

Neutrino Factory – Facility Overview

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Motivation – Compelling Scientific Case



- Neutrino Factory intense (10¹⁴ μ /sec), small divergence neutrino beams with well-understood systematics – attractive option aimed at precision measurements of parameters of the neutrino mixing matrix (θ_{13} , cos δ)
- Its performance and feasibility depend strongly on how efficiently a muon beam can be produced/collected, cooled and accelerated (to multi GeV energies).
- Recent technical progress (ISS design studies and prototype tests) encourages the hope that such facility can be built during the next decade.



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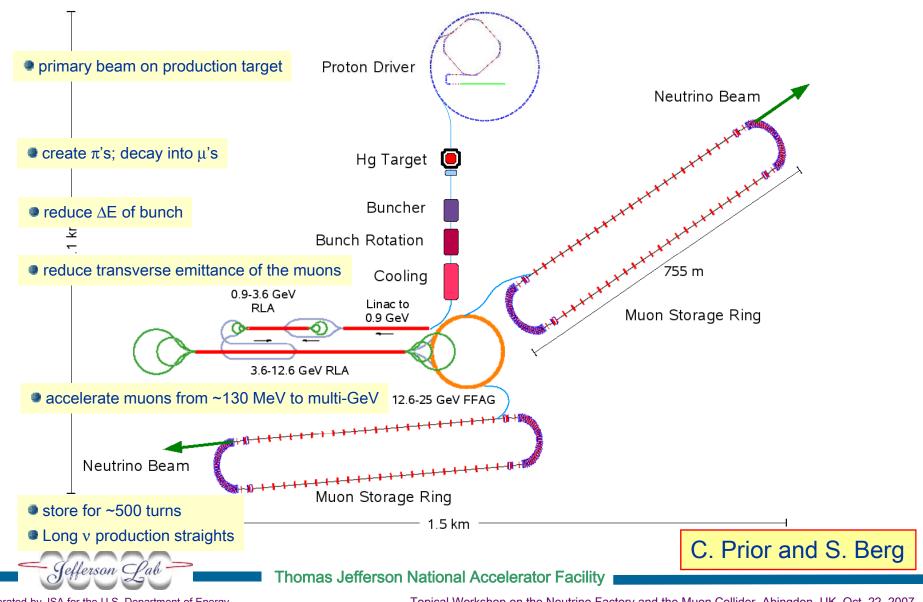
Neutrino Factory – Facility Requirements

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



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Neutrino Factory – ISS Design (25 GeV)



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Proton Driver & Target – Issues/Influencing factors



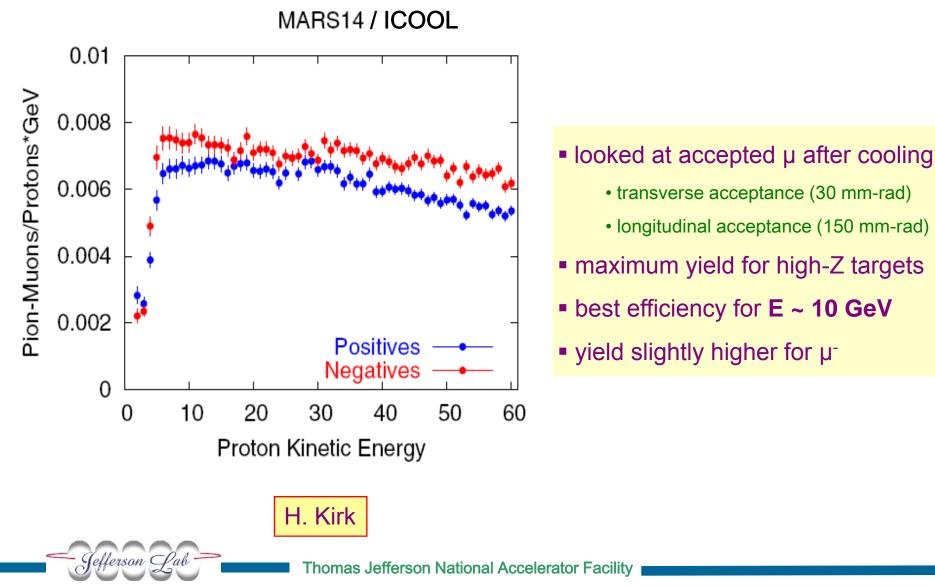
- Optimum beam energy (choice of target material)
- Optimum repetition rate
- Optimum bunch length
- Preferred hardware configuration (linac, synchrotron, FFAG ring,...)

