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# HV-CMOS Sensors for the Mu3e Experiment searching for Lepton-Flavor Violation

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### Physics beyond the Standard Model of particle physics?

- Lepton flavor is conserved in Standard Model
- The decay channel  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$  is only possible due to neutrino oscillations, with very small branching ratio (<10<sup>-50</sup>). This is not observable.
- Any observation of this process is a proof for physics beyond the SM
- Mu3e detector is constructed to identify  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$  decay and to filter out all other events, especially neutrino background is challenging

### The Mu3e experiment

- At Paul-Scherrer-Institute (Switzerland)
- Muons are created by an accelerator with a high rate of up to 10<sup>9</sup> per second
- They are stopped in a Mylar target and decay
- The decay products are tracked and analyzed
- For background exclusion high precision measurement is required:
  - Vertex resolution ~100 μm
  - Time resolution 20 ns (pile-up)
  - Low material budget 0.1% of X₀/layer (multiple-scattering)

Monolithic HV-CMOS pixel sensor (2 cm)<sup>2</sup>

He-gas cooling → low energy consumption

The total number of sensorchips is 2844 with

Minimal support: Kapton foil with aluminum traces

Mu3e pixel tracker consists of central tracker (4 layers)

High spatial resolution: (80 μm)² pixels

and 2 recurl stations (2 layers each)

