

A journey in particle physics:

From precision measurement of the heaviest particle to new physics search with the lightest (charged) particles

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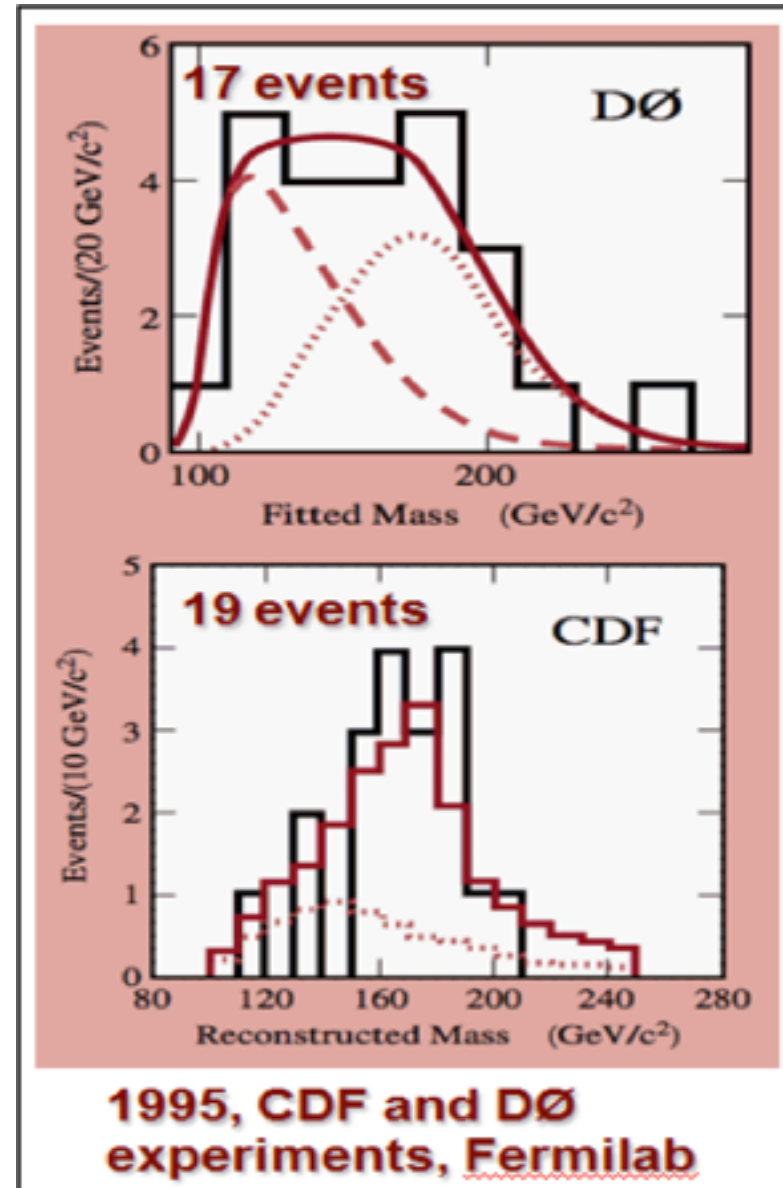
Search for neutrinoless muon-to-electron conversion

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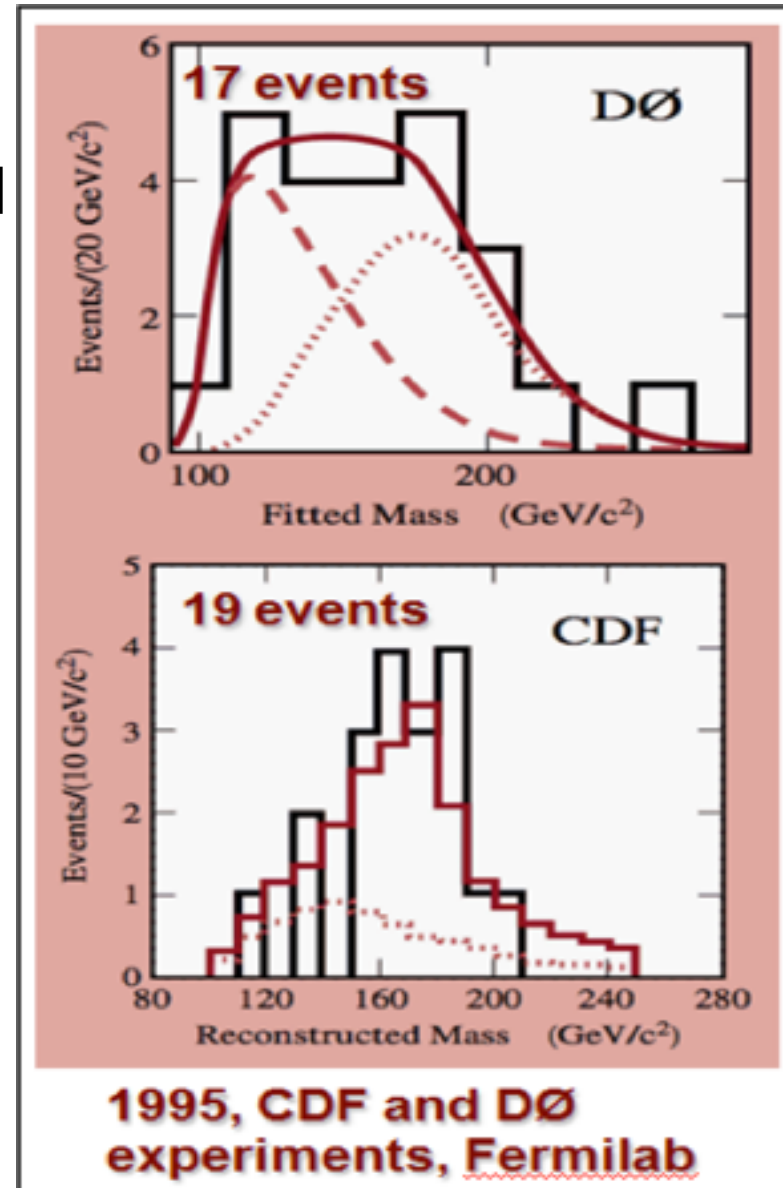
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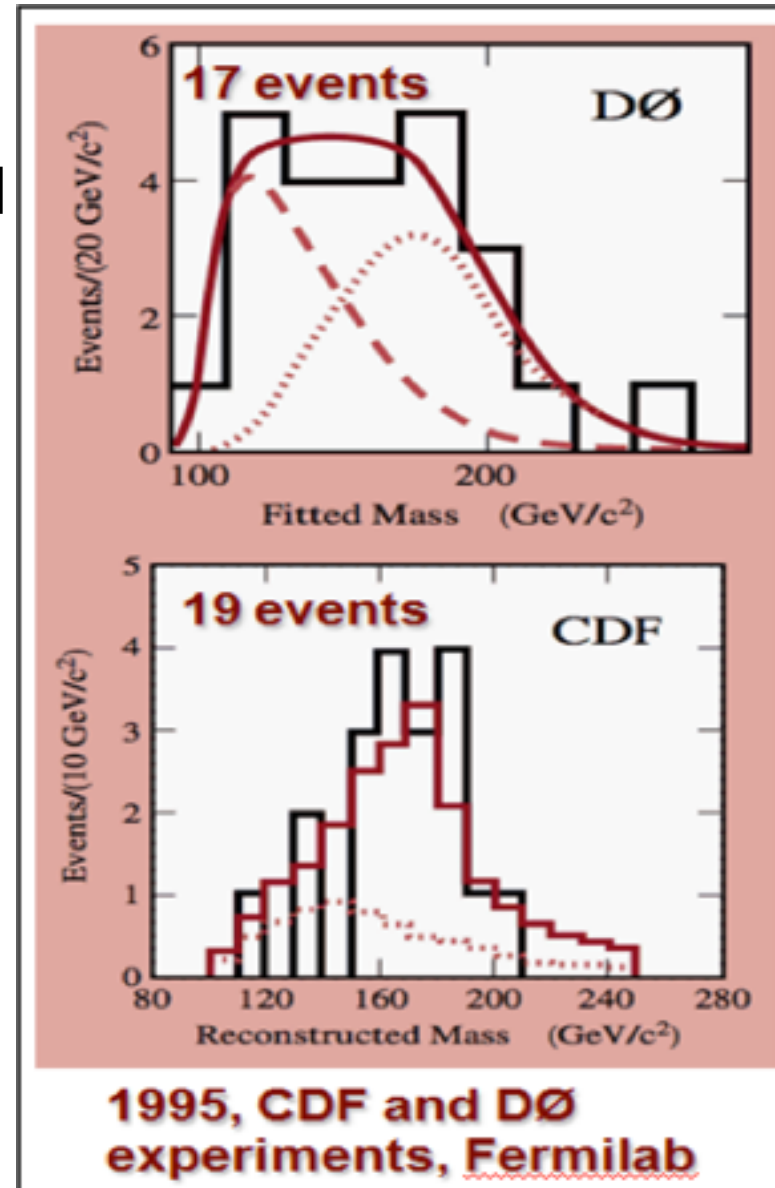
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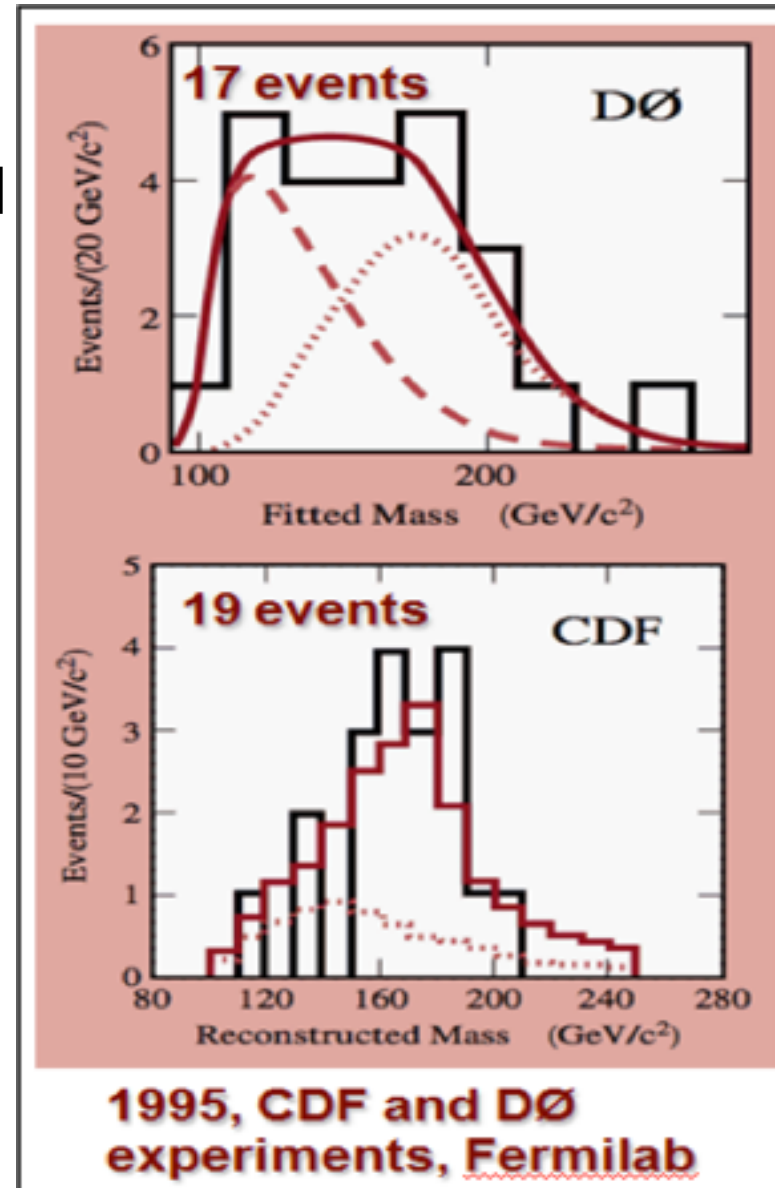
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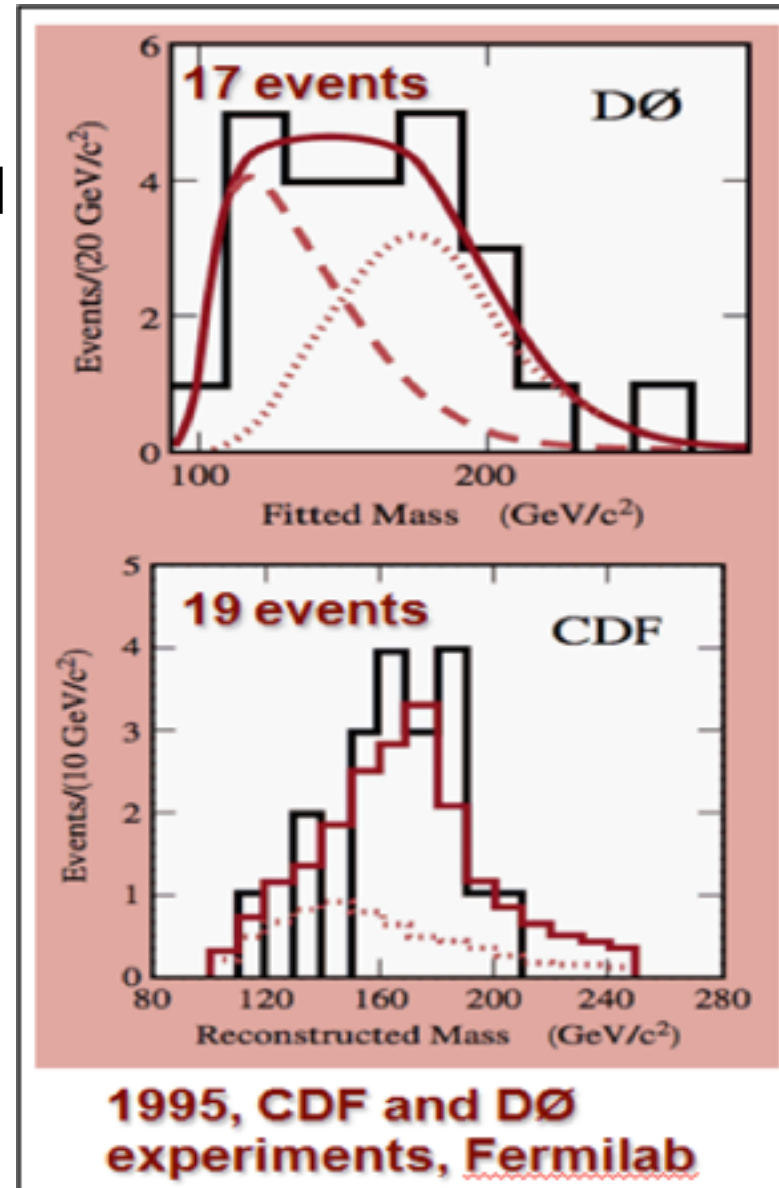
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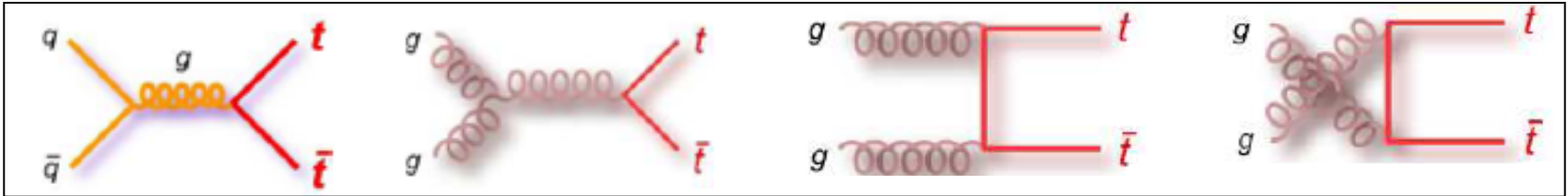
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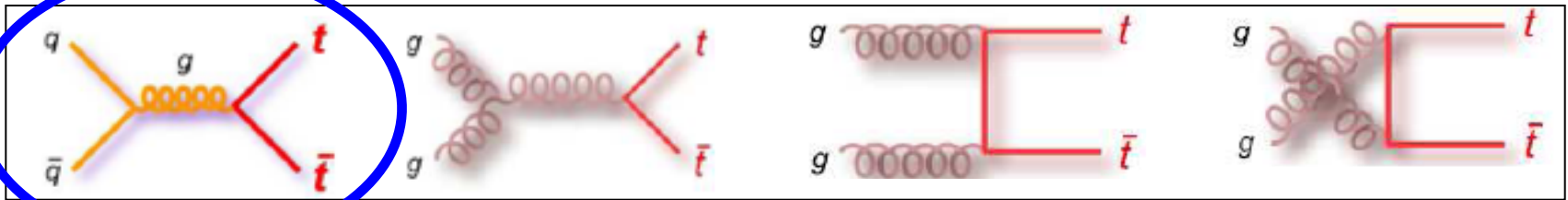
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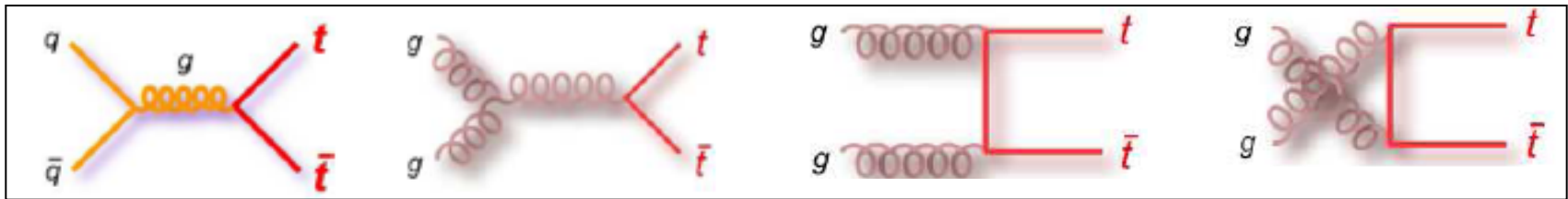


