



Neutrino beams beyond LBNF

With a focus on accelerator-based beams

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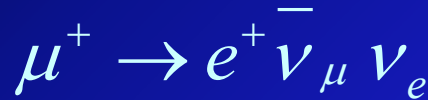
Neutrino beams

- It has been more than 50 years since Simon van der Meer invented the magnetic horn in order to improve the performance of neutrino beam production at accelerators
- We have been doing it more or less the same way ever since, save some notable exceptions:
 - Quad-focused beams
 - Sign-selected (dipole), narrow band
 - Tagged neutrino beams from K decay (proposed, but not built at Fermilab. New R&D, however).
- Over the past 20 years there has been an enormous effort to try to develop alternative designs for accelerator-based neutrino beams
 - Centered around the Neutrino Factory Studies

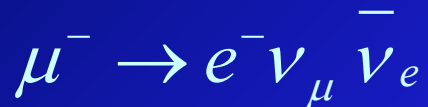
Overview

- For close to 45 years physicists have been talking about doing ν experiments with ν_s from μ decay

Well-understood neutrino source:



μ Decay Ring:



- Flavor content fully known
- “*Near Absolute*” Flux Determination is possible in a storage ring
 - Beam current, polarization, beam divergence monitor, μ_p spectrometer
- Overall, there is tremendous control of systematic uncertainties with a well designed system

Neutrino Factory Studies

- Study 1 (US-Fermilab) [2000]
- Study 2 (US-BNL) [2001]
- NuFact-J study [2001]
- CERN NF study [2002]
- Study 2a (APS Multidivisional Neutrino Study) [2004]
- ISS (first international study; ISS group) [2006]
- International Design Study for a Neutrino Factory [2011]
- + nuSTORM & nuPIL



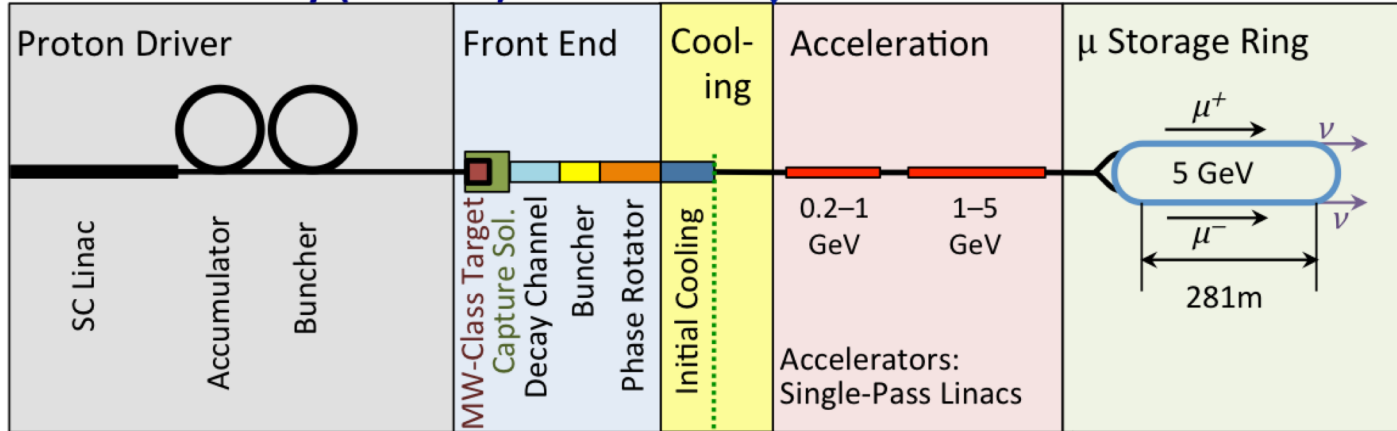
Yes, we generated a lot of paper & almost 1 neutrino

Then came P5: And the R&D ramped down quickly



Muon Accelerator Program (MAP): Where we wound up

Neutrino Factory (NuMAX)

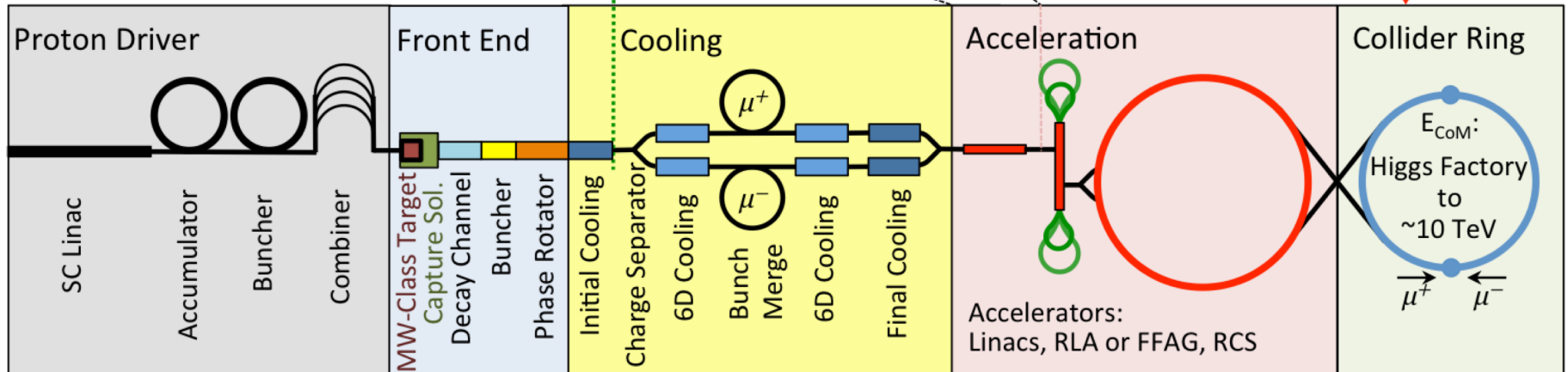


ν Factory Goal:
 10^{21} μ^+ & μ^- per year
 within the accelerator
 acceptance

μ -Collider Goals:
 126 GeV \Rightarrow
 $\sim 14,000$ Higgs/yr
 Multi-TeV \Rightarrow
 Lumi $> 10^{34}$ cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$

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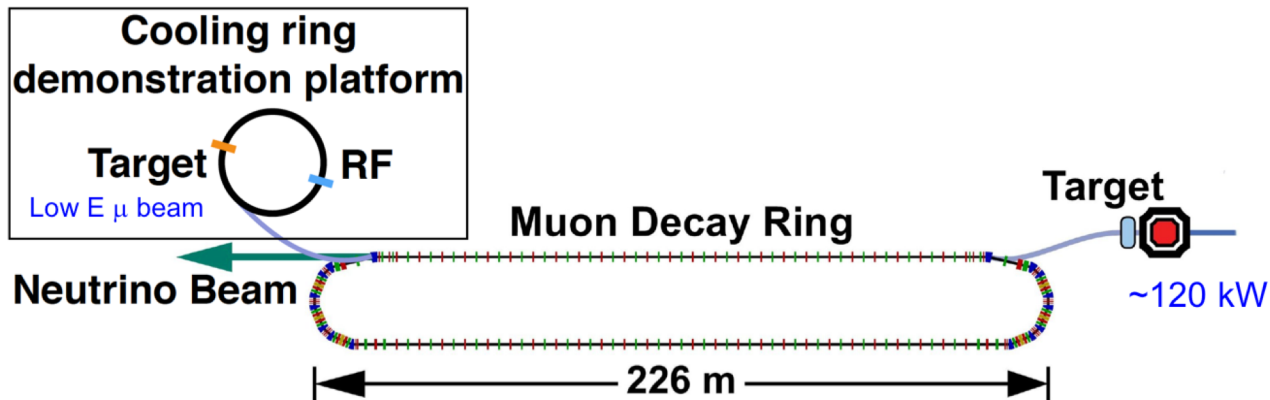
Muon Collider



