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SHANGHAI HIGH REPETITION RATE XFEL
AND EXTREME LIGHT FACILITY
硬X射线自由电子激光装置

SHINE Muon Source

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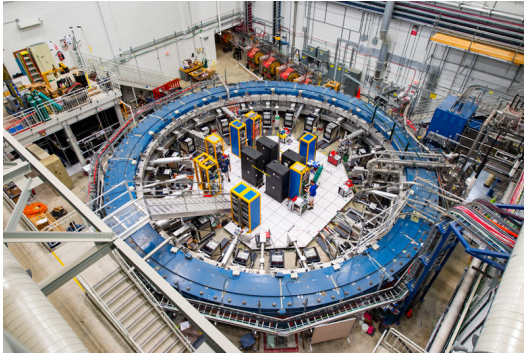
Muon and its applications

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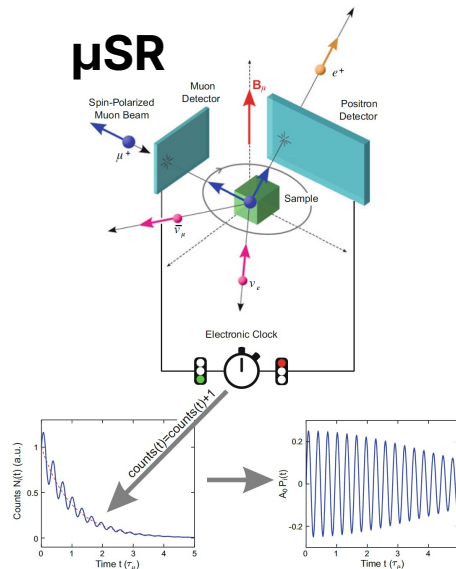
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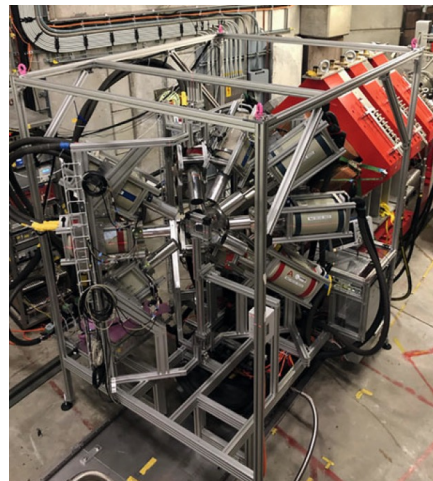
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Material science

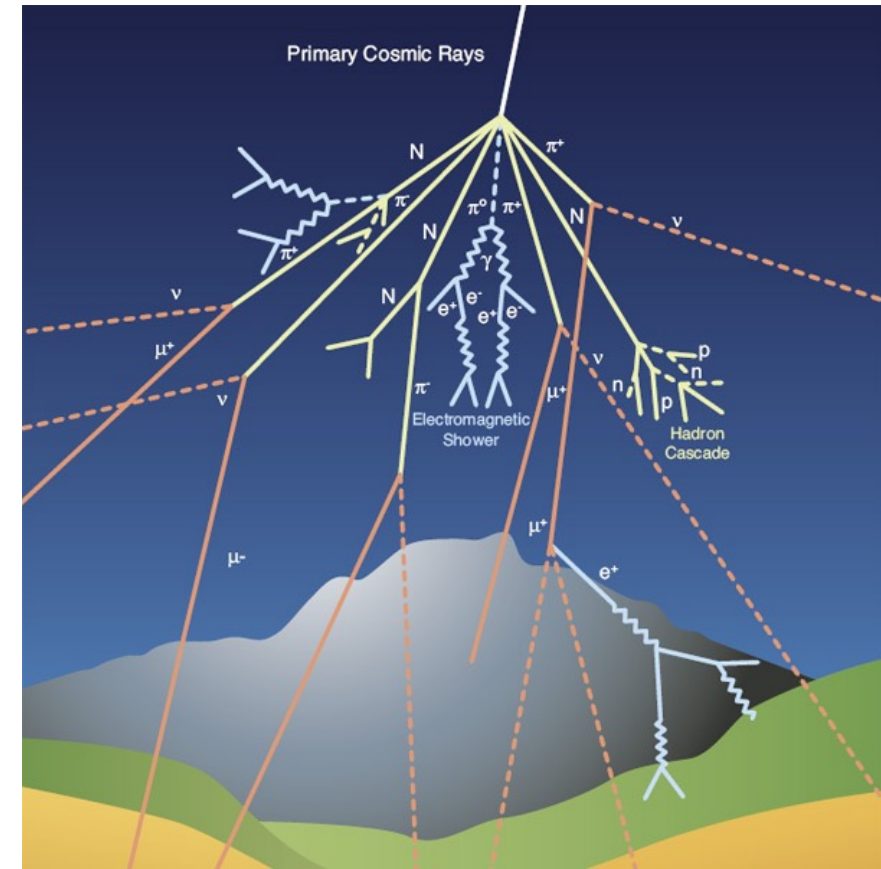


taken from "Introduction to Muon Spin Spectroscopy"

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Muon intensity in nature is limited



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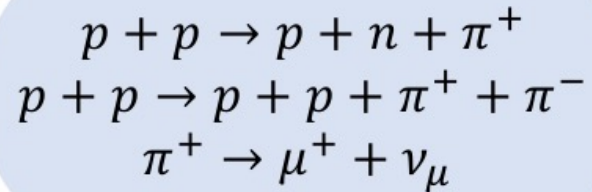
**Cosmic-ray muon at sea level:
1 muon per square centimeter per minute**

Muon production

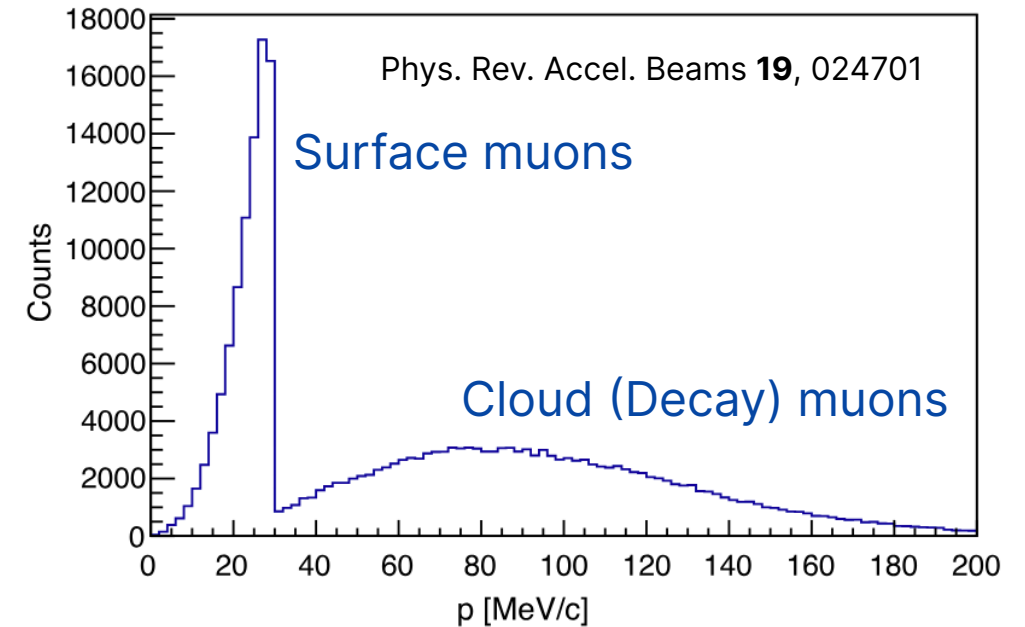
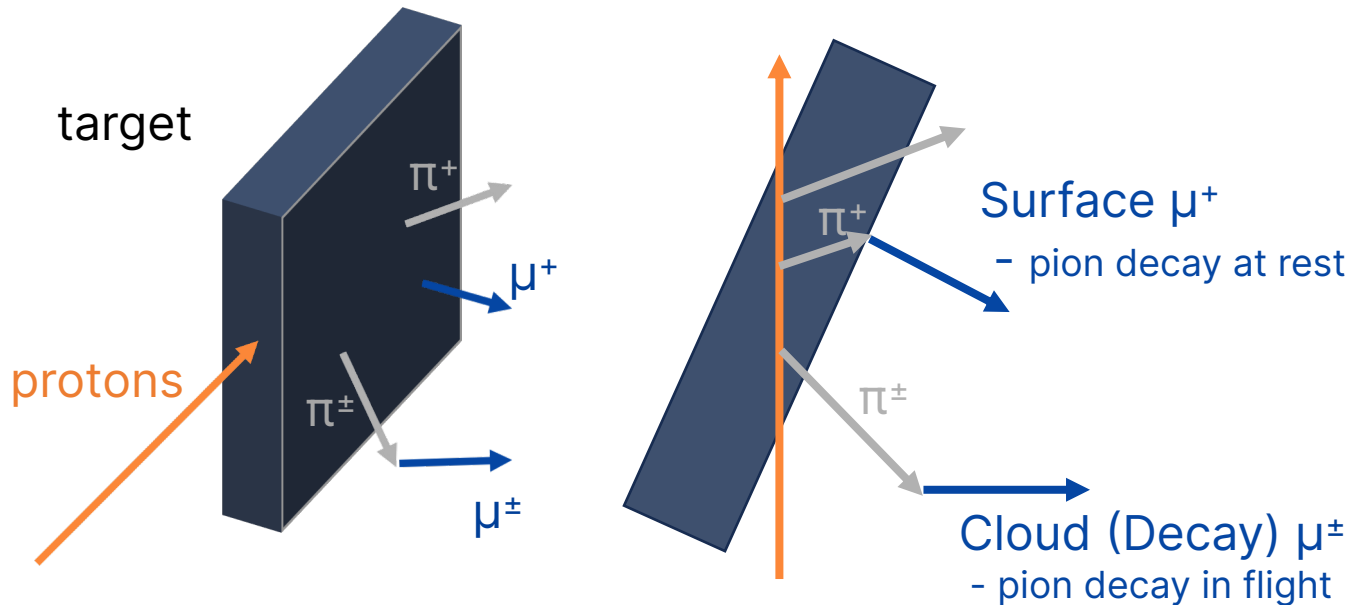


Proton-Driven Muon Source

pp collision



Single pion production > 280 MeV, Multiple pion production > 600 MeV



Momentum:

Surface muons \Rightarrow **monoenergetic** (~ 29.8 MeV/c)

Cloud muons \Rightarrow broad spectrum

Polarization (spin):

Surface muons \Rightarrow **highly polarized**

Cloud muons \Rightarrow low/random polarization

Charge (+/-):

Surface muons \Rightarrow primarily μ^+

Cloud muons \Rightarrow both charges

Surface muons have preferred features for μ SR, etc.