- required production of neutrinos per year
- muon yields vs proton energy
 - muon yields vs target material
- heating and stress levels for the target material
- muon capture vs proton bunch length
- maximum acceptable duration of proton pulses
 on target
- peak beam loading in the $\mu \pm$ accelerators
- bunch train stacking in the μ + and μ ⁻ decay rings

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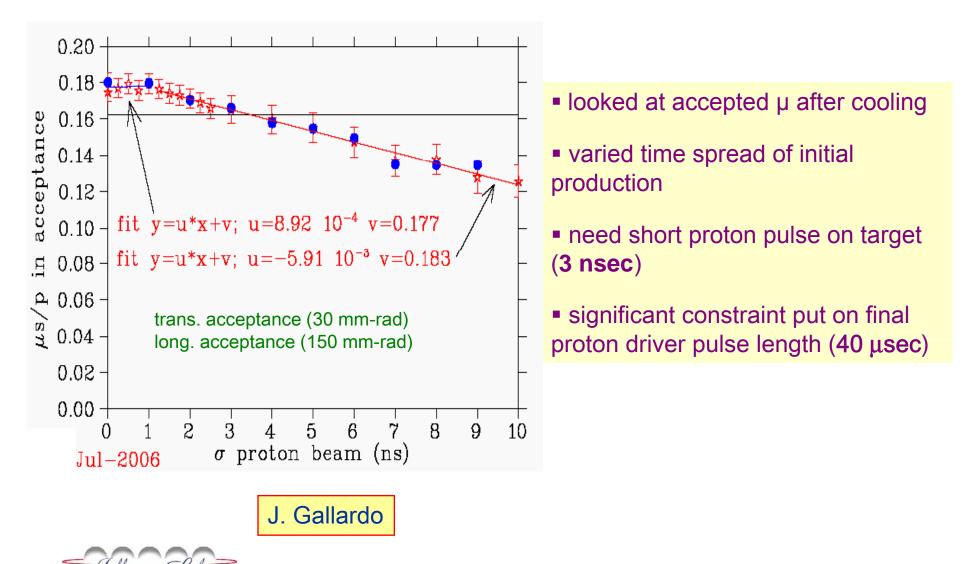
Proton Driver – Muon Production



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Proton driver – Muon acceptance

