



Mu3e



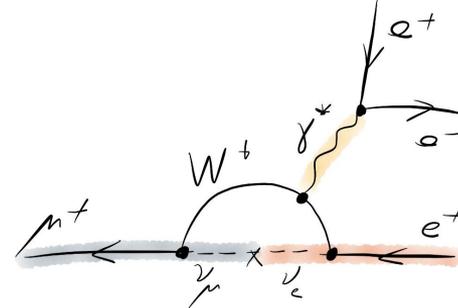
How to build a
low mass pixel detector?



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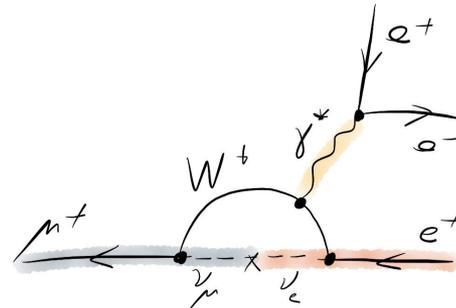
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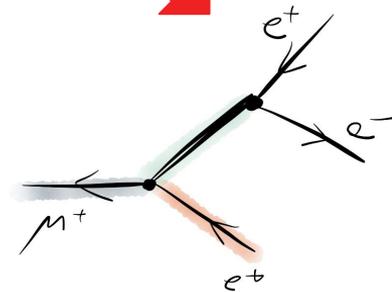
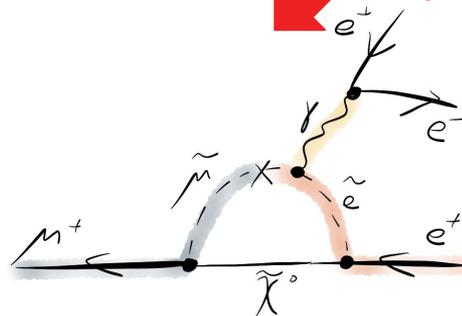
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More information on CLFV searches: [Talk by Konrad Briggli](#) - 22.2.2024 (tomorrow)

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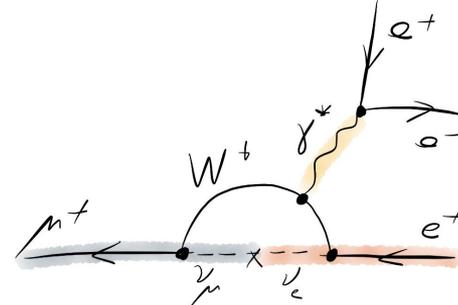
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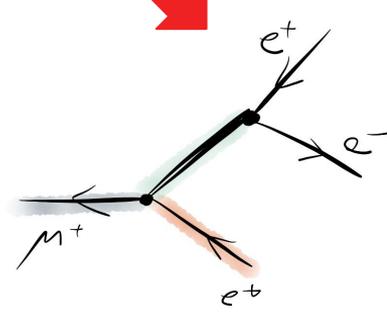
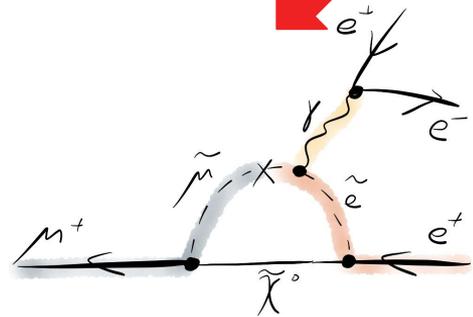
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- Current Limit of $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$:
[SINDRUM](#): BR < 1×10^{-12}

Goal of Mu3e: Improve limit by 3 to 4 orders to < 10^{-15} (< 10^{-16} in Phase II)



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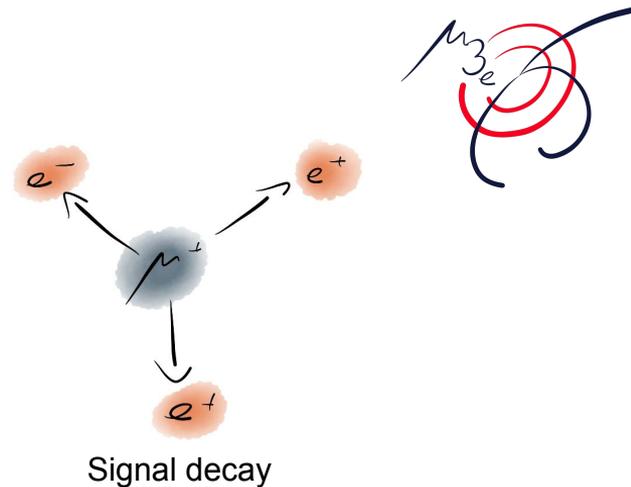


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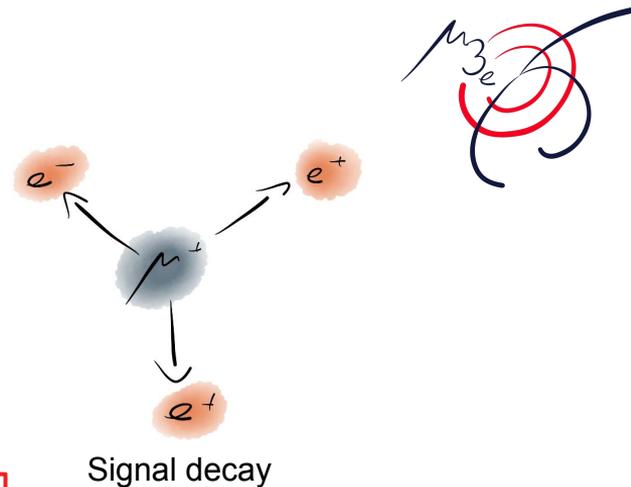
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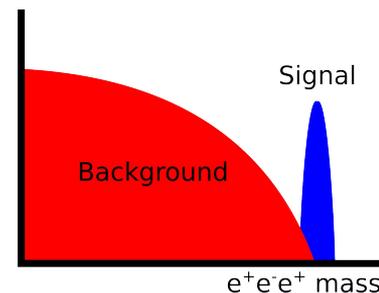


