



# Status of the Mu3e experiment at PSI

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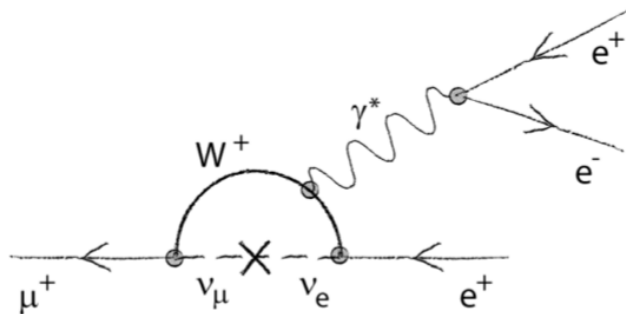
- Charged Lepton Flavour Violation (cLFV) search:  
The motivation
- cLFV with the Mu3e experiment:  
The  $\mu \rightarrow eee$  search
- The Mu3e experiment



# cLFV evidence: A clear signature of New Physics

SM with massive neutrinos (Dirac)

$$BR(\mu \rightarrow eee) \approx 10^{-54}$$

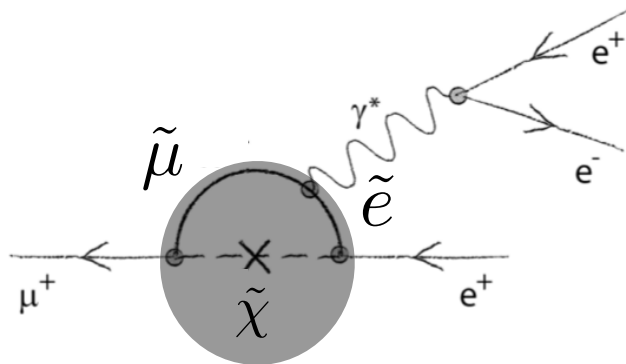


$\nu$  oscillations

too small to access experimentally

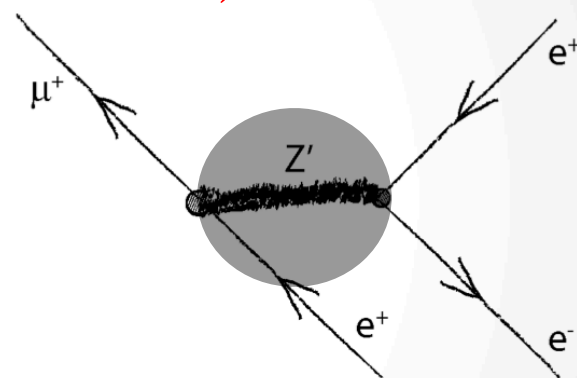
i.e. SU(5) SUSY-GUT or SO(10) SUSY-GUT

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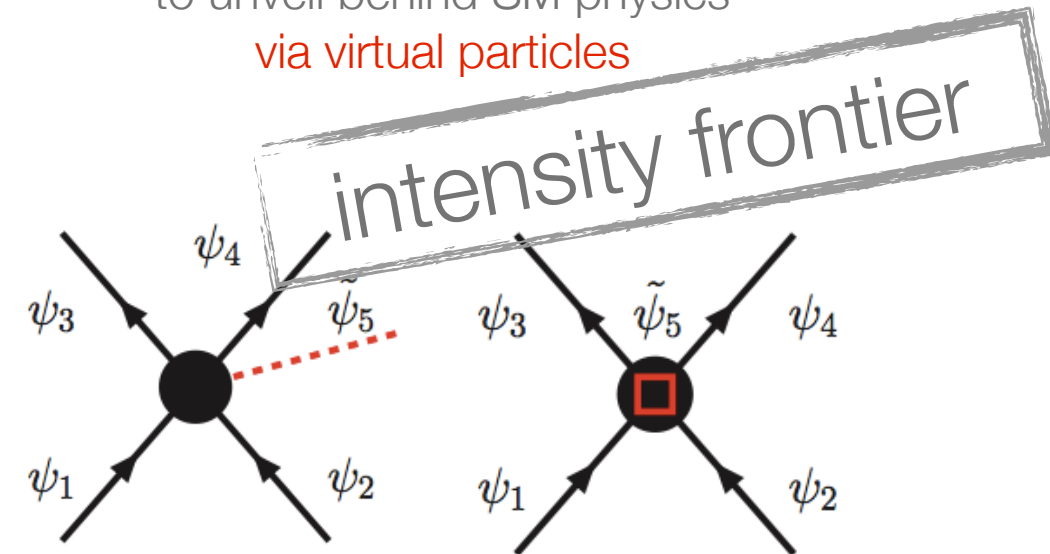


**an experimental evidence:  
a clear signature of New Physics NP**  
(SM background FREE)

i.e. EXTRA  $Z'$



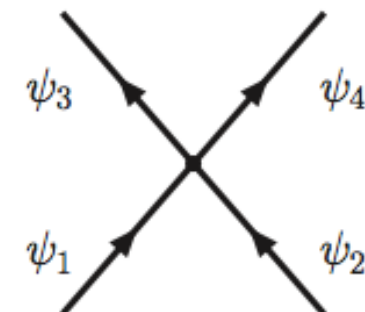
to unveil behind SM physics  
via virtual particles



to probe otherwise unreachable and  
unexploited new physics energy scale

high energy probe

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_{d>4} \frac{c_n^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}^{(d)}$$

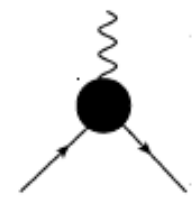
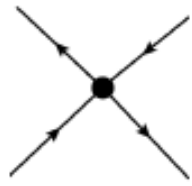


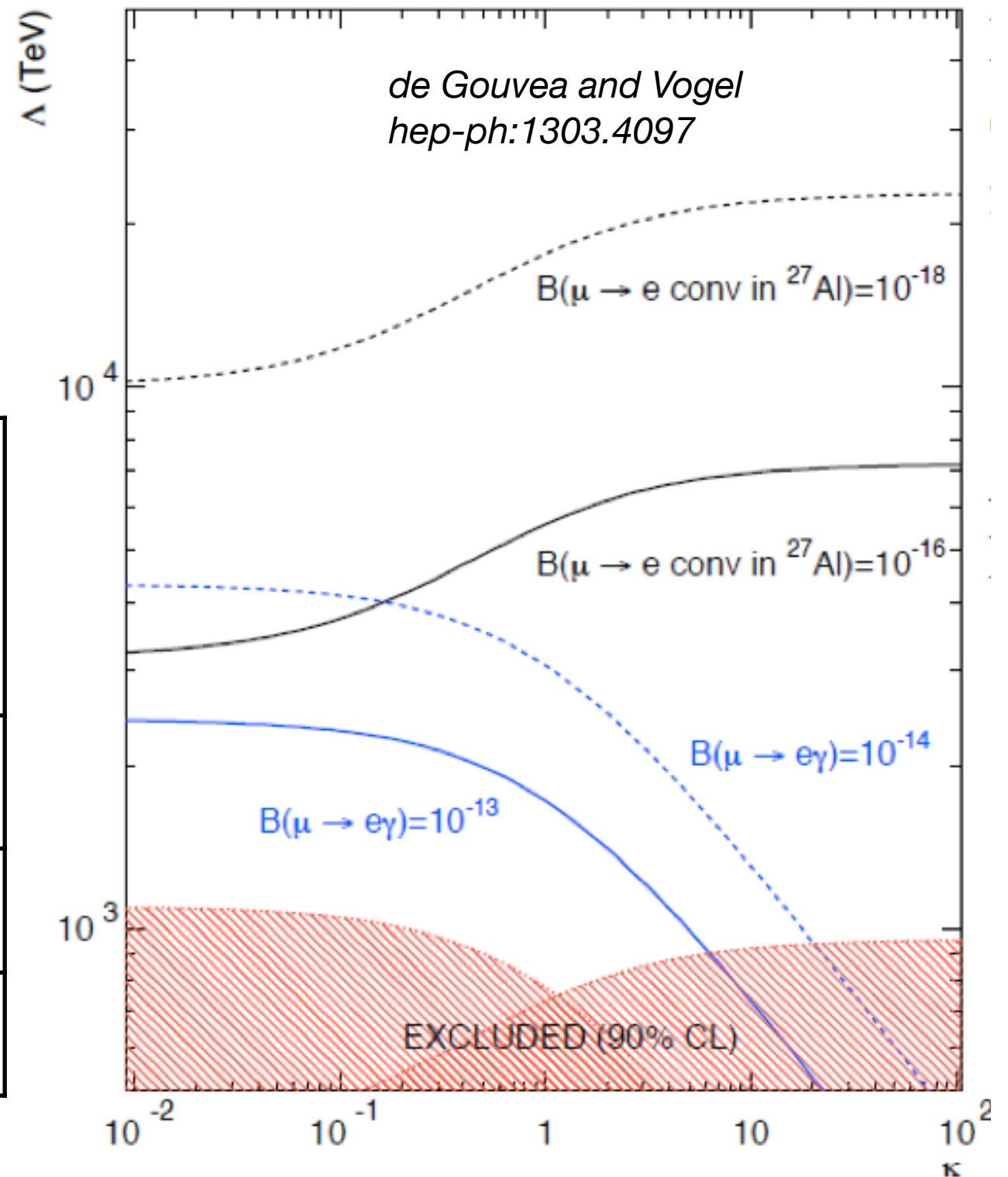
$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2}$$

# cLFV: “Effective” lagrangian with the k-parameter

- Due to the **extremely-low** accessible **branching ratios**, muon cLFV can strongly **constrain** new physics models and scales

Model independent lagrangian

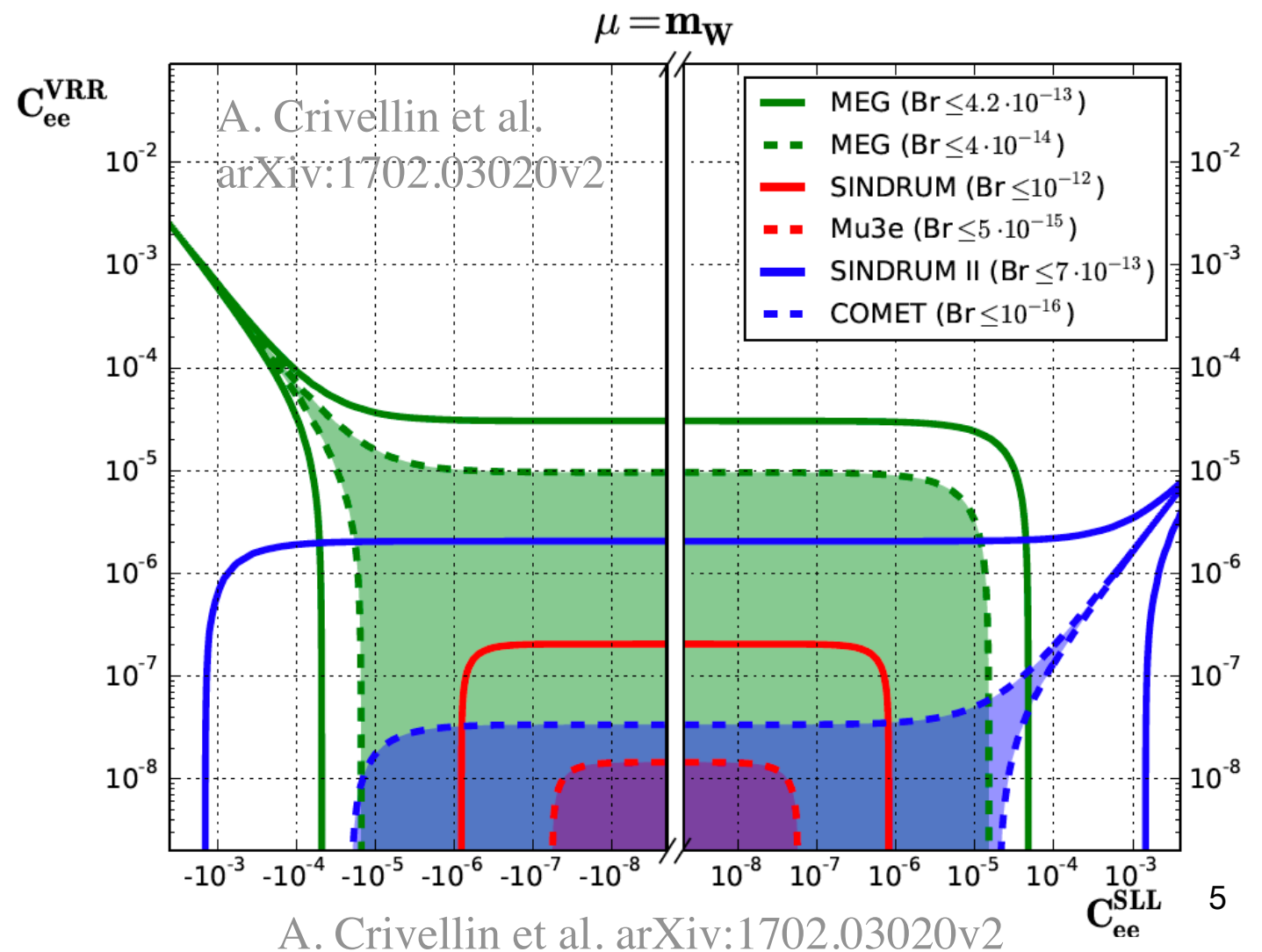
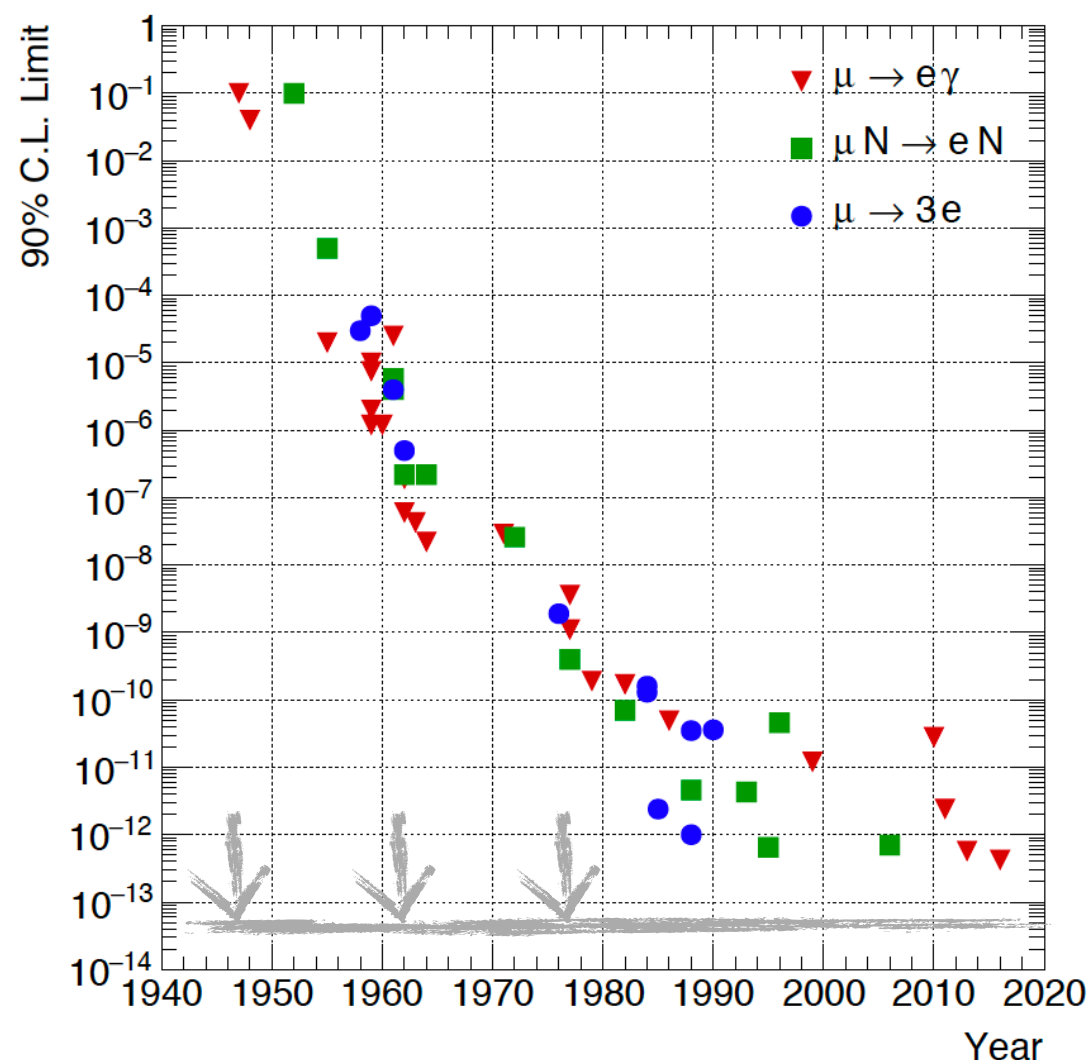
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| $\frac{m_\mu}{(\kappa + 1)\Lambda^2} \times$  <p>dipole term</p> | $+ \frac{\kappa}{(\kappa + 1)\Lambda^2} \times$  <p>contact term</p> |
| $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$   |   |
| $\mu \rightarrow eee$   |   |
| $\mu N \rightarrow eN$  |   |