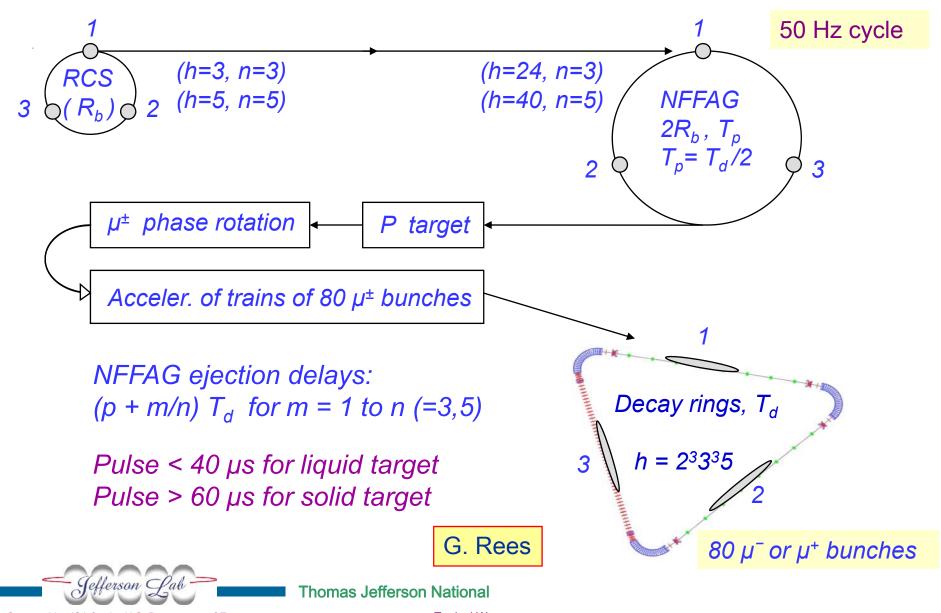




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Proton and Muon Bunch Train Patterns



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Proton driver – ISS Specifications*

Average beam power (MW)	4
Pulse repetition frequency (Hz)	50
Proton energy (GeV)	10 ± 5
Proton rms bunch length (ns)	2 ± 1
Number of proton bunches	3 or 5
Sequential extraction delay (µs)	≥ 17
Pulse duration, liquid-Hg target (µs)	≤ 40
Pulse duration, solid target (µs)	≤ 70

* baseline target choice is the **liquid-Hg jet** – a solid target could be accommodated with some changes in design parameters.

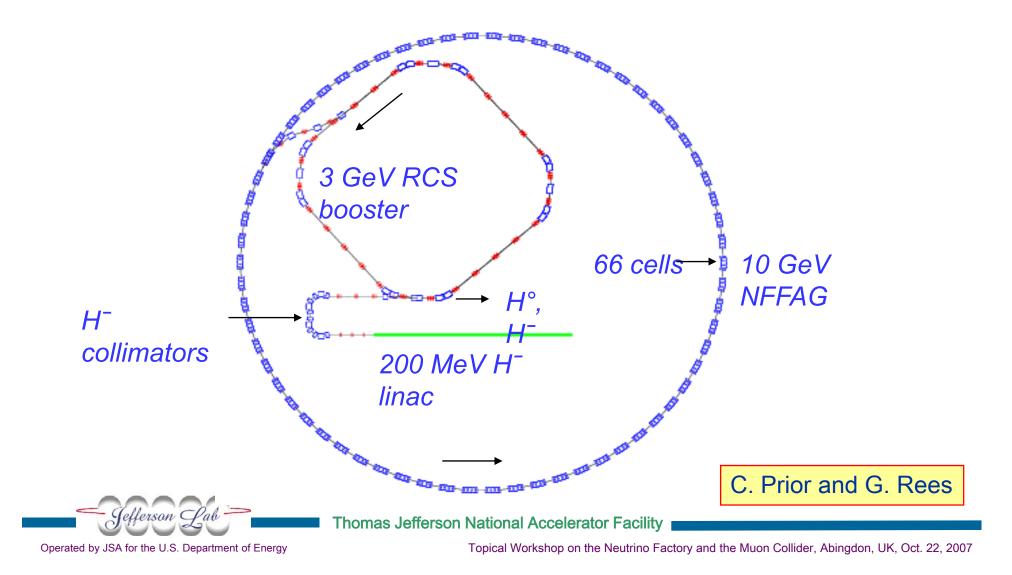
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Proton Driver – Leading Option

