



# COMET Experiment and Other Muon CLFV Searches

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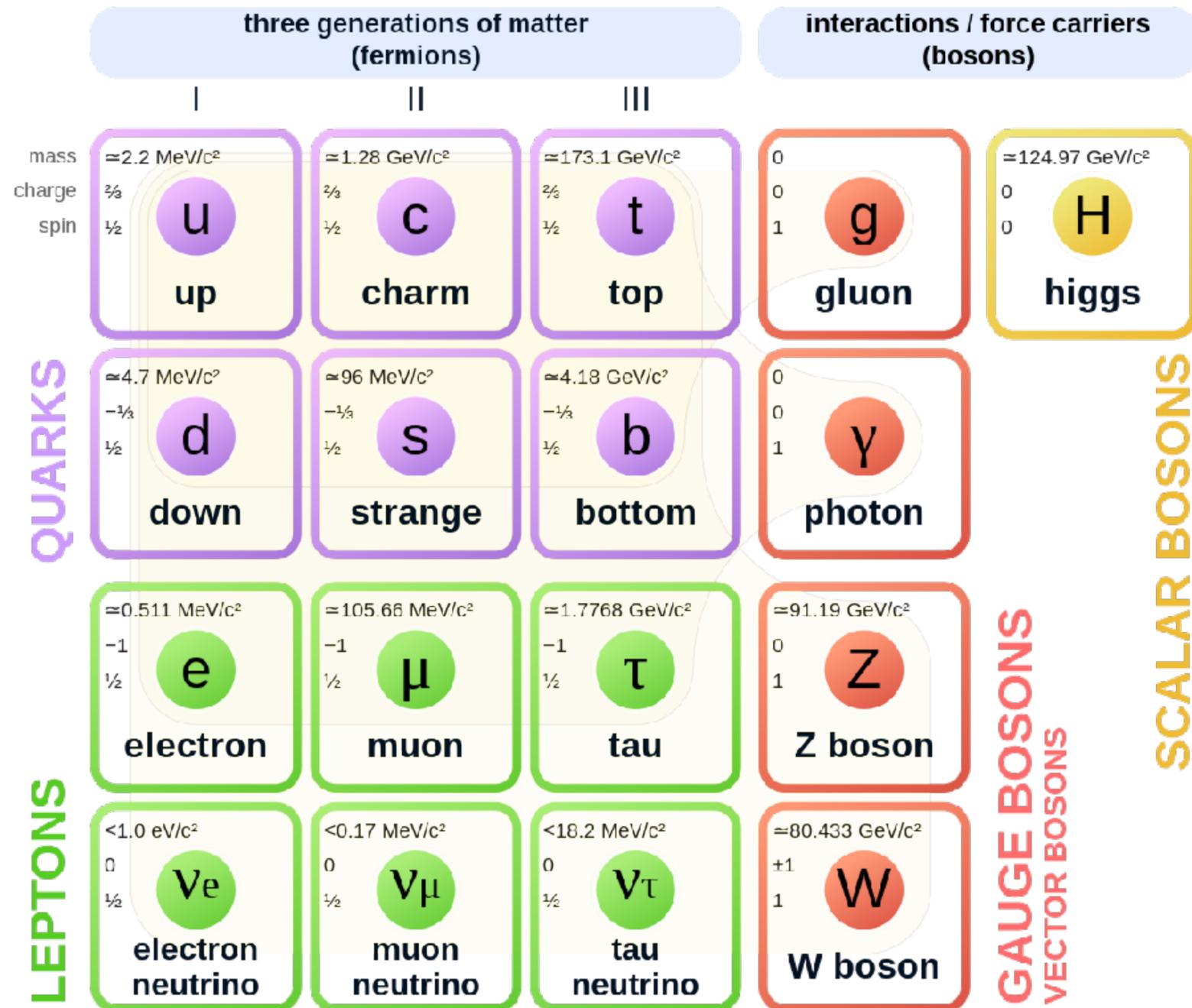
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# What is CLFV?



## Standard Model of Elementary Particles



Wikipedia

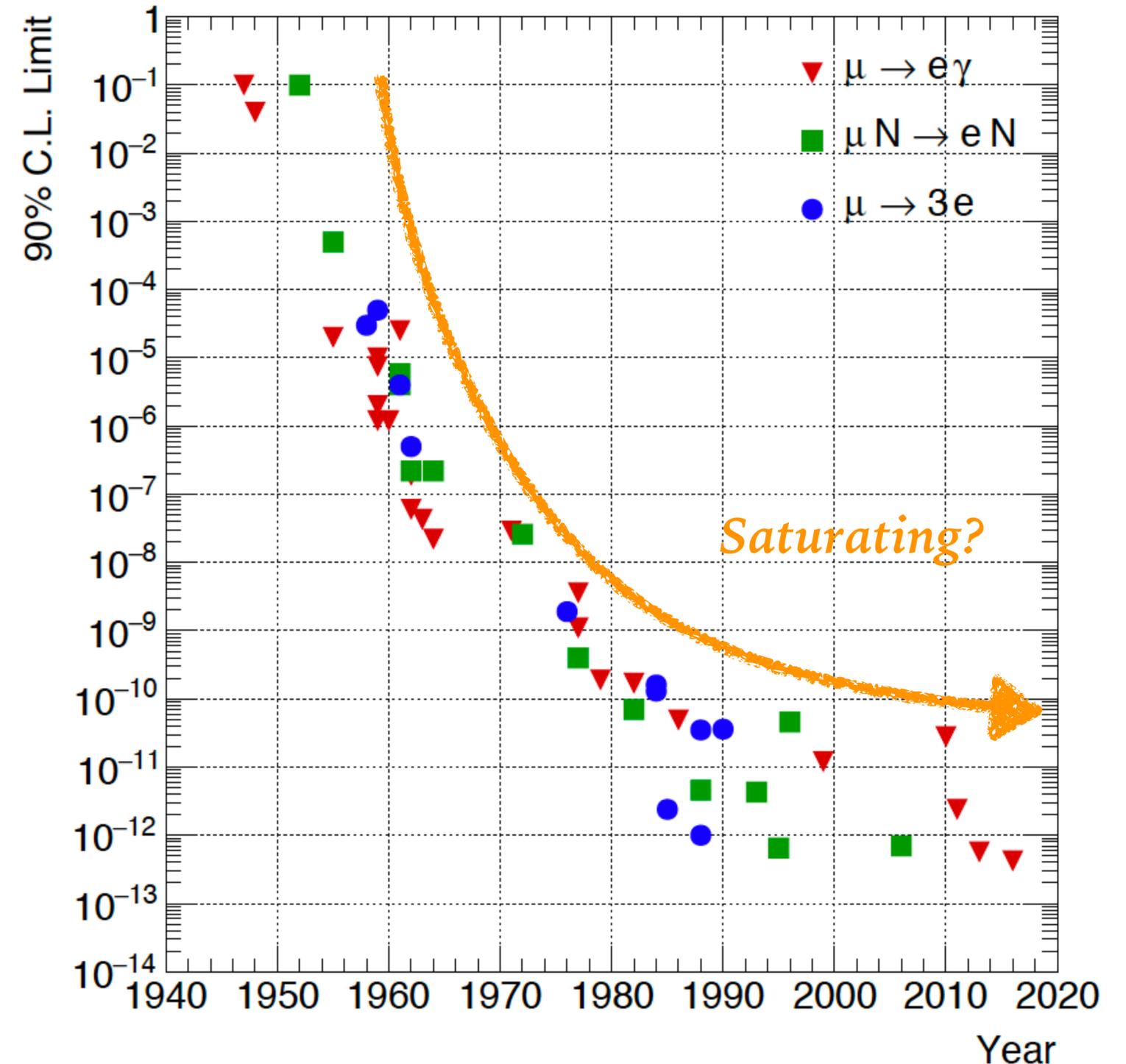
### ➤ Modern Particle Physics

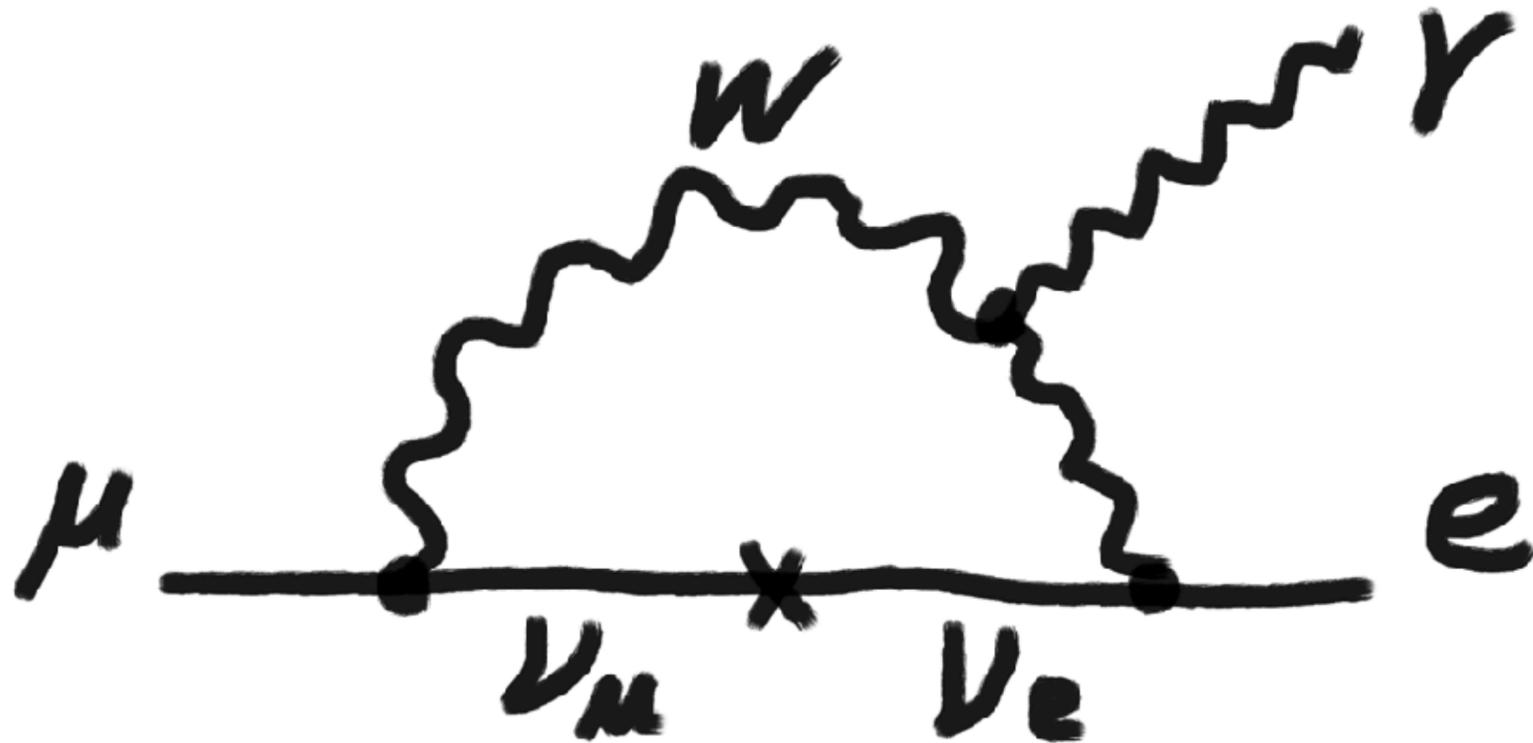
- Based on the beautiful symmetries and conservation laws → eventually broken
- Forces are nicely unified → but no gravity
- No dark matters, neutrino masses, *etc...*
- We know
  - Quarks mix (CKM matrix)
  - Neutrinos mix (PMNS matrix)
- So why don't charged leptons mix?
  - Charged Lepton Flavour Violation (CLFV)

# CLFV History



- Muons were discovered in 1936 accidentally
  - “Who ordered that?” — I. I. Rabi
  - Dawn of the flavour physics
- Current upper limits (for muons = golden channels @90% C.L.)
  - $BR(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-) < 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$  by SINDRUM @PSI, Nucl. Phys. B 299 (1988)
  - $CR(\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N) |_{Au} < 7.0 \times 10^{-13}$  by SINDRUM II @PSI, Eur. Phys. J. C 47 (2006) 337
  - $BR(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$  by MEG @PSI, Eur. Phys. J. C 76 (2016) 434



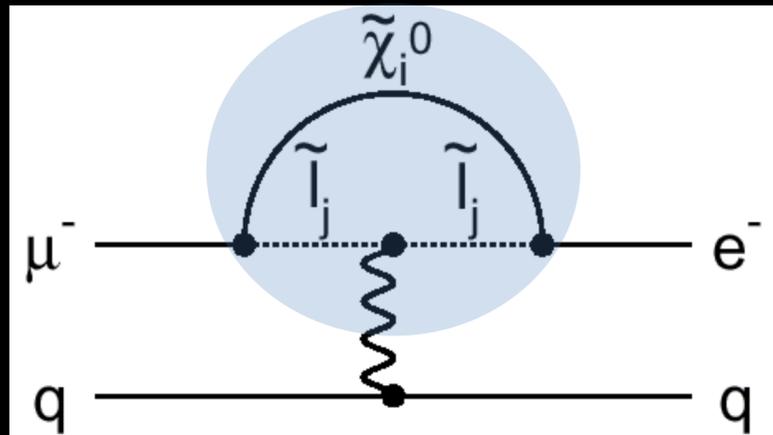


$$B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_i U_{\mu i}^\dagger U_{ei} \frac{m_{\nu_i}^2}{m_W^2} \right|^2 \approx 10^{-54}$$

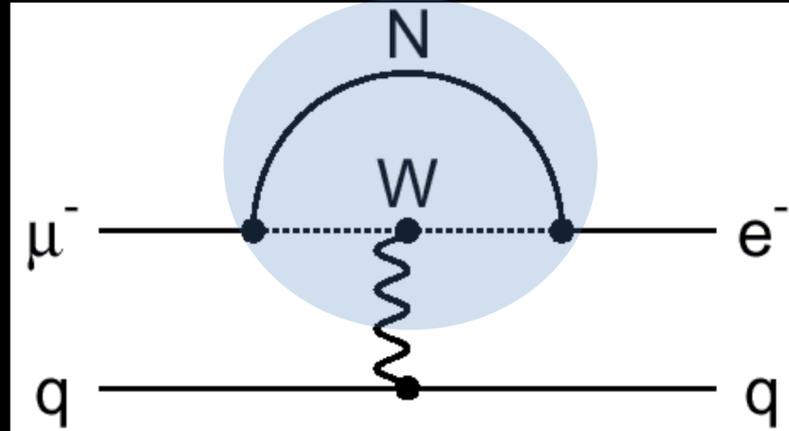
- No CLFV in the Standard Model
- Massive neutrinos induce CLFV processes via neutrino oscillations
  - Already new physics beyond the Standard Model but completely undetectable
- **Clear sign of the new physics if discovered**

Loops

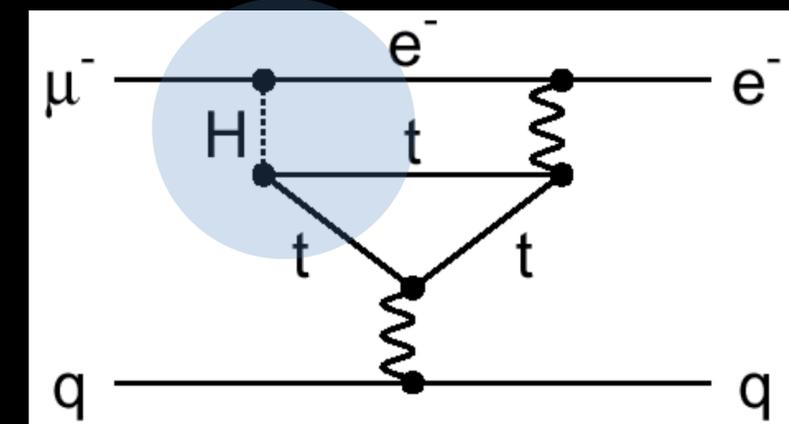
## Supersymmetry



## Heavy neutrino

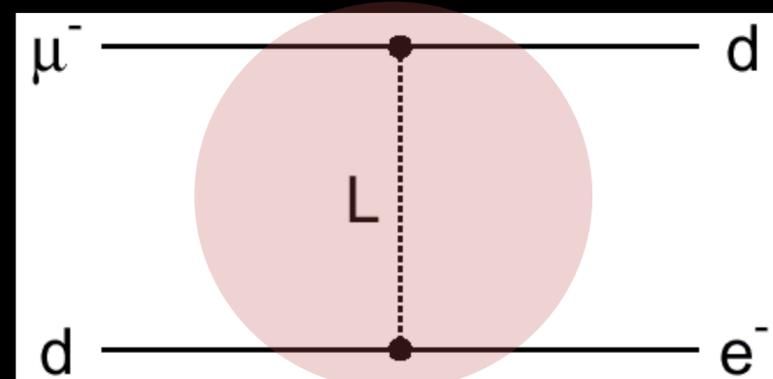


## Two Higgs doublet

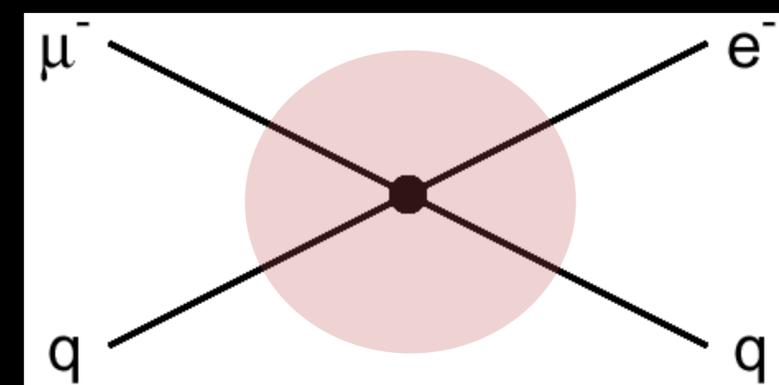


Contact interaction

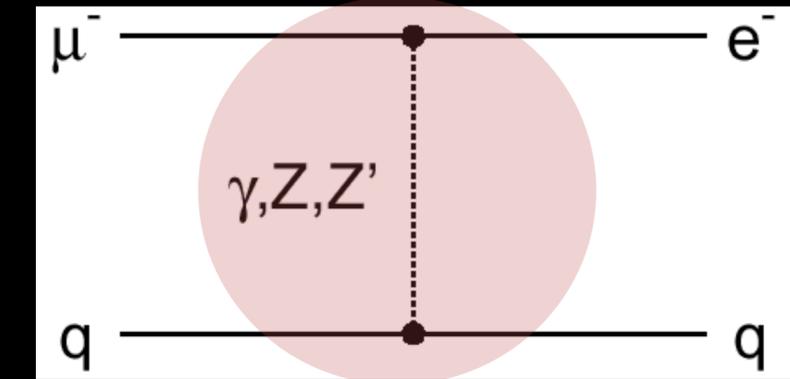
## Leptoquarks



## Compositeness



## New heavy bosons / anomalous coupling

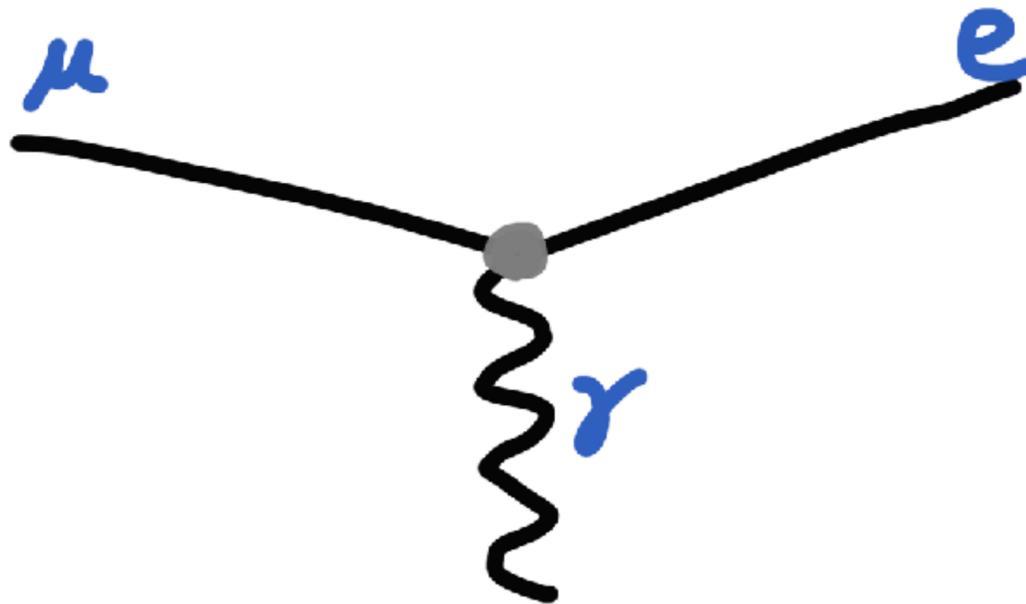


Different interactions generate different processes → complementary searches unveil the BSM structure

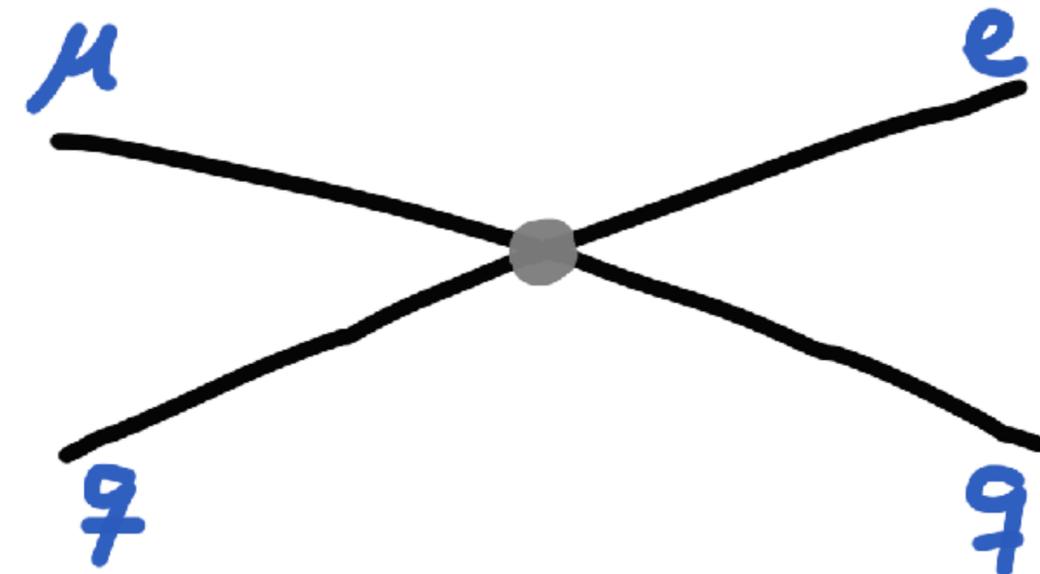
- In a model independent Effective Field Theory (EFT) approach, CLFV related Lagrangian at the new physics scale  $\Lambda_{\text{NP}}$ , w/ only **dim-6** operators is written as;

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CLFV}} = \frac{m_\mu}{(\kappa + 1)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_L F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa}{(\kappa + 1)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_L \gamma_\mu e_L (\bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu u_L + \bar{d}_L \gamma^\mu d_L)$$