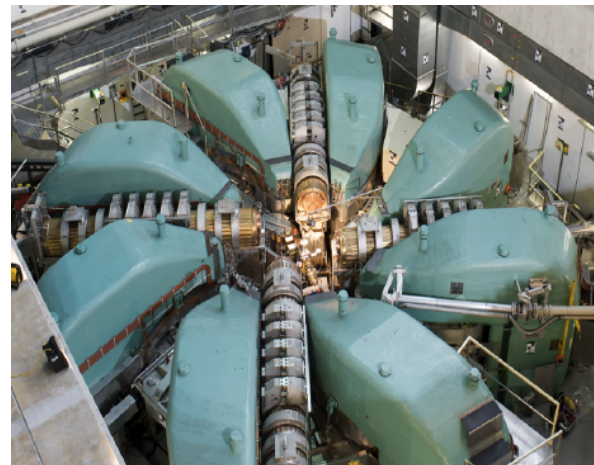
# cLFV searches with muons: Status and prospects

- In the near future impressive sensitivities:  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 4 \cdot 10^{-14}$ ;  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow eee) < 5 \cdot 10^{-15}$ ;  $\text{CR}(\mu N \rightarrow eN') < 10^{-16}$
- Strong complementarities among channels: The only way to reveal the mechanism responsible for cLFV



# The world's most intense continuous muon beam

- $\tau$  ideal probe for NP w. r. t.  $\mu$ 
    - Smaller GIM suppression
    - Stronger coupling
    - Many decays
  - $\mu$  most sensitive probe
    - Huge statistics
- PSI delivers the most intense continuous low momentum muon beam in the world (**Intensity Frontiers**)
  - MEG/MEG II beam requirements:
    - Intensity  $O(10^8 \text{ muon/s})$ , low momentum  $p = 29 \text{ MeV}/c$
    - Small straggling and good identification of the decay



590 MeV proton  
ring cyclotron  
**1.4 MW**

**PSI landscape**

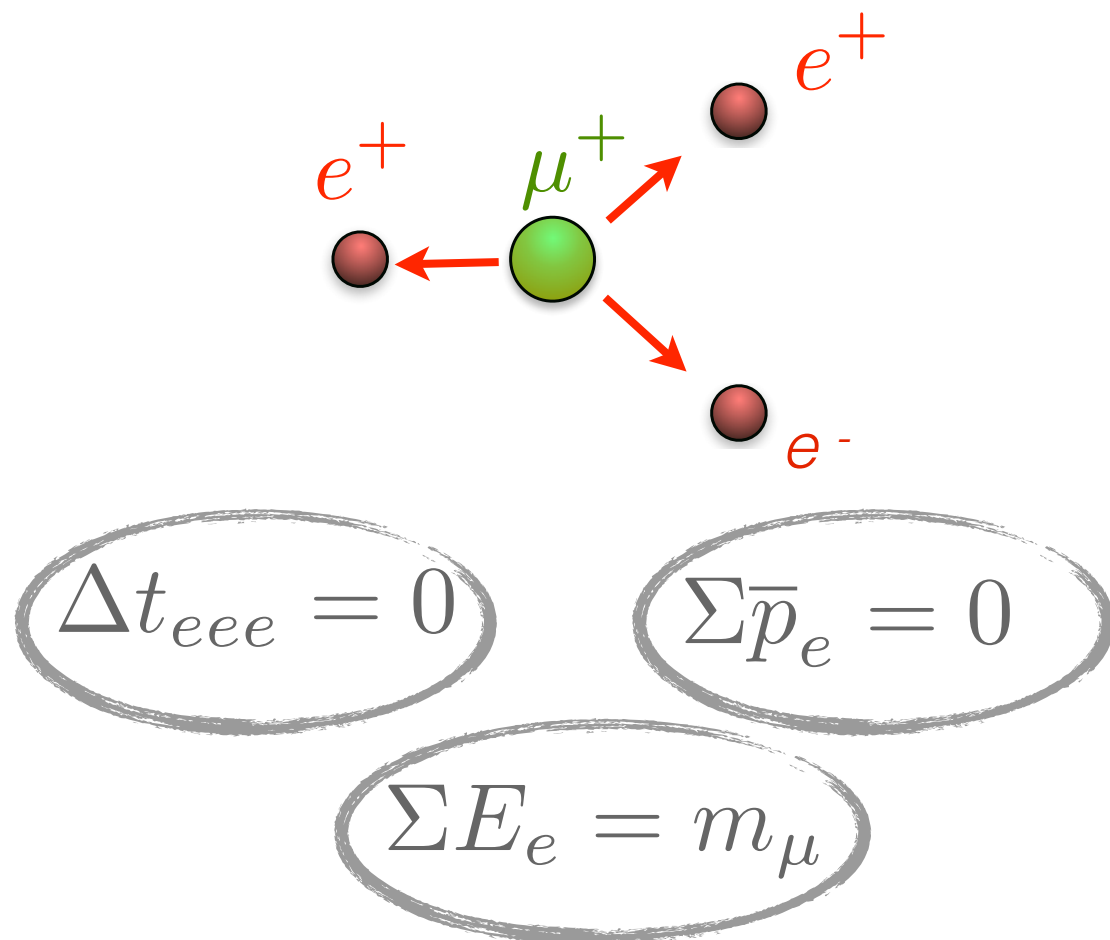




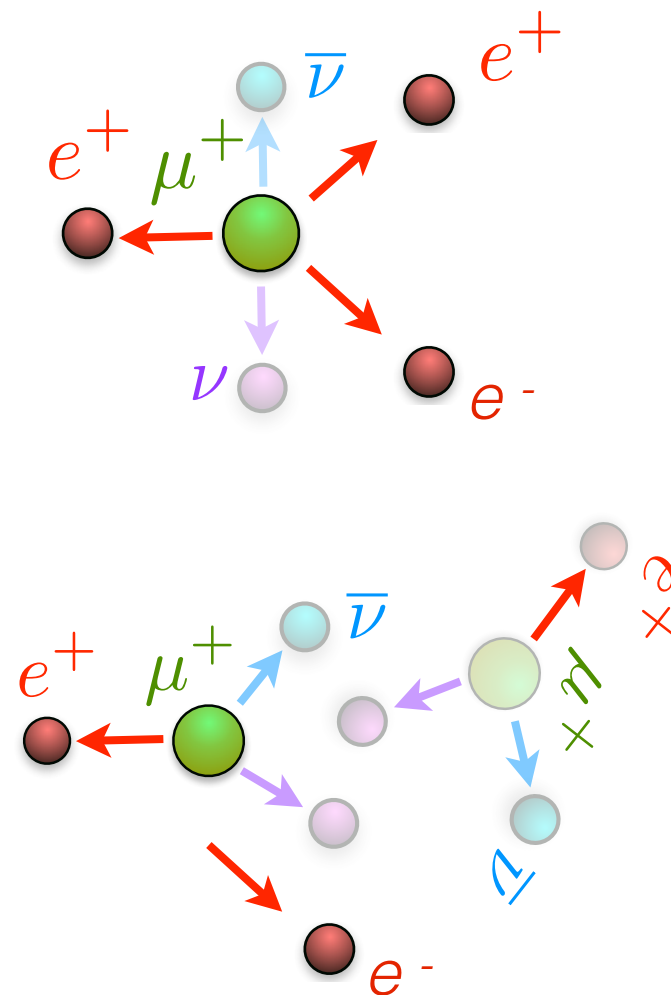
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- Observables ( $E_e$ ,  $t_e$ , **vertex**) to characterize  $\mu \rightarrow eee$  events

Signature



Background



# Mu3e: Requirements

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## Signal

1.  $\mu \rightarrow eee$

- Rare decay search: Intense muon beam  $O(10^8 \text{ muon/s})$  for phase I
- High occupancy: High detector granularity
- Three charged particles in the final state: allowing for high detector performances vs the case of having neutral particle

## Background

1.  $\mu \rightarrow eee\nu\nu$

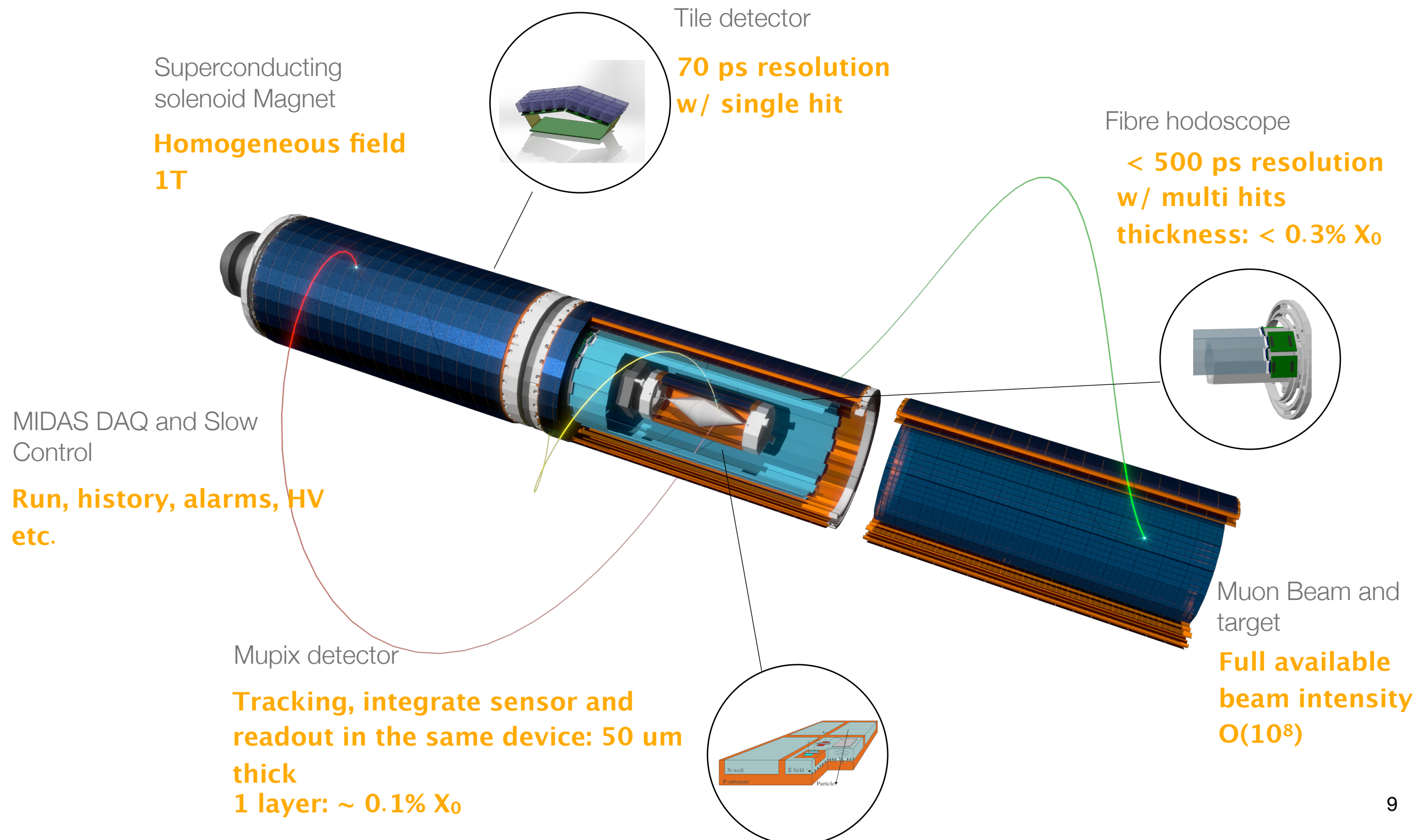
- Missing energy: Excellent momentum resolution

