



# Status of the COMET Experiment at J-PARC

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on behalf of the COMET collaboration

The logo for COMET features a large, stylized pink letter 'C' on the left. To its right, the word 'COMET' is written in a smaller, pink, sans-serif font. Above the 'O' in 'COMET' is a Greek letter mu ( $\mu$ ), and below it is a lowercase letter 'e'.

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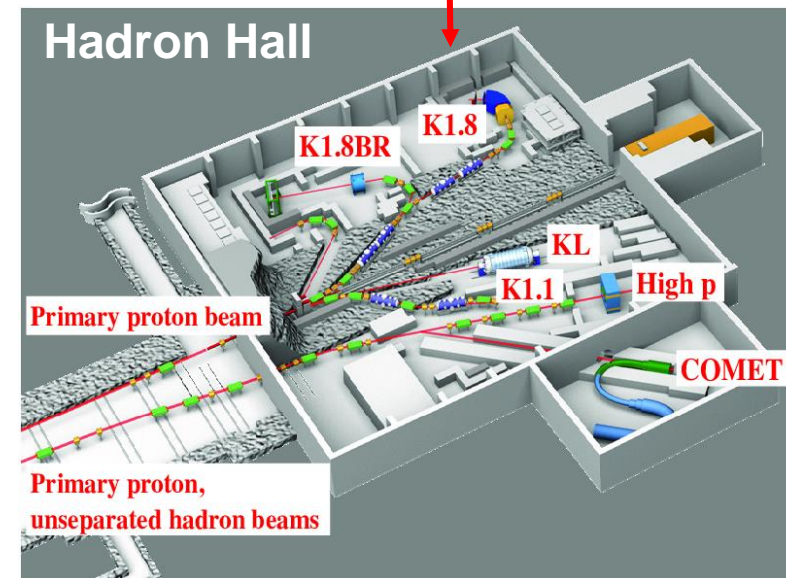
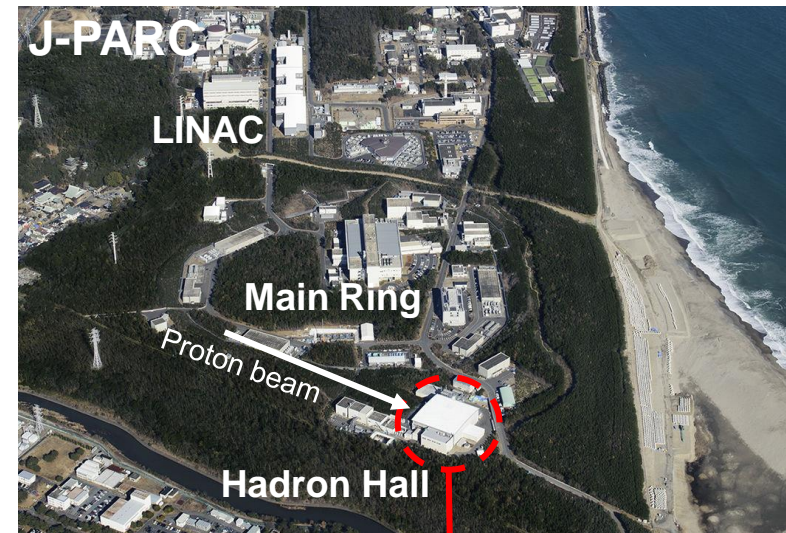
The COMET Experiment





# The COMET experiment

- Utilizing the proton beam from the J-PARC main ring, COMET searches for the **muon to electron conversion** process, which violates charged lepton flavor conservation, with an unprecedented sensitivity.

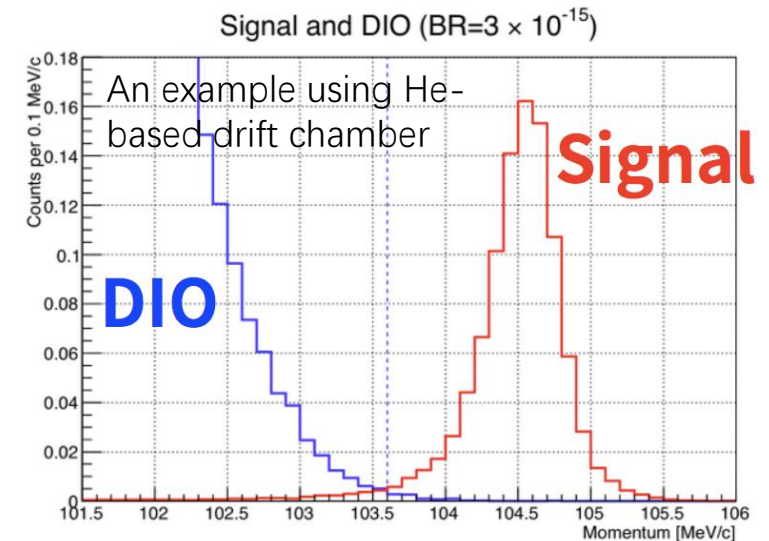
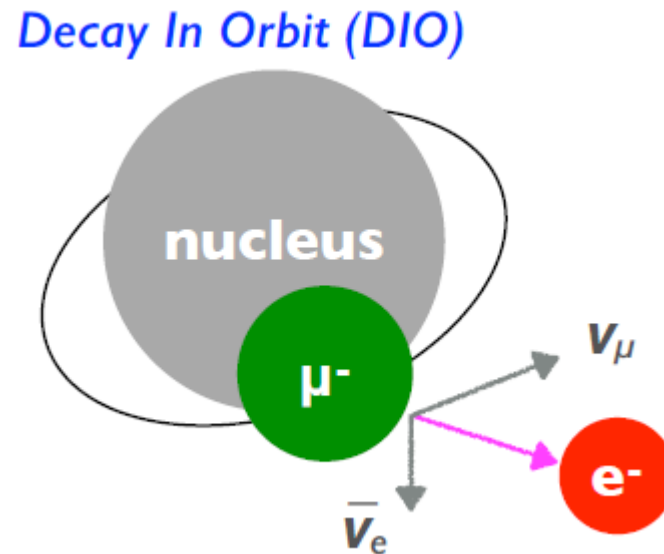
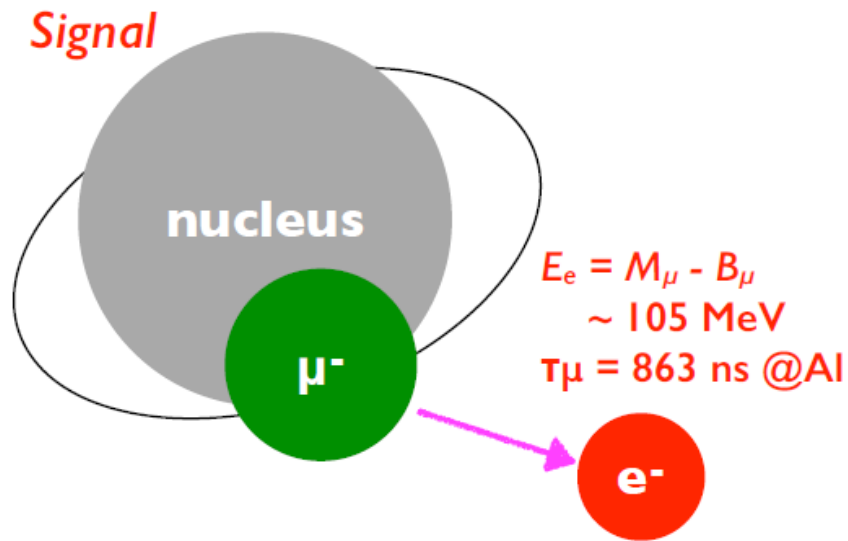


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# Muon-to-electron conversion ( $\mu N \rightarrow e N$ )

- Muon nuclear capture
  - Coherent process enhanced: the nucleus stays at ground state
- Signal: 1 mono-energetic electron:  $E_e = M_\mu - B_\mu - E_{recoil} \sim 105 \text{ MeV}$
- Background: intrinsic, beam related, cosmic ray
  - The intrinsic background, from muon Michel decay in orbit, has an end point energy near half muon mass, but



Charged lepton flavor violation (CLFV)!



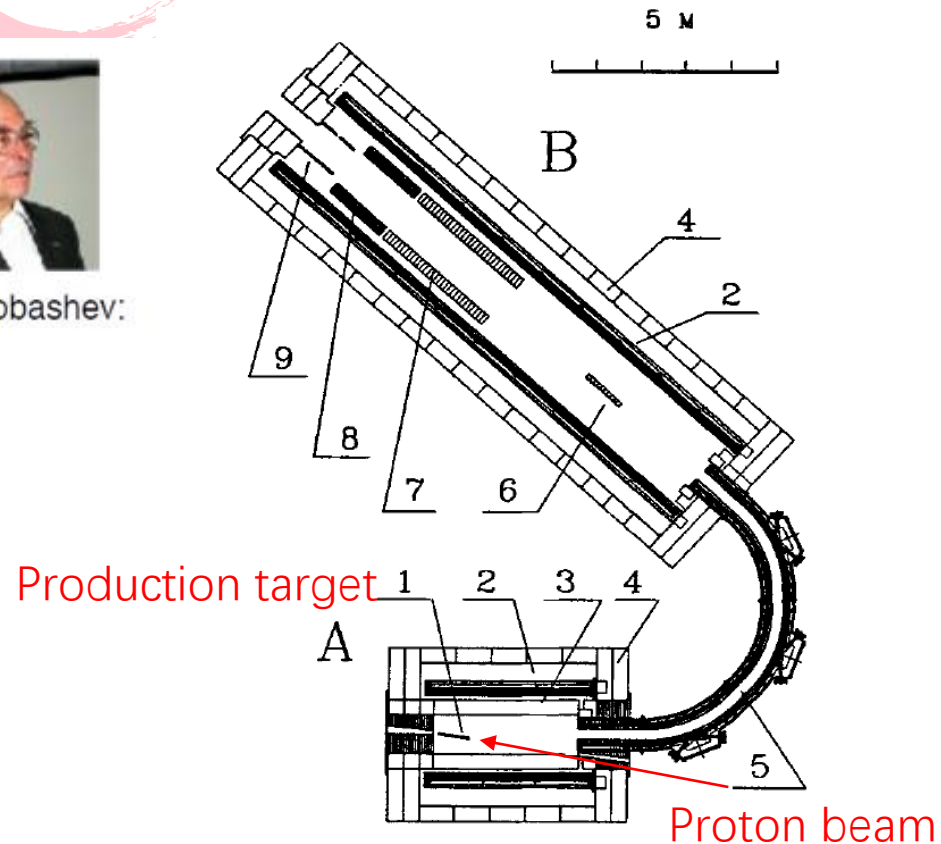
# The Design of COMET



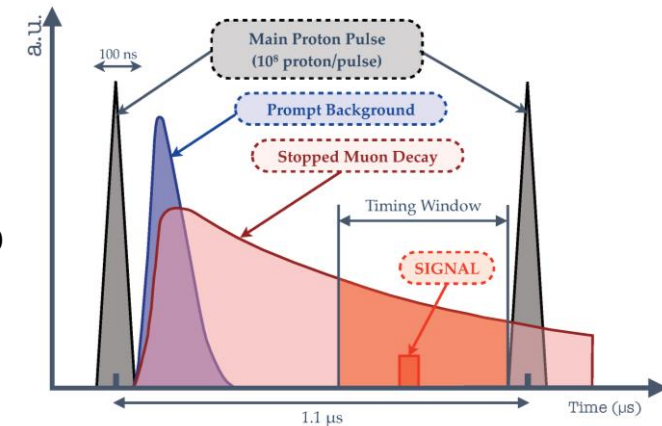
# “New muon sources”: the Lobashev scheme



V.M. Lobashev:



- To get much more muons
  - Thick target: ~1 hadron interaction length.
  - Superconducting magnetic field: >2.5 T, adiabatically dropping
- To control radiation
  - Accept backward beam
  - Bending solenoid to select low energy beam particles.
- To suppress beam induced background
  - Pulsed beam (MHz). Wait for beam flash to pass and pions to decay.



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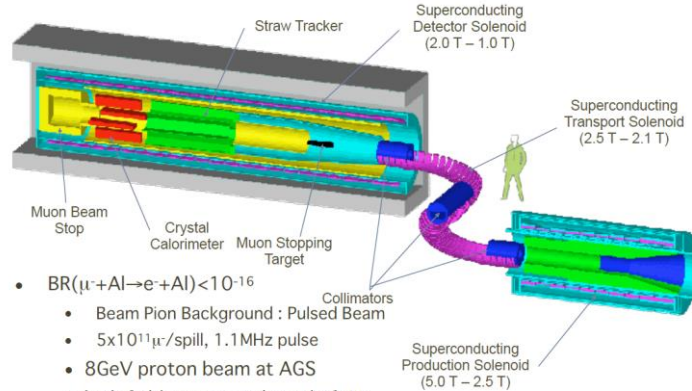
>  $10^{10}$  muons/sec is achievable. Toward <  $10^{-16}$  sensitivity!

# Realizing the Lobashev scheme muon sources



Proposed in 1999.  
Canceled in 2005

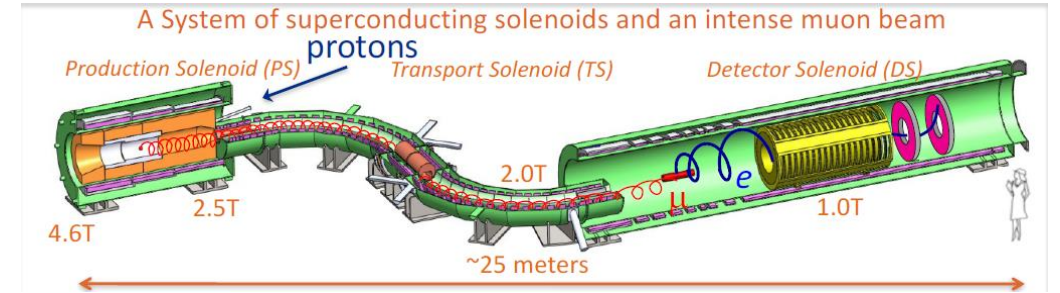
MECO @BNL/AGS



- $BR(\mu + Al \rightarrow e + Al) < 10^{-16}$ 
  - Beam Pion Background : Pulsed Beam
  - $5 \times 10^{11} \mu^- / \text{spill}$ , 1.1 MHz pulse
  - 8 GeV proton beam at AGS
  - high field capture solenoid of 4 T
- ~ 2005, and cancelled

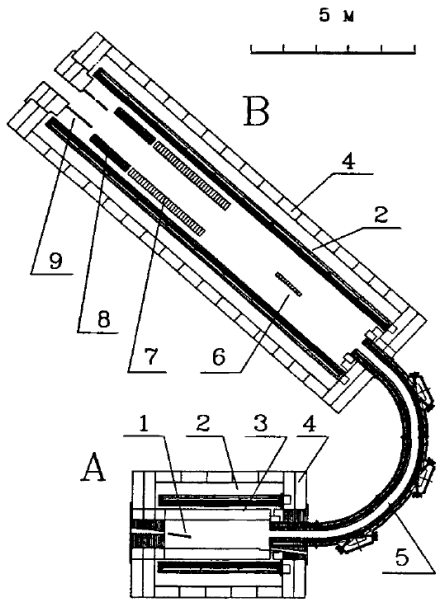
Revived at FermiLab.

Proposed in 2007. **Under construction**

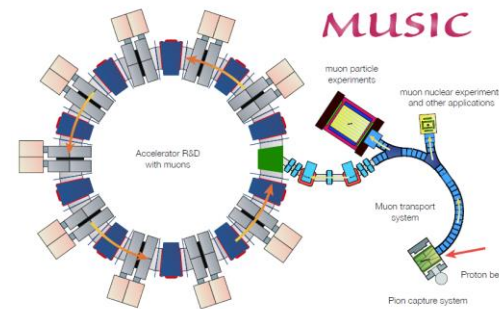
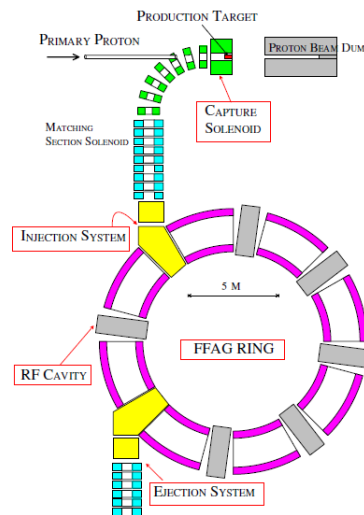


COMET, Phase-I of PRISM/PRIME.  
Proposed in 2007. Phase-I **Under construction**

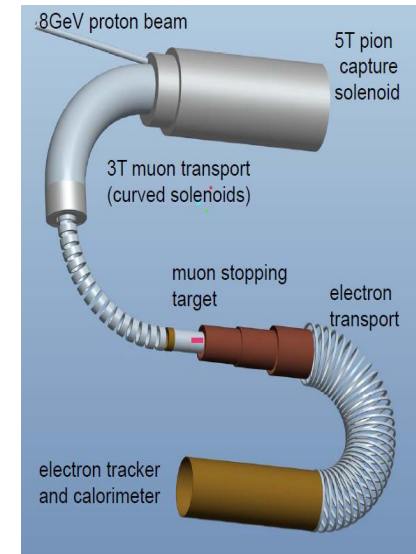
Proposed in 1989.  
No budget support.



PRISM/PRIME  
Conception started ~ 2003



MuSIC, proposed in 2010  
**Under construction**

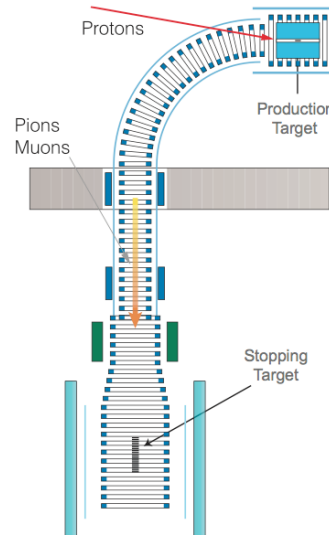




# Phased Approach for COMET

## COMET Phase-I

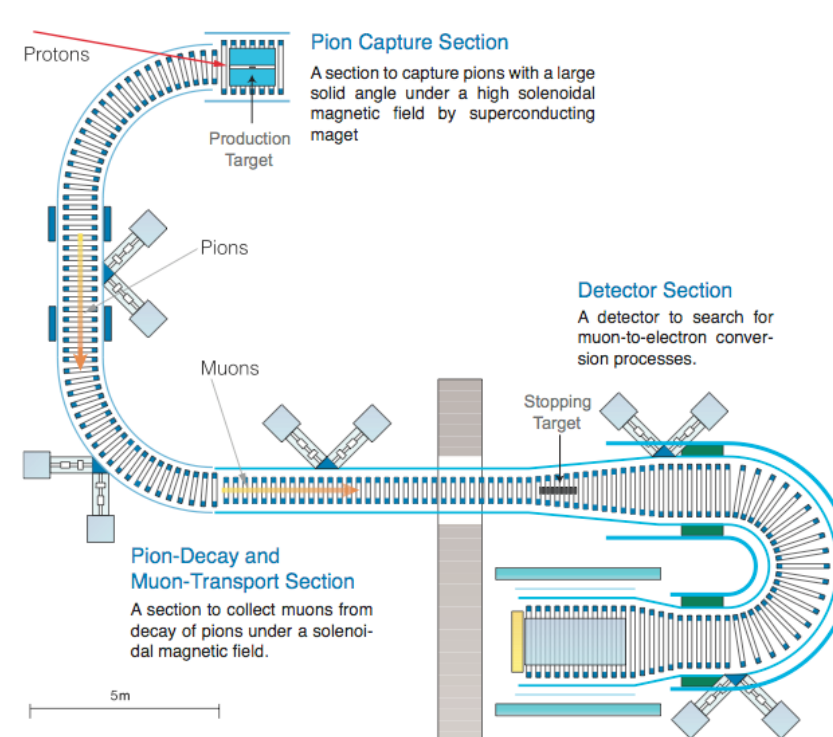
- Directly measure the muon beam with prototypes of Phase-II detector.
- Search for  $\mu - e$  conversion with factor of 100 improvement\*
- 8 GeV, 3.2 kW, graphite target



- Upstream part same as Phase-II
  - Except production target and part of shielding

