



# Mu3e Experiment Update

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Construction status update, overall and in the UK, schedule, issues  
and physics preparation



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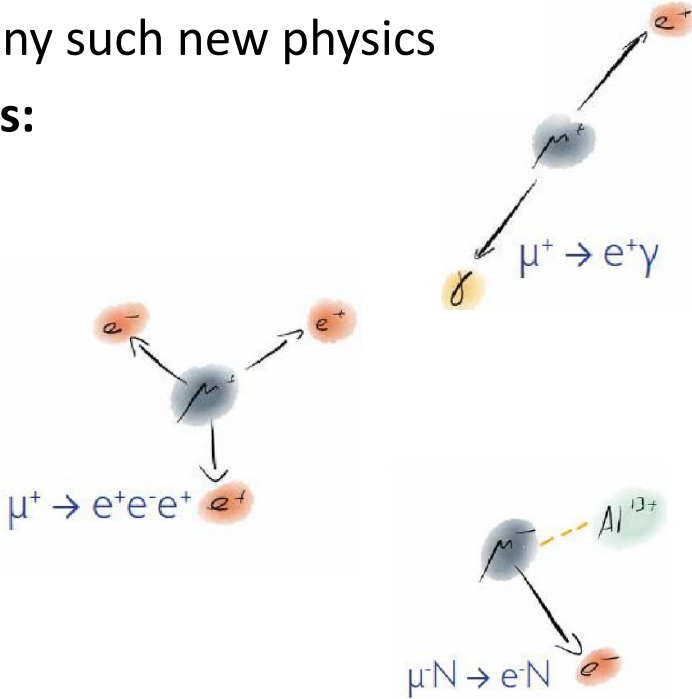
# Motivation : Charged Lepton Flavour Violation (CLFV)

- **We observe flavour violation for quarks and neutrinos but not for charged lepton**
  - This appears to be “accidental”.
- **SM (with  $m_\nu$ ) allows for only a very small amount of CLFV ( $10^{-54}$ )**
  - Any observation would be evidence of new physics
- **Recent results on Lepton Universality (LHCb) and muon g-2 (Brookhaven & Fermilab)**
  - There may be new physics affecting muons
  - New muon CLFV experiments have the sensitivity to tell us more about any such new physics

**If charged lepton flavour is not conserved we expect neutrinoless muon decays:**

	Best limits	Projected sensitivities (90%CL)
$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$	$< 4.3 \times 10^{-13}$ MEG (PSI)	$4 \times 10^{-14}$ MEG II (PSI)
$\mu \rightarrow eee$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$ SINDRUM (PSI)	$4 \times 10^{-15}$ Mu3e I (PSI) $1 \times 10^{-16}$ Mu3e II (PSI)
$\mu N \rightarrow e N$	$< 7.0 \times 10^{-13}$ SINDRUM II (PSI)	$6 \times 10^{-17}$ Mu2e (FNAL)
$\mu Au \rightarrow e Au$		$7 \times 10^{-15}$ COMET I (J-PARC) $6 \times 10^{-17}$ COMET II (J-PARC)

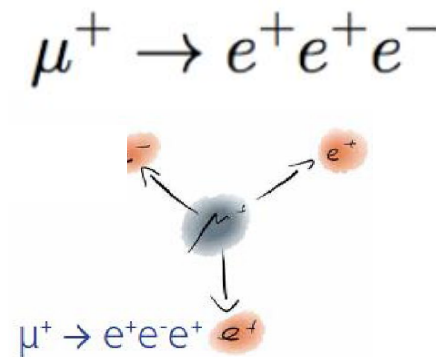
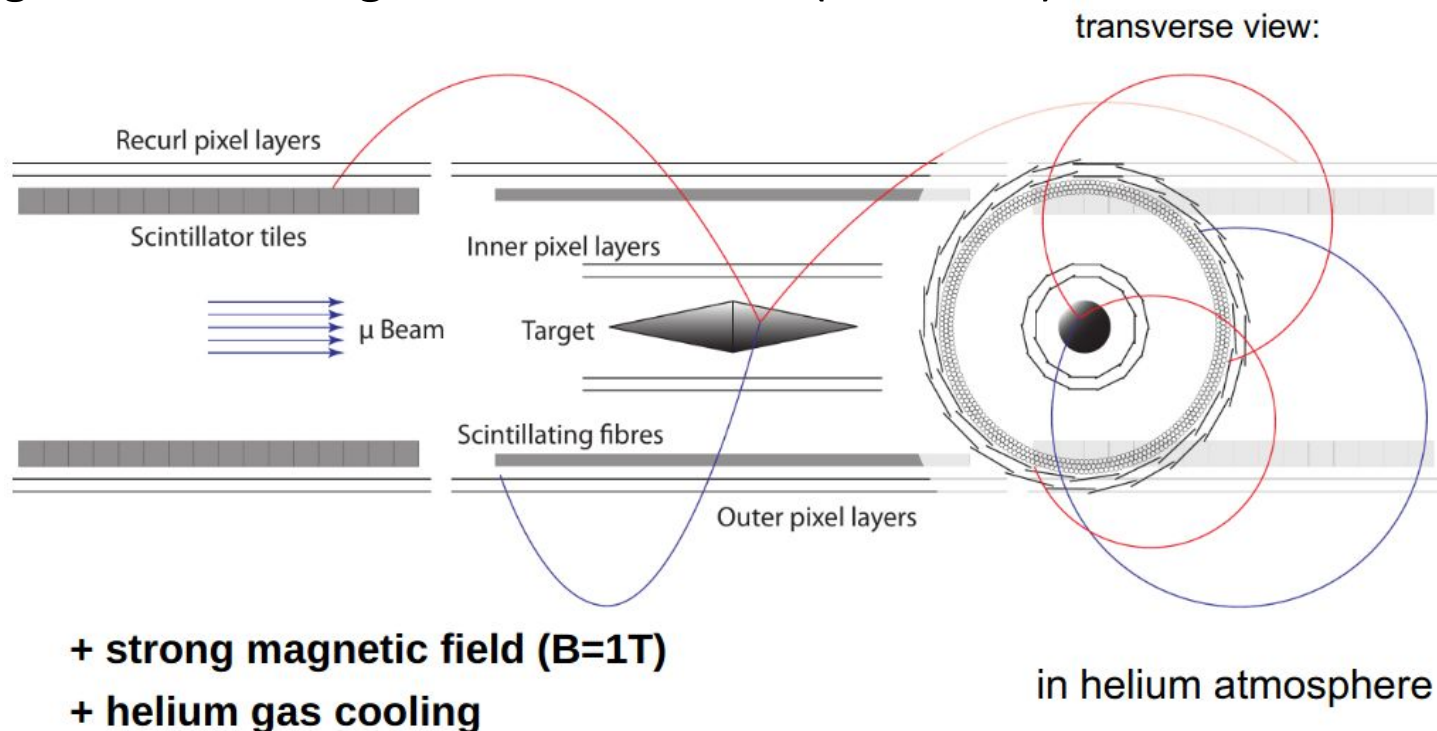
**Generically, the planned CLFV experiments probe NP at 1-10 PeV scale.**





# The Mu3e experiment

- Located at PSI
- Signal : looking for  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^-$ 
  - From the same vertex and energy  $1 \text{ MeV} < E_e < m_\mu/2$
  - Aiming for a branching fraction of  $> 10^{-16}$  (@90% CL) in Phase I

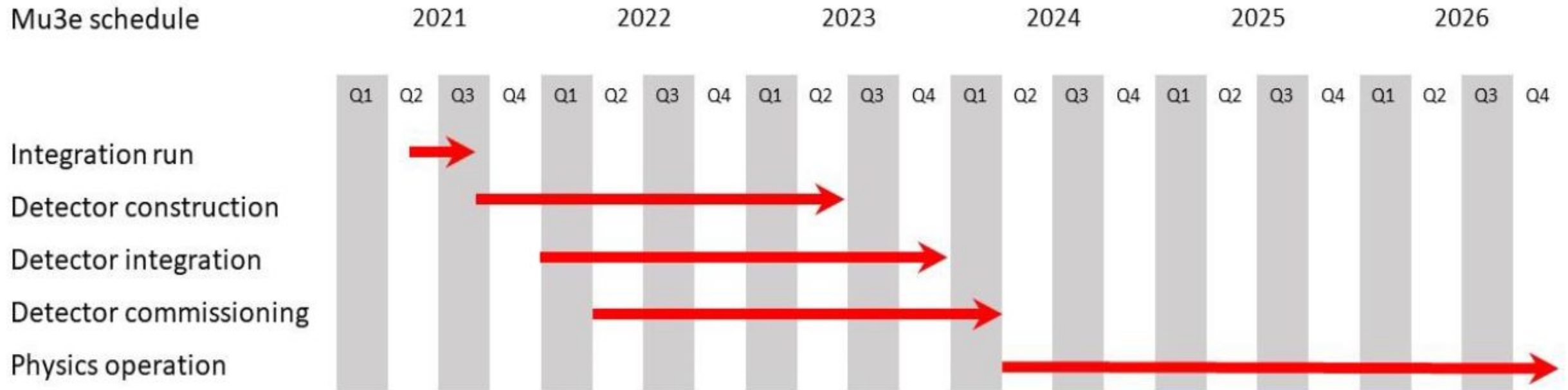


## UK deliverables:

- Clock and reset system (distributed via optical fibres). (**completed!**)
- MuPix outer tracker layers (1.1 m<sup>2</sup> HVMAPS tracker)

