

# The Mu2e Experiment: A Search for Charged Lepton Flavor Violation



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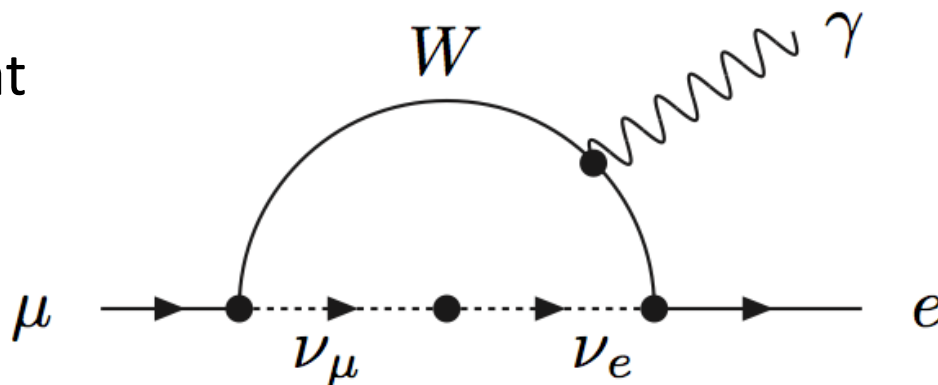
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# Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV)

With neutrino mass, we know that lepton flavor is not conserved.  
The SM CLFV process would be :

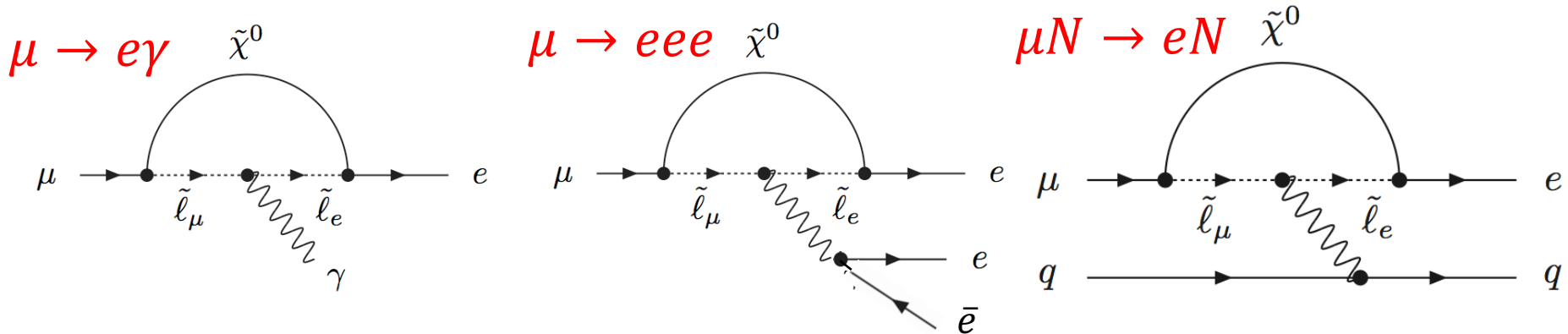


$$\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=2,3} U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{\Delta m_{1i}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 < 10^{-54}$$

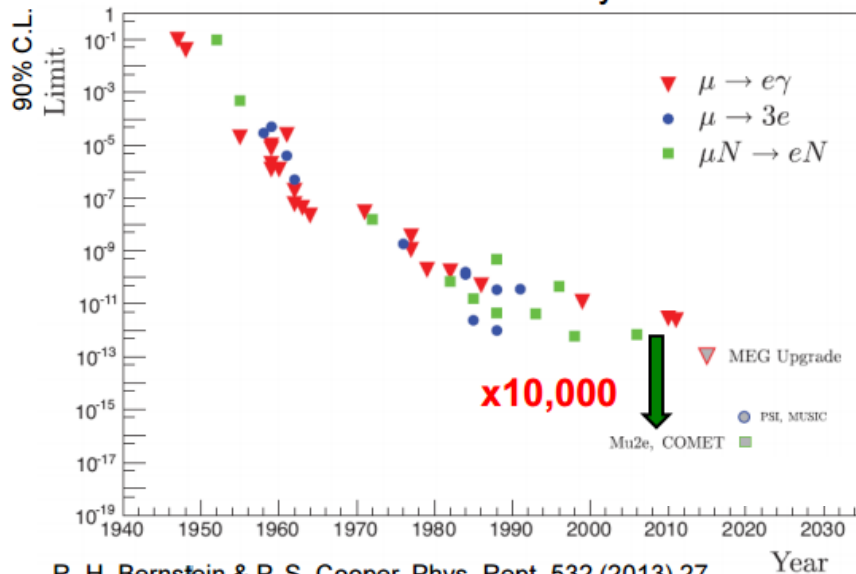
\*Physically unobservable

Any observation of CLFV must be new physics!

# Searching for CLFV



CLFV Searches History



R. H. Bernstein & P. S. Cooper, Phys. Rept. 532 (2013) 27

Currents experimental limits:

MEG:  $B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 5.7 \times 10^{-13}$  [1]

SINDRUM-I:  $B(\mu \rightarrow 3e) < 1 \times 10^{-12}$  [2]

SINDRUM-II:  $R_{\mu e}(\mu N \rightarrow eN \text{ on Au}) < 7 \times 10^{-13}$  [3]

Mu2e will increase precision by an incredible 4 orders of magnitude.

Mu2e's single event sensitivity will be  $2.5 \times 10^{-17}$ , sensitive to many BSM models and probing mass scales between 2000 and 7000 TeV.

[1]PRL **110**, 201801 (2013)

[2]Nucl. Phys., B **299**, 1 (1988)

[3]EPJ C **47**, 337 (2006)

# Mu2e's Concept

- Use Fermilab's proton beam to create a beam of low momentum muons
- Stop the muons in an Aluminum target ( $10^{18}$  over 3 yrs)
- Detectors which look for mono-energetic electrons consistent with  $\mu N \rightarrow e N$  and differentiate background

• We measure :

$$R_{\mu e} = \frac{\mu^- + N(A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + N(A, Z)}{\mu^- + N(A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\mu + N(A, Z - 1)}$$