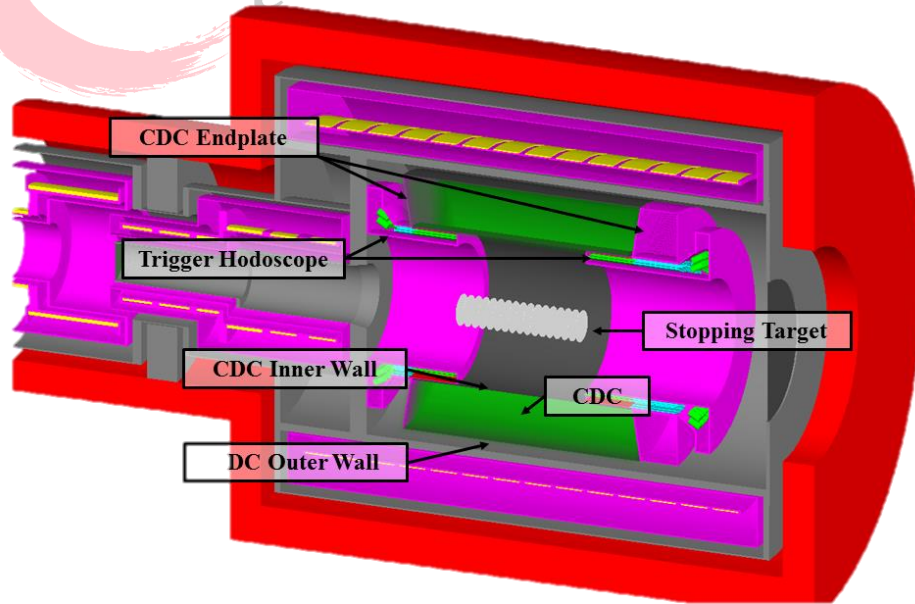
## COMET Phase-II

- Search for  $\mu - e$  conversion with full sensitivity: factor of 10,000 improvement
- CDR submitted in 2009
- 8 GeV, 56 kW, tungsten target

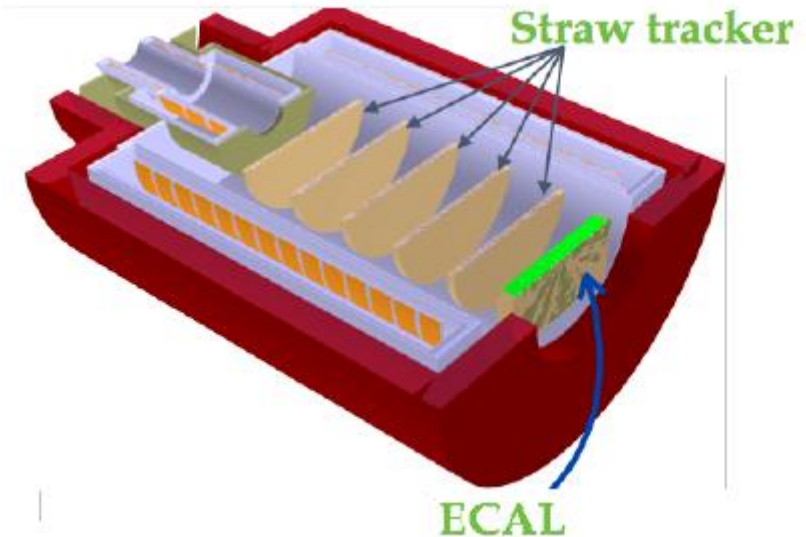


# Phase-I Detectors

Main detector: Cylindrical detector (CyDet)



Straw Tracker & Energy Calorimeter (StrEcal)



- Specially designed for Phase-I. Consists of:
  - Cylindrical trigger hodoscope:
    - Two layers: plastic scintillator for t0 and Cerenkov counter for PID.
  - Cylindrical drift chamber:
    - All stereo layers: z information for tracks with few layers' hits.
    - Helium based gas: minimize multiple scattering.
    - Large inner bore: to avoid beam flash and DIO electrons.

- To measure all delivered beam incl BG, vacuum-compatible tracker and calorimeter is employed
- Straw = Planer/Low-mass, LYSO crystal ECAL = High resolution / High density
- Same concept as Phase-II detector = Prototype of Phase-II Final Detector



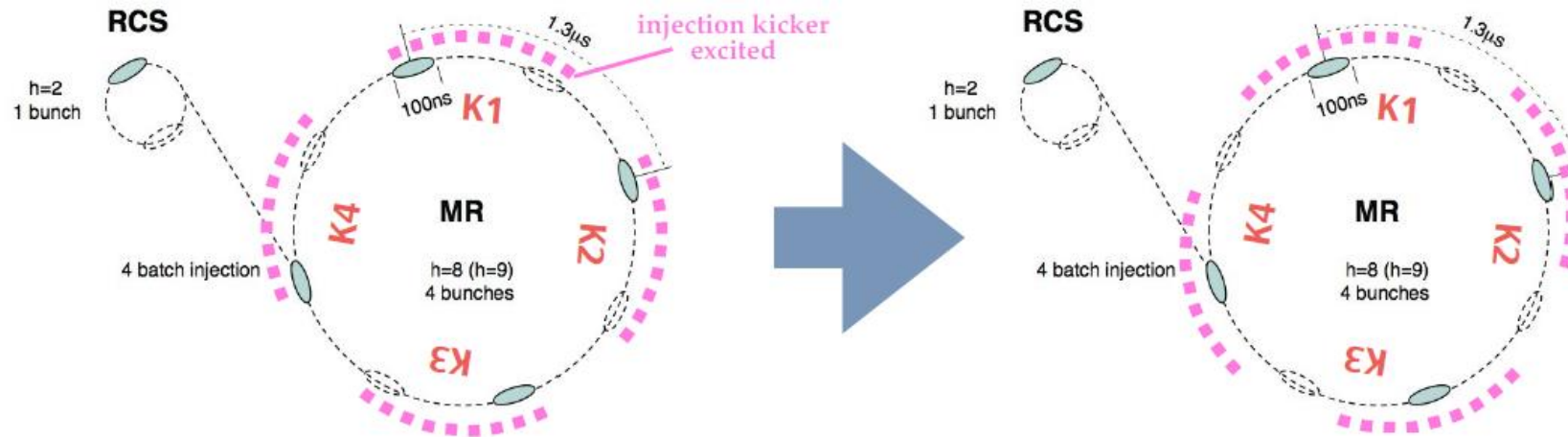
# Preparation for Phase-I



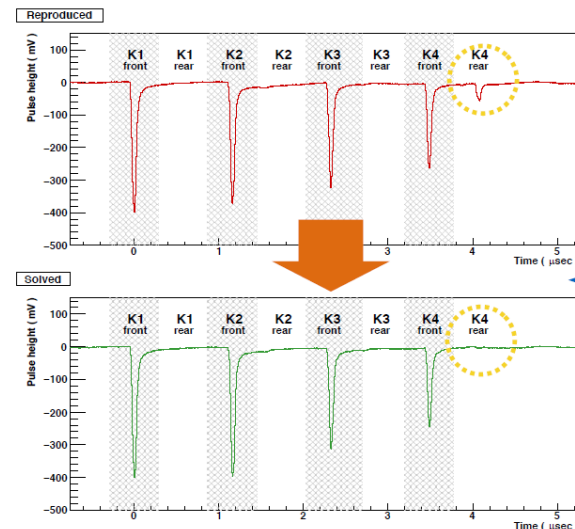
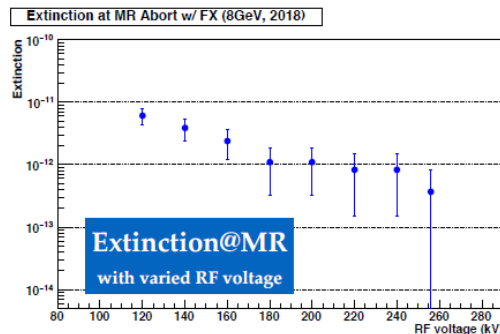


# Proton beam from J-PARC

- To make the proton extinction factor:  $R (N_{leak}/N_{pulse}) < 10^{-10}$ 
  - Shift the kicker phase by half period to avoid residual protons in the empty bucket.



Measurement at main ring:  
proton leak  $< 10^{-12}$

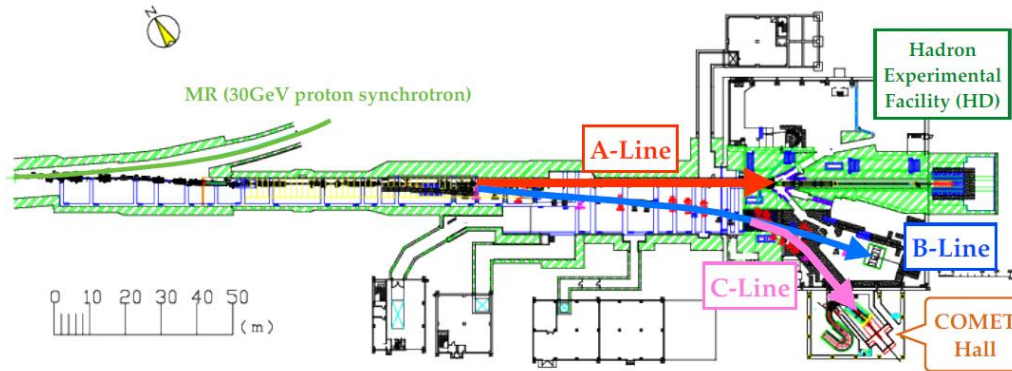


2018: Observed K4 rear leak.  
2021: T78 at hadron hall, solved the leak by shifting the kicker further:  $< 3.2 \times 10^{-12}$   
2023: Confirmed same performance after the power upgrade in the J-PARC main ring.

# COMET Facility



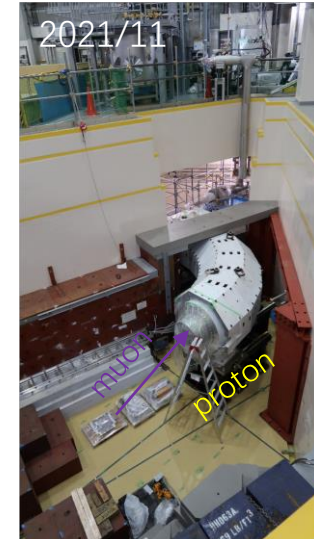
C-line ready. Proton beam came to COMET for the first time.



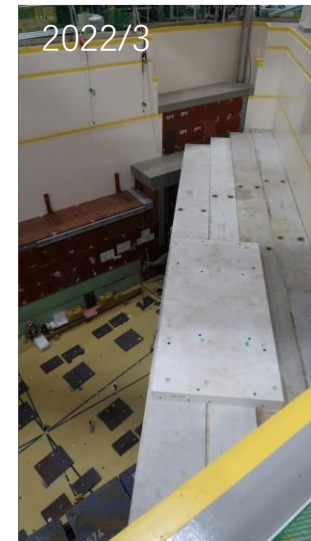
Detector area prepared in 2022.



MTS (muon transportation solenoid) in position.

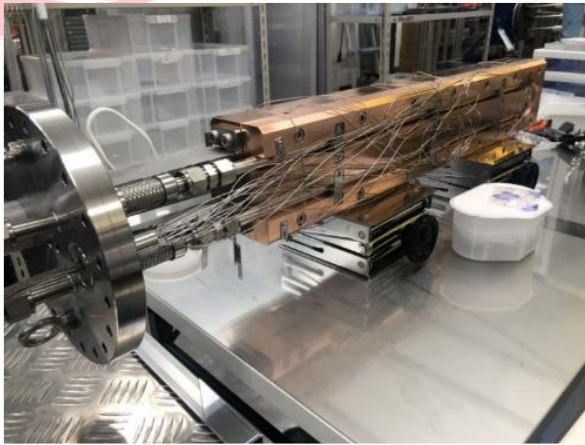


Shielding added last year.

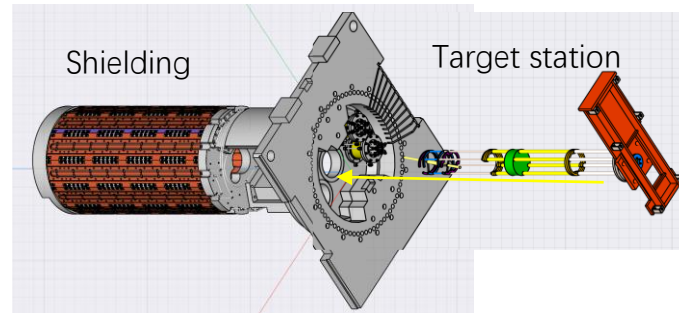


# Production Target System

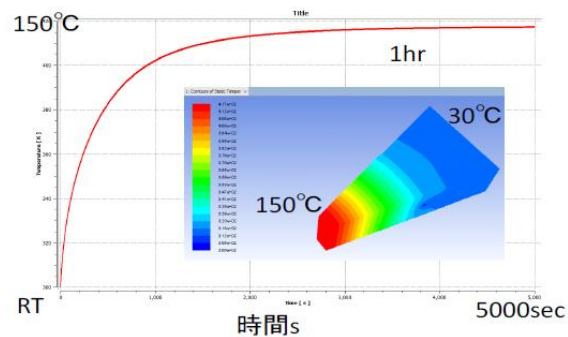
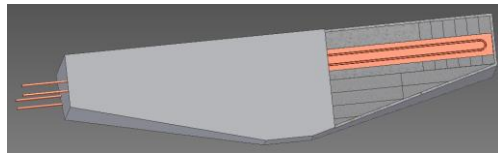
Cooling test of shielding (Cu for Phase-I)



Target station with remote control



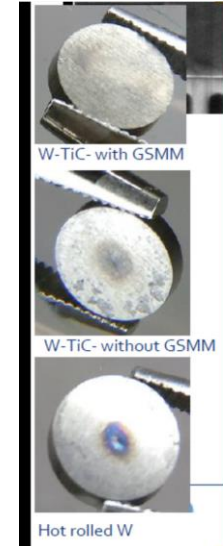
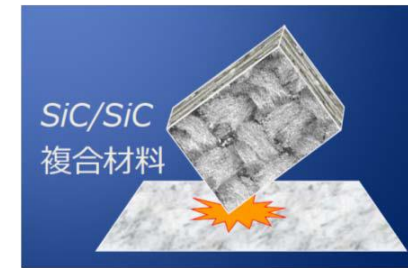
Water cooling for shielding (W for Phase-II): 27 °C 3 m/s inlet water is enough to cool the block



Prototype of target station for Phase-I



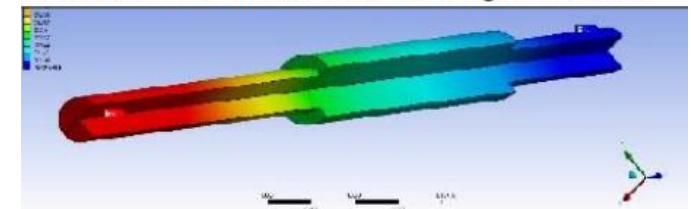
Phase-II target needs water cooling. Other materials are being considered: W-TiC, SiC/SiC,...



Graphite target for Phase-I: radiation cooling,  $T < 245$  degree

## Graphite

Diameter: 26 mm and 40 mm, Length: 700 mm



FEM simulation is completed. Max. temp. 245 degC.



# COMET super conducting solenoids

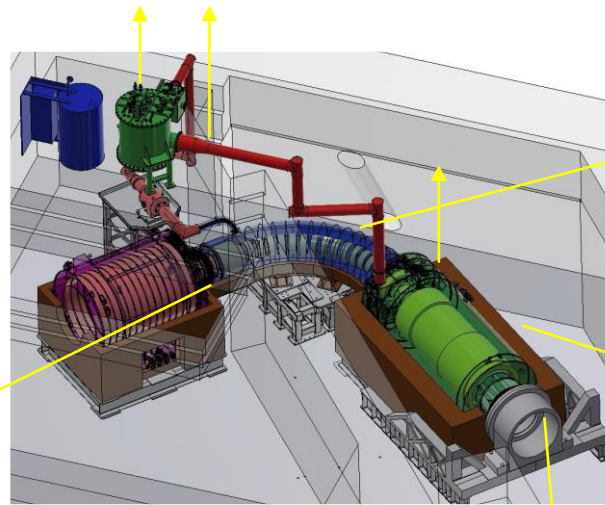
DS coil and peripherals delivered June 2023



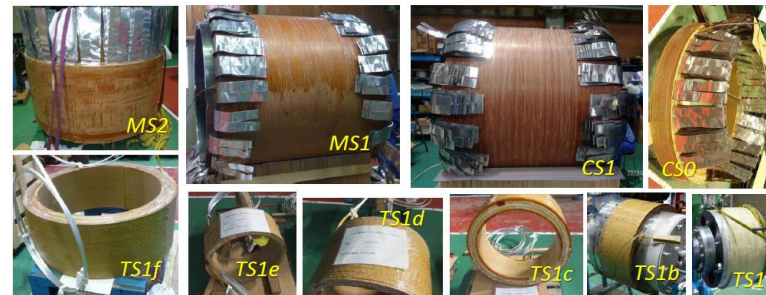
Coils for the bridge solenoid ready in 2018. BS magnet delivered March 2022.



Successfully tested the cooling system with I=3000 A in 2021



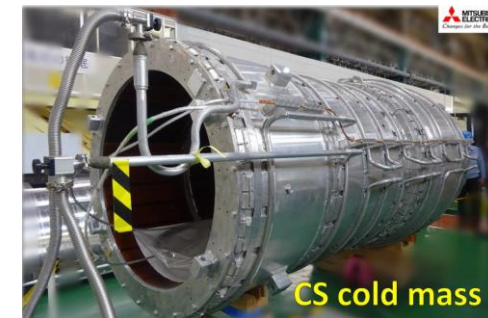
All coils for the captures solenoid ready in 2020



Installed in 2015. Tested in 2022. Field map measured in 2022.



Construction of capture solenoid is in the 3rd year of multi-year construction contract (FY2020-2024)



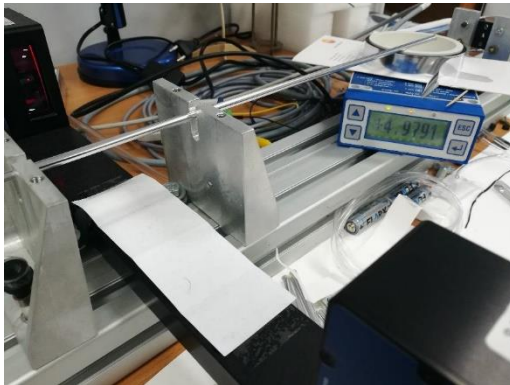
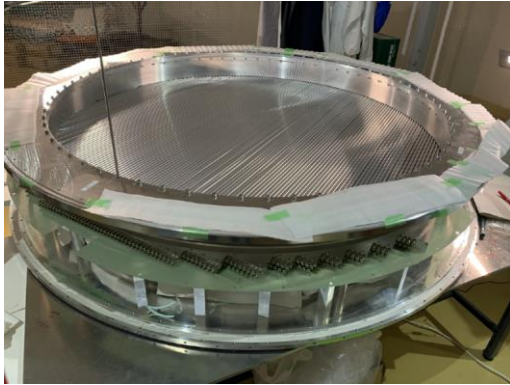
Found degradation of insulation in CS unfortunately:

- Location of electric contact identified.
- However, it needs 3 months to recover and 6 months to be re-constructed...



First station for COMET Phase-I ready. Second station under construction.

- 10 mm diameter, 20 um thickness



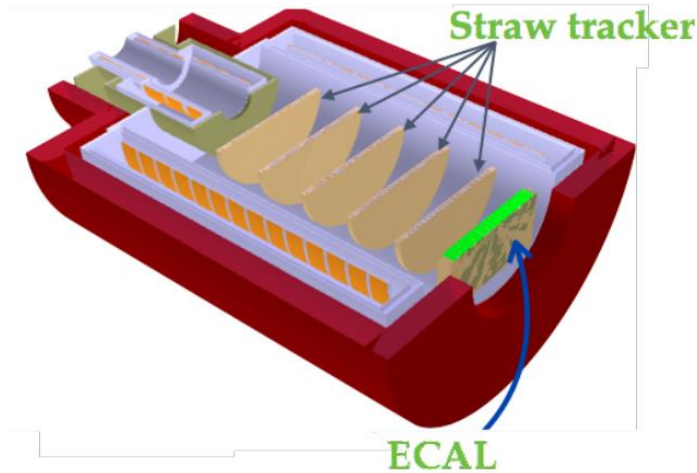
Constructed 5 mm diameter, 12 um thickness straws for Phase-II

- Pressure tests with 4 bar successful.
- Diameter variation within 120 um
- Further investigations on the way.

