Status of the frictional cooling studies at Columbia University/ Nevis

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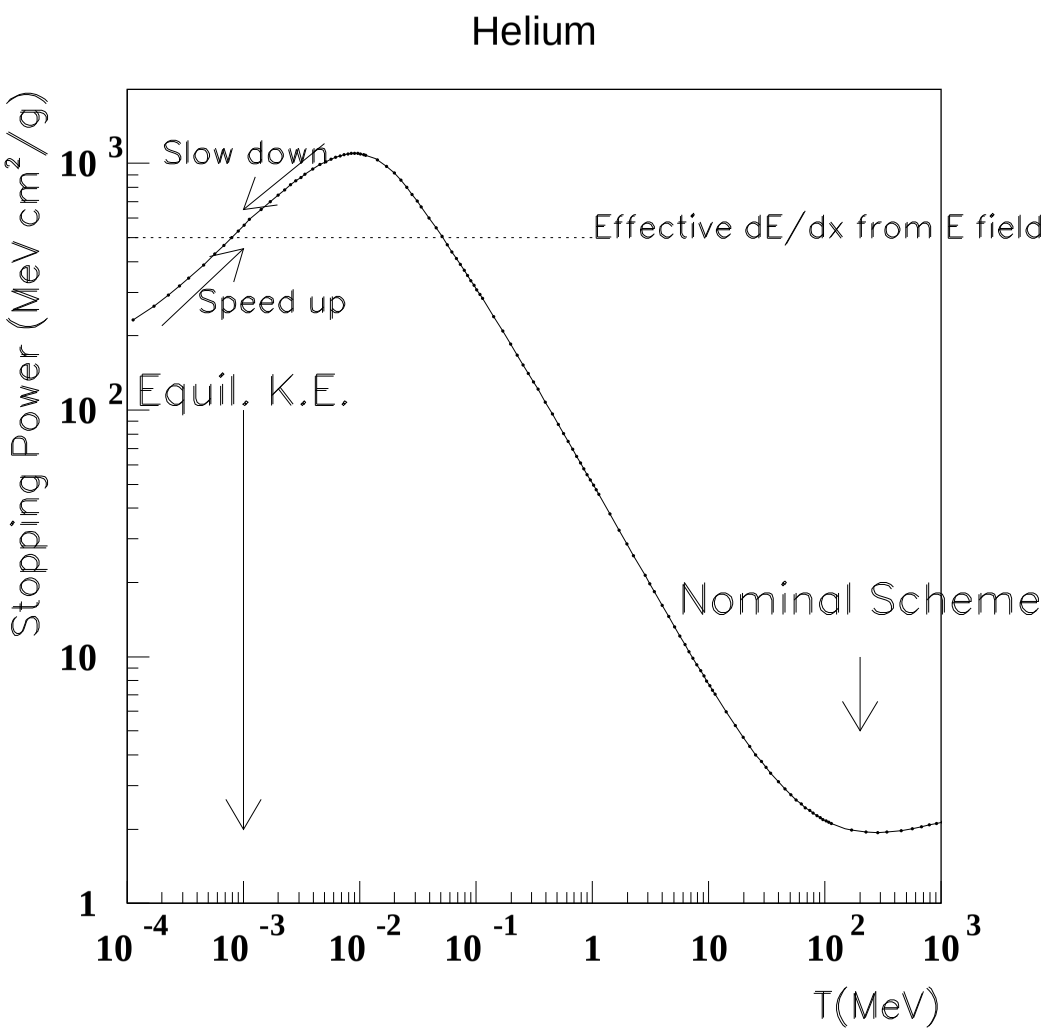
- Frictional cooling
- Simulation and optimization
  - Target and magnet
  - Phase rotation
  - Cooling
- The experimental set-up

Frictional cooling: The idea



cool μ's where $\frac{dE}{dx} \propto \beta$

and compensate the energy loss by an E–field: **cooling**

Below the ionization peak dE/dx is dominated by

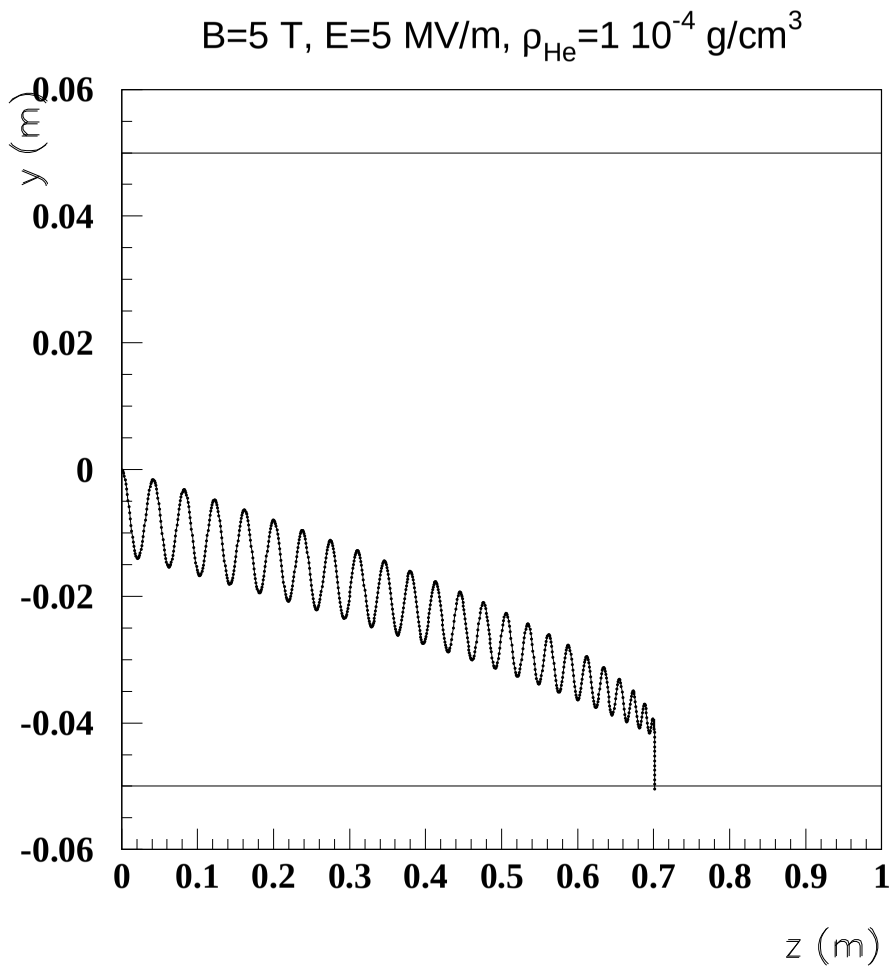
- nuclear recoil
- excitation
- charge exchange (muonium) for μ^+ and capture for μ^-

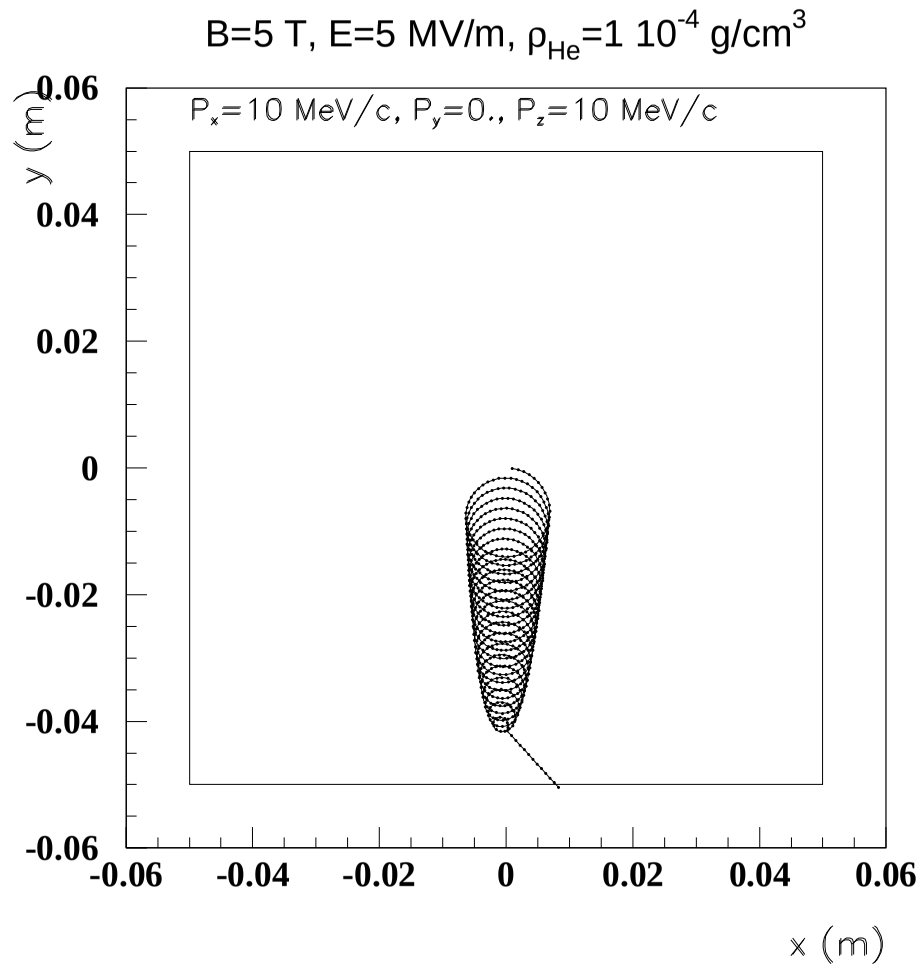
Issues/ consequences/ comments:

- large dE/dx $\Rightarrow$ work with a gas
- with $\vec{E} \parallel \vec{B}$ we never get below the peak $\Rightarrow$ apply $\vec{E} \perp \vec{B}$

work with very low energy muons in Helium at low density

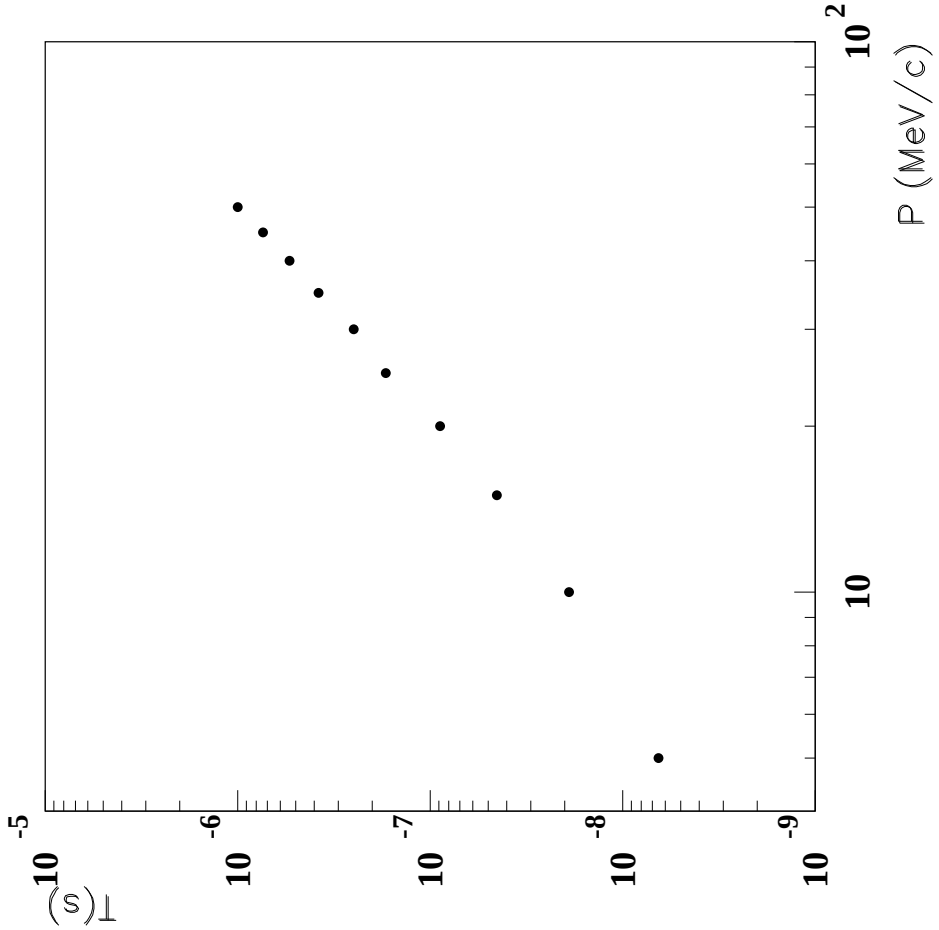
Frictional cooling: particle trajectory

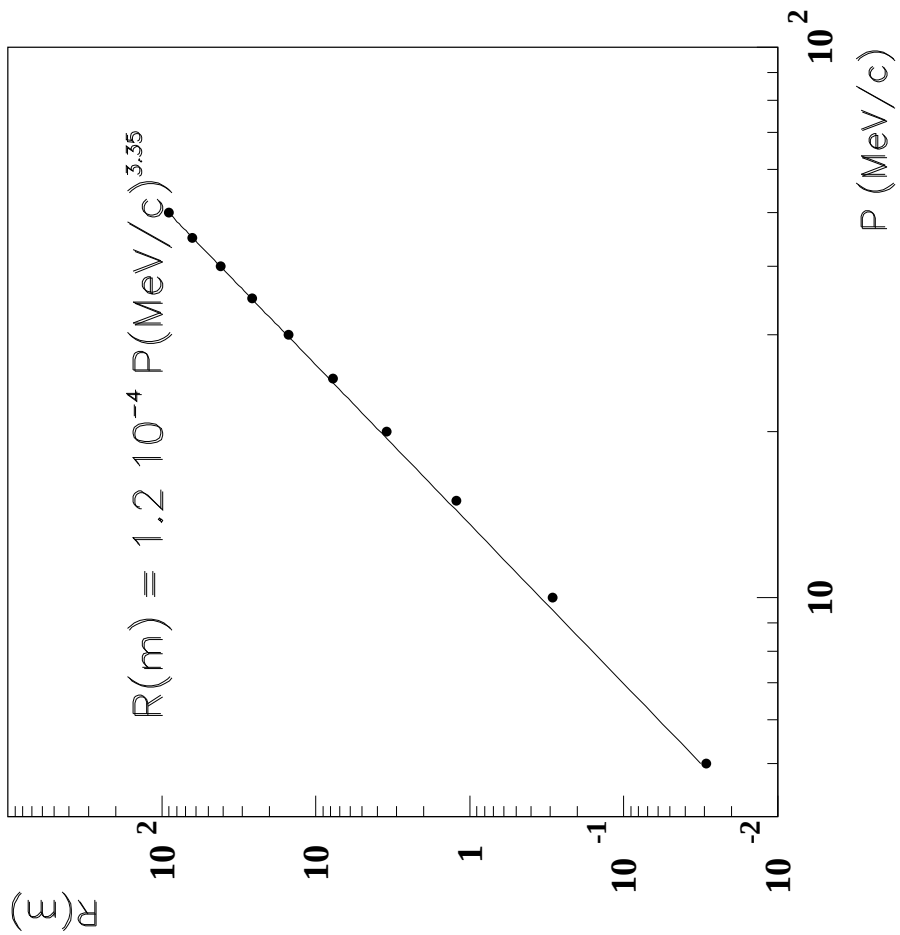




calculated with continuous energy loss

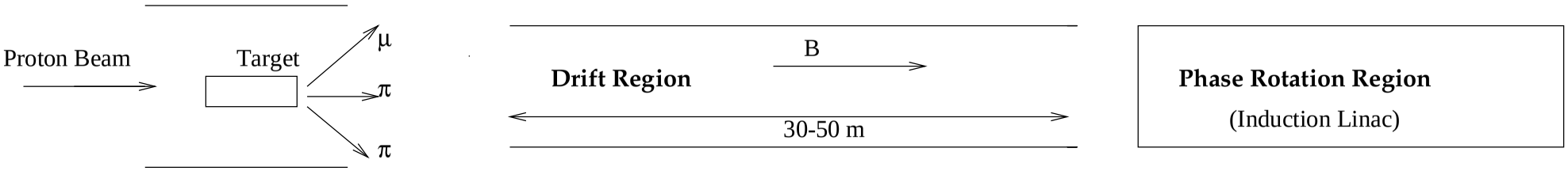
Frictional cooling: stop the μ

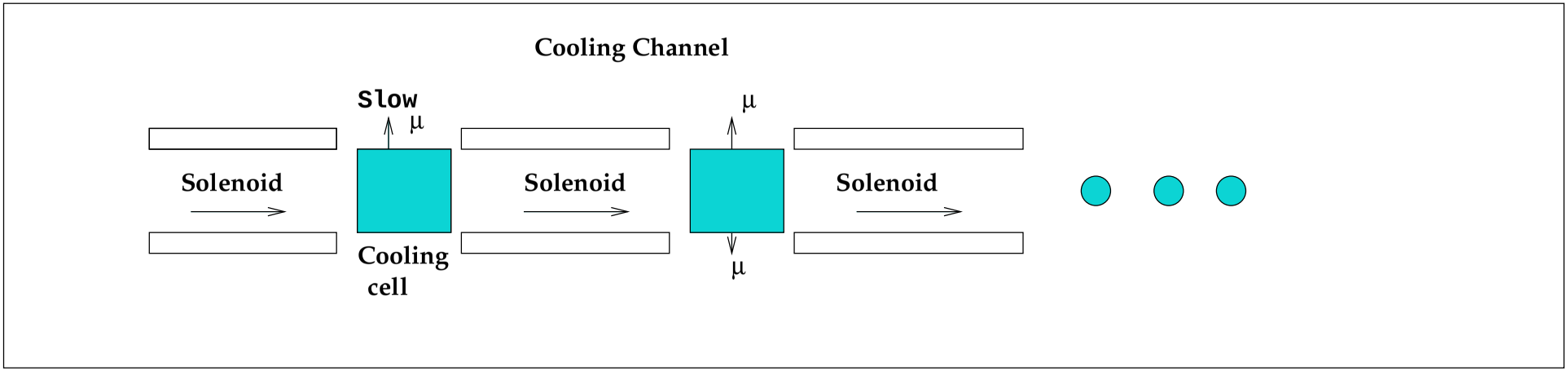




⇒ need low initial muon momenta

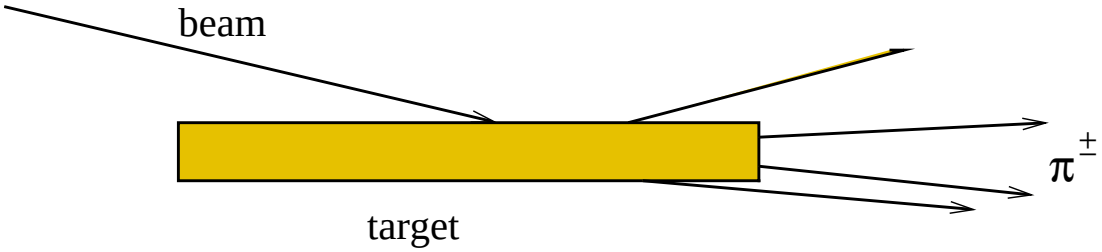
Frictional cooling scheme



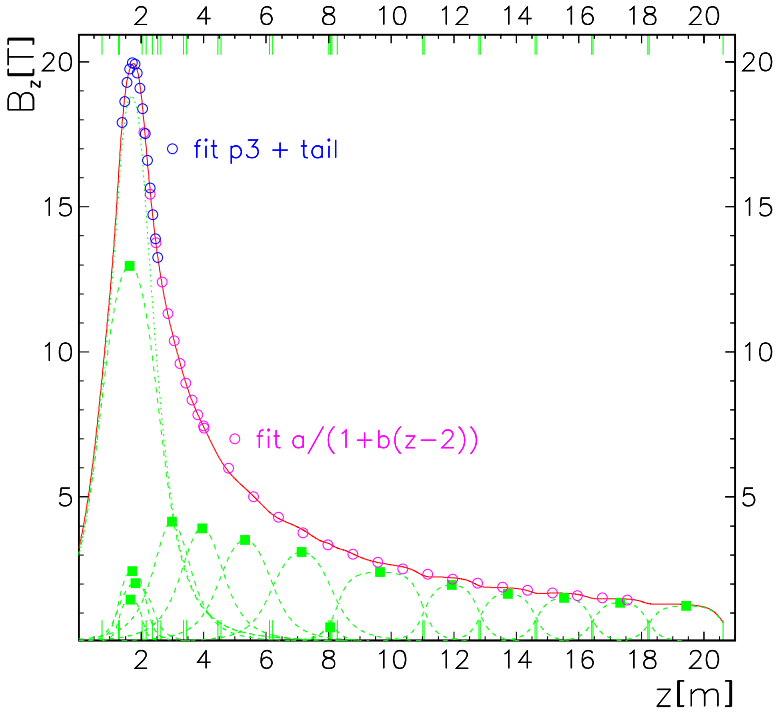


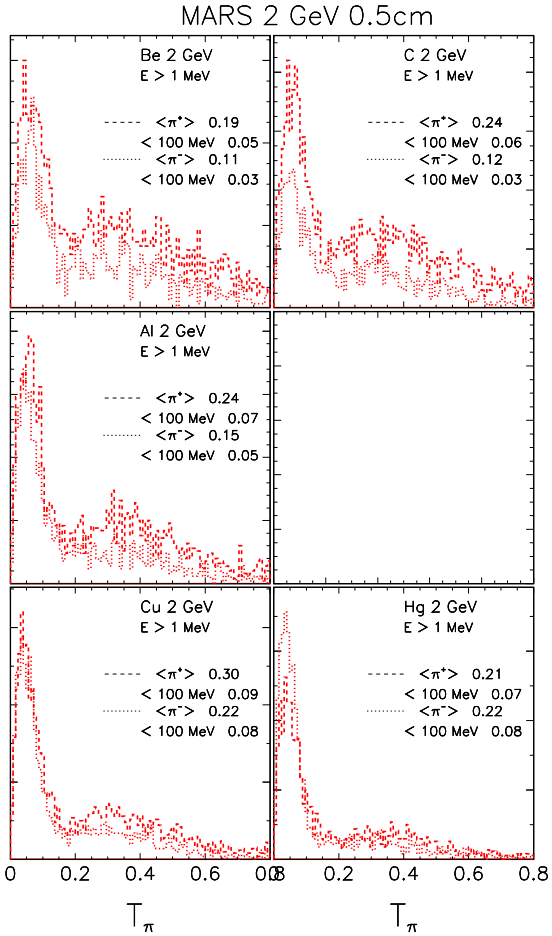
Optimize: target, phase rotation and cooling channel (in a toroid)