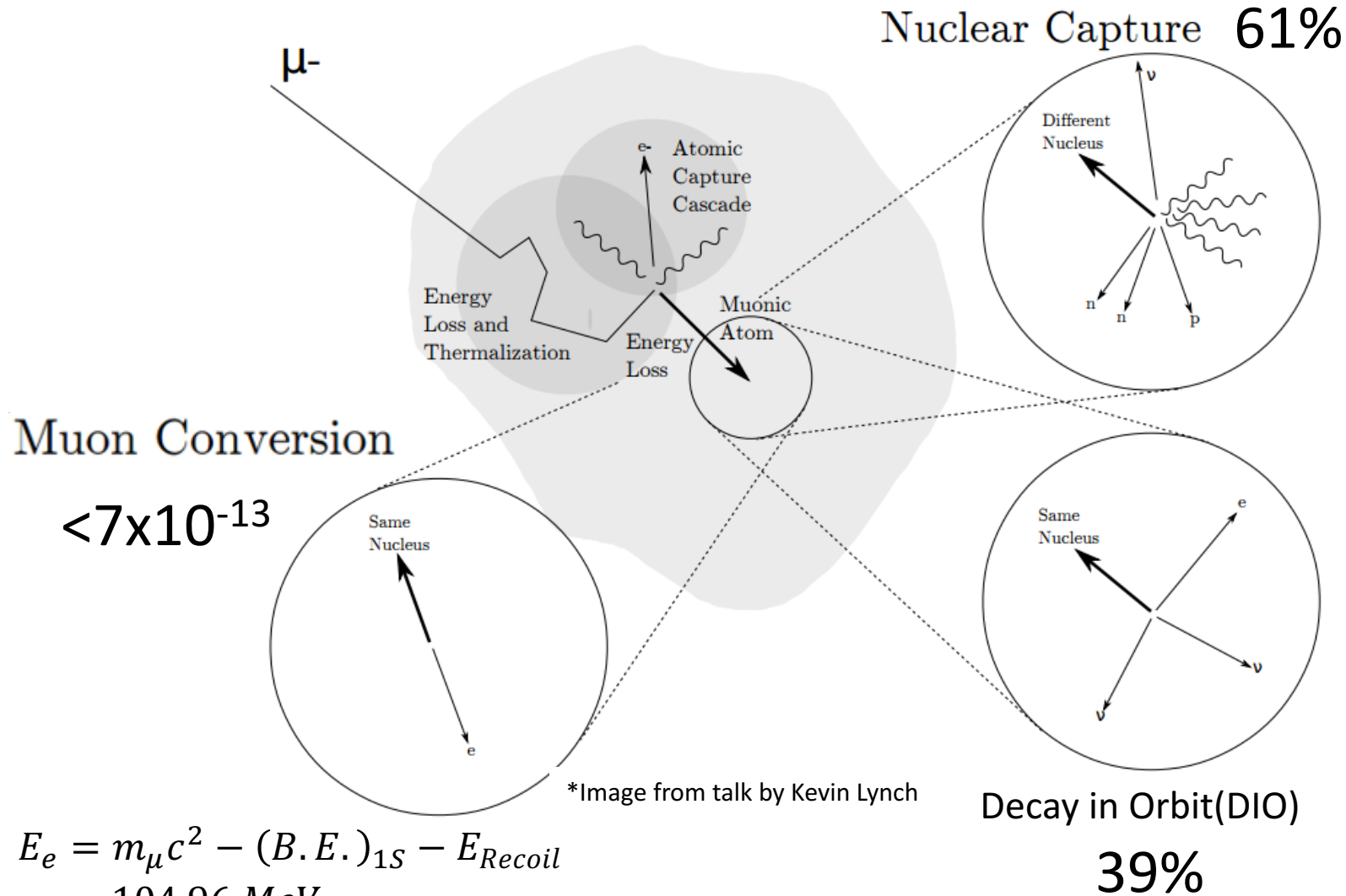
Numerator:

Muon to electron conversion in the presence of a nucleus

Denominator:

Nuclear captures of muonic Al atoms

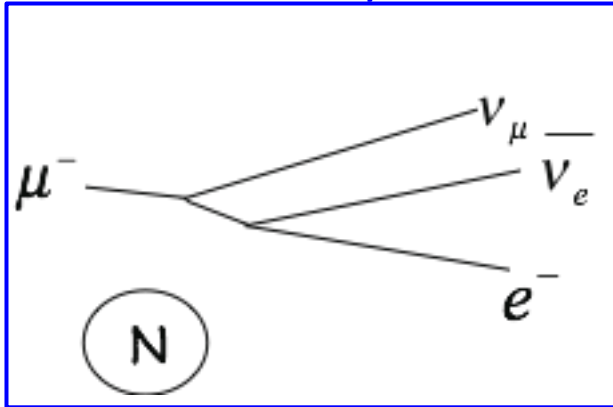
# Creating and Decaying Muonic Atom



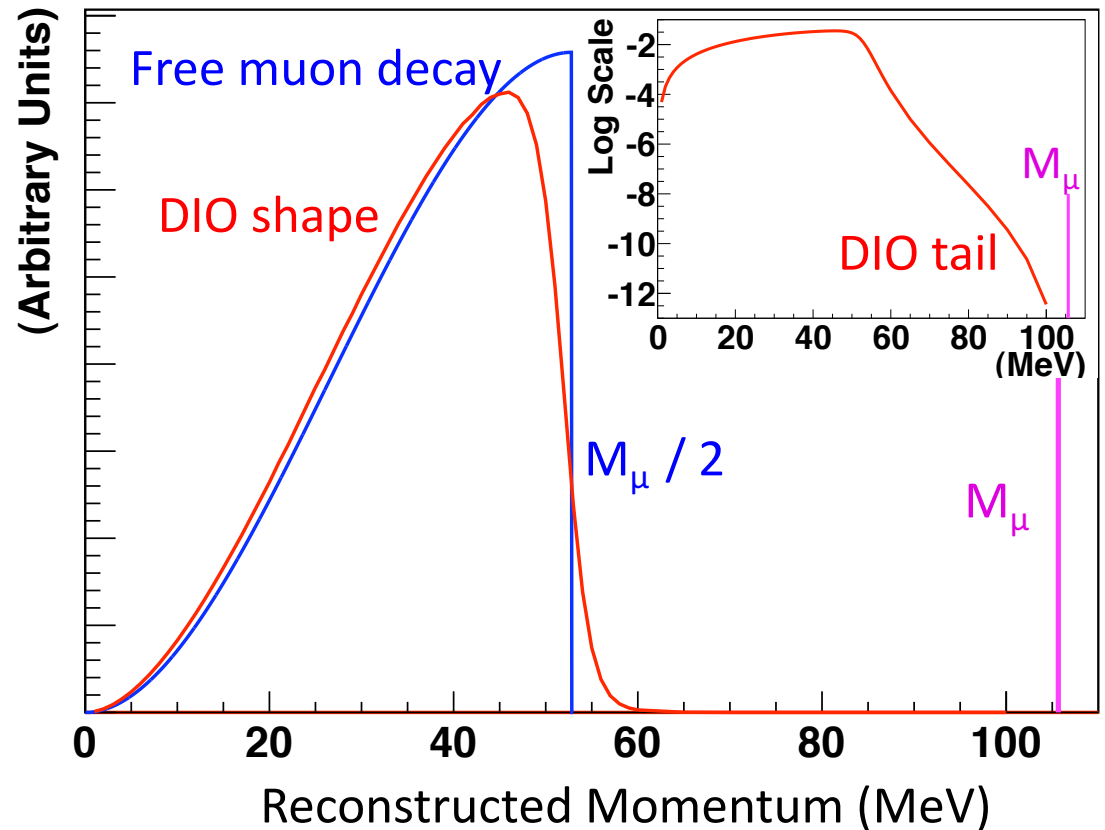
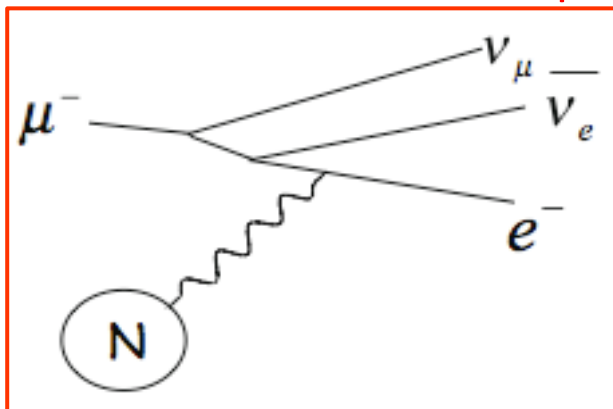
\*Image from talk by Kevin Lynch