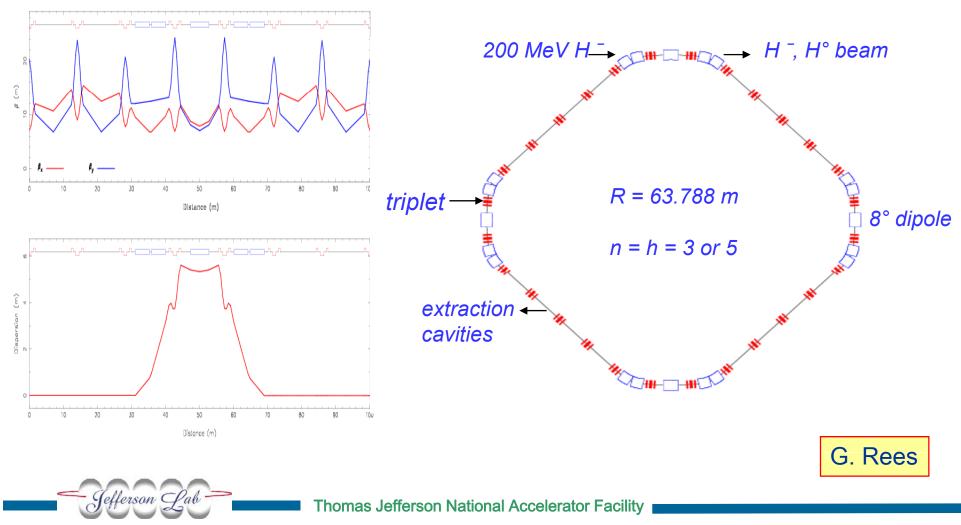


H⁻ linac with a 50 Hz RCS booster and a 50 Hz NFFAG driver ring





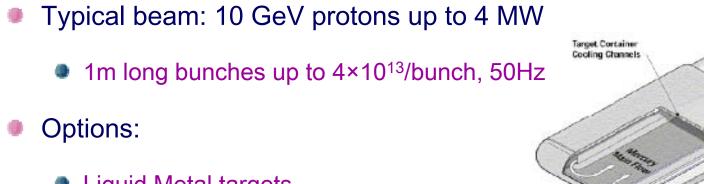
Schematic Layout of 3 GeV, RCS Booster



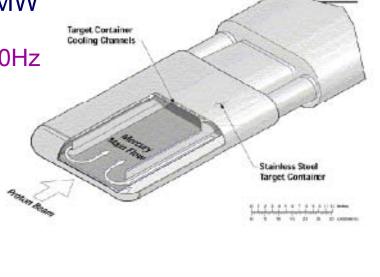
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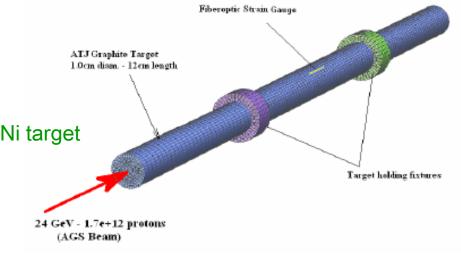
Target for π production





- Liquid Metal targets
 - SNS type (confined flow)
 - MERIT Hg jet in free space
- Solid targets
 - C (graphite targets) (NUMI)
 - Solid metal (p-source) rotating Cu-Ni target





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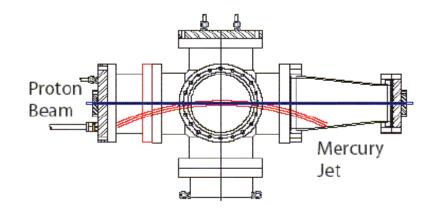


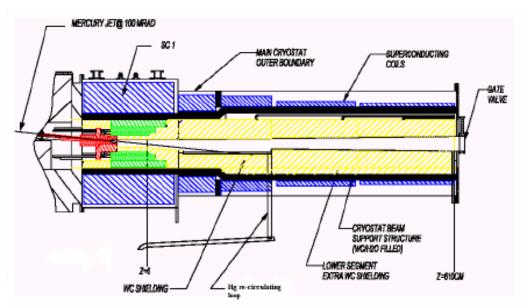


- Contained liquid flow (~SNS)
 - Damage to containment vessel possible
 - Shock of short pulse
- Liquid Hg jet target
 - Jet is disrupted by beam

 $\delta T = 50 \ \mu s$?