~85% at the Tevatron

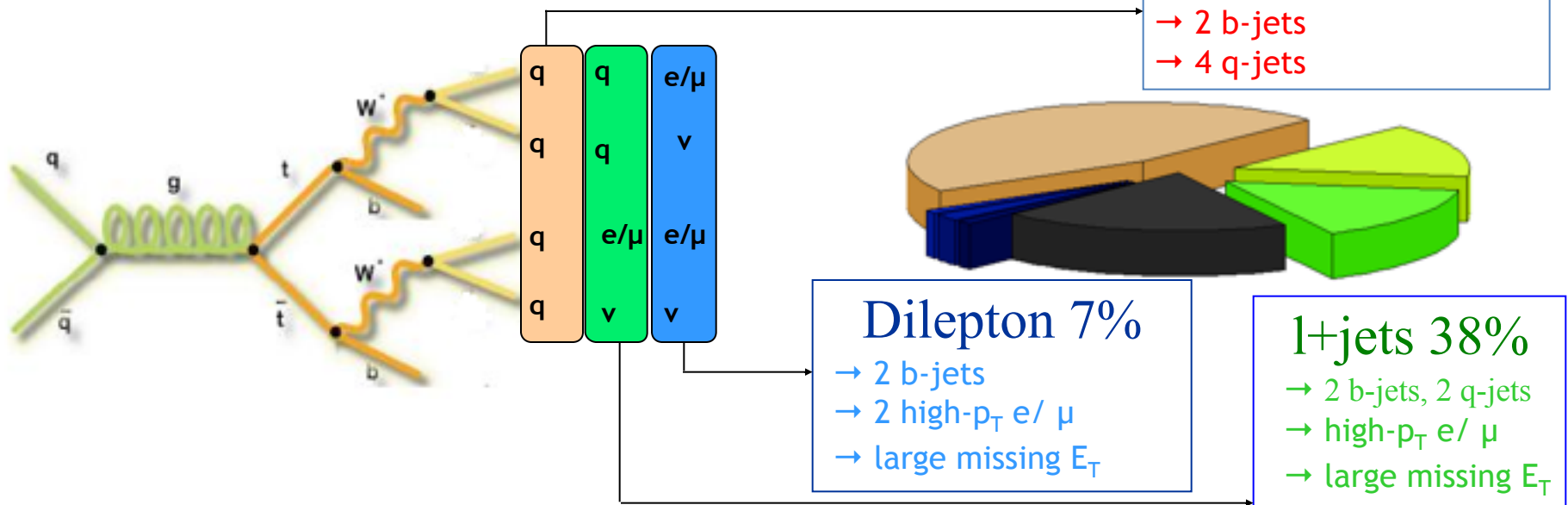
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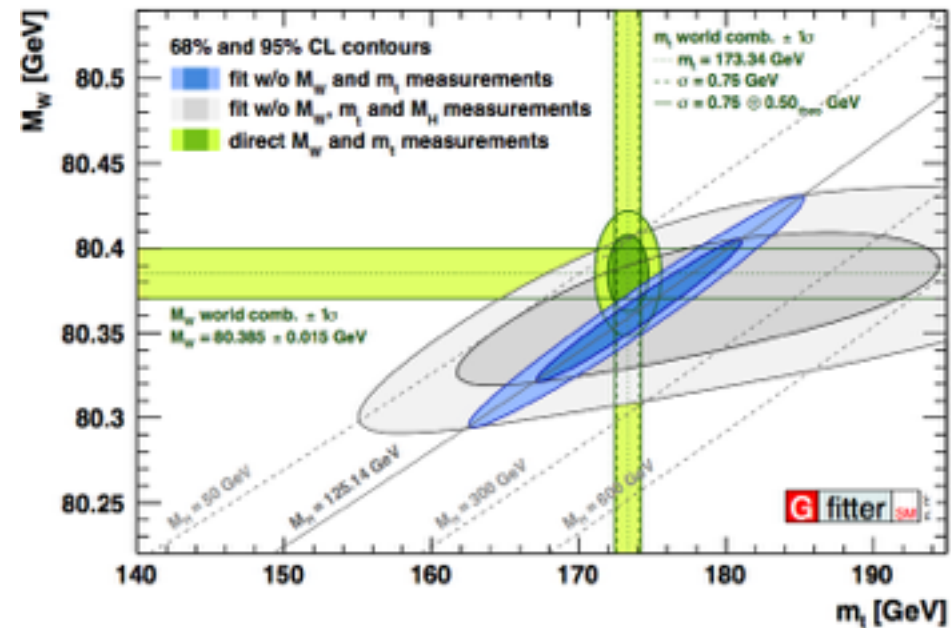


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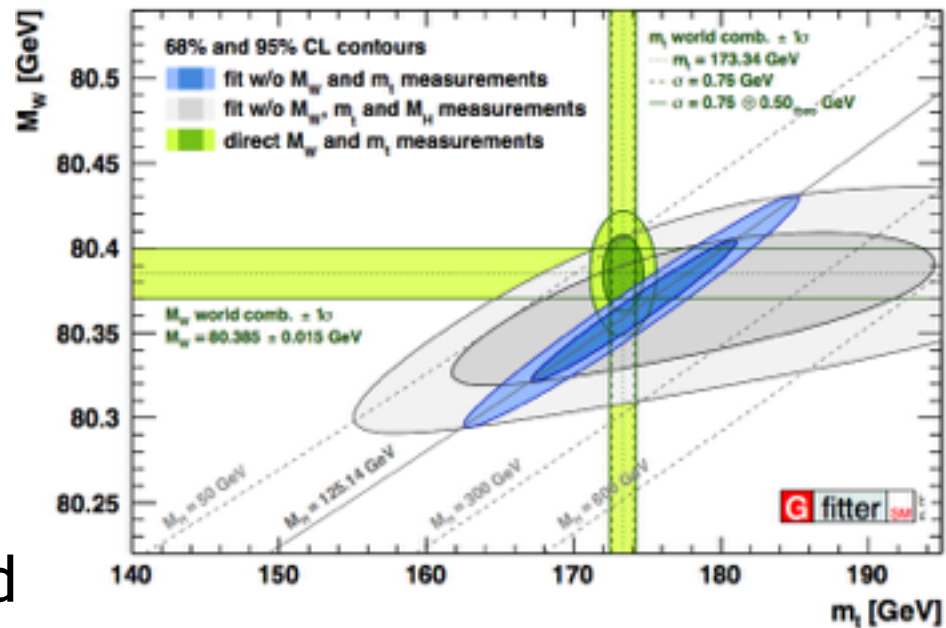
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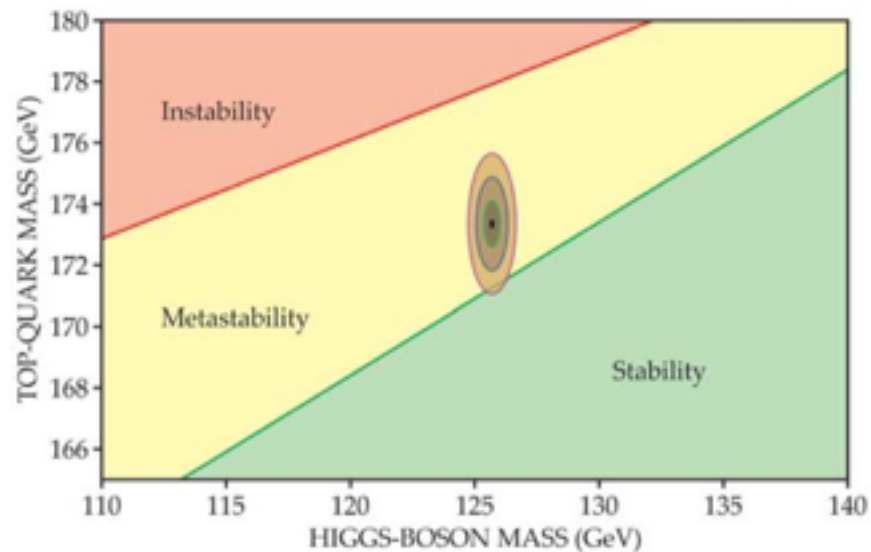
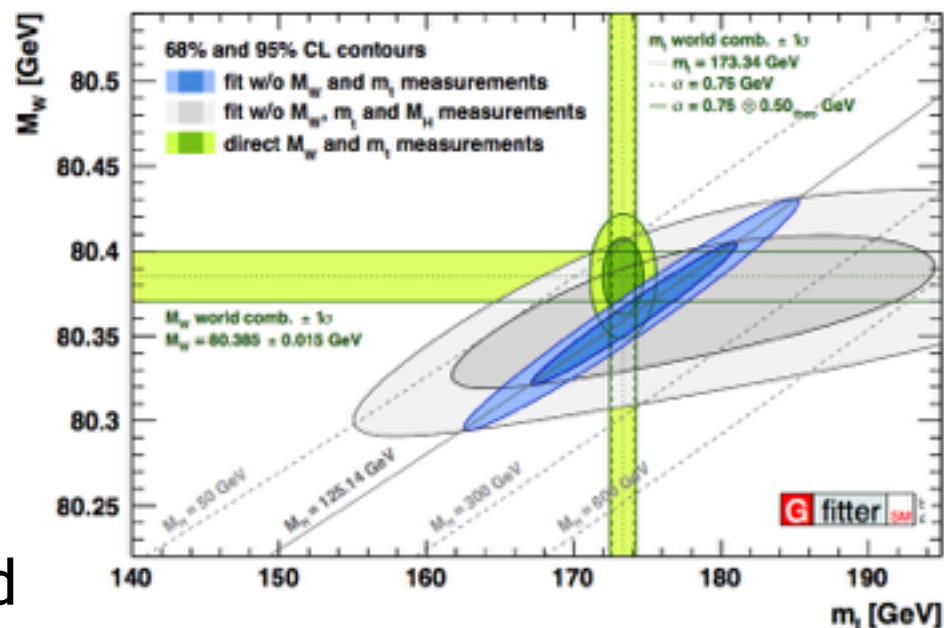
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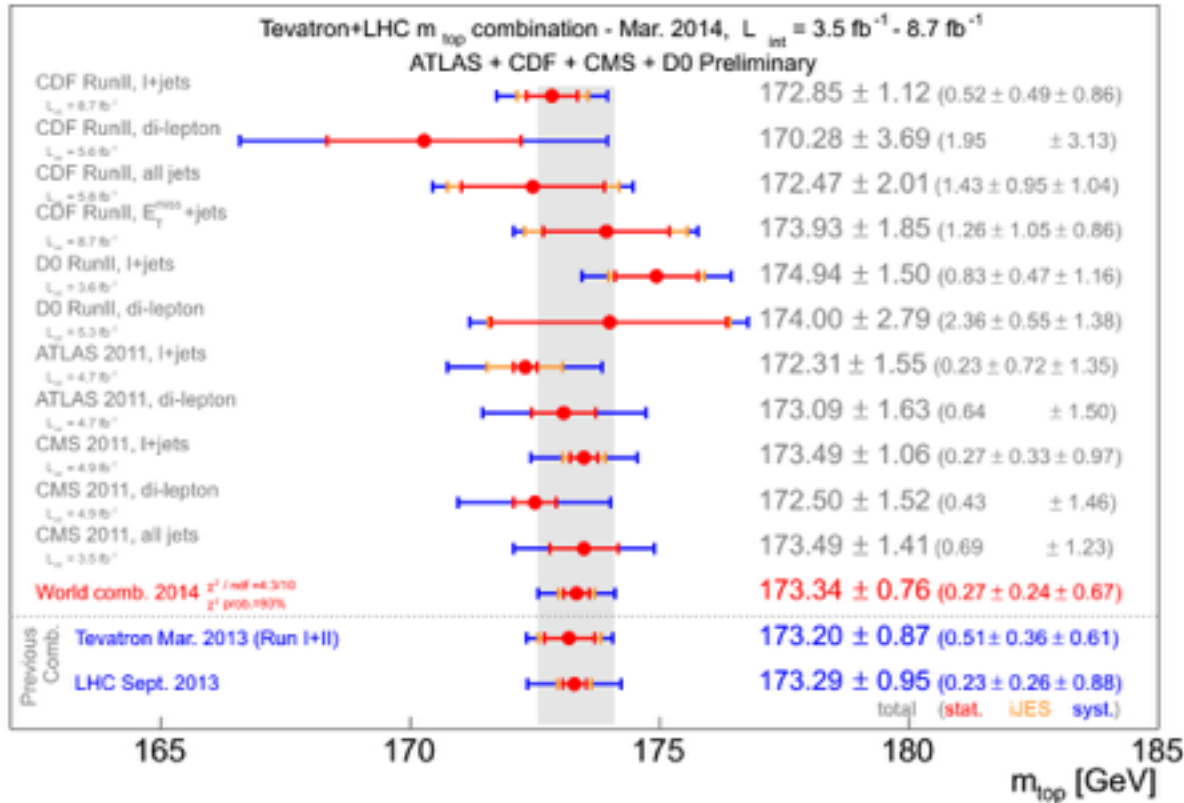


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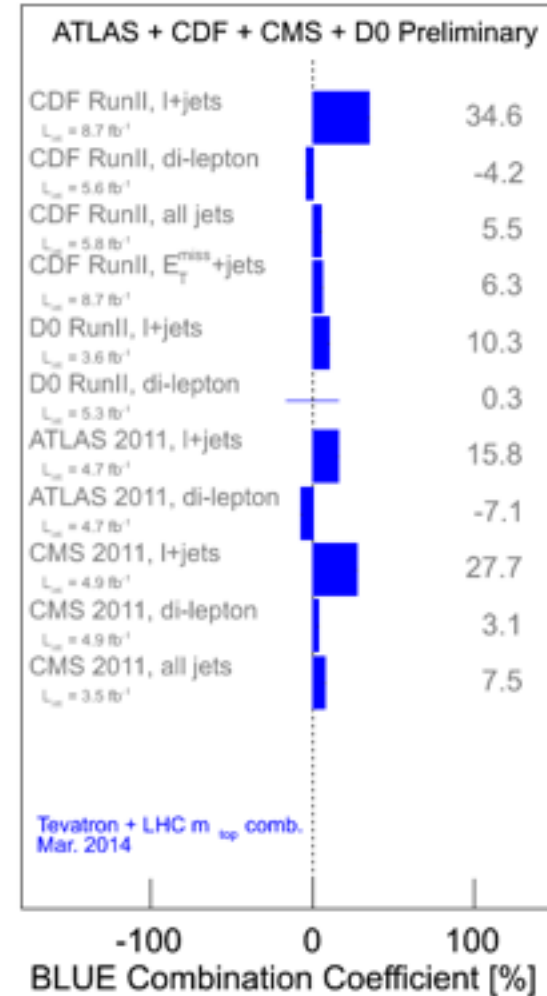
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- ✓ If the SM is assumed valid up to very high scales, the EW vacuum stability depends crucially on the precise top mass value



