

The Mu2e Experiment at Fermilab and its Electromagnetic Calorimeter

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Presentation outline

- Where, Why Muon to Electron conversion
- How, the experimental technique
- Accelerator complex
- Detectors layout, **indulging on the Calorimeter**
- Status of Mu2e construction
- Conclusions

The Mu2e collaboration @FNAL muon campus



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Why?

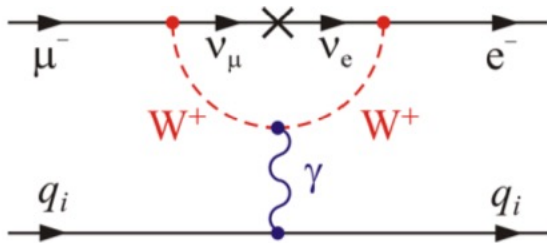
The Periodic Table of Elementary Particles and Forces

- We've known for a long time that quarks mix via $W \rightarrow$ (Quark) Flavor Violation
 - Mixing strengths parameterized by Cabbibo-Kobayashi-Maskawa - CKM matrix
- In last 15 years we learned that neutrinos mix \rightarrow Lepton Flavor Violation (LFV)
 - Mixing strengths parameterized by Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata - PMNS matrix
- Why not charged leptons?**
 - Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV)**

		Three Generations of Matter (Fermions)				
		I	II	III		
mass \rightarrow		2.4 MeV	1.27 GeV	171.2 GeV	0	
charge \rightarrow		$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	γ
spin \rightarrow		$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	γ
name \rightarrow		u up	c charm	t top (truth)	0	photon (electromagnetic)
					0	
	Quarks	d down	s strange	b bottom (beauty)	0	g
					0	gluon (strong force)
					1	
					0	Z^0
					0	weak force
					1	
	Leptons	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino	91.2 GeV	
					0	
					1	W^\pm
					0	weak force
					1	
					80.4 GeV	
					± 1	
					1	W^\pm
					0	weak force
					115-185 GeV	
					± 1	
					0	H
						higgs boson

Why a Search for $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$?

- Mu2e searches for **muon-to-electron conversion** in the coulomb field of a nucleus
- CLFV **strongly suppressed in SM** not forbidden due to neutrino oscillation



$$B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \left| \frac{\Delta m_{13}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2$$

$$\sim \Delta m_\nu^2 / M_W^2 < 10^{-54}, \text{ not observable!}$$

- **physics beyond SM (BSM)**, instead, enhances CLFV rates to observable values
- Muon-to-electron conversion is similar but complementary to other CLFV processes as $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ and $\mu \rightarrow 3e$.
- **A detected signal would indicate the validity of BSM theories:** Susy, Compositeness, Leptoquark, Heavy neutrinos, Second Higgs Doublet, Heavy Z'

No outgoing neutrinos!

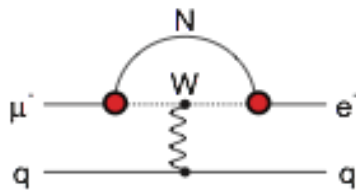
$\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$ signature of BSM models

$$\mathcal{L}_{CLFV} = \frac{m_\mu}{(1+\kappa)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_L F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa}{(1+\kappa)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_L \gamma_\mu e_L \left(\sum_{q=u,d} \bar{q}_L \gamma_\mu q_L \right)$$

Loop terms

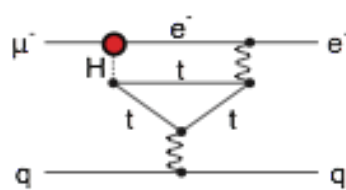
Heavy Neutrinos

$$|U_{\mu N} U_{eN}|^2 \sim 8 \times 10^{-13}$$



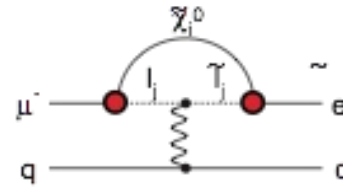
Second Higgs Doublet

$$g(H_{\mu e}) \sim 10^{-4} g(H_{\mu\mu})$$

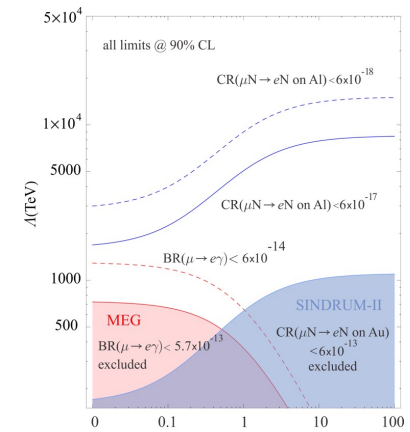


Supersymmetry

$$\text{rate} \sim 10^{-15}$$



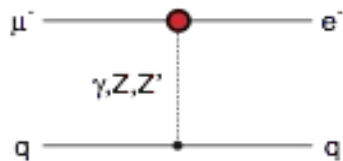
Models which can be probed also by $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ searches



Contact terms

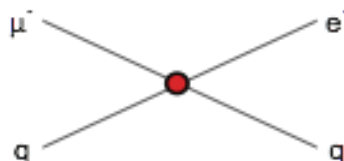
Heavy Z'
Anomal. Z Coupling

$$M_{Z'} = 3000 \text{ TeV}/c^2$$



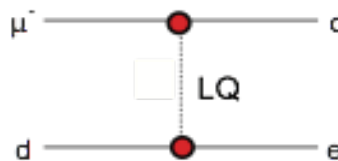
Compositeness

$$\Lambda_c \sim 3000 \text{ TeV}$$



Leptoquark

$$M_{LQ} = 3000 (\lambda_{\mu d} \lambda_{e d})^{1/2} \text{ TeV}/c^2$$



Direct coupling between quarks and leptons, better accessed by $\mu N \rightarrow e N$

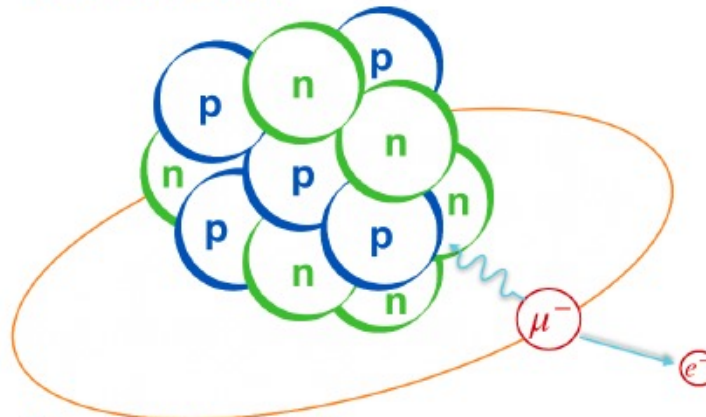
What is Mu2e

- Will search the conversion of a muon into an electron after stopping it in an AL nucleus



$$\tau_{\mu}^{\text{Al}} = 864 \text{ ns}$$

Aluminum nucleus



Muonic Al lifetime = 864 ns

- **Clear Event Signature:**
monoenergetic electron
consistent with:

$$E_e = m_{\mu} - E_{recoil} - E_{1S B.E.},$$

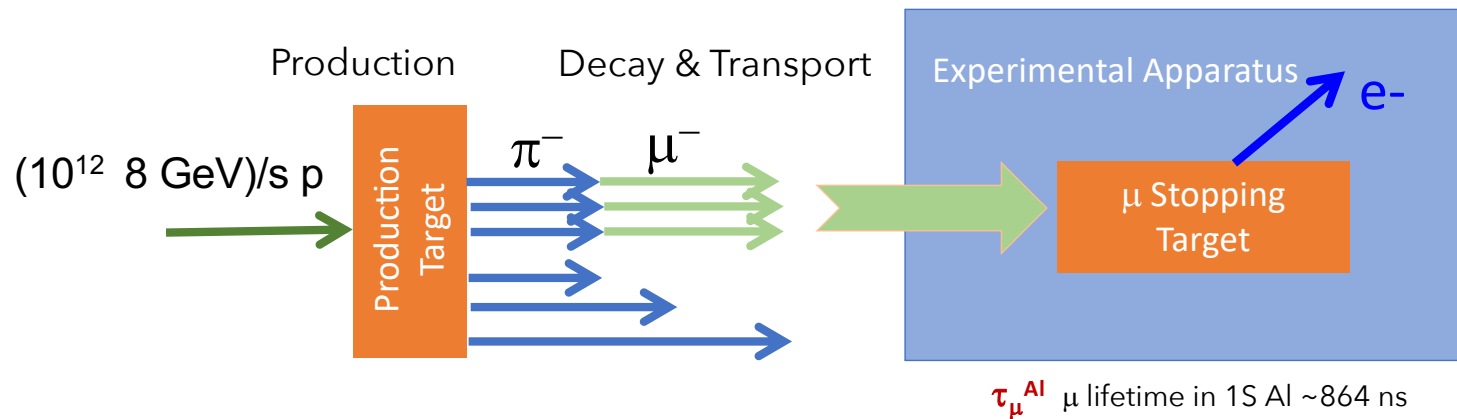
e.g For Al: $E_e = 104.97 \text{ MeV}$.

- Will use current the intense proton beam of the Fermilab accelerator to reach a single event sensitivity of $\sim 3 \times 10^{-17}$ i.e. 10^4 better than current world's best (Sindrum II)
- Will have *discovery* sensitivity over broad swath of BSM parameter space
- Mu2e will detect and count the electrons coming from the conversion decay of a muon with respect to standard muon capture

$$R_{\mu e} = \frac{\Gamma(\mu^- + A(Z, N) \rightarrow e^- + A(Z, N))}{\Gamma(\text{all-captures})}$$

Mu2e Concept in a sketch

1. High intensity Muon Beams ($> \times 100$ w.r.t. existing facility up to 10^{10} mu/sec)
2. Pulsed beam to eliminate prompt background
3. High proton extinction between pulses
4. High precision spectrometer and calorimeter

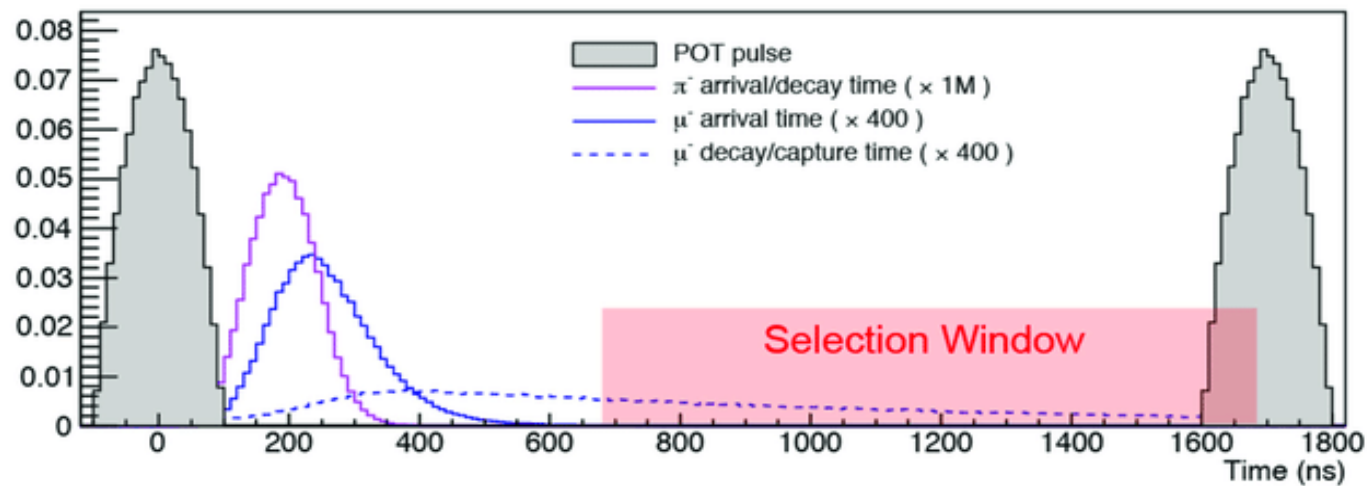


Delayed live-gate helps remove pion and beam backgrounds (Affecting Sindrum II).