Low-energy muon facilities

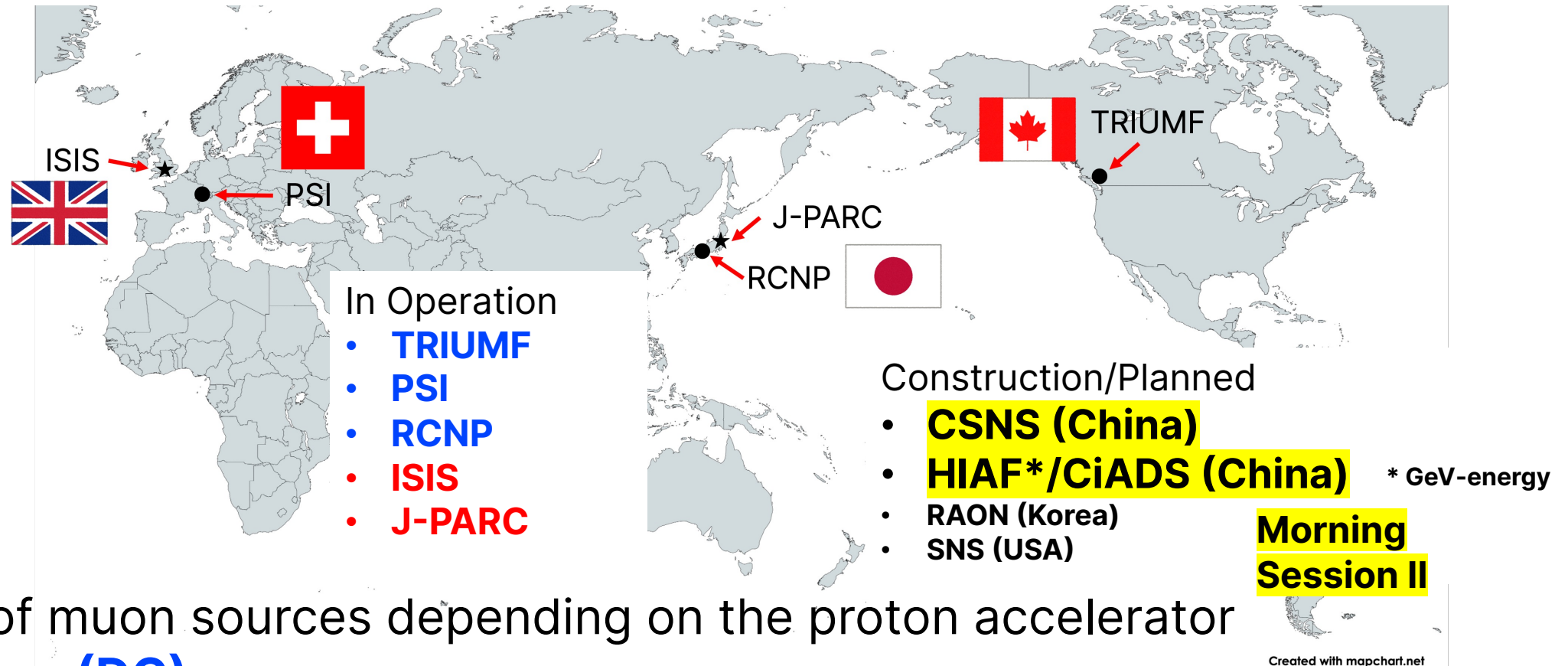
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Requires a high-intensity proton accelerator

⇒ limited facilities available



Two types of muon sources depending on the proton accelerator

- Continuous (DC) muon sources
- Pulsed muon sources

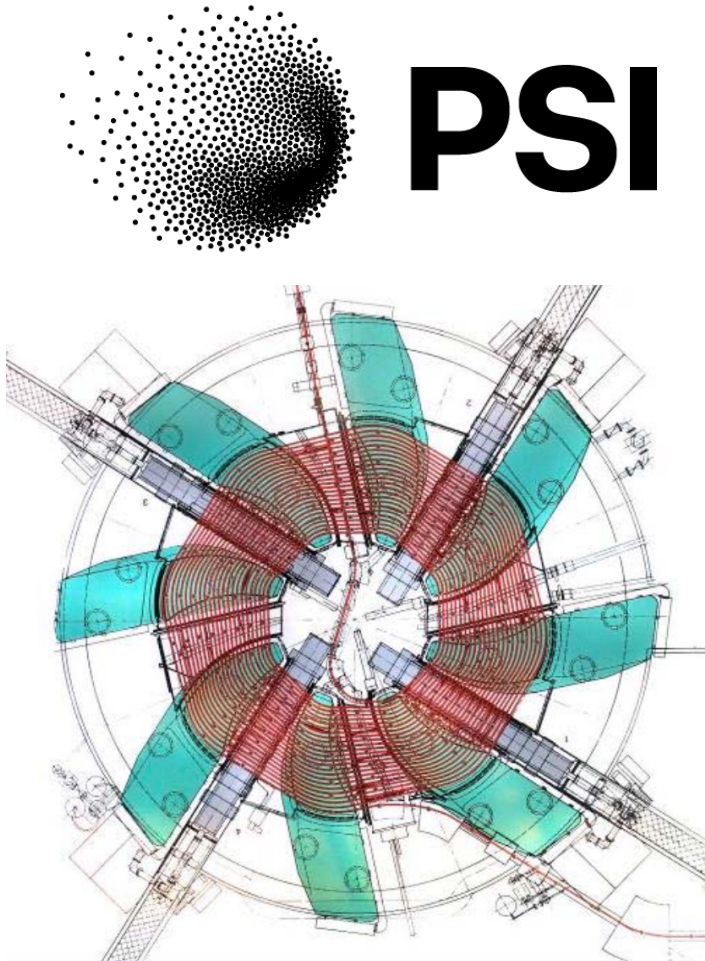
Continuous (DC) muon sources

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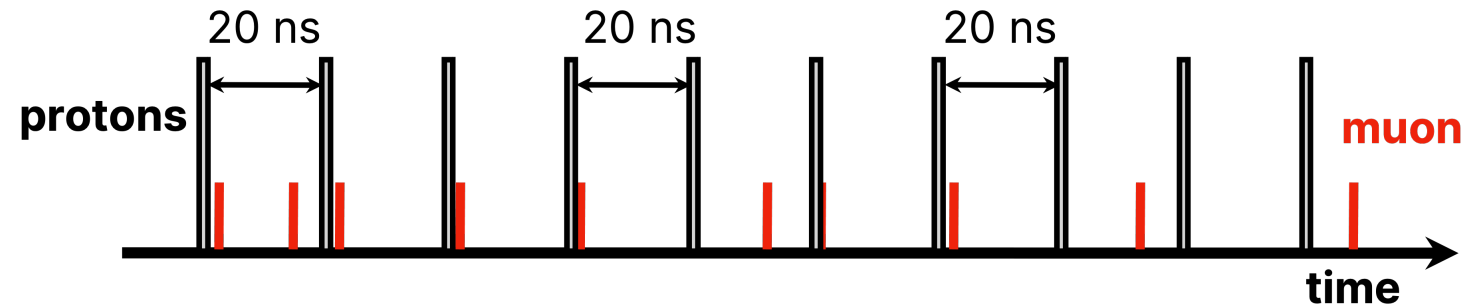


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PSI Ring Cyclotron (Proton)



PSI Ring Cyclotron, 50 MHz continuous beam: muons arrive randomly (time structure smeared out by pion life time of 26 ns ~ order of rep-rate)

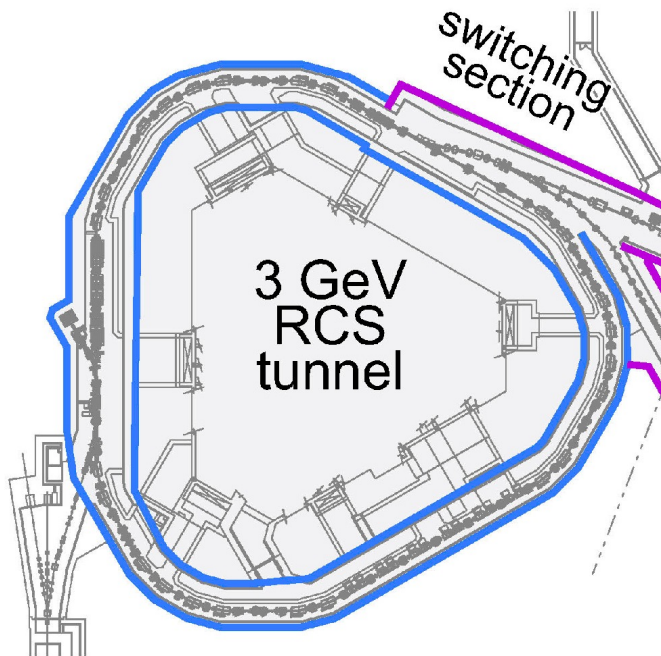


- Arrival timings are random
 - ⇒ Muon counter is required to tag each event
 - ⇒ Muon event rate is limited to avoid pile-up
- Few muons (decay positrons) arrive at a time
 - ⇒ Only a few positron detectors are needed