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Last top mass measurement from CDF, aiming to:

- ◇ Reach highest possible precision from CDF data
- ◇ Examine tension between “low” LHC and “high” Tevatron results

Definition of top pair candidate event

- ✓ One and only good lepton: central electron / tight or loose muon
- ✓ At least 4 jets, reconstructed with a cone algorithm (JetClu) of radius $R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2} = 0.4$
- ✓ A number of b-jet tags, varying by candidate event category, using a secondary vertex algorithm (SecVtx)
- ✓ Large missing E_T , reflecting the presence of a neutrino from the leptonic W boson decay in the final state

“Tight” and “loose” event selection

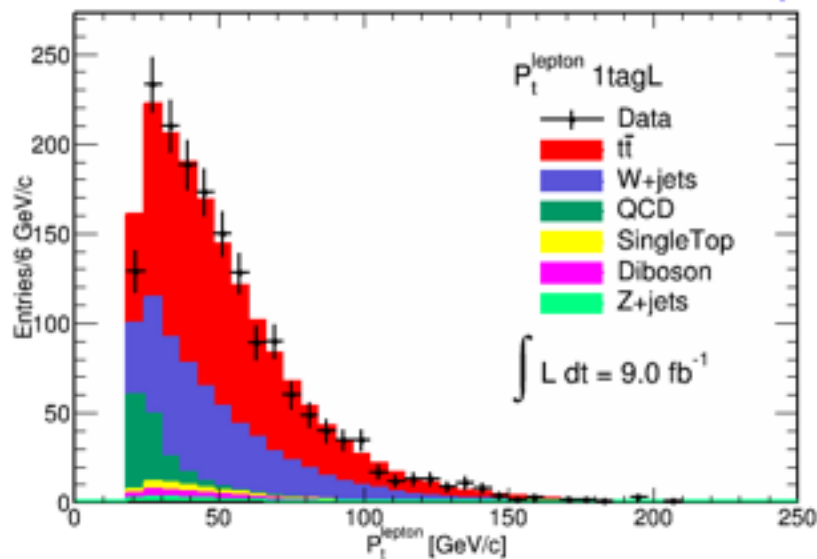
- ✓ Tight jet: $E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.0$
- ✓ Loose jet: $E_T > 12 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.4$
- ✓ Tight selection: events with exactly 4 tight jets and any loose jets
- ✓ Loose selection: events with ≥ 3 T jets + ≥ 1 L jet
- ✓ Categories by selection/b-tags: 0-tag, 1-tagL, 1-tagT, 2-tagL, 2-tagT

Physics processes and simulation models

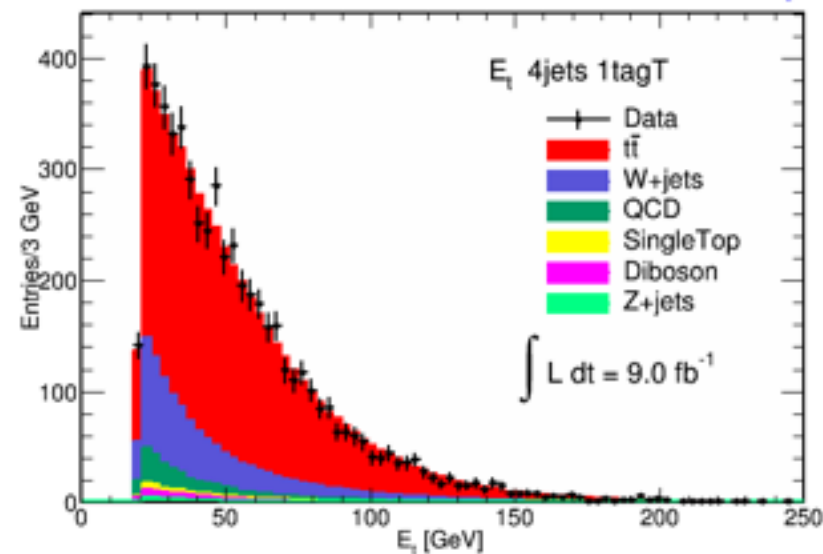
- $t\bar{t}$ signal: Powheg + Pythia, S. Frixione *et al.*, JHEP07, 0709 (2007)
- W/Z + jets: Alpgen+Pythia, M.L. Mangano *et al.*, JHEP0307:001 (2003)
- Dibosons: Pythia 6, T. Sjöstrand *et al.*, JHEP06, 026 (2006)
- Single top: Madgraph 4 + Pythia, J. Alwall *et al.*, JHEP09, 028 (2007)
- QCD: data with lepton failing one of the “good lepton” criteria
- All MC samples processed through the standard CDF detector simulation and event reconstruction software, E. Gerchtein and M. Paulini, arXiv:physics/0306031 (2003)

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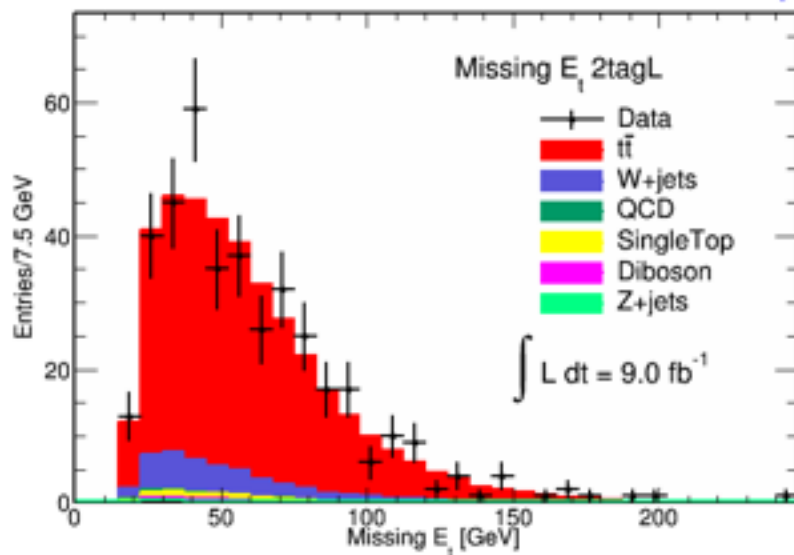
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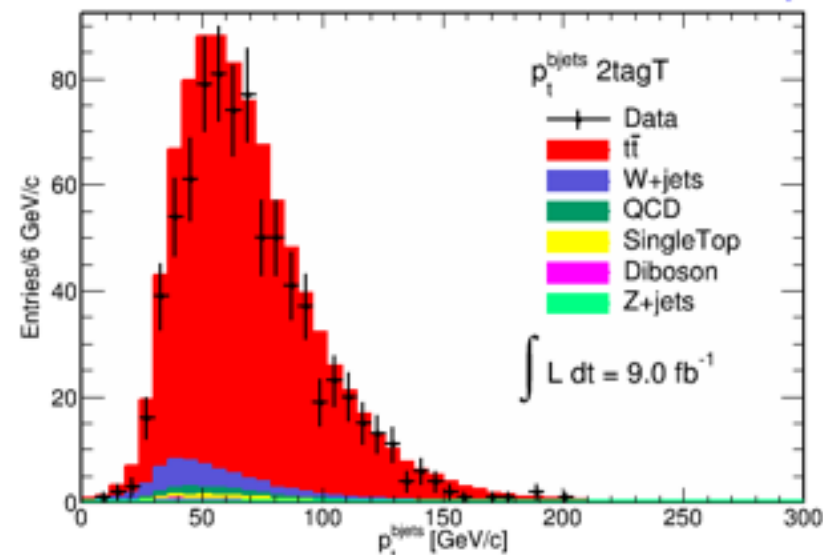
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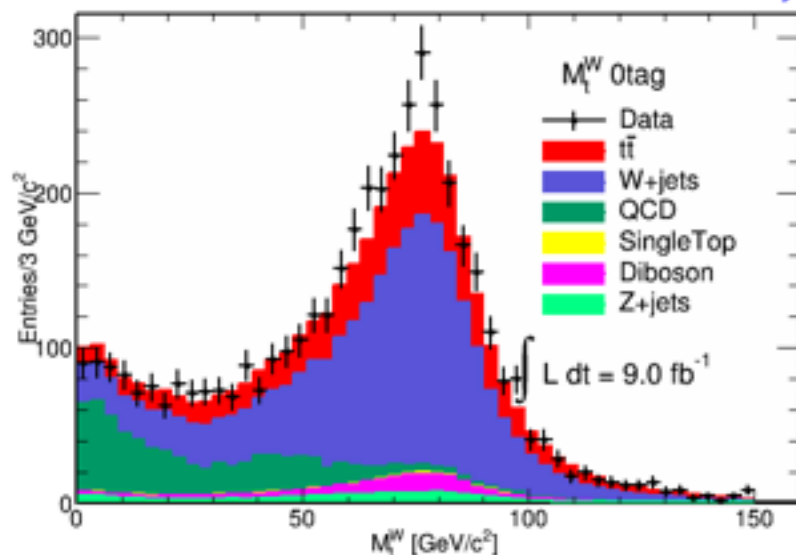


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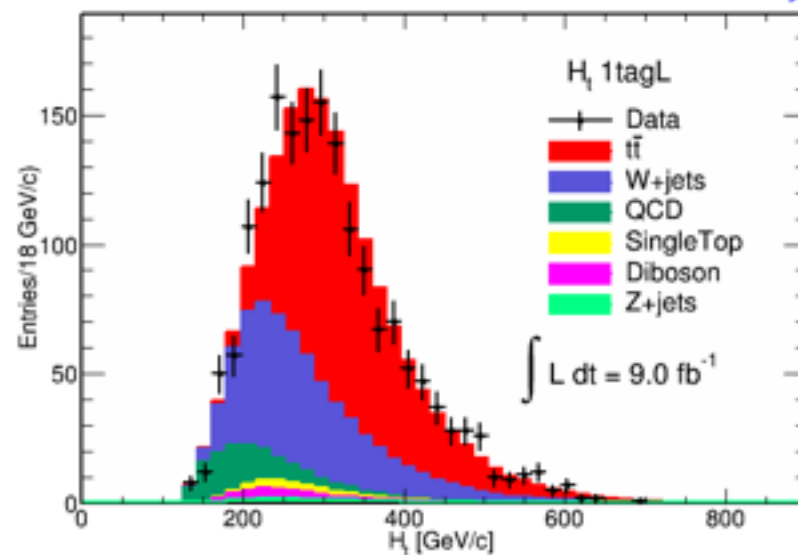


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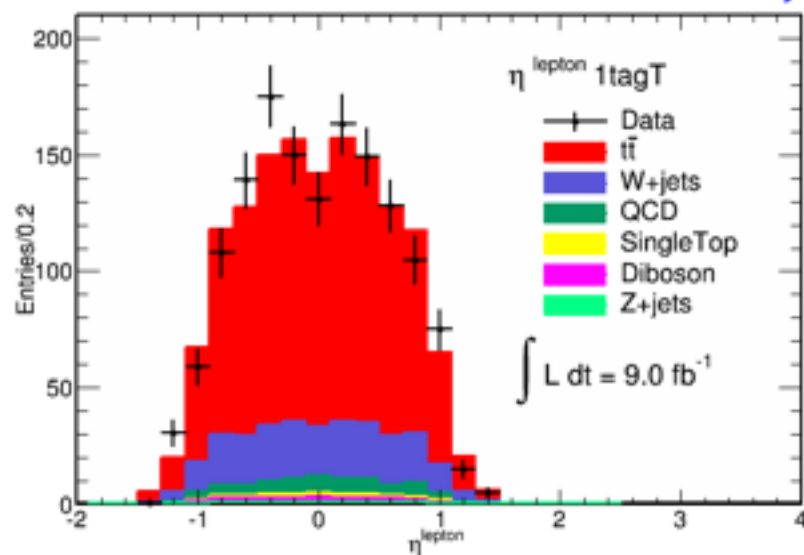
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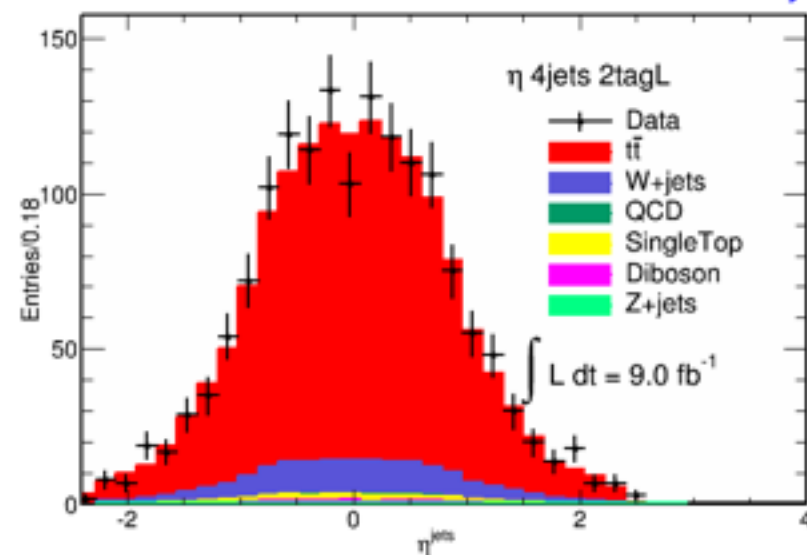
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Improvements relative to the previous measurement

- More luminosity: from 5.6 fb^{-1} to 9 fb^{-1} → 60% more data
- New candidate categories: 0-tag, 1-tagL, 2-tagL → 30% more candidate events from loose categories
- New matrix element integration method, allowing for reliable error estimation → higher integration accuracy
- NLO singal MC: Powheg + Pythia → reduction of uncertainty from higher-order terms

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- ❑ $\Delta_{JES}=0$ defines the nominal JES
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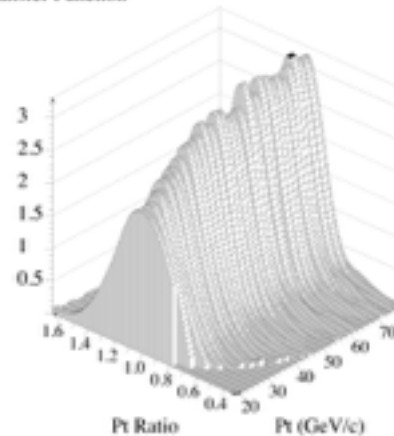
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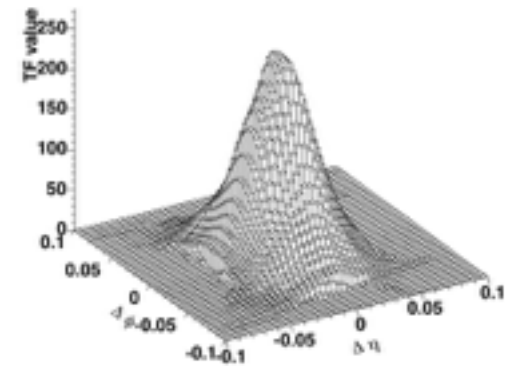
From MC, separately for b & light jets

$$T = F_1\left(\frac{p_T^j}{p_T^p}, p_T^p, \eta_p, m\right) \times F_2(\Delta\eta_{j-p}, \Delta\phi_{j-p}, p_T^p, \eta_p, m)$$

