Status of the COMET experiment

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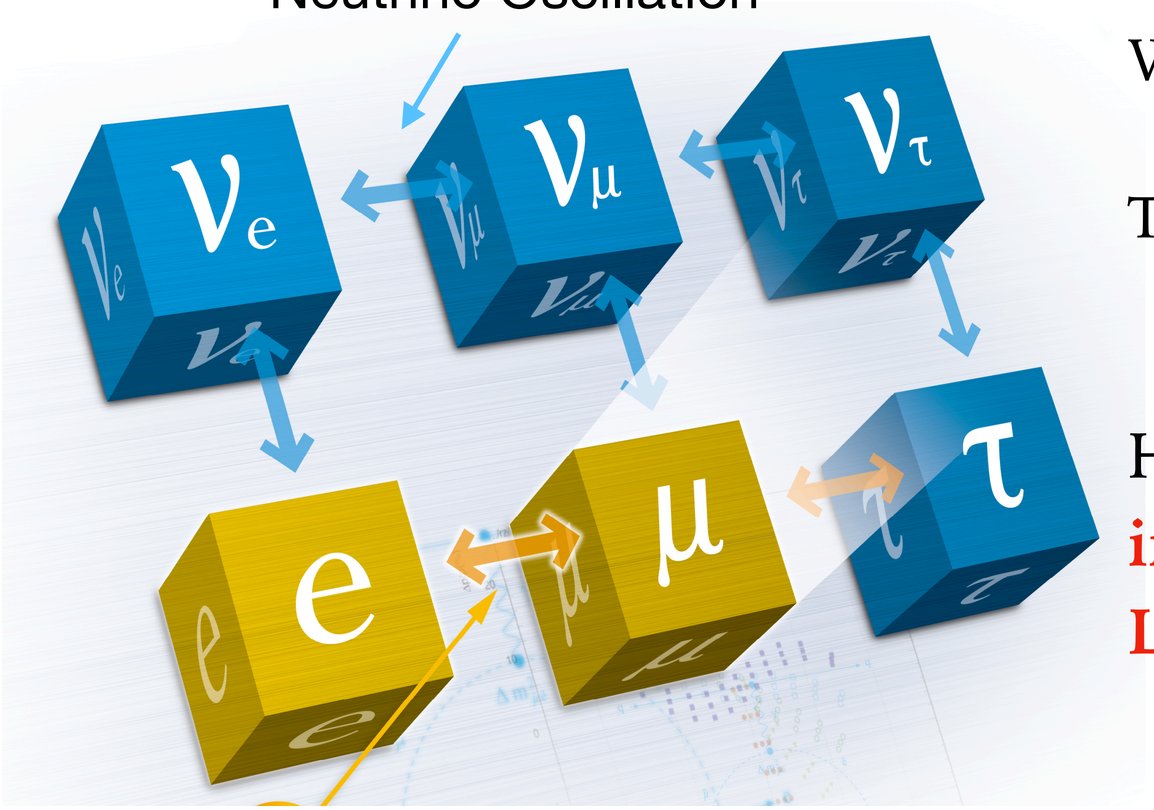
Lepton flavor violation (LFV)

Neutrino Oscillation



Charged Lepton Flavor Violation

We already know that lepton flavor is no longer conserved

- ✓ neutrino oscillation, non-zero m_ν

The conservation law was just an empirical law

- ✓ without any symmetry behind

However,

in the charged lepton sector,

LFV has never been observed yet…

$$\frac{\Gamma(\mu \to e\gamma)}{\Gamma(\mu \to e\nu\nu)} \propto \left| \sum_i \frac{m_i^2}{m_W^2} U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \right|^2 \sim O(10^{-54})$$

small mass ratio of neutrino to weak boson

Since the SM contribution is negligibly small,

observation of the CLFV indicates a clear evidence of **New Physics**.

Charged LFV in muons

- $\mu^+ \to e^+ \gamma$
- $\mu^+ \to e^+ e^+ e^-$
- $\mu^- N \to e^- N$ (μ-e conversion)

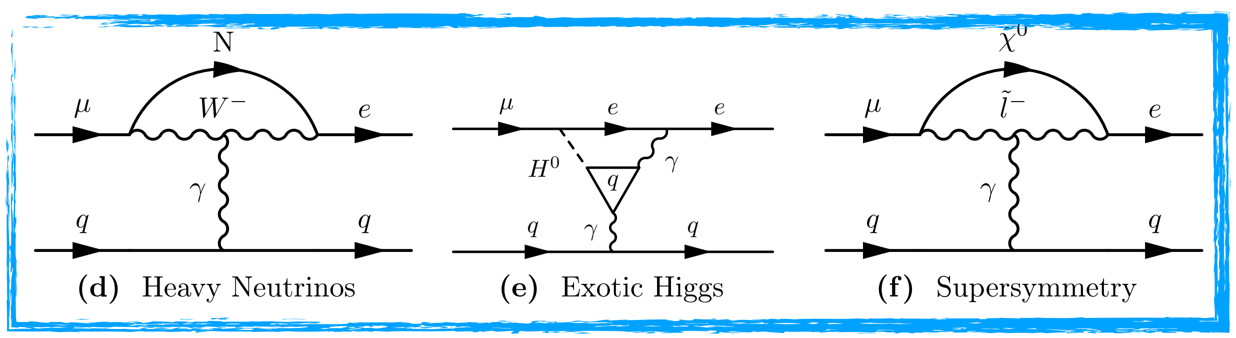
Effective Lagrangian

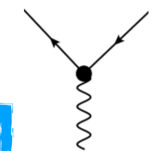
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{1+\kappa}\frac{m_\mu}{\Lambda^2}\bar{\mu}_R\sigma^{\mu\nu}e_L F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa}{1+\kappa}\frac{1}{\Lambda^2}(\bar{\mu}_L\gamma^\mu e_L)(\bar{q}_L\gamma_\mu q_L)$$

Photonic 4-fermion

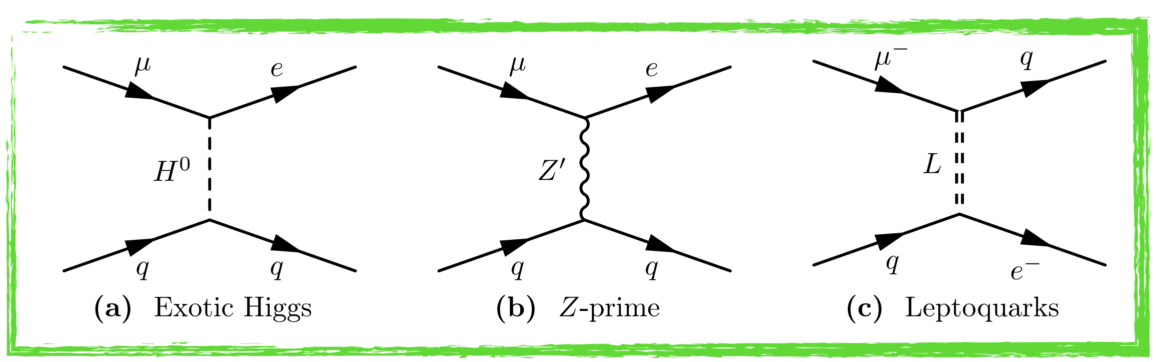
New Physics contributions

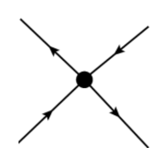
Photonic (dipole) term

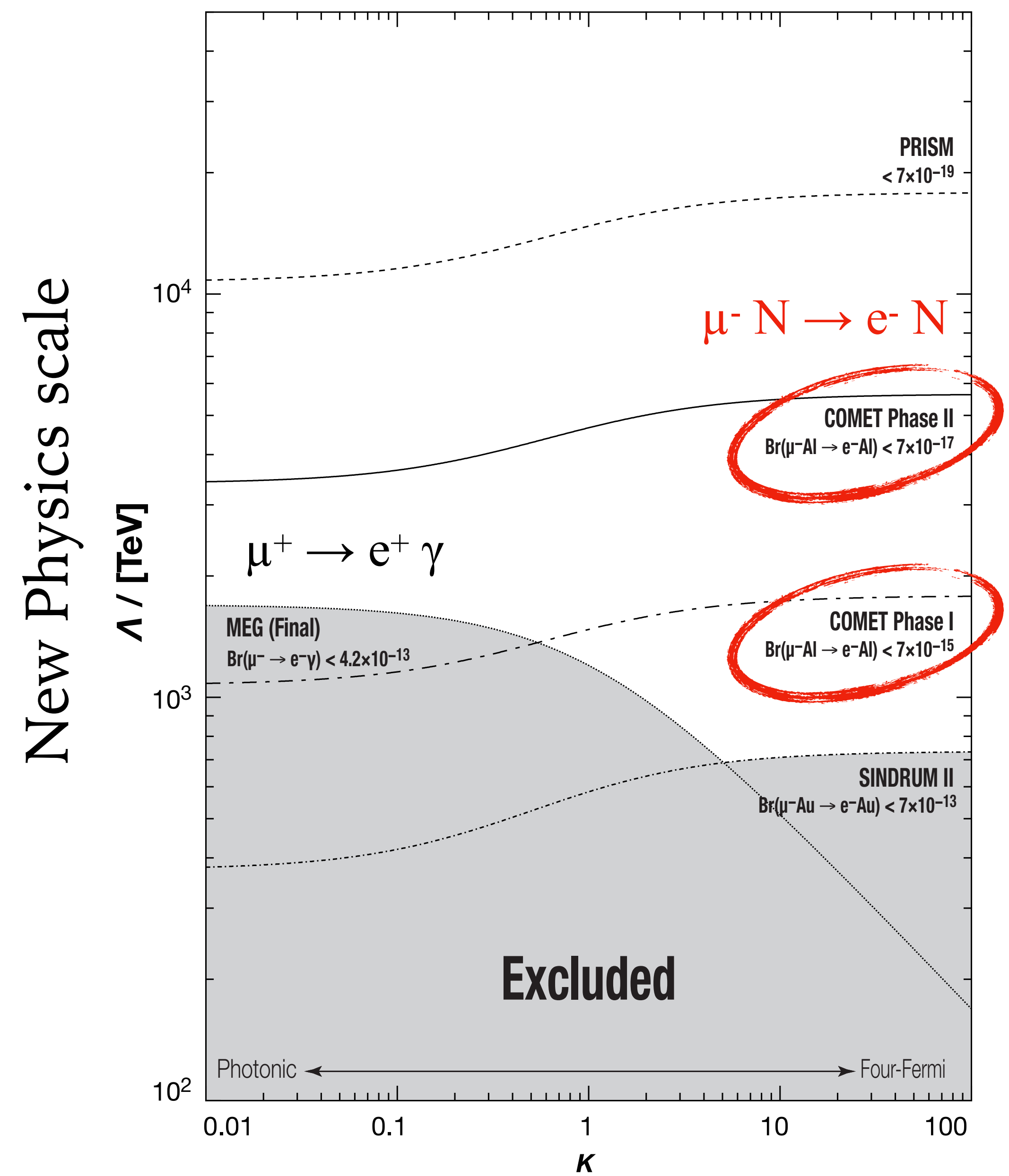




4-fermion (contact) term







Photonic ← → 4-fermion

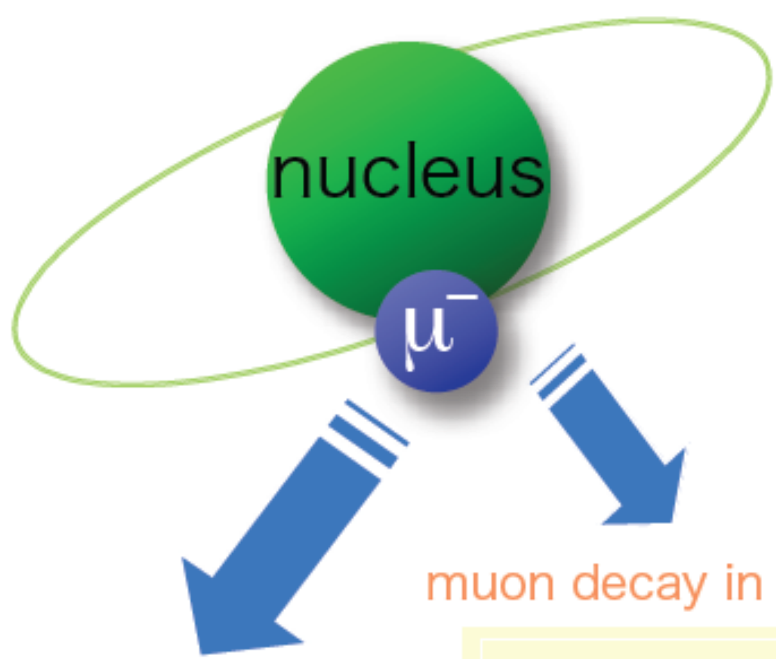
✓ *Different measurements are complementary.*

✓ *μ-e conversion is sensitive to both contributions.*

Muon-to-electron conversion

Fate of muonic atom

1s state in a muonic atom



muon decay in orbit (39% in Al)

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

nuclear muon capture (61% in Al)

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

μ-e conversion

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

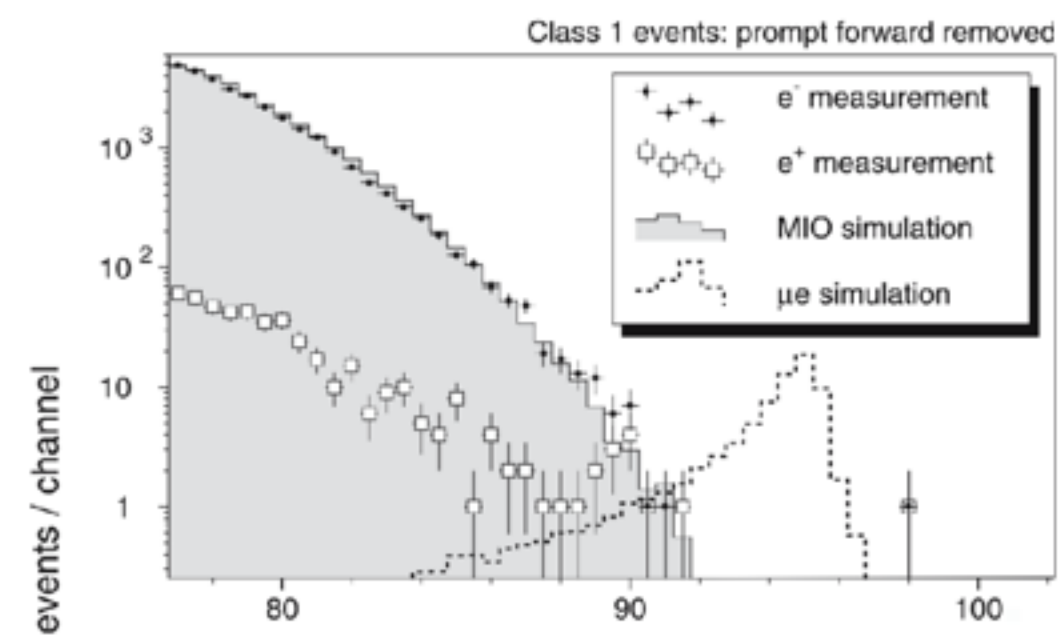
single mono-energetic electron

$E_{\mu e} = m_\mu - B_\mu - E_{\rm rec} = 104.97$ MeV for Al

Current upper limit

SINDRUM-II, EPJ C47, 337 (2006)

