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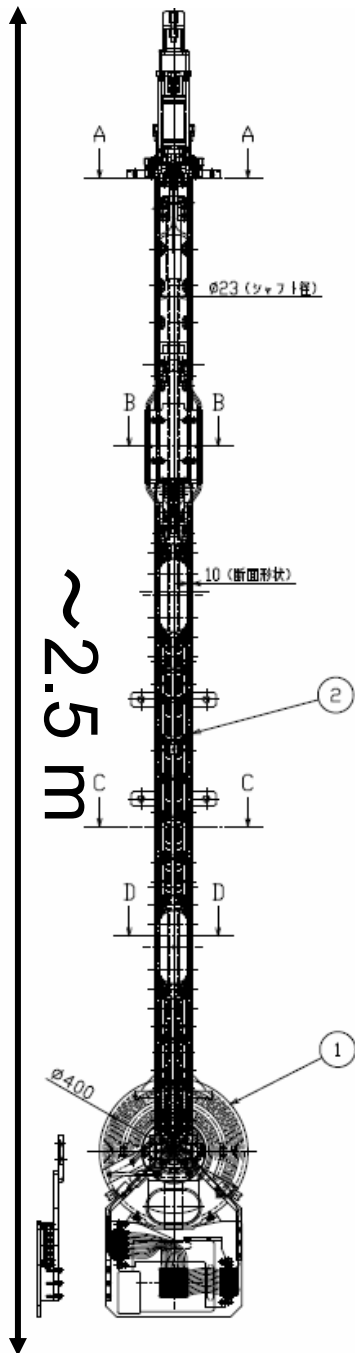
Muon Production Target at J-PARC

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- Muon production target
- Development of monitoring systems
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RCNP at Osaka
(DC Beam)

Sendai

日本原子力研究開発
機構 J-PARCセンター

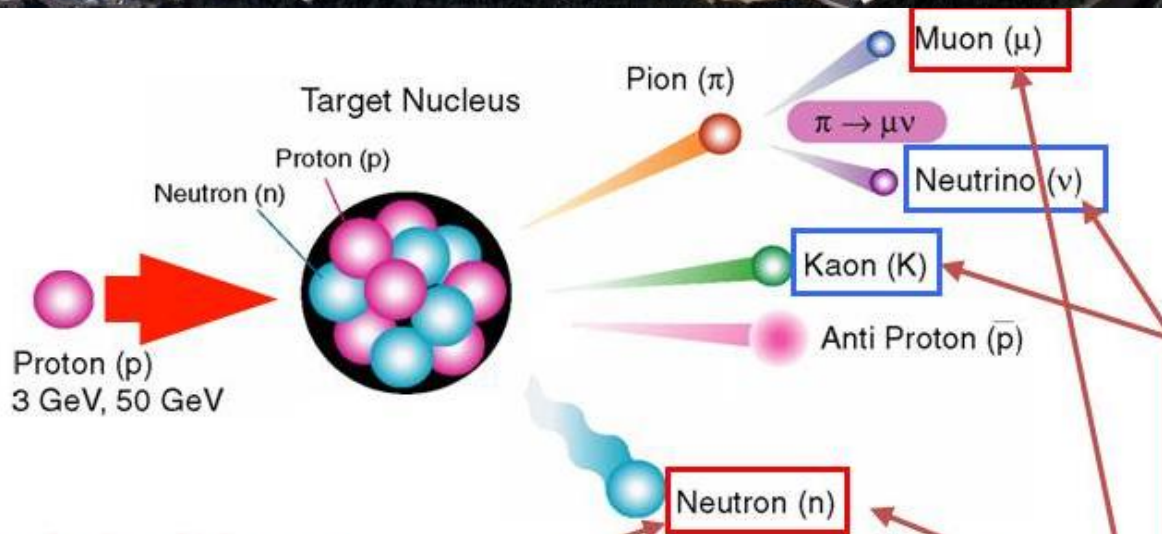
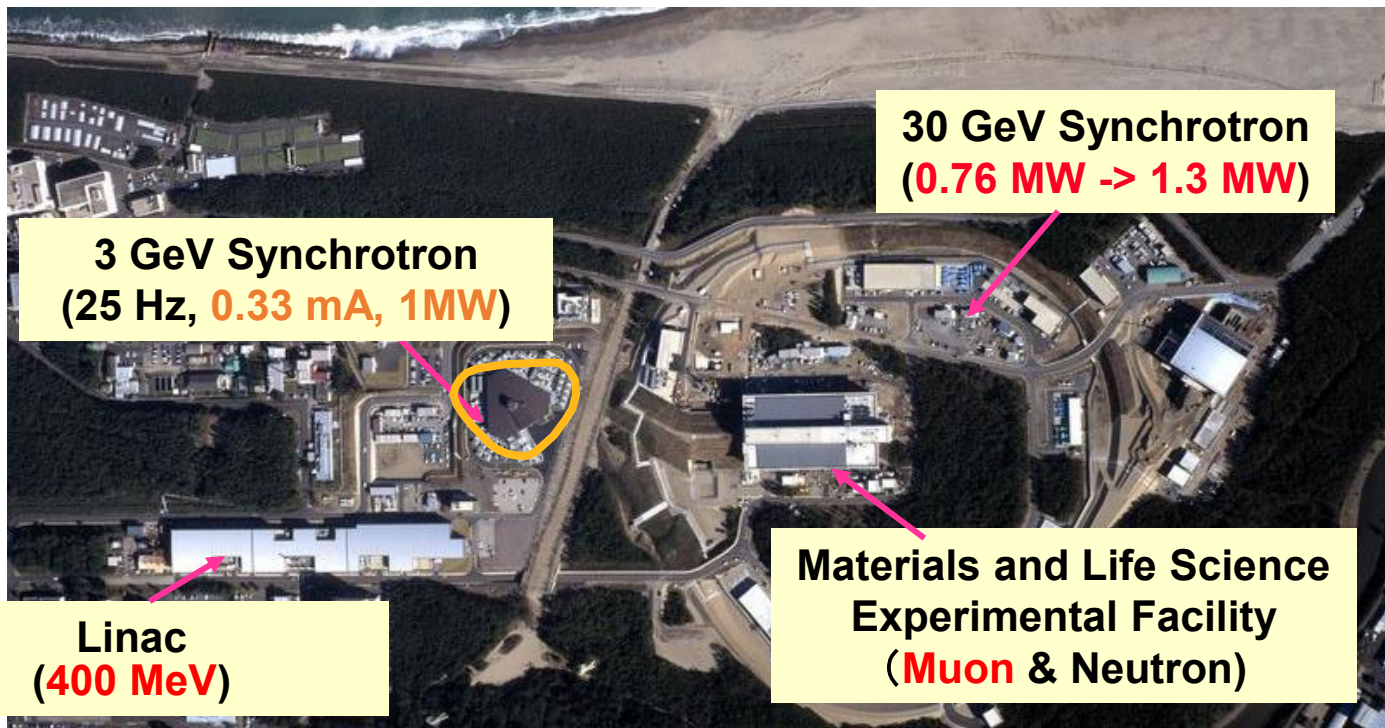
Tokyo

Kyoto

J-PARC at Tokai
(Pulsed beam)

Meson factories in JAPAN

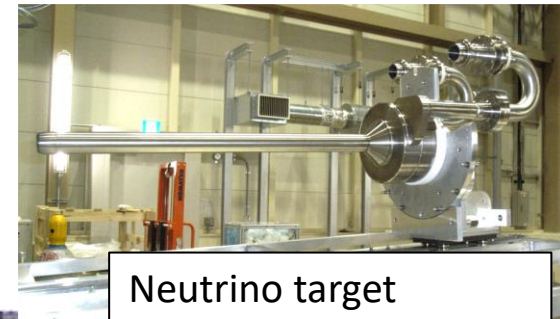
Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex



