

*Recommendations from The International Scoping  
Study for a Neutrino Factory*

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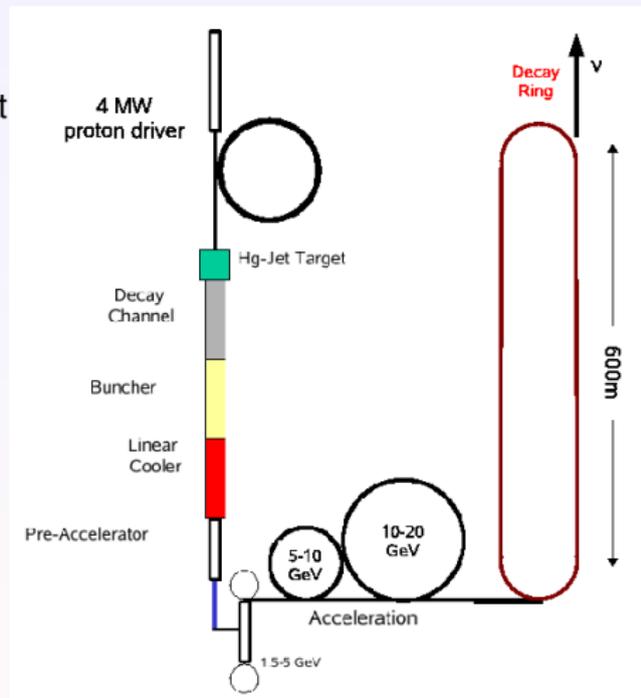
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# Neutrino Factory Overview

- Proton driver
  - primary beam on production target
- Target, capture, decay
  - create  $\pi$ , decay into  $\mu$
- Bunching, phase rotation
  - reduce  $\Delta E$  of bunch
- Cooling
  - reduce transverse emittance
- Acceleration
  - from  $\sim 130$  MeV to 20–50 GeV
- Decay Ring
  - store for  $\sim 500$  turns
  - long  $\nu$  production straight



# *Outline*

*Neutrino Factory*

*The International Scoping Study*

*Proton Drivers*

*Target*

*Muon Front-end*

*Muon Acceleration*

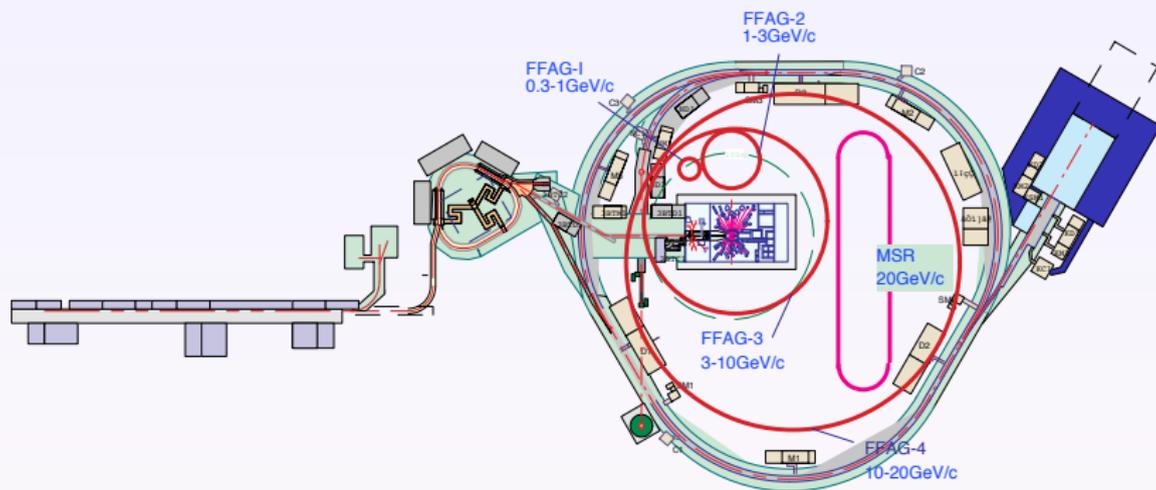
*Decay Ring*

*ISS Decisions*

*R&D Identified by ISS*

# *J-PARC Neutrino Factory Proposal*

## FFAG based neutrino factory



- Four scaling FFAGs accelerate muons from 0.3 to 20 GeV.
- No cooling.
- Single muon bunch throughout the cycle.

## Challenges

- Muons have a short lifetime ( $2.2 \mu\text{s}$  at rest)
  - Puts premium on rapid beam manipulations
    - requires **fast acceleration system**;
    - requires **high gradient NC RF** for cooling (in B-field);
    - requires untested **ionization cooling** technique.
- Muons are created as a tertiary beam ( $p \rightarrow \pi \rightarrow \mu$ )
  - low production rate
    - $\Rightarrow$  target able to handle **multi-MW proton beam**;
  - large muon beam transverse phase space and large energy spread
    - $\Rightarrow$  high acceptance acceleration system and storage ring.
- Neutrinos are themselves a quarternary beam
  - even less intensity and less control;
  - goal is  **$10^{21}$  decays per year**.

## *International Scoping Study*

### *Terms of Reference*

*The physics case for the facility will be evaluated and options for the accelerator complex and neutrino detection systems will be studied. The principal objective will be to lay the foundations for a full conceptual-design study of the facility. The plan for the scoping study has been prepared in collaboration by the international community: the ECFA/BENE network in Europe, the Japanese NuFact-J collaboration, the US Muon Collider and Neutrino Factory Collaboration and the UK Neutrino Factory collaboration. CCLRC's Rutherford Appleton Laboratory will be the 'host laboratory' for the study.*

## ISS Structure

Three main areas of study: Physics, Detectors, Accelerators  
Accelerator Study managed by **Machine Council**.

