

Probing and Knocking With Muons

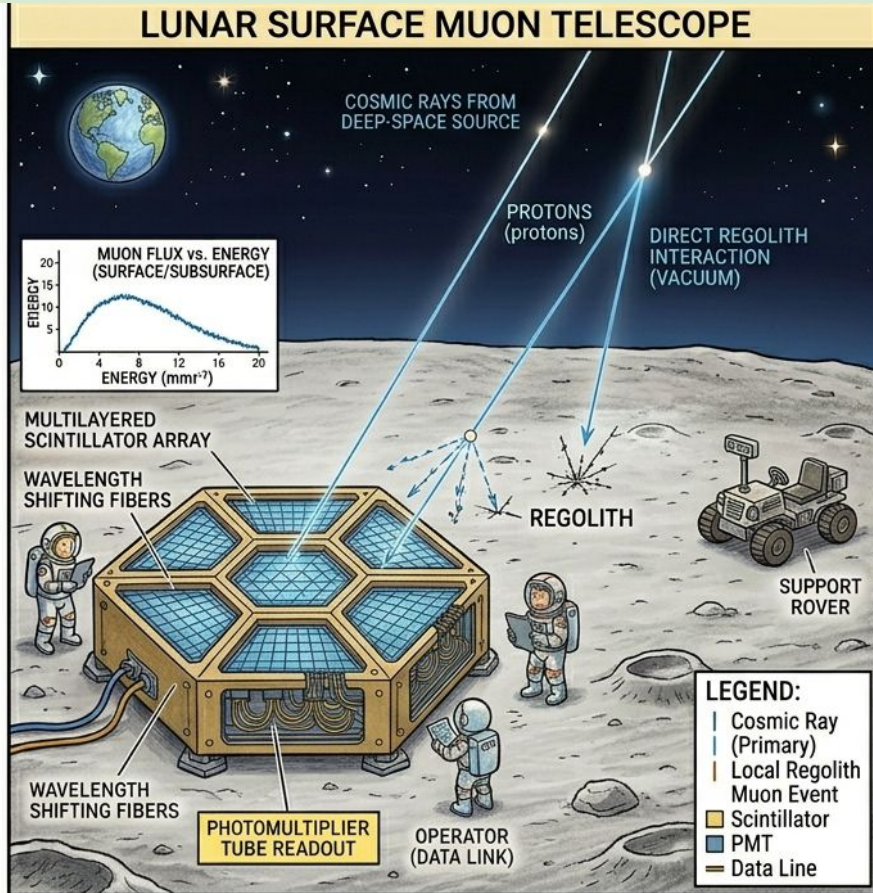


- **Core Goal:** A comprehensive muon-scattering experiment program to explore precision and new physics.
- **Our Strategy** — Innovation, Agility, and High Impact
 - **Phase I:** Use cosmic-ray muons + self-developed high-precision RPC/GEM detectors
 - **Phase II:** Transition to high-intensity muon beams at Chinese facilities

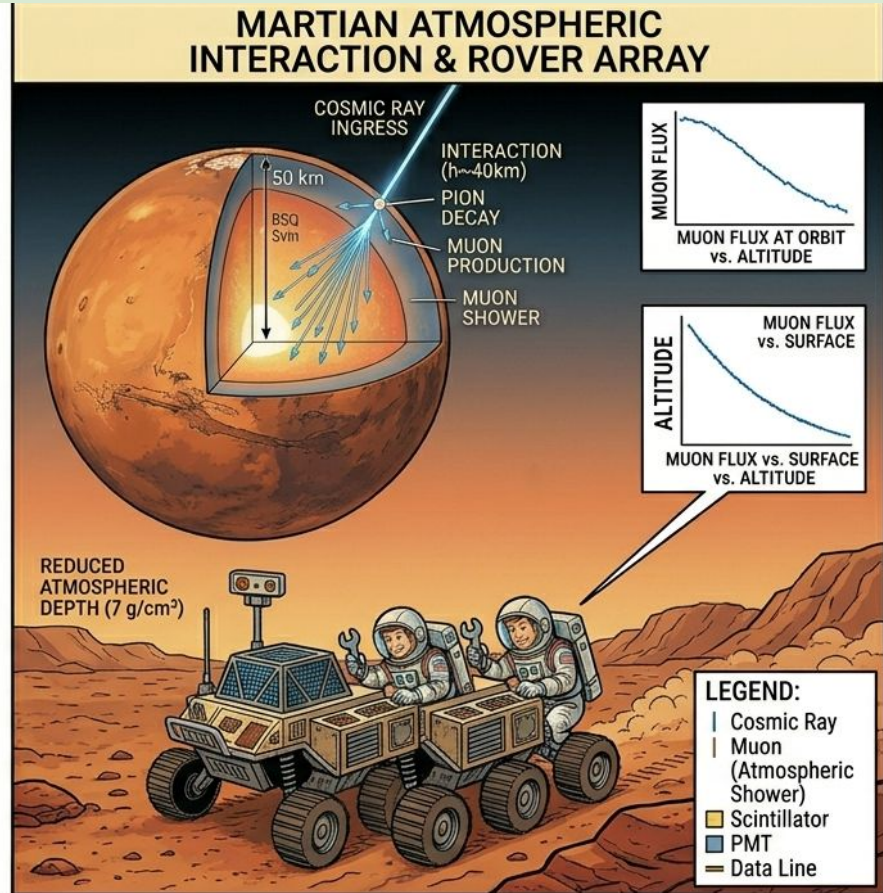
- **Brief Introduction**

- Muon Physics, China's GeV Muon Beam
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Muons can be everywhere and interesting



Gemini



However, let's focus on our Earth

《Nature》 Muon Tomography LETTER

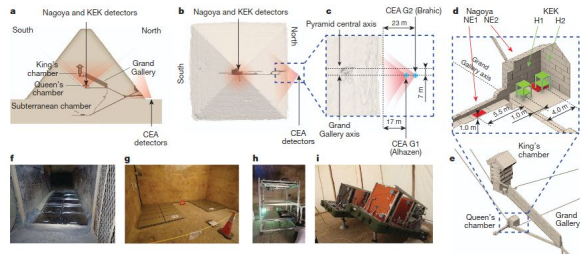
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Discovery of a big void in Khufu's Pyramid by observation of cosmic-ray muons

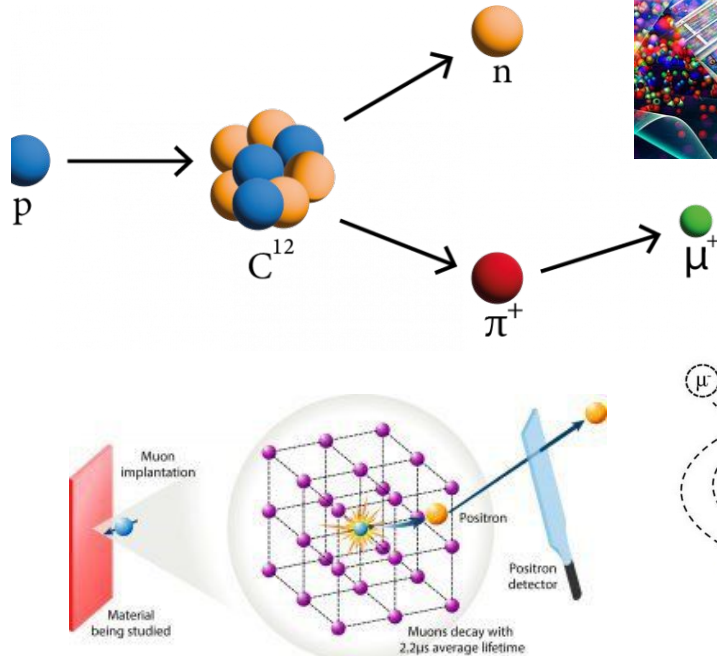
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The Great Pyramid, or Khufu's Pyramid, was built on the Giza plateau in Egypt during the fourth dynasty by the pharaoh Khufu (Cheops), who reigned from 2509 BC to 2483 BC. Despite being one of the oldest and largest monuments on Earth, there is no consensus about how it was built^{1,2}. To understand its internal structure better, we imaged the pyramid using muons, which are by-products of cosmic rays that are only partially absorbed by stone³⁻⁶. The resulting cosmic-ray muon radiography allows us to visualize the known and any unknown voids in the pyramid in a non-invasive way. Here we report the discovery of a large void (with a cross-section similar to that of the Grand Gallery and a minimum length of 30 metres) situated above the Grand Gallery. This constitutes the first major inner structure found in the Great Pyramid since the nineteenth century⁵. The void, named ScanPyramids' Big Void, was first observed with nuclear emulsion films⁷⁻⁹ installed in the Queen's

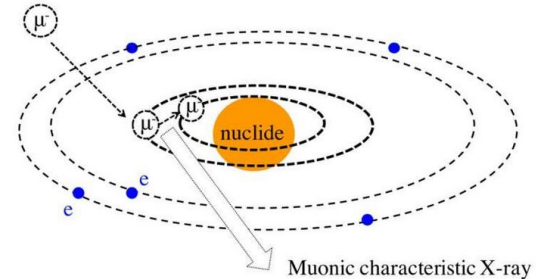
chamber, then confirmed with scintillator hodoscopes^{10,11} set up in the same chamber and finally re-confirmed with gas detectors¹² outside the pyramid. This large void has therefore been detected with high confidence by three different muon detection technologies and three independent analyses. These results constitute a breakthrough for the understanding of the internal structure of Khufu's Pyramid. Although there is currently no information about the intended purpose of this void, these findings show how modern particle physics can shed new light on the world's archaeological heritage. The pyramid of Khufu is 139 m high and 230 m wide¹³. There are three known chambers (Fig. 1), at different heights of the pyramid, which all lie in the north-south vertical plane: the subterranean chamber, the Queen's chamber, and the King's chamber. These chambers are connected by several corridors, the most notable one being the Grand Gallery (8.6 m high × 46.7 m long × 2.1–1.0 m wide). The Queen's



Muon g-2 Experiments

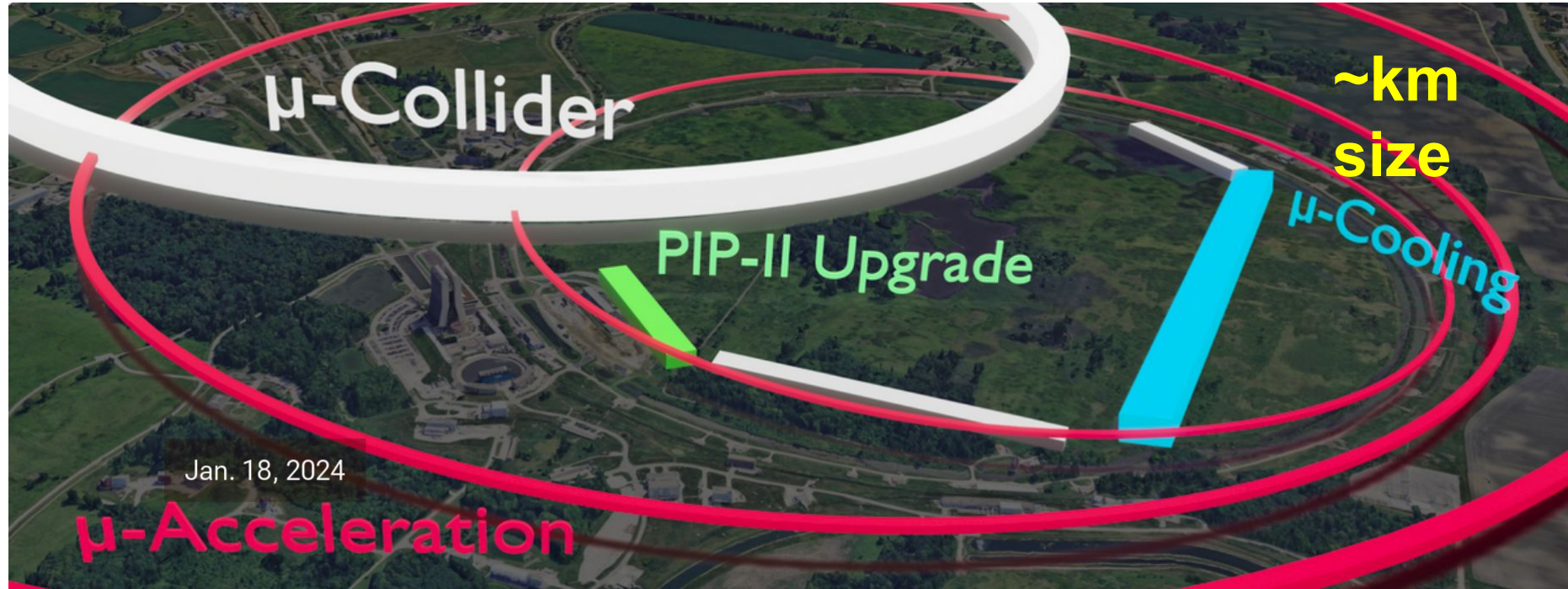


Muonic x-ray spectroscopy



Muon Spin Rotation and Relaxation Spectroscopy

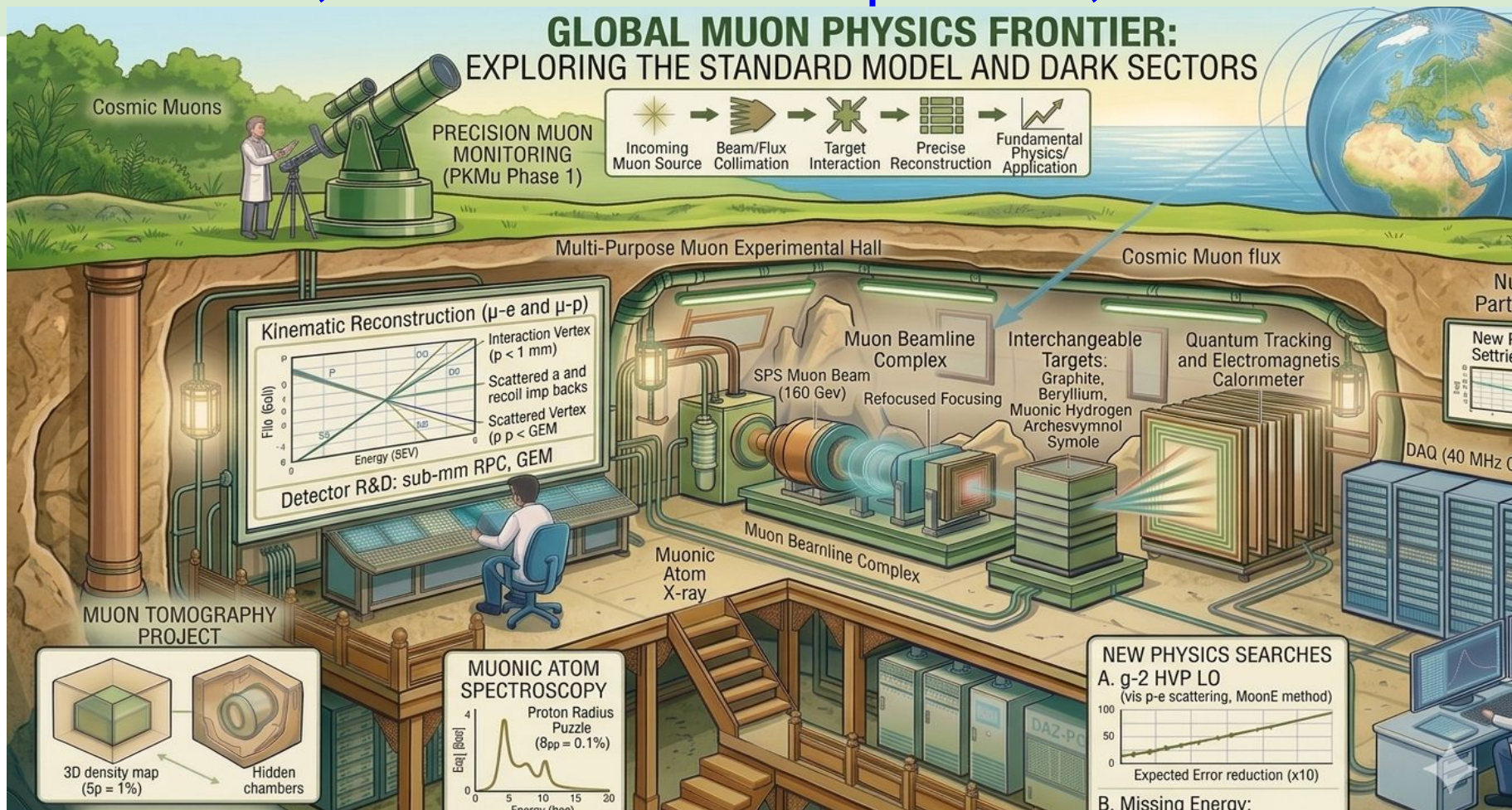
A journey to the TeV future: “Our Muon Shot”