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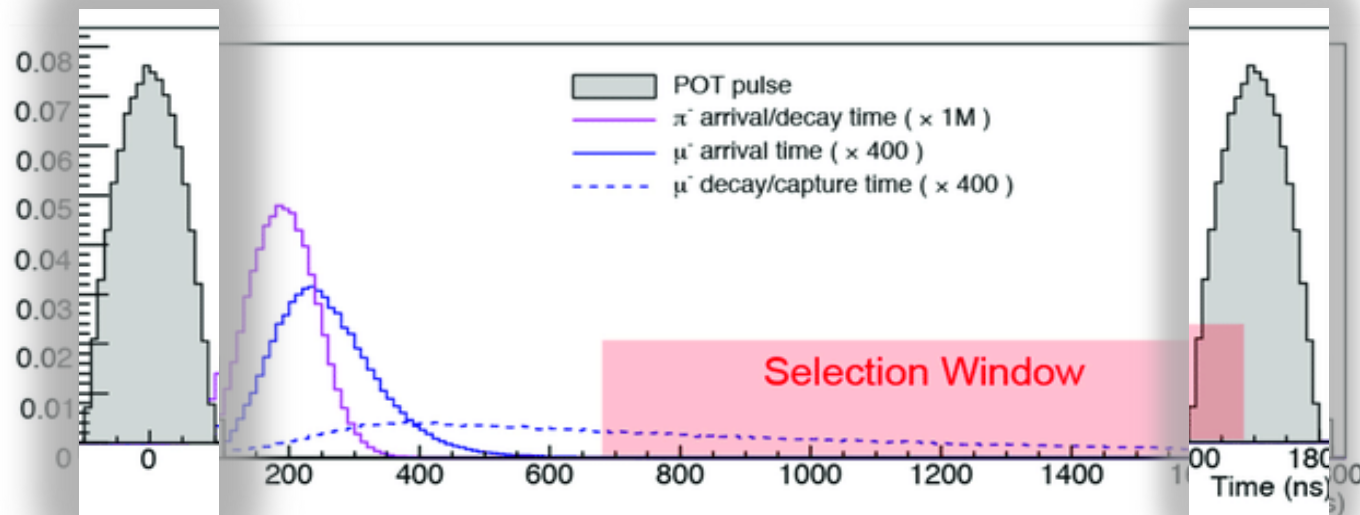
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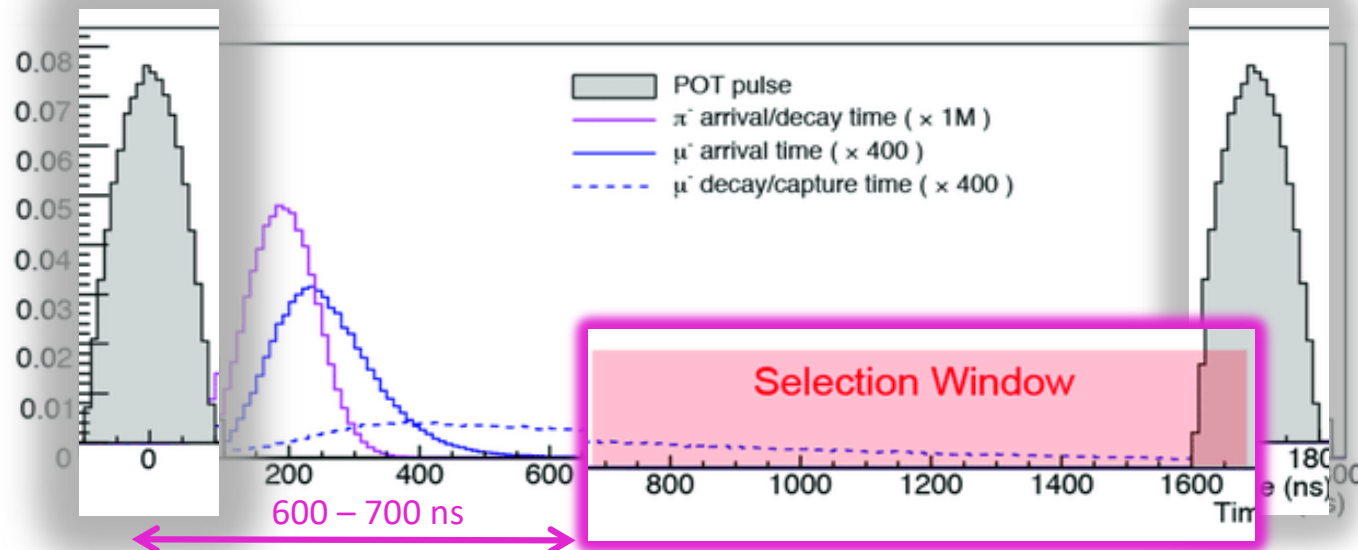
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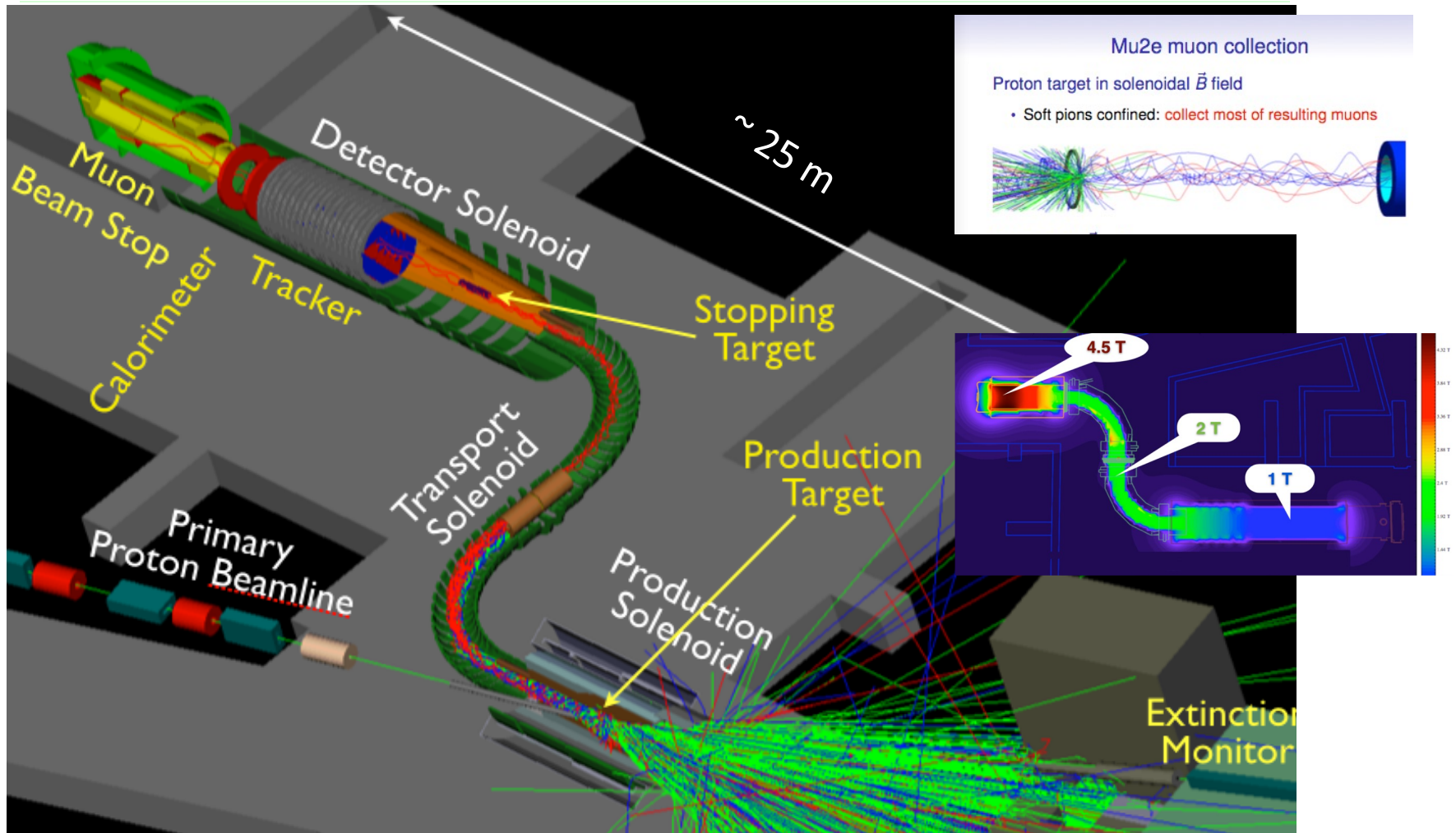
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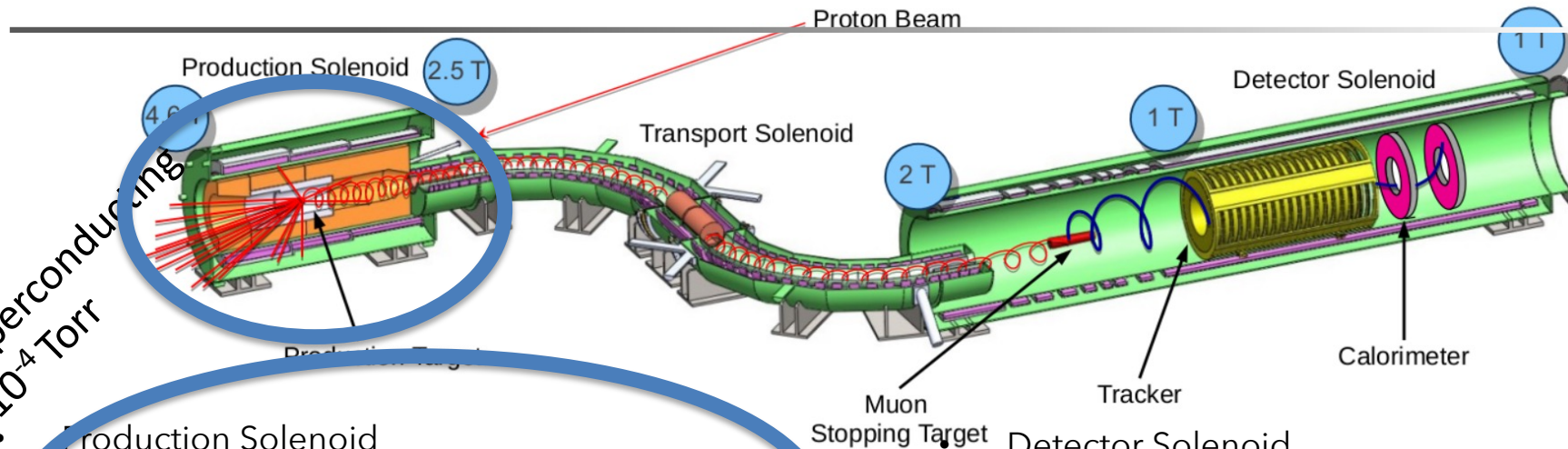


Mu2e Experimental Apparatus



- Derived from MELC concept originated by Lobashev and Dijkibaev in 1989

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• 10^{-4} Torr

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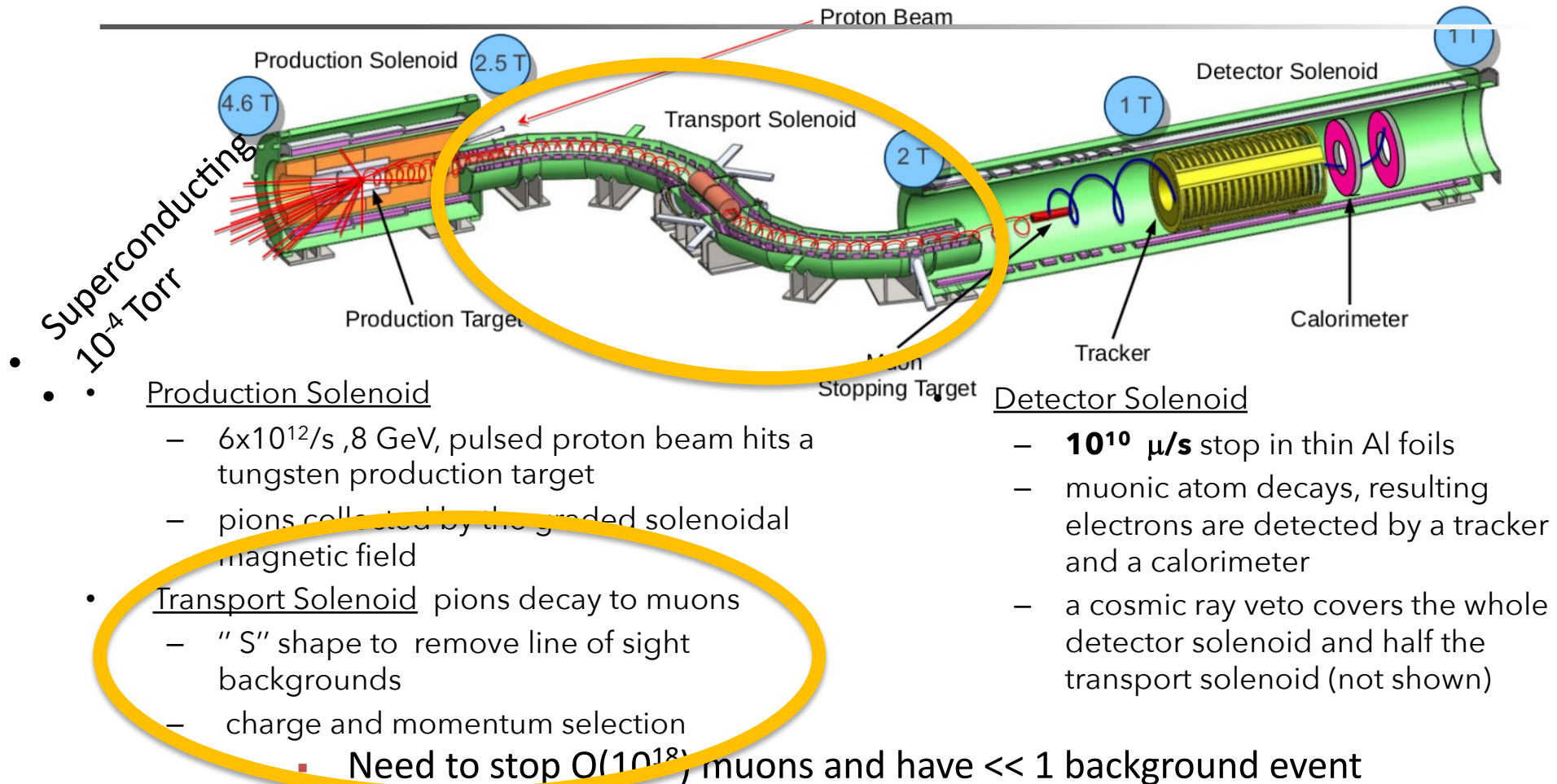
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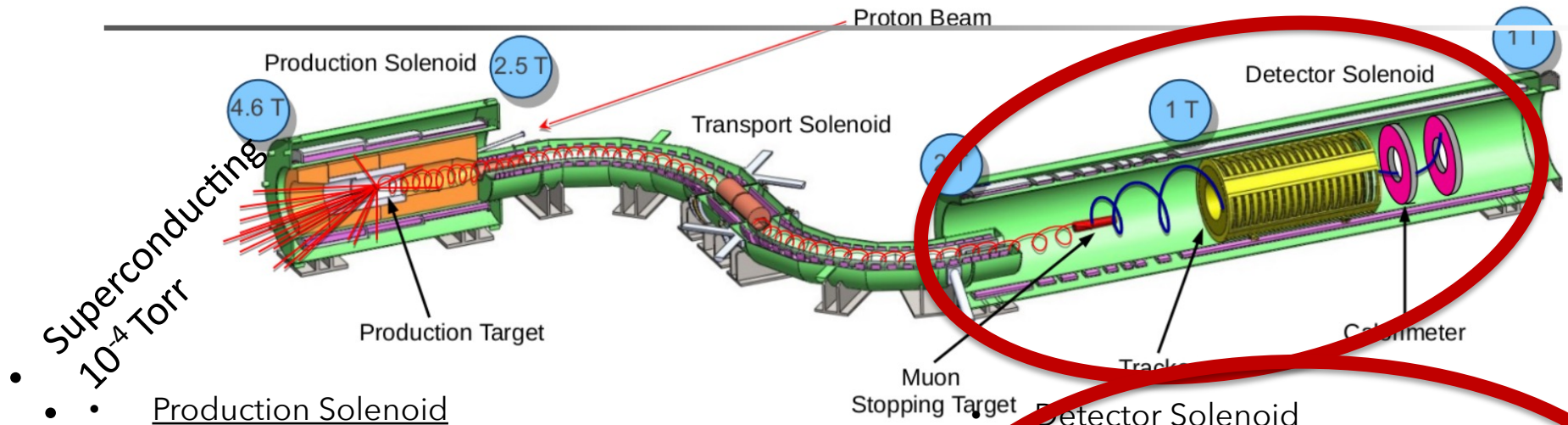
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Solenoid construction status

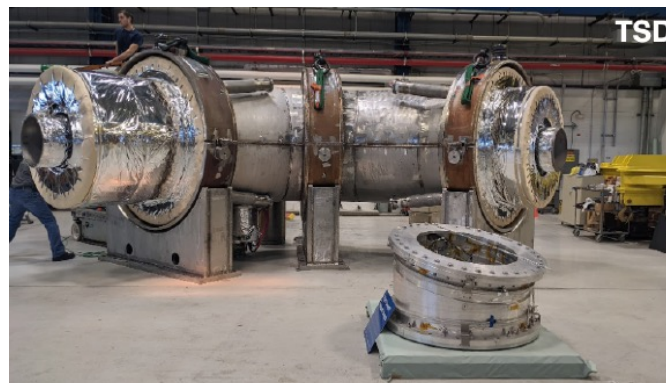
Production Solenoid:

- Consists of 3 coils, all wound at vendor.
- Undergoing final assembly.
- Arrives at Fermilab in Fall 2023.



Transport Solenoid:

- Assembly being completed on-site
- Move to Mu2e Hall in Fall 2023.



Detector Solenoid:

- All coils fabricated at vendor.
- Cold mass cryo. supports prepared
- Delivery to Fermilab expected early 2024.



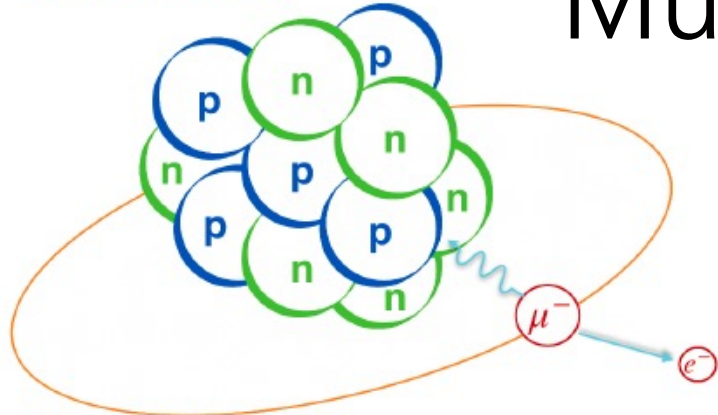
Muonic Al atom

A look at the topology of the events we are dealing with.

- Low momentum μ^- is captured in atomic orbit
 - Quickly (\sim fs) cascades to 1s state emitting X-rays
- Bohr radius ~ 20 fm (for aluminum)
 - Significant overlap of μ^- and Nucleus wave functions
- Once at "rest" in 1S state, 3 main processes (might) take place:
 - Conversion : $\mu^-N_{(A,Z)} \rightarrow e^-N_{(A,Z)}$ (signal). $< 7 \times 10^{-13}$
 - Muon Capture : $\mu^-N_{(A,Z)} \rightarrow \nu N^*_{(A,Z-1)}$ (normalization) **61 %**
 - Decay in Orbit: $\mu^-N_{(A,Z)} \rightarrow e^- \nu \nu N_{(A,Z)}$ (39%) (main bkg) **39 %**

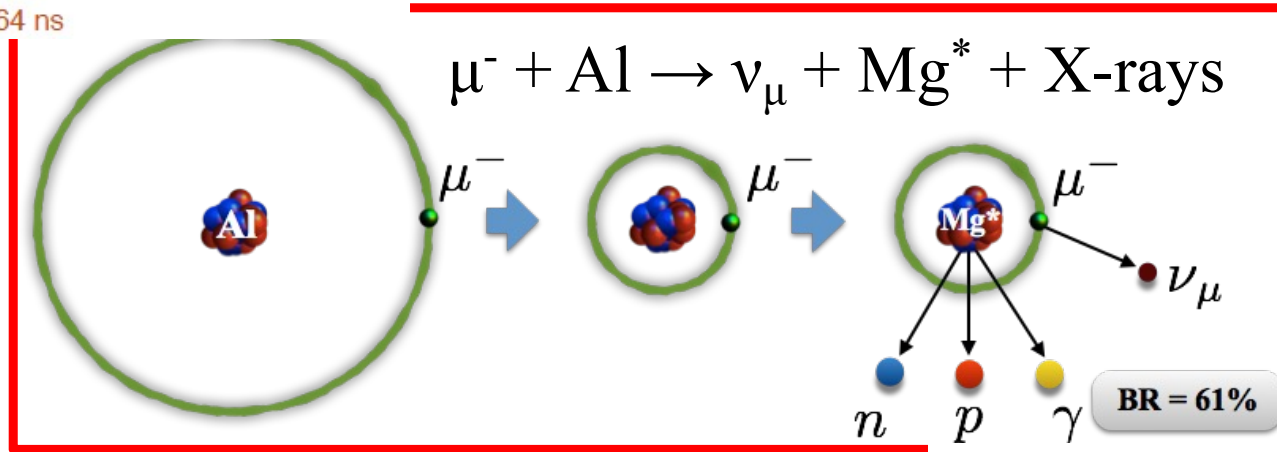
Muonic Al atom in pictures

Aluminum nucleus



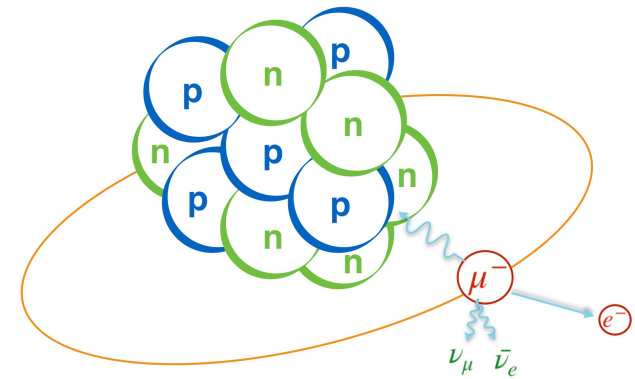
Muonic Al lifetime = 864 ns

The signal



The normalization

Weak decay in orbit (DIO)
 Intrinsic background (39%)



