

# 轻子：新物理的门户

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# 这些年，这些事儿

## 拔尖人才培养

- 本科：以赛促学、以赛促研
- 研究生：培育卓越科学家
- 建设“一流”课程

教书  
育人

物理  
分析

## 大数据模拟和物理分析

- 拓展目标：JUNO、MACE实验
- 满足需求：快速部署、及时更新、百万核时级别的数据量
- 服务各类型前沿科学实验

轻子&  
新物理

## 走出去和引进来

- 中德合作：JUNO实验
- 中日合作：COMET实验
- 欧盟合作：缪子对撞机预研

国际  
合作

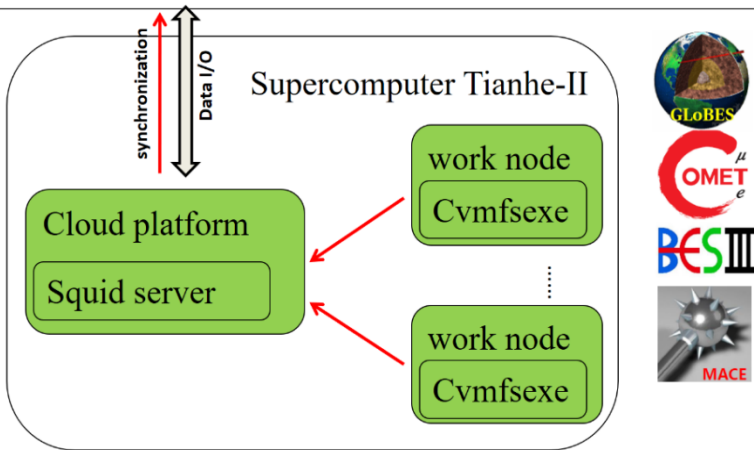
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技术

## 缪子径迹探测技术及其应用

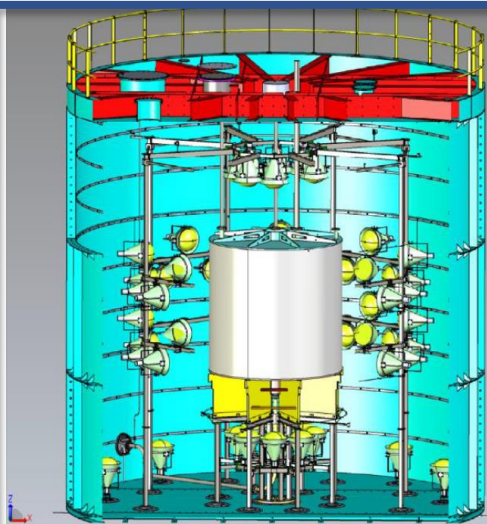
- 分辨率：时间—纳秒级、空间—毫米级
- 加速器缪子源：COMET、MACE实验  
缪子对撞机计划
- 宇生缪子源：MuGrid及其多学科应用

# 以轻子为探针寻找超越标准模型新物理

Remote HEP Software repository: GLoBES, BOSS, ICEDUST, MACEsw...

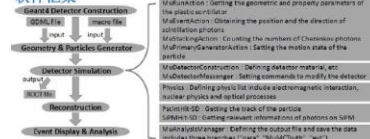


依托超级计算机“天河二号”  
建设粒子物理实验大数据平台



参与国际大科学实验JUNO  
突破低本底探测器关键技术

### 软件框架



Workflow: Getting the geometry and property parameters of the detector structure.  
 MultiWorkation: Obtaining the position and the direction of scintillation photons.  
 MultiWorkation: Counting the numbers of Cherenkov photons.  
 MultiWorkation: Setting the motion state of the particle.

MultiWorkation: Defining detector material, etc.  
 MultiWorkation: Setting commands to modify the detector.  
 Physics: Defining physics list include electromagnetic interaction, nuclear physics and so on.  
 Physics: Getting the track of the particle.  
 SIM: Getting raw event information of photons on SIM.  
 MultiWorkation: Enabling the output file and save the data include the event name (name: "fileADCInfo\_...").



### 学生缪子探测器

- ① 低压直流、低功耗
- ② 固体探测器、易部署
- ③ 多通道远程实时监控
- ④ 具备径迹重建能力

实时取数

径迹重建

自研电子学

径迹重建图

Counts (GeV)

Time (Distance) (ps)

Mean	1875
StdDev	1227
Fit	0.020
ChiSquare	2461.217
Sigma	107.2 ± 22.9
N	187.7 ± 3.2

建设缪子前沿科学与技术应用实验室  
积累探测器核心技术面向多学科应用

鼓励探索，突出原创；聚焦前沿，独辟蹊径；需求牵引，突破瓶颈；共性导向，交叉融通。



工欲善其事必先利其器，软件平台和硬件研发同步推进



# SMOOTH团队情况



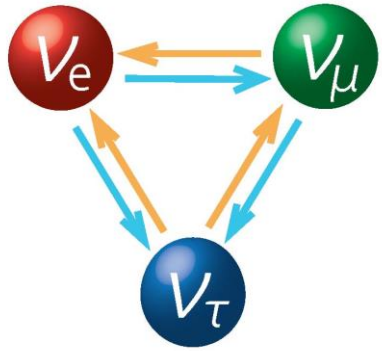
- 当前团队成员：博士后1名，博士生4名，在读硕士生6名，本科生科研项目学生10+名，电子学工程师1名，超算平台维护1名.....
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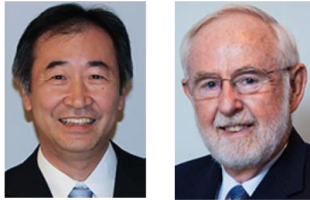
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# Do charged leptons "oscillate"?

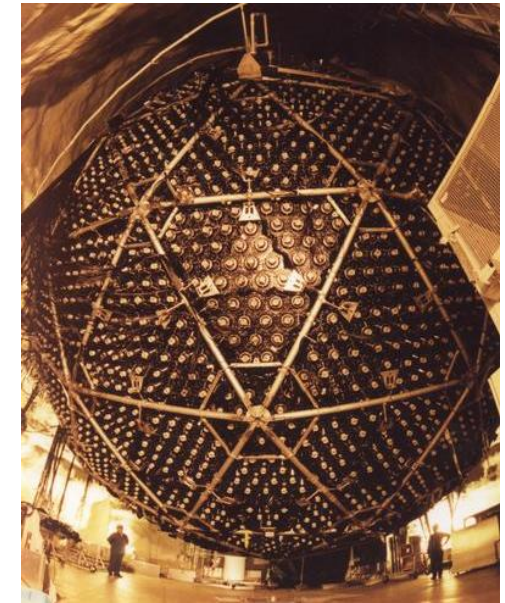
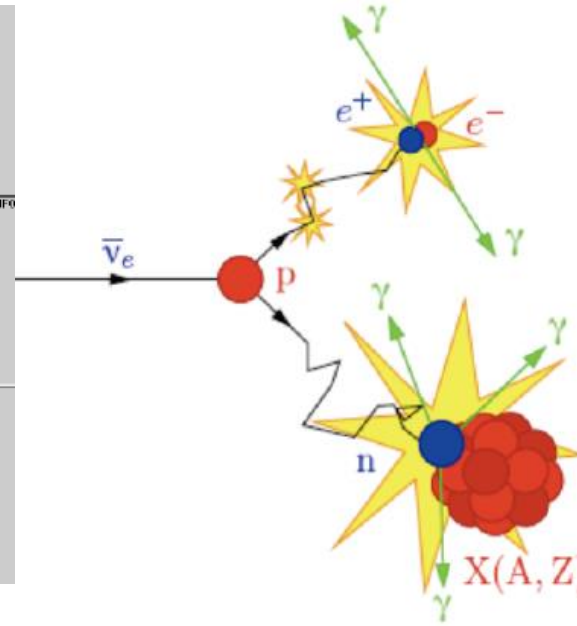
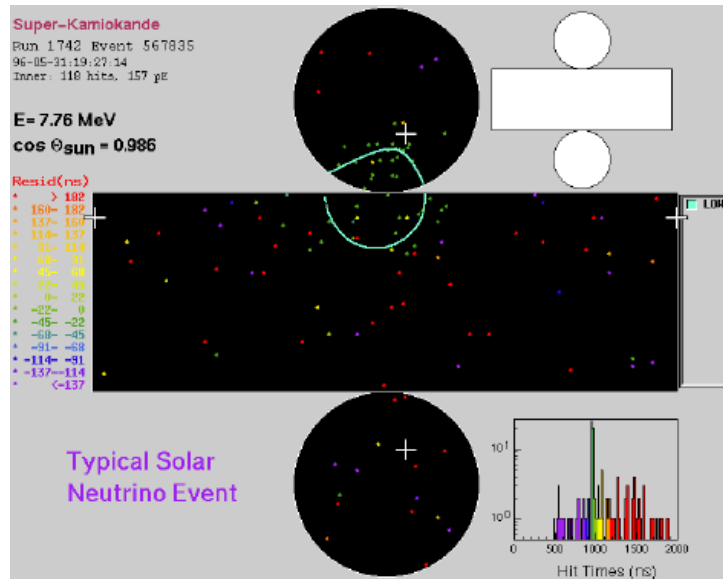


"For the greatest benefit to mankind"  
*Alfred Nobel*  
**2015 NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS**  
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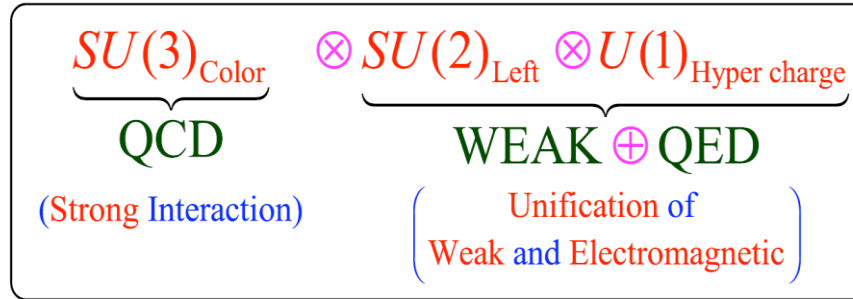
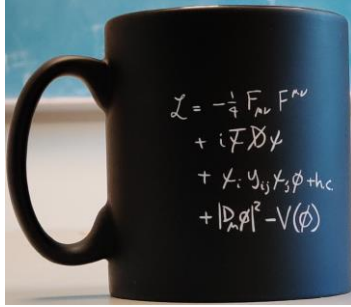


"For the discovery of **neutrino oscillations**, which shows that **neutrinos have mass**"

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$



# Symmetries of SM



$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{local}}^{\text{SM}} = SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{local}}^{\text{SM}} \rightarrow SU(3)_c \times U(1)_{\text{EM}}$$

$$Q_L^i \sim (3, 2)_{1/6}, \quad U_R^i \sim (3, 1)_{2/3},$$

$$D_R^i \sim (3, 1)_{-1/3}, \quad L_L^i \sim (1, 2)_{-1/2},$$

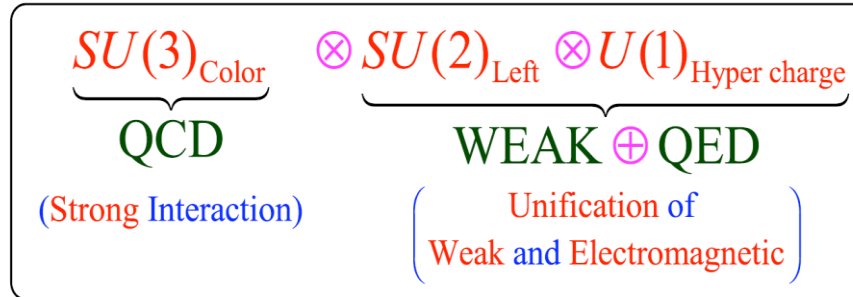
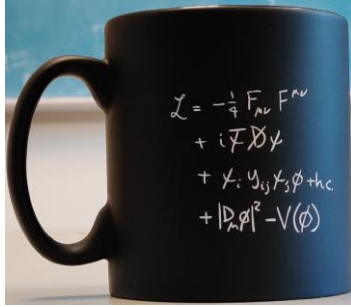
$$\phi \sim (1, 2)_{1/2}, \quad \langle \phi^0 \rangle \equiv \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \simeq 174 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kinetic}}^{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{EWSB}}^{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}^{\text{SM}}$$

- simple and symmetric ( $g, g', g_s$ )
- EWSB, 2 params
- SM flavour dynamics, flavour parameters



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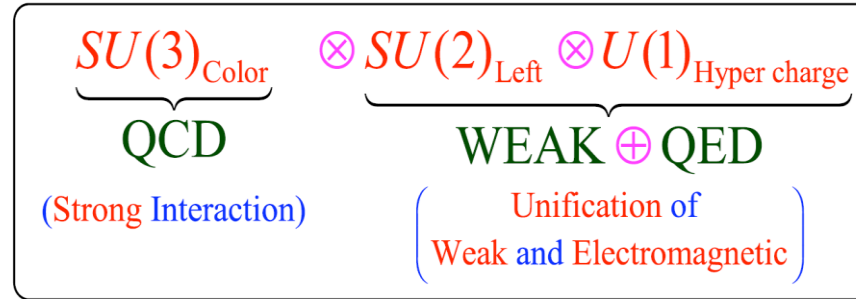
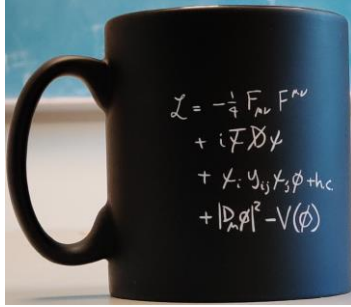
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- Flavor universal (flavor blind)
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	Lepton number	Lepton family number (lepton flavor)		
		$L_e$	$L_\mu$	$L_\tau$
$e^- \ \& \ \nu_e$	1	1	0	0
$\mu^- \ \& \ \nu_\mu$	1	0	1	0
$\tau^- \ \& \ \nu_\tau$	1	0	0	1

Change the sign for all anti-leptons

**Lepton sector complements quark sector in flavor physics**

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- Rephasing lepton and quark fields:

$$U(1)_B \times U(1)_{L_e} \times U(1)_{L_\mu} \times U(1)_{L_\tau} = U(1)_{B+L} \times U(1)_{B-L} \times U(1)_{L_\mu-L_\tau} \times U(1)_{L_\mu+L_\tau-2L_e}$$

- Broken non-perturbatively, but unobservable. [t Hooft, PRL '76]
- True accidental global symmetry:

$$U(1)_{B-L} \times U(1)_{L_\mu-L_\tau} \times U(1)_{L_\mu+L_\tau-2L_e}$$

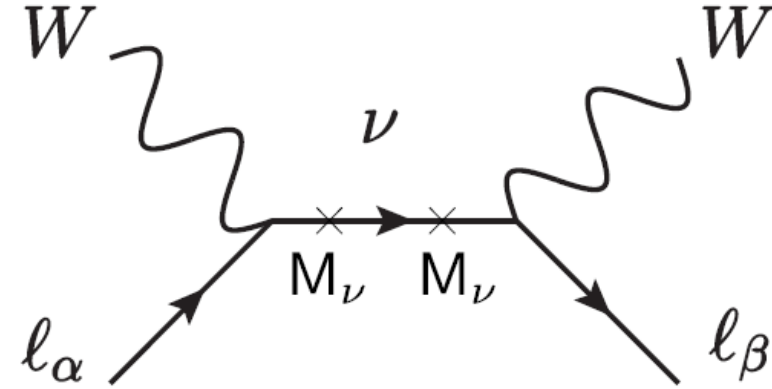
Lepton flavor conservation!  
Prediction of Standard Model.

**cLFV offers a chance of new physics discovery**

# Neutrino oscillation = cLFV?

- Neutrino oscillation  $\rightarrow M_\nu \neq 0$
- cLFV should exist, but we don't see it

$$U(1)_{L_\mu - L_\tau} \times U(1)_{L_\mu + L_\tau - 2L_e}$$



- Tiny neutrino masses  $\rightarrow$  suppressed cLFV in  $\nu$ SM

$$\mathcal{A}(l_\alpha^- \rightarrow l_\beta^-) \propto \frac{(M_\nu M_\nu^\dagger)_{\alpha\beta}}{M_W^2} < 10^{-24}$$

*Right-handed neutrino acquire a lepton number violating mass, leaving an  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)$  subgroup unbroken. Consequence for the decay  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  are studied. Now called Type-I seesaw model.*

*Peter Minkowski, Phys.Lett.B 67 (1977) 421-428*

- Neutrino mass models, e.g. seesaw, predict scalable cLFV!