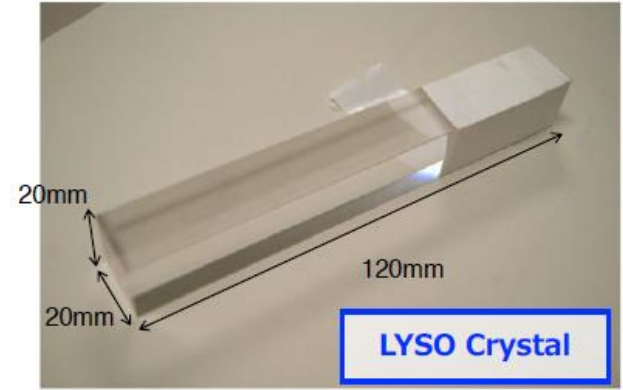
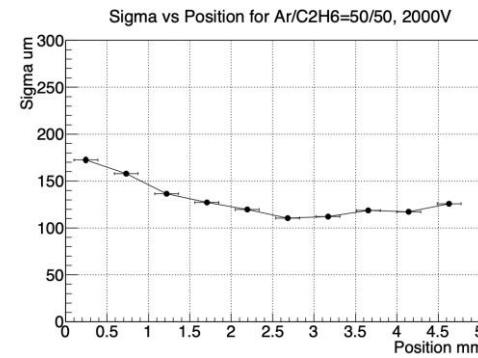
# StrEcal

StrEcal system in phase-I: 5 stations and ~500 LYSO crystals.

- In phase-II: more stations, 1920 LYSO crystals

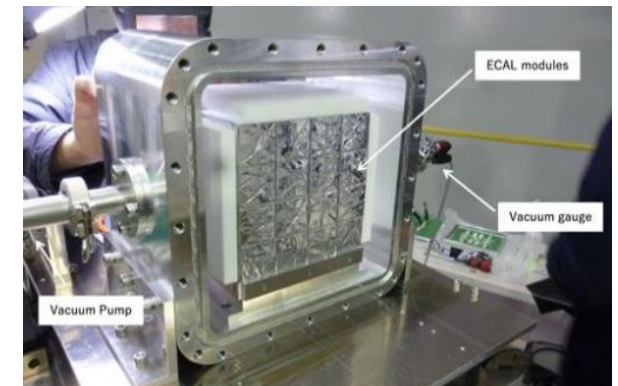


Straw filled with Ar:Ethane=50:50 gas. Beam test shows spatial resolution ~150 um



Successful prototype test for LYSO in vacuum.

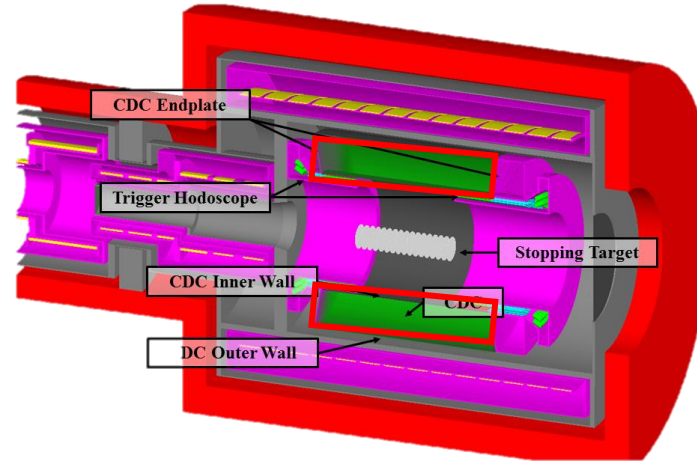
- $\sigma_E/E=4\%$ ,  $\sigma_{x/y}=6$  mm,  $\sigma_t=0.5$  ns
- Phase-I support structure completed. ~500 LYSO crystals mounted.



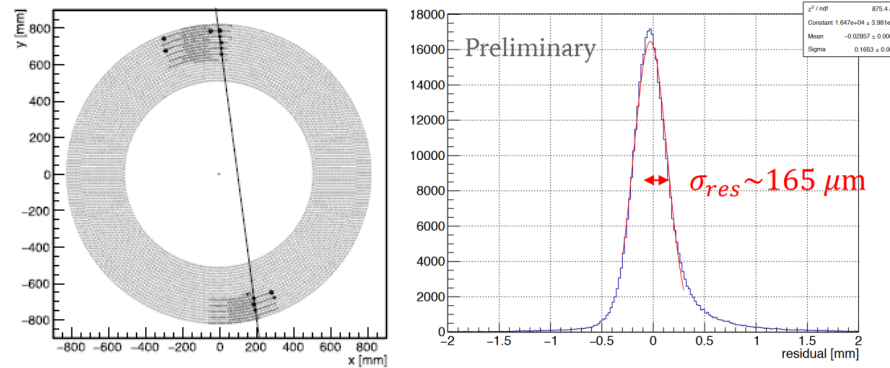


# CyDet: CDC

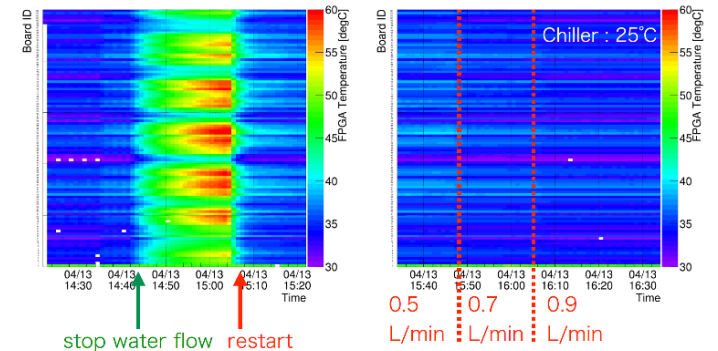
CDC was constructed in 2016 and still working stably. Moved to J-PARC last year. Now ready to take cosmic ray data for calibration



Filled with He:isobutane=90:10 gas.  
Cosmic ray test shows spatial resolution~165  $\mu\text{m}$



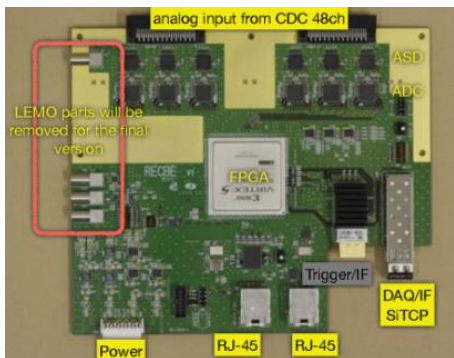
Water cooling system designed for the frontend electronics. Mounted and tested successfully.



Supporting cradle delivered March 2023



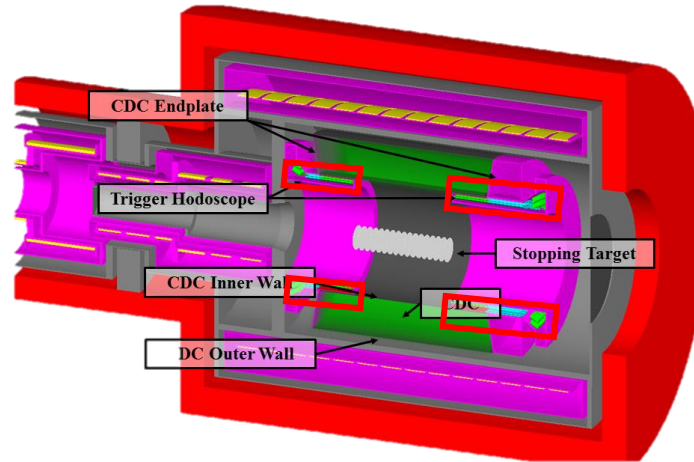
All the 128 boards produced by IHEP group before 2015. All mounted in 2019.



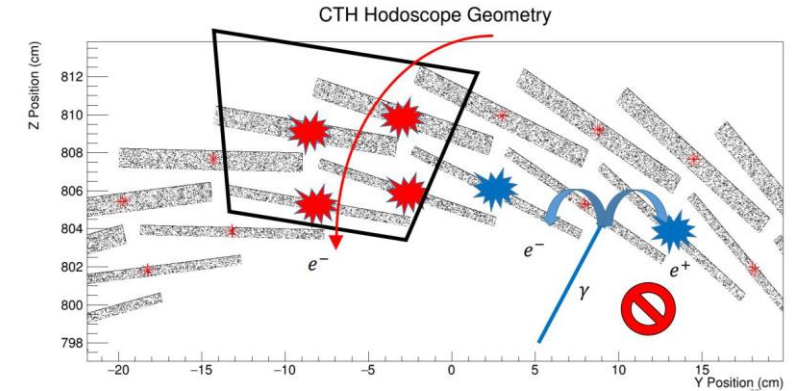
# CyDet: CTH

64 scintillators, x2 layers, x2 hodoscopes

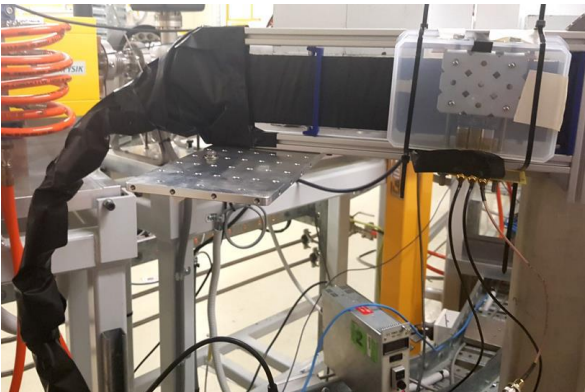
- Stage-I plan. For stage-II, one layer will be replaced by Cherenkov counters.
- Now prototypes are being tested with 100 MeV electron beam
- The readout is SiPM
  - Vulnerable to neutrons.
  - Need extra cooling system to suppress the noise.
  - 5~10 m of optic fibers leading to SiPM outside of the high radiation area



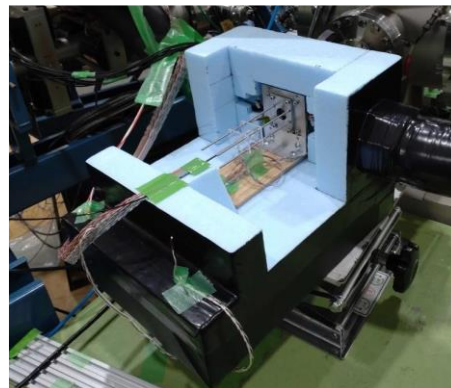
## Trigger pattern design



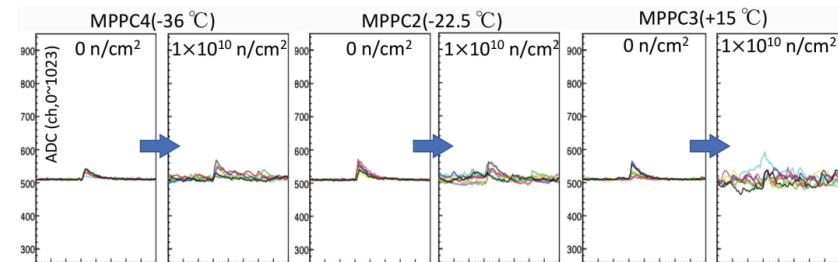
CTH prototype



Readout cooled by N2



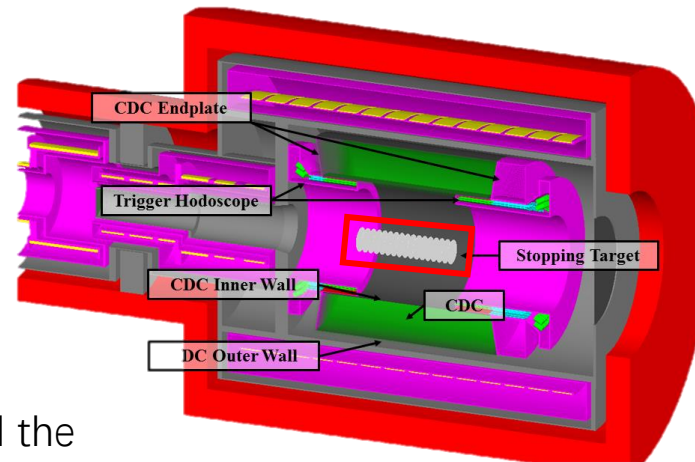
cooling and irradiation test last year:  
Successfully reduced the noise by cooling



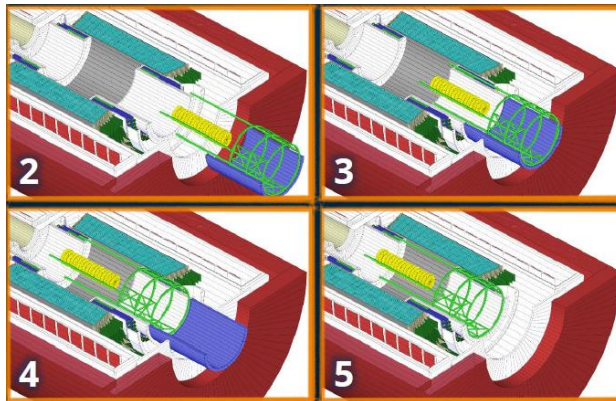
# CyDet: stopping target

The stopping target system is under optimization by the Dresden group.

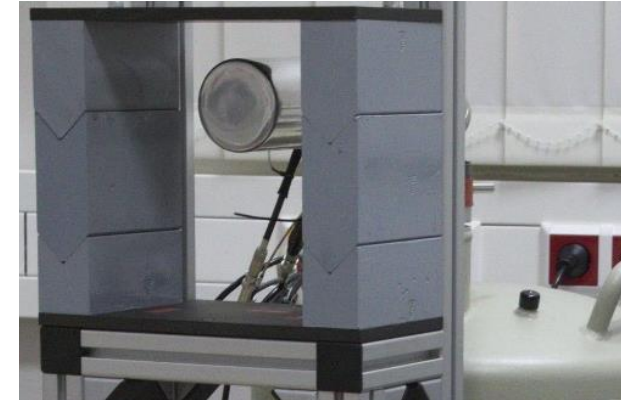
- Number of plates, thickness, etc.
- Prototypes including supporting system produced.



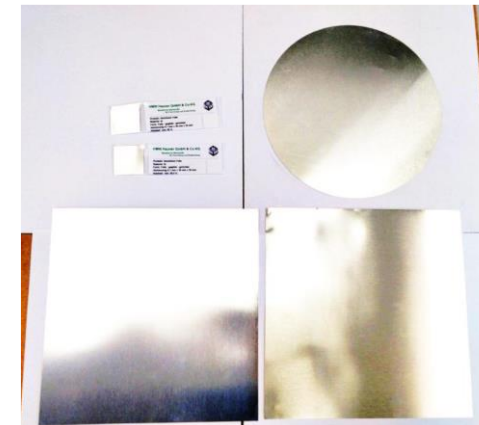
Procedure to install the target system designed.



HPGe detector (to calibrate # stopped muons) placed a few meters away from the target. Dresden group is optimizing the shielding design.



Ongoing tests to choose specific material



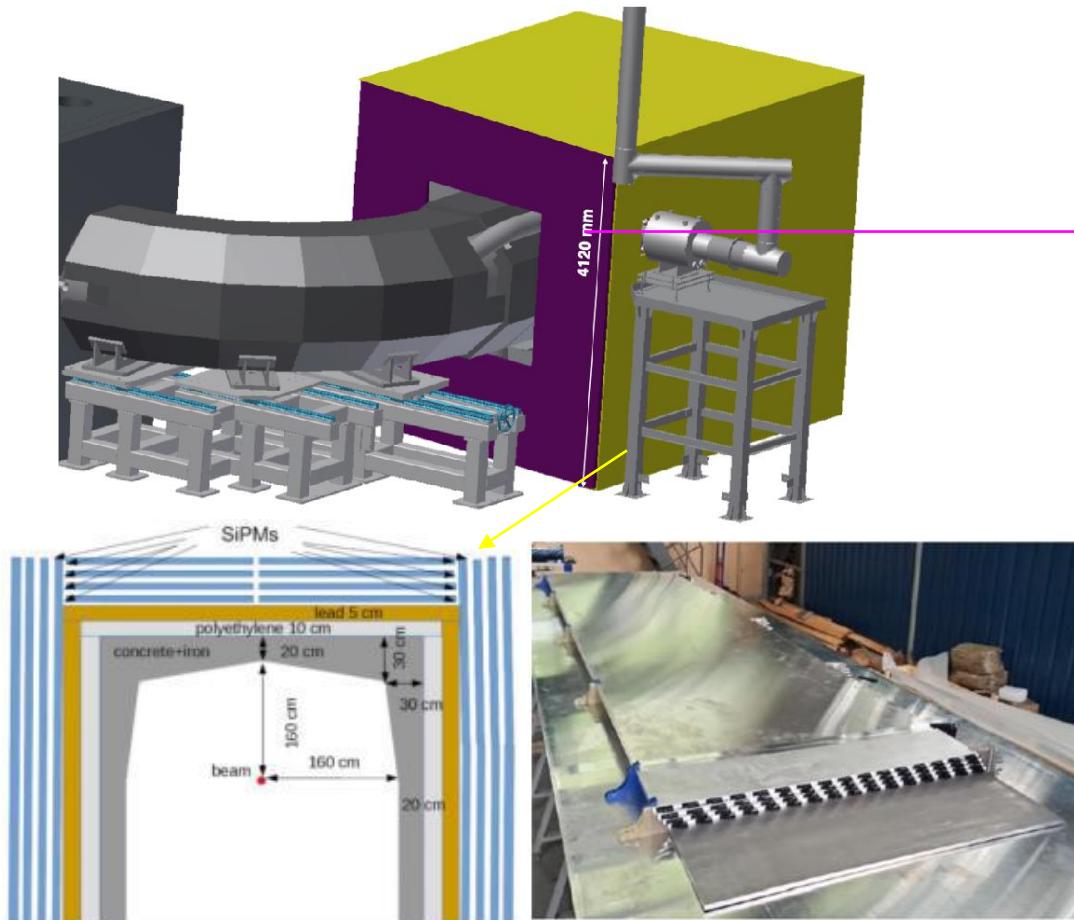
# Cosmic ray Veto (CRV)

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Design of COMET Phase-I CRV.

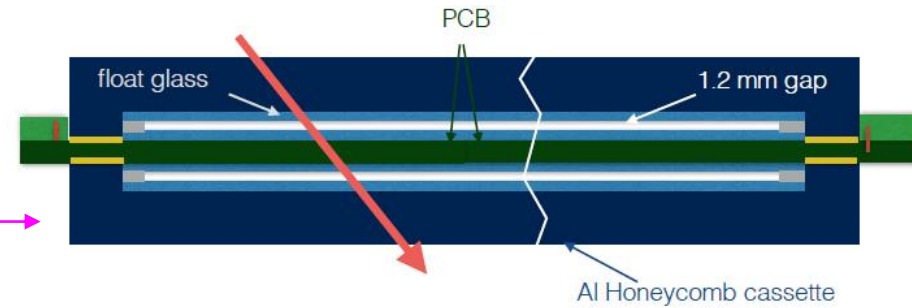
Yellow: plastic scintillators (4 layers)

Purple: GRPC detector

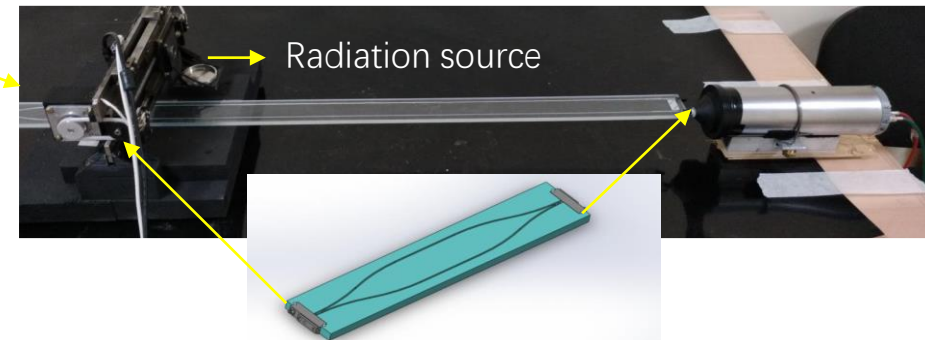


The GRPC design from Clemont.

- Unfortunately the study cannot be continued due to budget issue. Electronics will be contributed to an alternative plan. Other GRPC group? Use straw?



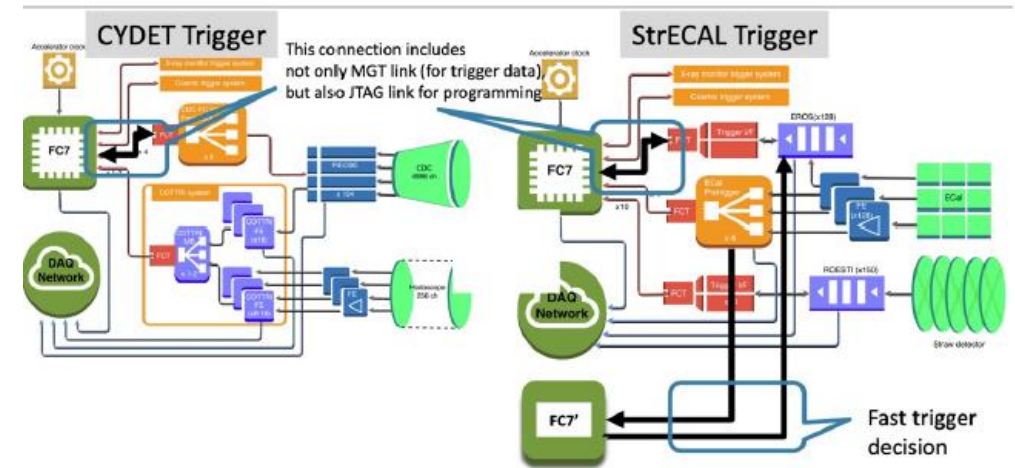
- Testing with radiation source using SiPM as readout.
  - Preliminary:  $\frac{3}{4}$  coincidence veto ratio  $\sim 99.86\%$



Full size modules produced: 16 strips \* 4 layers. Will be shipped to J-PARC soon for further studies.

