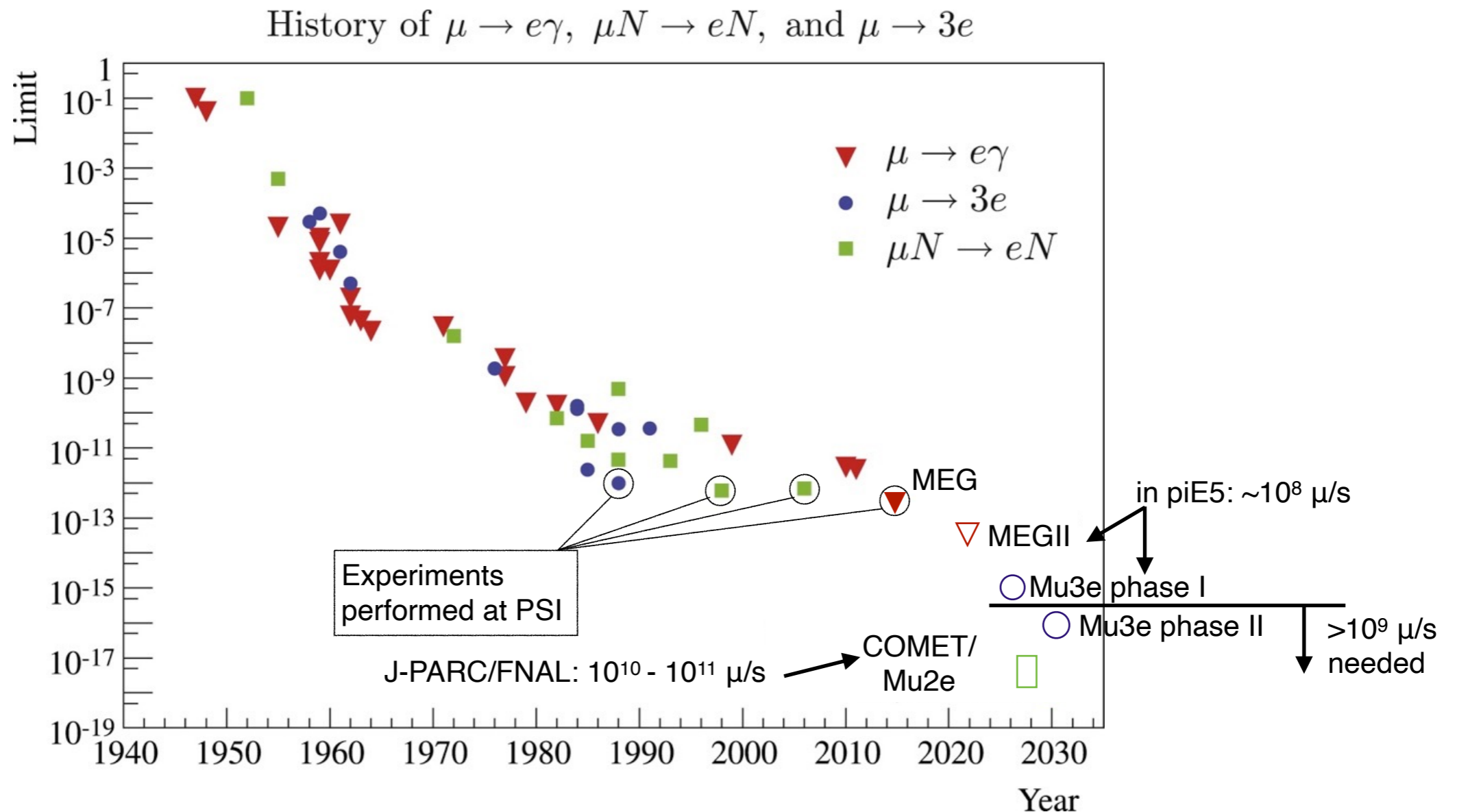


# The High-Intensity Muon Beams (HIMB) project at PSI

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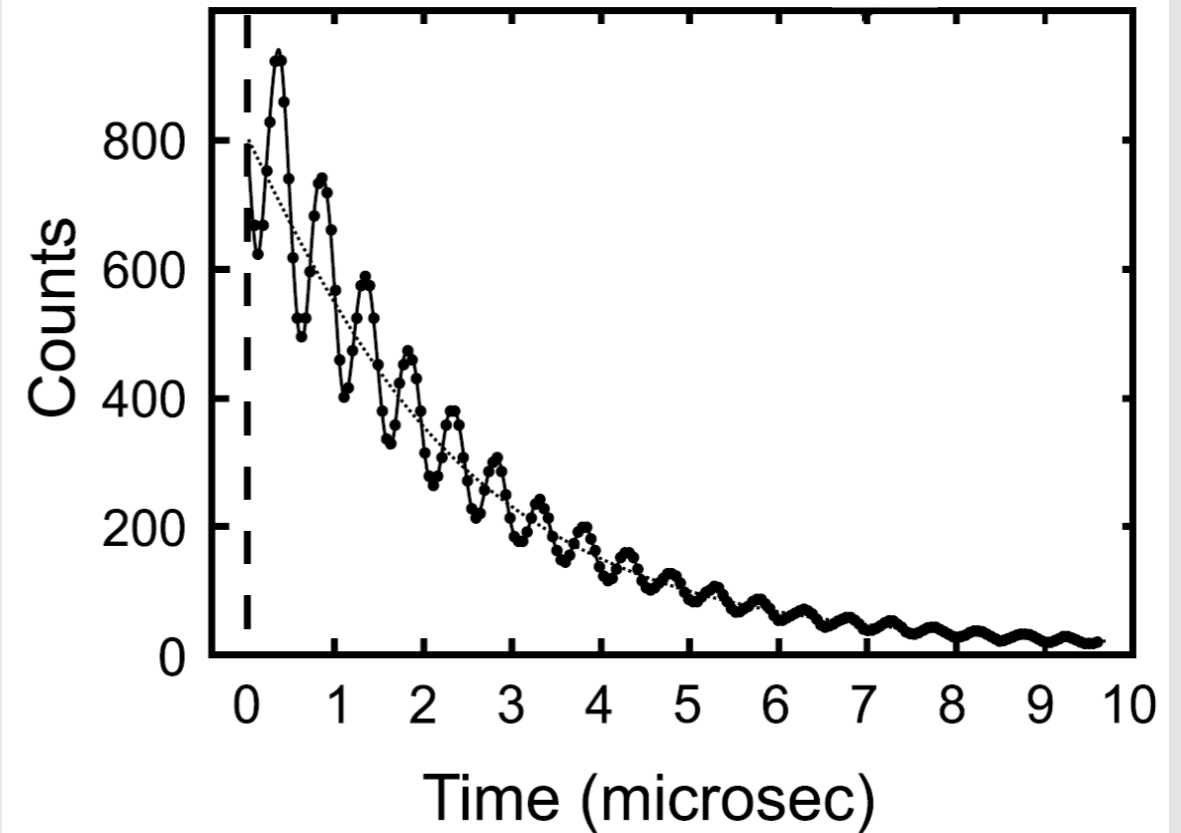
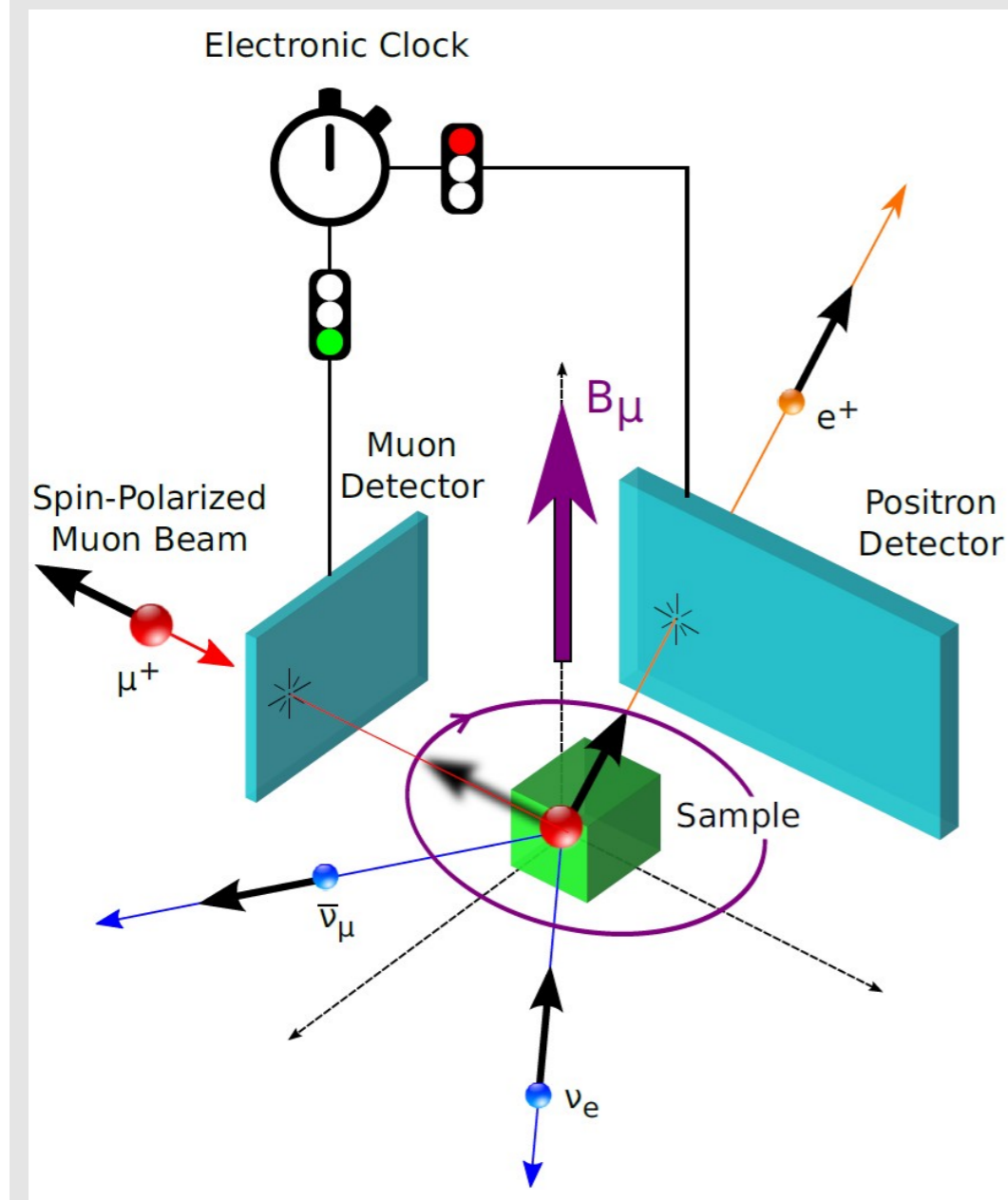
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# Motivation: cLFV



- ▶ Neutrinoless muon decays one of the most sensitive probes for new physics
- ▶  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$  &  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$  only possible at DC & intensity-frontier machine such as PSI's HIPA accelerator
- ▶ Any future cLFV search at PSI will need higher beam intensities

# Muon spin spectroscopy



$$N(t) = Bkg + N_0 \exp(-t/\tau_\mu) [1 + a \hat{n} \cdot P(t)]$$

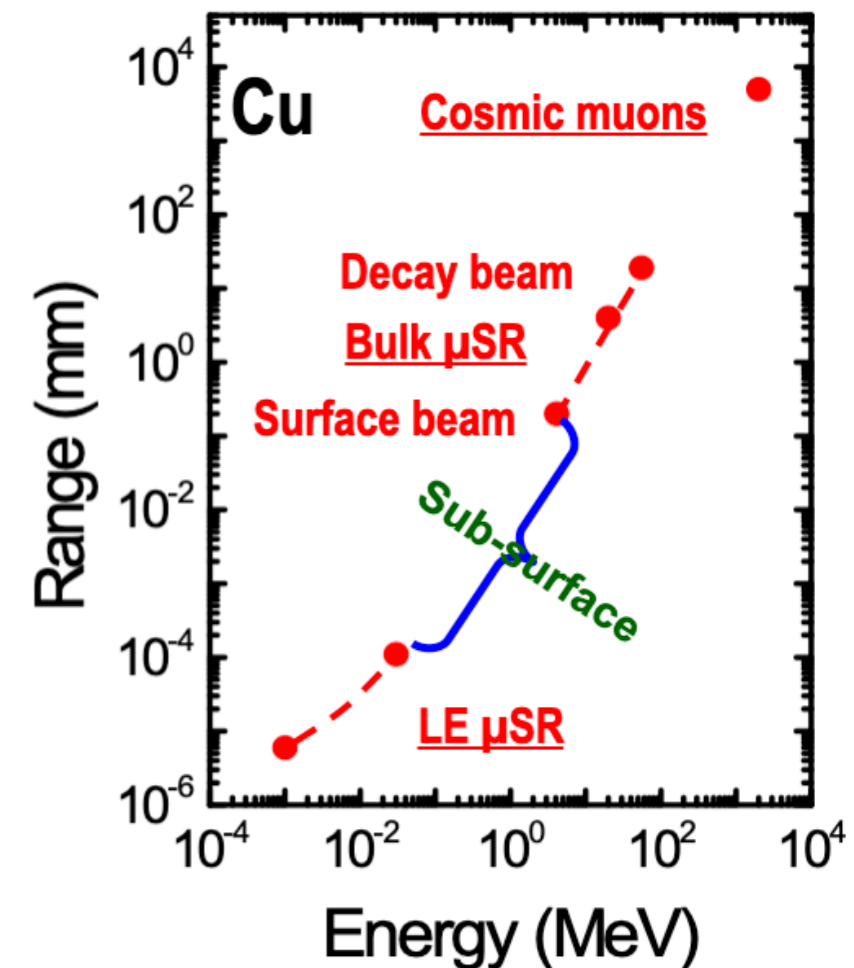
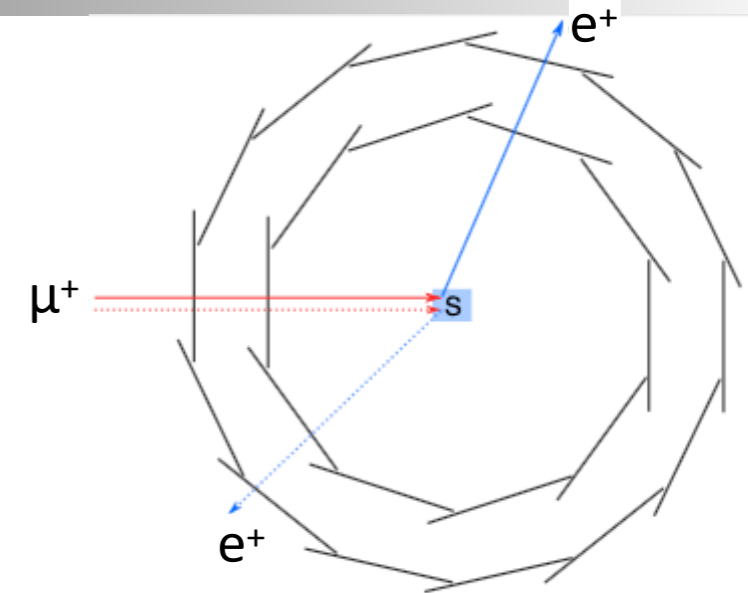
$\hat{n}$  - direction of detector

- ▶ Muons probe local, internal magnetic field revealing the magnetic properties of the sample



# Motivation: $\mu$ SR

- ▶ Vertexing for  $\mu$ SR applications:
  - ▶ Pixel detector development together with particle physics
  - ▶ Enables 10-100x faster measurements.
  - ▶ Unprecedented small samples, 10-100x smaller (“ $\mu$ -microscope”).
  - ▶ Allows putting samples in extreme conditions at unprecedented levels, e.g. 10x pressure
  
- ▶ Sub-surface muons at high rate:
  - ▶ They stop in thinner layers and cover a yet inaccessible depth range of 200 nm - 200  $\mu$ m.
  - ▶ Perfectly suited for studies of energy materials and devices.





