

Who Ordered That?

Mu2e: A Search for Charged Lepton Flavor Violation
with Sensitivity $< 10^{-16}$



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What is This Talk About?

- ✦ Muon-to-Electron Conversion
- ✦ What's That?
 - ✦ a muon changing into an electron
- ✦ Who Cares?
 - ✦ it happens all the time in normal muon decay...

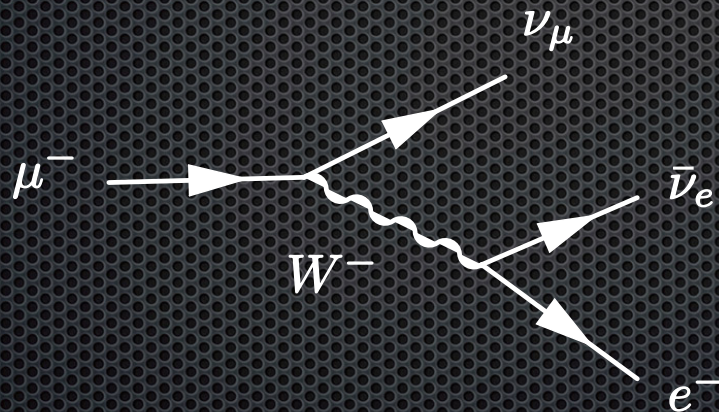
$$\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$$

- ✦ But this is different: $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$

Why is this important?

- Because there are no neutrinos in $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$
- Muons interact by gravity, E&M, and the weak force

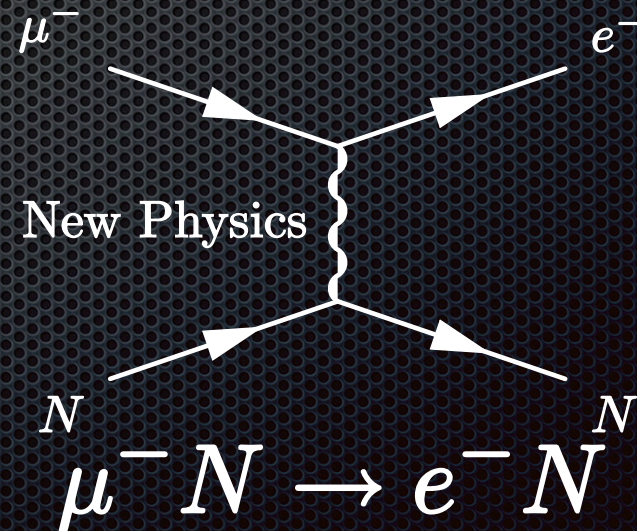
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muon-to-electron
Conversion

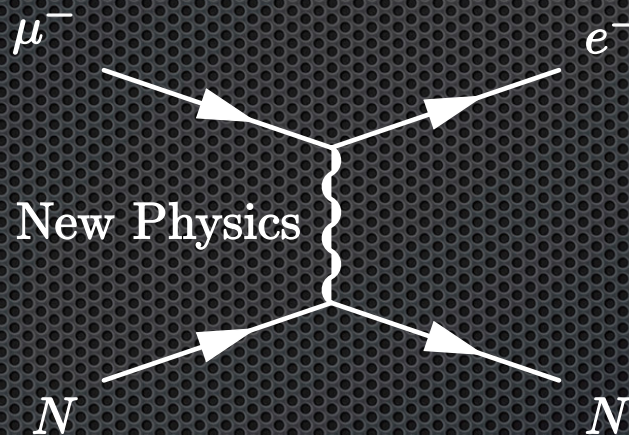


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Mu2e

Mu2e Look For New Physics:

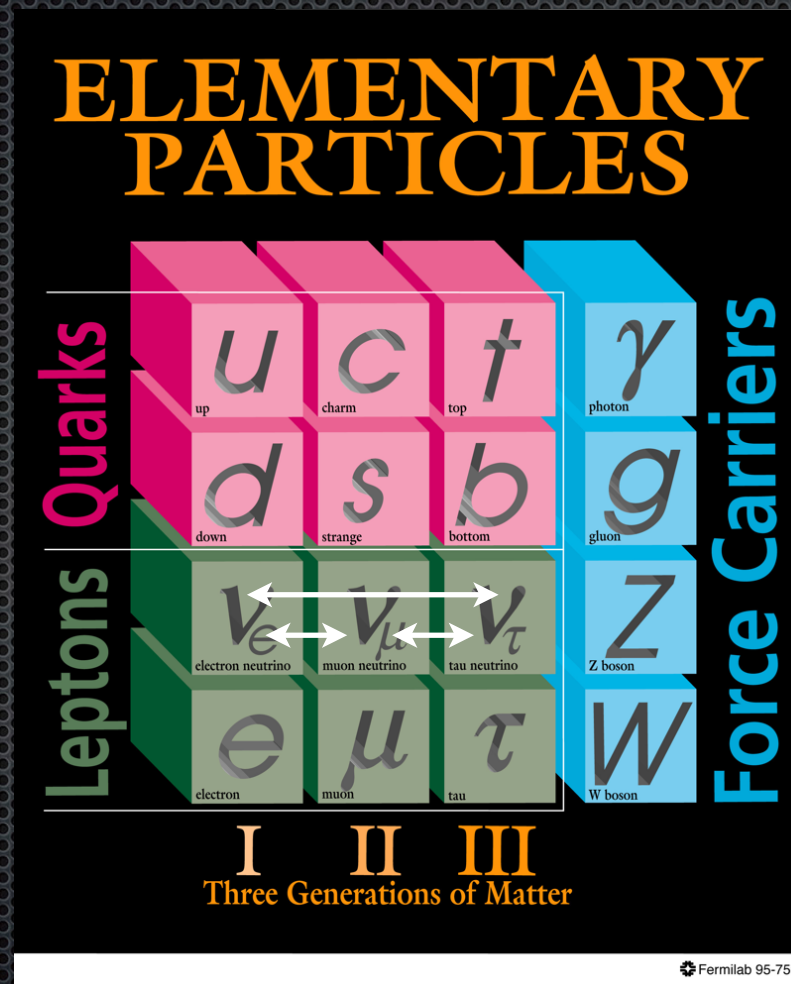
- Unlike Standard Model muon decay, no one has ever seen:



- We propose to set a limit at $\sim 10^{-17}$ and can make a discovery at a few 10^{-16}

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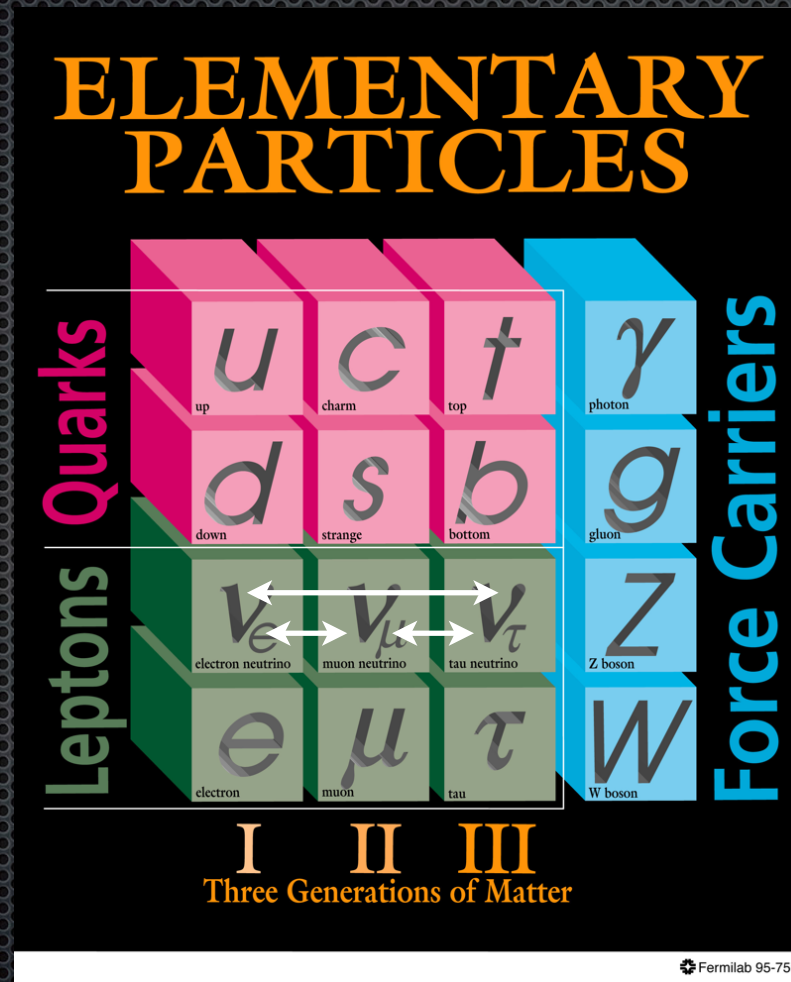
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- ✦ modulo particle physics arrogance given that this is 5% of the Universe



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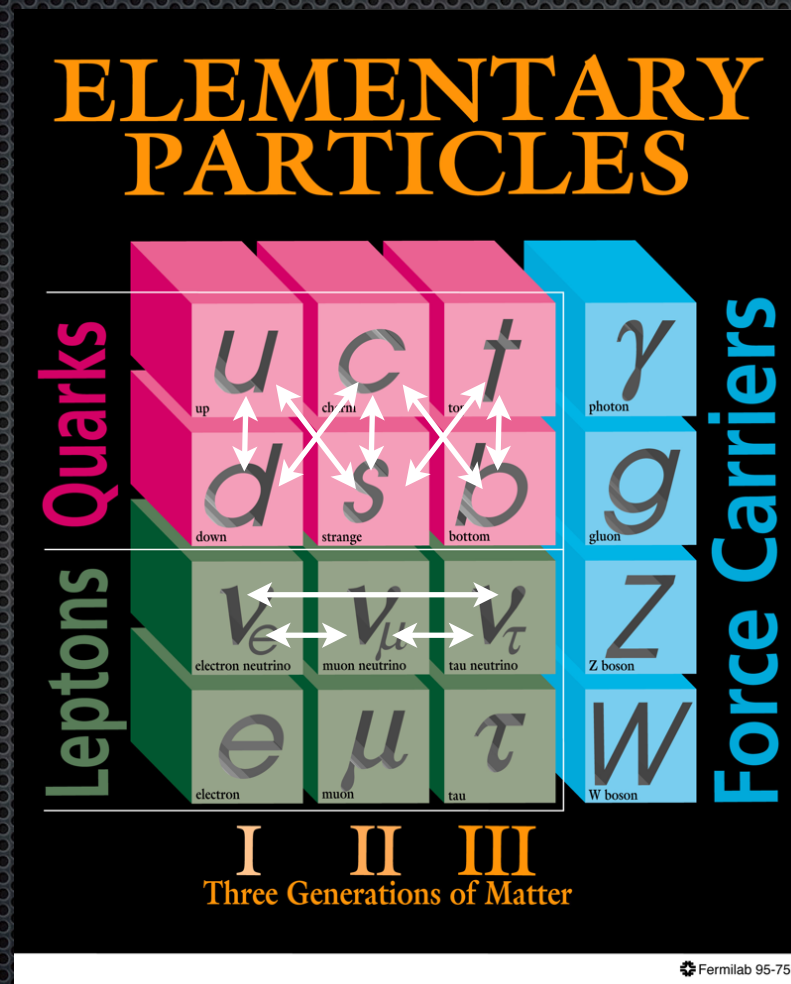
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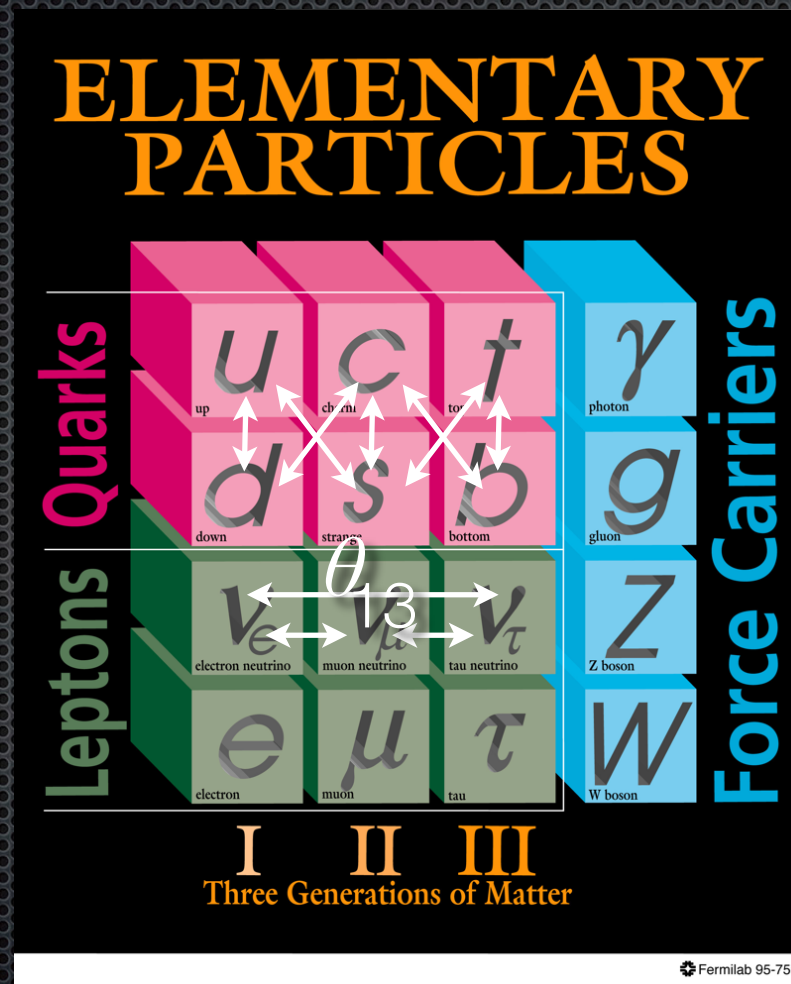
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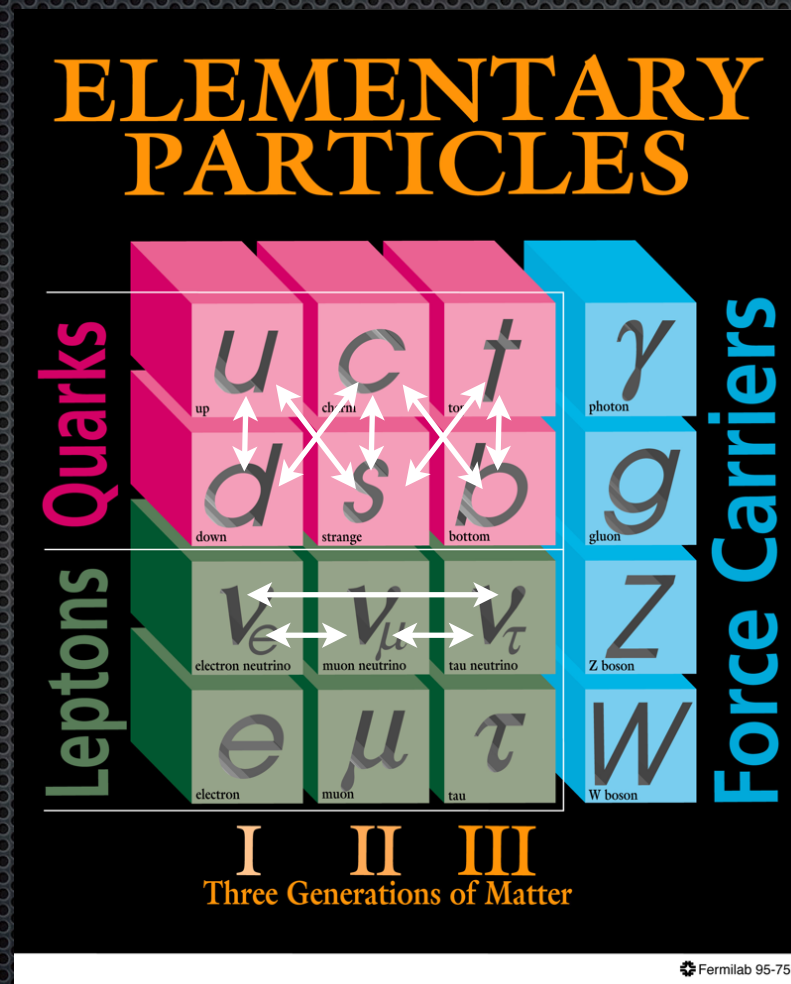
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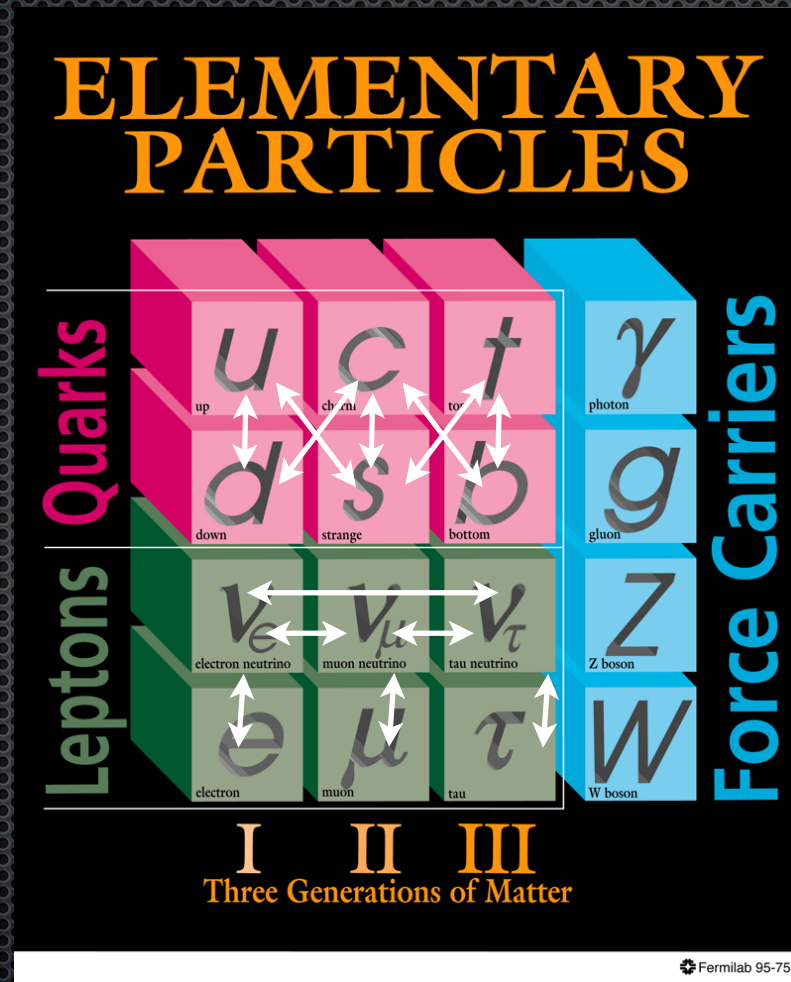
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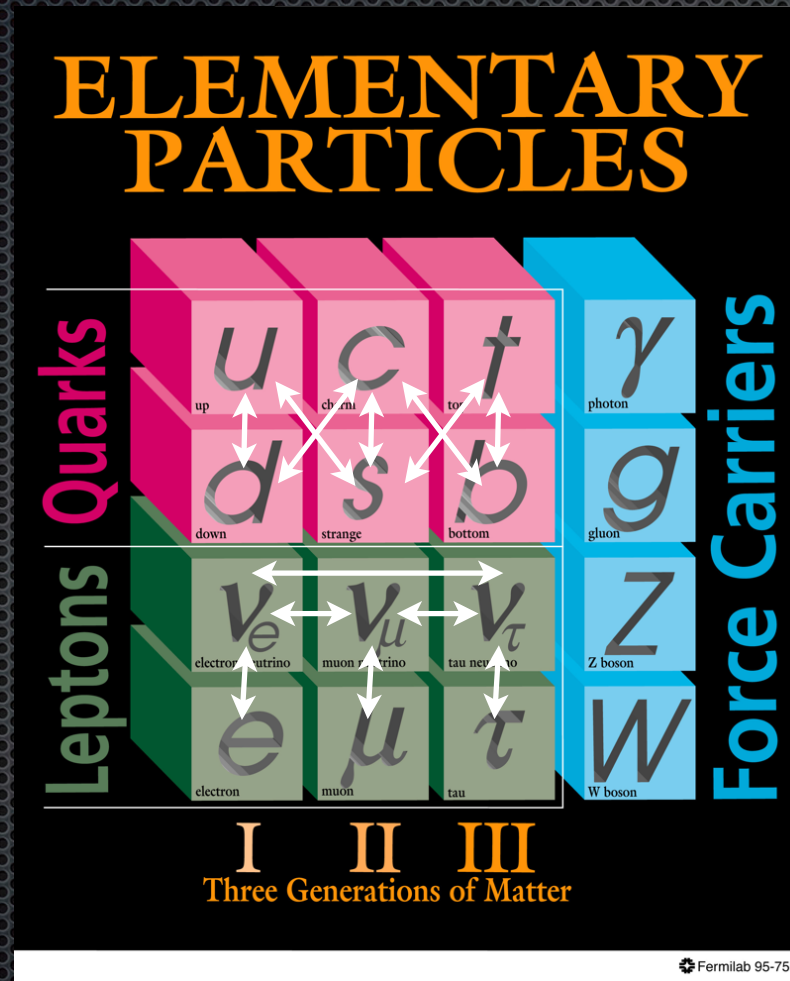
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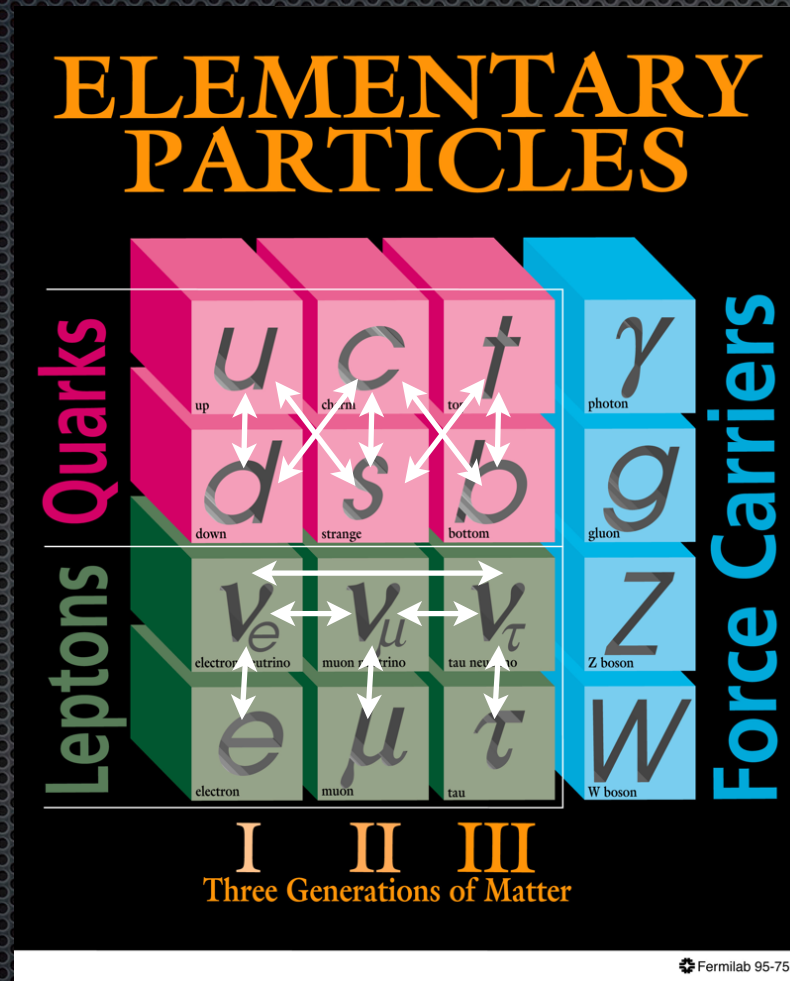
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- ✦ And neutrinos change into their charged partners