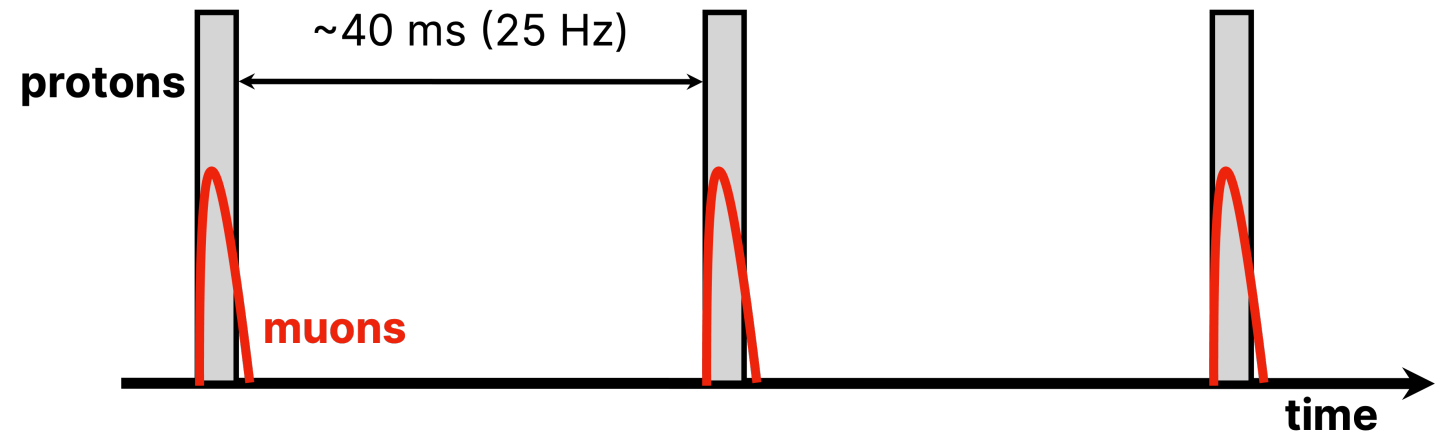
Pulsed muon sources



J-PARC RCS (Proton)



J-PARC RCS, 25 Hz pulsed beam: all protons/muons in one bunch

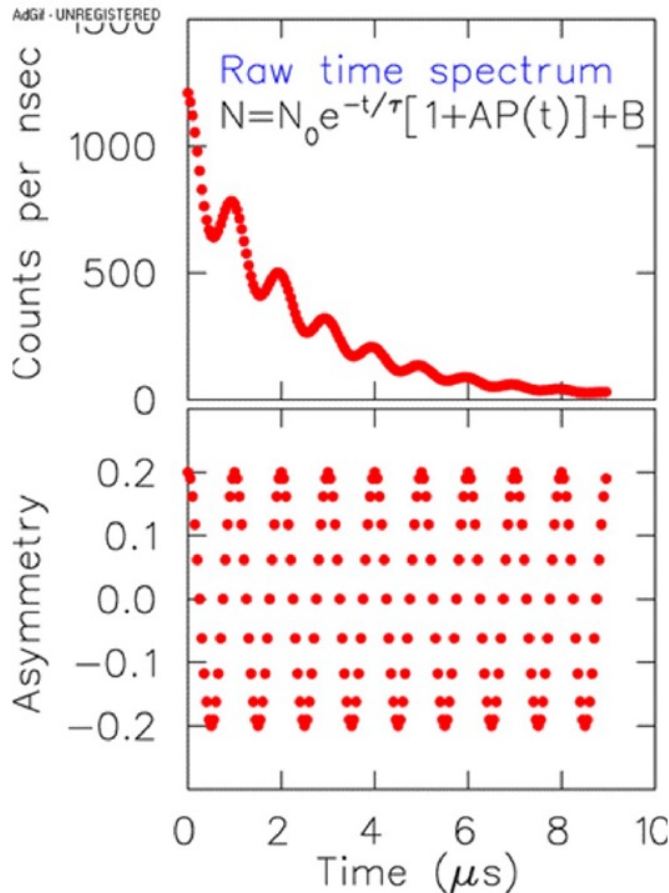


- Arrival timings are synchronized with the accelerator
⇒ No muon counter required to tag events
- Long intervals between pulses help reduce background
- Many muons (decay positrons) arrive at a time
⇒ A large number of positron detectors are needed

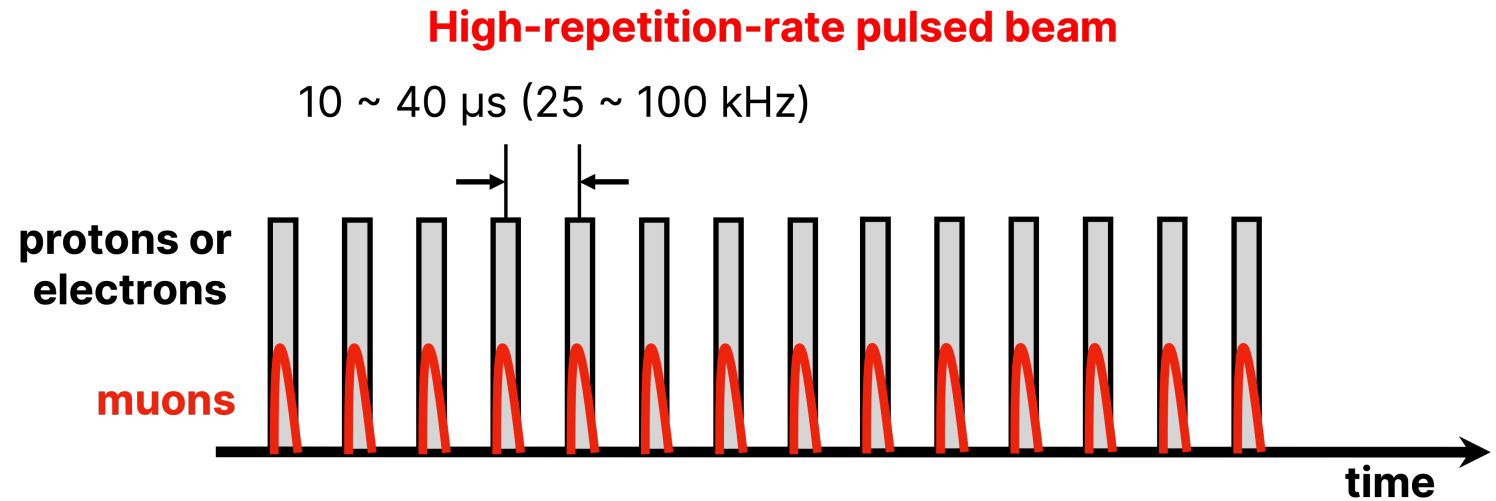
High-repetition pulsed beam



Certain type of experiment (e.g. μ SR)



Typical measurement duration : $10 \mu\text{s} \sim 20 \mu\text{s}$
(~ 5 to 10 muon lifetimes, $\tau_\mu \sim 2.2 \mu\text{s}$)



- Higher duty cycle with relatively low muon count per bunch
 \Rightarrow Fewer muons per bunch ($\sim 10^3 \mu^+/\text{bunch}$) reduces pile-up
 \Rightarrow Higher average rate is maintained by more frequent bunches
- Sufficient interval between bunches
 \Rightarrow Background can decay between pulses.

Pulsed muon source with higher repetition rate is perfect match to muon lifetime
 \Rightarrow ideal for μ SR-type experiments

Calls for high-rep. pulsed beams



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An O(10-100) kHz pulsed muon beam is highly desired!

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Towards a dedicated high-intensity muon facility

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μSR

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Muonium-antimuonium conversion

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Muon EDM

Compact storage ring to search for the muon electric dipole moment

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that the threshold for double pion production is ~ 600 MeV, the second alternative affords higher muon production rates and, therefore, represents the preferred choice.

Proton driver frequency: The 50 Hz pulsed operation of ISIS is sub-optimal for μ SR studies. Typically, time resolved spectra are collected over no more than $32 \mu\text{s}$ (i.e. ~ 15 muon lifetimes), giving an effective duty cycle of only 0.16%. While advantageous for some types of experiments (e.g. those involving pulsed sample environments), the 50 Hz operation is generally inefficient: ideally a muon-source proton driver should operate at ~ 25 kHz.

It is important to note that operation at this frequency, with an associated gain in intensity of 100 over ISIS (see above), would actually alleviate detector dead time problems by a factor of 5 with respect to those presently encountered at ISIS. This is illustrated in Fig. 1, where it can be seen that the available muons will be distributed over 500 (i.e. $25 \text{ kHz}/50 \text{ Hz}$) as many

\bar{M} grows in time to a maximum at $2\tau_\mu$ (see Figure 9.5). Thus the ratio of M to \bar{M} decays grows with t^2 . In case of a multiple coincidence, as in MACS, this implies that the potential \bar{M} signal/background increased. Therefore a new experiment should be considered, e.g., in connection with the muon source of a muon collider, provided high muon beam quality, i.e. a narrow μ^+ momentum band at subsurface μ^+ momentum. We note that for such an improved experiment beam repetition rates of up to several 10 kHz with μ^+ bunches of up to $\approx \mu\text{s}$ length would be ideal.

