

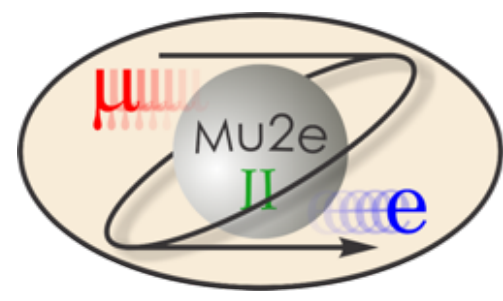


Future $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion experiments

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What is $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion?

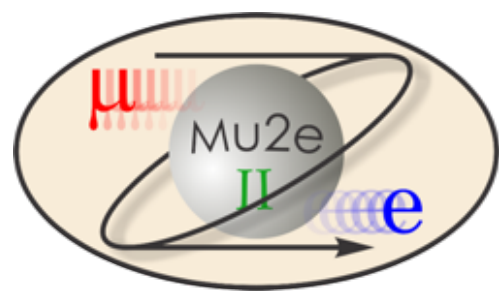
- μ converts to an electron in the presence of a nucleus $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$

$$E_e = m_\mu c^2 - B_\mu(Z) - C(A) = 104.973 \text{ MeV}$$

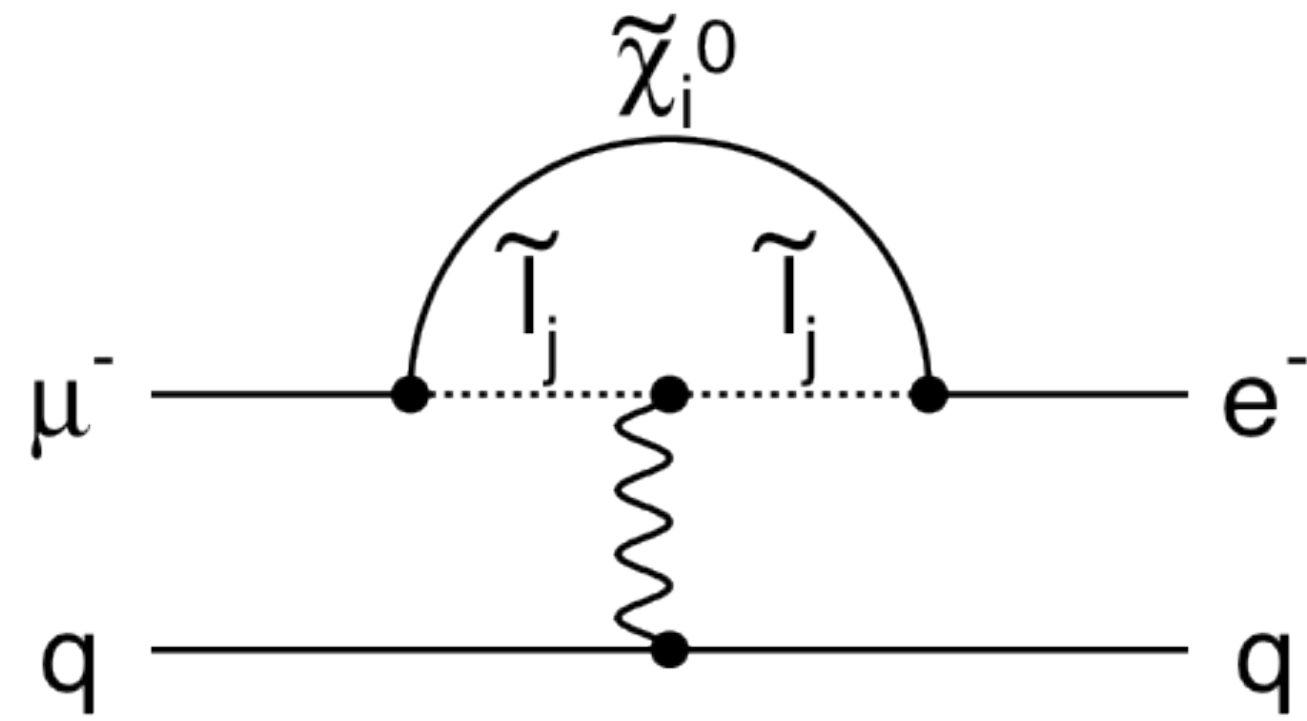
- for Aluminum: $\begin{cases} B_\mu(Z) \text{ is the muon binding energy (0.48 MeV)} \\ C(A) \text{ is the nuclear recoil energy (0.21 MeV)} \end{cases}$

- Signal normalization:

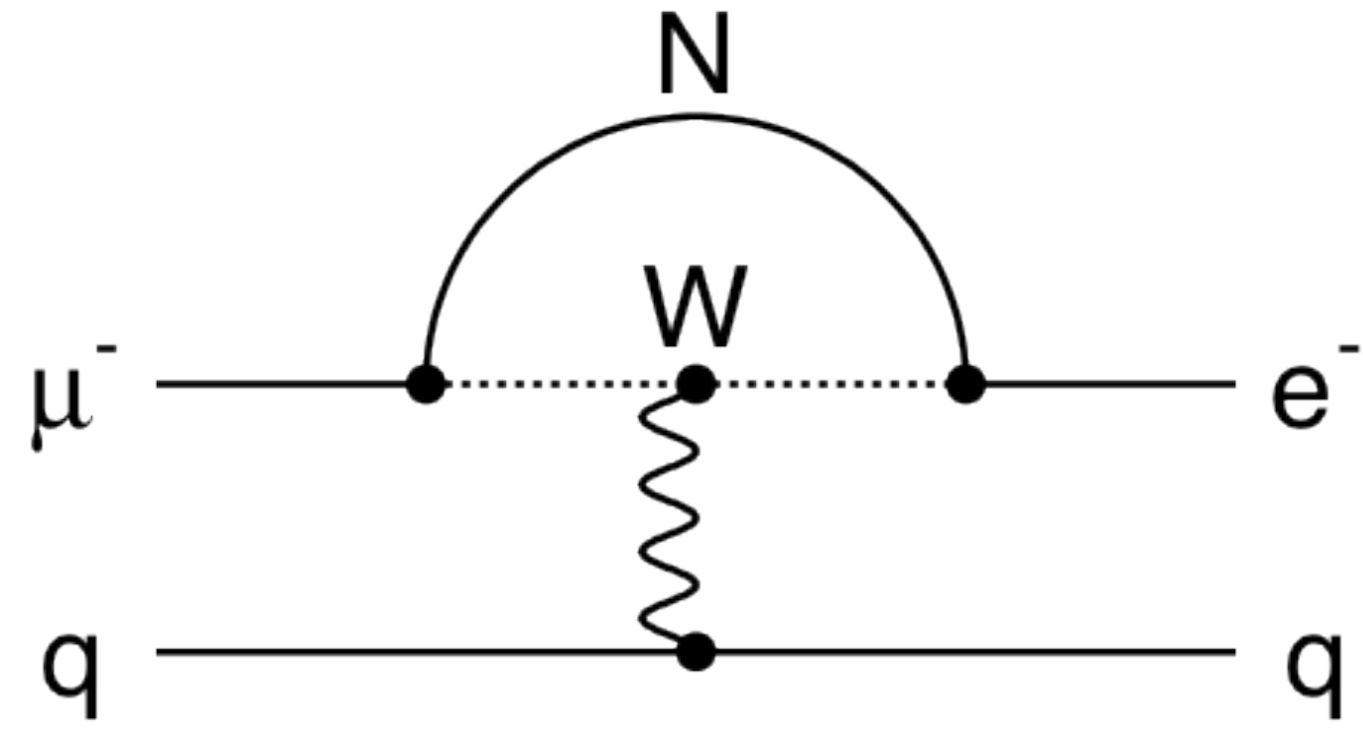
$$R_{\mu e} = \frac{\Gamma(\mu^- + N \rightarrow e^- + N)}{\Gamma(\mu^- + N \rightarrow \text{all captures})}$$



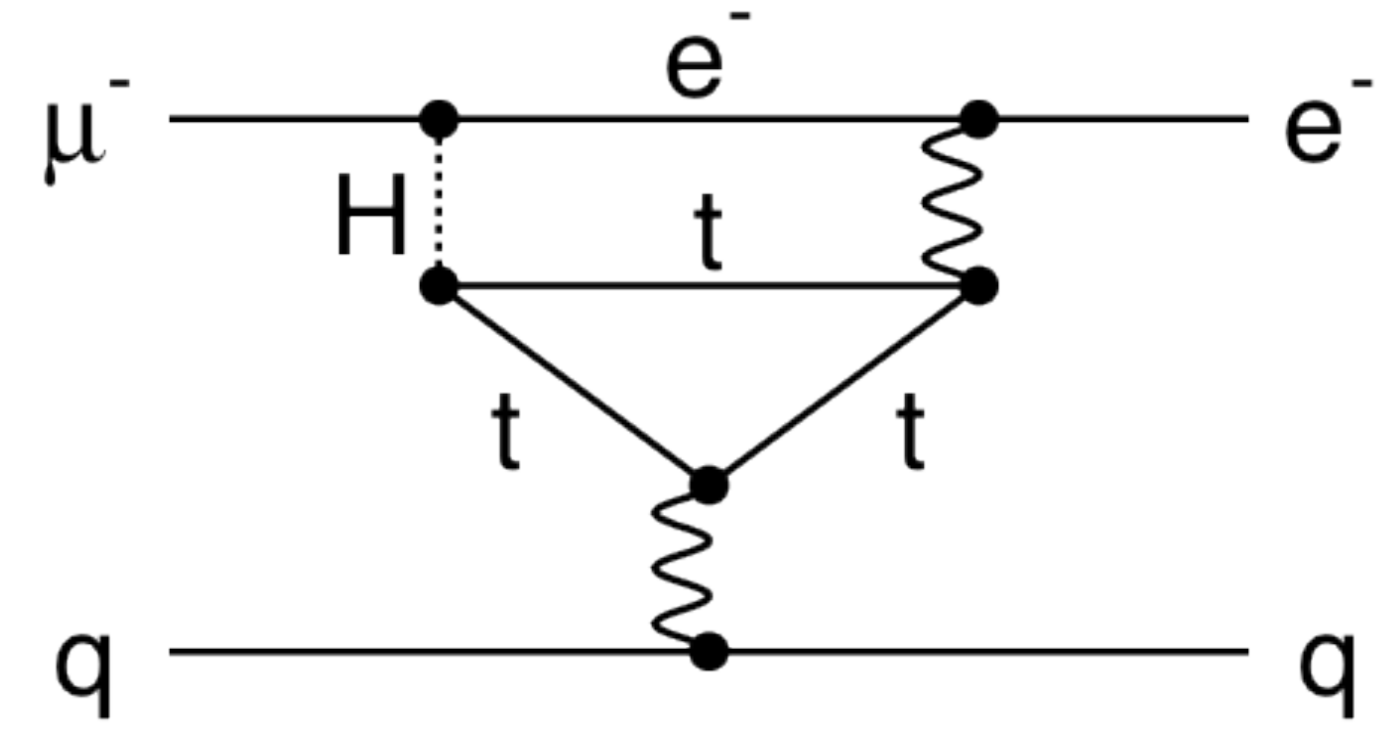
New Physics and $\mu \rightarrow e$



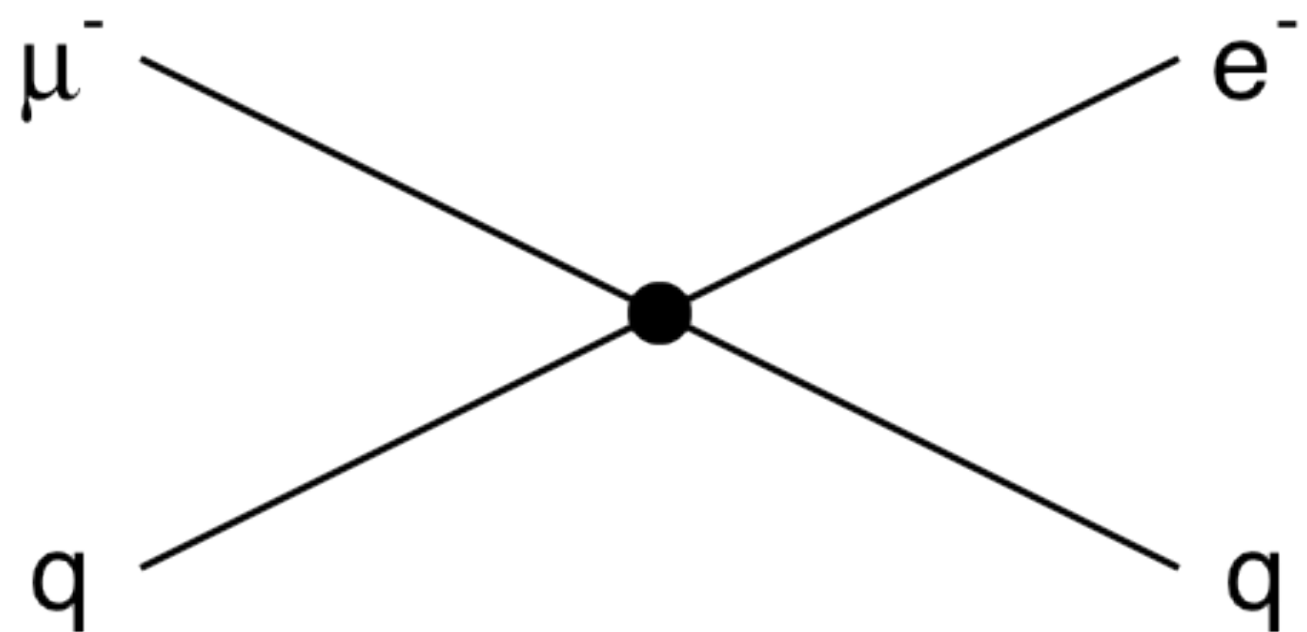
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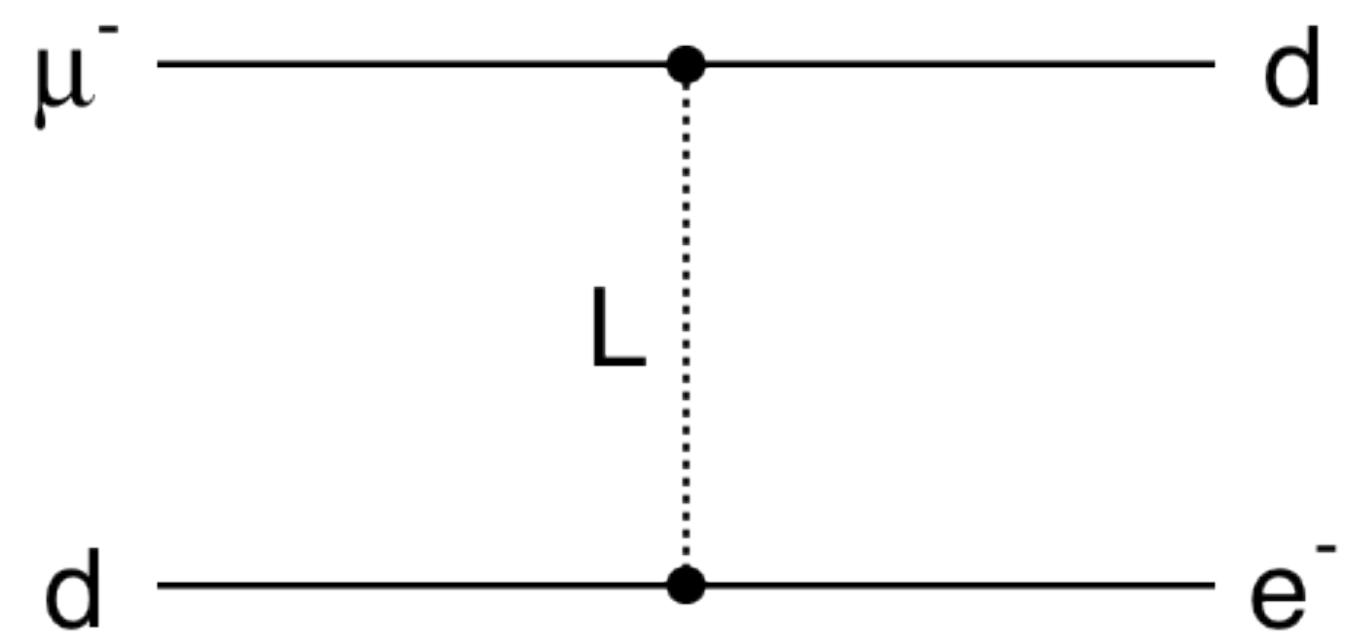
Heavy neutrino



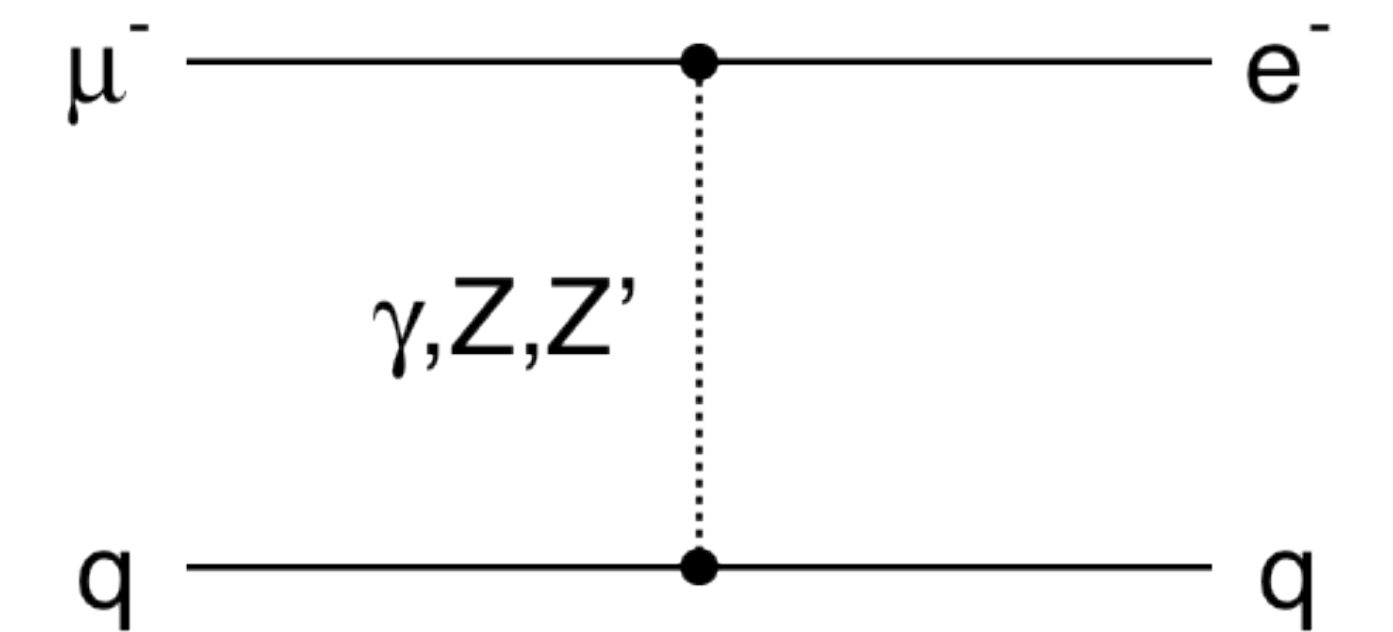
Two Higgs doublet



Compositeness

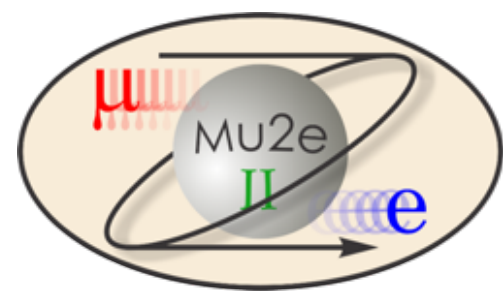


Leptoquarks



Z' / anomalous couplings

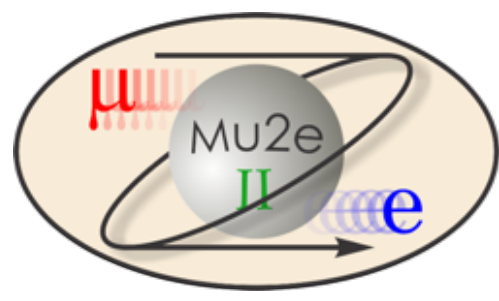
- Any signal observation would be an unambiguous sign of **New Physics**



Motivation

- $\mu \rightarrow e$ is the “golden channel” of CLFV
 - Probes complementary regions of NP space
 - Measured rates can provide model discrimination

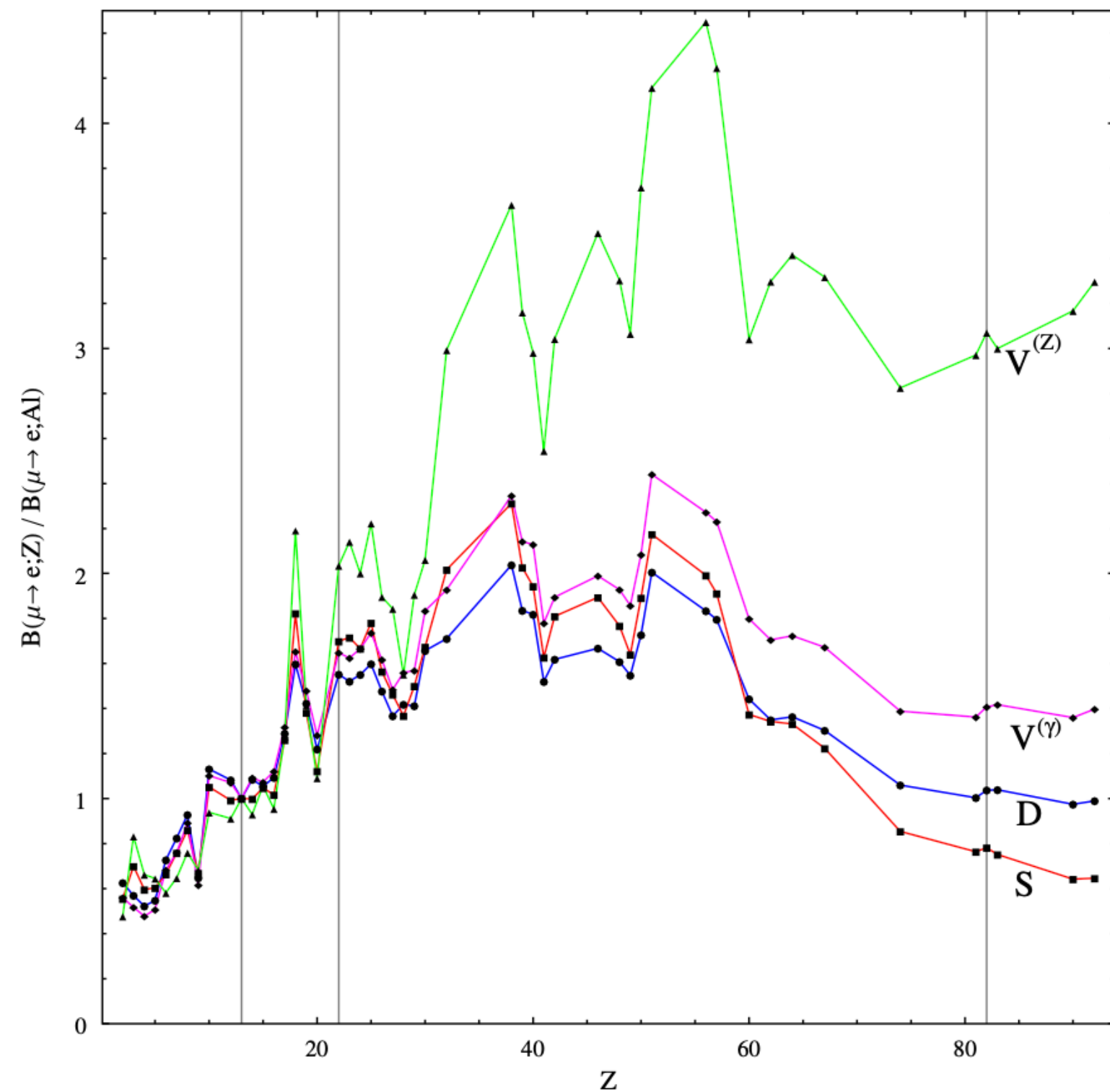
Process	Current Limit	Next Generation exp
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\eta$	BR < 6.5 E-8	10 ⁻⁹ - 10 ⁻¹⁰ (Belle II)
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	BR < 6.8 E-8	
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$	BR < 3.2 E-8	
$\tau \rightarrow eee$	BR < 3.6 E-8	
$K_L \rightarrow e\mu$	BR < 4.7 E-12	
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+e^-\mu^+$	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)
$\mu N \rightarrow eN$	$R_{\mu e} < 7.0 E-13$	10 ⁻¹⁷ (Mu2e, COMET), ~6x10 ⁻¹⁸ (Mu2e-II)