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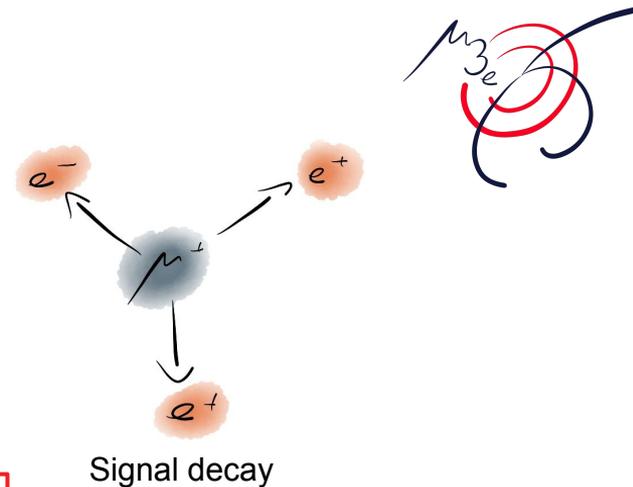
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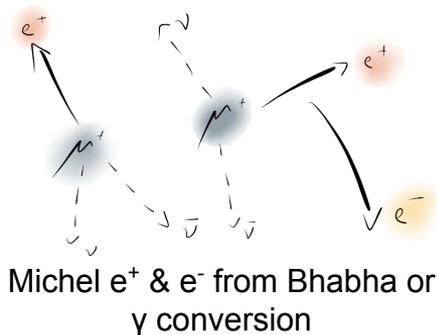


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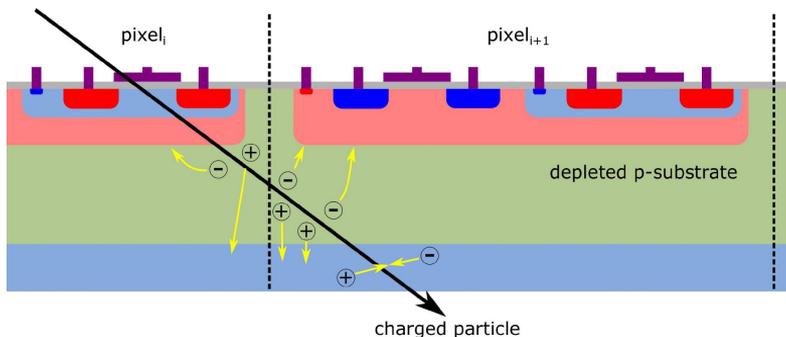
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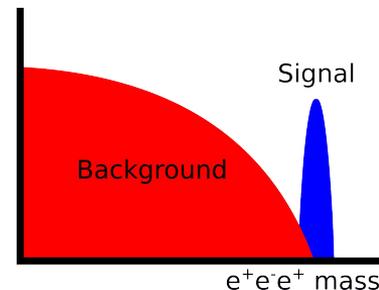


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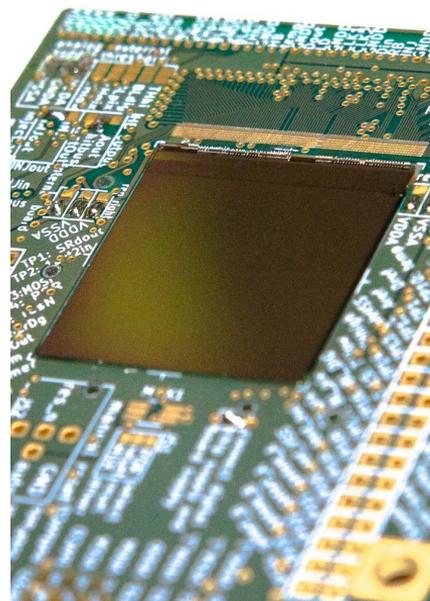
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MuPix11

- Chip size: $\sim 20 \times 23 \text{ mm}^2$
- Pixel size: $80 \times 80 \mu\text{m}^2$
- time resolution $< 20 \text{ ns}$
- Hit efficiency $> 99 \%$

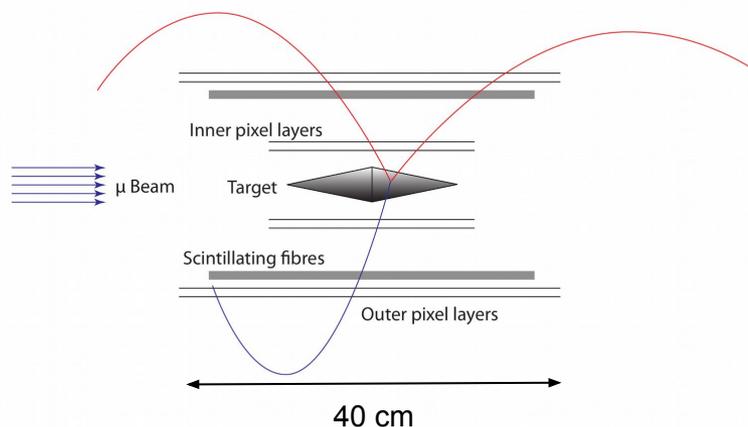
More details on MuPix:
[Talk by H. Augustin - Terascale Workshop 2023](#)





