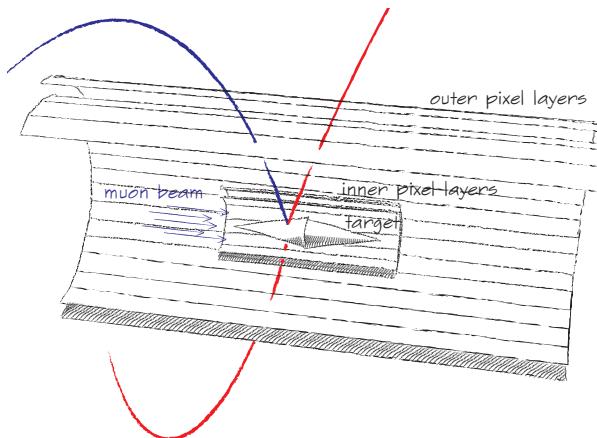


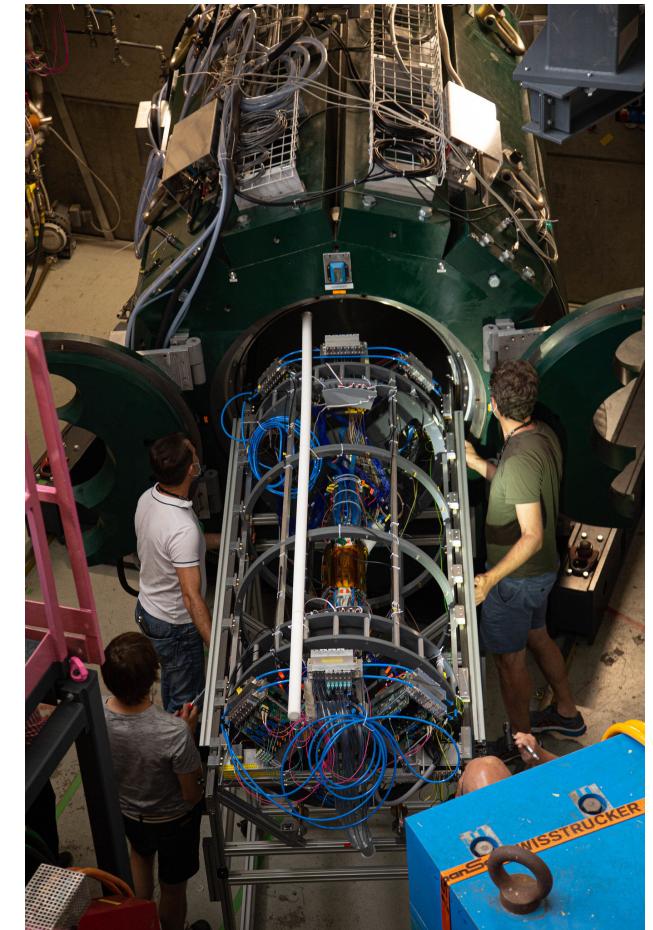
# Mu3e

## from idea to Experiment



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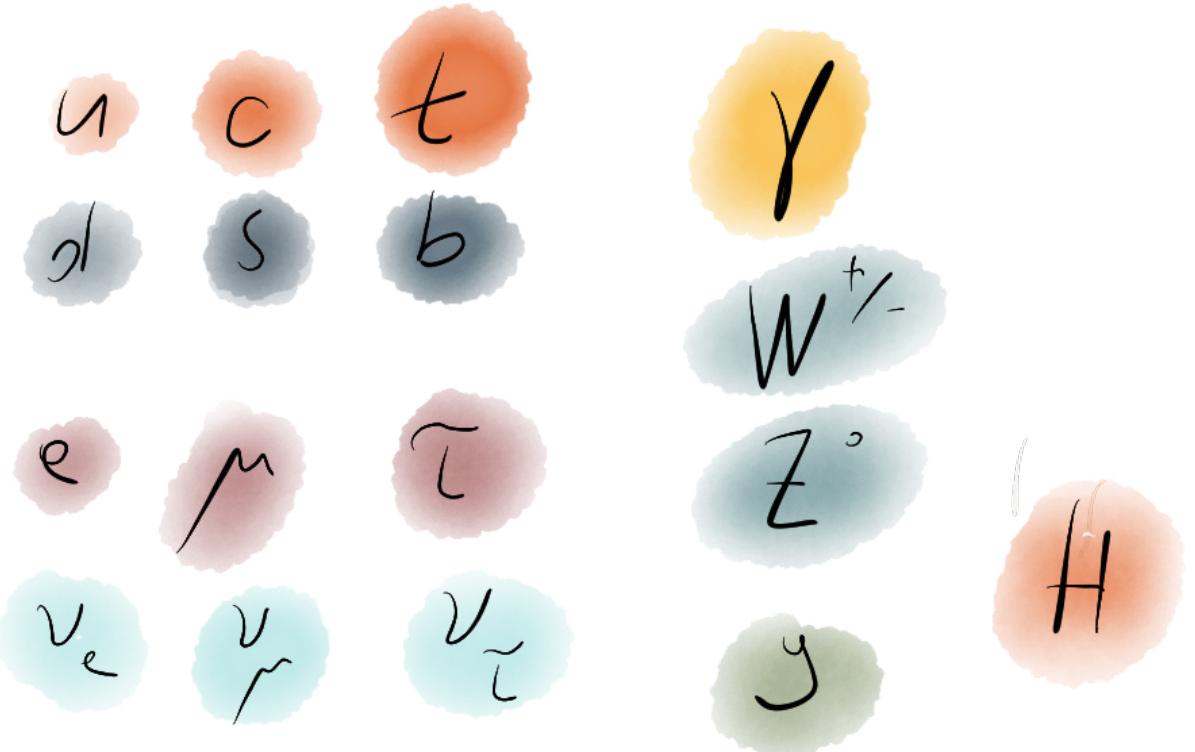
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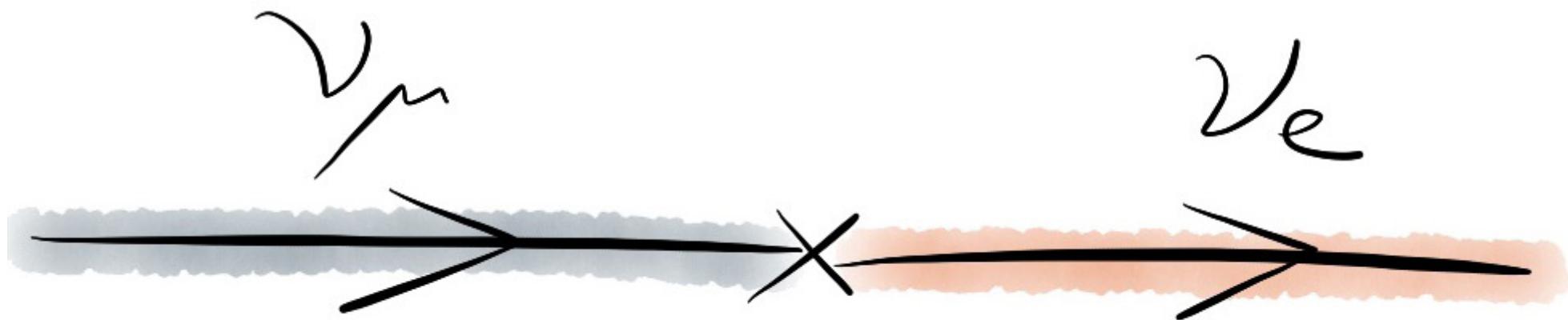
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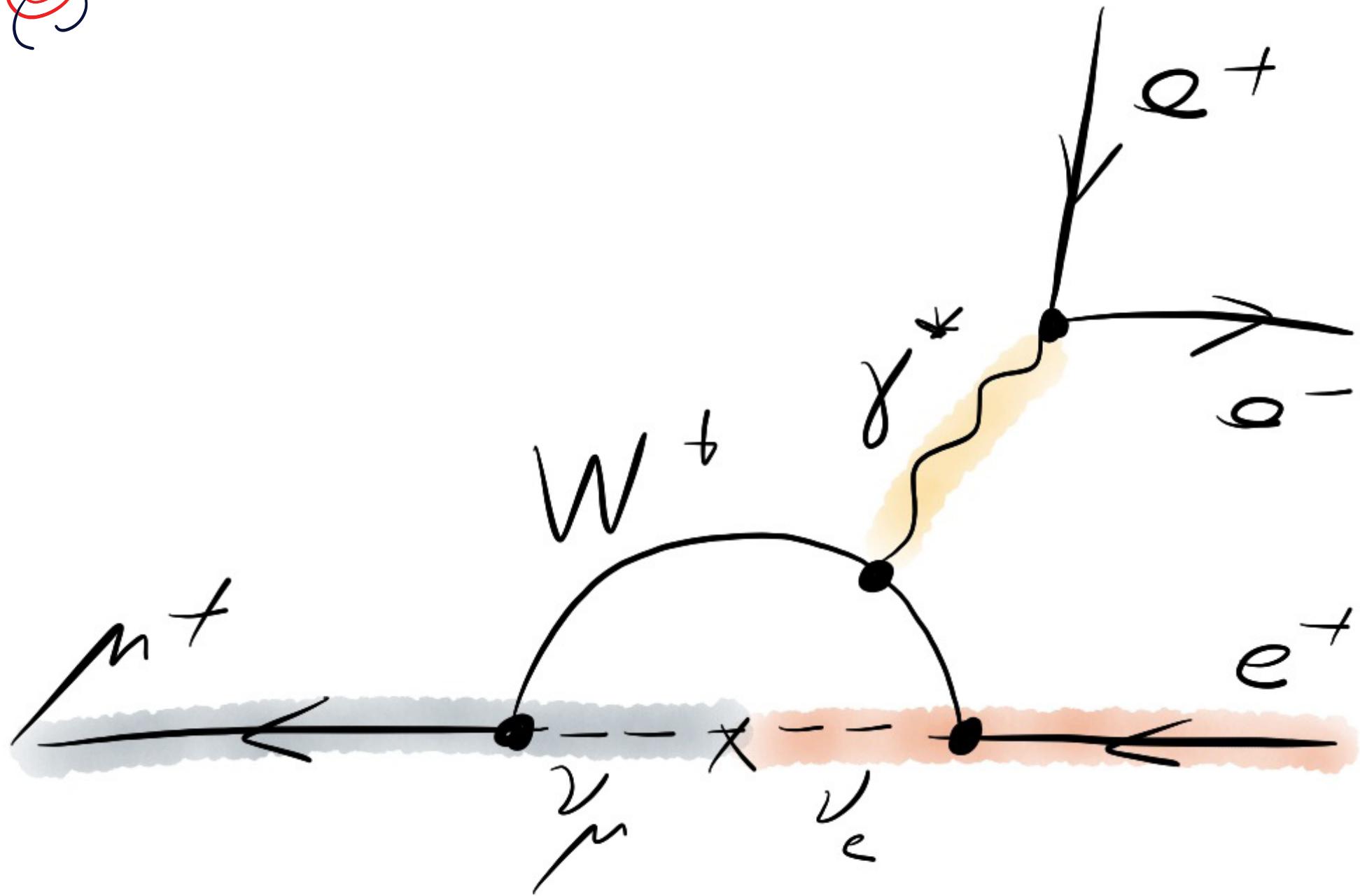


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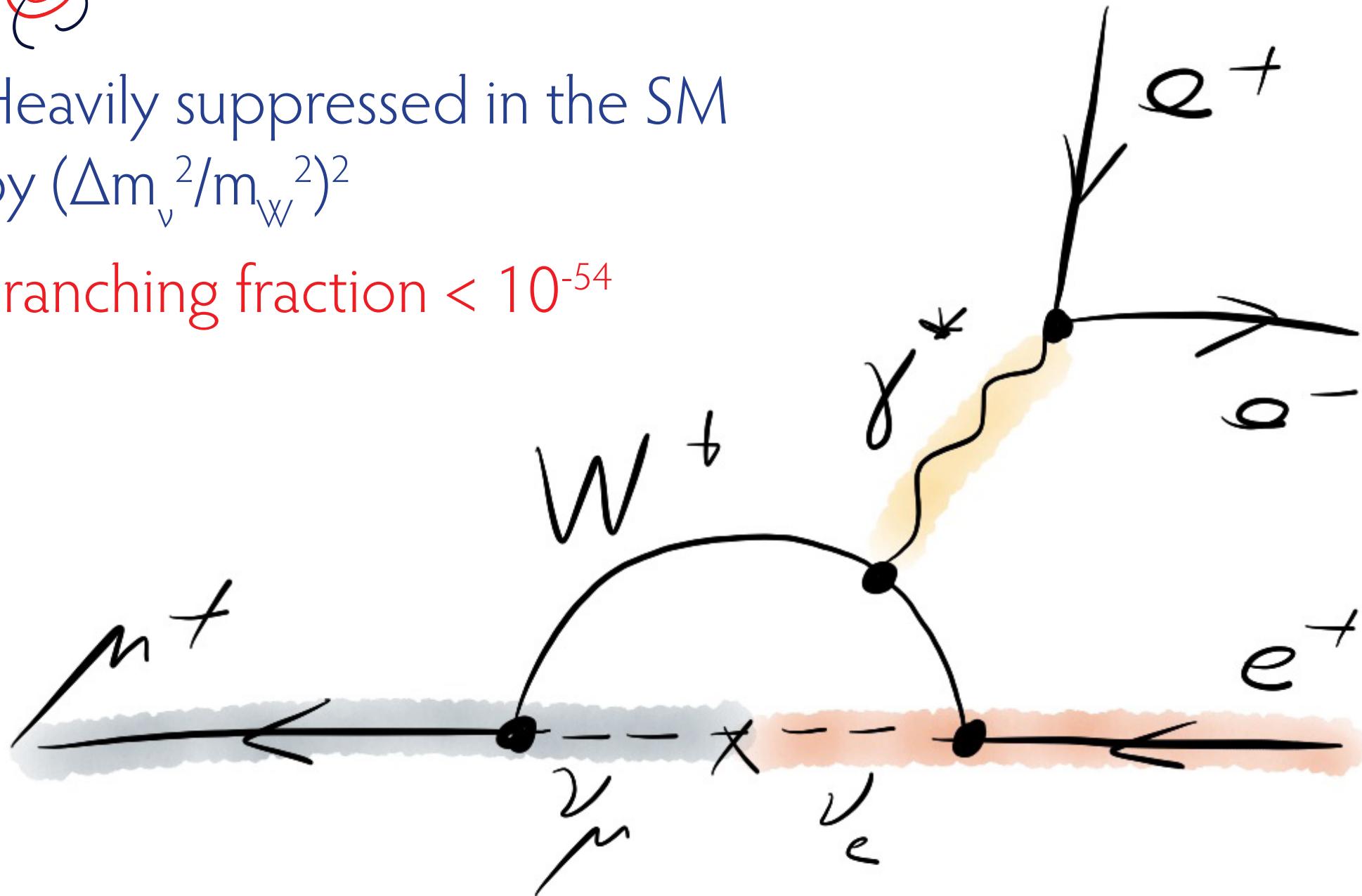


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Heavily suppressed in the SM

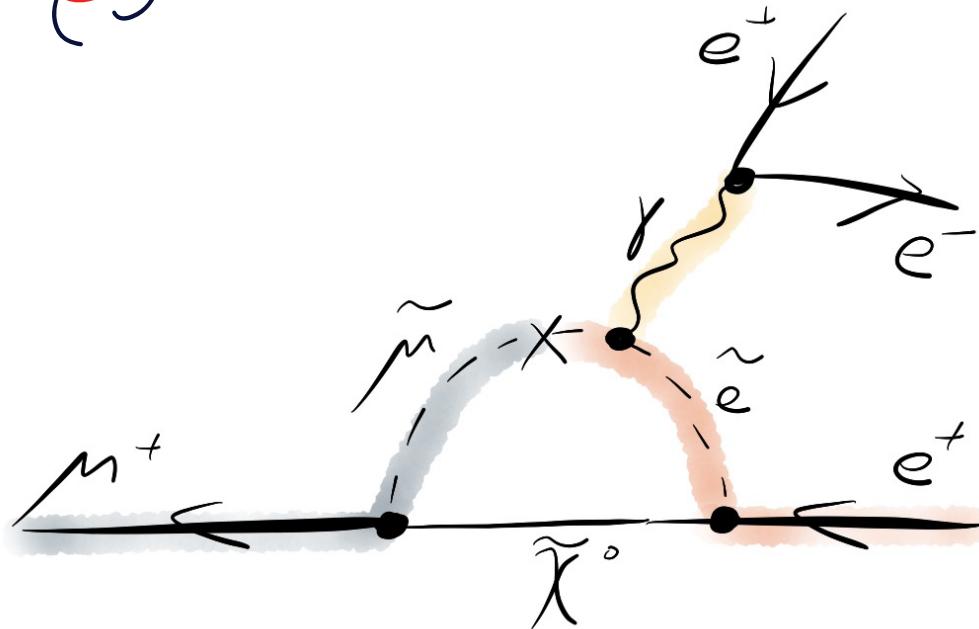
by  $(\Delta m_\nu^2/m_W^2)^2$

Branching fraction  $< 10^{-54}$



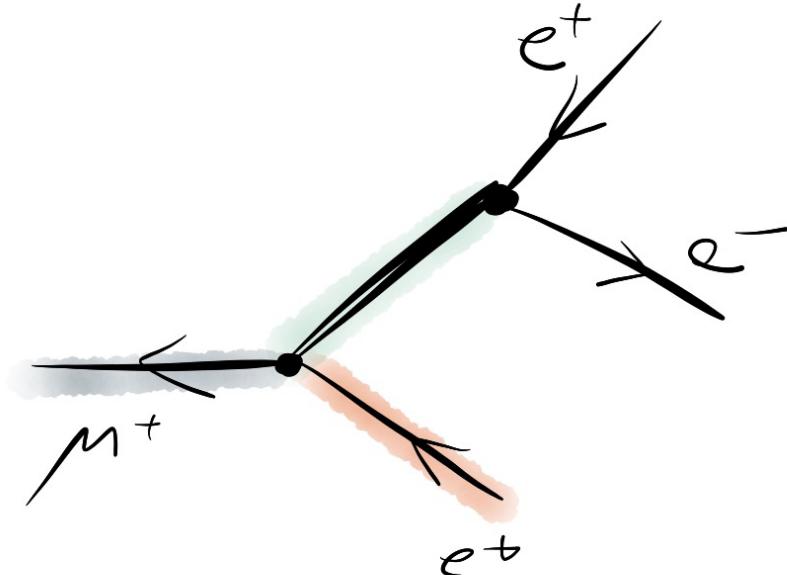
$\mu_3 e$

# New physics in $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$



## Loop diagrams

- Supersymmetry
- Little Higgs models
- Seesaw models
- GUT models (leptoquarks)
- and much more...

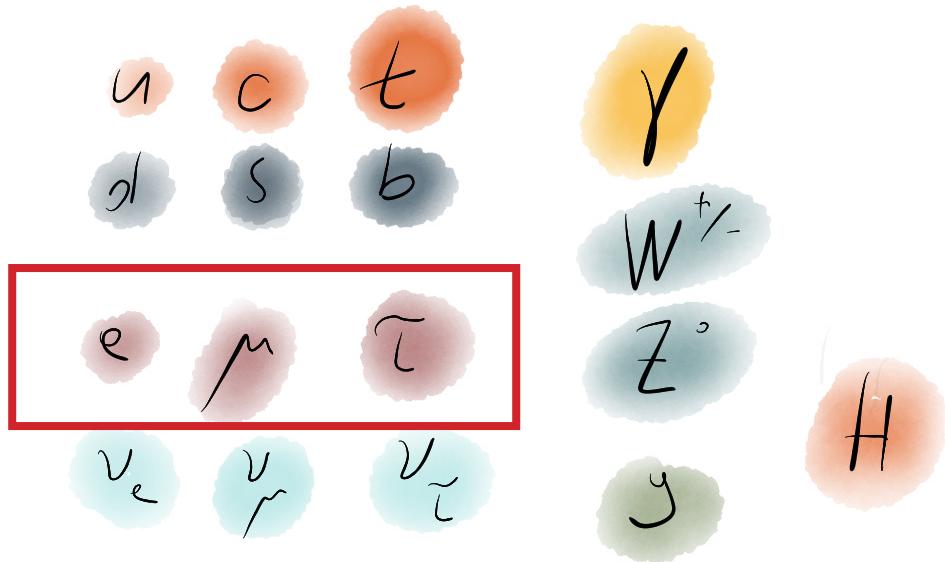


## Tree diagrams

- Higgs triplet model
- Extra heavy vector bosons ( $Z'$ )
- Extra dimensions (Kaluza-Klein tower)
- ...

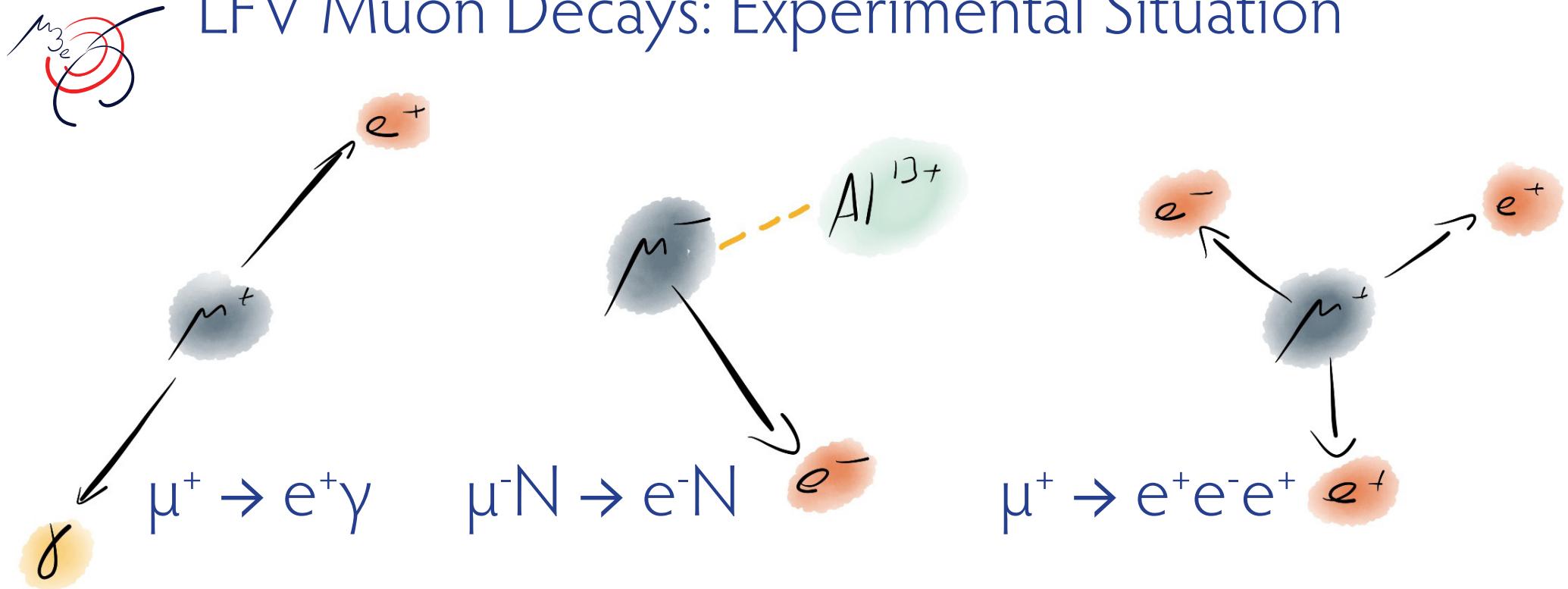


# Menu of charged Leptons



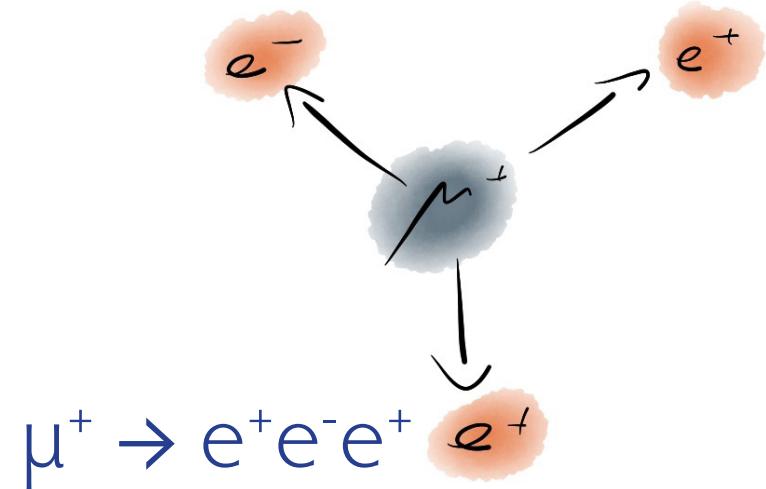
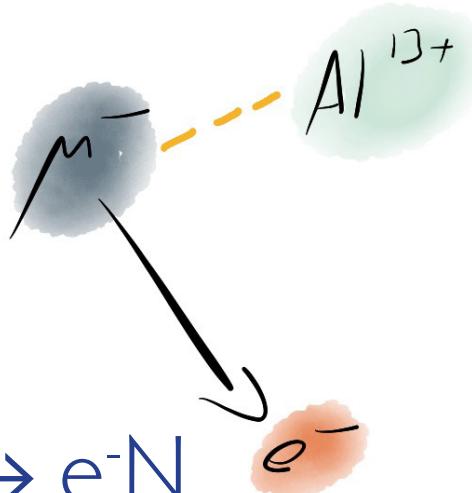
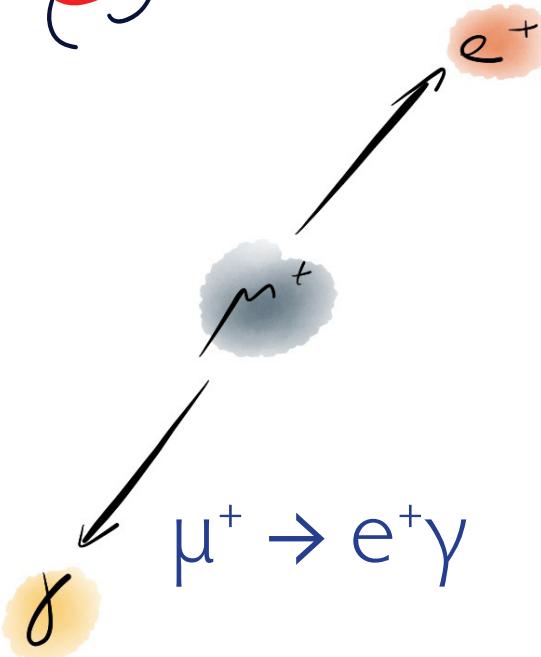
- Electrons are stable...
- New physics sensitivity (heavy new physics, very generic) scales with  $m_l^2$   
 $\tau$ 's are most sensitive
- But: Can produce about as many muons per second as taus in a year
- Muons lead the search for charged Lepton Flavour Violation