Target system: study II



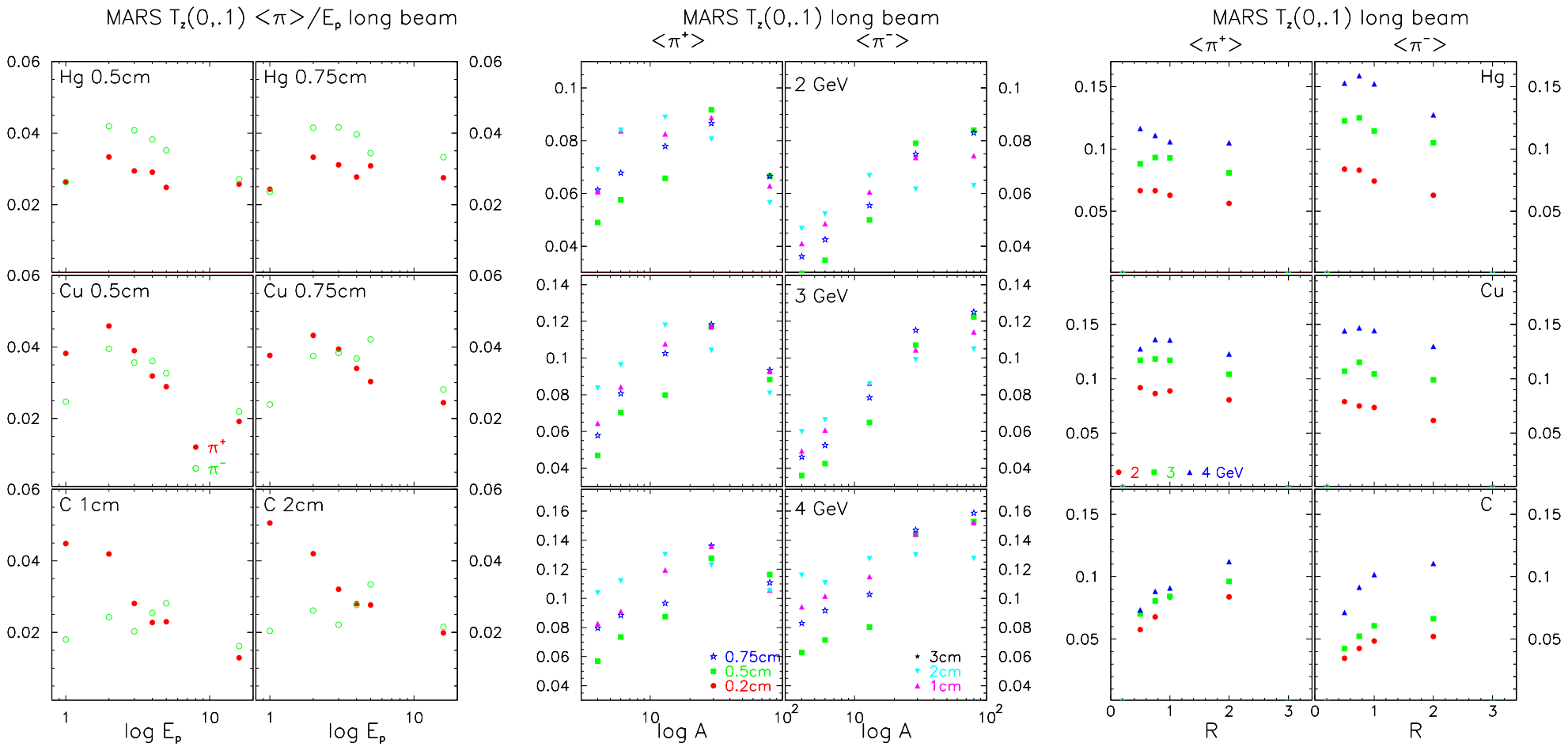
Longitudinal (StudyII) scheme





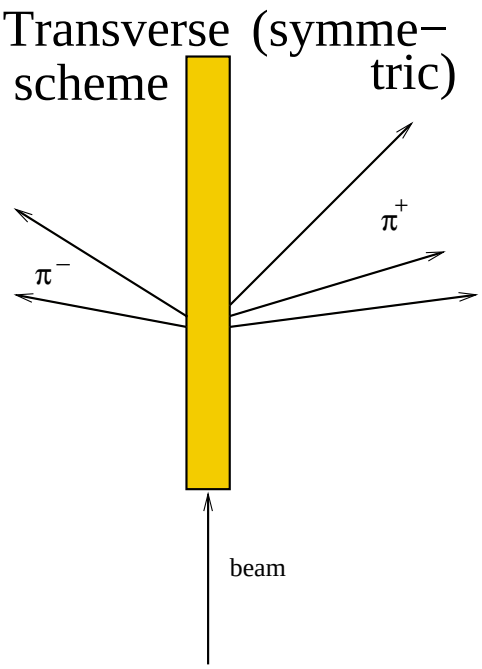
Target (study II): MARS scan

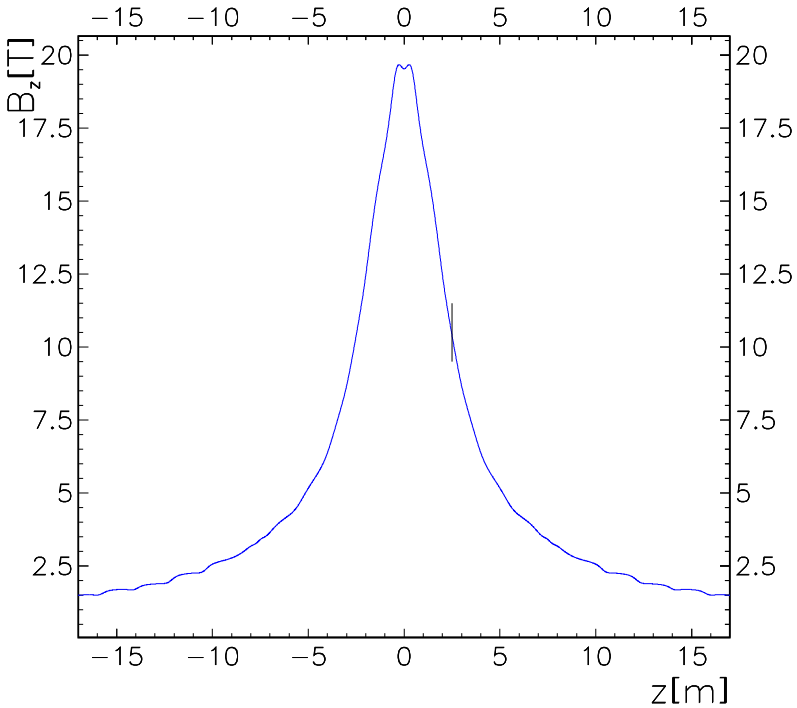
Optimize E_p, target A, radius, length

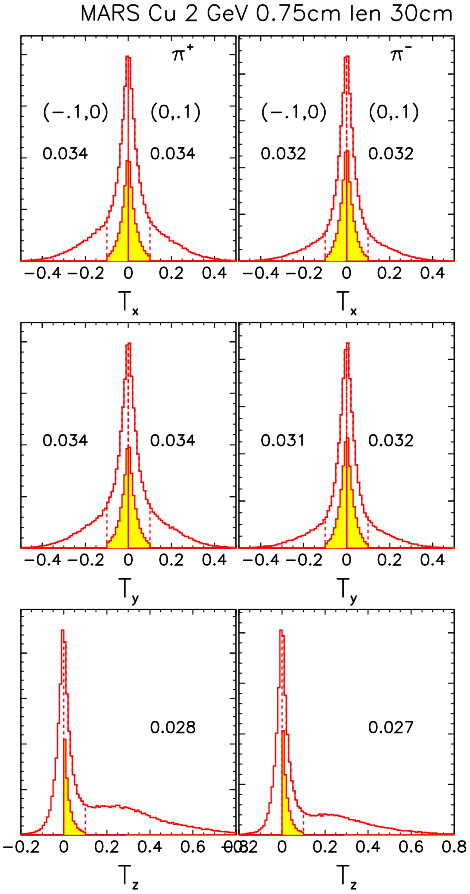


Target system: transverse target

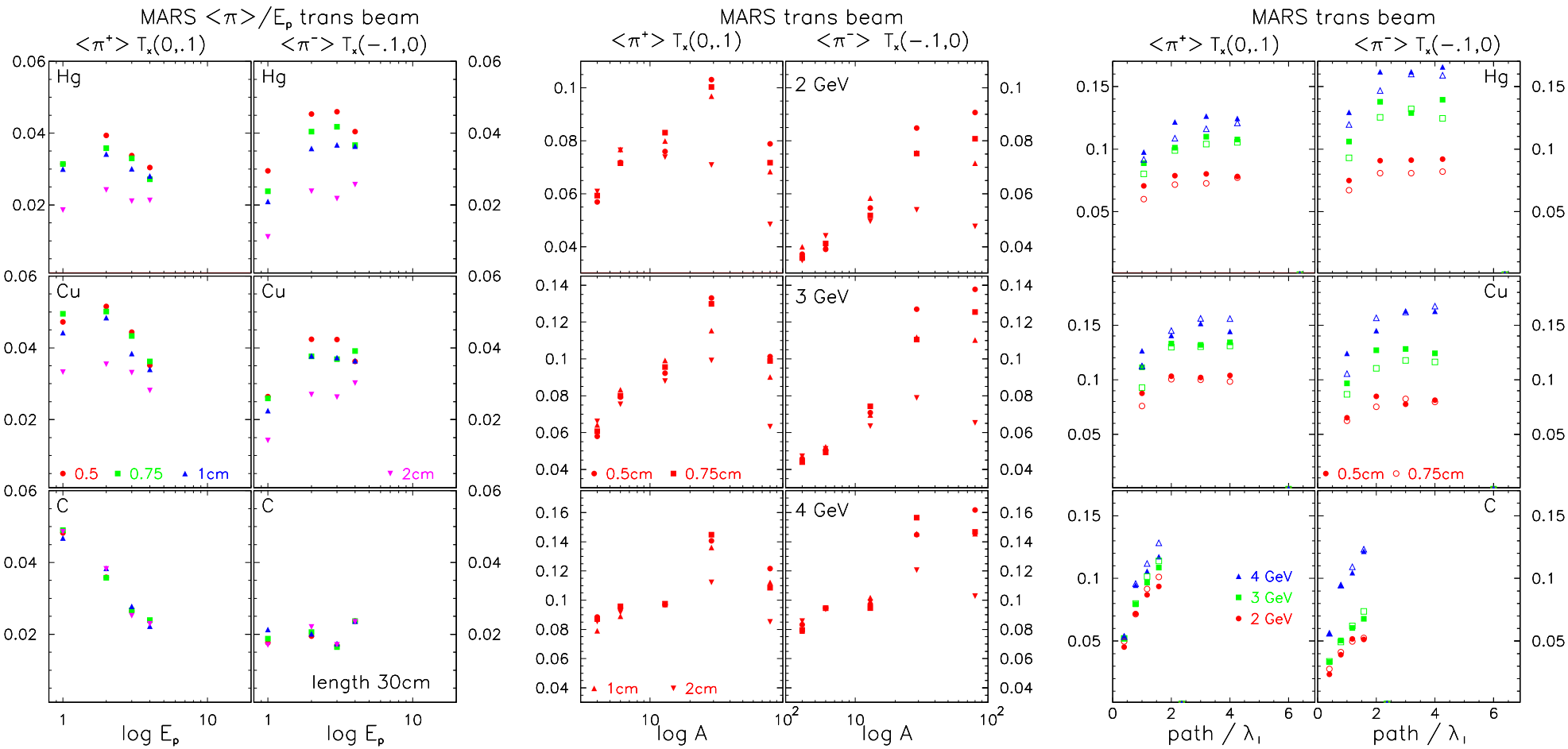
- cool μ^+ and μ^- in the same time
- exploit the non-leading behaviour of the low energy π
- calculated a new, symmetric magnet with a gap