Staging, start small: nuSTORM (short baseline)

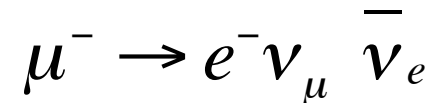
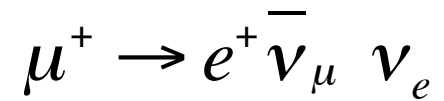
Neutrino Factory Light: conventional target + horn, pion capture & then injection into a ring

Annual Reviews of Nuclear and Particle Science, Volume 65, Adey *et al.*

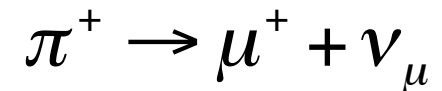


5 ± 0.5 GeV/c pion injection
 3.8 ± 0.4 GeV/c circulating muon beam

From μ decay



From π decay

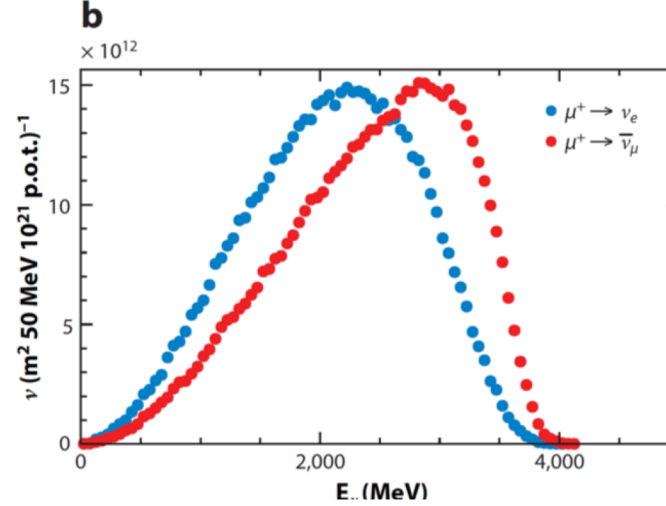
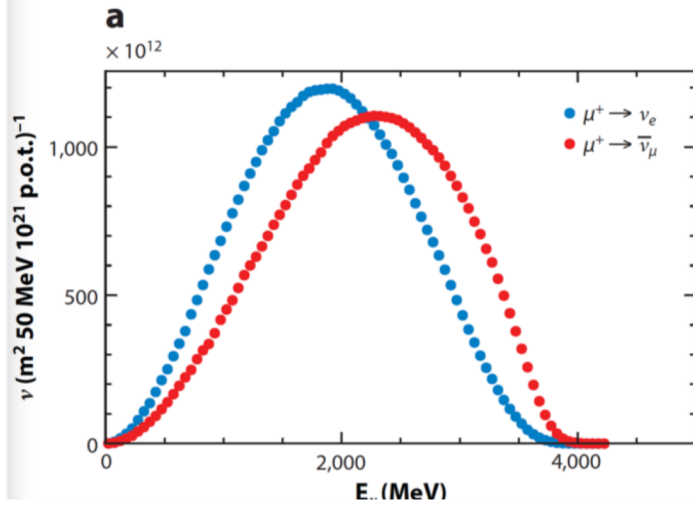


nuSTORM: Flux

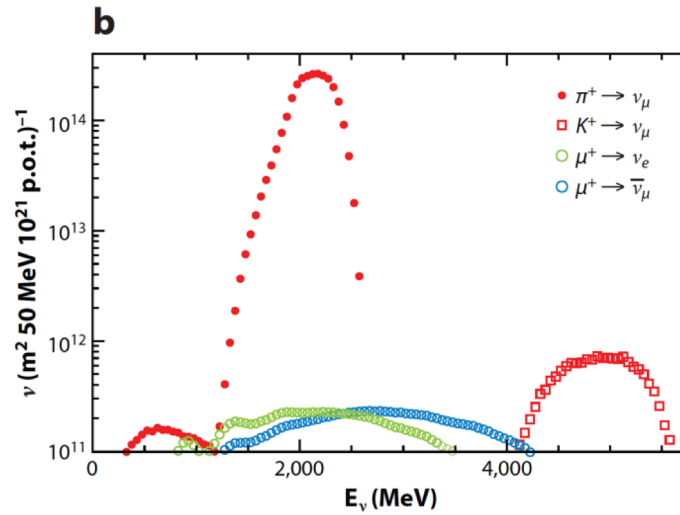
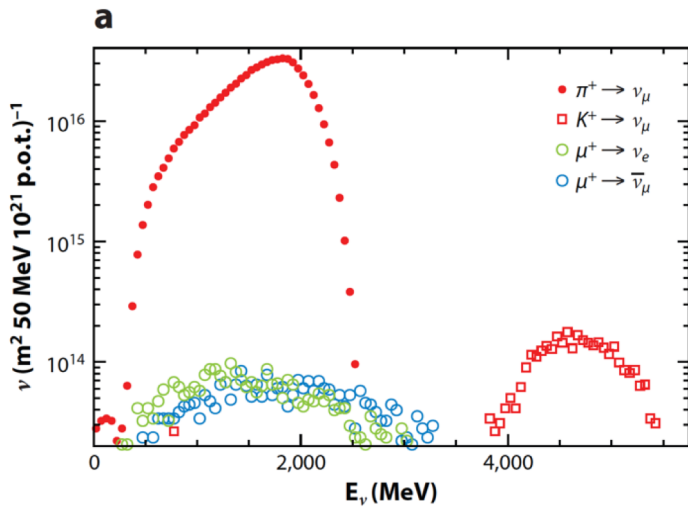


