

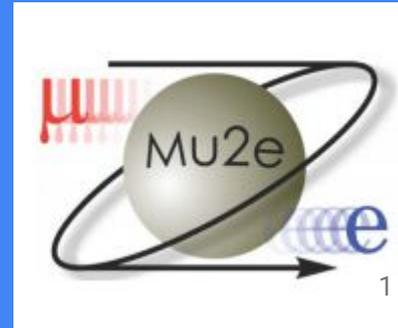
Inside NA61 detector at CERN



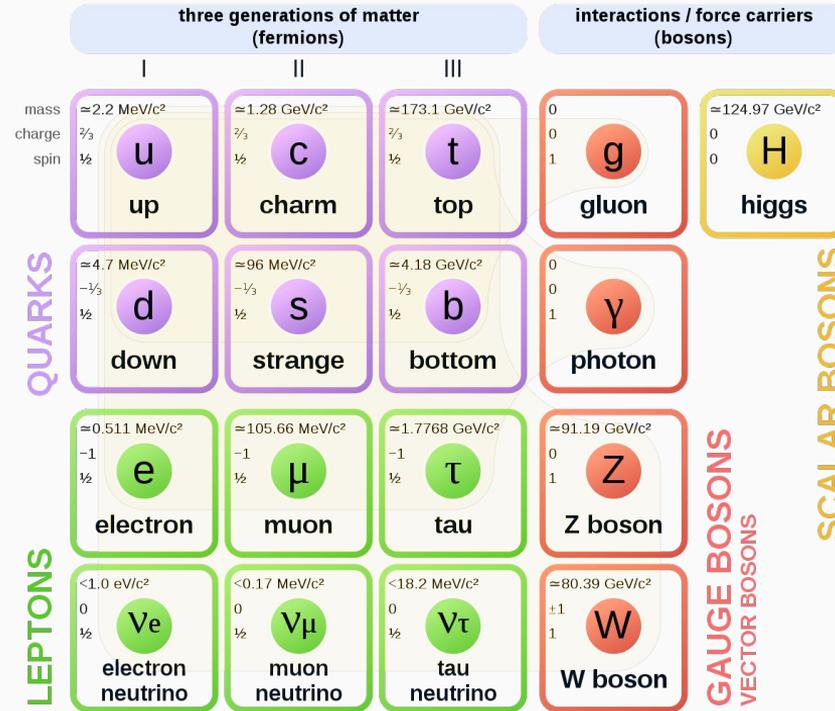
MINOS hall at  
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# The Mu2e Experiment

U of M Quarknet Workshop  
Ben Messerly  
2021-08-13



## Standard Model of Elementary Particles

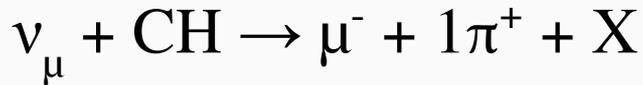
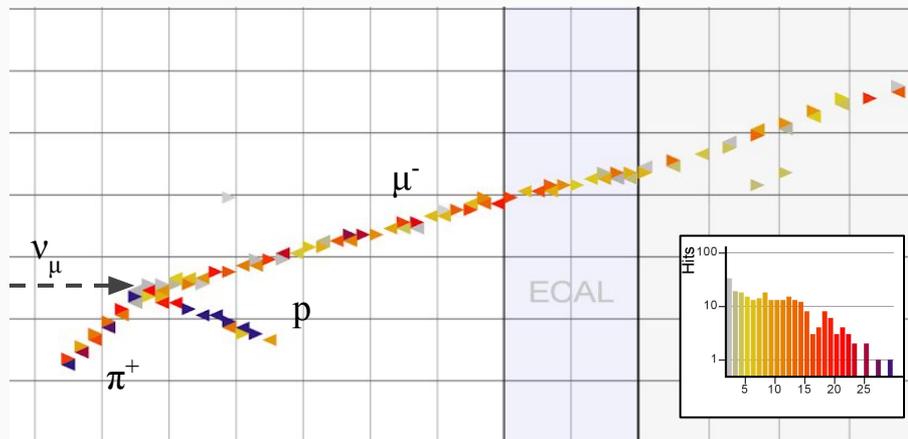


# Previous Research: neutrinos

Measured a neutrino cross section (interaction probability)

→ inform neutrino oscillation research

→ probe the (very complicated) nucleus



MINERvA Experiment



## Cocktail Party Explanation:

We're looking for ways that the standard model is incomplete/wrong!

Many standard model extensions predict the *changing* of one particle into its sister particles (muons → electrons).

There's a lot of standard model precedence for this.

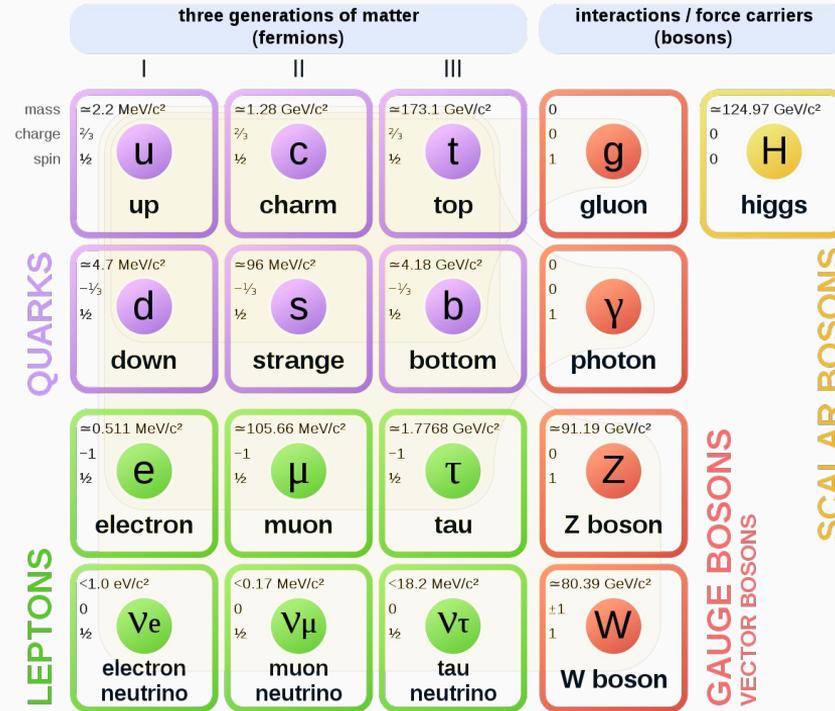
Let's look for it!

How?

Make a bunch of muons and wait for them to *change* into an electron!

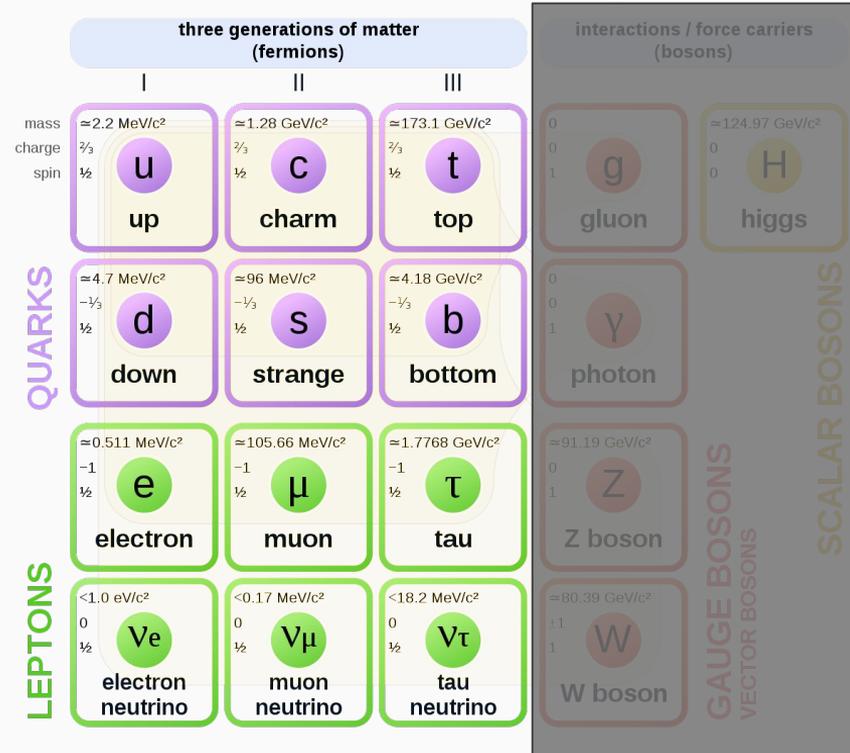
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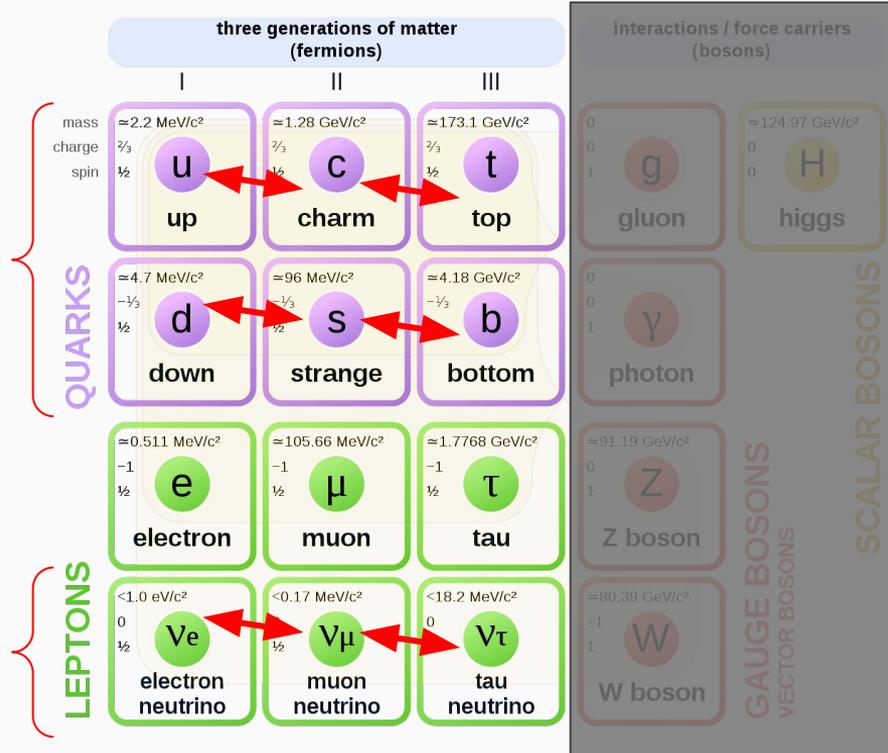


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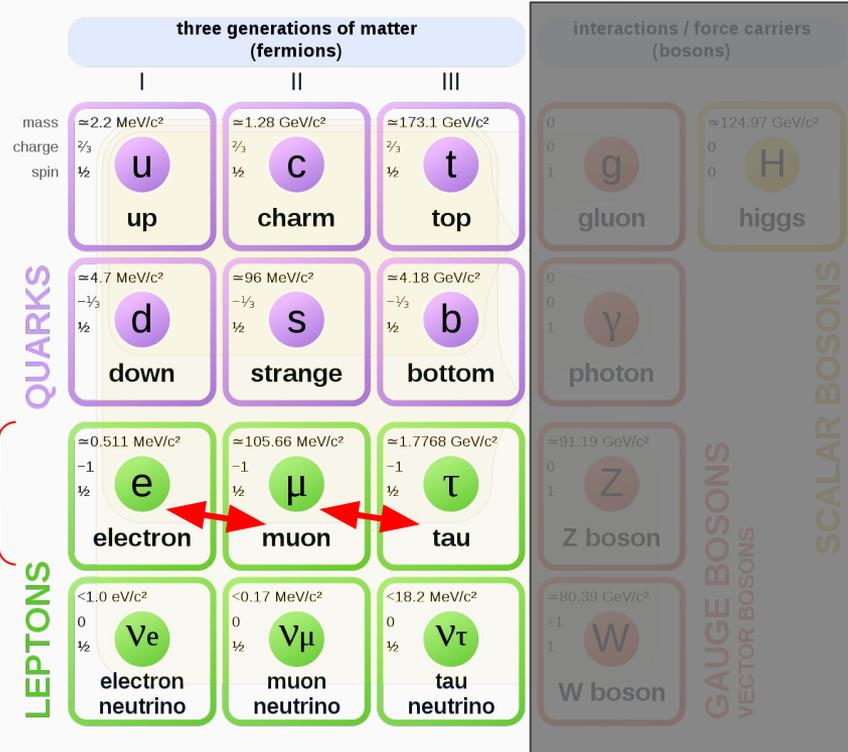
Quark mixing: **observed**

Neutral lepton (neutrino) mixing (oscillation): **observed**



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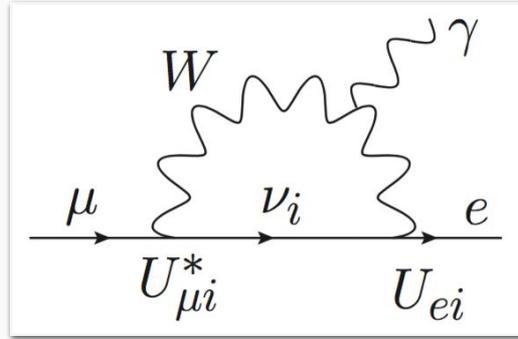
## Standard Model of Elementary Particles



Charged lepton mixing:  
not observed

AKA "charged lepton flavor violation", CLFV

# CLFV in the Standard Model



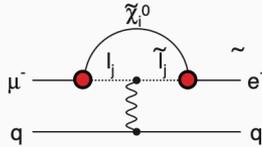
So unlikely that it's “impossible”.