# Comparing DIO to conversion electrons

Free muon decay

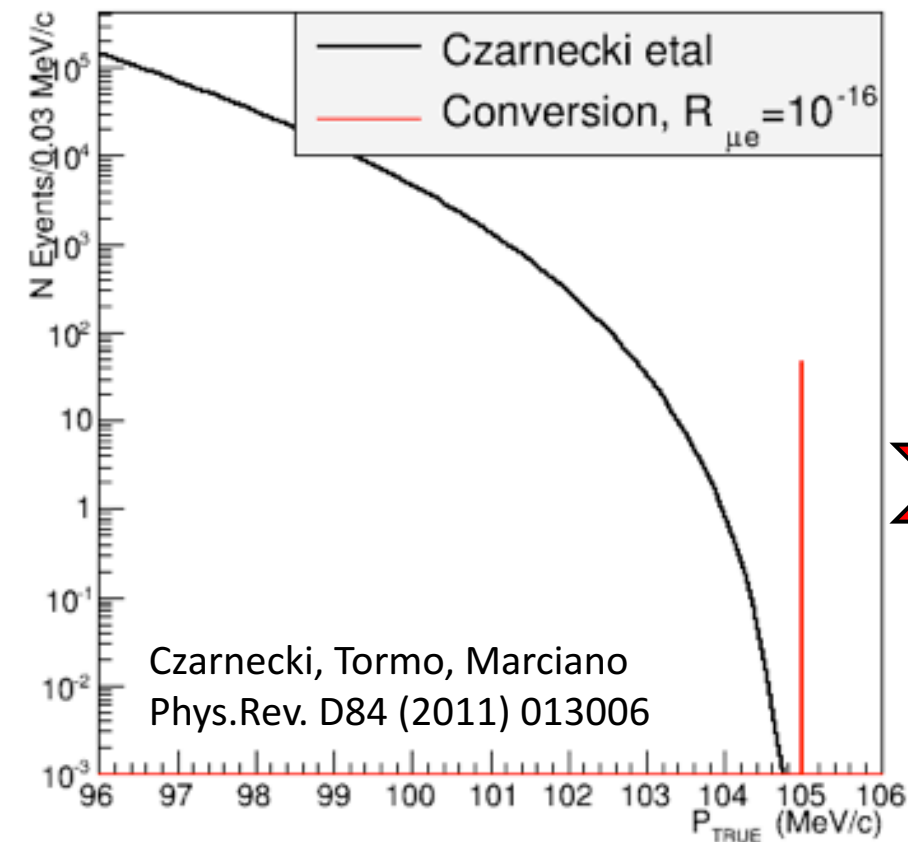


Nucleus affected DIO shape

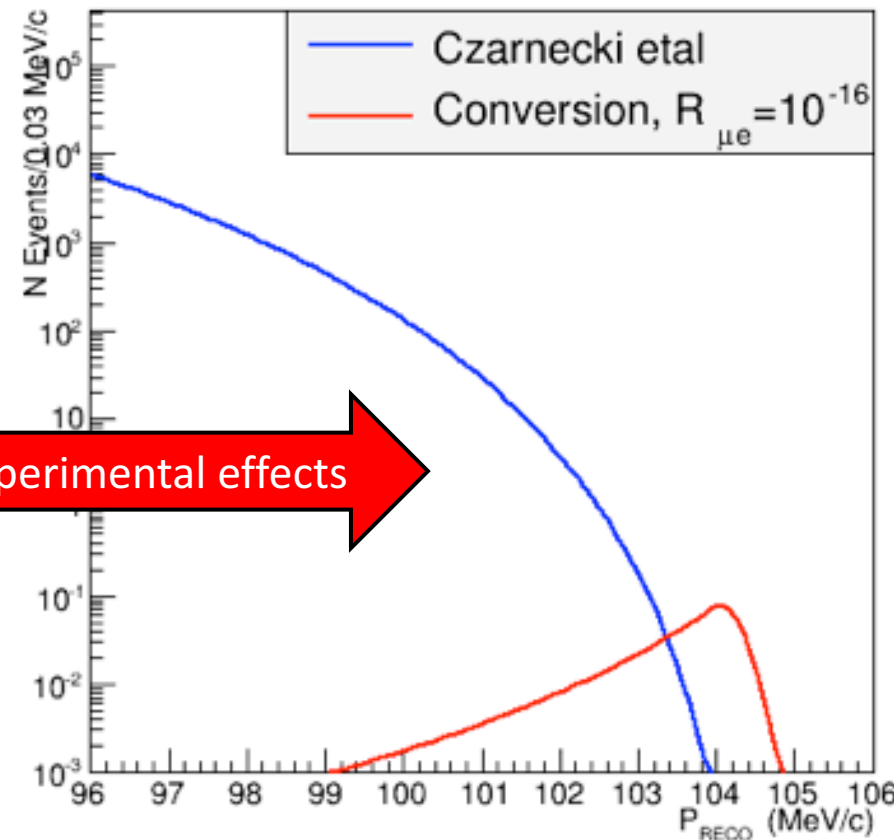


# Experimental effects on DIO to conversion electrons

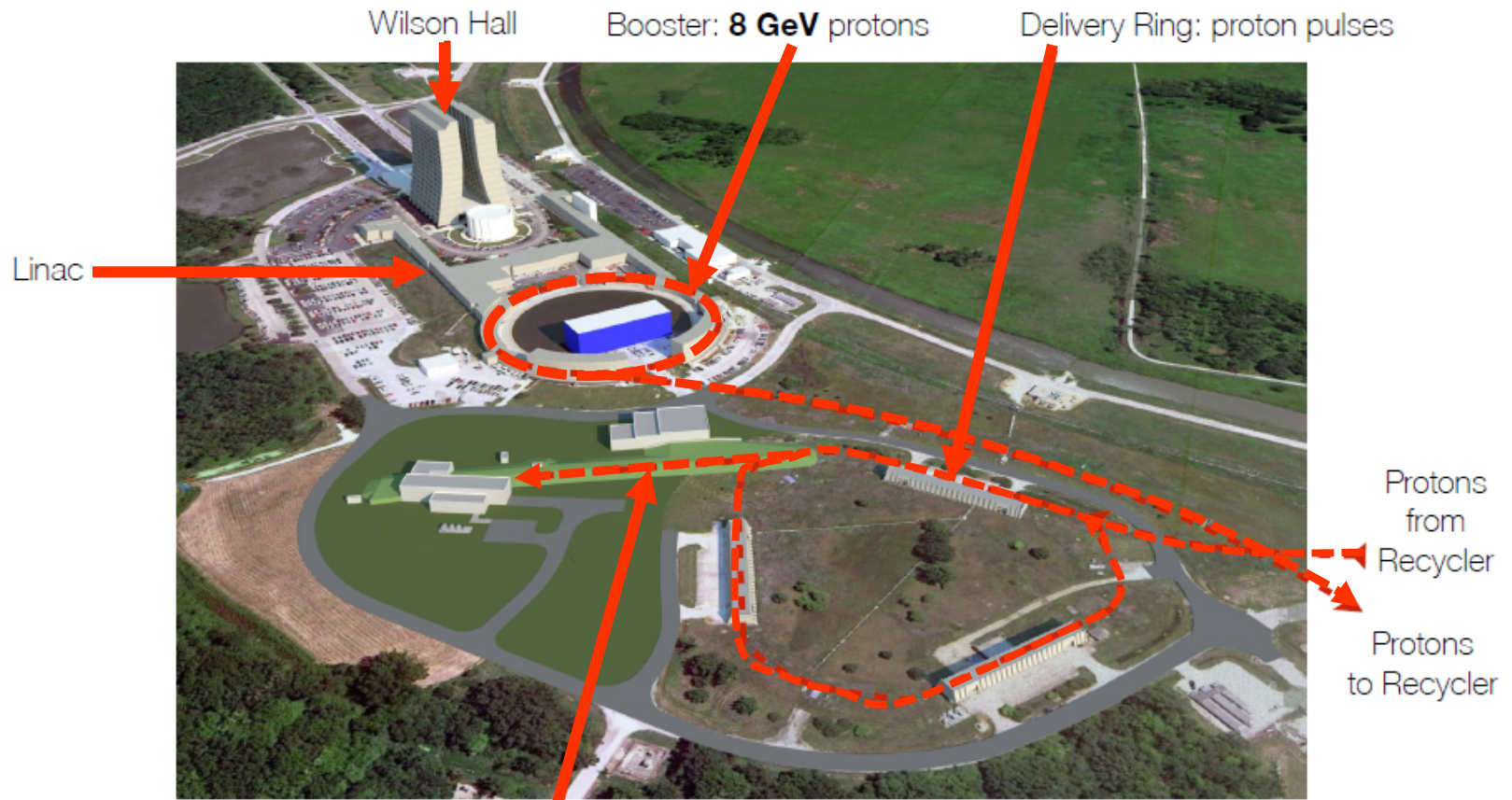
- Tail of DIO falls as  $(E_{\text{Endpoint}} - E_e)^5$
- A window of a few hundred keV, where Signal  $\gg$  DIO for  $R_{\mu e} = 10^{-16}$