50m

2km



μ



π

nuSTORM: Rates @ near site



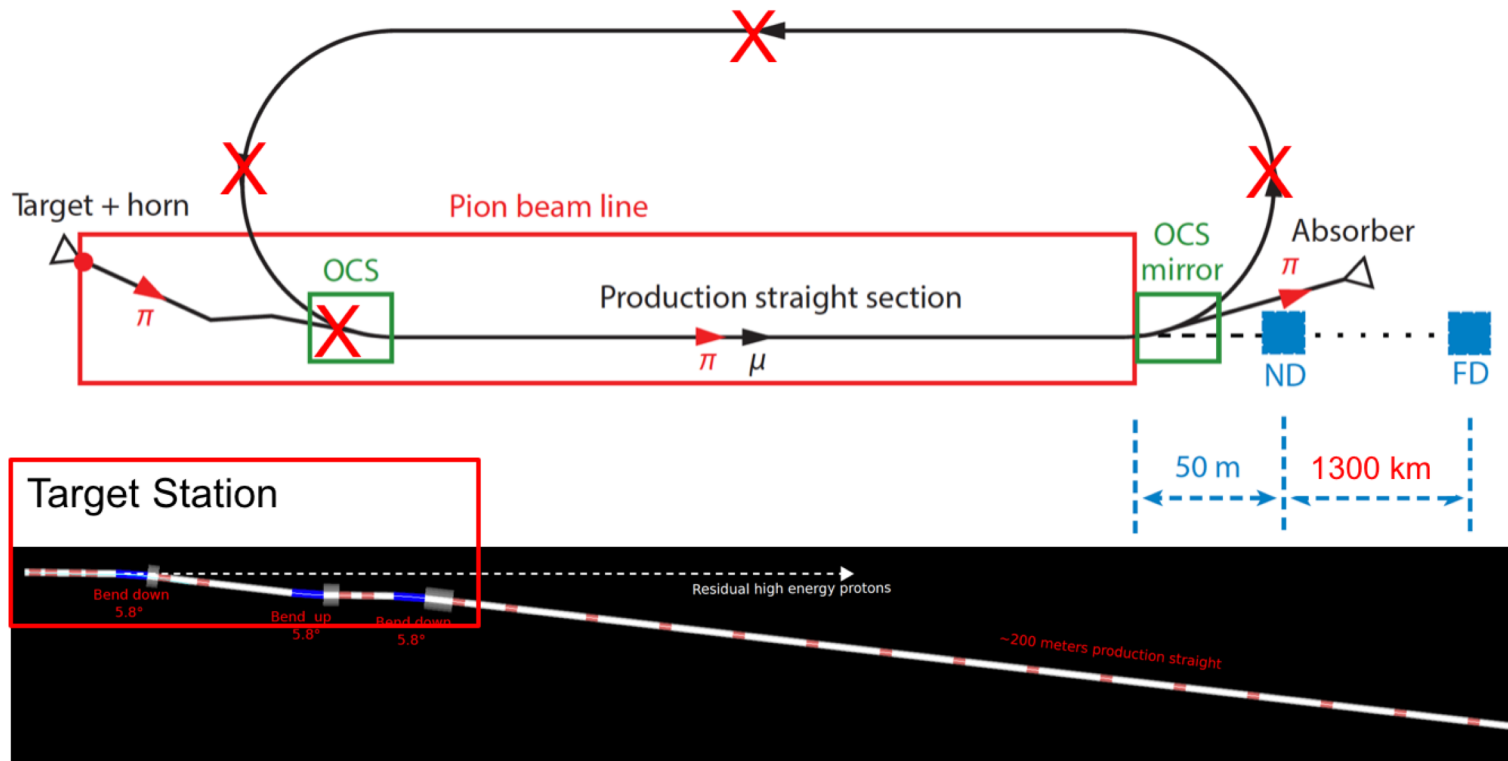
For 100T target mass and 10^{21} POT

μ^+ stored channel	k events	μ^- stored channel	k events
ν_e CC	5,188	$\bar{\nu}_e$ CC	2,519
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC	3,030	ν_μ CC	6,060
ν_e NC	1,817	$\bar{\nu}_e$ NC	1,002
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ NC	1,174	ν_μ NC	2,074
π^+ injected channel	k events	π^- injected channel	k events
ν_μ CC	41,053	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC	19,939
ν_μ NC	14,384	$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC	6,986

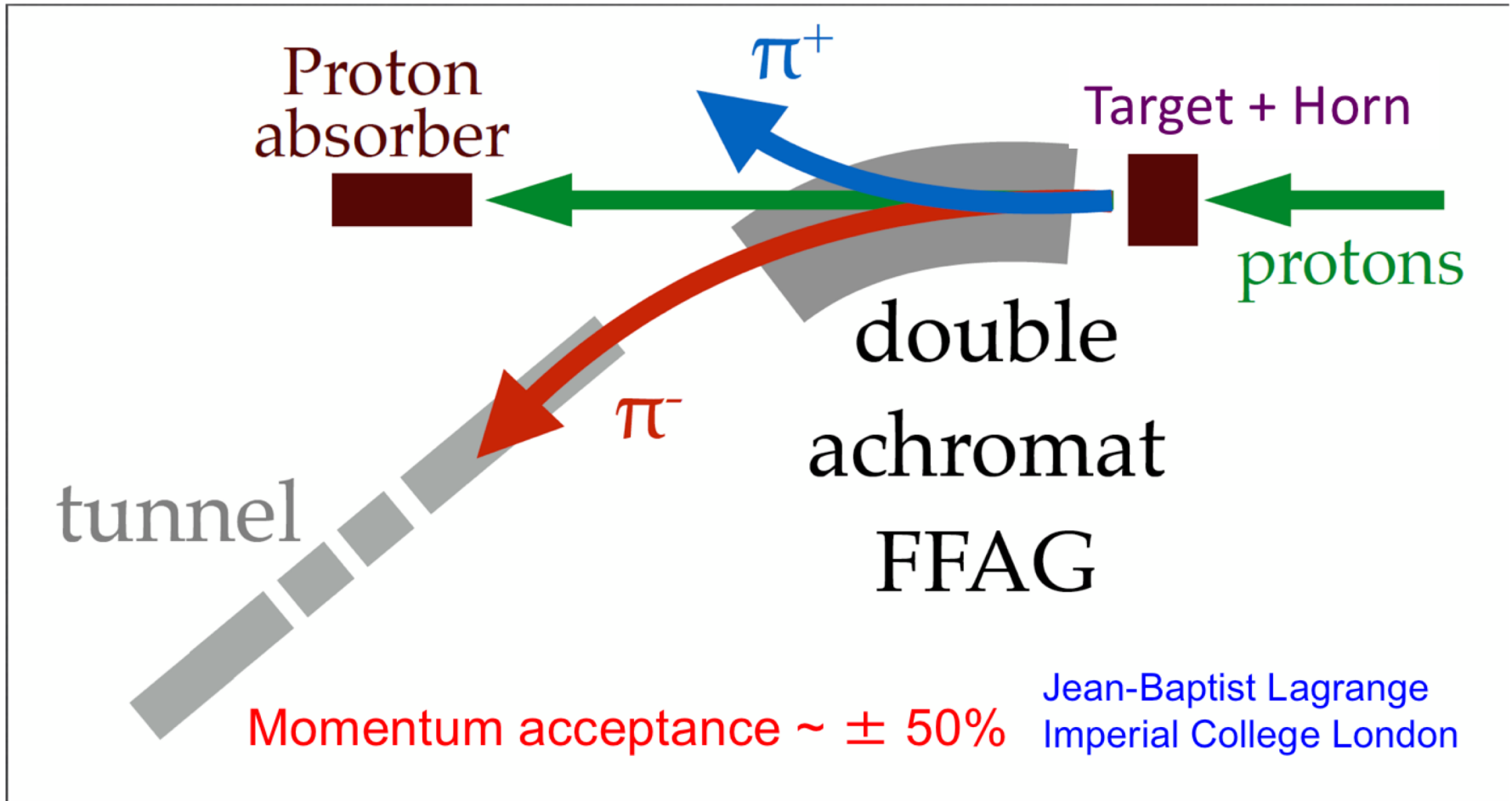
Forget the muons: Neo-conventional neutrino beam