Br(μ^- Au → e^- Au) < **7×10^{-13}**



Background rejection

① Decay-in-orbit → Detector

② Beam-related prompt BG → Beam

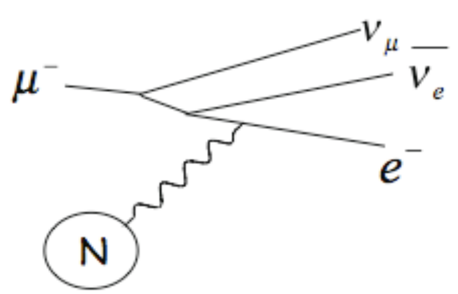
③ Cosmic-ray induced → Veto

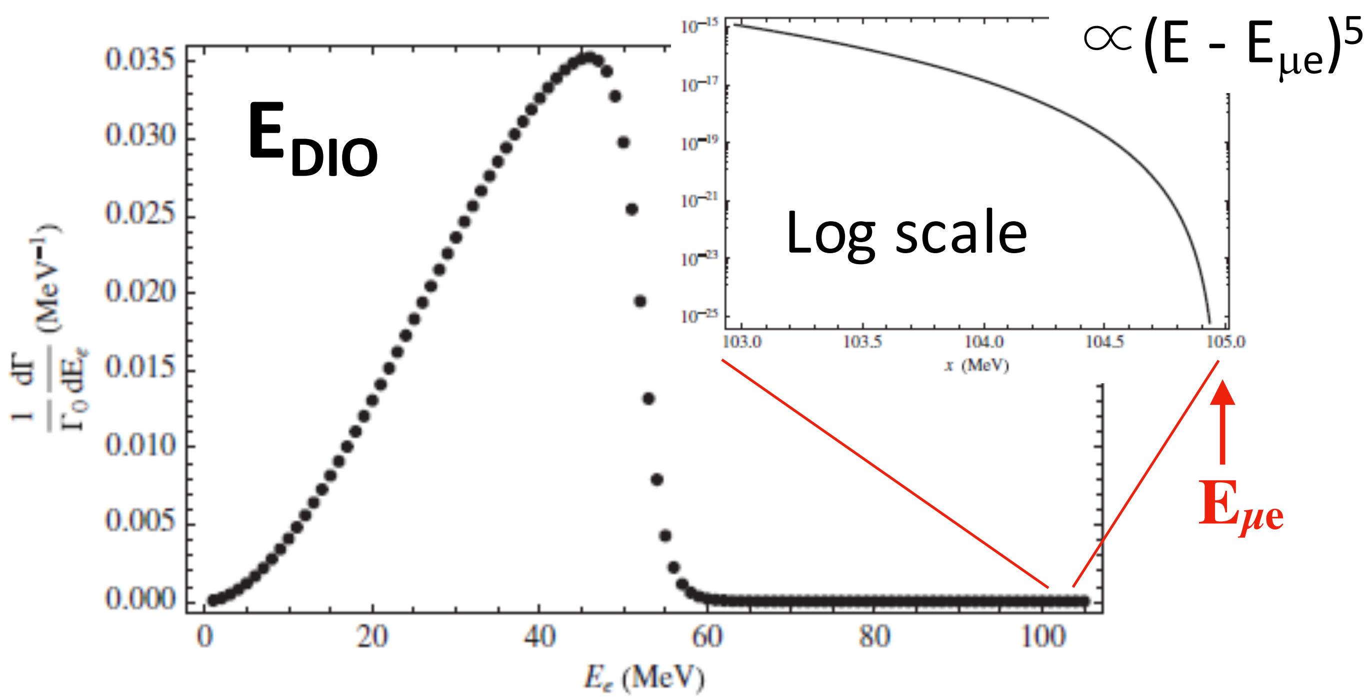
Background rejection (1)

① Decay-in-orbit → Detector resolution

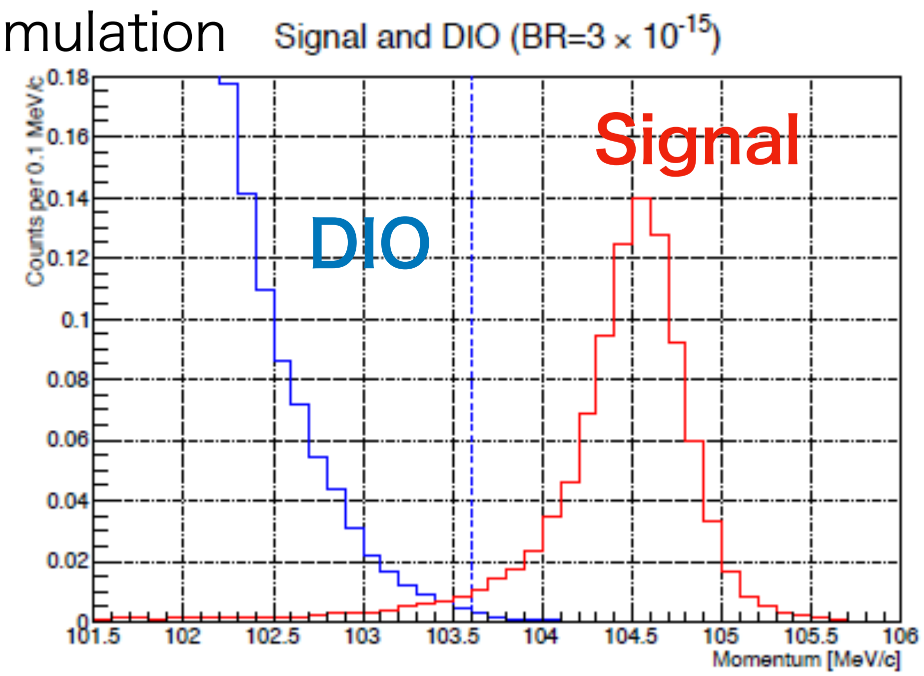
Intrinsic physics background

Muon decay in orbit





Simulation



Required momentum resolution

Δp < 200 keV/c

for 105 MeV/c electrons

Background rejection (2)

② Beam-related prompt BG → Pulsed Beam

muon beam is contaminated by a lot of pions, and the momentum is spreading in a wide range.

- Radiative pion capture, π^- (A,Z) → (A,Z-1) γ, $\gamma \rightarrow e^+ e^-$
- Muon decay in flight, $p_\mu > 75$ MeV/c
- Anti-proton induced, etc.

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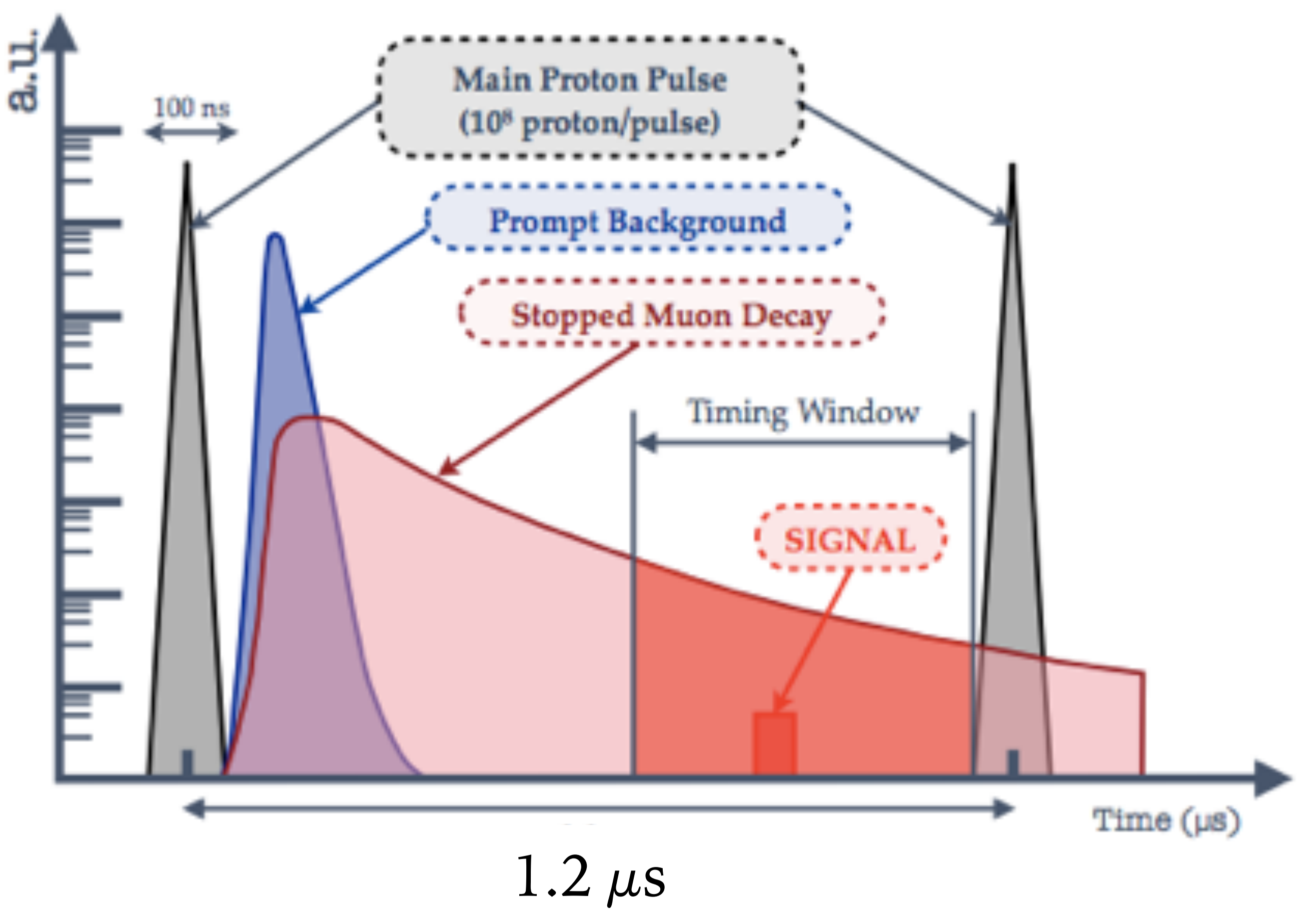

Cf.) τ_μ(Al) = 0.9 μsec

✓ Long muon beam line

- reduce π contami.

✓ Pulsed beam

- prompt vs. delayed

➡ Delayed-timing measurement

Lifetime of the muonic atom should be comparable to the pulse interval

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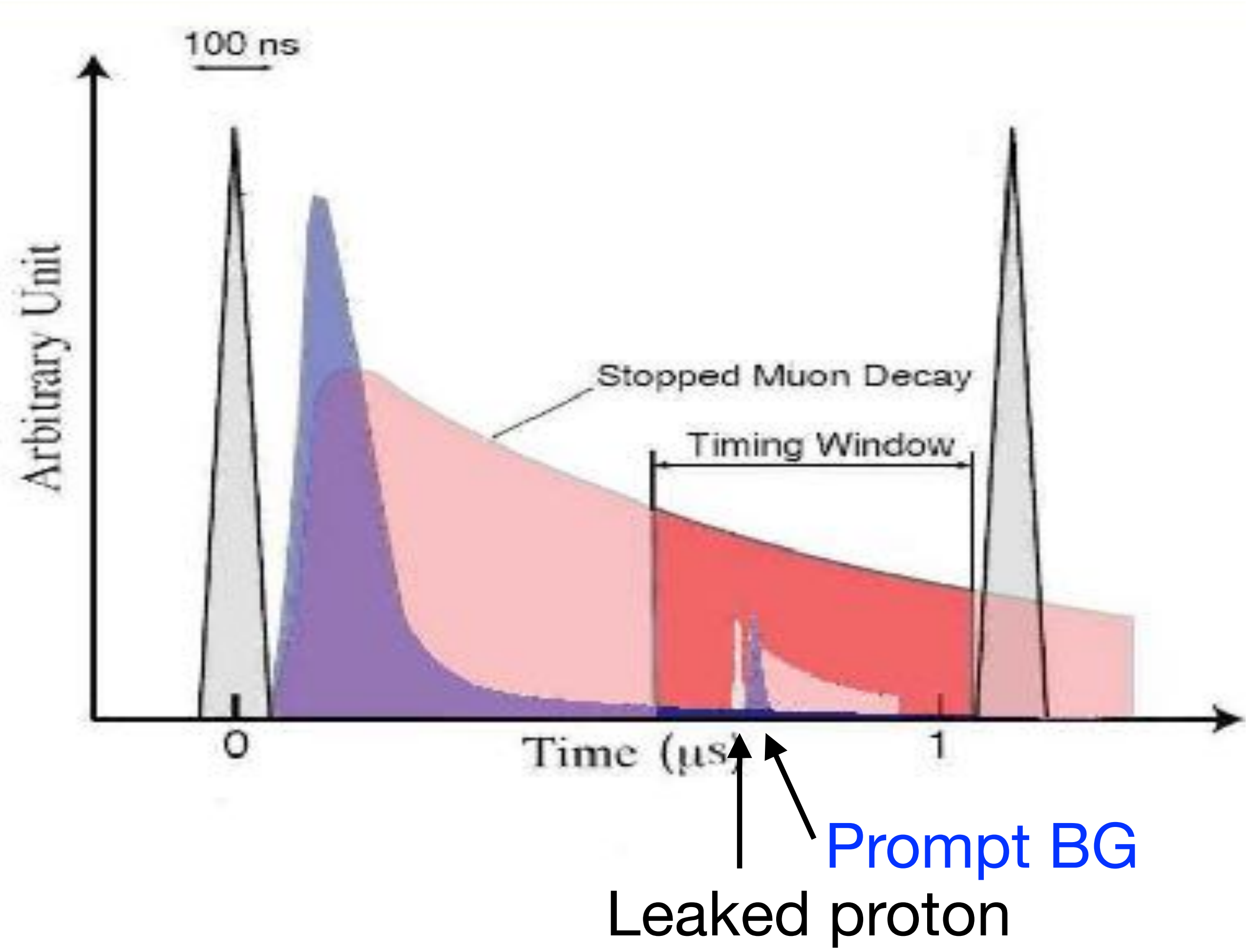

