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*The TRIUMF Particle Physics Local Program*

# A Selection: from TWIST & PIENU to UCN

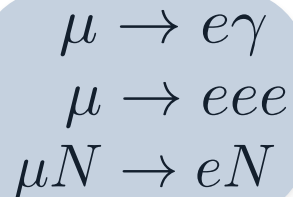
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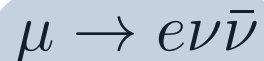


- Muons & Pions

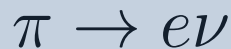
- Muon to Electron Conversion



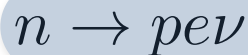
- The Muon Decay



- The Pion Decay



- The Future with Neutrons



1935: H. Yukawa predicts a new particle



1936: Discovery of the Muon

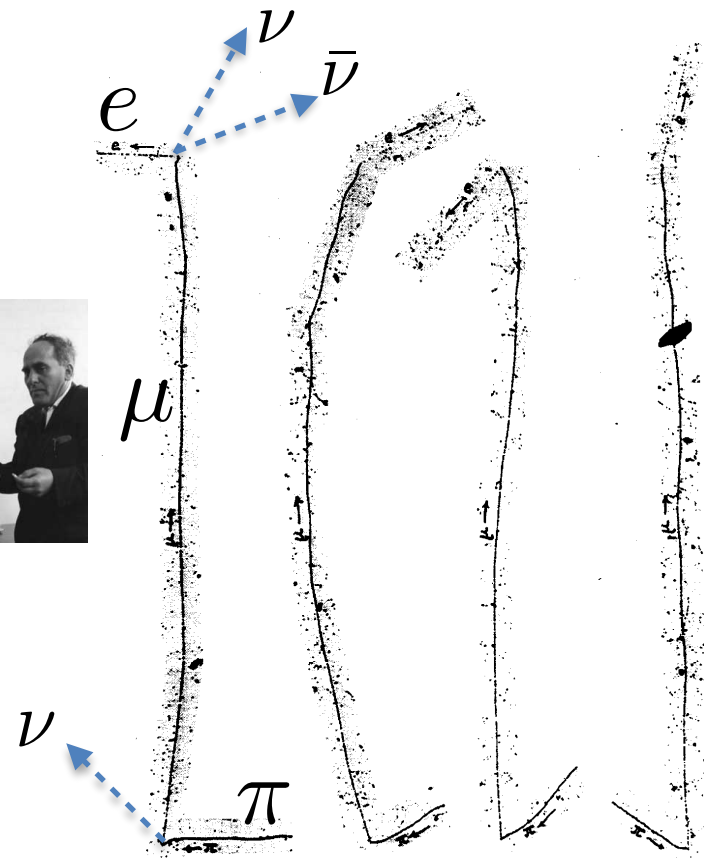
1947: C. Powell and collaborators discover the Pion  
 M.Lattes, H.Muirhead, G.Occhialini, C.Powell:  
 Nature, 159:694-697 (1947)



1949: H.Yukawa awarded the Nobel Prize.

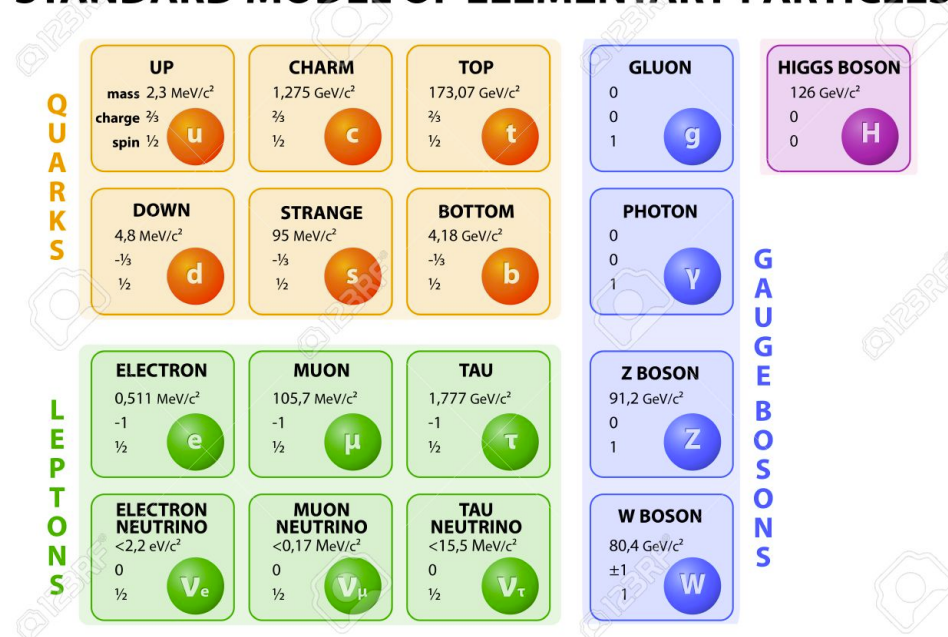


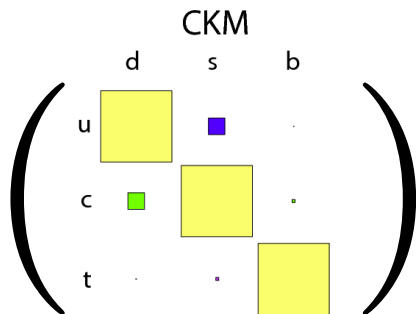
1950: C. Powell awarded the Nobel Prize



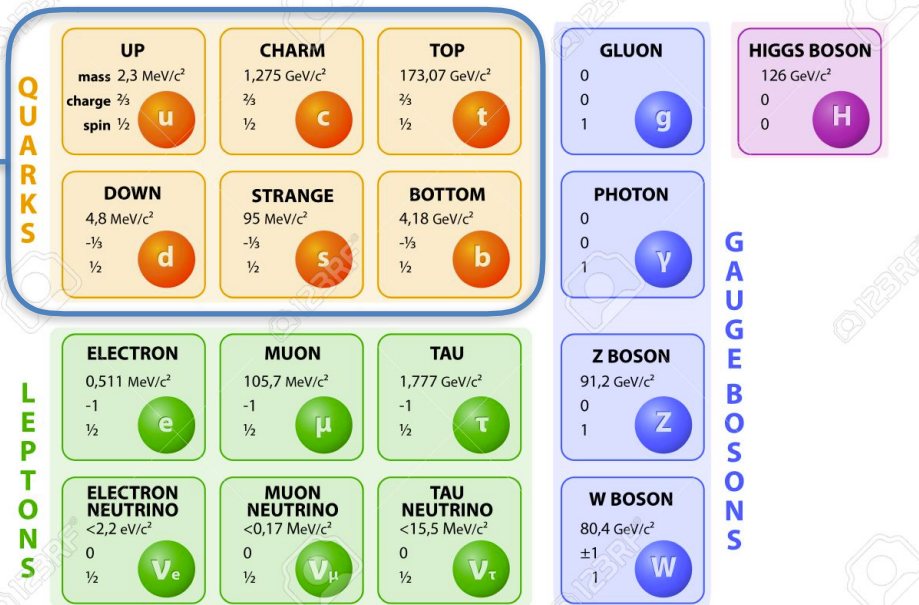
Original tracks in Powell's Experiment

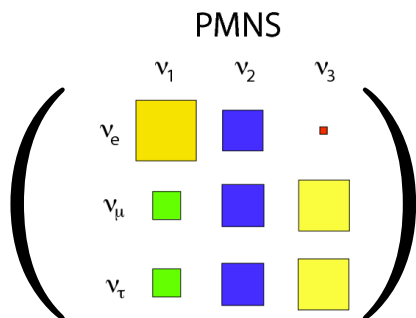
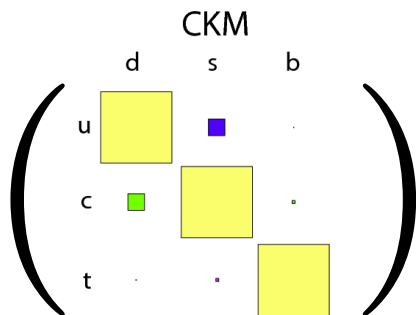
## STANDARD MODEL OF ELEMENTARY PARTICLES