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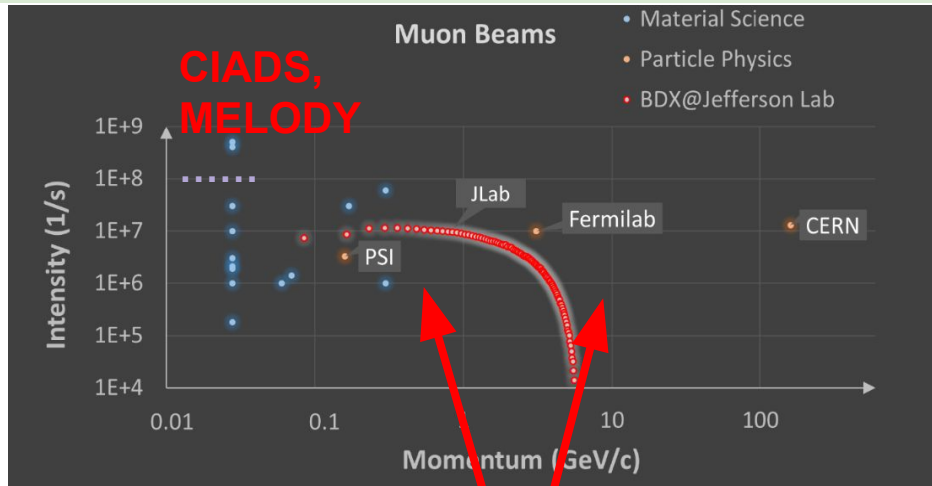
However, let's focus on the present, 1-100 GeV

GLOBAL MUON PHYSICS FRONTIER: EXPLORING THE STANDARD MODEL AND DARK SECTORS



Muon Scattering Worldwide

- **150 GeV Muon Beam @CERN:**
AMBER, MUonE, NA64
 - **Nuclear Properties,**
 - **New Physics Searches**
- **US JLab has a similar plan**
- **Many Possible Muon beams to appear in China soon**



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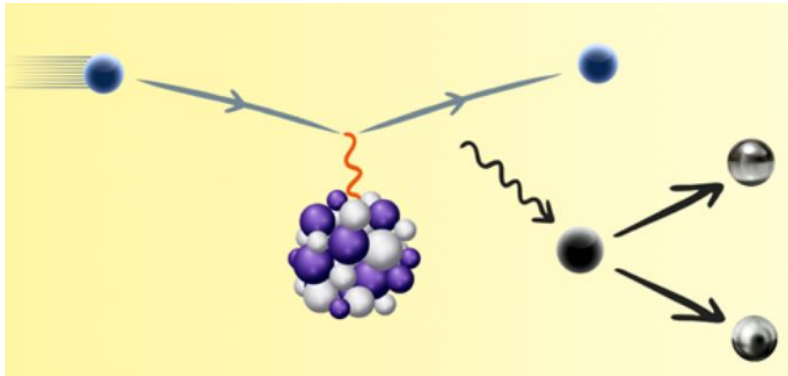
Feasibility study of the GeV-energy muon source based on the High Intensity Heavy-Ion Accelerator Facility

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HIAF可以利用HIRIBL束线产生缪子束流

- 动量范围: 500MeV/c – 7.5GeV/c
- 缪子产额: $10^6 - 10^7 \mu/s$
- 束斑大小: 半径约30 mm

Upgraded HIAF (HIAF-U) can reach 20+ GeV with 100 more intense muon beam



Careful Accounting Could Reveal the Dark Sector

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An experiment at CERN seeks signs of dark matter by looking for missing energy and momentum in the debris of particle collisions.

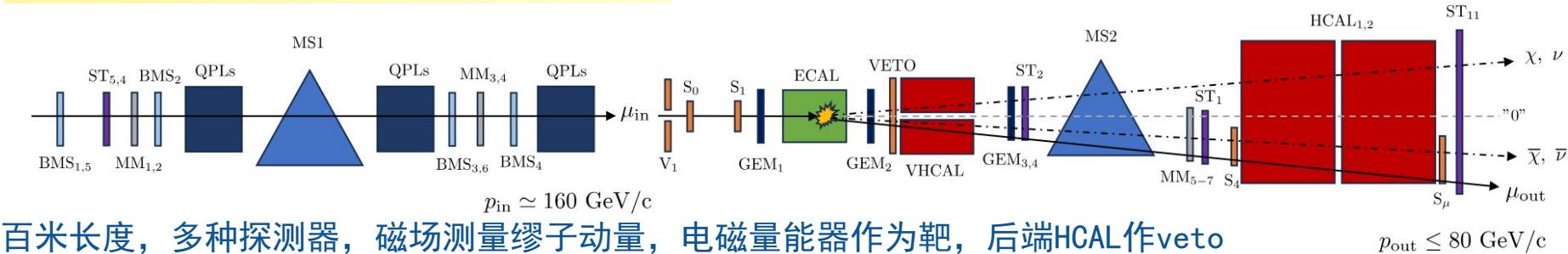


FIG. 2. Schematic illustration of the NA64μ setup and of a signal event topology. Well-defined incoming muons with momentum $p_{\text{in}} \simeq 160 \text{ GeV}/c$ are reconstructed in the first magnet spectrometer and tagged by a set of scintillator counters before arriving at the active target (ECAL). In the collision of muons with the target nuclei the bremsstrahlunglike reaction and subsequent invisible decay, $\mu N \rightarrow \mu N(Z' \rightarrow \text{invisible})$ is produced. The resulting scattered muon with momentum $p_{\text{out}} \leq 80 \text{ GeV}/c$ is measured in the second spectrometer (MS2).

Muon Source In China

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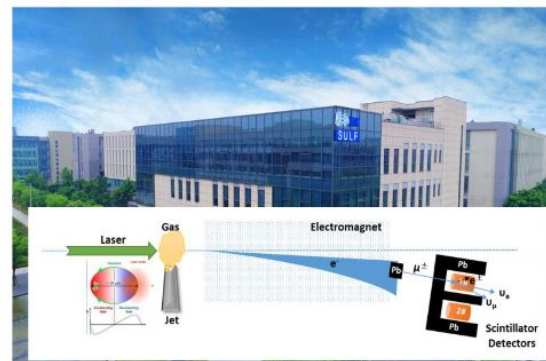
MELODY@CSNS pulsed, ~2028



Muon@ SHINE high-repetition-rate, 2030



Muon@ SULF compact muon source



HIAF-HIRIBL
GeV energy muon

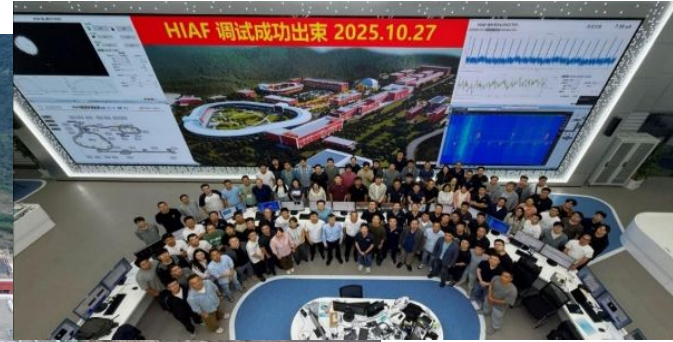


MuST@CiADS continuous, ~2029



HIAF: GeV Muon beam in 2026?

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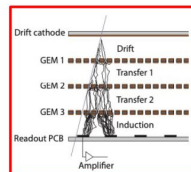
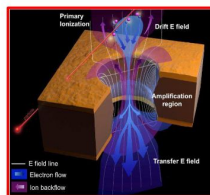
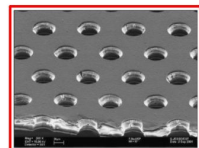
PeKing Univ. Muon group (PKMu)



- **CMS Muon Trigger RPC:**
assembled and tested at PKU
at around 2002
- **RPC R&D for nuclear physics**
- **CMS GEM upgrade**



北大基地生产的第一个CMS GEM模块



CMS端盖缪子探测器 GEM升级

北京大学、清华大学、中山大学、北京航空航天大学

Combination of glass RPC & Delay-line Readout

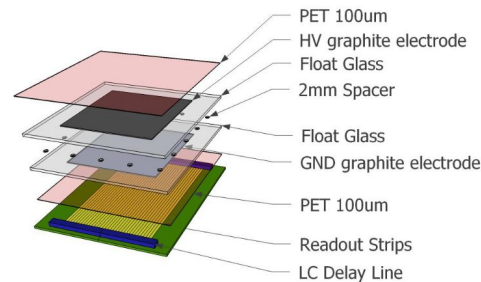


Study of spatial resolution properties of a glass RPC

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School of Physics and State Key Laboratory of Nuclear Physics and Technology, Peking University, Beijing 100871, China

Reference:

- 许金艳, **李奇特***, 等, 物理实验, 41(2021)23
- **Qi-Te, Li**, et al. *Chinese Physics C* 37 (2013)016002.
- S. Chen, **Q. Li***, et al, *JINST*: 10 (2014)10022.



90% R134a+9% i-C4H10+1% SF6 50ml/Min

PKMu (R&D)



MUonE (ongoing)

PKMu: Muon on target experiment proposed by PKU for multi-purpose including cosmic ray, dark boson, and [quantum entanglement](#).

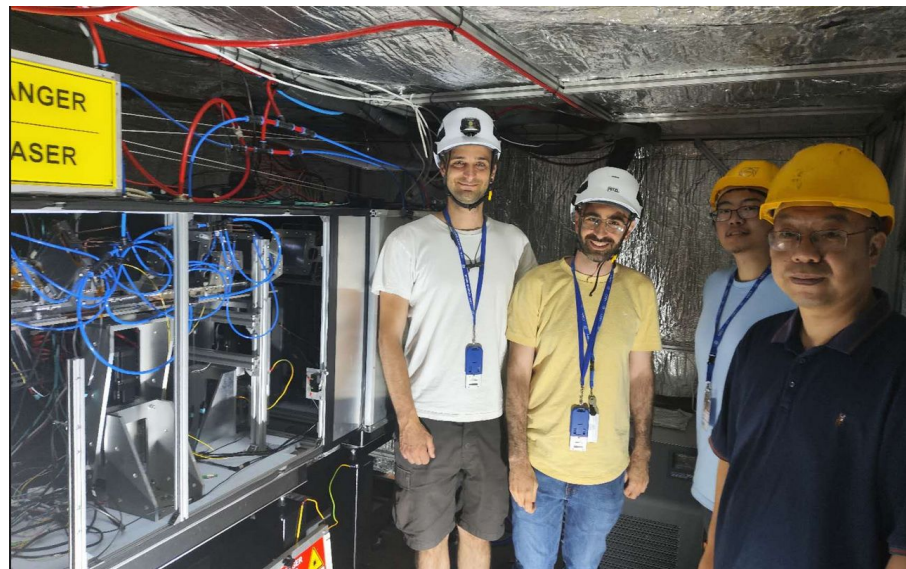
HIRIBL: $1\text{-}10\text{ GeV } 10^6\text{-}10^7/\text{s}$ muon beam line from the HIAF facility from the imp, cas, China.

MUonE: a Muon Electron scattering exp at CERN exploiting a **$150\text{-}160\text{ GeV } 10^7\text{-}10^8/\text{s}$** beam, aims at an independent and precise determination of the leading hadronic contribution to the muon $g-2$.