a total area of larger than 1.1m<sup>2</sup>

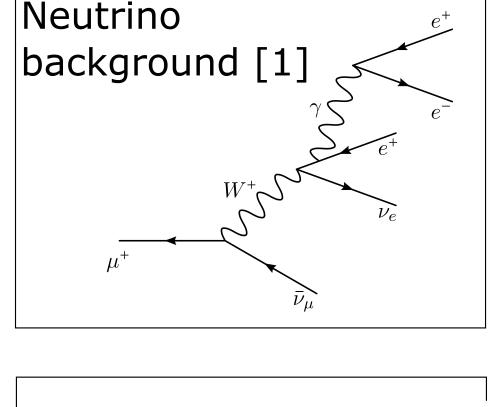
Time resolution better than 10ns

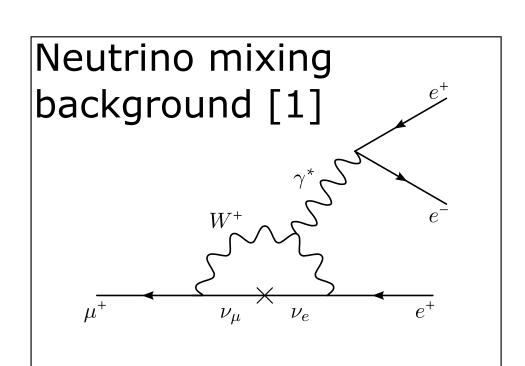
- High noise suppression

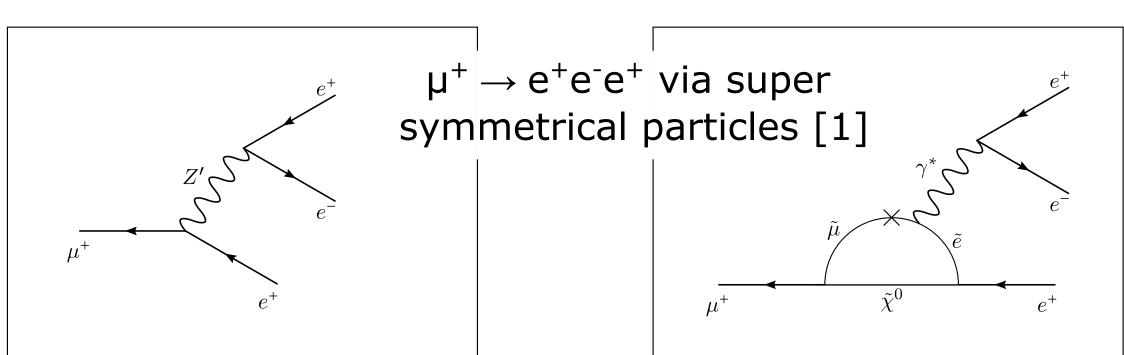
The MuPix sensor chip

Thickness ~50 μm

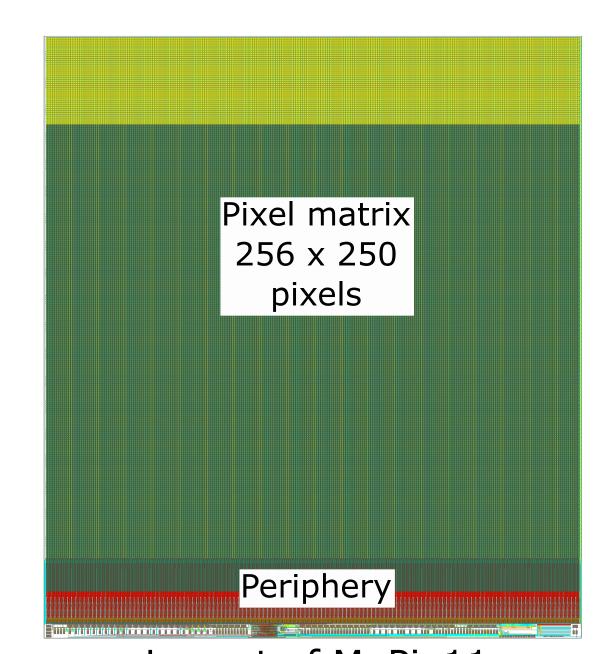
Layout of eight MuPix11 pixels







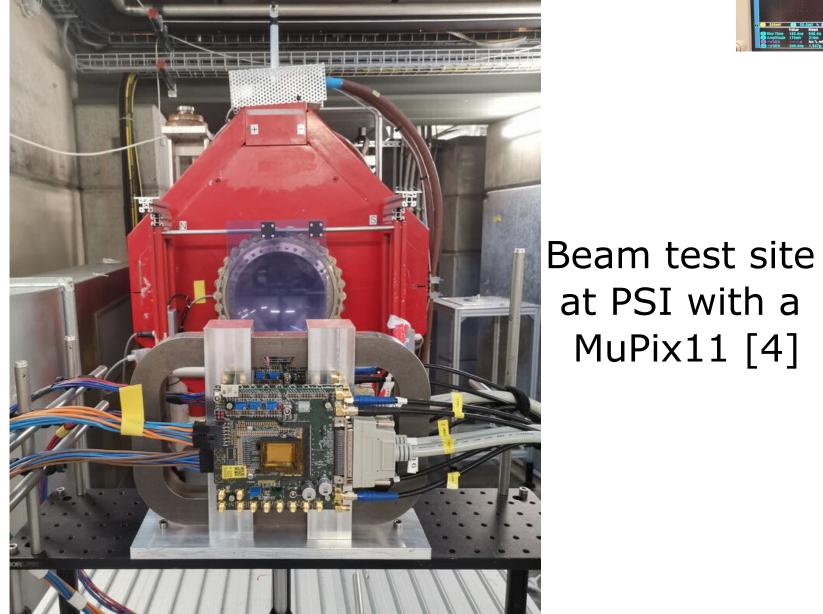
Schematic drawing of Middle section the Mu3e detector [2] Recurl section Mylar target



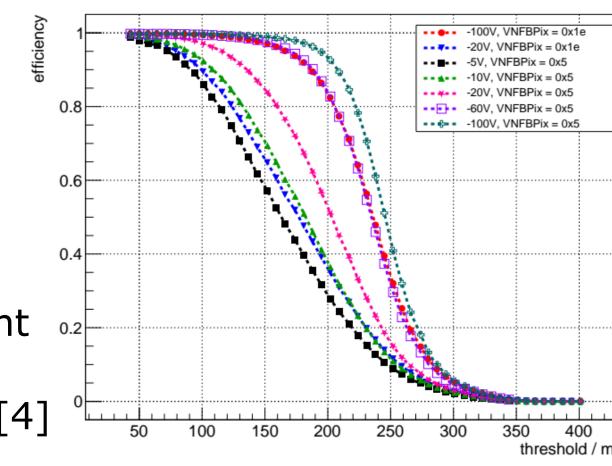
Recurl section

Layout of MuPix11

Thinned sensor chips on a wafer [3]

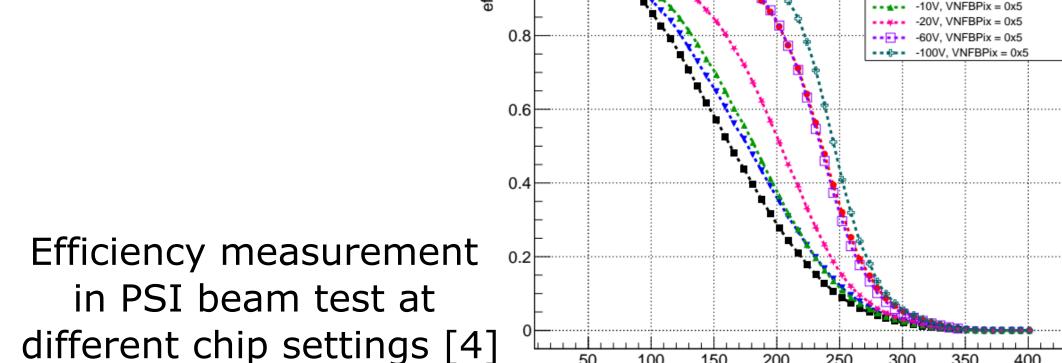


Laboratory test setup. The oscilloscope shows the chips response to a test signals (yellow) at amplifier output (blue) and comparator output (magenta) [4]



### Our Mu3e research group

- Funded by DFG
- Development of pixel sensor chip
- Production of sensor chips
- Test and calibration of chips
- MuPix11 is the production version of the sensor chip
- Tests are ongoing, the first results are very good
- Development of sensor chips with improved time resolution for Mu3e upgrade
- Start of muon data taking is planned in 2024



- [1] A. Blondel et al., "Research Proposal for an Experiment to Search for the Decay  $\mu \rightarrow$  eee", Jan. 2012.
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- [3] Picture by David Immig
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