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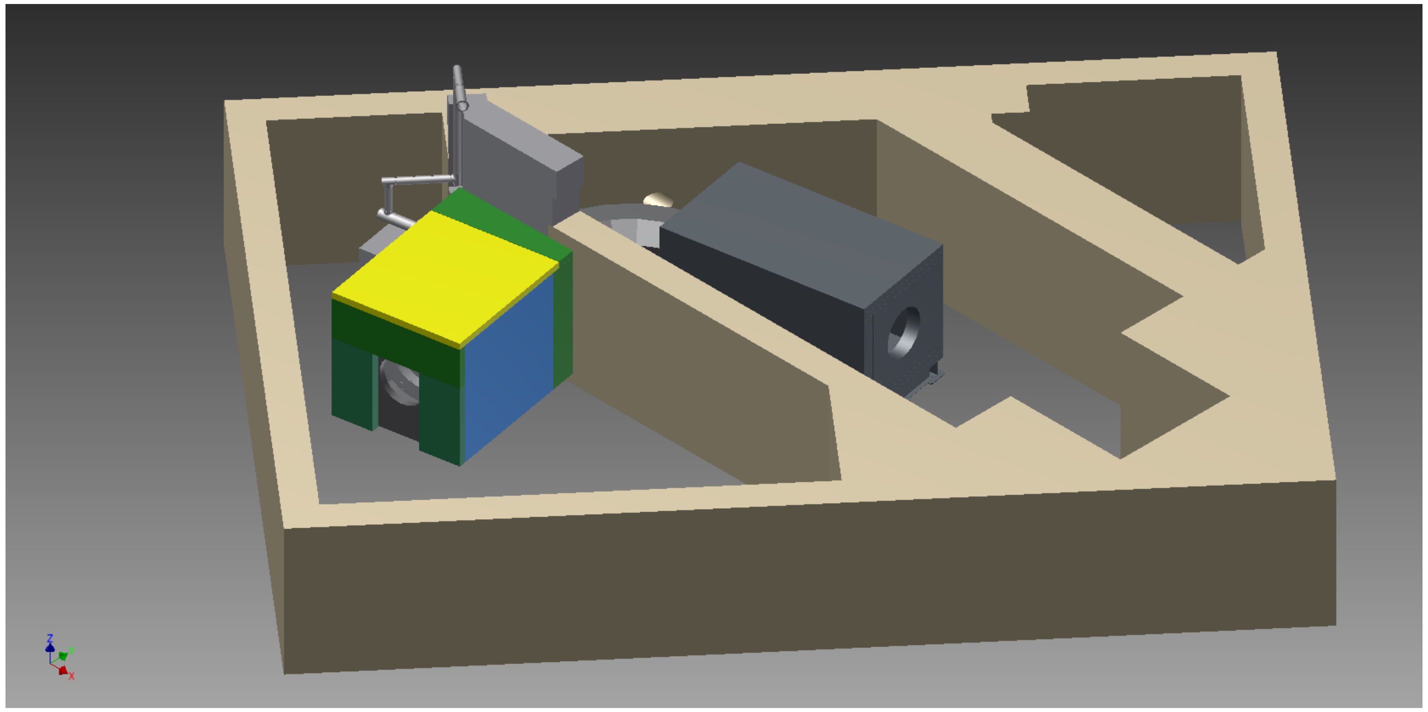
✓ Extinction factor $<10^{-10}$

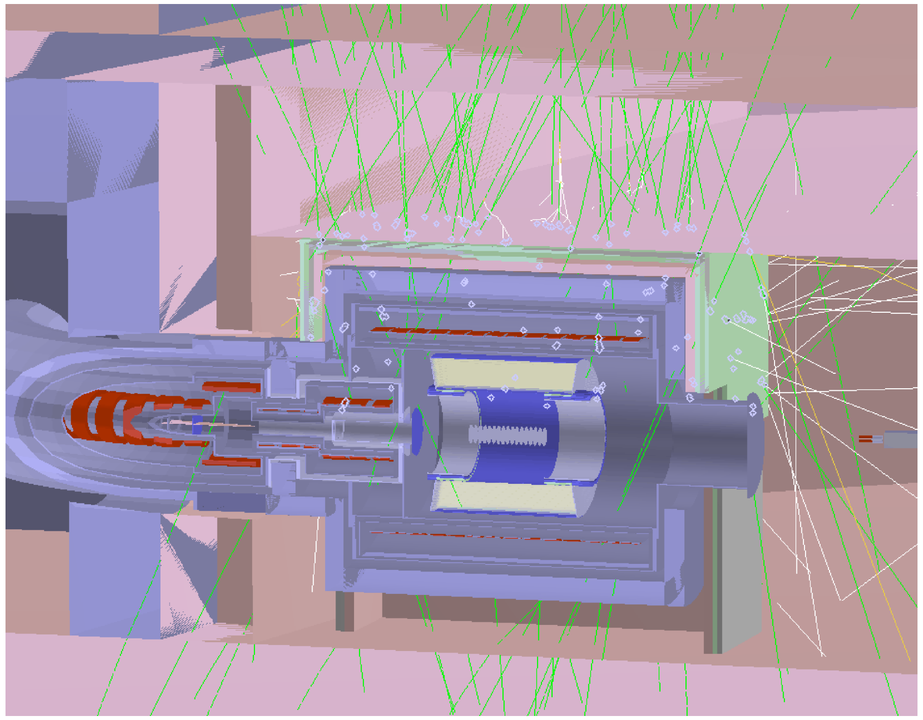
$$R_{ext} = \frac{\#\text{ of protons in between pulses}}{\#\text{ of protons in pulses}}$$

Leaked protons are dangerous to make the beam BG in the timing window.

Background rejection (3)

③ Cosmic-ray induced → Veto





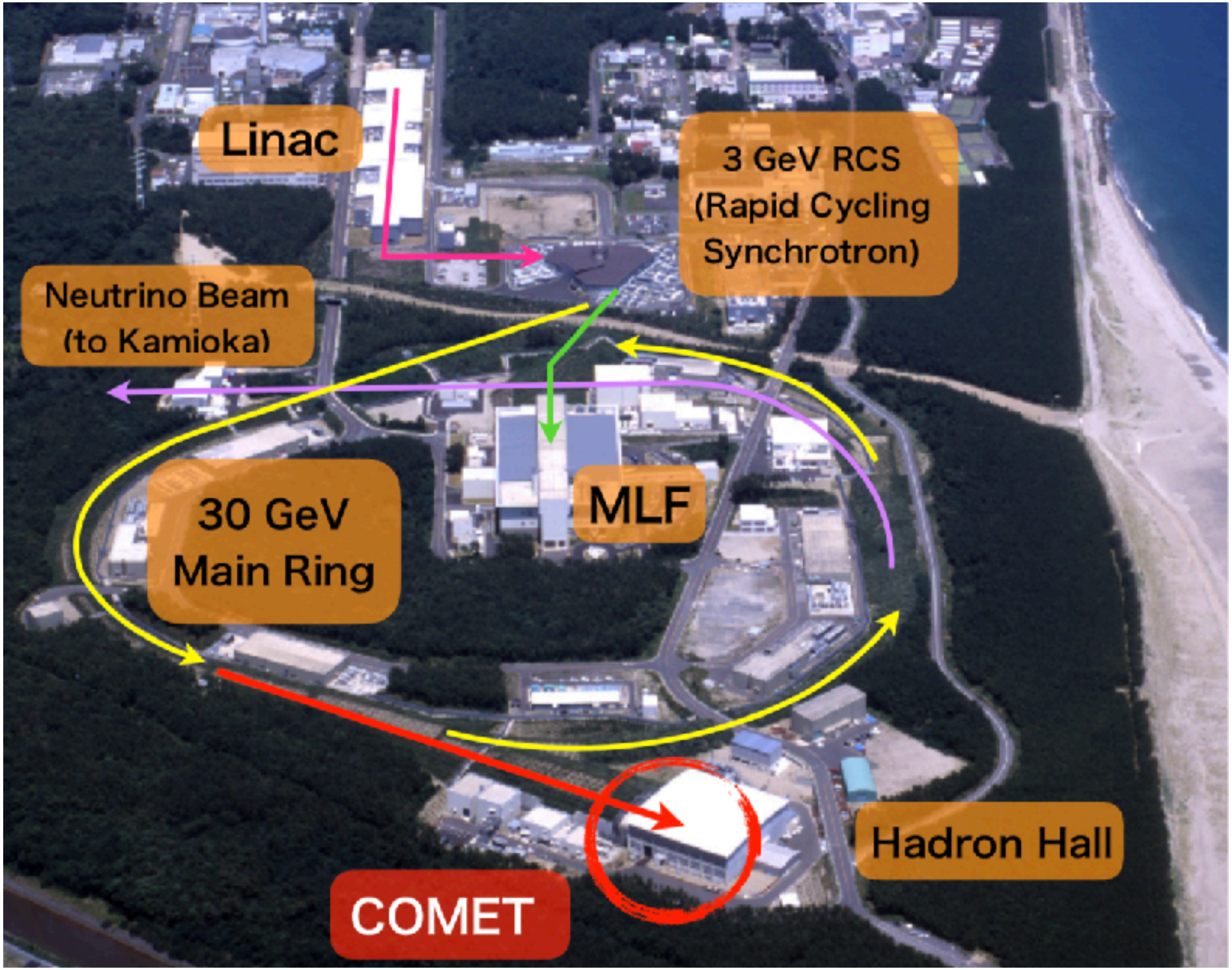
- Cosmic rays may create 105-MeV electrons that come into a detector and make trigger.
- To avoid these CR induced BG, detector region have to be covered by veto counters.
- Required performance: **CRV inefficiency ~ 10^{-4}**
- CR background ∝ data taking time (→ shorter running time with higher beam intensity is better)

The COMET Experiment

Collaboration Meeting @ Osaka, 2018/Jan

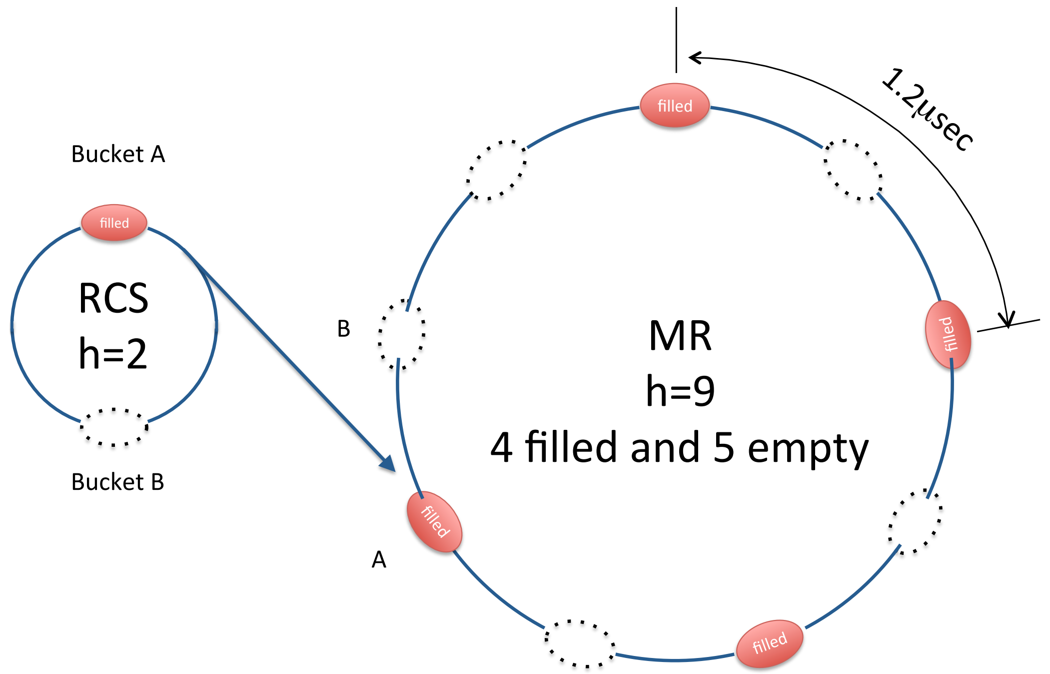
~200 collaborators,
41 institutes, 17 countries

