



# Search for Charged Lepton Flavor Violation at J-PARC - COMET Experiment -

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# Outline

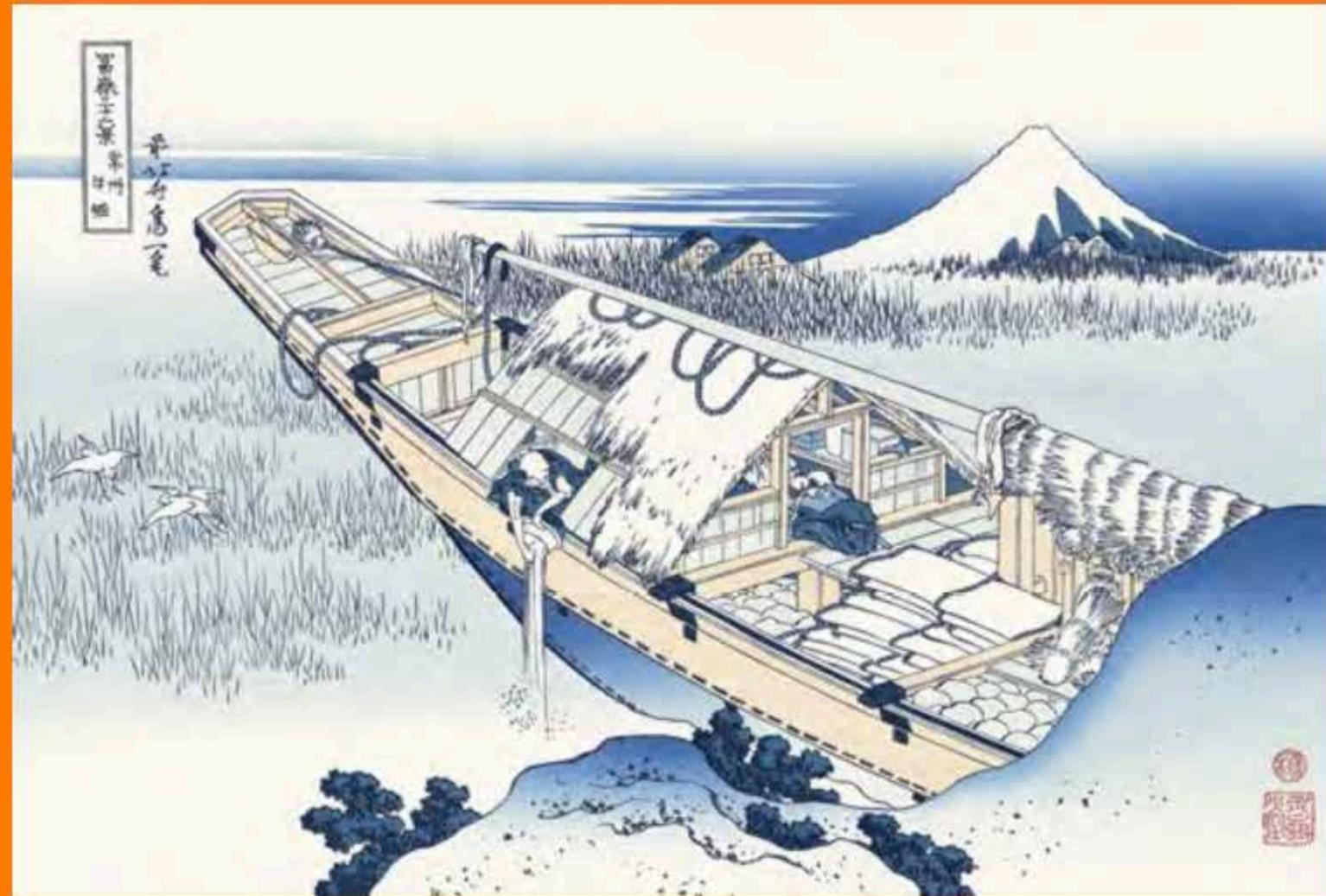


- Why Flavor Physics ?
- Why Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV) ?
- CLFV Experiments
  - Muon to electron conversion in a muonic atom
- COMET ( -> COMET Phase-II)
  - for sensitivity of  $7 < 10^{-17}$  (x10000)
- COMET Phase-I
  - for sensitivity of  $7 < 10^{-15}$  (x100)
- Summary



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Why Charged Lepton Flavor Violation ?



The Standard Model has the Higgs boson, but no new particles are found yet...



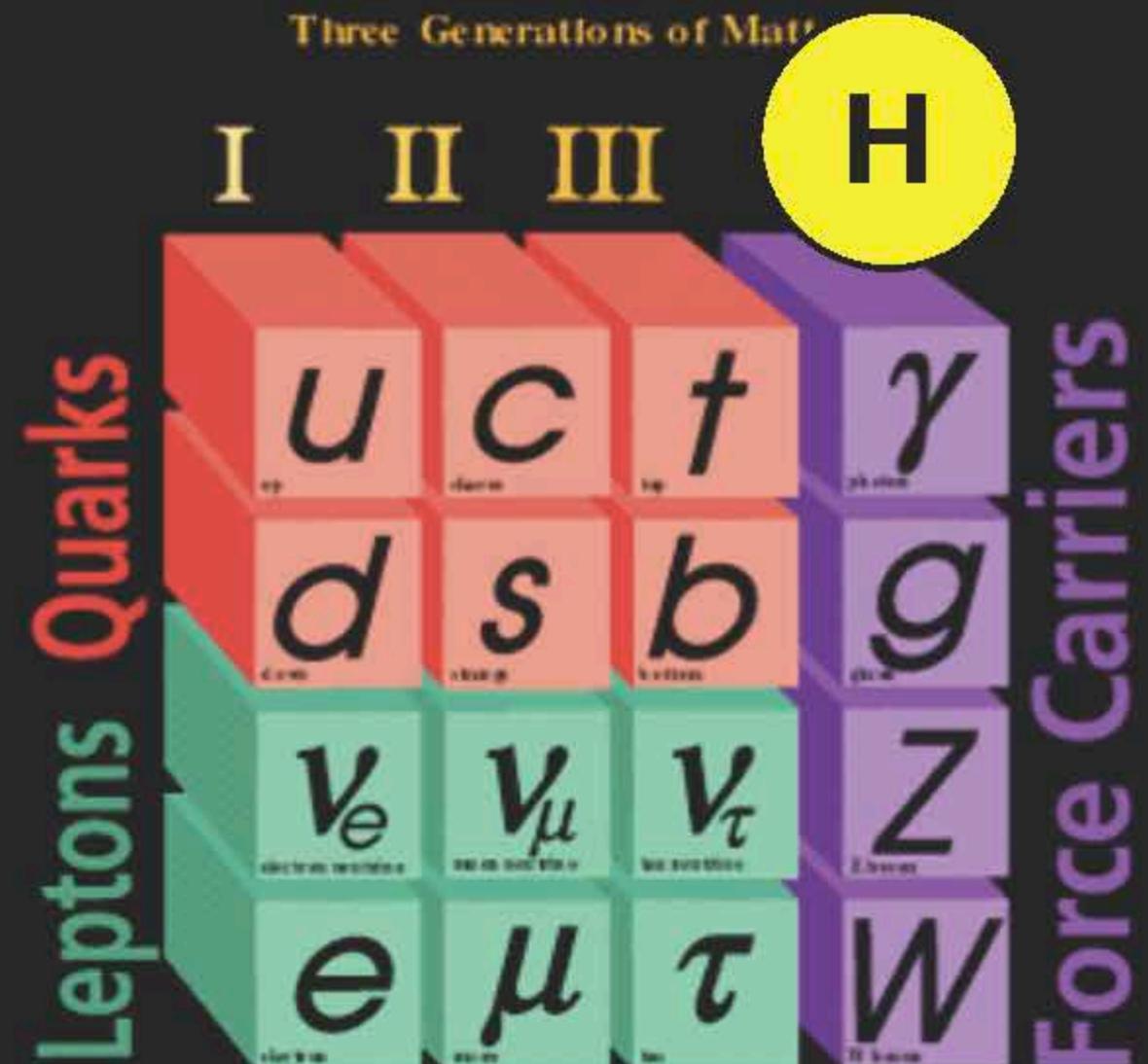
**The discovery of the Higgs boson has been made.**

The Standard Model can explain most of the experimental results. However, there are many undetermined parameters and issues.

The Standard Model is considered to be incomplete.  
New Physics is needed.

## The Standard Model of Particle Interactions

Three Generations of Matter



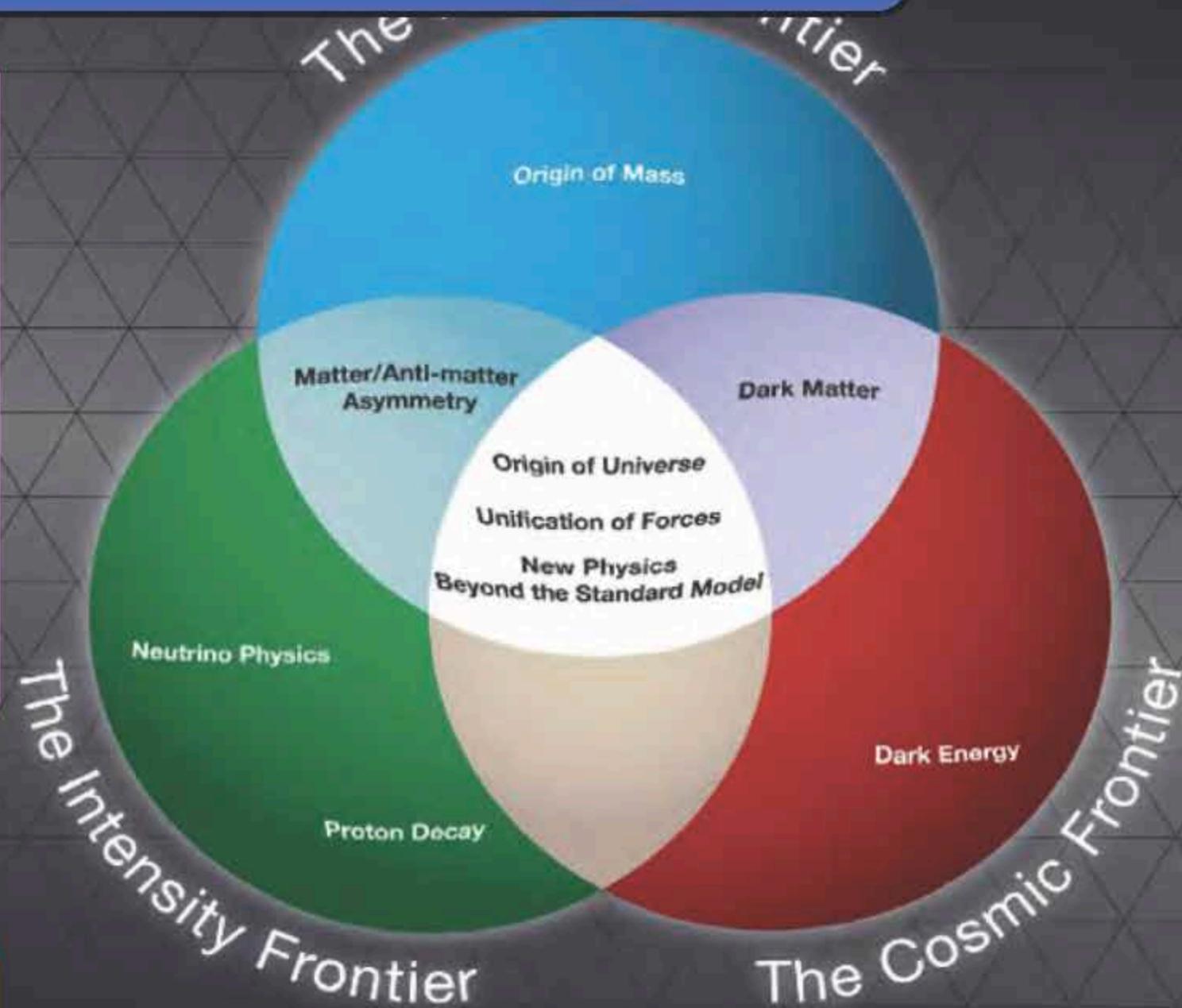
# Three Frontiers of Particle Physics

To explore new physics at high energy scale

## The Intensity Frontier

use intense beams to observe rare processes and study the particle properties to probe physics beyond the SM.

Rare Decays  
Flavor Physics



# Flavor Physics and New Physics

flavor  
structure



Effective Lagrangian in  
the Standard Model (SM)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{sym.break.}}$$

$$V(\Phi) = -\mu^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 + Y^{ij} \Psi_L^i \Psi_R^j \Phi + \frac{g_{ij}}{\Lambda} \Psi_L^i \Psi_L^{jT} \Phi \Phi^T,$$

search for new physics

# New Physics Search in Charged Lepton Flavor



with new physics contributions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{C_{\text{NP}}}{\Lambda^2} O_{ij}^{(6)},$$

$\Lambda$  is the energy scale of new physics

## Charged Lepton Flavor

For instance,  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  ( $B < 5.7 \times 10^{-13}$ ),

$$\frac{C_{\text{NP}}}{\Lambda^2} O_{ij}^{(6)} \rightarrow \frac{C_{\mu e}}{\Lambda^2} \bar{e}_L \sigma^{\rho\nu} \mu_R \Phi F_{\rho\nu}$$

$$\Lambda > 2 \times 10^5 \text{ TeV} \times (C_{\mu e})^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$\Lambda > O(10^5) \text{ TeV}$$

The constraint in CLFV is even more severe than in the quark flavor.  
The SM contribution to muon CLFV is small, of the order of  $O(10^{-54})$ .

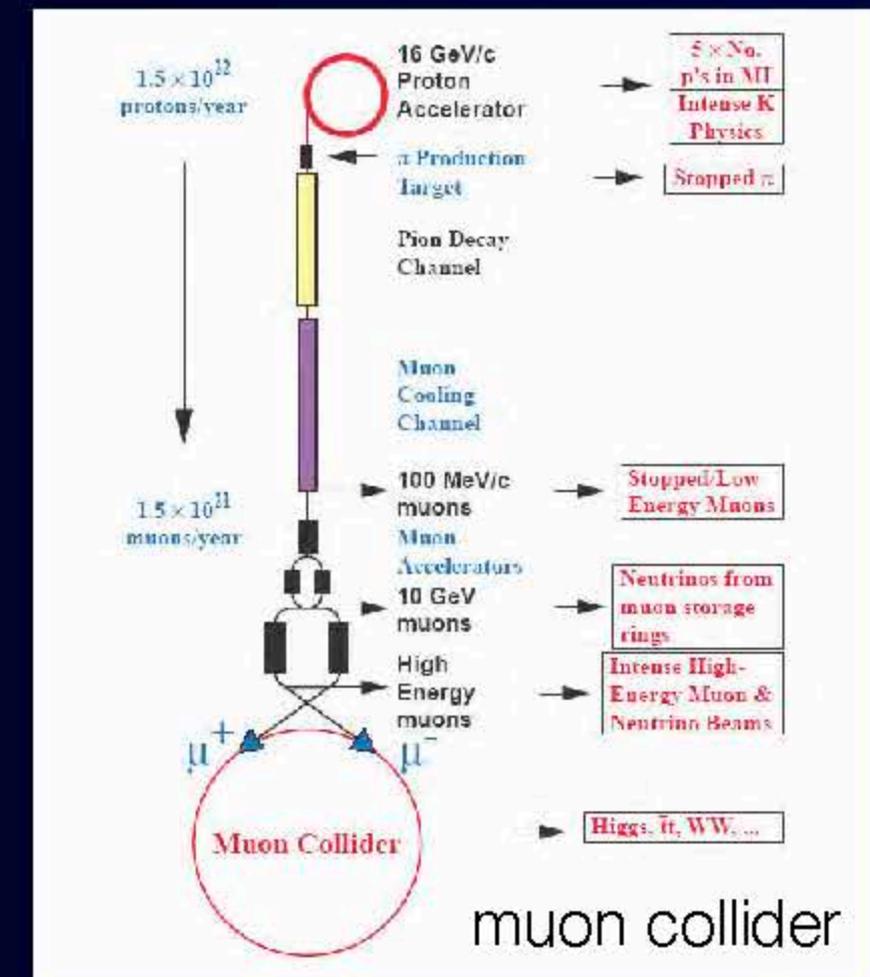
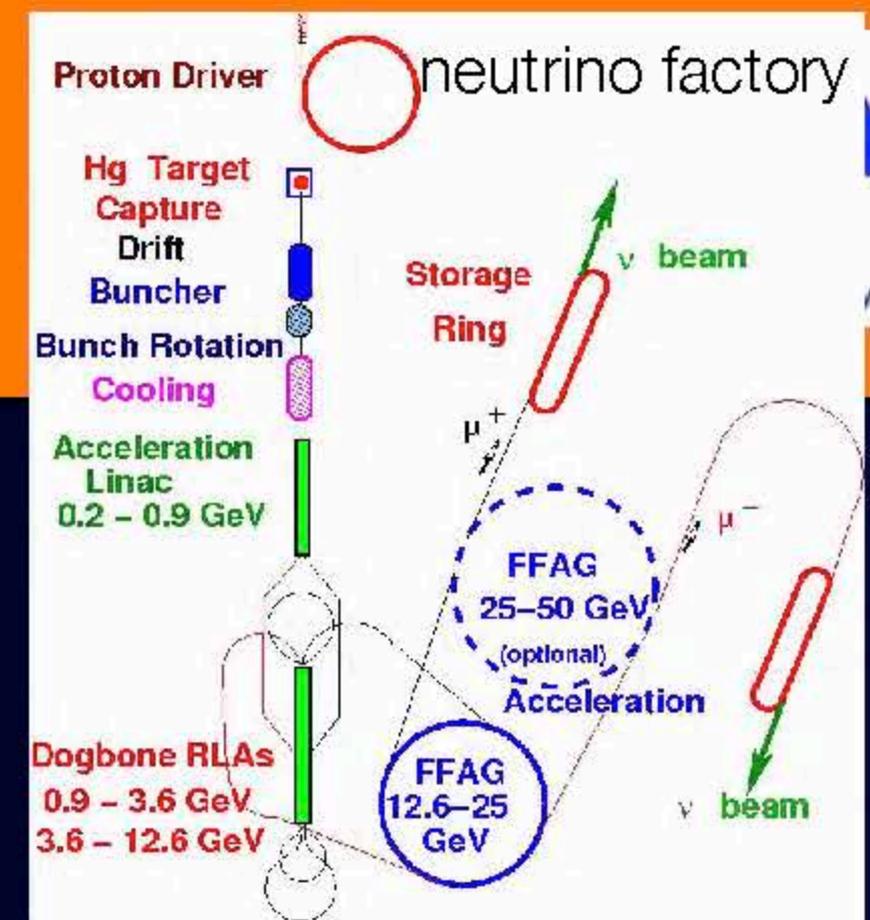
# Which Rare Decays at Low Energy ?

- Processes which are forbidden or highly suppressed in the Standard Model would be the best ones to search for new physics beyond the Standard Model.
- **Flavor Changing Neutral Current Process (FCNC)**
- **FCNC in the quark sector**
  - $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ ,  $K \rightarrow \pi\nu\nu$ , etc.
  - Allowed in the Standard Model.
  - Need to study deviations from the SM predictions.
    - Uncertainty of more than a few % (from QCD) exists.
- **FCNC in the lepton sector**
  - $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ,  $\mu + N \rightarrow e + N$ , etc. (**lepton flavor violation = LFV**)
  - Not allowed in the Standard Model ( $\sim 10^{-50}$  with neutrino mixing)
  - Need to study deviations from none
    - clear signature and high sensitivity

# Why Muons, not Taus?

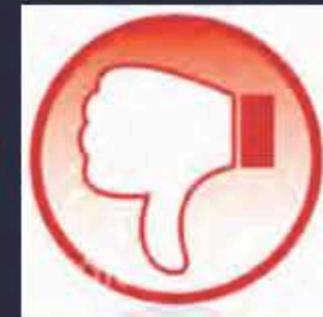
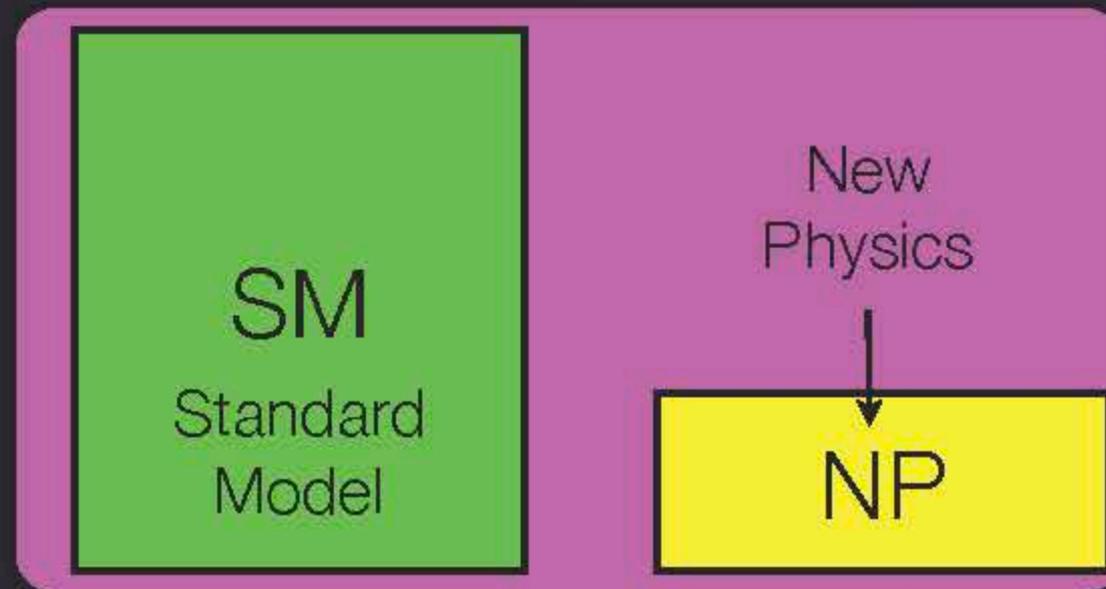
- A number of taus available at B factories are about 1-10 taus/sec. At super-B factories, about 100 taus/sec are considered. Also some of the decay modes are already background-limited.
- A number of muons available now, which is about  $10^8$  muons/sec at PSI, is the largest. Next generation experiments aim  $10^{11}$ - $10^{12}$  muons/sec. **With the technology of the front end of muon colliders and/or neutrino factories**, about  $10^{13}$ - $10^{14}$  muons/sec are considered.

a larger window to search for new physics for muons than taus

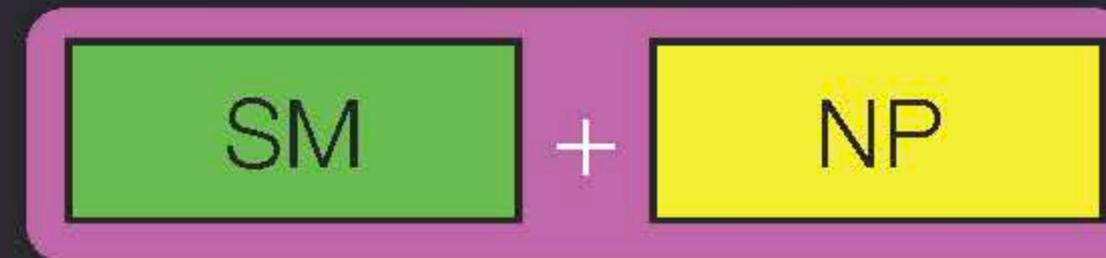


# Guideline for Rare Decay Searches

SM contribution is dominant.



SM contribution is highly suppressed.



Uncertainty of the SM prediction limits the sensitivity.

SM contribution has to be subtracted.

SM contribution is forbidden.



Clear signature without any subtractions

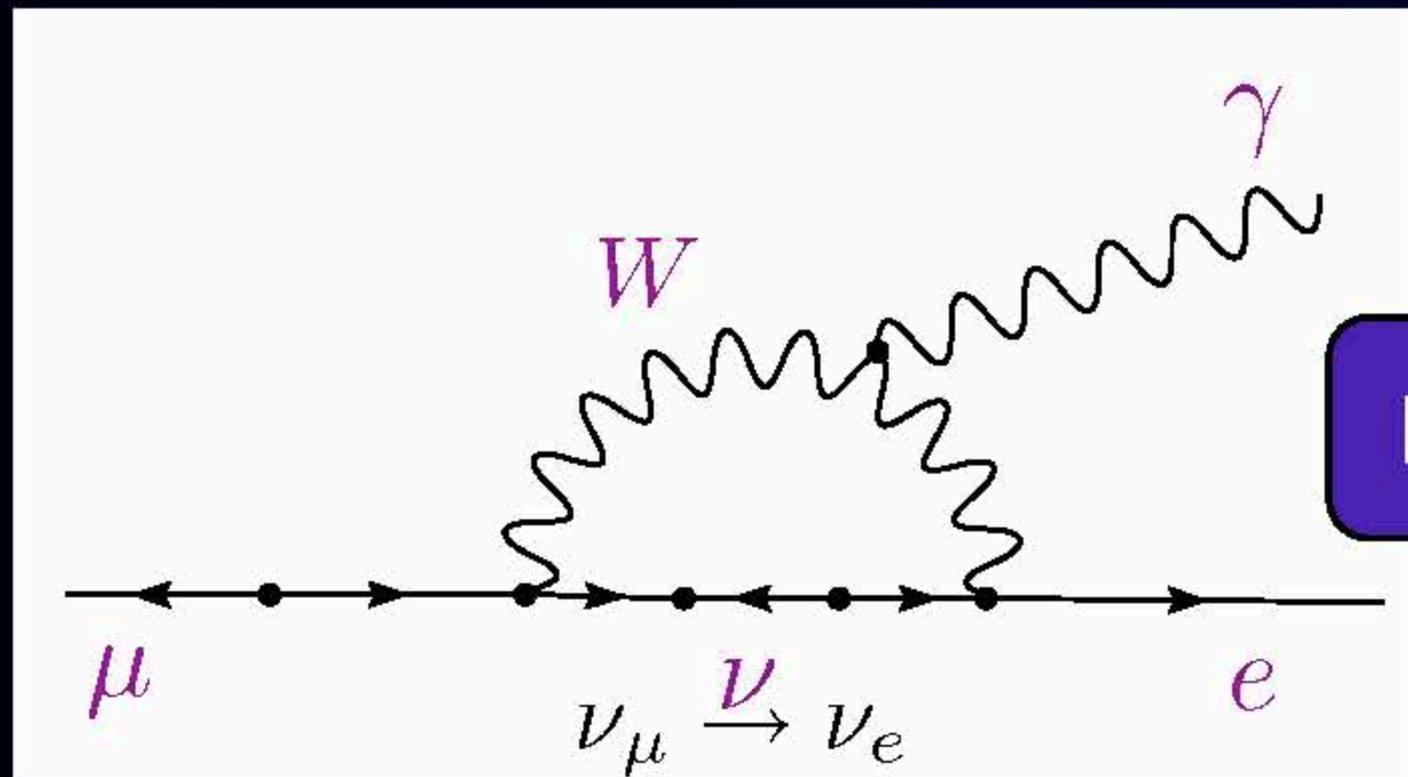
No SM contribution be subtracted.

# No SM Contribution in Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV)



$$B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_l (V_{MNS})_{\mu l}^* (V_{MNS})_{el} \frac{m_{\nu_l}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2$$

GIM suppression



BR  $\sim$  O(10<sup>-54</sup>)

Observation of CLFV would indicate a clear signal of physics beyond the SM with massive neutrinos.