# Mu3e schedule and physics readiness

Strong physics case, there are no immediate competitors



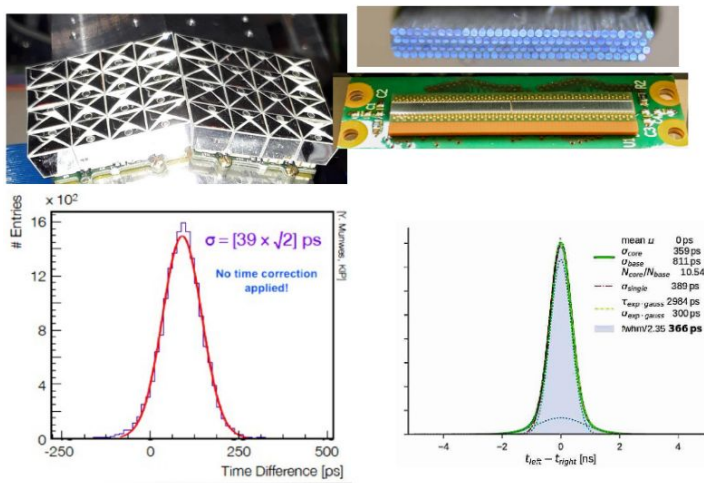
- Mupix and covid delays means that detector construction will be finished in early 2023
- Detector commissioning finished by early 2024 & start of physics operation

# Status of the experiment

Experimental area ready



Scintillating fibre and tile detectors ready for production



Magnet commissioning complete

2T super conducting

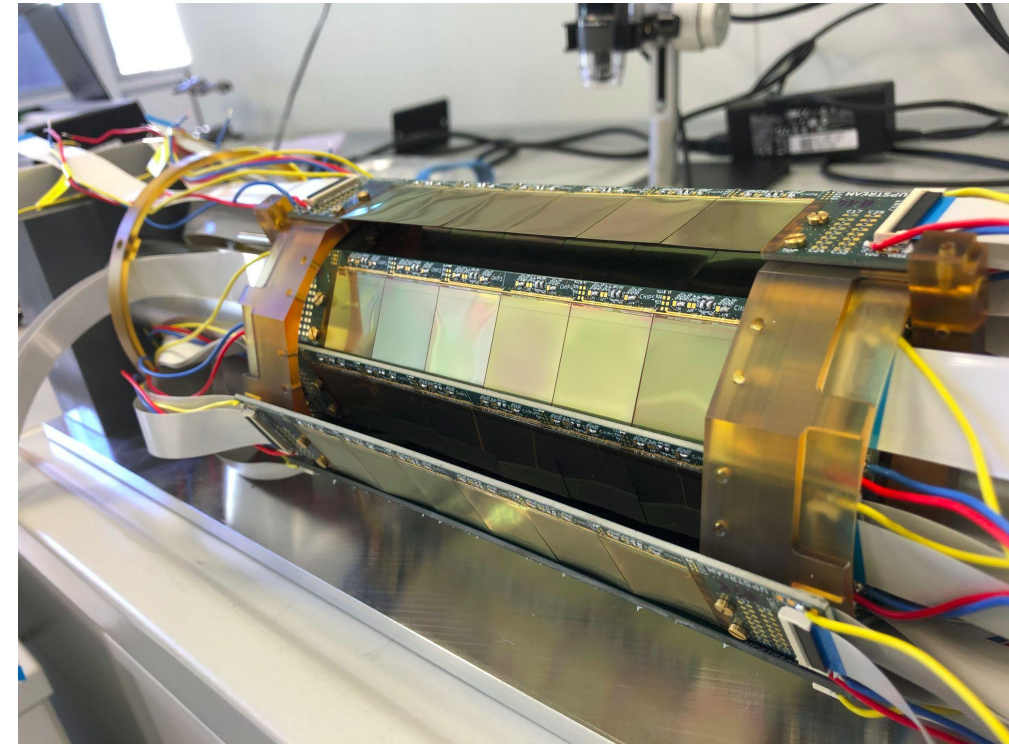


- TDR published [2009.11690.pdf \(arxiv.org\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.11690)
- Successful annual review at PSI
- Phase I muon beam line commissioned :  $10^8 \mu/\text{s}$  delivered to experiment
- Integration run with muon beams scheduled for May-July 2021
- First demonstration 6 chip inner pixel ladder
- So far (low statistics) satisfactory yield on MuPix10 chips and inner ladder production
- Off detector readout system successfully demonstrated on final slice test
- Demonstration Helium cooling system and simplification through removal v-channel cooling.  
(Some UK development work needed to change assembly procedure)
- Recent funding news:
  - DFG funding next batch awarded last week (next 4 years of contribution German groups experiment)
  - FLARE infrastructure funding for Helium cooling system (including tech support) awarded.

