

Microwave spectroscopy of the hyperfine structure in muonium:
zero-field results and high-field preparation

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Muonium HFS

Most stringent test of bound-state QED

- Theoretical prediction $\Delta_{\text{HFS}} = 4.463\,302\,872(511)(70)(2)$ GHz ^[1]

$$\Delta_{\text{HFS}} = \frac{16}{3}hcR_{\infty}Z^3\alpha^2\frac{m_e}{m_{\mu}}\left(1 + \frac{m_e}{m_{\mu}}\right)^{-3} + \Delta_{\text{QED}} + \Delta_{\text{QCD}} + \Delta_{\text{EW}}$$

m_{μ}/m_e th. α

237 Hz 65 Hz

- Experimental result $\Delta_{\text{HFS}} = 4.463\,302\,776(51)$ GHz (11 ppb) ^[2]

$$m_{\mu}/m_e = 206.768277(24) \quad (116 \text{ ppb})$$

- The precision of theoretical calculation is limited by the measurement of muon mass, which can be independently obtained with the spectroscopy of muonium 1S-2S.
- We have stimulated updates on theoretical predictions ^[1,3] and phenomenological studies. **Our goal is to improve the precision by a factor of 10.**

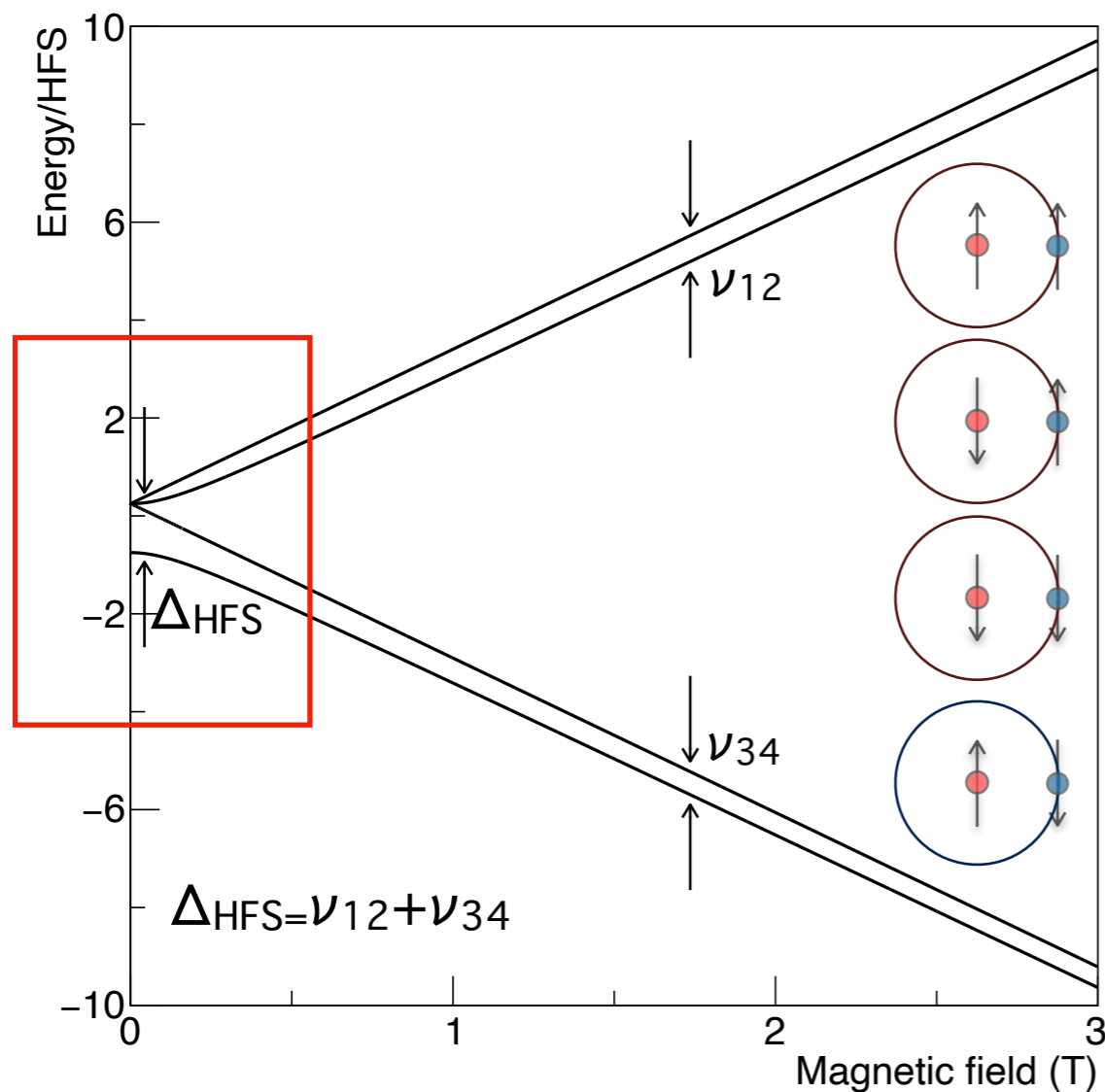
Latest theory papers : [1] M.I. Eides, Phys. Lett. B 795, 113(2019).

[3] S. G. Karshenboim and E. Y. Korzinin, Phys. Rev. A 103, 022805 (2021).

World record experiment : [2] W. Liu et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 82 711 (1999).

High- and Zero-field Experiments

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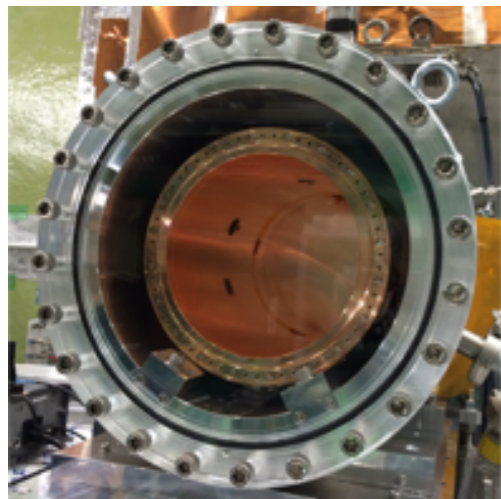
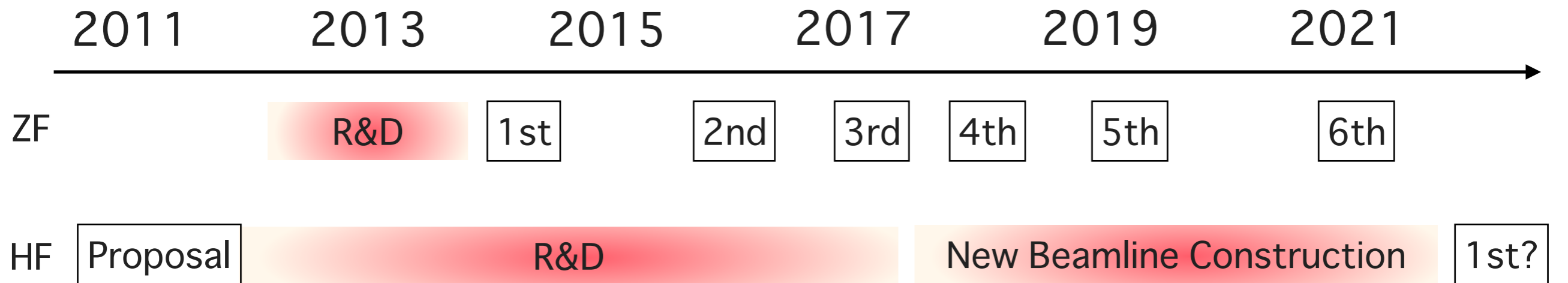


Energy levels of muonium
in a magnetic field.

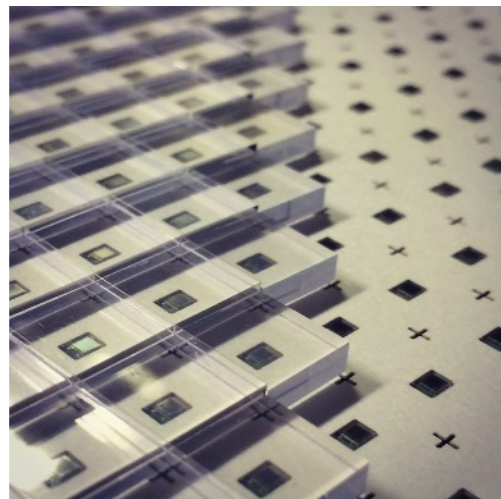
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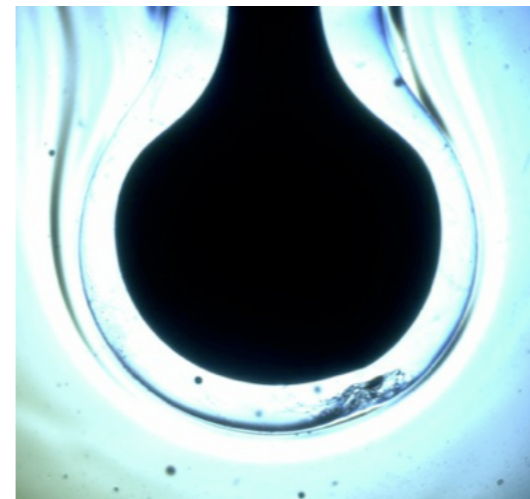
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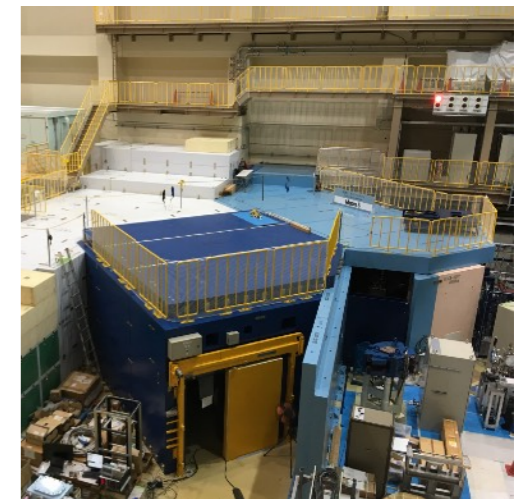
Detector



Magnet



Field probe

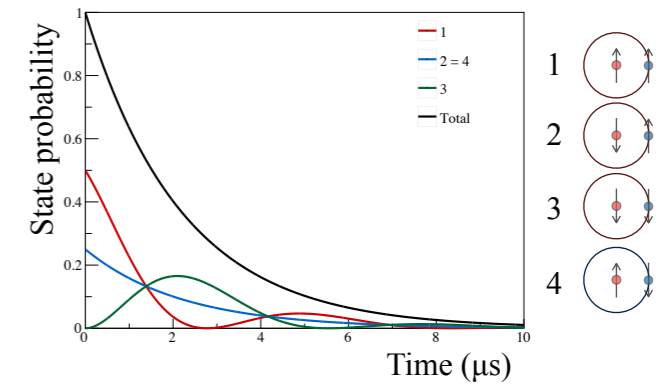
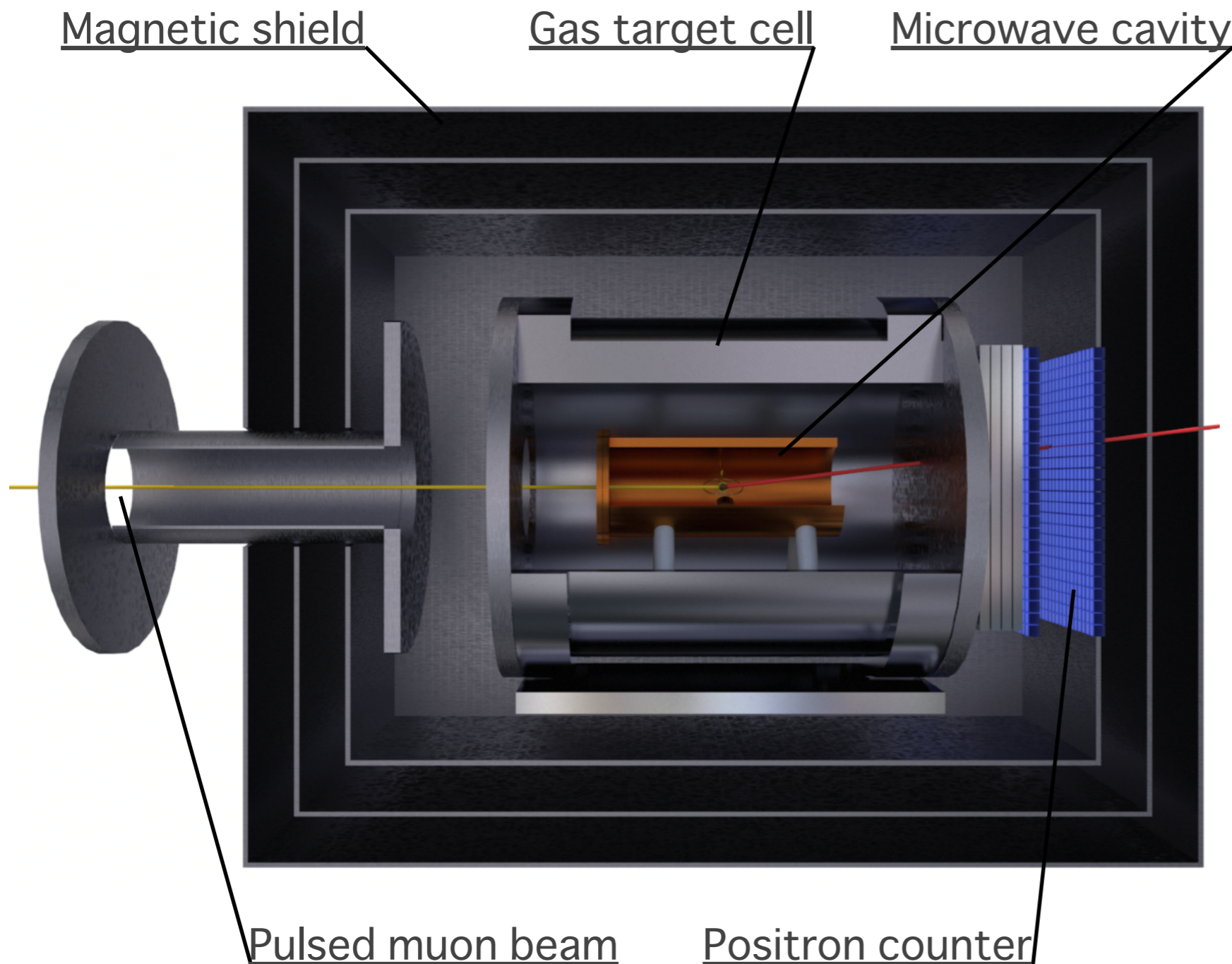


