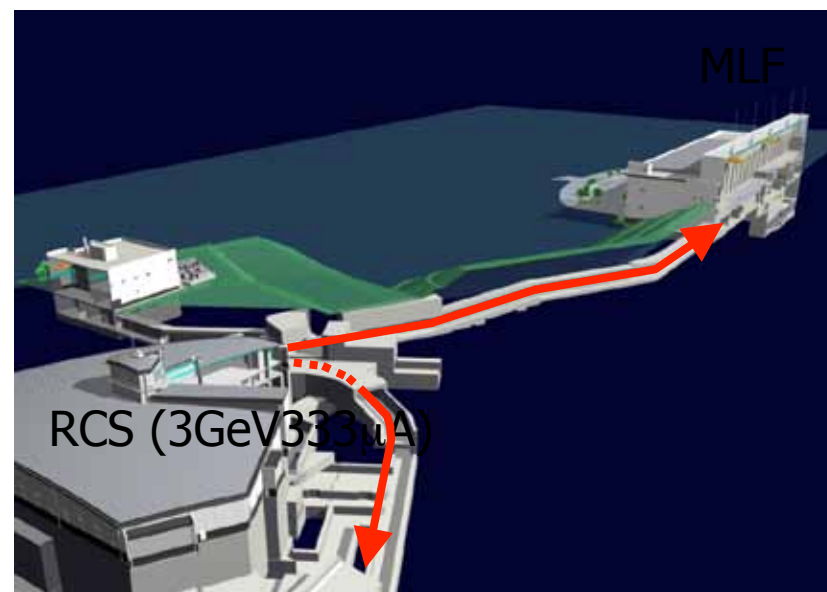


# U-Line :

## Intense Muon Beam Line Dedicated for Ultra Slow Muon

Y. Miyake (KEK)

# Materials and Life Science Facility

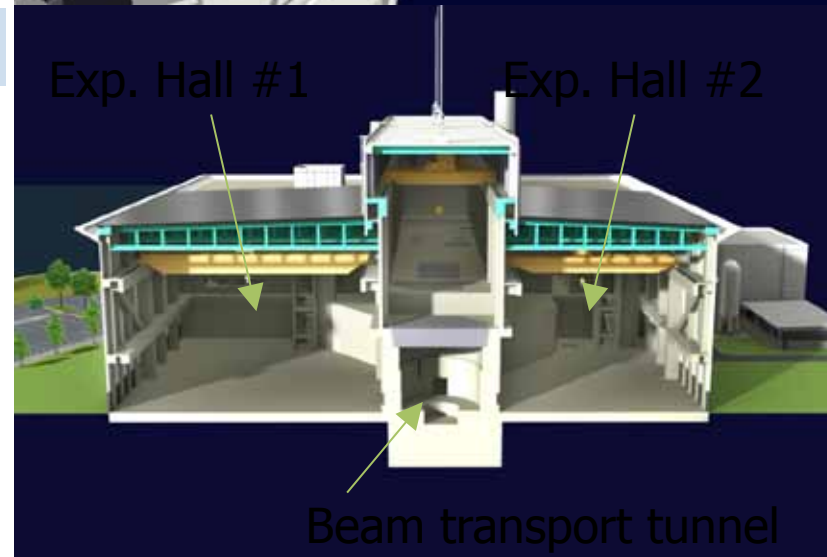


Muon target      Spallation neutron target

Exp. Hall #1

Exp. Hall #2

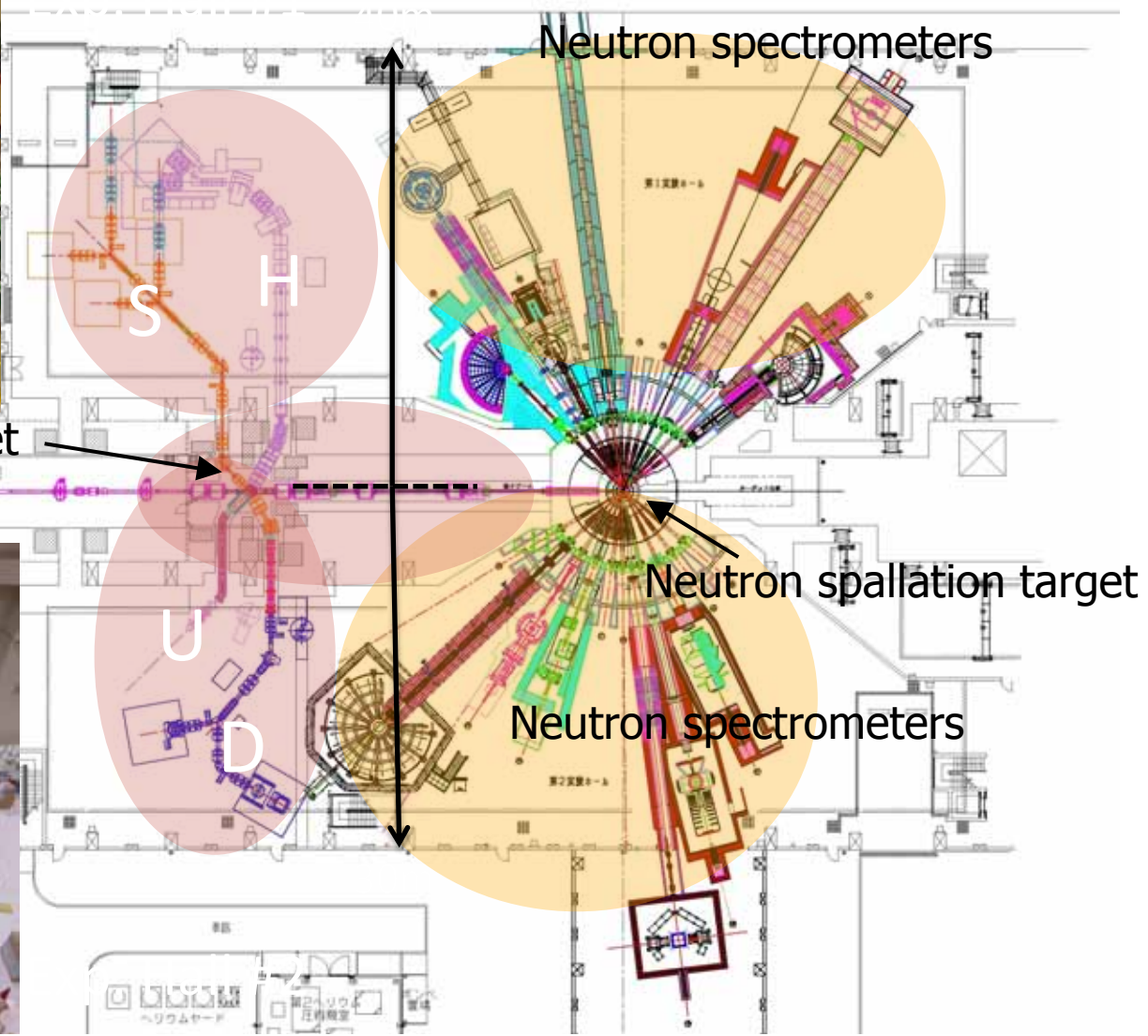
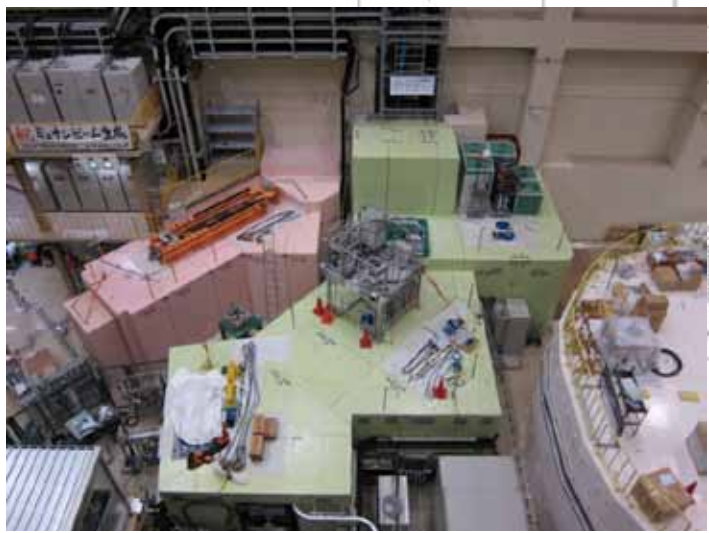
High rad. area is separated from exp. hall



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Muon production target



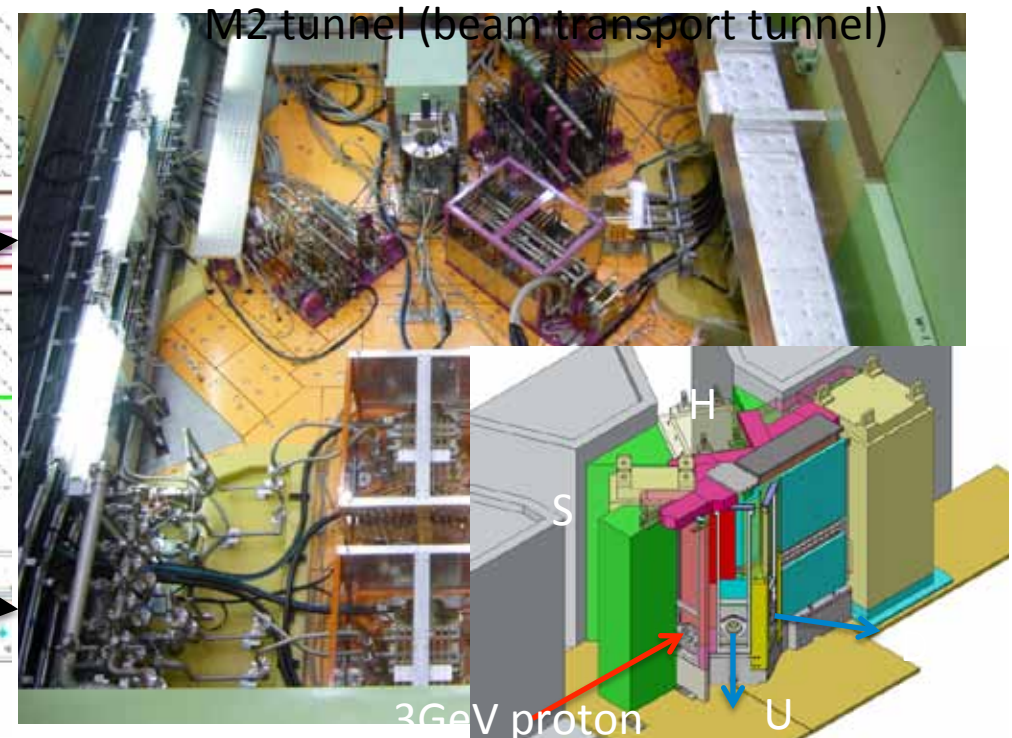
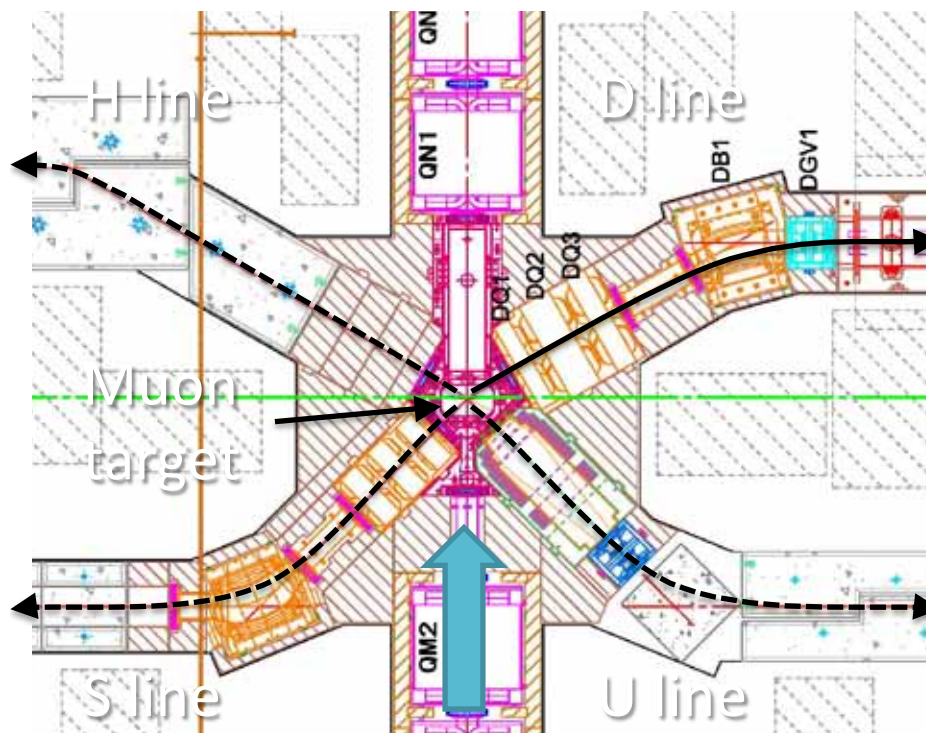
Neutron spectrometers

