COMET experiment on the J-PARC

status and prospects

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Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV)

The Standard Model (SM) is very good, however there are still such mysteries like

baryon/antibaryon asymmetry
dark matter
dark energy
particle mass prediction
no theory of gravitation
neutrino oscillations
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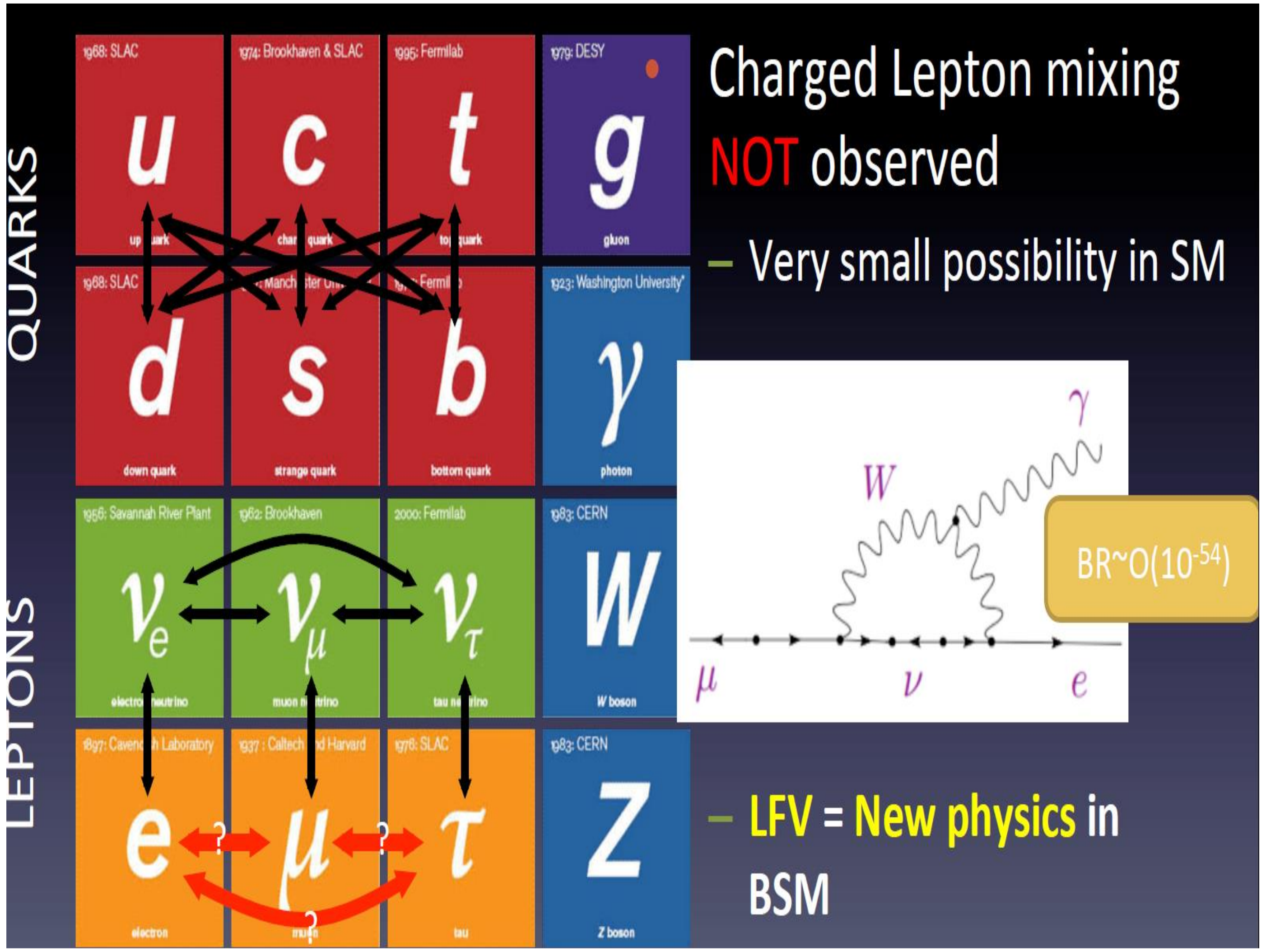
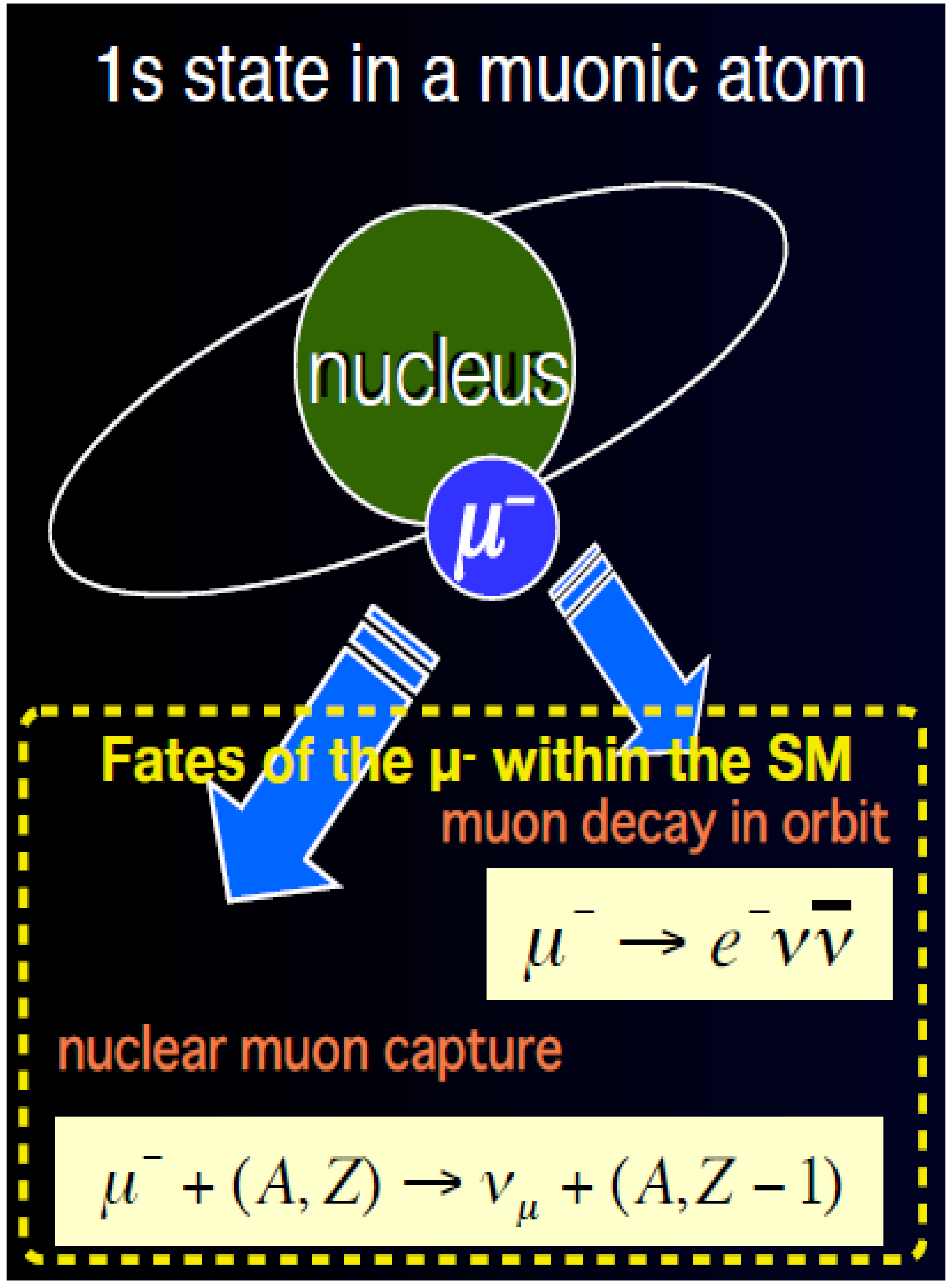


What is a Muon to Electron Conversion?

The most sensitive probes of CLFV utilize high-intensity muon beams.



Beyond the SM

μ-e conversion

$$\mu^- + (A,Z) \to e^- + (A,Z)$$

Forbidden by the SM, because
the lepton flavor is changed to μ-flavor to e-flavor.

Event signature :

a single mono-energetic electron of 105MeV (for Al)

in the SM + ν masses

μ-e conversion can be occur via ν-mixing, but expected rate is well below the experimentally accessible range. Rate ~O(10^{-54})

Discovery of the μ-e conversion is a clear evidence of new physics beyond the SM.

in the SM + new physics

A wide variety of proposed extensions to the SM predict observable μ-e conversion rate.