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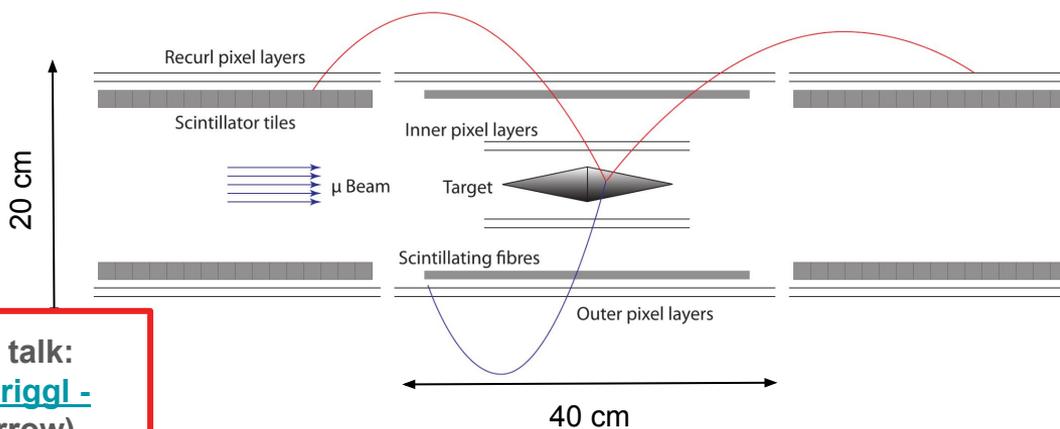
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- Recurl pixel station to get **optimal momentum resolution**
- **Fast scintillating fiber and tile detectors** for optimal timing resolution



Dedicated Mu3e talk:
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Background Signal
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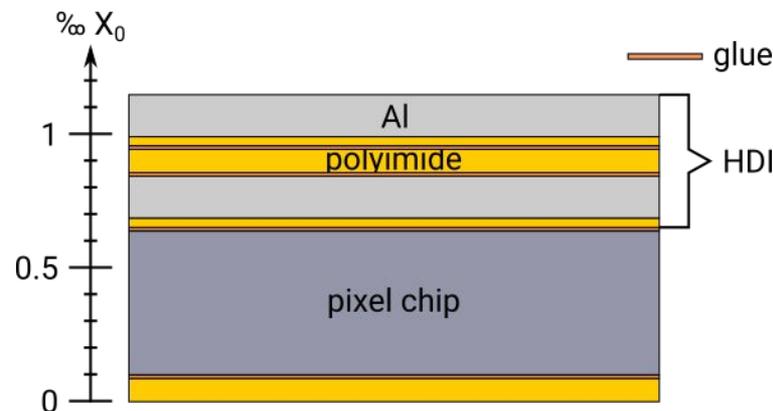
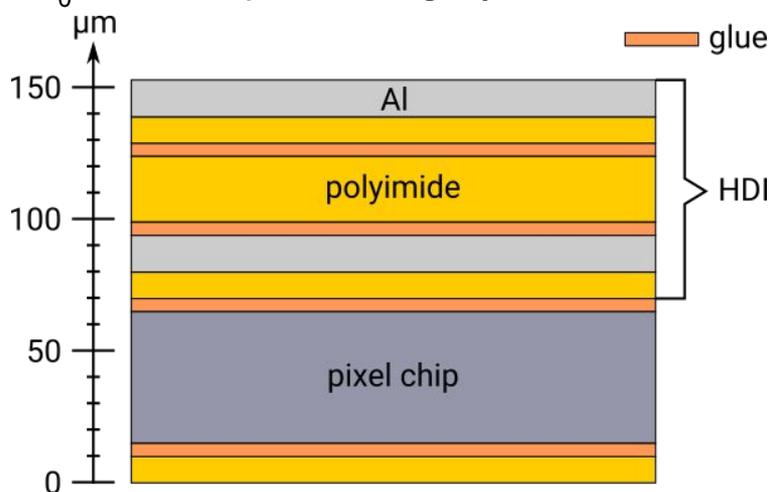
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Detector composition:

- High-density interconnect (HDI) + HV-MAPS (50 μm thin)
- HDI = Aluminium-based flexprints
- $X/X_0 \approx 1.15 \text{ ‰}$ per tracking layer

Aluminium vs. Copper

Radiation lengths
 $X_0(\text{Cu}) = 12.86 \text{ g/cm}^2 \rightarrow 1.436 \text{ cm}$
 $X_0(\text{Al}) = 24.01 \text{ g/cm}^2 \rightarrow 8.897 \text{ cm}$