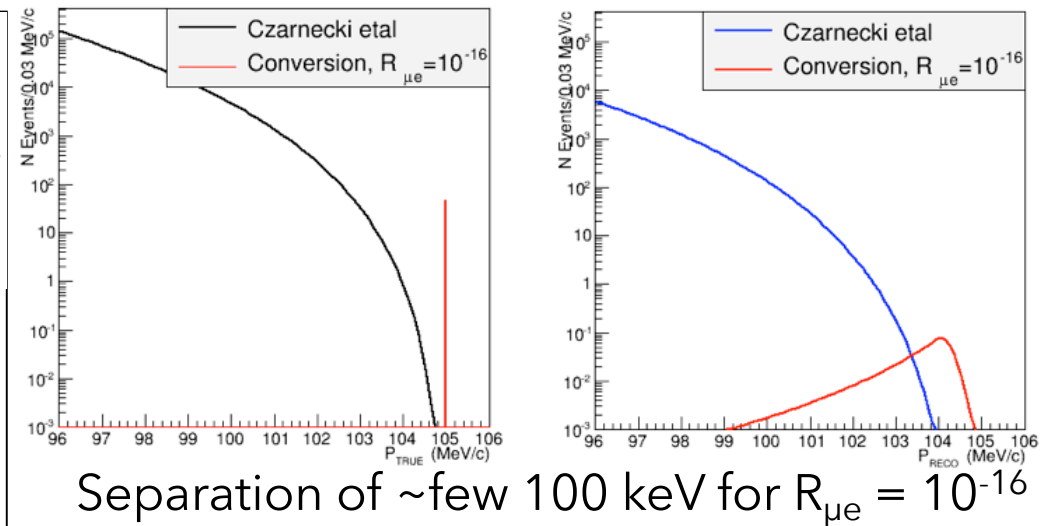
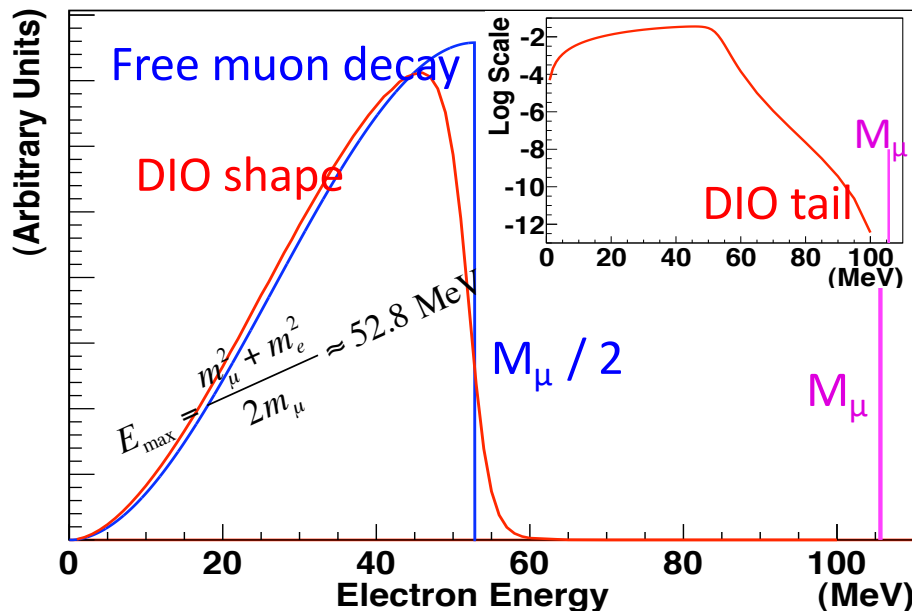
DIO: Mu2e intrinsic background

39 % of the time:

Weak Decay in orbit (DIO): $[\mu^- + A(N, Z)]_{bound}^{1S} \rightarrow A(N, Z) + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \nu_\mu$

- The Michel spectrum is distorted by the presence of the nucleus
- If the neutrinos are at rest the e^- can have exactly the conversion energy $E_{CE} = 104.97$ MeV, contaminating the signal region
- Electron spectrum has tail out to 104.96 MeV
- Accounts for ~55% of total background

Drives exp. resolution



The Mu2e Tracker



Detector requirements:

1. Small amount of budget material, maximizing X_0
2. $\sigma_p < 115 \text{ keV @ } 105 \text{ MeV}$
3. Good rate capability:
 - 20 kHz/cm² in live window
 - Beam flash of 3 MHz/cm²
4. dE/dx capability to distinguish e^-/p
5. Operate in $B = 1 \text{ T}$, 10^{-4} Torr vacuum
6. Optimize acceptance for CE, reject DIO

straws

- dual ended TDC/ADC readout large Radii
 - 5 mm diameter straw -33 - 117 cm in length
 - Spiral wound
 - Walls: 12 μm Mylar + 3 μm epoxy + 200 \AA Au + 500 \AA Al
 - 25 μm Au-plated W sense wire
 - 80/20 Ar/CO₂ with HV < 1500 V
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- Self-supporting "panel" consists of 96 straws
 - 6 panels assembled to make a "plane"
 - 2 planes assembled to make a "station" -> 18 stations
 - Rotation of panels and planes improves stereo information
 - >20k straws total

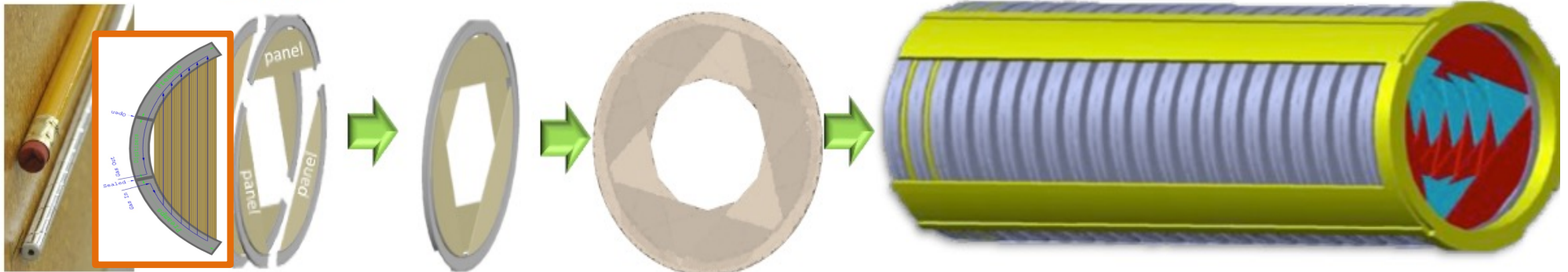
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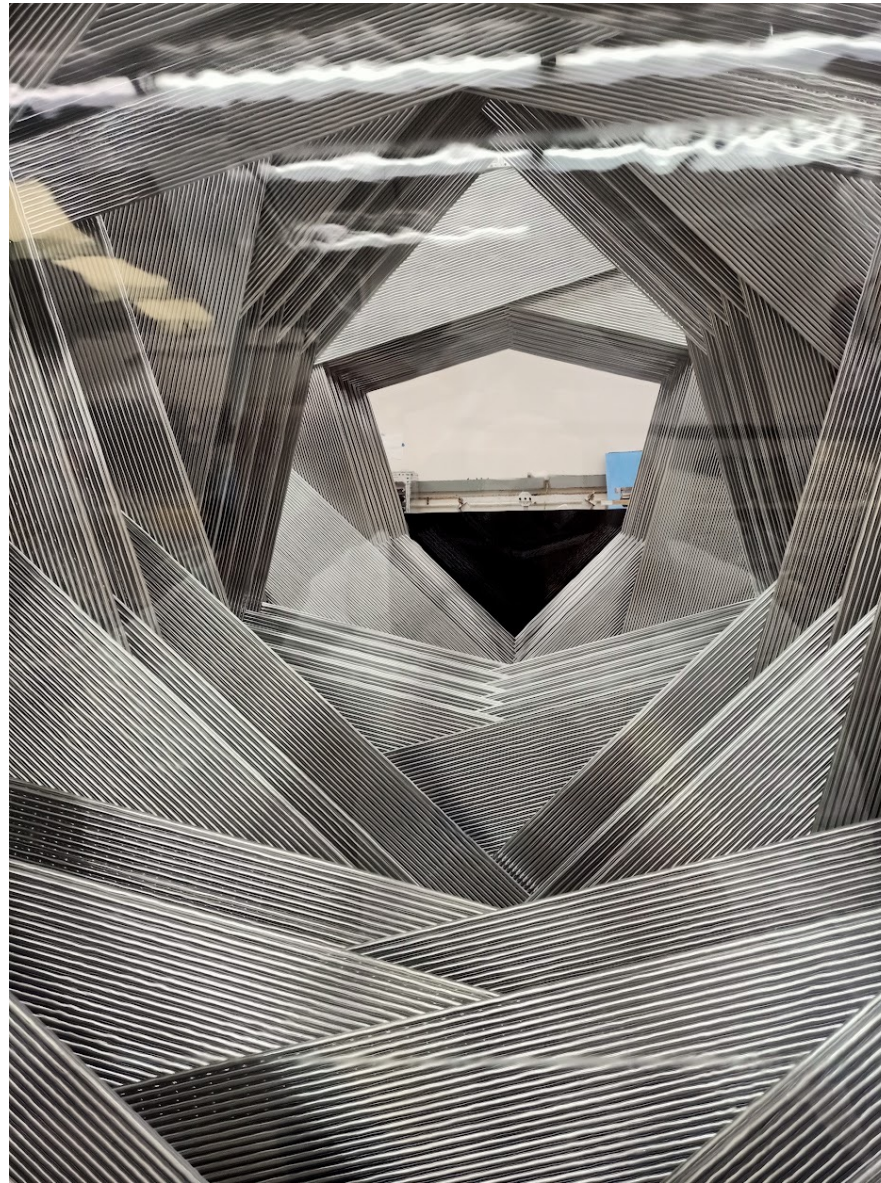
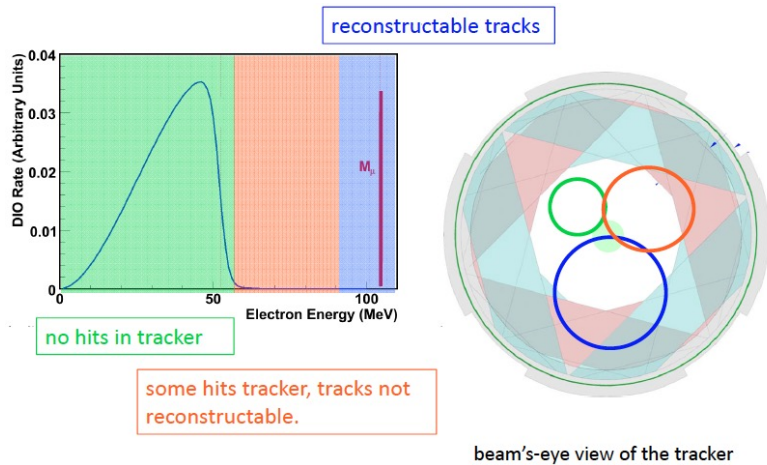
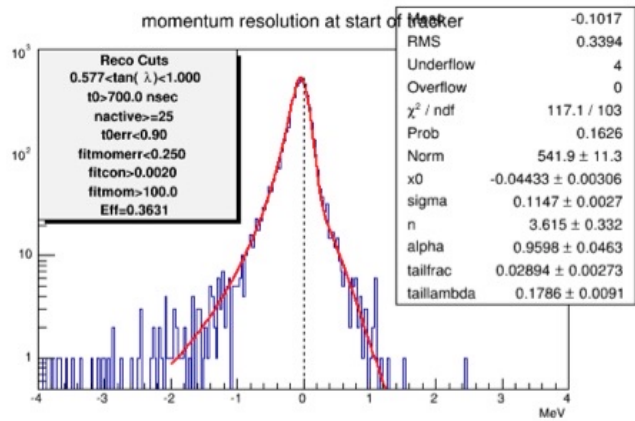
2 Plane

1 Station

18 Station = 1 Tracker

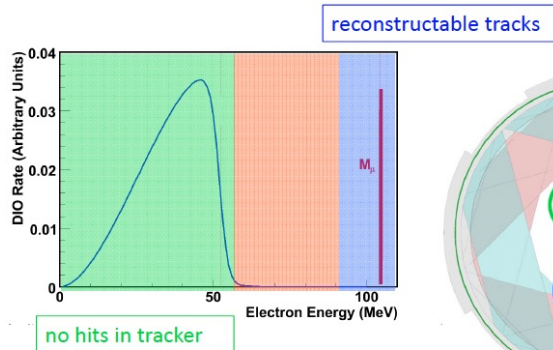
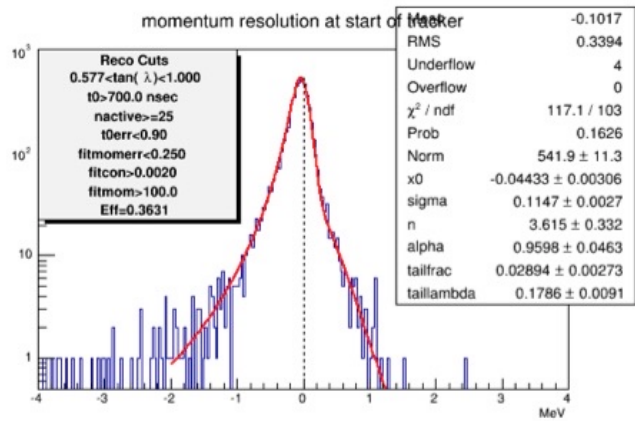


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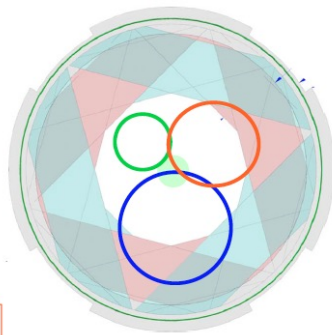


- Inner 38 cm is purposefully un-instrumented
 - Blind to beam flash
 - Blind to >99% of DIO spectrum

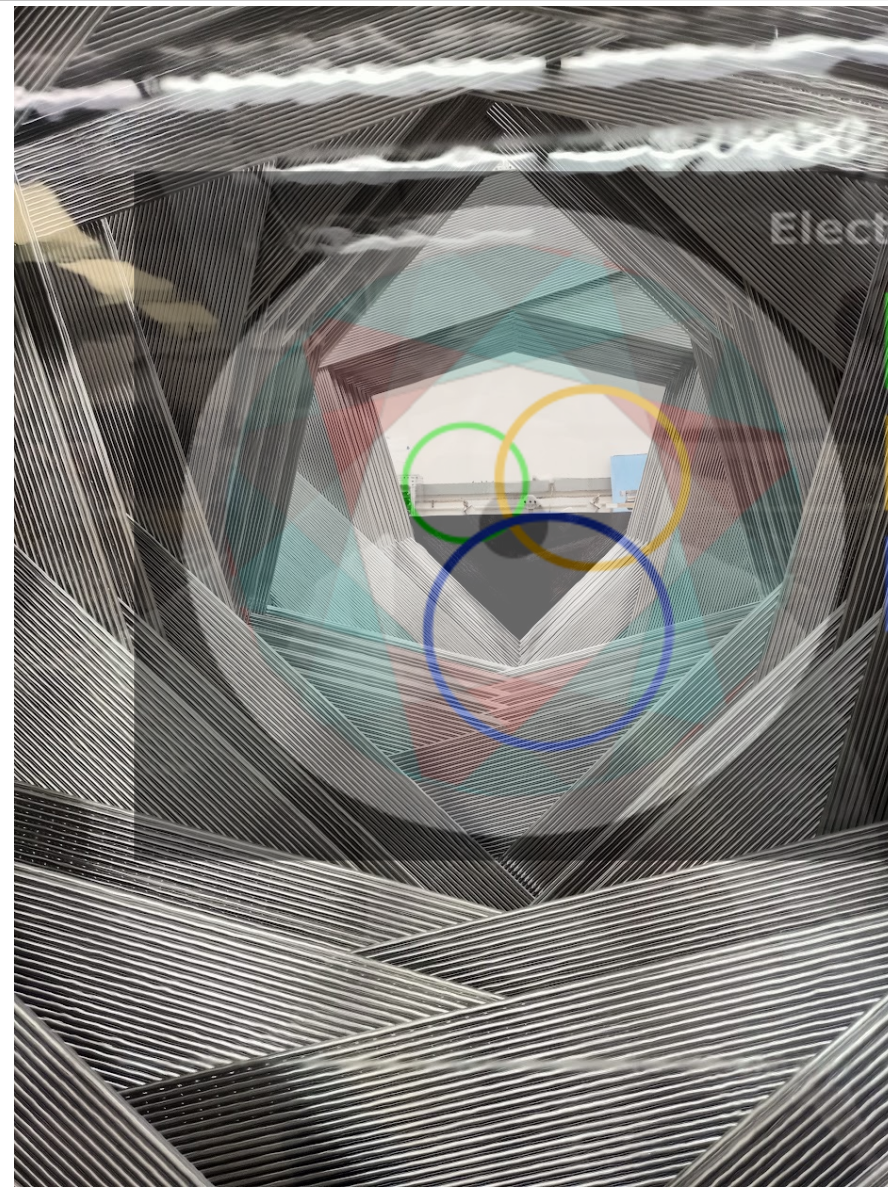
The Mu2e Tracker



some hits tracker, tracks not reconstructable.