Transfer Function



Light quark angular transfer function, $\eta_j = 0$, $m = 5$



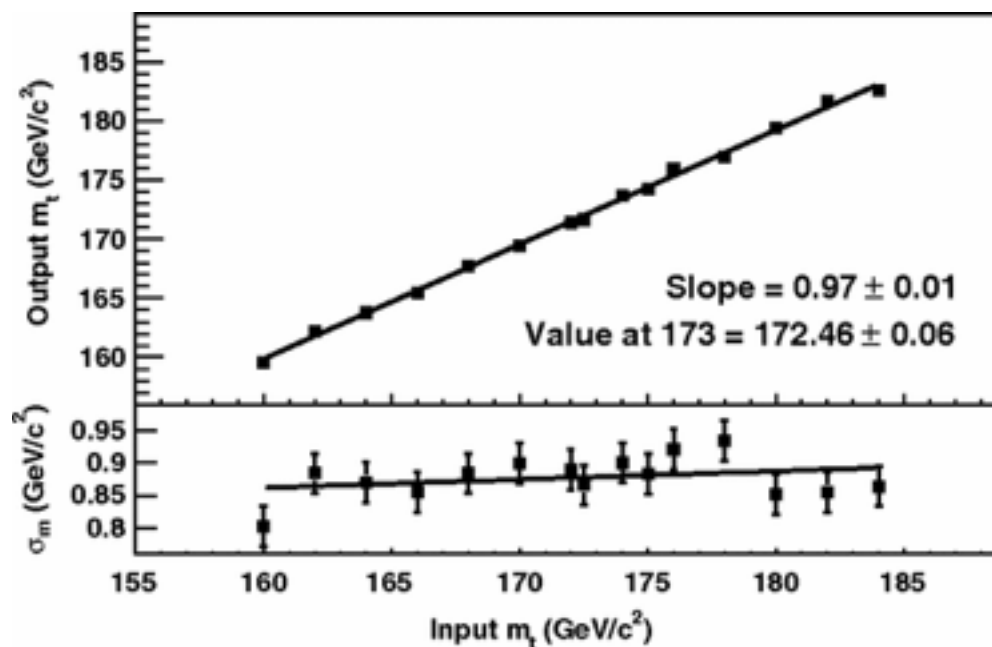
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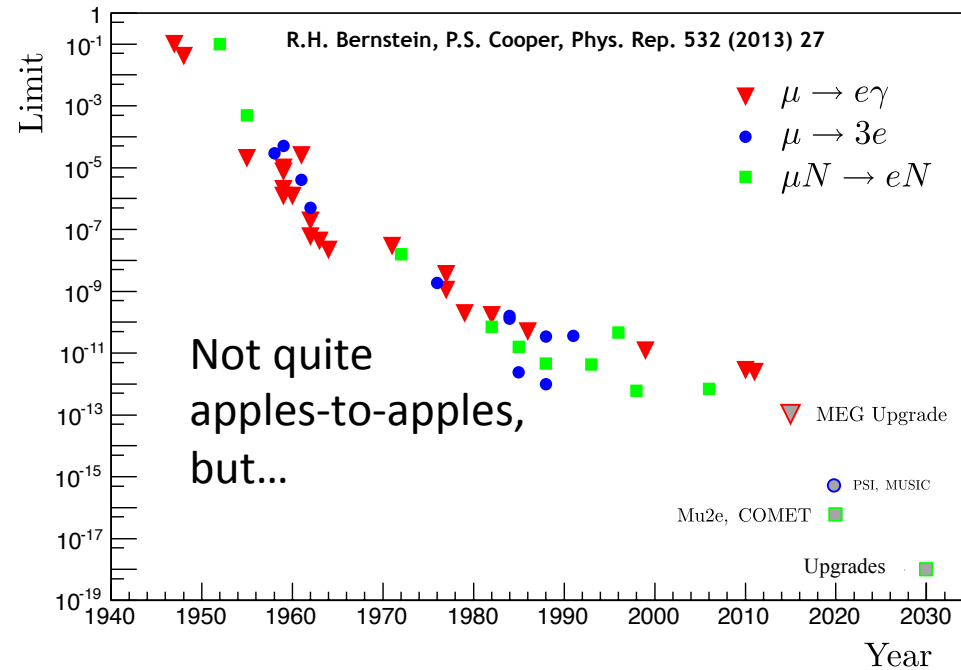
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- ◇ Using **full sample** (9 fb^{-1}) & **matrix element** (optimal) technique
- ◇ Revisiting dominant systematic uncertainties
- ◇ Last word, **most precise** top mass result from CDF
- ◇ Expected to be included in next World average

The Mu2e experiment at Fermilab:
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Charged lepton flavor violation

- While flavor mixing is observed in the quark and neutrino sectors, Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV) has never so far been observed
- CLFV is a nearly universal feature of Standard Model extensions
- CLFV is a powerful probe of multi-TeV scale dynamics: complementary to direct collider searches
- Among various possible CLFV modes to search for, rare muon processes offer best combination of new physics reach and experimental sensitivity

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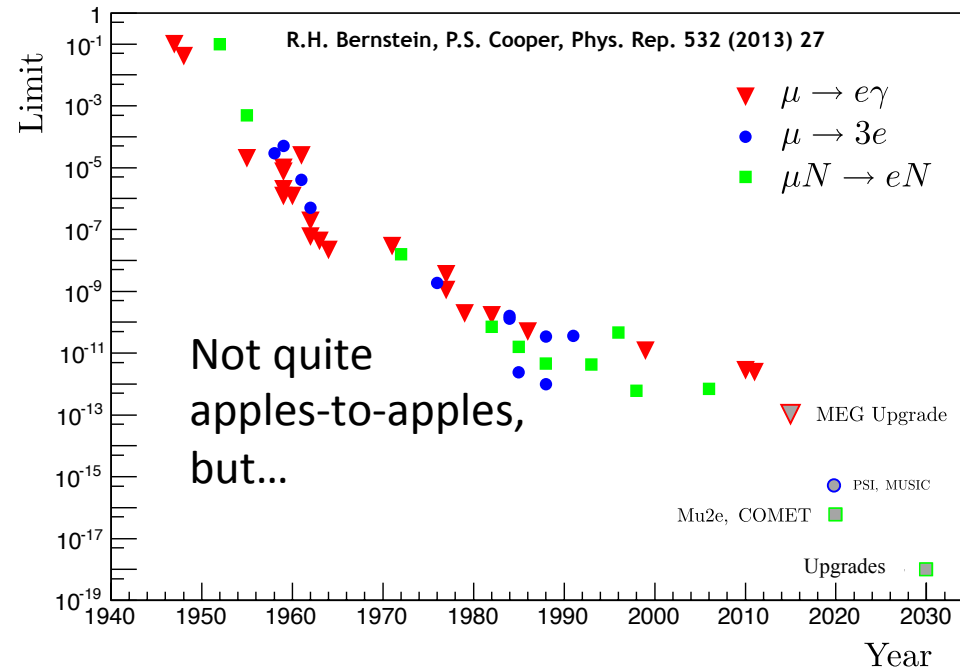
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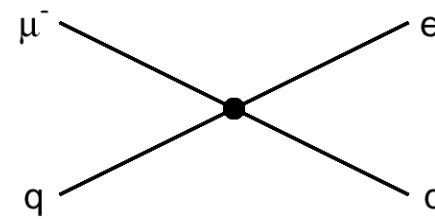
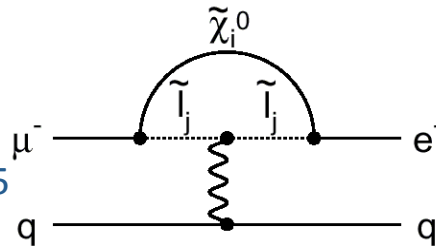
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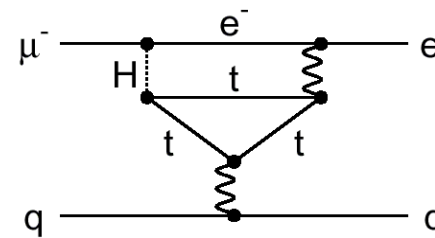
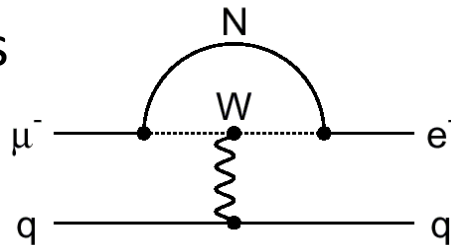


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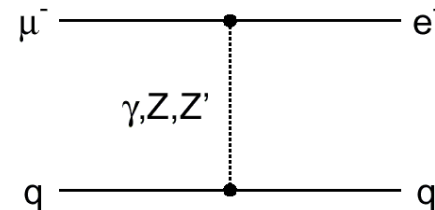
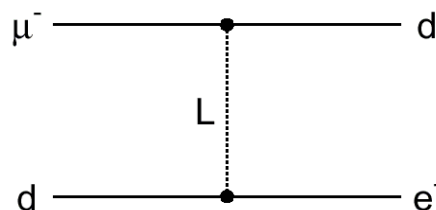