With a new experiment, from the viewpoint of signal to background ratio, an improved value for G_{MM} by at least 2 orders of magnitude should be possible, i.e., 4 orders of magnitude in the conversion probability. At such sensitivity there would be strong constraints for the development of models beyond standard theory [5–8].

Toward a high-precision measurement of the muon lifetime with an intense pulsed muon beam at J-PARC

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**Muon
Lifetime**

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of the difference between the measured anomalous magnetic moment and its SM prediction. It would furthermore test various SM extensions, in particular those that do not respect lepton universality.

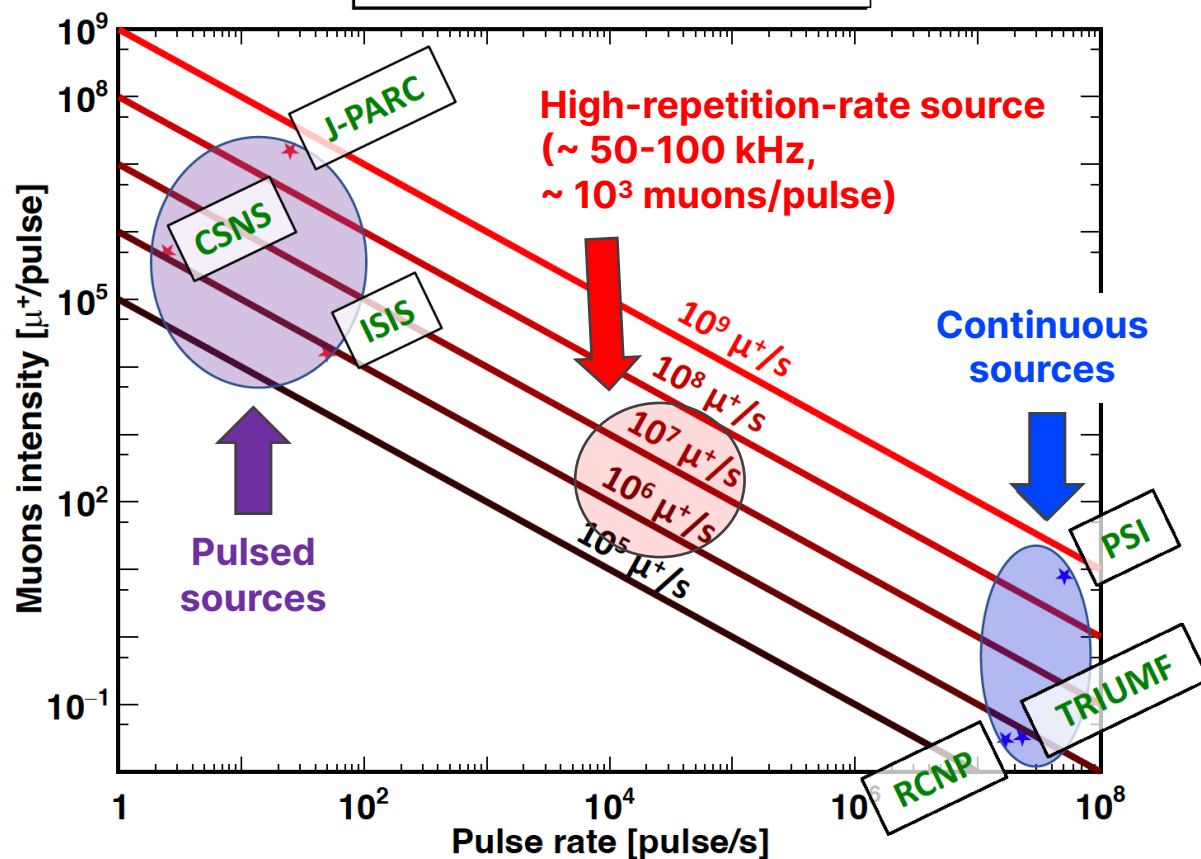
In view of the possible advent of new, more powerful pulsed muon sources, the same experimental scheme can be realized but with considerably more muons per bunch being injected into the ring. It appears realistic to expect accelerators with on the order of 100 kHz repetition rates and more than 10^4 muons stored per bunch. The statistical sensitivity of the described approach would then reach down to a few times $10^{-25} e \text{ cm}$. Although systematic issues at this level of precision have been discussed in some detail in [19], more detailed studies would be needed.

lifetime with an intense pulsed muon beam at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (UK) [2].

In the MuLan experiment, a continuous muon beam was pulsed with an electrostatic kicker to achieve high statistical precision. In general, an experiment using a pulsed beam is statistically efficient because no trigger pileup occurs. On the other hand, the higher the beam intensity, the higher the requirement on the high-rate tolerance of the detector. The MuLan's positron detector covered 70% of 4π steradians with 170 segments. The contribution of the statistical uncertainty to the precision of 1.0 ppm was 0.95 ppm, and the main systematics was 0.2 ppm each for muon spin rotation (μ SR) and detector's gain variations.

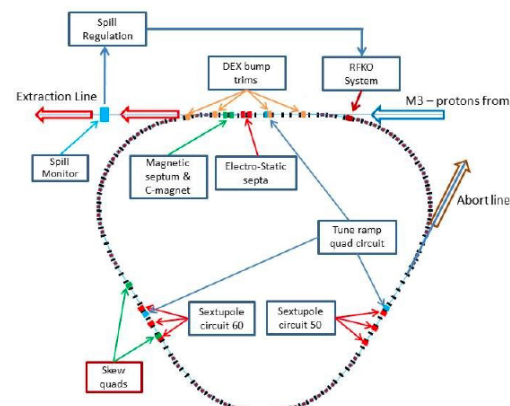
Towards a high-rep. pulsed source

Muon Density vs Pulse Rate



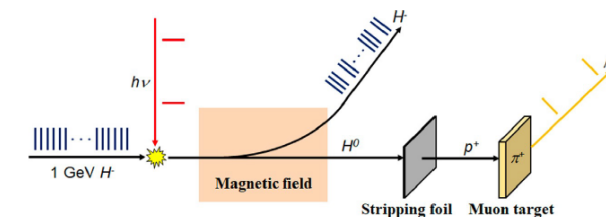
Some attempts with proton machines

Resonant extraction
Mu2e@FNAL

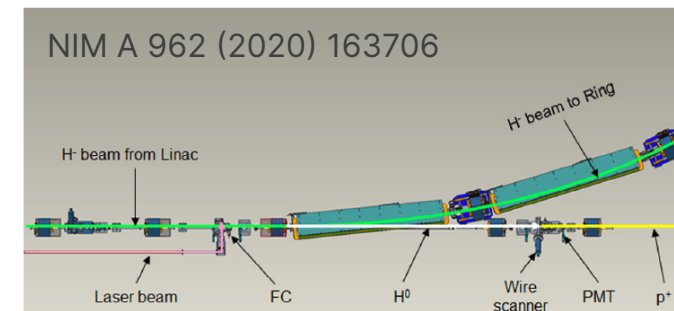


Effectively achieve 0.59 MHz
Same idea for COMET @J-PARC

Laser neutralization @
ORNL



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Successfully demonstrated
30 ns/50 KHz proton pulses

