
Particle Physics at PSI

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Large-scale facilities at PSI

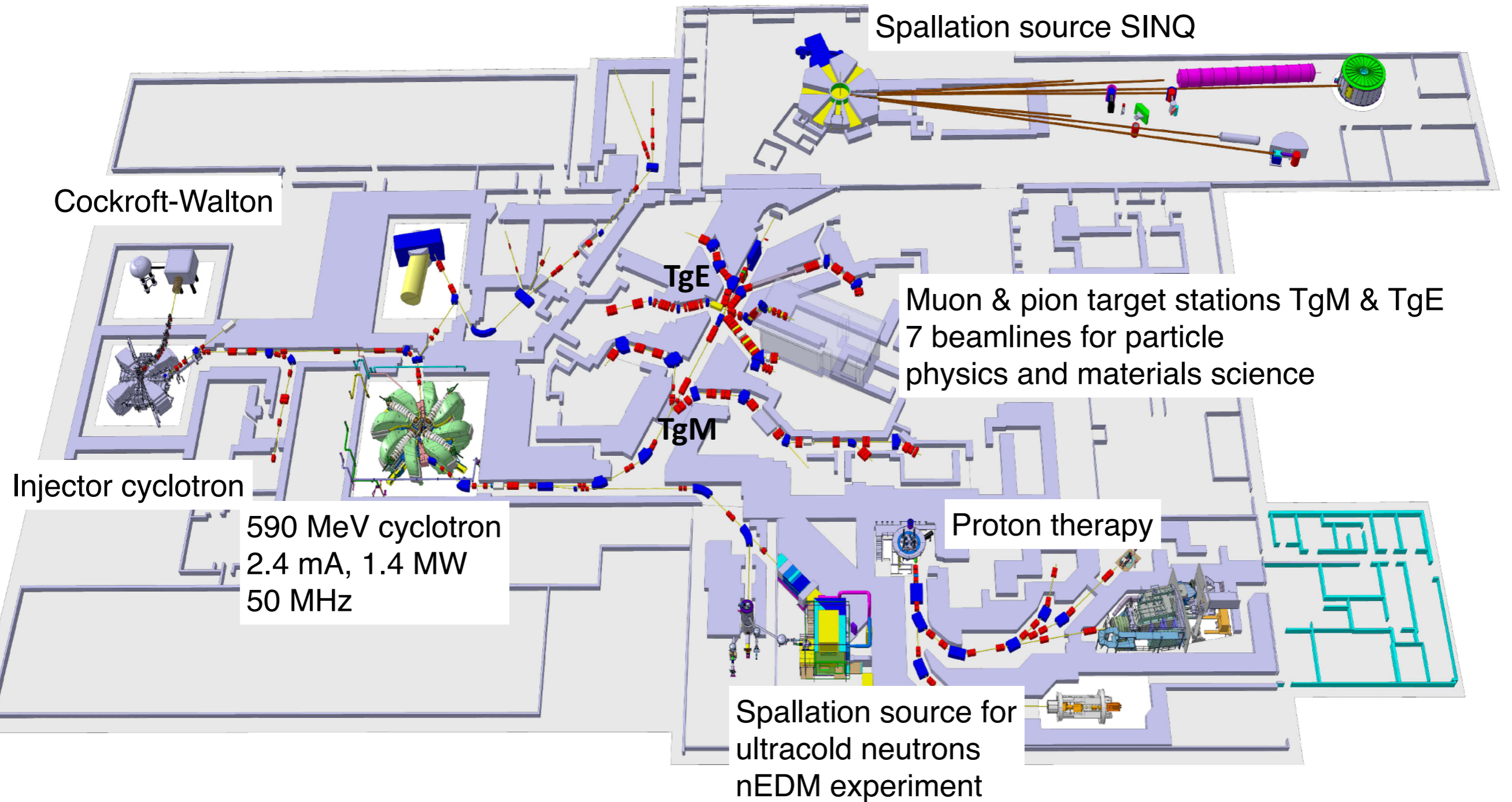


HIPA accelerator: Driving the in-house particle physics

Ring cyclotron at PSI
590 MeV energy with 1.4 MW
beam power,

▶ Most powerful accelerator in the world

PSI Proton Accelerator HIPA



LTP-Groups

- Theory
- High Energy Physics
- Muon Physics
- Ultracold Neutron Physics
- Electronics for Measuring Systems
- Detectors, Irradiations and Applied Particle Physics