Second Higgs
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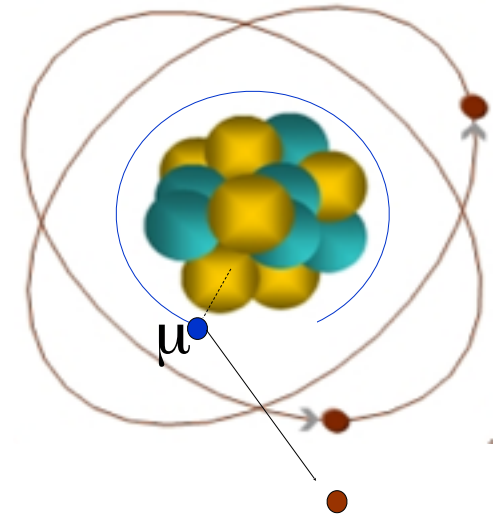
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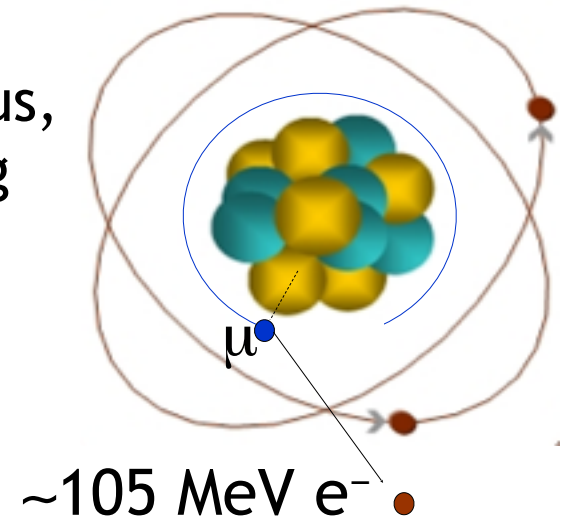
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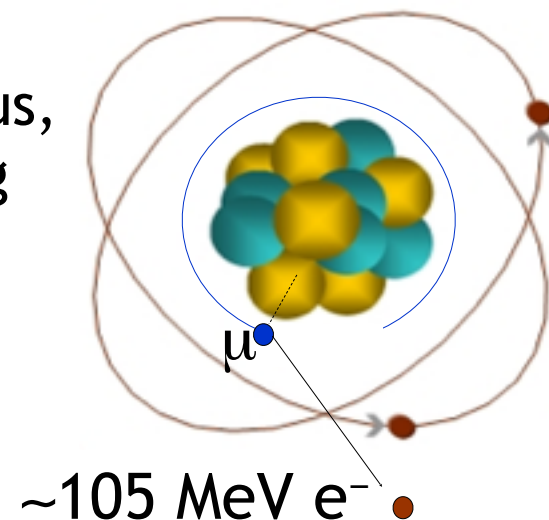
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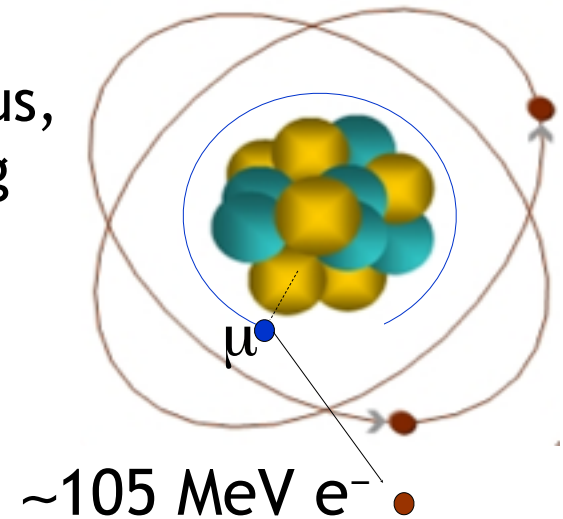
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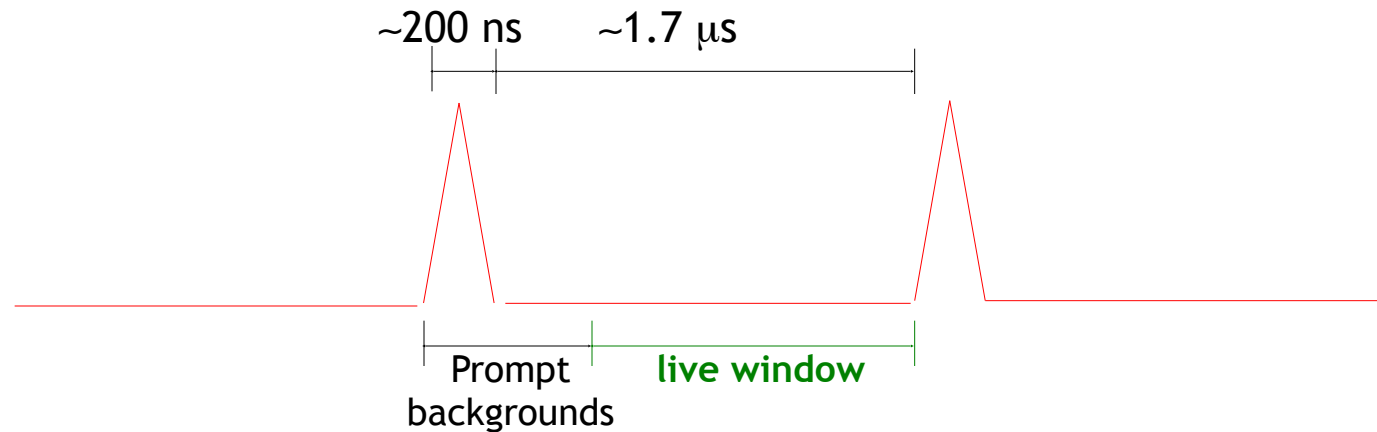
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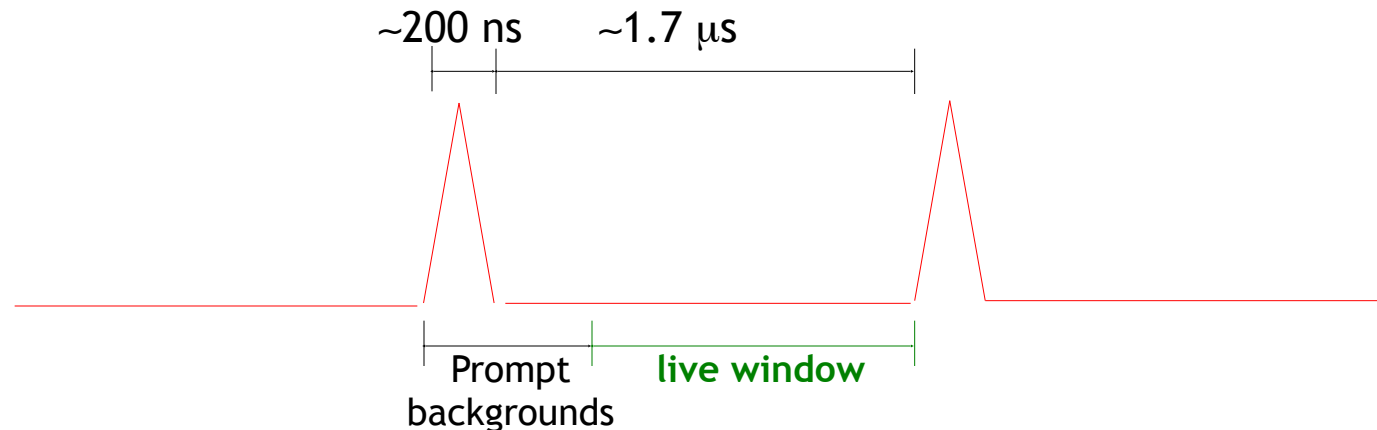
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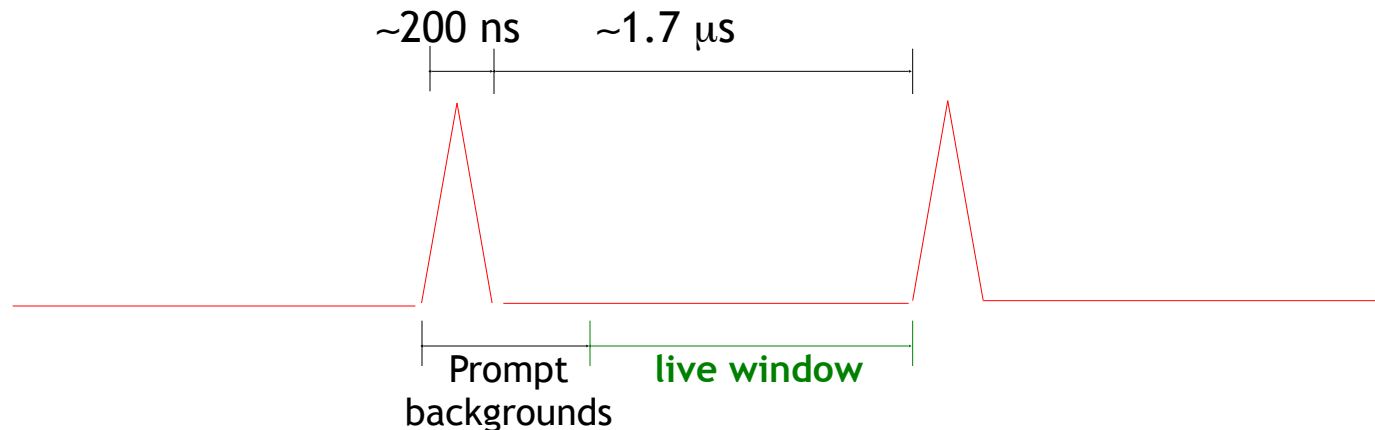
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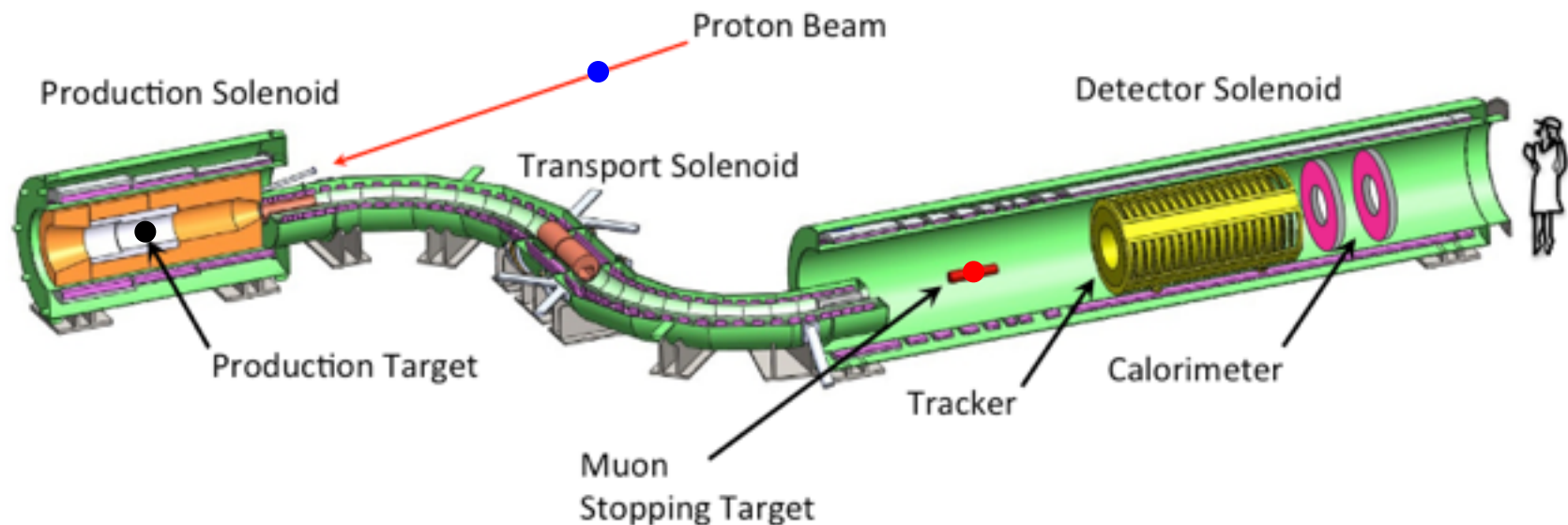
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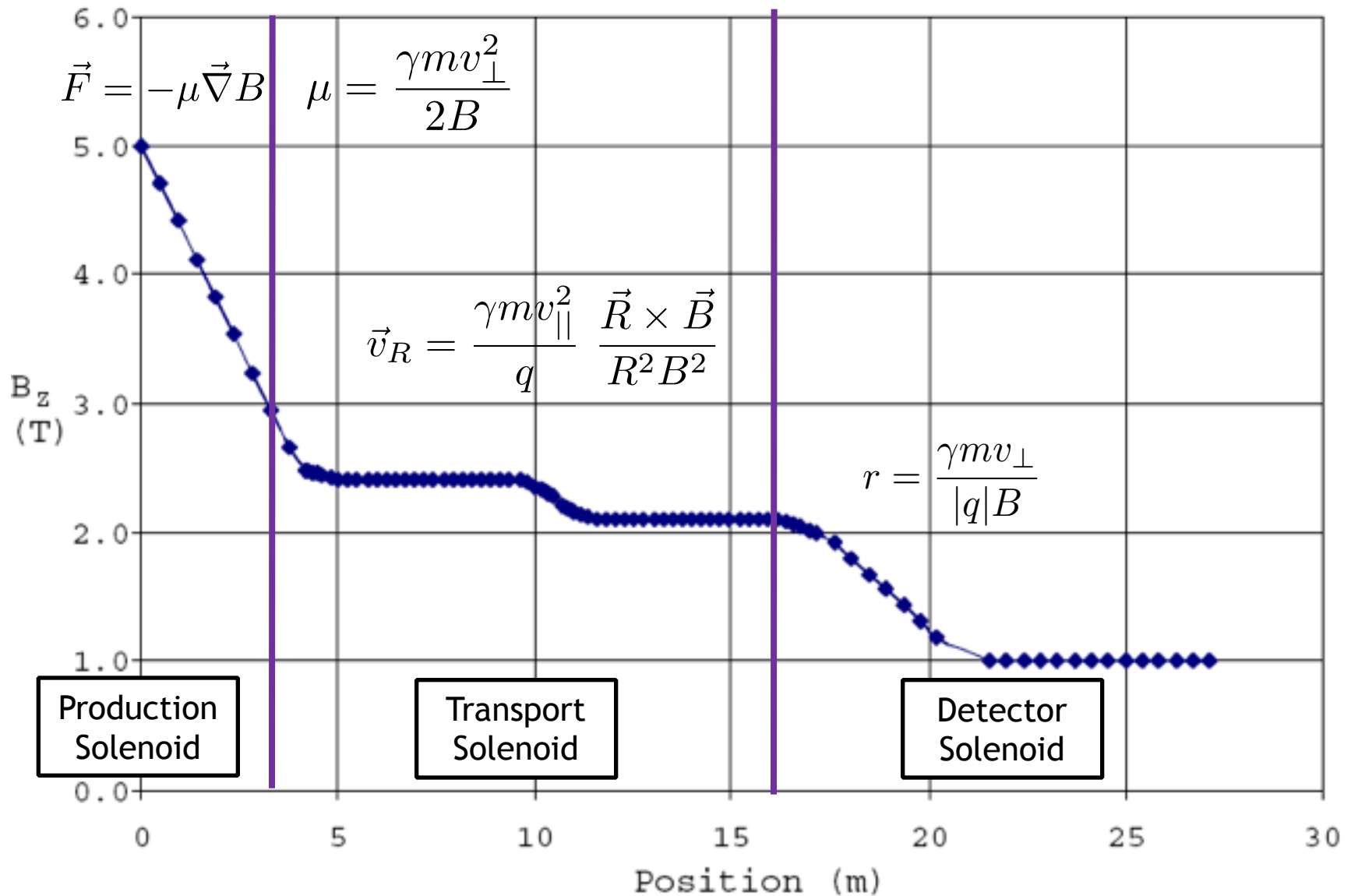
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- Production Solenoid
 - ✓ Contains backward pions/muons and reflects slow forward pions/muons
- Transport Solenoid
 - ✓ Selects low momentum, negative muons
- Capture Target, Detector, and Detector Solenoid
 - ✓ Capture muons on Aluminum target and wait for them to decay
 - ✓ Detector blind to ordinary (Michel) decays, with $E \leq \frac{1}{2}m_{\mu}c^2$
 - ✓ Optimized for $E \sim m_{\mu}c^2$

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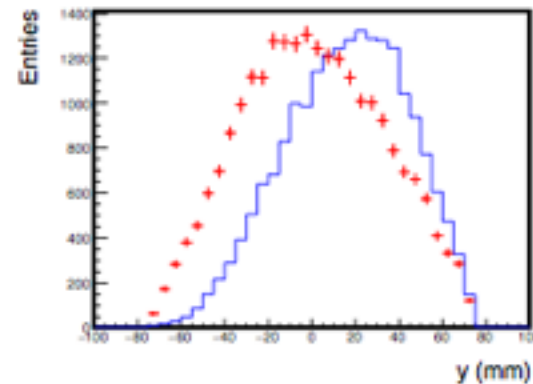
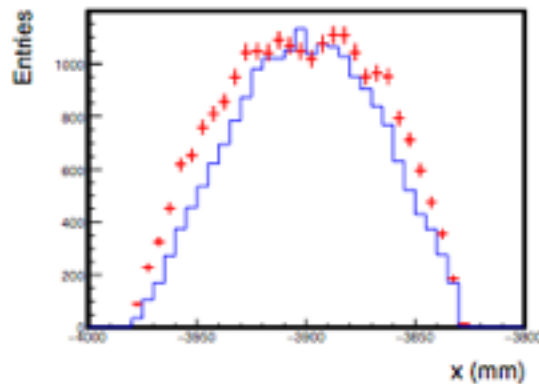
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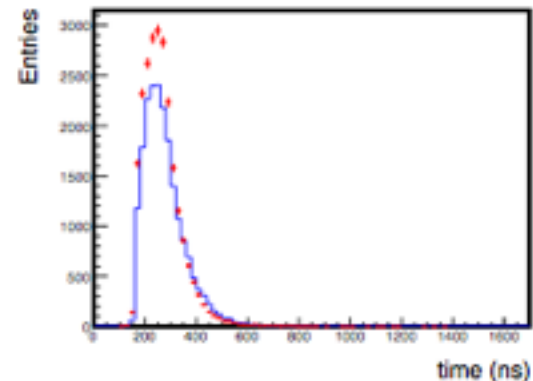
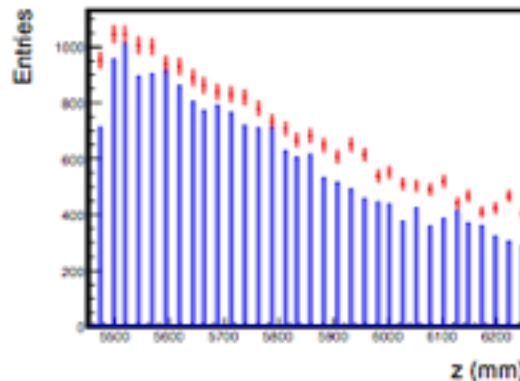
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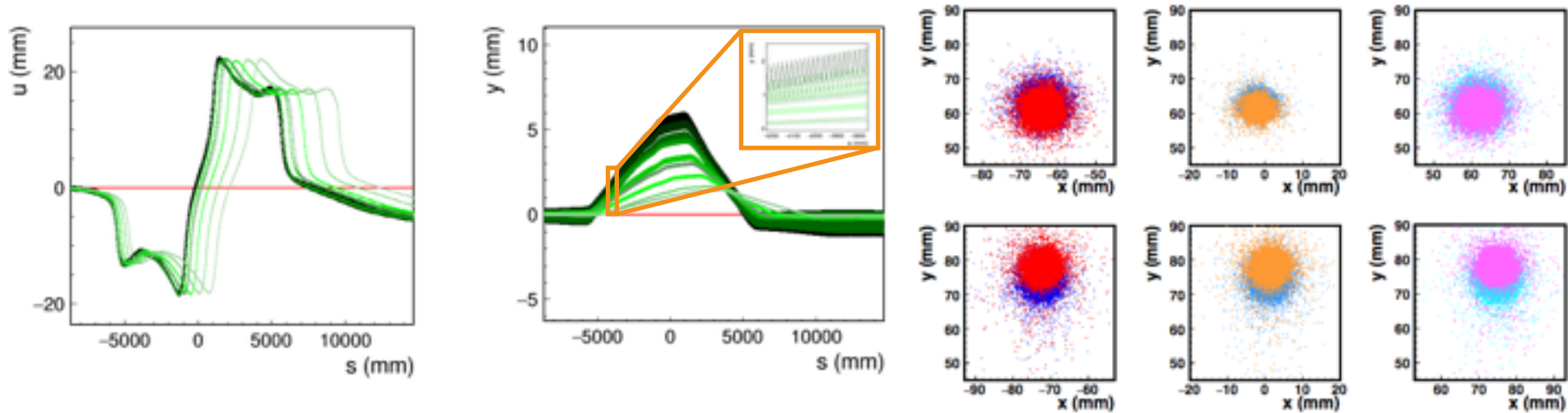
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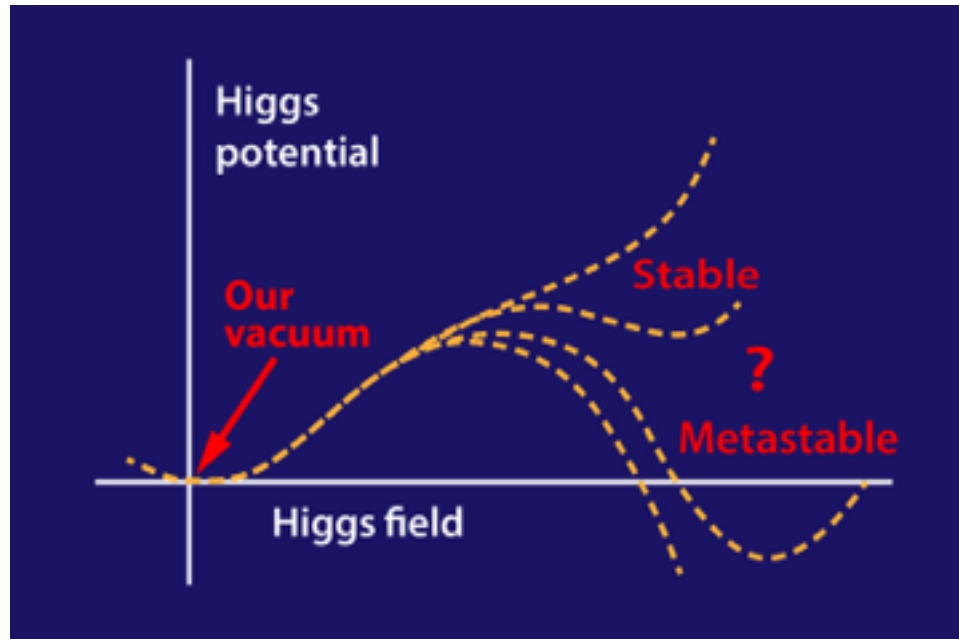
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Top mass backup

Stability of the Higgs potential



- ◇ Interplay of the Higgs field mass and self-coupling terms shapes the Higgs potential
- ◇ For some Higgs and top mass values, the Higgs potential can go negative at very short distances, allowing tunneling to a lower-energy state than the present minimum (vacuum)
- ◇ Metastability scenarios are related to inflation

