The Mu3e Experiment

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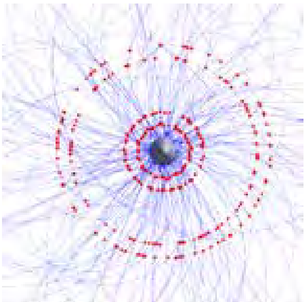
Overview

- The Motivation:
  New physics in lepton flavour violating μ-decays?



- The Challenge:
  Finding one in 10^{16} muon decays

- The Mu3e Detector:
  Minimum Material, Maximum Precision

The hunt for
charged lepton flavour violation

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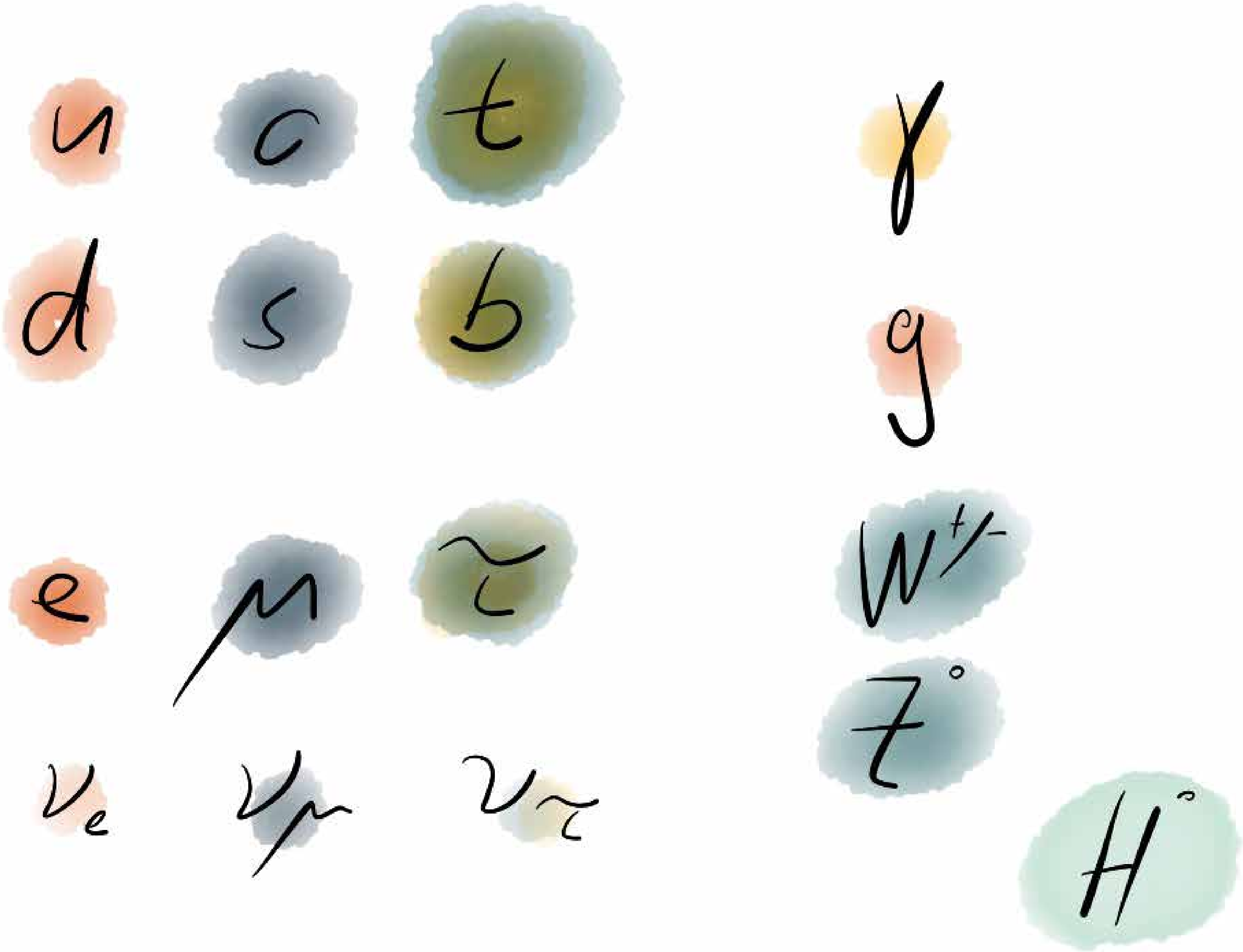

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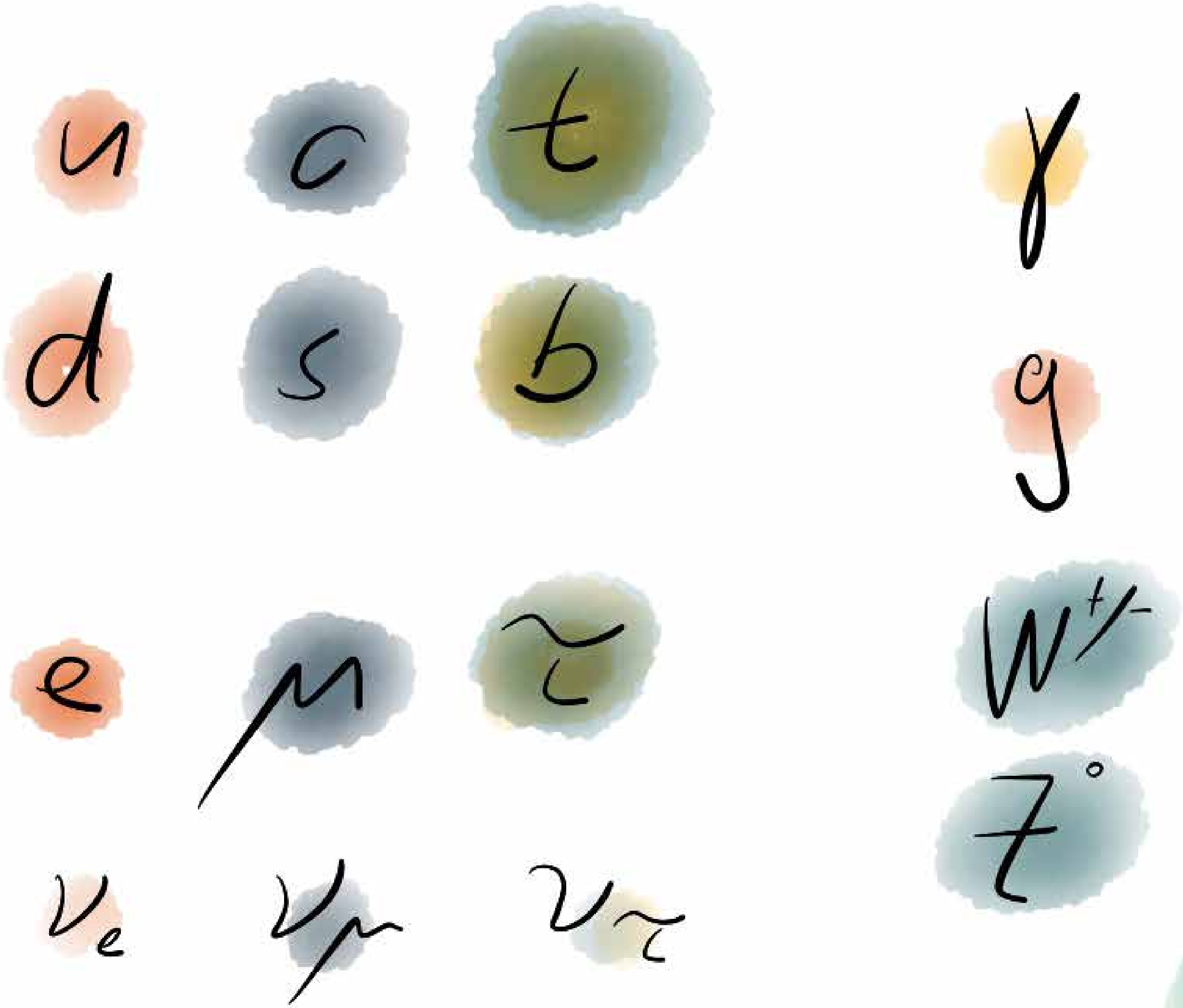

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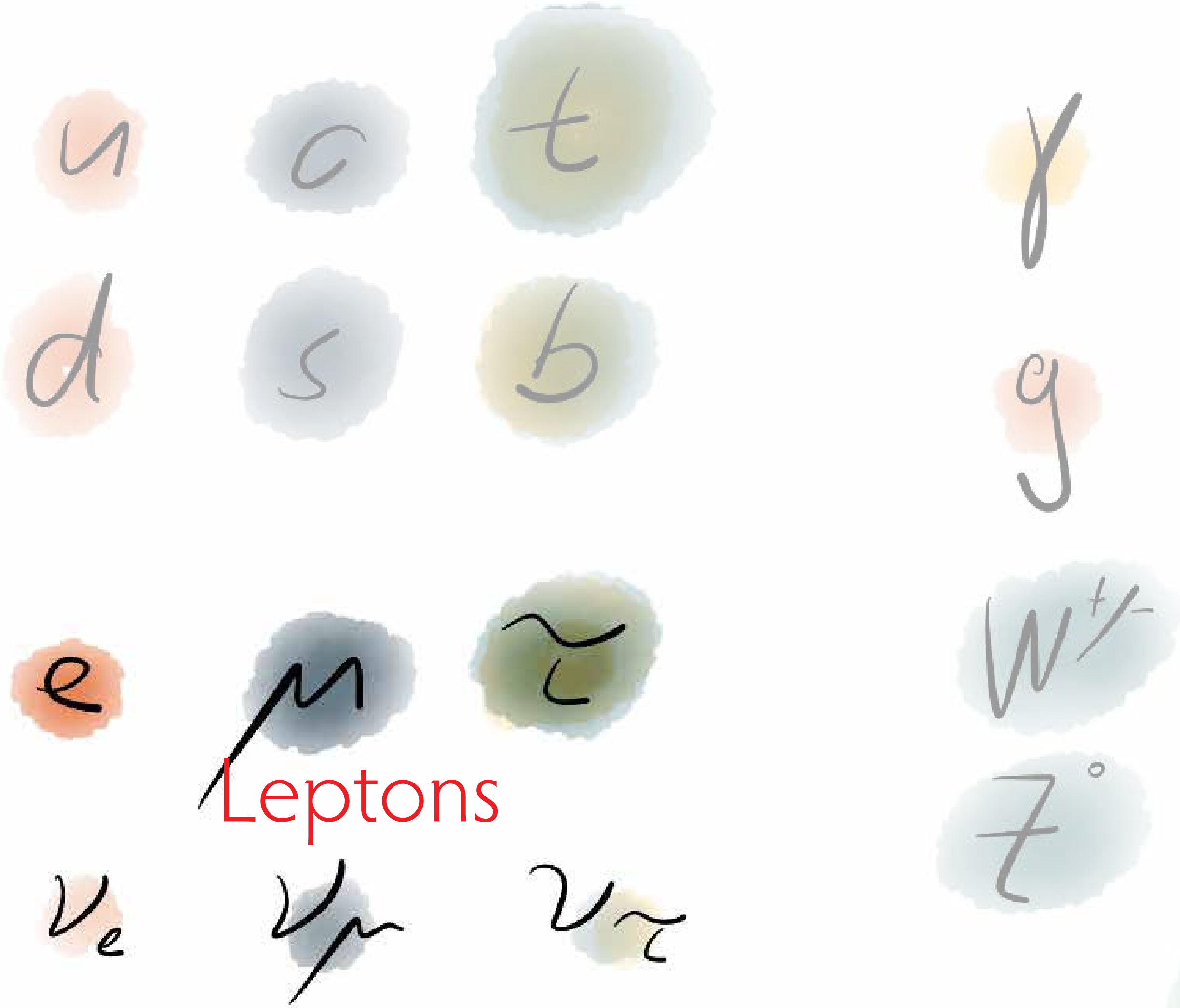

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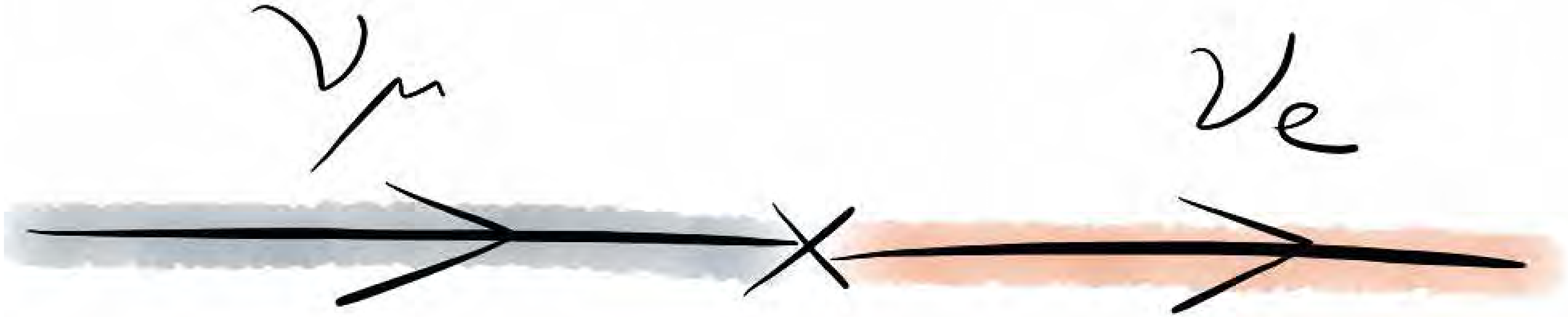

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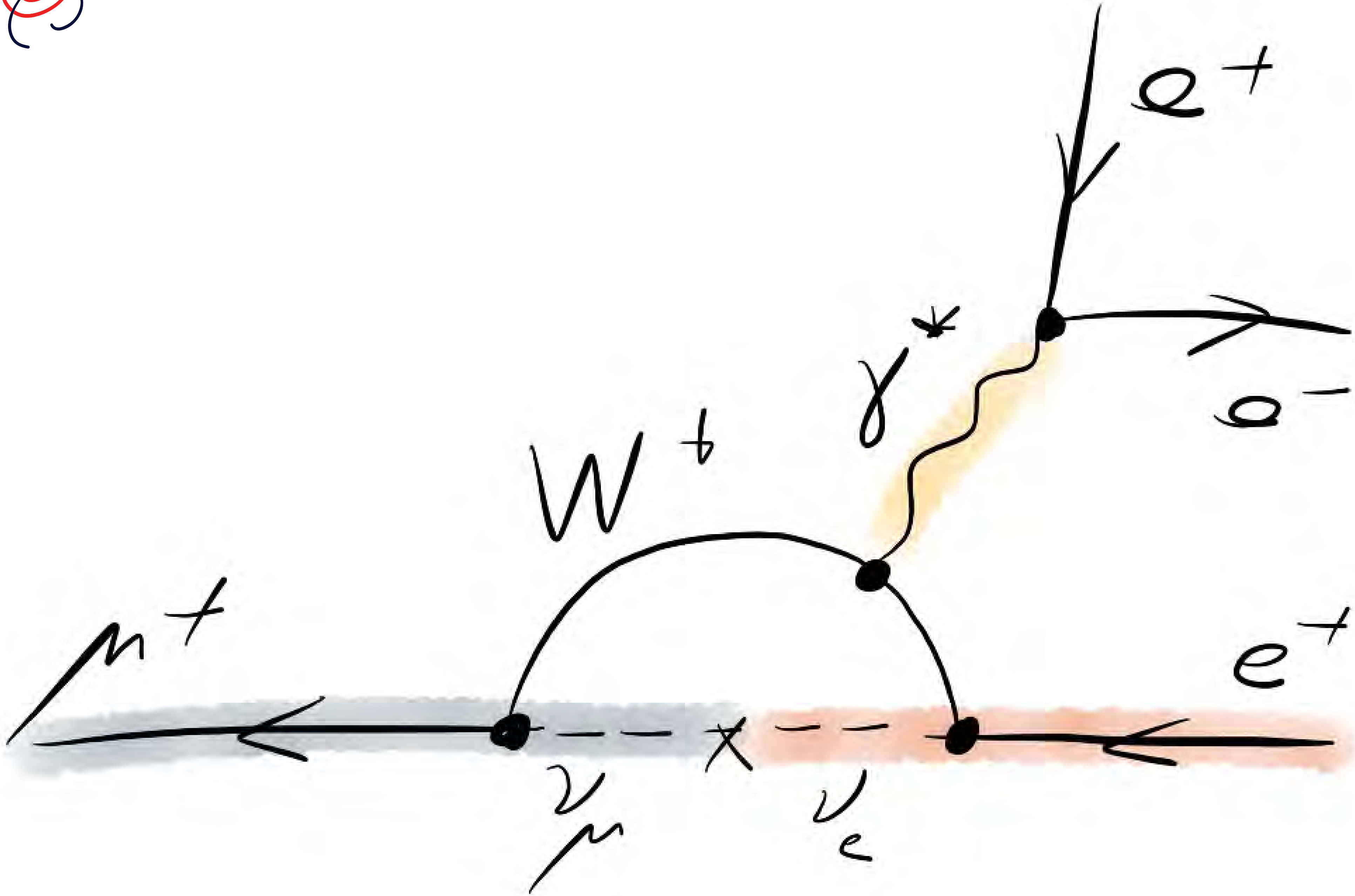
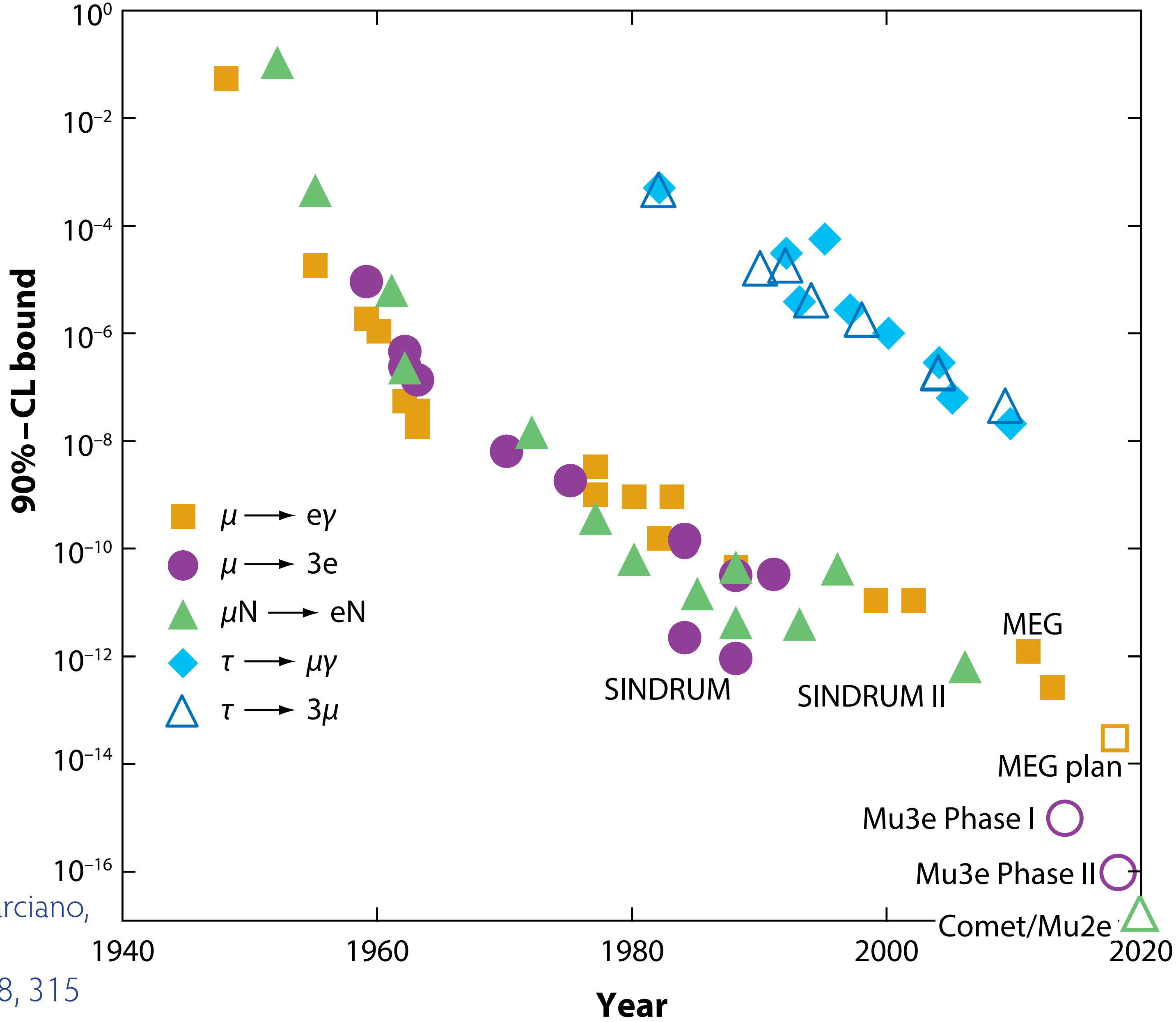


This
(charged lepton flavour violation)
has never been seen

and not because we have not looked

History of LFV experiments



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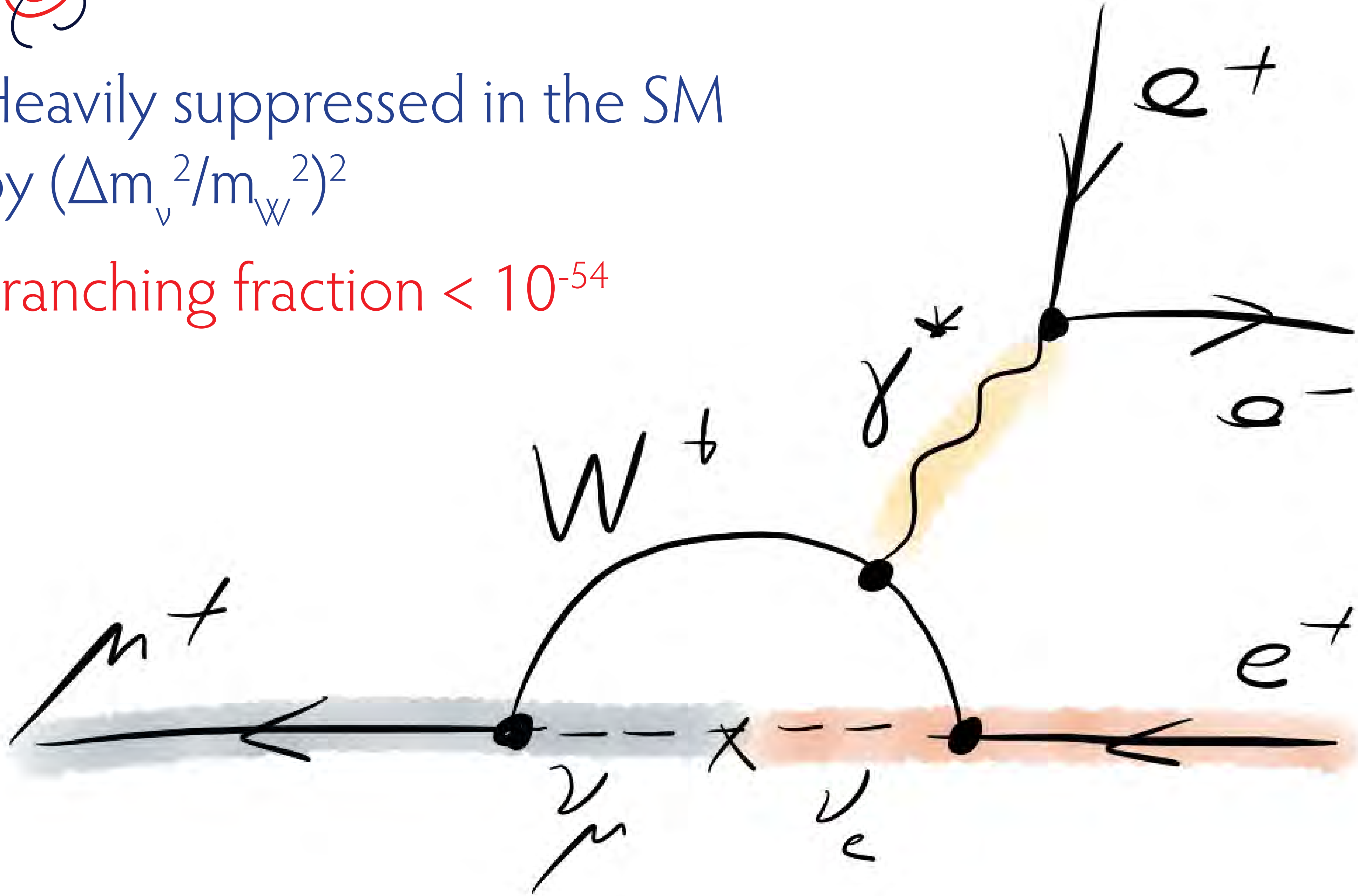
Heavily suppressed in the SM by $(\Delta m_\nu{}^2/m_W{}^2)^2$

Branching fraction < 10^{-54}



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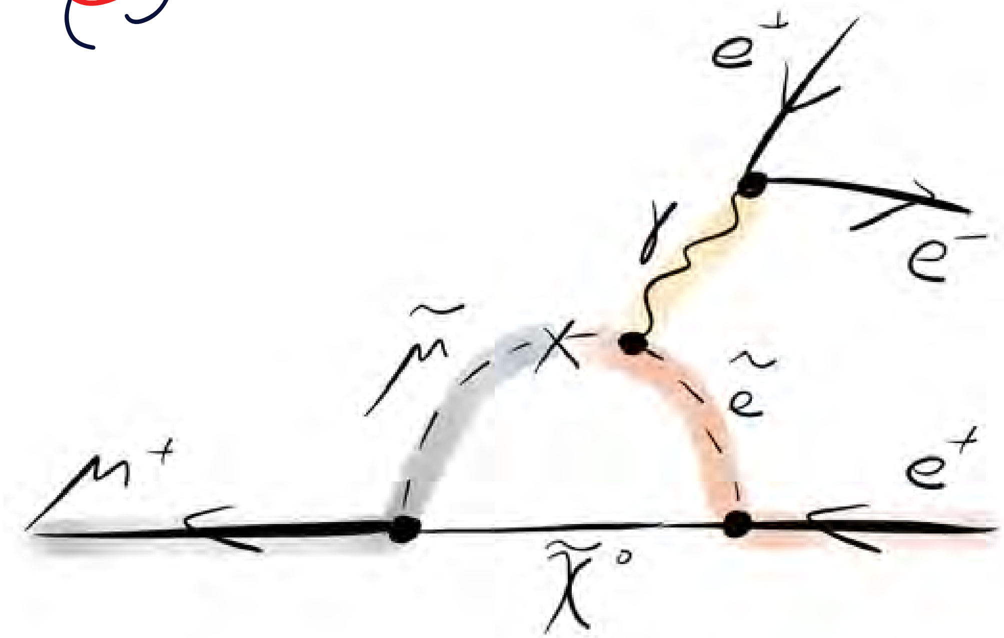

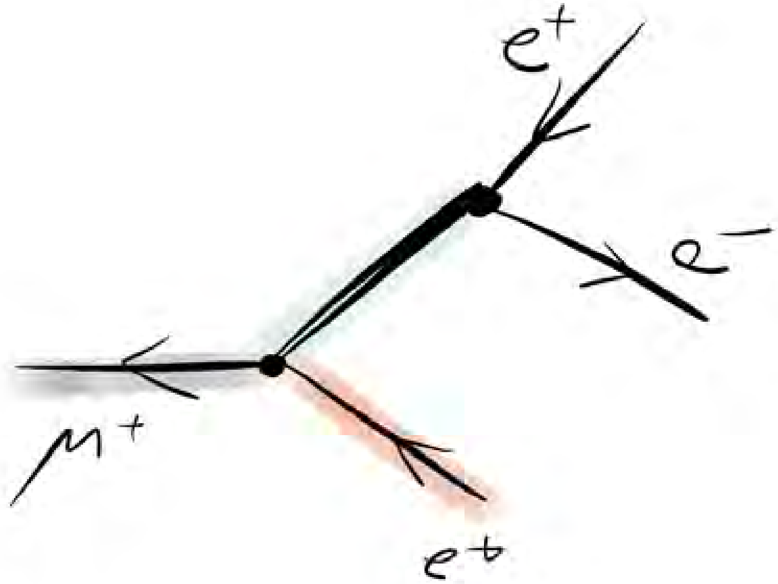

Loop diagrams

- 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)

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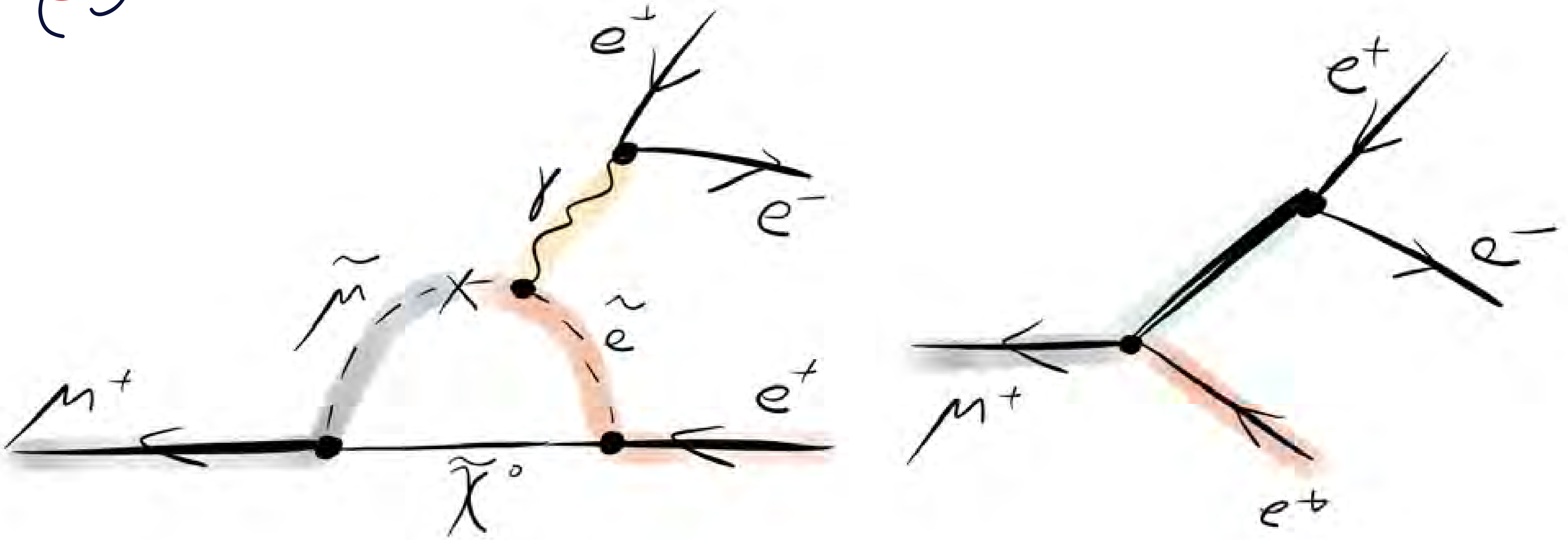
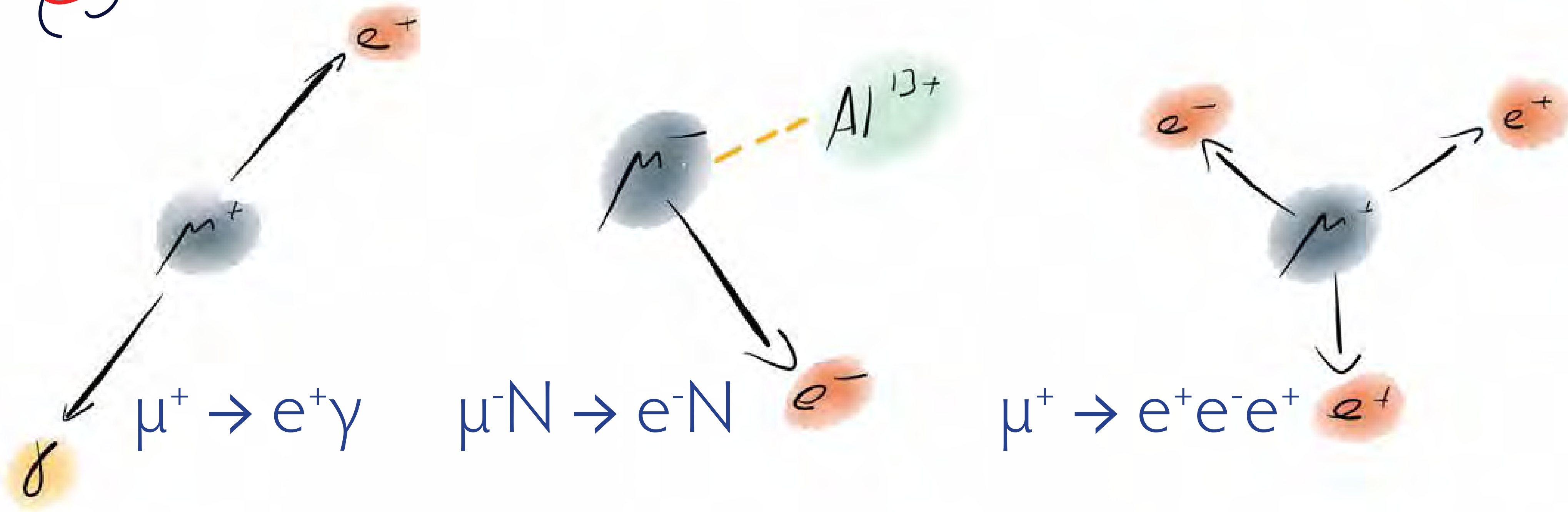


Muon decays sensitive to new physics at $\mathcal{O}$(1000 TeV) scale for $\mathcal{O}$(1) couplings!