# Trigger & DAQ system for COMET Phase-I

- High trigger rate (20-30 kHz) for DAQ
  - Mostly background hits
  - Beam electron, secondary from capture neutron/gamma
  - Online trigger suppress BG hits
- A configurable and flexible Trigger system
  - Central system based on commercial CERN product and a custom interface board
  - Ensuring commonality in interfacing with different systems.
- Online BG hit/event classification using charge and layer features
  - Trigger board implementation to the LUT of FPGA
  - Trigger rate reduced from 91 kHz to 13 kHz, 96% efficiency and  $3.2\mu\text{s}$  latency.



FC7 (CMS)



FCT



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# Monte Carlo study of COMET Phase-I

- The optimization of COMET Phase I is finished. Detailed performance is estimated with Monte Carlo studies. TDR was published in 2021.
  - Sensitivity:
    - Total acceptance of signal is 0.041
    - Can reach  $3 \times 10^{-15}$  SES in 150 days, 90% C.L. u.l.  $8 \times 10^{-15}$
  - Background:
    - With 99.99% CRV veto ratio, total expected background is 0.032
  - Trigger rate:
    - Average trigger rate  $\sim 10$ kHz (after trigger with drift chamber hits)

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 ( $\epsilon_{\text{mom}}$ )	0.93
Timing window ( $\epsilon_{\text{time}}$ )	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.041</b>

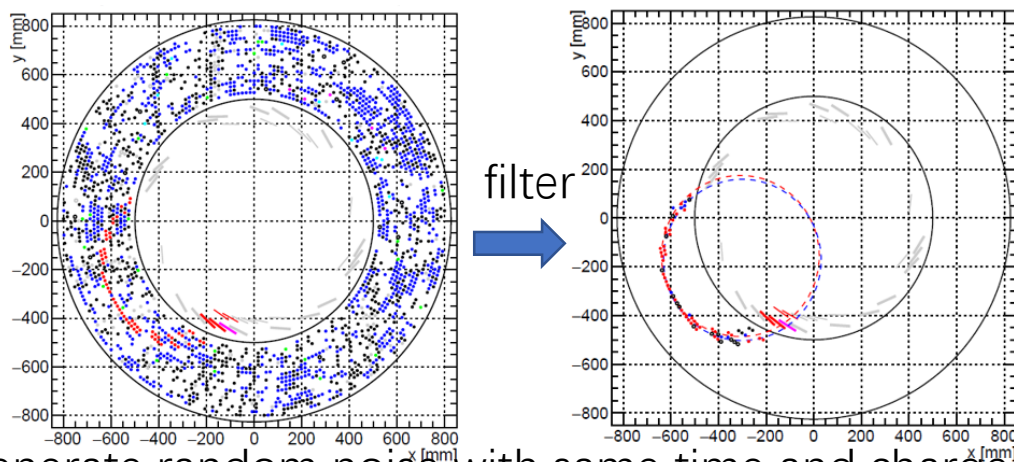
Type	Background	Estimated events
Physics	Muon decay in orbit	0.01
	Radiative muon capture	0.0019
	Neutron emission after muon capture	< 0.001
	Charged particle emission after muon capture	< 0.001
Prompt Beam	* Beam electrons	
	* Muon decay in flight	
	* Pion decay in flight	
	* Other beam particles	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

<sup>†</sup> This estimate is currently limited by computing resources.

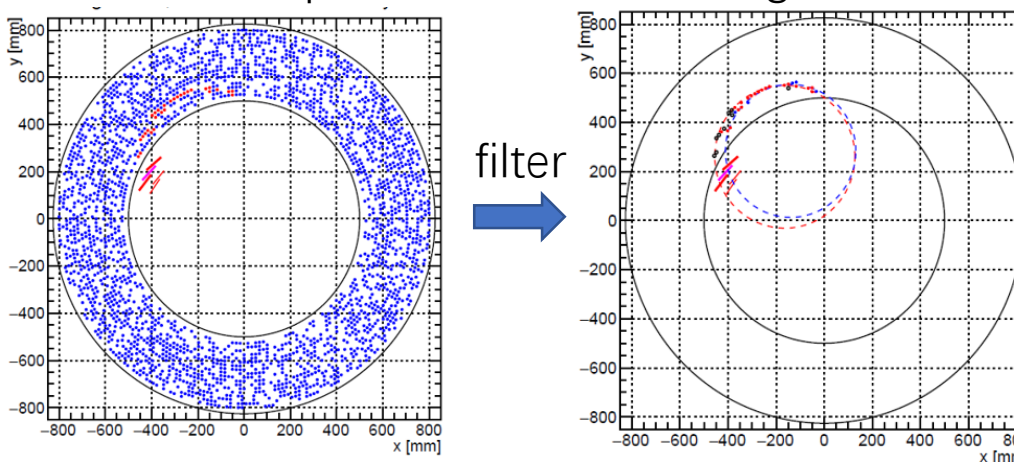
# Mock data challenge

Using Geant4 based beam simulation to study background hits distribution:  $\sim 300$  bunches generated.

Machine learning based filter algorithm tested:

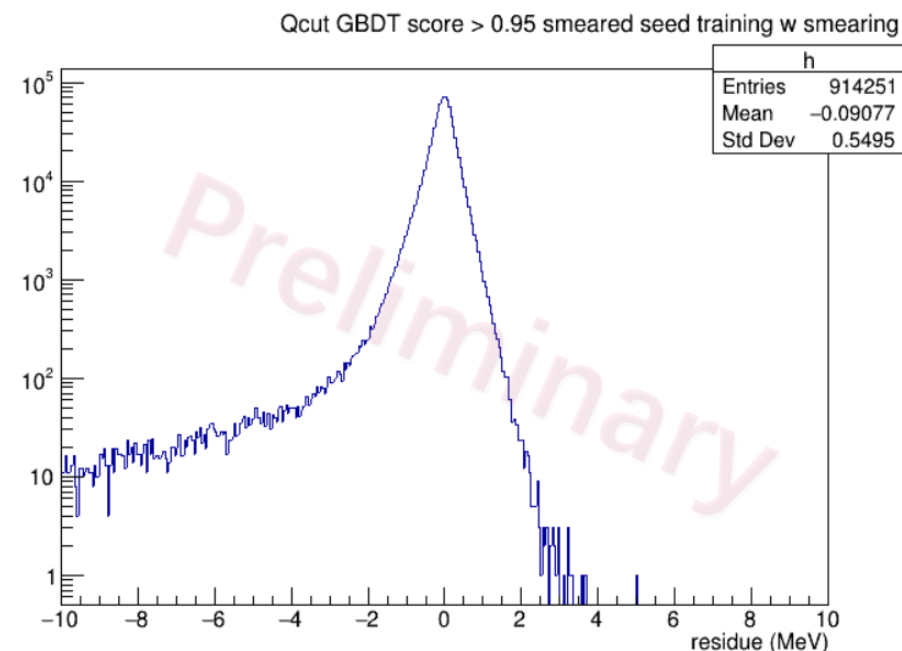


Generate random noise with same time and charge distribution, and provide similar challenge.



After generating random noise on top of 20M signal events from MC, we started the challenge in tracking

- Using machine learning for filter.
- Using Genfit2 for fitting
- Starting from single turn events
- After using Gradient Boosted Decision Tree (GBDT) to require the quality, satisfying resolution achieved





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Phase-alpha







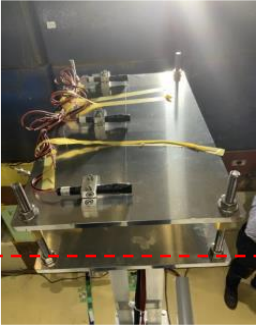
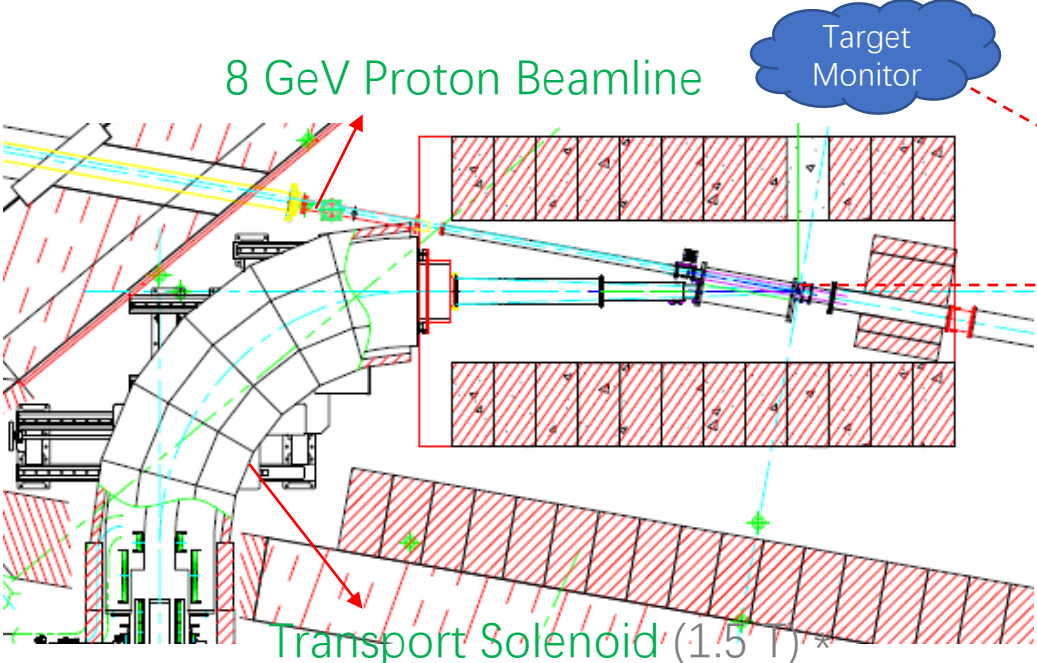
# COMET's Novel Muon Beamline

Complete the muon beamline with a thin graphite target and some vacuum ducts: **COMET Phase- $\alpha$**

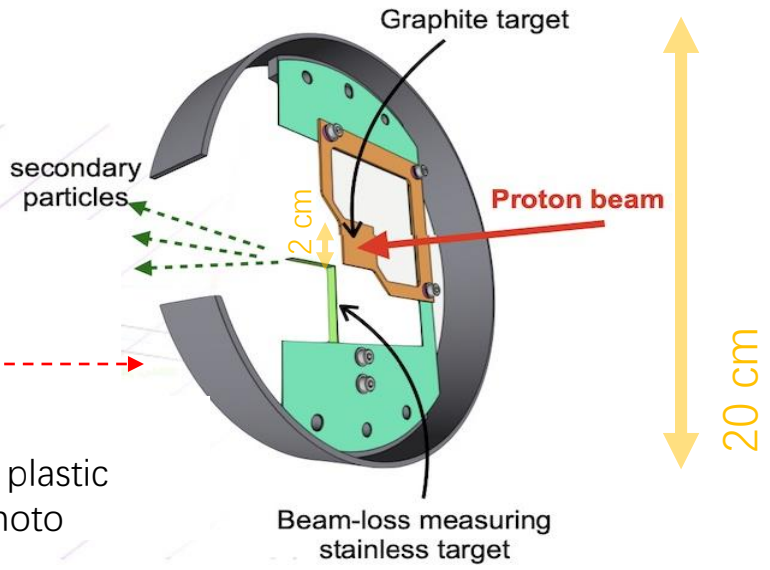
- Commissioning for both the proton beamline and the transport solenoid
- Study pion production process by 8 GeV protons on a graphite target.
- Study the performance of the transport solenoid.

Thin target system

- 2x2 cm<sup>2</sup>, 1.1 mm thick C/C composite pion production target
- Beam-loss measuring stainless target for beam profile measurement



Target monitor: 3 plastic scintillator with photo multipliers



\* Due to the concern with the force by Eddy current, extra support rods need to be mounted to operate at 3 T. 25

# COMET Phase- $\alpha$ Run Summary

## Commissioning Run (10th – 14th February)

- ✦ First proton beam commissioning succeeded.
- ✦ Tested the detectors, checked signal timings, and checked trigger logics.

## Measurement Run (~ a week in 3rd – 15th March)

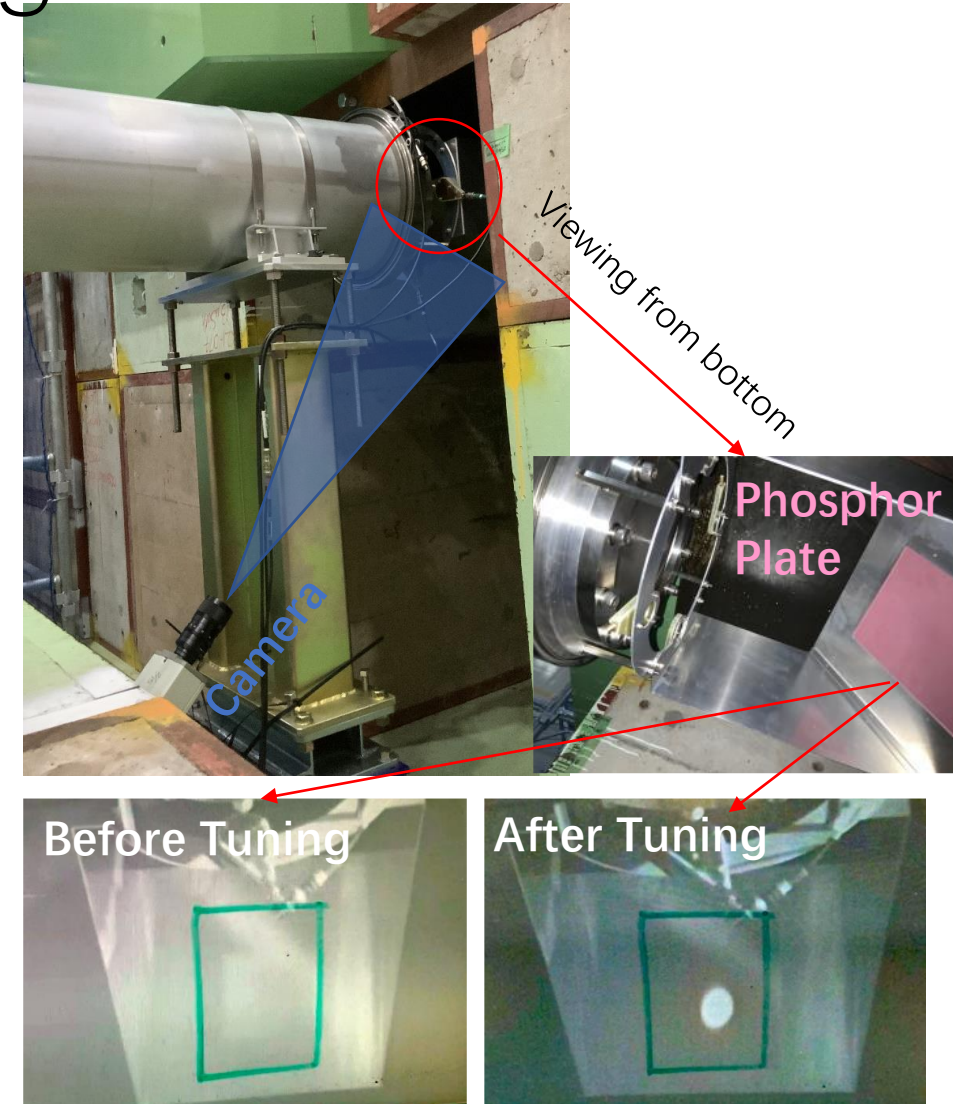
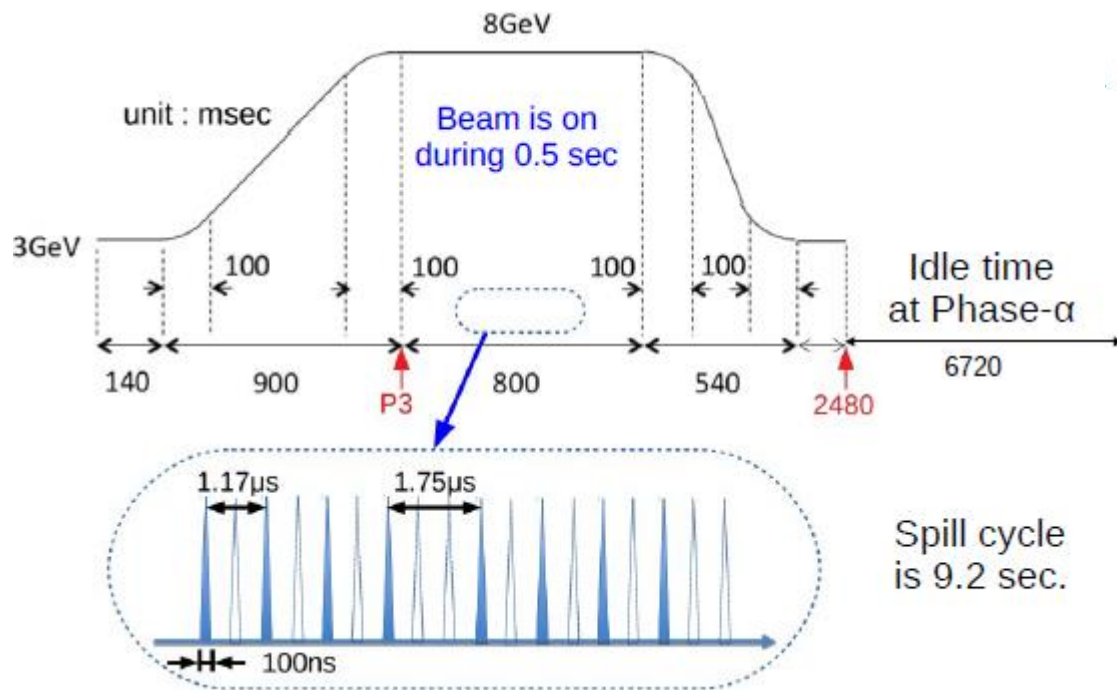
- ✦ **3rd – 4th: Principal check of beam muons**
  - ★ Checked if the **muon's copper-induced short lifetime disappears** w/o the copper absorber.
- ✦ **9th – 13th: Muon momentum spectrum measurement**
  - ★ **Changed the Range Counter's configuration.**
    - ❖ Degradер thicknesses to change the momentum range to measure
    - ❖ Range Counter's position to see the beam profile wider.
- ✦ **13th – 15th: Positive-charged beam measurement**
  - ★ **Inverted the dipole magnet's polarity**
  - ★ Took data for beam kinematics studies using positive pions and the beam-masking system.

Muon beam in the COMET experimental hall for the first time!