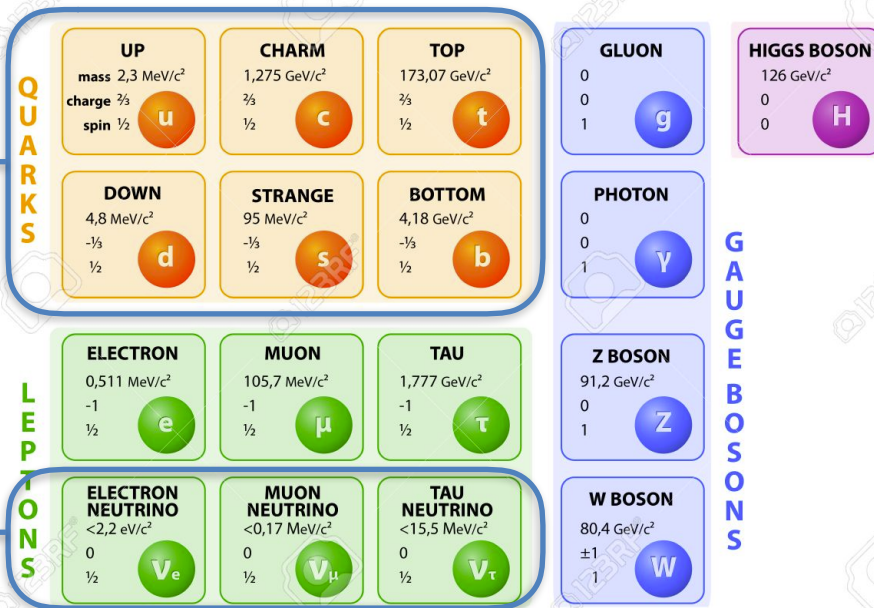


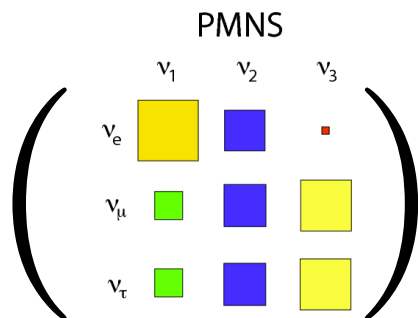
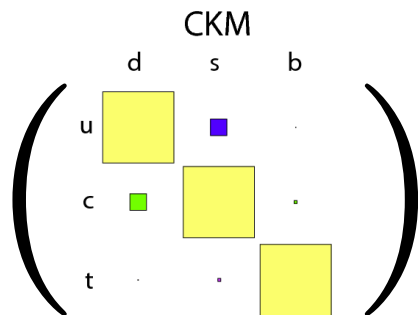
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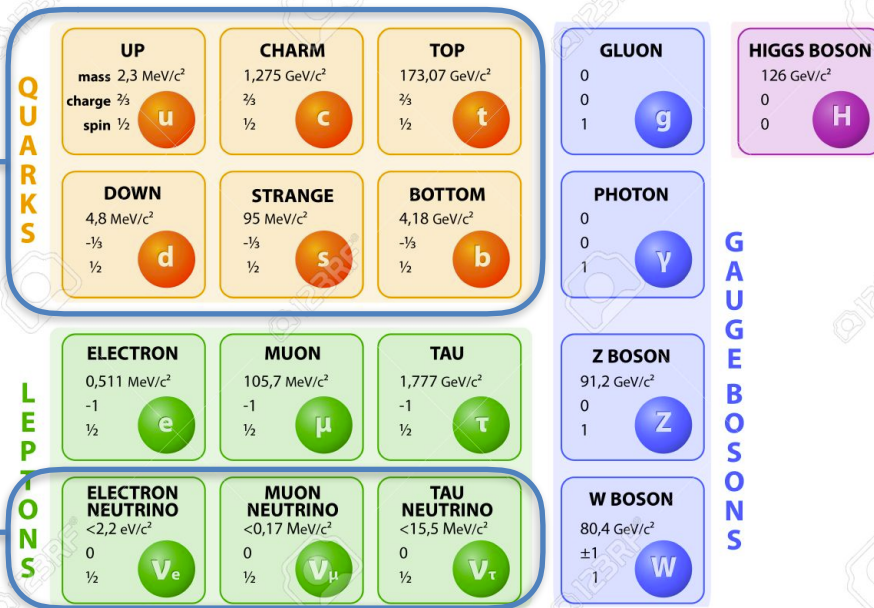


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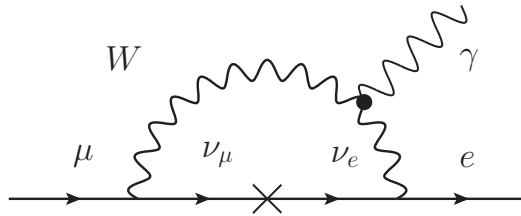




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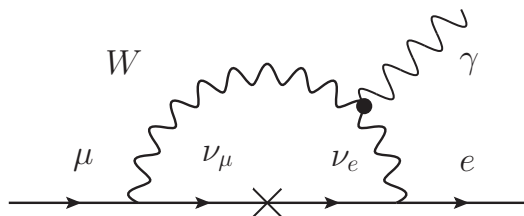
## Standard Model



$$\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=2,3} U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{\Delta m_{i1}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 \sim 10^{-55}$$

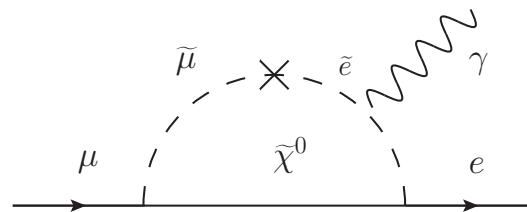


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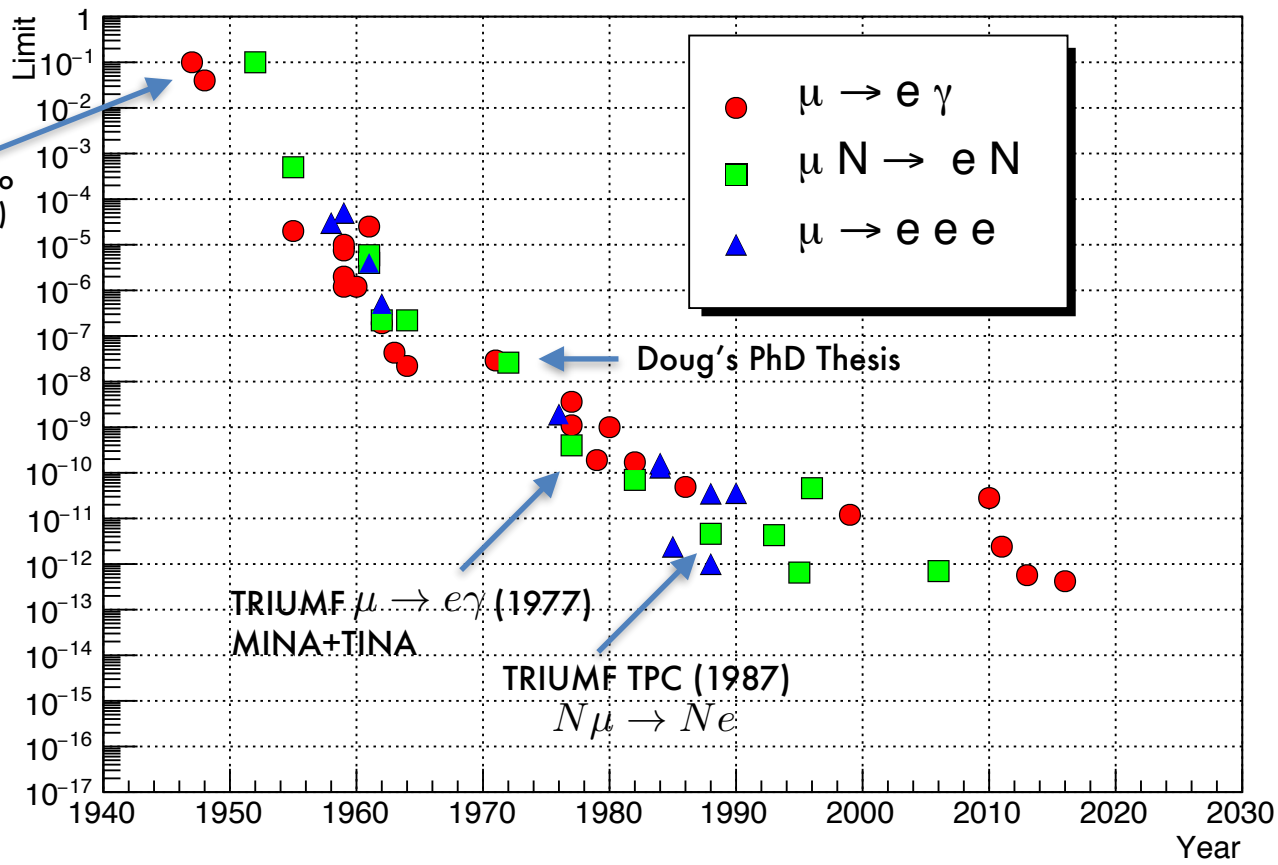