The COMET collaboration

We are in the project since 2008

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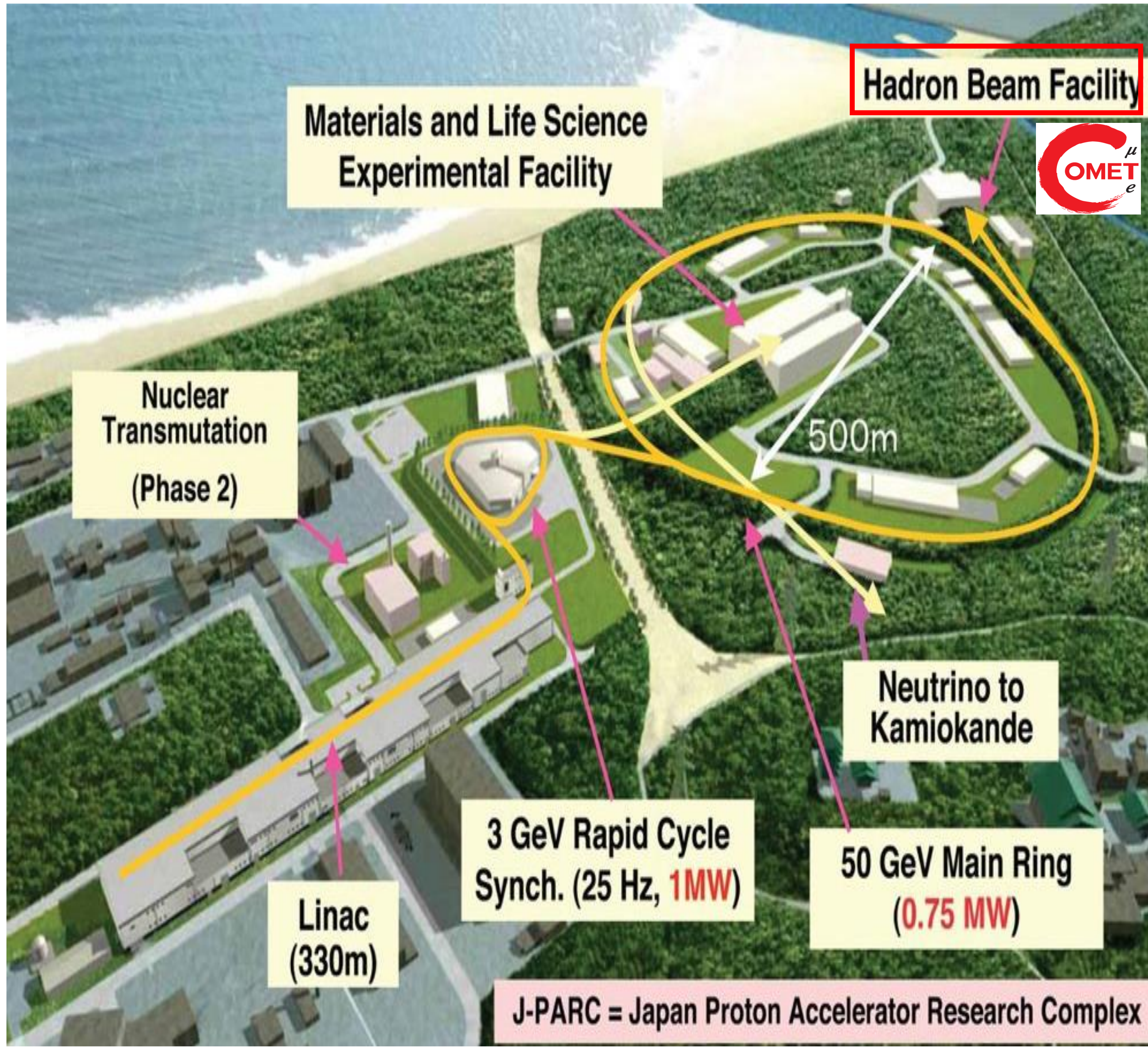
Still growing!

43 institutes, 17 countries

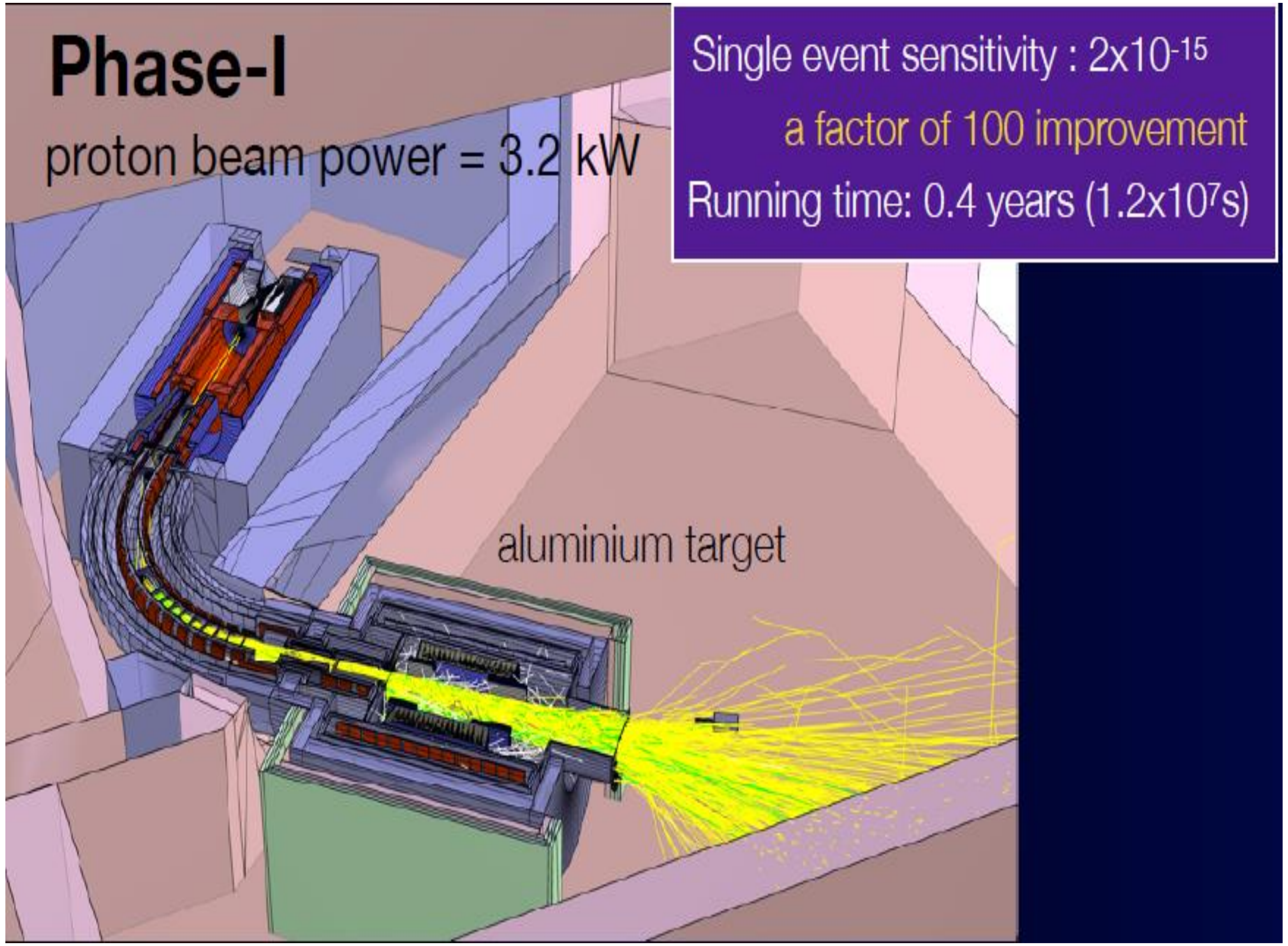
COMET at J-PARC



Joint Project between KEK and JAEA

Two-phase realization

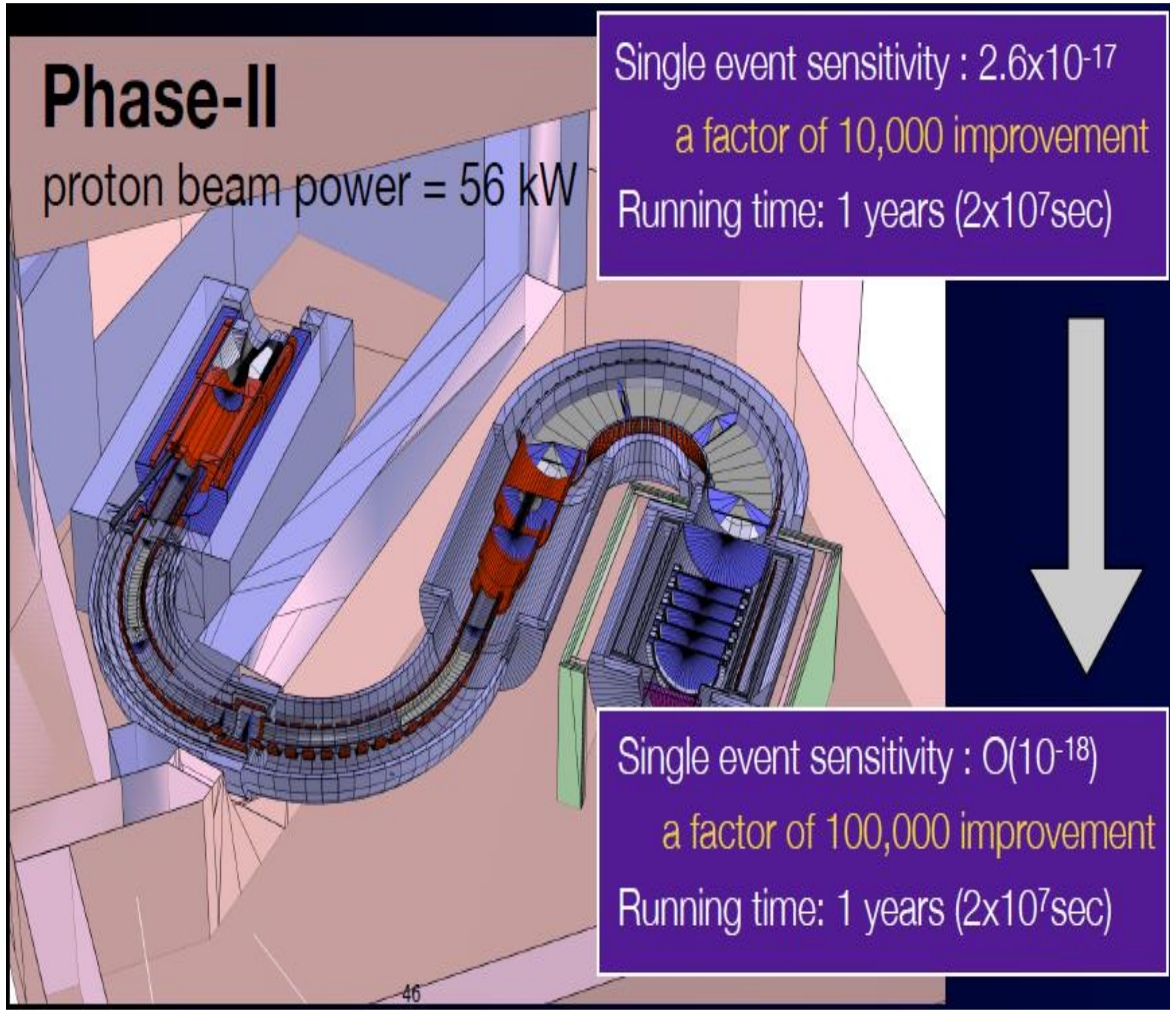
COMET Phase-I



Present limits (branching ratio):