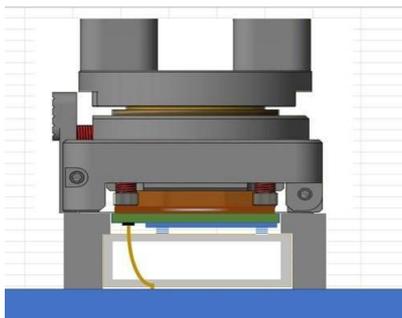
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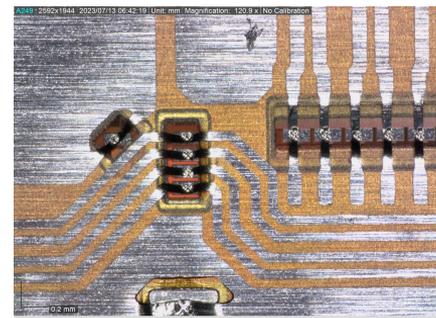
Ladder



Manual MuPix probe card



Glue dots on a MuPix chip



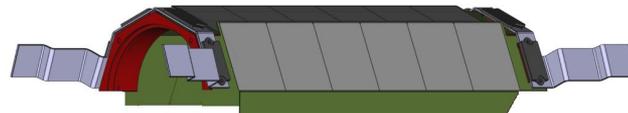
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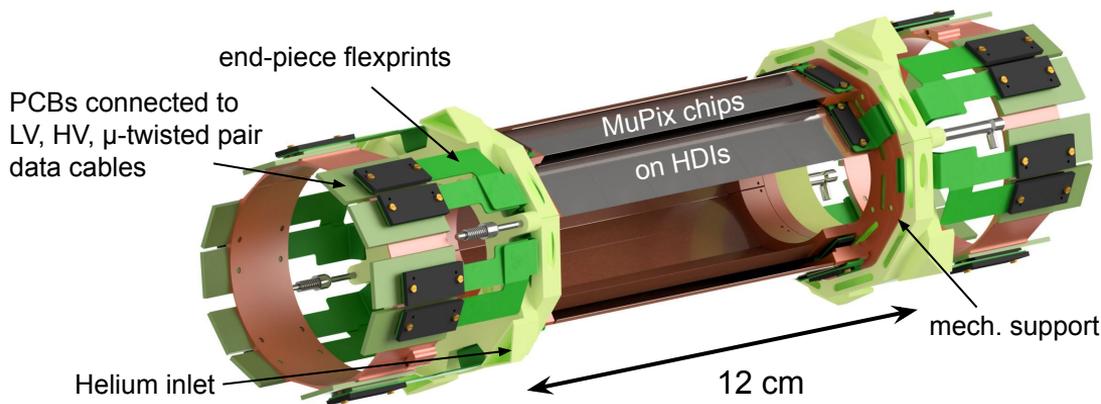
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5. 4 modules mounted as two barrel layers forming the **vertex detector**



Module

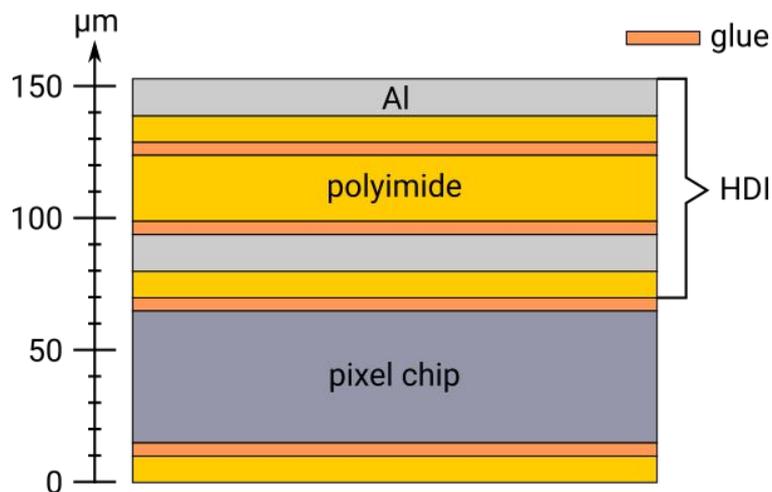


Silicon heater mock-up module



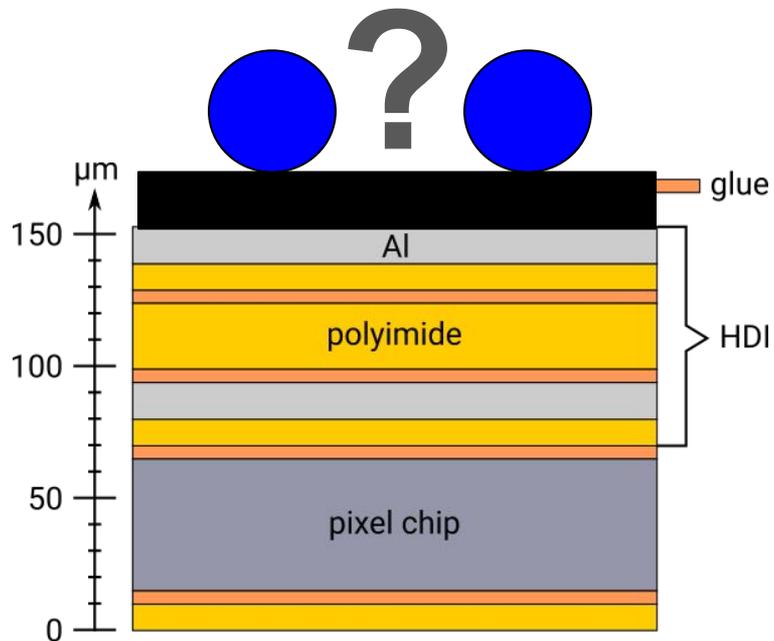
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- MuPix dissipates $\sim 215 \text{ mW/cm}^2$
- Active cooling is required