2.  $\mu \rightarrow e\nu\nu, \mu \rightarrow e\nu\nu, e^+e^-$

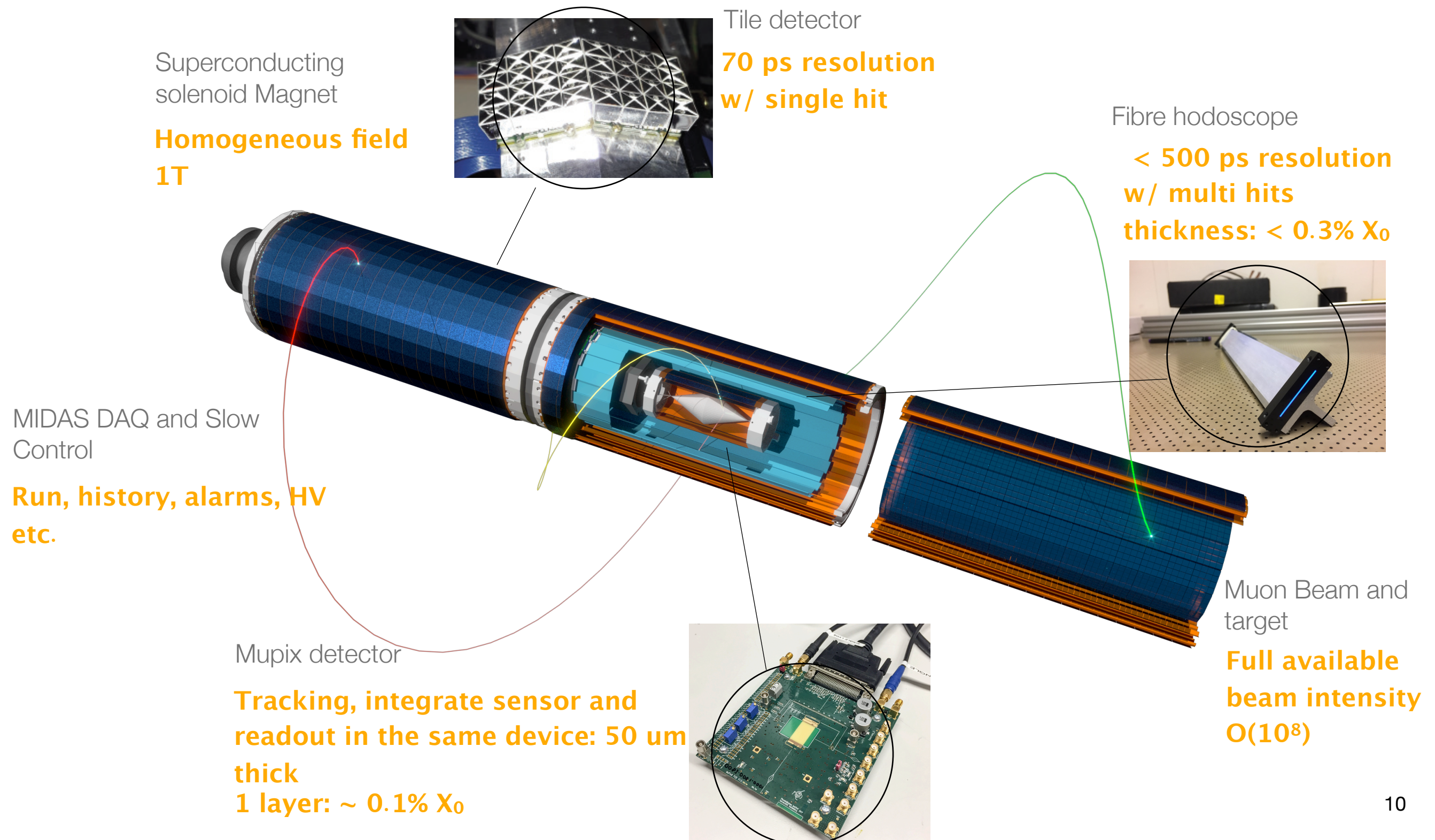
- Coincidence and vertex: High timing and position resolutions



# The Mu3e experiment: 3D schematic view

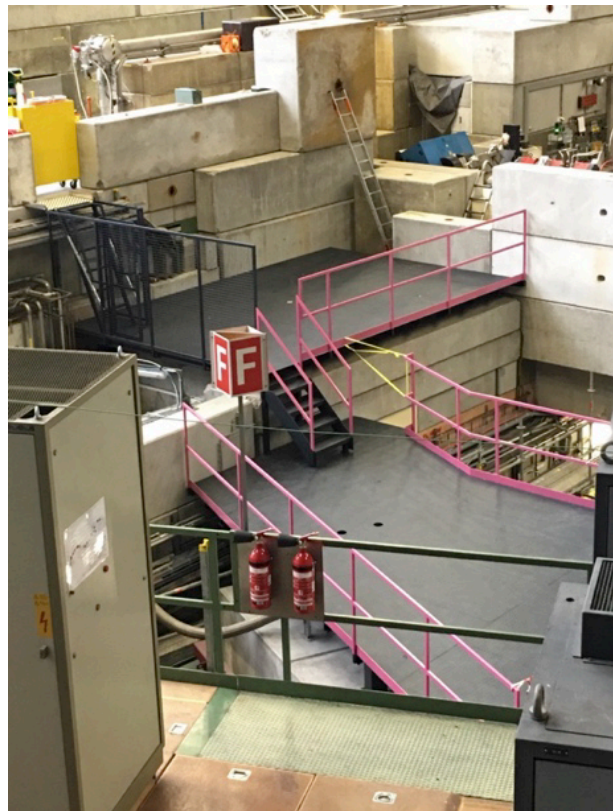


# The Mu3e experiment: R&D completed. Prototyping phase





# The MEGII and Mu3e experimental area: Pictures



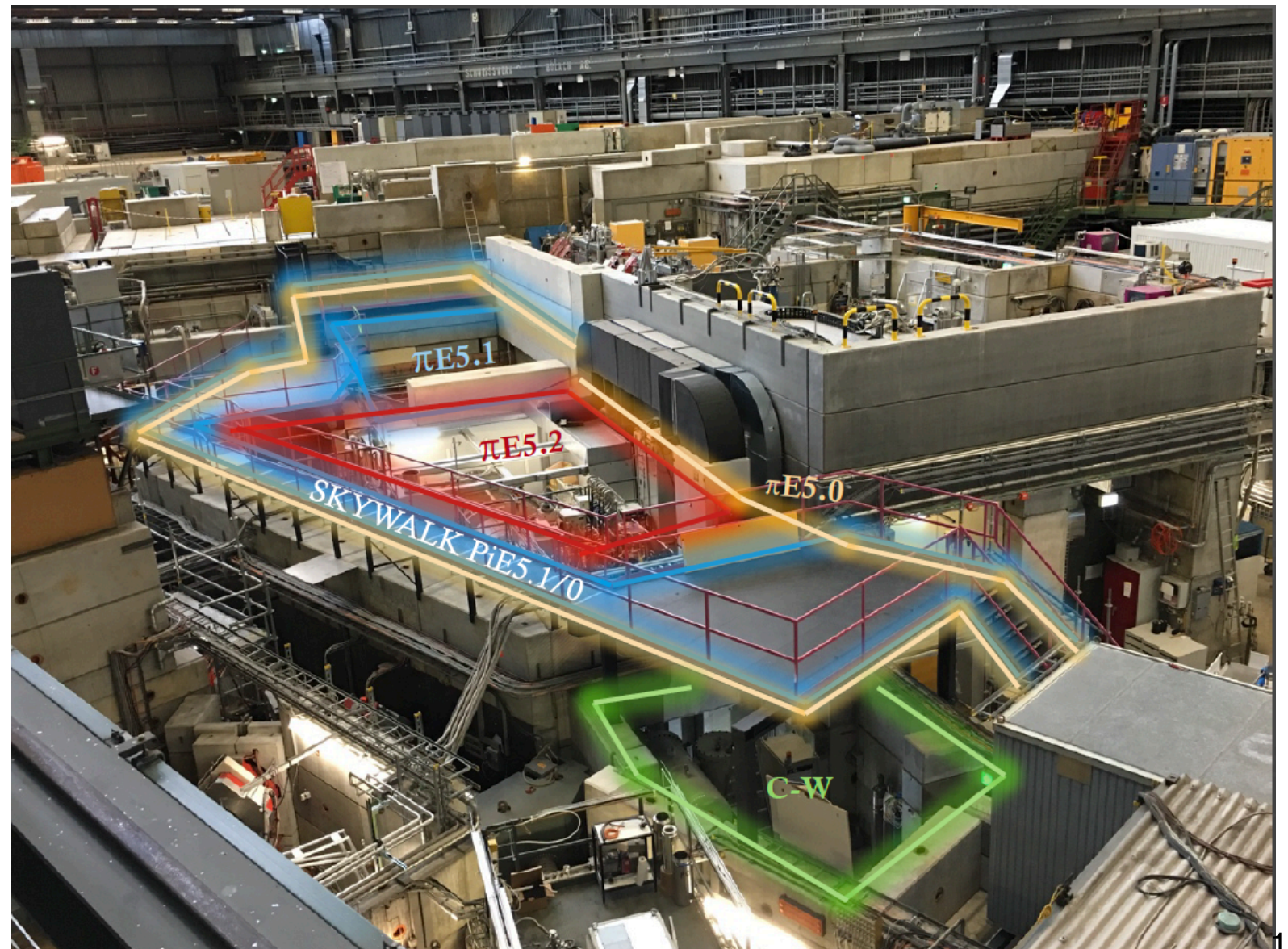
Mu3e extra platforms

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Overview piE5 area



Mu3e control room



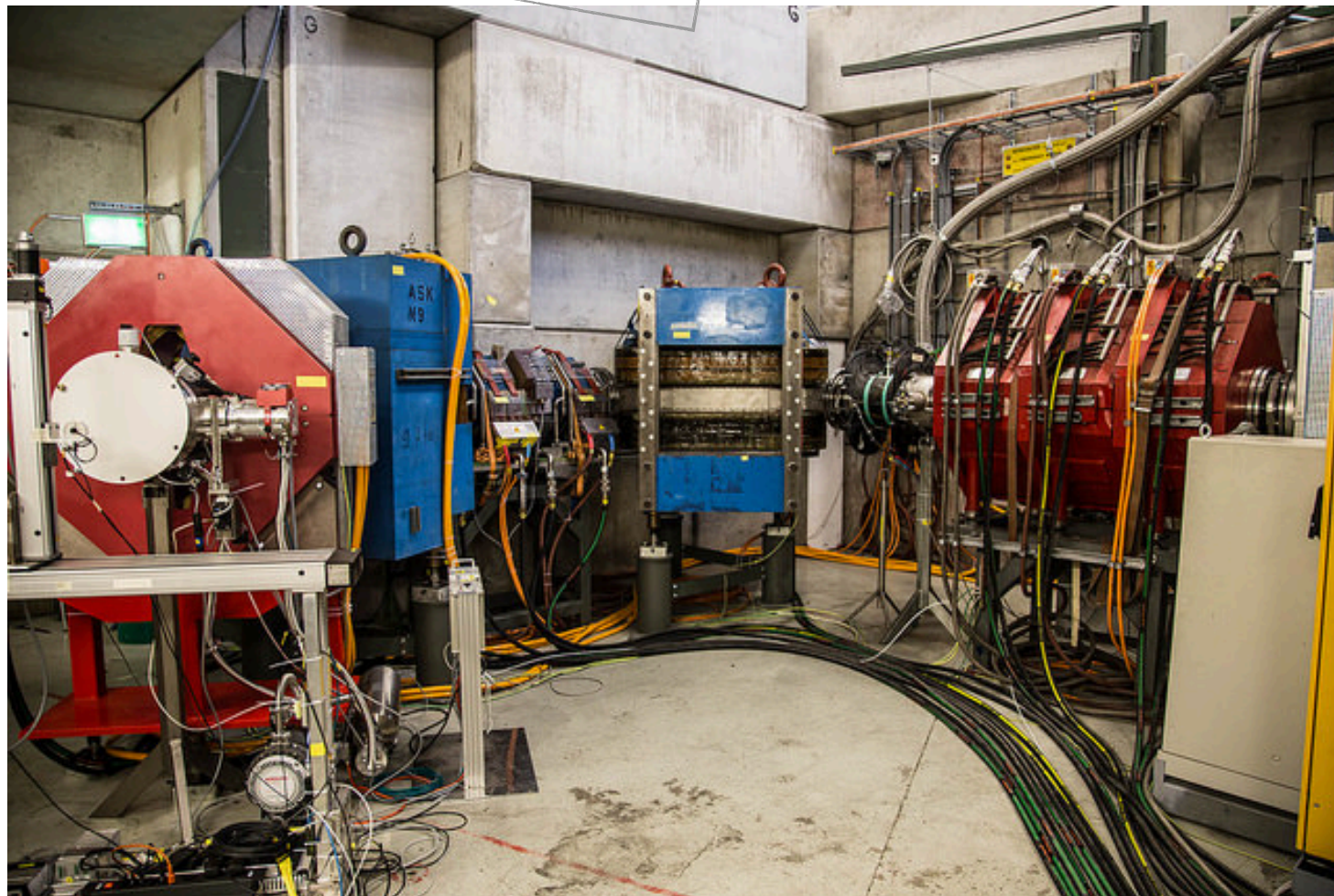


# The MEGII and Mu3e beam lines

- MEGII and Mu3e (phase I) similar beam requirements:
  - **Intensity  $O(10^8 \text{ muon/s})$ , low momentum  $p = 28 \text{ MeV/c}$**
  - **Small straggling and good identification of the decay region**
- A dedicated compact muon beam line (CMBL) will serve Mu3e
- Proof-of-Principle: Delivered  $8 \times 10^7 \text{ muon/s}$  during 2016 test beam

The Mu3e CMBL

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The MEGII BL

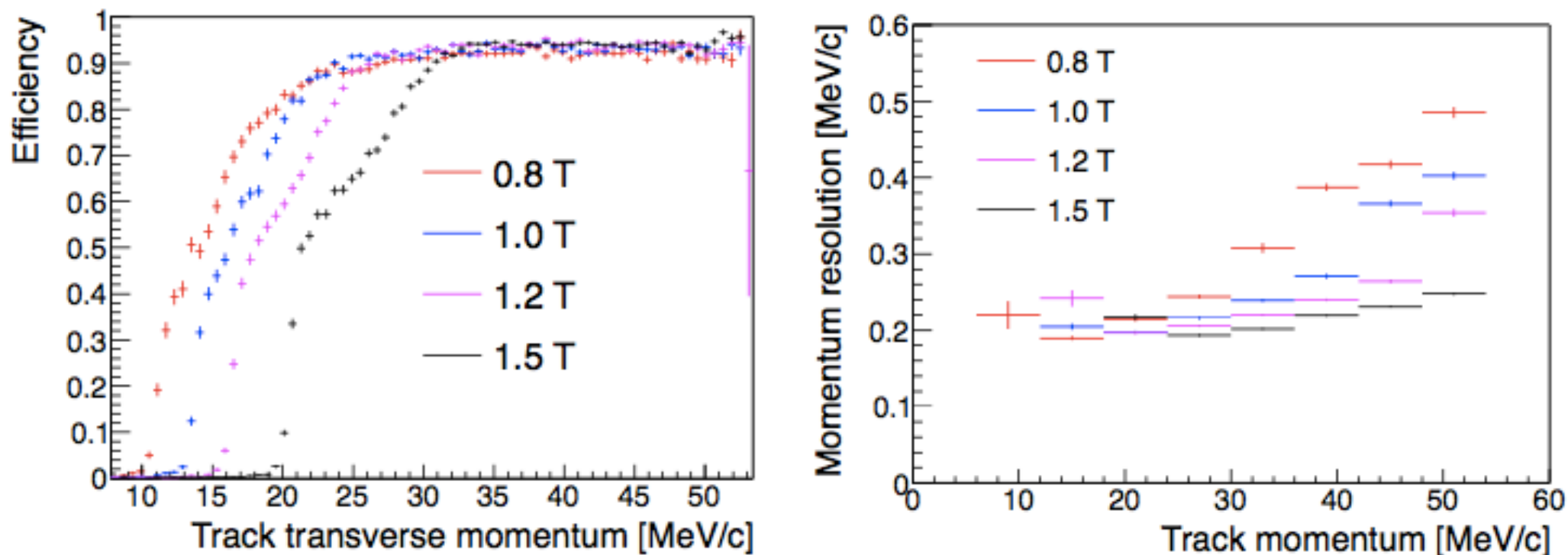


# Target and magnet: Status

- Target: Mylar double hollow cone (L = 100 mm, R = 19 mm), Stopping efficiency: ~ 83%, Vertex separation ability (tracking) < 200  $\mu\text{m}$
- Magnet from Cryogenic. Delivering Time at PSI: This year
- Field Intensity: 1T; Field description:  $\text{dB}/\text{B} \leq 10^{-4}$ ; Field stability:  $\text{dB}/\text{B}(100 \text{ d}) \leq 10^{-4}$
- Dimensions: L < 3.2 m, W < 2.0 m, H < 3.5 m