$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$	< 4.2x 1.0E(-13)	[MEG Experiment, PSI]
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$	< 1.1 x 1.0E(-12)	[SINDRUM Experiment, PSI]

COMET Phase-II



Comparison of Phase-I and Phase-II parameters

Parameters	Phase-I	Phase-II
Beam power	3.2 kW (8 GeV)	56 kW (8 GeV)
Running time	150 - 200 days	1 year
Target materials	graphite	tungsten
#protons	3.2×10^{19}	6.8×10^{20}
#muon stops (N_μ)	1.5×10^{16}	1.1×10^{18}
Muon rate/s	5.8×10^{9}	1.0×10^{11}
#muon stops/proton	0.00052	0.00052
The detector acceptance ($A_{\mu\text{-}e}$)	0.06	0.04
S.E.S (single event sensitivity)	2.0×10^{-15}	2.6×10^{-17}
Measurement start	2025-2026	2028-2030

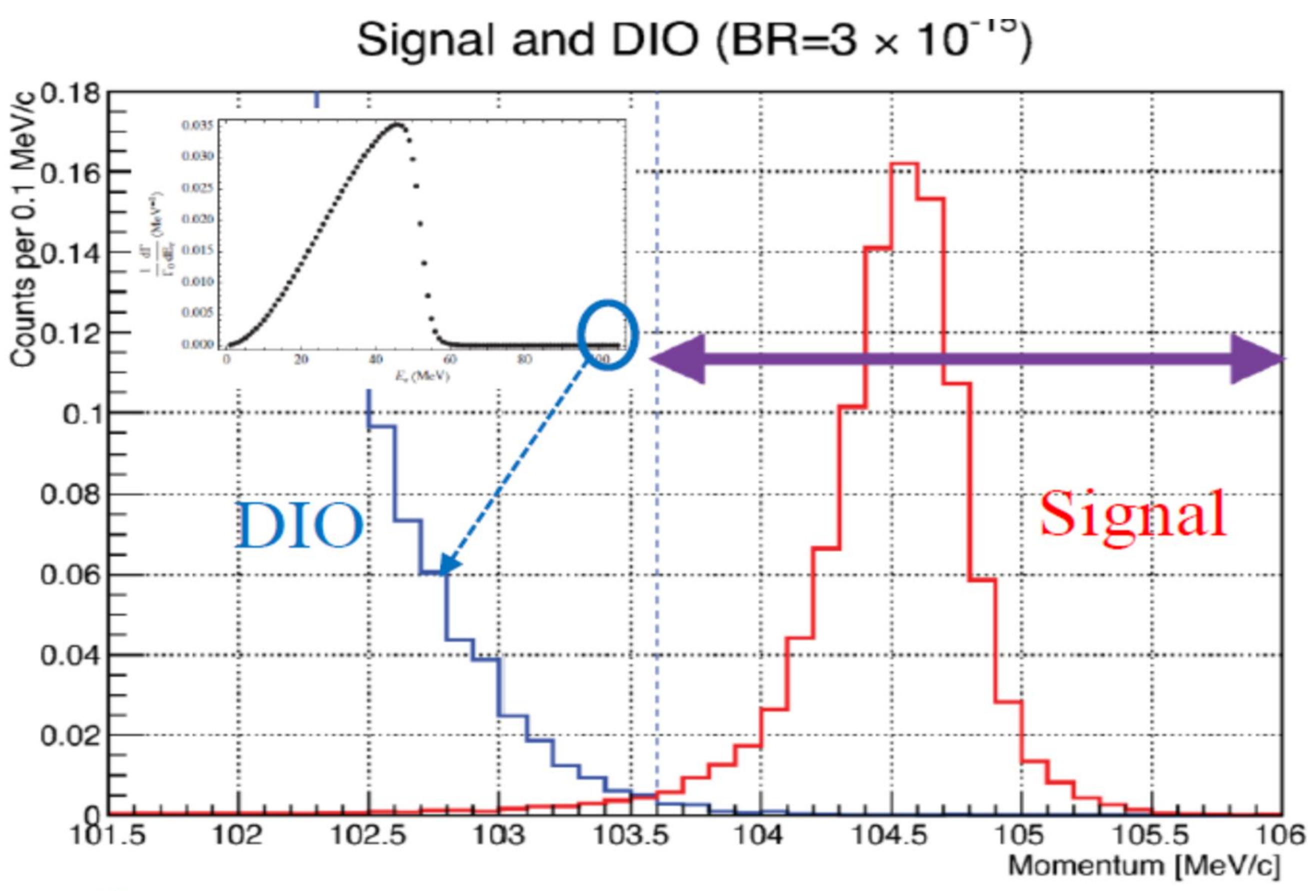
Control the background

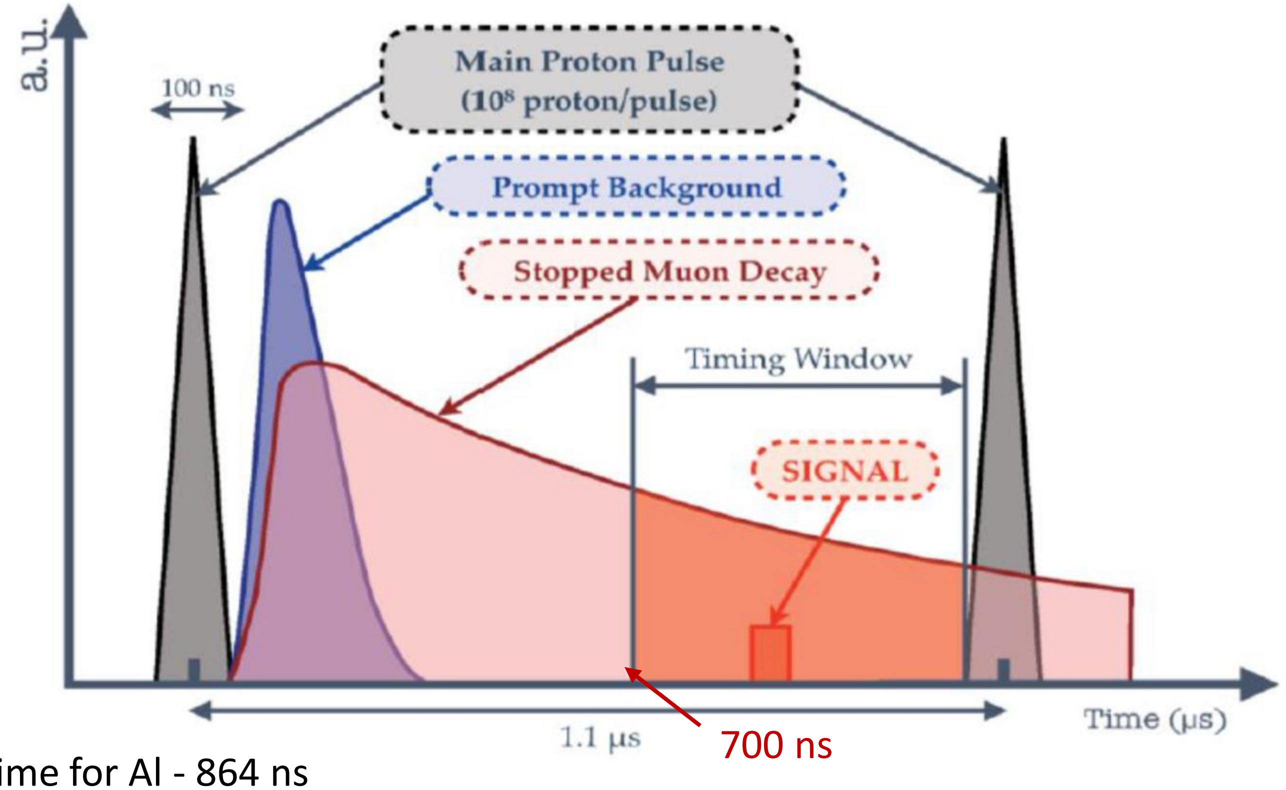
- Intrinsic physics background
  - Mostly from muon decay in orbit (DIO)
    - Calculated by Czarnecki with radiative correction. Branching ratio drops with order-5 function near end point.
    - Momentum resolution required to be better than 200 keV/c
- Beam related background
  - Energetic particles in beam with E>100MeV
    - Mostly prompt. Can be suppressed by a delayed measurement window (~700 ns)
    - Some due to leaked proton. Proton extinction factor required to be $< 10^{-10}$。

actually achieved ~ 10^{-11} !