Neutron spallation target

Neutron spectrometers

# Present status of Muon beamlines

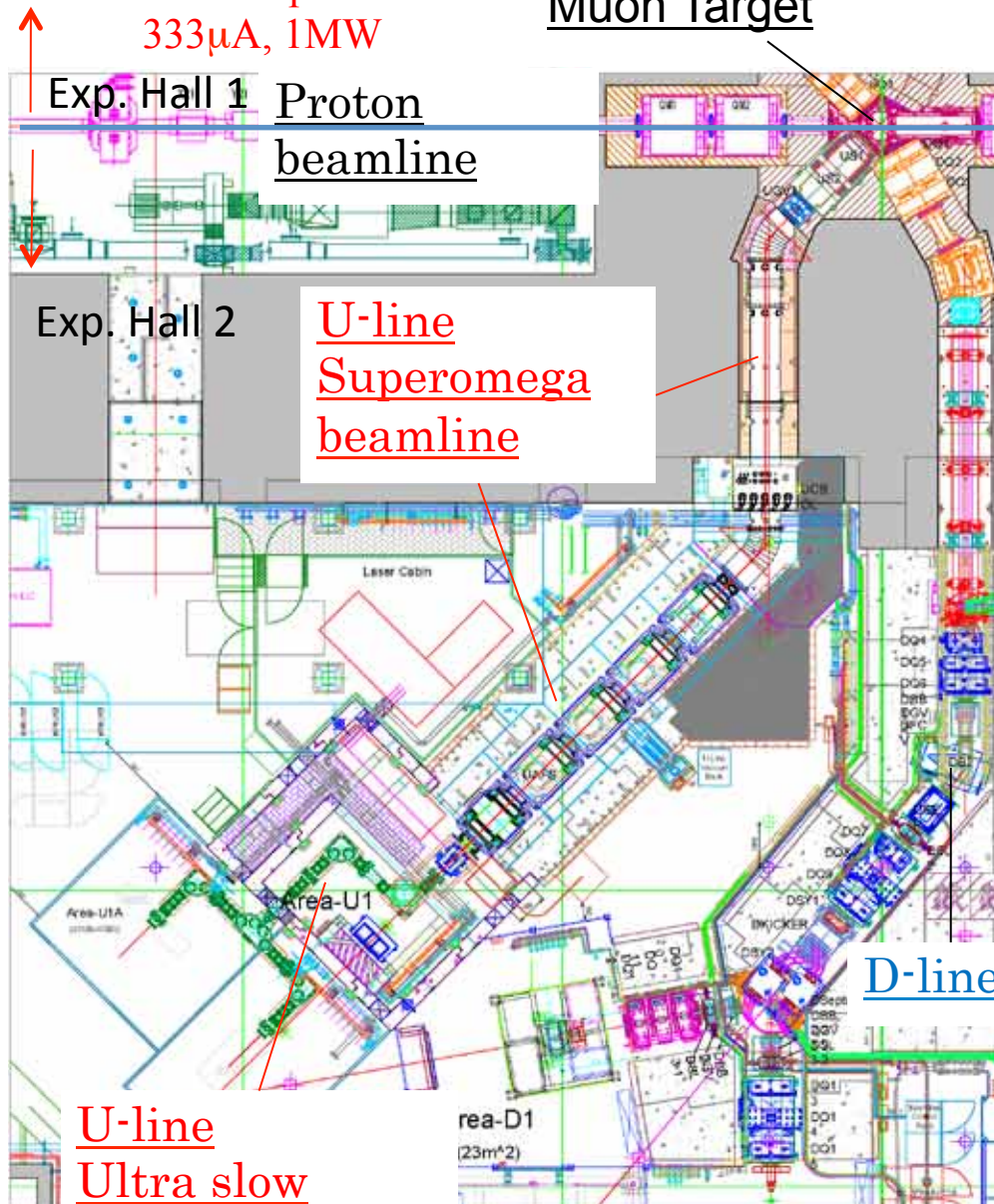
- 4 secondary beamlines can be extracted.
  - D line: complete (kicker was installed in this FY)
  - U line: frontend has been installed. Const. starts this FY
  - S line: frontend has been installed .
  - H line: nothing (temporary rad. shield is installed)



# U-Line

3GeV proton beam  
25 Hz repetition rate  
333 $\mu$ A, 1MW

Muon Target



Exp. Hall 1 Proton beamline

Exp. Hall 2 U-line Superomega beamline

U-line Ultra slow muon beamline

## Superomega beamline

- The second muon beamline under construction on U-line in MLF/J-PARC.

- First aim of Superomega is surface muon source for **Ultra Slow muon beam** with high intensity and high luminosity.

➤ **D-line**: In operation.

Decay and surface muon.

Intensity:  $1.5 \times 10^7 \mu^+/\text{s}$

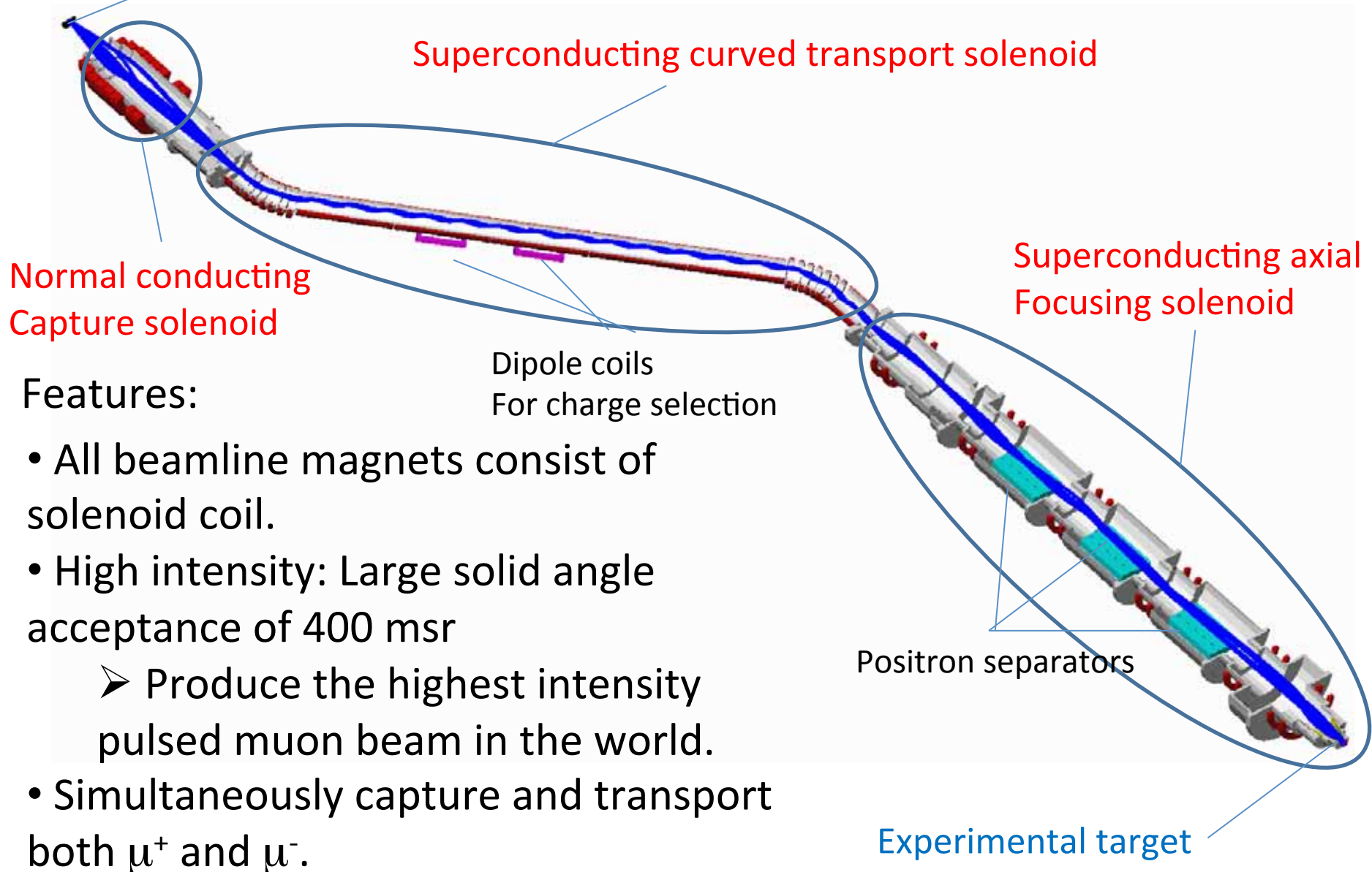
➤ **U-line**: Under construction.

Superomega beamline.

Design to capture and transport muons up to 45 MeV/c.

# Superomega muon beamline

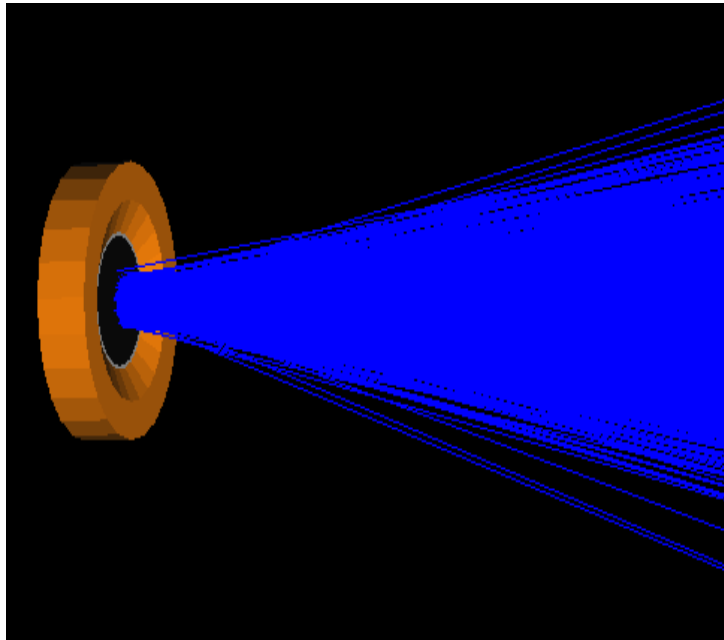
Muon production target (Graphite, t=20 mm)



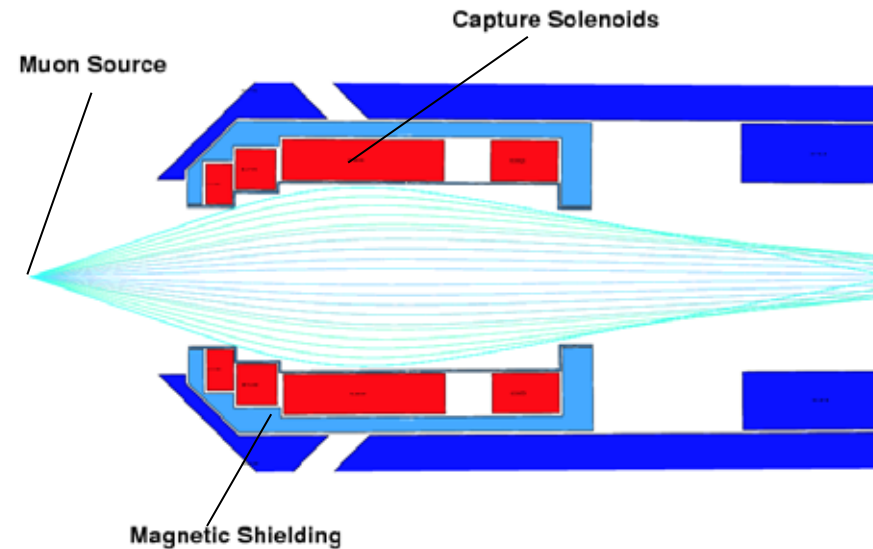
## Features:

- All beamline magnets consist of solenoid coil.
- High intensity: Large solid angle acceptance of 400 msr
  - Produce the highest intensity pulsed muon beam in the world.
- Simultaneously capture and transport both  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$ .