Academic links to universities:
Professorships at ETHZ, UZH,
Pisa and more teaching
activities

Discovery Physics at high and low energies

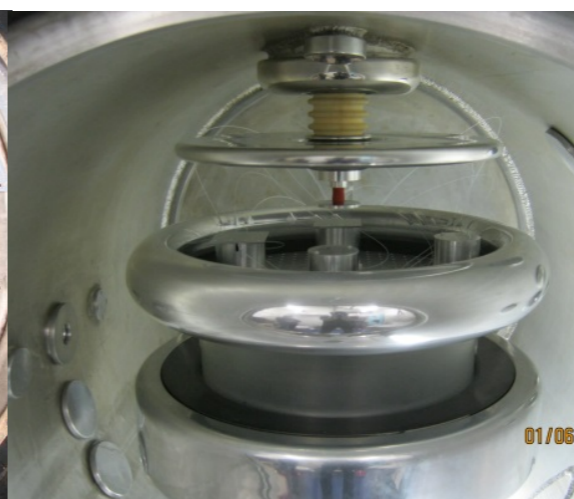
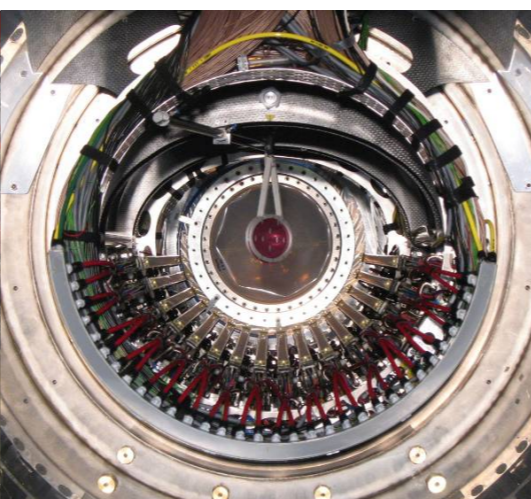
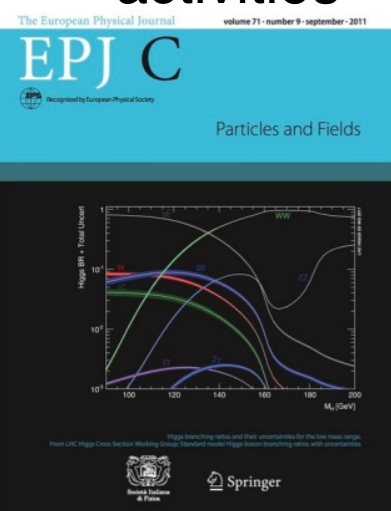
- At PSI:
Precision measurements
(MuLan, CREMA, MuCap, MuSun, MUSE ..) **and searches for new physics**
(MEG II, Mu3e, n2EDM, ...)
- At LHC:
Participation and key contributions to CMS
(Si-pixel R&D and data analysis, e.g. B- $\mu\mu$, H-c c)
- **Particle phenomenology**

Collaborations with

- all Swiss universities
- many universities and institutions world-wide

Outreach and Spin-off

- Detectors (pixel, gas and scintillation) for particle physics; n, μ SR, x-rays
- Chip design, electronics and software for PSI and world-wide, e.g. DRS-4, elog, Midas, ...
- Irradiation using p, π , μ , e
- Zuoz schools (2022: 25th!)
- PSI20xy workshop: PSI2022



- Personnel, approximate numbers, head count
(independent of funding source and degree of employment):
 - 24 Scientists (Profs., Senior Scientists, TT-Scientists)
 - 18 Engineers/Technicians/Admin
 - 10 Postdocs
 - 20 PhD students
 - 2 Instructors & 16 Electronics apprentices

