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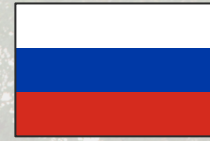
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**since last S&T review**

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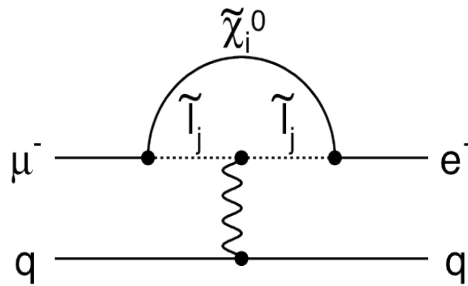
**An observed signal means unambiguous new physics.**

- Allowed by many beyond-the-SM (BSM) models at levels just beyond current experimental limits.

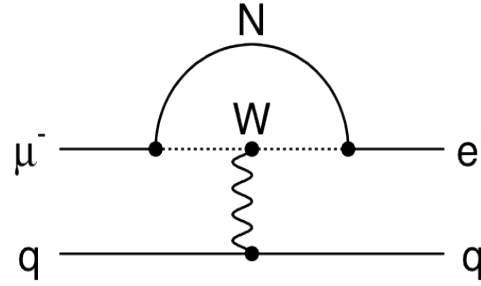


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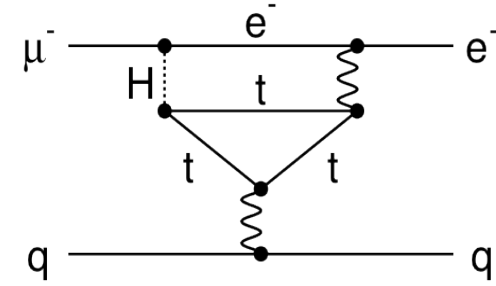
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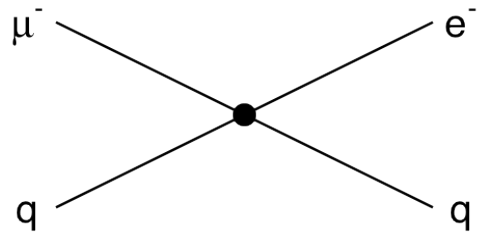


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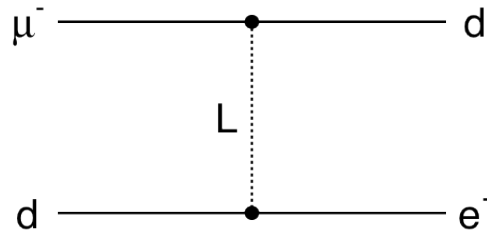


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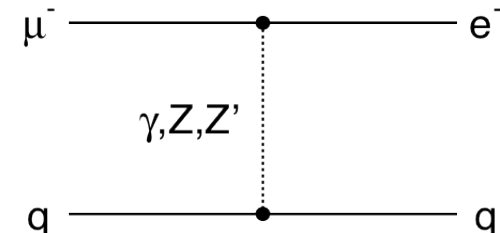
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Compositeness



Leptoquarks



New Heavy Bosons / Anomalous Couplings

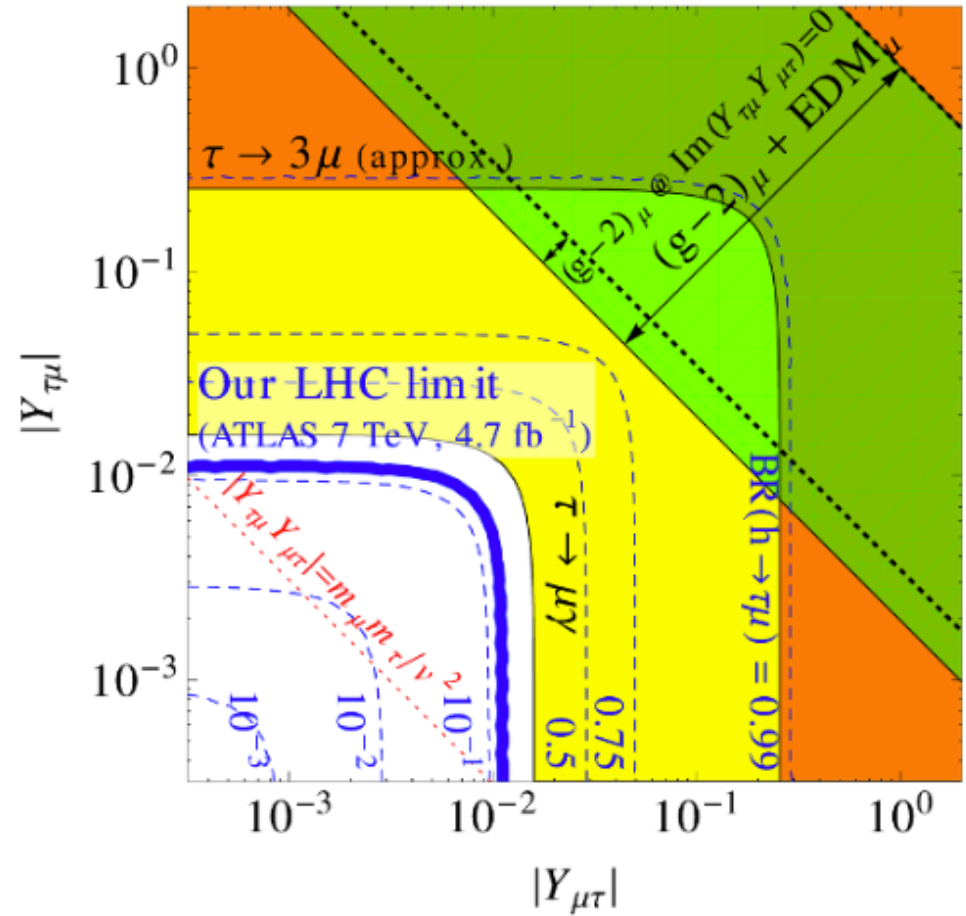
- Muon-to-electron conversion allowed via loop diagrams **or** contact terms.
  - cf:  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  happens via loops.
- Muon-to-electron conversion enables discovery sensitivity over broad swath of BSM parameter space.

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Harnik\*, Kopp\*, and Zupan 1209.1397



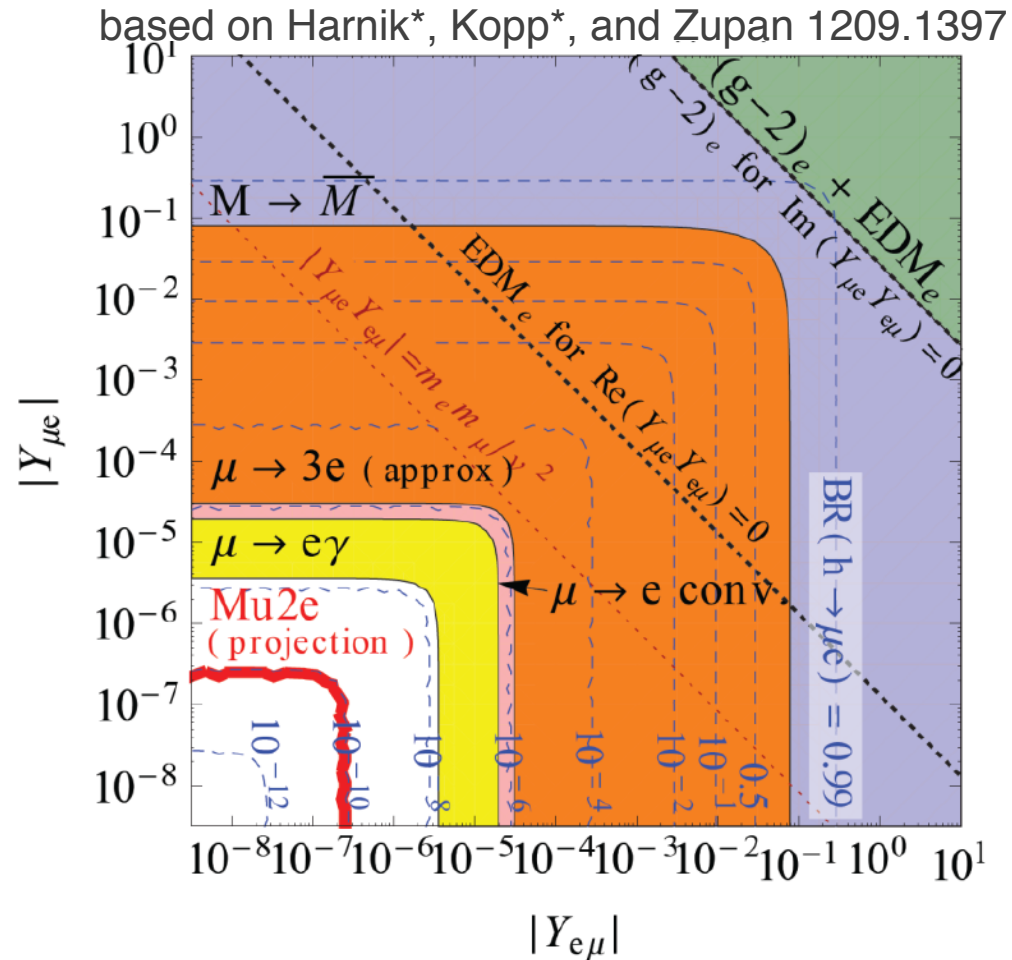
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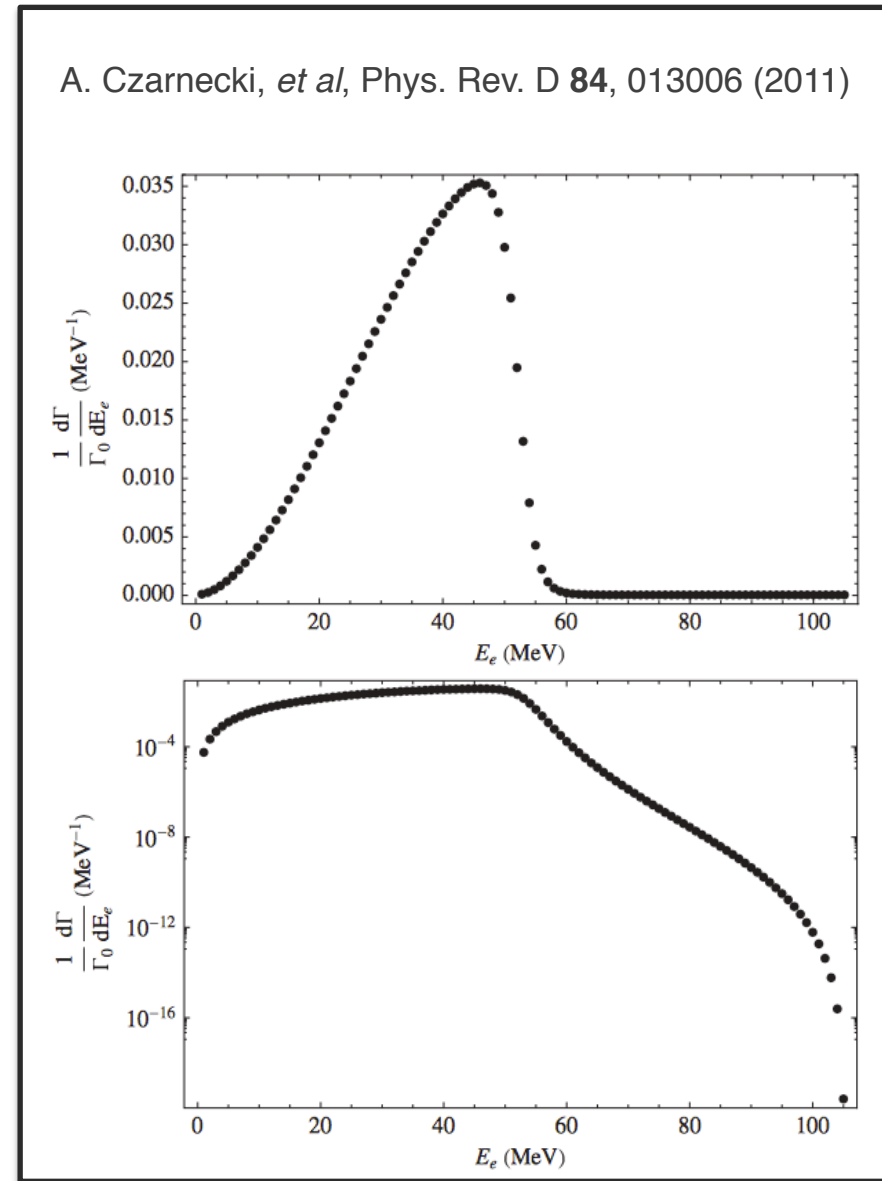


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- SM physics
  - Dominant Mu2e background is from SM decays of muons in orbit.
  - Collaborate with U. Alberta colleagues **A. Czarnecki and R. Szafron (2014 IF Fellow)** to determine radiative corrections to electron energy spectrum.