The hunt for charged lepton flavour violation in μ-decays

LFV Muon Decays: Experimental Situation



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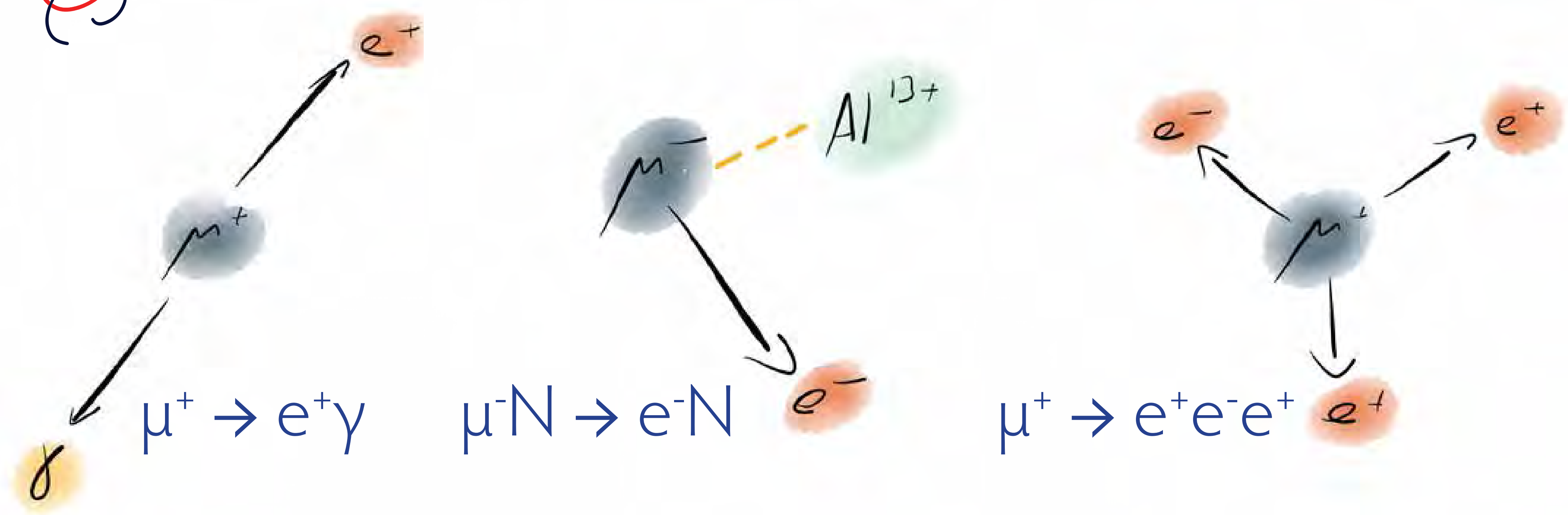

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Mu2e/Comet

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Mu3e

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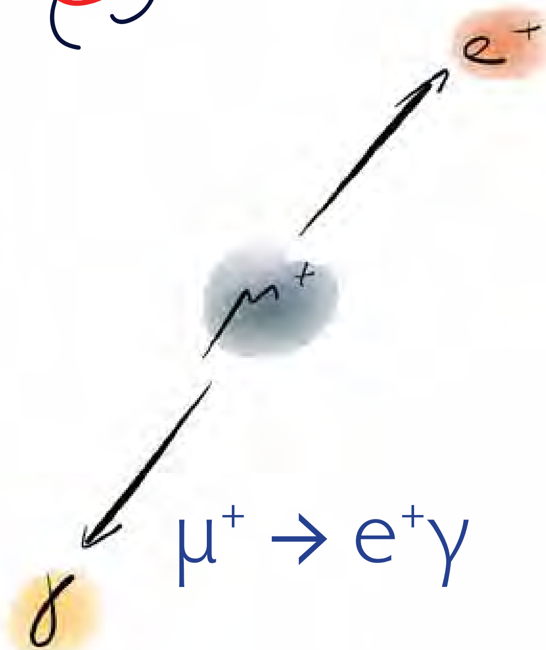

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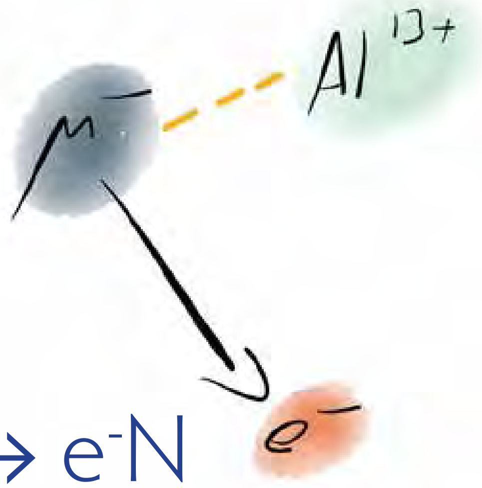

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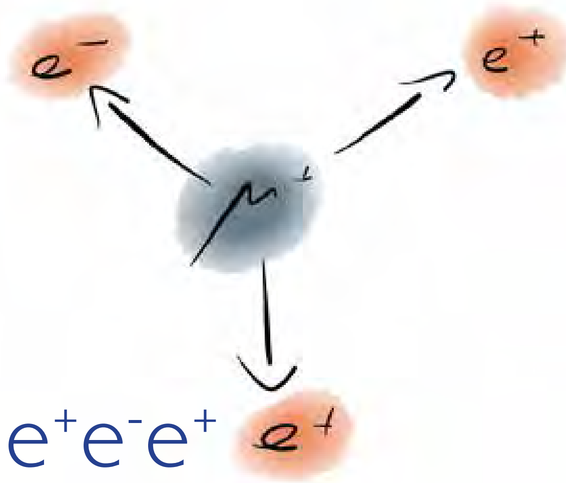

$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$

Kinematics

- 2-body decay
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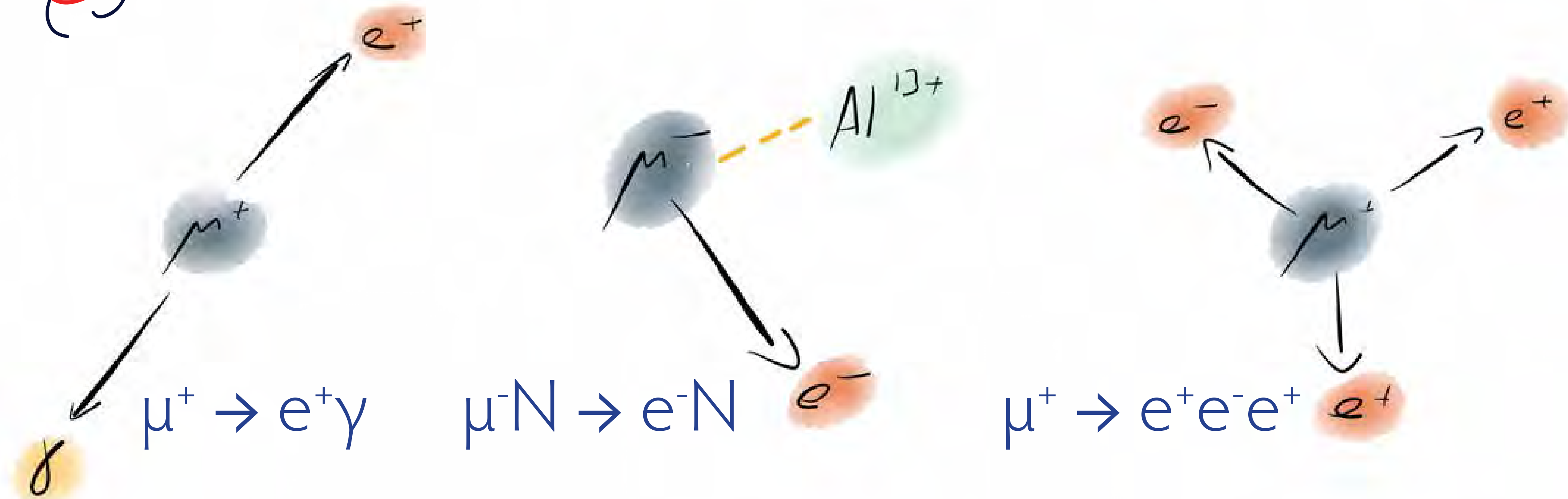

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- Decay in orbit
- Antiprotons, pions, cosmics

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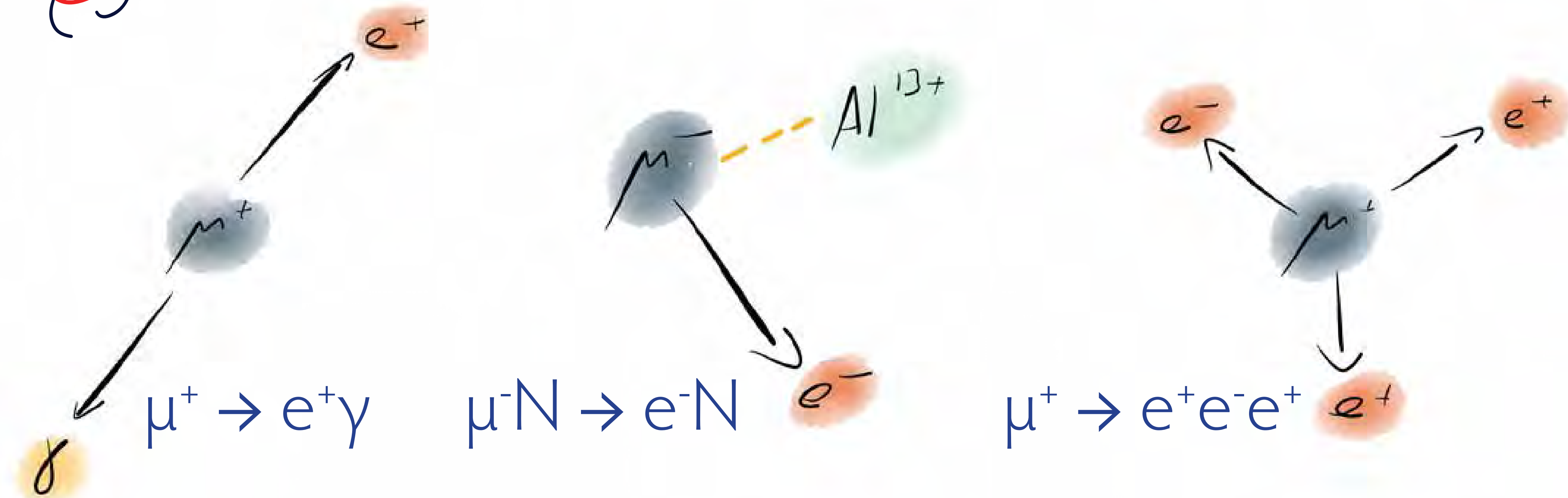

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• A … al background	• D … orbit	• R … decay
	• A … protons, pions	• Ac … dental background
Continuous Beam	Pulsed Beam	Continuous Beam

Searching for

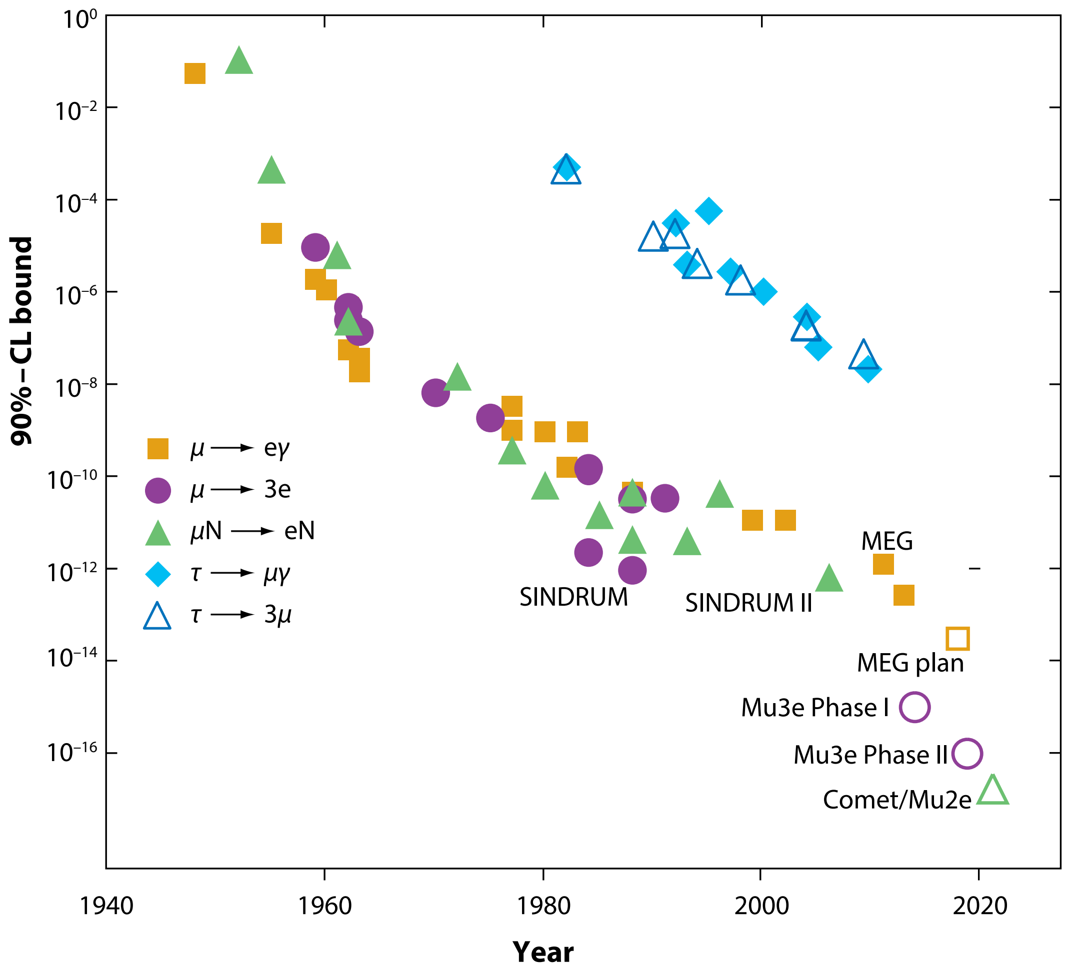
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$ at the 10^{-16} level

The Goal: 10^{-16}

- We want to find or exclude $\mu \rightarrow eee$ at the 10^{-16} level

- 10^{-15} in phase I (existing beamline)
- 10^{-16} in phase II (new beamline)

- 4 orders of magnitude over previous experiment (SINDRUM 1988)



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The Mu3e Collaboration

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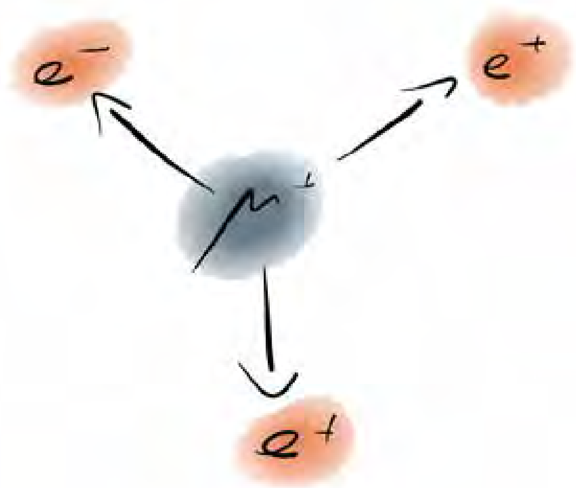
- Physics Institute, Heidelberg University
- KIP, Heidelberg University
- IPE, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
- Paul Scherrer Institute
- Physics Institute, Zürich University
- Institute for Particle Physics, ETH Zürich
- Institute for Nuclear Physics, JGU Mainz

The Challenges



- Observe more than 10^{16} muon decays:
  2 Billion muons per second
- Suppress backgrounds by more than 16 orders of magnitude
- Be sensitive for the signal

Muons from PSI

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World's most intensive proton beam
2.2 mA at 590 MeV: 1.3 MW of beam power

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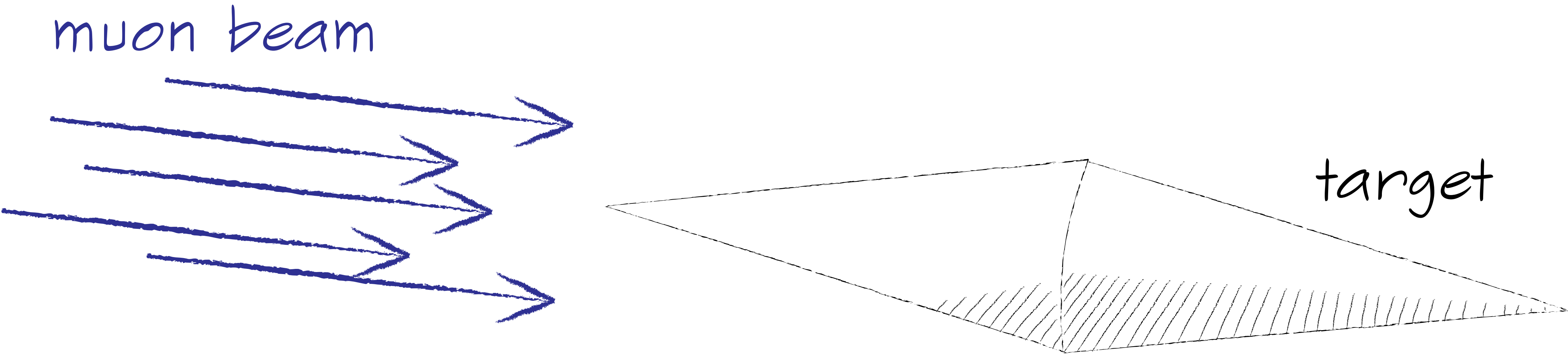
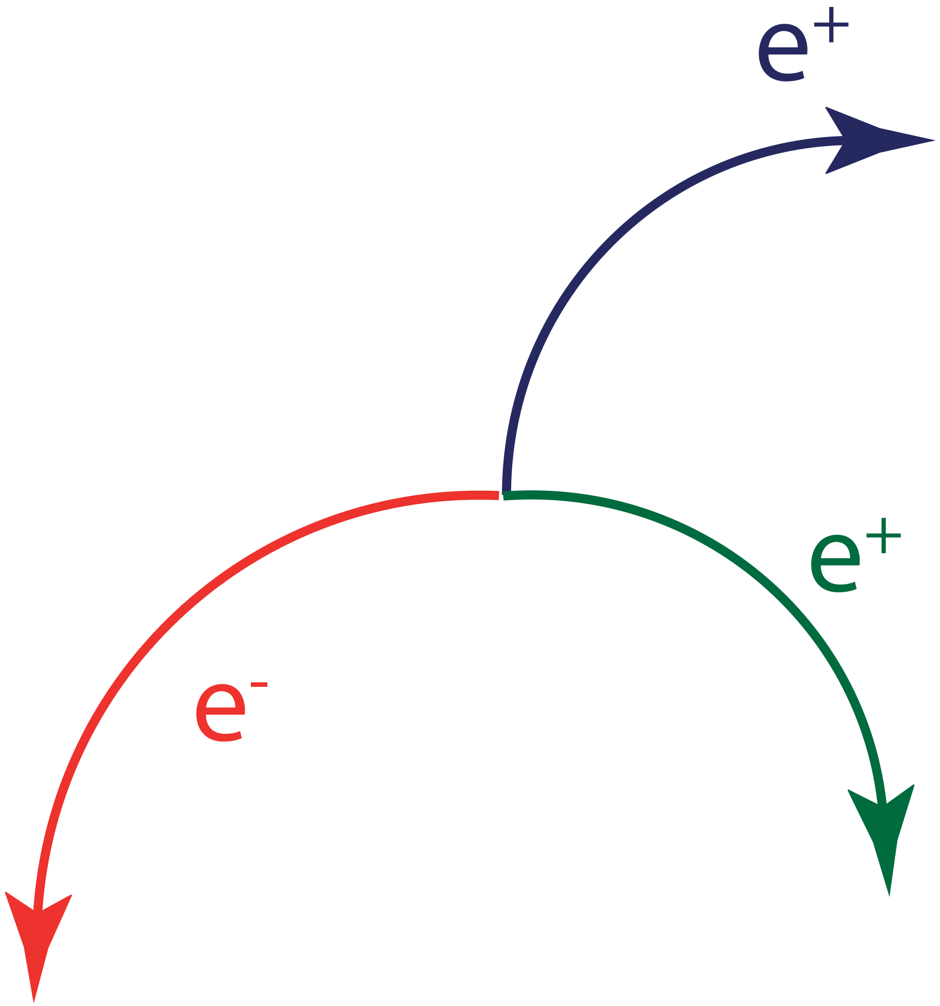
- More than ~ 10^{11} muons/s are produced; bring magnetic elements closer to capture them:
  High intensity muon beamline (HiMB) study currently ongoing

Building the
Mu3e Experiment

Stop muons, let them decay

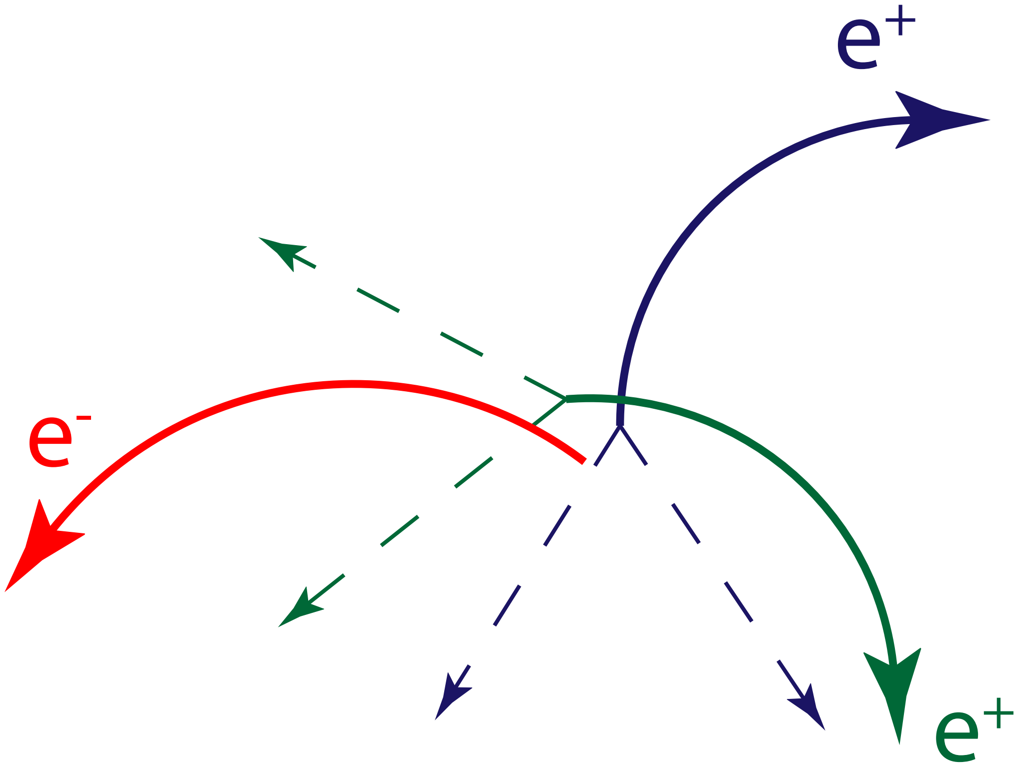


The signal



- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$
- Two positrons, one electron
- From same vertex
- Same time
- Sum of 4-momenta corresponds to muon at rest
- Maximum momentum: ½ m_μ = 53 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

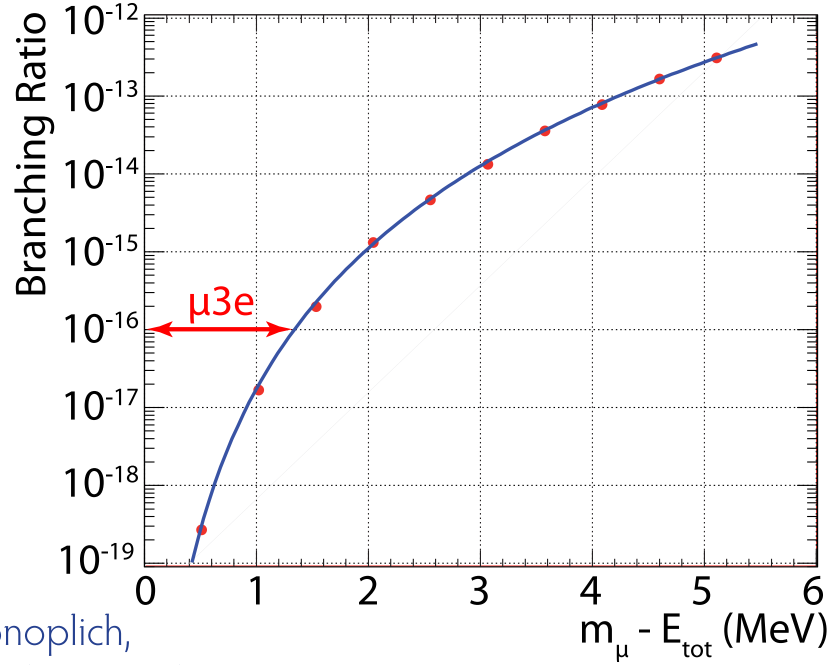
Internal conversion background

- Allowed radiative decay with internal conversion:

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+\nu\bar{\nu}$$

- Only distinguishing feature: Missing momentum carried by neutrinos

- Need excellent momentum resolution



(R. M. Djilkibaev, R. V. Konoplich, Phys.Rev. D79 (2009) 073004)

2 Billion Muon Decays/s

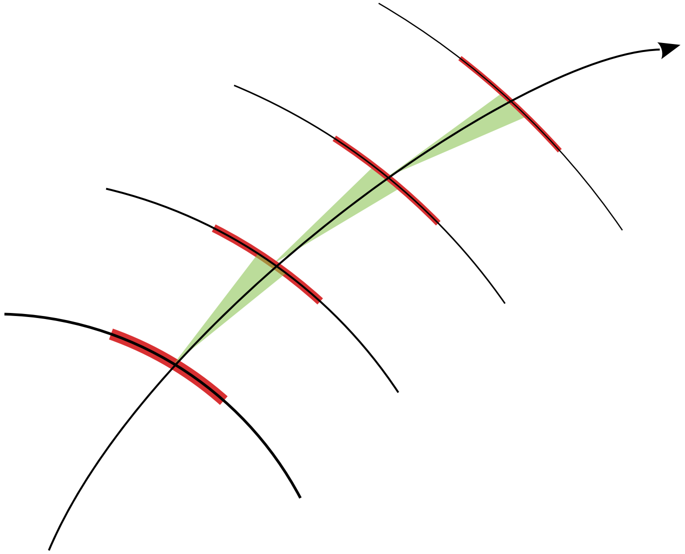
50 ns, 1 Tesla field

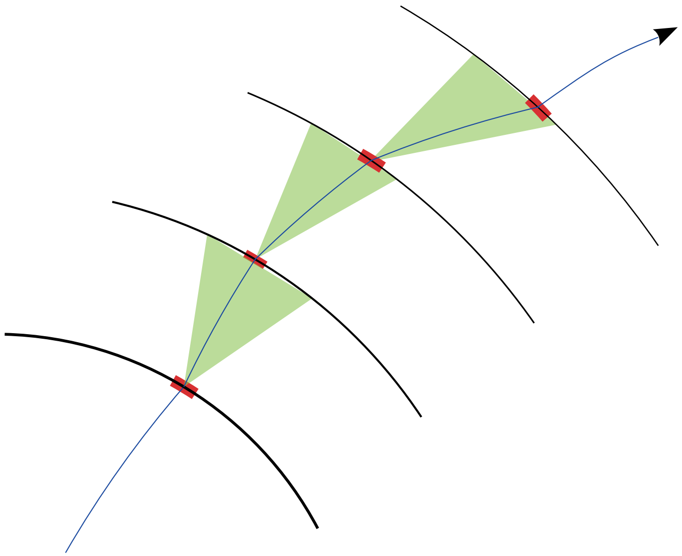
Detector Technology

- High granularity (occupancy)
- Close to target (vertex resolution)
- 3D space points (reconstruction)
- Minimum material (momenta below 53 MeV/c)