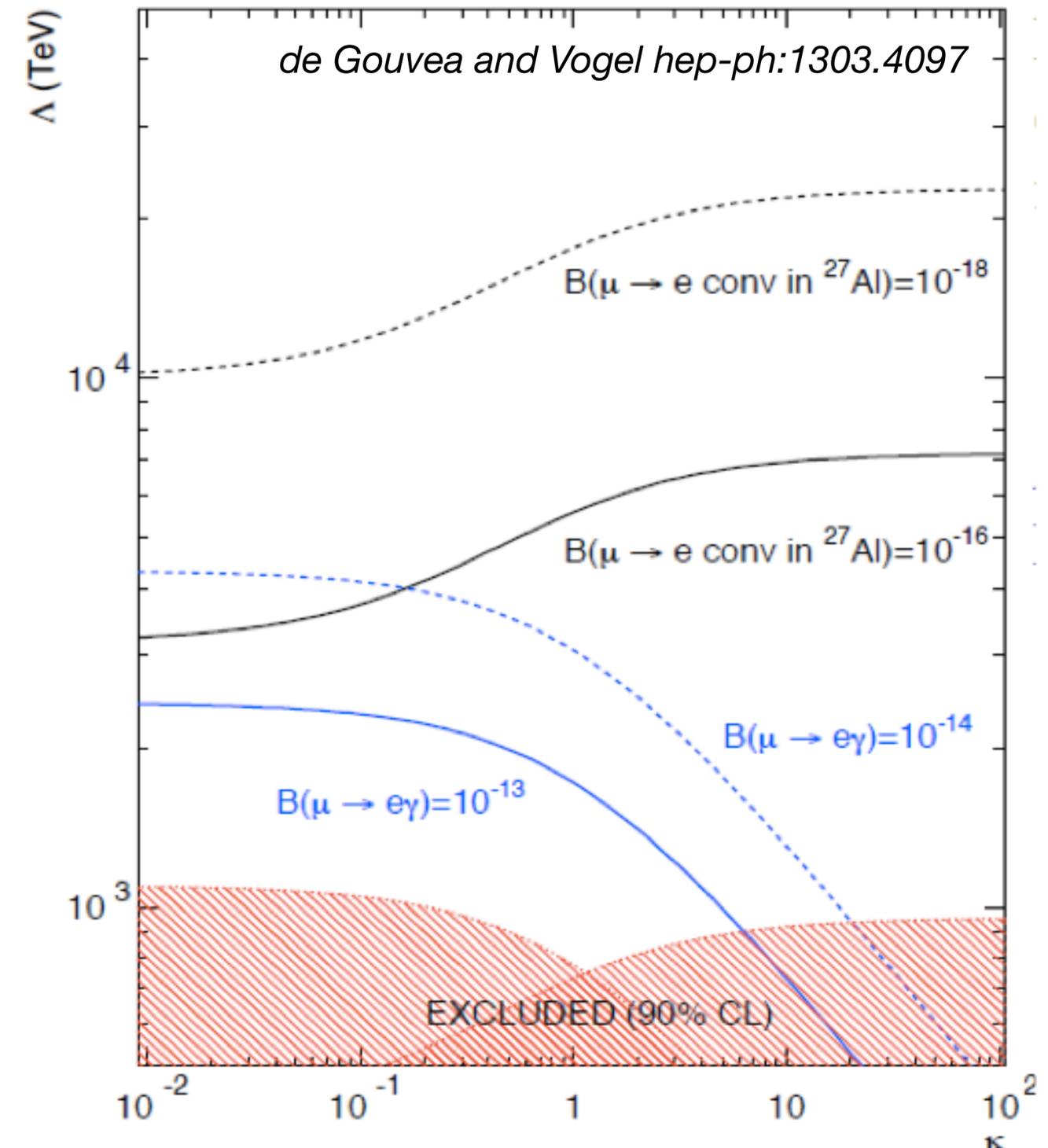
*Radiative term (loops)*



*Contact term (tree/box)*



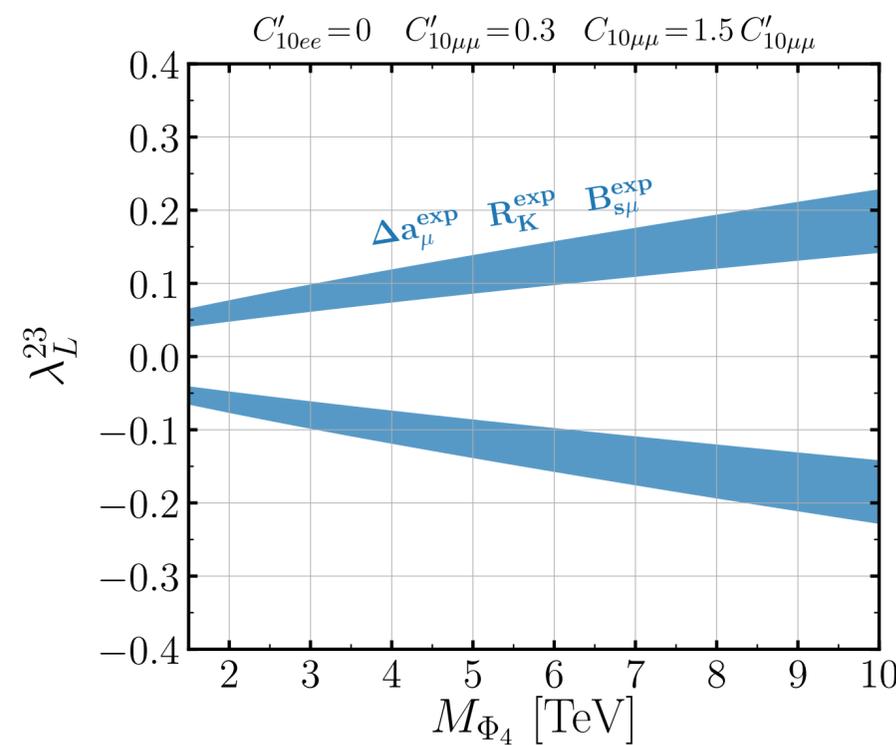
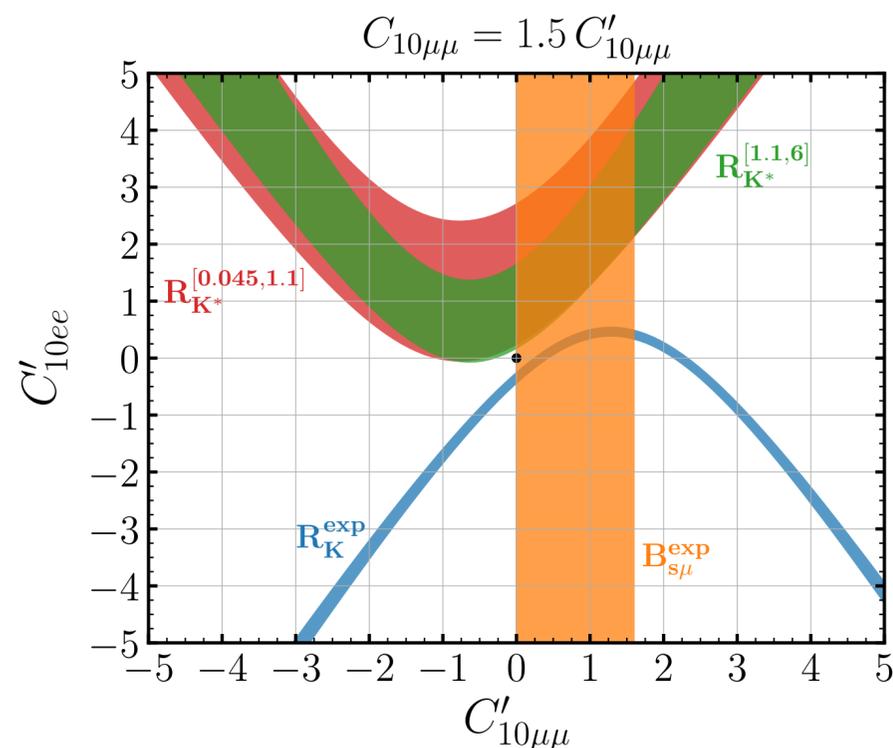
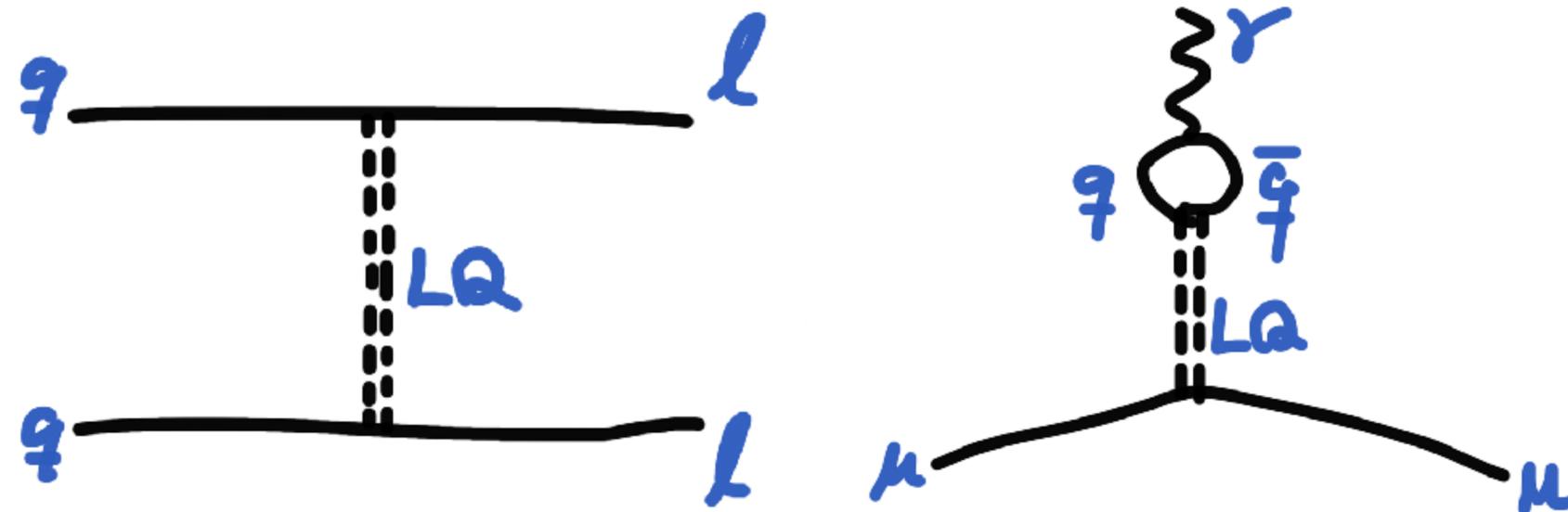
- Searches for CLFV processes indirectly probing  $\Lambda_{NP} > 1 \text{ PeV}$ 
  - ⇔ Ultra large Moon collider,  $14 \text{ PeV } pp$  ([arXiv:2106.02048](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.02048))
- Complementary searches available with different CLFV modes
- If discovered,  $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)/CR(\mu N \rightarrow eN)$  will tell us the interaction pattern in NP



# CLFV and Leptoquarks



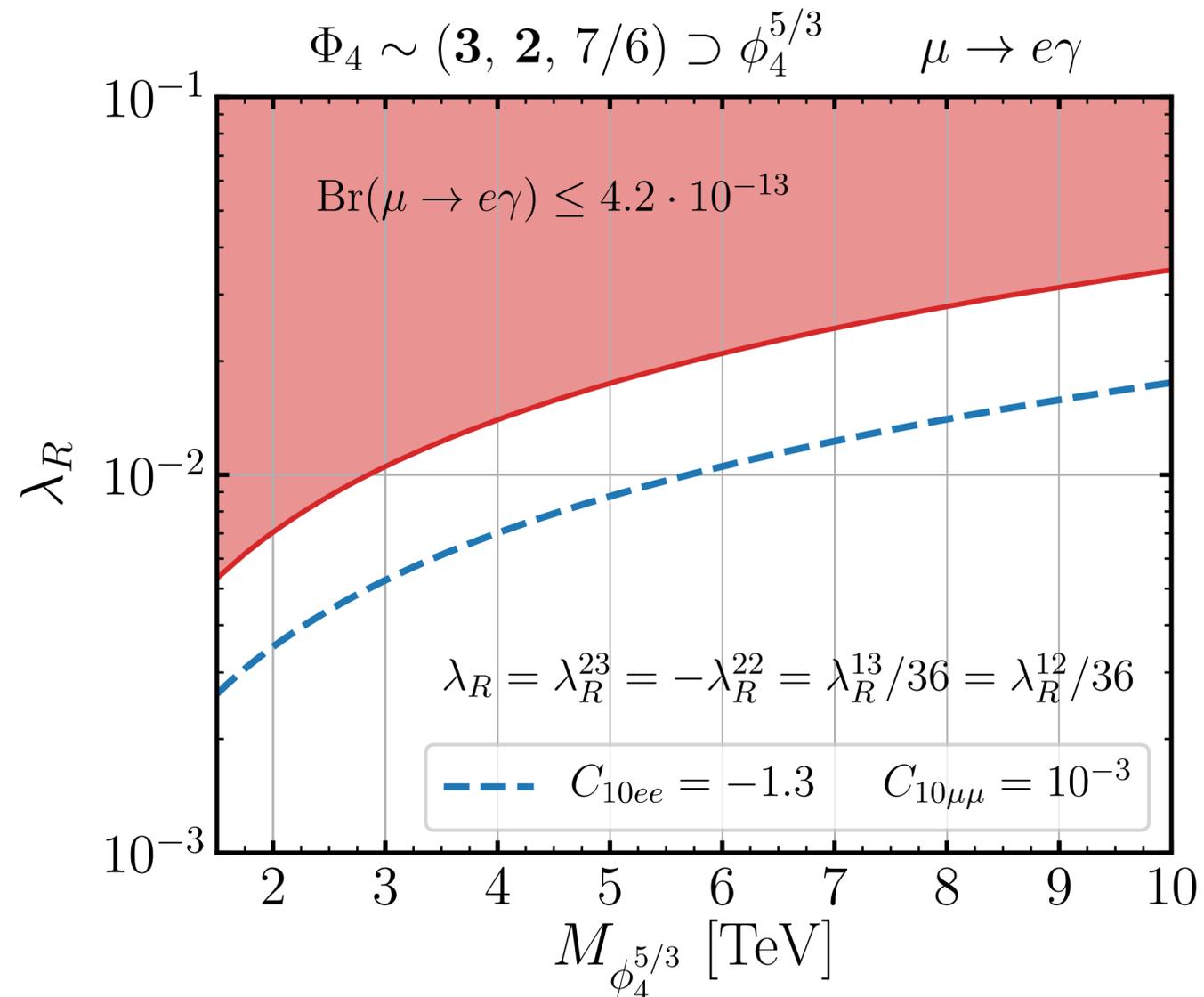
- LQ can simultaneously explain both;
  - Recent B physics anomalies
  - Long standing g-2 anomaly



Left plot; Scalar LQ,  $\Phi_4$  satisfies all b  
 Right plot; Allowed region from g-2 results anomalies All  $1\sigma$  band  
 → all of them somehow satisfied

P.F. Perez, et.al. arXiv:2104.11229

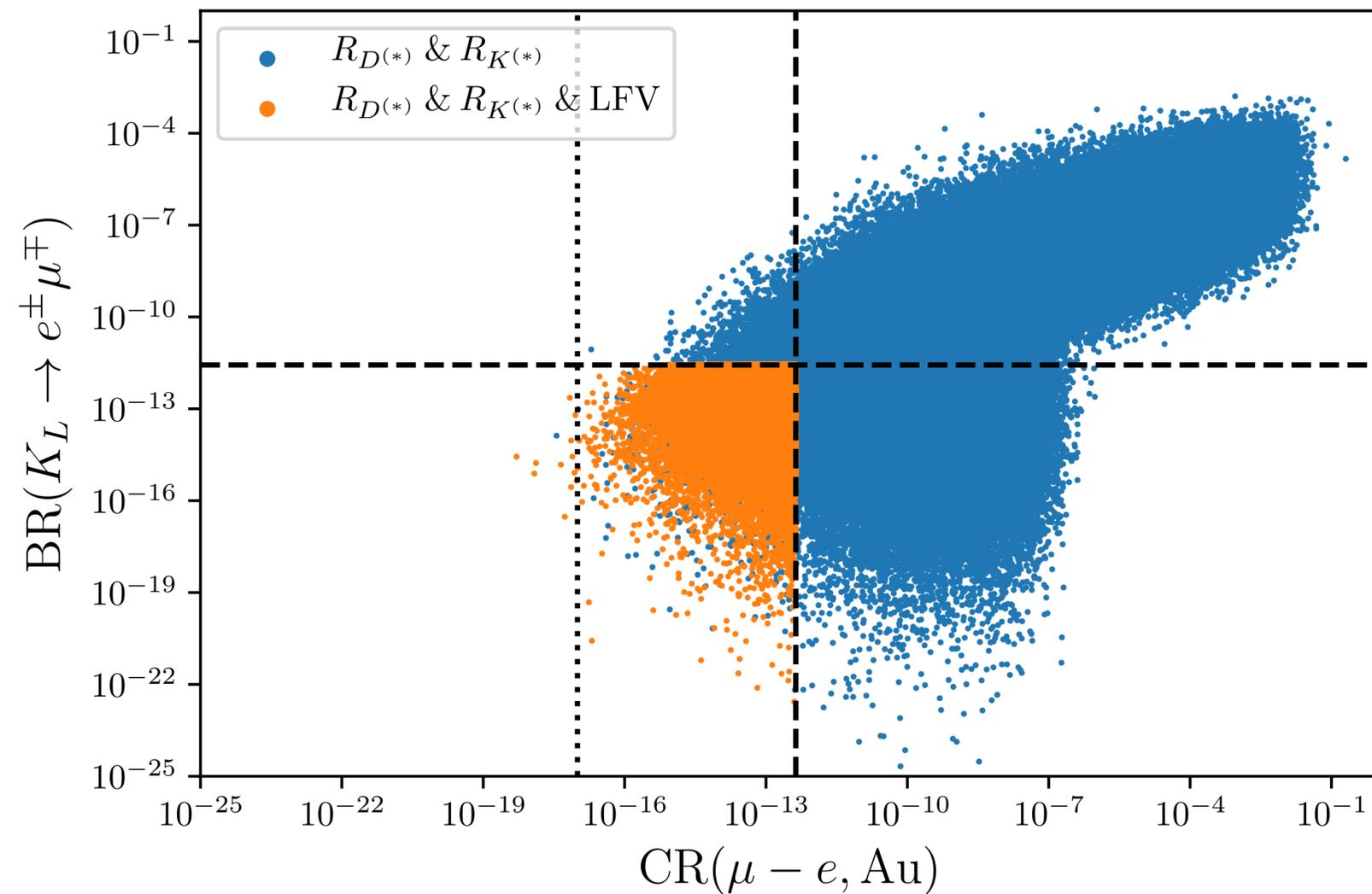
# CLFV and Leptoquarks



*P.F. Perez, et.al. arXiv:2104.11229*

*Scalar LQ as introduced  
in the previous page*

*C. Hati, et.al. arXiv:1907.05511*



**Vector LQ**

*The  $\mu$ - $e$  conversion rate  
provides the strong constraint*

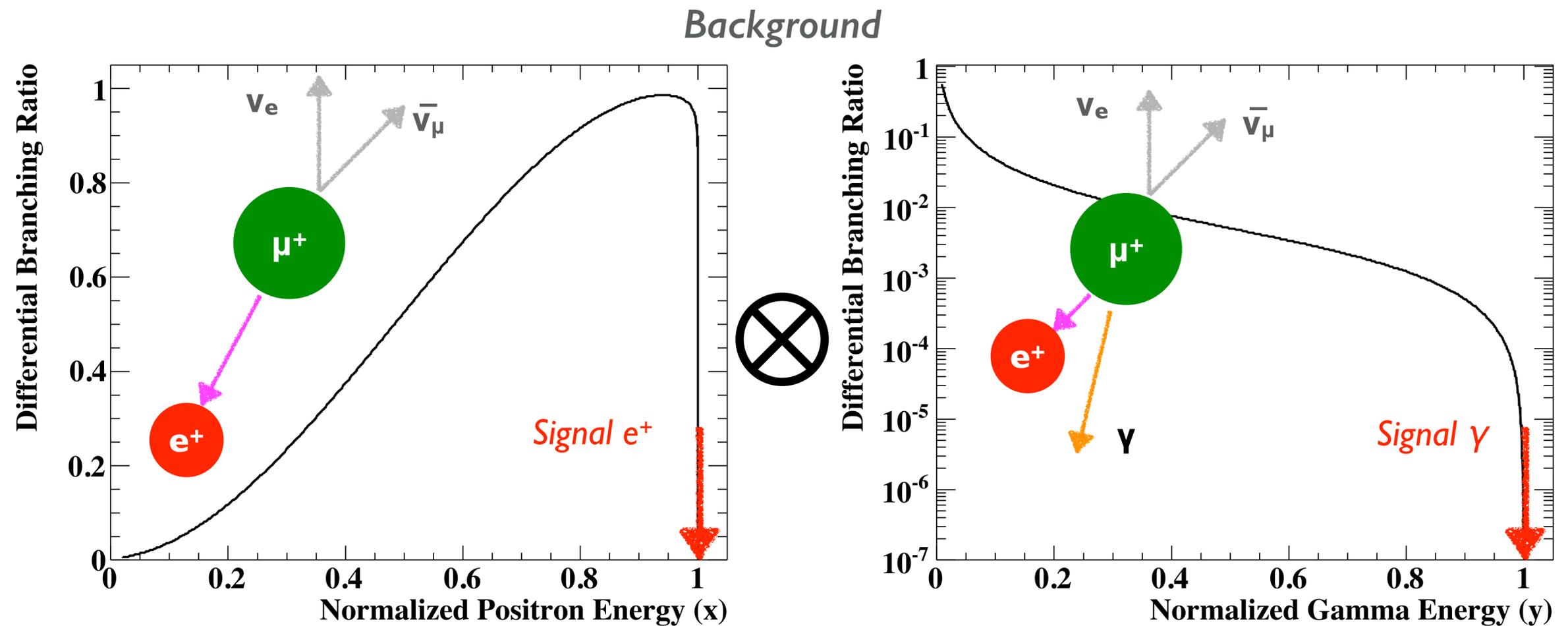
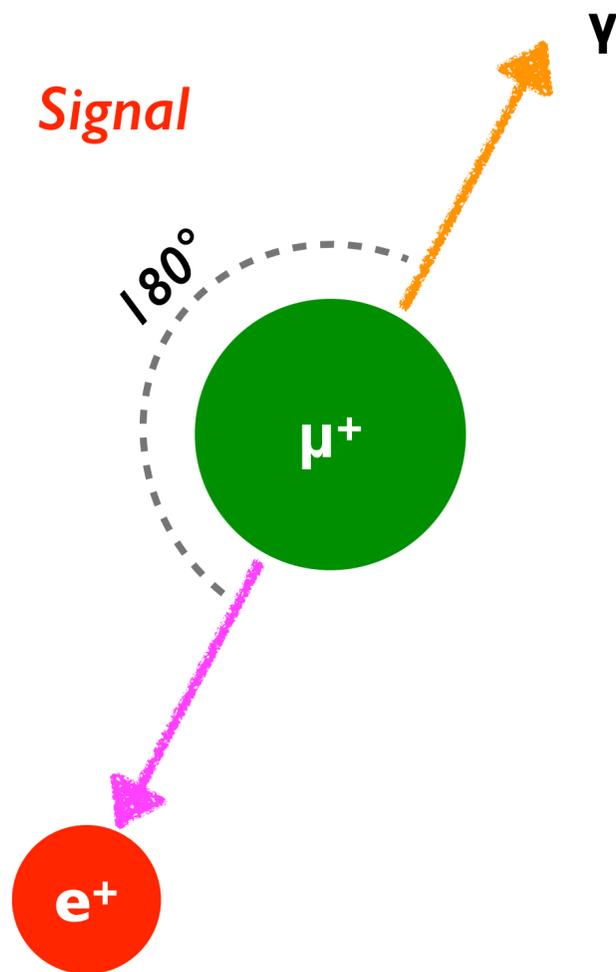
# Searches for

$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  &  $\mu \rightarrow eee$

*MEG, MEG II, Mu3e*



# The $\mu$ to $e+\gamma$ decay

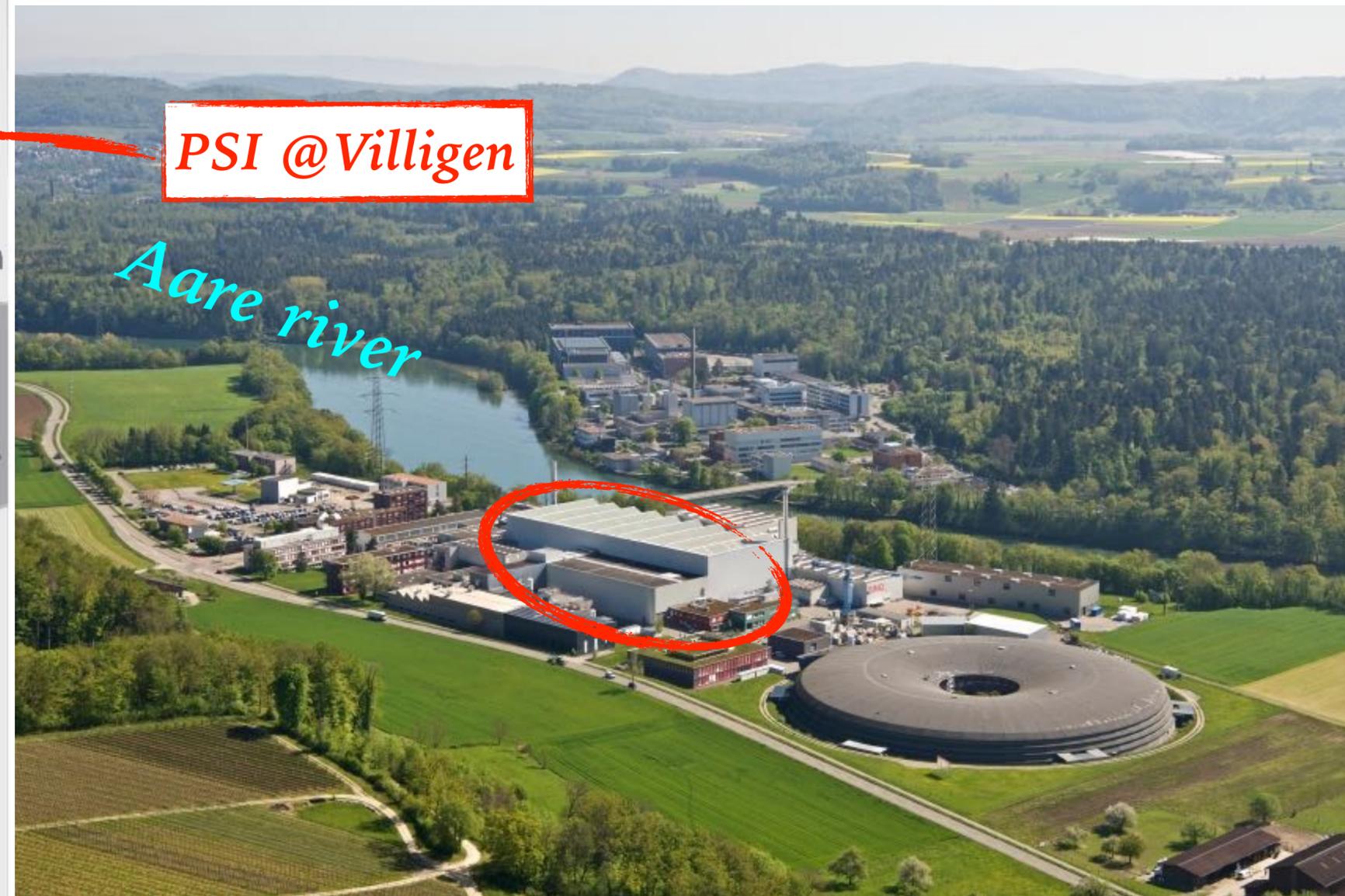


➤ Combinatorial Backgrounds dominant

➤  $R_{BG} \propto L^2 \rightarrow$  lower instantaneous beam luminosity is better

➤ **Good DC beam and EXCELLENT detectors** to separate accidental overlaps

# Paul Scherrer Institut (PSI)



*A CLFV front-runner*

# $\pi E5$ beam line



1.2MW, 590 MeV proton beam

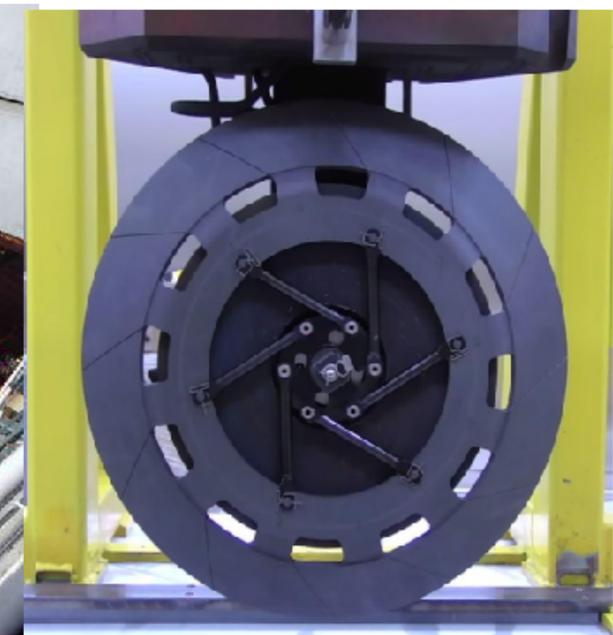
A rotating graphite muon production target  
(Target E)

Intensity;  $\sim 10^8$  muons/sec (the most intense  
DC muon beam)

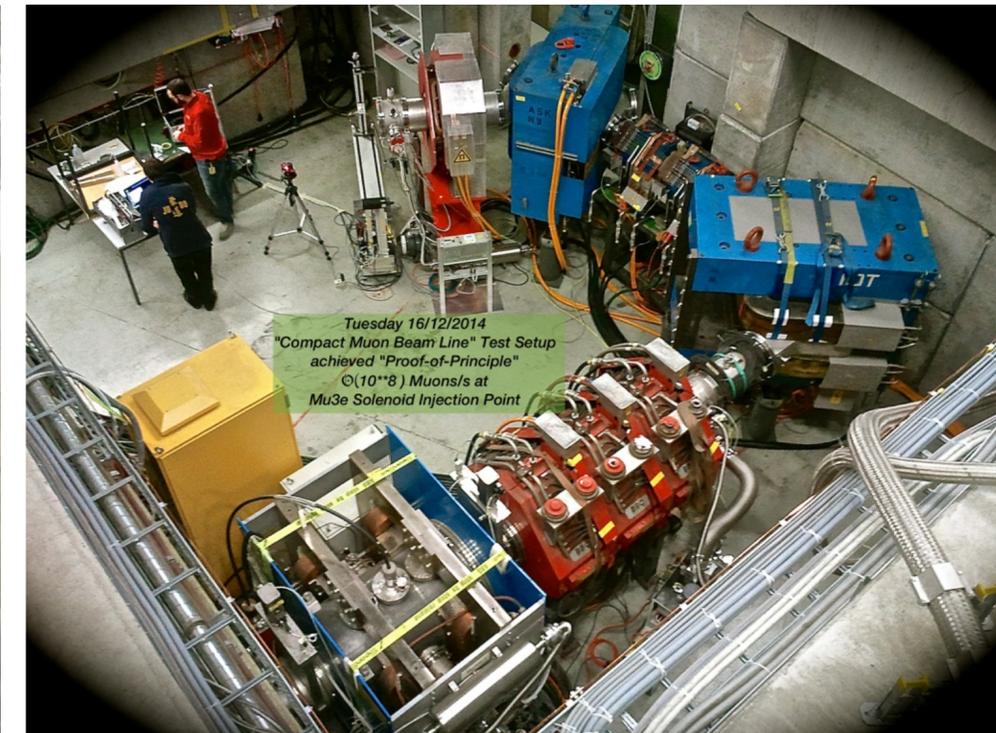
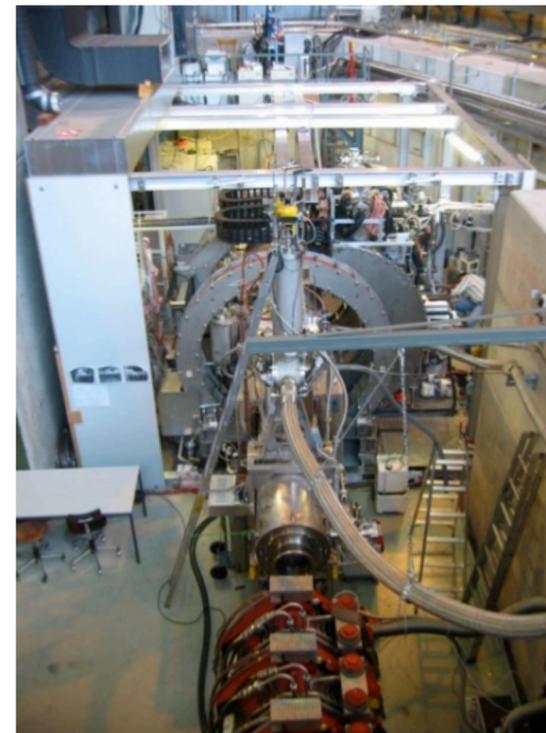
Momentum; 29.8 MeV/c, called “surface”  
muons