beam's-eye view of the tracker



Electron Tracks

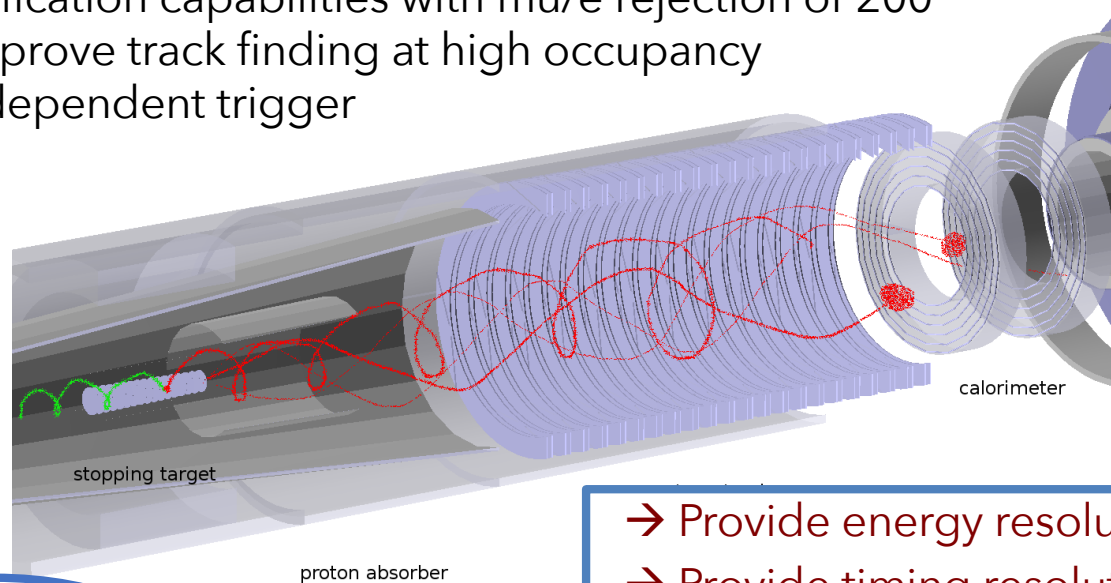
- Muon decay at rest
- Muon decay in orbit
- Conversion Signal

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Calorimeter scope and requirements

For the $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion search, the calorimeter adds redundancy and complementary qualities with respect to the high precision tracking system

- Large acceptance for the mono-energetic electron candidate events
- Particle Identification capabilities with mu/e rejection of 200
- "Seeds" to improve track finding at high occupancy
- A tracking independent trigger



For 100 MeV electrons
@ 50 degrees impact
angle

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- Provide energy resolution σ_E/E of $O(< 10 \%)$
- Provide timing resolution $\sigma(t) < 500$ ps
- Provide position resolution < 1 cm
- Work in vacuum @ 10^{-4} Torr and 1 T B-Field
- stand the harsh radiation environment

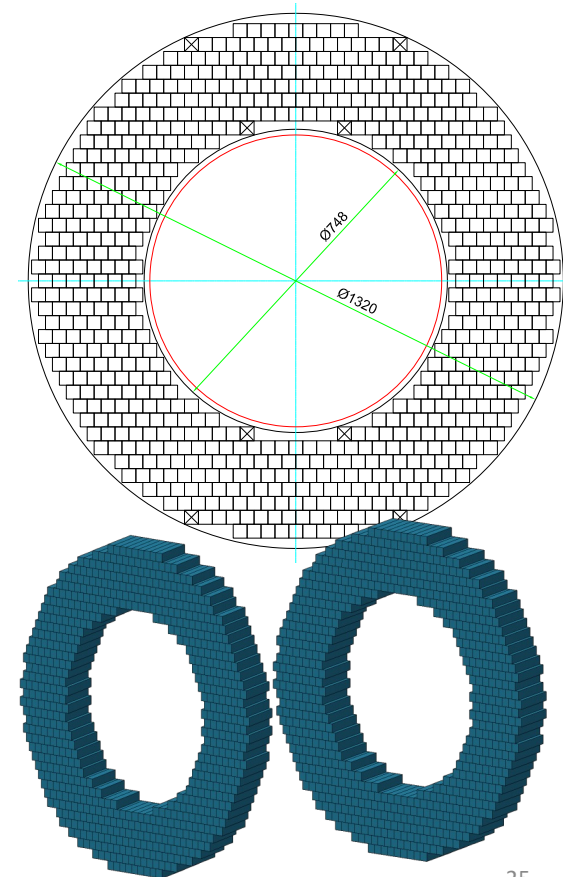
Technical specifications

- ❑ Chosen Technical Solution → **High Granularity Crystal calorimeter with SiPMs readout**
- ❑ 2 Disks (Annuli) geometry to improve acceptance spaced by 70 cm; half helics path wave length
- ❑ Crystals with high Light Yield for time/energy resolution → **LY(SiPM) > 20 pe/MeV**
- ❑ **2 SiPMs/preamps/crystal** for redundancy and MTTF requirement → **1 million hours/SIPM**
- ❑ **SiPM thermal control down to -10°C to reduce dark noise from radiation damage**
(factor of 3 ↘ every 10 °C 30mA ->3mA, 25-->5 °C)
- ❑ Fast signal and Digitization for Pileup and Timing → **τ of emission < 40 ns + Fast preamps**
- ❑ **Crystals should withstand a TID** of 90 krad and a fluence of $3 \times \frac{10^{12} n_{1\text{MeV}}}{\text{cm}^2}$
- ❑ **SiPM/FEE should withstand** 45 krad and a fluence of $1.2 \times \frac{10^{12} n_{1\text{MeV}}}{\text{cm}^2}$
- ❑ **Digital electronics should withstand :**
 - a TID of 15 krad
 - a neutron fluence of $3 \times 10^{11} \text{ n/cm}^2$.
 - Charged Hadron (>20MeV) $10^{10}/\text{cm}^2$

Calorimeter active area

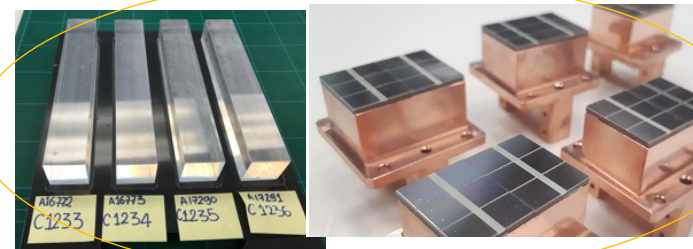
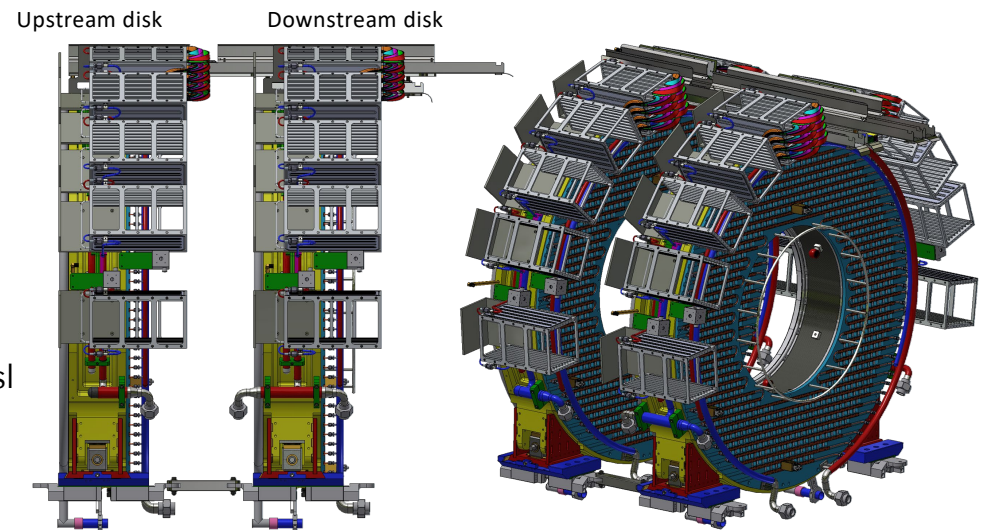
- The bulk of the calorimeter is the array of pure CsI crystals. The single crystal dimensions and the 2 annuli geometry have been chosen to achieve:
 - Max Acceptance for conversion electrons
 - Evade low momentum background
 - Good Spatial resolution
 - > 10 radiation length for shower containment
 - Perfect symmetry for e^+ and e^-
 - Photosensor and FEE shielding
 - Comply with the constraints of the detector solenoid

The 2 arrays are shifted by 70 cm, $1/2$ wave length, along z to detect signal electron escaping the first annulus

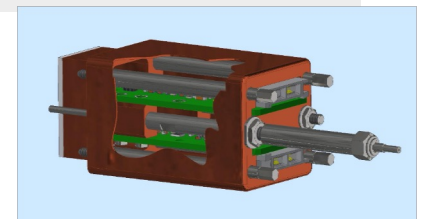
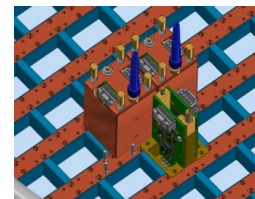


Mu2e calorimeter design

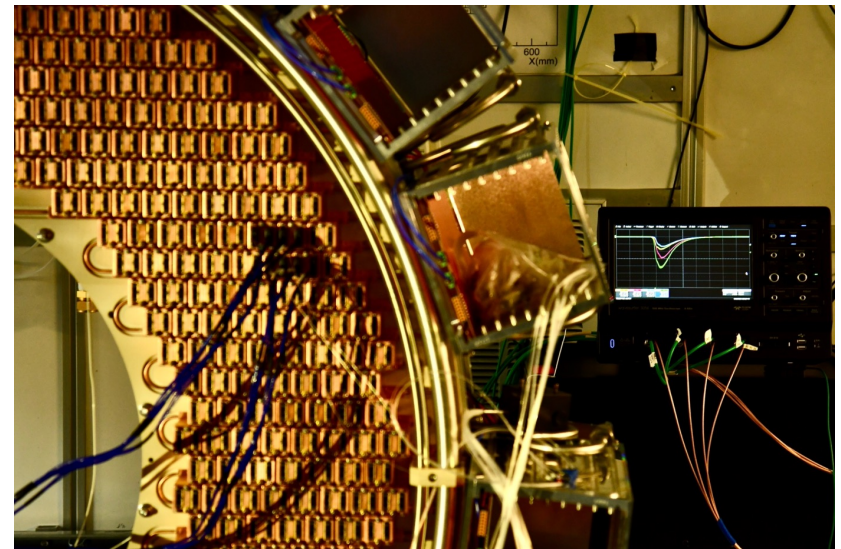
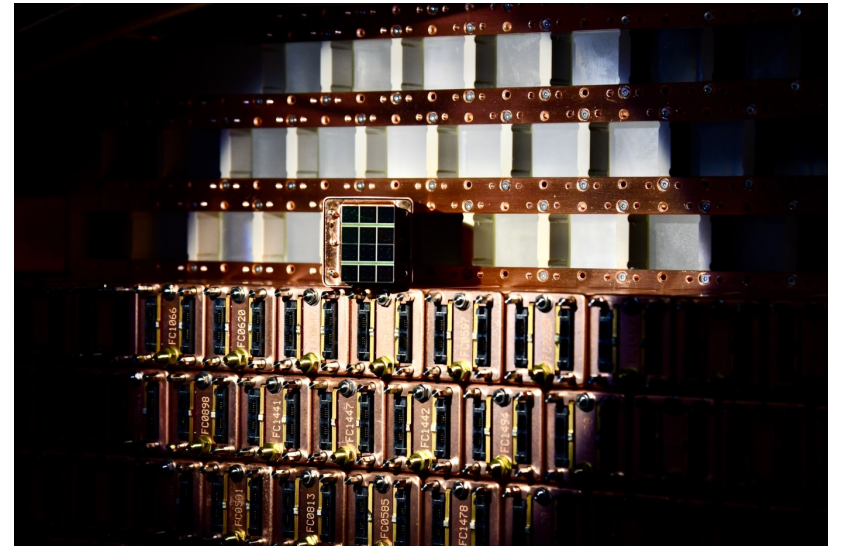
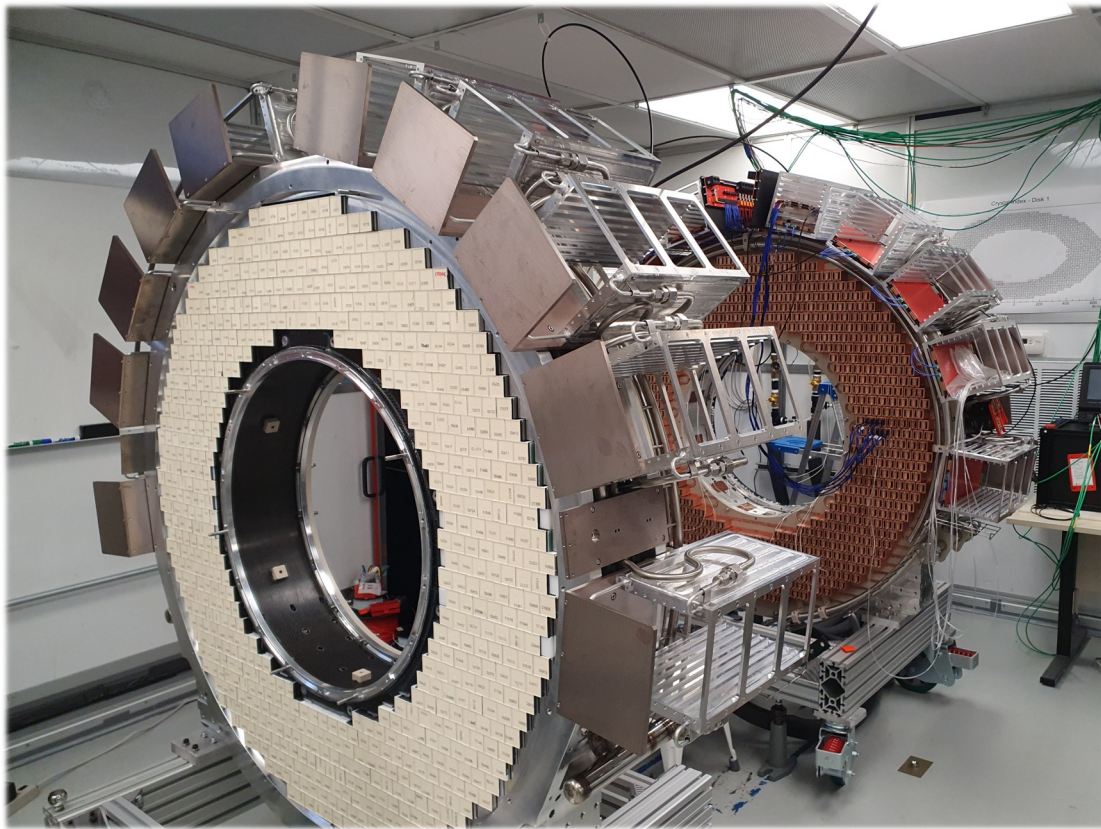
- ✓ Two annular disks, each one with 674 un-doped CsI parallelepiped crystals with square faces:
 - Crystal dimensions ($34 \times 34 \times 200 \text{ mm}^3$) $\sim 10 X_0$
 - Inner/Outer Radius = 374/660 mm
- ✓ Each crystal is read out by two large area UV extended Mu2e SiPM's ($14 \times 20 \text{ mm}^2$) coupled in air, 2mm gap PDE=30% @ CsI emission peak =315 nm. Gain $\sim 10^6$
 - Tyvek+Tedlar wrapping (LY \uparrow and cross talk \downarrow)
- ✓ SiPM glued on copper holders for heat dissipation, solidal to FEE mounted on SiPM pins
- ✓ Cooling system
- ✓ Digital electronics at 200 Msp/s on-board custom crates
- ✓ Radioactive source (a la Babar) and green laser systems provide absolute calibration and monitoring capability