# What is Mu2e measuring?

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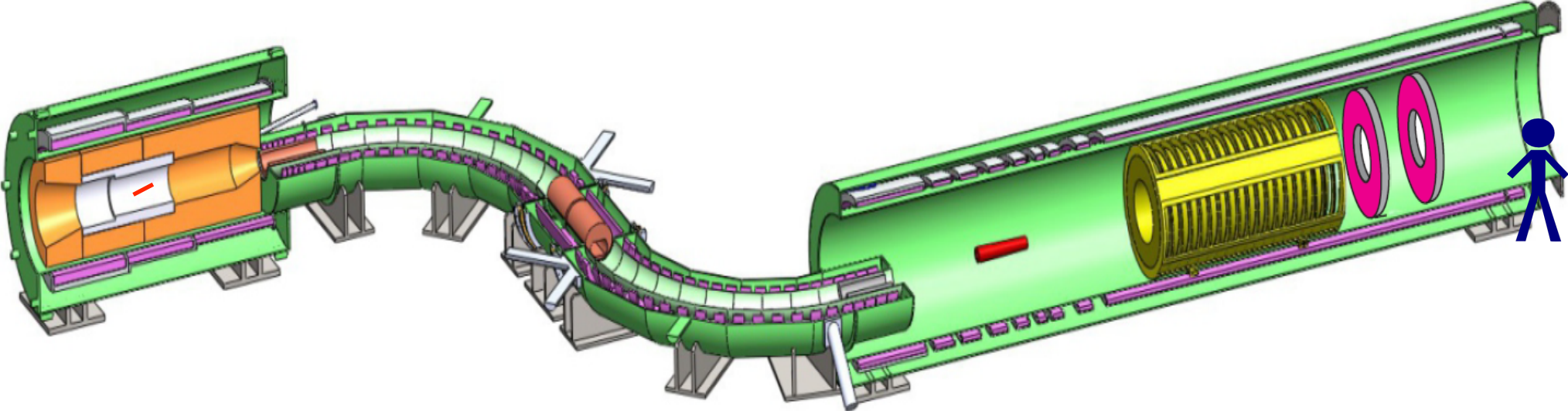
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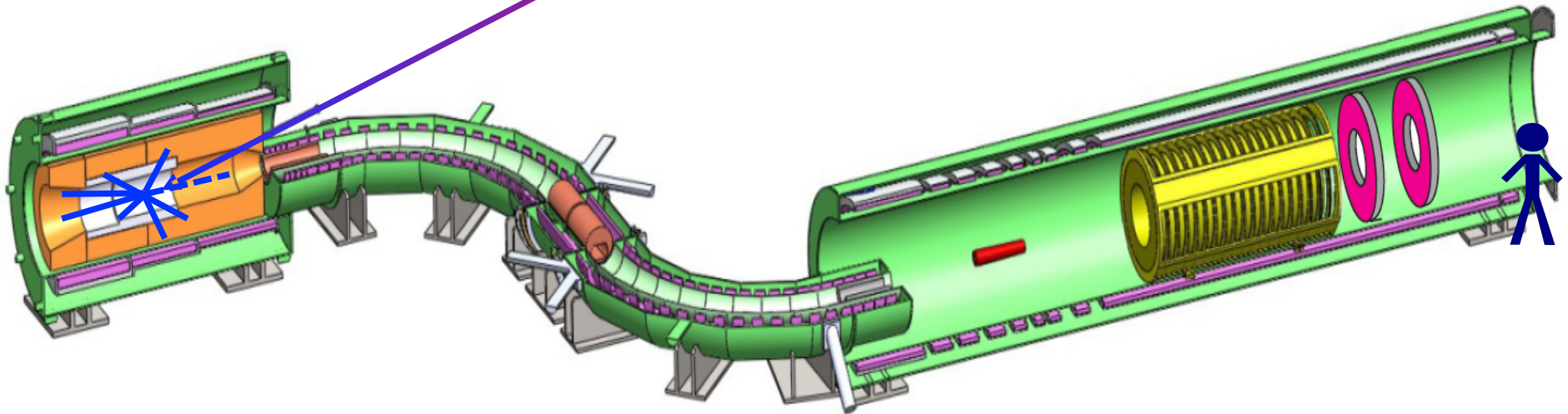
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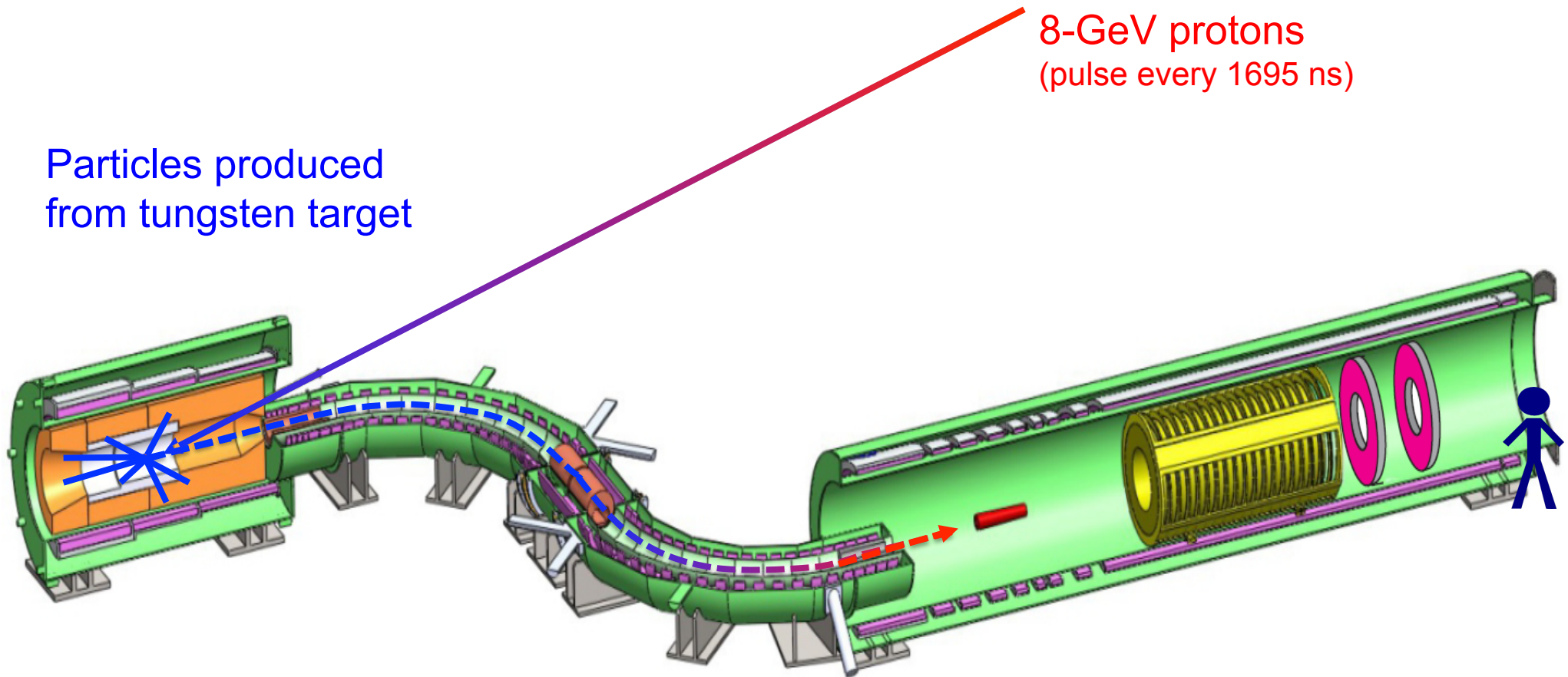
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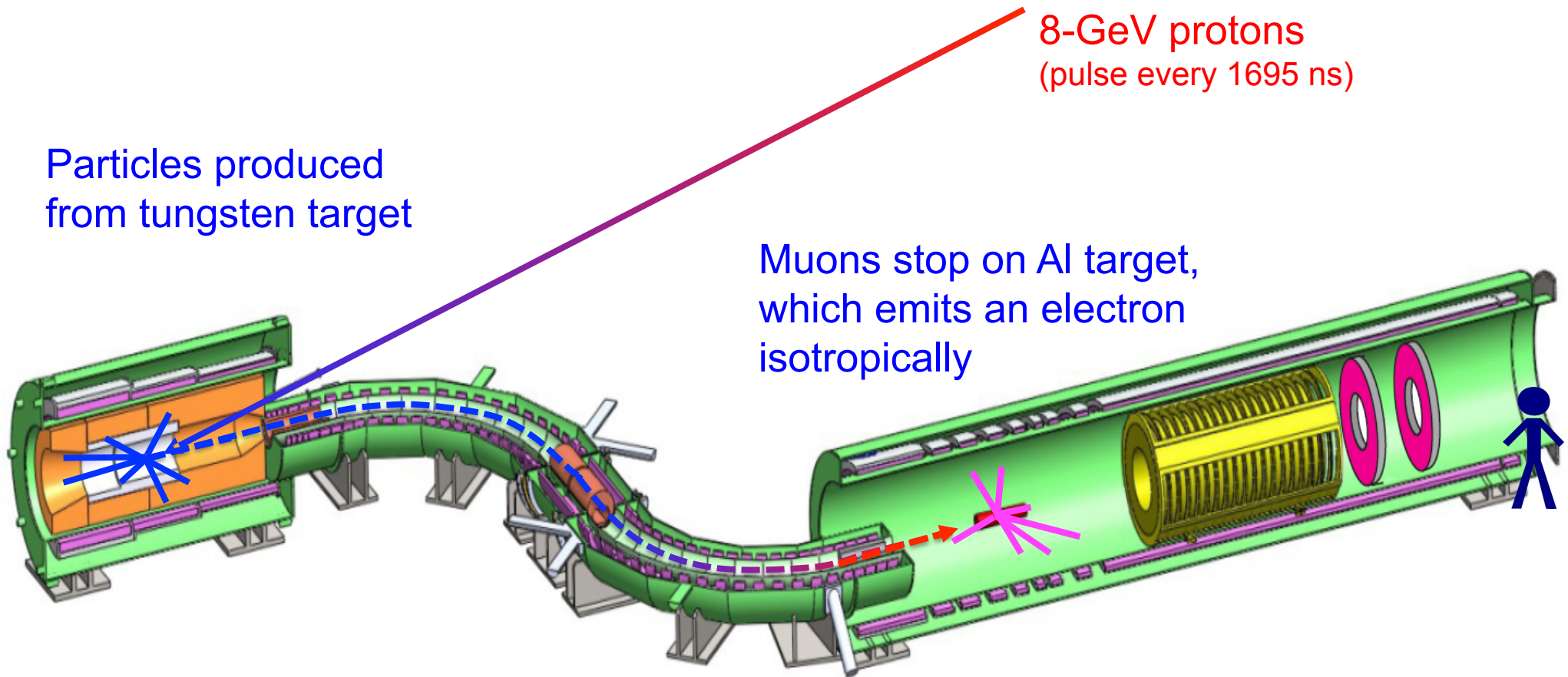
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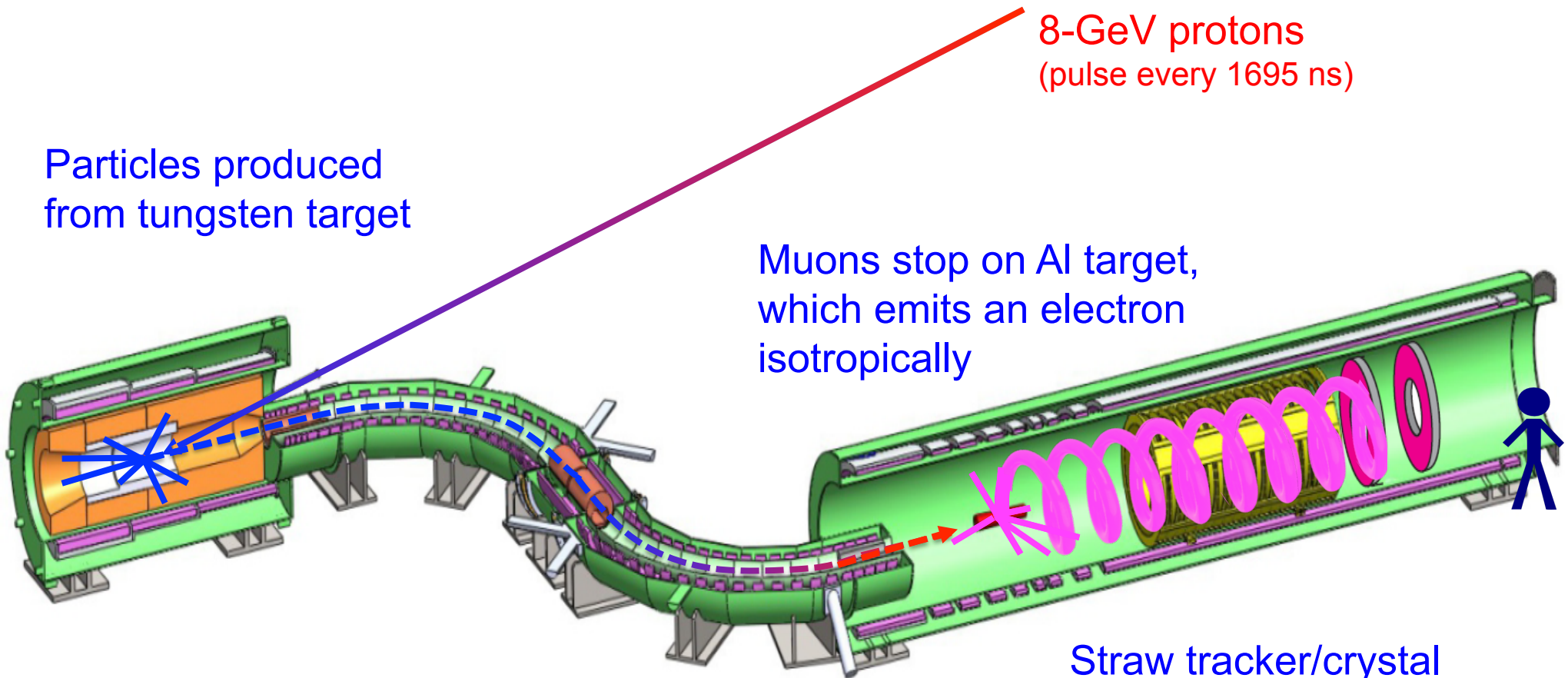
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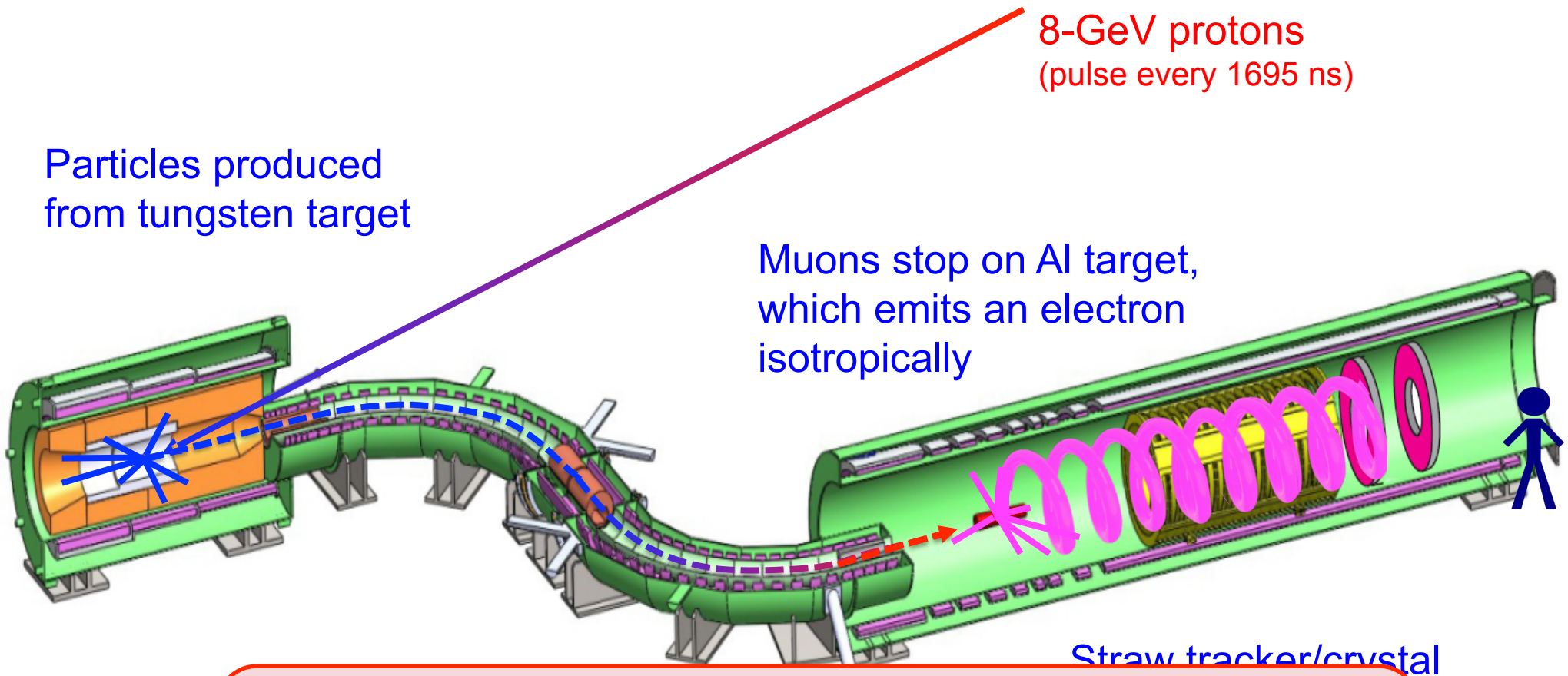
Muons stop on Al target, which emits an electron isotropically

Straw tracker/crystal calorimeter detect electron signature

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**Factor of 10,000 improvement due to:**

- 1) Pulsed beam, with protons delivered every 1695 ns
- 2) Solenoids used to efficiently create secondary muon beam

## Mu2e – Important dates in the last year

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**Will focus on scientific accomplishments over the last year, particularly those necessary to complete the TDR:**

*Understanding Mu2e sensitivity, the associated backgrounds and uncertainties.*



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- Spokespersons

**Doug Glenzinski (FNAL)**

**Jim Miller (Boston U.)**

- Various working groups and task forces:

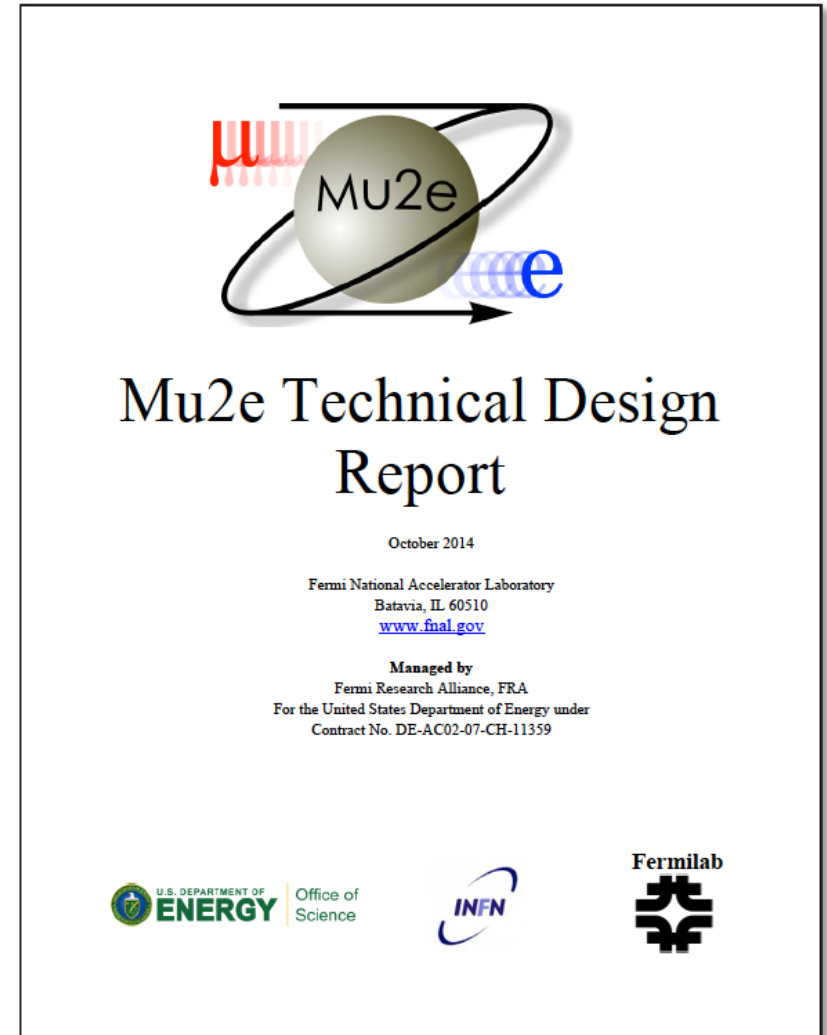
	Leader(s)
Calibration Working Group	D. Brown (LBNL)
Background Task Force	A. Gaponenko (FNAL)
Neutron Working Group	D. Hedin (NIU) I. Oksuzian (U. Virginia)
Software and Simulations Working Group	R. Kutschke (FNAL)
- Geometry Czar	D. Brown (U. Louisville)

- All members played crucial roles in the last year.

# Completion of Mu2e Technical Design Report

arXiv:1501.05241 [physics.ins-det]

- 888 pages
  - 621 figures
  - 126 tables
- Significant joint effort among members of the Project and the Collaboration.
  - Authors from:
    - Fermilab
      - Particle Physics Division
      - Accelerator Division
      - Technical Division
      - Scientific Computing Division
    - Collaborating university and laboratories,
    - And industry



# Background task force

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- Created group dedicated for determining the yields and corresponding uncertainties of all backgrounds
  - Lead by FNAL Wilson Fellow (A. Gaponenko)
  - Analysis, simulation, and software experts and analysts from
    - Fermilab    Novosibirsk    U. Virginia    INFN Pisa
    - LBNL        UC, Irvine        Boston U.
  - Backgrounds calculated via the *art* framework:
    - Developed and maintained by FNAL scientific computing division personnel, designed to support any HEP experiments' data-collection and production-level needs
    - Weekly stakeholder meetings to facilitate good communication between scientists and computing professionals
  - Over  $10^{11}$  events simulated for TDR calculations.
    - Requires intense use of grid resources and data storage facilities.