# Quark FCNC vs. Lepton FCNC

Quark (suppressed)

amplitude

$$|A_{SM} + \varepsilon_{NP}|^2 \sim |A_{SM}|^2 + \underline{2\text{Re}(A_{SM}\varepsilon_{NP})} + |\varepsilon_N|^2$$

subject to uncertainty of SM prediction

NP contribution  $\sim O(\varepsilon)$

Lepton (forbidden)

rate

$$|A_{SM} + \varepsilon_{NP}|^2 \sim \cancel{|A_{SM}|^2} + \cancel{2\text{Re}(A_{SM}\varepsilon_{NP})} + \underline{|\varepsilon_N|^2}$$

could go higher energy scale

NP contribution  $\sim O(\varepsilon^2)$

Quark FCNC may have limitation from SM prediction, while lepton FCNC may need a big jump in improvement.

$$R \propto \frac{1}{\Lambda^4}$$

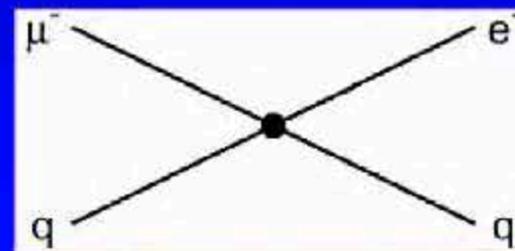
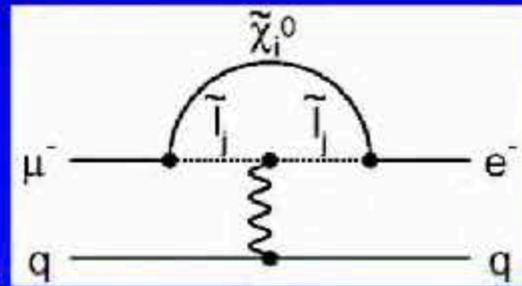
Lepton FCNC (CLFV) may have good sensitivity to NP.

# Various Models Predict CLFV.....

## Sensitivity to Different Muon Conversion Mechanisms

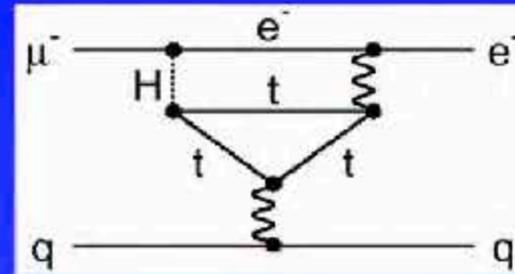
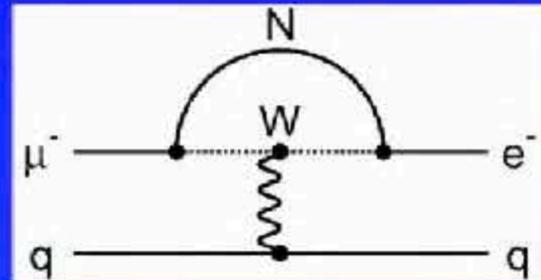


Supersymmetry  
Predictions at  $10^{-15}$



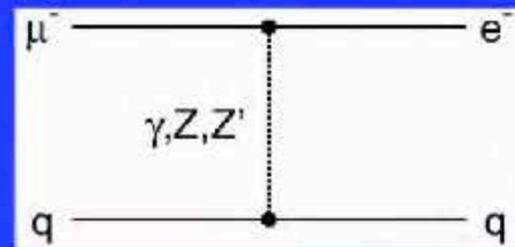
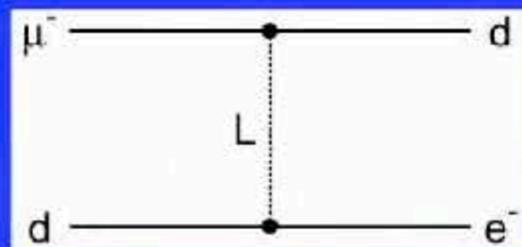
Compositeness  
 $\Lambda_c = 3000 \text{ TeV}$

Heavy Neutrinos  
 $|U_{\mu N}^* U_{eN}|^2 =$   
 $8 \times 10^{-13}$



Second Higgs doublet  
 $g_{H\mu e} = 10^{-4} \times g_{H\mu\mu}$

Leptoquarks



Heavy  $Z'$ ,  
Anomalous  $Z$   
coupling  
 $M_Z = 3000 \text{ TeV}/c^2$   
 $B(Z \rightarrow \mu e) < 10^{-17}$

$M_L =$

$3000 (\lambda_{\mu d} \lambda_{e d})^{1/2} \text{ TeV}/c^2$

After W. Marciano

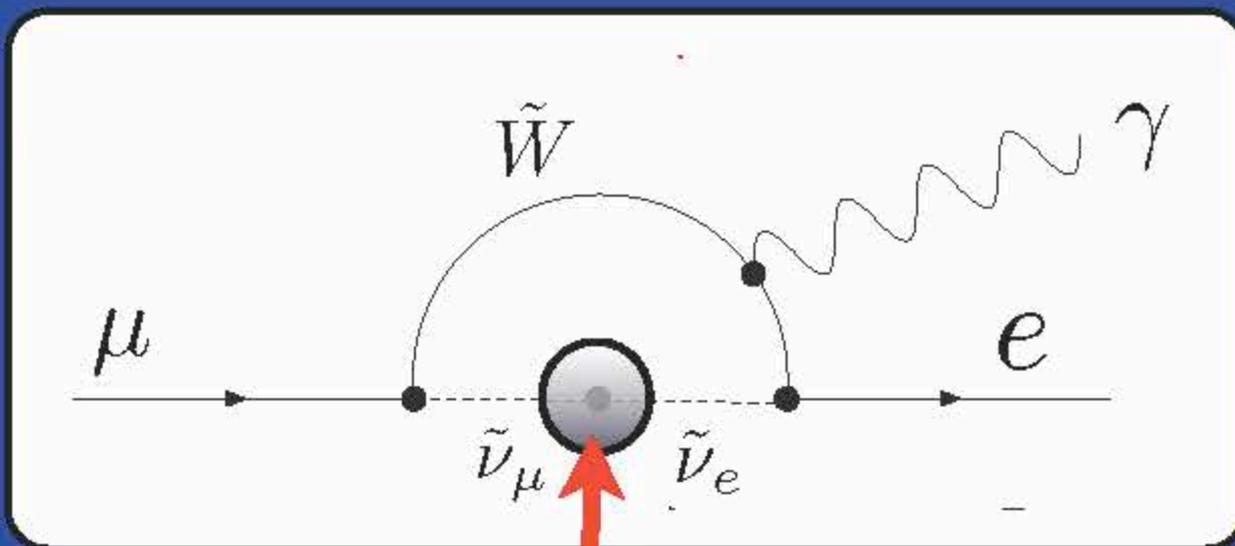
# Example of Sensitivity to NP in High Energy Scale : SUSY models



For loop diagrams,

$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = 1 \times 10^{-11} \times \left(\frac{2\text{TeV}}{\Lambda}\right)^4 \left(\frac{\theta_{\mu e}}{10^{-2}}\right)^2 \quad y = \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \theta_{\mu e}$$

> sensitive to TeV energy scale with reasonable mixing



example diagram for SUSY (~TeV)

Physics at about  $10^{16}$  GeV

slepton mixing (from RGE)

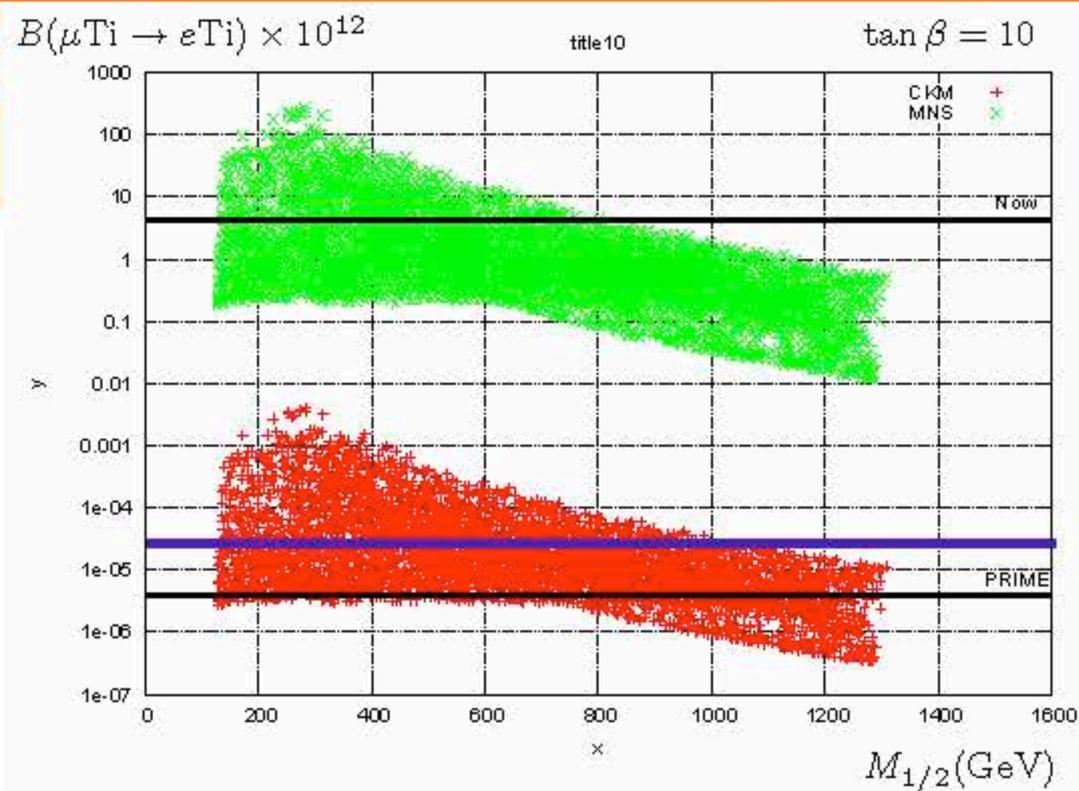
$$(m_L^2)_{21} \sim \frac{3m_0^2 + A_0^2}{8\pi^2} h_t^2 V_{td} V_{ts} \ln \frac{M_{GUT}}{M_{R_s}}$$

$$(m_L^2)_{21} \sim \frac{3m_0^2 + A_0^2}{8\pi^2} h_\tau^2 U_{31} U_{32} \ln \frac{M_{GUT}}{M_R}$$

SUSY-GUT model

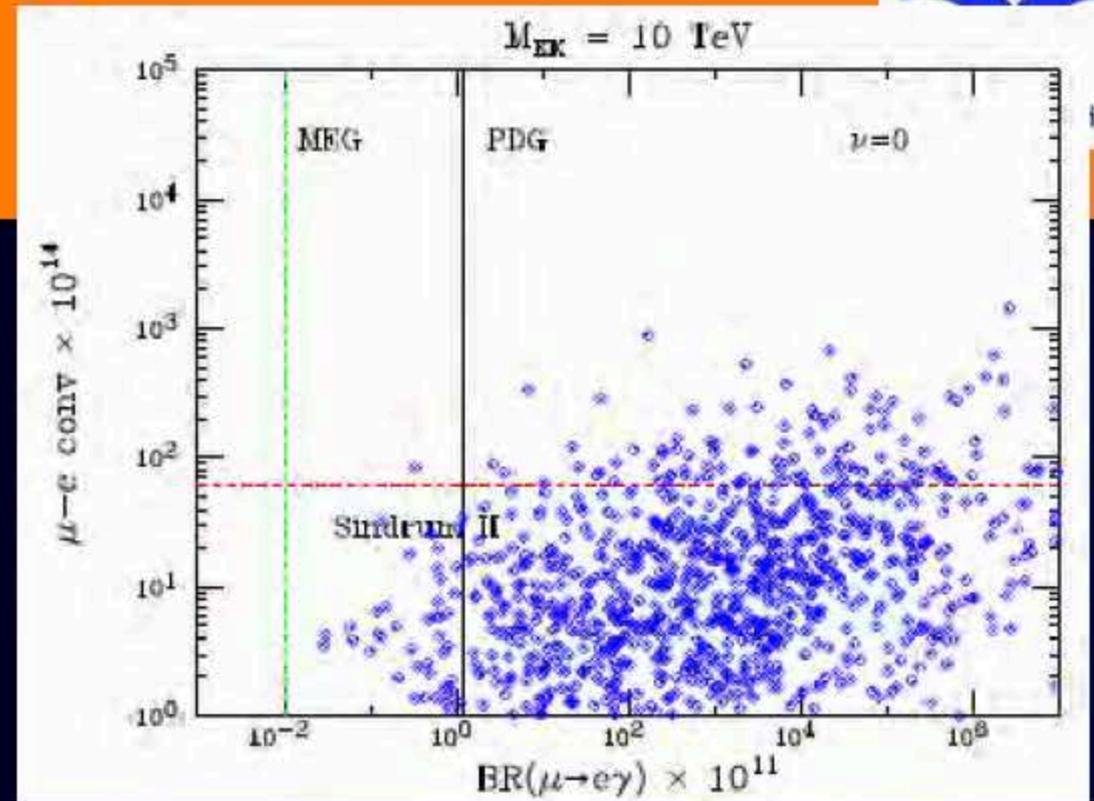
SUSY neutrino seesaw model

# SUSY model

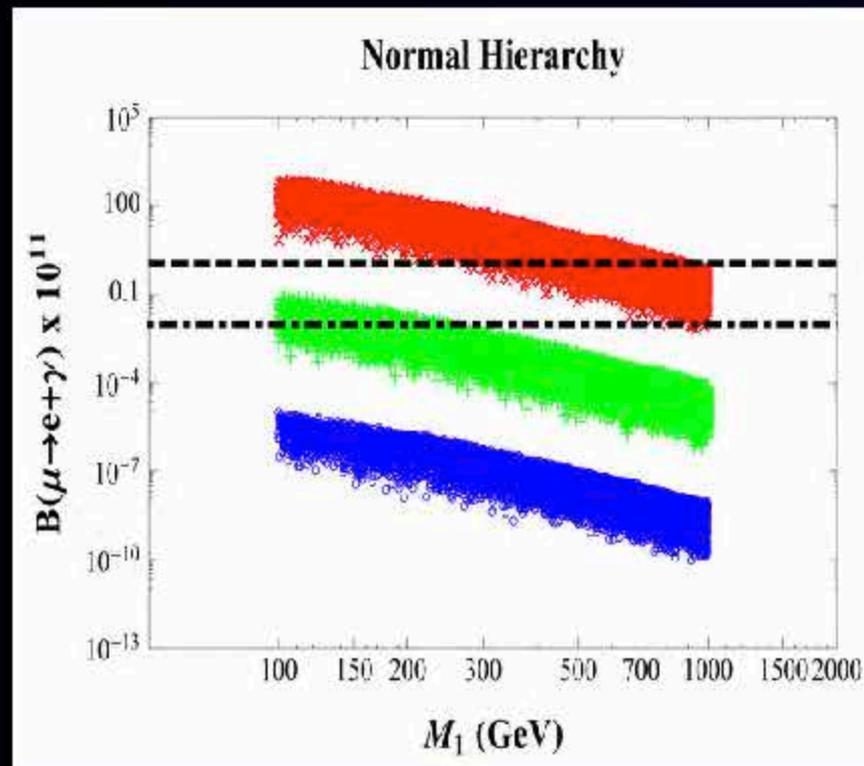


$10^4$

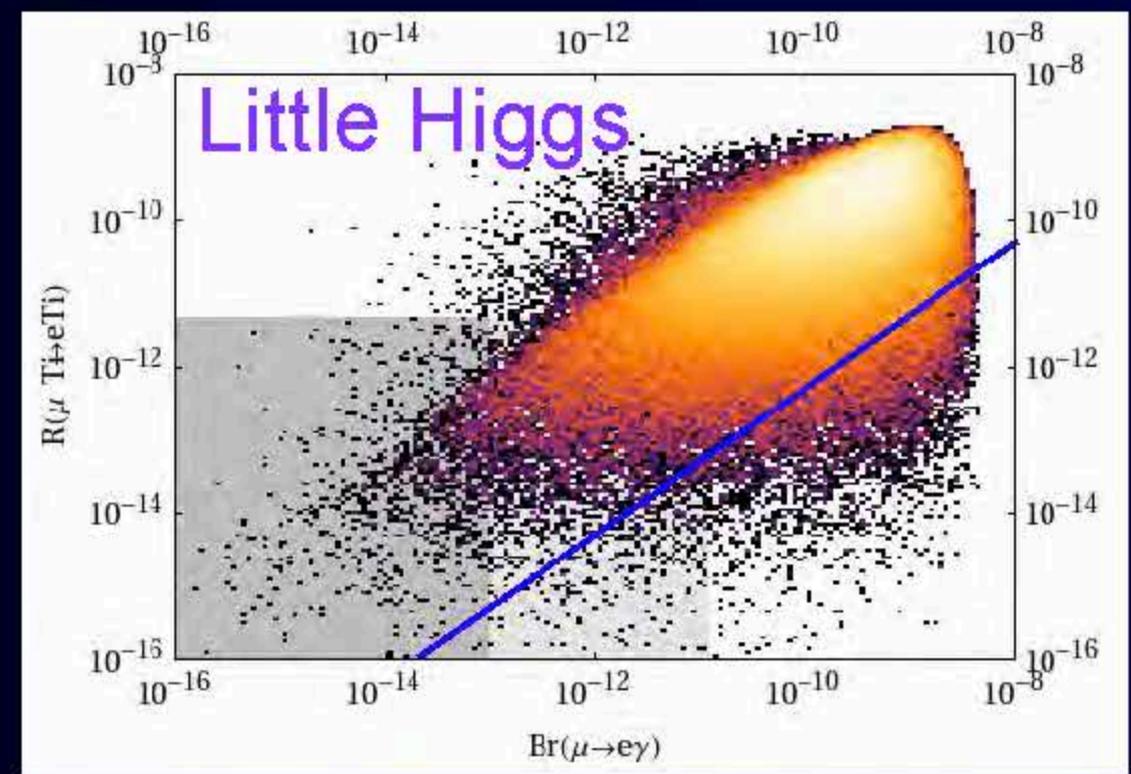
# extra dimension model



# low-energy seesaw model



# little Higgs model



# “DNA of New Physics” (a la Prof. Dr. A.J. Buras)



W. Altmannshofer, A.J. Buras, S. Gori, P. Paradisi and D.M. Straub

	AC	RVV2	AKM	$\delta$ LL	FBMSSM	LHT	RS
$D^0 - \bar{D}^0$	★★★★	★	★	★	★	★★★★	?
$\epsilon_K$	★	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★★	★★★★
$S_{\psi\phi}$	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★
$S_{\phi K_S}$	★★★★	★★	★	★★★★	★★★★	★	?
$A_{CP}(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$	★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★	★	?
$A_{7,8}(B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)$	★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★	★★	?
$A_9(B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)$	★	★	★	★	★	★	?
$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \bar{\nu}$	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★	★
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	★	★	★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	★	★	★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★
$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
$\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$	★★★★	★★★★	★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
$\mu + N \rightarrow e + N$	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
$d_n$	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★	★★★★	★	★★★★
$d_e$	★★★★	★★★★	★★	★	★★★★	★	★★★★
$(g-2)_\mu$	★★★★	★★★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★	?

The pattern of measurement:  
 ★ ★ ★ large effects  
 ★ ★ visible but small effects  
 ★ unobservable effects  
 is characteristic,  
 often uniquely so,  
 of a particular model

GLOSSARY	
AC [10]	RH currents & U(1) flavor symmetry
RVV2 [11]	SU(3)-flavored MSSM
AKM [12]	RH currents & SU(3) family symmetry
$\delta$ LL [13]	CKM-like currents
FBMSSM [14]	Flavor-blind MSSM
LHT [15]	Little Higgs with T Parity
RS [16]	Warped Extra Dimensions

These are a subset of a subset listed by Buras and Girschbach  
 MFV, CMFV, 2HDM<sub>MFV</sub>, LHT, SM4, SUSY flavor, SO(10) – GUT,  
 SSU(5)<sub>HN</sub>, FBMSSM, RHMFV, L-R, RS<sub>0</sub>, gauge flavor, .....

# Flavour Violation on Quarks, Neutrinos, and Charged Leptons

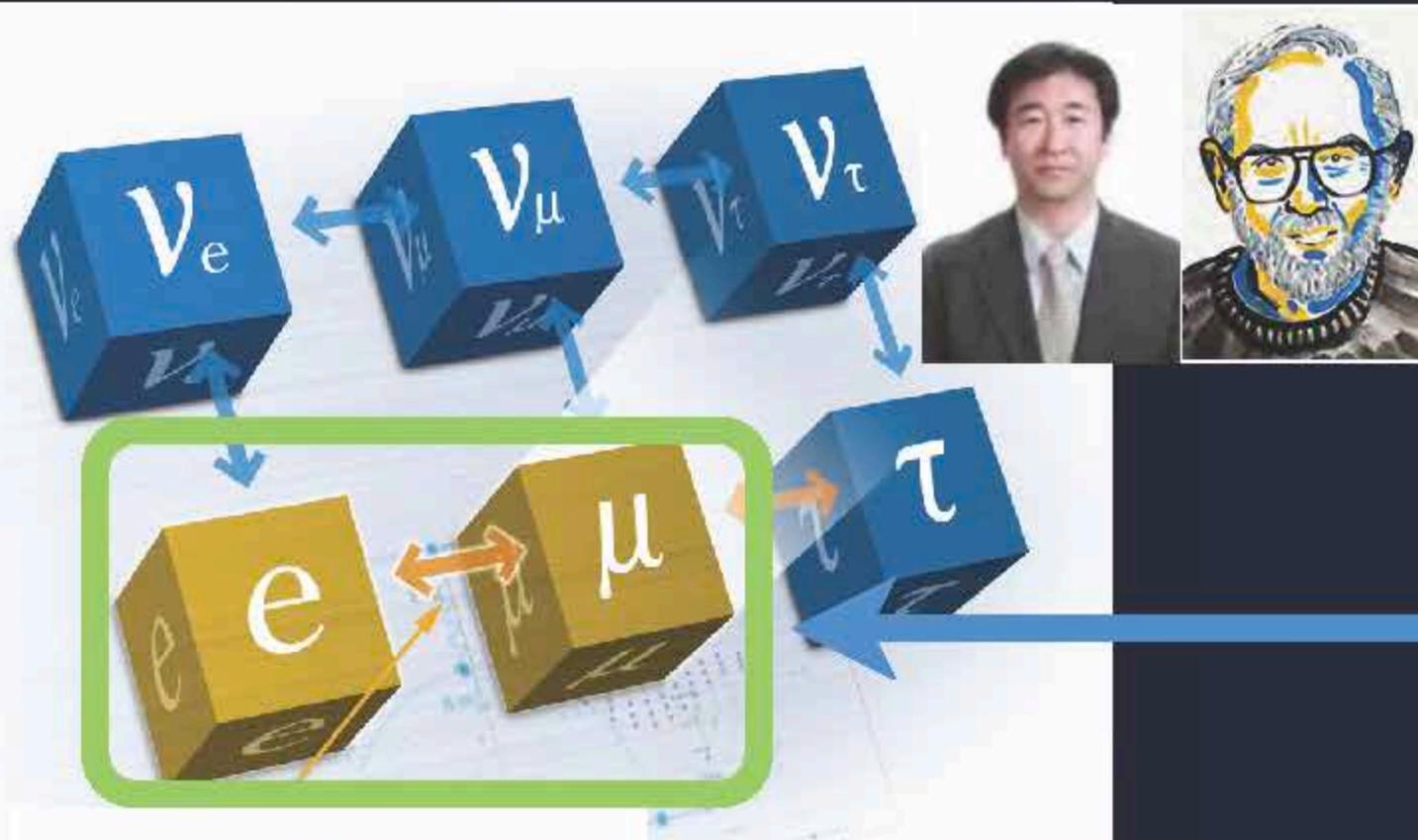


Quarks



Quark transition observed

Leptons



Neutrino transition observed

Charged lepton transition not observed.

Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV)

# CLFV Experiments



# CLFV History

First CLFV search



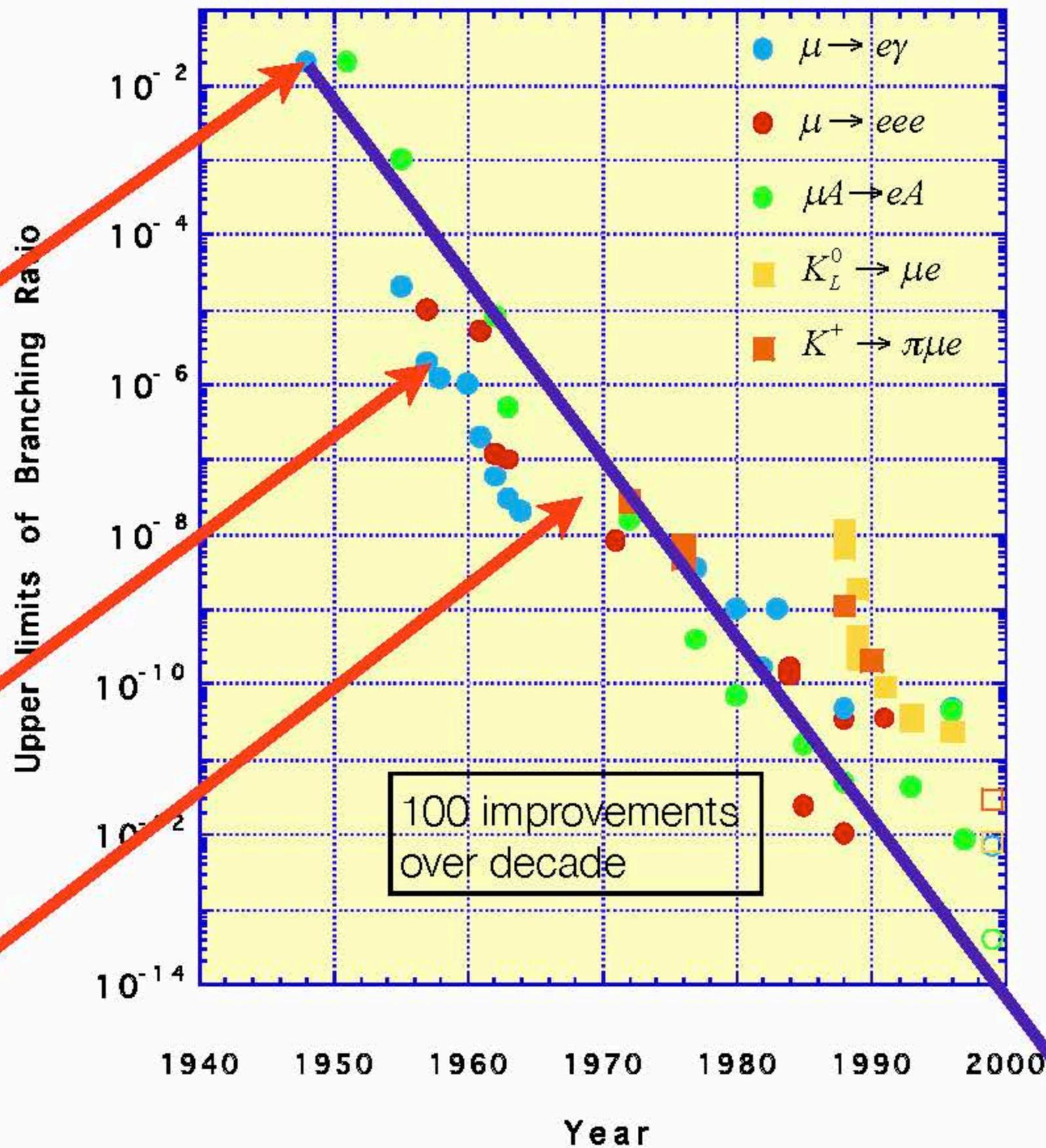
Pontecorvo  
in 1947

Muon Michel decay  
(1948)

Accelerators  
producing muons

Feinberg's  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$   
crisis (1955)

Meson Factory Era



# Present Limits and Expectations in Future

process	present limit	future	
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	$<5.7 \times 10^{-13}$	$<10^{-14}$	MEG at PSI
$\mu \rightarrow eee$	$<1.0 \times 10^{-12}$	$<10^{-16}$	Mu3e at PSI
$\mu N \rightarrow eN$ (in Al)	none	$<10^{-16}$	Mu2e / COMET
$\mu N \rightarrow eN$ (in Ti)	$<4.3 \times 10^{-12}$	$<10^{-18}$	PRISM
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$	$<1.1 \times 10^{-7}$	$<10^{-9} - 10^{-10}$	superKEKB
$\tau \rightarrow eee$	$<3.6 \times 10^{-8}$	$<10^{-9} - 10^{-10}$	superKEKB
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	$<4.5 \times 10^{-8}$	$<10^{-9} - 10^{-10}$	superKEKB
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$	$<3.2 \times 10^{-8}$	$<10^{-9} - 10^{-10}$	superKEKB/LHCb

# List of cLFV Processes with Muons

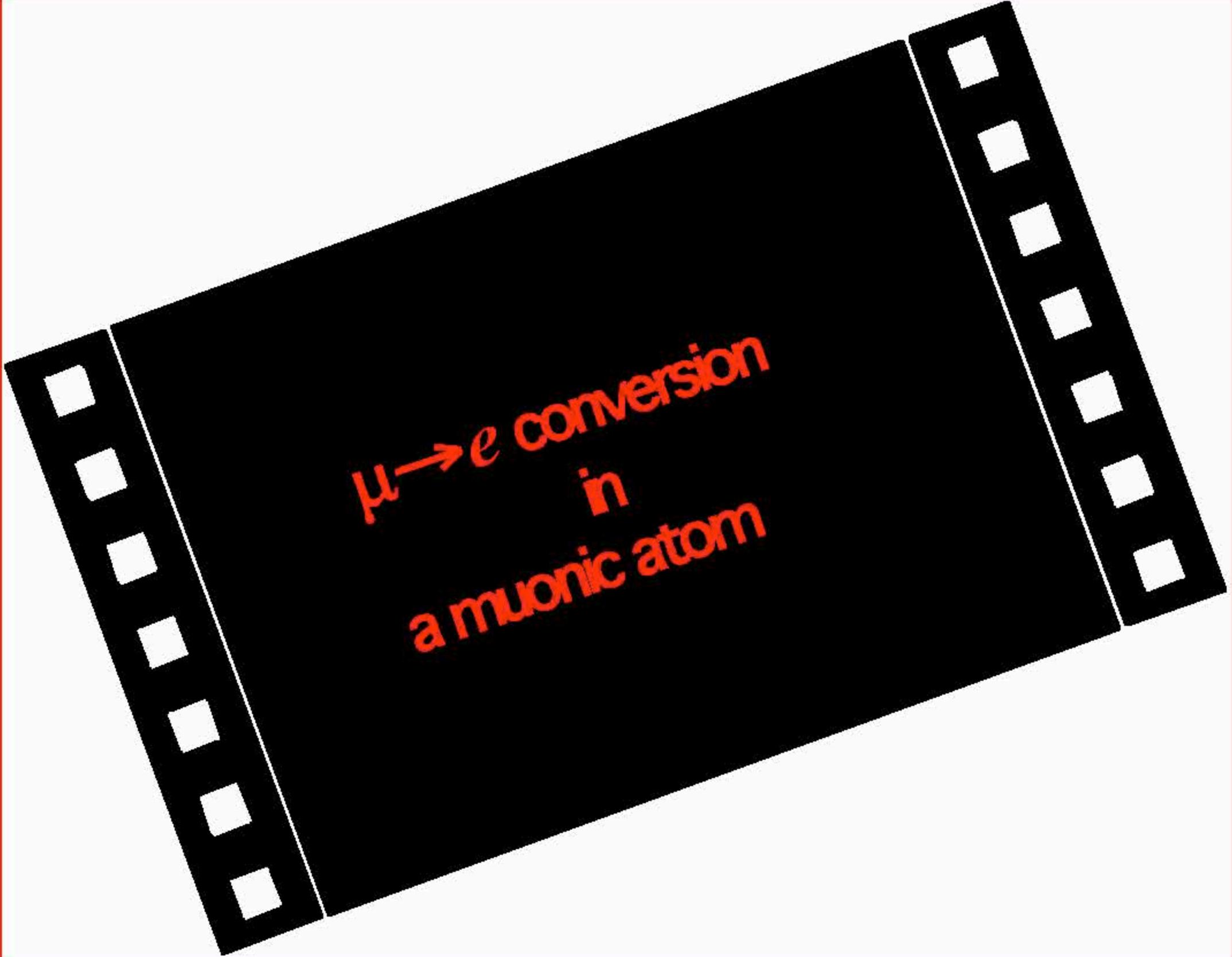
$\Delta L=1$

- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$
- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$
- $\mu^- + N(A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + N(A, Z)$
- $\mu^- + N(A, Z) \rightarrow e^+ + N(A, Z - 2)$

← this talk

$\Delta L=2$

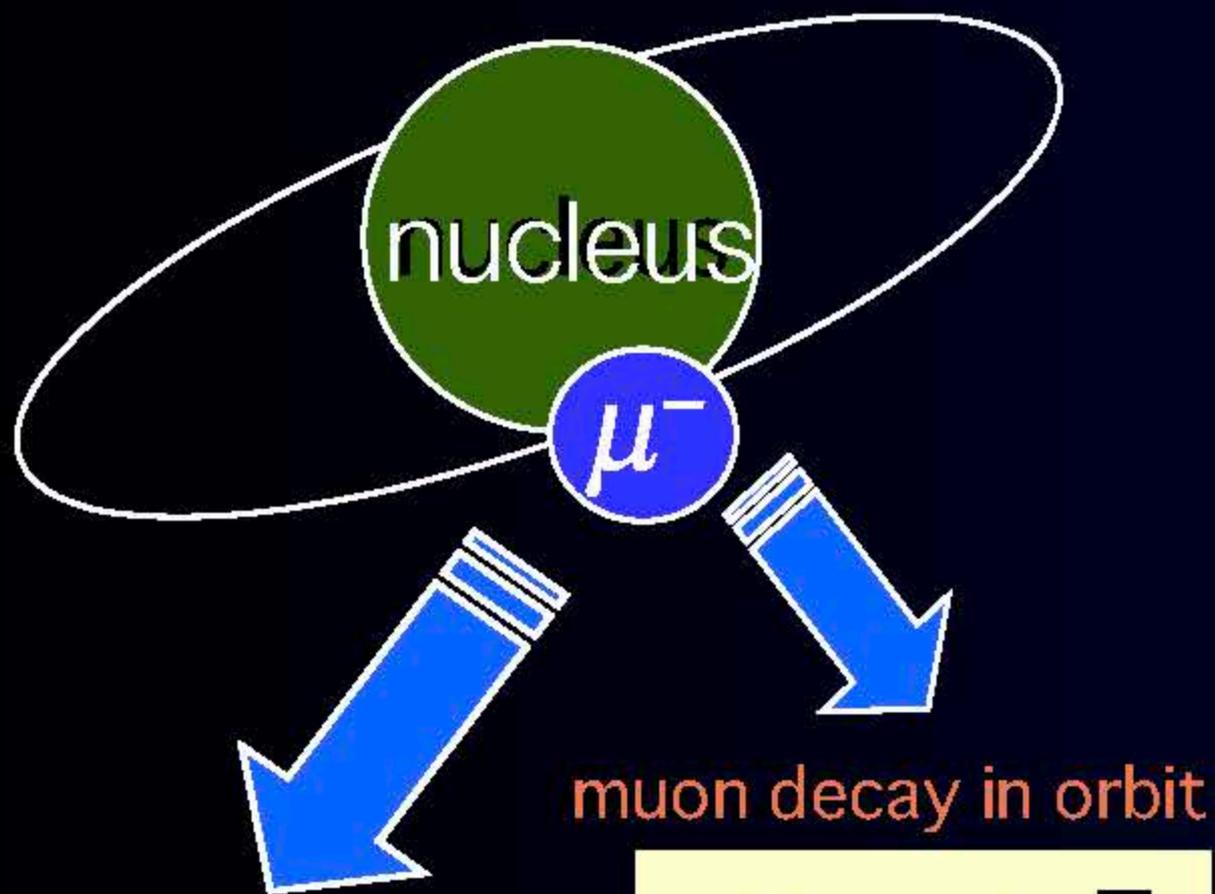
- $\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^- e^+$
- $\mu^- + N(A, Z) \rightarrow \mu^+ + N(A, Z - 2)$
- $\nu_\mu + N(A, Z) \rightarrow \mu^+ + N(A, Z - 1)$
- $\nu_\mu + N(A, Z) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^+ \mu^- + N(A, Z - 1)$



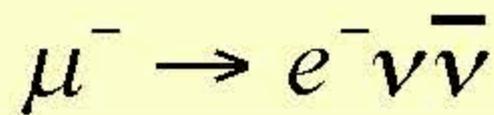
$\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion  
in  
a muonic atom

# What is Muon to Electron Conversion?

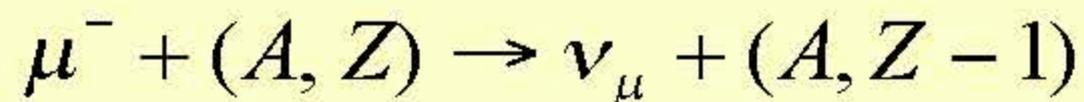
1s state in a muonic atom



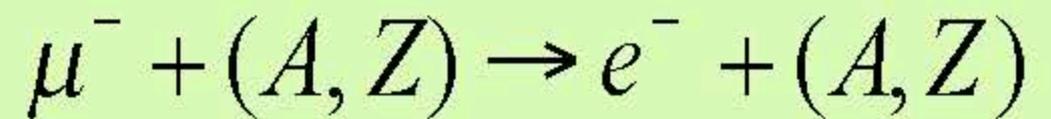
muon decay in orbit



nuclear muon capture



Neutrino-less muon nuclear capture



**Event Signature :**

a single mono-energetic electron of 105 MeV

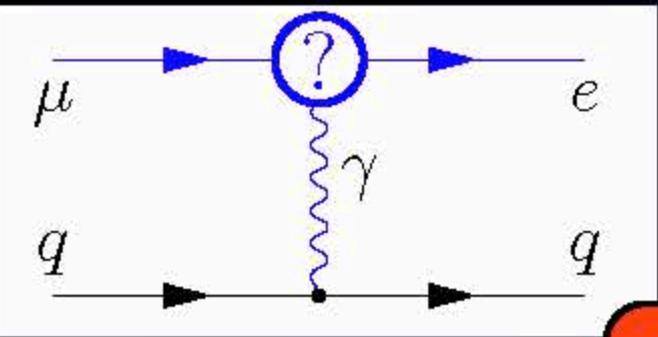
**Backgrounds:**

- (1) physics backgrounds  
ex. muon decay in orbit (DIO)
- (2) beam-related backgrounds  
ex. radiative pion capture,  
muon decay in flight,
- (3) cosmic rays, false tracking

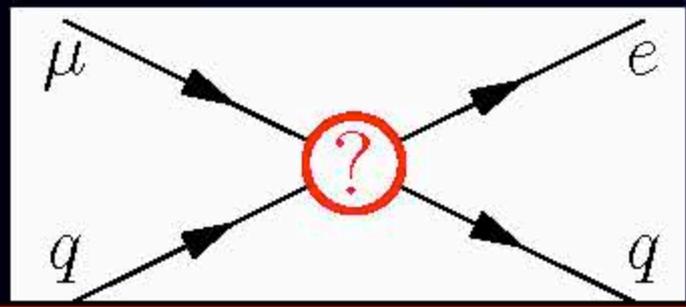
# Physics Sensitivity: $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ vs. $\mu$ -e conversion

$$L_{\text{CLFV}} = \frac{1}{1 + \kappa} \frac{m_\mu}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_R \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_L F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa} \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{\mu}_L \gamma^\mu e_L) (\bar{q}_L \gamma_\mu q_L)$$

Photonic (dipole) interaction



Contact interaction

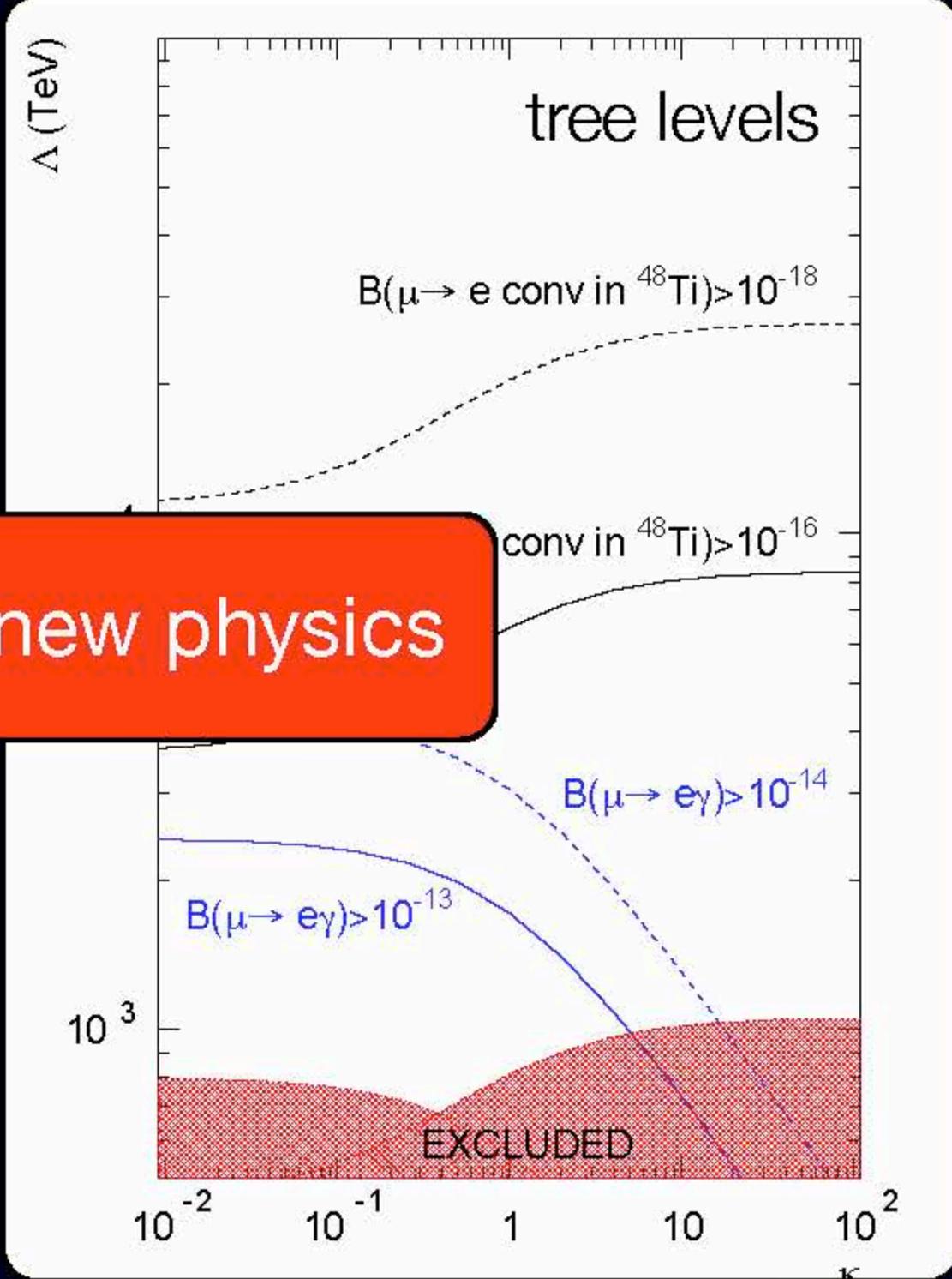


more sensitive to new physics

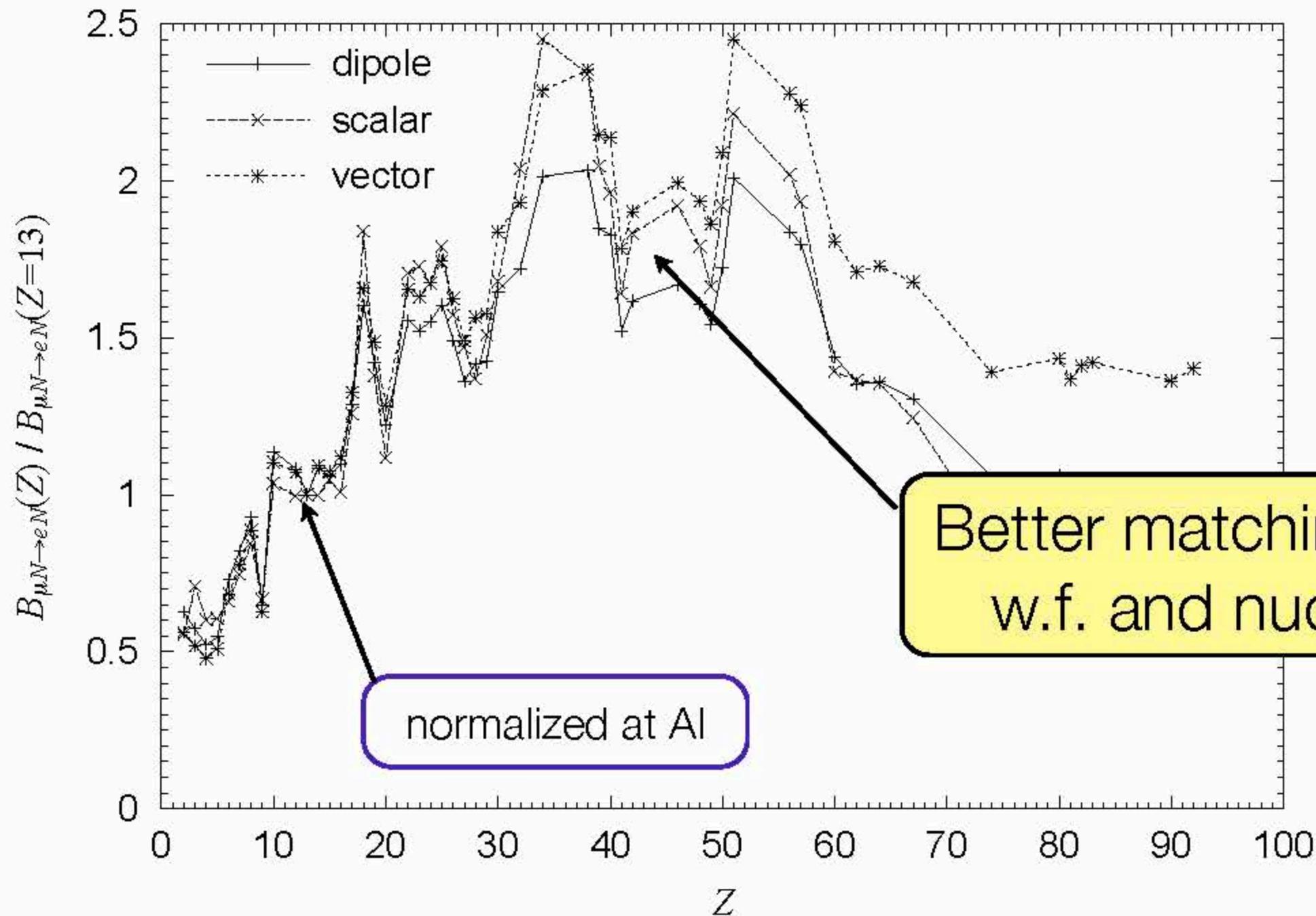
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$$\frac{B(\mu N \rightarrow eN)}{B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)} = \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^4}{96\pi^3 \alpha} \times 3 \times 10^{12} B(A, Z) \sim \frac{B(A, Z)}{428}$$

- for aluminum, about 1/390~0.003
- for titanium, about 1/230



# $\mu$ -e Conversion : Target dependence (discriminating effective interaction)



# Experimental Comparison between $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ and $\mu$ -e Conversion

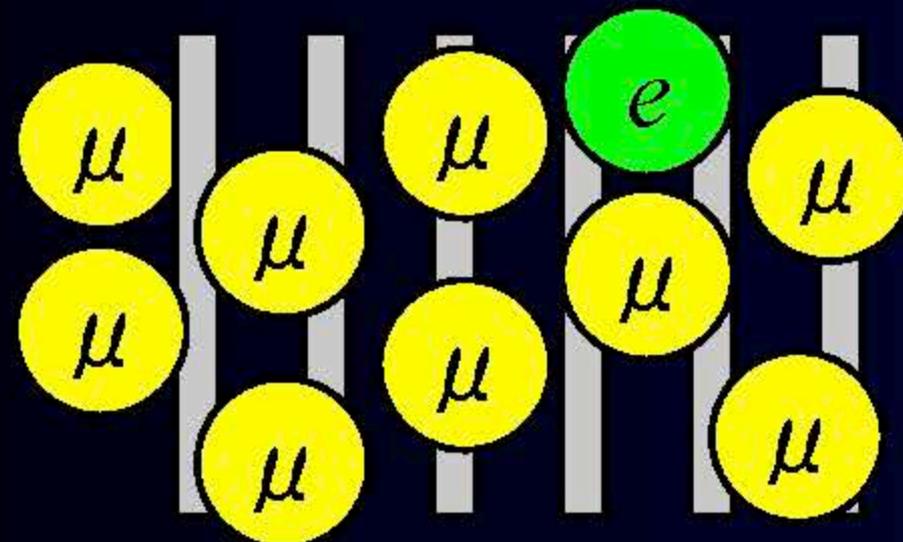


	background	challenge	beam intensity
• $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	accidentals	detector resolution	limited
• $\mu$ -e conversion	beam	beam background	no limitation

- $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  :
  - Accidental background is given by  $(\text{rate})^2$ .
  - The detector resolutions have to be improved, but difficult.
  - The ultimate sensitivity would be about  $10^{-14}$ .
- $\mu$ -e conversion :
  - A higher beam intensity can be taken because of no accidentals.

**$\mu$ -e conversion might be a next step.**

# Principle of Measurement of Measure $\mu$ -e Conversion / Meditation.....



muon stopping target

A total number of muons is the key for success.

COMET :  $10^{18}$  muons (past exp.  $10^{14}$  muons)

# Backgrounds for Search for $\mu$ -e conversion

intrinsic physics  
backgrounds

Muon decay in orbit (DIO)  
Radiative muon decay  
neutrons from muon nuclear capture  
Protons from muon nuclear capture  
Antiproton induced background

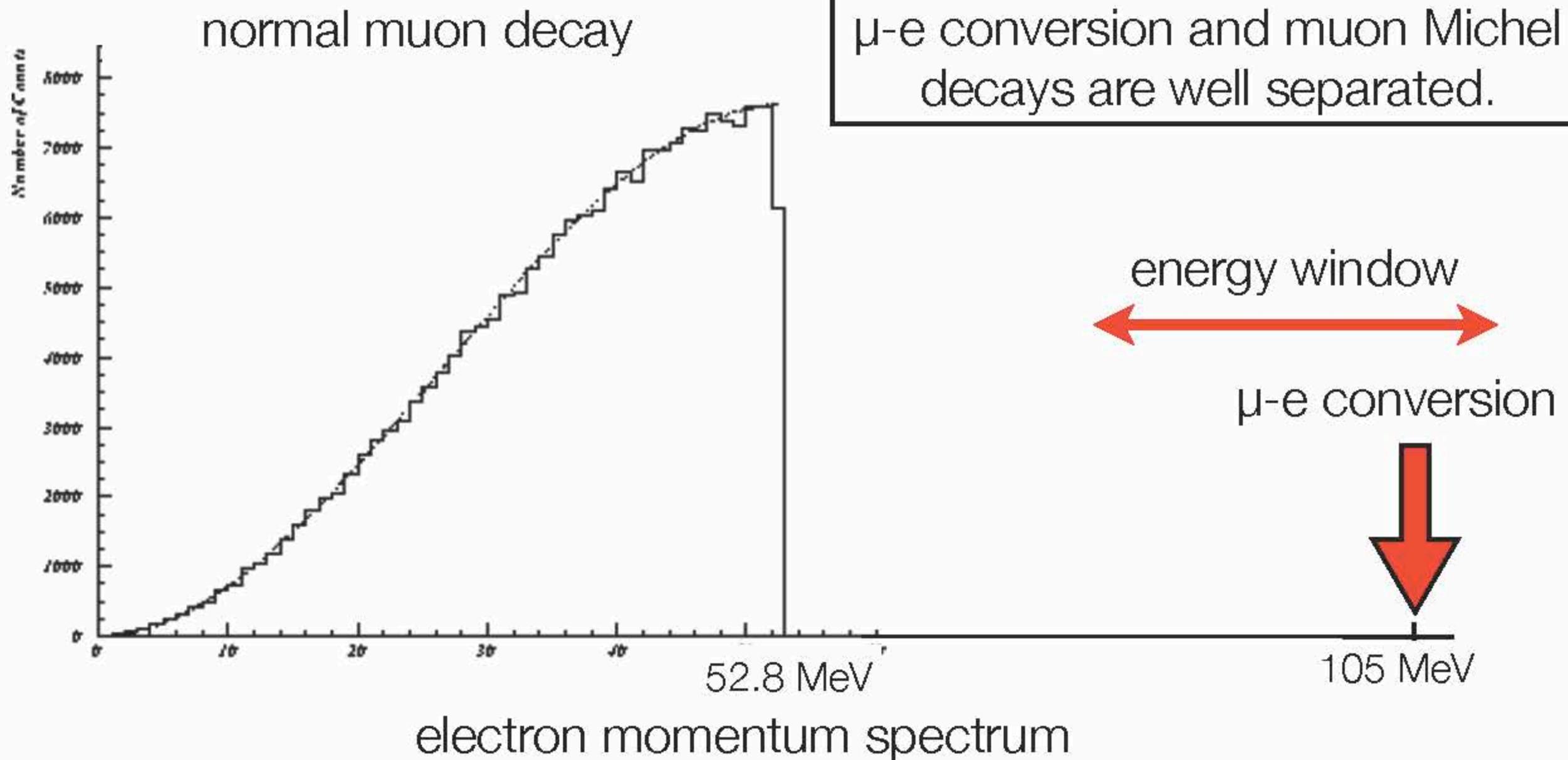
beam-related  
backgrounds

Radiative pion capture  
Beam electrons  
Muon decay in flights  
Neutron background