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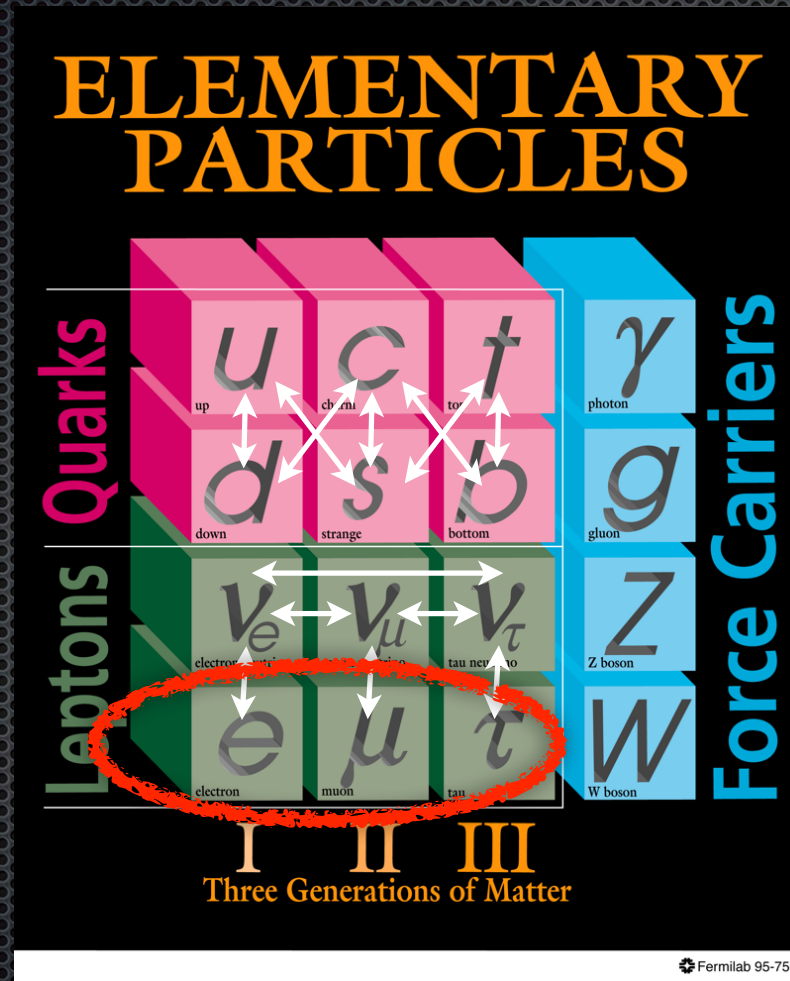
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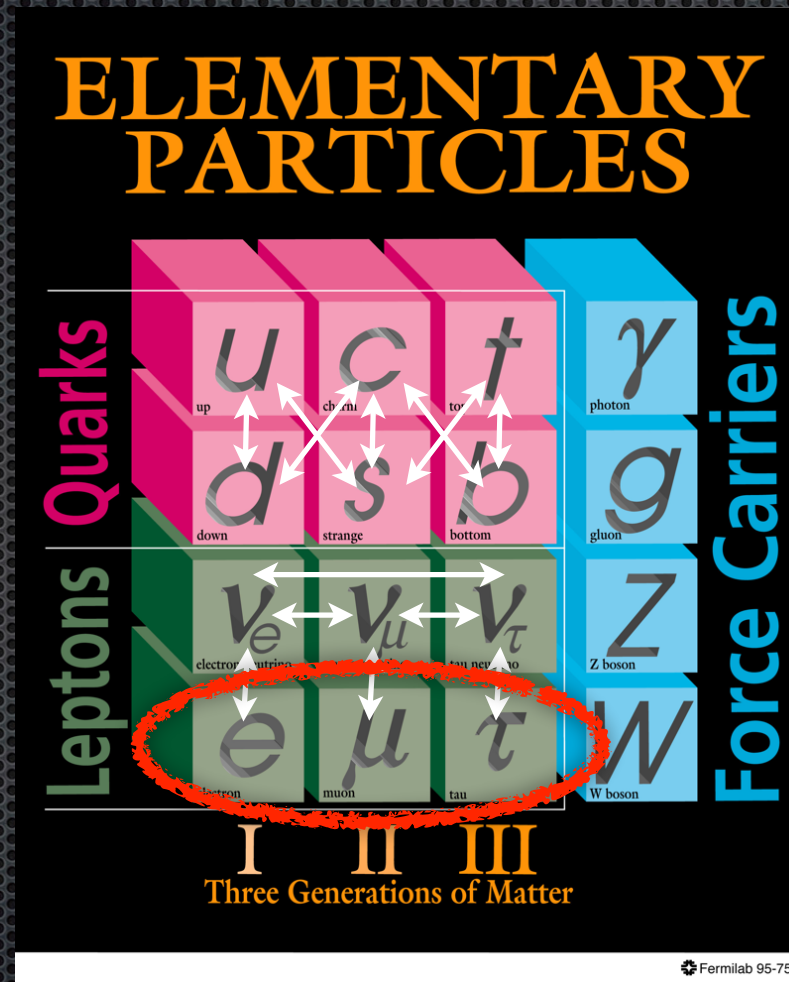
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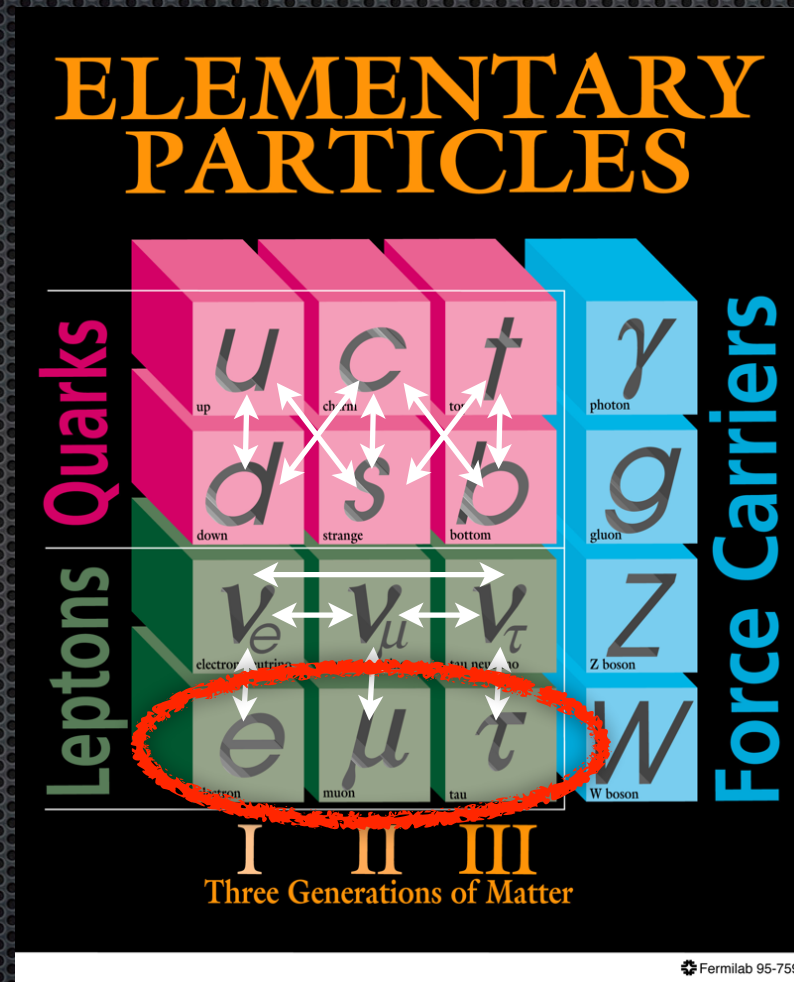
- They don't mix

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Sound Bite Format:



- ✧ Why are there three generations (flavors)?
- ✧ We can't come up with a sensible theory that doesn't mix charged leptons, *aka* charged lepton flavor violation (CLFV)
- ✧ If it doesn't exist, we need to know; and if it does, why is it so small?

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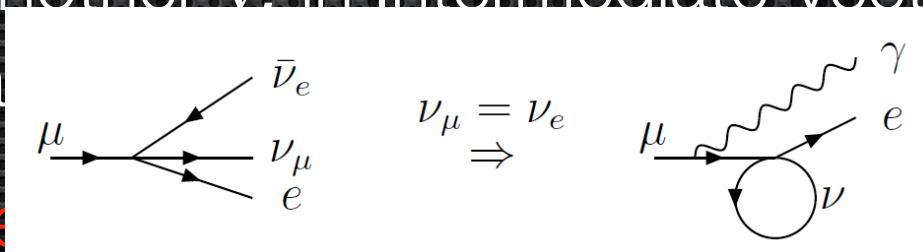
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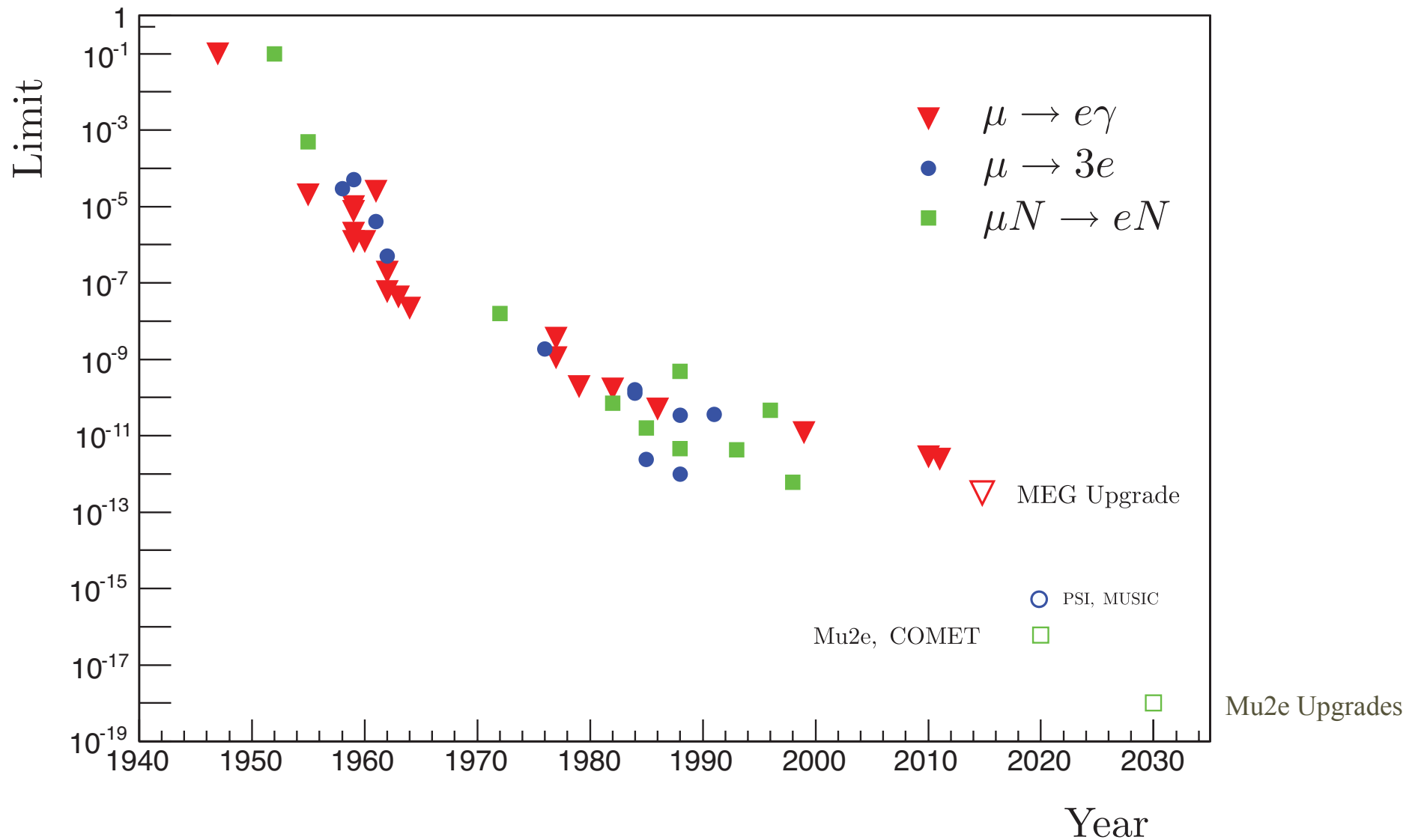
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¹Unless we are willing to give up the 2-component neutrino theory, we know that $\mu \rightarrow e + \nu + \bar{\nu}$.

History of $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$, $\mu N \rightarrow eN$, and $\mu \rightarrow 3e$



What is μe Conversion?

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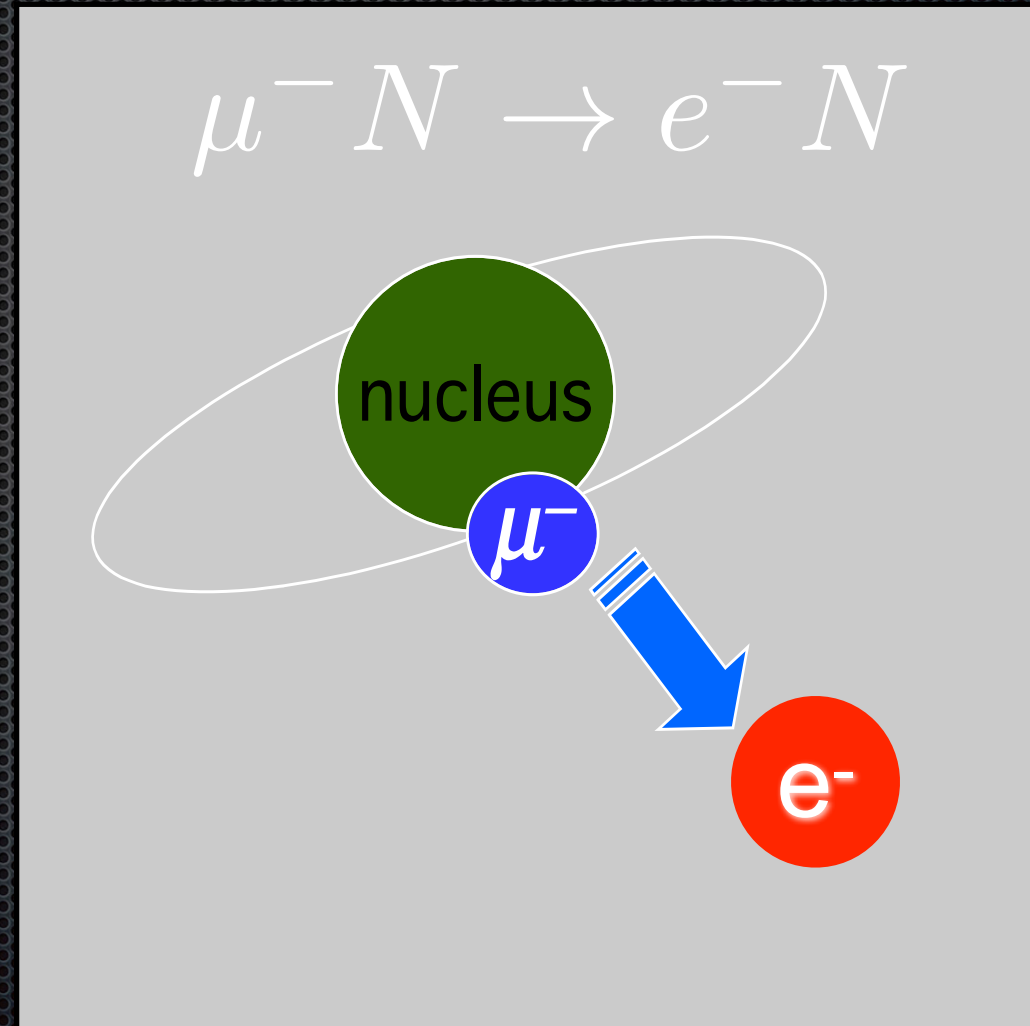
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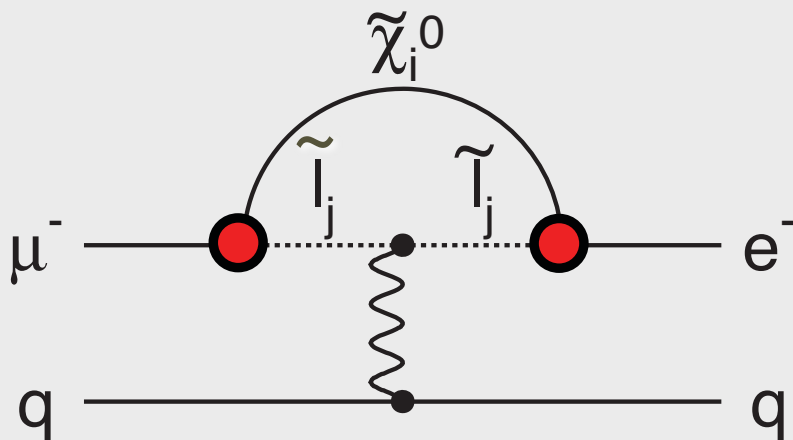
- A Single Monoenergetic Electron
- $E_e \sim$ muon mass of 105 MeV/c²
 - electron energy depends on Z
- Nucleus coherently recoils off outgoing electron, no breakup