**cLFV offers a probe to the origin of neutrino mass**

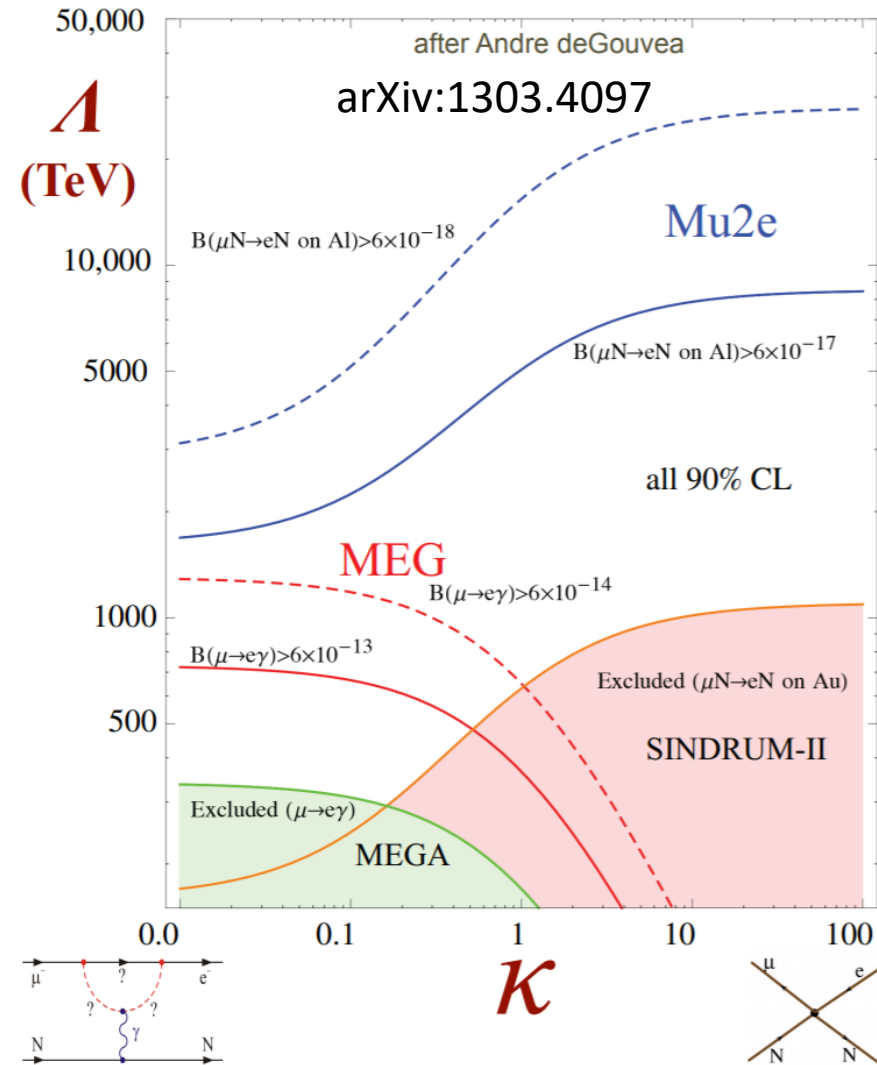
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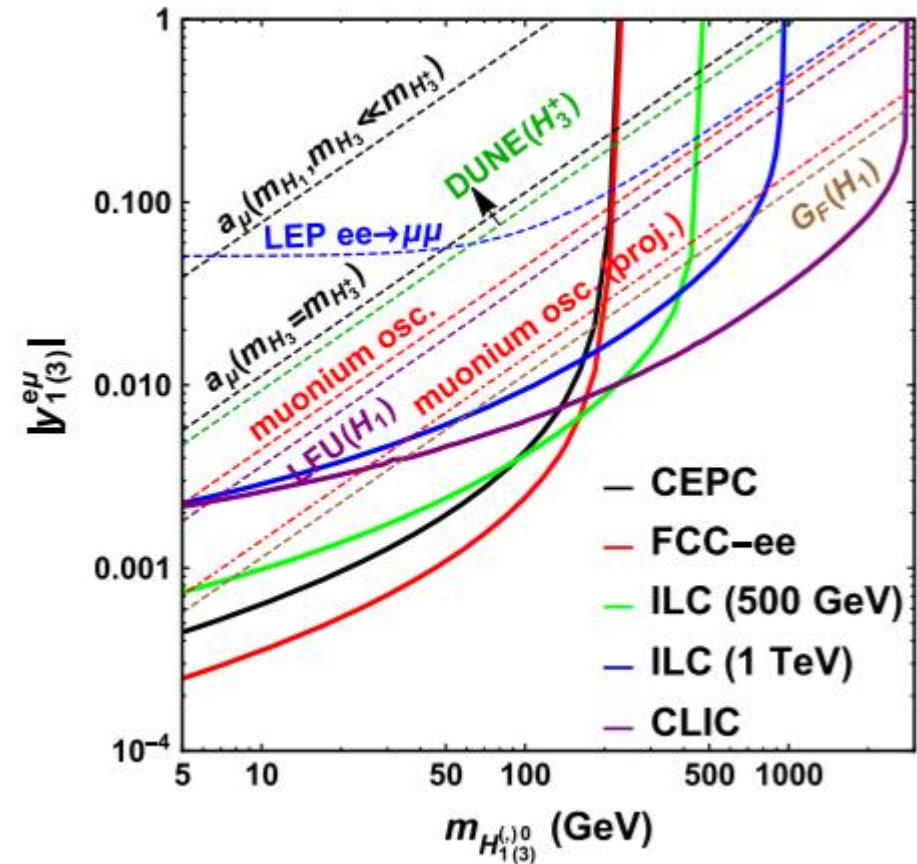
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REF: Tong Li, Michael A. Schmidt. *Phys.Rev.D* 100 (2019) 11, 115007

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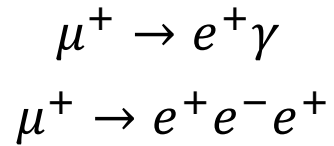
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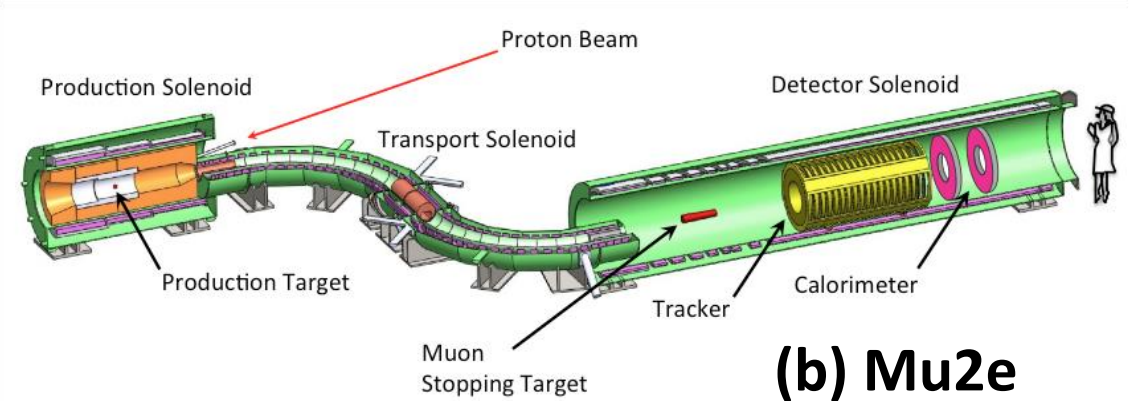
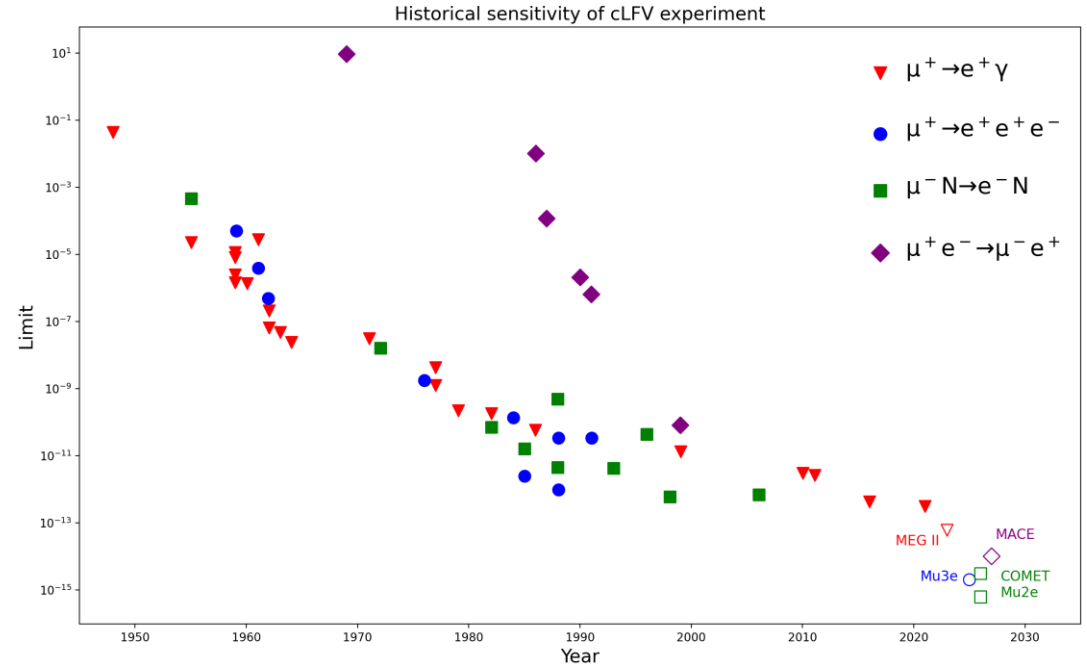
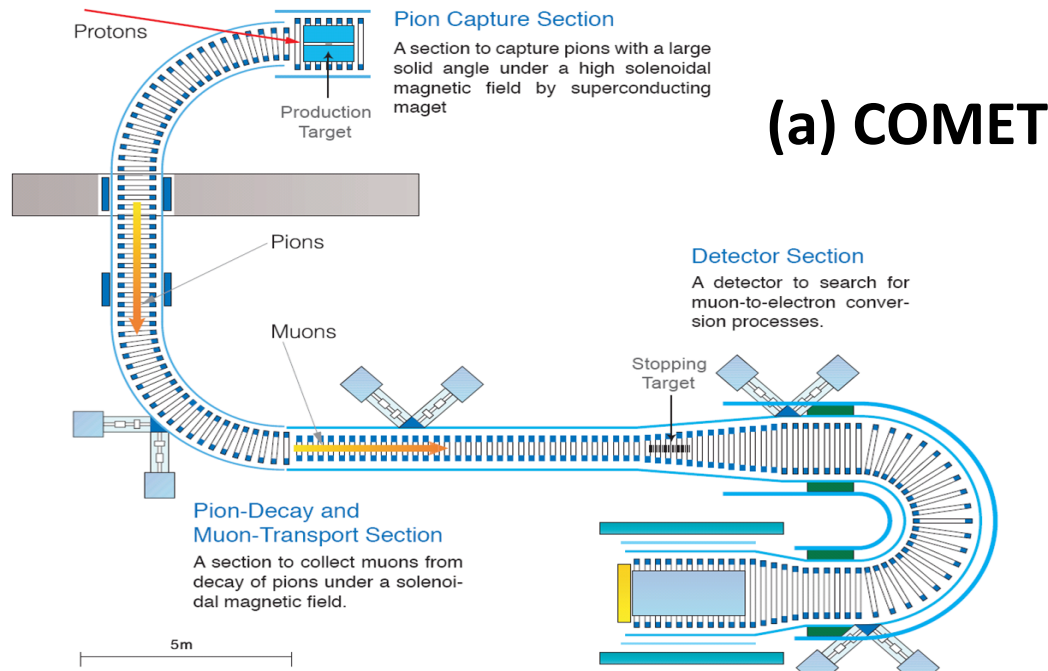


- COMET (J-PARC)



- MEG (PSI)

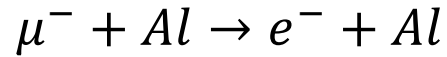
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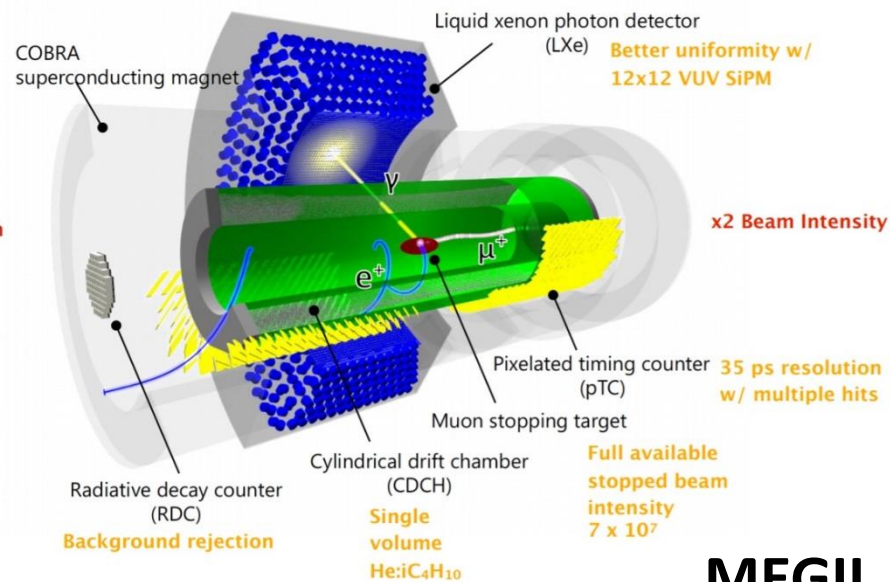


New electronics:  
Wavedream

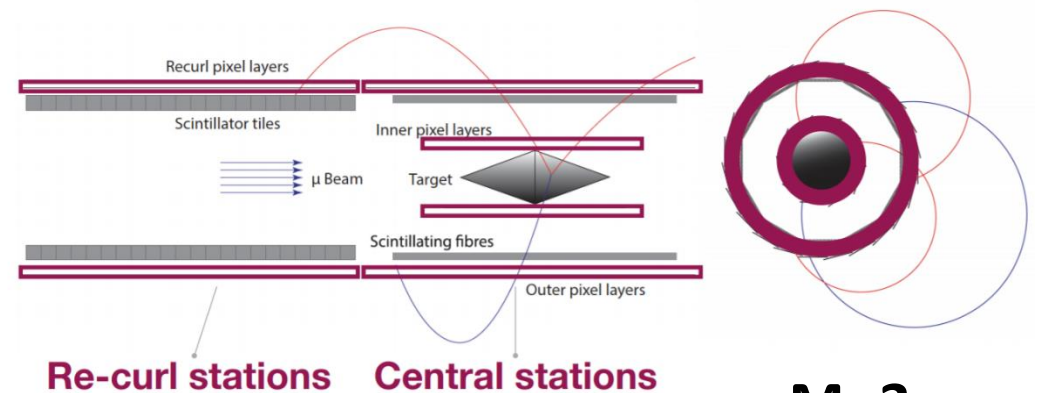
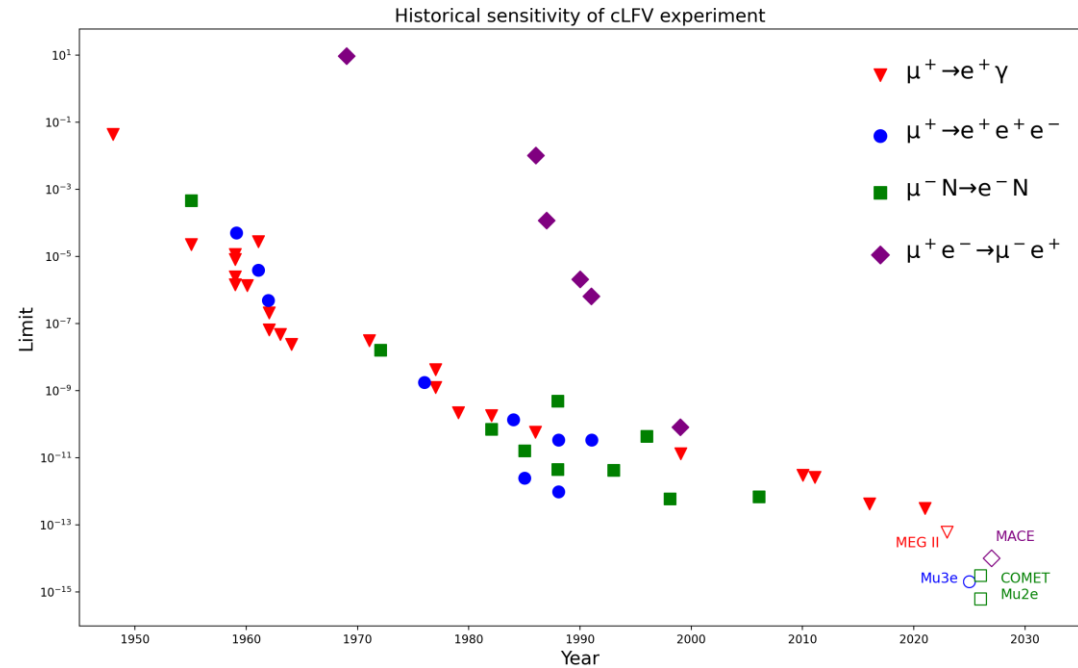
~9000 channels  
at 5GSPS

x2 Resolution everywhere

Updated and new Calibration methods  
Quasi mono-chromatic positron beam



**MEGII**



**Mu3e**

# Guangdong: a hub for high-intensity accelerators



Ref: Sheng Wang (IHEP, CAS)



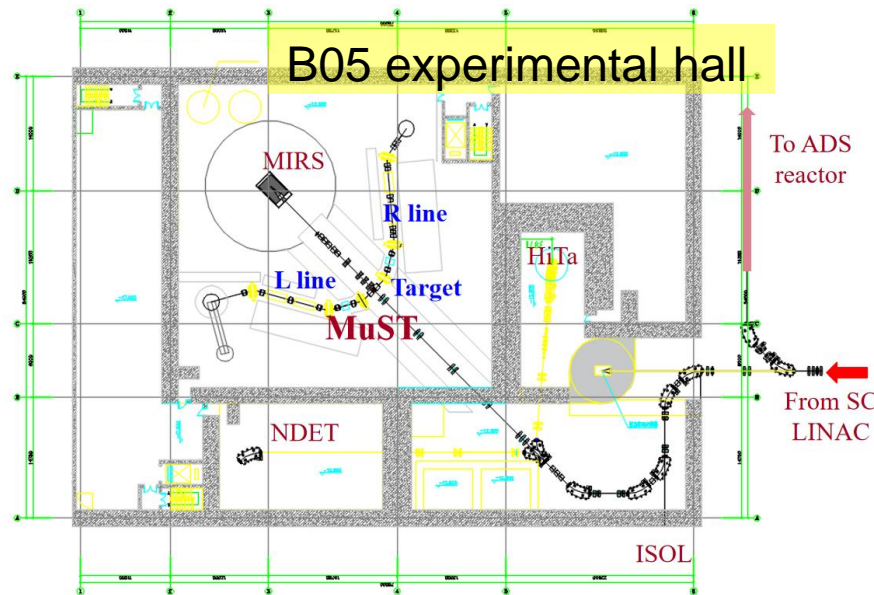
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- (1) International muon sources: FNAL (USA), PSI (Switzerland), J-PARC (Japan), ISIS (UK).
- (2) China's first high-intensity muon source to be built in the Greater Bay Area: CSNS/CiADS/HIAF.
- (3) Exploring cutting-edge research with accelerator muon sources?