Need target material capture and recirculation system





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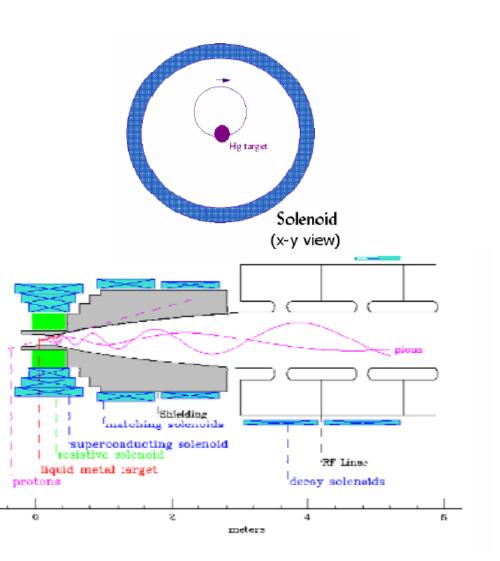
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Solenoid Lens Capture and Transport



- Target immersed in high field solenoid
- Particles trapped in Larmor orbits
 - Produced with $p = p_{\parallel}, p_{\perp}$
 - Spiral with radius $r = p_{\perp}/(0.3 B_{sol})$
 - Particles with p₁ < 0.3 B_{sol}R_{sol}/2 are trapped
 - p_⊥,max < 0.225 GeV/c for B=20T, R_{sol} = 0.075m
 - Focuses both charge species



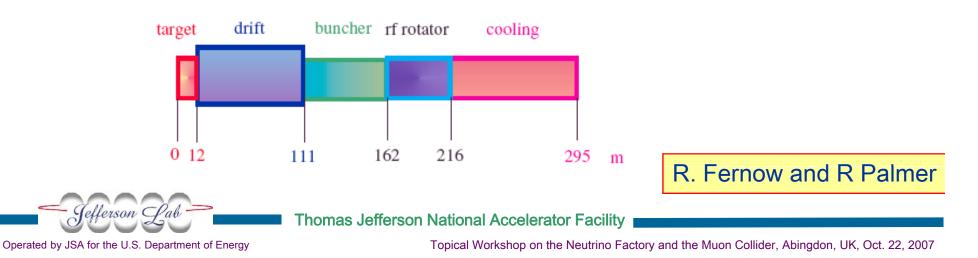
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ISS Front End based on Study 2a



- Collection of pions created in the target
- Formation of a muon beam (decay channel)
- Manipulate the transverse and longitudinal phase space of the muon beam so that they matches the accelerator acceptance
 - Neuffer's scheme for bunching and phase rotation
- Modest amount of transverse ionization cooling
 - simplified solenoid lattice
 - LiH absorbers on RF windows

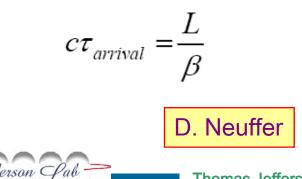


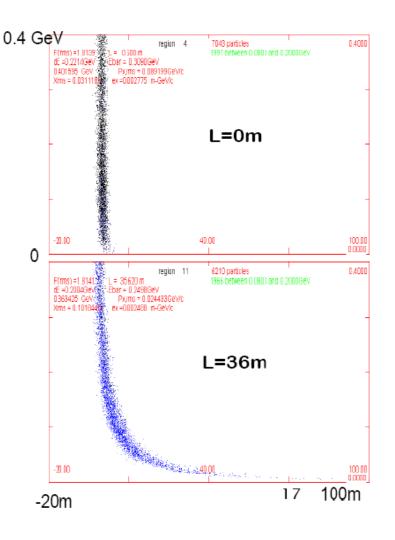
$\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu$ decay in transport



• Capture relatively low-energy $\pi \rightarrow \mu$

- 100 300 MeV/c
- Beam is initially short in length
 - Bunch on target is 1 to 3 ns rms length
- As Beam drifts down the energyposition (time) correlation develops:





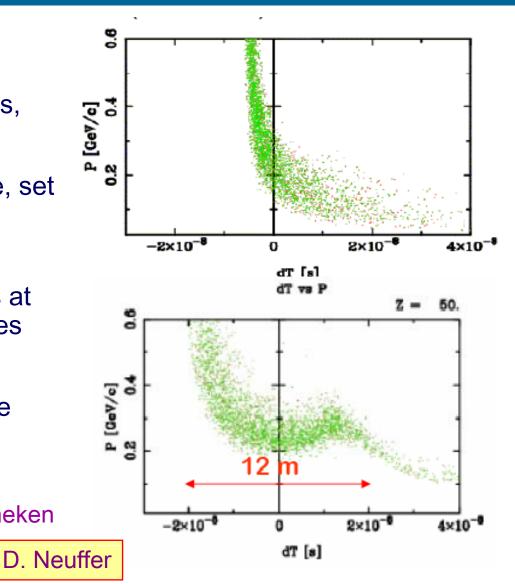
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$\phi - \delta E$ Rotation



- At end of buncher, change rf to decelerate high-energy bunches, accelerate low energy bunches
- Reference bunch at zero phase, set λ_{rf} less than bunch spacing (increase rf frequency)
- Place low/high energy bunches at accelerating/decelerating phases
- Can use fixed frequency (requiresfast rotation) or change frequency along channel to maintain phasing (Study 2A)
 - "Vernier" rotation –A. Van Ginneken



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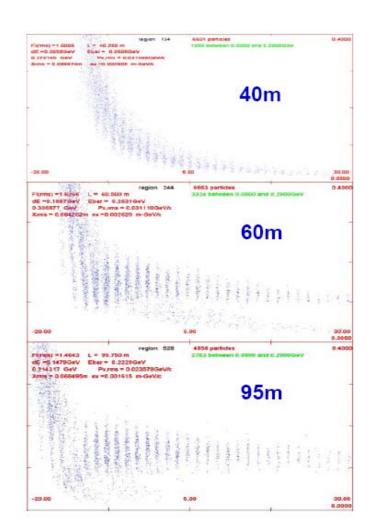
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Adiabatic Buncher



- Drift (20m), Bunch–20m (100 MV)
 - Vrf = 0 to 15 MV/m (× 2/3)
 - P1 at 205.037, P2=130.94
 - δN = 5.0
- Rotate 20m (200MV)
 - δN = 5.05
 - Vrf = 15 MV/m (× 2/3)
- Palmer Cooler up to 100m
 - Match into ring cooler
- ICOOL results
 - 0.12 μ/p within 0.3π cm



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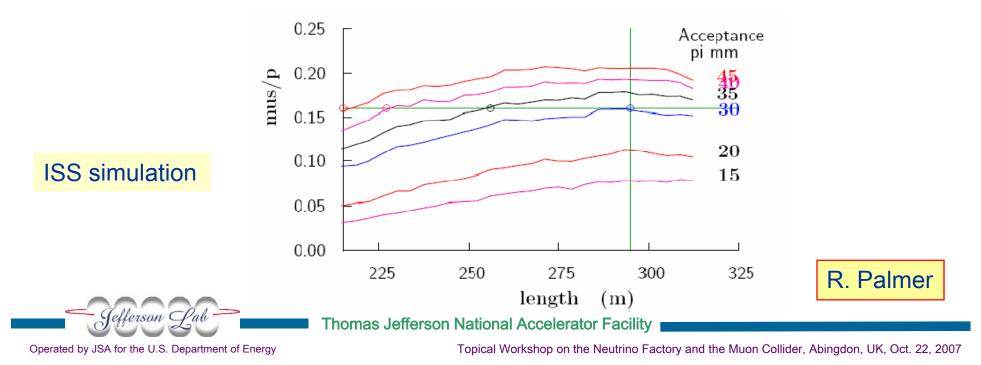
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Cooling vs Acceptance