# Expected Mu2e backgrounds ( $4 \times 10^{20}$ POTs)

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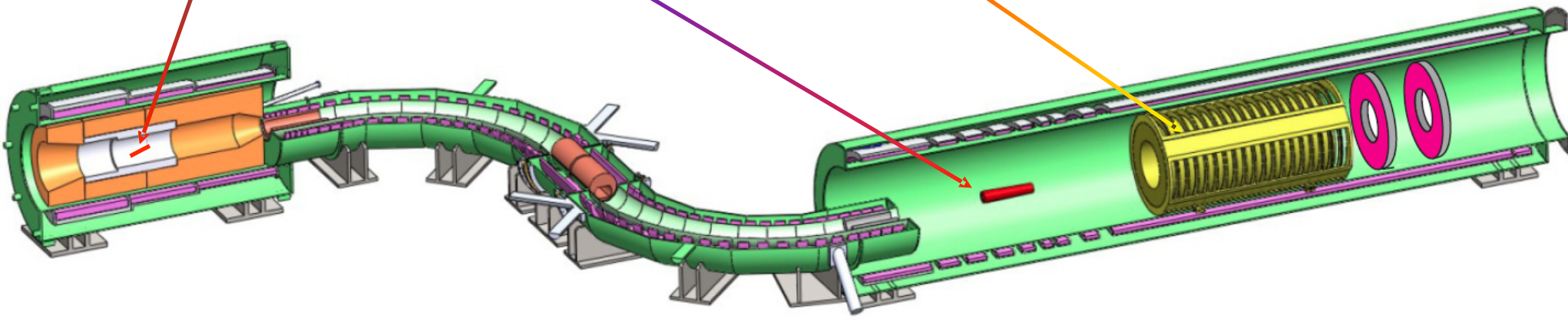
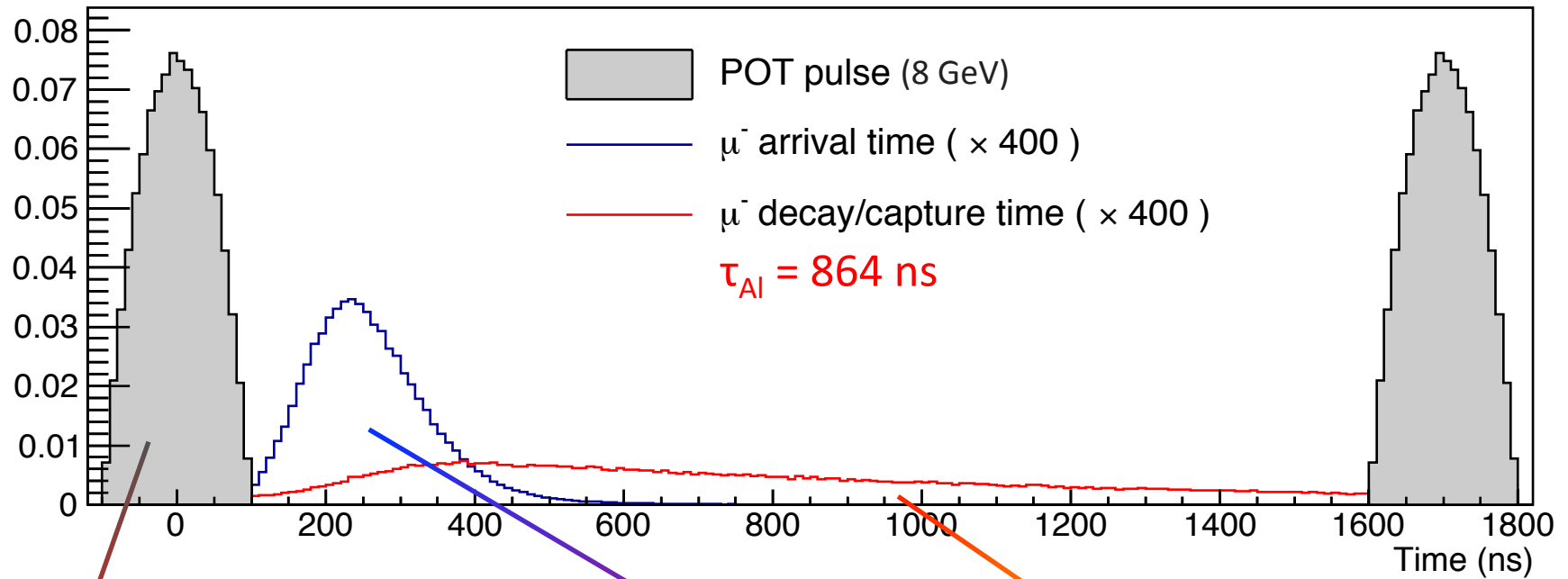
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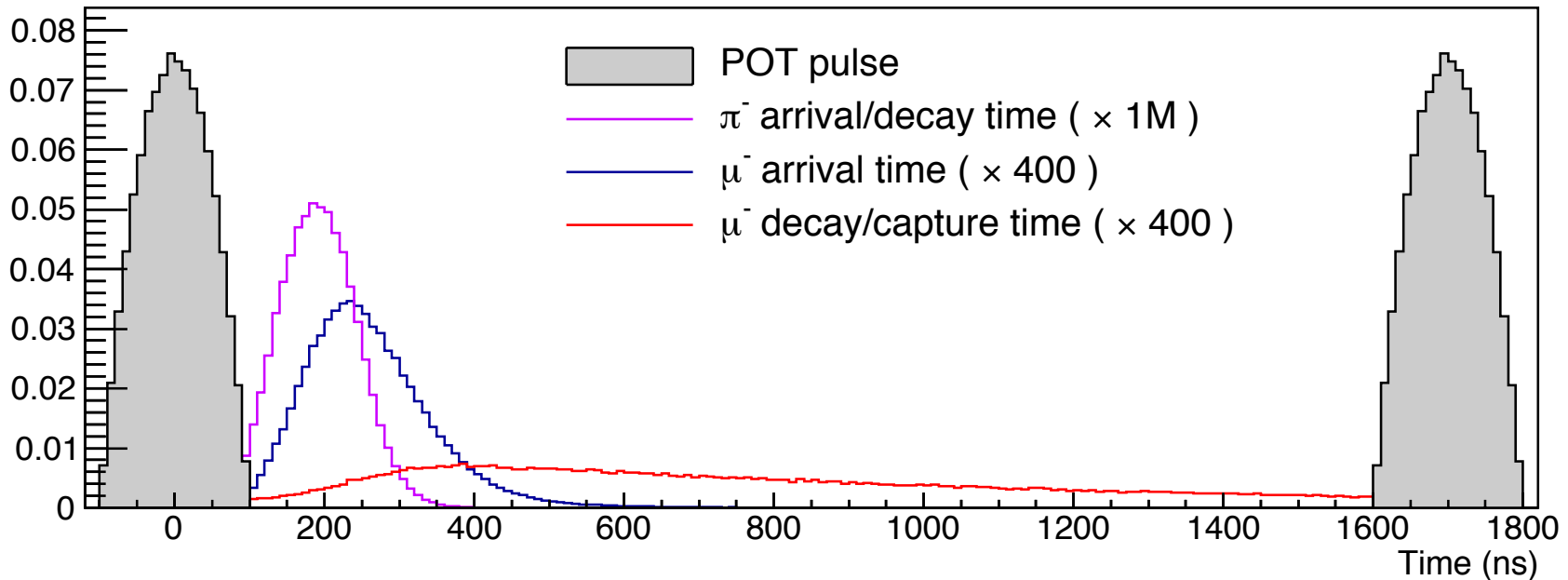
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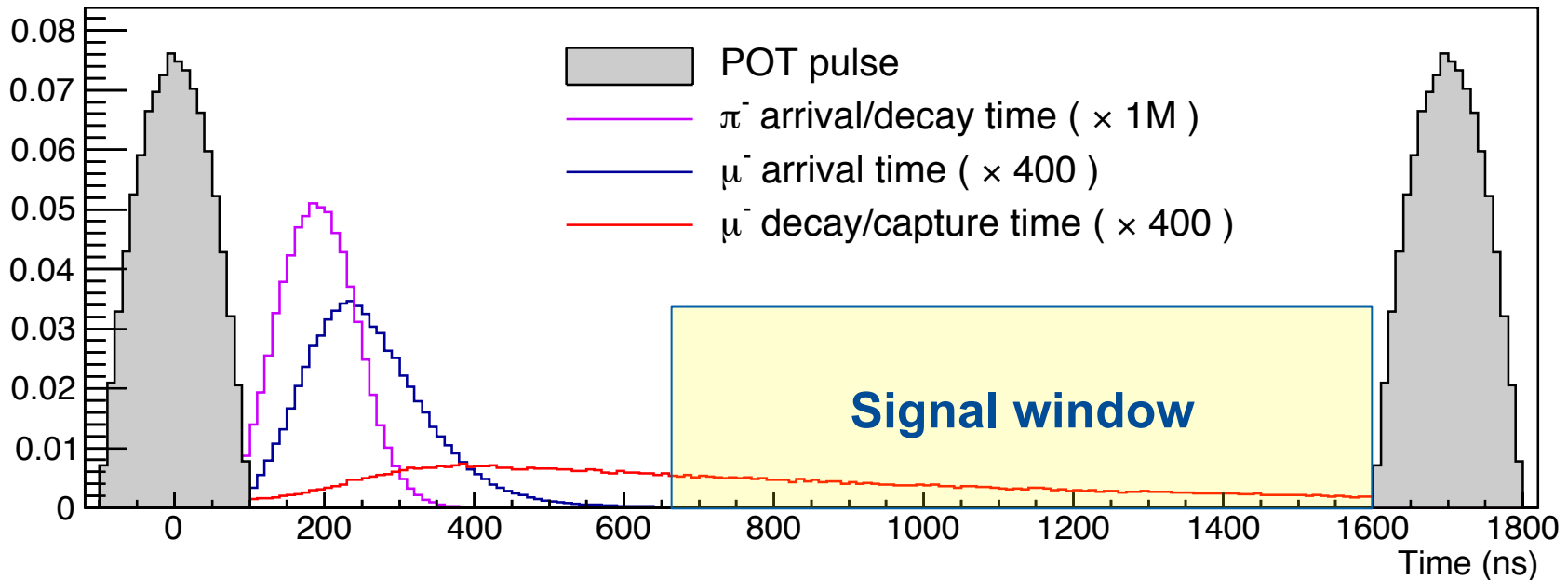


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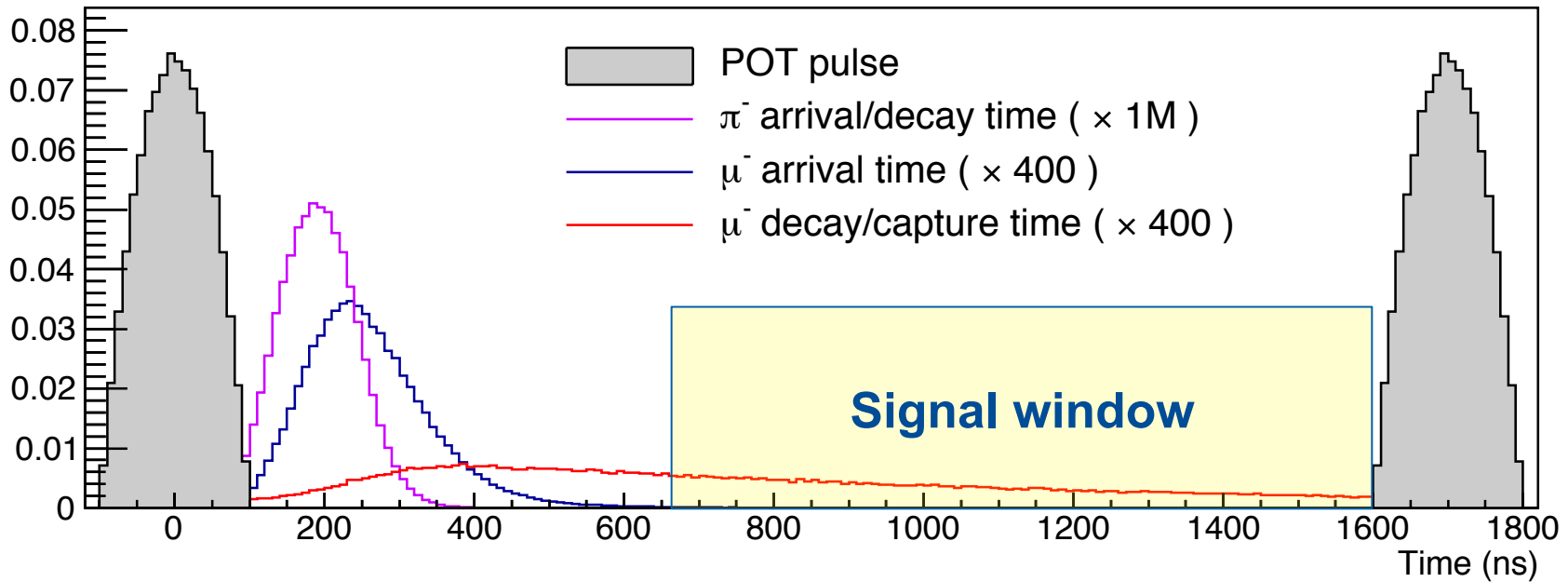


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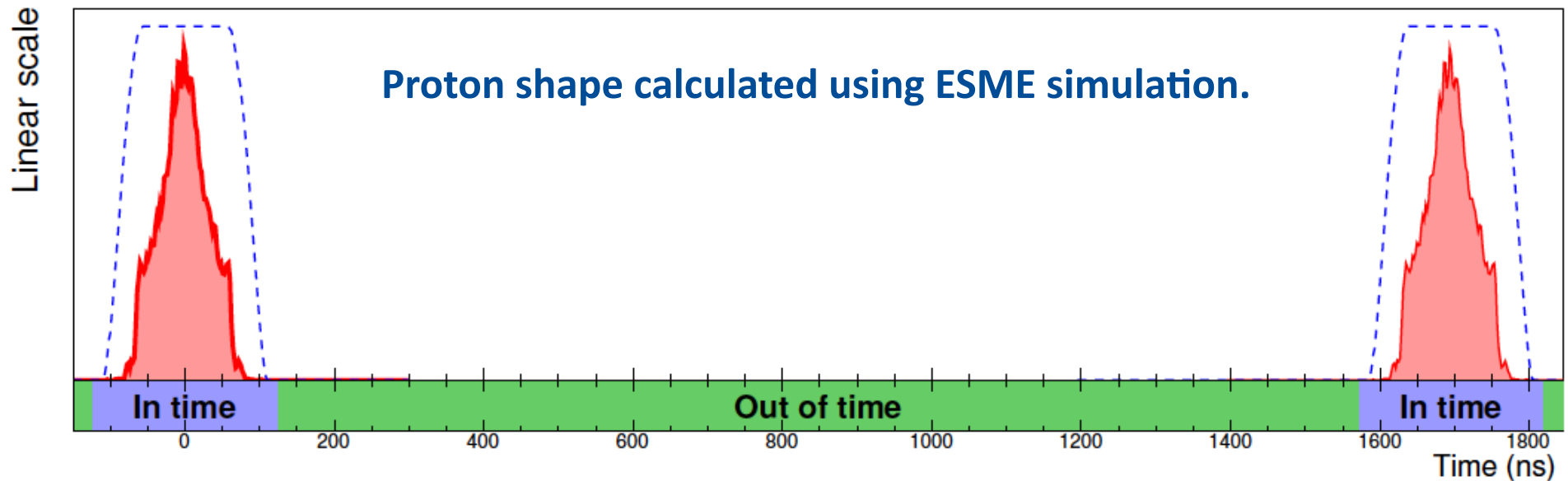
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*Wait*

Calculating this background required in-depth understanding of bunch structure.  
**Excellent interaction between AD and PPD.**

*live gate.*

## Some details

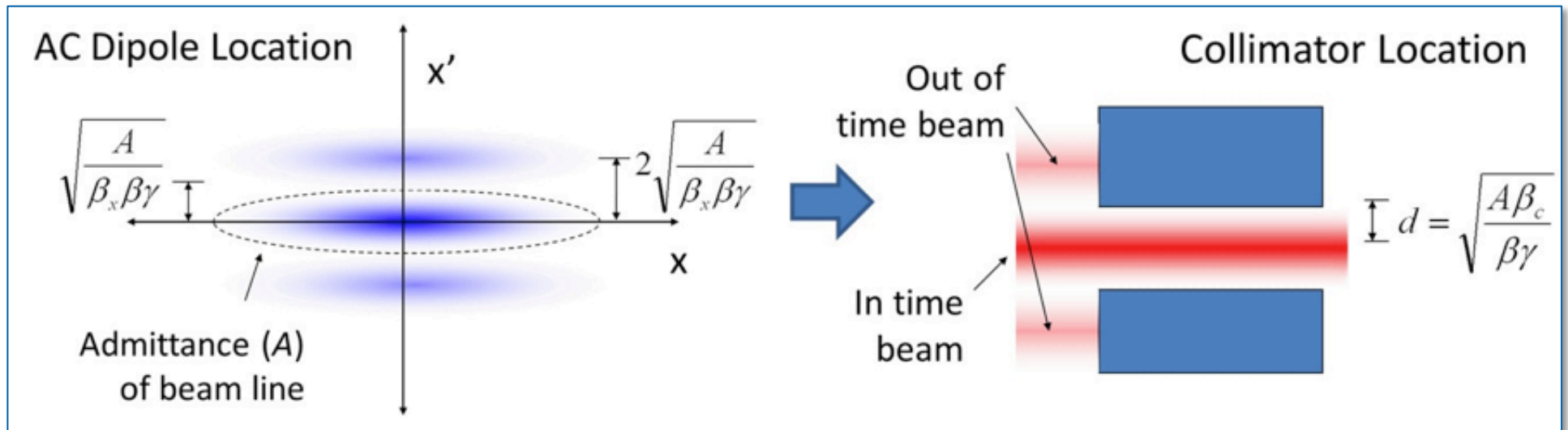


- Need to include POT time structure in simulation.
  - Tails of “in-time” distribution are important.
  - Need to know the fraction of protons that are “out-of-time”.