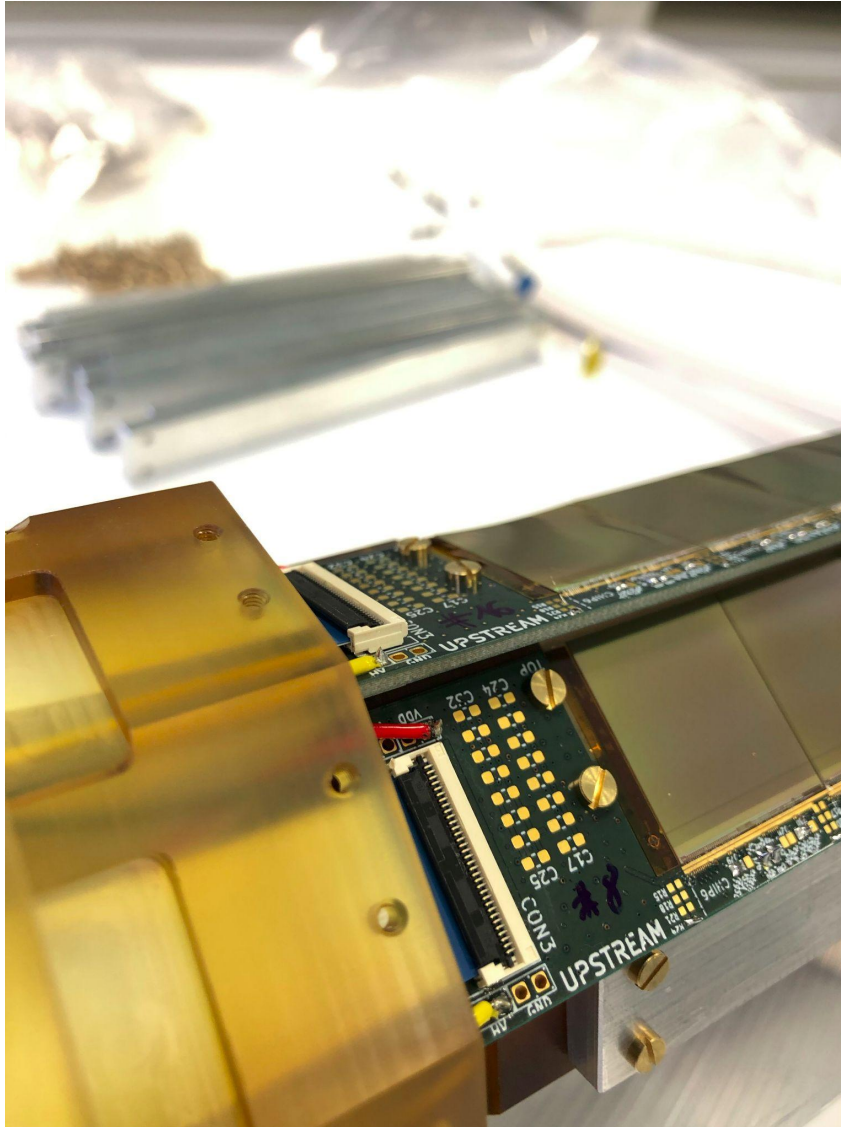
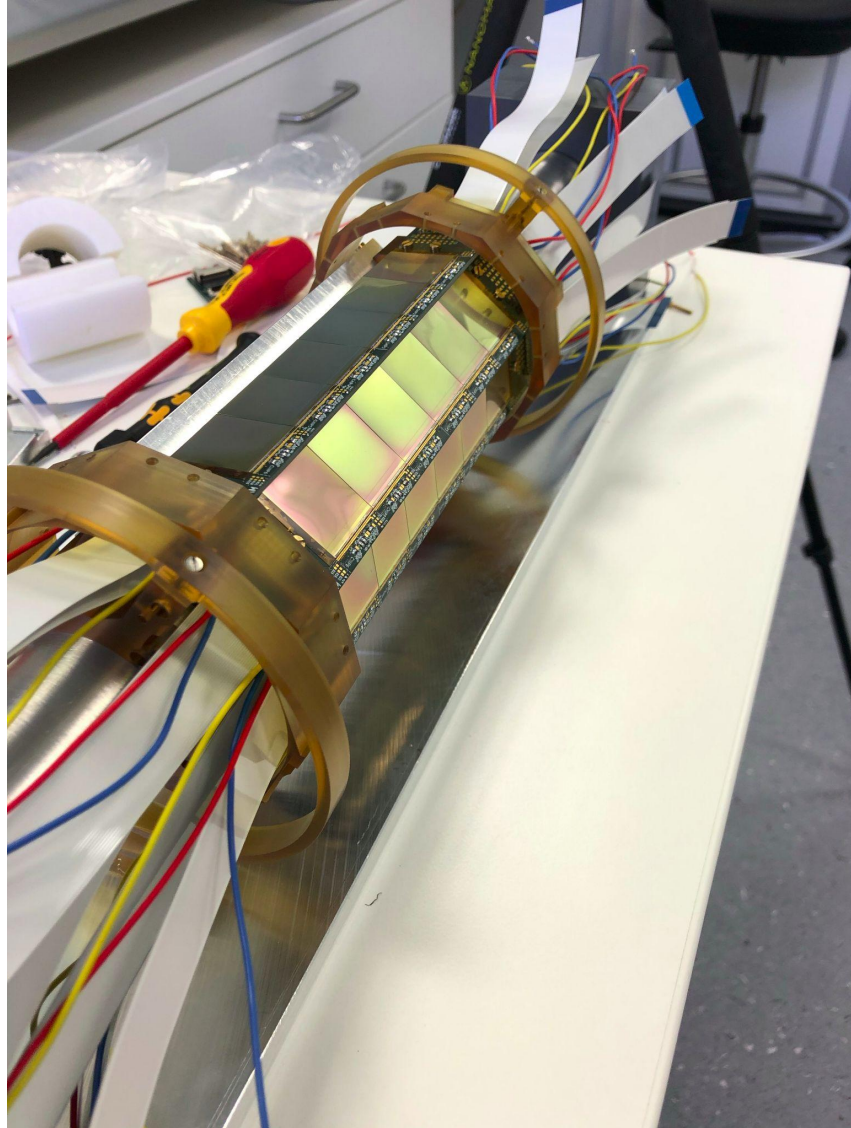


# Progress on MuPix project

- **MuPix chip:** The first full size and final prototype pixel tracker chip, Mupix10, has been delivered and its characterisation has shown excellent performance. An issue to configure the chip through a minimal number of electrical connections is to be resolved for the final detector chip Mupix11 (to be submitted in Autumn), but a work-around has been identified, meaning that crucially, the chip is suitable for the production and evaluation of the full size demonstrator MuPix modules needed to achieve production readiness. Small design modifications on HDI.
  - Inner pixel ladders (6 chips)) shown to configure and send data.
  - Production full inner pixel layers for integration run on schedule
- **Flex circuits:** Submission of HDI interconnect circuits for the readout of MuPix10
  - HDI from inner layers back from manufacturer any day for further test.
  - Outer HDI nearly ready for submission
- **Assembly test:** Successful test assembly of seven layer-4 thermo-mechanical mock-up modules to the detector mounting rings.
  - First prototype load transfer tooling under test