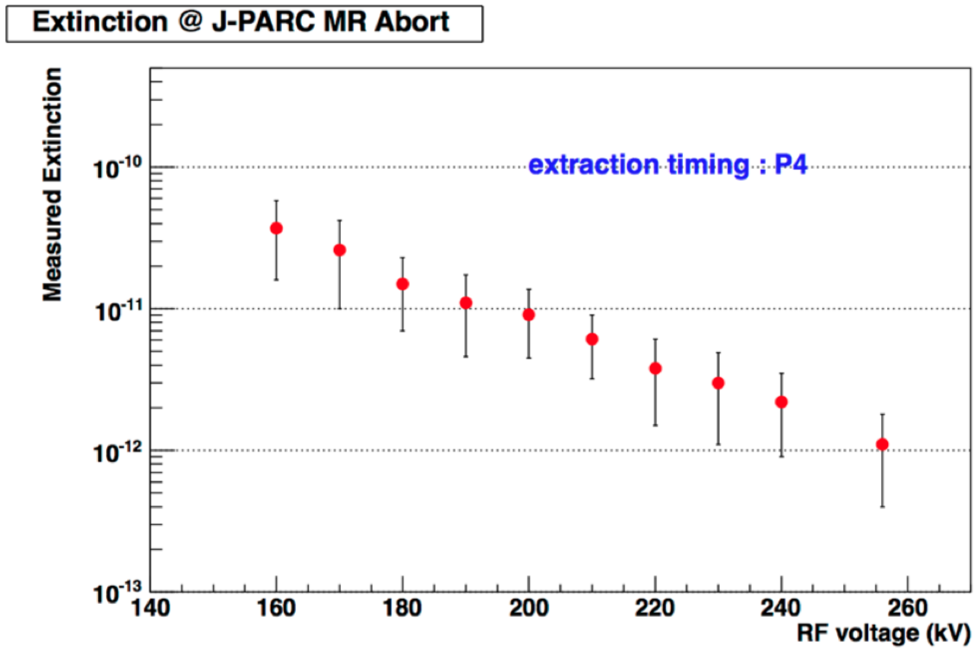
Accelerator

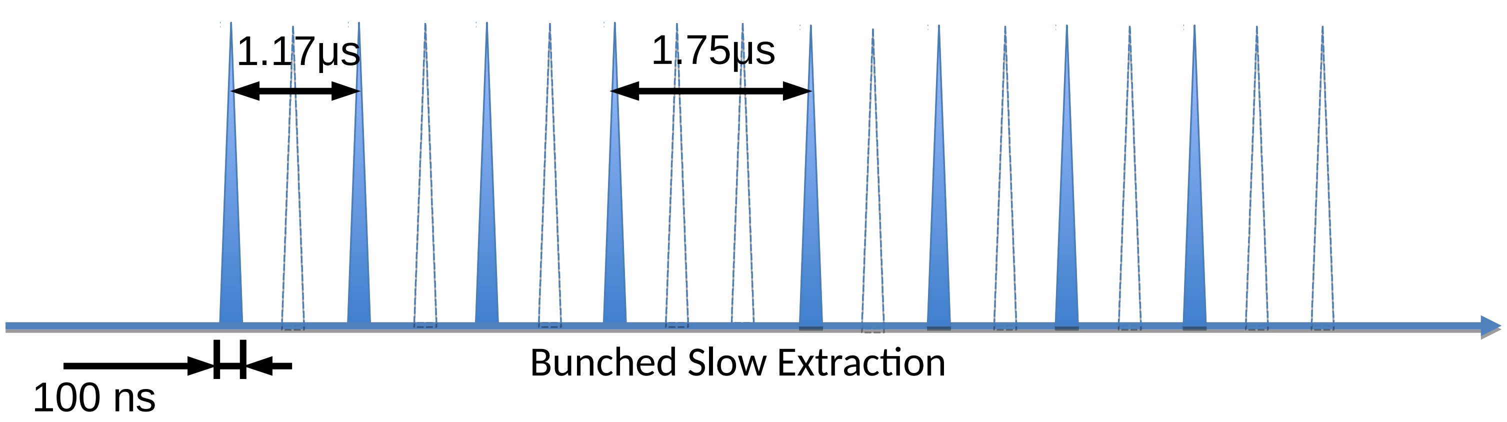


Proton beam for COMET

Cf.) Requirement < 10^{-10}



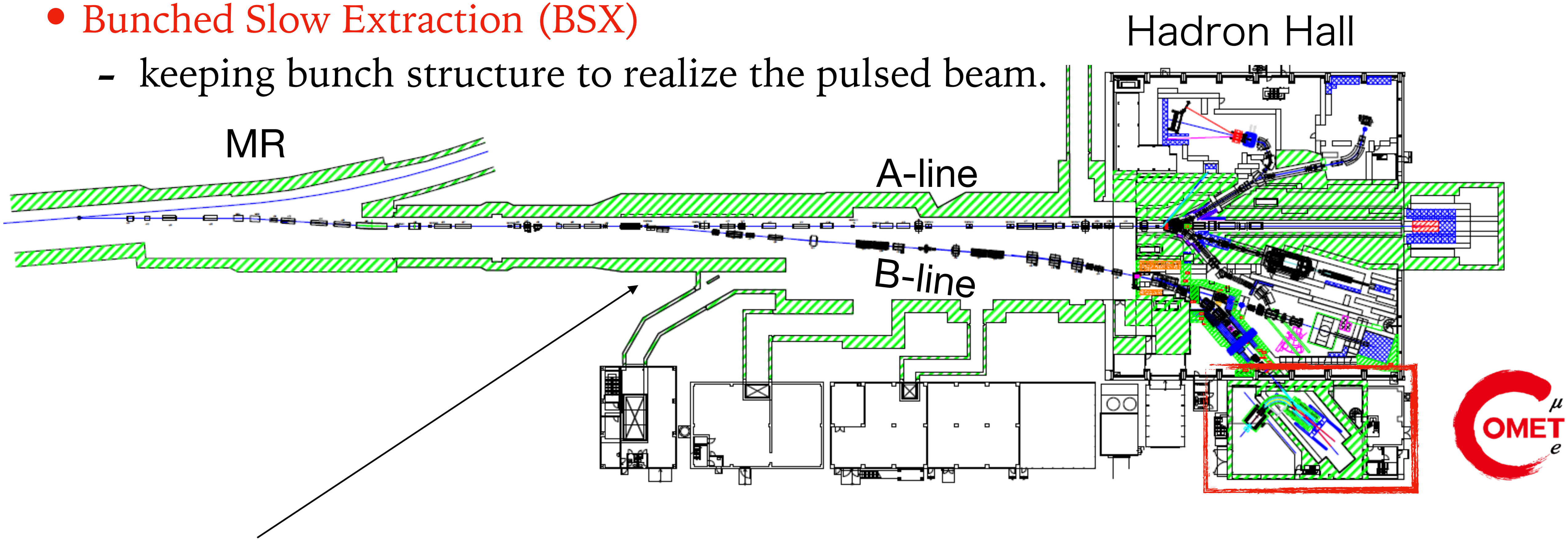


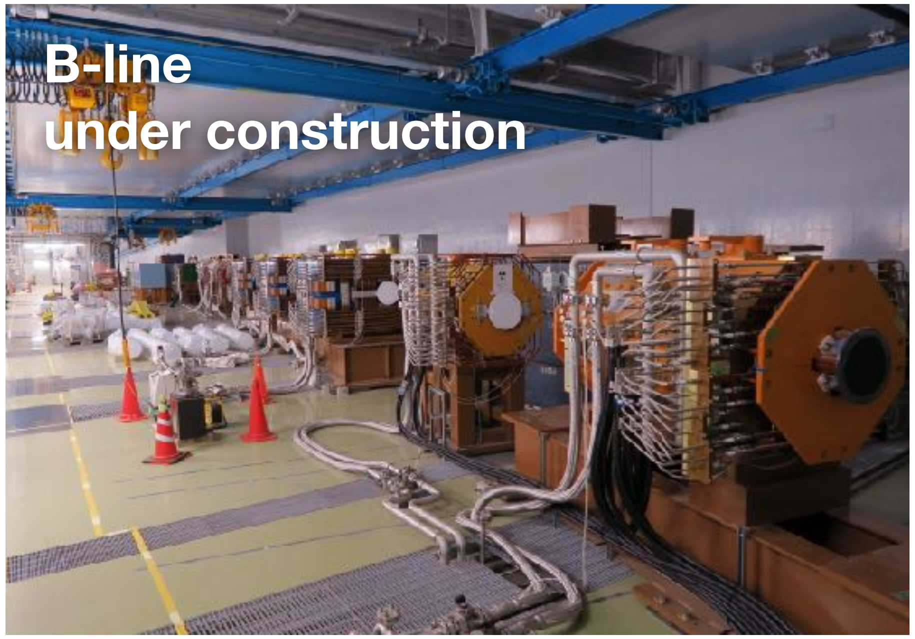


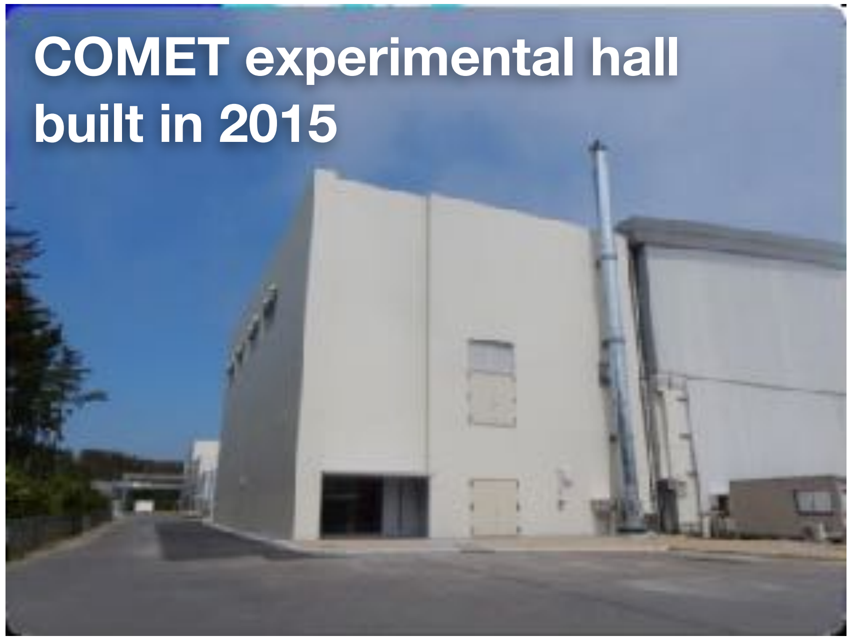
- **COMET dedicated operation**
  - Energy: 8 GeV
  - Pulsed beam: 1.17-μsec interval
  - 3.2 kW for Phase-I
  - 56 kW for Phase-II
- **Obtained Extinction**
  - = $\mathbf{10^{-12} \sim 10^{-11}}$ @ FX abort
  - Good enough for COMET

Beam line

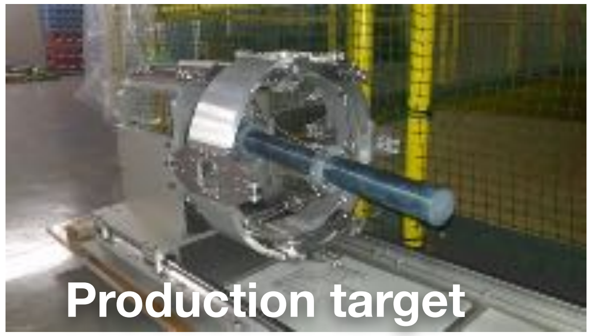
- New beam line & experimental hall were constructed.
- Bunched Slow Extraction (BSX)
  - keeping bunch structure to realize the pulsed beam.







High-intensity muon source



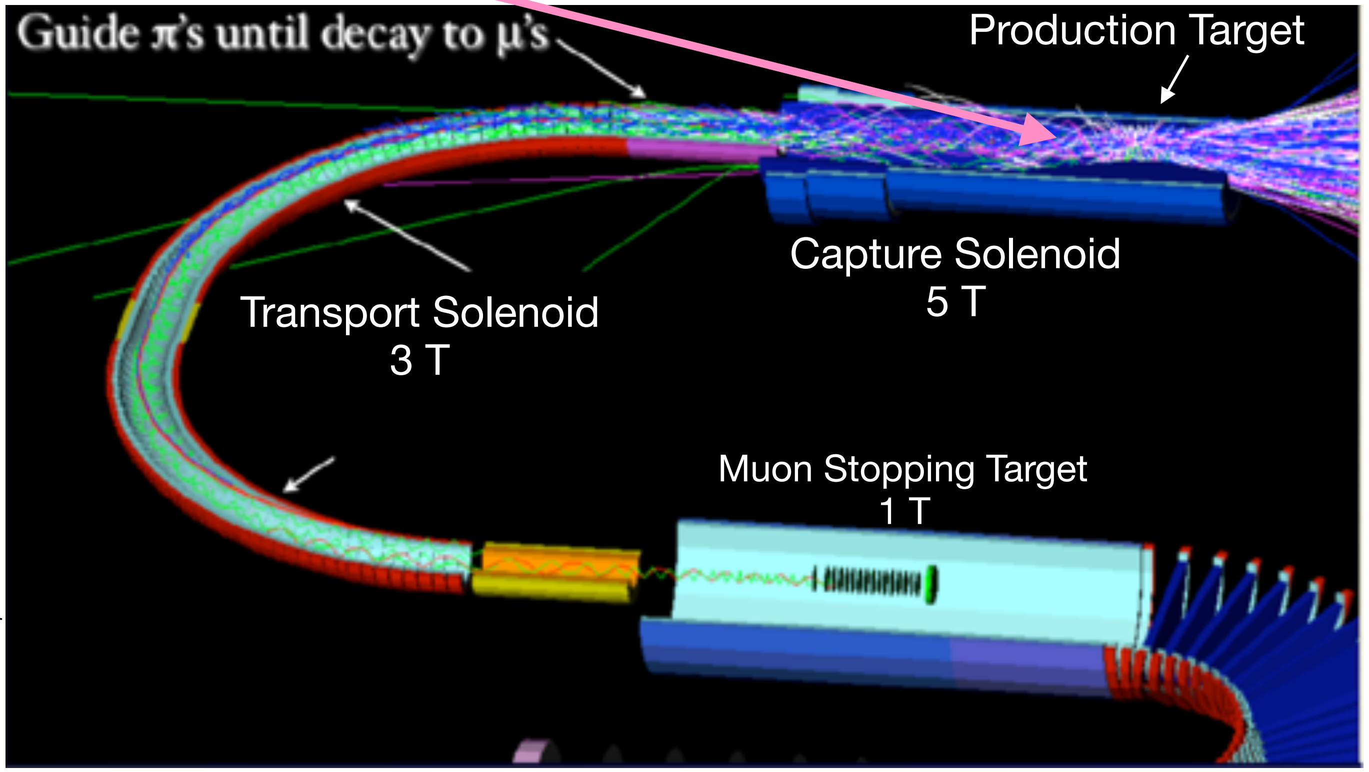
Powerful muon source is mandatory !!

To achieve 10^{-17} sensitivity,

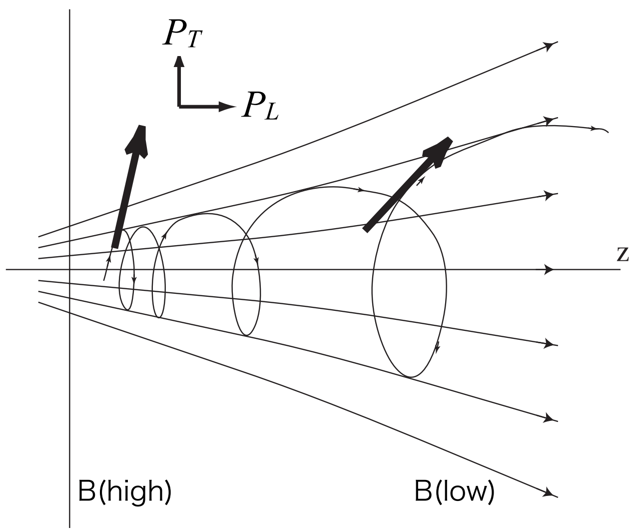
~10^{11} muons/sec

(with 10^{7} sec running time.)