# CiADS muon source

- Muon source is planning in China Initiative Accelerator Driven System (CiADS).



H.-J Cai et al, *Phys.Rev.AB* 27, 023703, 2024

束流功率 (kW)	靶方案	束线聚焦方案	缪子强度 ( $\mu^+/s$ )
300	石墨转靶	螺线管+四极铁	$>1E8$
		全螺线管	$>5E8$
3000	液态锂靶	螺线管+四极铁	$>2E9$
		全螺线管	$>1E10$

**2025 ~ 2026**

**25 kW:  
500MeV & 50 $\mu$ A**

- Accelerator construction
- Proton beam commissioning

**2026 ~ 2027**

**250 kW:  
500MeV & 500 $\mu$ A**

- Beam stability test
- Muon beam commissioning
- One target station, two beamlines

**2027~2030**

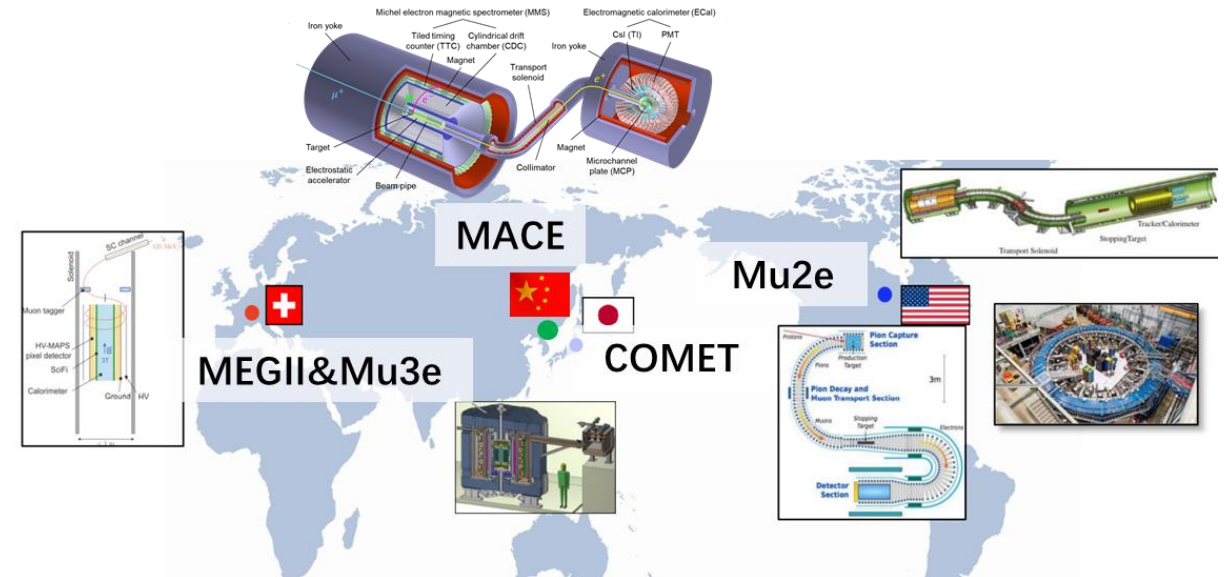
**2.5 MW:  
500MeV & 5mA**

- 2.5 MW commissioning
- 2.5 MW long-term run
- Two target station, two beamlines
- Muon physics and applications

# Worldwide cLFV experiments

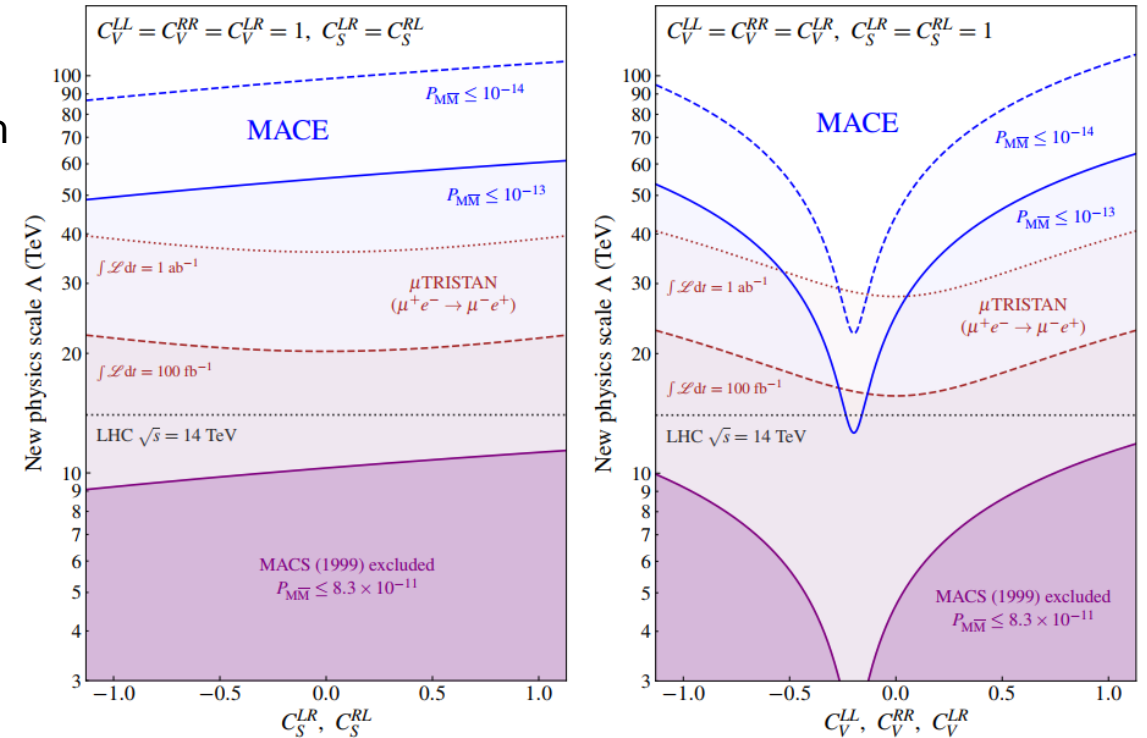
Experiment	Facility	Process	Progress
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MACS	PSI (Switzerland)	$M \rightarrow \bar{M}$	Finished (1999)

- Muonium conversion is a key cLFV process.
- After PSI set the bound  $P < 8.3 \times 10^{-11}$  in 1999, no new experiments were proposed for 20 years.
- With enhanced beam intensity and advances in detector technology, breakthroughs in this field are anticipated.



# Summary: motivation of MACE

- Neutrinos are in oscillation; charged leptons?
- Demand for cutting-edge research:
  - cLFV selects neutrino mass mechanism.
  - Charged leptons and neutrinos share Yukawa couplings, with cLFV complementing neutrino physics.
  - Lepton cLFV complements quark flavor physics.
  - Low-energy cLFV experiments complement high-energy frontier research.
  - Muonium conversion experiments have stalled for decades, presenting both opportunities and challenges.
- Opportunities in China national research facilities:
  - China is set to build a high-intensity muon source.
  - What type of physics deserves exploration?
  - An innovative approach: MACE!

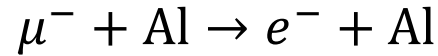


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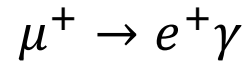


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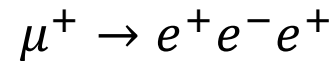
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## Search for Muonium to Antimuonium Conversion

RF Topical Groups: (check all that apply /■)

- (RF1) Weak decays of b and c quarks
- (RF2) Weak decays of strange and light quarks
- (RF3) Fundamental Physics in Small Experiments
- (RF4) Baryon and Lepton Number Violating Processes
- (RF5) Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (electrons, muons and taus)
- (RF6) Dark Sector Studies at High Intensities
- (RF7) Hadron Spectroscopy
- (Other) [Please specify frontier/topical group(s)]



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**Abstract:** It is puzzling whether there is any charged lepton flavor violation phenomenon beyond standard model. The upcoming Muonium (bound state of  $\mu^+e^-$ ) to Antimuonium ( $\mu^-e^+$ ) Conversion Experiment (MACE) will serve as a complementary experiment to search for charged lepton flavor violation processes, compared with other on-going experiments like Mu3e ( $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^-$ ), MEG-II ( $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$ ) and Mu2e/COMET ( $\mu^-N \rightarrow e^-N$ ). MACE aims at a sensitivity of  $P(\mu^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^-e^+) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-13})$ , about three orders of magnitude better than the best limit published two decades ago. It is desirable to optimize the slow and ultra-pure  $\mu^+$  beam, select high-efficiency muonium formation materials, develop Monte-Carlo simulation tools and design a new magnetic spectrometer to increase S/B.

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## Probing the doubly charged Higgs boson with a muonium to antimuonium conversion experiment

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The spontaneous muonium to antimuonium conversion is one of the interesting charged lepton flavor violation processes. It serves as a clear indication of new physics and plays an important role in constraining the parameter space beyond Standard Model. MACE is a proposed experiment to probe such a phenomenon and expected to enhance the sensitivity to the conversion probability by more than two orders of magnitude from the current best upper constraint obtained by the PSI experiment two decades ago. Recent developments in the theoretical and experimental aspects to search for such a rare process are summarized.

# International response to Snowmass LOI



## A New Charged Lepton Flavor Violation Program at Fermilab

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Potential Fermilab Muon Campus & Storage Ring Experiments Workshop  
May 2021



### Snowmass process and contributed papers

Frontier for Rare Processes and Precision Measurements

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This effort is part of a global muon program under study within Snowmass

- Muon decays (MEG and Mu3e)
- Muon conversion (Mu2e / COMET and Mu2e II)
- $\Delta L=2$  processes  $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^+ N$
- Muonium – antimuonium (MACE)
- General Low Energy Muon Facility (FNAL)
- Light new physics in muon decays (MEG-Fwd)

**Bertrand lists MACE as a key next-generation cLFV experiment proposal**

A large community committed to muon physics at FNAL and around the world

- Theoretical Letter of Intent

#### Physics of muonium and muonium oscillations

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Precision studies of a muonium, the bound state of a muon and an electron, provide access to physics beyond the Standard Model. We propose that extensive theoretical and experimental studies of atomic physics of a muonium, its decays and muonium-antimuonium oscillations could provide an impact on indirect searches for new physics.

#### Search for Muonium to Antimuonium Conversion

**RF Topical Groups:** (check all that apply  )

- (RF1) Weak decays of b and c quarks
- (RF2) Weak decays of strange and light quarks
- (RF3) Fundamental Physics in Small Experiments
- (RF4) Baryon and Lepton Number Violating Processes
- (RF5) Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (electrons, muons and taus)
- (RF6) Dark Sector Studies at High Intensities
- (RF7) Hadron Spectroscopy
- (Other) [Please specify frontier/topical group(s)]

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**Abstract:** It is puzzling whether there is any charged lepton flavor violation phenomenon beyond standard model. The upcoming Muonium (bound state of  $\mu^+ e^-$ ) to Antimuonium ( $\mu^- e^+$ ) Conversion Experiment (MACE) will serve as a complementary experiment to search for charged lepton flavor violation processes, compared with other on-going experiments like MuBe ( $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^-$ ), MEG-II ( $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ ) and Mu2e/COMET ( $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma$ ). MACE aims at a sensitivity of  $P(\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^- e^+) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-11})$ , about three orders of magnitude better than the best limit published two decades ago. It is desirable to optimize the slow and ultra-pure  $\mu^+$  beam, select high-efficiency muonium formation materials, develop Monte-Carlo simulation tools and design a new magnetic spectrometer to increase S/B.

- Experimental Letter of Intent

# International response to Snowmass LOI



## Detectors and concepts for future CLFV experiments

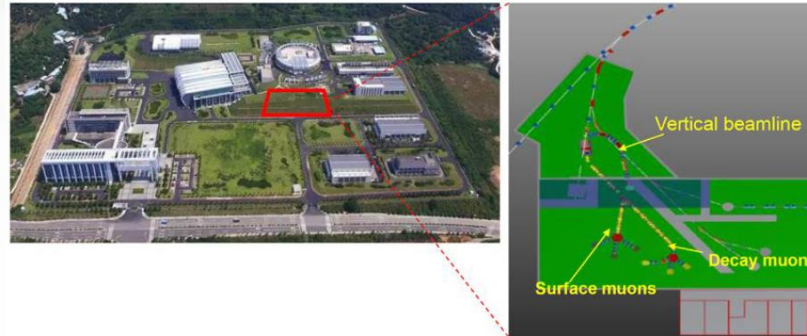
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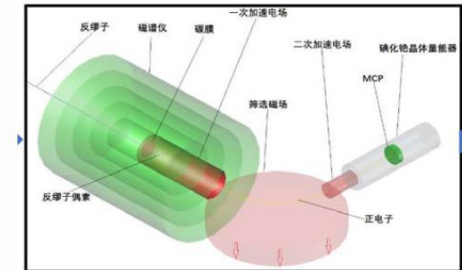
### MACE at EMuS

EMuS – new muon facility in China



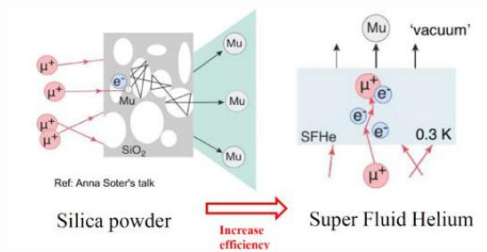
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(Snowmass 2021 RPP meeting)

### MACE concept



	Proton driver [MW]	Surface muons			Decay muons		
		Intensity [1E6/s]	Polarization [%]	Spread [%]	energy [MeV/c]	Intensity [1E6/s]	Spread [%]
PSI	1.3	420	90	10	85-125	240	3
ISIS	0.16	1.5	95	<15	20-120	0.4	10
RIKEN/RAL	0.16	0.8	95	<15	65-120	1	10
JPARC	1	100	95	15	33-250	10	15
TRIUMF	0.075	1.4	90	7	20-100	0.0014	10
EMuS	0.005	83	50	10	50-450	16	10
Baby EMuS	0.005	1.2	95	10			