# Proton Beam Commissioning

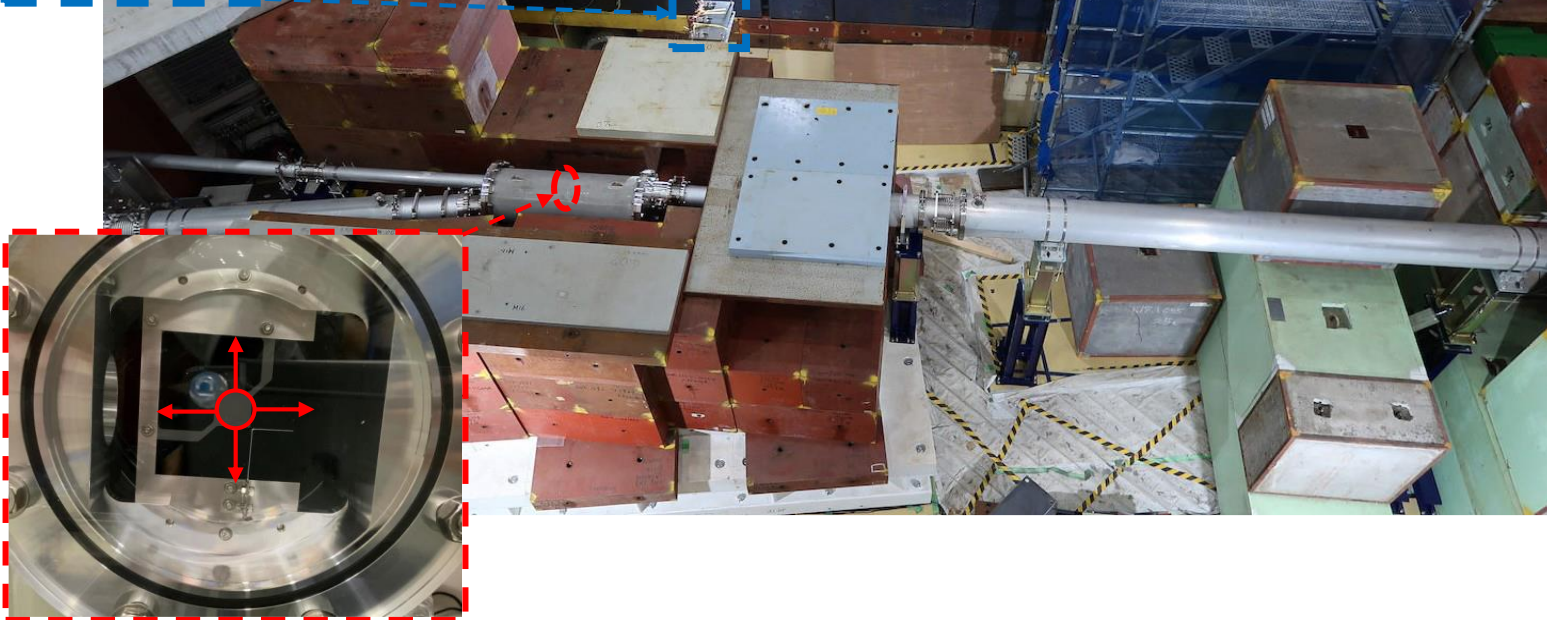
- Slow extraction with the COMET proton beamline (C-Line) was commissioned for the first time!
  - Same bunch filling structure as COMET Phase-I, but longer accelerator cycle
  - Lower beam power: 260 W (3.2 kW in Phase-I)



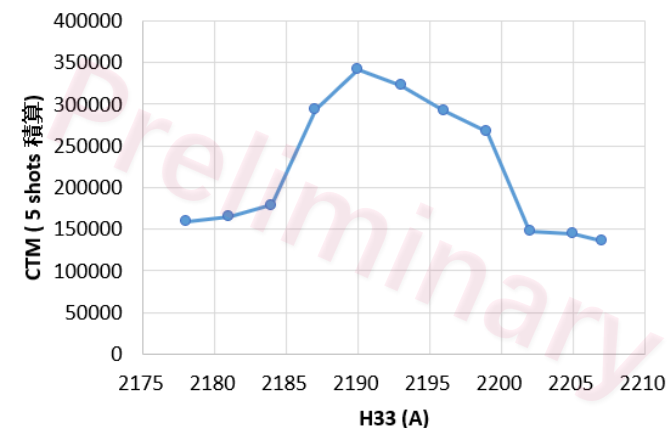


# Proton Beam Commissioning

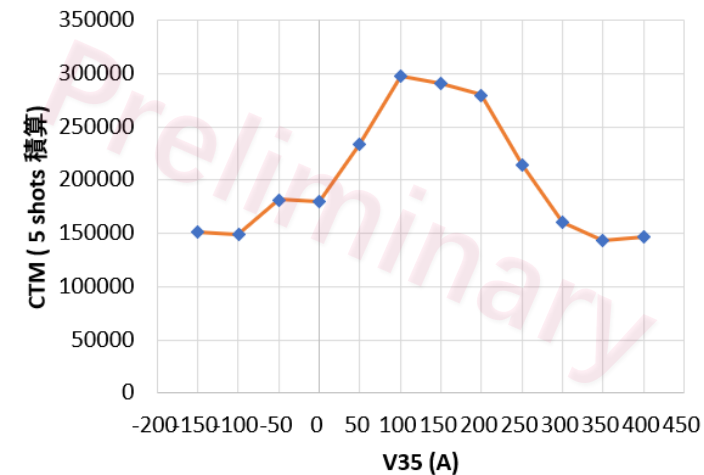
Sweeping bending magnet and measuring target monitor counts, center of the target was determined.



C targeting (horizontal)



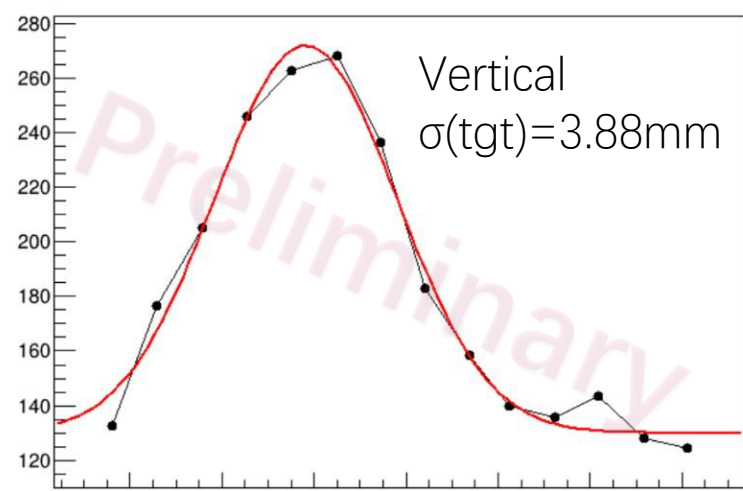
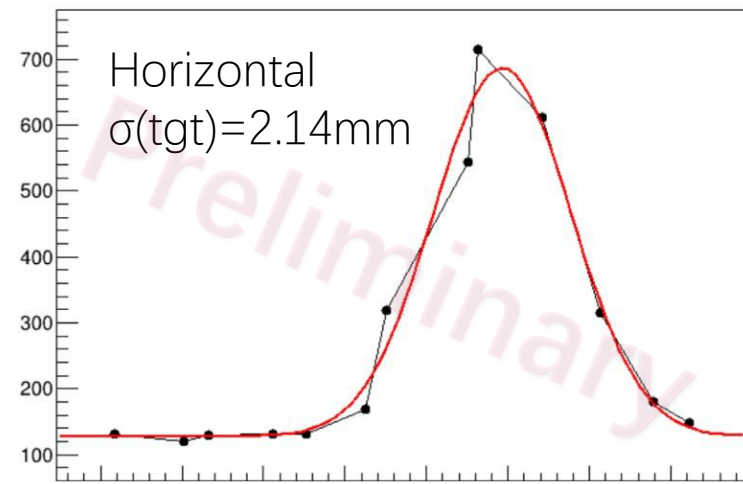
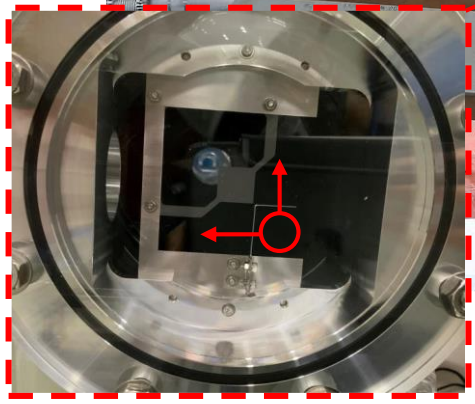
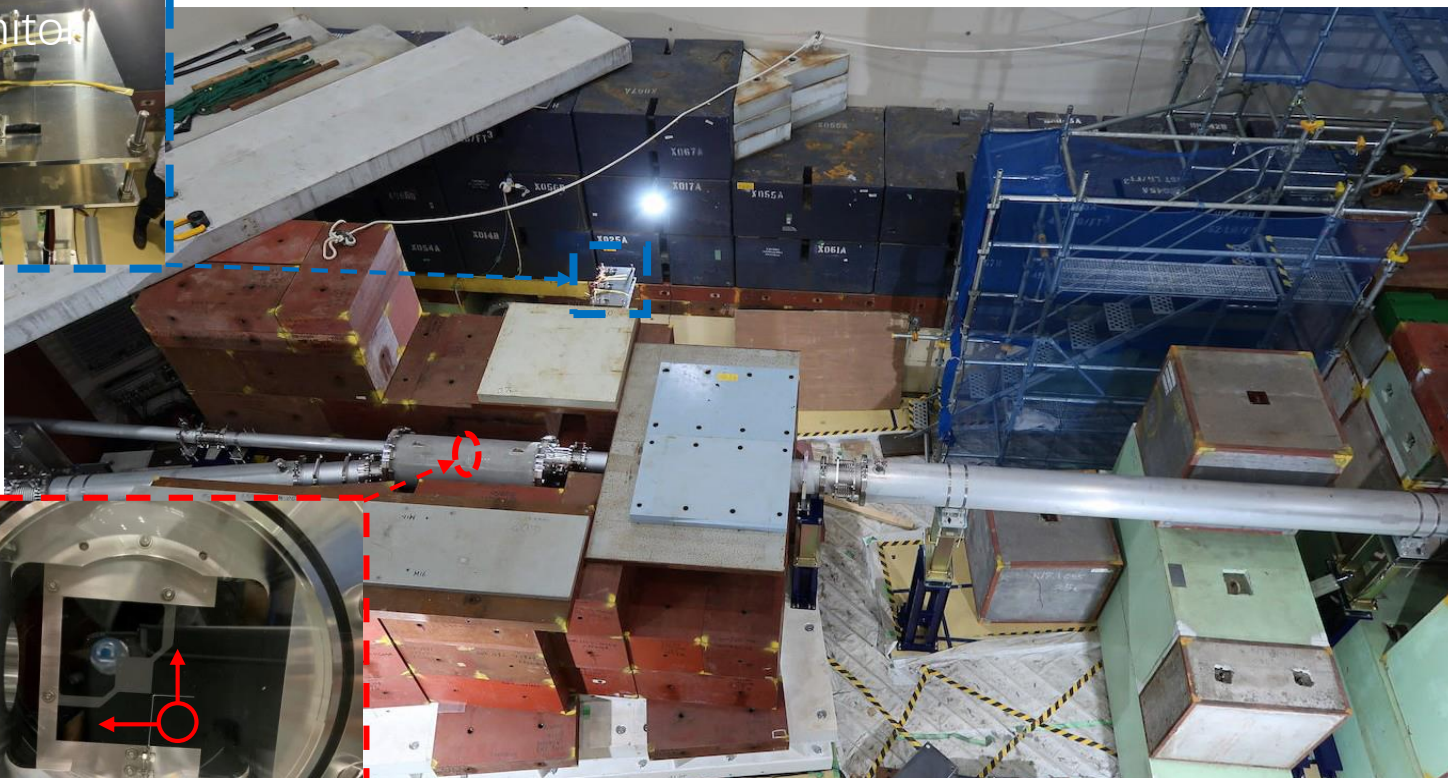
C targeting (vertical)





# Proton Beam Commissioning

Sweeping bending magnet and measuring target monitor counts, profile at the target was measured.



Measured beam dimensions

# Muon Beam Measurement

## Muon decay spectrum

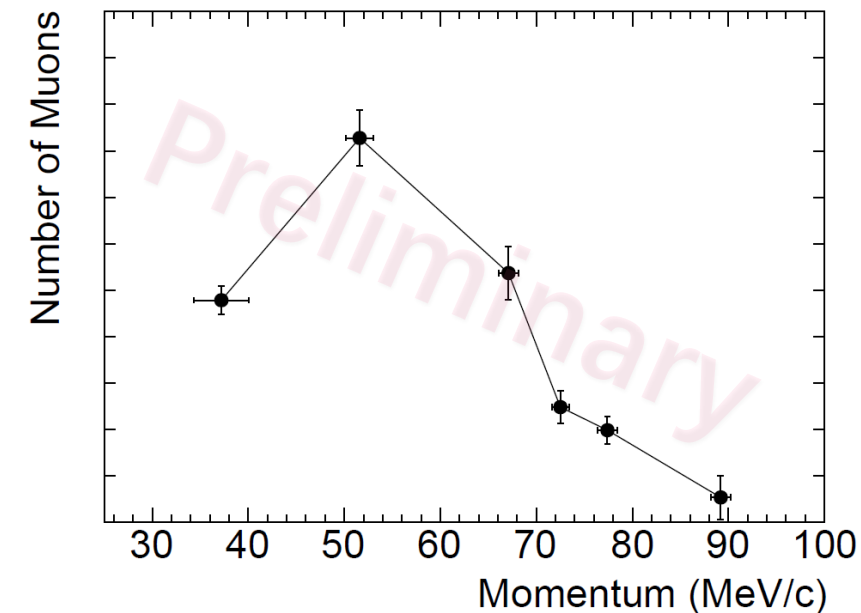
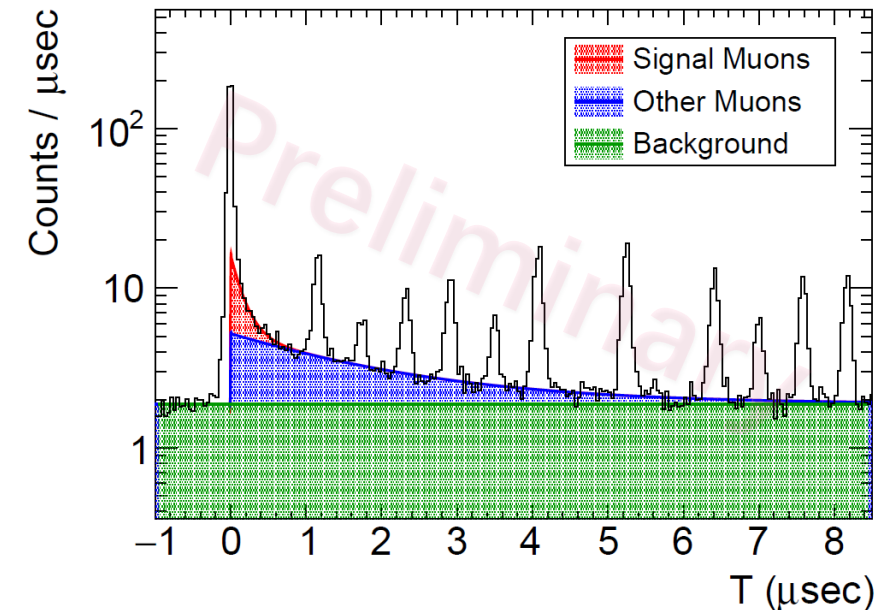
- The signal 'short' muon decay component was observed.
  - Negative muons transported via the 90°-curved Transport Solenoid!

## Muon momentum spectrum

- Reconstructed the number of negative muons stopped in the muon stopper from the fitted value.
  - Only statistical uncertainties plotted.
- The spectrum shape is close to our expectation from the design.

## Comparison with simulation

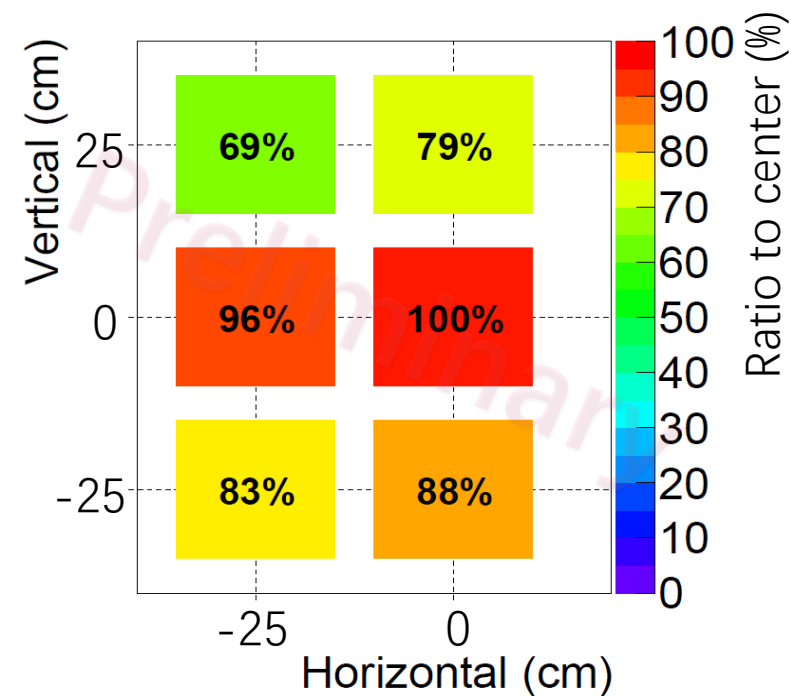
- These measurements contribute to our hadron production model studies.
  - The model reproducing the data will be chosen for simulation studies for Phase-I & -II.



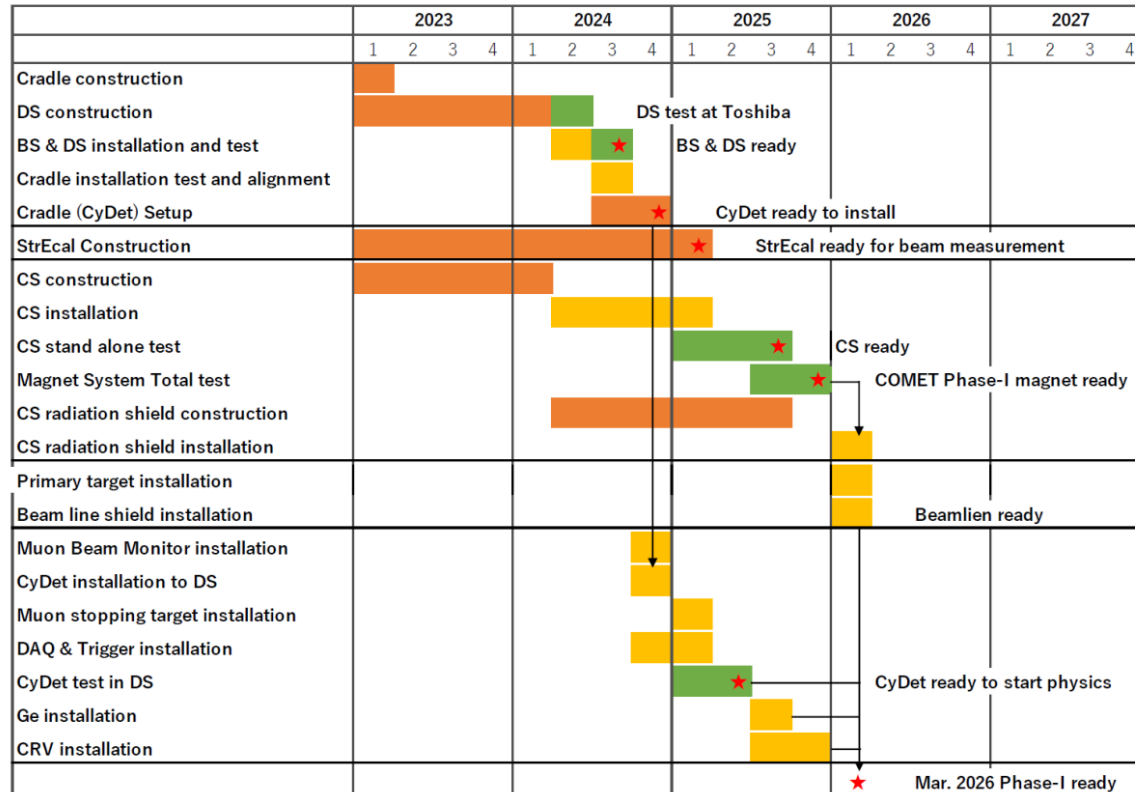
# Muon Beam Measurement

## Muon beam 2D profile

- Moved the Range Counter two-dimensionally by 25 cm step.
- Muons with a momentum of around 40 MeV/c were measured.
- Muons in this momentum range are expected to concentrate around the center in the vertical direction.



# Timeline for COMET



- COMET Phase-II will start construction afterward. MC studies are on the way, aiming to improve the sensitivity by x10,000 or even x100,000

	Phase-I	Phase-II	(Phase-II)+
proton beam	8 GeV, 3.2 kW	8 GeV, 56 kW	8 GeV, 56 kW
proton target	graphite	tungsten	tungsten
transport	90° bend	180° bend	180° bend
muons stop	$1.2 \times 10^9/s$	$1 \times 10^{18}$	$2 \times 10^{11}/s$
run time	150 days	200 days	300 days
detector	CyDet	StrECAL	StrECAL
90% CL	$< 7 \times 10^{-15}$	$< 4.6 \times 10^{-17}$	$< 7 \times 10^{-18}$
backgrounds	0.03 events	0.32 events	0.6 events

- Mu2e Updates since then
  - Mu2e run1: 2026, 6 months, x1,000 improvement
  - Mu2e run2: 2029~2033, x10,000 improvement
  - Mu2e-II: somewhere after 2030, x100,000 improvement.