cosmic-ray and other  
backgrounds

Cosmic-ray induced background  
False tracking

# $\mu$ -e Conversion Signal and Normal Muon Decays

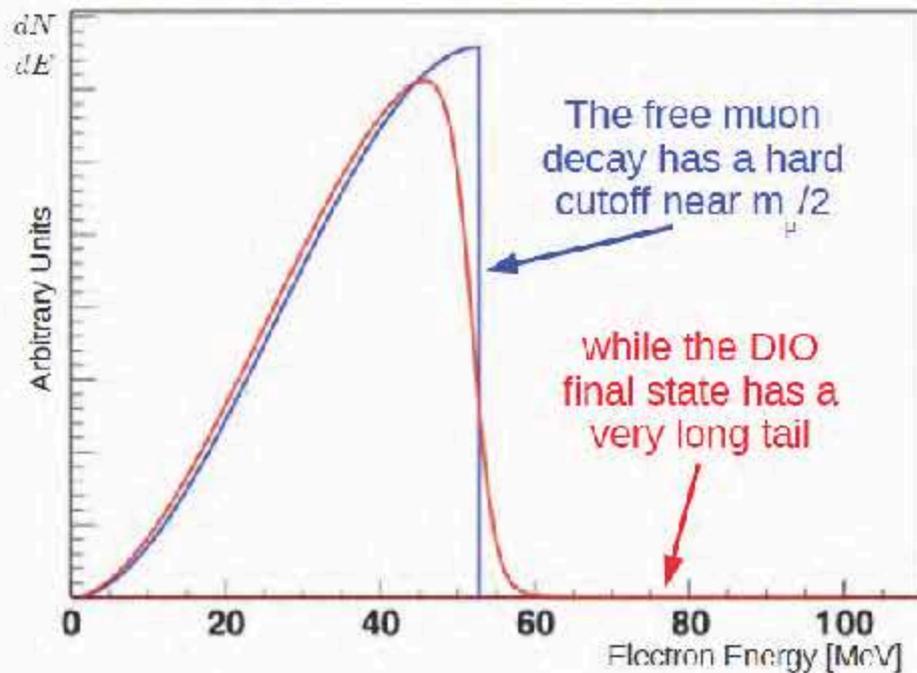


High Intensity beam can be used only for  $\mu$ -e conversion

# Intrinsic Physics Background: Muon Decay in Orbit (DIO)

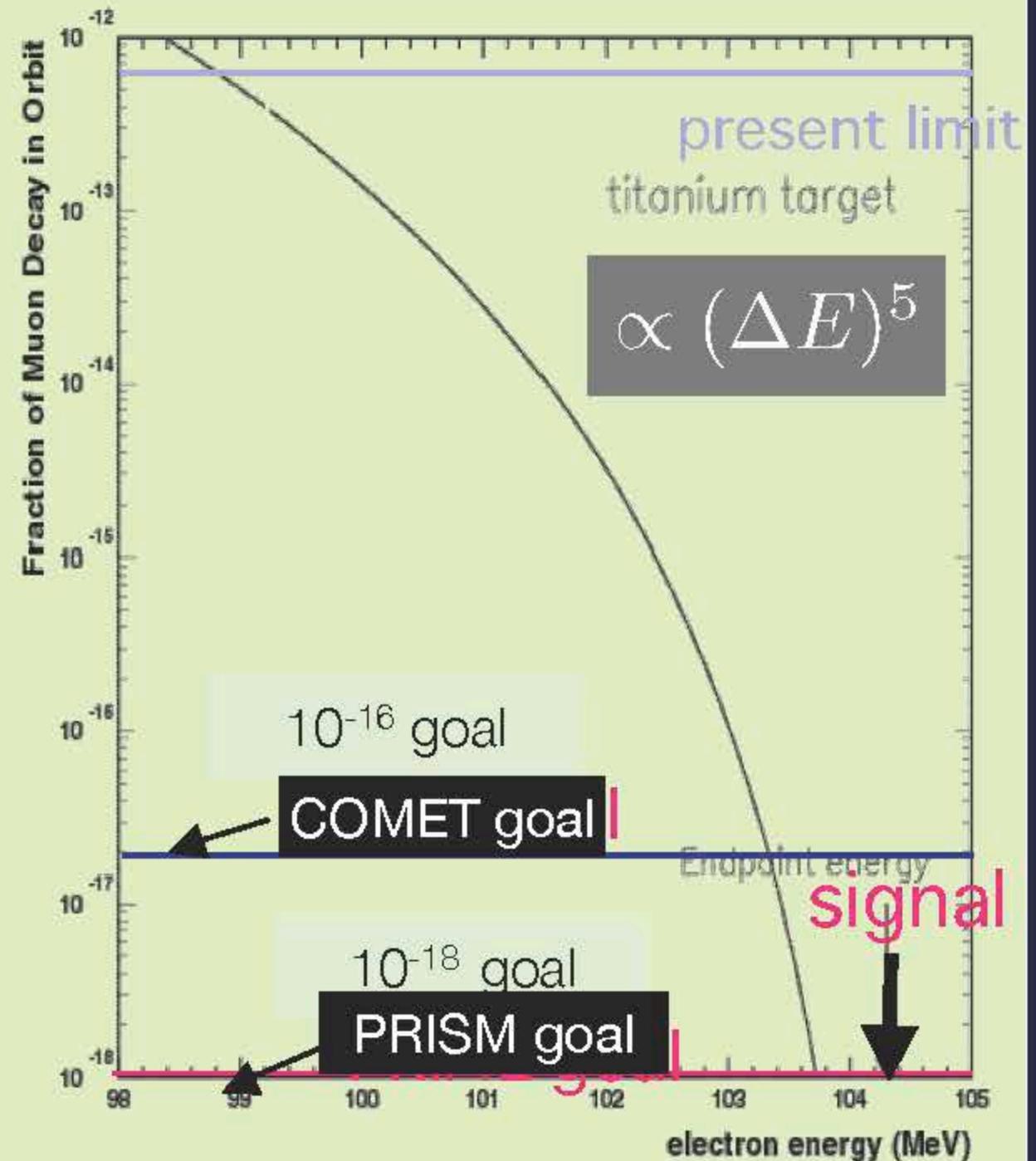


Decay-in-Orbit is the major source of delayed background in the live window



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Good momentum resolution is needed.



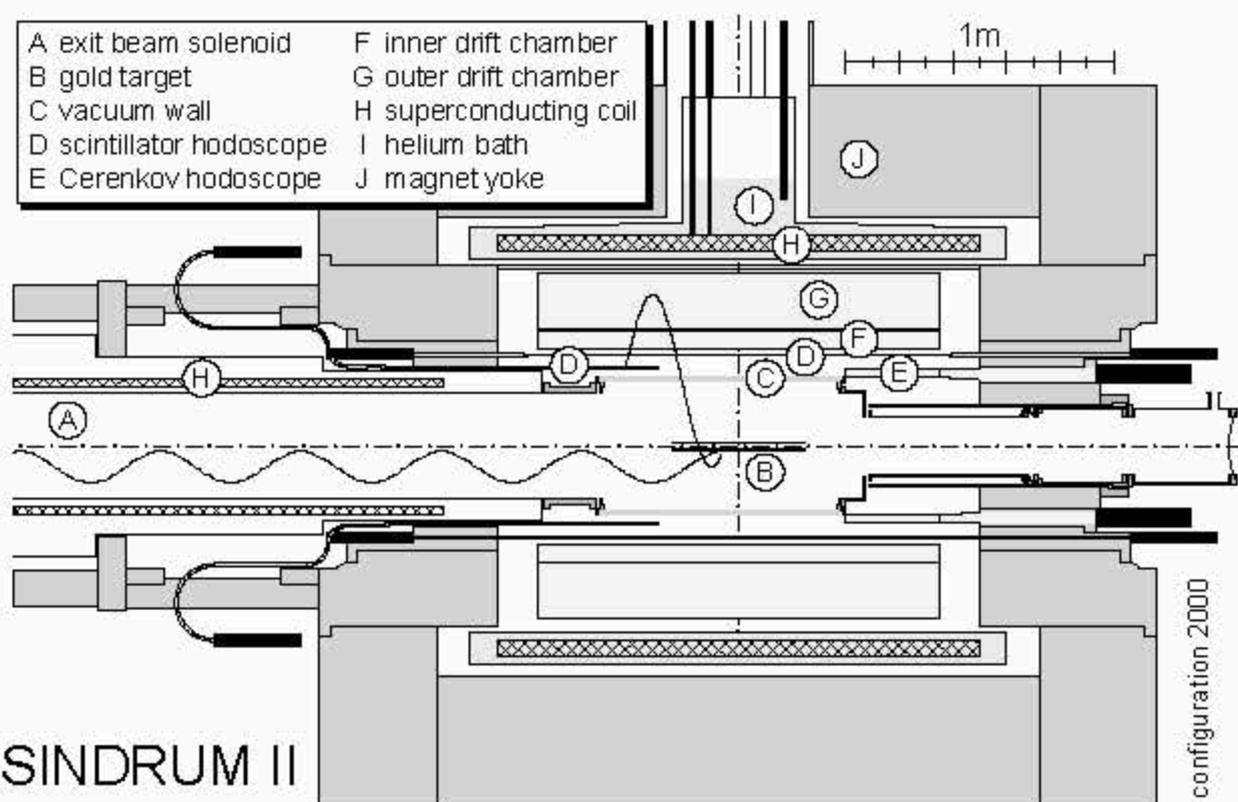
Experiments

# History of Search for $\mu$ -e conversion

Year	90% Limit	Lab/Collaboration	Reference	Material
1952	$1.0 \times 10^{-1}$	Cosmic Ray	Lagarrigue and Peyrou [1952]	Sn, Sb
1955	$5.0 \times 10^{-4}$	Nevis	Steinberger and Wolfe [1955]	Cu
1961	$4.0 \times 10^{-6}$	LBL	Sard <i>et al.</i> [1961]	Cu
1961	$5.9 \times 10^{-6}$	CERN	Conversi <i>et al.</i> [1961]	Cu
1962	$2.2 \times 10^{-7}$	CERN	Conforto <i>et al.</i> [1962]	Cu
1964	$2.2 \times 10^{-7}$	Liverpool	Bartley <i>et al.</i> [1964]	Cu
1972	$1.6 \times 10^{-8}$	SREL	Bryman <i>et al.</i> [1972]	Cu
1977	$4.0 \times 10^{-10}$	SIN	Badertscher <i>et al.</i> [1977]	S
1982	$7.0 \times 10^{-11}$	SIN	Badertscher <i>et al.</i> [1982]	S
1988	$4.6 \times 10^{-12}$	TRIUMF	Ahmad <i>et al.</i> [1988]	Ti
1993	$4.3 \times 10^{-12}$	SINDRUM II	Dohmen <i>et al.</i> [1993]	Ti
1996	$4.6 \times 10^{-11}$	SINDRUM II	Honecker <i>et al.</i> [1996]	Pb
2006	$7.0 \times 10^{-13}$	SINDRUM II	Bertl <i>et al.</i> [2006]	Au

# Previous Measurements

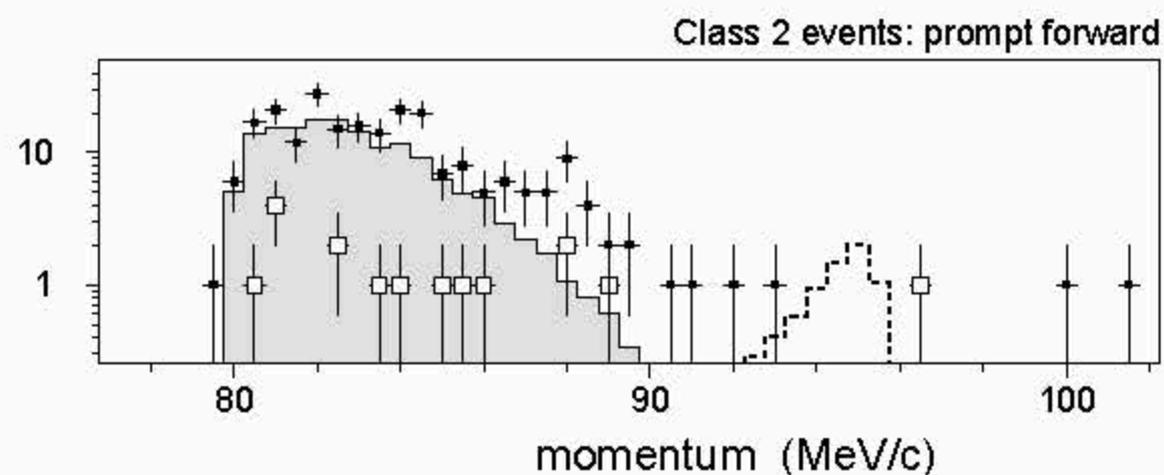
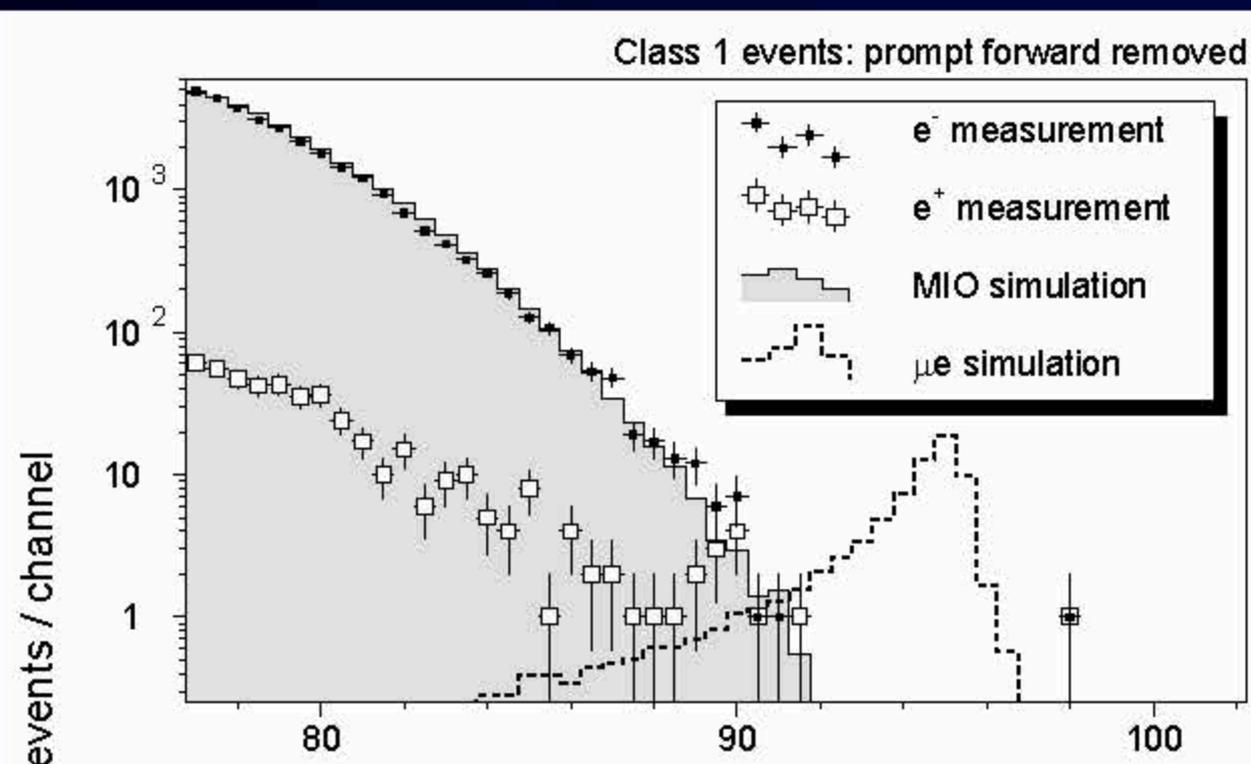
## SINDRUM-II (PSI)



PSI muon beam intensity  $\sim 10^{7-8}/\text{sec}$  beam from the PSI cyclotron. To eliminate beam related background from a beam, a beam veto counter was placed. But, it could not work at a high rate.

## Published Results (2004)

$$B(\mu^- + Au \rightarrow e^- + Au) < 7 \times 10^{-13}$$



In order to make a new-generation experiment to search for  $\mu$ -e conversion ...

# Improvements for Signal Sensitivity

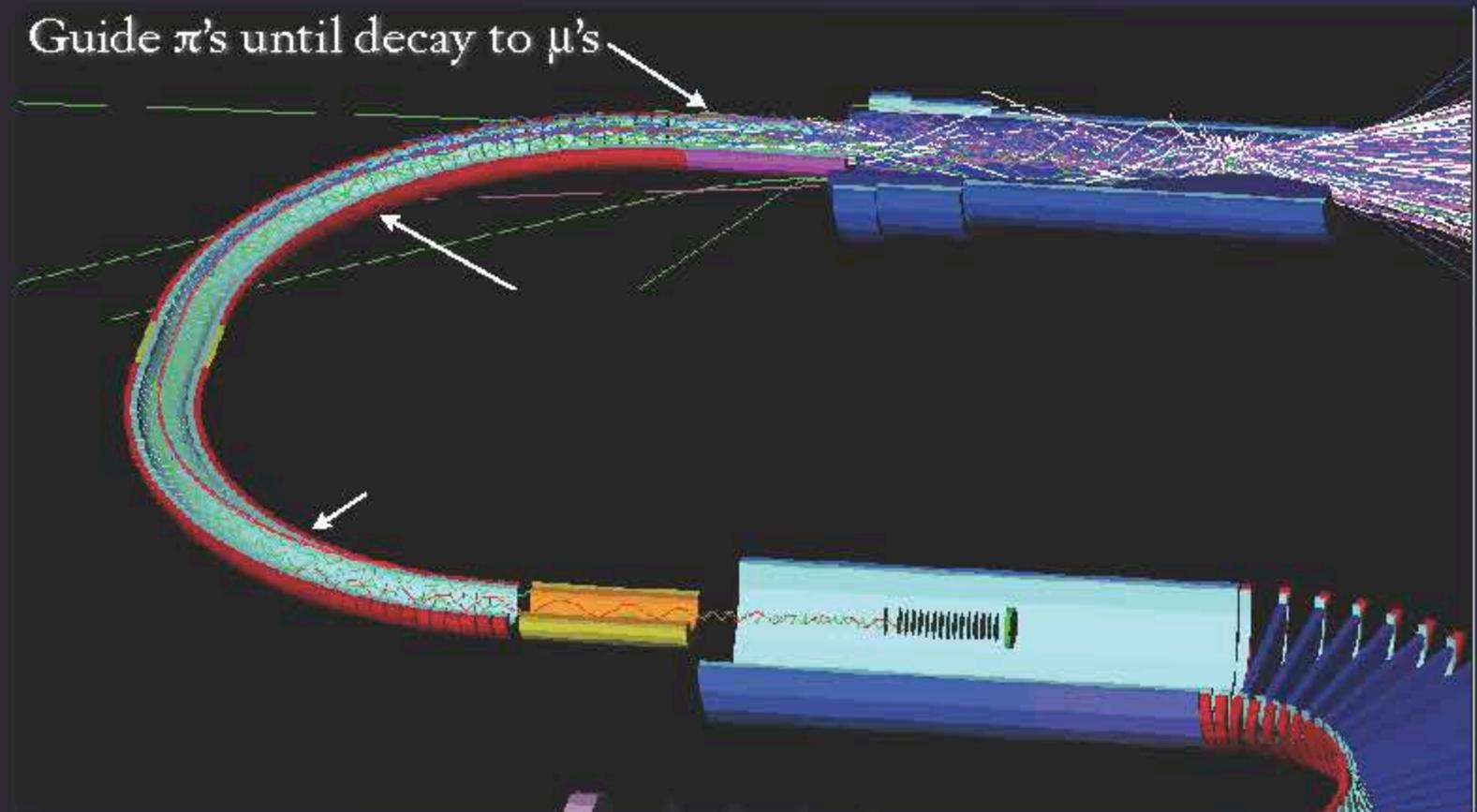
To achieve a single sensitivity of  $10^{-17}$ , we need

$10^{11}$  muons/sec (with  $10^7$  sec running)

whereas the current highest intensity is  $10^8$ /sec at PSI.

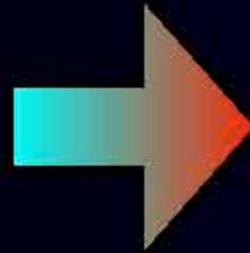
Pion Capture and  
Muon Transport by  
Superconducting  
Solenoid System

( $10^{11}$  muons for 50  
kW beam power)



# Improvements for Background Rejection

Beam-related backgrounds

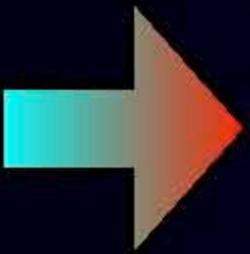


Beam pulsing with separation of 1  $\mu$ sec

measured between beam pulses

proton extinction = #protons between pulses/#protons in a pulse  $< 10^{-9}$

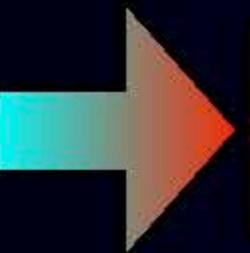
Muon DIO background



low-mass trackers in vacuum & thin target

improve electron energy resolution

Muon DIF background

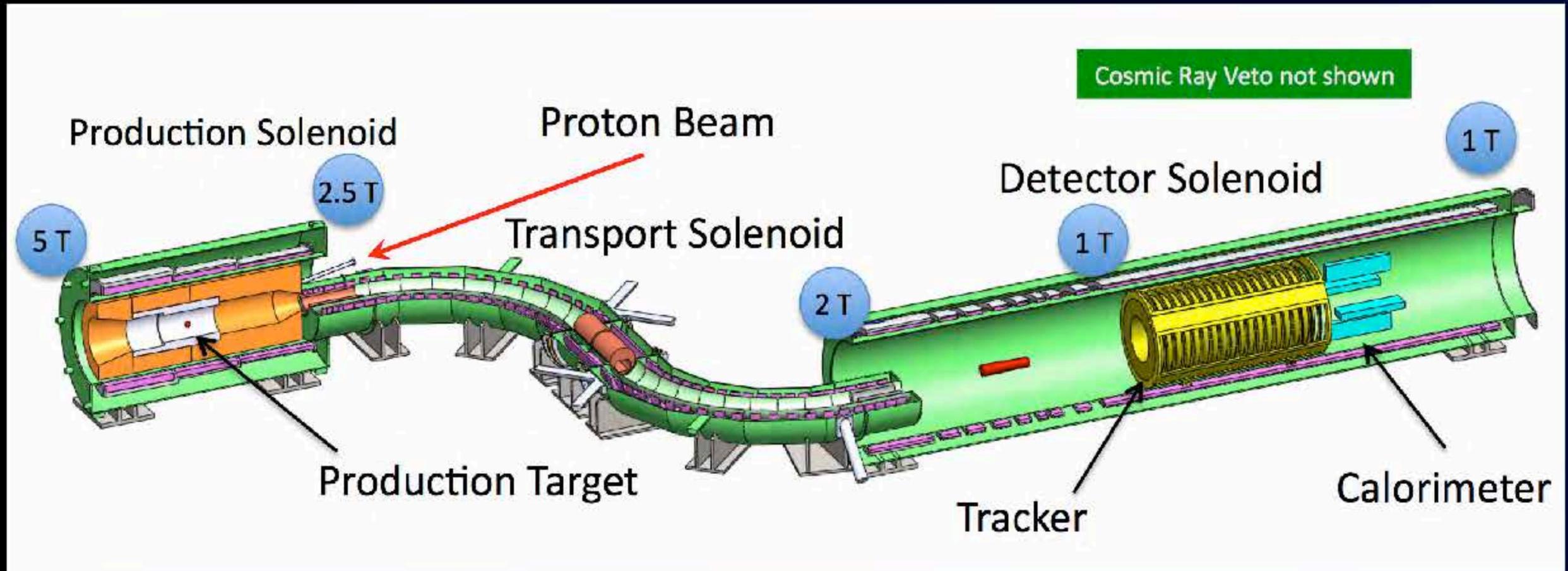


curved solenoids for momentum selection

eliminate energetic muons ( $>75$  MeV/c)

base on the MELC proposal at Moscow Meson Factory

# $\mu$ -e conversion : Mu2e at Fermilab



$$B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) = 5 \times 10^{-17} \quad (\text{S.E.})$$

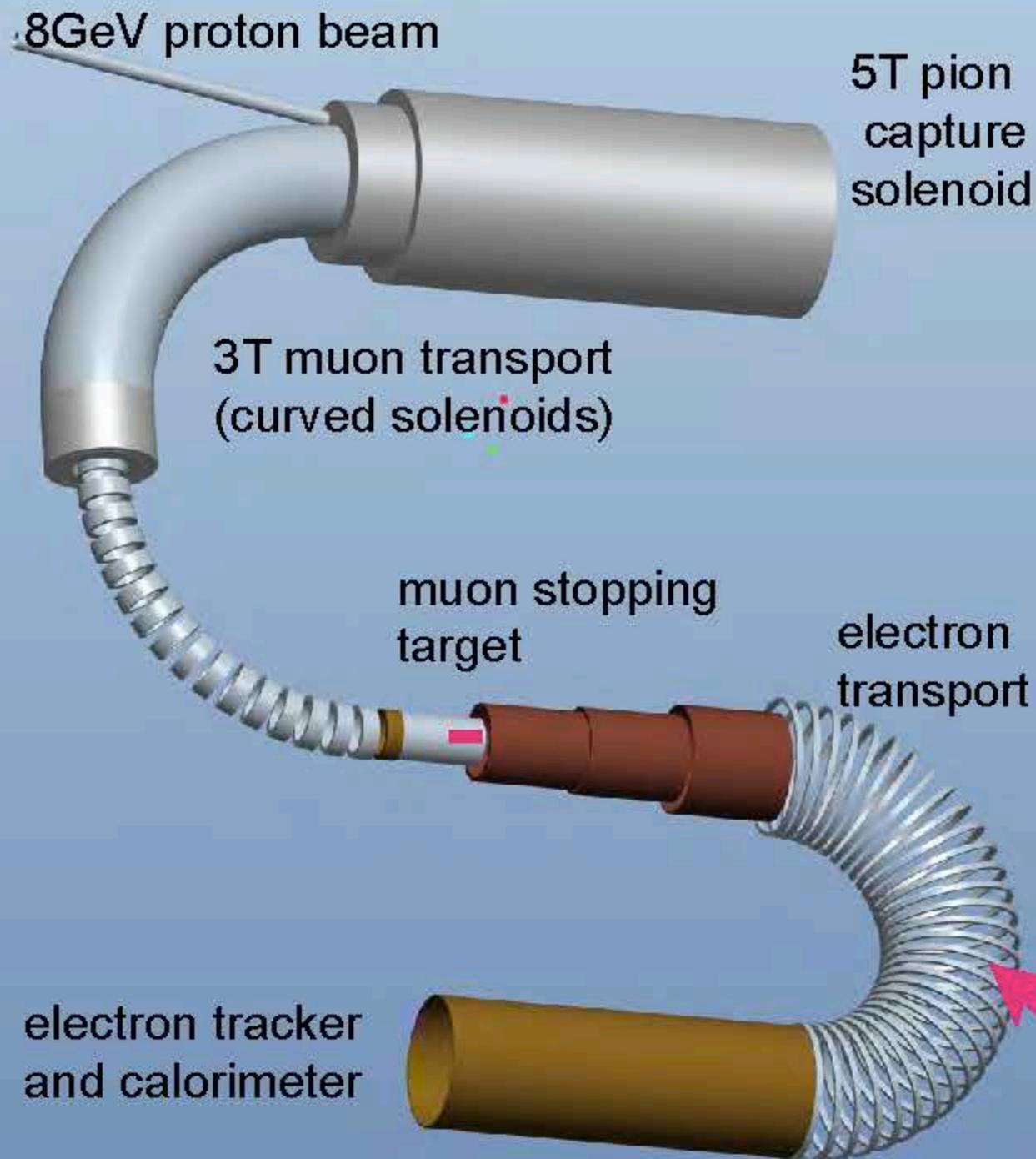
$$B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) < 10^{-16} \quad (90\% \text{C.L.})$$

- Reincarnation of MECO at BNL.
- Antiproton buncher ring is used to produce a pulsed proton beam.
- Approved in 2009, CD0 in 2009, and CD1 in 2011. CD2 in 2015?
- Data taking starts in about 2019.