# Integration Run preparation

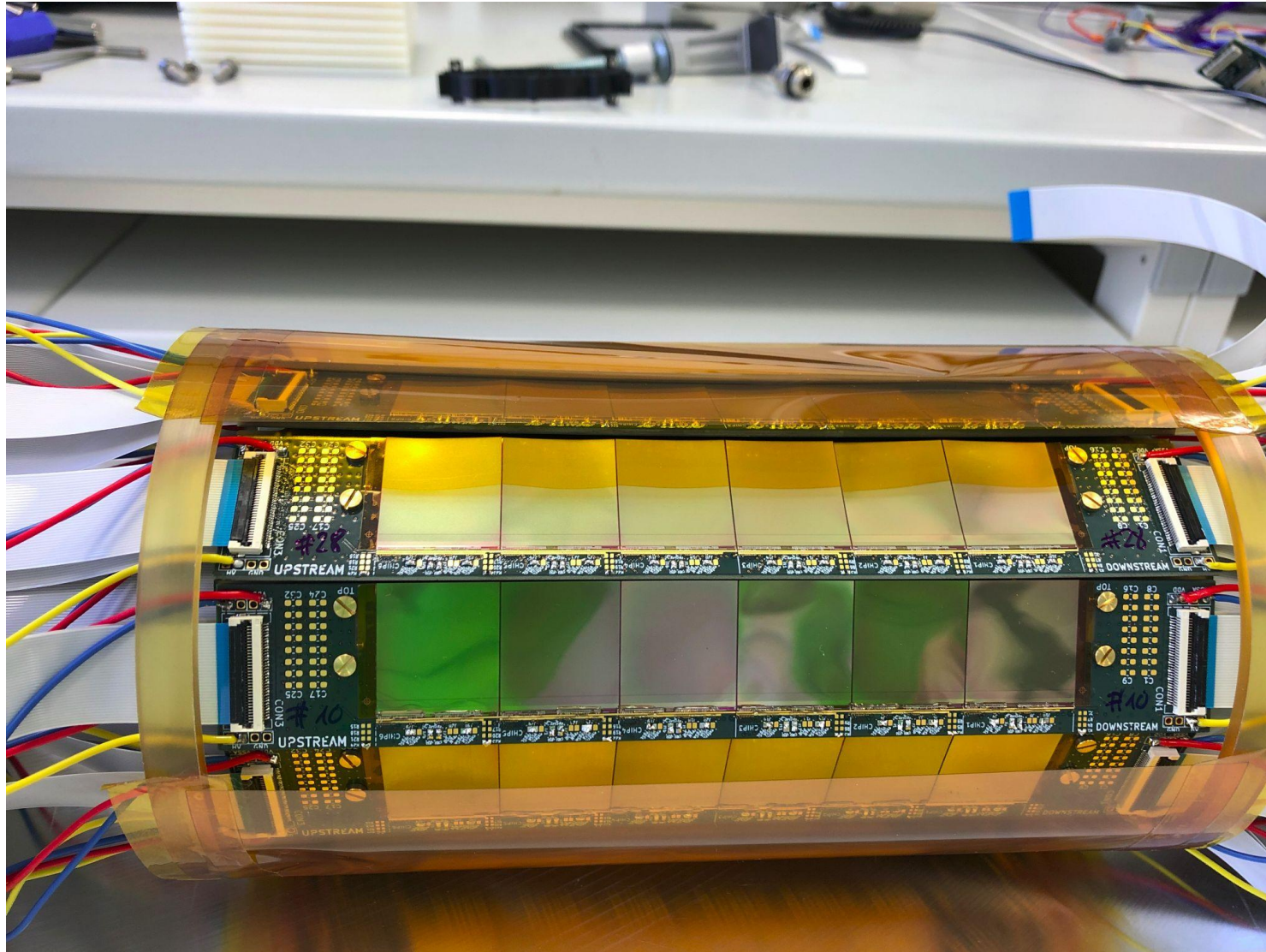


Production Finished

Inner Layers with  
MuPix10 chips



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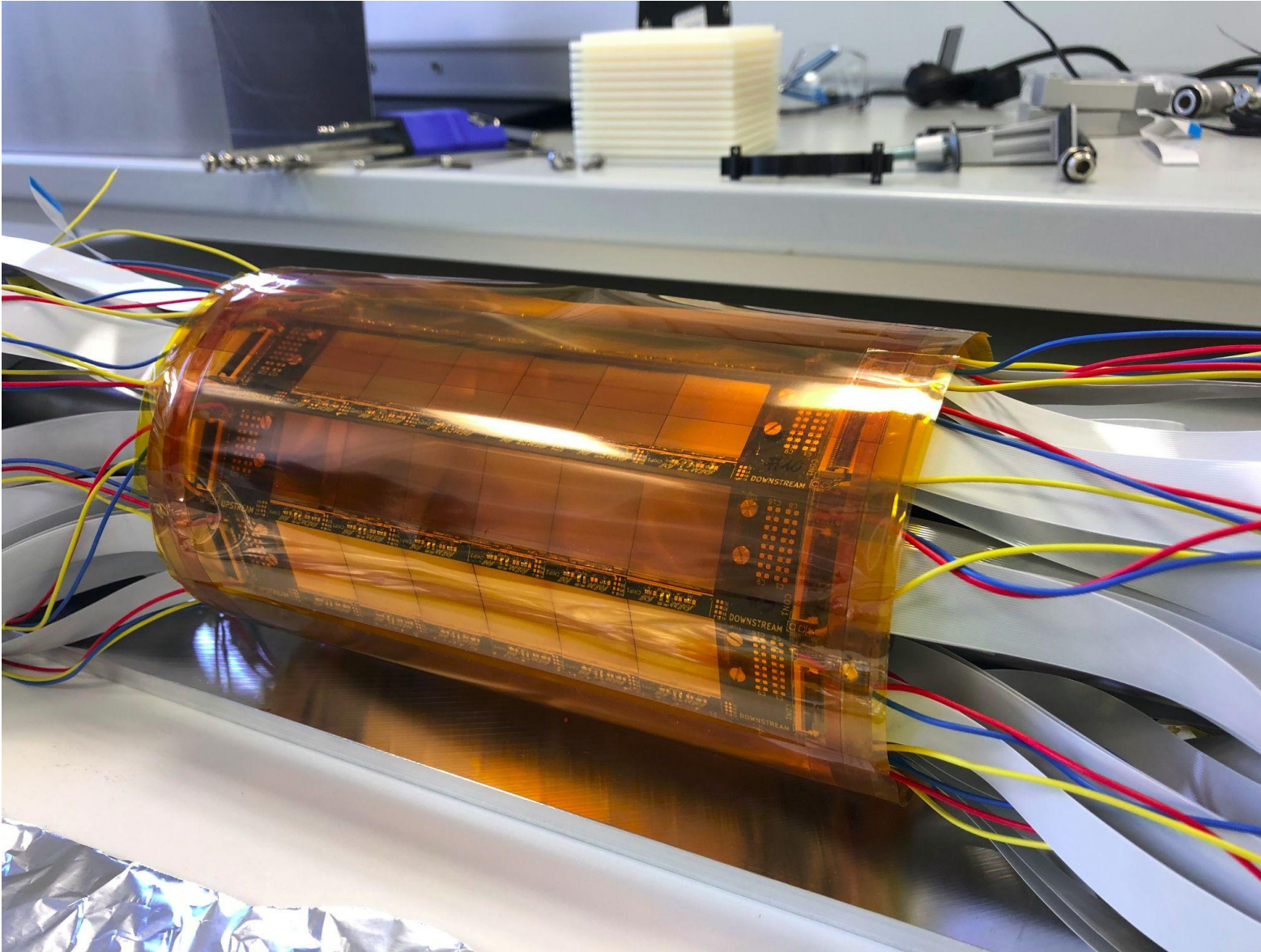


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# Integration Run preparation



Production Finished

Arrived at PSI today

# UK deliverables

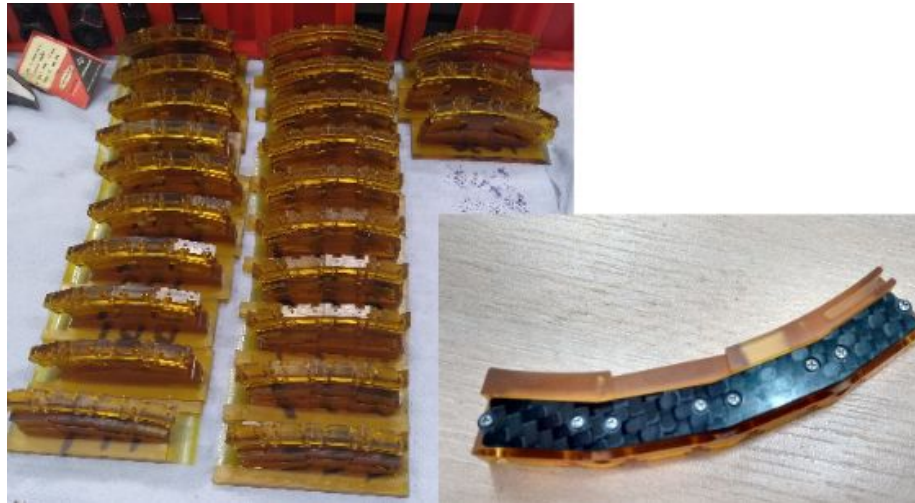
## MuPix tracker Outer and Recurl layers (Bristol, Oxford, Liverpool)

*World's first use of HV-MAPS technology in an experiment.*

UK provides 18 layer-3 and 21 layer-4 modules, consisting of 4 pixel ladders each, and hosting in total 68 or 72 MuPix ASICs each, respectively.

UK contributions MuPix tracker

- MuPix probing
- HDI and interposer flex design
- Endpiece manufacture
- Ladder assembly
- Module assembly
- Ladder and module QA
- Macro assembly



## Clock and Reset system (UCL) – complete

*Accurate clock distribution key for future 4D tracking application.*

- The system has been developed and built!
- Provides clock/reset distributions: 1 → 144 with time jitter of ~5ps.
- Successfully demonstration in vertical slice test.
- To be integrated with Mu3e readout as the detector is completed.

Mockup ladders  
Module construction process

# Physics analysis and performance studies

PhD students :

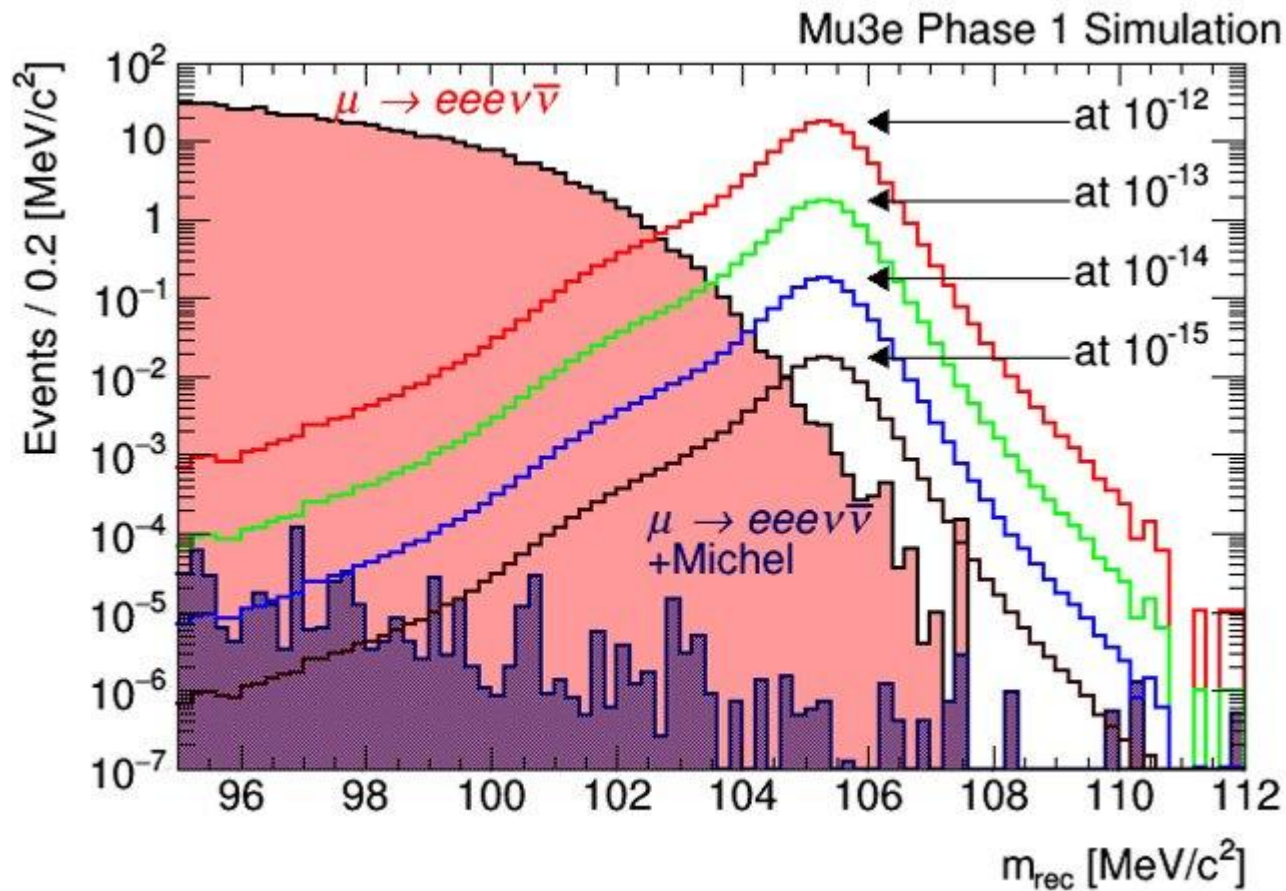
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# Combinatoric background estimate (Andrew G.)