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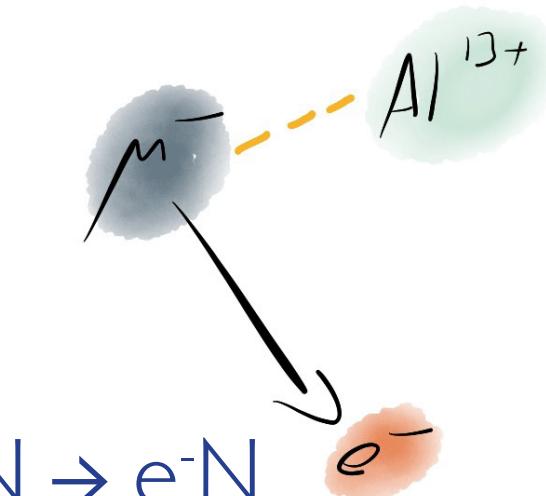
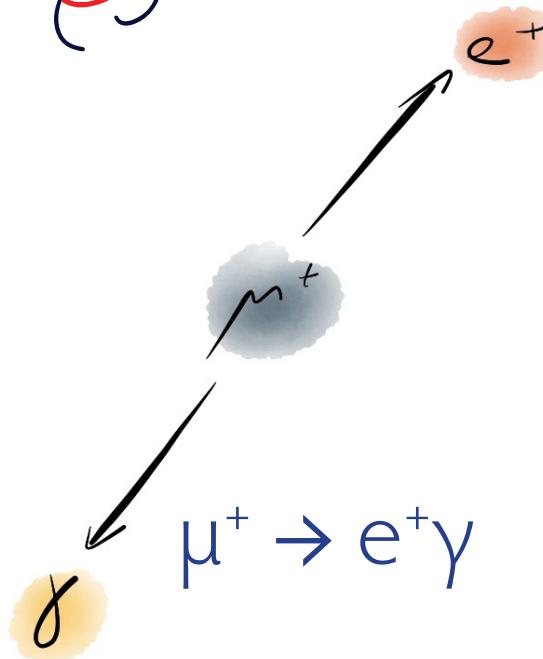
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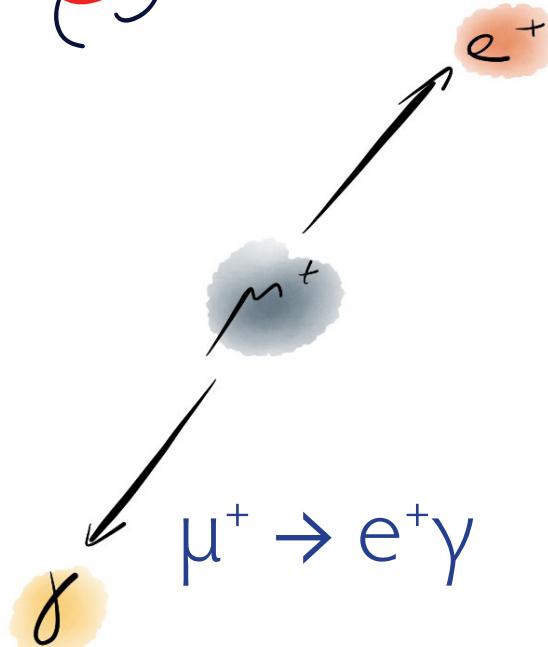
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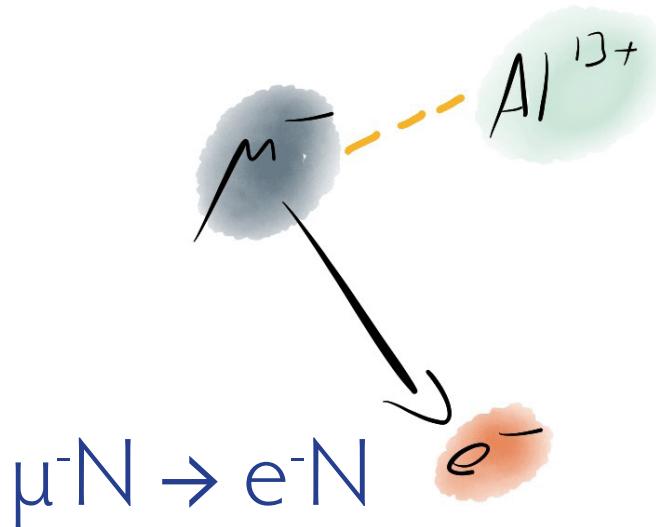


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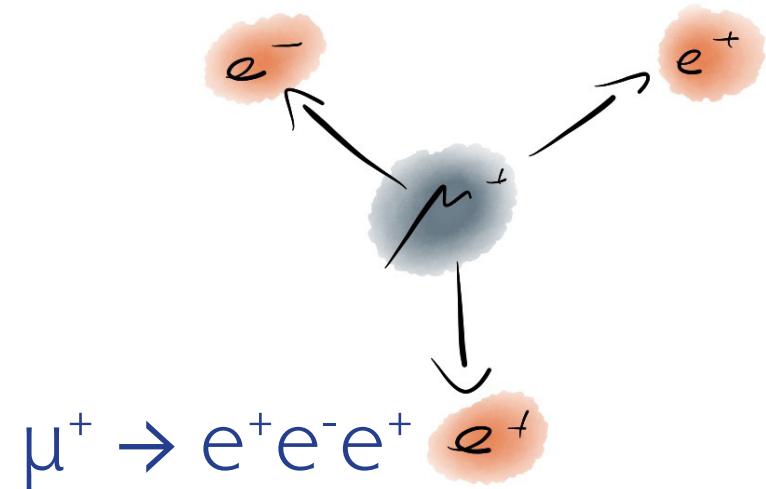
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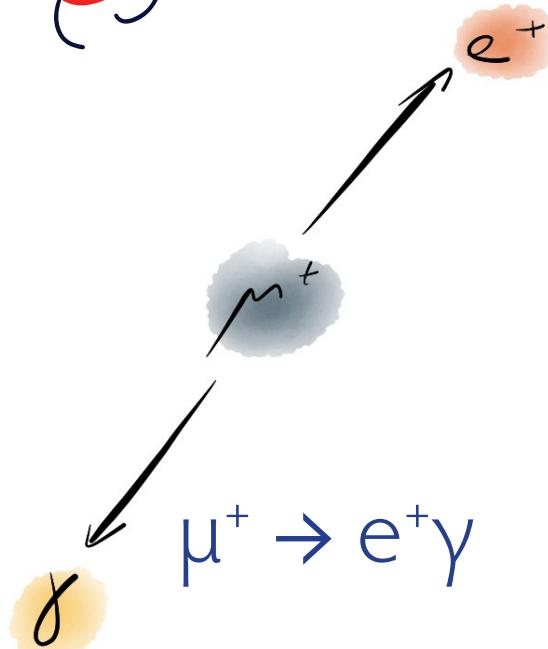


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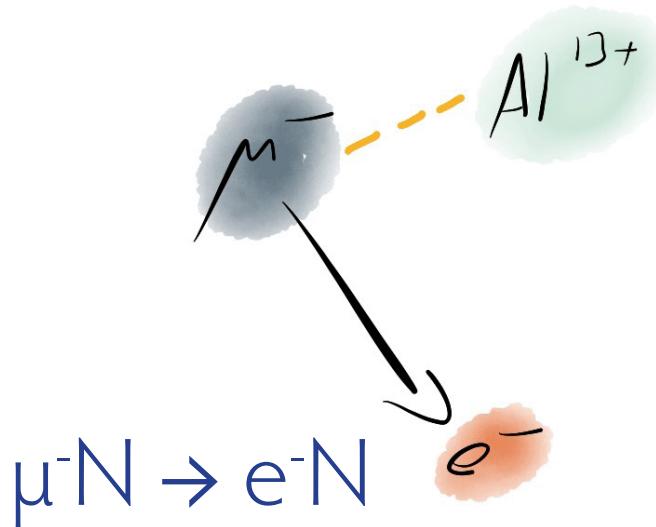


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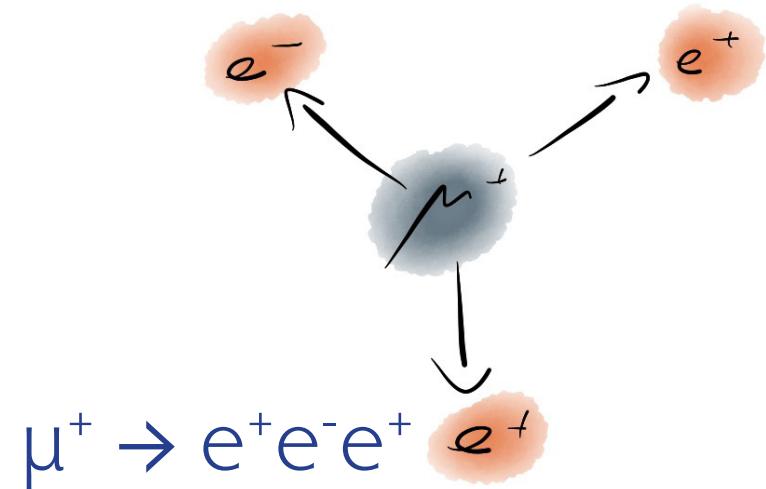


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- Antiprotons, pions, cosmics



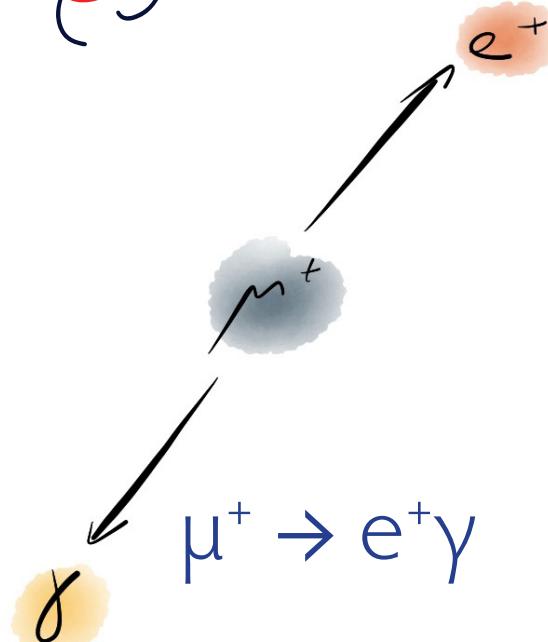
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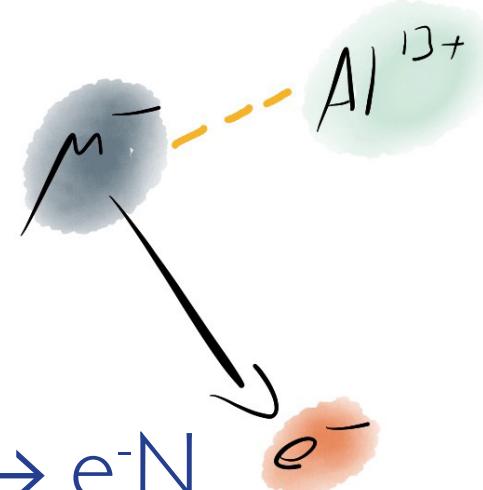
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*Continuous Beam*

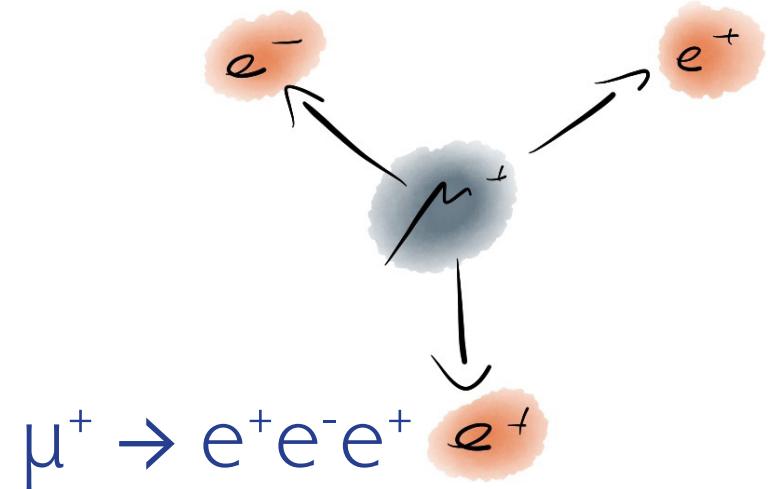


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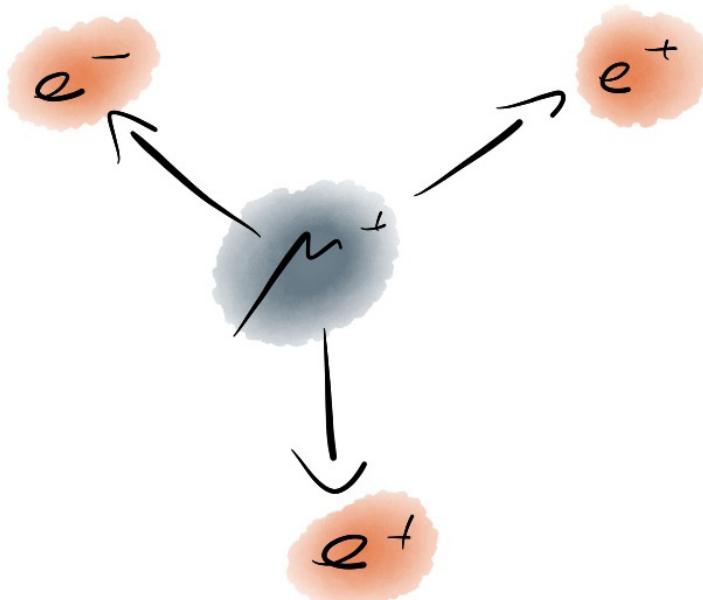
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# The $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$ Process: Requirements for an Experiment



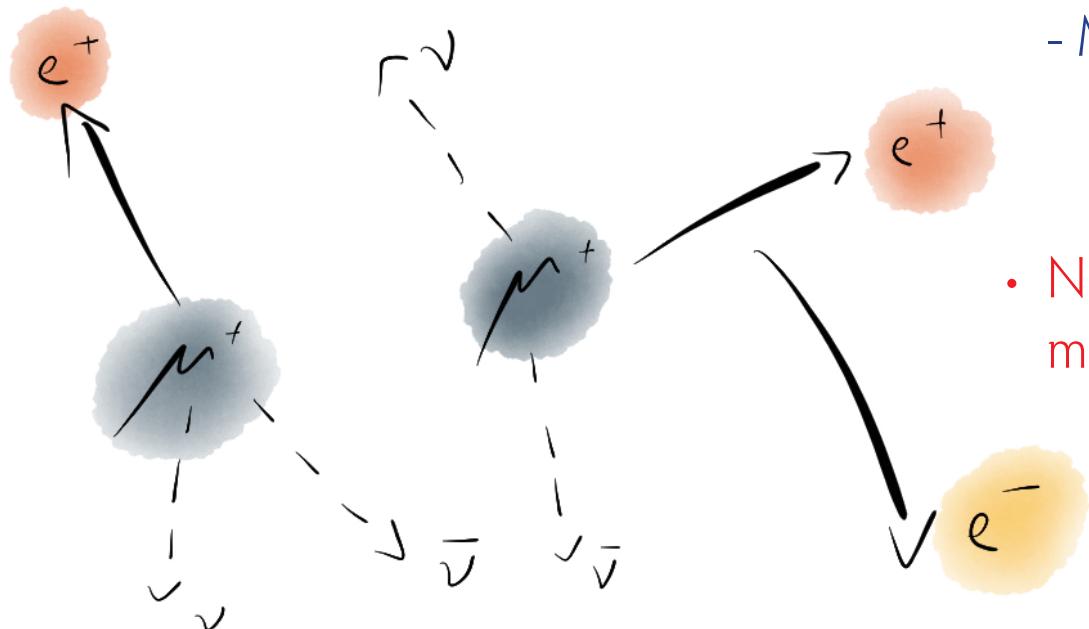
# The signal



- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$
- Two positrons, one electron
- From same vertex
- Same time
- Sum of 4-momenta corresponds to muon at rest
- Maximum momentum:  $\frac{1}{2} m_\mu = 53 \text{ MeV}/c$



# Accidental Background



- Combination of positrons from ordinary muon decay with electrons from:
  - photon conversion,
  - Bhabha scattering,
  - Mis-reconstruction

- Need very good timing, vertex and momentum resolution

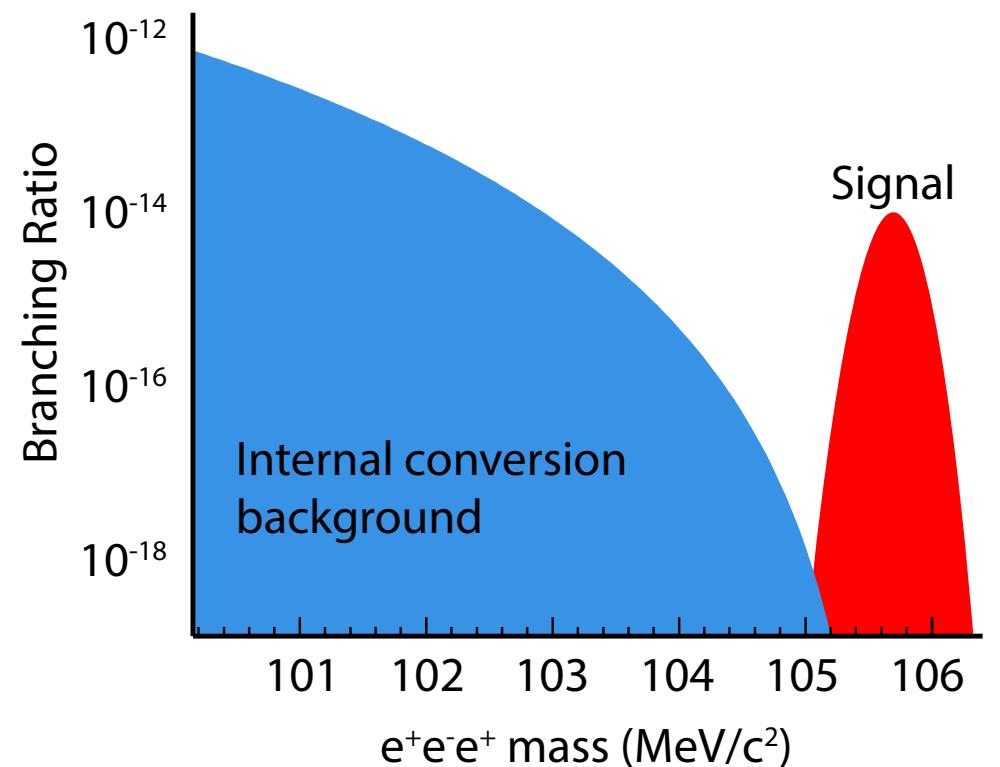


# Internal conversion background



- Need excellent momentum resolution

- Allowed radiative decay with internal conversion:  
 $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$
- Only distinguishing feature:  
Missing momentum carried by neutrinos





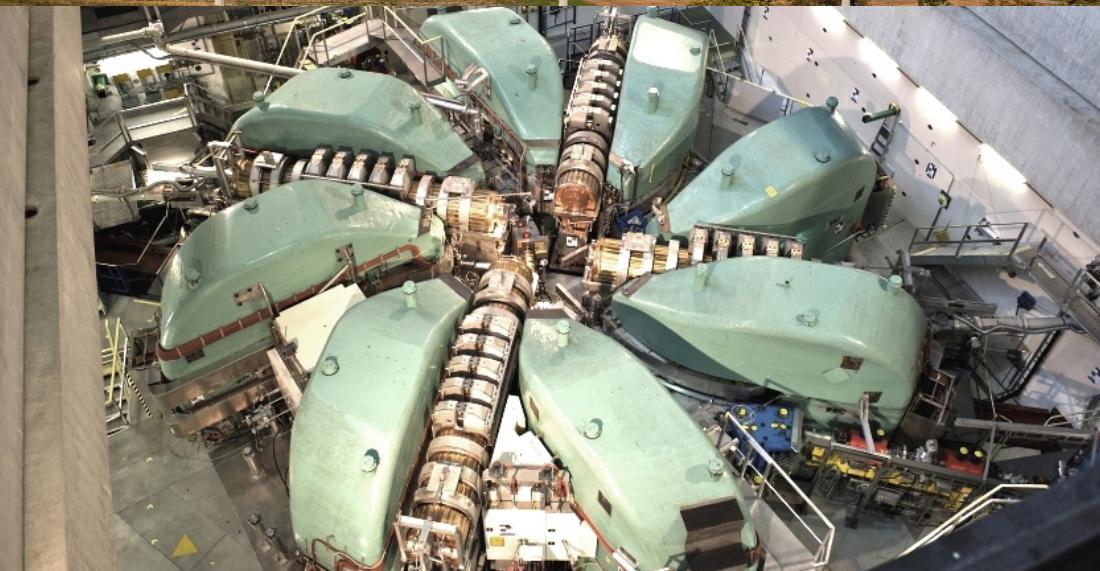
# Building the Mu3e Experiment

aiming for a branching ratio sensitivity of  $10^{-16}$

(few  $10^{-15}$  for the current first phase)



# Getting Muons

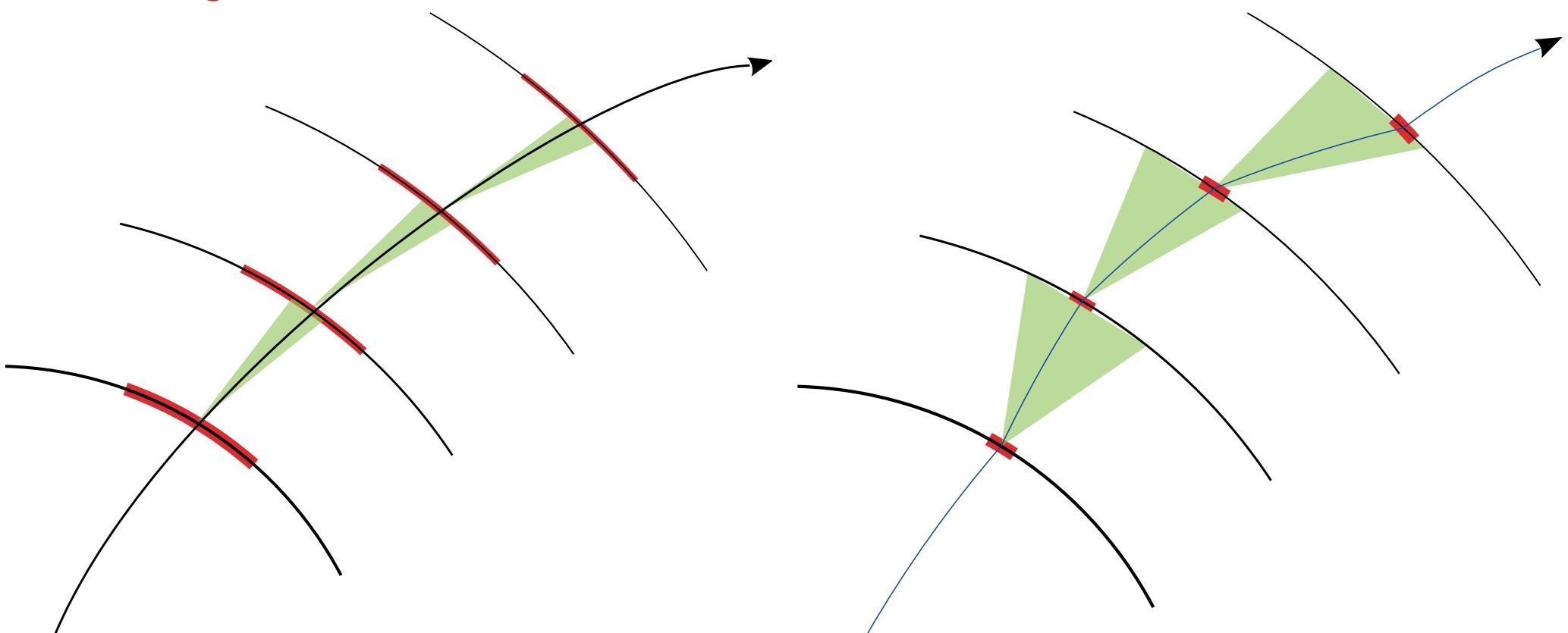


- Paul Scherrer Institute in Switzerland
- 1.4 MW, 590 MeV proton accelerator
- Carbon target, produce pions, decay to muons
- Currently: Up to  $10^8$  muons/s available  
Mu3e Phase I
- Future (2027+): High-intensity muon beamline (HIMB) with up to  $10^{10}$  muons/s  
Mu3e Phase II
- Need to be able to stand these rates



# Momentum measurement

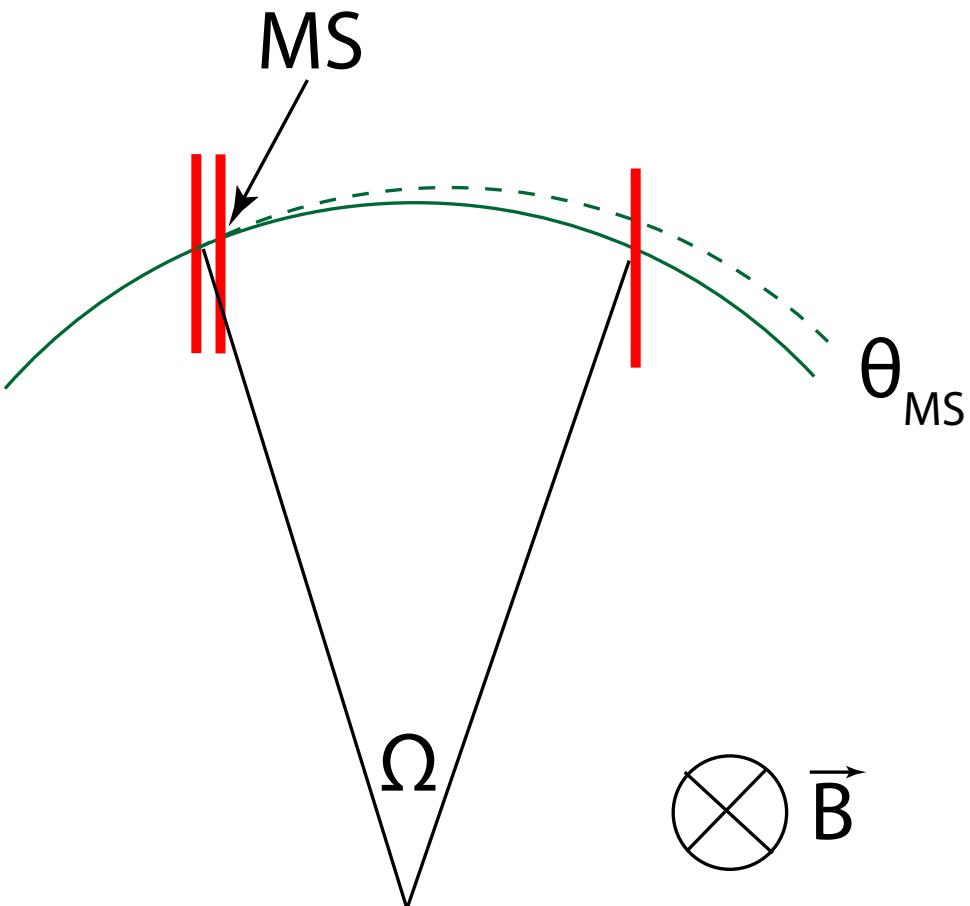
- Apply magnetic field (e.g. 1 Tesla)
- Measure curvature of particles in field
- Limited by detector resolution and scattering in detector