- R. Fernow (BNL), R. Garoby (CERN), Y. Mori (KURRI), R. Palmer (BNL), C. Prior (RAL), M. Zisman (LBL, Chairman)



Aided by Task Coordinators

- **Proton Driver** - R. Garoby, H. Kirk (BNL), Y. Mori, C. Prior
- **Target** - J. Lettry (CERN), K. McDonald (Princeton)
- **Muon Front-end and Cooling** - R. Fernow, K. Yoshimura (KEK)
- **Muon Acceleration** - J.S. Berg (BNL), Y. Mori, C. Prior
- **Decay Ring** - C. Johnstone (FNAL), G. Rees (RAL)

## *Goals of the Accelerator Study*

- Study alternative configurations; arrive at specifications for a **baseline recommendation**
- Develop and validate **tools for end-to-end simulations** of alternative facility concepts
- Focus on selected options as a prelude to subsequent International Design Study (IDS)
- Carry out a **cost evaluation**
- R&D list to be developed as study proceeds

### *Requirements from the Facility*

- Muon energies of 20 GeV, system upgradable to 50 GeV
- $10^{21}$  muon decays per year
- Pulses of  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  separated by  $\sim 100$  ns at detectors roughly 3000 km and 7500 km away.

## *Proton Drivers*

### *NF requirements*

- 4 MW of proton beam power on pion target.
- Delivered in pulses comprising bunches of 1–3 ns duration rms.

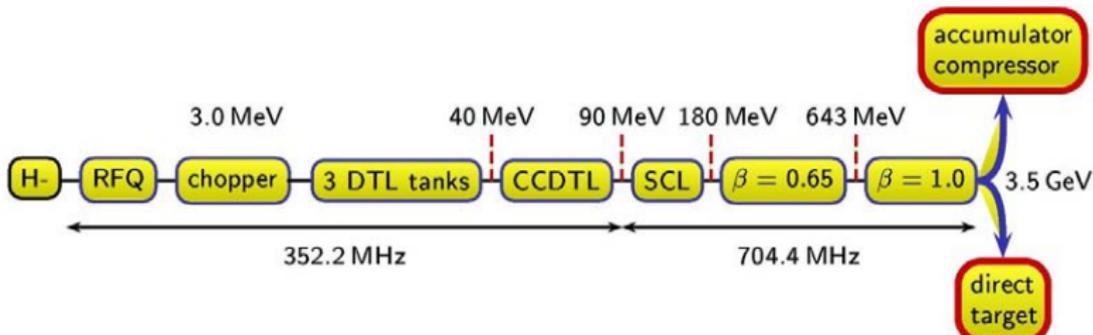
### *Tasks*

- Consider whether existing machines can be developed to meet NF requirements and analyse new designs.
- Compare merits of different structures – performance and cost.
  - Full energy linac, accumulator and compressor rings.
  - RCS-based drivers.
  - FFAg proton drivers (scaling or non-scaling).
- Decide on optimum repetition rate – relates to target and downstream RF structures.
- Decide on optimum beam energy – depends on target choice.
- Decide on optimum pulse structure – affects whole of remaining structure.
- Weigh up bunch length trade-offs.

## *Factors Affecting Proton Driver Design Specifications*

- Required production of  $10^{21}$  neutrinos per year
- Muon yield as a function of proton energy and target material
- Heating and stress levels of target material
- Muon capture as function of proton bunch extent
- Proton pulse structure and time duration on target
- Peak beam loading levels in the  $\mu^{\pm}$  accelerators
- Bunch train stacking in the  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  decay rings

# Linac-based Proposals – CERN SPL



- Phased construction: Linac4 to 160 MeV to feed PS Booster.
- Add 366 m of SC RF to reach 3.5 GeV.
- TESLA/ILC type cryostats, 5-cell SC Nb cavities, cold quadrupoles.
- Layout and beam dynamics (CEA).



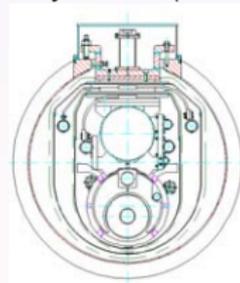
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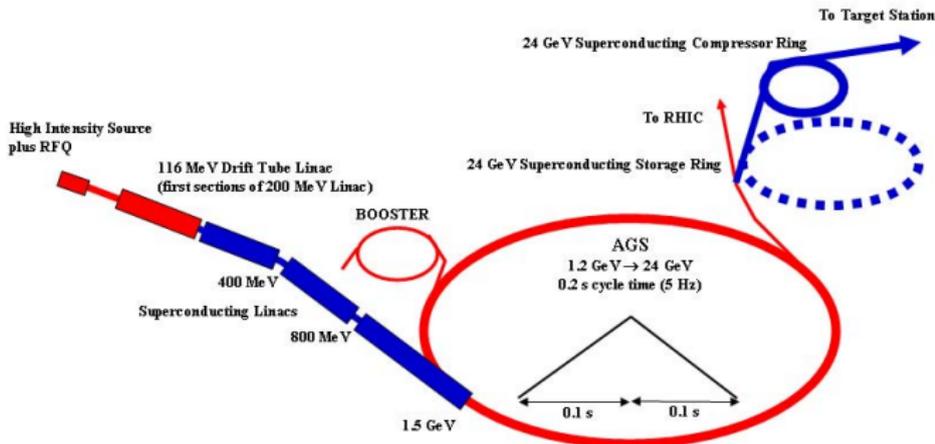
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High  $\beta$  Cavity

## Proton Drivers based on Synchrotrons

### 4 MW AGS proton driver layout



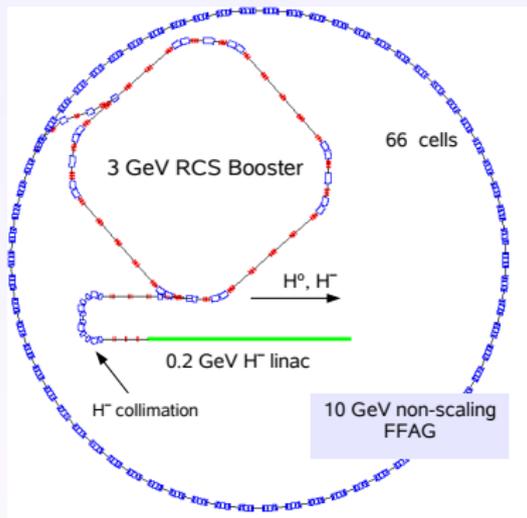
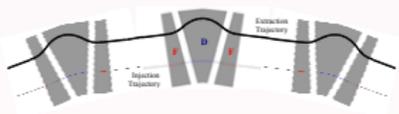
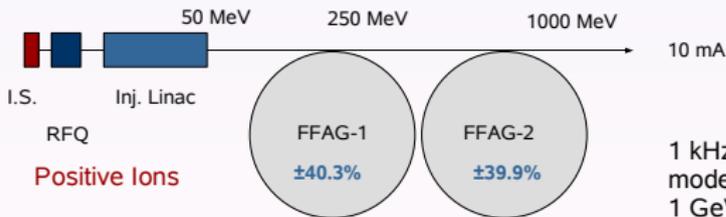
- AGS upgraded to 1 or 4 MW
- J-PARC scheme with 3 and 50 GeV synchrotrons
- RAL models at 5 GeV, 8 GeV, 15 GeV and 30 GeV