- Gas detectors do not work (space charge, aging, 3D)
- Silicon strips do not work (material budget, 3D)
- Hybrid pixels (as in LHC) do not work (material budget)

Scattering dominated tracking





- Maximum electron/positron momentum: 53 MeV/c ($m_\mu/2$)
- Momentum resolution dominated by multiple Coulomb scattering
- As little material as possible

$$\theta_0 = \frac{13.6\ \mathrm{MeV}}{\beta c p}\, z\, \sqrt{x/X_0}\left[1 + 0.038\ln(x/X_0)\right]$$

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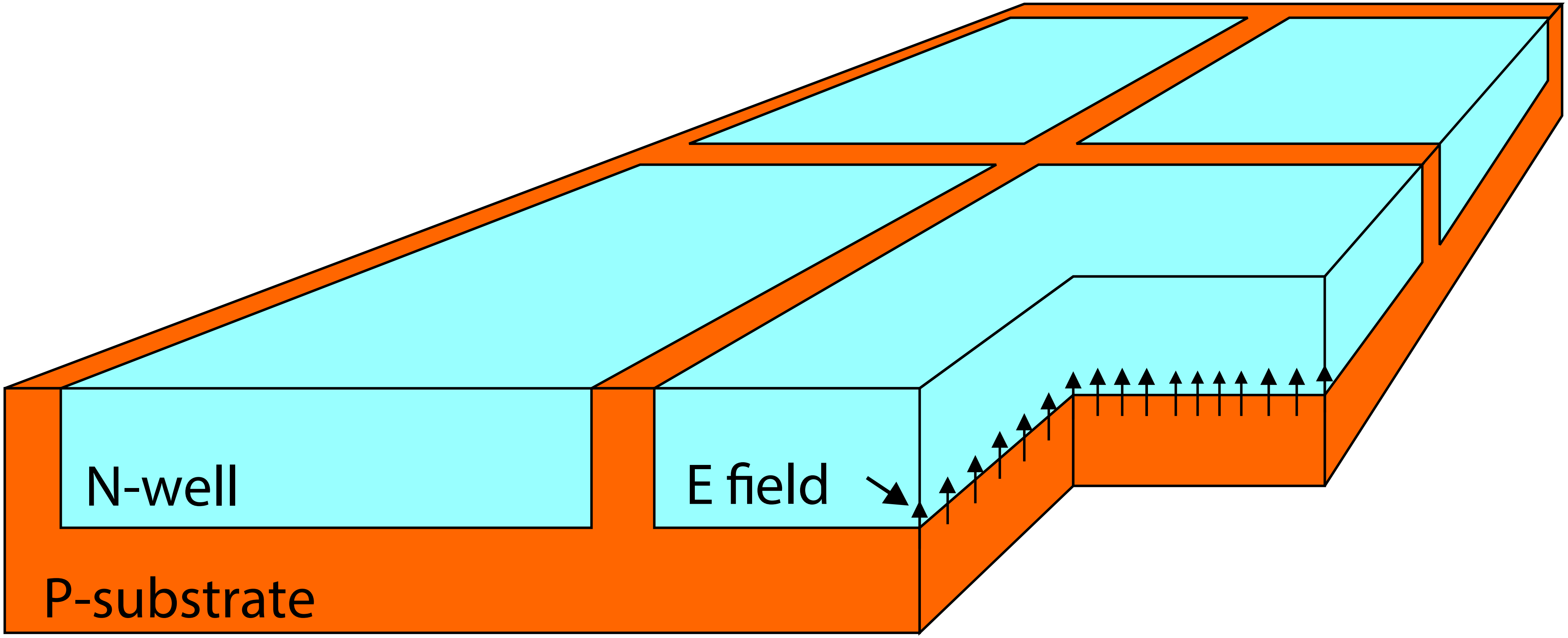

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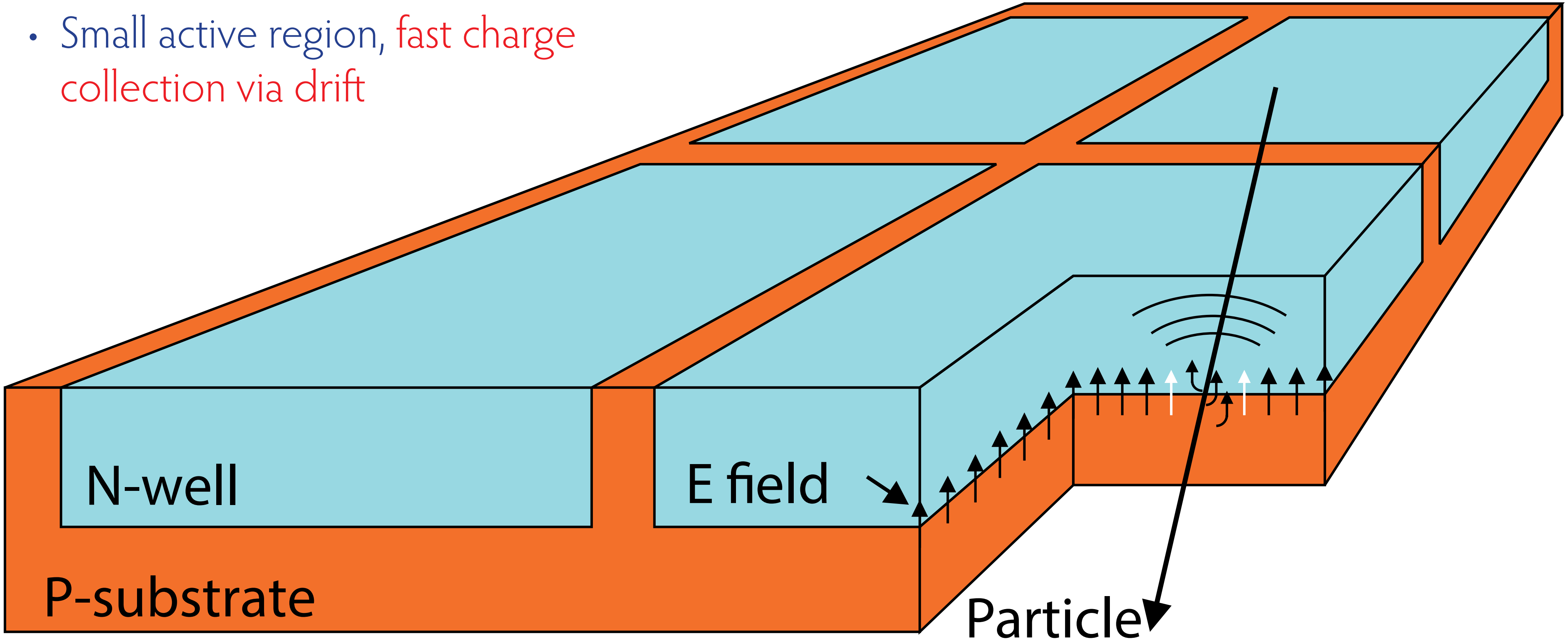

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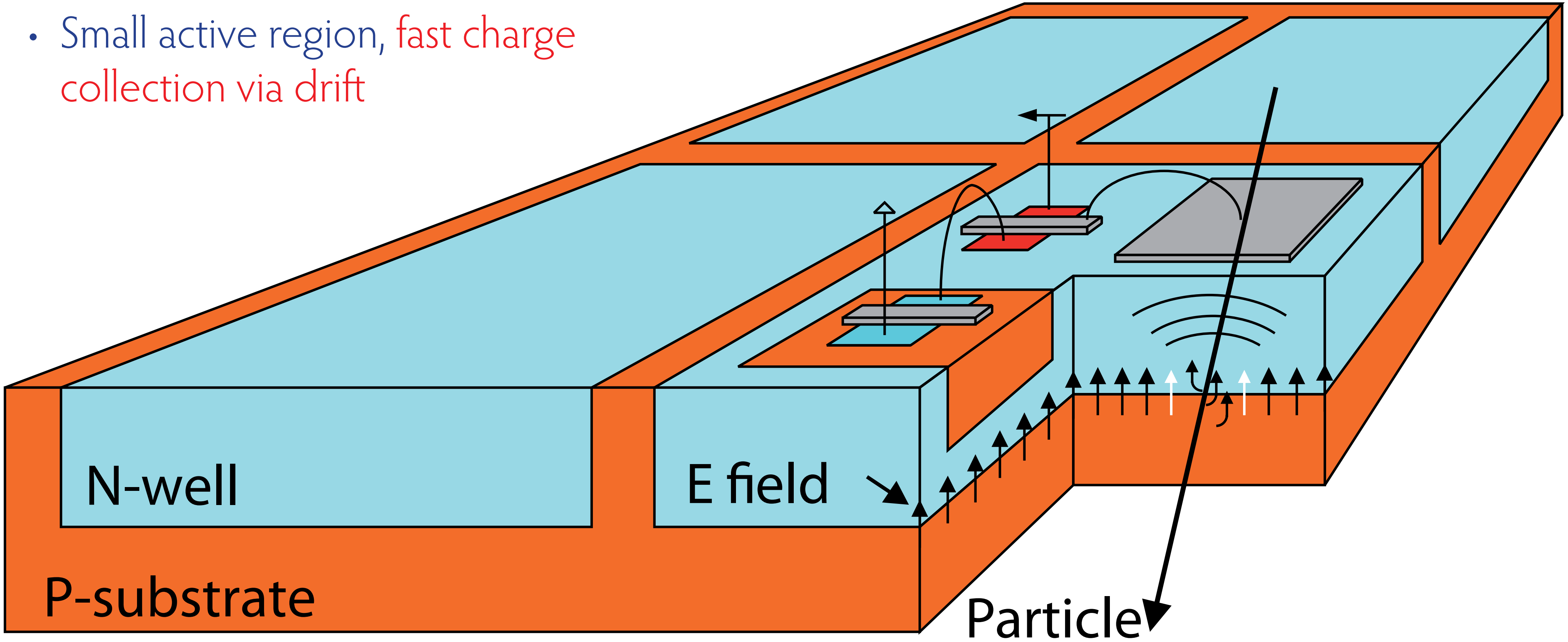
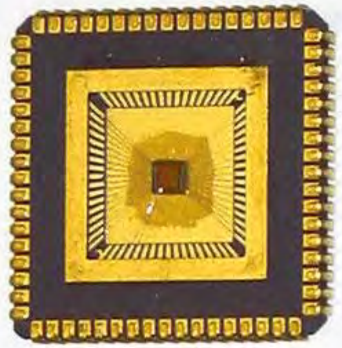
- Implement logic directly in N-well in the pixel - smart diode array
- Can be thinned down to < 50 µm

(I.Perić, P. Fischer et al., NIM A 582 (2007) 876)

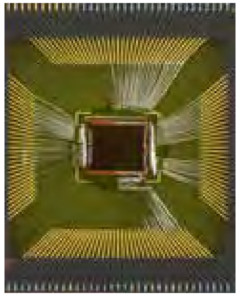


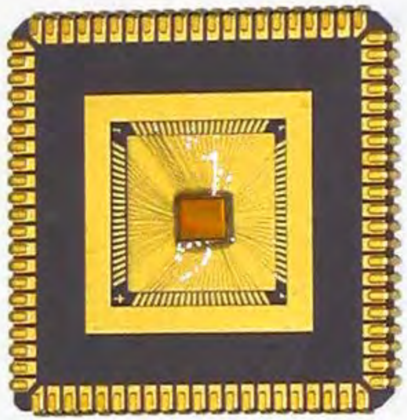
The MuPix chip prototypes

MuPix2

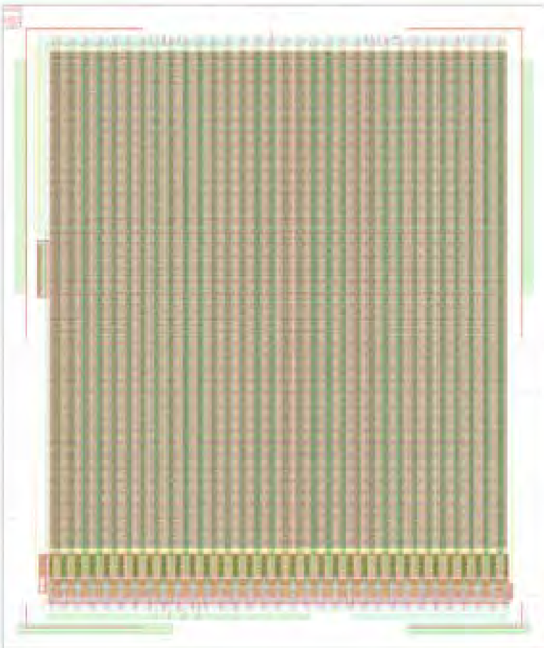


MuPix6





MuPix4



HV-MAPS chips: AMS 180 nm HV-CMOS

- 5 generations of prototypes
- Current generation:
  MuPix7
  40 x 32 pixels
  80 x 103 μm pixel size
  9.4 mm^2 active area
- Test beam results with MuPix4/6
- MuPix7 has all features of final sensor, currently under test
- Left to do: Scale to 2 x 2 cm^2

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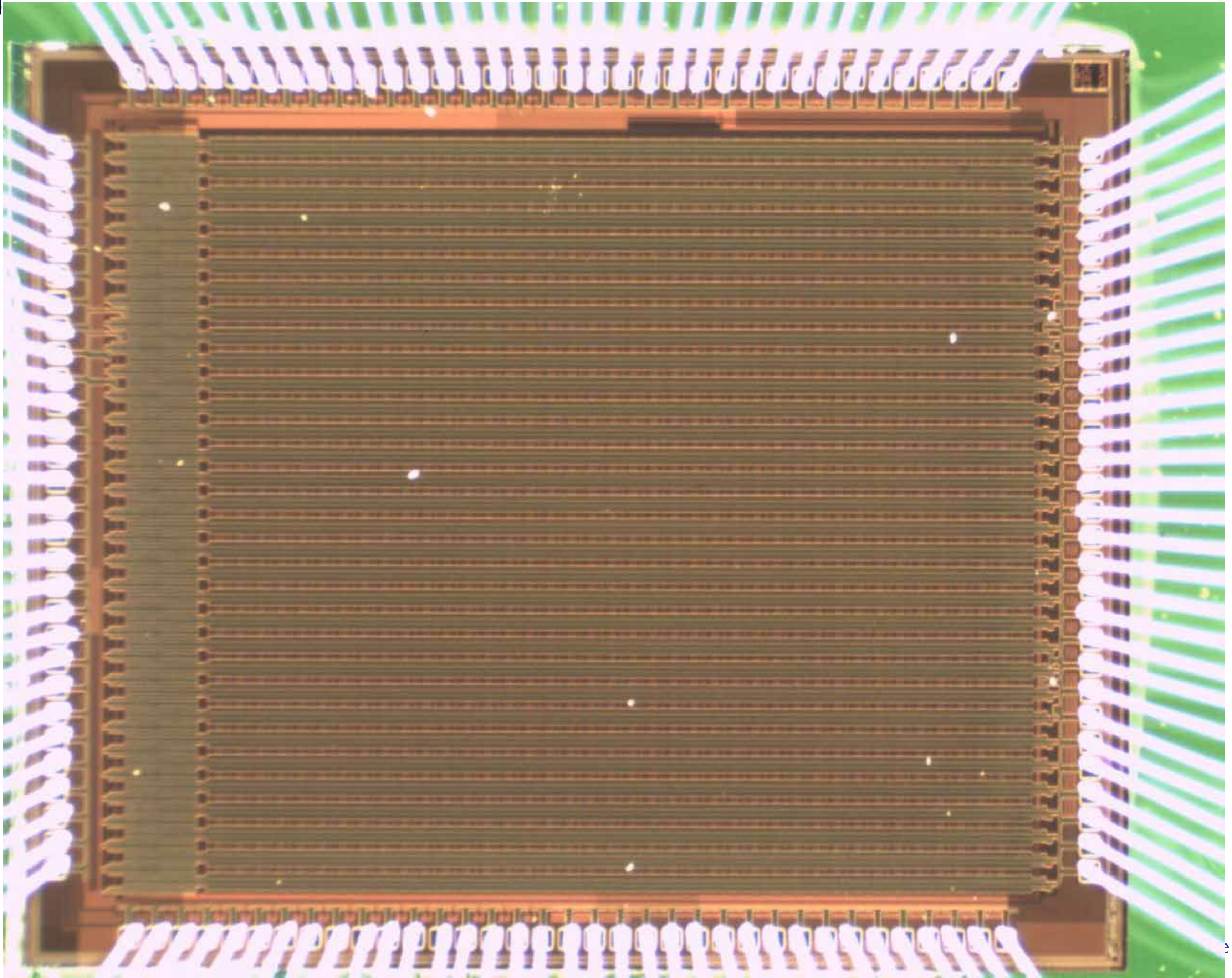

3 mm

HV-MAPS


Pixels with amplifier
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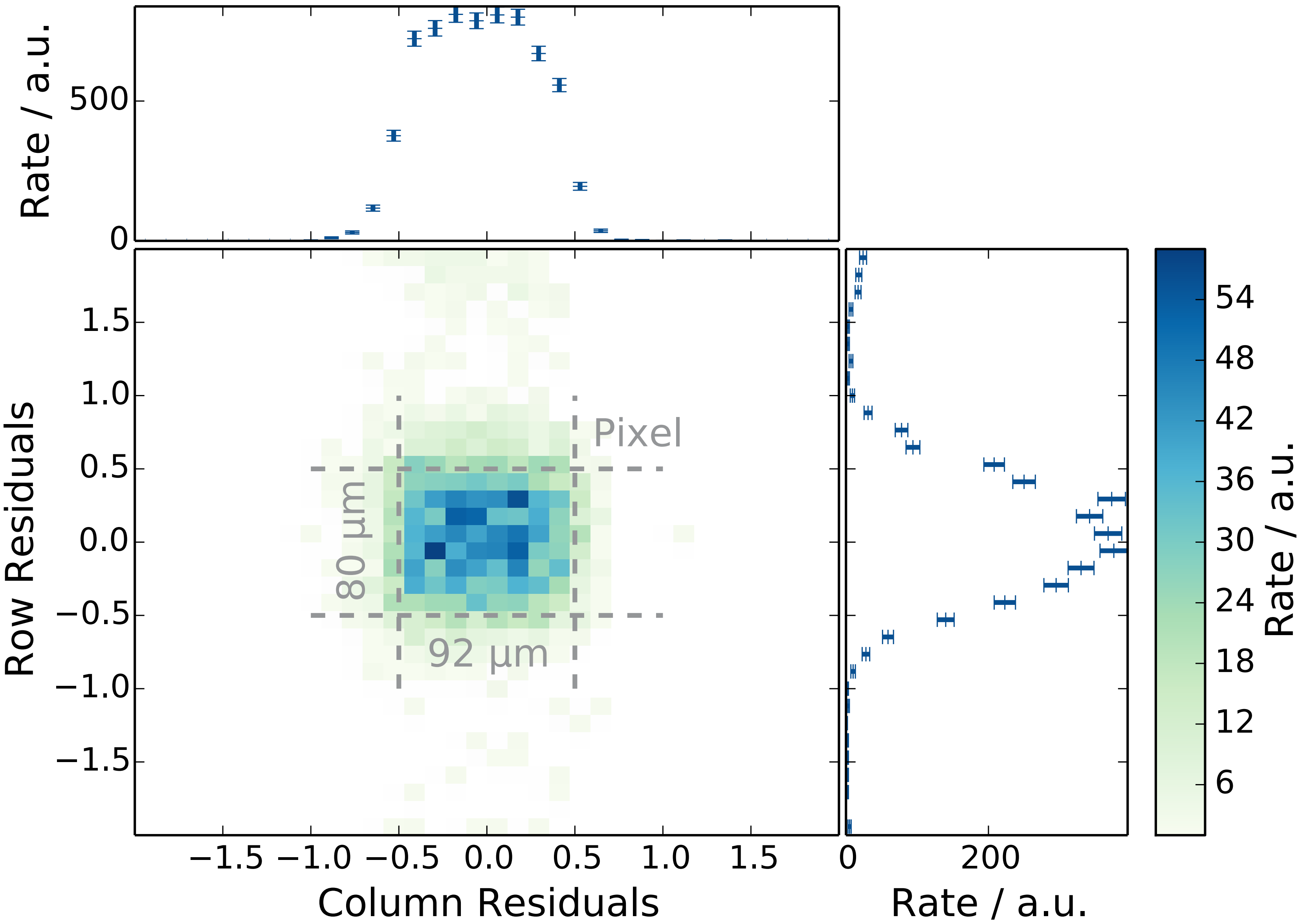
HV-MAPS
Introduction

Test beam at DESY

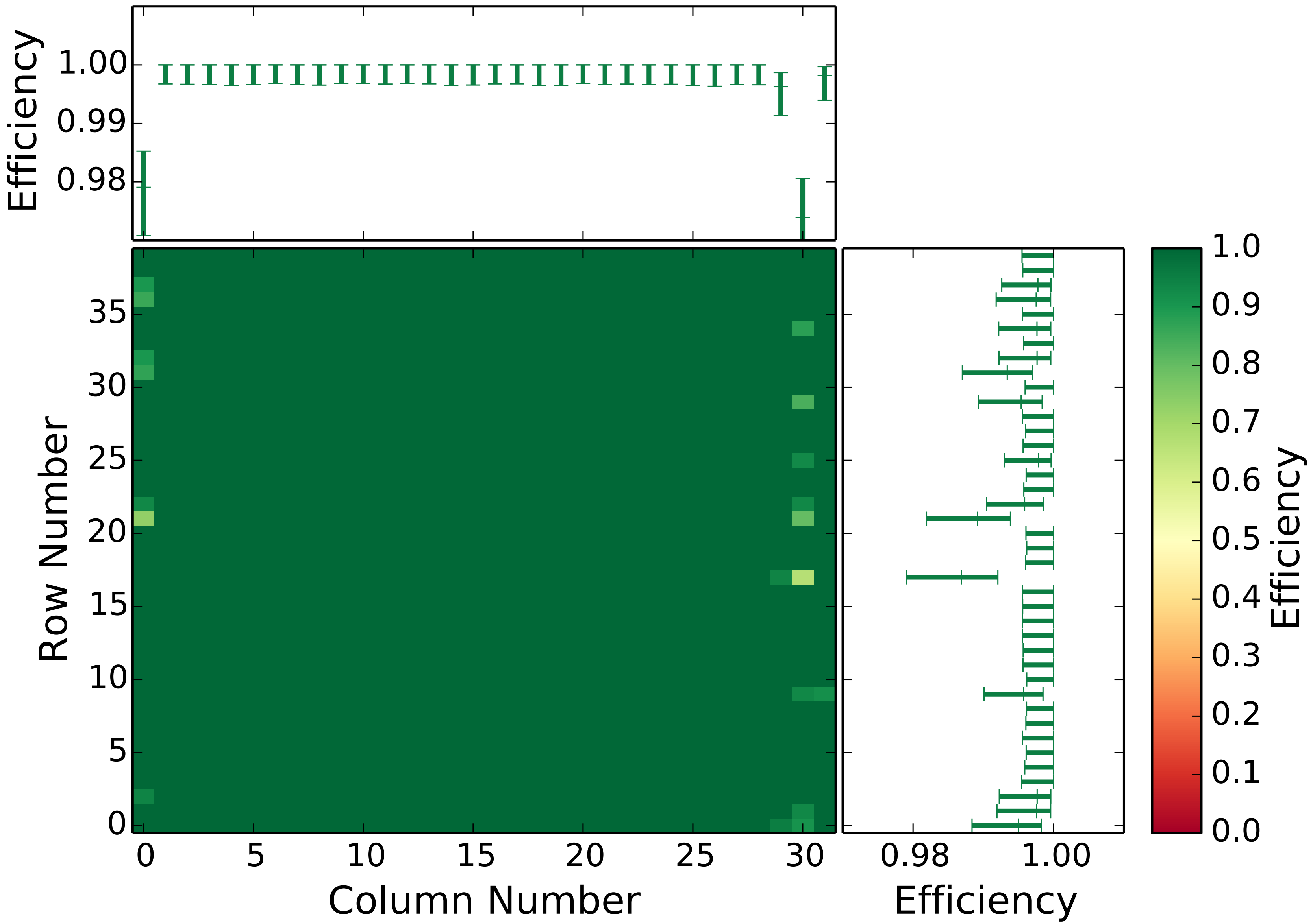
Position Resolution

Position resolution given by pixel size

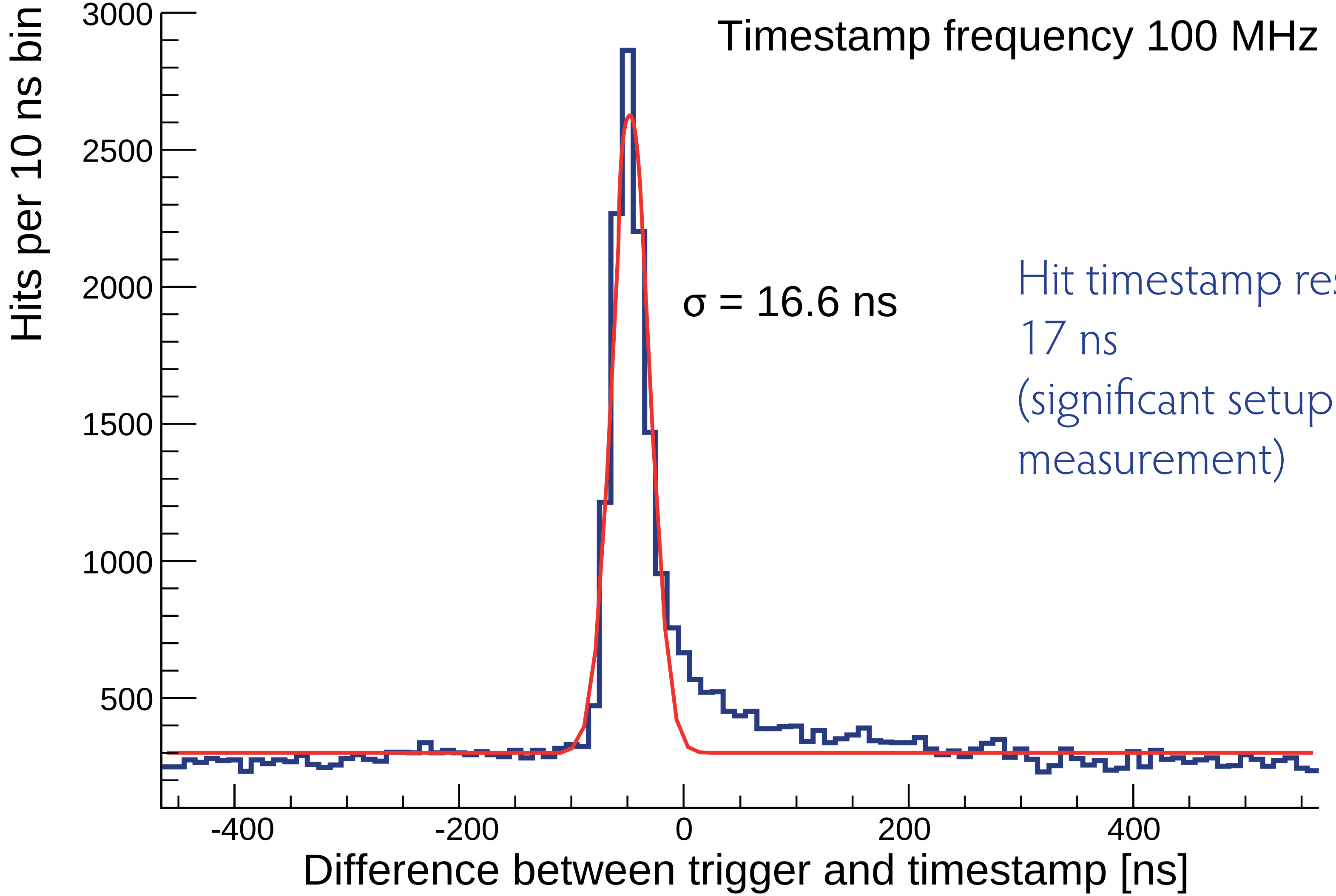


Efficiency

Hit efficiency above 99% without tuning



Time resolution

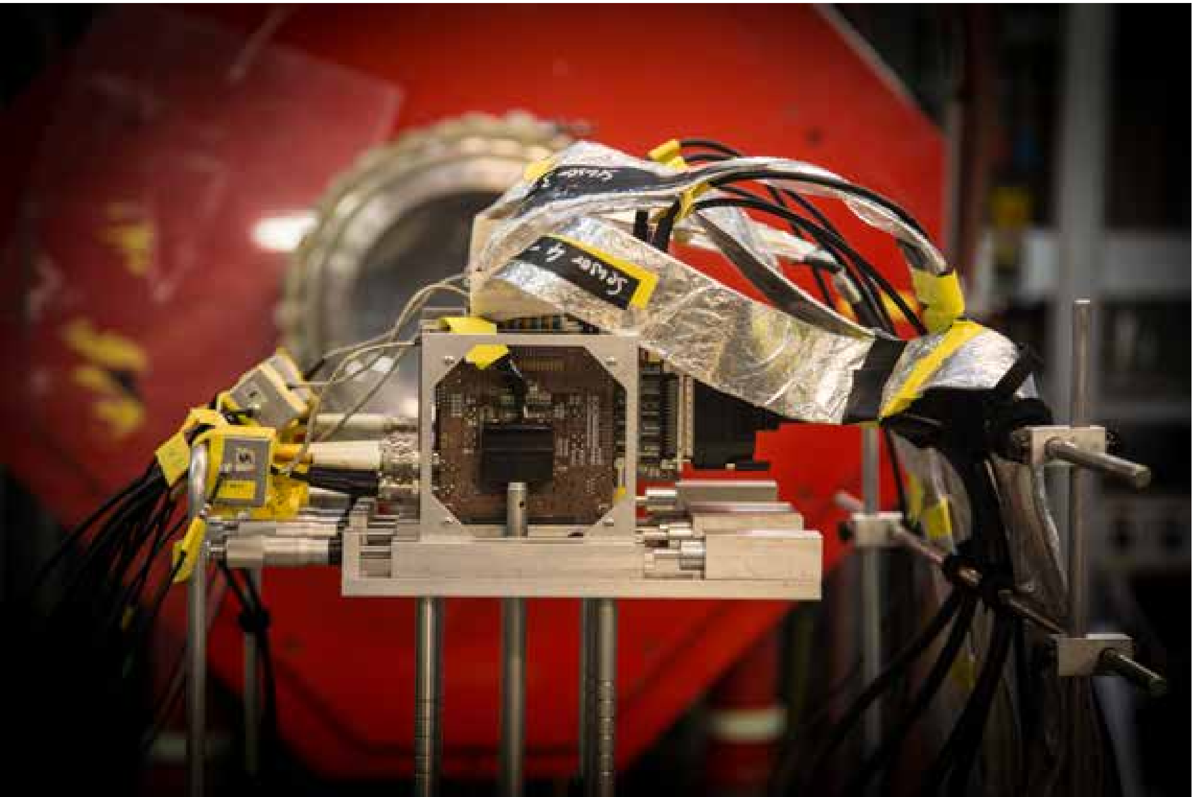


Hit timestamp resolution better than 17 ns
(significant setup contribution in the measurement)