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- Resolution dominated by multiple scattering

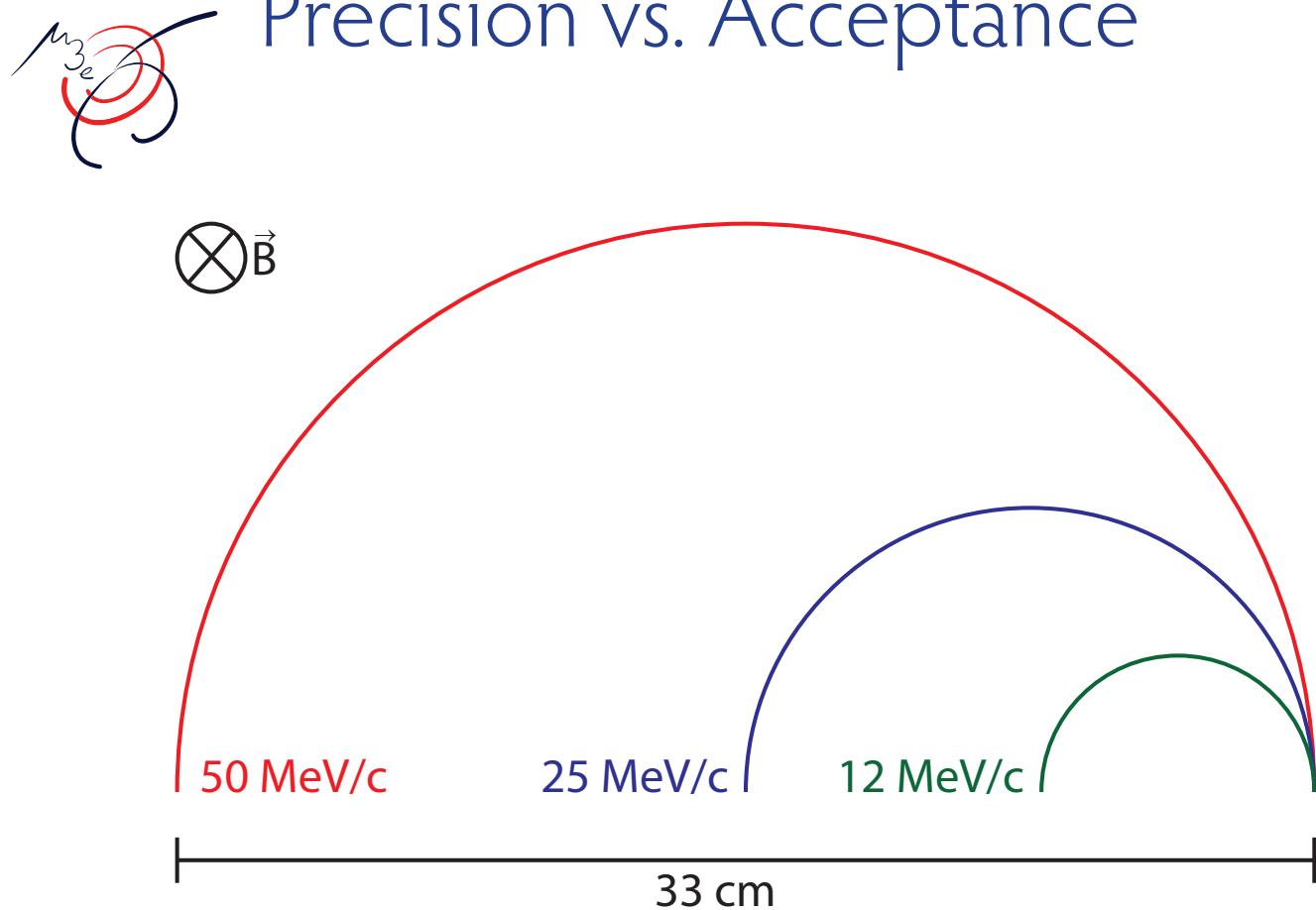


- Momentum resolution to first order:

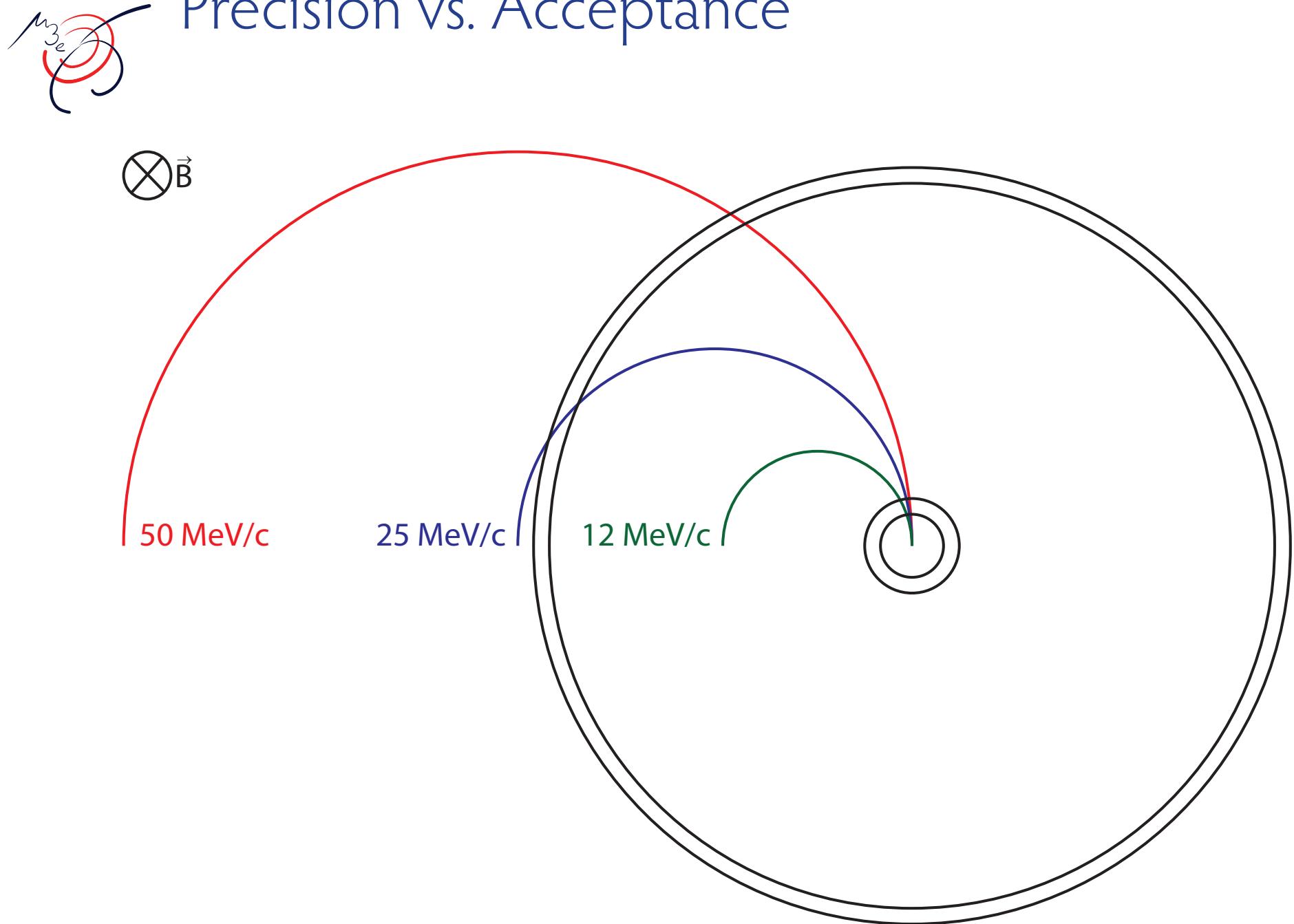
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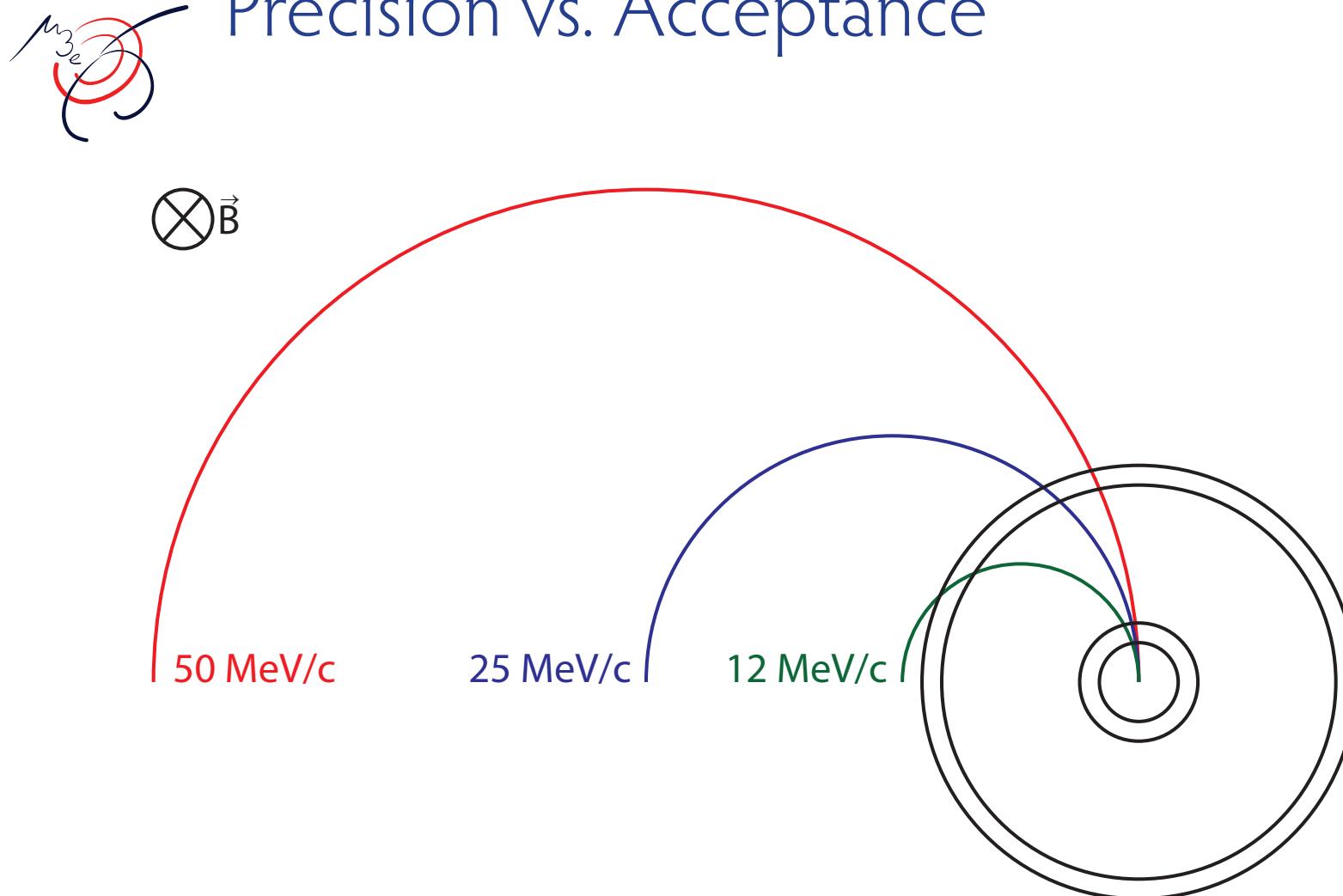
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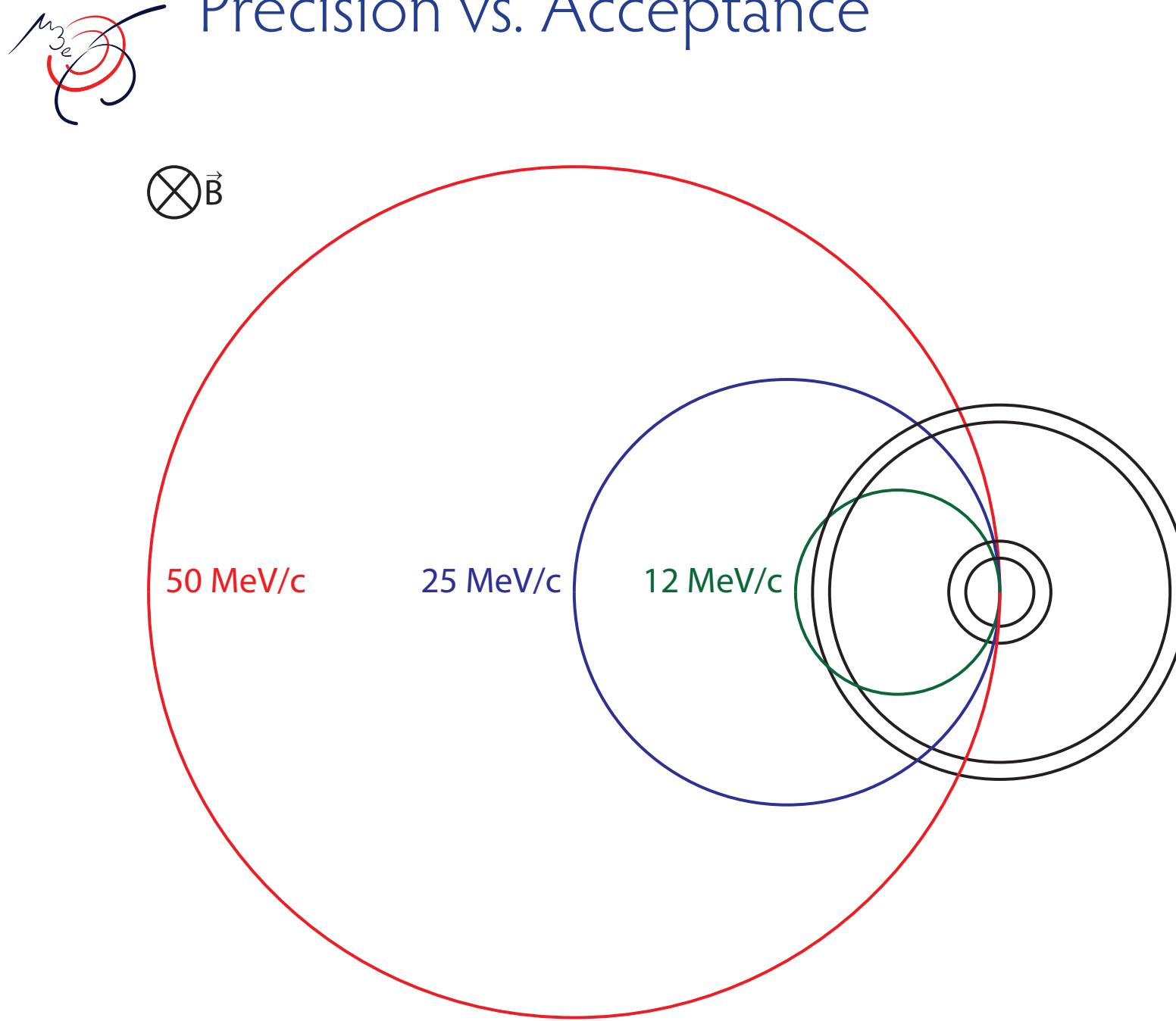
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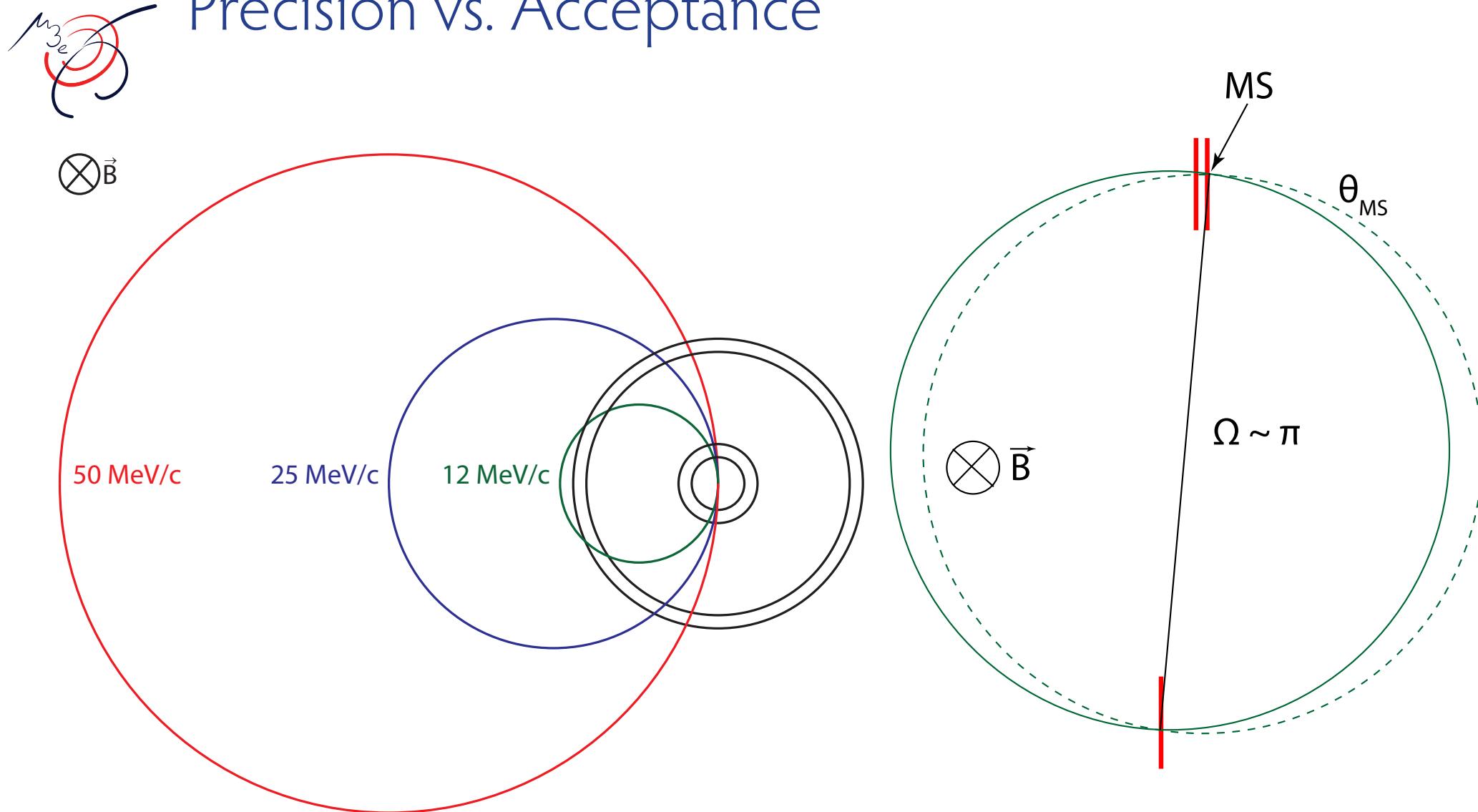
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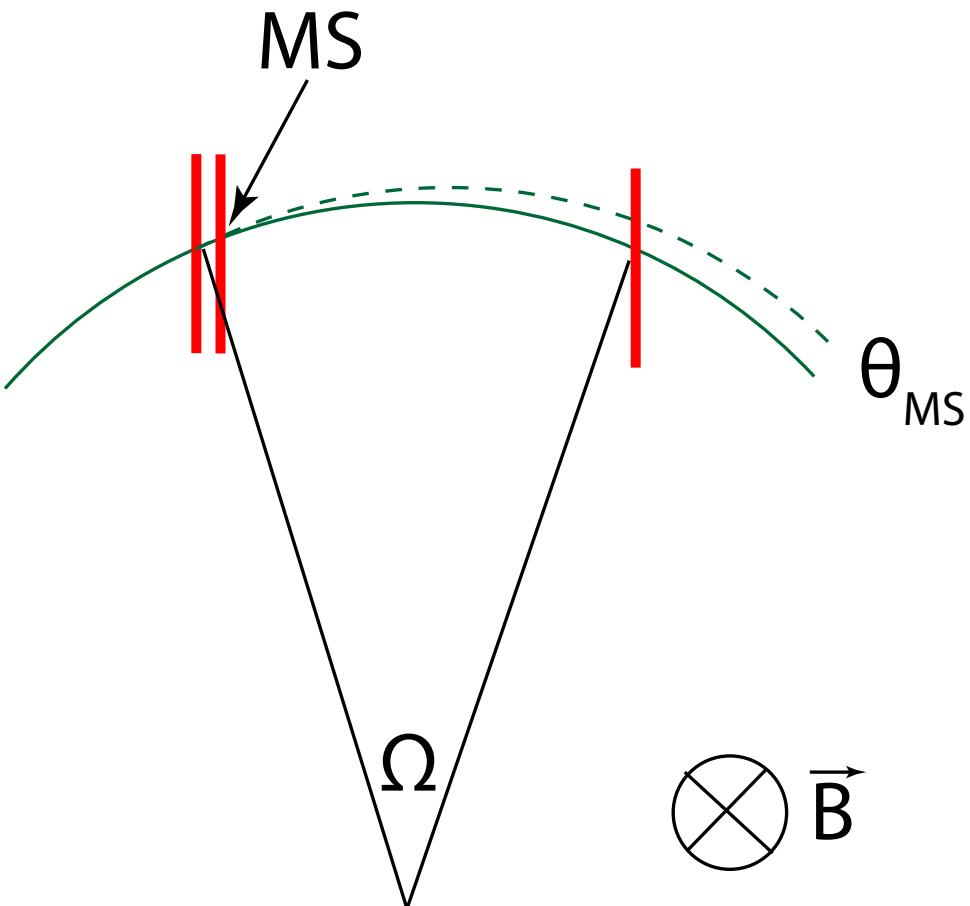
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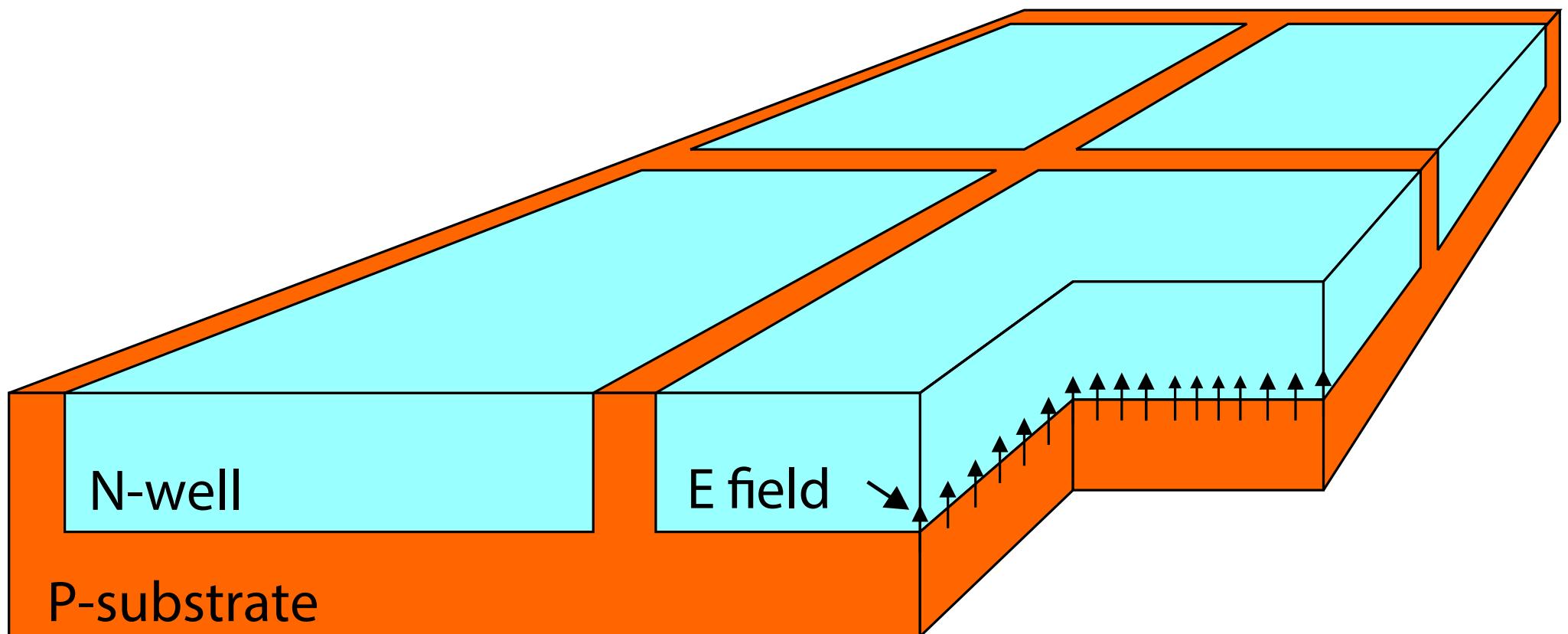
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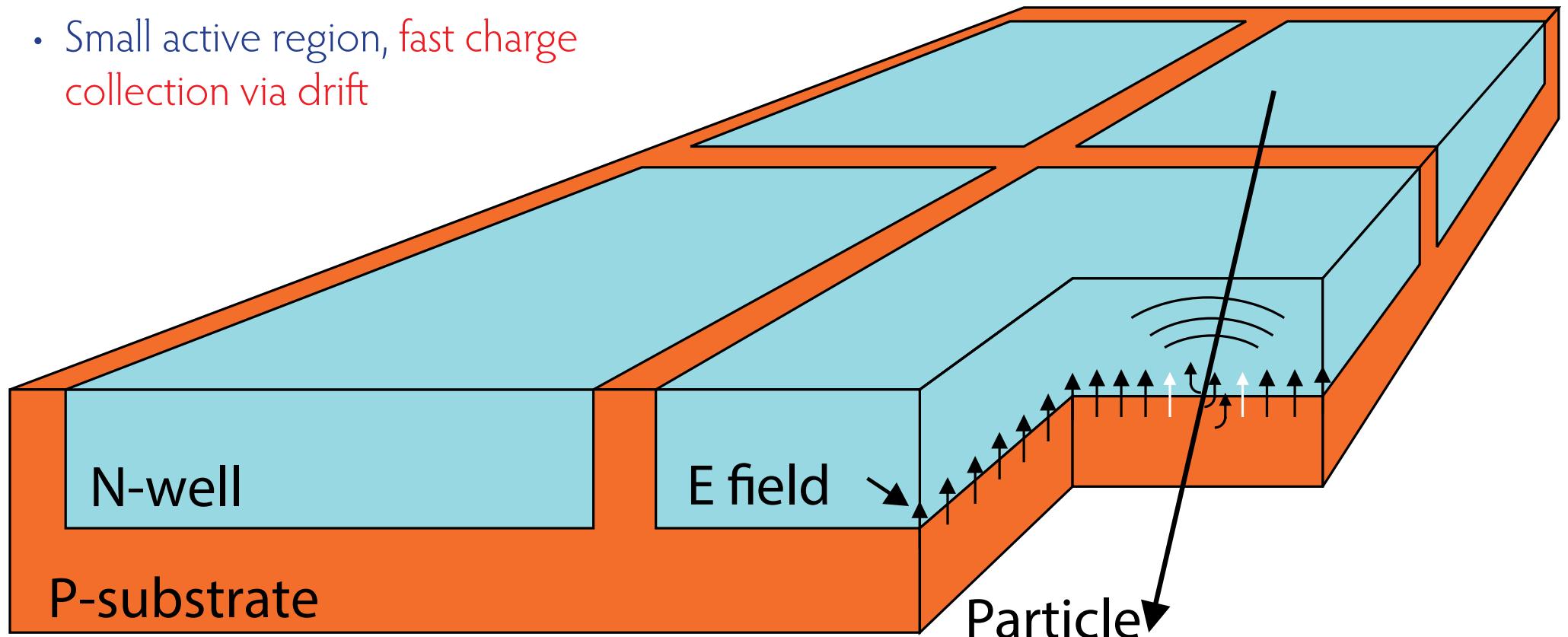