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


# CLFV Beyond the Standard Model

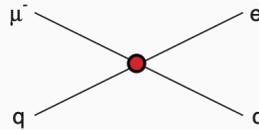
## Supersymmetry

rate  $\sim 10^{-15}$



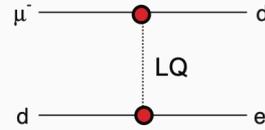
## Compositeness

$\Lambda_c \sim 3000 \text{ TeV}$



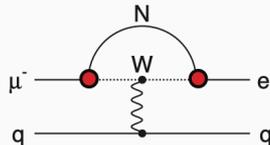
## Leptoquark

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



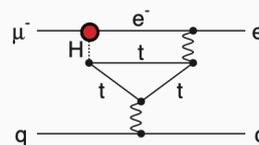
## Heavy Neutrinos

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



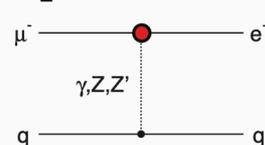
## Second Higgs Doublet

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

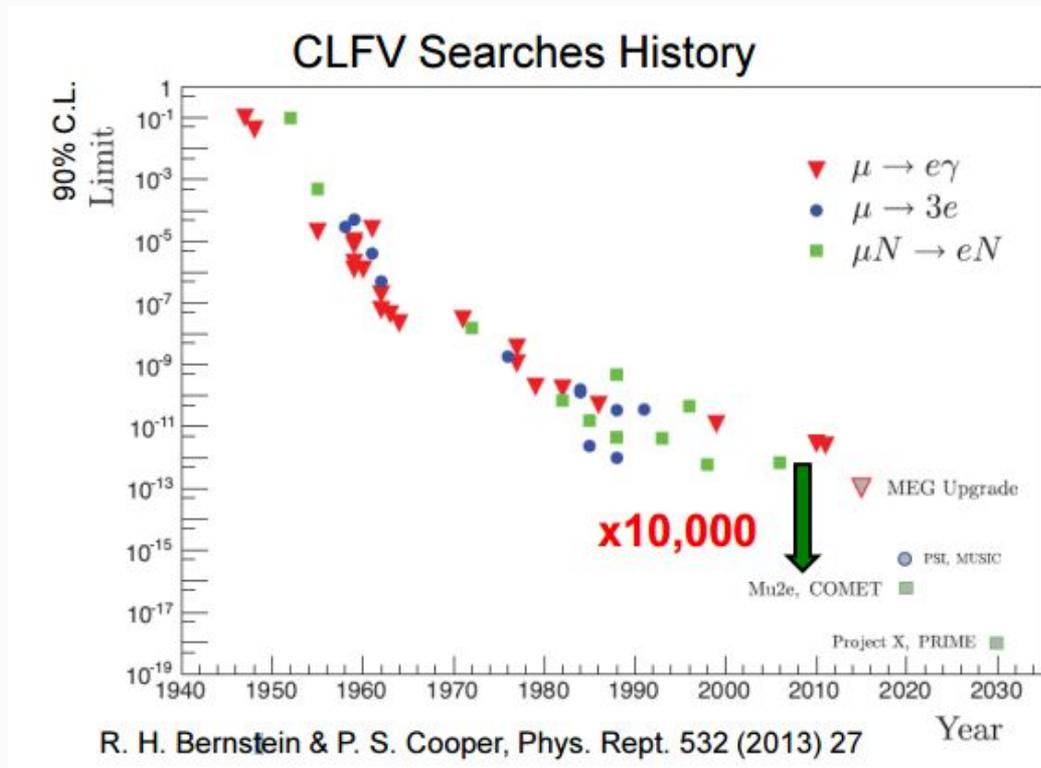


## Heavy Z' Anomal. Z Coupling

$M_{Z'} = 3000 \text{ TeV}/c^2$



# We've Looked

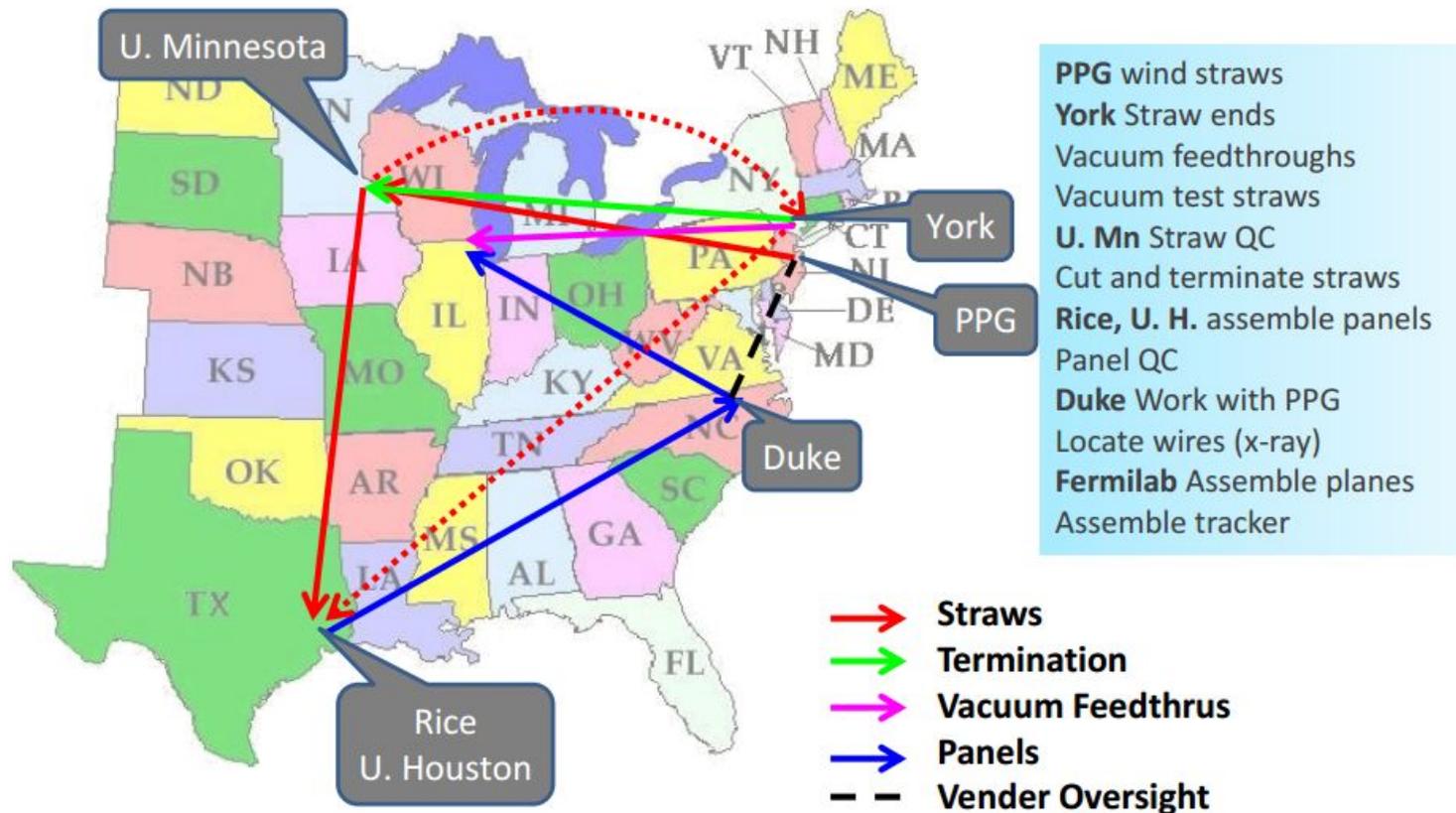




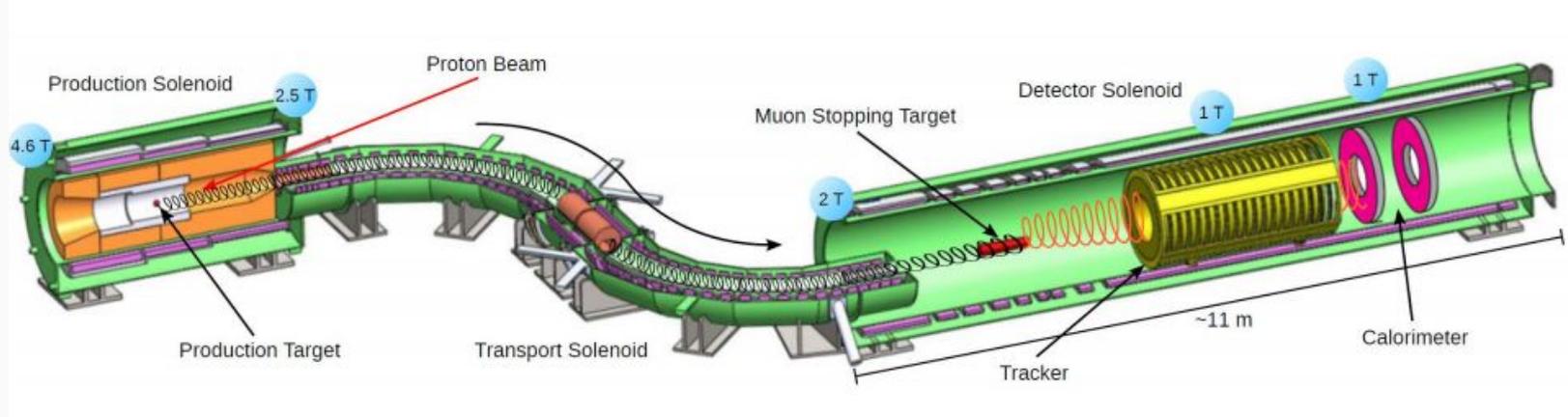
# Mu2e Hall



# Tracker construction

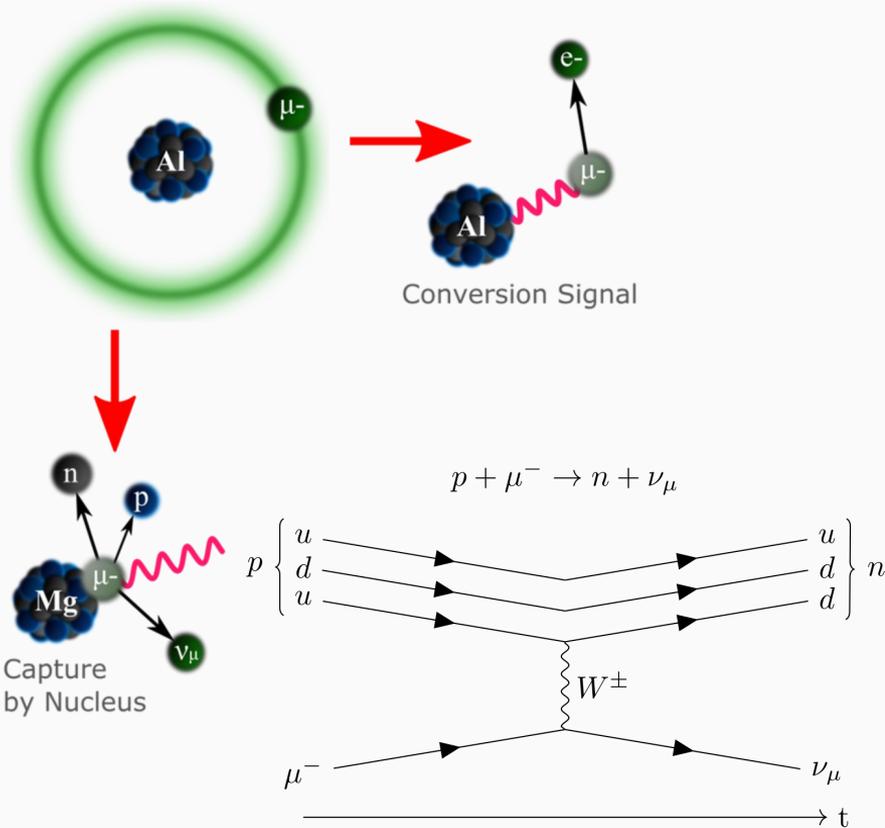


# Mu2e Experimental Design



- Create a beam of muons
- Stop the muons in aluminum
- Let aluminum to facilitate the muon  $\rightarrow$  electron conversion
- Observe electrons

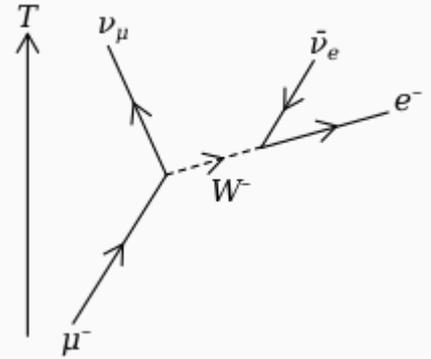
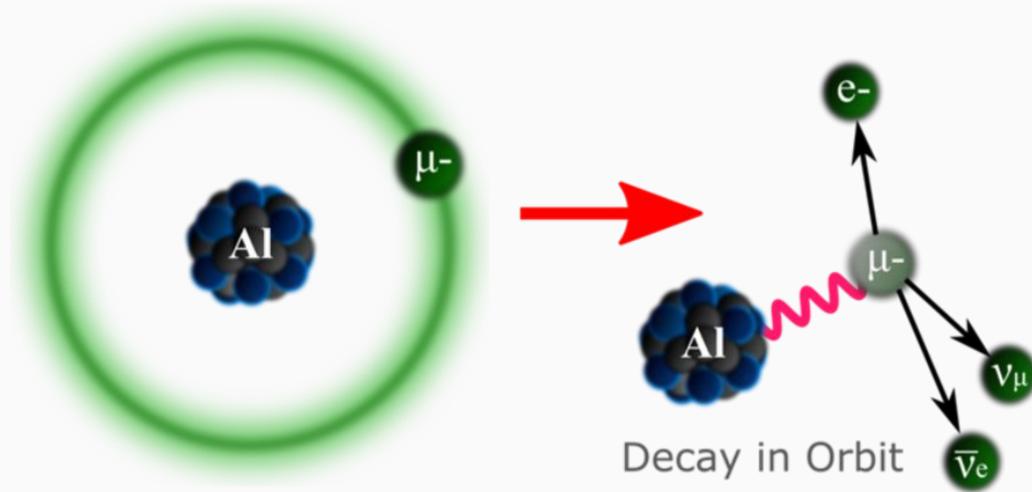
# What happens in Aluminum



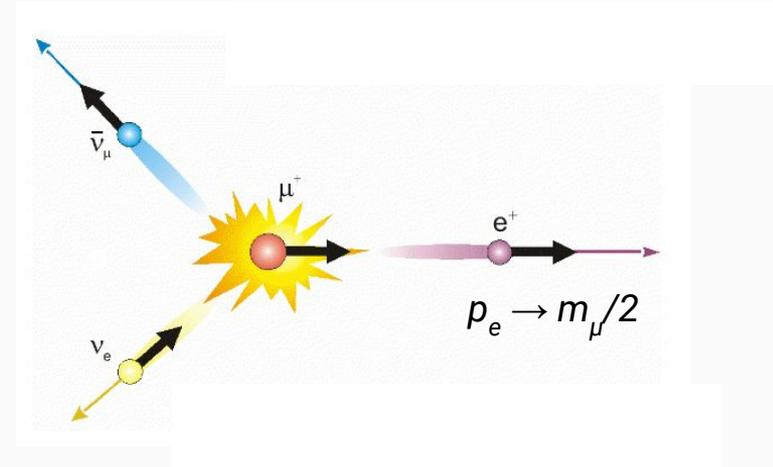
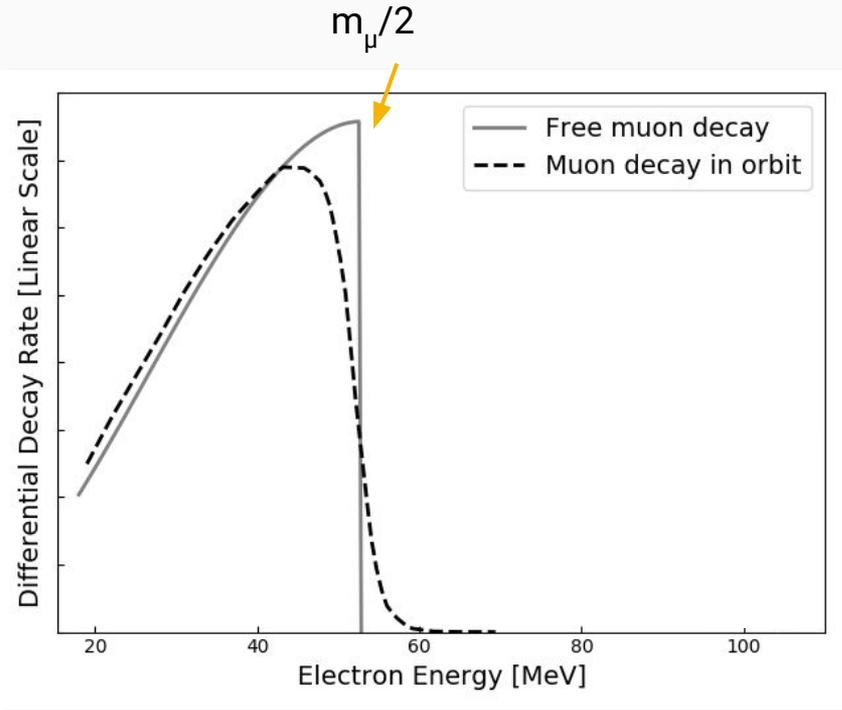
$$R_{\mu e} = \frac{\Gamma(\mu N \rightarrow e N)}{\Gamma(\mu \rightarrow \text{capture})}$$

$$R_{\mu e} < 7 \times 10^{-13}$$

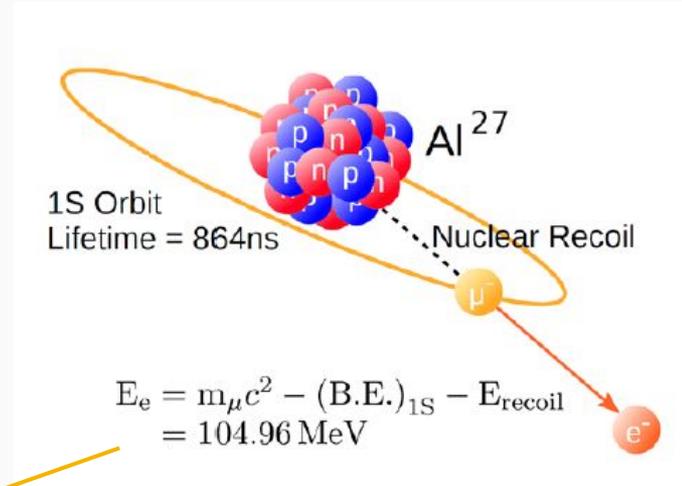
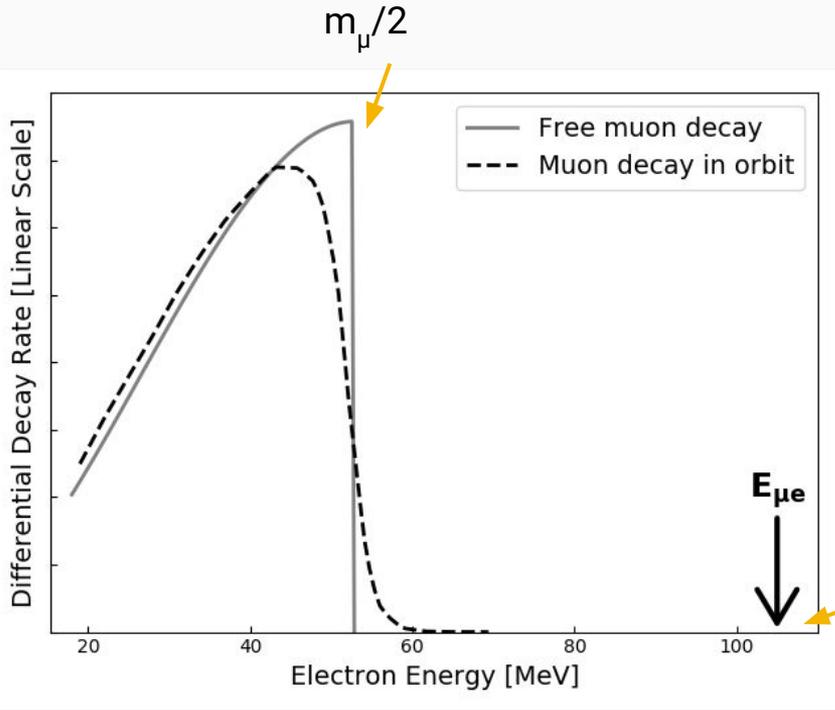
# Background: free muon decay



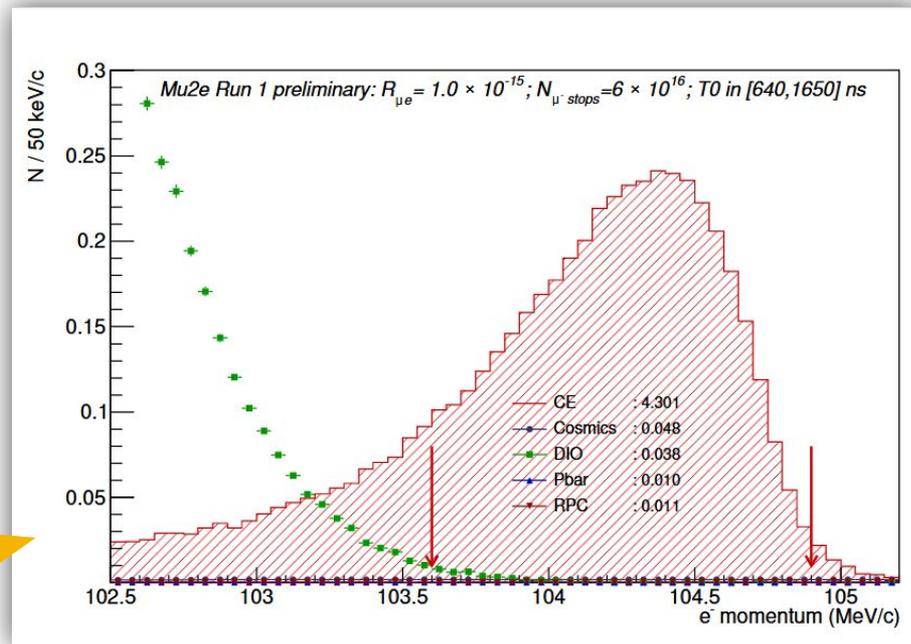
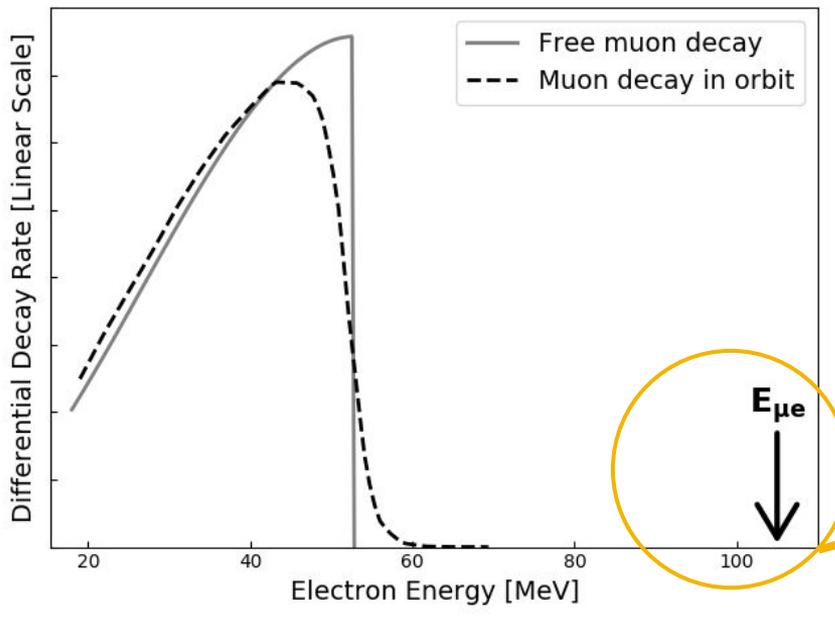
# What Mu2e will see



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# What Mu2e is looking for



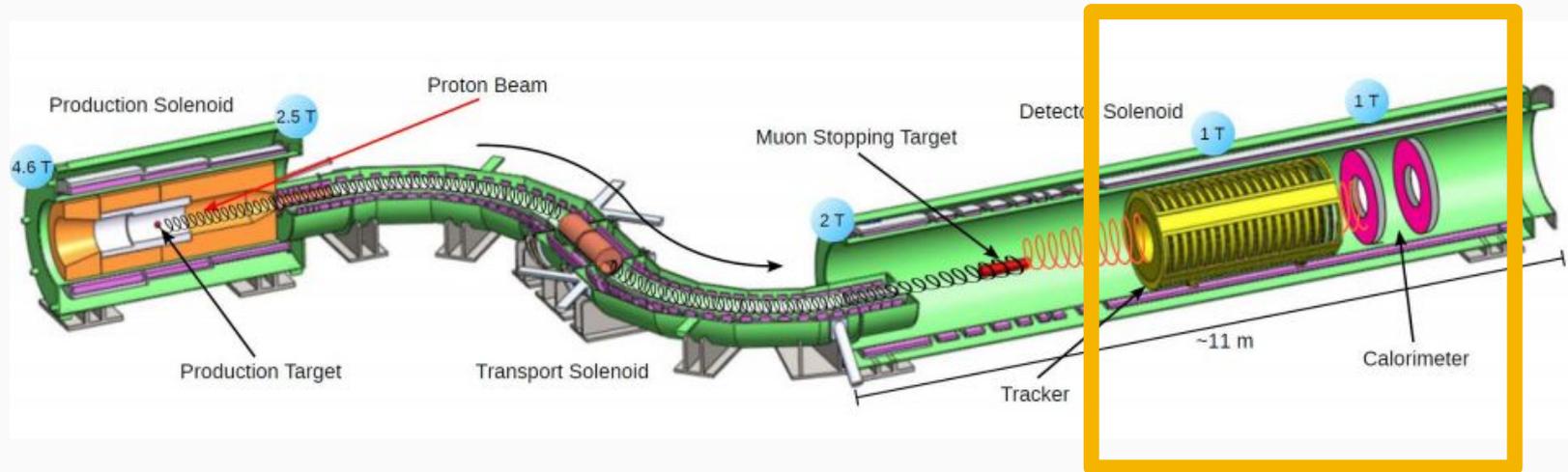
# Mu2e's Charge

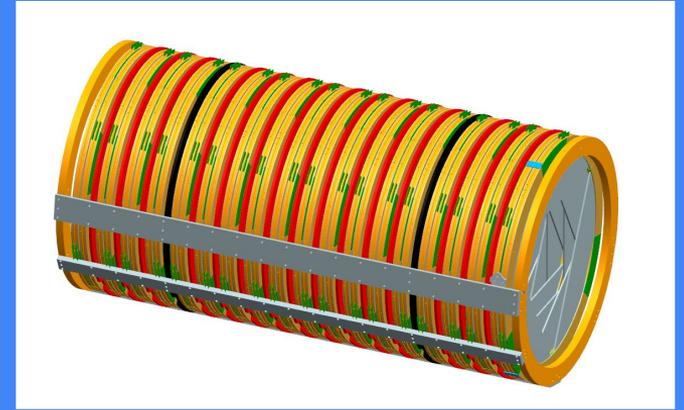
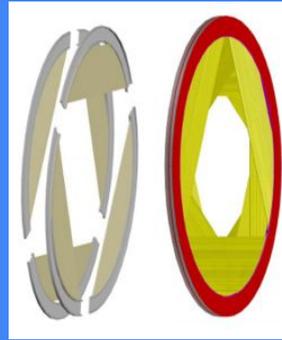
- **Observe electrons with 105 MeV/c momentum**
  - Current *Standard* model of particle physics predicts we won't see any
  - But this is where our the current model might be wrong!
  - → nobel prize
- **Or don't**
  - wipe out whole categories of possible new theories