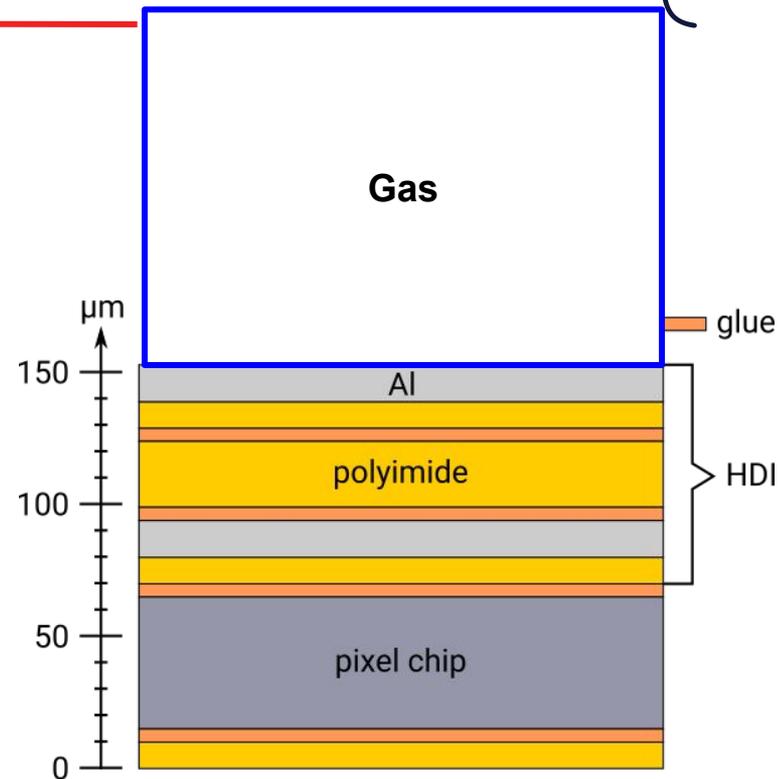


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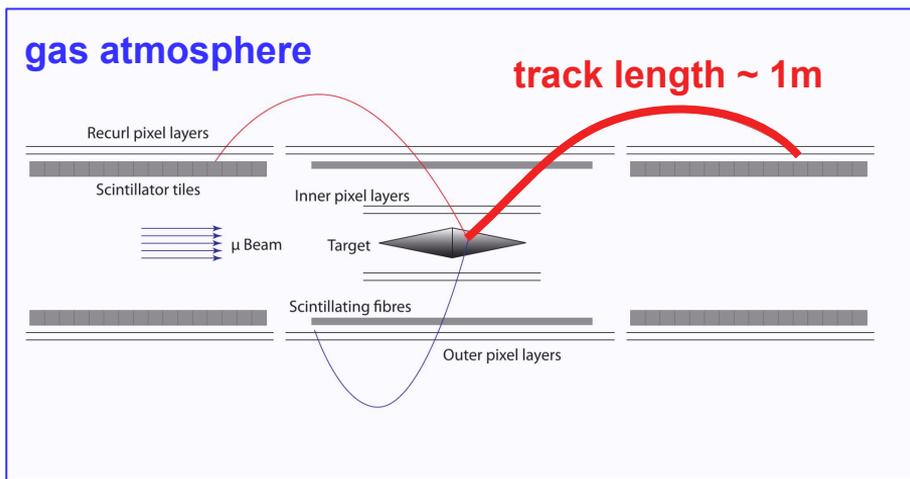
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Low mass coolant → Gaseous helium

- Naive idea: Air cooling like at [STAR PXL](#)
- But: **Air is too much material!**
- 1 m of air corresponds to $\sim 0.33\% X_0$ → equivalent to 3(!) more tracking layers
- **Solution:** Helium → $0.018\% X_0$ per meter

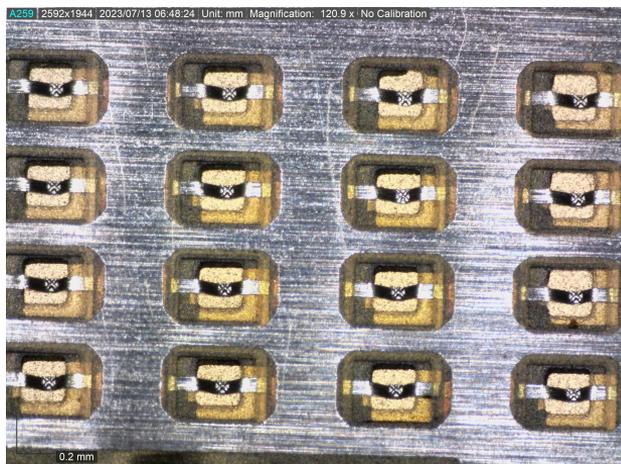


“Building a low mass tracker is easy”

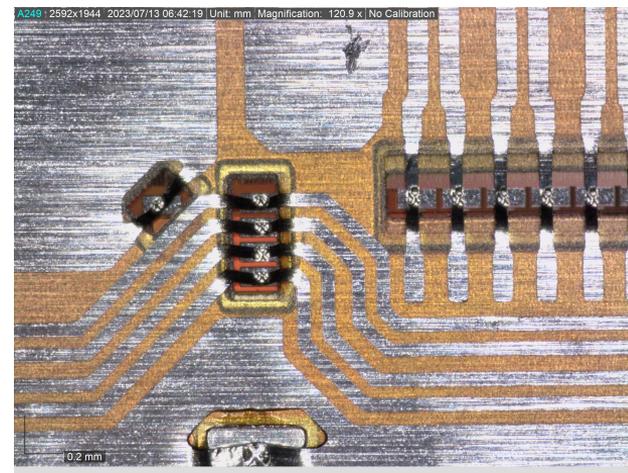


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spTAB connections from HDI to conventional flexprints (away from detector)