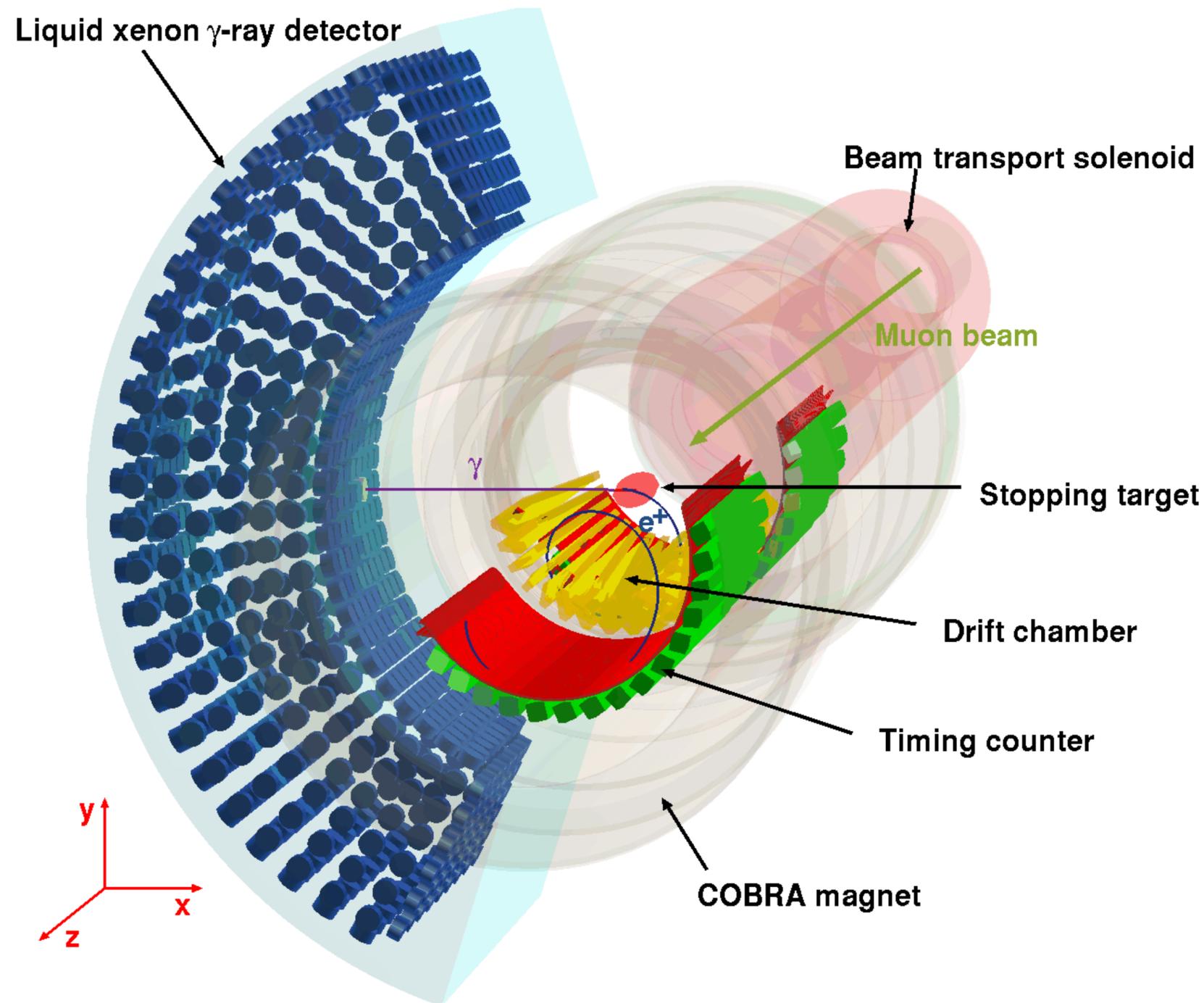


MEG/MEGII Beam Line

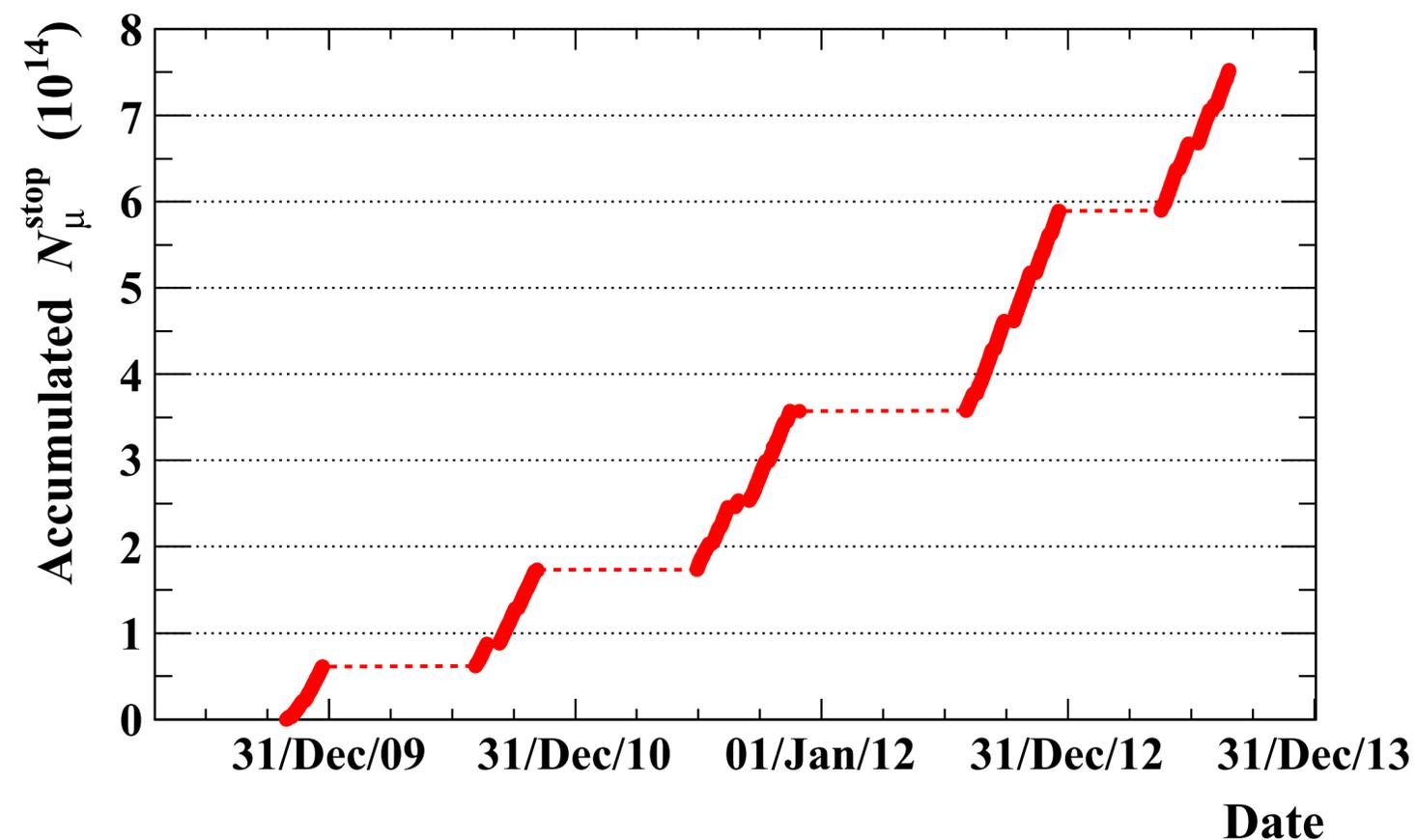


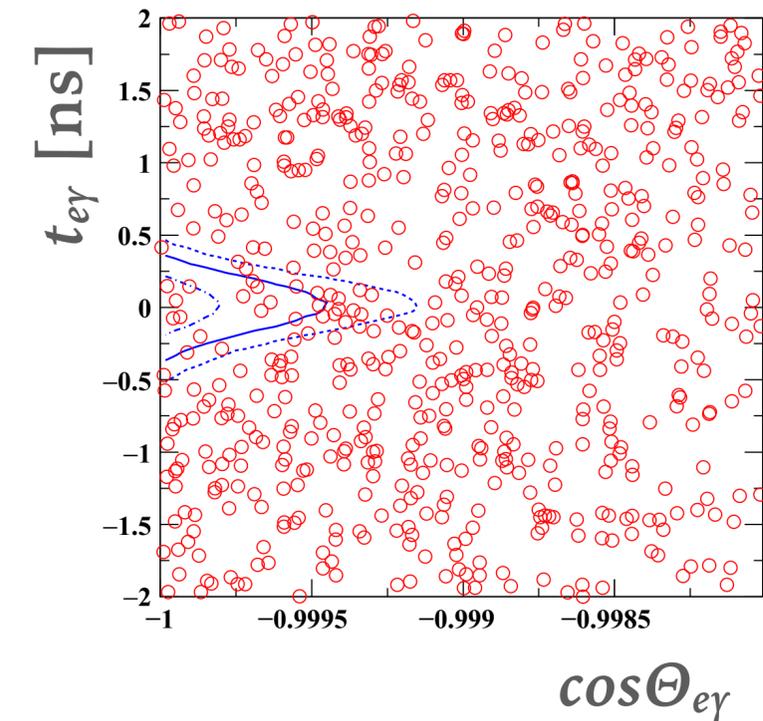
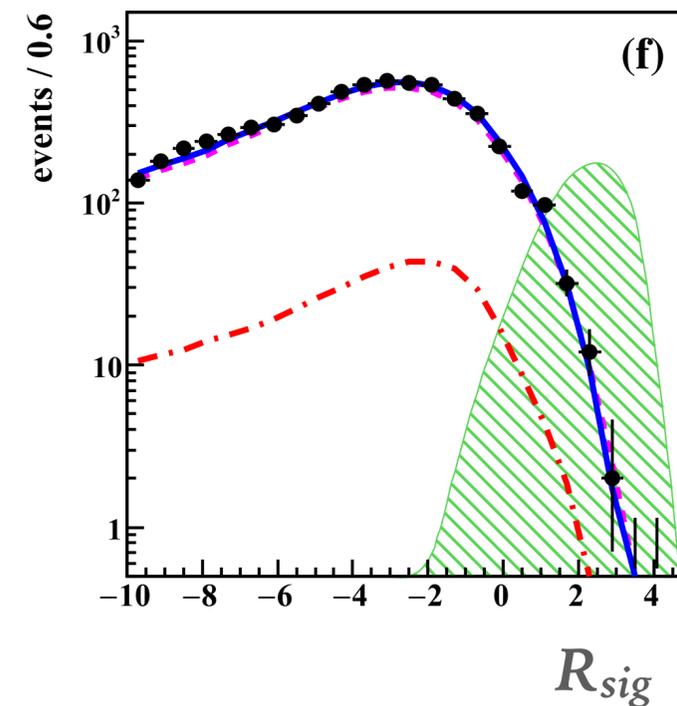
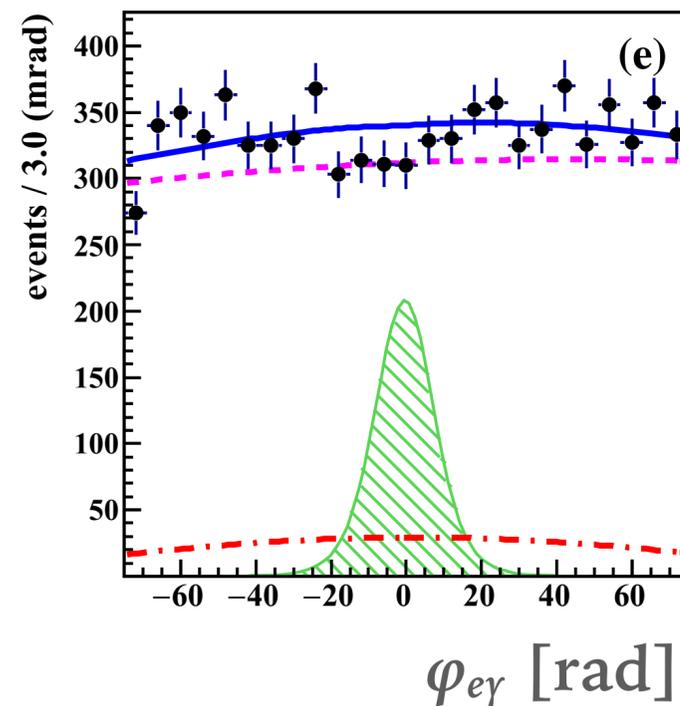
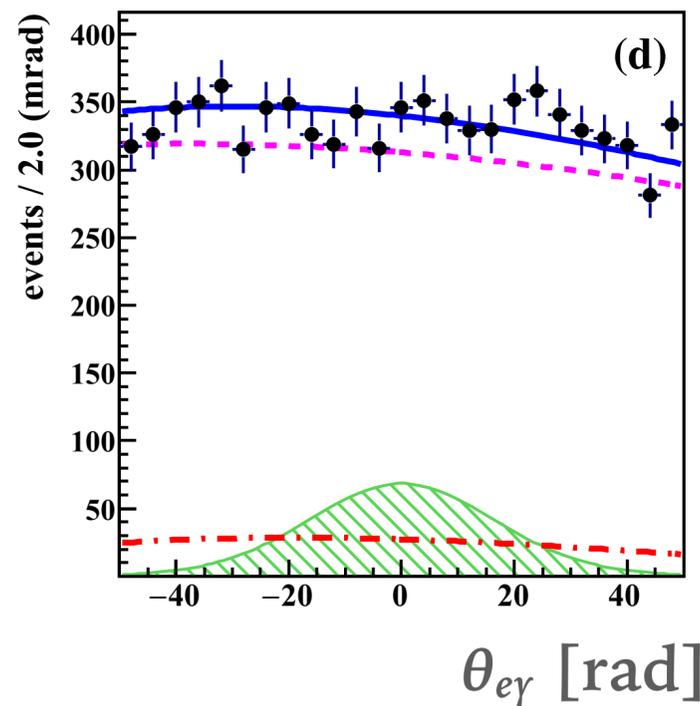
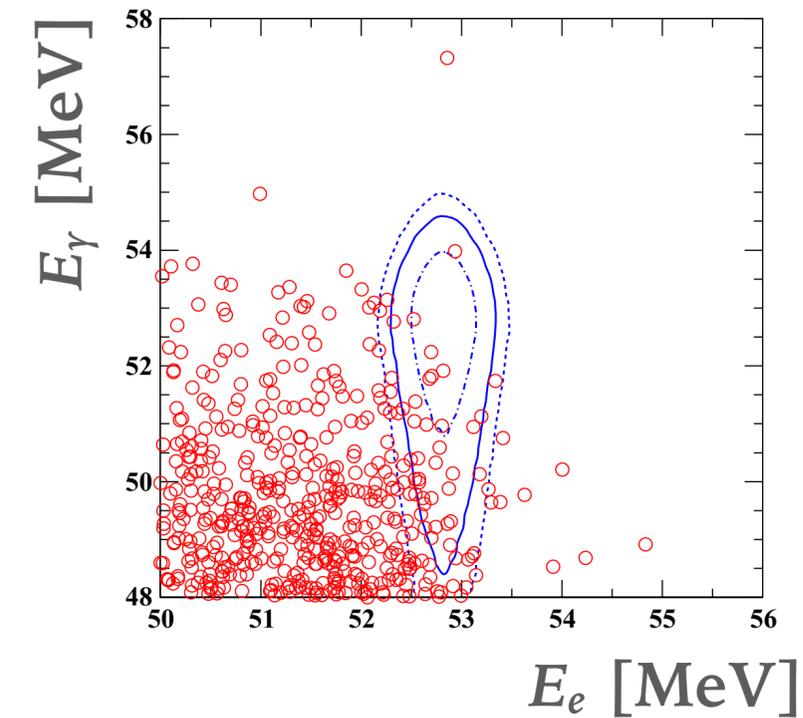
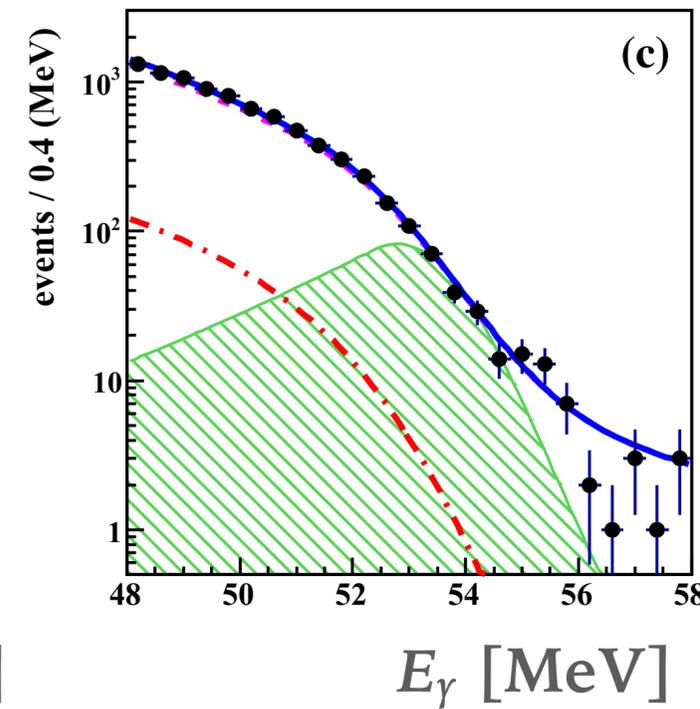
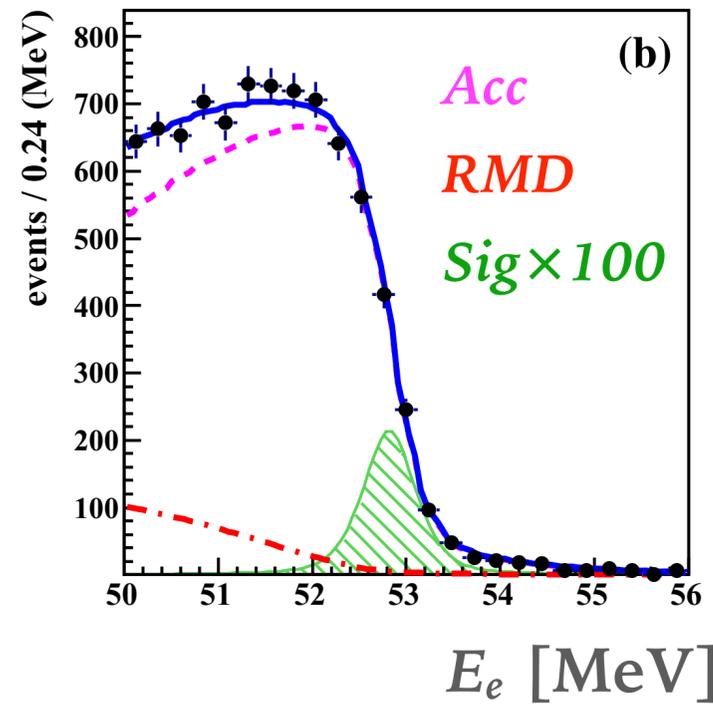
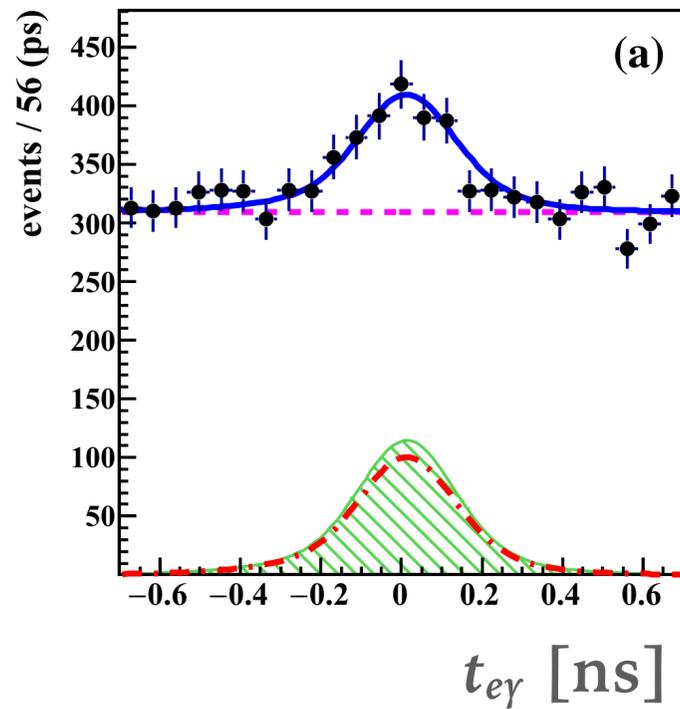
Mu3e Compact Muon Beam Line





- Beam intensity:  $3 \times 10^7 \mu^-/\text{sec}$
- Aiming sensitivity:  $10^{-13}$  @ 90% C.L.
  - Previous upper limit:  $1.2 \times 10^{-11}$  @ 90% C.L.
  - 100 times better sensitivity
- The physics data taking completed in 2008-2013





- Sensitivity;  $5.3 \times 10^{-13}$  @ 90% C.L.
- No signal excess was observed
- Best fit upper limit;  $4.2 \times 10^{-13}$  @ 90% C.L.
  - $\times 30$  improvement from the previous experiment, MEGA
- Sensitivity curve is no longer  $\propto 1/N_\mu$  because of the accidental background
  - = The BG influence is getting larger
  - Muon beam is not a bottleneck
  - **Time for the major upgrade!**



Thin-wall SC solenoid  
(gradient B-field: 1.3→0.5 T)

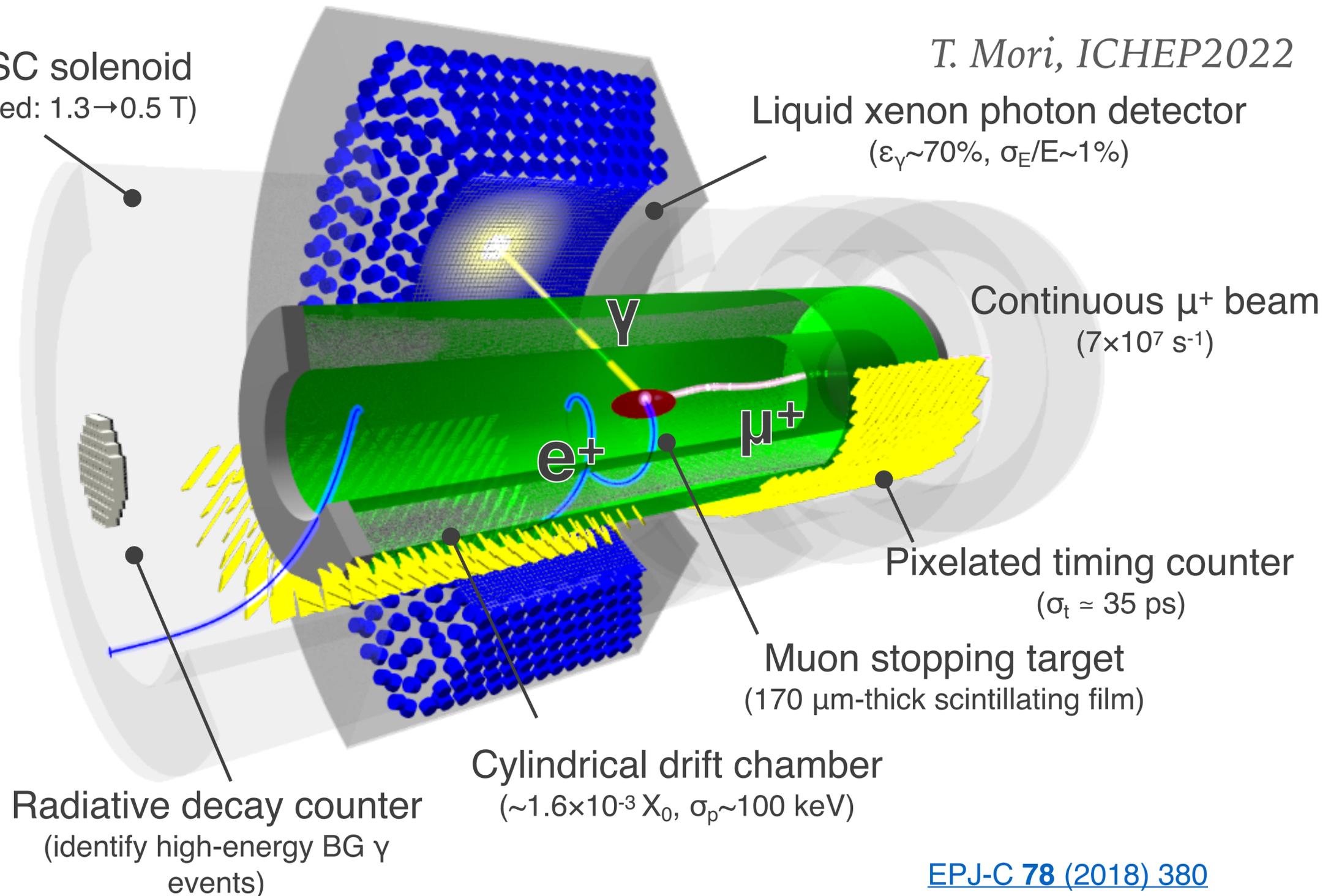
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Liquid xenon photon detector  
( $\epsilon_\gamma \sim 70\%$ ,  $\sigma_E/E \sim 1\%$ )

×2 intensity muon beam  
×2 resolution everywhere  
×2 efficiency

Continuous  $\mu^+$  beam  
( $7 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

Search for  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$  down to  
 **$6 \times 10^{-14}$**   
(90% C.L. sensitivity)

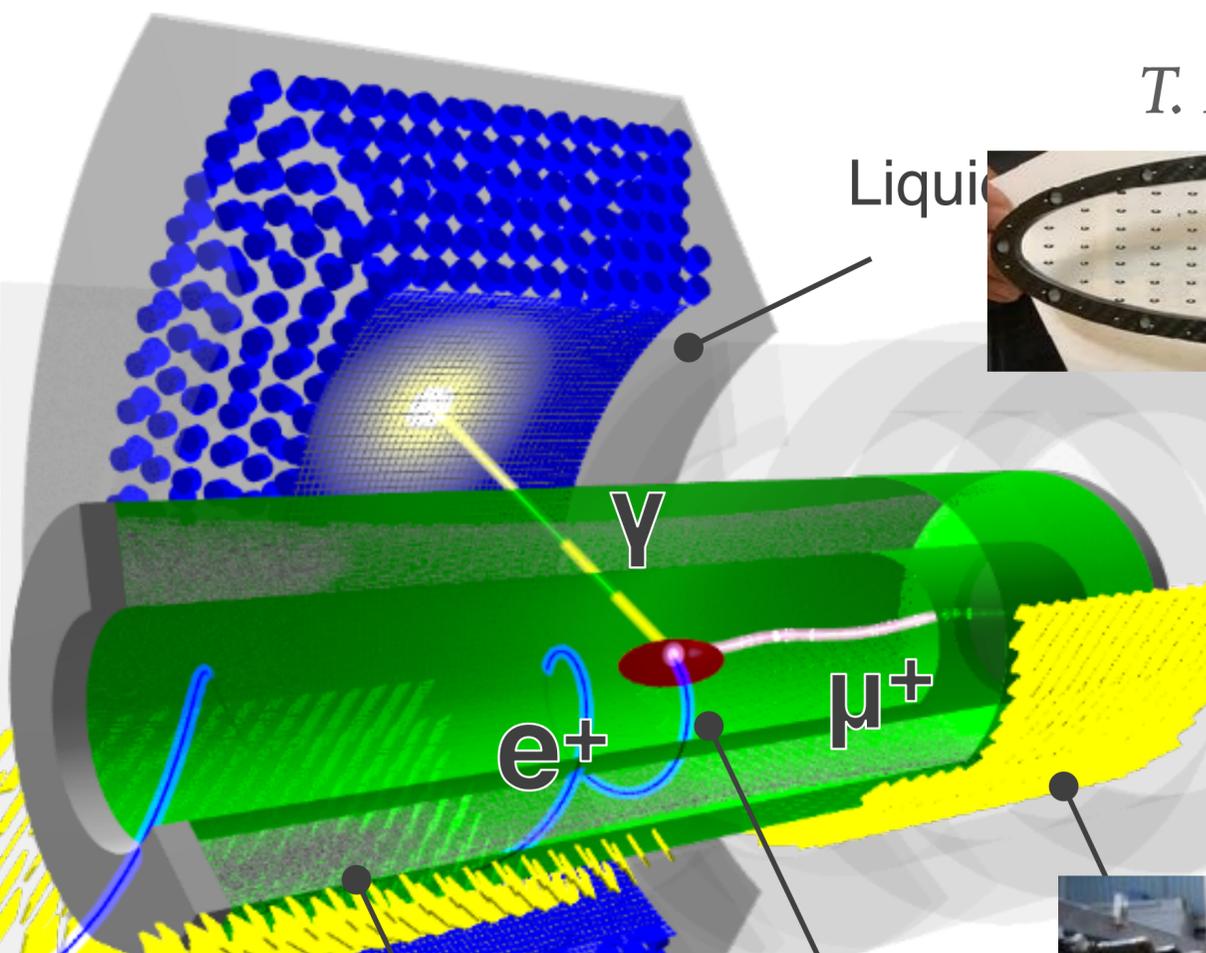
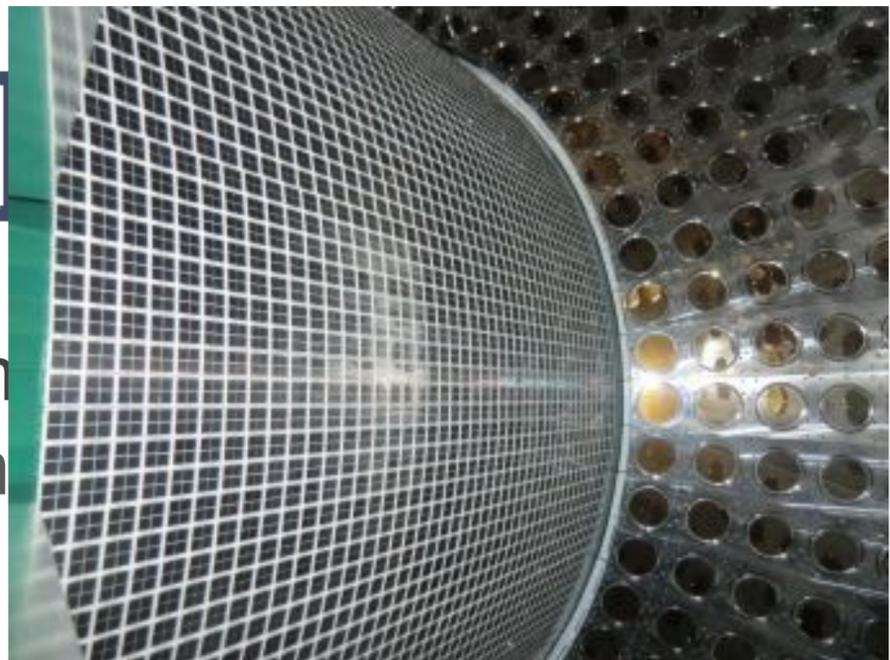