LFV, SUSY and the LHC

Supersymmetry

rate $\sim 10^{-15}$

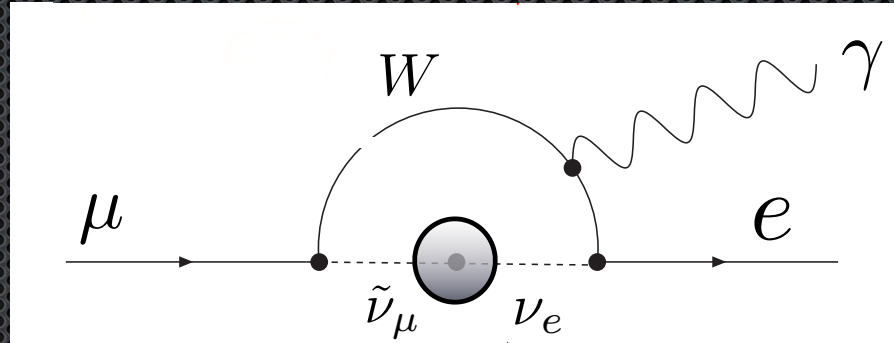


*Access SUSY
through loops:*

*signal of Terascale
at LHC implies
 ~ 40 event signal /
 < 0.5 bkg in this
experiment*

Neutrino Oscillations and Muon-Electron Conversion

- ν 's have mass! *individual lepton numbers are not conserved*
- Therefore Lepton Flavor Violation occurs in Charged Leptons as well



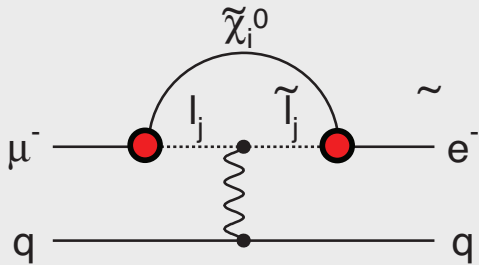
No Standard
Model
Background

$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=2,3} U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{\Delta m_{1i}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 < 10^{-54}$$

Sources of Muon-to-Electron Conversion

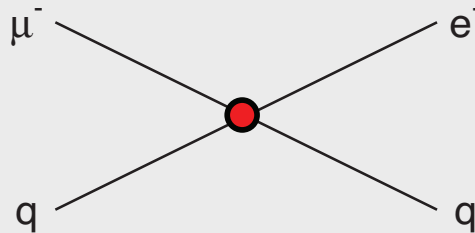
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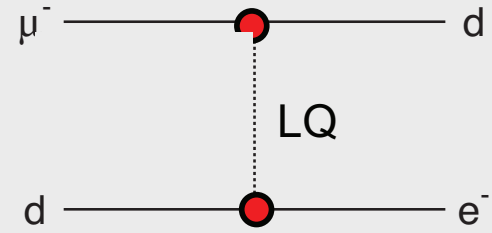
Compositeness

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



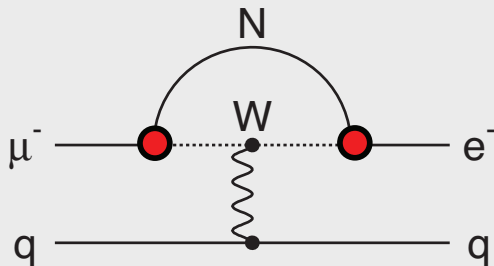
Leptoquark

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



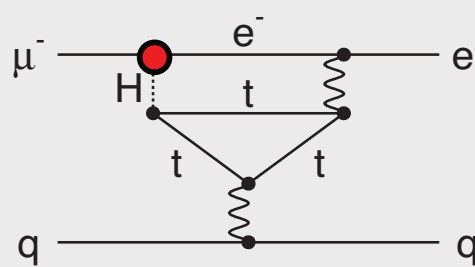
Heavy Neutrinos

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



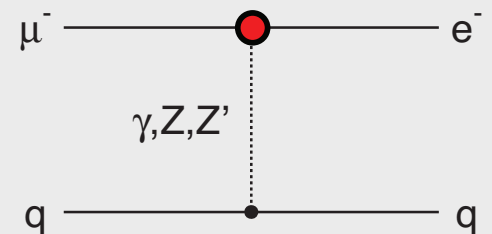
Second Higgs Doublet

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



Heavy Z' Anomal. Z Coupling

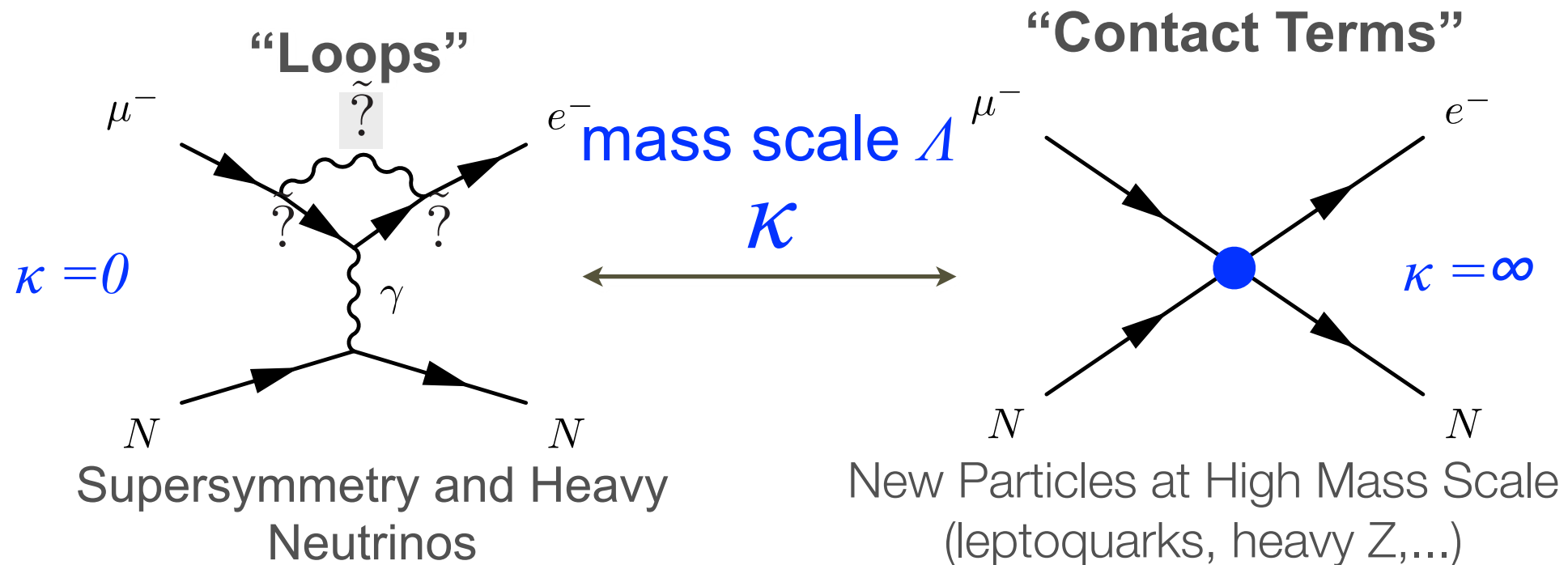
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also see Flavour physics of leptons and dipole moments, [arXiv:0801.1826](https://arxiv.org/abs/0801.1826) ;
 Marciano, Mori, and Roney, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Sci. 58, doi:10.1146/annurev.nucl.58.110707.171126 ;

“Model-Independent” Form

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



Contributes to $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$

Does not produce $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$

MEG at PSI, world's best CLFV experiment

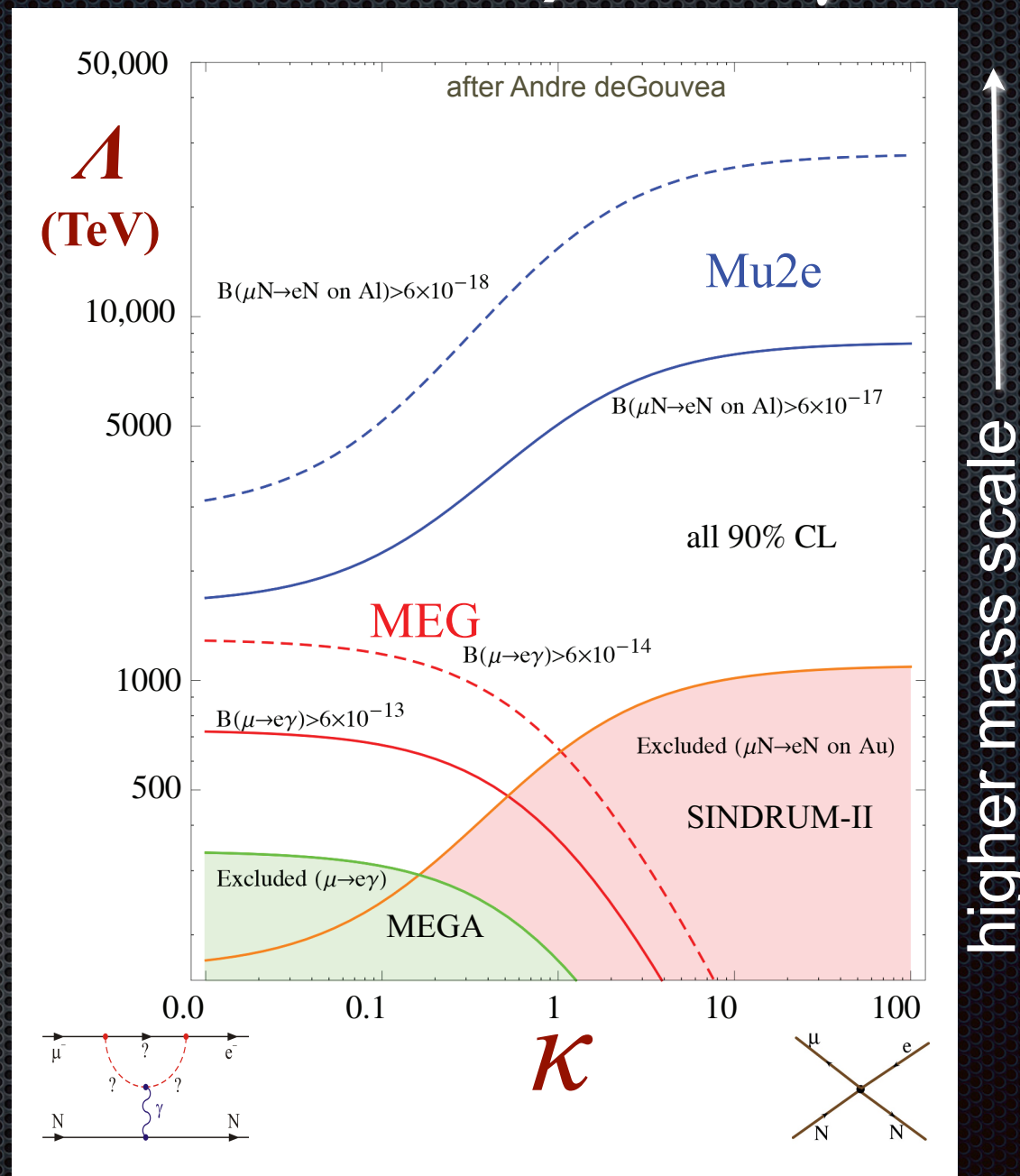
Quantitative Comparison?

μe Conversion and $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$

1) Mass Reach to $\sim 10^4$ TeV

2) roughly equal to MEG upgrade in loop-dominated physics

3) Mu2e is a discovery experiment:
 $\sim 10^{-16}$



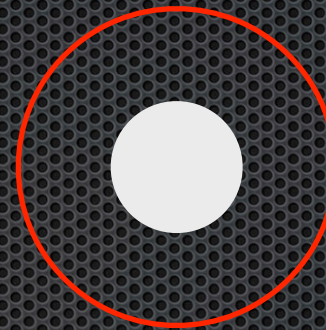
Overview Of Processes

μ^- stops in thin Al foil

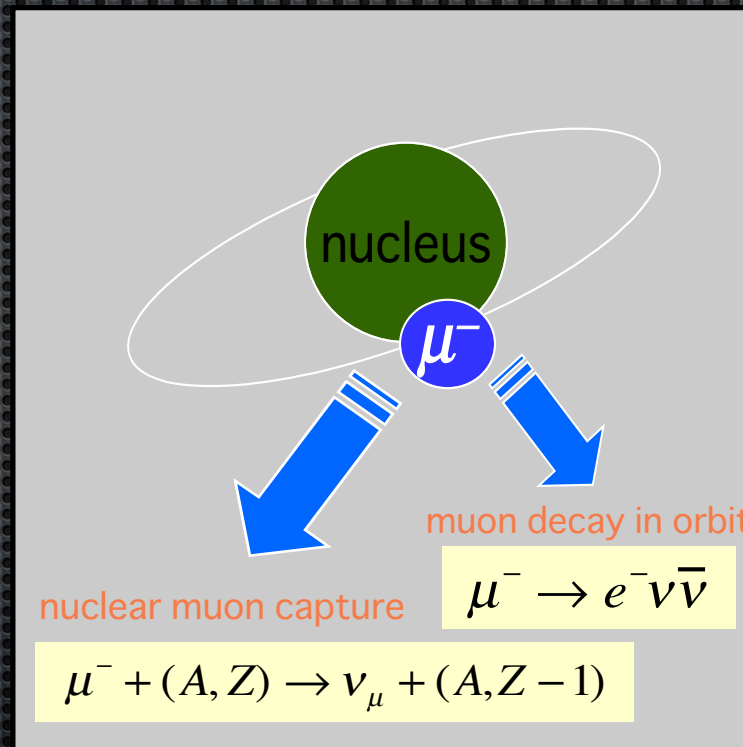


the Bohr radius is ~ 20 fm,
so the μ^- sees the nucleus

μ^- in 1s state



Al Nucleus
 ~ 4 fm



muon capture,
muon “falls into”
nucleus:

normalization

60% capture
40% decay

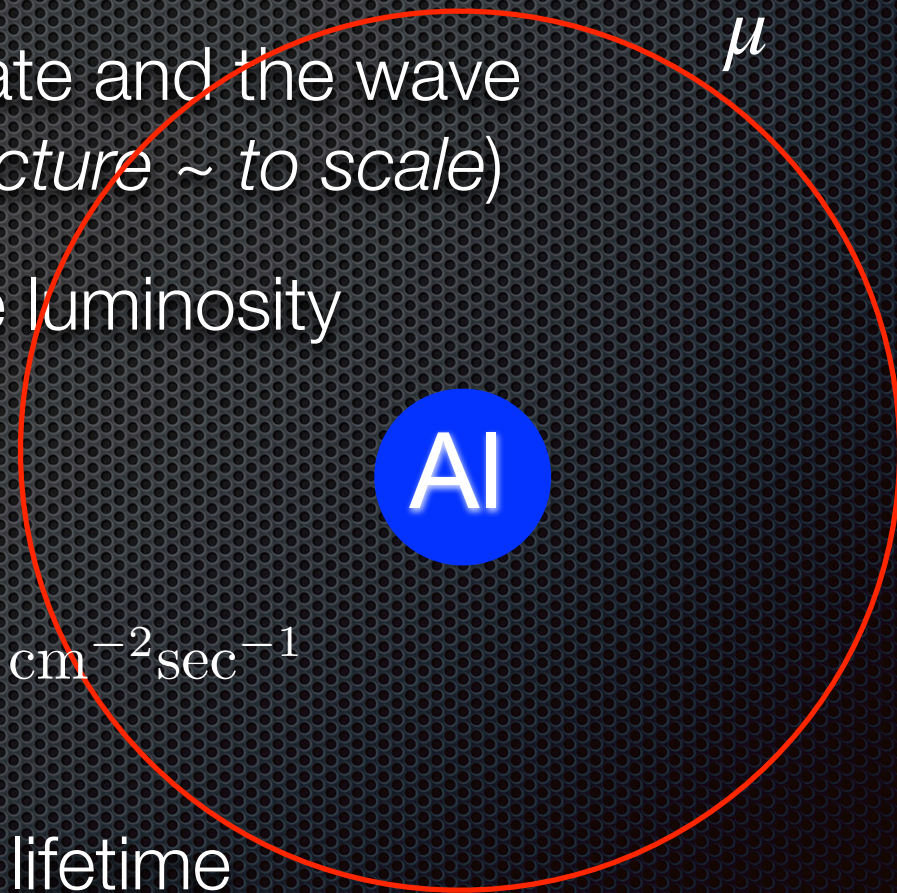
Decay in Orbit:
background

Measuring 10^{-16} in Collider Units

- The captured muon is in a 1s state and the wave function overlaps the nucleus (*picture ~ to scale*)
- We can turn this into an effective luminosity
- Luminosity = density x velocity

$$|\psi(0)|^2 \times \alpha Z = \frac{m_\mu^3 Z^4 \alpha^4}{\pi} = 8 \times 10^{43} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

- Times 10^{10} muons/sec X $2 \mu\text{sec}$ lifetime
- Effective Luminosity of $10^{48} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$



Getting the Luminosity

$$\psi(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} a_o^{-3/2} e^{-r/a_o};$$

$$a_o = \frac{\hbar^2}{m e^2} \rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2}{Z m_\mu e^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{Z m_\mu \alpha};$$

$$a_o^{-3/2} = \frac{Z^3 m_\mu^3 \alpha^3}{\pi}$$

velocity in a 1s state?

$$\frac{Z e^2}{r^2} = \frac{m v^2}{r}; m v r = n \hbar;$$

or

$$v = Z \alpha$$

then finally

$$|\psi(0)|^2 v = \frac{m_\mu^3 Z^4 \alpha^4}{\pi}$$

■ 1st Year QM:

for extra credit:
what happens for $Z > 137$?



Understanding the Normalization

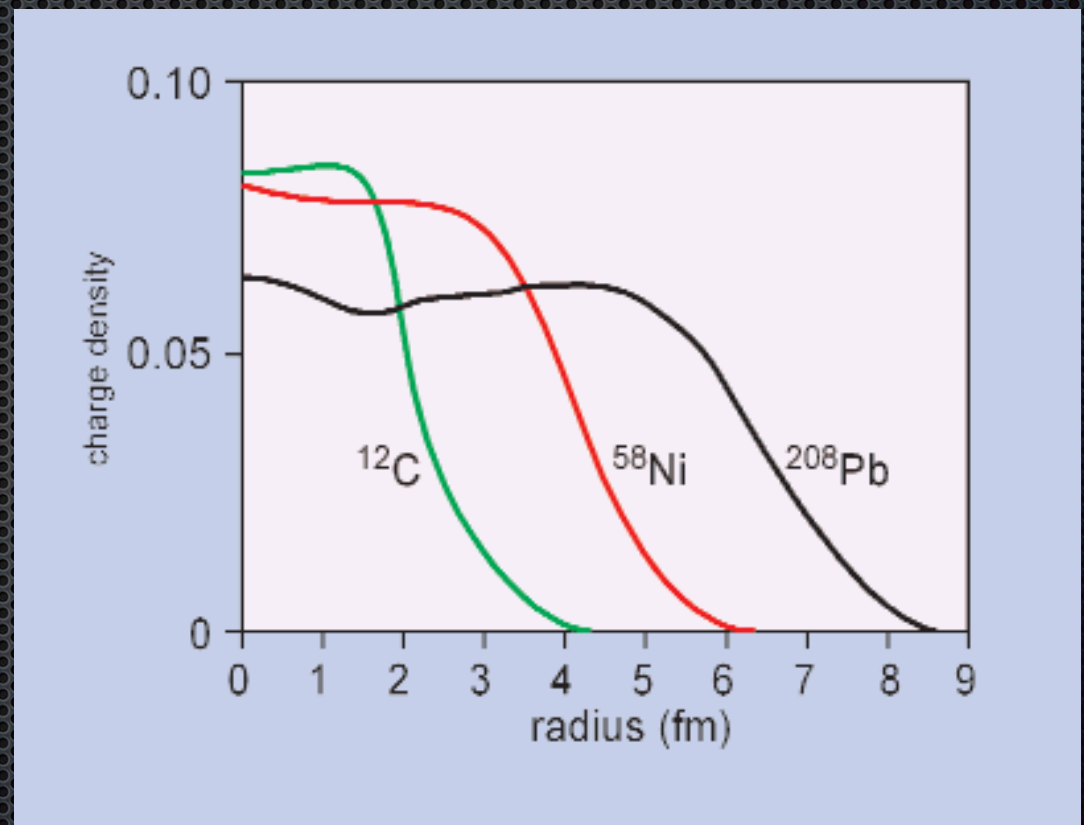
- The muon gets captured by the nucleus
 - and many details cancel in the ratio we measure
 - (we actually detect the muon falling into the 1s state from X-rays, before capture)
- But first the wave functions have to overlap:
 - what's the Bohr radius for a 1s muon in Aluminum?

$$a_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{Zm_\mu c^2} = 0.529 \text{ \AA} \times \left(\frac{m_e}{m_\mu}\right) \times \frac{1}{13} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ \AA}$$

= 20 fermi

How Big Is A Nucleus?