# Summary

- COMET is an experiment at J-PARC searching for muon to electron process.
  - Aims at single event sensitivity (S.E.S) =  $2.6 \times 10^{-17}$  (4 orders of magnitude improvement) with 1 year beam time using 56 kW 8 GeV proton beam.
  - With the same beam power, **10** times better sensitivity ( $\mathcal{O}(10^{-18})$ ) is likely and optimization is about to be finalized.
- COMET will be carried out in two phases and Phase-I is under construction.
  - Aims at S.E.S =  $3 \times 10^{-15}$  (2 orders of magnitude improvement) with 150 days beam time using 3.2 kW 8 GeV proton beam.
  - Will directly measure the muon beam.
- COMET Phase- $\alpha$  carried out in February and March
  - Proton beam was successfully extracted into the COMET beam hall.
  - Achieved the first observation of beam particles (muons) successfully transported via a 90°-curved Muon Transport Solenoid.
  - Expected muon momentum spectrum and beam profile were observed.
- COMET Phase-I is expecting its beamtime in 2026
  - COMET Phase-II's construction will follow afterward

# Thank You!

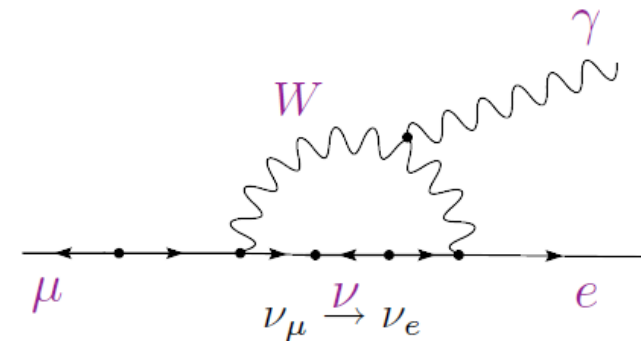


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# Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV)

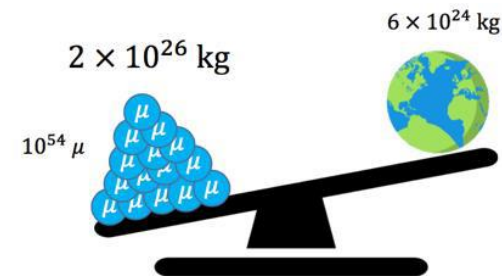
- Since 1940s,  $\mu$  started to be considered as a heavy version of electron. The quest of CLFV started from searching for  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ .
  - The null result led to the concept of flavor conservation.
- Neutrino oscillations demonstrates that neutrinos are massive, and lepton flavor conservation is violated (PMNS matrix).
- However, CLFV is still practically forbidden in SM+ $m_\nu$  due to GIM
  - 40 orders of magnitude lower than current limit: Clean field to search for new physics!

Highly suppressed in SM+ $m_\nu$  by GIM due to the smallness of  $m_\nu$



$$\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=2,3} U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{\Delta m_{i1}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 \sim 10^{-54}$$

S.T. Petcov, Sov.J. Nucl. Phys. 25 (1977) 340

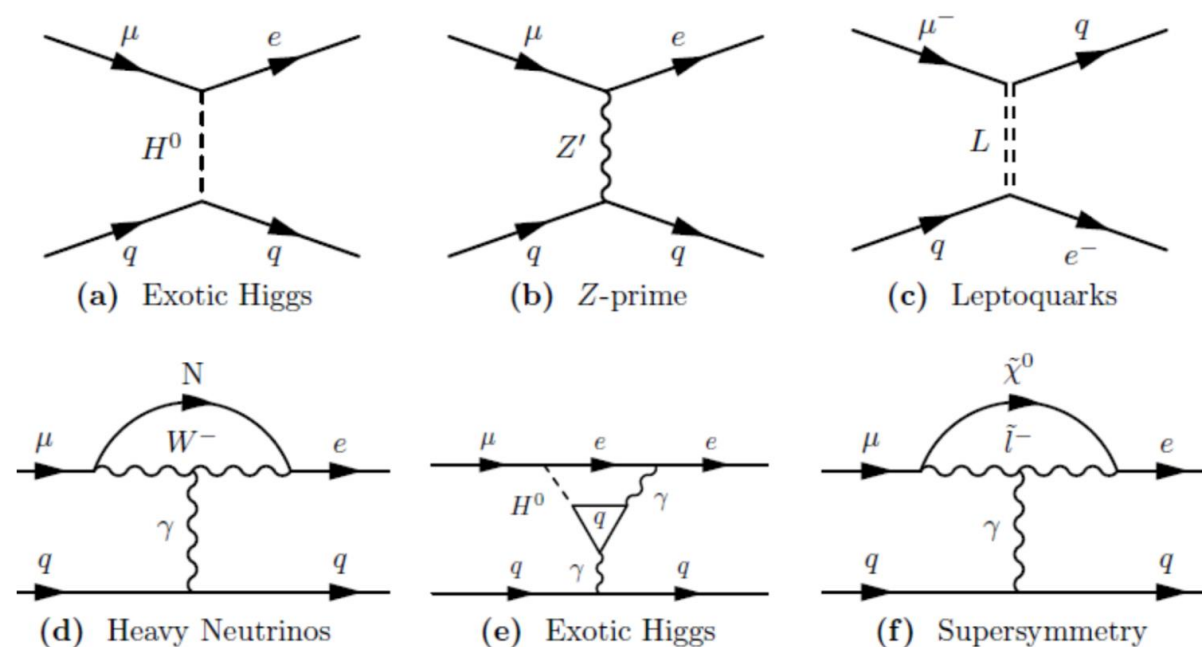


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# Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV)

- Neutrino mass requires new physics: scale is unknown.
- There is no fundamental law to prevent CLFV.
  - Naturally exists in new physics
- CLFV is closely related to important questions:
  - neutrino mass origin, baryogenesis, flavor origin...
- Hints from anomalies:  $g-2$ , LFU

CLFV Widely predicted in NP models



# Model independent approach: EFT

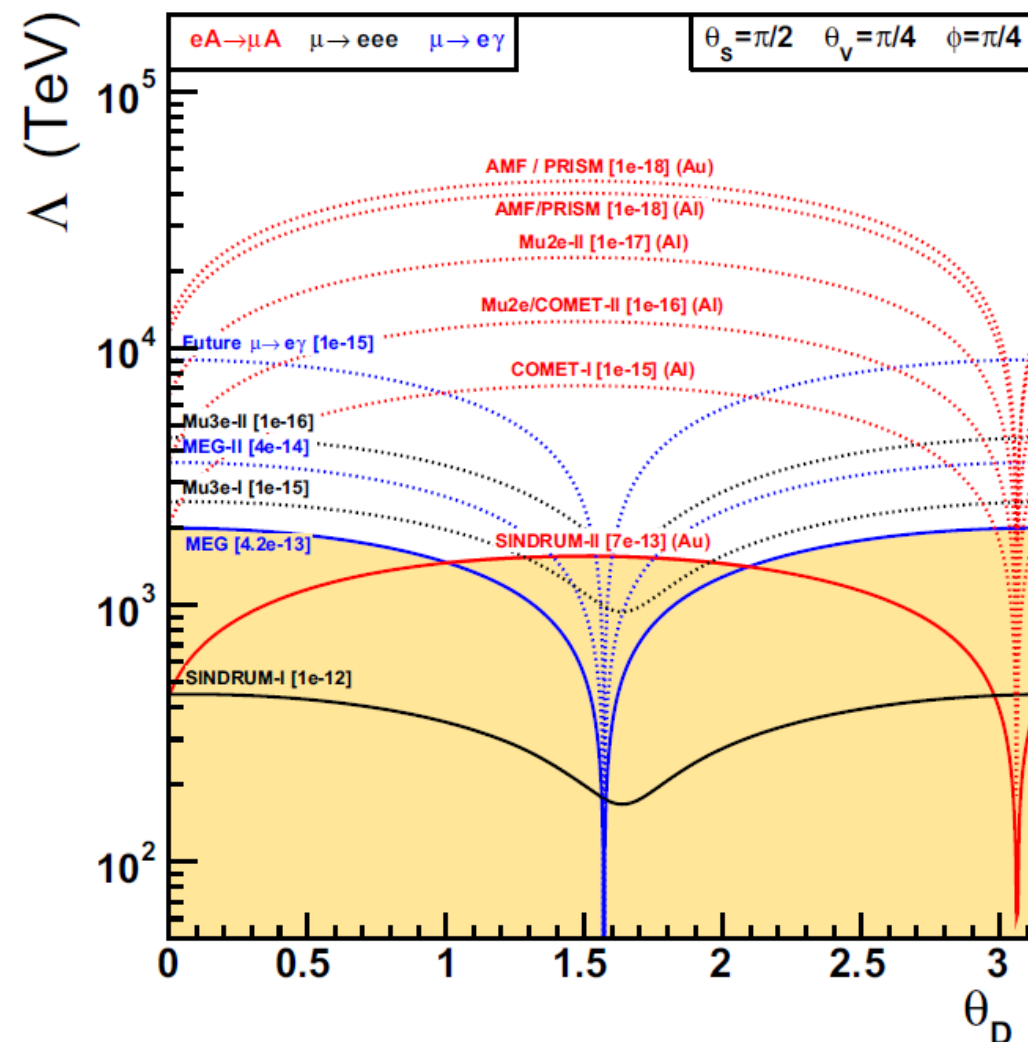
- Extend SM in effective field theory with higher dimension operators:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{C_{ij}^{4+n}}{\Lambda^n} \mathcal{O}^{4+n}$$

- CLFV can be introduced from dim-6:

$$Br \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^4}$$

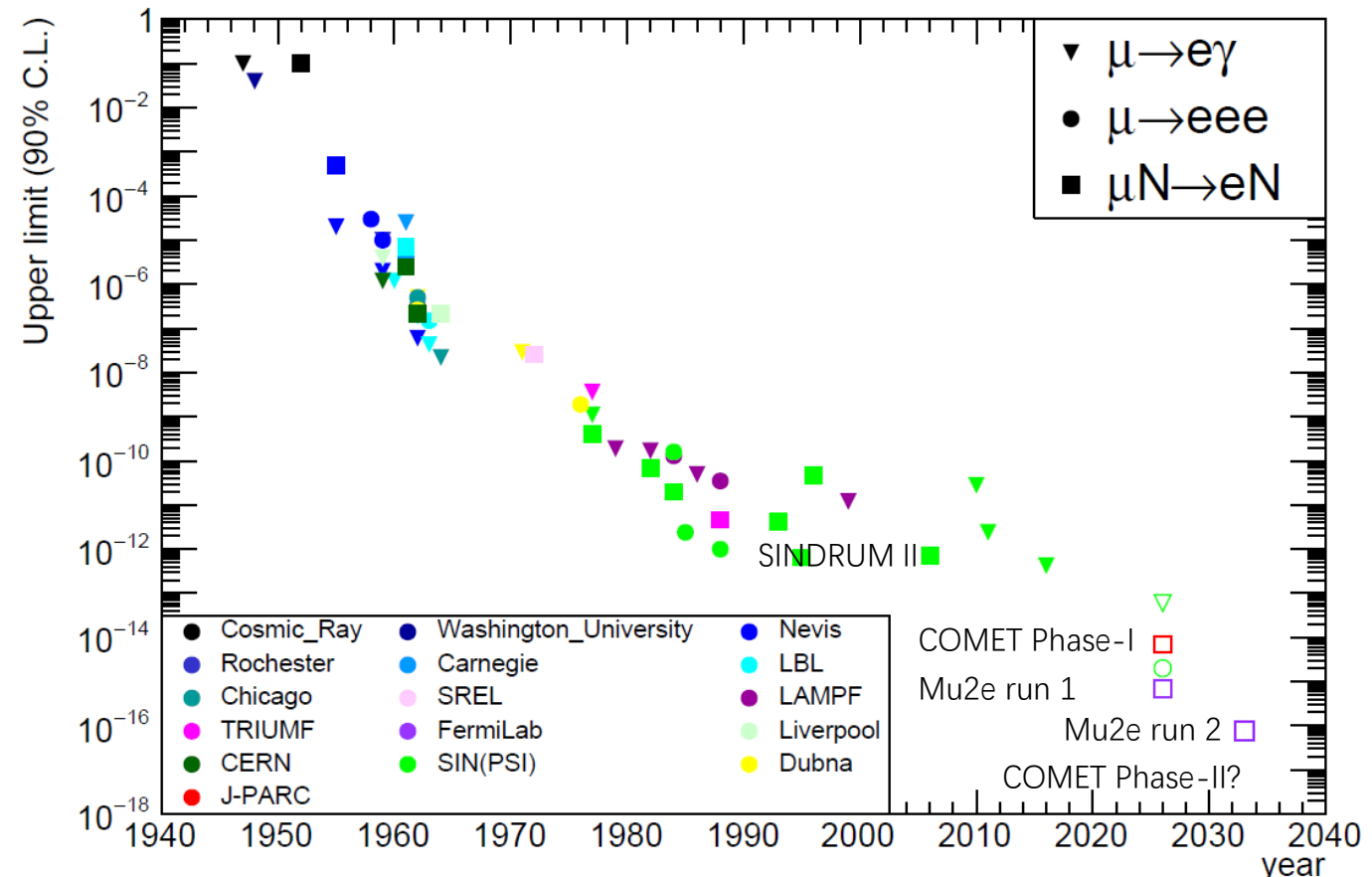
- $\Lambda$  can reach  $\mathcal{O}(10^3 \sim 10^4)$  TeV!
  - Good complementation to direct searches for new physics.



$\theta_D$  parameterizes the relative magnitude of dipole and four-fermion coefficients

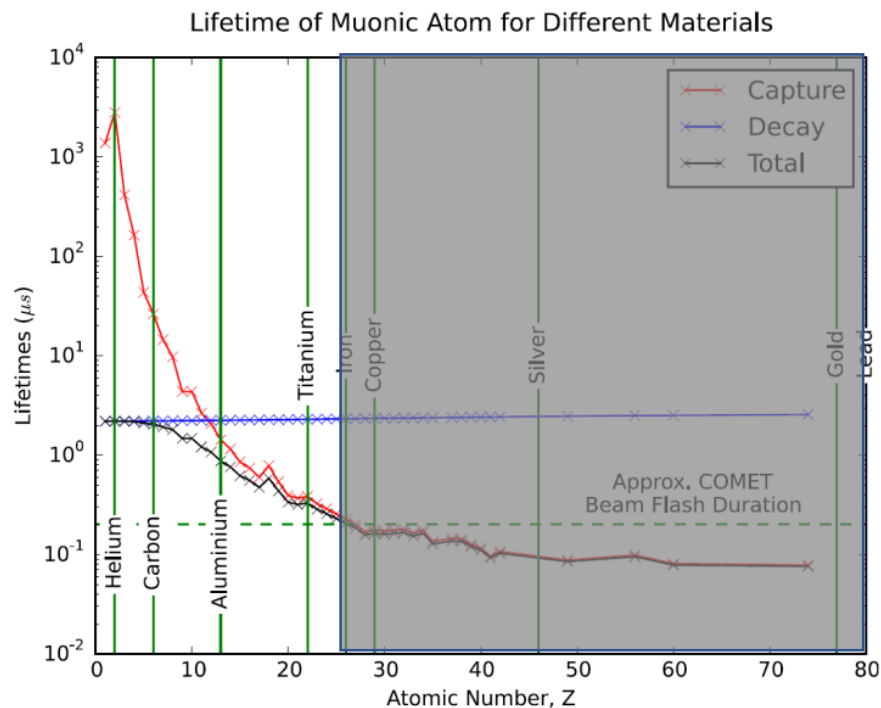
# History of CLFV experiments

- In the near future
  - Already data taking: MEG-II
  - Under construction: COMET Phase-I, Mu2e, Mu3e
- In the far future
  - PSI muon facility upgrade plan (HiMB) will make Mu3e Phase-II and next stage  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  possible to improve by x10.
  - COMET Phase-II and Mu2e-II are seeking to be approved: aiming at  $10^{-18}$ , an improvement by x10.
  - In the far future, AMF/PRISM may bring the sensitivity to  $< 10^{-19}$

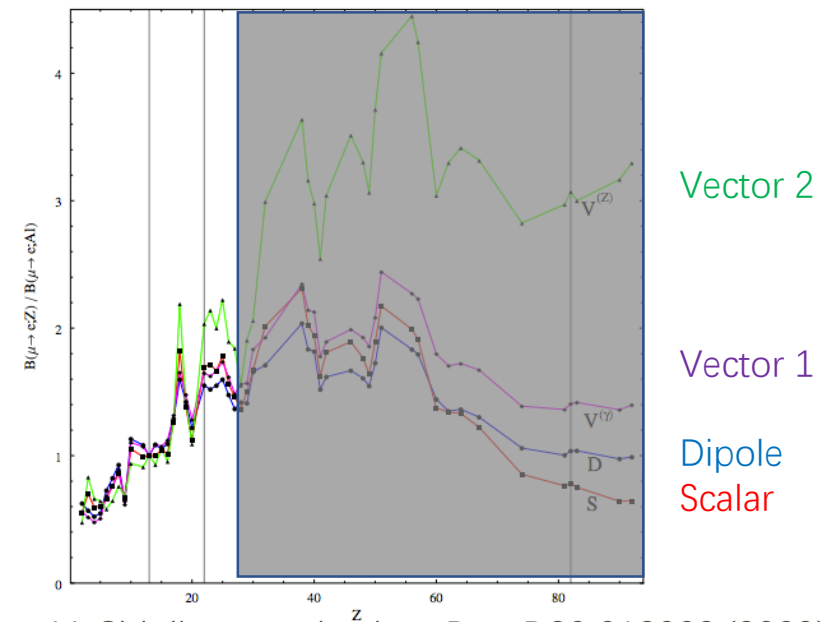


# Trade off in Lobashev scheme can be recovered in PRISM scheme

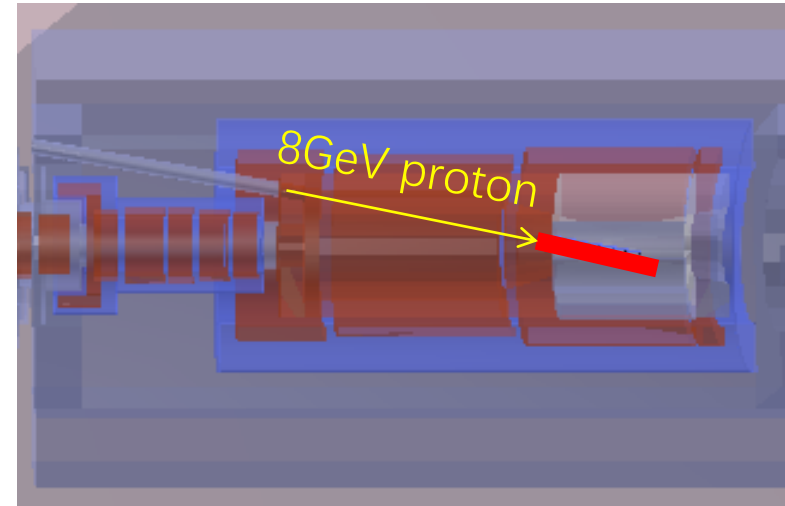
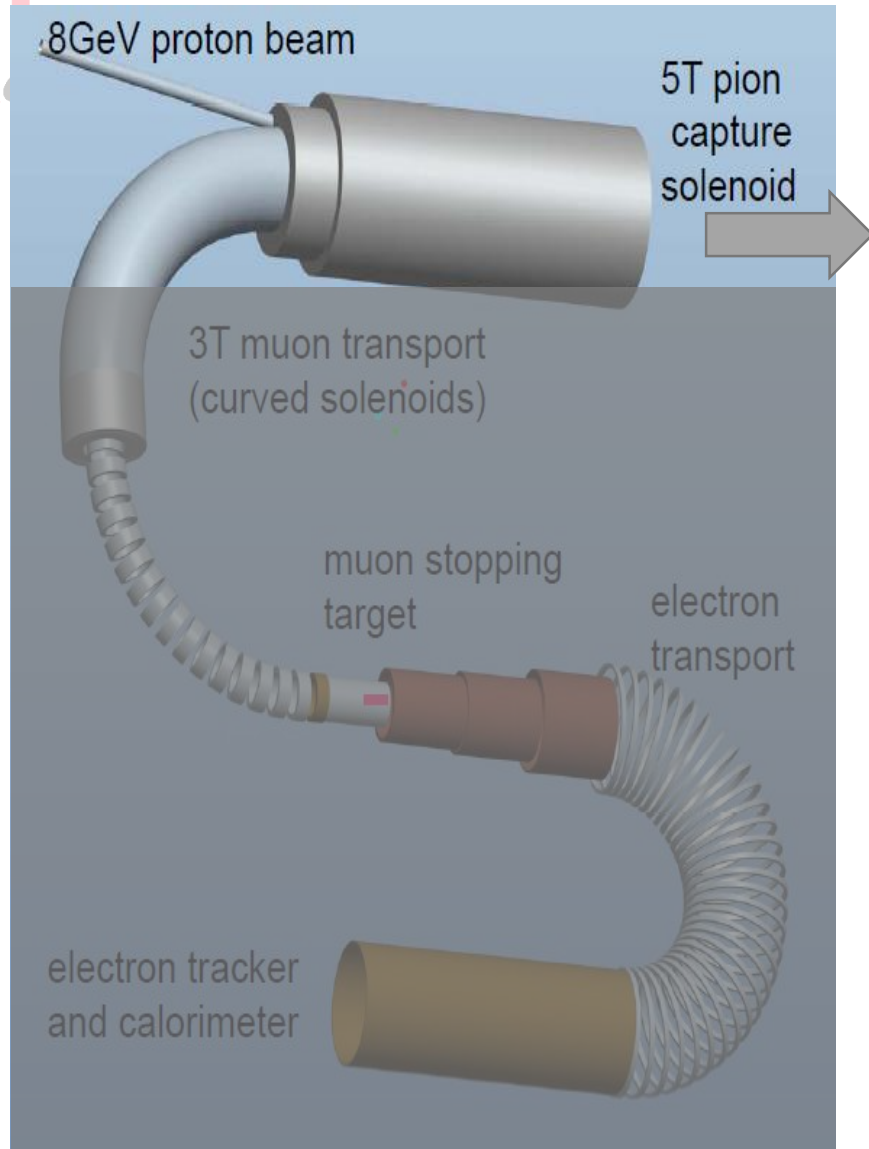
- In high-Z target, muons immediately got absorbed by the nuclear
  - The muonic atom's lifetime can be shorter than the beam flash duration itself.
  - There is no way to wait for the beam flash to vanish...
- High-Z target is of particular interests:
  - Higher capture ratio means larger Cr and smaller DIO background.
  - Z scanning can tell apart new physics model.