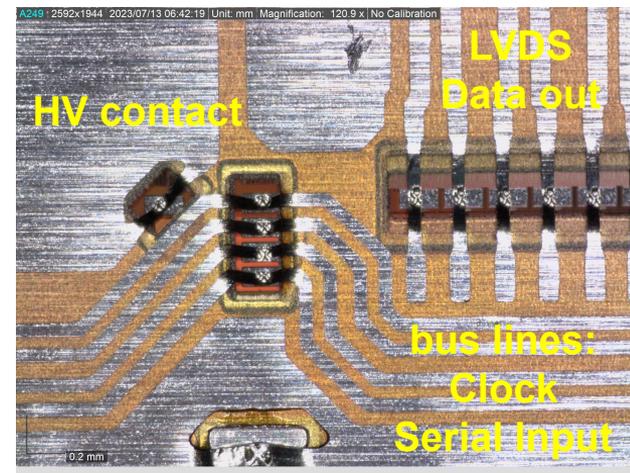


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- Narrowest line width: 63 μm
- Electrical contacts:
 - Differential Clock (bus line)
 - Differential Serial Input (bus line, communication to chip)
 - 3x Differential Data Out lines per chip
 - LV (VDD & GND)
 - HV
- Sensor is operated with a single supply voltage

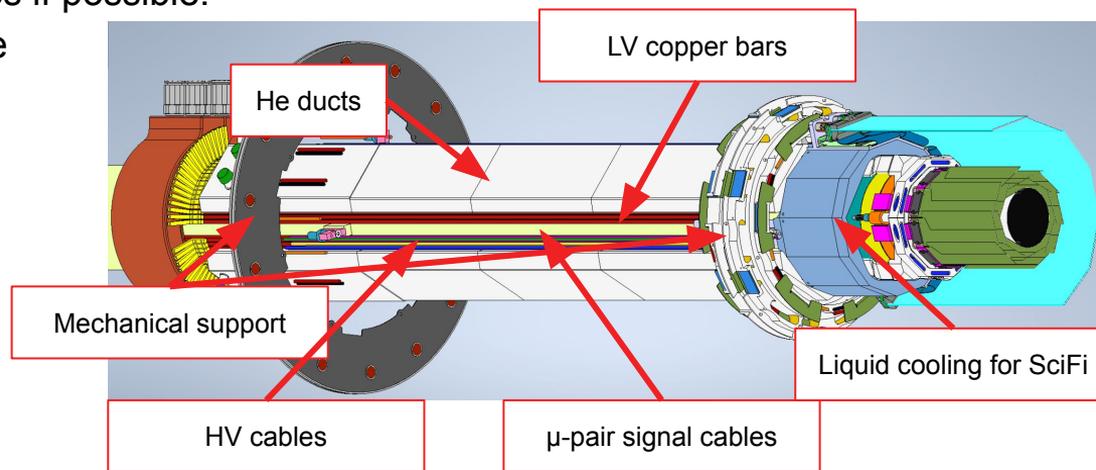


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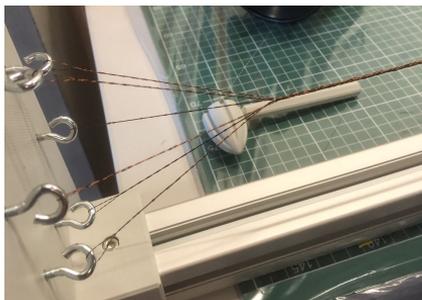
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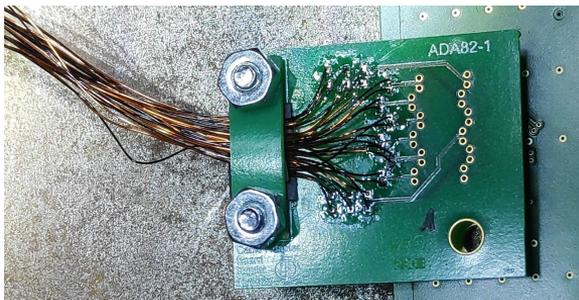


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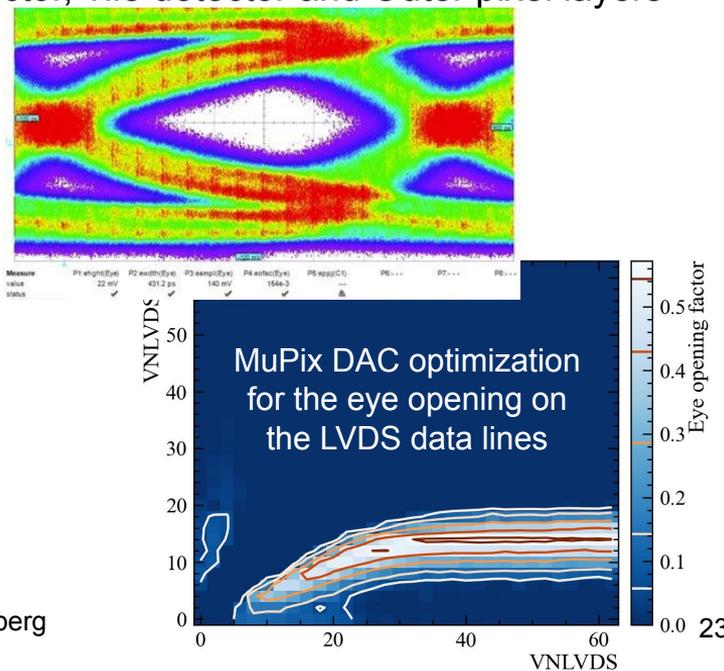
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- Data transmission via **μ -twisted pair cables**