Particle physics with muons and UCN at PSI

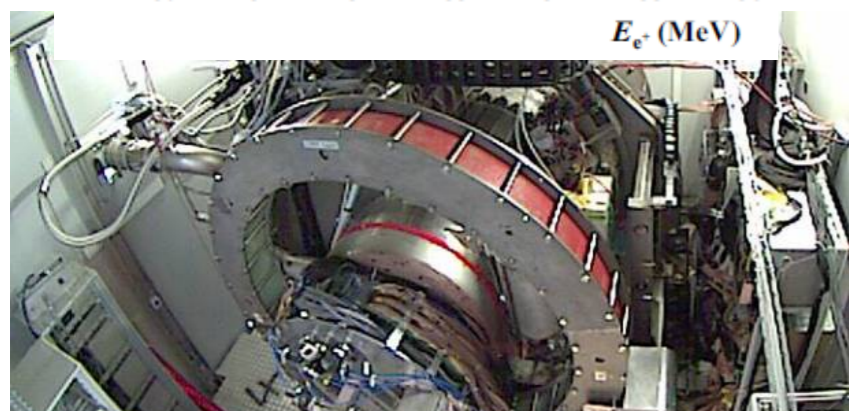
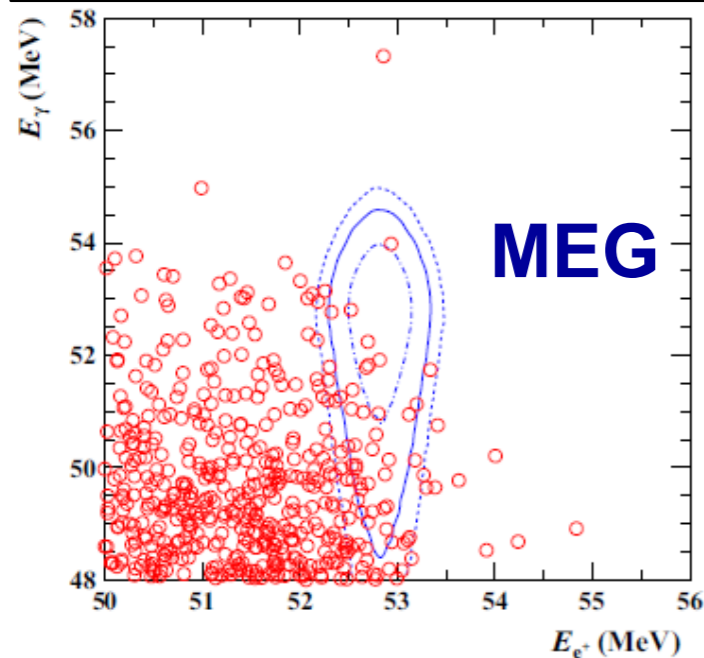
Search for

charged lepton flavor violation

The best limit on any rare decay:

The **branching ratio** $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ is

less than 4.2×10^{-13} (90%CL)



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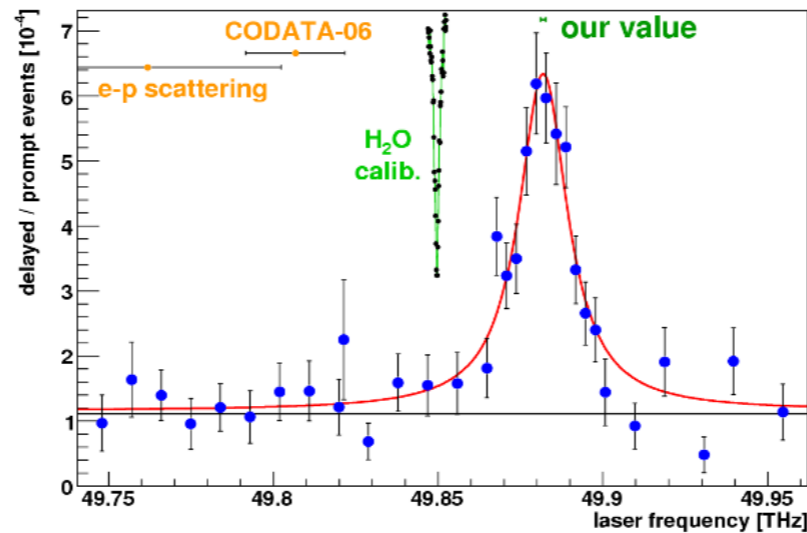
Next: MEG II, Mu3e