# Mu2e's Strategy

1. Send *lots* of muons through our detector
2. Take pictures of their electrons
3. Look among the pictures for electrons of 105 MeV/c momentum
4. Find such electrons. Or don't.
5. Profit

# Mu2e Tracker





# The Mu2e Tracker

Which is being built, as we speak, upstairs in PAN 450



# Take “digital pictures” of particles



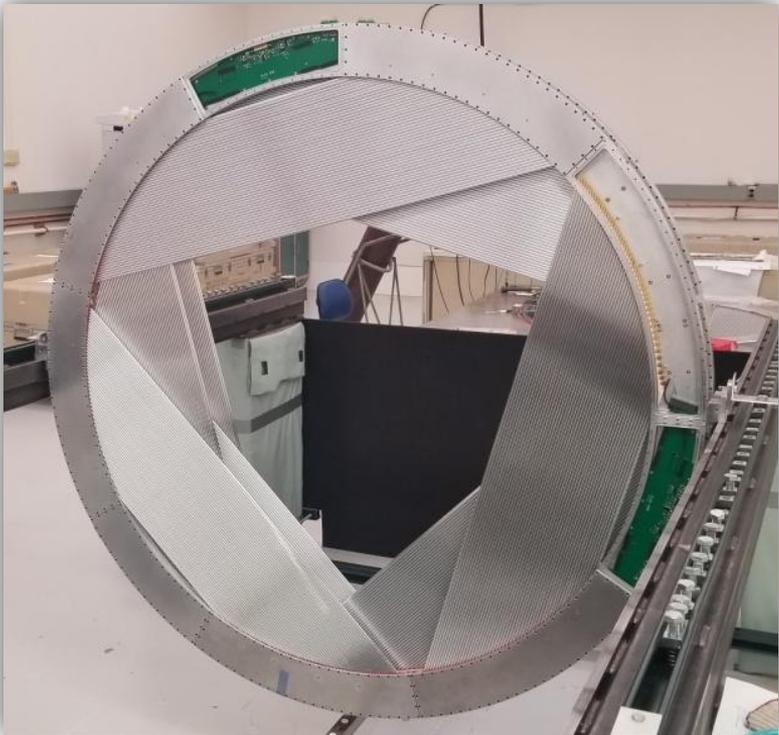
Our pictures will be pixelated ^

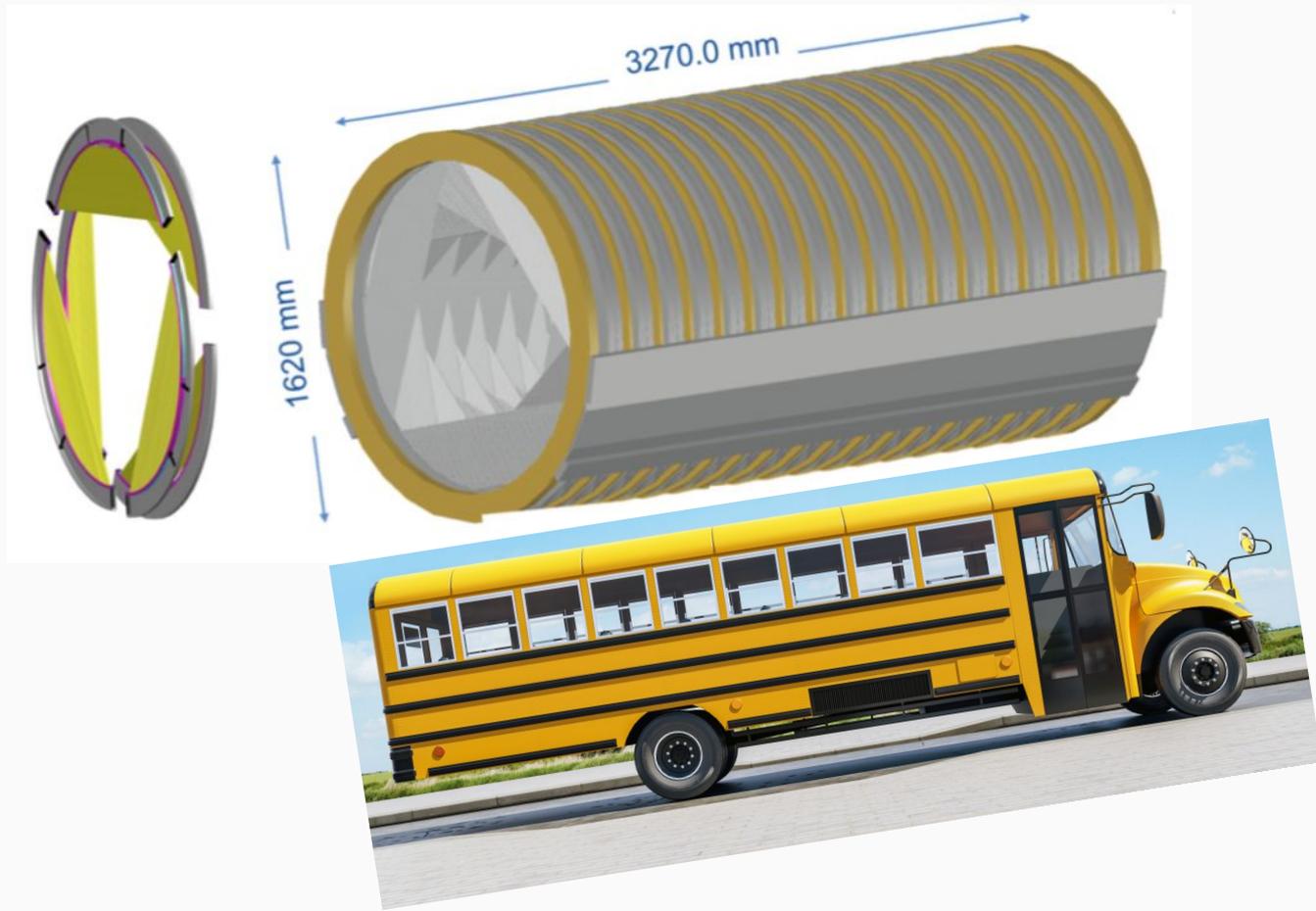
iPhone: 12 MEGApixel = 12 million pixels

Mu2e: 20 KILOpixel = 21,000 pixels (straws)

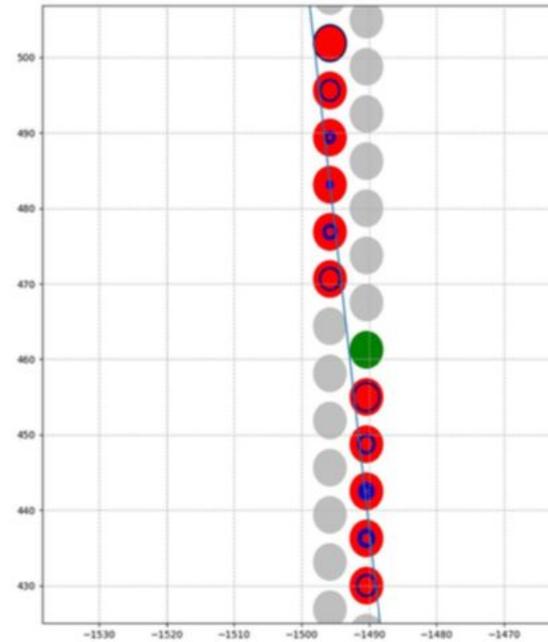
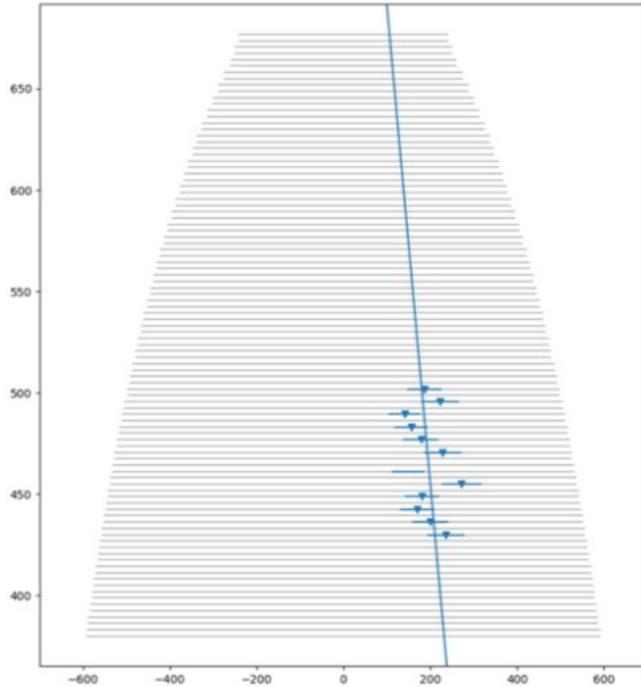
- But mu2e is 3D!

# Annular (Ringlike) Tracker Geometry





# Particles won't typically collide and stop in our detector

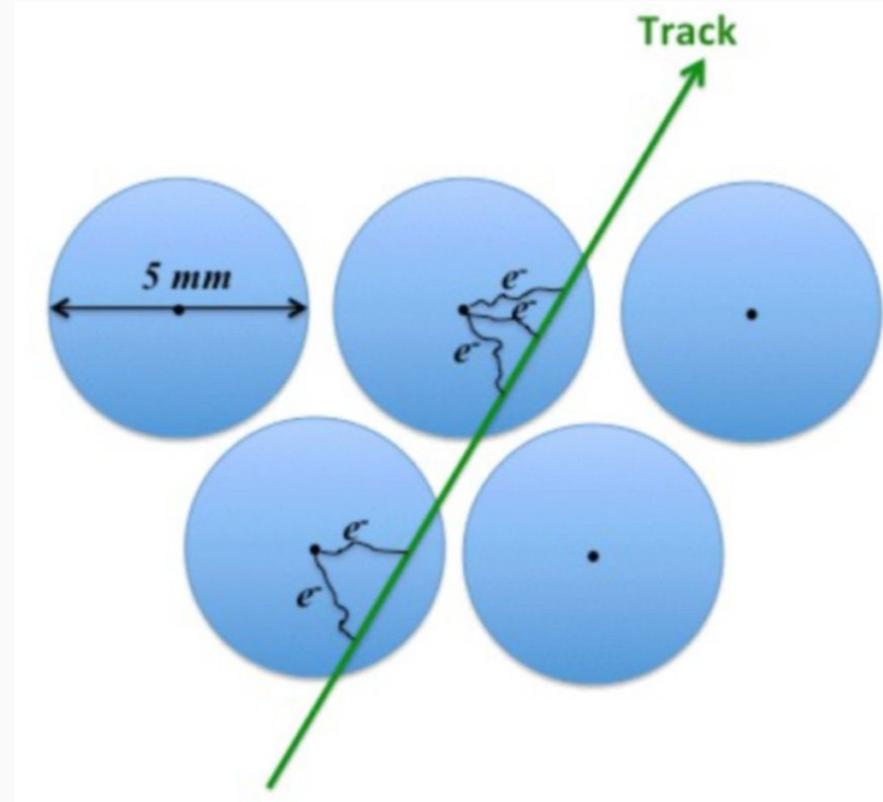


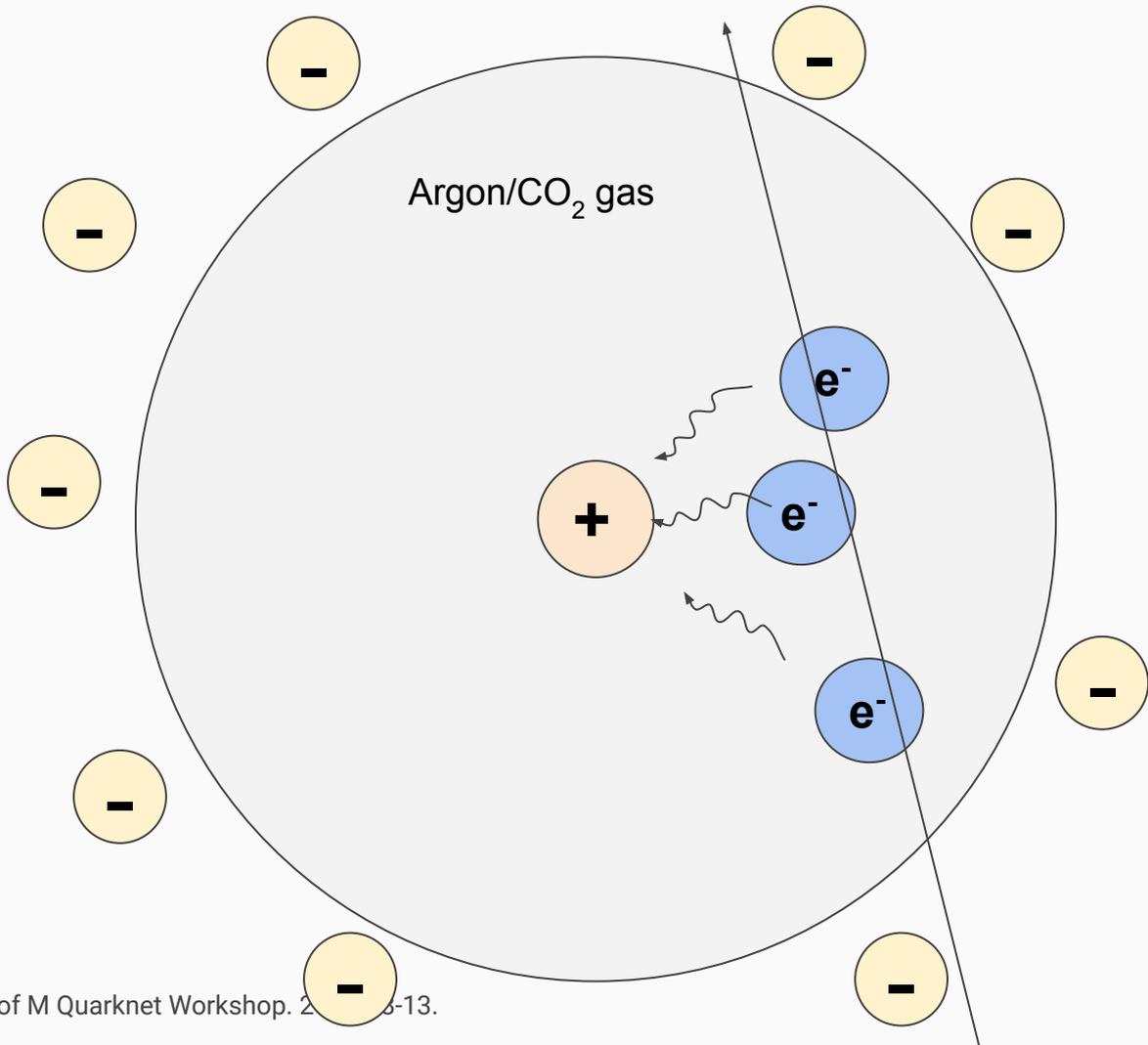
Particles leave energy behind in each straw.  
Convert that energy into a digital “hit”

## Physical description:

- 15  $\mu\text{m}$  thick Mylar straws
- 5 mm diameter
- Length from 45 to 120 cm
- 500  $\text{\AA}$  of aluminum on both inside and outside
- An additional 200  $\text{\AA}$  of gold on the inside



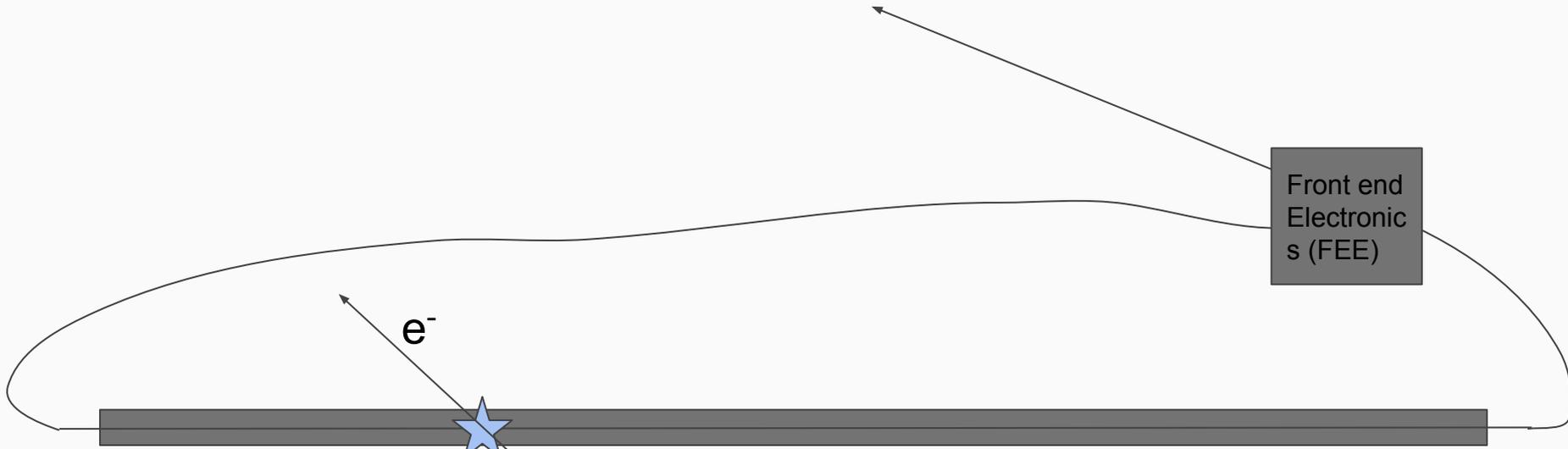




Data Acquisition (DAQ) Software

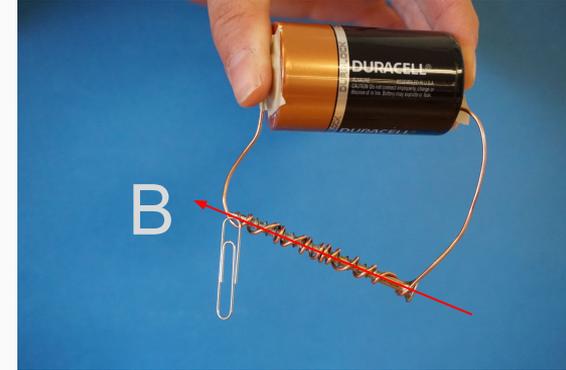
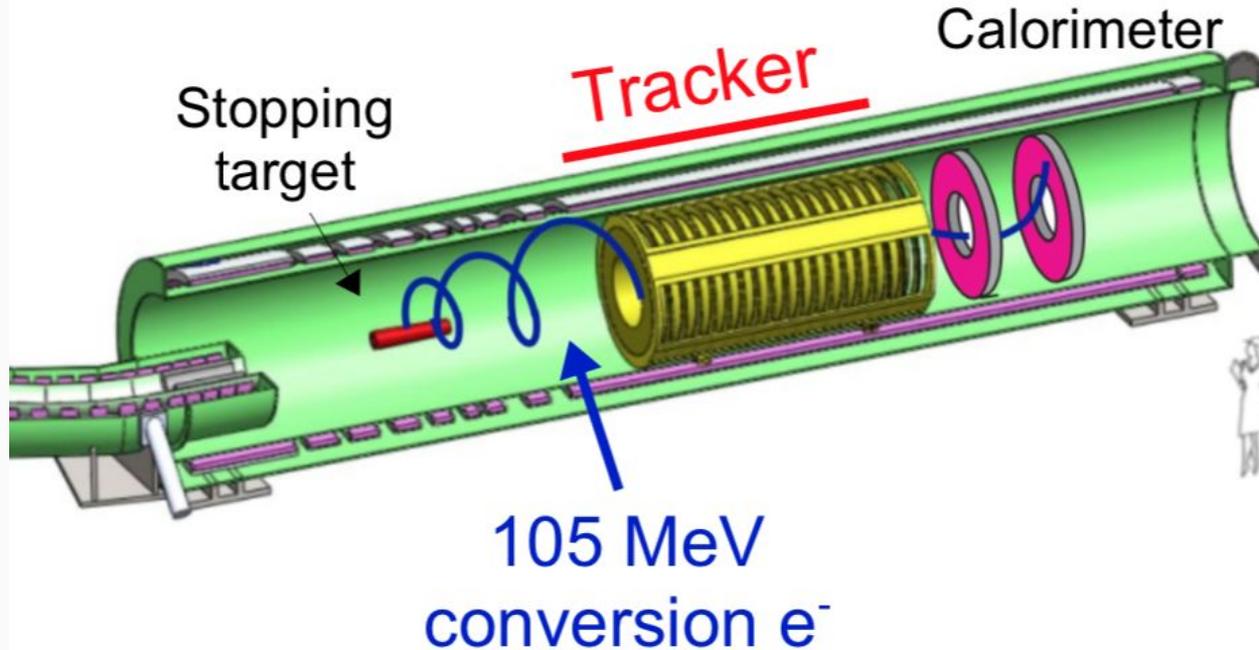


Front end  
Electronic  
s (FEE)

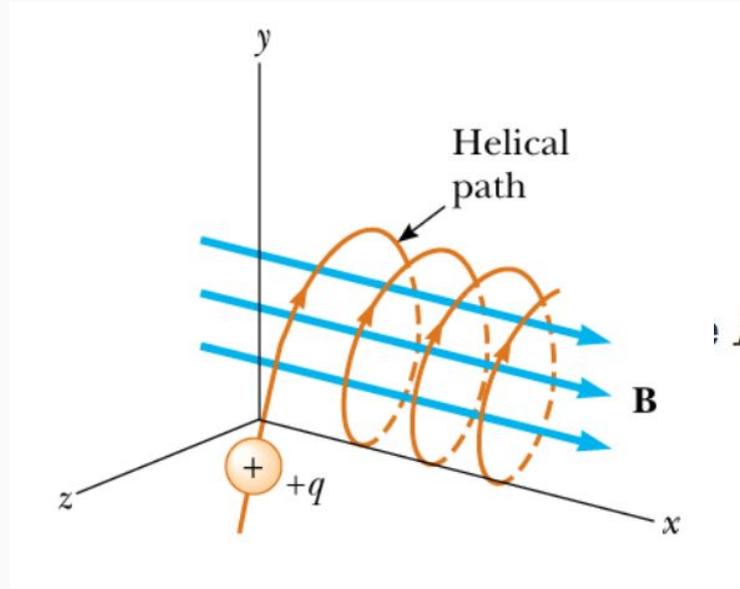
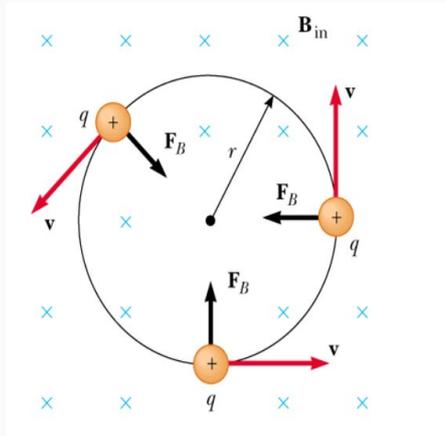


Solenoid = coil of wire, carrying current, creating magnetic B field

## Detector Solenoid



# Electrons moving in a uniform magnetic field



$$\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

$$F_B = qvB \sin \theta$$

$$F_{\perp} = qv_{\perp} B \sin 90^{\circ} = qv_{\perp} B$$

$$qvB = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

Centripetal Force

Radius of  
helix

$$r = \frac{mv}{qB}$$

# How fast is a 105 MeV electron?

$E_e$  = rest mass of electron + kinetic energy of electron

$$105 \text{ MeV} = m_e c^2 + \gamma m_e c^2,$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$m_e = 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

**Solve for velocity,  $v$**

Input:
$\sqrt{1 - \frac{0.511^2}{(105 - 0.511)^2}}$
Result:
0.99998804160...