COMET



# What is COMET (E21) at J-PARC



## Experimental Goal of COMET

$$B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) = 2.6 \times 10^{-17}$$

$$B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) < 6 \times 10^{-17} \quad (90\% C.L.)$$

- $10^{11}$  muon stops/sec for 56 kW proton beam power.
- $2 \times 10^7$  running time ( $\sim 1$  year)
- C-shape muon beam line
- C-shape electron transport followed by electron detection system.
- Stage-1 approved in 2009.

Electron transport with curved solenoid would make momentum and charge selection.

# COMET Collaboration



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182 collaborators  
32 institutes, 15 countries

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Proton Beam

# J-PARC@Tokai

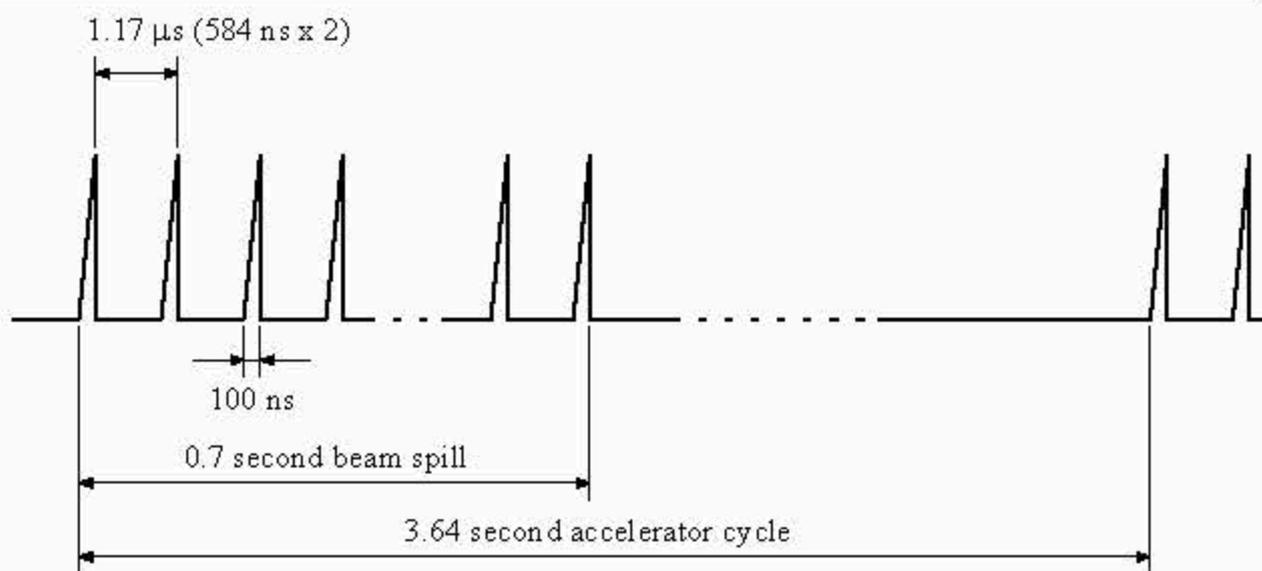
COMET  
Exp. Area

Hadron Experimental Hall

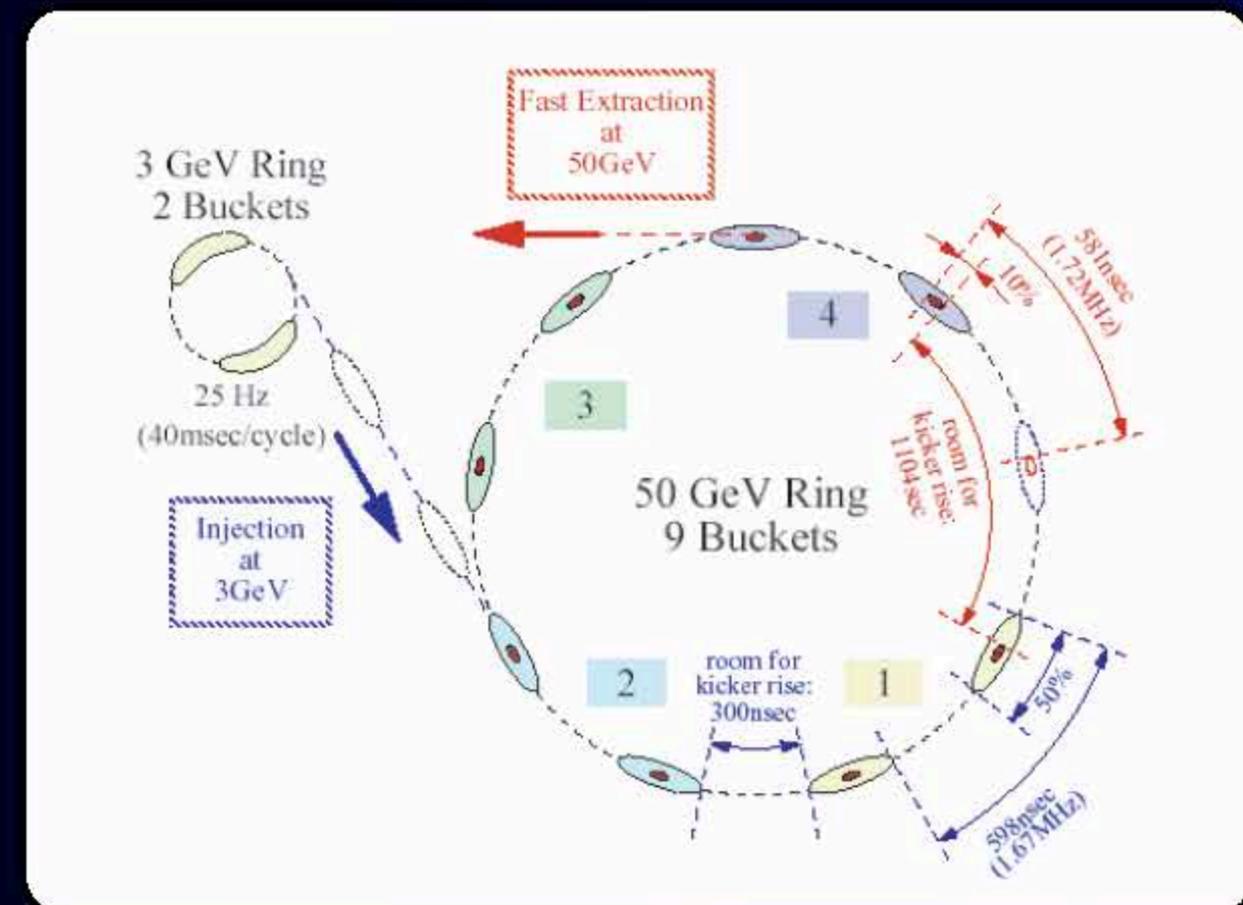


# Proton Beam at J-PARC

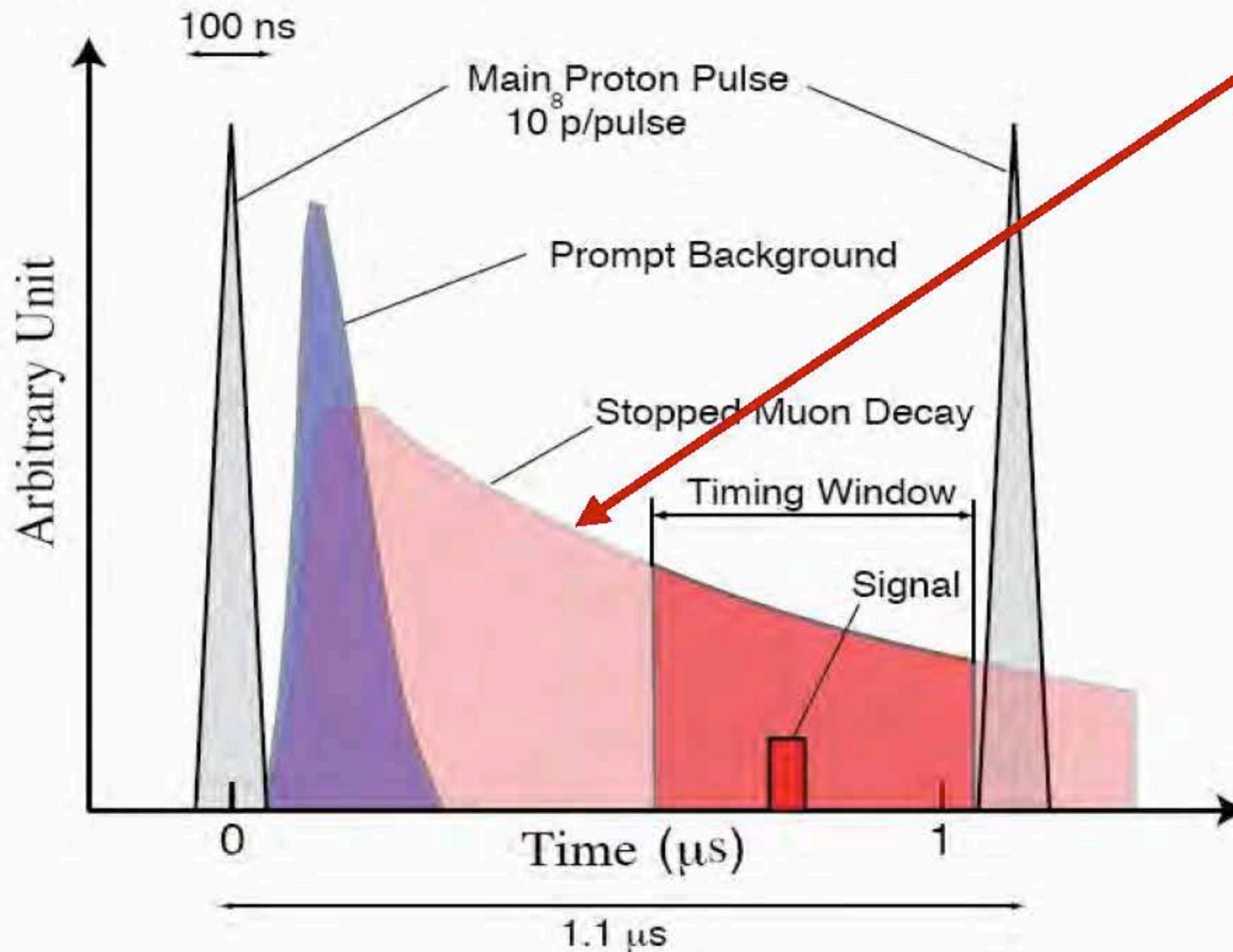
- A pulsed proton beam is needed to reject beam-related prompt background.
- Time structure required for proton beams.
  - Pulse separation is  $\sim 1 \mu\text{sec}$  or more (muon lifetime).
  - Narrow pulse width ( $< 100 \text{ nsec}$ )



- Pulsed beam from slow extraction.
  - fill every other rf buckets with protons and make slow extraction
  - spill length (flat top)  $\sim 0.7$



# Proton Beam for COMET



A lifetime of a muonic atom in aluminum  $\sim 800$  sec

Muon Beam

# Charged Particle Trajectory in Curved Solenoids

- A center of helical trajectory of charged particles in a curved solenoidal field is drifted by

$$D = \frac{p}{qB} \theta_{bend} \frac{1}{2} \left( \cos \theta + \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \right)$$

*D* : drift distance

*B* : Solenoid field

$\theta_{bend}$  : Bending angle of the solenoid channel

*p* : Momentum of the particle

*q* : Charge of the particle

$\theta$  :  $\text{atan}(P_T/P_L)$

- This can be used for charge and momentum selection.

- This drift can be compensated by an auxiliary field parallel to the drift direction given by

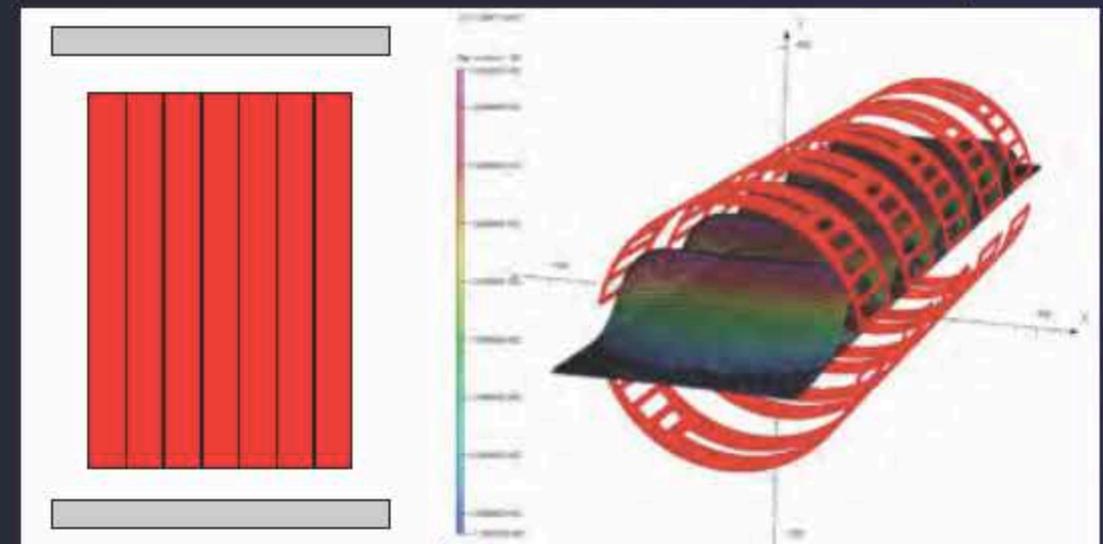
$$B_{comp} = \frac{p}{qr} \frac{1}{2} \left( \cos \theta + \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \right)$$

*p* : Momentum of the particle

*q* : Charge of the particle

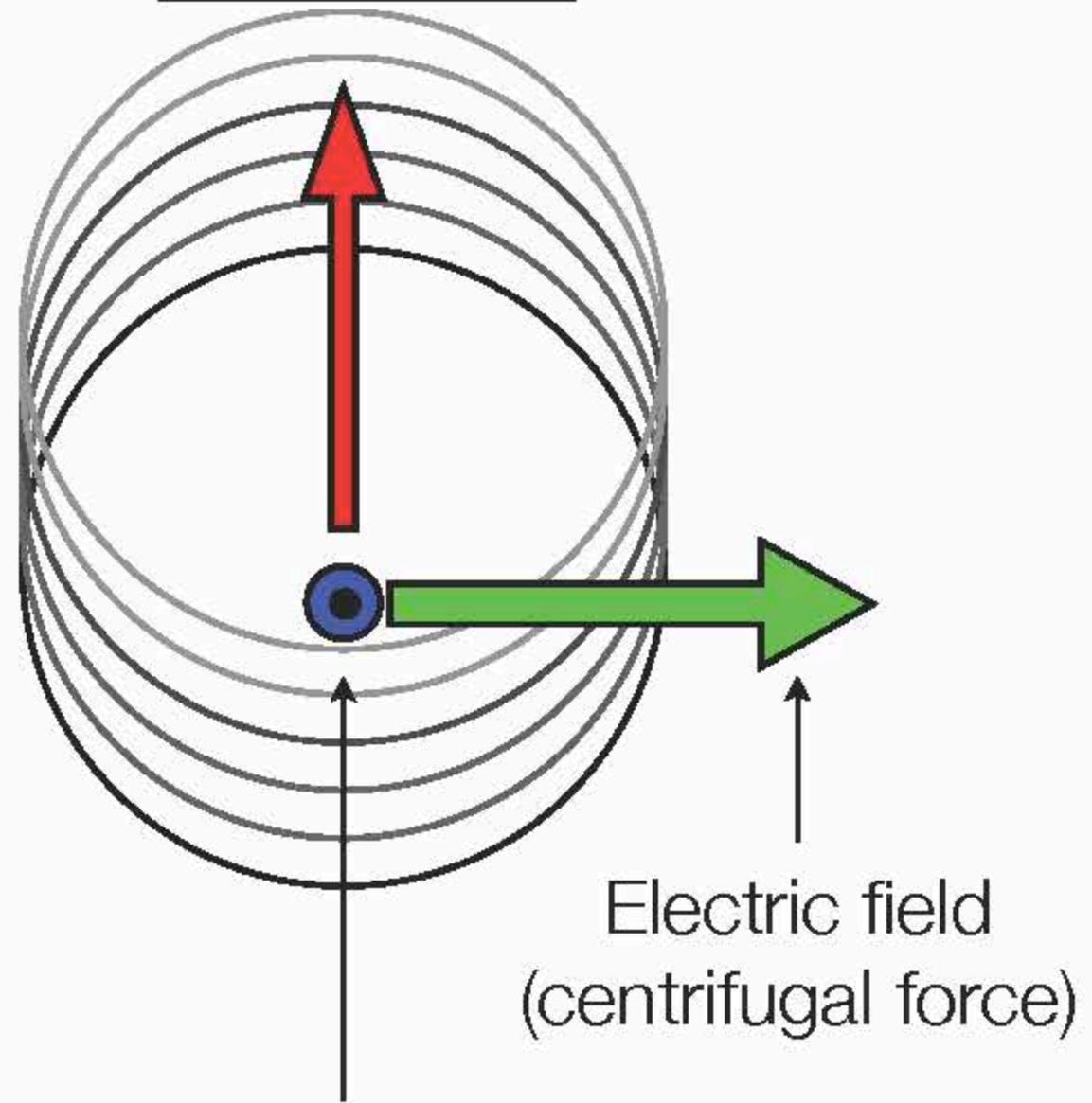
*r* : Major radius of the solenoid

$\theta$  :  $\text{atan}(P_T/P_L)$



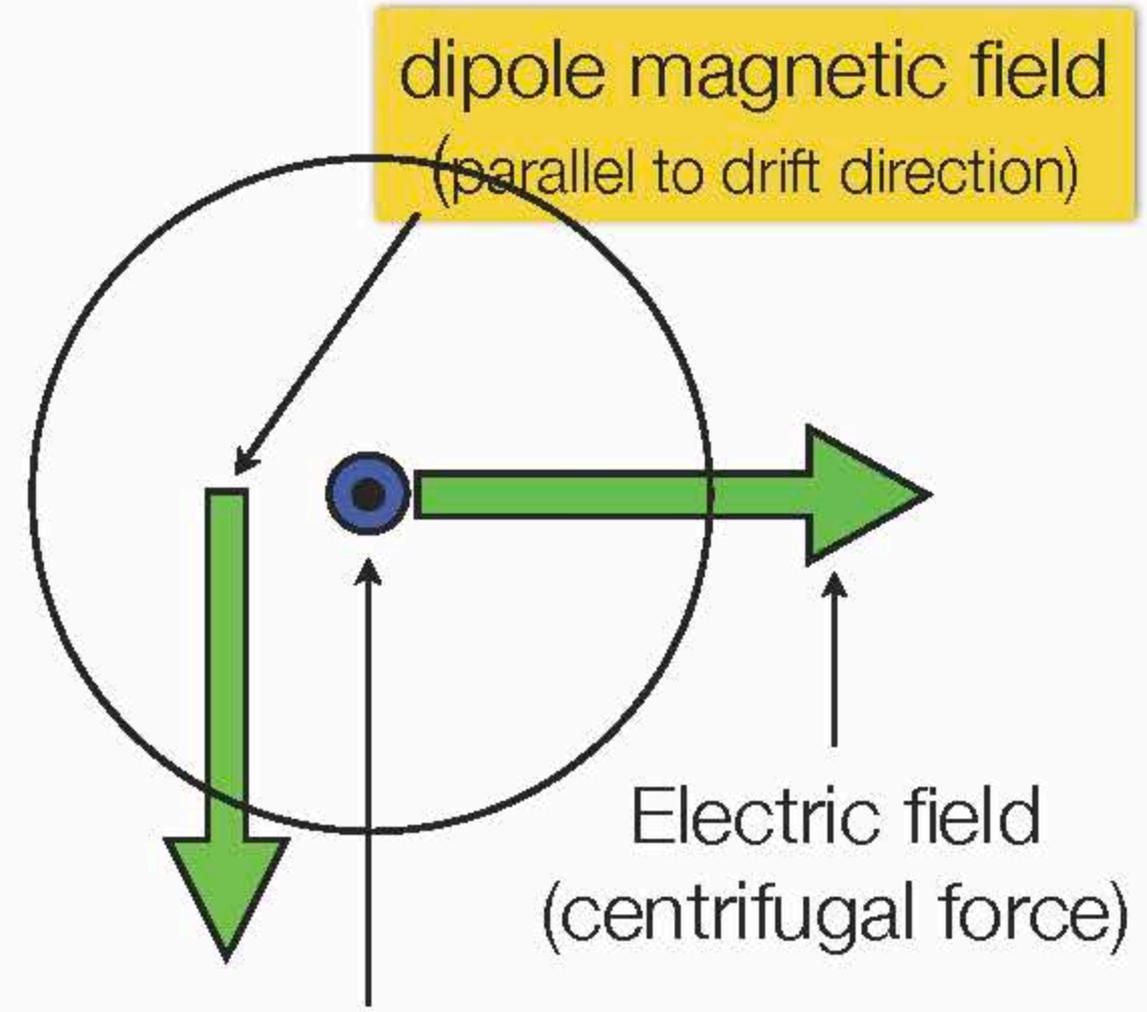
# EM Physics for Particle Trajectories in Toroidal Magnetic Field

vertical shift



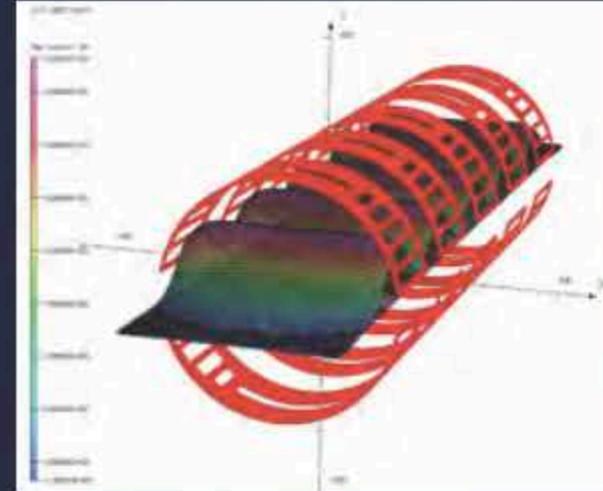
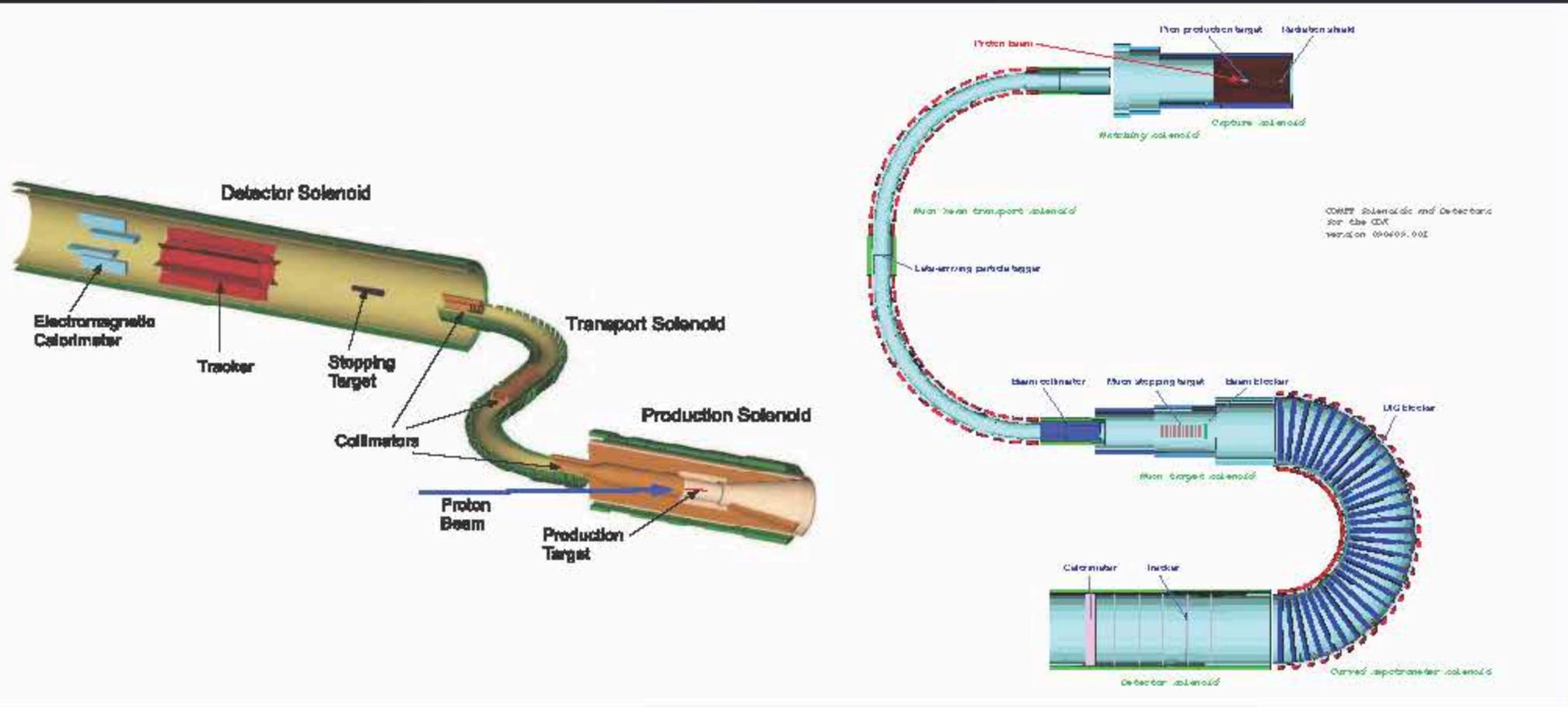
B (perpendicular to screen)

stay in bending plane for particular momentum ( $\sim 100$  MeV)



B (perpendicular to screen)

# Mu2e vs. COMET

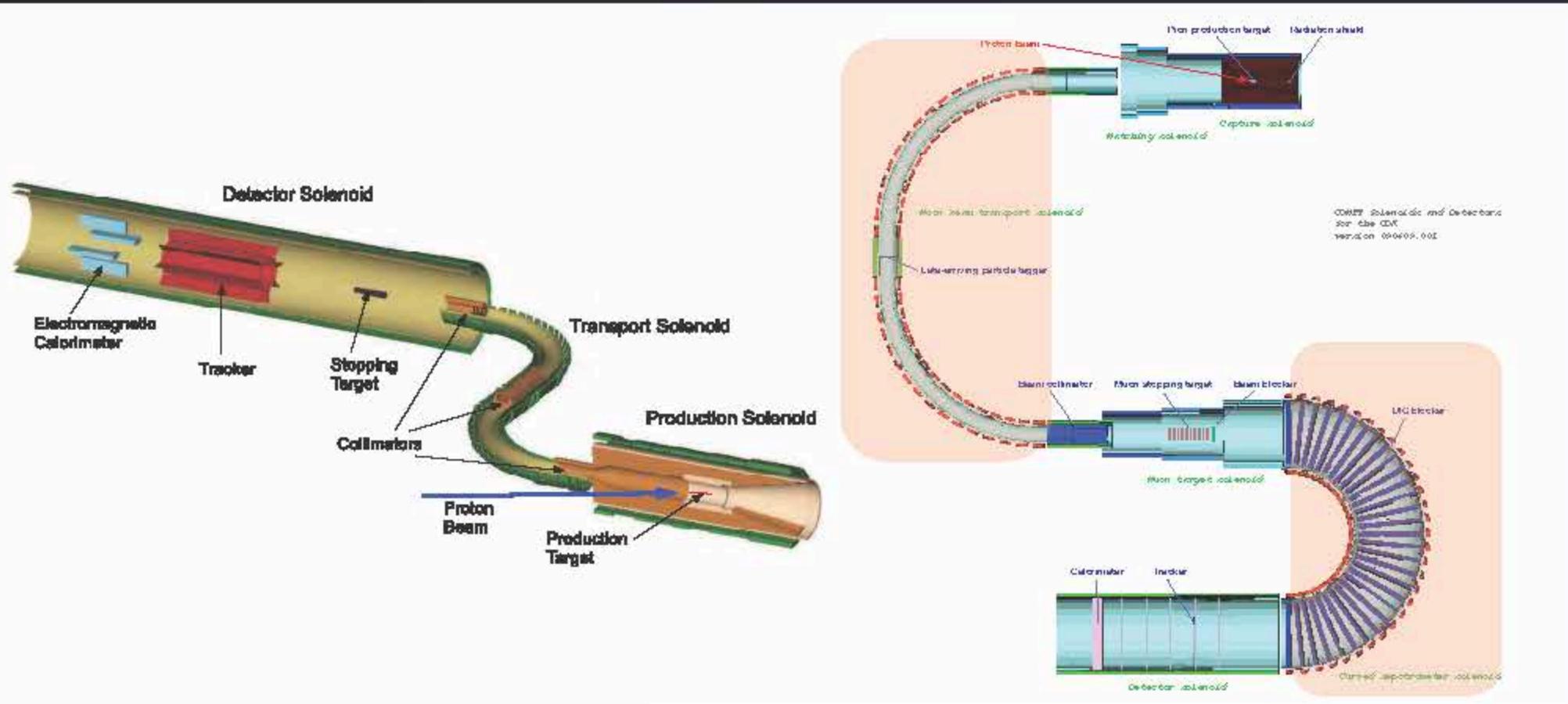


Dipole Coils

COMET curved solenoids have dipole coils on top of the solenoids, to keep muons with momentum of interest in the bending plane.