# HIMB Science Case Workshop & Document

- ▶ Workshop held in April 2021 with 122 participants to gather and identify HIMB Science Case
- ▶ 116 page long HIMB science case document published on [arXiv:2111.05788v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.05788v1)
- ▶ Comprehensive overview of all the identified experiments and measurements that benefit from HIMB both in particle physics and materials science

## Science Case for the new High-Intensity Muon Beams HIMB at PSI

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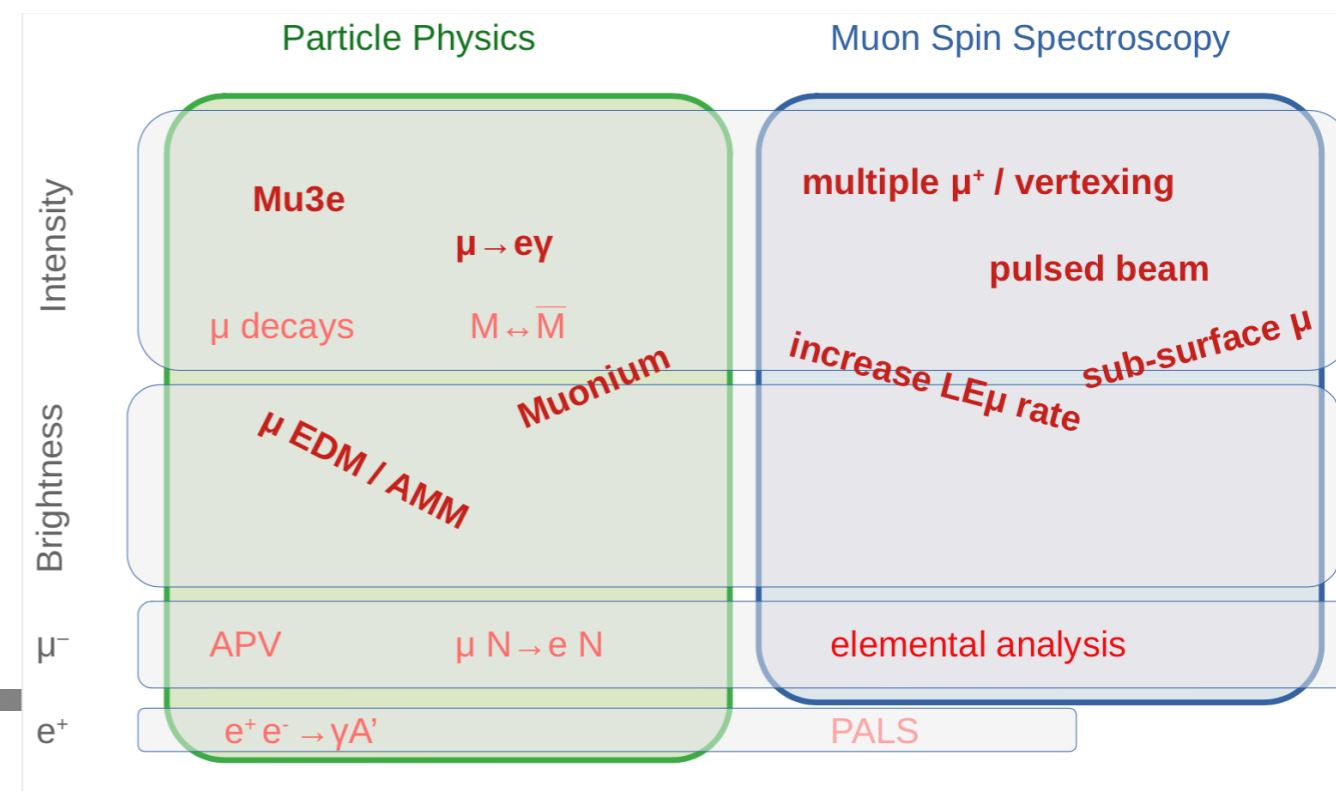
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# HIMB project in a nutshell

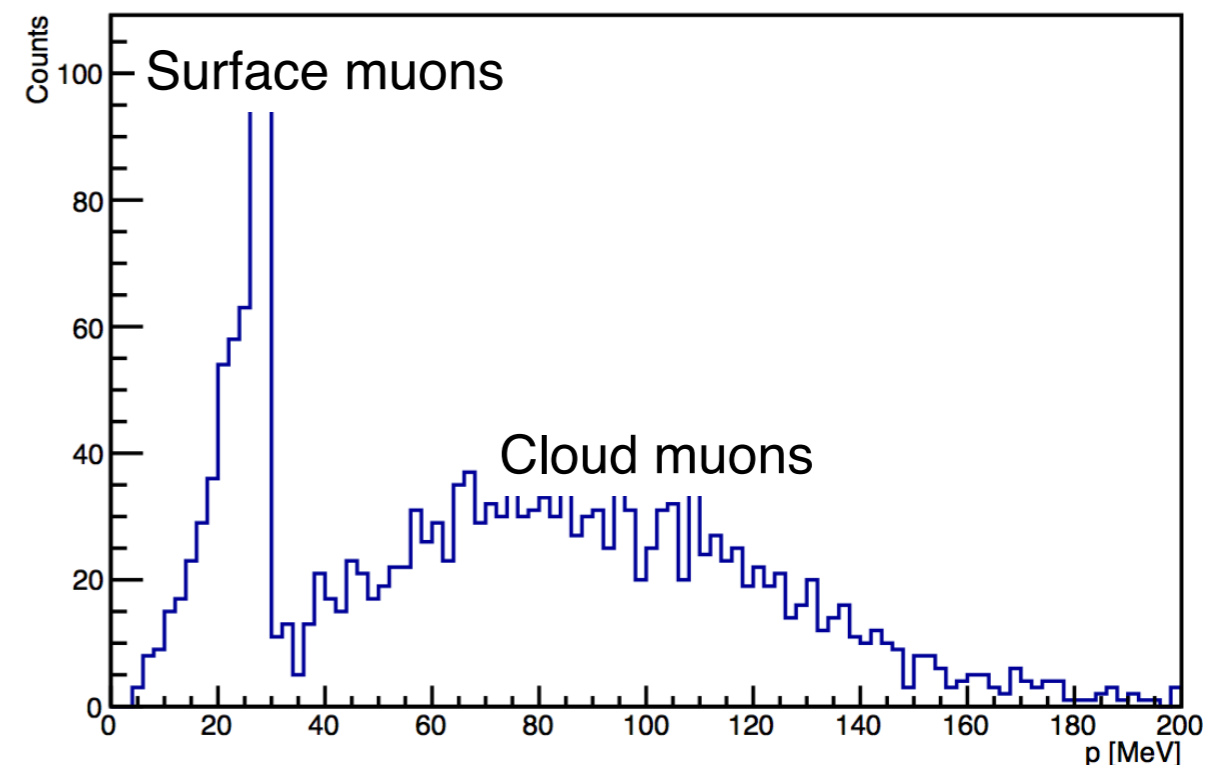
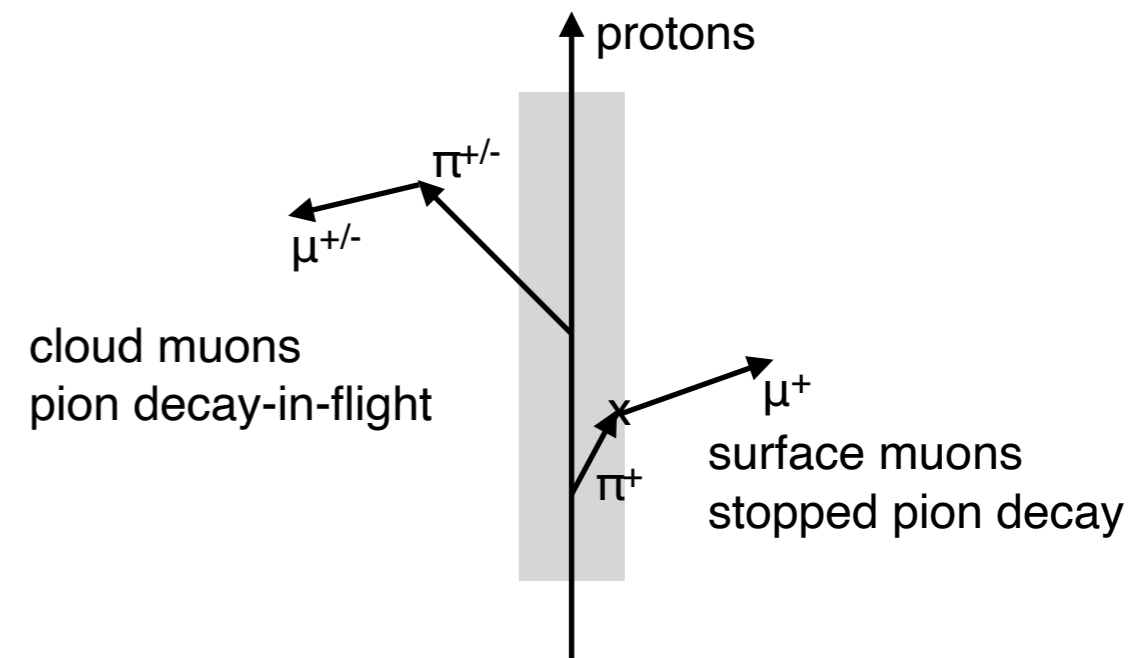
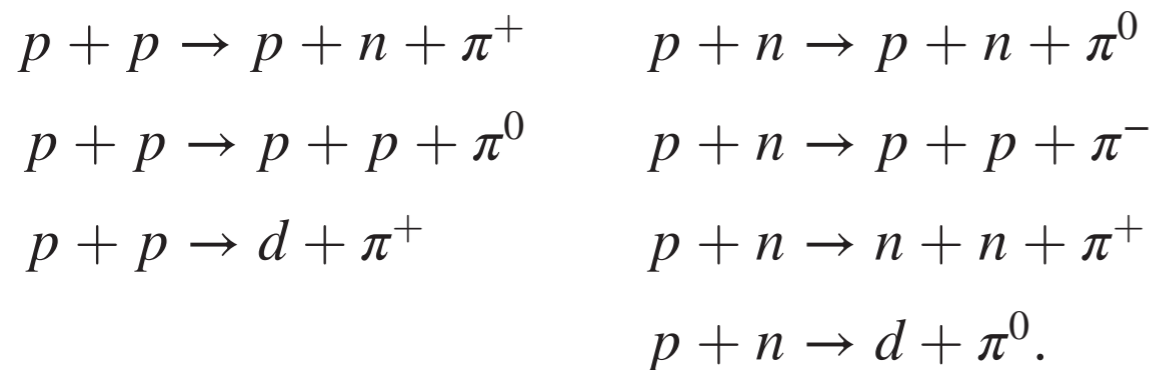
- ▶ Construction of new target station TgH at the place of the existing TgM
- ▶ Construction of two new solenoid-based beamlines for  $\mu$ SR and particle physics delivering  $10^{10}$  surface muons per second
- ▶ Strong connection to TATTOOS project (isotope production at HIPA for theranostics)

Enable ground-breaking muon research at PSI for the next 20+ years!



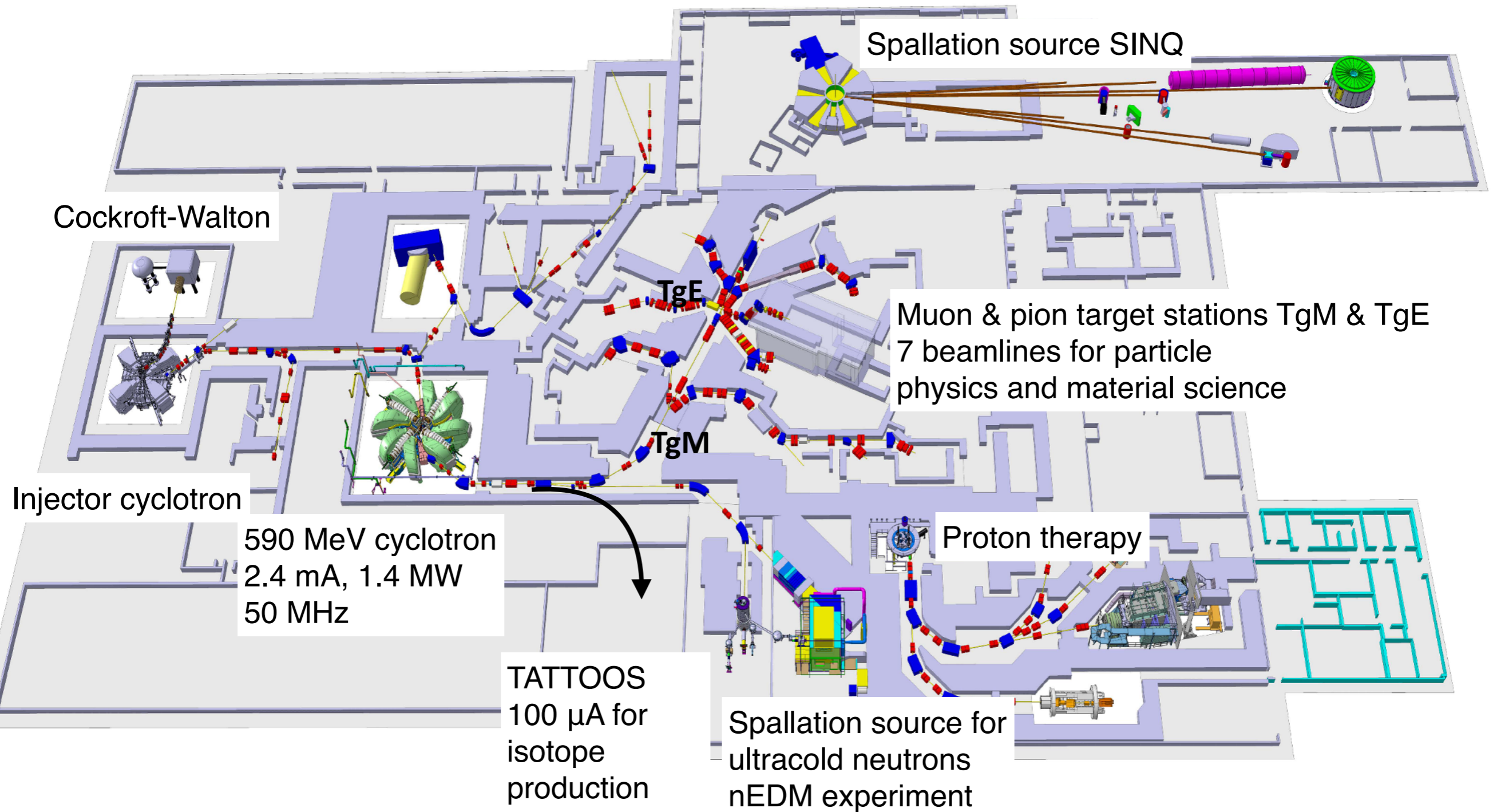
# Pions, surface and cloud muons

- ▶ Pions produced through the interaction of the protons with the target
- ▶ Low-energy muon beam lines typically tuned to surface- $\mu^+$  at  $\sim 28$  MeV/c
- ▶ Contribution from cloud muons at similar momentum about 100x smaller
- ▶ Negative muons only available as cloud muons
- ▶ 50 MHz beam structure for pions and cloud muons
- ▶ For surface muons: time structure of cyclotron smeared out by pion lifetime  $\rightarrow$  DC muon beams