First estimate of a potential source of background, included in the recently published TDR

Internal Conversion estimate of background events

103-110 :  $0.53 \pm 0.02$

104-110:  $0.052 \pm 0.003$

Internal Conversion and Michel estimate of background events

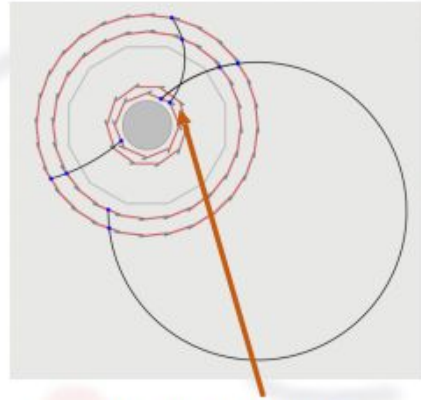
103-110 :  $(1.64 \pm 0.71) \times 10^{-5}$

104-110:  $(9.5 \pm 5.8) \times 10^{-6}$

# Studies of Mu3e tracking performance for different categories of particle tracks in three scenarios (Afaf Wasili )

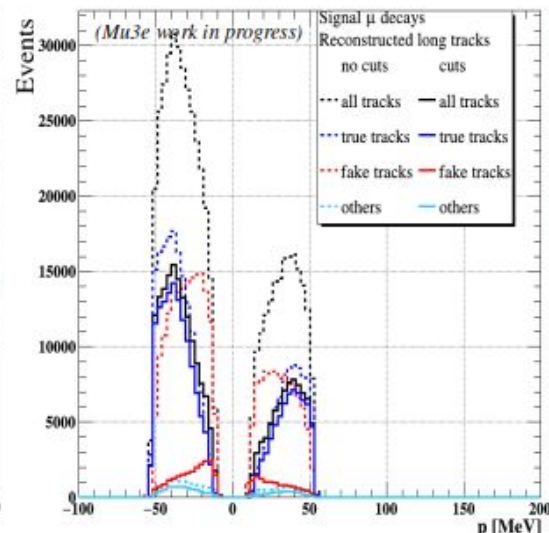
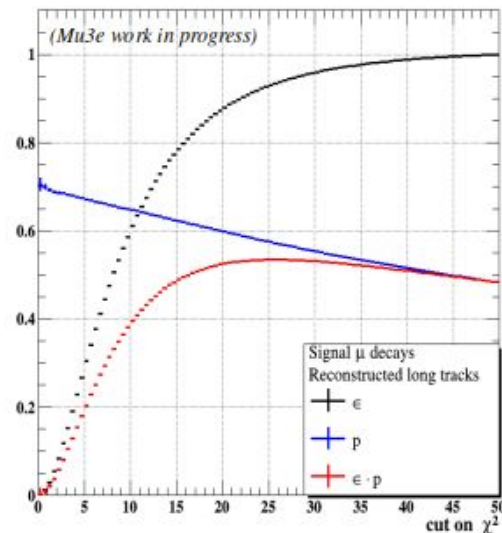
## 1. Missing hits due to by dead layers dead chip or individual dead pixels

- Artificially introduce different inefficiencies level into pixel layers in the central station and investigate recovering track efficiency by allowing holes on the track
- Goal was to allow tracking algorithm to access dead sensor in a missing layer
- More fake/mis-reconstructed tracks and less track/vertex efficiency of signal muon decays



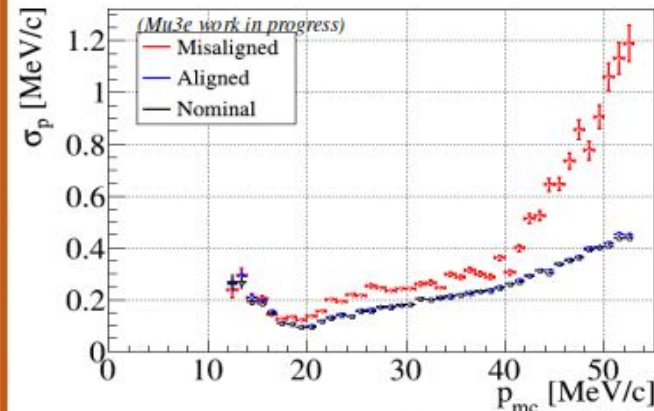
Imperfect track with missing pixel hit in 1-silicon layer

Imperfect reconstructed tracks with 5-pixel hits in the CS and RS of the detector (100% inefficiency in 2-pixel layer)



## 2. Misaligned detector

- Many misalignment modes can be applied successfully for all individual sensors or composite parts level
- Using Millipede-II alignment algorithm to align detector
- Study the performance of nominal tracks with misaligned and aligned and compare it with nominal detector

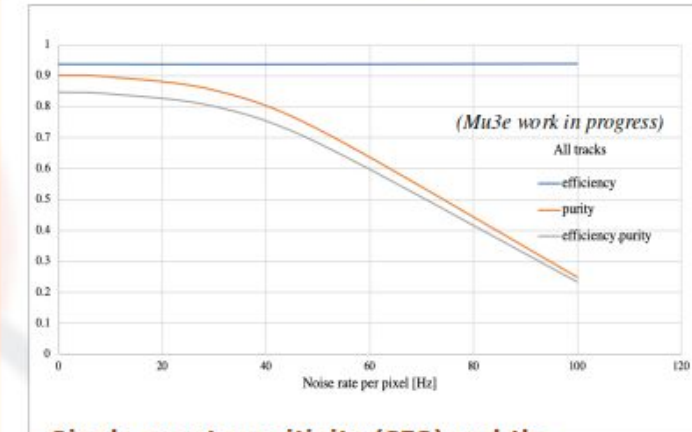


Results of the vertex reconstruction of signal events with three recurlers required; for a nominal, a misaligned and an aligned detector

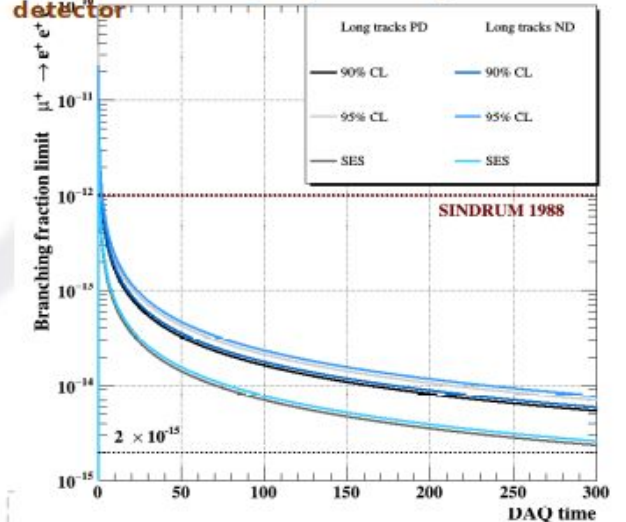
parameter [mm]	nominal	misaligned	aligned
$x_{rec} - x_{true}$	$\mu = -0.004 \pm 0.002$ $\sigma = 0.212 \pm 0.002$	$\mu = 3.00 \pm 0.00$ $\sigma = 6.72 \pm 0.009$	$\mu = -0.003 \pm 0.002$ $\sigma = 0.212 \pm 0.002$
$y_{rec} - y_{true}$	$\mu = 0.004 \pm 0.002$ $\sigma = 0.214 \pm 0.002$	$\mu = -0.261 \pm 0.08$ $\sigma = 0.570 \pm 0.03$	$\mu = 0.005 \pm 0.002$ $\sigma = 0.217 \pm 0.002$
$z_{rec} - z_{true}$	$\mu = -0.0 \pm 0.001$ $\sigma = 0.115 \pm 0.001$	$\mu = 0.001 \pm 0.00$ $\sigma = 0.760 \pm 0.00$	$\mu = -0.00 \pm 0.001$ $\sigma = 0.115 \pm 0.001$