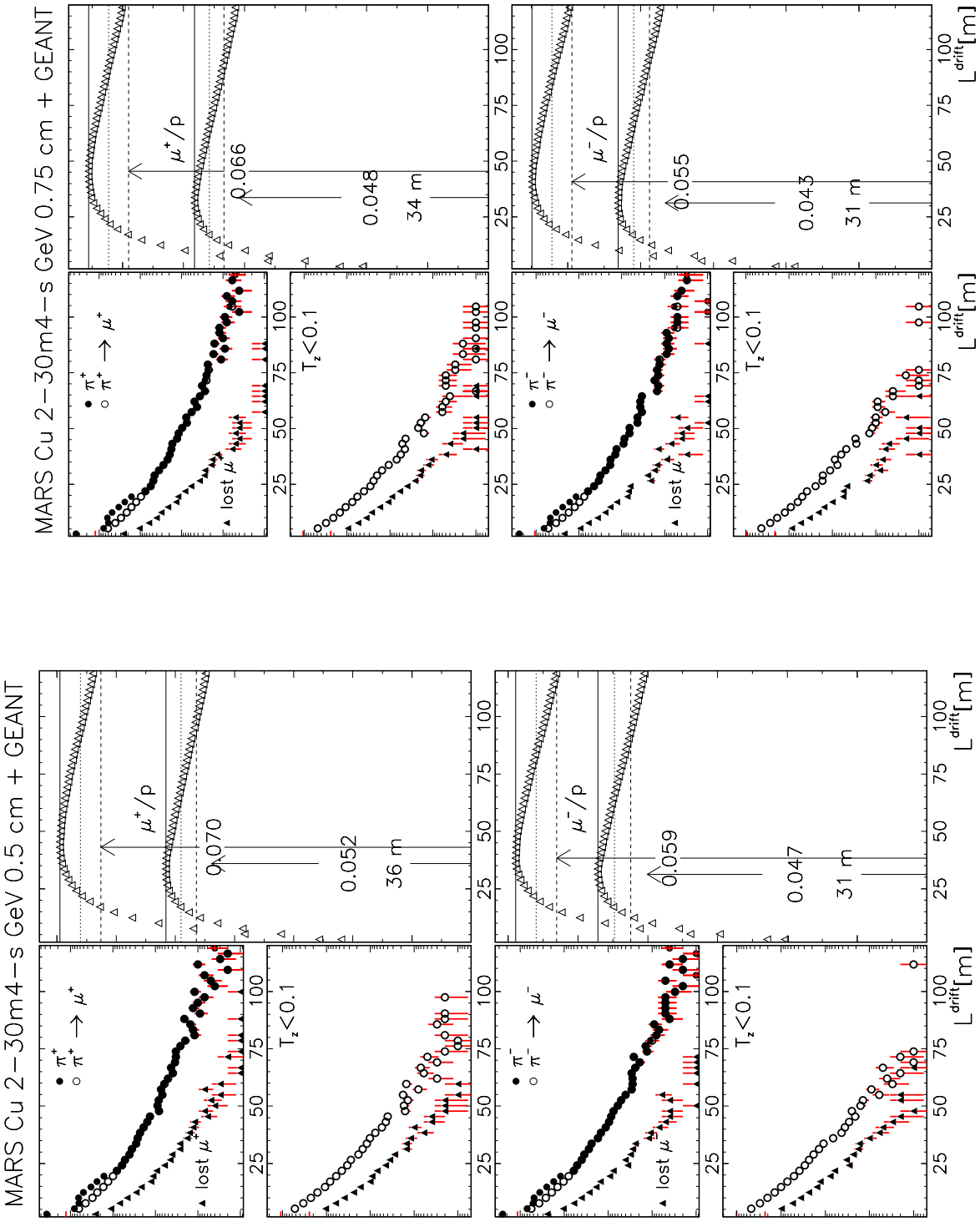
Target (transverse): MARS scan



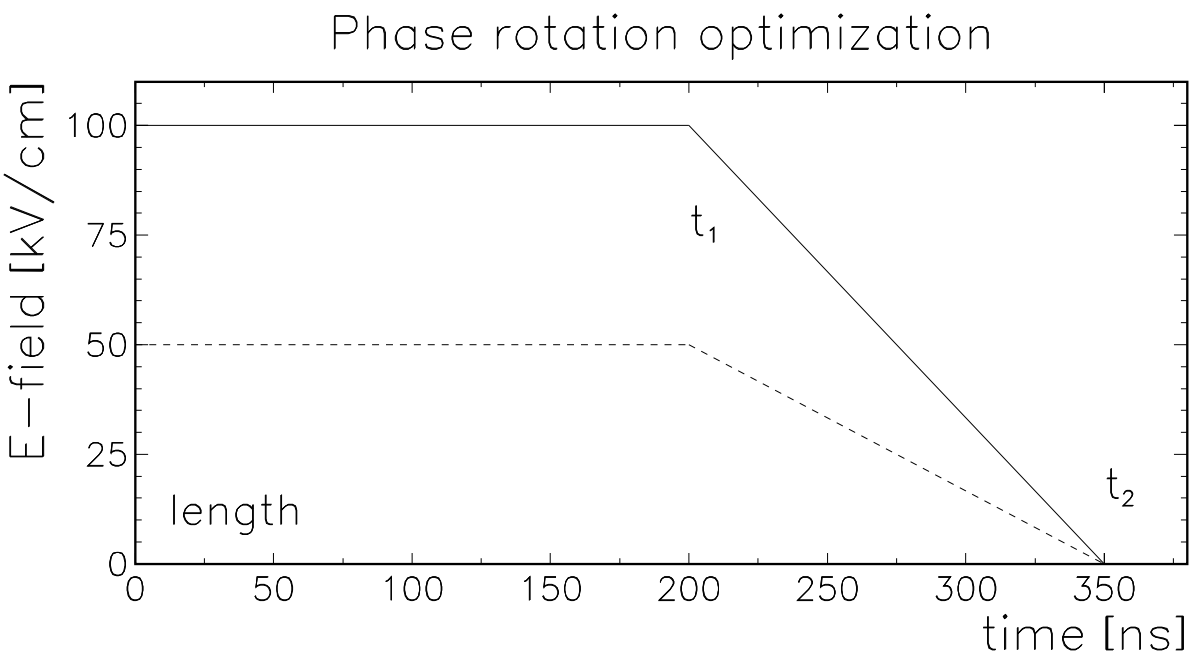
further GEANT investigation of best configuration