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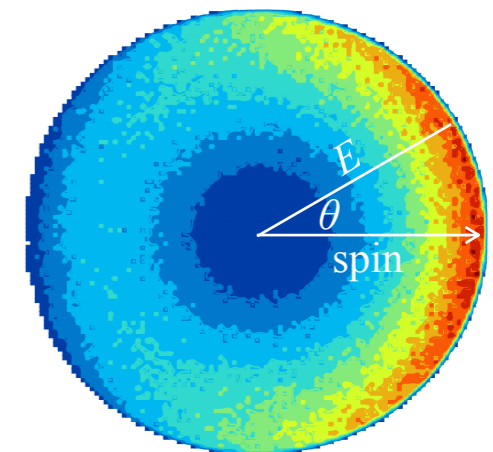
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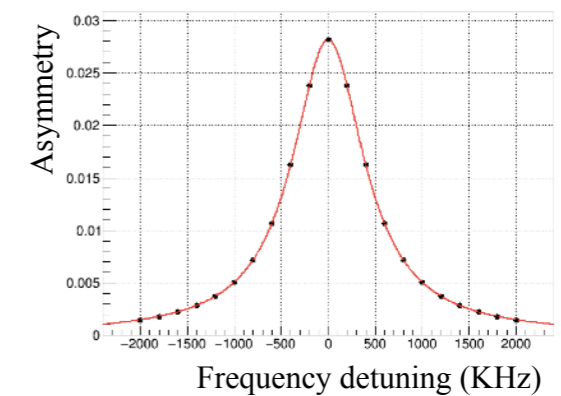
Experimental setup for a zero-field measurement



State transition



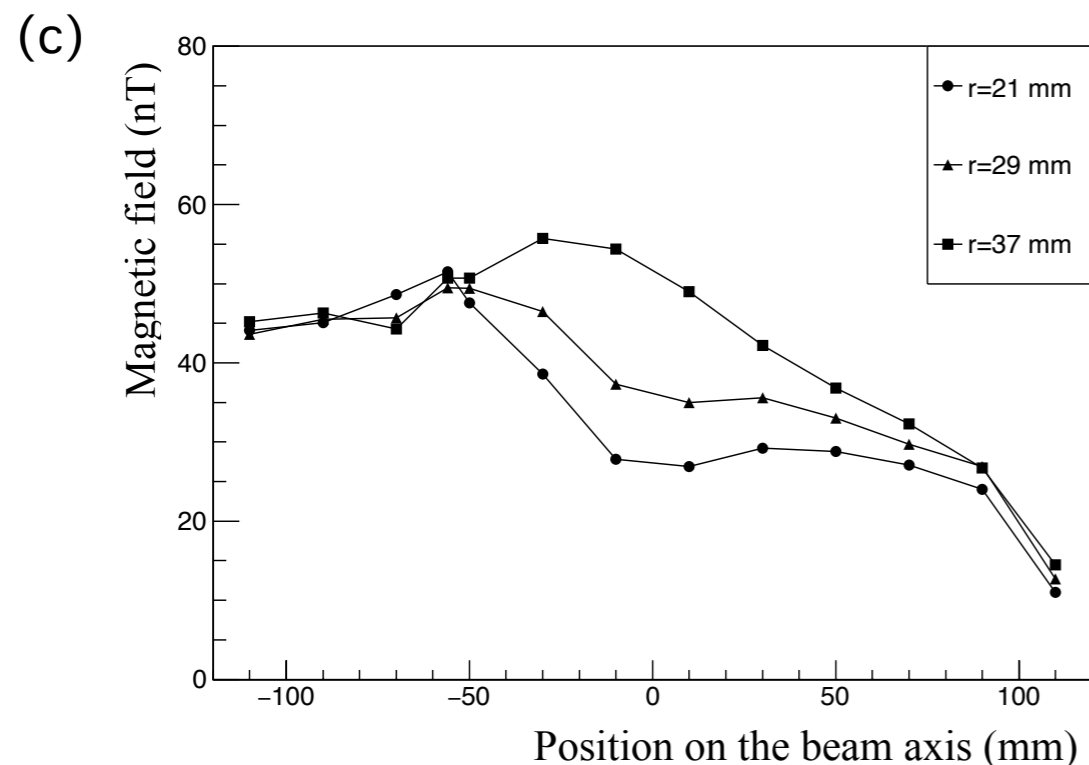
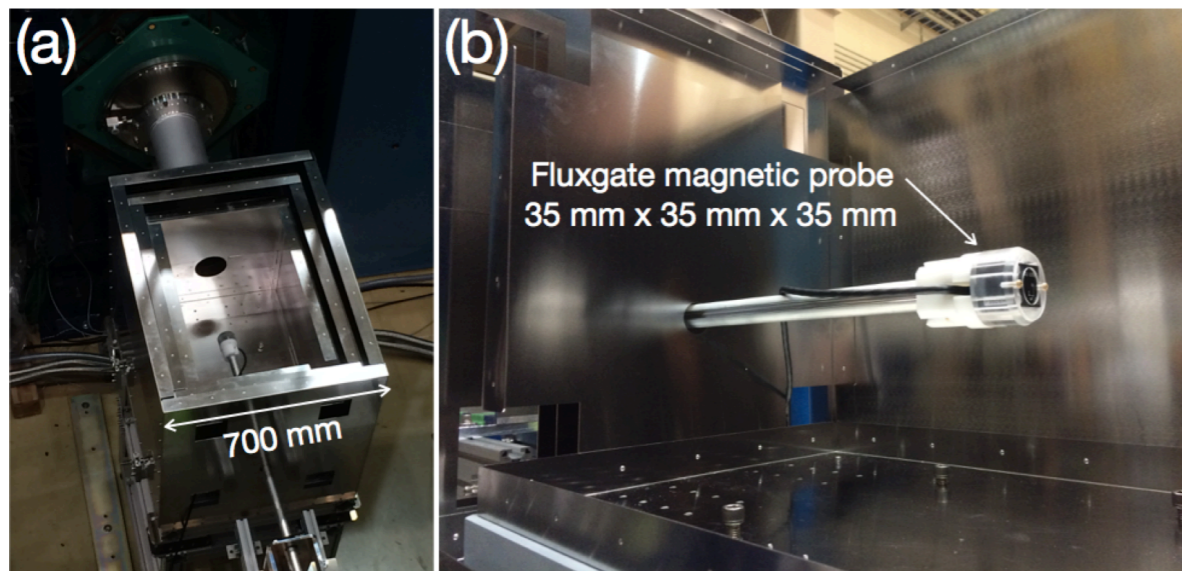
Muon decay asymmetry



Resonance curve

Magnetic Shield

For suppression of the stray field and geomagnetism



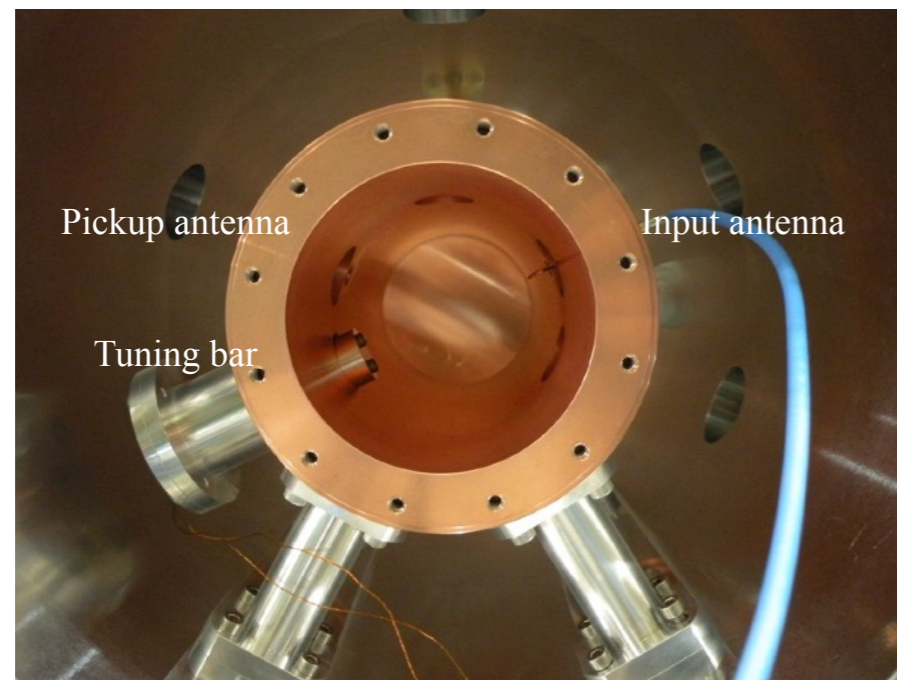
- A precise controlled near-zero field was achieved by three-layers of permalloy shield.
- (a, b) Magnetic shield and fluxgate probe for field measurement [1].
- (c) Magnetic field inside the shield [2].
- The stray field was reduced by a factor of 1700 (from 100 μT to 60 nT).

[1] S. Kanda, RIKEN Accelerator Progress Report Vol. 49 (2017) 227. [2] publication is in preparation.

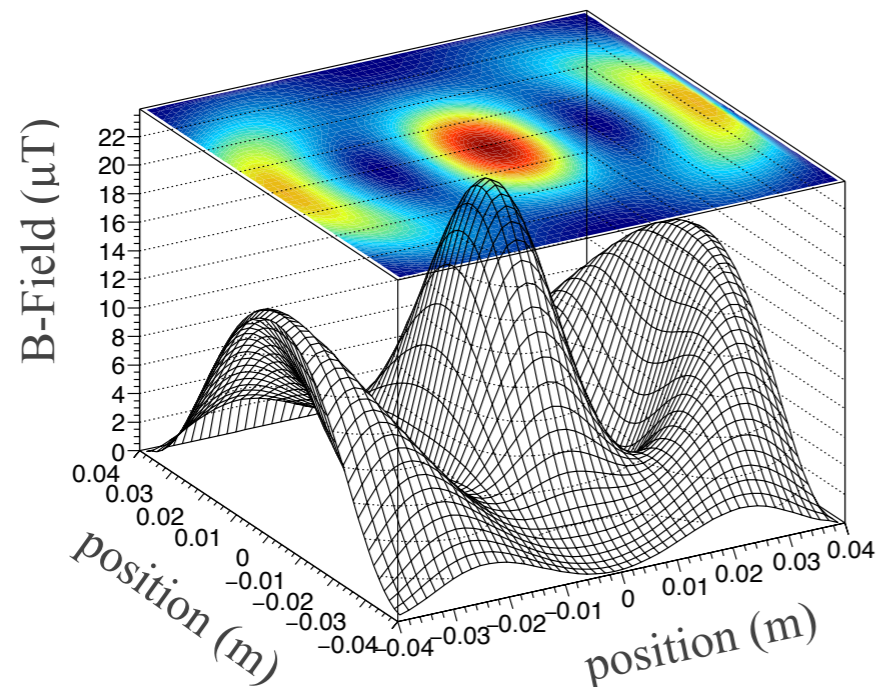
Microwave Cavity

For zero-field experiments

(a)



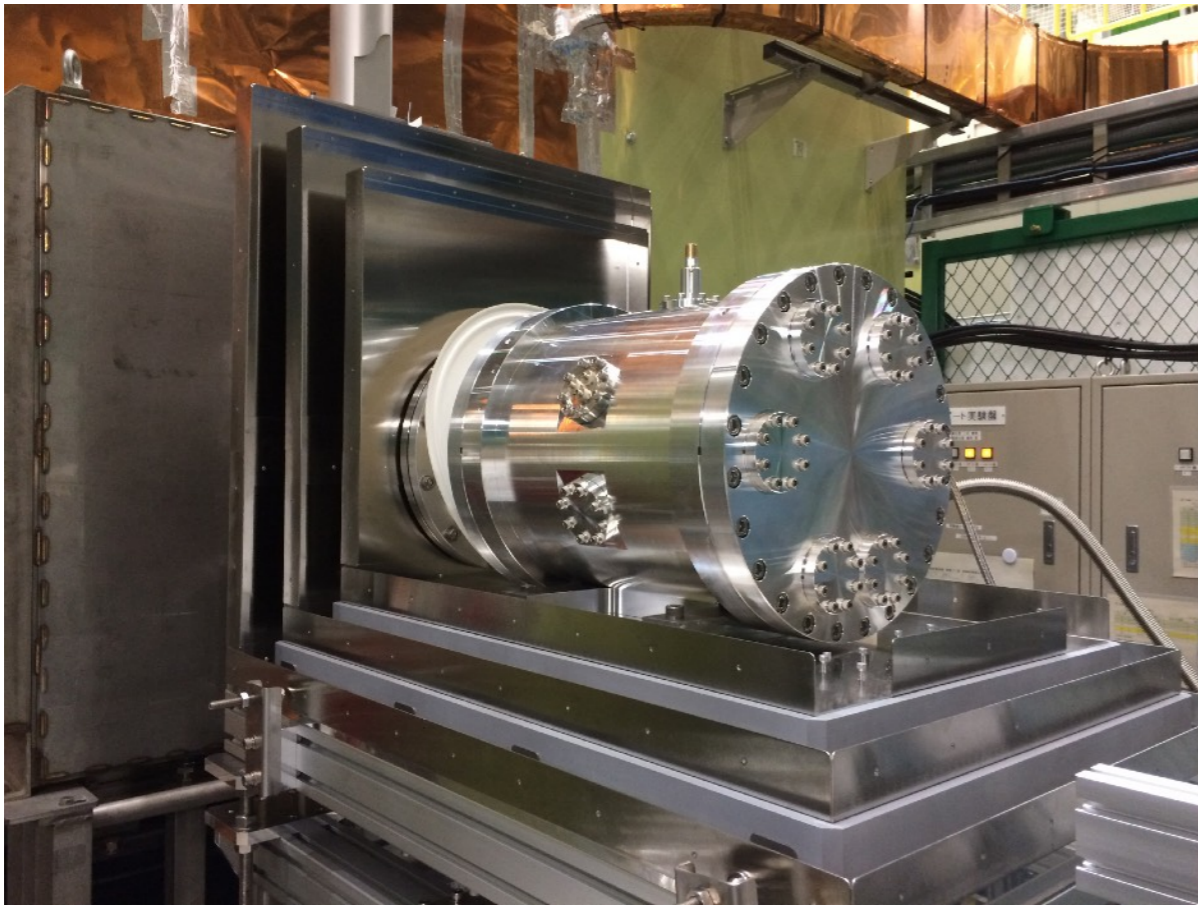
(b)



- A cylindrical cavity made of copper with an inner diameter of 81.8 mm.
- An inner axial length of the cavity was 230 mm so that muons could be sufficiently stopped in the gas target.
- The microwave resonated in TM_{110} mode with a quality factor of 5000 at 4463.302 MHz.
- (a) Photo of the cavity viewed from downstream.
- (b) Calculated microwave field map.