## 3. Noise in the pixel sensors

- Purity is relatively stable until a noise rate of approximately 40Hz, which is much larger than the highest noise rate seen for the MuPix8 prototypes of 20 Hz



Single event sensitivity (SES) and the corresponding 90% and 95% C.L. upper limits versus data taking days for the phase I Mu3e detector





# Analysis of test beam data and characterization of Mupix chip

## Afaf Wasili & Andrew G.

### Test-beam @ PSI

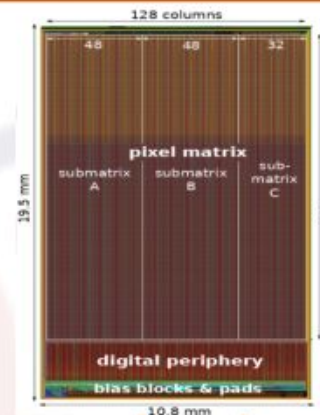
The beam with momentum 270 MeV (pion, electrons, and muons), and electrical current is 1860.10  $\mu$ A at  $\pi$ M1 beam area in PSI

### Setup of MuPix Telescope



2-classical scintillators  
L3 L2 L1 L0 (DUT)

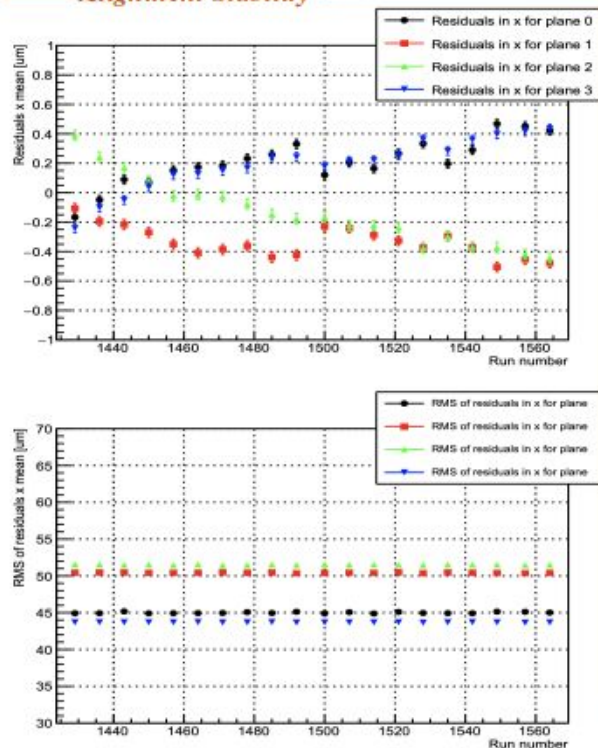
- 3-layers of MuPix8 sensors with DUT layer
- Layer 1 is DUT layer
- 2-classical trigger scintillators
- All PCBs were connected to a HV power supply, and set to -60 V for all MuPix8 measurements



### MuPix8 sensor?

- First large prototype in MuPix group
- Pixels have a size of  $81 \times 80 \mu\text{m}^2$
- Pixels are arrayed in  $128 \times 200$  pixel matrix
- Fast charge collection ( $O(1\text{ns})$ )
- Integrated readout electronics
- Thickness: 100  $\mu\text{m}$

### Alignment Stability

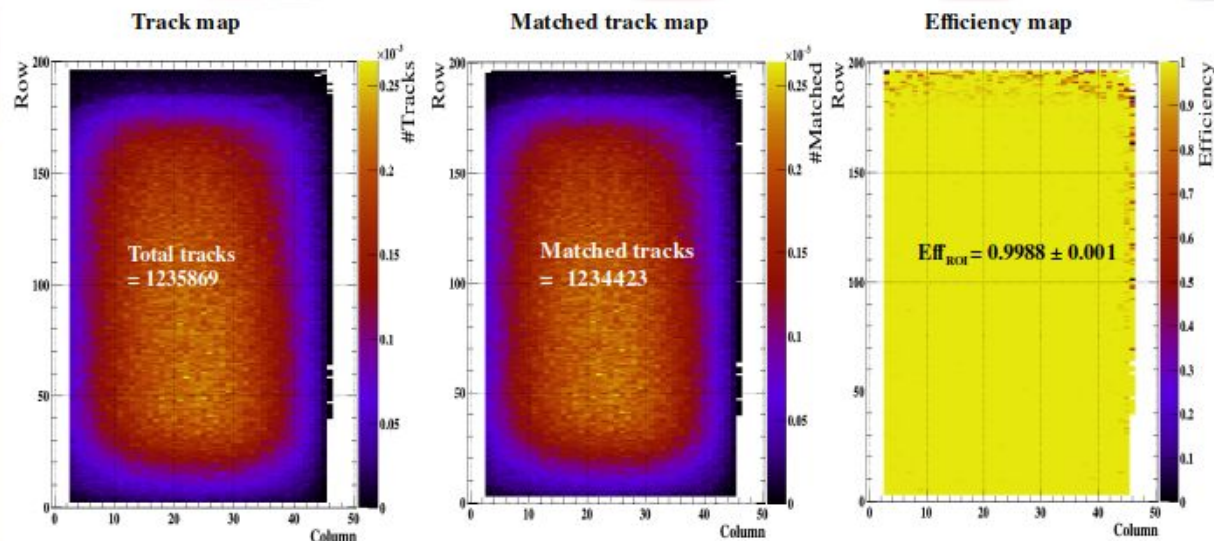


### Efficiency Analysis

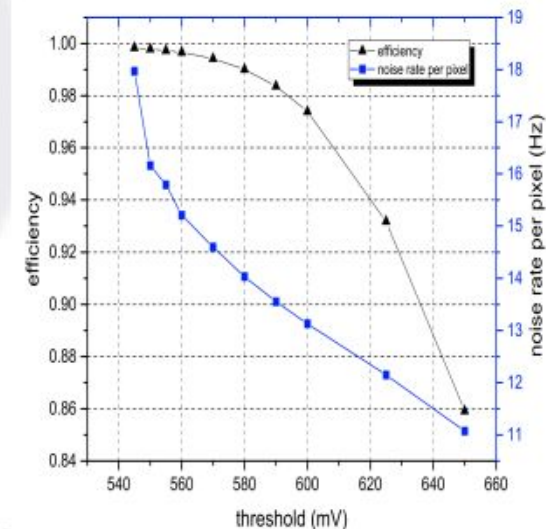
- Efficiency of run 1429 with threshold 545 mV

$$\text{Eff}_{\text{ROI}} = \frac{\text{\#matched tracks}}{\text{\#total tracks}}$$

$$\text{Noise rate per pixel} = \frac{\text{\#hits} - \text{\#matched tracks}}{\text{runtime} \cdot \text{\#pixels}}$$