105 MeV Electron is travelling 99.9988% of the speed of light

# Radius of helix (Relativistic!)

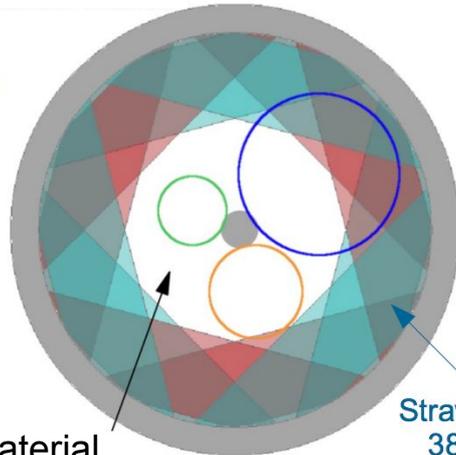
$$r = \frac{mv}{qB}$$

$$\frac{(m_e \text{ (electron mass)}) (c \text{ (speed of light)}) \times 0.9999}{e^- \text{ (electron) electric charge } (q) \times 1 \text{ T (tesla)}}$$

1.70434 mm (millimeters)

If ALL electron velocity is in the x-y direction...

Still too-small of a helix radius!



Vacuum, no detector material

Straws in active region,  
380mm < r < 700mm

# Radius of helix (Relativistic!)

$$r = \frac{mv\gamma}{qB}$$

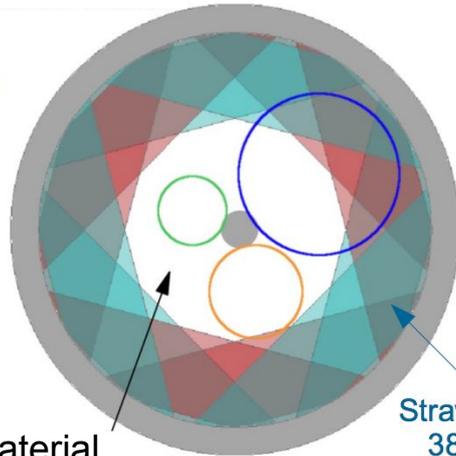
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1.70434 mm (millimeters)

I need a relativistic gamma  $\gamma$  factor in the numerator. A 105 MeV electron has  $\gamma = 207$ .

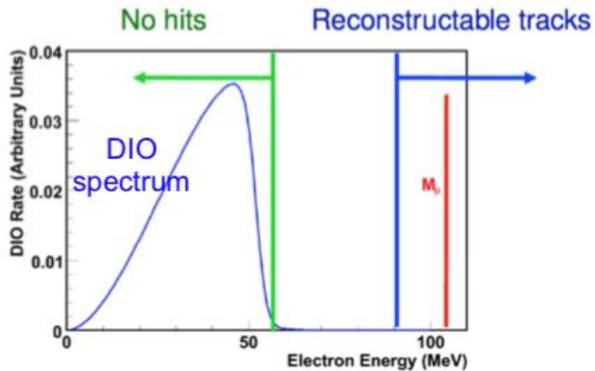
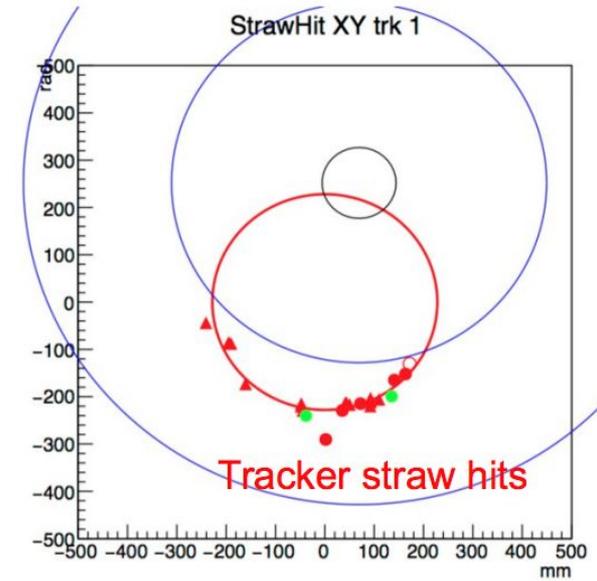
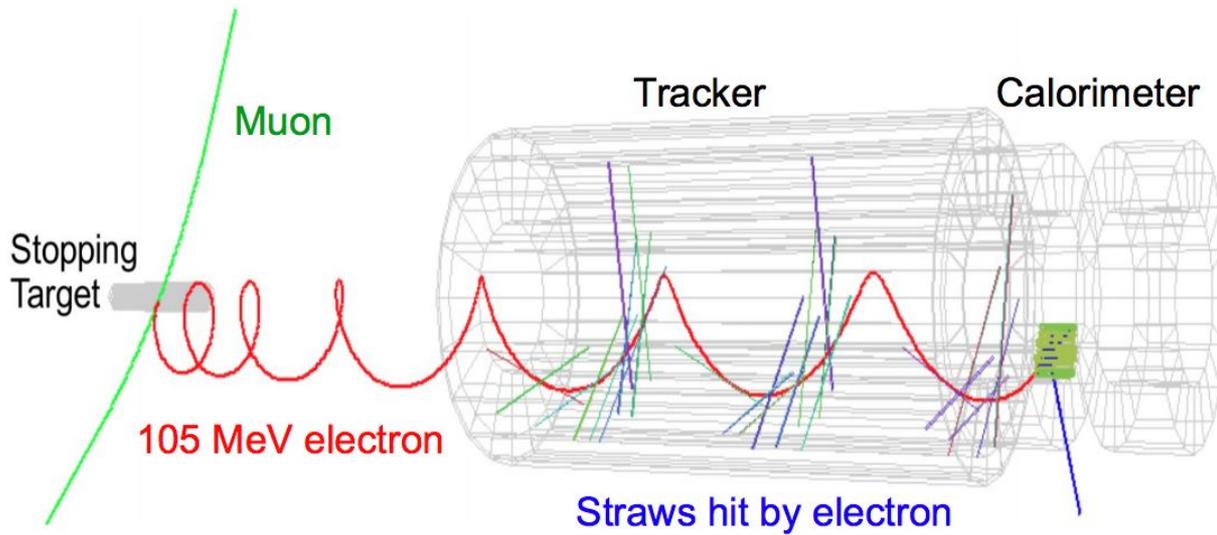
$$1.7\text{mm} * 207 = 350 \text{ mm}$$

And to get from 350-700, the magnetic field is in fact NOT uniform.

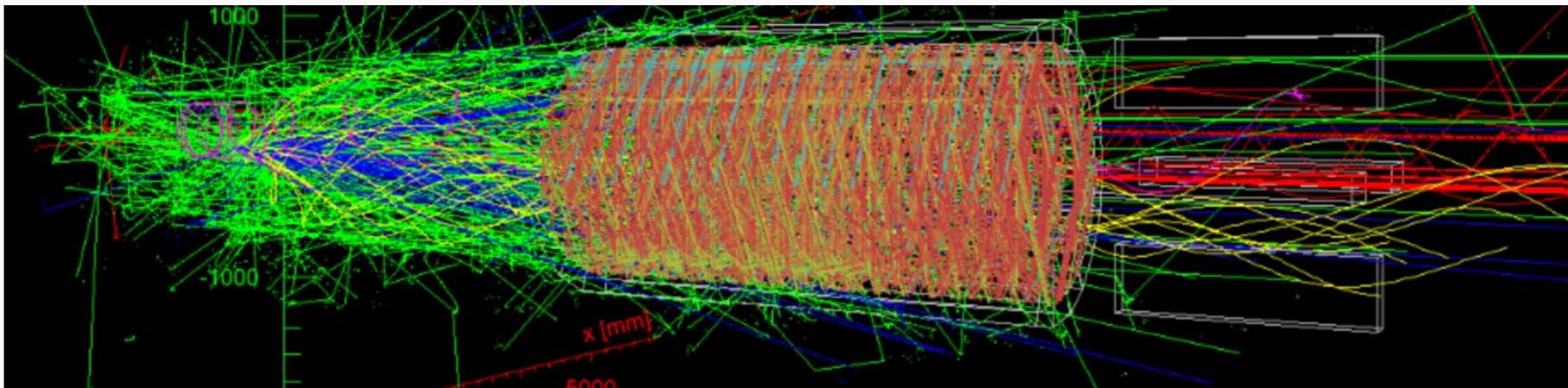


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Vacuum, no detector material



Still: use helix radius to determine, and the track more generally, to measure electron velocity.



Signal electron + all hits over 500-1695 ns window

# Straw Processing



Straw Inventory



Paper Removal



Conductivity Test



CO<sub>2</sub> Leak Test



Laser Cut to length



Insert Terminations



Length Verification

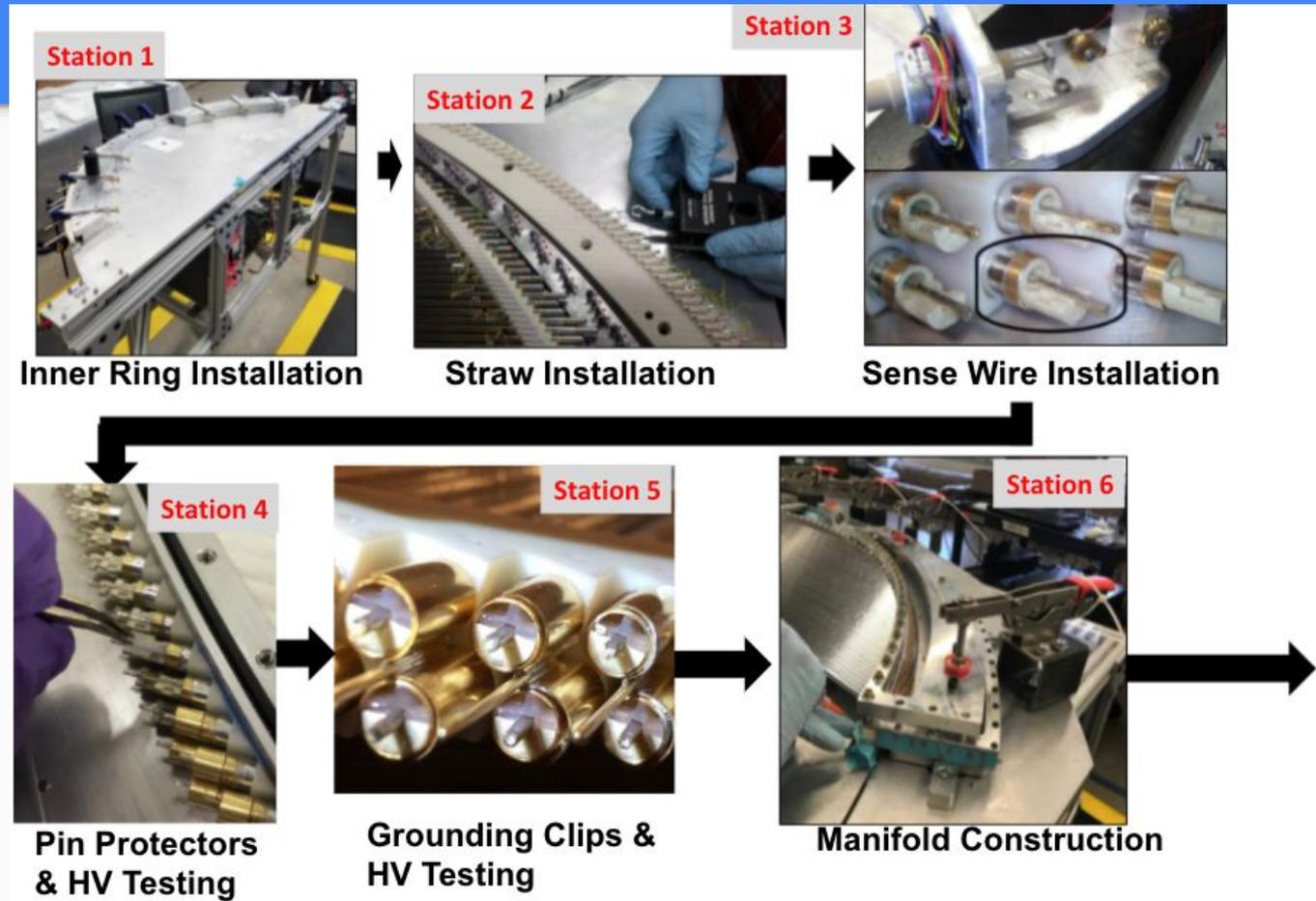


Completed Storage

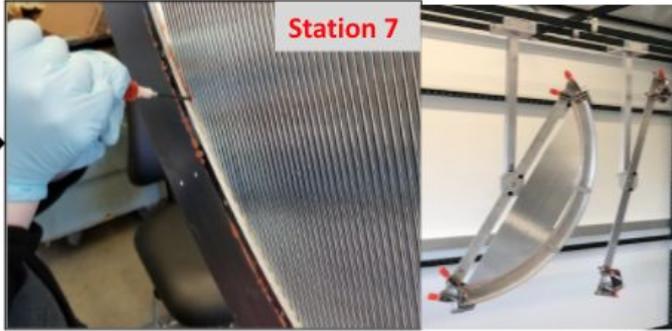


Loading Pallets

# Panel Production



# Panel Production Continued



Alcohol Leak Check and Flooding



Resistance Check & Leak Test



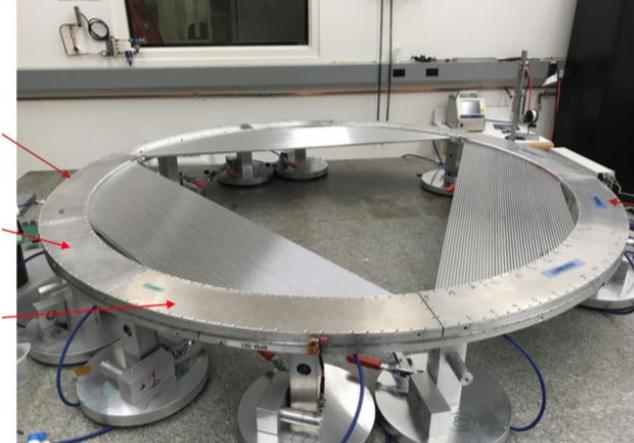
Ready to be shipped

# Ask Me About

- Coding
- College research opportunities
- Problem solving
- Group work
- Exams/Courses vs research
- Data Science
- My job plans
- College Prep
- Neutrinos
- Particle beams
- Data flow in particle physics
- High school physics in the lab
- My role as IT/software engineer/database admin for mu2e