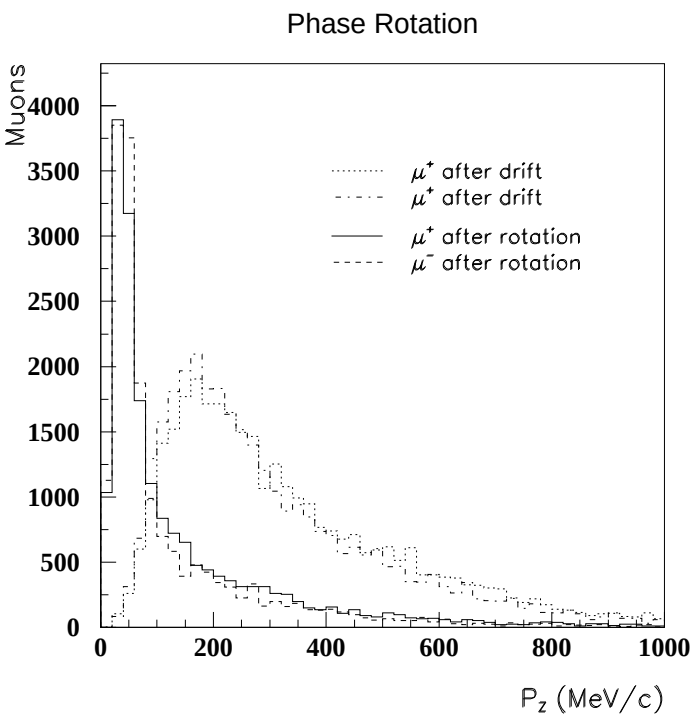
Cu, E_p = 2 GeV, target 0.5 or 0.75 cm thick