Operate with very high reliability in vacuum and radiation harsh environment → -10 °C for SiPMs



The Mu2e Calorimeter

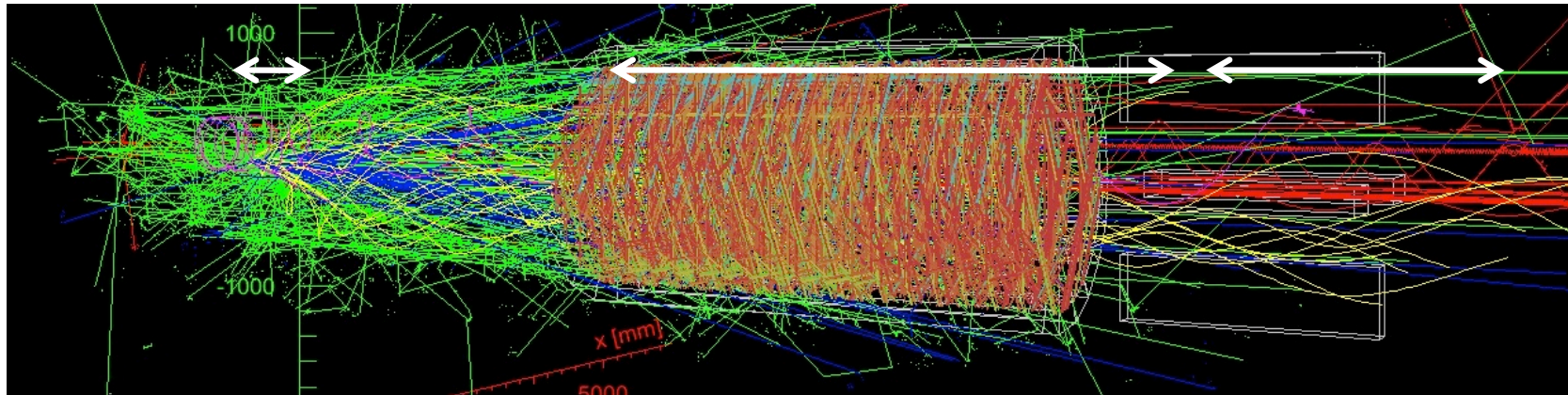


Mu2e Pattern Recognition

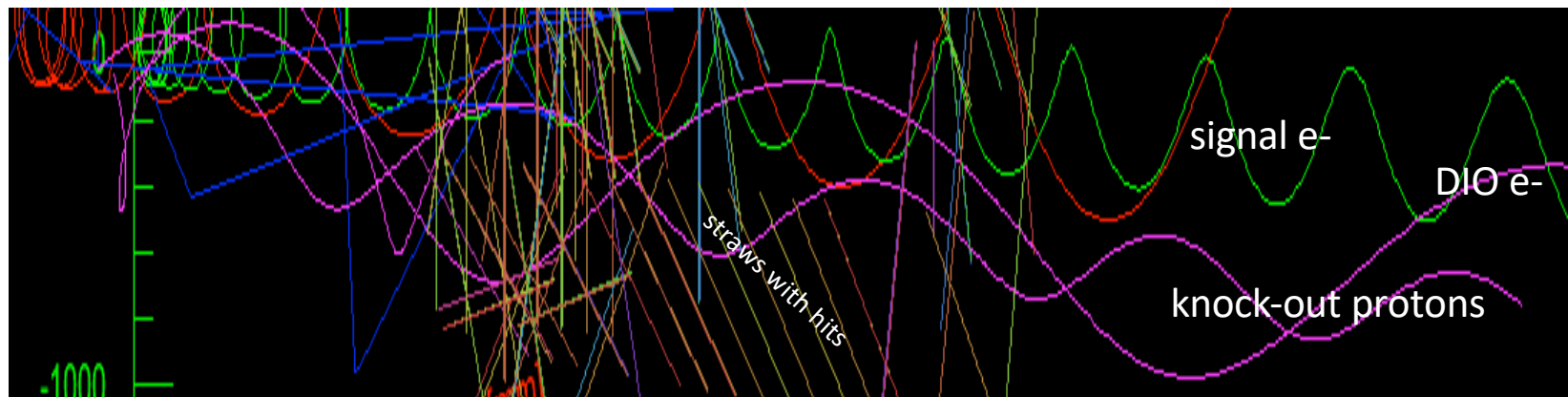
Stopping Target

Straw Tracker

Crystal Calorimeter



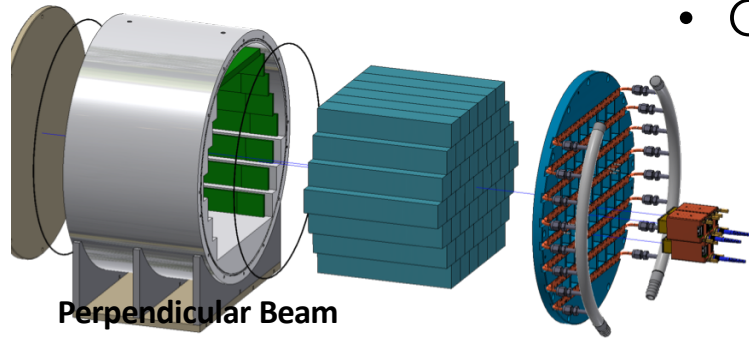
A signal electron, together with all the other interactions



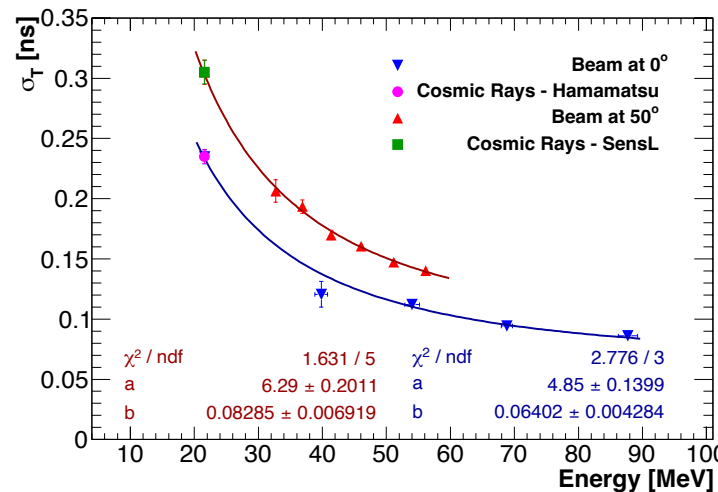
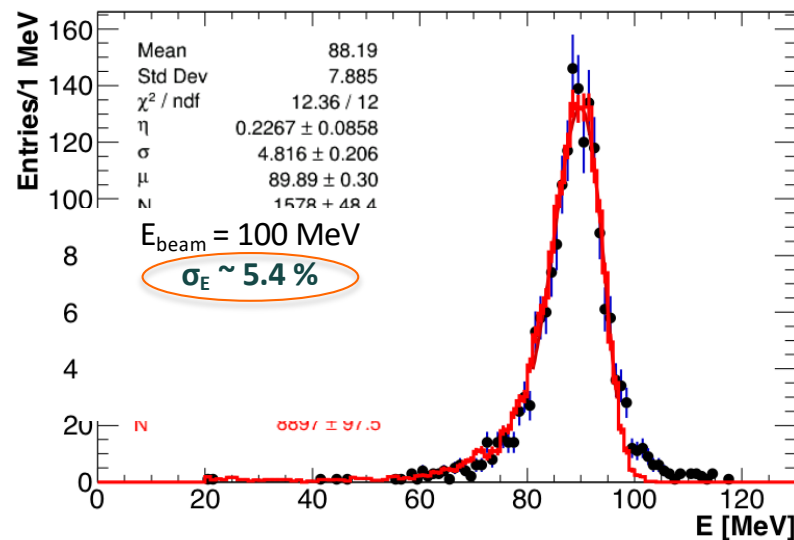
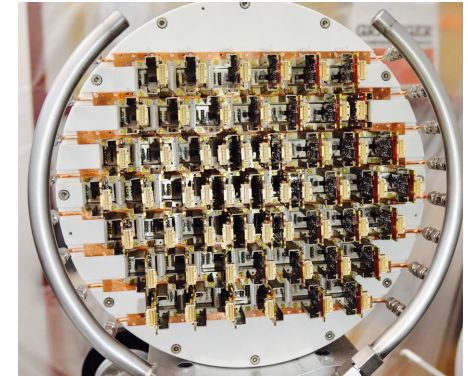
particles with hits within ± 50 ns of signal electron t_{mean}

Module 0 and test beam - 2017

Large EMC prototype: 51 crystals, 102 SiPMs, 102 FEE boards



- Goals:
 - Test the performances
 - Test integration and assembly procedures
 - Test of temperature stability
 - Next: operate under vacuum, temperature and irradiation

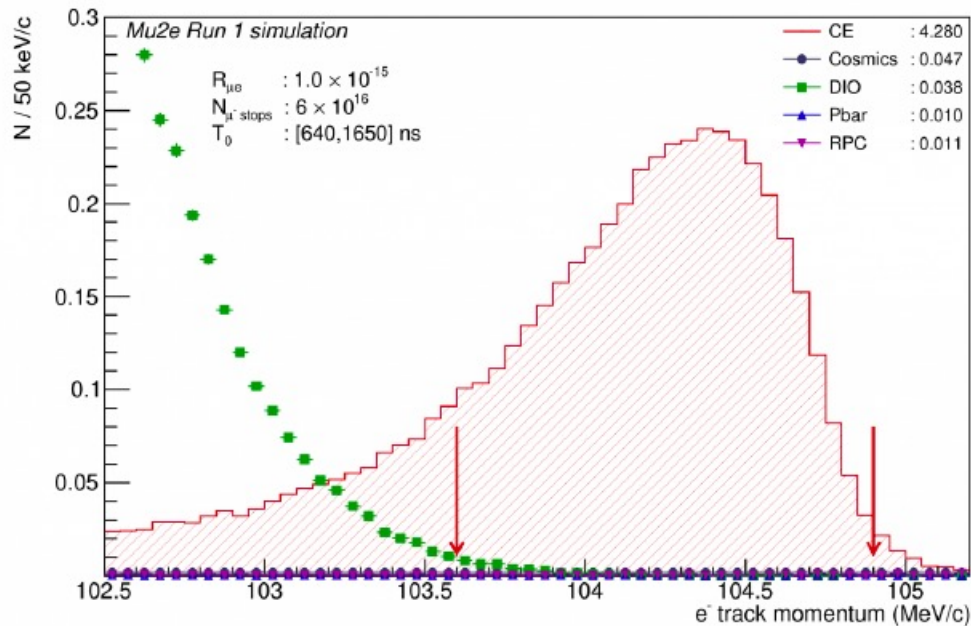


► Cosmic equalization provide **energy res at the level of 5 %**

► $\Delta T = t_{\text{SiPM1}} - t_{\text{SiPM2}} \sigma_T \sim 130 \text{ ps} @ E_{\text{beam}} = 100 \text{ MeV}$

F. Happacher - ACP 2023 - George, South

Signal extraction and sensitivity RUN1



Expected signal ($R_{\mu e} = 10^{-15}$) and DIO spectra from Run_1 simulation (~10% of final dataset, includes resolution and energy loss effects):

$$N_{\mu e} = 5$$

$$N_{\text{DIO}} = 0.03$$

$$N_{\text{Other}} = 0.10$$

X Design goal: single-event-sensitivity of 3×10^{-17}

Requires **10^{18} stopped muons**
 10^{20} protons on target
 high background suppression (**$N_{\text{bckg}} < 0.5$**)

X Expected limit: $R_{\mu e} < 6.2 \times 10^{-16}$ @ 90% CL
 ➤ Factor 10^4 improvement

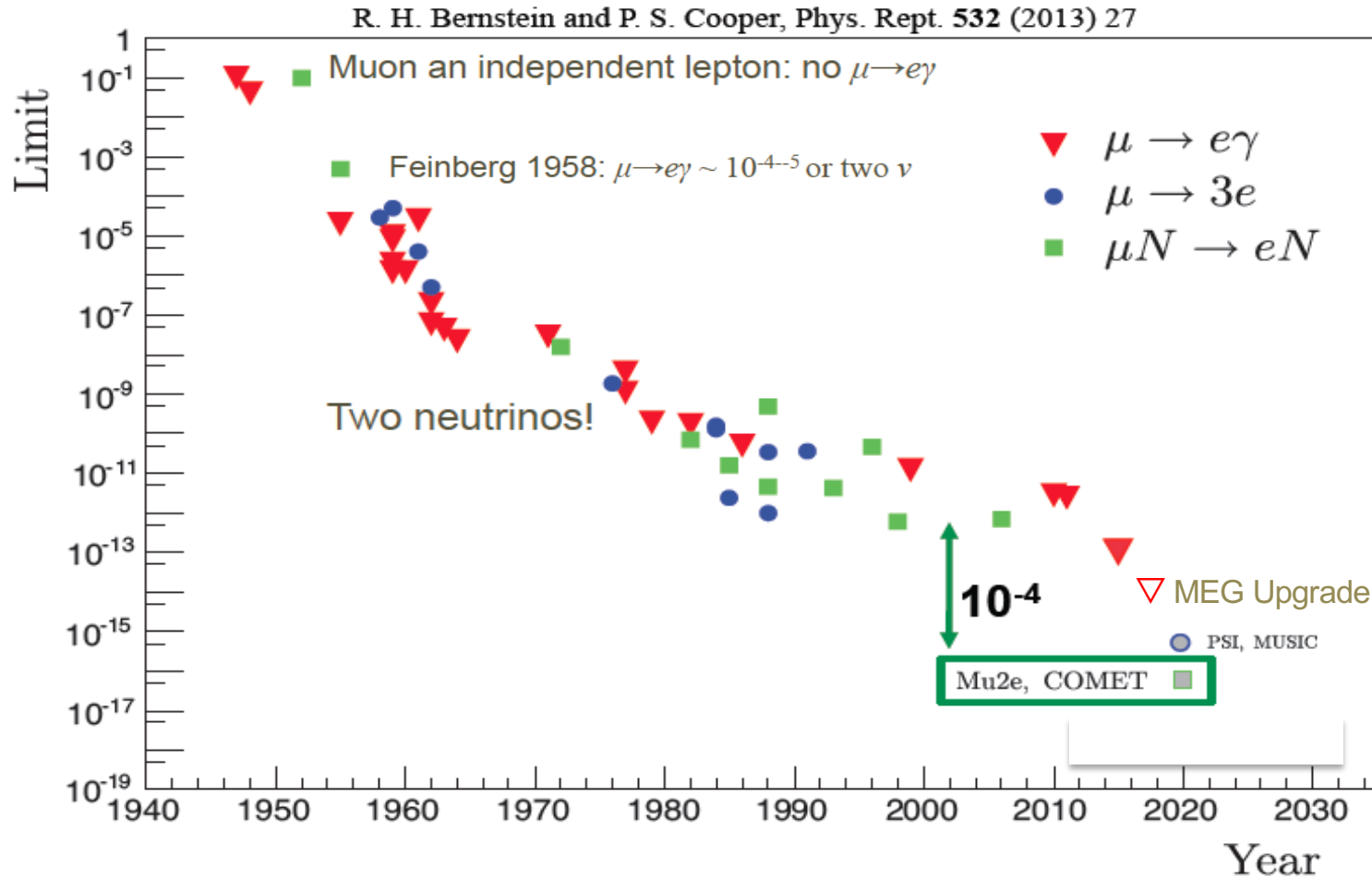
X Discovery reach (5σ): $R_{\mu e} > 1.1 \times 10^{-15}$
 ➤ Covers broad range of new physics theories

Summary

- Mu2e will search for the CLFV in muon to electron conversion with a 90% CL upper limit of $< 6.2 \times 10^{-16}$ in the first RUN.
- Muon CLFV channels offer deep indirect probes into BSM. Discovery potential over a wide range of BSM models.
- The construction of the Solenoid system and detectors is well ongoing
- Mu2e commissioning with cosmics begins in 2024, commissioning with beam in 2025 and physics data taking begins in 2026.