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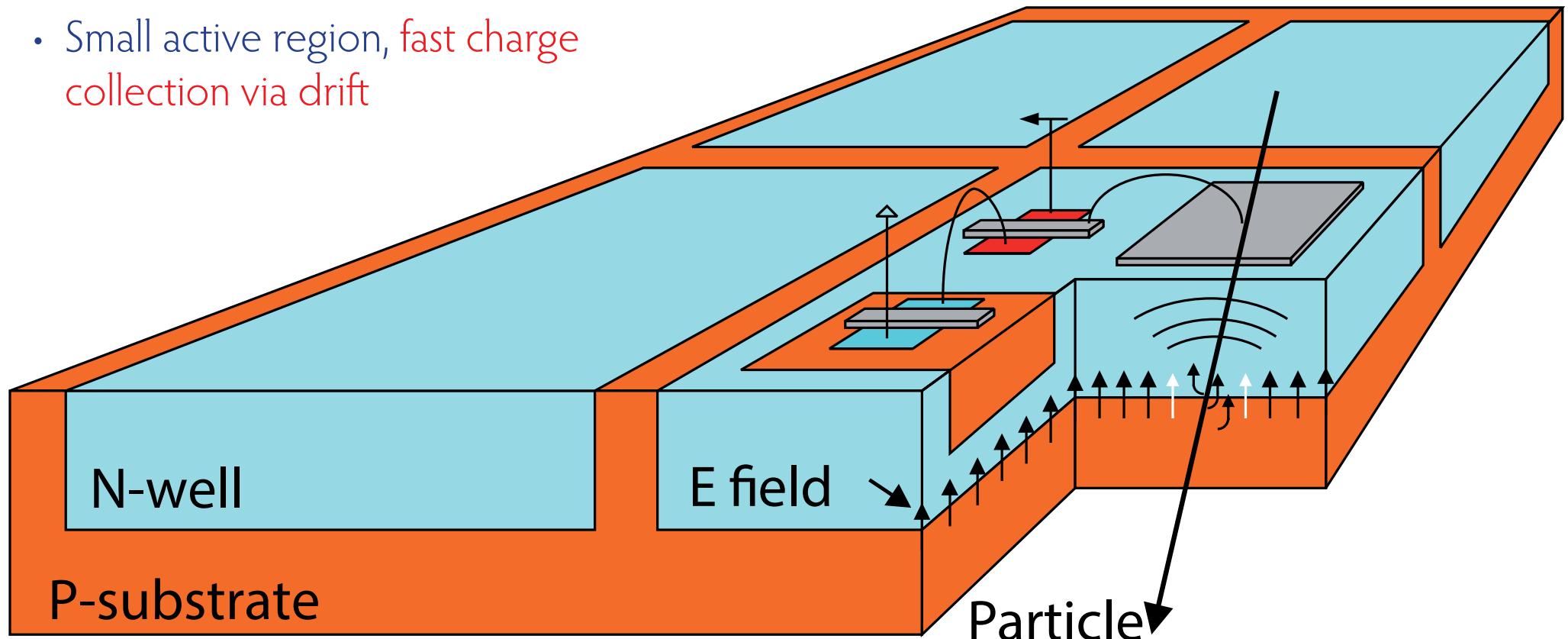
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- Can be thinned down to  $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$

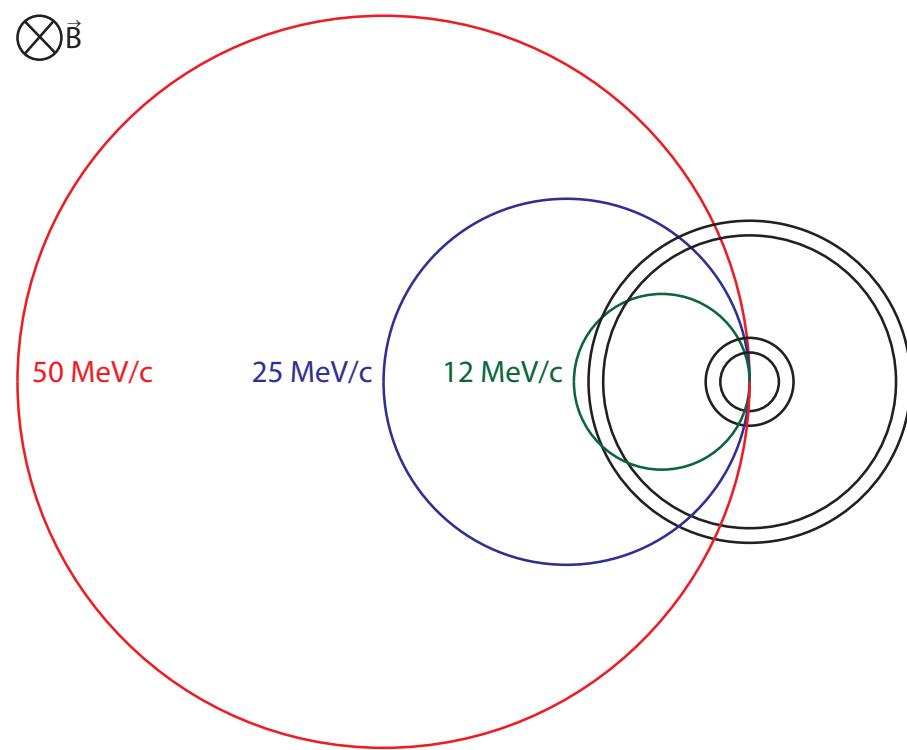
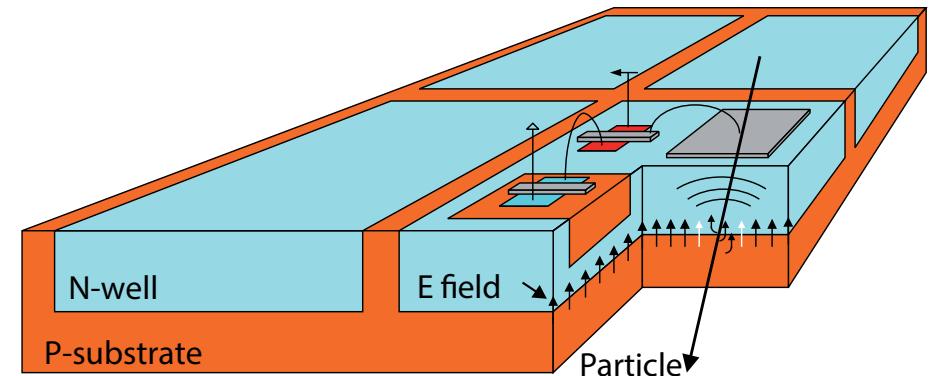
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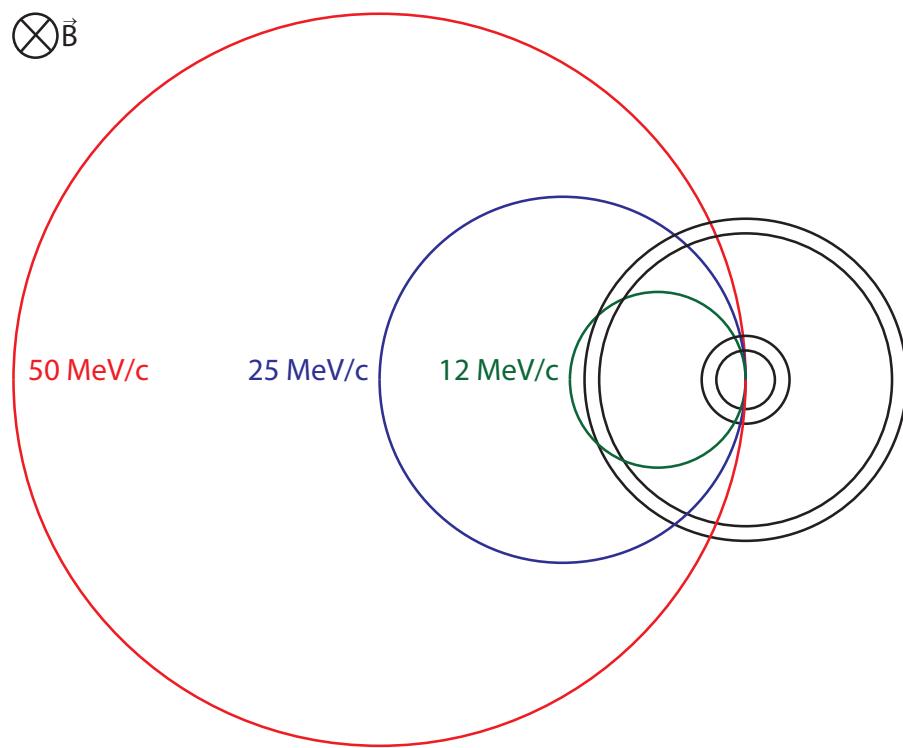
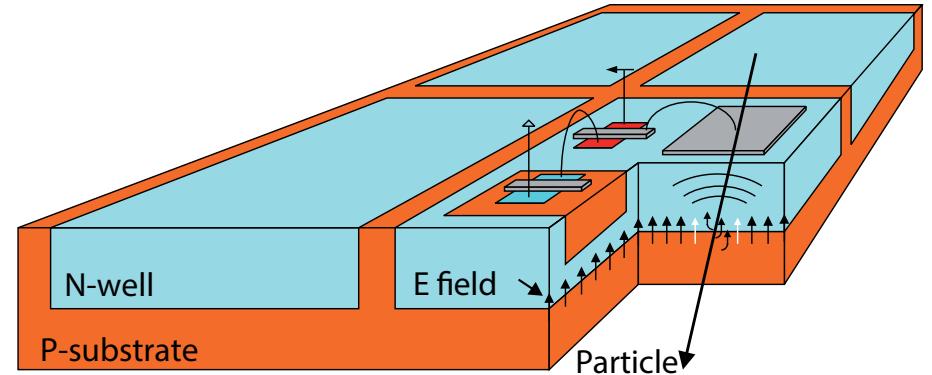
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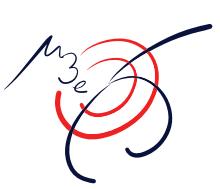
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- We knew that more than 10 years ago - experiment is taking shape now - what happened in the meantime?





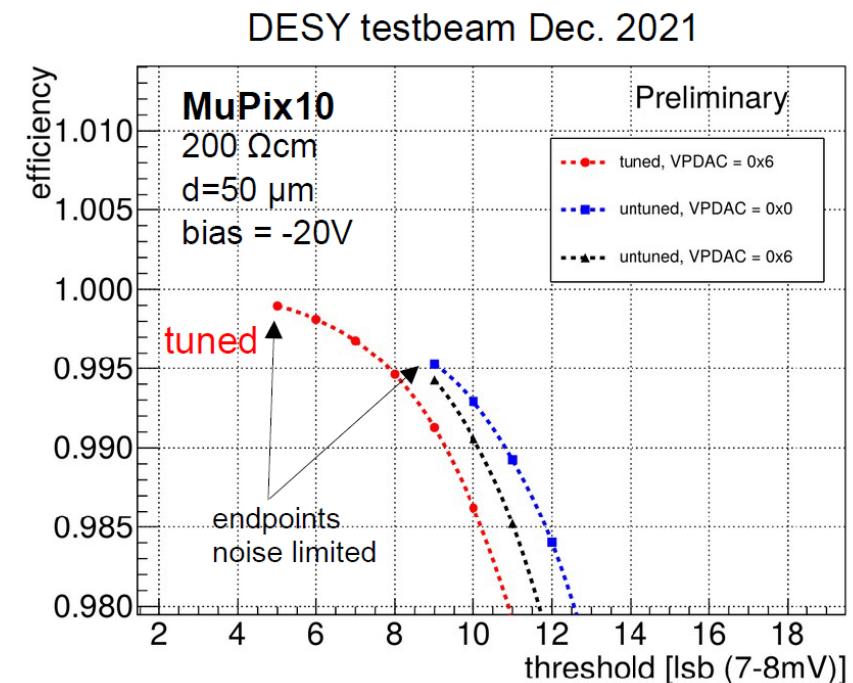
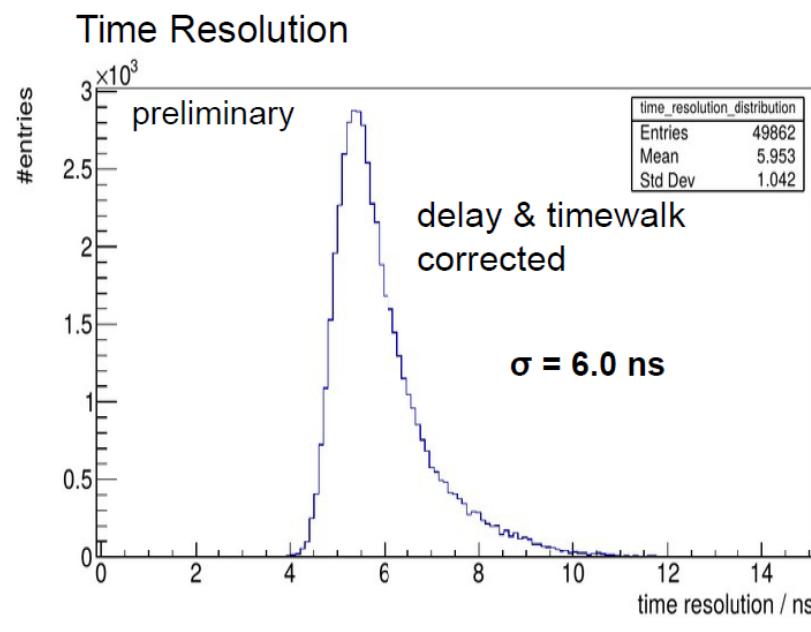
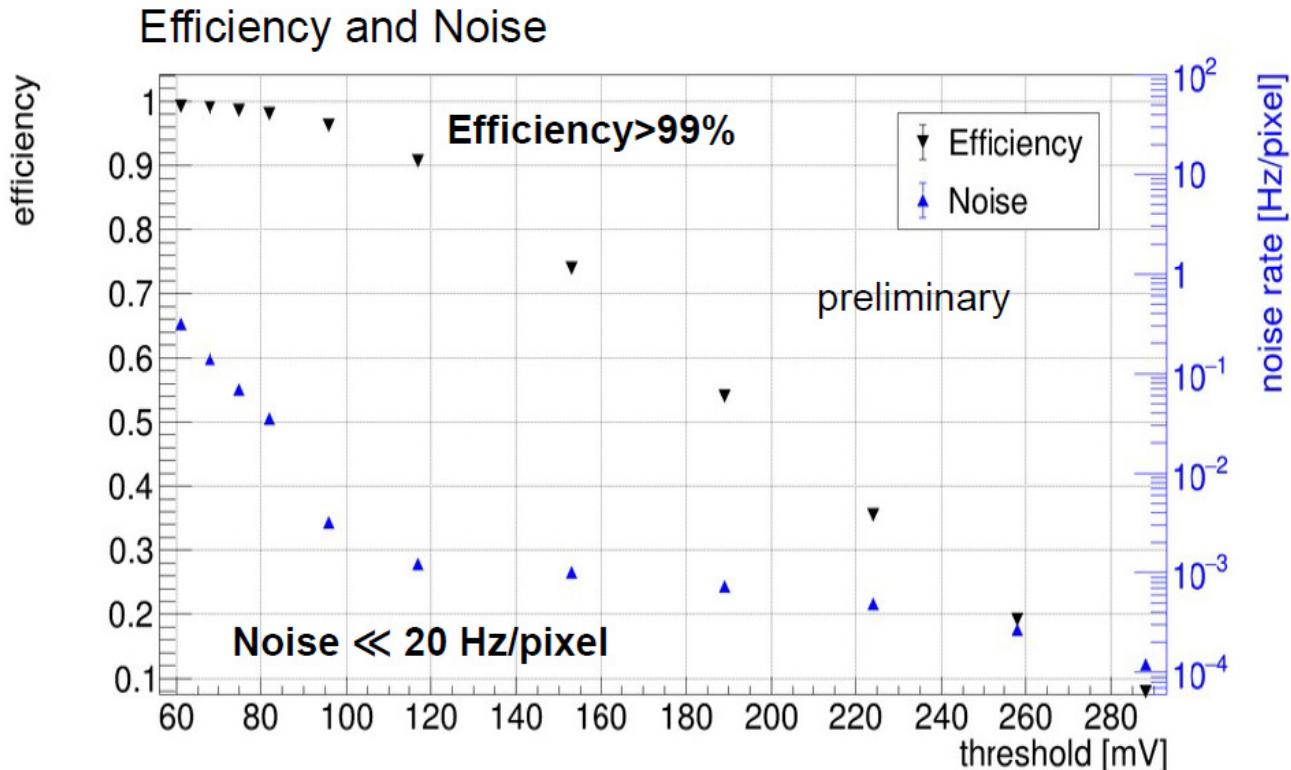
# HV-MAPS: Sensor to system

## The MuPix chips



# Pixel cell

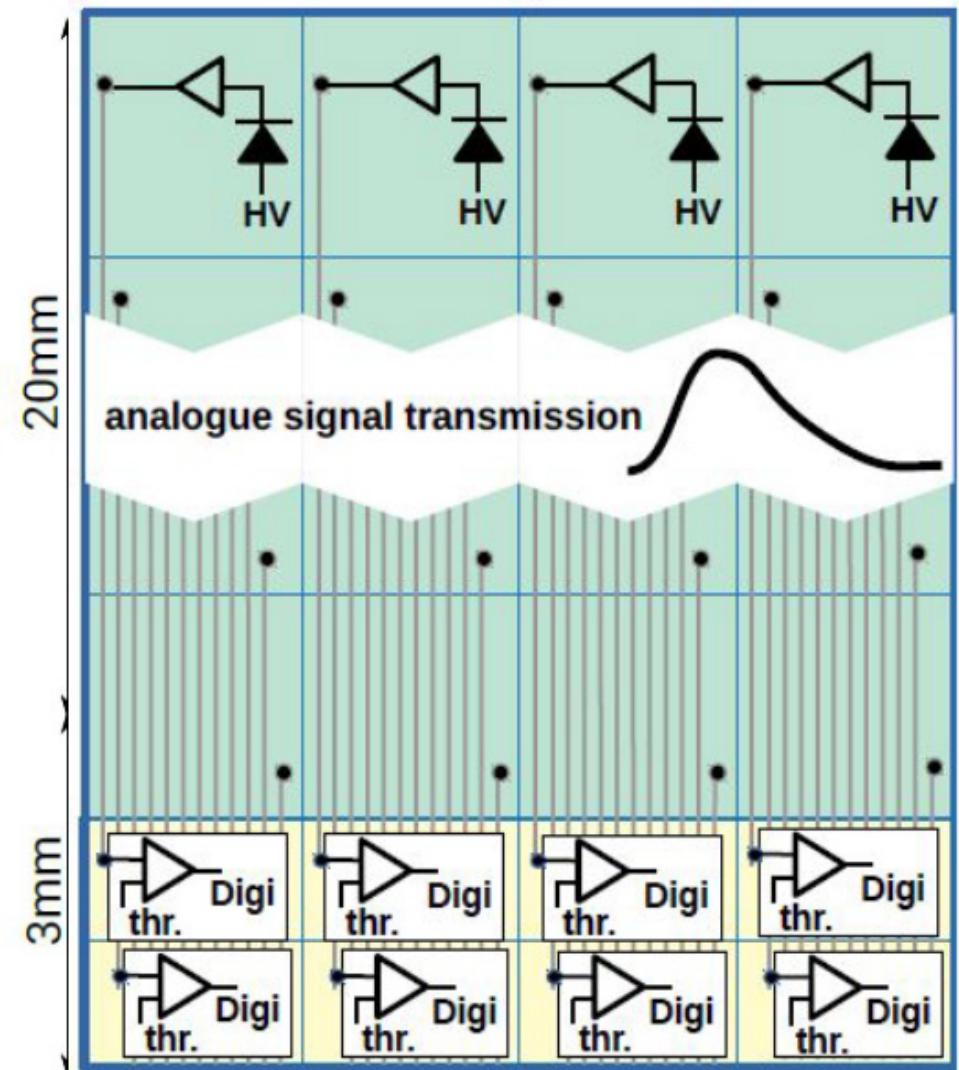
- $80 \times 80 \mu\text{m}^2$
- High efficiency
- Low noise
- Good time resolution
- Low power consumption  
 $\sim 200 \text{ mW/cm}^2$  achieved





# Readout architecture

- Amplifier in pixel
- Comparator, hit latching and time-stamping in the periphery
- Streaming column-drain readout controlled by on-chip state machine
- Three 1.25 Gbit/s LVDS links for data output

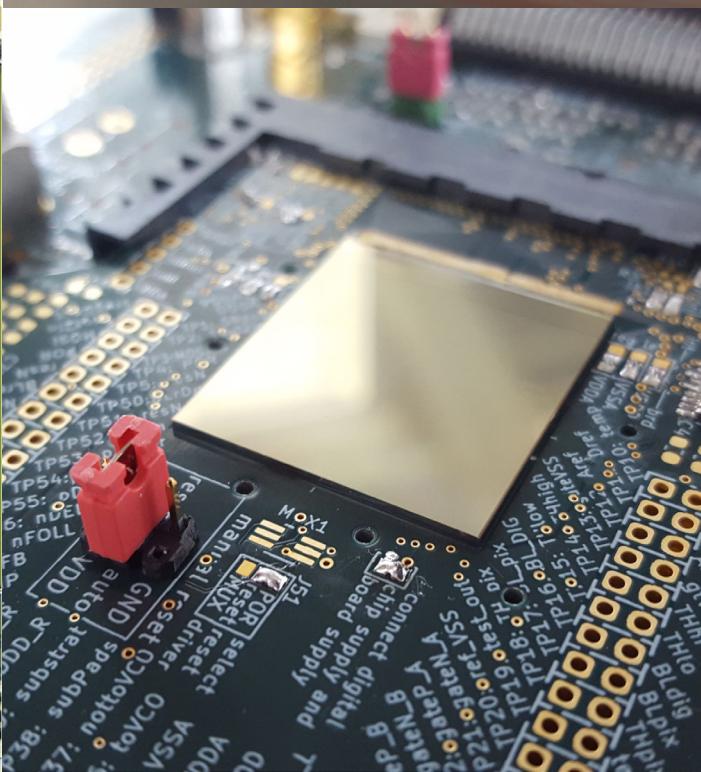
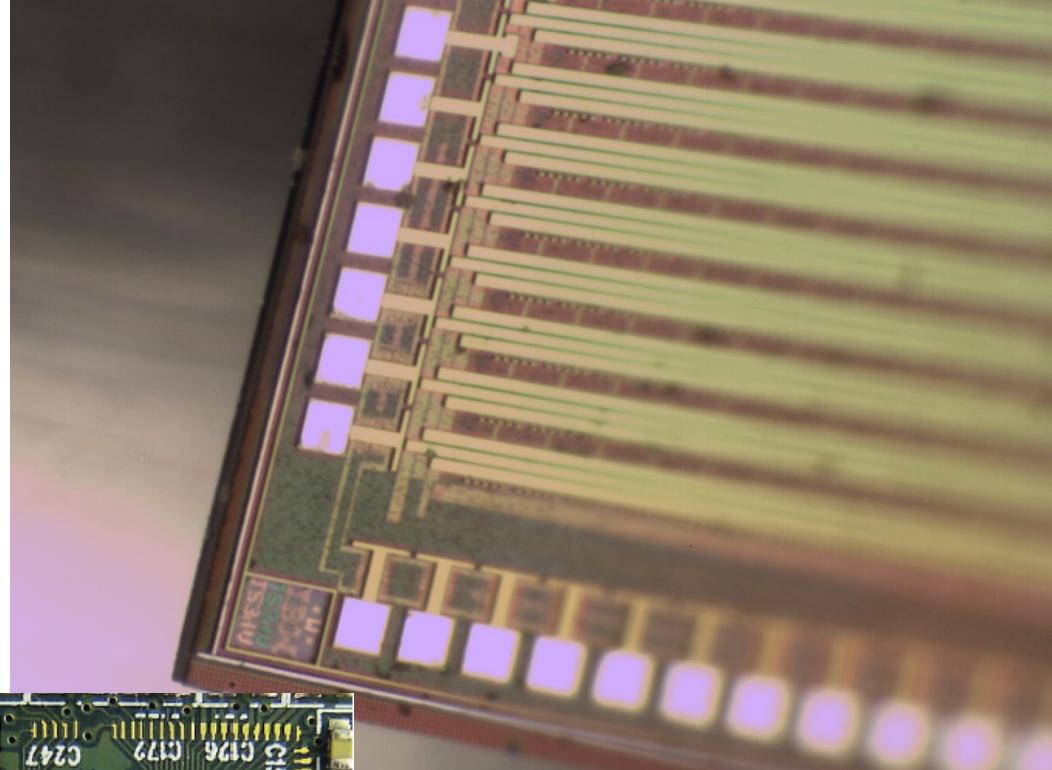