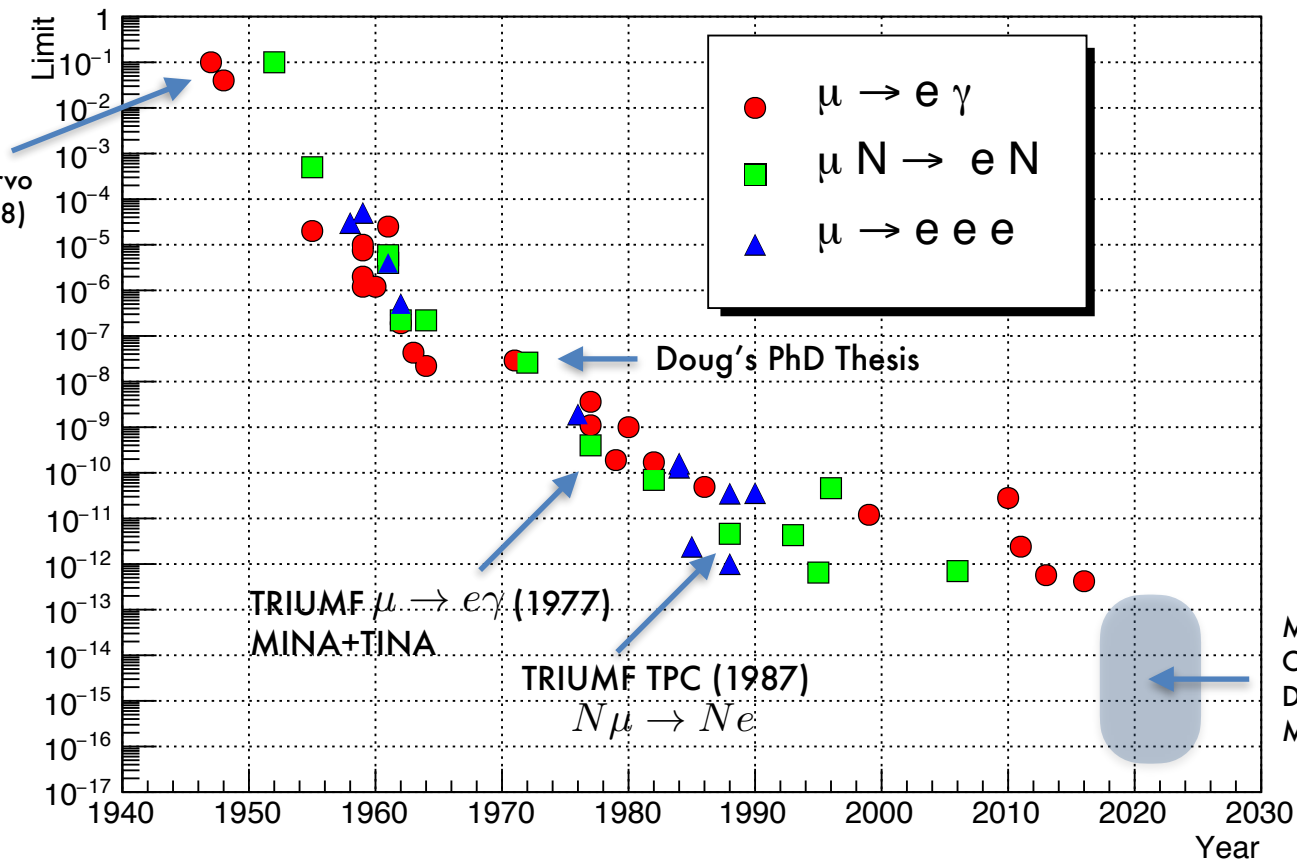
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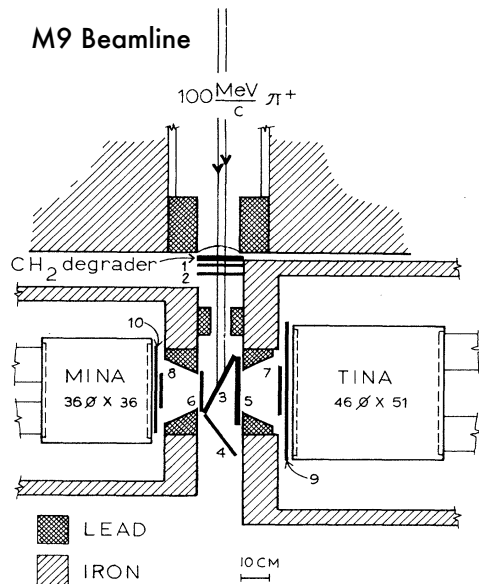
## BSM (e.g. SUSY)



Mode	Branching ratio	C.L.
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$	$\approx 100\%$	
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu \gamma$	$1.4 \pm 0.4\%$	
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu e^+ e^-$	$3.4 \pm 0.4 \times 10^{-5}$	
$e^- \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$< 1.2\%$	90%
$e^+ \gamma$	$< 5.7 \times 10^{-13}$	90%
$e^- e^+ e^-$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$	90%
$e^- 2\gamma$	$< 7.2 \times 10^{-11}$	90%







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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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## New Limit on the Decay $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$

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(Received 16 August 1977)

Using two large NaI detectors, a limit on the branching ratio for the  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$  decay has been found to be  $R_{\mu e \gamma} = \Gamma(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) / \Gamma(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu) < 3.6 \times 10^{-9}$  at a 90% confidence level.

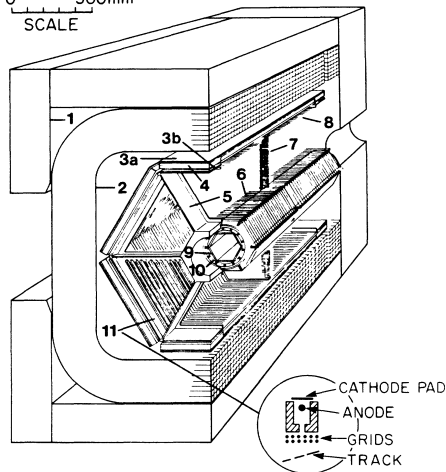
$$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$$

$$R_{\mu e \gamma} < 3.6 \times 10^{-9}$$

## Fast response from TRIUMF to rumours from SIN (now PSI) about LFV

## M9 Beamline

0 500mm  
SCALE



PHYSICAL REVIEW D

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1 OCTOBER 1988

$$N\mu \rightarrow Ne$$

### Search for muon-electron and muon-positron conversion

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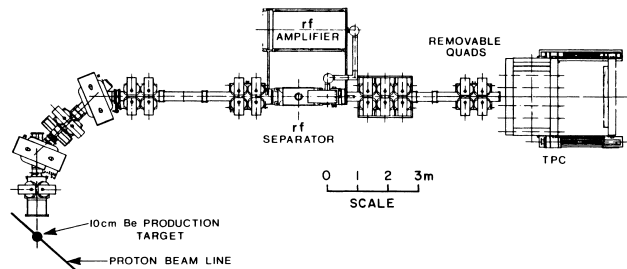
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(Received 3 May 1988)

Limits on the lepton-flavor-violating reactions  $\mu^- + Z \rightarrow e^- + Z$  and  $\mu^- + Z \rightarrow e^+ + (Z - 2)$ , muon-electron and muon-positron conversion, have been obtained from a search performed at TRIUMF using a time-projection chamber. Upper limits (90% C.L.) for the branching ratios compared to ordinary muon capture for a titanium target are  $R_-(\text{Ti}) = \Gamma(\mu^- \text{Ti} \rightarrow e^- \text{Ti}) / \Gamma(\mu^- \text{Ti capture}) < 4.6 \times 10^{-12}$  and  $R_+(\text{Ti}) = \Gamma(\mu^- \text{Ti} \rightarrow e^+ \text{Ca}^*) / \Gamma(\mu^- \text{Ti capture}) < 1.7 \times 10^{-10}$ . A smaller data set obtained using a lead target yielded  $R_-(\text{Pb}) < 4.9 \times 10^{-10}$ . The implications of these results for extensions of the standard model which allow lepton-flavor violation are discussed.

$$R_-(\text{Pb}) = \frac{\Gamma(\mu^- + \text{Pb} \rightarrow e^- + \text{Pb})}{\Gamma(\mu^- \text{Pb capture})} < 3.9 \left[ f_c \sum_i (f_s N_{LT} A)_i \right]^{-1} = 4.9 \times 10^{-10}$$

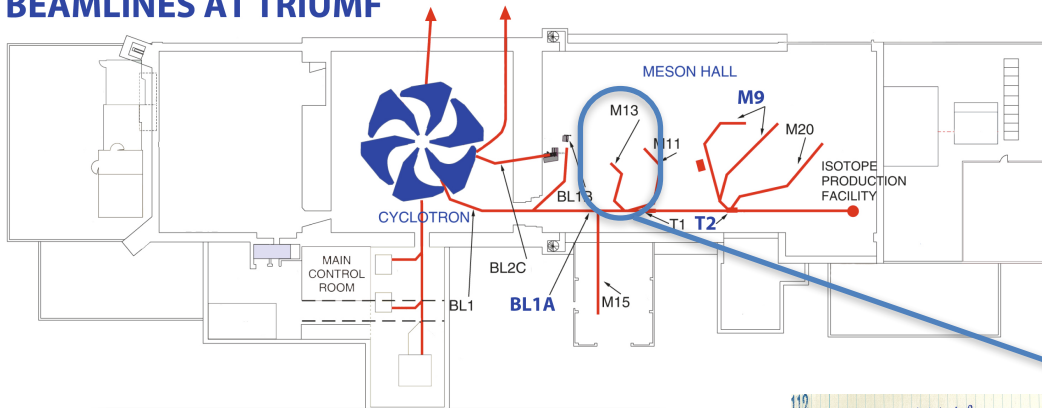


## Electron-muon conversion experiment with TPC.

### Believed to be the first experiment ever collecting data with a TPC (newly invented by D.R. Nygren)!

# Experiments at the M13 Beamline

## BEAMLINES AT TRIUMF



COMMISSIONING OF A NEW LOW ENERGY  $\pi^-p$  CHANNEL AT TRIUMF

Nucl. Instr. Meth. 179-1, 95-103 (1981)

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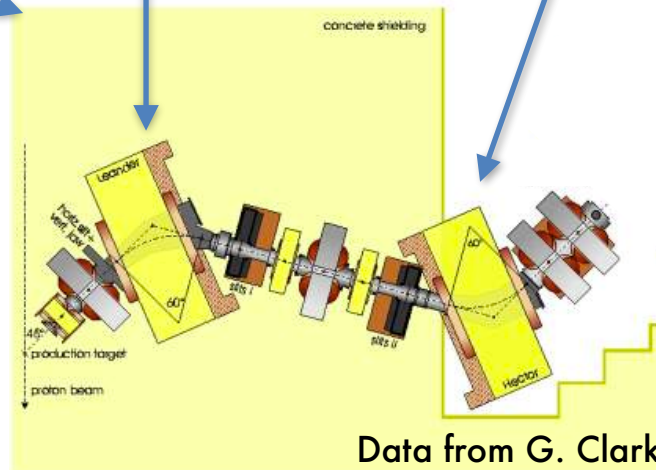
- Survey grid was same as used for flip coils.  
- TTY output is in "Dipole Meas. RB. #3"  
- IBM output is in "DIPOLES 1977"