- spares

CLFV searches history



Current best limits:

MEG-2016
 $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$

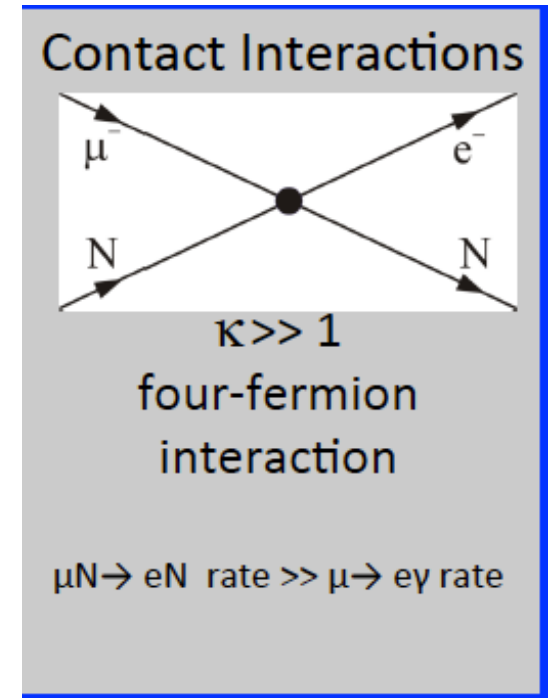
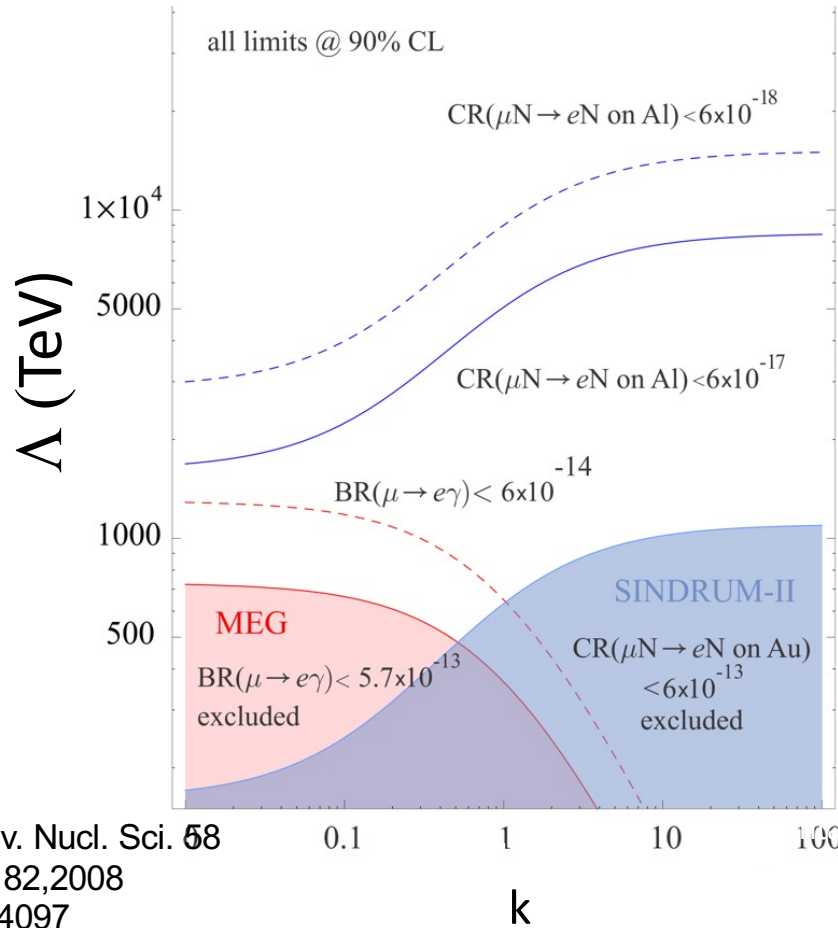
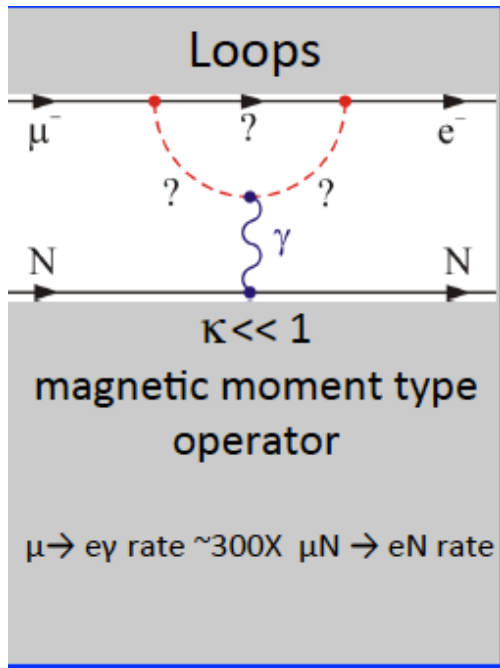
SINDRUM-1988
 $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e) < 1 \times 10^{-12}$

SINDRUM-II 2006
 $R_{\mu e} < 6.1 \times 10^{-13}$

MU2E GOAL:
 $R_{\mu e} = 2.5 \times 10^{-17}$

Mu2e Sensitivity

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



Marciano, Mori, and Roney, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Sci. **58**
 M. Raidal *et al*, Eur.Phys.J.C57:13-182,2008
 A. de Gouvêa, P. Vogel, arXiv:1303.4097

Loops

contact

Mu2e Sensitivity best in all scenarios

Some CLFV Processes

Process	Current Limit	Next Generation exp
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\eta$	BR < 6.5 E-8	10 ⁻⁹ - 10 ⁻¹⁰ (Belle II)
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	BR < 6.8 E-8	
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$	BR < 3.2 E-8	
$\tau \rightarrow eee$	BR < 3.6 E-8	
$K_L \rightarrow e\mu$	BR < 4.7 E-12	
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+e^-\mu^+$	BR < 1.3 E-11	
$B^0 \rightarrow e\mu$	BR < 7.8 E-8	
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+e\mu$	BR < 9.1 E-8	
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$	BR < 4.2 E-13	10 ⁻¹⁴ (MEG)
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^-$	BR < 1.0 E-12	10 ⁻¹⁶ (PSI)
$\mu N \rightarrow eN$	R _{μe} < 7.0 E-13	10 ⁻¹⁷ (Mu2e, COMET)

- There is a global interest in CLFV
- Most promising CLFV measurements use μ
- in most BSM models CLFV effects are present at rates that some next generation experiments will be sensitive to

As low probability as this!



Mu2e operating principle

- Generate an intense beam ($10^{10}/s$) of low momentum ($p_T < 100 \text{ MeV}/c$) negative μ 's
- $p + \text{nucleus} \rightarrow \pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \nu_\mu$
- Every 1 second Mu2e will
 - Send 7,000,000,000,000 protons to the Production Solenoid
 - Send 26,000,000,000 μ s through the Transport Solenoid
 - Stop 13,000,000,000, μ s in the Detector Solenoid
- Stop the muons in Al target
 - Sensitivity goal requires $\sim 10^{18}$ stopped muons
 - 10^{20} protons on target (2 year run - $2 \times 10^7 \text{ s}$)
- The stopped muons are trapped in orbit 1S around the nucleus
 - In aluminum: $\tau_\mu^{\text{Al}} = 864 \text{ ns}$
 - Large τ_μ^{N} important for reducing background
- Look for events consistent with $\mu\text{N} \rightarrow e\text{N}$

Some Perspective

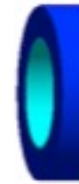
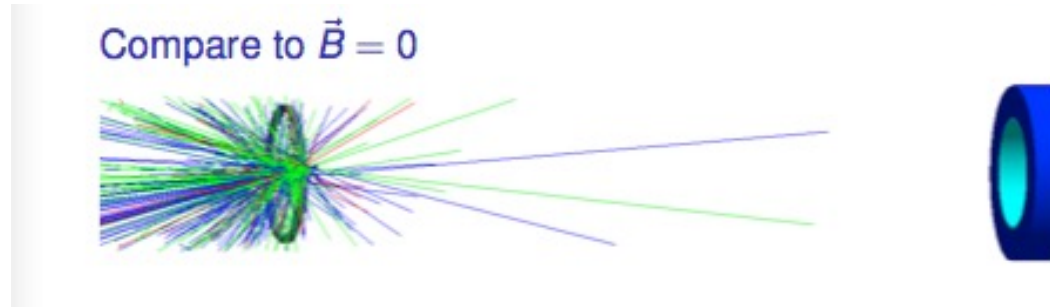


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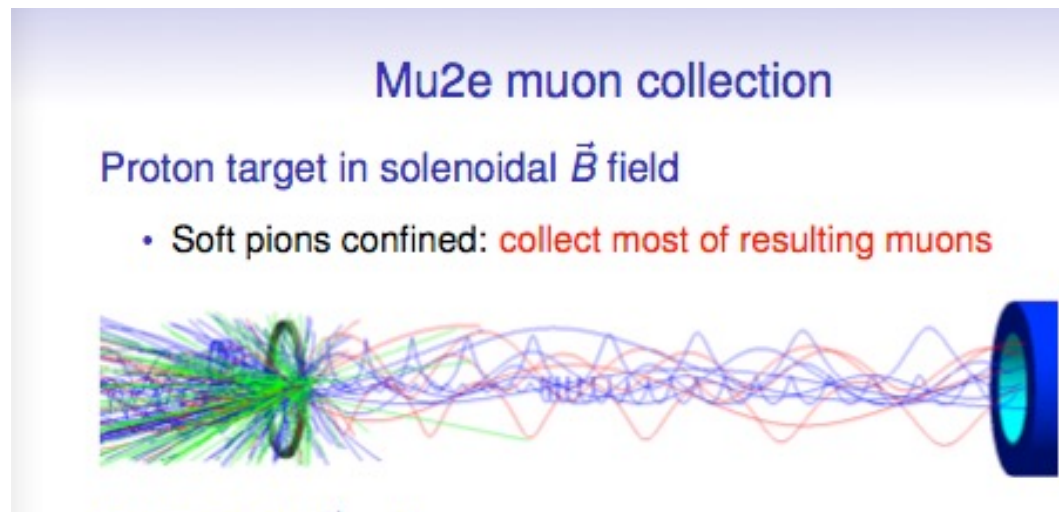
= number of stopped $\text{Mu}2e$ muons

= number of grains of sand on earth's beaches

Using Solenoids to Collect Muons



- SINDRUM-II used ~ 1 MW beam to produce $\sim 10^{7-8}$ stopped μ/s



- Solenoids enable us to collect $\sim 10^{10}$ μ/s using an 8kW beam.

Backgrounds to deal with

Stopped μ^- 's

Late protons

- Muon decay in orbit (DIO)
- Radiative muon capture (RMC)

- Pions from late protons can undergo radiative capture (RPC) ($\tau_{\pi}^{\text{Al}} = 26 \text{ ns}$)

$$\pi^- + N \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^- + N'$$

γ energy up to m_{π} , peak at 110 KeV. One electron can mimic signal

- Pions/muons decay in flight
- Antiprotons produce pions when they annihilate in the target: are negative and they can be slow
- Electrons from beam
- Cosmic rays

The atomic, nuclear, and particle physics of μ^- drive the design of the experiment

The diagram shows a central 'Muonic Atom' formed by a muon (μ^-) and an electron (e^-). It details the 'Atomic Capture Cascade' where the muon transitions through energy levels, emitting photons. It also shows 'Nuclear Capture' where the muon is captured by a nucleus, leading to the emission of various particles (neutrons, protons, neutrinos). 'Muon Conversion' shows the muon interacting with a nucleus to produce an electron and a neutrino. 'Decay In Orbit' shows the muon decaying into an electron and a neutrino while still bound to the nucleus.

prompt vs late arriving bkg

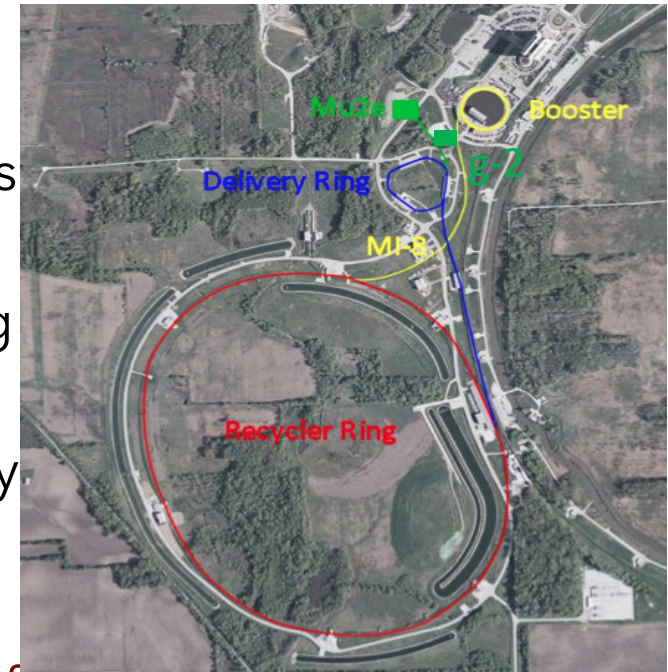
Category	Background Process	Estimated Yield
Intrinsic	Decay In Orbit (DIO)	$0.144 \pm 0.028(\text{stat}) \pm 0.11(\text{syst})$
	Muon Capture (RMC)	0
Late Arriving	Pion Capture (RPC)	$0.021 \pm 0.001(\text{stat}) \pm 0.002(\text{syst})$
	Muon Decay in Flight	< 0.003
	Pion Decay in Flight	$0.001 \pm <0.001$
	Beam Electrons	$(2.1 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-4}$
Miscellaneous	Cosmic Ray Induced	$0.209 \pm 0.022(\text{stat}) \pm 0.055(\text{syst})$
	Antiproton Induced	$0.040 \pm 0.001(\text{stat}) \pm 0.020(\text{syst})$
Total		$0.41 \pm 0.13(\text{stat} + \text{syst})$

Prompt background, like radiative pion capture, decreases rapidly ($\sim 10^{11}$ reduction after 700 ns). RPC was limiting Sindrum II current limit. Mu2e scheme is capable to keep it under control.

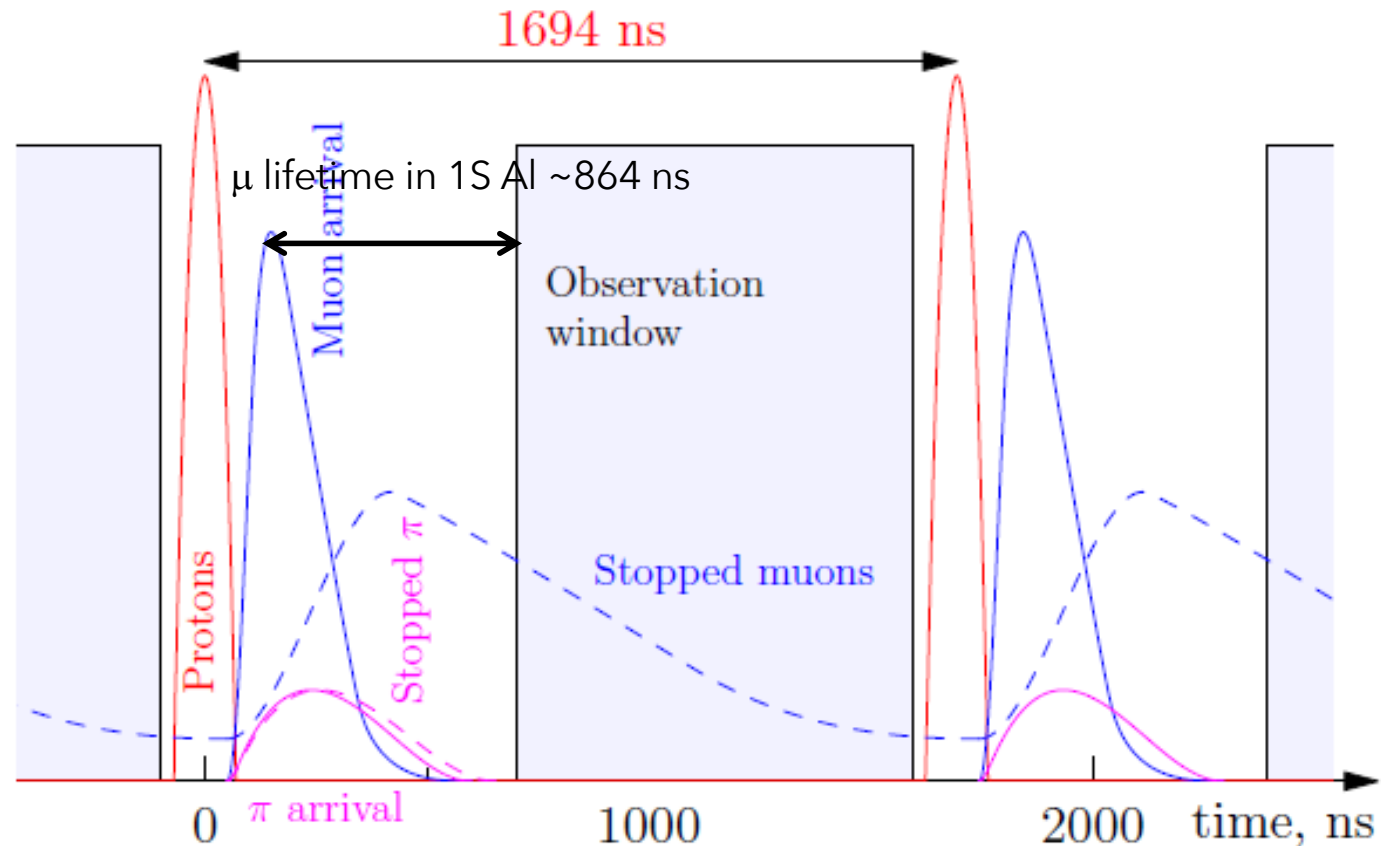
Accelerator & proton extinction

- Mu2e will repurpose much of the Tevatron anti-proton complex to instead produce muons.
- Booster: 21 batches of 4×10^{12} of 8 GeV protons every $1/15^{\text{th}}$ second
- Booster "batch" is injected into the Recycler ring and re-bunched into 4 smaller bunches
- These are extracted one at a time to the Delivery ring
- As a bunch circulates, protons are extracted to produce the desired beam structure \rightarrow pulses of $\sim 3 \times 10^7$ protons each, separated by $1.7 \mu\text{s}$
- **Proton Extinction** between bunches
 - Internal: momentum scraping and bunch formation
 - External: oscillating AC dipole