# FFAG-based Proton Drivers

## RAL Model

- 50 Hz, 10 GeV, 4 MW proton driver
- 200 MeV linac
- 3 GeV RCS booster for accumulation
- 3–10 GeV non-scaling FFAG
- 3 or 5 proton bunches

## Ruggiero Model



1 kHz, 10 kHz or CW  
modes  
1 GeV, 10 MW

## Table of Proton Drivers

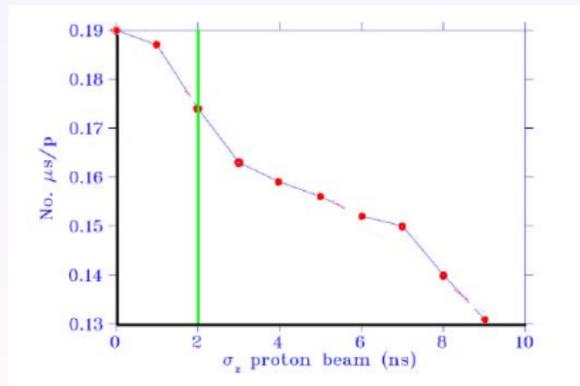
$\tau_p$  = pulse duration,  $N_b$  = number of bunches per pulse,  $\tau_b$  = final compressed bunch length.

Driver	Power (MW)	Type	Energy (GeV)	Frequency (Hz)	Protons per pulse ( $\times 10^{13}$ )	Pulse structure		
						$\tau_p$ ( $\mu$ s)	$N_b$	$\tau_b$ (ns)
BNL-AGS	1	Synch	28	2.5	9	720	24	3
	4	Synch	28	5	18	720	24	3
	4	Synch	40	5	12.5	720	24	3
FNAL	2	Synch	8	15	10	1.6	84	1
	2	Linac	8	10	15			
FNAL MI	2	Synch	120	0.67	15	10	530	2
CERN-SPL	4	LAR	2.2	50	23	3.2	140	1
	4	LAR	3.5	50	14	1.7	68	1
J-PARC	0.75	Synch	50	0.3	31	4.6	8	6
RAL	4	Synch	5	50	10	1.4	4	1
	4	Synch	6–8	50	8.3	1.6	6	1
	4	FFAG	10	50	5	2.3	5	1
	4	Synch	15	25	6.7	3.2	6	1
	4	Synch	30	8.33	10	3.2	8	1
RAL/CERN	4	Synch	30	8.33	10	3.2	8	1
KEK/Kyoto	1	FFAG	1	$10^4$	0.06	0.4	10	10
	1	FFAG	3	$3 \cdot 10^3$	0.06	0.5	10	10

## Target/Capture/Decay

- Optimum target material - solid or liquid; low, medium or high  $Z$ 
  - Targets examined: C, Cu, Hg, Ta, all with  $r = 1$  cm
  - Proton beam energies considered: 5, 10 and 24 GeV
  - Proton bunches from 1–3 ns rms

- *Find 1 ns is preferred but 2–3 ns is acceptable;*
- *12% fall-off in performance at 3 ns;*
- *such short bunches hard to achieve at low energy*



- Intensity limitations (from target or beam dump)
- Horn or solenoid capture

## Target Material Comparison

*Hg compared at 10 GeV and 24 GeV*

$$\frac{N_{10\text{ GeV}}^+}{N_{24\text{ GeV}}^+} = 1.07$$

$$\frac{N_{10\text{ GeV}}^-}{N_{24\text{ GeV}}^-} = 1.10$$

*C compared at 5 GeV and 24 GeV*

$$\frac{N_{5\text{ GeV}}^+}{N_{24\text{ GeV}}^+} = 1.90$$

$$\frac{N_{5\text{ GeV}}^-}{N_{24\text{ GeV}}^-} = 1.77$$

*Hg at 10 GeV compared with C at 5 GeV*

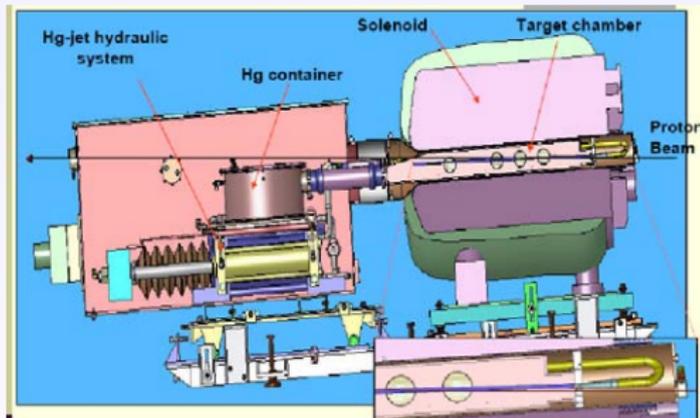
$$\frac{N_{\text{Hg},10\text{ GeV}}^+}{N_{\text{C},5\text{ GeV}}^+} = 1.18$$

$$\frac{N_{\text{Hg},10\text{ GeV}}^-}{N_{\text{C},5\text{ GeV}}^-} = 1.22$$

## Target Choice

### 1. Liquid Targets

- Liquid mercury jet looks viable –  
**chosen as baseline**
- MERIT (**MER**cury  
**I**ntense **T**arget)  
experiment at CERN



- CERN PS 24 GeV beam,  
 $2.8 \times 10^{13}$  protons on  
1.2 mm  $\times$  1.2 mm beam spot
- Peak energy deposition 180 J/g

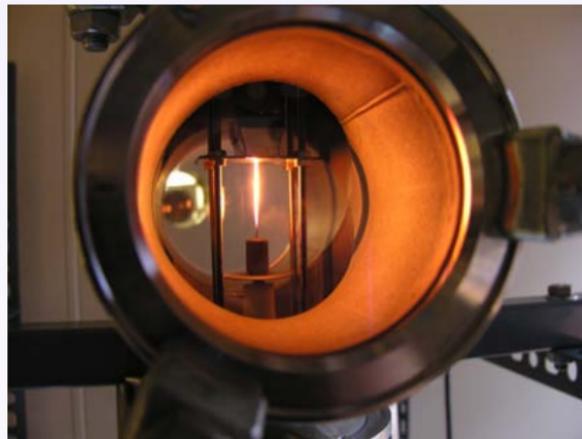
A liquid target performs best with a short proton pulse length  $\lesssim 40 \mu\text{s}$ .