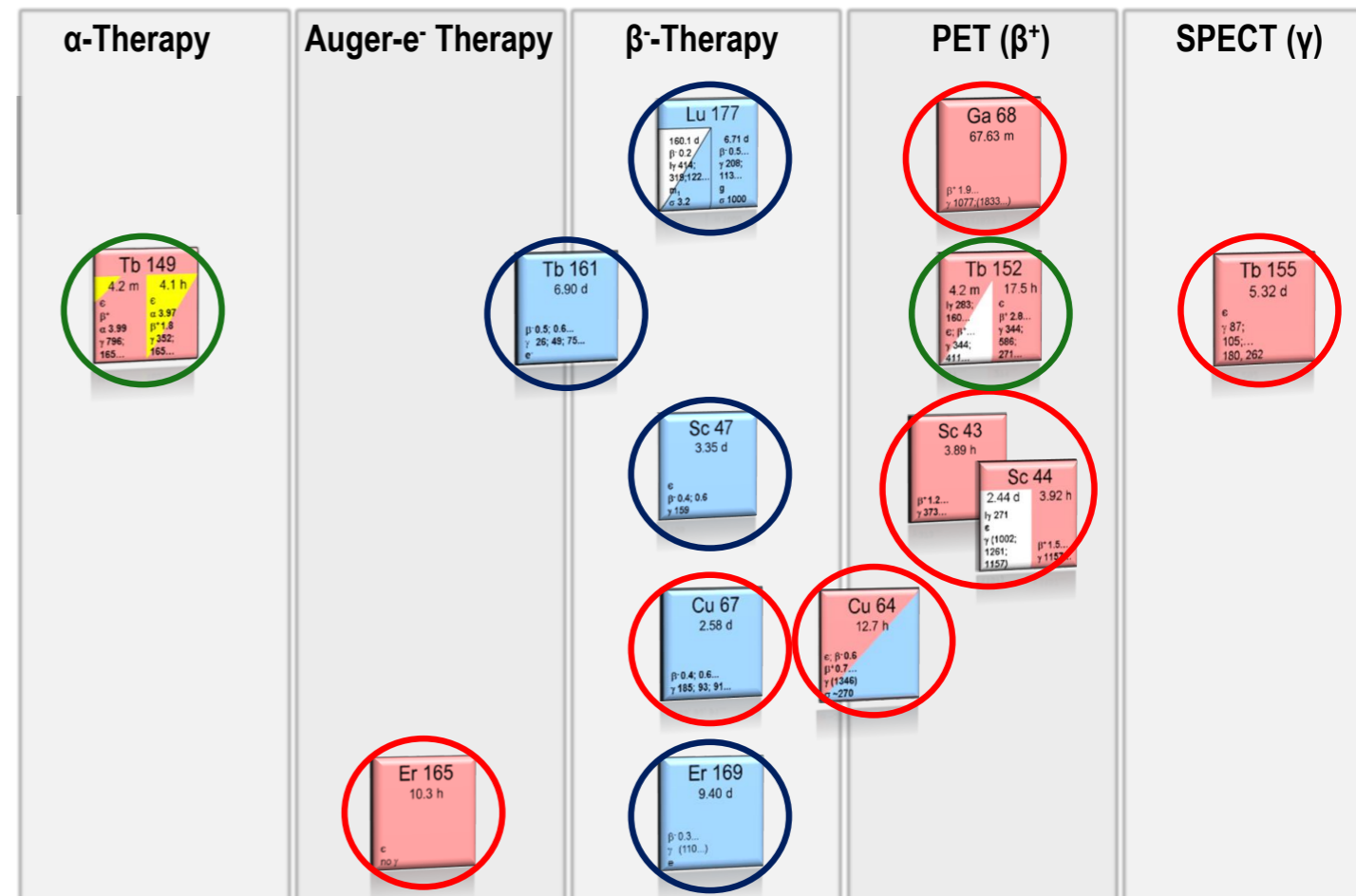




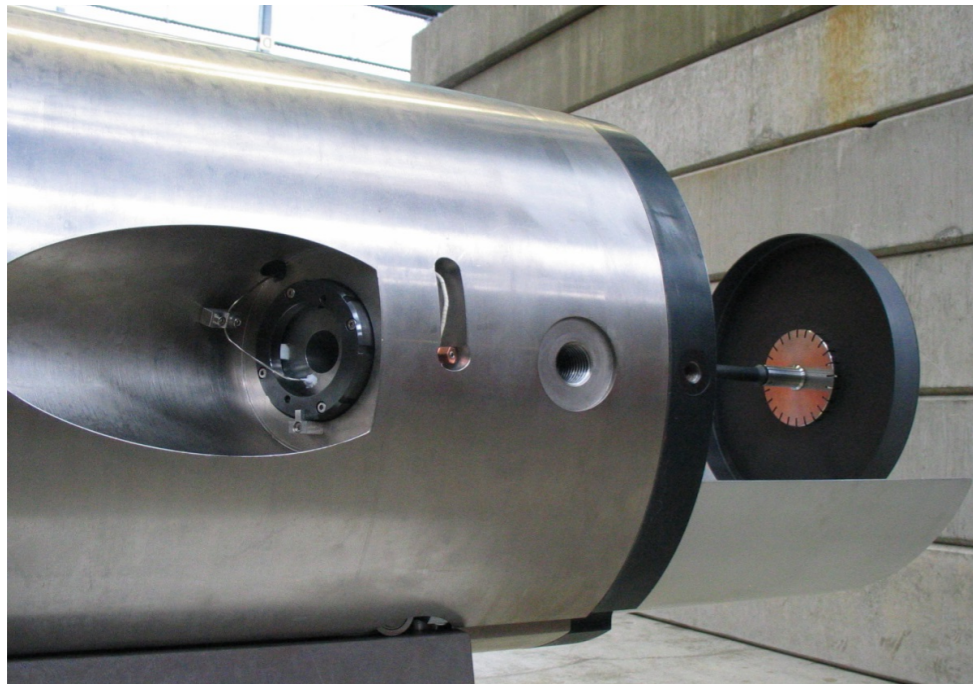
# PSI Proton Accelerator HIPA



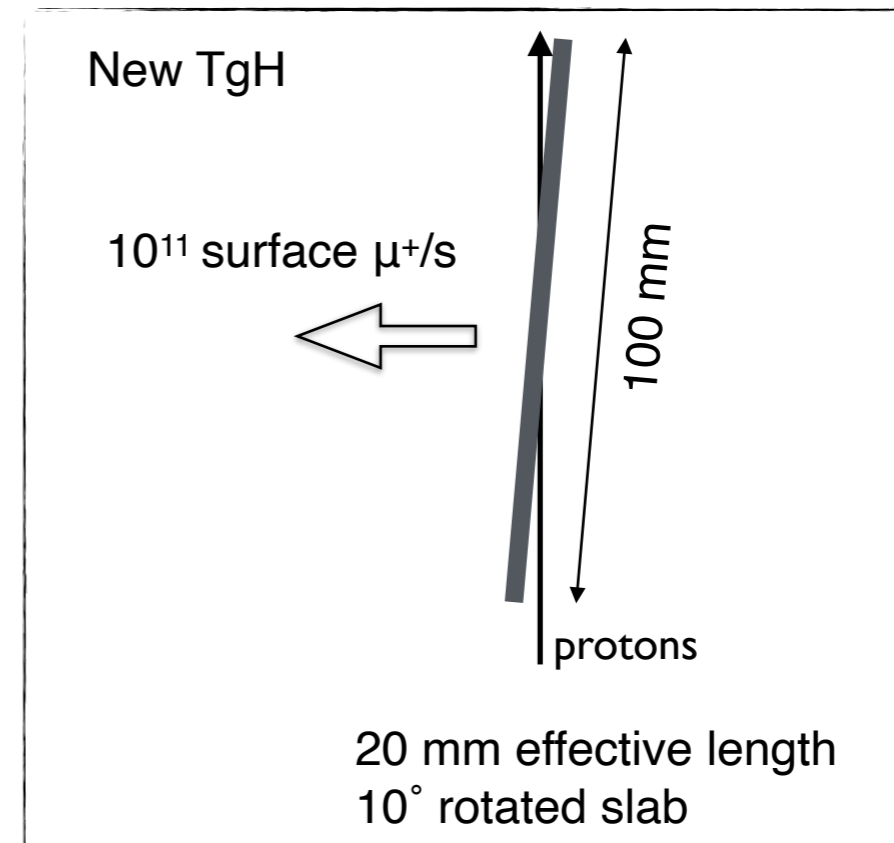
- ▶ Targeted Alpha Tumour Therapy and Other Oncological Solutions
- ▶ Spallation on tantalum target; online isotope separation; hot cells for processing of radioisotopes
- ▶ Produce suitable alpha-emitting radioisotopes for clinical studies of theranostics
- ▶ Terbium of particular interest, but other interesting isotopes also available
- ▶ By the way:  
HIMB + TATTOOS -> IMPACT



# Target Geometry for new TgH



Existing TgM

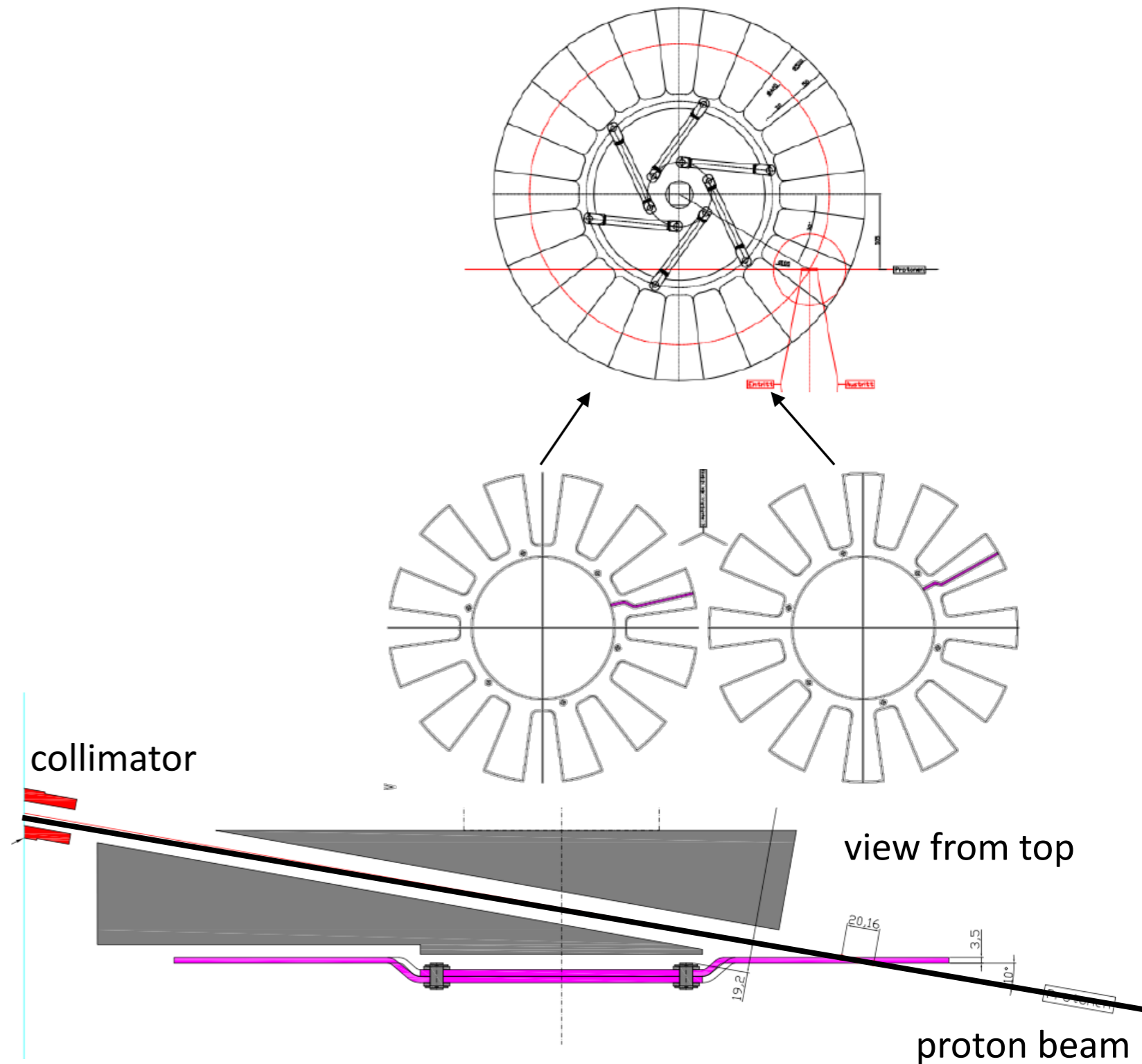


- ▶ Change current 5 mm TgM for 20 mm TgH (known situation from 60 mm TgE)
- ▶ 20 mm rotated slab target as efficient as 40 mm standard Target E
- ▶ Slanted target geometry also implemented and tested for TgE → 40-50% gain in surface muon rate



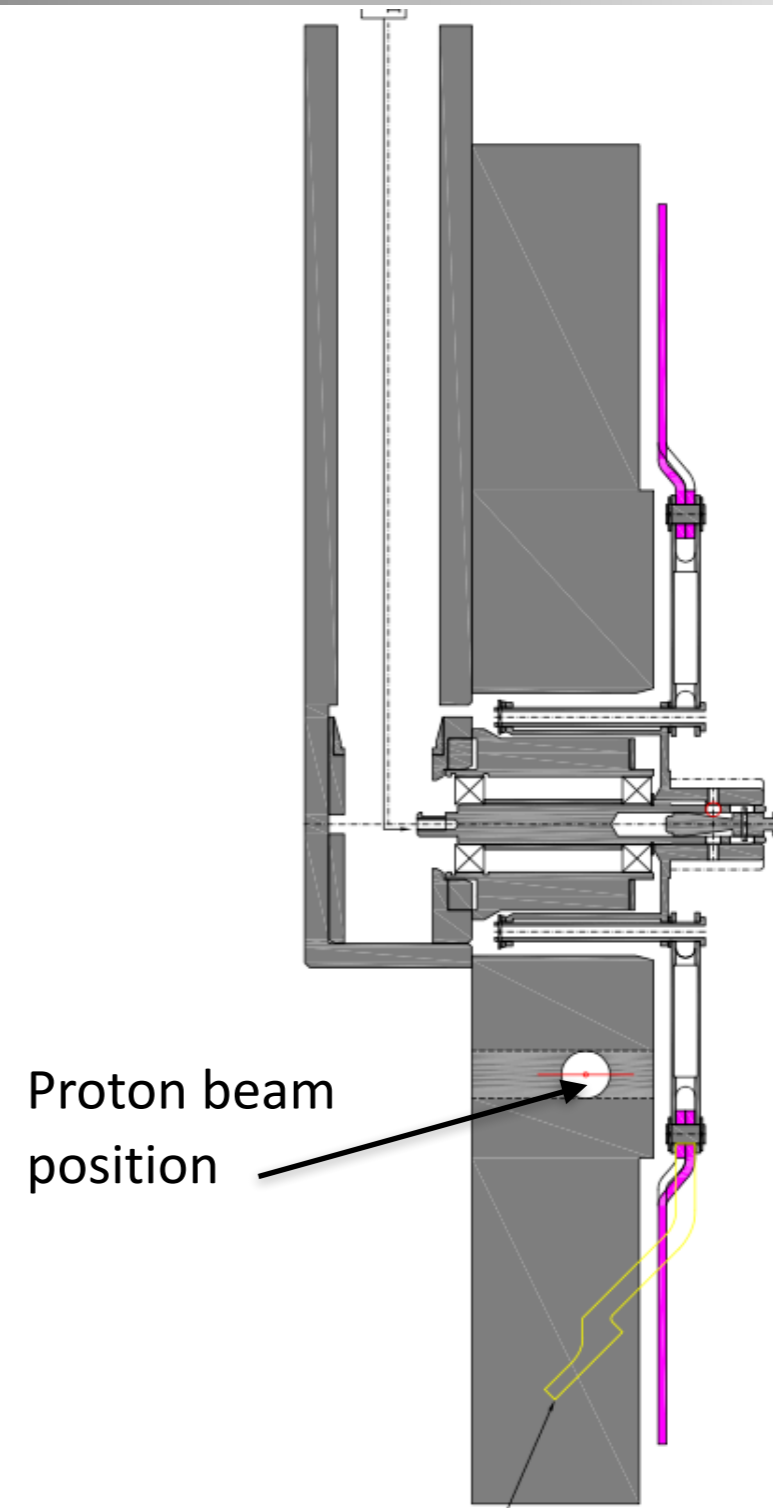
# Target design

- ▶ Two discs with individual “leaves” that sit on top of each other -> well controllable slits
- ▶ Proton beam impinges target from the back
- ▶ Protection collimator upstream
- ▶ Fits into existing TgE exchange flask