Gas Target

Low-density gas for muonium production

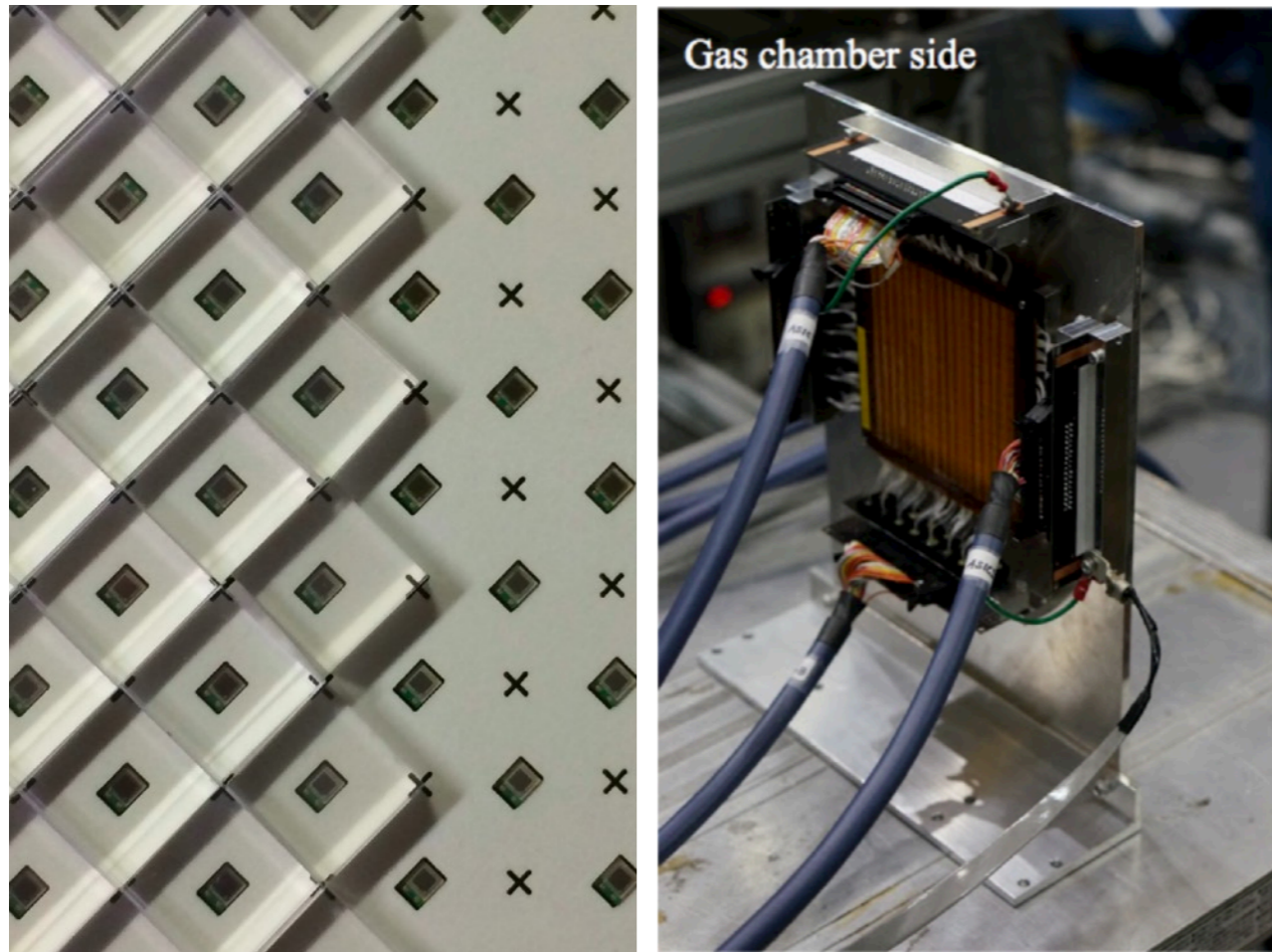


- Krypton is an ideal target in terms of ionization energies.
- A cylindrical aluminum vessel with almost no magnetism.
- Efficient muon stopping with a low-density of 0.3 atm.
- Semi-online measurement of impurity using a Q-Mass.
- Precise gas density monitoring with 0.02% accuracy.
- Modification for higher pressure (up to 4 atm) was done.

- S. Seo, H. Yamauchi (U. Tokyo), Y. Ueno (RIKEN), K.S. Tanaka (Tohoku U.), N. Kurosawa, P. Strasser (KEK).
- K. S. Tanaka, “Measurement of muonium hyperfine structure at J-PARC”, Ph.D Thesis, U. Tokyo (2016).

Particle Detectors

Positron counter and muon beam profile monitors

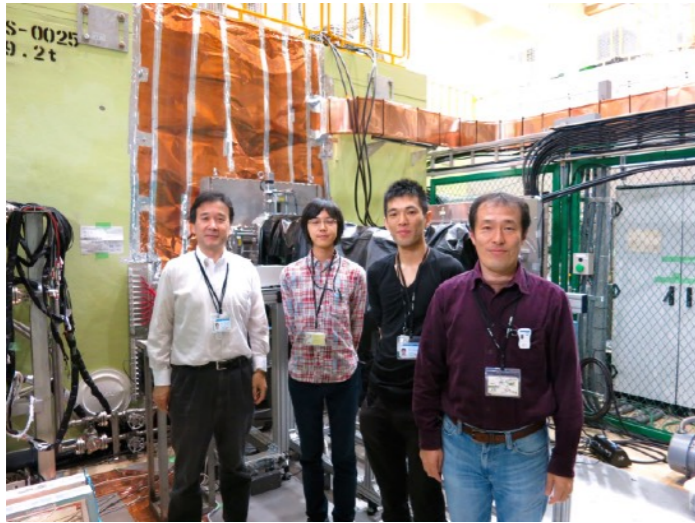


- S. Kanda, et al., PoS(PhotoDet16)039 (2016).
- S. Kanda, RIKEN APR 48, 278 (2016).
- S. Kanda et al., KEK-MSL Prog. Rep., 2014A0201(2014).

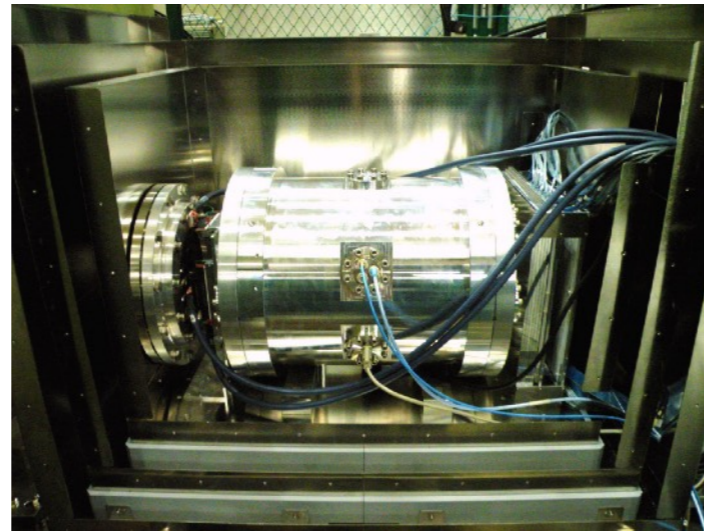
- High-rate capable, segmented scintillation counter with SiPM readout for positron detection.
- Extremely thin fiber hodoscope having a thickness of $300 \mu\text{m}$ for muon beam monitoring.
- Three-dimensional reconstruction of muon stopping distribution using a CCD-based imager.

Zero-Field Highlights (2014-16)

Continuous efforts since the experimental proposal



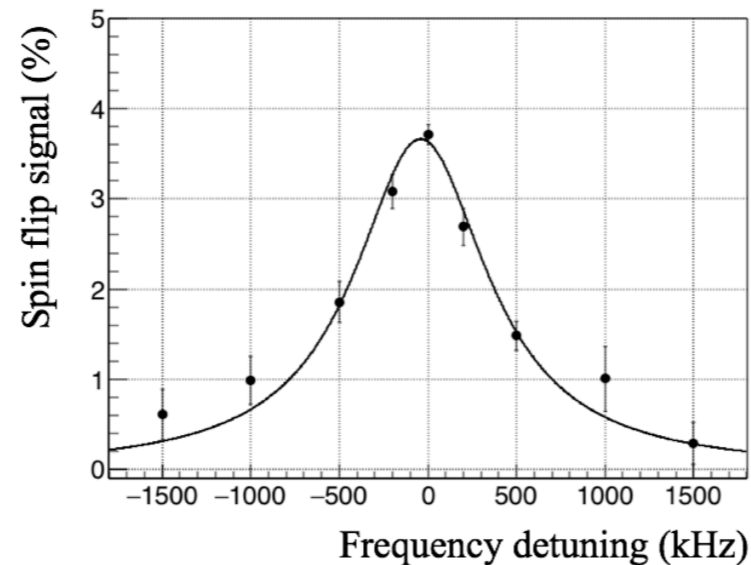
Experiment in 2014



Experimental setup at
J-PARC MLF MUSE D2 area



Experiment in 2016



First resonance result

- First trial in 2014.
 - No resonance was observed. Small signal, severe background.
- No beam delivery in 2015 due to the trouble with the mercury target.
- Second trial in 2016.
 - Improvements in the microwave system and suppression of beam-derived background events.
 - First observation of the muonium HFS resonance with a pulsed muon beam.
 - S. Kanda Ph.D Thesis, U. Tokyo (2017).
 - S. Kanda, Proc. of Science, PoS(INPC2016)170 (2017) 1-6.

Zero-Field Highlights (2017)

First Letter has been published in 2021

Based on the results obtained in the third experiment in 2017.

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New precise spectroscopy of the hyperfine structure in muonium with a high-intensity pulsed muon beam

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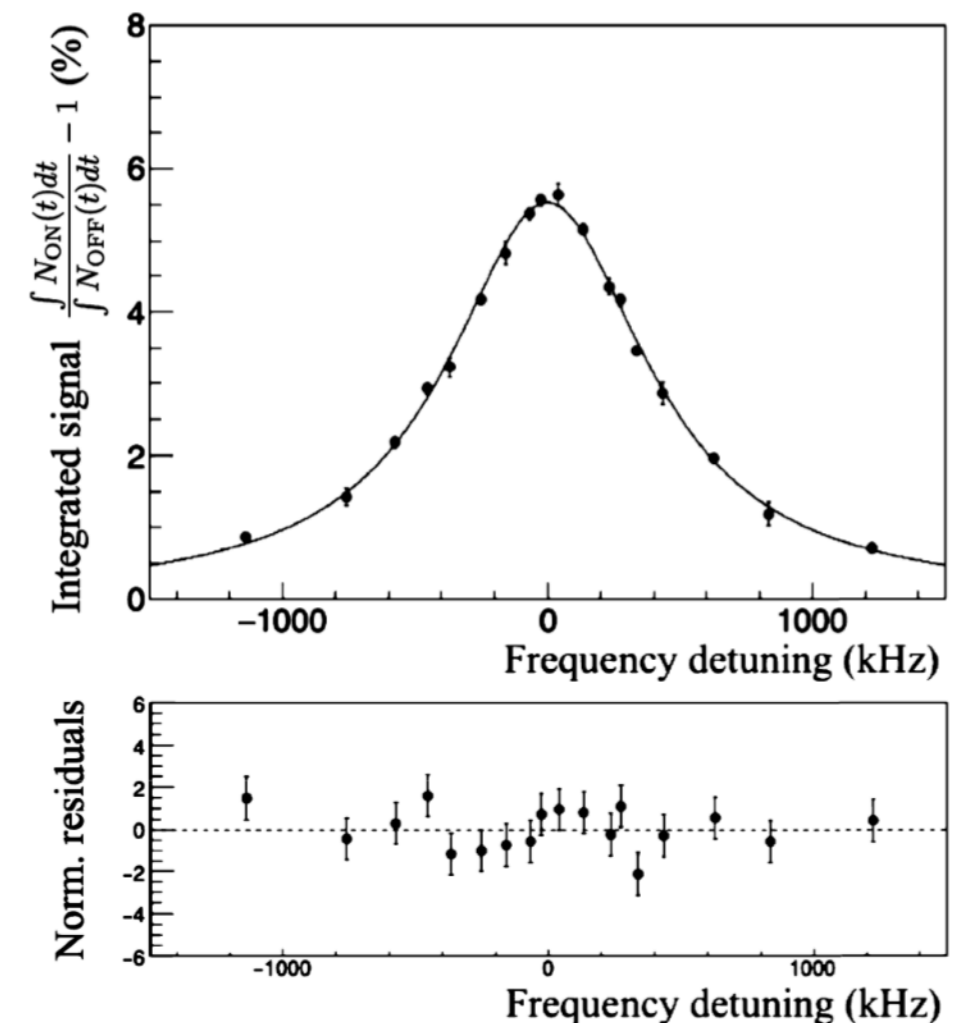
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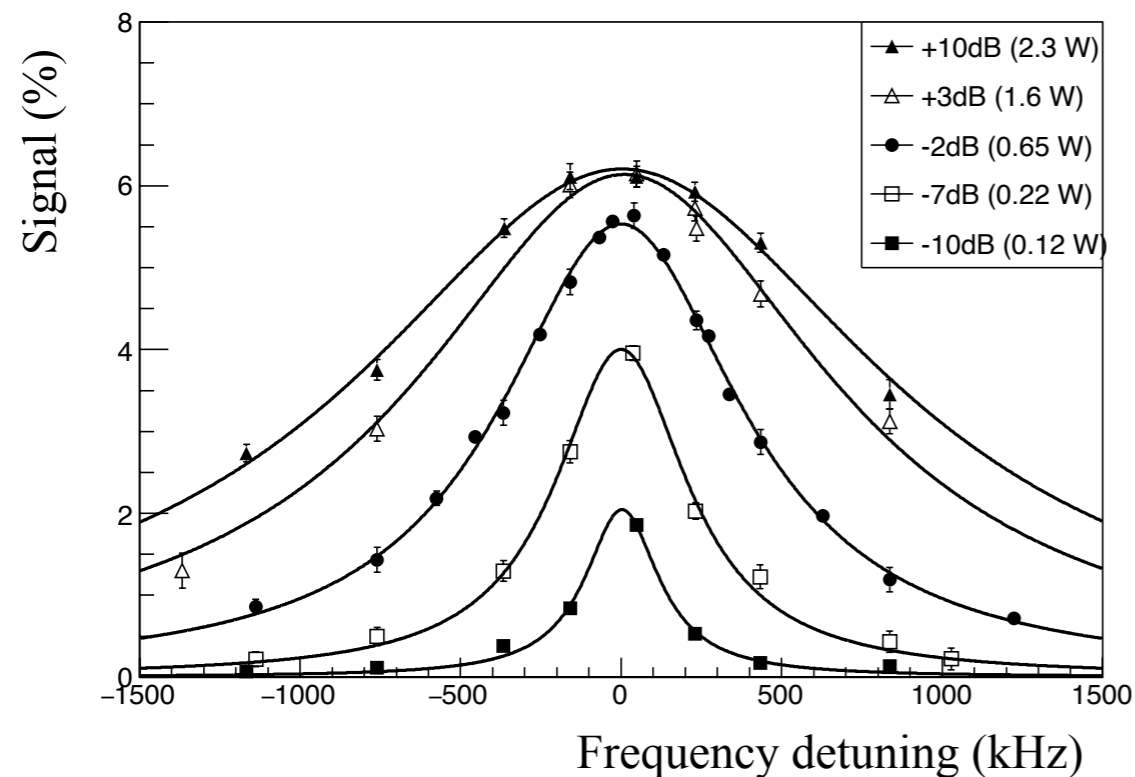