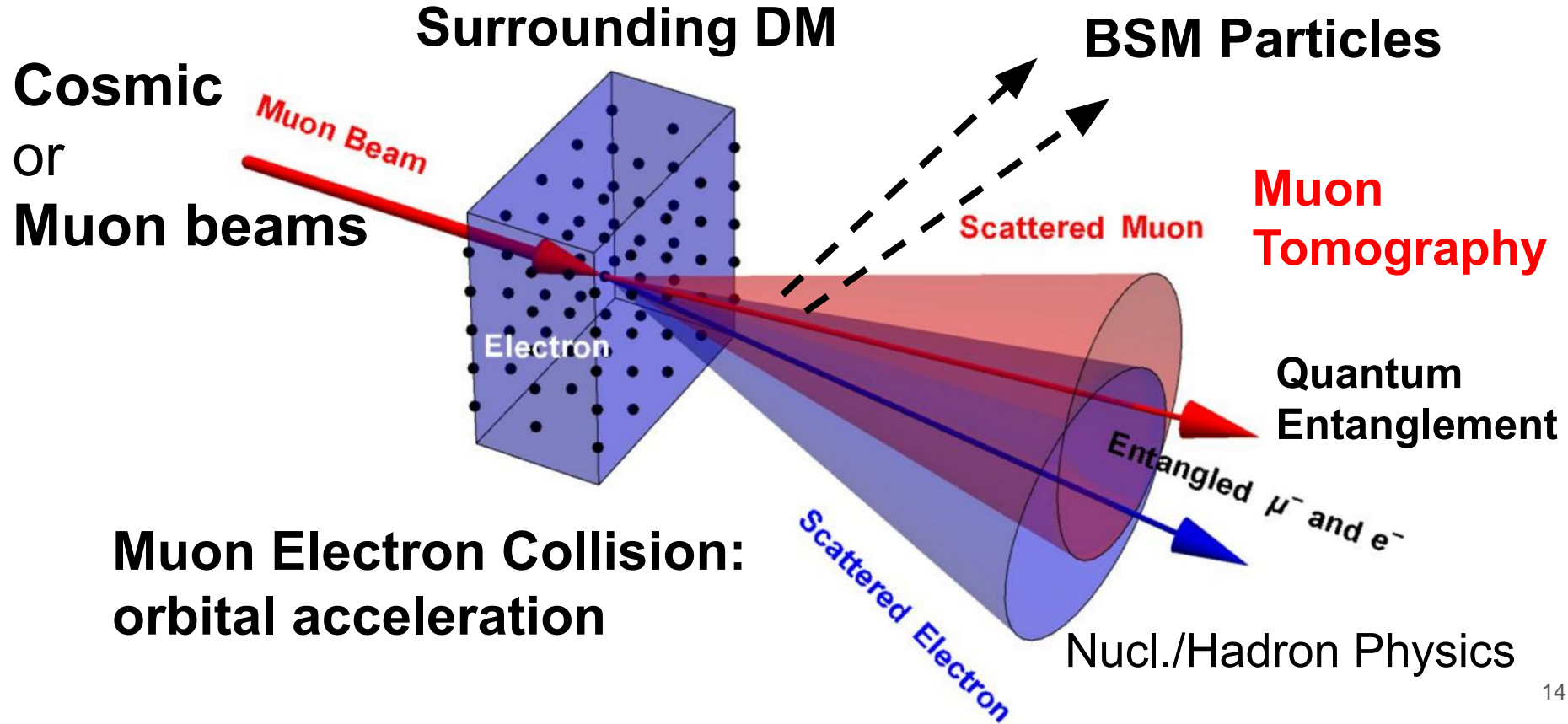
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MUonE
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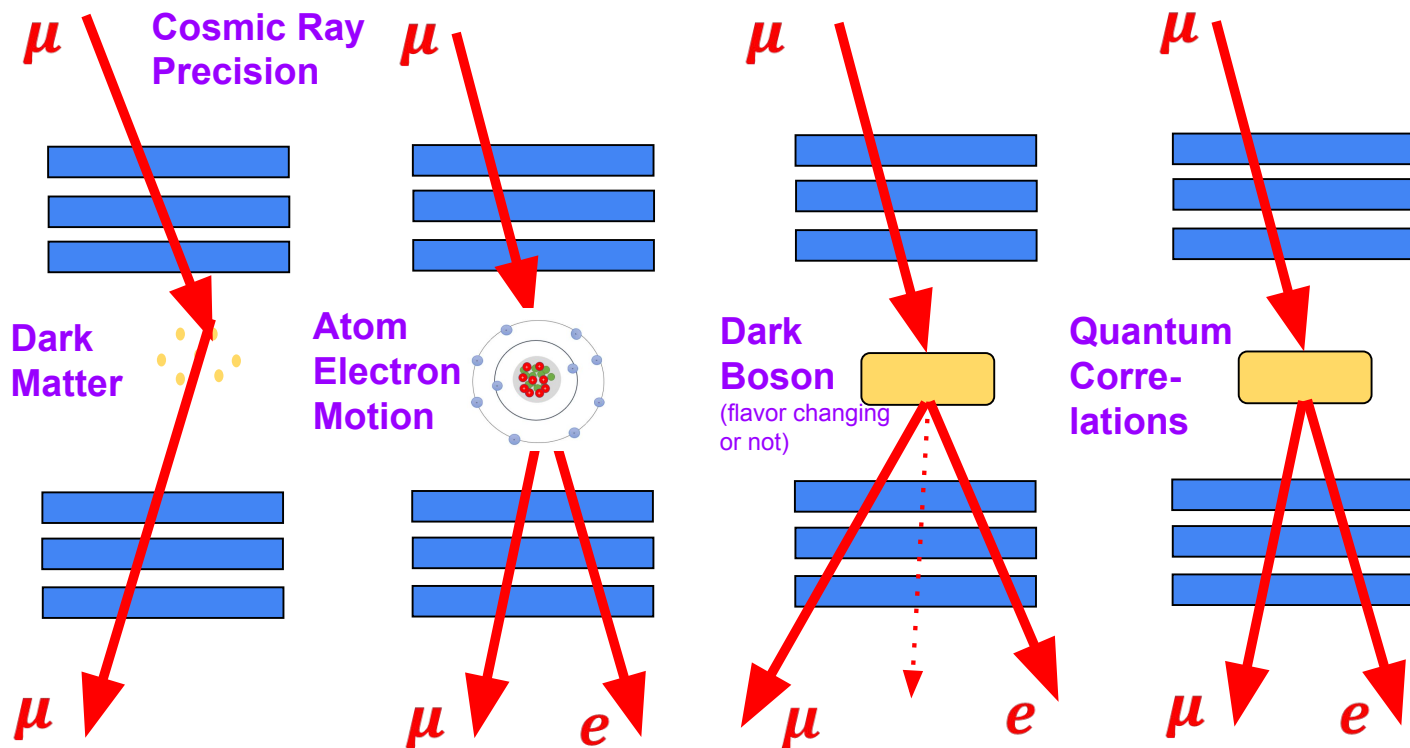


GeV Muon Scattering



Rich Physics via Probing and Knocking with Muons

Cosmic muons (Local lab) or muon beams (HIAF, CERN...)



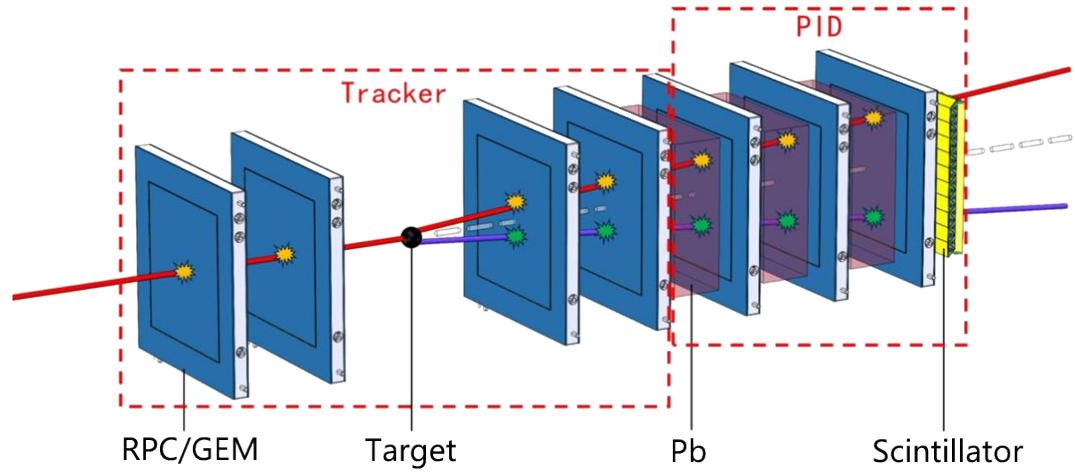
Detector Legos

Tracking:
RPC, GEM,
SSStrip, LGAD

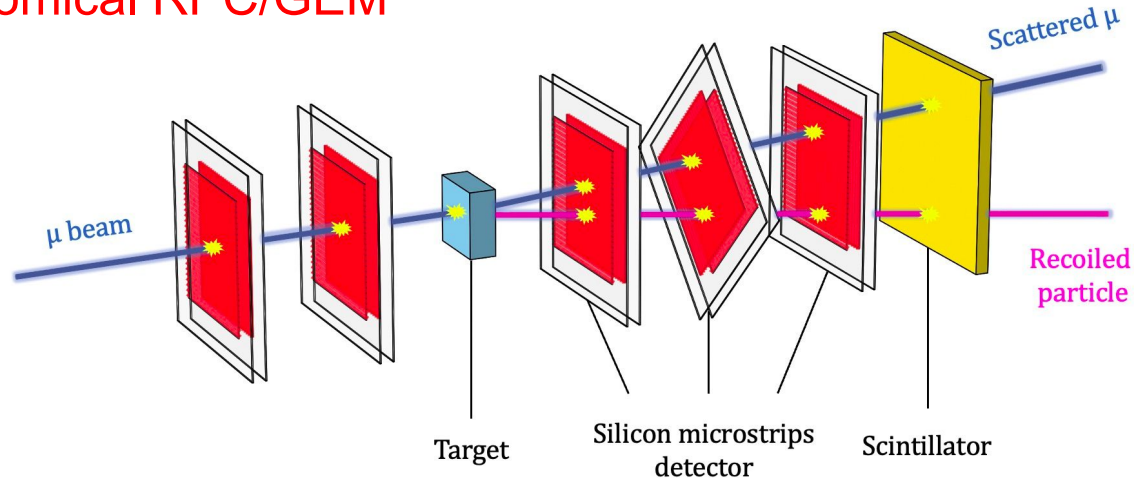
PID, veto:
Scintillator
Absorber

Readouts:
delay line, 2D,
multi-leptons

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Economical RPC/GEM



Mimicking one-station MUonE

Flexibility,
multi-purpose

Detector
Legos

Tracking:
RPC, GEM,
SSStrip, LGAD

PID, veto:
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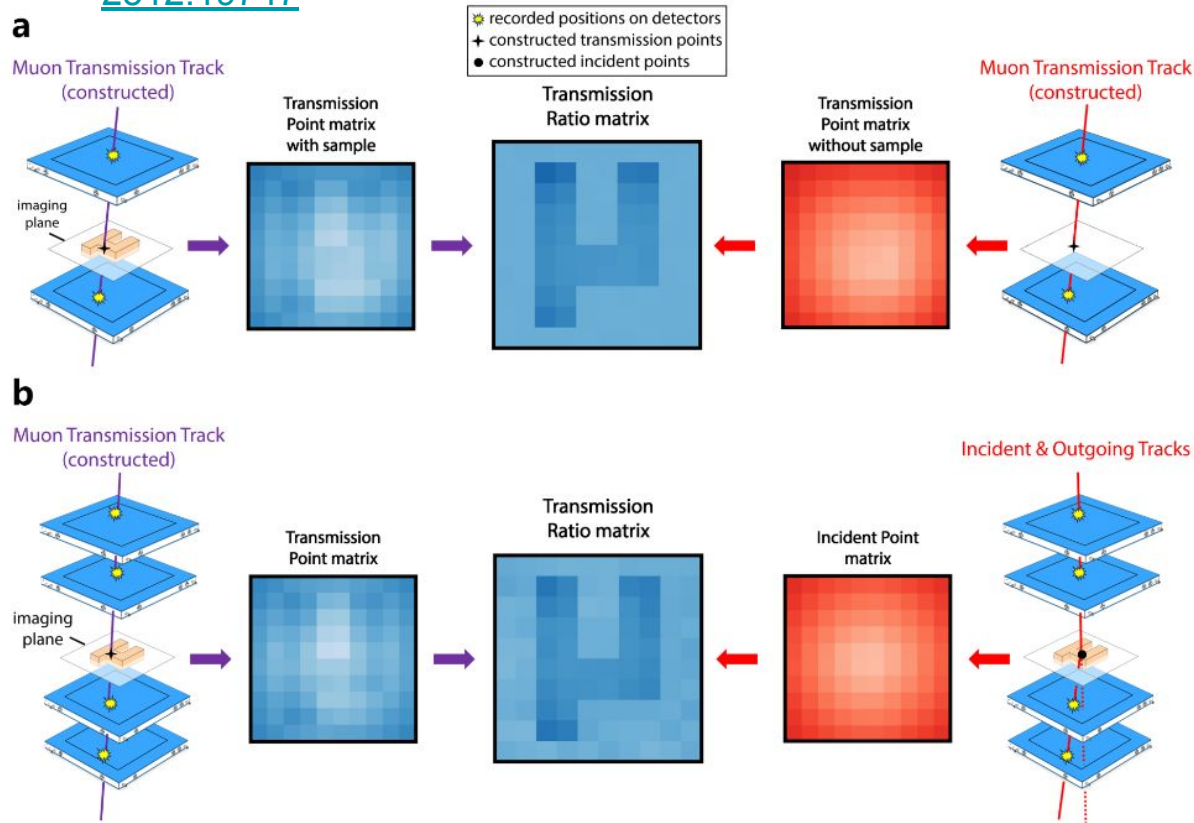
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P μ MA: Millimeter-Resolution cosmic muon Imaging

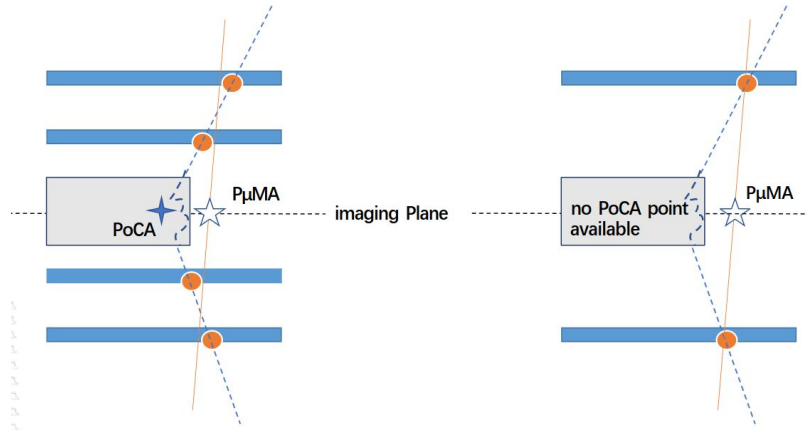
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Projection-shifted Muon Transmission Tomography:

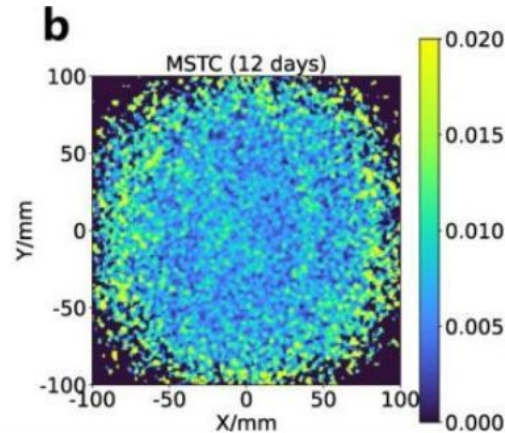
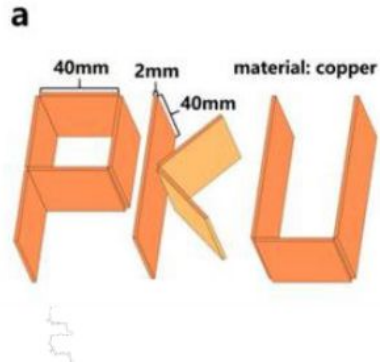
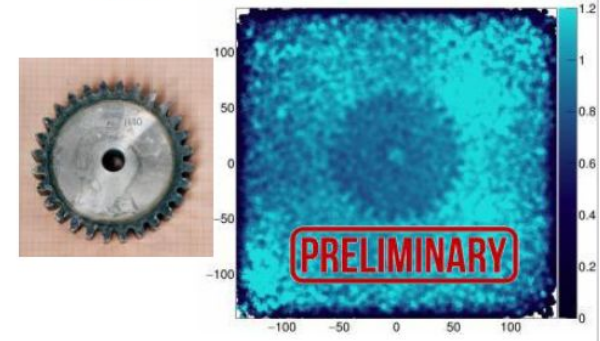
- reconstructs tracks by **linking** upstream and downstream hits,
- projecting scattering induced deflection as **a measurable shift on an imaging plane**,
- enables millimeter scale resolution requiring **only two detectors**.