# The MuPix Prototypes

## Series of HV-MAPS prototypes

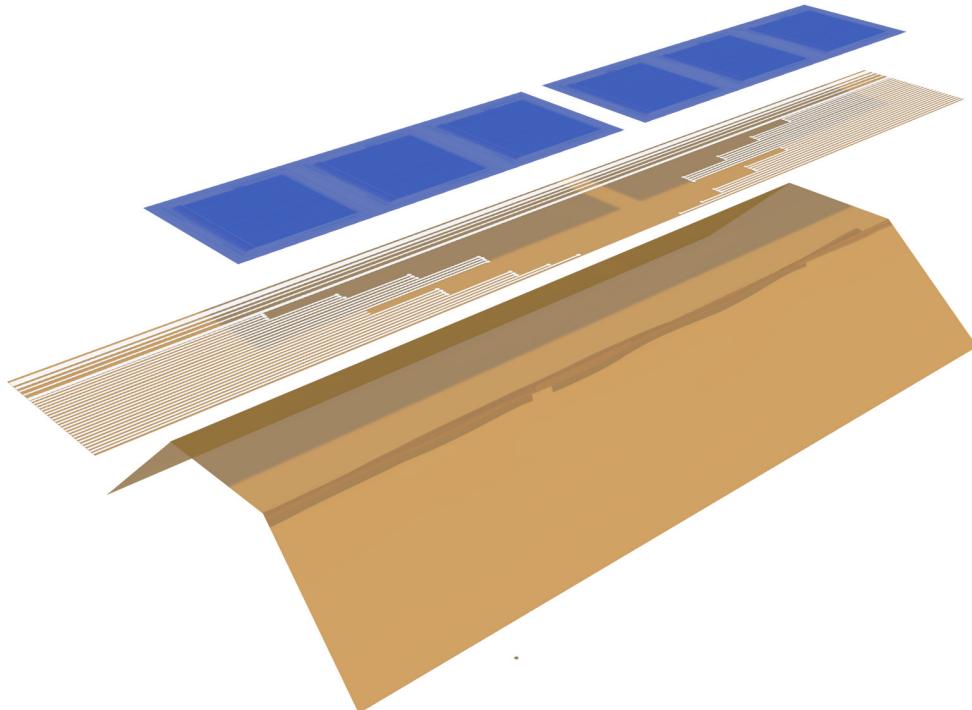
- Goal: Detection and signal processing with just 50 µm silicon
  - 6th chip, MuPix7, was the first **full system-on-a-chip**
  - Going "big" 2 x 1 cm<sup>2</sup> MuPix8 with 80 by 80 µm pixels also working nicely - some growing pains fixed
  - MuPix10, 2 x 2 cm<sup>2</sup>, almost final
  - MuPix11, 2 x 2 cm<sup>2</sup>, production chip, now available







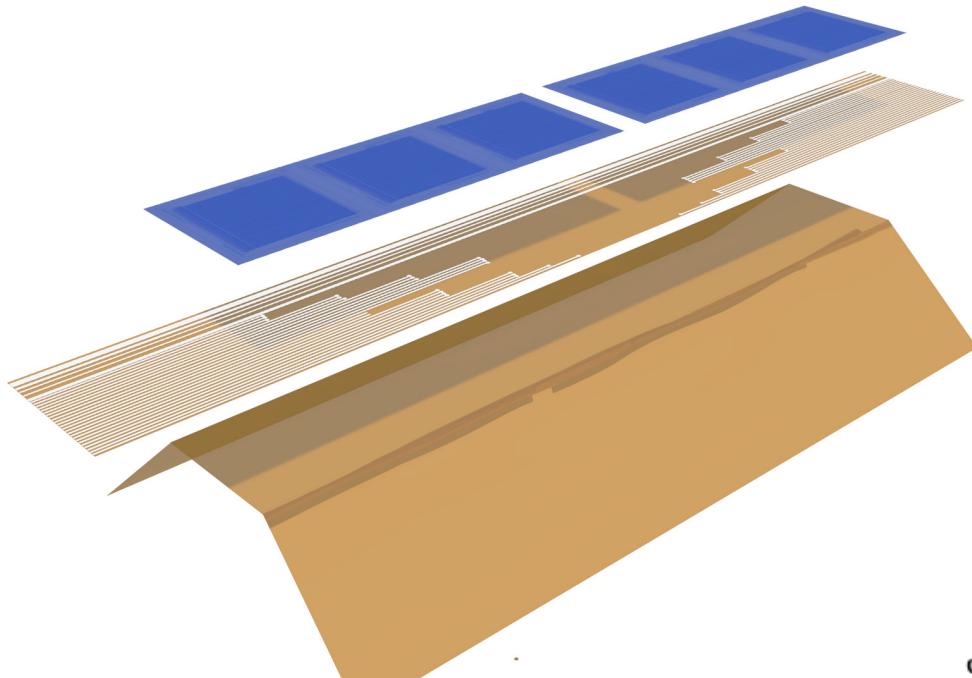
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- 25 µm Kapton™ flexprint with aluminium traces
- Kapton™ or unidirectional carbon fibre supports

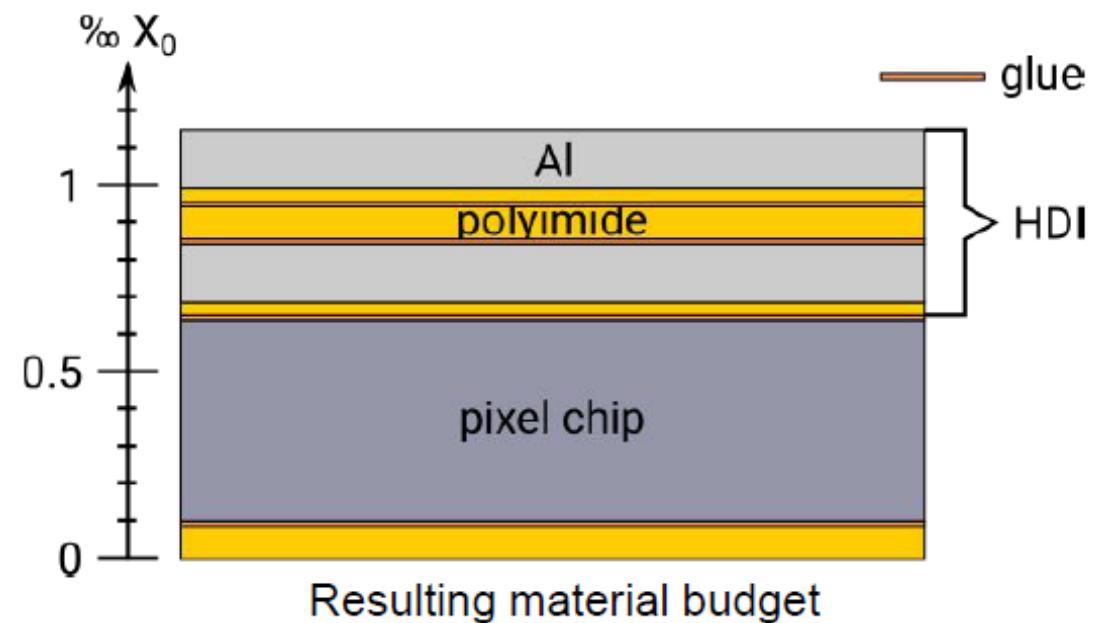


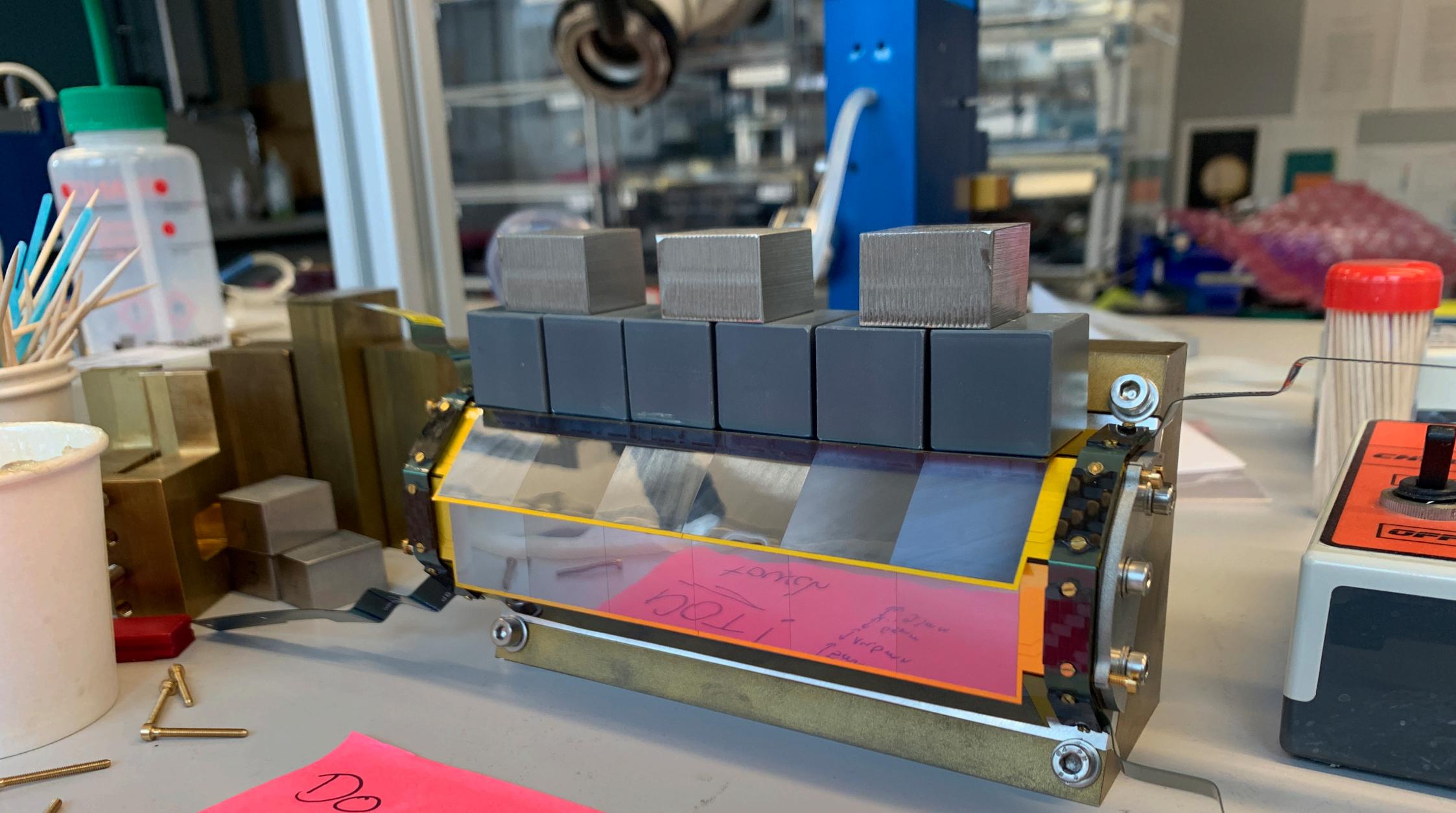
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spTAB connection

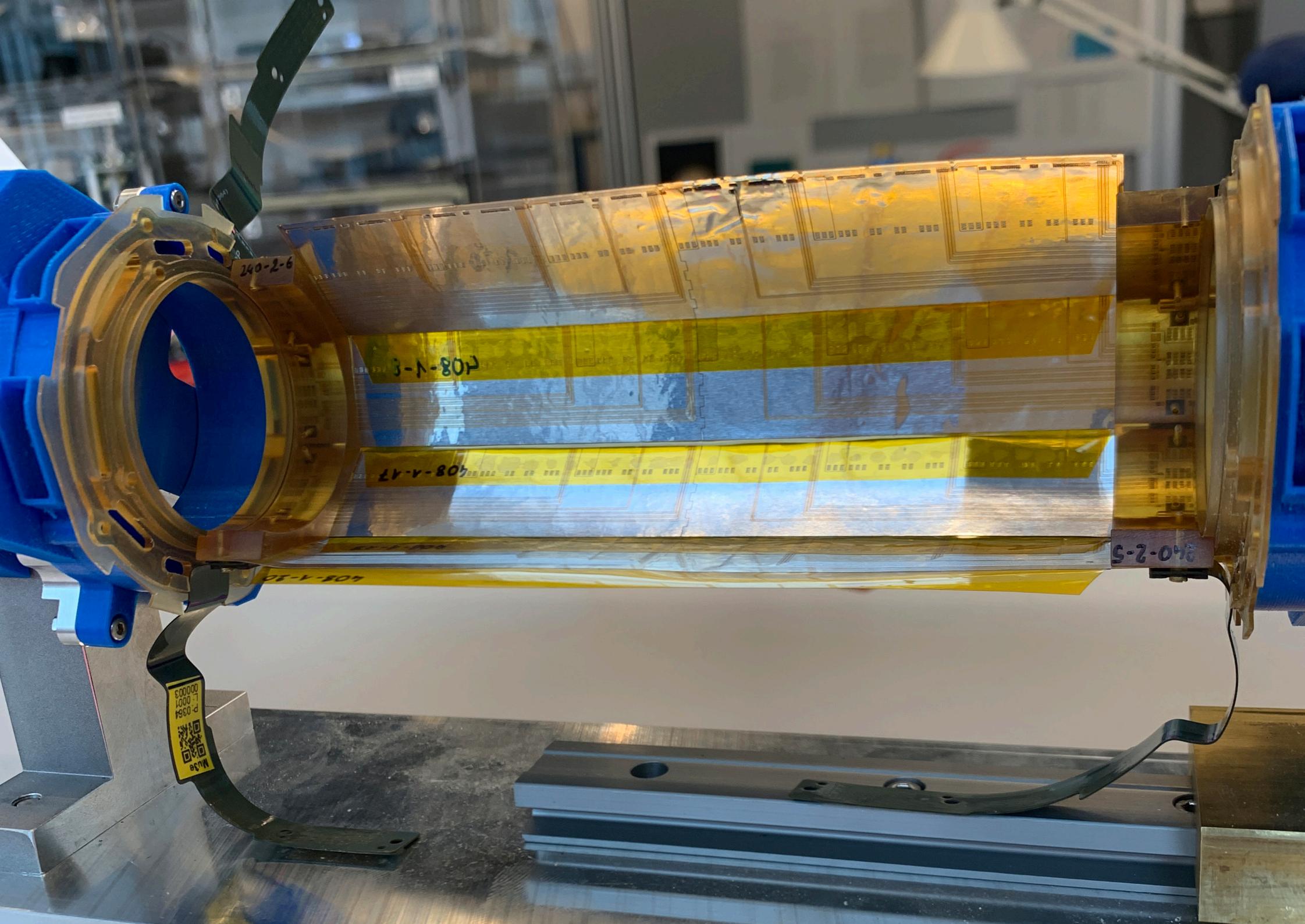
- 50 µm silicon
- 25 µm Kapton™ flexprint with aluminium traces
- Kapton™ or unidirectional carbon fibre supports
- About 1% of a radiation length per layer
- Large traces: few lines possible
- No decoupling capacitors...





Do  
NOT!  
touch

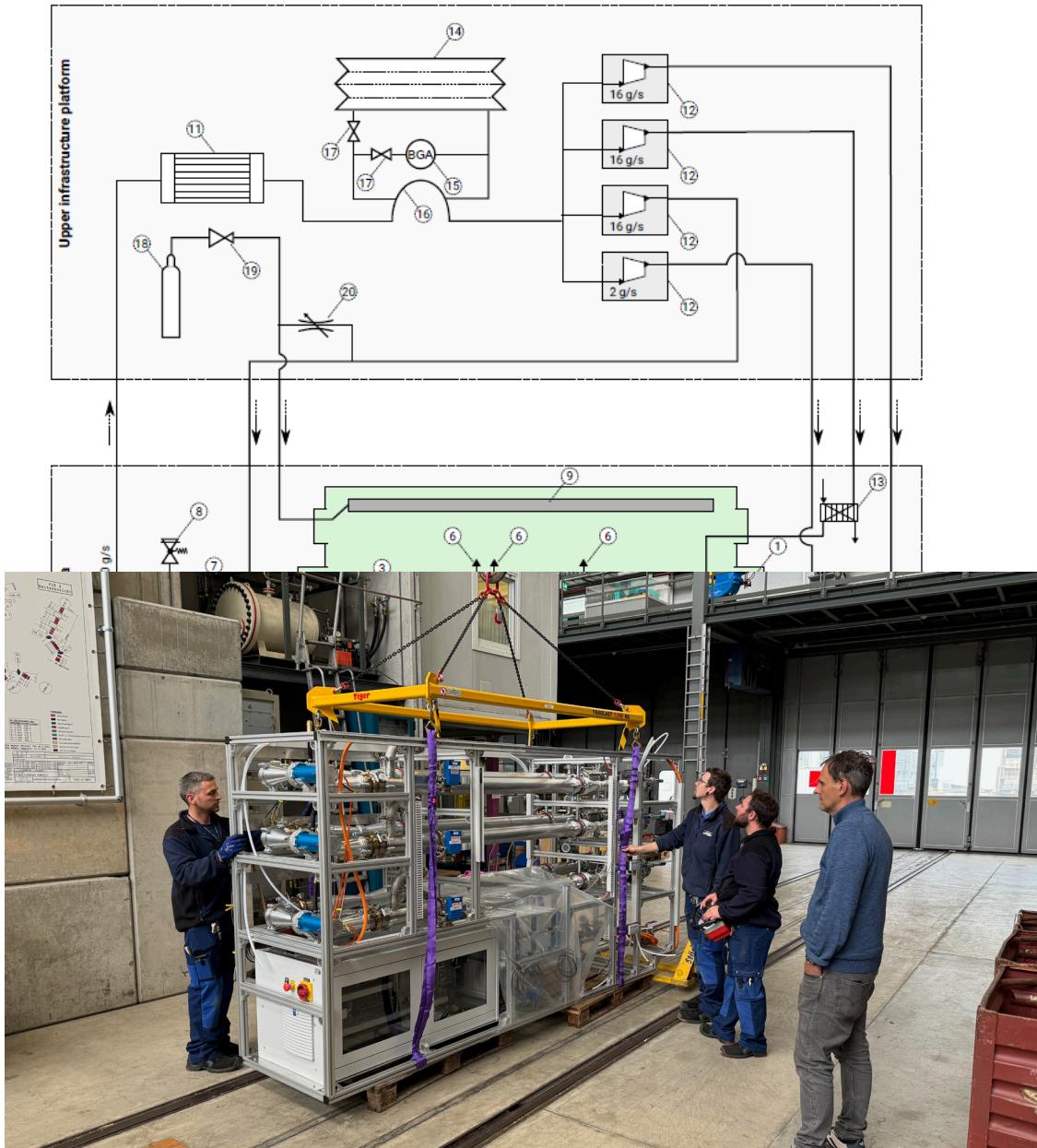
14.6 Rad  
15mn  
14.6mn  
6mn  
3.5mn





# Cooling

- $\sim 200 \text{ mW/cm}^2$  - about 2 KW for the complete pixel detector
- Add as little material as possible:  
Gaseous helium at  $\sim 0^\circ\text{C}$
- Need around 50 g/s  
( $\sim 280 \text{ liter/s}$  at STP...)
- Helium is difficult to pump...
- Very nice little turbocompressors available
- Cooling plant is an engineering project of its own

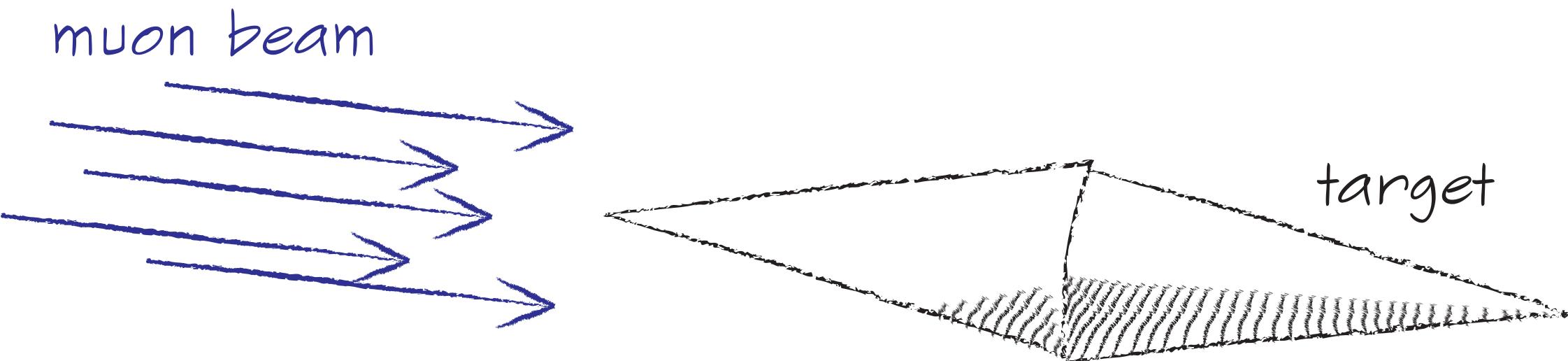




Assemble this to an experiment...

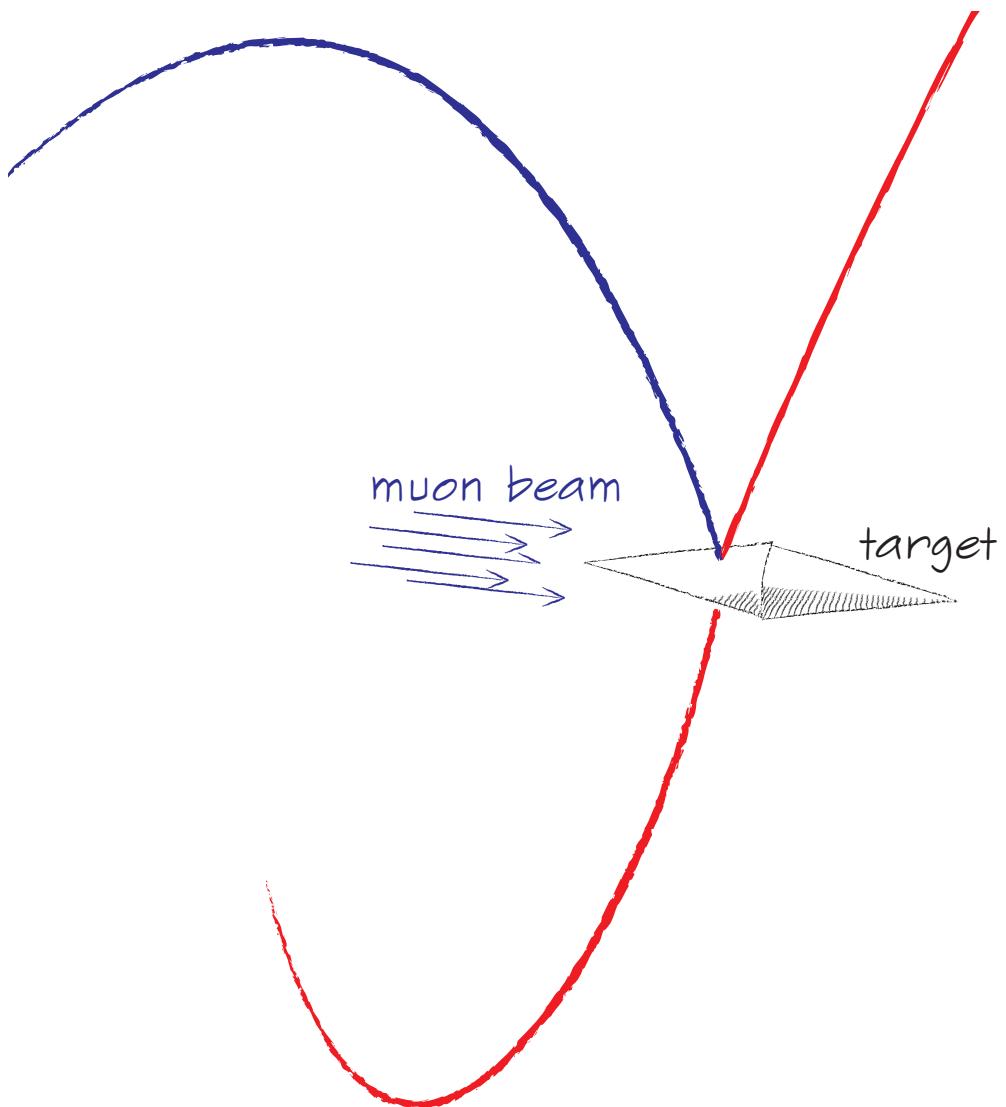


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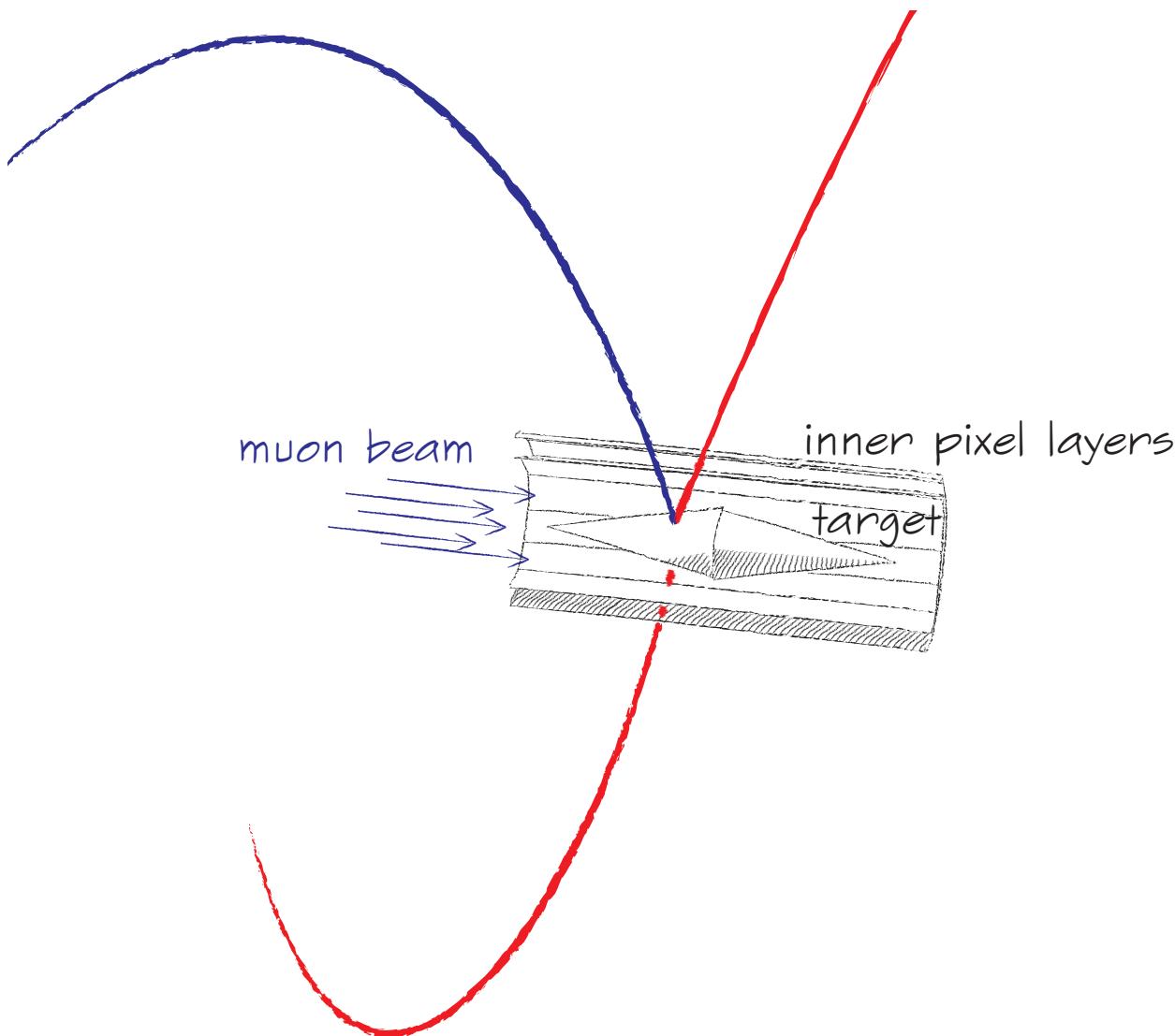