- **nuPIL**: neutrinos from a pion injection line

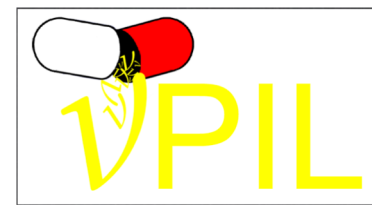
Eliminate μ storage capability



ν from a pion injection line



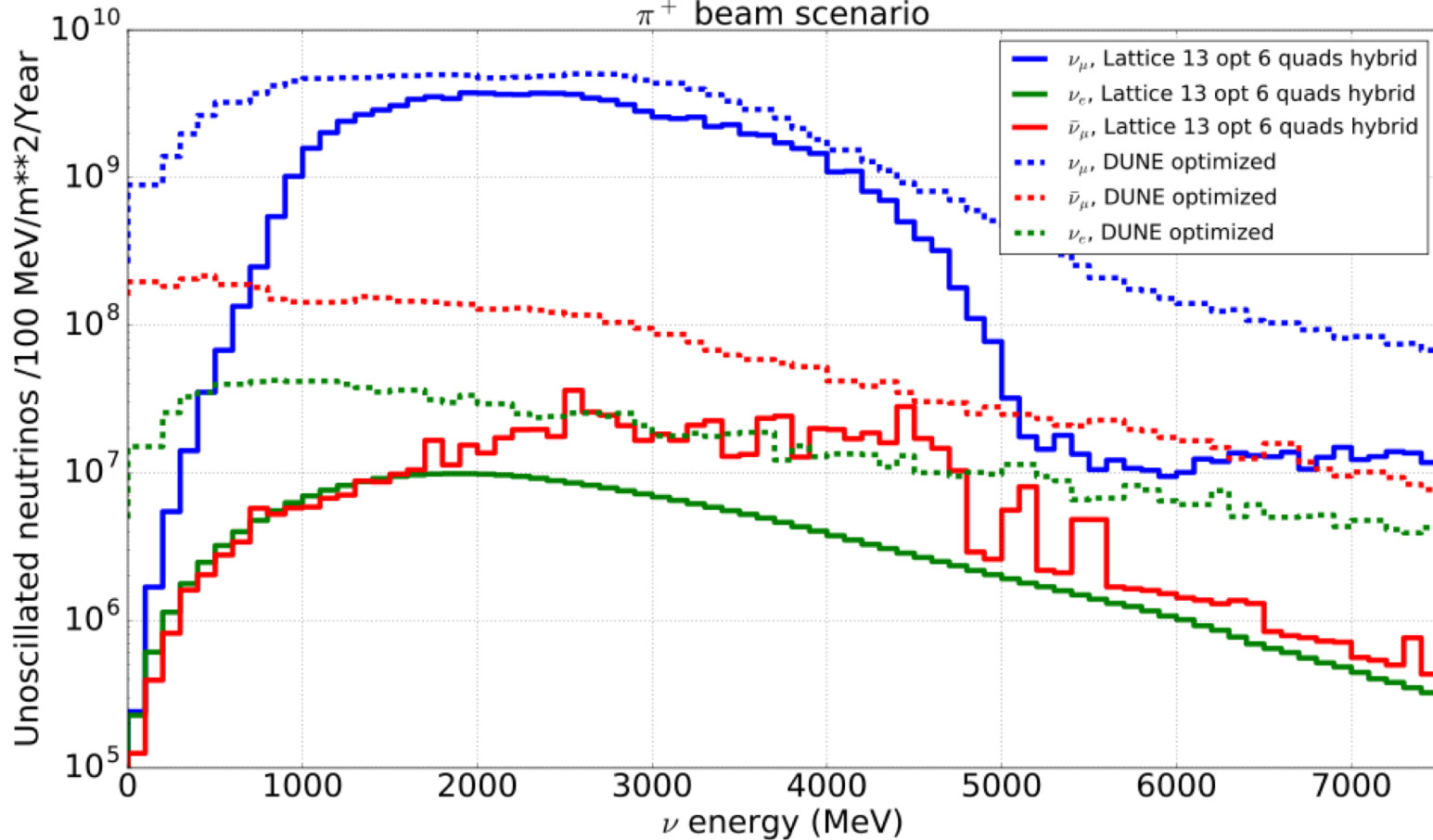
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Imperial College London



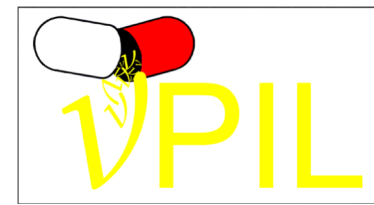
nuPIL Lattice13-Hybrid vs. LBNF/DUNE 3-Horn Opt

Neutrino flux at the far detector (1300 km)

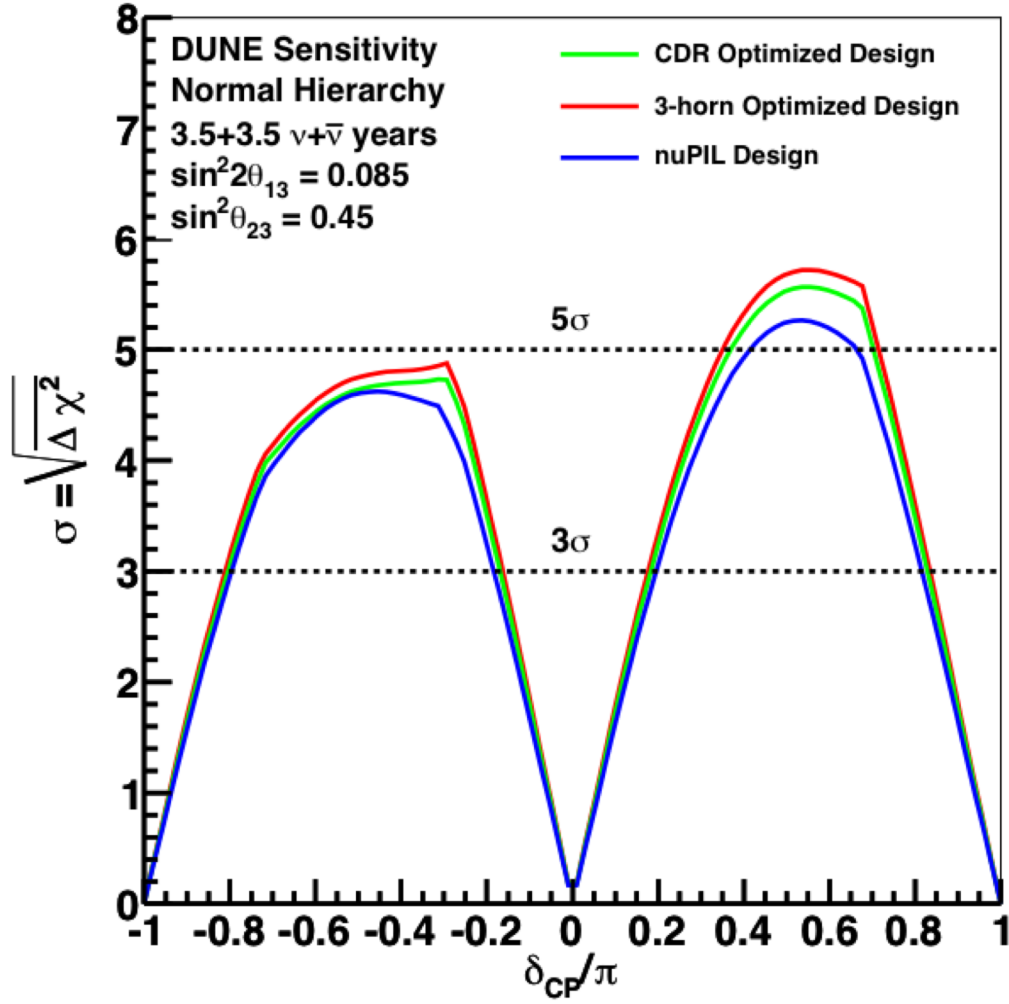
π^+ beam scenario



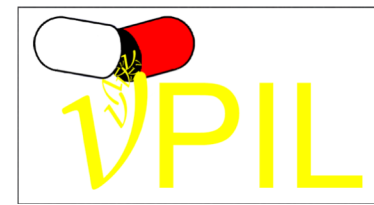
$$\text{nuPIL}(\Sigma_{\nu}) / \text{3-HornOpt}(\Sigma_{\nu}) = 0.54$$