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## BField Simulation



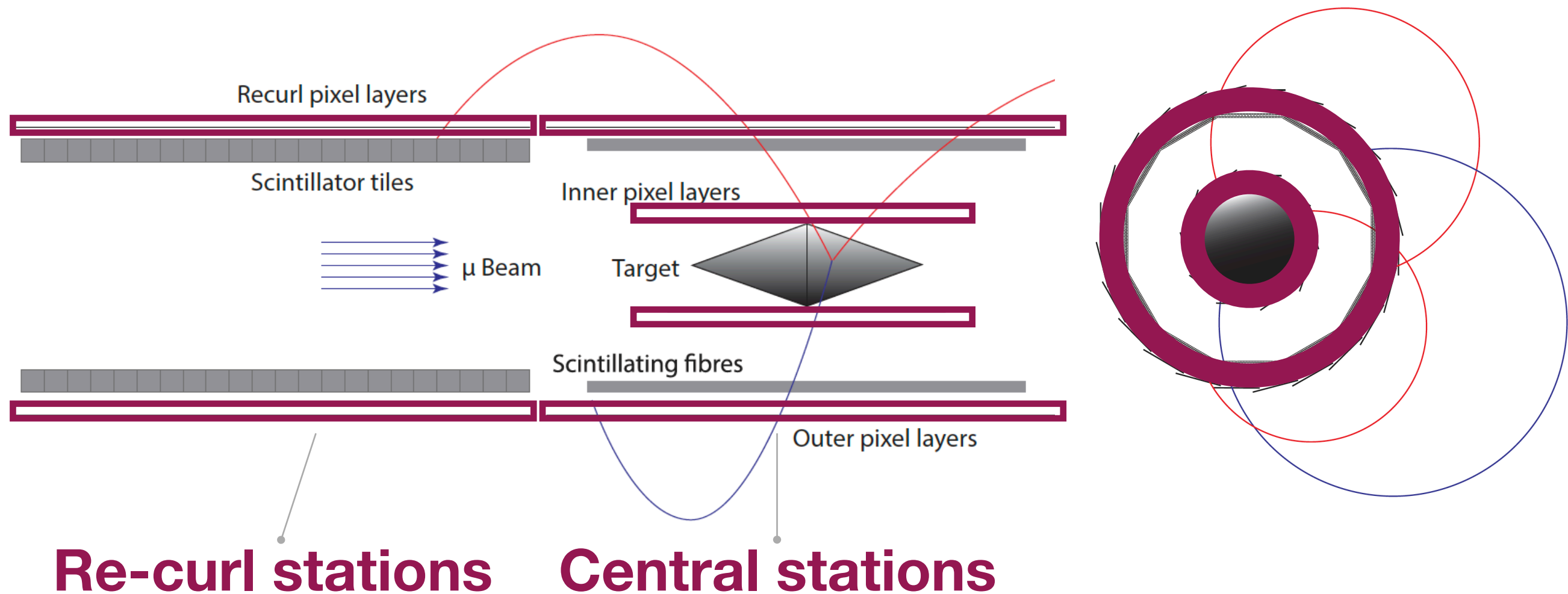
Target prototype





# The pixel tracker: Overview

- Central tracker: Four layers; Re-curl tracker: Two layers
- Minimum material budget: Tracking in the scattering dominated regime
- Momentum resolution:  $< 0.5 \text{ MeV}/c$  over a large phase space; Geometrical acceptance:  $\sim 70\%$ ;  $X/X_0$  per layer:  $\sim 0.011\%$

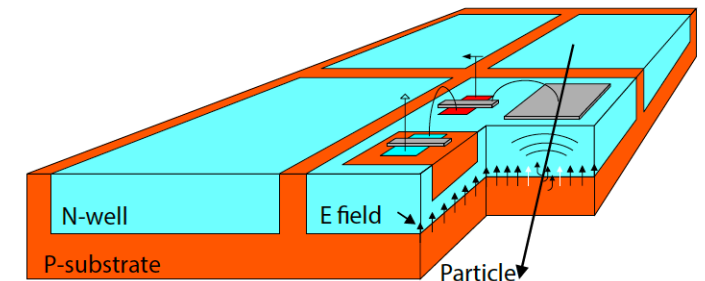




# The pixel tracker: The MuPix prototypes

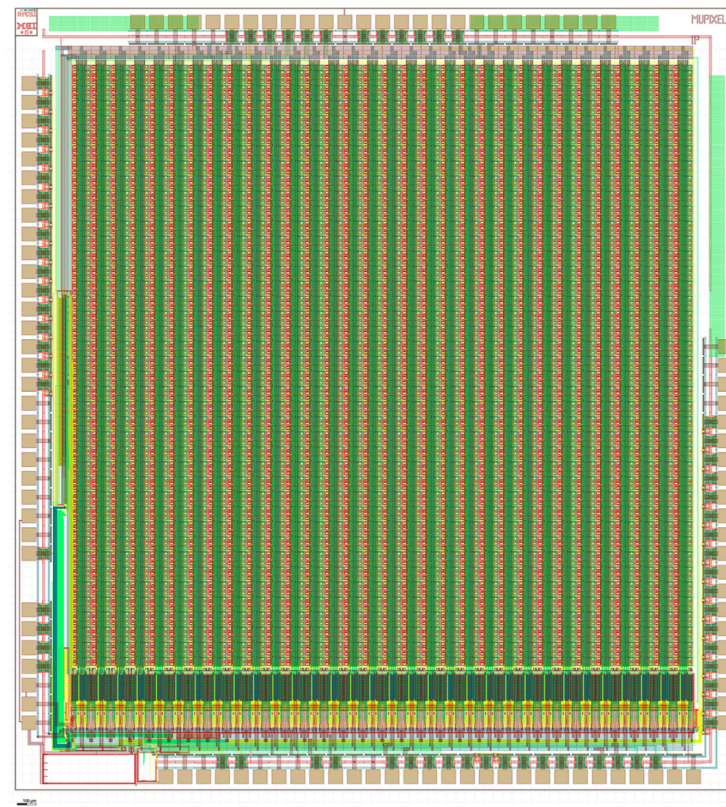
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- Based on HV- MAP: Pixel dimension:  $80 \times 80 \mu\text{m}^2$ , Thickness:  $50 \mu\text{m}$ , Time resolution:  $< 20 \text{ ns}$ , Active area chip:  $20 \times 20 \text{ mm}^2$ , Efficiency:  $> 99 \%$ , Power consumption :  $< 350 \text{ mW/cm}^2$
- MuPix 7: The first small-scale prototype which includes all Mu3e functionalities

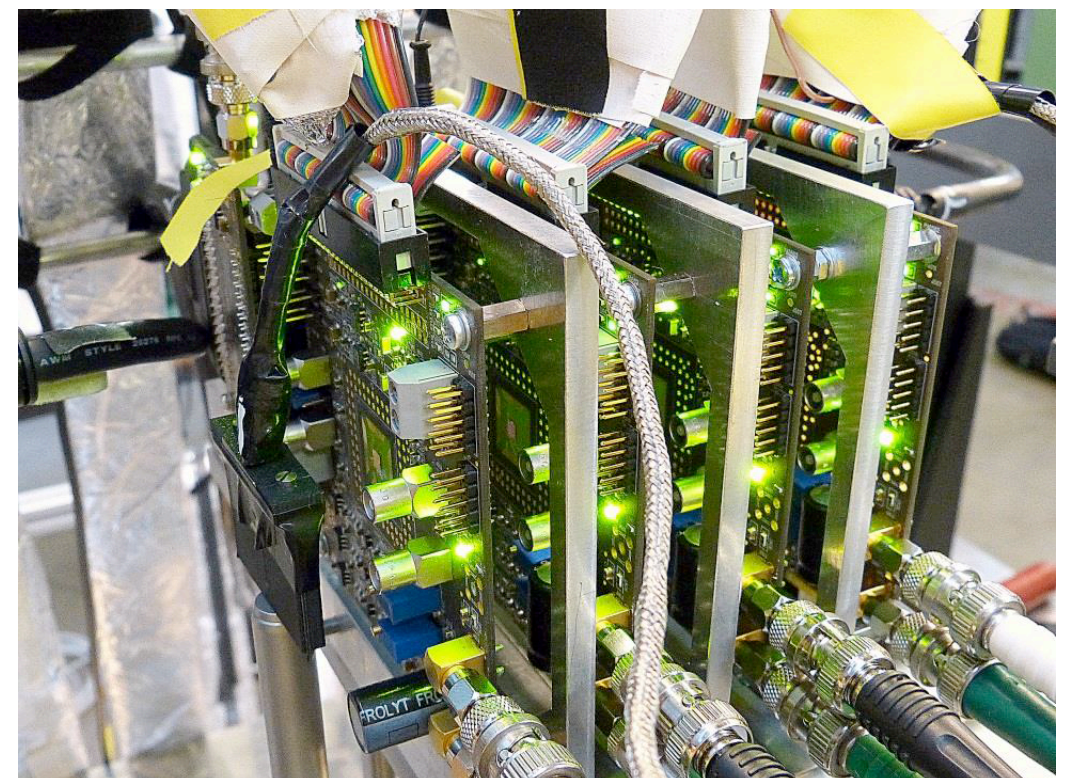


| Prototype | Active Area [mm <sup>2</sup> ] |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| MuPix1    | 1.77                           |
| MuPix2    | 1.77                           |
| MuPix3    | 9.42                           |
| MuPix4    | 9.42                           |
| MuPix6    | 10.55                          |
| MuPix7    | 10.55                          |

MuPix7



Extensively tested along beams

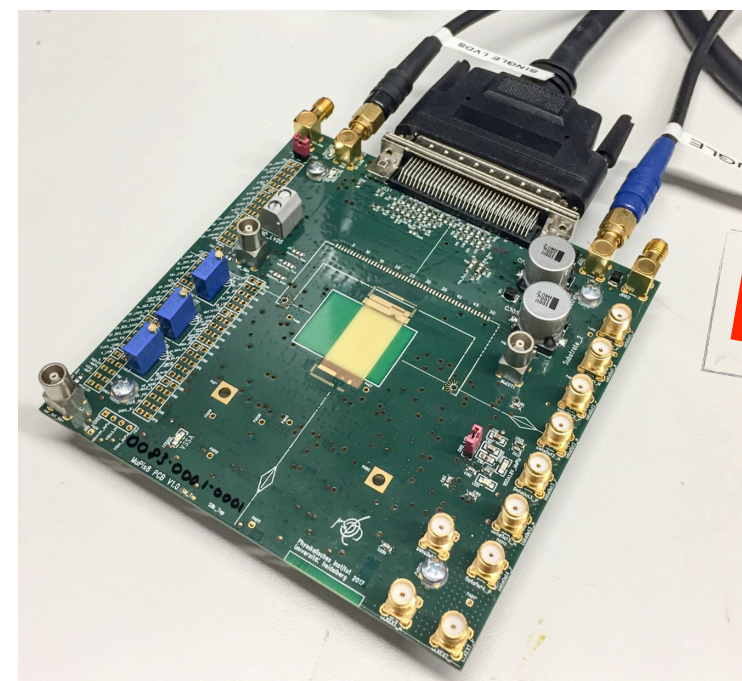
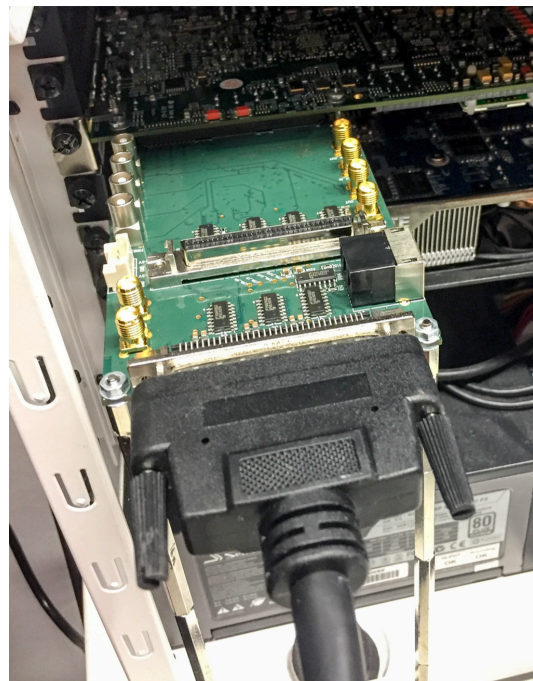
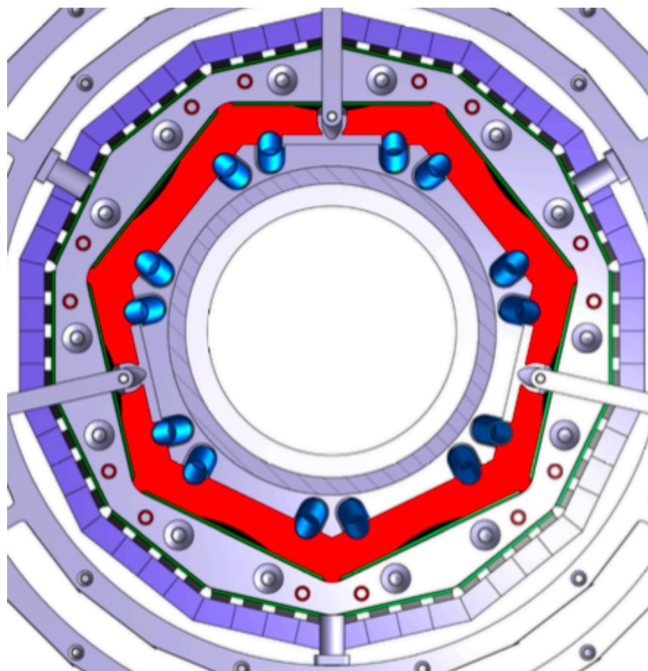




# The pixel tracker: Current and future plan

- After an extensive test beam campaign, achieved milestones
  - A fully functional HV-MAPS chip,  $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$ . Operation at high rates: 300 kHz at PSI; up to 1 MHz at SPS
  - Crosstalk on setup under control, on chip seen. Mitigation plan exists (MuPix8), Routinely operated systems of up to 8 chips in test beams reliably
  - Data processing of one telescope at full rate on GPU demonstrated
- Next steps
  - MuPix 8, the first large area prototype: from  $O(10) \text{ mm}^2$  to  $160 \text{ mm}^2$ : Ready and extensively tested!
  - MuPix 9, small test chip for: Slow Control, voltage regulators and other test circuits. This year test beam campaign
  - MuPix 10, the final version for Mu3e:  $380 \text{ mm}^2$