# Capture solenoid



Surface muons from muon production target (graphite,  $t=20$  mm)



Designed by Nakahara

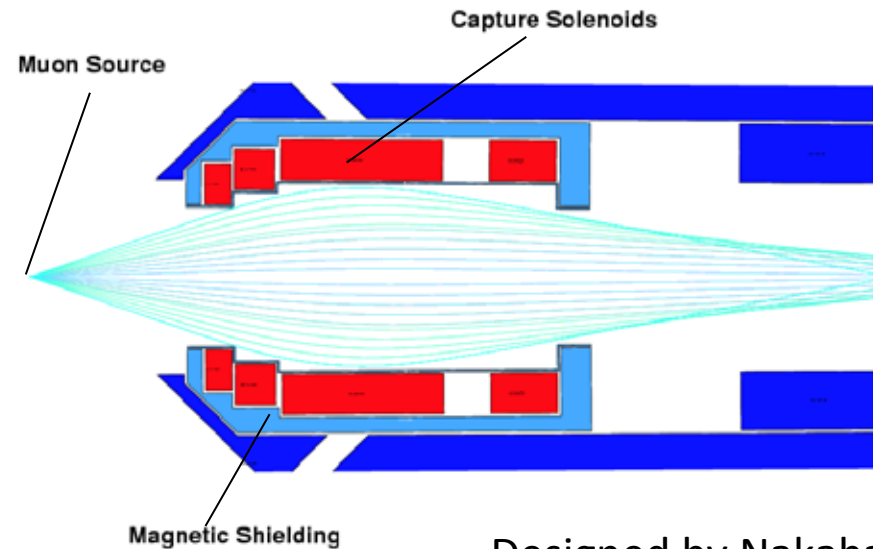
Capture solenoid is designed to capture the muons produced in muon target with a solid angle acceptance of  $400\text{msr}$ .

Superomega captures  $5 \times 10^8$  muons/s from the muon target (Surface muon, @3GeV, 1 MW proton beam).

# Normal Conducting (MIC) Capture Solenoid

The capture solenoid

- consists of eight normal-conducting solenoids
- designed to capture the muons produced in muon target with a solid angle acceptance of 400msr.
- can be simultaneously captured  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  with the momentum up to 50 MeV/c.
- Due to the high level of exposure to radiation, the solenoids are wound with radiation-resistant mineral insulation cables(MIC).



Designed by Nakahara

Maximum current	1500A
Peak central field	0.3T
Coolant	130 l/s
Muon capture rate	$5 \times 10^8 \mu^+/\text{s}$ @ 30 MeV/c
Solid angle acceptance	400 mSr ( $\pm 20^\circ$ initial angle)

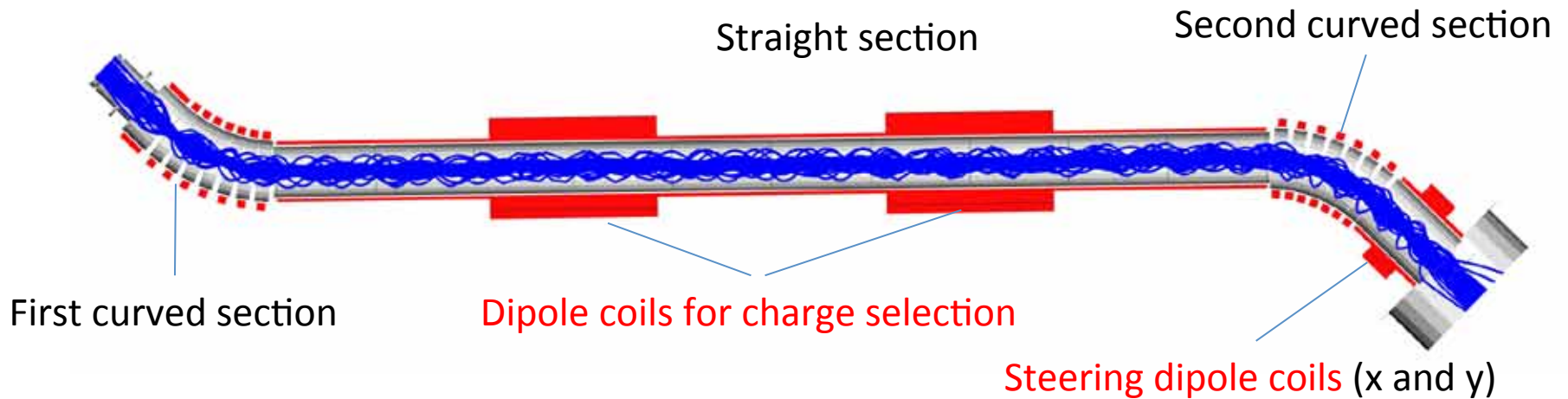


# Normal Conducting Capture Solenoids



- Beamline is 1.6m above floor level
- All maintenance to be performed at FL+4m above floor level
- All water and power cables are connected at FL+4m
- To keep radiation levels low, multiple layers of shielding are adopted to maintain.
- Installation on beamline has been completed on March 2009.

# Superconducting Curved Transport Solenoid



- The transport solenoid is designed to transport the captured muons to experimental hall 2.
- The solenoid has two 45 degree curved sections (7-segment) for reduction of radiation from neutral particle, and one 6-m-long straight section.
- A set of correction dipole coils for the charge selection and for steering beam direction, are mounted onto the solenoid structure.
- Cryogenics – Extensive collaboration with the KEK cryogenic group.
- A series of five Gifford–McMahon (GM) refrigerators are used to cool down the superconducting coils.

# Structure of Superconducting Curved transport Solenoid

Pillow seal to connect the capture solenoid

Chimney for cooling solenoids

Straight section:  
Consists of five 1.2m-long solenoid

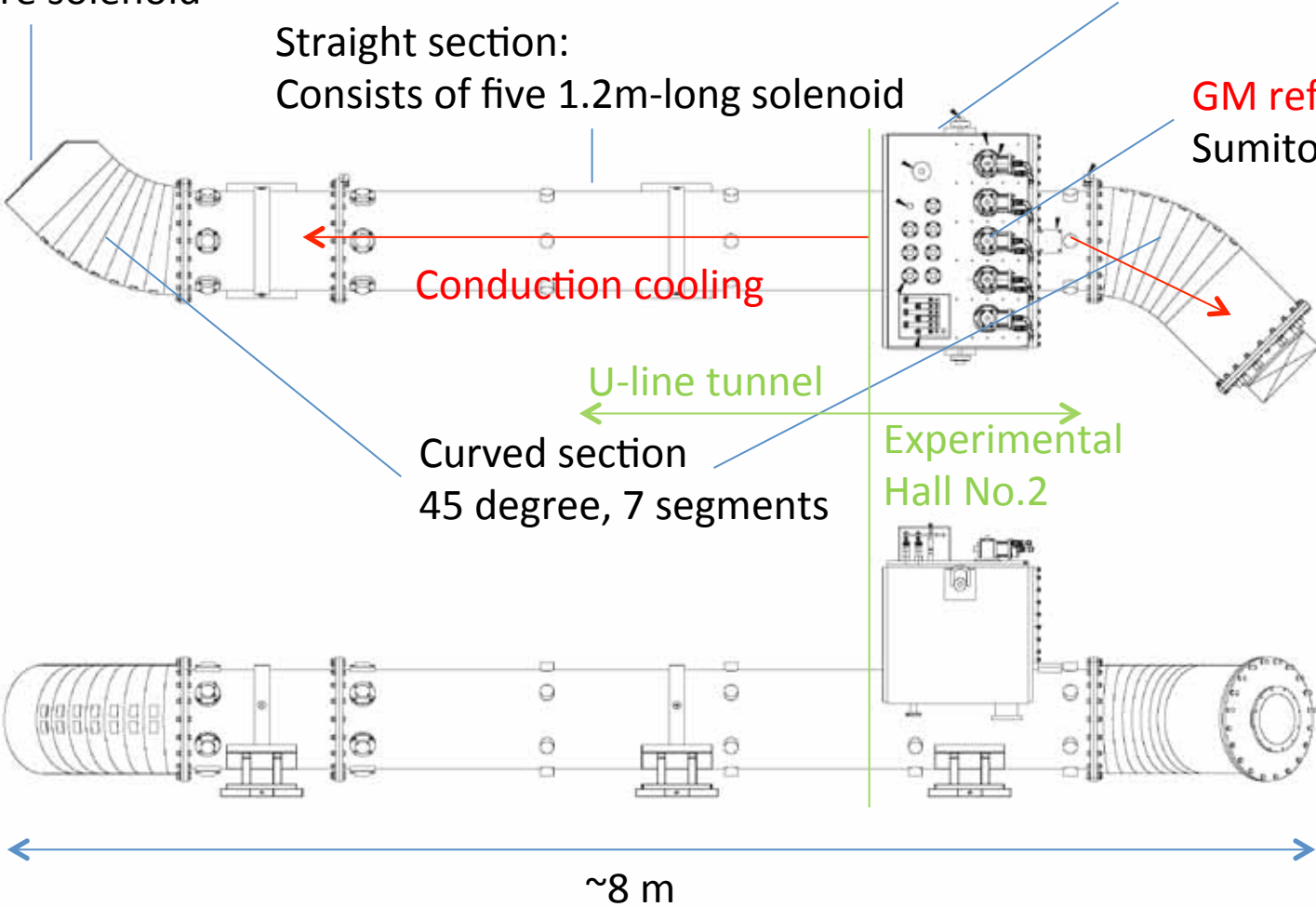
GM refrigerators  
Sumitomo, 1.5 W

Conduction cooling

U-line tunnel

Curved section  
45 degree, 7 segments

Experimental  
Hall No.2

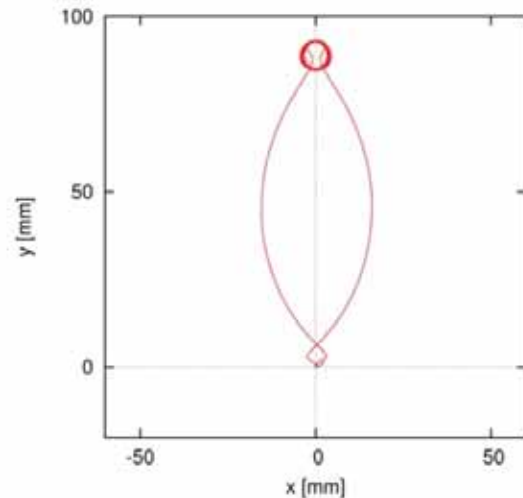
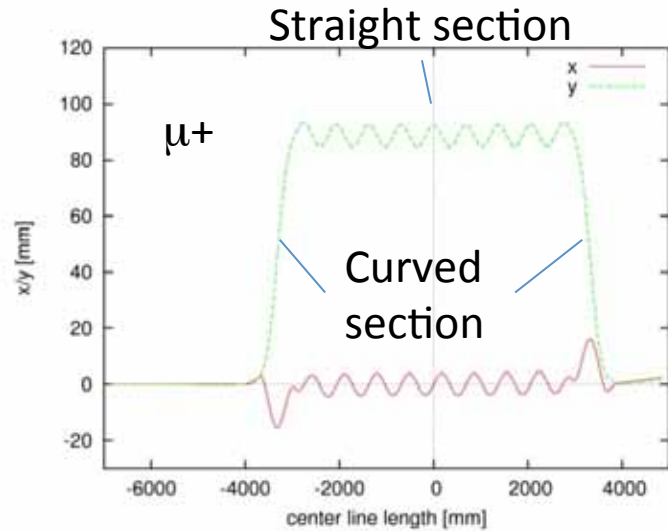


The superconducting solenoids are cooled down by conduction cooling method using five GM refrigerators.