- ✦ A few fermi for the relevant nuclei
- ✦ I wish I hadn't completely avoided nuclear physics as an undergrad and grad student 😓



http://www.nupec.org/pans/Data/CHAPT_4.PDF

How Long Does this Take?

- What's the Hamiltonian?

$$H = H_{\text{muon decay}} + H_{\text{capture}}$$

- 2.2 μsec is from the strength of the weak interaction and G_F

- 0.864 μsec is measured

- and then the branching fractions are:

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{dN}{dt}_{\text{muon decay}} + \frac{dN}{dt}_{\text{capture}} = -\Gamma N(t)$$

so with $\tau = 1/\Gamma$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\tau} &= \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{muon decay}}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{capture}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2.2 \mu\text{sec}} + \frac{1}{1.4 \mu\text{sec}} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\tau = 864 \text{ nsec}$$

$$B_{\text{capture}} = \frac{0.864}{1.4} = 0.61$$

$$B_{\text{decay}} = \frac{0.864}{2.2} = 0.39$$

What I'm Going to Tell You

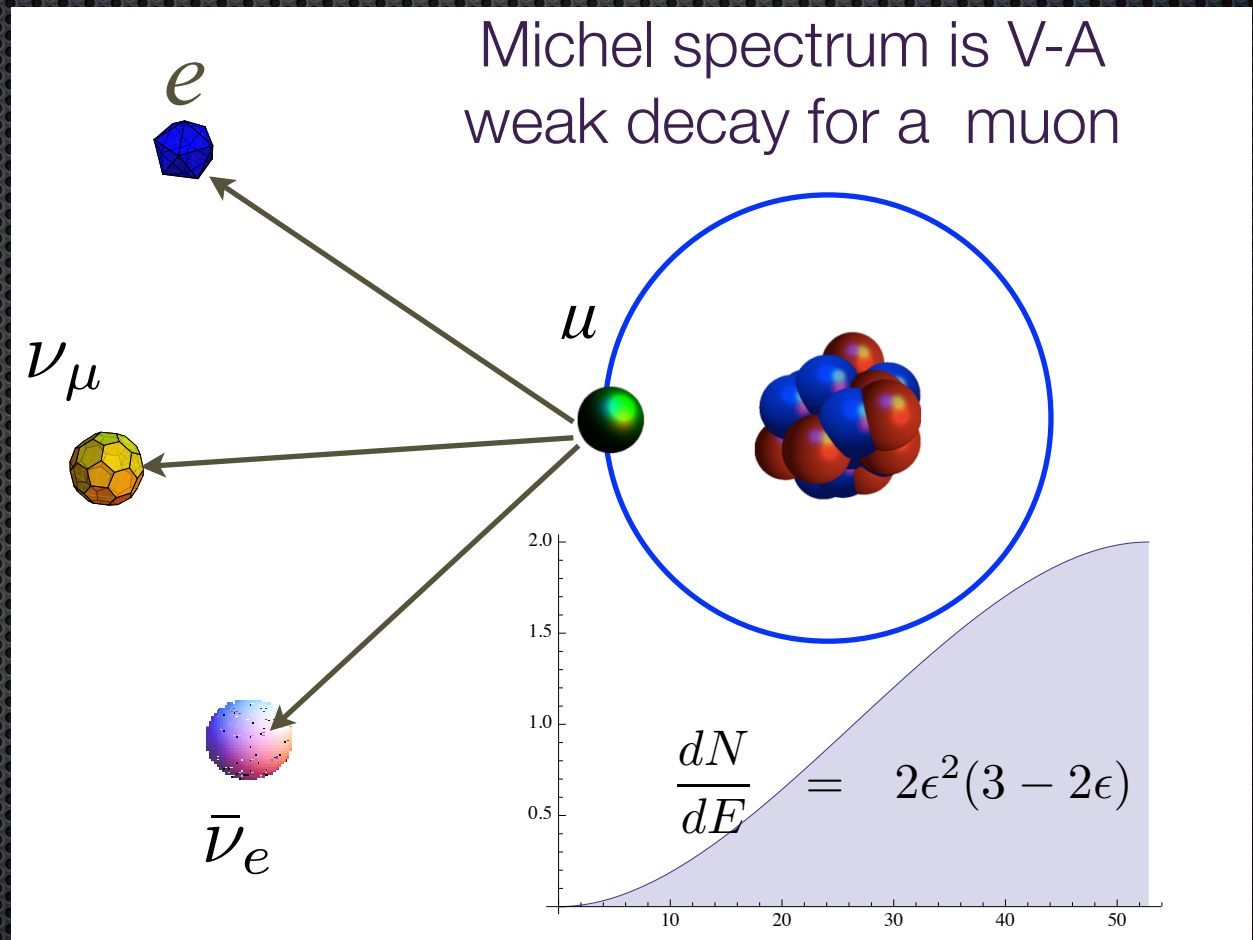
- ✦ There are two backgrounds that determine how the experiment works
 - ✦ one is intrinsic, and comes from the same muons we study in searching for conversion. It determines the detector design, required resolutions, and how the spectrometer works.
 - ✦ the other is beam-related. In order to improve on the existing limits we need an entirely new way to make a muon beam.

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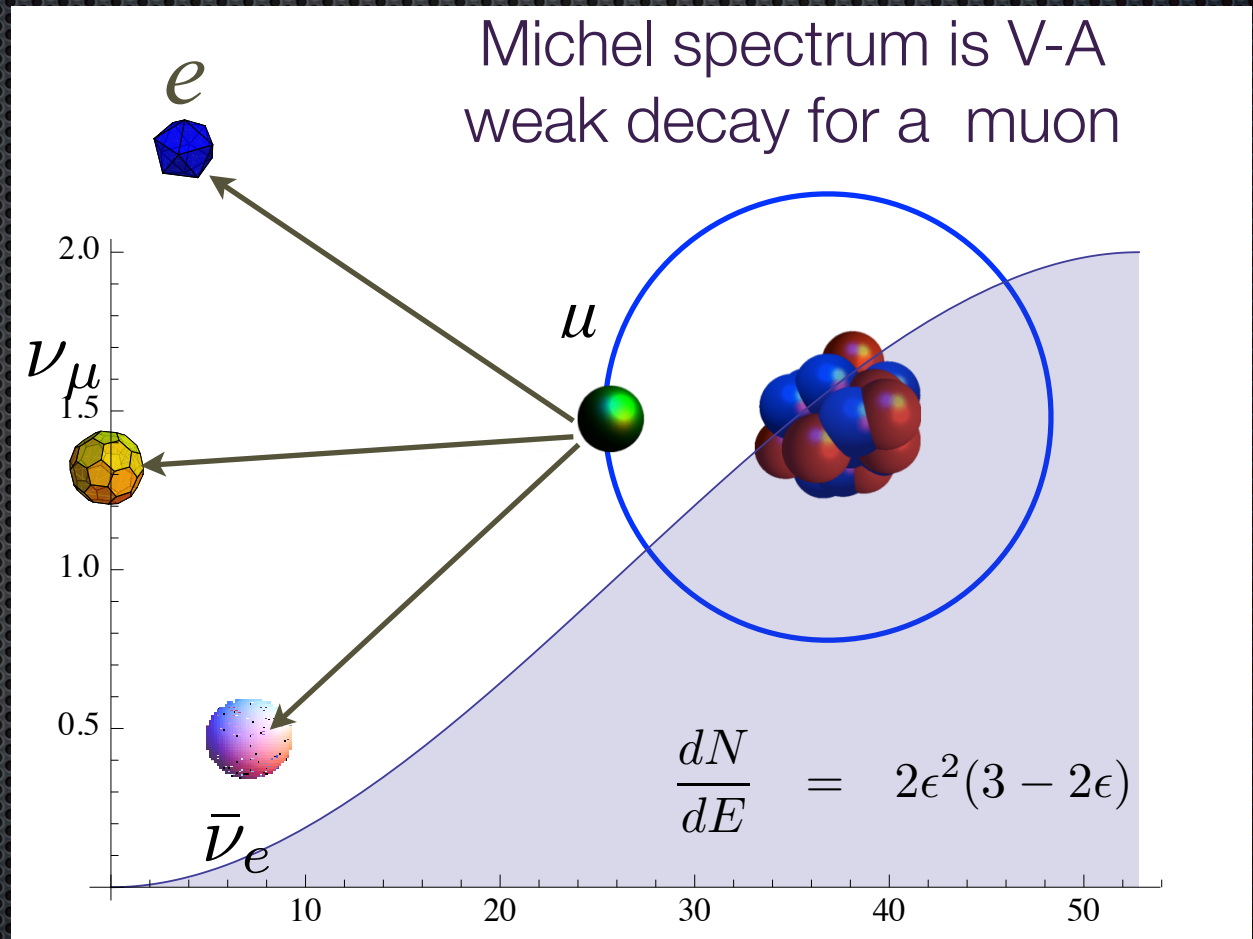


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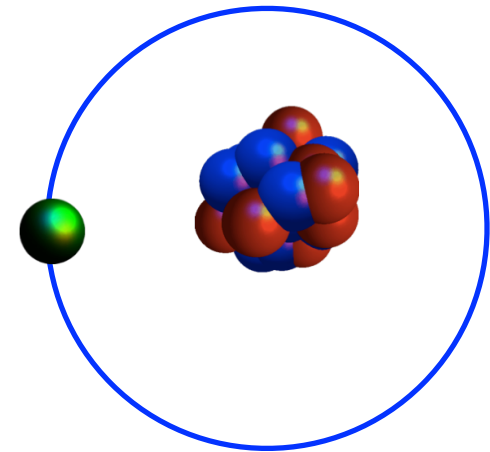
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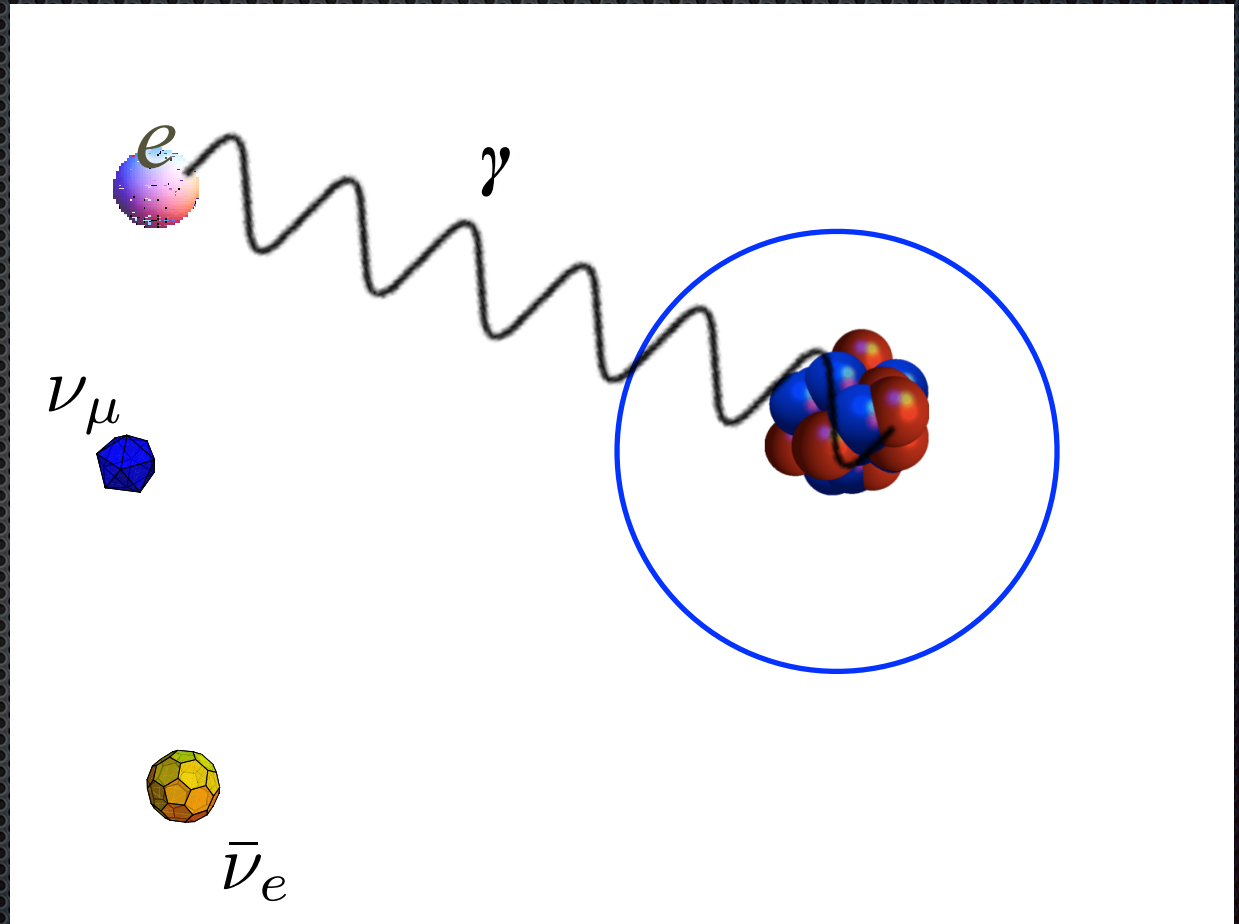
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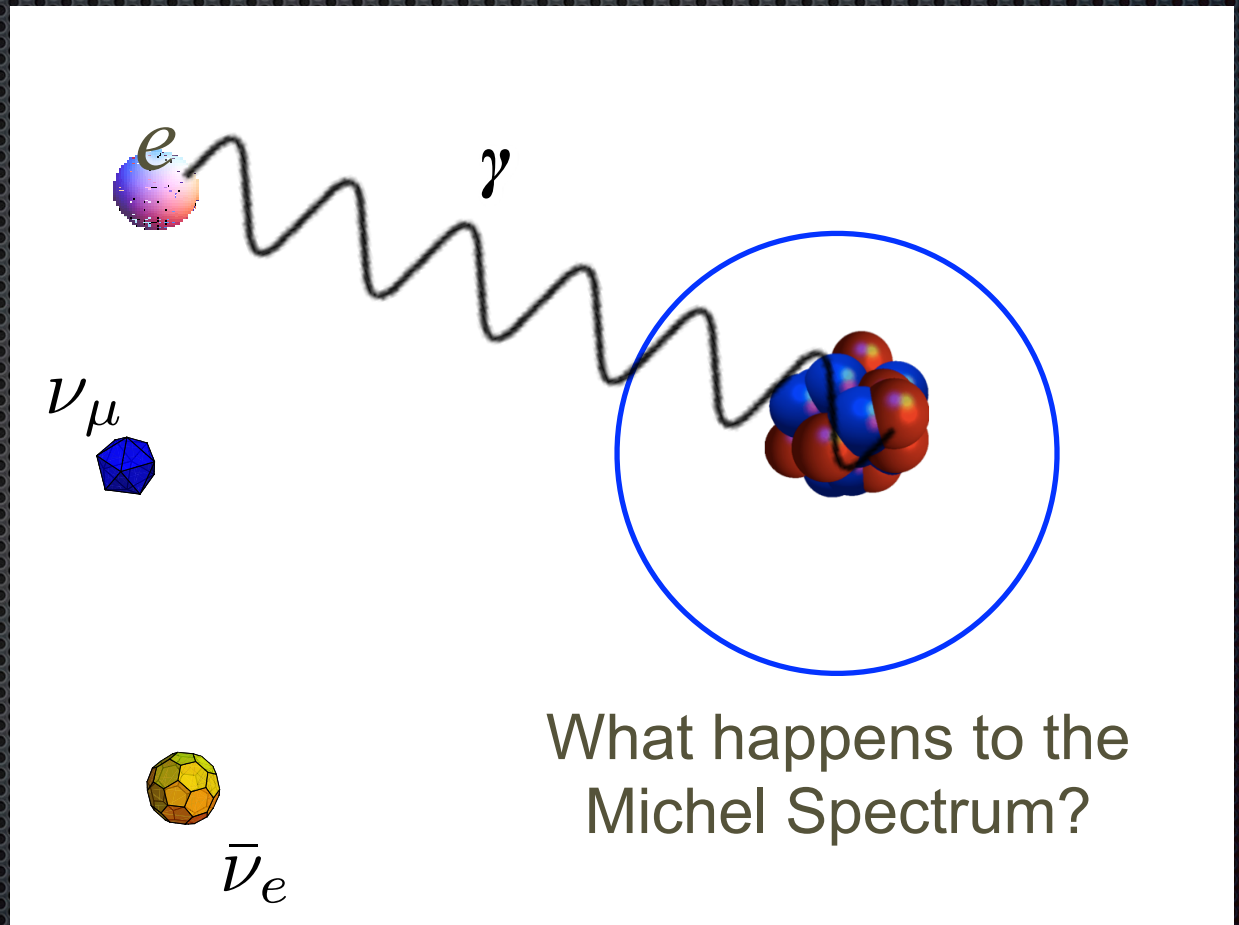
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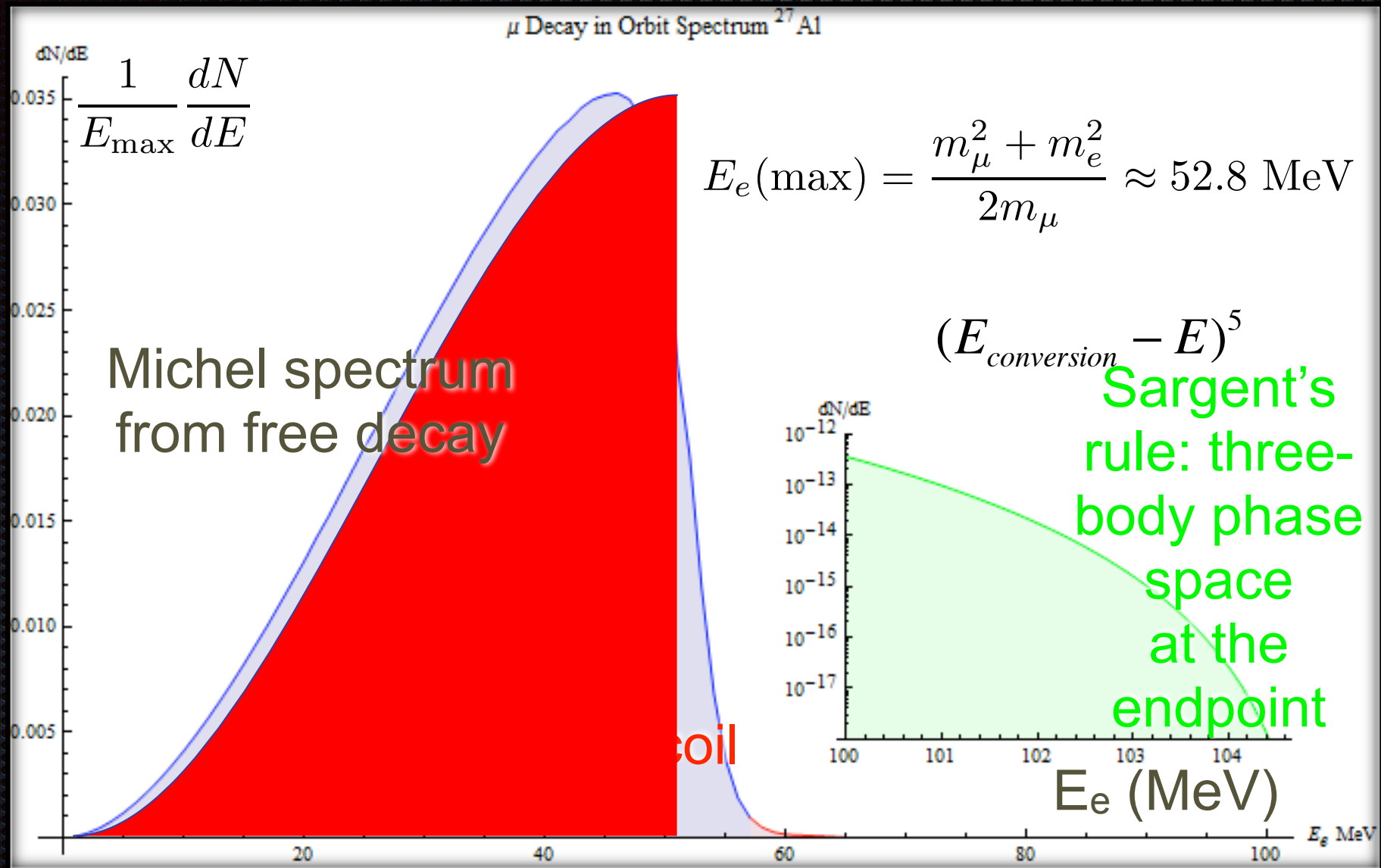
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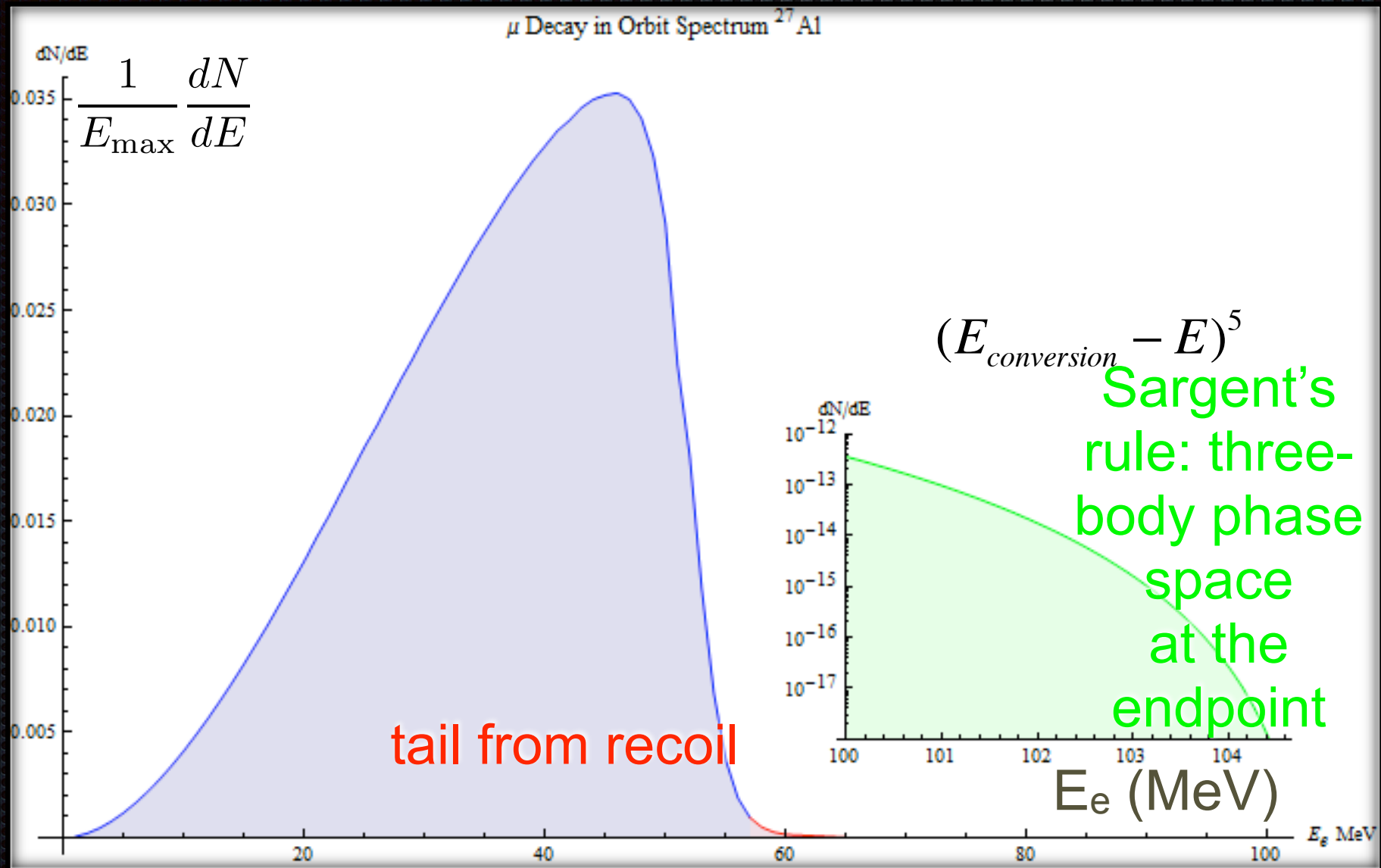
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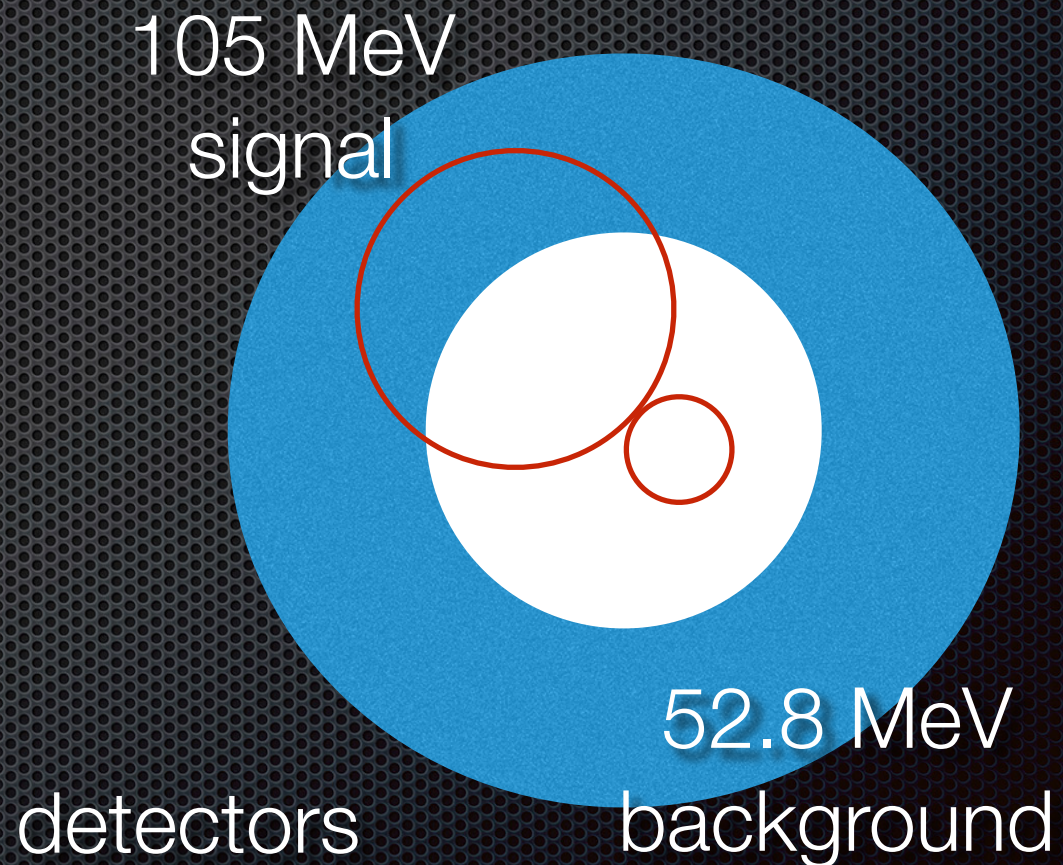
How Do We Suppress DIO?