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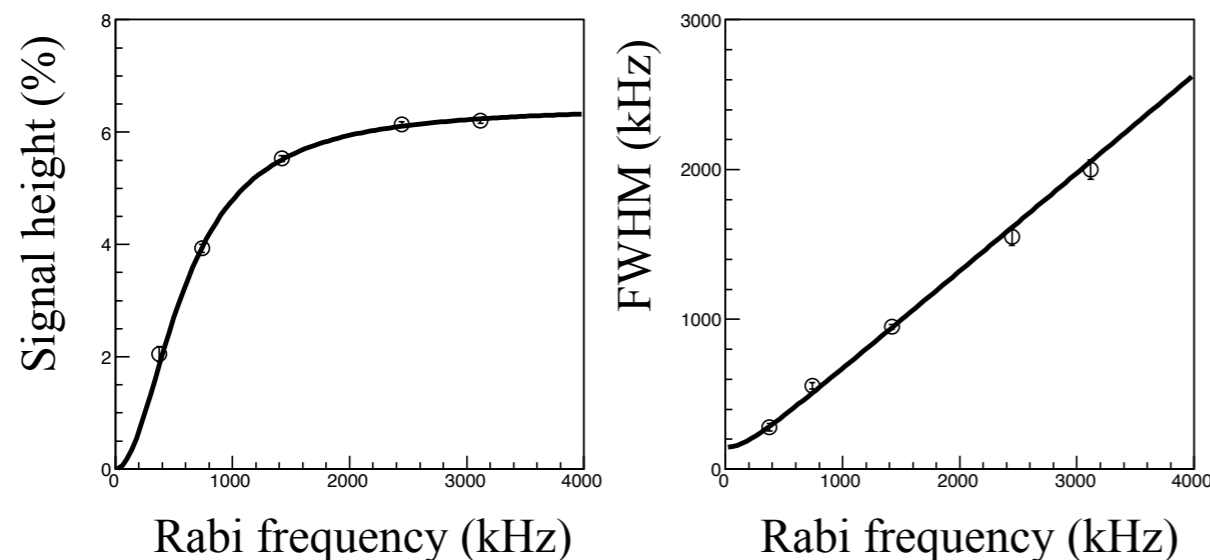
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Zero-Field Highlights (2017)

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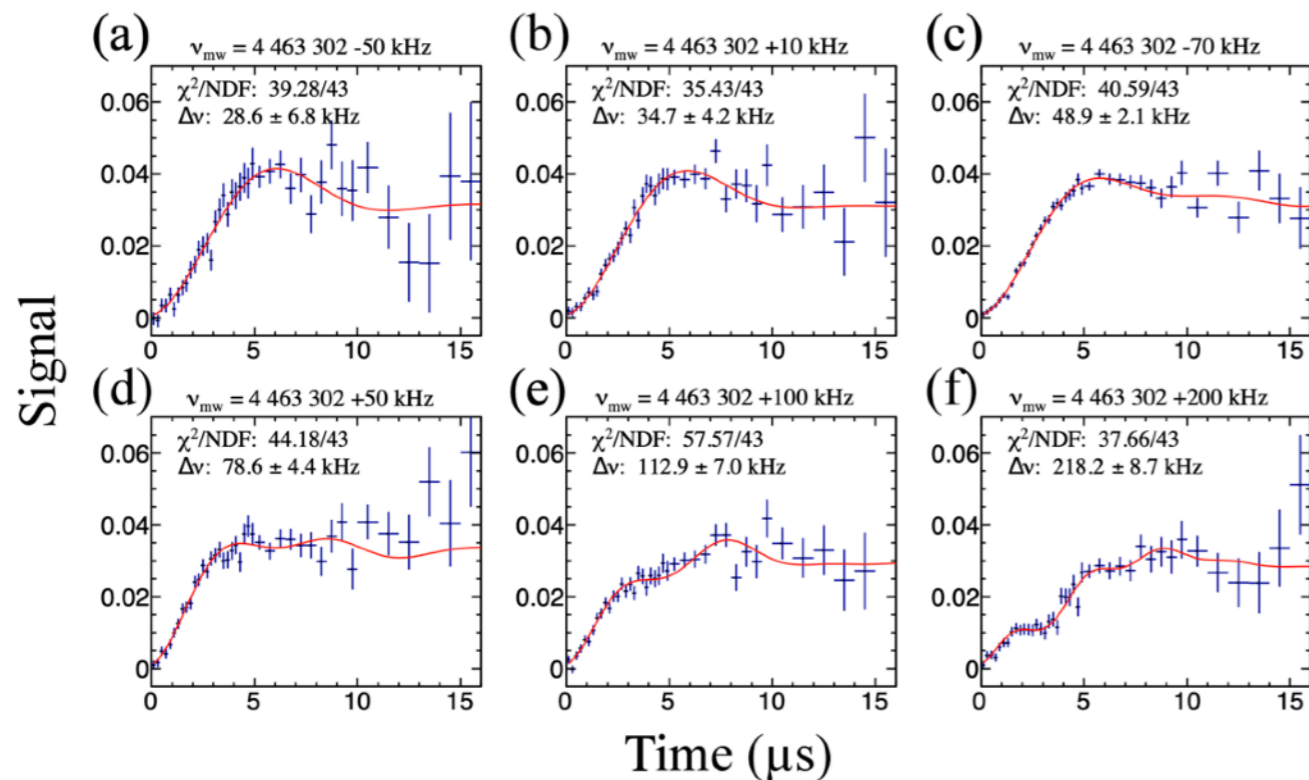
Microwave power dependence of the resonance



- Third experiment in 2017.
- Improvements in background suppression with a thick absorber to cut duct-streaming positrons.
- Microwave power dependence of the signal height and curve width was studied.
- The power was optimized in terms of resonance center determination.
- A full-paper is being prepared.

Zero-Field Highlights (2017)

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Fitting results for different microwave frequencies

Rabi-oscillation formula

$$f(t; A, |b|, \Delta\omega) = A \sum N_i \left(\frac{G_i^+}{\Gamma_i} \cos G_i^- t + \frac{G_i^-}{\Gamma_i} \cos G_i^+ t - 1 \right)$$

$$G_i^\pm = \frac{\Gamma_i \pm \Delta\omega}{2},$$

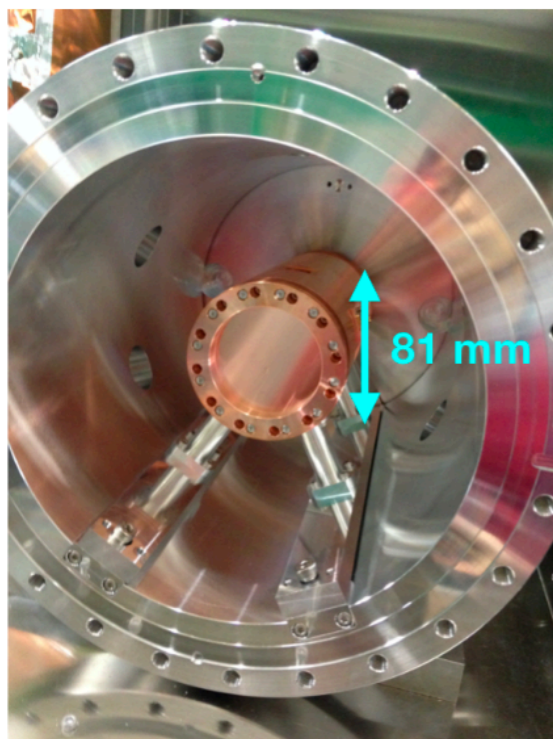
$$\Gamma_i = \sqrt{(\Delta\omega)^2 + 8|b|^2}, \quad \Delta\omega: \text{freq. detuning}$$

b : microwave power

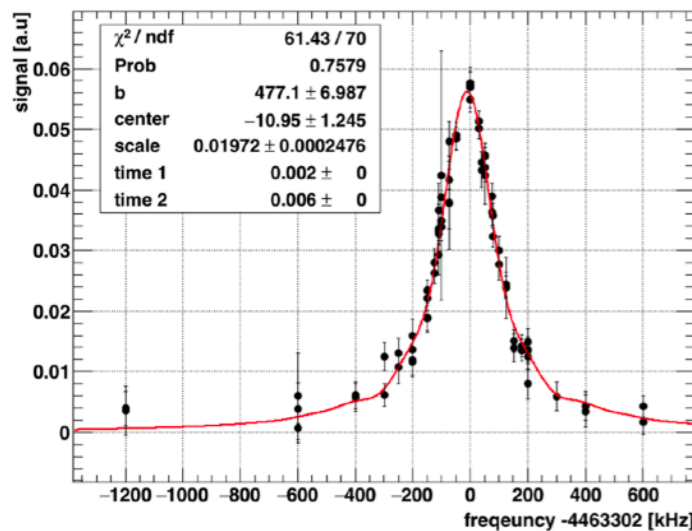
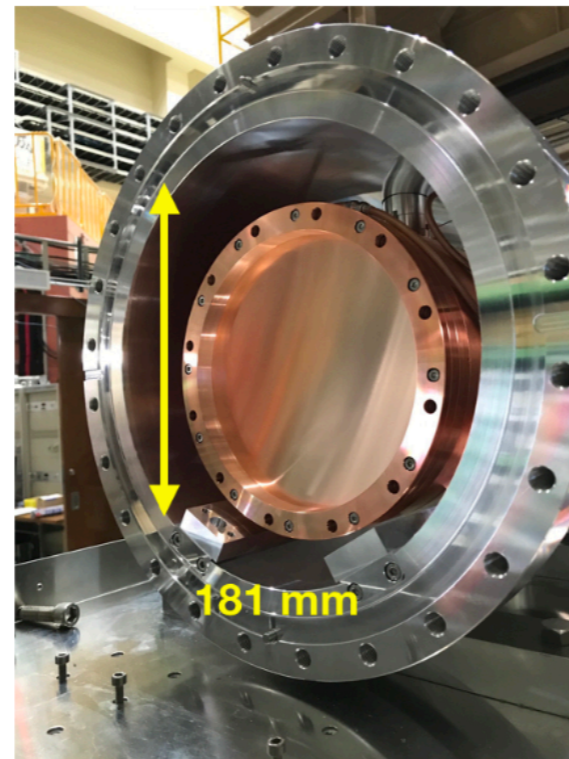
- Third experiment in 2017.
- A new method to directly analyze the Rabi oscillation was developed.
- Tolerant to time-varying systematic errors such as microwave power drift.
- S. Nishimura, Ph.D Thesis, U. Tokyo (2018).
- S. Nishimura et al., Phys. Rev. A 104, L020801 (2021).

Zero-Field Highlights (2018)

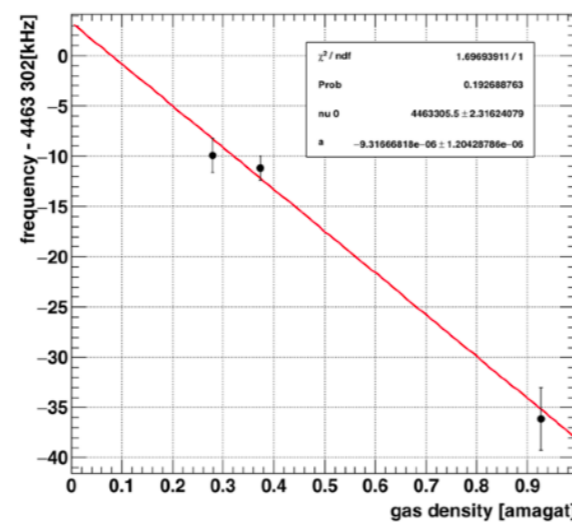
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upgrade