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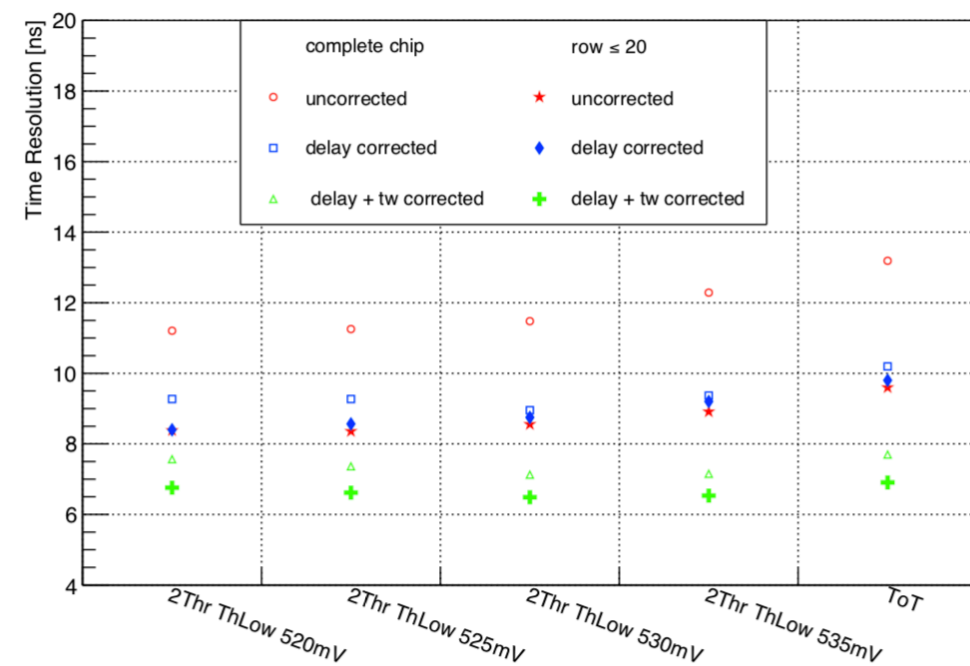
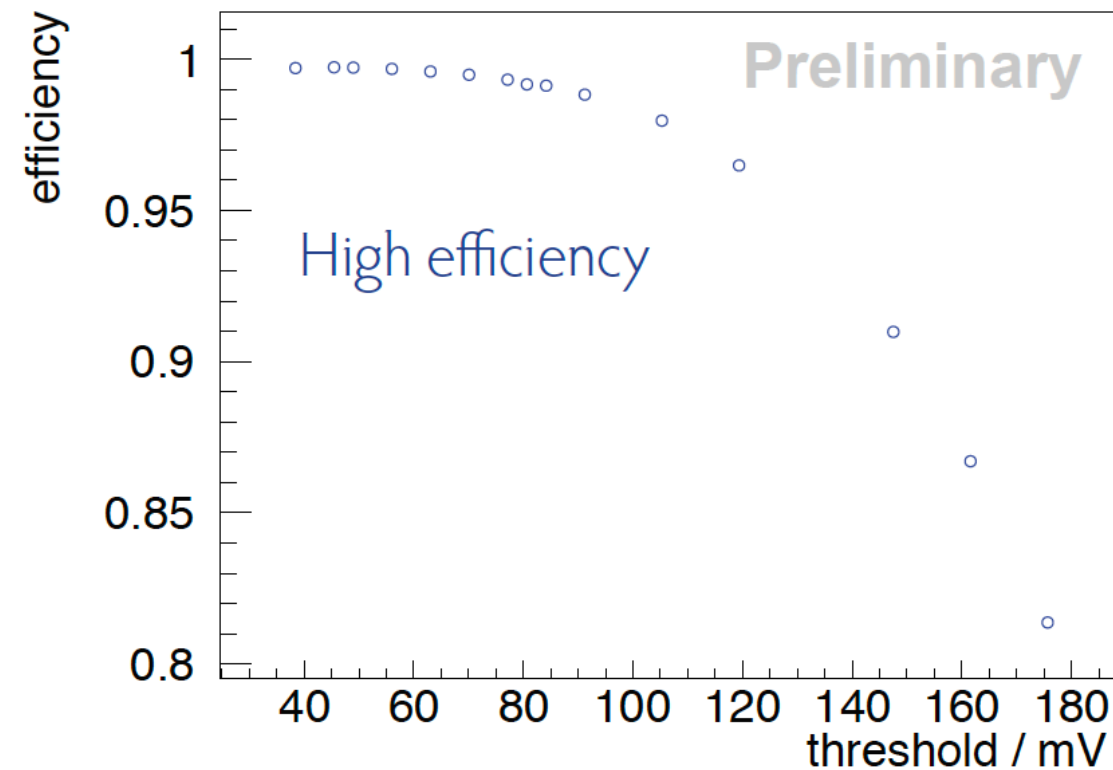
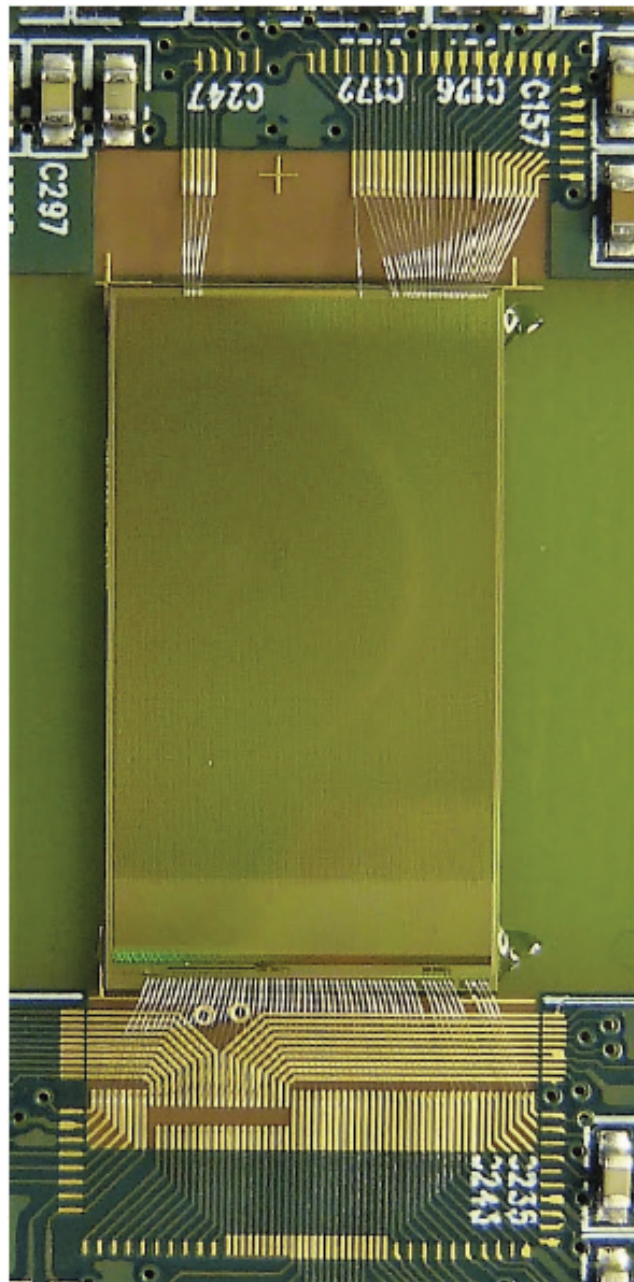


MuPix8

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# MuPix 8: First Results

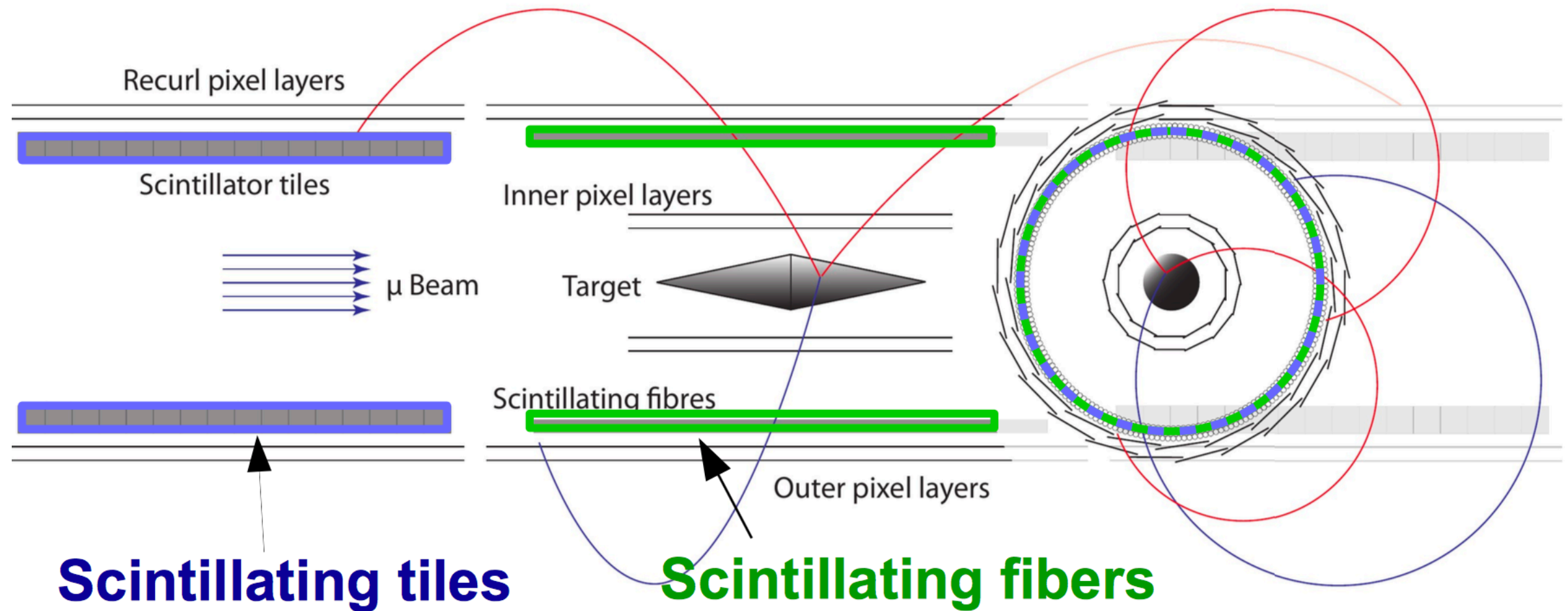
- Extensive beam test performed during 2018
- Some preliminary results





# The timing detectors: Fibers and tiles

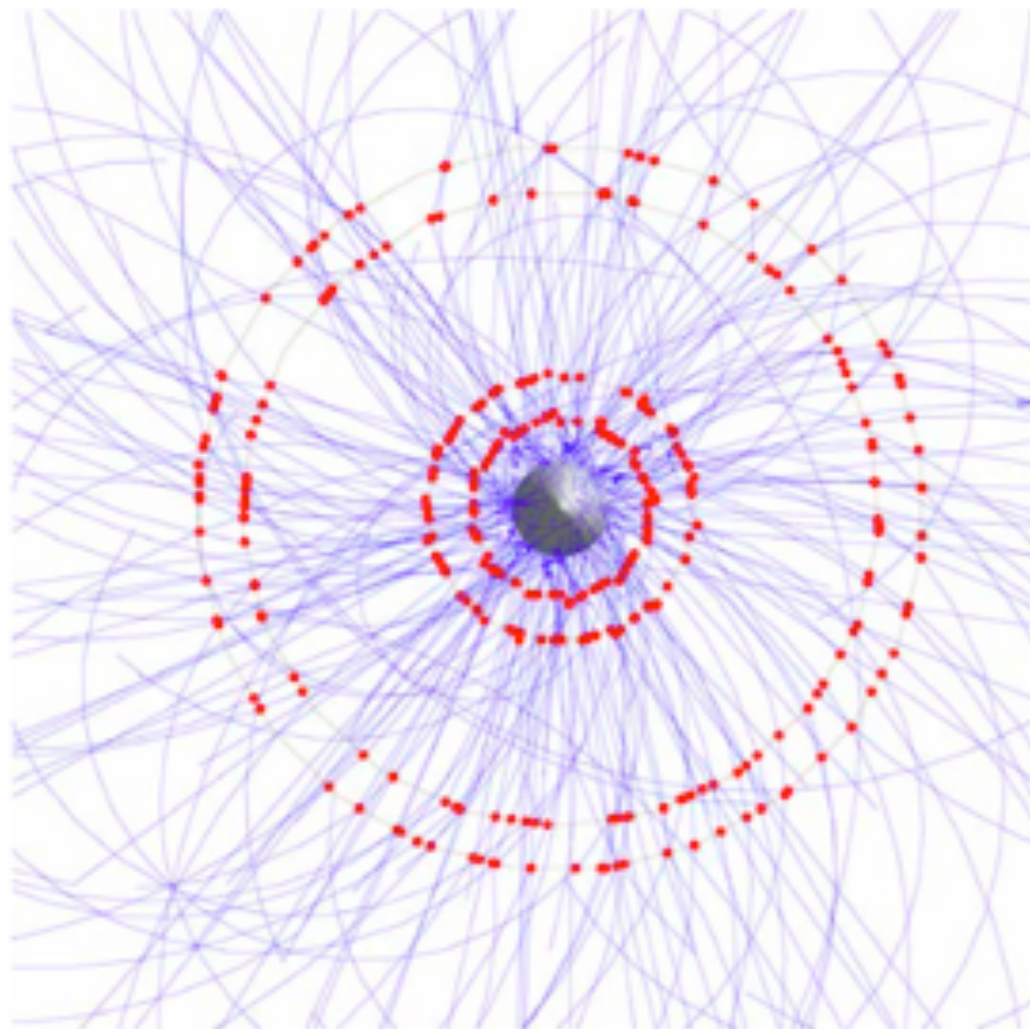
- Precise timing measurement: Critical to reduce the accidental BGs
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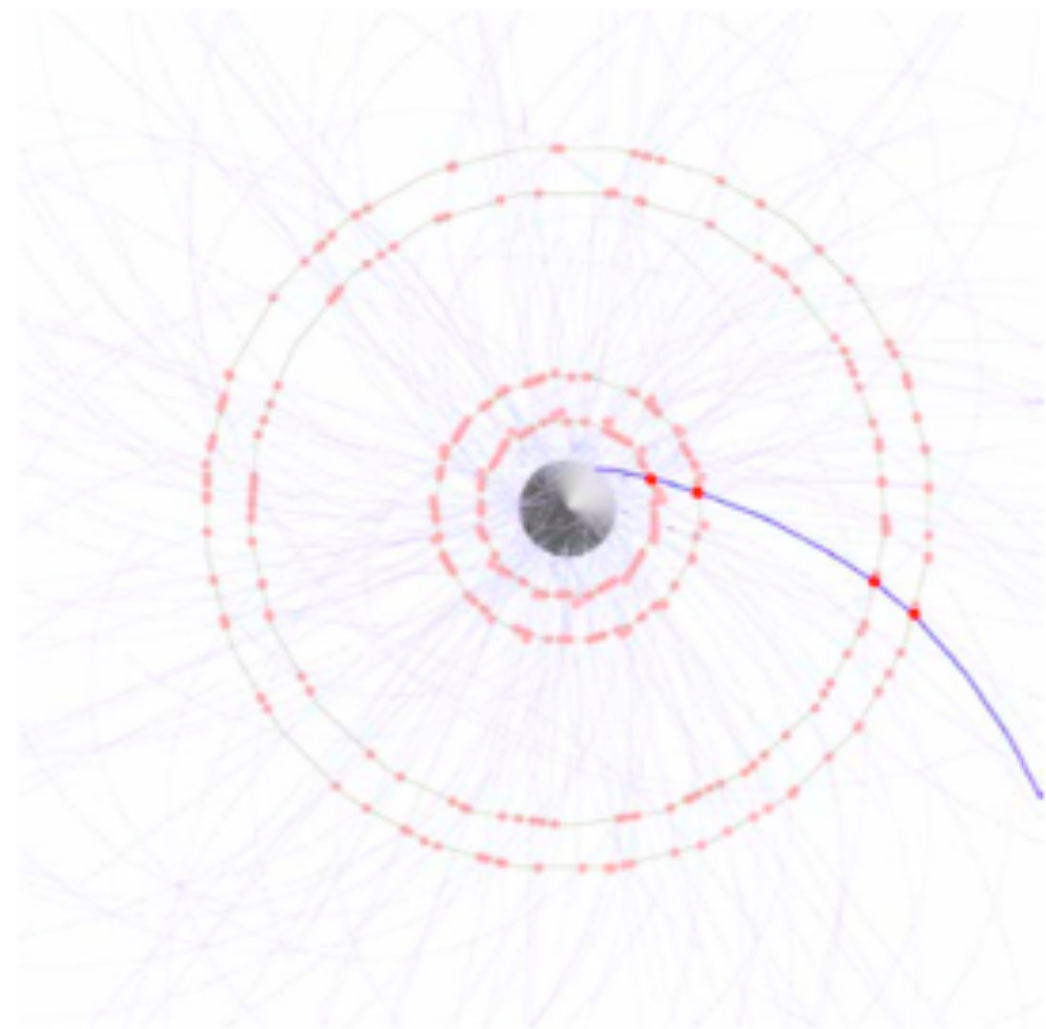