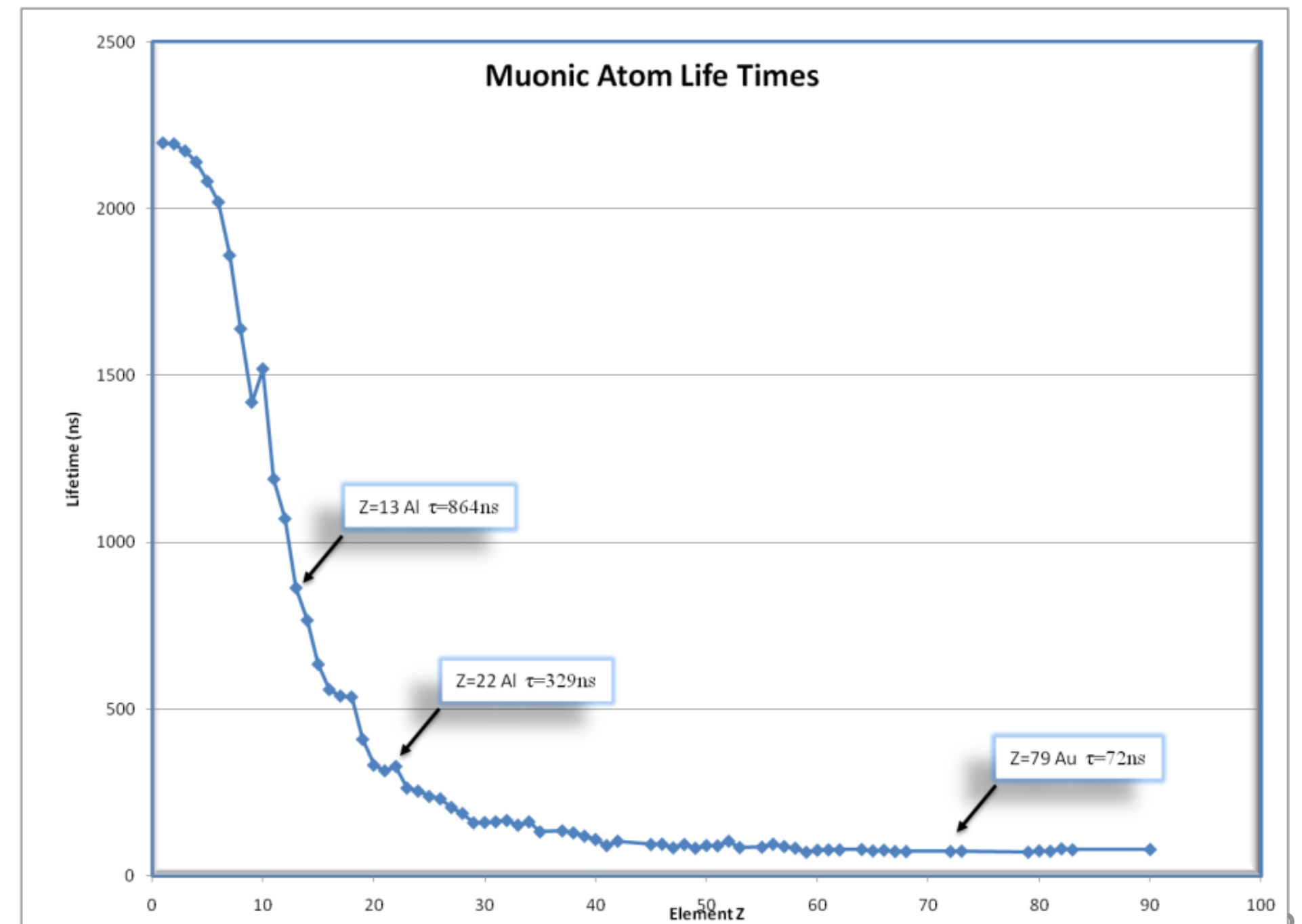
Model discrimination

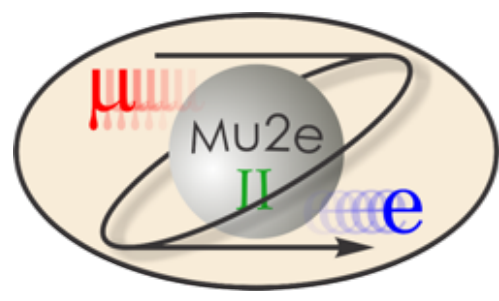


- If we observe $\mu \rightarrow e$, we can measure the rate using different target materials to probe the underlying NP operator
- Mu2e(II) beam timing structure preclude high-Z materials due to short muonic atom lifetimes
 - Al(864 ns), Ti (330 ns), Au (73 ns)



[V. Cirigliano et al., Phys. Rev. D 80, 013002](#)

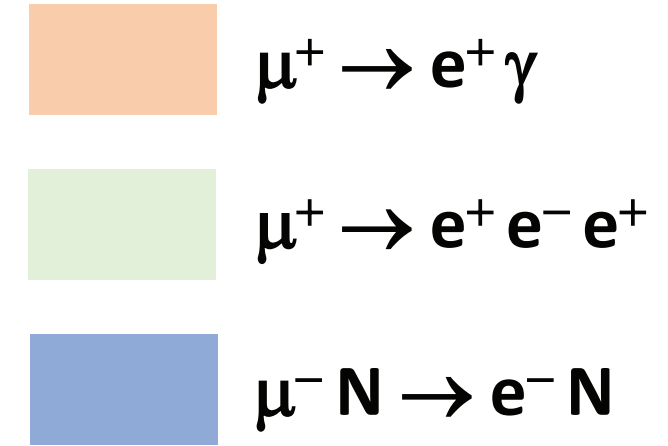
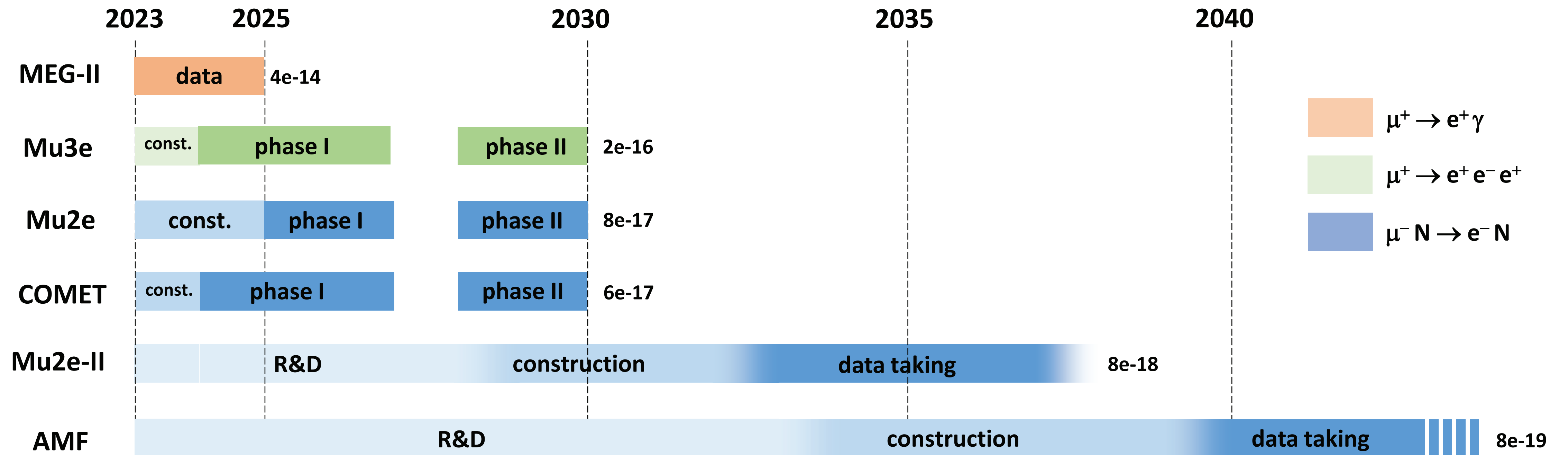


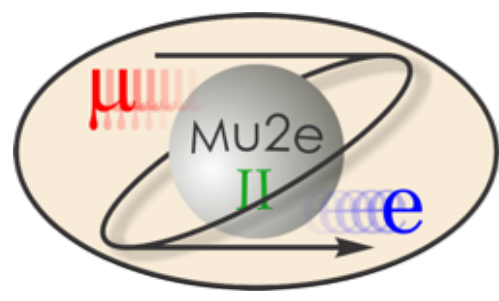


Timescale



- Mu2e and COMET are under construction at Fermilab and J-PARK respectively
- Phase-I aims to reach x1,000 improvement w.r.t. the current best limit
- Phase-II will push the sensitivity at 6-8e-17





Mu2e experimental setup

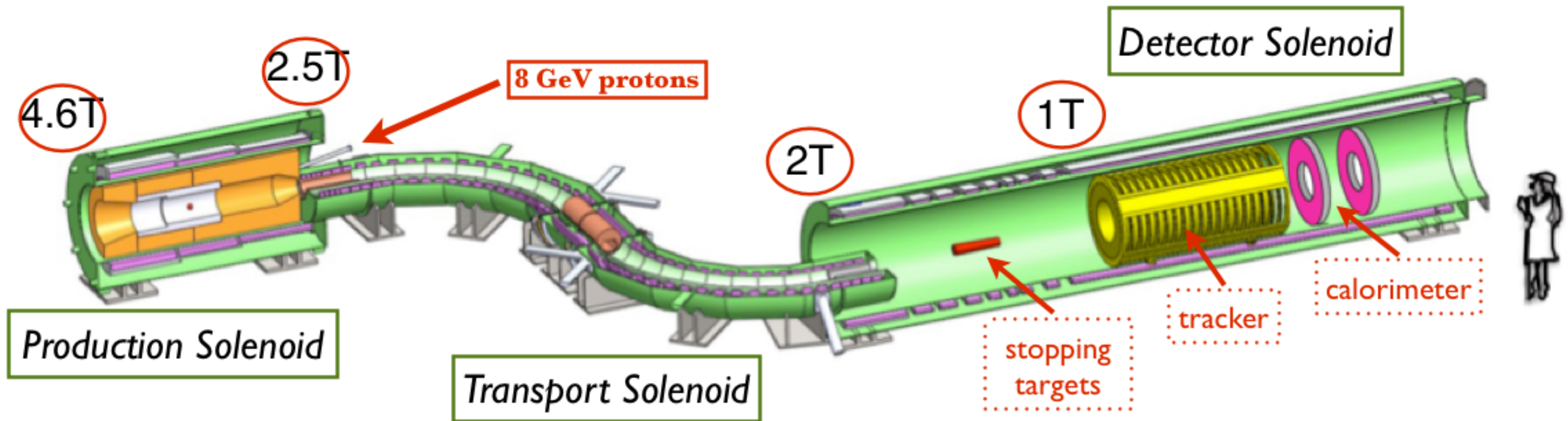


Production Solenoid:

- ➔ Proton beam strikes target, producing mostly pions
- ➔ Graded magnetic field contains backwards pions/muons and reflects slow forward pions/muons

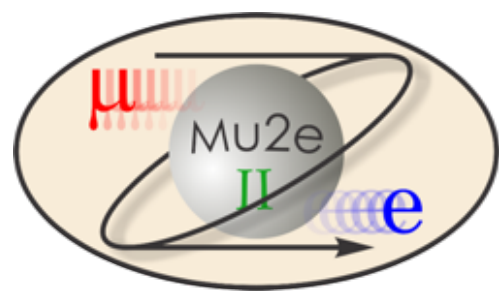
Detector Solenoid:

- ➔ Capture muons on Al target
- ➔ Graded field “focuses” e^- in tracker fiducial volume
- ➔ Measure momentum in tracker and energy in calorimeter



Transport Solenoid:

- ➔ Select low momentum, negative muons

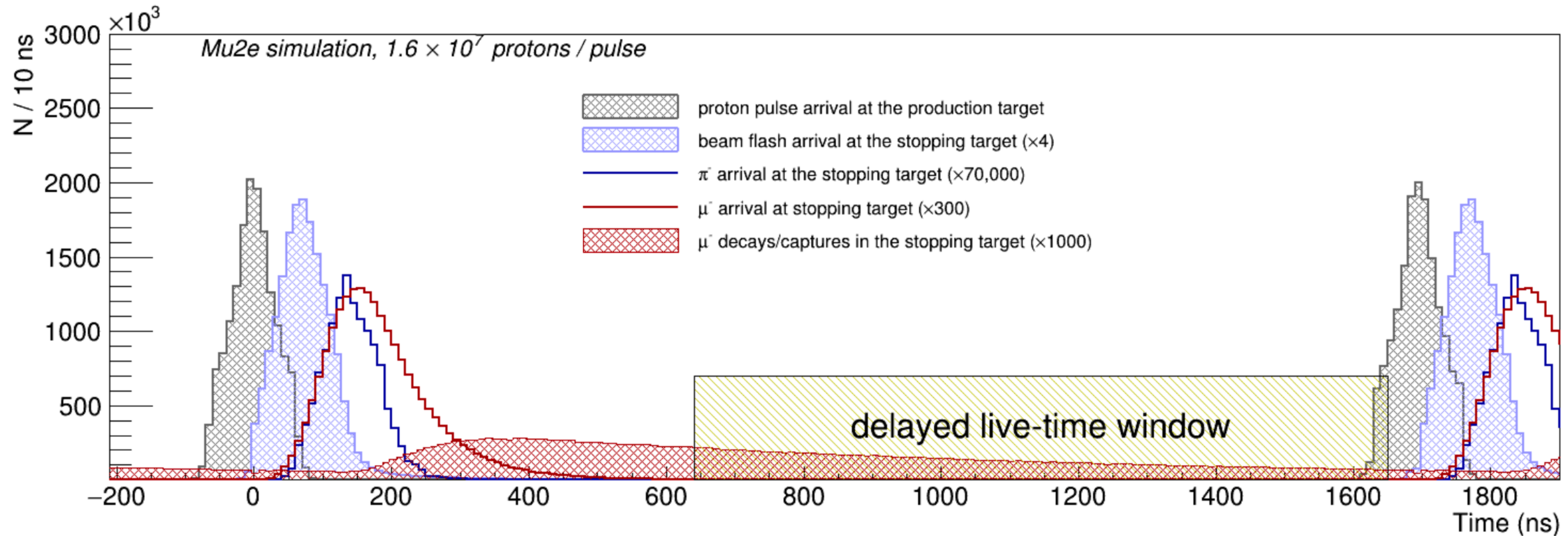


Mu2e pulsed beam

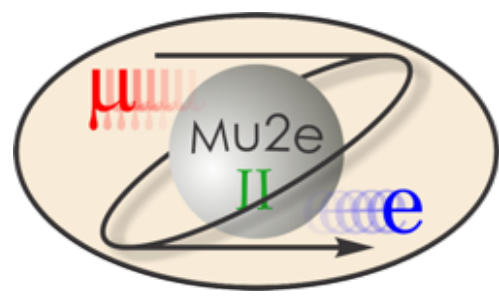


- Beam period : $1.7 \mu\text{s} \sim 2 \times \tau_{\mu}^{Al}$
- DAQ gate start after ~ 400 ns from p beam arrival
- **out-of-time protons / in-time protons $< 10^{-10}$**

π are suppressed by 11 orders of magnitude before the DAQ gate



Mu2e Collaboration, arXiv: 2210.11380

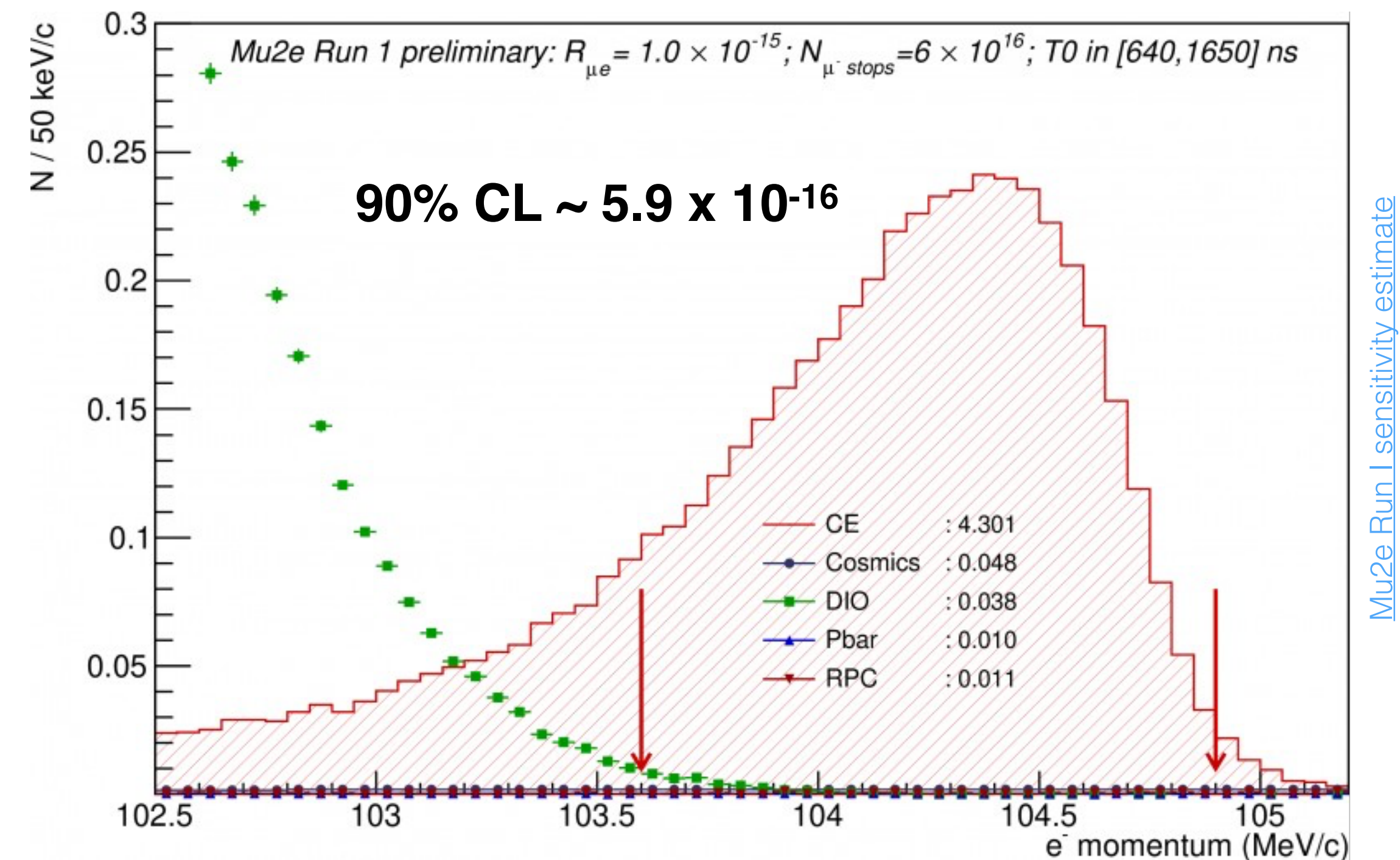


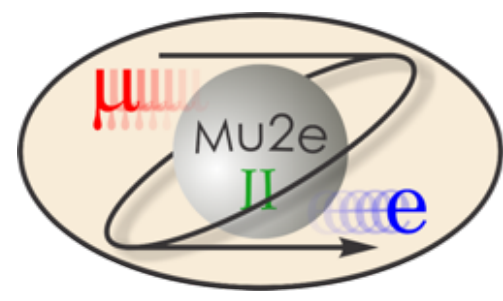
Mu2e sensitivity



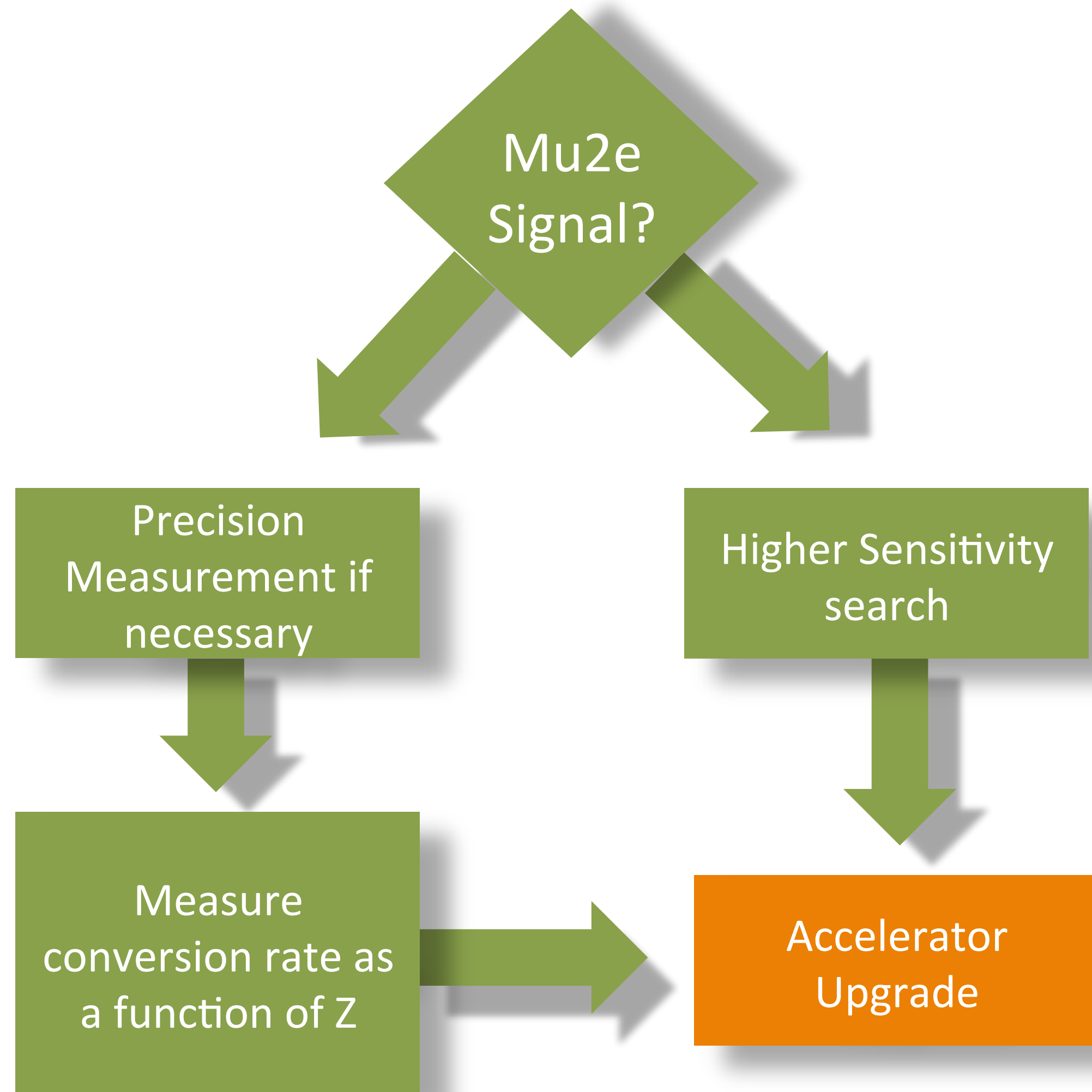
- **Run I: 2025-2026:** 10^3 improvement over SINDRUM-II 90% CL limit
- PIP-II/LBNF shutdown scheduled for end of 2026
- Data-taking resumes early 2029: the goal is a $\times 10^4$ improvement over SINDRUM-II: (90% CL)

Channel	Mu2e Run 1 Background Expectation
Cosmics	0.047 ± 0.010 (stat) ± 0.009 (syst)
DIO	0.038 ± 0.002 (stat) $^{+0.026}_{-0.016}$ (syst)
Antiprotons	0.010 ± 0.003 (stat) $^{+0.010}_{-0.004}$ (syst)
RPC in-time	0.011 ± 0.002 (stat) $^{+0.001}_{-0.003}$ (syst)
RPC out-of-time	negligibly small
RMC	negligibly small
Beam electrons	negligibly small
Total	0.106 ± 0.032 (stat \oplus syst)

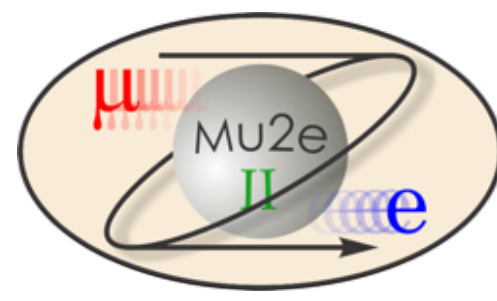




What's next?