×5 CSNS-II upgrade



### On-going physics studies and detector R&D

# International response to Snowmass LOI

## Progress of Muonium-to-Antimuonium Conversion Experiment (MACE)

Workshop on a Future Muon Program at Fermilab



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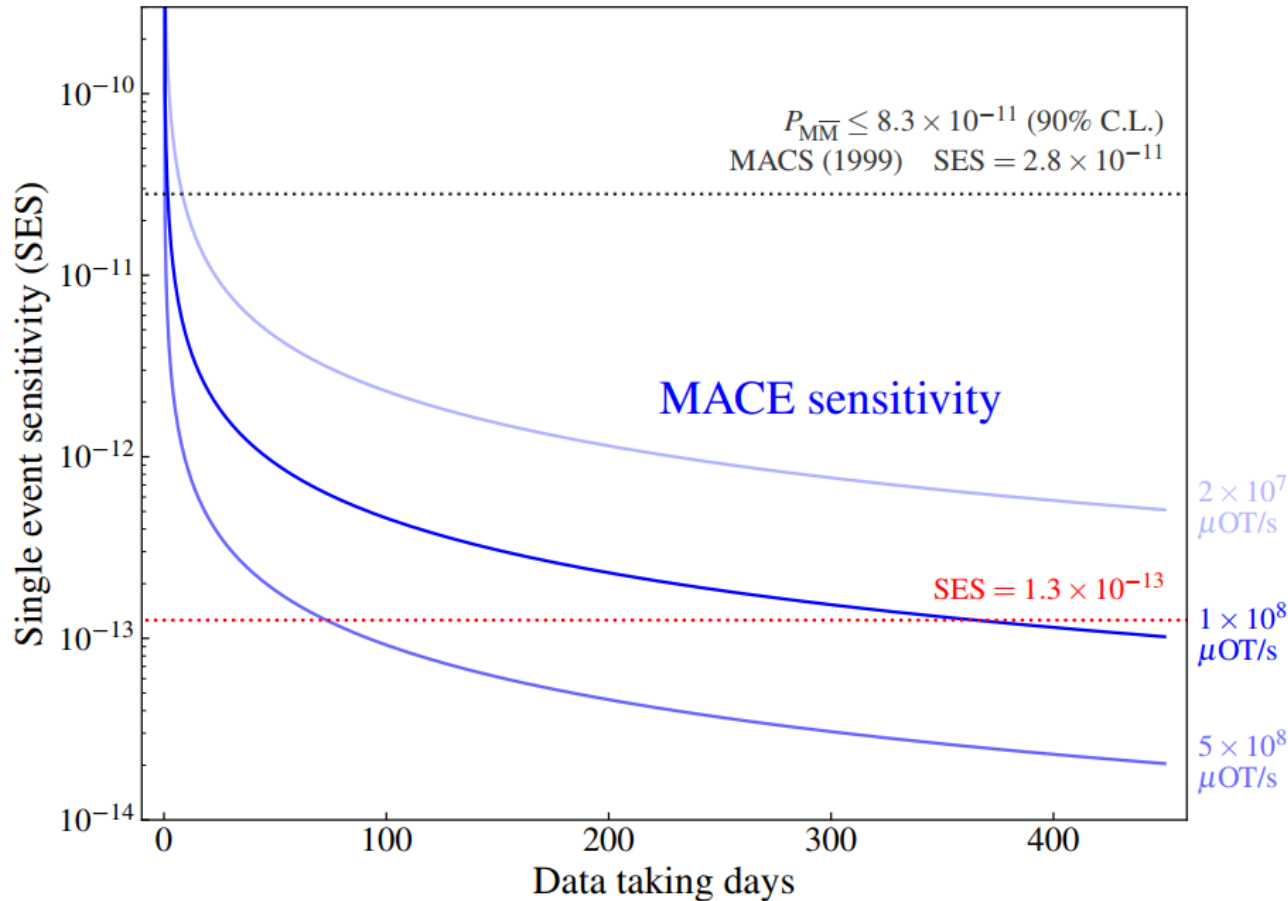
- Invited talks at ICHEP and Fermilab workshop, see also conference proceedings <https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.05933>
- International Advisory Committee at NuFact



Plenary talk at CLFV2023, Heidelberg University



# Breakthrough point for fundamental research



- The latest result was obtained by MACS in 1999, with a muon flux of  $8 \times 10^6 \mu^+ / s$ .
- Requirement: China domestic accelerator muon source to provide  $10^8 \mu^+ / s$ , surface muon.
- Over 20 years, significant advances in detector technology.
- China's accelerator and particle detection technology have made great strides.
- Currently, there are no ongoing muonium conversion experiments internationally.
- The new generation of experiments is expected to improve sensitivity by over two orders of magnitude compared to the 1999 PSI results!
- MACE is expected to be at the forefront of global research!

**MACE: Muonium to Antimuonium Conversion Experiment.**



# MACE conceptual design report

Conceptual Design of the Muonium-to-Antimuonium Conversion

Experiment (MACE)

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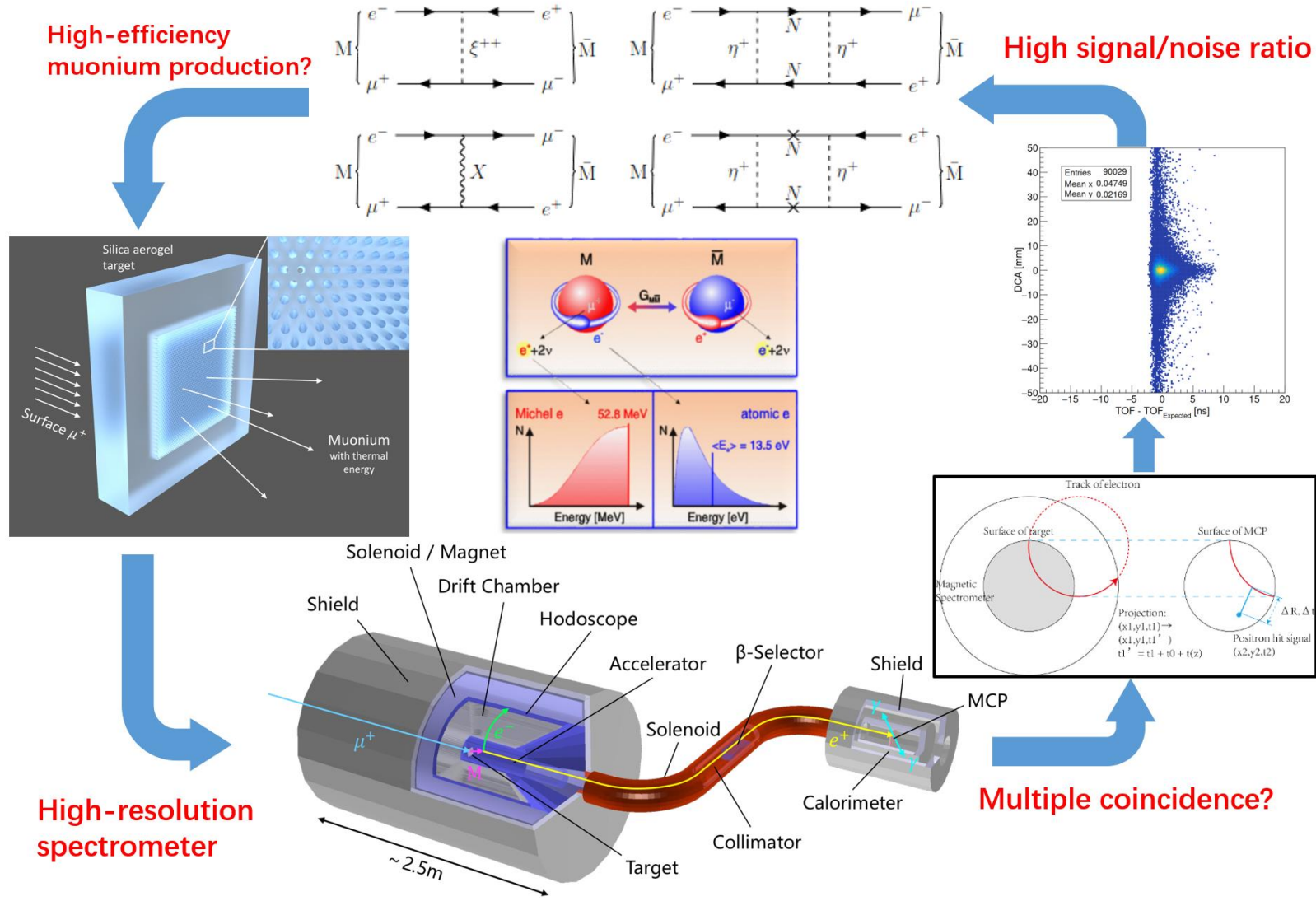


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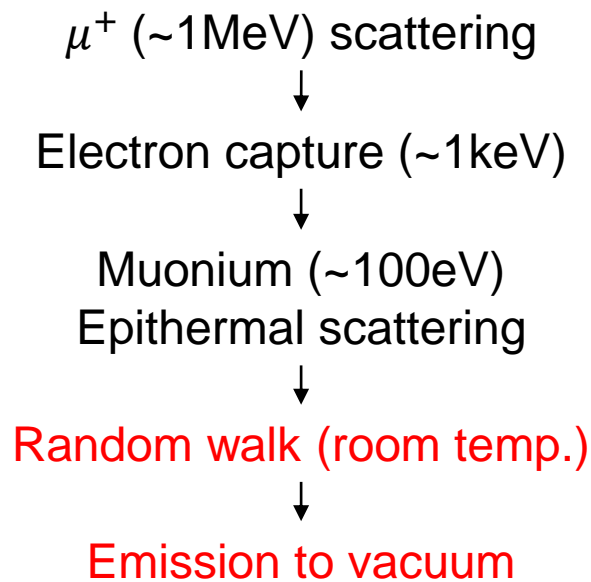
- Review of the past experience
- Motivations for muon physics
- **Conceptual design of MACE**
- Local laboratory: SMOOTH

# MACE roadmap

## Muonium-to-Antimuonium Conversion Experiment

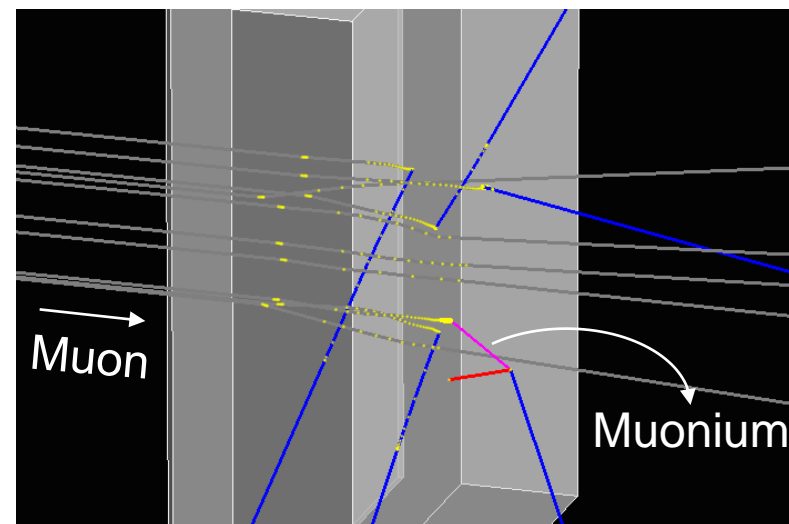
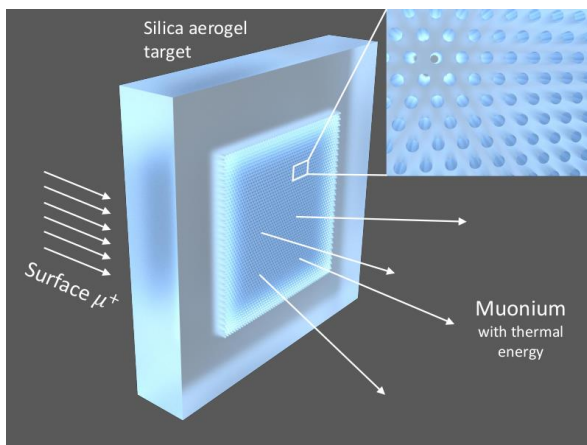
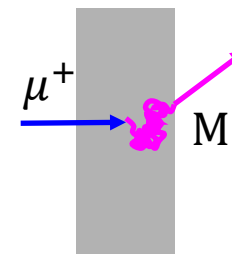


# Muonium production in silica aerogel



MC simulation for muonium transport has been developed under the MACE offline software framework.

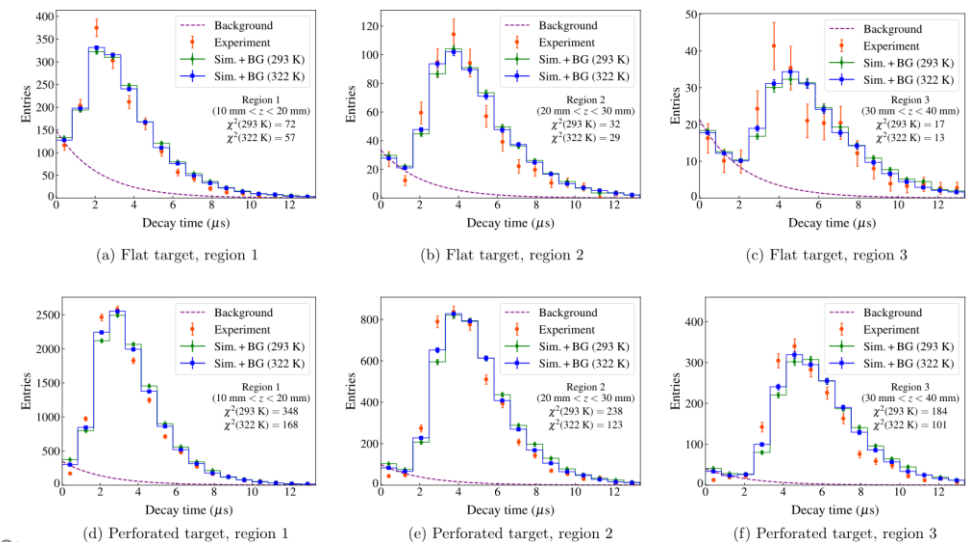
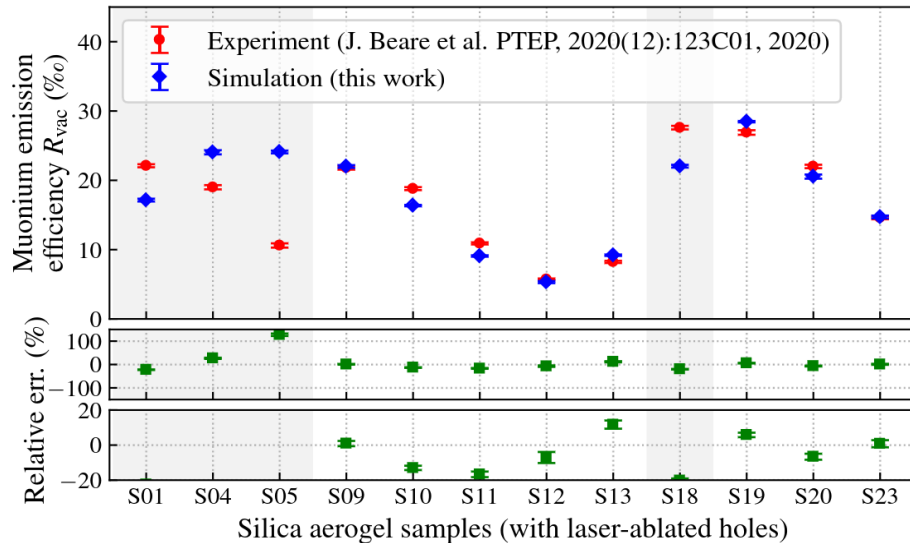
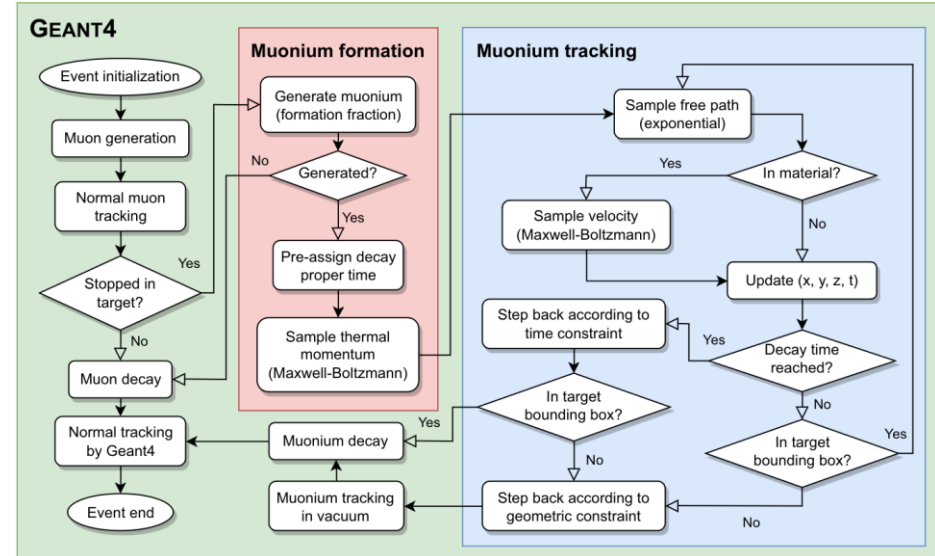
- ① Geant4 low-energy EM process.
- ② Geant4 AtRest process, modeled phenomenologically.
- ③ Random walk approach to thermal muonium tracking.



# Optimization of muonium yield in perforated silica aerogel

Shihan Zhao and Jian Tang, Optimization of muonium yield in perforated silica aerogel, *Phys. Rev. D* 109, 072012. arXiv 2401.00222

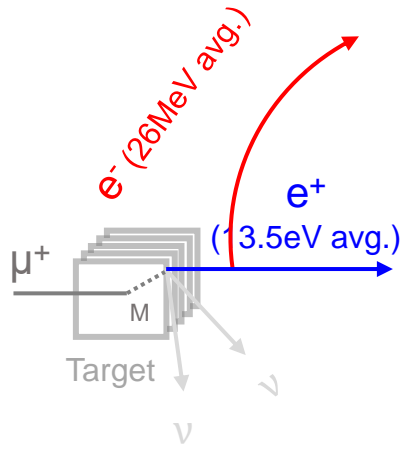
- Intensity of in-vacuum muonium source:  $I_M^{vac} = I_{beam} Y_{\mu \rightarrow M}$
- $Y_{\mu \rightarrow M}$  can be improved by utilizing porous materials, ideally perforated silica aerogel.
- An simulation method is developed to accurately simulate muonium production and diffusion.
- The simulation is validated by muonium yield data measured in TRIUMF and J-PARC.