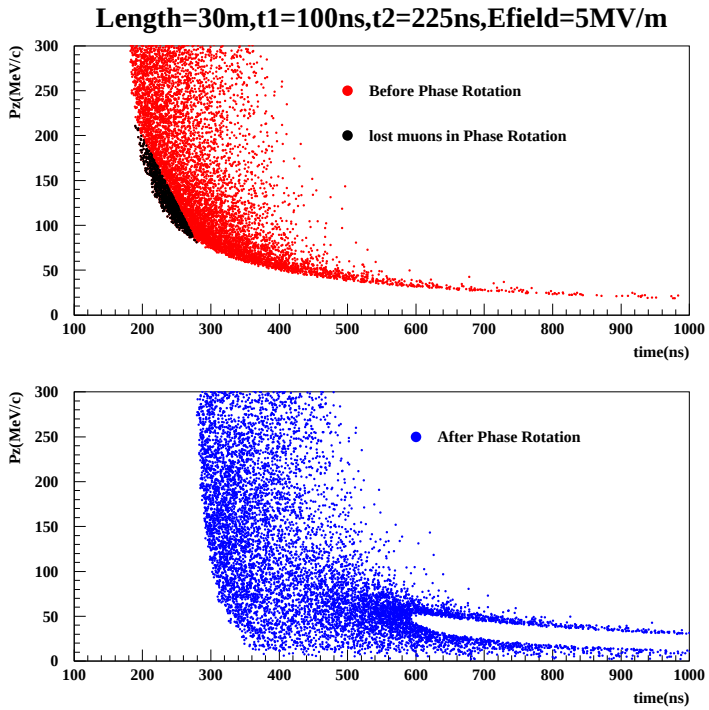
Target (transverse): GEANT



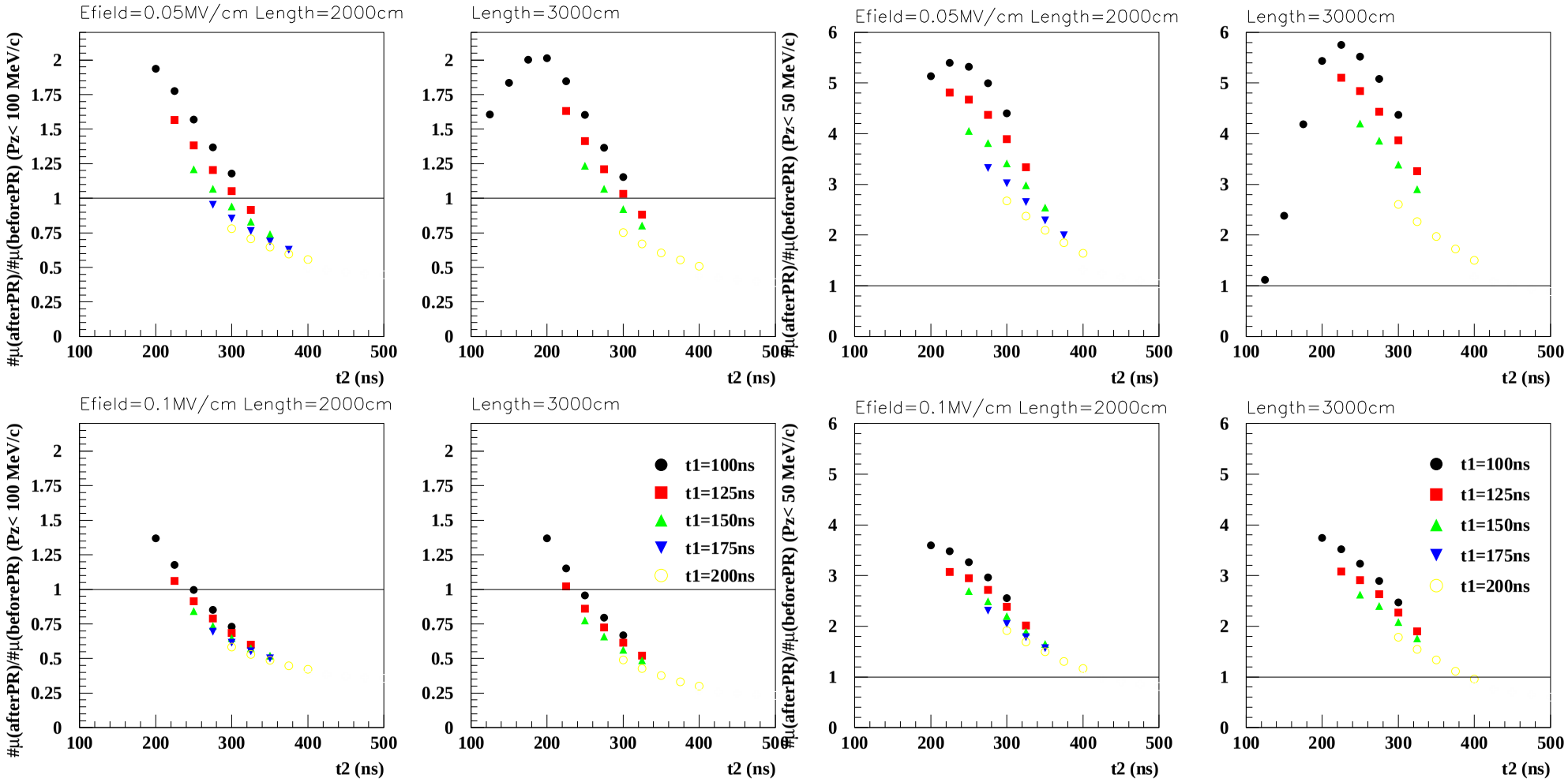
Phase rotation: scheme







Phase rotation: results

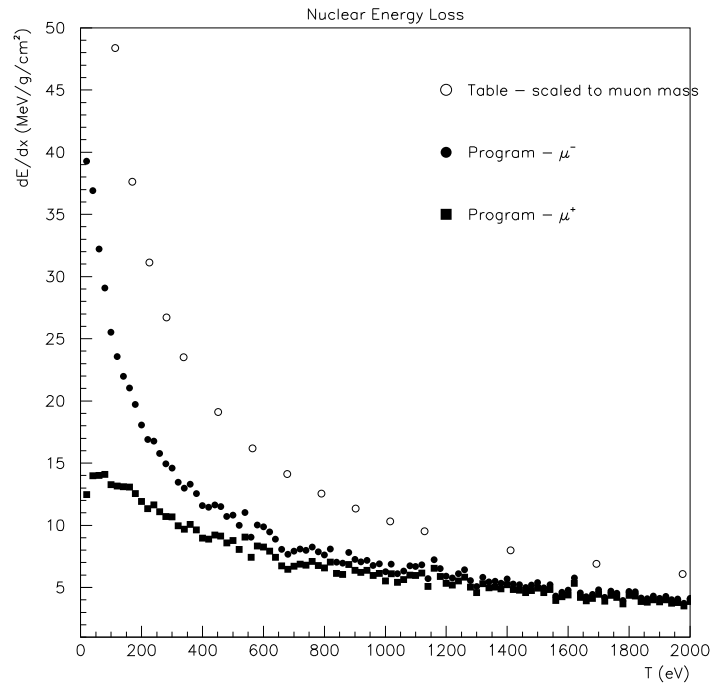


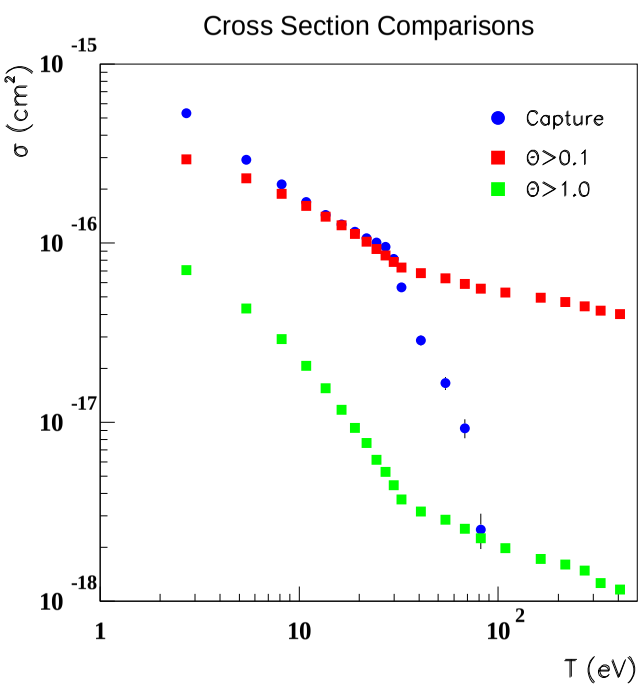
$p_z < 100$ MeV

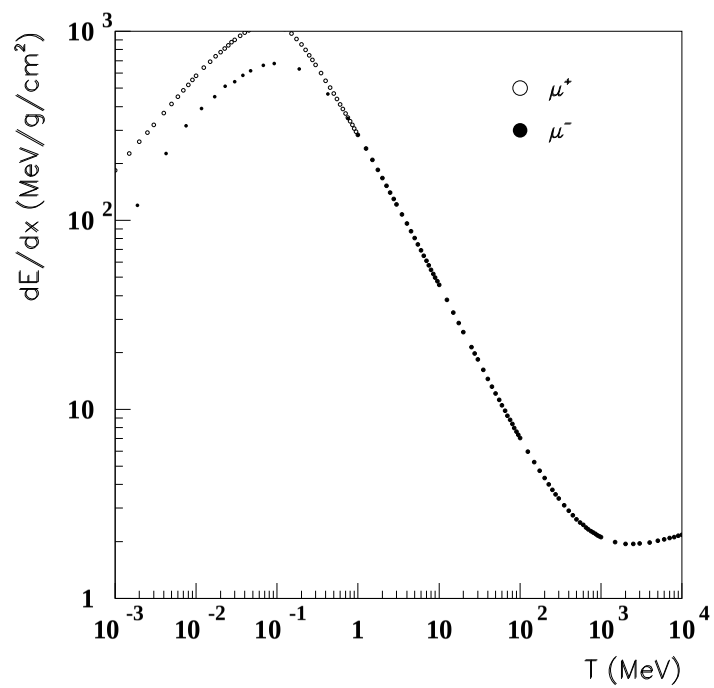
$p_z < 50$ MeV

Cooling: realistic simulation

- Electronic energy loss continuous (NIST table)
- Nuclear energy loss (multiple scattering) discrete