Experimental effects

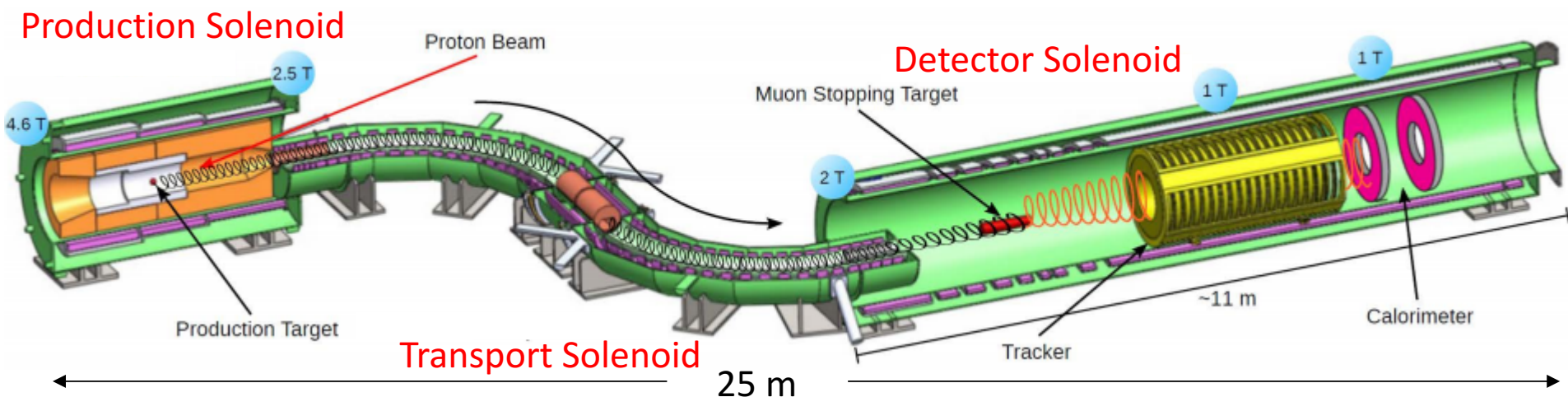


# Fermilab Facility : The Proton's Path



$3.6 \times 10^{20}$  total protons on target  
 $3.1 \times 10^7$  protons per bunch  
Sharing the beam with NOvA

# The Mu2e Experiment



Mu2e's significant improvement over past experiments relies on its high intensity pulsed muon beam.

3 main components: Production Solenoid (PS), Transport Solenoid (TS), and Detector Solenoid (DS)

Experimental setup contained within vacuum space

Gradient magnetic field ( $4.6 \text{ T} \rightarrow 1 \text{ T}$ ) moves charged particles downstream

Step 1:

8 GeV proton beam hits tungsten target and produces Pions in PS

Pions decaying into muons are pushed downstream towards TS

Step 2:

TS selects particles based on charge and momentum

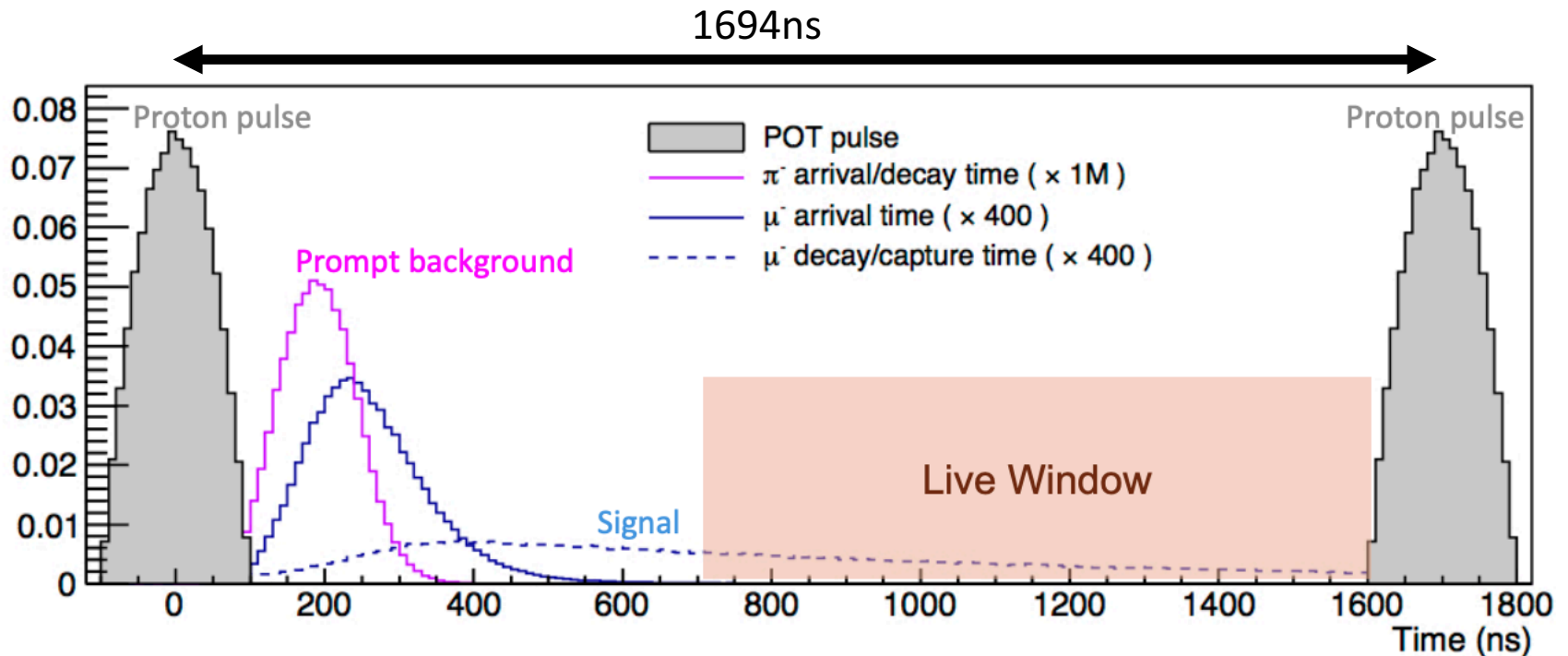
TS collimators eliminate backgrounds

Step 3:

Muons are captured in Aluminum target foils

Conversion electron trajectories measured and validated in tracker and calorimeter