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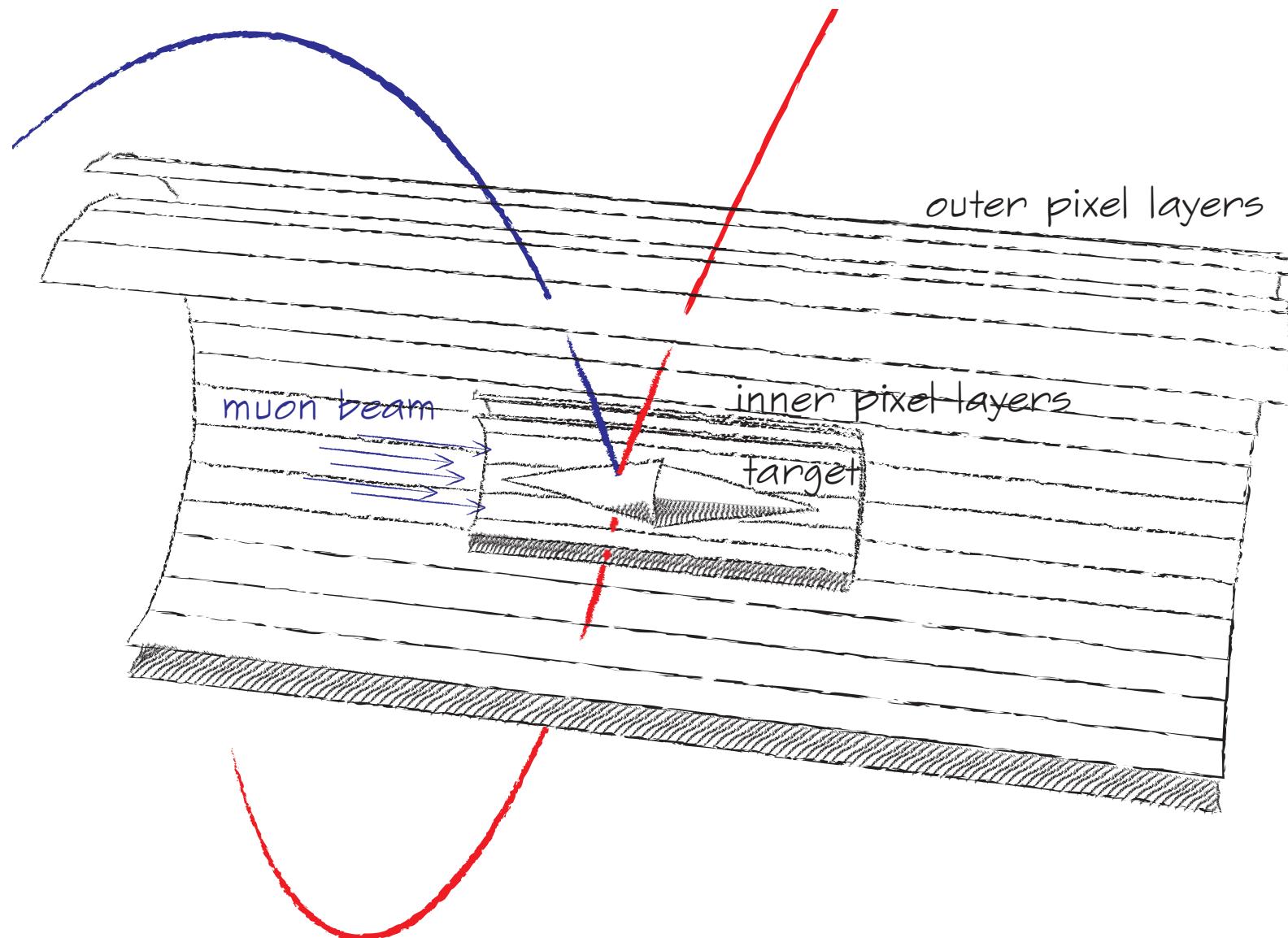


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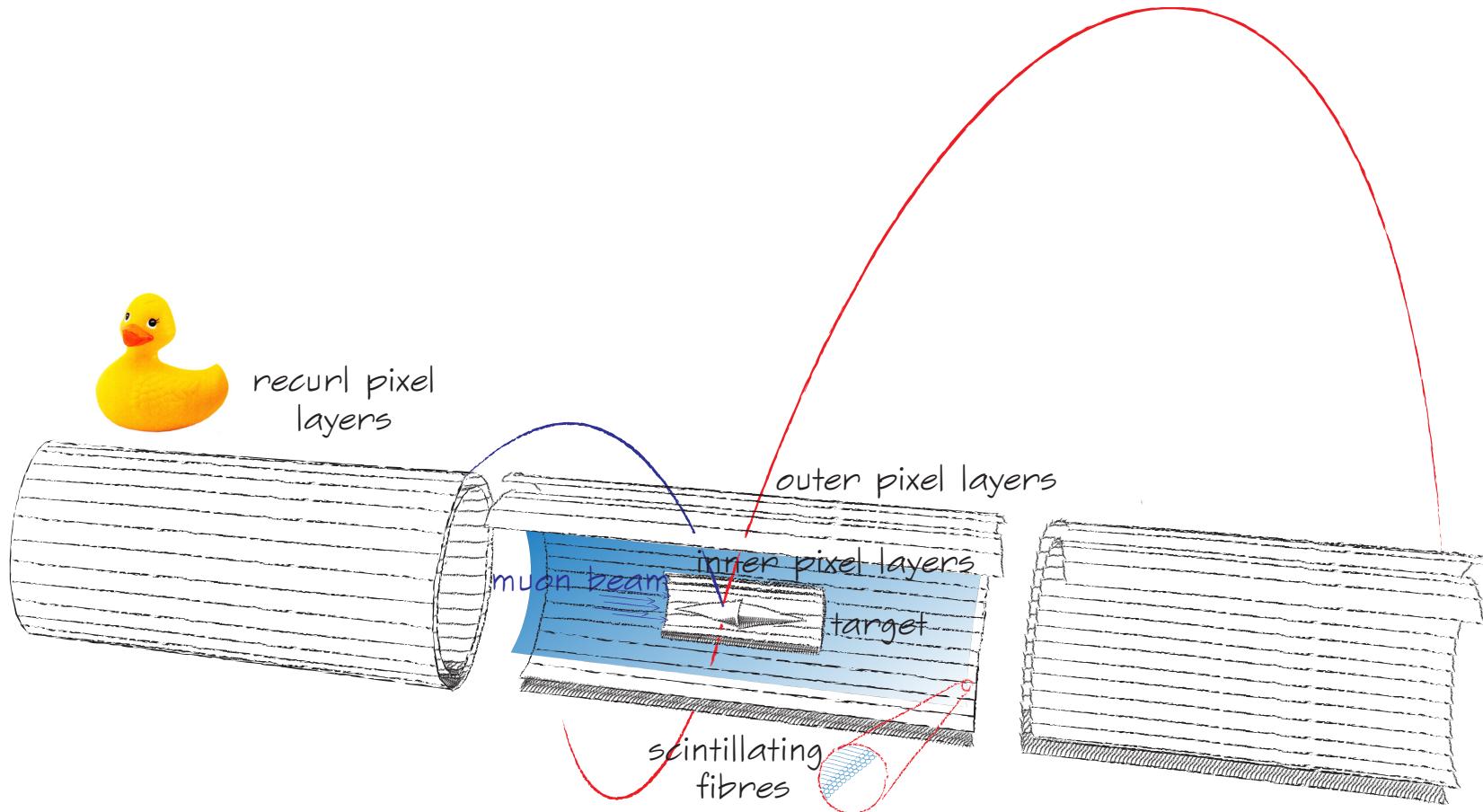


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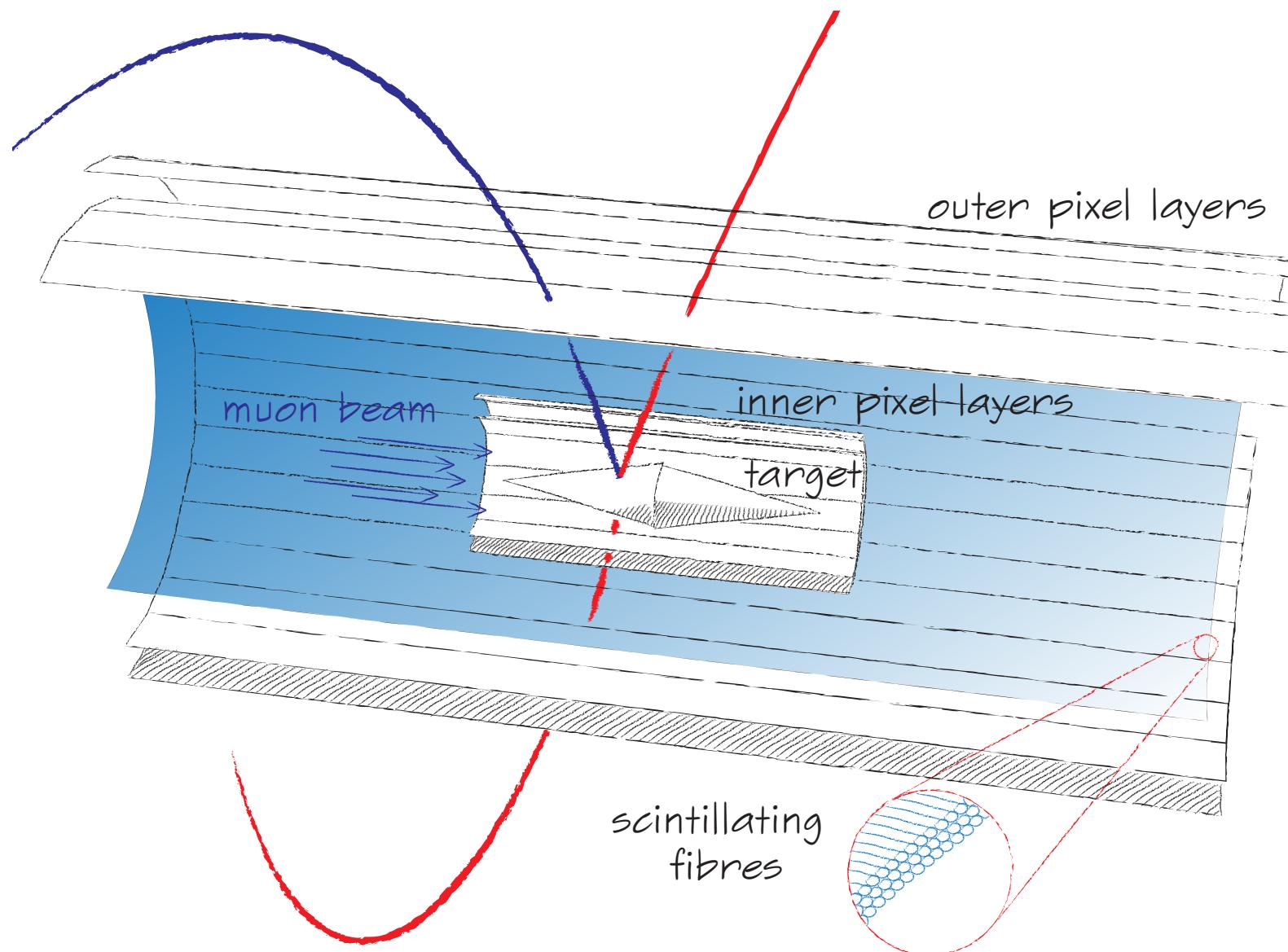


Need further suppression of accidental background:

# Timing

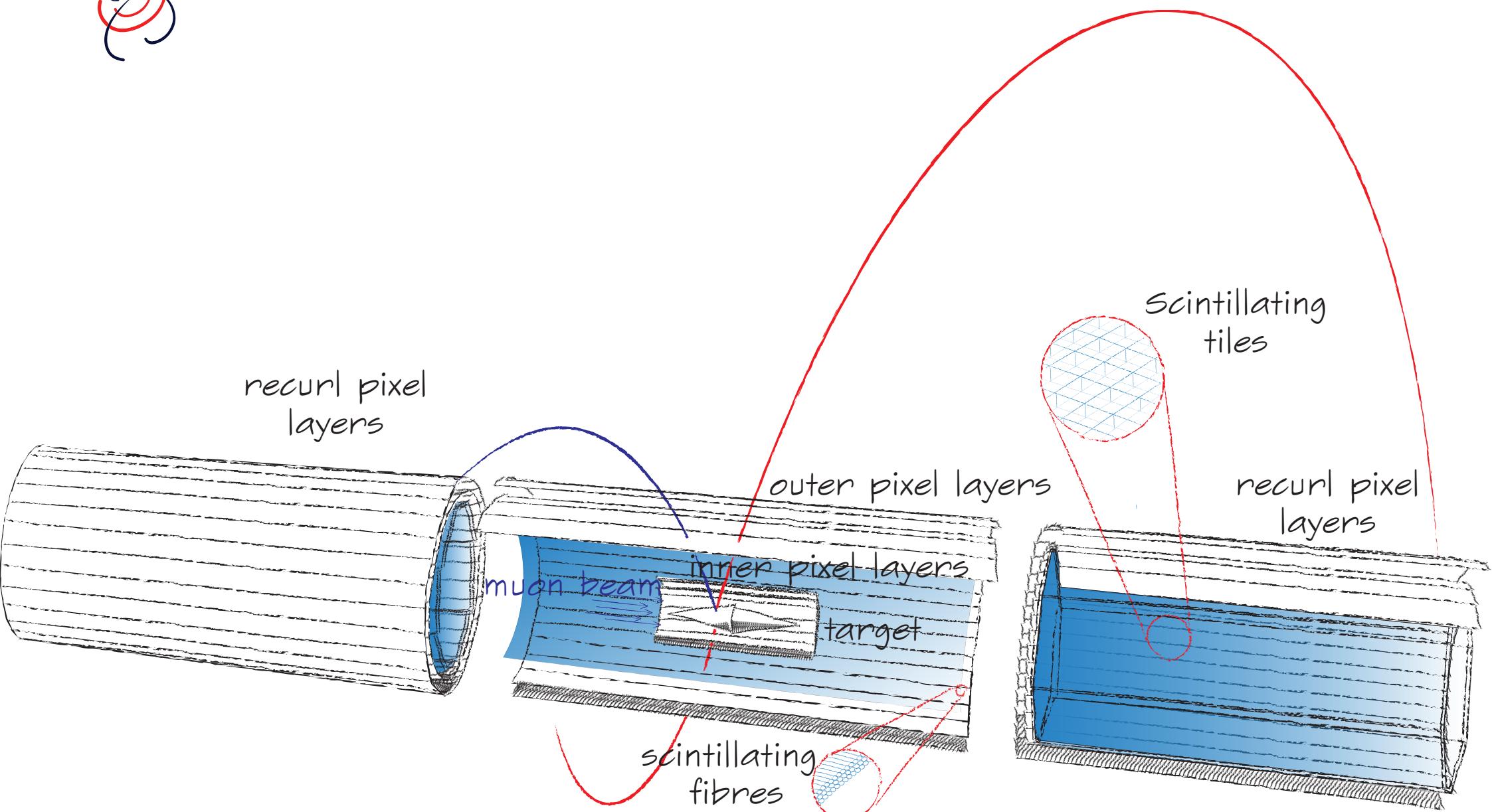


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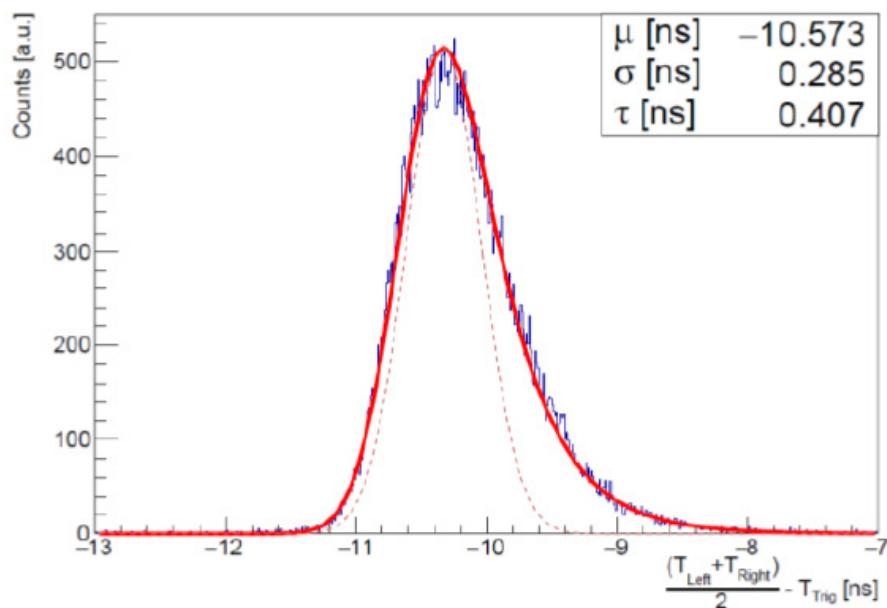
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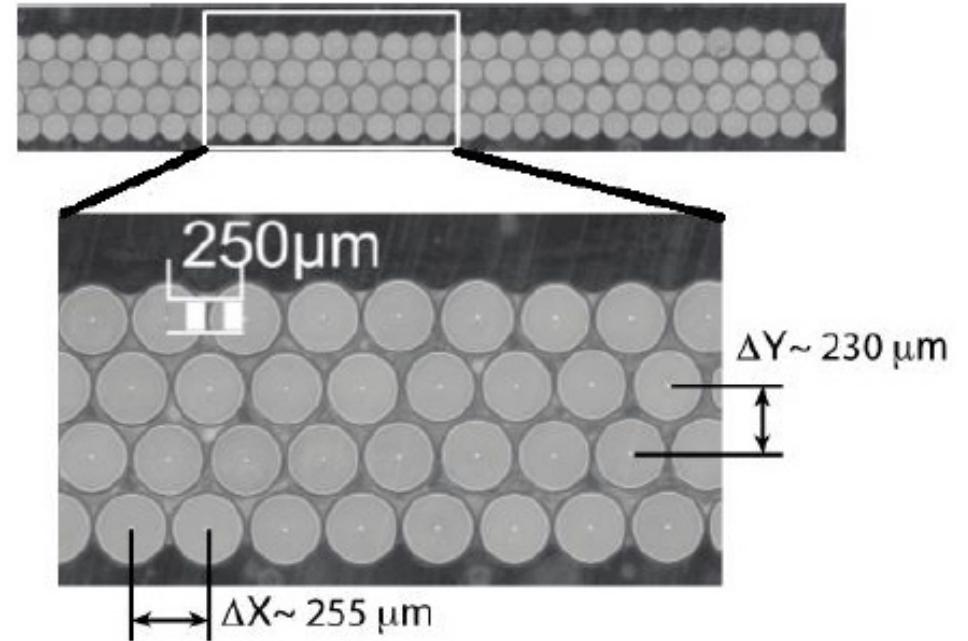




# Timing Detector: Scintillating Fibres

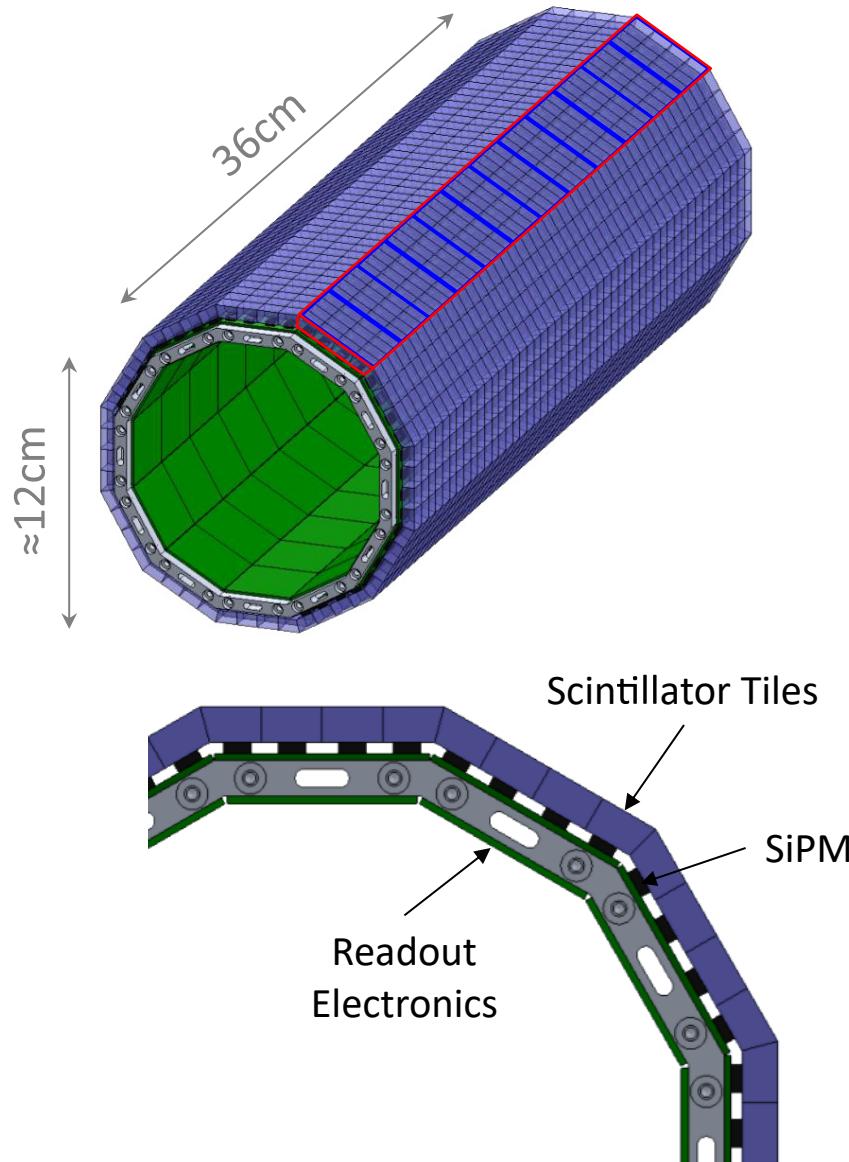


- 3 layers of 250  $\mu\text{m}$  scintillating fibres
- Read-out by silicon photomultipliers (SiPMs) and custom ASIC (MuTRiG)
- Timing resolution  $< 0.5$  ns