	Mu2e	COMET
muon beam line	2x 90° bends (opposite direction)	2x 90° bend (same direction)
electron spectrometer	straight solenoid	curved solenoid

# Mu2e vs. COMET



Select low momentum muons

eliminate muon decay in flight

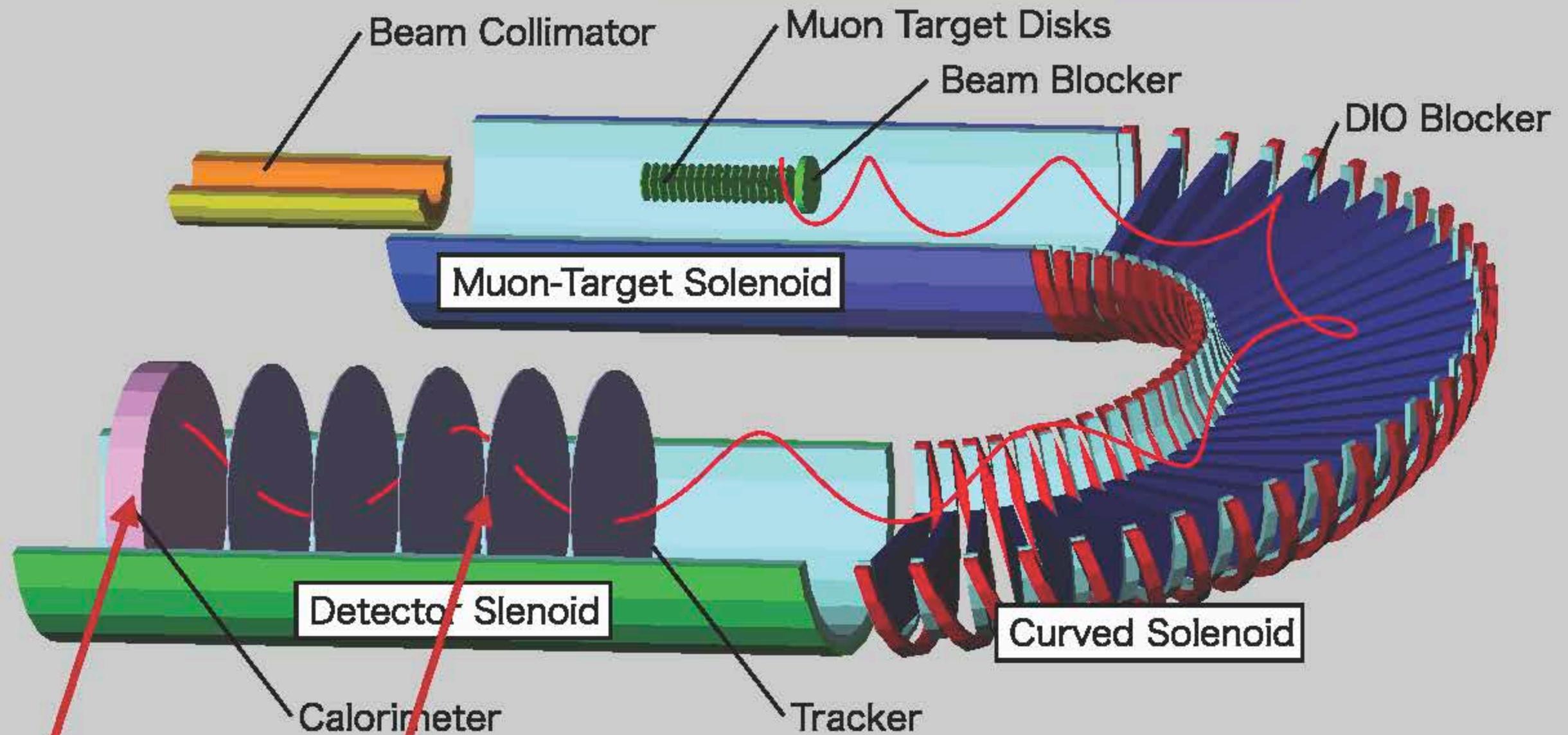
Selection of 100 MeV electrons

eliminate protons from nuclear muon capture.

eliminate low energy events to make the detector quiet.

	Mu2e	COMET
muon beam line	2x 90° bends (opposite direction)	2x 90° bend (same direction)
electron spectrometer	straight solenoid	curved solenoid

# COMET Detectors



ECAL

Straw Tracker

(# of straw stations is not determined)

in vacuum under 1T magnetic field

# Sensitivity and Backgrounds

# Signal Sensitivity (preliminary) - $2 \times 10^7$ sec

- Single event sensitivity

$$B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) \sim \frac{1}{N_\mu \cdot f_{cap} \cdot A_e},$$

- $N_\mu$  is a number of stopping muons in the muon stopping target. It is  $2 \times 10^{18}$  muons.
- $f_{cap}$  is a fraction of muon capture, which is 0.6 for aluminum.
- $A_e$  is the detector acceptance, which is 0.04.

total protons	$8.5 \times 10^{20}$
muon transport efficiency	0.008
muon stopping efficiency	0.3
# of stopped muons	$2.0 \times 10^{18}$

$$B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) = 2.6 \times 10^{-17}$$

$$B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) < 6 \times 10^{-17} \quad (90\% C.L.)$$

# Background Rates

Radiative Pion Capture	0.05
Beam Electrons	< 0.1‡
Muon Decay in Flight	< 0.0002
Pion Decay in Flight	< 0.0001
Neutron Induced	0.024
Delayed-Pion Radiative Capture	0.002
Anti-proton Induced	0.007
Muon Decay in Orbit	0.15
Radiative Muon Capture	< 0.001
$\mu^-$ Capt. w/ n Emission	< 0.001
$\mu^-$ Capt. w/ Charged Part. Emission	< 0.001
Cosmic Ray Muons	0.002
Electrons from Cosmic Ray Muons	0.002
Total	0.34

‡ Monte Carlo statistics limited.

beam-related prompt  
backgrounds

beam-related delayed  
backgrounds

intrinsic physics  
backgrounds

cosmic-ray and other  
backgrounds

Expected background events are about 0.34.

# Comparison of COMET Phase-I / Phase-II and Mu2e



90% C.L. upper limit is  $7 \times 10^{-13}$  (SINDRUM)

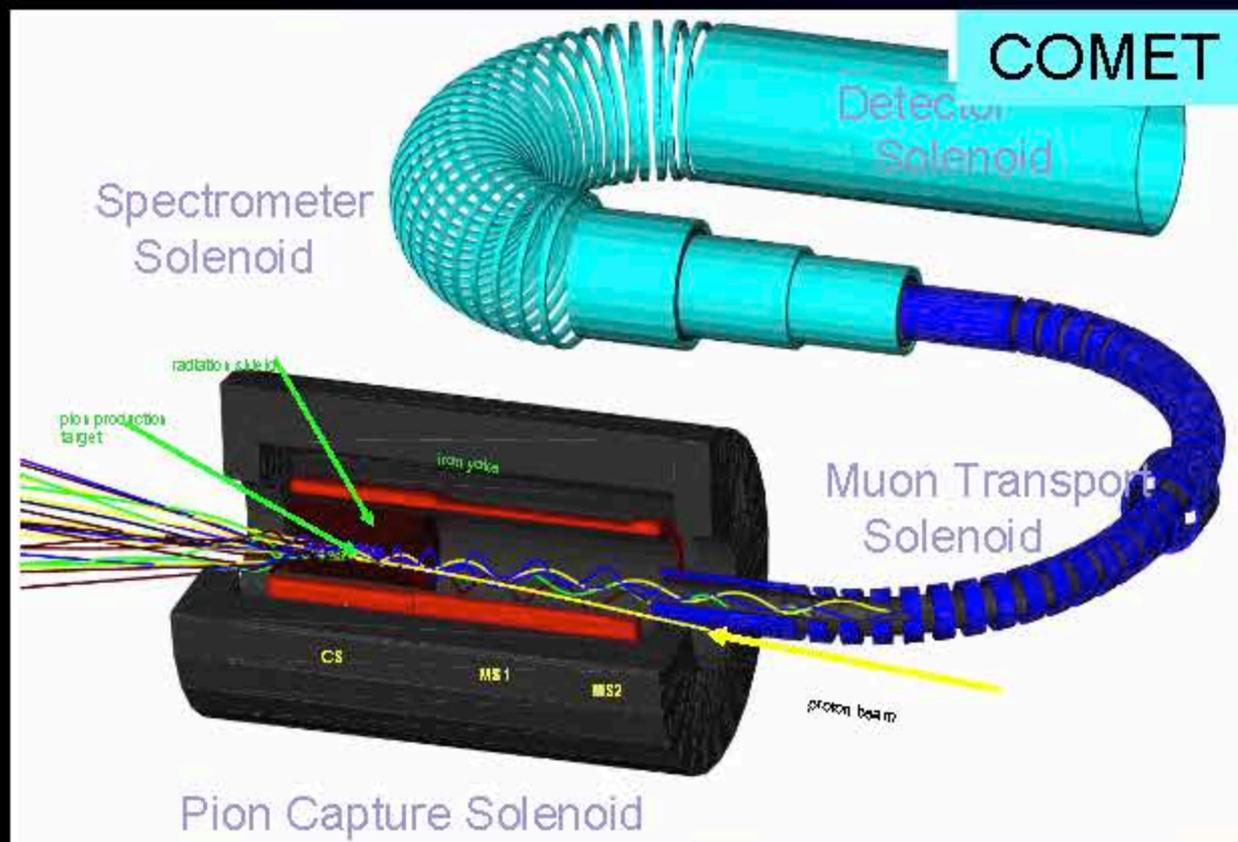
COMET can take 3 times high intensity of muons.

	S.E. sensitivity	BG events at aimed sensitivity	running time (sec)	Year	Comments
COMET	$3 \times 10^{-17}$	0.34	$2 \times 10^7$	~2021	CDR (2009)
Mu2e	$3 \times 10^{-17}$	0.37	$3 \times (2 \times 10^7)$	~2021	3 years

# COMET Milestones



# R&D Milestones for $\mu$ -e conversion



$$B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) < 10^{-16}$$

single event sensitivity:  $2.6 \times 10^{-17}$

## 1 Reduction of Backgrounds

Beam pulsing

measurement is done between beam pulses to reduce beam related backgrounds. And proton beam extinction of  $< 10^{-9}$  is required.

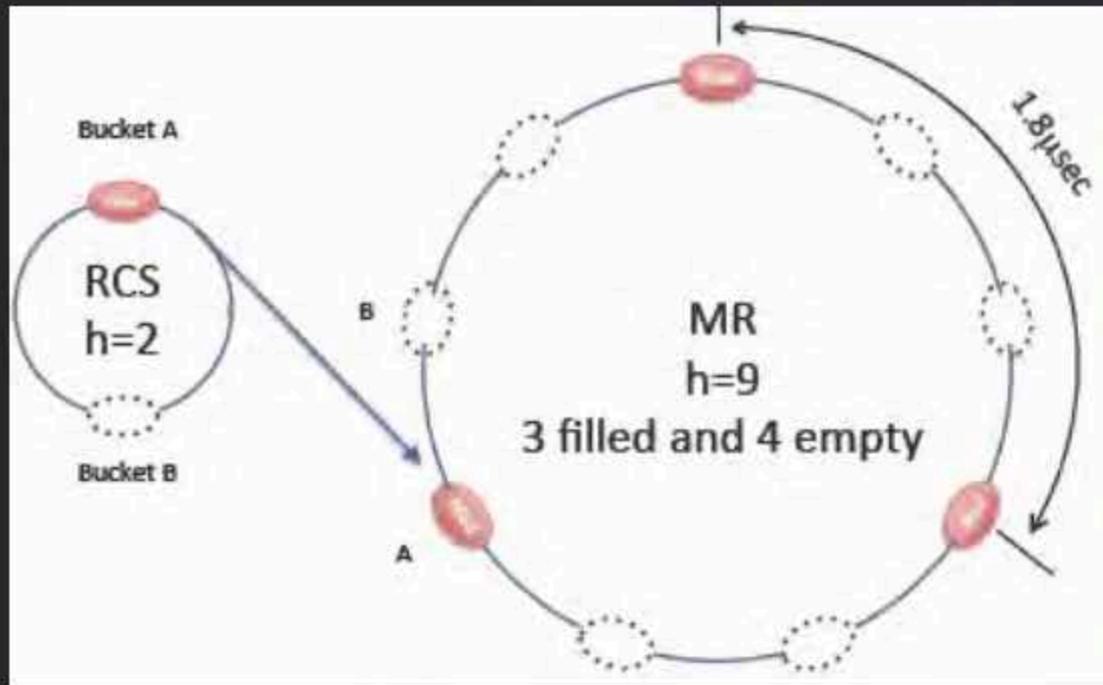
## 2 Increase of Muon Intensity

Pion capture system  $\times 10^3$

high field superconducting solenoid magnets surrounding a pion production target

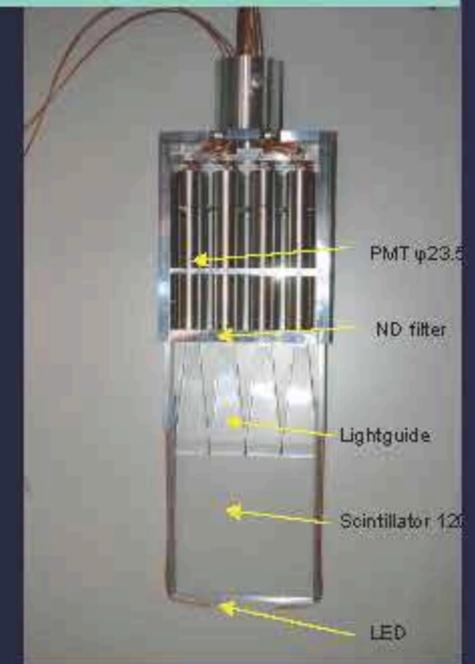
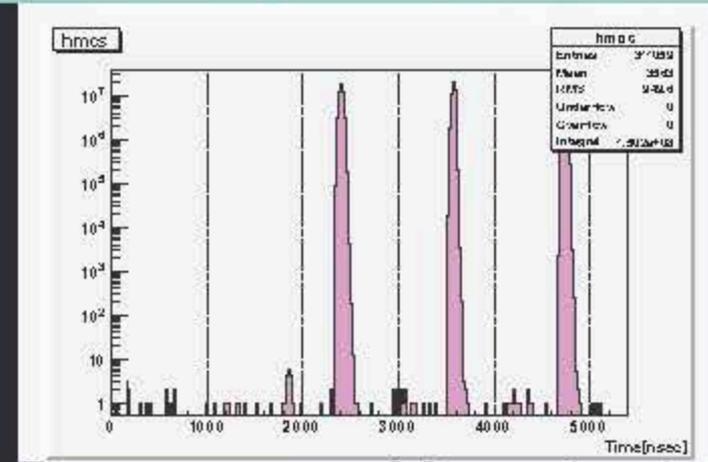
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# Proton Extinction Measurements at J-PARC



Measured at abort beamline (2010)

Measured at secondary beamline (2010)



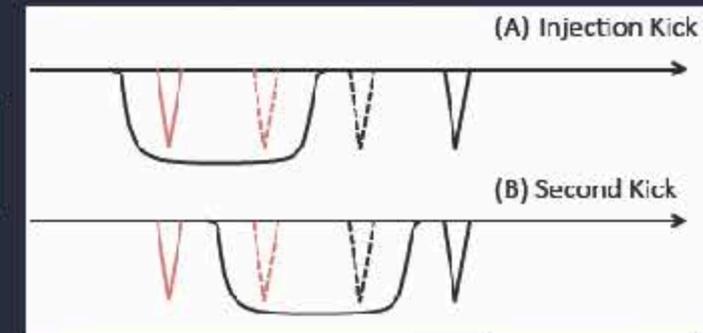
J-PARC MR proton extinction

$\sim O(10^{-7})$

Single Bunch Kicking

Tested at the abort (2010)

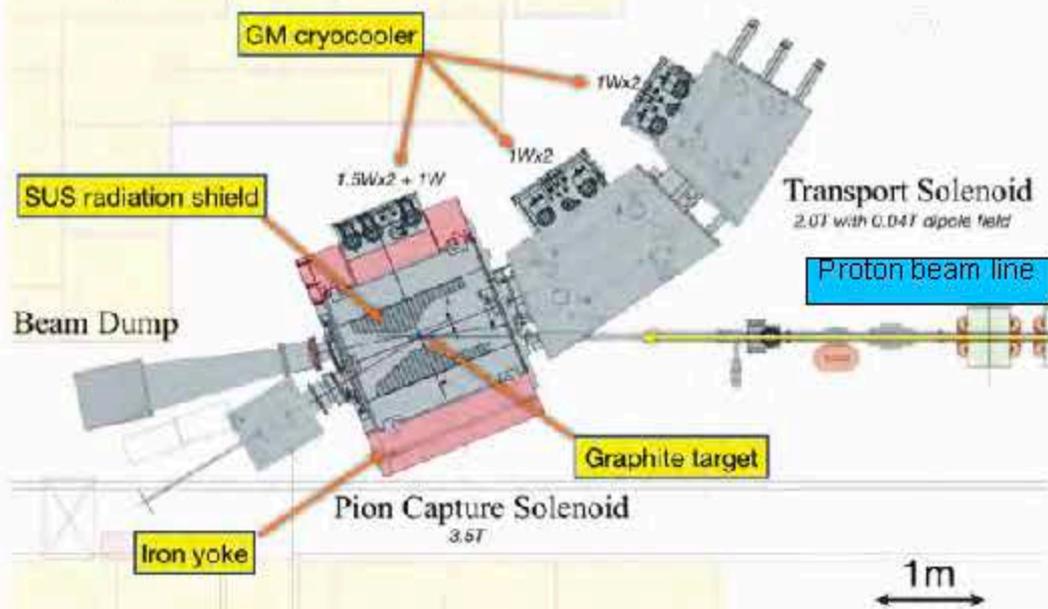
x additional  $O(10^{-6})$



COMET is confident to achieve proton extinction of  $<O(10^{-9})$

# Demonstration of Pion Capture System

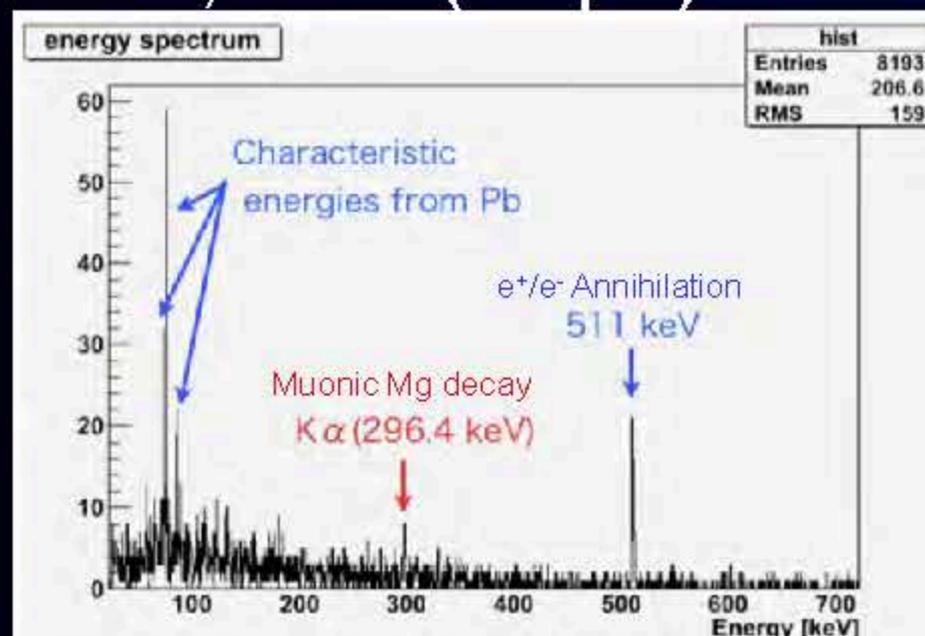
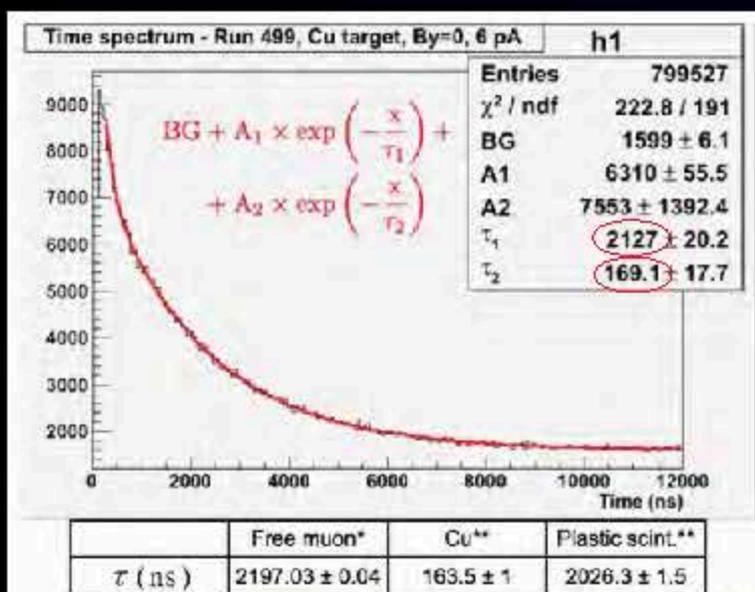
## MuSIC@Osaka-U



RCNP cyclotron  
400 MeV, 1  $\mu$ A

preliminary

## Measurements on June 21, 2011 (26 pA)



MuSIC muon yields

$\mu^+$  :  $3 \times 10^8 / \text{s}$  for 400W

$\mu^-$  :  $1 \times 10^8 / \text{s}$  for 400W

cf.  $10^8 / \text{s}$  for 1 MW @PSI  
Req. of  $\times 10^3$  achieved...

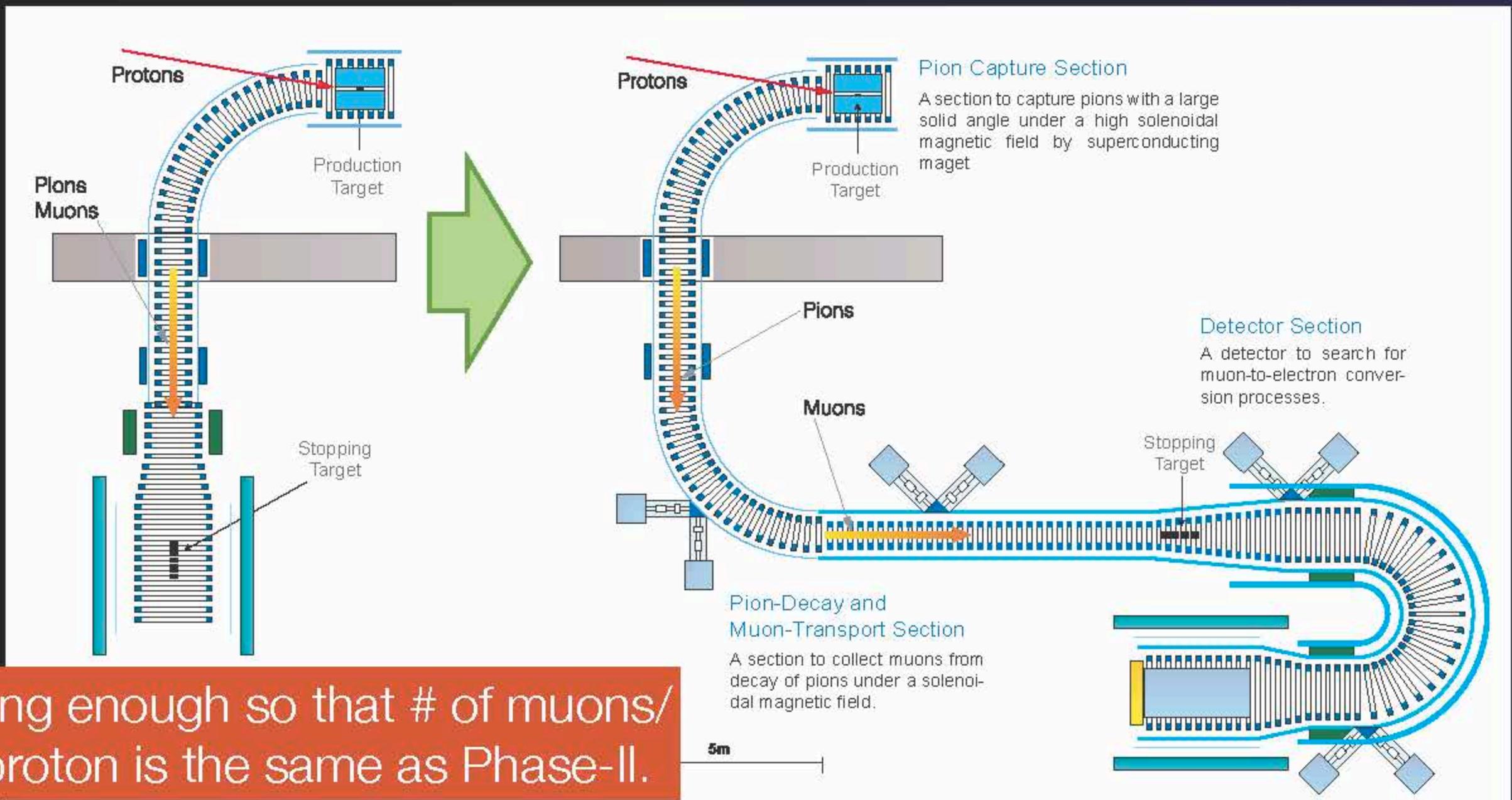
# COMET Phase-I



# COMET Staged Approach (2012~)

## COMET Phase-I

## COMET Phase-II



long enough so that # of muons/proton is the same as Phase-II.