- Best possible energy resolution: we do not want DIO events near the endpoint resolution smeared upwards and promoted into the signal region, so we are sensitive to both the “gaussian width” and especially to “high side tails”
- We use a solenoidal field and annular detectors
 - $p=qBR$; p for Michel edge at 52.8 MeV is about 1/2 of conversion energy of 105 MeV.

In pictures

- ✦ This design gives us a few 10^5 muons to reconstruct instead of $\sim 10^{18}$ from the distorted DIO spectrum
- ✦ Making it possible to have a small DIO background
- ✦ See Pasha's talk!

Looking along detector axis



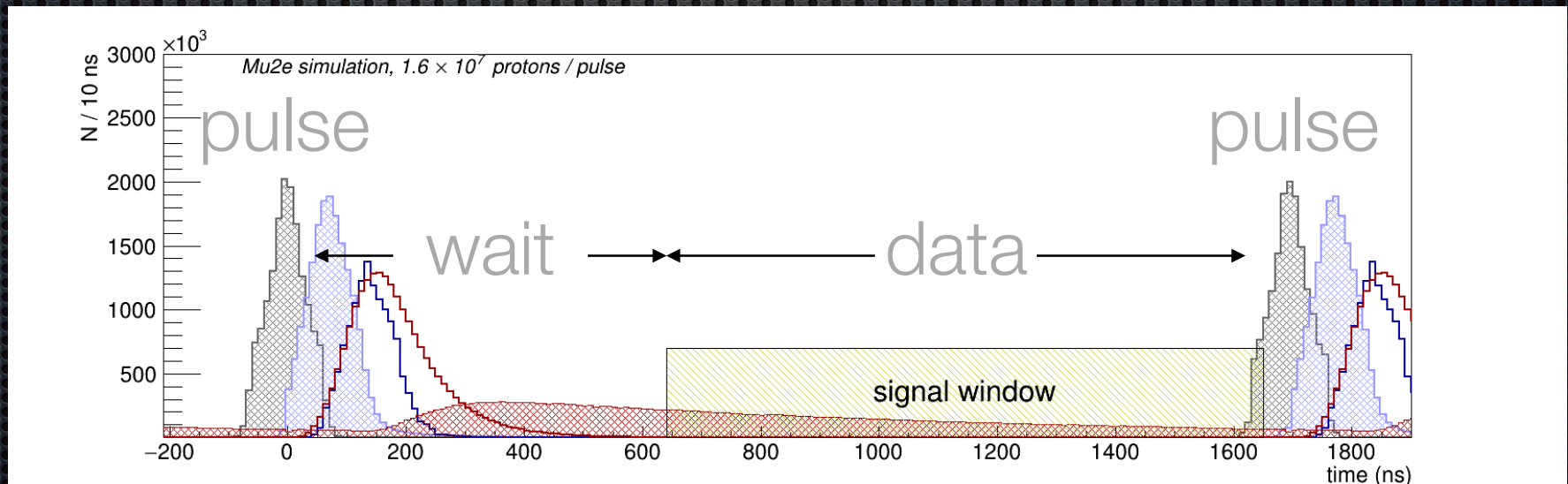
What Is the 2nd Background?

- When protons collide with a target, you make a lot of pions; pions decay into muons, and those are the muons we use
- But some pions live a long time and make it to our Aluminum
 - they can produce a background through “radiative pion capture” (RPC) and sometimes the electron is at the conversion signal energy

$$\pi^{-} N \rightarrow \gamma N^{*}, \gamma \rightarrow e^{+} e^{-}$$

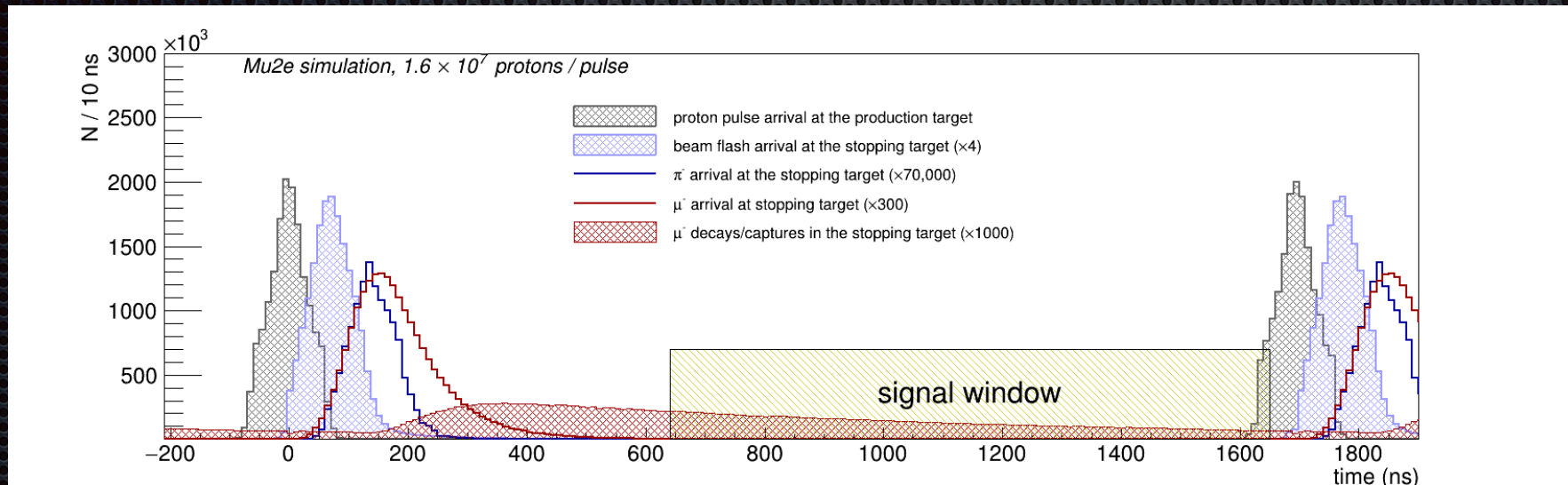
How Do We Suppress RPC?

- ✦ With a pulsed beam — this is a key improvement over all previous conversion experiments
 - ✦ recall muon lifetime is 2.1 μsec ; pion lifetime is 26 nsec
- ✦ Pion backgrounds are suppressed by $\sim 10^{11}$ by waiting



Extinction

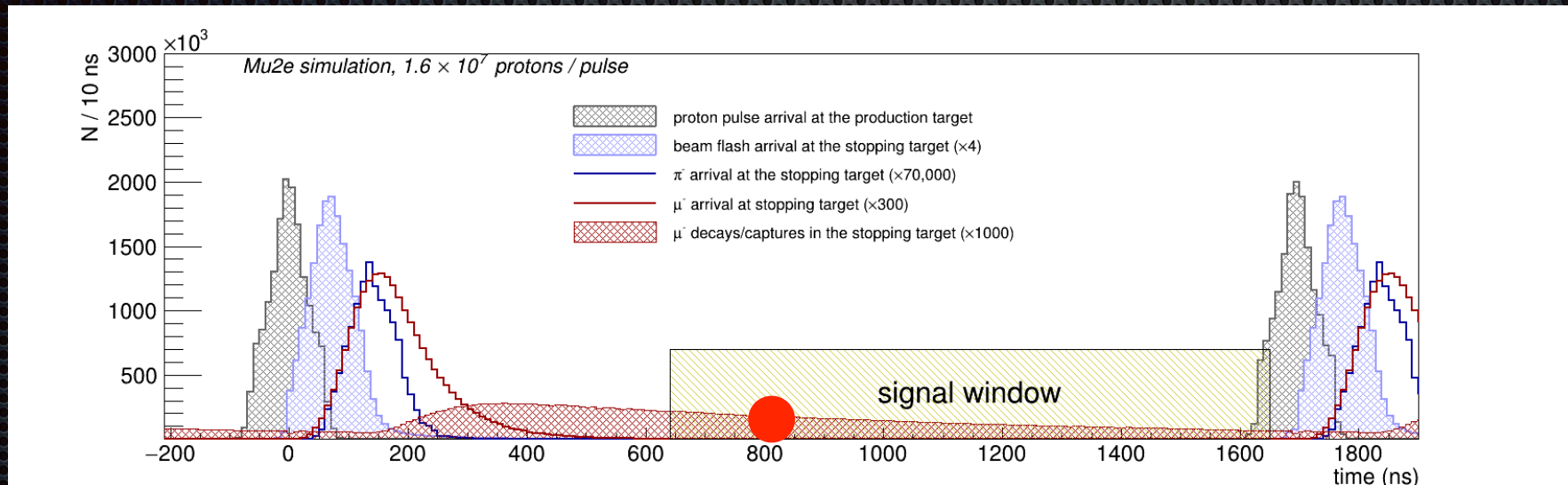
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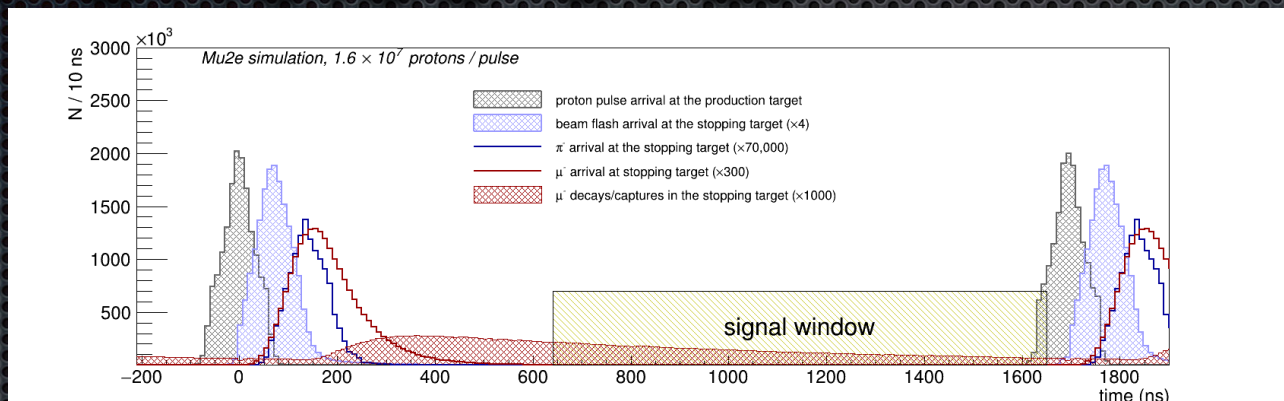
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Prompt Background and Choice of Z



Nucleus	$R_{\mu e}(Z) / R_{\mu e}(\text{Al})$	Bound Lifetime	Conversion Energy
Al(13,27)	1	864 nsec	104.96 MeV
Ti(22,~48)	1.7	328 nsec	104.18 MeV
Au(79,~197)	~0.8-1.5	72.6 nsec	95.56 MeV

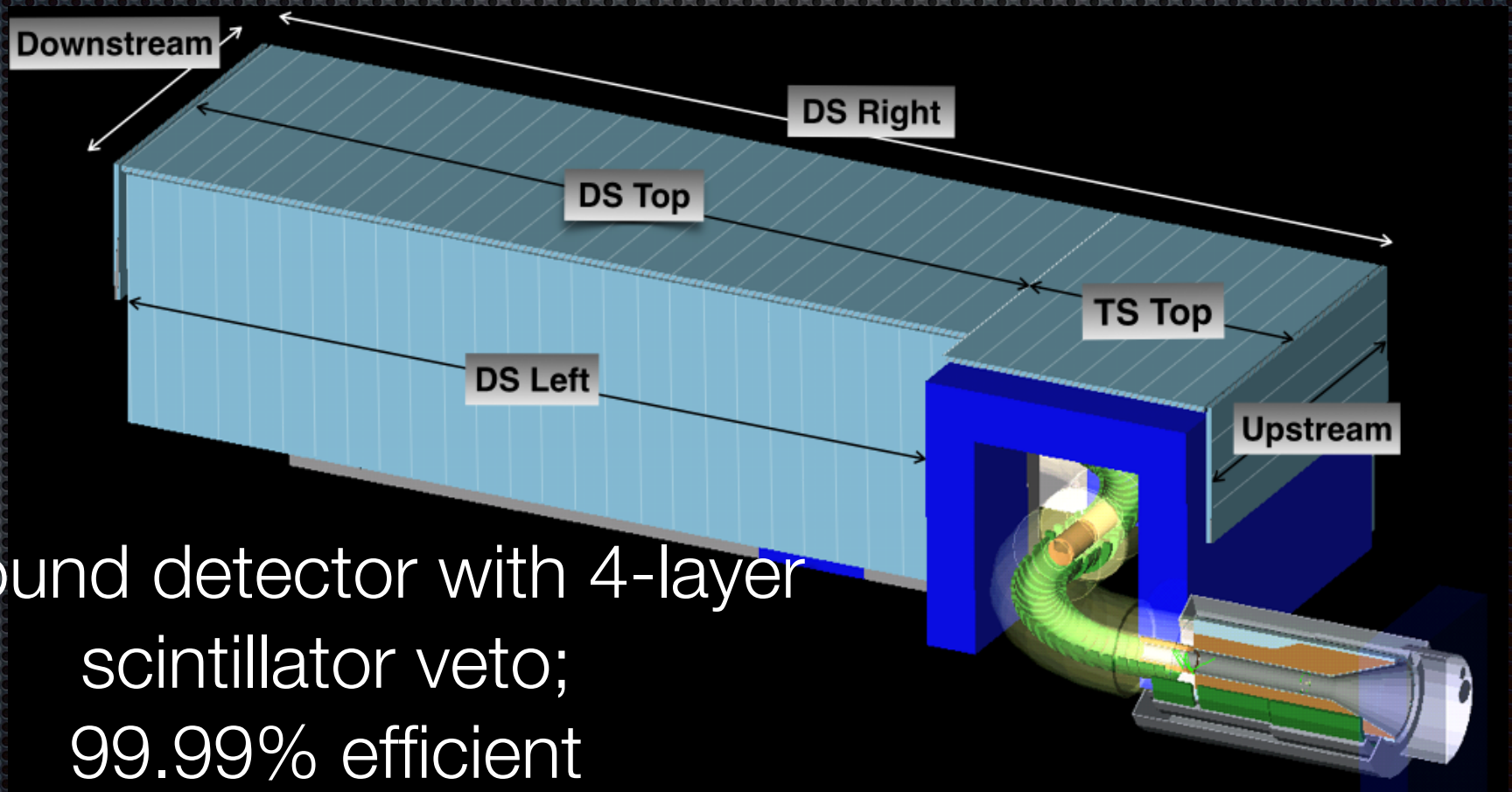
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surround detector with 4-layer
scintillator veto;
99.99% efficient