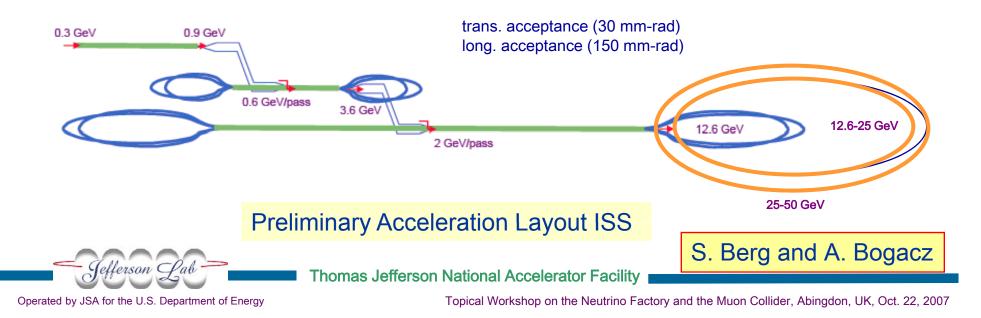
- Trade-off between Cooling and Accelerator Acceptance
 - important concept for cost optimization
- Some cooling may be necessary
- Large (> 30 mm-rad) FFAG transverse acceptances may not be possible
 - longitudinal phase-space distortions caused by the dependence of the time-of-flight on transverse amplitude)



Acceleration Scenario

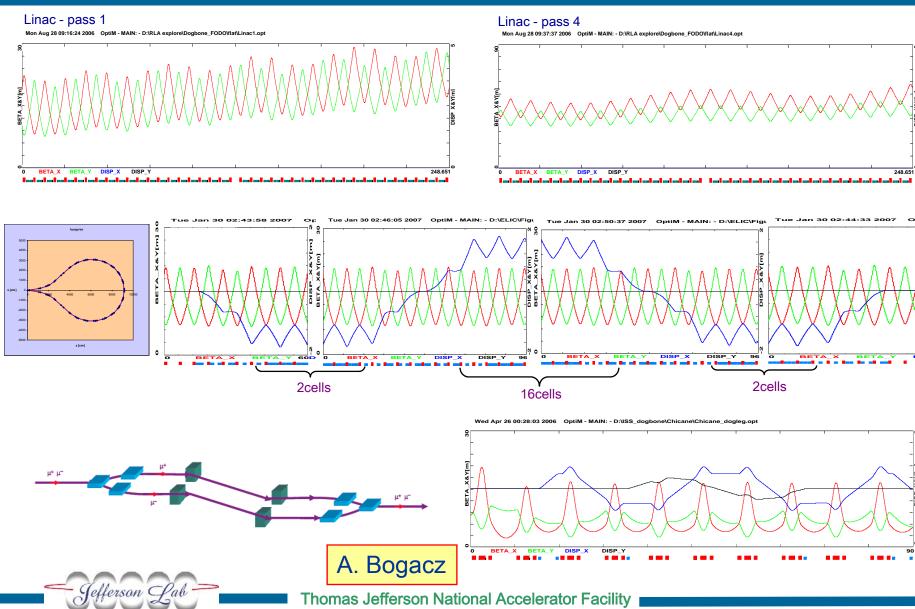


- Extended work to optimize Cost vs Performance
 - Linac to 0.9 GeV
 - phase slippage, RF cavities synchronized for a speed of light particle
 - Two-step, vertically stacked 'dogbone' RLAs to 12.6 GeV
 - dogbone gives better orbit separation for higher passes (vs Racetrack)
 - symmetric acceleration for μ⁺ and μ⁻
 - FODO focusing with 'flat' quad grad. profile in RLA linacs
 - One or two FFAGs to ~25-50 GeV (physics & detector dependent)