The Tevatron

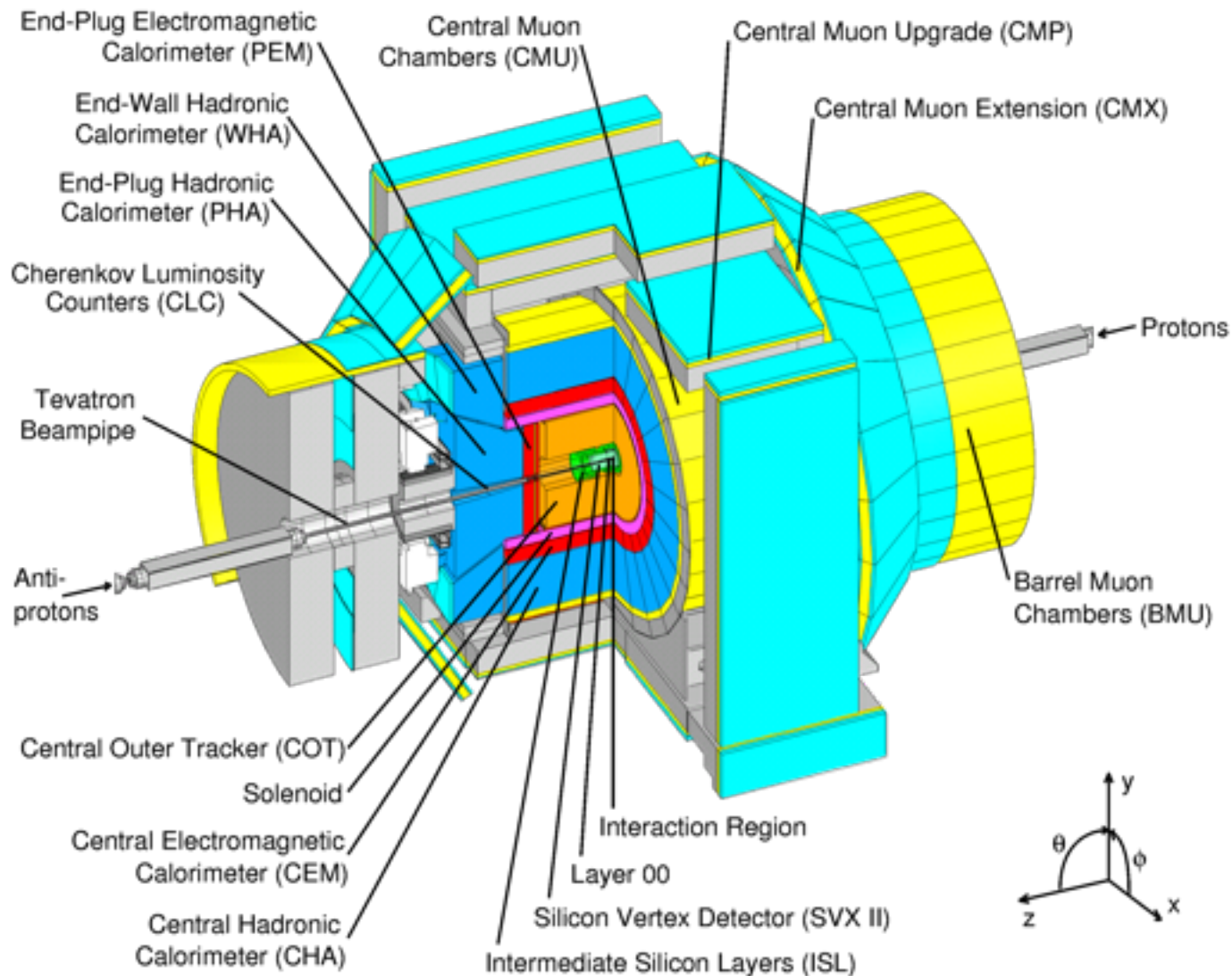
Proton-antiproton collider operating at a collision energy of 1.8 TeV in 1992-96 (Run I) and 1.96 TeV in 2001-11 (Run II)

World's highest-energy collider until 2010

- ✓ Located at Fermilab near Chicago
- ✓ 1 km radius
- ✓ **1976**: Construction started
- ✓ **1985**: Commissioning
- ✓ **1987**: CDF Run 0
- ✓ Continuous upgrades over 25 years of operations

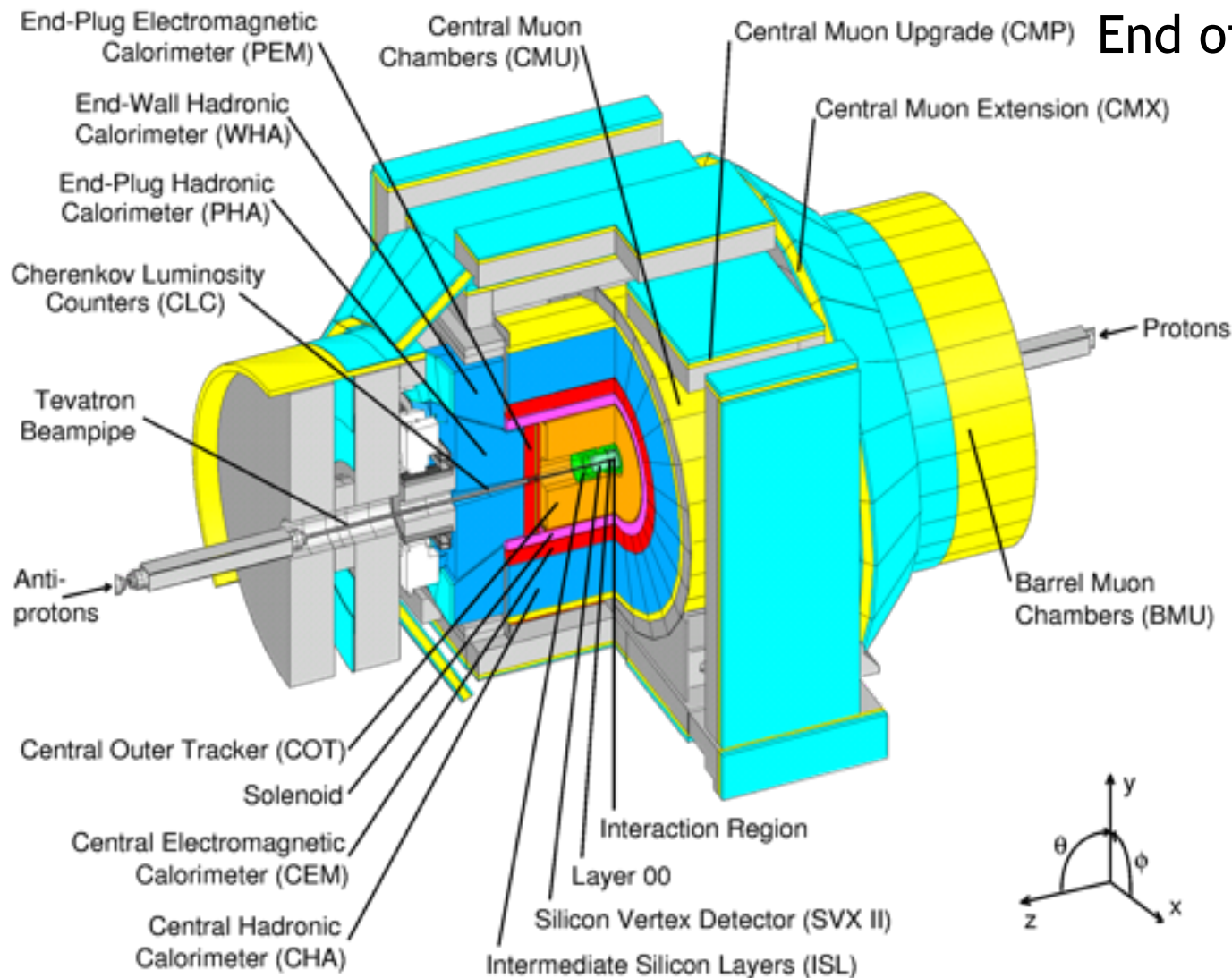


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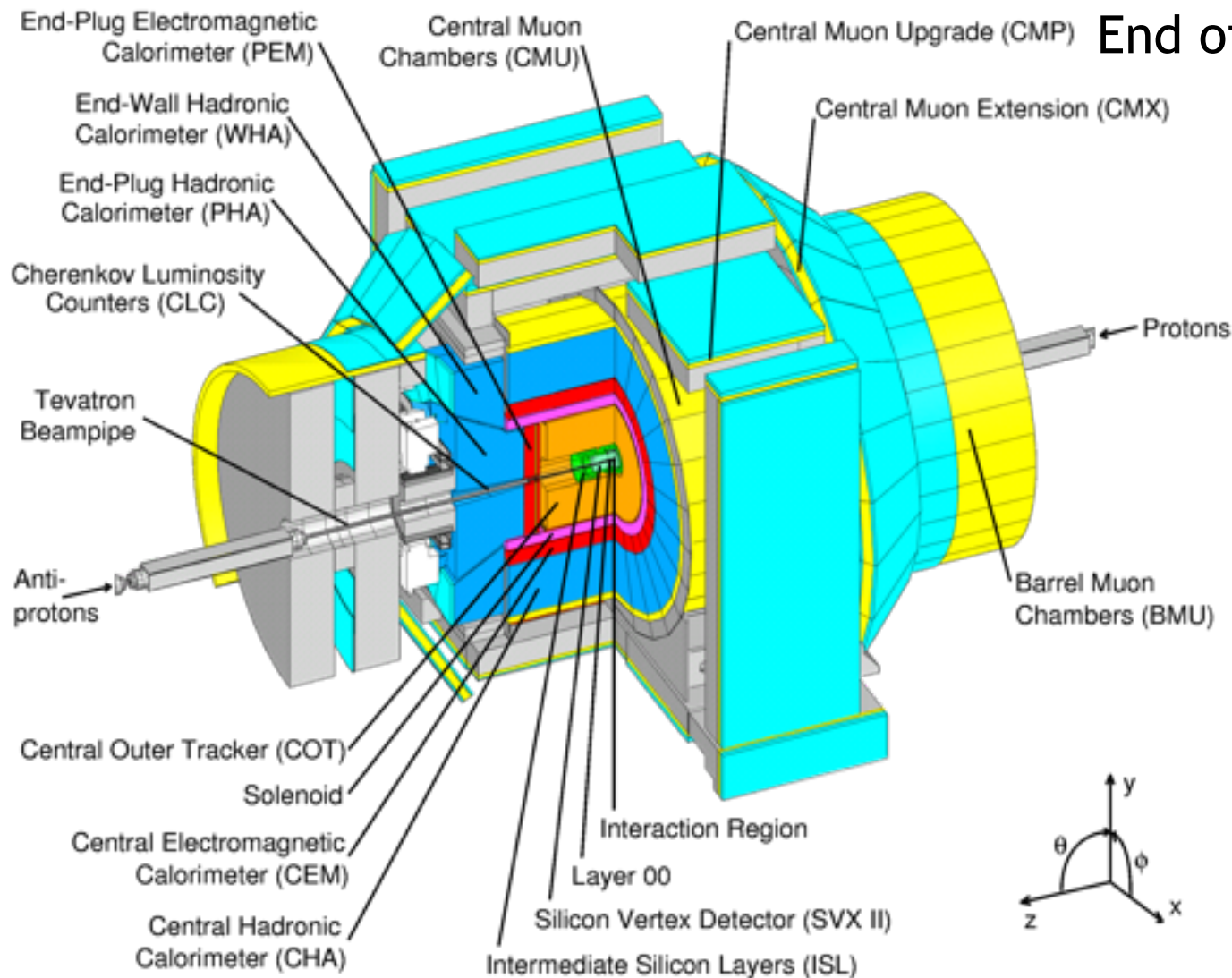
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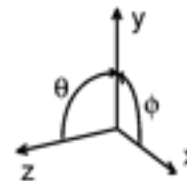
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coverage:

$$|\eta| < 2.0 \text{ (e)}$$

$$|\eta| < 1.5 \text{ (\mu)}$$

Jets to $|\eta| < 2.8$

b-tagging with
 $|\eta| < 1.5$



Selection criteria of top pair candidate events

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Estimated sample composition at 9 fb⁻¹ luminosity

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<i>W + l.f.</i>	1581	171	77	3	2	1834
<i>Z + jets</i>	169	25	14	2	1	212
<i>Dibosons</i>	166	31	18	3	2	220
<i>Single top</i>	14	17	8	7	5	50
<i>QCD</i>	623	120	60	1	6	811
<i>Background</i>	3251	720	338	49	37	4395
<i>Signal</i>	960	999	1086	331	425	3801
<i>Total</i>	4211	1719	1424	380	462	8196
<i>S/B</i>	0.3	1.4	3.2	6.8	10.6	0.9
<i>Observed</i>	4474	1711	1434	365	375	8359

Definition of the likelihood

$$N(m_t) = \int |M|^2 \frac{f(z_1) f(z_2)}{z_1 z_2} dz_1 dz_2 d\Phi(\vec{y})$$

w_{ij} = permutation weight
depending on # of b-tags

$$L_i^s(m_t, \Delta_{JES}) = \frac{1}{N(m_t)} \frac{1}{A(m_t, \Delta_{JES})} \sum_{j=1}^{24} w_{ij} P(\vec{x}_i | m_t, \Delta_{JES}) \quad A = \frac{N_{sel}(m_t, \Delta_{JES})}{N_{tot}(m_t)}$$

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$$d\Phi(\vec{y}) = \prod_{k=1}^6 \frac{d^3y_k}{(2\pi)^3 2E_k}$$

Integration elements

- $M_{2p \rightarrow h_l + 4p}^{t\bar{t}}$: Kleiss-Stirling LO ME, including qq, gg, & spin correlations, R. Kleiss and W. J. Stirling, Z. Phys. **40**, 419 (1988)
- $M_{2p \rightarrow h_l + 4p}^W$: Madgraph5 W + 4 partons ME, J. Alwall *et al.*, JHEP07, 079 (2014)
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- Quasi-MC integration, F. J. Hickernell and L. A. JimenezRugama, arXiv:1410.8615: 18 variables integrated using importance sampling, m_W^2 integrated with a grid-based procedure because of phase space singularities when $\partial m_W^2 / \partial p_z^y = 0$