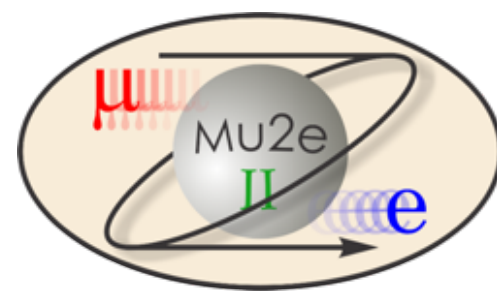
- A next-generation Mu2e experiment makes sense in all scenarios:
 - ✓ Push sensitivity or
 - ✓ Study underlying new physics
 - ✓ Will need more protons, thus an upgrade of the accelerator



Mu2e II



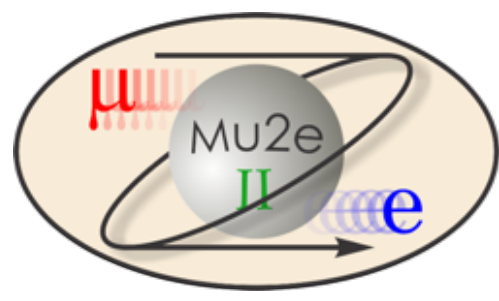
- **A proposed upgrade to the current Mu2e experiment that**
 - Uses ~100 kW of PIP-II 800 MeV protons
 - Leverages as much of Mu2e investment as reasonably possible
 - Achieves an order of magnitude improvement in sensitivity over Mu2e (i.e. probes $R_{\mu e}$ (90% C.L.) ~ $6e-18$ level, extends Λ_{NP} reach by x2)
- **Timescale**
 - Could start a few years after end of Mu2e with conceptual design work already started
 - Data taking period: ~2035-2040
 - R&D on critical items is needed now



Mu2e II



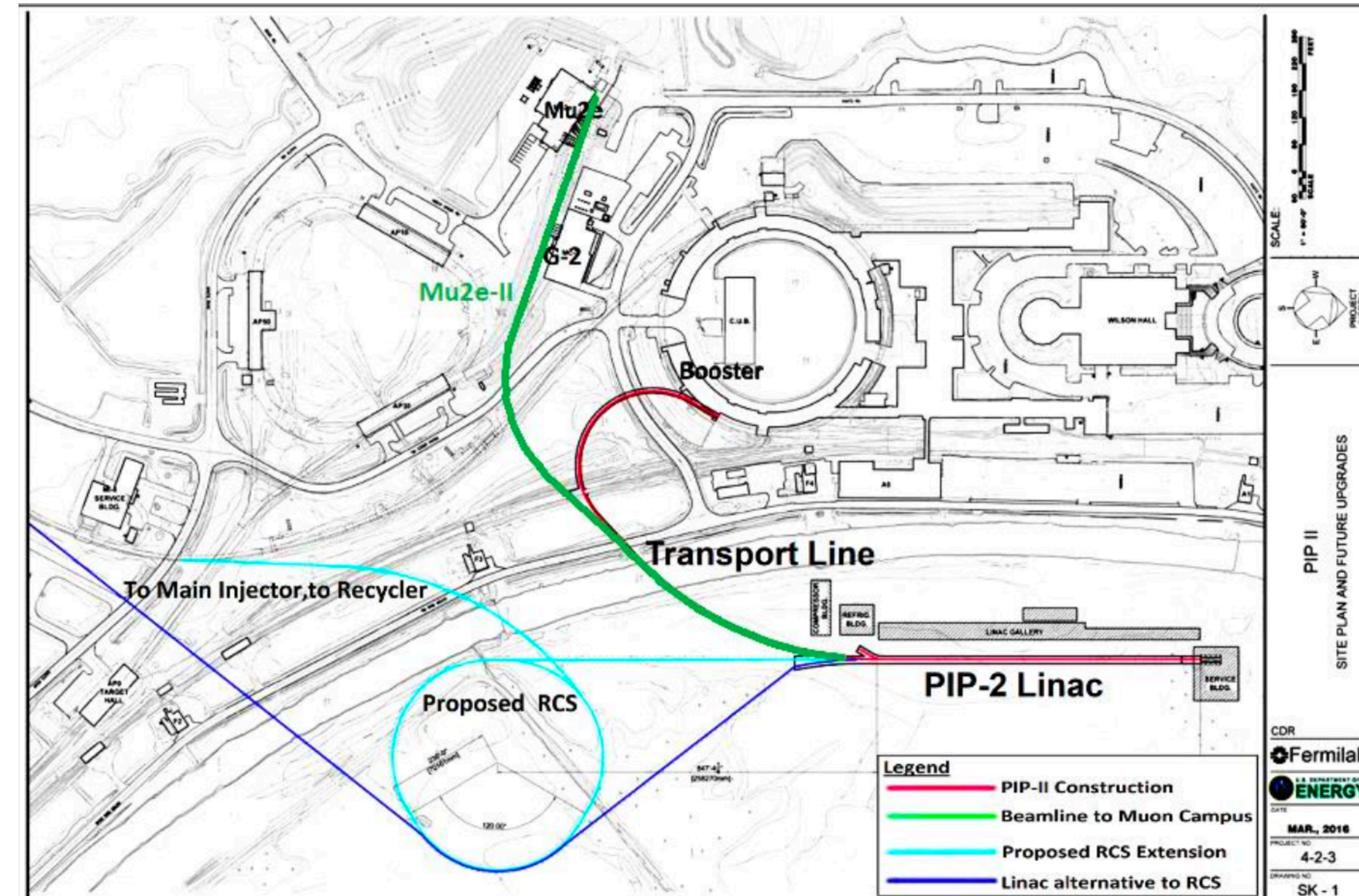
- Studies of feasibility started a decade ago
 - Since then, multiple workshops and several study papers
- 2 Fermilab grants (LDRD) obtained so far: production target and tracker R&D
- 12 LOI's on Mu2e-II subsystems submitted to Snowmass
- **Snowmass White Paper** [arXiv:2203.07569](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.07569)
 - 108 signatories from 34 institutes and 7 countries
 - Snowmass endorses the physics goal and recommends Mu2e-II as natural progression in the muon program

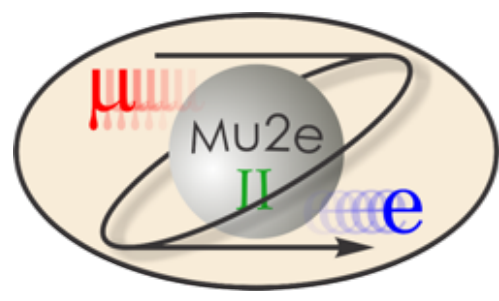


Mu2e-II proton beam from PIP II



- PIP-II designed to deliver 800 MeV H⁻ beam to the Booster
- Discussions ongoing to increase the beam energy up to 2-3 GeV
- which is still below the pbar production threshold AND increase the π x-sec
- Mu2e-II will get a beam at upstream end of transfer line to Booster:
- Need to build a beamline to deliver beam to M4 enclosure

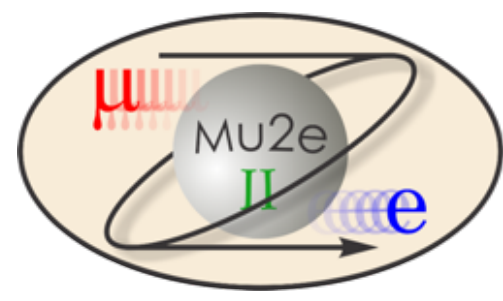




Production Solenoid

- Stopped μ per watt comparable, 8 GeV vs 800 MeV
- Challenge: design a target that can handle very high heat and rad loads
 - Replace bronze heat and radiation shield with tungsten shield
- Not clear if PS will need to be replaced due to radiation damage or need for a larger radius to accommodate thicker shield
- Protons curve in field, injection path must be modified

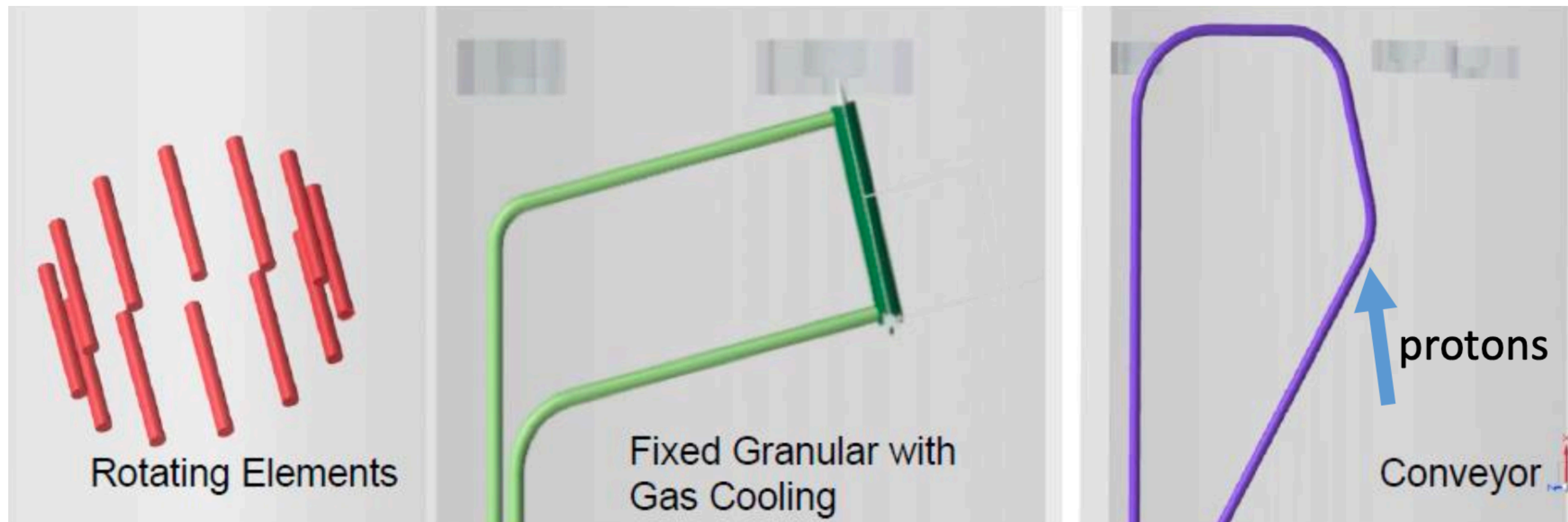


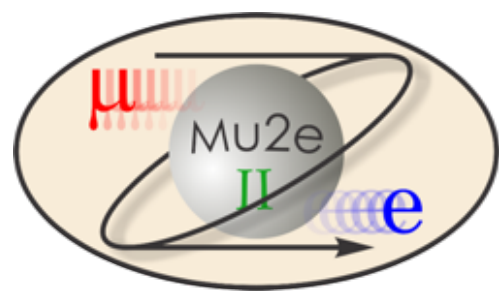


Mu2e-II Production Target



- Mu2e dumps ~ 1 kW in a W target that is radiatively cooled, while for Mu2e-II, we will have ~ 15 kW in target
- Exploring different target materials: W, WC, SiC
 - Fermilab LDRD supports target investigations
- Conveyor prototype is current front-runner
- Simulations ongoing of μ -yield, thermal stress, radiation damage, residual activation, radiation and heat loads
- Synergy with other target groups e.g. muon collider, COMET, and AMF are being discussed

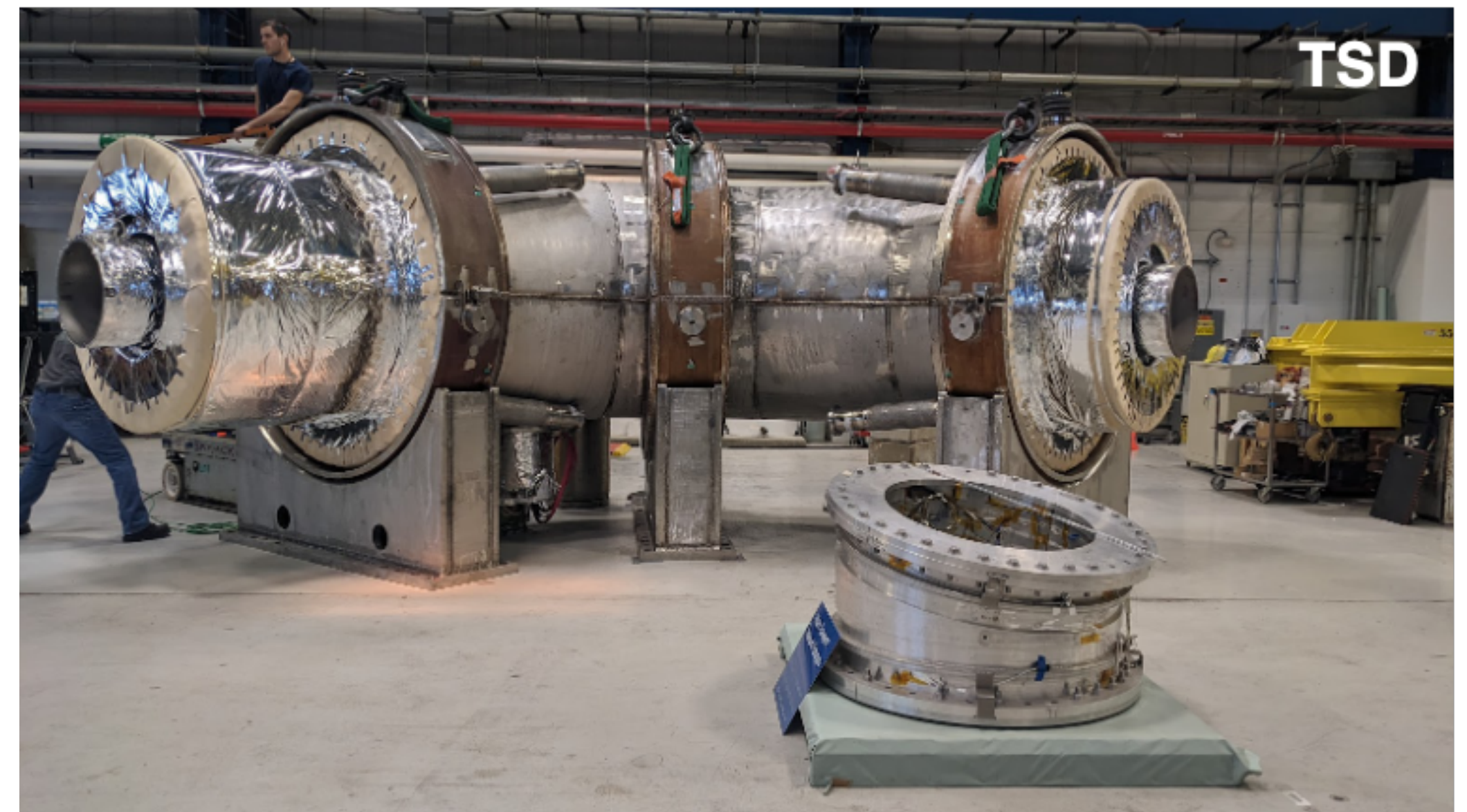


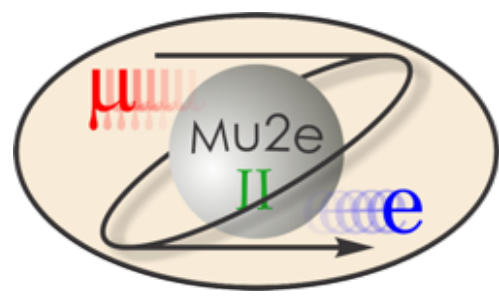


Transport Solenoid



- Delivery to Mu2e hall expected Oct 2023
- thin absorber in center can be removed - 800 MeV beam does not produce antiprotons
- No or minor changes anticipated for Mu2e-II upgrade
- Assumes upstream portion does not suffer excessive radiation damage from Mu2e operation
- For Mu2e-II: Perhaps we can reduce aperture to reduce average momentum of muons, stopping a larger fraction in a thin target and they will arrive later so more survive into live window





Detector Solenoid

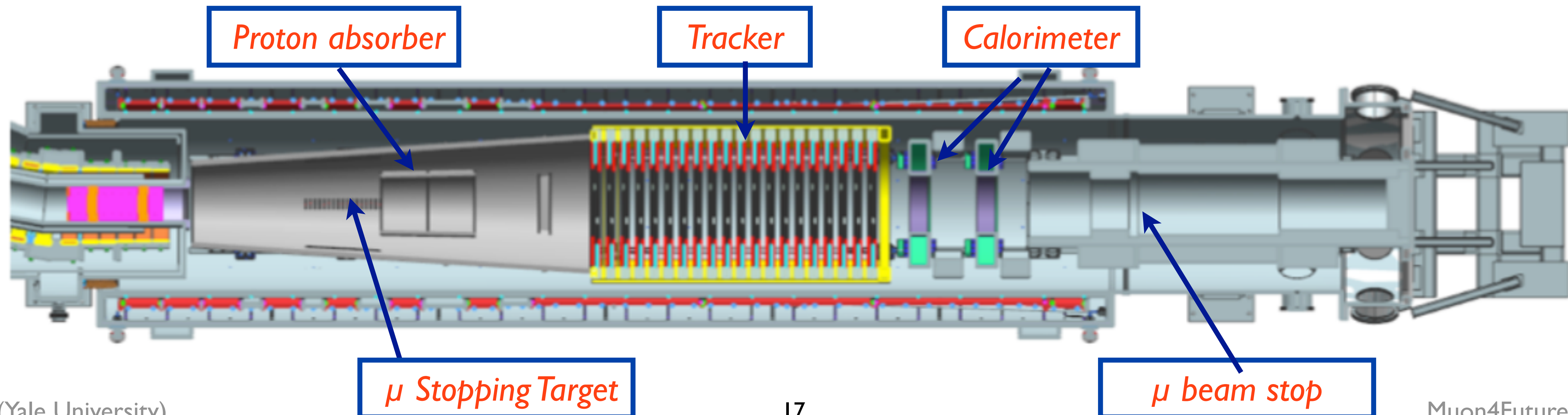


Mu2e:

- 10/11 DS coils wound and epoxied
- Cold mass cryo supports prepared
- Delivery to Fermilab expected early 2024

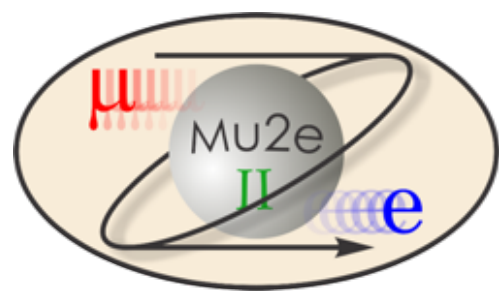
Mu2eII:

- No changes necessary to the solenoid for Mu2e II
- Keep same detector arrangement as Mu2e



Mu2e-II detector challenges

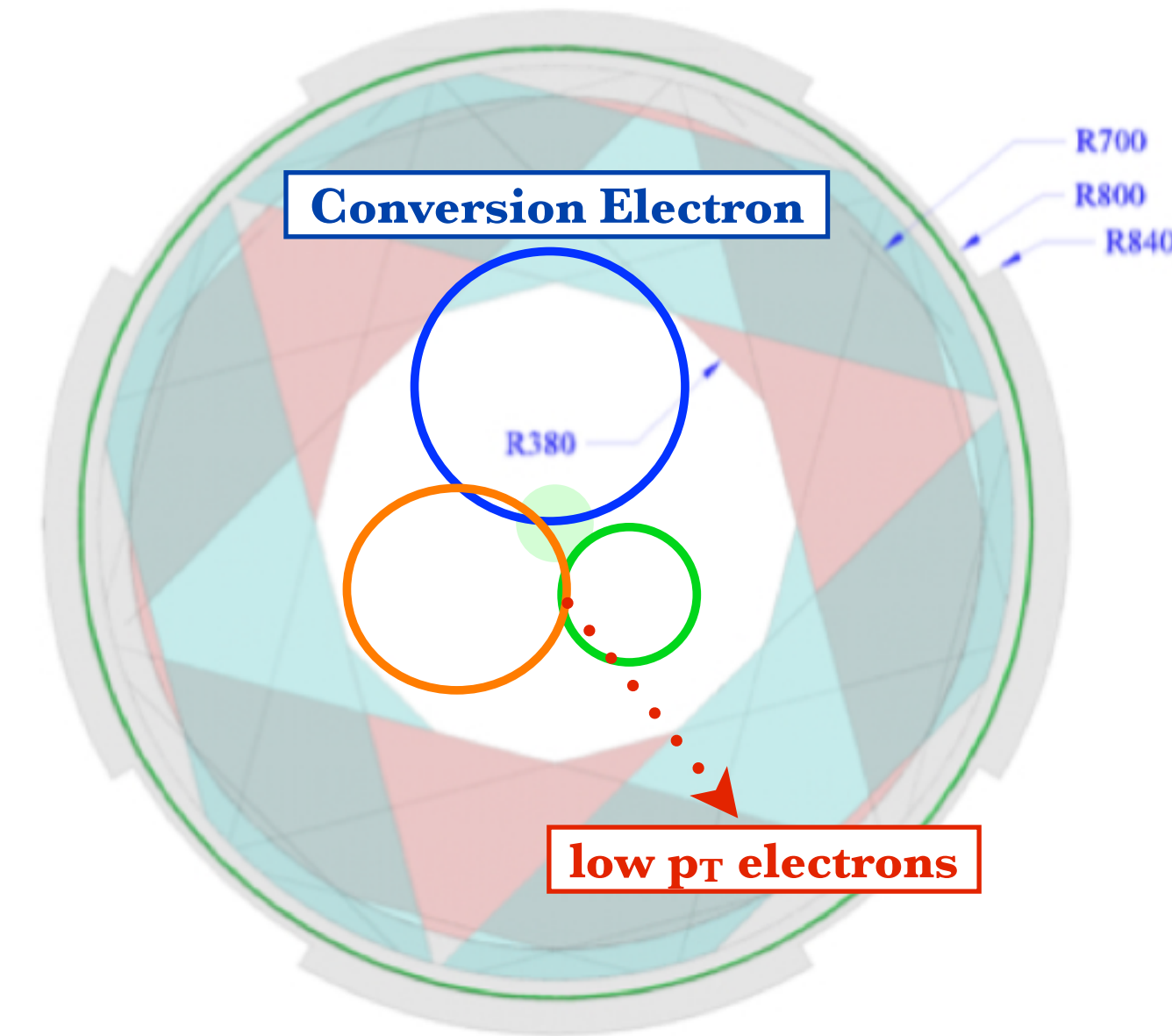
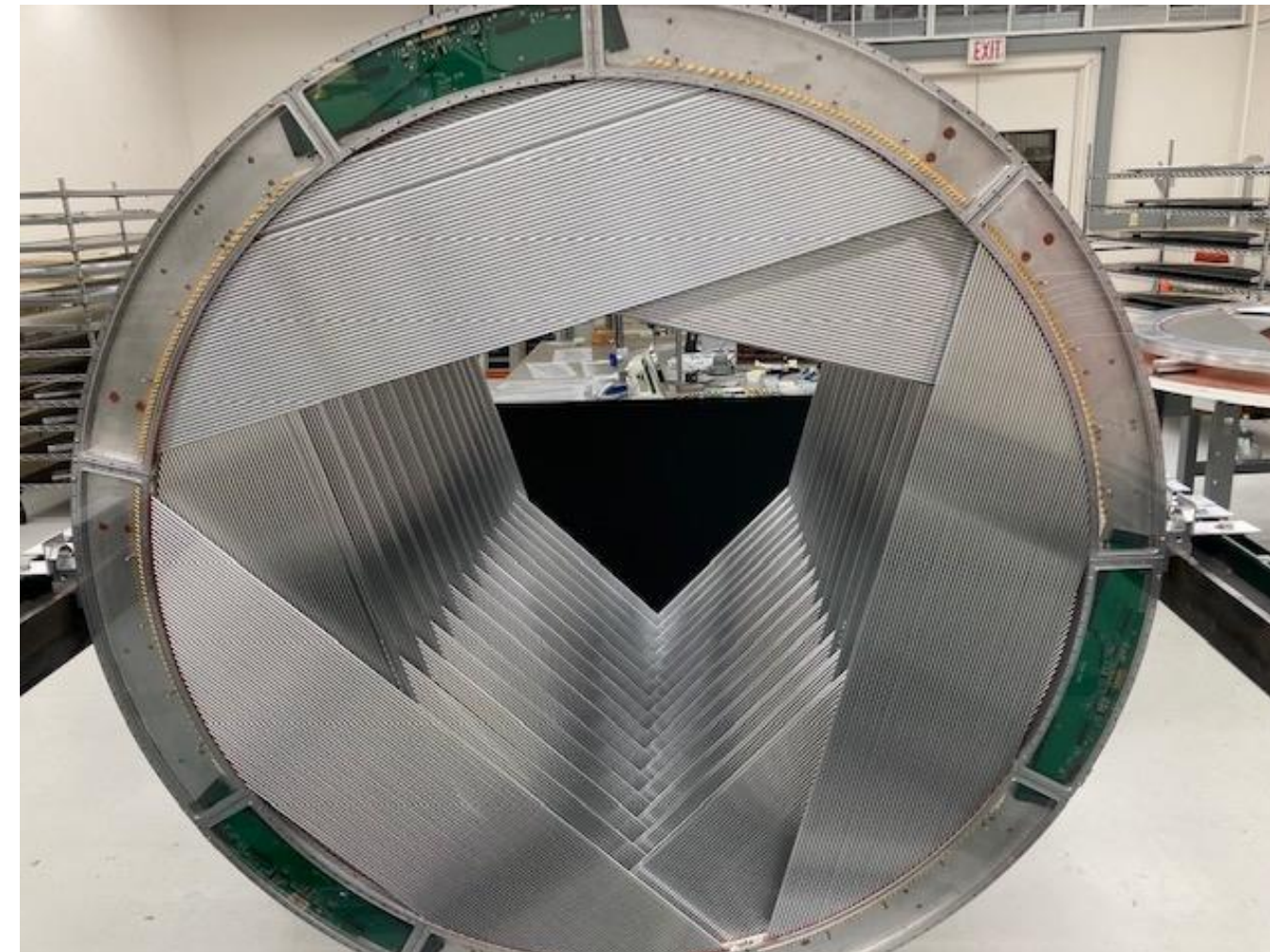