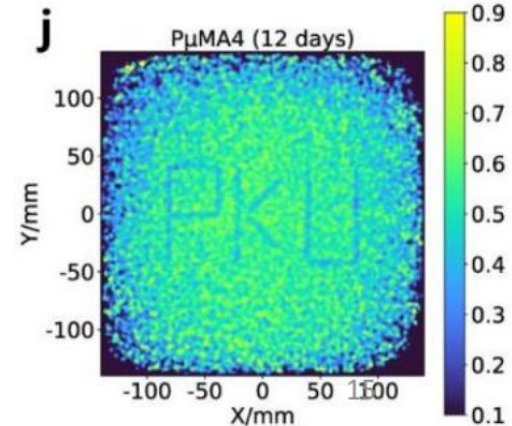
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P μ MA image of a gear



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Muon Tomography and Muon-Philic DM Search

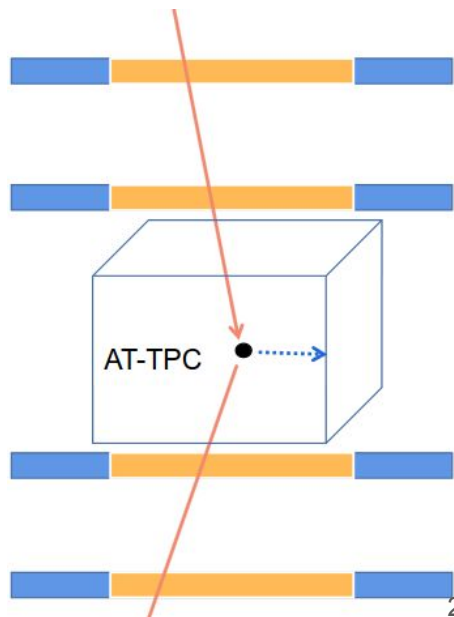
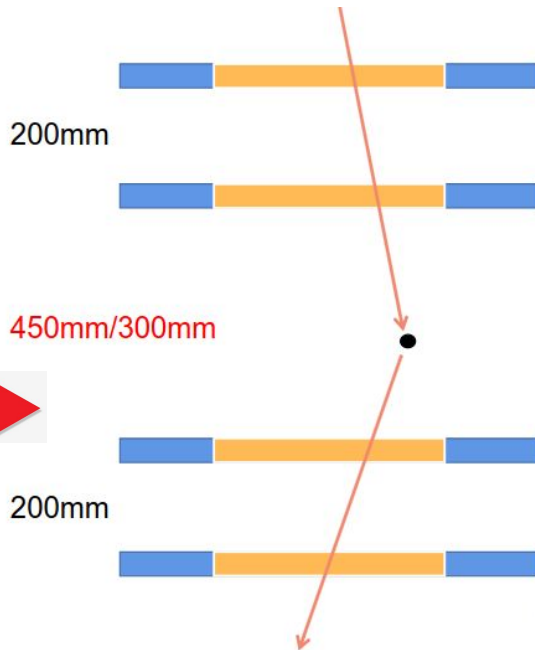
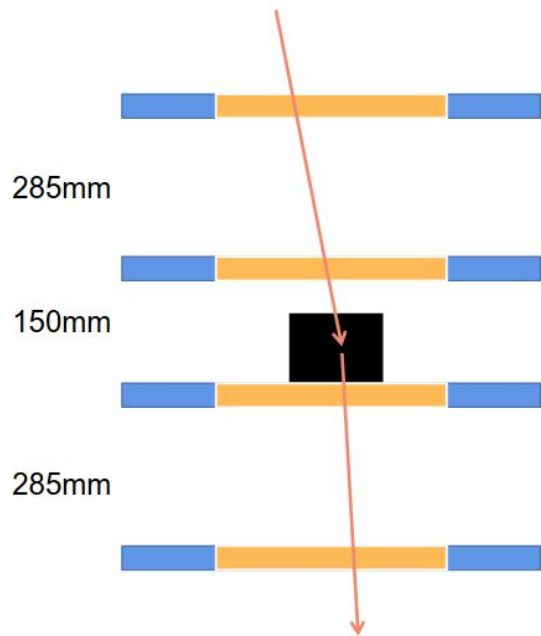
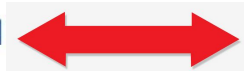
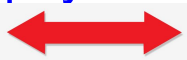
Muon Tomography

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Dark Matter Search

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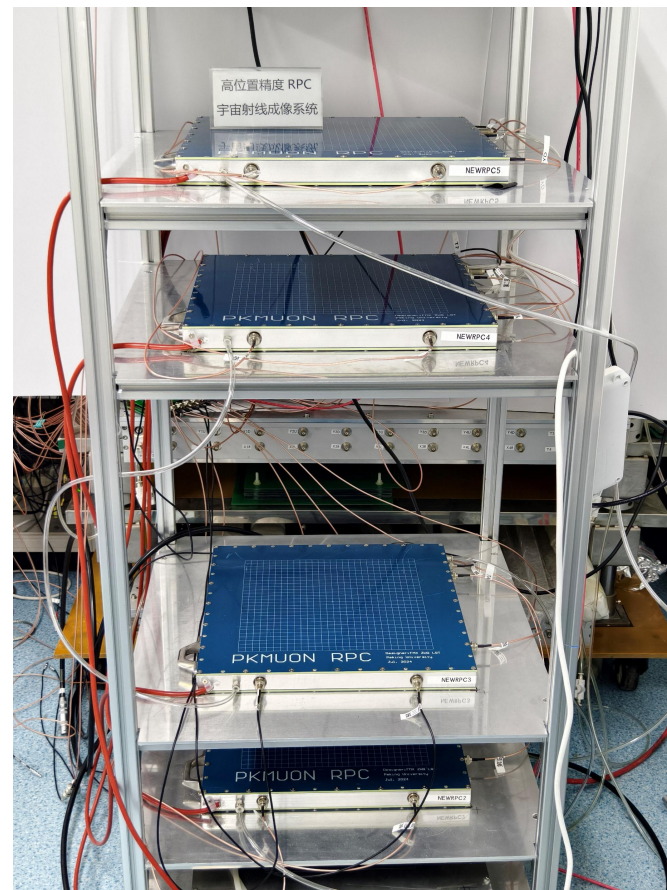
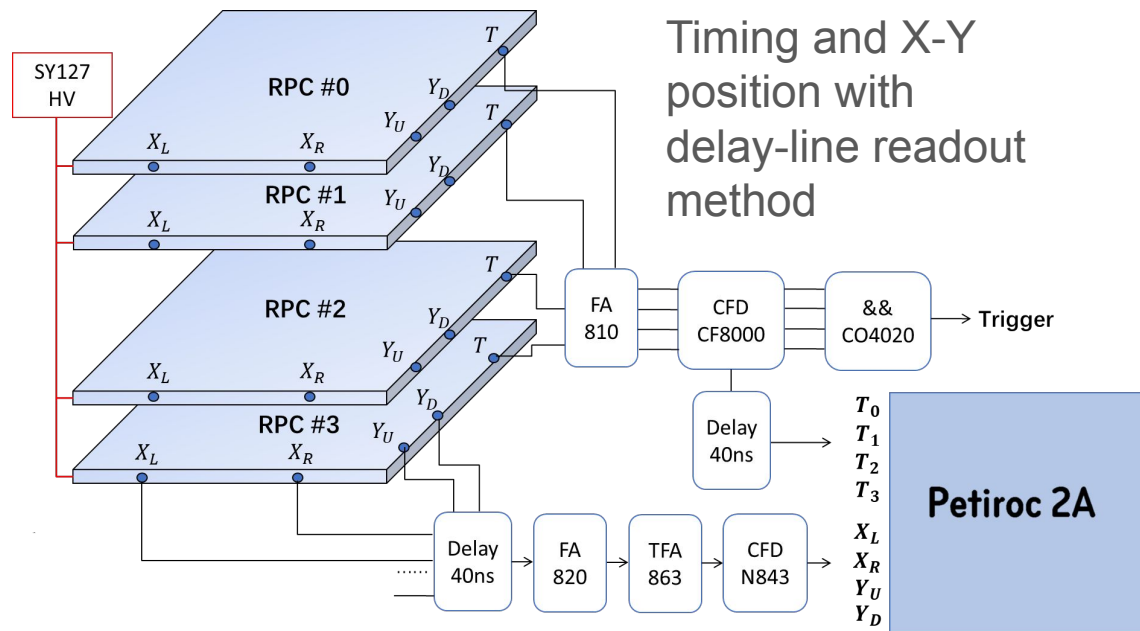
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A small lab exp costing ~50000 RMB

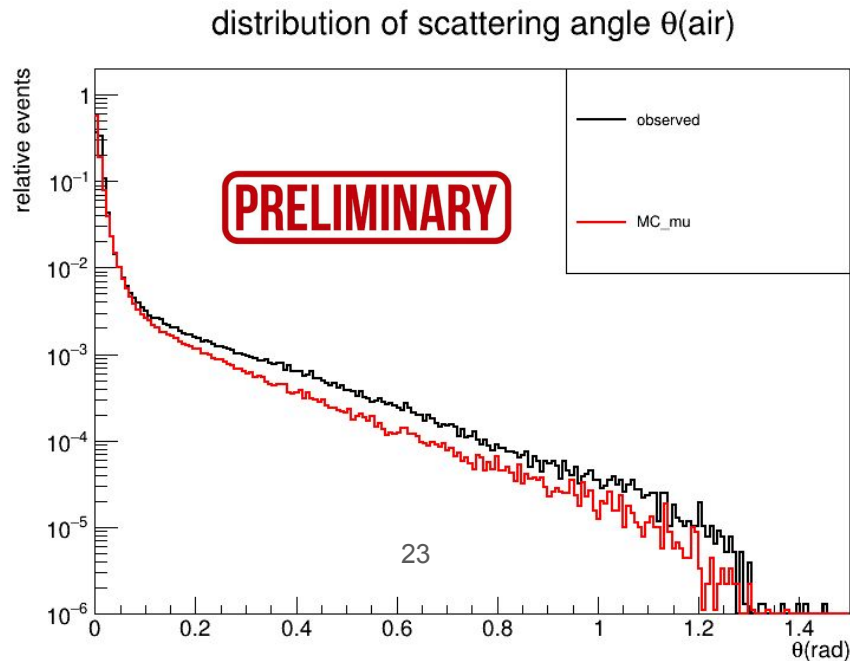
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4-station 28 cm*28 cm RPC for the moment
A spatial Resolution of 0.7 mm
Petiroc 2A is a 32-channel front-end ASIC



Initial Comparison Between Experiment and Simulation

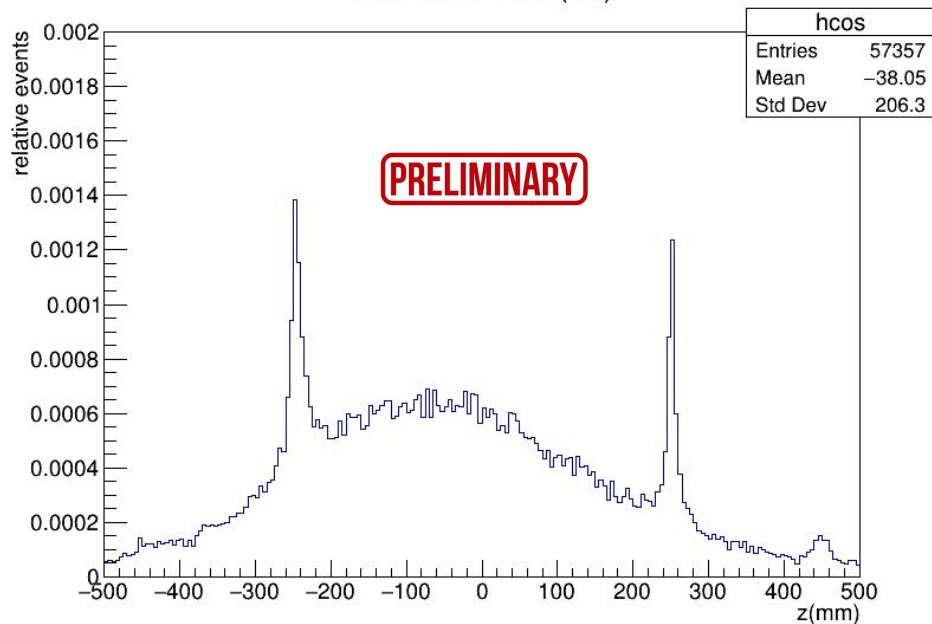
- Simulated the scattering angle distribution of cosmic-ray muons
- Significant discrepancy observed between experimental results and simulations at **large scattering angles**.
- What is the origin of these large-angle scattering events?