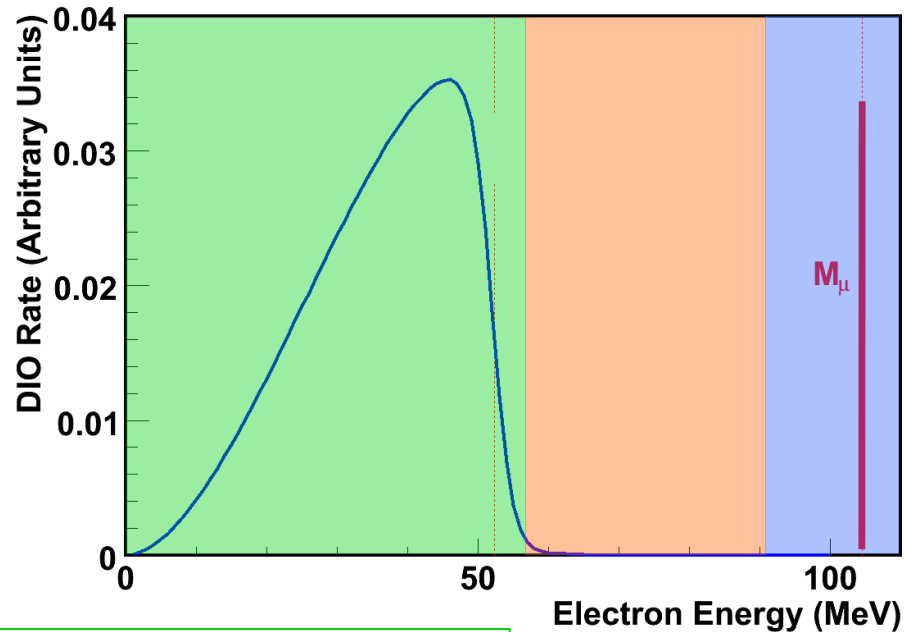
# Beam Time



- ~20,000 muons per bunch
- $10^{10}$  muons per second

Almost all protons, unstopped muons, stopped and unstopped pions will have passed through the detector before observation window.

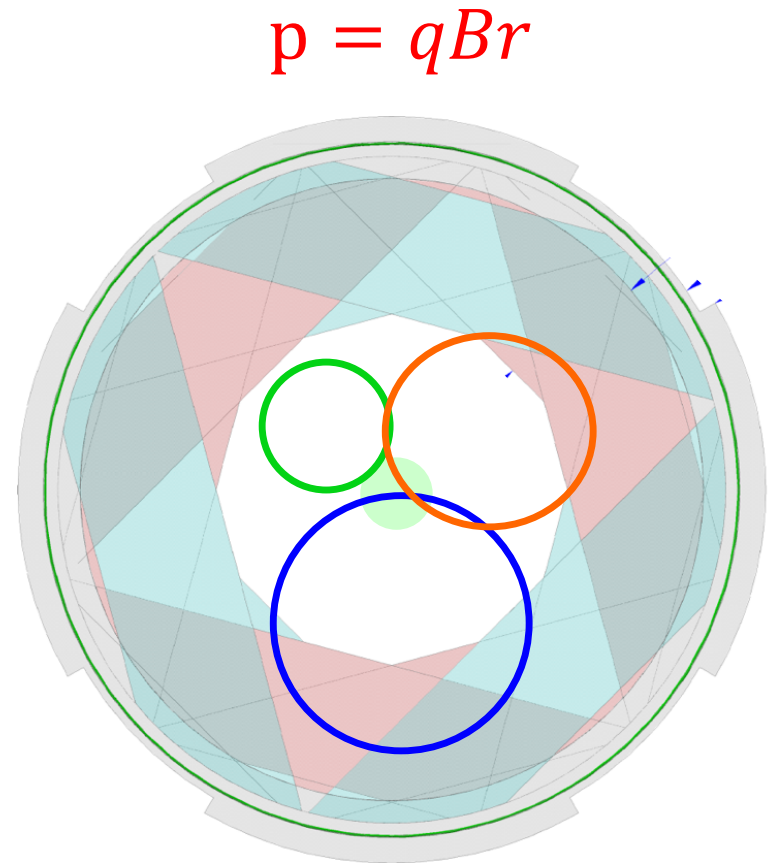
# Annular Detector Geometry



No hits in detector

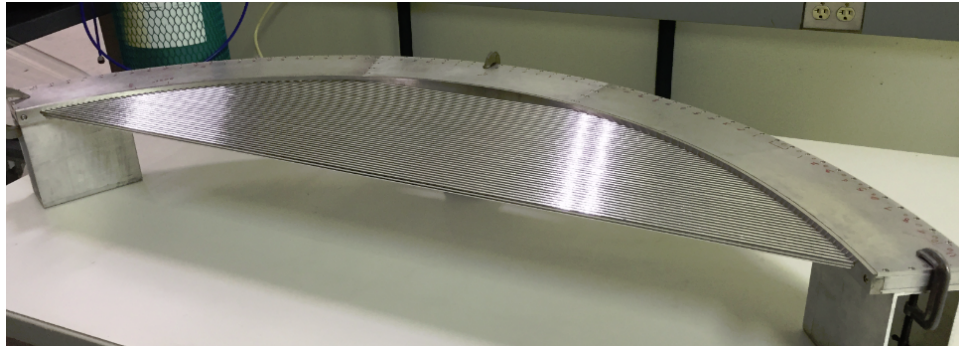
Some hits in detector.  
Tracks not reconstructable.

Reconstructable tracks  
Momentum resolution  $\sigma < 180$  keV/c

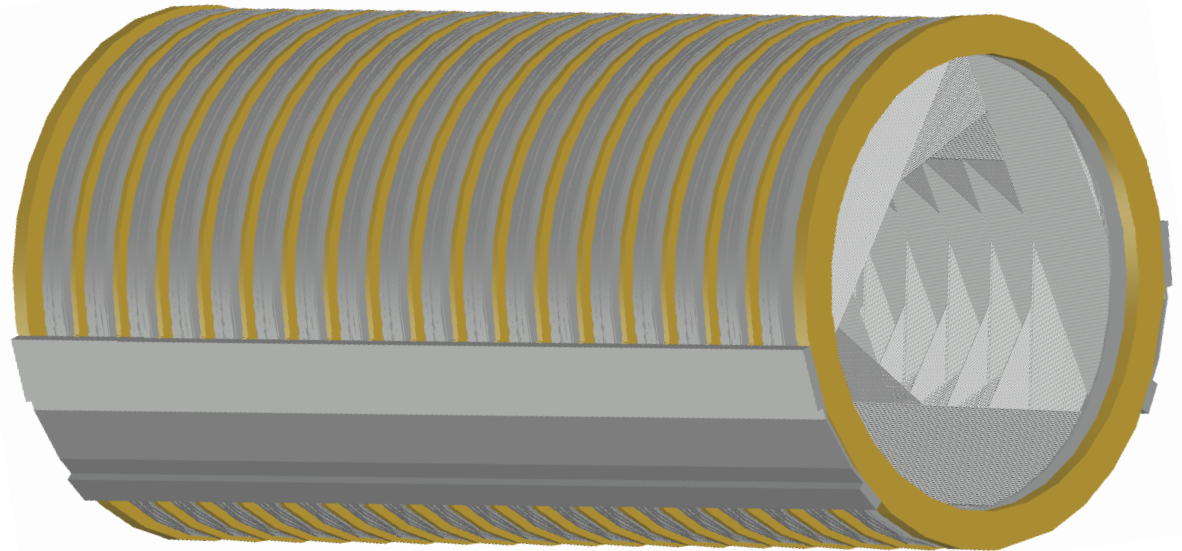
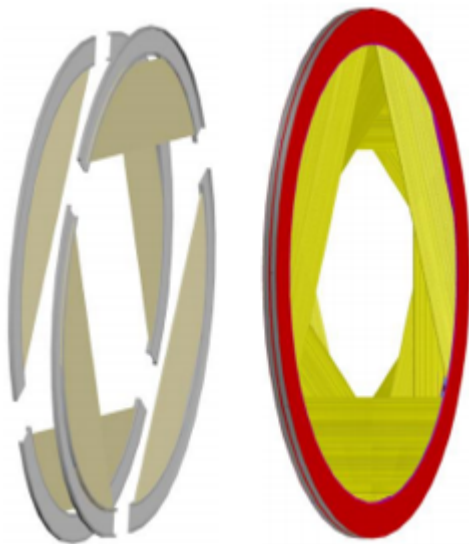