Old muonium analysis 2~6 μs

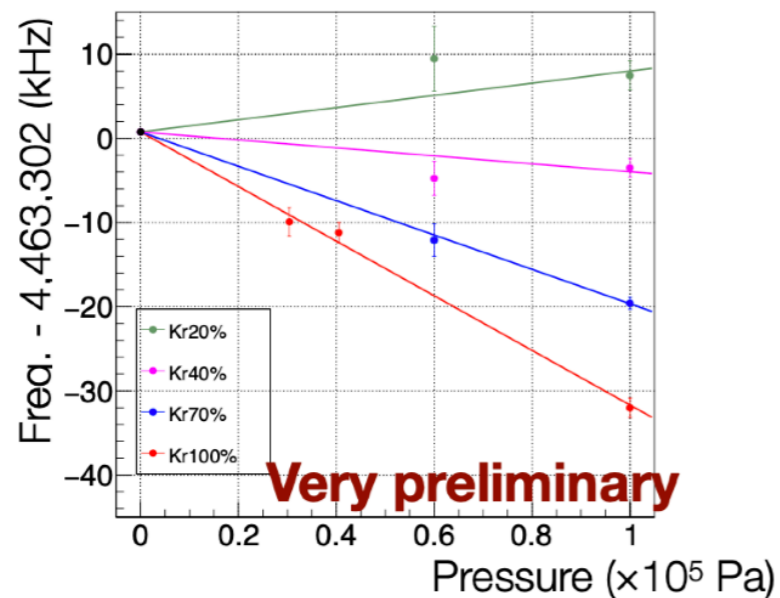


Density dependence of the HFS

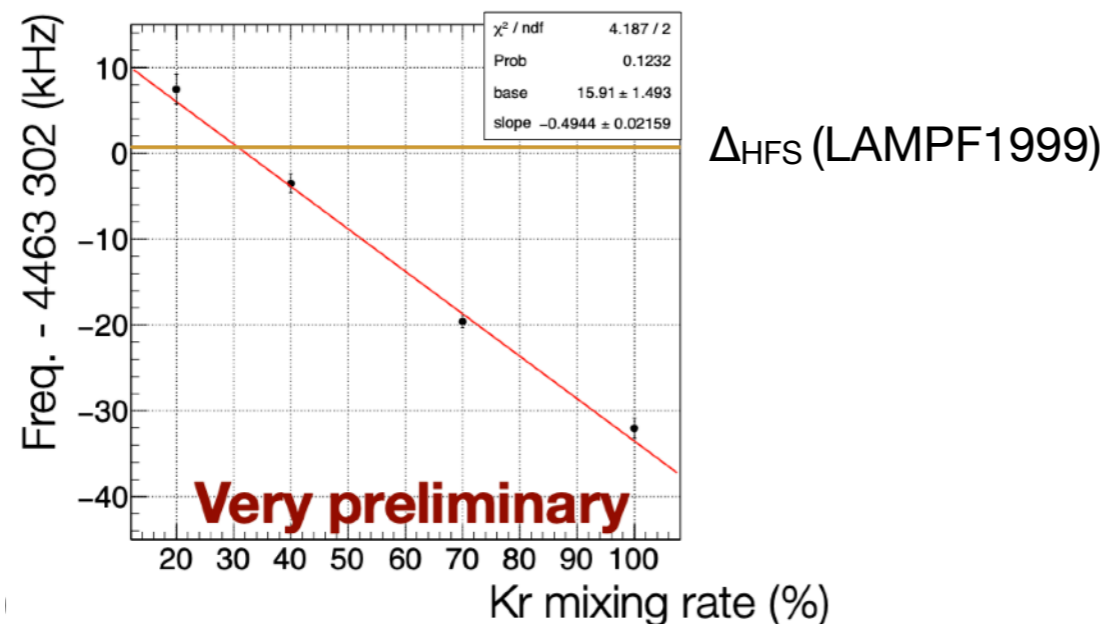
- Forth experiment in 2018.
- A larger microwave cavity with resonance in TM220 mode.
- The effect of muons stopping at the wall was reduced and the S/N was improved.
- Gas pressure dependence was studied at a lower pressure than in the previous experiment.
- “Old muonium” analysis was studied to improve precision.
- Y. Ueno, Ph.D Thesis, U. Tokyo (2018).
- A full-paper is being prepared.

Zero-Field Highlights (2019)

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Density dependence for different mixing ratios



Determination of the optimal mixing ratio

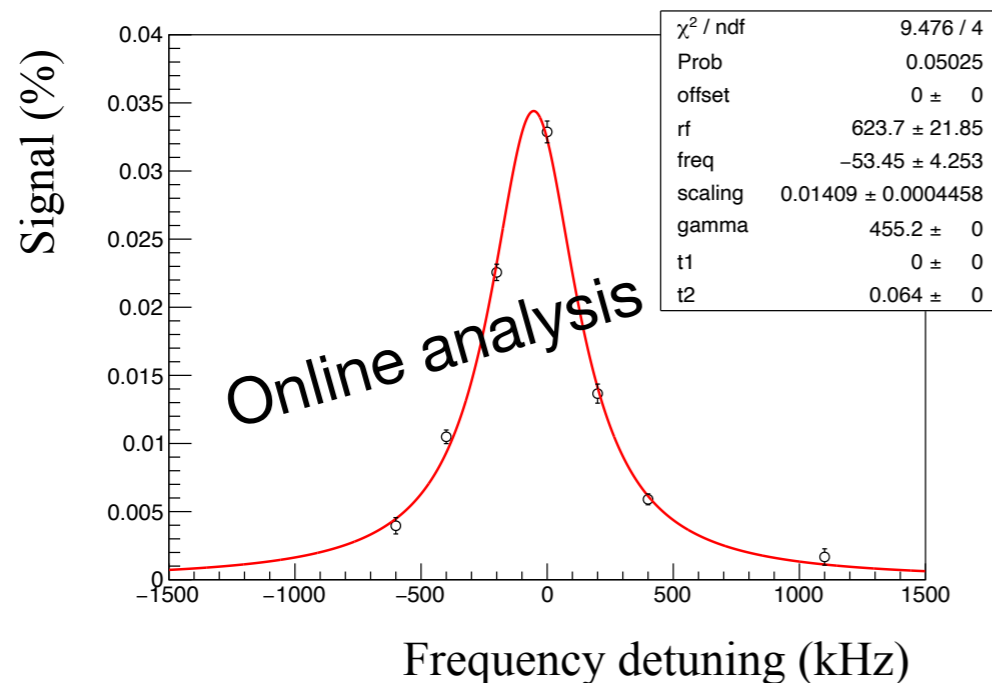
- Fifth experiment in 2019.
- Compensation of the gas density shift by Kr/He gas mixture.
- Kr indicates a negative shift by van der Waals interaction.
- He indicates a positive shift due to Pauli exclusion.
- Mixing at Kr:He~3:7 can cancel the shift.
- S. Seo, talk at ICHEP2020.

The Last Zero-field Experiment

Kr/He mixing study at higher densities

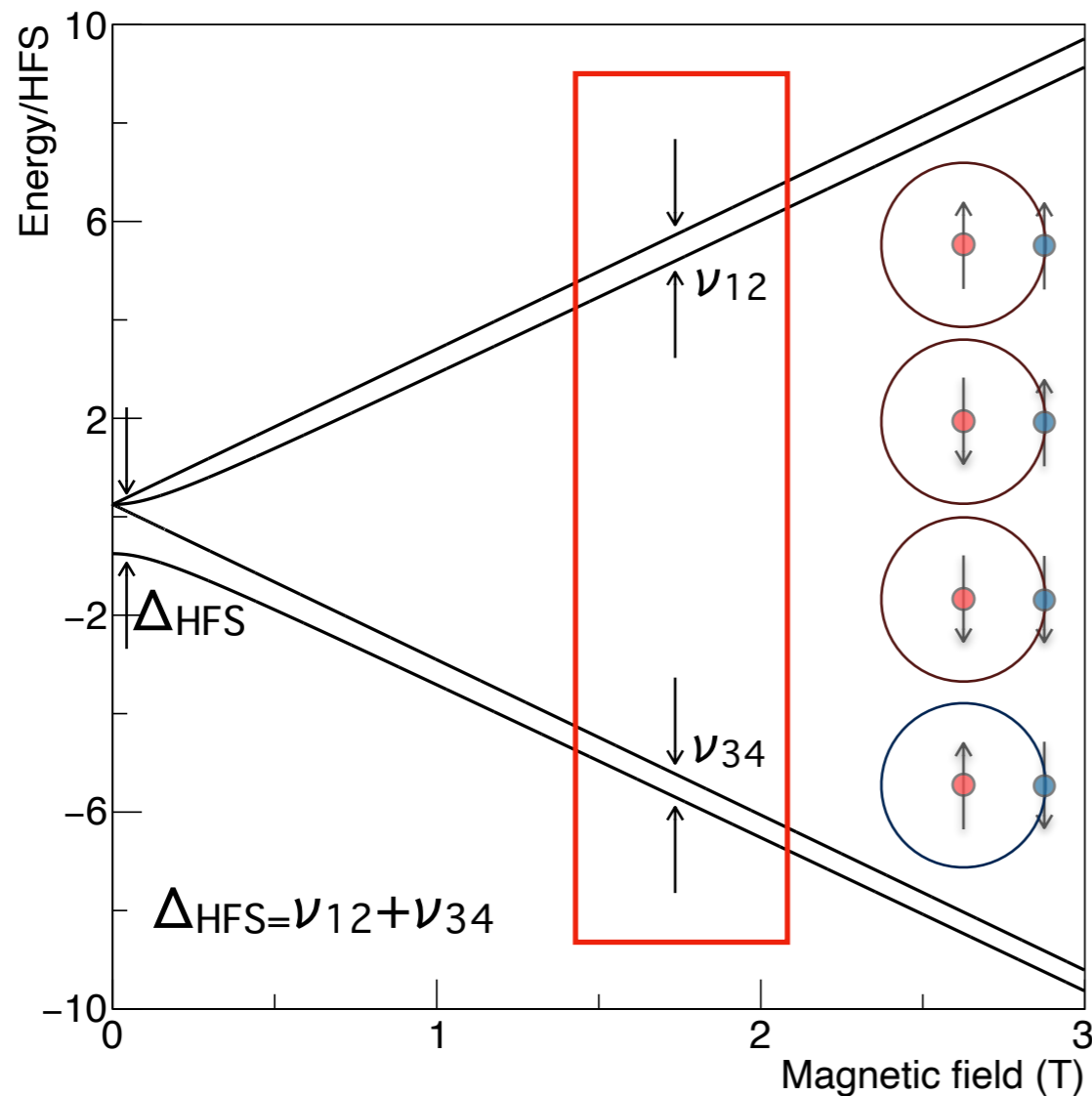


- Sixth experiment in 2021.
- The last experiment using the existing beamline (MUSE D2).
- Kr/He gas mixture study at higher gas densities.
 - The gas chamber was modified to increase the pressure resistance to 4 atm.
- The experiment was completed on May 29.
- Detailed data analysis is in progress.



High- and Zero-field Experiments

Two ways to measure the muonium HFS

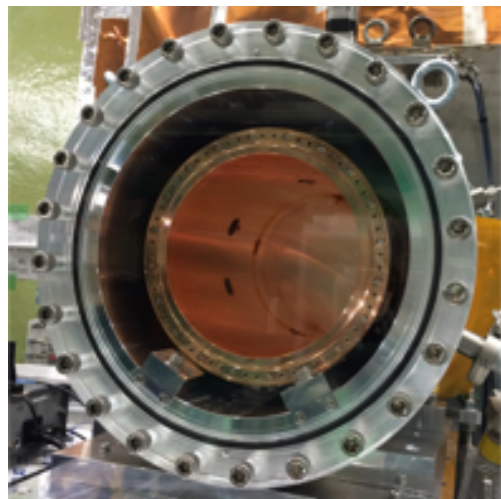
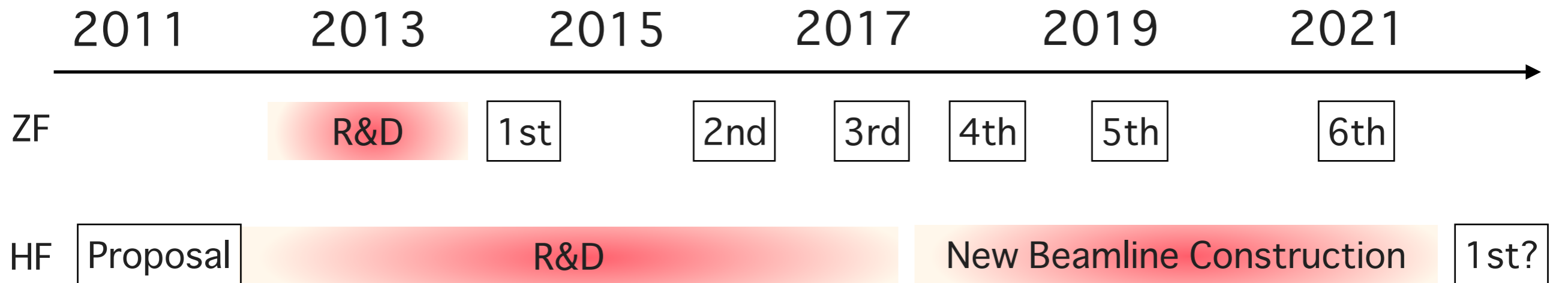


$$\frac{\mu_{\mu}}{\mu_p} = \frac{4\nu_{12}\nu_{34} + \nu_p\mu_e/\mu_p(\nu_{34} - \nu_{12})}{\nu_p[\nu_p\mu_e/\mu_p - (\nu_{34} - \nu_{12})]}$$

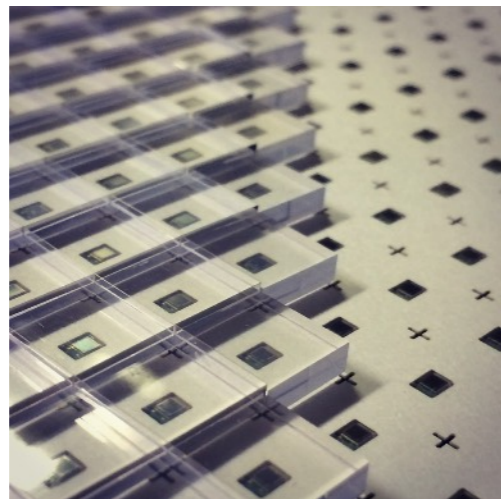
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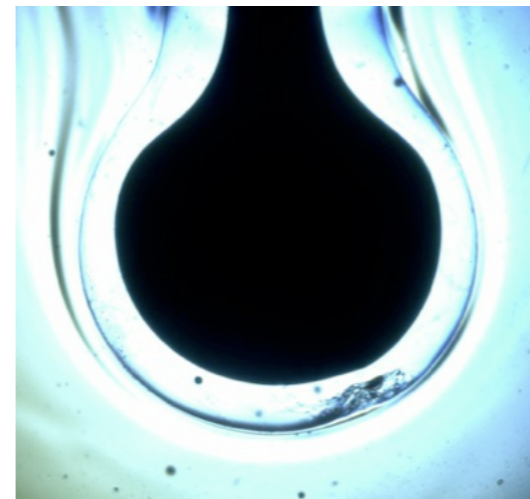
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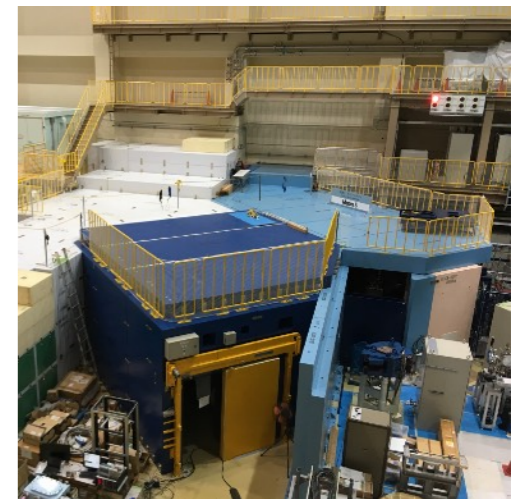
Detector