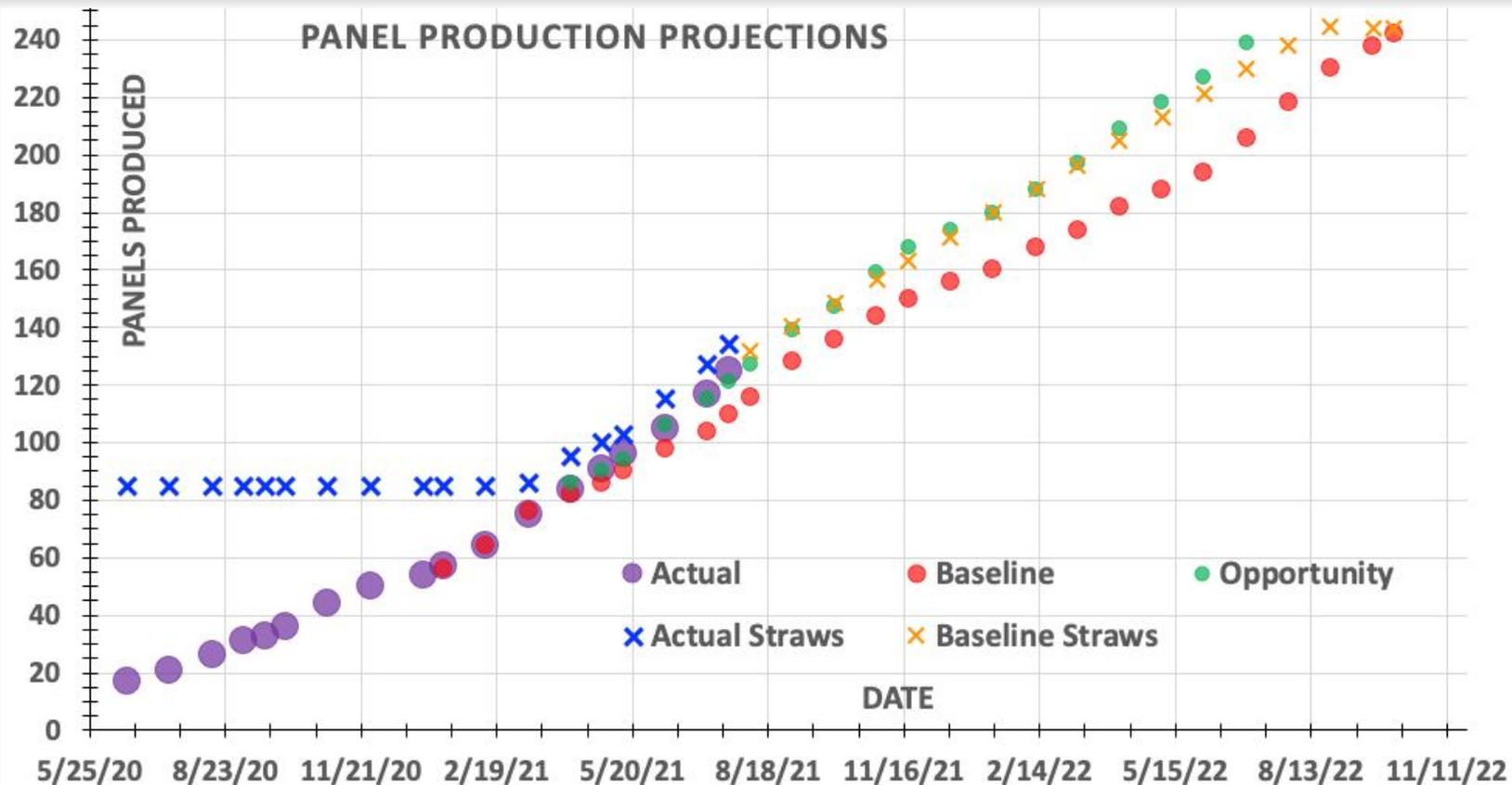


TS Coil Module prototype at Fermilab



backup

# Mu2e Tracker Panel Production Schedule at UMN



# Bubble chamber is another type of detector

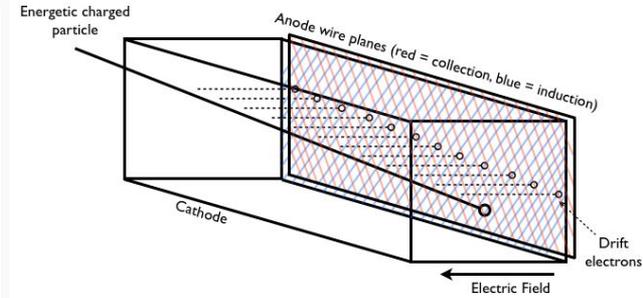
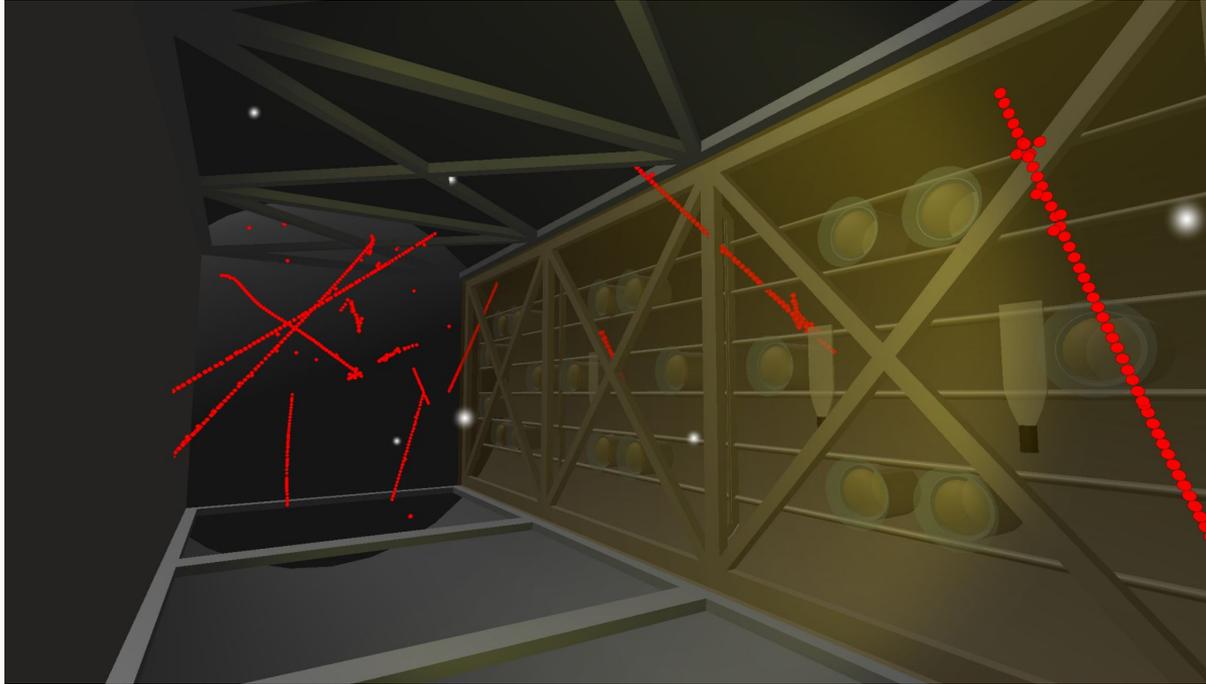


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Not pixelated! analog! Real camera film took this picture!

# Time Projection Chamber is another type of detector



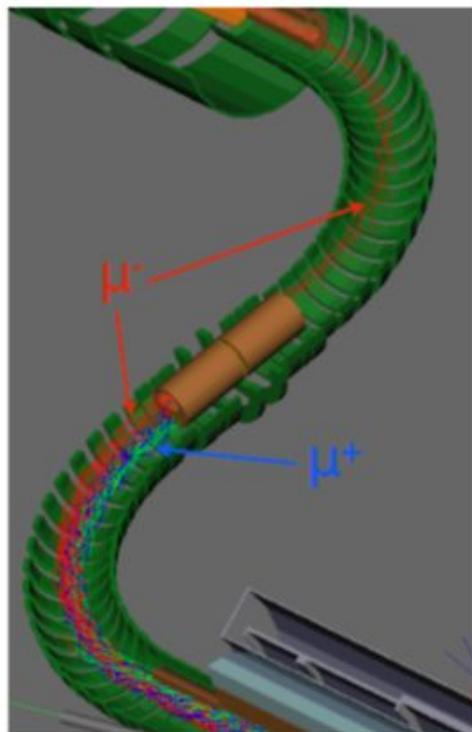
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# Transport Solenoid

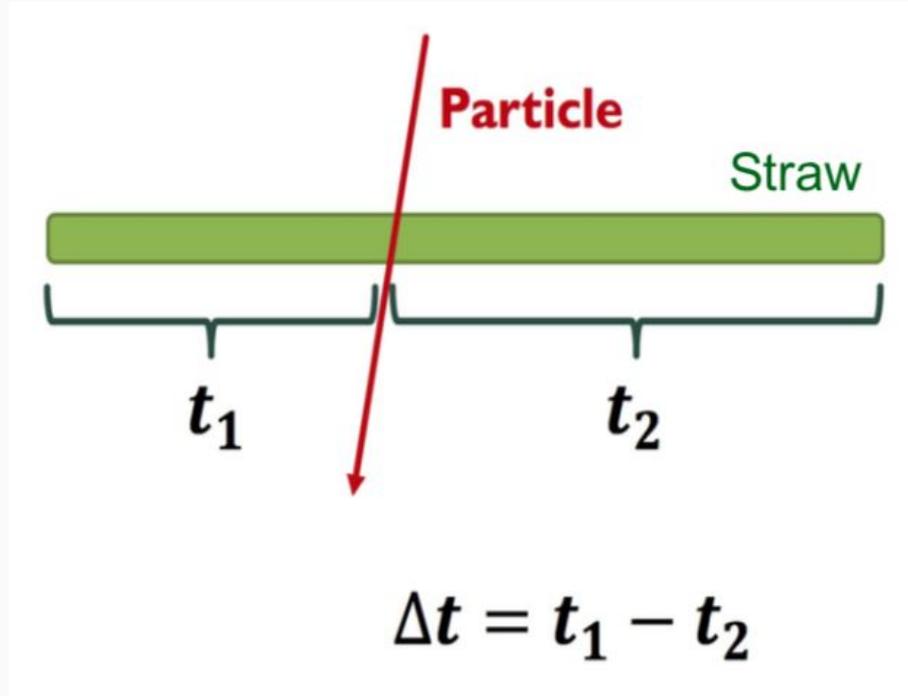
- 'S' Shape blocks line-of-sight particles
- Bend creates a charge and momentum dependent vertical shift
- Asymmetric collimator rejects positive and high momentum particles.
  - Collimator can be rotated for opposite selection to test background.

Detector Solenoid

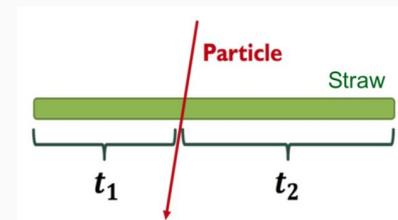


Production Solenoid

Where along the straw did the electron actually pass through?

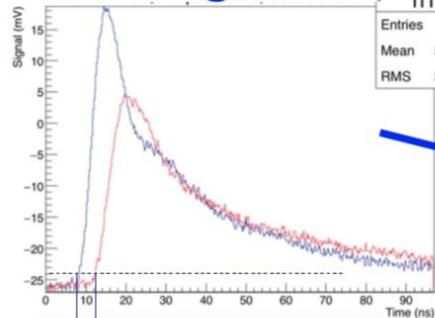


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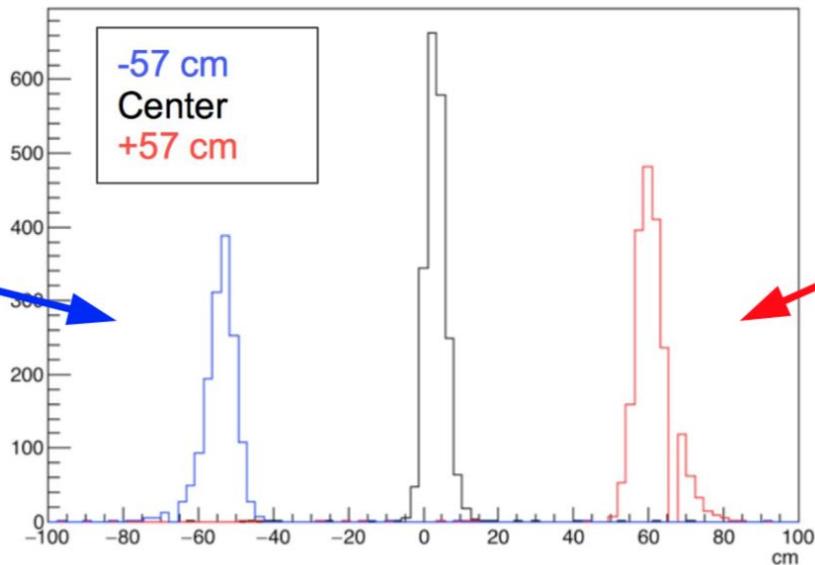
$$\Delta t = t_1 - t_2$$

Straw signals,  
source @ -57 cm

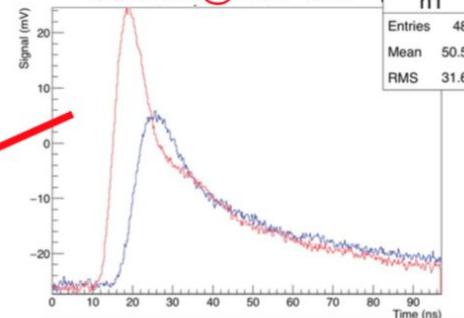


Threshold crossings

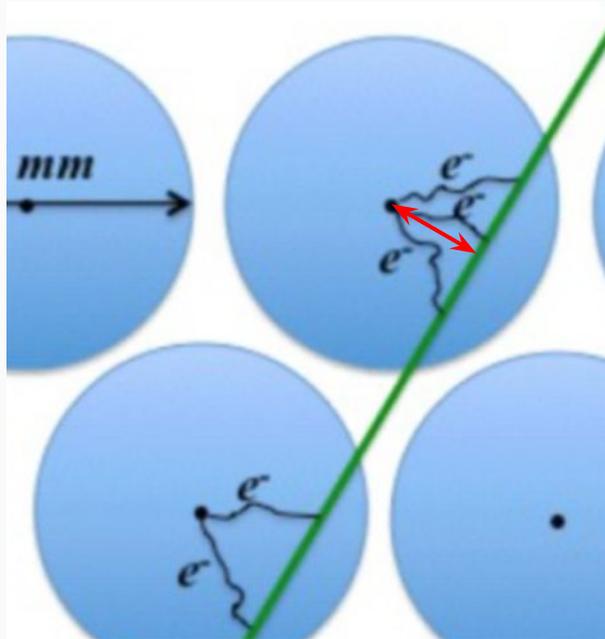
Position measurement vs source location



Straw signals,  
source @ +57 cm



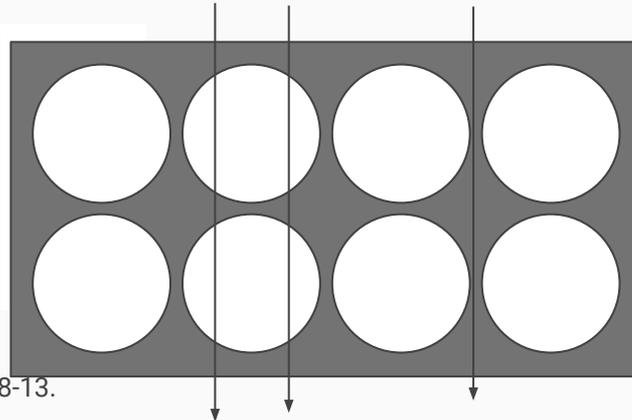
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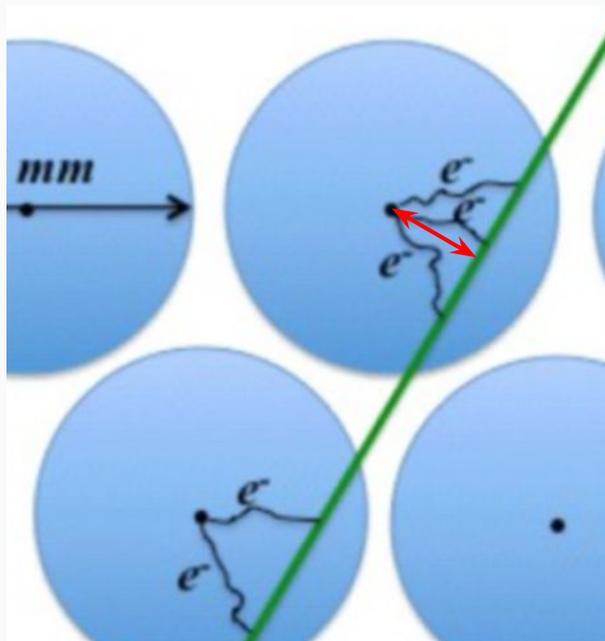
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“Staggered” / overlapping top and bottom layer design:  
Track always\* passes through at least two straws!

Gives us a finer position “resolution”, better efficiency, left vs right side of the wire



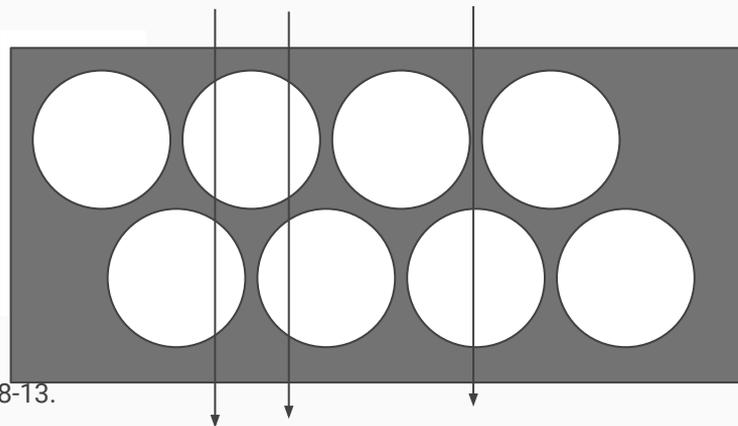
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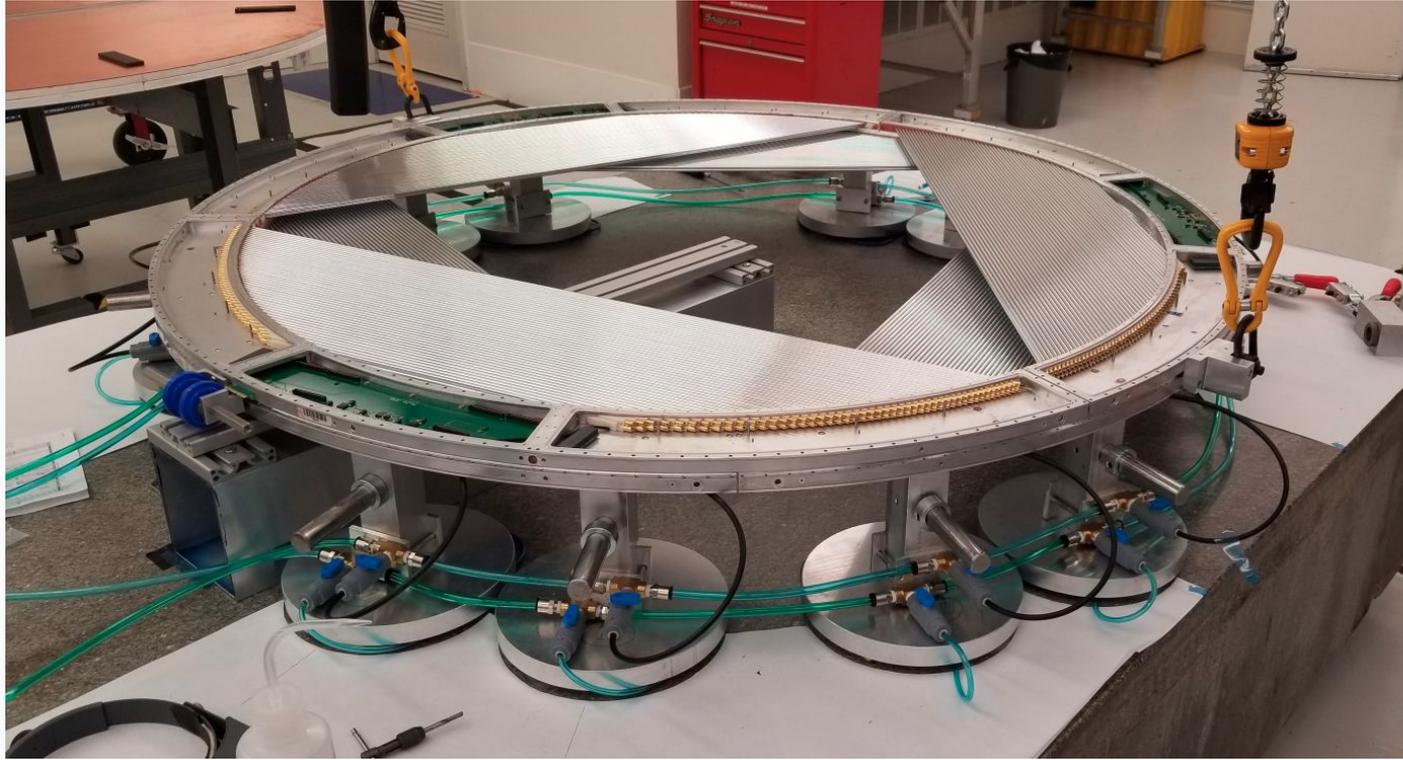
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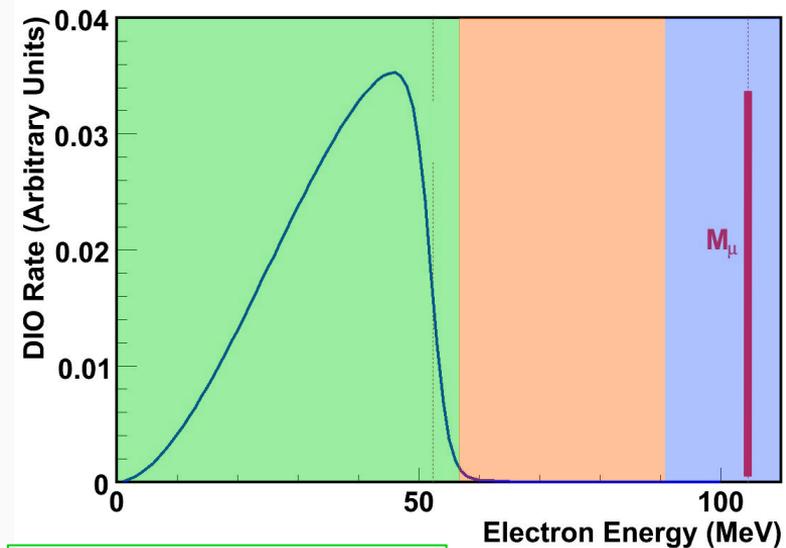
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# Why do we rotate the panels relative to each other



# Mu2e signal hits selected by annular geometry

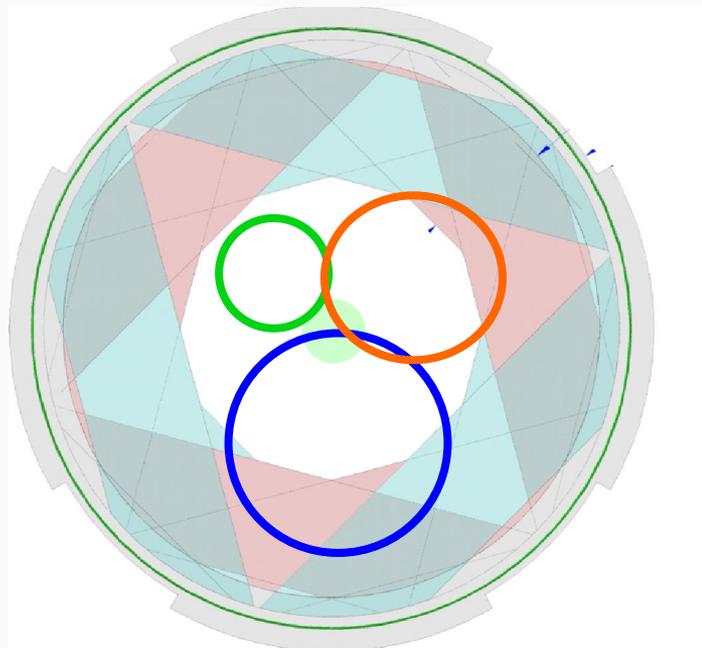


No hits in detector

Some hits in detector.  
Tracks not reconstructable.