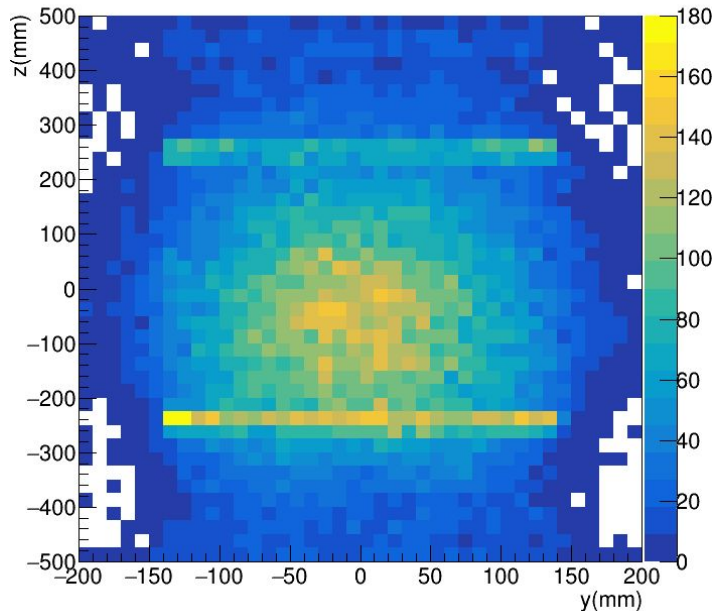
Spatial Distribution of Large-Angle Scattering Events

- Analyzed height (z-coordinate) distribution of large-angle scattering vertices
- Multiple events clustered at **RPC detector positions**

z for $\theta > 0.1$ rad (air)



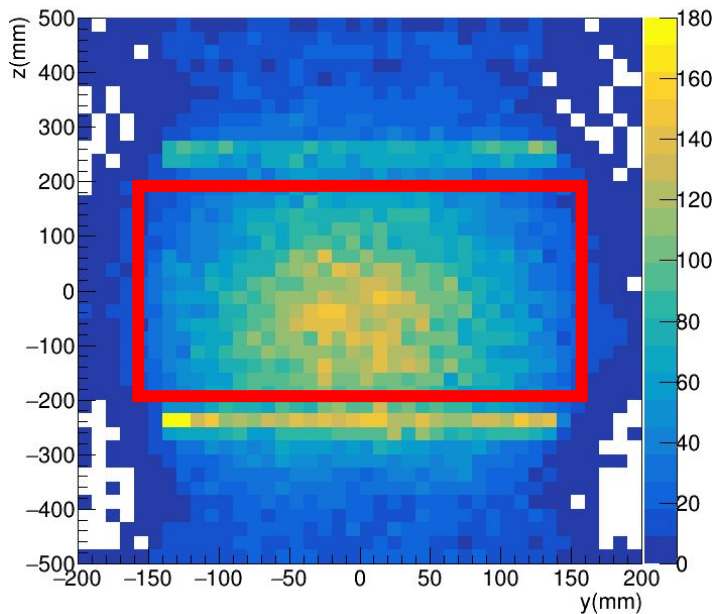
Y-Z plane ($\theta > 0.1$ rad)



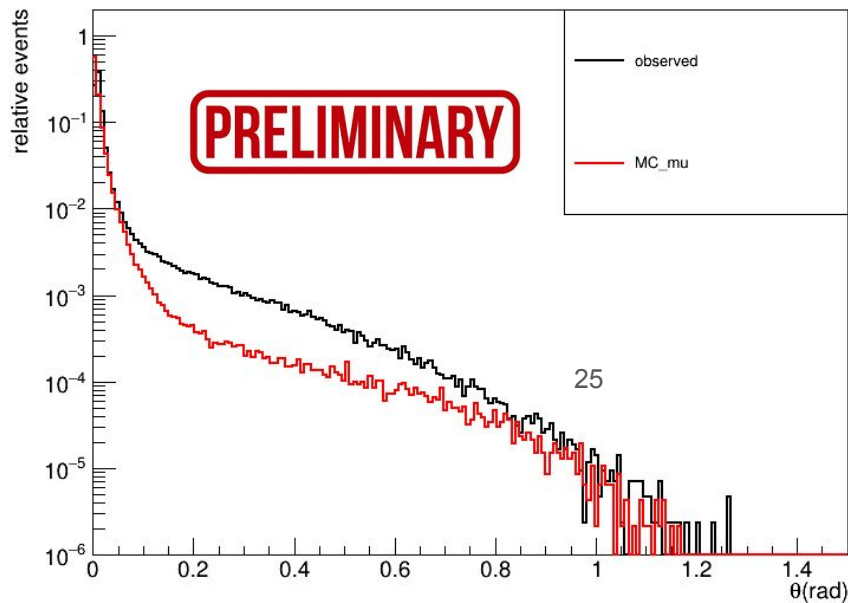
Scattering Angle Distribution in ROI Area

- Analyzed angular distribution within detector's sensitive volume
($-200 \text{ mm} < z < 200 \text{ mm}$)
- Large-angle scattering events persist after selection

Y-Z plane($\theta > 0.1 \text{ rad}$)

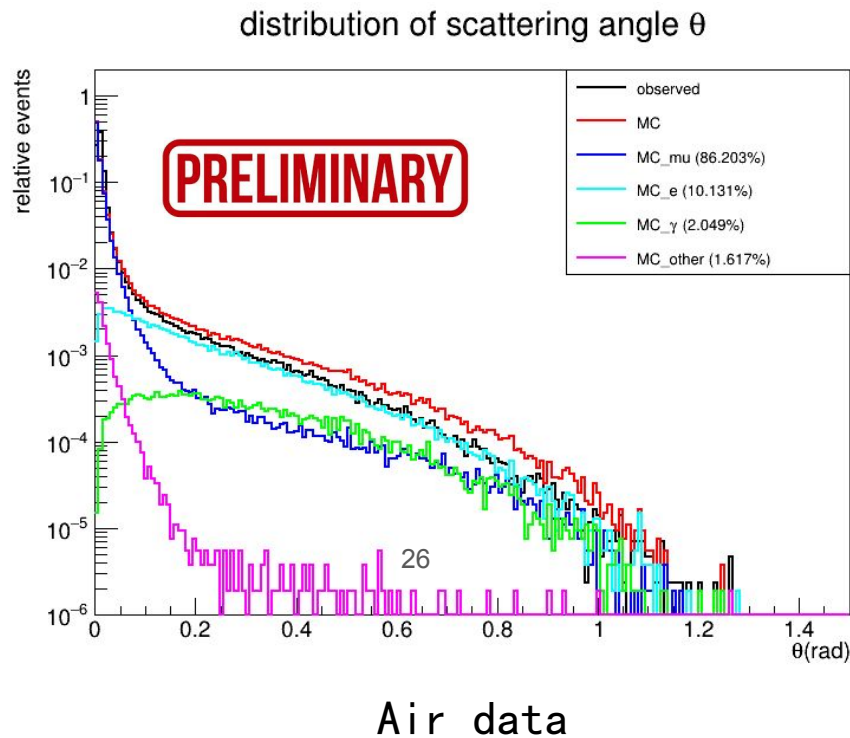


distribution of scattering angle $\theta(\text{air})$



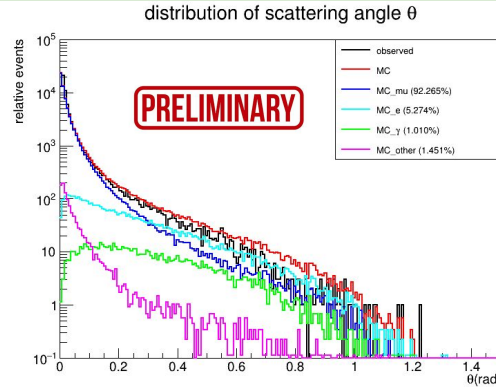
Simulation of CRs at Sea-level (All-Particle Composition)

- Simulated particle components at sea level: μ , e , γ , p , n , π
- Small-angle scattering dominated by **muons**
- Large-angle scattering primarily from **electrons and photons**
- Possible discrepancies between measured **particle composition** and simulation results.

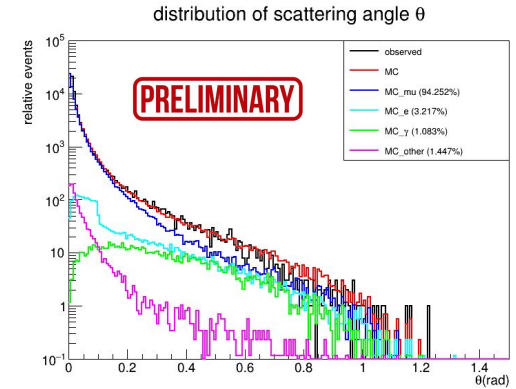


Joint-Fitting Method(0.1-1.5 rad)

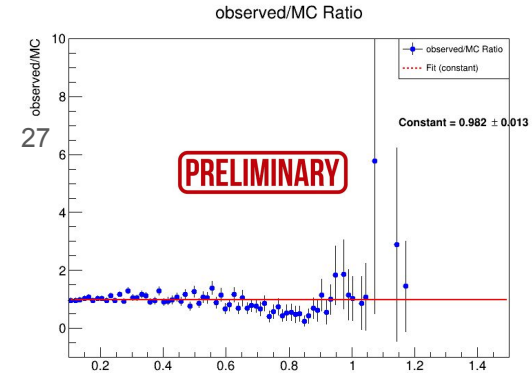
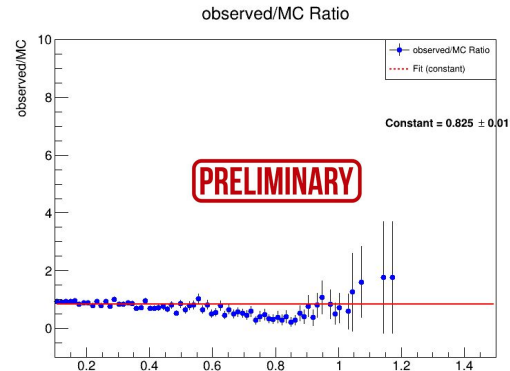
- Performed combined fitting of **lead block** data using **Roofit**
- Simultaneously fitted all particle component distributions to experimental measurements
- Validation showed excellent agreement
- Successfully applied the same methodology to air data: scaling factor of **$e=0.610 \pm 0.158$** (fitted ratio/unfitted ratio)



Unfitted

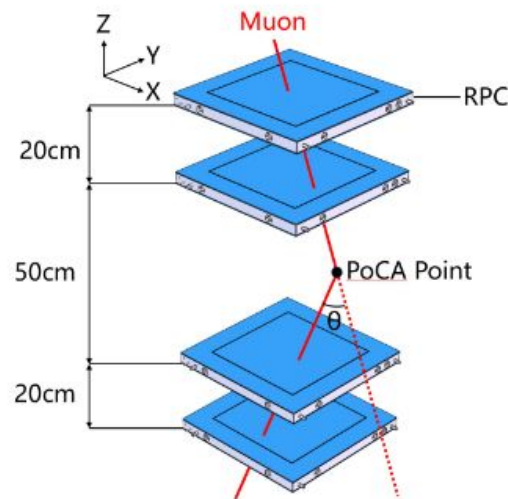
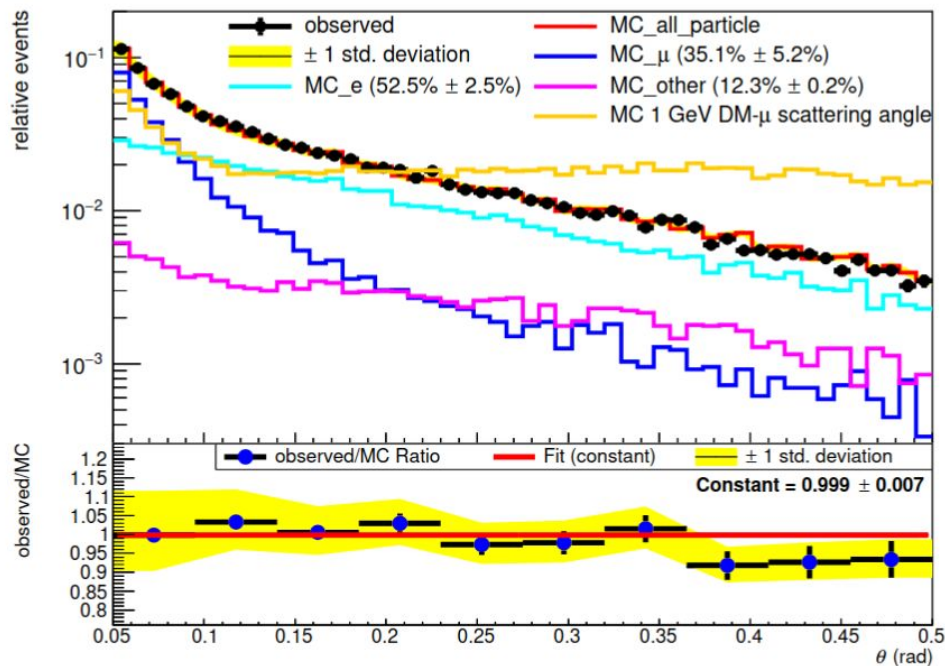


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Precision Measurement of Secondary Cosmic Rays

During a **63-day** campaign from February 12, 2025, **1.18 million** cosmic ray scattering events were recorded and analyzed. **The scattering angle observable is sensitive to the cosmic ray component fractions!**



Muon Philic DM Search

PKMu cosmic ray DM search

- At the 95% confidence level, the limit reaches $1.62 \times 10^{-17} \text{ cm}^2$ for 1 GeV slow DM, demonstrating sensitivity limit to light muon-coupled slow DM.
- The first limit from direct muon-DM scattering measurement.
- New DM search method.
- Projection: 1 m3 detector + 1 year exposure + full angular range → 4–5 orders of magnitude improvement

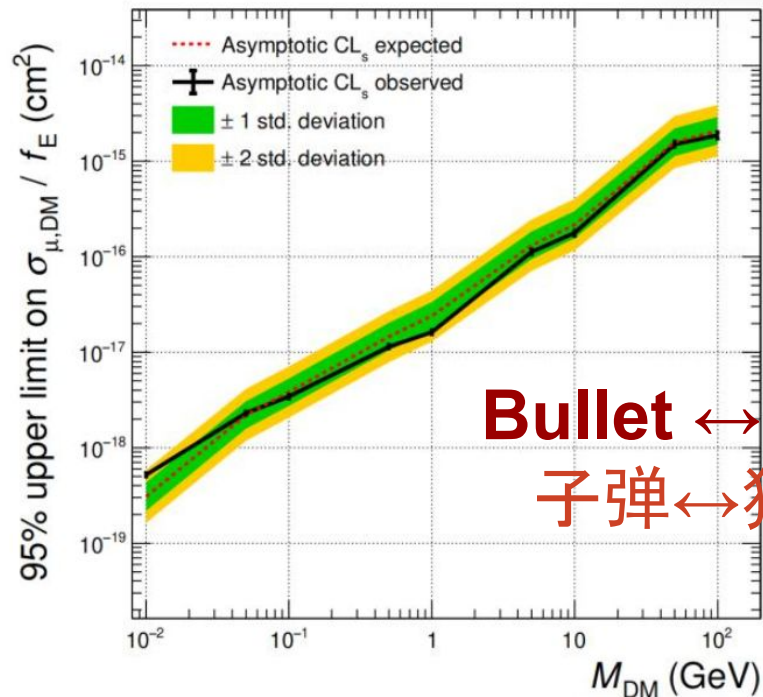


FIG. 4: Expected and observed 95% CL upper limits on the DM-muon interaction cross section versus M_{DM} . The green and yellow bands represent the 1σ and 2σ regions, respectively.