- Cosmic ray background
  - Cosmic ray: cover the system with cosmic ray veto detectors.

Inefficiency < 10^{-4}



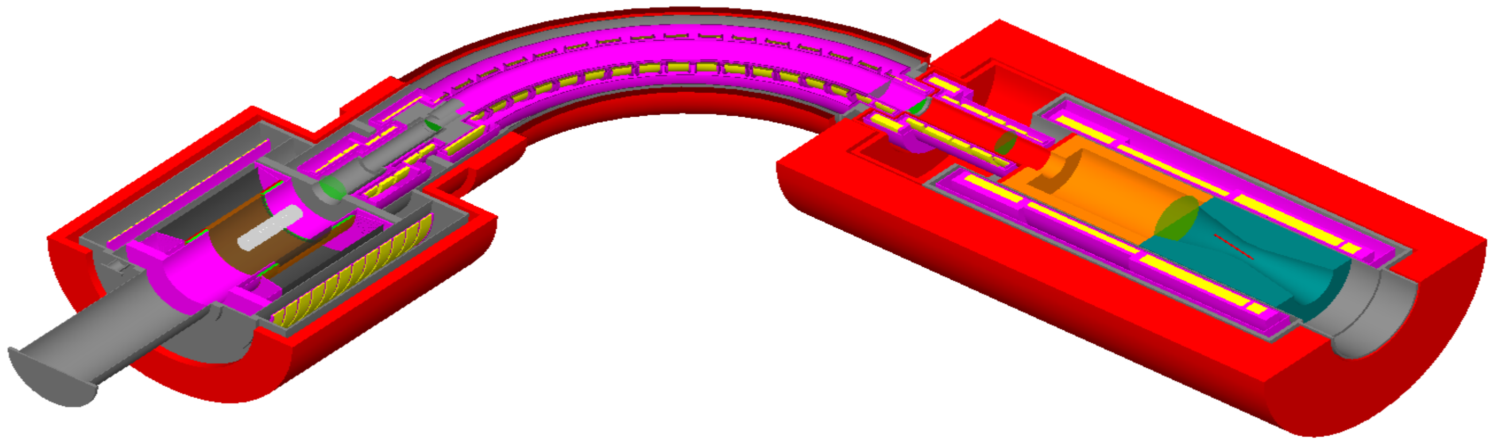


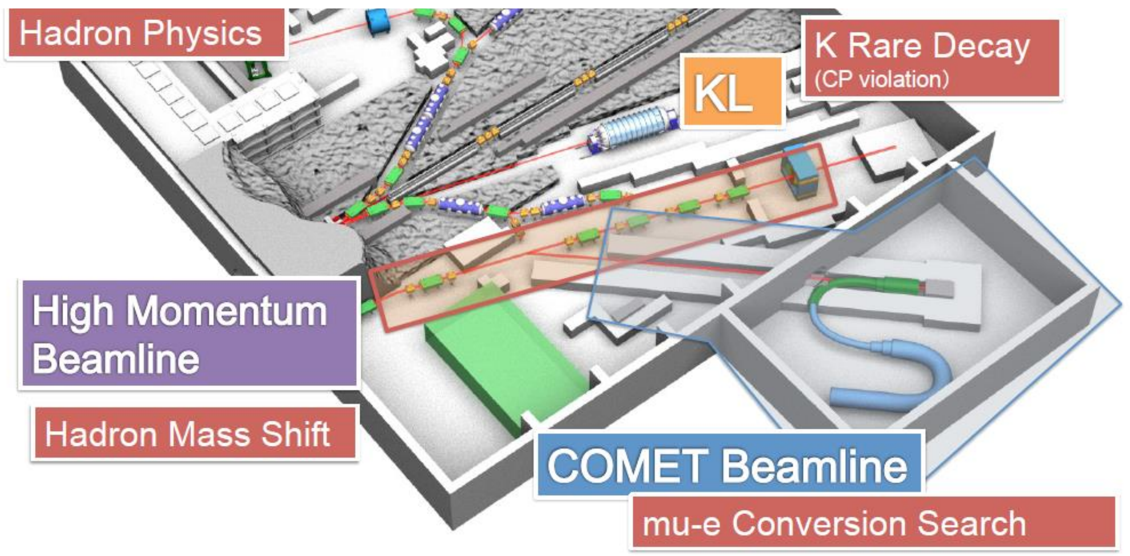
Muonic atom lifetime for Al - 864 ns

The total estimated background events for a single-event sensitivity of 3 x 10^{-15} in COMET Phase – I with a proton extinction factor 3 x 10^{-11} is **0.032 events**

COMET phase-I detectors

Muon transport





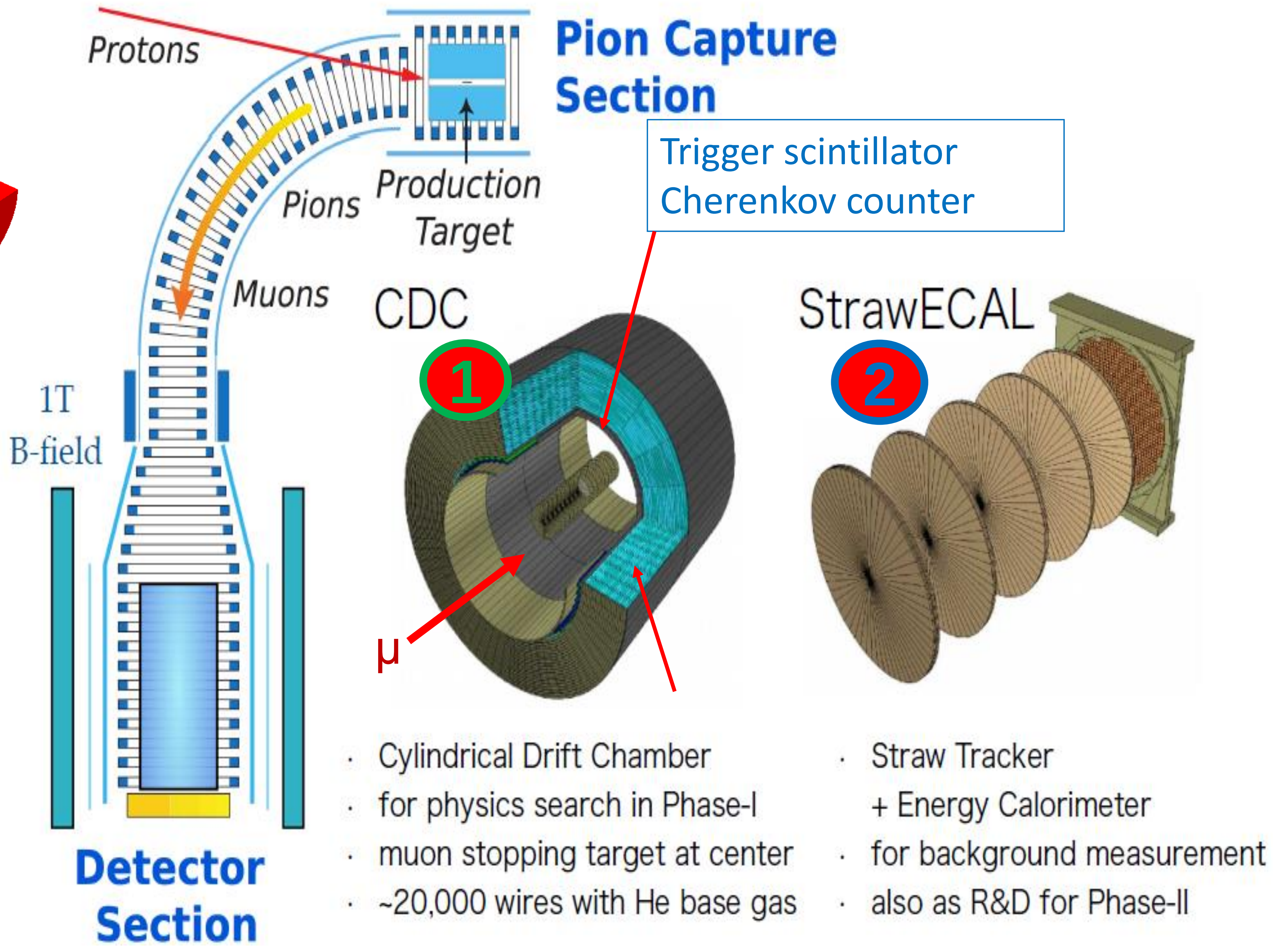
1)

- low-Z gas mixture of He(90%) and i-C4H10 (10%) (Isobutane, Ethane or Methane)
- The spatial resolution < 200μm
- The momentum resolution about 200 keV for 105 MeV electrons

2) Straw Tube Tracker (STT) + E-Cal (StrECal System)