Muon target
Rotating, Th. Radiation
Graphite

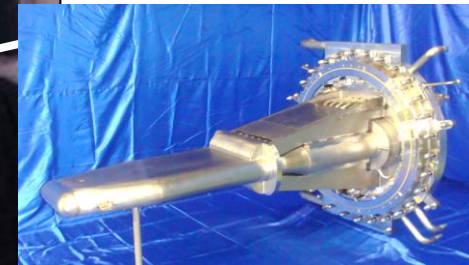


Various targets at J-PARC

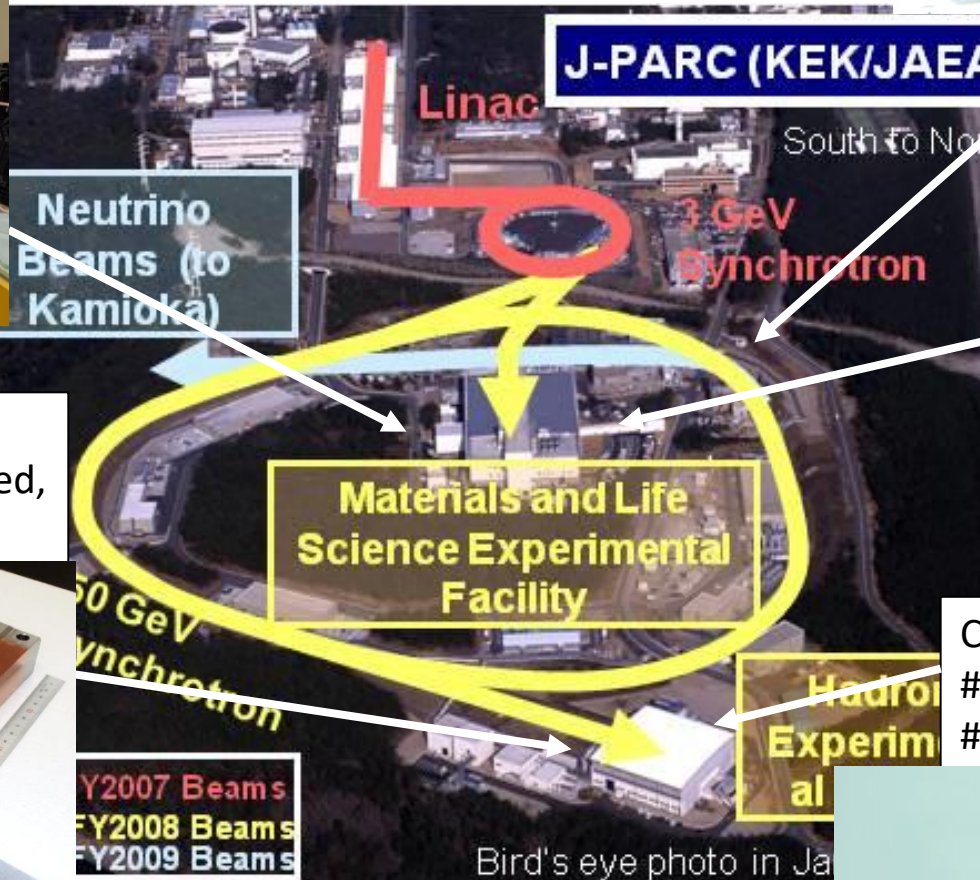
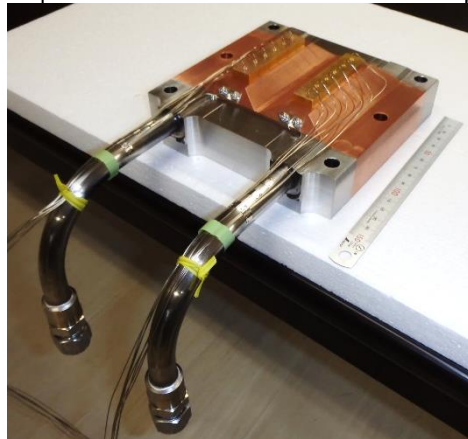


Neutrino target
He-gas-cooled, fixed,
Graphite

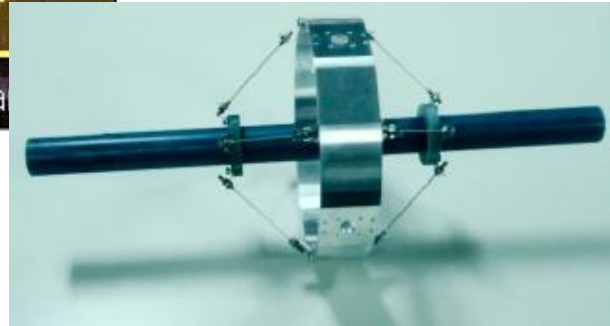
Neutron target
Liquid metal, Mercury



Hadron target
Indirect-water cooled,
Fixed, Gold



COMET target, Fixed
#1: Th. Radiation, Graphite
#2: ??, high-Z

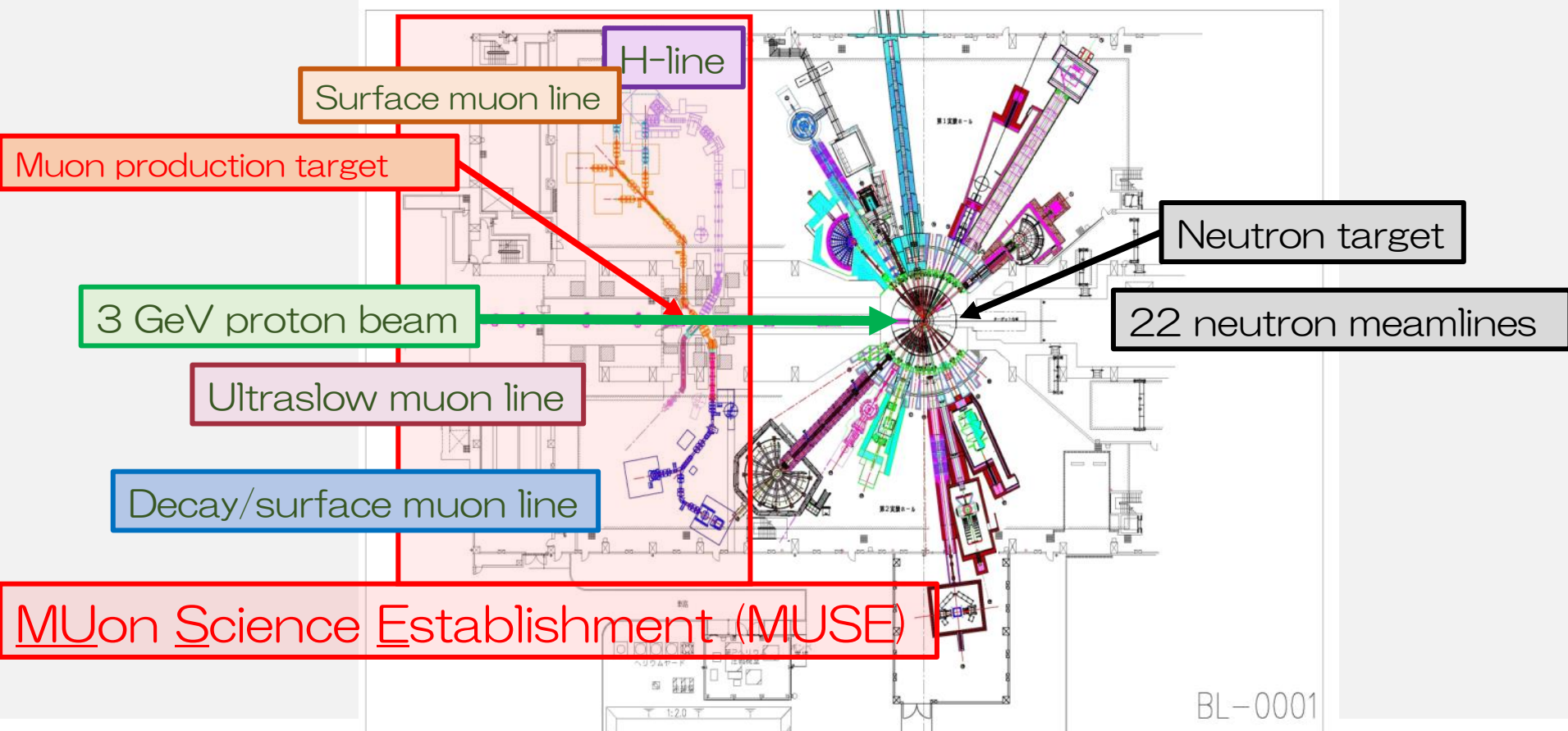


MUSE & MUON TARGET

MFL : muon and neutron production targets.

- D and S lines are opened for users.
- U and H lines are operated in beam commissioning.