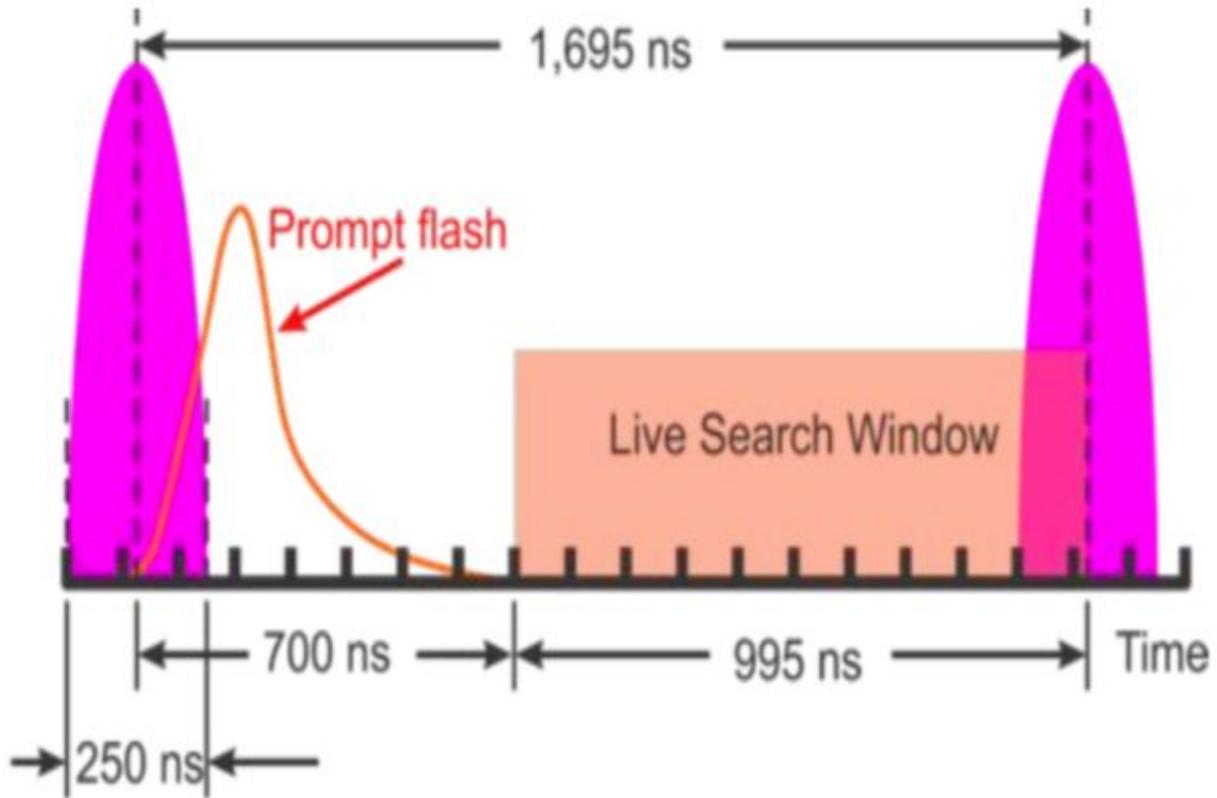
Reconstructable tracks  
Momentum resolution  $\sigma < 180$  keV/c

$$p = qBr$$

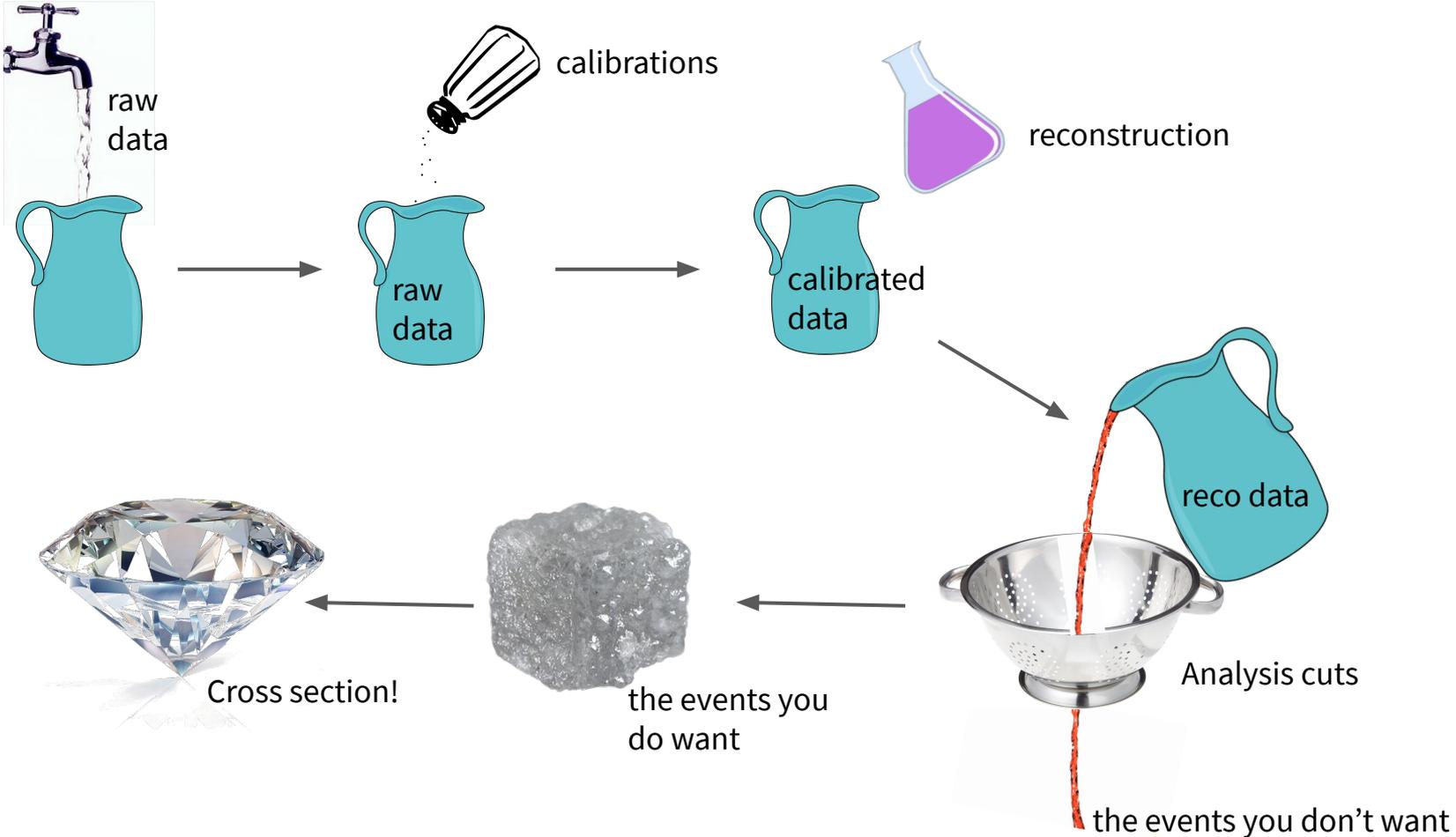


Beam's-eye view of Tracker

## Mu2e beam pulse timeline



# Data flow in particle physics



Process 1 - Inner Rings

Setup

Panel: MH***	Base plate: BP***
MIR: MIR***	BIR: BIR***
PIR LA: PIR****	PIR RA: PIR****
PIR LB: PIR****	PIR RB: PIR****
PIR LC: PIR****	PIR RC: PIR****
ALF 1: ALF***	ALF 2: ALF***
PAAS A: PAAS A-**	PAAS C: PAAS C-**

Start

BIR Installation

Left gap (mils):  Min BP/BIR gap (mils):

Right gap (mils):  Max BP/BIR gap (mils):

Straw Loading Pallets

LPAL\*\*\*\* Upper Layer Straws

LPAL\*\*\*\* Lower Layer Straws

PIR/MIR Installation

Epoxy Batch:

Comments

Save

Informative Images/Gifs

Steps:

- Use the barcode scanner to enter the IDs of the Panel, Baseplate, BIR, PIRs, MIR, and ALFs to be used. Make sure the baseplate has been cleaned.
- Shape the BIR to the baseplate.
- Dry fit PIRs and shim ALFs to ensure an optimal epoxy joint.
- Prepare the PIRs and MIRs for epoxy.
- Epoxy the PIRs to the BIR using the ALF.
- Clean up excess epoxy and let epoxy cure overnight.
- Check the quality of the epoxy sample. Remove any excess epoxy.
- Check the comb shims.
- Put in and power the electrostatic tray and load straws into the PIR.
- Make sure the loading pallets barcode are scanned as they are loaded.
- Heat overnight.

Elapsed Time

Finish

Day Select

In Case of Failure

Select failed item

Select failure mode

Select position on panel

Enter comments for failure.

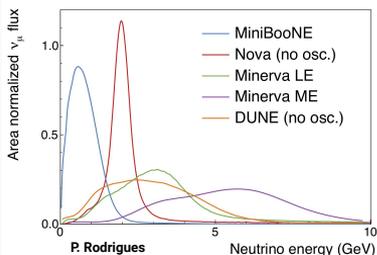
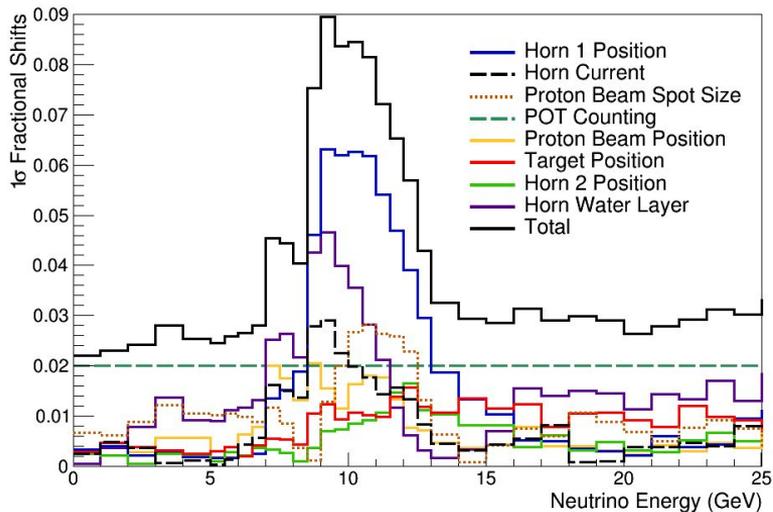
Previous Comments

Mu2e lab data collection software

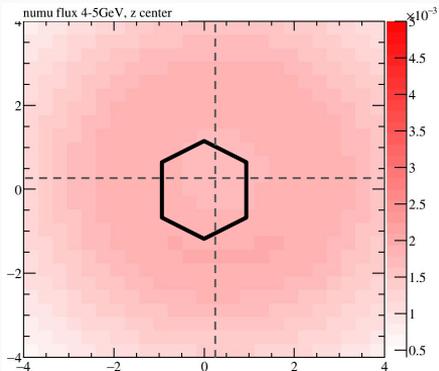
<https://github.com/bamesserly/mu2e-tracker-factory>

# NuMI Flux Simulation – Focusing System

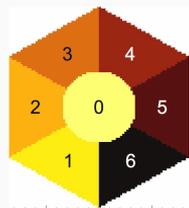
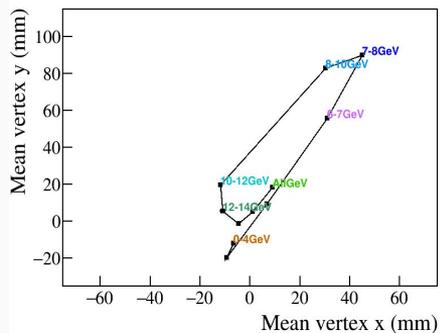
## $\nu_\mu$ Focusing Uncertainties



## Systematic Uncertainties

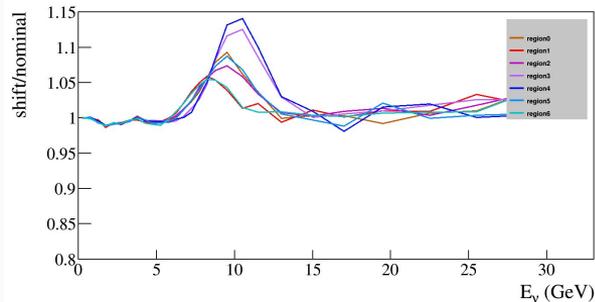


## Mean Vertex Position vs Energy -- nominal



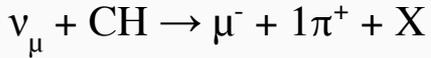
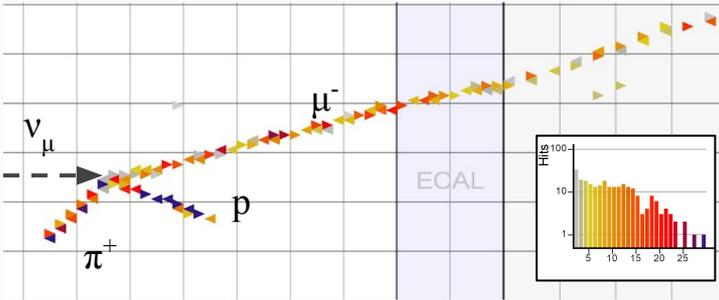
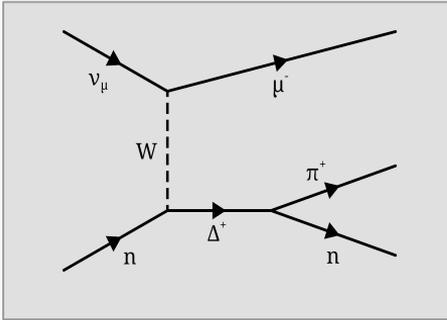
## Beam Visualization

## Shifted-to-nominal: horn1Yoffset shift dn

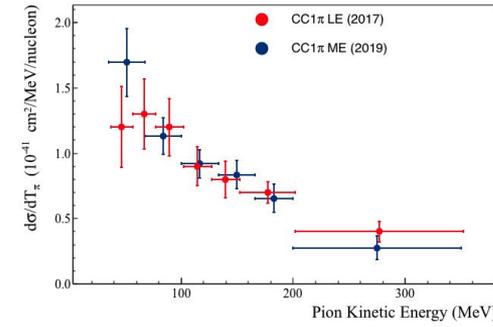
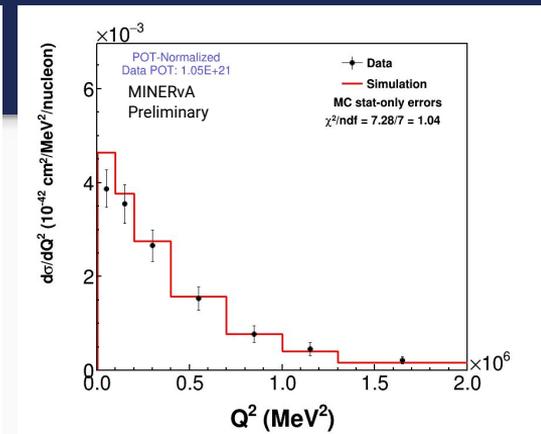
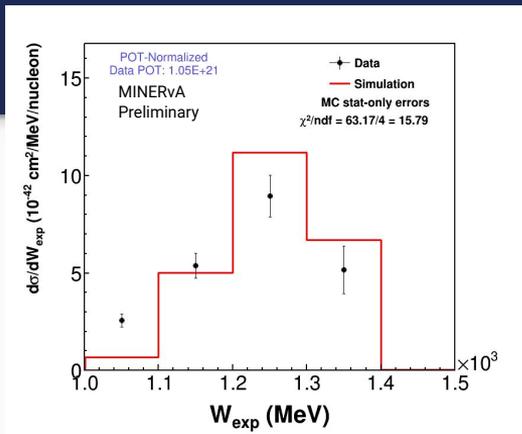


0.5 mm sensitivity to magnet position

# Pion Production Cross Section



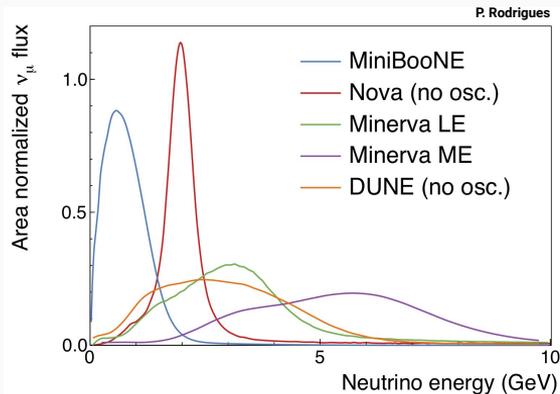
Includes: resonance, coherent, DIS, non-resonant



- Differential cross sections in 9 variables
- 1e21 POT, 20k+ signal events
- Minimally model dependent
- $\langle E_{\nu} \rangle \sim 7$  GeV
- Generally good agreement with GENIE, consistent with  $\langle E_{\nu} \rangle \sim 3.5$  GeV results
- Publication in preparation

# Neutrino Flux and Cross Section Challenges

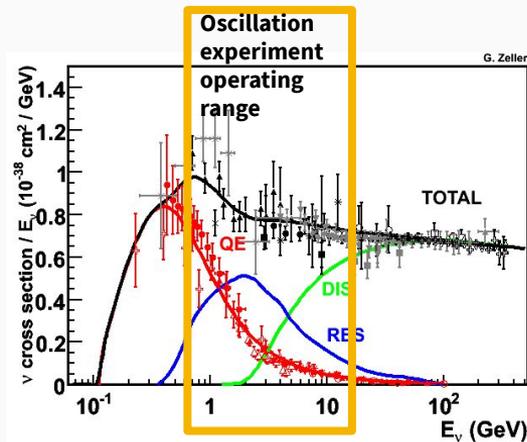
## Flux $\Phi$



- Neutrino beams not monoenergetic
- Standard candle interactions limited
- *In situ* monitoring overlaps with physics measurements

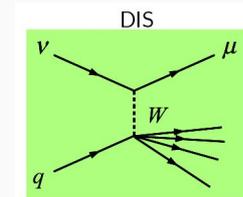
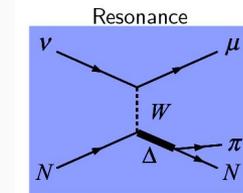
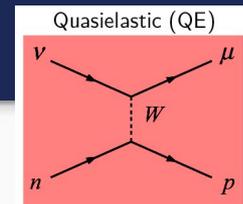
→ **Sophisticated simulations needed**

## Cross Sections $\sigma$



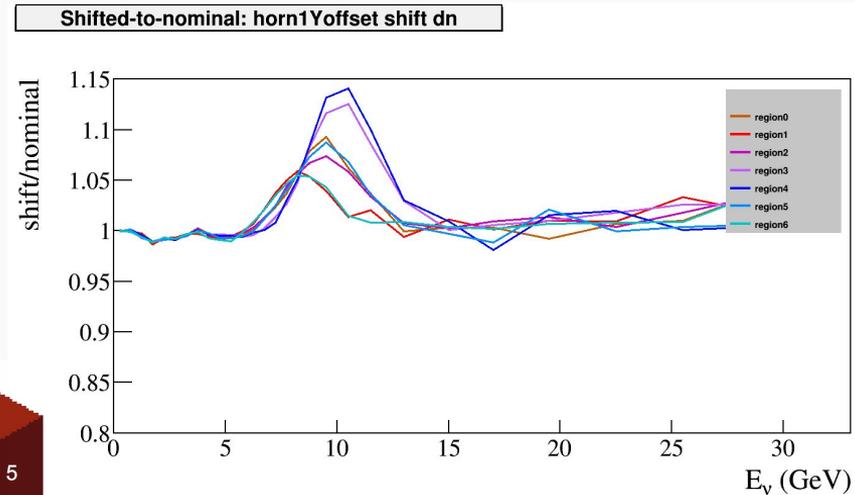
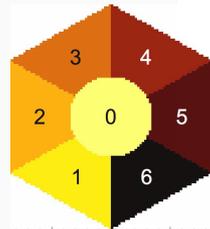
- Must reconstruct neutrino energy from event
- Several overlapping  $\nu$  interaction channels
- Detectors of complex nuclei
  - $E_\nu$  is obscured by nuclear physics