self-made 44-pair bundles



μ -twisted pair cables soldered to readout adapter board





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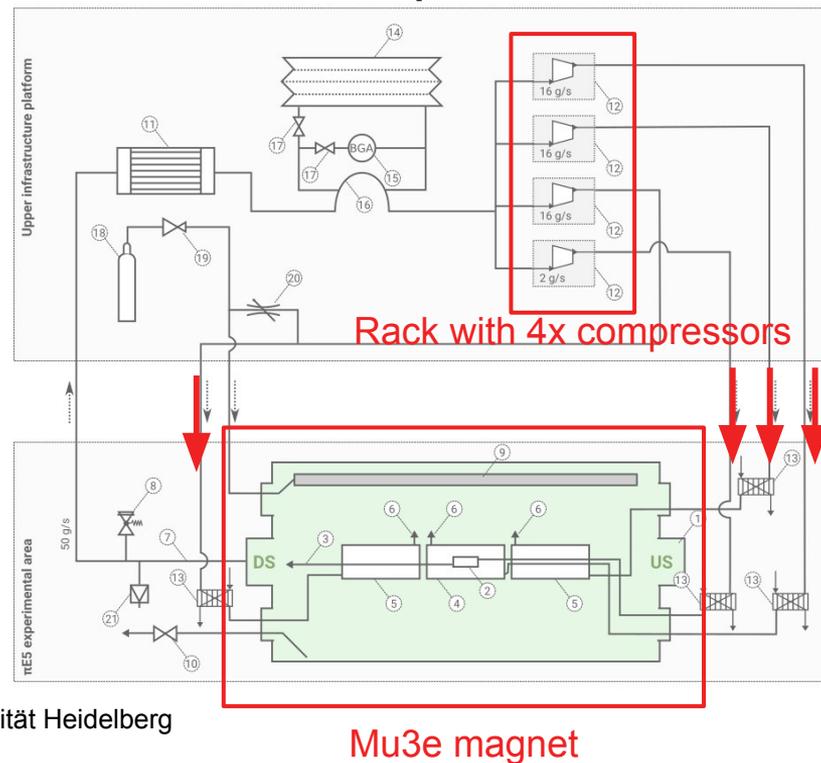


Turbo compressor providing 16 g/s helium (from Fischer)



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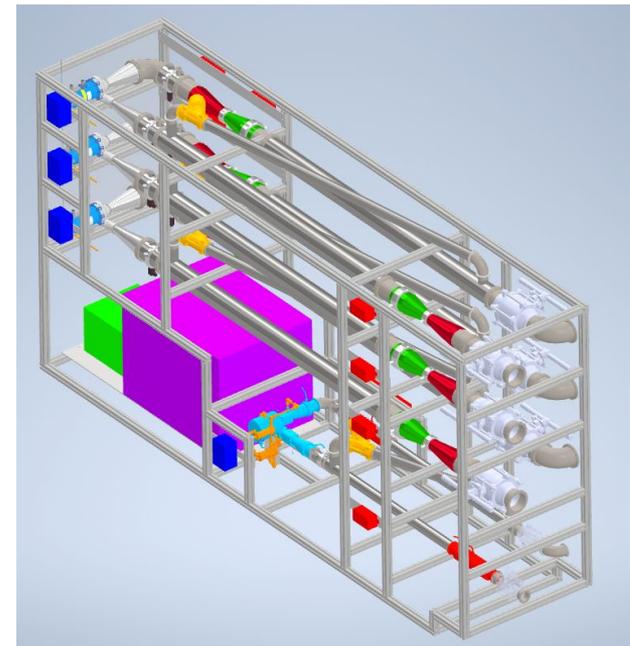
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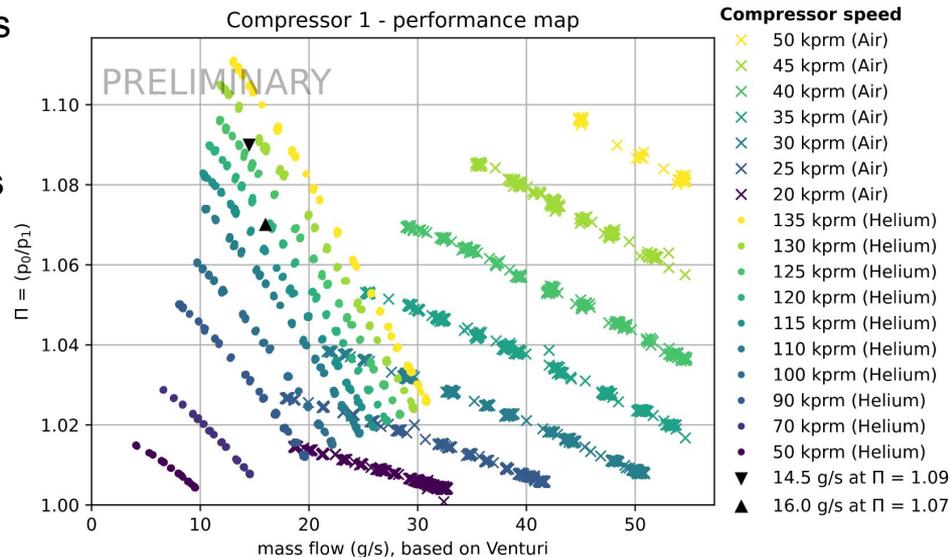