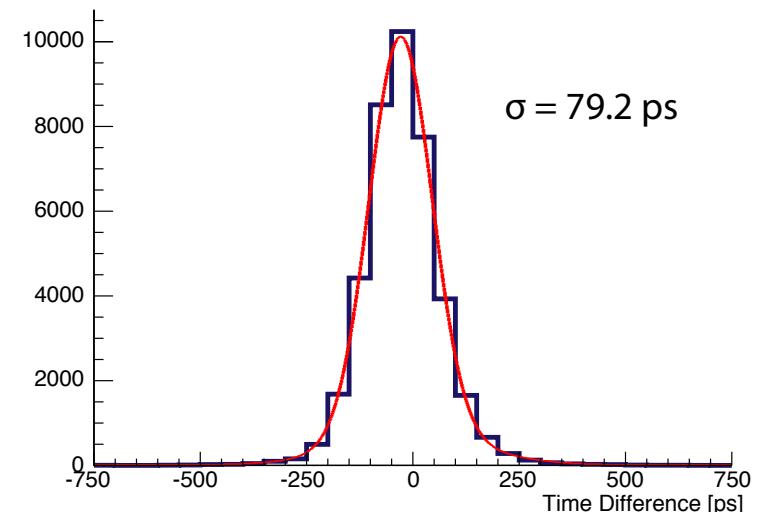




# Timing Detector: Scintillating tiles



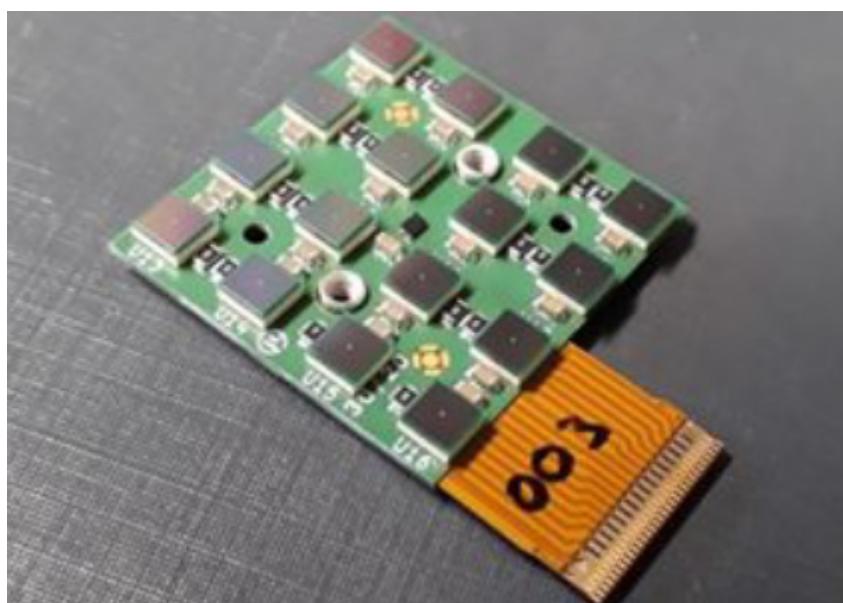
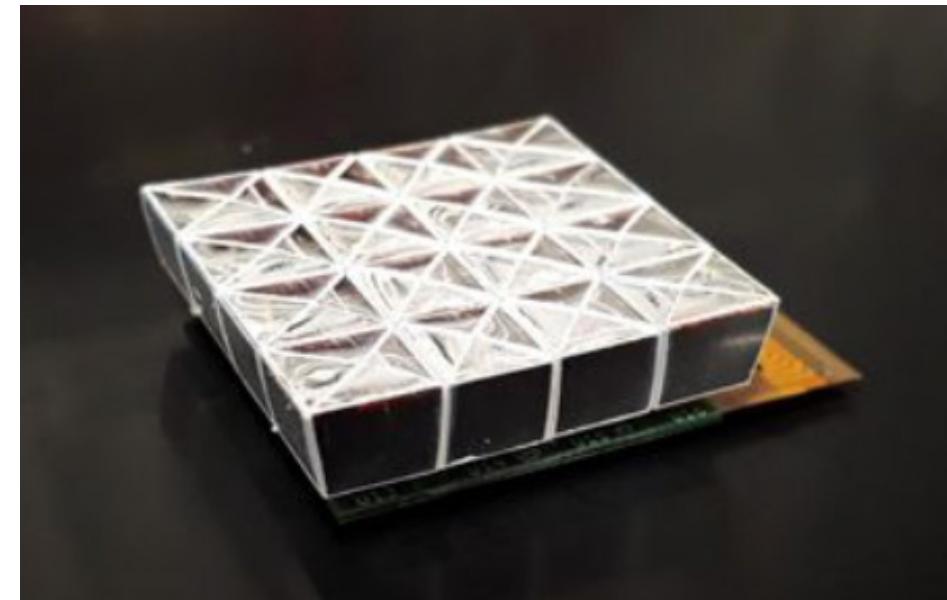
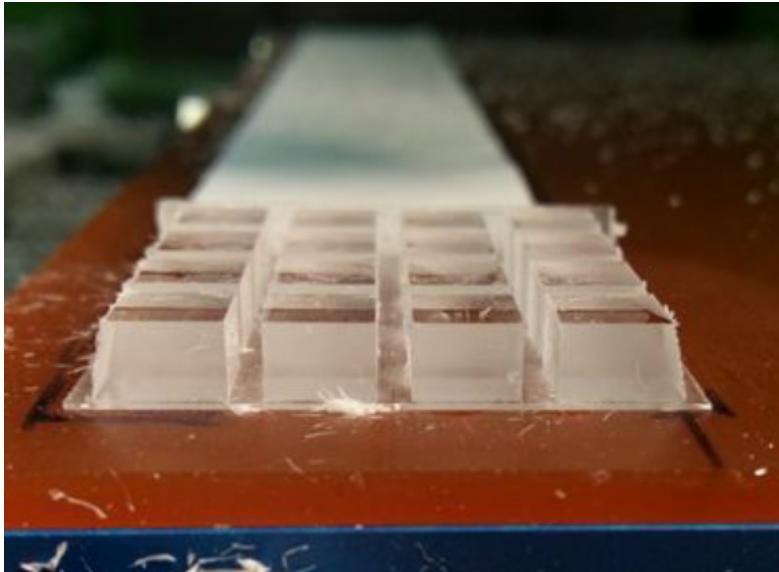
- $\sim 0.5 \text{ cm}^3$  scintillating tiles
- Read-out by silicon photomultipliers (SiPMs) and custom ASIC (STiC)



- Test beam with tiles, SiPMs and readout ASIC
- Timing resolution  $\sim 80 \text{ ps}$

$\mu_3 e$

# Timing Detector: Scintillating tiles

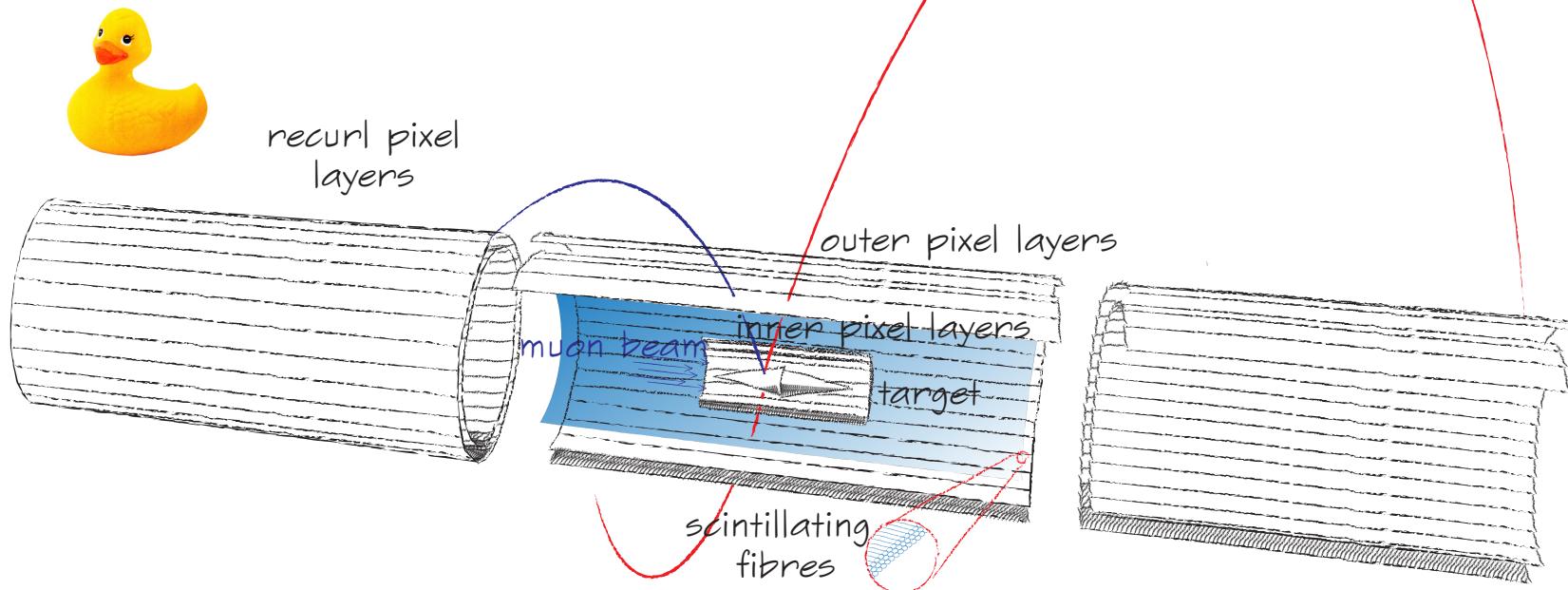




# Long thin tube detector: Integration challenges



# Detector Design

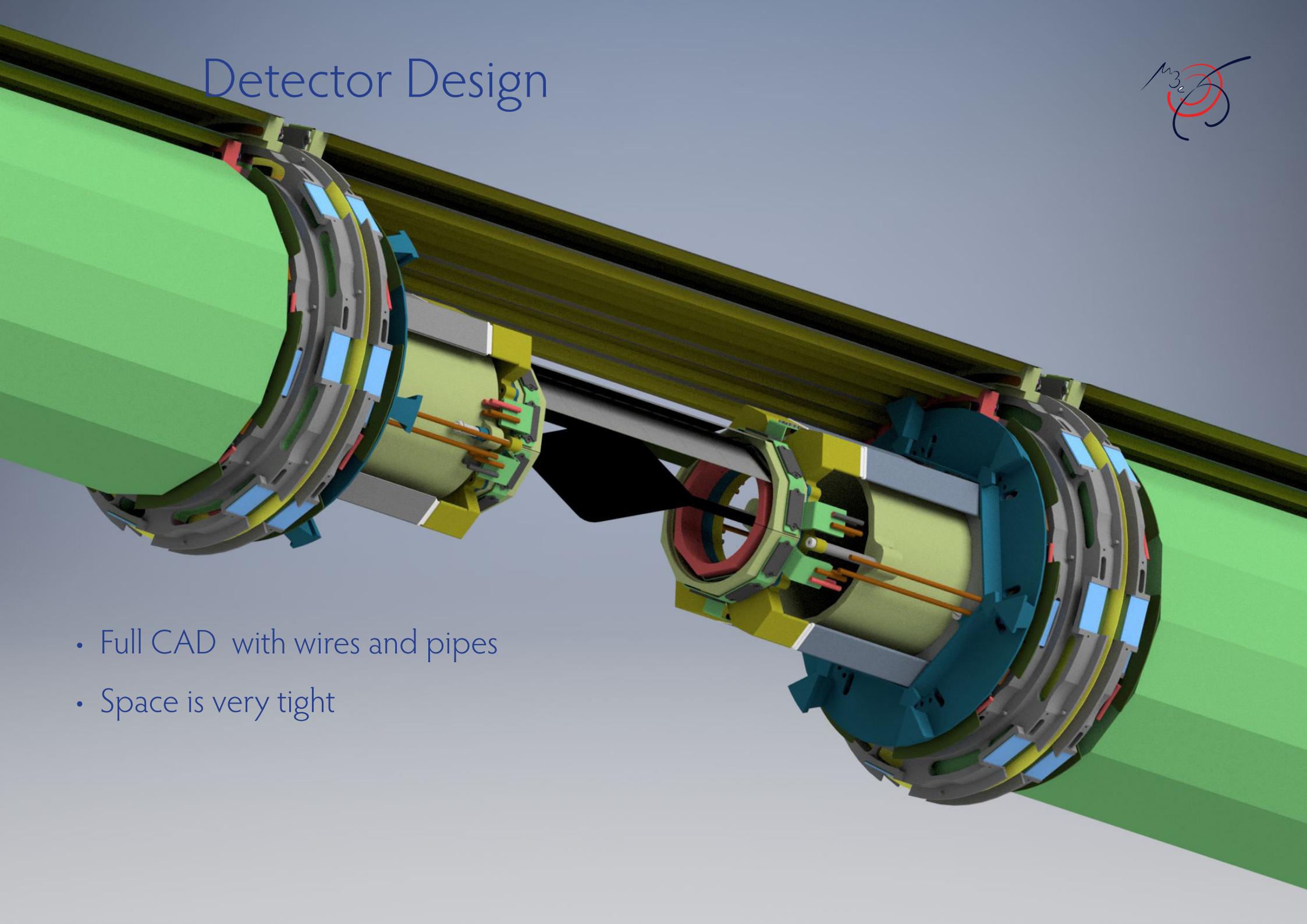


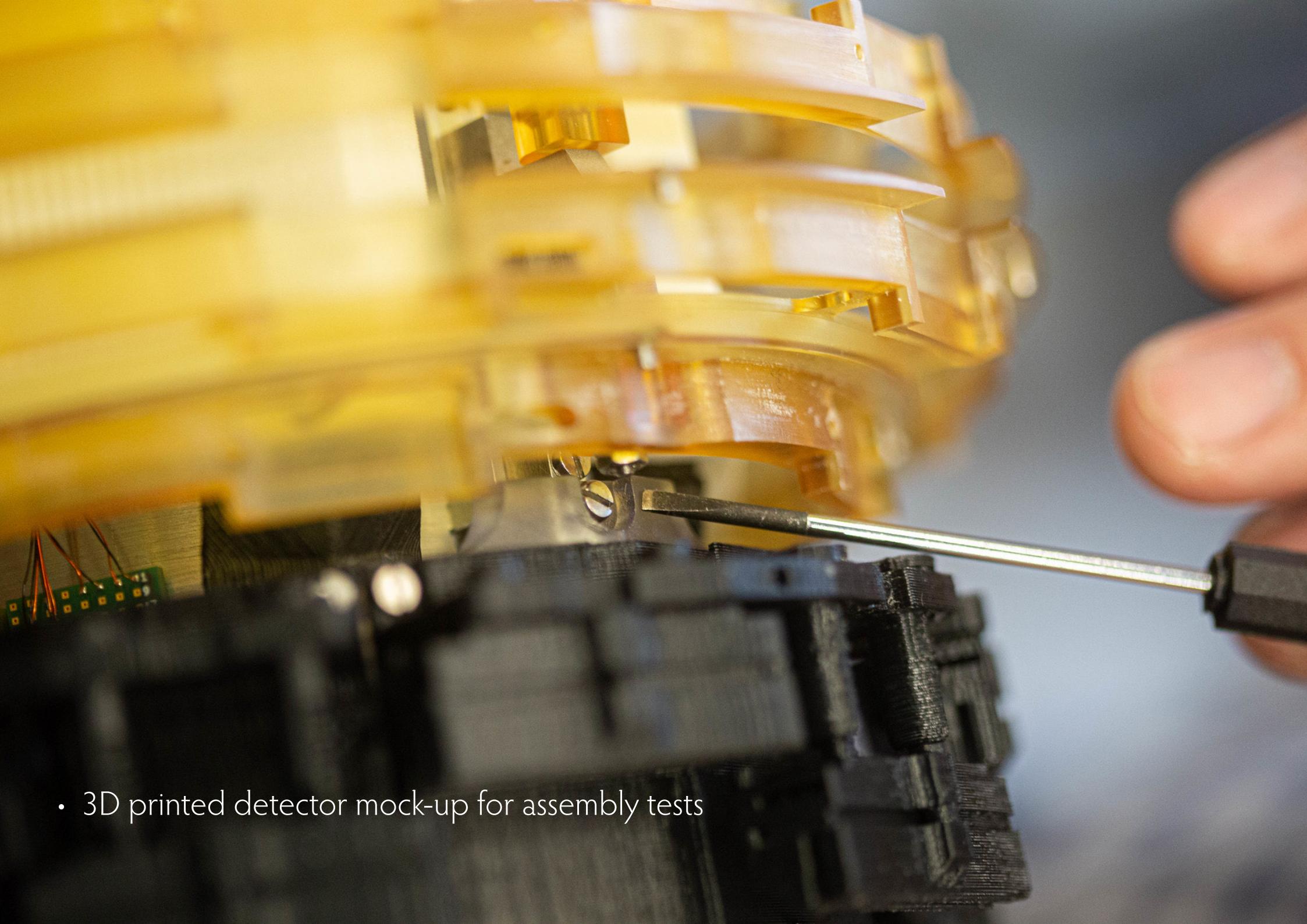
All services for all subdetectors around the beam pipe in the recoil stations

# Detector Design

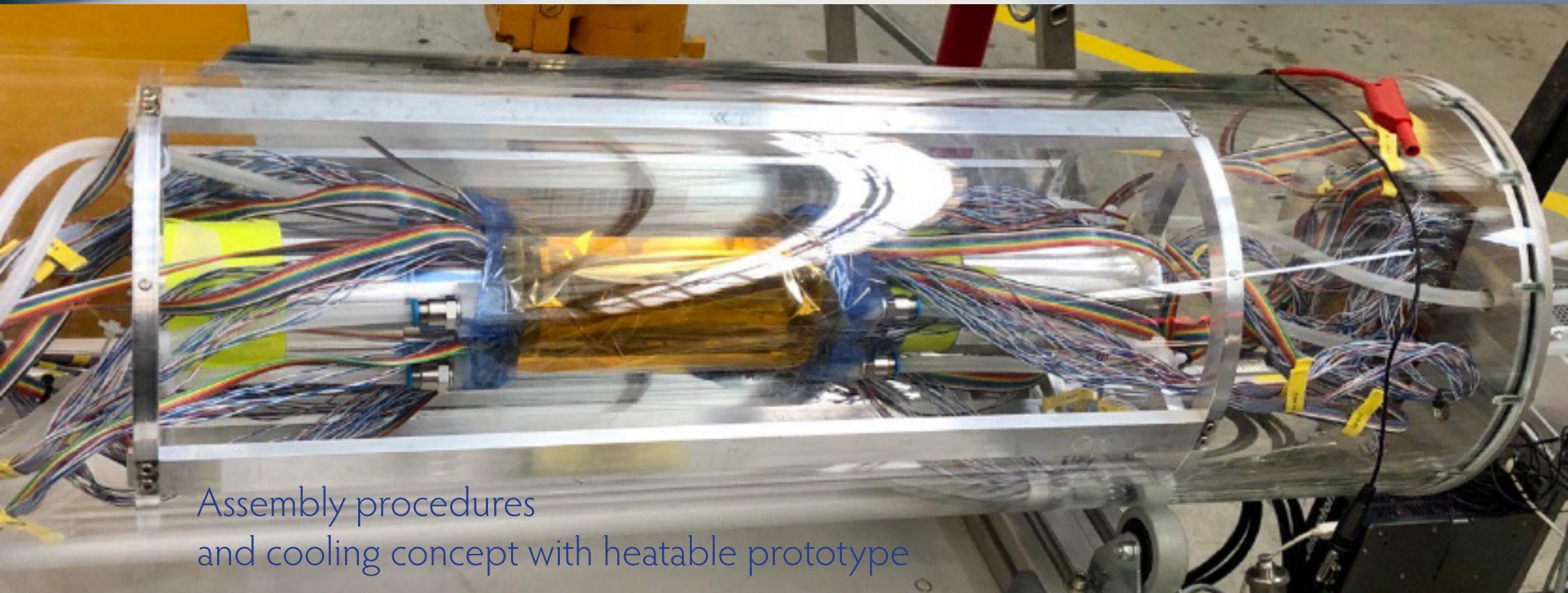
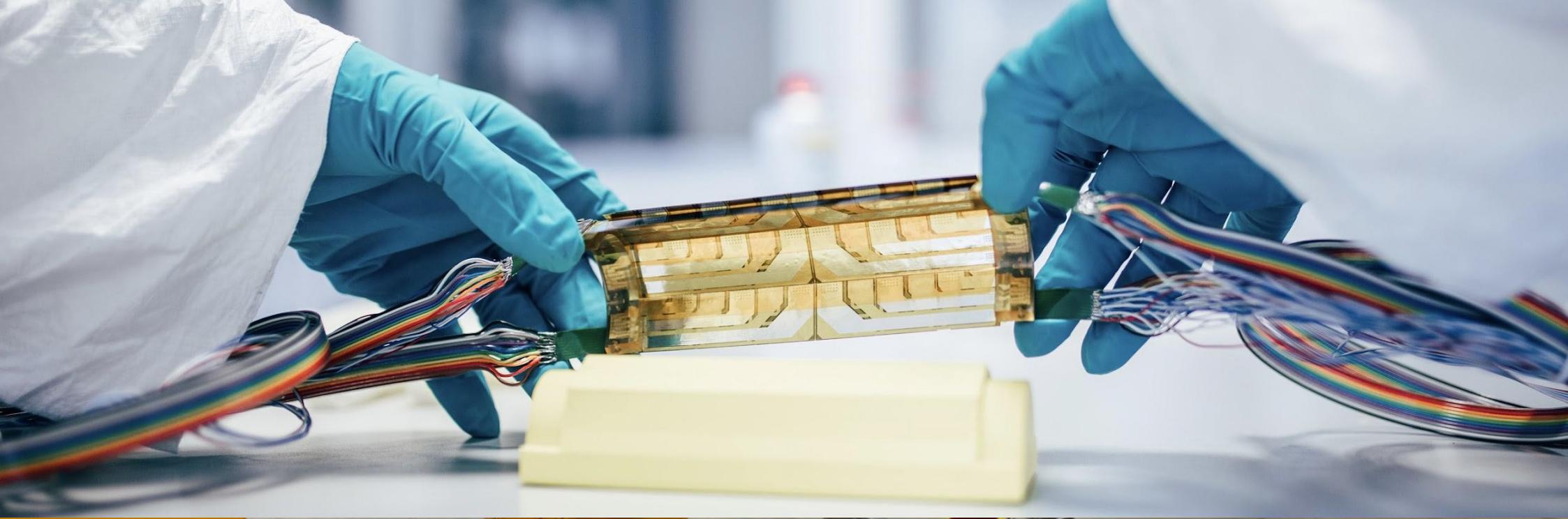


- Full CAD with wires and pipes
- Space is very tight

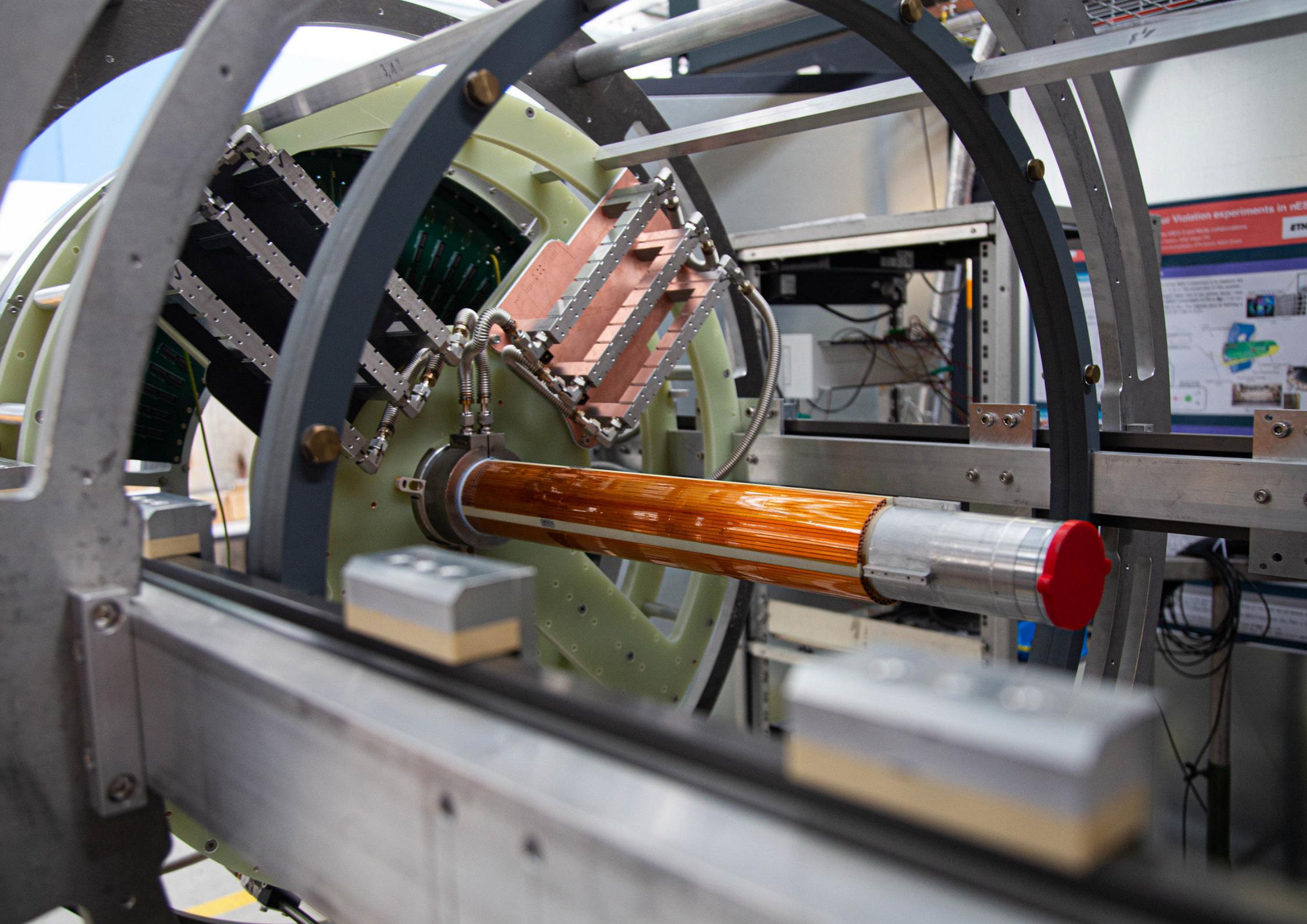




- 3D printed detector mock-up for assembly tests



Assembly procedures  
and cooling concept with heatable prototype

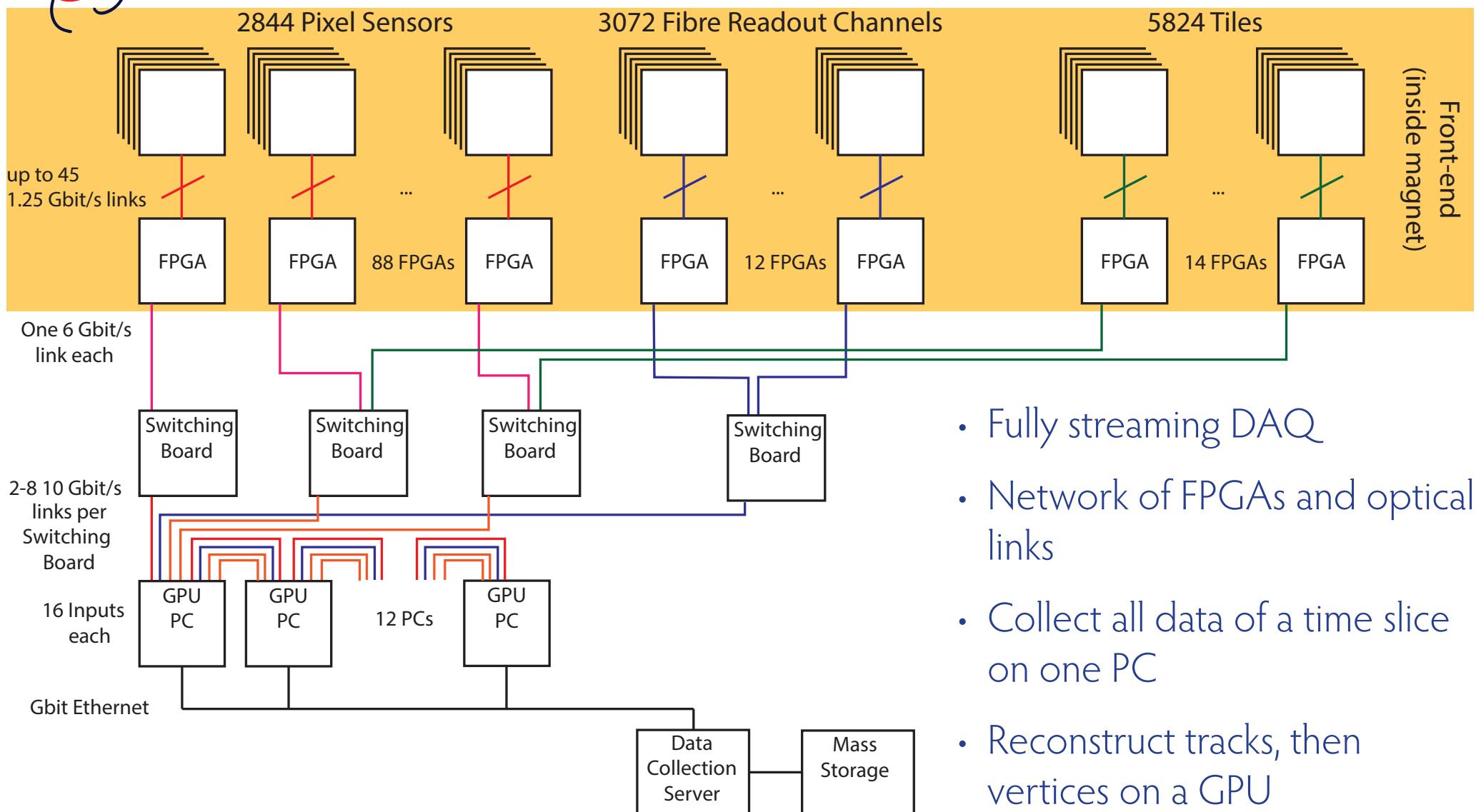






# Data Acquisition

# DAQ Design





# GPU reconstruction



- GPU reconstruction on gaming cards
- Have achieved  $> 10^9$  track fits/s per GPUs (Nvidia GTX 980)
- Twelve GTX 1080Ti are sufficient for dealing with  $10^8$  muon decays/s

~ 8 years pass



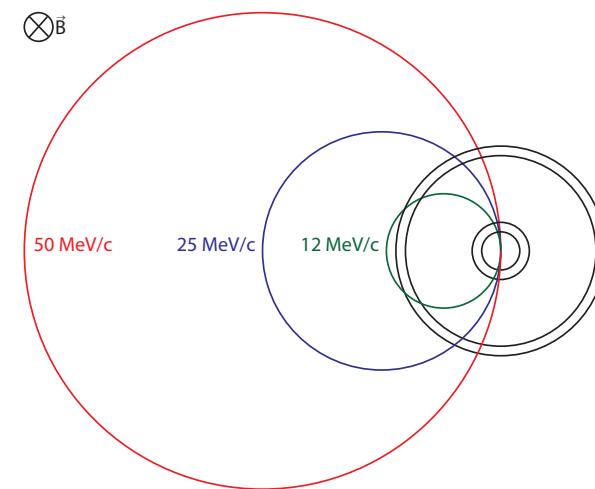
- Just four RTX 4090 can handle Mu3e phase I...