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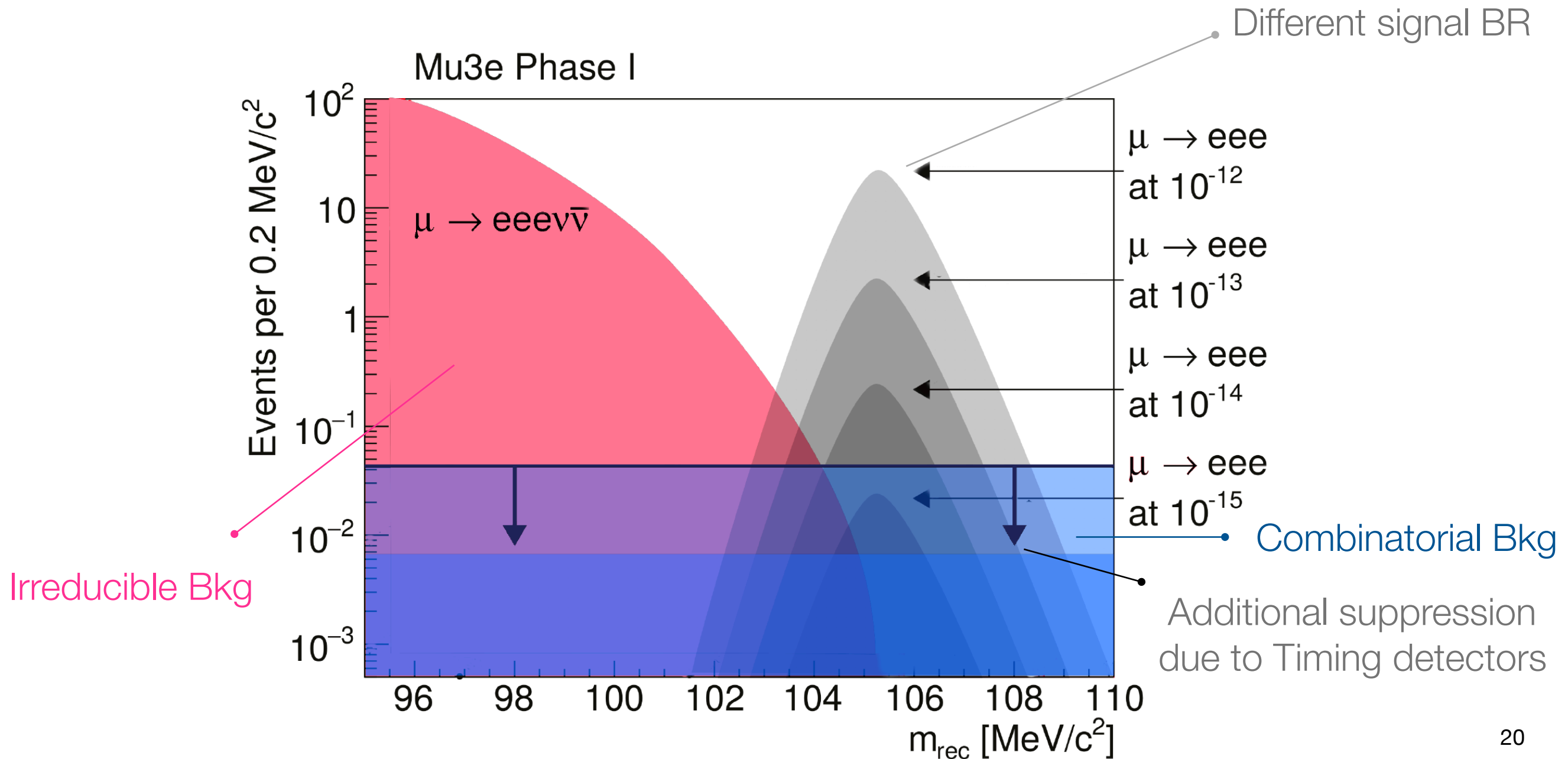
Pixels:  $O(50 \text{ ns})$



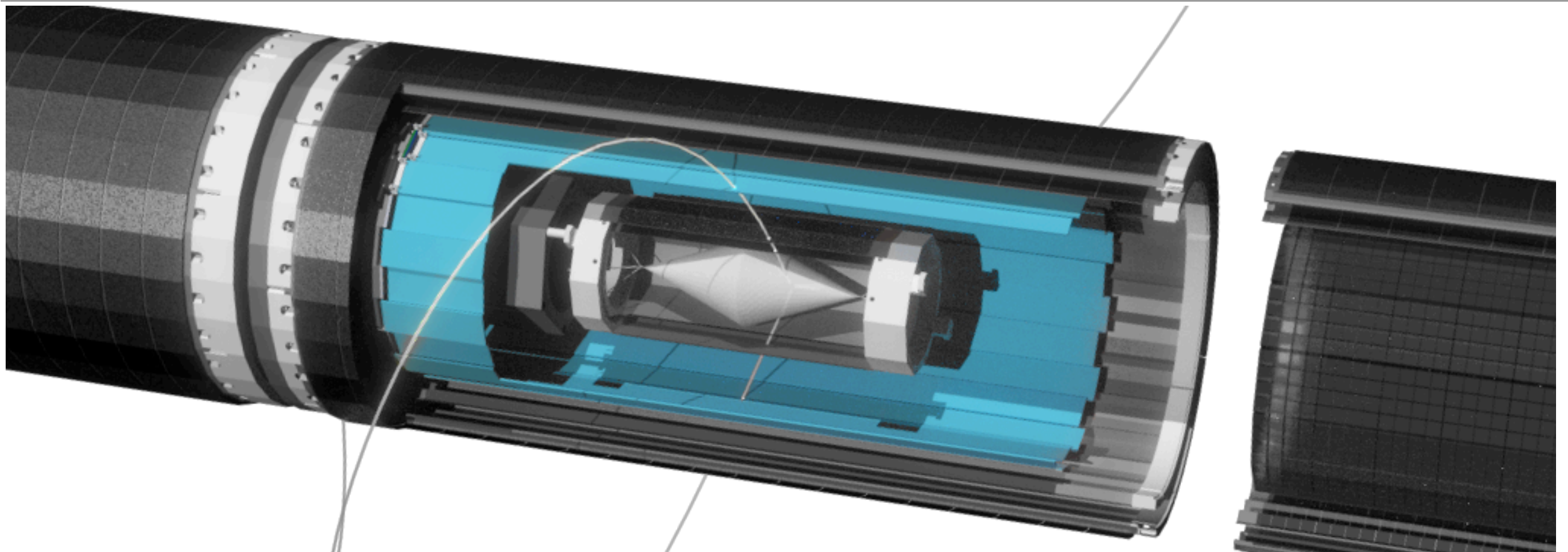
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# The Fiber detector (SciFi): Overview



## Parts

- cylindrical at  $\sim 6$  cm (radius);
- length of 28-30 cm;
- 3 layers of round or square
- multi-clad  $250\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  fibres
- fibres grouped onto SiPM array
- MuSTiC readout

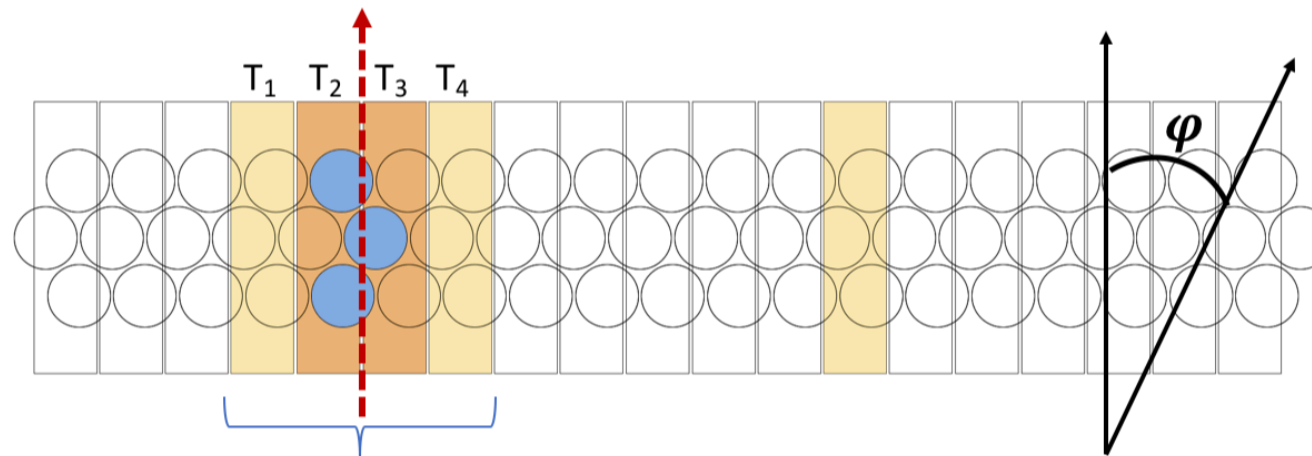
## Constraints

- high detection efficiency  $\varepsilon > 95\%$
- time resolution  $\sigma < 1$  ns
- $< 900\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  total thickness
- $< 0.4\%$   $X_0$
- rate up to 250 KHz/fibre
- very tight space for cables, electronics and cooling

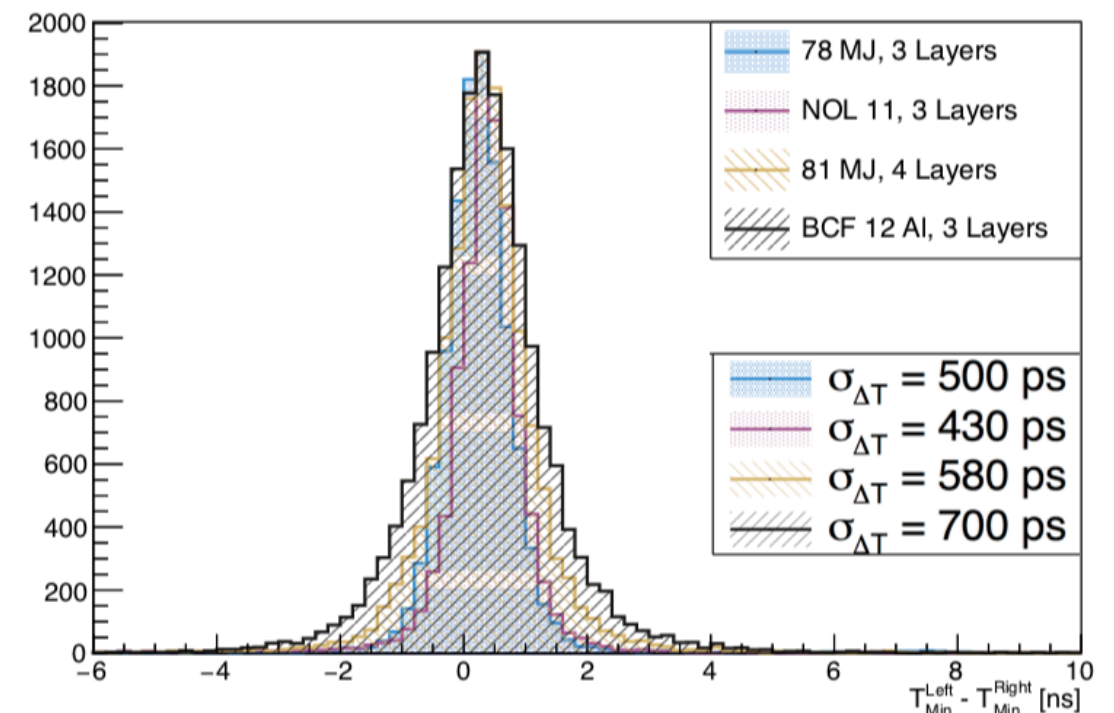
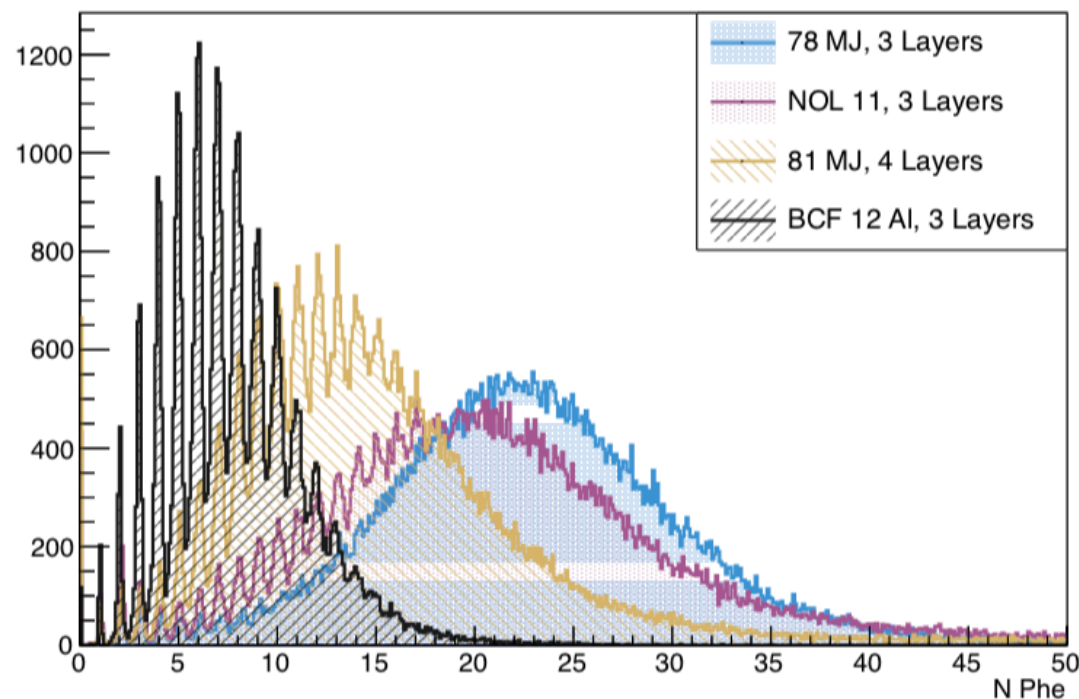