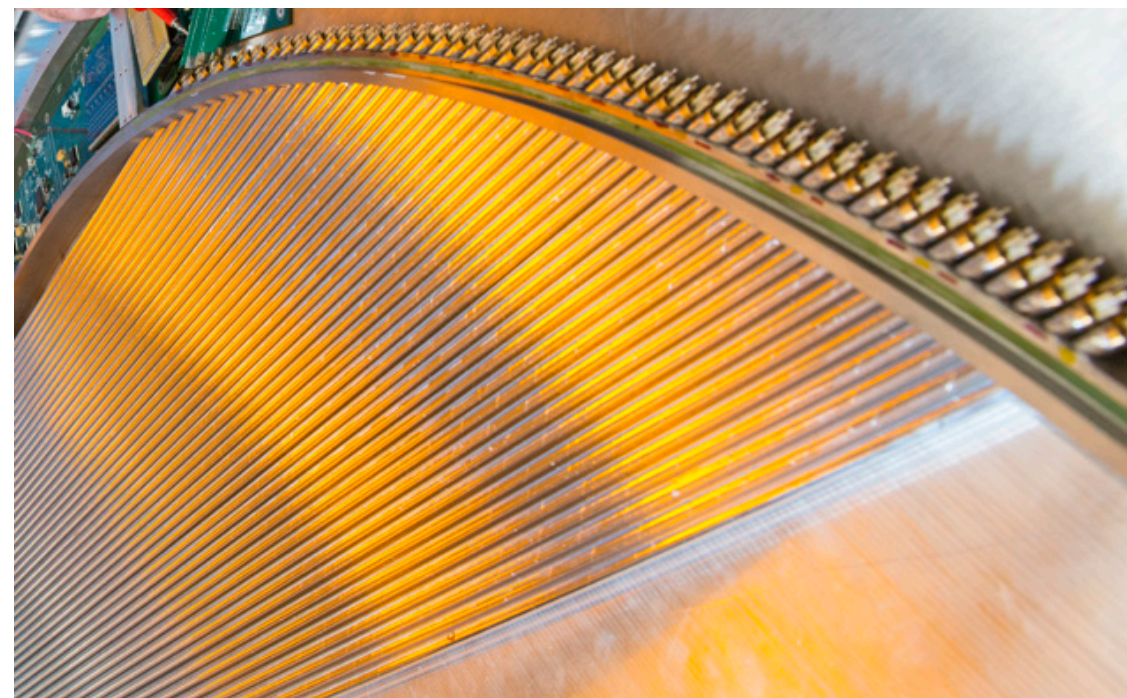
Mu2e Tracker design

- 36 planes equally spaced with straws transverse to the beam
- Straw technology employed:
 - ✓ 5 mm diameter, 12 μm Mylar walls
 - ✓ 25 μm Au-plated W sense wire
 - ✓ 80/20 Ar/CO₂ with HV \sim 1500 V
- Inner 38 cm un-instrumented:
 - ✓ blind to beam flash
 - ✓ blind to **low** pT particles

Tracker assembly



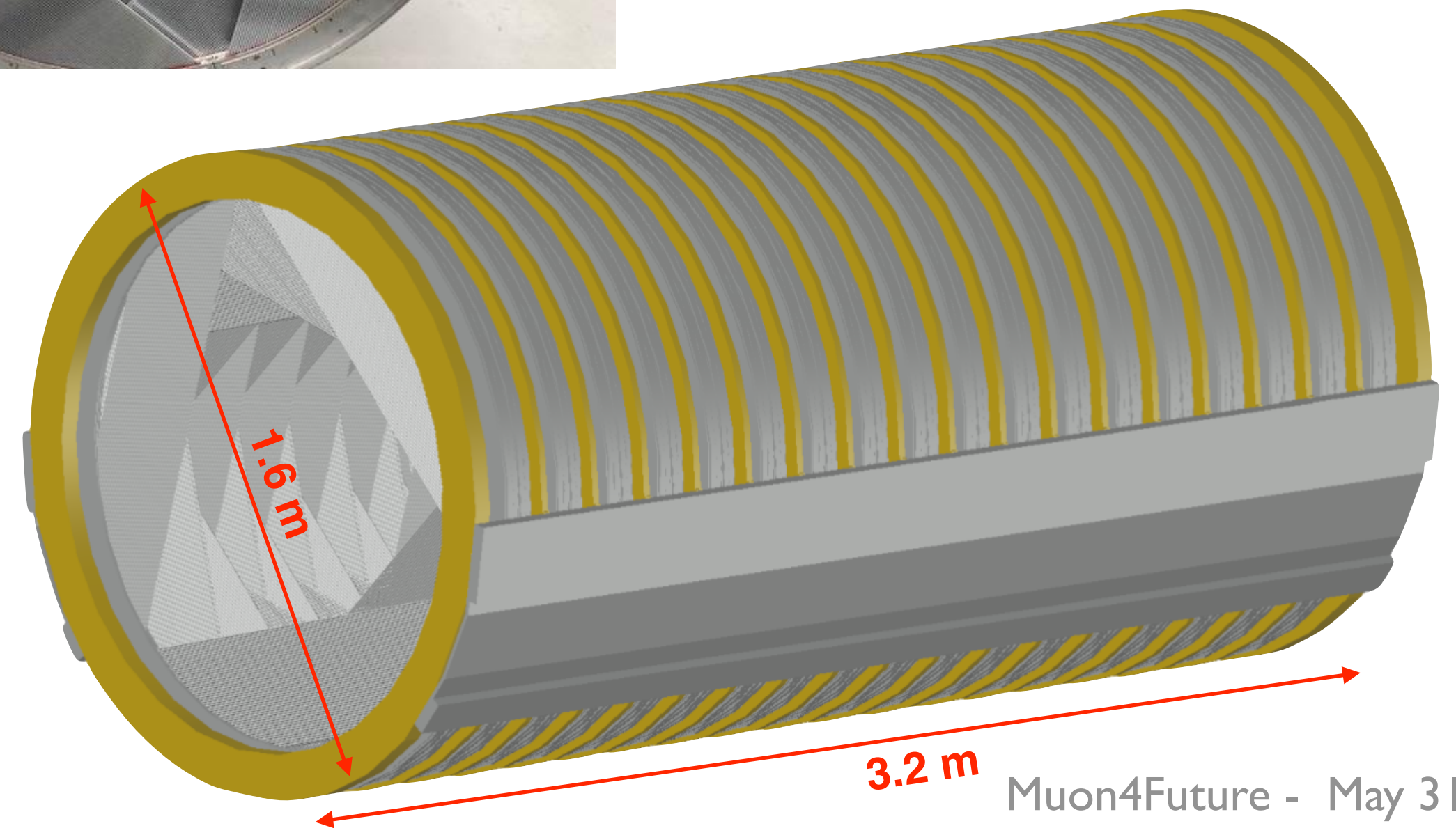
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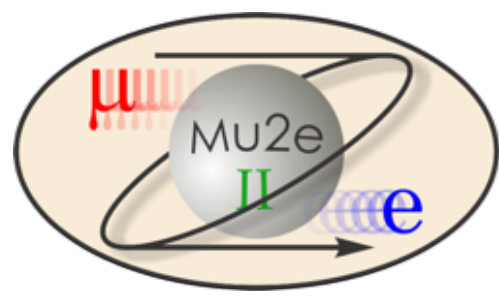


panels



plane





Mu2e-II Tracker: challenges

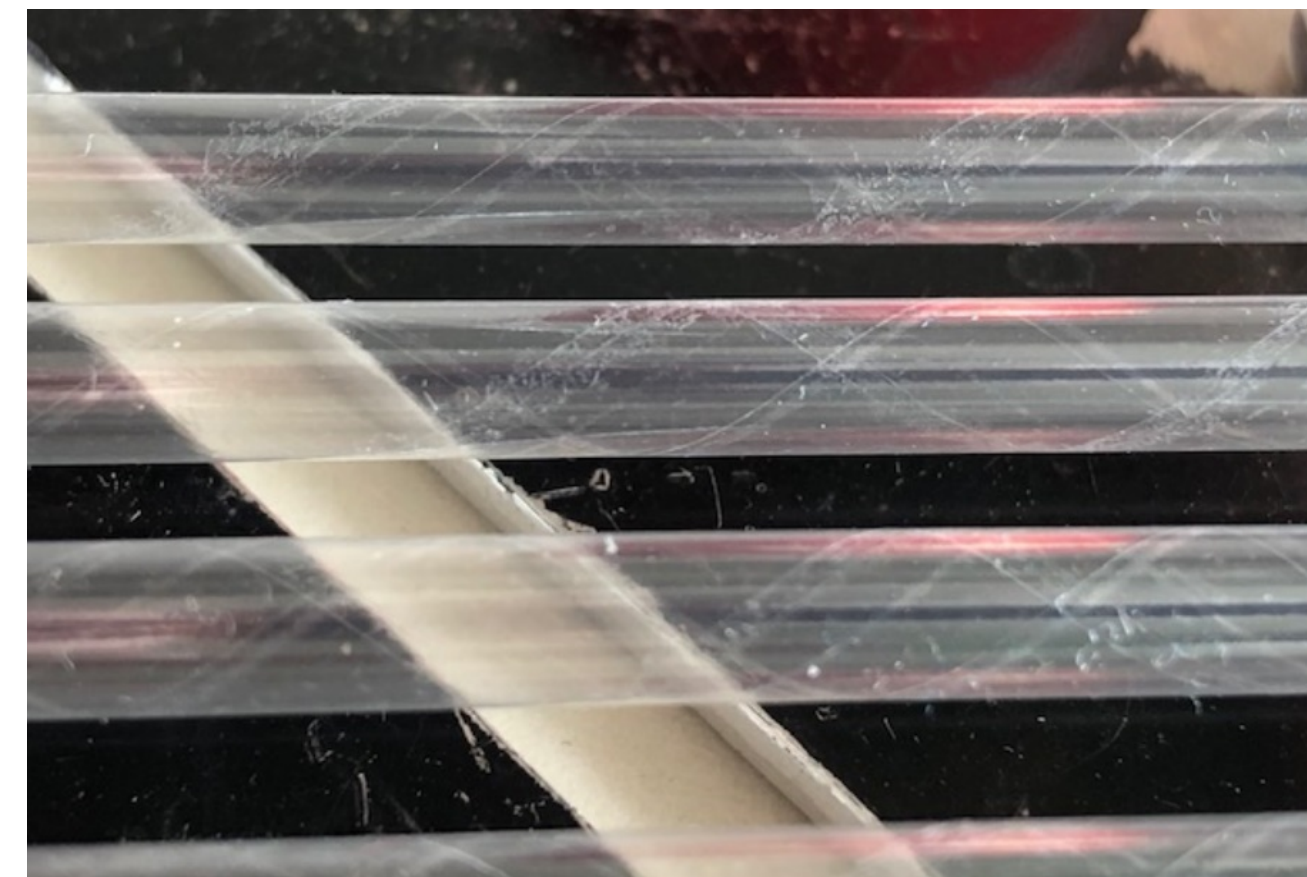
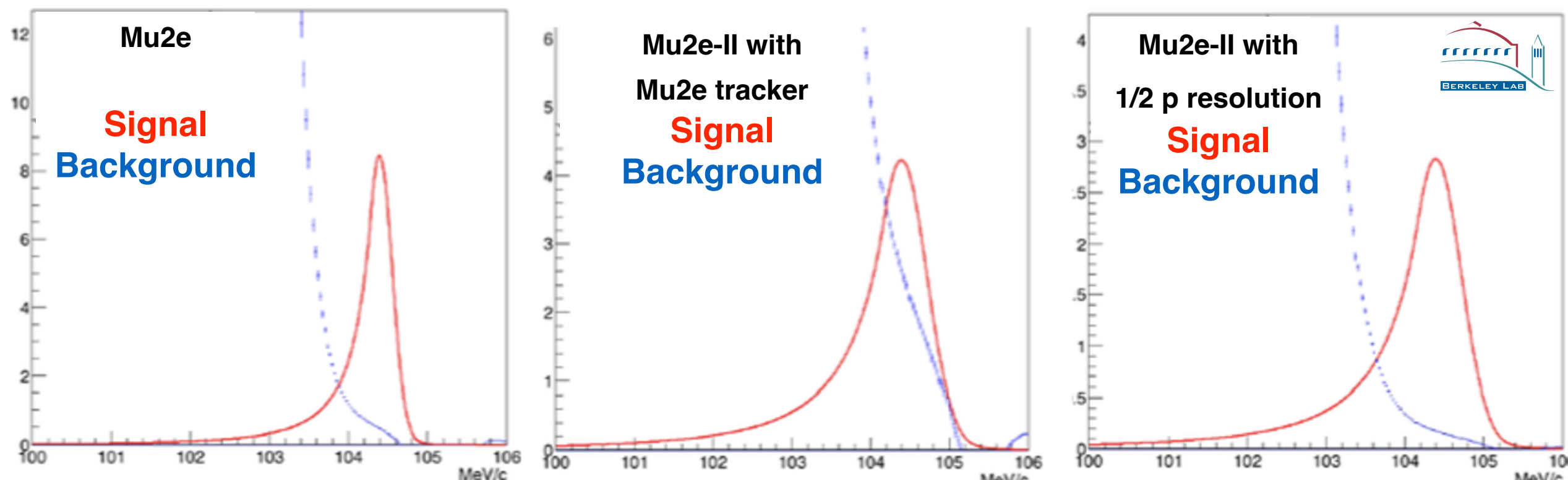


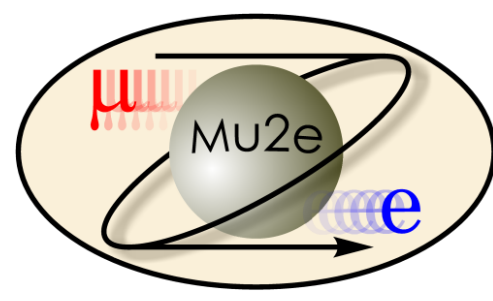
Challenges

- Increased radiation load in the electronics
- x4 higher intensity is expected to impact marginally the tracking efficiency (a few %)
- Increased momentum resolution requirement due to the higher DIO background level ($\sim \times 10$)
- A toy MC study showed that the Mu2e tracker design doesn't provide discrimination
 - We need to reduce the material budget

R&D:

- A LDRD @ Fermilab (Brendan Casey et al) is characterizing ultra-thin straw-tubes (3-8 μm)
- Working with the same vendor that made the Mu2e straws
- Successful tests with 8 μm case:
 - Held 1 atm for multiple days
 - Survived 400 g tension without visible distortions
- Studying/testing also possible solutions for the support frame

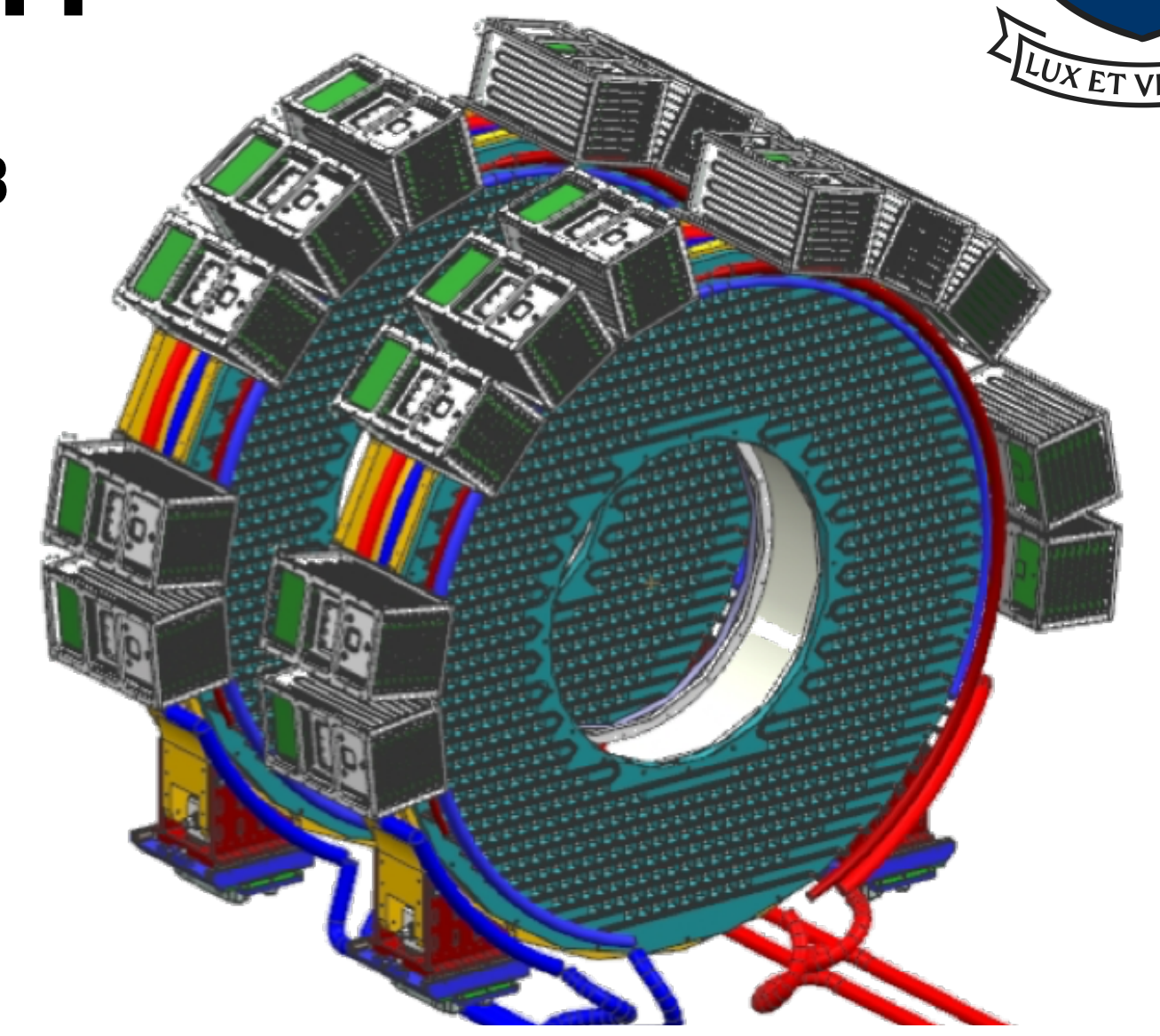




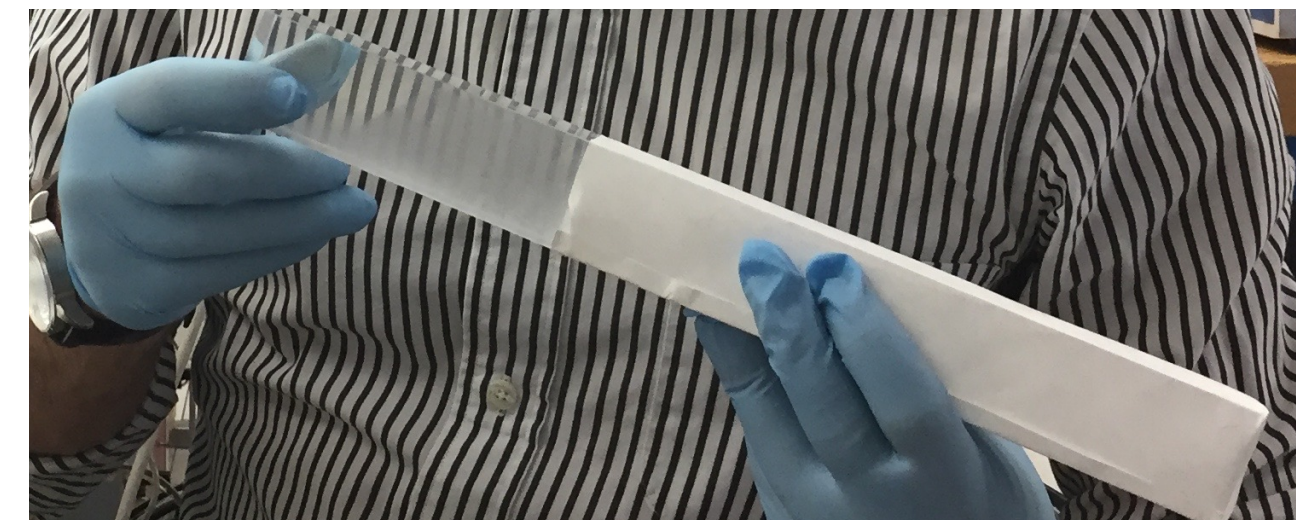
Mu2e Calorimeter design



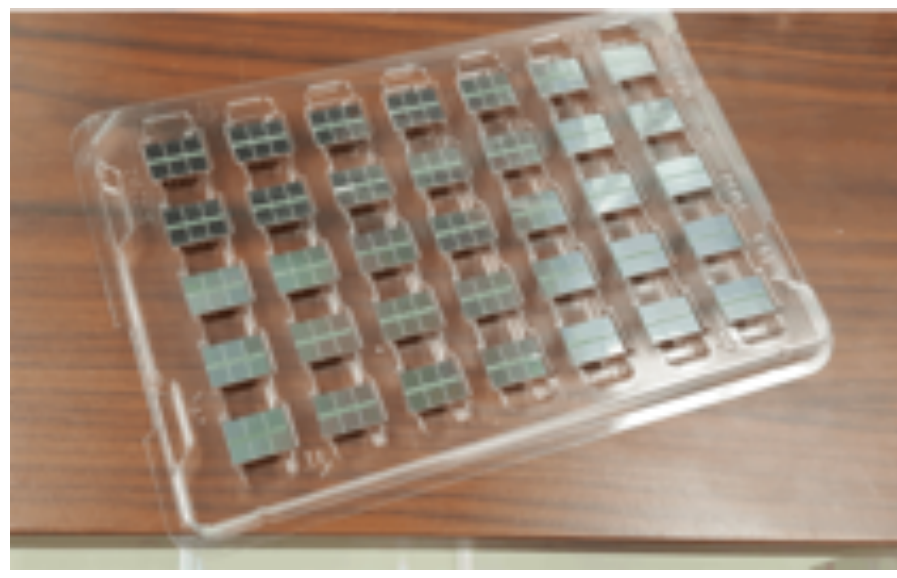
- 2 disks; each disk contains 630 undoped CsI crystals $20 \times 3.4 \times 3.4 \text{ cm}^3$
- Inner/outer radii: 35.1/66 cm
- Disk separation $\sim 75 \text{ cm}$
- Readout system:
 - ➔ 2 large area SiPM-array/crystal
 - ➔ 12 bit, 200 MHz waveform-based digitizer boards