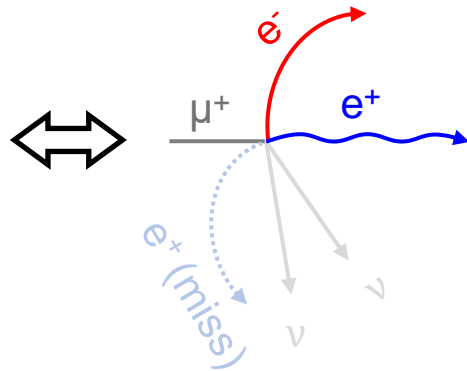
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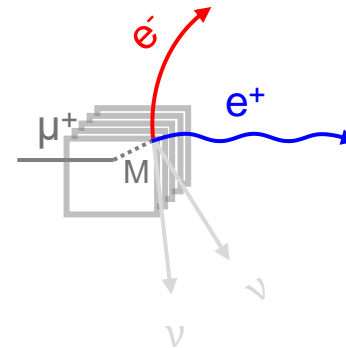
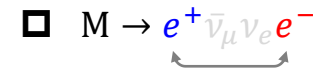
fast  $e^-$  + slow  $e^+$



1. Internal conv. (IC) decay



2. Final state scattering



3. Accidental bkg.

- ❑ Scattering/conv.  $e^-$
- ❑ Misreconstruction
- ❑ Cosmic ray, etc.

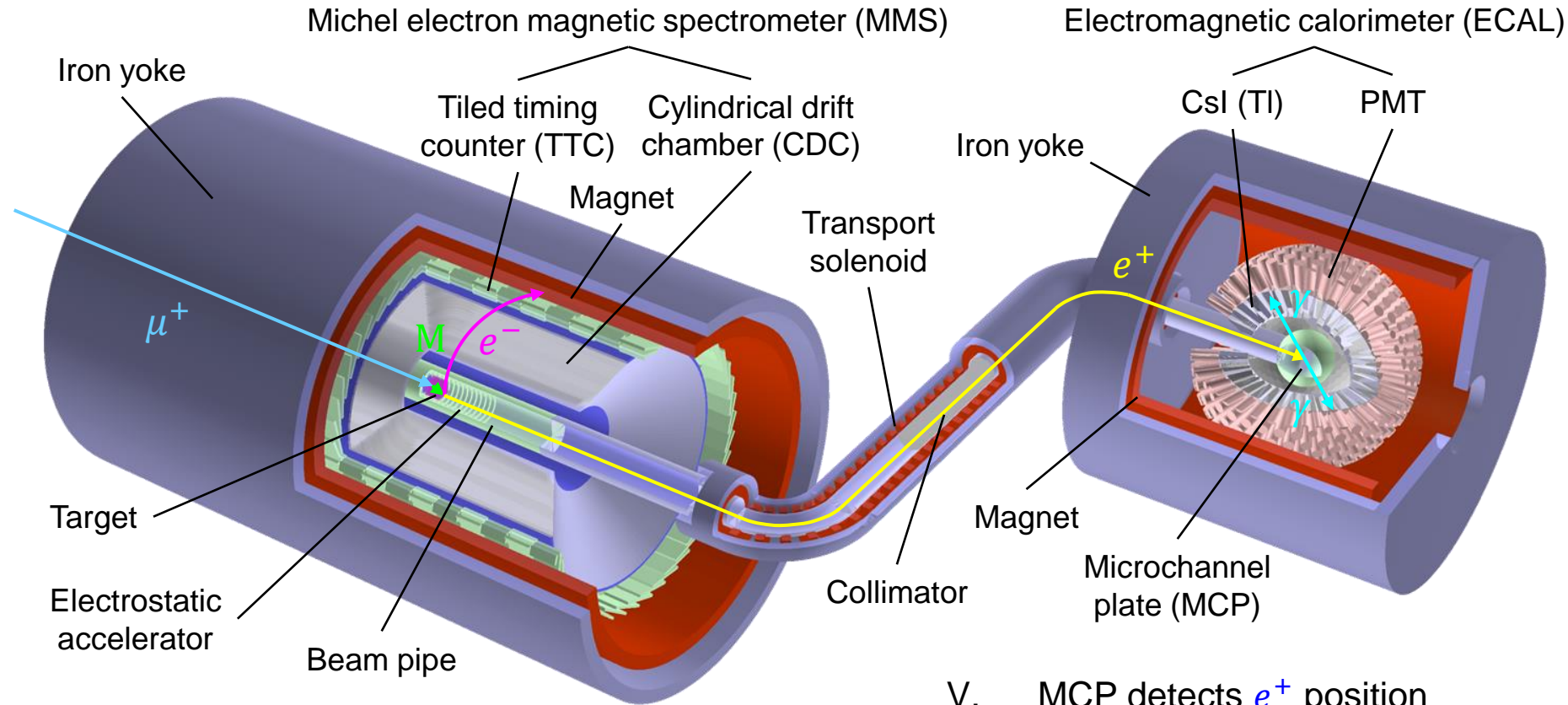


- Coincidence of a fast  $e^-$  and a slow  $e^+$
- Common vertex (by selecting  $e^+/e^-$  track DCA)
  - ✓ Select  $p_{xy}$  of  $e^+$
  - ✓ Reject accidental  $e^-$
- Time coincidence (by selecting  $e^+$  TOF)
  - ✓ Select  $p_z$  of  $e^+$
  - ✓ Reject  $e^+$  from IC decay or Bhabha scattering
- Charge identification (by  $e^-$  track &  $e^+$  annihilation)



- A "clean" data taking duration
  - ❑ Pulsed muon beam
- Excellent vertex resolution
  - ❑  $e^+/e^-$  spatial resolution
  - ❑ Precise  $e^+$  transport in EM field
- Excellent time resolution
  - ❑  $e^+/e^-$  time resolution

# MACE baseline design v1



- I. Surface muon stop in target  $\rightarrow$  muonium
- II.  $M$  diffuse into vacuum & convert to  $\bar{M}$
- III. Decay in a vacuum:  $\bar{M} \rightarrow e^+ e^- \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_e$
- IV. CDC detects Michel  $e^-$  track
- V. Transport atomic  $e^+$  to MCP (conserving transverse position)

- V. MCP detects  $e^+$  position
- VI.  $e^+$  annihilates on MCP
- VII. ECAL detects 2 back-to-back annihilation  $\gamma$

### Triple coincidence:

➤ **MMS + MCP + ECAL**

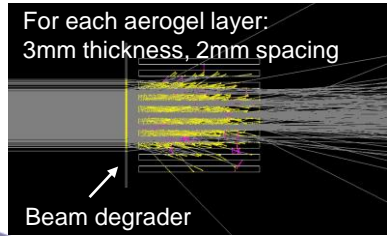
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# MACE baseline design v1

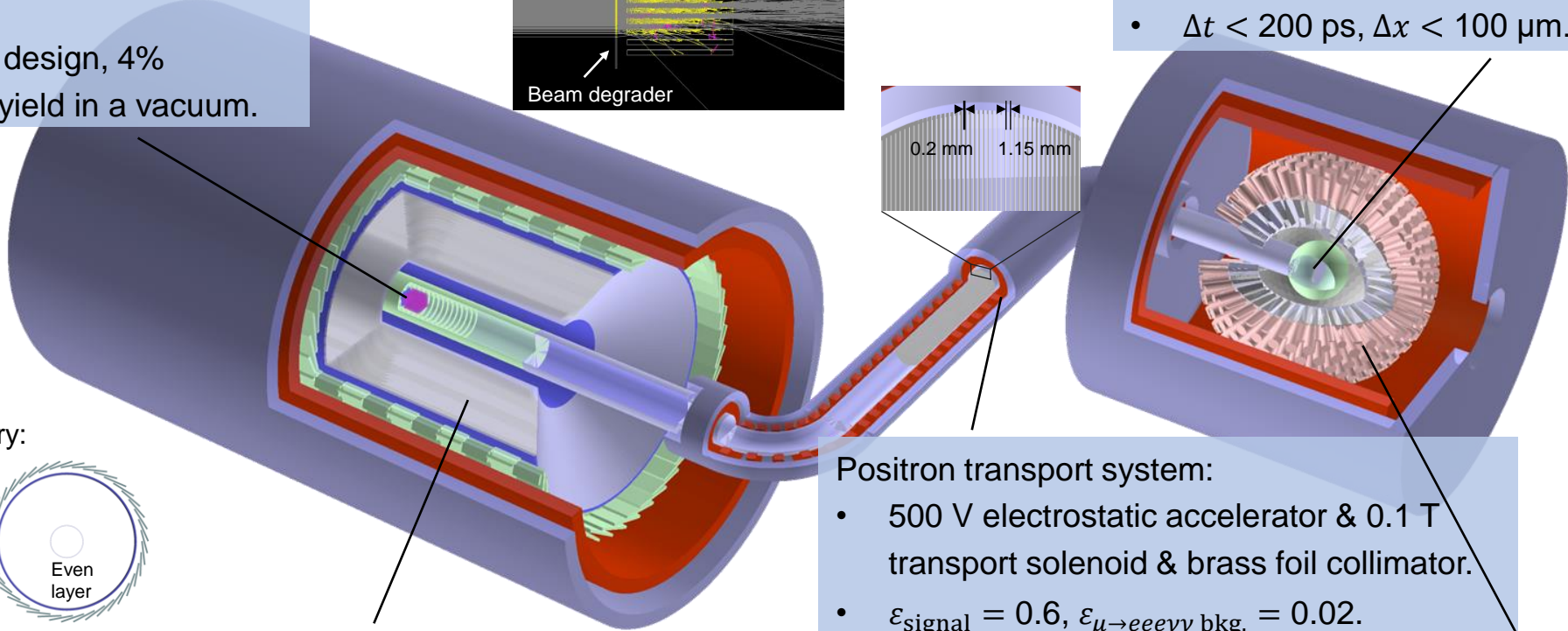
**Muonium target:**

- Silica aerogel with perforation surface.
- Multilayer design, 4% muonium yield in a vacuum.



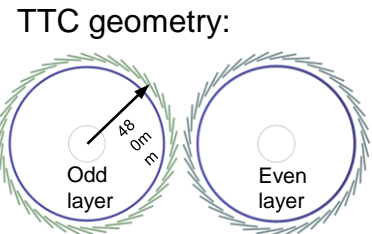
**Microchannel plate (MCP) specifications:**

- Signal ( $e^+$  500 eV) efficiency  $> 0.7$
- $\Delta t < 200$  ps,  $\Delta x < 100$   $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Positron transport system:**

- 500 V electrostatic accelerator & 0.1 T transport solenoid & brass foil collimator.
- $\epsilon_{\text{signal}} = 0.6$ ,  $\epsilon_{\mu \rightarrow ee\nu\nu \text{ bkg.}} = 0.02$ .
- Signal  $e^+$  position error 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .



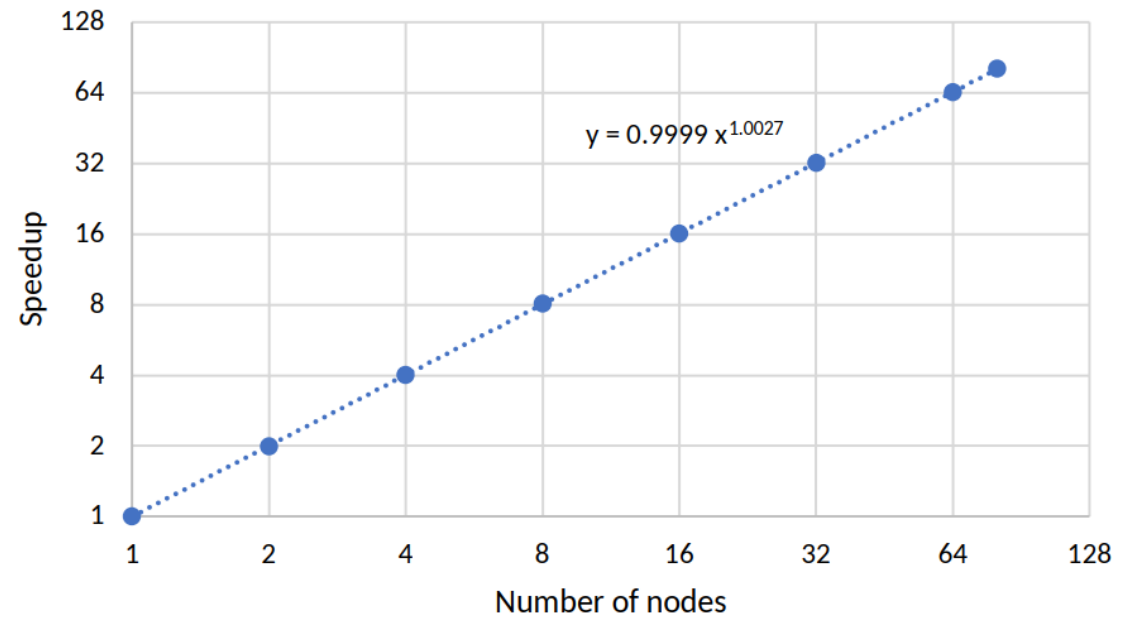
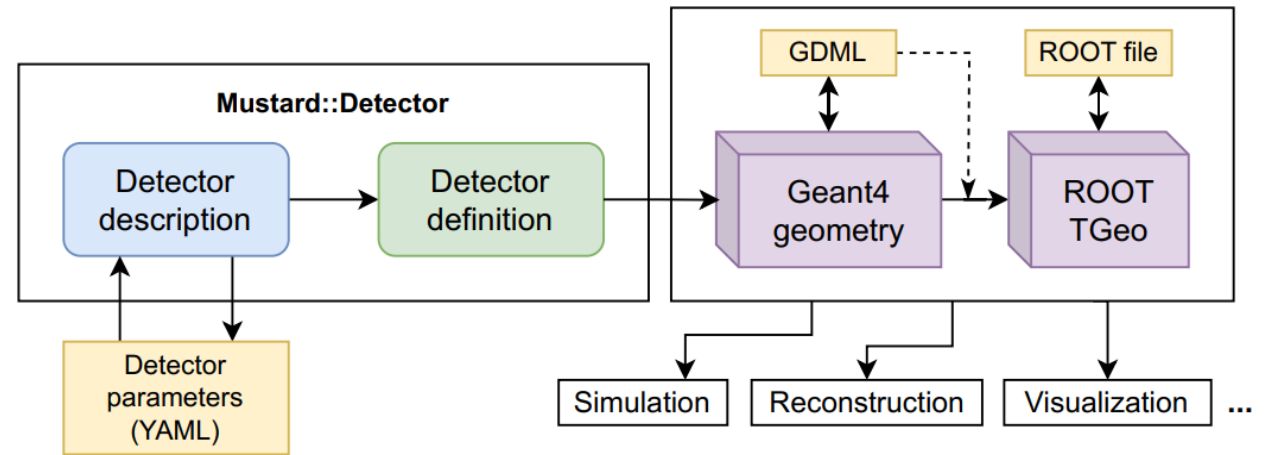
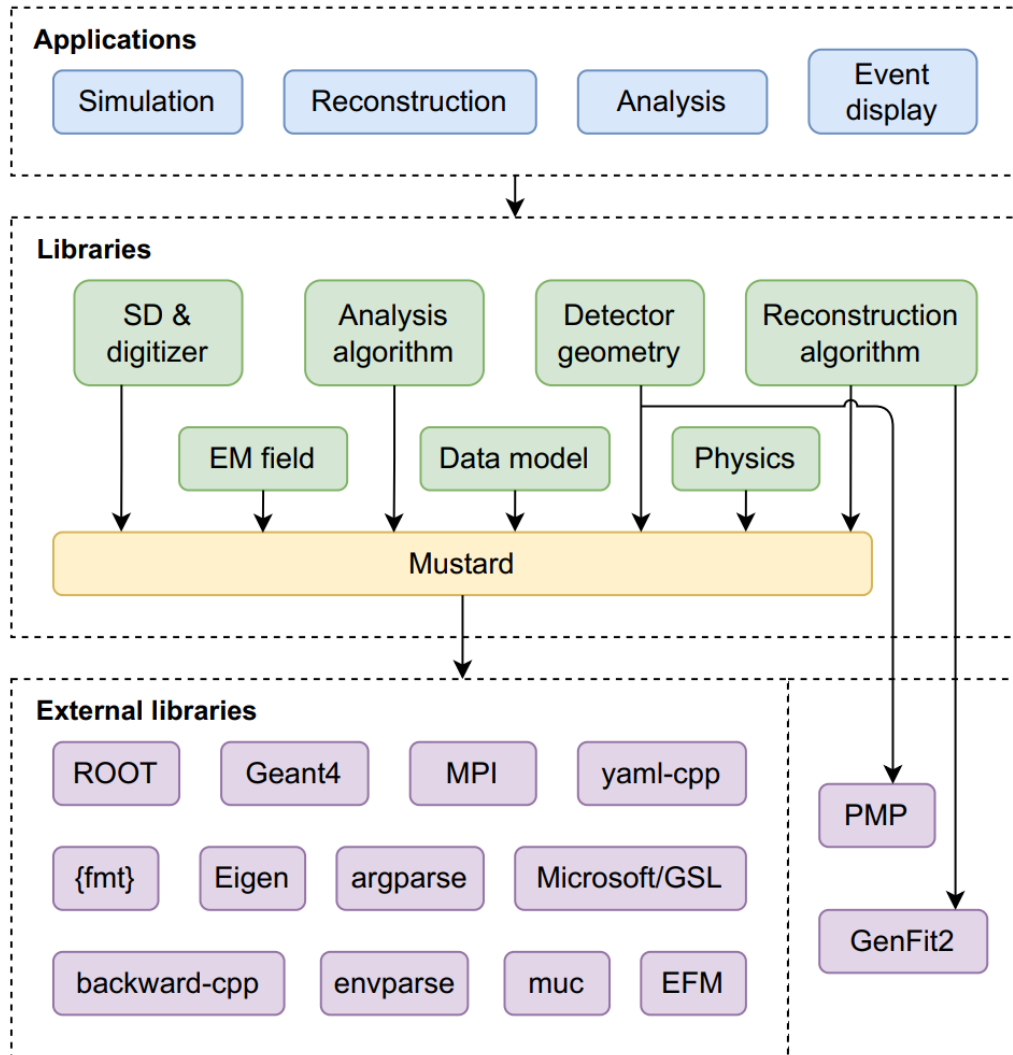
**Magnetic spectrometer:**

- 0.1 T axial magnetic field.
- CDC:  $\text{He}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10})$  gas, 21 layers, 3540 cells. 89% geometry acceptance,  $\Delta p \approx 500$  keV.
- TTC: 756 fast scintillators with SiPM readout, slant  $\pm 15$  deg,  $\Delta t < 100$  ps.