Mu2e Muon Beam:

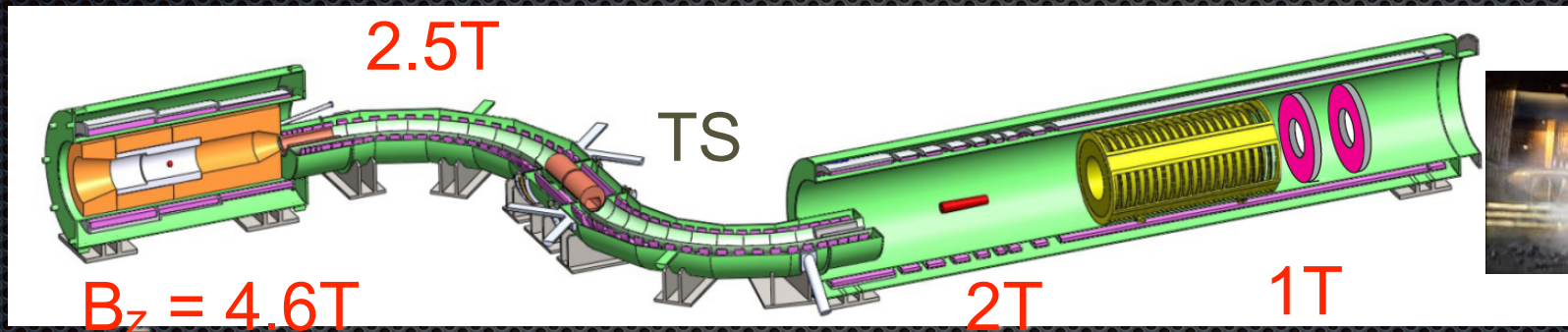
Three Solenoids and Gradient

~ scale, typical physicist at work

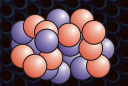
PS

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V. Lobashev, MELC
1992:



- Target protons at 8 GeV inside superconducting solenoid
- Capture muons and guide through S-shaped region to Al stopping target
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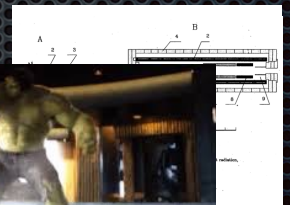
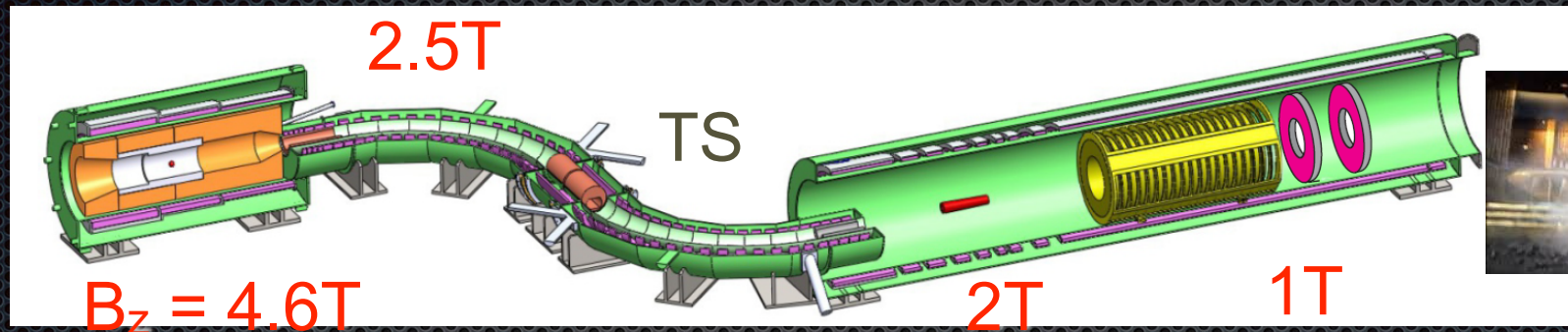
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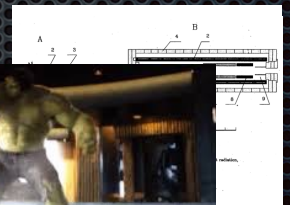
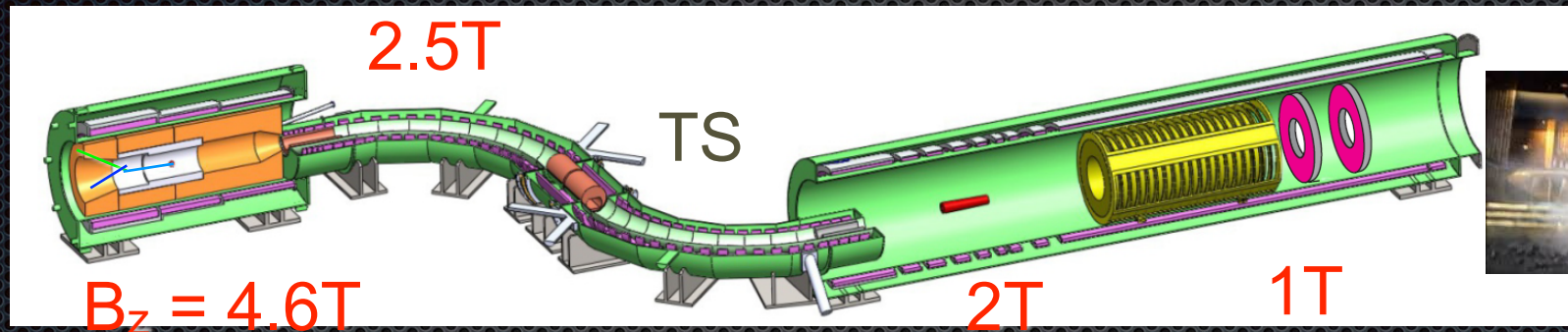
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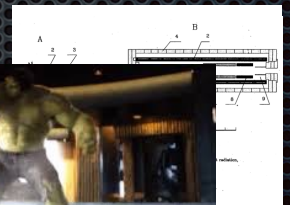
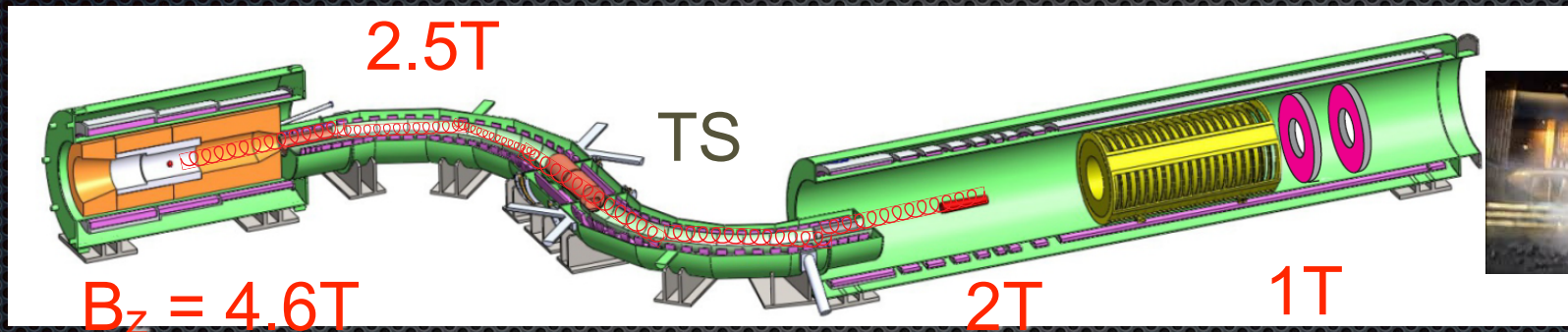
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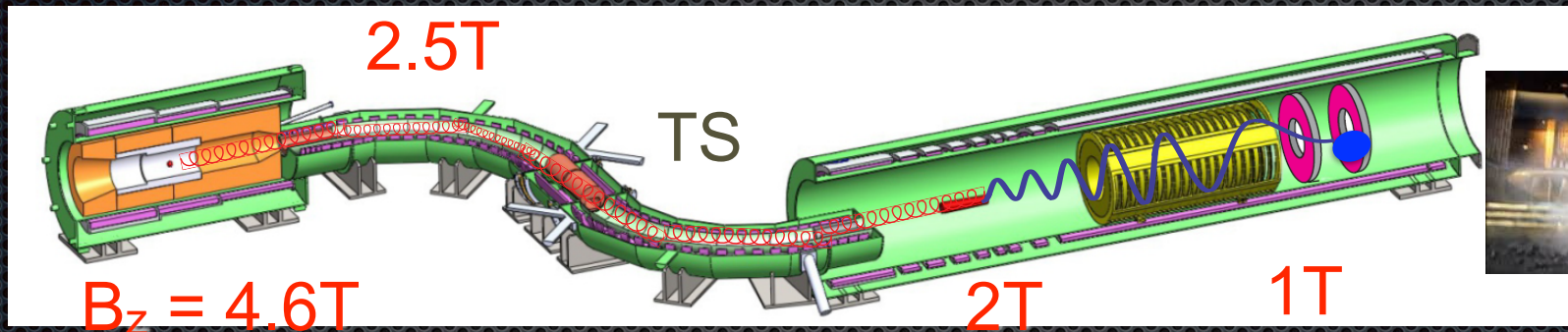
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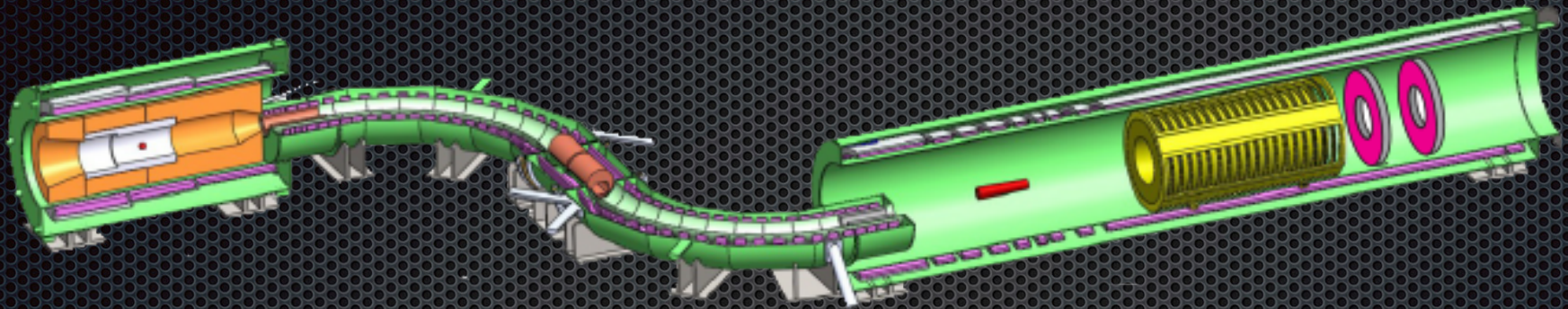
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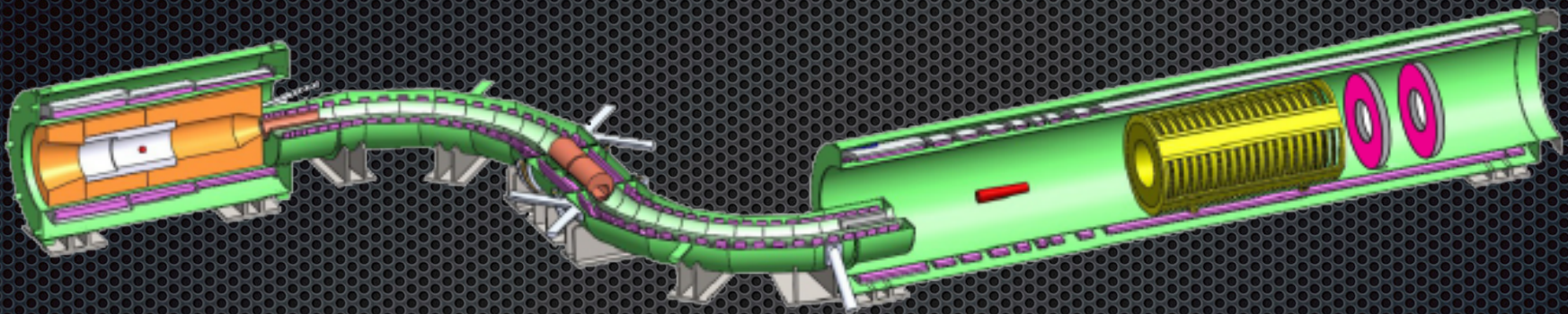
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Why is this hard?



- ✦ We have 8 kWatts in a superconducting magnet
 - ✦ enough heat to make superconductor go normal, so we need complicated cooling and shielding of the superconductor. This is “state of the art”
- ✦ And the protons are pointed away from the detector to keep it from being overwhelmed by debris

What Happens Next?

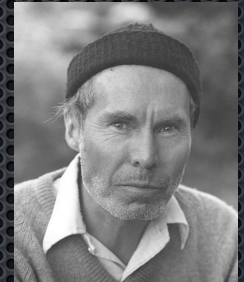


- ✦ The muons are in a solenoidal field, $B = B_z$ more or less
 - ✦ in the x-y plane, $p_T = qBR$, so they circle
- ✦ But they also have p_L along the z-axis, so they **spiral**

What's In the Middle?

- Remember we want a negative muon beam so the muons will be captured by the atoms and fall into a 1s state
- But the muons at the production target are both positive and negative
- How Do We Select Negative Muons?

Selecting Negative Muons



- ✦ E&M to the rescue:
 - ✦ Jackson, 2nd Ed., Sec 12.5: particle drifts in Nonuniform, Static Magnetic Fields
 - ✦ Curve of Solenoid gives “centrifugal acceleration” from an effective electric field

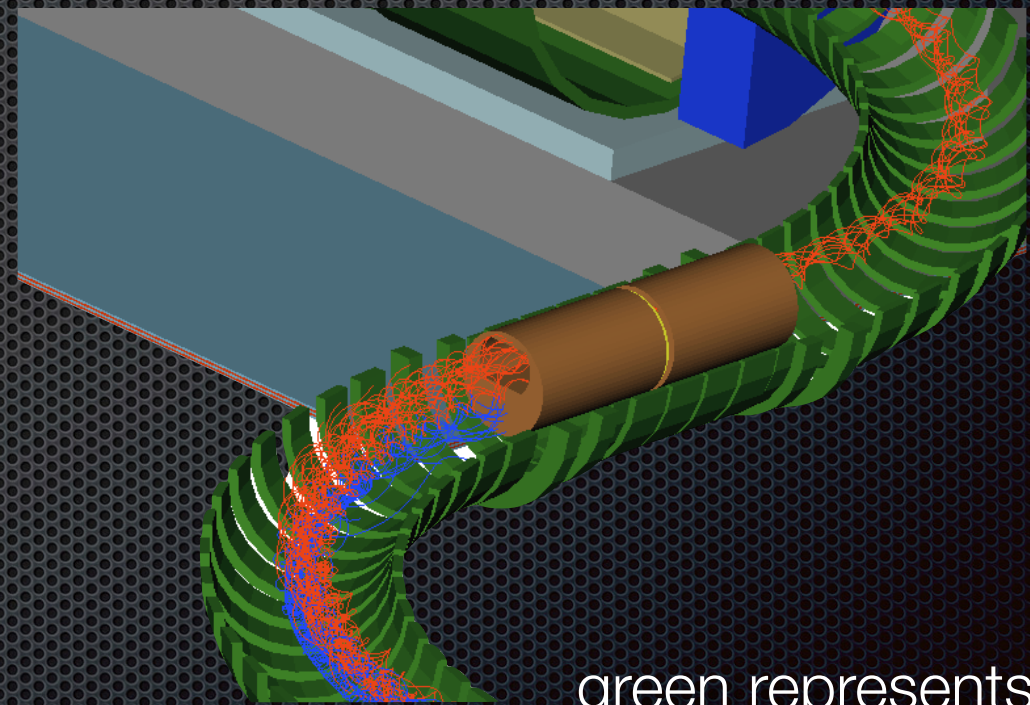
$$\vec{E}_{\text{effective}} = \frac{\gamma m}{e} \frac{\vec{R}}{R^2} v_{\parallel}^2$$

note the sign
of the field flips with the sign
of the charge

So This is What Happens:

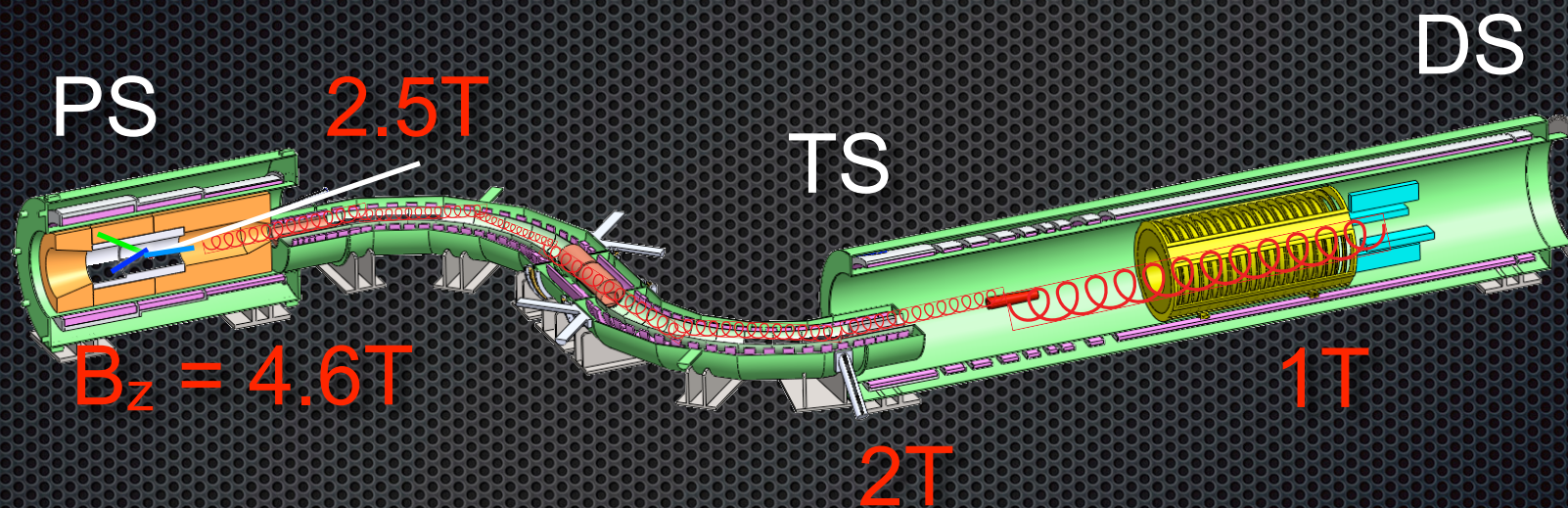
- ✦ Negative muons go one way, positive muons the other
- ✦ A rotatable collimator lets us pick one charge or the other
- ✦ And the 2nd half of the “S” brings the beam back on axis

13 m along the axis, 25 cm across



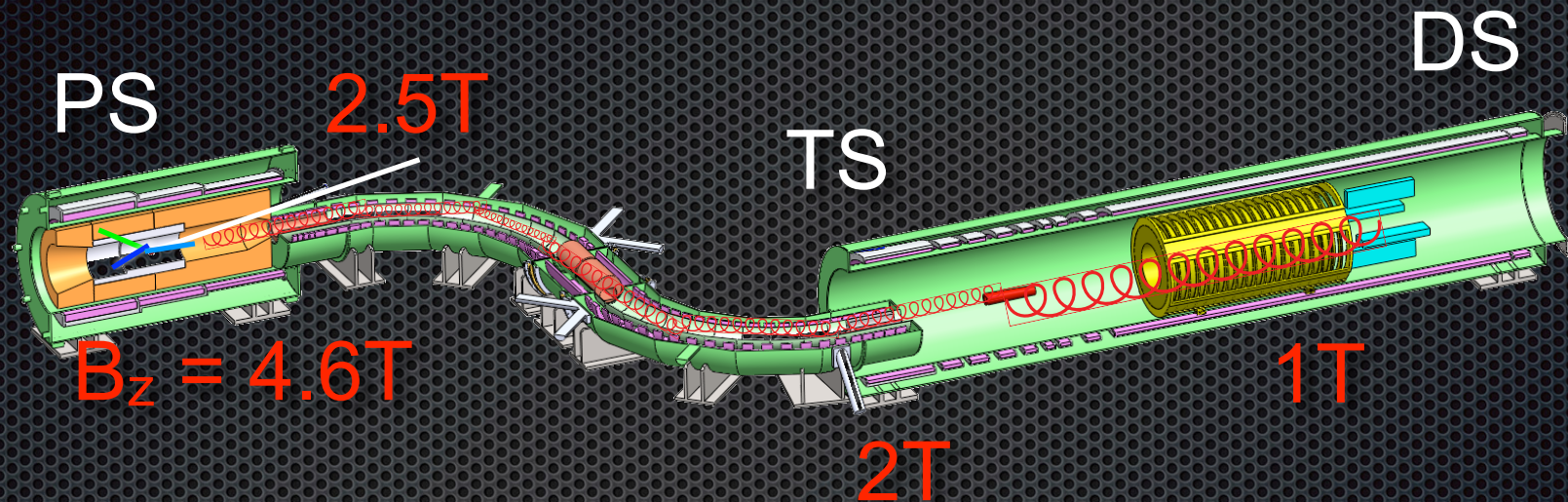
green represents
the coils of
superconducting
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Why is the electron spiral bigger?