110 APR 4, 1978  
T-I Curve for Leander Jan 4/78  
They could not in series parallel configuration.

I (amps)	NMR (G)	OP VOLTS
100	1.0683	6.814
150	1.5996	10.13
200	2.1046	13.23
250	2.6635	16.33
300	3.2094	19.84
350	3.7383	23.14
400	4.2724	26.47
450	4.8088	29.81
500	5.3429	33.17
550	5.8948	36.52
600	6.3868	39.82
650	6.9341	43.31
700	7.4416	46.60
750	7.9111	49.55

"Leander"  
LRL Berkeley  
0.64 T  
300A max  
1.3x2.5x1.3m  
22 tons  
Gap: 7.65"  
45deg bend

"Hector"  
LRL Berkeley  
0.74 T  
350A max  
1.2x2.4x1.1m  
17.2 tons  
Gap: 7.65"  
45deg bend



Data from G. Clark

# TWIST





Louis Michel  
(1923-1999)

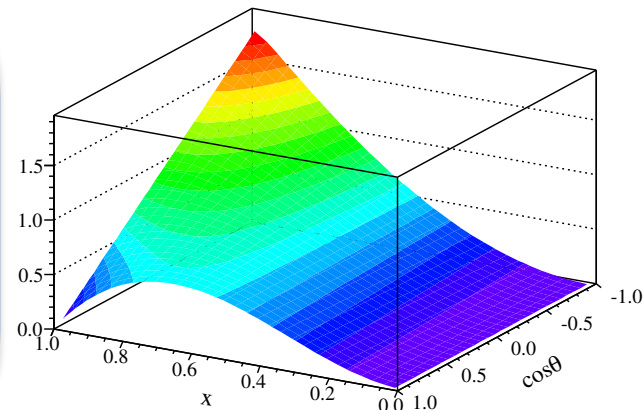
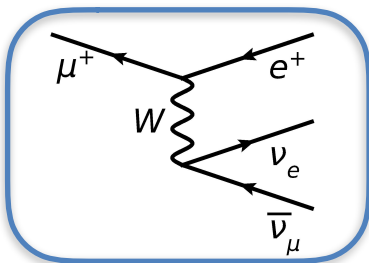
## The Michel Decay

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dx d\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{4} m_\mu W_{\mu e}^4 G_F^2 \sqrt{x^2 - x_0^2} \cdot \{ \mathcal{F}_{IS}(x, \rho, \eta) + \mathcal{P}_\mu \cos\theta \cdot \mathcal{F}_{AS}(x, \xi, \delta) \} + R.C.$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{IS}(x, \rho, \eta) = x(1-x) + \frac{2}{9} \rho (4x^2 - 3x - x_0^2) + \eta x_0 (1-x)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{AS}(x, \xi, \delta) = \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{x^2 - x_0^2} \left[ \xi \{1-x\} + \frac{2}{3} \xi \delta \{4x - 3 + (\sqrt{1-x_0^2} - 1)\} \right]$$

$$W_{\mu e} = \frac{m_\mu^2 + m_e^2}{2m_\mu}, \quad x = \frac{E_e}{W_{\mu e}}, \quad x_0 = \frac{m_e}{W_{\mu e}}.$$



## Standard Model Prediction

$$\rho = \frac{3}{4}, \quad \eta = 0, \quad \xi = 1, \quad \delta = \frac{3}{4}$$

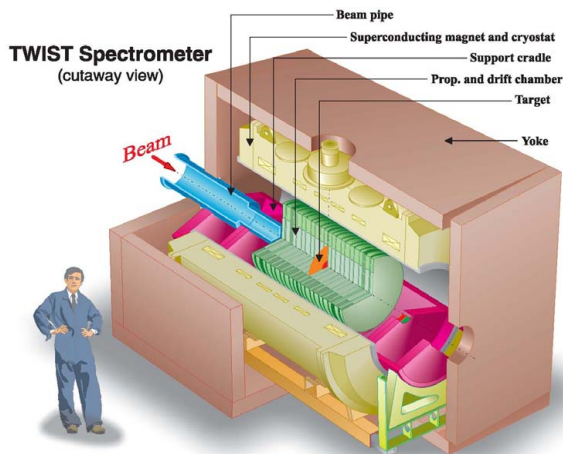
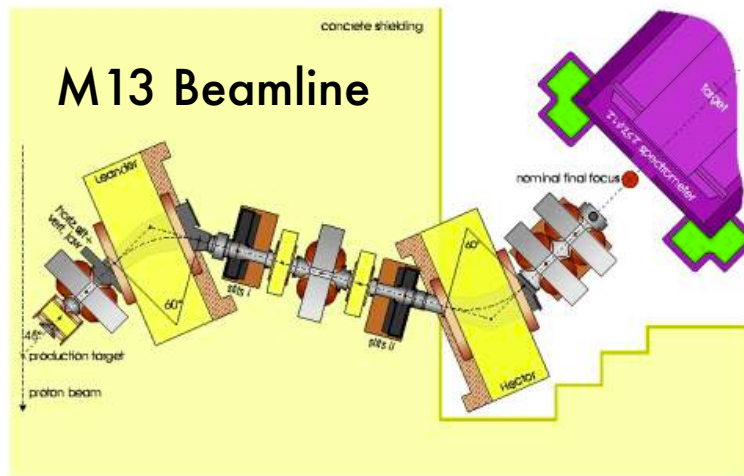
$$P_\mu^\pi \xi = 1$$

- L. Michel, Proc. Phys. Soc. A63:514 (1950).
- C. Bouchiat, L. Michel, Phys. Rev. 106(1):170-172 (1957).
- T. Kinoshita, A. Sirlin, Phys. Rev. 107(2):593-599 (1957).
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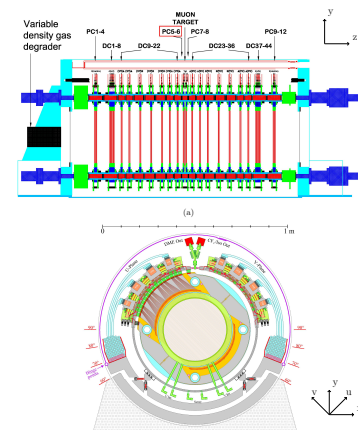
## *TWIST* (E614)

### TRIUMF Weak Interaction Symmetry Test

A high precision measurement of the decay distribution of polarized muons.



Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A548 (2005) 306-335

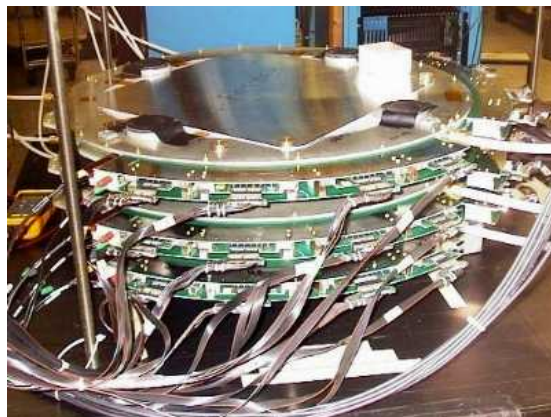


## Support Cradle

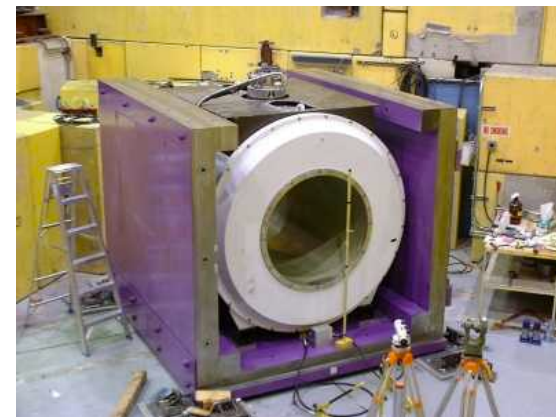


W. Faszler

## Planar Wire Chambers (44 DC + 12 PC)



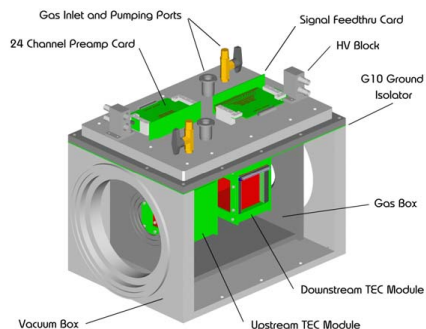
## MRI Magnet (2T)



## Time Expansion Chambers



G. Sheffer (1952-2016)



## DETECTOR

2T field (0.5g precision)

44 Drift Chambers + 12 Prop. Chambers

2 TECs for beam monitoring

Al / Ag muon stopping foil + var. density gas degrader

## ANALYSIS

$10^{10}$  muon decays in 14 datasets analyzed.