**Electromagnetic calorimeter:**

- Geometry: Class-I GP(4,0) Goldberg polyhedron.
- 622 CsI(Tl) crystals with 10 cm length, PMT readout.
- 97% geometry acceptance,  $\Delta E/E = 7.5\%$  (signal  $2\gamma$  event), 67.5% signal efficiency.

# MACE offline software





# MACE sensitivity

- Summary of current full simulation results:

Background		count / ( $10^8 \mu/s \times 365 \text{ d}$ )
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_e$		$0.287 \pm 0.020$
Accidental	Beam positron	$< 0.07$
	Cosmic ray (w/ veto)	$< 0.1$
Total		$< 1$

Detector, component or analysis	Efficiency type	Efficiency value
Magnetic spectrometer (MMS)	Geometric efficiency ( $\epsilon_{\text{MMS}}^{\text{geom}}$ )	84.6%
	Reconstruction efficiency ( $\epsilon_{\text{MMS}}^{\text{recon}}$ )	$\sim 80\%$
Positron transport system (PTS)	Transmission efficiency ( $\epsilon_{\text{PTS}}$ )	65.8%
Microchannel plate (MCP)	Detection efficiency ( $\epsilon_{\text{MCP}}$ )	32.6%
Electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL)	Incident efficiency $\epsilon_{\text{ECAL}}^{\text{In}}$	63.4%
	Geometric efficiency $\epsilon_{\text{ECAL}}^{\text{Geom}}$	95.3%
	Reconstruction efficiency $\epsilon_{\text{ECAL}}^{\text{Recon}}$	94.0%
Total detection efficiency		8.25%
Analysis	Signal efficiency ( $\epsilon_{\text{Cut}}$ )	$\sim 80\%$
Total signal efficiency		6.6%

- ✓  $O(10^{-14})$  single event sensitivity is expected:

$$\text{SES} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\text{Geom}} \epsilon_{\text{MMS}} \epsilon_{\text{MCP}} \epsilon_{\text{ECAL}} \epsilon_{\text{cut}} \mathcal{Y}_M N_{\mu^+}} = 1.3 \times 10^{-13}$$

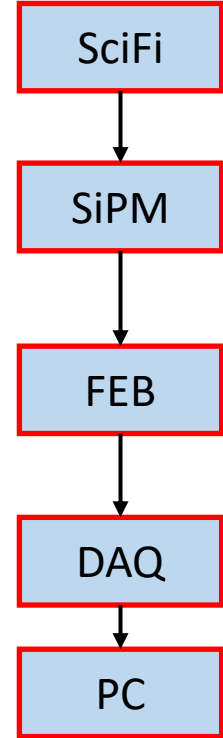
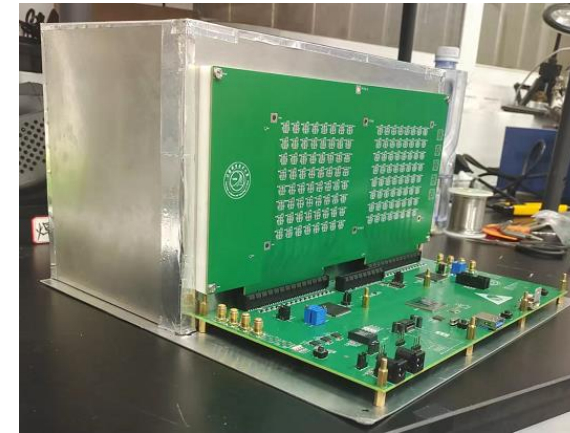
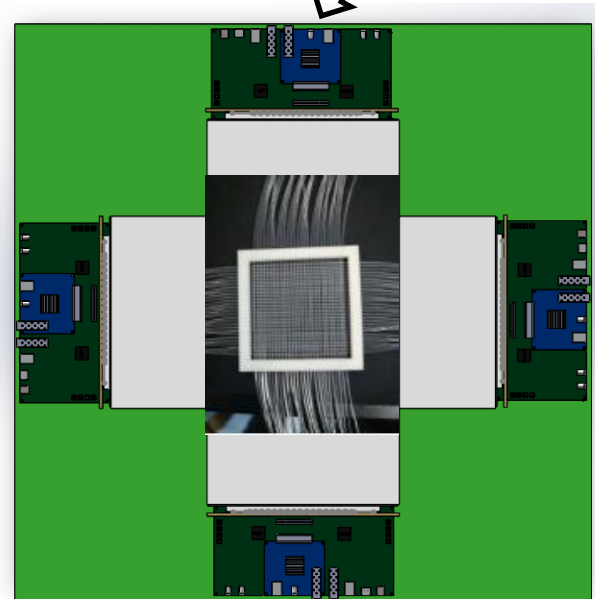
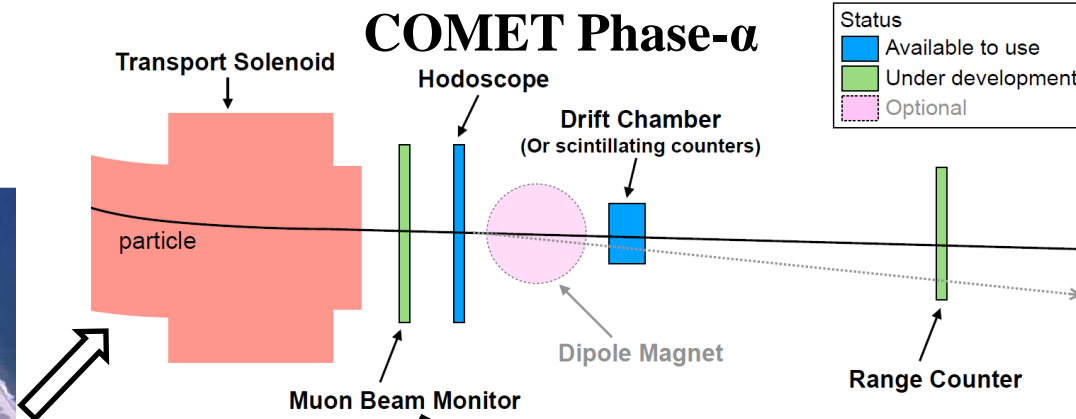
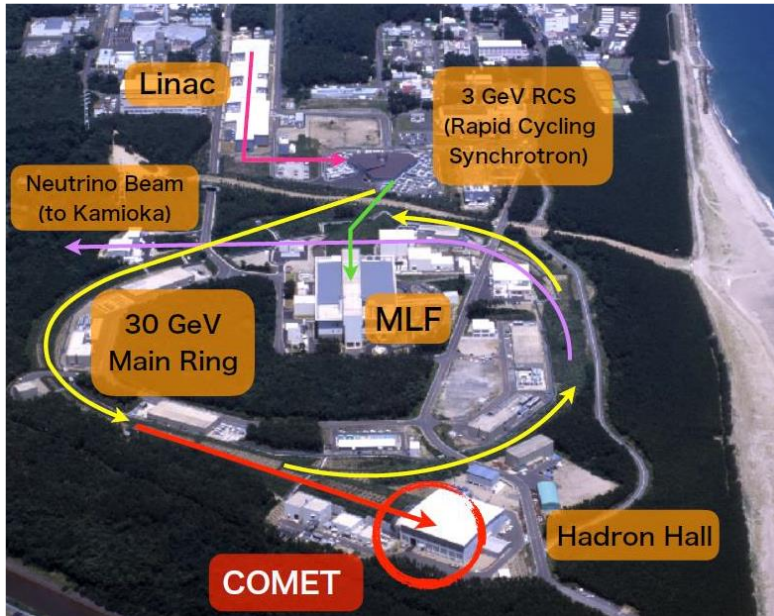
- More background simulations and refined data analyses to be updated!