Need some dedicated techniques

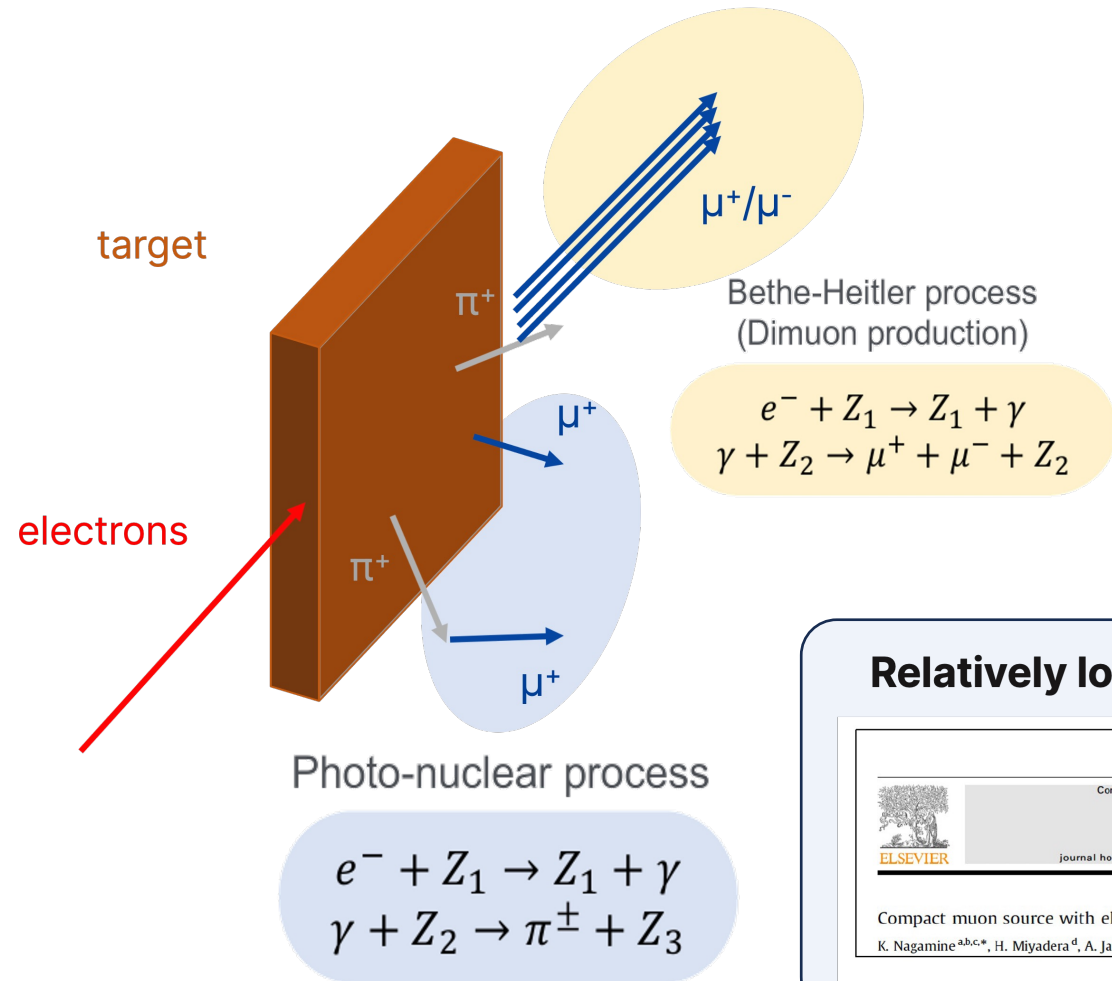
Alternative drivers: electron

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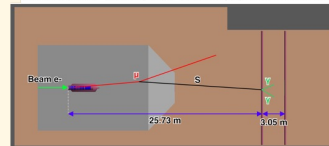
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Potential driver for muon sources?

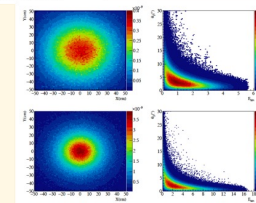


High energy CW e⁻ beam

Article
Secondary Beams at High-Intensity Electron Accelerator Facilities
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11 GeV, 50 μ A CEBAF@JLAB
 $\rightarrow \sim 10^8 \mu^\pm/s$

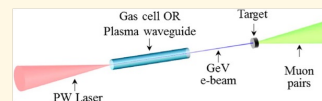


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Dimuon production by laser-wakefield accelerated electrons

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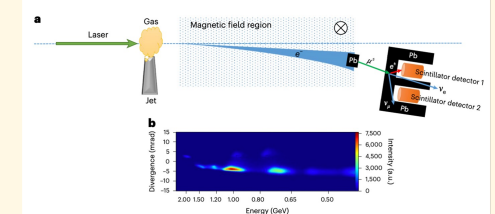
100 pC
10 GeV electron
 $\rightarrow 8 \times 10^3 \mu^\pm/s$

nature physics

Based on LWFA

Article
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Proof-of-principle demonstration of muon production with an ultrashort high-intensity laser



Based on LWFA

Measurement of directional muon beams generated at the Berkeley Lab Laser Accelerator

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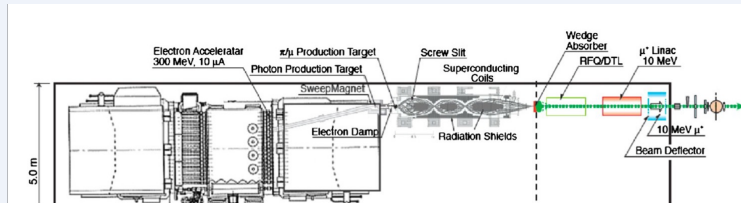
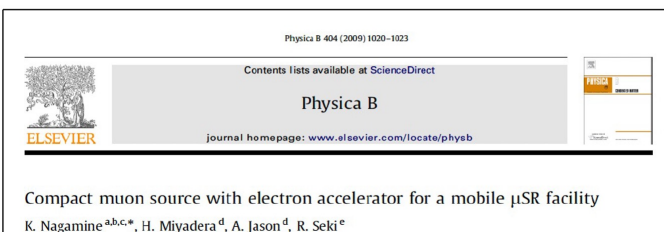
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More and more...

Relatively low energy CW e⁻ beam



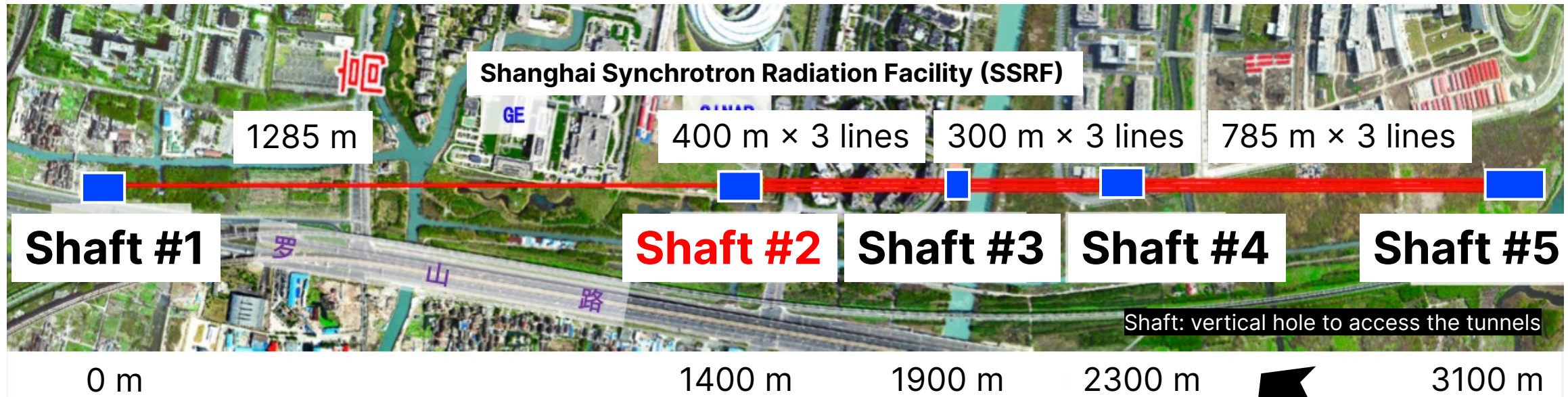
300 MeV, 10 μ A electron microtron
 $\rightarrow 8 \times 10^3 \mu^\pm/s$

Electron beam at SHINE

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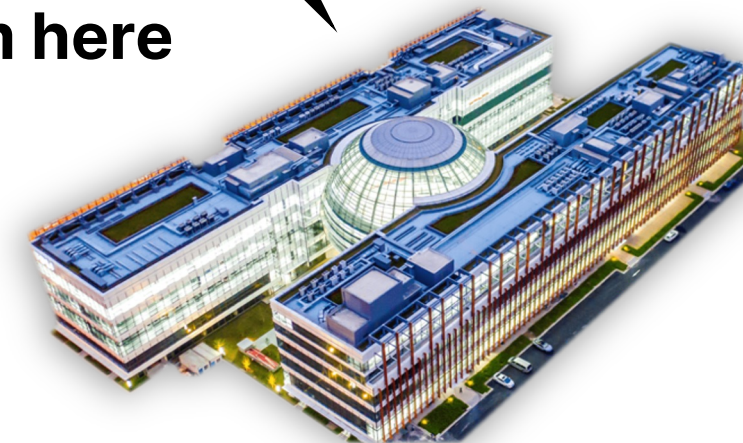
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- Located in Zhangjiang, Shanghai
- Commissioning is ongoing
- Electron beam (design values):
 - 8 GeV energy
 - 1 MHz repetition rate
 - 100 pC charge (6.25×10^8 electrons) per bunch

⇐ **Some are dumped**

Only 4 km from here

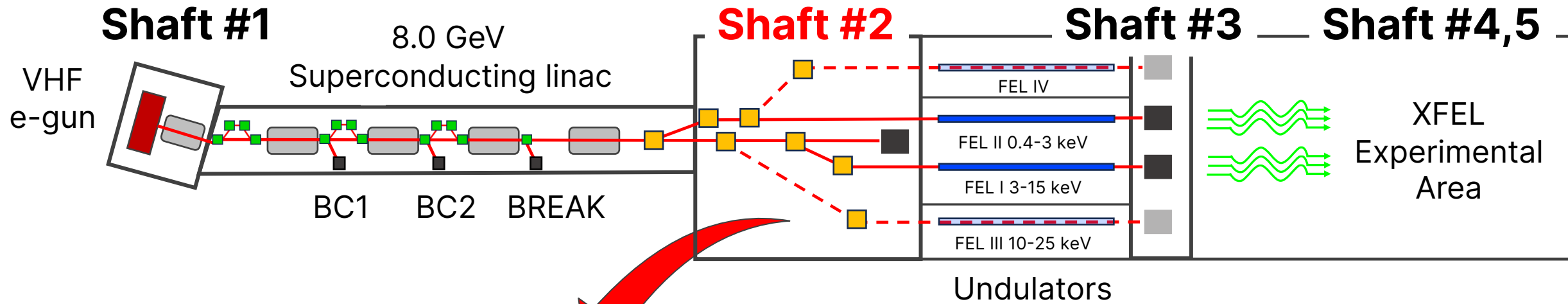


Planned location

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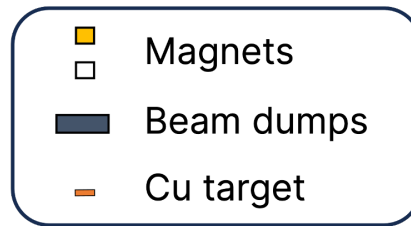
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Shaft #2