Accelerator models show that this combination ensures $\sim 10^{-12}$



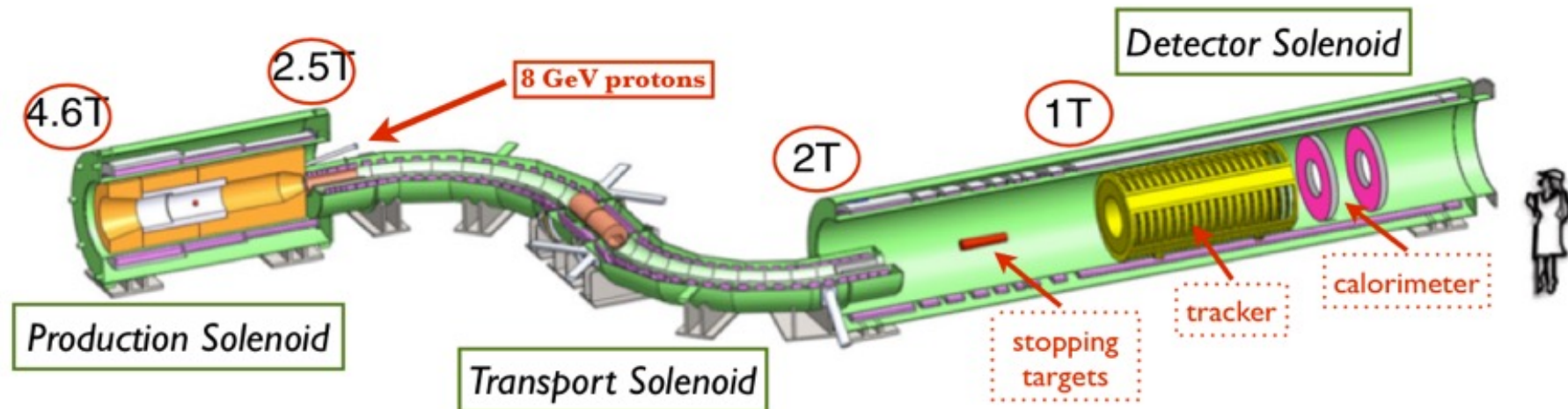
Pulsed beam structure



- Use the fact that muonic atomic lifetime \gg prompt background
Need a pulsed beam to wait for prompt background to reach acceptable levels
→ Fermilab accelerator complex provides ideal pulse spacing
a 700 ns delay reduces pion background by $>10^{-9}$
- Out of time protons are also a problem \rightarrow prompt bkg arriving late
To keep background low we need proton extinction $<10^{-10}$

The Mu2e beamline

- Mu2e Solenoid System
 - Superconducting
 - Requires a cryogenic system
 - Inner bore evacuated to 10^{-4} Torr to limit background due to interactions of the charged particles with air

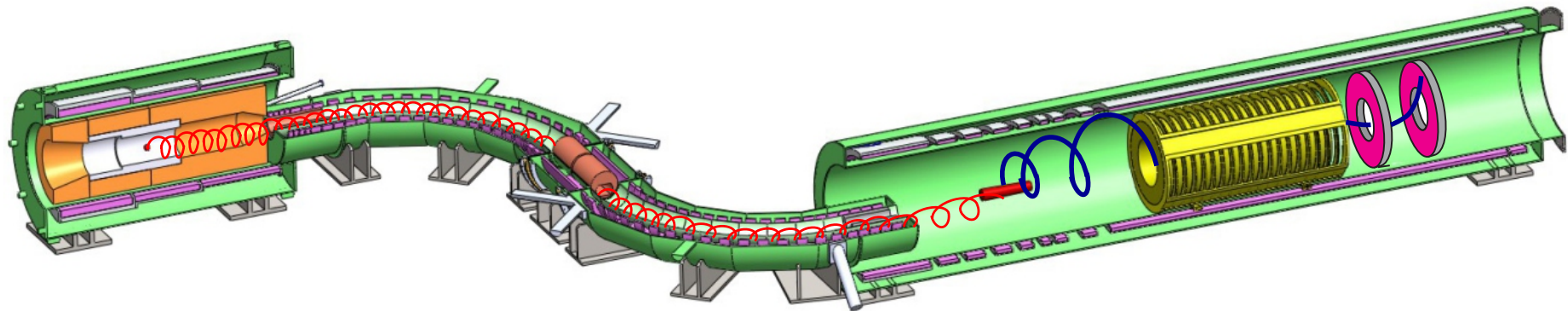


Signal event in the apparatus

Production
Solenoid

Transport
Solenoid

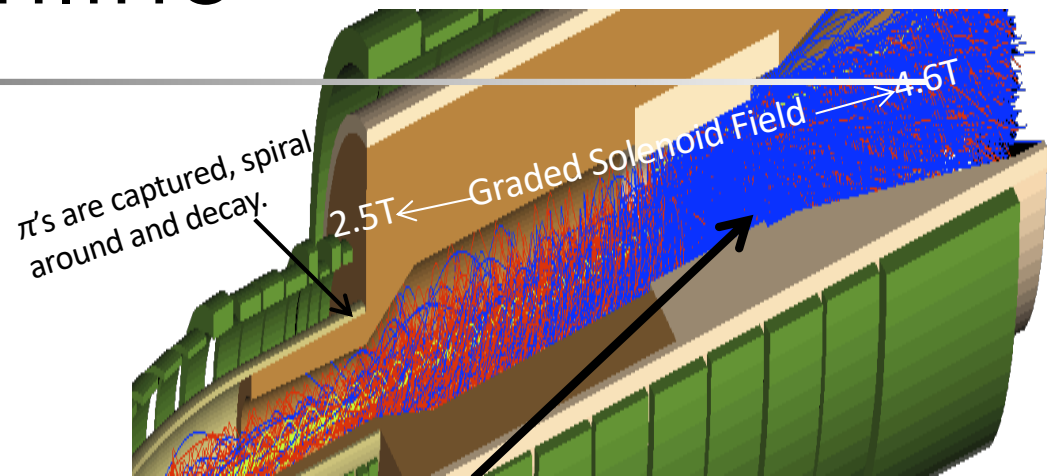
Detector
Solenoid



The Mu2e beamline

- **Production Solenoid**

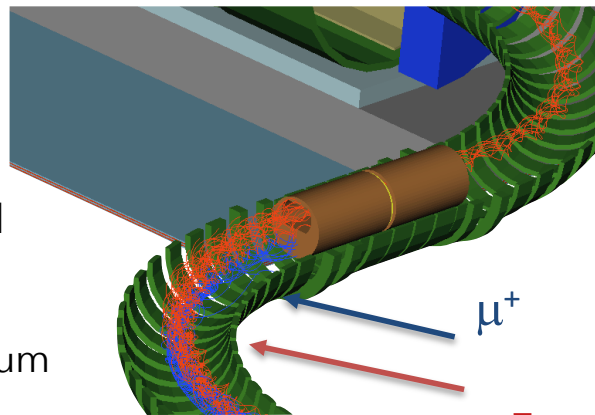
- Pulsed proton beam coming from Debuncher hits the target
 - 8 GeV protons
 - every 1695 ns / 200 ns width
- Production target
 - tungsten rod, 16 cm long with a 3 mm radius
 - produces pions that then decay to muons
- Solenoid
 - a graded magnetic field between 4.6 T (at end) and 2.5 T (towards the transport solenoid) traps the charged particles and accelerates them toward the transport solenoid



Pulsed beam of incident protons

- **Transport Solenoid**

- Graded magnetic from 2.5 T (at the entrance) to 2.0 T (at the exit)
 - Allows muons to travel on a helical path from the production solenoid to the detector solenoid
- S-shaped to remove the detector solenoid out of the line of sight from the production solenoid
 - No neutral particles produced in the production solenoid enter the detector solenoid, photons, neutrons

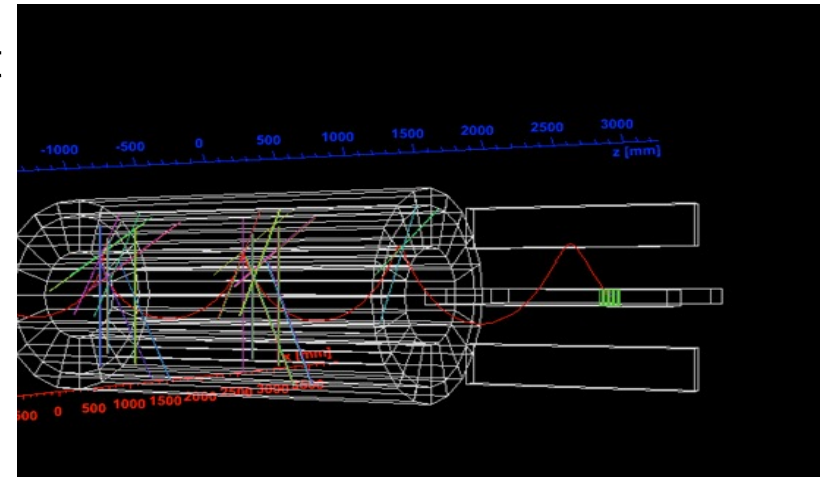
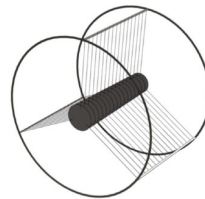


off-center central TS collimator and 90° bends passes low momentum negative muons and suppresses positive particle and high momentum negative particles.

The Mu2e Beamline

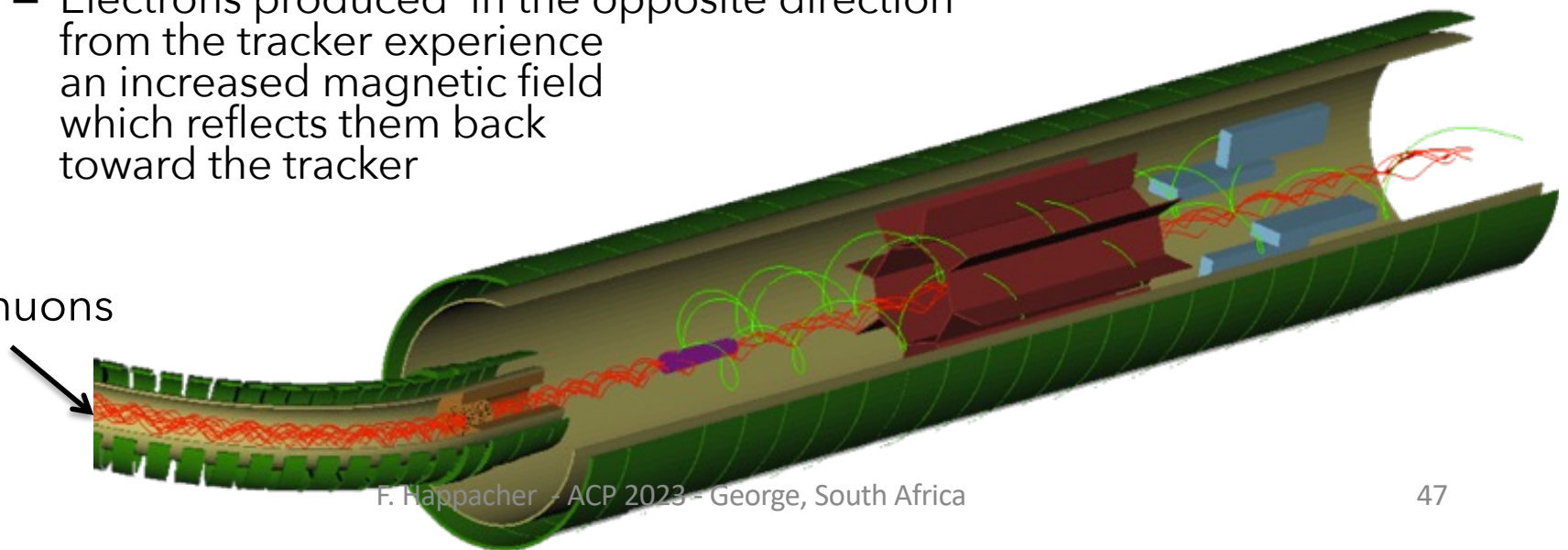
- The **Detector Solenoid** houses the Al target and the two main detectors: the tracker and the calorimeter

- 17 Aluminum disks, 0.2 mm thick, radius between 83 mm (upstream) and 63 mm (downstream)



- Surrounded by graded magnetic field from 2.0 T (entrance) to 1.0 T (exit)
 - Conversion electrons will travel on a helical path toward the tracker and then hit the calorimeter
 - Electrons produced in the opposite direction from the tracker experience an increased magnetic field which reflects them back toward the tracker

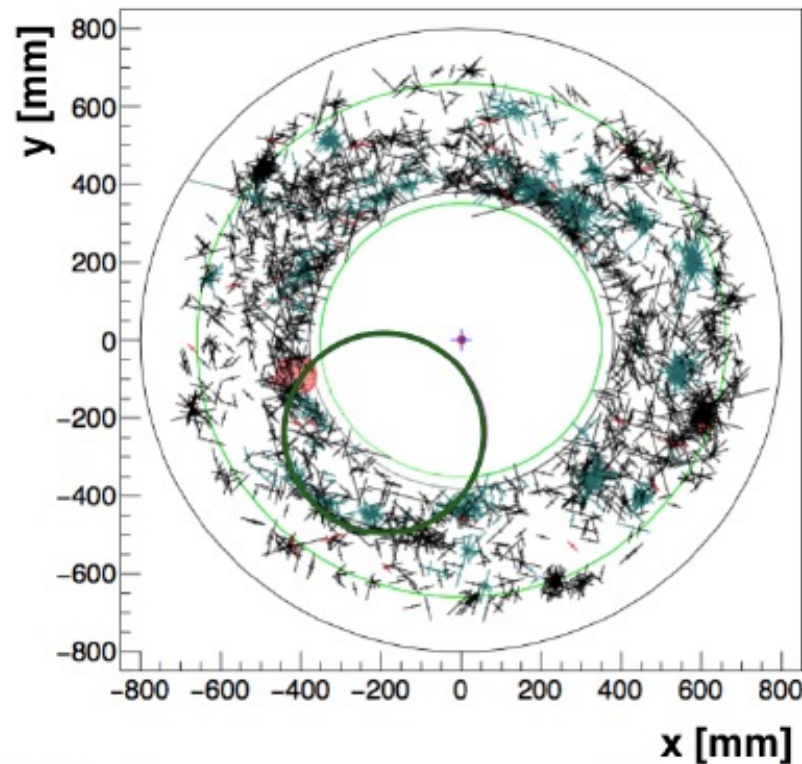
Negative muons



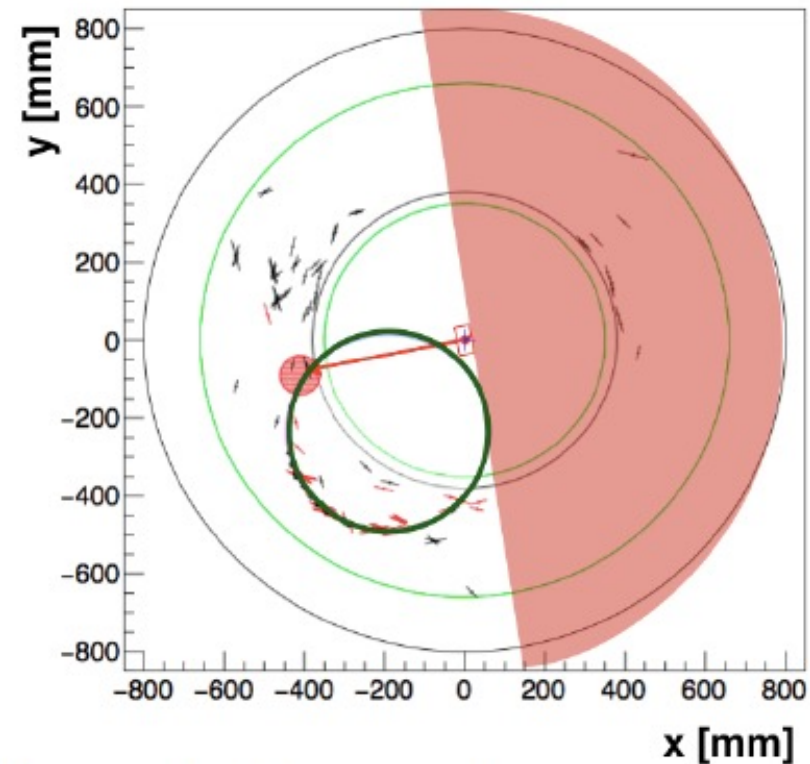
Mu2e Pattern Recognition

- Cluster time and position are used for filtering the straw hits:
 - ✓ time window of ~ 80 ns
 - ✓ spatial correlation