**Need extinction level  $< 10^{-10}$ .**

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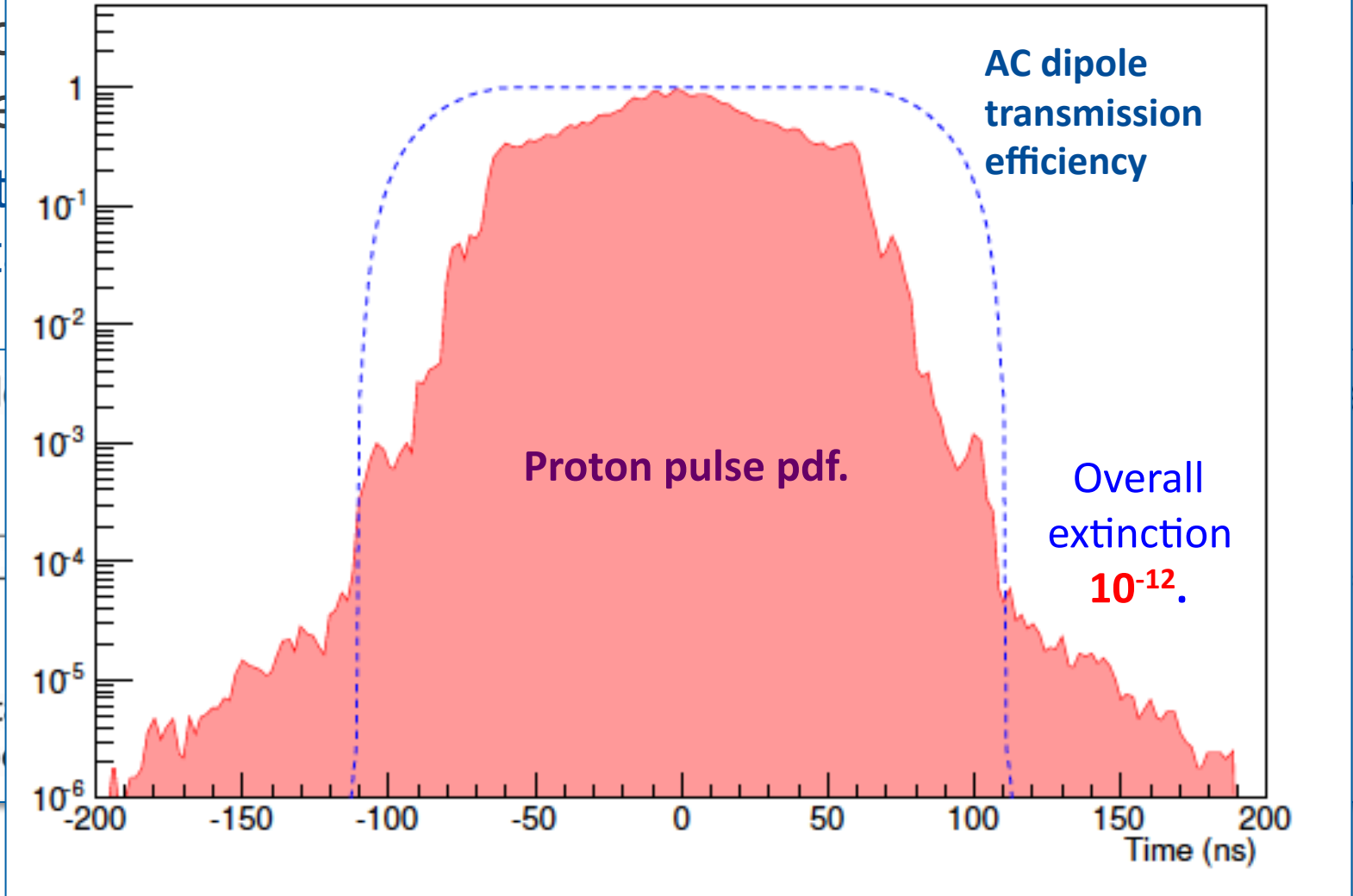
- RF structure of recycler gives extinction level of  $10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-5}$ .
- Additional suppression obtained using sweeping AC-dipole magnet (developed by AD)
  - Out-of-time protons are deflected out of the line-of-sight into a suitably placed collimator.



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AC Dipole

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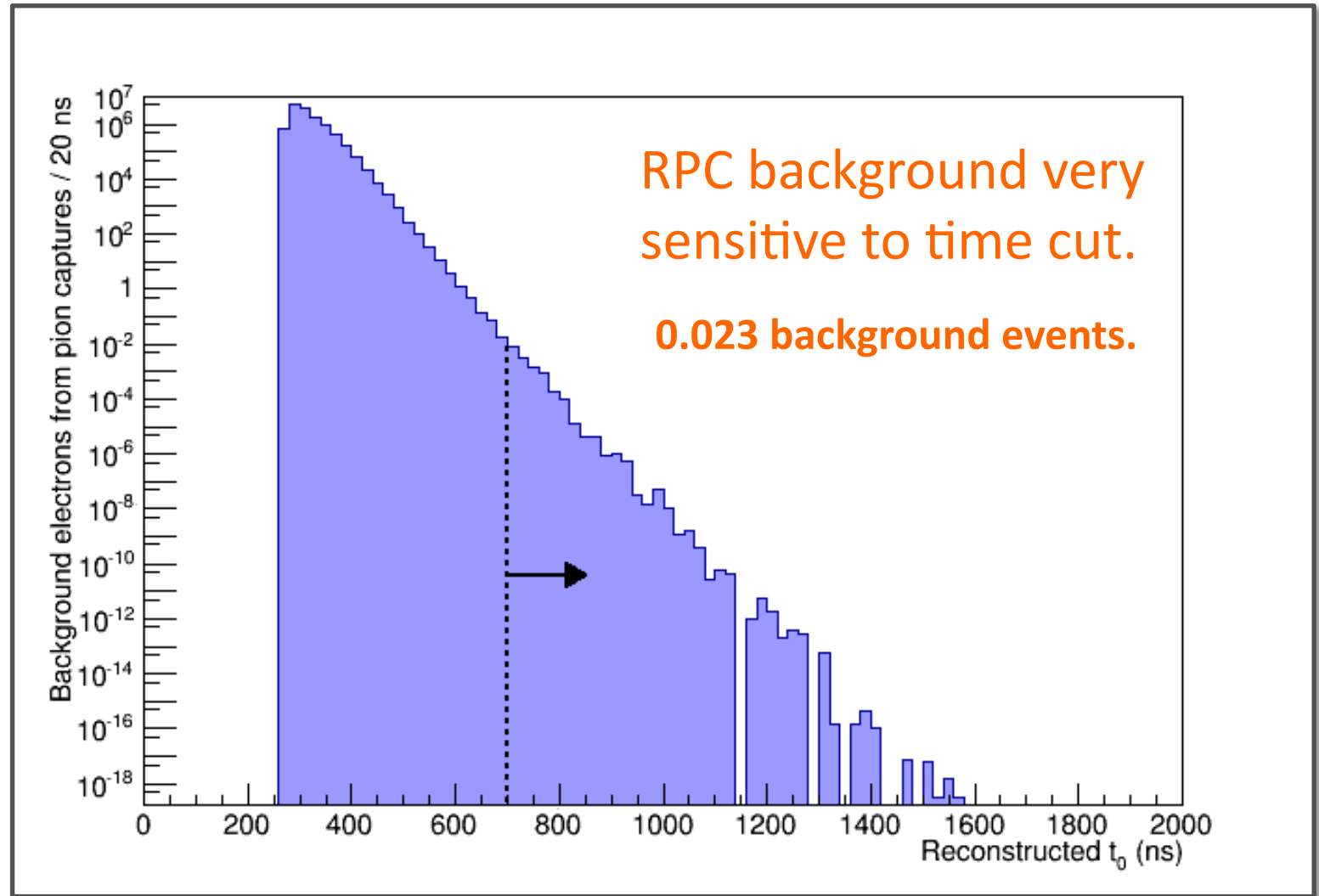
Admittance of beam

Extinction

$$\sqrt{\frac{A \beta_c}{\beta_y}}$$

## In the end ...

Background  $e^-$  from RPC normalized to three years running.



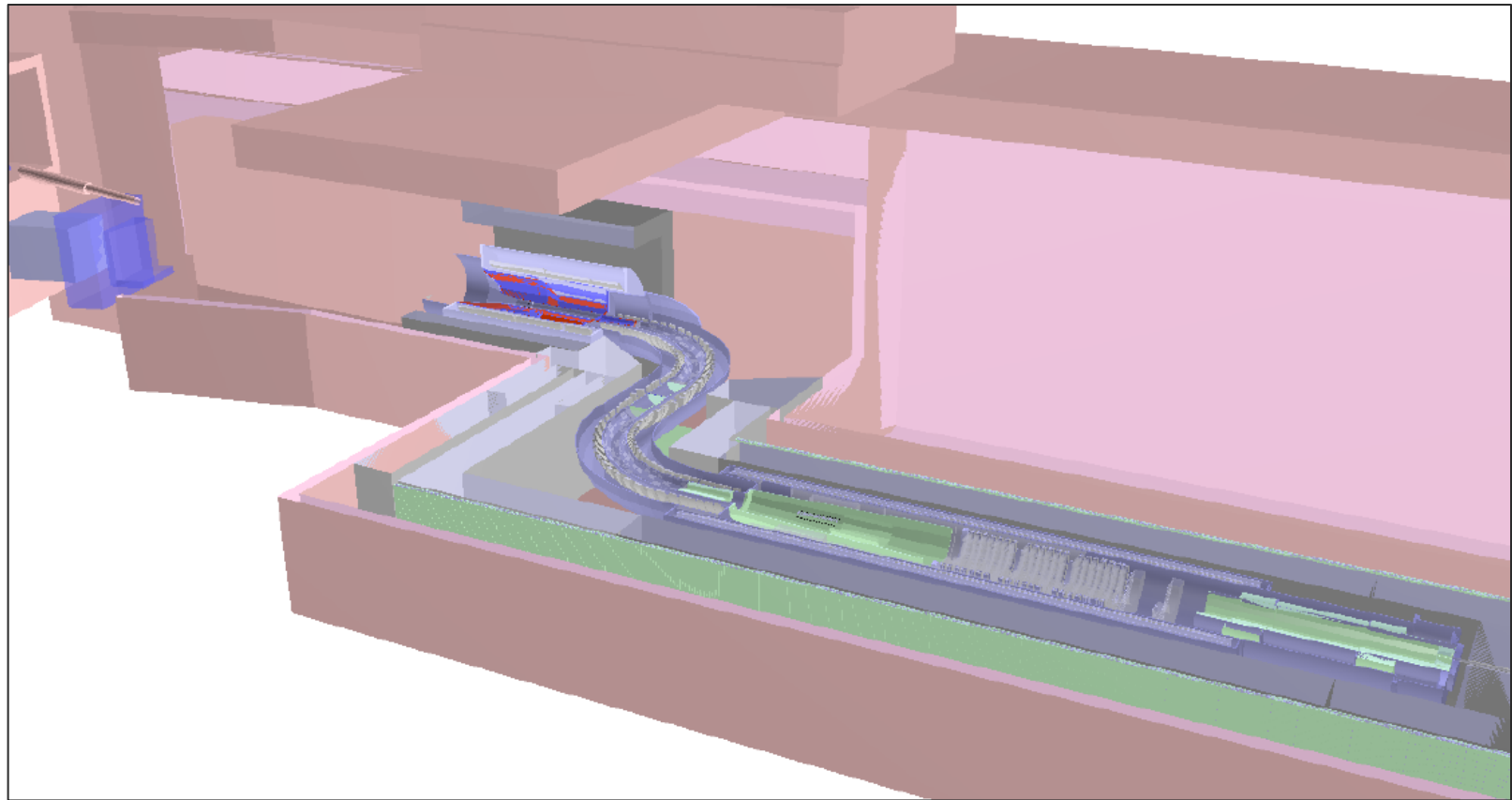
$t_0$  = reconstructed time when track reaches center of tracker.  
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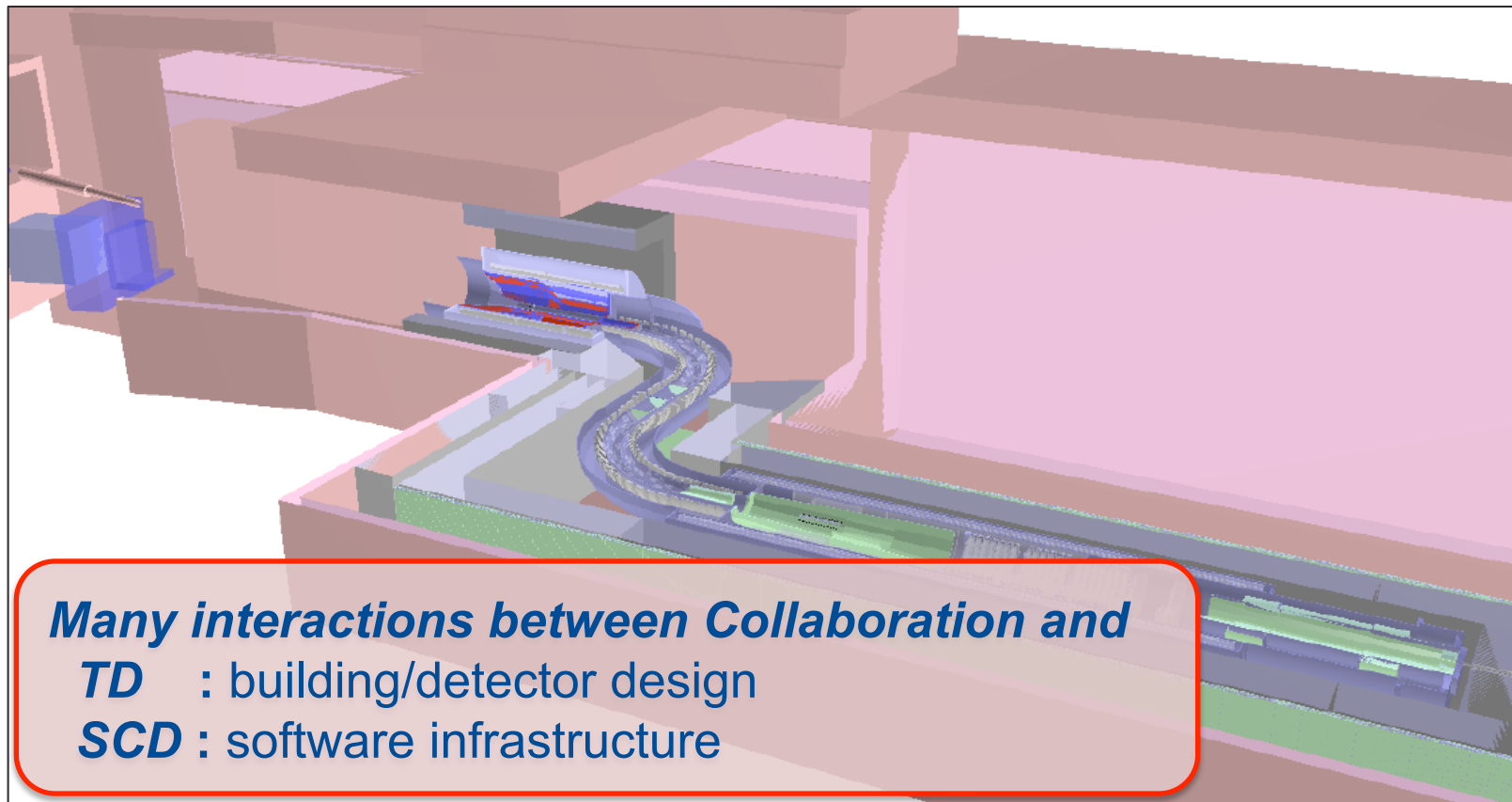
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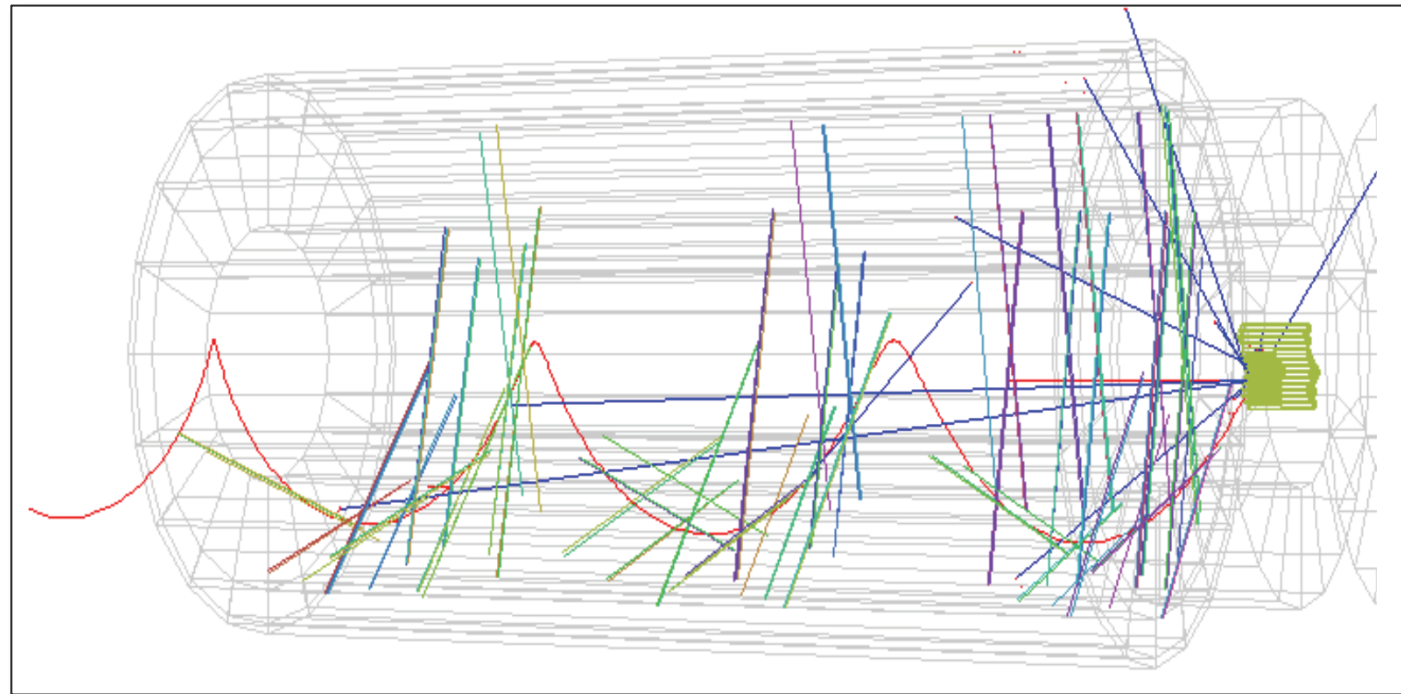
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- Gas ionization model
  - Straw drift simulation
  - Gas amplification
  - Signal transit
  - Electronic amplification and shaping
  - Electronic signals aggregated into waveform
  - Waveform digitized
  - “Digis” converted to hits
  - Hits categorized according to time and position
  - Then the track fitting ...