Available area

Muons



Shaft #2:

a good location for a muon source

- Sufficient space
- Planned beamlines, cost effective

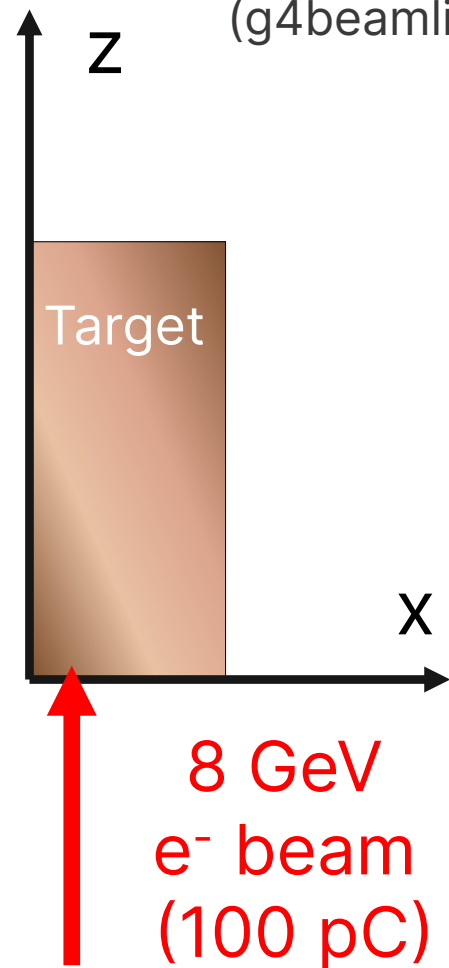
Material selection

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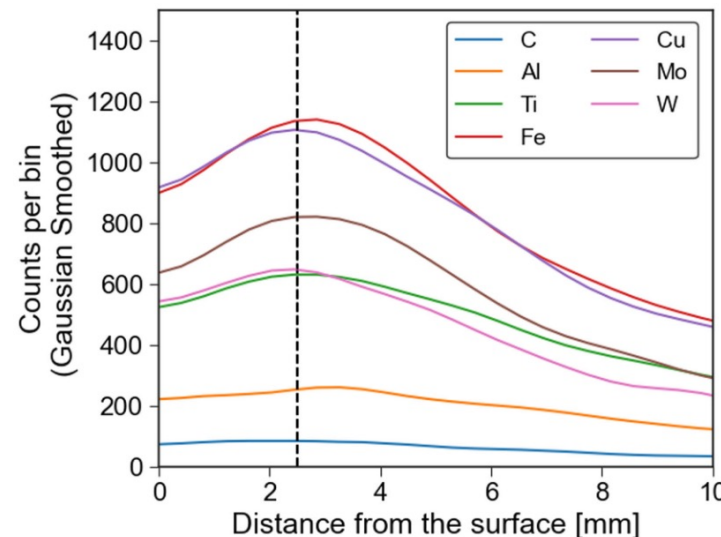
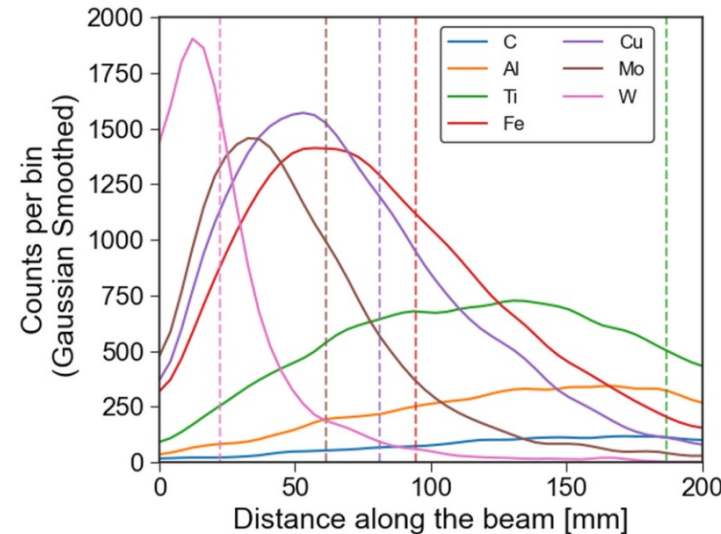


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Simulation Setup
(g4beamline)



Pion distributions



Along the beam (Z):

- Peak \Rightarrow slightly below z_{\max}
- Depth of EM shower maximum

$$z_{\max} \approx X_0 [\ln(E_0/E_c) - 0.5]$$

E_0 : incident beam energy

E_c : critical energy

X_0 : radiation length

From the surface (X):

- The number of pions near surface contributing to surface muon is important
- Medium-Z materials (e.g., Fe, Cu) show highest number
- **Copper** is considered to be the optimal choice
 - \Rightarrow good thermal conductivity (~ 400 W/mK)

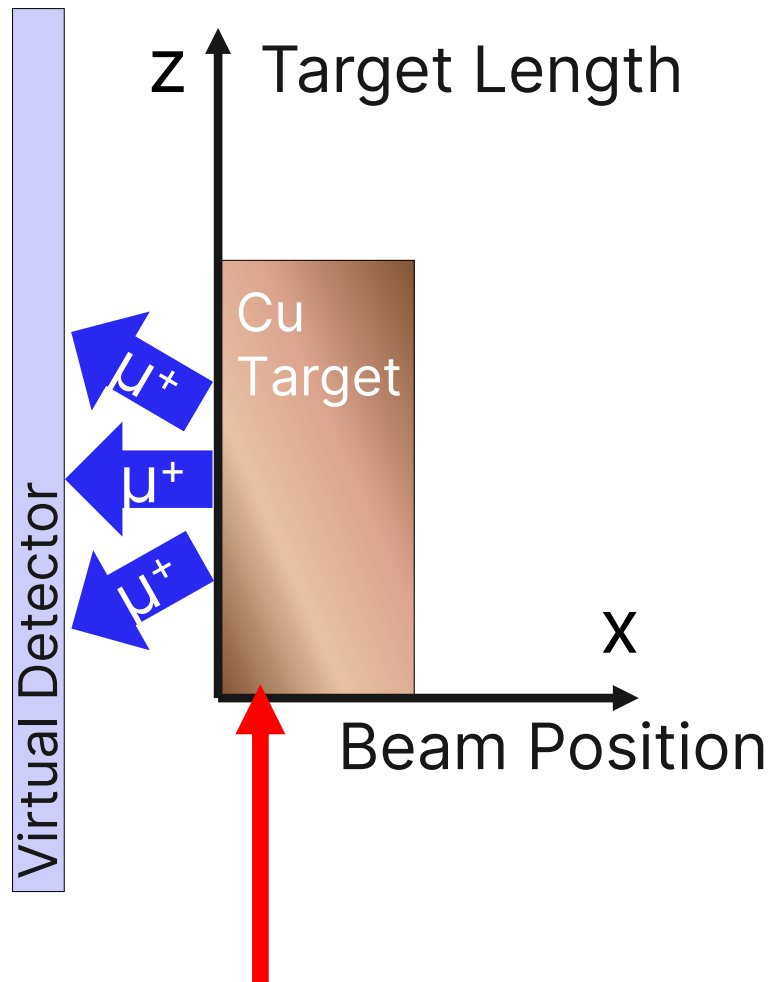
Cu target optimization

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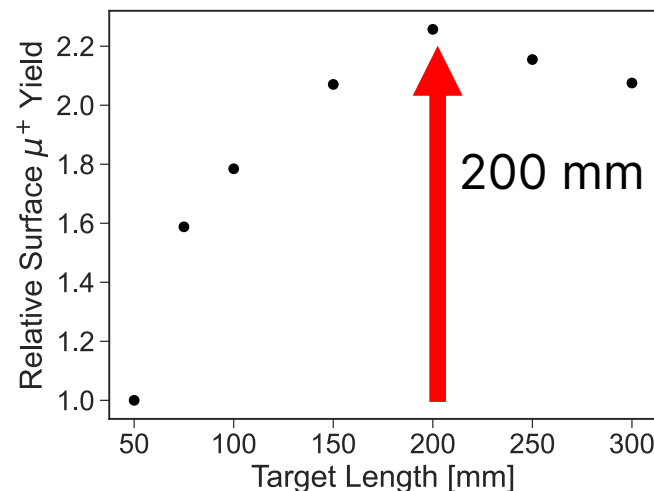
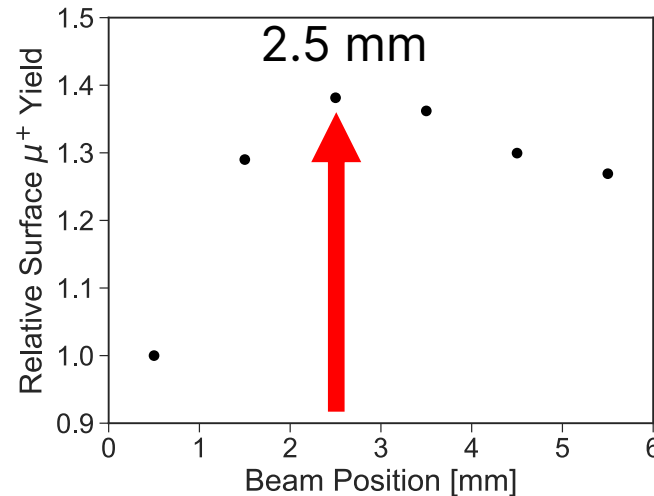
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Simulation Setup



8 GeV e^- beam (100 pC)

Scan beam position and target length



- < 2.5 mm:
Insufficient development of electron shower (too close to target surface)
- > 2.5 mm:
The number of pions resulting in surface muons is reduced (too far from target surface)
- No significant gain is expected in length over 200 mm.
- Consistent with the pion distribution