A liquid lead alloy with low melting point may be a safer option than mercury

## *Target Choice*

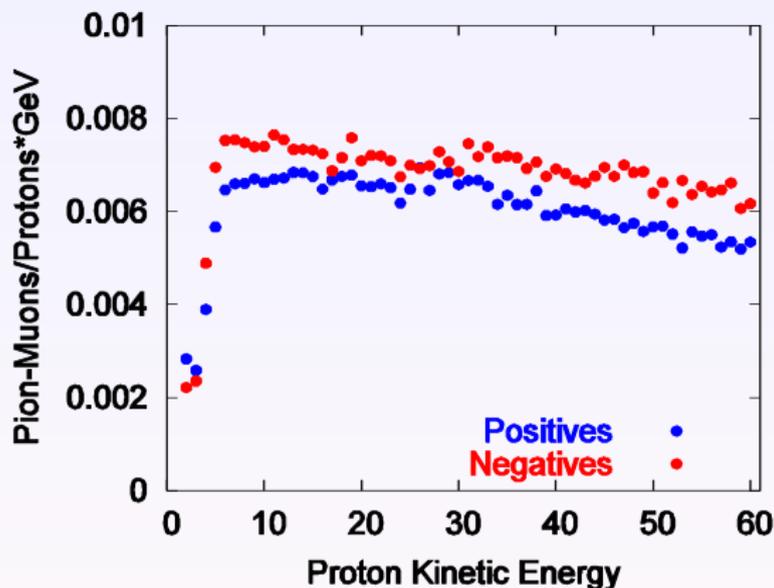
### *2. Solid Targets*

- A rotating band target may be possible, but target changing scheme is difficult.
- Tungsten target shock experiments at RAL suggest good lifetimes



A solid target operates best with a longer pulse,  $\lesssim 70 \mu\text{s}$  because of its ability to relax during deposition.

## *Pion Distribution and Energy Choice*



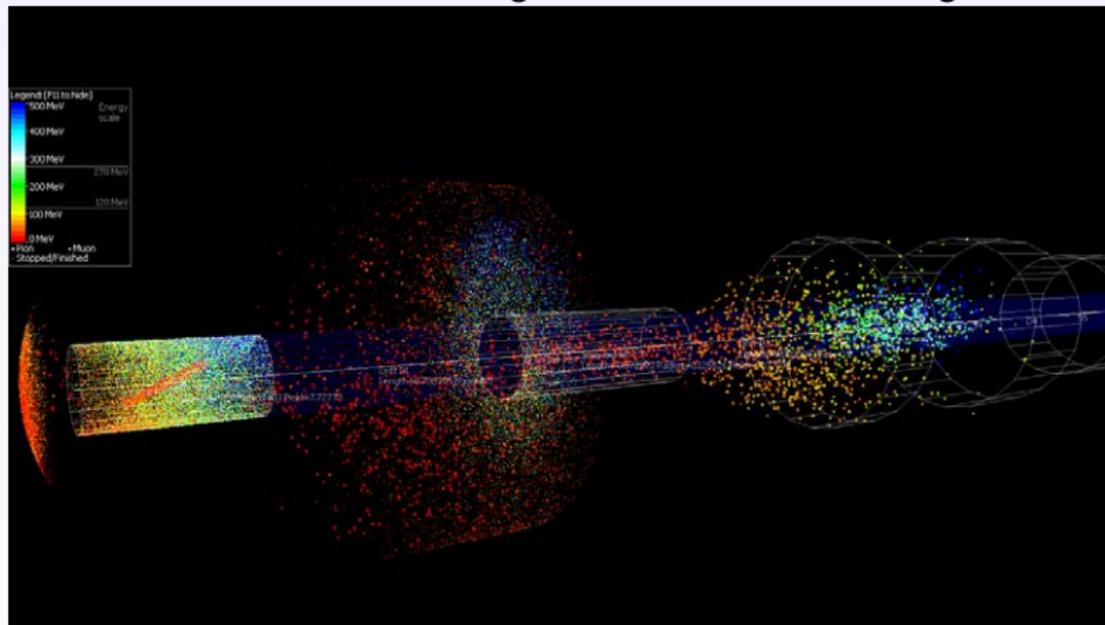
MARS output suggests optimum proton beam energy range of **5–15 GeV**.

Benefits of higher energy (easier bunch compression, better performance) are outweighed by additional cost

## *Muon Front-End*

### *Pion Capture Scheme*

Solenoids with fields starting at 20 T and decreasing to 1.75 T



Target is a tilted 20 cm long Ta rod inside a 20 T solenoid

## *Muon Front-End*

### *Front-end comprises:*

- Pion capture channel; pions decay to muons
- Muon phase rotation section to reduce energy spread and increase bunch length
- Ionisation cooling channel to reduce transverse emittance

### *ISS Comparative Study*

**Aim: identify front-end channel likely to produce greatest number of neutrino events, assuming the same pion production from a 10 GeV proton beam.**