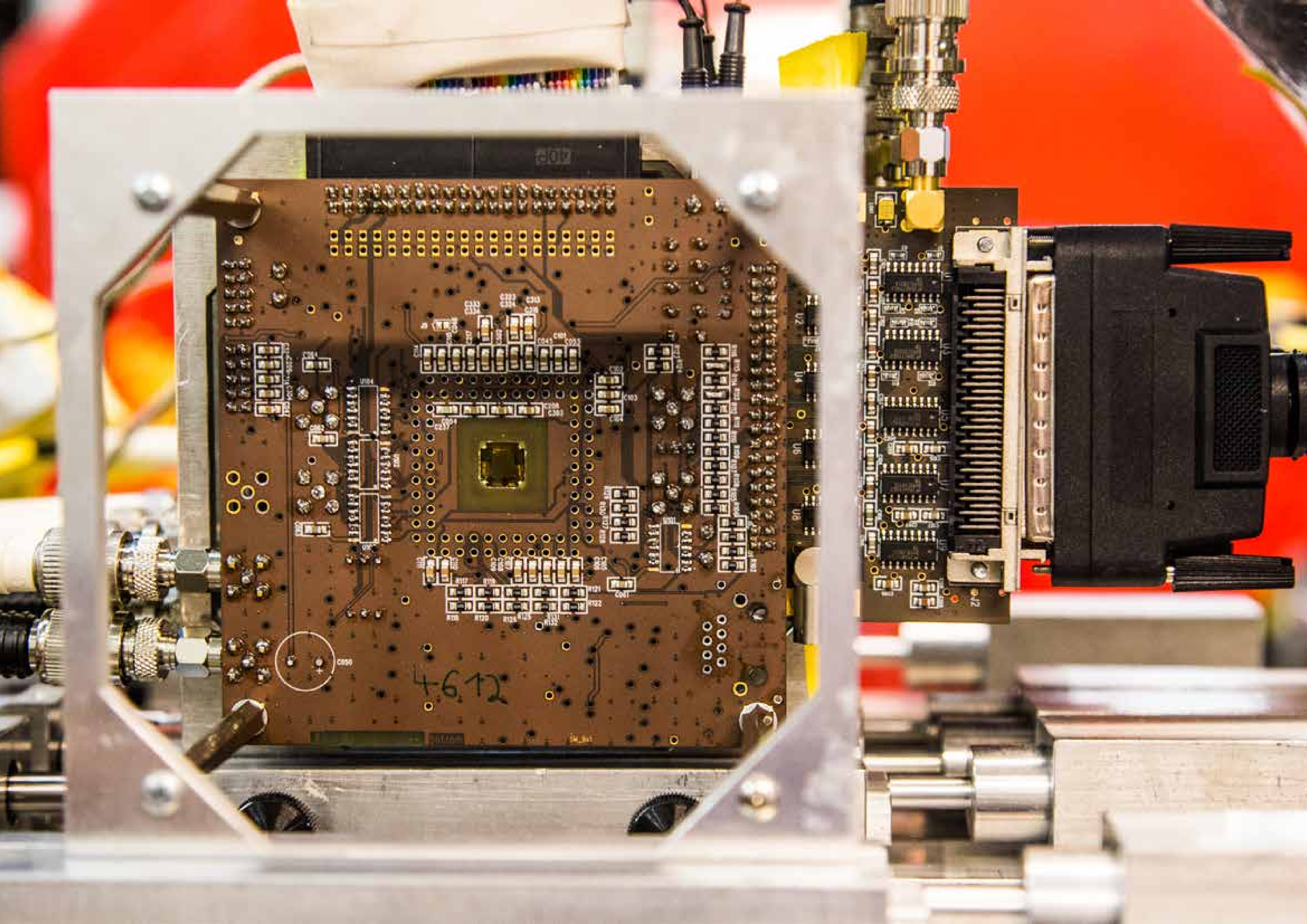
MuPix Telescope

Built our own pixel telescope

- Four planes of thin MuPix sensors
- Fast readout into PCIe FPGA cards
- Currently about 1 MHz hits/plane possible
- Tested at DESY, PSI and MAMI




+HV
Tile 3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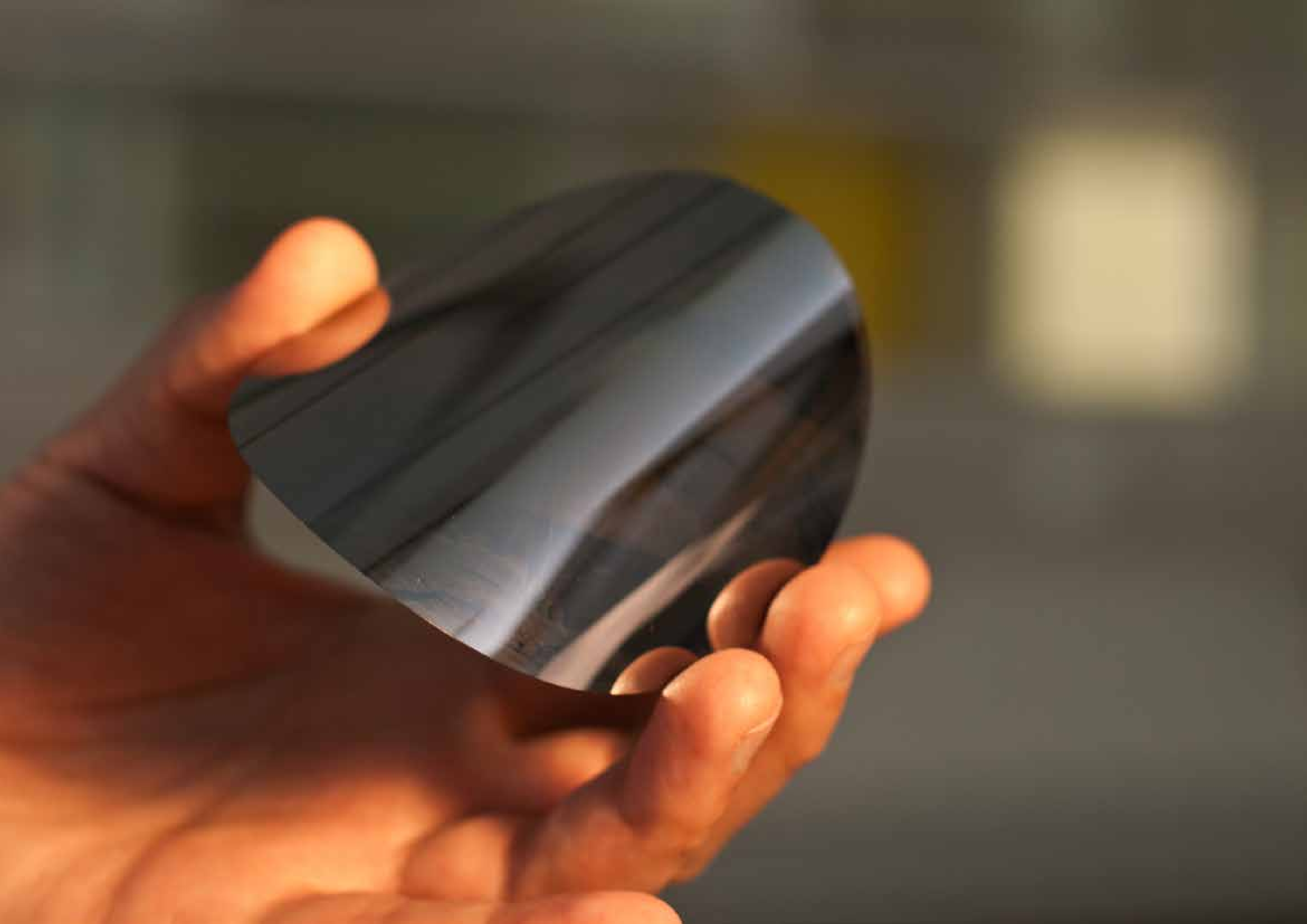
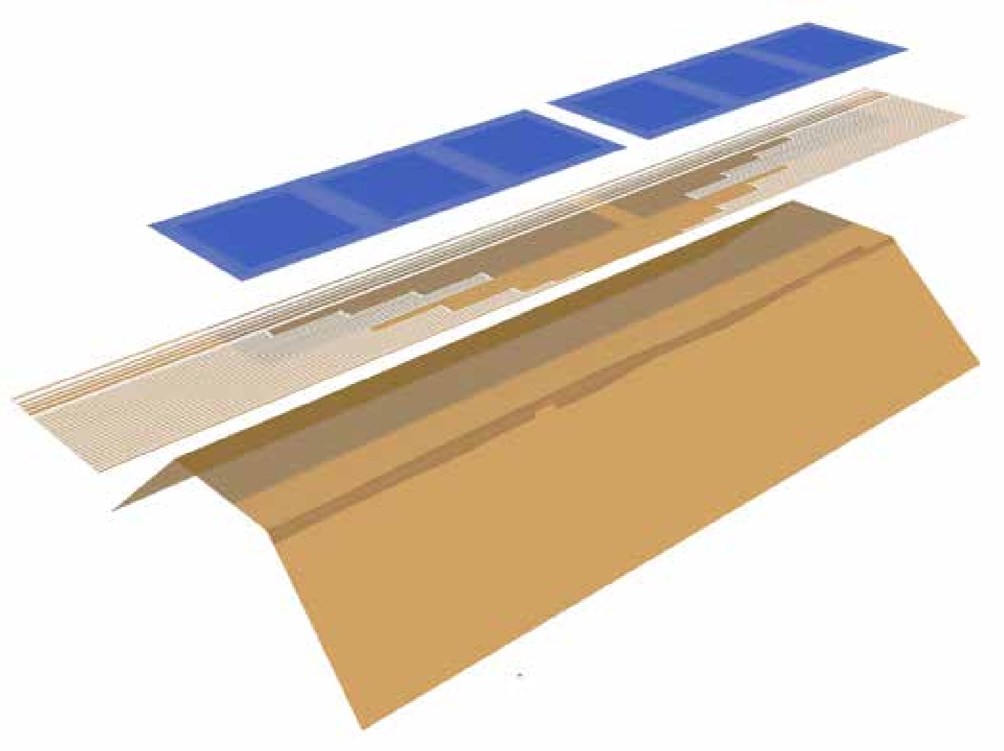
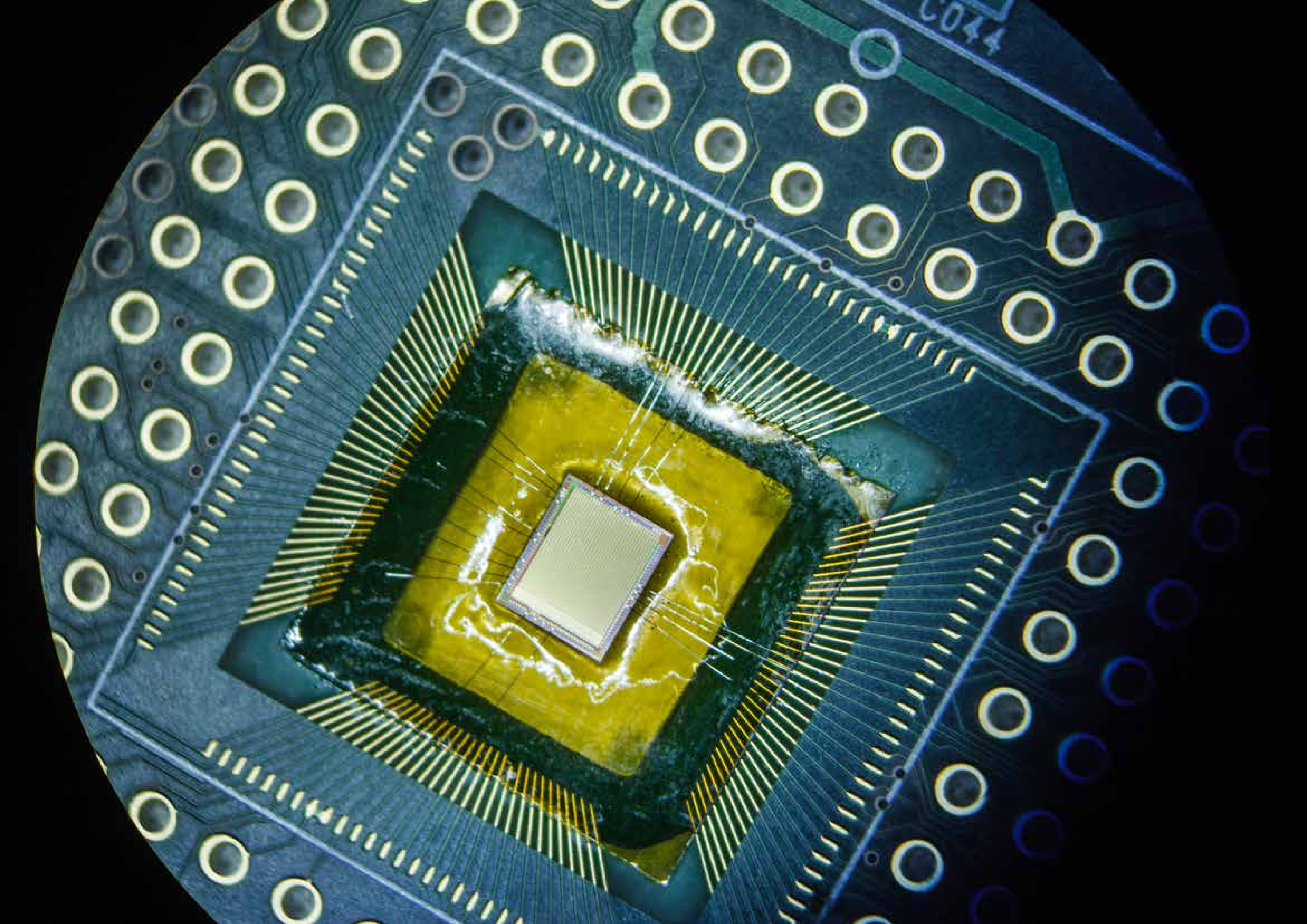
Building a detector thinner than a hair



Mechanics



- 50 µm silicon
- 25 µm Kapton™ flexprint with aluminium traces
- 25 µm Kapton™ frame as support
- Less than 1‰ of a radiation length per layer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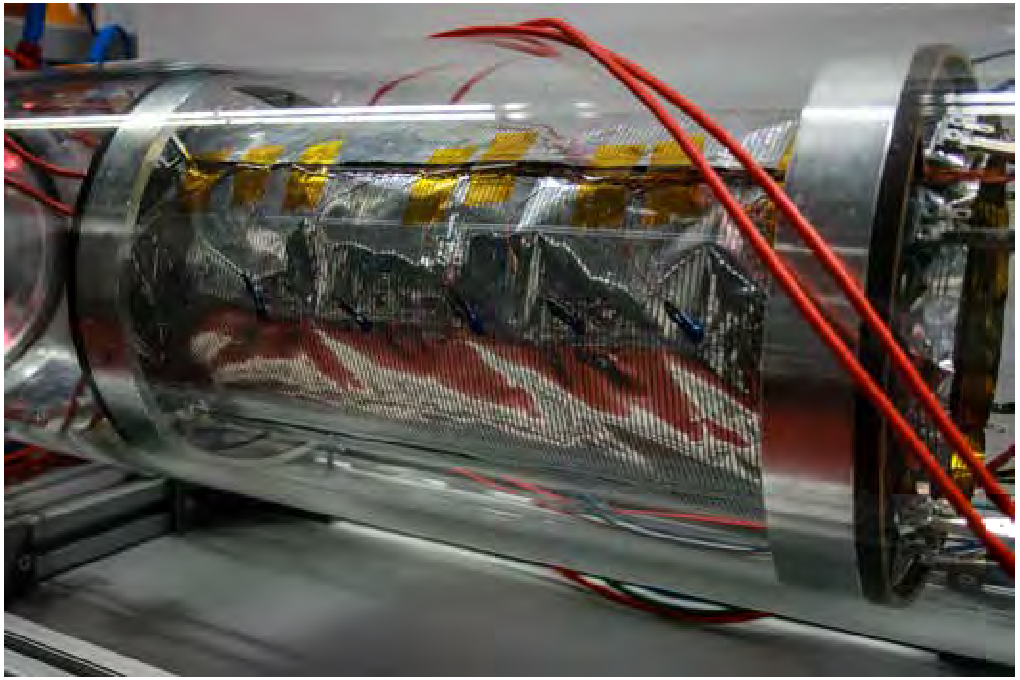
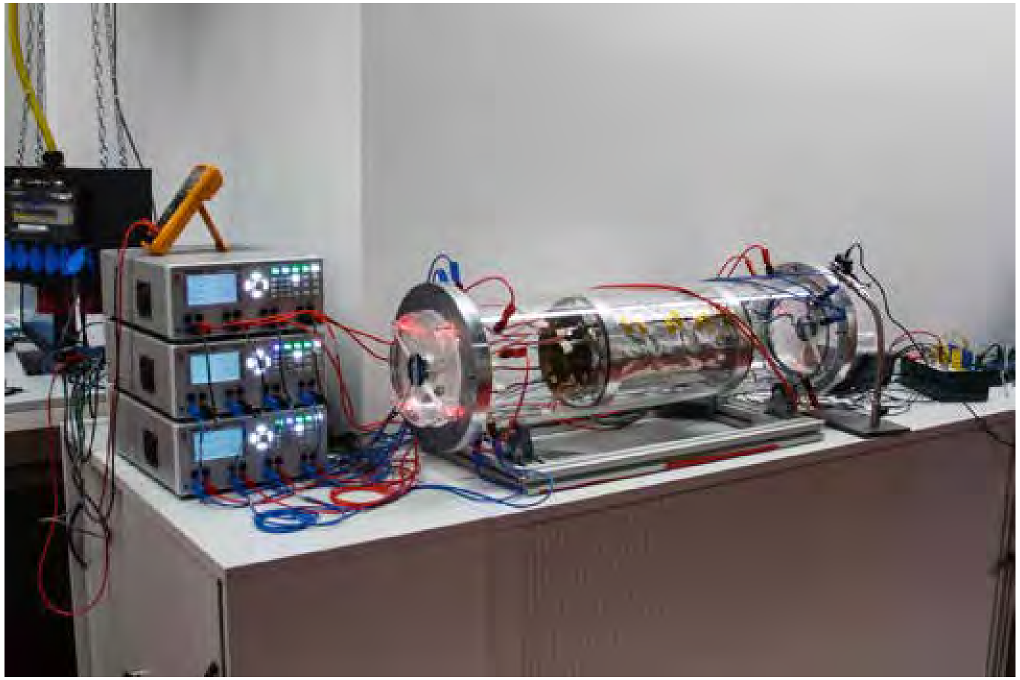
Cooling

- Add no material:
  Cool with gaseous Helium
  (low scattering, high mobility)
- ~ 150 mW/cm^2 - total 2 kW
- Simulations: Need ~ several m/s flow

- Full scale heatable prototype built
- 36 cm active length
- No visible vibrations






Ring 4
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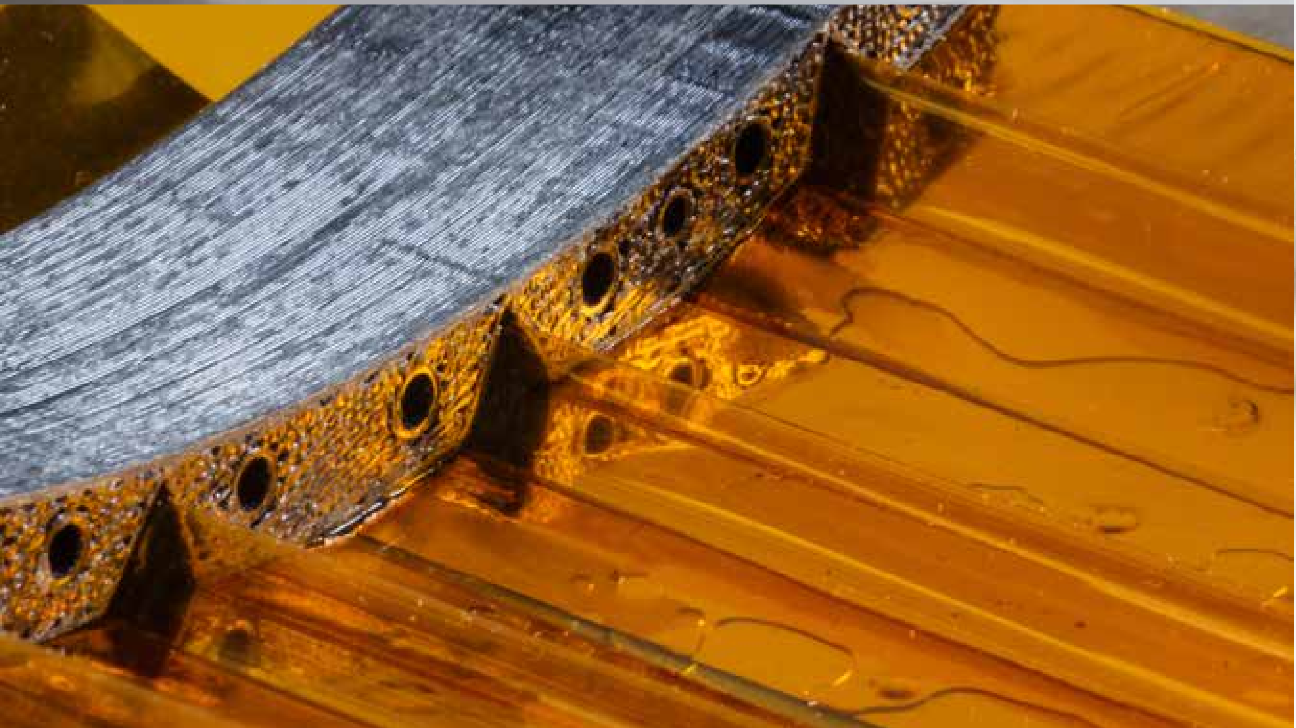
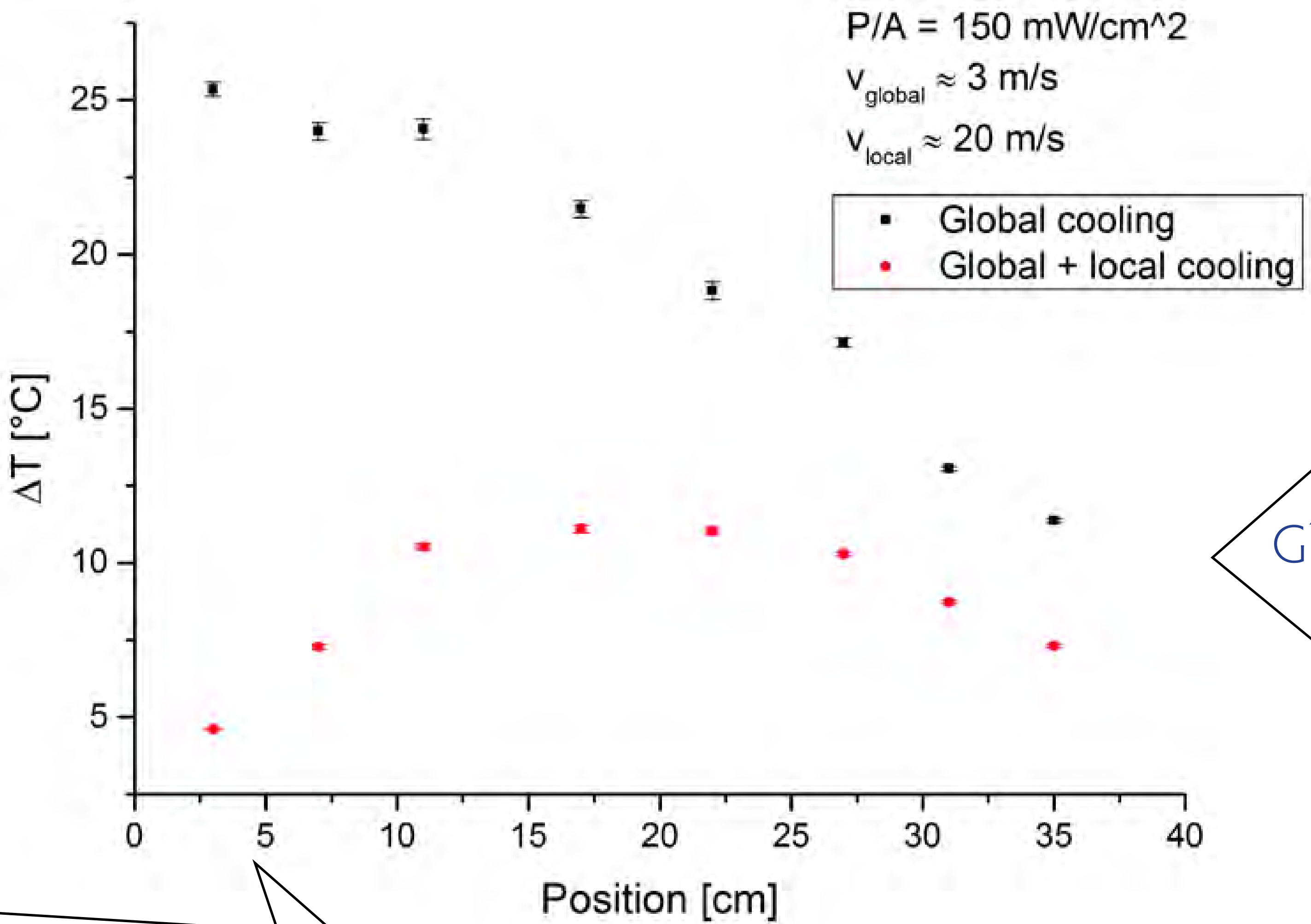


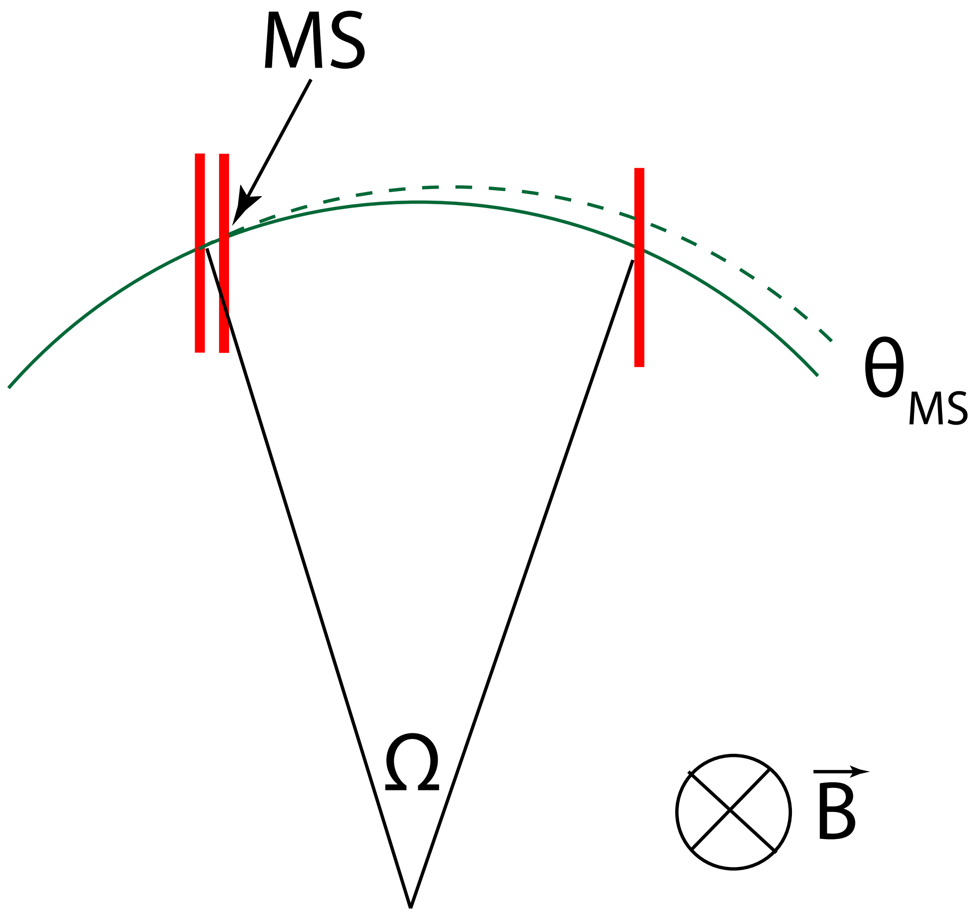
Cooling tests



Global helium stream

Local helium stream

Momentum measurement

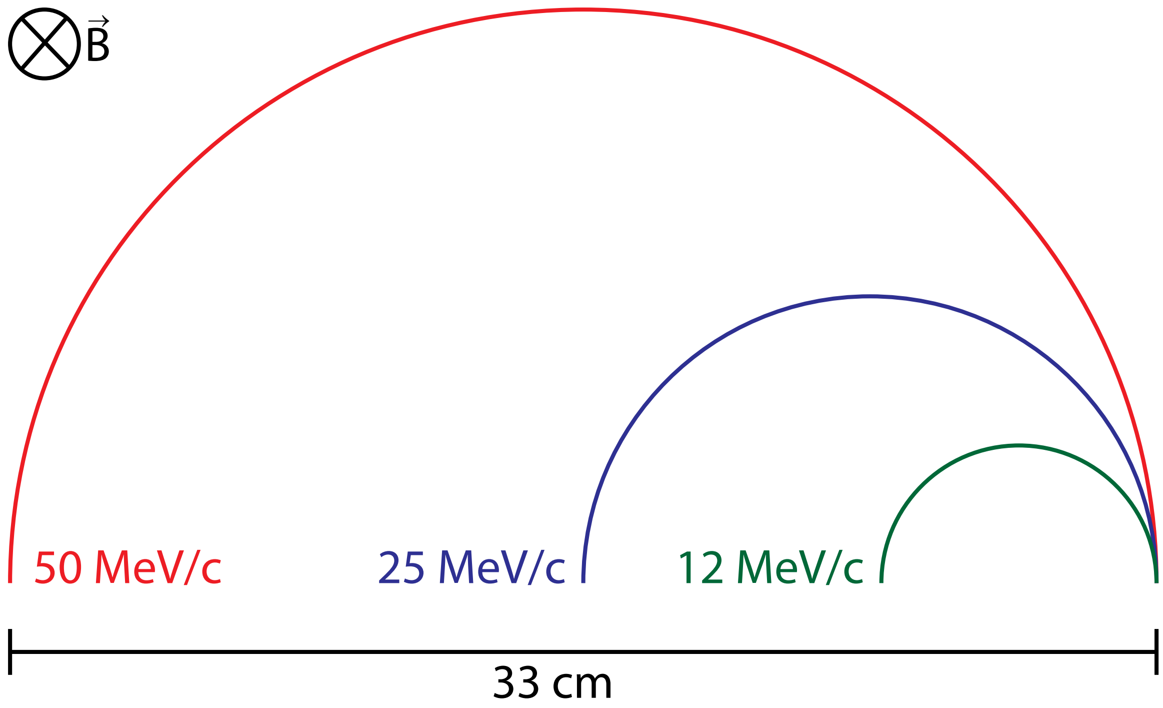


- 1 T magnetic field
- Resolution dominated by multiple scattering
- Momentum resolution to first order:

$$\sigma_P/P \sim \theta_{MS}/\Omega$$

- Precision requires large lever arm (large bending angle Ω) and low multiple scattering θ_{MS}