Materials and Life science Facility (MLF)



Muon Fixed Target (2008-2013)

Isotropic Graphite

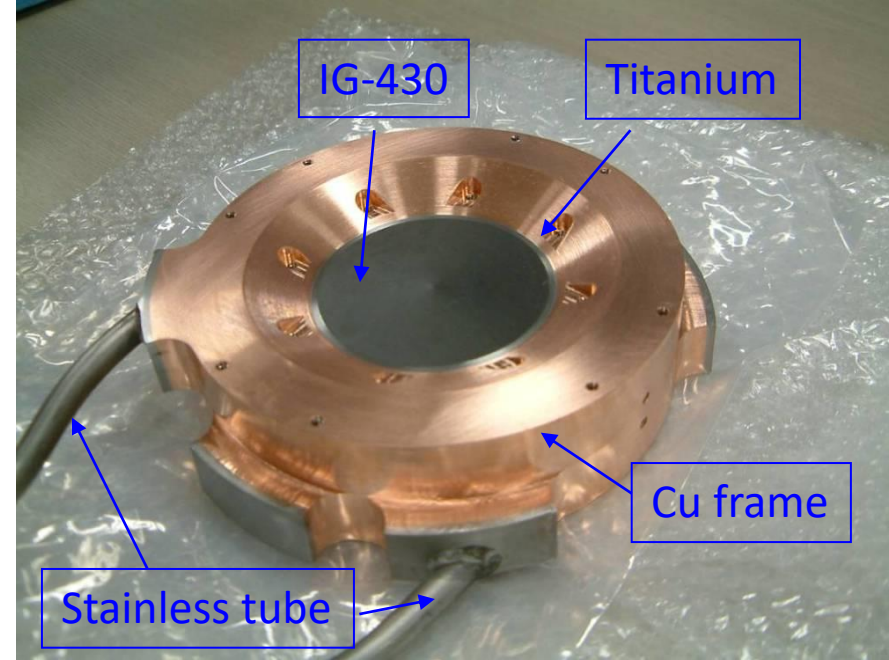
(IG-430; Toyo Tanso Co., LTD.)

Thickness; 20 mm, Diameter 70 mm

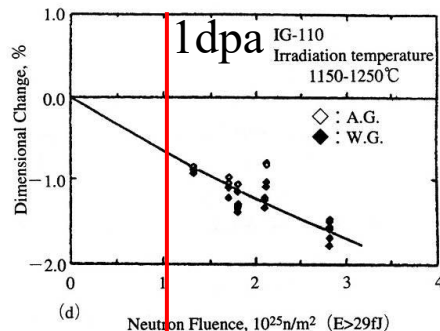
4-kW heat, beam diameter 14 mm

Fixed edge-cooling method

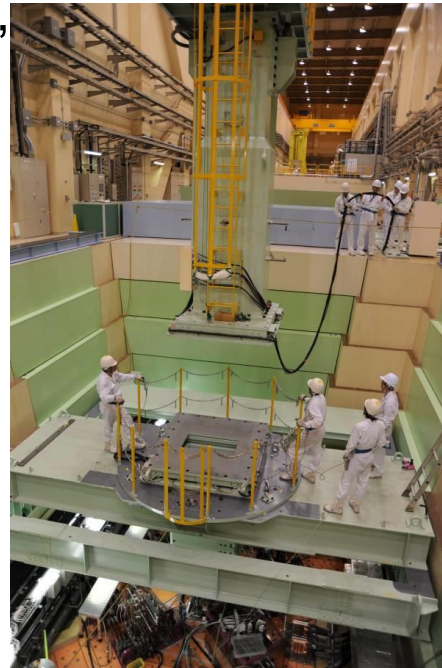
Irradiation by proton beam to graphite,
Lifetime; 6 months (@1MW)



1 %/year shrinkage of graphite
on the beam spot



H. Matsuo, graphite1991 [No.150] 290-302



Remote controlled replacements in Hot cell

Rotating Target (Graphite)

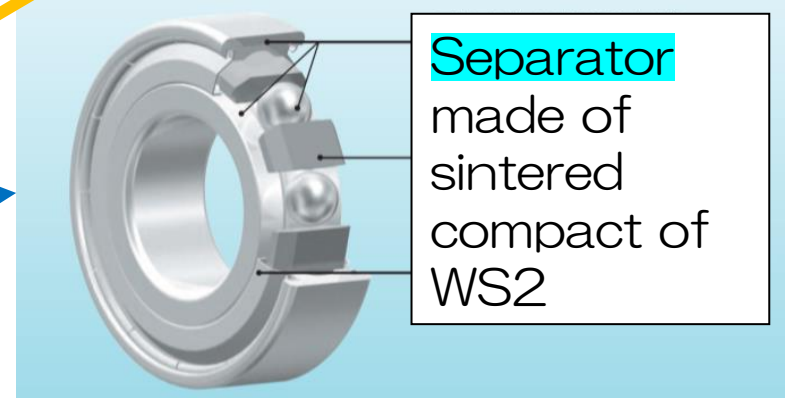
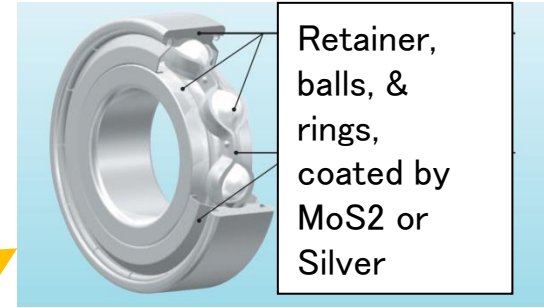
Learning from Paul Scherrer Institute, Rotating target method to distribute the radiation damage of graphite to a wider area.

The lifetime of bearings is critical.

Solid lubricant;

- ❑ Silver coating at PSI (-2020)
- ❑ Disulfide tungsten at MUSE

Expected lifetime; 10 years



Dose; **100MGy/year**、 Vacuum; **10⁻⁵Pa**、 Tmp.; **150°C**、 Radial load; **33N**, thrust load; **20N**

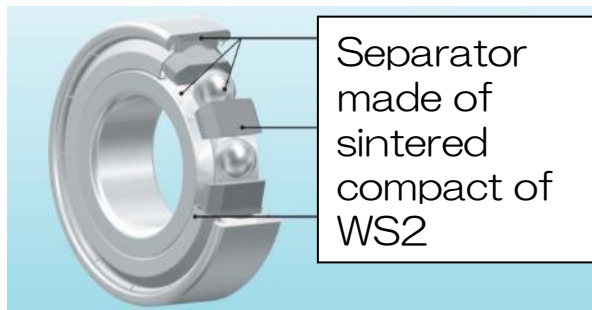
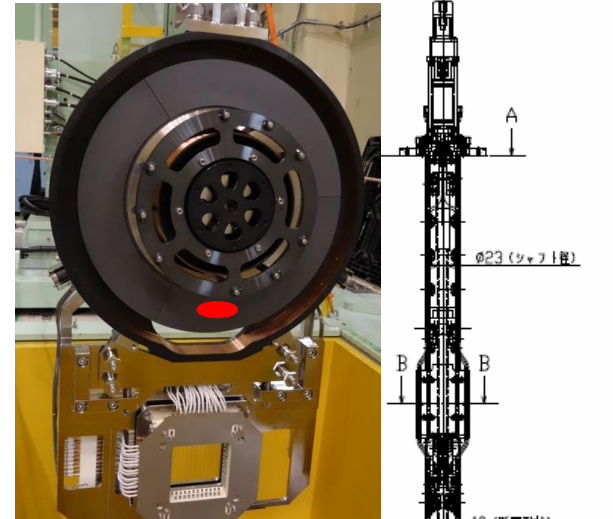
I.D. =17mm, O.D.= 40mm, w=12mm, Internal clearance C4 (ISO 5753)

	Type	Temp. (°C)	Vacuum (Pa)	radiation resistance	Inventory Storage	Life at J-PARC / h
MoS ₂	Retainer	<300	10 ⁵ to 10 ⁻⁵	OK	Atmos.	1100
WS ₂	Separator	<350	10 ⁵ to 10 ⁻⁵	OK (EB test)	Atmos.	110000
AIP-Ag	Retainer	<350	10 ⁻³ to 10 ⁻¹⁰	OK	In vacuum	5800