- Long production target
- Capture solenoid
  - Backward generated pion → muon
- Curved Transport solenoid
  - Vertical drift → Momentum & charge selection

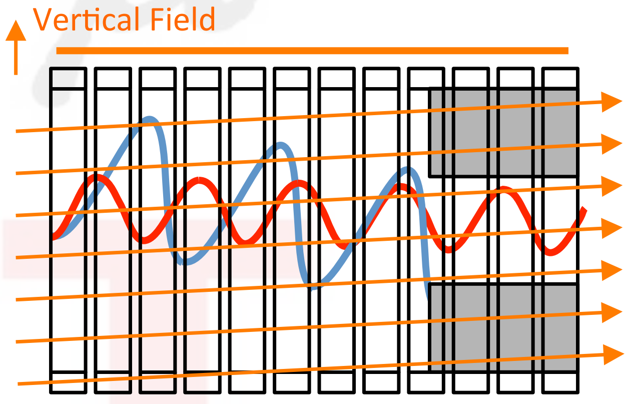


Capture solenoid



gradient magnetic field

Transport solenoid



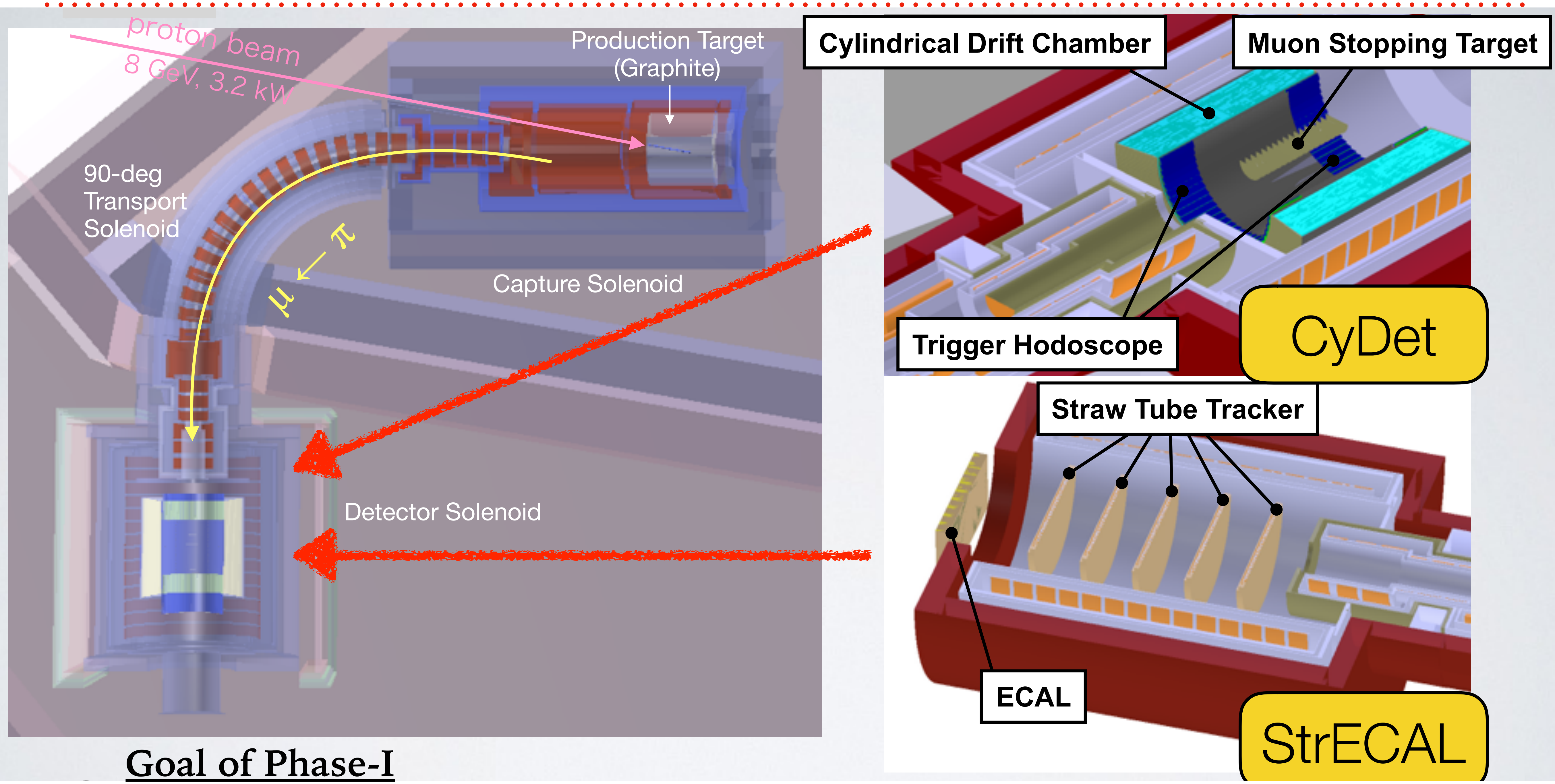
$$D = \frac{1}{qB}\left(\frac{s}{R}\right)\frac{p_L^2+\frac{1}{2}p_T^2}{p_L},$$

Demonstrated at MuSIC

Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams 20, 030101 (2017).

MuSIC @ RCNP, Osaka U

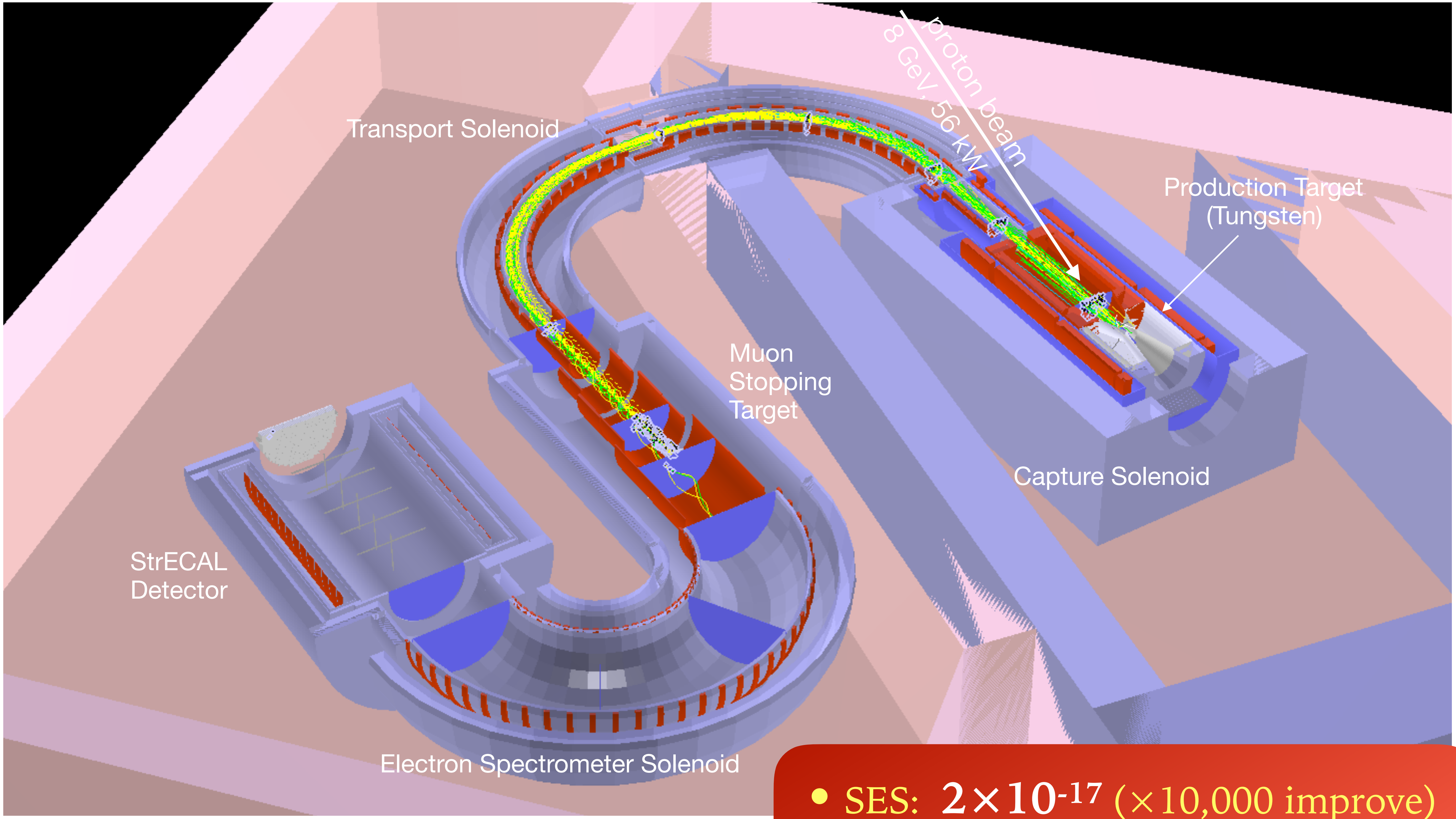
COMET Phase-I



Goal of Phase-I

- **Physics measurement → CyDet**
  - μ-e conversion search, SES: **3×10^{-15}** (×100 improve), 150 days running
- **Beam measurement → StrECAL**
  - to understand beam quality and background (PID, momentum, timing)

COMET Phase-II



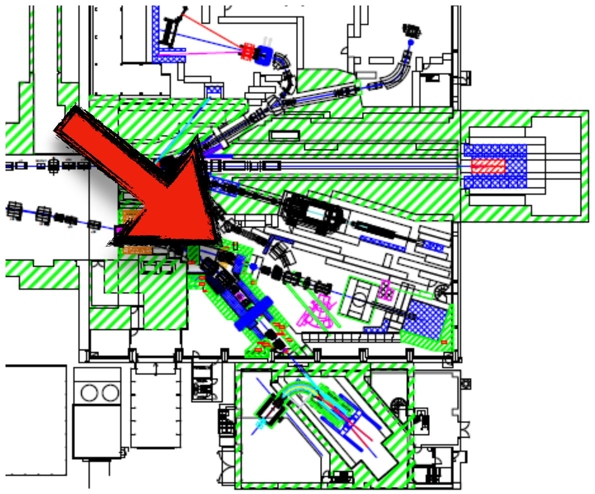
- SES: 2×10^{-17} ($\times$10,000 improve)
- Beam: 56 kW
- 1 year running