**Strategy:** Compare well tested MC to data → extract mu decay parameters  
**BLIND ANALYSIS** (MC used hidden parameters with encryption key)



**(First ) Attempt to retrieve the CD  
with blind-analysis keys.**



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..ehm..



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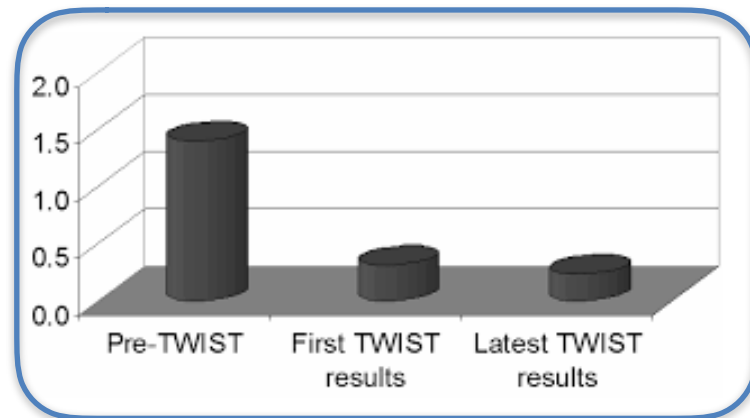


..ehm..



...found!

## The TWIST Collaboration



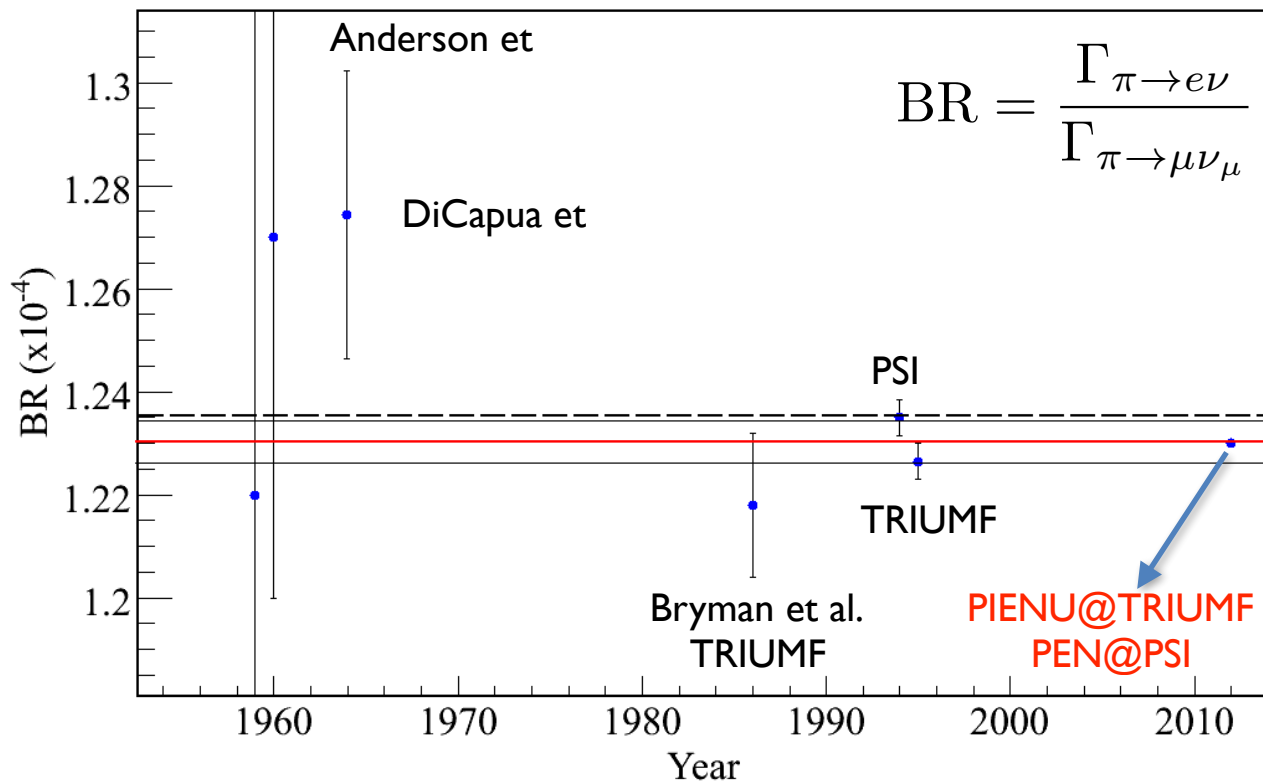
PDG 2003	
$\rho$	$0.7518 \pm 0.0026$
$\delta$	$0.7486 \pm 0.0038$
$P_\mu \xi$	$1.0027 \pm 0.0085$
$P_\mu \xi \delta / \rho$	$0.99787 \pm 0.00082$

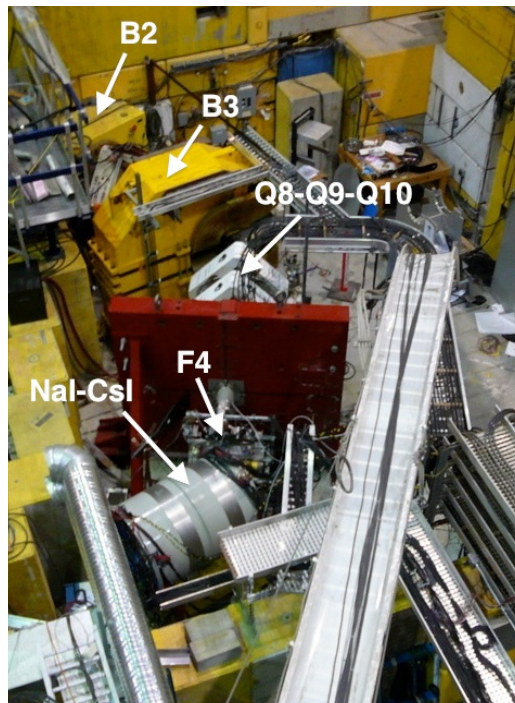
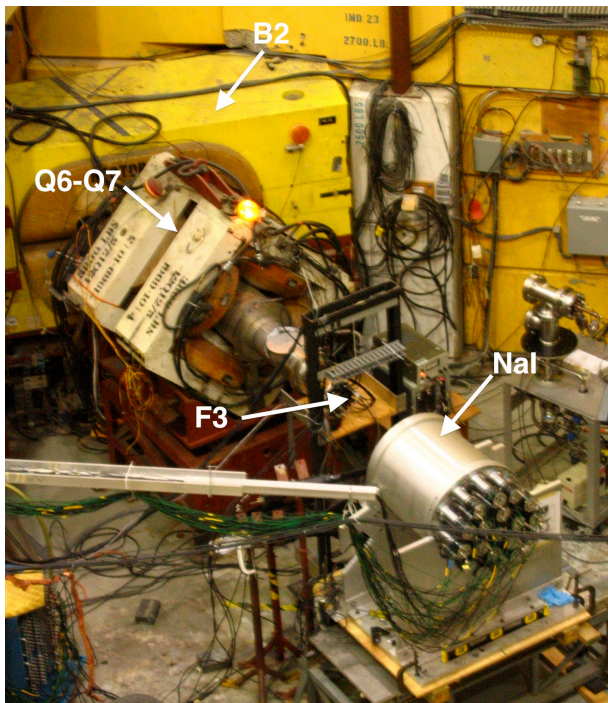


TWIST (final results)	
$\rho$	$0.74997 \pm 0.00012(\text{st.}) \pm 0.00023(\text{sys.})$
$\delta$	$0.75049 \pm 0.00021(\text{st.}) \pm 0.00027(\text{sys.})$
$P_\mu^\pi \xi$	$1.00084 \pm 0.00029(\text{st.})^{+0.00165}_{-0.00063}(\text{sys.})$
$P_\mu^\pi \xi \delta / \rho$	$1.00179 \pm^{+0.00156}_{-0.00063}$

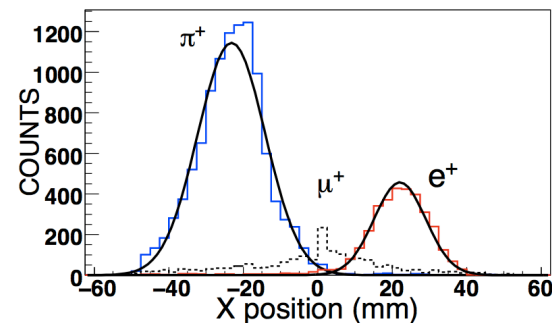
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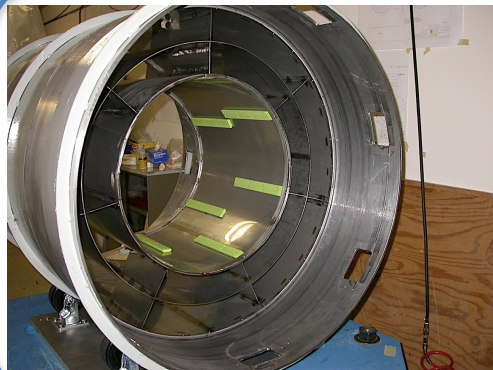






- 3-Dipoles Beamline
- 10 Quadrupoles
- Separation:
  - Energy-loss
  - Collimator
- Positron
- Contamination <1%
- $dp/p \sim 1.5\%$  FWHM