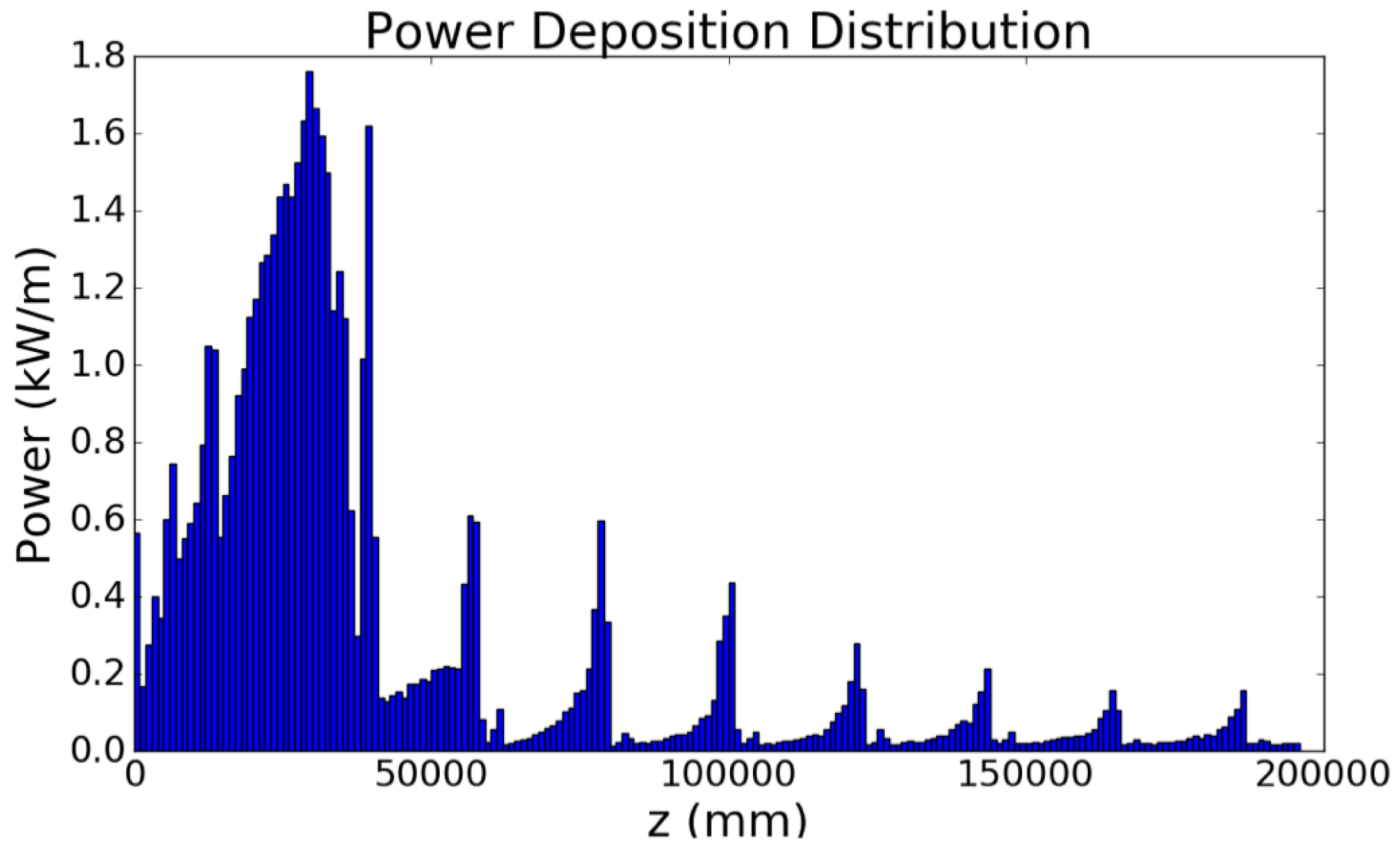
CP Violation Sensitivity



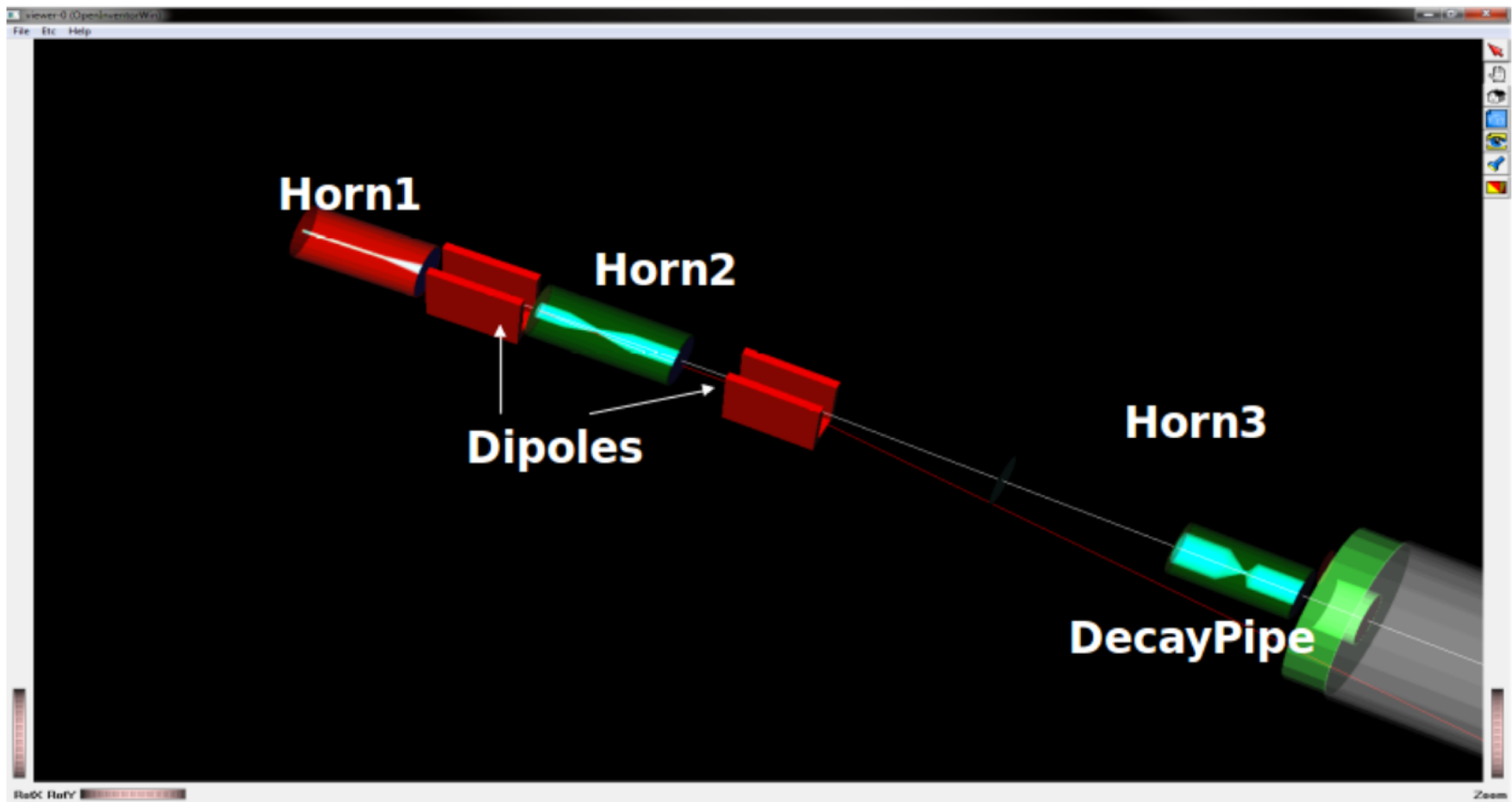
Problem with nuPIL



Never achieved good match between bend and straight
Lost $\sim\frac{1}{2}$ the π beam power ($\sim 40\text{kW}$) in matching section