Precision vs. Acceptance



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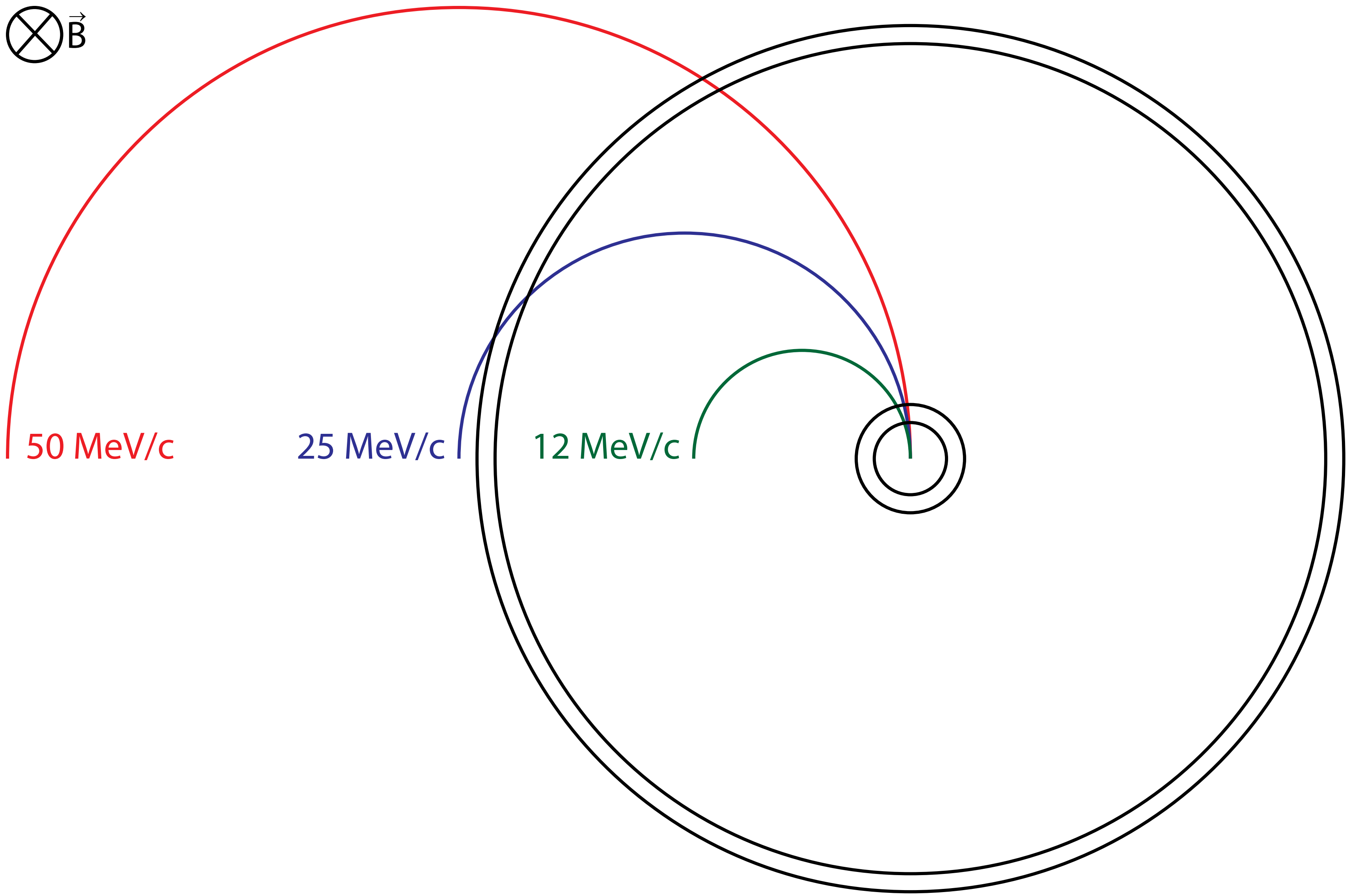

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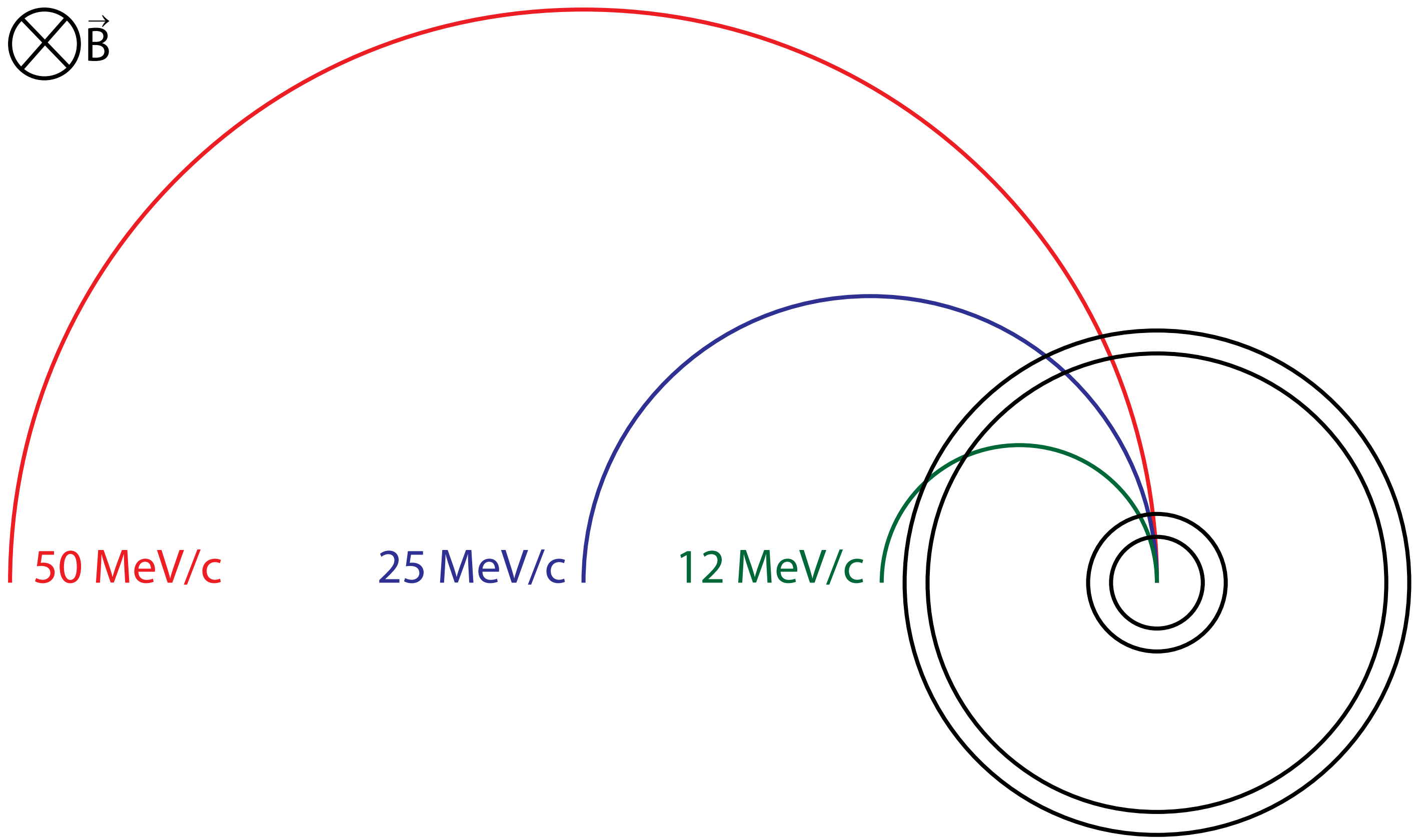

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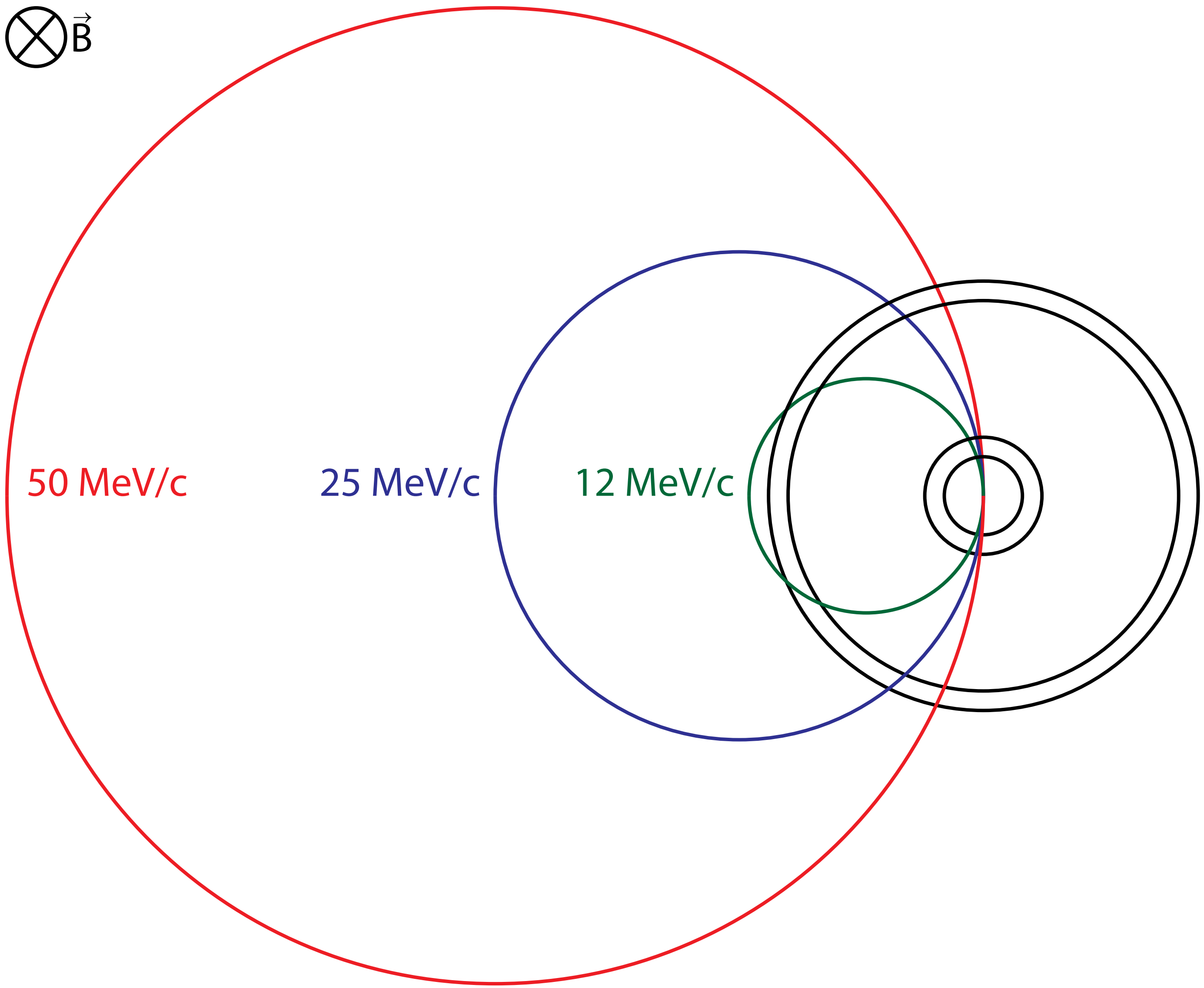

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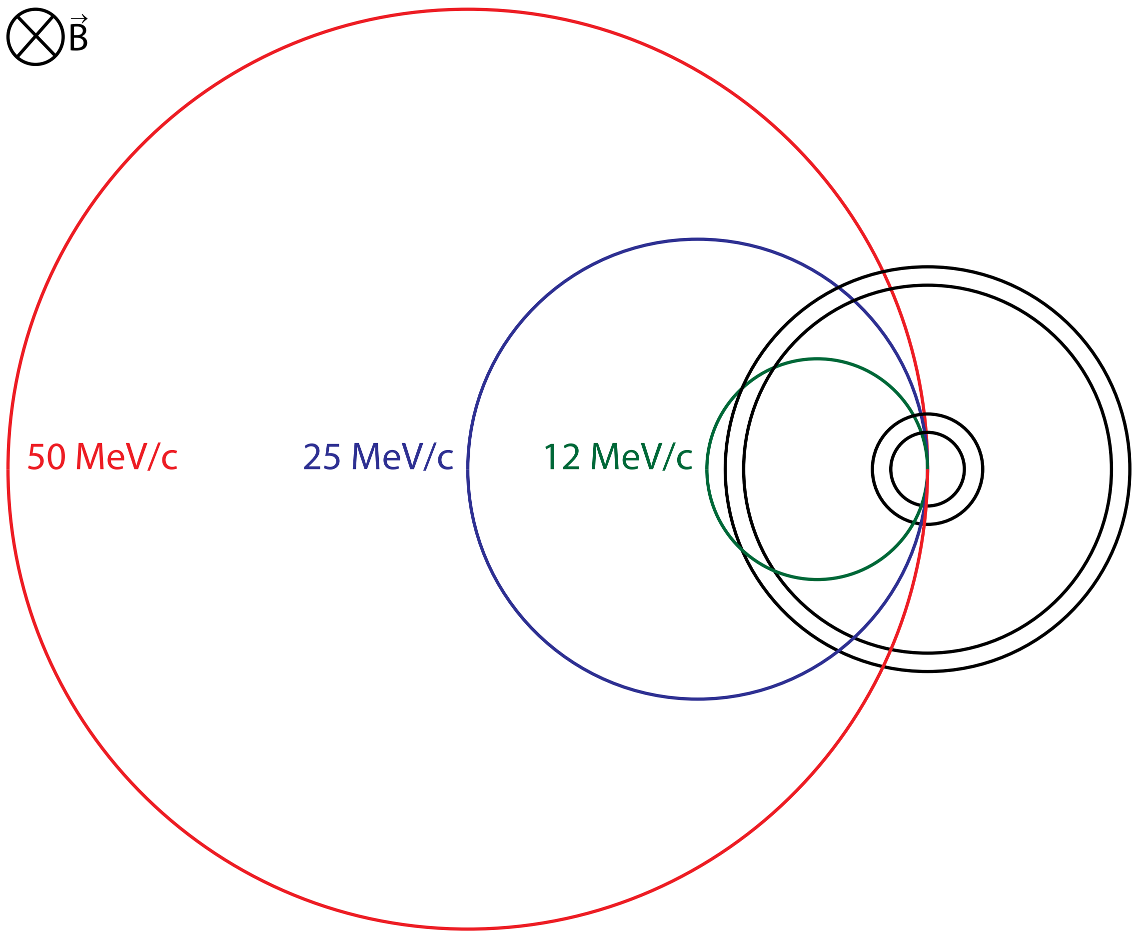

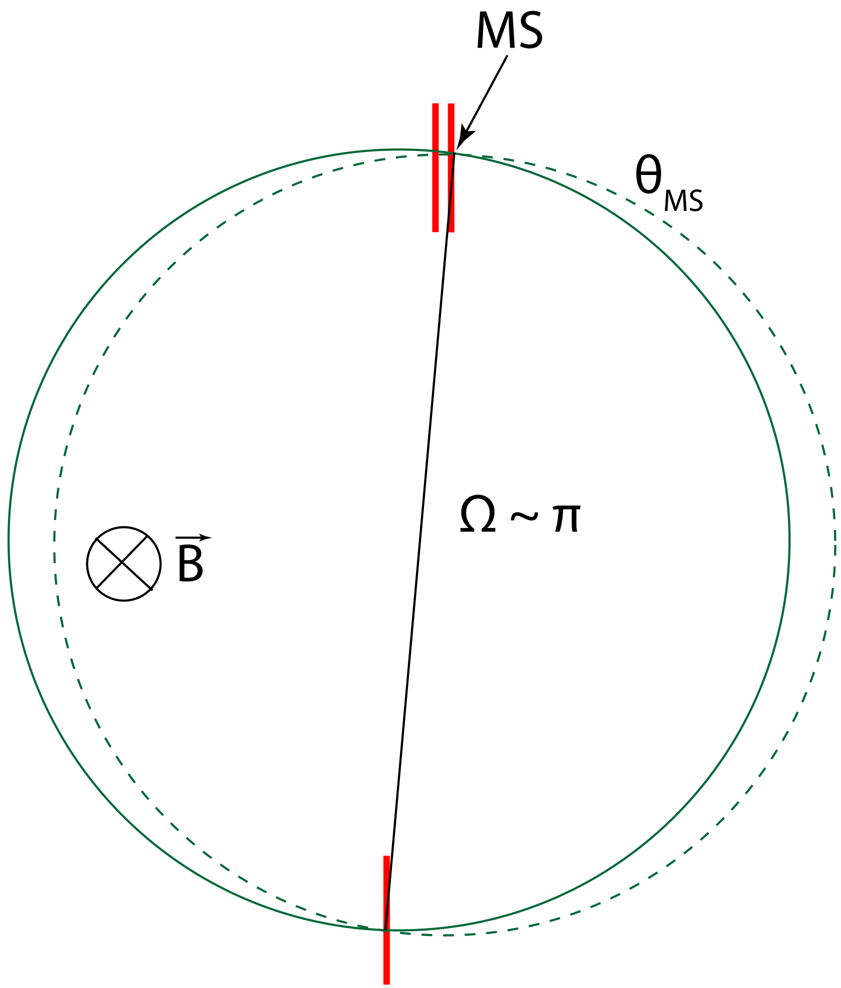

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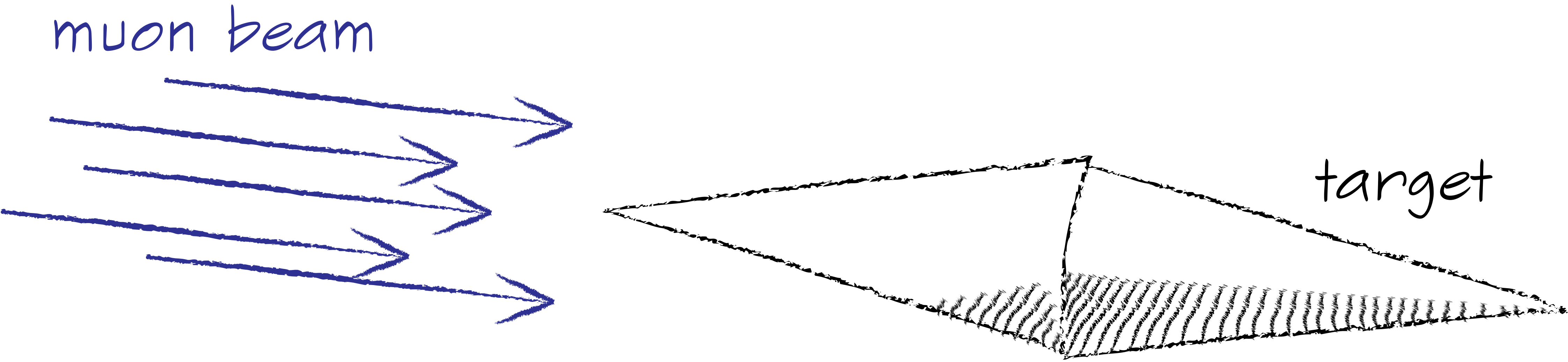

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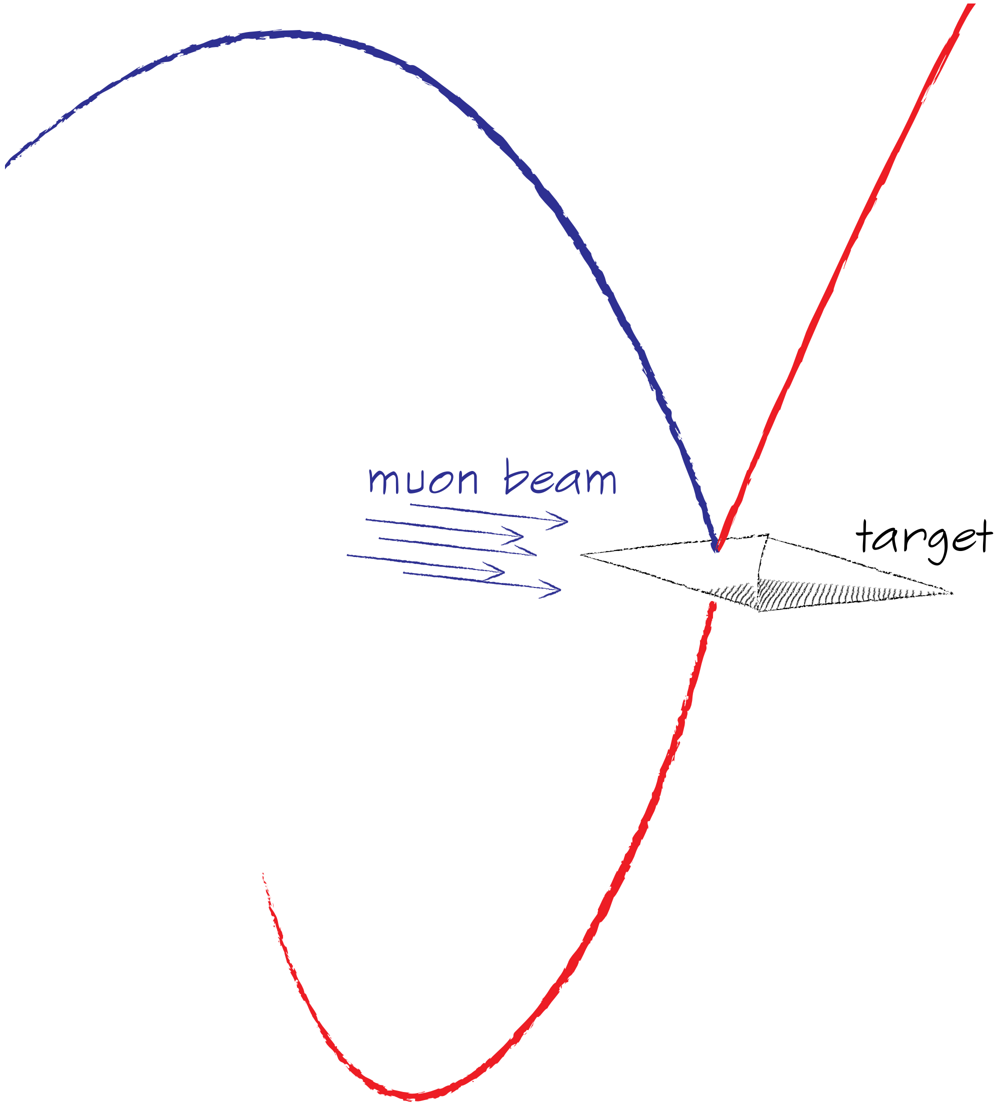

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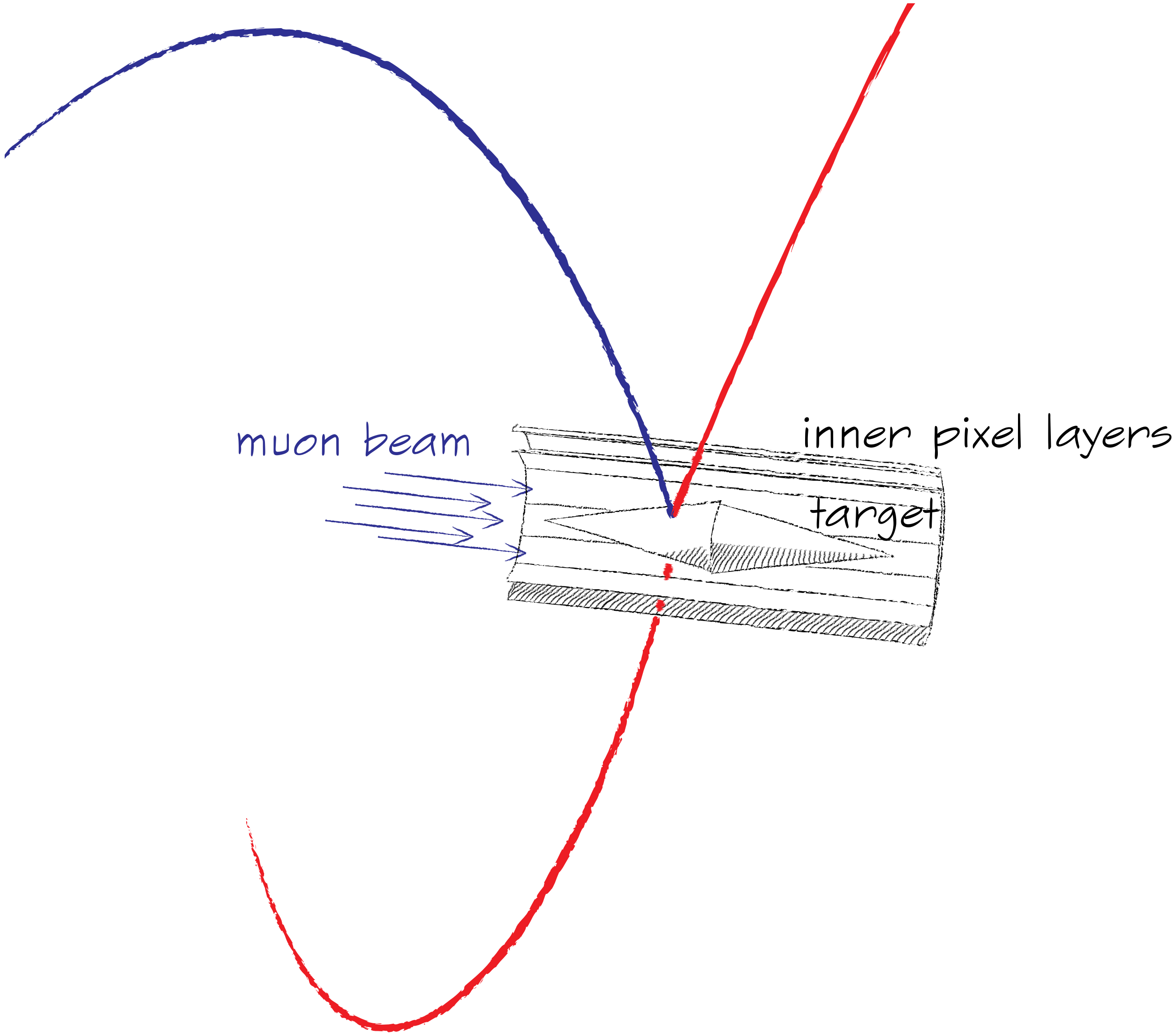

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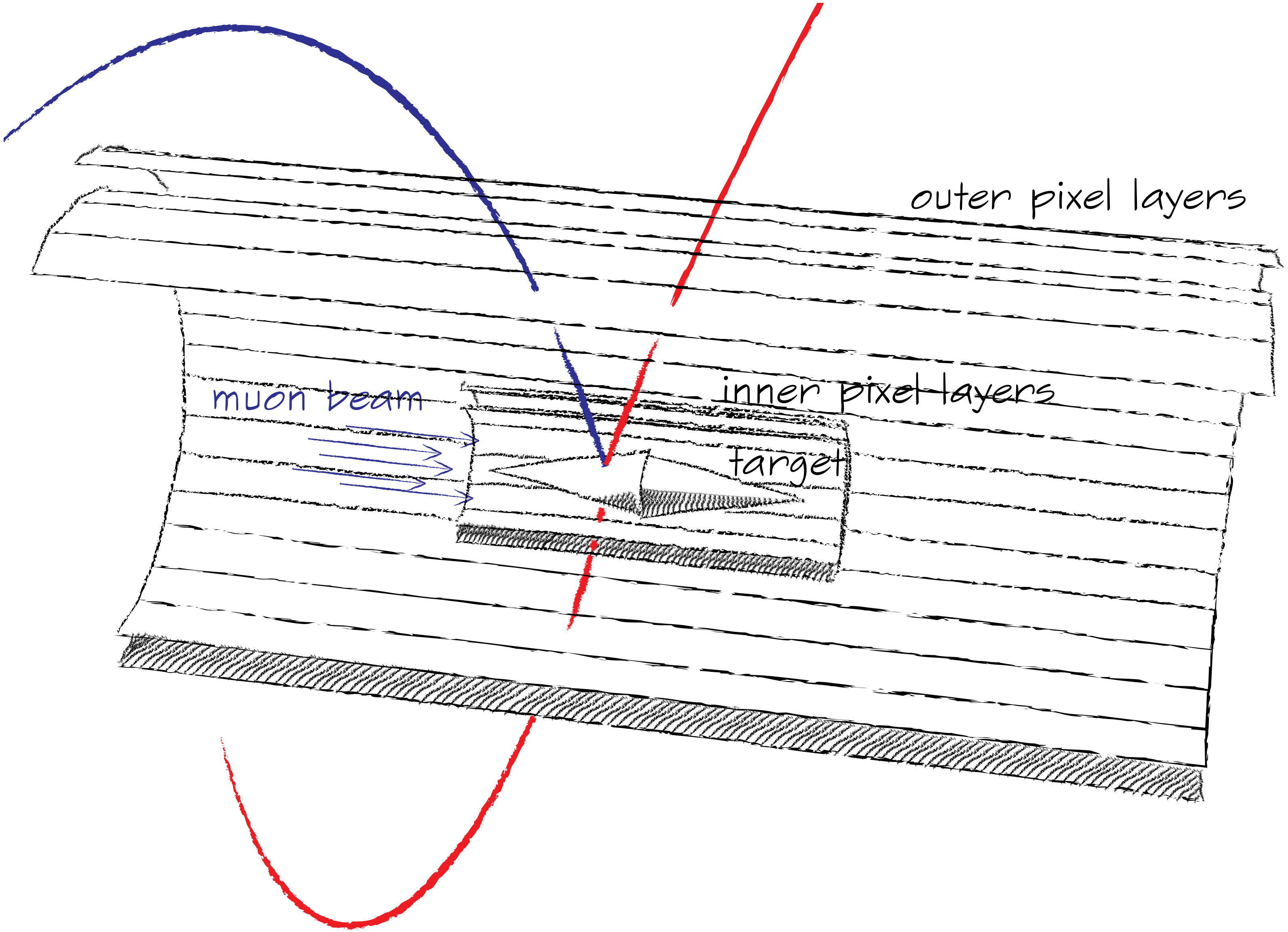