- Include Barkas effect and μ^- capture
- Incorporate scattering cross section into the cooling program: $T_\mu < 2$ keV Born approx, else classical θ(b) $\rightarrow d\sigma/d\theta \rightarrow$ mean free path







Frictional cooling: particle trajectory

He w density 1. 10^{-4} gm/cm^3

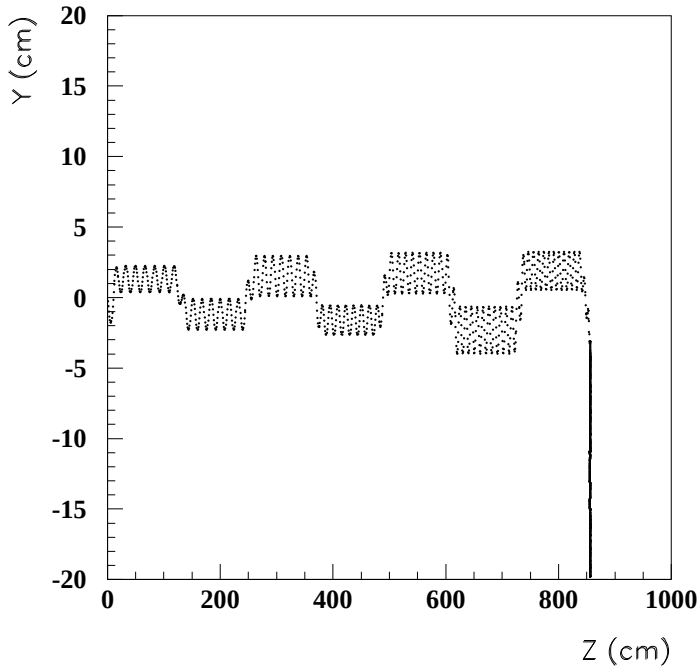
B = 5T uniform for now

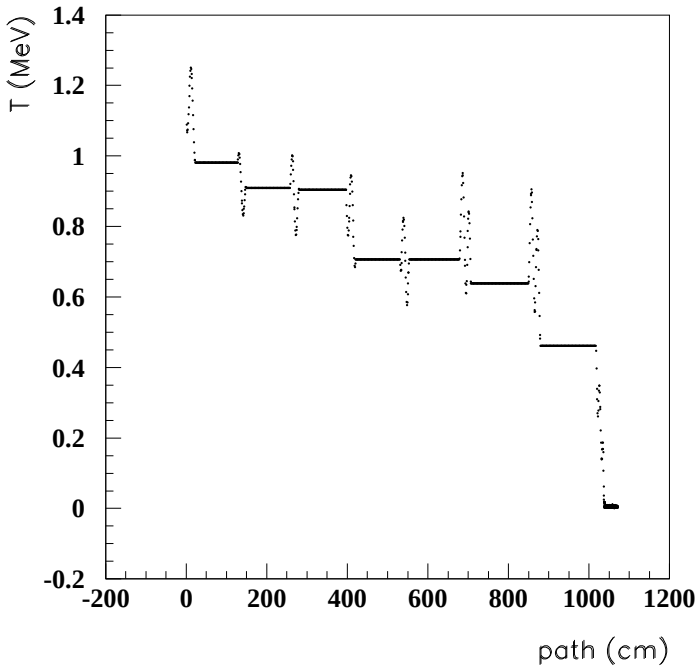
E = 8 MV/m (increased from 5 to avoid μ^- capture)