LBNL



Longitudinal view  Fermilab



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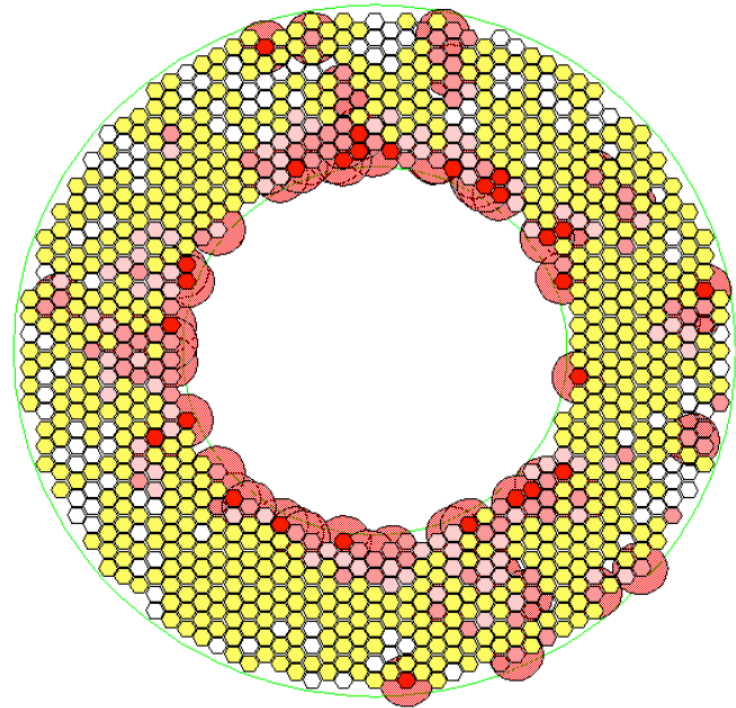
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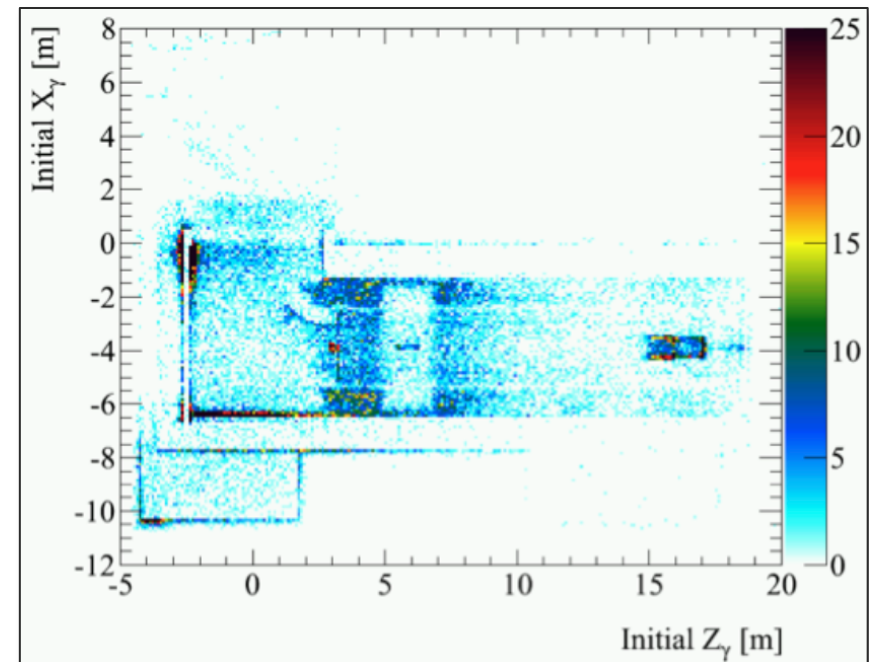
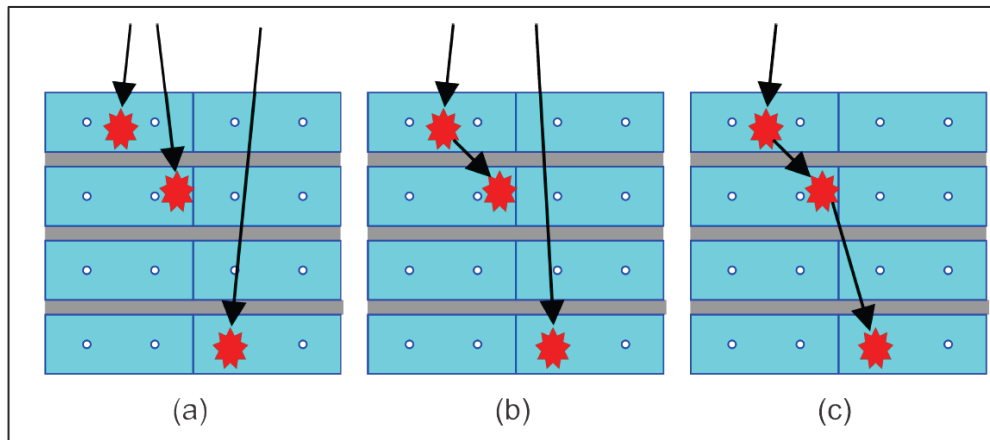
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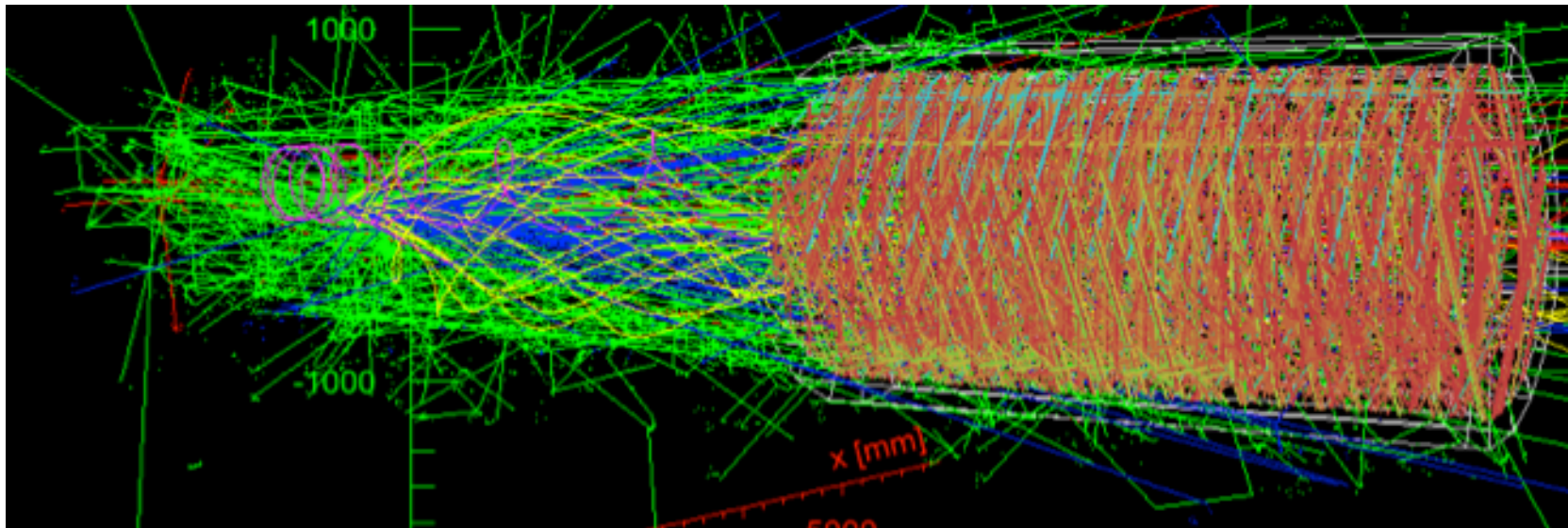
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- Algorithms for determining cosmic-ray backgrounds

## University of Virginia



# Event noise

- We do not simulate individual signal and background particles.
- For each proton pulse, the detector elements are bombarded with  $\sim 10^5$  particles from the
  - Production target, and
  - Stopping target (2-3 neutrons per captured muon)



- Event noise mixed in with signals and backgrounds.
- Mix-in rates determined by experimental measurements.
  - Uncertainties taken into account.

# Systematic uncertainties

Effect	Uncertainty in DIO background yield	Uncertainty in CE single-event-sensitivity ( $\times 10^{-17}$ )
MC Statistics	$\pm 0.02$	$\pm 0.07$
Theoretical Uncertainty	$\pm 0.04$	-
Tracker Acceptance	$\pm 0.002$	$\pm 0.03$
Reconstruction Efficiency	$\pm 0.01$	$\pm 0.15$
Momentum Scale	+0.09, -0.06	$\pm 0.07$
$\mu$ -bunch Intensity Variation	$\pm 0.007$	$\pm 0.1$
Beam Flash Uncertainty	$\pm 0.011$	$\pm 0.17$
$\mu$ -capture Proton Uncertainty	$\pm 0.01$	$\pm 0.016$
$\mu$ -capture Neutron Uncertainty	$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 0.093$
$\mu$ -capture Photon Uncertainty	$\pm 0.002$	$\pm 0.028$
Out-Of-Target $\mu$ Stops	$\pm 0.004$	$\pm 0.055$
Degraded Tracker	-0.013	+0.191
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Effect	Uncertainty in DIO background yield	Uncertainty in CE single-event-sensitivity ( $\times 10^{-17}$ )
MC Statistics	$\pm 0.02$	$\pm 0.07$
Theoretical Uncertainty	$\pm 0.04$	-
Tracker Acceptance	$\pm 0.002$	$\pm 0.03$
Reconstruction Efficiency	$\pm 0.01$	$\pm 0.15$
Momentum Scale	+0.09, -0.06	$\pm 0.07$
$\mu$ -bunch Intensity Variation	$\pm 0.007$	$\pm 0.1$
Beam Flash Uncertainty	$\pm 0.011$	$\pm 0.17$
$\mu$ -capture Proton Uncertainty	$\pm 0.01$	$\pm 0.016$
$\mu$ -capture Neutron Uncertainty	$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 0.093$
$\mu$ -capture Photon Uncertainty	$\pm 0.002$	$\pm 0.028$
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Degraded Track $\mu$		
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# Ejected proton measurement at TWIST

- A. Gaponenko (FNAL Wilson Fellow) involved in measuring the proton emission from muon-Al capture at TWIST.
  - Wine & Cheese seminar on 2/6.

“Never throw away your old data”

- ▶ Use an existing TWIST dataset to measure charged particles from  $\mu^-$  capture on Al
- ▶ Extend to a lower energy range than previous Al results
- ▶ Determine both spectrum shape and normalization
- ▶ Some PID capability
- ▶ Advance understanding of the muon capture physics
- ▶ First measurement of  $\mu^-$  capture with a tracker

The competition

- ▶ The AlCap collaboration at PSI
- ▶ Dedicated setup to measure  $\mu^-$  capture on Al
- ▶ Calorimetric measurement using Si detectors  
⇒ very different backgrounds and systematics

Courtesy: A. Gaponenko

Preliminary results obtained.