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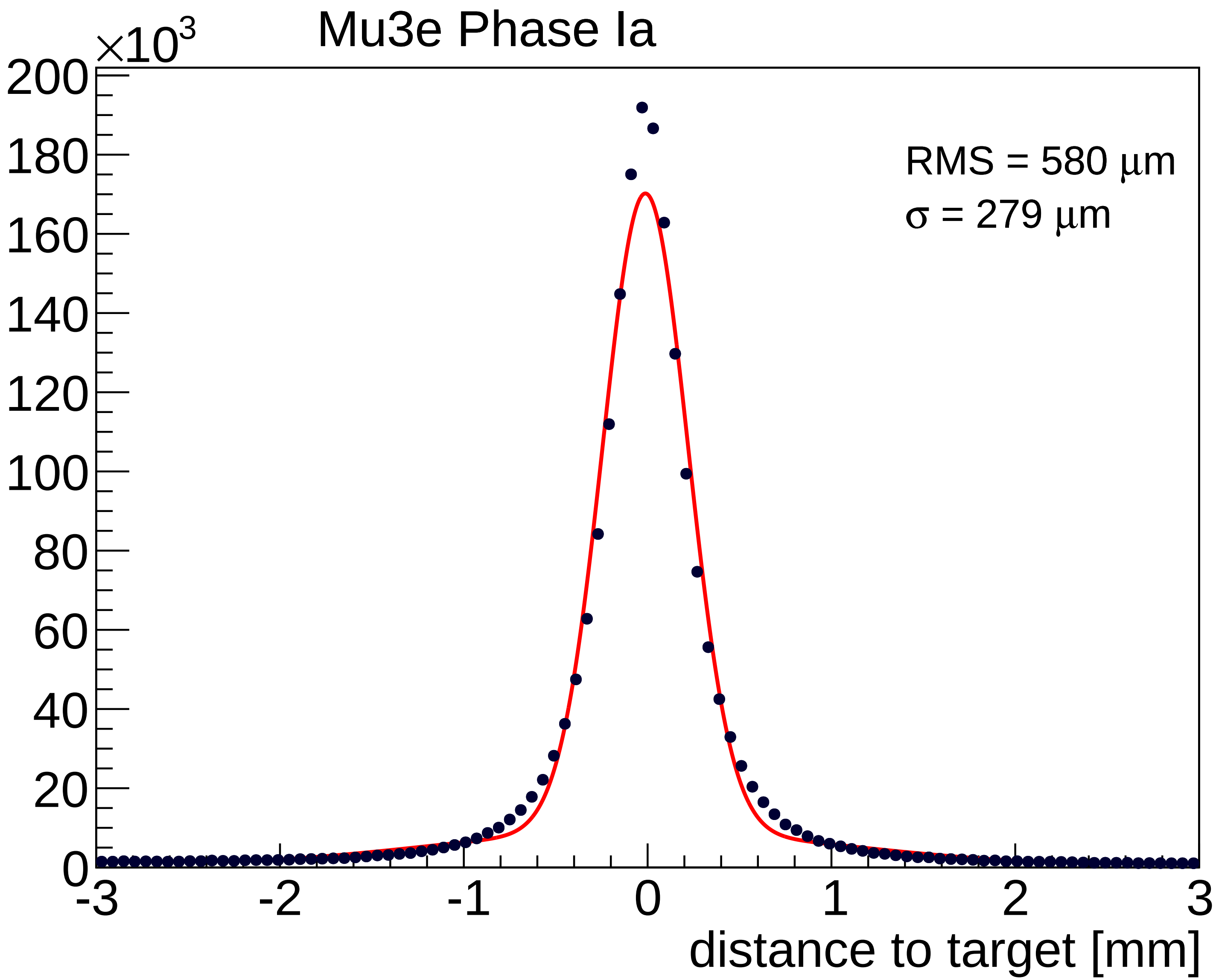

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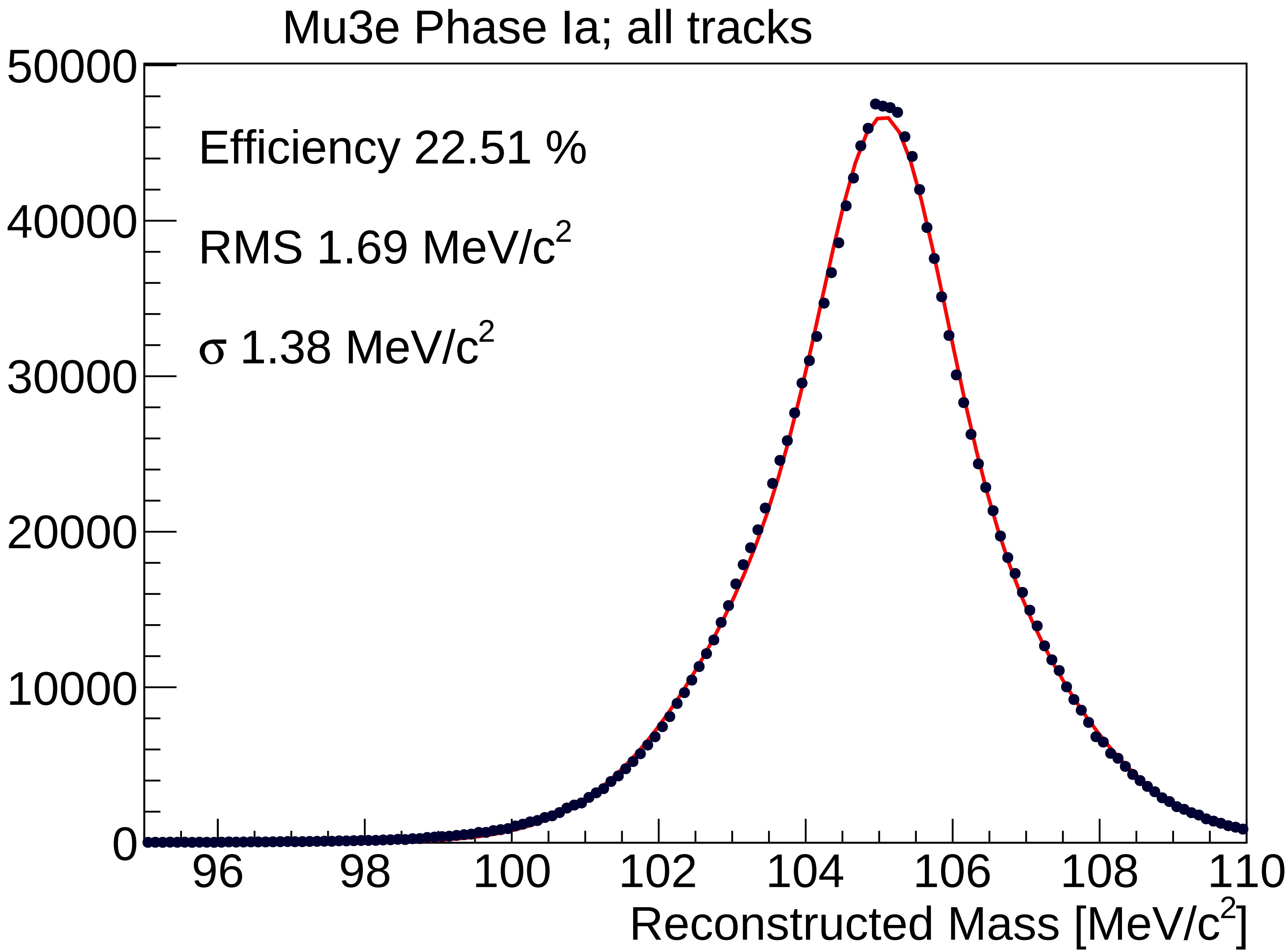

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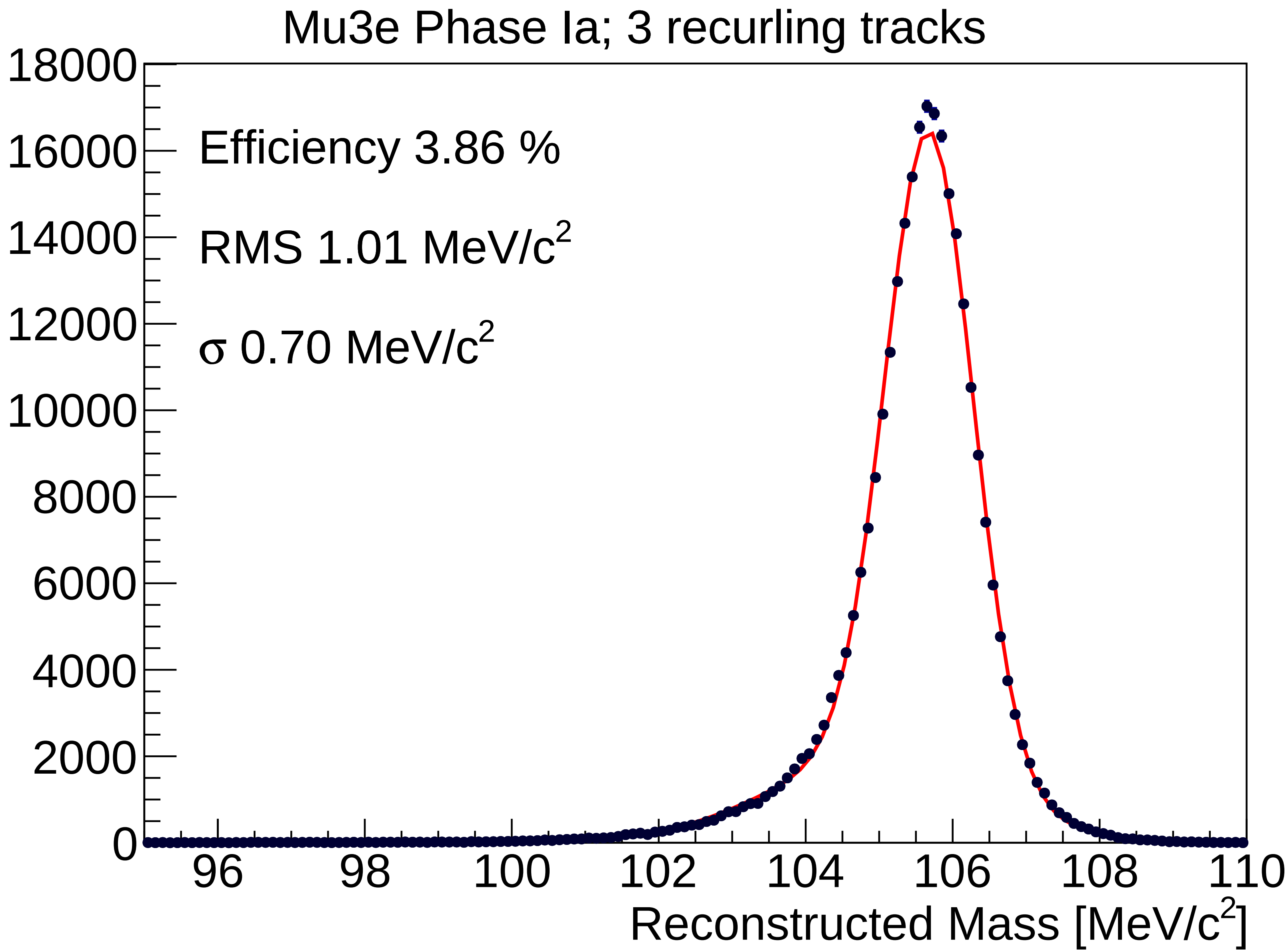

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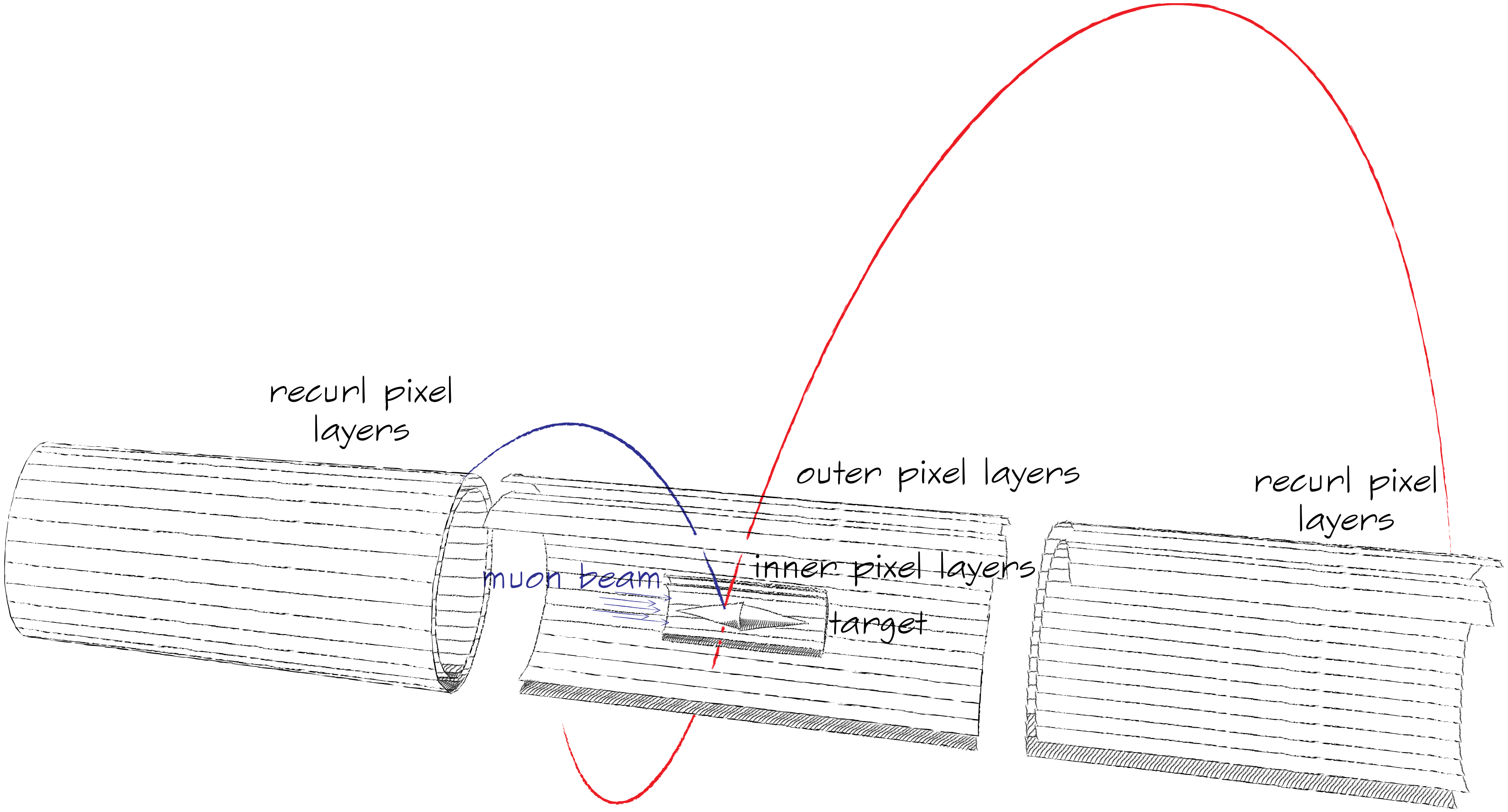

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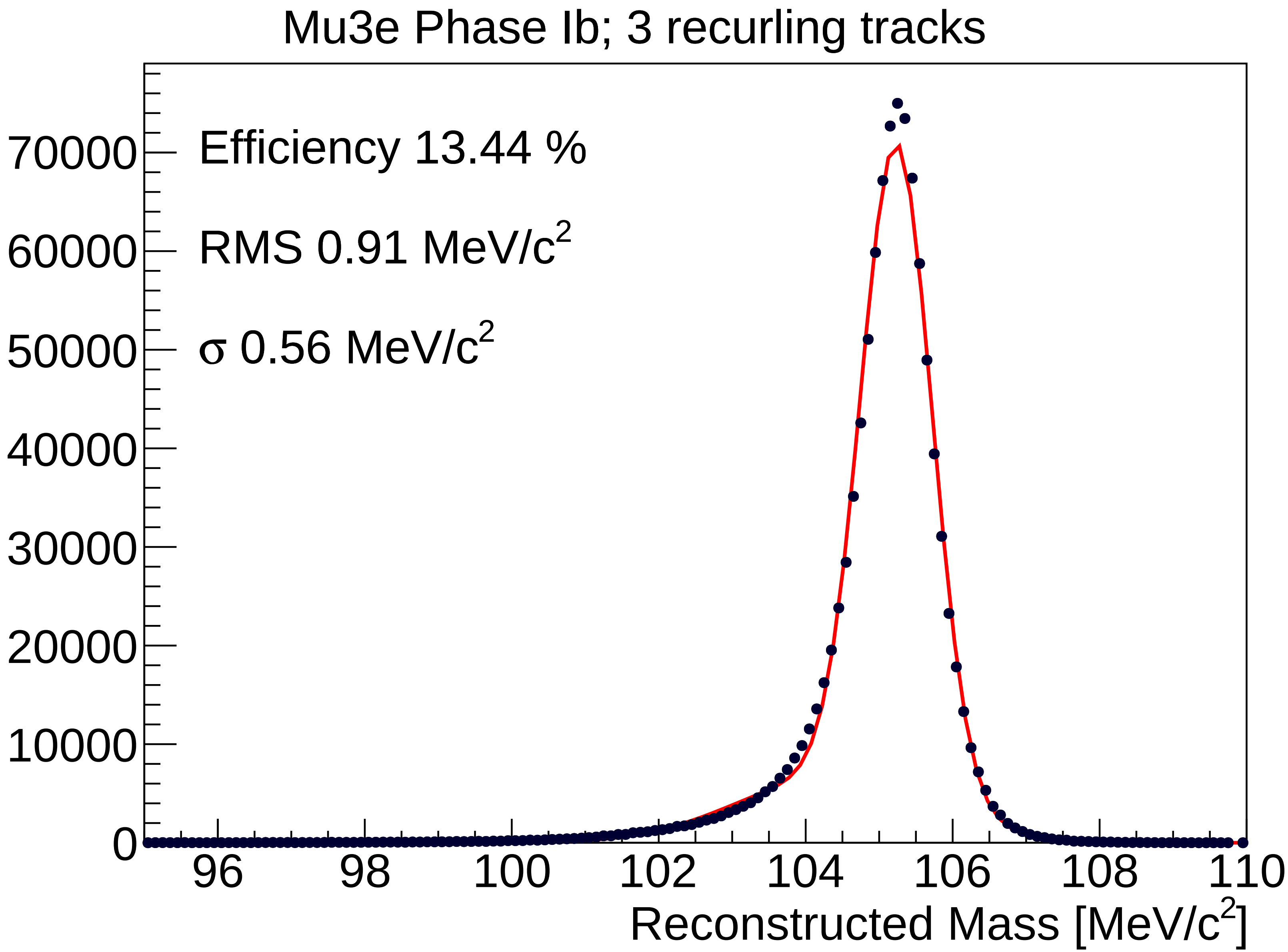

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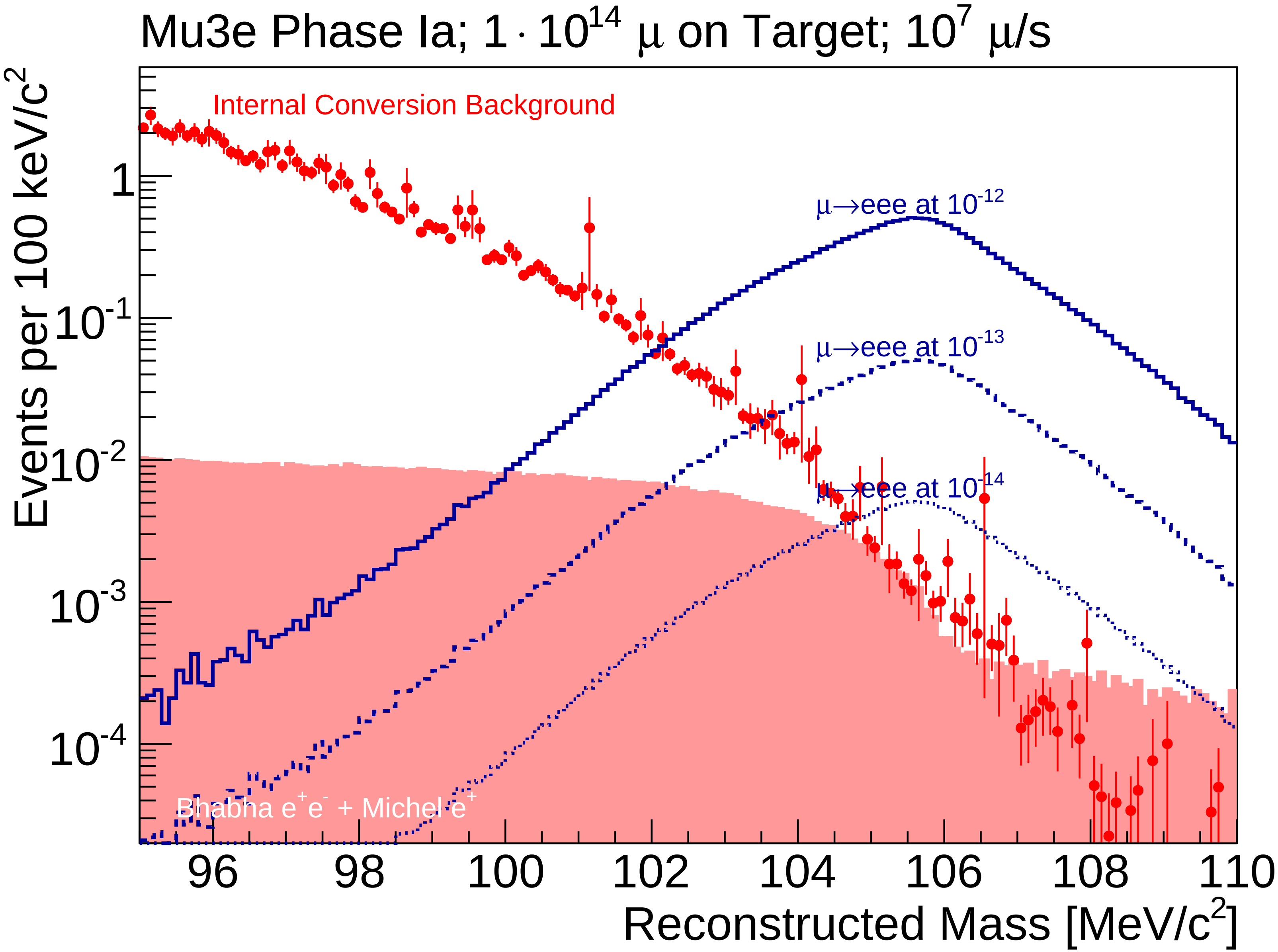

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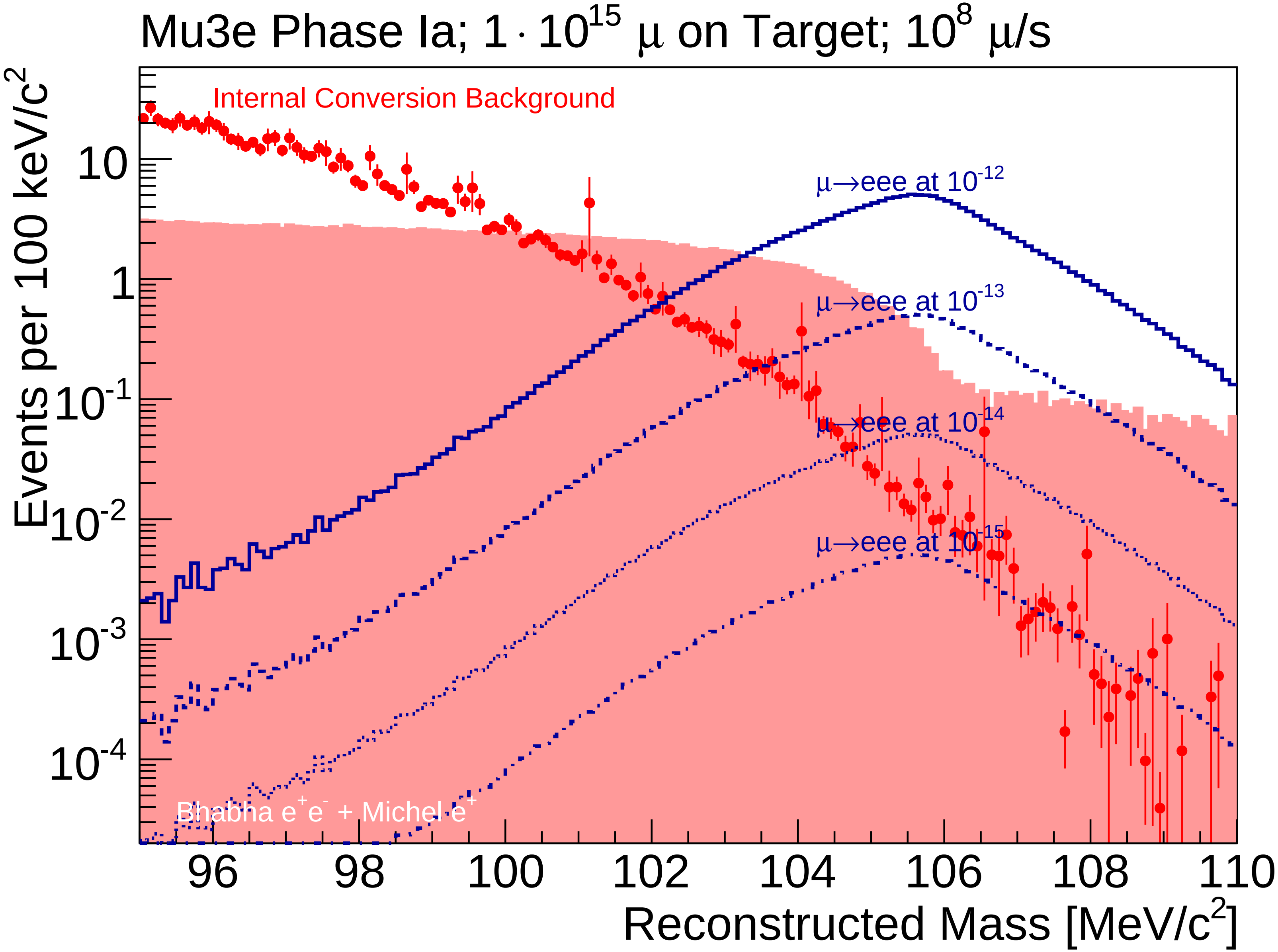
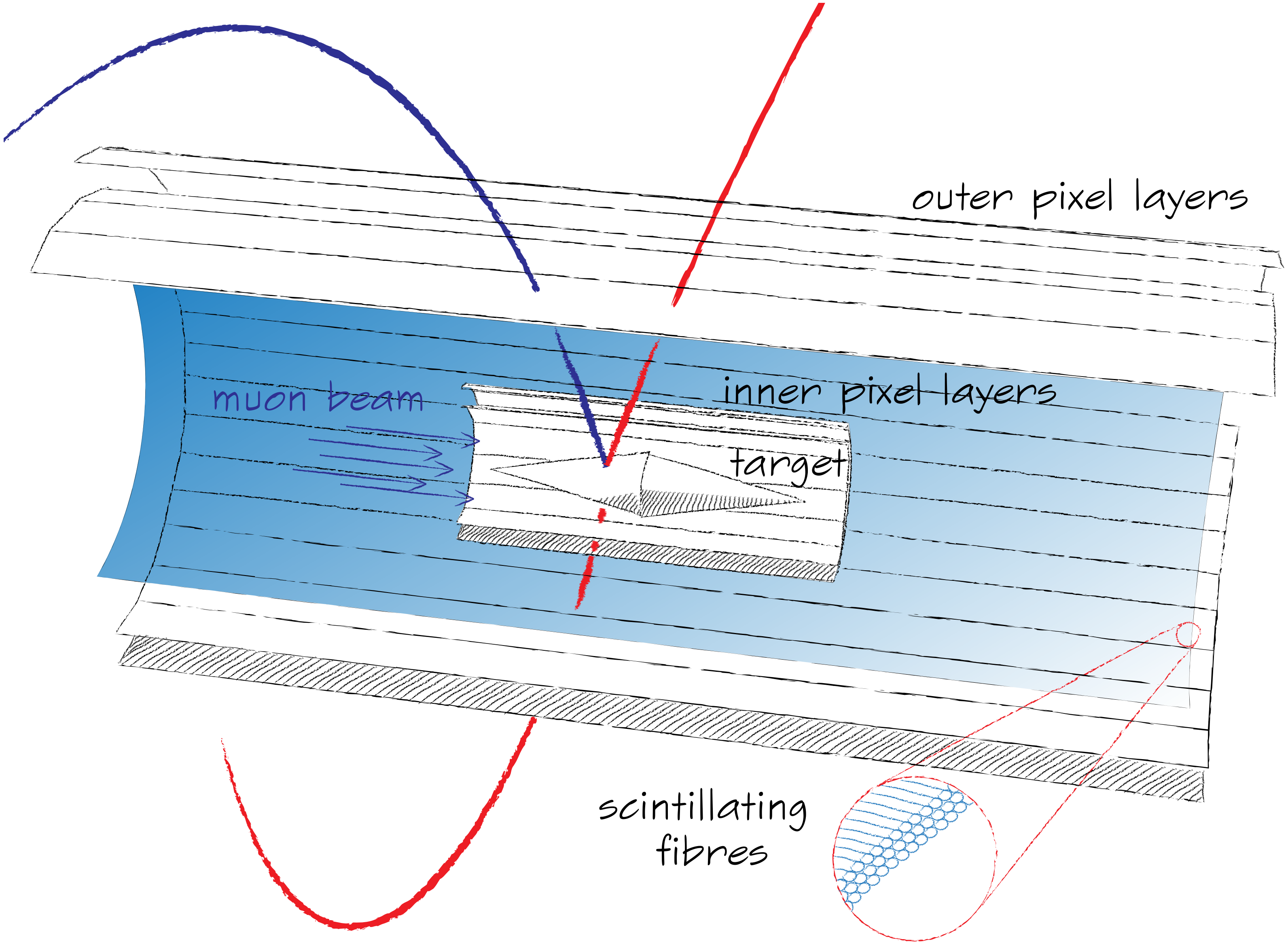


Need better suppression of accidental background:

Timing

Detector Design



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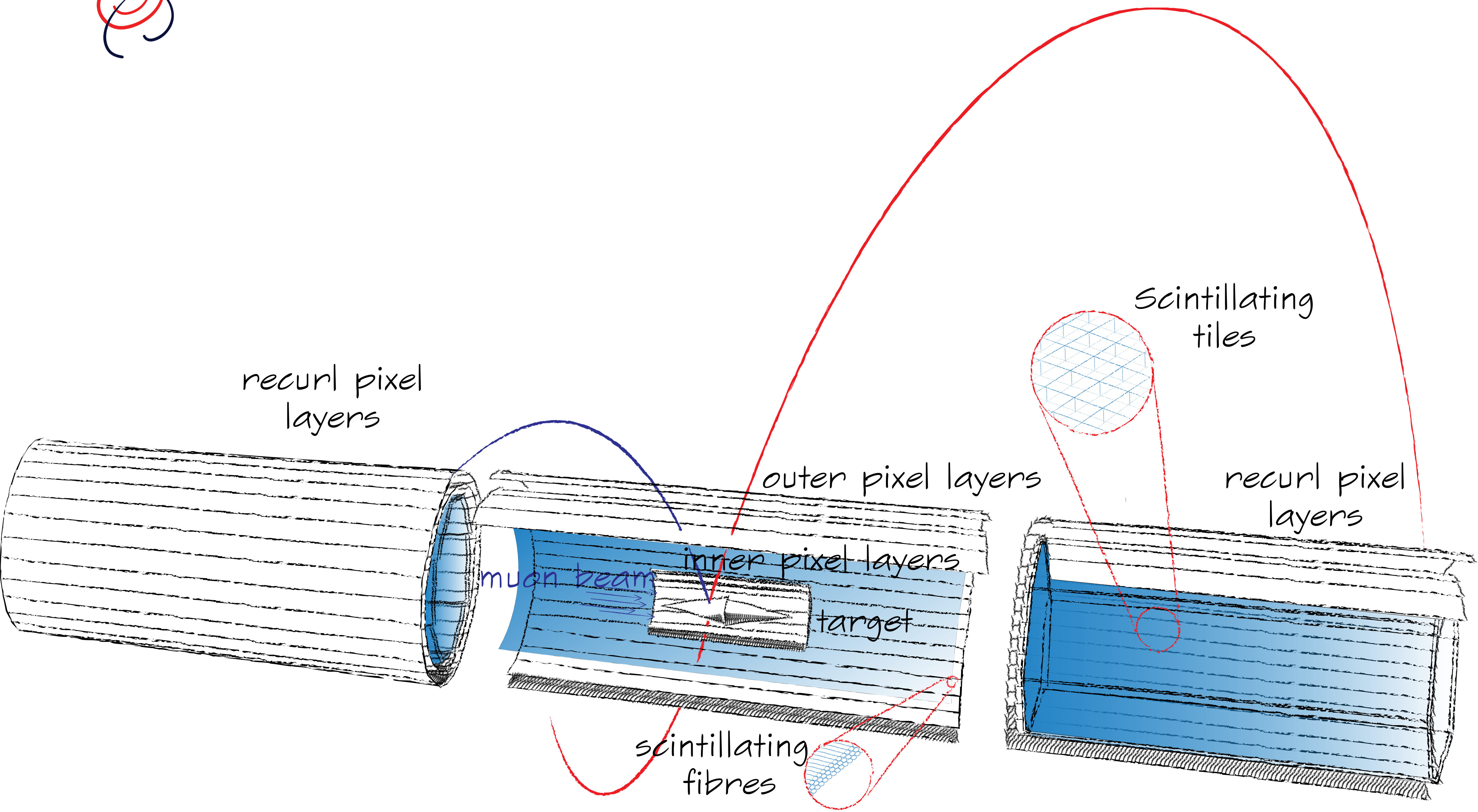
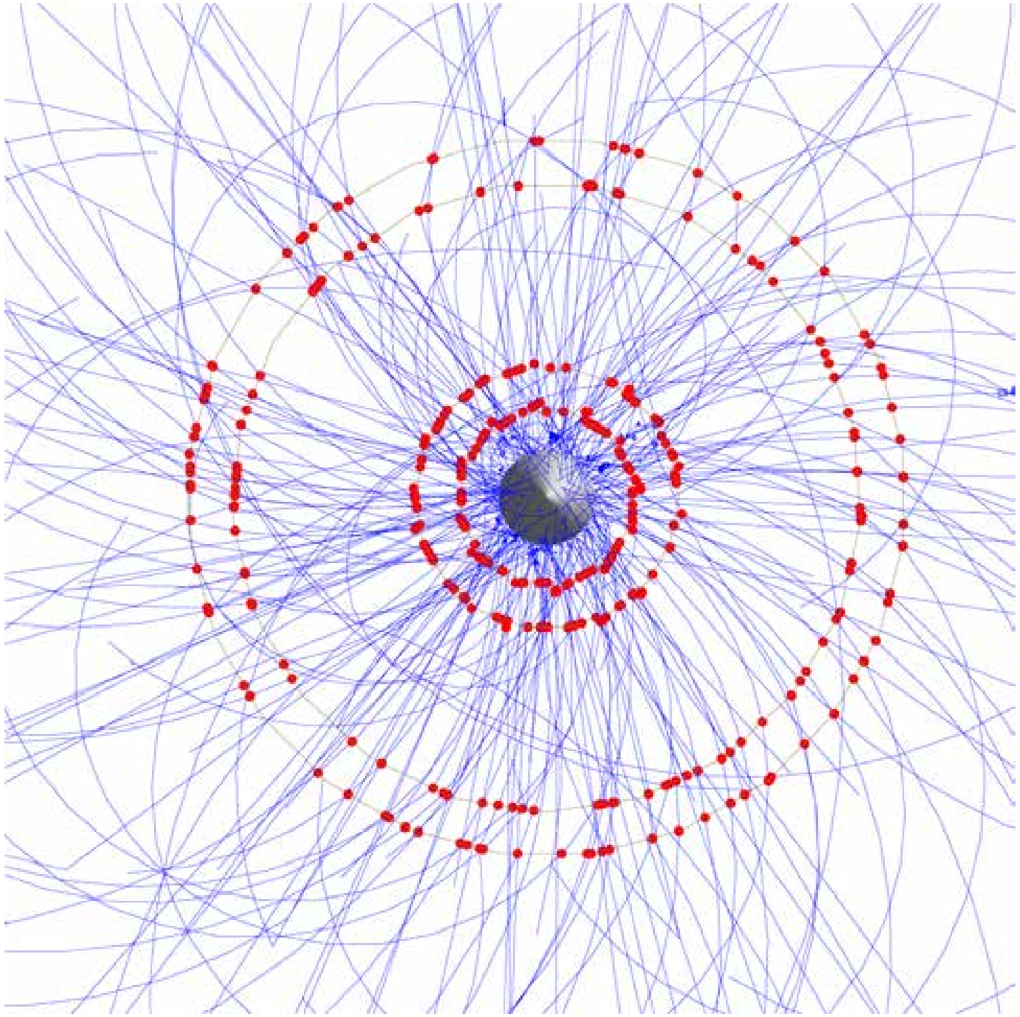
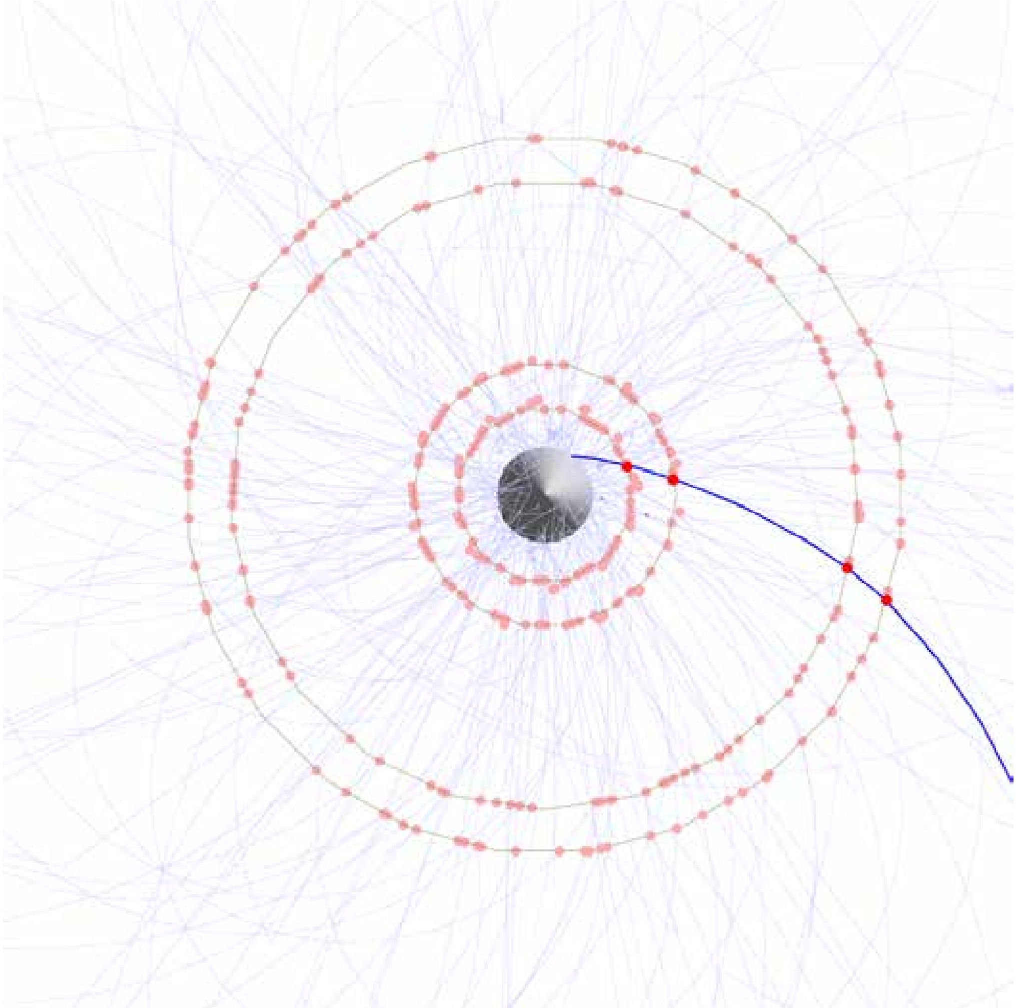


Timing measurements

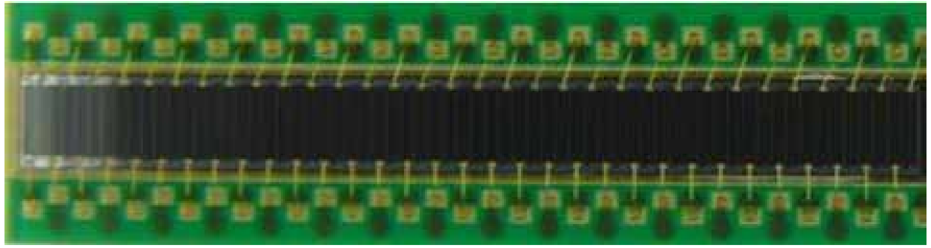


Pixels: O(50 ns)

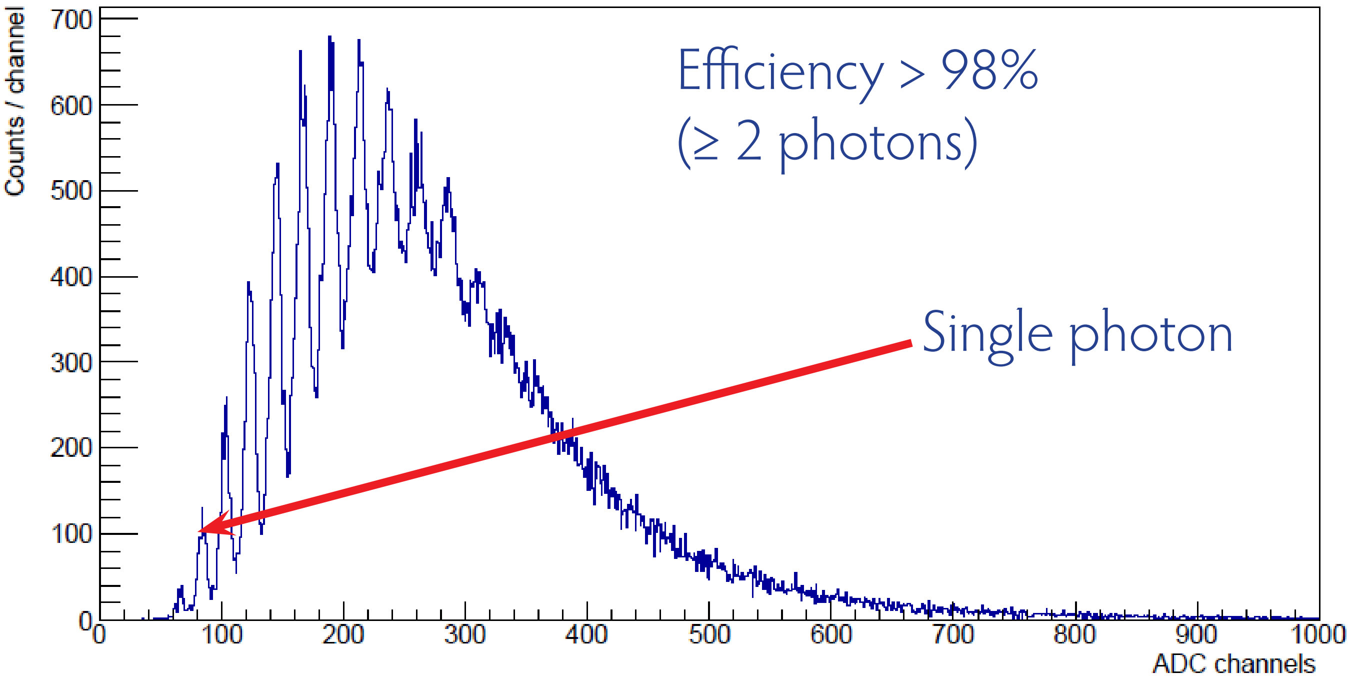


Scintillating fibres O(1 ns);
Scintillating tiles O(100 ps)

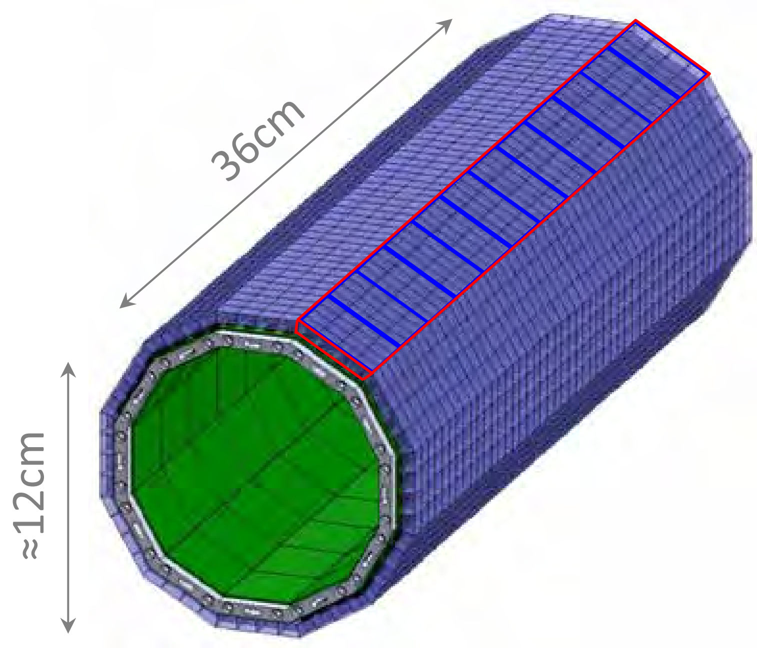
Timing Detector: Scintillating Fibres



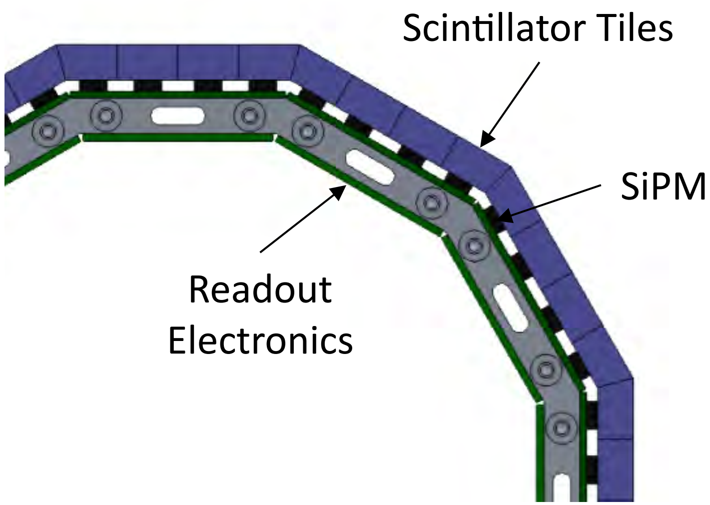
- 3-5 layers of 250 µm scintillating fibres
- Read-out by silicon photomultipliers (SiPMs) and custom ASIC (STiC)
- Timing resolution $\mathcal{O}$(1 ns) (measured with sodium source)



Timing Detector: Scintillating tiles

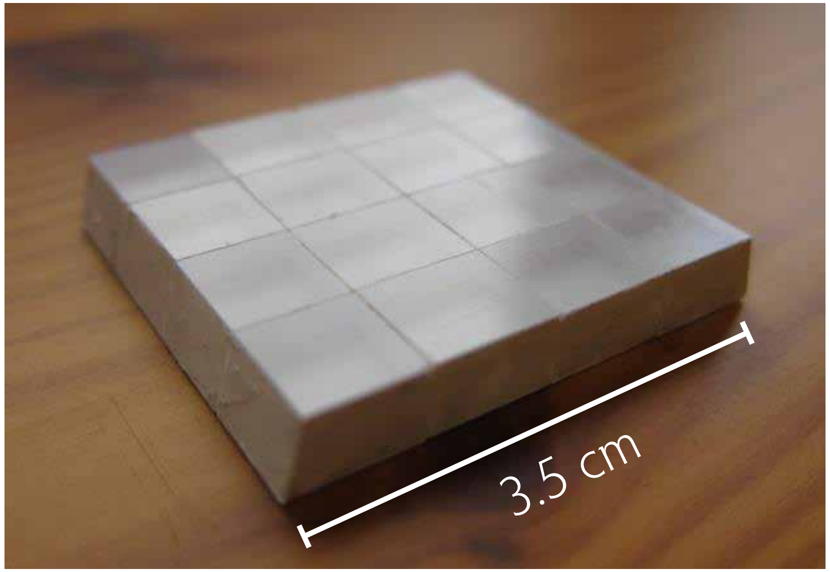


- ~ 0.5 cm^3 scintillating tiles
- Read-out by silicon photomultipliers (SiPMs) and custom ASIC (STiC)



Timing Detector: Scintillating tiles

Front



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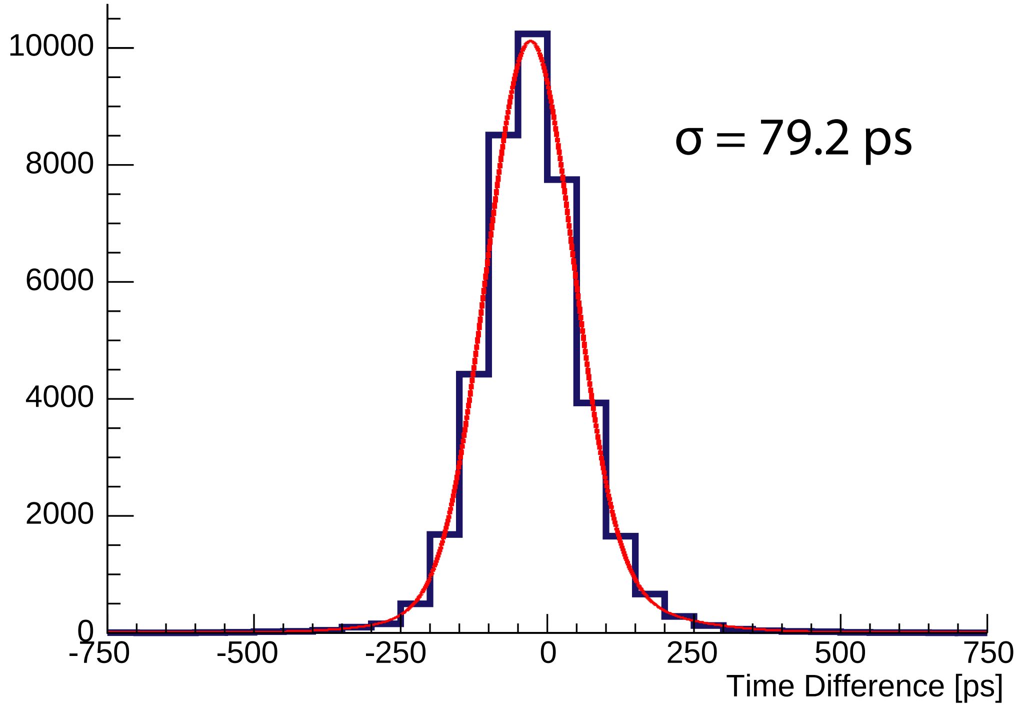
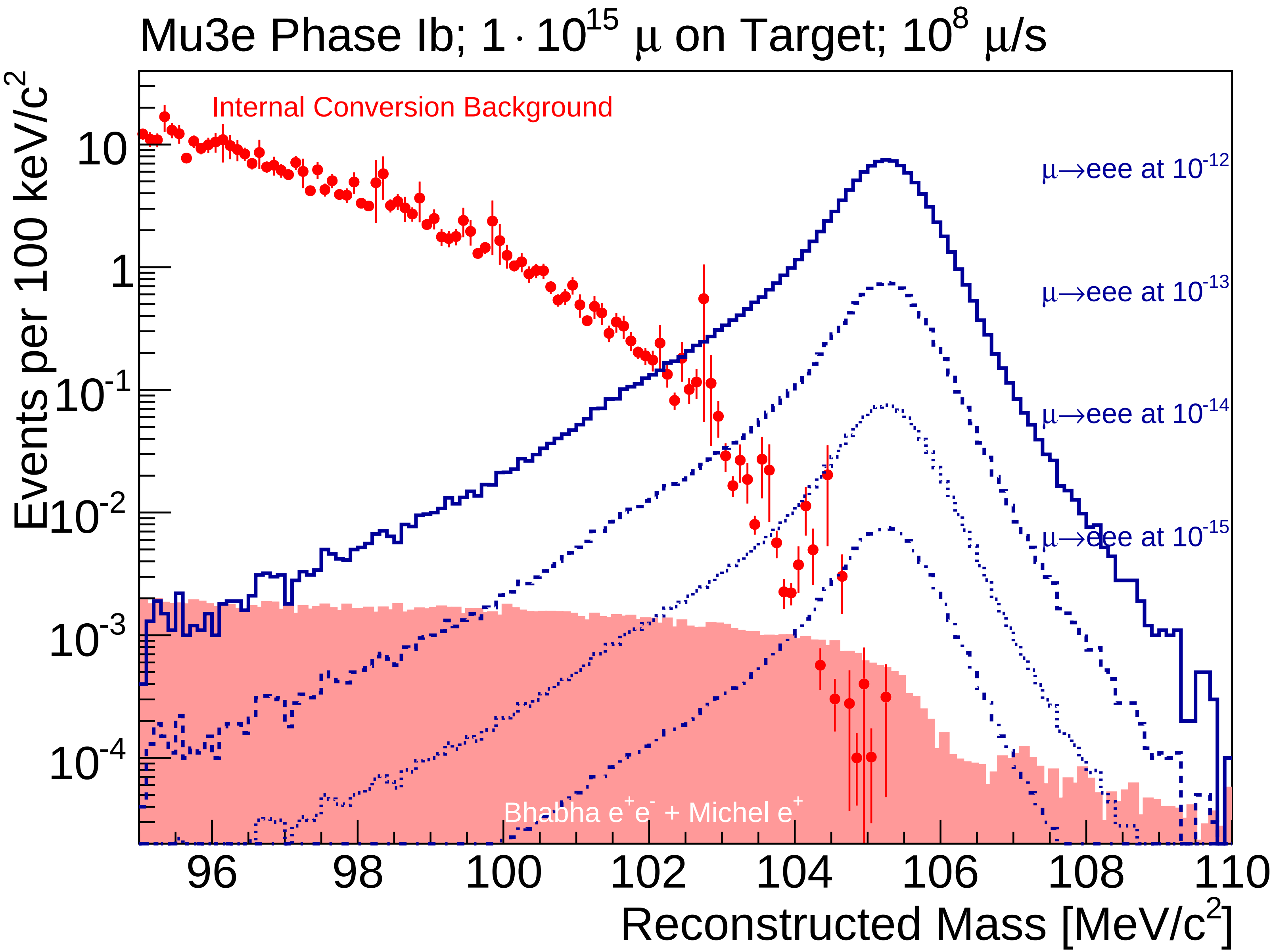


- Test beam with tiles, SiPMs and readout ASIC
- Timing resolution ~ 80 ps

Performance Simulations: Background



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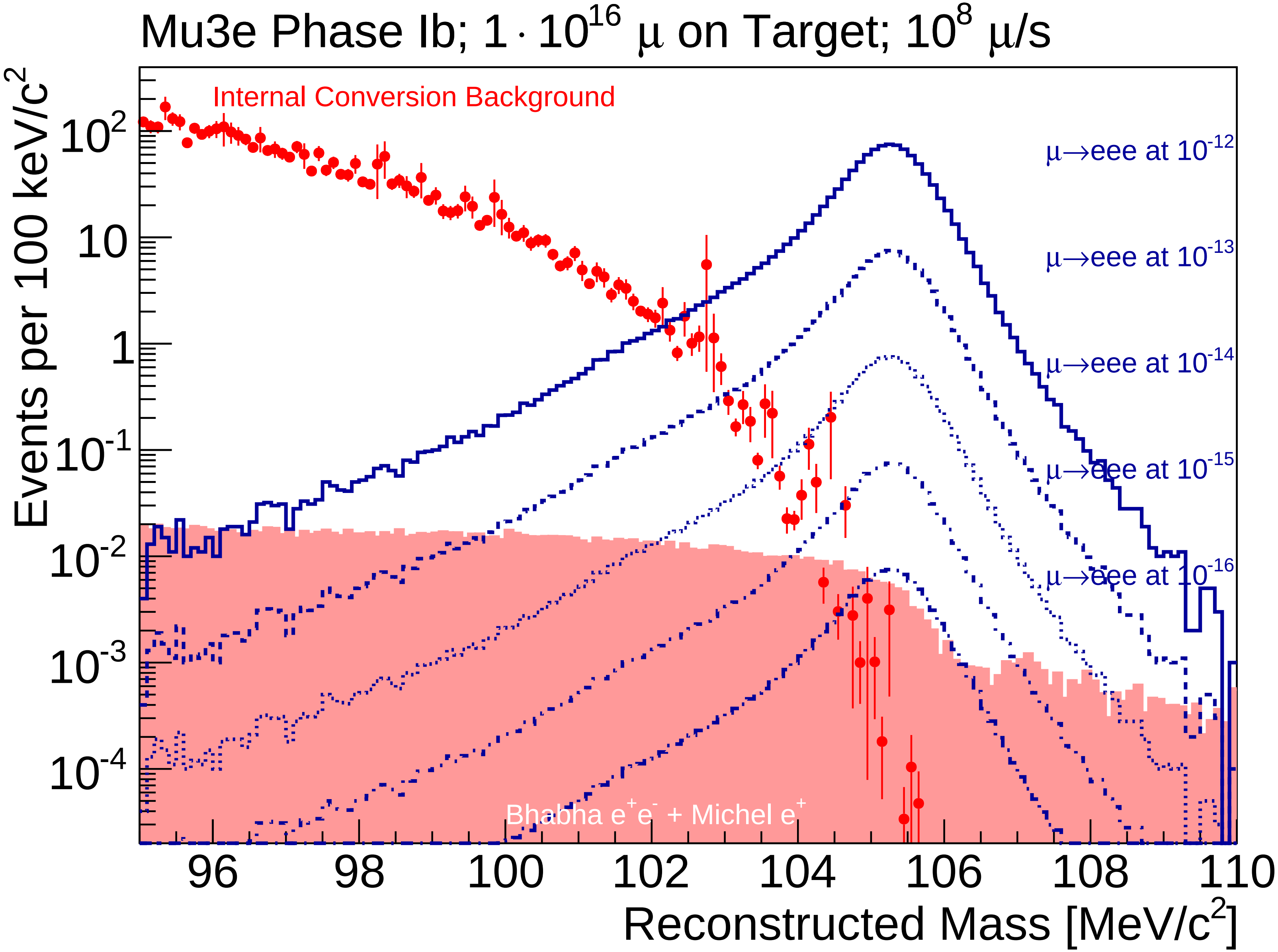
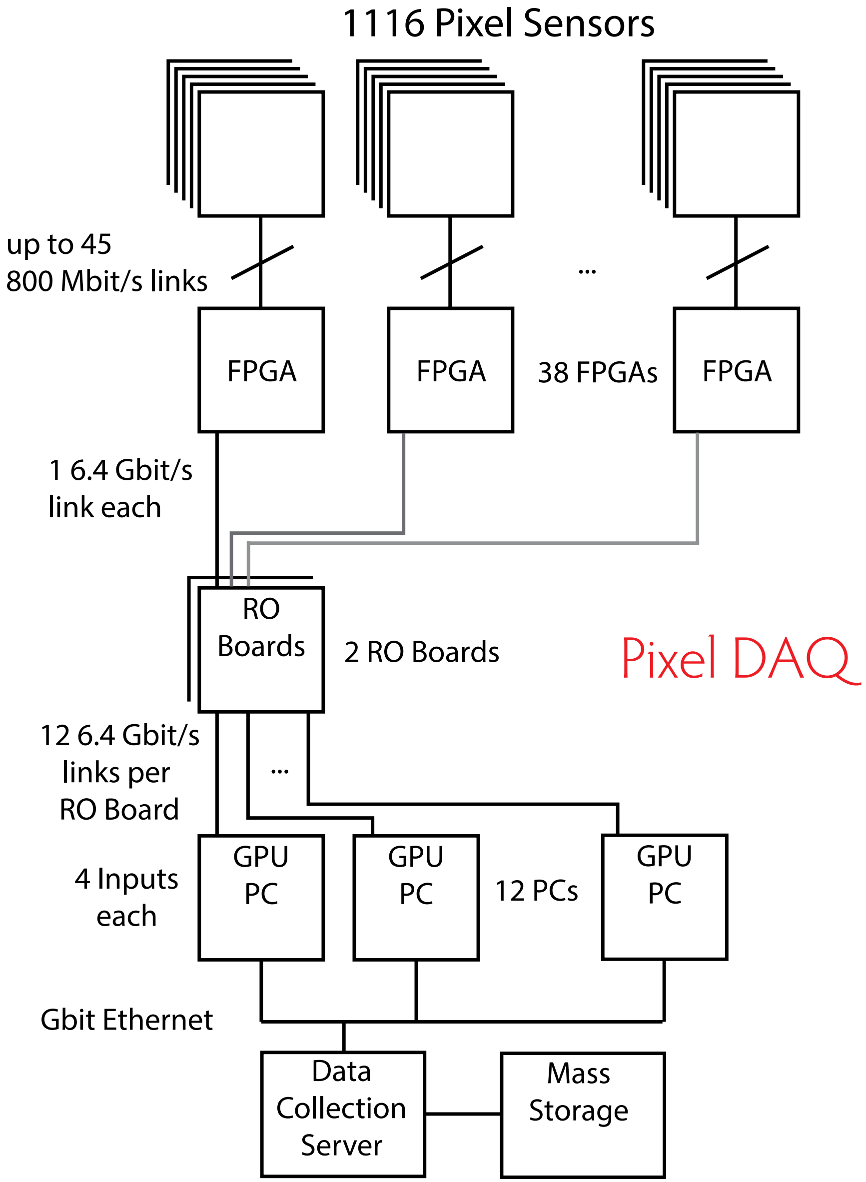
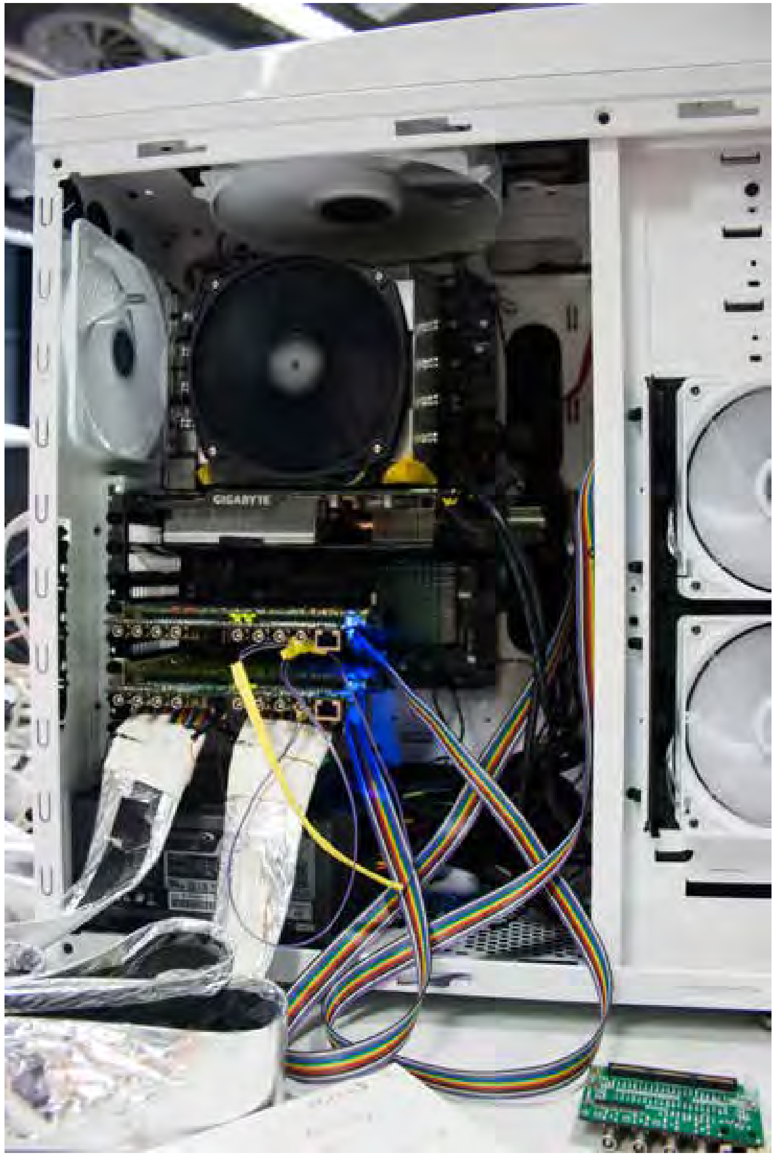


