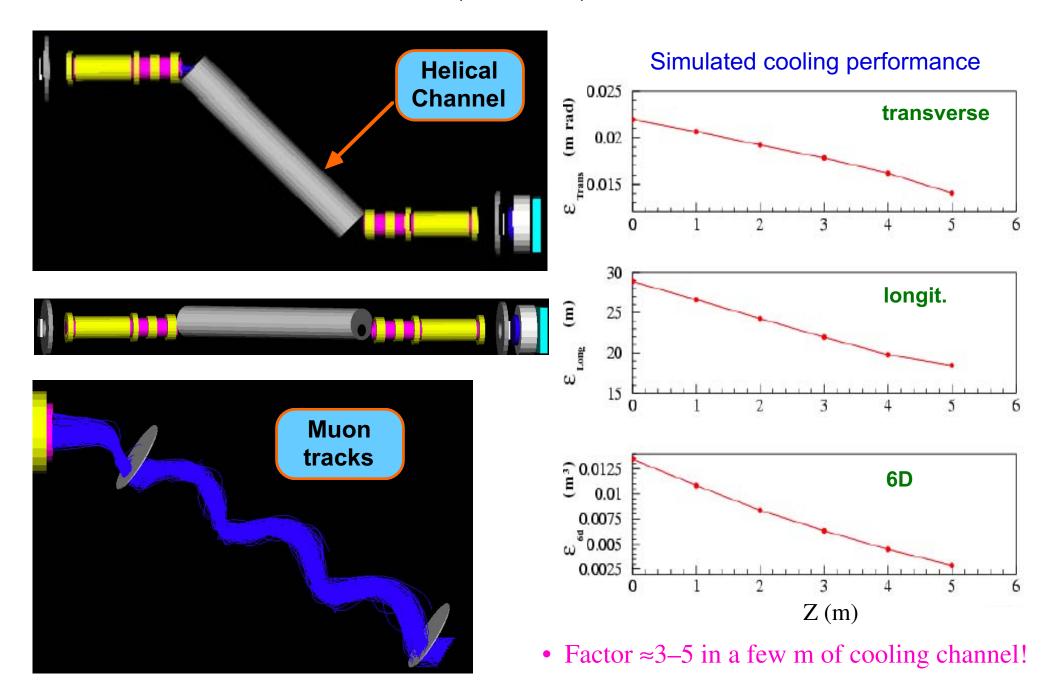
- Possible to test prototype 6D cooler in MICE facility → "MANX"?
 - or with new muon beam at Fermilab?



<u>M</u>uon collider <u>A</u>nd <u>N</u>eutrino factory e<u>X</u>periment

MANX Letter of Intent

(Muons, Inc.)

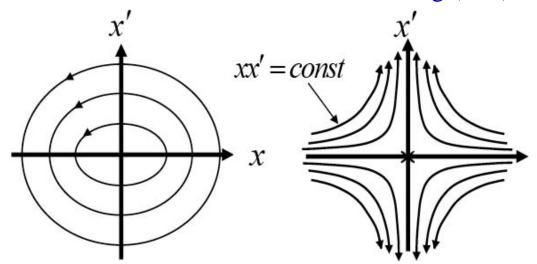


• Proposal to Fermilab to design and build helical magnet (May, 2006)

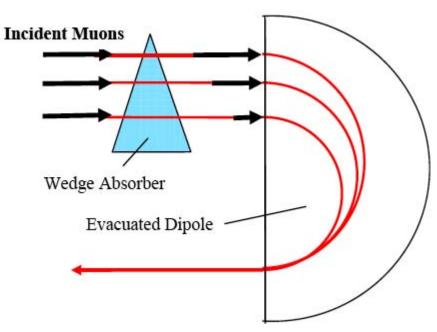
"Extreme Cooling"?

Ya. Derbenev (JLab)

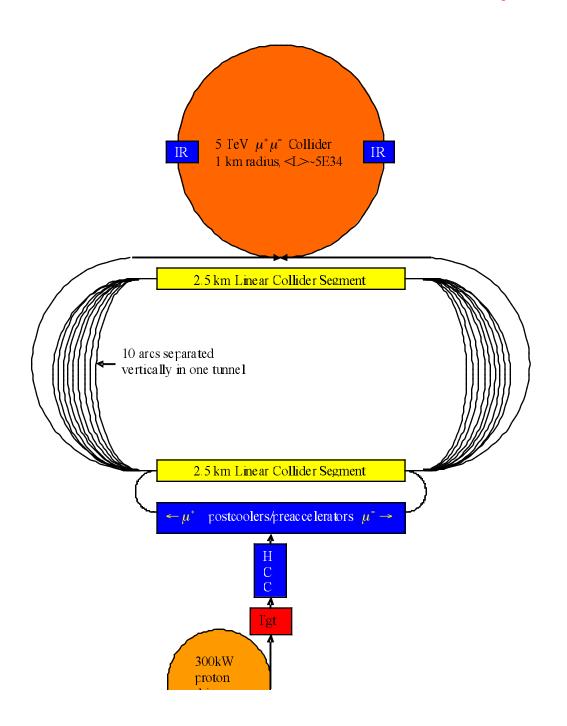
- After cooling $\times \sim 10^5$ by series of helical channels ($\sim 10^2$ m), can cool beam further with 2 new approaches:
 - Parametric-resonance Ionization Cooling (PIC)



Reverse Emittance Exchange (REMEX)



Vision of Future Muon Facility using "Extreme Cooling"



- If these ideas work, could cool muons well enough to accelerate them with ILC cavities
- Muon Collider could be ILC energy upgrade

→ International Lepton Collider!

Funding

- Muon-cooling R&D, Neutrino Factory and Muon Collider R&D, and MICE are international efforts supported modestly but significantly in U.S., Europe, and Japan
- U.S. Neutrino Factory and Muon Collider Collaboration (NFMCC, ~10² people) funded by DOE at few-M\$/year level
 - $\sim 10\%$ goes to MICE
 - also supporting high-power target experiment, MERIT (CERN nTOF11; see http://proj-hiptarget.web.cern.ch/proj-hiptarget/default/)
- MICE funded by NSF (1.05 M\$)
- Muons, Inc. funded by DOE SBIR/STTR program

Some useful web pages:

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NFMCC home page: http://www.cap.bnl.gov/mumu/mu_home_page.html
MICE home page: http://mice.iit.edu/
Neutrino Factory and Muon Collider Studies at Fermilab home page:
  http://www.fnal.gov/projects/muon collider/
Muon Ionization Cooling R&D home page:
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Targetry R&D home page: http://www.hep.princeton.edu/mumu/target/
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- D. M. Kaplan, "Recent Progress Towards a Cost-effective Neutrino Factory Design," submitted to the Lepton-Photon Conference, Uppsala, Sweden, June 30–July 5, 2005; arXiv: physics/0507023
- D. M. Kaplan, "Muon Cooling and Future Muon Facilities," to appear in Proc. ICHEP06, Moscow, Russia, July 26 Aug. 2, 2006

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