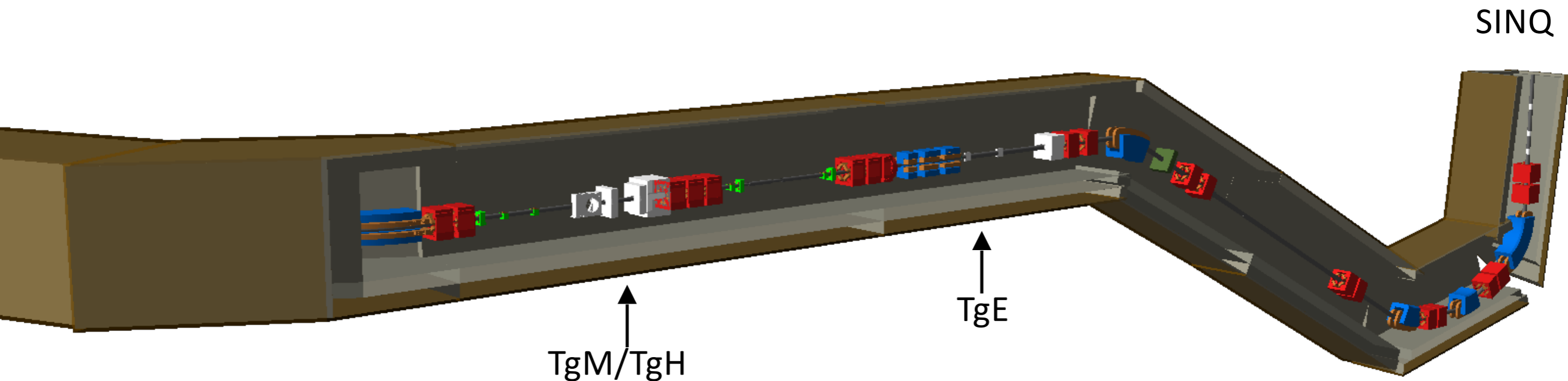


# Target design

- ▶ Proton beam impinges on target wheel below the rotation axis
  - > allows “flat” target, gives a bit more usable space and moves the proton beam away from the shaft of the target wheel

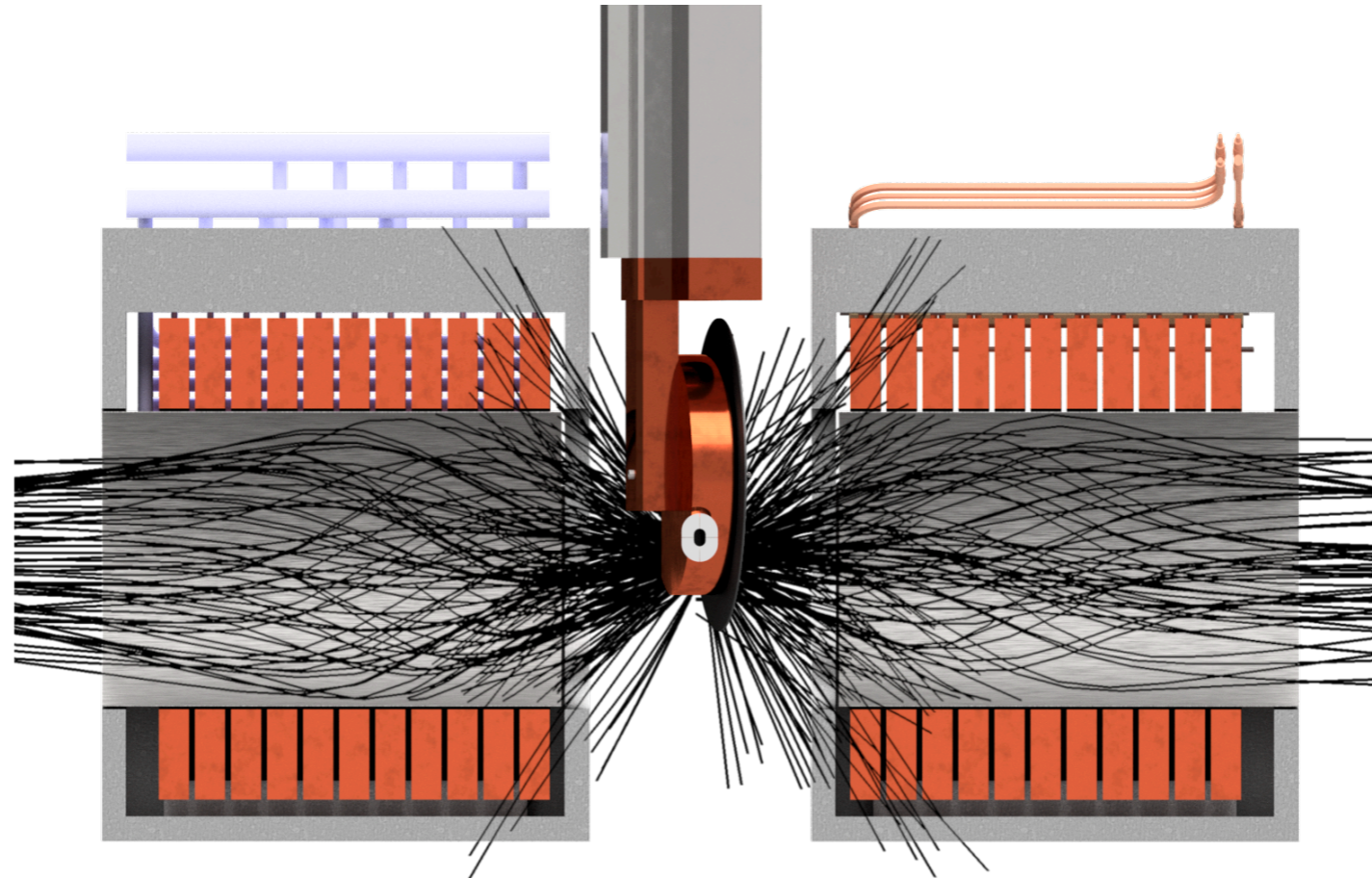


# Impact on other facilities of HIPA



- ▶ Full simulation of high-energy proton beam line in BDSIM using either TgM or TgH to assess impact on the other HIPA target stations
- ▶ Transmission to SINQ with TgH 61% compared to 65% with TgM
- ▶ Beam shape at TgE and SINQ preserved

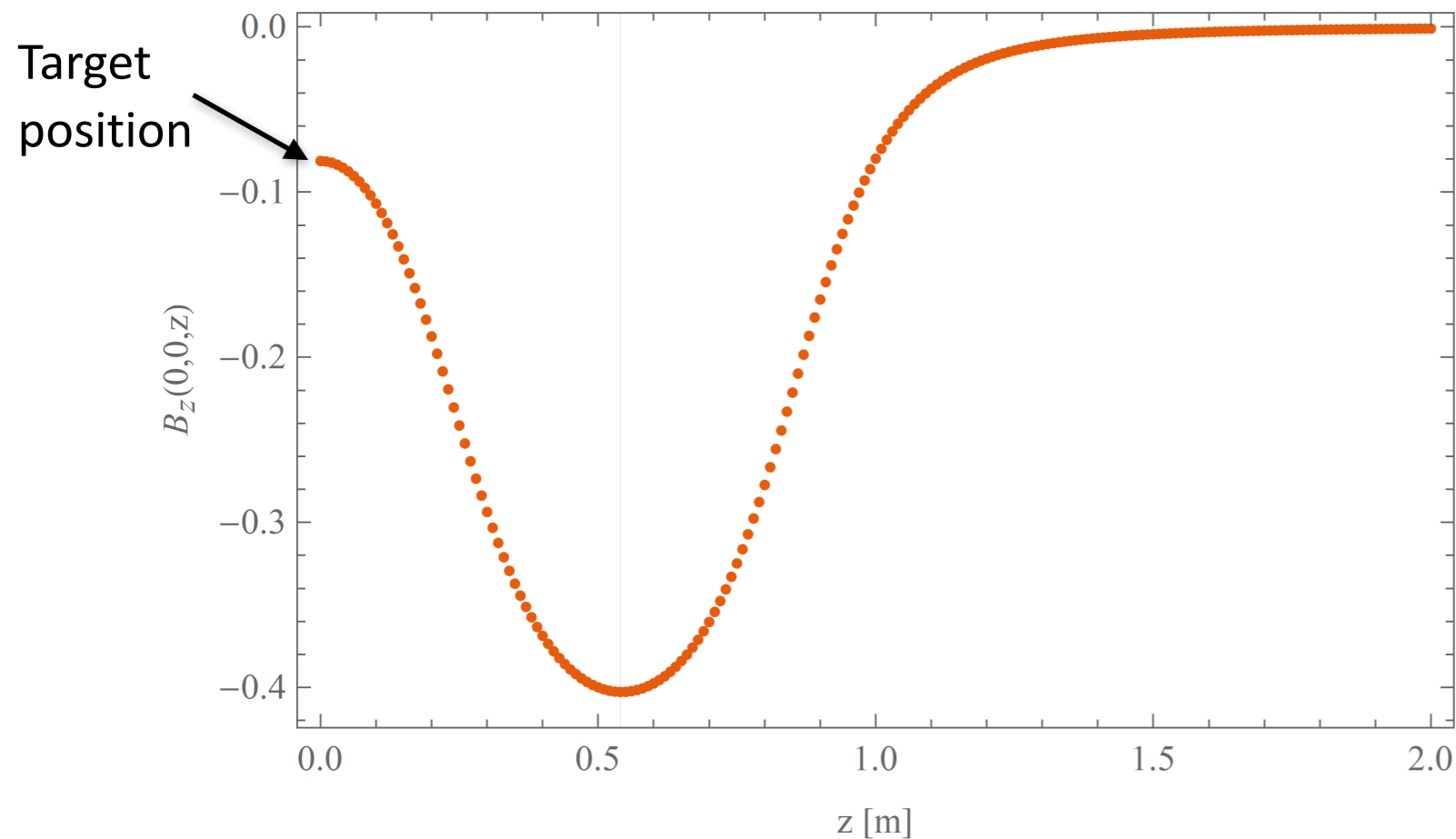
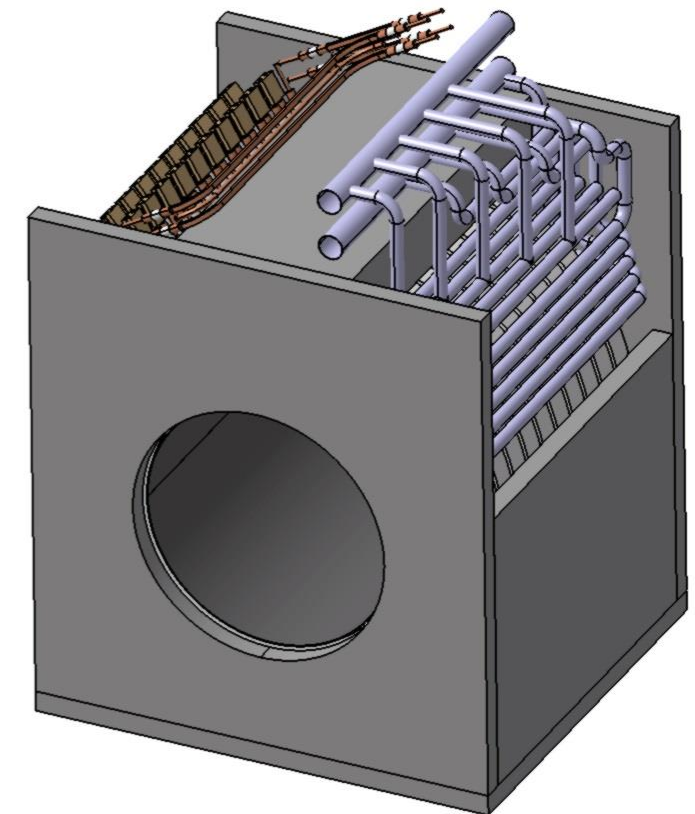




- ▶ Two normal-conducting, radiation-hard solenoids 250 mm away from target to capture surface muons
- ▶ Central field of solenoids up to 0.45 T

# Capture solenoids

- ▶ Current design of capture solenoid with iron return yoke
- ▶ Modelled after existing radiation-hard  $\mu\text{E4}$  solenoids
- ▶ The two capture solenoids will create a non-negligible field at the target



$\mu\text{E4}$  solenoids

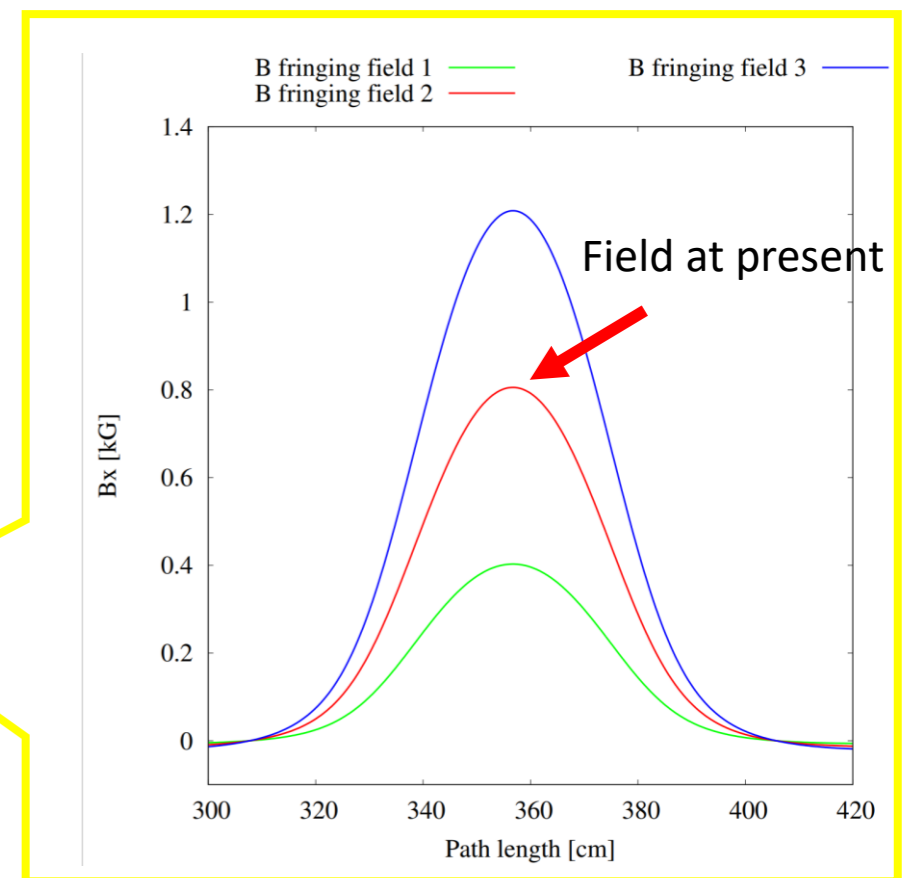
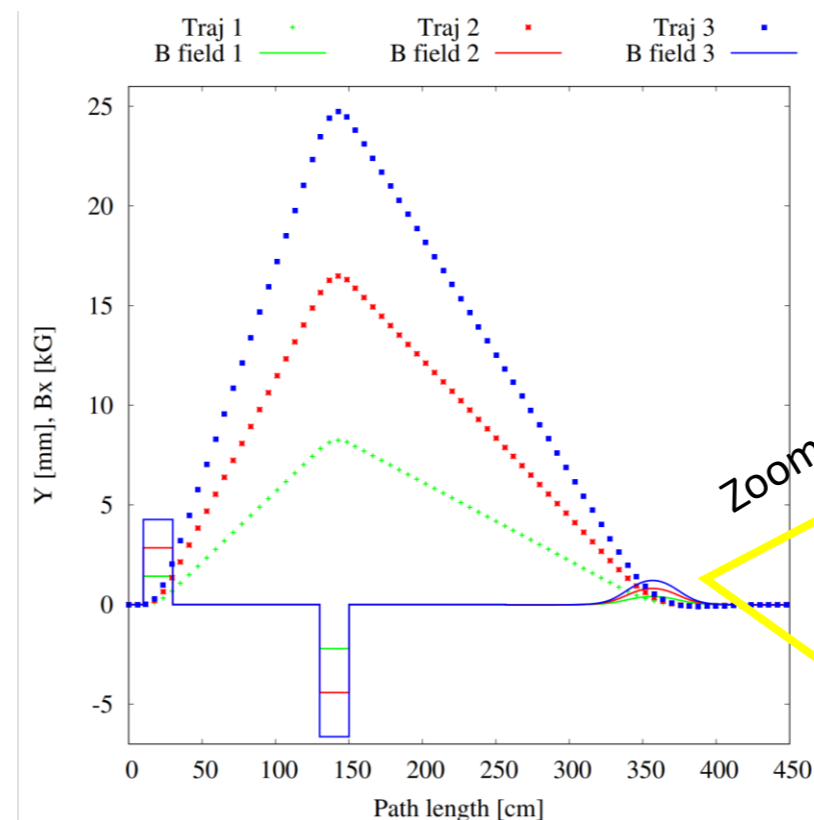
# Correcting for proton beam deviations

## Different fringing fields

- Next, we fix the position of the new steerer and modify the fringing field strength. The objective is to demonstrate that we can always achieve the beam matching condition and take a safety margin.