Area in gray:  
Impossible  
in Lobashev's  
scheme, but  
possible in  
PRISM



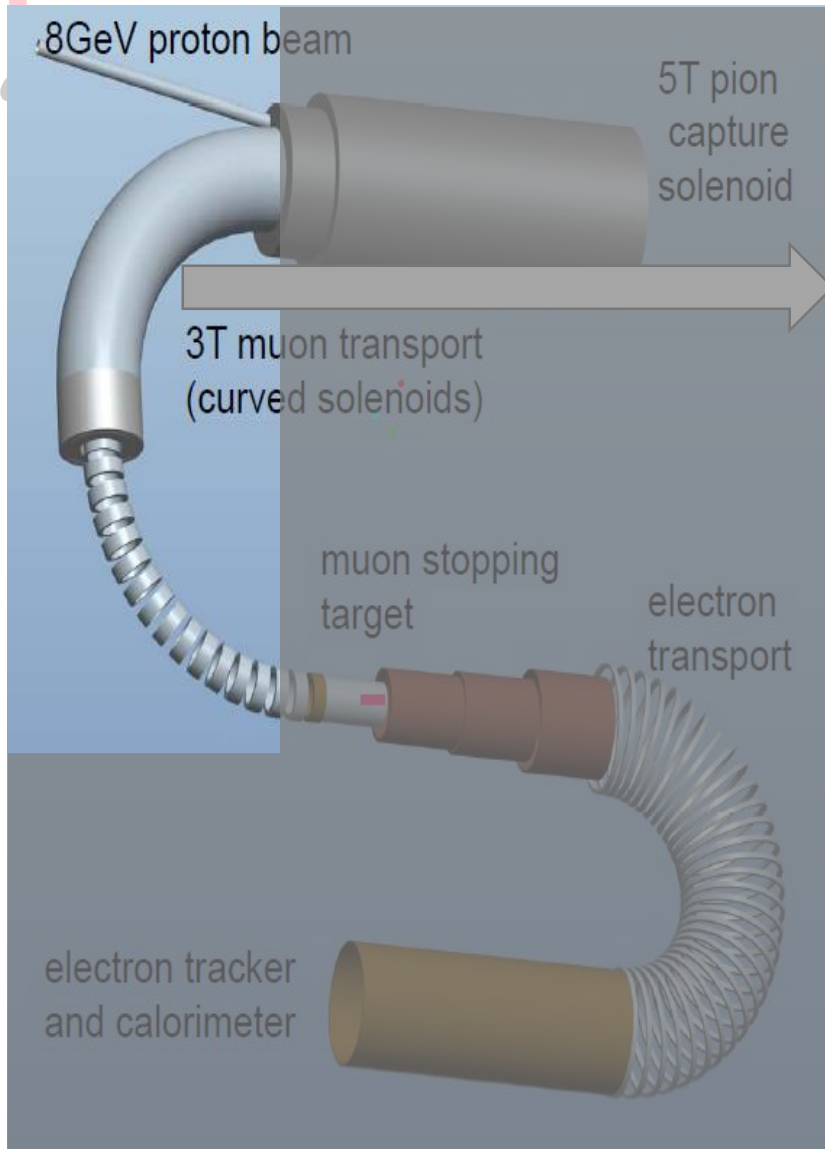
# Production target and the capture magnet



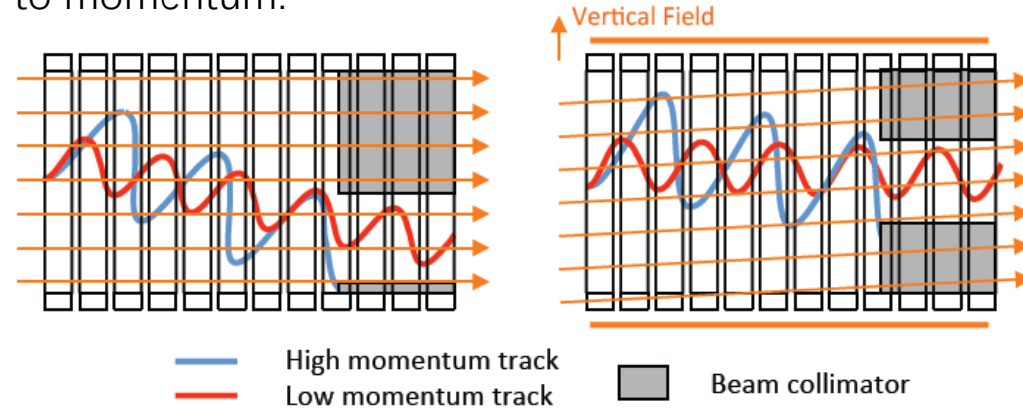
- 8 GeV 56 kW proton beam
- Thick target with **1~2 hadron interaction length**
- Powerful capture magnet: **5 T**
  - Large inner bore to fit in the shielding
  - **Adiabatic decreasing** field: focusing and mirroring
- Expected muon yield:  **$10^{11}$  muon/sec!** ( $10^8$  @ PSI)



# Transportation solenoid

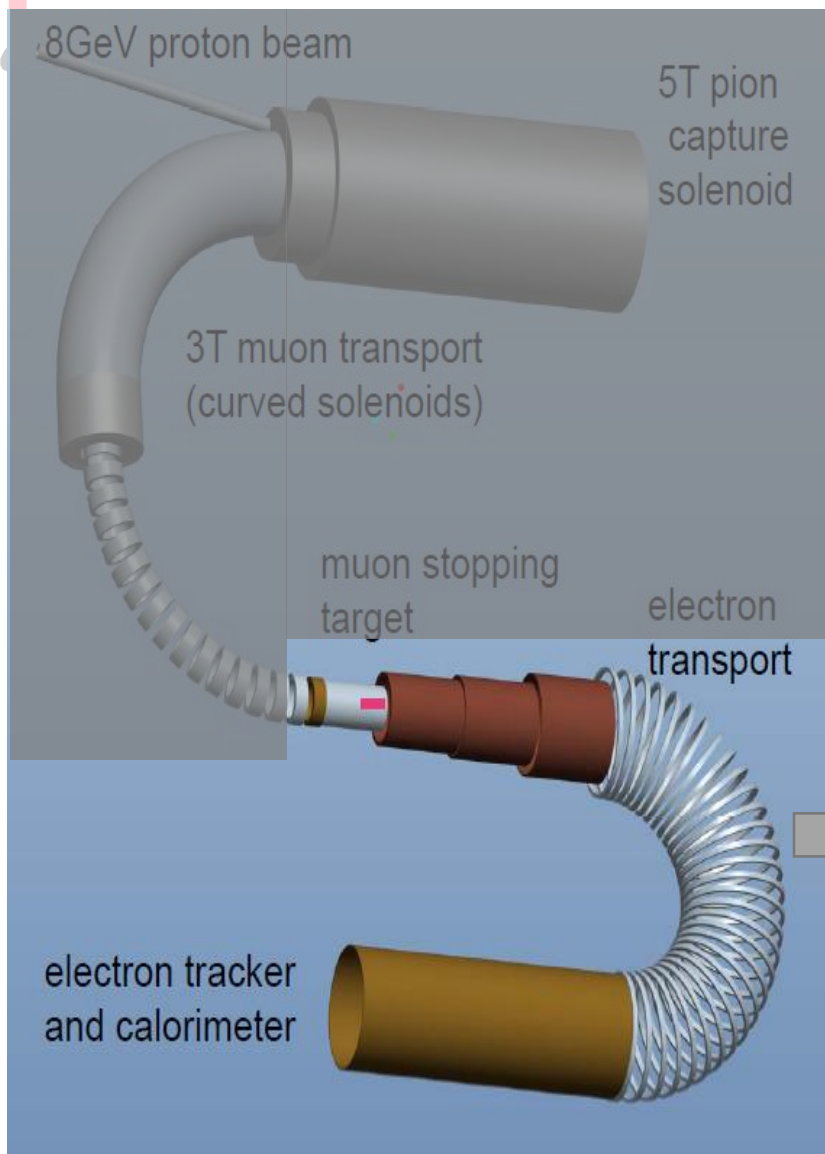


Drift vertically, proportional to momentum. Vertical field as "correction"

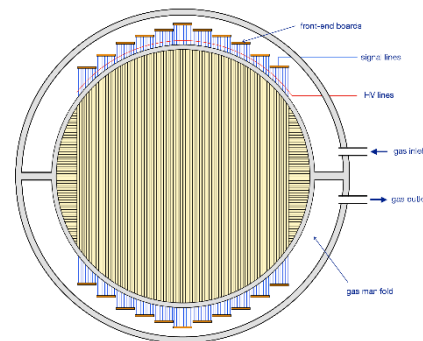


- Use **C shape** curved solenoid
  - Beam gradually disperses
    - Charge & momentum
  - **Dipole field** to pull back muon beam
    - Can be used to tune the beam
- Collimator placed in the end
  - Utilize the dispersion in **180** degrees

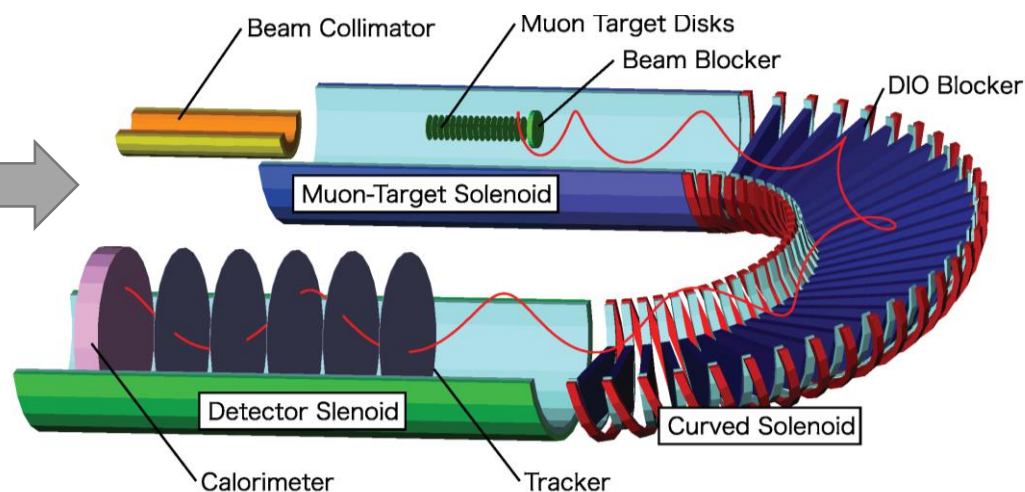
# Stopping target and detector system



- Use **straw tracker** to measure the momentum
  - Really light: put in vacuum, 12 micro meter thin straw



- Electromagnetic calorimeter**
  - Providing trigger, TOF and PID





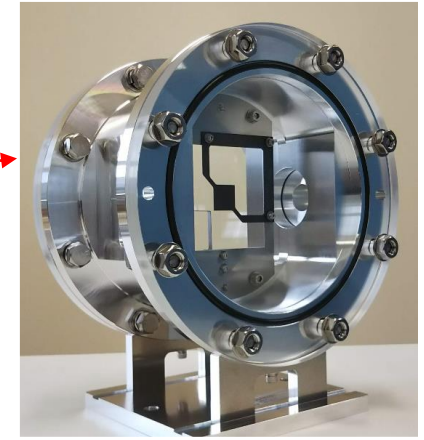
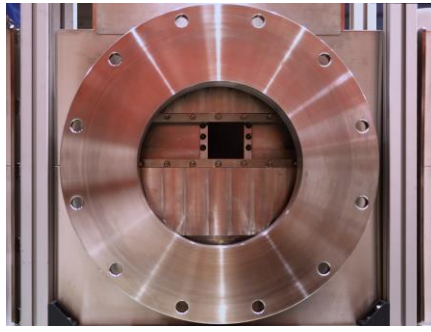
# The Construction of the Moun Beamline

Covered with shielding blocks



The movable slits in the beam-masking system.

2×2 cm<sup>2</sup>, 1.1 mm thick C/C composite pion production target put inside the vacuum chamber.



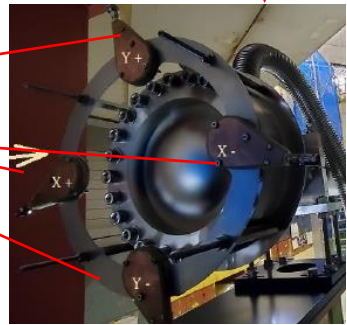
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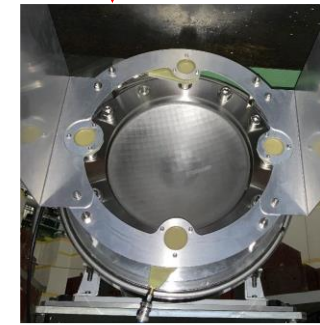
Vacuum ducts mounted with 3-D printed vacuum windows.



Proton Beam Monitor



4 @ Pre-target



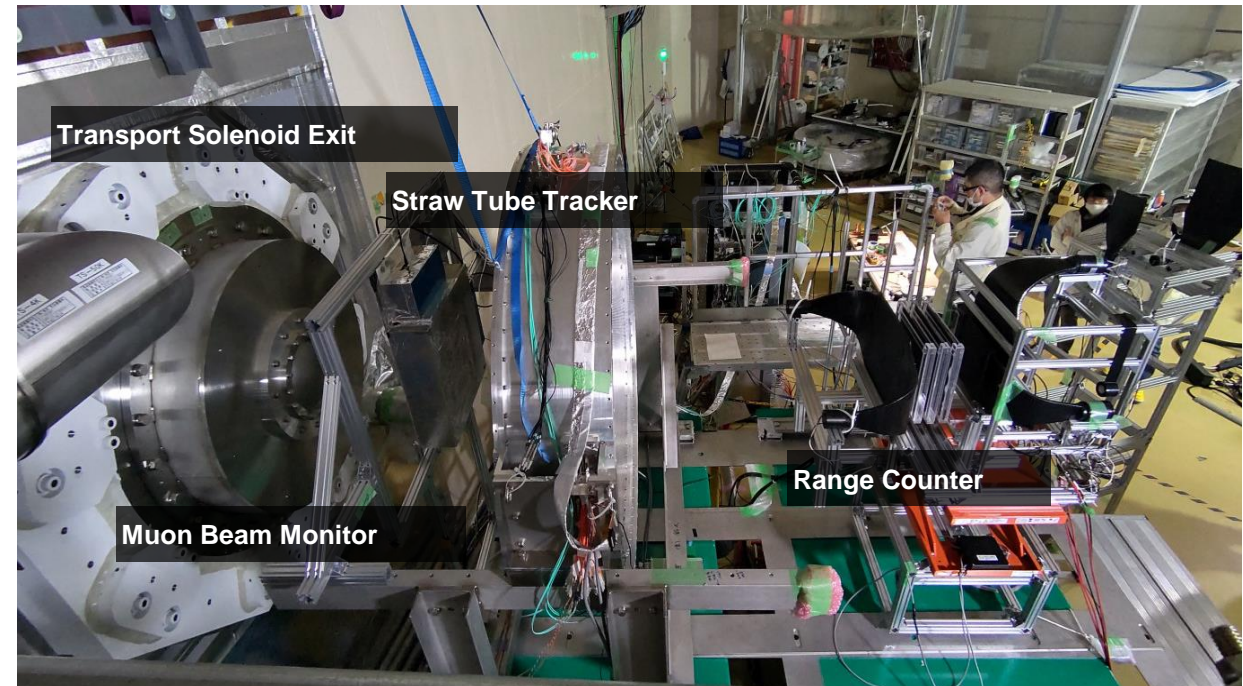
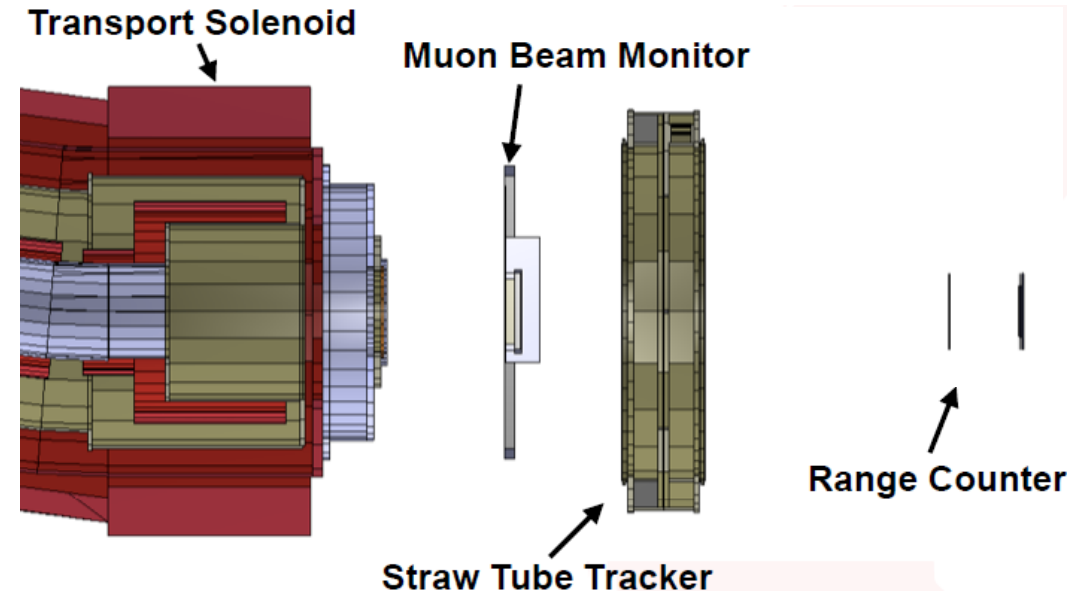
4 @ Post-target



Target monitor: 3 plastic scintillator with photo multipliers

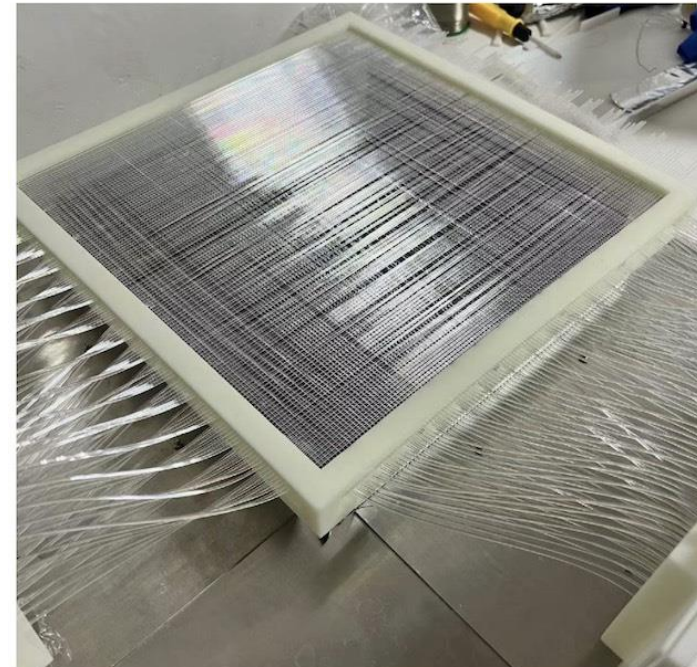
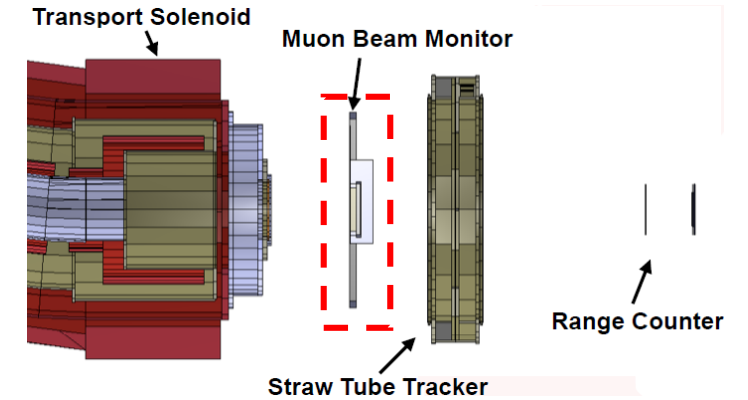
# COMET $\mu$ e Muon Beam Detectors

- Muon Beam Monitor
  - Position measurement
- Straw Tube Tracker
  - Position & direction measurement
- Range Counter.
  - For momentum reconstruction and muon identification
  - Also generates trigger signals
- DAQ
  - Based on the MIDAS DAQ framework, officially adopted by COMET.