### Efficiency and Noise Rate per Pixel for Different DAQ Runs

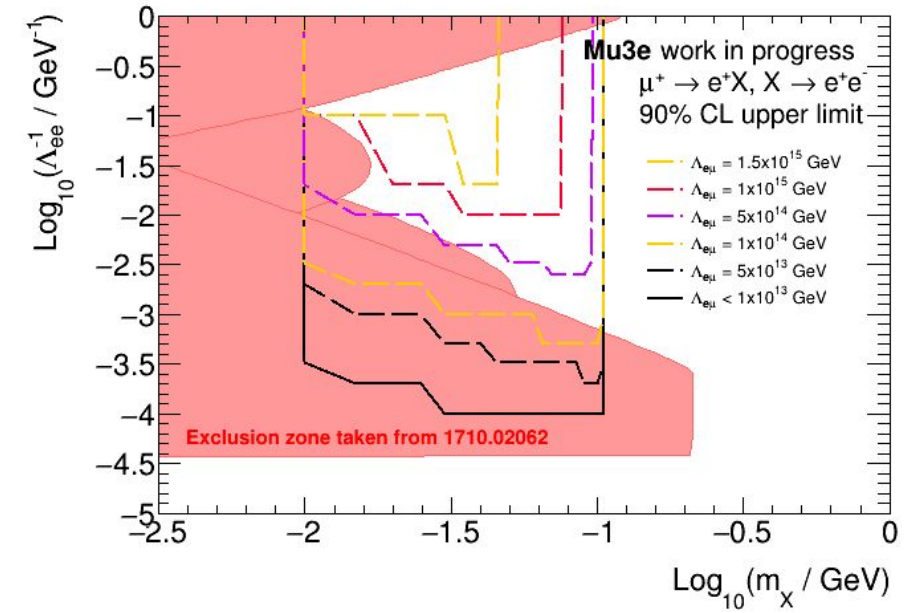
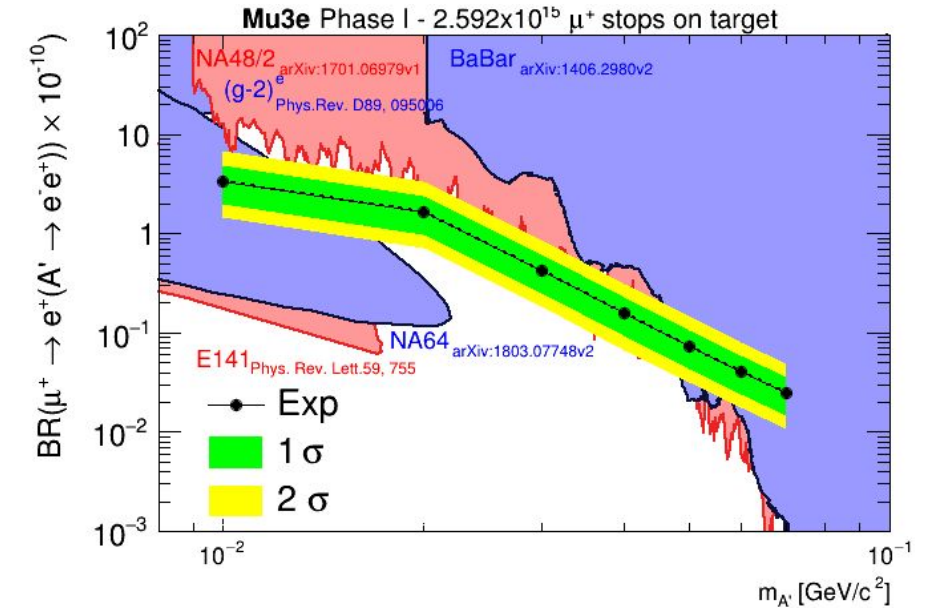
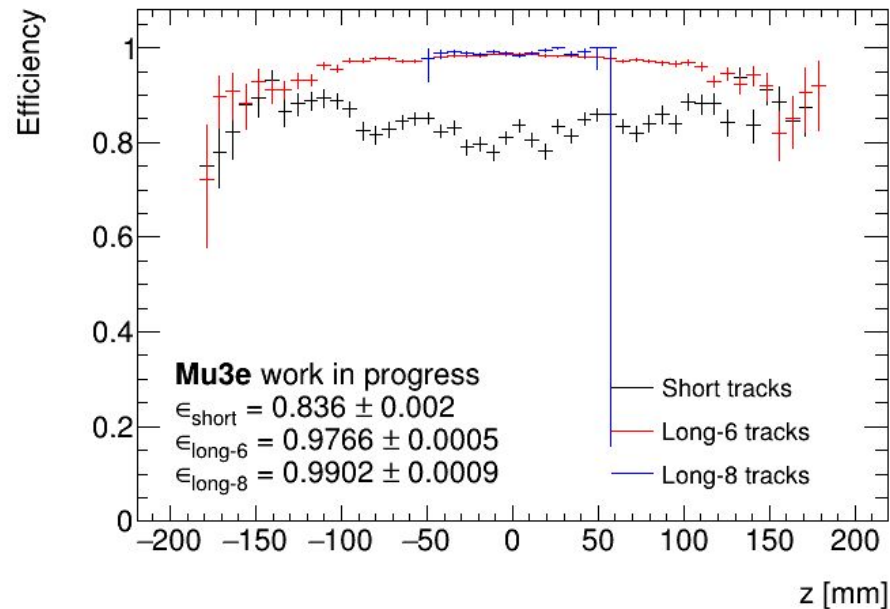




# Sensitivity and performance studies (Sean Hughes)

- Undertaken studies on the performance of the simulated Mu3e detector + improved Mu3e detector geometry
- Sensitivity studies using Mu3e detector to detect:
  - Dark Photons
  - Axion-like particles

Tracking efficiency studies



# Computing activities

- Mu3e is now on the GRID
  - Thanks to lots of work from Andrew Groves
- Virtual Organization is [mu3e.org](http://mu3e.org)
  - Both VO adminds are liverpool staff (N. Rompotis. and C. Chavez)
- We run our jobs in opportunistic mode in UK sites (most of them)
- Recently ran a big MC production for a TDR study
- Official MC production and Data management role within the collaboration (C. Chavez)

# Mu3e Phase II @ HiMB

- HiMB = High intensity Muon Beamline (at PSI)
- [HiMB physics case workshop \(6-9 April 2021\)](#)

Aim sensitivity for (SES) :

Requires :

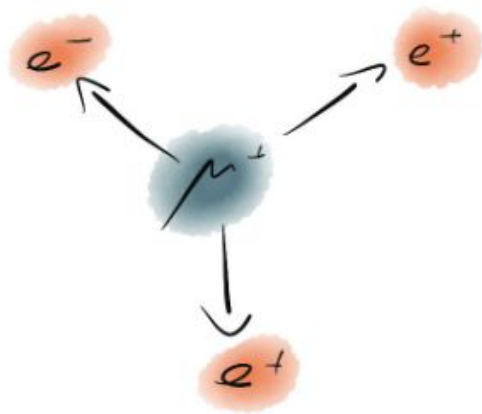
$BR(\mu \rightarrow eee) = 2 \cdot 10^{-15}$	(phase I)	→ <b><math>10^8</math> muons/s (PiE5)</b>	<b>~next 5 years</b>
$BR(\mu \rightarrow eee) < 10^{-16}$	(phase II)	→ <b><math>&gt;10^9</math> muons/s (HiMB)</b>	<b>R&amp;D</b>

- Ongoing work towards higher muon rates : **20 x higher rate**
  - Final focus of beam, beam size, redesign of stopping target
- Detector design change required :
  - Faster detectors, larger detector modules (acceptance), larger readout bandwidth



THANKS

## The signal



- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-\bar{\nu}$   
three particles need large acceptance
- Two positrons, one electron  
need clear charge ID
- From same vertex  
needs precise vertexing
- Same time  
needs good timing measurement
- $\sum p_e = m_\mu$   
needs good momentum measurement
- Maximum momentum:  $\frac{1}{2} m_\mu = 53 \text{ MeV}/c$   
Everything is multiple scattering dominated; get rid of as much material as possible

## Internal conversion background

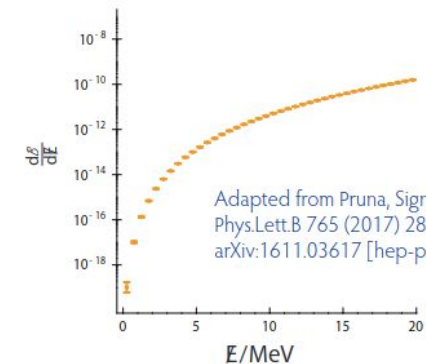


- Need excellent momentum resolution
- Close to the endpoint: BF drops as 6<sup>th</sup> power of the 3-particle invariant mass

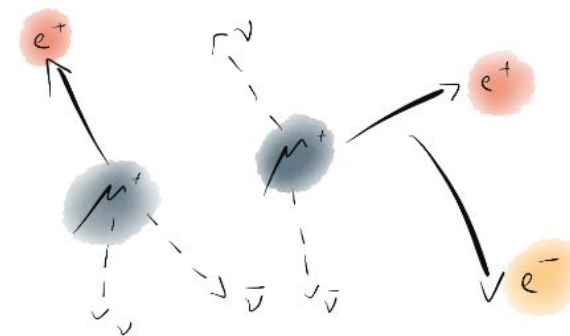
- Allowed radiative decay with internal conversion:

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+\bar{\nu}$$

- Only distinguishing feature:  
Missing momentum carried by neutrinos



## Accidental Background



- Electron plus Michel positron

- 2+1:  
Bhabha scattering + Michel  
Photon conversion + Michel  
Internal conversion + Michel

- 1+1+1:  
Electron from above + 2 Michel  
Compton electron + 2 Michel

- Need very good timing, vertex and momentum resolution
- Scales unpleasantly with rate