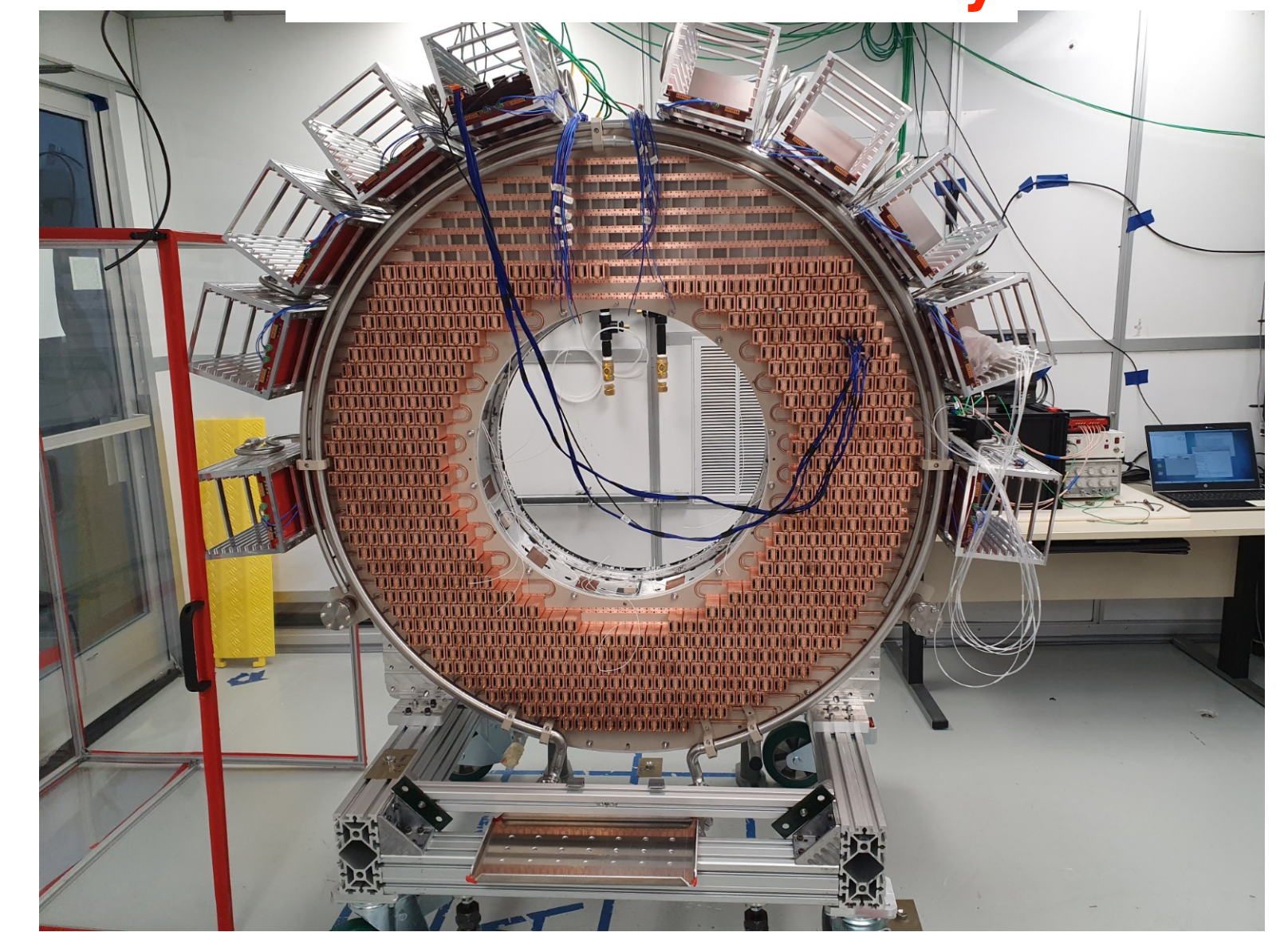
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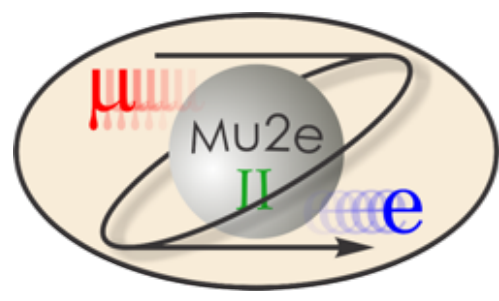


SiPM array



calorimeter assembly





Mu2e-II calorimeter: crystal R&D

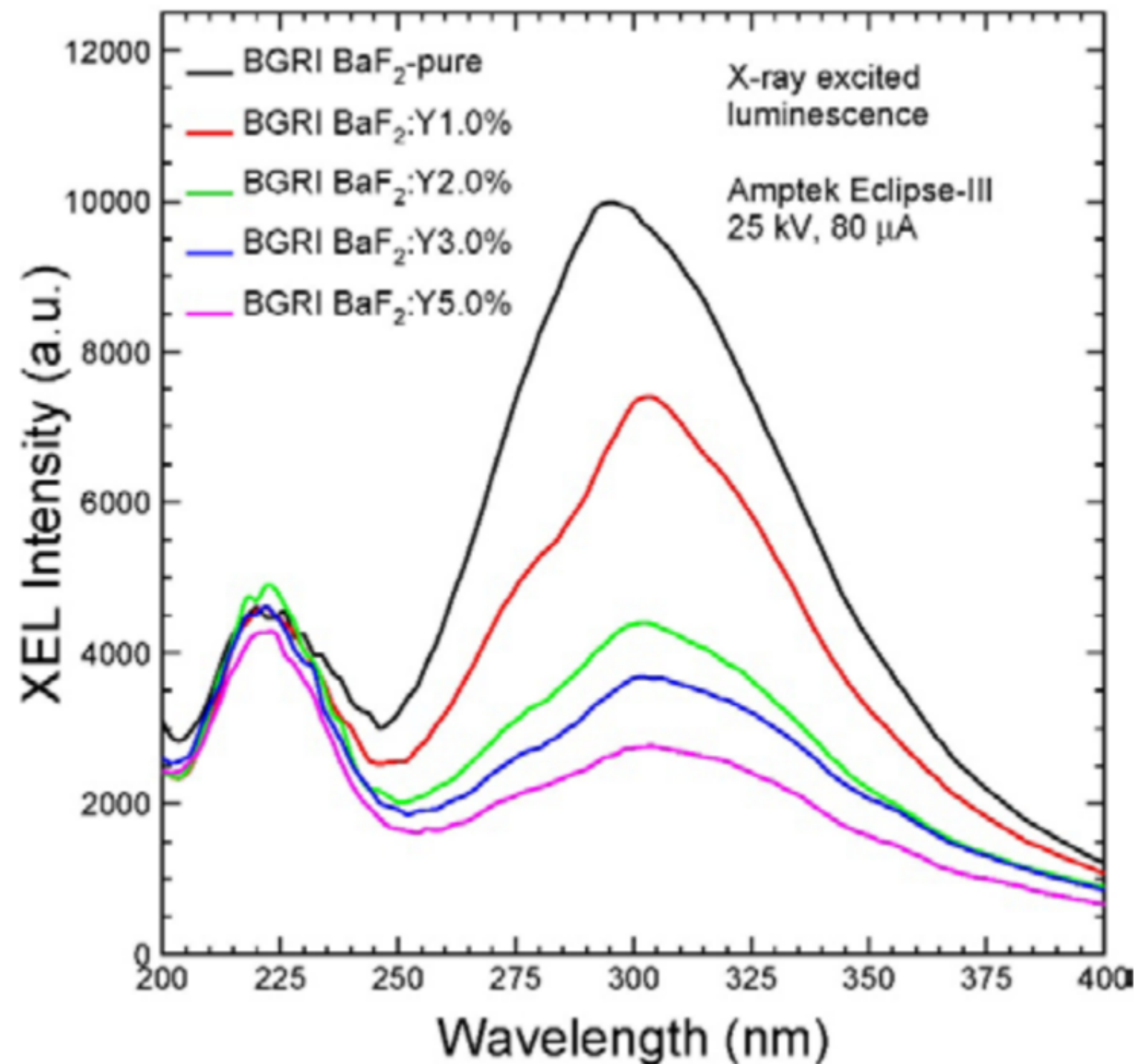


- Rad-hard issues for the CsI in the Mu2e-II case: $\sim 10\text{kGy/year}$
- Larger occupancy requires a faster crystal

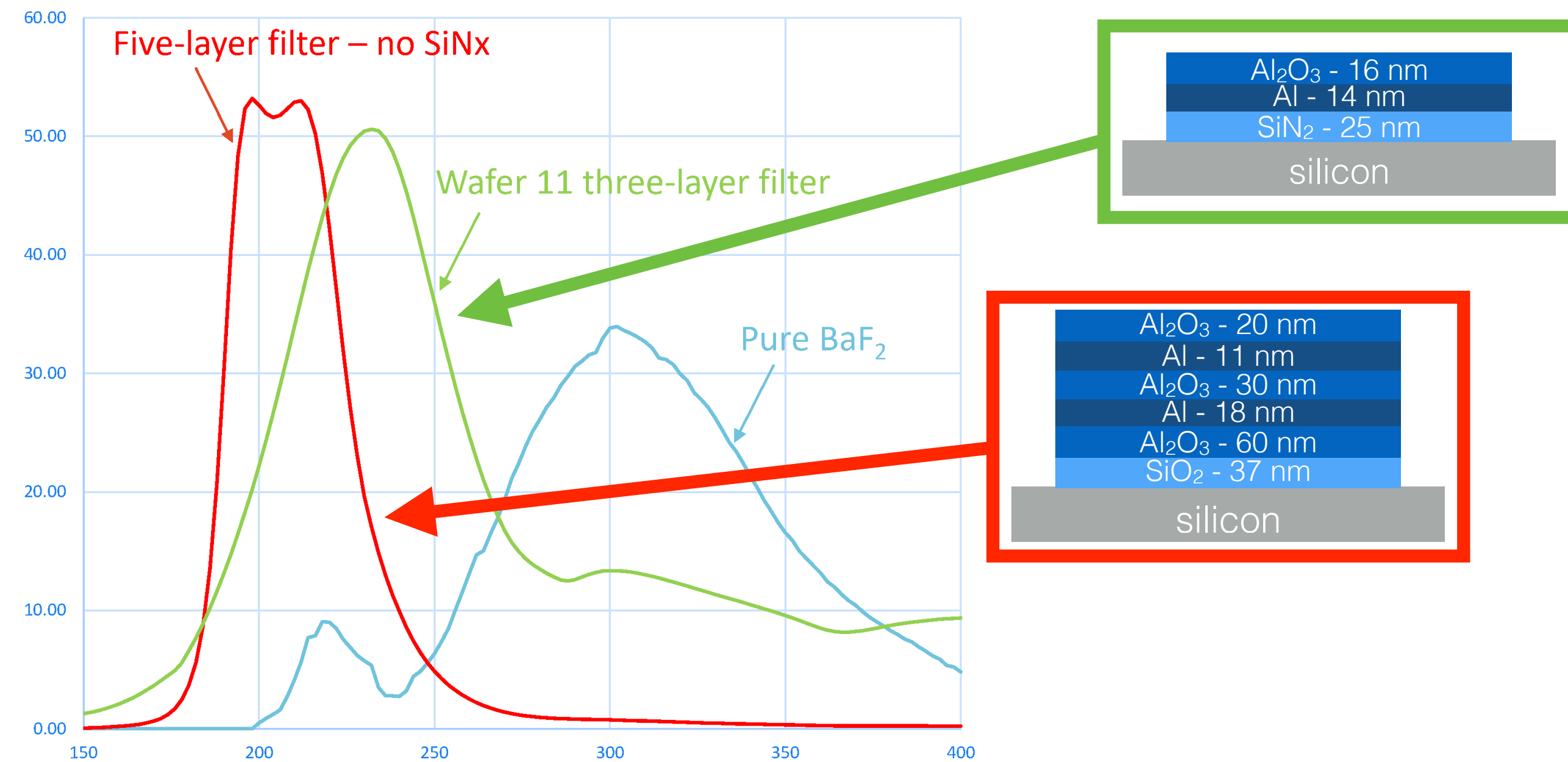
Proposed solution:

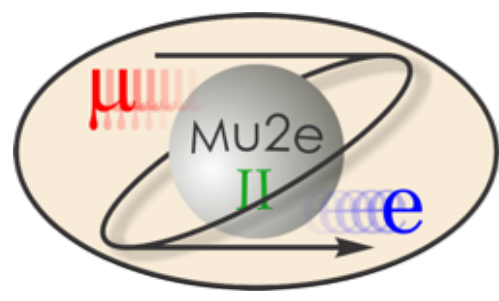
- BaF_2 crystals
- Caltech-JPL-FBK consortium working on delivering developing a special coating for SiPMs
- Sandwich of Al , SiN_2 and Al_2O_3 layers deposited on the active material

Crystal	CsI(pure)	BaF_2	$\text{BaF}_2(\text{Y})$
Density [g/cm^3]	4.51	4.89	4.89
Hygroscopicity	Slight	None	None
λ_{peak} [nm]	420	300	300
	310	220	220
Light Yield [% NaI(Tl)]	3.6	42	1.7
	1.1	4.8	4.8
Decay Time [ns]	30	600	600
	6	0.5	0.5



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Cosmic Ray Veto

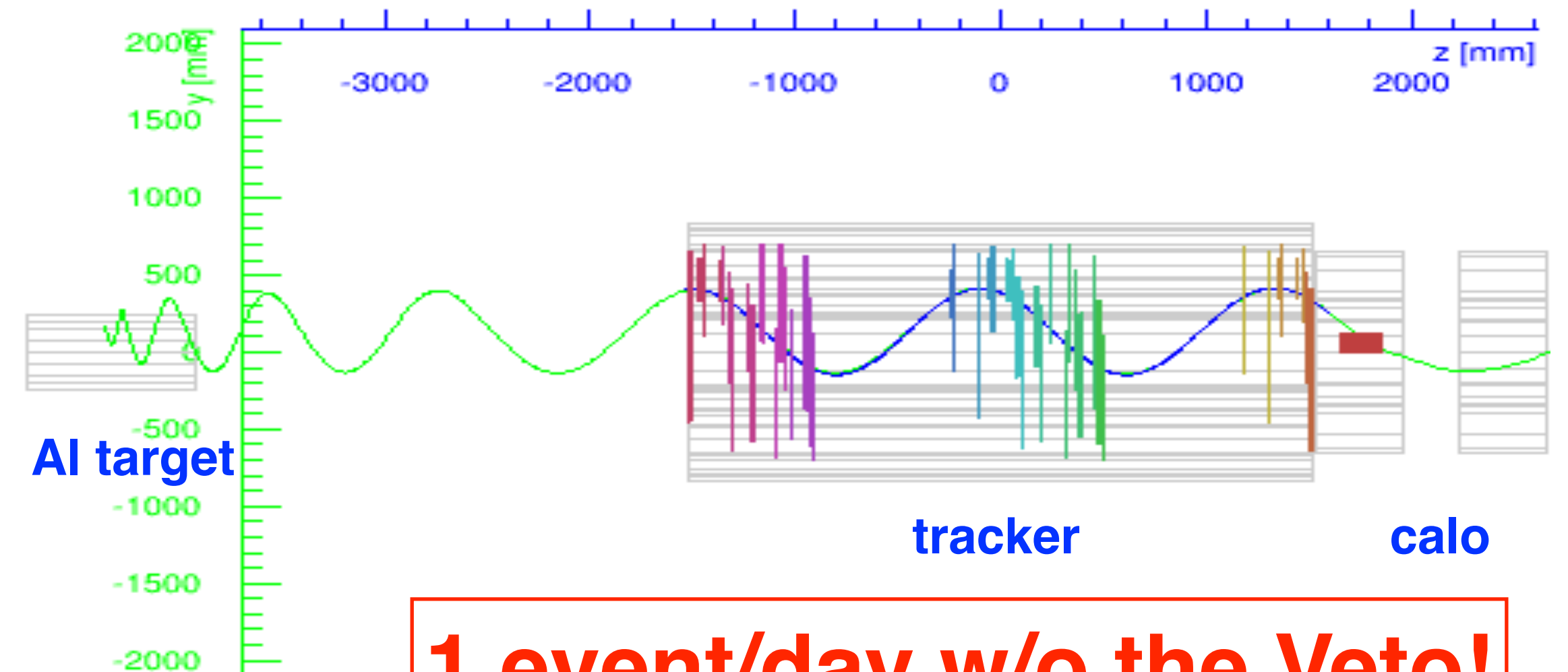


- Veto system covers entire DS and half TS
- 4 layers of scintillator
 - each bar is $5 \times 2 \times \sim 450 \text{ cm}^3$
 - 2 WLS fibers per bar
 - read out at both ends with SiPM
- required inefficiency $\sim 10^{-4}$

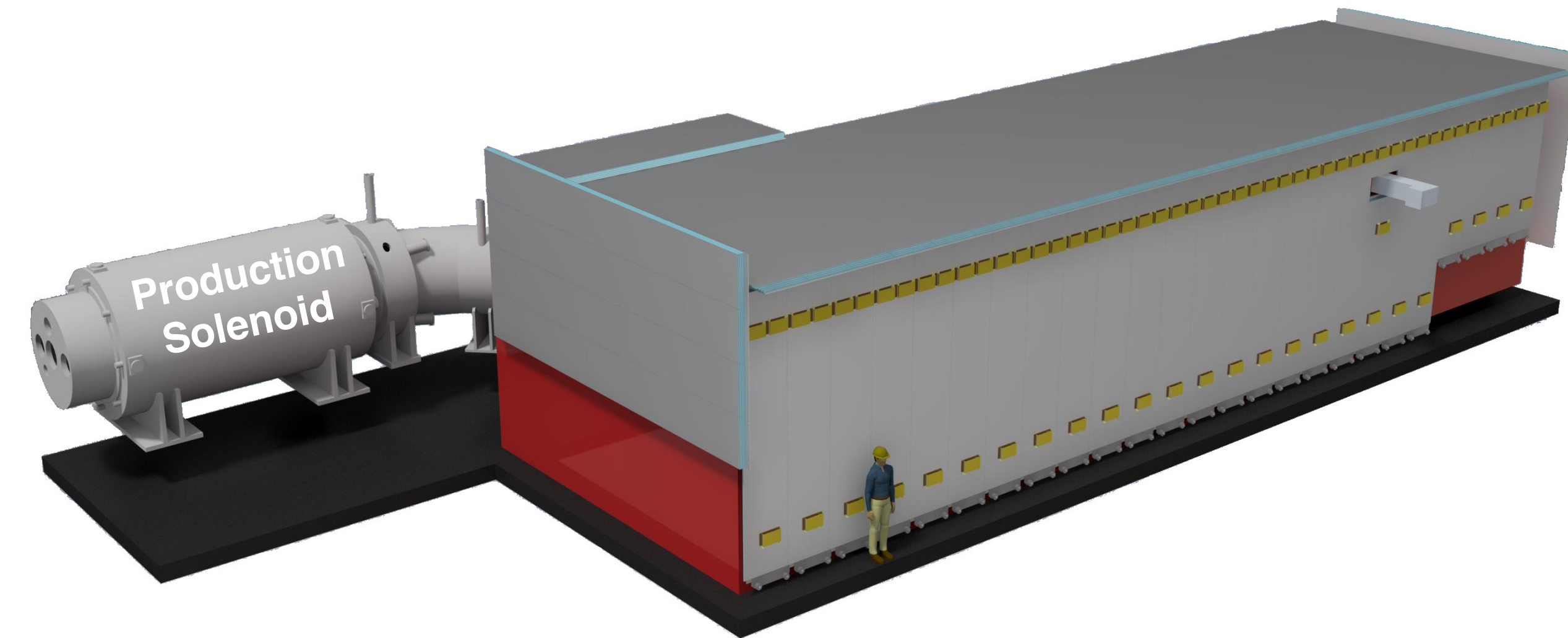
CRV modules

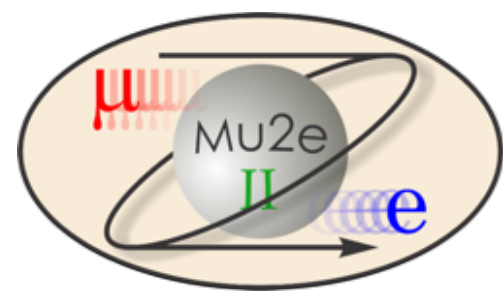


μ mimicking the CE



1 event/day w/o the Veto!