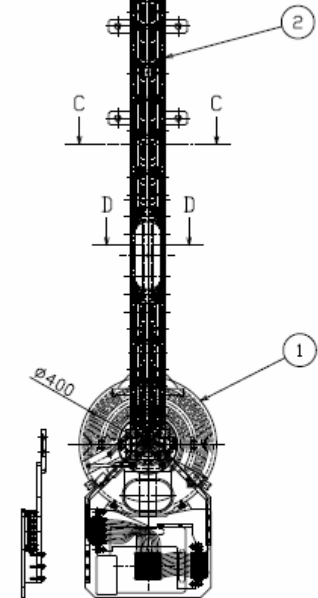
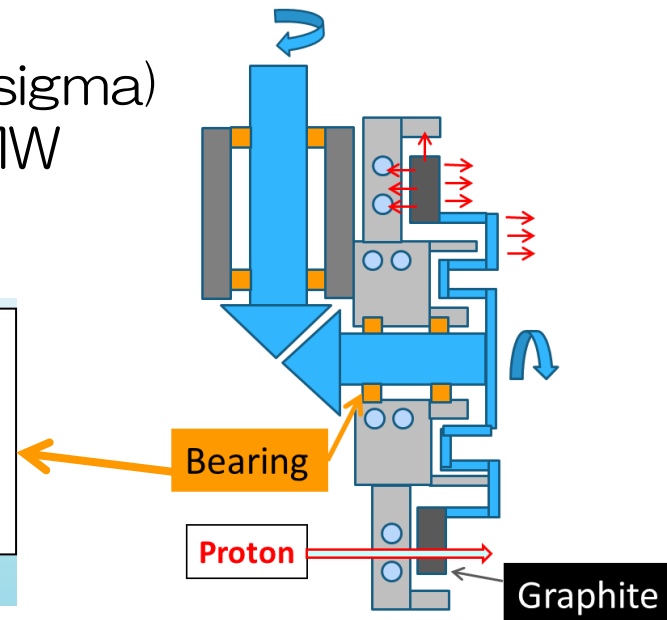
Rotating Target for muon production

The No.1 target was installed in Sep. 2014, and was replaced with the No.2 in Sep. 2019.

- Diameter: 33 cm, thickness : 2 cm
- 15 rpm operation
- Radiation cooling
- Lubricant of bearing: tungsten disulfide
- Life time : aiming ≥ 5 years
- Beam diameter: 14 mm (2sigma)
- 4kW heat on target at 1 MW

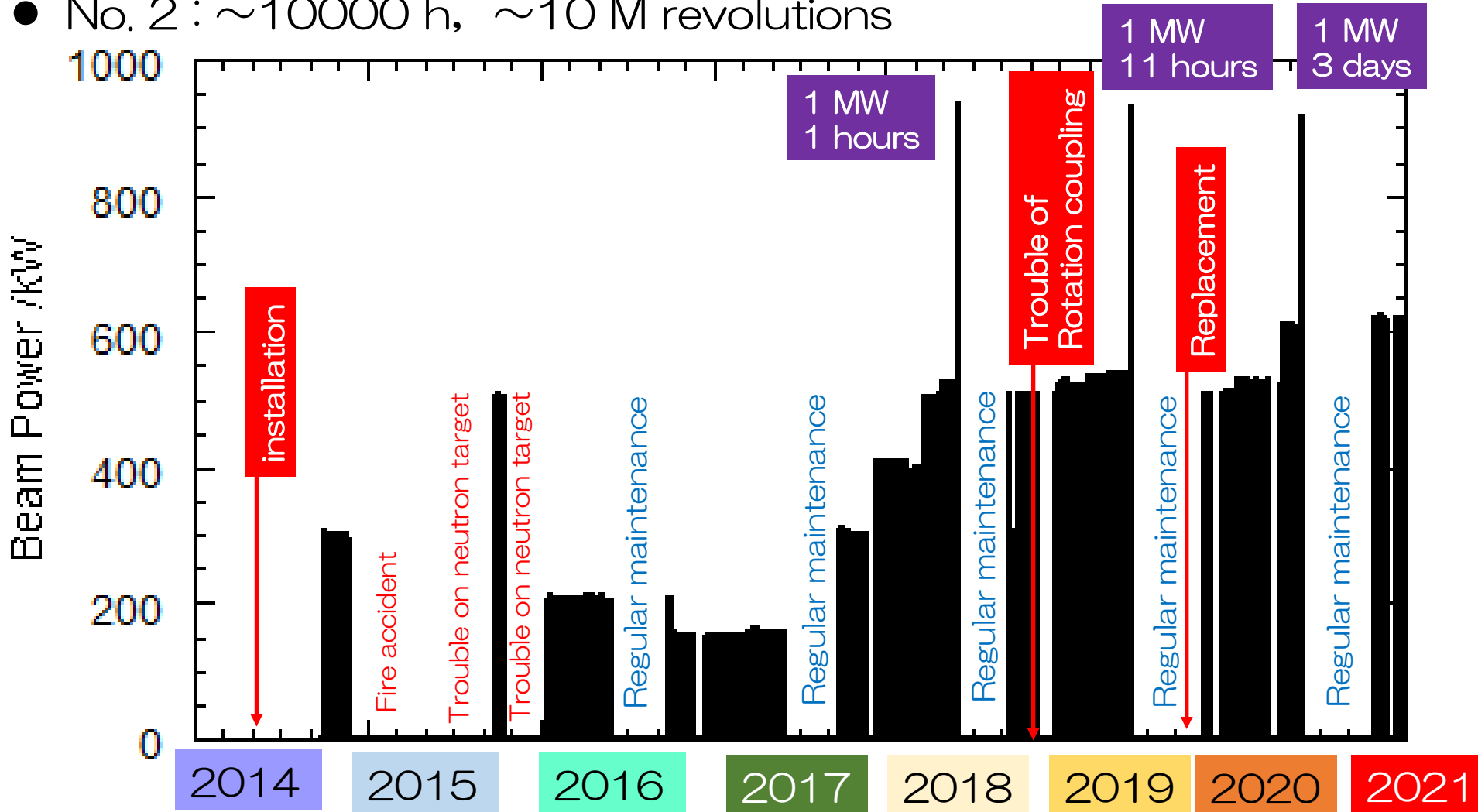


Separator
made of
sintered
compact of
WS2



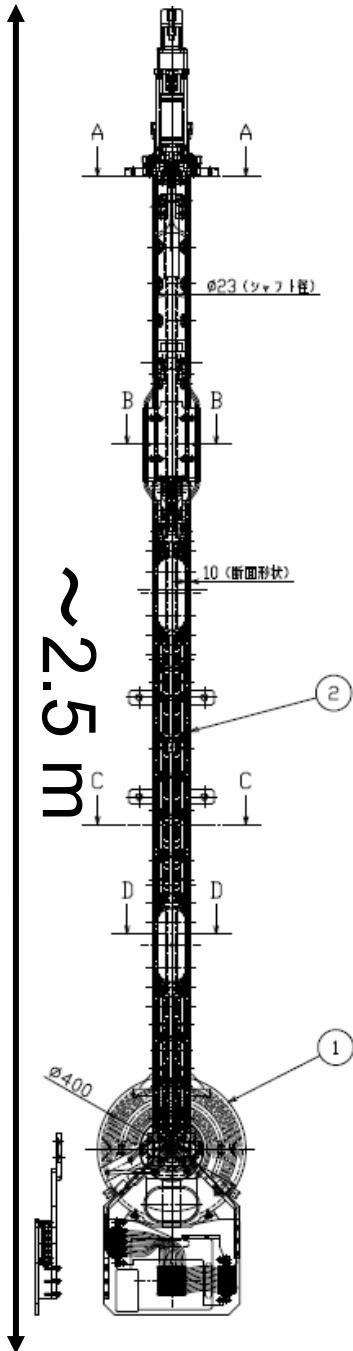
Operation history of the rotating targets

- No.1: Operation for the 5 years.
- History of beam operation (~ June 2019) : ~15000 h
Rotation : ~15 M revolutions (Service life of WS₂ bearings ~50 M)
- No. 2 : ~10000 h, ~10 M revolutions