Laser spectroscopy

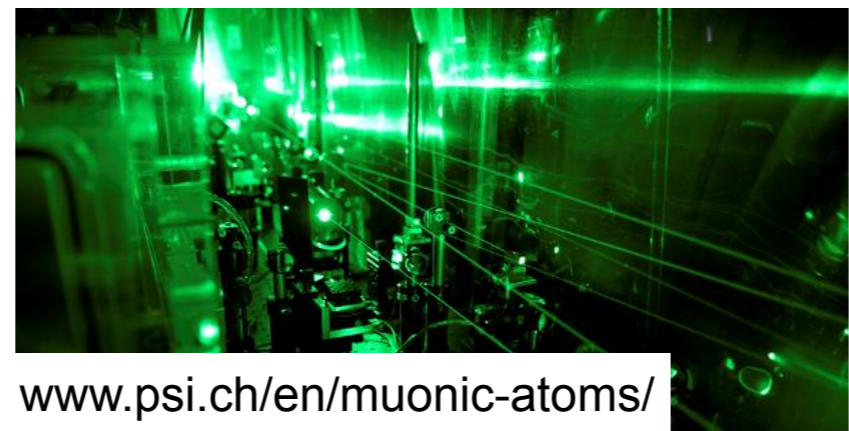
of light muonic atoms

The most precise determination of

charge radii of proton, deuteron, ^3He , ^4He from the muonic 2S-2P Lambshift



$r_p = 0.84087(39)$ fm



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Nature 466(2010)213, Science 339(2013)417, Science 353(2016)669, Nature589(2021)527

Next: HyperMu

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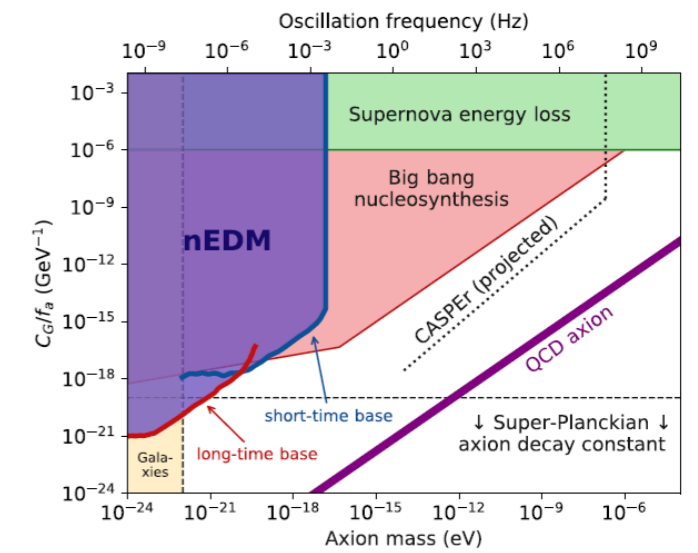
time reversal and CP violation

The most stringent limits on a permanent

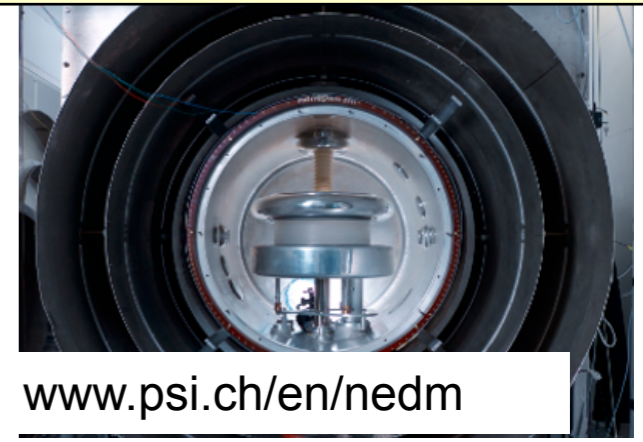
neutron electric dipole moment

and various candidate particles

of dark matter



$d_n < 1.8 \times 10^{-26}$ e cm (90%CL)