# Beam trajectory simulation

**G4Beamline :**

Geant4 based Monte Carlo beam simulation program

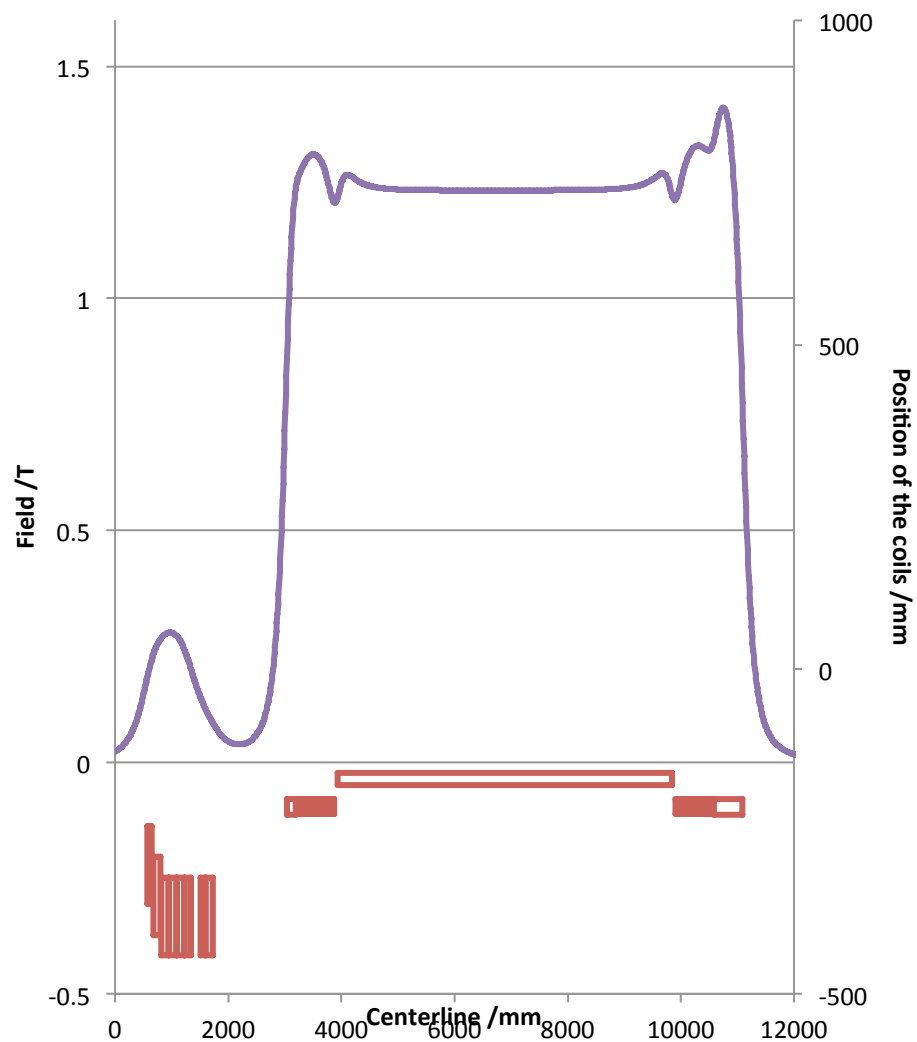


Projection on to the normal plane  
of solenoid center axis

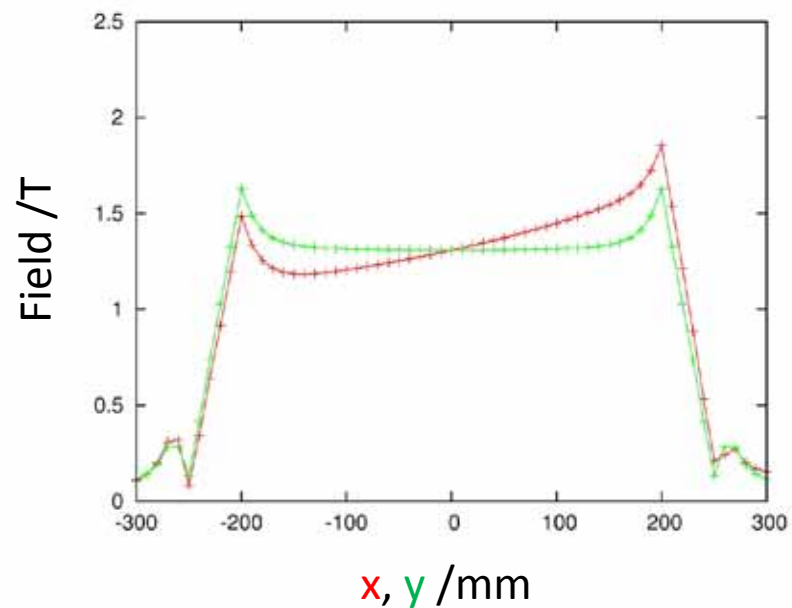
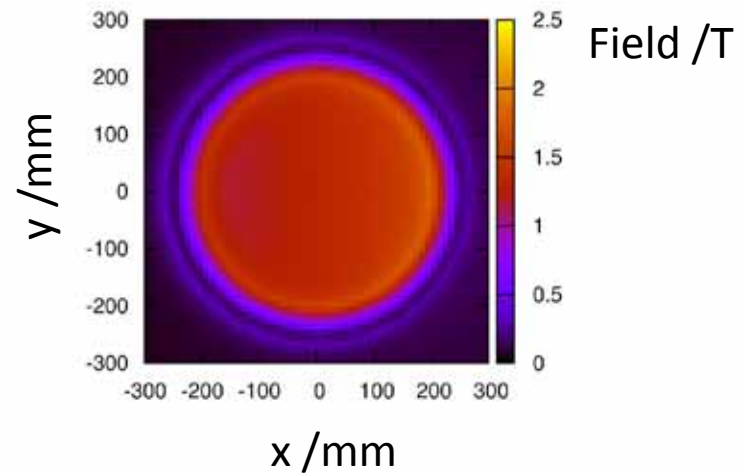
- The trajectory of muon which injected from the center of the muon target along the solenoid center axis are calculated.
- At the curved section, trajectory of positive (negative) muon drift up (down) due to the field flux effect.
- In the straight section, muons move in a spiral along with solenoid field.
- Optimize the beam trajectory
  - **Minimizing the horizontal shift** of the Lamour rotation center at straight section. The shift occurred by stray field from straight section at curved section. (Entrance matching solenoid)
  - **Achieving the symmetric trajectory** about the center point of the straight section. (Straight section)
  - **Minimize the radius of the Lamour rotation** in the straight section. (Curved section)

# Field Distribution

The optimized field distribution along the centerline axis of the capture solenoids and the curved solenoid