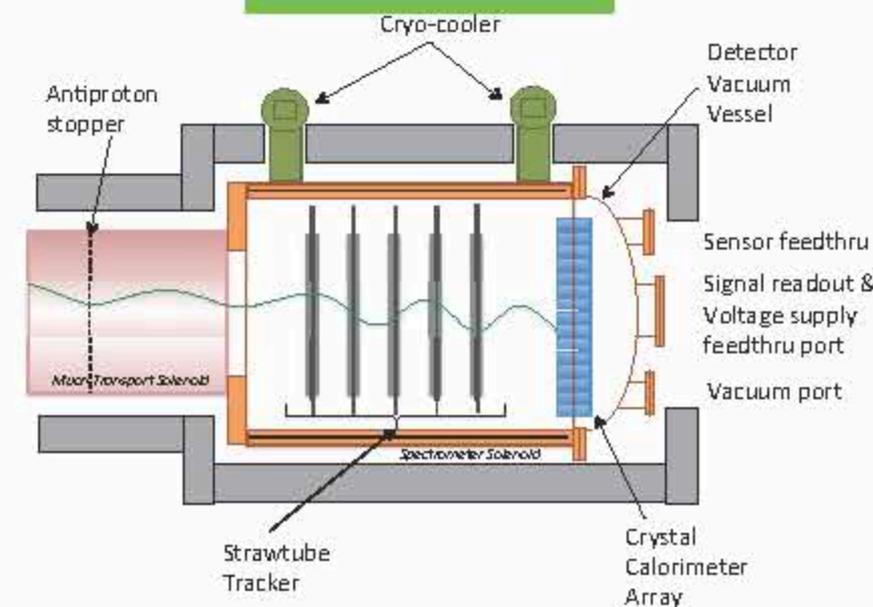
# Goals of COMET Phase-I

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## Background Study for COMET Phase-I

direct measurement of potential  $\mu$ -e conversion sources for the full COMET experiment  
 actual COMET beamline construction

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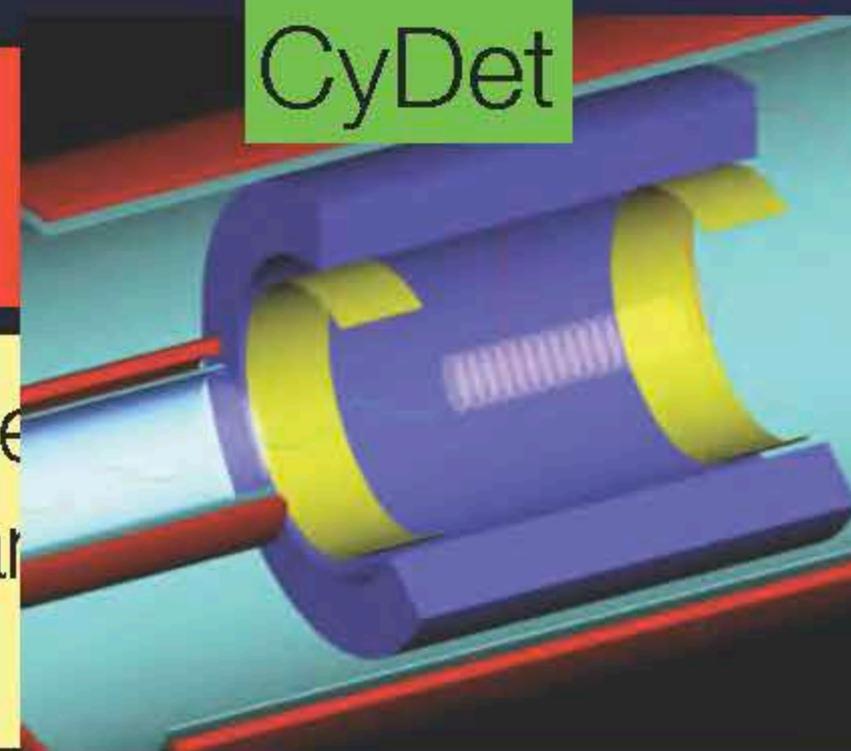


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## Search for $\mu$ -e conversion

a search for  $\mu^- - e^-$  conversion at intermediate sensitivity which would be more than 10 times better than the SINDRUM-II limit

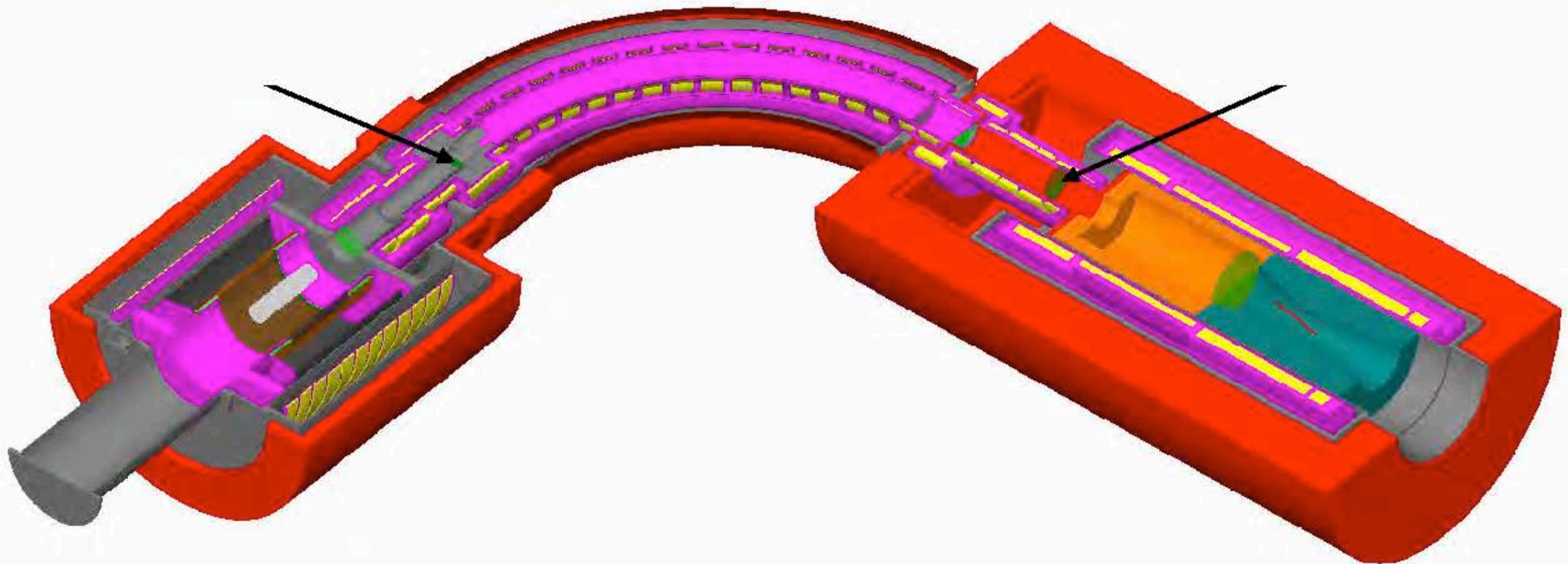
CyDet



# COMET Phase-I Layout

COMET Phase-I detector :  
About  $10^{16}$  muons are stopped in the target. Electron from  $\mu$ -e conversion will be measured

COMET muon beam-line :  
 $6 \times 10^9$  muon/sec with 3kW beam produced. The world highest intensity.

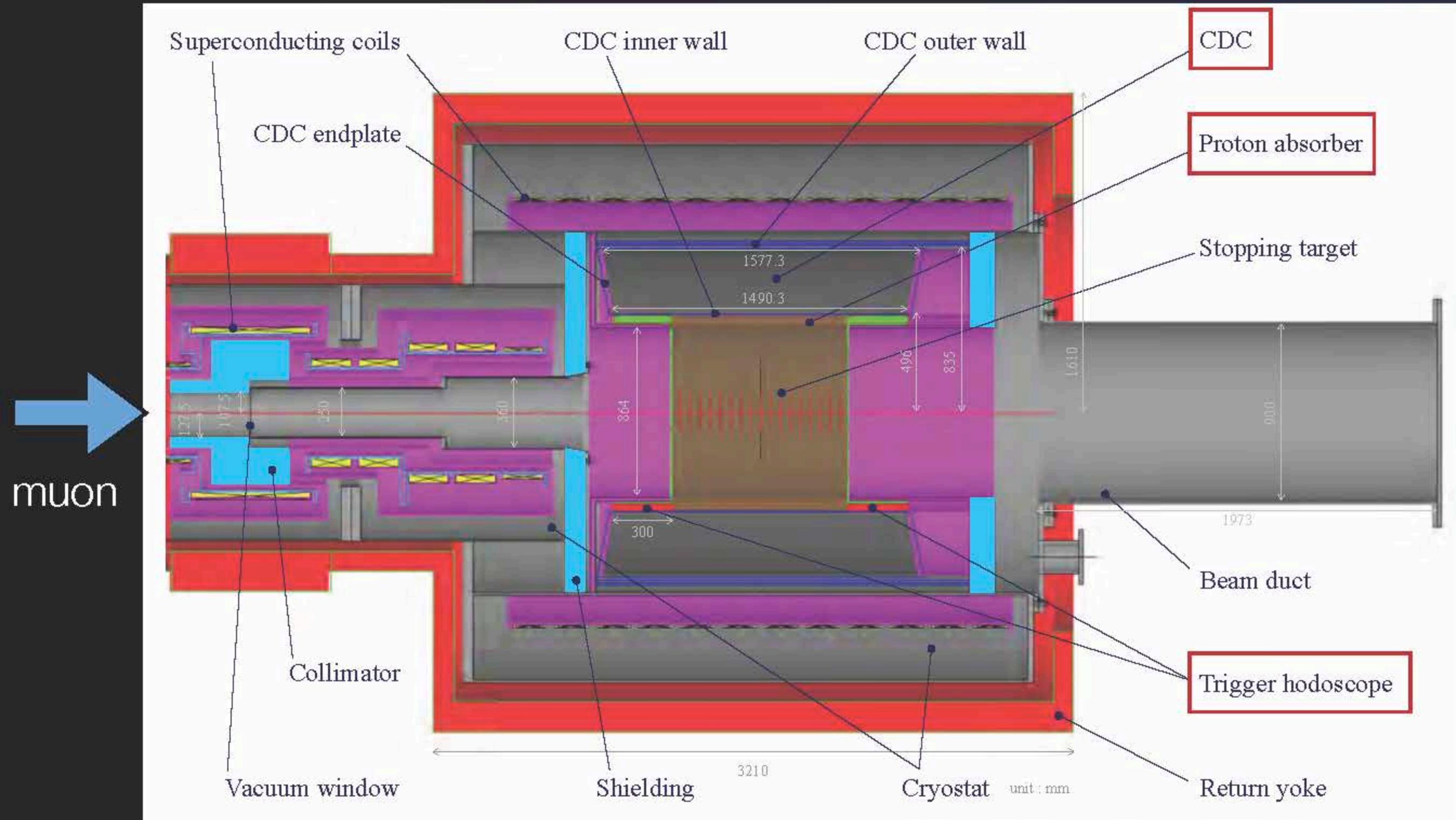


detector system

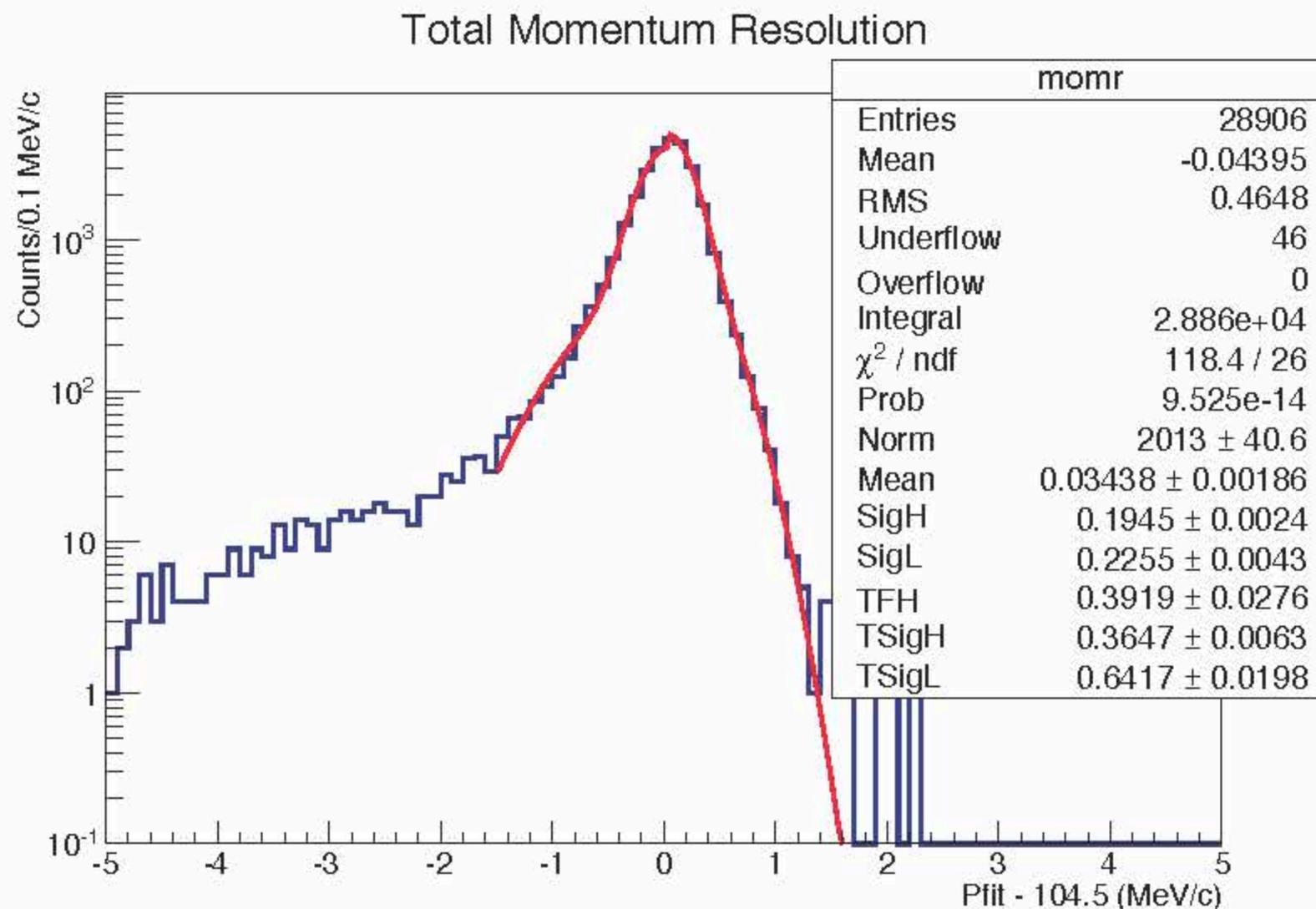
muon transport system

pion production system

# CyDet (Cylindrical Detector): Layout



# CDC Momentum Resolution (simulation)



about 200 keV/c  
achieved.

$\sigma$ of the core Gaussian at the high momentum side	SigH	195 keV/c
$\sigma$ of the core Gaussian at the high momentum side	SigL	226 keV/c
Fraction in the tail distribution	TFH	39%
$\sigma$ of the tail Gaussian at the high momentum side	TSigH	365 keV/c
$\sigma$ of the tail Gaussian at the low momentum side	TSigL	642 keV/c

# Background List



## Intrinsic physics backgrounds

1	Muon decay in orbit (DIO)	Bound muons decay in a muonic atom
2	Radiative muon capture (external)	$\mu^- + A \rightarrow \nu_\mu + A' + \gamma$ , followed by $\gamma \rightarrow e^- + e^+$
3	Radiative muon capture (internal)	$\mu^- + A \rightarrow \nu_\mu + e^+ + e^- + A'$ ,
4	Neutron emission after after muon capture	$\mu^- + A \rightarrow \nu_\mu + A' + n$ , and neutrons produce $e^-$
5	Charged particle emission after muon capture	$\mu^- + A \rightarrow \nu_\mu + A' + p$ (or $d$ or $\alpha$ ), followed by charged particles produce $e^-$

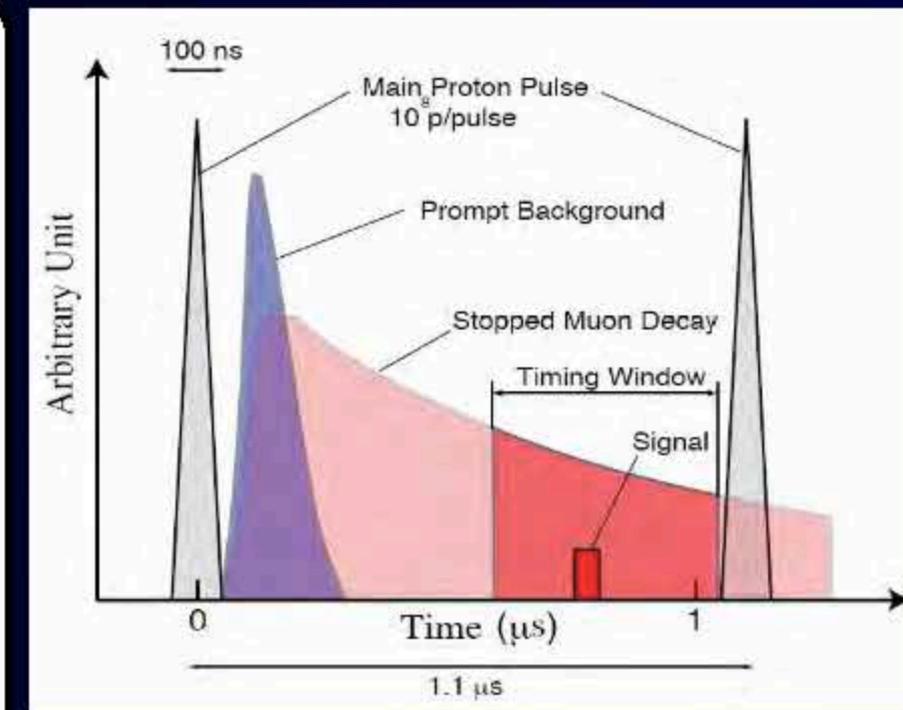
## Beam related prompt/delayed backgrounds

6	Radiative pion capture (external)	$\pi^- + A \rightarrow \gamma + A'$ , $\gamma \rightarrow e^- + e^+$
7	Radiative pion capture (internal)	$\pi^- + A \rightarrow e^+ + e^- + A'$
8	Beam electrons	$e^-$ scattering off a muon stopping target
9	Muon decay in flight	$\mu^-$ decays in flight to produce $e^-$
10	Pion decay in flight	$\pi^-$ decays in flight to produce $e^-$
11	Neutron induced backgrounds	neutrons hit material to produce $e^-$
12	$\bar{p}$ induced backgrounds	$\bar{p}$ hits material to produce $e^-$

## Other backgrounds

14	Cosmic-ray induced backgrounds	
15	False tracking	

Table 8: A list of potential backgrounds for a search for  $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$  conversion.



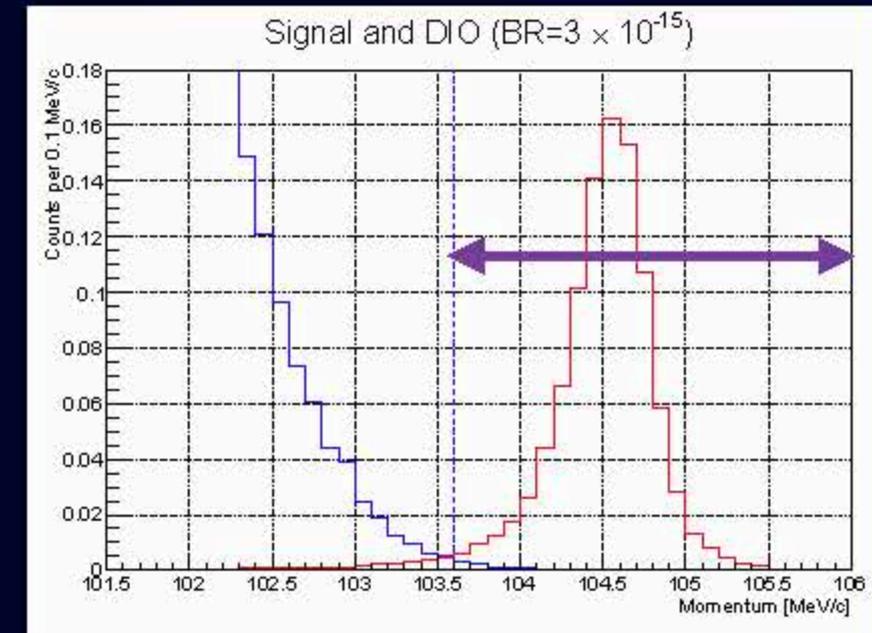
prompt and delayed  
backgrounds

# Signal Sensitivity with CyDet

## Signal Acceptance

Table 28: Breakdown of the  $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$  conversion signal acceptance.

Event selection	Value	Comments
Geometrical acceptance	0.37	
Track quality cuts	0.66	
Momentum selection	0.93	$103.6 \text{ MeV}/c < P_e < 106.0 \text{ MeV}/c$
Timing window	0.3	$700 \text{ ns} < t < 1100 \text{ ns}$
Trigger efficiency	0.8	
DAQ efficiency	0.8	
Track reconstruction efficiency	0.8	
Total	0.043	



## Signal Sensitivity

- $f_{\text{cap}} = 0.6$
- $A_e = 0.043$
- $N_\mu = 1.23 \times 10^{16}$  muons

$$B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) \sim \frac{1}{N_\mu \cdot f_{\text{cap}} \cdot A_e}$$

$$B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) = 3.1 \times 10^{-15}$$

$$B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) < 7 \times 10^{-15} \quad (90\% C.L.)$$

## Muon intensity

about 0.00052 muons stopped/proton

With 0.4  $\mu\text{A}$ , a running time of about 110 days is needed.

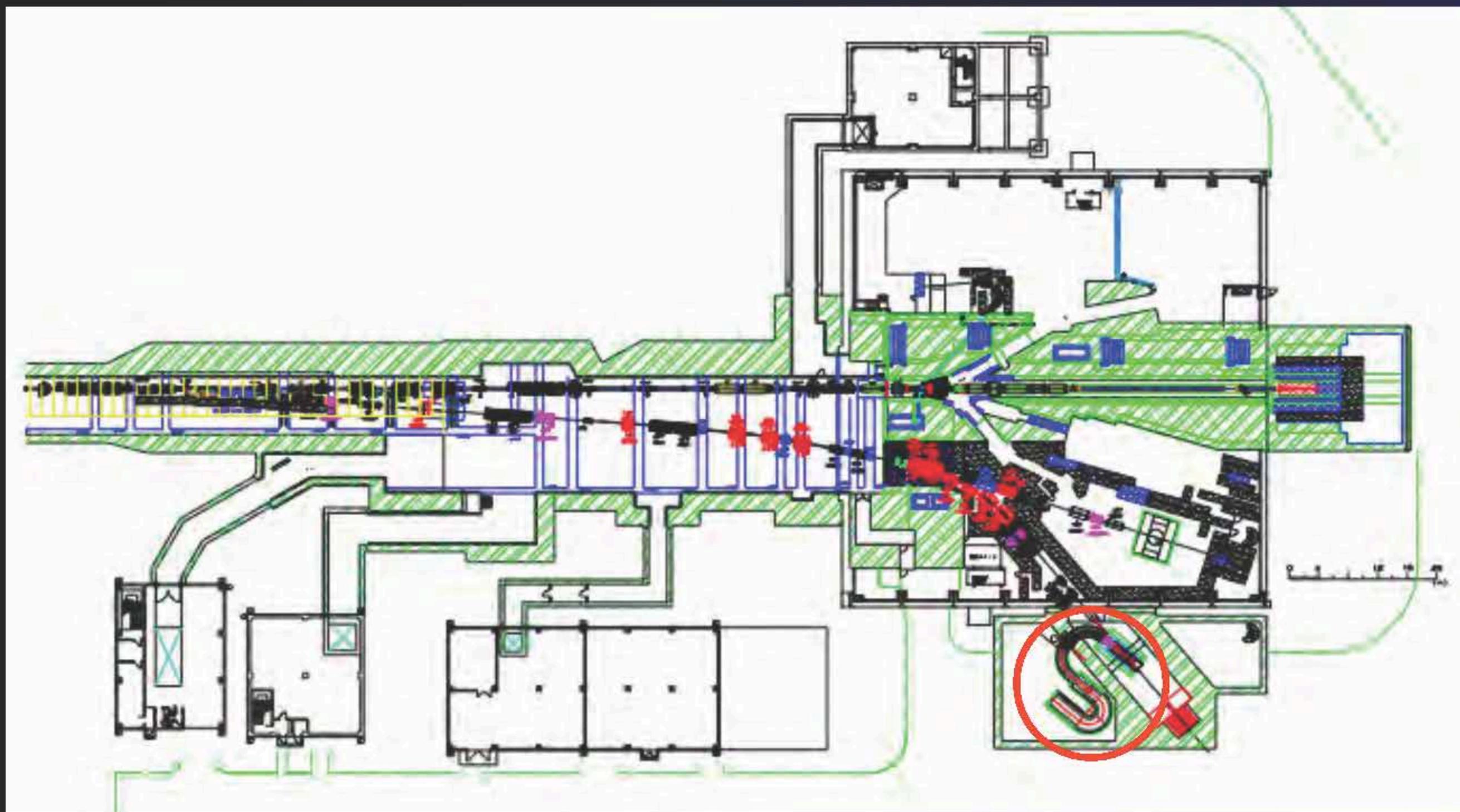
# Background Estimate for $\mu$ -e conversion Search

Table 30: Summary of the estimated background events for a single-event sensitivity of  $3.1 \times 10^{-15}$  with a proton extinction factor of  $3 \times 10^{-11}$ .

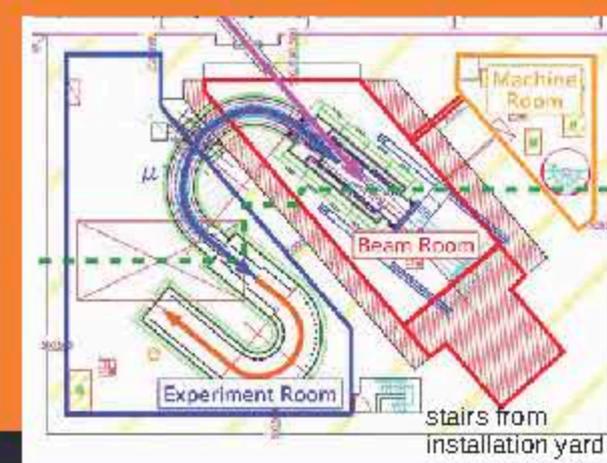
Type	Background	Estimated events
Physics	Muon decay in orbit	0.01
Physics	Radiative muon capture	$5.6 \times 10^{-4}$
Physics	Neutron emission after muon capture	$< 0.001$
Physics	Charged particle emission after muon capture	$< 0.001$
Prompt Beam	Beam electrons (prompt)	$8.3 \times 10^{-4}$
Prompt Beam	Muon decay in flight (prompt)	$\leq 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$
Prompt Beam	Pion decay in flight (prompt)	$\leq 2.3 \times 10^{-3}$
Prompt Beam	Other beam particles (prompt)	$\leq 2.8 \times 10^{-6}$
Prompt Beam	Radiative pion capture(prompt)	$2.3 \times 10^{-4}$
Delayed Beam	Beam electrons (delayed)	$\sim 0$
Delayed Beam	Muon decay in flight (delayed)	$\sim 0$
Delayed Beam	Pion decay in flight (delayed)	$\sim 0$
Delayed Beam	Radiative pion capture (delayed)	$\sim 0$
Delayed Beam	Anti-proton induced backgrounds	0.007
Others	Electrons from cosmic ray muons	$< 0.0001$
Total		0.019

COMET Phase-I Construction underway.....