# SciFi prototypes: Results

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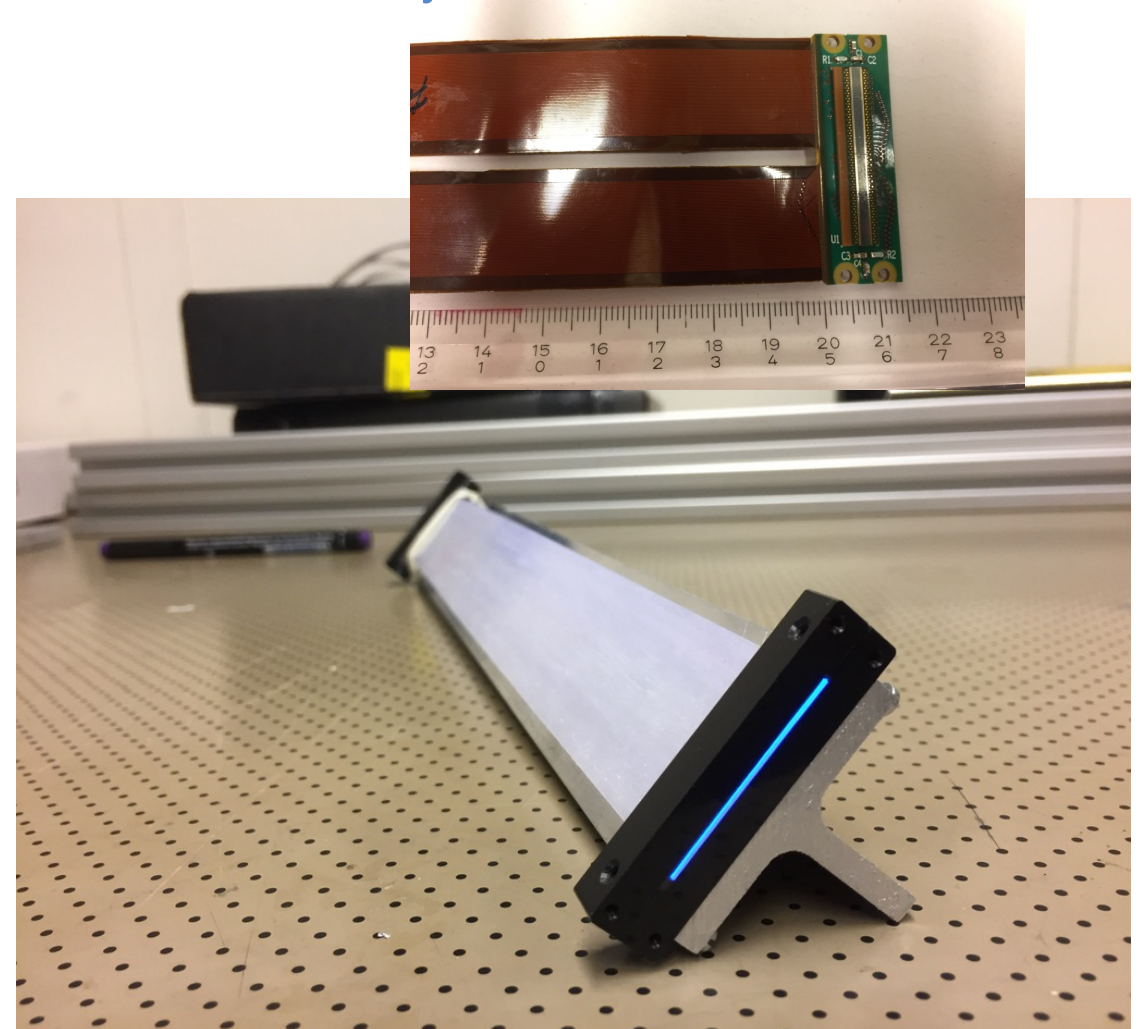
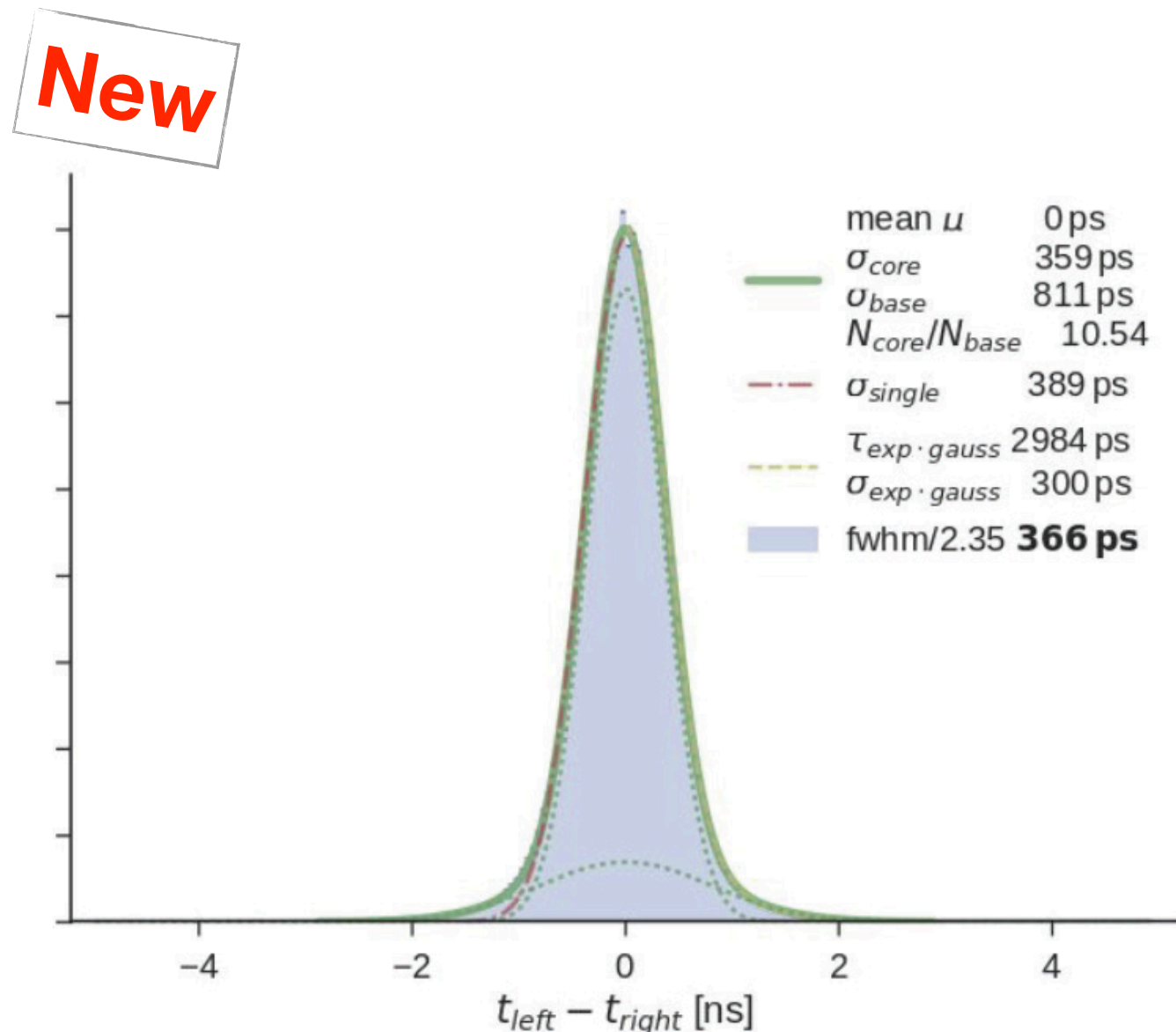




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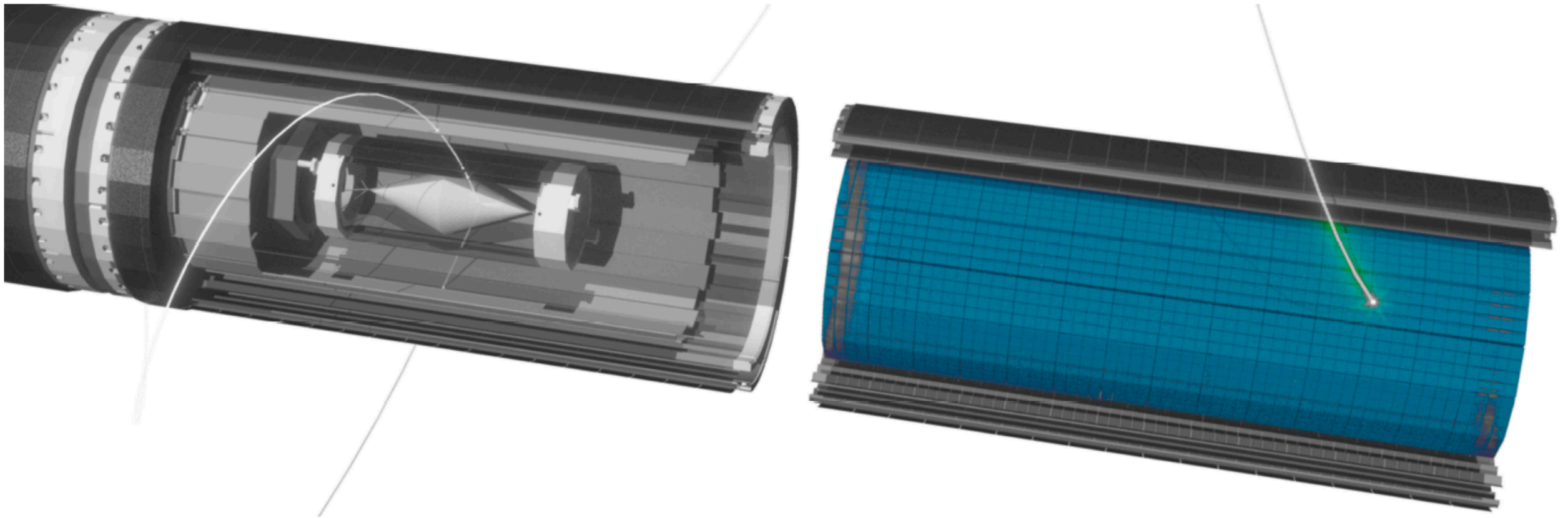
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SiPM Array: Hamamatsu S13552-HQR



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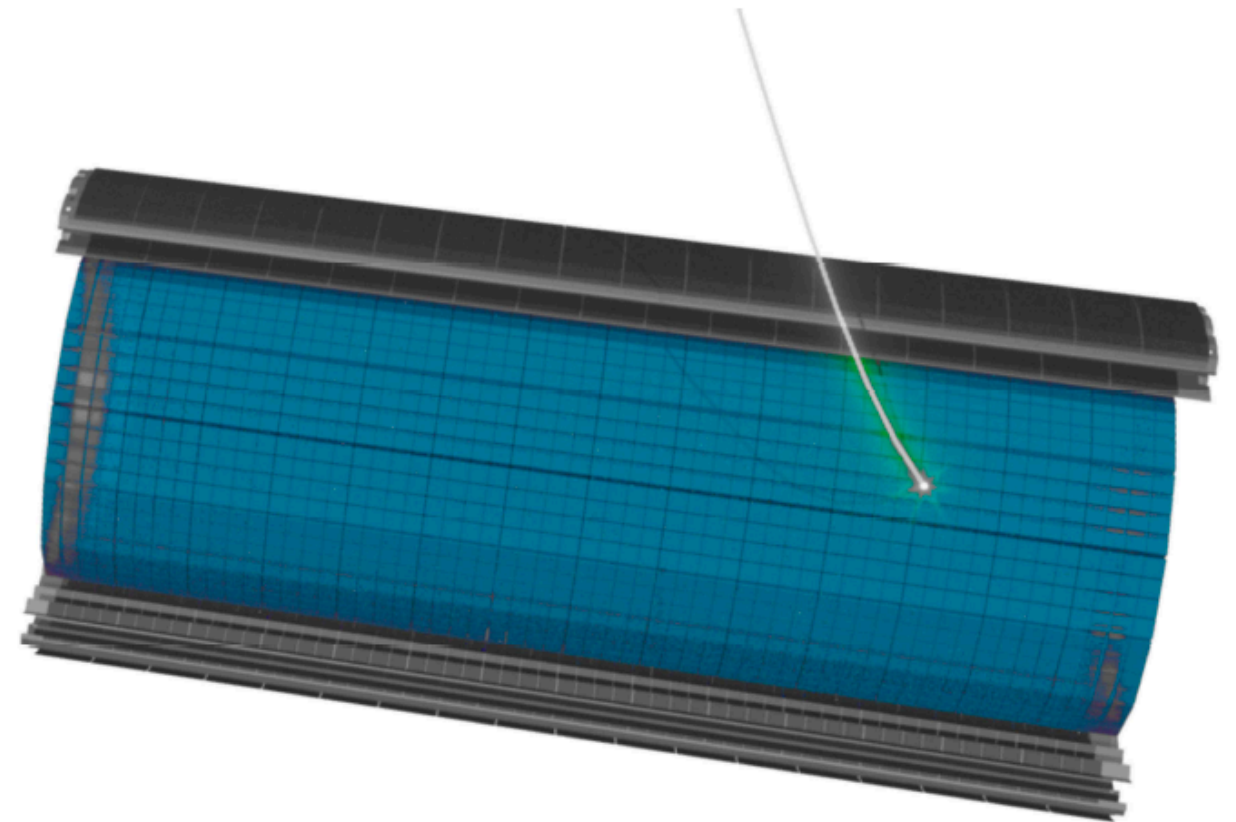
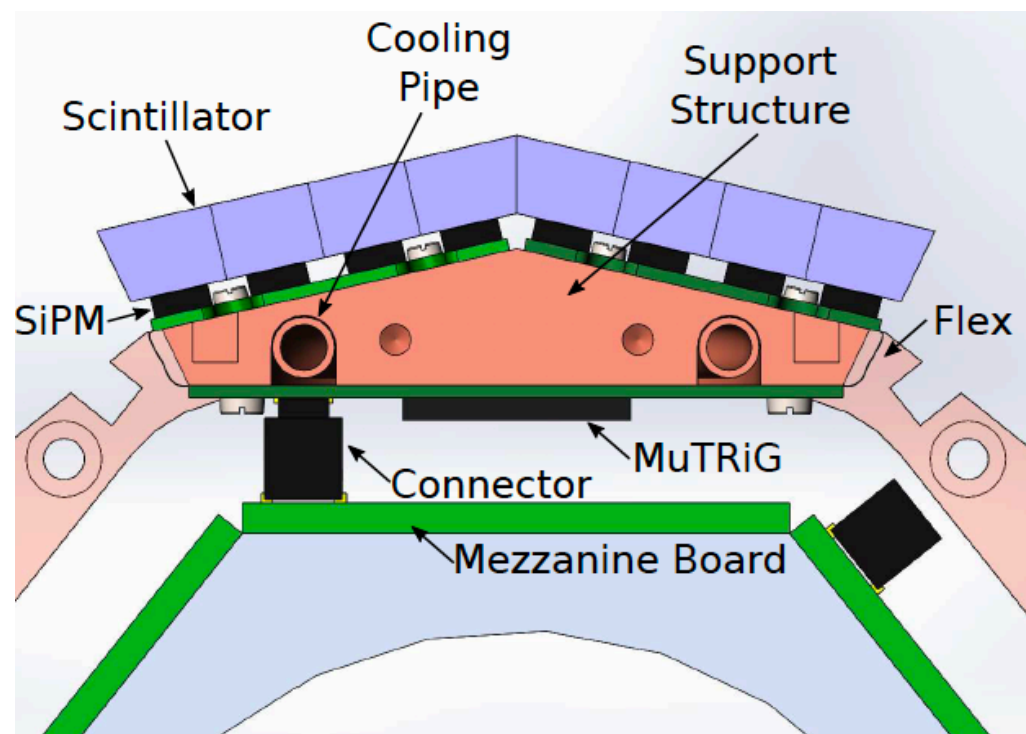
## Parts