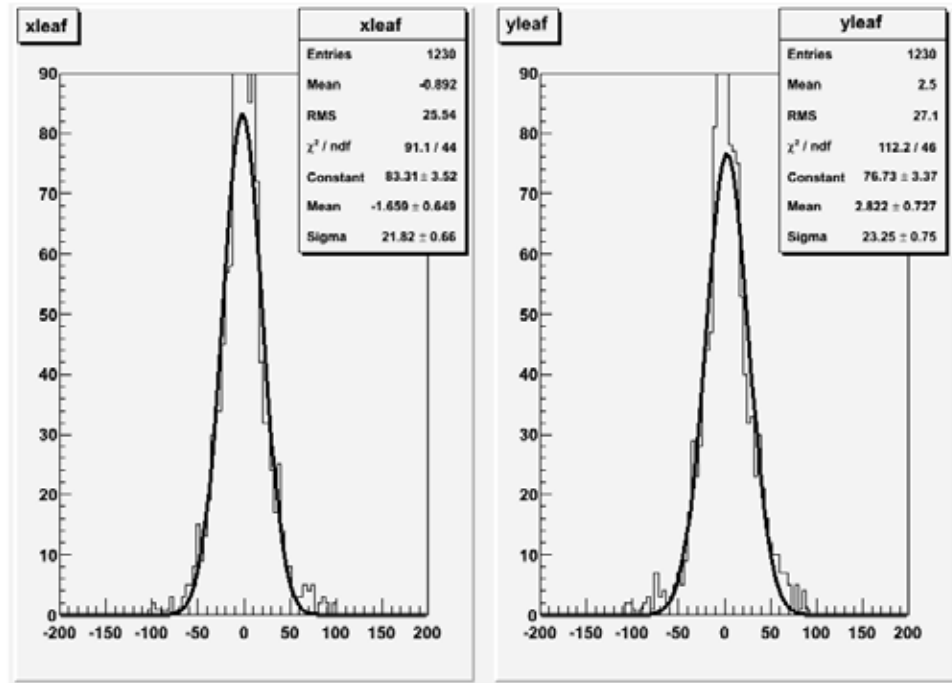


The cross section of the field at curved section

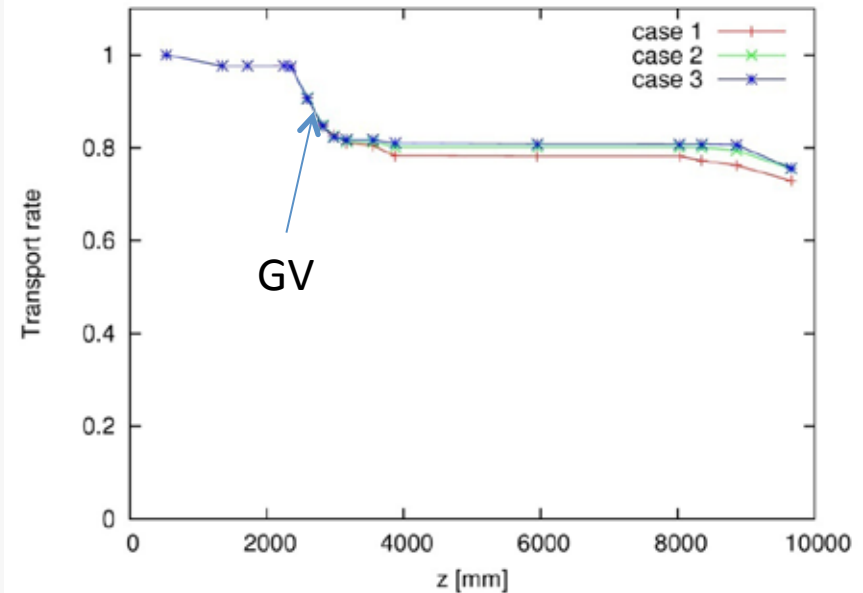


# Beam Transport Simulation

Beam profile at the exit of the curved solenoid

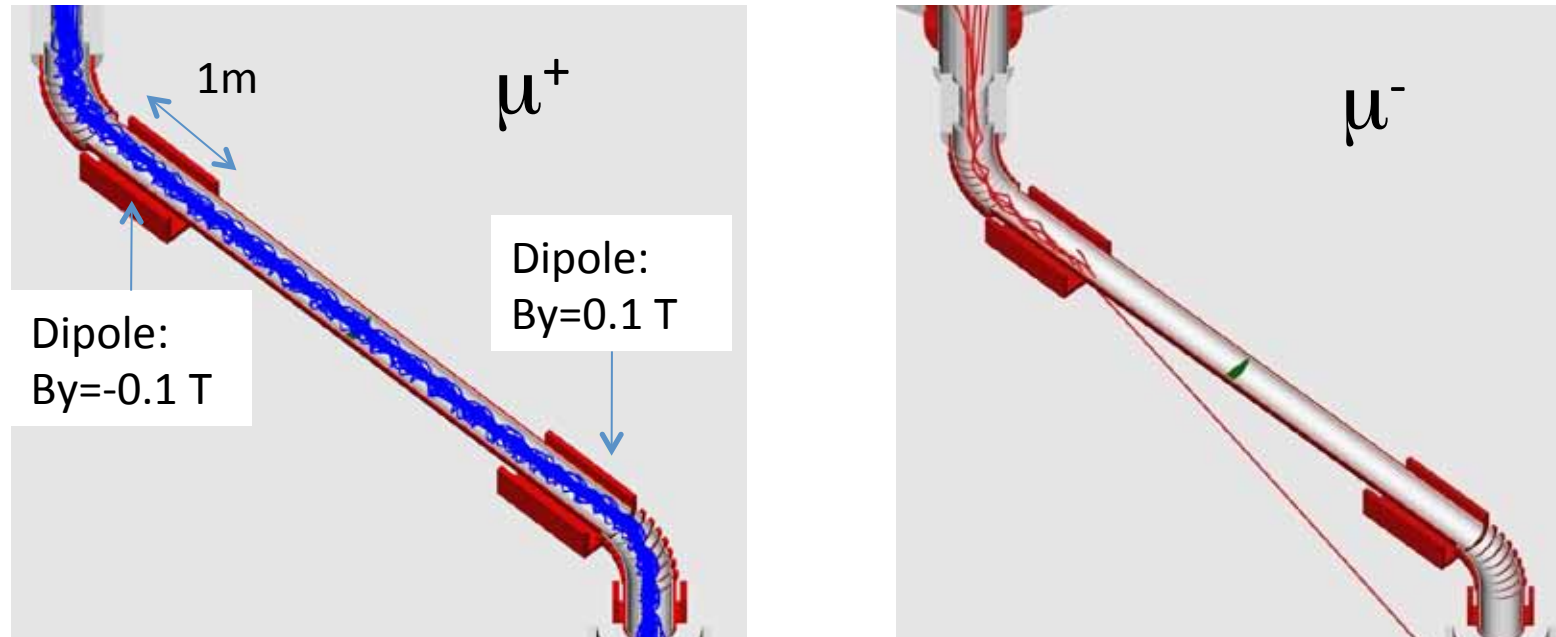


Transport rate



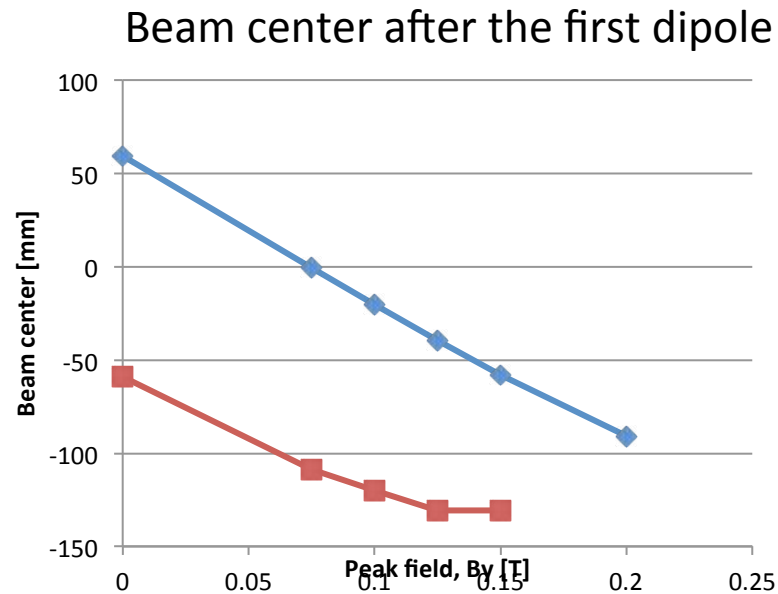
- The beam center at the exit of curved solenoid is almost identical to that of the solenoid axis. The beam full width is about **44 mm (one  $\sigma$ )**.
- Total **beam loss** is approximately 20% for 30 MeV/c muons.
- The almost all beam loss appears at gate valve pillow seal which located between capture and curved solenoid (minimum aperture: **220 mm**).
- The injected beam of the curved solenoid can be transported with rate of  $\sim 100\%$ .
- Total beam extraction at 1 MW is  **$4 \times 10^8 \mu^+/\text{s}$  for surface muon**, and  **$1 \times 10^7 \mu^-/\text{s}$  for cloud muon**. They are ten times larger than the currently available pulsed muon source.

# Dipole correction coils on straight section



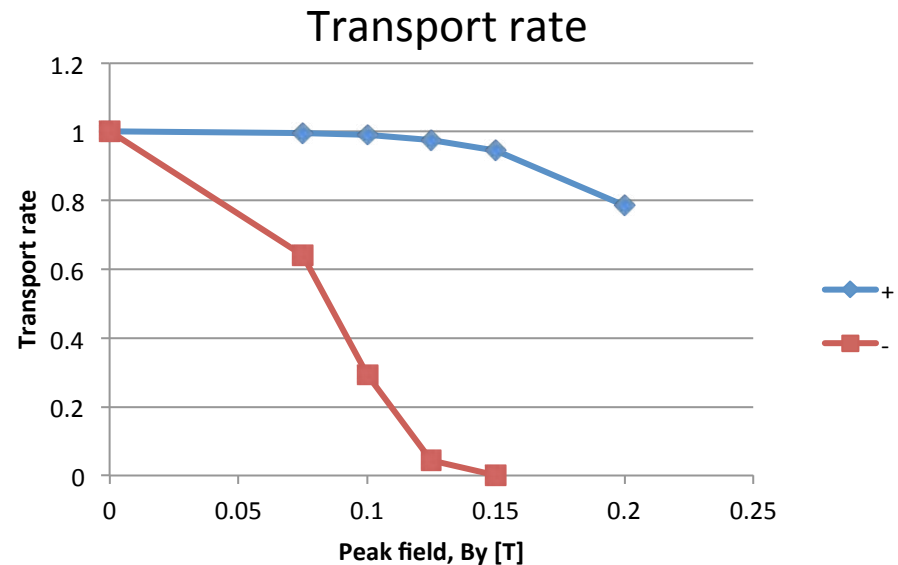
- Although the simultaneous transport of the both  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  is an advantage of the Super Omega beamline, it is necessary to equip a charge selecting system in the case of the experiments that require only one side charged particle, and also that make serious BG signals from the other charged particle.
- Superimposing dipole field on solenoid field, it is enable to decline beam trajectory of the both charged particle to the same direction.
- Add a set of dipole coil with opposite field direction at the straight section of the curved solenoid.

# Transport rate with charge selection



- The beam center of the both  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  beam is lowered with increasing the field.
- The beam center positions are proportional to the peak field:  
-75 mm @ 0.1 T

- Transport rate for  $\mu^-$  reduces with lower field than that of  $\mu^+$ .
- Transport rate at the exit of the curved solenoid is not changed by applying a set of the dipole field.
- Transport rates of the both  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  with applying field of 0.15 T are:  
 $\mu^+$  : 0.95,  $\mu^-$ : 0.00 @ 0.15 T





# Curved solenoid under fabrication in Toshiba



Chimney:  
five GM refrigerators

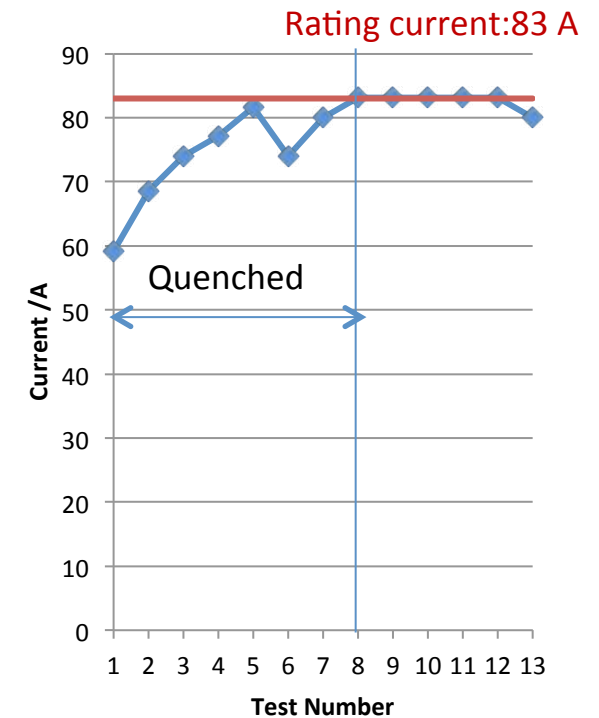
The first curved section:  
Consists on seven thin solenoids



# Cooling and excitation test for curved solenoid



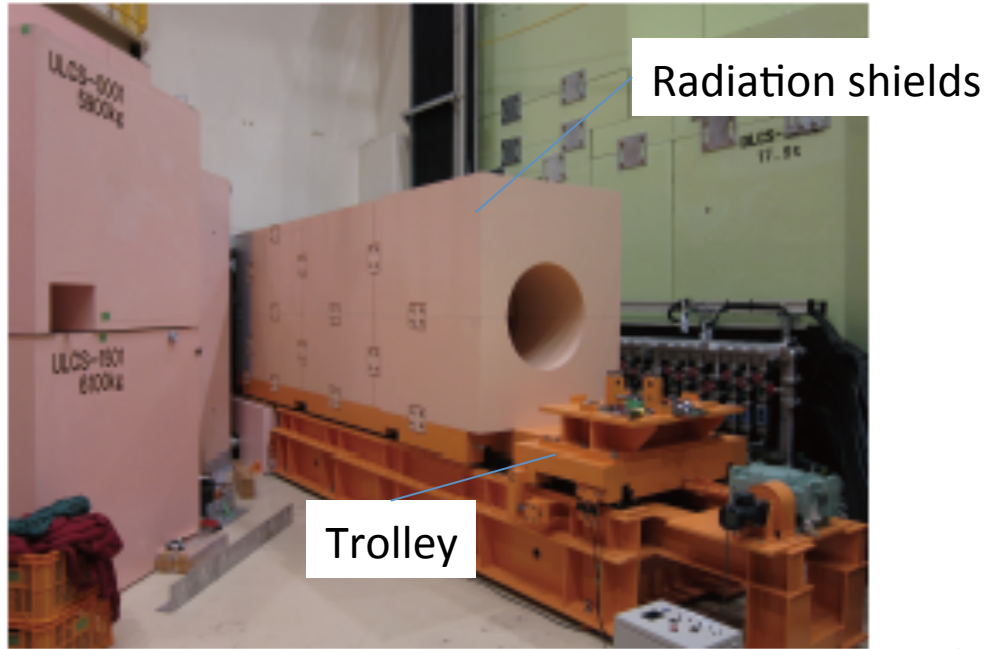
Maximum current in the solenoid test



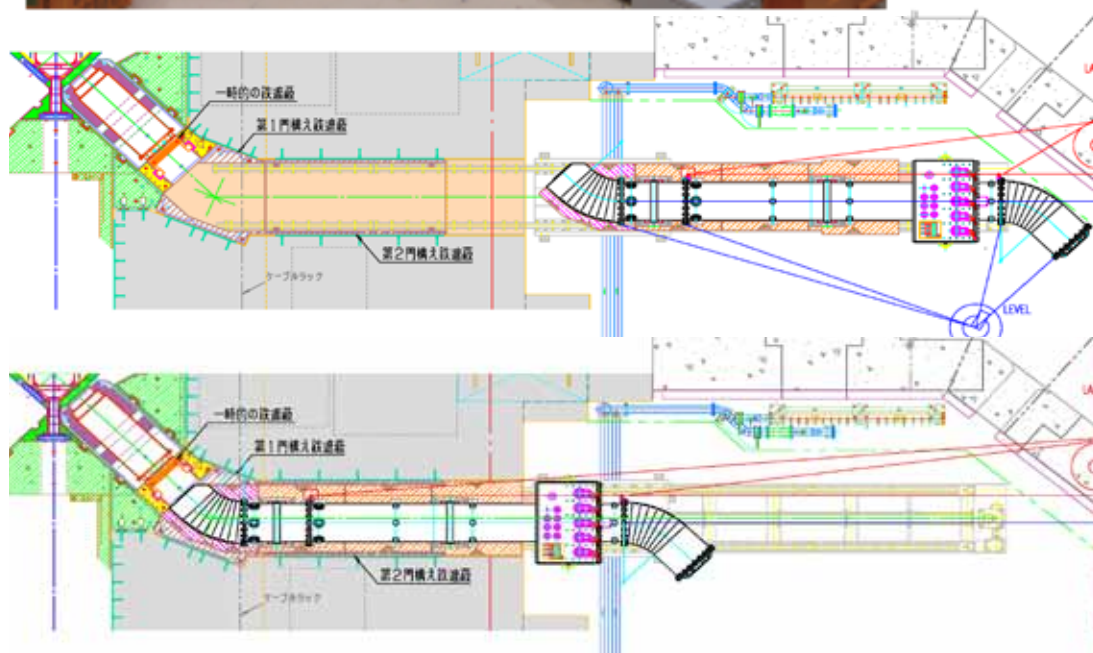
Curved solenoid is successfully applied up to rating current of 83 A in February of 2012.