nuPIL Lite (Milorad Popovic): No straight, simple bend

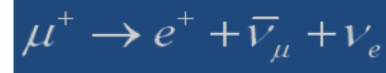


New twist (M. Bishai): use periodically as calibration beam
for DUNE near detectors

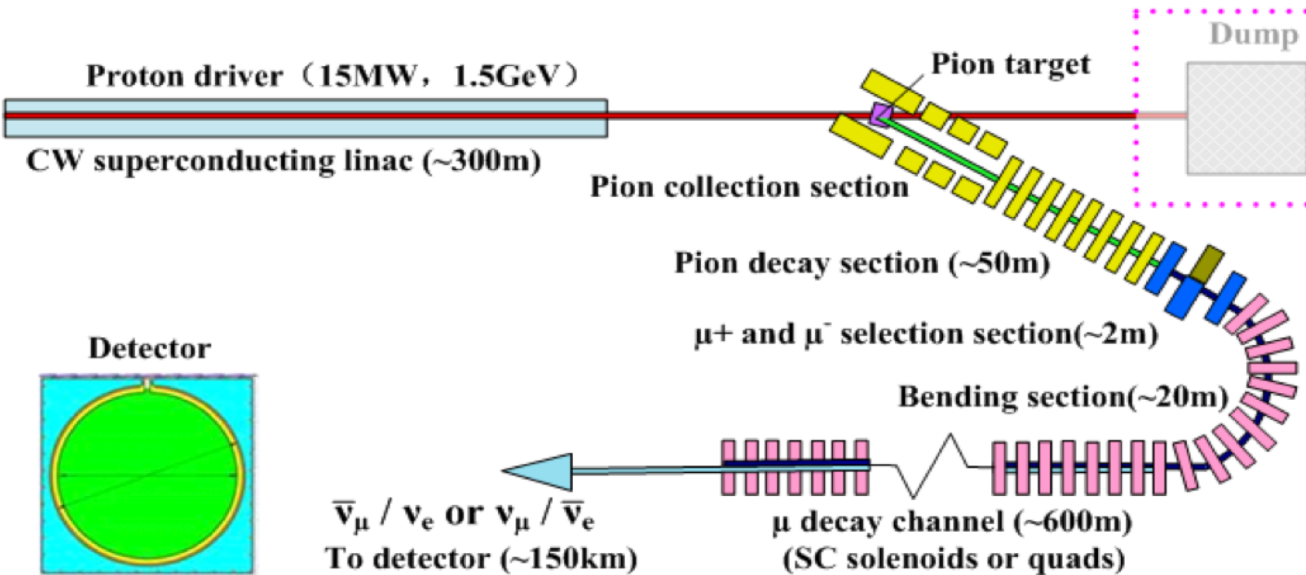
Some ongoing R&D

Outside US, R&D continues: MOMENT (China)

- Features:



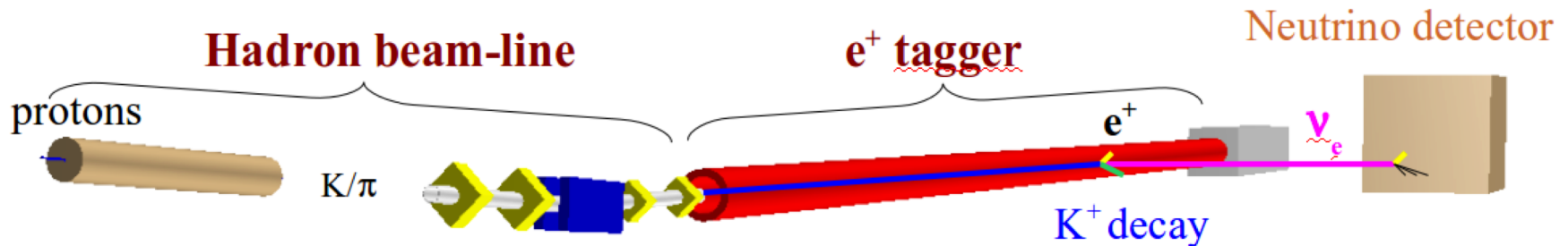
- Using a CW proton linac as the proton driver: 15 MW
- China-ADS [linac](#) development
- Fluidized target in high-field SC solenoid
- Muon transport and decay channel (Pure μ^{+} or μ^{-} decay, managed beam)
- Also possible with π -decayed beam and Decay-at-Rest neutrinos



Post 2026

Tagged ν beams: ENUBET (INFN/CERN)

- Enhanced NeUtrino BEams from kaon Tagging
- Build a detector capable of performing positron identification in K_{e3} decays while operating in the harsh environment of a conventional neutrino beam decay tunnel.
- Project has been approved by the European Research Council (Host Institution INFN) for a five year duration (2021) and a 2.0M Euro budget



In US: π decay-at-rest sources

- DAE δ ALUS: δ CP via π, μ decay
 - 800 MeV protons
 - Paired with HyperK
- IsoDAR: Sterile Neutrino search via ^8Li beta decay
 - 60 MeV protons
 - Paired with KamLAND
- No neutrino “beam” per se
 - 4π distribution
 - Low energy implies short baseline
 - $P_{\text{osc}} \sim A \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m^2 L/E)$
- What can these sources add in the beyond 2026 time frame?

Moving forward?