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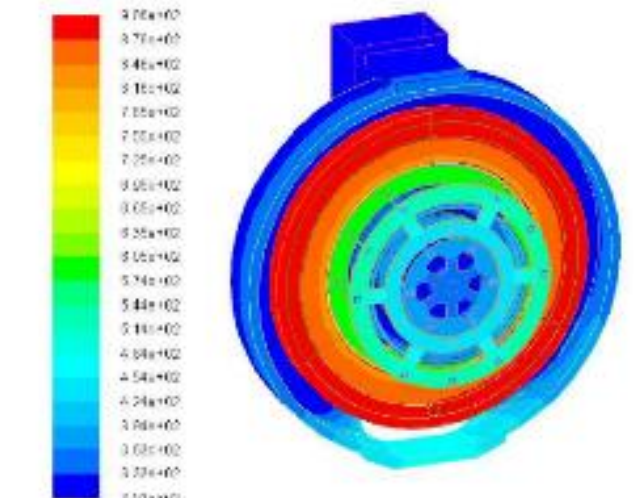
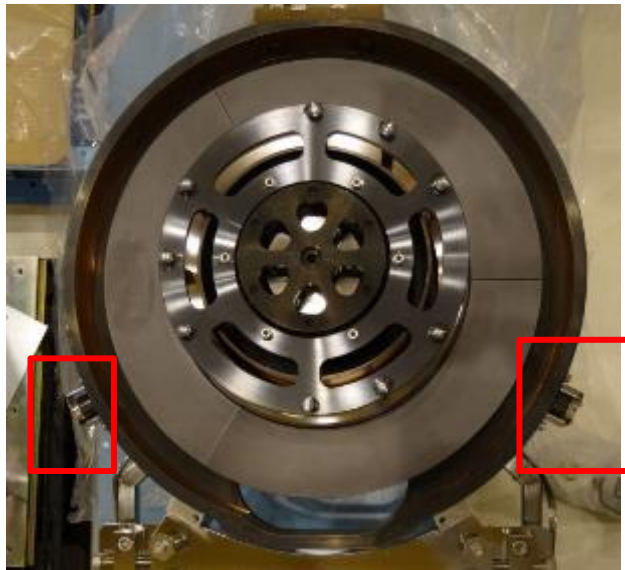
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Monitor with Infrared camera



- Thermocouples
 - Slow response time
 - Target temperature unknown



Heat conduction calc.

- Infrared camera
 - Quick response
 - Imaging

→Rapid beam stop when temperature abnormality increases



©Vision sensing

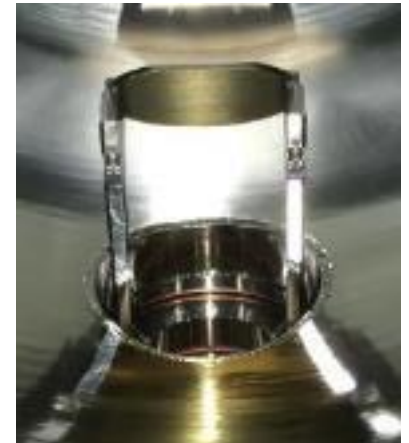
★ULVIPS-04171SL
Pixels : 648×480
accuracy : ±2 K or ±2%
focal distance : 150 mm

- Multiplexing and speed up for the interlock system
- Life prediction for the rotating system and target
- **ABNORMALITY PORTENT**

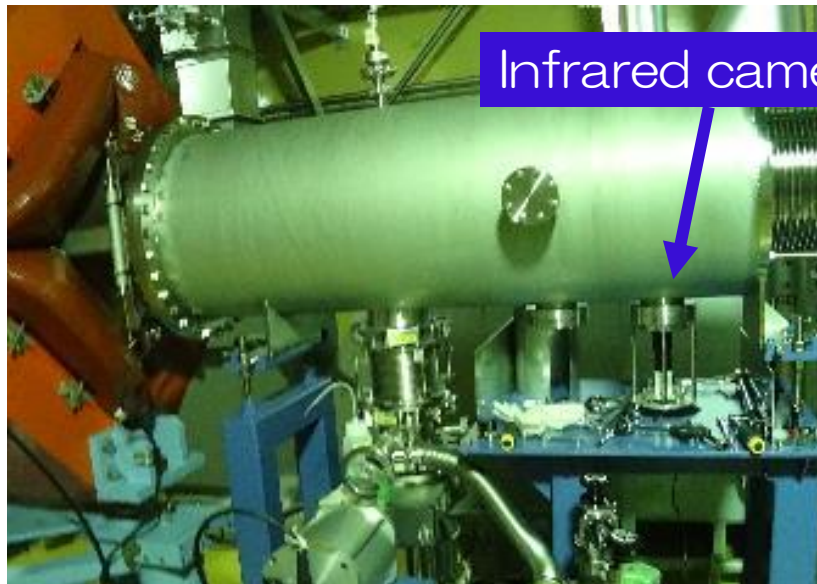
Infrared camera

■ **An infrared camera was installed to quickly detect the temperature rise due to rotation stop.**

- The infrared camera has irradiation test (QST Takasaki and NIRS). The camera is expected to have radiation resistance of more than one year (5 Gy or more) at 1 MW operation.
- The beam duct was replaced with a duct with a camera port. The reflected light from the mirror in the duct is measured. We performed a trial measurement for several months.



Infrared mirror in beam duct



Beam duct with camera port



Shielding for the camera

Infrared camera

- Direct observation with the infrared camera was successful. (Figure 1, Figure 2)
- At the center, a high-temperature part, which is likely to be a beam spot with a diameter of about 1.5 cm, was observed.

Fig. 1 Infrared camera image at 1 MW

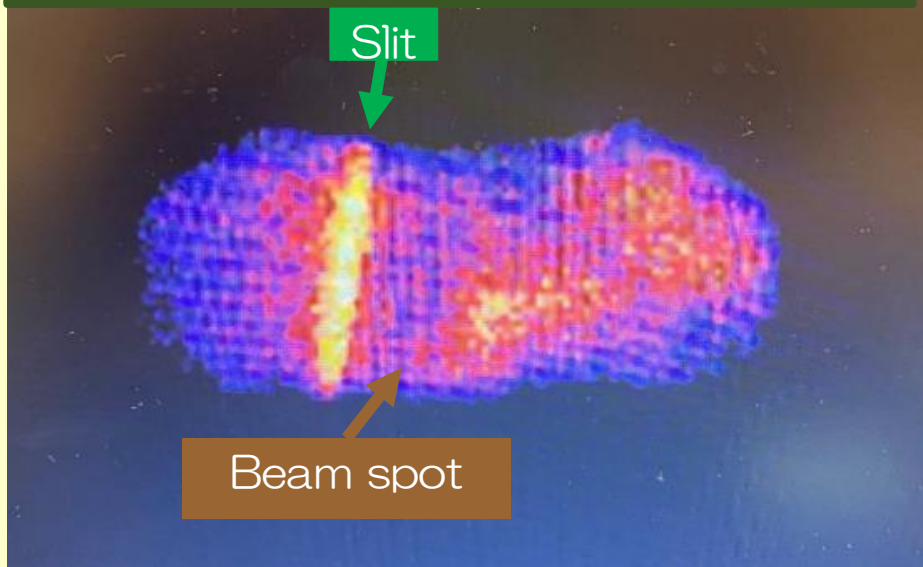


Fig. 2. Beam power dependence of muon target temperature

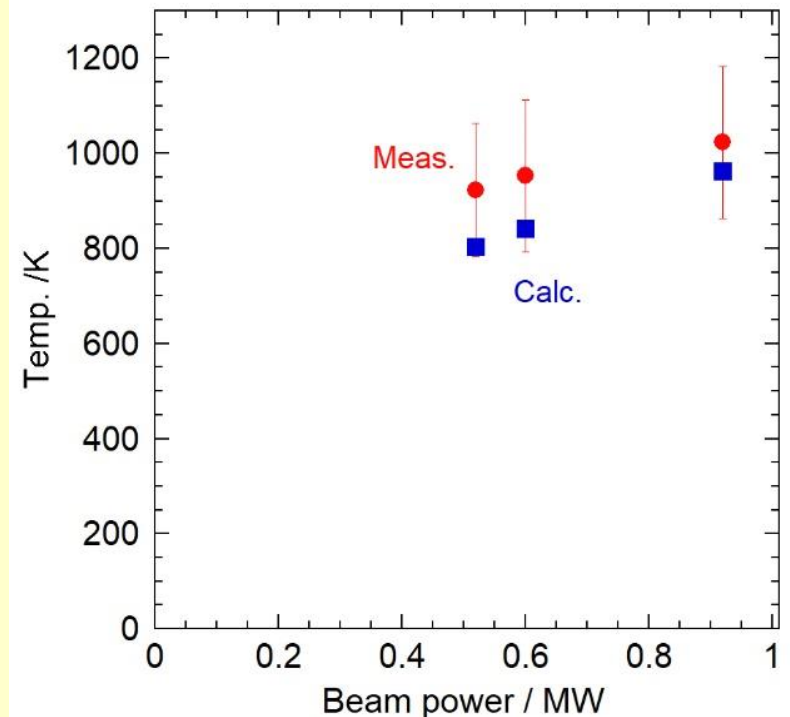


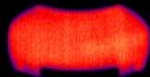
Photo of the target taken with a digital camera during the beam stop.