# Installation test for Curved solenoid

Insertion test of radiation shields



Exit of U-line tunnel



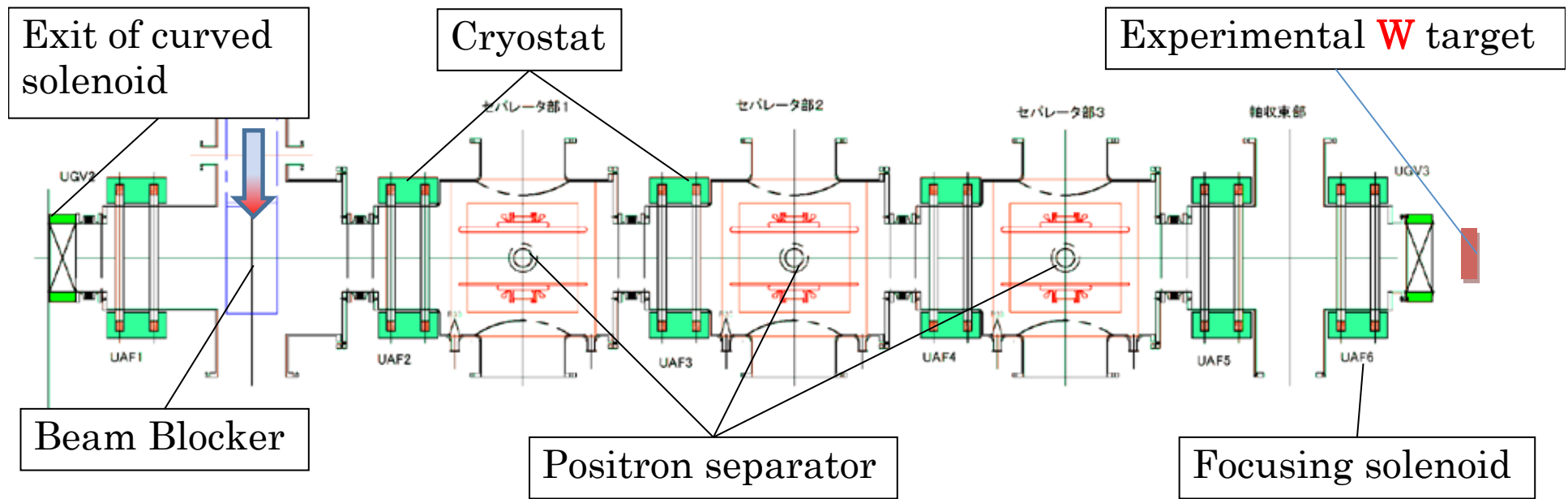
- Curved solenoid is placed on the trolley with radiation shields.
- And linearly inserted into U-line tunnel on the linear guide.

# Superconducting Axial Focusing solenoid

## Required function of the Axial Focusing solenoid

- The transported muon beam through the curved solenoid must be further **transported about 7-m long** (restriction from configuration of the experimental hall 2 and reduction of radiation exposure) and will be **focused on the experimental target** efficiently.
- Transported positron (electron) with muon beam estimated more than ten time larger than muon beam. **Positron background should be eliminated** from the muon beam for improving the muon beam quality.
- **Beam blocker** is needed to insert into the upstream of the beamline for reducing radiation exposure, when users will enter a experimental area for setting up apparatus etc.
- The axial focusing solenoids, used to focus the muon beam on the **W** target, is under consideration with particular emphasis on its **compatibility with the positron separator**.

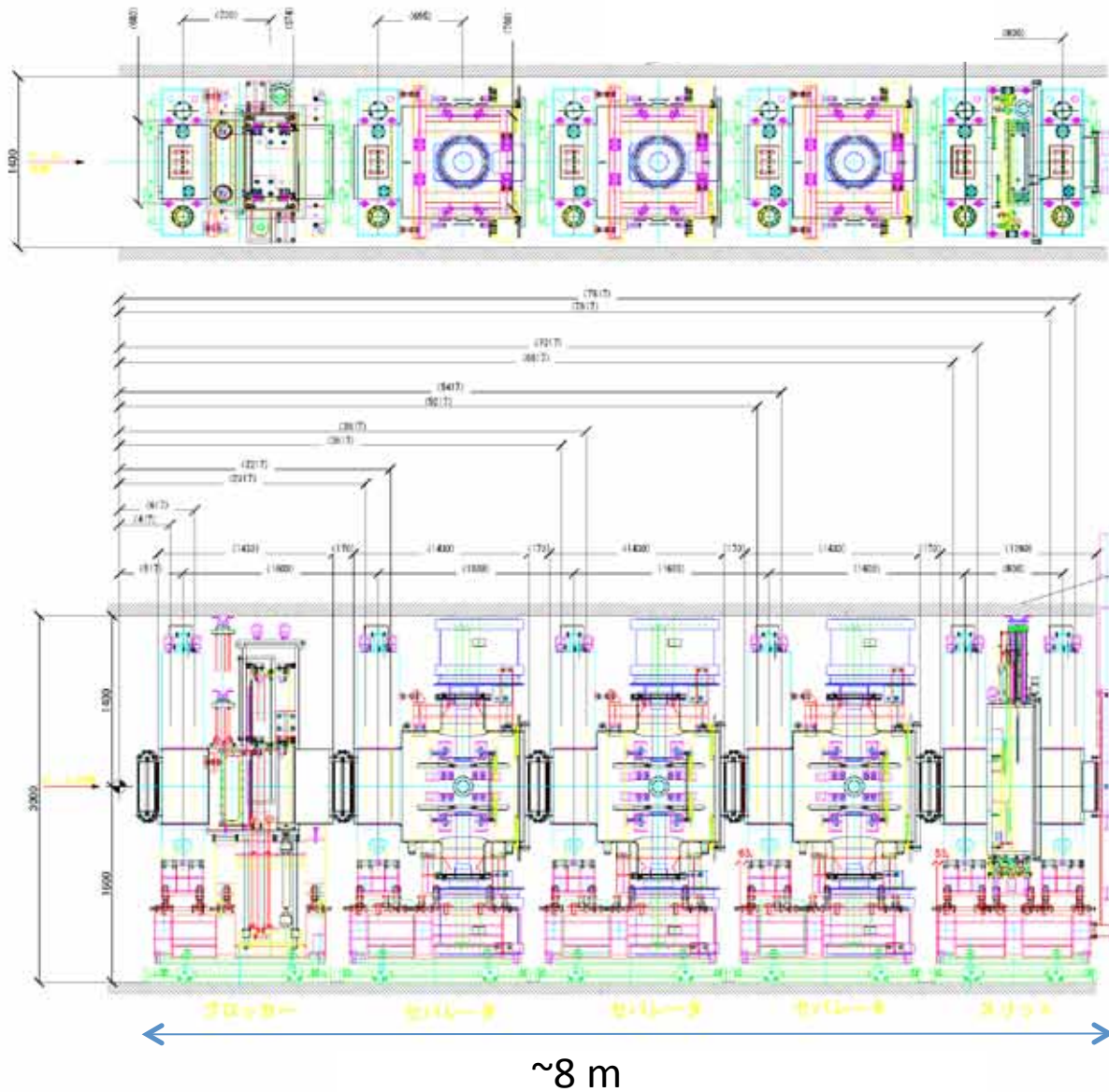
# Superconducting Axial focusing solenoid



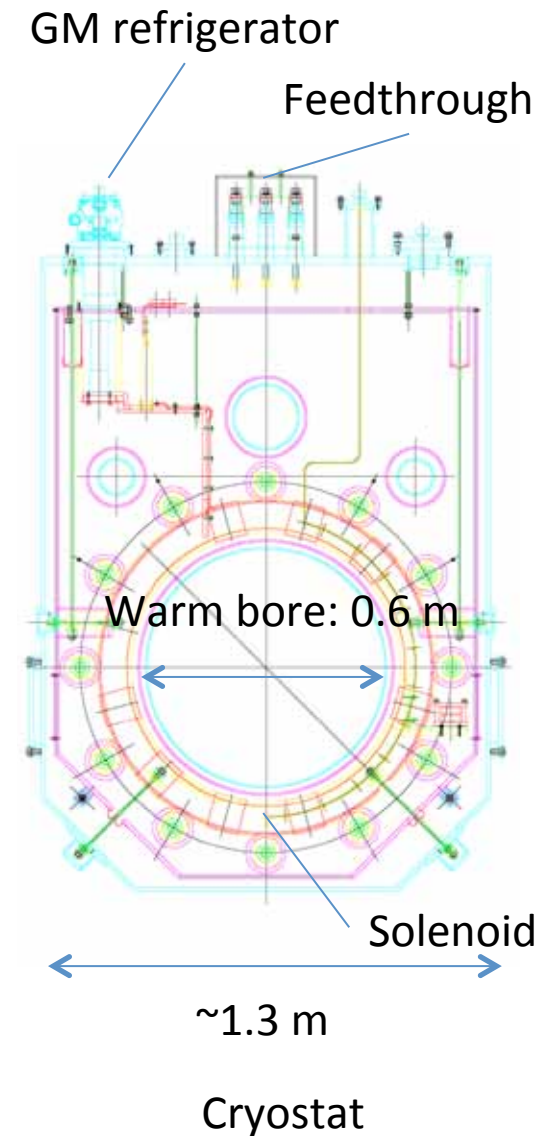
Further transports muons and focuses on the experimental target.

- **Cryostat**: A pair of thin superconducting solenoids are placed in a cryostat. The six cryostats are aligned in the beamline to transport muons.
- **Beam Blocker**: Copper block of 30-cm thickness for stopping muon, neutron and gamma ray.
- **Positron separator**: Three-stage Wien filter type separator.
- **Focusing solenoids**: Focus on the experimental target using two last solenoids.