Mu2e-II Cosmic Ray Veto

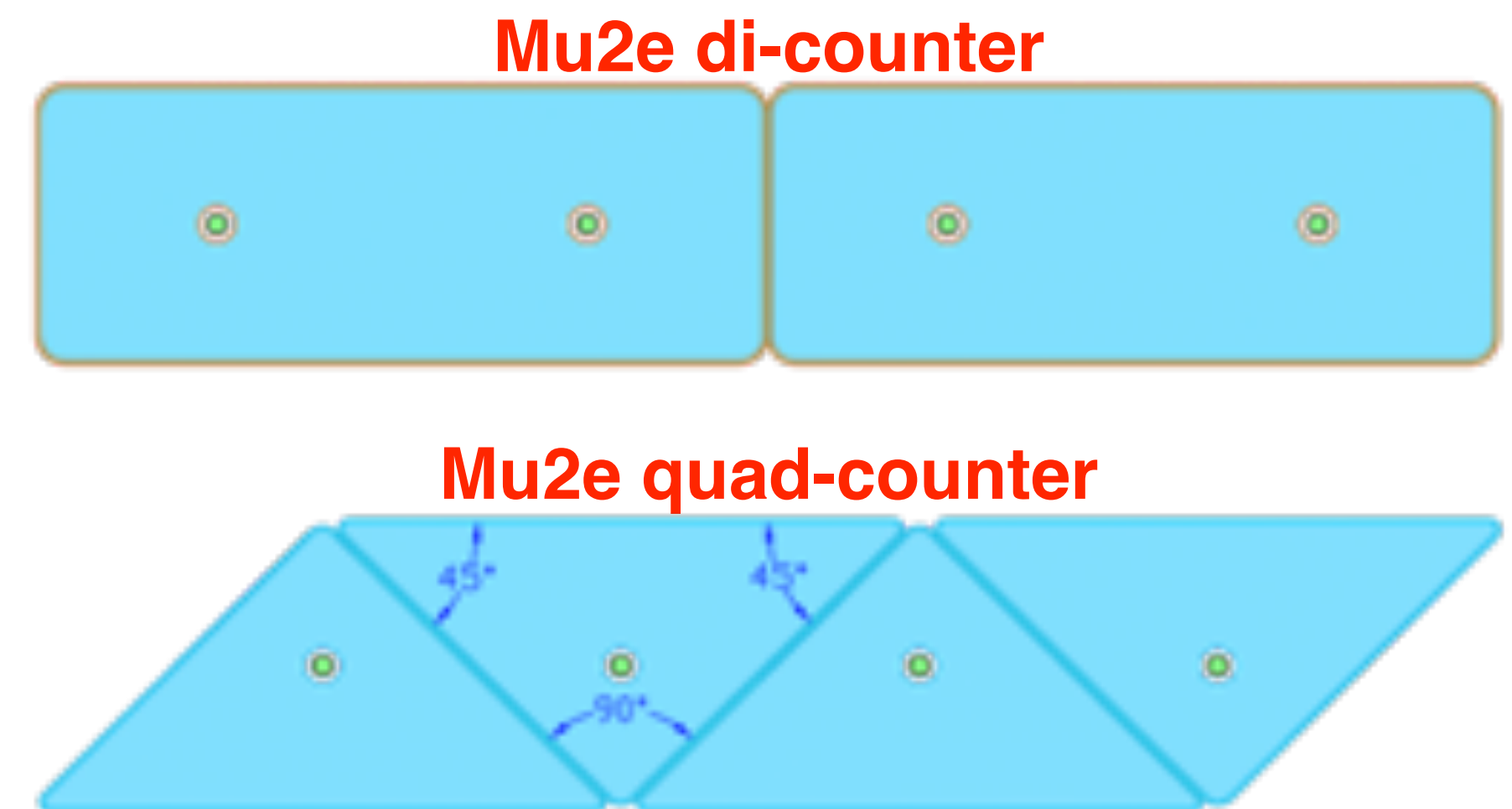
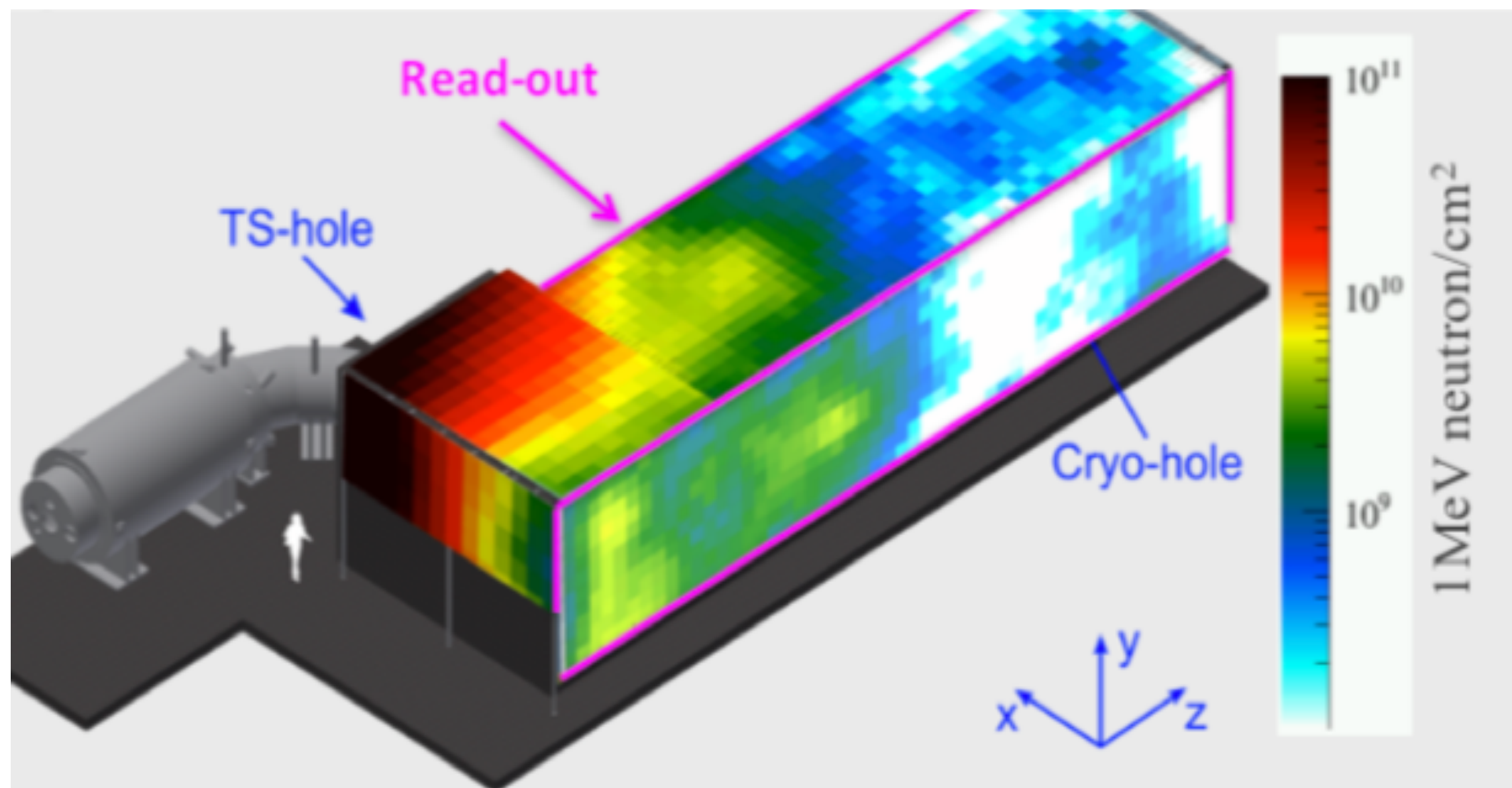


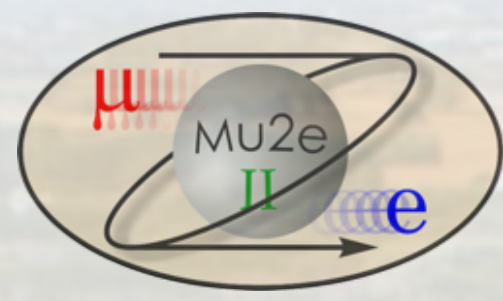
Challenges:

- **Increased live time:** $\sim x3$ higher
- **Light yield degradation:** expected scintillator light yield will be significantly less
- **Noise rates:** expect $\sim x3$ higher noise rates caused by increased beam intensity
- **Radiation damage** to the readout chain close to becoming an issue
- **Rate** issues in hot regions is expected to be already at the limit

Proposed solutions:

- Novel counter design with triangular bars:
 - Improved efficiency due to reduced gaps
 - lower rate per channel
- Replace the counters and SiPMs
- Improve the CRV shielding (Boron loaded concrete)
- Use RPC in the region with expected higher rates?

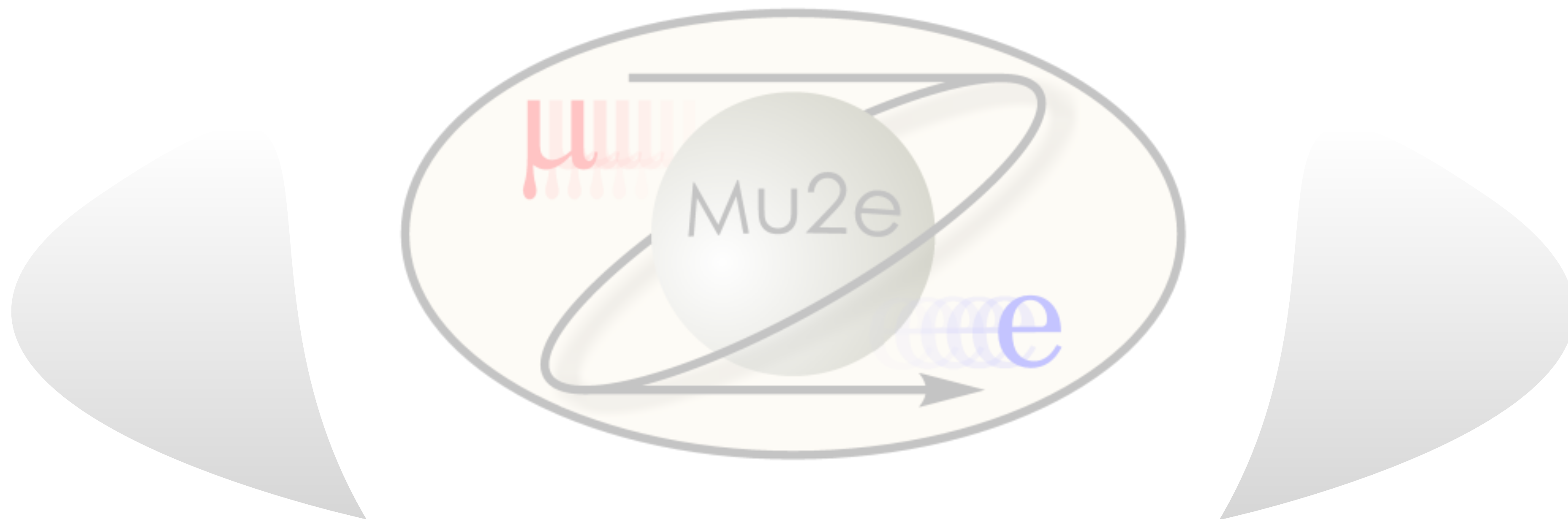


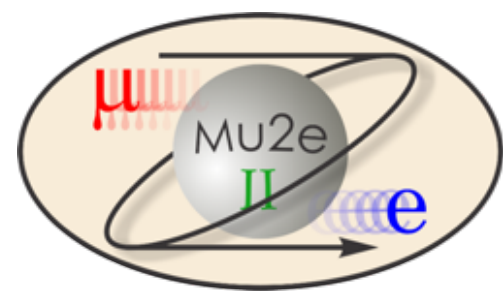


Summary

- Mu2e-II is a proposed upgrade to Mu2e with strong physics motivations
- PIP-II will provide the possibility of a x10 improvement over the expected Mu2e sensitivity
- Mu2e-II experimental conditions will face technological challenges for all detector systems
 - Working groups already started Monte Carlo studies to address most of the issues
 - Various projects (also LDRDs) already started and others have been proposed
- **If approved, Mu2e-II expects to start data taking in the early 2030's**
- **More info: <http://mu2eiiwiki.fnal.gov>**

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Mu2e-II TDAQ system



Increased data rate, more background and more detector channels:

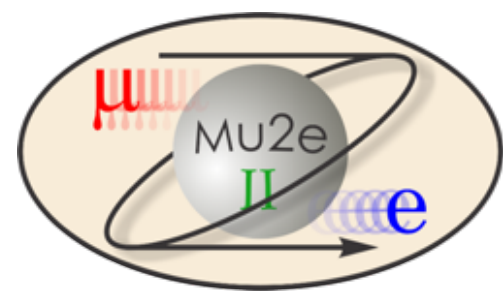
- $\sim \times 10$ data rate
- $\sim \times 3$ event size
- 3000:1 rejection is needed to stay within ~ 14 PB/year

Considerations:

- Reduced time with no-beam to read out large front-end buffers
- Radiation tolerances requirements for the readout-controller-boards

Solution:

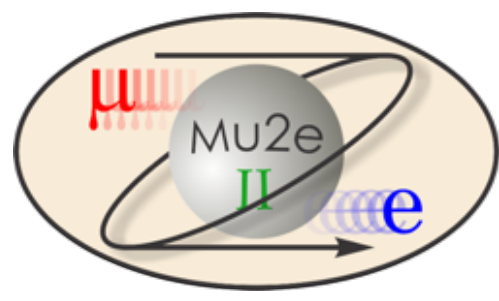
- 2-level TDAQ system based on FPGA pre-processing and trigger primitives



Mu2e-II proton beam specs



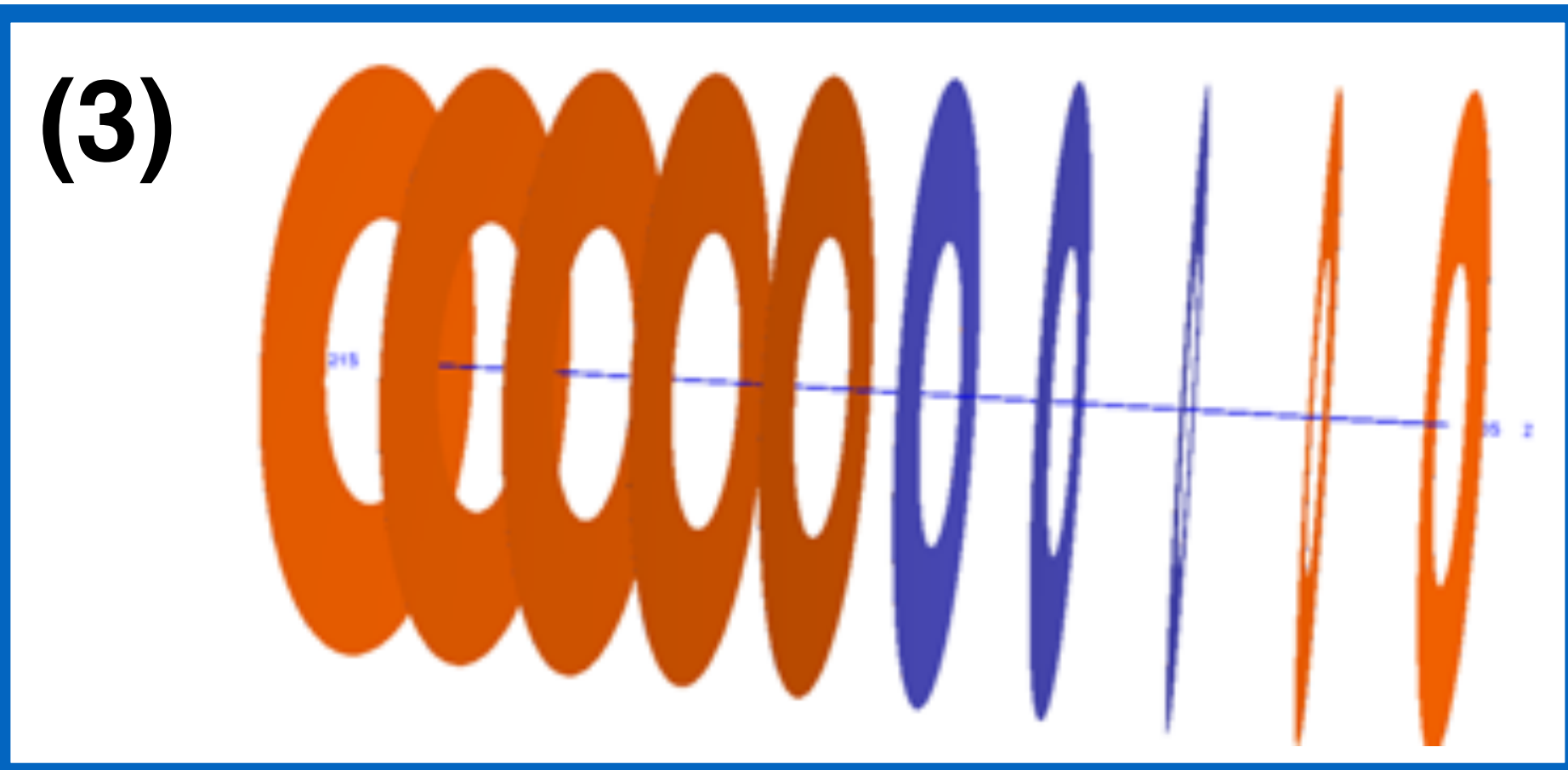
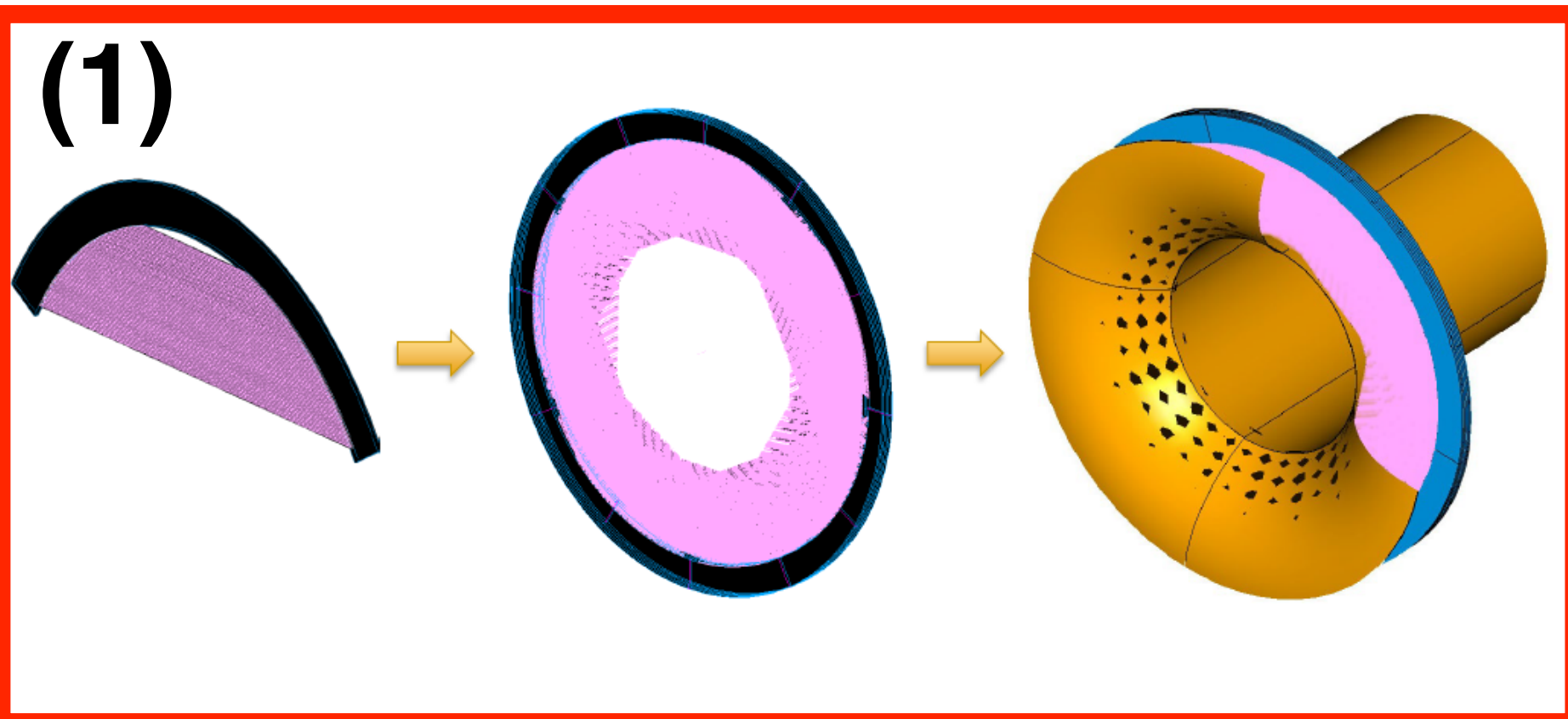
	Mu2e	Mu2e-II	Comments
Source	slow extracted from the Delivery Ring	H ⁻ directly from PIP-II linac	Mu2e-II will need to strip H ⁻ ions upstream of the production target
Beam energy	8	0.8	Optimal beam energy 1-3 GeV
Total POT	3.6E+20	4.5E+22	
Lifetime [yr]	3	3	
Run time [s/yr]	2E+07	2E+07	
Duty factor	25%	>90%	This has a large impact in the TDAQ system
p pulse width	250	100	
p pulse spacing	1695	1700	
Extinction	1E-10	1E-11	Ratio of out:in time protons
Average beam power [kW]	8	100	

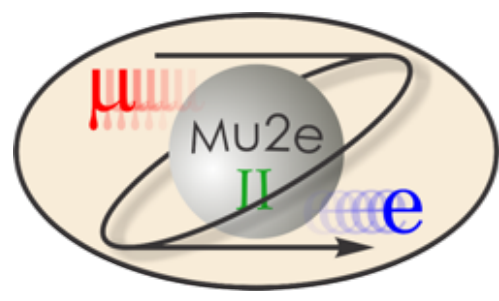


Mu2e-II Tracker: alternatives



1. Use wire or thin metallized foils for the cathode + house the panels in a unique gas vessel
2. Drift chamber based on the MEG-II design
3. Employ light Si or MPGD modules in a disk geometry



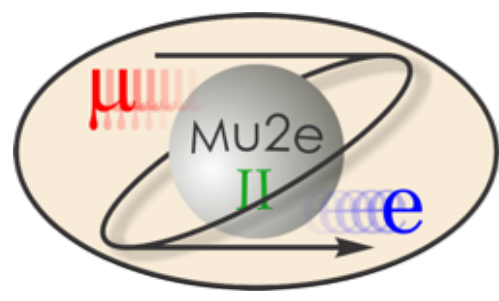


Motivation

- **CLFV is a unique probe of New Physics parameter space**
 - Next gen experiments planned in EU, Asia and the USA
 - Probes complementary regions of NP space
 - Measured rates can provide model discrimination

Model	$\mu \rightarrow eee$	$\mu N \rightarrow eN$	$\frac{\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow eee)}{\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)}$	$\frac{\text{CR}(\mu N \rightarrow eN)}{\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)}$
MSSM	Loop	Loop	$\approx 6 \times 10^{-3}$	$10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$
Type-I seesaw	Loop*	Loop*	$3 \times 10^{-3} - 0.3$	0.1–10
Type-II seesaw	Tree	Loop	$(0.1 - 3) \times 10^3$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$
Type-III seesaw	Tree	Tree	$\approx 10^3$	$\mathcal{O}(10^3)$
LFV Higgs	Loop [†]	Loop* [†]	$\approx 10^{-2}$	$\mathcal{O}(0.1)$
Composite Higgs	Loop*	Loop*	0.05 – 0.5	2 – 20

L. Calibbi, G. Signorelli, arXiv:1709.00294



Mu2e sensitivity

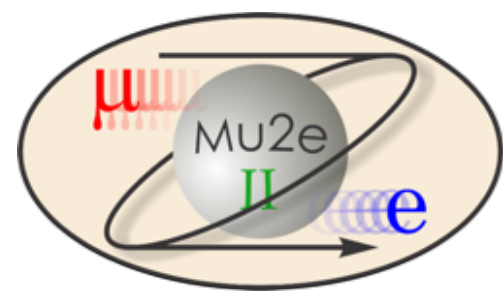
W. Altmannshofer, A.J.Buras, S.Gori, P.Paradisi, D.M.Straub

★★★★ = Discovery Sensitivity

	AC	RVV2	AKM	δLL	FBMSSM	LHT	RS
$D^0 - \bar{D}^0$	★★★★	★	★	★	★	★★★★	?
ϵ_K	★	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★★	★★★★
$S_{\psi\phi}$	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★
$S_{\phi K_S}$	★★★★	★★	★	★★★★	★★★★	★	?
$A_{CP}(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$	★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★	★	?
$A_{7,8}(B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)$	★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★	★★	?
$A_9(B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)$	★	★	★	★	★	★	?
$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \bar{\nu}$	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★	★
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	★	★	★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	★	★	★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★
$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
$\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$	★★★★	★★★★	★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
$\mu + N \rightarrow e + N$	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
d_n	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★	★★★★	★	★★★★
d_e	★★★★	★★★★	★★	★	★★★★	★	★★★★
$(g-2)_\mu$	★★★★	★★★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★	?

arXiv:0909.1333[hep-ph]