- **R&D for Pase-II**
- **To improve the energy resolution up-to 5%**

COMET Phase-I Detectors



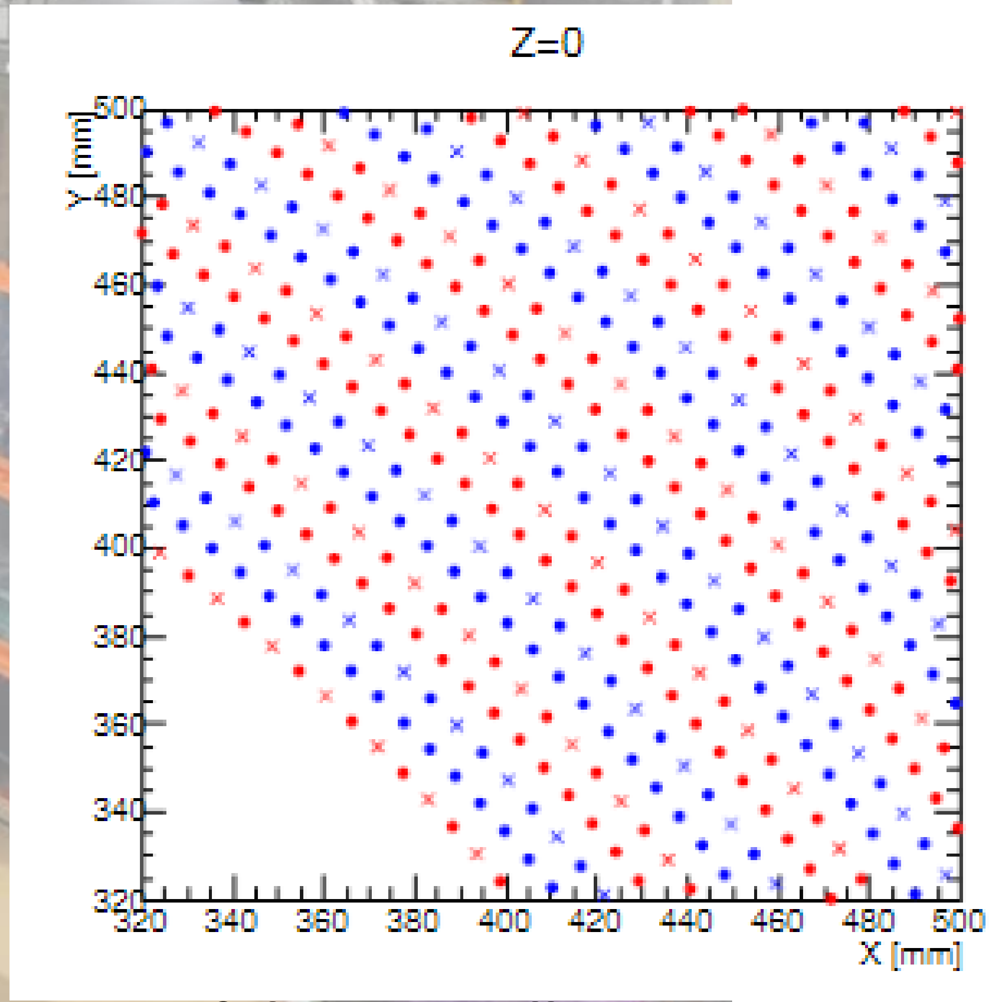
Cylindrical Drift Chamber (CDC) already at J-PARC

- By 31 March 2022
  - All necessary parts came to KEK. (Done)
  - Cu pipes, flow meters, chillers …
- In April 2022
  - Final assembling (Success)
  - Cooling tests (Success)
- In July 2022
  - CDC disassembling (Success)
- On 14th Sep 2022
  - CDC moved to Tokai. (Success)
  - Wire check (Success)
- Next steps
- Wire replacement Assembling: Cabling, Electronics, Gas … Cosmic-ray tests

- 19,548 wires in total: gold-plated tungsten wires with 25-µm diameter and unplated aluminum wires with 126-µm diameter for the sense and field wires, respectively
- Tension: 50 … 80 g, or gravitational sags of 50 and 120µm, respectively
- The cell geometry: 16.8-mm width and 16.0-mm height

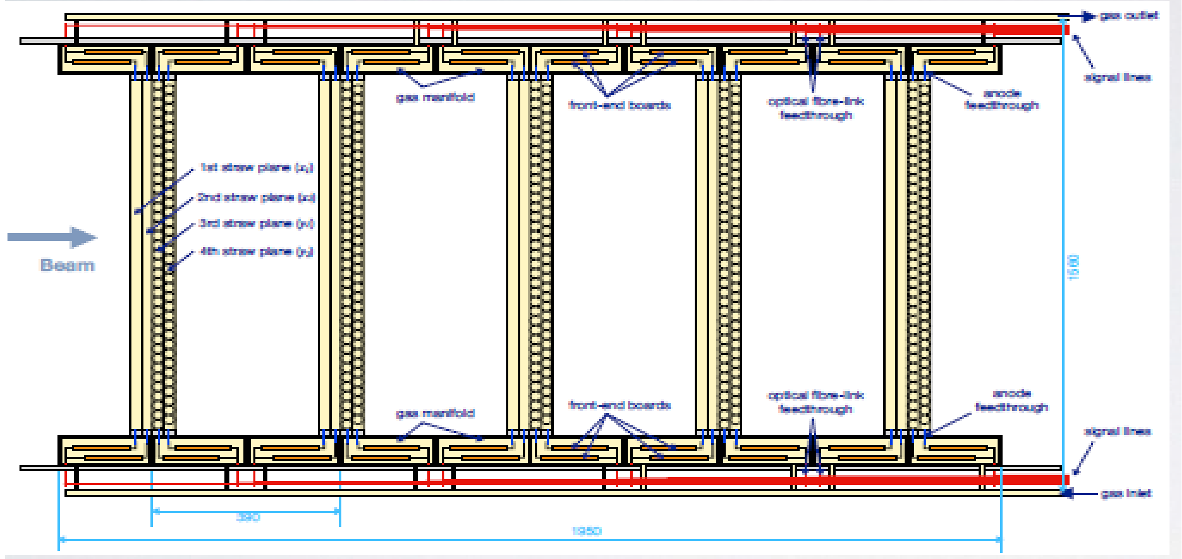
Crosses – sense
Circles - field wires

Red – positive and
Blue - negative stereo angles



A partial cross section of the CDC cell structure.

Straw Tracker: 5 station (Phase – I)~ 2500 straw tubes, 9.75 mm diameter, 20 μm thickness, Ar:C_2H_6 = 50:50

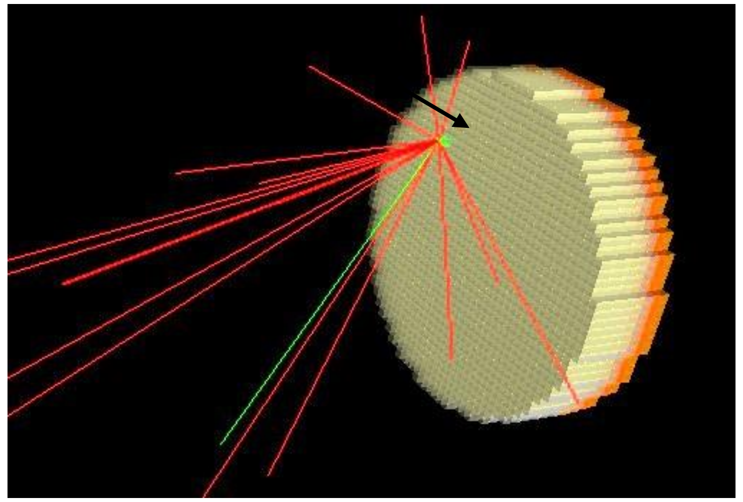


Requirements:
- Work in vacuum, magn. field 1 Tesla
- Momentum resolution ≤ 200 keV/c
- Space resolution ≤ 200 μm

Electromagnetic calorimeter

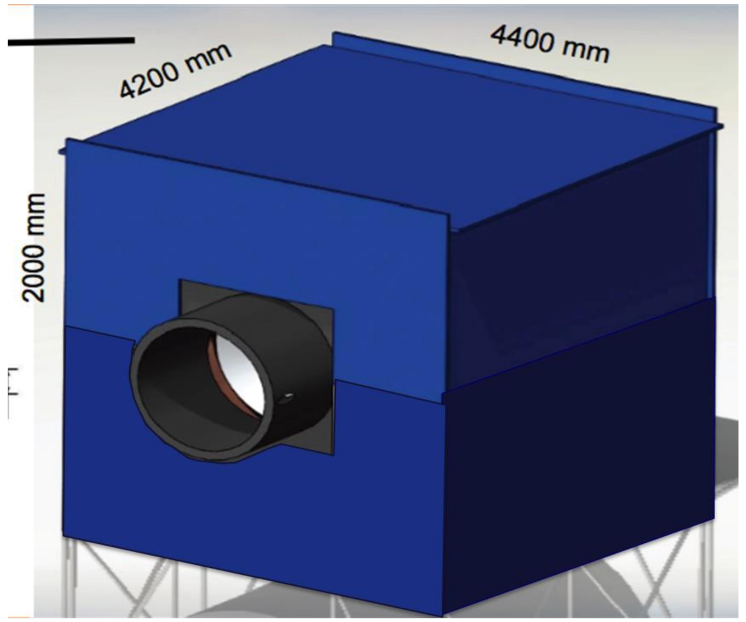
ECAL (crystal type LYSO, $Lu_{1.8}Y_{.2}SiO_5Ce$)
- Combination of around 600 (for Phase II 2272) LYSO crystals for Phase-I
- Total size: diameter ~ 1m
- Crystal size 20x20x120 mm^3 (11 radiation length)
- Photon detector: APD

Requirements:
- < 5% ER at 105 MeV
- <10 mm space resolution
- < 100 ns time resolution
- Work in vacuum and magnetic field of 1 Tesla



Cosmic Ray Veto (CRV)

Requirement: Efficiency ≥ 99.99%.



CRV will be consist of two major parts: scintillator based (SCRV) and Glass Resistive Plate Chambers (GRPC). The SCRV subsystem placed on top, sides and back of the COMET and based on extruded plastic scintillation strip with WLS fiber glued to the strip groove. The GRPC will be placed in hottest area at front of the COMET (active shield).