Results

- Optimal beam position: **2.5 mm** from target surface
- Optimal target length: **200 mm**

Particle yields from Cu target



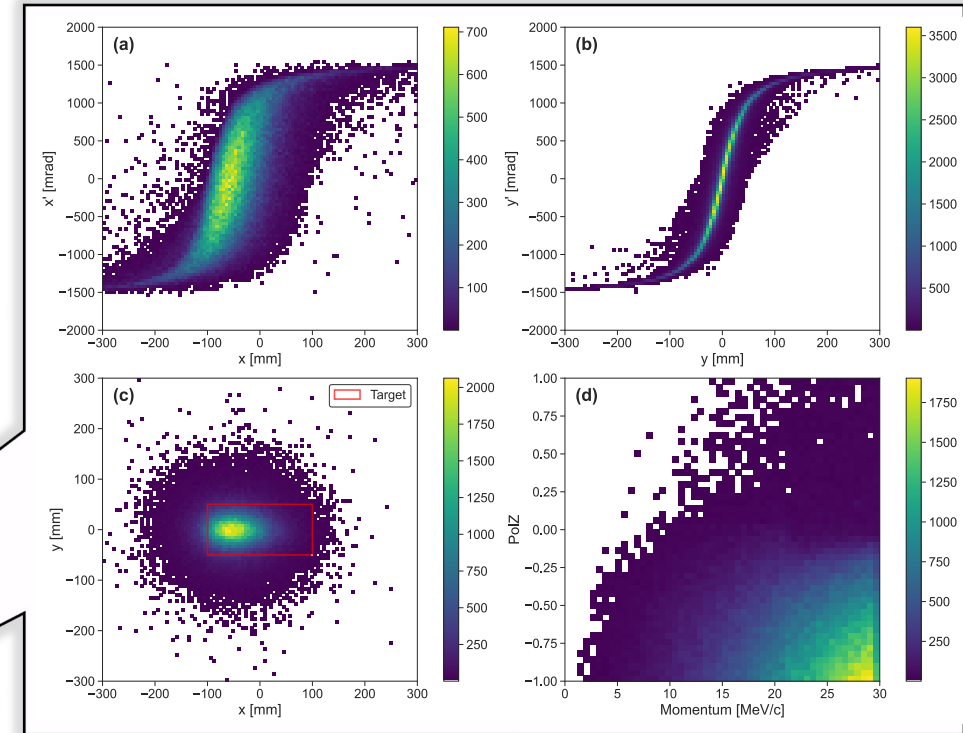
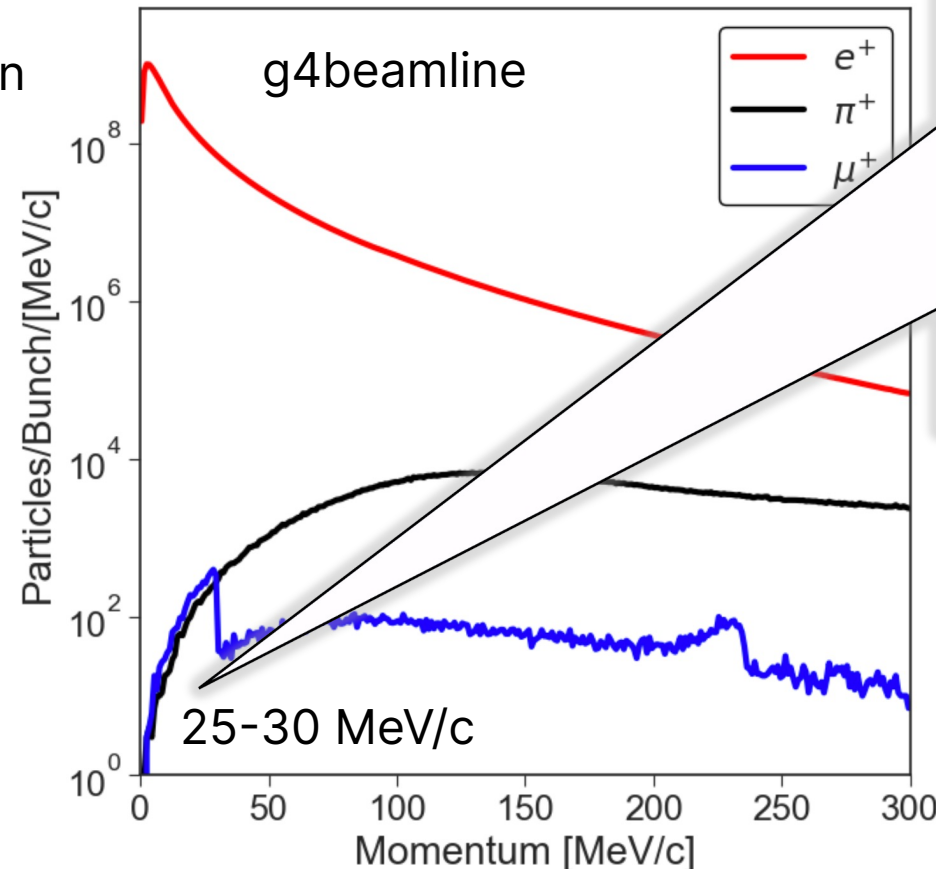
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Full simulation with g4beamline for beamline design

- Total muon yield: $\sim 10^4$ per bunch (below 300 MeV/c)
- Surface muon yield: 2×10^3 per bunch (25-30 MeV/c range)
- Expected intensity: $1 \times 10^8 \mu^+$ /s at 50 kHz operation

• Momentum distribution characteristics:

- Two distinct peaks were observed:
 - Pion decay: ~ 30 MeV/c
 - Kaon decay: ~ 230 MeV/c
- Broad energy distribution, decreasing at higher energies



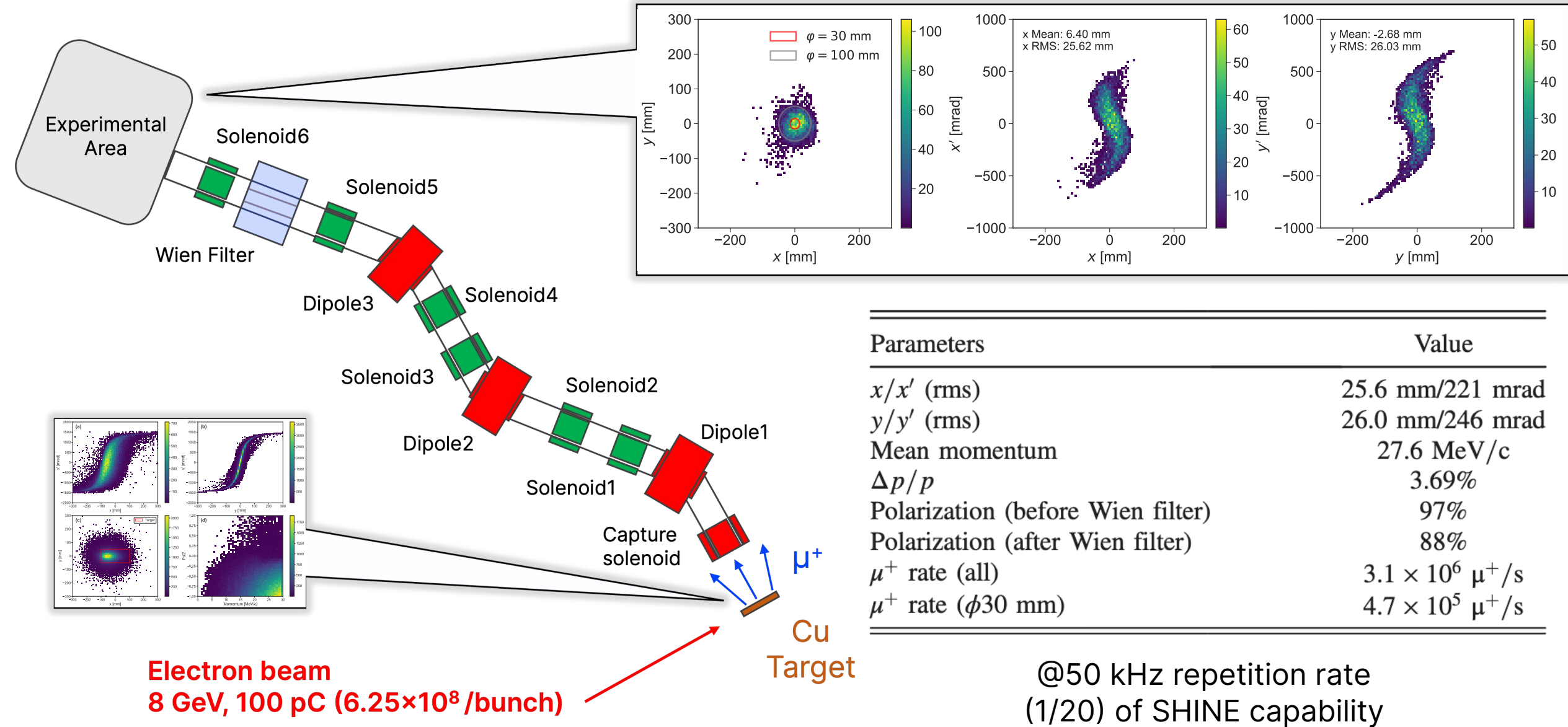
| Parameters | Value |
|--|-------------------------|
| Mean Momentum P_0 / Momentum Spread σ_P | 22.9 MeV/c / 5.5 MeV/c |
| Horizontal Position $\langle x \rangle$ / Width σ_x | -45.2 mm / 73.7 mm |
| Horizontal Divergence $\langle x' \rangle$ / Width $\sigma_{x'}$ | -14.6 mrad / 696.7 mrad |
| Horizontal RMS Emittance | 3814π cm mrad |
| Vertical Position $\langle y \rangle$ / Width σ_y | -0.1 mm / 67.5 mm |
| Vertical Divergence $\langle y' \rangle$ / Width $\sigma_{y'}$ | -1.2 mrad / 696.9 mrad |
| Vertical RMS Emittance | 3180π cm mrad |
| Mean Polarization | -0.63 |

Similar to those of existing facilities.