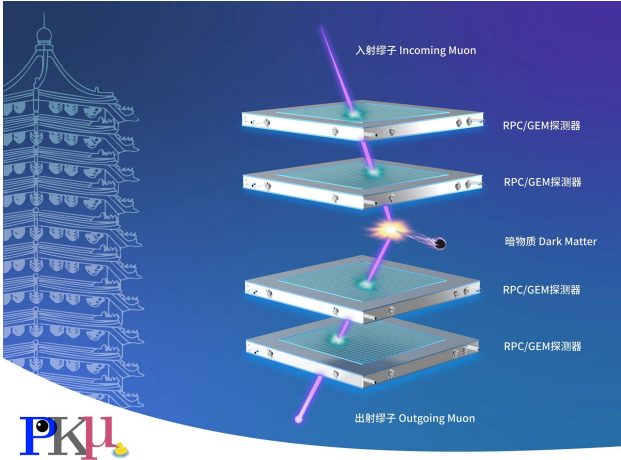
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Proposed Peking University muon experiment for muon tomography and dark matter search

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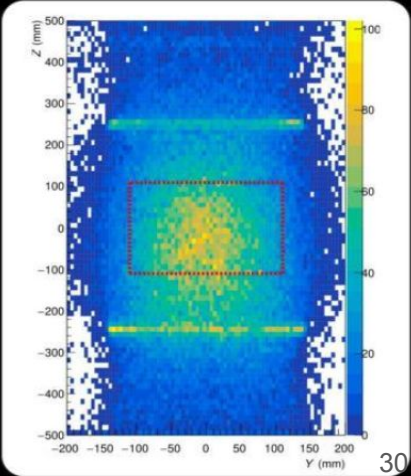
Probing Cosmic Ray Composition and Muonphilic Dark Matter via Muon Tomography

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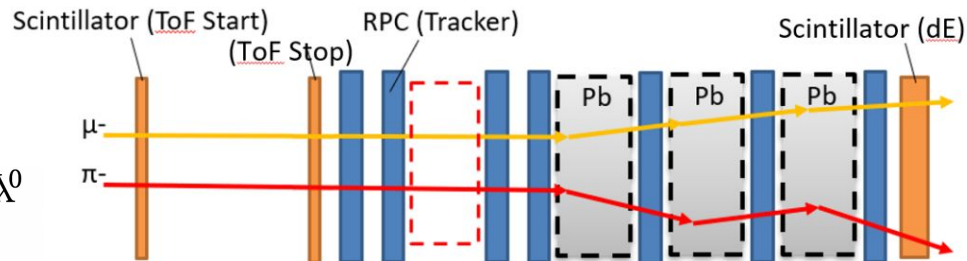
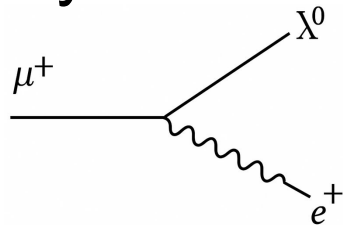
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PKMu@HIAF-HIRIBL: exp-v0 (1-10 days) ?

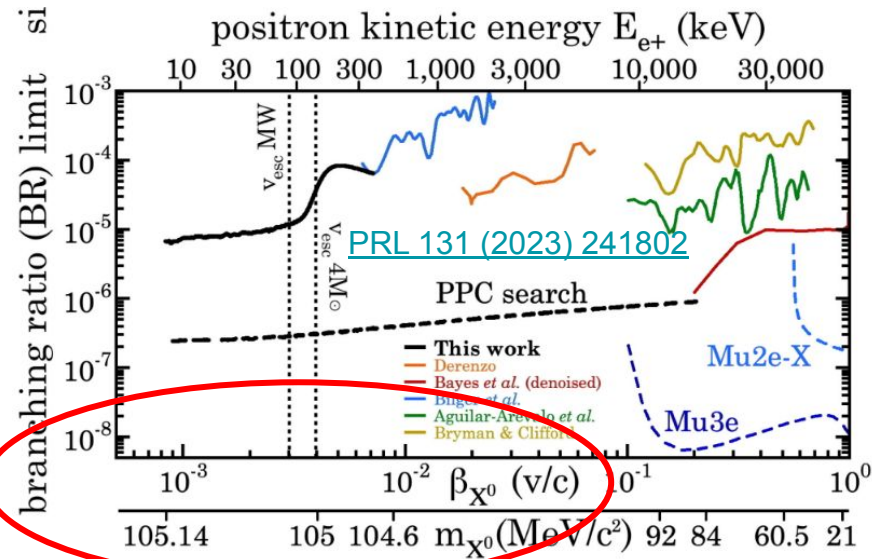
1. Beam properties
2. Muon Tomography
3. $\mu > e X_0$
Esp:
 $m_{X_0} \sim 105 \text{ MeV}$



Millimeter-Resolution Cosmic-Ray Imaging via
Projection-Shifted Muon Transmission

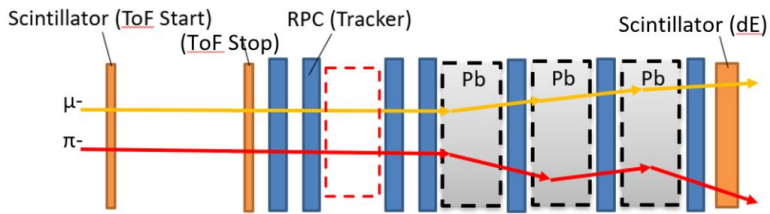
[2512.19747](#) Tomography

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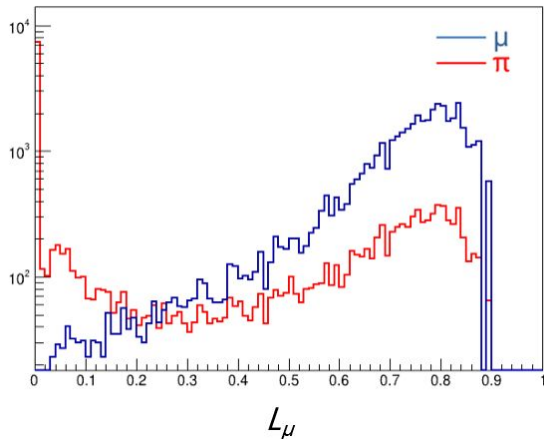


Detectors Requirement (PID)

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10cm-thick Pb
Plastic scintillators

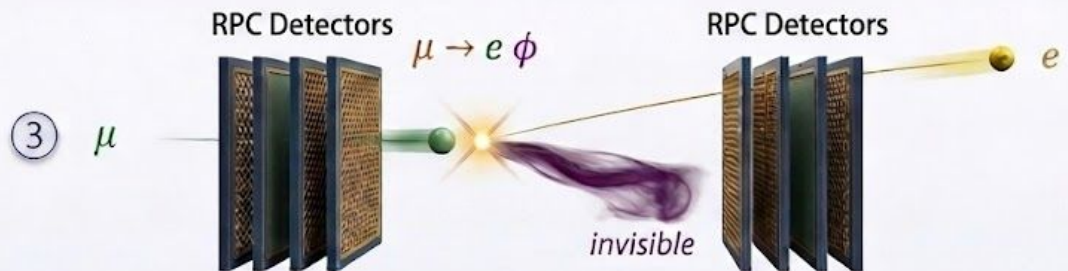
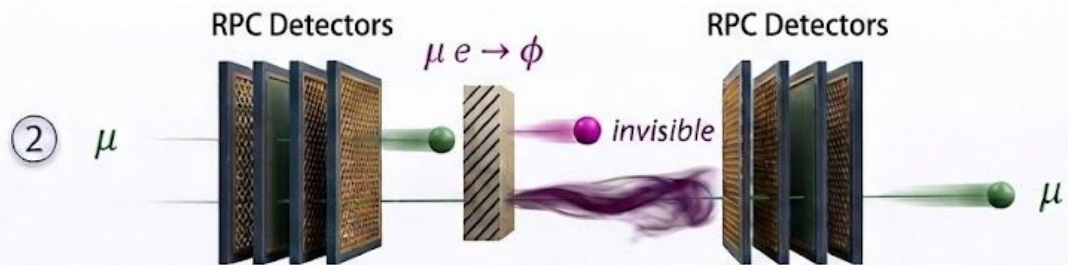
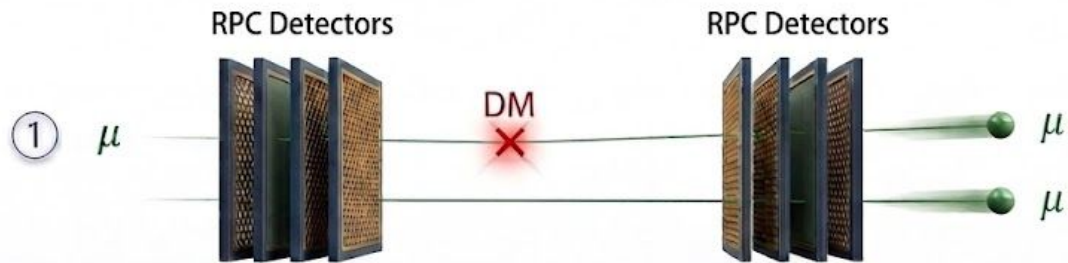


A prototype detection system@HIRIBL for muon beam condition monitoring, detector testing, and preliminary experiments (scattering, tomography)

- Beam profile and divergence
- Beam particle identification
- Mass difference: ToF, dE
- Different physical processes: dE

3 GeV/c muons and pions (simplified simulation: 4% momentum spread; equal numbers of muons and pions)

PID based on the product of likelihoods of 3 variables:
(ToF / energy deposition / square residual of linear track)
Over 70% muon\pion efficiency in this preliminary version.
Upgrade: detailed simulation, delicate detectors (ECal/RICH...)



① Dark Matter Search,
Large Beam Spot
Preferred

② μ, e Annihilation

Veto

Topics 1 & 2
Considered
Combined

③ $\mu \rightarrow e \phi$

$m_\phi \sim m_\mu$, Low-Energy

$E_e \sim 10$ MeV

$\mu e \rightarrow \Phi$ resonant production

Method 1: rest electron

$$\sigma_{\text{rest}}(E_B) = ZA \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_E} \exp \left[-\frac{(E_B - E_{\text{res}})^2}{2\sigma_E^2} \right].$$

Method 2: Compton profile

$$\rho(k) = -\frac{1}{2\pi k} \frac{dJ}{dk}.$$

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = 2g_\phi^2 (P_A \cdot P_B - m_A m_B),$$

$$\sigma(E_B) = \int_{k_{\min}}^{k_{\max}} dk \frac{|\mathcal{M}|^2 k n(k)}{16\pi p_B^2 E_A}.$$

Method 3: Spinor Solver

$$U_{E\kappa m}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{4\pi}{k} \begin{pmatrix} g_{E\kappa}(k) \mathcal{Y}_{\kappa m}(\hat{k}) \\ -f_{E\kappa}(k) \mathcal{Y}_{-\kappa m}(\hat{k}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad |\mathcal{M}|^2 = 2g_\phi^2 (P_A \cdot P_B - m_A m_B),$$

$$n(k) = \sum_{\text{shells}} \sum_m \sum_a U_a^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) U_a(\mathbf{k}).$$

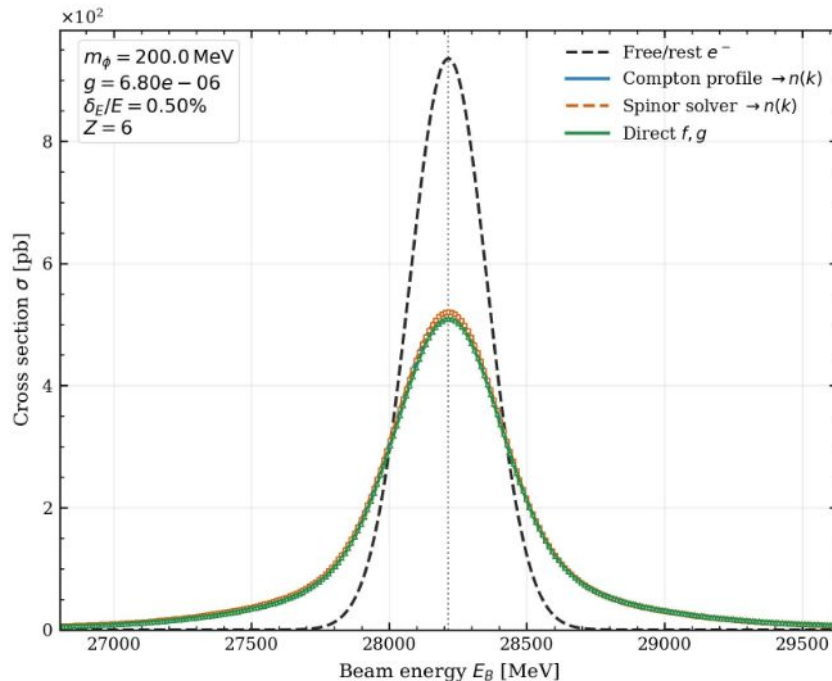
$$\sigma(E_B) = \int_{k_{\min}}^{k_{\max}} dk \frac{|\mathcal{M}|^2 k n(k)}{16\pi p_B^2 E_A}.$$

Method 4: direct f, g

$$|\mathcal{M}|_{n\kappa j}^2 = \frac{2w_{n\kappa j} \pi^2 g_\phi^2}{k^2} [(E_B - m_B) g_{n\kappa}^2(k) - 2g_{n\kappa}(k) f_{n\kappa}(k) p_B x_0 + (E_B + m_B) f_{n\kappa}^2(k)].$$

$$|\mathcal{M}|_{\text{direct}}^2 = \sum_{n\kappa j} |\mathcal{M}|_{n\kappa j}^2.$$