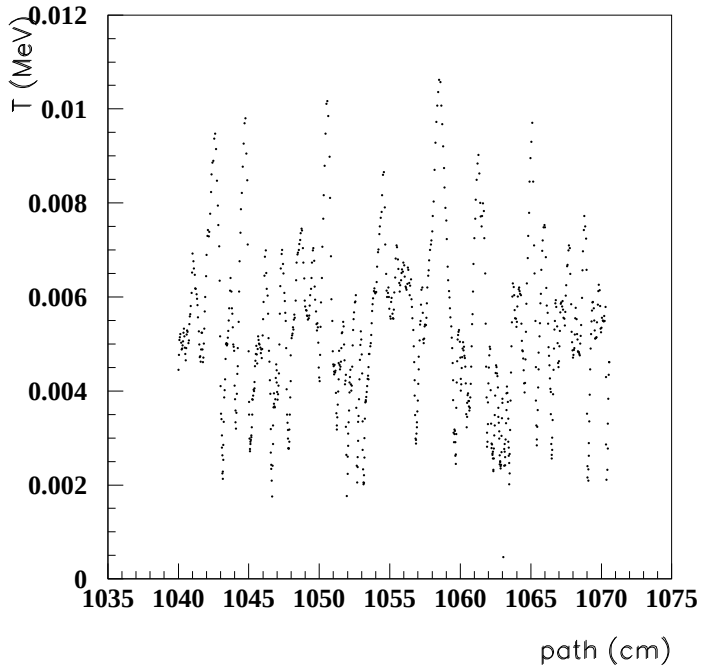
cooling cell - 42x42x20 cm^3

the cells are placed between 1m solenoids, with radius 42 cm

No E field in solenoids

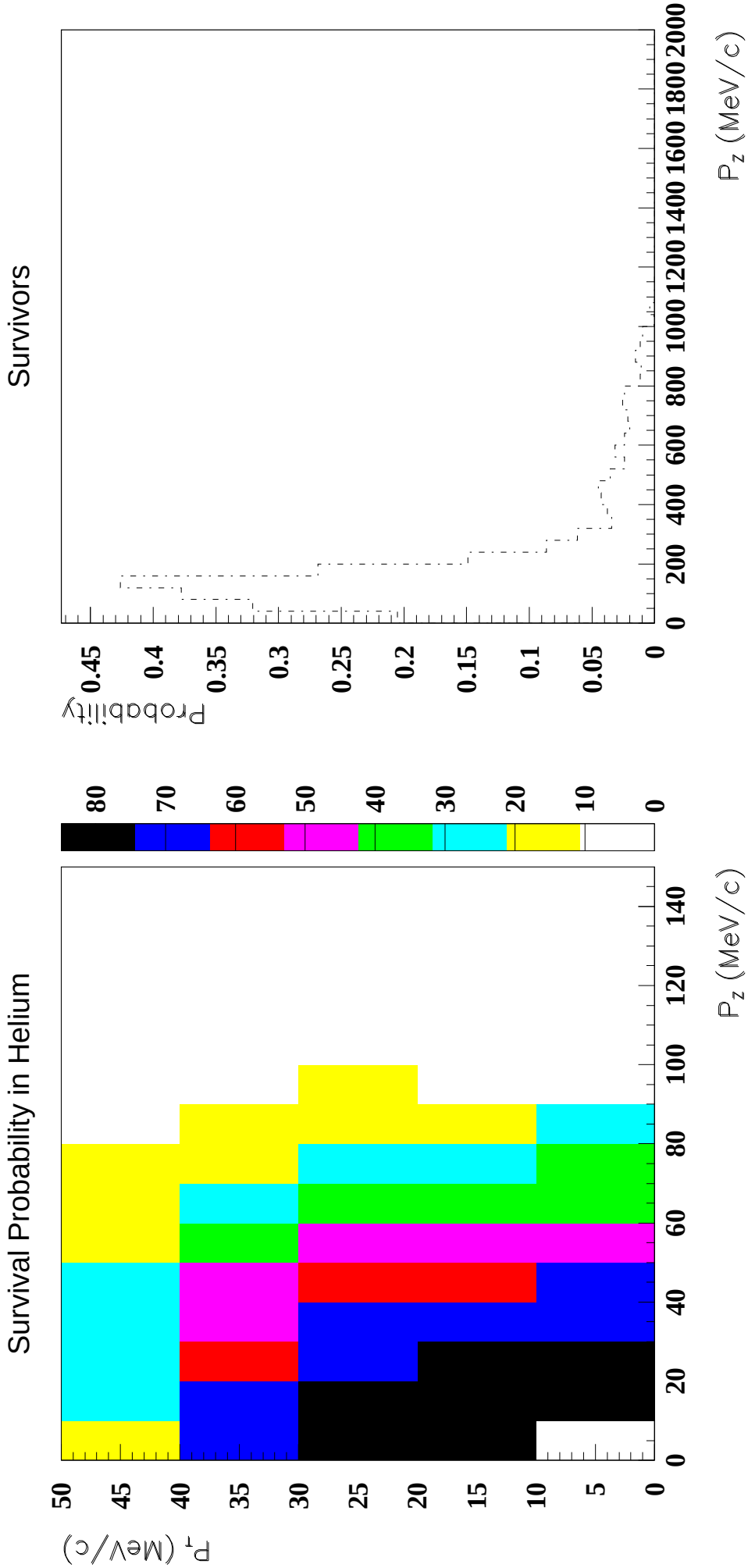






calculated with realistic energy loss

Frictional cooling: survival probability



Frictional cooling: what did we achieve

First and preliminary result (based on $\approx$ 80 μ's with $p_{x,y,z} < 50$ MeV)

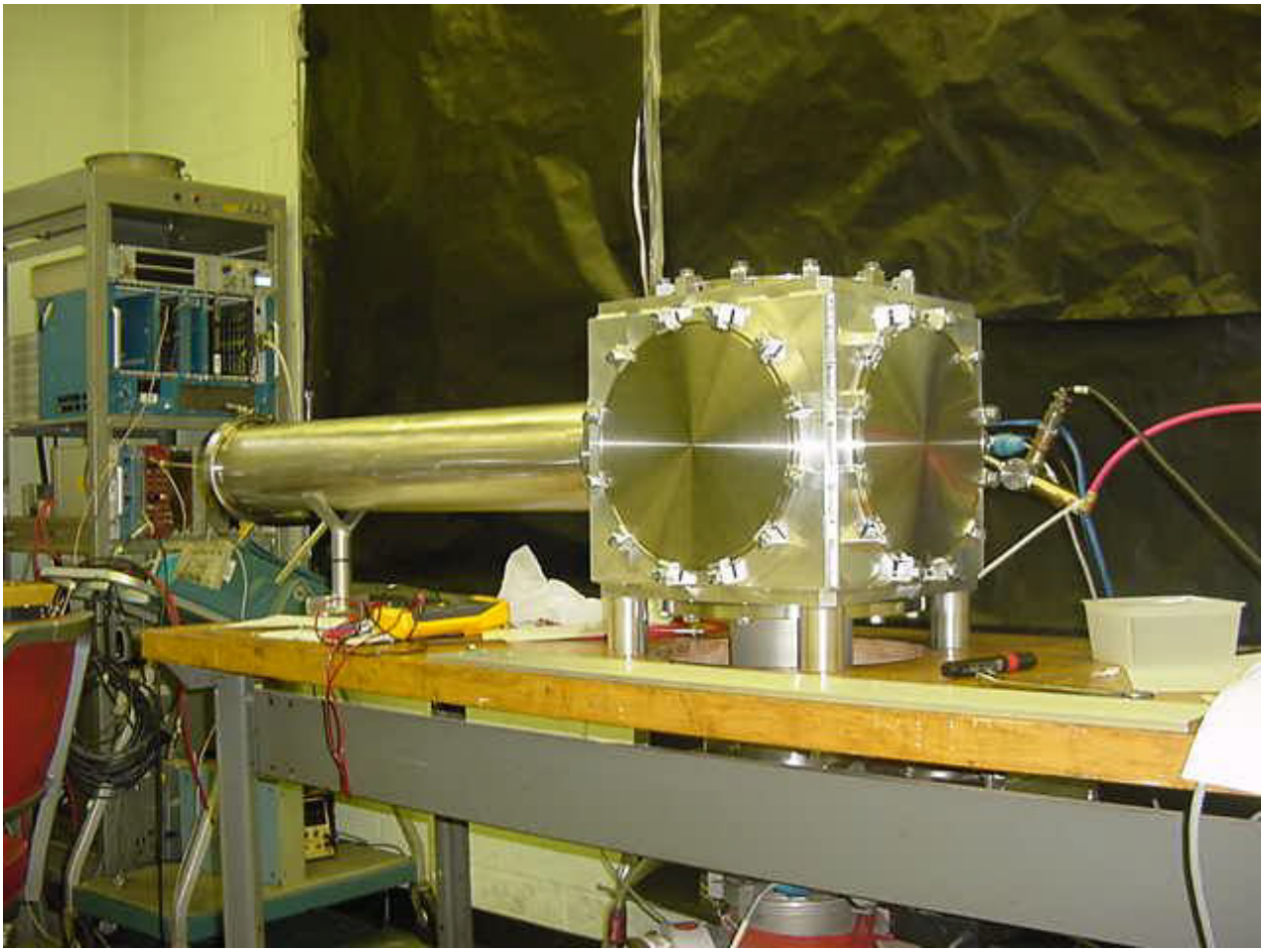
	μ^+		μ^-	
After	cooling	drift	cooling	drift
μ/proton	0.005	0.057†	0.004	0.058†
rms(p_x) (MeV)	0.07	9.4	0.17	7.7
rms(p_y) (MeV)	0.08	10.3	0.23	9.9
rms(p_z) (MeV)	0.07	53	0.10	64
rms(tran) (cm^2)	40$\times$60	25	40$\times$60	25
rms(long) (cm)	250	1200	190	930
phase space reduction*	6 10^5		6 10^4	

$\dagger$ for $T_z < 100$ MeV
$*$ phase space factor for the μ's which are cooled

We continue to work on:

- finalizing MARS and GEANT studies
- the phase rotation optimization
- incorporate fringe fields into cooling
- matching B-fields between target (drift) region, phase rotation and cooling ring
- extraction of μ from the cooling ring, and first re-acceleration

Experimental work at Nevis

We want to measure the energy loss, the μ^- capture cross section, and test the cooling principle

- Vacuum chamber built, MCP installed and working, He Gas cell constructed
- Xe MWPC prototype (is working now with P10)
- Use of α, β, γ sources, the 4 MeV p beam of Nevis and the 10...40 keV μ beam of PSI