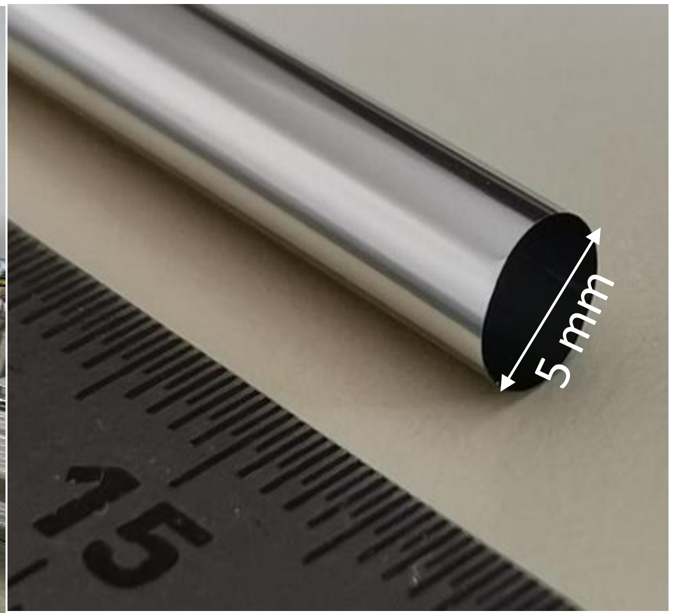
- CRV consists of modules and covers Tops, Back (Downstream) and Sides of COMET frame

JINR group's contributions and responsibilities

1. Straw tracker
2. Electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL)
3. Cosmic Ray Veto (CRV)
4. Software studies (simulations) for straw tracker, ECAL and CRV

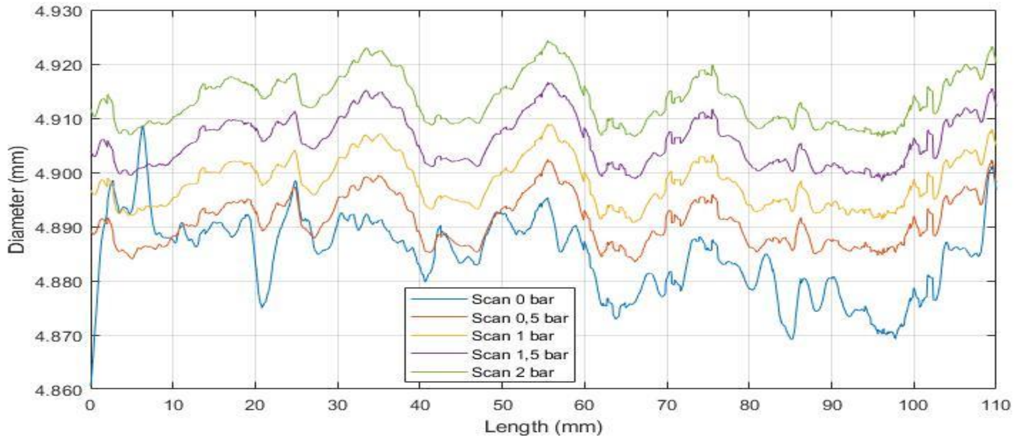
The manufacturing area for straw-tube R&D at DLNP

Completed real working machine for full dimension 12 µm thickness and 5 mm diameter straw tube production with controllable parameters



Cabability of the new straw tubes production facility

1) New welding machine design and 5-th class clean room with temperature and humidity control
2) 5 mm diameter and 12 µm wall thickness straw tube production
3) Examination of straw quality control of tubes
4) Study straw tube properties
5) Precise measurements and monitoring of straw diameter with optical methods, accuracy of 0.1 µm

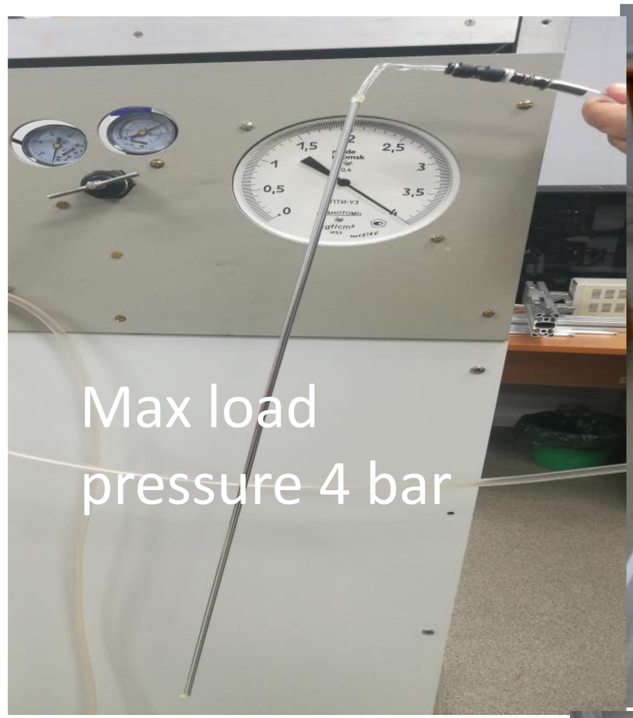


- Diameter scan along straw tube length with different inner pressures
- Diameter deviation along the tubes is less than 20 µm,
- Shape stays consistent under different pressures

Prototype straw parameters

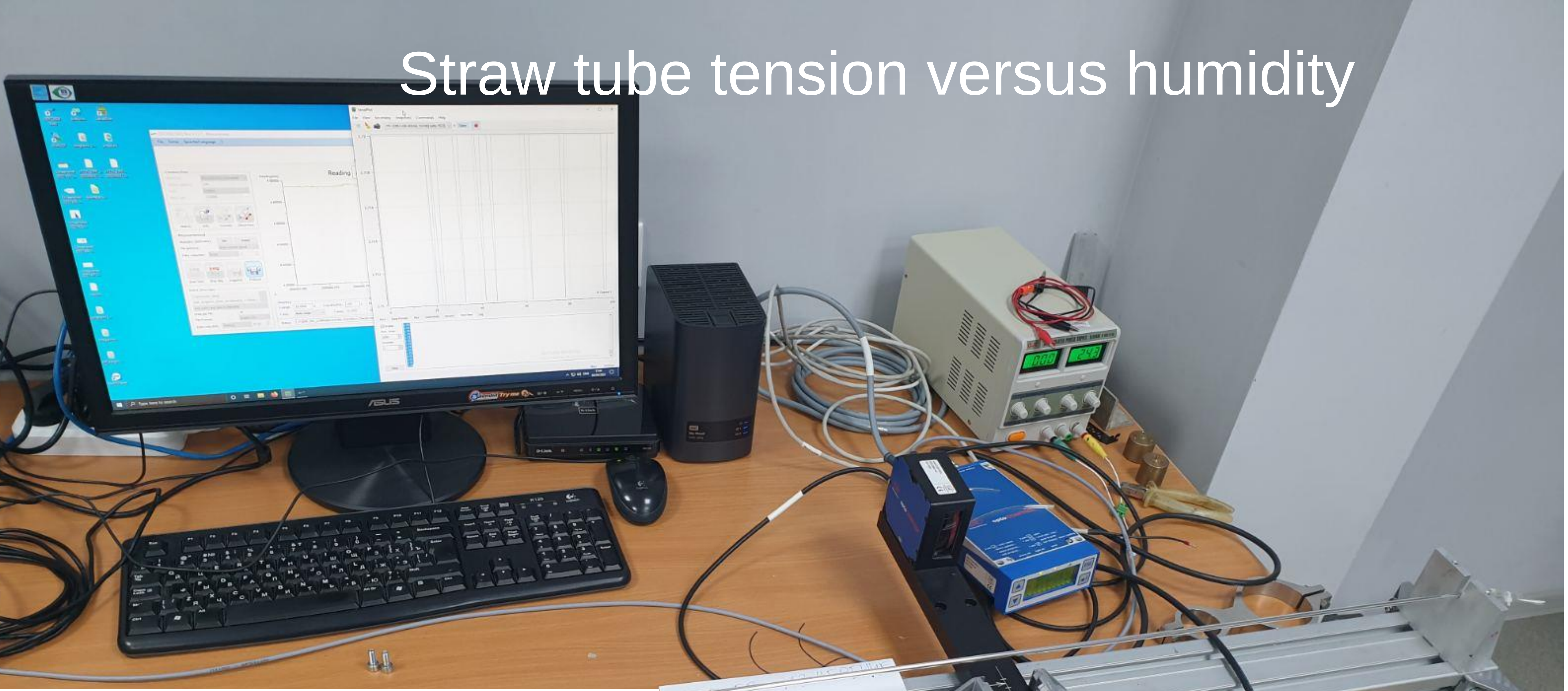
- ❑ 1.5 years ago, the first R&D for 12 µm straw tubes started
- ❑ In a scope of new straw tube mass production for JINR straw tracker prototype
  - 140 pieces
  - 70 cm in Length
  - 4.98±0.12 mm Diameter
  - 12 µm Mylar tape thickness
  - Aluminum layer 70 nm
  - Prototype working pressure 1 bar
  - Long term testing pressure 2 bar
  - Max safe pressure 3 bar
  - Max load pressure 4 bar