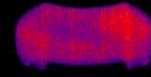
Infrared camera

- Interlock for beam stop
 - Abnormal temperature rise
 - Rotation stop by an image recognition technique
- Life prediction for the rotating system
 - Evaluate damage to graphite and rotating shaft by image recognition

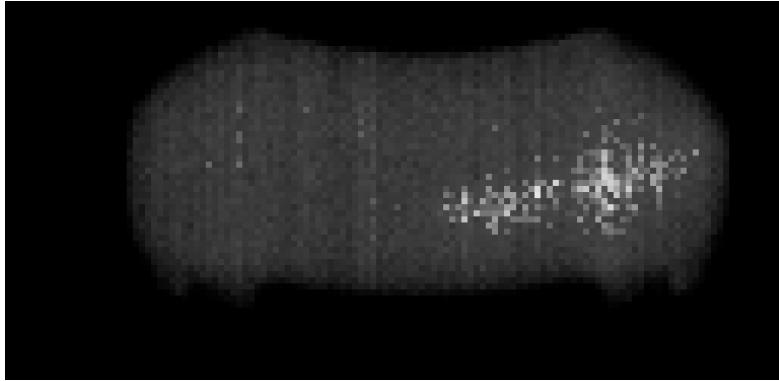
Movie. 1 Infrared camera at 1 MW



Movie. 2 at 600kW (CCW)



Analysis of images



- Diffusion of local heating by the proton beam can be seen in the direction perpendicular to the rotation.

- Fast eXtraction(FX) : Missing 4 pulses every 2480 ms at MLF
-> Heat is more diffuse during FX.
- The infrared camera takes a picture every 99.4 milliseconds on average.
After 25 shots, $99.4 \times 25 = 2485$ ms
- **The 5 msec gap allows for stroboscopic analysis.**

Heat conduction analysis was estimated from thermal diffusion images taken every 5 milliseconds.

$$\text{Thermal conductivity } k = D \rho C_p = 144.18 \text{ W/K/m}$$

is good agreement with IG430 of the target material : $k \sim 140 \text{ W/K/m}$

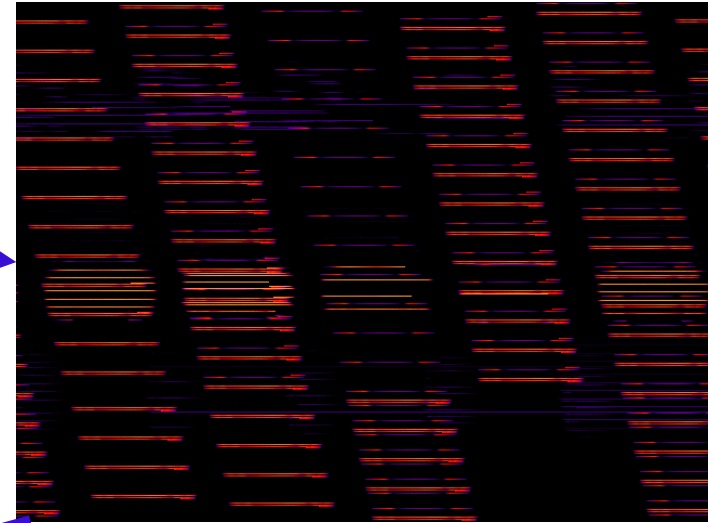
*We are currently analyzing the change in thermal conductivity due to irradiation using long-term imaging data.

Radiation errors



Rotating target during irradiation

after 1-12h



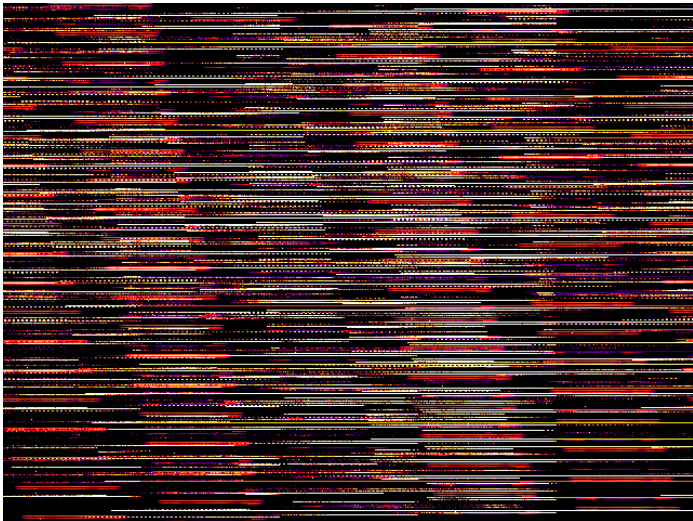
after 4h

The video is distorted after a few hours of operation.

after 2h

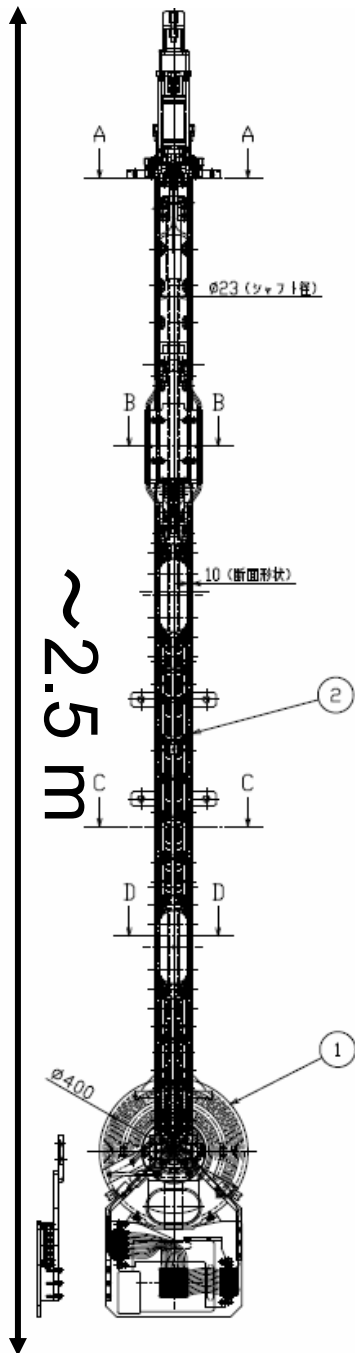
Communication disruption

Automatic recovery by "Rebooter" that pings the camera every minute.



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Trouble with rotating coupling (2018)



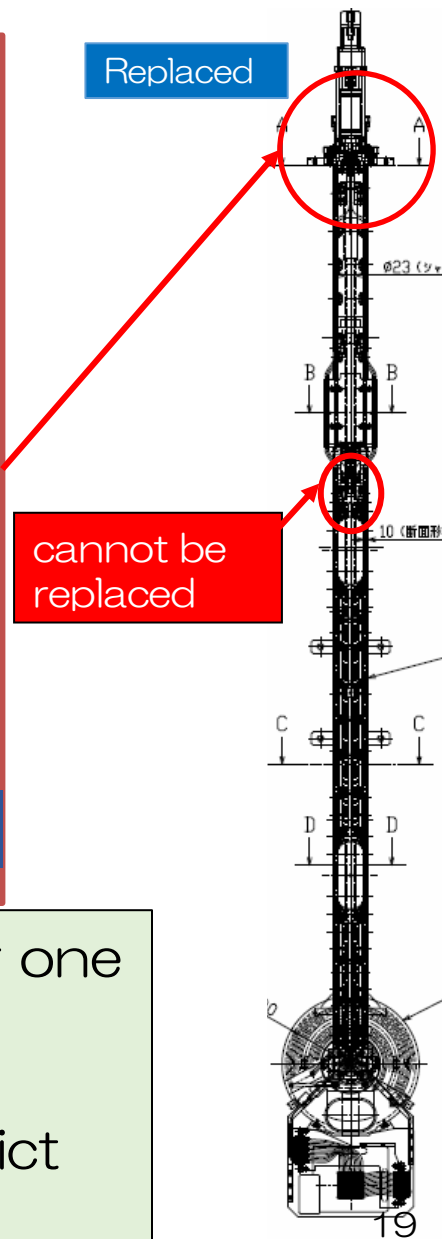
- The rotating coupling to transmit rotational motion was broken (found in Sept. 2018 during maintenance work).
- The rotating coupling has a keyway process to prevent slippage at the joint with the rotating shaft. There was a mistake in the processing of the keyway, and the strength of the coupling was reduced.