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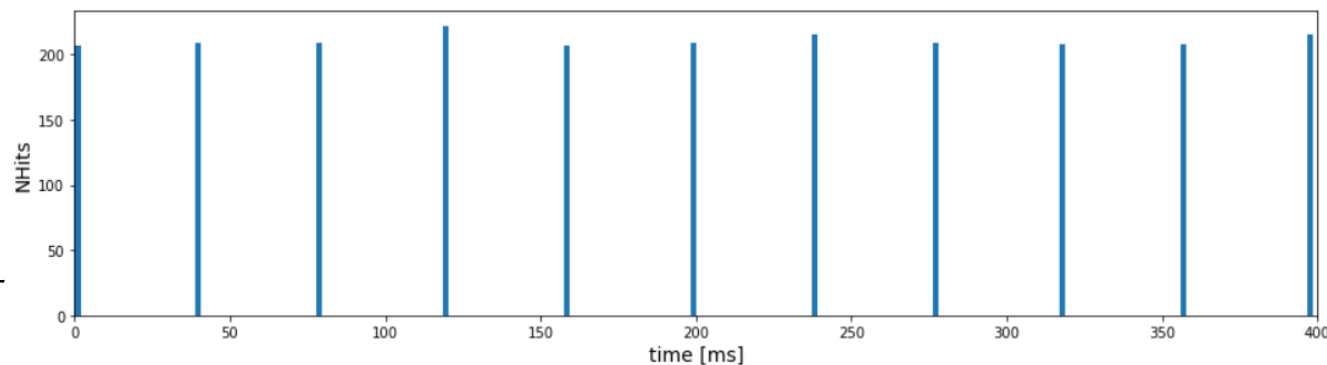
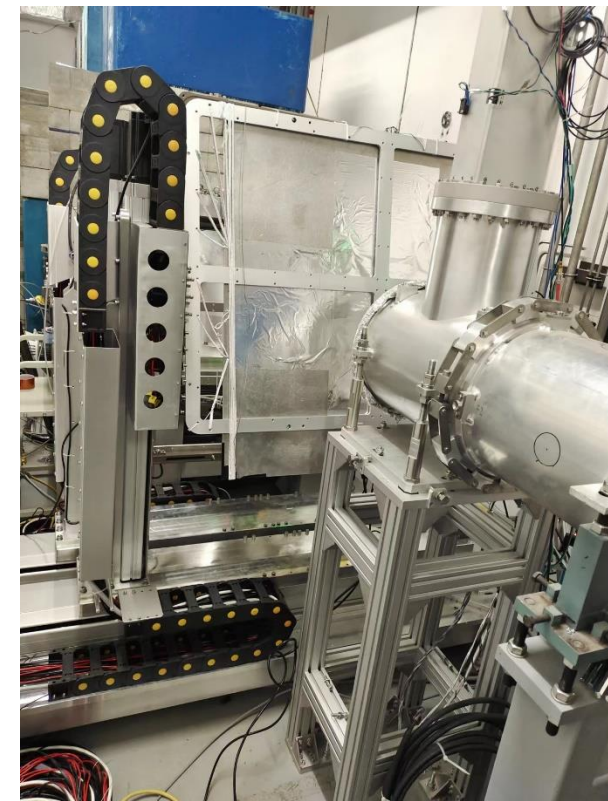
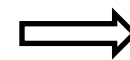
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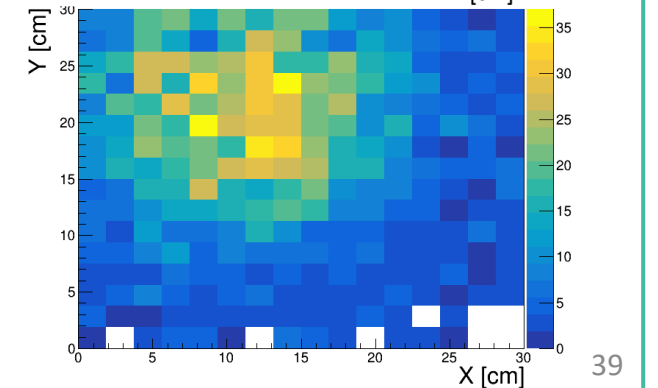
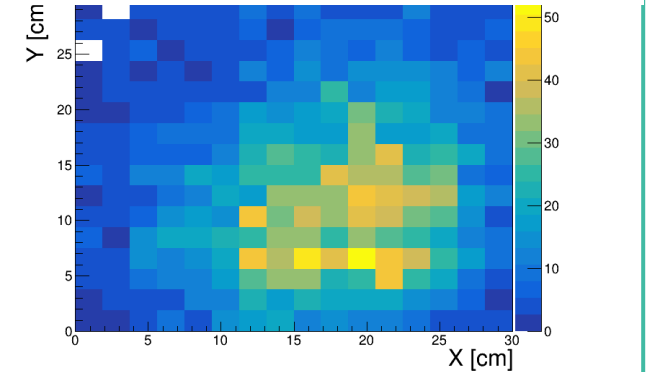
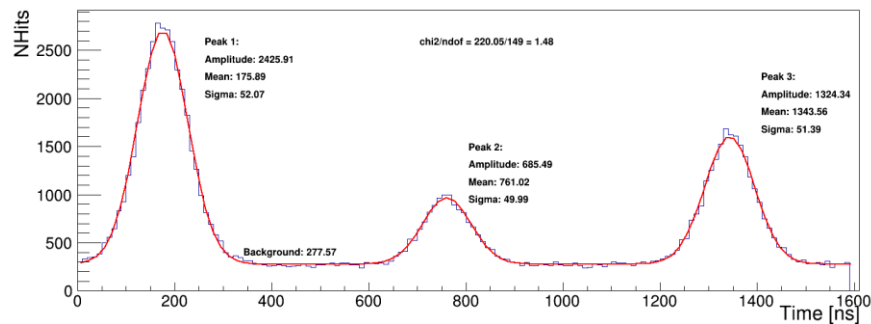
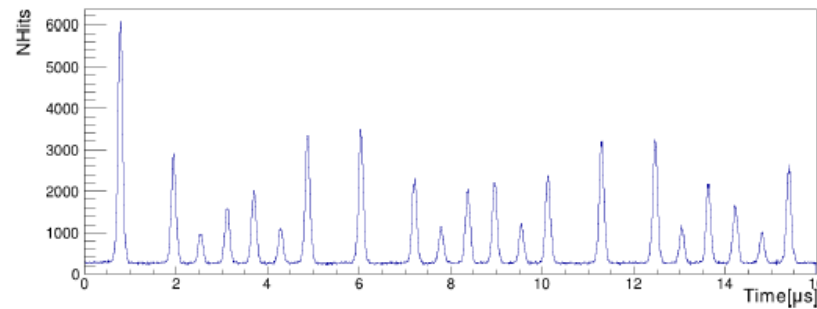
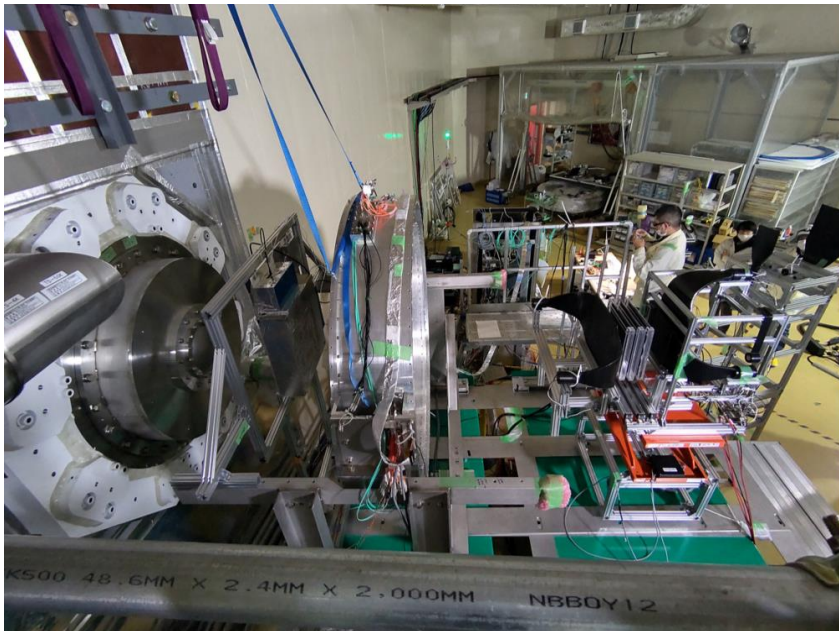
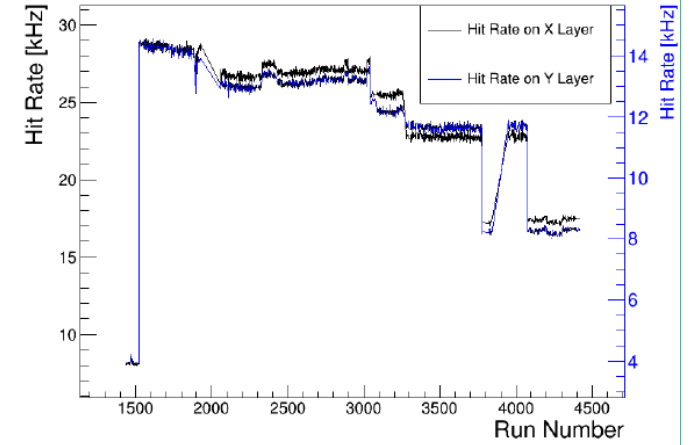
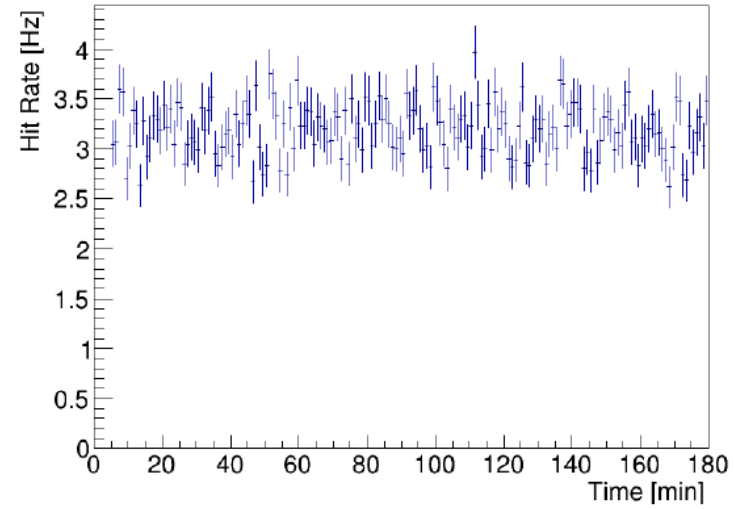
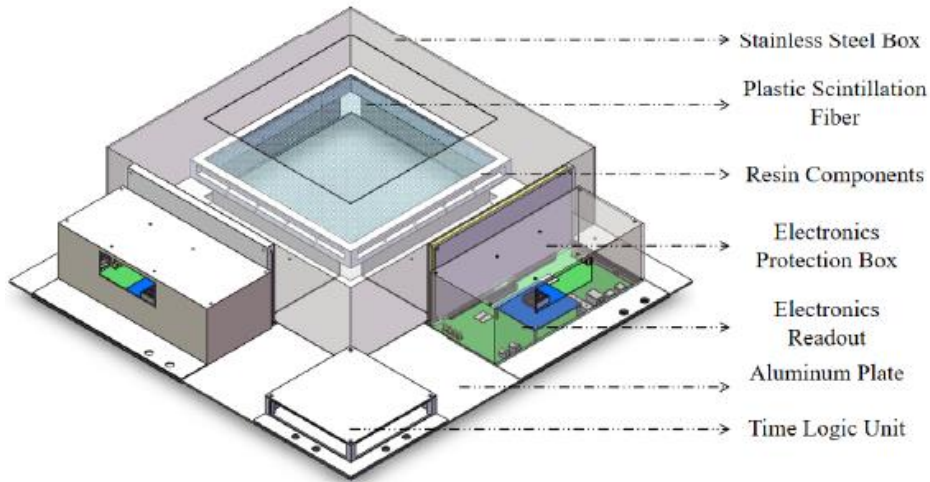
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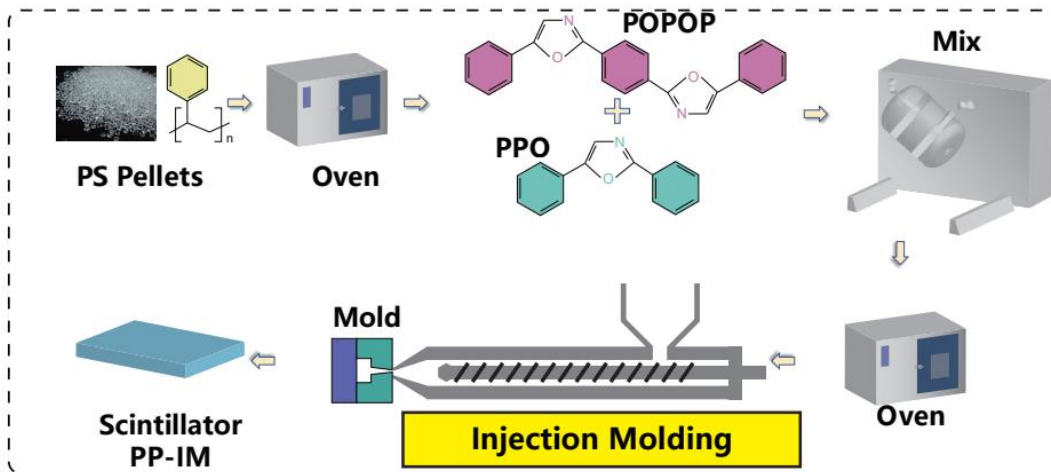
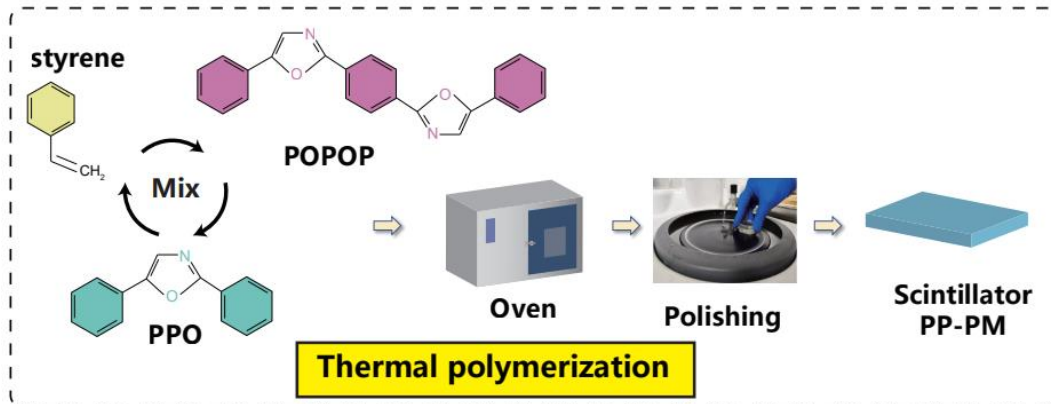
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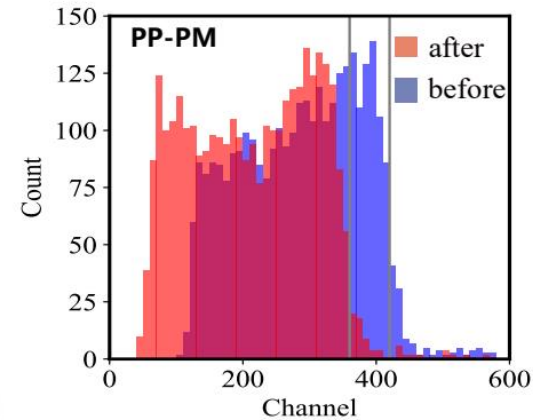
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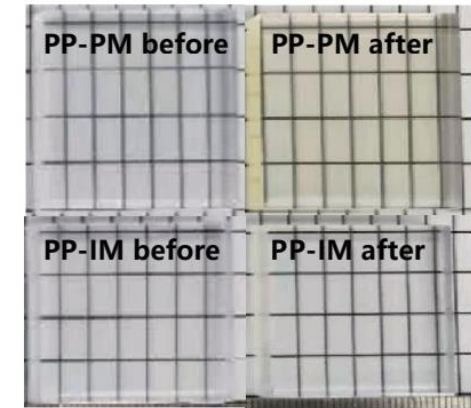
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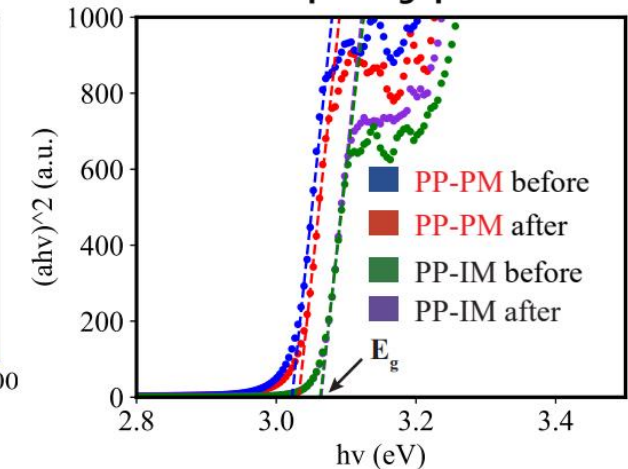
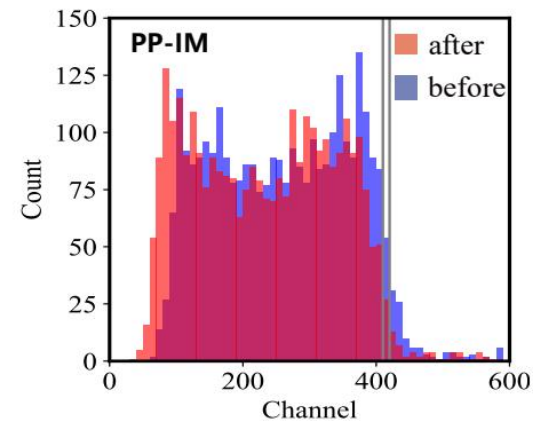
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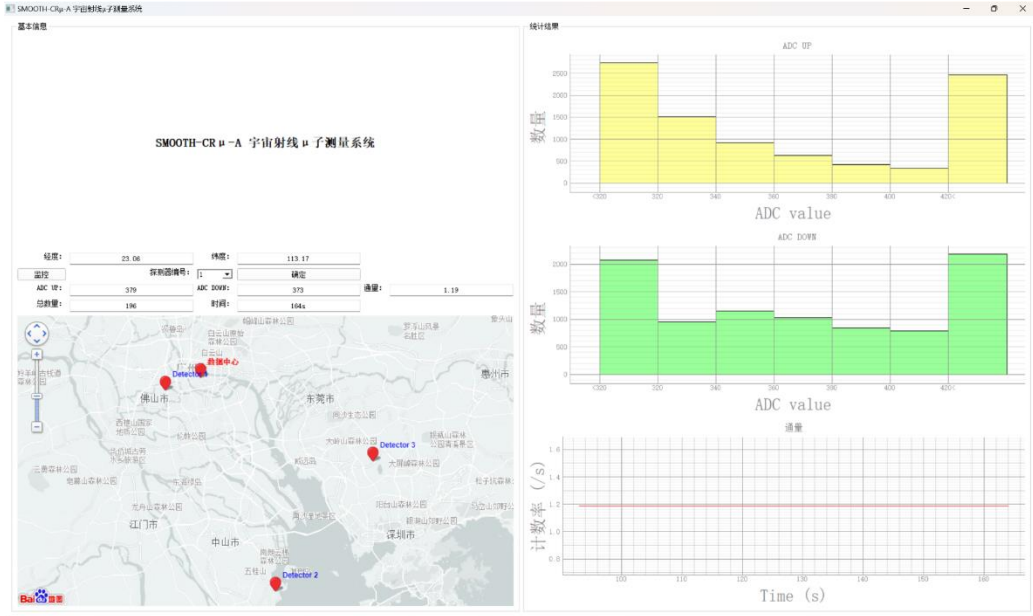


Enhancing plastic scintillator performance through advanced injection molding techniques

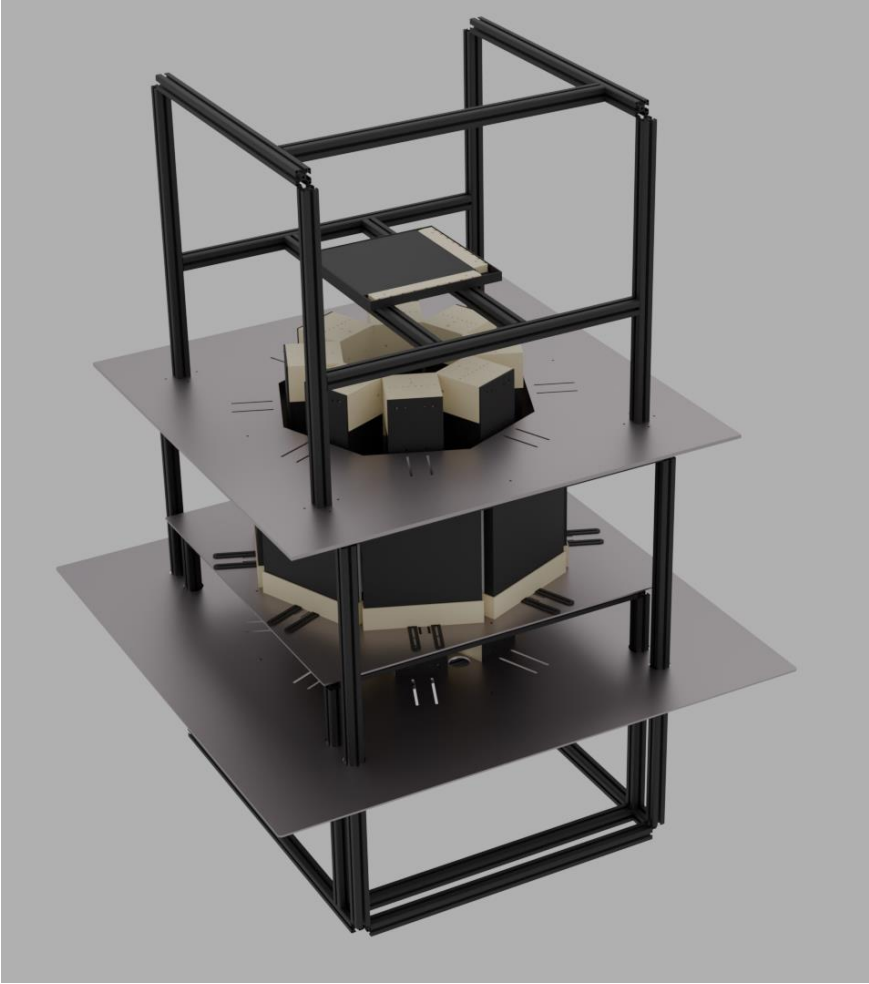
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# Detector R&D with cosmic muons: CR $\mu$ SR

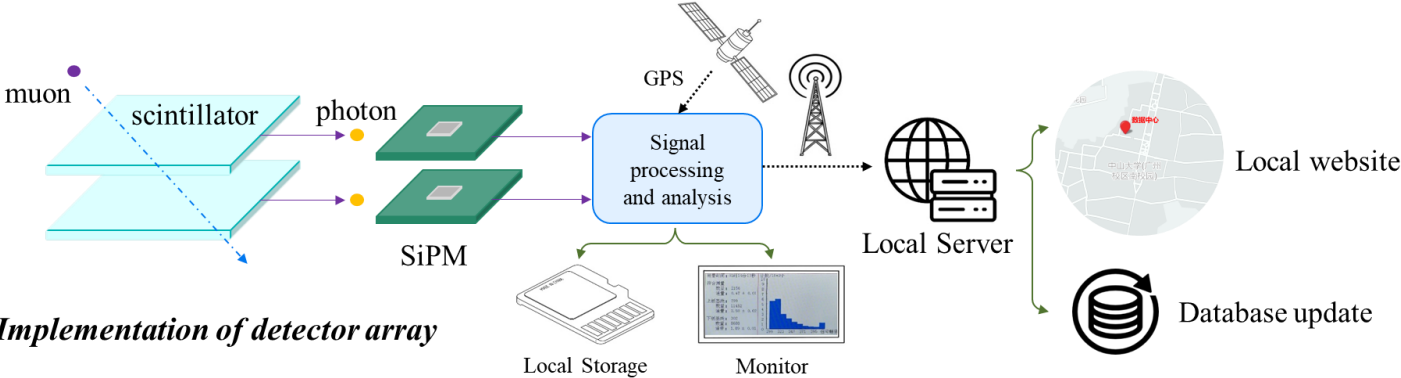


CR $\mu$ SR prototype



Taking data!