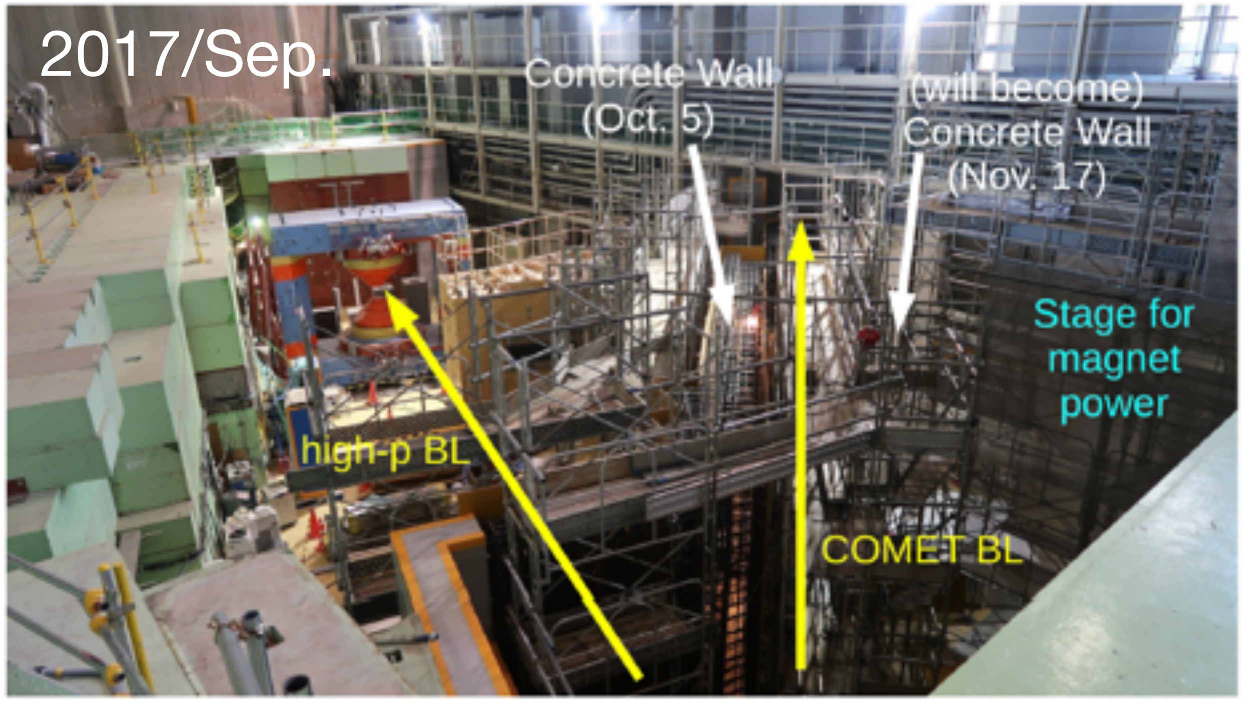
Recent Status

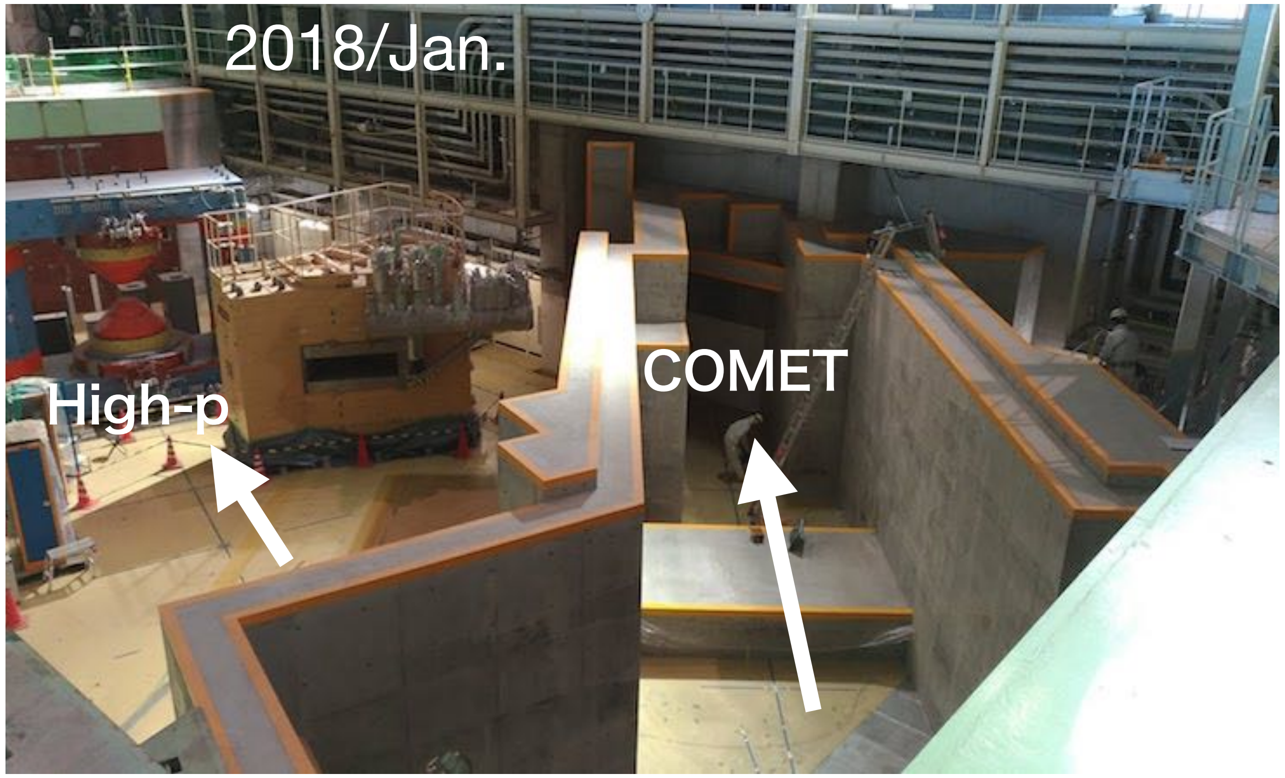
Beam line construction

Hadron Hall

View from here

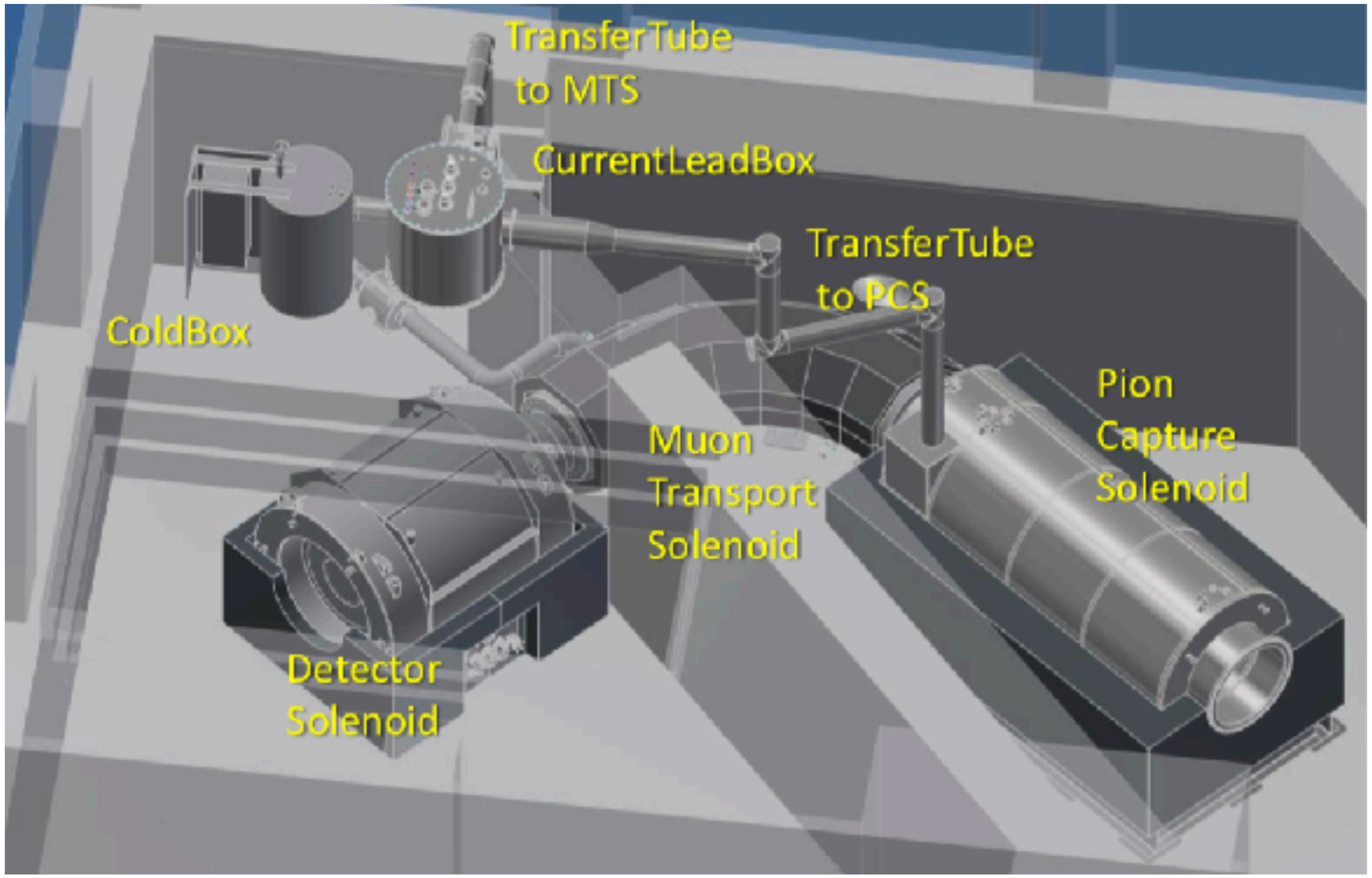


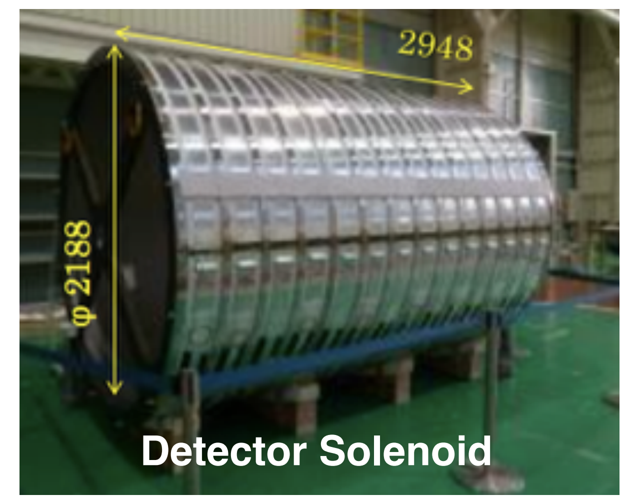




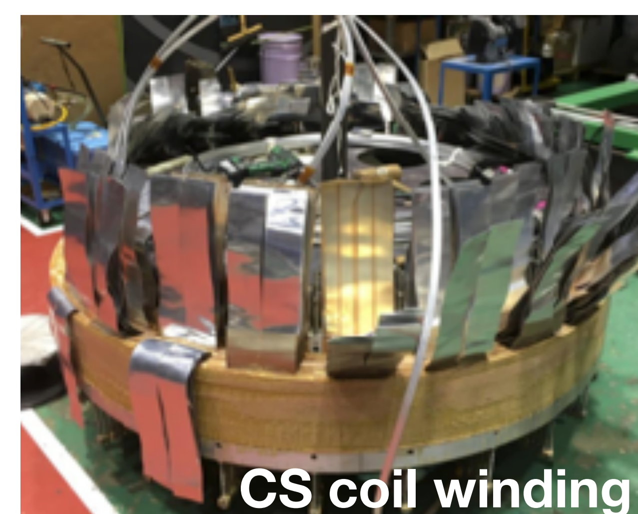
Beam line wall construction was completed.

Solenoid magnet status



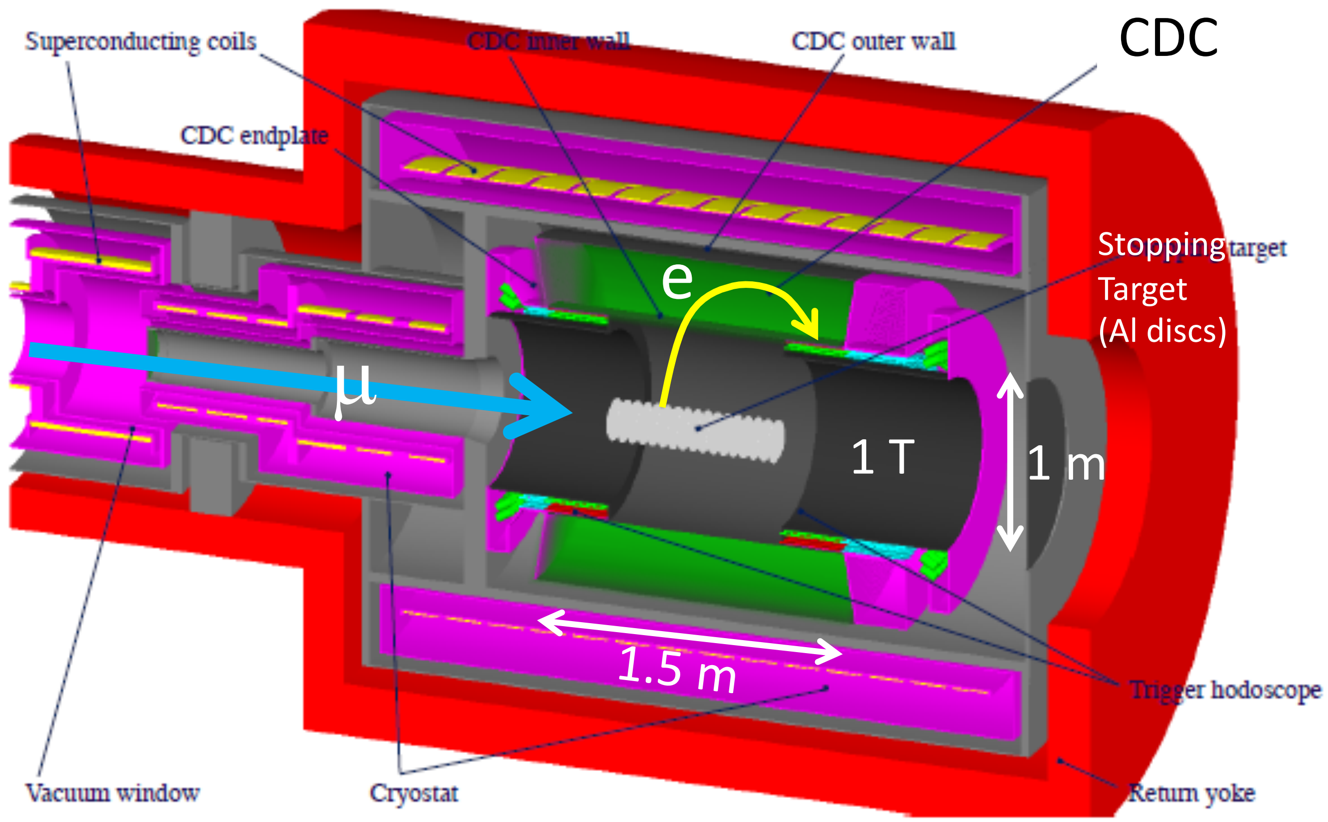


- **Capture solenoid:**
  - Coil winding & cold mass assembly in progress. Cryostat design ongoing.
- **Transport solenoid:**
  - Installed and ready for cryogenic test
- **Bridge & Detector solenoids:**
  - DS coil ready. Cryostat design in progress.
- **Cryogenic System:**
  - Refrigerator test completed. Helium transfer tube in production



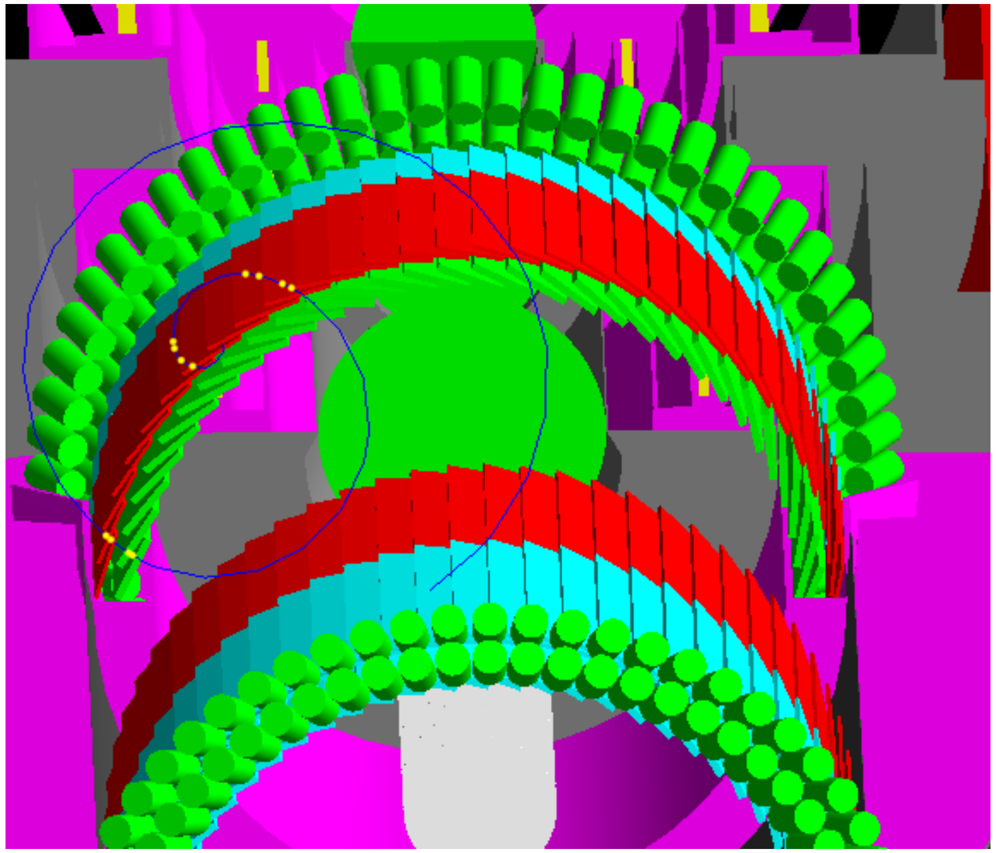
CyDet system

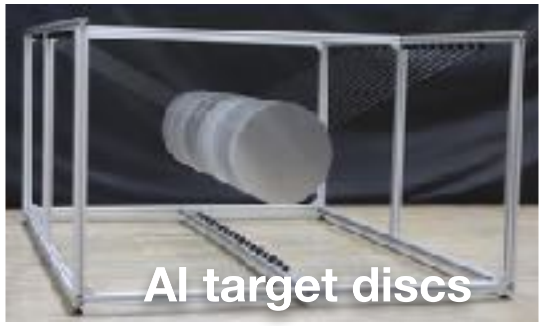
Detector for μ-e search in Phase-I



- **CDC** (Cylindrical Drift Chamber)
  - electron tracking in 1 T
  - Δp = 200 keV/c (for p=105 MeV/c)
  - Low-mass chamber
    - $He{:}i\text{-}C_4H_{10}$ (90:10)
    - 0.5-mm CFRP inner wall
    - Al field wire, 126μm, 4986
    - Au-W sense wire, 25μm, 14562
  - Alternating all stereo layer
    - 20 layers, $\pm$64~75 mrad