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# MEG II



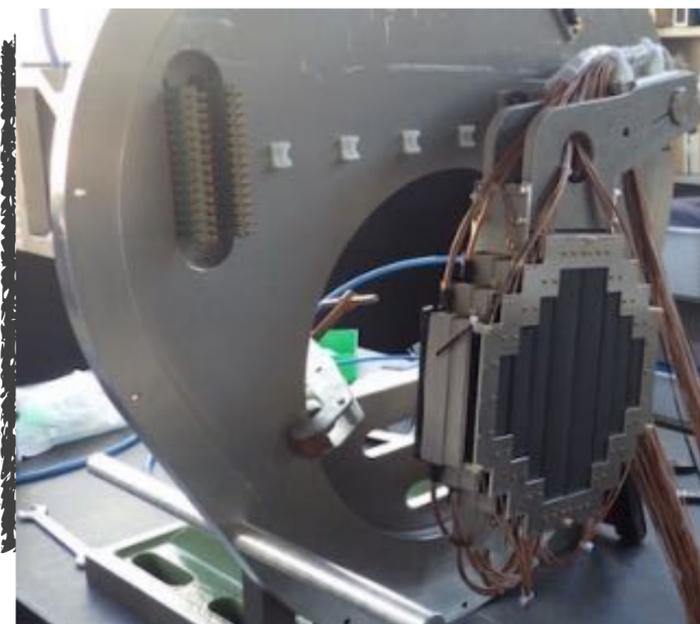
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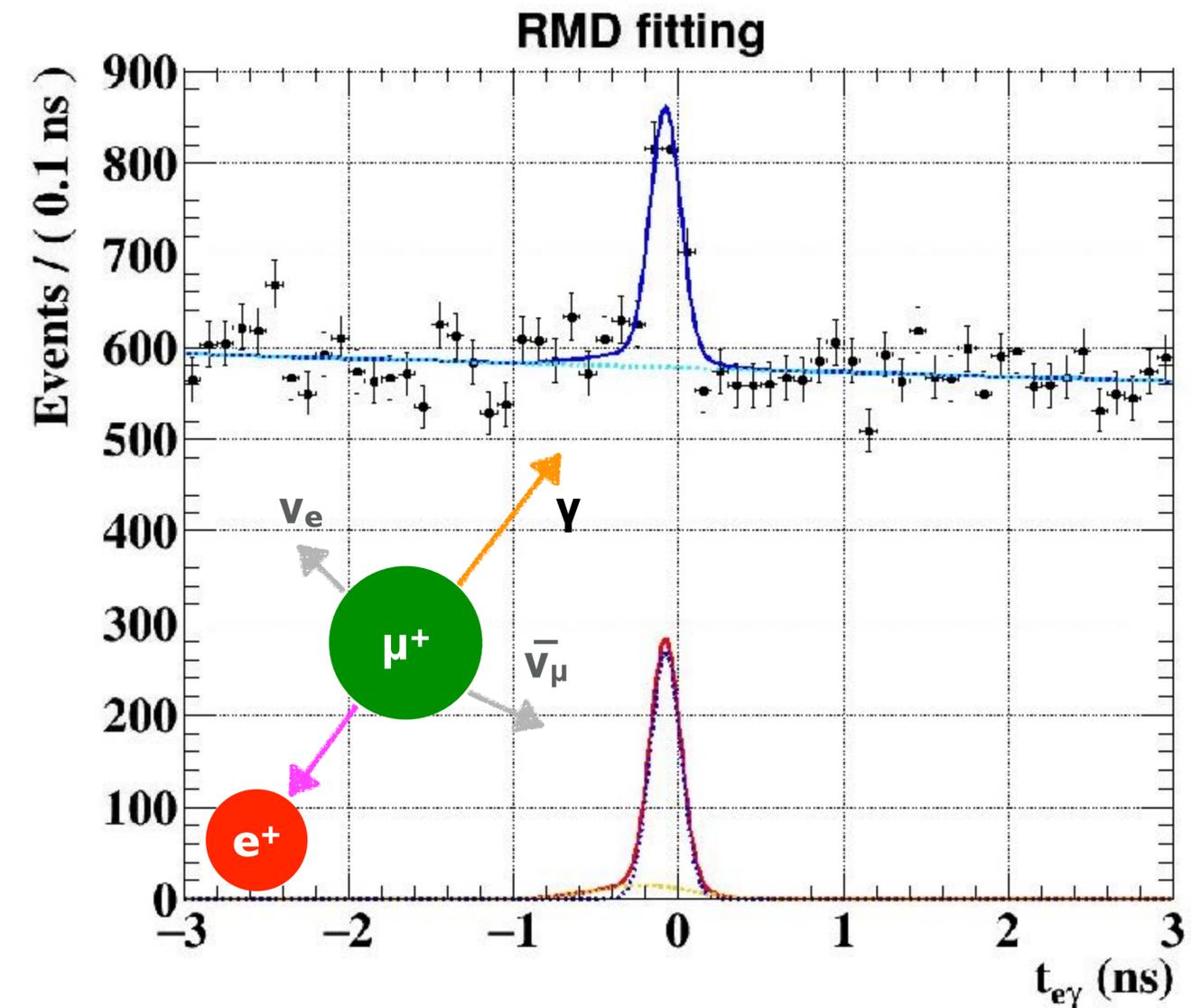
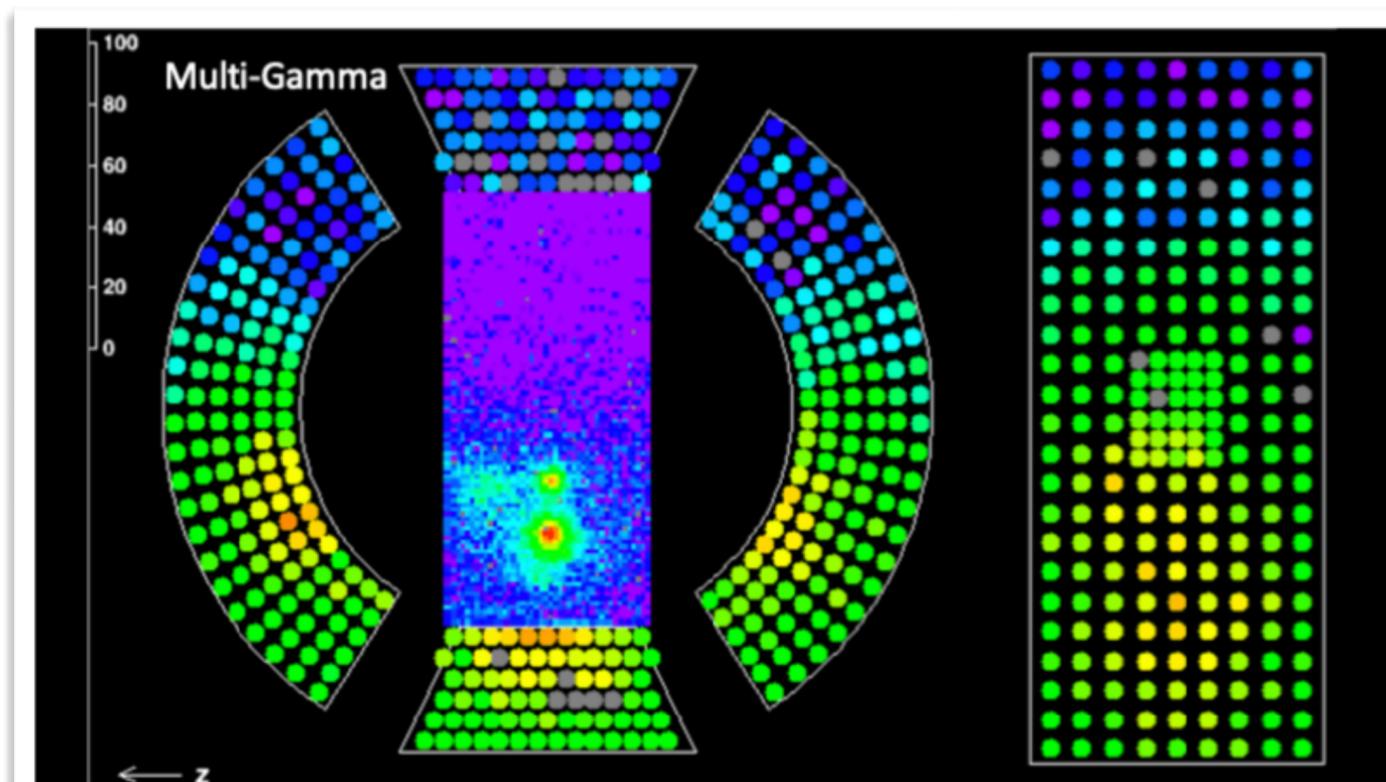
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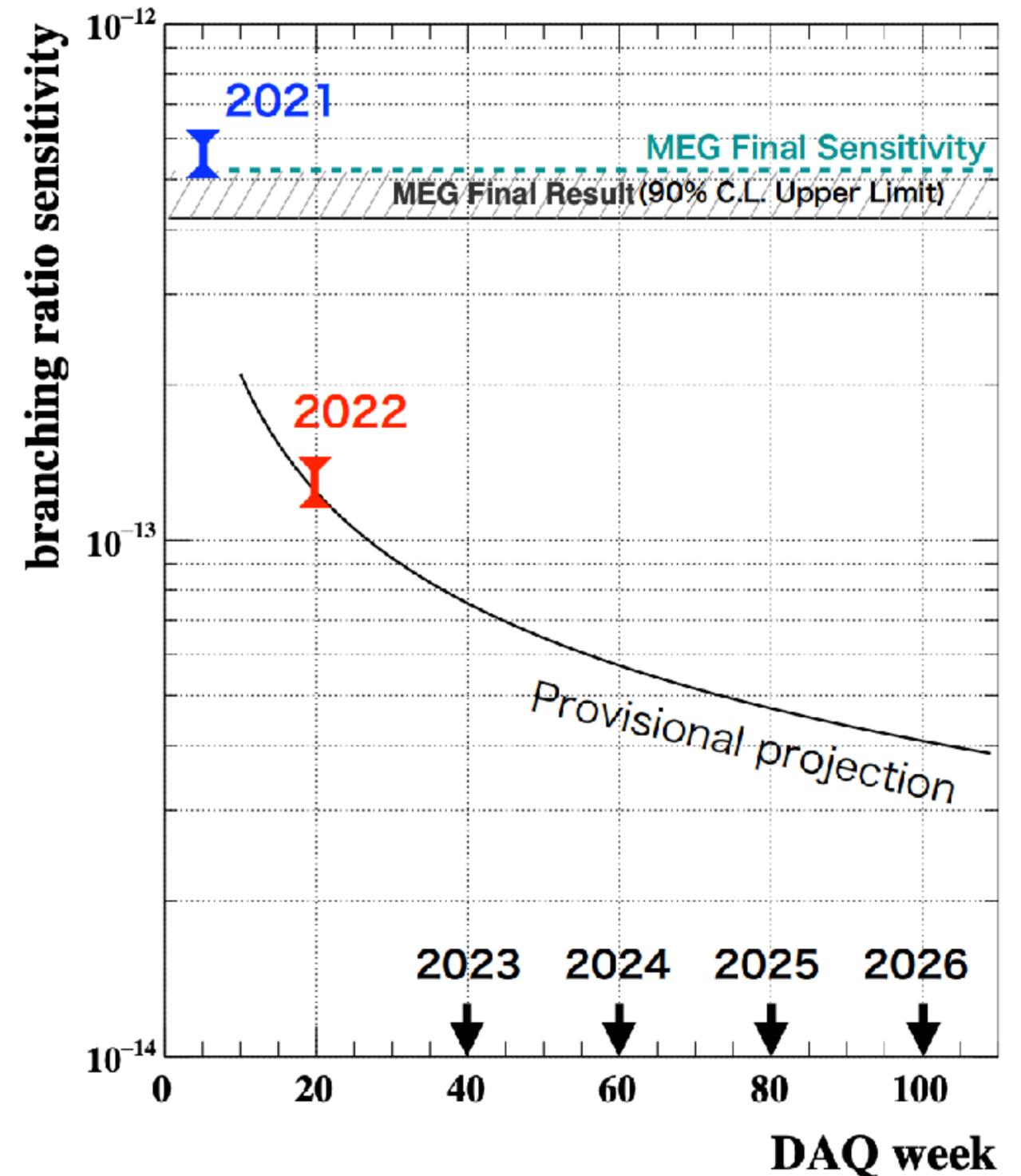
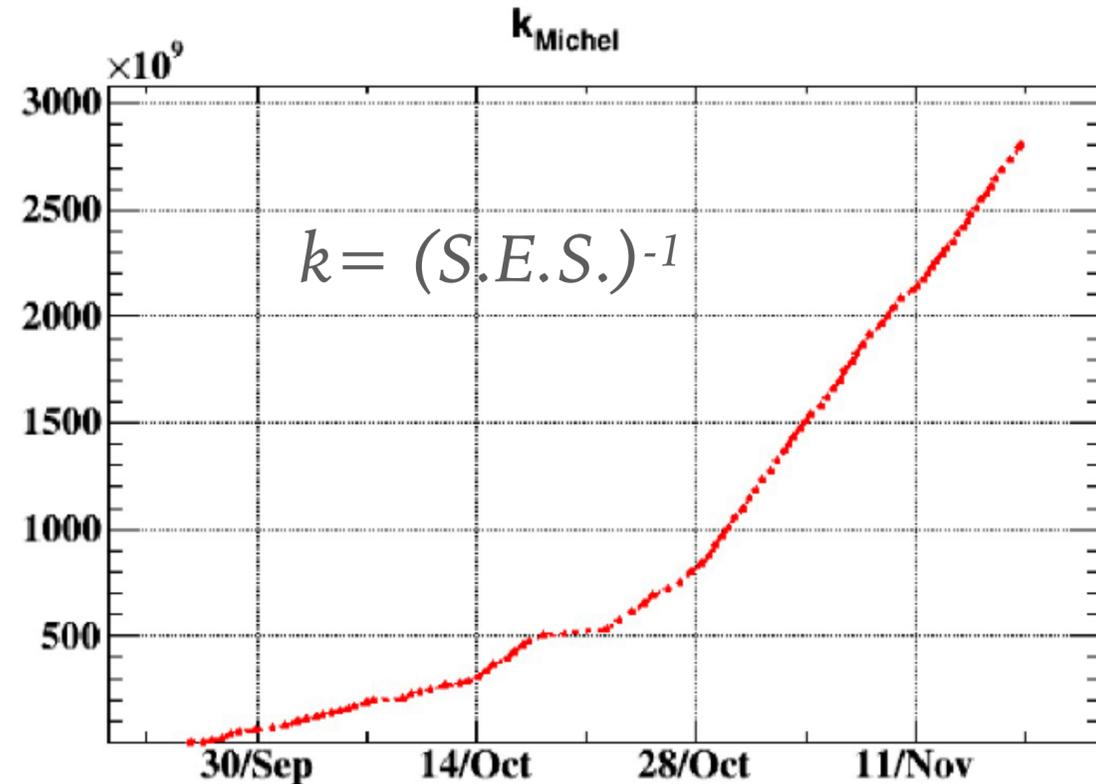
Clear peak in  $t_{e\gamma}$  histogram coming from Radiative Muon Decays (RMD)

→ Good verification for the  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  reconstruction

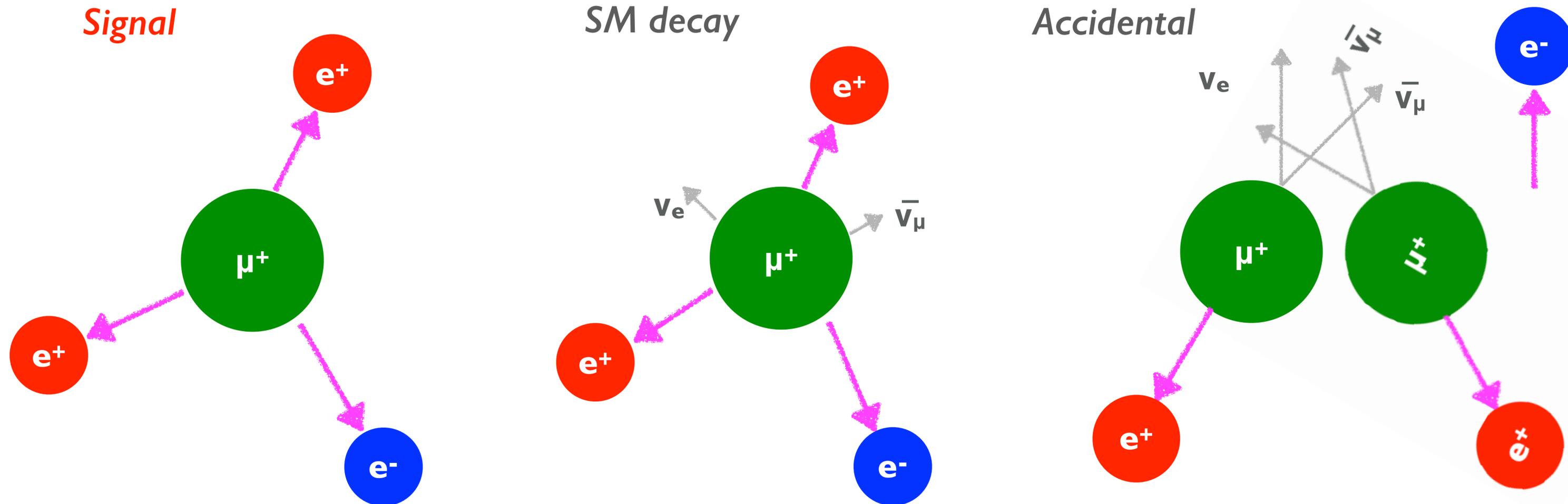
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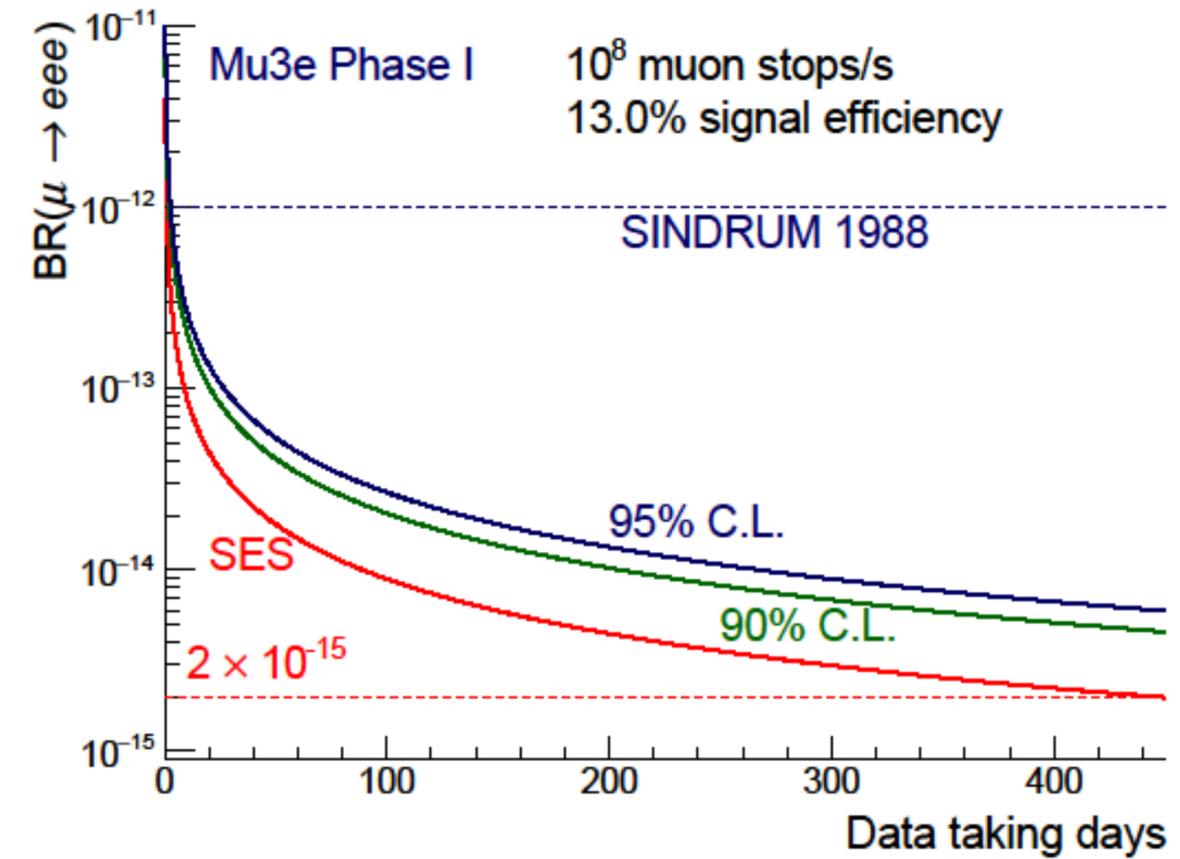
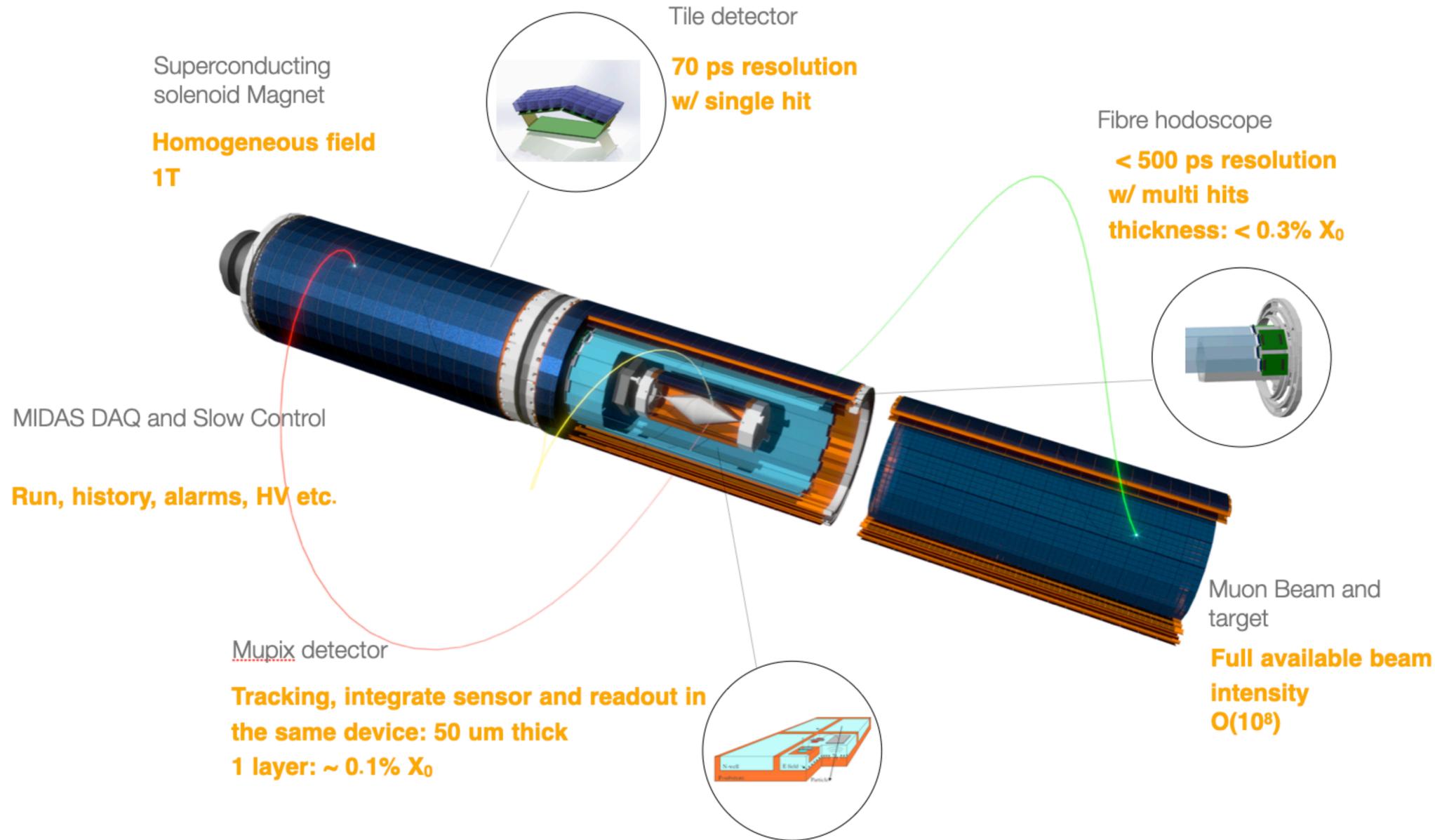
- Reached the sensitivity as good as MEG in one year of data taking
  - Analysis is ongoing, stay tuned!
- One order of magnitude improvement is expected from this year's physics data taking



# The $\mu$ to eee decay



- Accidental background is dominant  $\rightarrow$  DC beam same as MEG/MEG II
- An excellent vertex reconstruction and momentum resolutions



- Transitioning from R&D phase to the construction
- Integration & engineering run in 2023/2024, first physics run expected in 2025

# Searches for

$$\mu N \rightarrow e N$$

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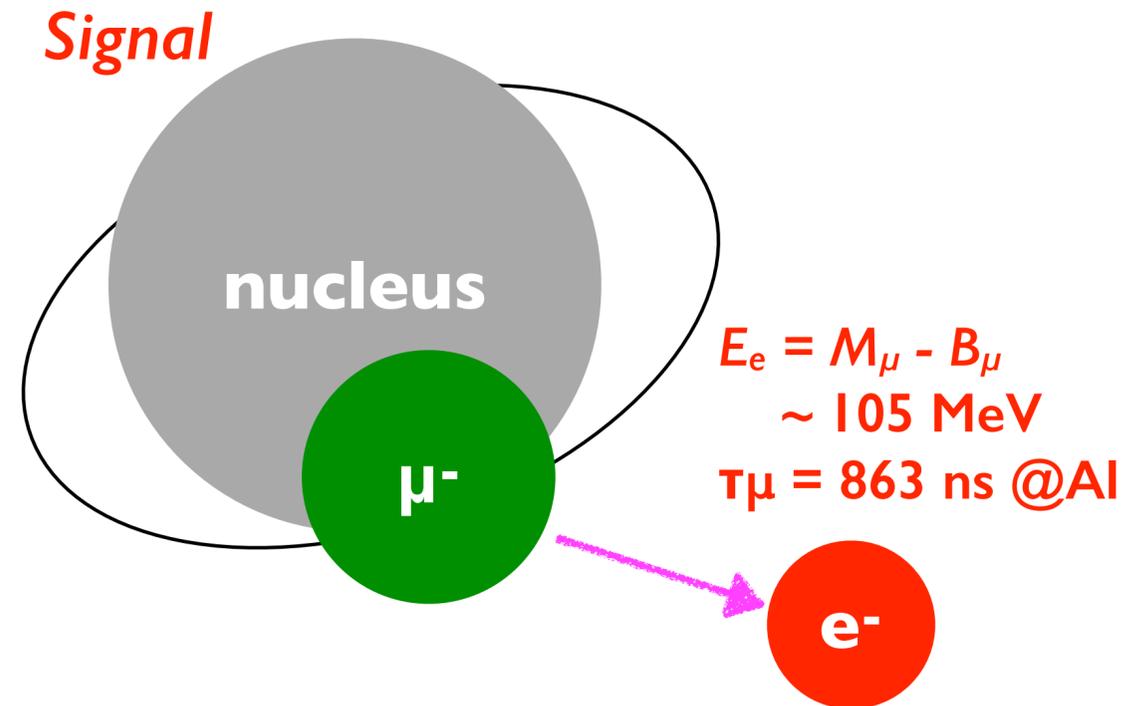
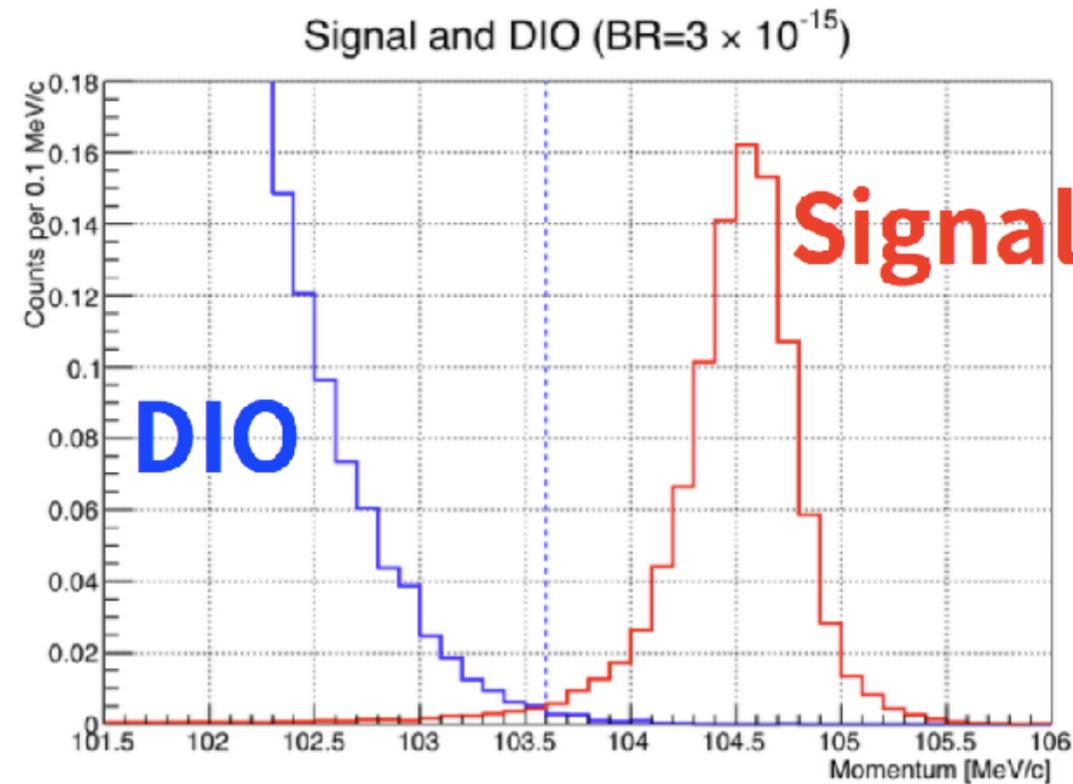
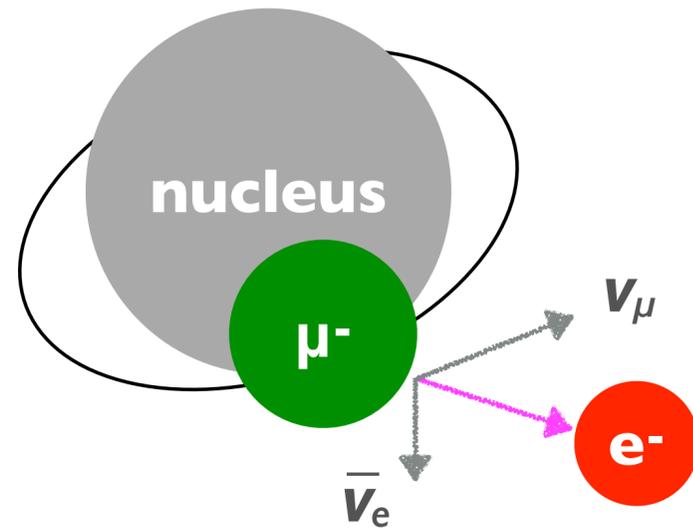
*DeeMe, COMET, Mu2e*