	B kicker 1	B kicker 2
Case 1	1.42 kG	-2.21 kG
Case 2	2.84 kG	-4.42 kG
Case 3	4.27 kG	-6.63 kG

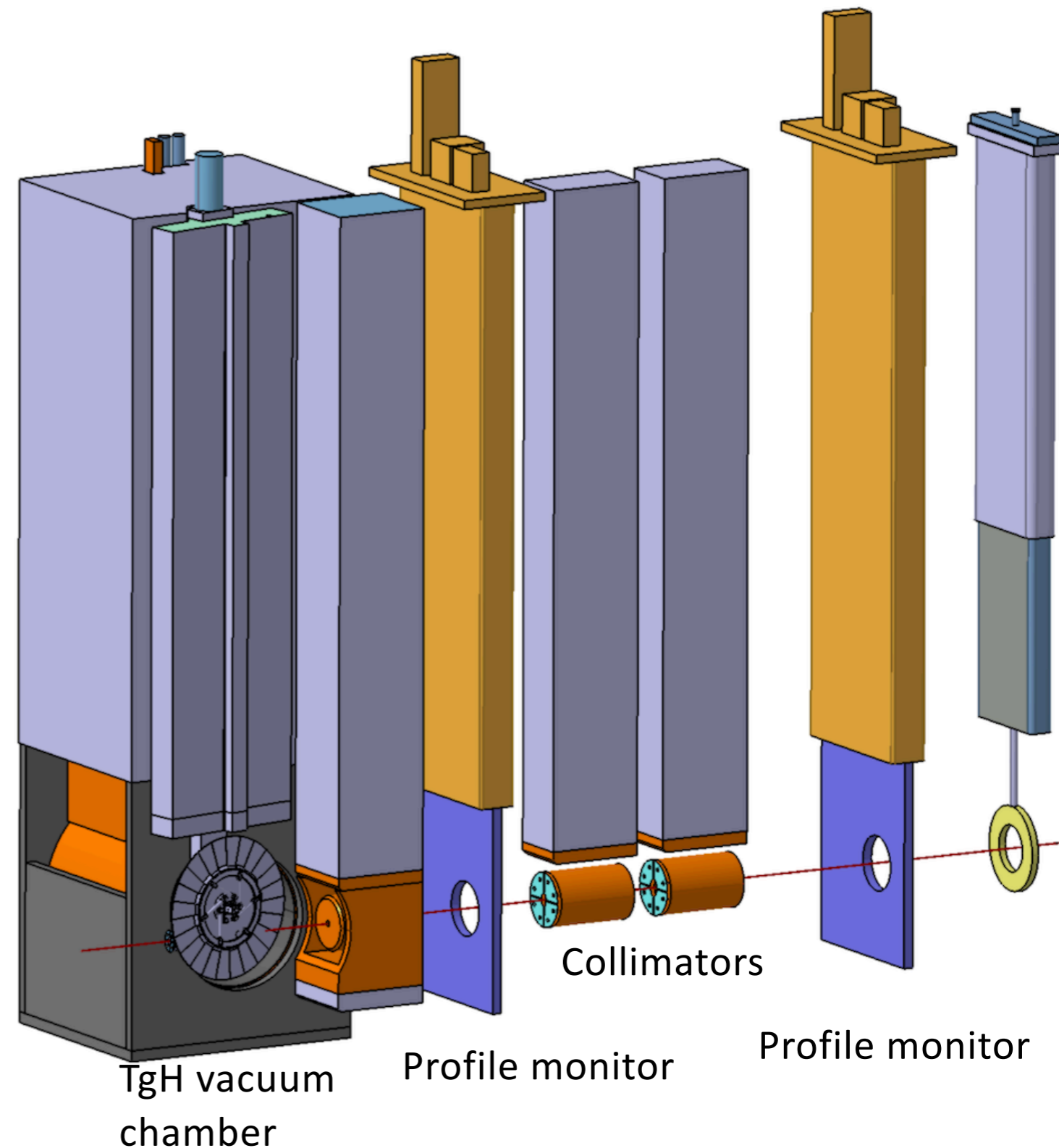
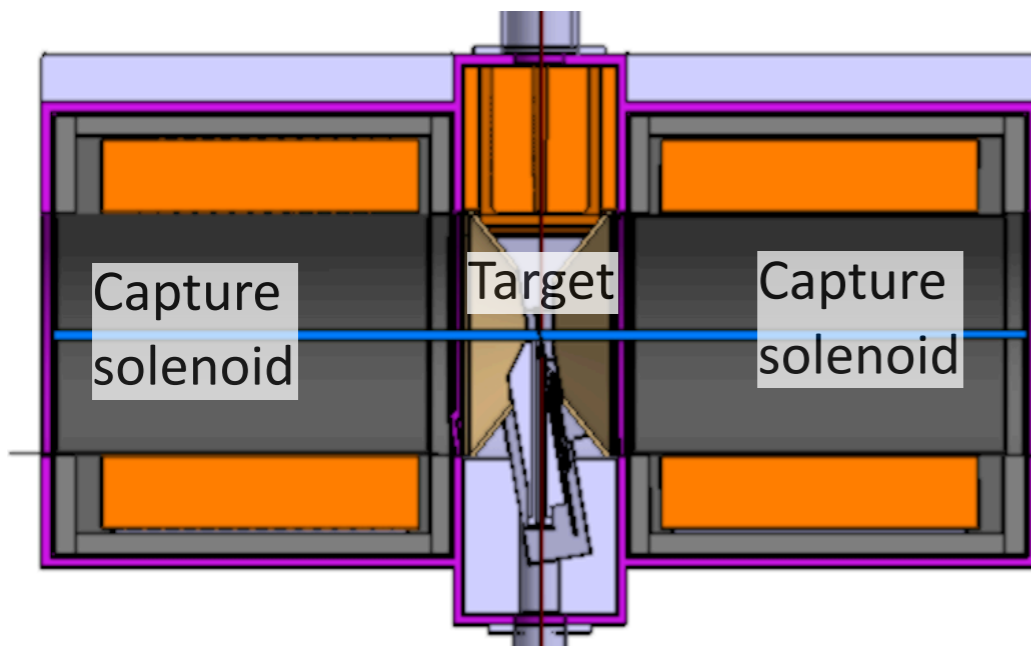
Kicker strength requirements



Changing the field strength of the solenoid shall not be allowed without changing the kicker field strength.

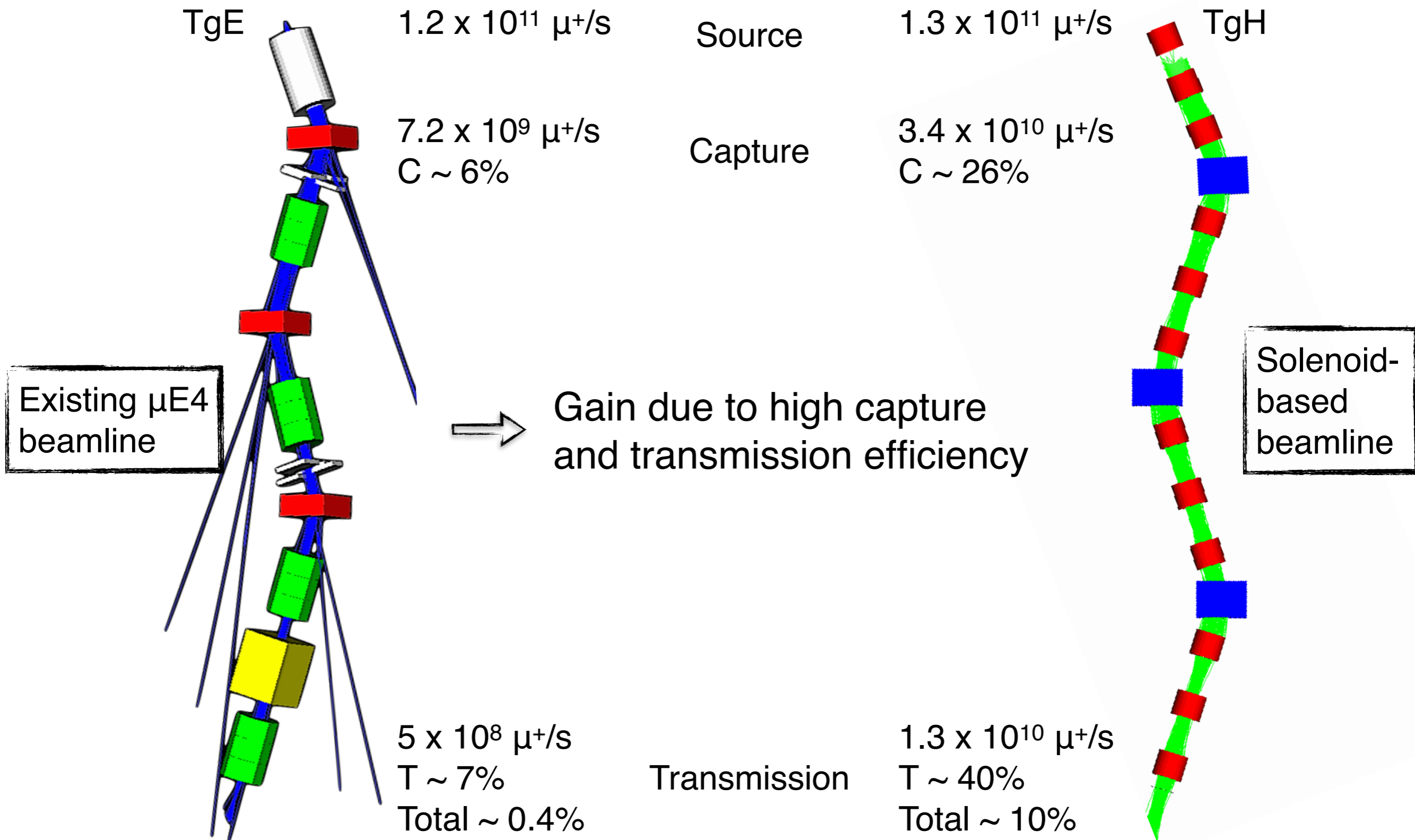
# Concept for new target station TgH

- ▶ Concept similar to existing TgE  
→ allows to profit from existing tools and experience
- ▶ Separate exchange flask for capture solenoids
- ▶ In order to have capture elements for muons as close as possible, they are integrated into the target vacuum chamber