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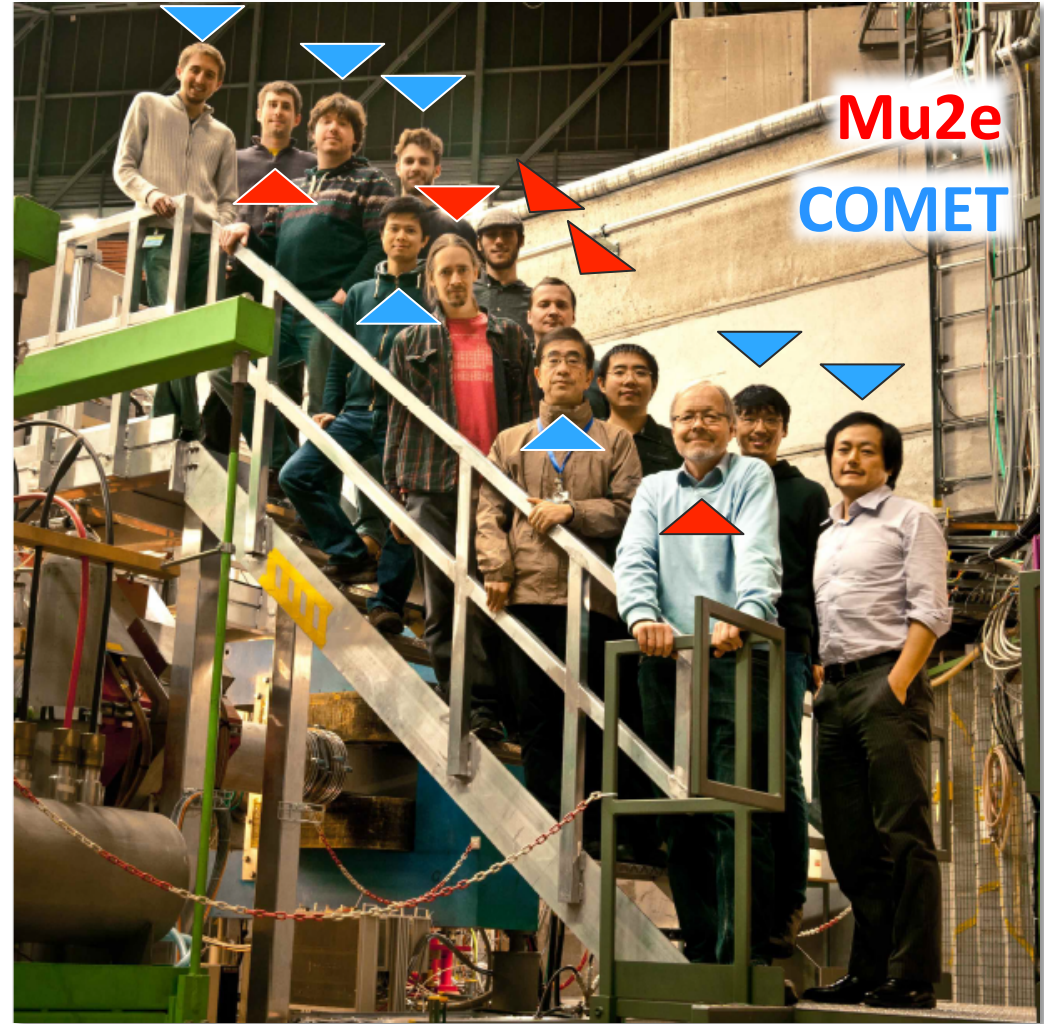
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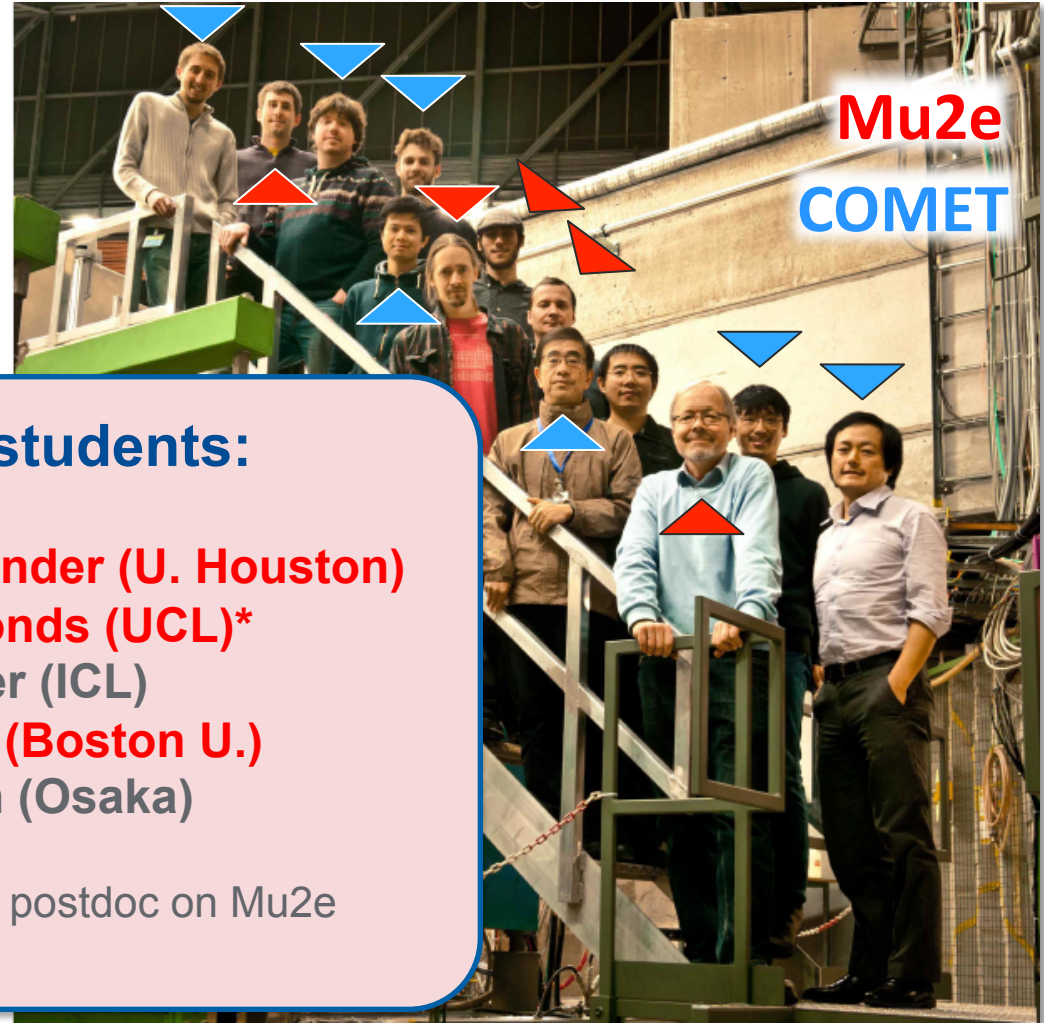
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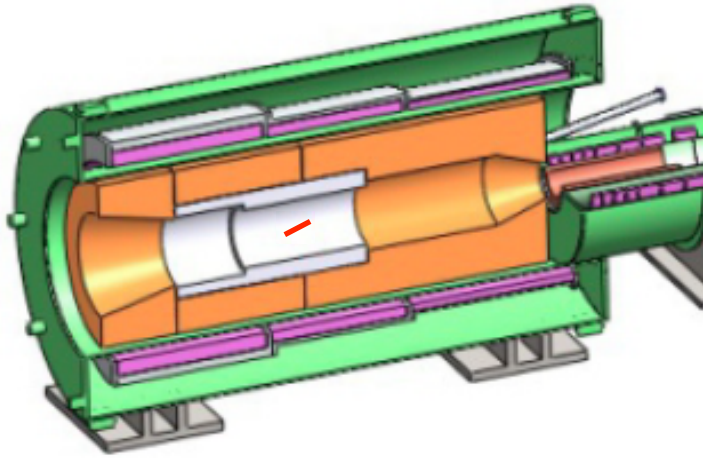
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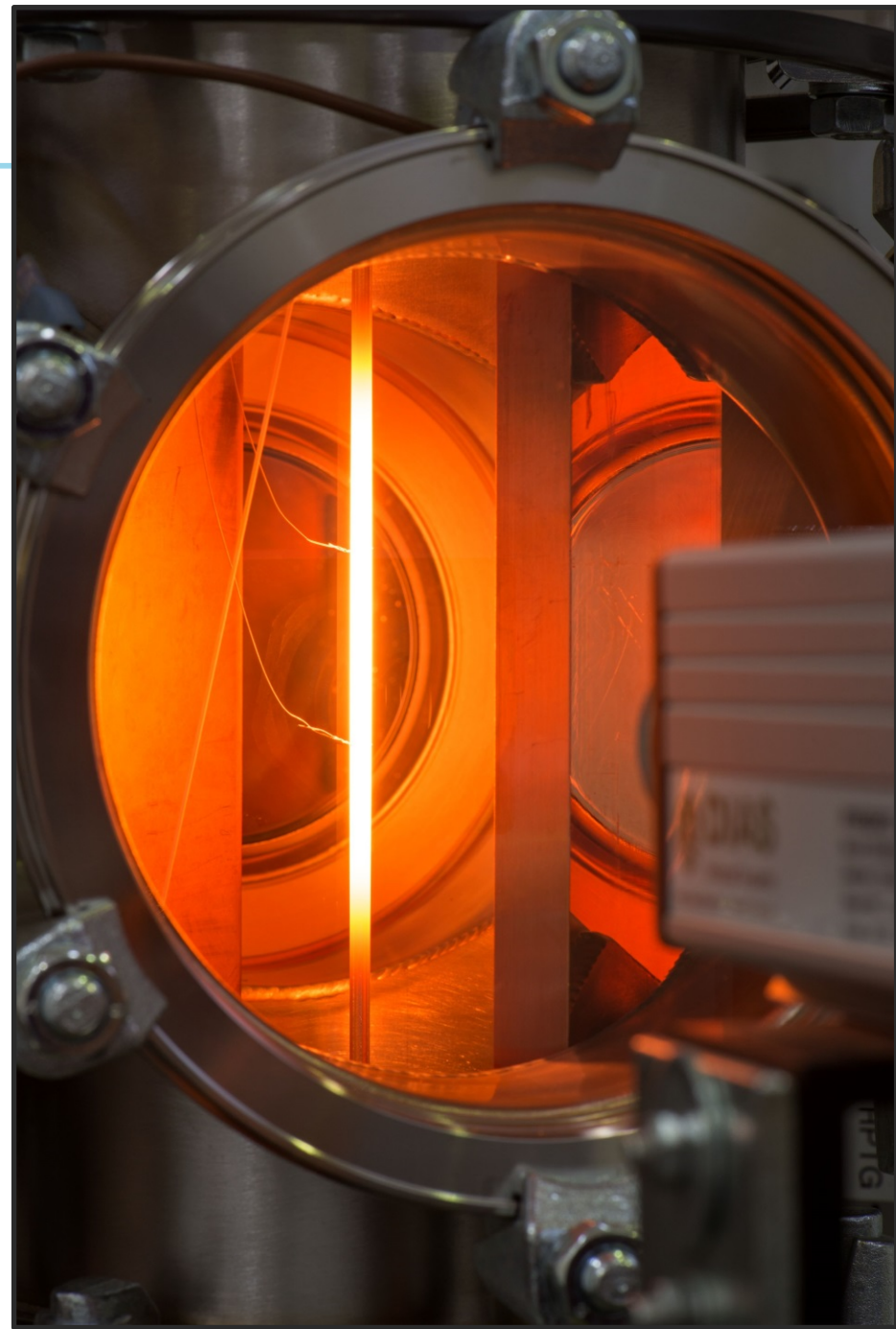
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# Production target testing

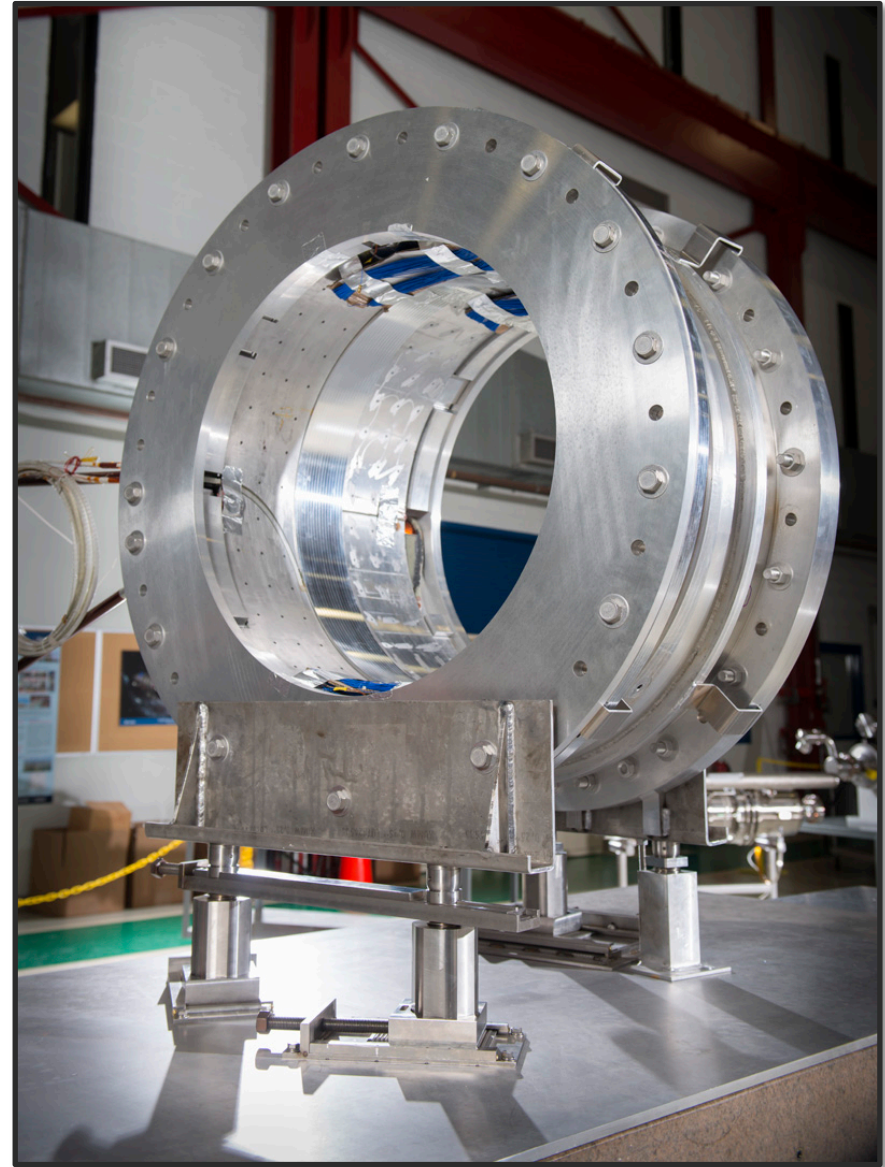


- Made of tungsten.
- Must be able to withstand max. operating temperature of  $1700^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Concern at last S&T review that radiation cooling could be problematic.
- Since then, significant progress in testing and understanding radiation cooling (RAL).
  - SiC coating looks promising.



# Mu2e Solenoids – prototype of TS coil module

- TS solenoid coil module prototype completed.
- Contributions from **FNAL TD** and **INFN**.
- After successful testing, all 27 TS modules will be produced.
- Featured in *Fermilab Today*, Jan. 23, 2015.



# Prototype of Mu2e tracker panel

- Prototype assembled to test procedure for constructing straw panels.
- Will then undergo vacuum and readout checks.
- Contributions from

**FNAL PPD**

**City University of New York**

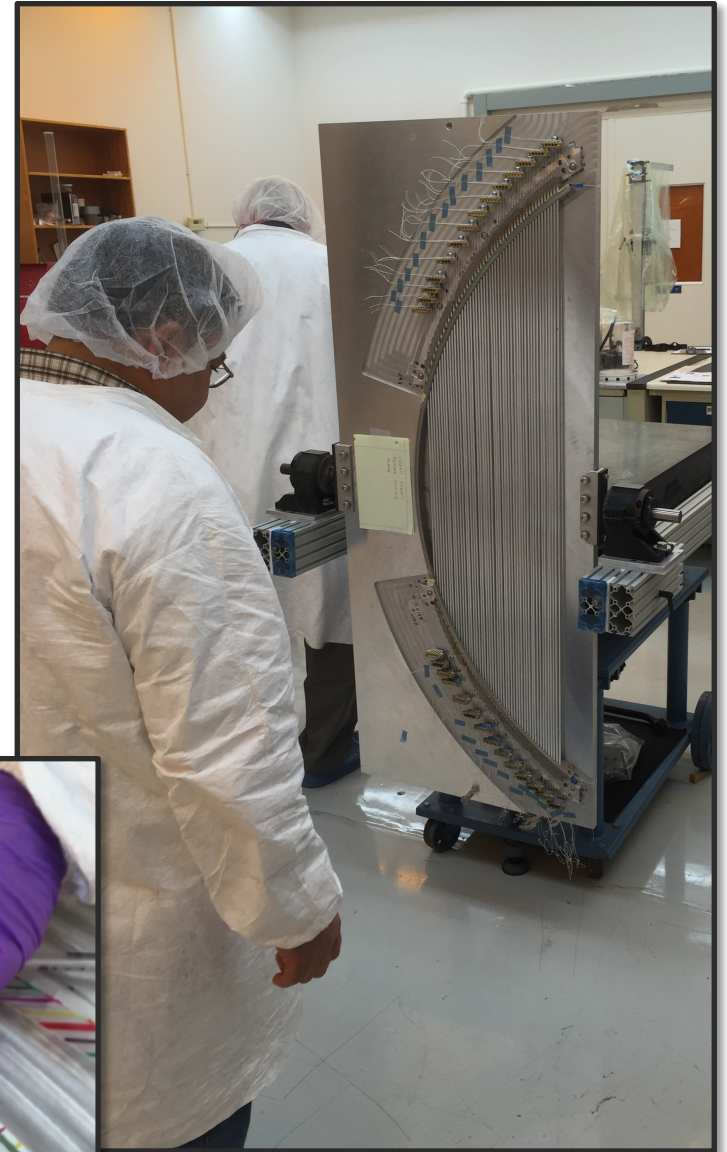
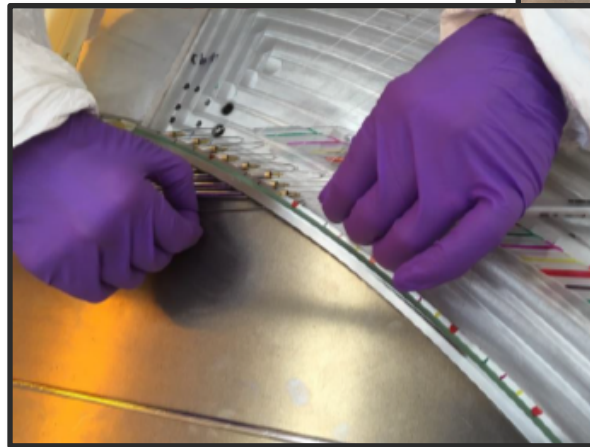
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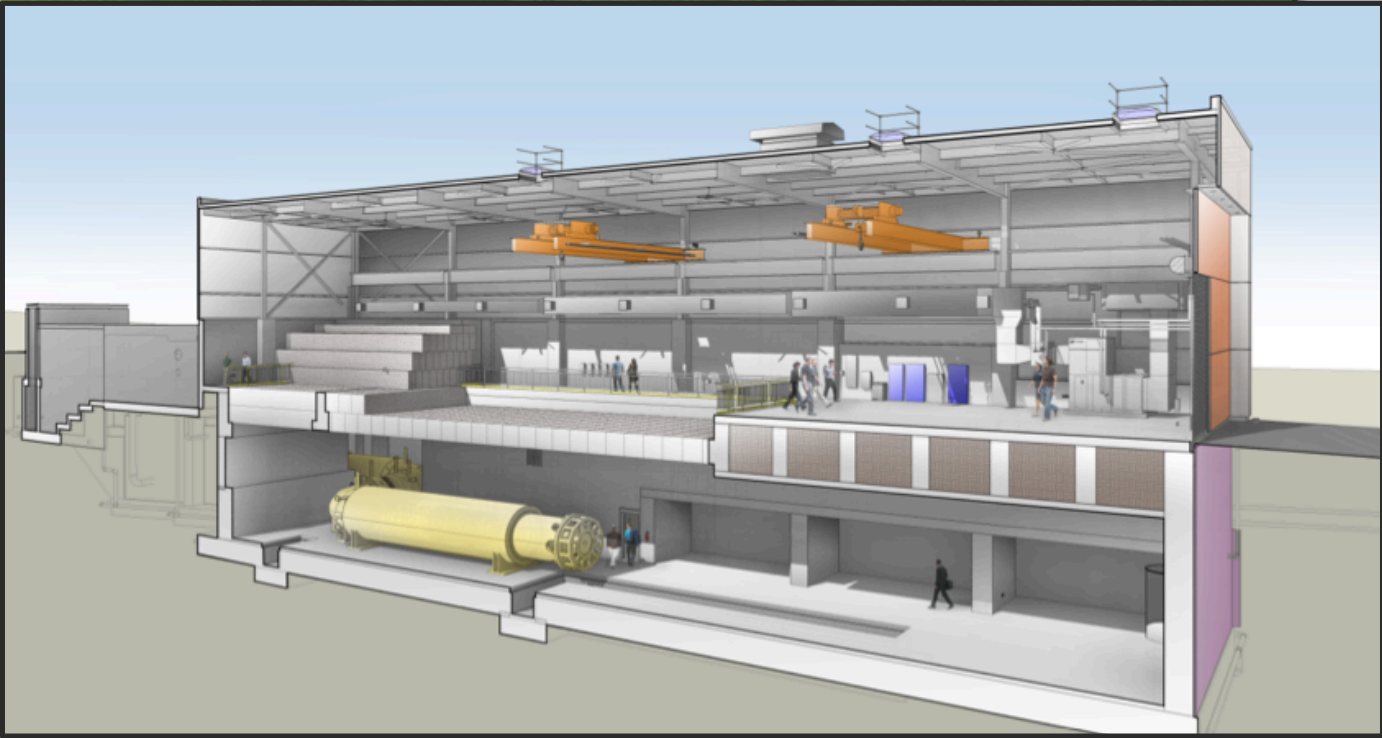
# Excavation of muon beamline enclosure