Multi-pass Linac, 'Droplet' Arc, Injection double-chicane - Optics



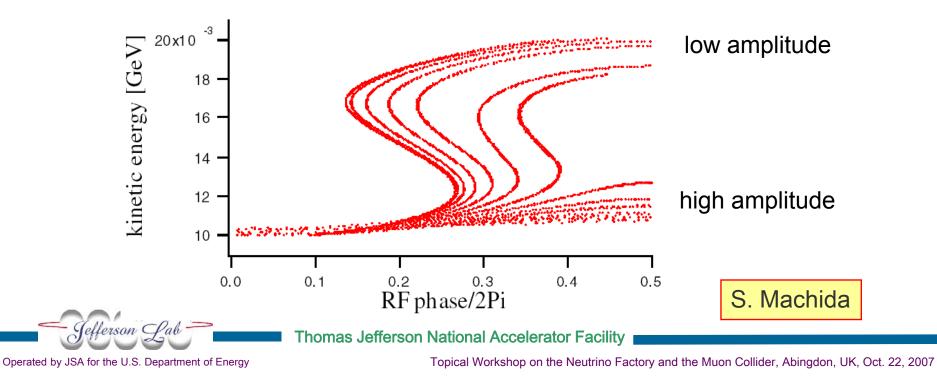


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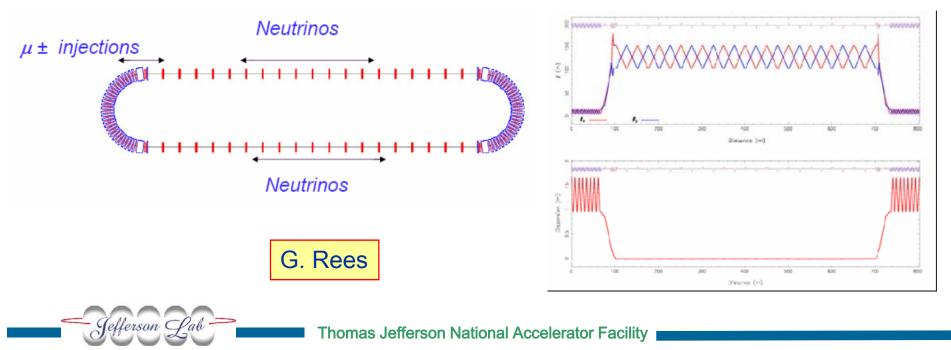
- Dependence of TOF on amplitude limits acceptance and ability to stage rings
- high transverse amplitude particles get out of synch with RF
- possible solutions under investigation:
 - reduce tune range during acceleration
 - increase energy gain per cell
 - add higher RF harmonics



Decay ring



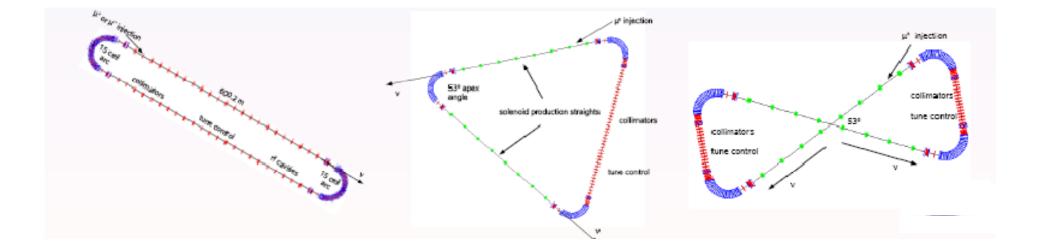
- Goal: maximize muon decays in straight sections
- Racetrack, Triangle/Bowtie geometries have been examined
- 2 racetracks are currently favored (most flexibility)
- use long straight sections ~400 m
- vertical depth of ring (~200-400 m) is issue for long baselines



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Decay ring – alternative geometries





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International Scoping Study Decisions

- Proton energy: 5–15 GeV
- Proton driver bunch structure: 3–5 bunches spaced by 17 µs
- Proton bunch length: 2 ns rms
- Repetition rate: 50 Hz
- Target: liquid Hg jet
- Pion collection: 20 T solenoid capture system
- RF frequency: 201MHz
- Phase rotation: Neuffer's bunched beam rotation scheme
- Cooling: 50m of ionization cooling
- Acceleration: linac + two dogbone RLAs + one or two FFAGs
- Muon decay ring: nominally racetrack, but the final choice is site dependent

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Conclusions



- Compelling case for a precision neutrino program exists
 - Based on present assumptions Neutrino Factory out-performs other optionsmore studies are needed
- Excellent progress on R&D on the major sub-systems
 - Targetry MERIT
 - Muon Cooling MUCOOL and MICE
 - FFAG EMMA ring
 - Acceleration Design Studies
- Recently completed International Scoping Study
 - Move on to the International Design Study (RDR by 2012)



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