Surface muon beamline design



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Parameters

Value

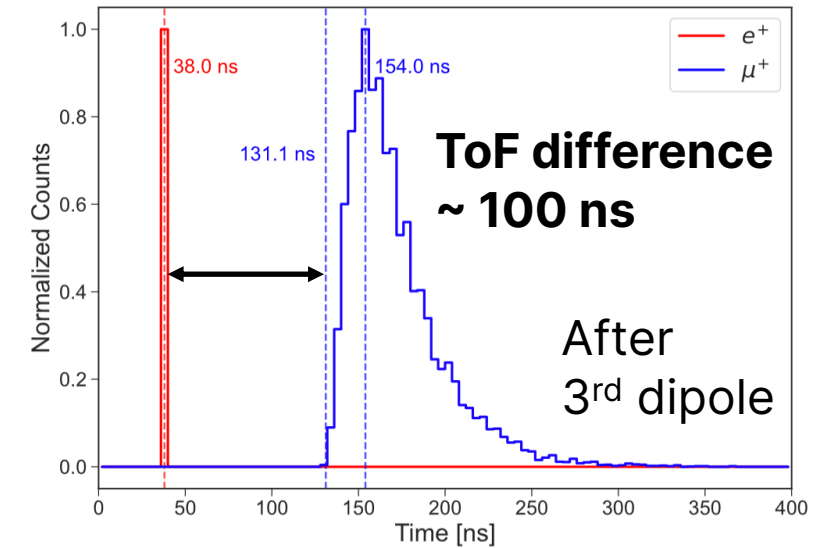
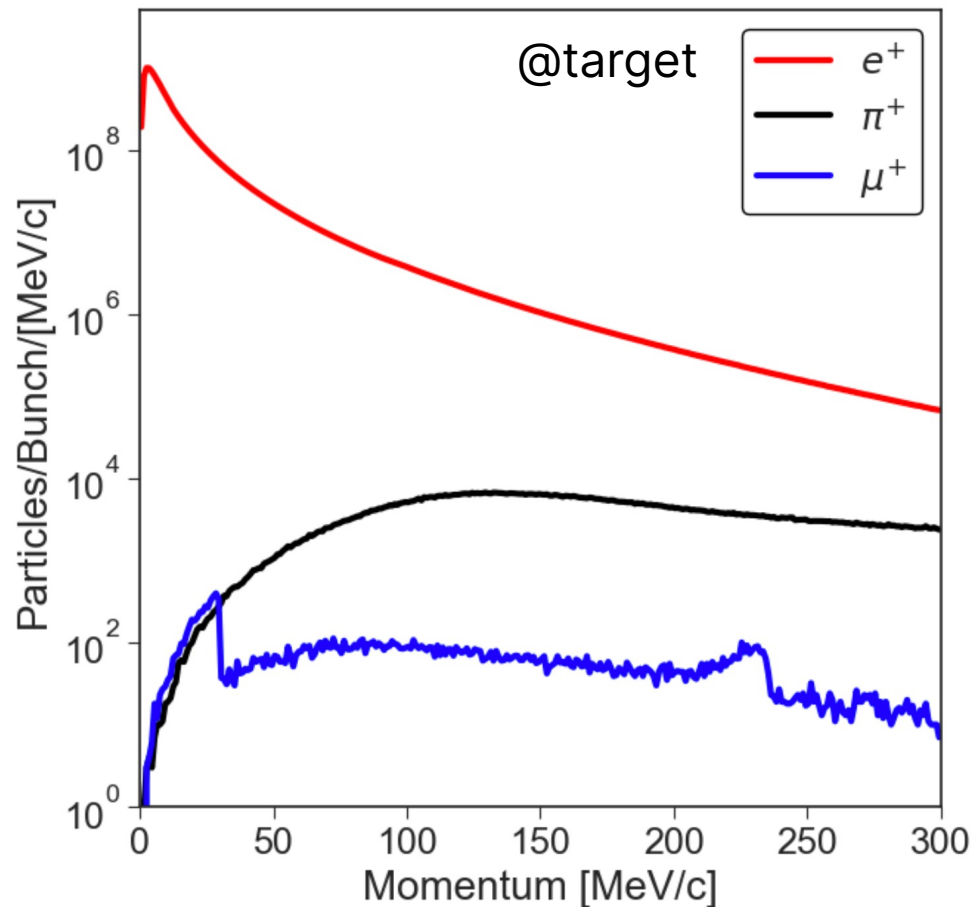
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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| x/x' (rms) | 25.6 mm/221 mrad |
| y/y' (rms) | 26.0 mm/246 mrad |
| Mean momentum | 27.6 MeV/c |
| $\Delta p/p$ | 3.69% |
| Polarization (before Wien filter) | 97% |
| Polarization (after Wien filter) | 88% |
| μ^+ rate (all) | $3.1 \times 10^6 \mu^+/\text{s}$ |
| μ^+ rate ($\phi 30$ mm) | $4.7 \times 10^5 \mu^+/\text{s}$ |

Positron background



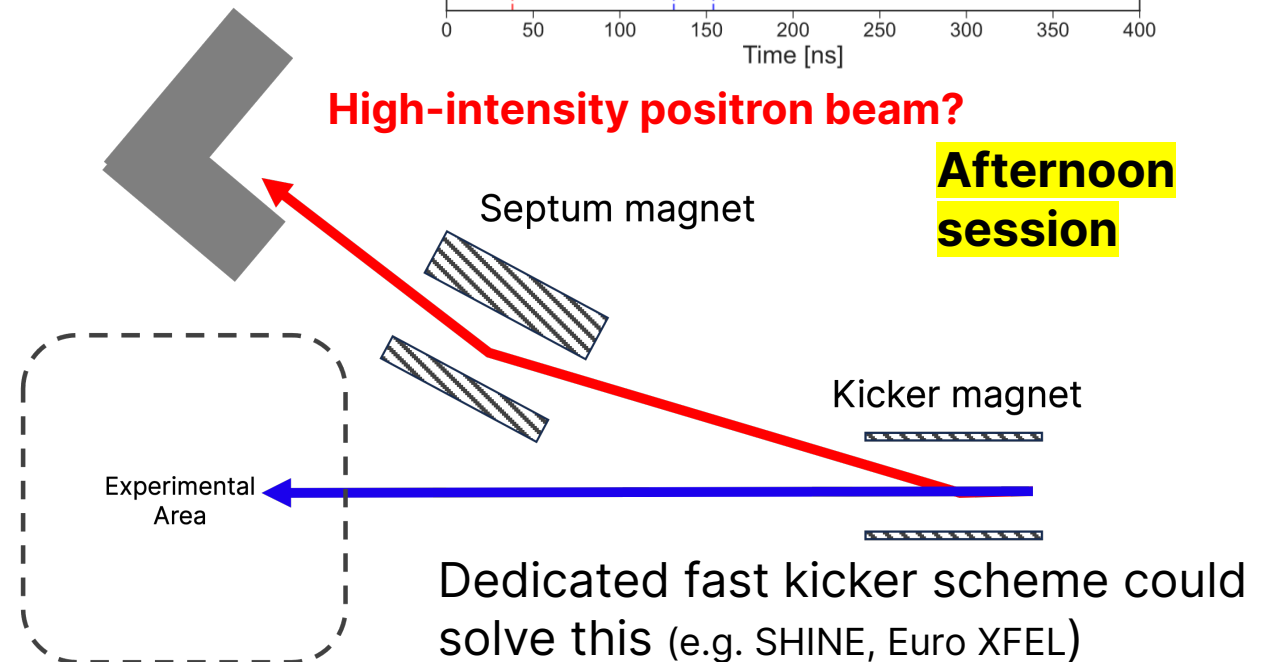
Many positrons!

⇒ Conventional way (Wien filter) may not be sufficient.



High-intensity positron beam?

Afternoon session



Milestones and plans

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Target simulations Poster @ IPAC23

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A PULSED MUON SOURCE BASED ON A HIGH-REPETITION-RATE ELECTRON ACCELERATOR

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This talk

**End-to-end
simulation studies**

Poster @ IPAC25
PRAB paper

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Simulation studies of a high-repetition-rate electron-driven surface muon beamline at SHINE

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Test beam at SHINE shaft #2

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- 2 GeV, 50 pC electron beam (10 Hz)
- Currently under preparation ⇒ **see next talk by Dr. Si Chen and Jun Kai)**

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- Based on the results from beam test, to demonstrate feasibility of electron-based **surface muon** source (**10^4 muons/s equivalent**)

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Project approval, funding, construction...

Summary



- A muon source with high-repetition rate (~ 50 kHz) could provide an ideal time structure for various experiments
- We have completed the baseline design studies:
 - 3×10^6 (all muons) [surface μ /s]
 - 5×10^5 (within $\phi 30$ mm) [surface μ /s] are expected
- Initial science cases will be application-based: μ SR, beam test
- Upgrades and further optimization needed for competitive fundamental physics
- The test beam at SHINE shaft #2 is under preparation

Let's discuss potential applications and opportunities for collaboration!

Backup



Installation Plan



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- Current Plan: to insert the target upstream of FEL-II (Priority on early realization with existing beamline)
- There is also the idea of a dedicated line with a kicker
- Flexible planning based on development and budget conditions.