- Part of Muon Campus Program coordinated by Mary Convery (FNAL AD)

*See Convery [ Breakout 1D ]*

# Mu2e hall groundbreaking in March



# The next-generation Mu2e study (2013)

- A concentrated study was undertaken by Mu2e collaborators to determine the feasibility of a next-generation Mu2e experiment.
  - Dedicated session at Snowmass for next-generation Mu2e
- Our work is summarized here:
  - K. Knoepfel, *et al*, [arXiv:1307.1168](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1168)

## Feasibility Study for a Next-Generation Mu2e Experiment

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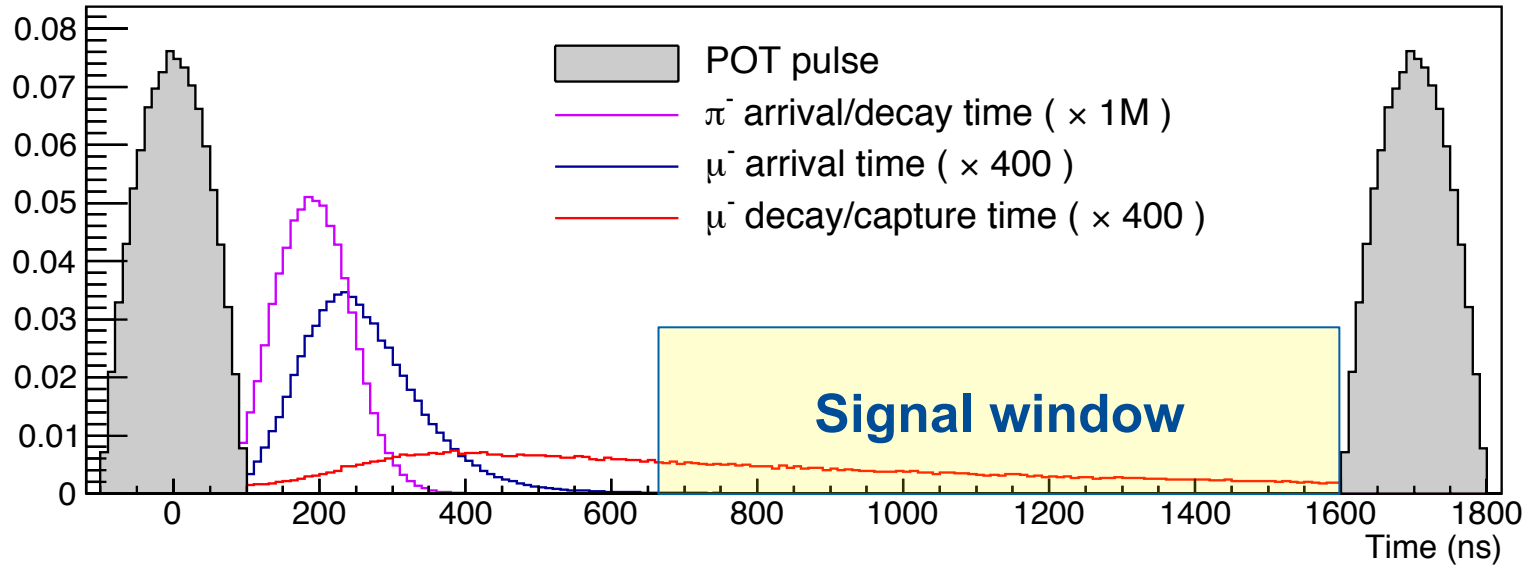
- Considered 100 kW, 1 GeV beam and how it could be used to achieve x10 improvement in sensitivity, implementing only modest upgrades.
  - Used *art* framework and `g4beamline` program.

# Anticipating the future

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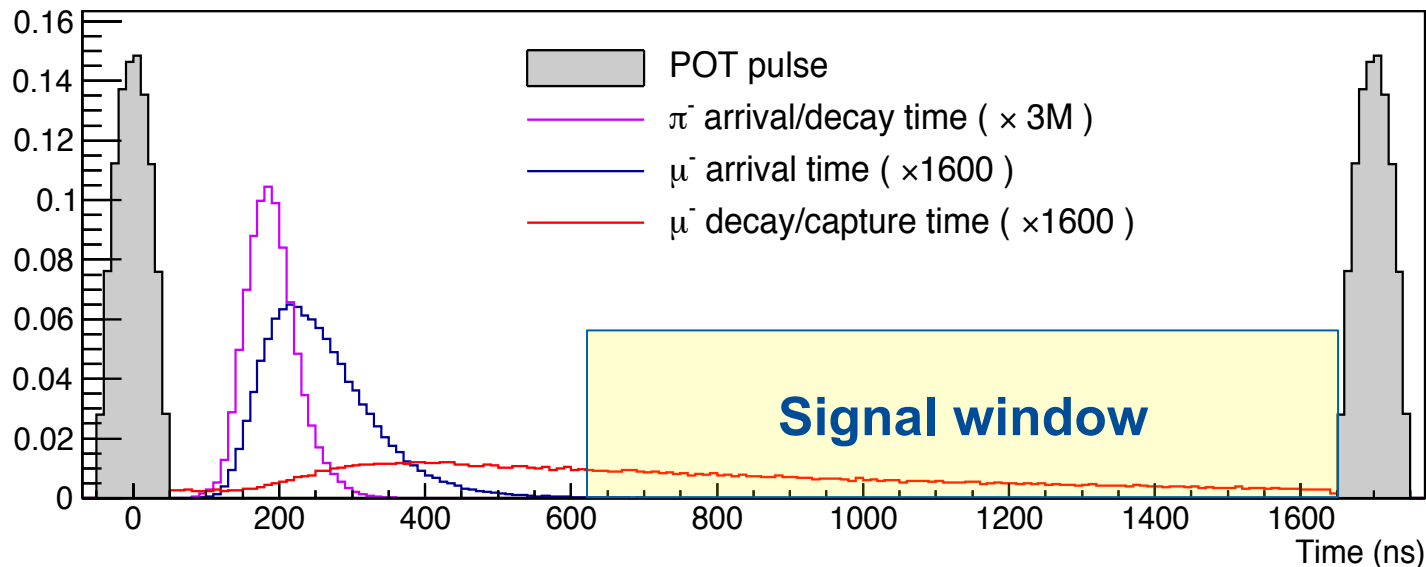
- Regardless of the Mu2e result, Mu2e-II is important:
  - Mu2e observed CLFV at  $\geq 5\sigma$ 
    - Switch targets and measure ratio of rates to further discriminate models of underlying physics
      - Cirigliano, et al PRD **80**, 013002 (2009)
  - Mu2e observes hints of CLFV at  $3\sigma$ 
    - Collect  $\times 10$  data to definitively resolve the situation
  - Mu2e sets stringent new limit on CLFV
    - Collect  $\times 10$  data and explore new parameter space

# Moving to PIP-II



## Baseline

- Proton bunch full width of 200 ns
- Ext. level  $< 10^{-10}$
- 30% duty cycle

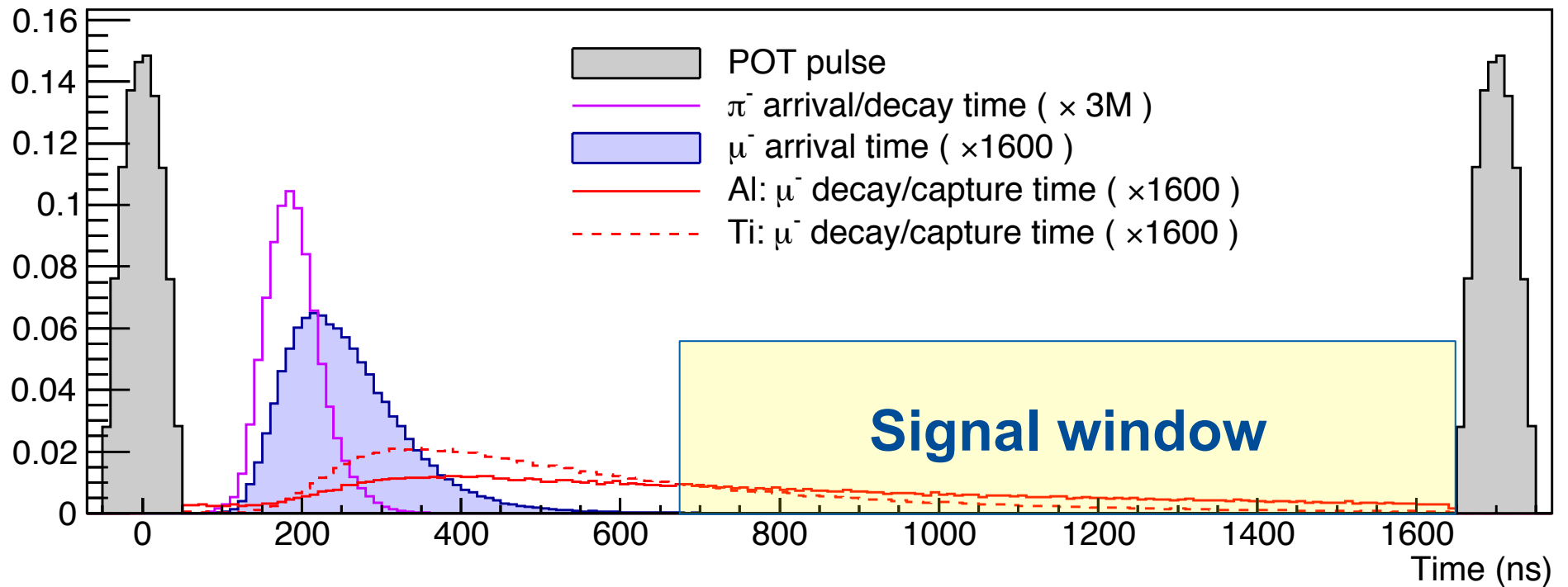


## PIP-II

- Proton bunch full width of 100 ns
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- 90% duty cycle
- No antiproton backgrounds.

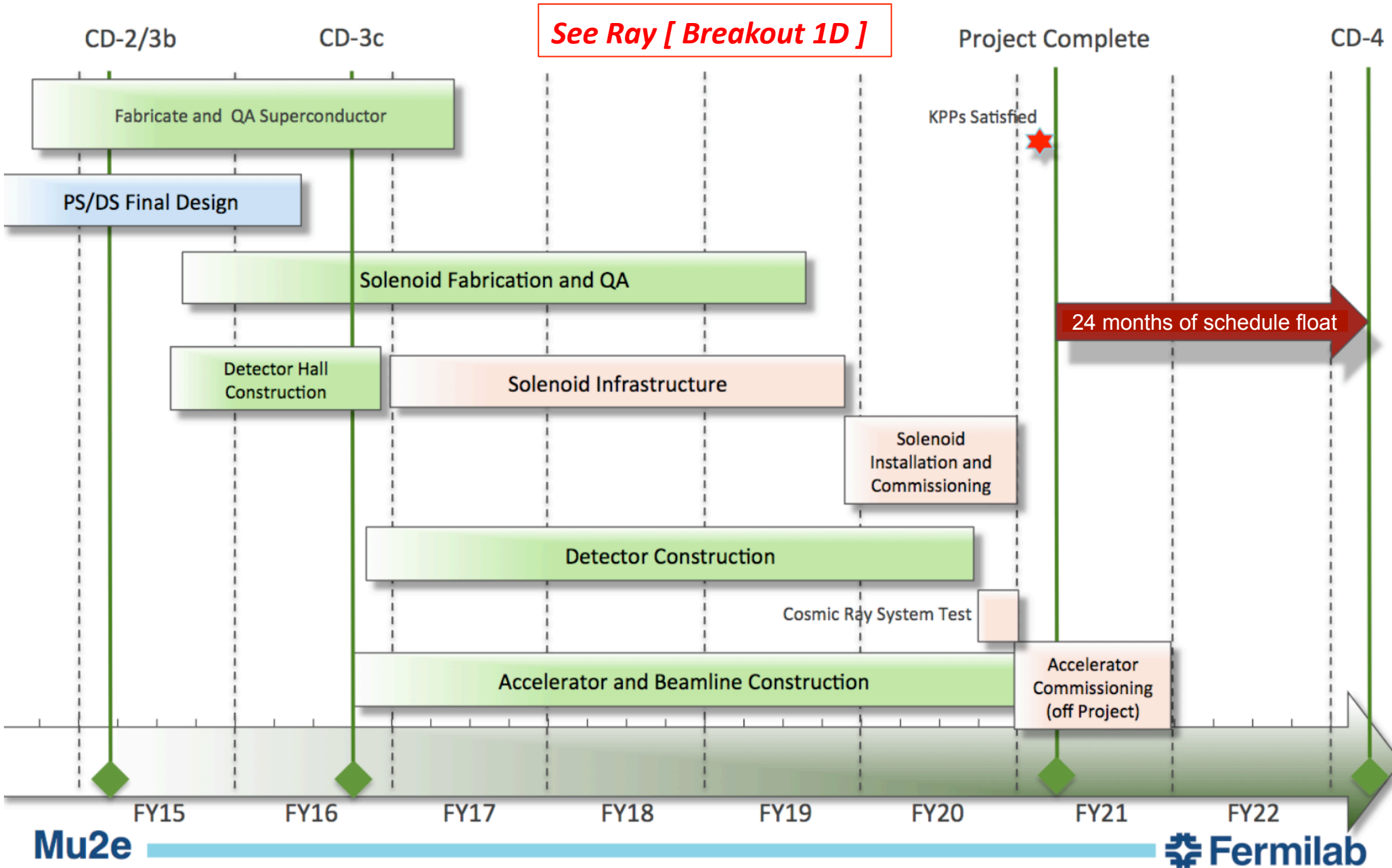


# Moving to a different target



PIP-II configuration (×10 POTs)	Aluminum	Titanium
Stopped muons/POT (norm. to Al.)	1	1.3
% muons that decay	39%	15%
% of decays in signal window	50%	30%
Time constant for muon decay	864 ns	297 ns
<b>Background events</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>1.40</b>

# Mu2e Schedule



# Summary

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- Mu2e will improve current muon-to-electron conversion rate measurement by a factor of 10,000
  - Offers discovery sensitivity over a broad array of BSM models
- Mu2e identified as a high priority and is engaging the HEP community
  - Significant interest in theory community
  - Collaboration engaged and making important contributions
  - Collaboration continues strong growth
- Mu2e enjoyed significant progress over the last year
  - Completed TDR – [arXiv:1501.05241](https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.05241) [[physics.ins-det](https://arxiv.org/archive/physics)]
  - Production of superconductor well along
  - Solenoid designs and prototyping well along
  - Detector prototyping has begun

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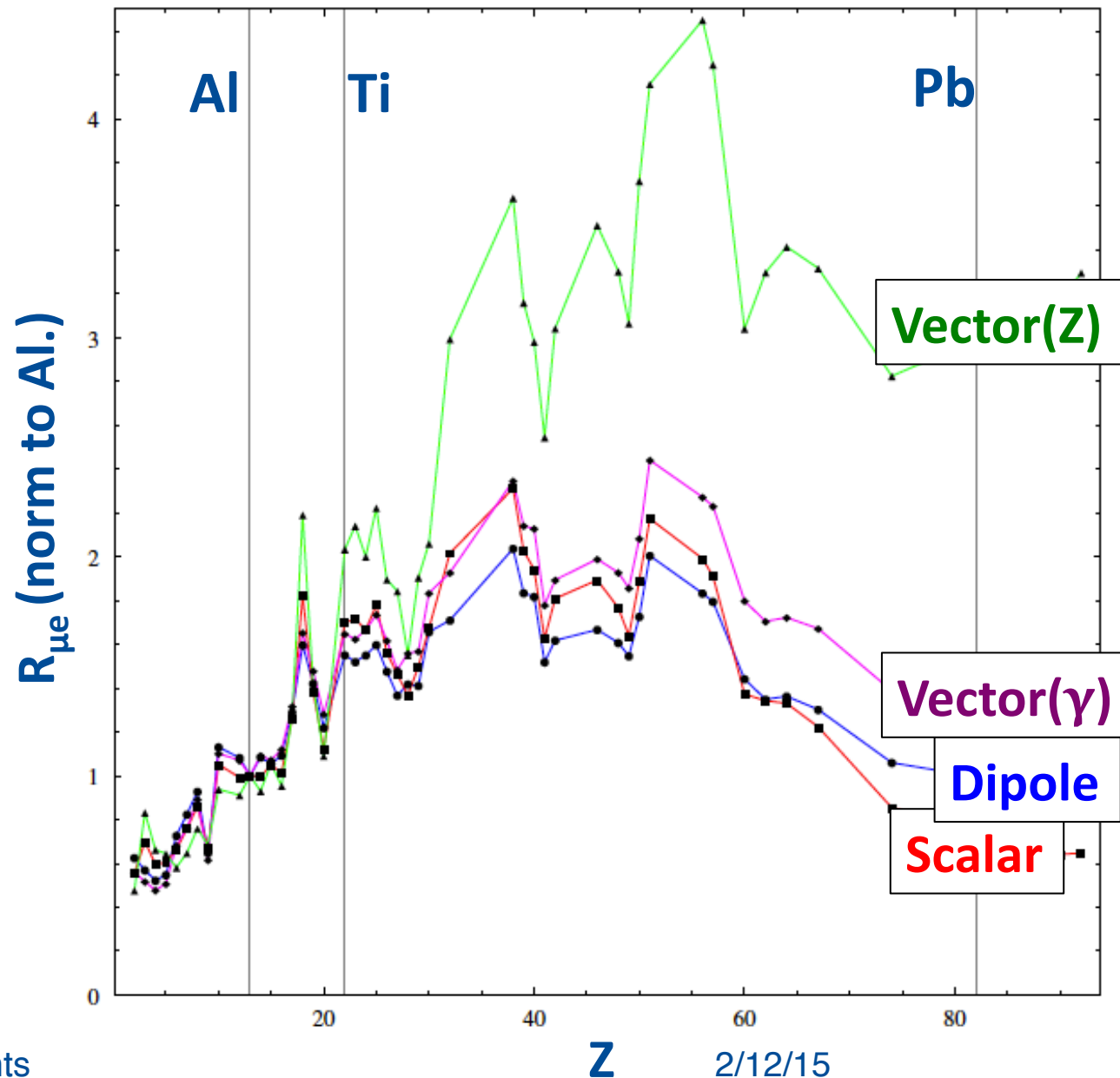
# Extra slides

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# Why use different targets?