# COMET Proton Beamline



# COMET Experiment Building Completed!



March, 2015



Installation Yard



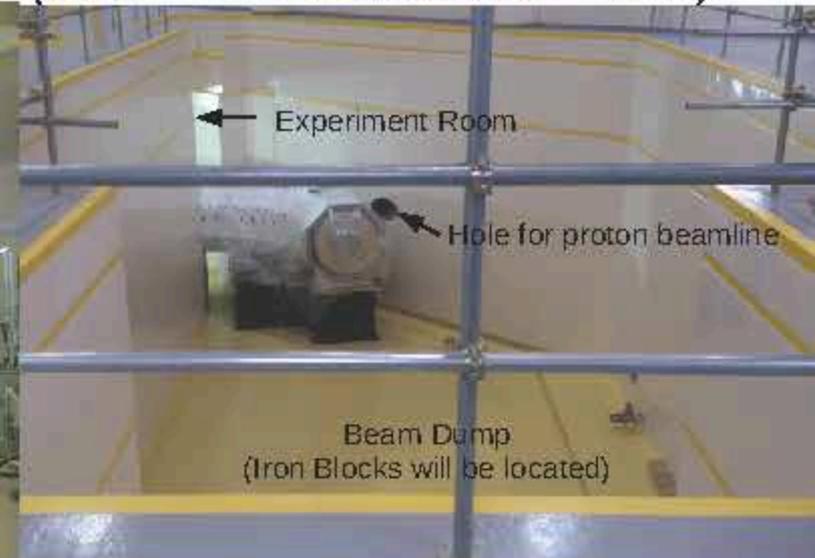
Beam Room



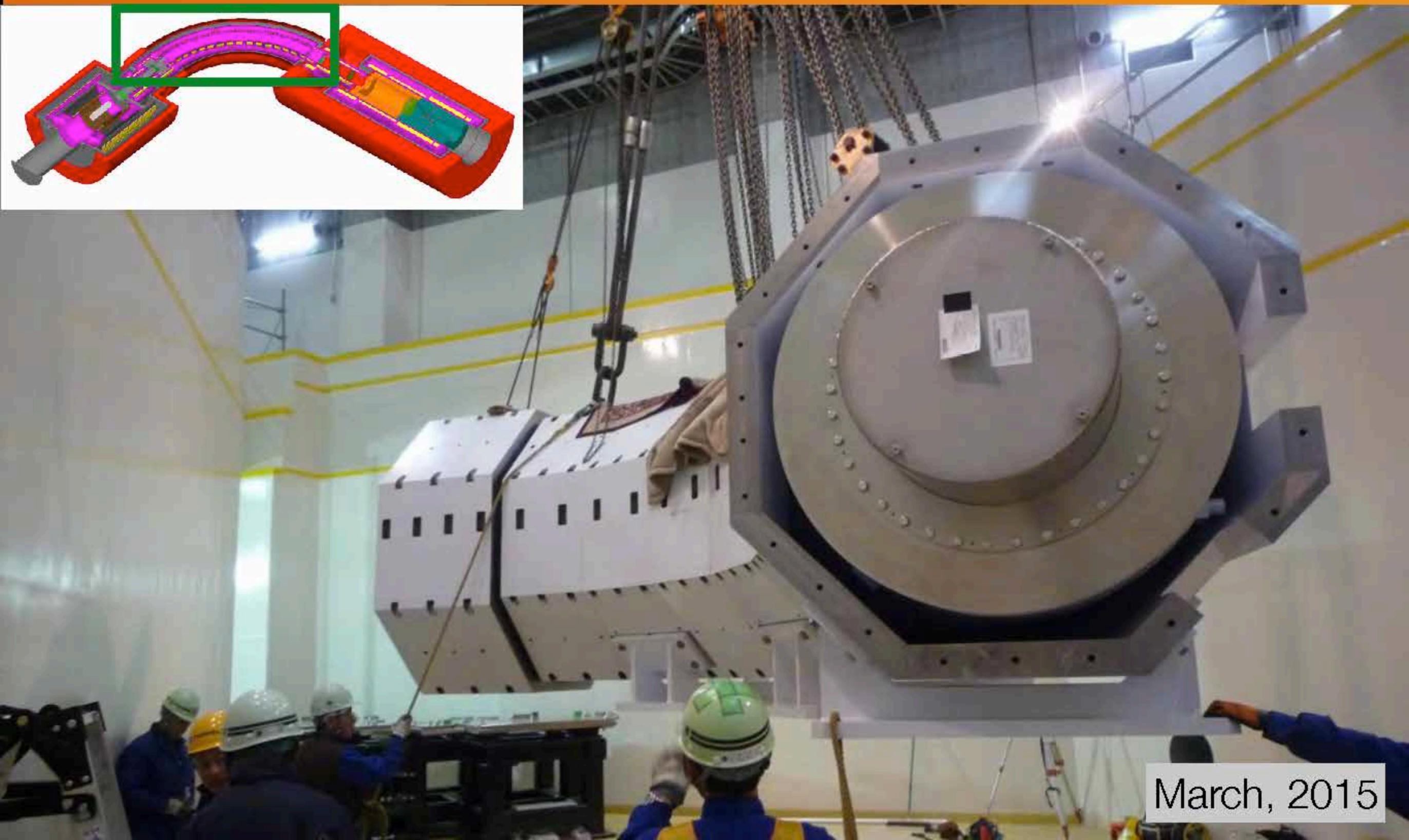
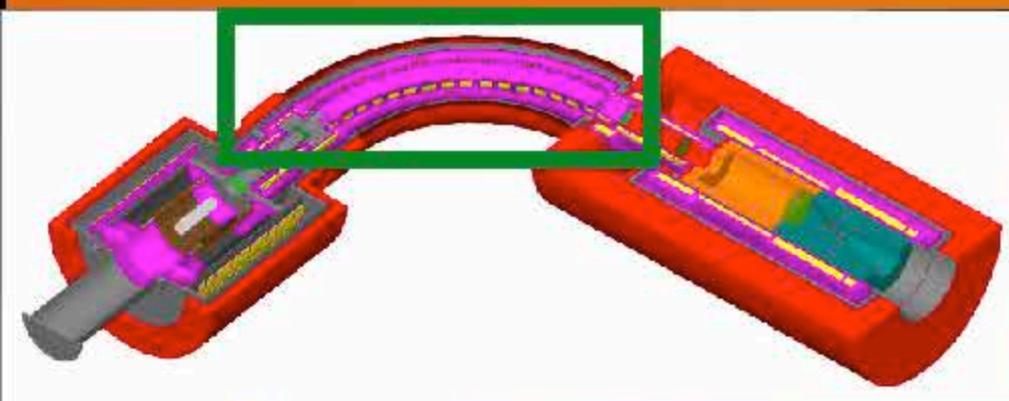
Experiment Room  
(View from Door)



Beam Room  
(view from Installation Yard)

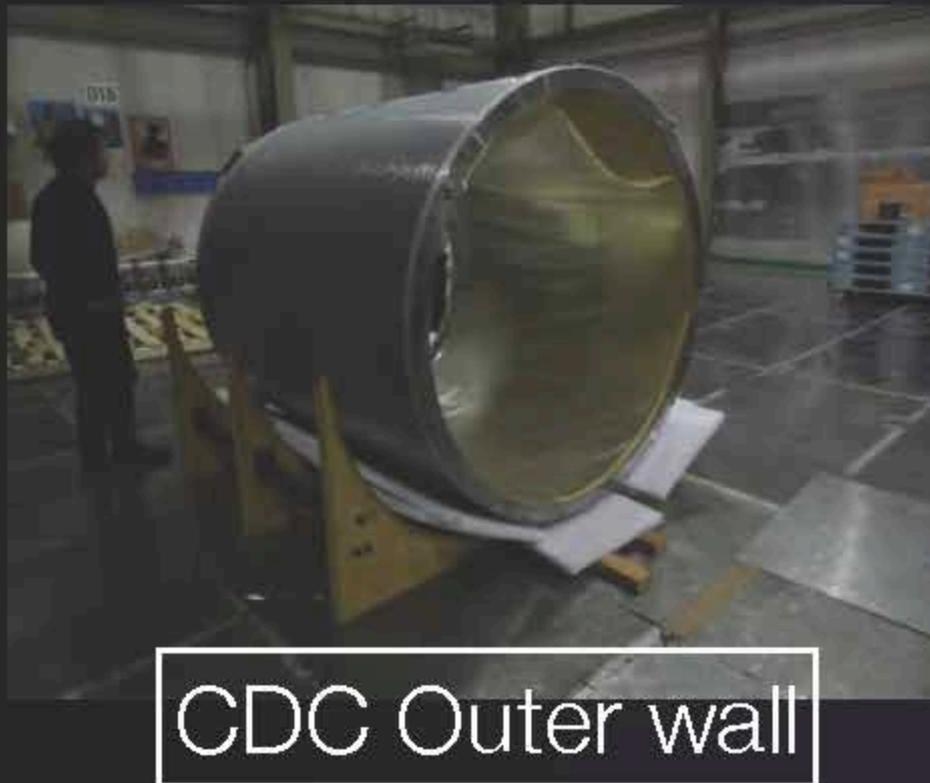
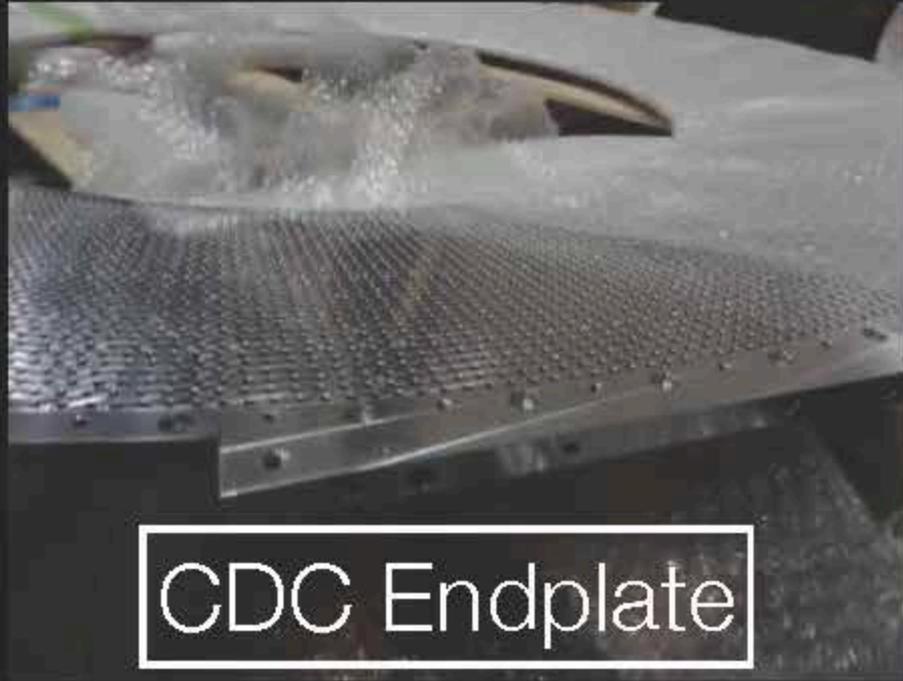


# Curved Solenoids for Muon Transport Completed!



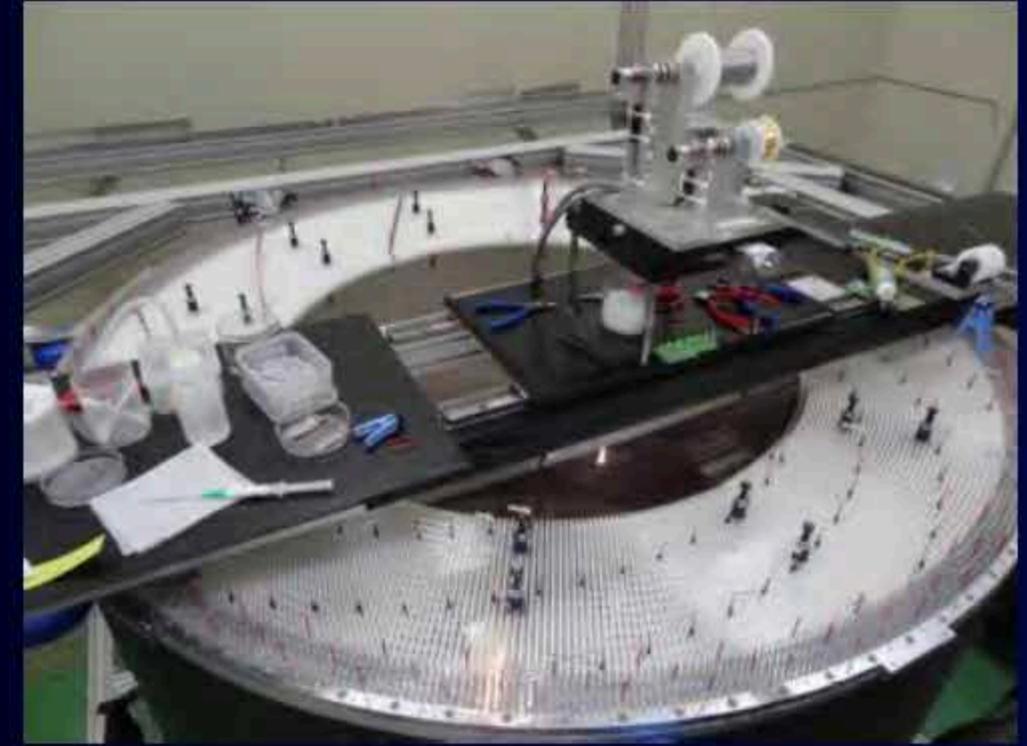
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# CDC Construction



# Wire Stringing for the CDC Started !

Wire stringing started in May at the Fuji hall.



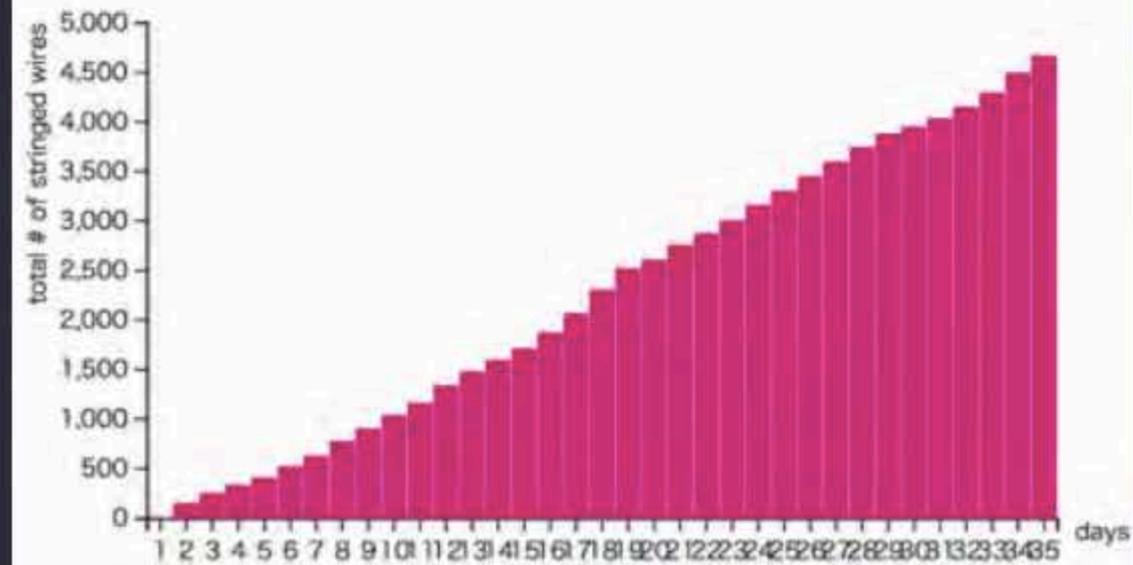
# Status of Wire Stringing at July 14th, 2015

24% strung on July 14th.

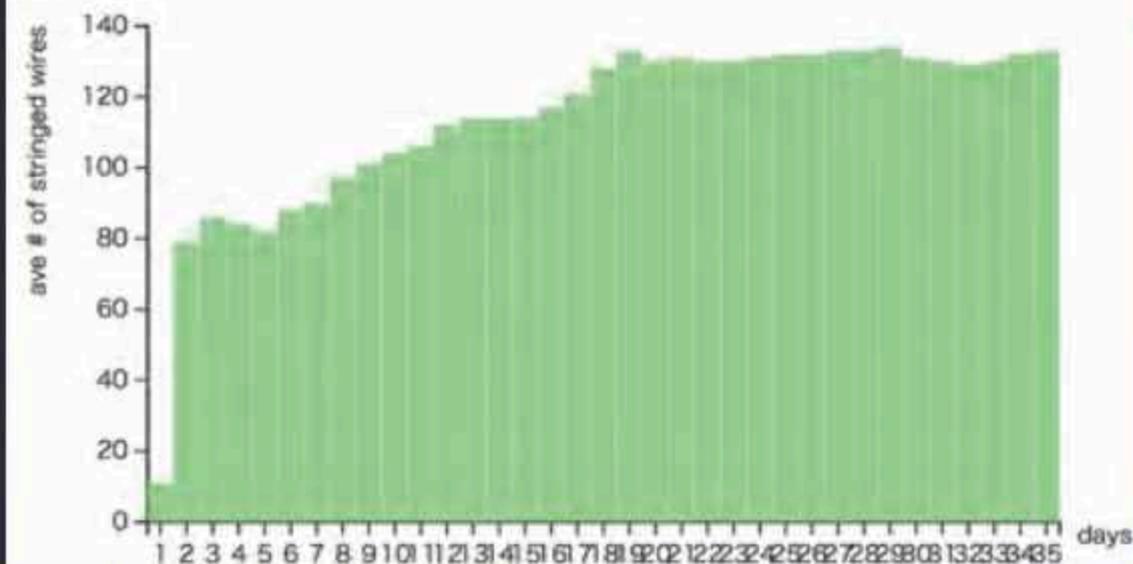
Days: 35 (2015/07/14)  
 Wire: 24% (4673/19548)  
 Sense: 24% (1188/4986)  
 Field: 24% (3485/14562)

may finish in December.

# of total strung wires



# of strung wires per day



# Schedule of COMET Phase-I and Phase-II



COMET Phase-I :  
 2017 ~  
 S.E.S. ~  $3 \times 10^{-15}$   
 (for 110 days  
 with 3.2 kW proton beam)

COMET Phase-II :  
 2021 ~  
 S.E.S. ~  $3 \times 10^{-17}$   
 (for  $2 \times 10^7$  sec  
 with 56 kW proton beam)

# Comparison of COMET Phase-I / Phase-II and Mu2e



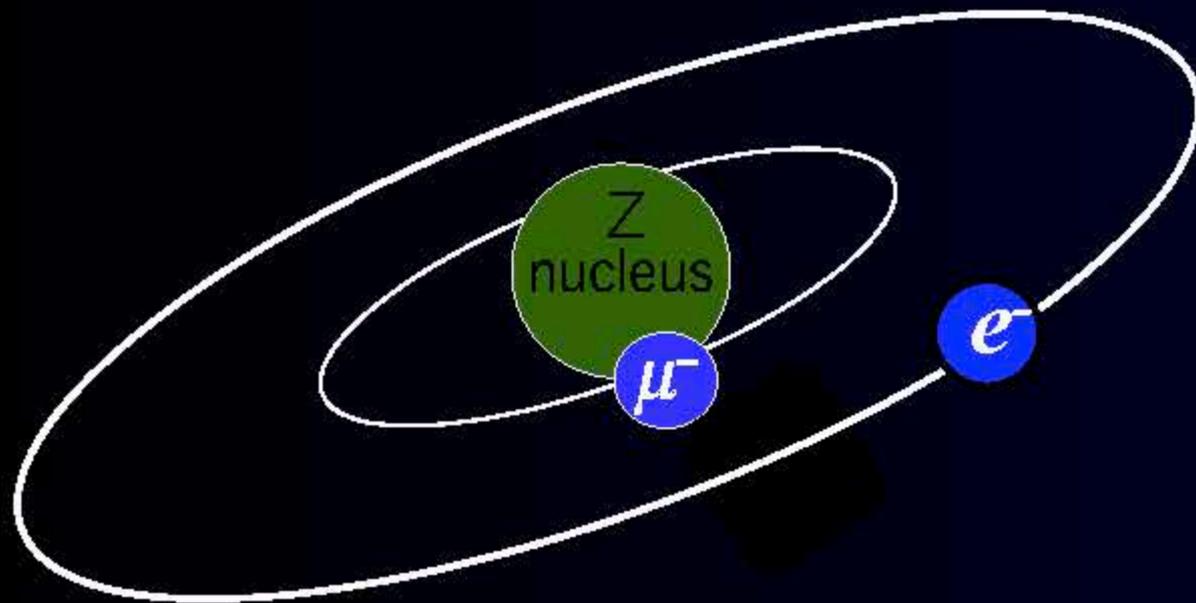
90% C.L. upper limit is  $7 \times 10^{-13}$  (SINDRUM)

	S.E. sensitivity	BG events at aimed sensitivity	running time (sec)	Year	Comments
COMET Phase-I	$3 \times 10^{-15}$	0.02	$1.5 \times 10^6$	2018-2019	Proposal (2012)
COMET Phase-II	$3 \times 10^{-17}$	0.34	$2 \times 10^7$	~2021	CDR (2009)
Mu2e	$3 \times 10^{-17}$	0.37	$3 \times (2 \times 10^7)$	~2021	3 years

# Other CLFV



# Other CLFV Physics at COMET Phase-I



- $\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$  has two-body final state, although  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$  is a 3-body decay.
- A muonium CLFV decay such as  $\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^+$  is a 2-body decay having a larger phase space, but the overlap of  $\mu^+$  and  $e^-$  is small.

The overlap between  $\mu^-$  and  $e^-$  is proportional to  $Z^3$ . For  $Z=82$  (Pb), the overlap increases by a factor of  $5 \times 10^5$  over the muonium. The rate is  $10^{-17}$  to  $10^{-18}$ .

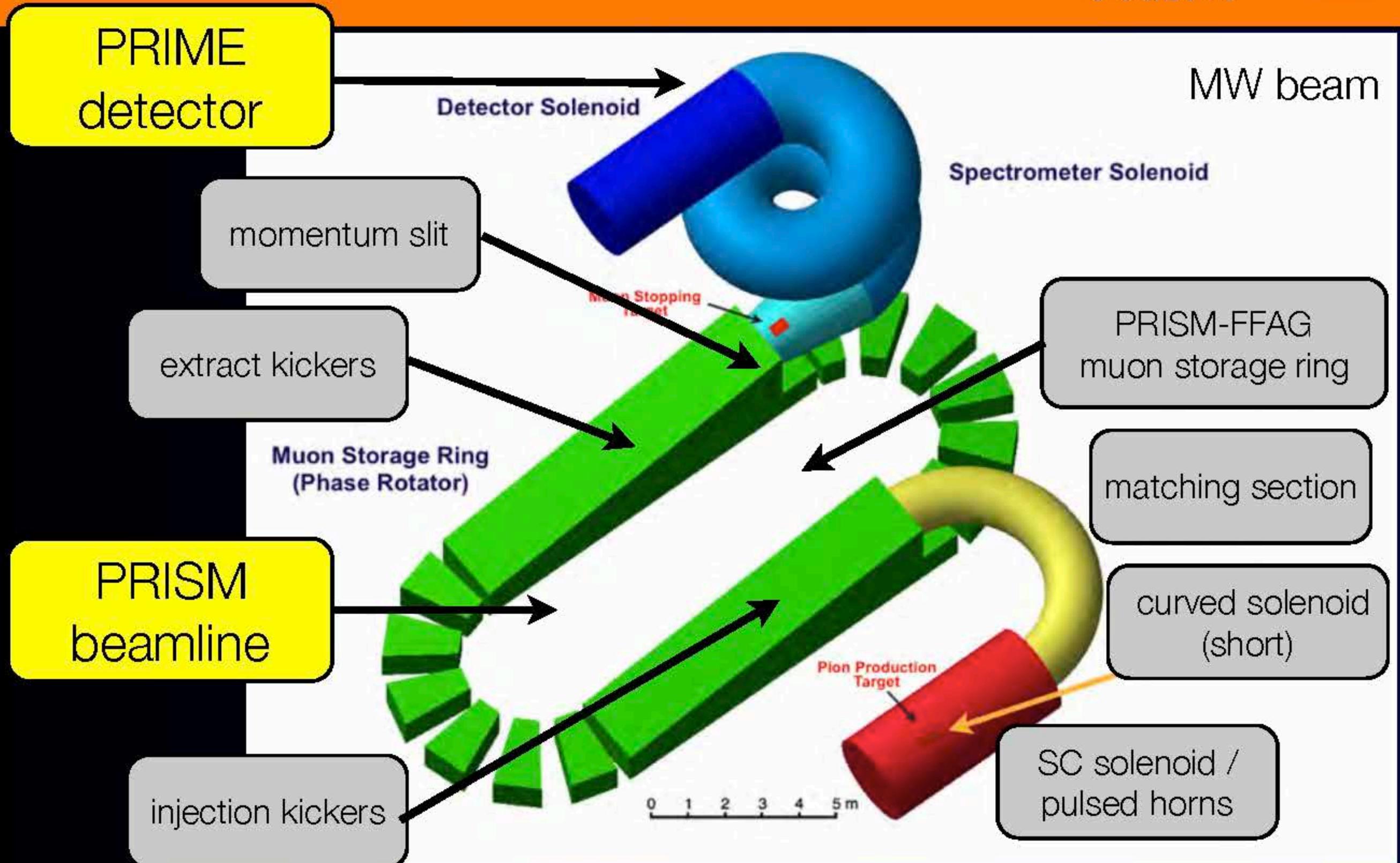
PRISM ( $\sim 10^{-19}$ )



Go further to  $O(10^{-19})$

- Reduce pions and other background particles in a muon beam
- Reduce energy spread of a muon beam

# PRISM/PRIME : Future Search with S.E. sensitivity of $3 \times 10^{-19}$



# R&D on the PRISM-FFAG Muon Storage Ring at Osaka University



*PRISM-FFAG (6 sectors) in RCNP, Osaka*



demonstration of phase rotation has been done.

# Summary

- CLFV would give the best opportunity to search for BSM. (So far, no BSM signals at the LHC.)
- Muon to electron conversion could be one of the important CLFV processes.
- COMET Phase-I is aiming at S.E. sensitivity of  $3 \times 10^{-15}$ .
  - The construction of the beam line started at KEK in 2013.
  - The measurement will start in early 2018-2019.
- COMET (Phase-II) at J-PARC is aiming at S.E. sensitivity of  $3 \times 10^{-17}$ . It will follow immediately after Phase-I.