# COMET $\mu$ e Muon Beam Monitor

- Scintillator fiber hodoscope
  - 1 mm<sup>2</sup> plastic scintillating fibers, readout by SiPMs.
  - 30×30 cm<sup>2</sup> area holds 2D-aligned 128+128 fibers.
- A multi-channel input electronics was developed.
  - ~3 nsec time resolution.
  - Good hit rate tolerance and capability for the experiment.



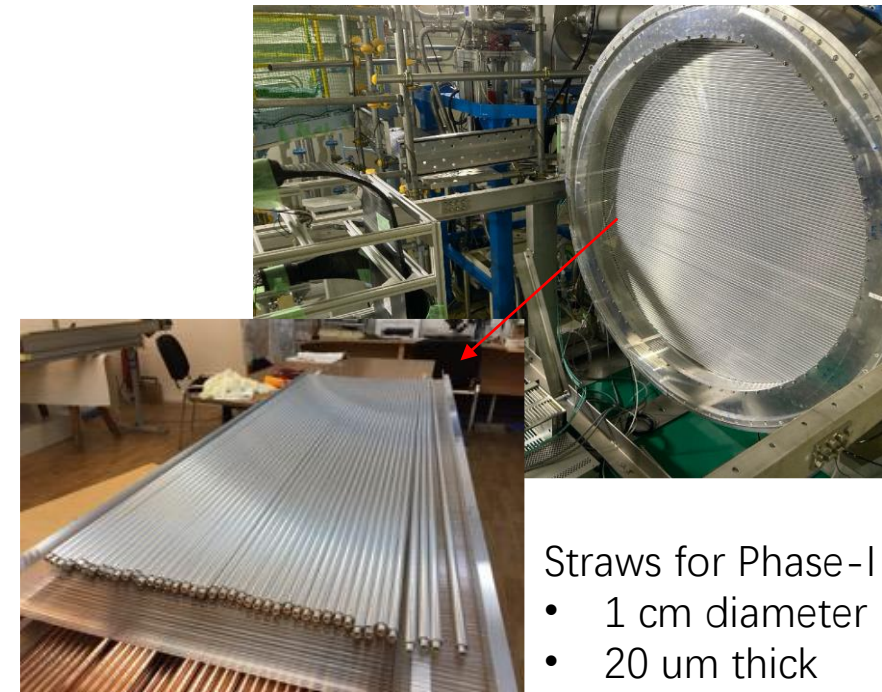
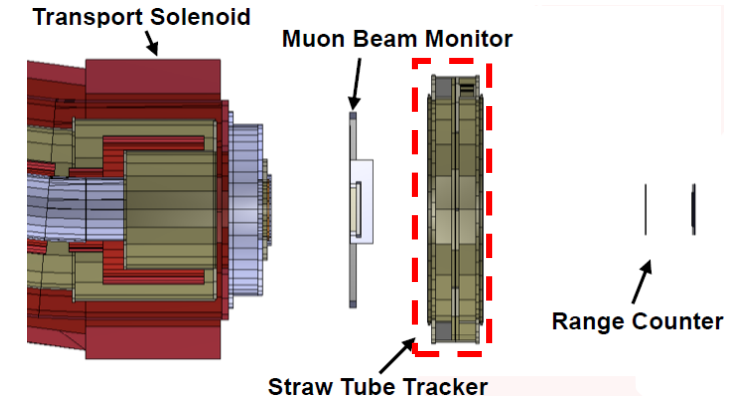
# Straw Tube Tracker

A single station of Phase-I straw tube tracker was assembled for Phase- $\alpha$ .

- 480 straw tubes (narrow drift chambers) aligned on the X and Y planes.
  - Ar & C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (50:50) gas mixture
- Phase- $\alpha$  was the first opportunity for commissioning a Phase-I detector!
  - Full readout chain was tested.



“ROESTI”, front-end electronics for COMET Phase-I/II



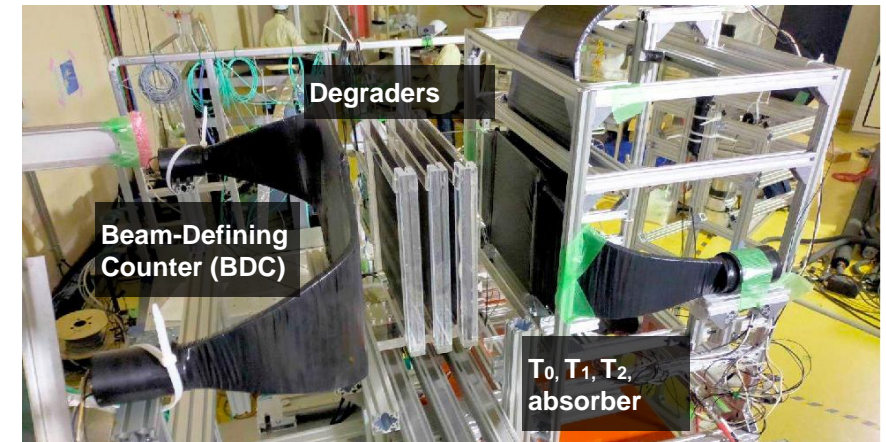
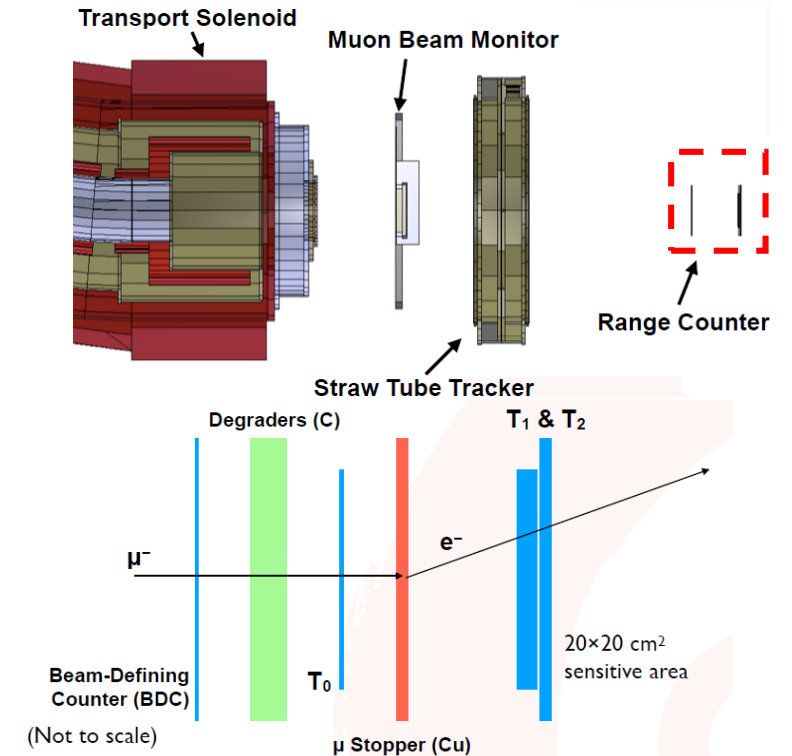
Straws for Phase-I

- 1 cm diameter
- 20  $\mu$ m thick

# Range Counter

Multi-layered plastic scintillating counters measuring muon decay time

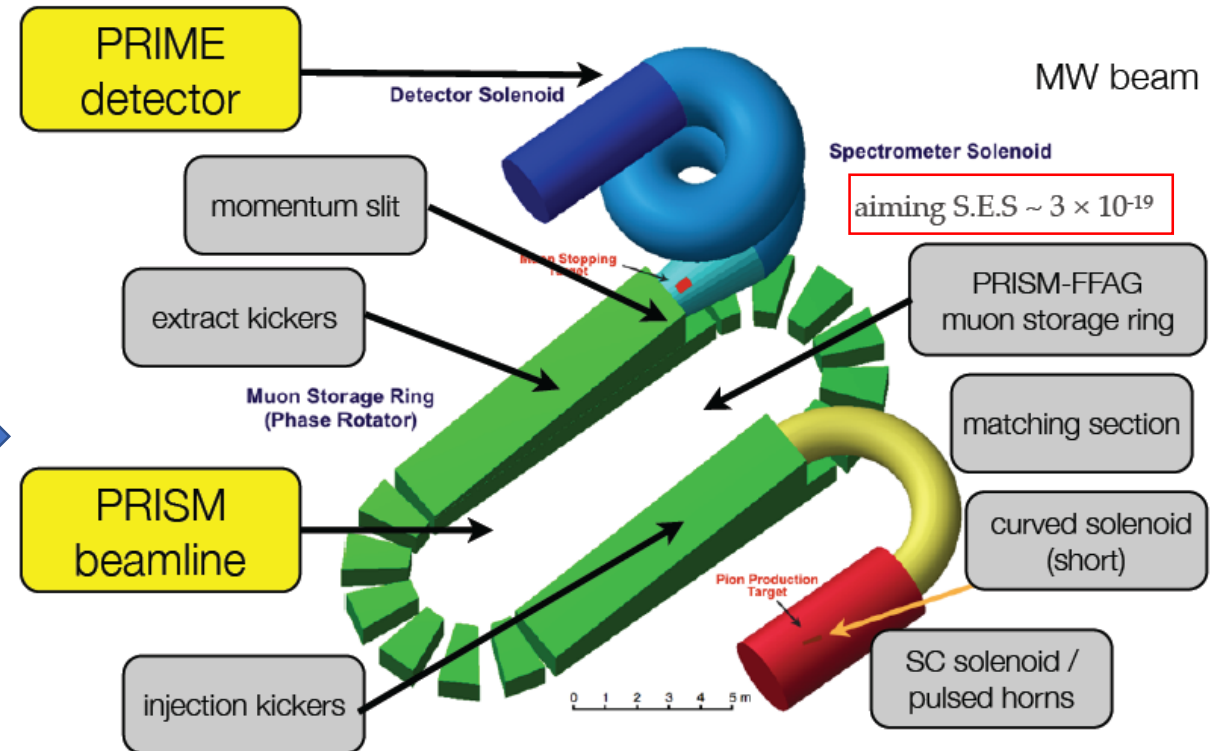
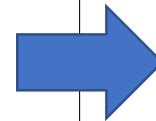
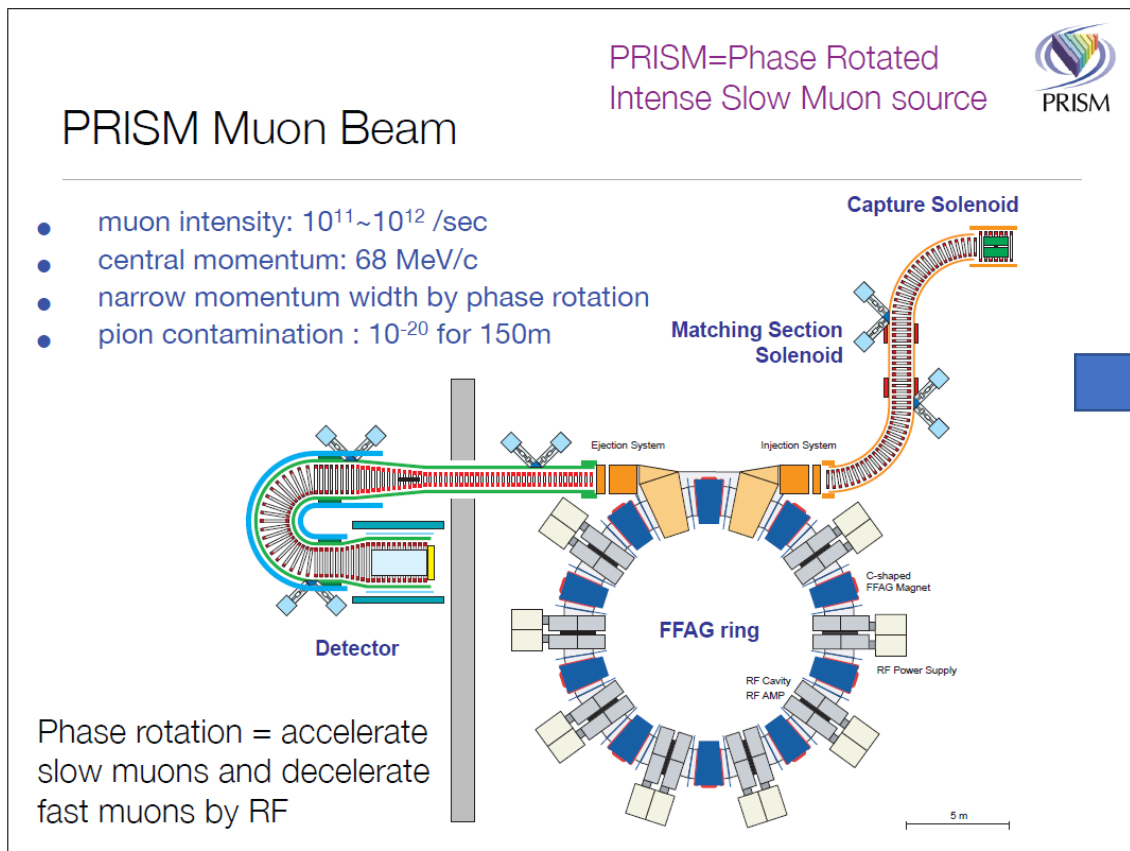
- Change the momentum range to measure with different thicknesses of a graphite degrader.
- Reconstruct the number of muons stopped in a copper muon stopper.
  - Negative muon's life time in copper is about 160 nsec compared to about 2  $\mu$ sec in lighter materials.
- Generated trigger signals when a particle hits BDC & T0 with no simultaneous hits in T1 / T2.



# PRISM/PRIME design

The original design before COMET  
Started from 2003.

The PRISM group is still updating the design to achieve an ultimate search for  $\mu N \rightarrow e N$

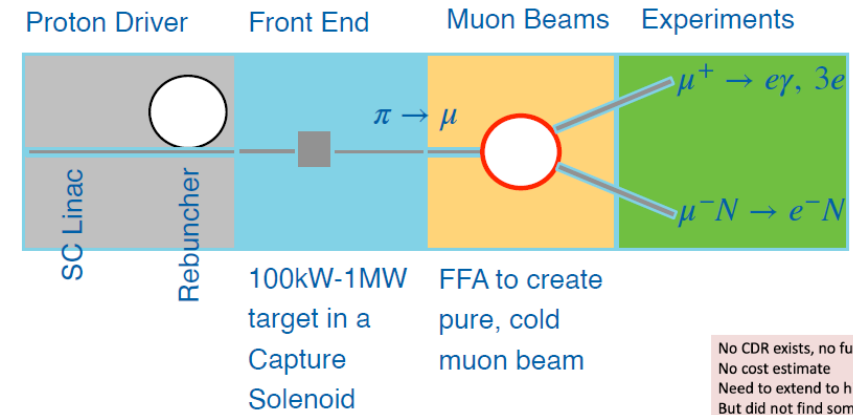
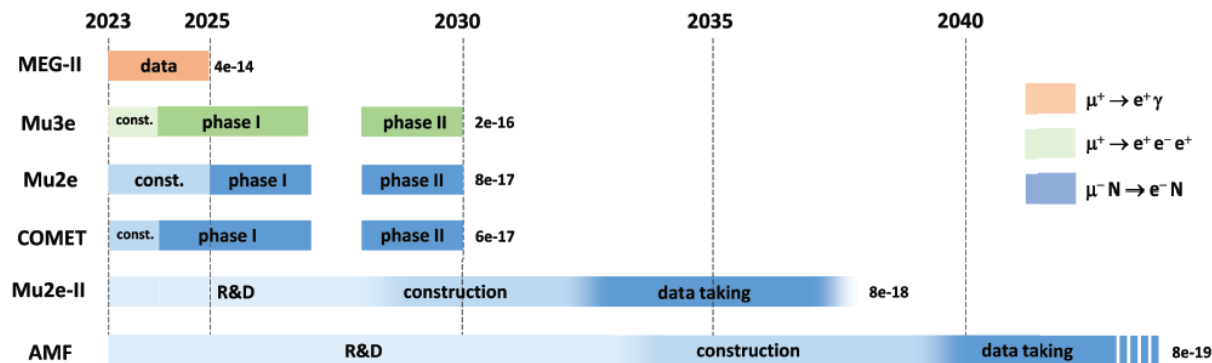


In synergy with muon collider: target, capture, and storage ring. Might be the most intense muon beam before muon collider.



# AMF proposal

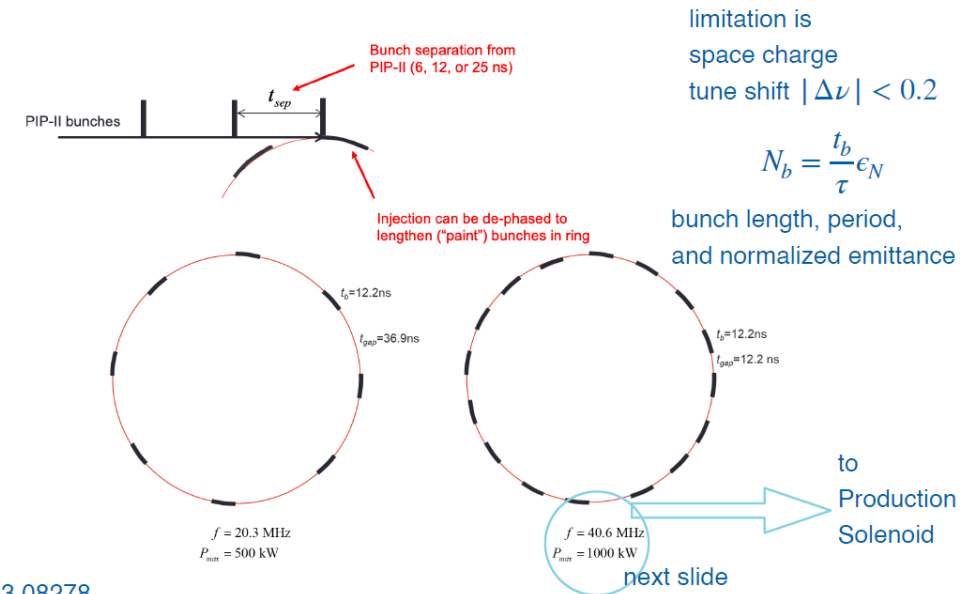
- Advanced Muon Facility (AMF) was proposed to make use of PIP-II for next generation muon physics
- AMF proposed to use compressor ring to make beam structure for FFA
  - 10 ns bunches at 100-1000 Hz
- Pile-up effect will be too much
  - Need PRISM type detector: select electrons.
- May reach  $10^{-19}$  sensitivity in 2040s?



No CDR exists, no fully integrated baseline  
 No cost estimate  
 Need to extend to higher energies (10+ TeV)  
 But did not find something that does not work

D. Schulte, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/930508/>

## AMF Front End: Compressor Ring



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Fermilab Upgrades and a Future Muon Program

R. Bernstein, Muon4Future Venezia



# Radiation Studies

- Neutron Tests
  - Tandem accelerator, Kobe, Univ.
  - $^9\text{Be}(d,n)$  reaction with 3 MeV  $^9\text{Be}$  beam
- Gamma-Ray Tests
  - Radioisotope Research Center, Tokyo Institute of Technology
- Publications:
  - K. Ueno et al., IEEE NSS Conf. Rec. (2016) 8069866
  - Y. Nakazawa et al., NIM A 936 (2019) 351
  - Y. Nakazawa et al. NIM A 955 (2020) 163247