Magnet



Field probe

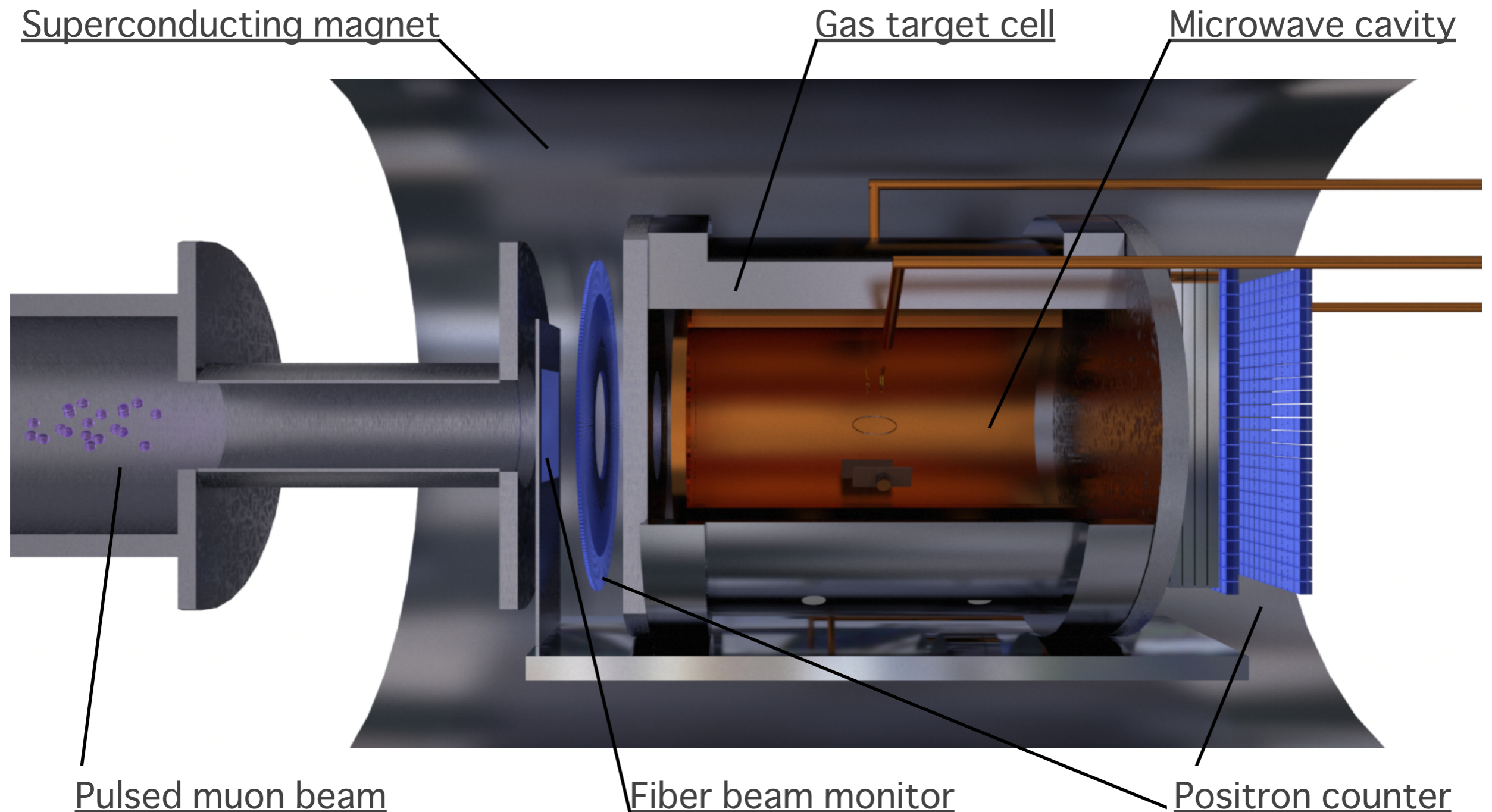


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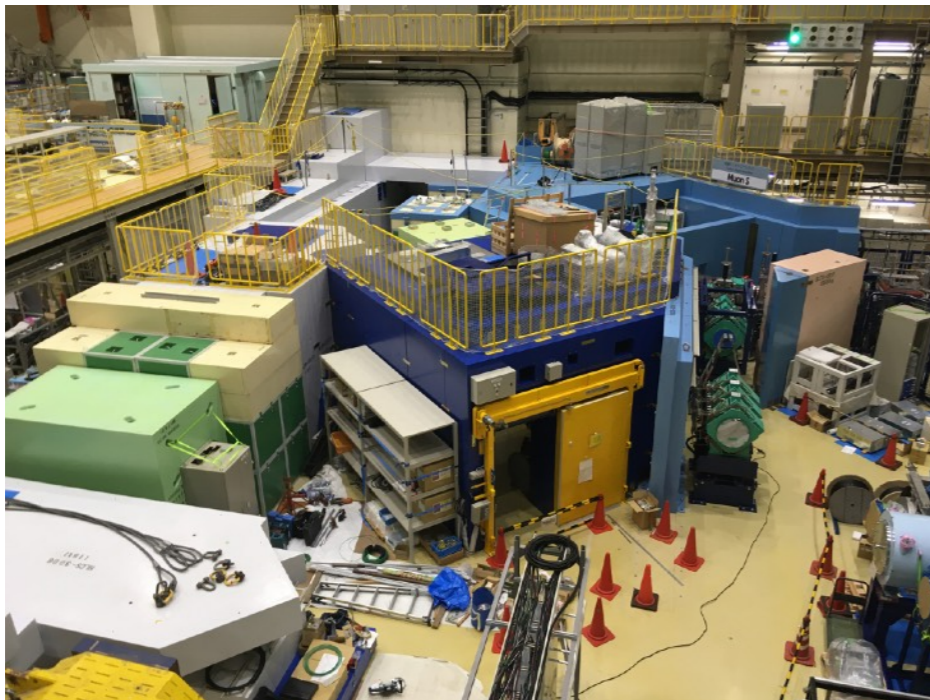
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Experimental setup for a high-field measurement



New Muon Beamline

H-Line



- A brand-new beamline delivering a high-intensity beam of $1 \times 10^8 \mu^+/\text{s}$ or more.
- Dedicated for fundamental physics experiments that require long-term measurements.
- The beamline is under construction.
- A lot of progress in the last summer.
- In the earliest case, the beam will be delivered starting in May 2022.
 - T. Yamazaki, N. Kawamura, A. Toyoda (KEK).

Superconducting Magnet

A key element for the high-field experiment

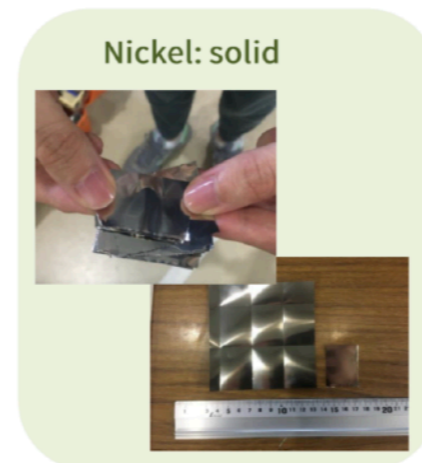
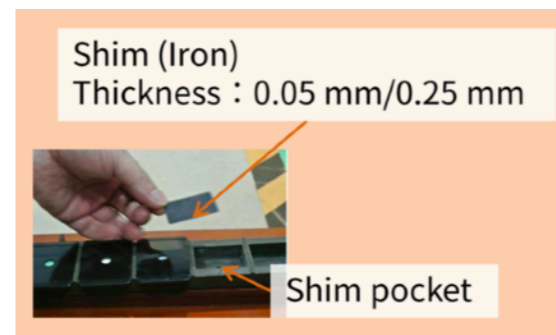
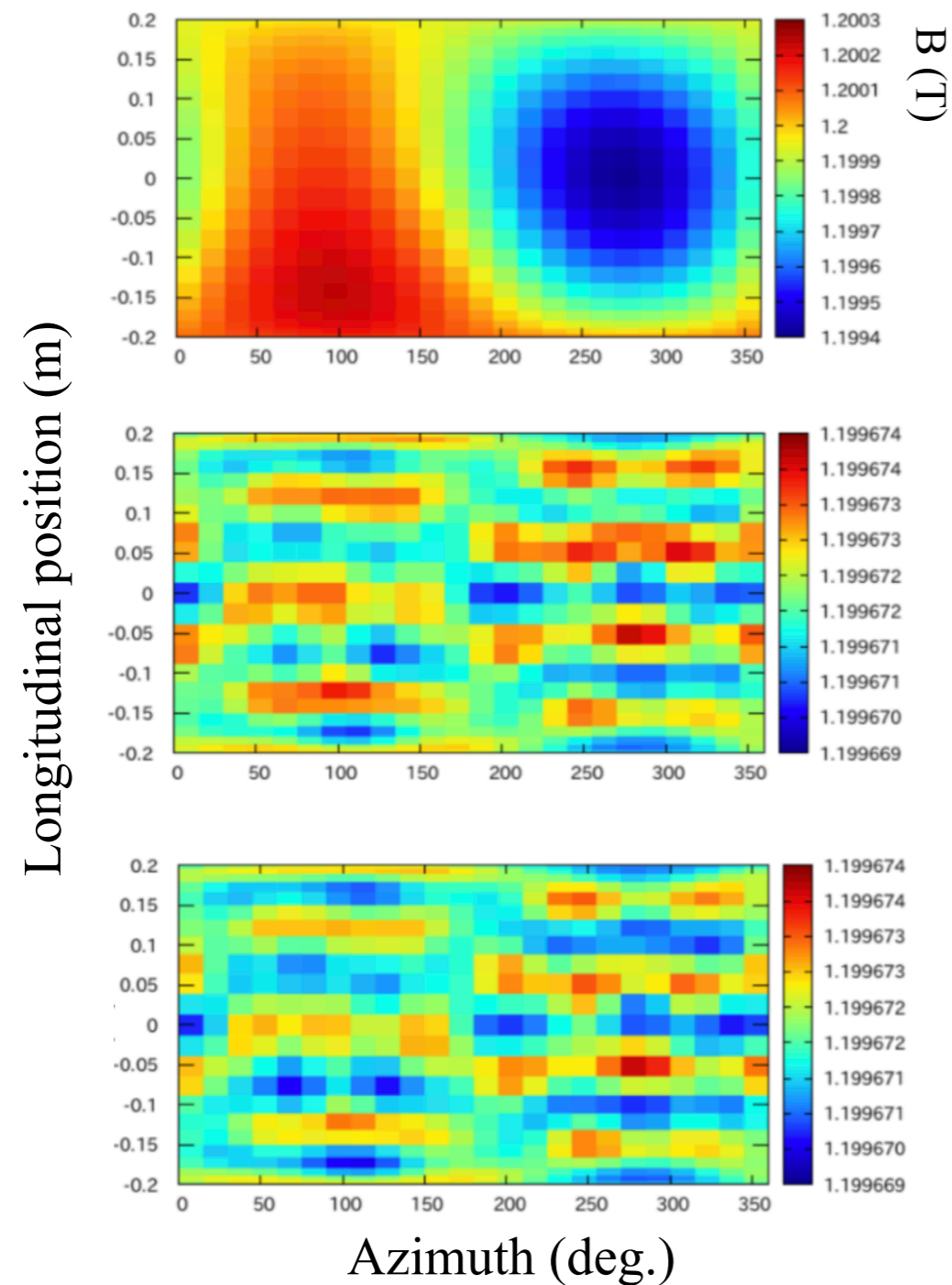


- A superconducting solenoid for a precise controlled magnetic field of 1.7 T.
- A second-hand MRI magnet with an axial length of 2 m and a bore diameter of 925 mm.
- Requirements for the field are:
 - 0.2 ppm (peak-to-peak) uniformity in a spheroidal volume with $z=30$ cm, $r=10$ cm.
 - ± 0.1 ppm stability during measurement.

- K. Sasaki, M. Abe (KEK).

Passive Shimming

For highly uniform magnetic field



Iron shim plates
341 ppm (p-p)

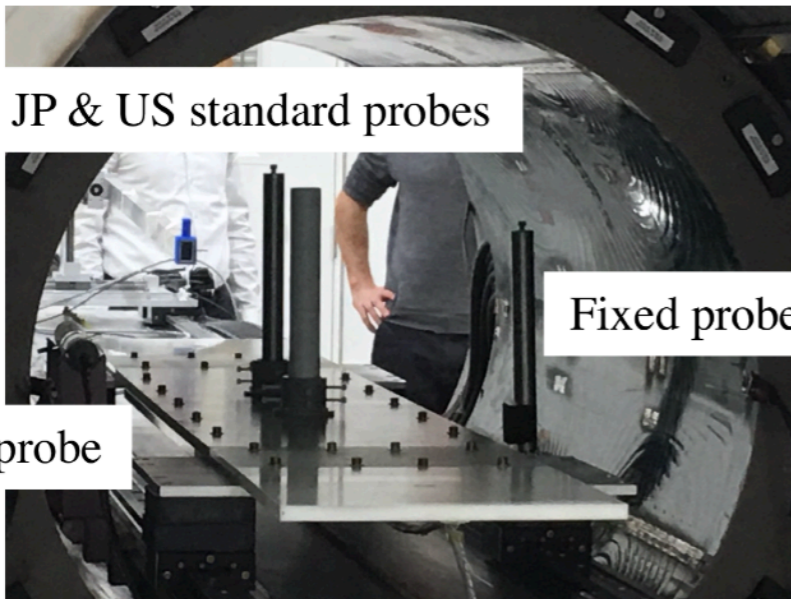
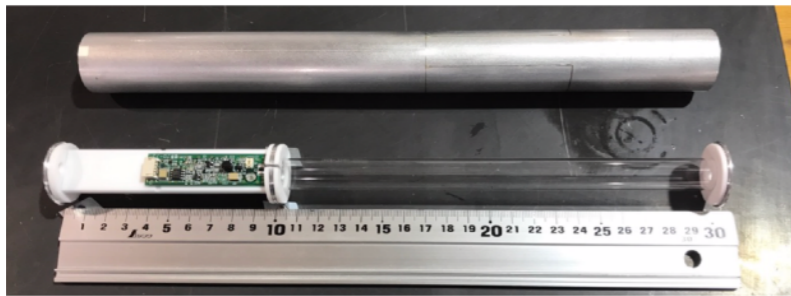
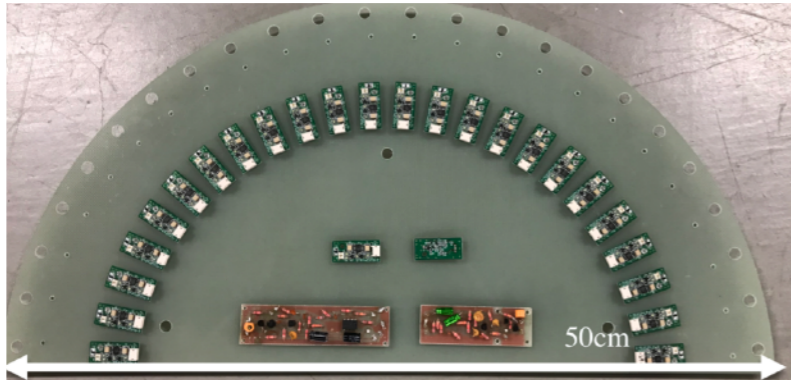
Nickel films
0.28 ppm (p-p)

Magnetic putty
0.17 ppm (p-p)

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M. Sugita, C. Oogane, H. Iinuma (Ibaraki U.)