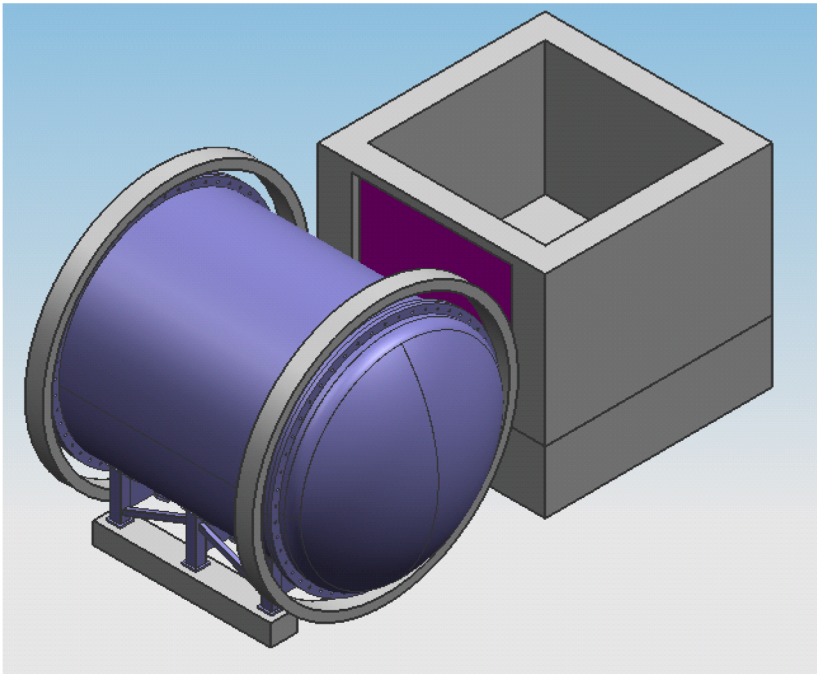
- Many good ideas, but will any of them be needed in 2026+?
- nuPIL
 - Too late really
- nuSTORM
 - x-sections? **Will be done already?**
 - Steriles? **Will be dead already?**
 - R&D platform (argument was for muon collider)? **Is Dead?**
- Neutrino Factory (including π decay-at-rest sources)
 - What known unknowns within the $S_{\nu M}$ will still be unknown?
 - MOMENT nor the π DAR beams are not likely to be able to add much in post 2026
 - Stepping stone to MC? **Again, Dead already?**
 - ???
- **Am I too pessimistic?**

Well, Yes and No

- Although it has been difficult to make much progress on reducing beam uncertainties for the LBNF beam, progress has been made in other areas.
- Near Detectors

DUNE near detector suite

- The DUNE ND WG has now developed a very powerful detector system.
 - Not your father's neutrino detector
- My choice: Pixelated LAr + HPgTPC (magnetized) + 3DST



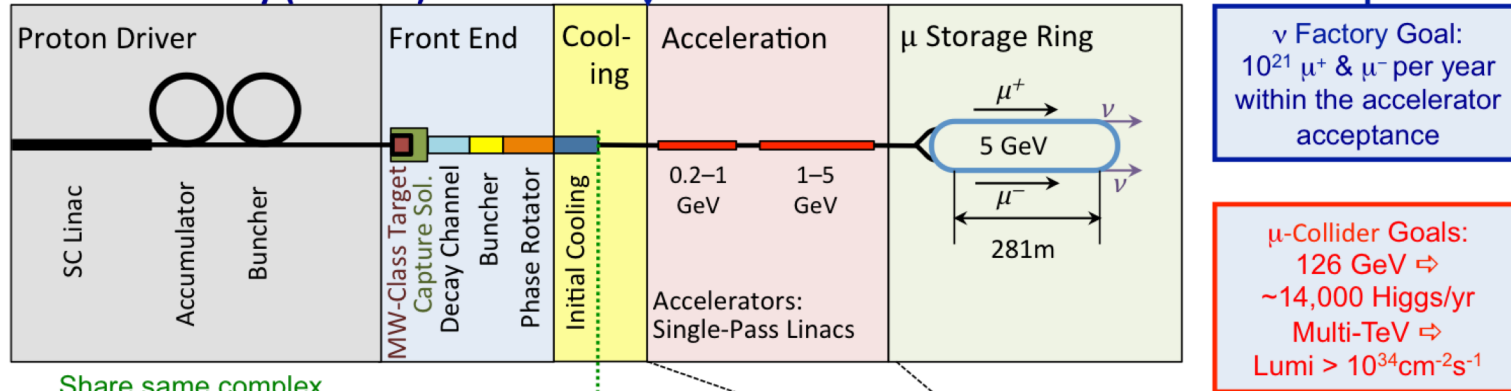
- Fiducial target masses
 - LAr: 25t (64M ν_{μ} CC evts/yr)
 - $\sim 5k$ ν -electron elastic/yr.
 - HPgTPC: 1t (1.6M ν_{μ} CC evts/yr)
 - 3DST: 5t (8M ν_{μ} CC evts/yr)
- Also implement DUNE-Prism
- So, many of the things we thought we needed nuSTORM and/or the NF for we can do with LBNF-DUNE by utilizing this powerful multi-purpose detector system.
 - Hard, but doable.
 - **When it comes to Known unknowns**

Game Changers

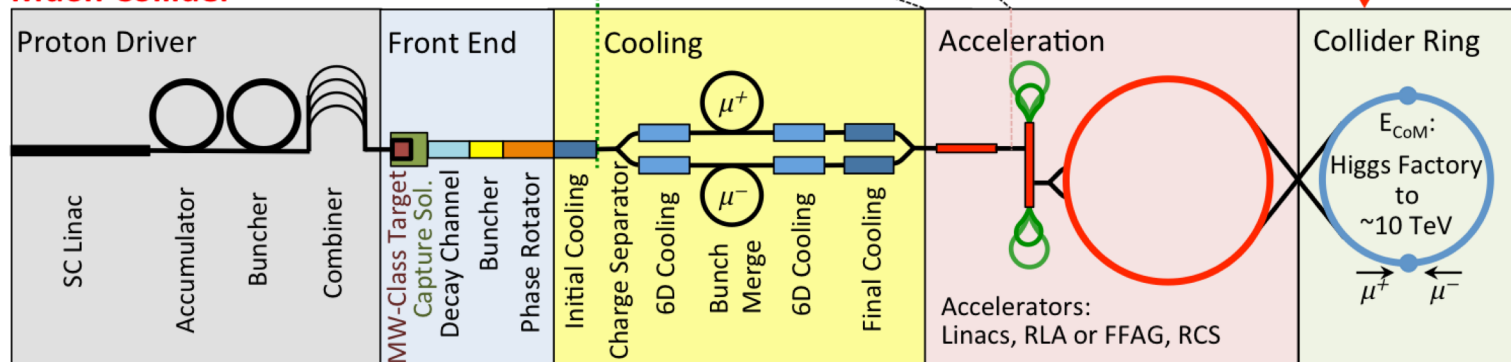
- SBN and/or very-short baseline reactor experiments discovery something beyond the $S_{\nu M}$.
 - Better yet, they both do, but don't agree
- Then only nuSTORM or a facility like it will be able to sort it out.
 - π DAR can also contribute
- We find something that requires an intense neutrino beam with much higher energy.
 - Then we need a Neutrino Factory
 - WHY IS THE BEAM FROM A NF DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER NEUTRINO BEAMS?

Because E_ν is completely uncorrelated with E_p

Neutrino Factory (NuMAX)



Muon Collider



NSIs? – 50 GeV Neutrino Factory had tremendous reach

But

Its Baaacckkkk.

Can Muons - Which Live For Just Microseconds - Save Experimental Particle Physics?