→  $E_{\text{reconstructed}} \neq E_\nu$



# Flux Simulation: Focusing System Geometry

- Sophisticated model of each beamline component
- Resulting flux simulation very sensitive to small deviations in beamline parameters

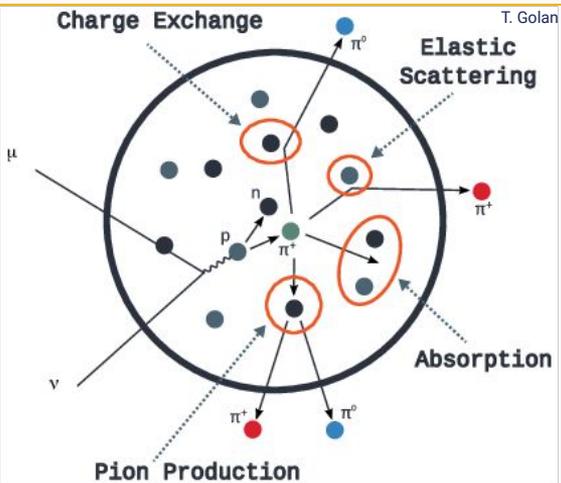


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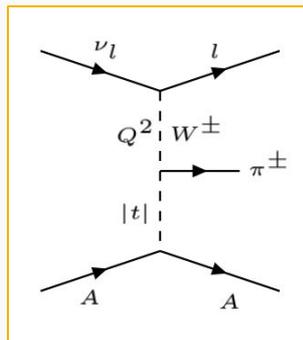
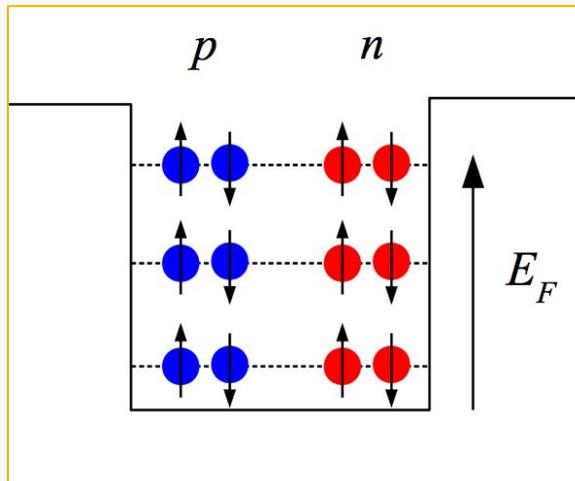


# Pion Production Modeling and Challenges

Pions produced by more than just simple  $\nu N$  resonance pion production



Final State Interactions  $\wedge$



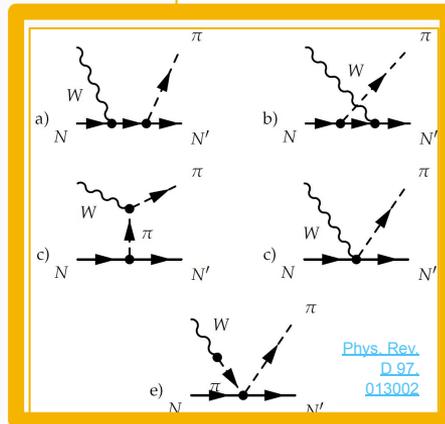
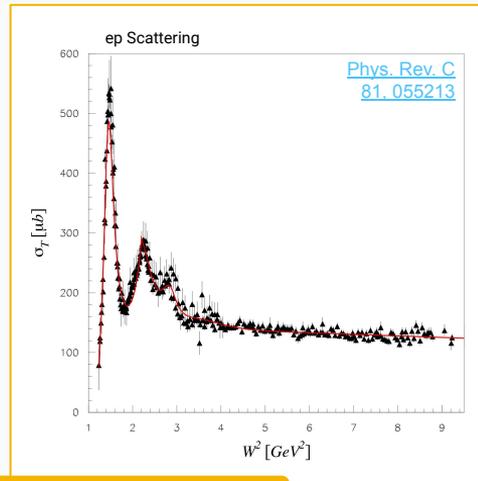
Coherent Pion Production



Initial State Nuclear Modifications



Higher resonances



Non-Resonant Pion production



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# Basic physics of the lab

# Tension Measurement (What is it?)

**The Problem :** We need to determine what tension of parts of the detector.

- **Straws**
  - Thin-walled
  - Hollow
  - Conductive
- **Wires**
  - Very small
  - String-like
  - Not visible
  - Conductive

**Solution :**

There is a resonant frequency at which strings vibrate.

Measure frequency  $\rightarrow$  Tension

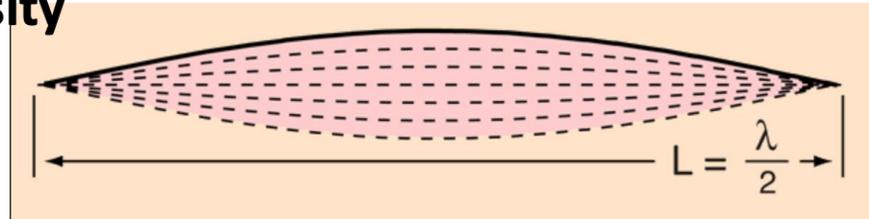
For a string this equation is

$$T = f^2 \lambda^2 \rho$$

$f$  is frequency

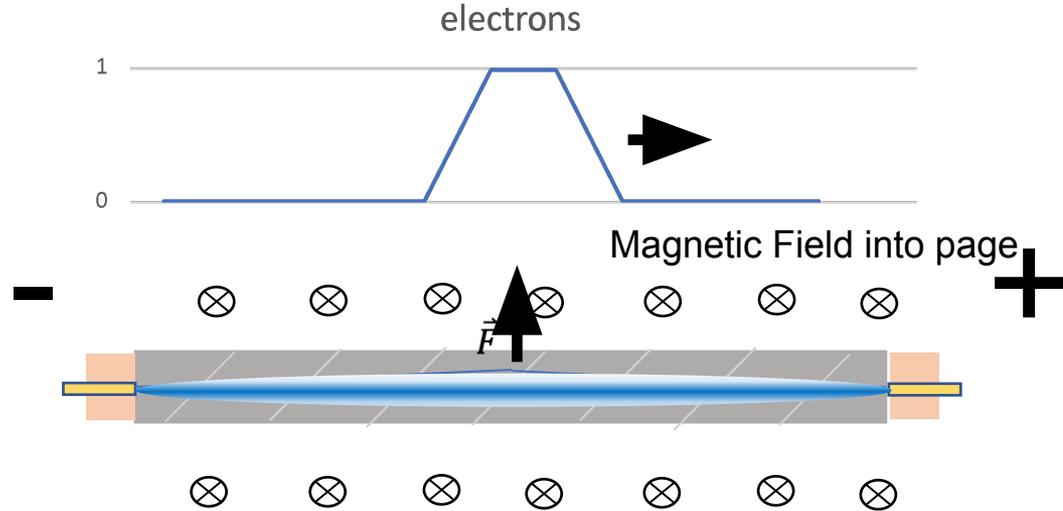
$\lambda$  is wavelength

$\rho$  is linear density

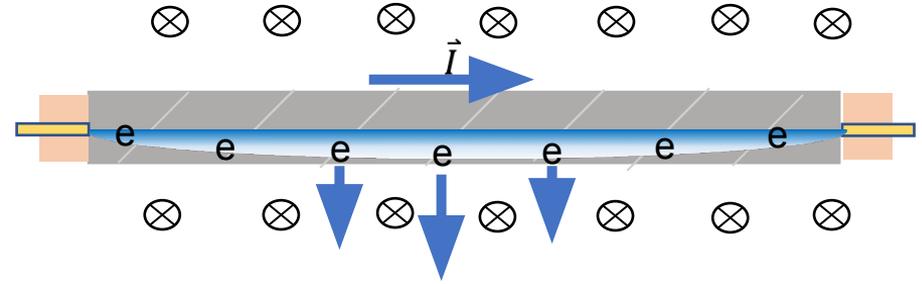
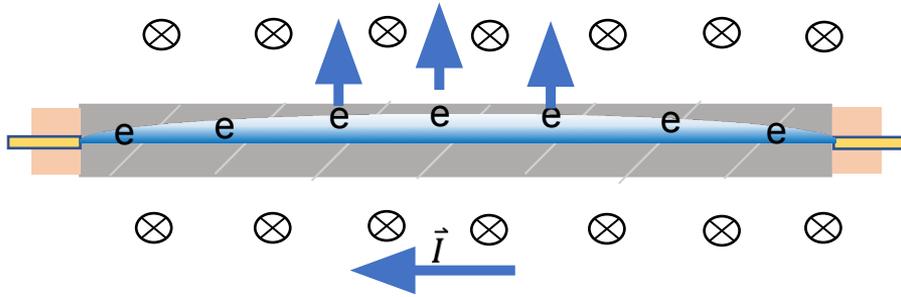


# What The Pluck?

- Attach Power source to pins
- Apply a magnetic field
- Send a large pulse of electrons
  - 5 ms
  - 10 V amplitude
- 10 msec delay
- Non-resonate waves die
- Resonate waves propagate



# Inducing Current

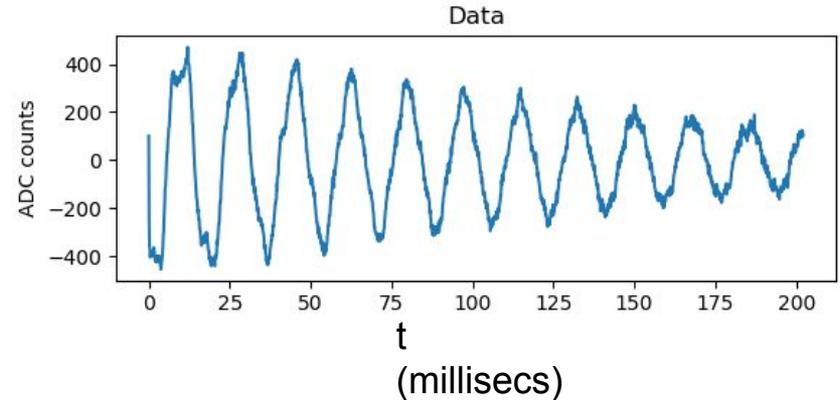


Once “plucked” by the electric pulse the wire will then oscillate.

The conductive wire is full of free flowing electrons.

As it oscillates in the magnetic field, an electrical current is induced back and forth. Sampling the current quickly (8900

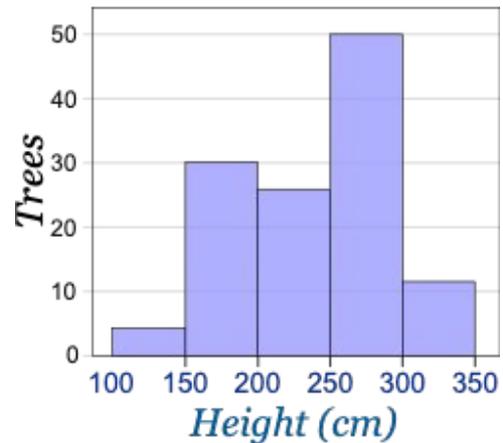
Hz), we get a data source which looks clear.



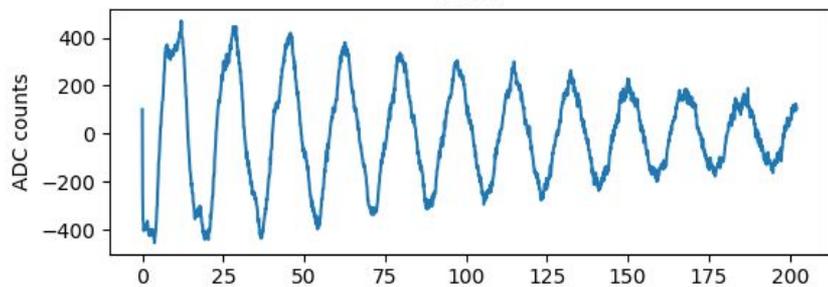
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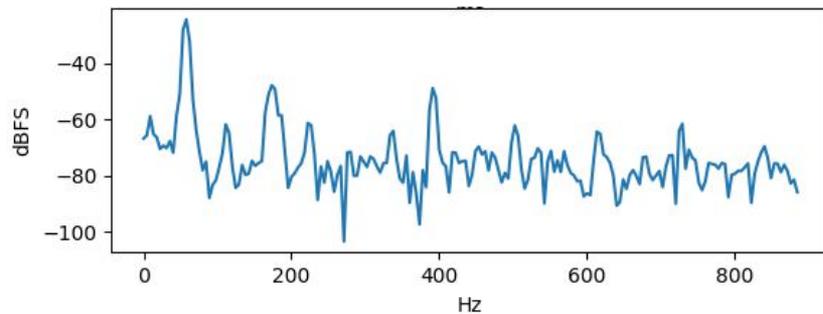
*Tree Heights*



Data



t  
(milliseconds)



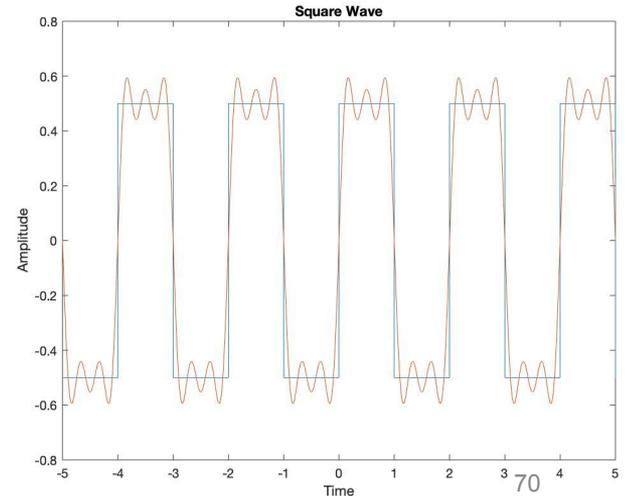
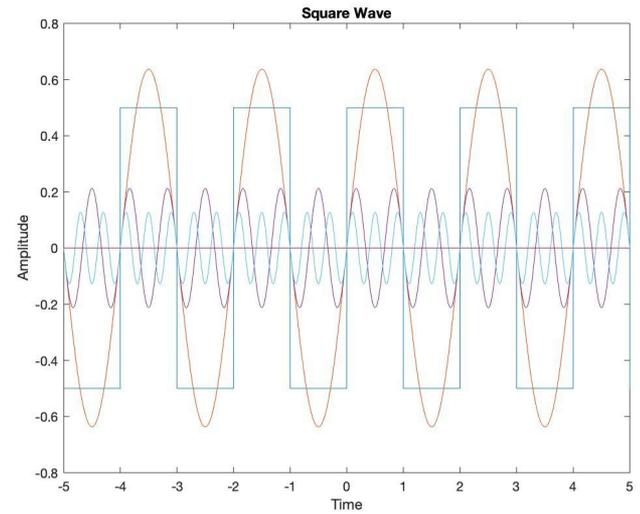
# Fourier Transform

**Fourier Theory says any signal can be mimicked by an infinite number of sin and cos waves**

**Fast Fourier Transform is an algorithm for quickly computing the strength of these waves.**

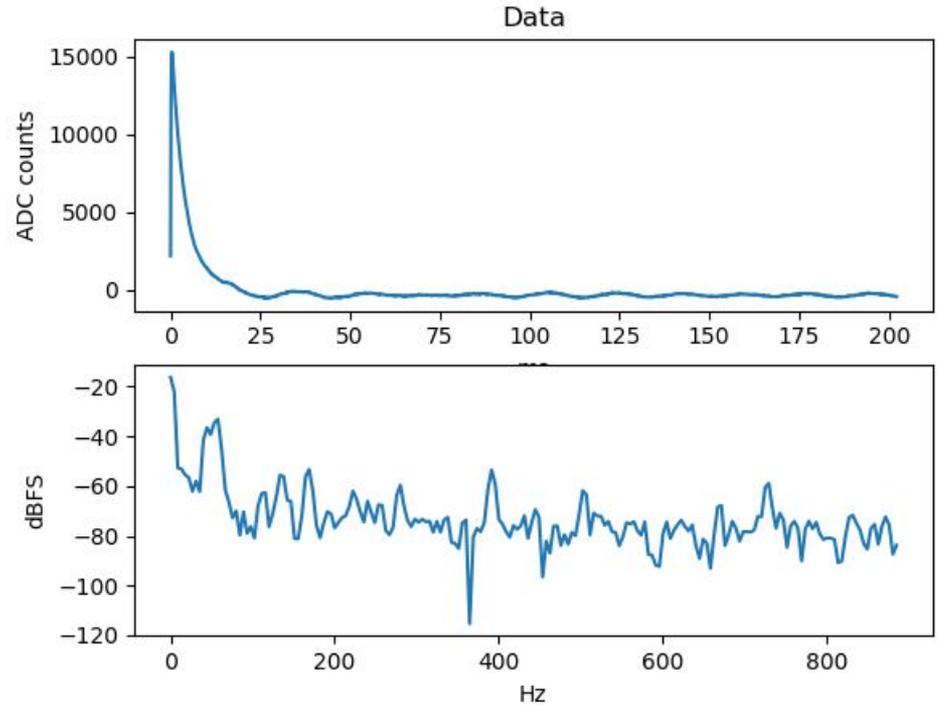
**This is used all over the place in modern technology :**

- **Data/Image compression**
- **Noise filtering**
- **MRI/CT Scans**



# Background Noise and other things

- **frequency near 0 Hz  $\Rightarrow$  Catching Initial pulse**
- **Frequency near 60 Hz  $\Rightarrow$  US electrical mains**
- **Always another frequency ? Check room air flow**



# Straws vs Wire Vibrations

$$f_1 = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{T}{m/L}}}{2L}$$

$T$  = string tension

$m$  = string mass

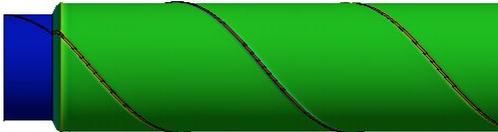
$L$  = string length

Straws :

Tensions ~400-600 g

frequency ~10Hz - 60 Hz

$$\nu = \frac{K}{2L} \sqrt{m} + \frac{c}{L^2}$$

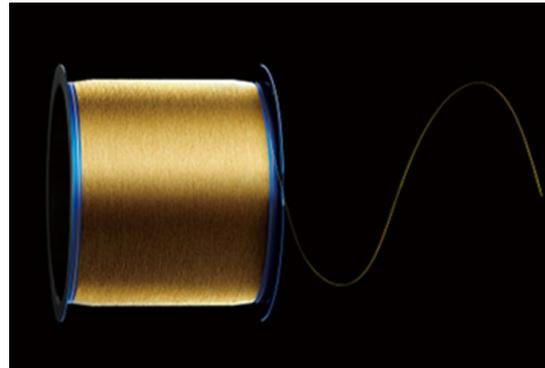


Wires :