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Next: n2EDM

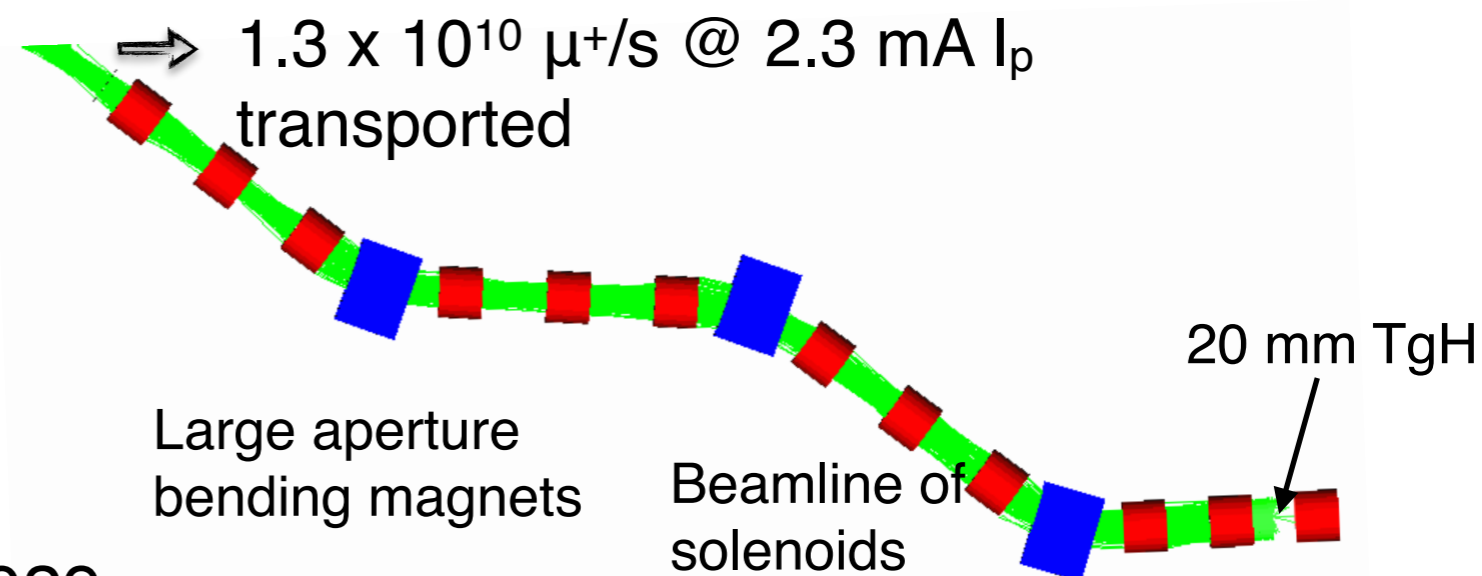
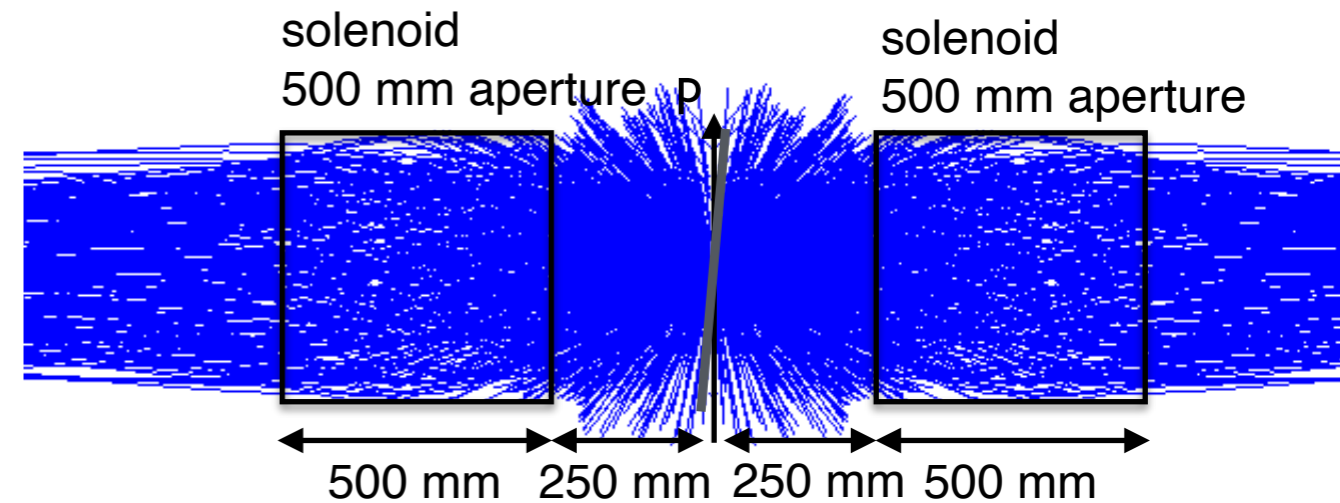
Future of muons at PSI: HIMB

HIMB Project:

- Construction of new target station TgH at the place of the existing TgM
- Construction of two new solenoid-based beamlines for μ SR and particle physics delivering 10^{10} surface muons per second

Science case:

- Improved measurements of Mu3e, MEG
- Precision measurements with muonium
- High-brightness muon beams with muCool
- Muon EDM, muon g-2
- High-rate μ SR measurements
- μ SR measurements at extreme pressures
- ...



Expected start of operation in 2029