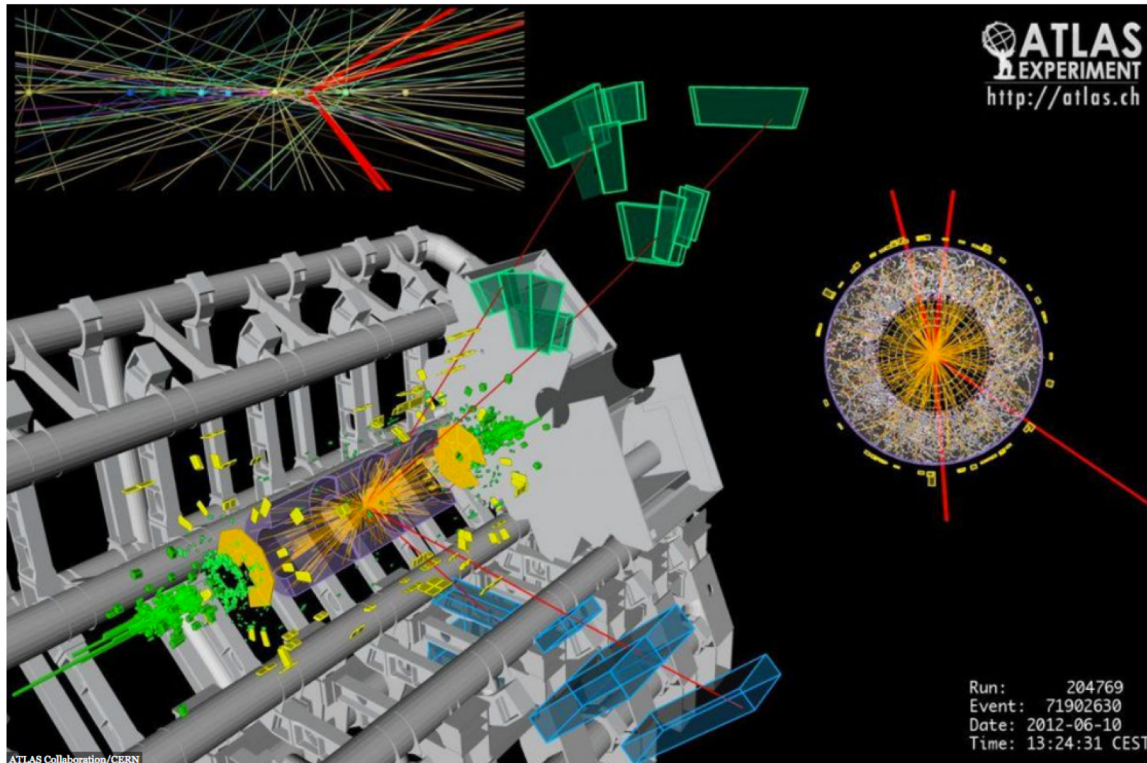
Starts With A Bang

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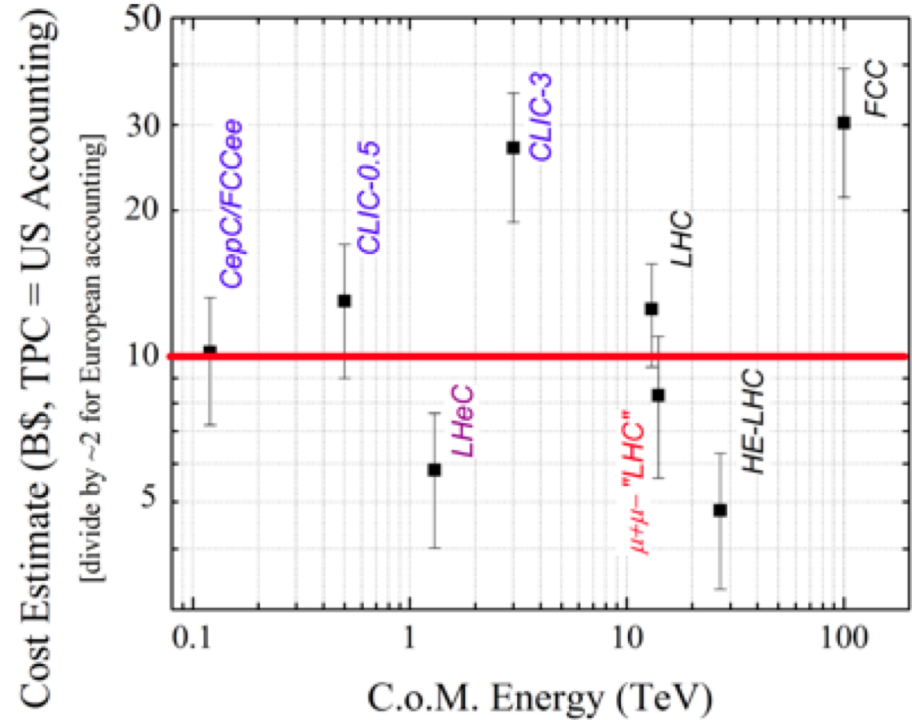
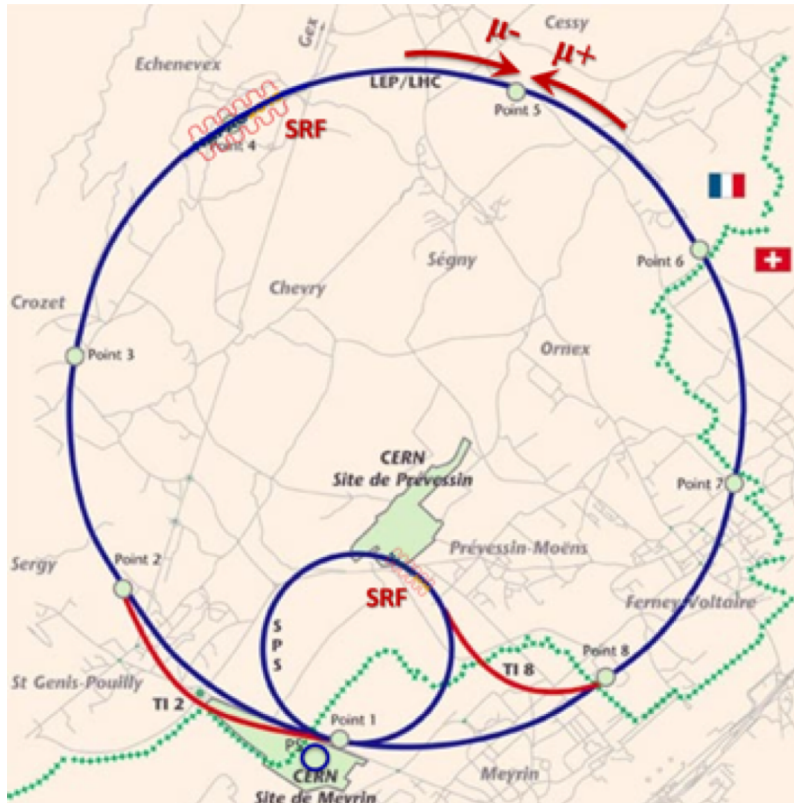
ATLAS Collaboration/CERN

A four-muon candidate event in the ATLAS detector at the Large Hadron Collider. The muon/anti-muon tracks are highlighted in red, as the long-lived muons travel farther than any other unstable particle.

From Forbes
4/7/2017

$\mu^+ \mu^-$ Collider in the LHC tunnel (Neuffer & Shiltsev)

To be presented at IPAC18 in May



$$\theta_v = \frac{m_\mu}{E_\mu (\text{TeV})} = \frac{10^{-4}}{7} = 14 \mu R$$

Conclusions

- There has been an enormous amount of work done in the last 20 years on new accelerator based neutrino sources.
 - Many of the technical challenges of these new facilities have been overcome and feasibility has been demonstrated for most, if not all, subsystems.
- Their need beyond the 2026 time frame will be physics driven and (in my opinion) very limited unless there is physics beyond the S_νM.
- So it comes down to determining what is the correct resource allocation now in order to be prepared for 2026+
- A renewed interest in Muon Colliders may change the outlook regarding R&D on muon sources
- Some R&D continues
 - US
 - π decay-at-rest sources
 - CERN
 - nuSTORM in the *Physics Beyond Colliders* initiative
 - ENUBET
 - China
 - MOMENT



THANK YOU