Beam's-eye view of Tracker

# Low Mass Tracker Design

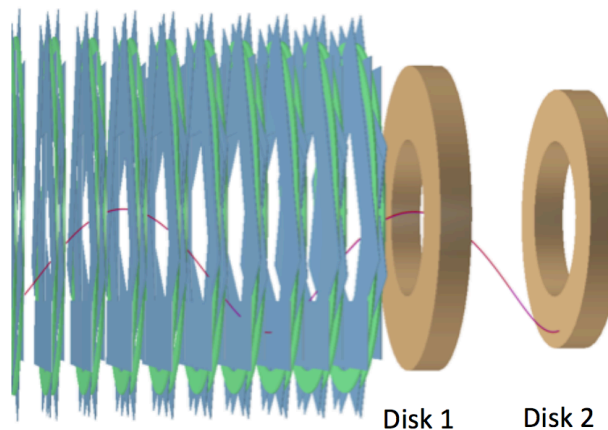
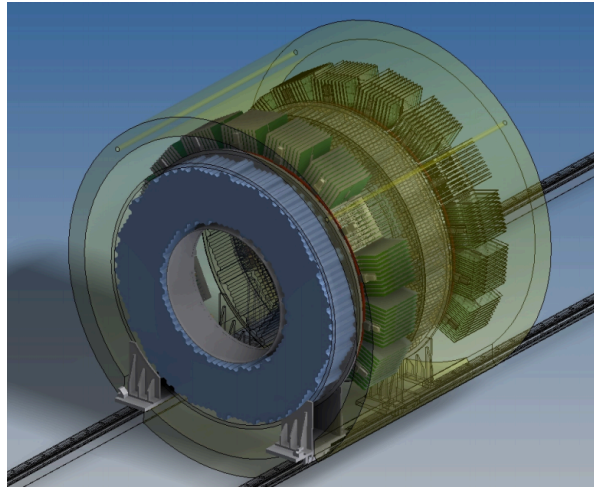


- Excellent momentum resolution better than 180 KeV/c
- 15 micron thick Mylar straws provide for a very low mass detector



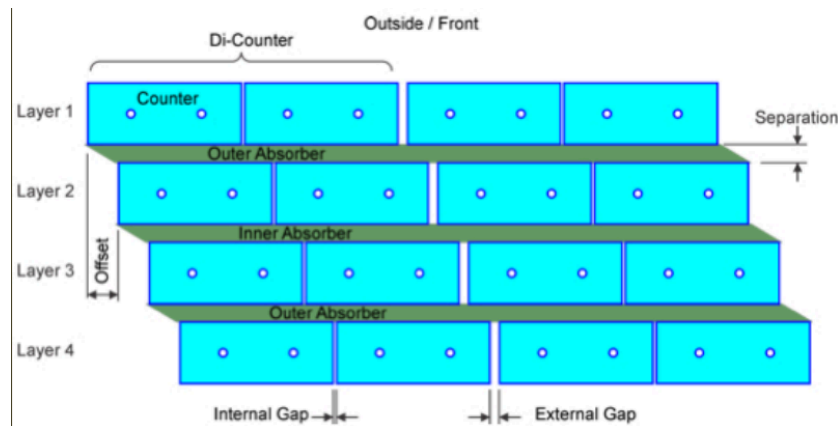
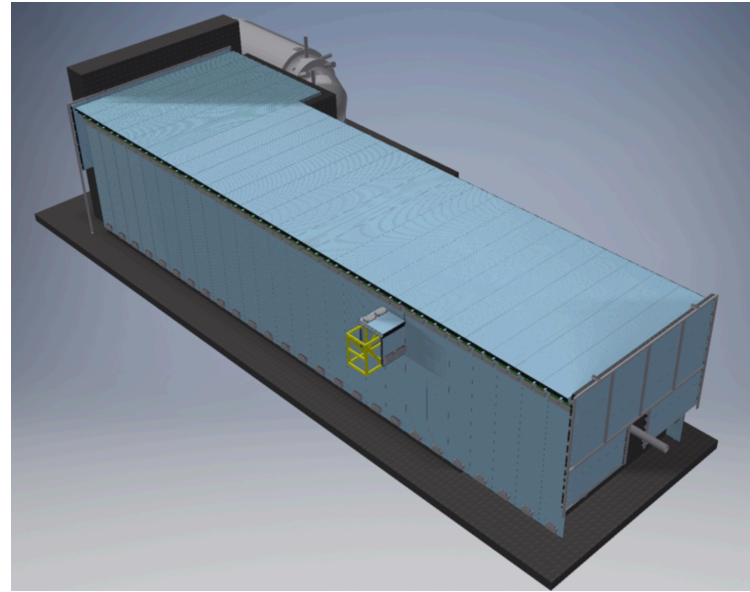
# Calorimeter

- Provides precise timing, PID, seed for tracking and triggering
- Will employ 2 disks (radius = 37-66 cm)
- ~1400 CsI crystals with square cross-section – ~3 cm diameter, ~20 cm long (10 X0)
- Calorimeter properties have been measured in beam tests



# Cosmic Ray Veto (CRV)

- The CRV covers all of DS and half of TS
- Without CRV, expect  $\sim 1$  cosmic-ray-induced background event per day (99.99% net efficiency)
- The CRV consists of 4 overlapping layers of scintillator strips with wavelength shifter and aluminum absorber
- Have achieved  $\varepsilon > 99.4\%$  (per layer) in test beam