- The muons had momentum 40 MeV/c; the signal electron has momentum 105 MeV/c
- Now apply $p = qBR$ to get the big spiral

Why Is The Field Graded?

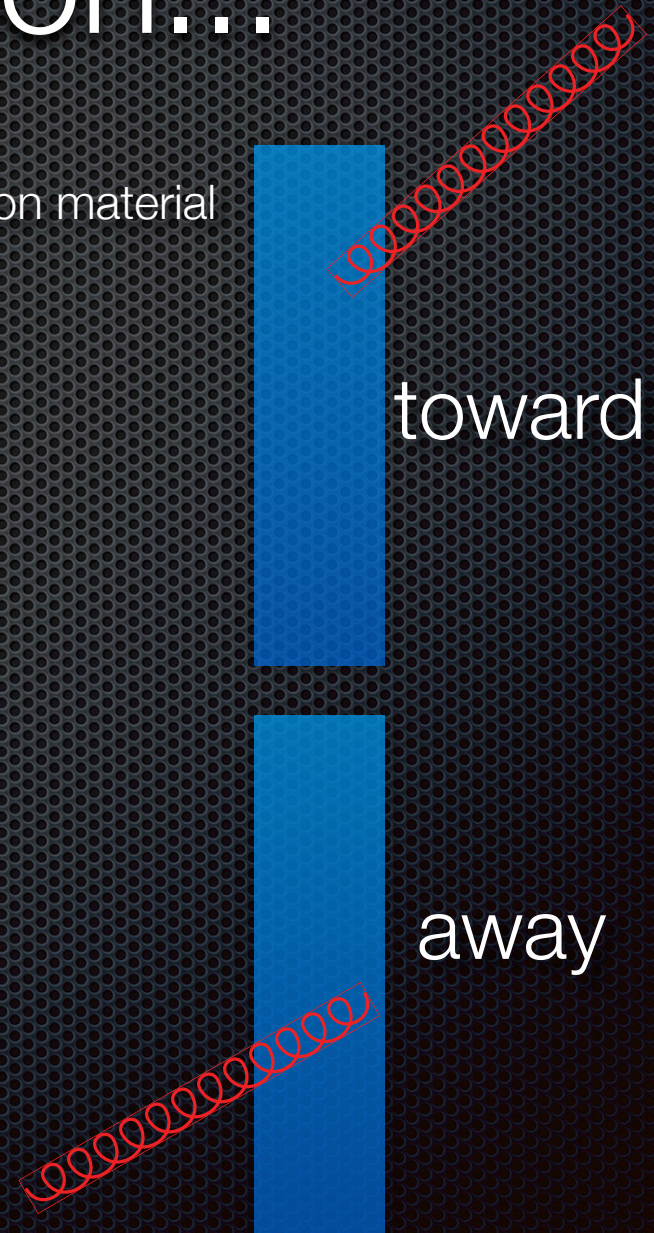


- ✦ If the field were constant, particles could become “trapped” and just circle around; this leads to backgrounds
- ✦ The $dB/ds < 0$ (graded) field tends to “push” particles in the region of lower field, moving them along.

An even better reason...

piece of Aluminum conversion material

- The electron in a conversion travels out isotropically, since there's no preferred direction
- Half travel *away* from the detector and would be lost ☹️
- But the gradient, which we need to send particles toward the detector anyway, gets them back!



How? A Magnetic Mirror

- ✦ Magnetic Fields do no work! (ever hear that?)
- ✦ See Jackson, 2nd Ed. Sec. 12.4. If the field changes sufficiently slowly,

$$Ba^2$$

$$p_{\perp}^2 / B$$

$$\gamma\mu \text{ (the magnetic moment of the current loop)}$$

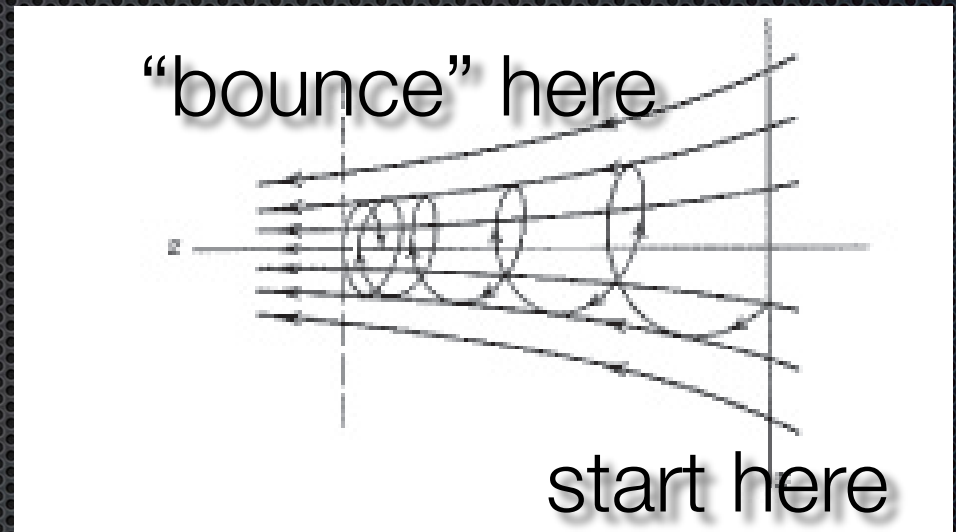
are adiabatic invariants

Therefore

$$v_{\parallel}^2 + v_{\perp o}^2 = v_o^2$$

$$\frac{v_{\perp o}^2}{B(z)} = \frac{v_o^2}{B_o}$$

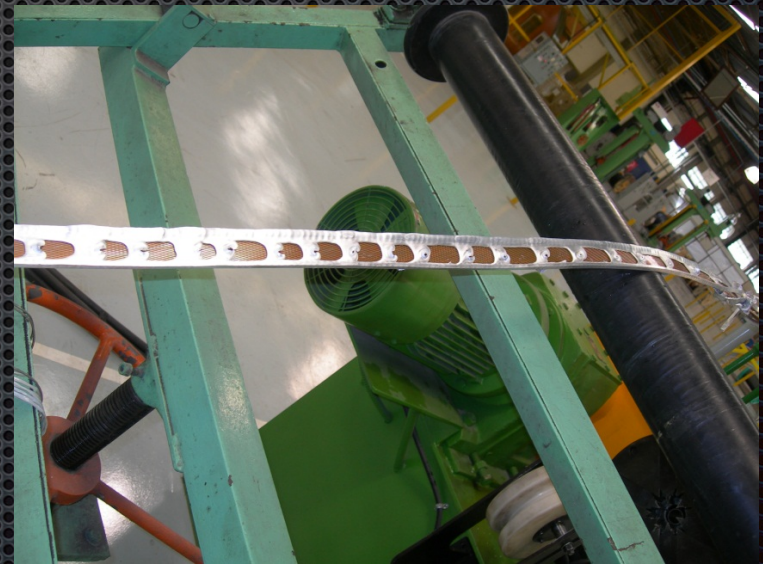
$$v_{\parallel}^2 = v_o^2 - v_{\perp o}^2 \frac{B(z)}{B_o}$$



as B grows, v_{\parallel} goes to zero
and the particle turns around with constant $|\vec{p}|$
– a magnetic mirror

What Does A Solenoid Really Look Like?

- Start with conductor, held in place by Al

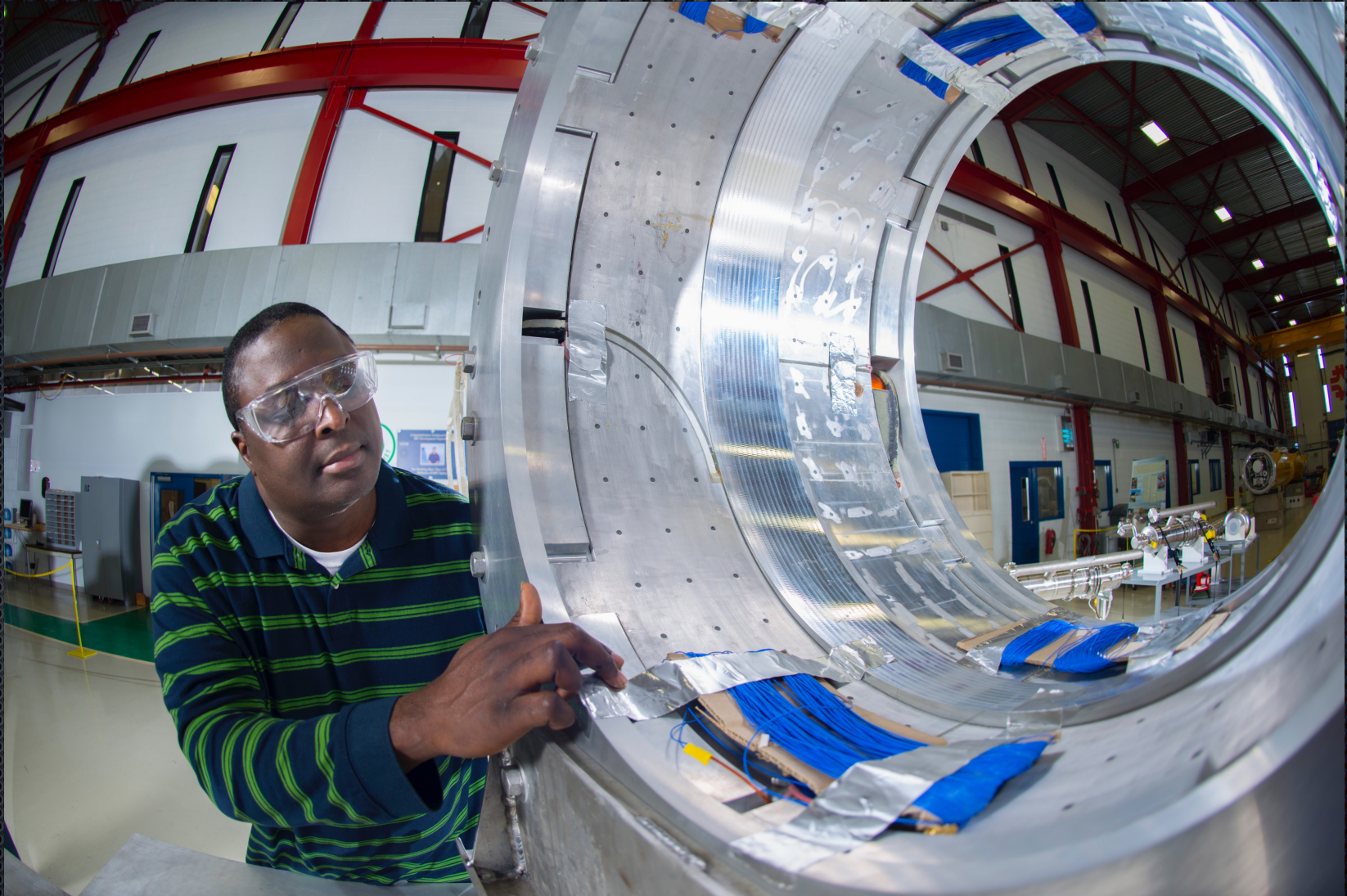


Then

- ✦ Wind it into about 75 km (45 miles) of cable, all in custom-designed sections and lengths

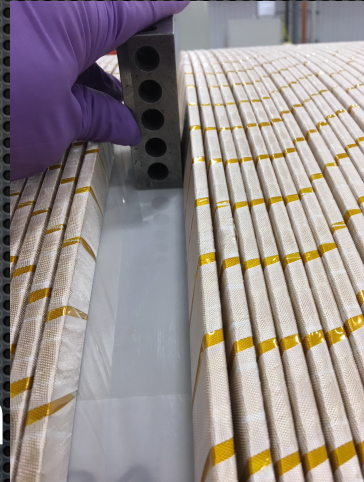
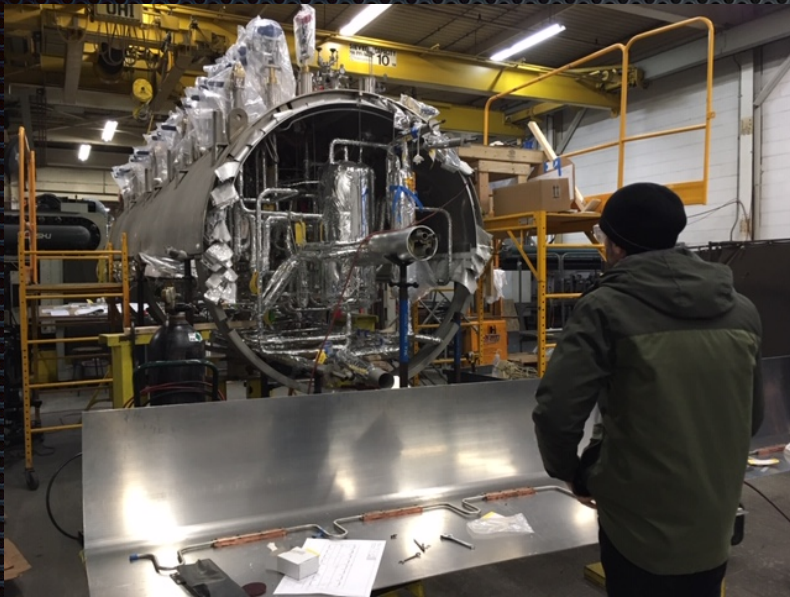


Wind into Coils



Production Solenoid

- Winding coils is non-trivial!



cryogenics distribution

Heat and Radiation Shield

- ✦ Fits inside Production Solenoid
- ✦ Protects it from 8 kW of beam
- ✦ Delivered!



this is where
proton beam
enters

Transport Solenoid

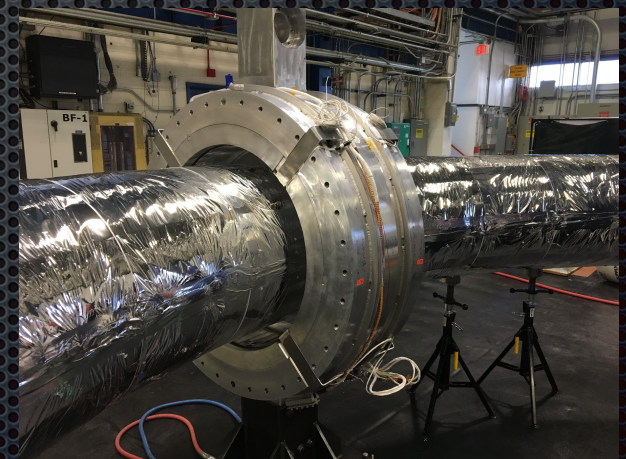
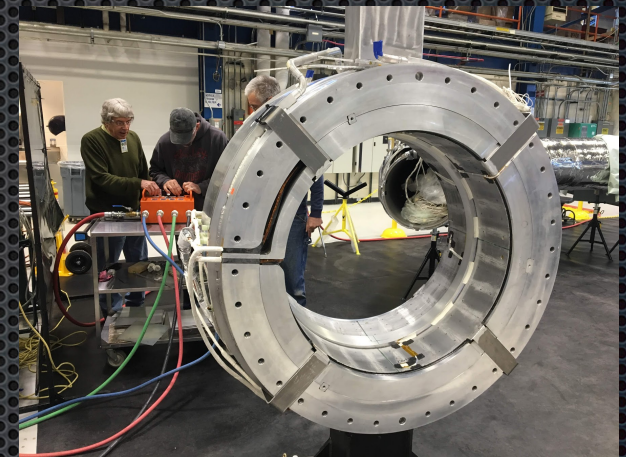


- Upstream side complete and modules under test (downstream started)

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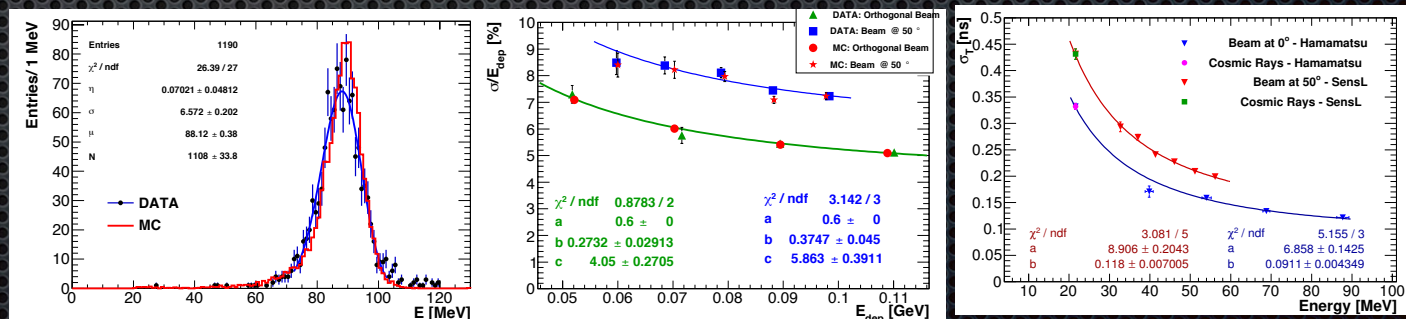
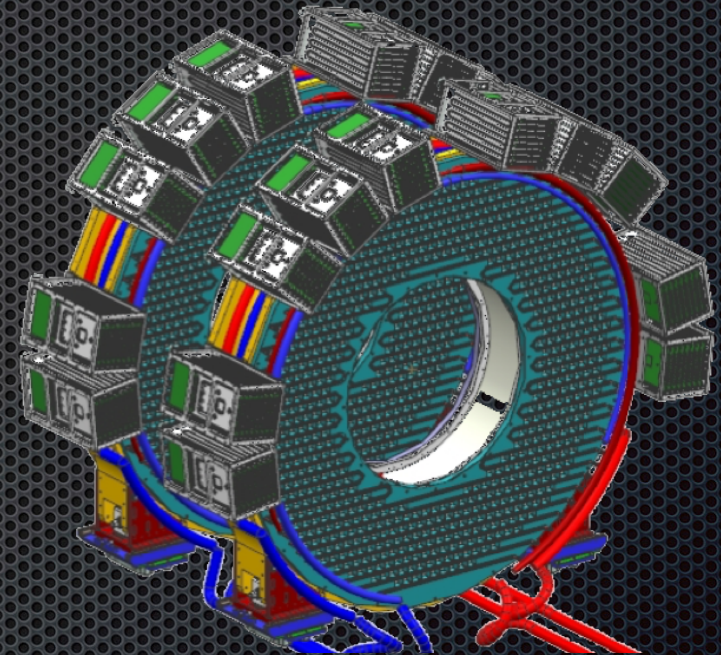
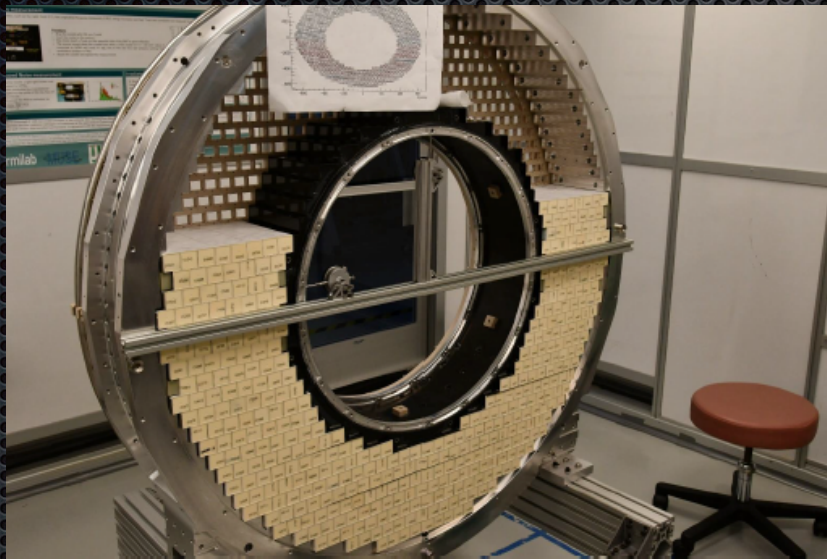
Cold mass assembly at Fermilab