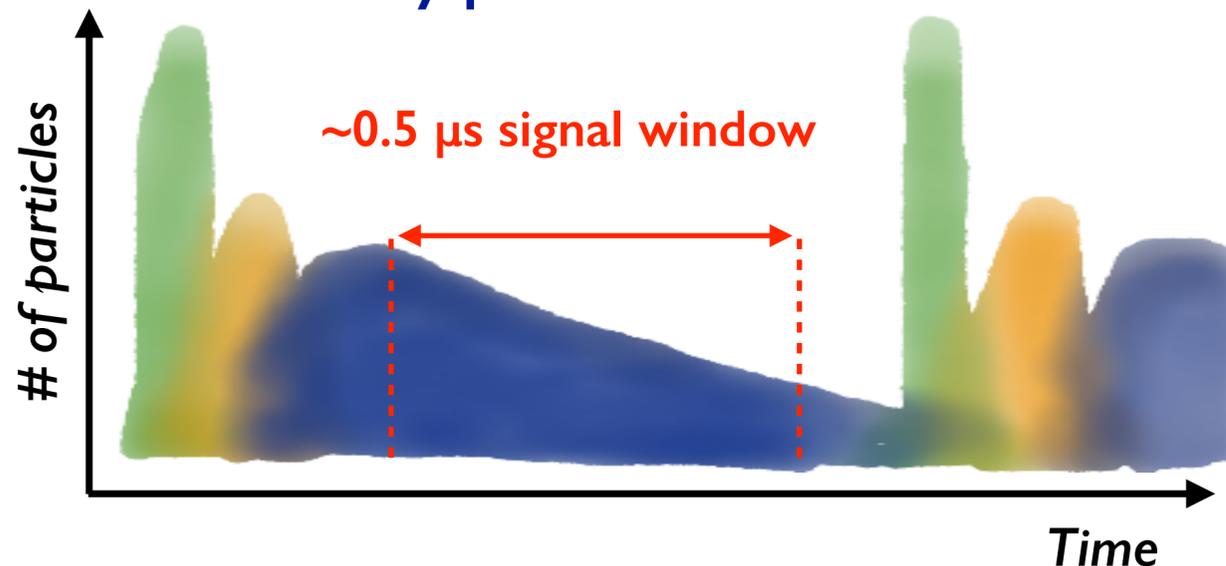
# Experimental concept



Decay In Orbit (DIO)

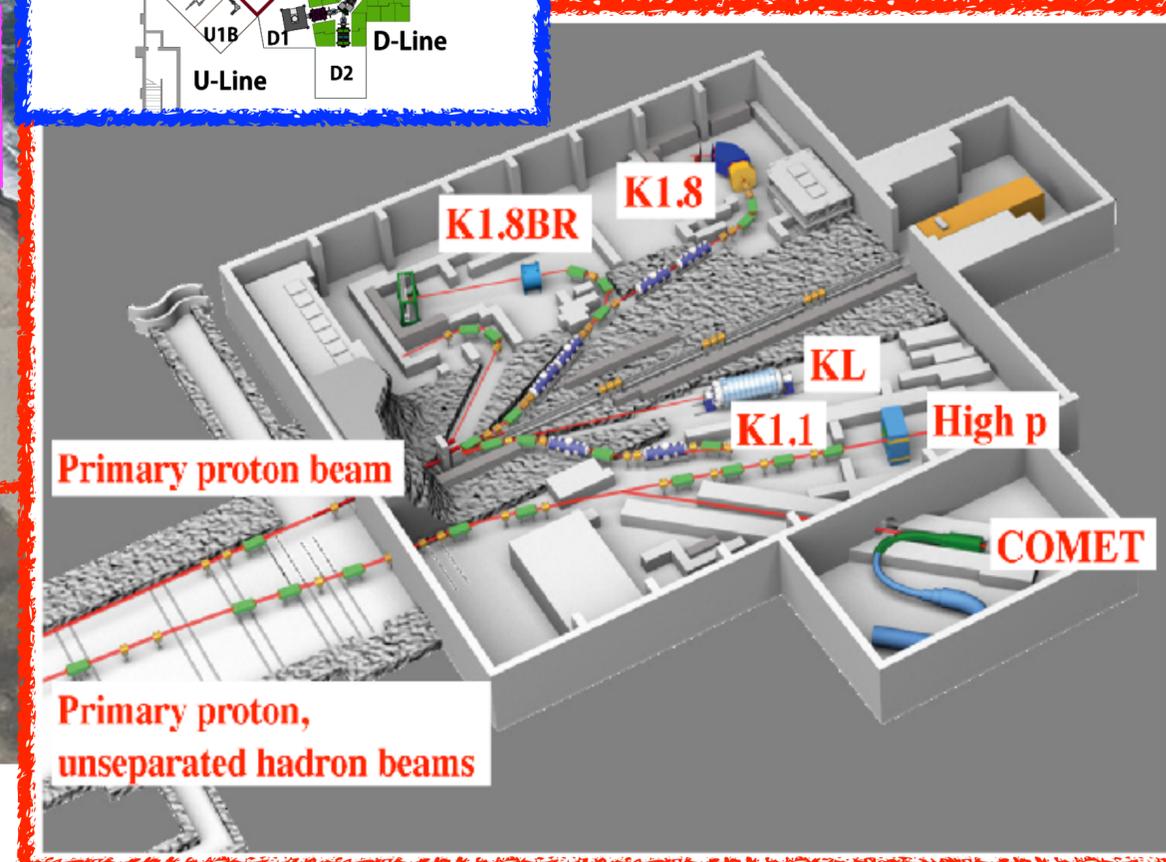
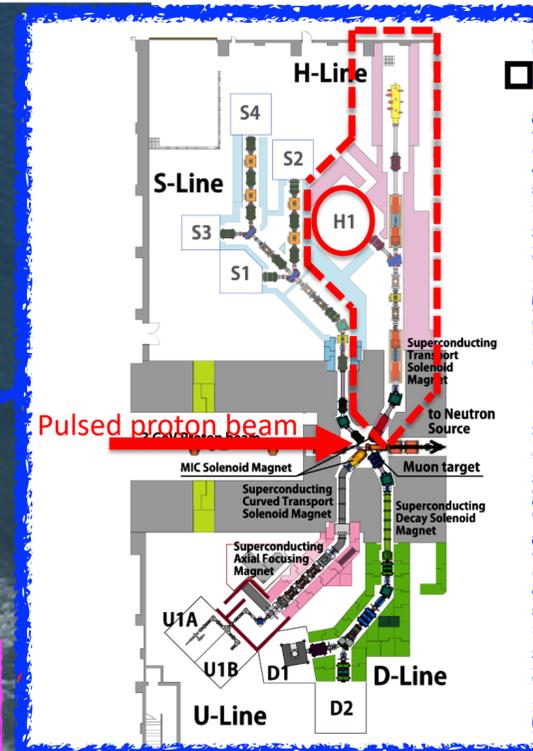
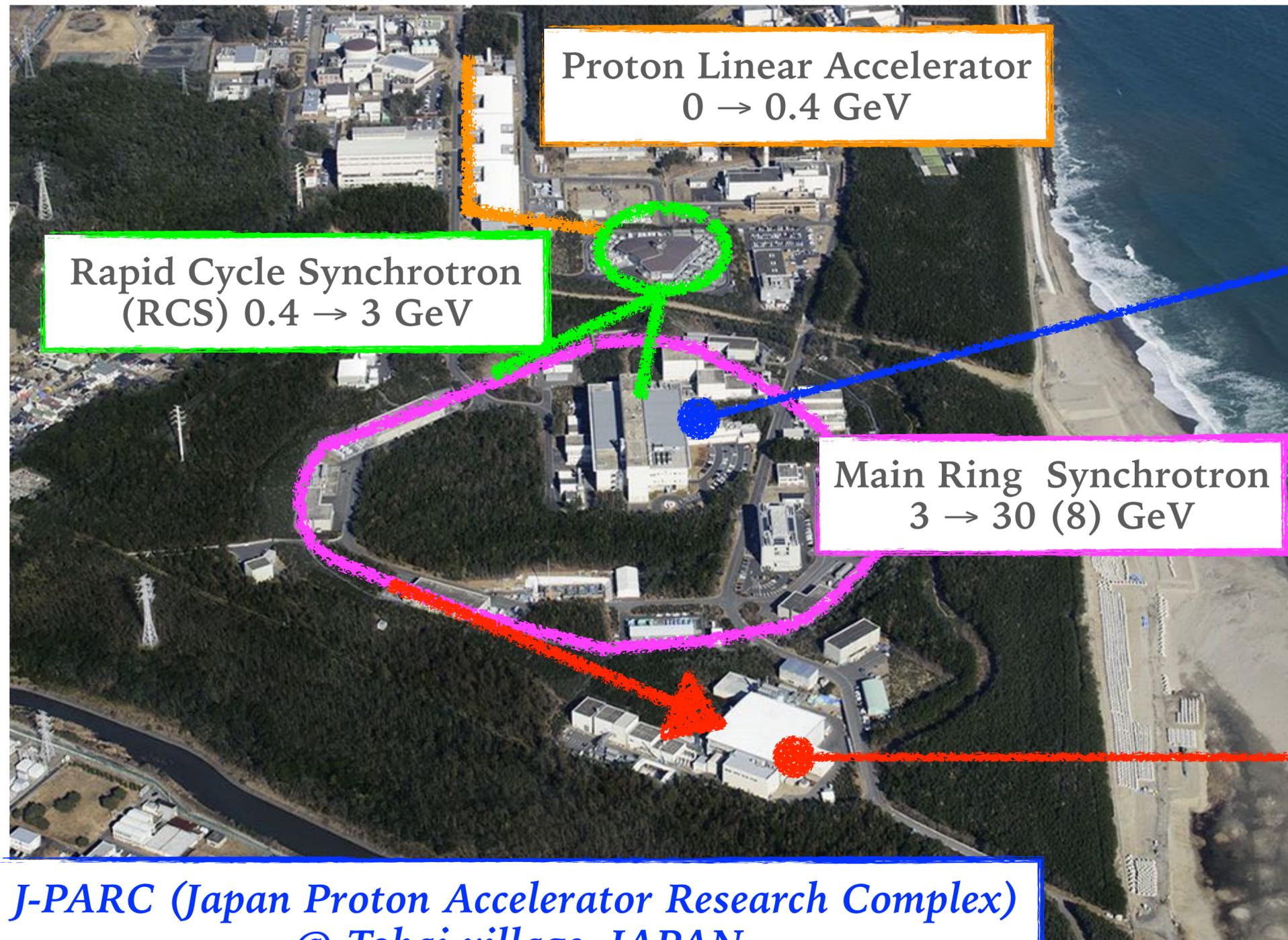


Main beam pulse  
 Prompt beam induced particles  
 Muon decay products

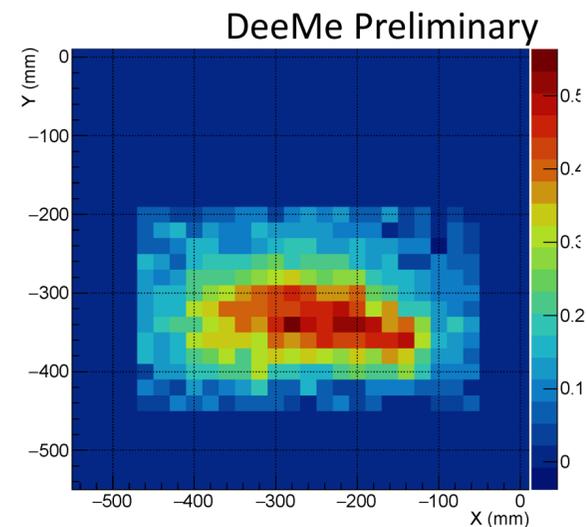
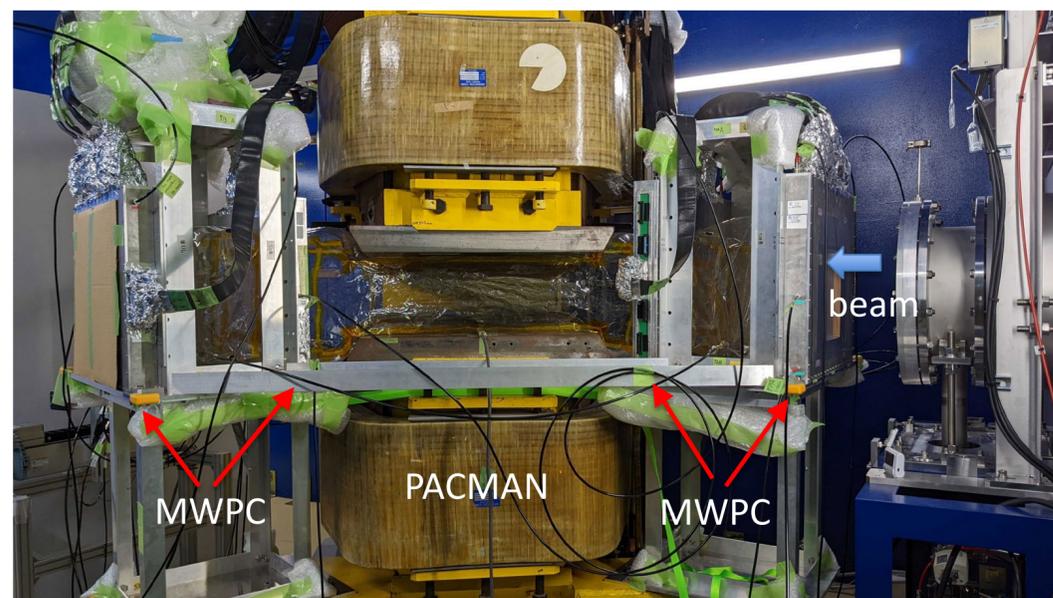
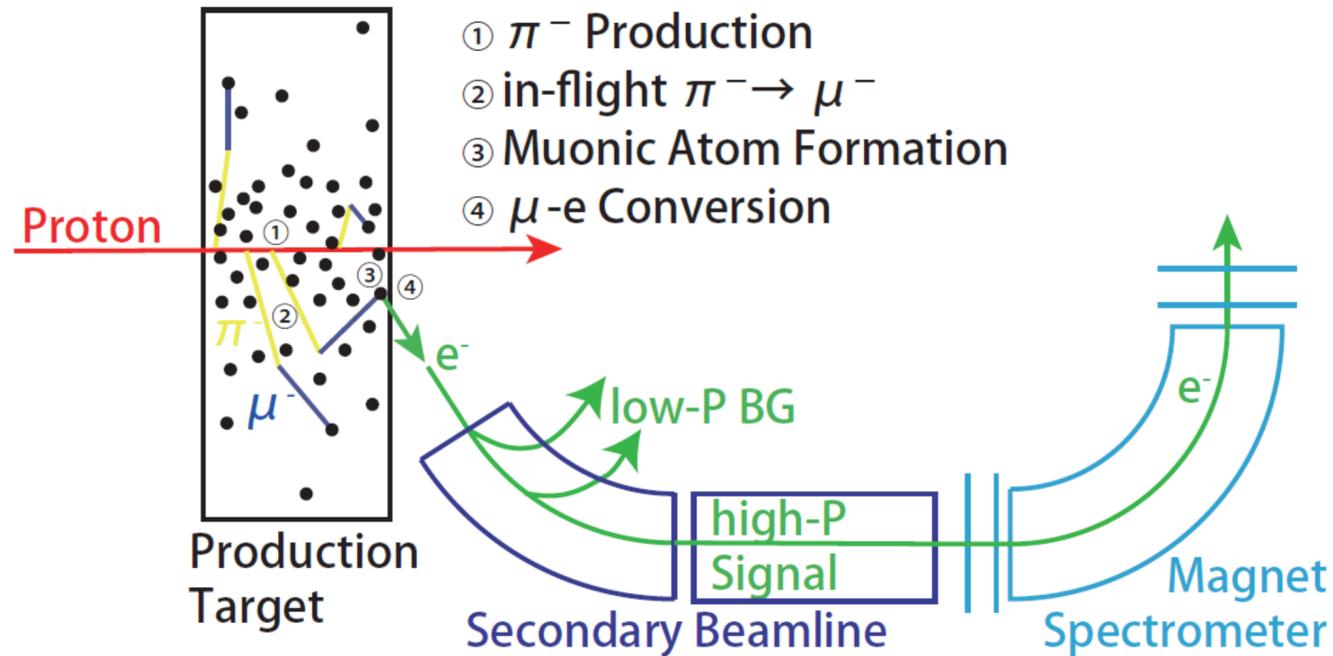


- Single electron with a mono-energy of  $\sim 105 \text{ MeV}$
- No accidental coincidence
- sensitivity  $\propto$  beam intensity, more & more muons!
- Pulsed-beam + delayed time window to sweep out all beam prompt backgrounds

# Muons @J-PARC



# DeeMe @J-PARC MLF

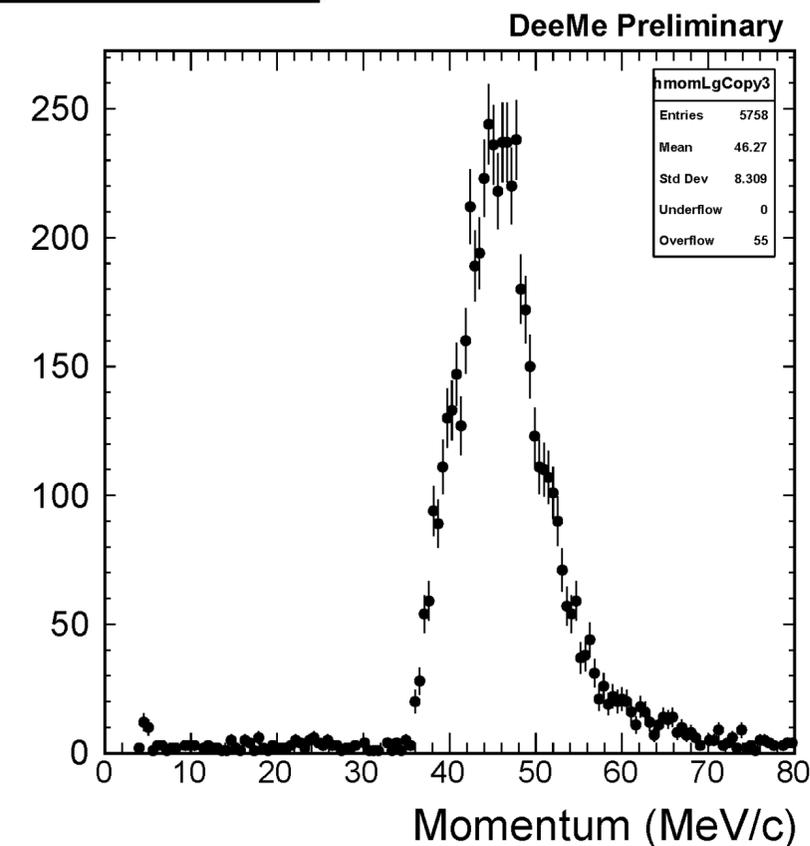


Prompt burst  
105 MeV/c electron  
beam profile

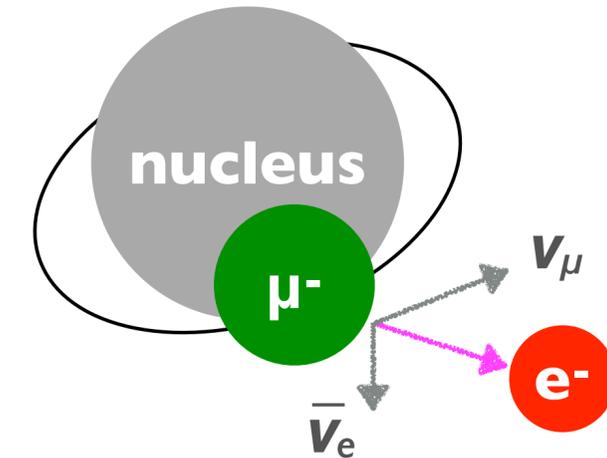
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Michel 50 MeV/c