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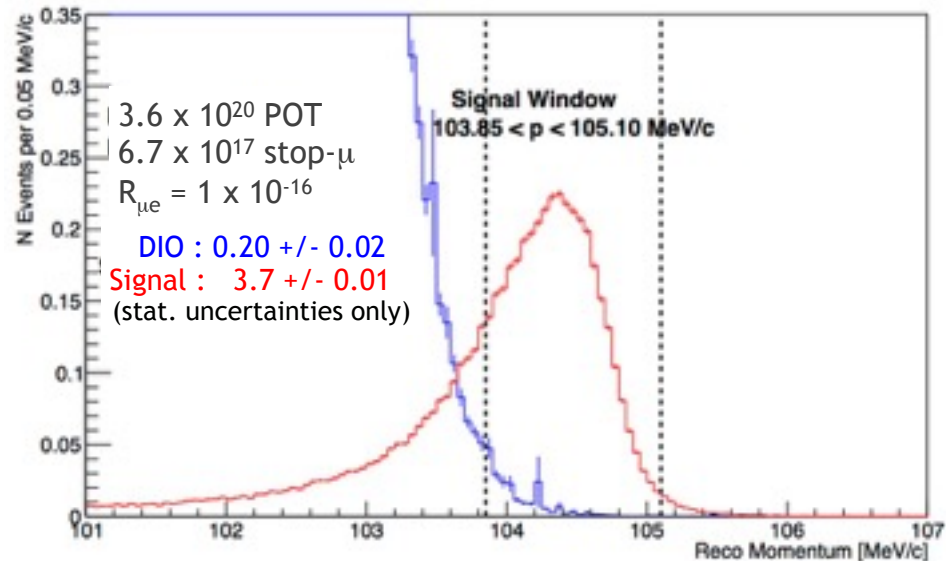
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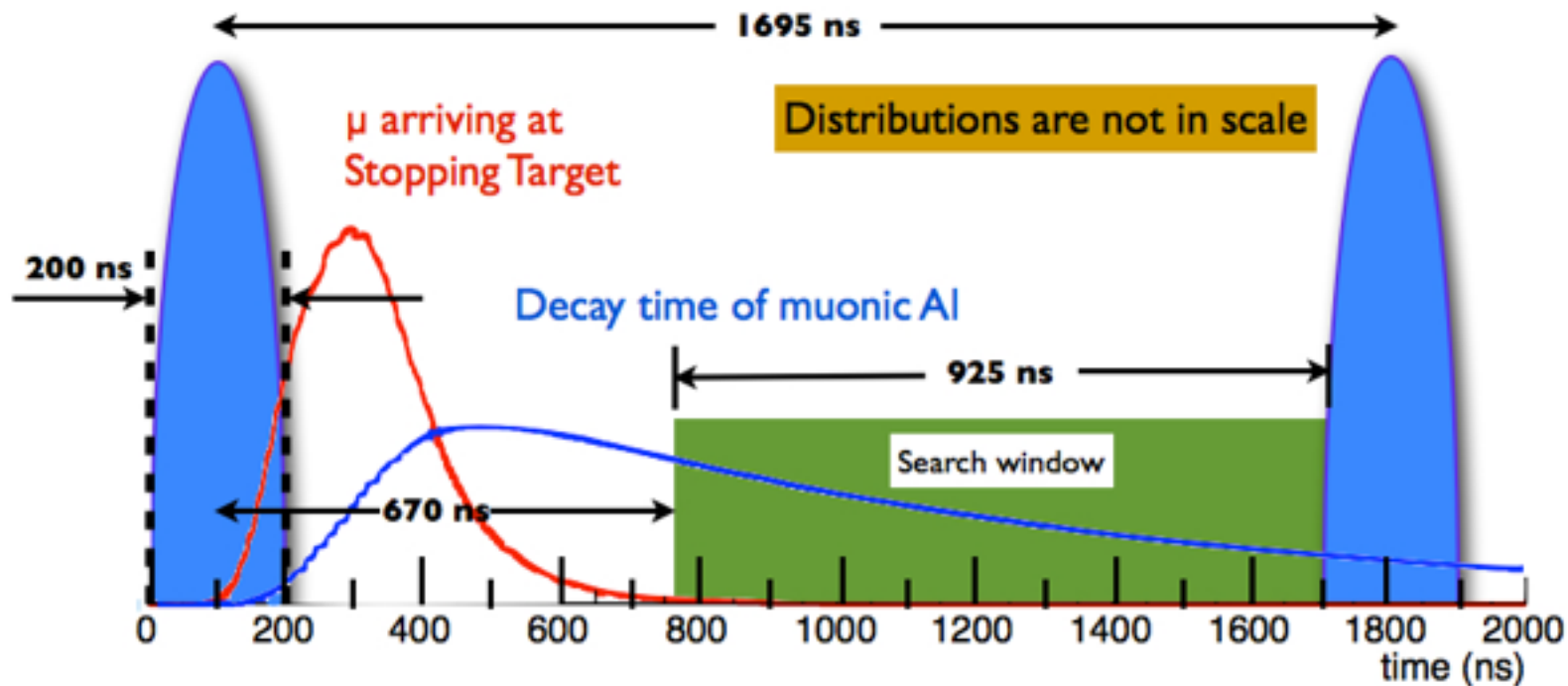
- Cuts chosen to maximize significance
- 3.6×10^{20} protons on target
 - ✓ 3 years nominal running



Parameter	Value
Running time @ 2×10^7 s/yr.	3 years
Protons on target per year	1.2×10^{20}
μ^- stops in stopping target per proton on target	0.0016
μ^- capture probability	0.609
Fraction of muon captures in live time window	0.51
Electron Trigger, Selection, and Fitting Efficiency in Live Window	0.10

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Event time structure



- μ^- are accompanied by e^- , π^- , ...
- Extinction system makes prompt background ~equal to all other backgrounds
 - ✓ 1 out of time proton per 10^{10} in time protons
- Lifetime of muonic Al: 864 ns

Mu2e (MELC) experimental technique

- Determining the Z dependence is very important, but
- Lifetime is *shorter* for high-Z
 - ✓ Decreases useful live window
- Also, need to avoid background from radiative muon capture

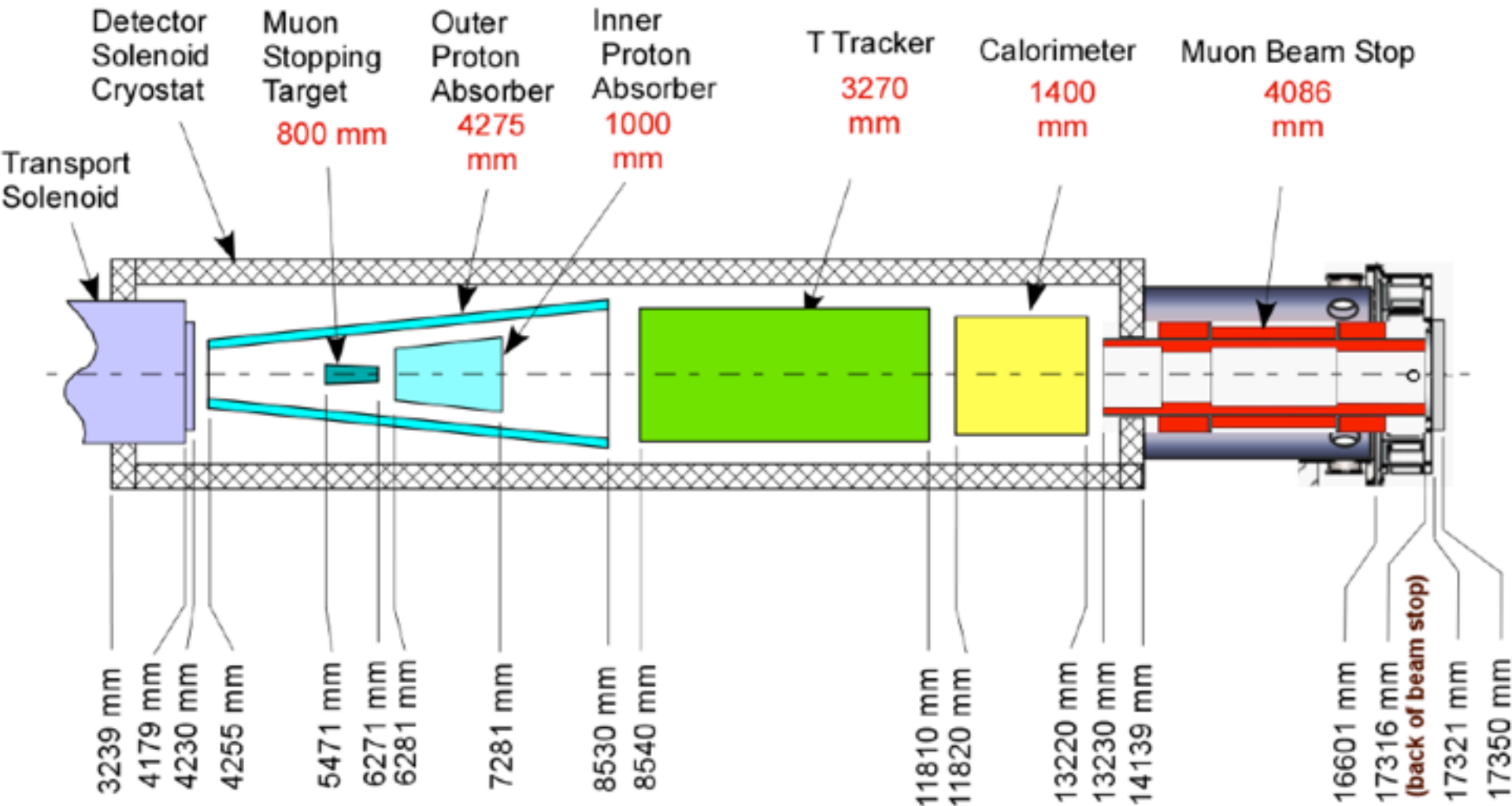
$$\mu N \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} N' \gamma \quad \Rightarrow \text{Want } M(Z) - M(Z-1) < \text{signal energy}$$

$\downarrow$
 $e^+ e^-$

⇒ Aluminum is nominal choice for Mu2e

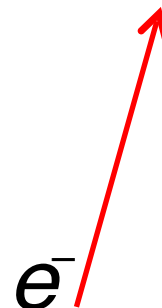
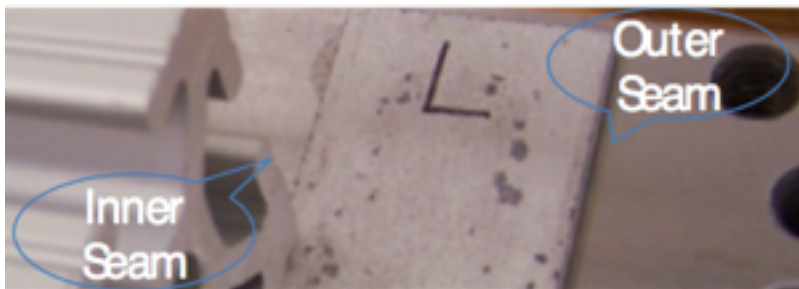
Nucleus	$R_{\mu e}(Z) / R_{\mu e}(\text{Al})$	Bound lifetime	Atomic Bind. Energy(1s)	Conversion Electron Energy	Prob decay >700 ns
Al(13,27)	1.0	.88 μs	0.47 MeV	104.97 MeV	0.45
Ti(22,~48)	1.7	.328 μs	1.36 MeV	104.18 MeV	0.16
Au(79,~197)	~0.8-1.5	.0726 μs	10.08 MeV	95.56 MeV	negligible

Target and detector complex



Particle tracking technology

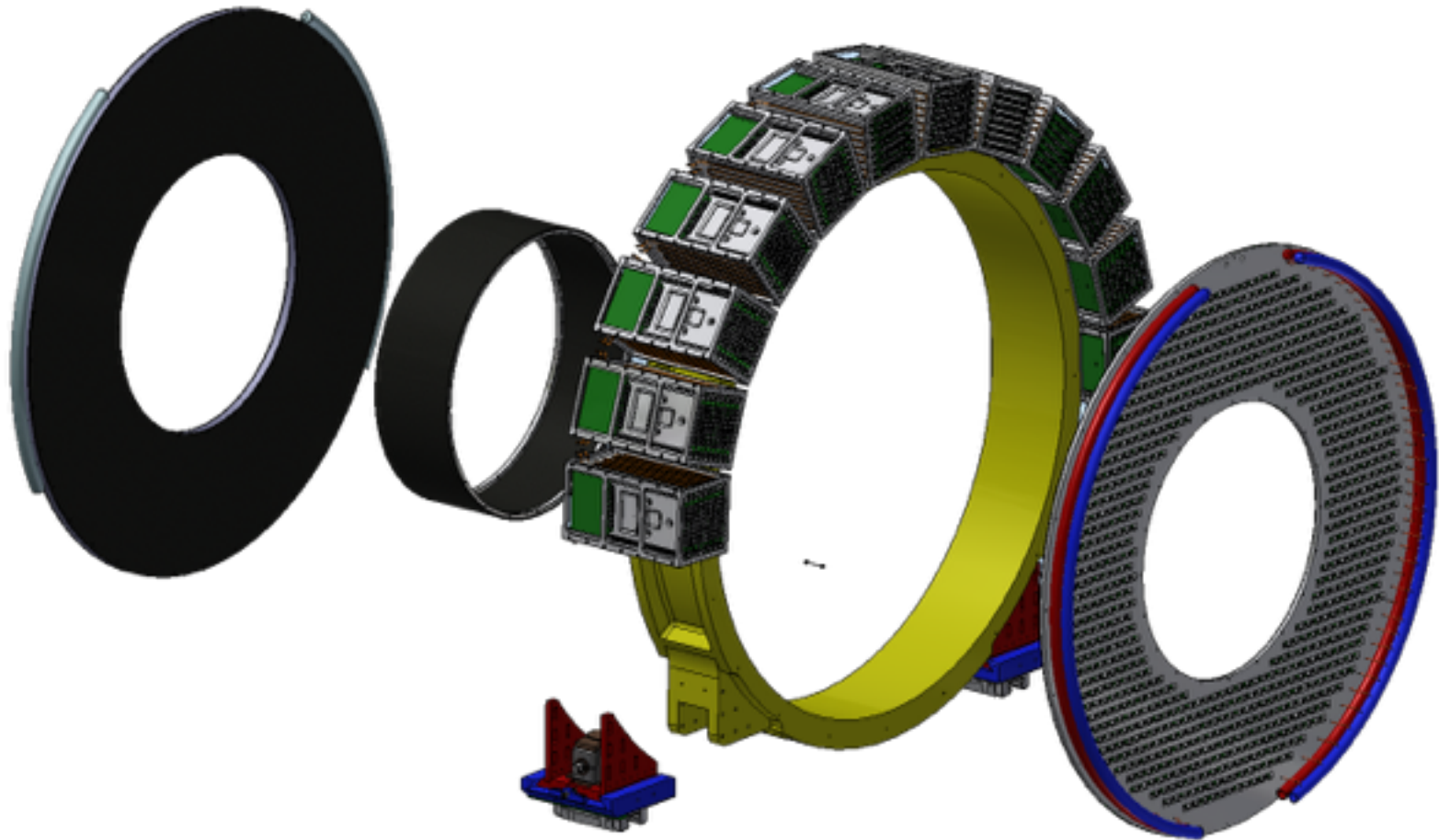
- To achieve the required resolution, must keep mass as low as possible to minimize scattering
- We've chosen transverse planes of “straw chambers” (21,600 straws)



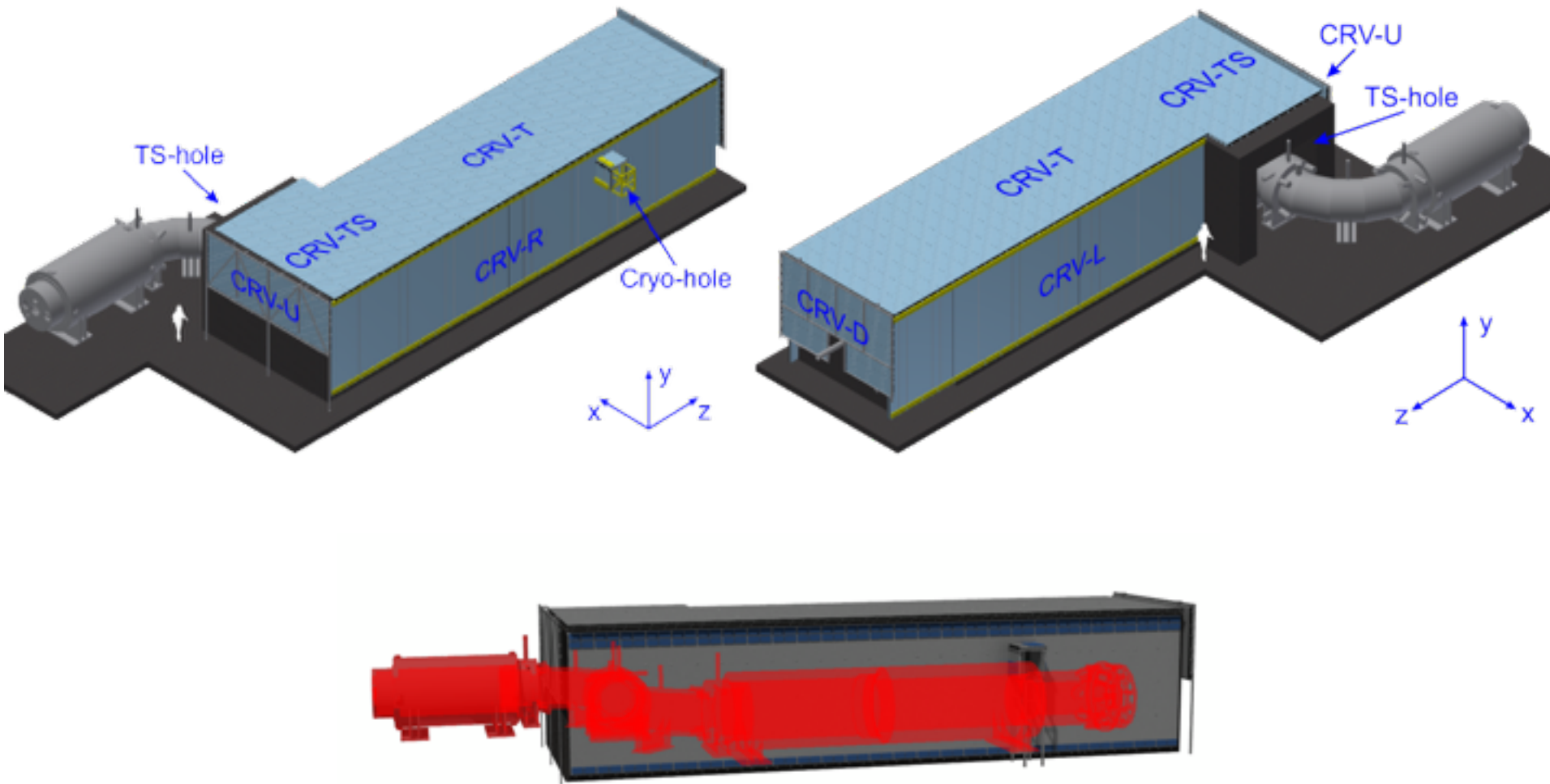
- Track ionizes gas in tube
- Charge drifts to sense wire at center
- Drift time gives precision position