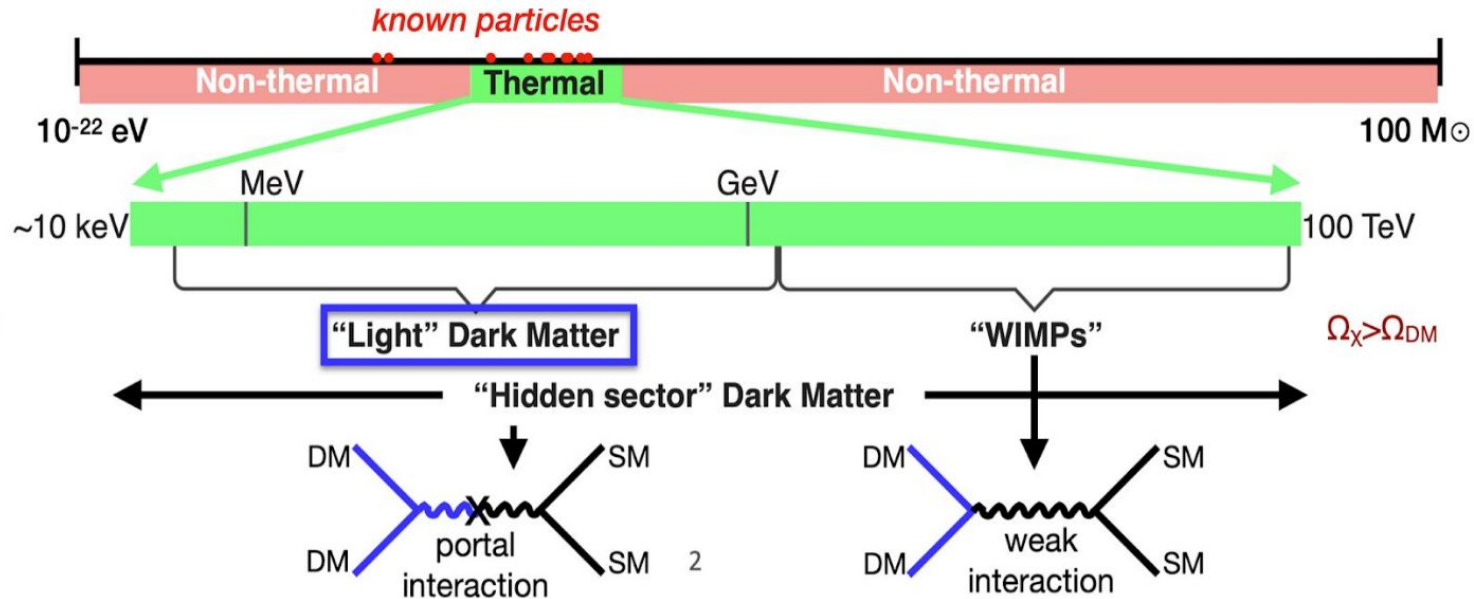
$$\sigma_{f,g}(E_B) = \int_{k_{\min}}^{k_{\max}} dk \frac{k |\mathcal{M}|_{\text{direct}}^2}{16\pi p_B^2 E_A}.$$



$$\mathcal{U}_{E\kappa m}(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{4\pi}{p} (-i)^l \begin{bmatrix} g_{E\kappa}(p) \\ f_{E\kappa}(p) (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}) \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{Y}_{+\kappa m}(\hat{\mathbf{p}})$$

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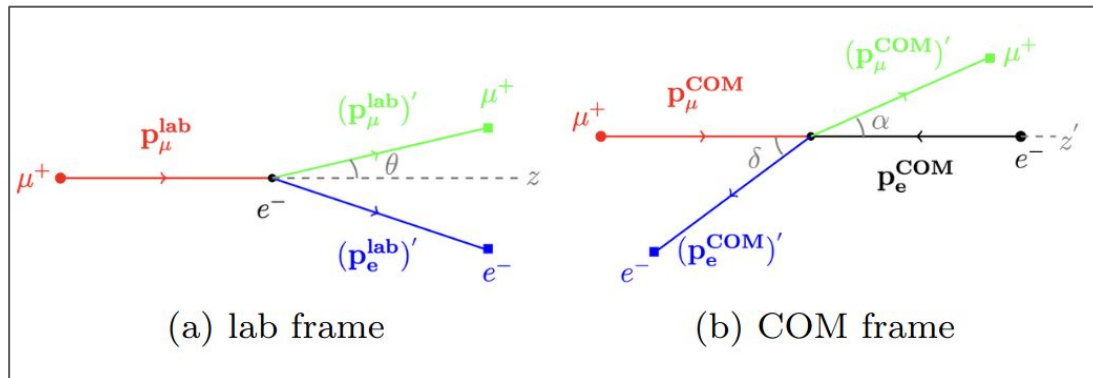
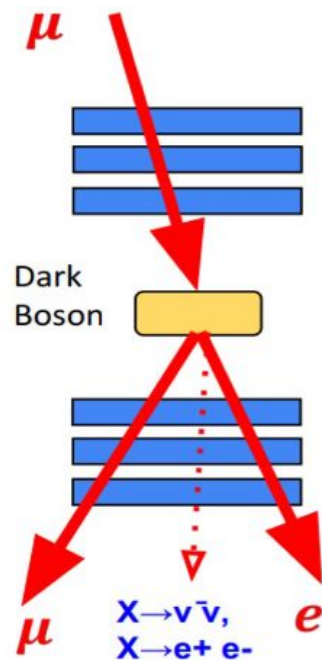
Light Dark Matter $\rightarrow$ larger Dark Sector



In the context of light-mass (sub-GeV) dark matter minimal models that obtain their relic density through the freeze-out mechanism, it is necessary to introduce **a new light mediator**. In particular, the scenario of introducing a new "dark" massive vector gauge boson as the mediator is very well-motivated theoretically. [JHEP03\(2018\)084](#) [Granada19](#) [LDMX2024](#)

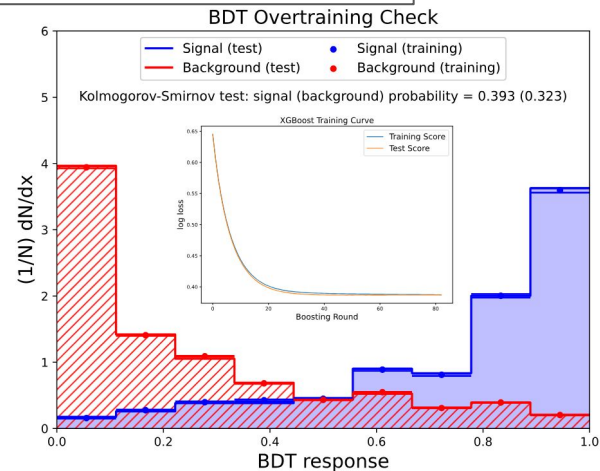
Searching for Dark Boson at HIAF (>months)

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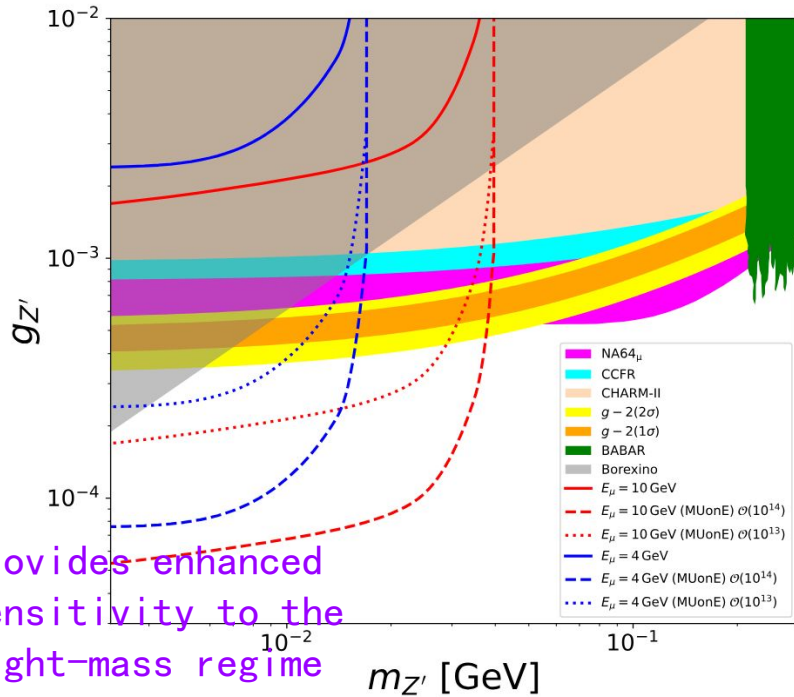


Using the 1–10 GeV muon beam at HIAF to study the minimal $L_\mu - L_\tau$ model, via $\mu e \rightarrow \mu e Z'$, where Z' decay invisibly.

Compared to NA64/MUonE, the lower center-of-mass energy allows for higher detection sensitivity to light-mass Z' , particularly in 10 MeV mass region.



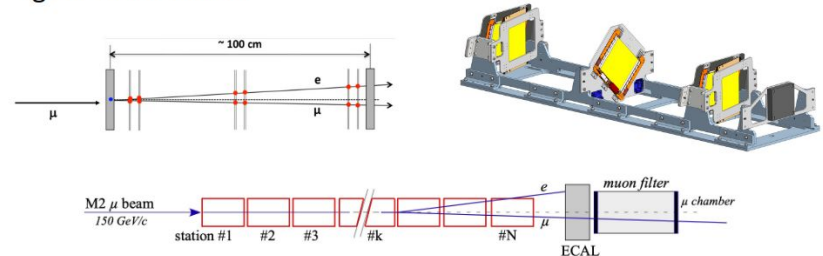
$\mu e \rightarrow \mu e Z'$ (>months)



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- **100 mass points** analyzed for each beam energy (**4 GeV & 10 GeV**).
- For each point, Optimal BDT threshold chosen to maximize signal significance; final event selection applied.
- 95% C.L. upper limits on $g_{Z'}$ derived using the likelihood test statistic : $Z = 2(\mu s + b \log(b/(\mu s + b))) \sim \chi^2(1)$
- A multi-station telescope setup, such as the 40-station **MUonE** experiment with 10 cm lead targets replacing graphite, could greatly enhance signal yield and achieve unprecedented sensitivity to the Z' coupling around **$m_{Z'} \sim 10$ MeV**, surpassing current experimental results.
- With a conservative estimate of 10^{13} MOT per year, the MUonE-based search would still provide world-leading constraints on the light Z' dark boson.



Horizontal 10 TeV CR

[ref](#)

$$\Phi_T(E_0, \theta) = A_T \times 0.14 E_0^{-\gamma} \left(\frac{1}{1 + 1.1 \hat{E}_0 \cos \theta^* / 115} + \frac{0.054}{1 + 1.1 \hat{E}_0 \cos \theta^* / 810} + r_c \right)$$

水平方向, $\cos \sim 0$, 能量压低效应小

无需百吨强磁铁

小型实验: 验证 mu-e 散射作为能量比例尺

大型实验: 100 TeV 大气缪子?

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Cosmic-ray muon spectrum up to 20 TeV at 89° zenith angle

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Muon-Electron Scattering as a Ruler to Measure High-Energy Cosmic Muons

High-Energy Cosmic Muon



Muon-Electron Scattering as an Energy Scale

Using Scattering Angles to Determine the Energy of Cosmic Muons.

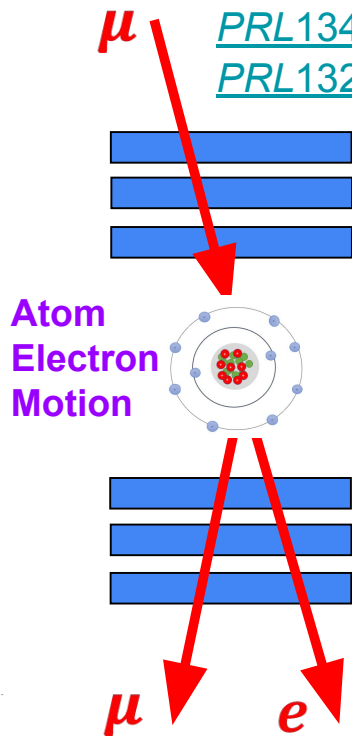


The scattering angle of the electron acts like a ruler to measure the energy of the muon.

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GeV scale Muon-Electron Collider

[arXiv:2504.00100](https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.00100),
[PRL134\(2025\)6, 061802](#),
[PRL132\(2024\)26, 261801](#)



A Muon-Electron Collider!

Muon-Electron Collisions
with Electrons in Heavy Elements

Electrons in Heavy
Element Atom Orbitals

Here
I come!



High-Energy Muon (μ^-)

SMASH!

Muon-Electron Collider!

- Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle $\rightarrow$ Electron localization near the nucleus $\rightarrow$ High momentum.
- In high-Z targets, atomic electrons reach **relativistic momenta** ($O(10)$ MeV).
- **C.O.M. Energy Elevation:** A 10 GeV Muon beam hitting these "moving" electrons can reach a effective C.O.M. energy of **$\sim$ GeV**.

Muon, Thorium229, X-ray

Unlocking the Thorium-229 Frontier: From Nuclear Clocks to Fundamental Physics

April 24, 2026
Huizhou
Asia/Shanghai timezone



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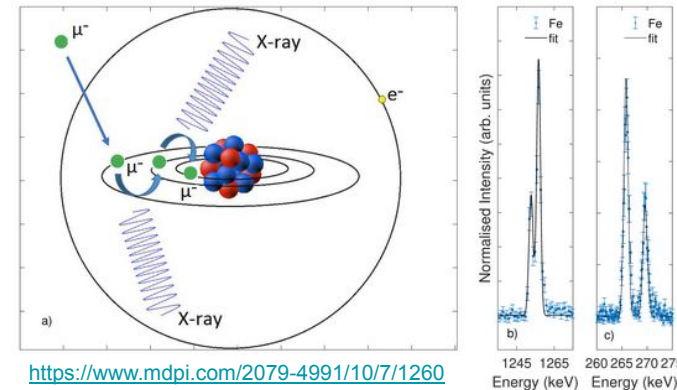
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This is a satellite meeting for MIP2026 (<https://indico.itp.ac.cn/event/384/>) to be held at IMP, Huizhou, from April 25 to 27, aiming for informal discussions and fruitful collaborations.

We are pleased to announce a half-day interdisciplinary workshop dedicated to the remarkable isotope Thorium-229, whose unique low-energy nuclear transition opens unprecedented opportunities across multiple fields of physics. This focused event will bring together experts and researchers working on laser spectroscopy, nuclear structure, muonic atoms, and particle physics to explore the full scientific potential of this extraordinary system.

The workshop aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the current status and future prospects of Thorium-229 research. Topics will include precision laser control of the nuclear isomeric transition, advances toward a nuclear optical clock, theoretical and experimental insights into nuclear properties, and the role of muonic atom spectroscopy in probing nuclear structure. In addition, discussions will address implications for fundamental symmetries, searches for new physics, and connections to particle and astroparticle physics.