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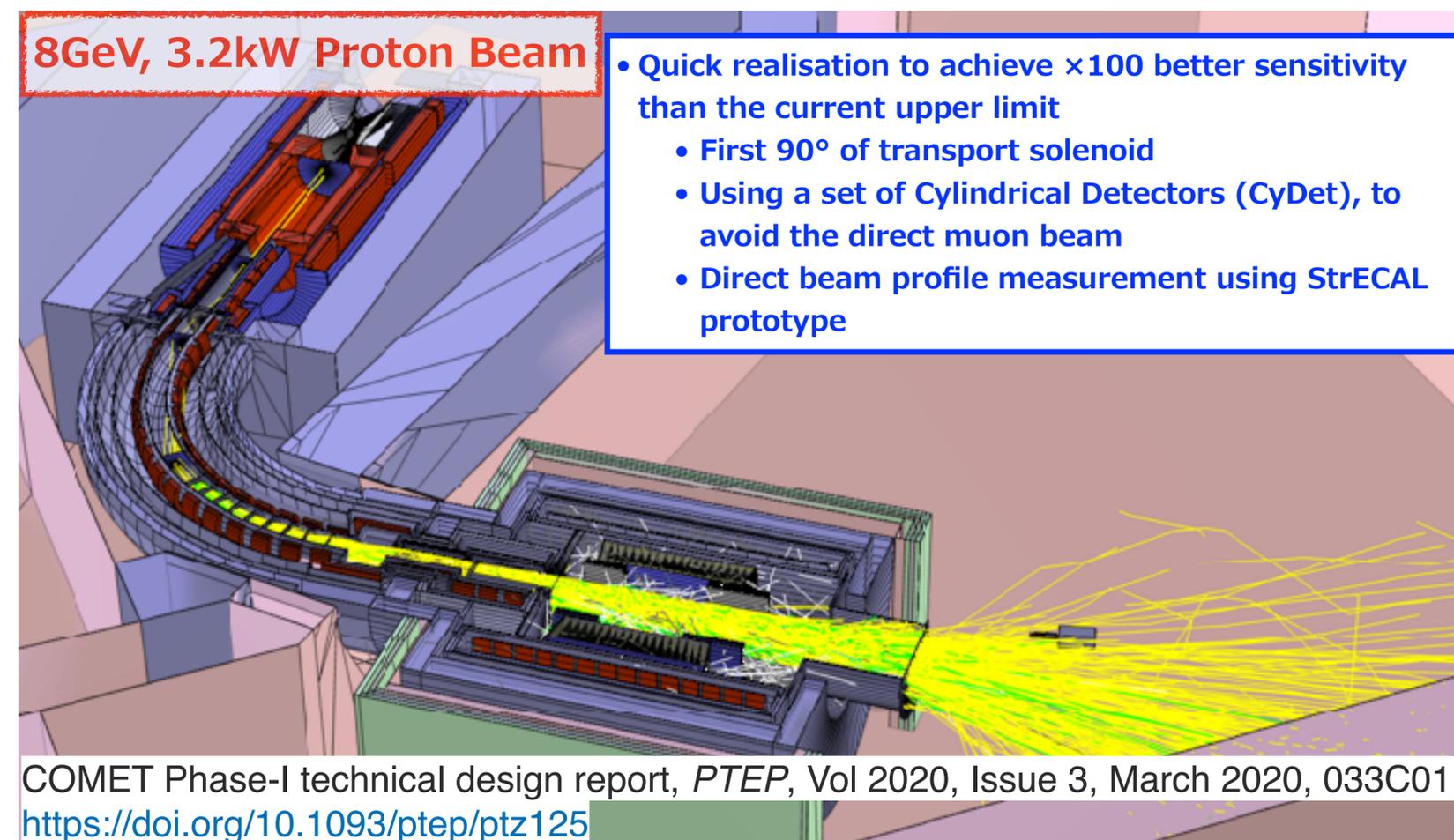
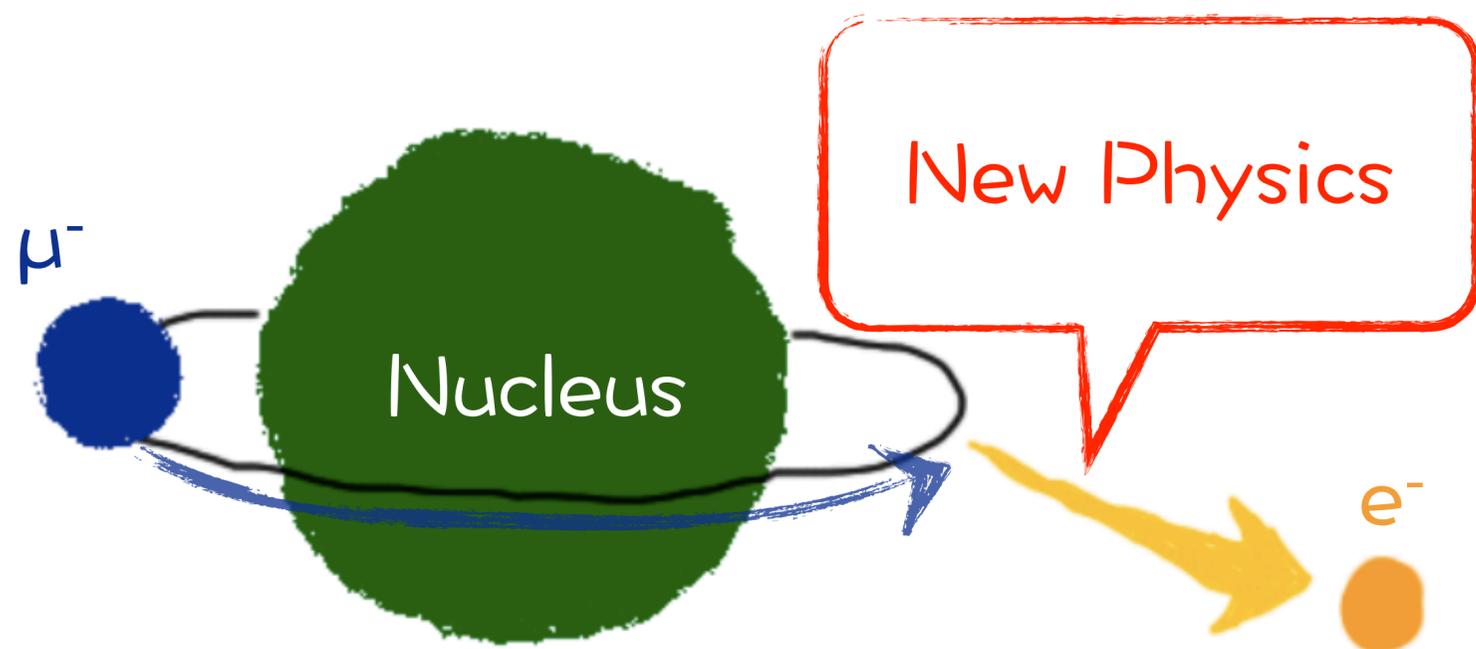
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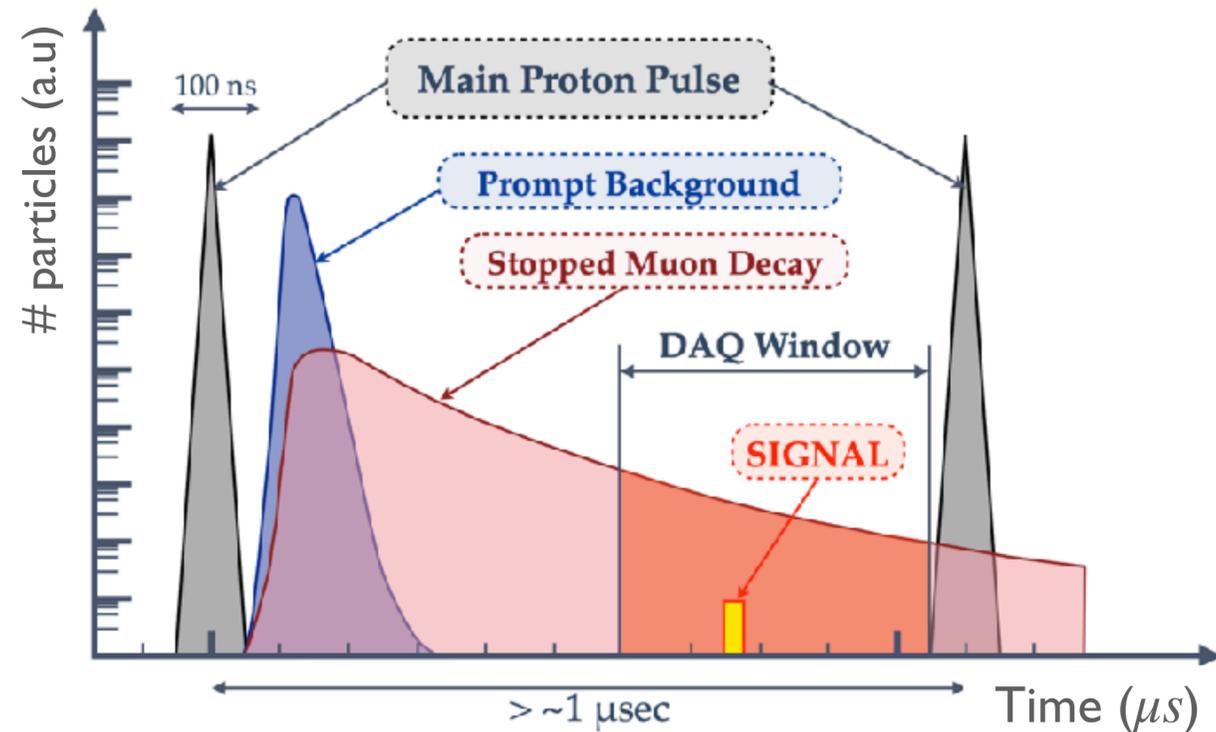
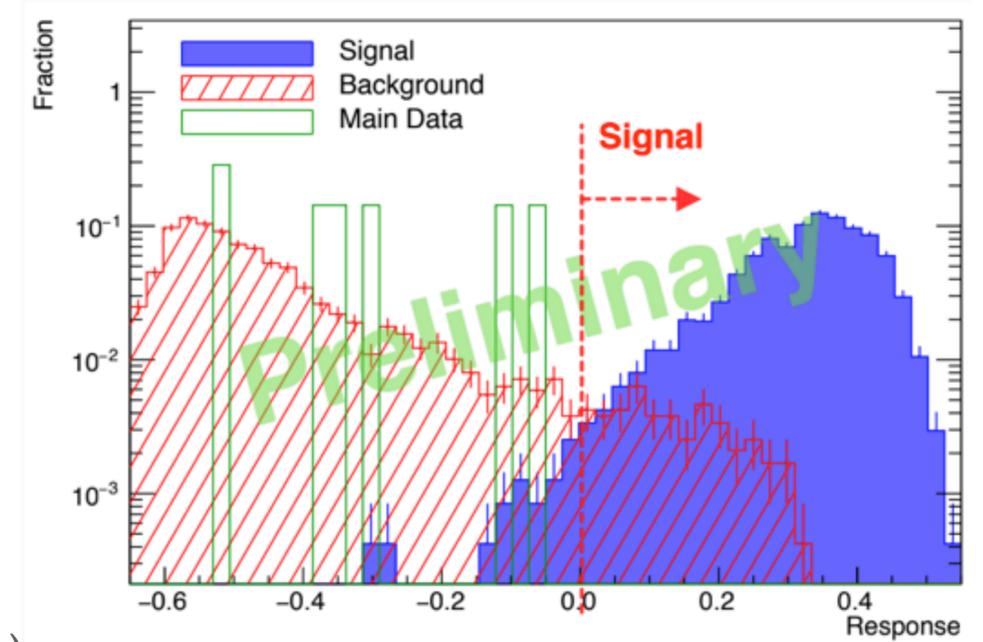
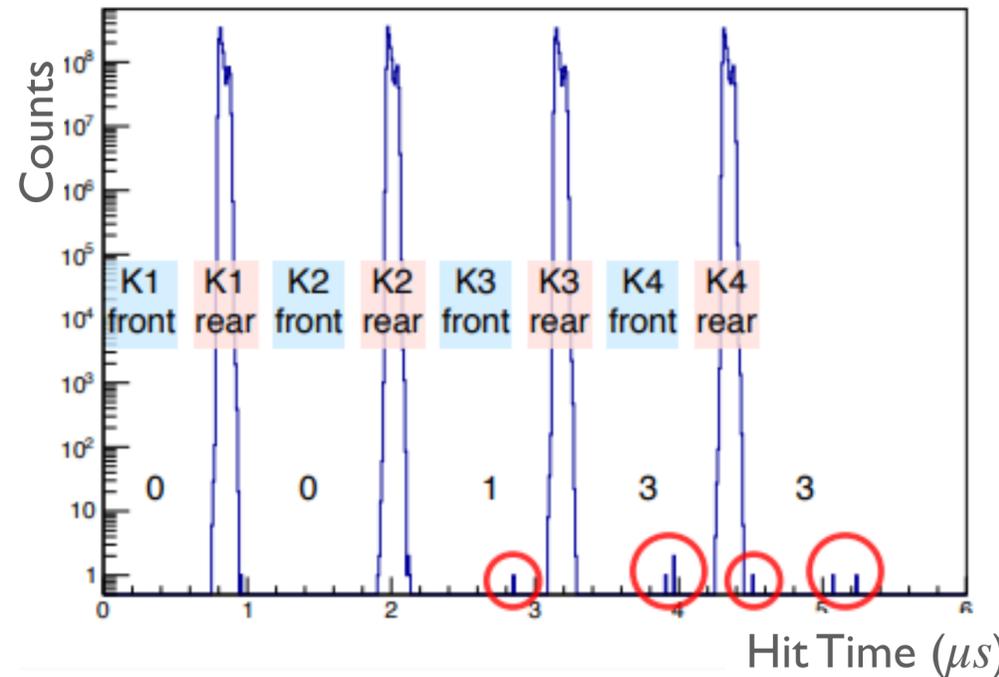
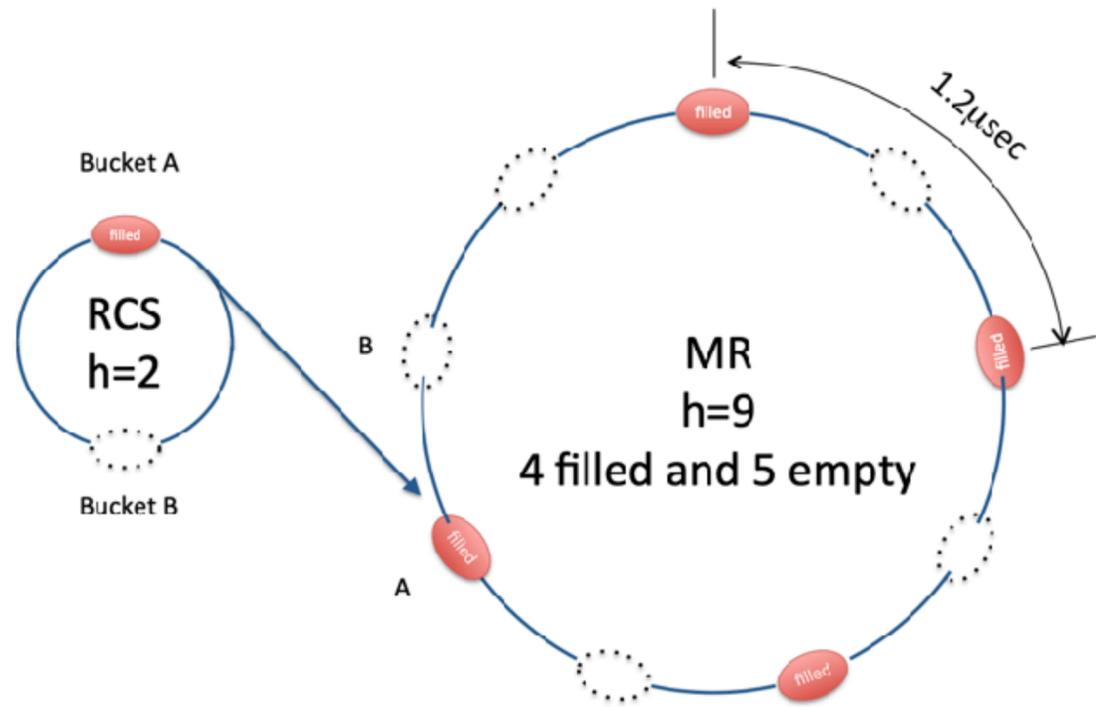
- DIO edge observed in the pilot run
- Physics run is planned in 2023 with an expected sensitivity of  $1 \times 10^{-13}$

# COMET Phase-I - Overview -

- Searching for a  $\mu$ -e conversion with sensitivity of  $O(10^{-15})$ 
  - Muon beam produced by impinging the 8 GeV proton beam onto the graphite target
  - Requires  $\sim 10^{16}$  total stopping muons per 150 days  $\rightarrow 10^9 \mu^-/\text{sec}$
  - So many secondary particles will be expected inside the detectors
- See Sam Dekkers talk for more details



# COMET Phase-I - Proton beam -

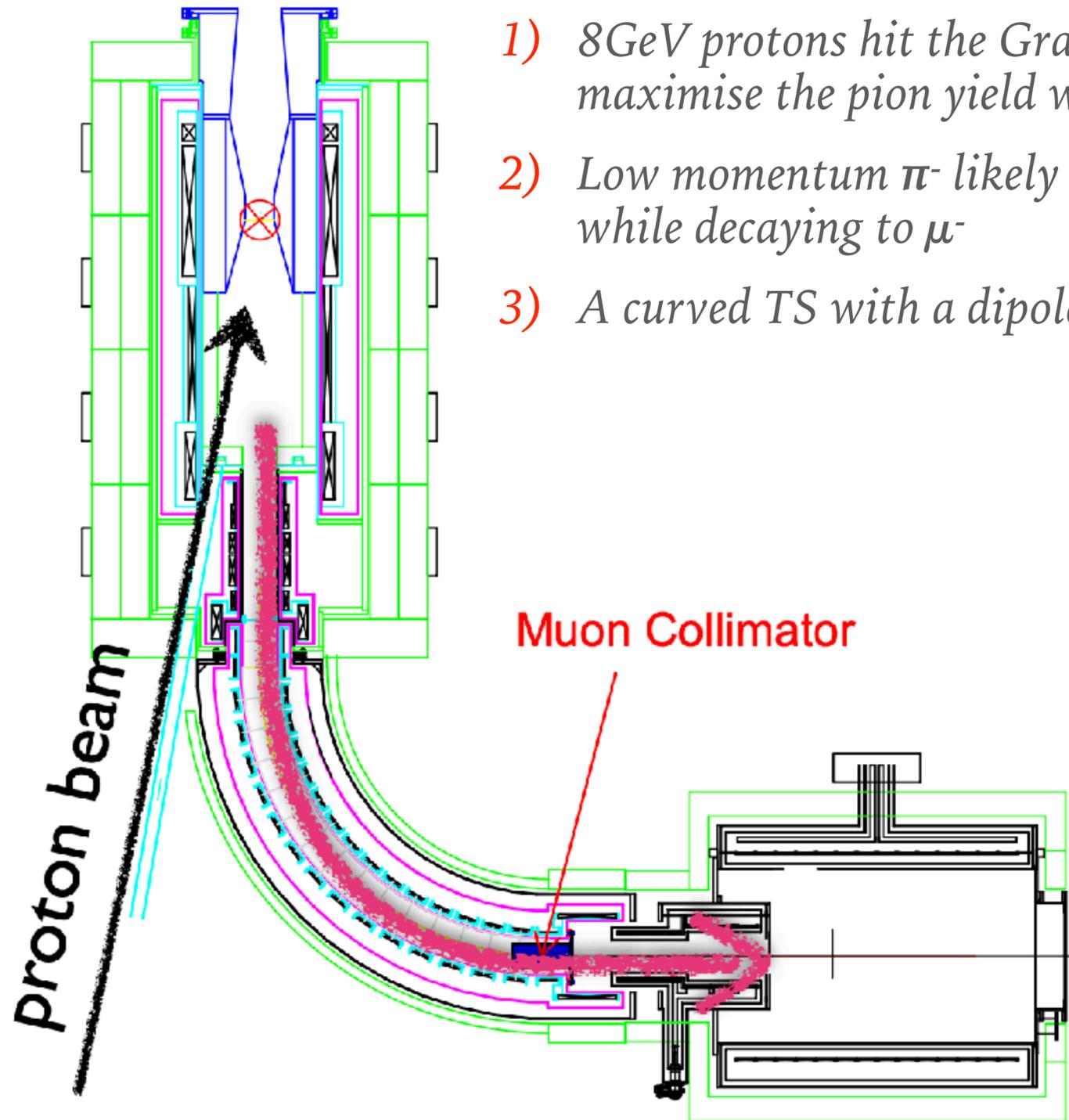


All signals between pulses are “accidental BG” ( $\neq$  single particle from the beam)

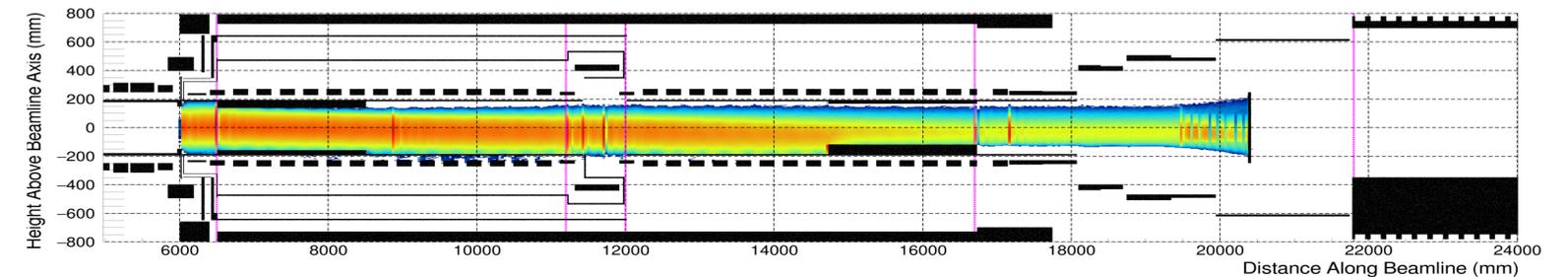
$$\rightarrow R_{\text{Extinction}} < 10^{-11}$$

Good enough for Phase-I, more statistics is needed to check this for Phase-II

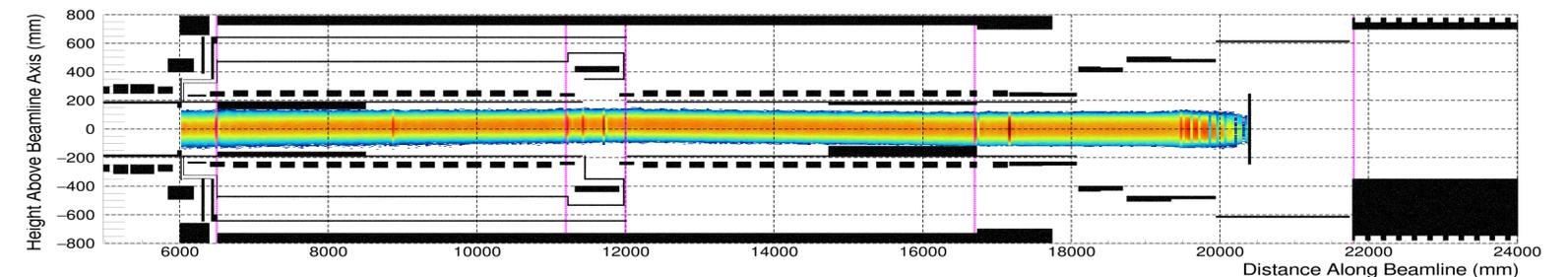
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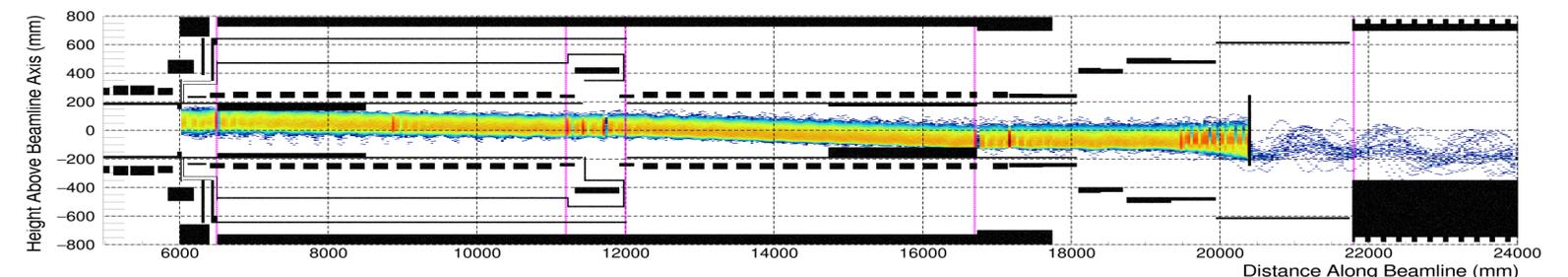
- 1) 8GeV protons hit the Graphite target and produce secondary pions (Energy chosen to maximise the pion yield while preventing anti-protons)
- 2) Low momentum  $\pi^-$  likely back scatter and direct to the muon transportation solenoid (TS) while decaying to  $\mu^-$
- 3) A curved TS with a dipole field to select low momentum negative particles



(a) All Muons

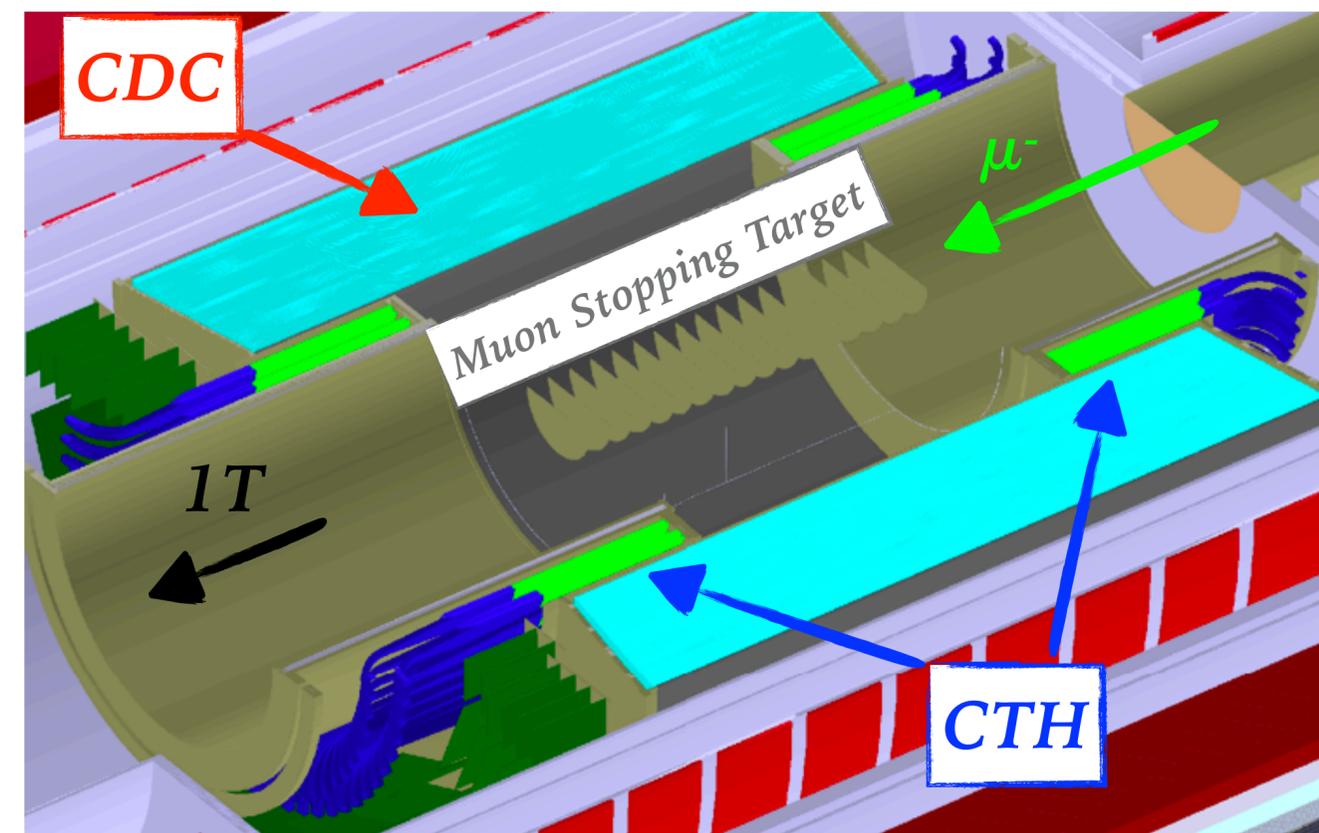
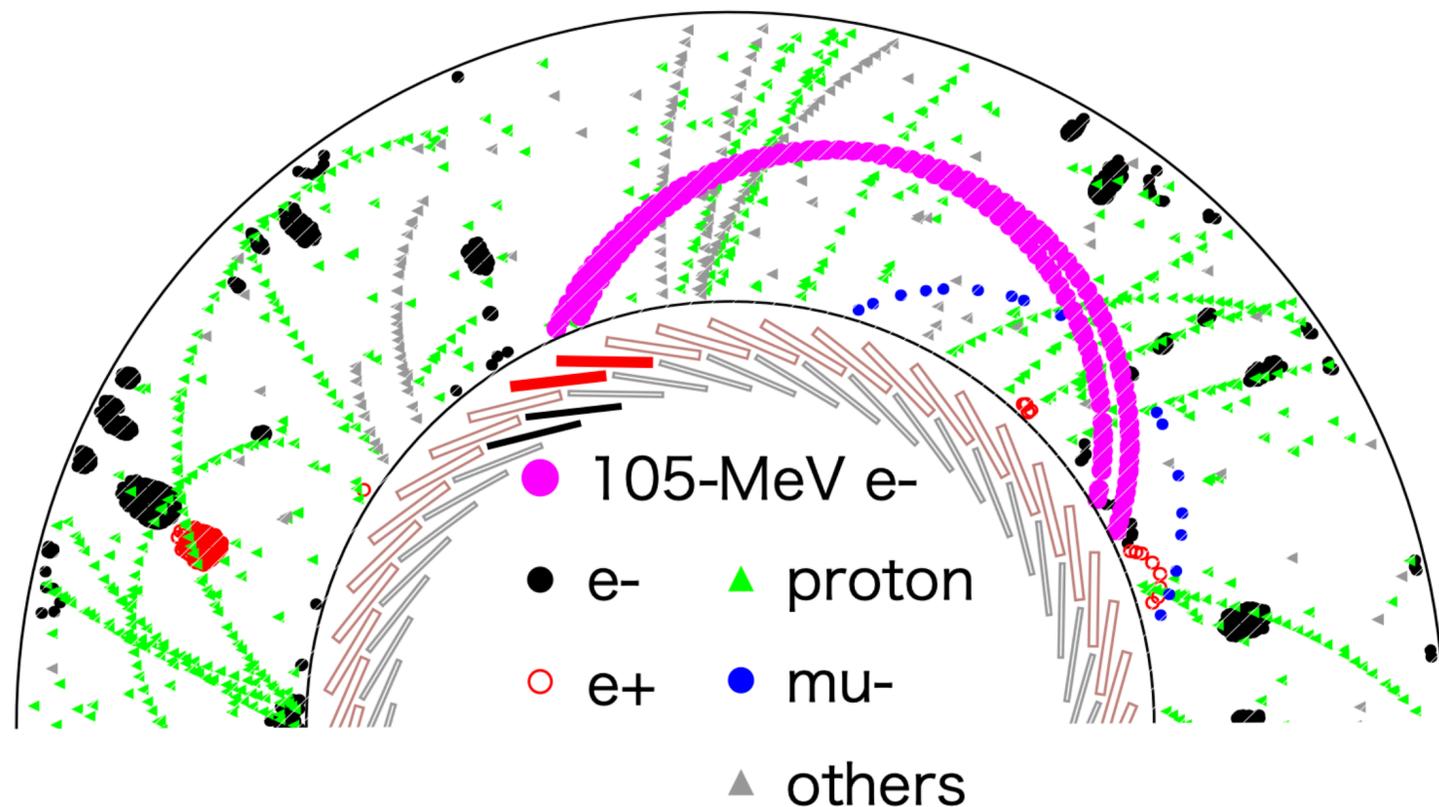


(b) Stopped Muons



(c) Muons with  $p > 70$  MeV/c around the stopping target

# COMET Phase-I - CyDet -



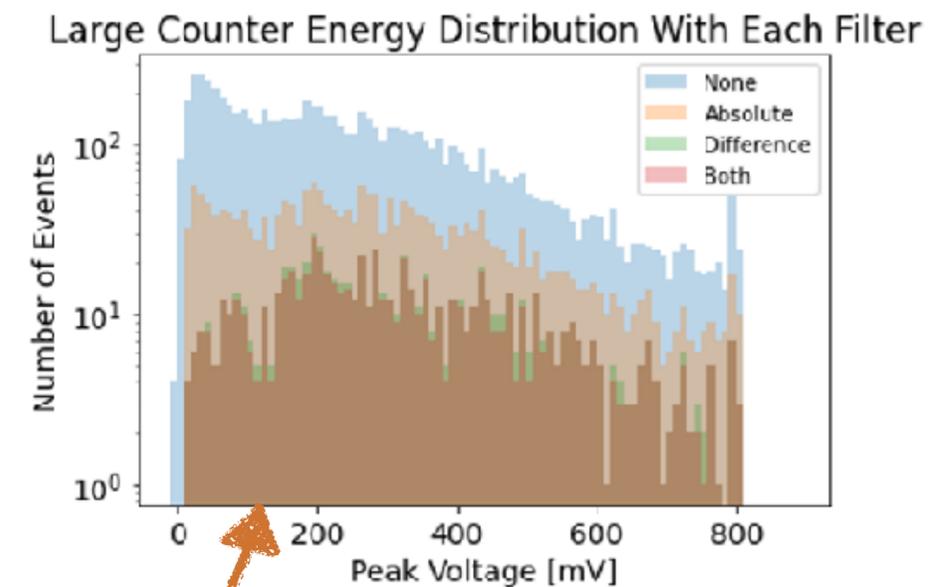
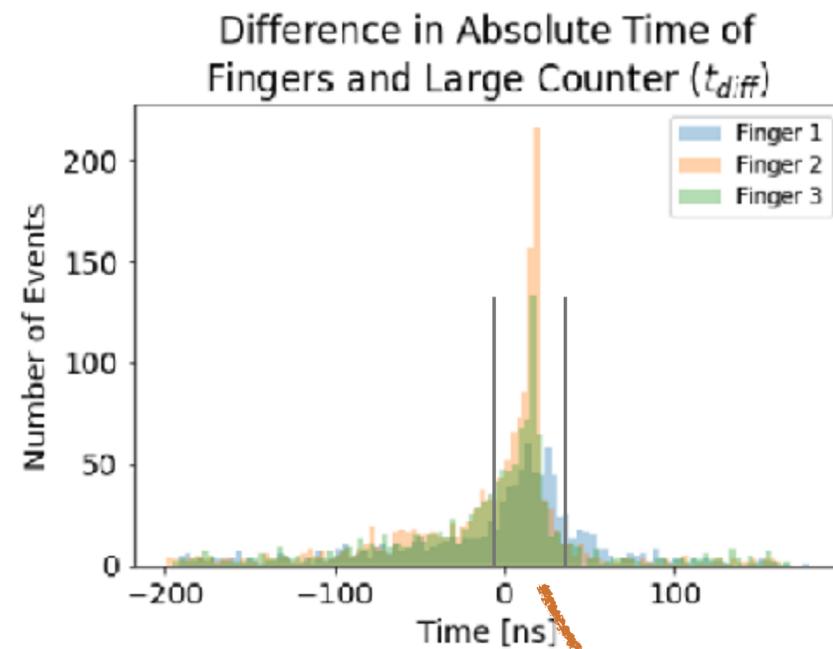
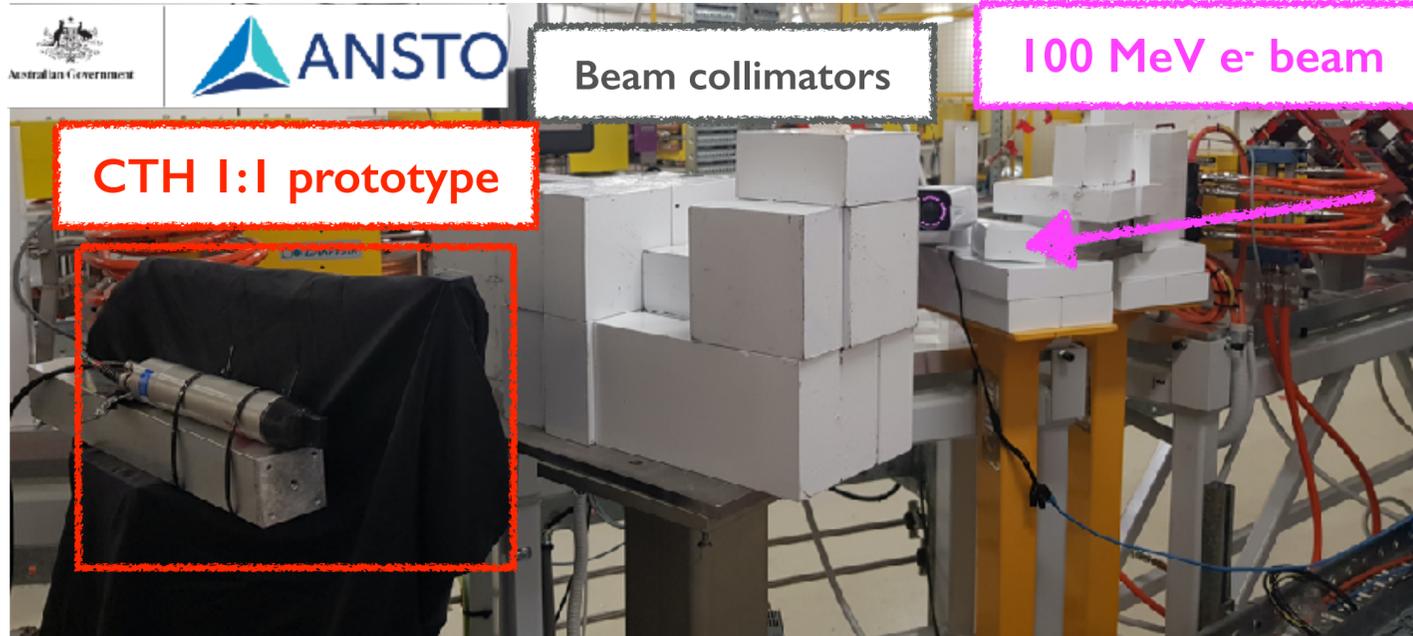
➤ **CDC** [C. Wu, et.al. DOI:10.1016/j.nima.2021.165756](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2021.165756)