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- length of 36.4 cm
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- 3 x 3 mm<sup>2</sup> single SiPM per tile
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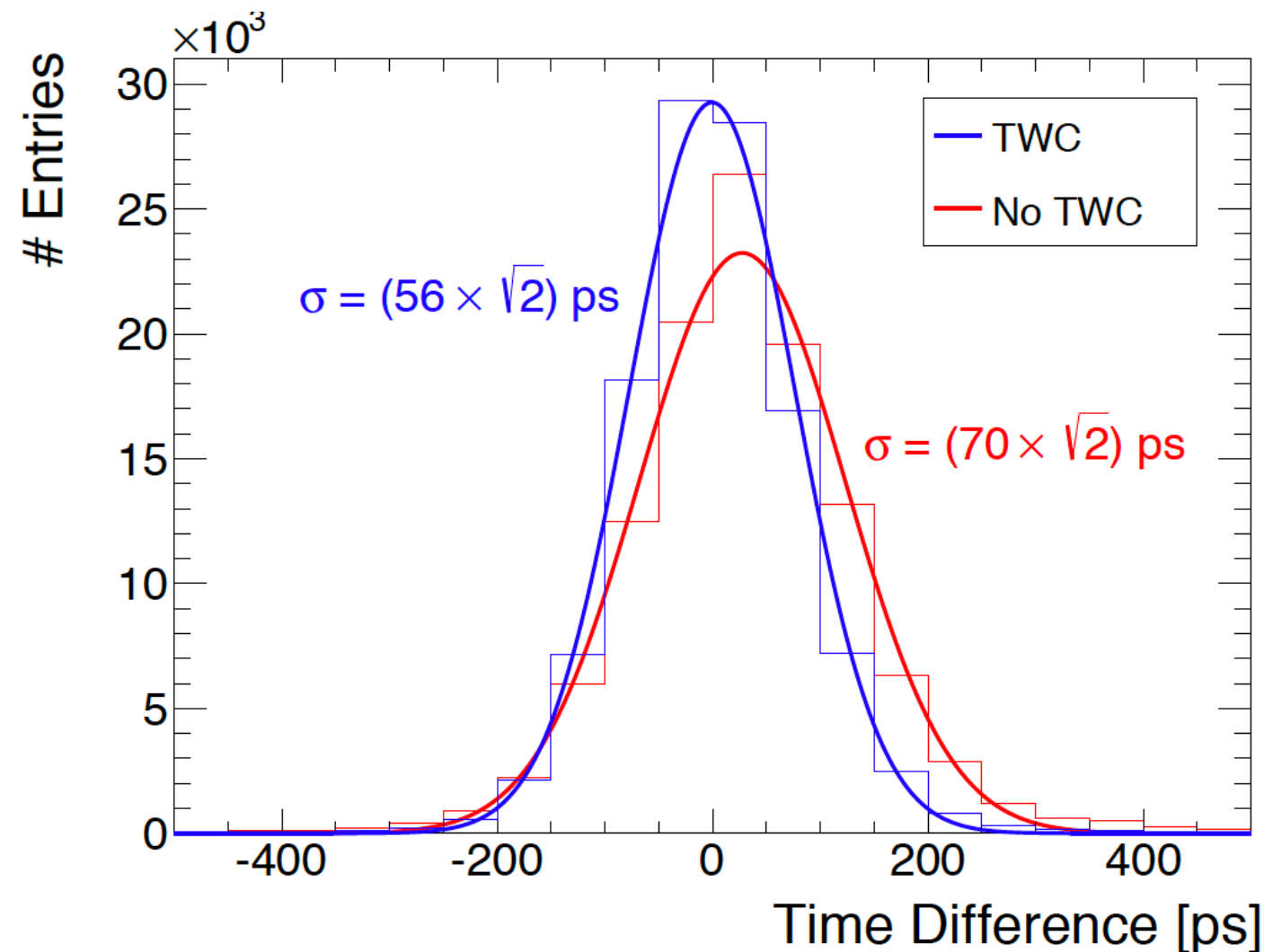
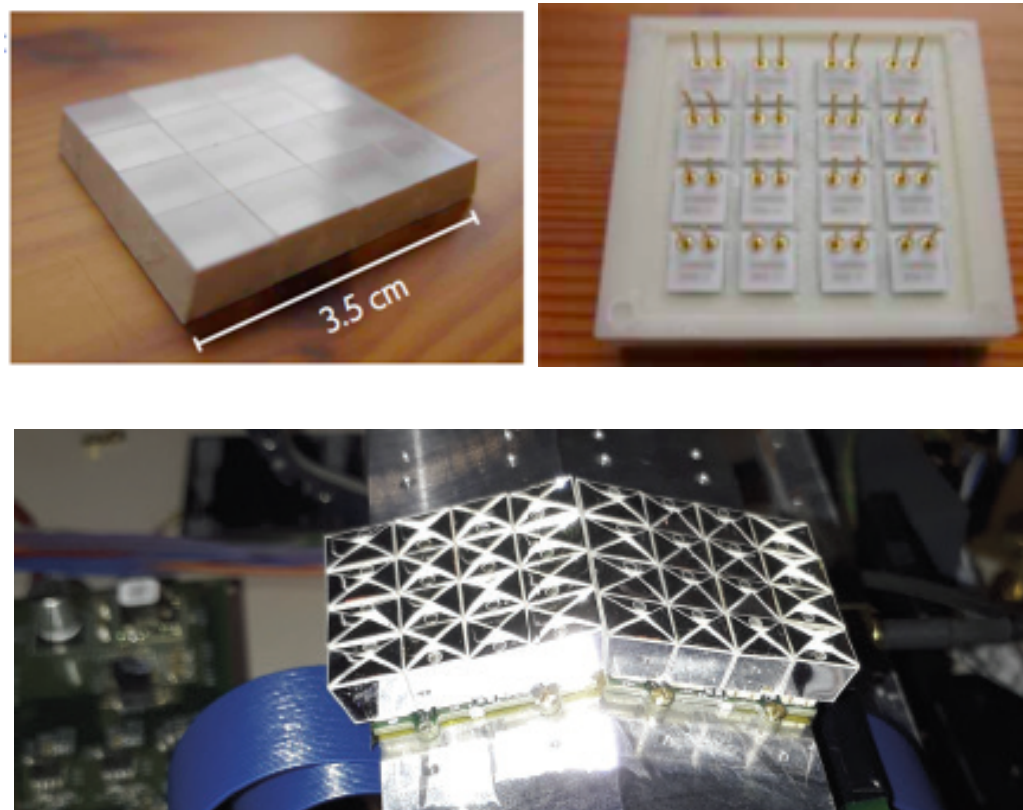
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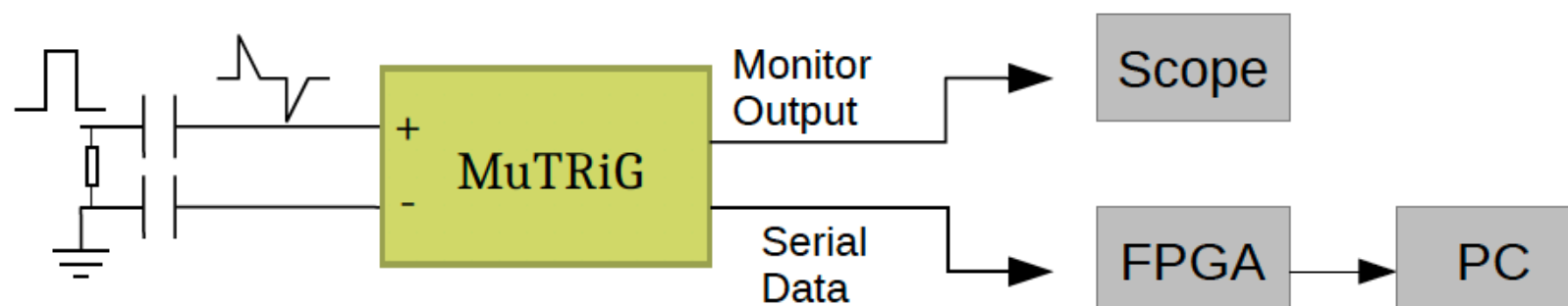
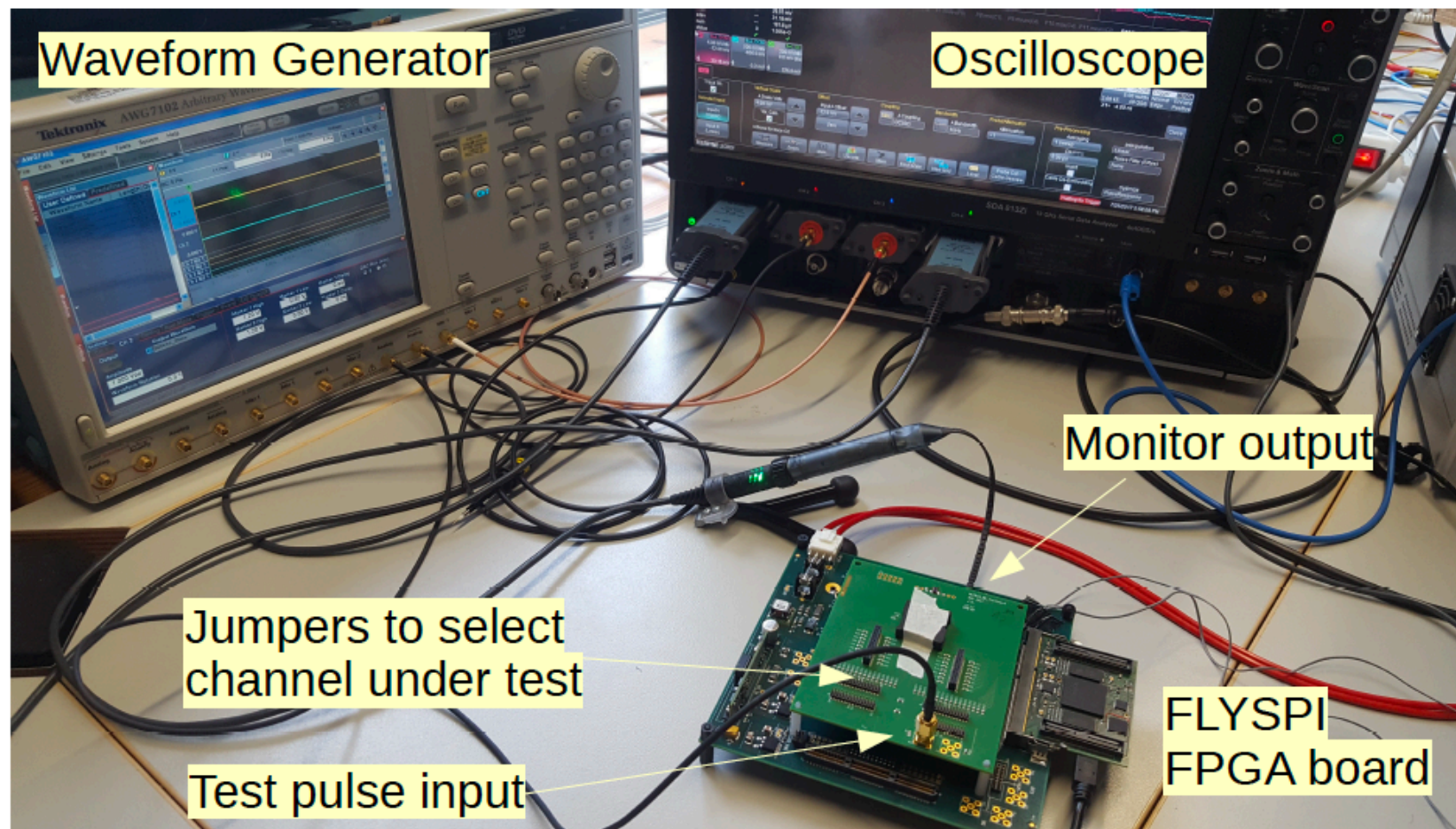
- Mu3e requirements fulfilled: Full detection efficiency ( > 99 %) and timing resolution  $\mathcal{O}(60)$  ps
- 4 x 4 channel BC408
- $7.5 \times 8.5 \times 5.0 \text{ mm}^3$
- Hamamatsu S10362-33-050C ( $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$ )
- readout with STiC2



# MuTRiG

- Mixed mode,  $\sim 50$  ps timestamps, high impedance, optional differential
- Commissioning started!

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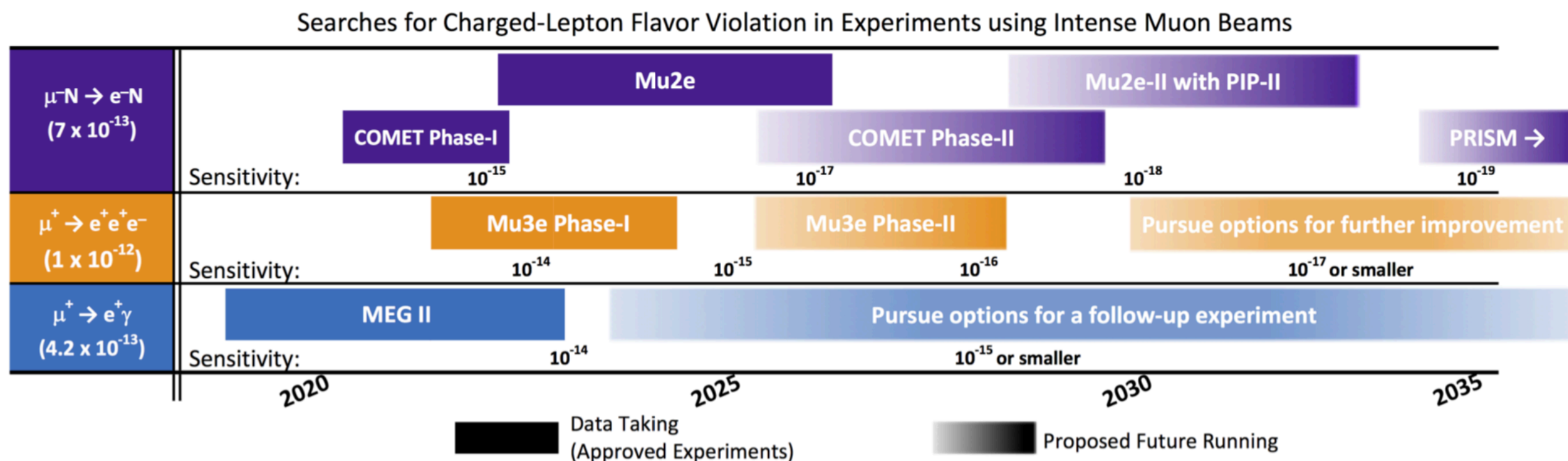
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- The Mu3e experiment **is completely based on new detector technologies** and strongly connected with new beam line projects (**HiMB** at PSI aiming at  $10^9$  muon/s) for a final sensitivity **down to few  $\times 10^{-16}$**
- The R&D phase for all sub-detectors and beam line has been concluded proving that the expected detector performances can be achieved. Construction and characterisation of all sub-detector prototype are extensively ongoing
- Pre- and full- engineering runs are expected for 2020-21 followed by data acquisition

# Final remarks

- Astonishing sensitivities in muon cLFV channels are foreseen for the incoming future
- **cLFV remains one of the most exciting place where to search for new physics**
- Submitted inputs to the European Strategy Committee



Thanks for your attention!