Rotating coupling



Rotational motion feedthrough

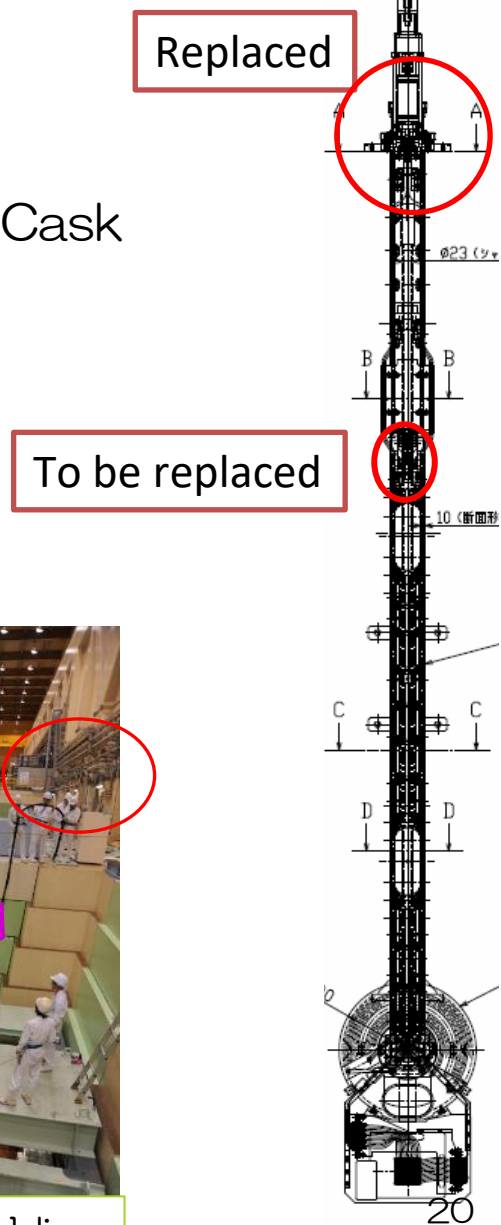
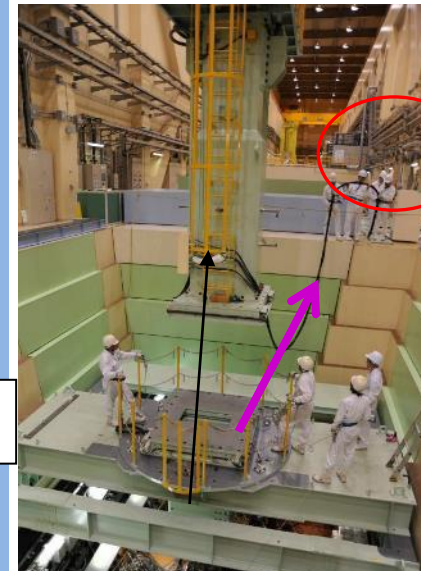
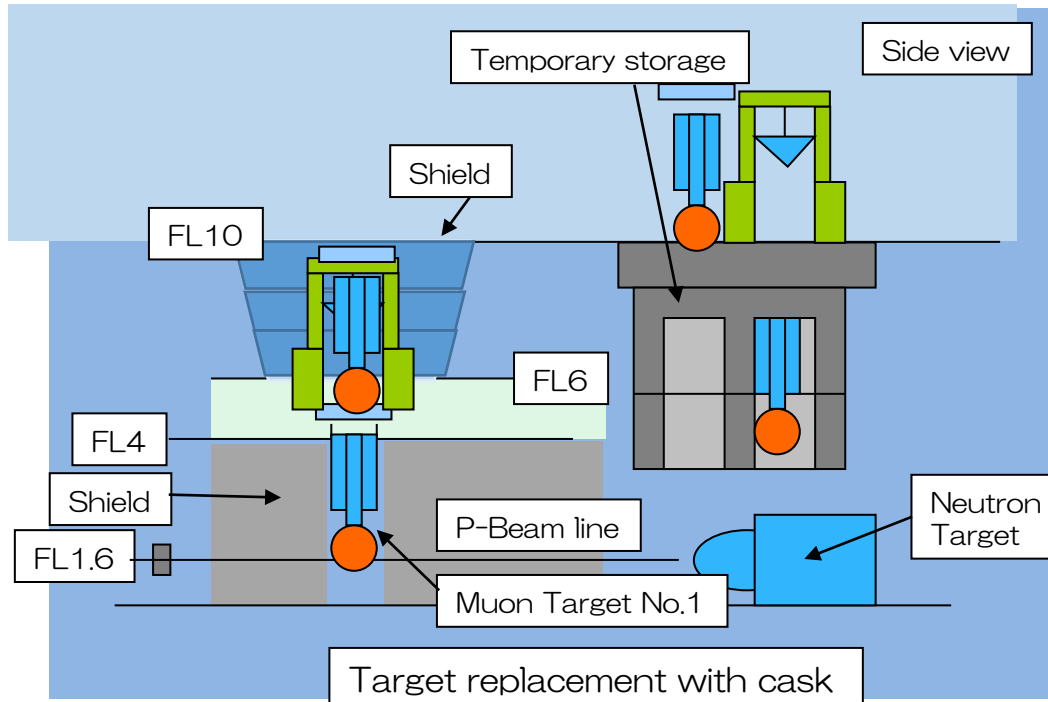


The damaged coupling was replaced with a stronger one in the summer of 2018. Another weak coupling is used in vacuum. Beam operation was continued until 2019 under strict monitoring.

Replacement the muon production target in 2019

The procedure is below;

- ① Removal of shieldings
- ② Transportation of target to temporary storage with Cask
- ③ **Replace entire target**
- ④ Transport of No.2 target to beam line



Prevention of internal exposure and contamination

When water enters tritium contaminated equipment during work, tritium diffuses into the atmosphere due to isotopic exchange.

Measures

- ① Airline respirator
- ② Greenhouse
- ③ Negative pressure in Cask for transportation



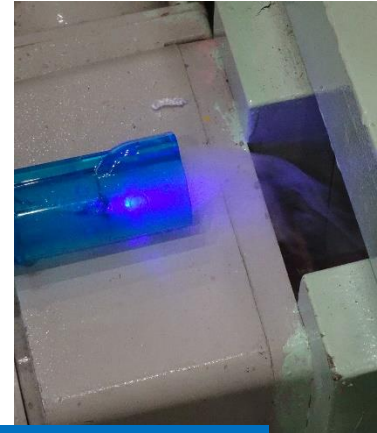
Airline respirator



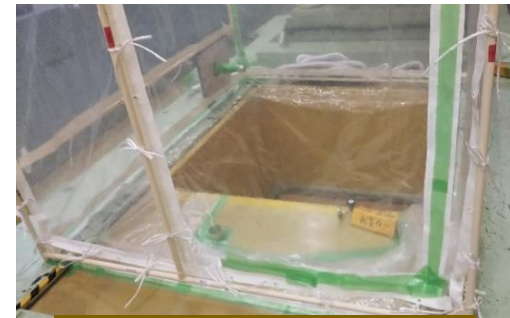
Blower for negative pressure control
Exhaust to stack piping after contamination measurement