GLOBAL MUON PHYSICS FRONTIER: EXPLORING THE STANDARD MODEL AND DARK SECTORS

Cosmic Muons



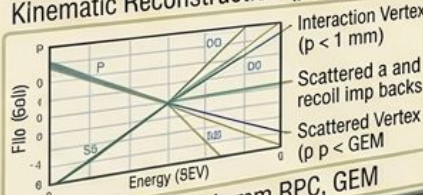
PRECISION MUON
MONITORING
(PKMu Phase 1)



Multi-Purpose Muon Experimental Hall

Cosmic Muon flux

Kinematic Reconstruction (μ -e and μ -p)



Muon Beamline Complex

SPS Muon Beam
(160 GeV)

Refocused Focusing

Interchangeable
Targets:
Graphite,
Beryllium,
Muonic Hydrogen
Archesvymnol
Symole

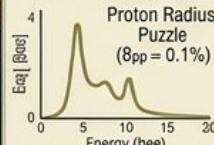
Quantum Tracking
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MUON TOMOGRAPHY
PROJECT



MUONIC ATOM
SPECTROSCOPY



NEW PHYSICS SEARCHES

A. g-2 HVP LO
(vis p-e scattering, MoonE method)



B. Missing Energy:

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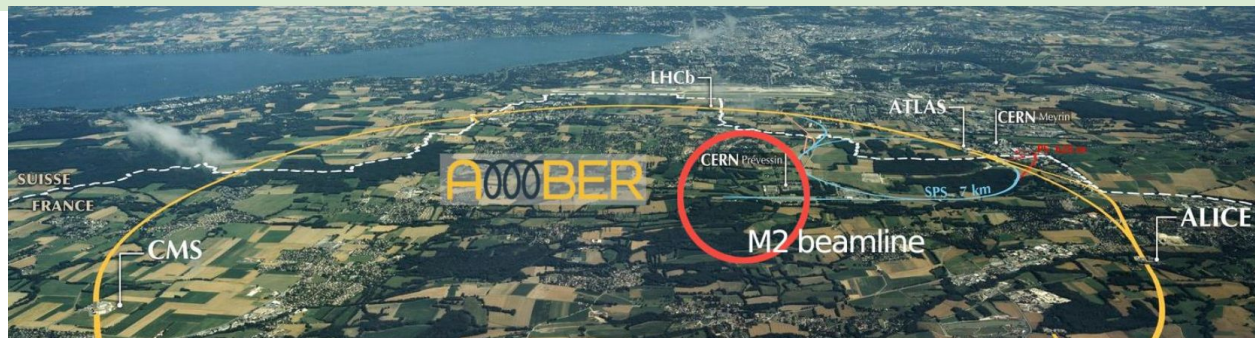
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附录

欧洲核子研究中心高能缪子实验



~160GeV高
能缪子束
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CERN: The European Organization for Nuclear Research

**Studies for New Experiments at the CERN M2 Beamline within
“Physics Beyond Colliders”:**

AMBER/COMPASS++, NA64 μ , MuonE

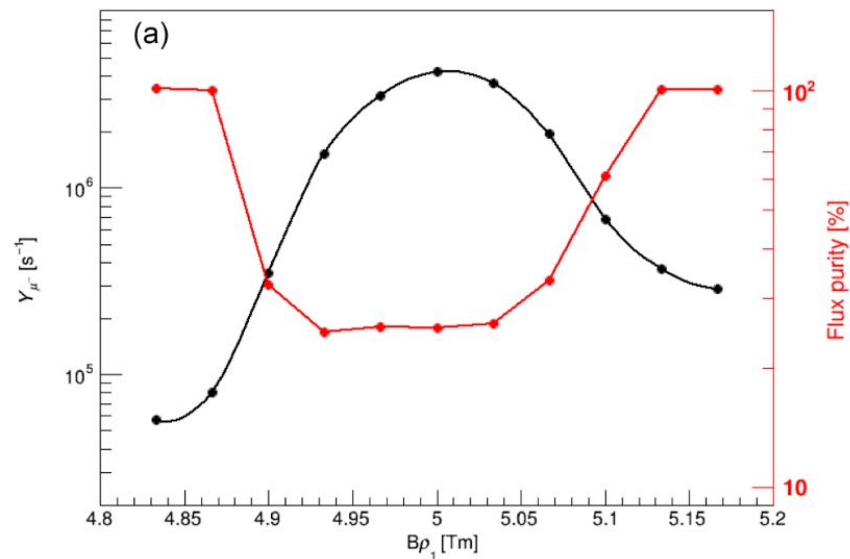
与质子、核子、电子散射

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HIAF-HIRIBL 高能缪子束流

TABLE IV. The maximum muon flux intensities with proton, $^{18}\text{O}^{6+}$, and $^{78}\text{Kr}^{19+}$ projectiles, and the corresponding muon beam momenta and purities.

	Proton	$^{18}\text{O}^{6+}$	$^{78}\text{Kr}^{19+}$
μ^+ beam			
Momentum (GeV/c)	3.5	1.5	1.0
Flux intensity (μ^+ /s)	8.2×10^6	3.5×10^6	1.8×10^6
Muon purity	2.0%	0.80%	0.60%
μ^- beam			
Momentum (GeV/c)	2.3	1.5	1.0
Flux intensity (μ^- /s)	3.8×10^6	4.2×10^6	1.6×10^6
Muon purity	13%	20%	23%

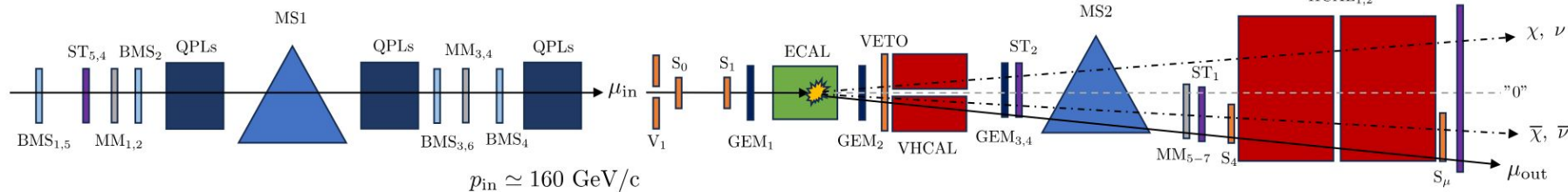
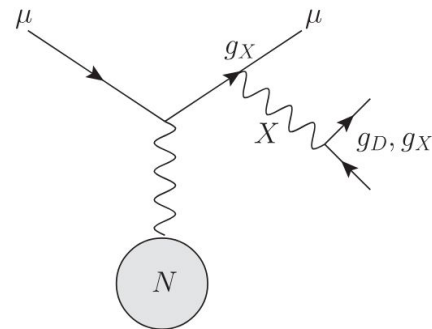
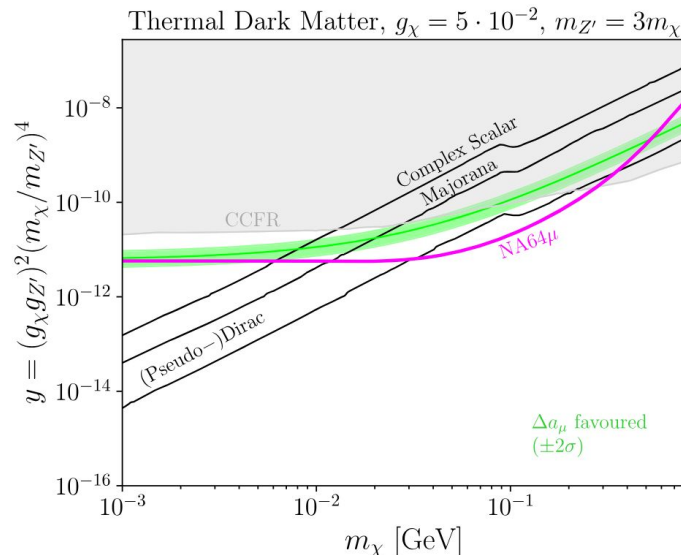
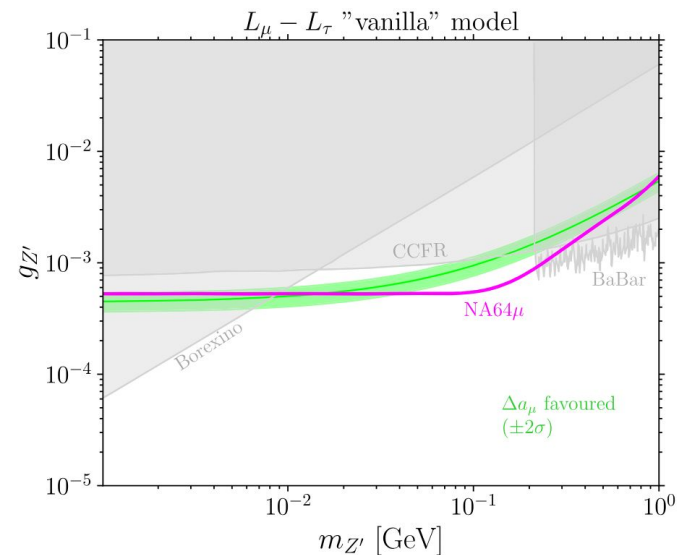
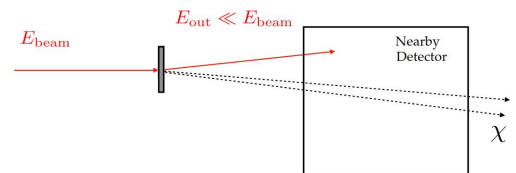


PID among muon, pion and electron are important for muon beam experiment.

CERN NA64 μ 的实验结果

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}F'_{\alpha\beta}F^{\alpha\beta} + \frac{m_{Z'}^2}{2}Z'_\alpha Z'^\alpha - g_{Z'}Z'_\alpha J^\alpha_{\mu-\tau},$$

$$-g_\chi Z'_\alpha J^\alpha_\chi,$$



缪子与质子散射：AMBER测量质子半径等

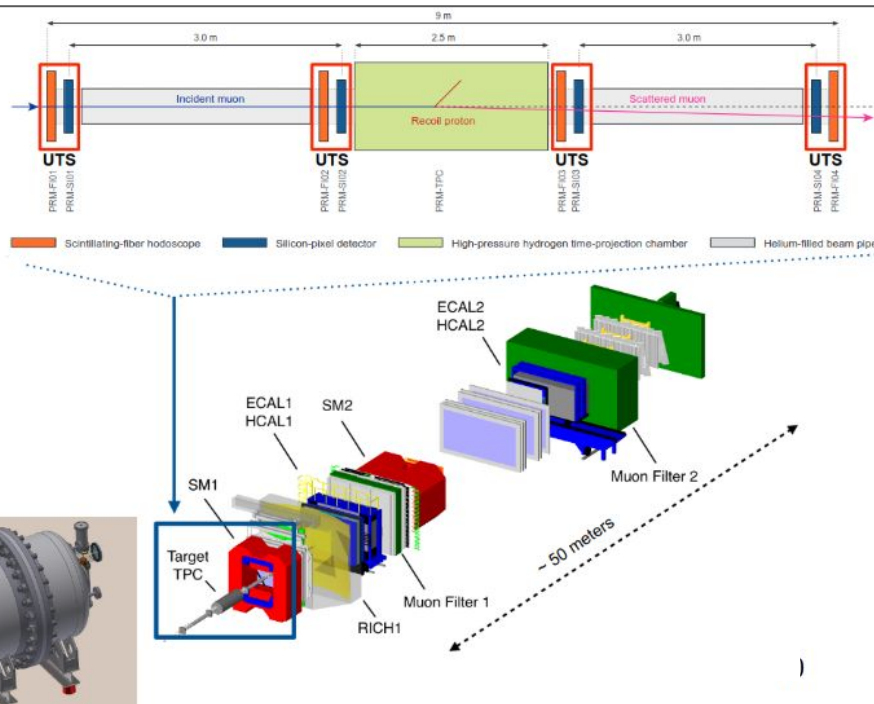
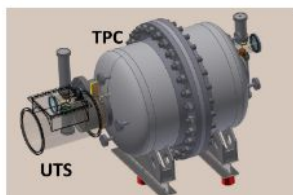
Apparatus for Meson and Baryon Experimental Research

100 GeV muon beam, $2 \times 10^6 \mu/s$

Time Projection Chamber (TPC)
filled with hydrogen (up to 20 bar):
active target

Recoil proton measured at TPC,
incoming and scattered muons
detected in the Unified Tracking
Stations (UTS)

Small scattering angle ($100 \mu\text{rad}$):
 $Q^2_{\text{min}} = 10^{-3} (\text{GeV}/c)^2$

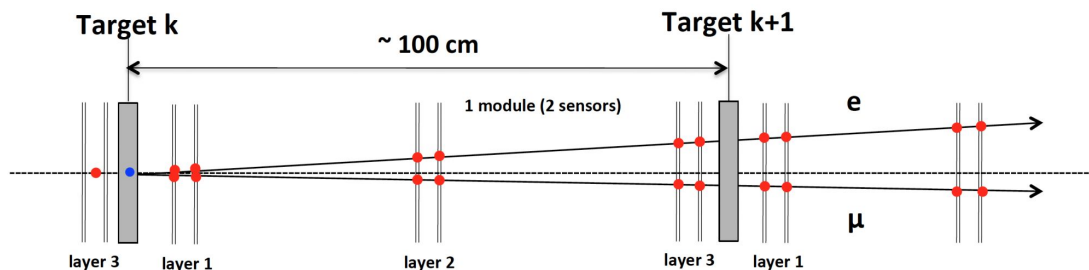
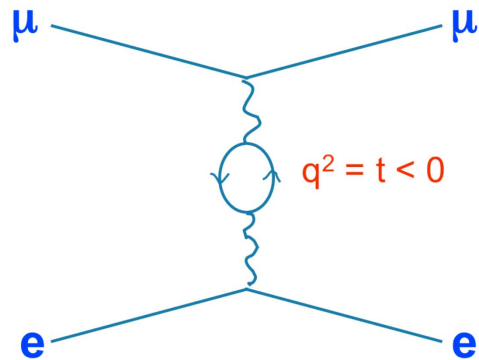


AMBER 是 CERN SPS
固定靶实验计划中的
新一代强子物理
实验。主要束流：
高能 π 、K、p 以
及 μ 子束流（动
量最高可达 ~ 190
GeV/c）

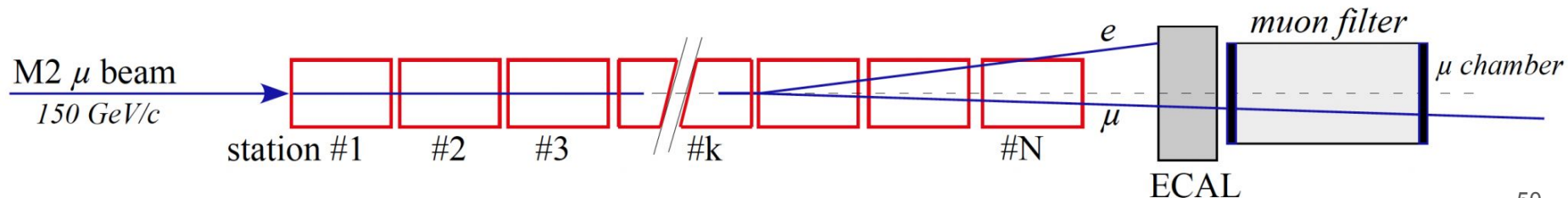
继承并升级了COMPASS的成熟探测器系统(磁谱仪、跟踪、PID 等)

缪子与电子散射: MUonE 精密测量SM

<https://web.infn.it/MUonE/>



轻靶，无磁场，良好的径迹探测器，电磁量能器及末端缪子探测器提供PID。模块化，每模块约1米长。



缪子与核散射：MMM 寻找新物理