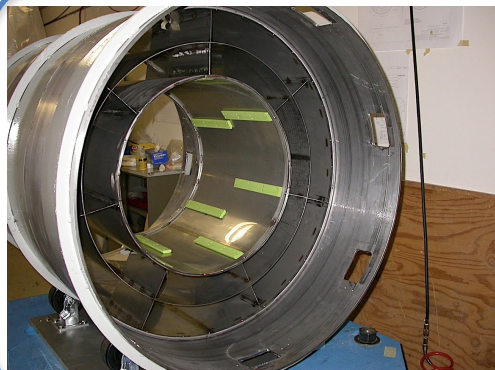




NaI+CsI Steel Frame



NaI Crystal "BiNa"



NaI+CsI Steel Frame



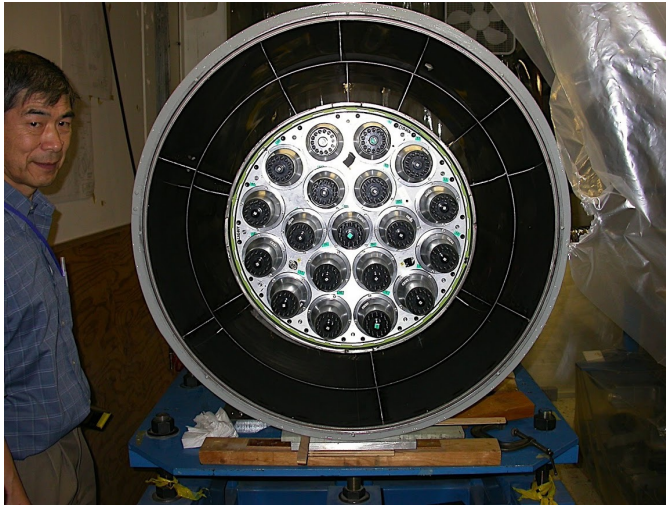
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C. Lim





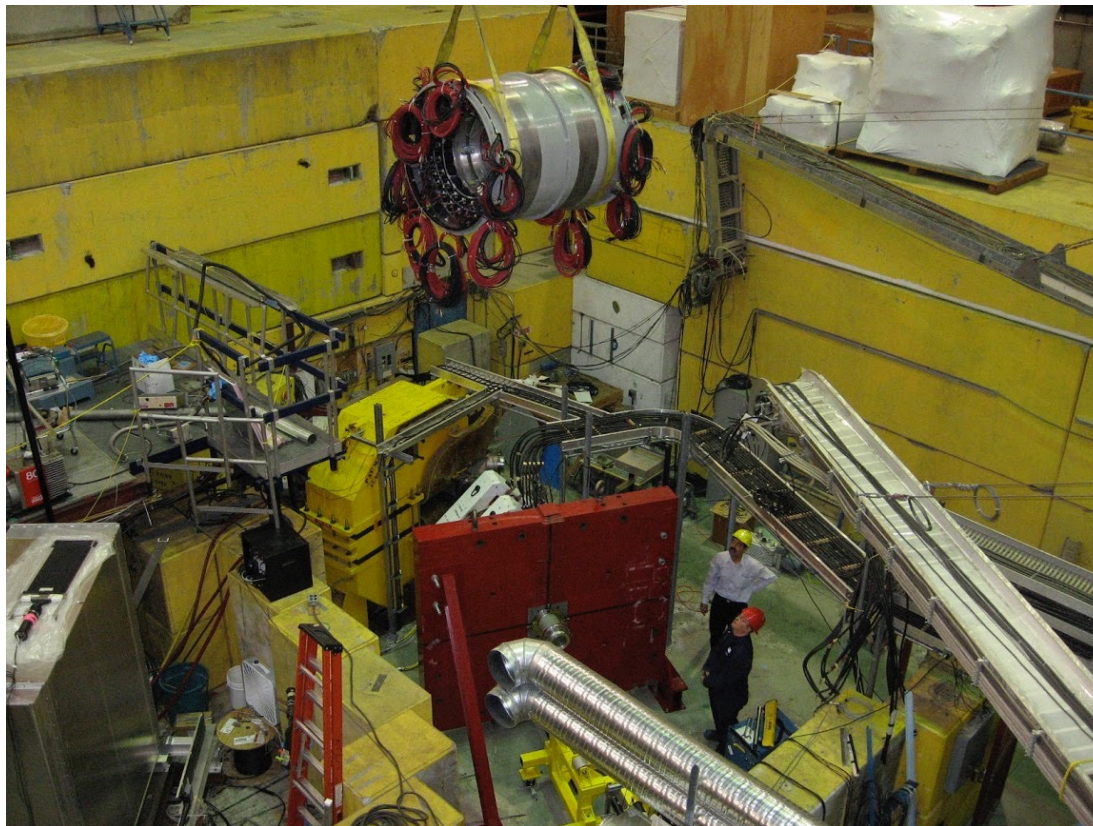
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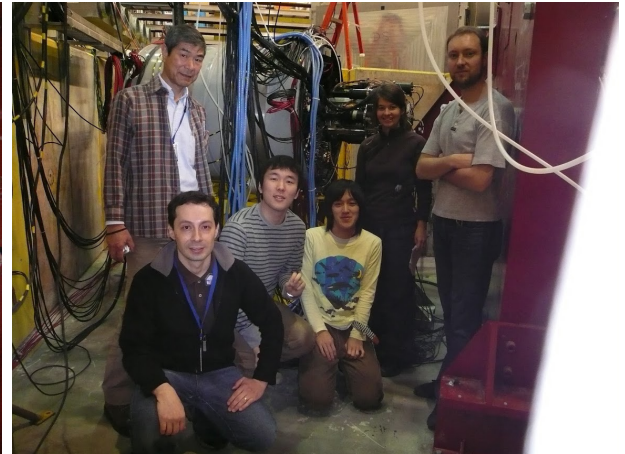