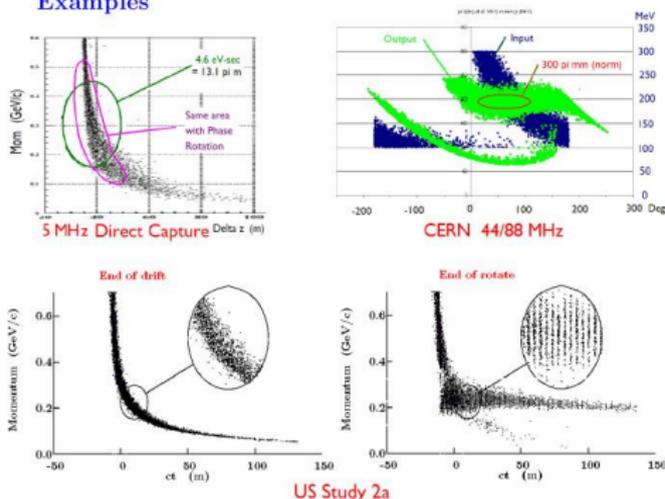
- Japanese Nufact-J, frequency 5 MHz; no cooling, large aperture scaling FFAGs
- CERN linear cooling channel, frequency 88 MHz
- US Study IIa, linear cooling channel, frequency 201 MHz

**The only scheme to meet design goal of  $10^{21}$  muon decays per year is US Study IIa.**

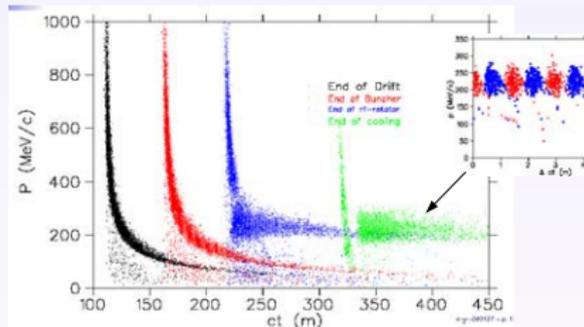


# Longitudinal Capture Efficiencies

## Examples



## Neuffer Bunching Scheme



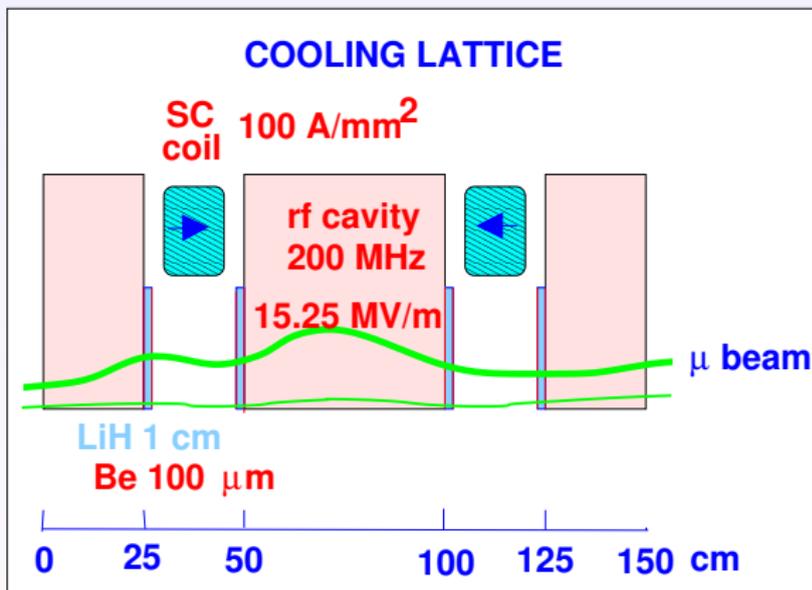
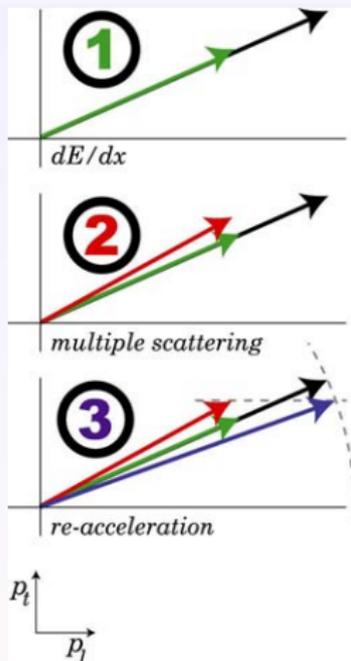
	Capture efficiency	signs	efficiency × signs	
5 MHz	39%	1	39%	OK
5 MHz+phase rotation	~ 60%	1	60%	good
88 MHz	~ 15%	1	15%	poor
88 MHz + Neuffer	~ 48%	2	96%	very good
201 MHz Induction linacs	56%	1	56%	good
201 MHz + Neuffer	48%	2	96%	very good

## Optimising Muon Decays per Year

	Rotation	Cooling	Trans. Acc. $\pi$ mm.rad	signs	$\mu$ p.a. $\times 10^{21}$
5 MHz	no	no	30	1	0.11
5 MHz	yes	yes	30	2	0.34
44/88 MHz	RF	yes	15	1	0.16
44/88 MHz	Neuffer	yes	15	2	1.0
201 MHz US2	Induction	yes	15	1	0.45
201 MHz US2	Induction	no	30	1	0.35
201 MHz US2a	Neuffer	yes	30	2	1.06
201 MHz US2a	Neuffer	no	30	2	0.61

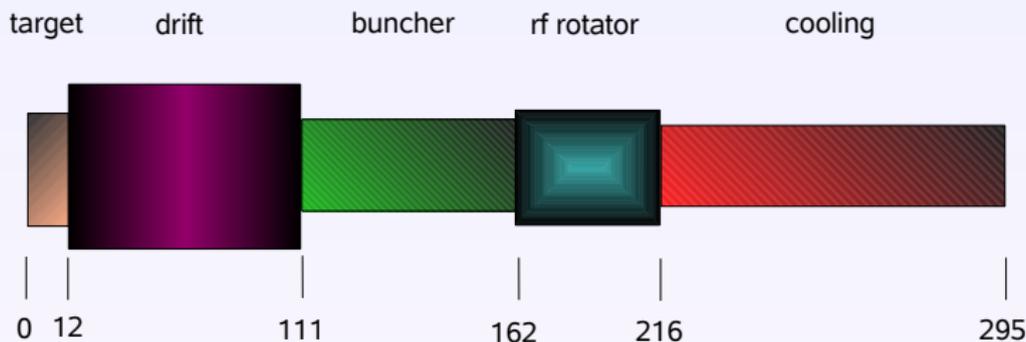
- 201 MHz with Neuffer and two detectors reaches design goal of  $10^{21}$  muons per annum
- 88 MHz fails to meet requirements because of small capture phase space and only one muon sign
- 5 MHz fails because of decay loss, no cooling and one muon sign