no selection

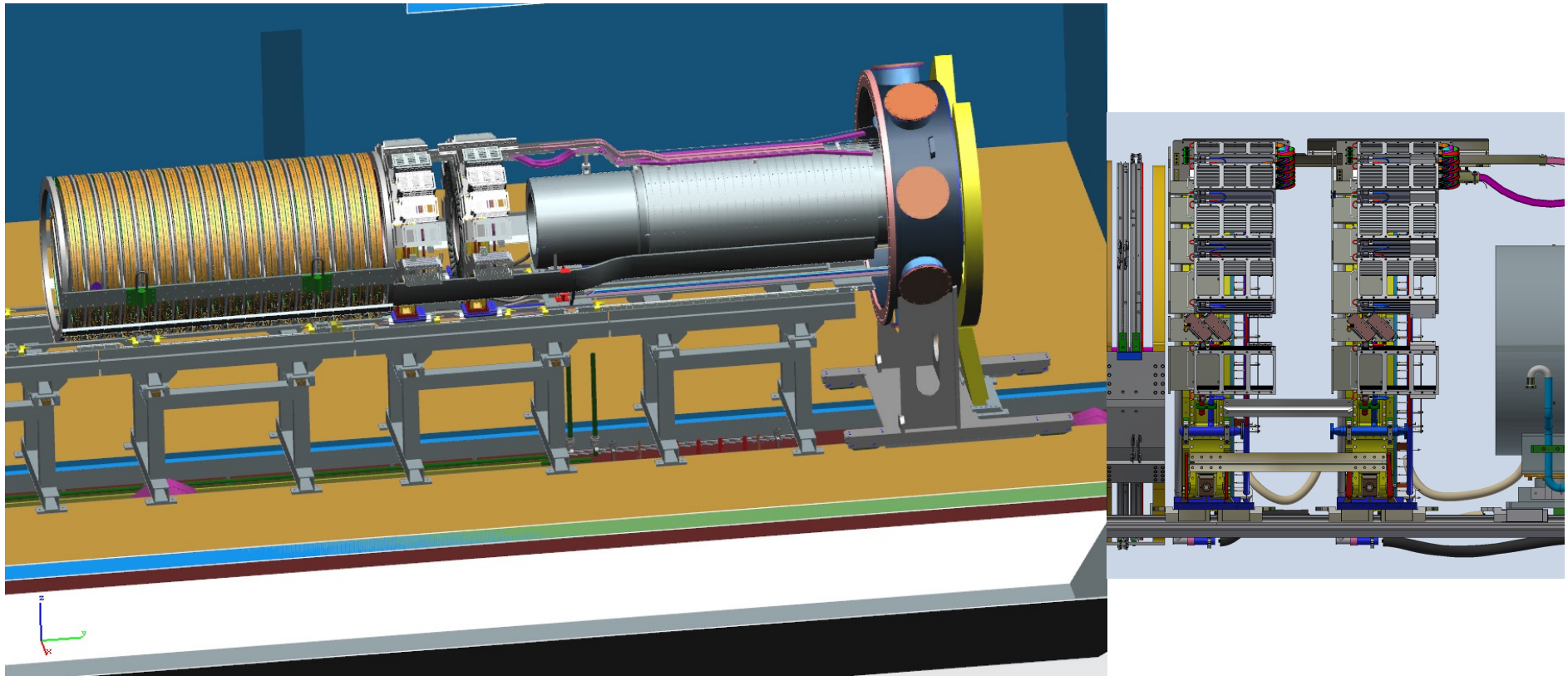


calorimeter selection



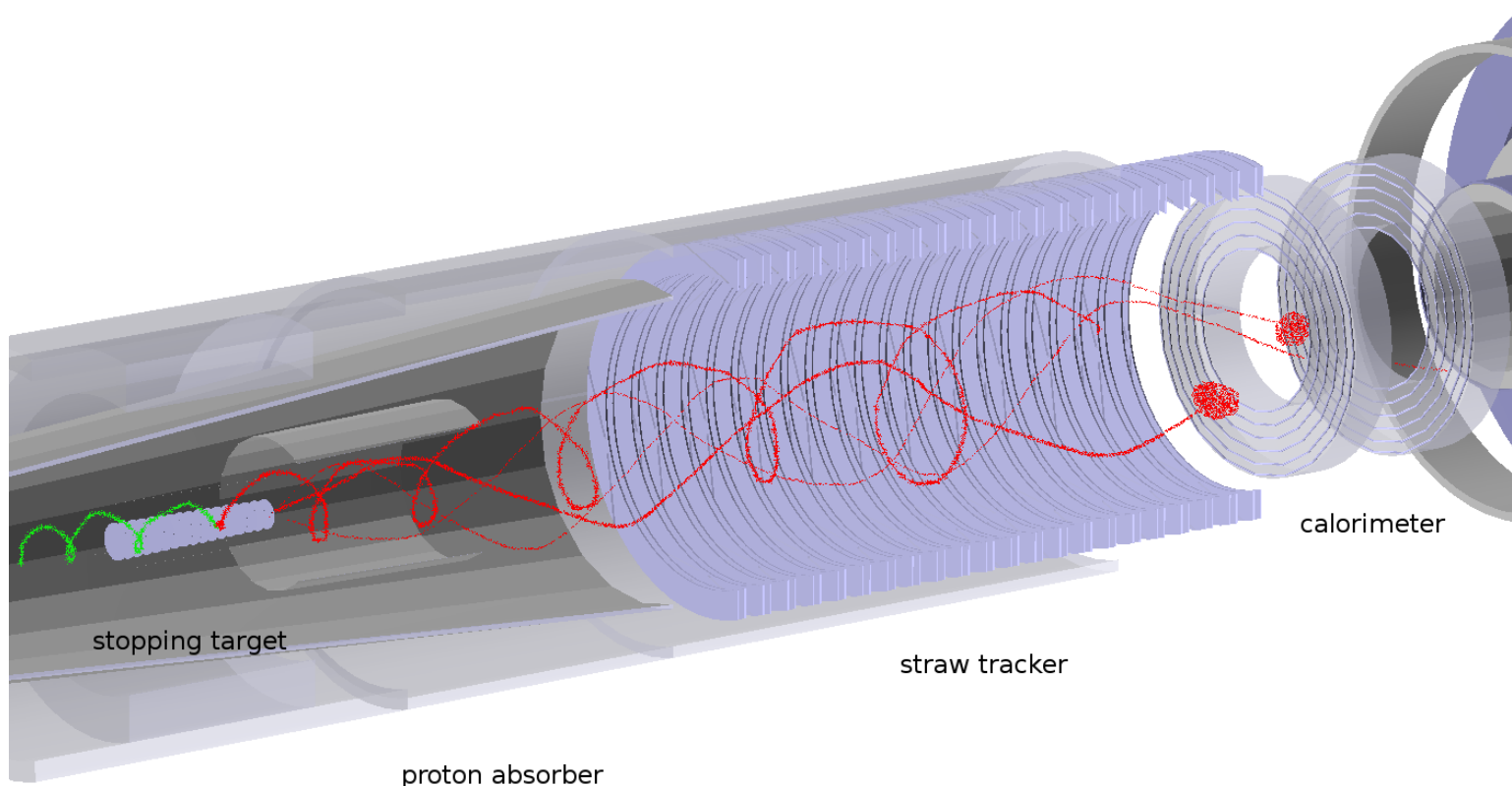
- black crosses = straw hits, red circle = calorimeter cluster, green line = CE track

Calorimeter Integration in the Muon Beam line



The Calorimeter is fully integrated in the Mu2e detector train, all services routed.

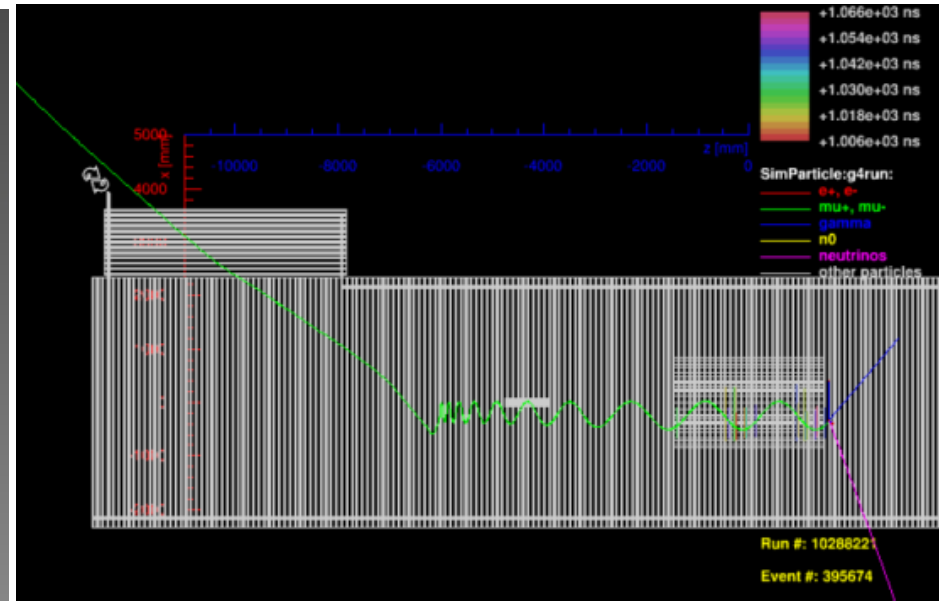
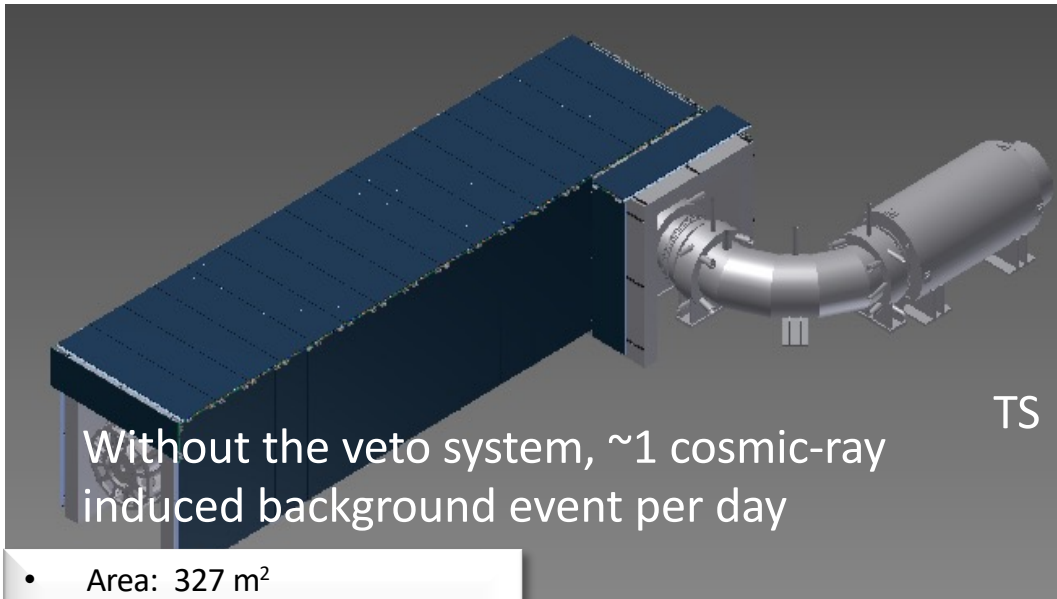
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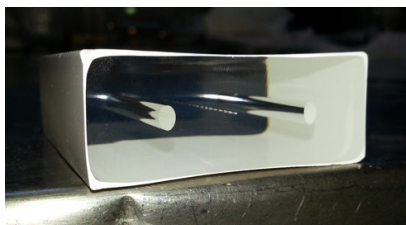
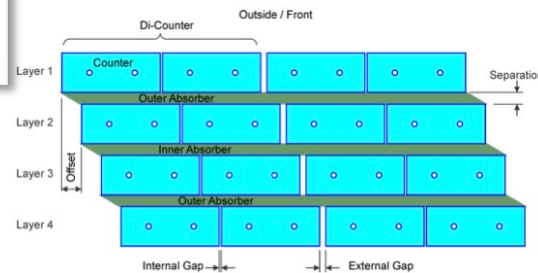
- ❑ Search for tracking hits with time and azimuthal angle compatible with the calorimeter clusters ($|\Delta T| < 50 \text{ ns}$) → simplification of pattern recognition
- ❑ Add search of an Helix passing through cluster and selected hits + use calorimeter time to calculate tracking Hit drift times

The Cosmic ray Veto

Cosmic μ can generate background events via decay, scattering, or material interactions. Veto system covers entire DS and half TS

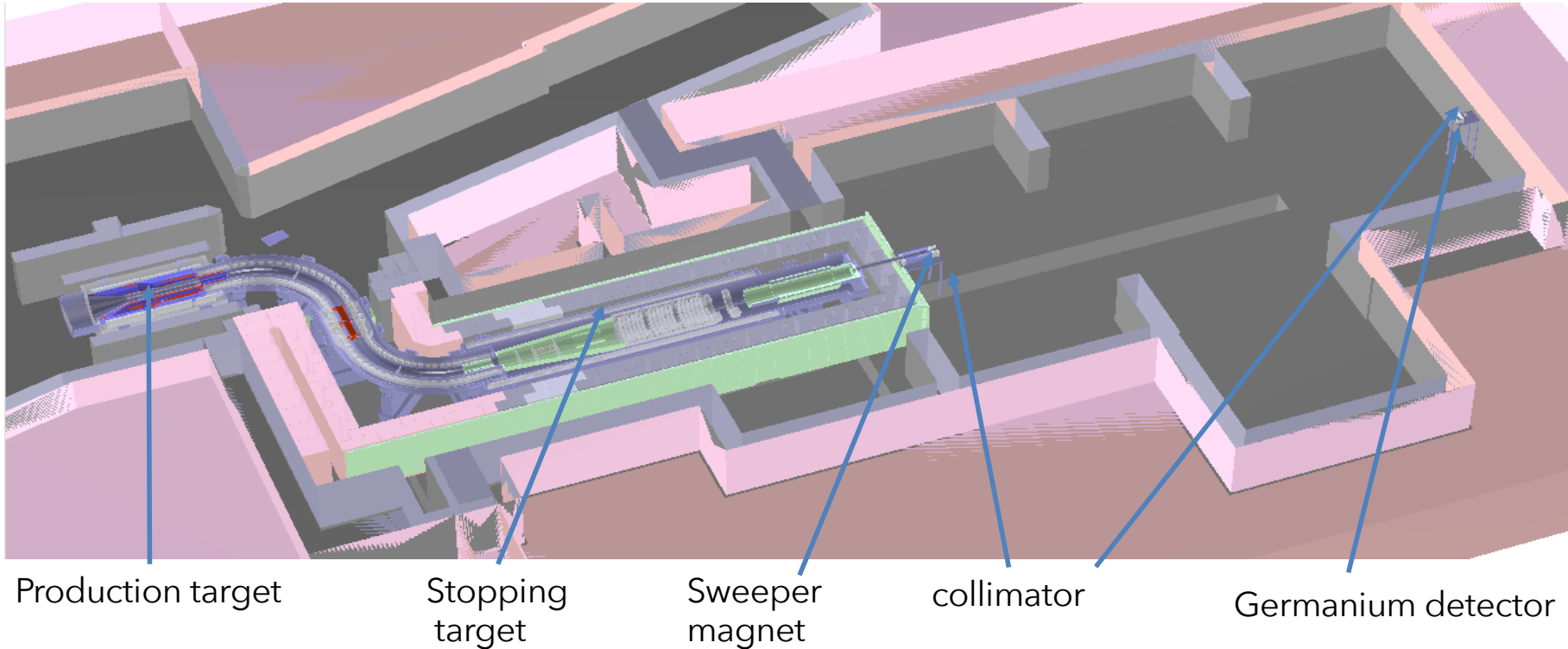


- Area: 327 m²
- 86 modules of 6 lengths
- 5,504 counters
- 11,008 fibers
- 19,840 SiPMs
- 310 Front-end Boards



- Will use 4 overlapping layers of extruded plastic scintillator
 - Each bar is 5 x 2 x ~ 450 cm³
 - 2 (1,4 mm \varnothing) WLS fibers / bar
 - Read-out both ends of each fiber with 2 x 2 mm² SiPM
 - Have achieved $\epsilon > 99.4\%$ (per layer) in test beam

$$\text{Normalization, } R = \frac{\Gamma(\mu\text{Al} \rightarrow e\text{Al})}{\Gamma_{\text{capture}}(\mu\text{Al})}$$



Design of Stopping Target monitor

- High purity Germanium (HPGe) detector
 - Determines the muon capture rate on Al to about 10% level
 - Measures X and γ rays from Muonic Al
 - 347 keV 2p-1s X-ray (80% of μ stops)
 - 844 keV γ -ray (4%)
 - 1809 keV $e\text{V}$ γ -ray (30%)
- Downstream to the Detector Solenoid
- Line-of-sight view of Muon Stopping Target
- Sweeper magnet
 - Reduces charged bkg
 - Reduces radiation damage