Data Acquisition



- 280 Million pixels (+ fibres and tiles)
- No trigger
- ~ 1 Tbit/s
- FPGA-based switching network
- O(50) PCs with GPUs

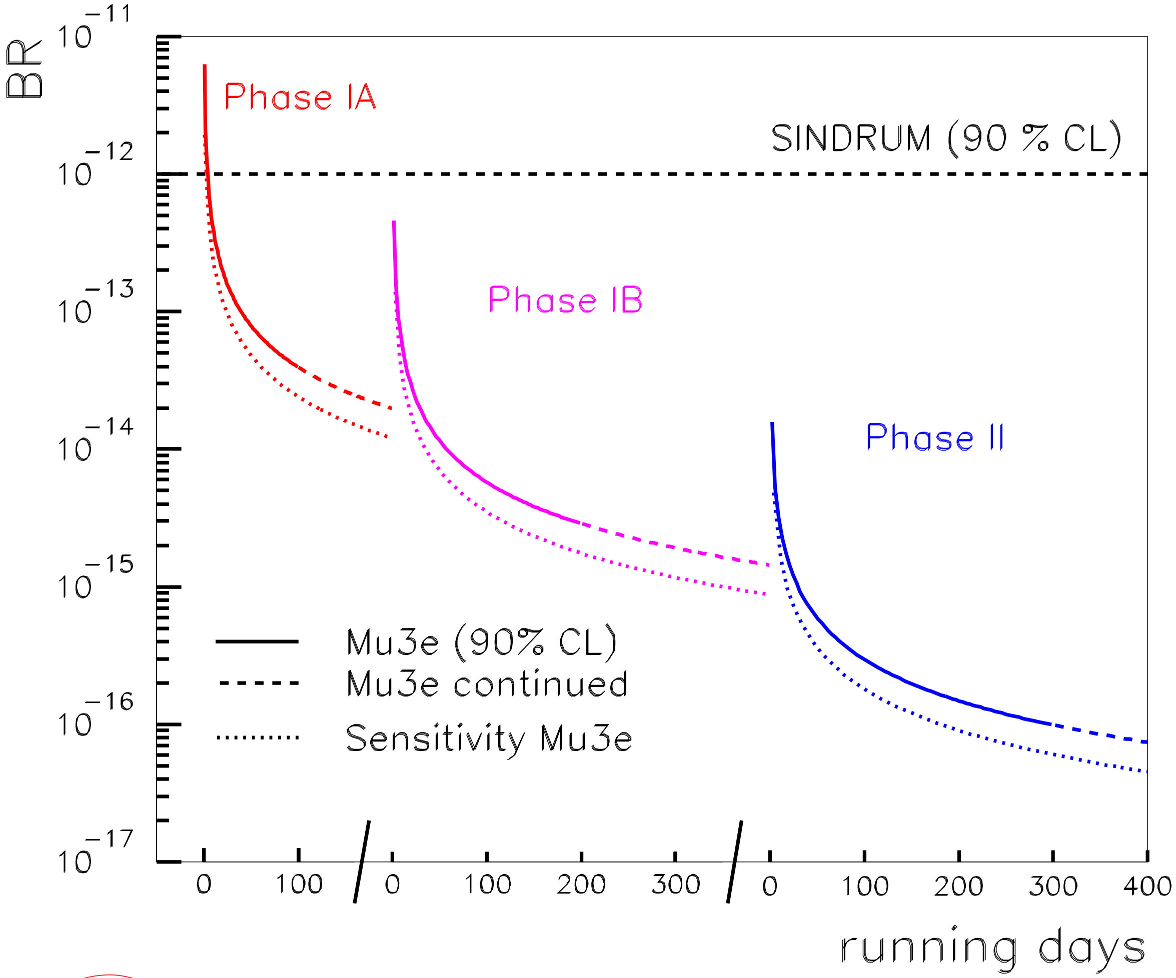
Online filter farm

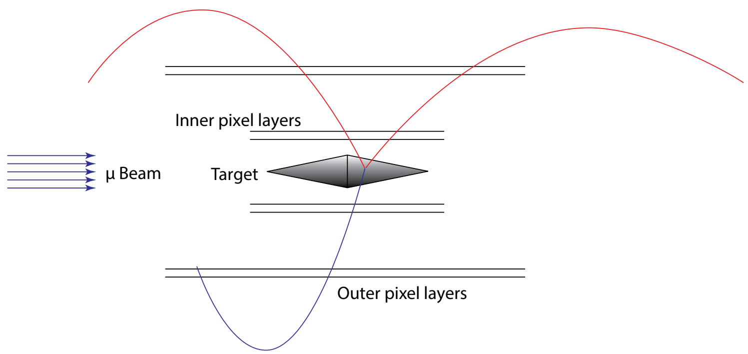


Online software filter farm

- Continuous front-end readout (no trigger)
- ~ 1 Tbit/s
- PCs with FPGAs and Graphics Processing Units (GPUs)
- Online track and event reconstruction
- 10^9 3D track fits/s achieved
- Data reduction by factor ~1000
- Data to tape < 100 Mbyte/s

Sensitivity

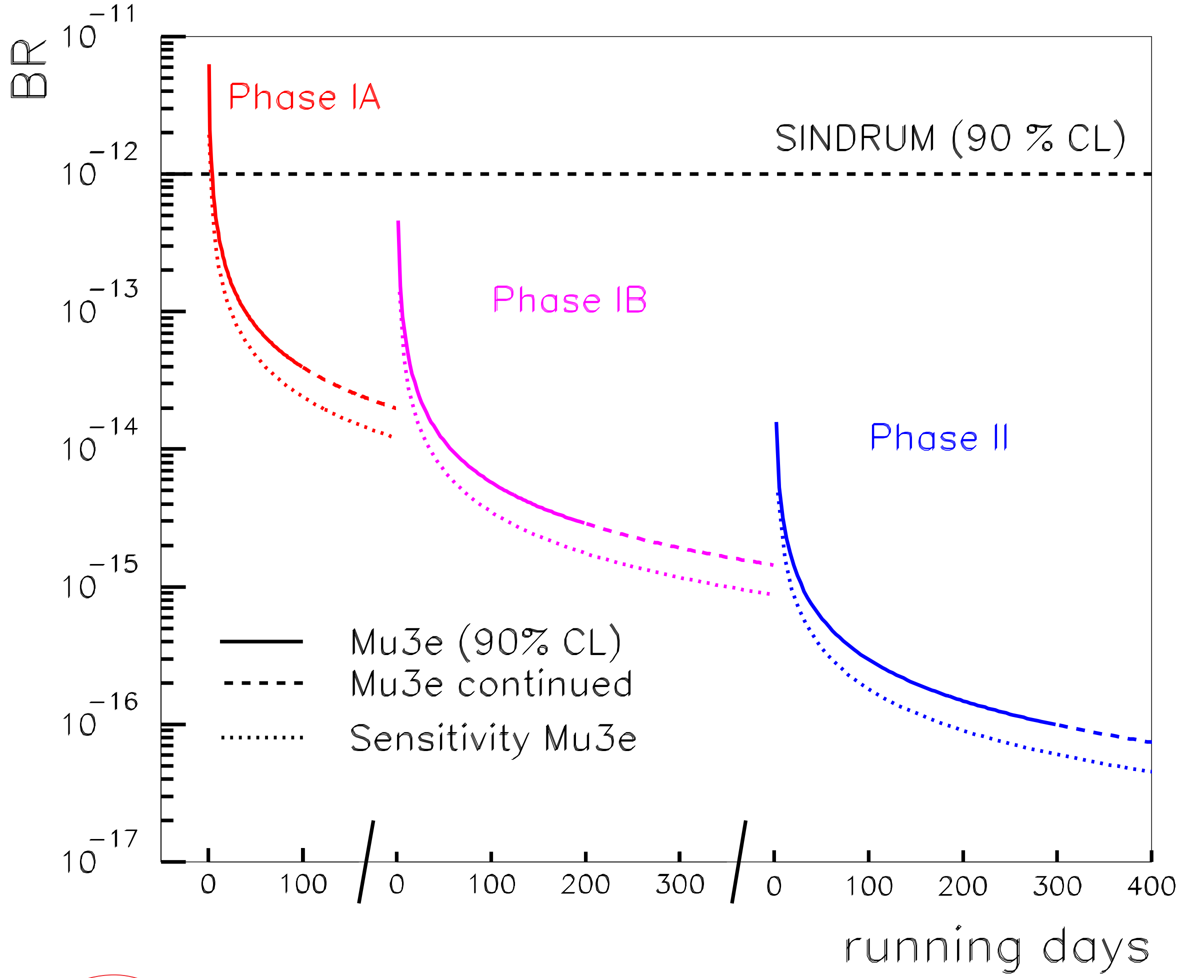


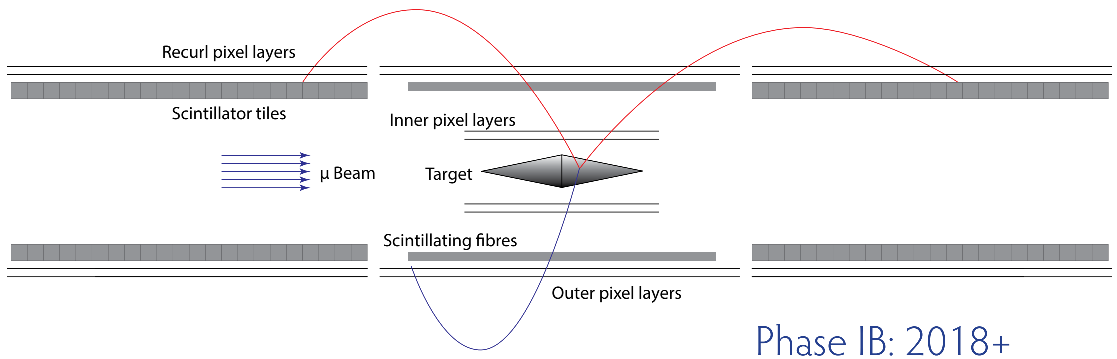


Phase IA: Starting 2017

$2 \cdot 10^7$ μ/s

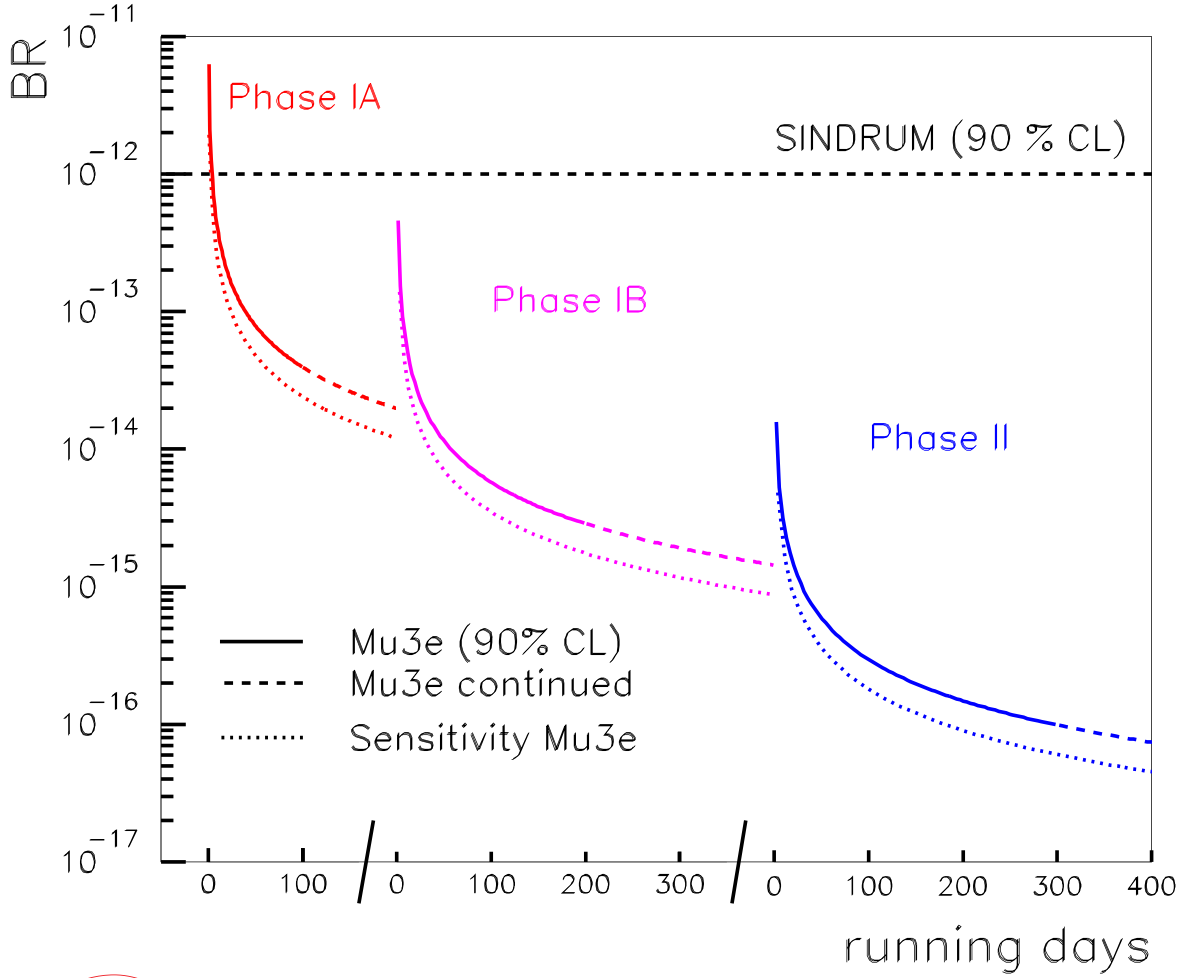
Sensitivity

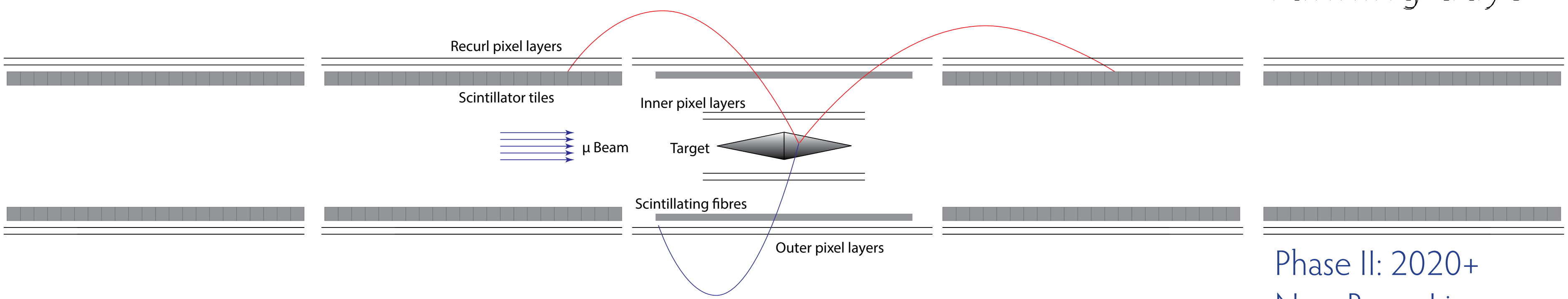




Phase IB: 2018+
$1 \cdot 10^8$ μ/s

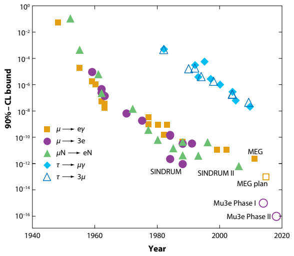
Sensitivity



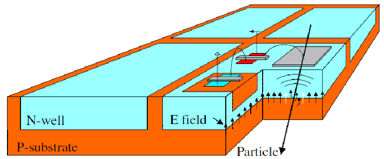


Phase II: 2020+
New Beam Line
$2 \cdot 10^9$ μ/s

Conclusion



- Mu3e aims for μ → eee at the 10^{-16} level
- First large scale use of HV-MAPS



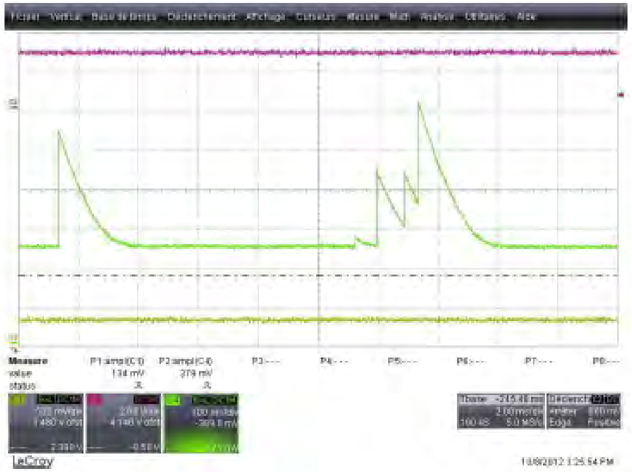
- Build detector layers thinner than a hair
- Timing at the 100 ps level
- Reconstruct 2 billion tracks/s in 1 Tbit/s on ~50 GPUs

- Start data taking in 2017
- 2 billion muons/s not before 2020

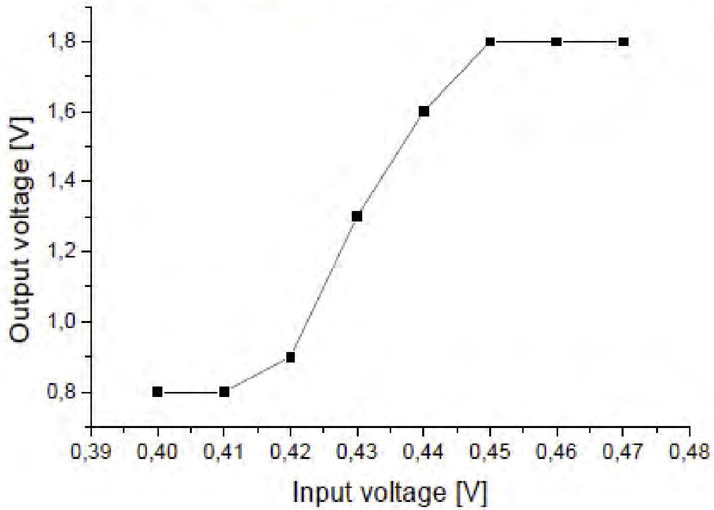
Backup Material

Radiation Hardness

- Requirements not as strict as at LHC



The chip works, particles are measured when the chip is in the beam: Output of the amplifier

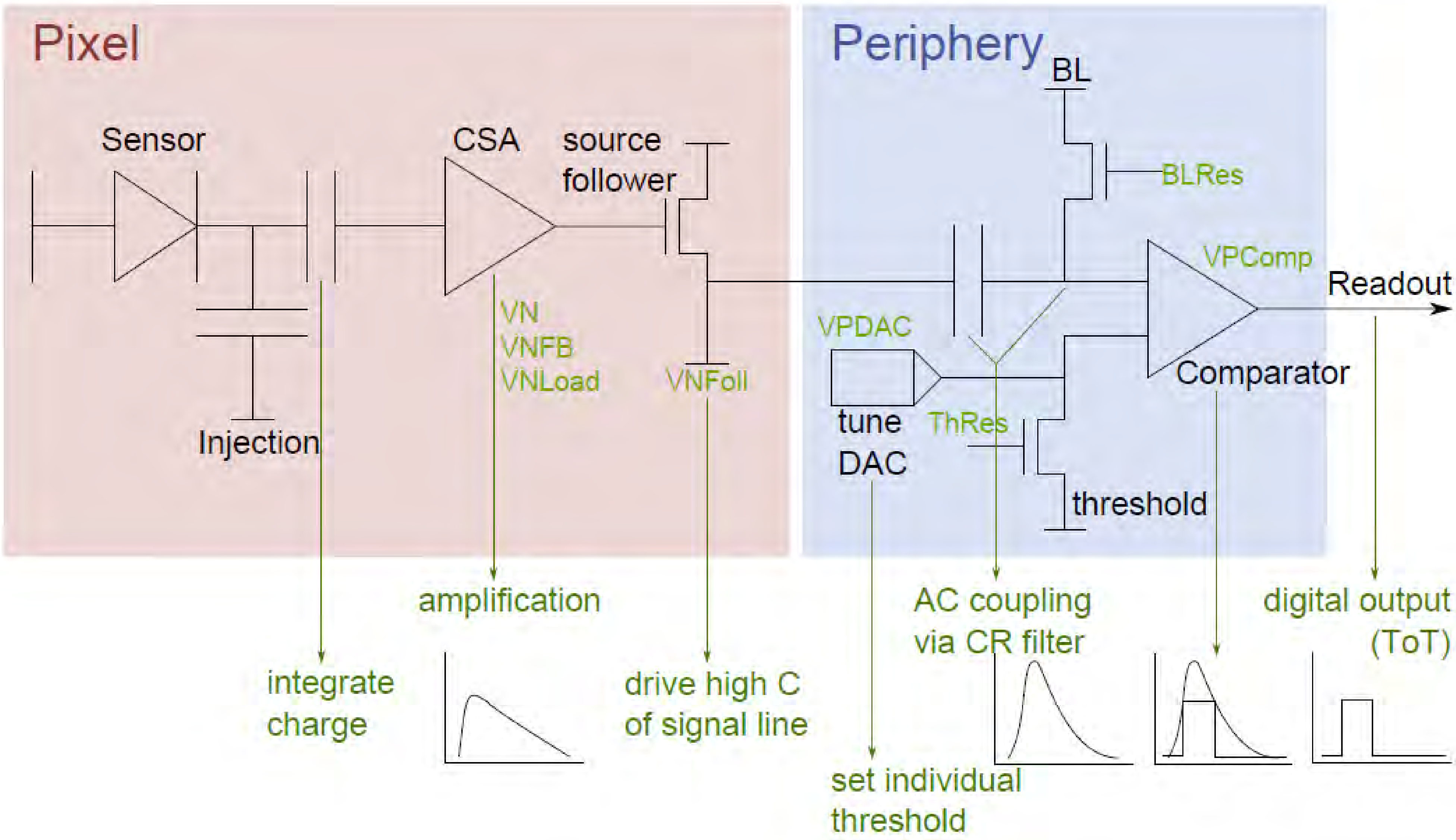


Comparator characteristics.

- Irradiation at PS
- After 380 MRad (8×10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2)
- Chip still working

(Courtesy Ivan Perić, RESMDD 2012)

MUPIX electronics



A general effective Lagrangian

Tensor terms (dipole) e.g. supersymmetry

$$L_{\mu \rightarrow eee} = 2\, G_F \,(\, m_\mu A_R\, \overline{\mu}_R\, \sigma^{\mu\nu}\, e_L\, F_{\mu\nu} \quad + m_\mu A_L\, \overline{\mu}_L\, \sigma^{\mu\nu}\, e_R\, F_{\mu\nu}$$

Four-fermion terms e.g. Z'

$$+ g_1\, (\overline{\mu}_R\, e_L)\, (\overline{e}_R\, e_L) \quad + g_2\, (\overline{\mu}_L\, e_R)\, (\overline{e}_L\, e_R)$$

scalar

$$+ g_3\, (\overline{\mu}_R\, \gamma^\mu\, e_R)\, (\overline{e}_R\, \gamma^\mu\, e_R) \quad + g_4\, (\overline{\mu}_L\, \gamma^\mu\, e_L)\, (\overline{e}_L\, \gamma^\mu\, e_L)$$

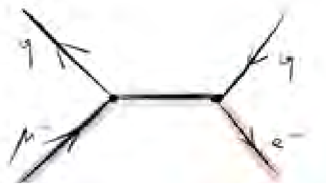
$$+ g_5\, (\overline{\mu}_R\, \gamma^\mu\, e_R)\, (\overline{e}_L\, \gamma^\mu\, e_L) \quad + g_6\, (\overline{\mu}_L\, \gamma^\mu\, e_L)\, (\overline{e}_R\, \gamma^\mu\, e_R) \;\; + H.\,C.\,)$$

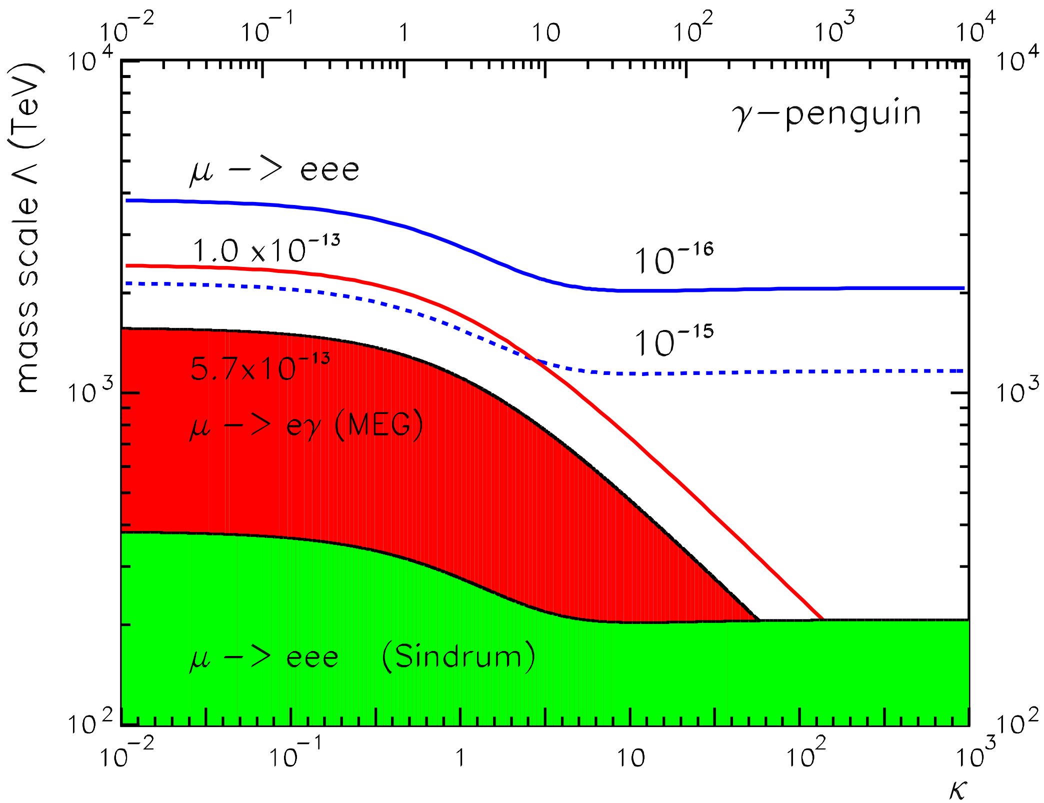
vector

(Y. Kuno, Y. Okada,
Rev.Mod.Phys. 73 (2001) 151)

Comparison with $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$

$$L_{LFV} = \frac{m_\mu}{(\kappa+1)\Lambda^2} A_R \bar{\mu}_R \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_L F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa}{(\kappa+1)\Lambda^2} (\bar{\mu}_L \gamma^\mu e_L)(\bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu e_L)$$





- One loop term and one contact term
- Ratio κ between them
- Common mass scale Λ
- Allows for sensitivity comparisons between $\mu \rightarrow eee$ and $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$
- In case of dominating dipole couplings ($\kappa = 0$):

$$\frac{B(\mu \rightarrow eee)}{B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)} = 0.006 \quad (\text{essentially } \alpha_{em})$$

Detector Design