## Ionisation Cooling



1. Liquid hydrogen absorbers remove momentum in all directions
2. Multiple scattering increases transverse emittance
3. RF restores longitudinal momentum, giving overall transverse momentum decrease

## ISS Recommended Front-end



- Target followed by 12 m long capture channel, solenoids 20 T  $\rightarrow$  1.75 T
- Drift section, 100 m, pions decay to muons
- 50 m long adiabatic buncher - modest RF gradients, frequencies changing along the line
- Rotator section, 50 m, higher RF gradients, decreasing frequencies. Beam rotates to reduce energy spread to  $\sim 10\%$  emerging beam in **trains of 80 interleaved  $\mu^\pm$  bunches**.
- 80 m cooling channel: solenoid focusing, 201 MHz RF cavities, LiH absorbers; transverse emittance reduced  $\epsilon_{n,rms} : 17 \rightarrow 7\pi \text{ mm.rad}$  (at central momentum  $p_0=220 \text{ MeV/c}$ ).

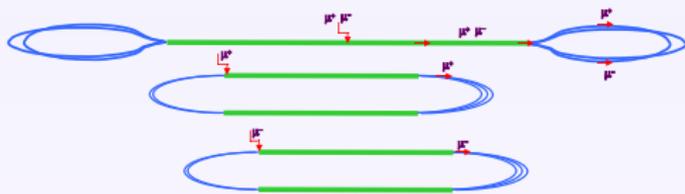
## *Muon Acceleration*

### *Tasks*

- Compare different schemes on an equal footing
  - RLA, scaling FFAG, non-scaling FFAG, isochronous FFAG.
  - implications of keeping both sign muons.
  - need improved tracking codes for non-scaling FFAG designs in this parameter regime.
- Prepare scenarios for different values of acceptance (transverse and longitudinal)
- Consider matching between accelerator subsystems
- Consider both improved performance and relative costs

## Accelerator Choice

### Racetrack v. Dogbone



Recirculate to save on expensive RF, but energy separation at switchyard limits number of passes through linac.

**Dogbone is preferred to racetrack**

### FFAGs

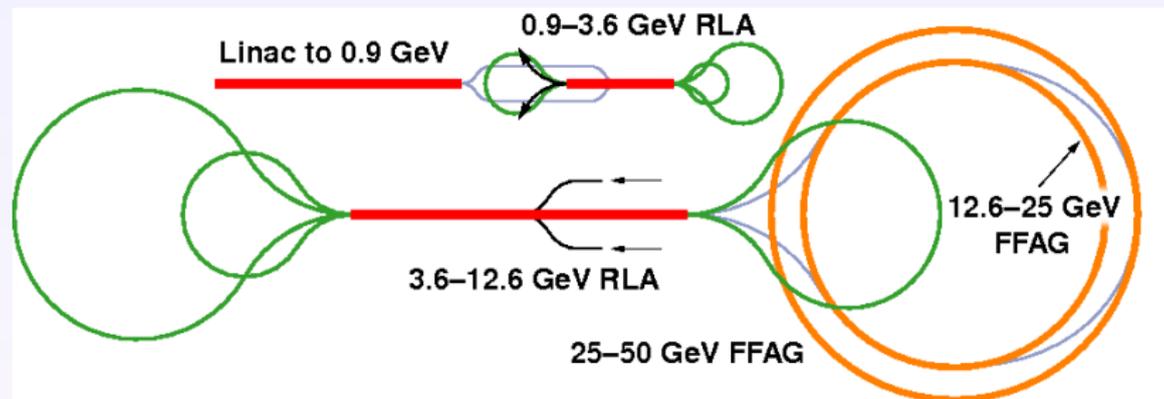
Choice between:

- scaling - large apertures, constant tune, low frequency RF ( $\implies$  low gradients, decay loss)
- non-scaling - linear elements, large apertures, resonance crossing, high frequency RF
- isochronous - nonlinear fields,  $Q_v$  constant,  $Q_h$  varies; any frequency RF



**Machida THYAB01**

## ISS Recommended Scheme for Muon Acceleration



- Linear pre-acceleration 138 MeV to 0.9 GeV
- Symmetric Dogbone RLA,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  passes, 0.9 GeV to 3.6 GeV
- Second dogbone RLA,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  passes, 3.6 GeV to 12.6 GeV
- Non-scaling FFAG to accelerate to 25 GeV
- A second non-scaling FFAG can be added if 50 GeV is required
- Note: accelerates both  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$

## *Muon Decay Rings*

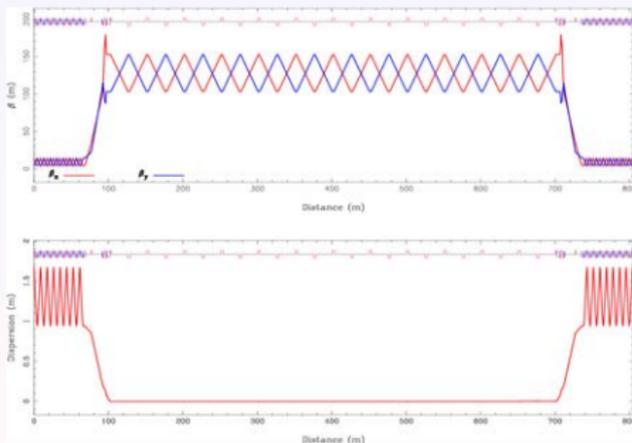
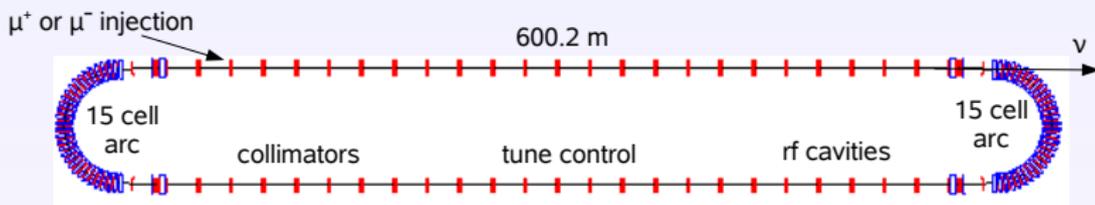
### *Issues addressed by ISS*