- ~5,000 wires, 20 stereo layers for momentum measurement, He:iC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>=90:10, typical drift time <400ns
- Signal electrons' trajectories fully contained inside the volume

➤ **CTH** [Y. Fujii, et.al. DOI:10.5281/zenodo.6781368](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6781368)

- 2 layers of 64 segmented plastic scintillator rings at both ends of CDC for the timing measurement
- Suppress accidental events and low momentum particles by taking four-fold coincidence

# COMET Phase-I - Monash Activities -

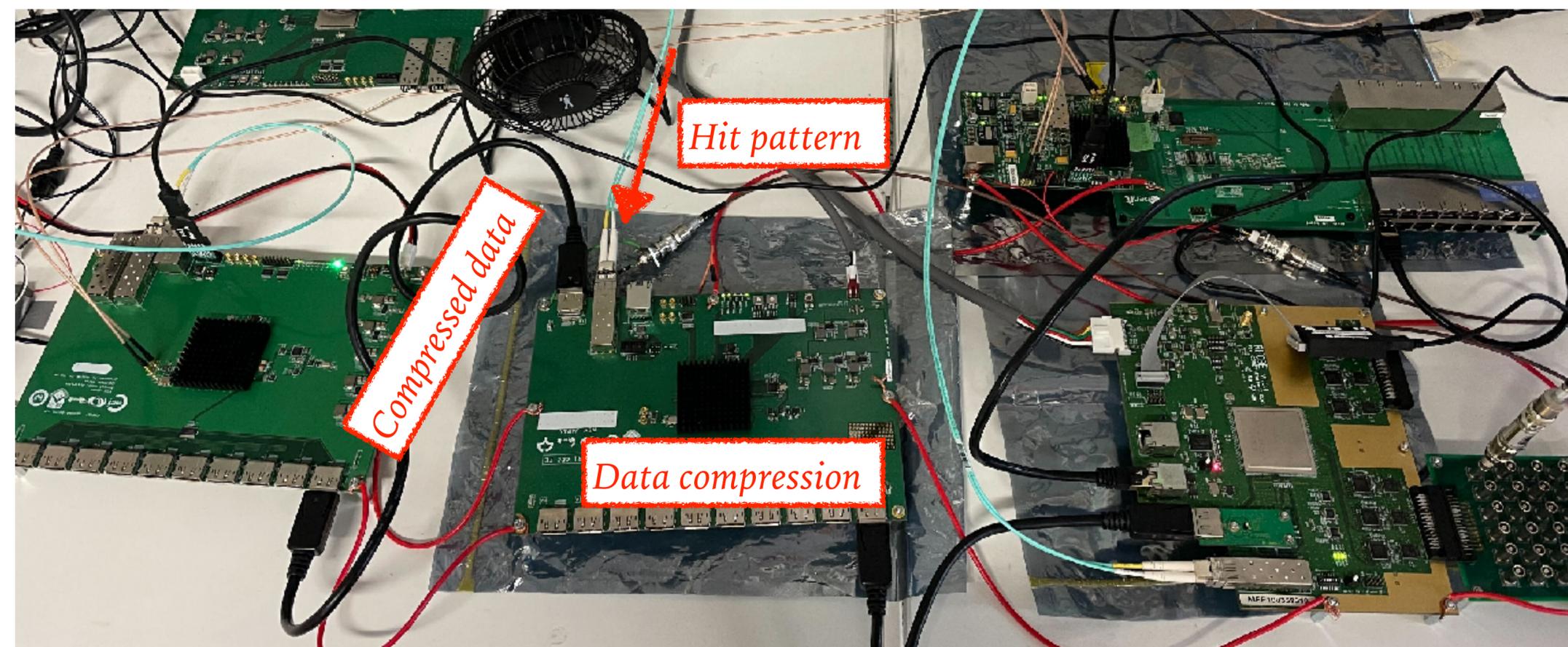
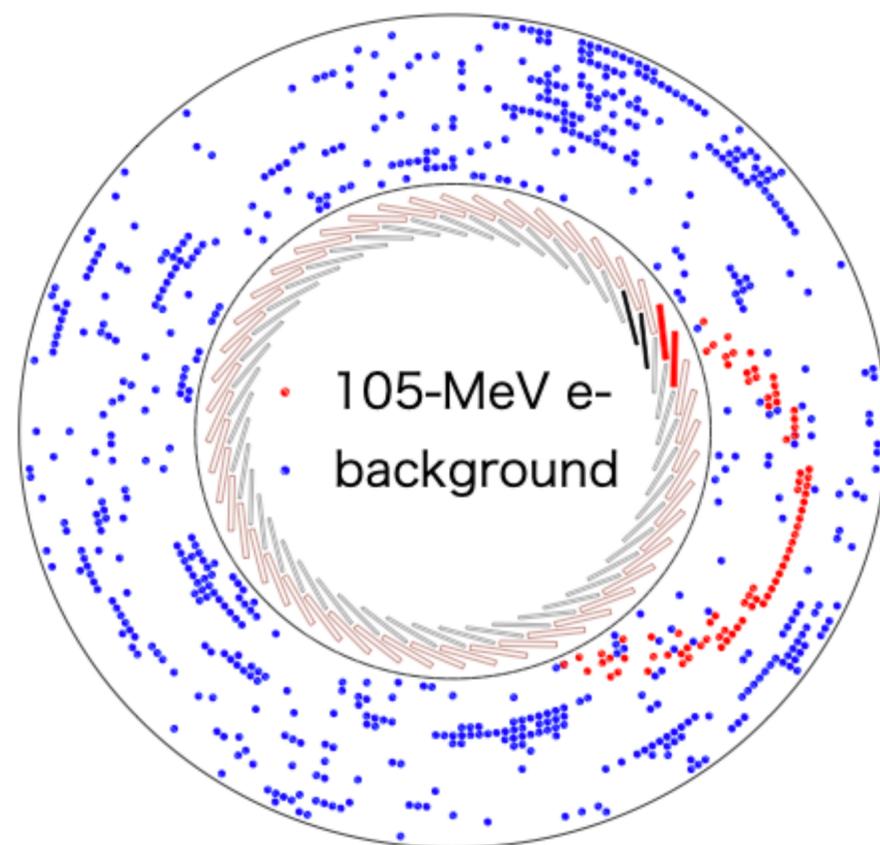


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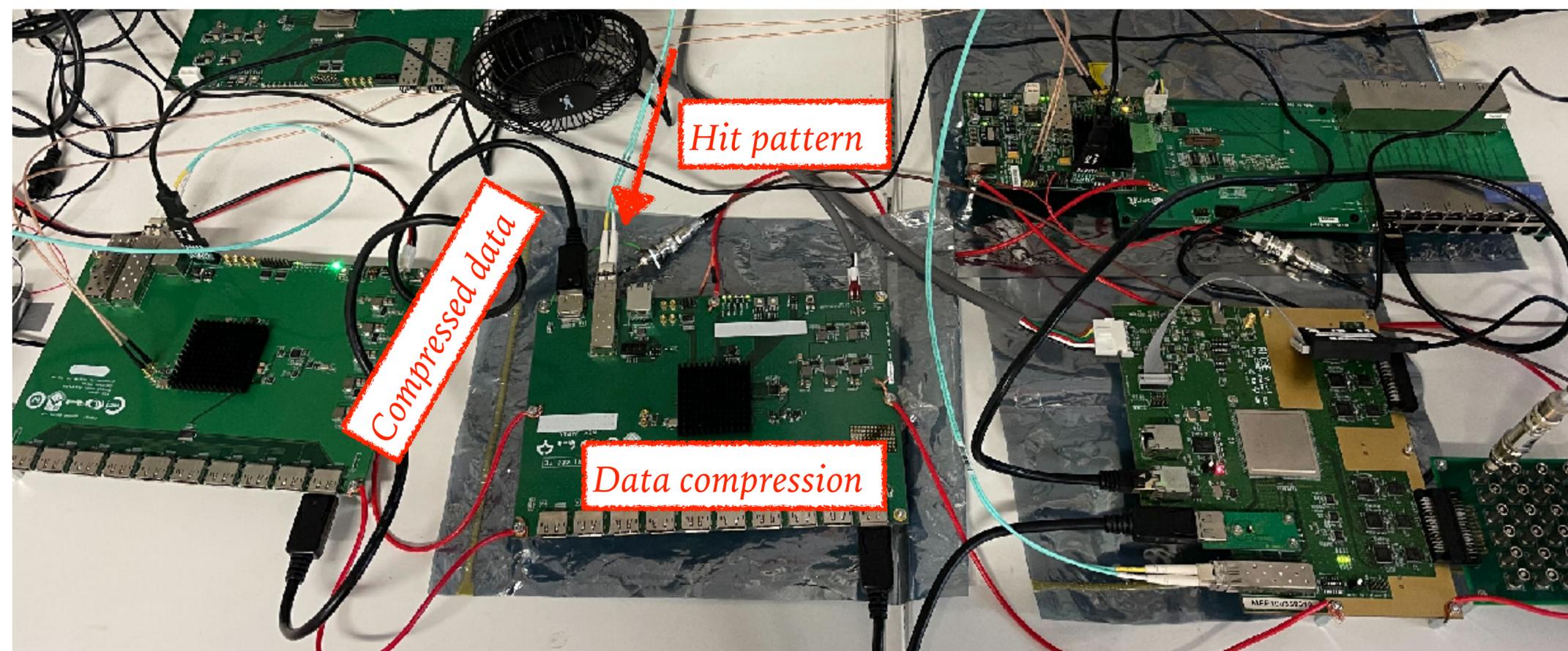
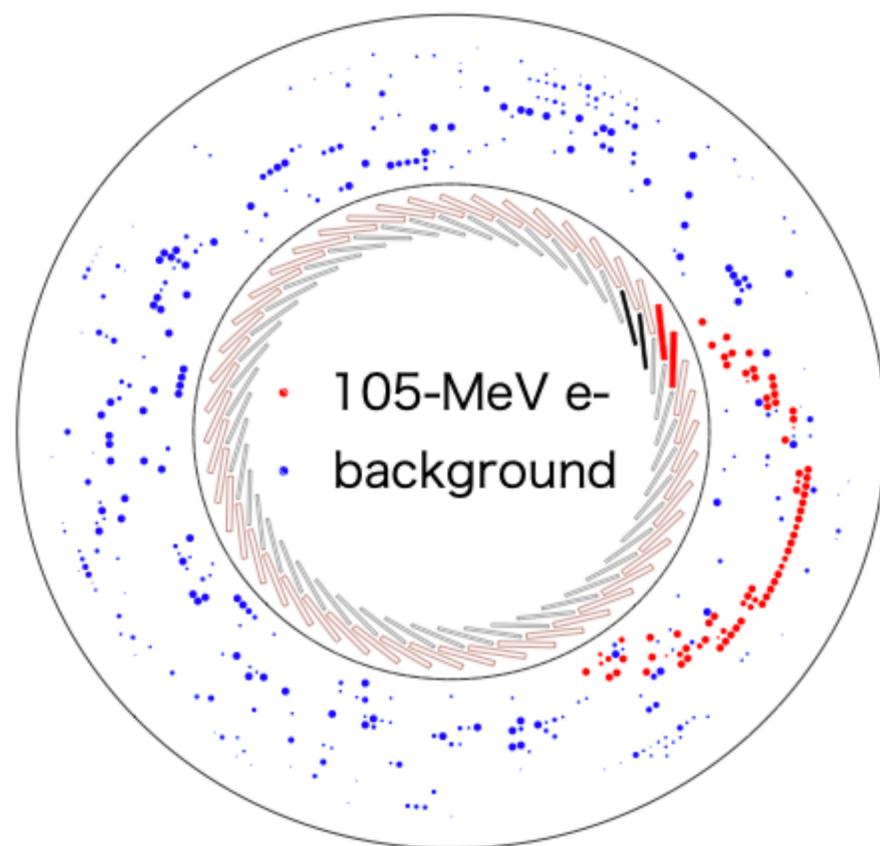


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# COMET Phase-I – Expected Sensitivity –



$$\mathcal{B}(\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N) |_{Al} = \frac{1}{N_\mu \cdot f_{cap} \cdot f_{gnd} \cdot A_{\mu-e}} = 3.0 \times 10^{-15}$$

$N_\mu$  : #of stopped  $\mu^-$ ,  $1.5 \times 10^{16}$ , exp. @ 150 days,

$f_{cap}$  : fraction of stopped  $\mu^-$  captured, 0.61, theory,

$f_{gnd}$  : fraction of  $\mu^-$  bound to ground state, 0.9 theory,

$A_\mu$  : acceptance of  $\mu$ -e signal, 0.041, exp..

Item	Value	Comment
Acceptance	0.2	Fixed
Trigger/DAQ efficiency	0.8	Subject to change
Track finding efficiency	0.99	SC
Track selection	0.9	SC
Momentum window	0.93	$103.6 \text{ MeV}/c < p < 106.0 \text{ MeV}/c$
Timing window	0.3	$700 < t < 1170 \text{ ns}$ , SC
Total	0.04	At least 25% error

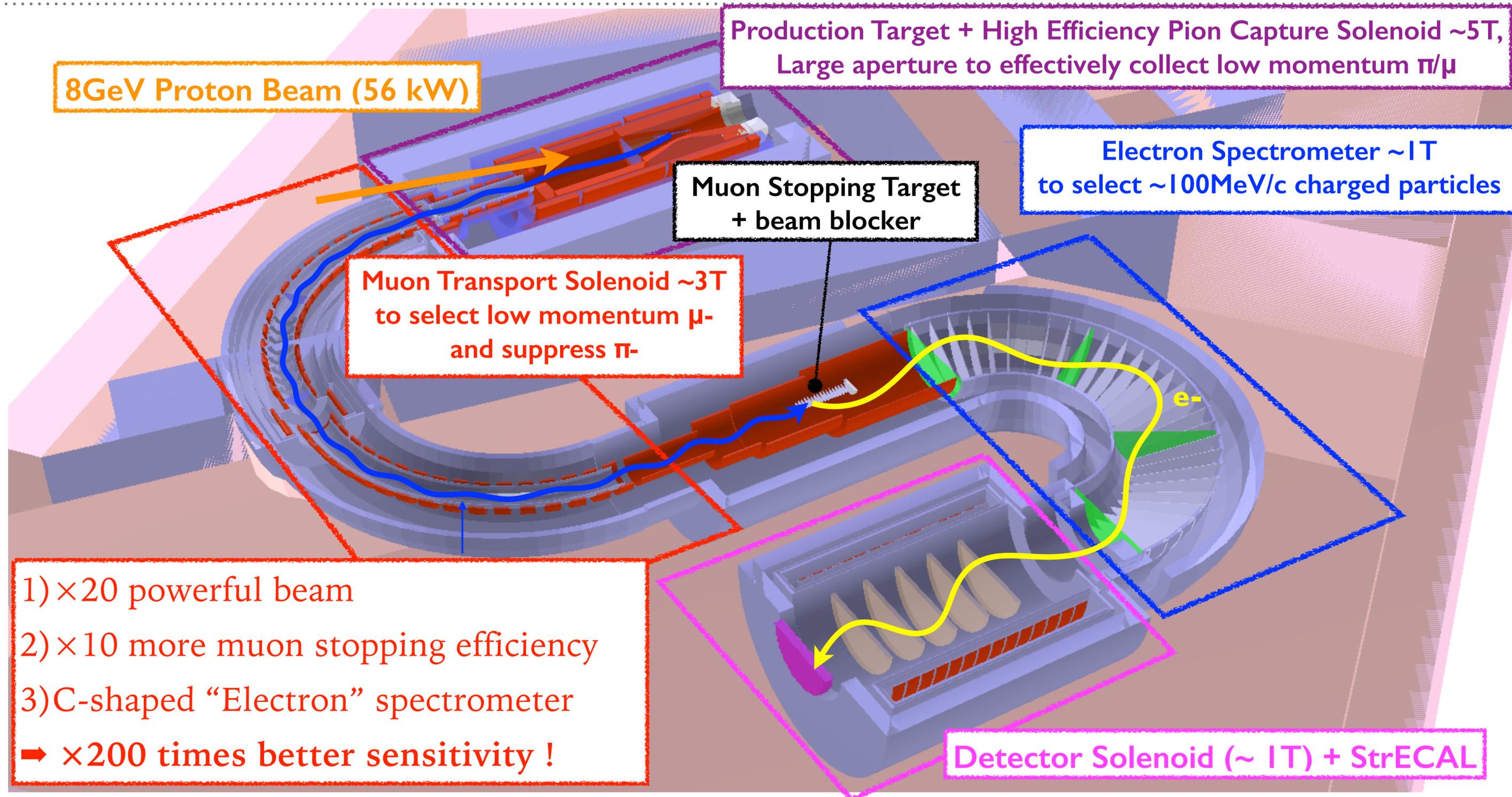
# COMET Phase-I – Background –



Type	Background	Estimated events
Physics	Muons decay in orbit	0.01
	Radiative muon capture	0.0019
	Neutron emission after muon capture	< 0.001
	Charged particle emission after muon capture	< 0.001
Prompt beam	Beam electrons, $\mu/\pi$ decay-in-flight, others	Total < 0.0038
	Radiative pion capture	0.0028
Delayed beam	↑ from delayed proton beam	Negligible
	Antiproton induced background	0.0012
Others	Cosmic rays (computationally limited)	< 0.01
Total		<b>&lt; 0.032</b>

→ **COMET Phase-I is almost BG free**, sensitivity is only limited by the cost of radiation shielding and detector's rate capabilities!

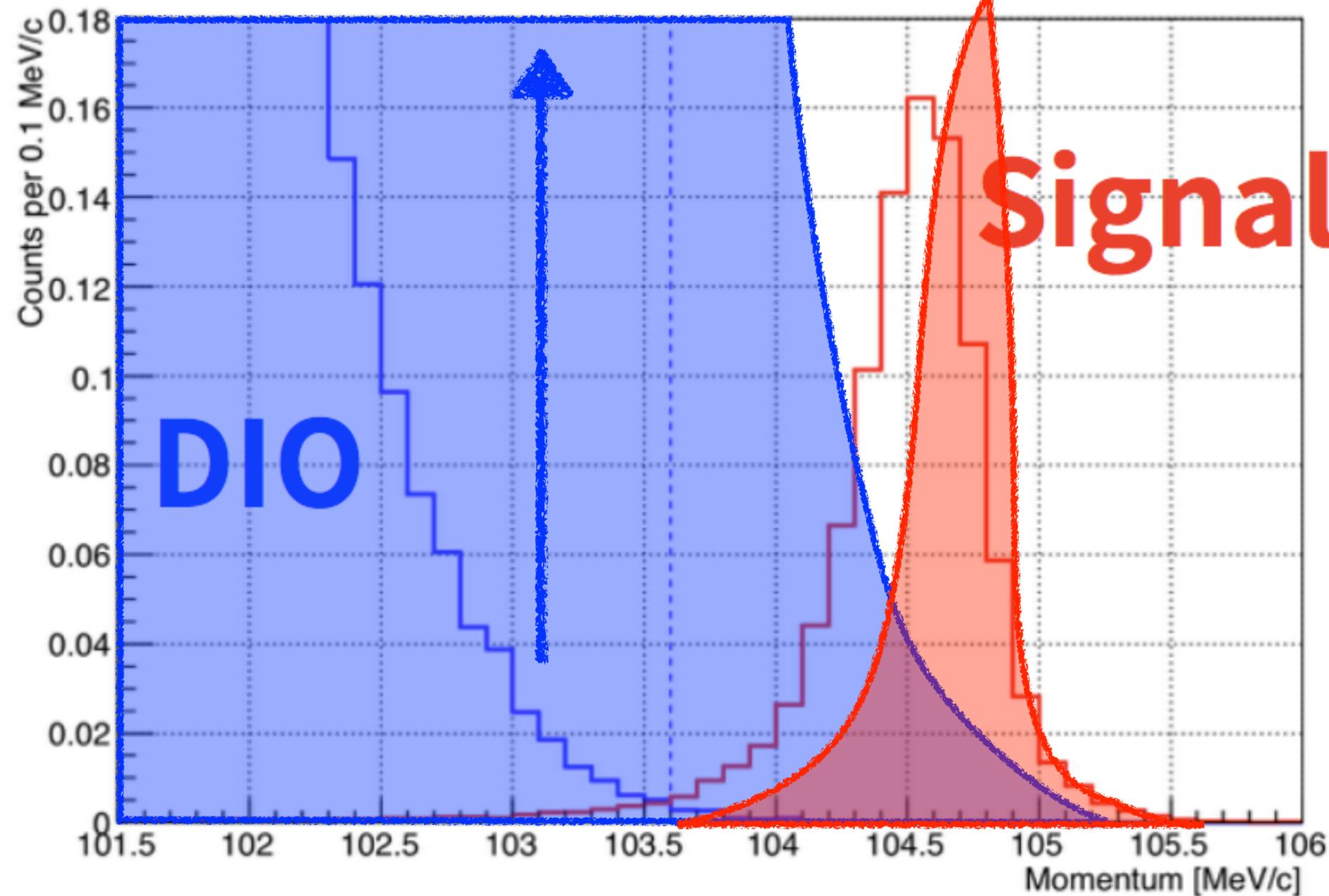
# COMET Phase-II



# COMET Phase-II - Concept -



Signal and DIO ( $BR=3 \times 10^{-15}$ )



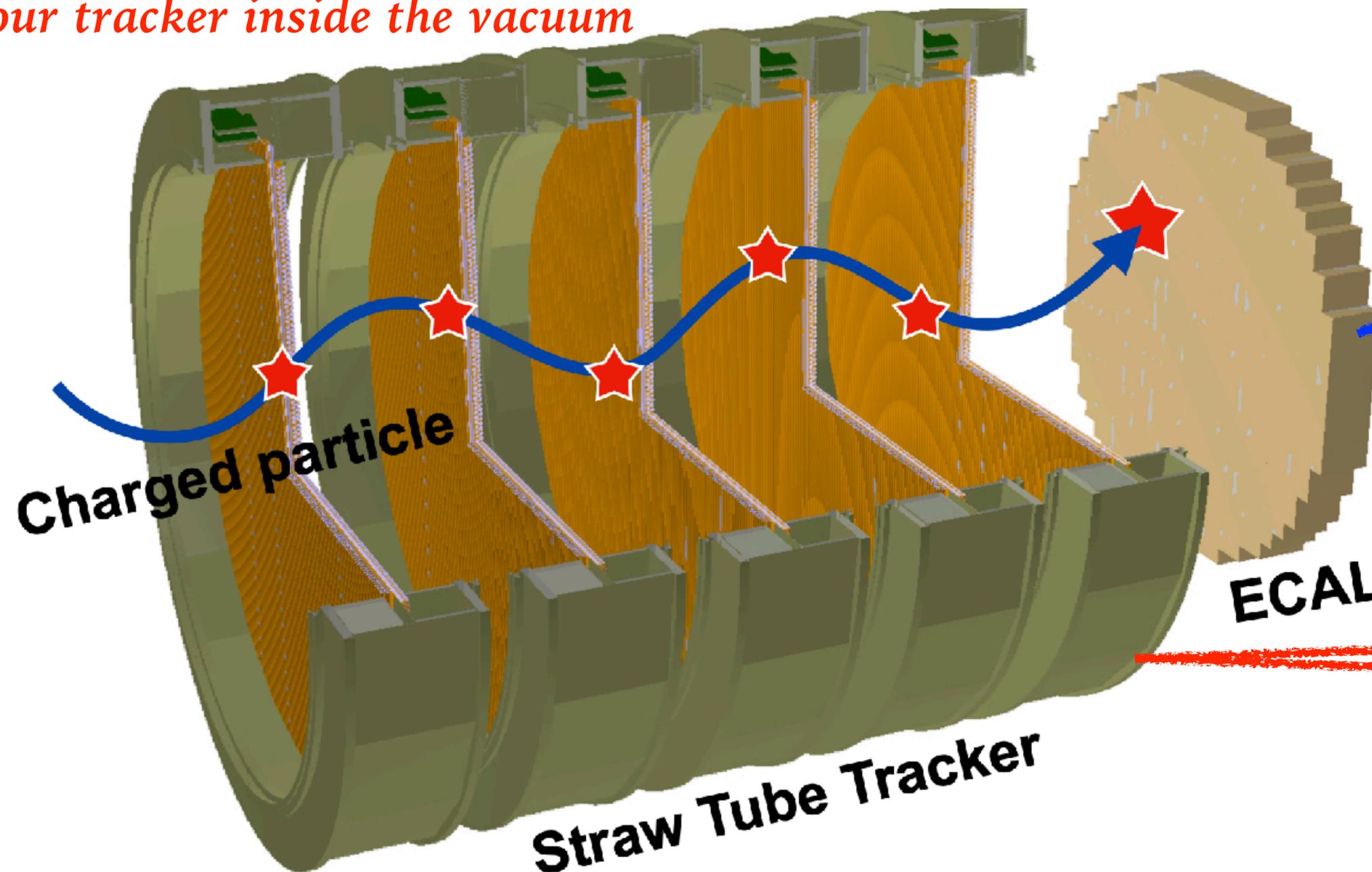
- $\times 100$  Sensitivity means  $\times 100$  BG
- ➔ DIO BG will become dominant if we do nothing in Phase-II
- ➔ Make a signal peak sharper = *better momentum resolution and less materials*