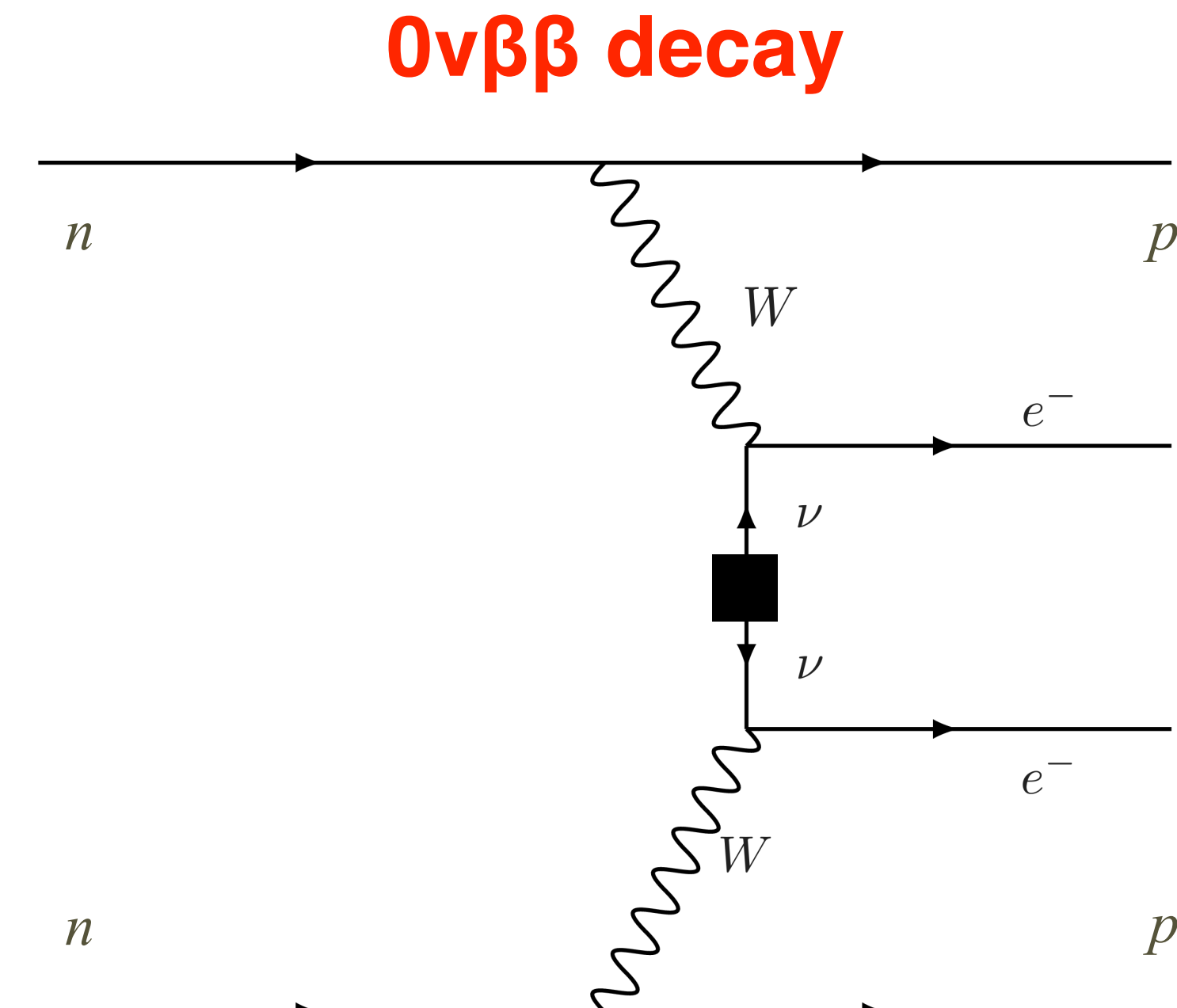
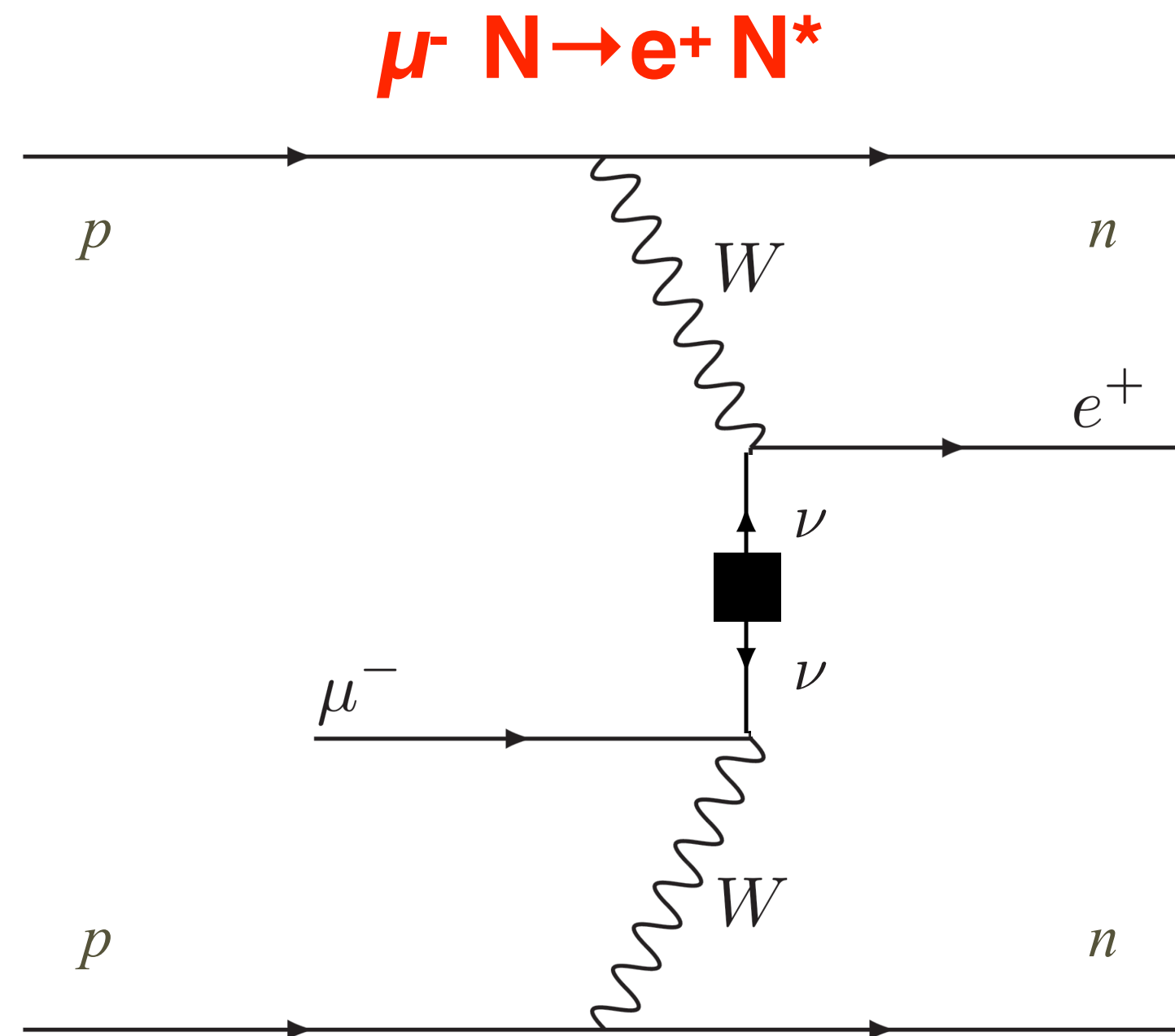
Table 8: “DNA” of flavour physics effects for the most interesting observables in a selection of SUSY and non-SUSY models ★★★★★ signals large effects, ★★ visible but small effects and ★ implies that the given model does not predict sizable effects in that observable.



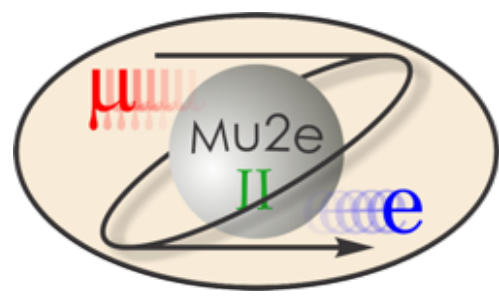
$\mu^- N \rightarrow e^+ N^*$ conversion search



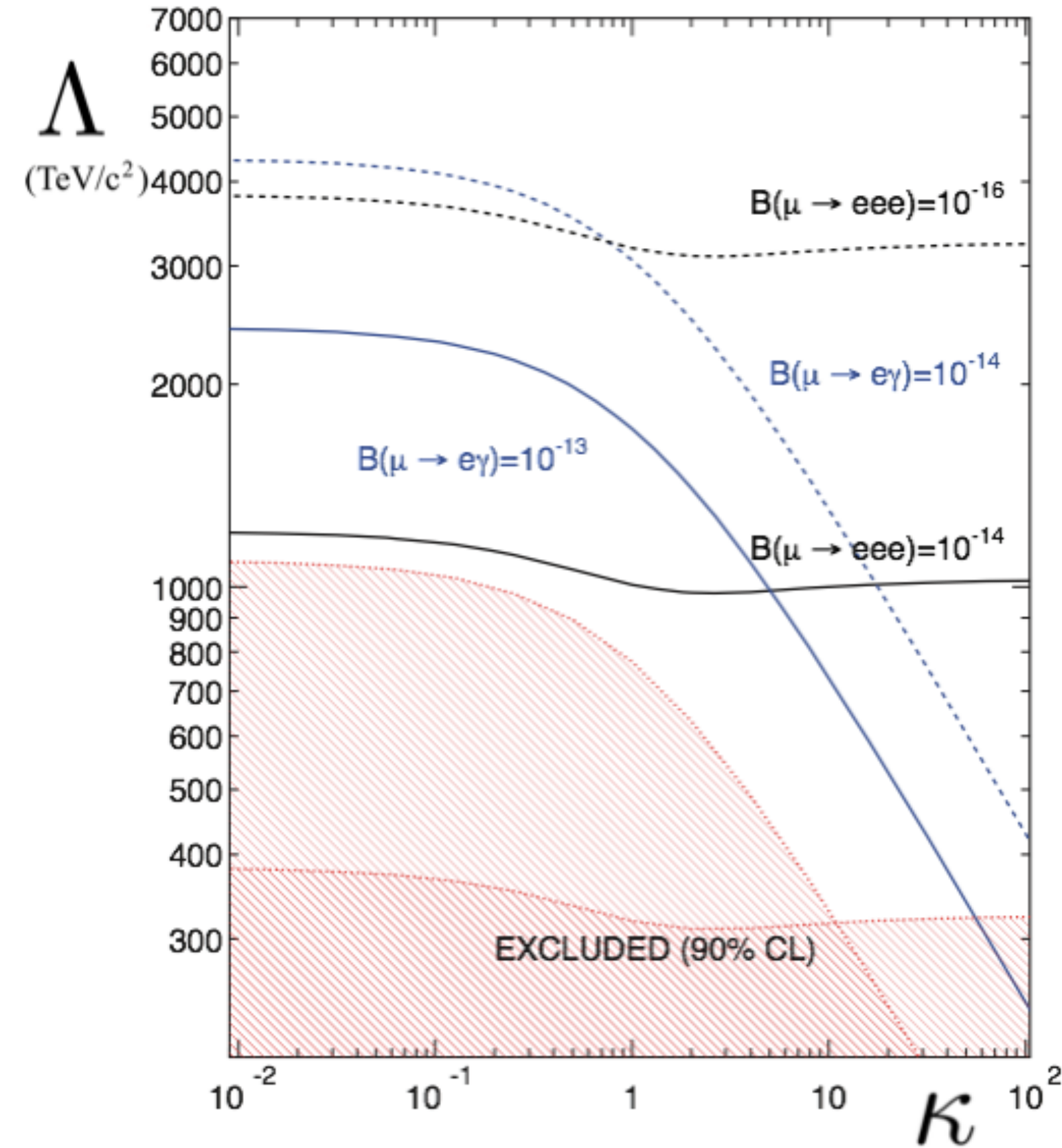
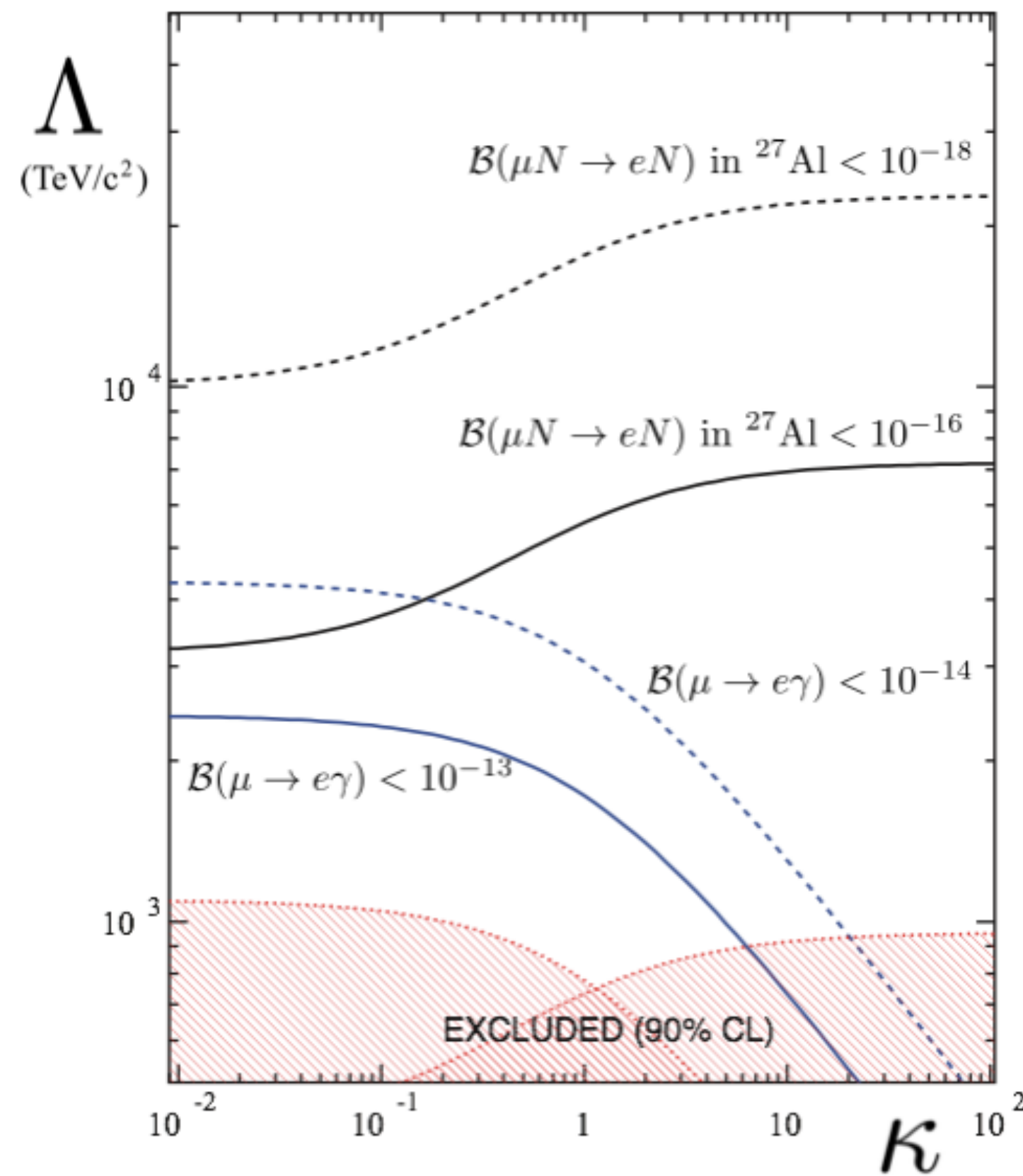
- While $0\nu\beta\beta$ has the greatest sensitivity to new ultraviolet energy scales, its rate might be suppressed by the new physics relationship to lepton flavor
- \checkmark $\mu^- \rightarrow e^+$ conversion offers a complementary probe of lepton-number-violating physics
- Mu2e Run I SES on $R_{\mu e^+}$ of 4×10^{-16} , which is $\sim \times 5,000$ better than the current best limit



- Useful references: [Phys. Rev. D 95.115010](#), [arxiv-161.00032](#), [arxiv-1705.07464](#), [arxiv-1609.09088](#)



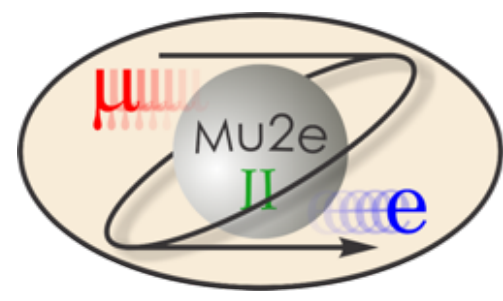
Model independent Lagrangian



$$L_{\text{CLFV}} = \frac{m_\mu}{(\kappa + 1)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_L F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa}{(\kappa + 1)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_L \gamma_\mu e_L (\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e)$$

“dipole term”

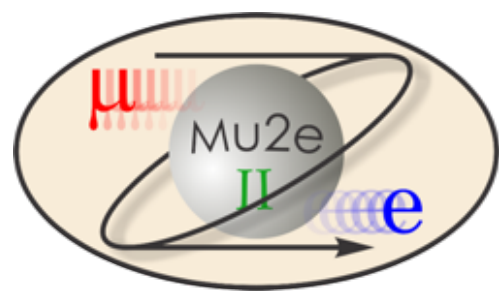
“contact term”



Mu2e TDAQ specs



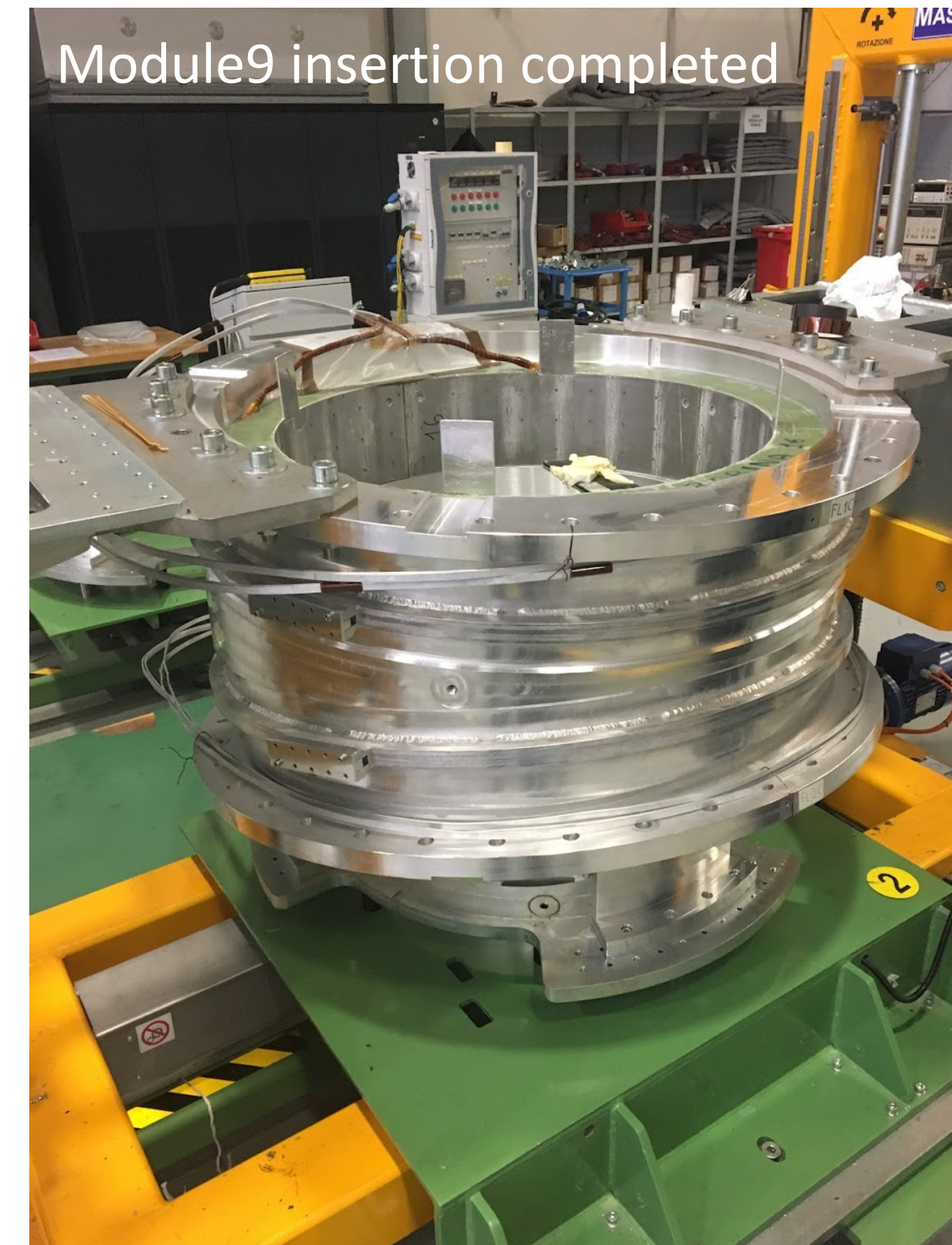
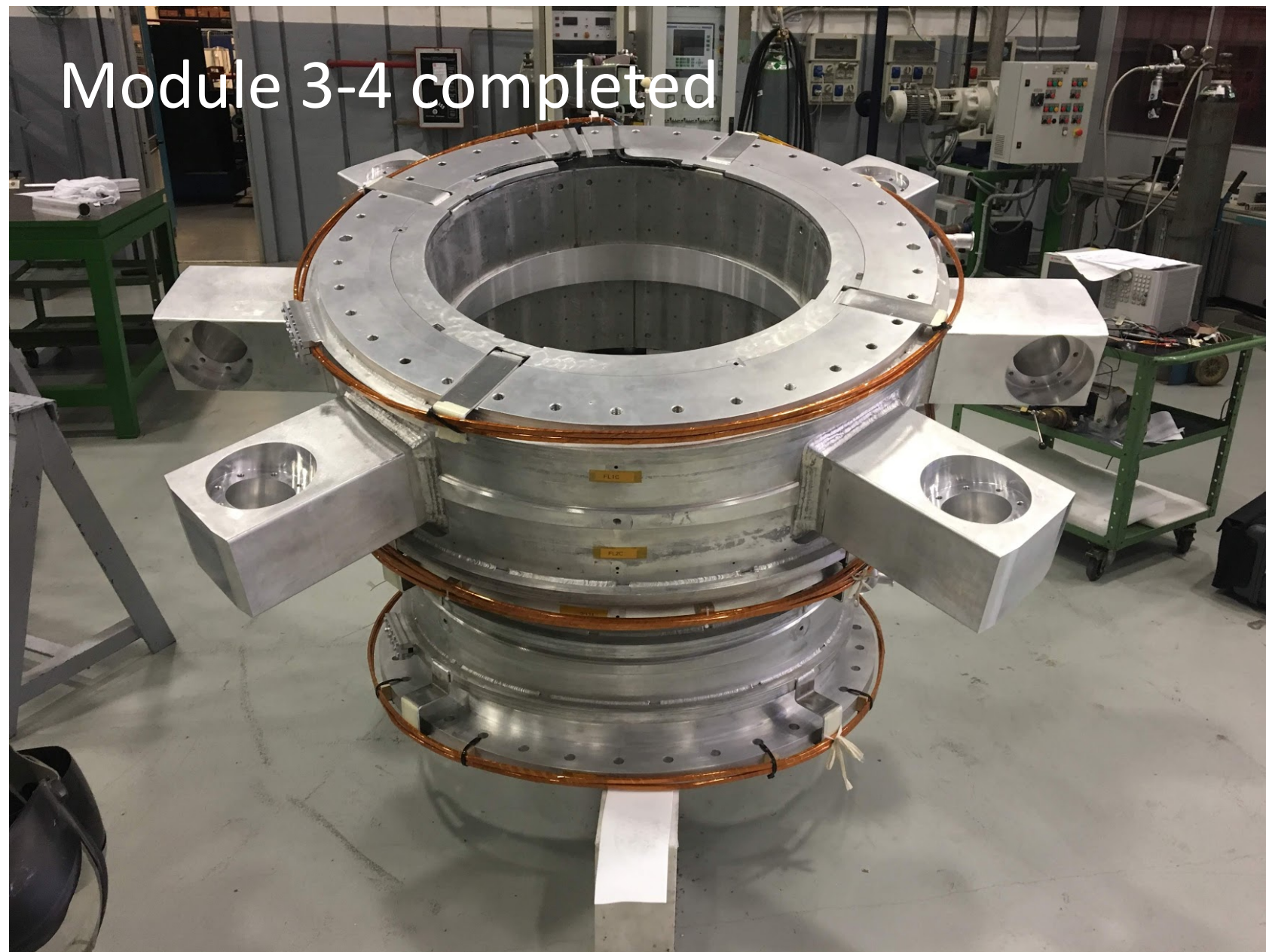
Parameter	Value
DAQ Servers	36
Detector Optical Links	216
System Bandwidth	40 GBytes/s
Online Processing	40 TFLOPS
Input Event Size (average)	120 Kbytes
Input Event Rate	192 KHz
Input Data Rate	35 GBytes/s
Rejection Factor	≥ 100
Output Event Size (average)	130 Kbytes
Output Event Rate	≤ 2 KHz
Output Data Rate	≤ 260 MBytes/s
Offline Storage	~ 7 PBytes/y