- Comparison of different ring geometries (racetrack, triangular, bowtie)
- Design implications of final energy (20 v. 50 GeV)
- Optics requirements v. beam emittance (arcs, injection, decay straights)
- Implications of keeping both sign muons (one or two rings?)
- How to handle two simultaneous baselines.
- Radiation issues from  $10^{21}$  useful neutrinos per year

### *ISS team developed new rings for each geometry*

- Designed for 20 GeV upgradable to 50 GeV
- Same circumference 1608.8 m, fitting bunch structure based on proton
- Planned baselines to detectors of  $\sim 3000$  km and  $\sim 7500$  km

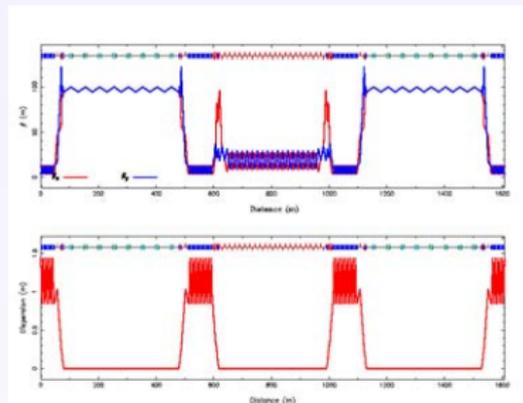
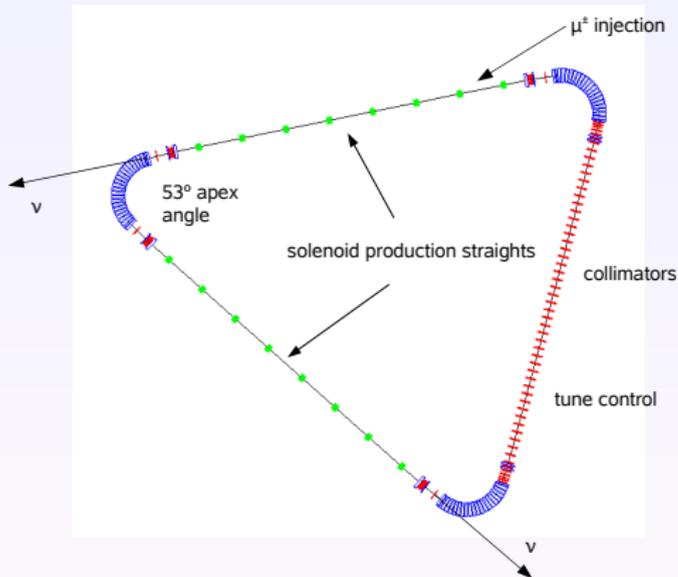
# Racetrack Design



- 600 m straight section; efficiency 37%
- Quadrupole focusing in production straights,  $\beta \sim 153$  m.
- Design shown has muons of one sign only; adapted, could do  $\mu^\pm$  counter-rotating
- Separate tunnels for each ring, pointing at detectors, max depth 435 m
- Flexible - any detector site can be chosen

Racetrack is provisionally chosen as ISS recommendation 

## Isosceles Triangular Design for Muon Decay Ring

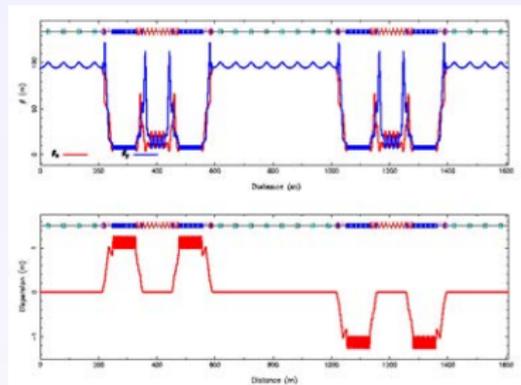
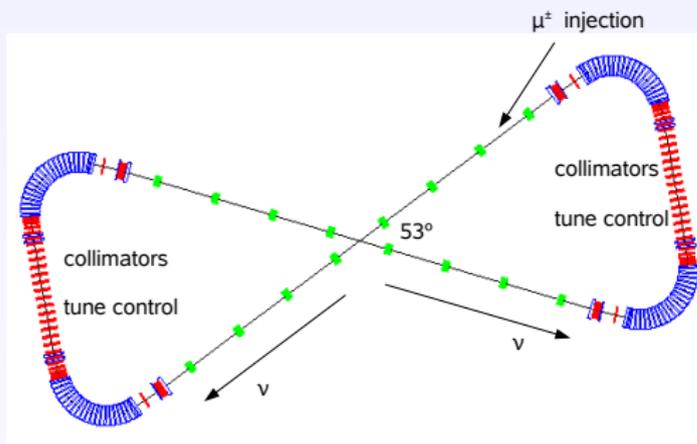


- Two production straights each 400 m; efficiency  $2 \times 24\%$
- Solenoid focusing in production straights,  $\beta \sim 94$  m.
- Each ring serves both detectors, max depth 384 m

- Two rings in a single tunnel, one for  $\mu^+$ , one for  $\mu^-$ , bunch trains interleaved in time to give required  $\gtrsim 100$  ns between  $\nu, \bar{\nu}$ , at detectors

Less flexibility but more efficient;  
could be good choice depending on  
chosen sites

## Bow-tie Design for Muon Decay Ring



- Similar to isosceles model, two rings in same tunnel
- Two production straights each 400 m; efficiency  $2 \times 24\%$
- Solenoid focusing in production straights,  $\beta \sim 94$  m.
- Each ring serves both detectors, max depth  $\lesssim 200$  m

- But preserves polarization, which could interfere with accuracy of beam instrumentation  
 → could be overcome by changing optics to lie on a polarization resonance.