# Phase I Sensitivity

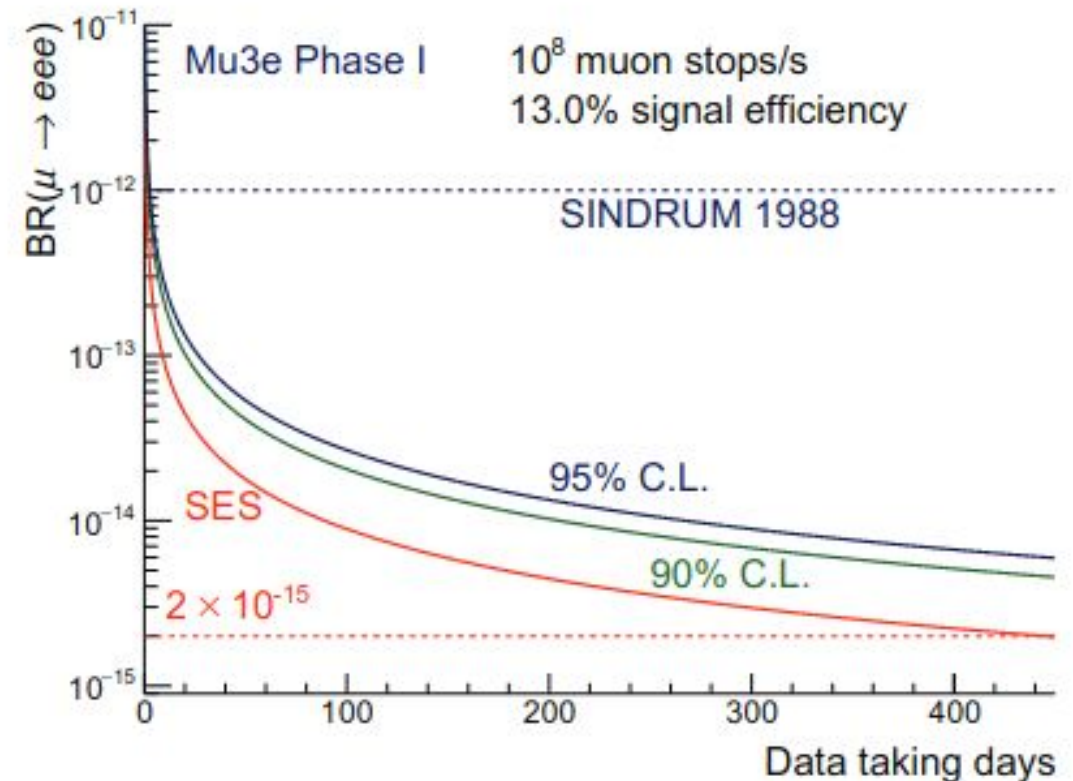
Then the single event sensitivity is just

$$SES = \frac{1}{\epsilon R t}$$

with  $\epsilon$  the efficiency,  $R$  the rate and  $t$  the run time

$10^8$   $\mu$ -stops/s optimistic for  $\pi E5$

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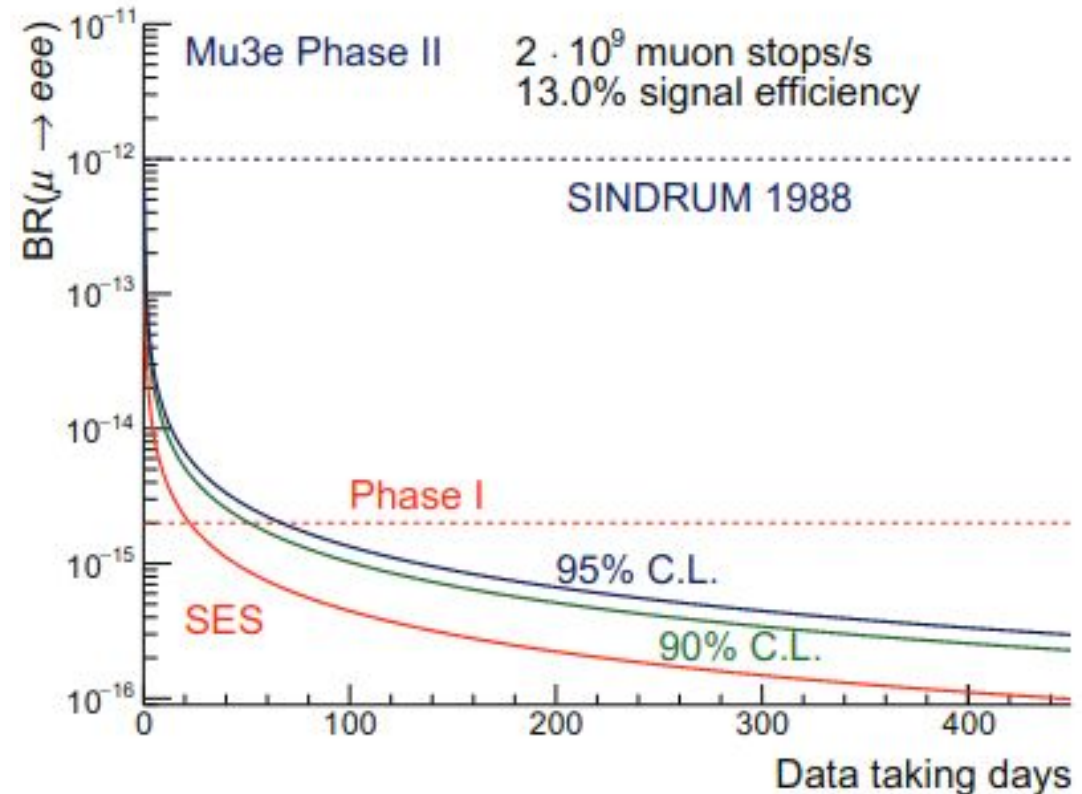
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- Mu3e@HiMB:  $2 \cdot 10^9$   $\mu$ -stops/s
- Assume same efficiency:  
better acceptance, tighter cuts
- Phase I sensitivity in a month  
SES of  $10^{-16}$  in  $\sim 450$  days



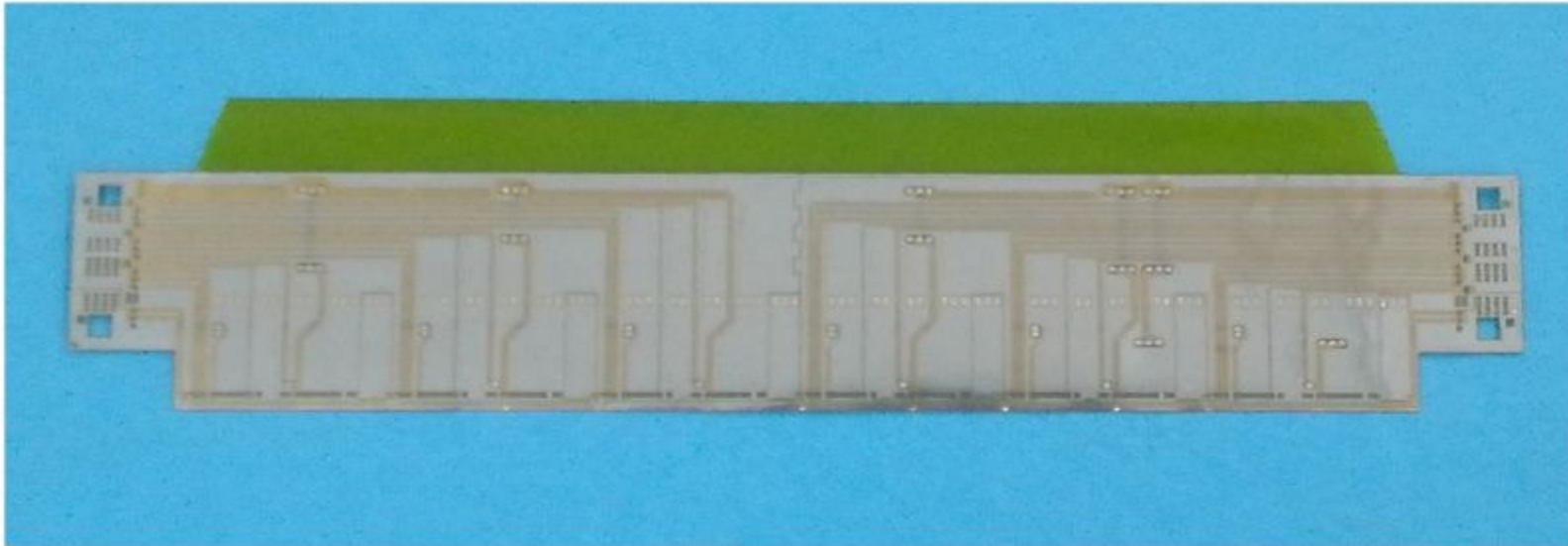


# Ladder update

6-chip Mupix10 HDIs shipped from LTU

Currently at custom (DHL delays). Expected soon.

18-chip Mupix10 HDIs design under development.



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