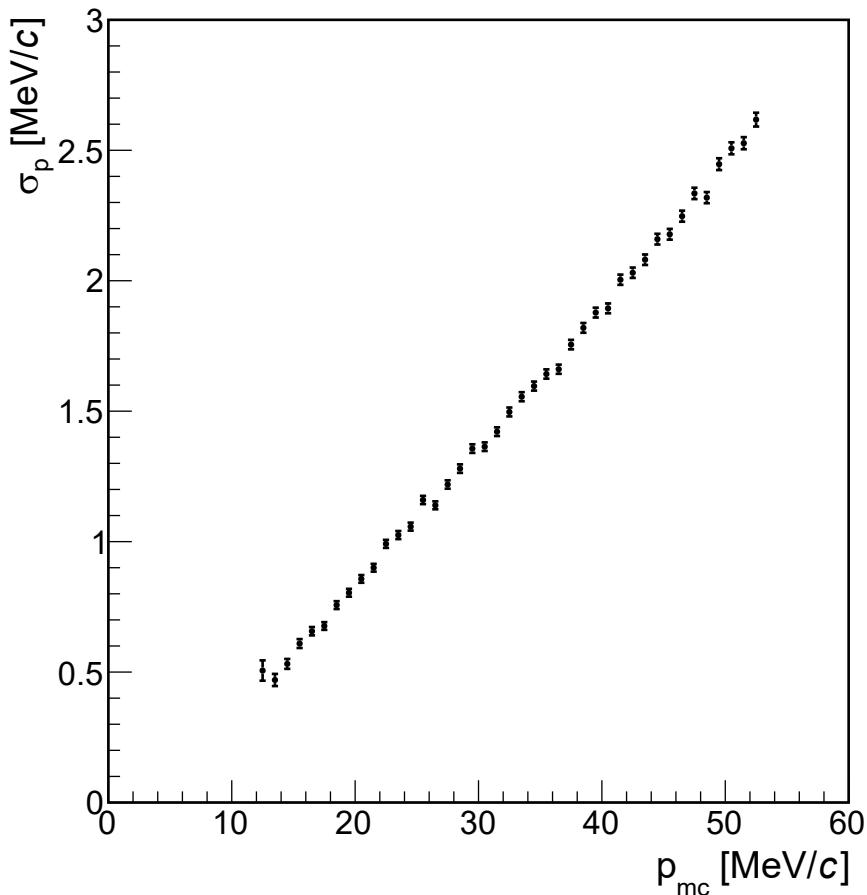
# Performance simulation



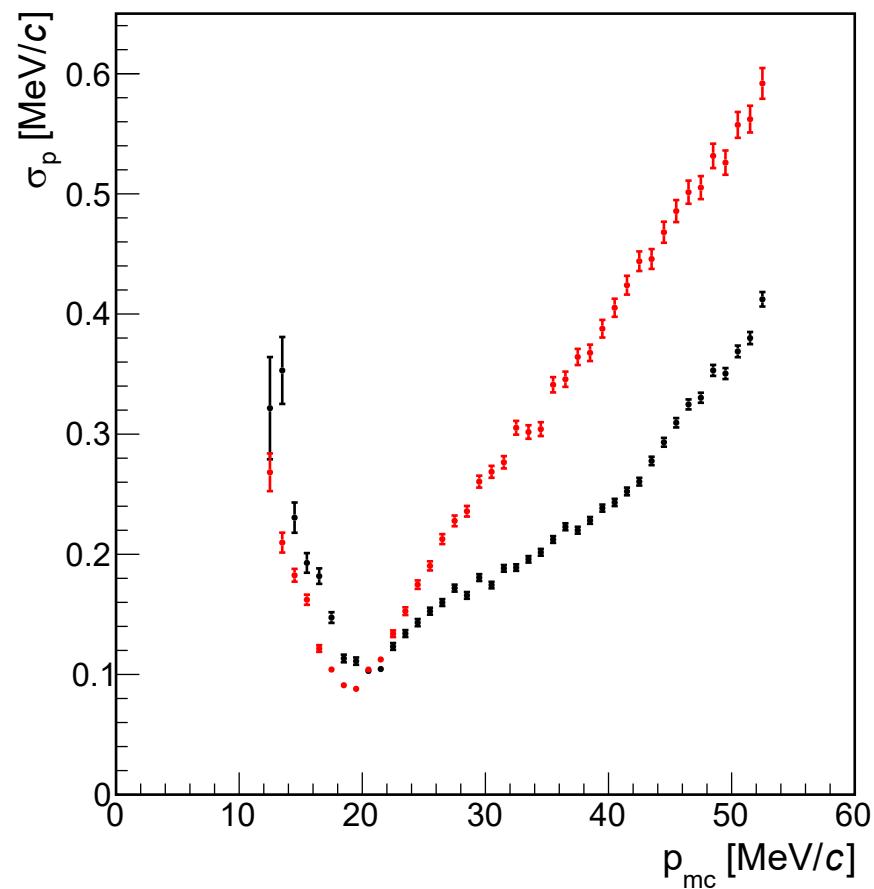
# Momentum resolution



Outgoing part of tracks only

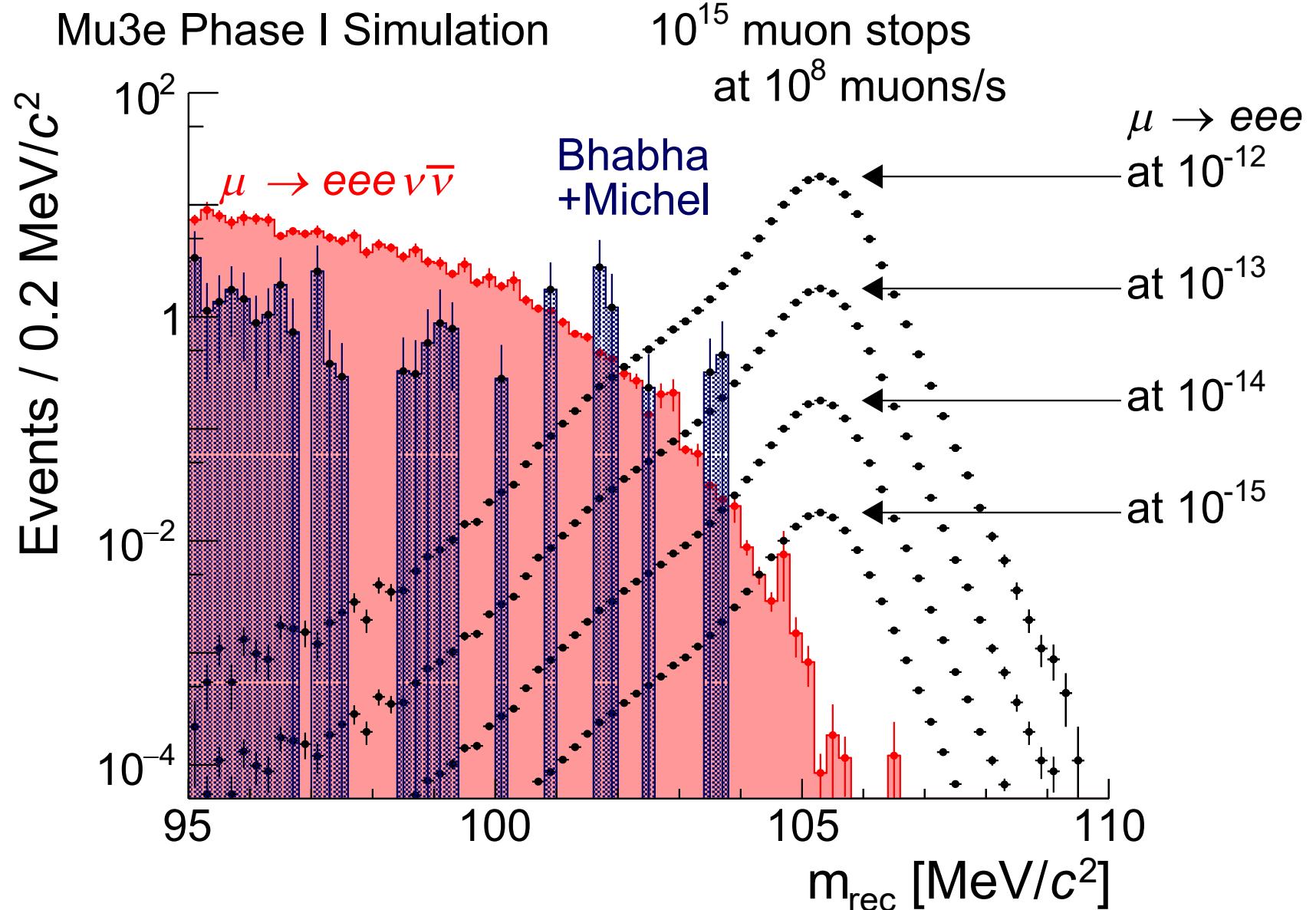


Recurling tracks



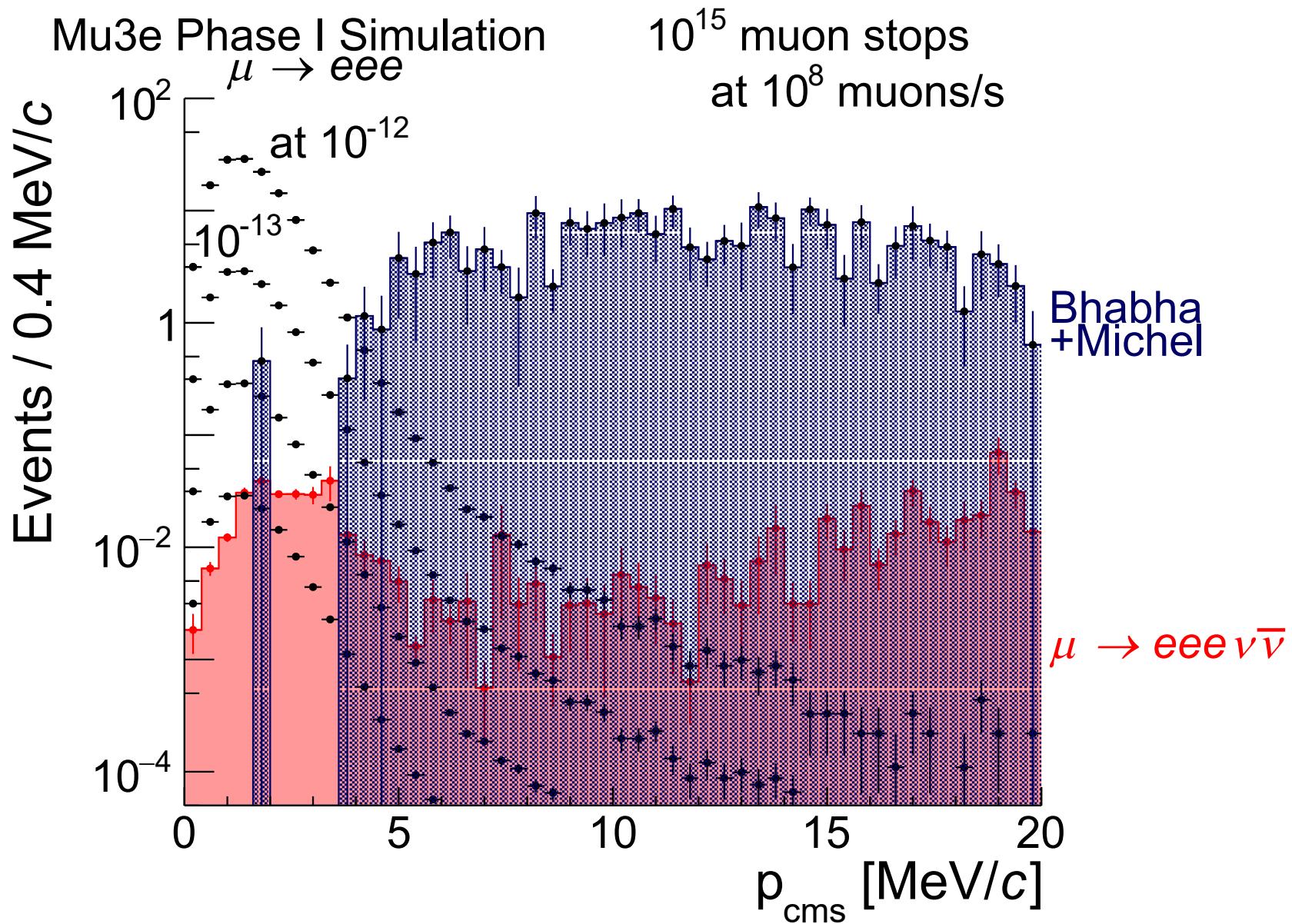


# Mass distribution





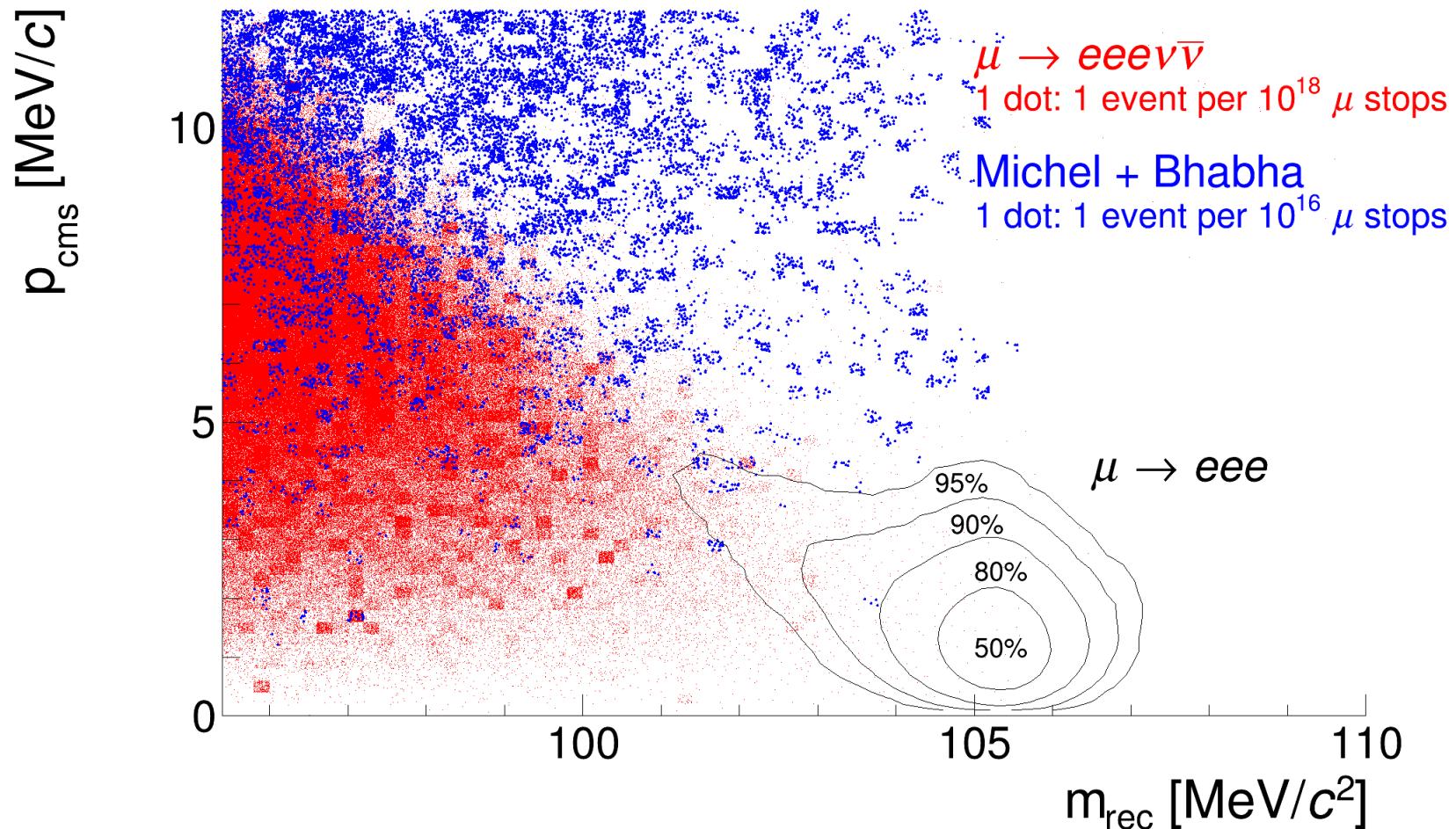
# Momentum distribution





# Mass/Momentum distribution

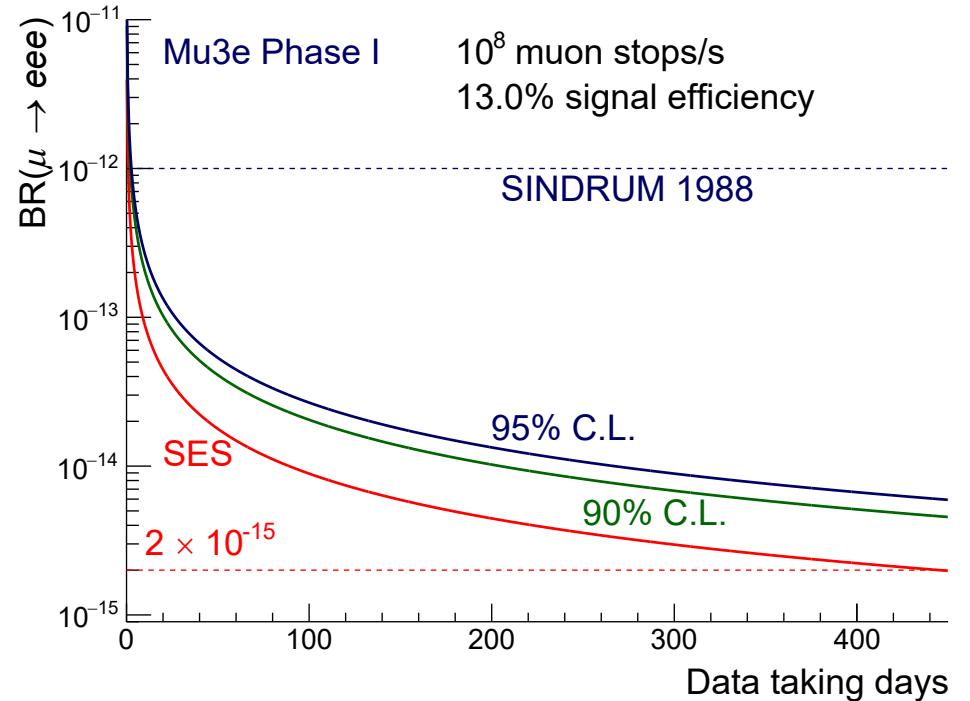
Mu3e Phase I Simulation





# Sensitivity

- Phase I expected SES is a few  $10^{-15}$
- Upgrade to high-intensity muon beam line likely in 2027
- 20 times more beam:  
A lot of new challenges
- Gradual transition to Phase II





# Phase II requirements and ideas

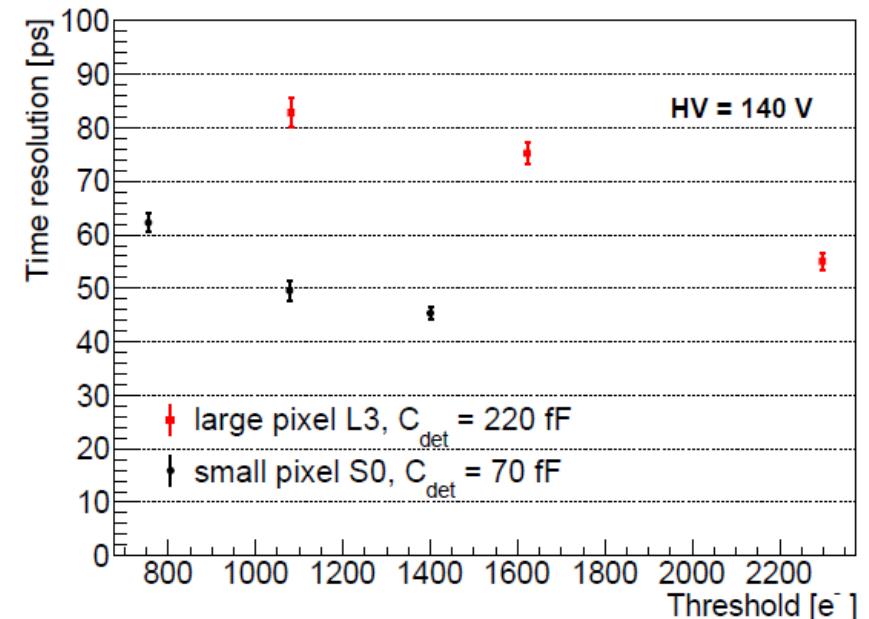
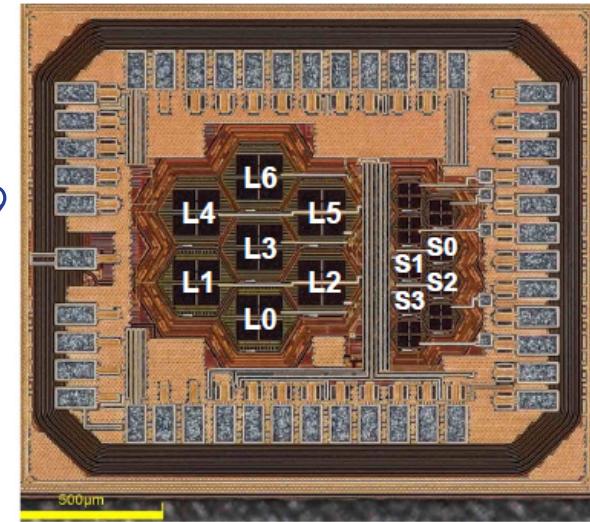
Better timing:

- Replace scintillating fibres by super-fast pixel detector  $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ ps})$  (SiGe, gain layer,...)
- Push HV-MAPS timing to  $\mathcal{O}(1 \text{ ns})$

More acceptance, less material:

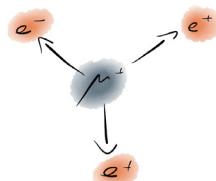
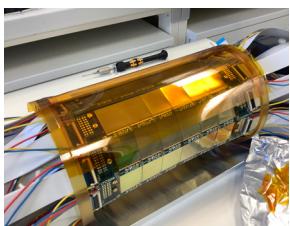
- Longer pixel modules
- Carbon fibre supports
- Serial powering
- Chip-to-chip communication
- ...

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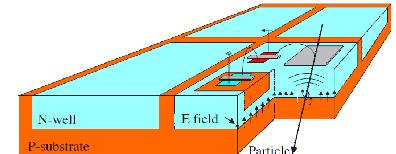


# Conclusion



- Mu3e aims for  $\mu \rightarrow eee$  at the  $10^{-16}$  level

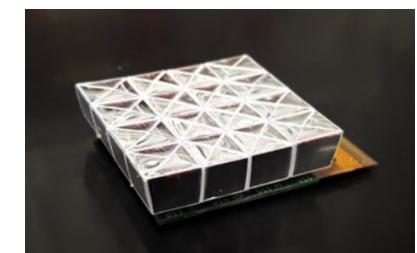
- First large scale use of HV-MAPS



- Build detector layers thinner than a hair



- Timing at the 100 ps level



- Reconstruct  $>10^8$  tracks/s in  $\sim 100$  Gbit/s on  $\sim 4$  GPUs

- Integration and commissioning 2024/25

- ... and then finally data!