## *NF Sites and Detector Combinations for Triangular Rings*

NF site	Detector 1	Distance (km)	Detector 2	Distance (km)	Apex angle (deg)	Angle to vertical (deg)
BNL	Homestake	2525	Arlit	7369	53	28
	WIPP Carlsbad	2883	Arlit	7369	48	0.7
	Homestake	2525	Ghana	7300	47	7.9
FNAL	Norsaq	3532	N. Argentina	7634	77	45
JPARC	Daya Bay	2914	Oulu	7073	98	80
	Daya Bay	2914	NW Territories	7300	60	35
CERN	Norsaq	3577	INO, Pykara	7158	63	43
	Baksan	2911	Venezuela	7615	50	1.2
RAL	Norsaq	2806	INO, Pykara	7630	60	33.3
	Oulu	2075	N. Brazil	7300	46	15
	Crete	2751	WIPP Carlsbad	7513	49	0.9

Oulu – Finland; Arlit – Niger; Norsaq – Greenland; WIPP – Waste Inspection Pilot Plant, New Mexico; Daya Bay – S. China; INO – Indian Neutrino Observatory; Baksan – SAGE project, Georgia;

RED indicates a proposed new detector site.

For greatest efficiency, apex angle should be as small as possible and ring almost vertical.

## *Scoping Study Decisions*

- Proton energy: 5–15 GeV
- Proton driver bunch structure:  $\sim$  3–5 bunches spaced by  $\sim 17 \mu\text{s}$
- Proton bunch length:  $\sim 2$  ns rms
- Repetition rate:  $\sim 50$  Hz
- Target: baseline is liquid mercury
- Pion collection: 20 T solenoid capture system
- RF frequency: 201 MHz
- Phase rotation: baseline is Neuffer bunched beam rotation scheme
- Cooling: baseline is 50 m of ionisation cooling
- Acceleration: **No decision yet**
- Muon decay ring: nominally racetrack, but choice is site dependent

## *R&D Identified by ISS*

### *1. Proton driver*

- Complete the front-end test stand at RAL to demonstrate clean fast beam chopping, essential for low loss ring injection
- Build and test an electron model of a non-scaling proton FFAG
- Develop FFAG tracking codes with space charge to explore halo formation, beam loss and collimation issues.
- Develop high gradient, low frequency RF cavities; study beam loading issues
- Accumulator and compressor ring design for linac-based options; vacuum studies, instabilities and halo formation.

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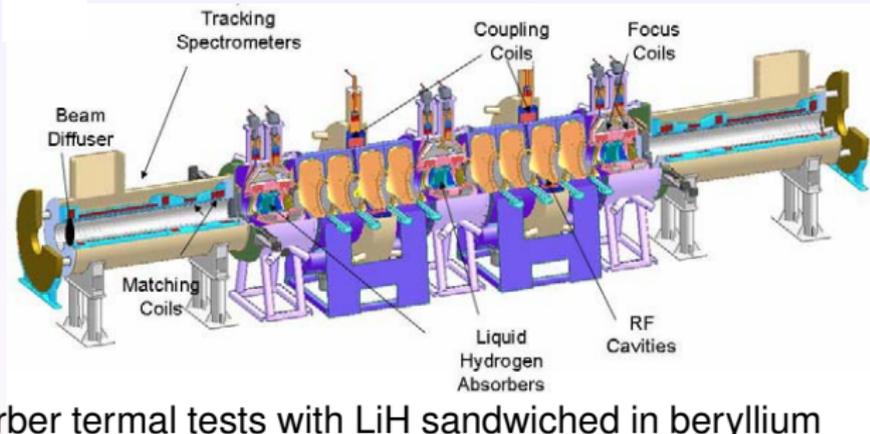
### *2. Target*

- Progress MERIT experiment; explore high Z-targets (e.g. Pb-Bi eutectic)
- Develop solid targets capable of handling at least 1 MW
  - shock tests and irradiation studies
  - design beam dumps
  - determine acceptable single bunch and bunch train spacings

## R&D Identified by ISS

### 3. Muon Front-End

- Complete MICE experiment to demonstrate ionisation cooling
- Develop high gradient cavities that operate in strong solenoid magnetic fields
- Study H<sub>2</sub>-gas-filled cavities
  - Carry out absorber thermal tests with LiH sandwiched in beryllium
  - Study other cooling channels (Guggenheim, dogbone) and options for 6D cooling.
  - Optimise system by balancing cooling channel performance against acceptance of accelerating system.

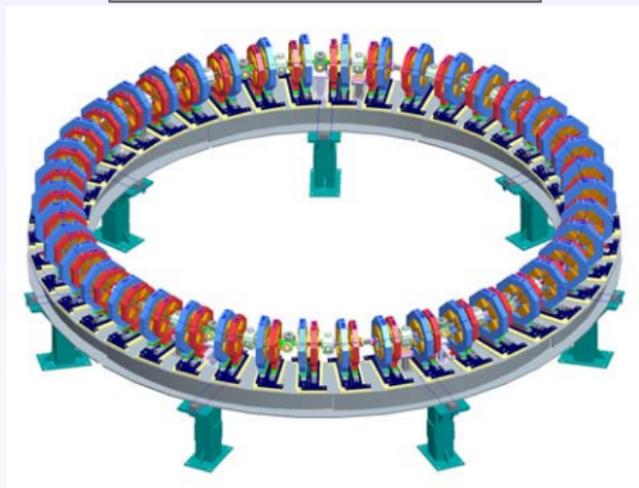


## R&D Identified by ISS

### 4. Acceleration

#### Edgecock THOBAB01

- Construction and development of **EMMA**
  - Electron test model of a non-scaling FFAG
  - Uses Daresbury Lab ERLP linac as injector
- Study use of high frequency cavities in scaling FFAGs
- Demonstrate operation of SC RF cavities in close proximity to high-field magnets and that requisite gradients can be achieved (Cornell)
- Examine further the harmonic number jump proposals (BNL); possible hardware test.
- Develop new non-linear modelling codes



## *R&D Identified by ISS*

### *5. Decay Rings*

- Designs of novel combined function superconducting magnets  
→ substantial heat load from muon beam
- Tracking studies with errors (ZGOUBI); code development needed
- Polarization studies to determine feasibility of bow-tie geometry