# COMET Phase-II – Detectors –



*A simple solution:*

*Put our tracker inside the vacuum*



LYSO crystals

- Full absorption length
- Fast time response for pileup tolerance

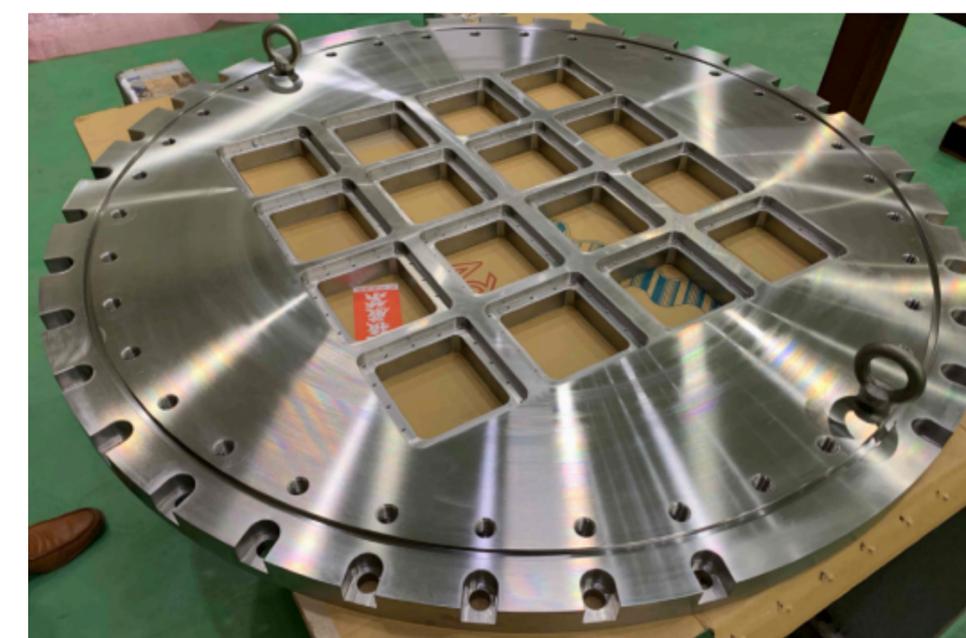
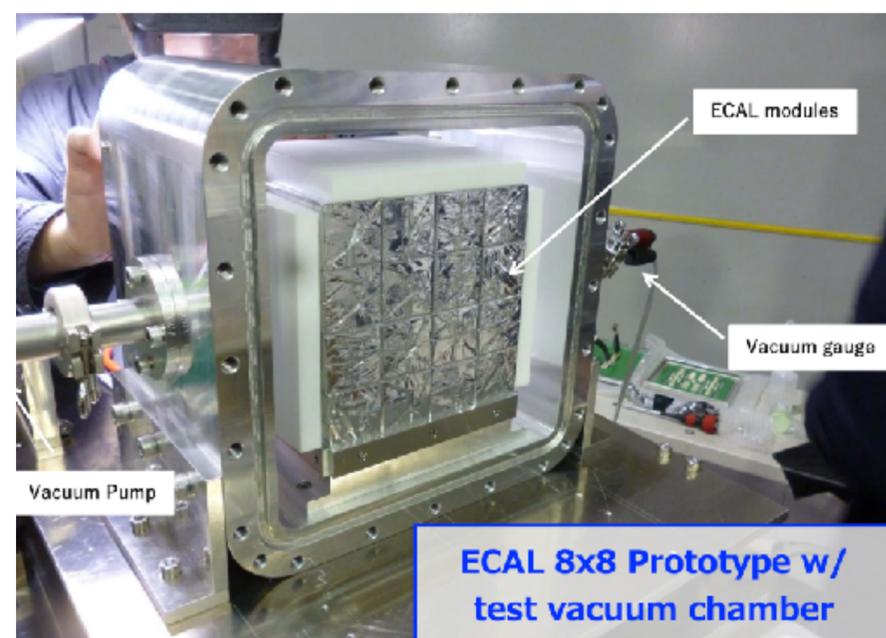
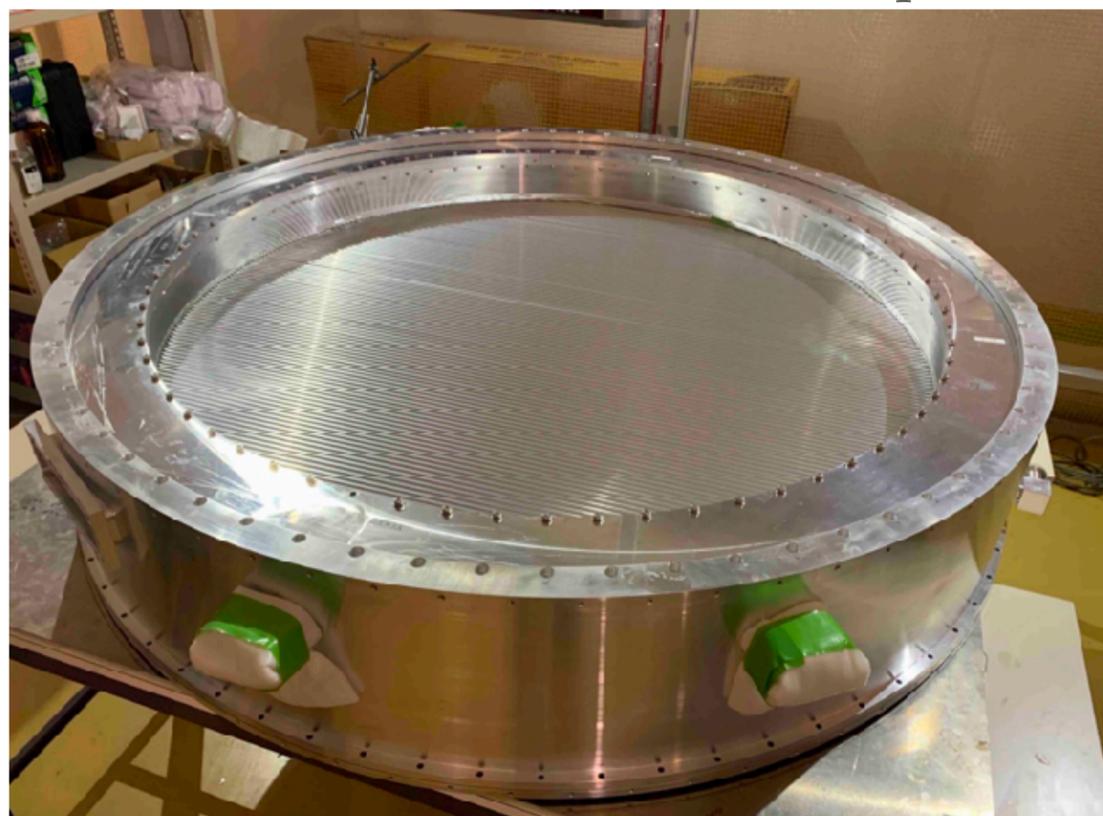
APD readout (space & radiation tolerance)

5 or more Straw stations

- A station consists of 2 horizontal and 2 vertical layers
- A straw is designed to be vacuum tight

# COMET Phase-II - Detectors -

- ▶ Straw + ECAL prototype will be used in the Phase-I beam measurement
- ▶ A 20  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, 10mm $\phi$  straw tube for the Phase-I beam measurement (Ar:C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> or Ar:CO<sub>2</sub>), expected  $\sigma_p \sim 180 \text{ keV}/c$ 
  - ▶ 12.5  $\mu\text{mT}$ , 5mm $\phi$  for Phase-II straw being developed, expected  $\sigma_p \sim 150 \text{ keV}/c$
- ▶ LYSO 64  $\times$  16 modules to be installed in the Phase-I
  - ▶ In Phase-II it'll be scaled up to 5,000 for  $\sim 1.5 \text{ m}\phi$  coverage



# COMET Phase-II - Sensitivity -



$$\mathcal{B}(\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N) |_{Al} = \frac{1}{N_\mu \cdot f_{cap} \cdot f_{gnd} \cdot A_{\mu-e}} = 1.4 \times 10^{-17}$$

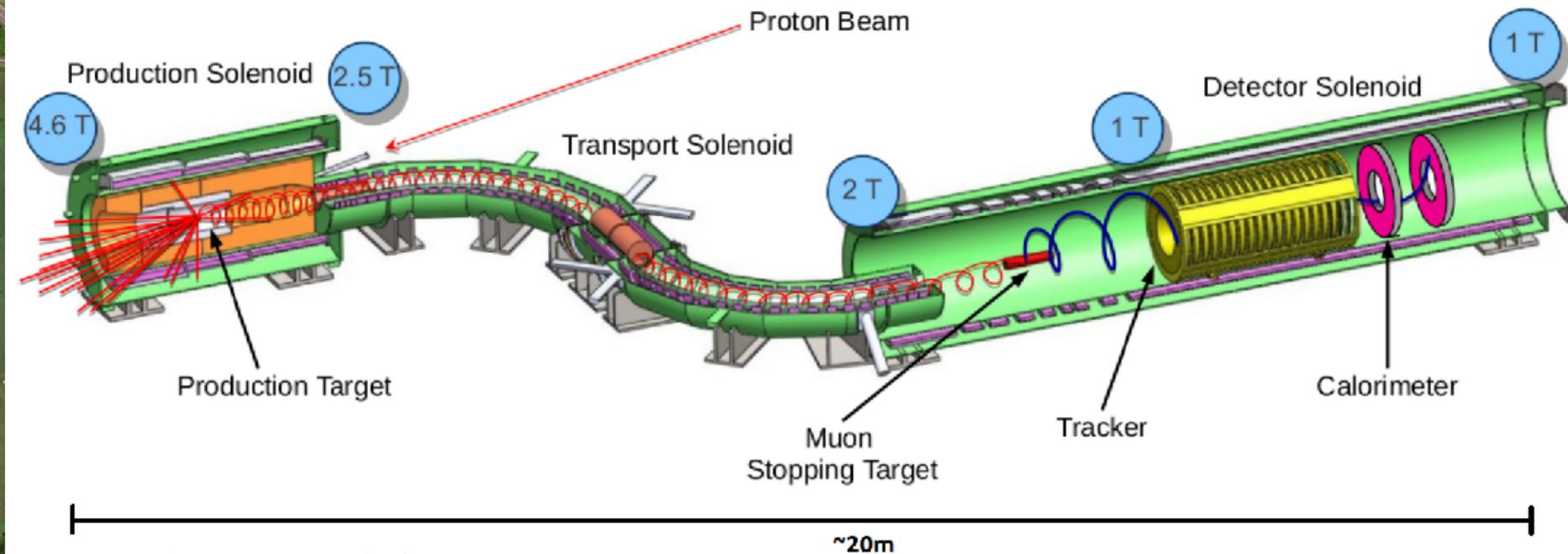
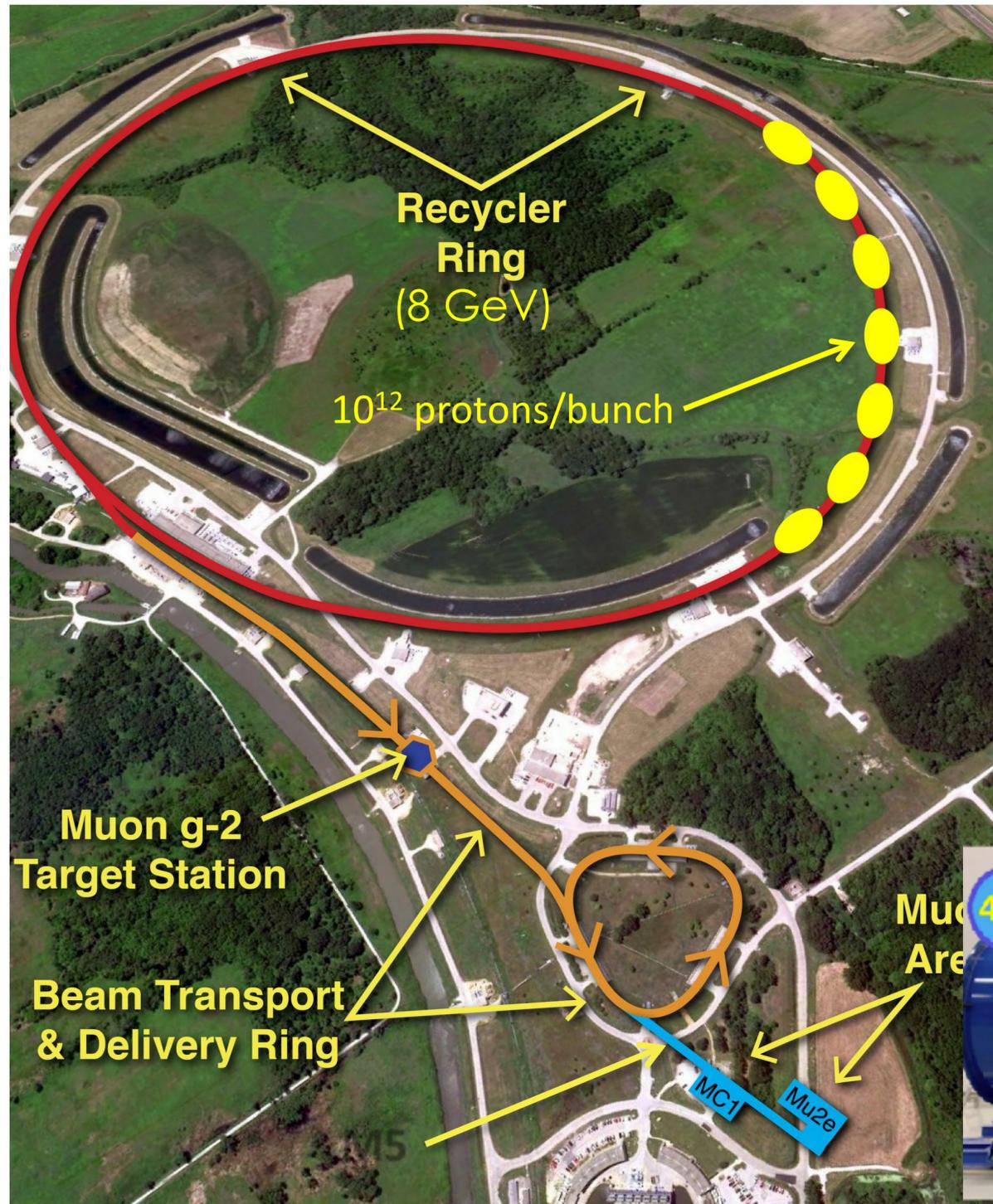
$N_\mu$  : #of stopped  $\mu^-$ ,  $3.3 \times 10^{18}$ , exp. @ 230 days,

$f_{cap}$  : fraction of stopped  $\mu^-$  captured, 0.61, theory,

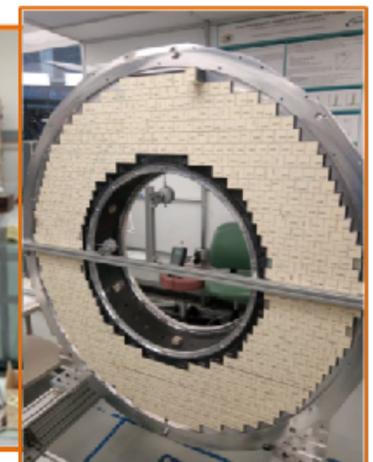
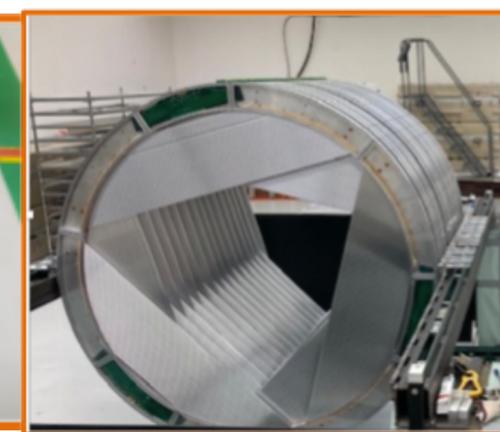
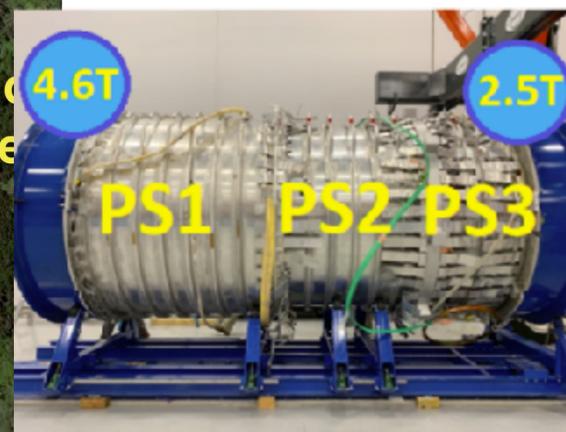
$f_{gnd}$  : fraction of  $\mu^-$  bound to ground state, 0.9 theory,

$A_\mu$  : acceptance of  $\mu$ -e signal, **0.036**, exp..

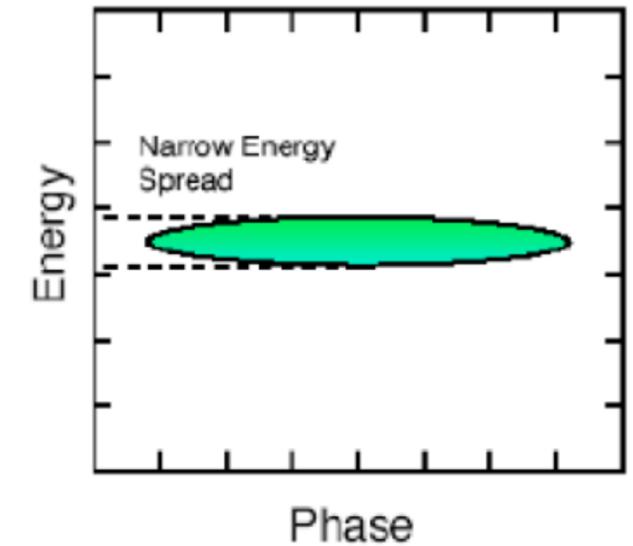
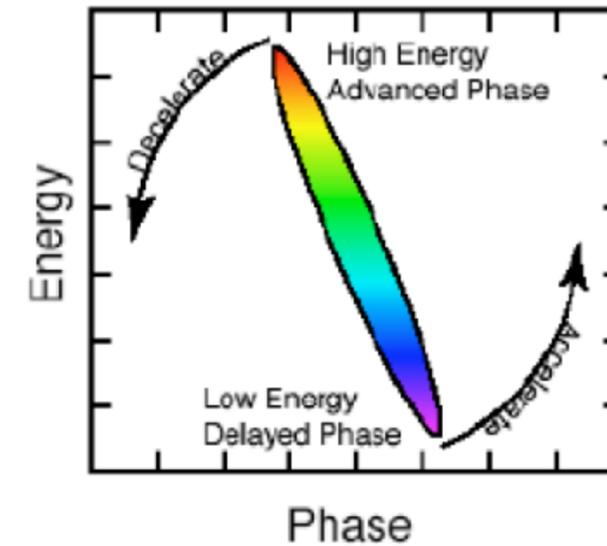
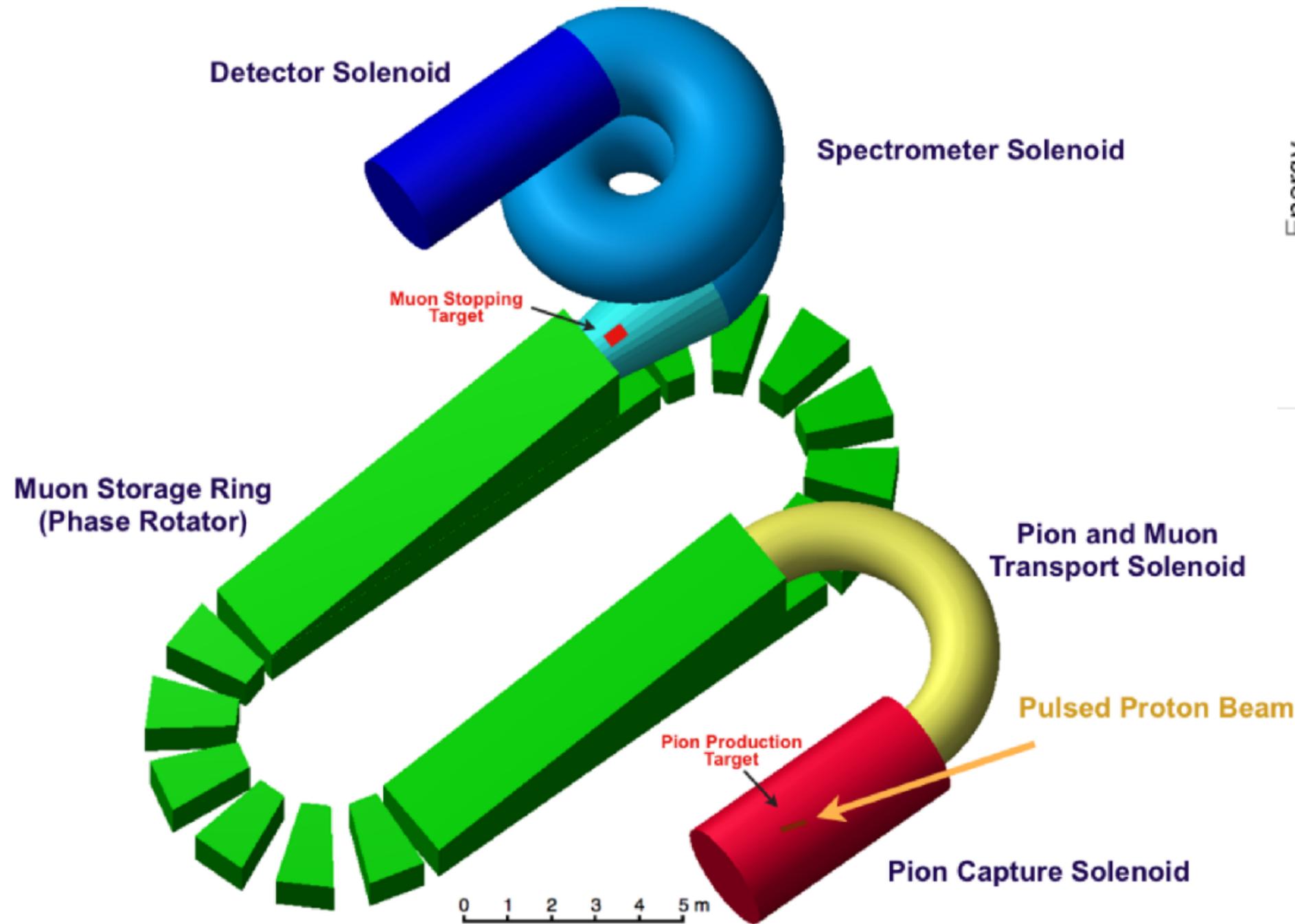
Item	Value in P-I	Value in P-II	Comment
Acceptance	0.2	<b>0.18</b>	Fixed
Trigger/DAQ efficiency	0.8	<b>0.87</b>	Subject to change
Track reconstruction efficiency	0.99	<b>0.77</b>	SC
Track selection	0.9	<b>0.94</b>	SC
Momentum window	0.93	<b>0.62</b>	$104.2 \text{ MeV}/c < p < 105.5 \text{ MeV}/c$
Timing window	0.3	<b>0.49</b>	$600 < t < 1170 \text{ ns}$ , SC
Total	0.04	<b>0.034</b>	At least 25% error



- At the Fermilab muon campus
- Aiming  $10^{-17}$  level sensitivity without staging
- Construction is in progress and will take physics data in 2025/2026

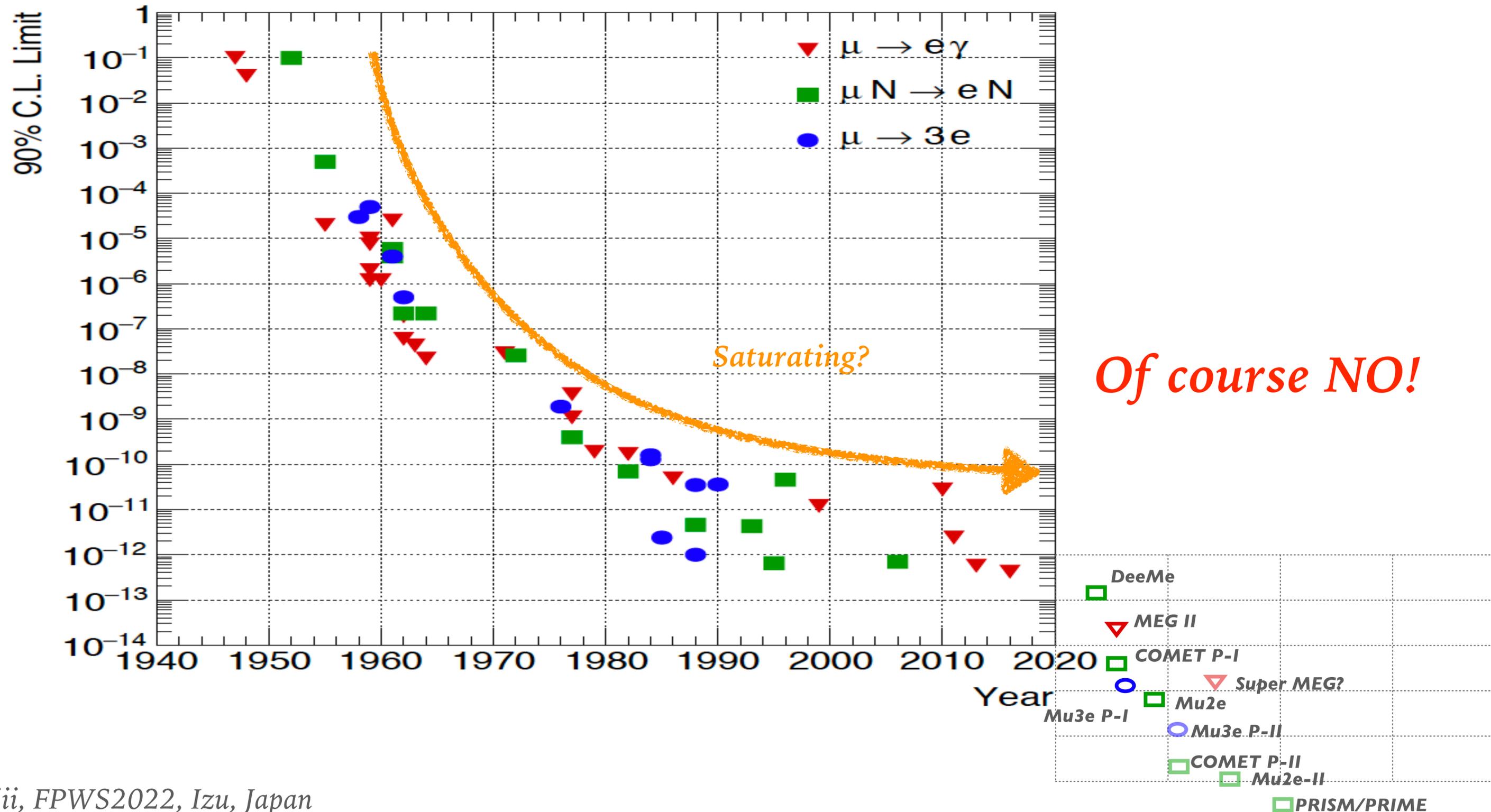


# PRISM / PRIME



- Muon storage & phase rotation ring using a Fixed Field Alternating Gradient (FFAG) ring
- Significantly reduce the beam induced background
- Pure low momentum muons enable to explore high-Z target materials,  $10^{-18}$  or even higher sensitivity

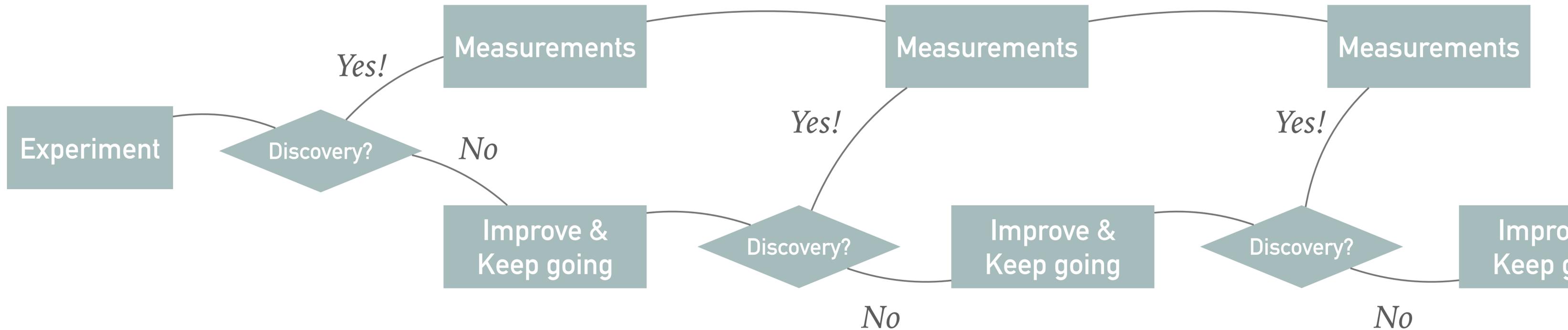
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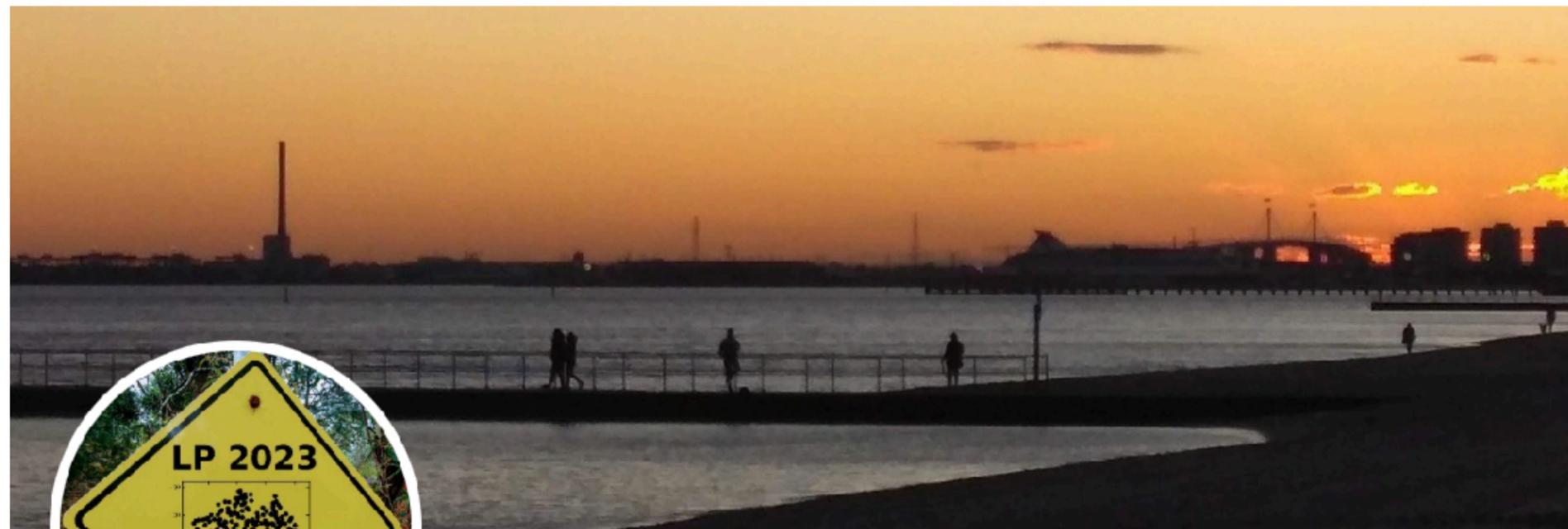


# Summary & Prospects



- CLFV searches are strong new physics probes and strongly related to other heavy flavour physics
- Many results from muon CLFV searches are expected to come
  - We are entering the “new-physics-exploring” region now
- And...





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