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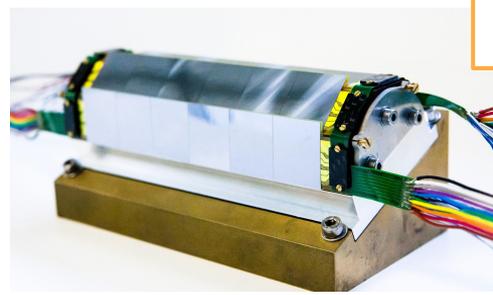
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Cooling studies for the vertex detector

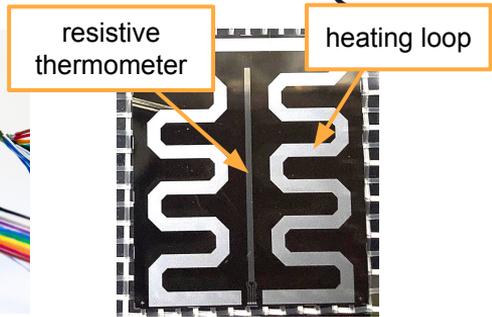
- Silicon heater modules as thermal mechanical mock-up
- Studied heat dissipations of up to 350 mW/cm^2 (expected $\sim 215 \text{ mW/cm}^2$)
- $\Delta T = \text{chip temperature} - \text{gas inlet temperature}$

	350 mW/cm^2	215 mW/cm^2
Max. ΔT	< 54 K	< 35 K
Avg. ΔT	$\sim 31 \text{ K}$	$\sim 17 \text{ K}$

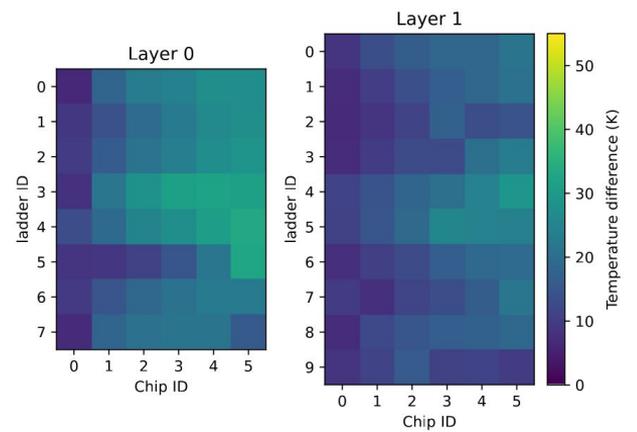
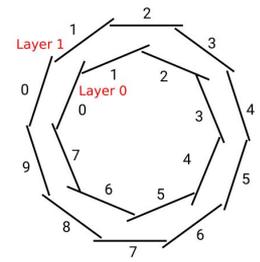
- Requirement of Max. $\Delta T < 60 \text{ K}$



Silicon heater module



Silicon heater chip

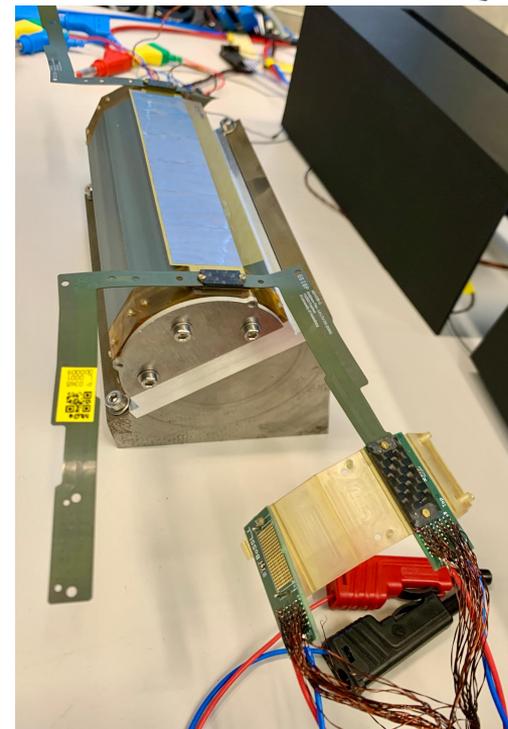


temperature difference maps 215 mW/cm^2 (expected scenario)



Summary

- Mu3e bases on a **low mass tracker** with an unprecedented low material budget of **$\sim 0.1\%$ X_0 per tracking layer**
- Solely silicon-only trackers will do even better (see next talk I guess 😊)
- **Gaseous helium cooling** is employed to further minimize the overall material budget
- **Material reduction** extends to the **passive volume** to accommodate integrated services within limited space (incl. μ -twisted pair cables, LV copper bars, no conventional connectors, etc...)
- Mu3e vertex detector under construction now!
 - Cosmic run in summer/autumn this year (2024)
 - First beam data by the end of this year (2024)



QC stand of 1st final vertex detector ladder