- ✦ First test unit assembled on warm bore; alignment ongoing

Calorimeter R&D/Construction

- ✦ Probably the best run system on the experiment (and by INFN)
- ✦ See Ivano's talk



51 crystal prototype tested at Frascati

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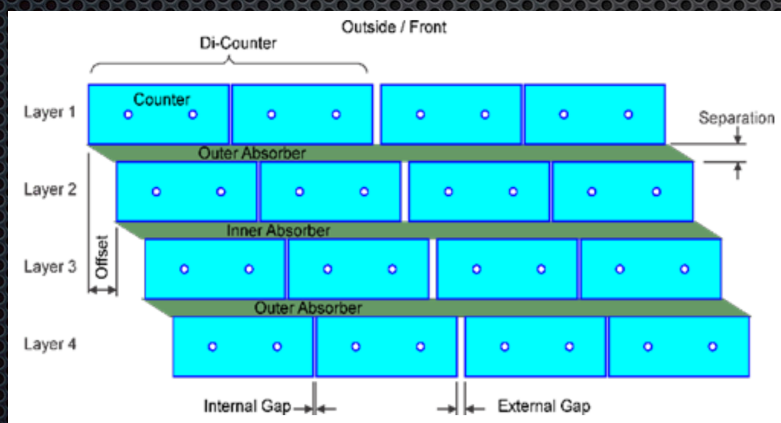
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students needed here! we are testing light yield of modules

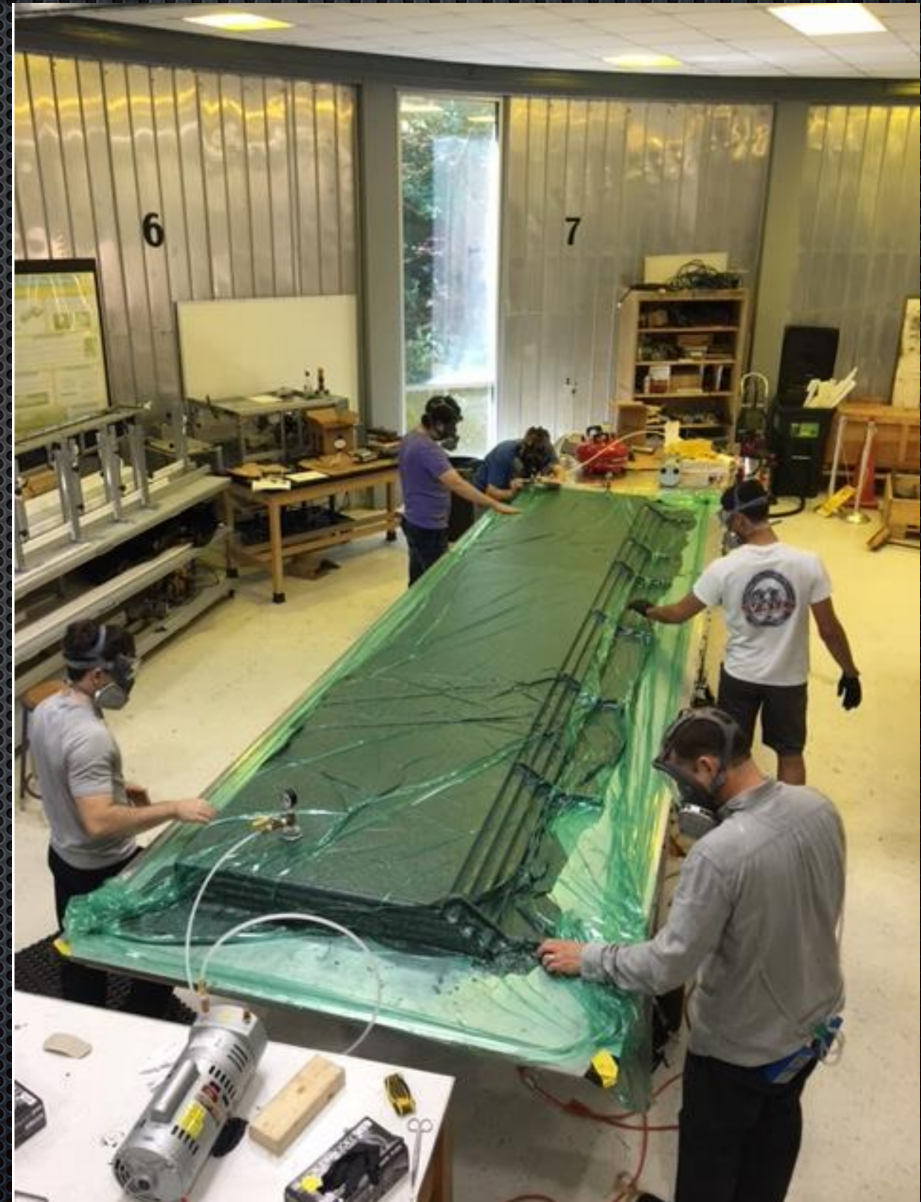
Cosmic Ray Veto

✦ Modules now at FNAL

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



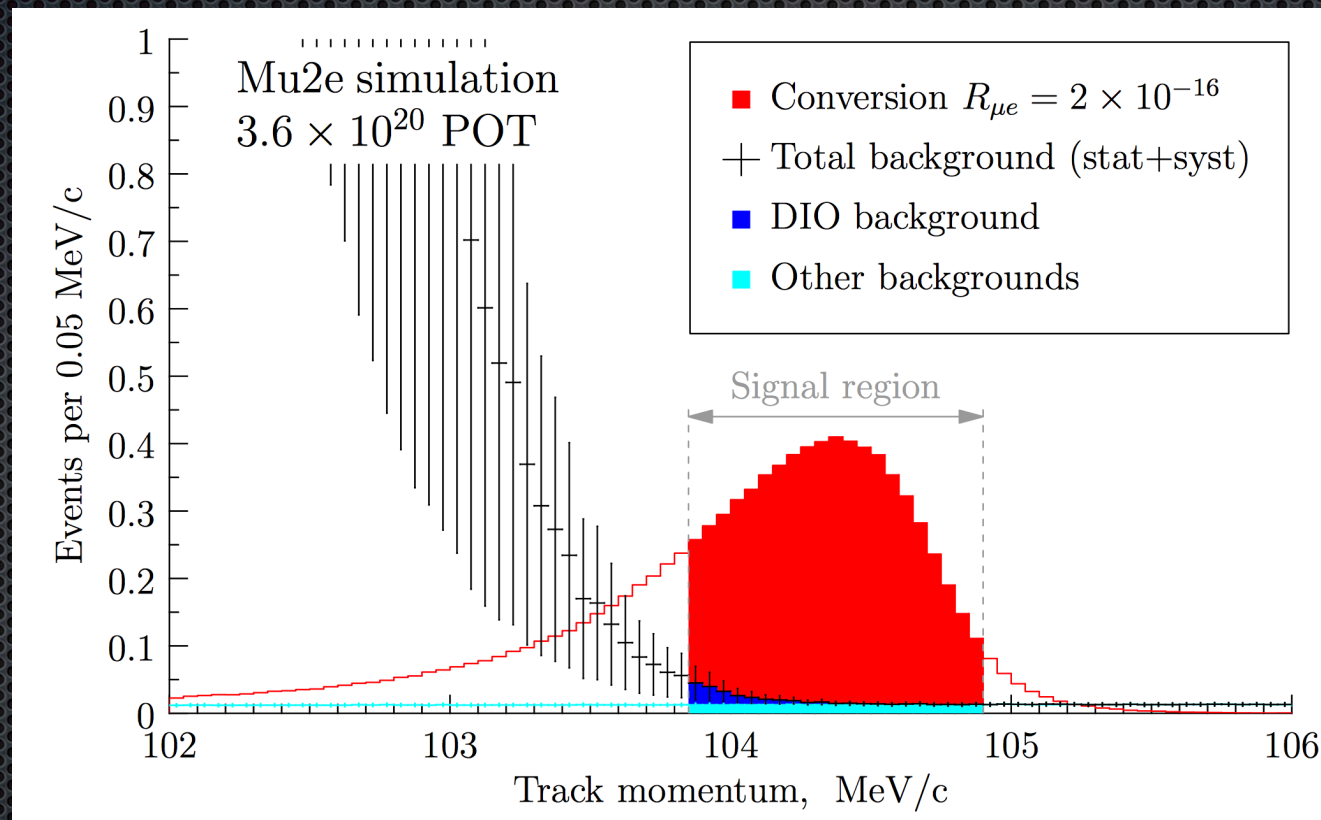
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Expected Reach

- 90% CL $\sim 8 \times 10^{-17}$; $5\sigma \sim 2.5 \times 10^{-16}$ (7.5 events)



Schedule

students have a lot they could do!

Commission Beamline

2023-2024

Commission Detector

2024

First Data-Taking

2025

Finish Data Taking

end of decade

Conclusions

- ✦ Mu2e will either:
 - ✦ *Reduce the limit for $R_{\mu e}$ by four orders of magnitude ($R_{\mu e} < 8 \times 10^{-17}$ @ 90% C.L.)*
 - ✦ *Discover unambiguous proof of Beyond Standard Model physics and*
 - ✦ *Provide important information either complementing LHC results or probing up to 10^4 TeV mass scales*
- ✦ We are examining upgrades to go another order of magnitude or study a signal

WHY IS PROGRAMMING SO HARD
WHY IS THERE A 0 ON REGISTER
WHY DO AMERICANS HATE SOCCER
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WHY ARE THERE GHOSTS



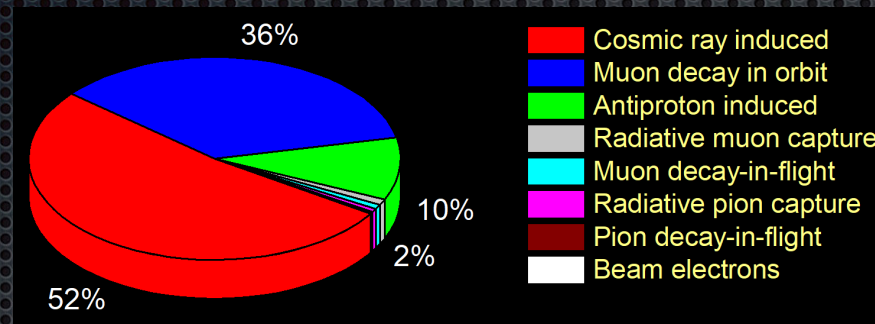
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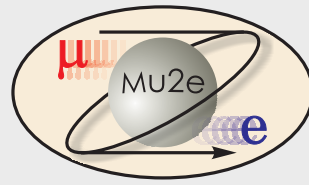
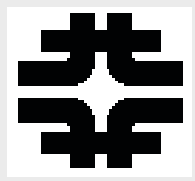


Background Estimates



Craig D.!

Process	Expected Number
Cosmic Ray Muons	$0.21 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.06$
DIO	$0.14 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.11$
Antiprotons	$0.04 \pm 0.001 \pm 0.020$
RPC	$0.021 \pm 0.001 \pm 0.002$
Muon DIF	< 0.003
Pion DIF	$0.001 \pm < 0.001$
Beam Electrons	$2.1 \pm 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$
Total	0.41 ± 0.03



BACKUPS

Choice of Stopping Material: rate vs wait

- ✦ Stop muons in target (Z,A)
- ✦ Physics sensitive to Z: with signal, can switch target to probe source of new physics (more later)
- ✦ Why start with Al?

V. Cirigliano et al., arXiv:0904.0957 [hep-ph]; Phys.Rev. D80 (2009) 013002

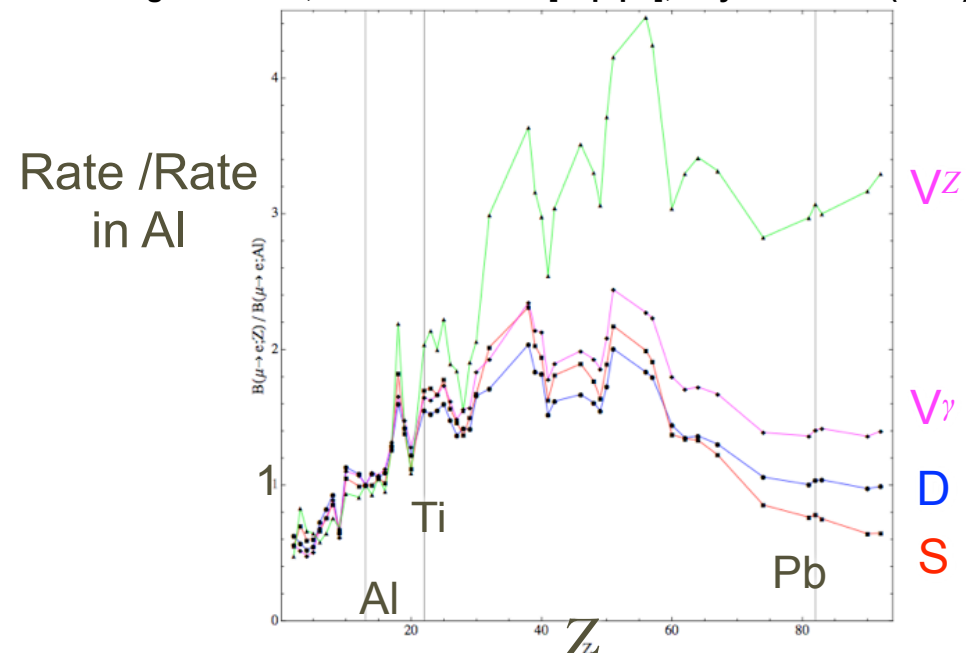


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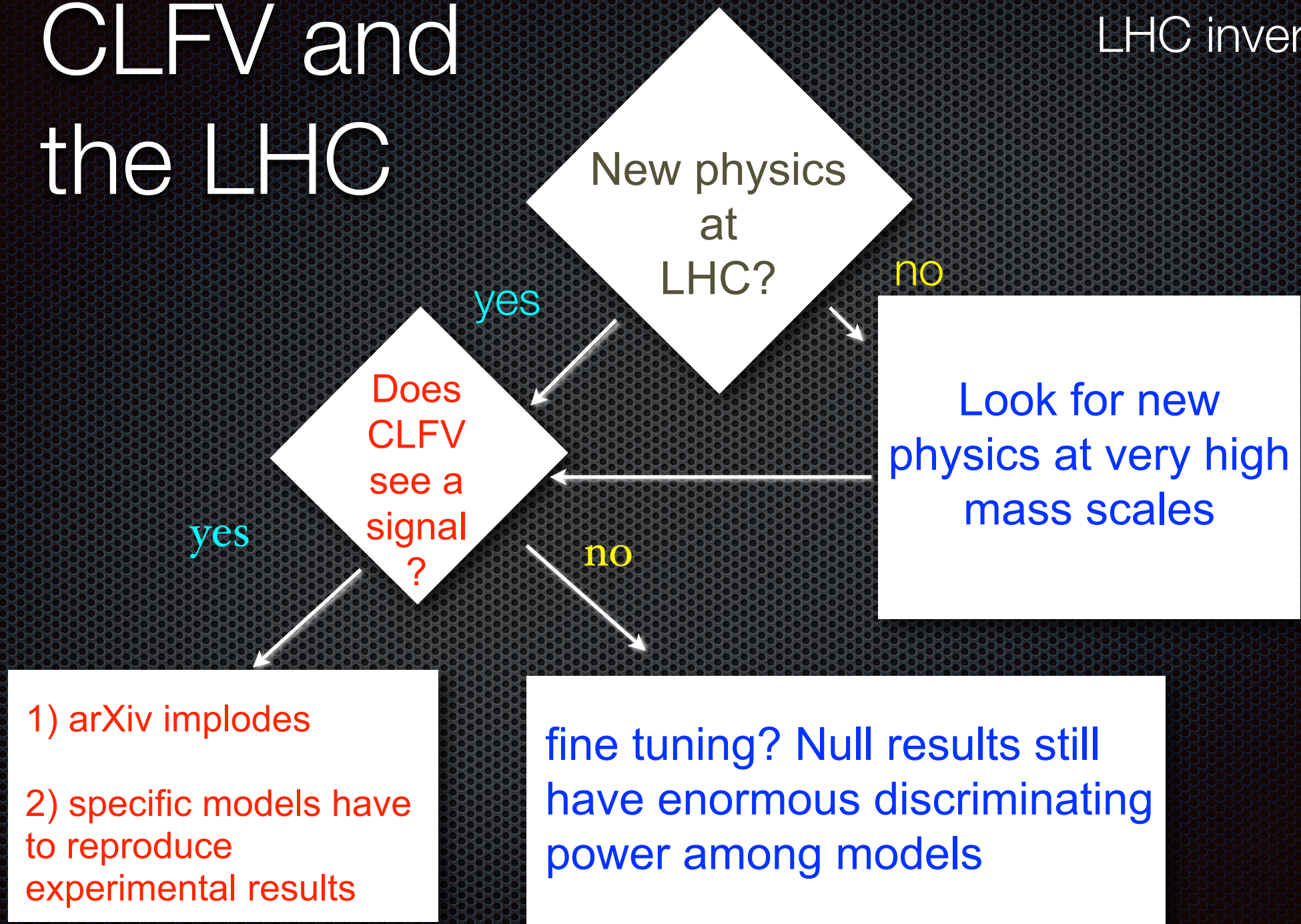
Mu2e Upgrades

- Next Step in CLFV program



CLFV and the LHC

LHC inverse



Studying a Signal

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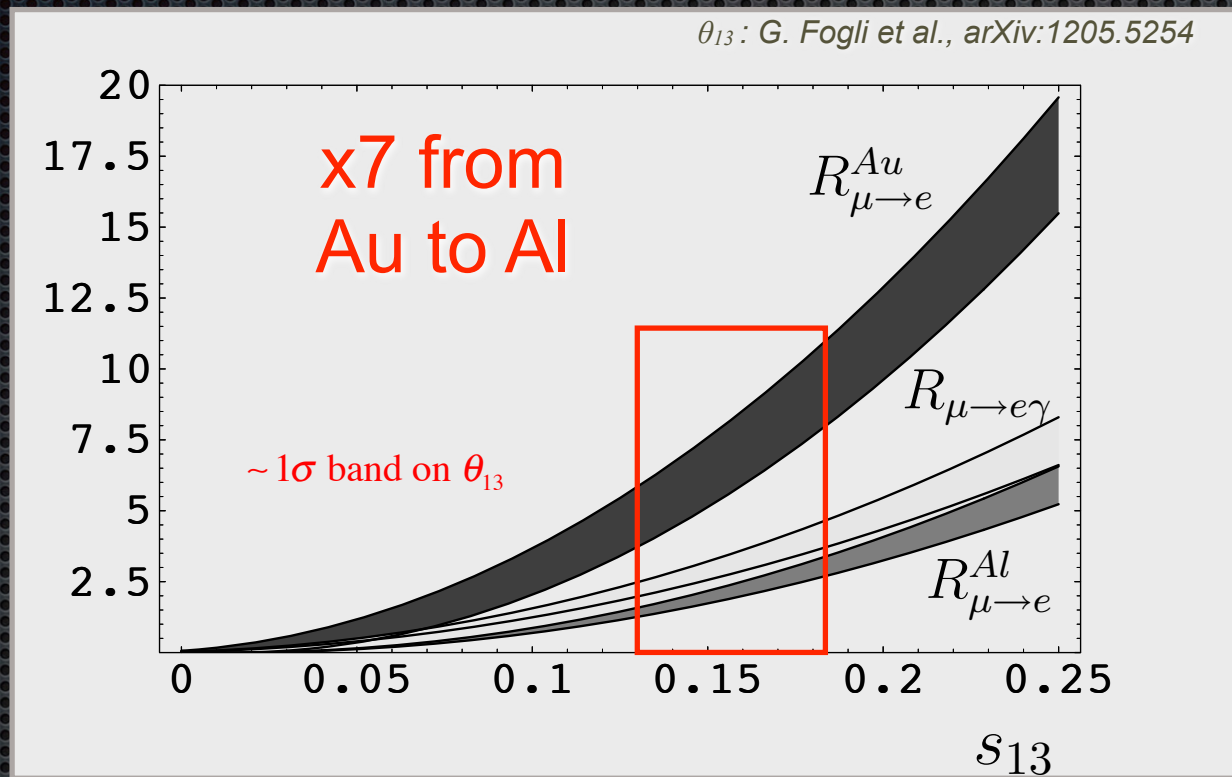
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Tracker resolution

- ✧ A high-side tail promotes DIO into signal region
- ✧ Can only understand this tail with measurements, which is why we measure straw properties and perform a “first-principles” simulation