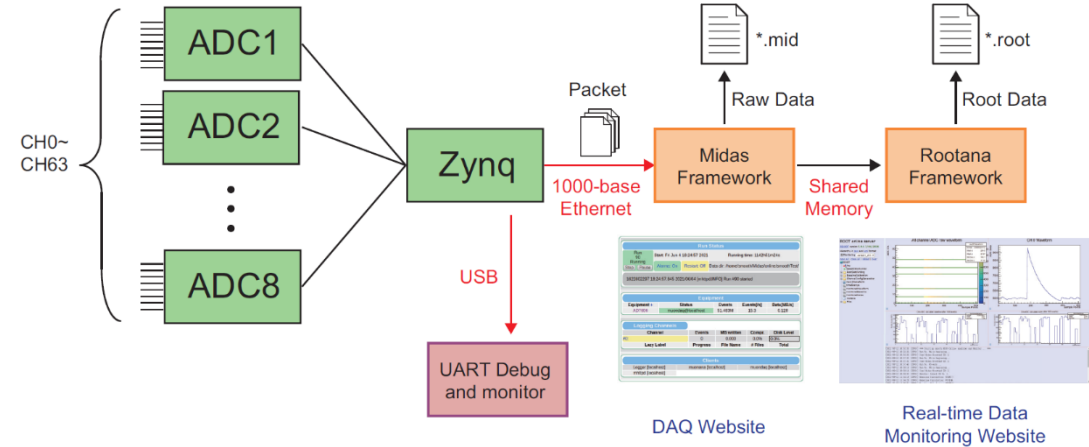
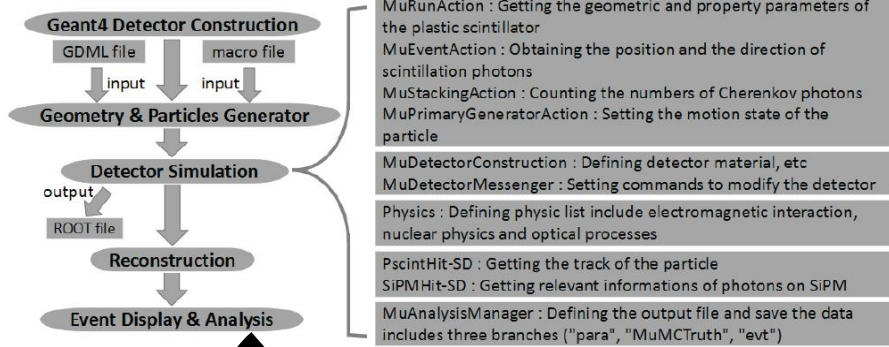
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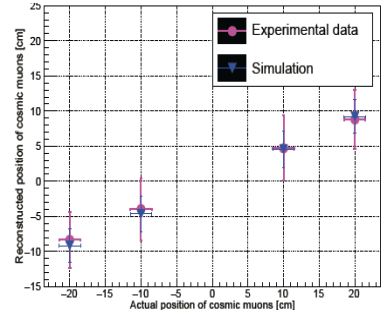
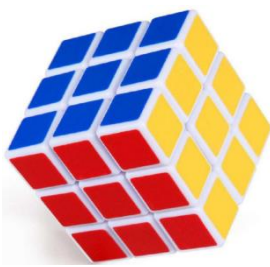
Implementation of detector array

# Detector R&D with cosmic muons: MuGrid

MC



Module test



Customized electronics

Track reconstruction

(a)

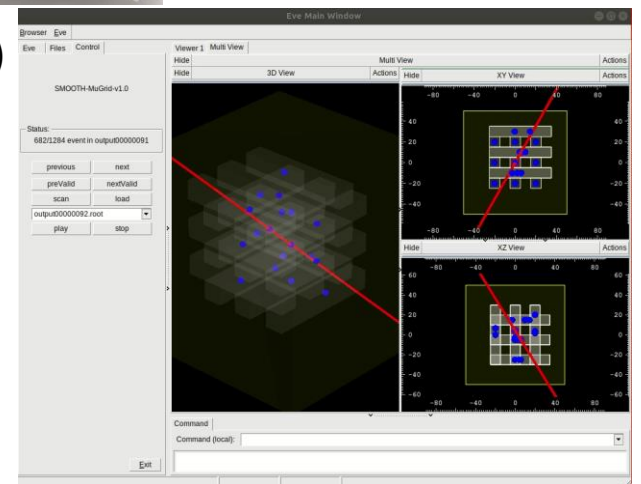
Online monitor



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(b)





# Summary

- Muon physics is in the ascendant, enabling precise tests of QED theory and search for new physics beyond SM.
- MACE experiment will achieve a breakthrough in muon physics.
- Significant progress has been made in experiment design, muonium target design, and offline software development.
- Ongoing development of sub-detectors (MBM, EMCal, etc.) and reconstruction algorithms.
- Local muon lab SMOOTH: cosmic muon detector, muon beam monitoring detector,  $\mu$ SR prototype
- MACE Conceptual Design Report completed; Cutting-edge science will drive technological applications; looking forward to multidisciplinary applications after a development of SMOOTH- $\mu$ SR prototype.
- Great potential in muon physics — small sparks can ignite a prairie fire!
- Welcome collaborations and fruitful results!

- *Thanks for the invitation from the local organization crew.*
- *In collaboration with Prof. Changqin Feng at electronics readout in detector R&D.*
- *Appreciate fabrication of Silica aerogel at school of material science and engineer by Prof. Jian Zhou.*
- *Supported by NSFC no. 12075326, Guangdong province and Guangzhou natural science foundation.*
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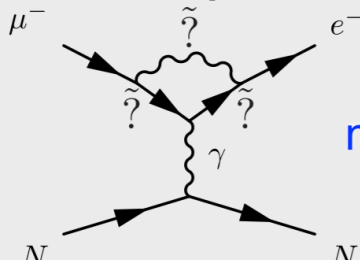


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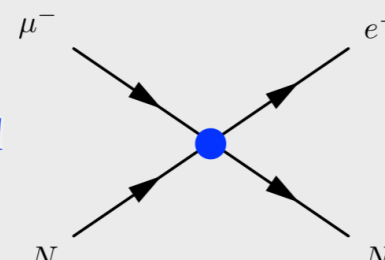
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{d>4} \sum_n \frac{C_n^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_n^{(d)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CLFV}} = \frac{m_\mu}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_L F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_L \gamma^\mu e_L (\bar{u}_L \gamma_\mu u_L + \bar{d}_L \gamma_\mu d_L)$$

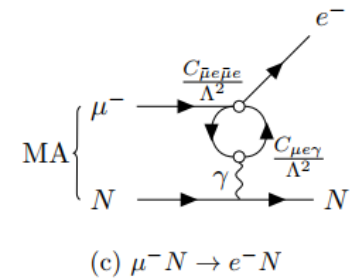
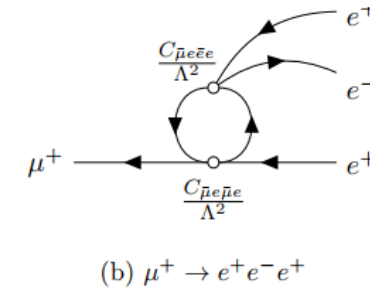
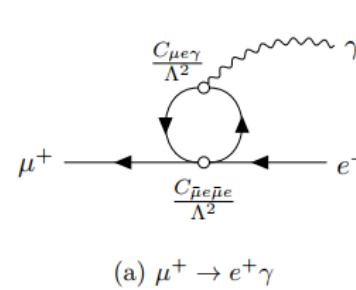
**“Loops”**



**“Contact Terms”**



mass scale  $\Lambda$



REF: By A. DeGouvea and P. Vogel, arXiv:1303.4097. EFT treatment by S. Davidson and B. Echenard. arXiv: 2010.00317



# SMEFT

$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM}^{(4)} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_i C_i^{(5)} Q_i^{(5)} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i C_i^{(6)} Q_i^{(6)} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^3}\right).$$

- The first-order effective operator beyond the Standard Model has a dimension of 5, corresponding to  $\Lambda^{-1}$ ; this order generates the Majorana mass term for neutrinos.
- Subsequent effective Lagrangian corresponds to  $\Lambda^{-2}$ , where operators of this order can produce cLFV at tree-level.
- Different processes typically exhibit sensitivity to certain classes of operators while being insensitive to others.
  - For example, muonium conversion is sensitive to the  $\bar{\mu}e\bar{\mu}e$  coupling but not to  $\bar{\mu}e\bar{e}e$  or  $\bar{\mu}e\gamma$ ; so conversely do  $\mu \rightarrow eee$  and  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ .
- Muon conversion is directly generated by the  $\bar{\mu}e\bar{\mu}e$  coupling, with  $M^2 \propto \frac{1}{\Lambda^4}$ ;
- In contrast,  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  at the EFT tree-level does not involve the  $\mu\bar{e}\bar{\mu}e$  coupling; if one insists to involve  $\mu\bar{e}\bar{\mu}e$ , it would require two EFT vertices, resulting in  $M^2 \propto \frac{1}{\Lambda^8}$  suppression.



# SMEFT

Ref: Julian Heeck and Mikheil Sokhachvili. Lepton flavor violation by two units. *Phys. Lett. B*, 852:138621, 2024.

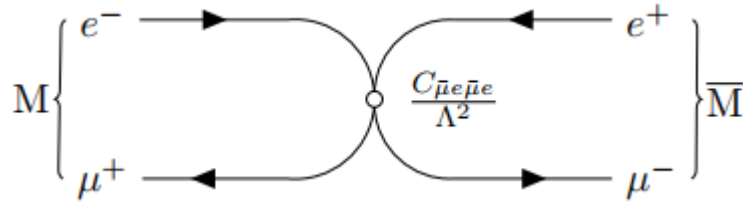
- $\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^- e^+$  SMEFT Lagrangian with vector  $\bar{\mu}e\bar{\mu}e$  couplings only:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}}^{\Delta L_\mu=2} \supset \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left( C_{\mu e \mu e}^{LL} (\bar{\mu}_L \gamma^\alpha e_L) (\bar{\mu}_L \gamma_\alpha e_L) \right. \\ \left. + C_{\mu e \mu e}^{LR} (\bar{\mu}_L \gamma^\alpha e_L) (\bar{\mu}_R \gamma_\alpha e_R) \right. \\ \left. + C_{\mu e \mu e}^{RR} (\bar{\mu}_R \gamma^\alpha e_R) (\bar{\mu}_R \gamma_\alpha e_R) \right) + \text{h.c.}$$

- 3 Wilson coefficients, time-independent conversion probability writes

$$P \approx \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} \left( \frac{7.58 \times 10^{-7}}{G_F^2} |C_{\mu e \mu e}^{LL} + C_{\mu e \mu e}^{RR} - 1.68 C_{\mu e \mu e}^{LR}|^2 \right. \\ \left. + \frac{4.27 \times 10^{-7}}{G_F^2} |C_{\mu e \mu e}^{LL} + C_{\mu e \mu e}^{RR} + 0.68 C_{\mu e \mu e}^{LR}|^2 \right).$$

# SMEFT



Complete  $\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^- e^+$  SMEFT Lagrangian, with vector and scalar couplings:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} &= \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{n>4} \frac{1}{\Lambda^{n-4}} \sum_i C_i^{(n)} Q_i^{(n)} \\ &= \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_i C_i^{(5)} Q_i^{(5)} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i C_i^{(6)} Q_i^{(6)} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_V^{LL} = (\bar{\mu}_L \gamma_\alpha e_L) (\bar{\mu}_L \gamma^\alpha e_L), \quad Q_V^{RR} = (\bar{\mu}_R \gamma_\alpha e_R) (\bar{\mu}_R \gamma^\alpha e_R),$$

$$Q_V^{LR} = (\bar{\mu}_L \gamma_\alpha e_L) (\bar{\mu}_R \gamma^\alpha e_R),$$

$$Q_S^{LR} = (\bar{\mu}_L e_R) (\bar{\mu}_L e_R), \quad Q_S^{RL} = (\bar{\mu}_R e_L) (\bar{\mu}_R e_L).$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (C_V^{LL} Q_V^{LL} + C_V^{RR} Q_V^{RR} + C_V^{LR} Q_V^{LR} + C_S^{LR} Q_S^{LR} + C_S^{RL} Q_S^{RL} + C_V^{L\nu} Q_V^{L\nu} + C_V^{R\nu} Q_V^{R\nu})$$

Follows the same steps as that for the  $B\bar{B}$  or  $K\bar{K}$  mixing

$$P(M \rightarrow \bar{M}) = S_B(B_0, f_P) (f_P P(M_P \rightarrow \bar{M}_P) + (1 - f_P) P(M_V \rightarrow \bar{M}_V))$$

$$P(M \rightarrow \bar{M}) = \left( \frac{f_P}{2} (x_P^2 + y_P^2) + \frac{1 - f_P}{2} (x_V^2 + y_V^2) \right) S_B(B_0, f_P)$$

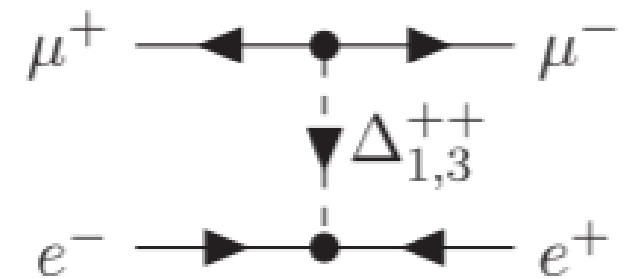
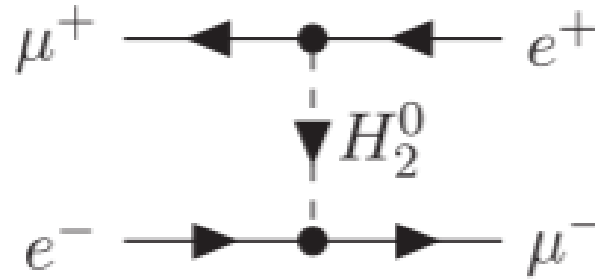
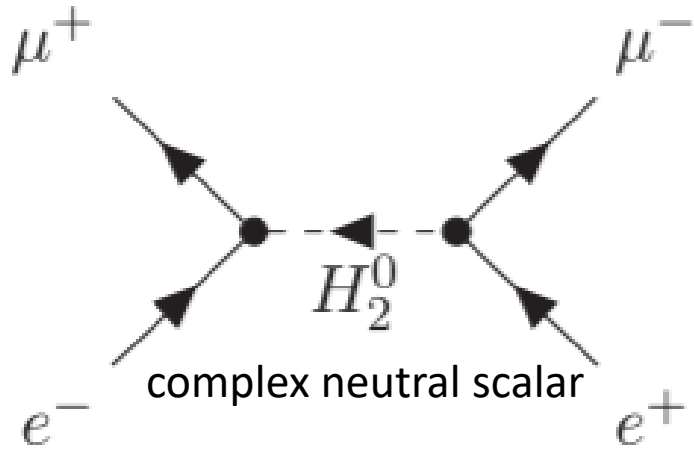
$$x_P = \frac{4(\alpha\mu)^3}{\pi\Gamma\Lambda^2} \left( C_V^{LL} + C_V^{RR} - \frac{3}{2} C_V^{LR} - \frac{1}{4} (C_S^{LR} + C_S^{RL}) \right), \quad x_V = -\frac{12(\alpha\mu)^3}{\pi\Gamma\Lambda^2} \left( C_V^{LL} + C_V^{RR} + \frac{1}{2} C_V^{LR} + \frac{1}{4} (C_S^{LR} + C_S^{RL}) \right),$$

$$y_P = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}\Lambda^2} \frac{m^2(\alpha\mu)^3}{\pi^2\Gamma} (C_V^{L\nu} - C_V^{R\nu}), \quad y_V = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}\Lambda^2} \frac{m^2(\alpha\mu)^3}{\pi^2\Gamma} (5C_V^{L\nu} + C_V^{R\nu}).$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(M \rightarrow \bar{M}) &= \frac{8(\alpha\mu)^6}{\pi^2\Gamma^2\Lambda^4} \left( f_P \left( C_V^{LL} + C_V^{RR} - \frac{3}{2} C_V^{LR} - \frac{1}{4} (C_S^{LR} + C_S^{RL}) \right)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 9(1 - f_P) \left( C_V^{LL} + C_V^{RR} + \frac{1}{2} C_V^{LR} + \frac{1}{4} (C_S^{LR} + C_S^{RL}) \right)^2 \right) S_B(B_0, f_P) \end{aligned}$$

Process	Type	Experiment	Current bound
$M \rightarrow \bar{M}$	$M - \bar{M}$ mixing	MACS [10], MACE	$P < 8.3 \times 10^{-11}/S_B(0.1 \text{ T})$ [10]
$\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^- e^+$			
$\mu^+ \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+$	Scattering	$\mu$ TRISTAN [39]	None
$\mu^+ \mu^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^+$			
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$	Decay	$\tau_\mu$ measurement	$\Delta\tau_\mu/\tau_\mu = 1 \times 10^{-6}$ [23]
$Z \rightarrow \ell'^{\pm} \ell'^{\pm} \ell'^{\mp} \ell'^{\mp}$		CEPC [40], FCC-ee [41]	None

# Model dependent muonium conversion



REF: Tong Li, Michael A. Schmidt. *Phys.Rev.D* 100 (2019) 11, 115007