NMR Probes

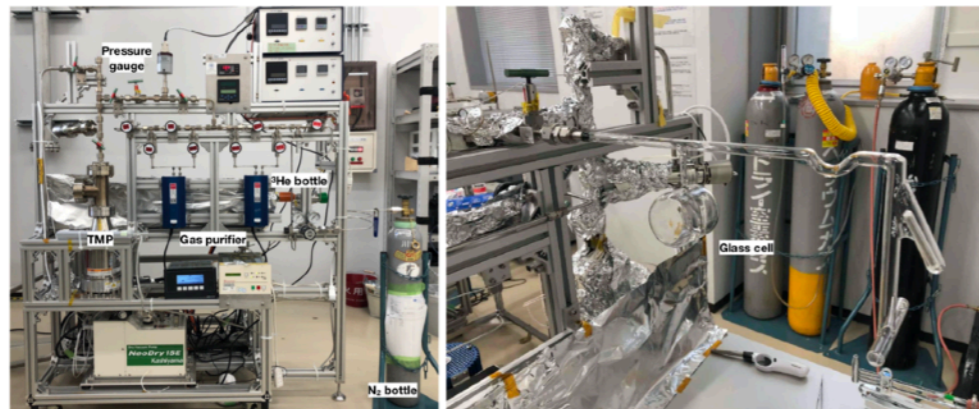
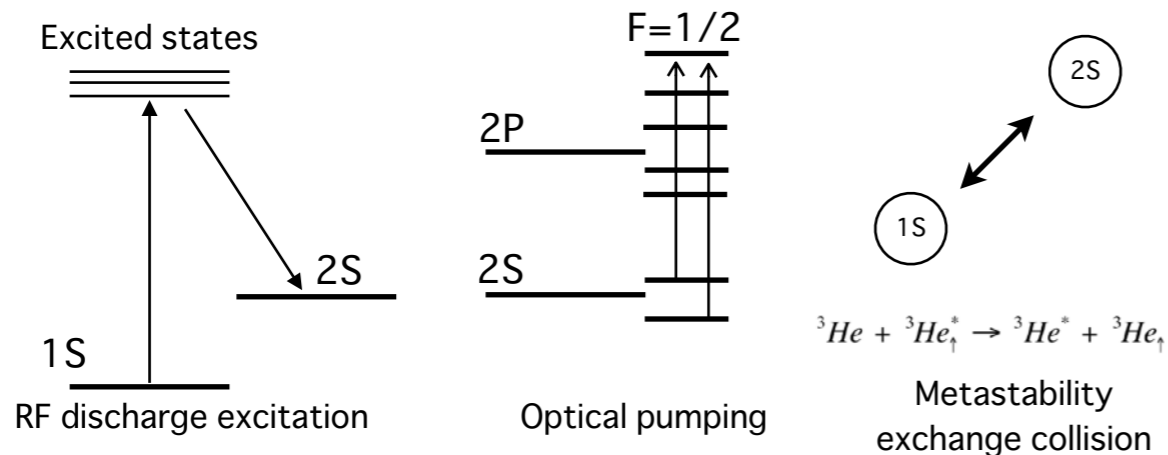
Three types of magnetometer



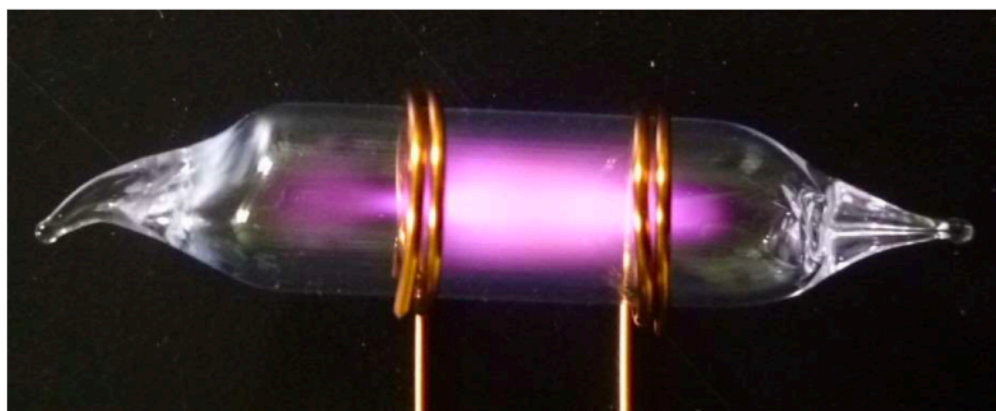
- Field camera
 - A 24-channel rotating NMR probe that maps magnetic fields in three dimensions.
 - Studies are underway for simultaneous multi-channel readouts.
 - K. Sasaki (KEK), A. Yamaguchi(KEK->JASRI), T. Tanaka, K. Shimizu, F. Yoshizu (U. Tokyo), H. Tada (Nagoya U.)
- Fixed probe
 - A compact probe to monitor magnetic field stability during experiment.
- Standard probe
 - A high-precision NMR probe to calibrate others.
 - An accuracy of 15 ppb has been achieved.
 - Cross-calibration is underway in a joint research project between Japan and the US.
 - K. Sasaki (KEK), A. Yamaguchi (KEK->JASRI), T. Tanaka, S. Seo (U. Tokyo), P. Winter (ANL), D. Kawall (U. Mass.), D. Flay (U.Mass->JLab)

^3He NMR Probe

R&D aiming at the highest precision



Gas handling system for the neutron spin filter at J-PARC.

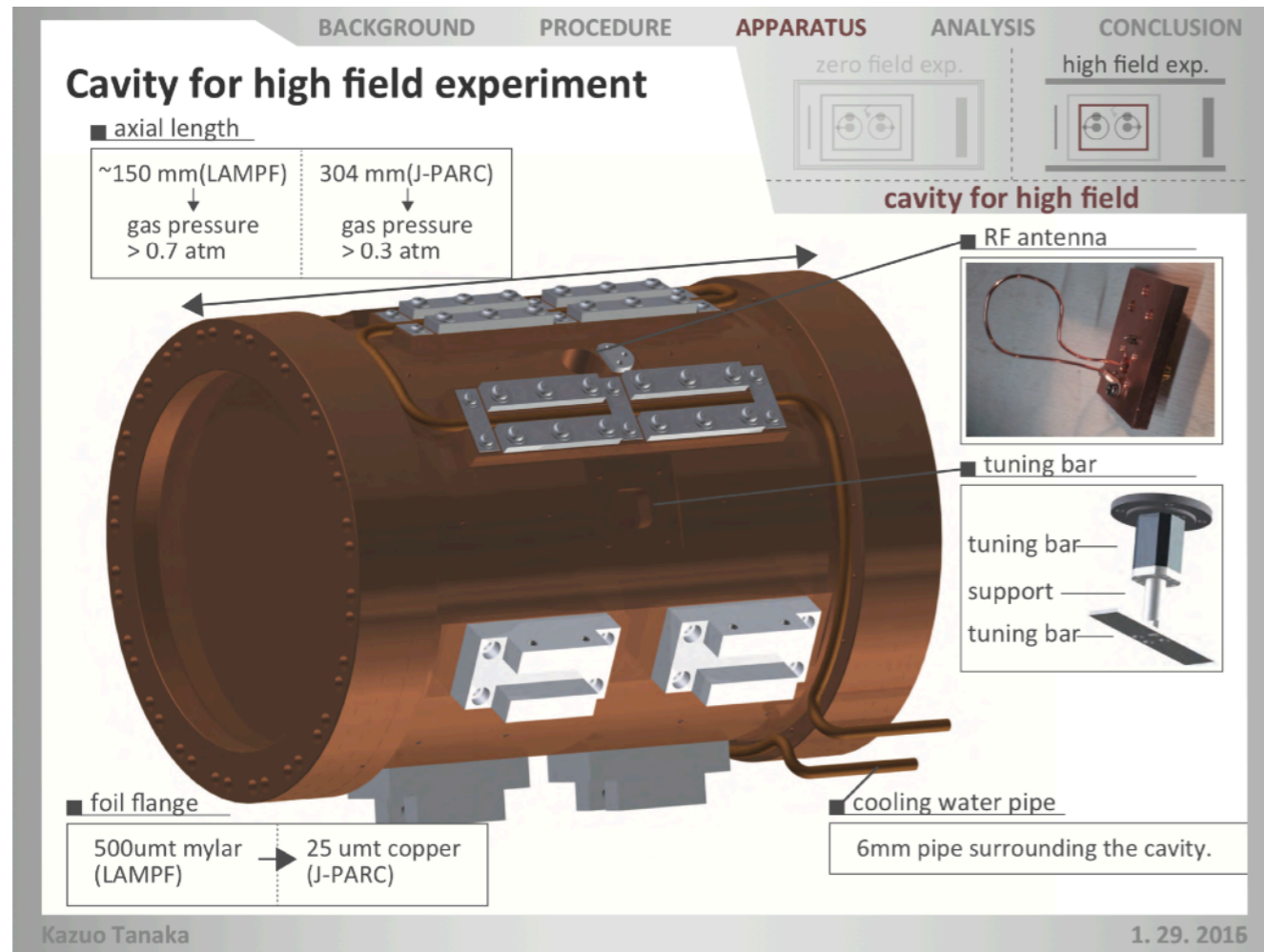


RF discharge of ^3He in a cell with a 4-cm length.

- A precision of proton NMR using water is limited by the uncertainty of the shielding effect (10 ppb).
- Higher precision can be obtained by hyper-polarized ^3He (0.1 ppb).
- R&D for metastability exchange optical pumping (MEOP) is underway.
- Collaboration of neutrons and muons in KEK.
 - K. Sasaki, N. Sumi (KEK cryogenics), T. Ino (KEK neutron), T. Oku (JAEA), T. Okudaira (JAEA→Nagoya U.)

Microwave Cavity for High Field

Resonator for spectroscopy



- K.S. Tanaka (Tohoku U.), S. Seo, H. Yamauchi (U. Tokyo), Y. Ueno (RIKEN)

- What has been achieved so far
 - A cylindrical microwave cavity resonates at 1.95 GHz (TM_{110}) and 2.65 GHz (TM_{210}).
 - Resonance of both modes, high Q-value of 10^4 , wide sweep range of 30 MHz or more, power feedback of 0.02% stability, pulse-by-pulse switching of 25 Hz.
- What we are currently working on
 - Temperature stabilization by water cooling, field measurement

Microwave Cavity Paper

First full-paper for MuSEUM high-field R&D

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Development of microwave cavities for measurement of muonium hyperfine structure at J-PARC

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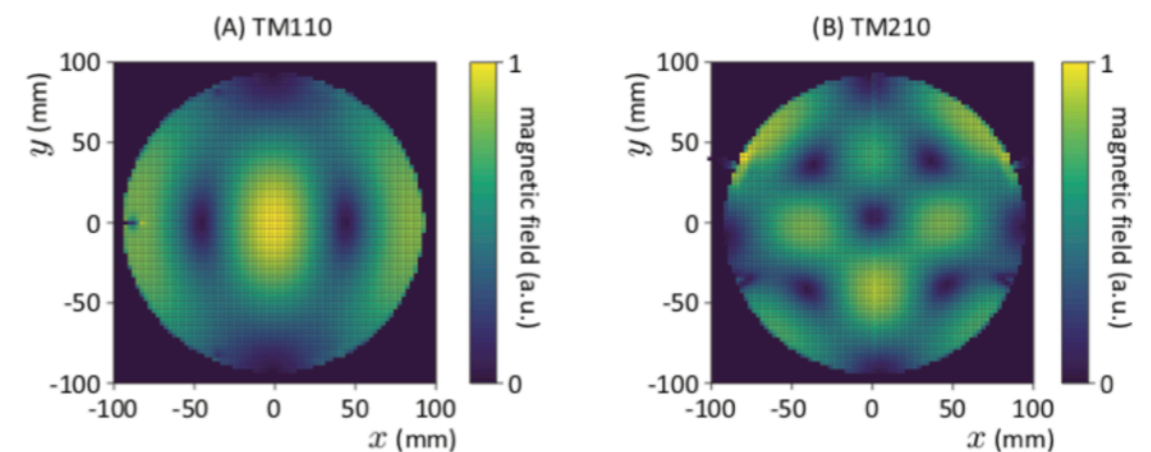
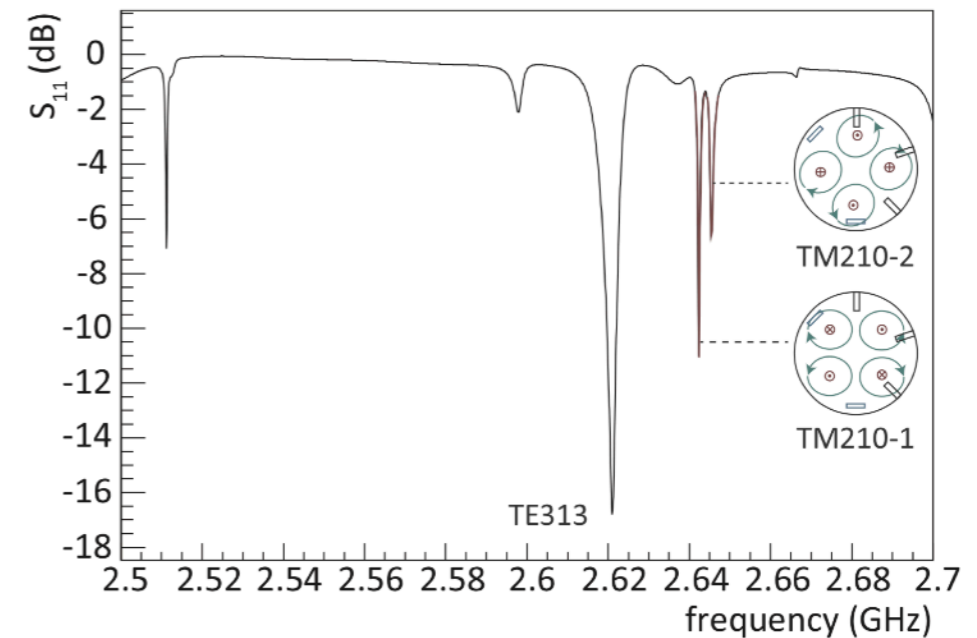
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Expected Precision

Statistical and Systematic Uncertainties

Systematic uncertainty in zero-field 2017A.