Negative pressure test



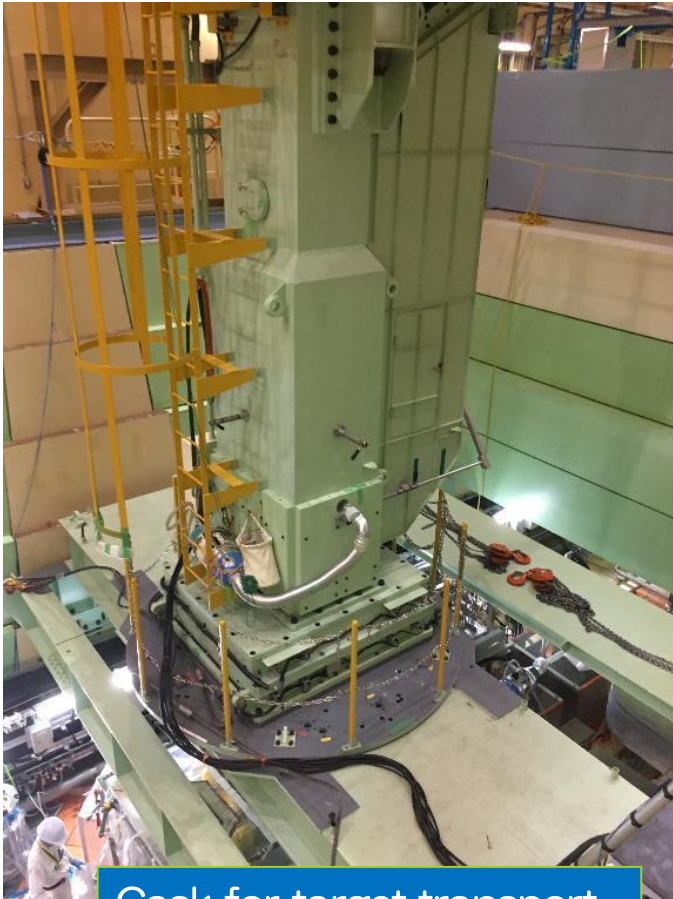
Greenhouse for M2



Temporary storage

Replacement work

- Rotating target (No.1) was successfully pulled out from proton beamline.
- Tritium contamination level (Max: 0.3 Bq/cc) was lower than the J-PARC regulation value (0.8 Bq/cc).



Cask for target transport



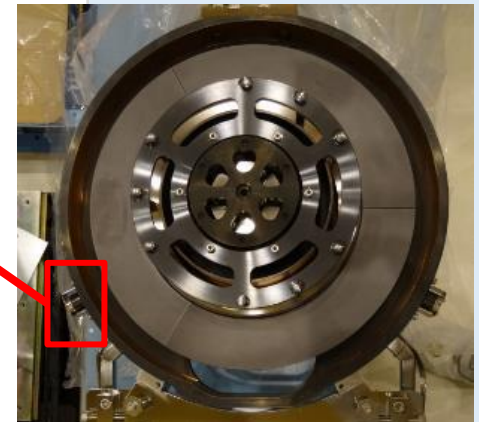
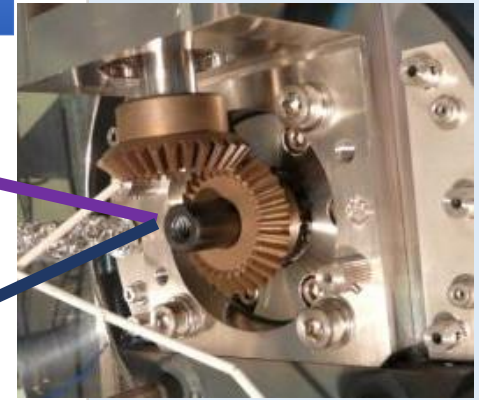
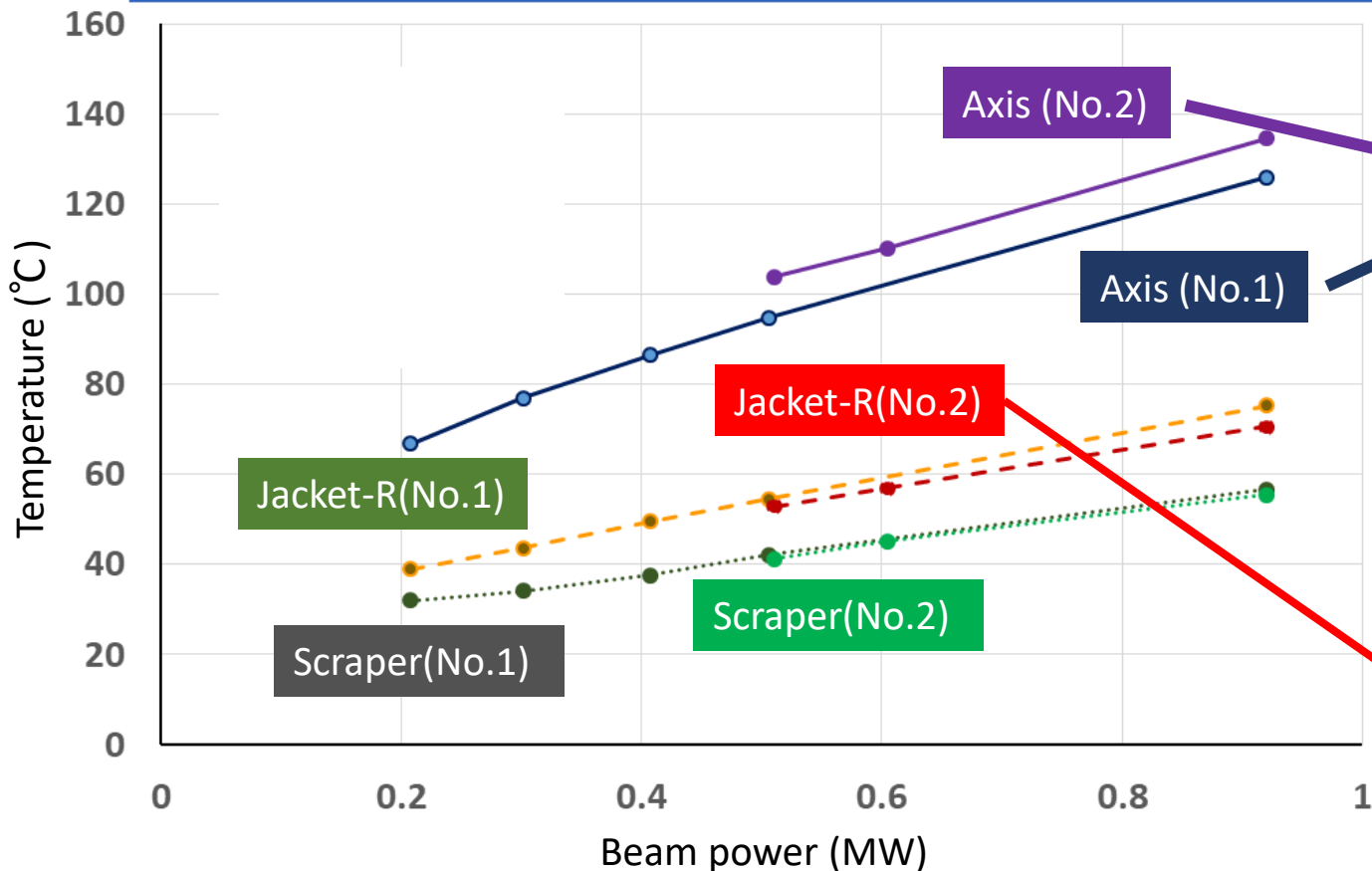
Maintenance in green house with anorack suits & airline mask.



1 MW operation for 32 hours (June, 2020)

- Thermal response of targets and scrapers was found to be consistent with the prediction.
No difference was observed between the previous (No.1) and current (No.2) target systems.
- Motor torque showed no anomaly during 1 MW operation.

Beam-power dependence of target system temperature



Target Group at MUSE

- 2014 Fabrication and installation of rotating targets



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(proton beam line)



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(Section leader)

- 2023 Operation and development of monitoring systems



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H. Sunakawa
(Monitors)



(Section leader)

Summary

- The muon rotating target at J-PARC continues to operate stably for a long life time with WS2 bearings.
- Developing of new monitoring systems
 - Machine learning of torque. → In development
 - IR Camera to measure real-time two-dimensional temperature → installed
 - ✖ Countermeasures for radiation errors
 - Analysis of emitted gases with Q-Mass → Installed
- Replace of rotating target
 - Measures against tritium pollution and radiation exposure