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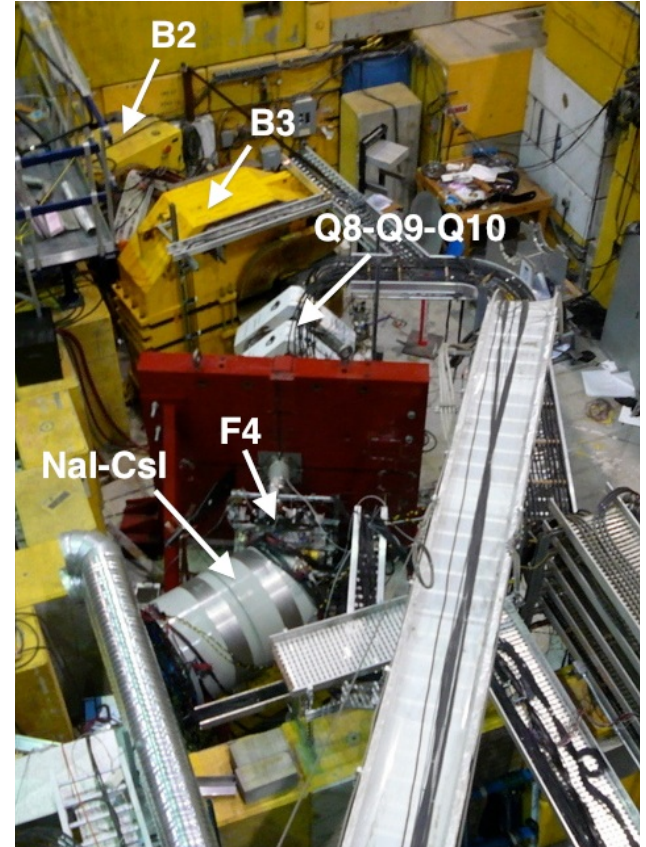
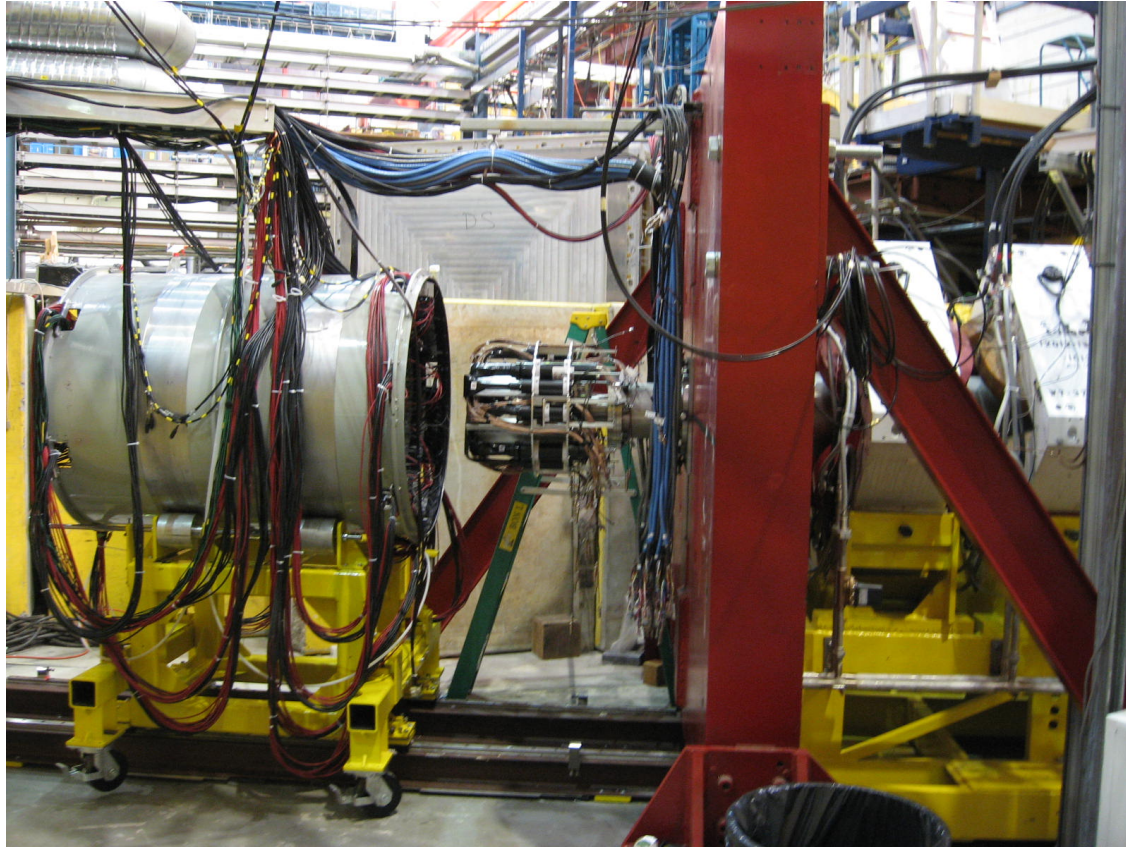
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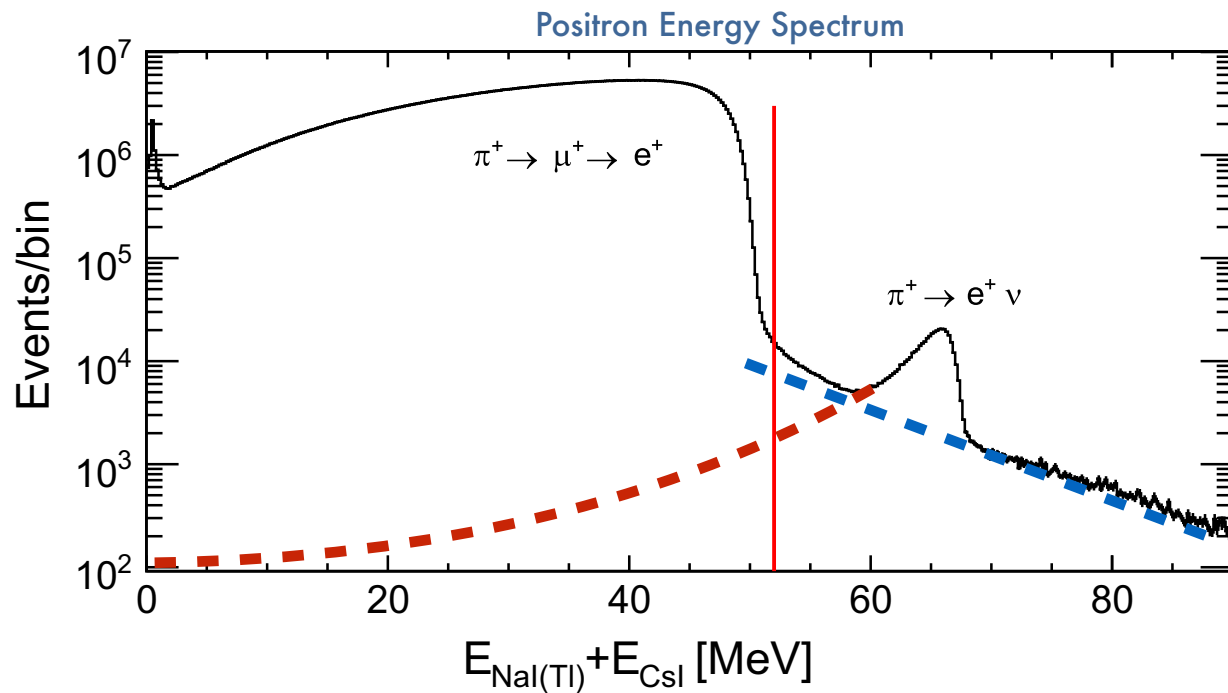




N. Khan

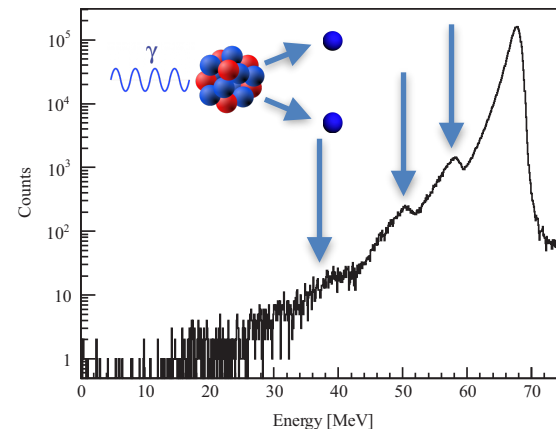






- Pileup
- Low Energy Tail

### Calorimeter Response to a Positron Beam



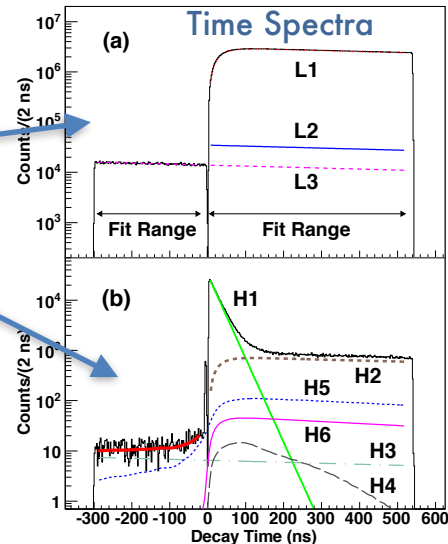
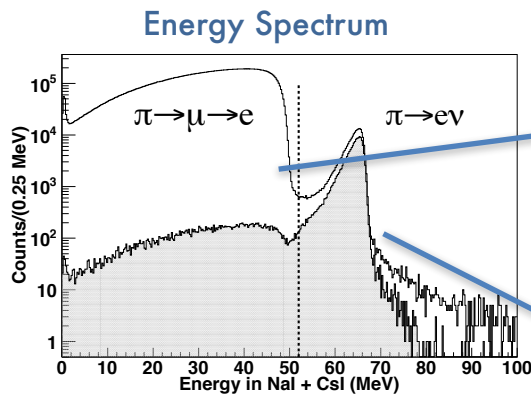
## A. Aguilar-Arevalo et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 071801

### Improved measurement of the $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$ branching ratio

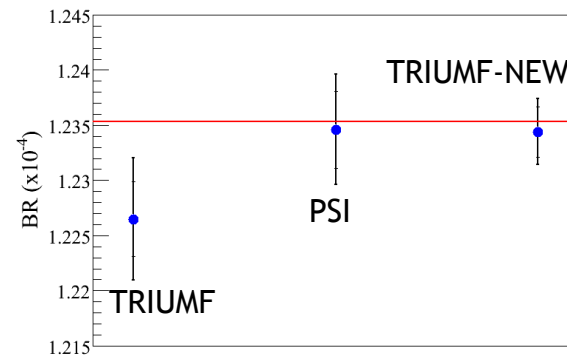
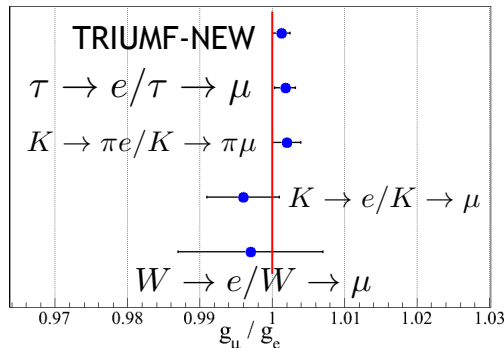
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	Values	Uncertainties	
		Stat	Syst
$R_{e/\mu}^{Raw} (10^{-4})$	1.1972	0.0022	0.0005
$\pi, \mu$ lifetimes			0.0001
Other parameters			0.0003
Excluded components			0.0005
Corrections			
Acceptance	0.9991		0.0003
Low-energy tail	1.0316		0.0012
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### Best test of $e/\mu$ Universality