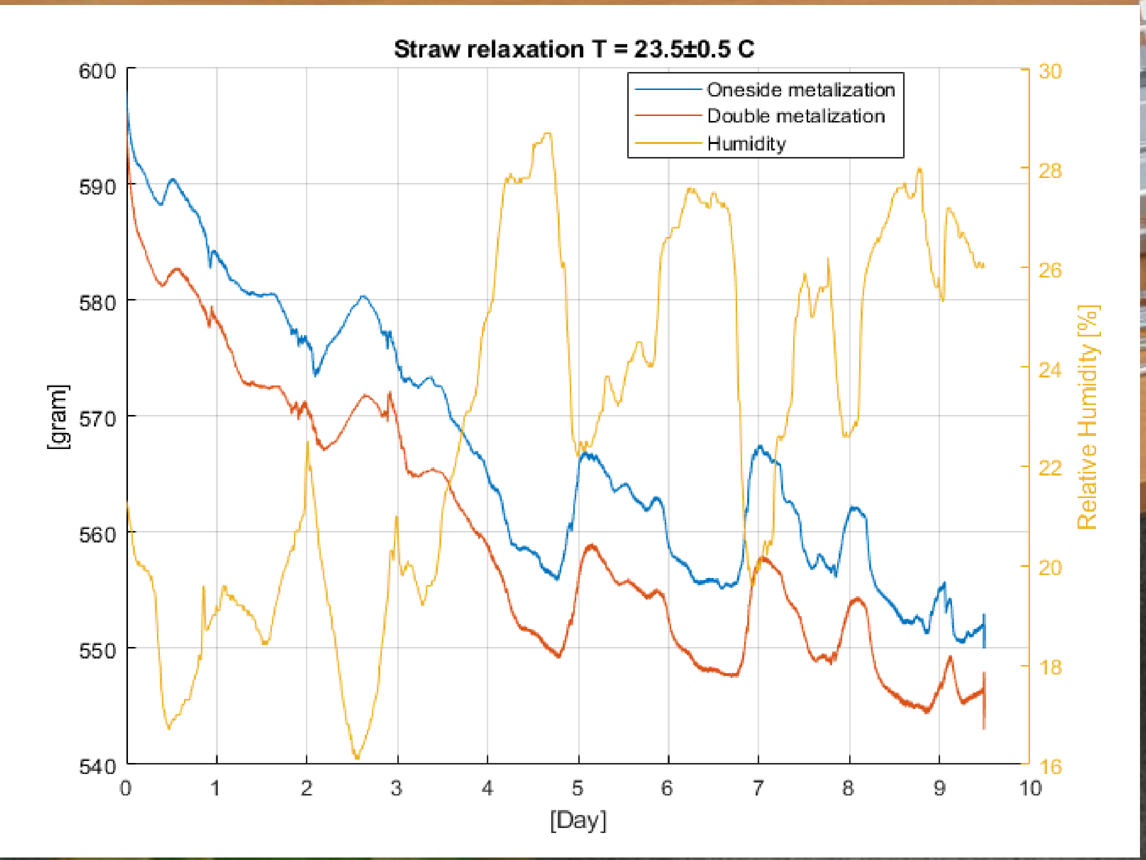
- ❑ Long term tests still ongoing
- ❑ Straws stably staying pressurized
- ❑ No any mechanical damages
- ❑ After while Only 5% of straws dropped pressure



Great success in R&D, in the production of 5 mm diameter and 12 µm thick tubes

Straw tube tension versus humidity





Main goal of this study is to see how humidity affects tension force and how well outside metallization can shield straw tube from it.

On picture one shown

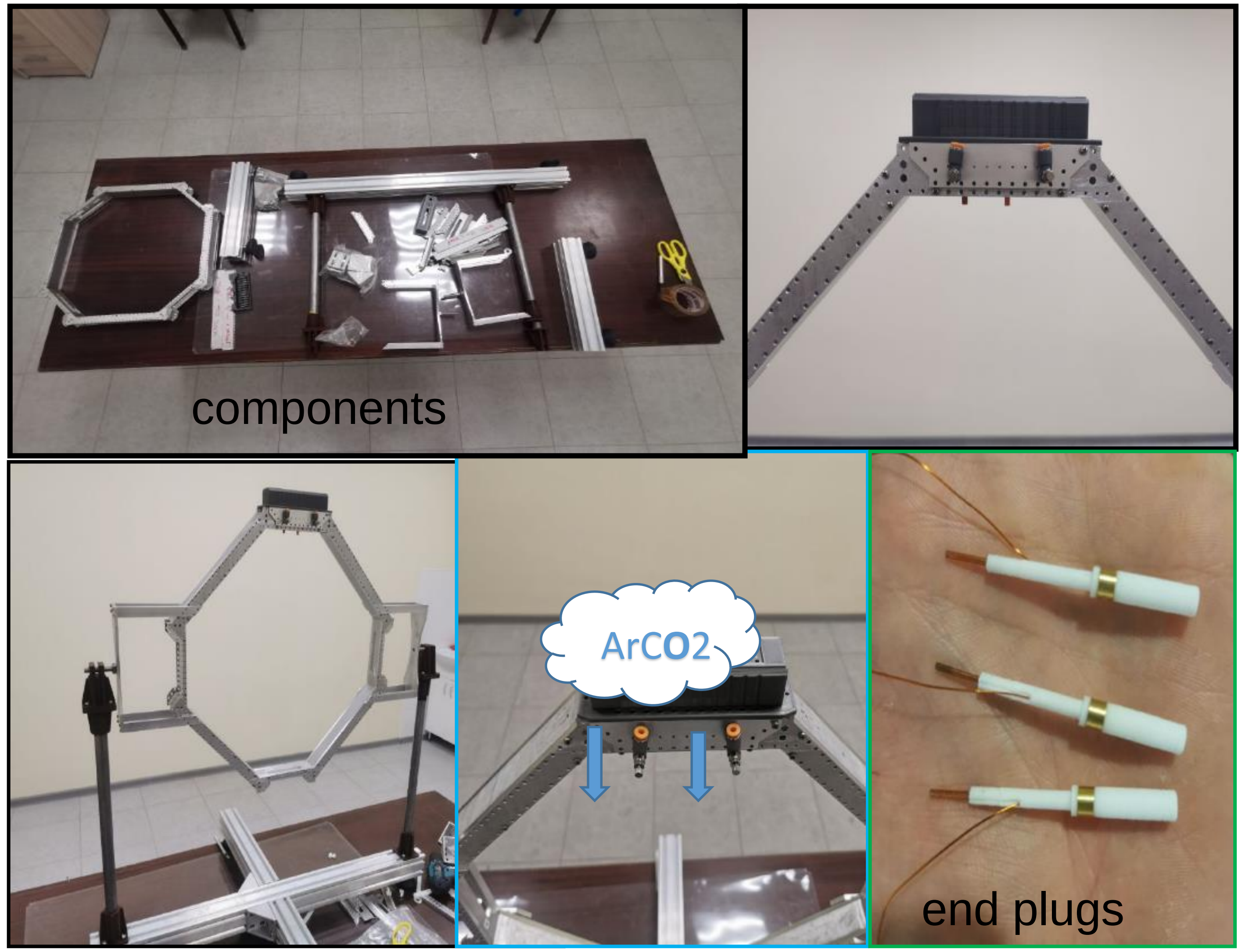
- Temperature (23.7 C)
- Humidity (Yellow)
- Mylar with one side metallization(Blue)
- Mylar with Double metallization(RED)

As graphs are showing, tension of both straws strongly depend on environment humidity. This study still ongoing.

Frame build in progress

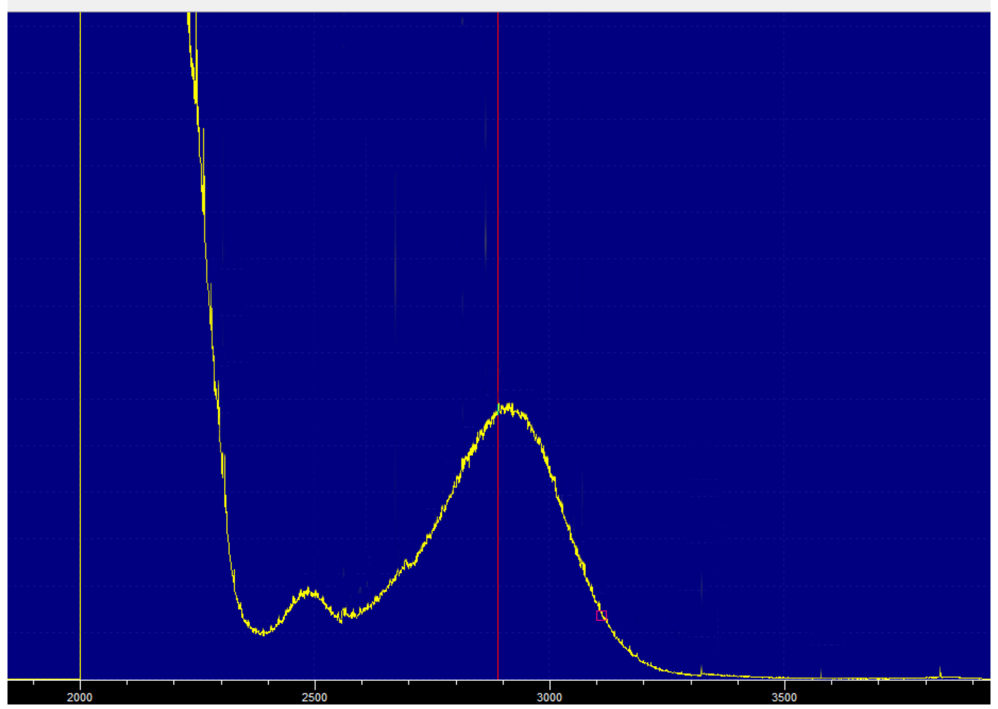
- ✓ The assembly of the main frame is completed
  - ✓ End plugs
  - ✓ Gas supply