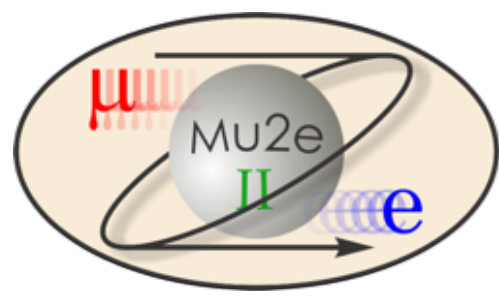


Cold mass tests @ Fermilab

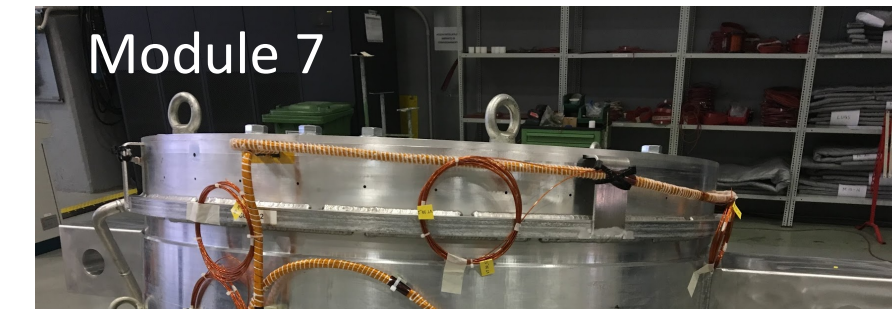
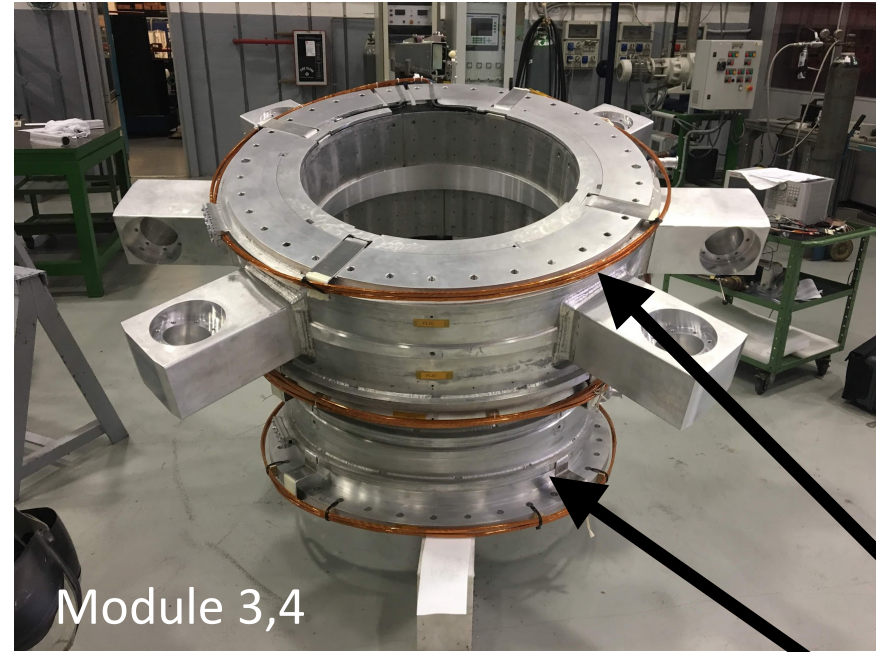


- Cold test is performed for all the modules at Fermilab

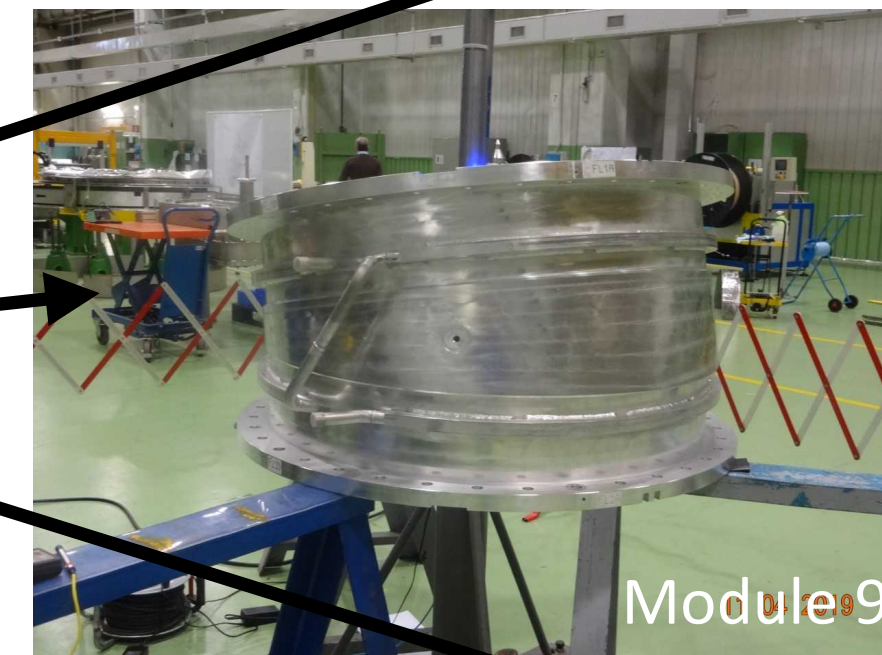
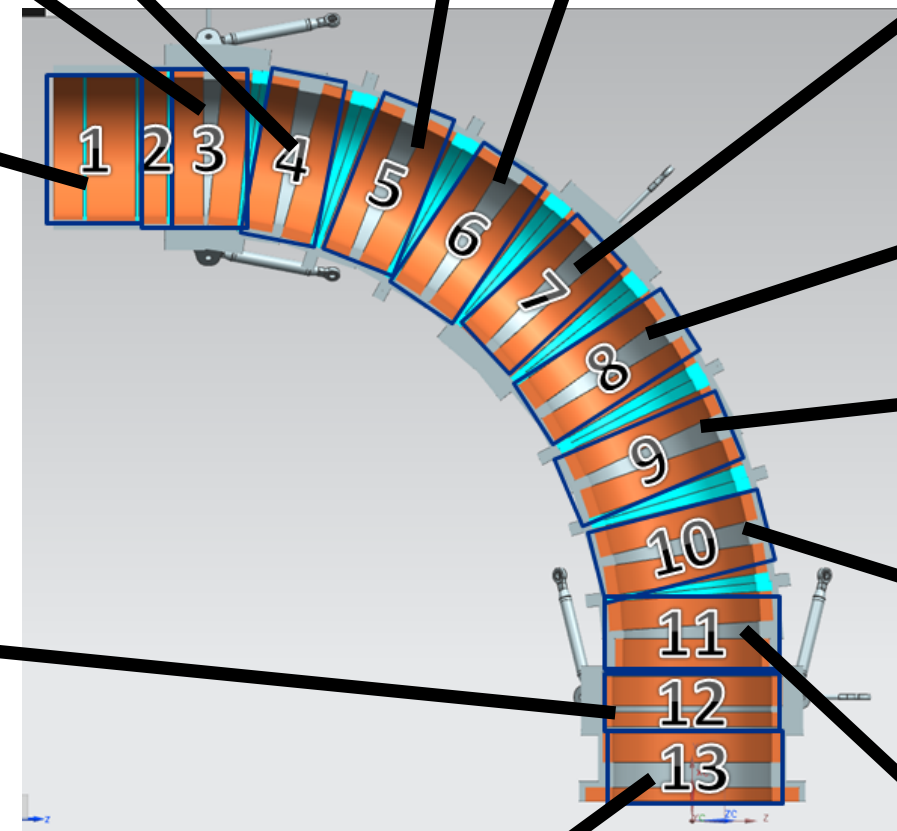




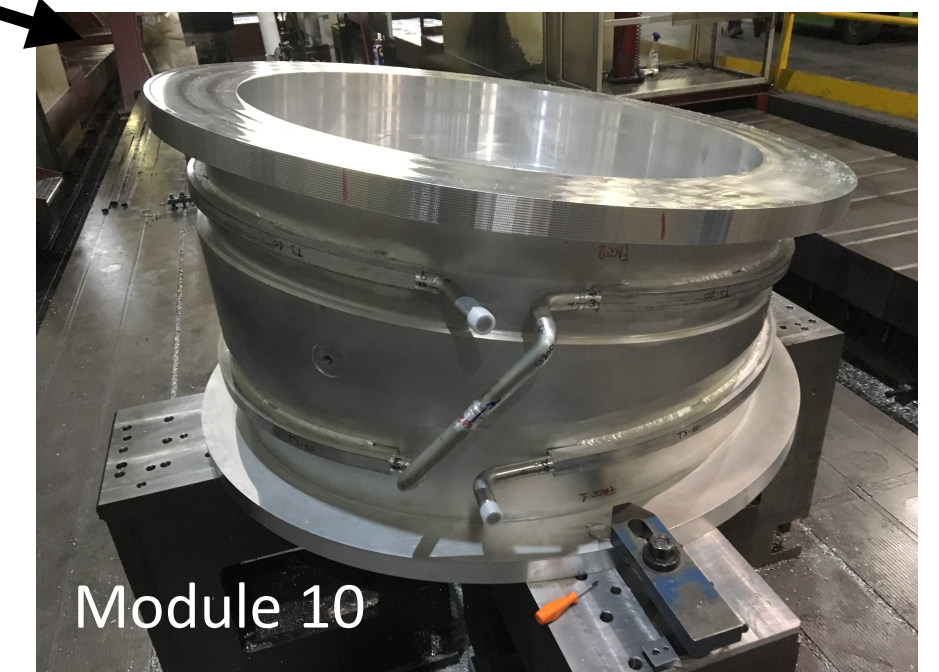
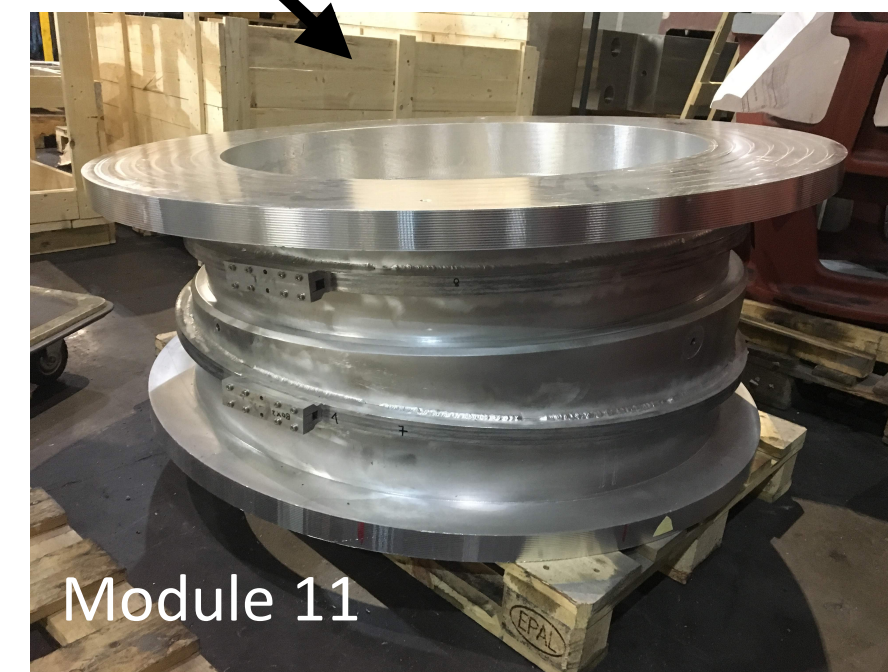
Transport Solenoid - Upstream side

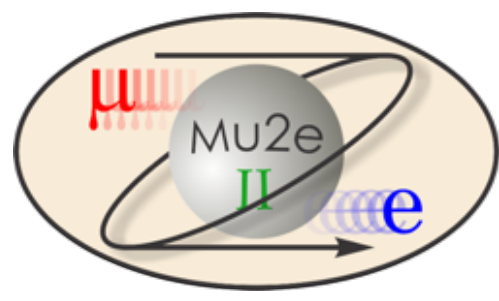


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- Upstream side of the TS has been completed and the modules are now under test





Transport Solenoid

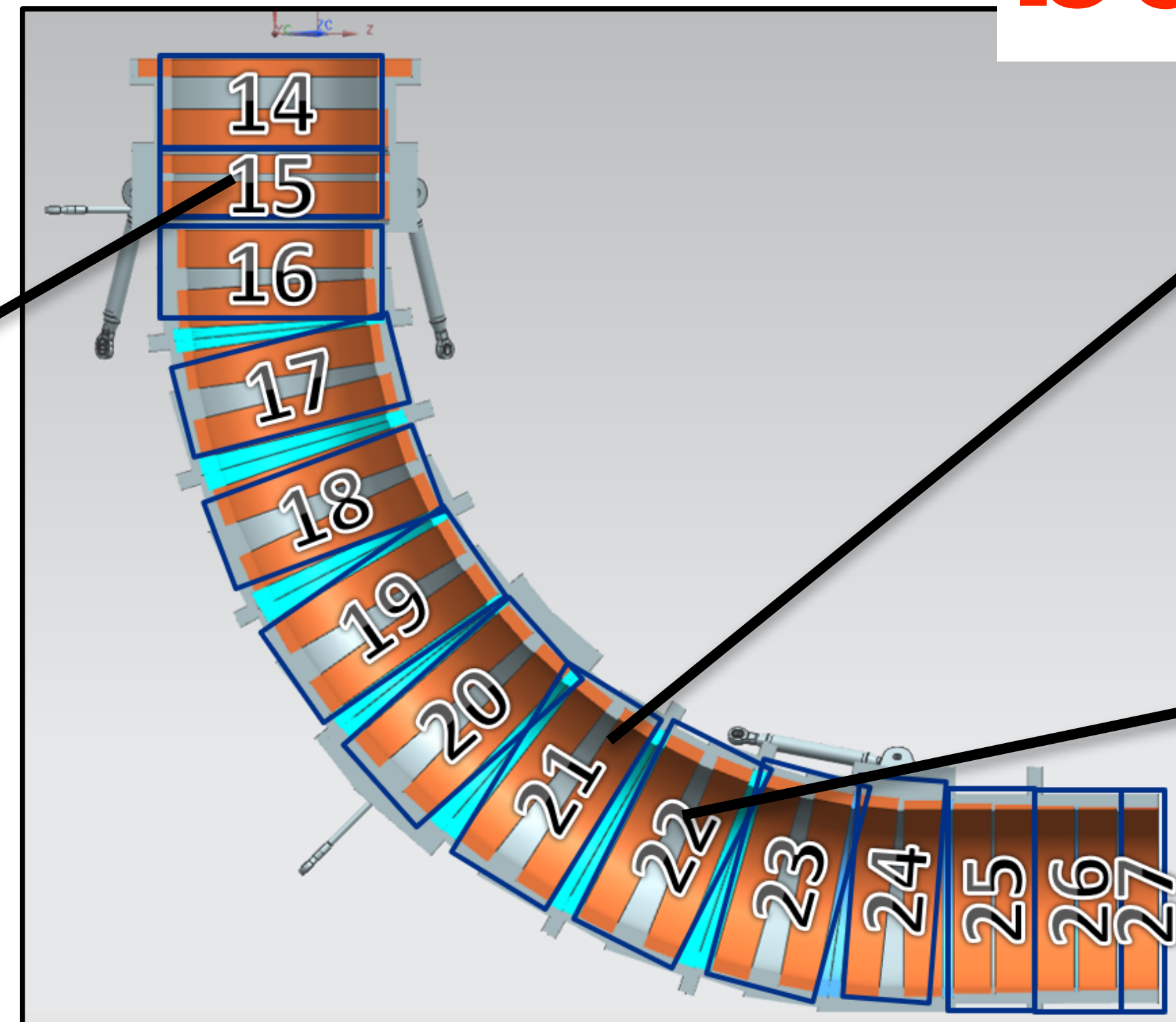
- Work on the downstream section has started



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Module 14



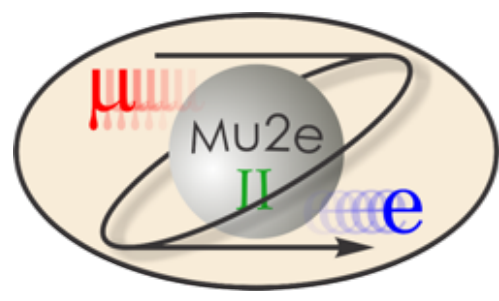
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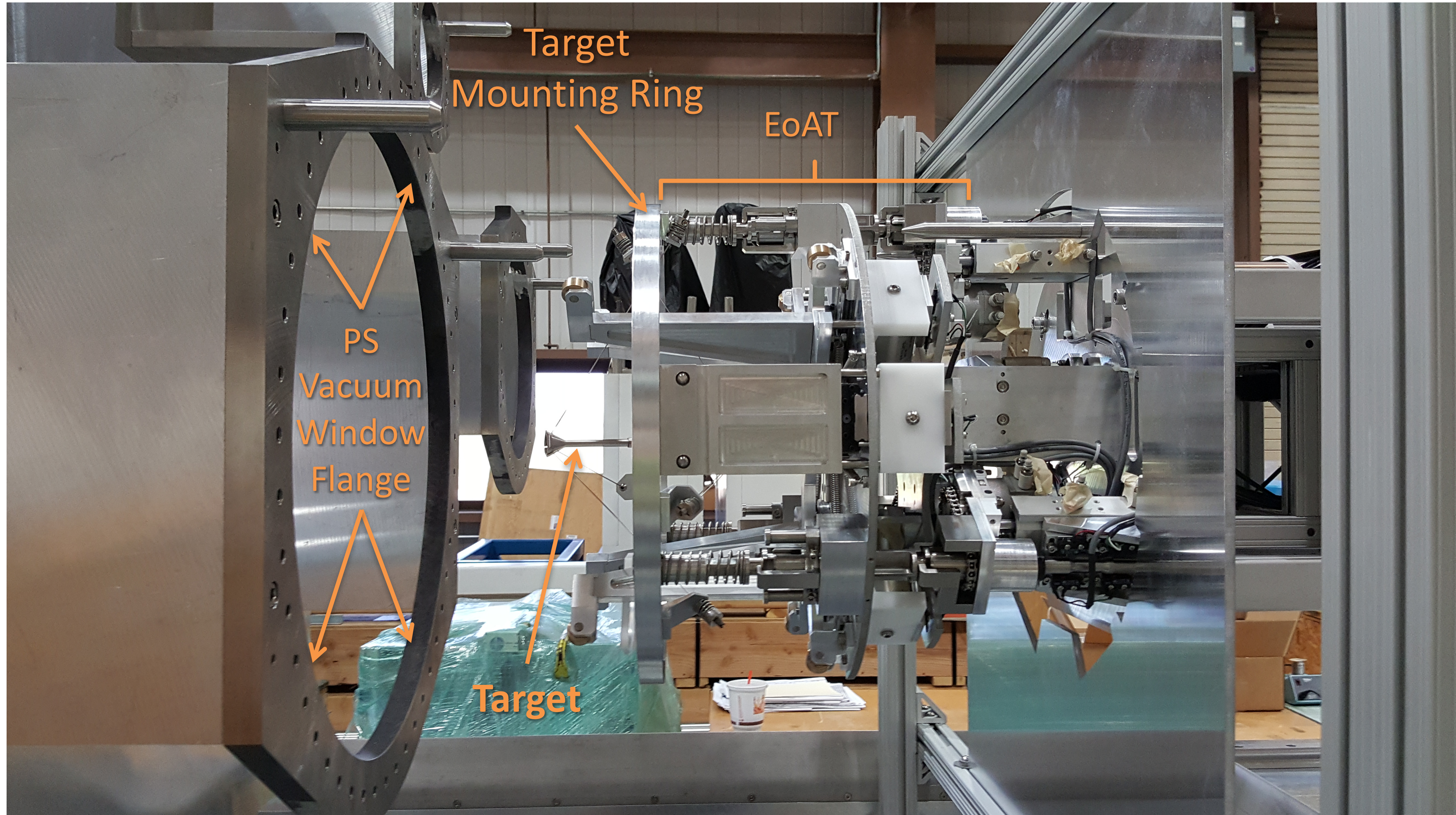
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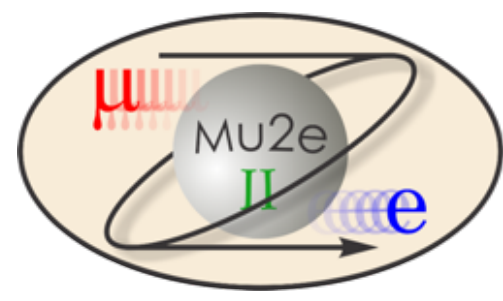


Module 22



Testing Handling Robot

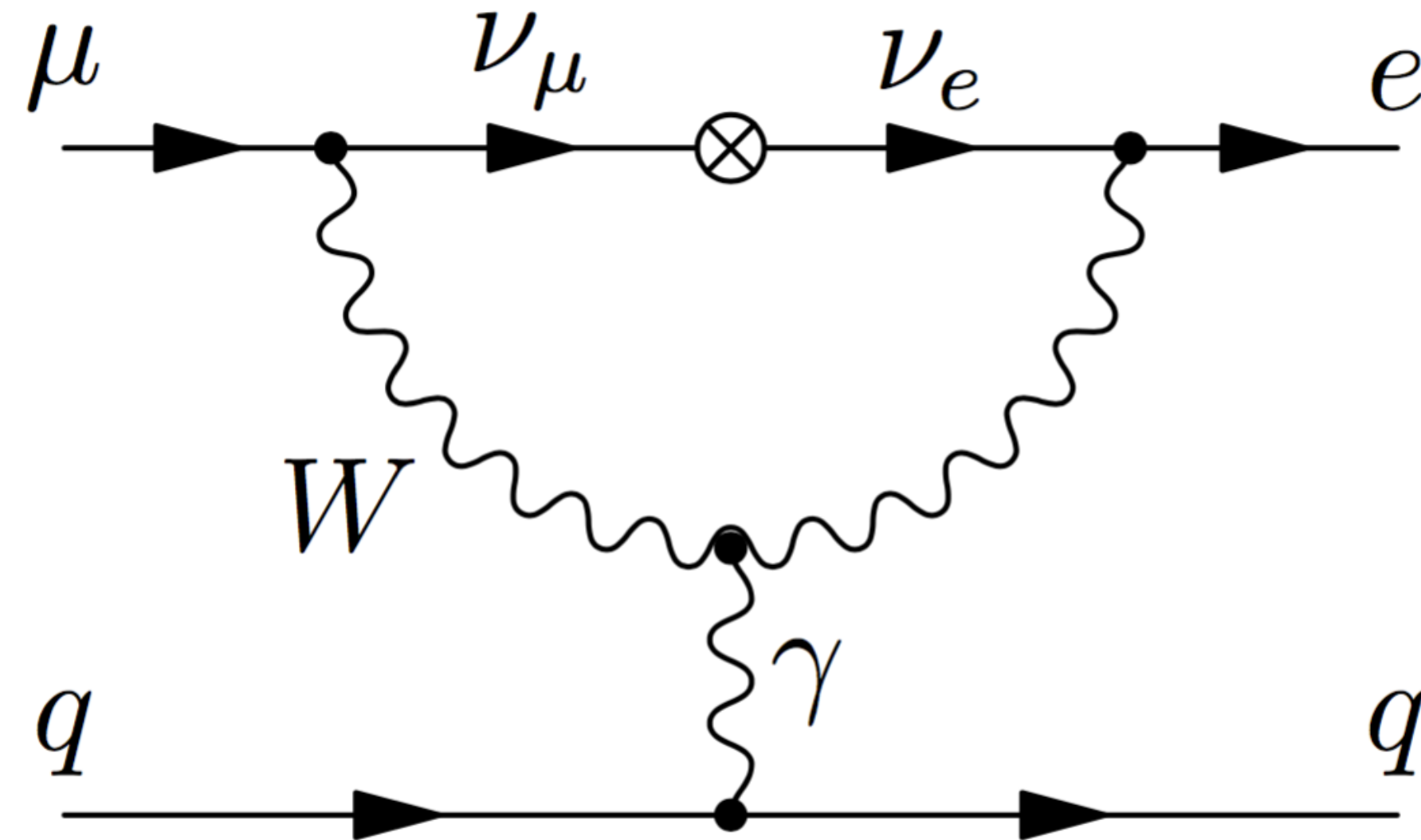




CLFV in the Standard Model



- **CLFV** process forbidden in the **Standard Model (SM)**
- μ conversion in the extended-SM is introduced by the **neutrino masses and mixing** at a negligible level $\sim 10^{-52}$



- Many **SM extensions enhance the rate** through mixing in the high energy sector of the theory (other particles in the loop...)