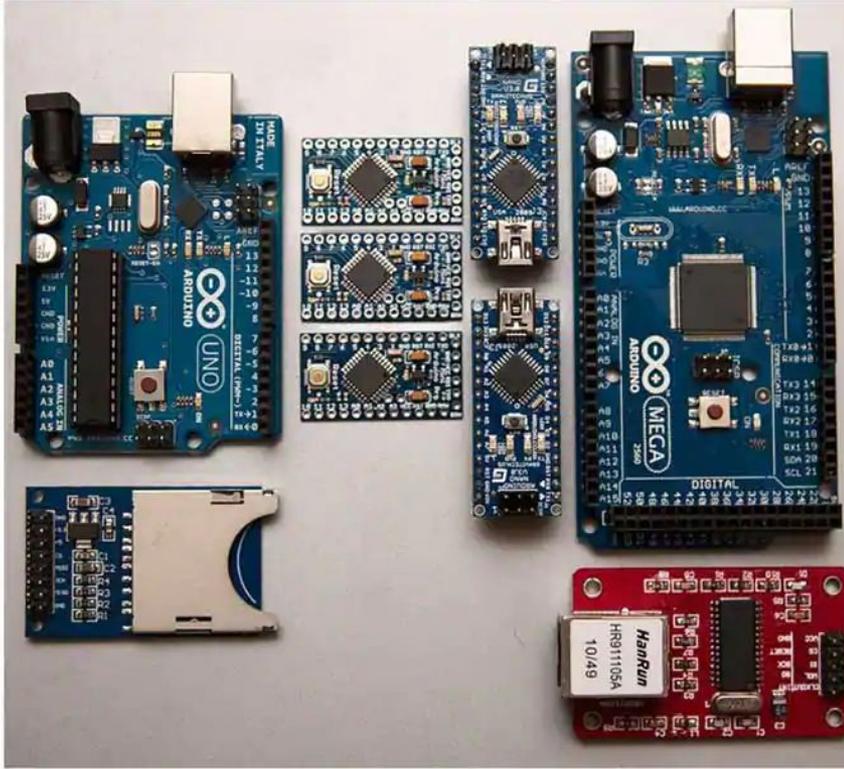
Tensions ~80 g

frequency ~40Hz - 120 Hz

$$\nu = \frac{K}{2L} \sqrt{m}$$

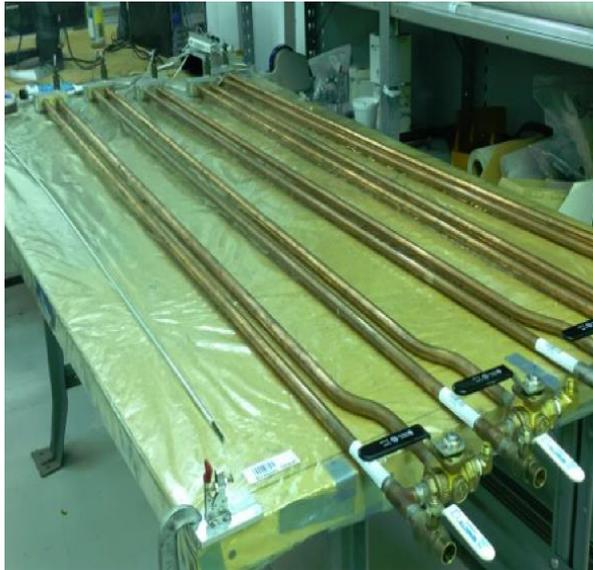


# Arduinos



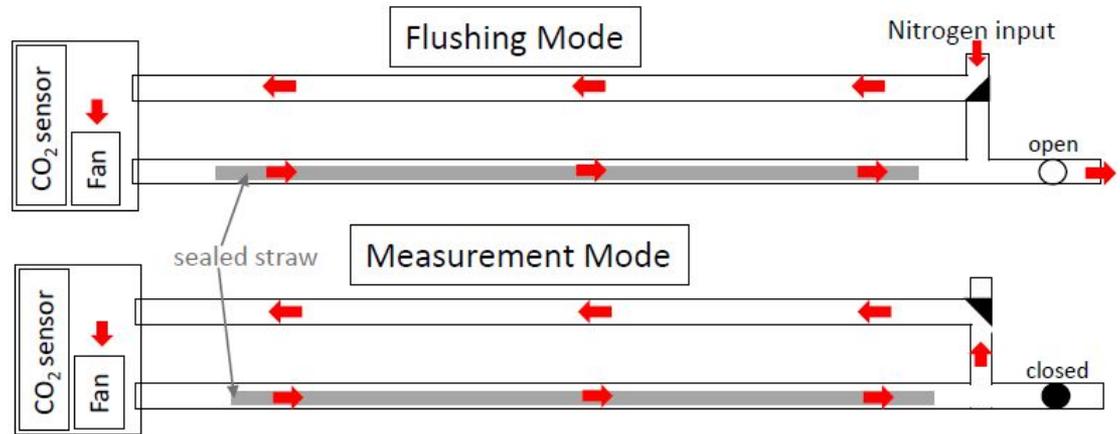
- Miniature computers (microcontrollers) which run most of our electronics in the lab.
- Can measure voltage quickly and accurately
  - ADC input (0 to +3.3V)
  - ADC resolution is about 0.81 mV
  - ADC sampling rate 1 MHz

# Leak Tests (Overview)



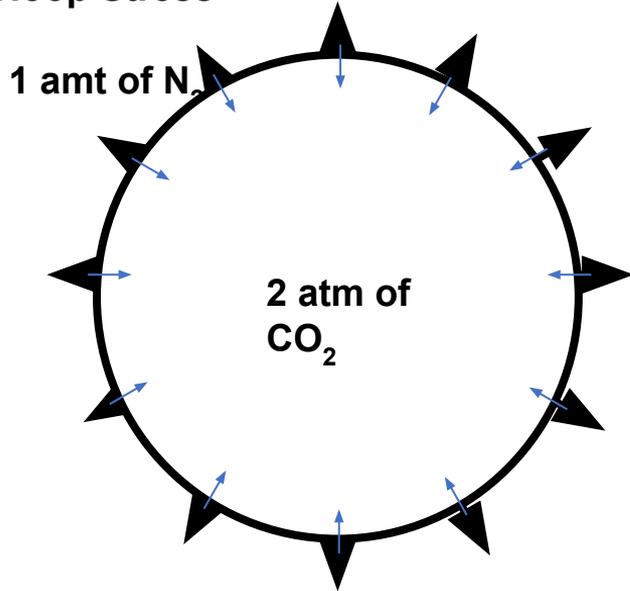
## Procedure:

- Fill a straw with pure CO<sub>2</sub> at 15 psi over ambient pressure
- Pressurized straw is put in a chamber filled with N<sub>2</sub>
- CO<sub>2</sub> detectors measure CO<sub>2</sub> in chamber
- Arduino reads CO<sub>2</sub> detectors, plots leak rate of straws



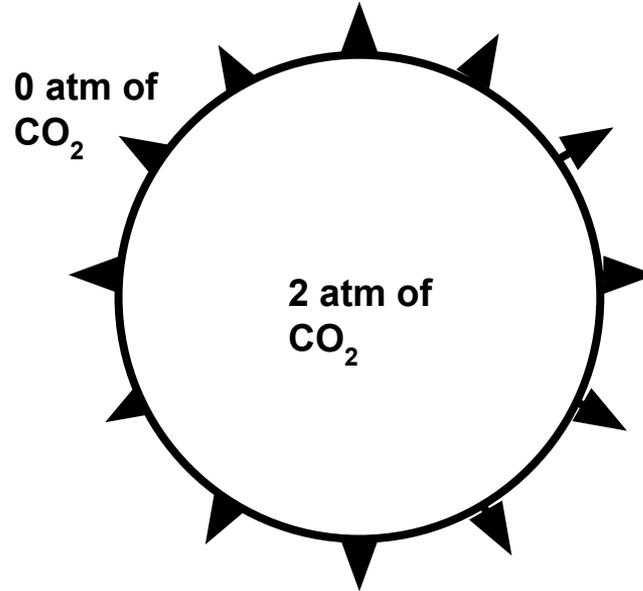
# Straws Leaking

Pressure on the  
Straw  
Hoop Stress



Leak rate  
adjustment :  
Partial pressure 2x  
Gas Mixture ~5x

Partial Pressure  
Gas

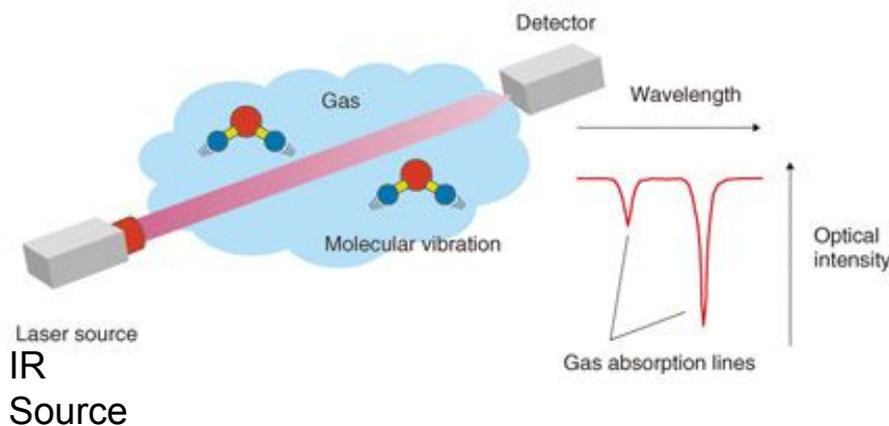


Not adjusted for :  
Straw Tensioning  
~1/3x

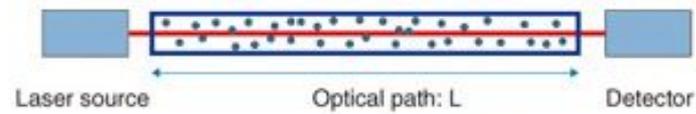


Collapse  
d straw

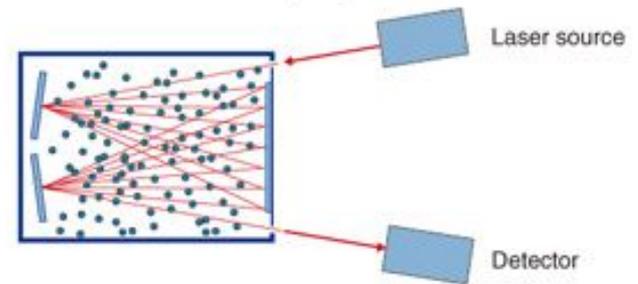
# Measuring the CO<sub>2</sub> Level in the Chamber



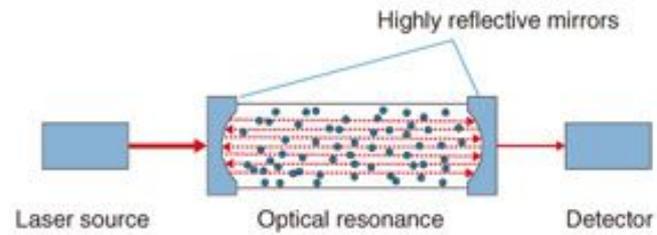
(a) Long path



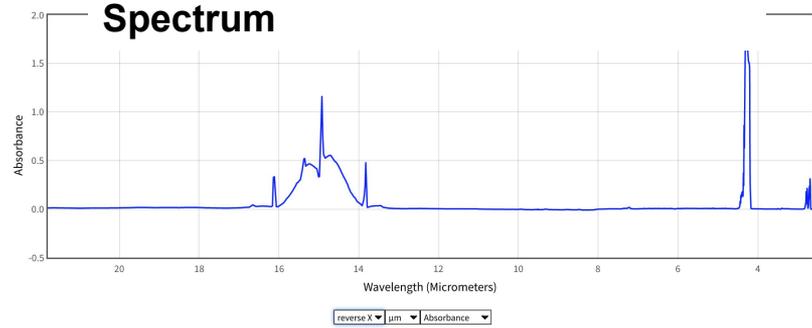
(b) Multipath



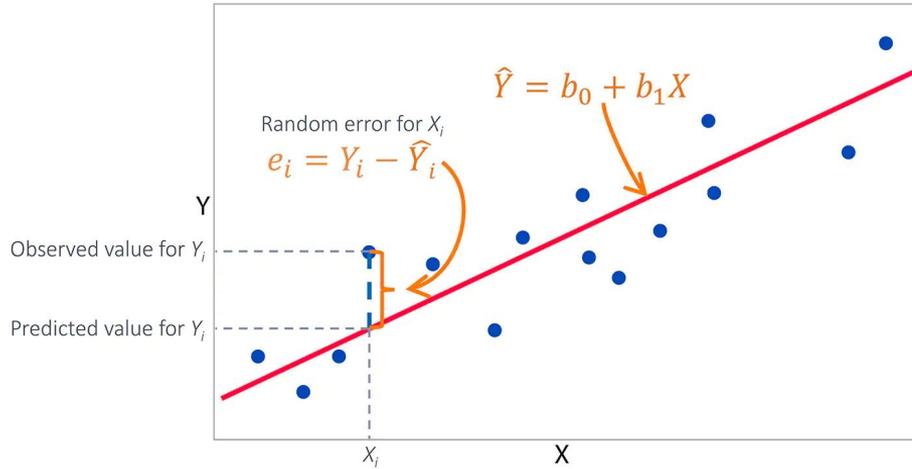
(c) Optical cavity



## Carbon Dioxide Absorbance in IR Spectrum



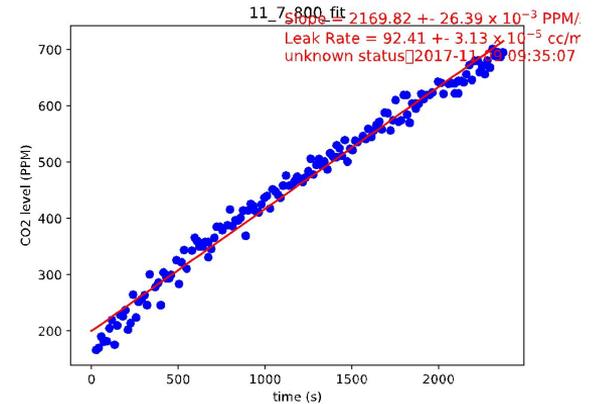
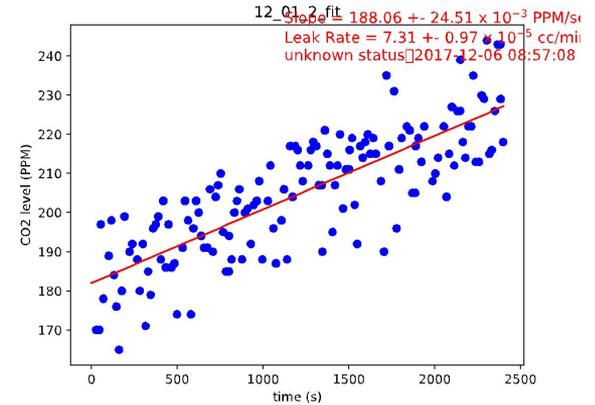
# Fitting the leak rate



Uncertainty in the leak rate is a function of :

- The number of data points
- The uncertainty of each datapoint
- Time elapsed

Takes ~40 minutes and 100 datapoints to reach  $10^{-6}$  sccm uncertainty



# Epoxy, on both your houses



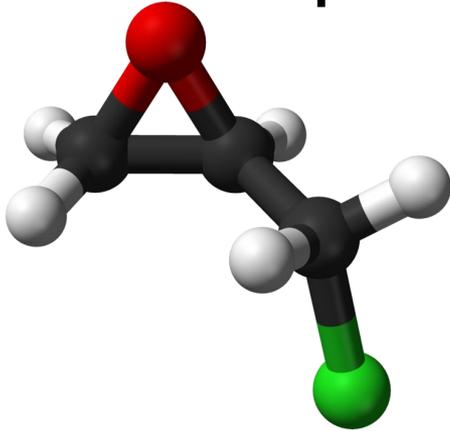
Epoxy is used everyday in many industrial processes.

It is also being used for art and home decorating.

**Why is Epoxy good:**

- **Rigid but tough bond**
  - often used as alternatives to welding or rivets
- **Excellent adhesion to metals**
- **Chemical and environmental resistance**
  - Many are rad-hard with minimal outgassing
- **Easy application**
- **Can fill gaps and create seals**

# What is Epoxy



Resin is usually made of a complex hydrocarbon like bisphenol ( $C_{15}H_{16}O_2$ ). This is a combination of acetone and phenol.

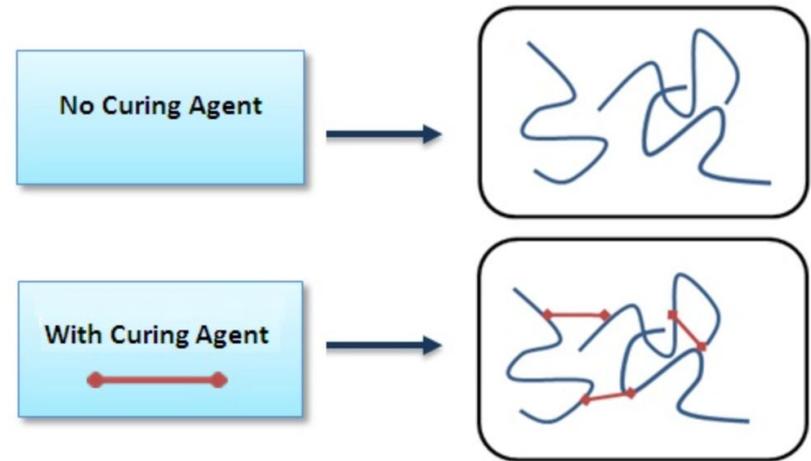
- When discovered this originally came from Coal Tar.
- Now we get this from petroleum.

## EPOXY

What we call epoxy is cured epoxy resin.

### Epoxy Adhesive

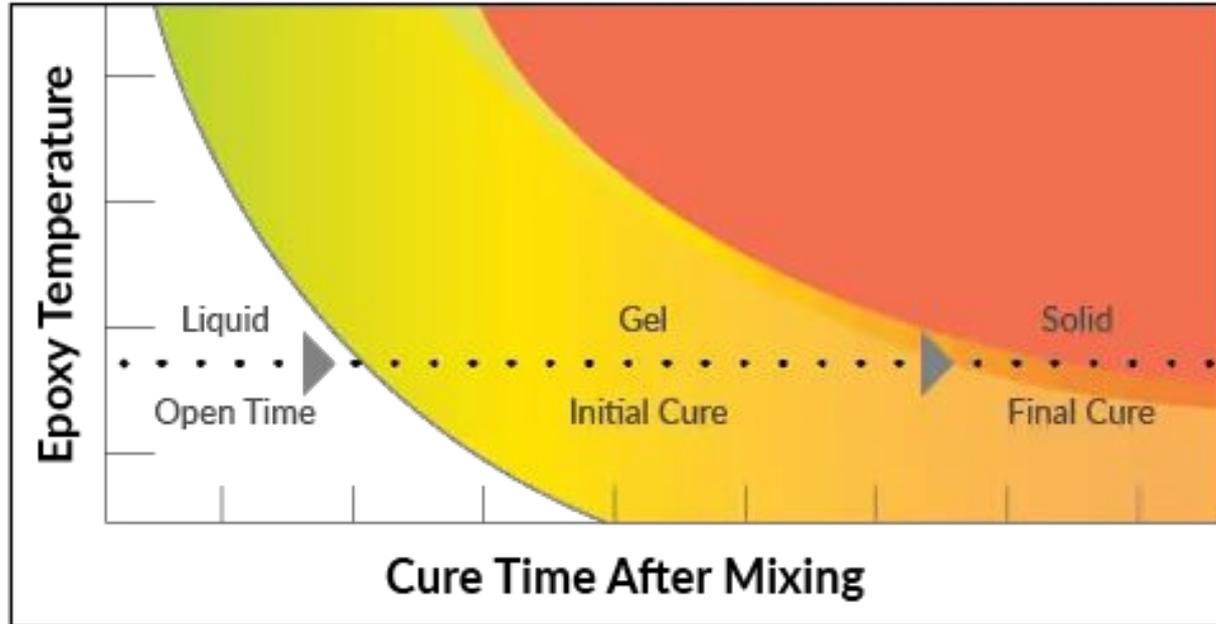
Two parts : the resin and the curing agent. When the resin and the curing agent react together, the hardening process ensues.



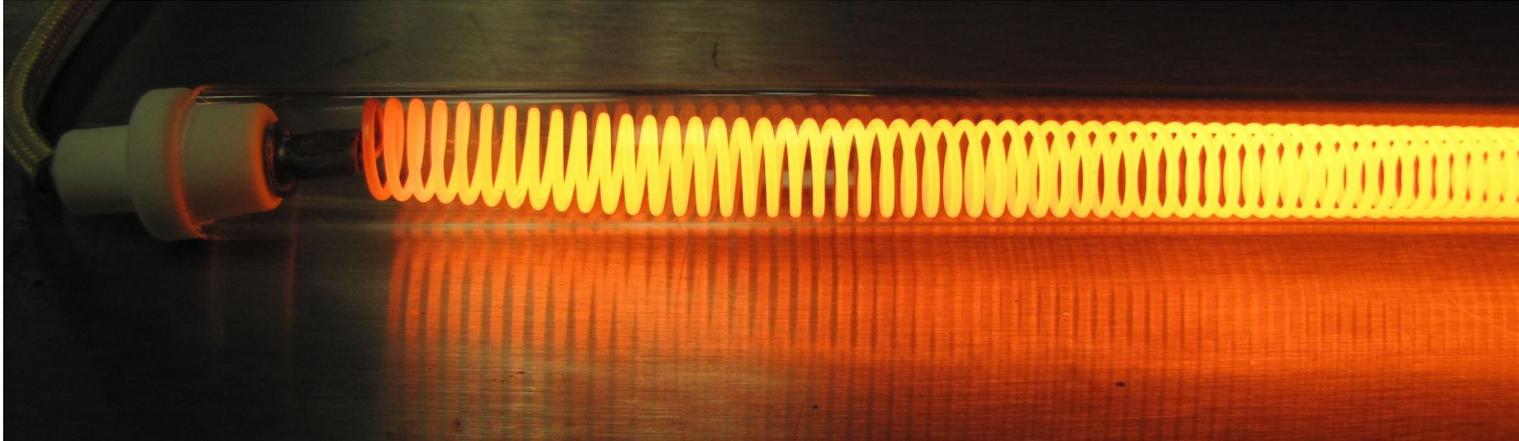
# The Cure



*As it cures, mixed epoxy changes from a liquid state, to a gel, to a solid*



# Electrical Heating



Power Formula :  $P=I^2R$

As electrons travel in a wire, they run into other particles. Each kinetic interaction deposits energy into the material. Material heats up.

- **Thin lines of metal that go underneath each of the PAASs.**
- **Well insulated**
- **Heating box has an adjustable resistance which controls the current.**