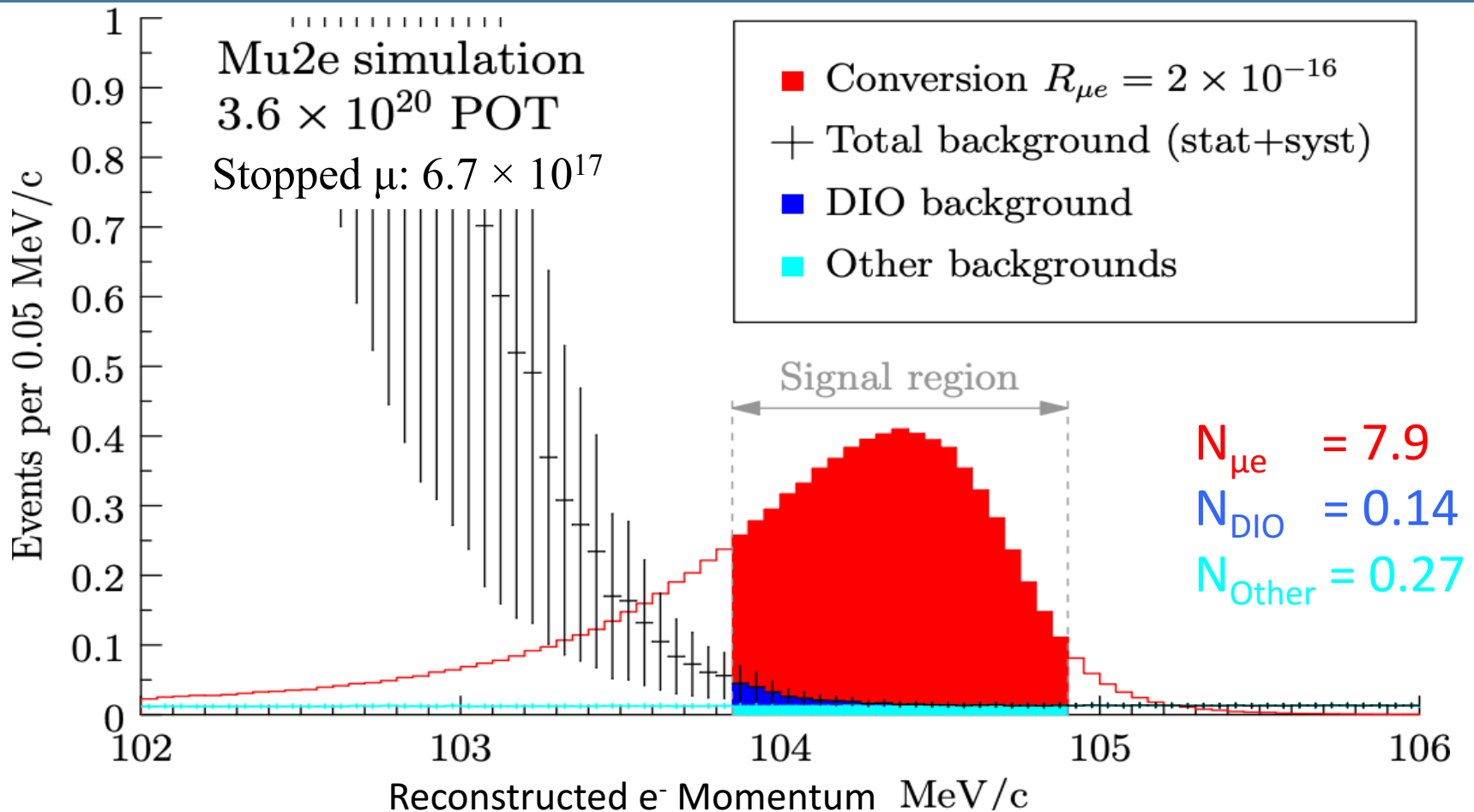
# Estimated background yields

Category	Background process	Estimated yield (events)
Intrinsic *	Muon decay-in-orbit (DIO)	$0.144 \pm 0.028(\text{stat}) \pm 0.11(\text{syst})$
	Muon capture (RMC)	$0.000^{+0.004}_{-0.000}$
Late Arriving <sup>+</sup>	Pion capture (RPC)	$0.021 \pm 0.001(\text{stat}) \pm 0.002(\text{syst})$
	Muon decay-in-flight ( $\mu$ -DIF)	$< 0.003$
	Pion decay-in-flight ( $\pi$ -DIF)	$0.001 \pm < 0.001$
	Beam electrons	$(2.1 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-4}$
Miscellaneous	Antiproton induced	$0.040 \pm 0.001(\text{stat}) \pm 0.020(\text{syst})$
	Cosmic ray induced	$0.209 \pm 0.022(\text{stat}) \pm 0.055(\text{syst})$
Total		$0.41 \pm 0.13(\text{stat+syst})$

\*Assuming  $6 \times 10^{17}$  stopped muons in  $6 \times 10^7$  sec of beam time

+Assuming an proton beam extinction of  $10^{-10}$ , a cosmic ray veto inefficiency of  $10^{-4}$ , PID muon-rejection of 200.

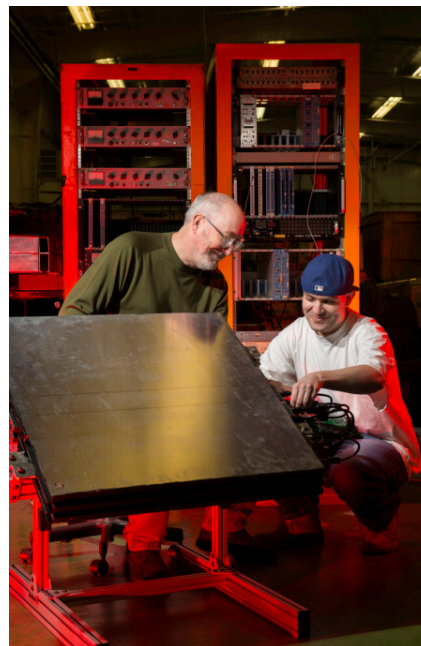
# Reconstruction Simulation



This simulation includes measured properties of prototype detectors.

At  $R_{\mu e} = 2 \times 10^{-16}$ , we would expect to see 7.9 events which is a  $5\sigma$  discovery!

# Production is underway!



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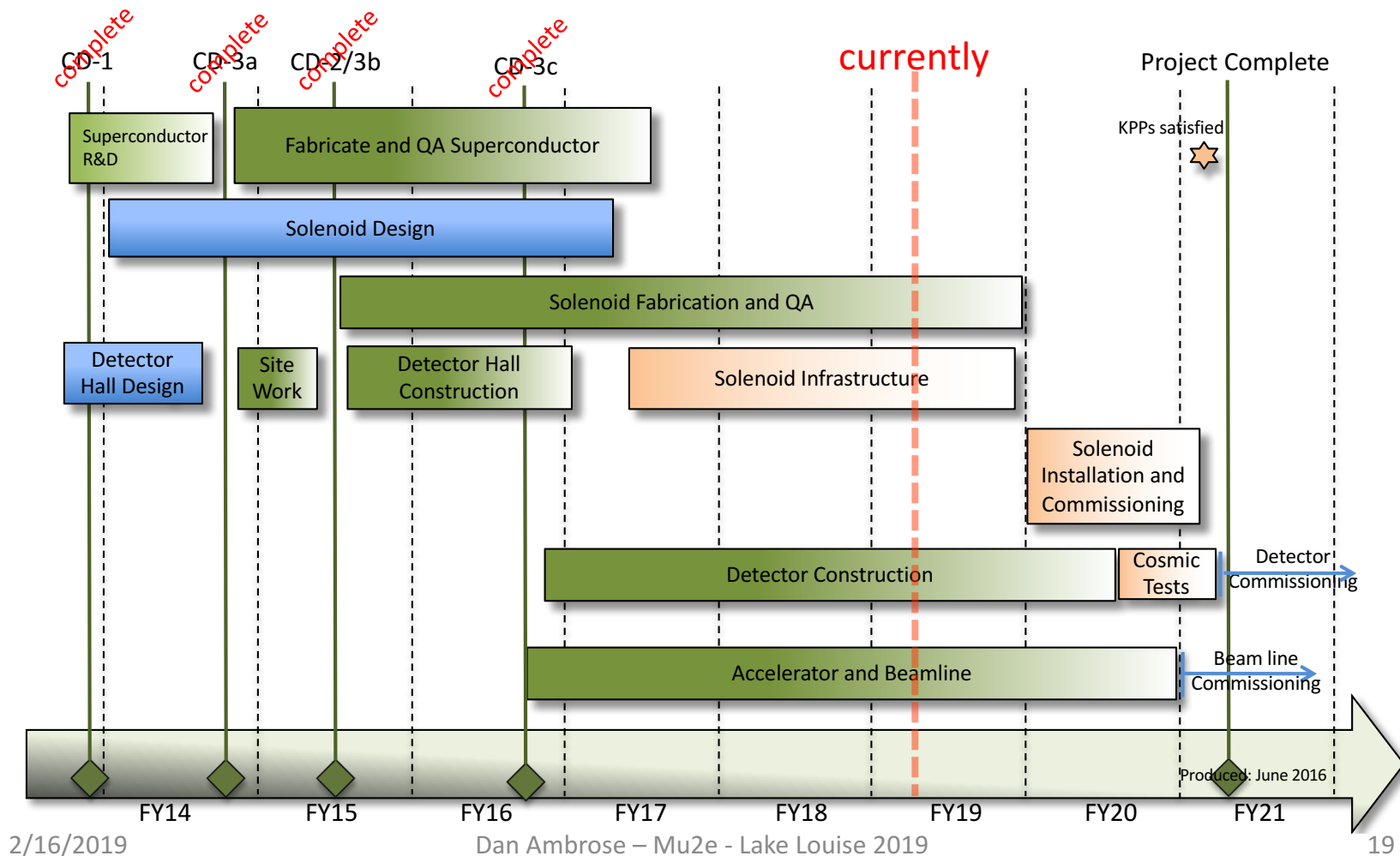
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# New Building completed in 2016



# Schedule

Mu2e is on schedule.  
We expect to be commissioning in 2020.