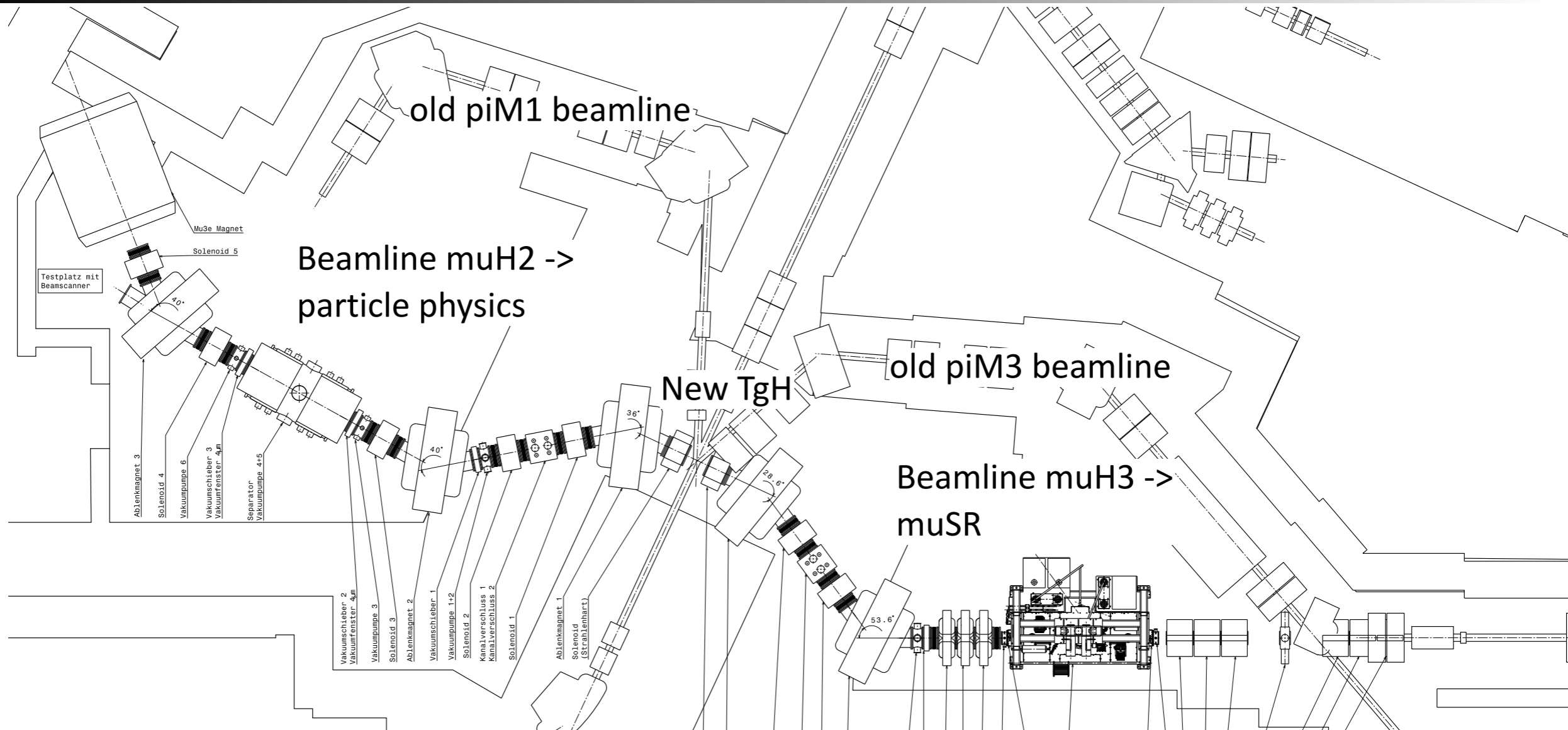




# Solenoid Beamline

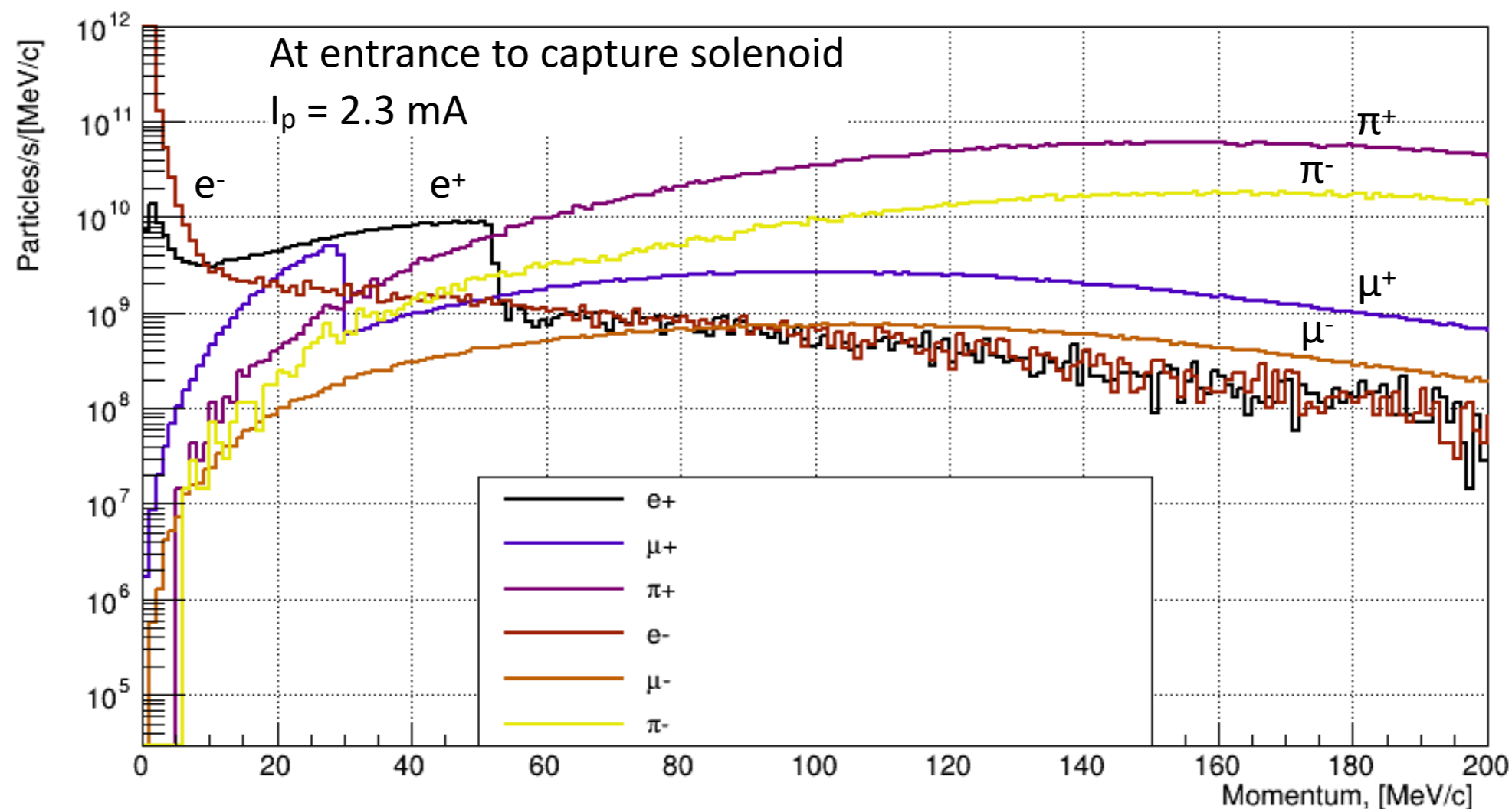


# Beamline layouts



- ▶ Baseline scenario for target and beamline layouts:
  - ▶ New TgH at the same location as current TgM
  - ▶ 90 degree angle of muon beamlines with first bend in the upstream direction
- ▶ Technical layout, currently optimising positions of individual magnetic elements

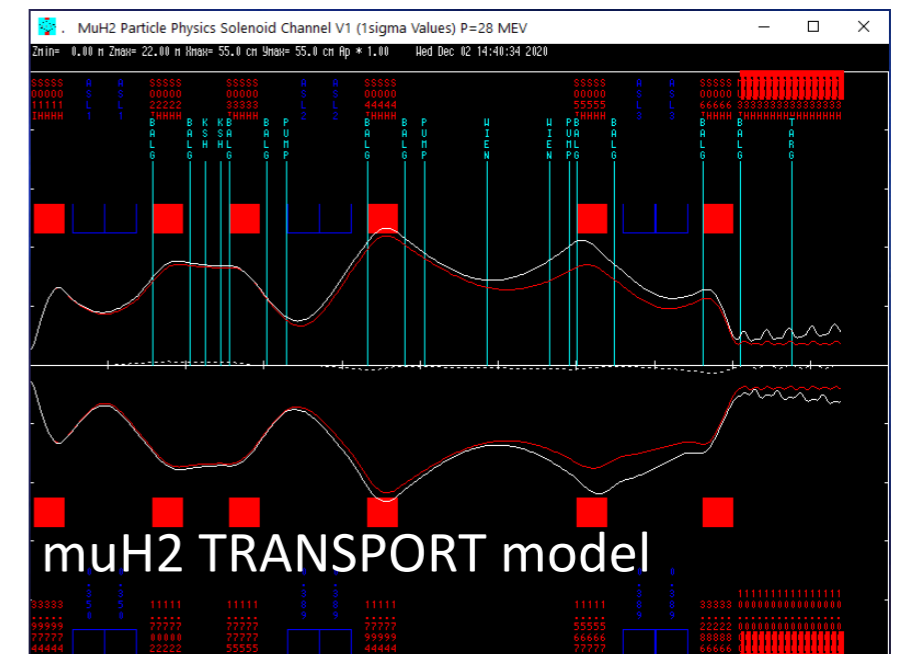
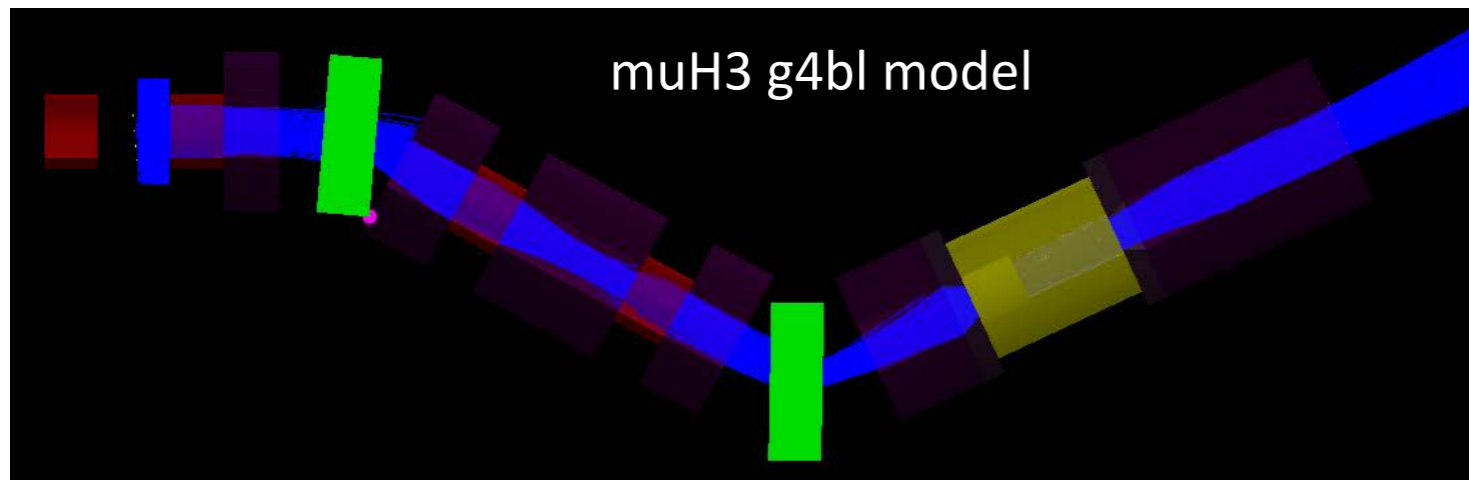
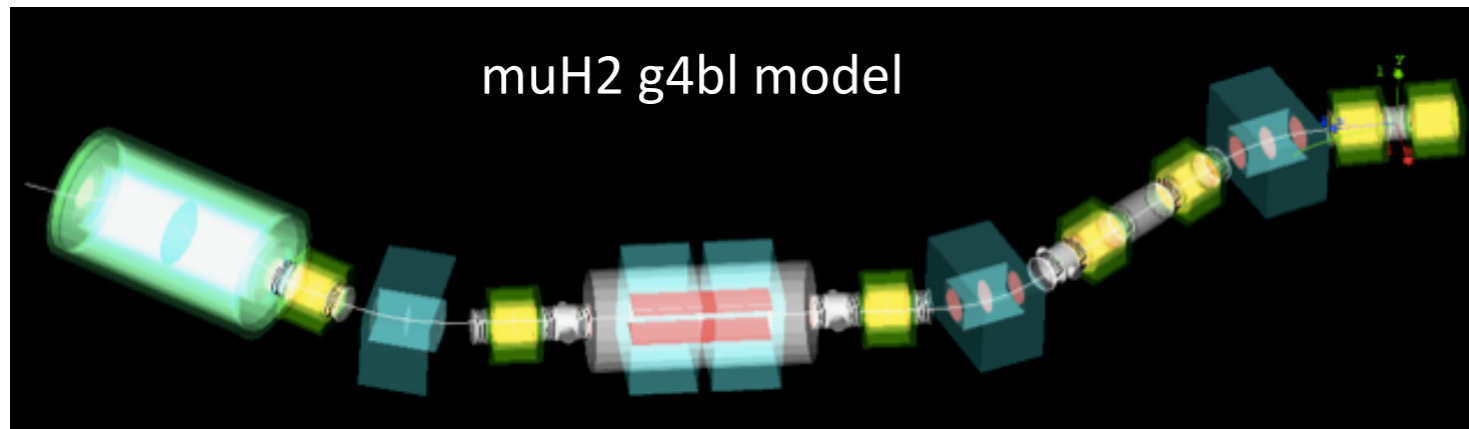
# Particle production at TgH



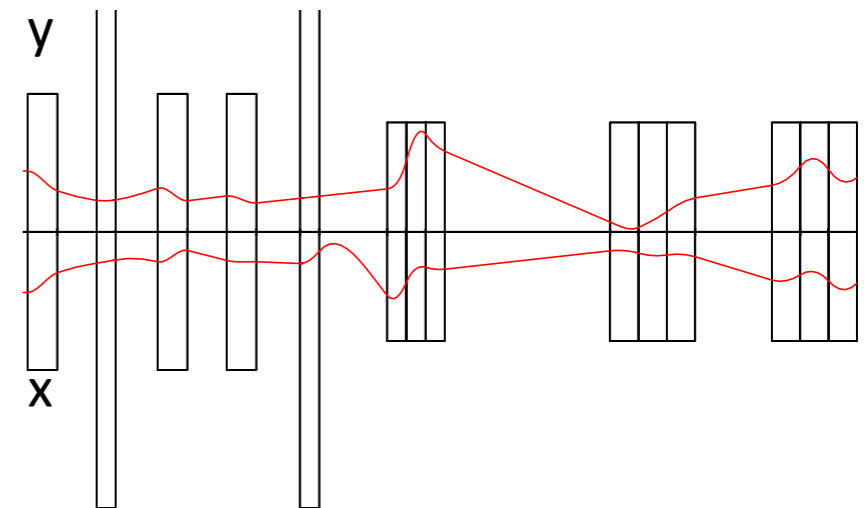
- ▶ Of course we are not only producing surface muons
- ▶ We will have good transport efficiency up to 40 MeV/c (given by capture solenoid)
- ▶ Plan is to design dipoles up to 80 MeV/c



# Simulation of beamlines

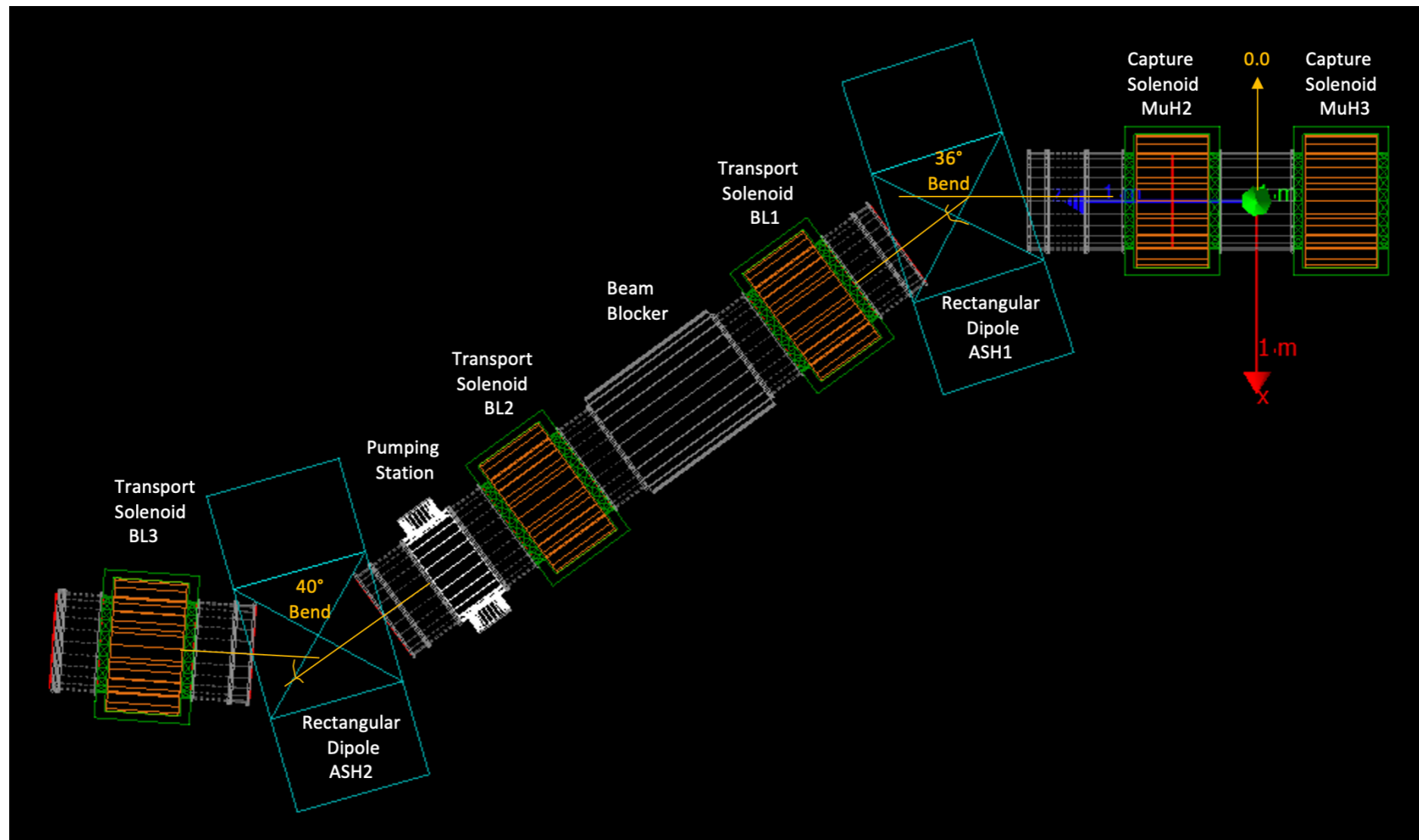


muH3 COSY INFINITY model



- ▶ Simulation tools: g4bl, TRANSPORT, TURTLE, COSY INFINITY
- ▶ Optimization tools: grid searches, hyperparameter searches