Source	Contribution (Hz)
Gas density measurement	46
Microwave power drift	37
Detector pileup	19
Gas temperature fluctuation	6
Static magnetic field	negligible
Gas impurity buildup	12
Muon beam intensity	negligible
Muon beam profile	negligible
Total	63

- S. Kanda et al., “New precise spectroscopy of the hyperfine structure in muonium with a high-intensity pulsed muon beam”, Phys. Lett. B 815, 136154 (2021).
- The statistical precision will reach 5 Hz (1.2 ppb) in 40 days of measurement.
- Gas : 46 Hz → 3 Hz by using a new high-precision silicon gauge.
- Power drift : 37 Hz → less than 1 Hz by power and temperature control.
- Pileup : 19 Hz → 2 Hz by improvement in segmentation and front-end electronics.
- Impurity : 12 Hz → less than 1 Hz by improvement in Q-Mass monitoring.

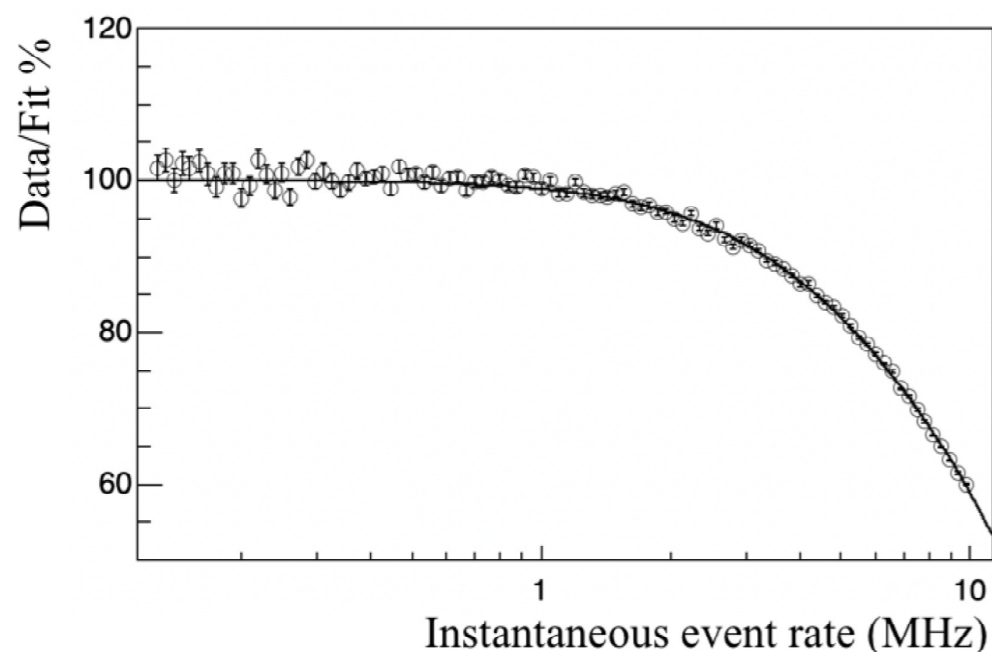
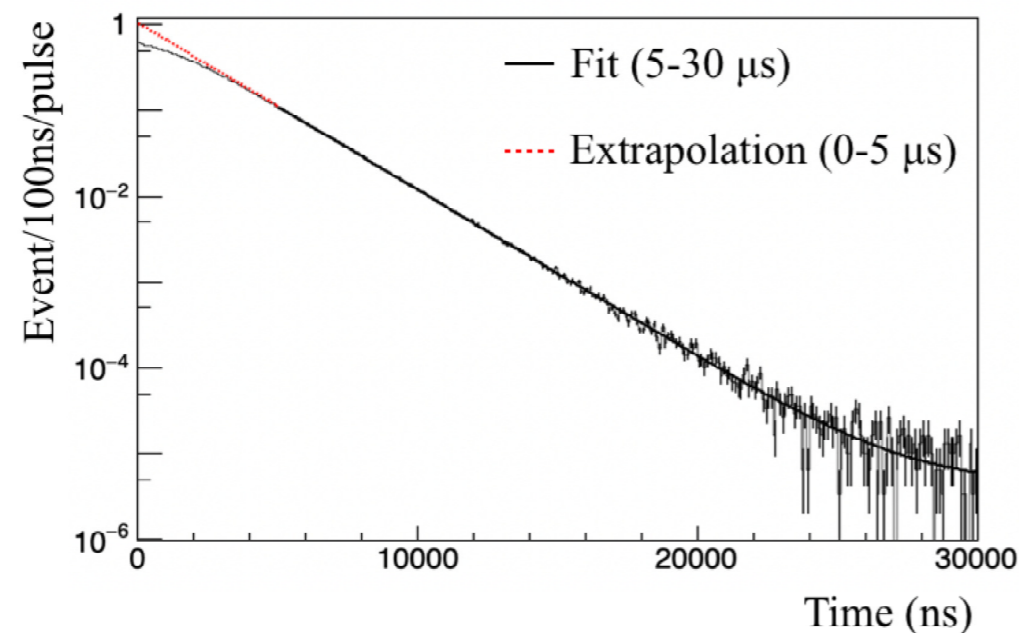
Summary

and future prospects

- MuSEUM collaboration is preparing for measurements of the muonium HFS under a high magnetic field.
- The experimental method was established by measurements at zero magnetic field.
- Cavity, target, detectors are ready for the DAY-1 experiment at H-Line.
- The uniform magnetic field and NMR probe are also making steady progress.
- Approximately 10 years after the proposal submission, the experiment has finally come to fruition.

Decay Positron Time Spectrum

and pileup analysis



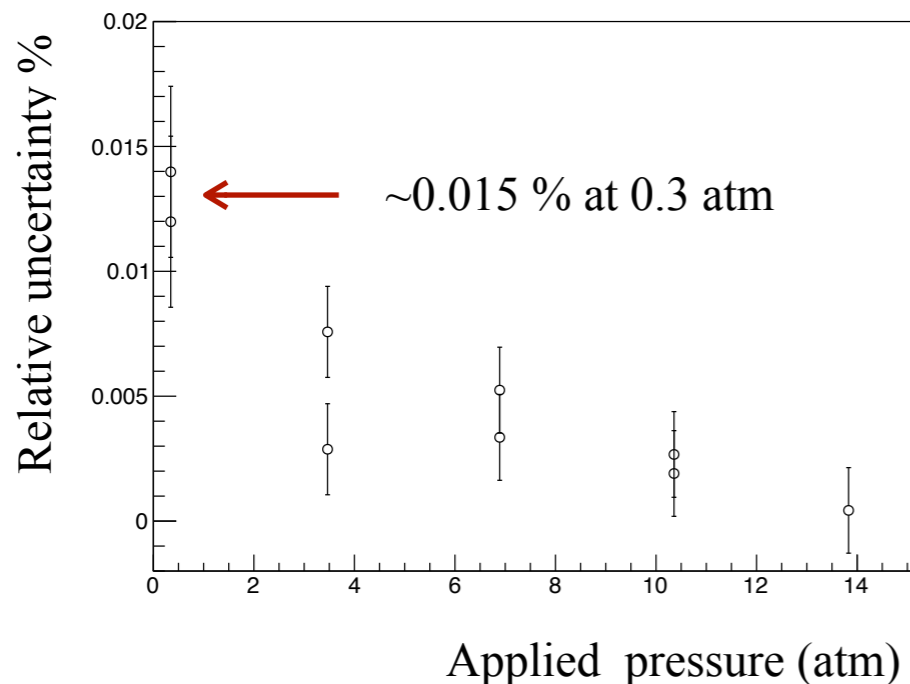
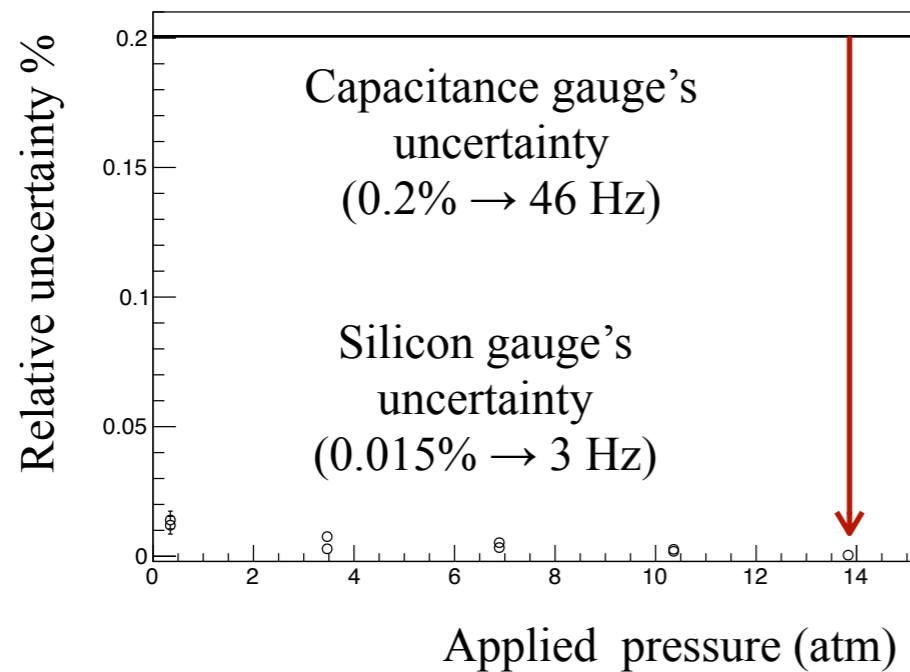
- An extended pulse-height analyzer (PHA) windowing model [2] well fits data.
- (top) Decay positron time spectrum and a result of exponential fitting.
- (bottom) Pileup event loss as a function of the positron counting rate.
- The systematic uncertainty arising from pulse pileup was estimated to be 19 Hz.
- The uncertainty will be reduced to 2 Hz by improvement of the front-end electronics and detector segmentation.

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Gas Density Measurement

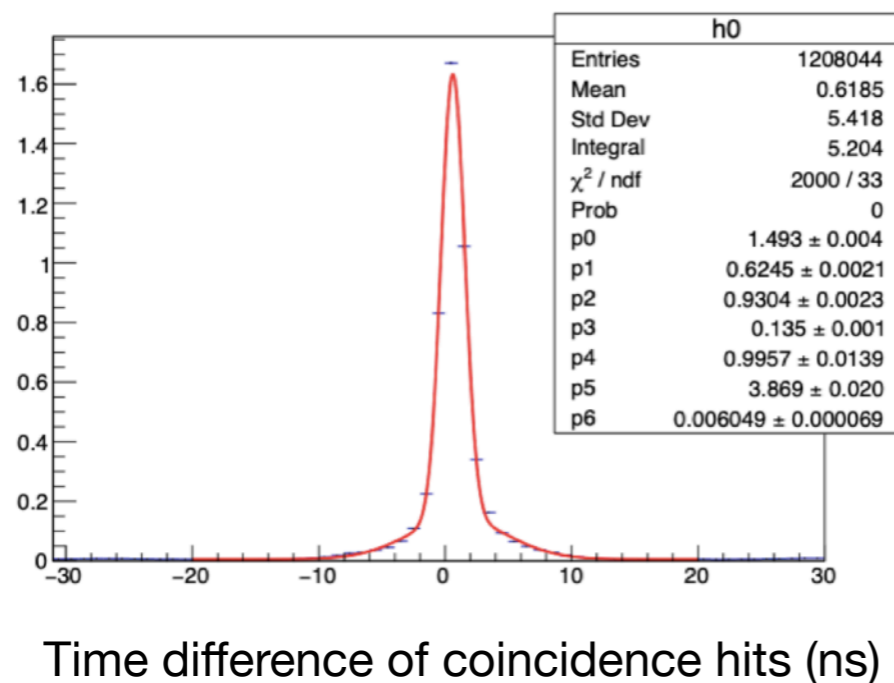
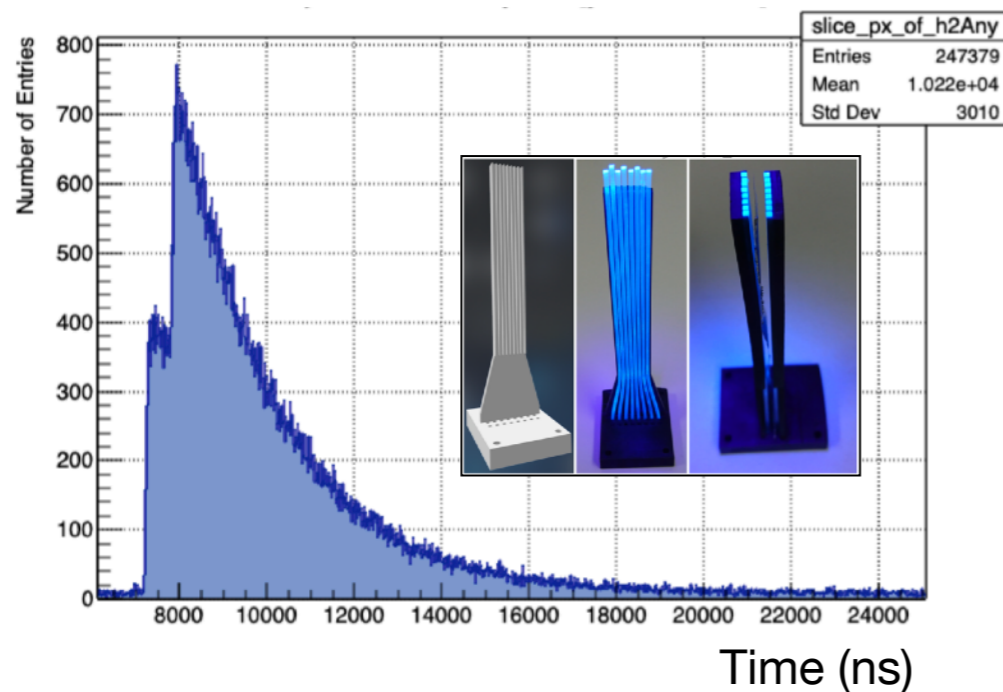
Improvement in systematic uncertainty



- A new silicon gauge (FLUKE RPM4) has been prepared for gas density monitoring.
- Accuracy is better than 0.02% at 0.3 atm (x10 improvement).
 - H. Yamauchi (U. Tokuyo).
- Tested at zero-field experiment in 2021.
- Answer to the question from the last CM:
 - Q: How is the pressure calibrated?
 - A: The pressure in the piston-cylinder was precisely measured using a mass standard.

Forward Detector

Additional positron counter



- Increase of statistics and measurement of forward/backward asymmetry to study systematic uncertainties.
- A prototype unit was developed and tested at S-Line.
 - Design of a full-scale detector is underway.
- H. Tada, Master Thesis, Nagoya University (2021).
- H. Tada and S. Fukumura (Nagoya U.), S. Nishimura (KEK).