# The Mu2e Collaboration



200 scientists, 37 institutions

# Summary

- There is a lot of excitement about theoretical model discrimination afforded by a 4 order of magnitude improvement on muon conversion sensitivity.
- The Mu2e project has a design which will allow for a single event sensitivity of  $2.5 \times 10^{-17}$ .
- The experimental design is mature and on schedule for commissioning in 2020 and taking production data starting in 2021.

For more detailed information ask or check out :

Summary of Experiment <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1901.11099.pdf>

Technical Design Report <http://arXiv.org/abs/1501.05241>

Experiment web site <http://mu2e.fnal.gov>

- A plan for the upgrade, Mu2e-II, has also progressed

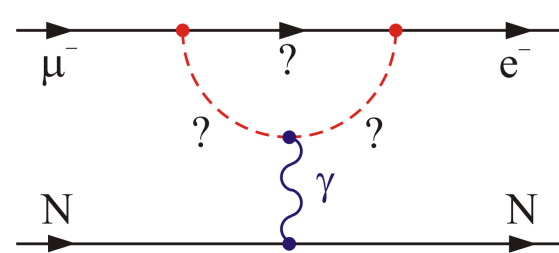
Expression of Interest <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1802.02599.pdf>

Thank you

# Sensitivity to High Mass Scales

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

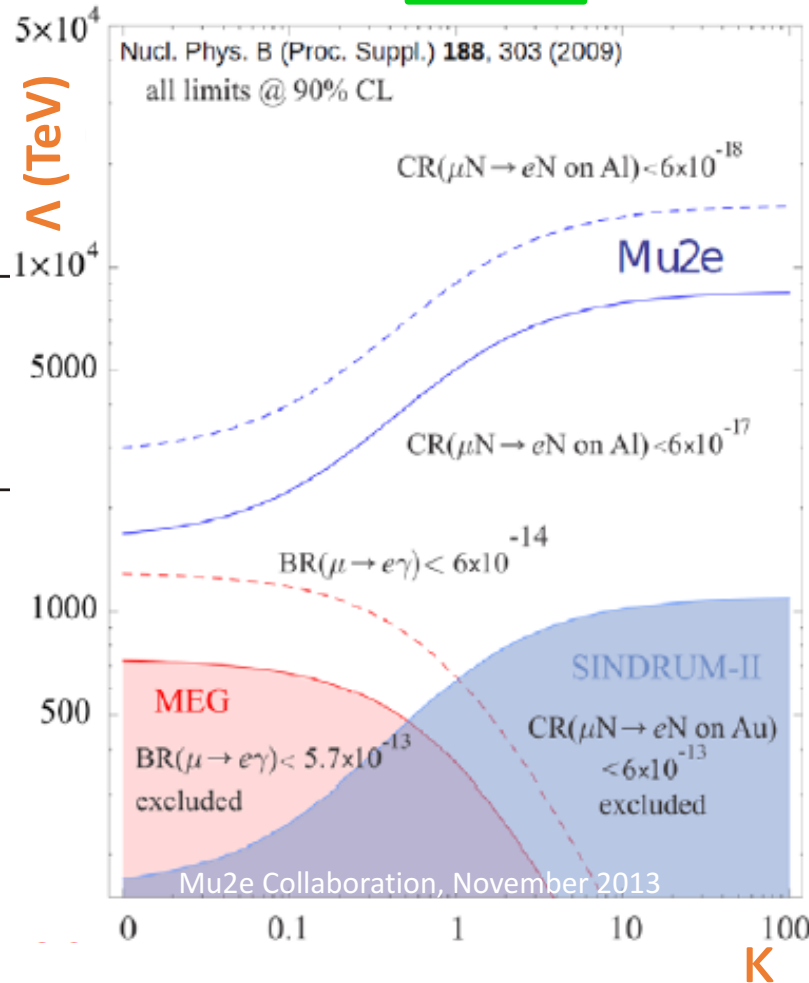
Loops dominate  
for  $\kappa \ll 1$



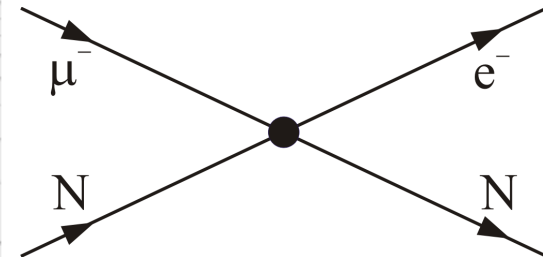
$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$

$\mu N \rightarrow e N$

$\mu \rightarrow e e e$



Contact terms  
dominate for  $\kappa \gg 1$



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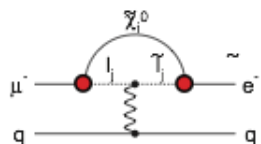
$\mu \rightarrow e e e$

# Sensitive to many models

$\Lambda_c$  between 2000 to 7000 TeV

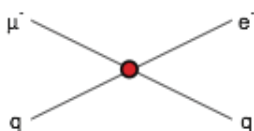
## Supersymmetry

rate  $\sim 10^{-15}$



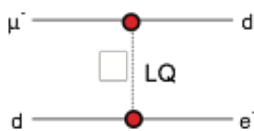
## Compositeness

$\Lambda_c \sim 3000$  TeV



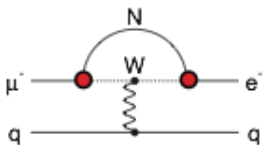
## Leptoquark

$M_{LQ} = 3000 (\lambda_{\mu d} \lambda_{e d})^{1/2}$  TeV/c



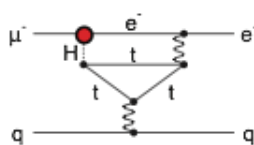
## Heavy Neutrinos

$|U_{\mu N} U_{e N}|^2 \sim 8 \times 10^{-13}$



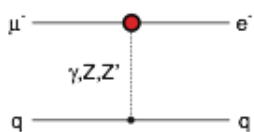
## Second Higgs Doublet

$g(H_{\mu e}) \sim 10^{-4} g(H_{\mu \mu})$



## Heavy Z' Anomal. Z Couplin

$M_{Z'} = 3000$  TeV/c<sup>2</sup>



W. Altmannshofer, A.J.Buras, S.Gori, P.Paradisi, D.M.Straub

	AC	RVV2	AKM	$\delta$ LL	FBMSSM	LHT	RS
$D^0 - \bar{D}^0$	★★★	★	★	★	★	★★★	?
$\epsilon_K$	★	★★★	★★★	★	★	★★	★★★
$S_{\psi\phi}$	★★★	★★★	★★★	★	★	★★★	★★★
$S_{\phi K_S}$	★★★	★★	★	★★★	★★★	★	?
$A_{CP}(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$	★	★	★	★★★	★★★	★	?
$A_{7,8}(B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)$	★	★	★	★★★	★★★	★★	?
$A_9(B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)$	★	★	★	★	★	★	?
$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \bar{\nu}$	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★	★
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	★	★	★	★	★	★★★	★★★
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	★	★	★	★	★	★★★	★★★
$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
$\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$	★★★	★★★	★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
$\mu + N \rightarrow e + N$	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
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$(g-2)_\mu$	★★★	★★★	★★	★★★	★★★	★	?

Table 8: “DNA” of flavour physics effects for the most interesting observables in a selection of SUSY and non-SUSY models ★★★ signals large effects, ★★ visible but small effects and ★ implies that the given model does not predict sizable effects in that observable.

# The Comet Experiment

The Comet experiment is another muon to electron conversion experiment which will run at J-PARC.

Phase 1 will be a 100x sensitivity improvement is scheduled to begin in 2020. Phase 2 has a similar sensitivity to Mu2e ( $10^4$ x sensitivity improvement) and is scheduled to begin after Mu2e begins.

For more information on the technical design of Comet :

<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1812.09018.pdf>