- ▶ We have in excess of  $10^{10}$  mu<sup>+</sup>/s at the final focus without the separator
- ▶ Working on getting the beam nicely through the separator, probably need two short separators in series for good transmission and sufficient separation power



# Separator

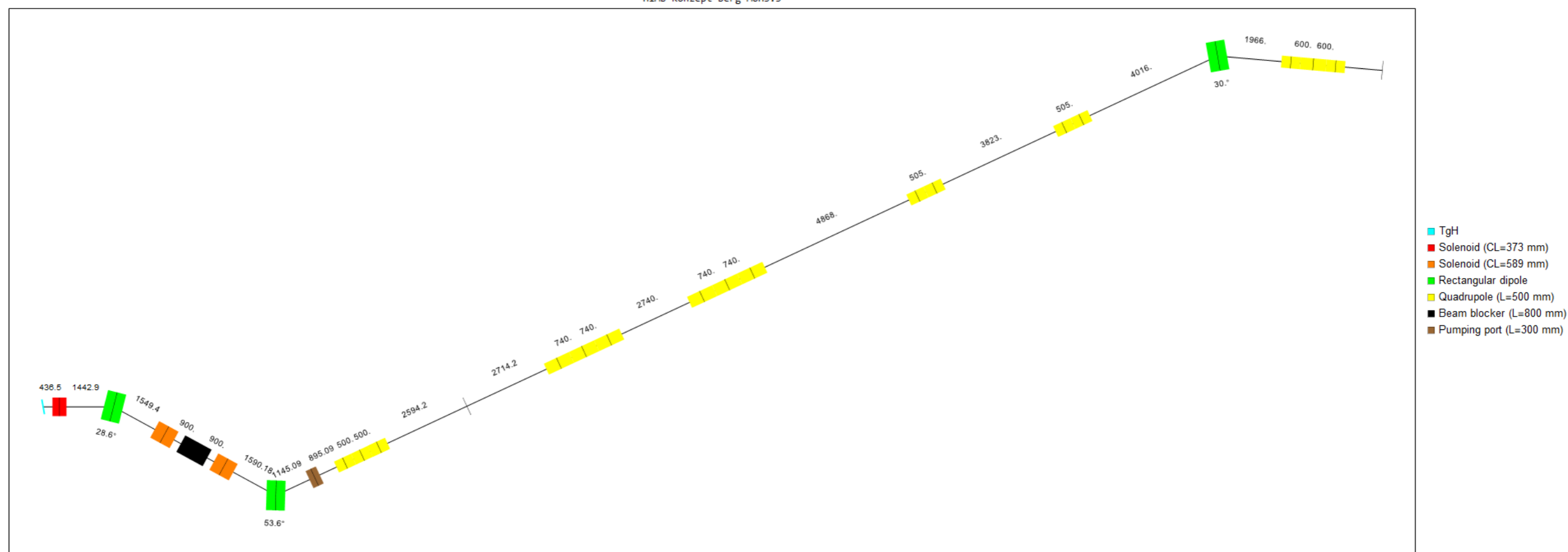
- ▶ Beamline transports any charged particle of the same momentum
- ▶ Typically have muons, pions and electrons in the beam
- ▶ At low energy pions decay along the path
- ▶ Electrons and muons are separated in a separator with crossed electric and magnetic fields by balancing  $q\mathbf{E} = q(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$  for the muons





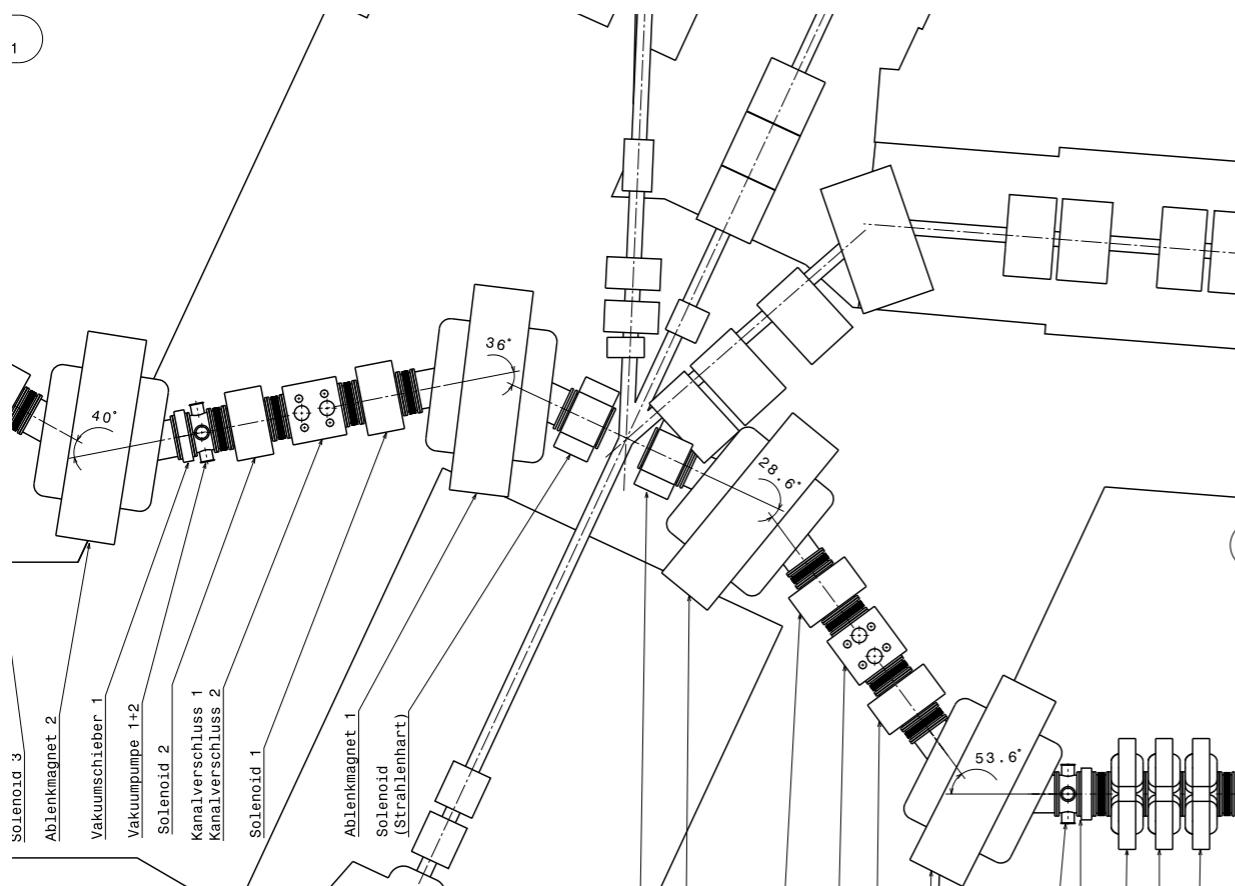
- ▶ We have  $\sim 10^{10}$  mu<sup>+</sup>/s at the end of the solenoidal channel, a few  $10^9$  mu<sup>+</sup>/s after the first triplet and  $\sim 10^8$  mu<sup>+</sup>/s at the end of the 38-m long beamline
- ▶ Losses when coupling into the triplet and along the long quadrupole based beamline unavoidable

HiMB Konzept Berg MUH3.3



# Building a new target station

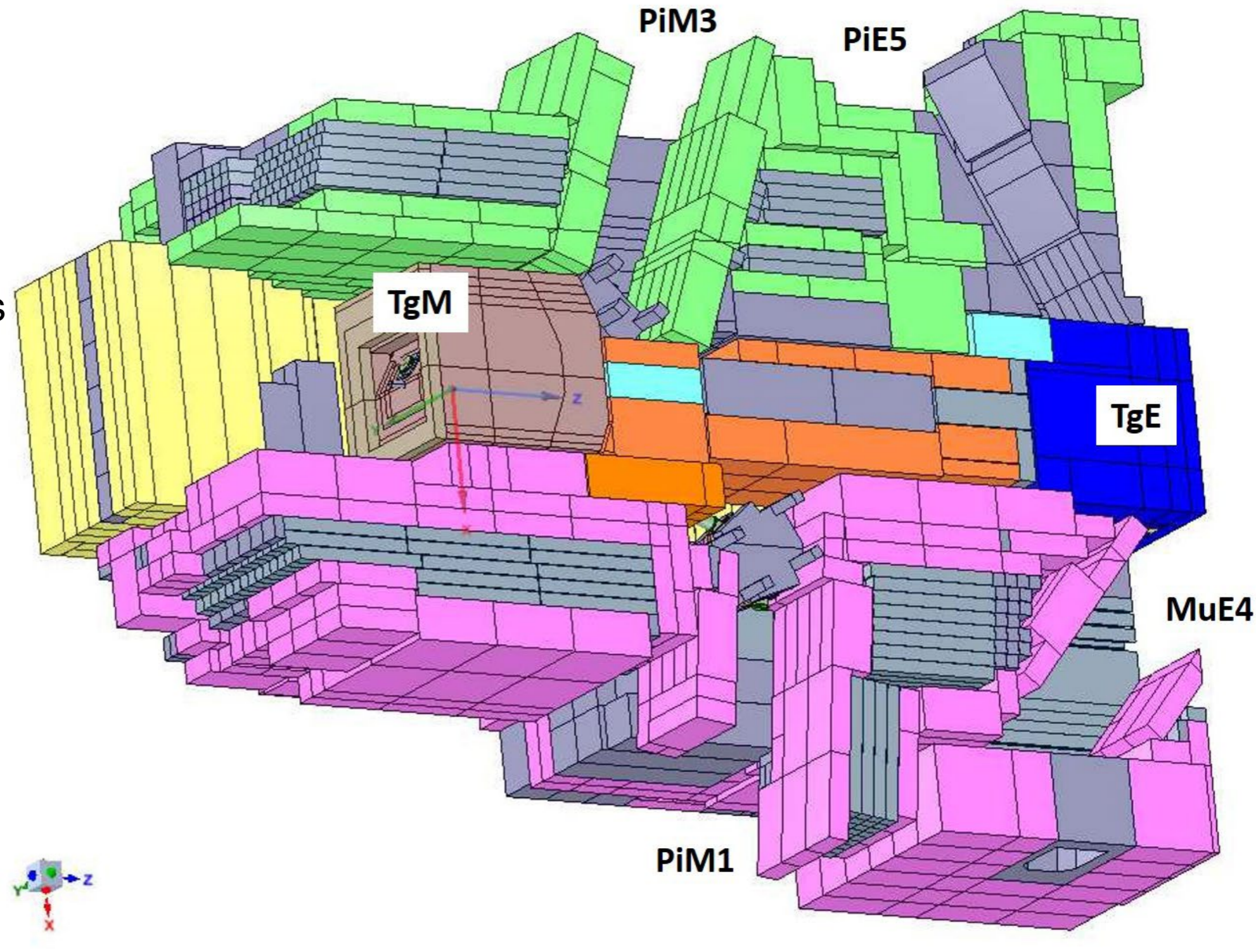
- ▶ Challenging environment around TgM to change layout
- ▶ Helium liquefier, tertiary cooling loop 7, lots of pipes, cables and conduits, power supply platforms, ...
- ▶ And of course in an environment with doses measured in Sv/h





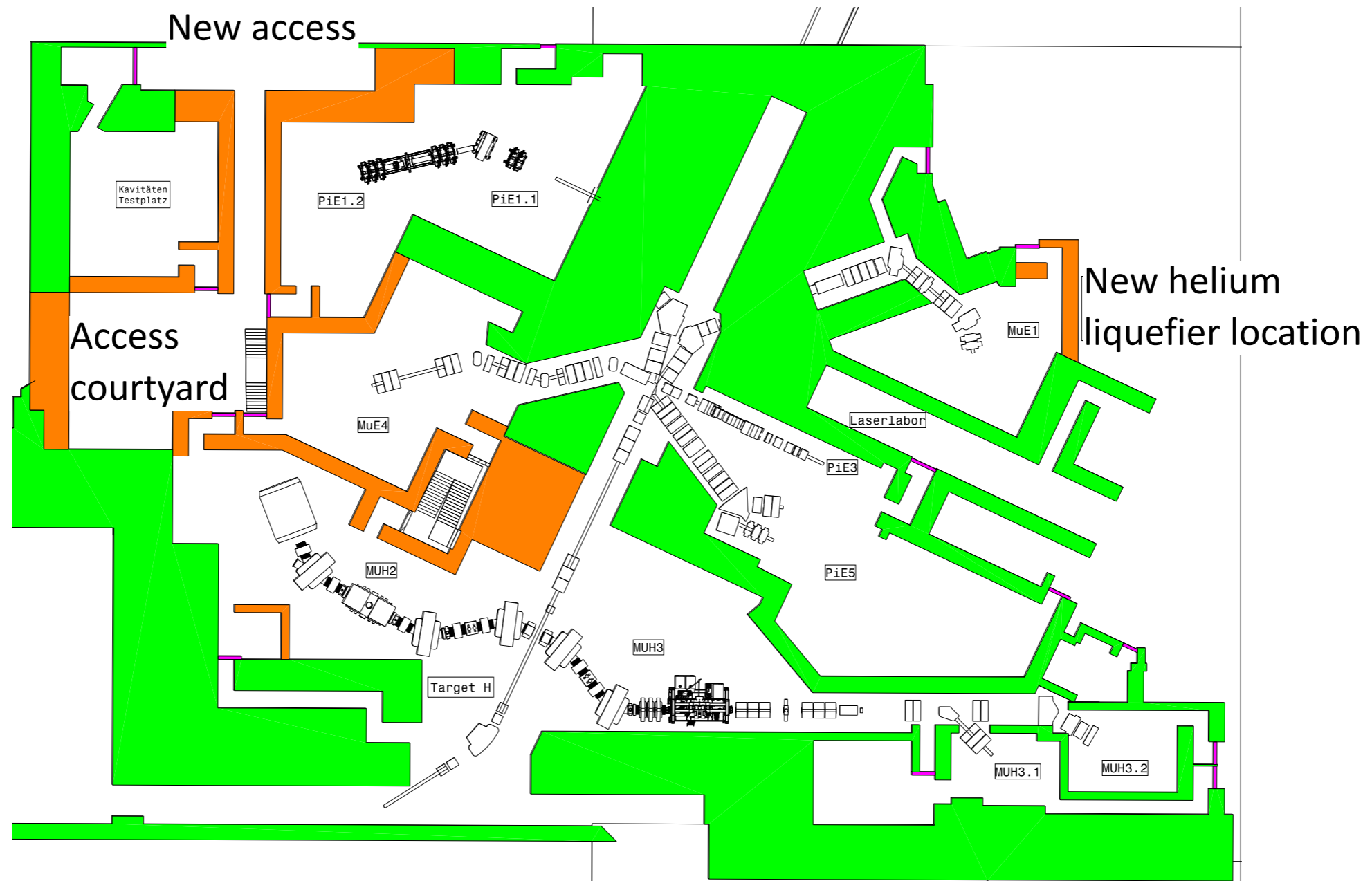
# Shielding

- ▶ Shielding built up from individual iron and concrete blocks
- ▶ Very flexible, but of course very time consuming to dismantle and re-assemble