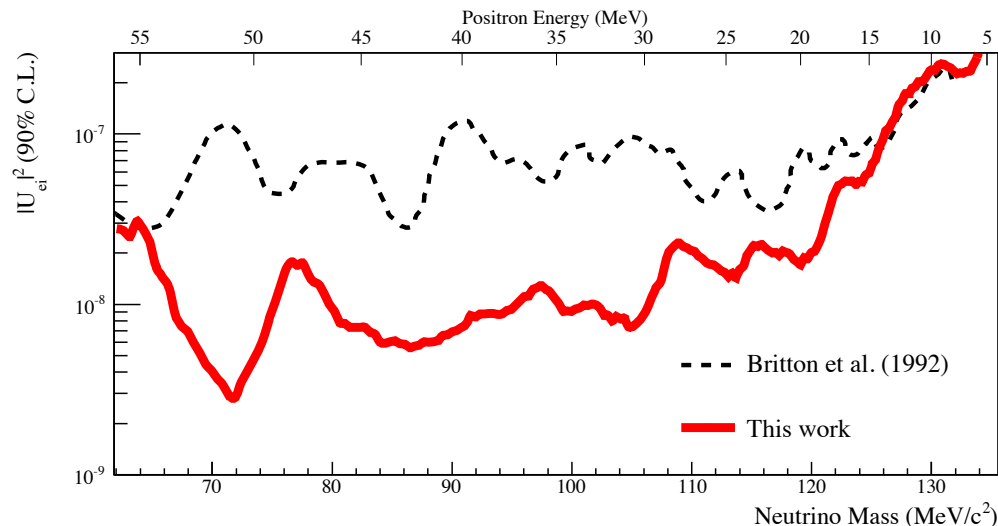
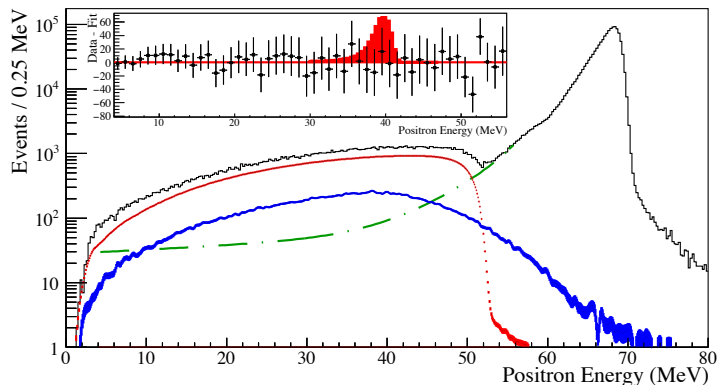
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## Improved search for heavy neutrinos in the decay $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$

As established conclusively in recent years, standard model neutrinos have mass. Additional heavy neutrino states, such as sterile neutrinos, are required in many models of neutrino masses. PIENU, via a novel use of the positron decay mode of the pion, has set new limits on these massive states.

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- Best limit in the  $\sim 100 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  mass range
- Relevant for dark matter / cosmology models
- Matches neutrino less beta decay limits
- No assumption on neutrino nature (Dirac/Majorana)

# Ultra-Cold Neutrons

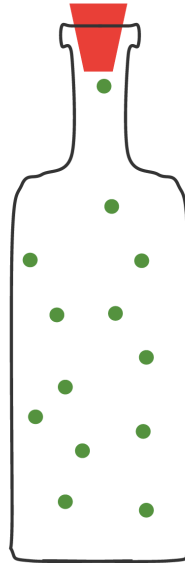
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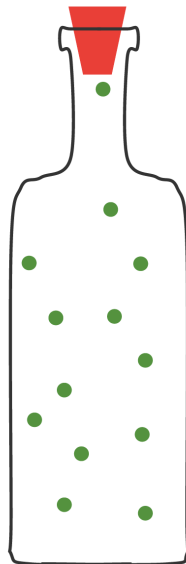
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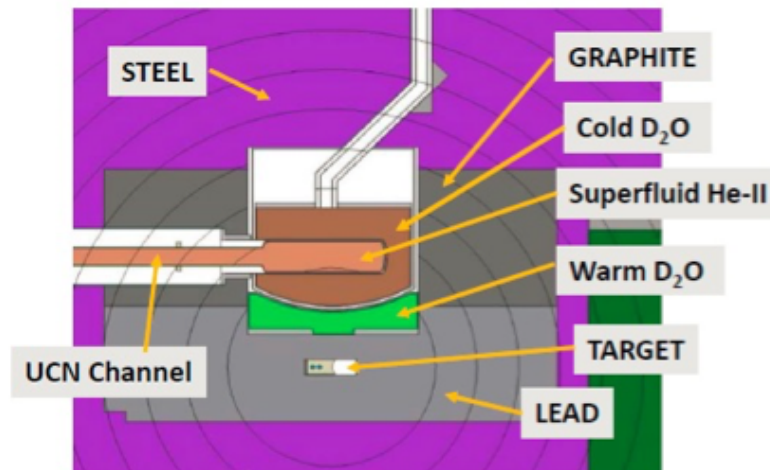


**Aim:**

Operate the world's strongest intensity UCN source.

**Technique:**

Spallation target + superfluid LHe converter



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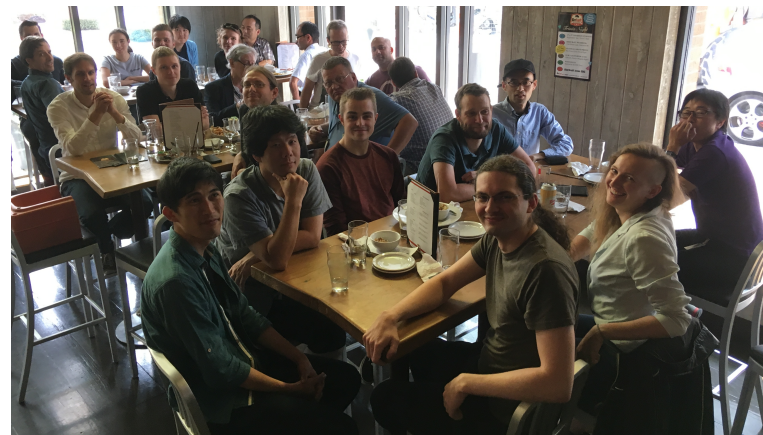
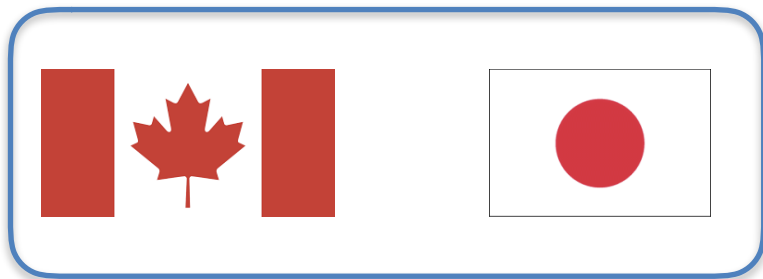
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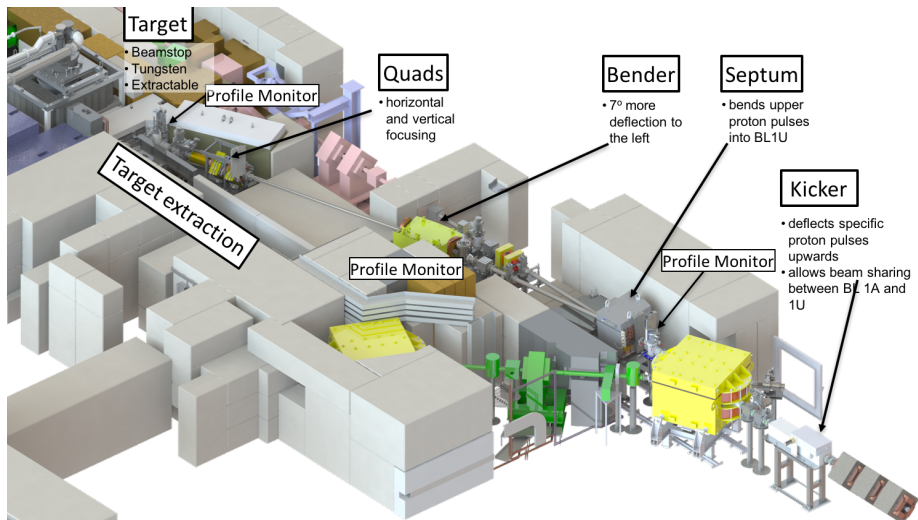
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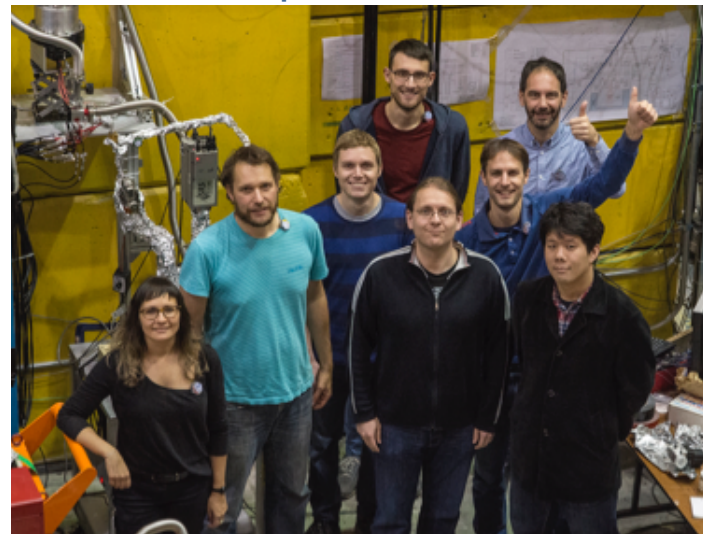
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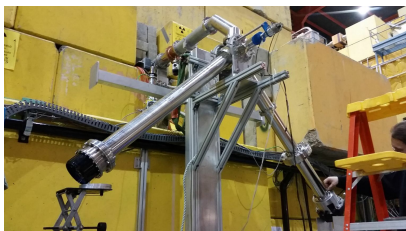
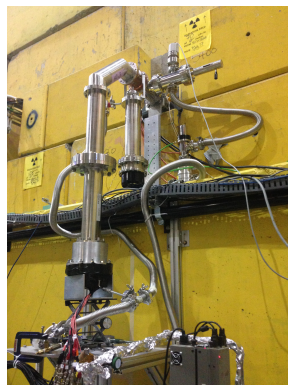




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