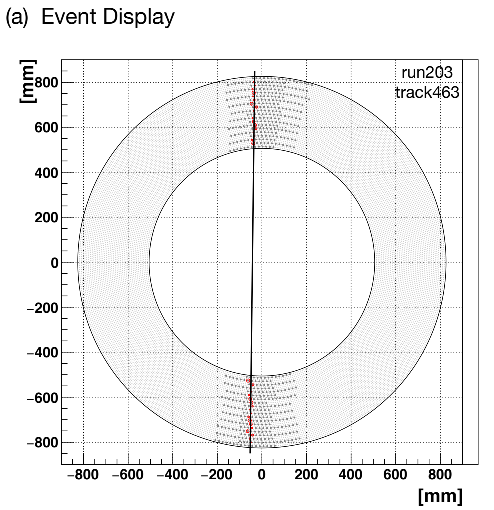
- **CTH** (Cylindrical Trigger Hodoscopes)
  - Scintillator & Acrylic Cherenkov
  - Finemesh PMT readout
  - 4-fold coincidence trigger

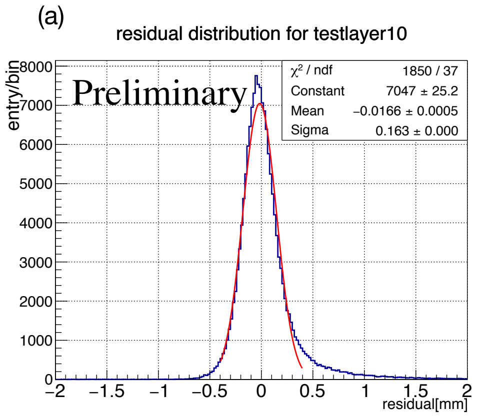




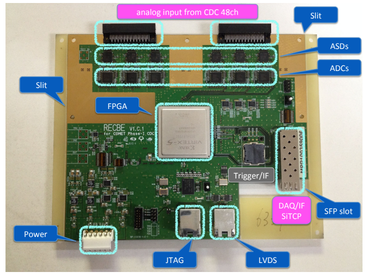
- **Stopping Target**
  - Al target consists of 17 discs
  - 100-mm radius, 0.2-mm thickness, 50-mm spacing.

CyDet status

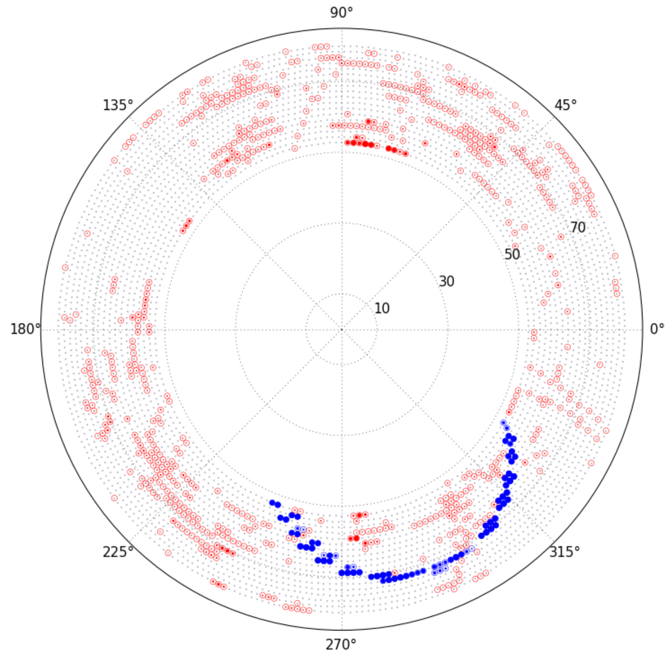




CDC cosmic-ray test is ongoing in KEK.
Good performance was obtained.

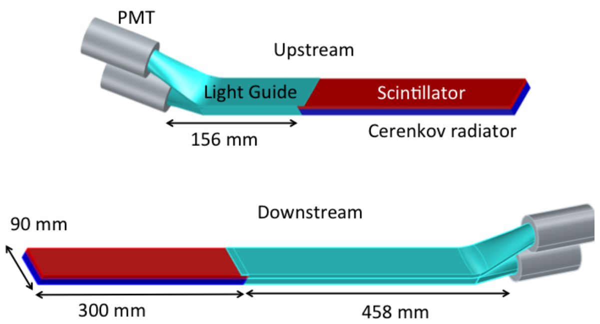


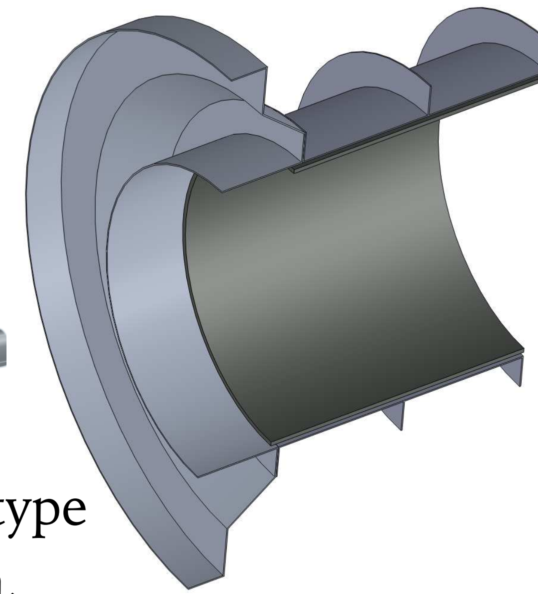
All 120 CDC FE boards were fabricated, and QA was finished in IHEP.



High-level track trigger

- Software-level algorithm was already established.
- can reduce background hits into 1/20 while retaining 99% of signals.

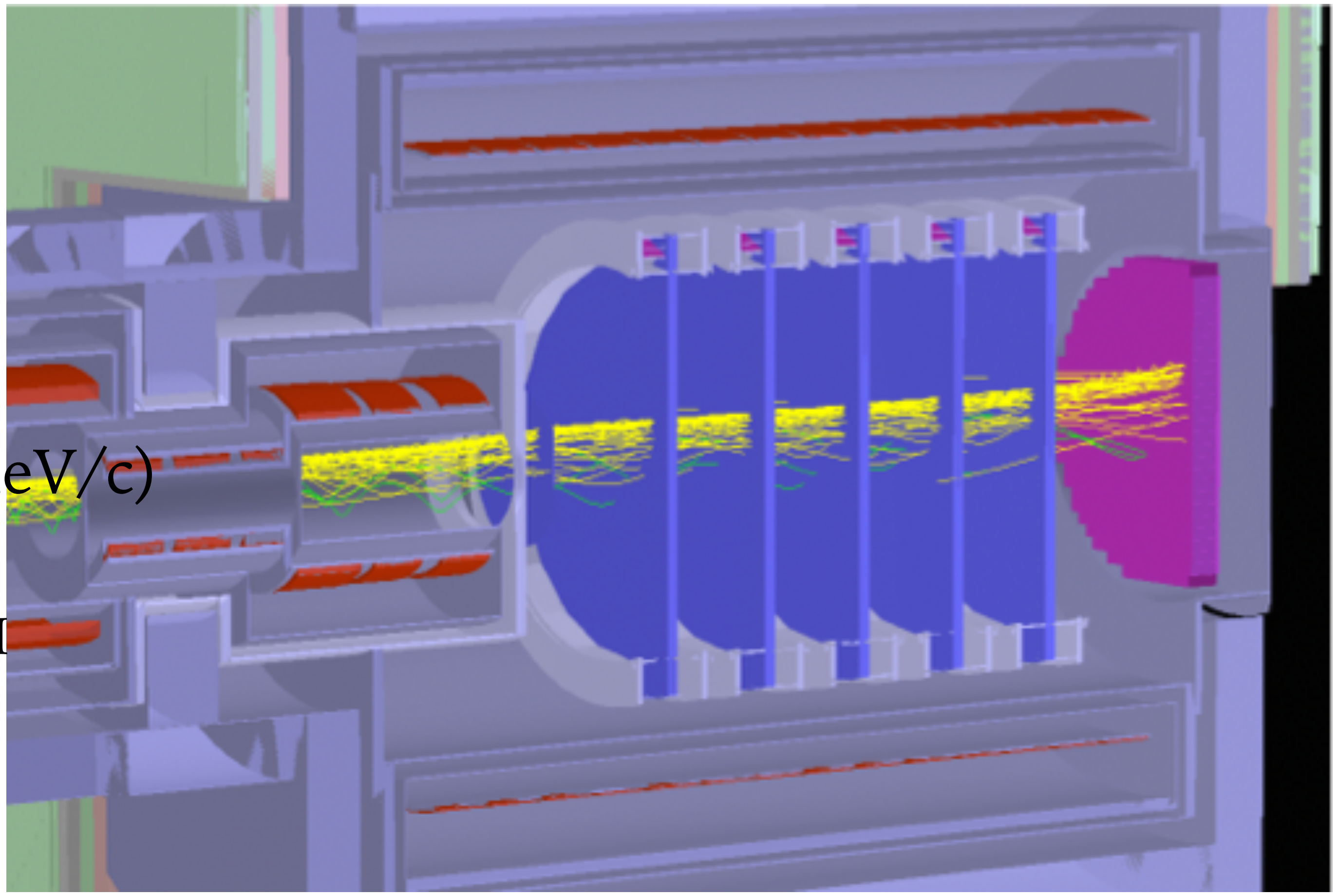




CTH structure prototype is under construction.

StrECAL system

Detector for beam measurement in Phase-I,
and μ-e search in Phase-II



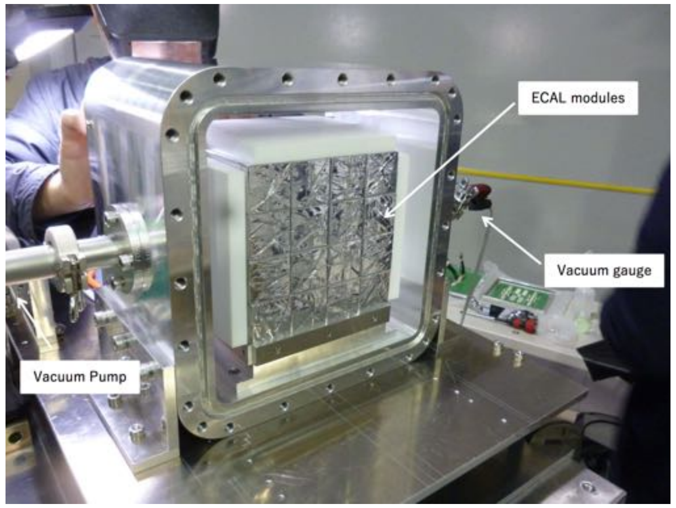
Straw Tube Tracker

- Operational in vacuum in 1 T
- Δp = 150~200 keV/c (for p=105 MeV/c)
- Straw tube
  - 20 μm thick, 9.75 mm diameter for Phase-I
  - 12 μm thick, 5 mm diameter for Phase-II
- 5 stations (xx'yy'×5)
- $Ar:C_2H_6$ (50:50)

Electron Calorimeter

- 1,920 LYSO crystals
  - 2×2×12 cm (10.5 radiation length)
- $\Delta E/E$ = 5% (for E=105 MeV)
- 40-ns decay time
- APD readout

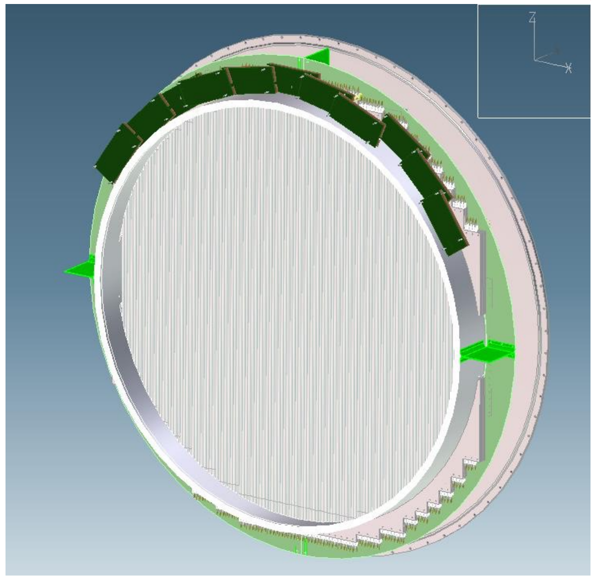
Straw Tracker prototype



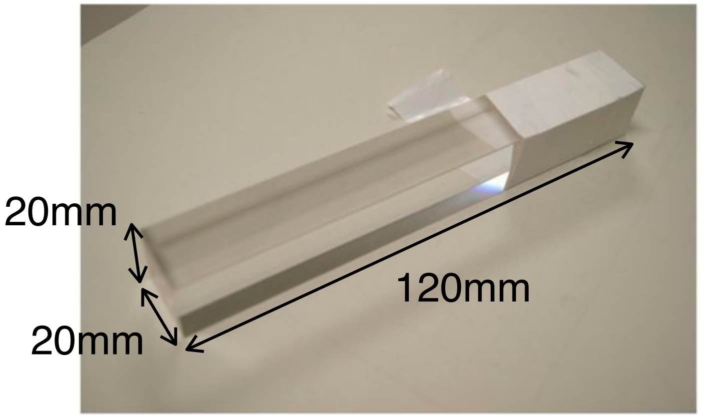
ECAL prototype

StrECAL status

Straw tube production for Phase-I was completed.