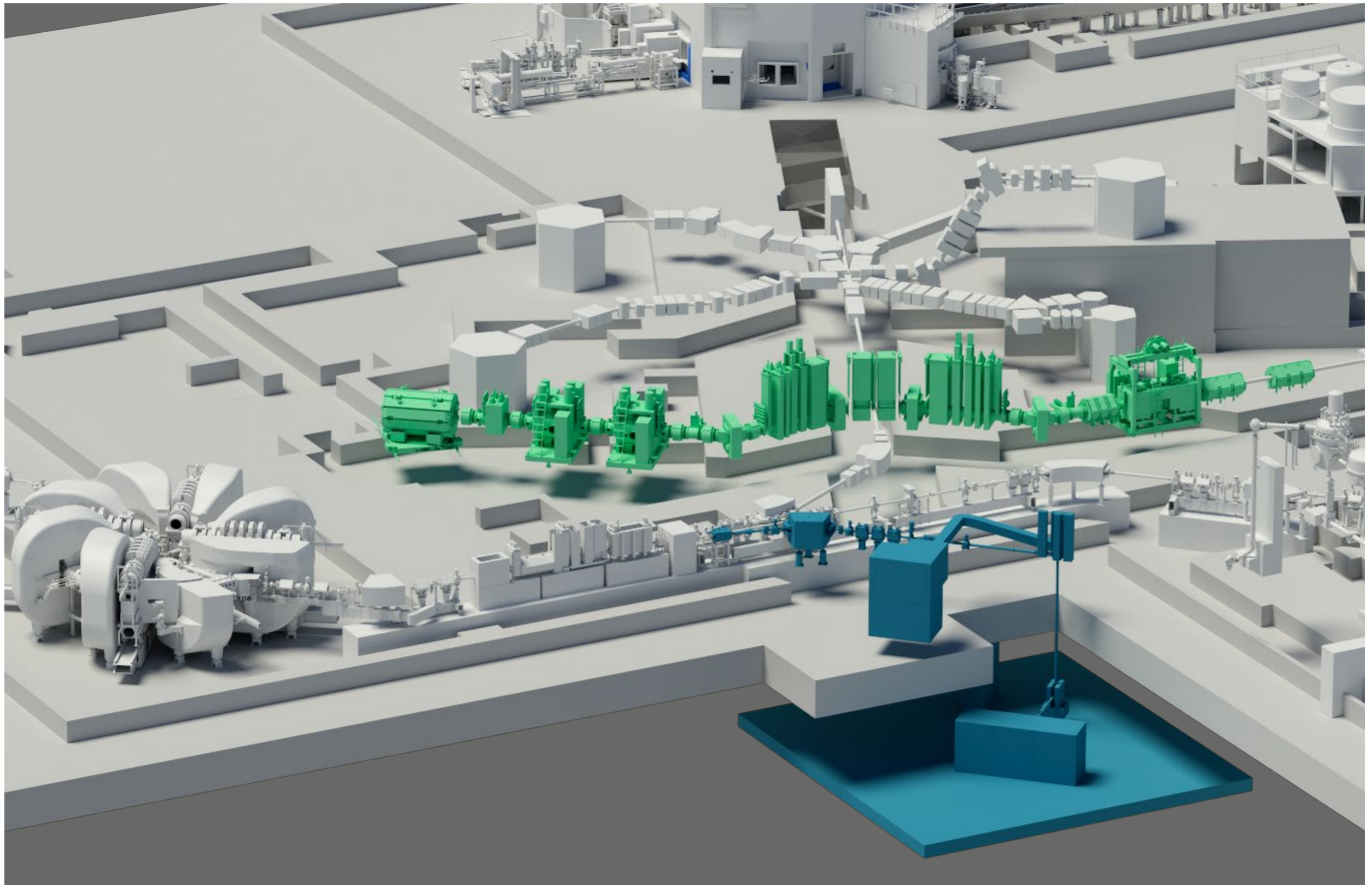


# New beamlines and area layouts

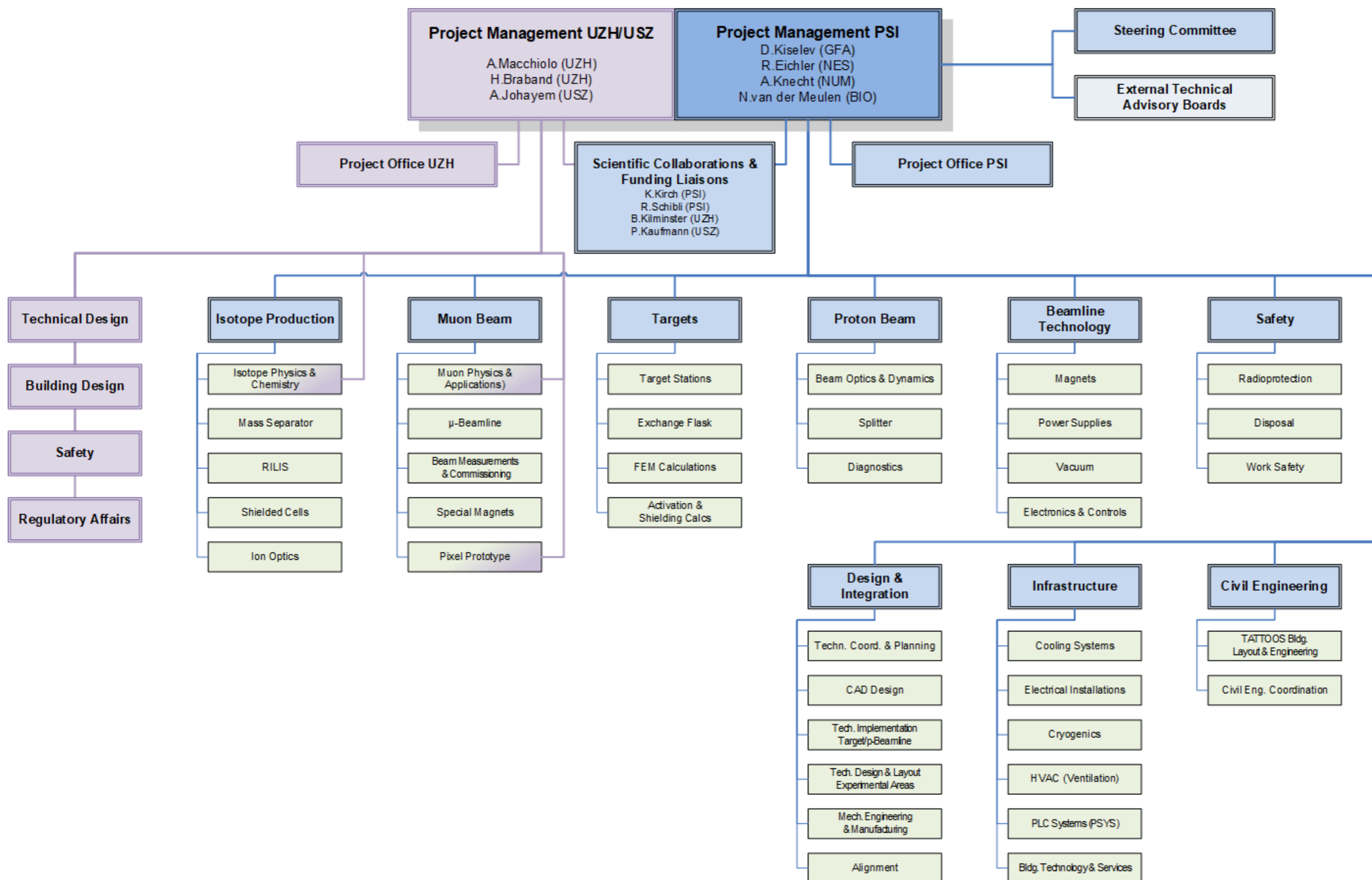


- ▶ Together with the implementation of the beamlines will also need to adjust the experimental areas, access ways, infrastructure etc.
- ▶ At the same time will try to clean up legacy walls and structures as much as possible & allow for a more user-friendly and safer environment

# The Future!

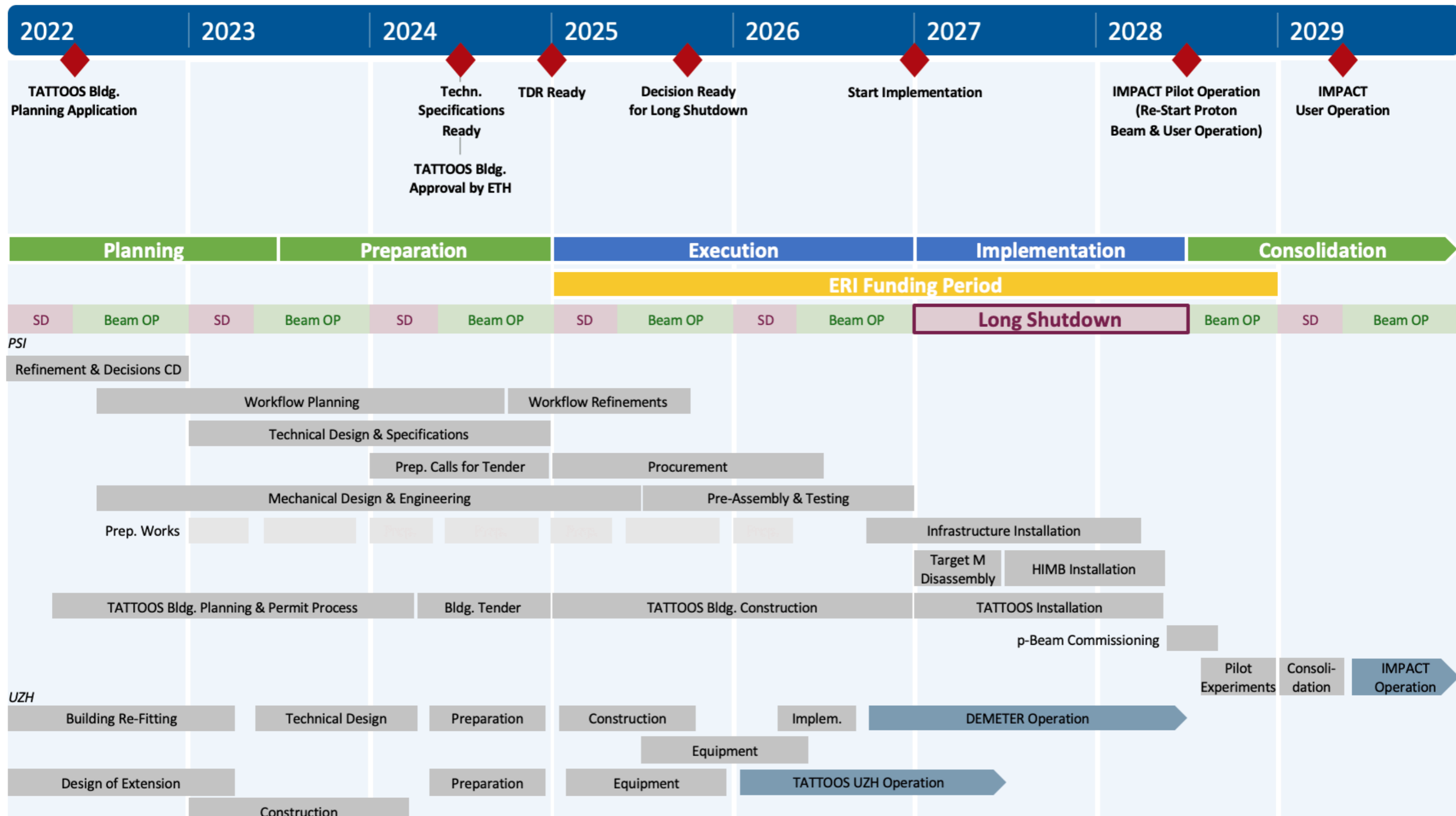


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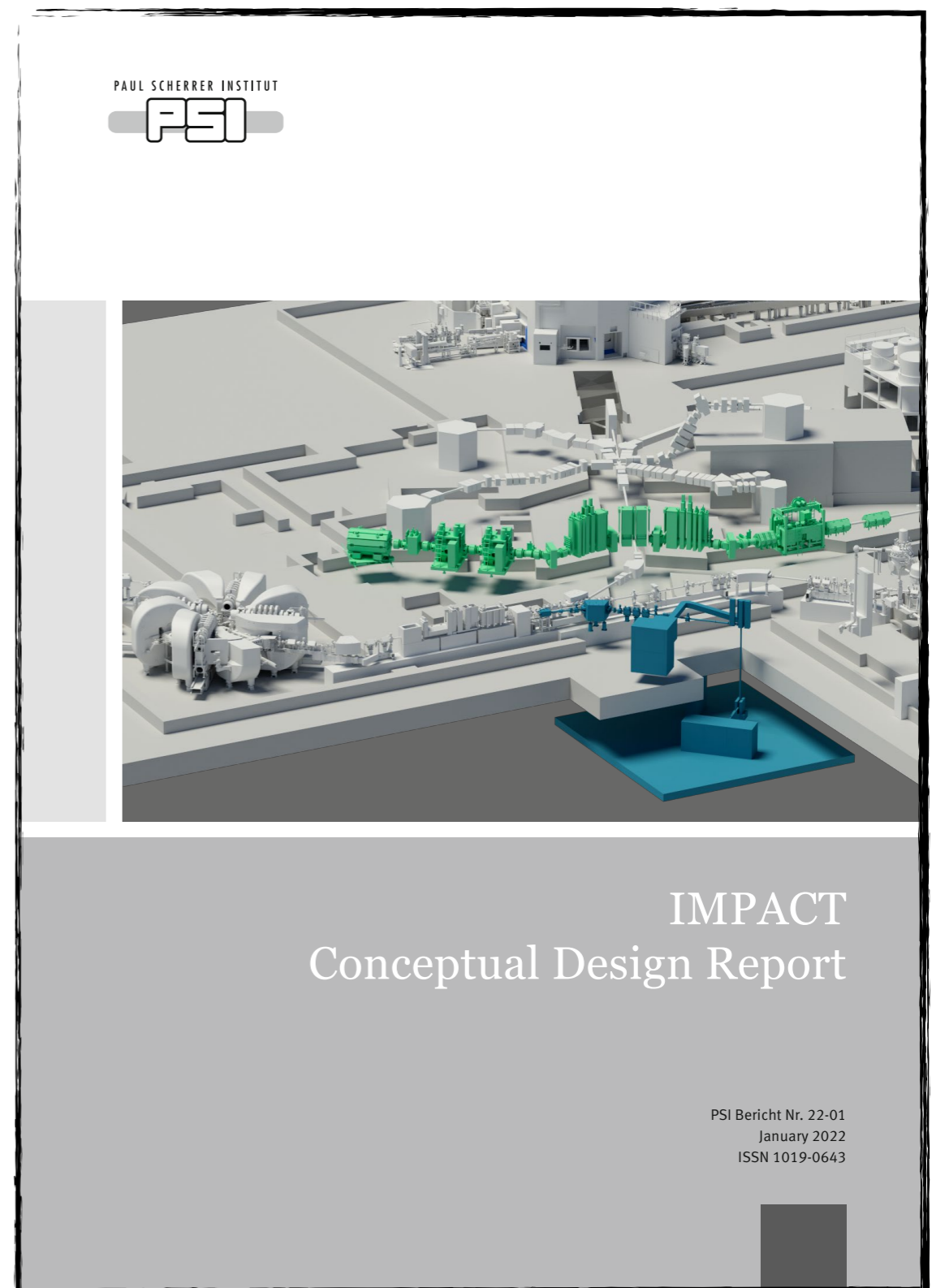


# Timeline & next steps



# IMPACT Conceptual Design Report

- ▶ 304 page document detailing all the concepts
- ▶ Forming the basis for the full approval and funding process
- ▶ Available at:  
<https://www.dora.lib4ri.ch/psi/islandora/object/psi%3A41209>





# Conclusions

- ▶ On track for achieving muon rates of  $10^{10}$  mu+/s at PSI, but many challenges ahead
- ▶ HIMB will enable forefront muon research at PSI for the next 20+ years

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