- Advantages
 - ✓ Established technology
 - ✓ Broken wires isolated
 - ✓ Modular: support, gas, and electronic connections at the ends, outside of tracking volume
- Challenges
 - ◇ Our specified wall thickness (15 μm) has never been done
 - ◇ Operating in a vacuum may be problematic

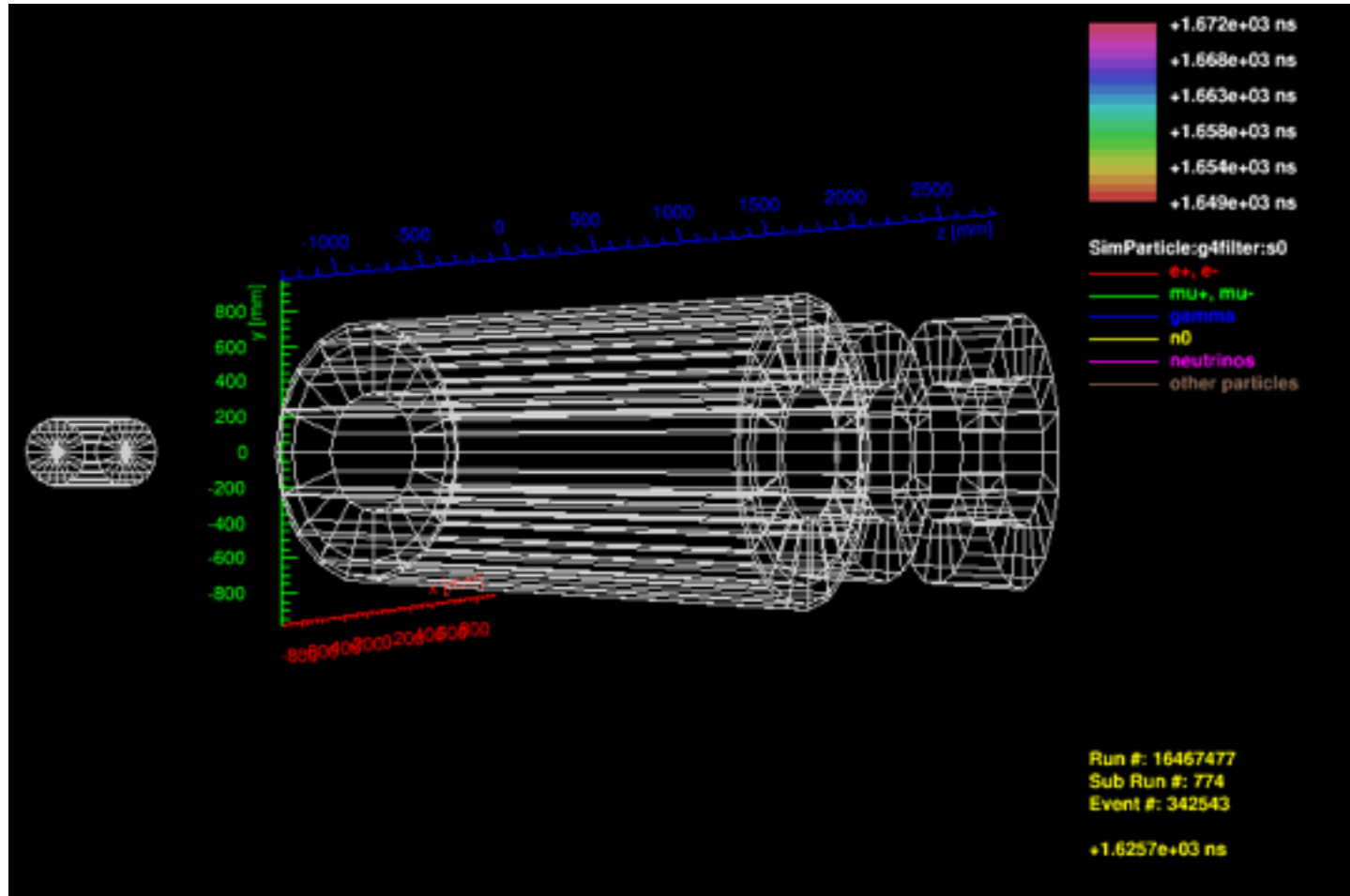
A calorimeter annulus: exploded view



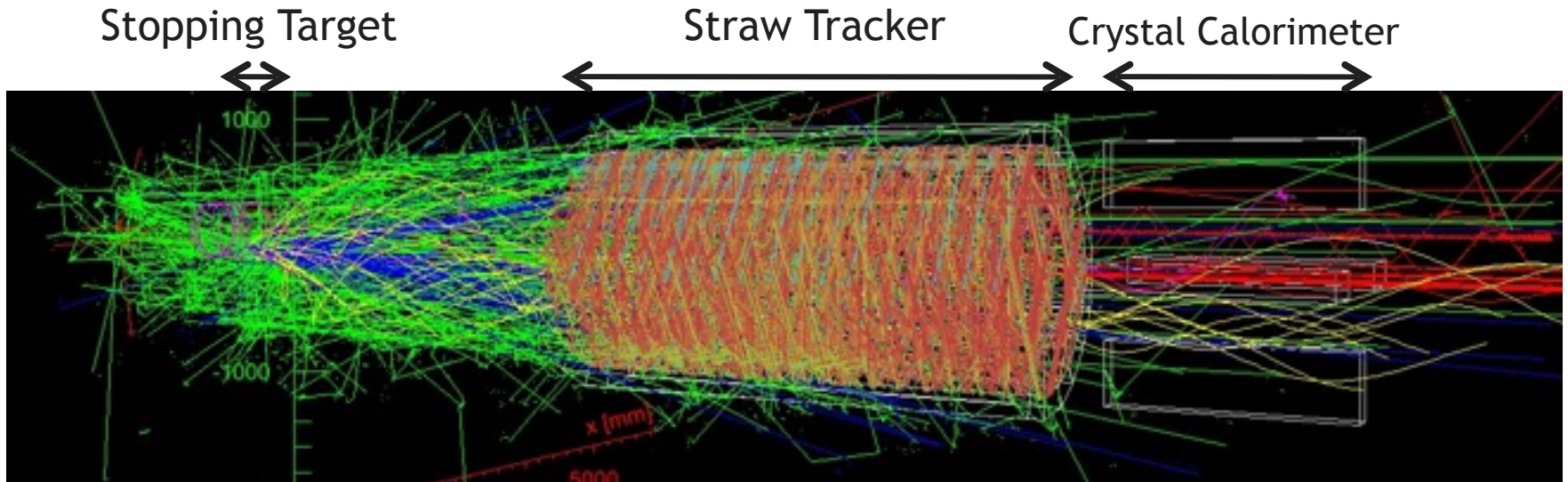
Layout of the CRV



A 105 MeV cosmic-induced electron



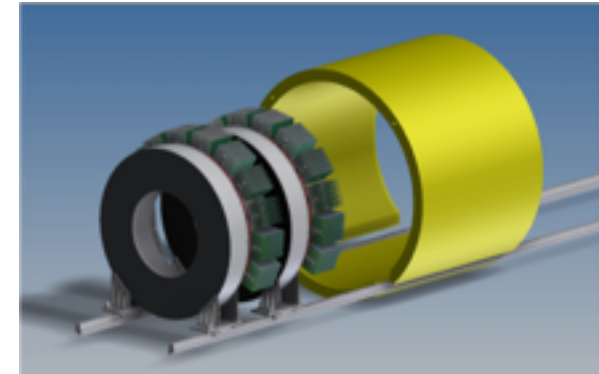
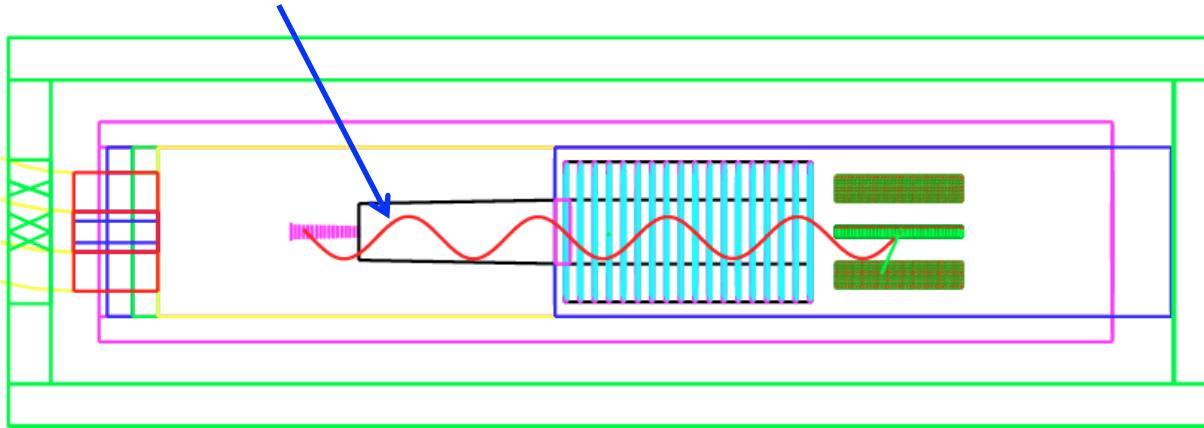
Background overlays



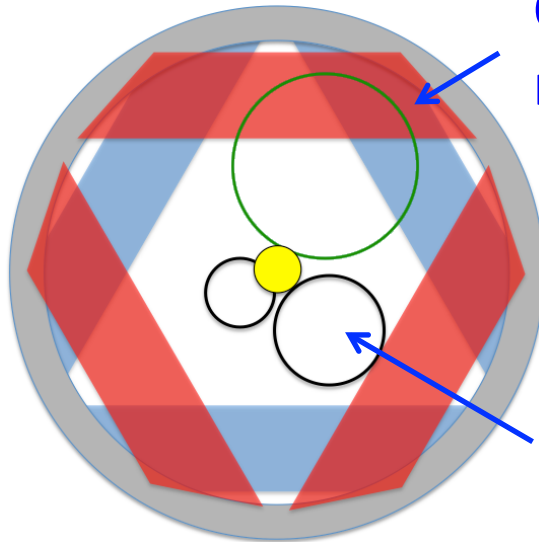
We simulate a full $\sim 1\mu\text{s}$, including all the background overlays from the beam flash, μ -capture products, neutrons, etc. and we properly account for contributions from previous bunches

Particle detector

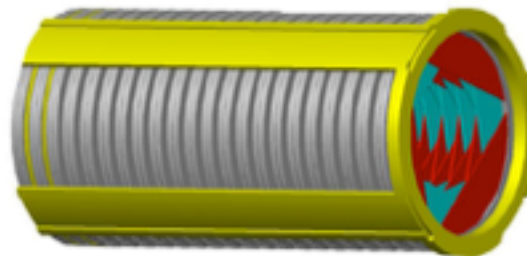
Helical trajectory



Conversions hit multiple planes.

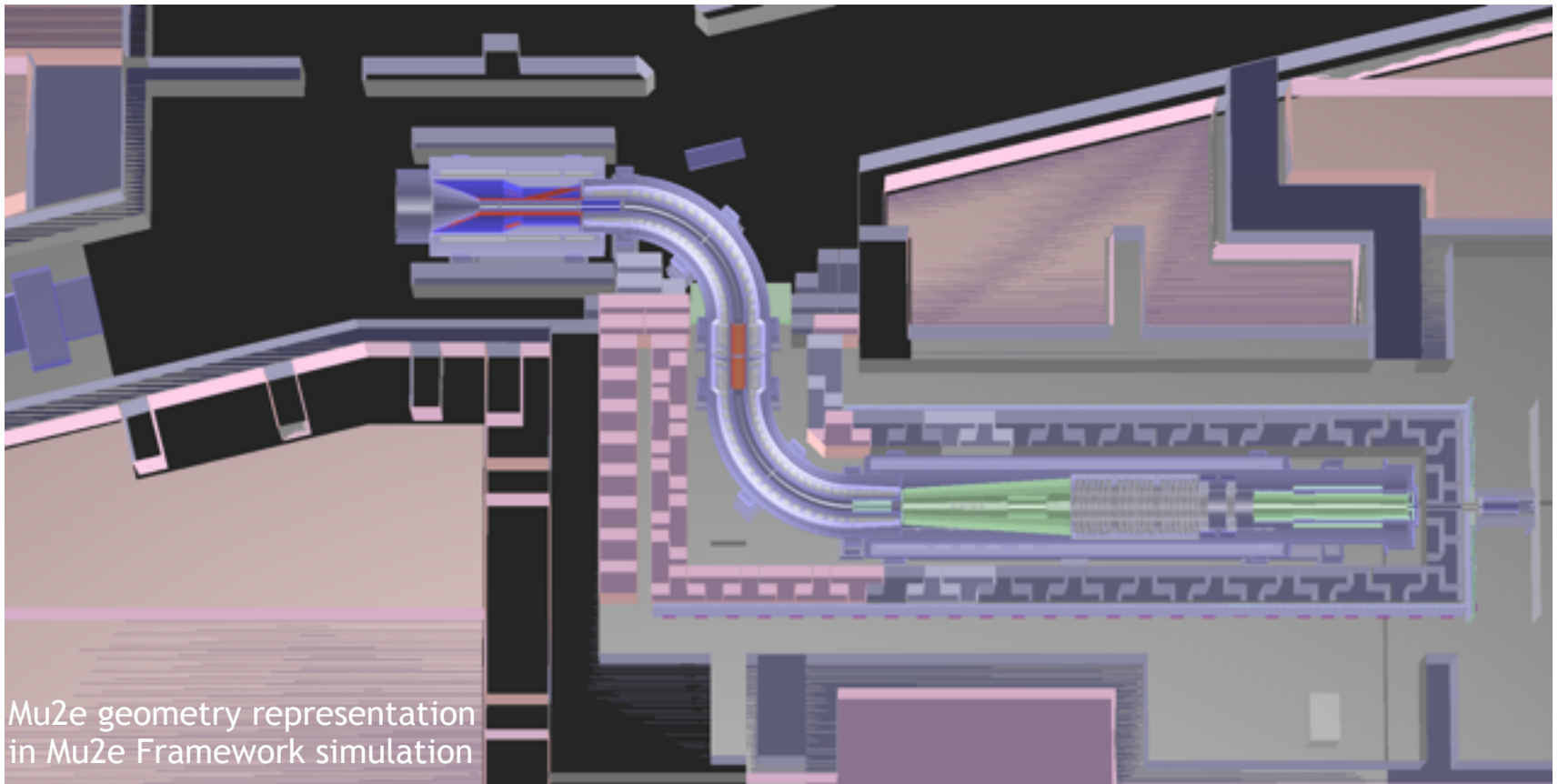


Crystal calorimeter to tag electrons



Most decays ($p_T < 53 \text{ MeV}/c$) go down the middle (vacuum)

Simulation model



Detailed model of solenoids, targets, detectors, supports, shielding, building, soil and back-fill materials, etc.

Mu2e experimental hall under construction