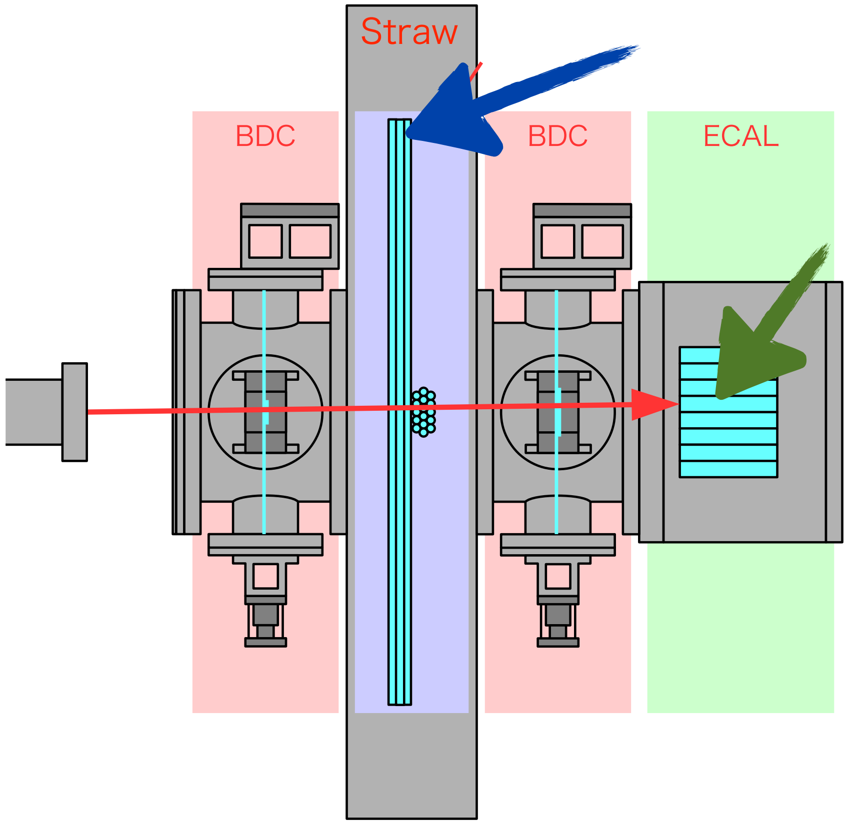


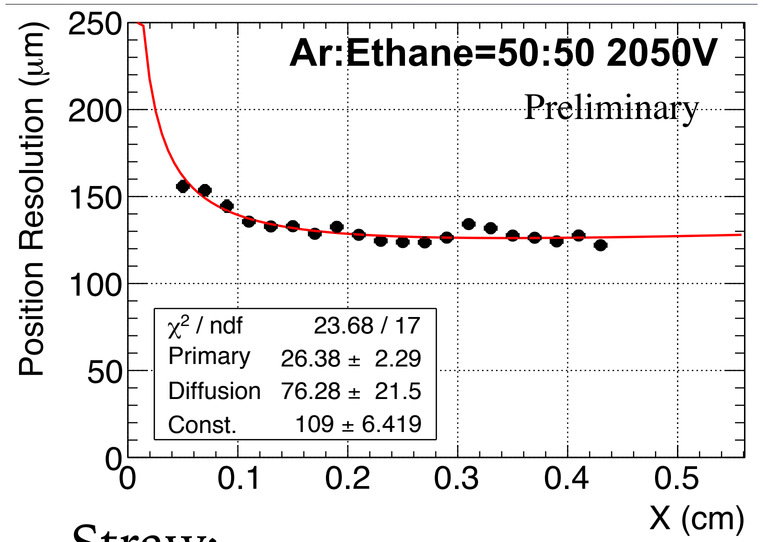
Thermal study of FE in gas manifold was carried out.
Straw station assembly will start soon.



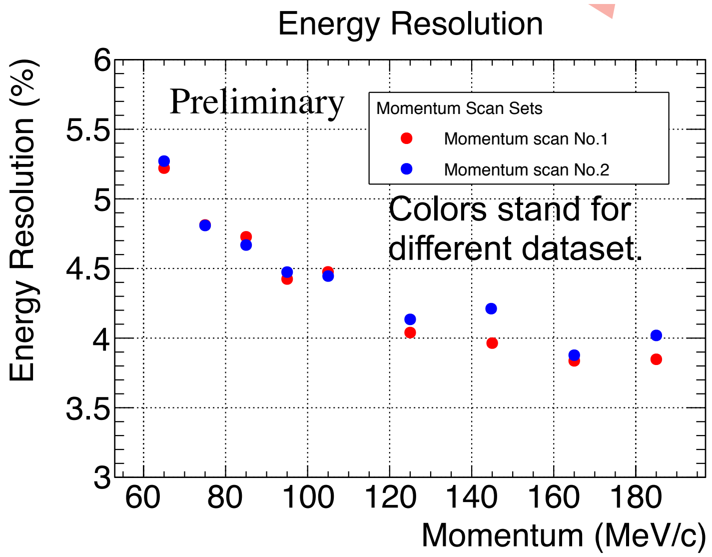
Buying procedure of ~500 LYSO for Phase-I is ongoing.

StrECAL Beam Test @ 2017





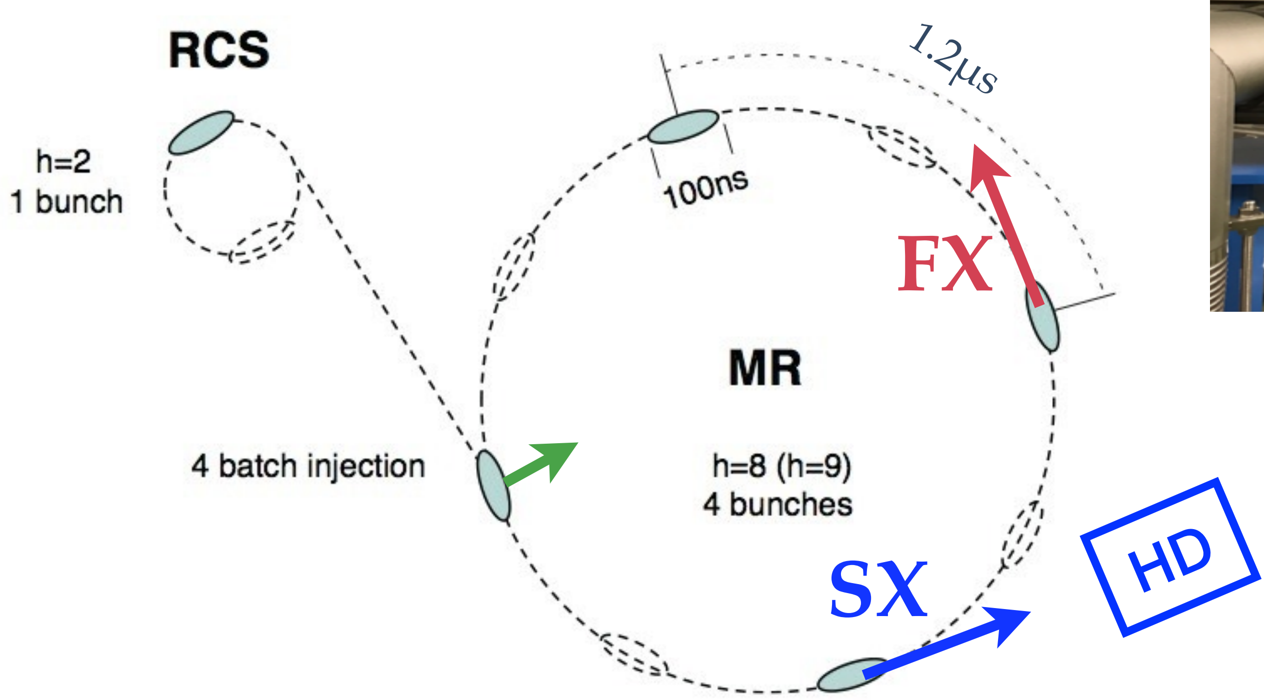
Straw:
position resolution < 150 μm



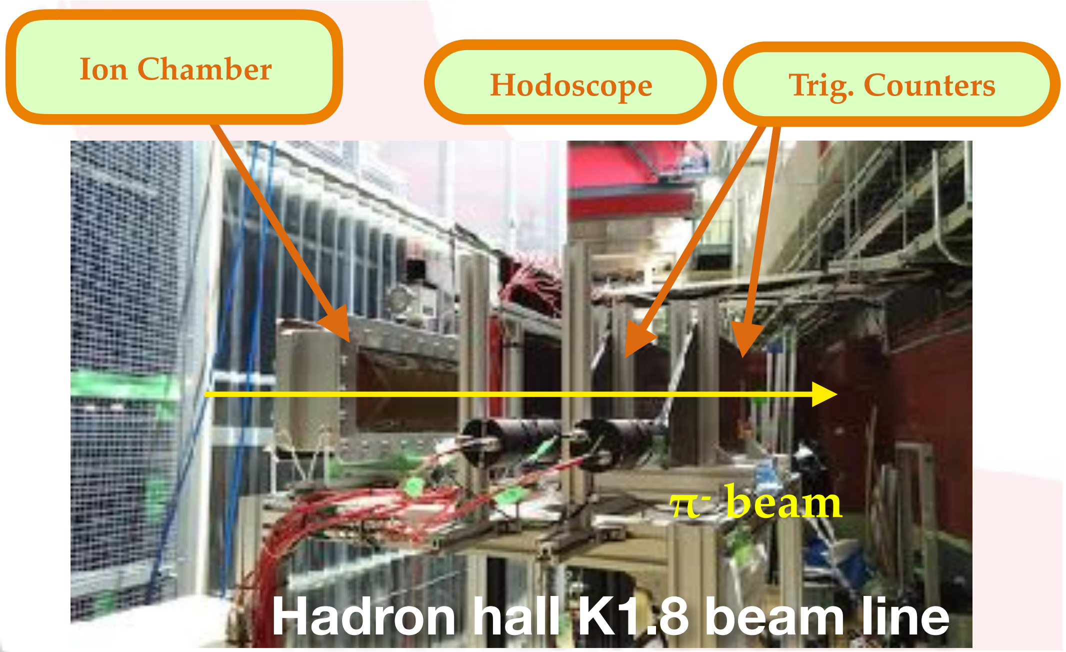
ECAL:
$\Delta E/E < 4.4\%$ @ 105 MeV

8 GeV test & Extinction measurement

8-GeV operation & extinction measurement were done at J-PARC in Jan.-Feb., 2018.



- Campaign was successfully carried out.
- Extinction was measured by both FX & SX.
  - ✓ First trial of 8 GeV Bunched SX.



See Hajime Nishiguchi's talk on Friday

Sensitivity and Background

Sensitivity

Event selection	Value
Online event selection efficiency	0.9
DAQ efficiency	0.9
Track finding efficiency	0.99
Geometrical acceptance + Track quality cuts	0.18
Momentum window (ε_{mom})	0.93
Timing window ($\varepsilon_{\text{time}}$)	0.3
Total	0.041

$103.6 < p_e < 106.0$ MeV/c

$700 < t_e < 1170$ ns

@ Phase-I

$$B(\mu^- + \text{Al} \to e^- + \text{Al}) = \frac{1}{N_\mu \cdot f_{\text{cap}} \cdot f_{\text{gnd}} \cdot A_{\mu\text{-}e}},$$

$= 3\times10^{-15}$

Number of muons stopped inside targets

Fraction of μ-e conversion to the ground state = 0.9

Fraction of muons to be captured by Al target = 0.61

$N_\mu = 1.5\times10^{16}$ → **150 days by 3.2 kW**

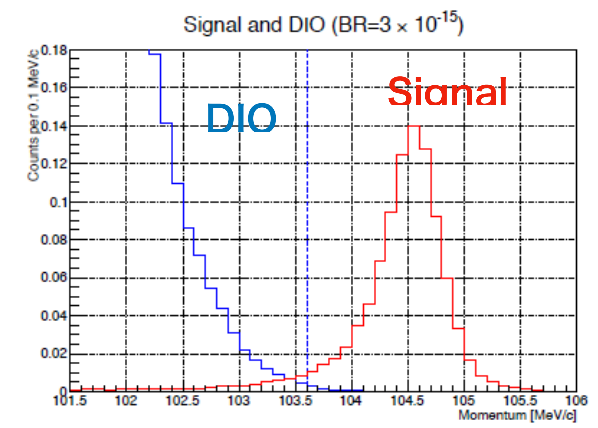
@ Phase-II

1 year by 56 kW

+ Tungsten production target
+ 180° Transport Solenoid
+ Electron Spec. Solenoid

S.E.S **$= 2\times10^{-17}$**

Background estimation



103.6 < p_e < 106.0 MeV/c

Type	Background	Estimated events
Physics	Muon decay in orbit	0.01
	Radiative muon capture	0.0019
	Neutron emission after muon capture	< 0.001
	Charged particle emission after muon capture	< 0.001
Prompt Beam	* Beam electrons	
	* Muon decay in flight	
	* Pion decay in flight	
	* Other beam particles	
	All (*) Combined	≤ 0.0038
	Radiative pion capture	0.0028
	Neutrons	$\sim 10^{-9}$
Delayed Beam	Beam electrons	~ 0
	Muon decay in flight	~ 0
	Pion decay in flight	~ 0
	Radiative pion capture	~ 0
	Anti-proton induced backgrounds	0.0012
Others	Cosmic rays†	< 0.01
Total		0.032

† This estimate is currently limited by computing resources.

Detector

Beam

CR

Assuming
$R_{ext} = 3\times10^{-11}$

700 < t_e < 1170 ns

@ Phase-I

BG is small enough

@ Phase-II

BG is still less than 1 by simulation

to be confirmed by Phase-I Beam Measurement

Summary & Prospects

- COMET aims to search for μ-e conversion with sensitivity of 3×10^{-15} / 2×10^{-17} at Phase-I / II.
- Detector & beam line preparation is intensively in progress.
- **Detector will be ready in 2019 for Phase-I, and commissioning will start soon after completing the beam-line construction.**
- Phase-II study is also in progress. We are able to optimize the Phase-II parameters based on the coming Phase-I results.