# Design of Axial focusing solenoid



Five beamline ducts and six cryostats

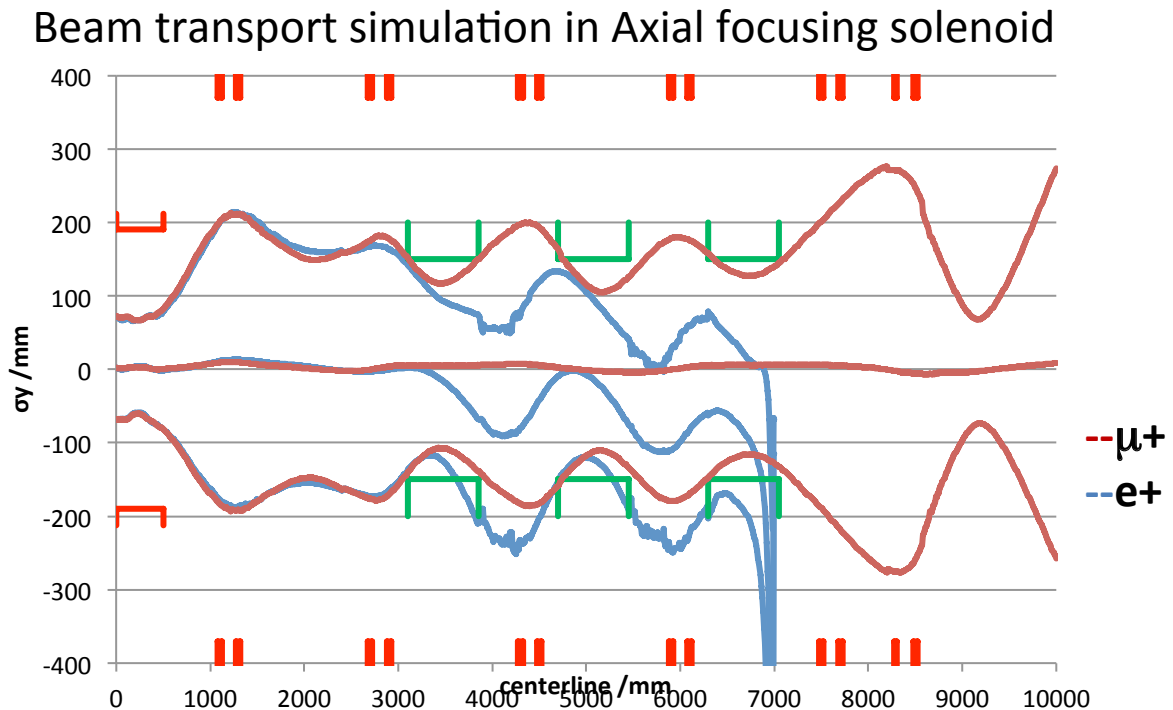


# Positron separator

Three-stage Wien filter type separator

- Gap: 300 mm
- Electrode: 500 mm (width) x 750 mm (length)
- Rating voltage  $\pm 400$  kV ( $E = 2.67$  MV/m)
- Correction magnetic dipole coil (360 A 48 V)  
0.0456 T (central field)

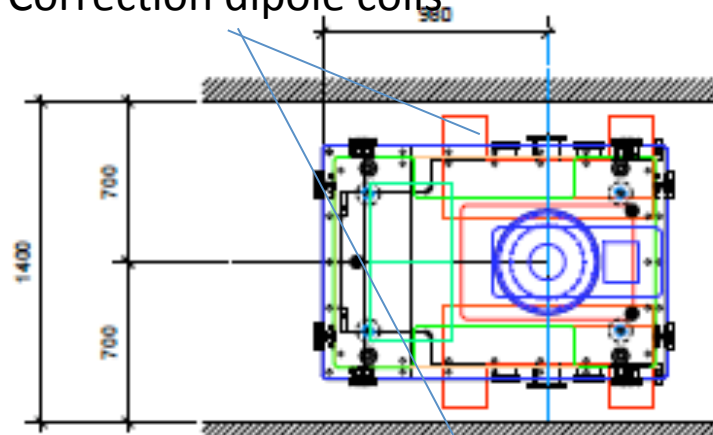
Simulated using  
G4Beamline



Almost all positrons can be eliminated from the beam at the third separator.

# Design of Positron separator

Correction dipole coils

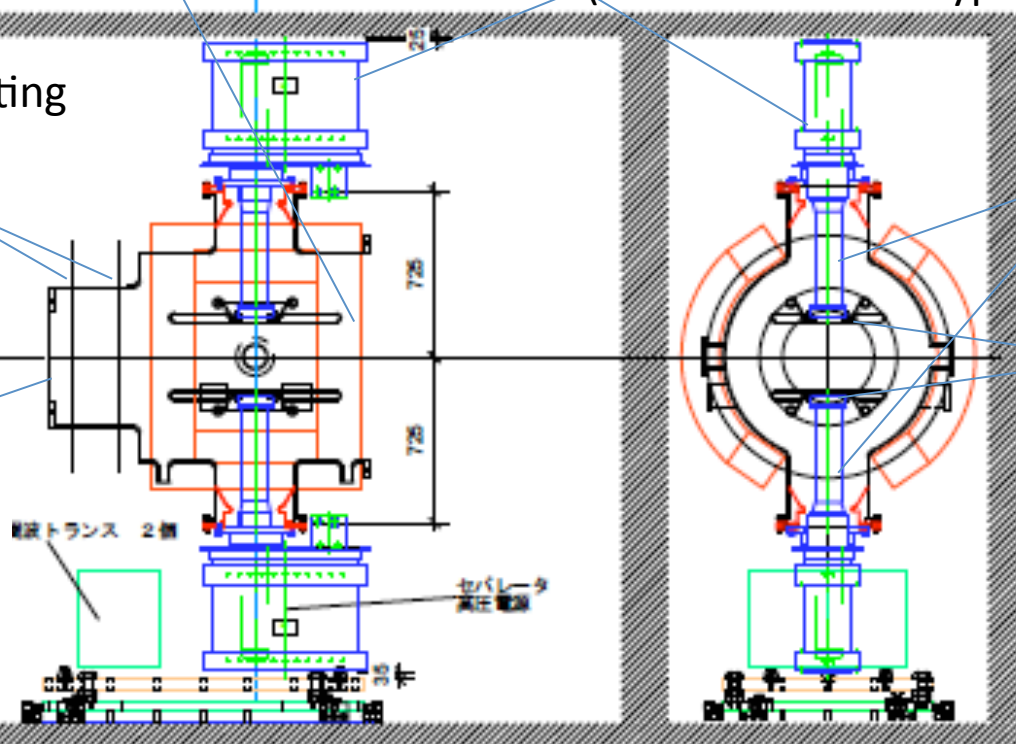


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High voltage power supply  
(Cockroft-Walton type)

Superconducting  
solenoids

Beamline  
vacuum duct



Ceramic bushing

Electrodes



# Electrode

- Large curvature ( $R \geq 20\text{mm}$ ) for reducing electric field
  - Light weight
- made by thin plate (1.5 mm, Stainless steel)  
manufactured using extrusion process and welding
- Buffing and electro polishing

Flatness:  $< 1\text{ mm}$

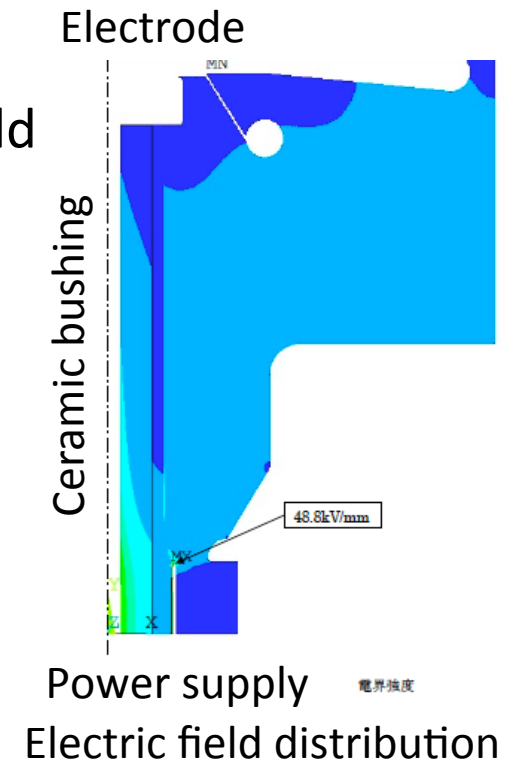
Surface roughness:  $Ra = 0.02\text{-}0.03\mu\text{m}$



Electrode plate (midair)



Colona rings



# Test for HV power supply of separator

Installation to the vacuum duct



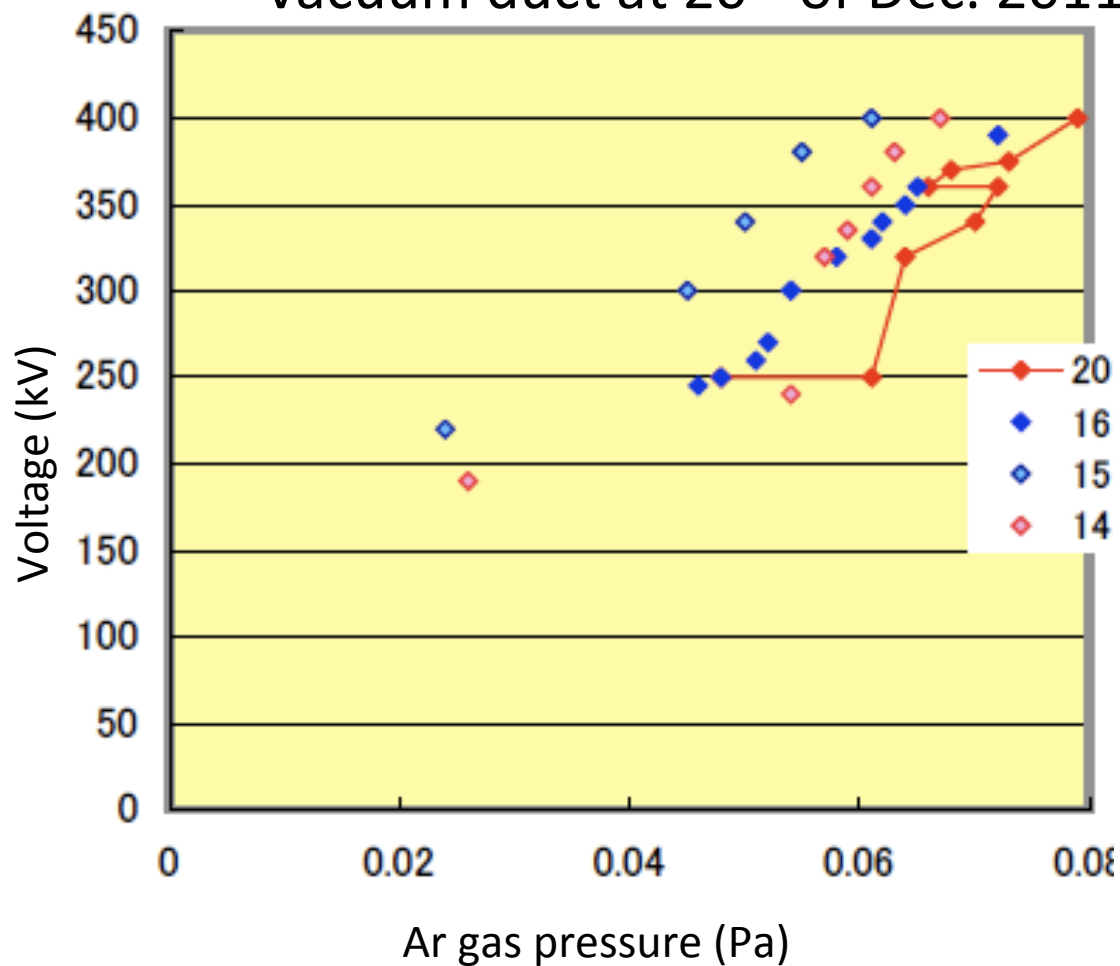
Positive

Negative

- Cockroft-Walton type high voltage power supply(+/-400kV)
- HV power supply is placed directly on the vacuum duct.