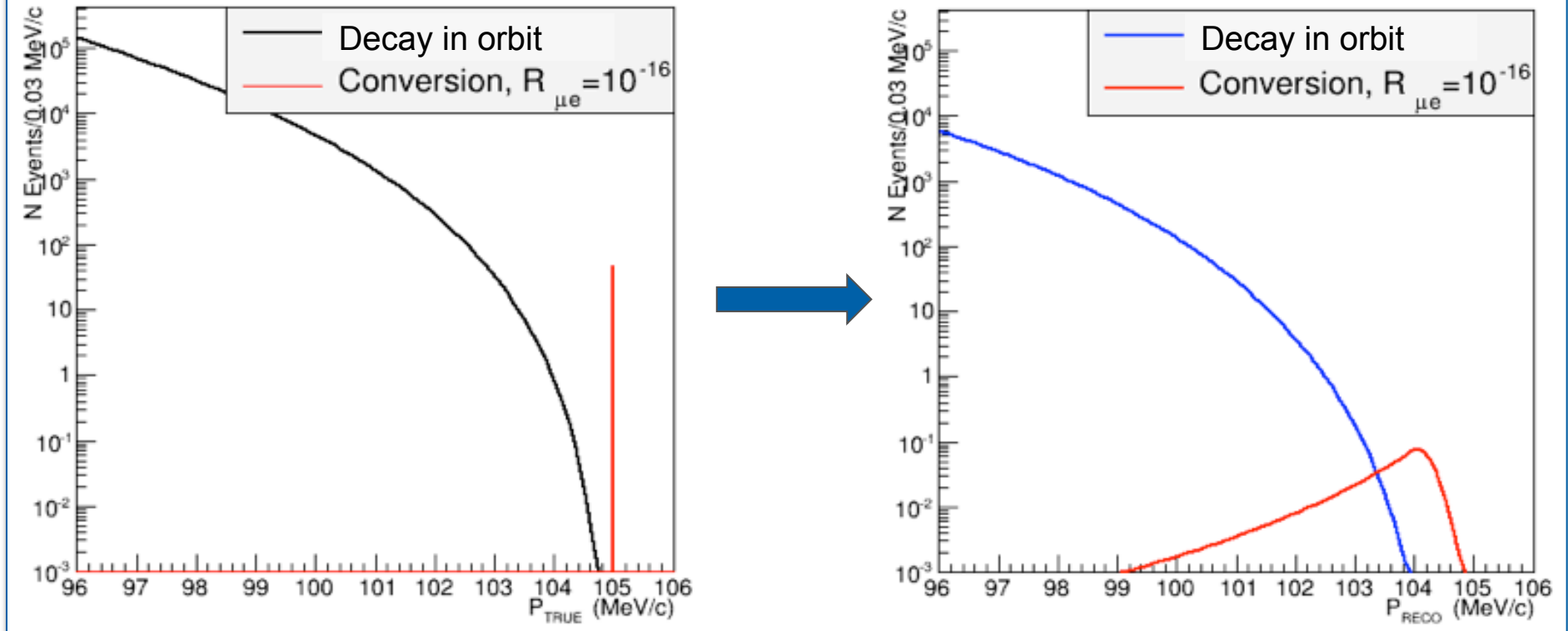
- $R$  is  $Z$ -dependent, and depends on the dominant operator in the Lagrangian
- Measuring  $R$  for different- $Z$  targets gives some discrimination in pinning down the model

Cirigliano, et al PRD **80**, 013002 (2009)



# Complications to measuring the signal

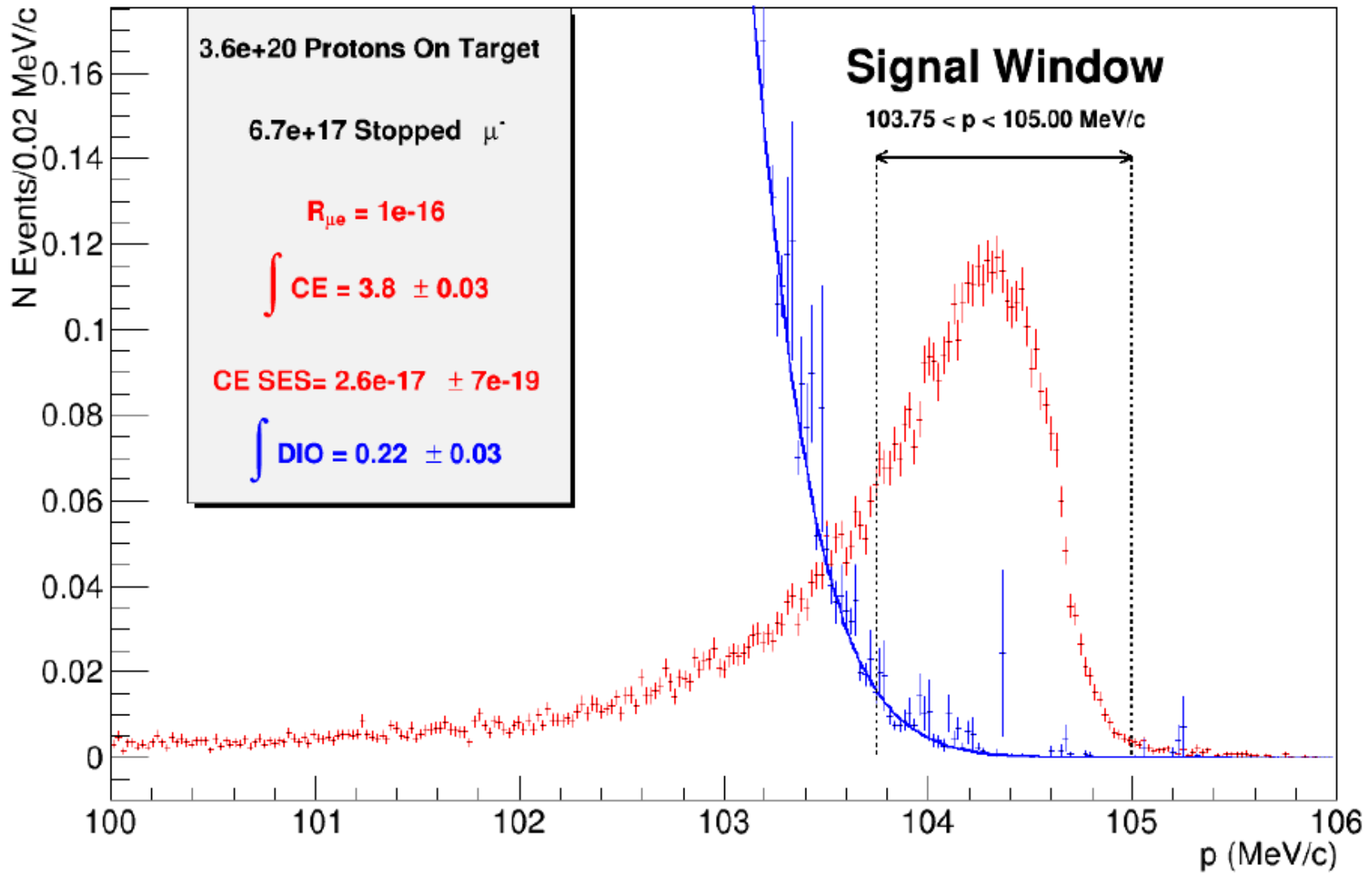
- Other effects decrease and smear out the mono-energetic peak
- Signal peak runs into another background from muon decays-in-orbit



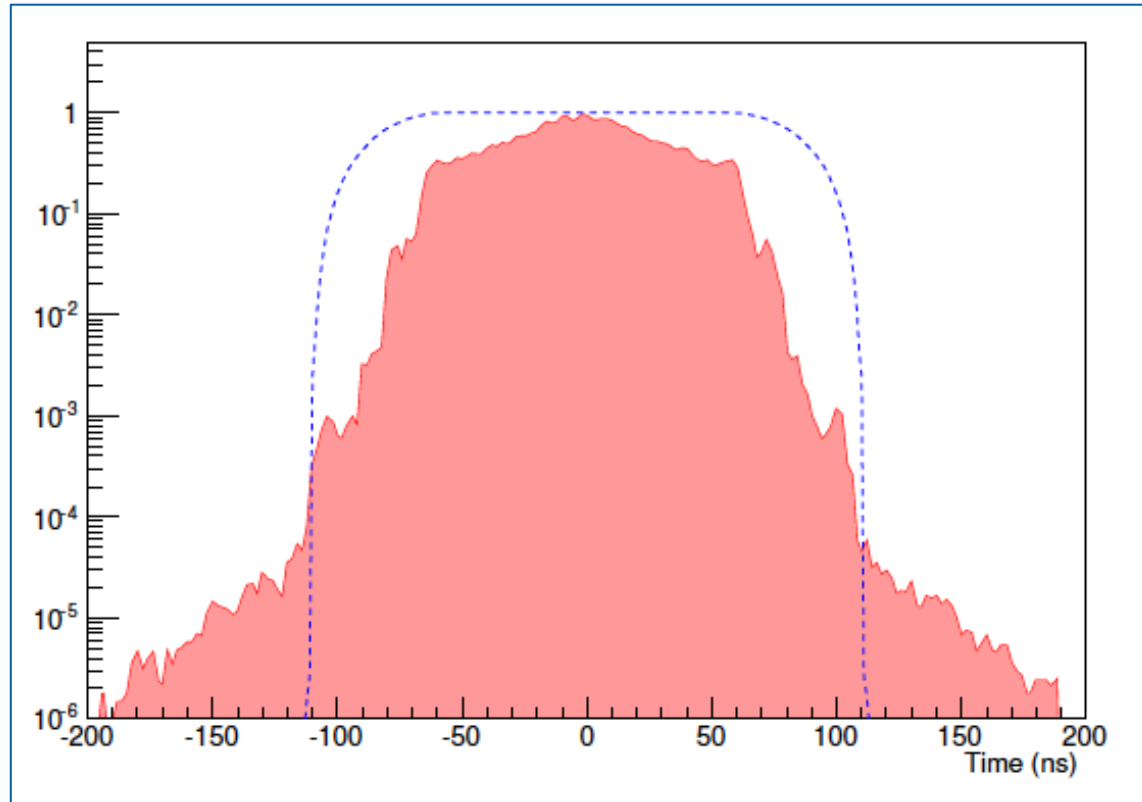


# DIO and signal simulation

## Reconstructed $e^-$ Momentum



# Assumed POT time distribution

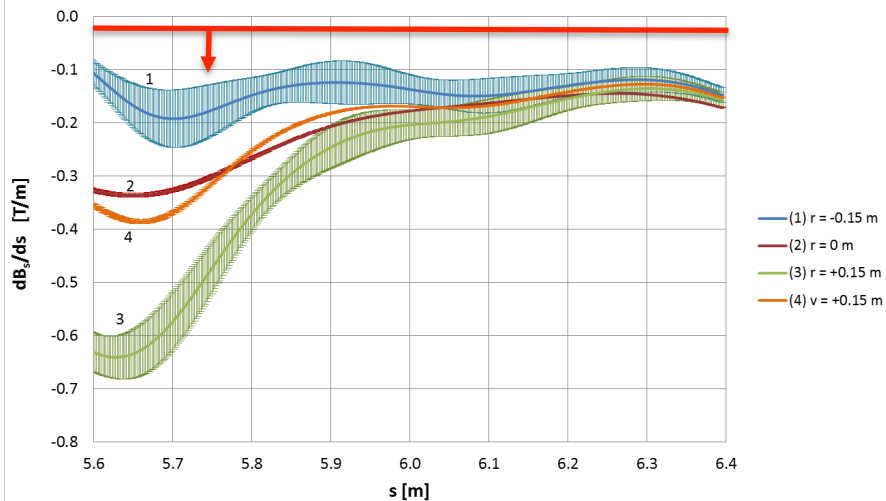
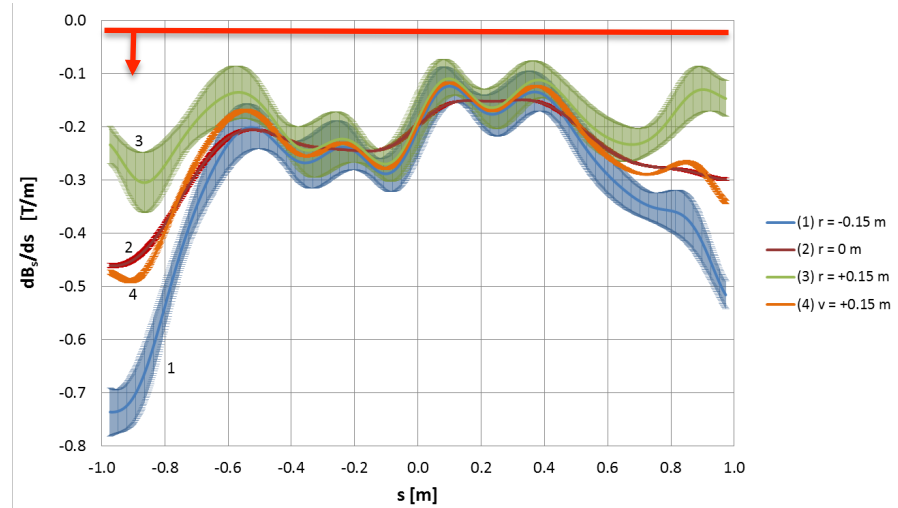
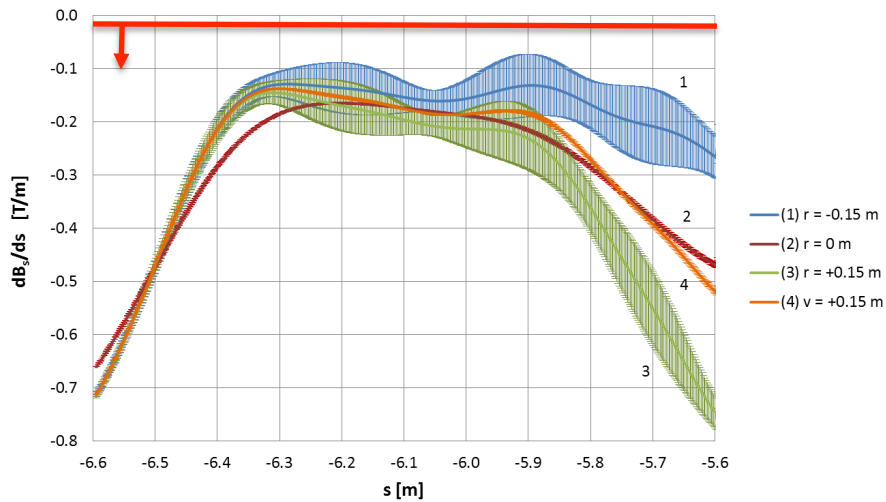


- Timing structure due to artifacts of matching the 53 MHz beam from booster to the 2.5 MHz bucket in the recycler.
- For more details, see:

[Mu2e Technical Design Report, Ch. 5.](#)

[arXiv:1501.05241 \[physics.ins-det\]](#)

# Solenoid tolerance studies



- Vary positions and angles of conductor and coils and recalculate B-fields (OPERA-3D)
- Random and systematic variations
- Magnitudes much larger than fabrication tolerances (by x3-10)
- Repeat x100 and look for outliers
- Even worst case scenarios still satisfy Mu2e field specifications

We are confident that solenoids built to our specifications will accomplish the Mu2e physics goals.