# Test for applying HV with Ar gas

Achieved to **apply  $\pm 400$  kV (Ar: 0.08 Pa)** in the vacuum duct at 20<sup>th</sup> of Dec. 2011

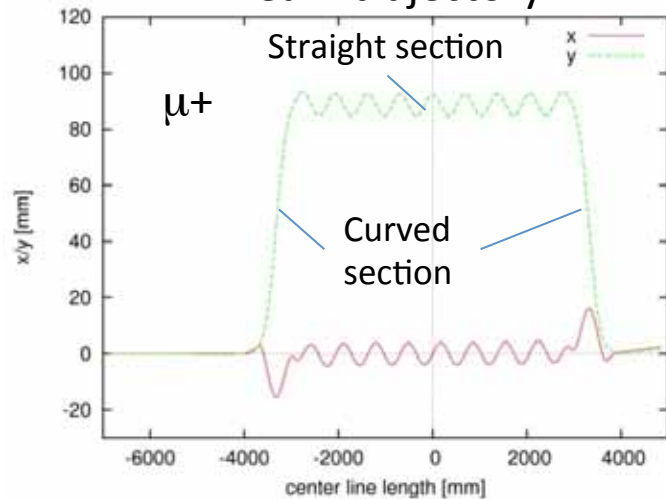


# Simulation of Superomega beamline

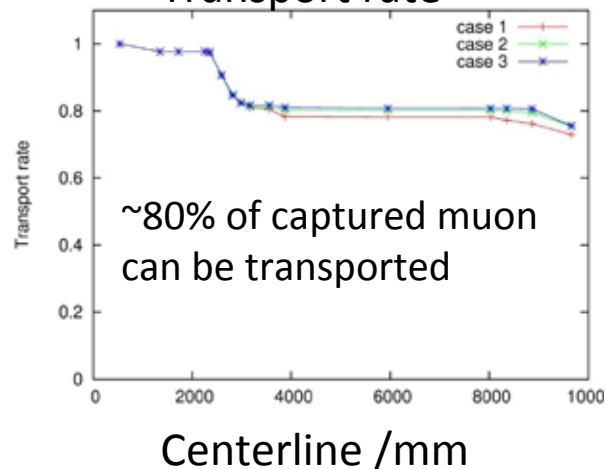
**G4Beamline**: Geant4 based Monte Carlo beam simulation program

## Curved solenoid

### Beam trajectory



### Transport rate



## Surface muon production:

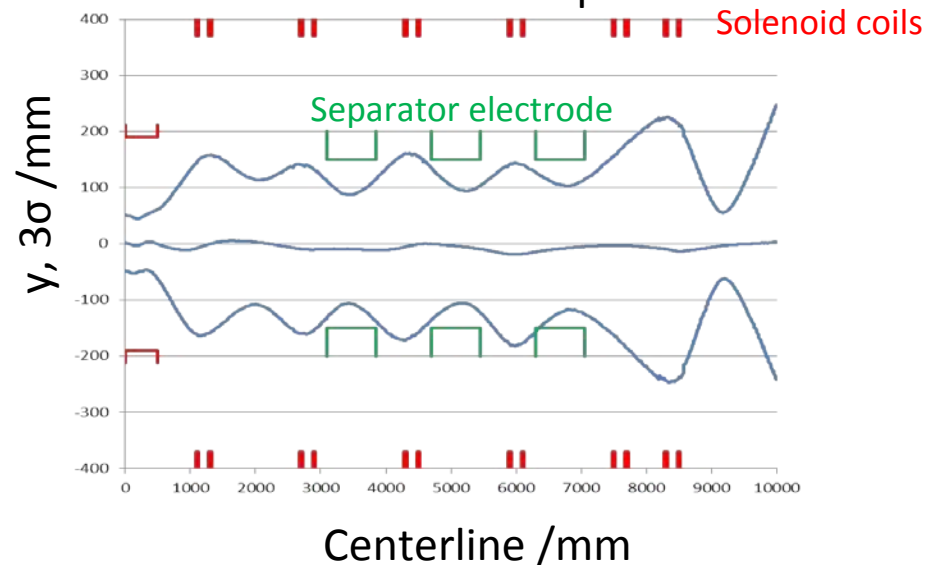
using calculation results by Ishida (RIKEN)

Superomega captures  $5 \times 10^8$  muons/s from the muon target (Surface muon, @1 MW proton beam).

→ confirmation using another program is in progress. (GEANT4, Fluka)

## Axial focusing solenoid

### Beam envelope



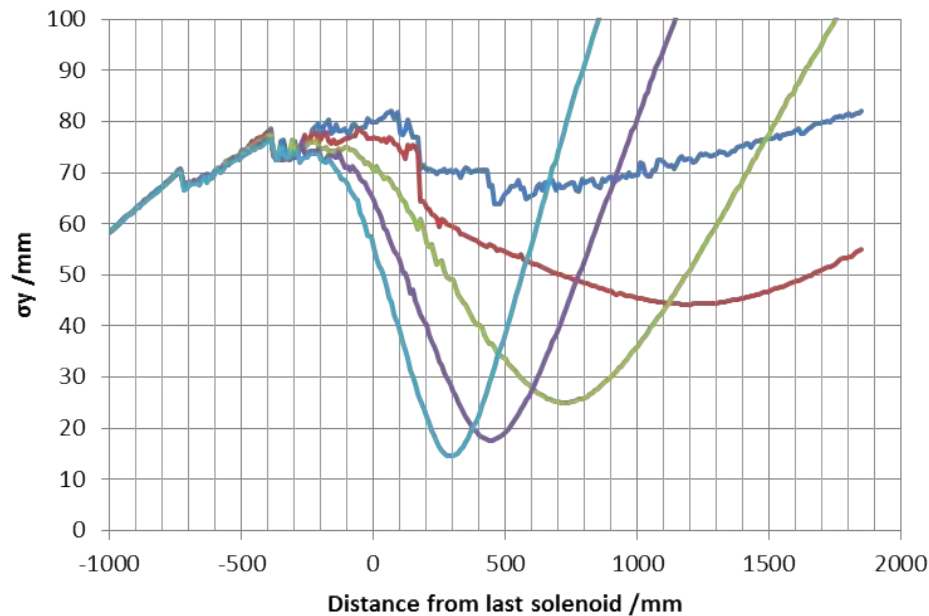
# Simulation of the final focusing

## Beam size and focal length

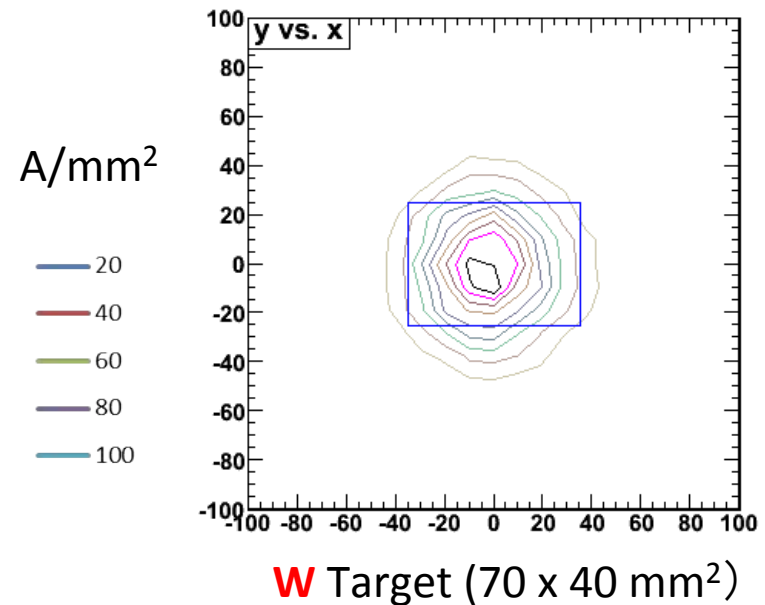
### Dependence of current density of the last coil

$\sigma = 18$  mm, Focal length 460 mm

$\sigma = 25$  mm, Focal length 700 mm



Beam profile at the final focusing point (700mm)



Intensity:  $2 \times 10^8 \mu^+/s$ , incident on the **W** experimental target (1 MW proton beam)

# MLF Experimental Hall No.2 (last year)

U-line tunnel exit

D-line

Superomega  
will be installed  
here.

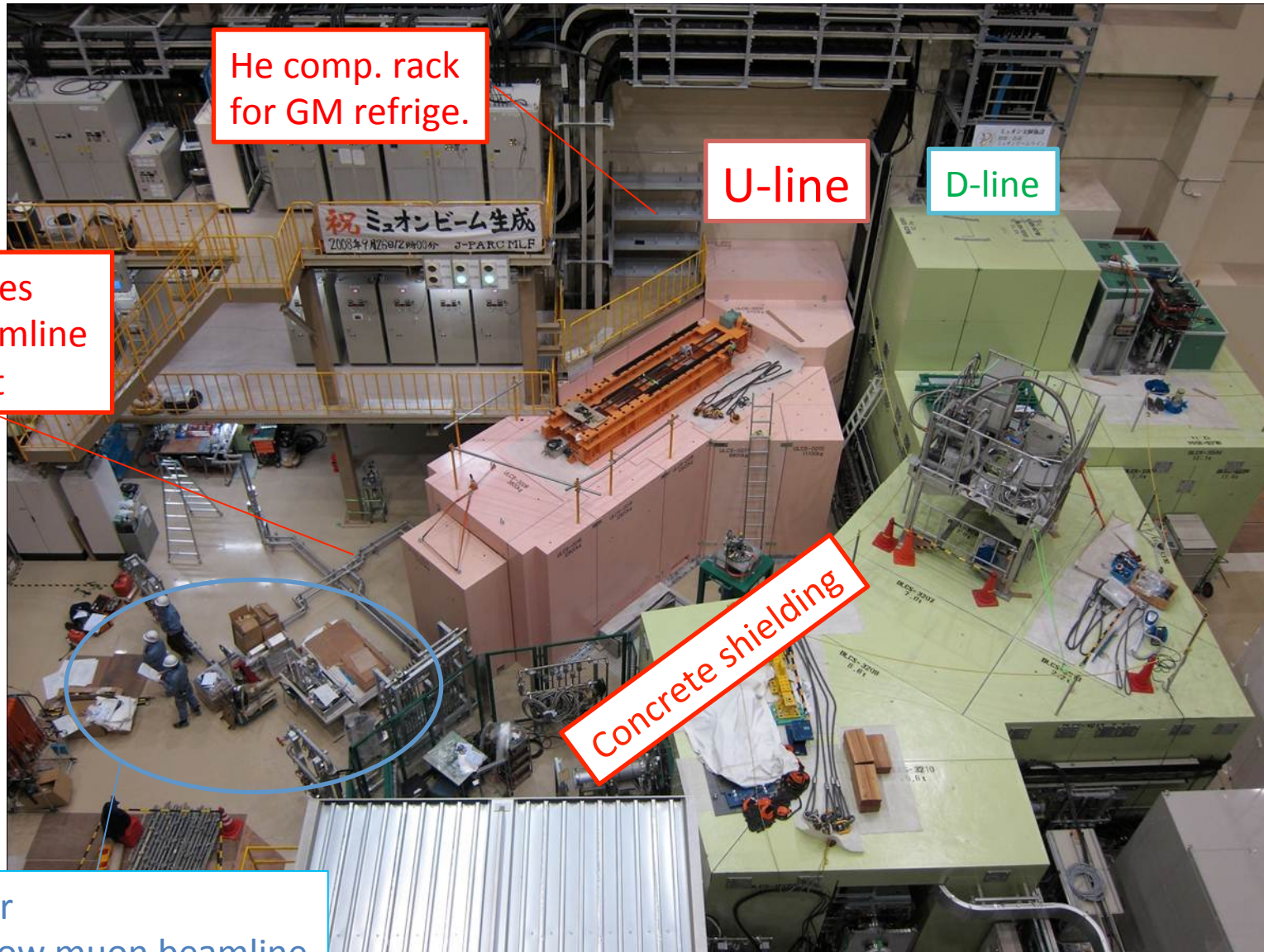
D2 area

D-line  
User's room

D1 area



# MLF Experimental Hall No.2 (Feb. 2012)



He comp. rack  
for GM refrige.

U-line

D-line

CW pipes  
for beamline  
magnet

Concrete shielding

Area for  
Ultra slow muon beamline

## Summary and Future plan

- Superomega beamline, the second muon beamline of MLF/J-PARC , is under construction.
- Normal conducting capture solenoids  
→ installed on March 2009
- Superconducting curved transport solenoid  
→ completed at Toshiba. → **Delivered this June, 2012!**
- Superconducting axial focusing solenoid  
→ under fabrication. → **Delivered this June, 2012!**
- Superomega will be installed in the summer of 2012.
- The first beam extraction experiment of Superomega will be conducted on October 2012.
- Ultra slow muon beamline will be installed right after commissioning of Superomega.



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