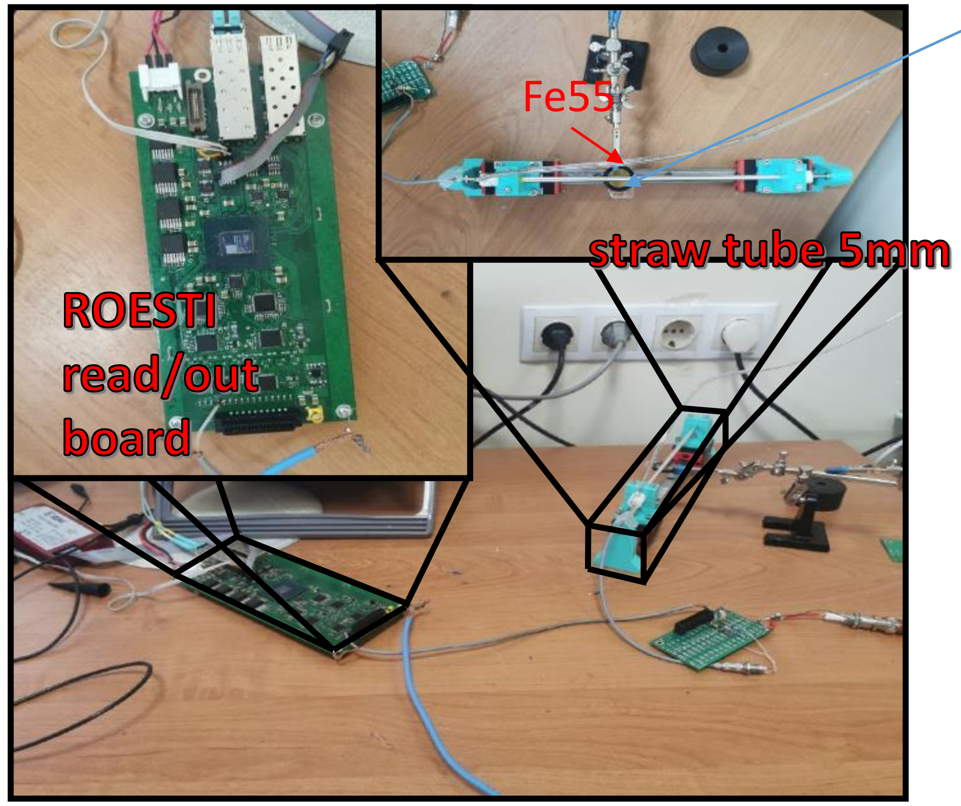
In progress
- Mixing gas system assembly
- ROESTI fixing system
- Production of flexible boards for signal transmission from straw tubes to ROESTI



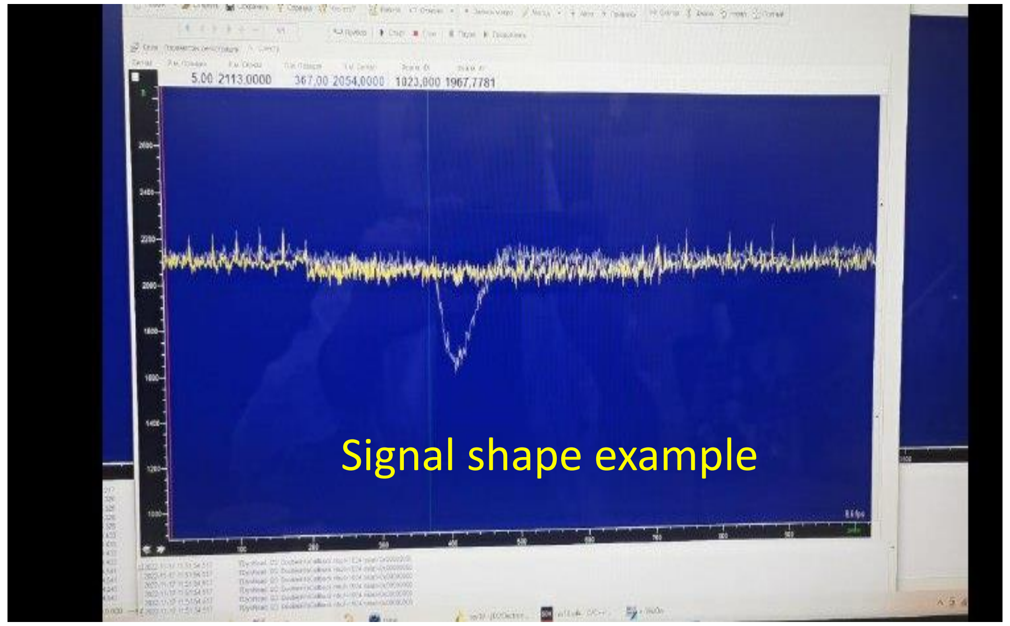
Test setup for ROESTI (read-out) COMET board

Gas Mixture – Ar-70% CO_2 – 30% , Straw tube 5mm, Anode wire – 50 μkm, HV – 1800 V

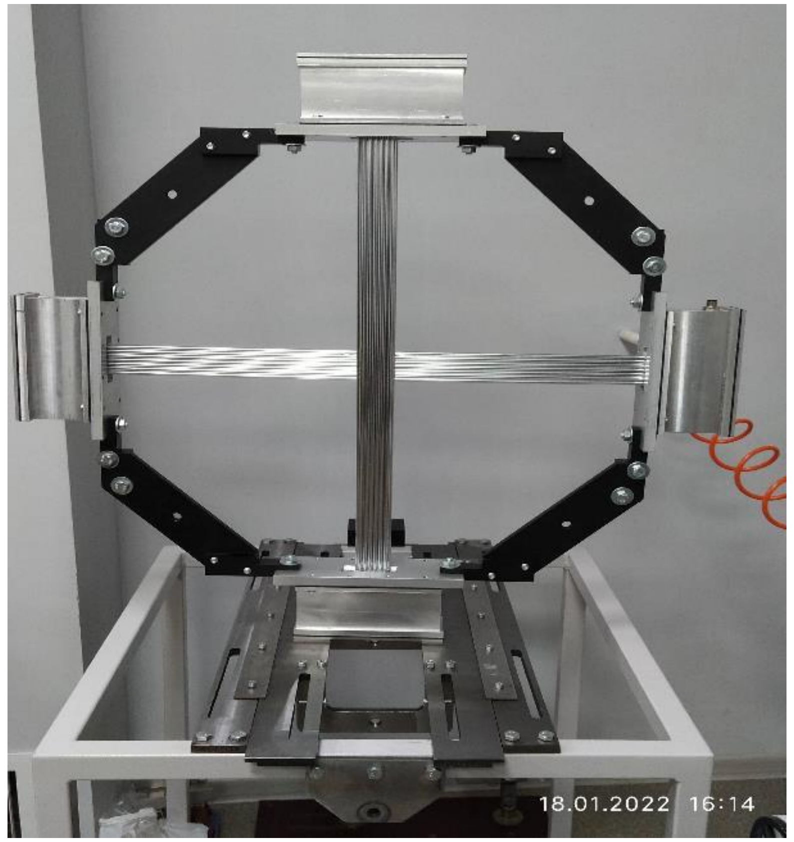




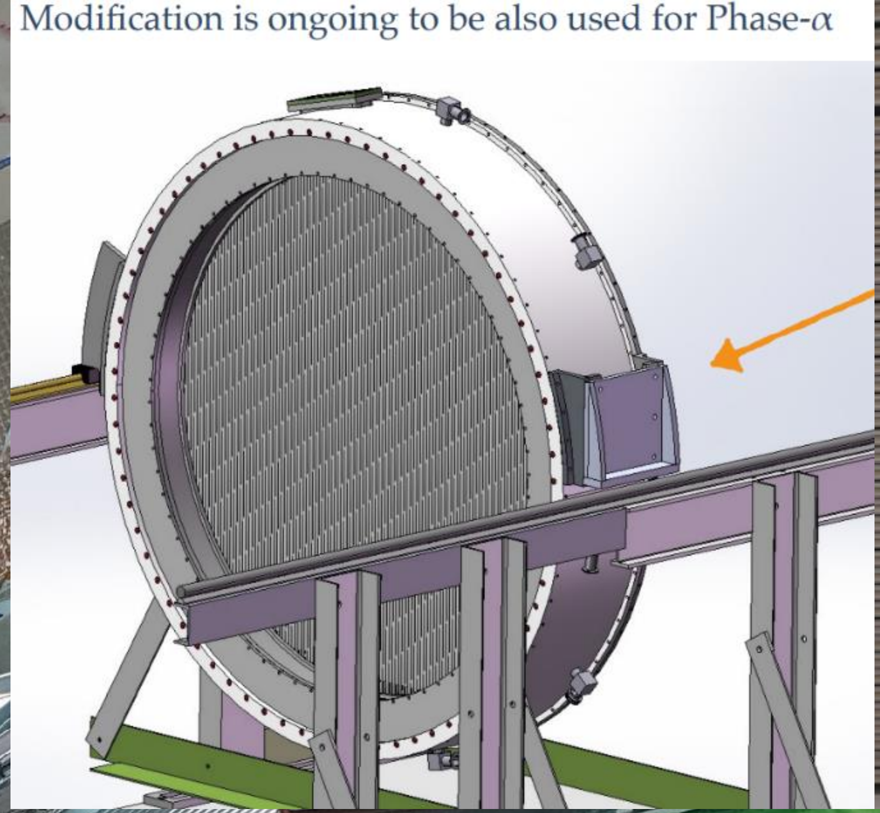
- ✓ The spectrum of the signal from the electronics boards for the comet experiment was obtained



In progress
- Assembly of the channel on a wire of 20 and 15 microns

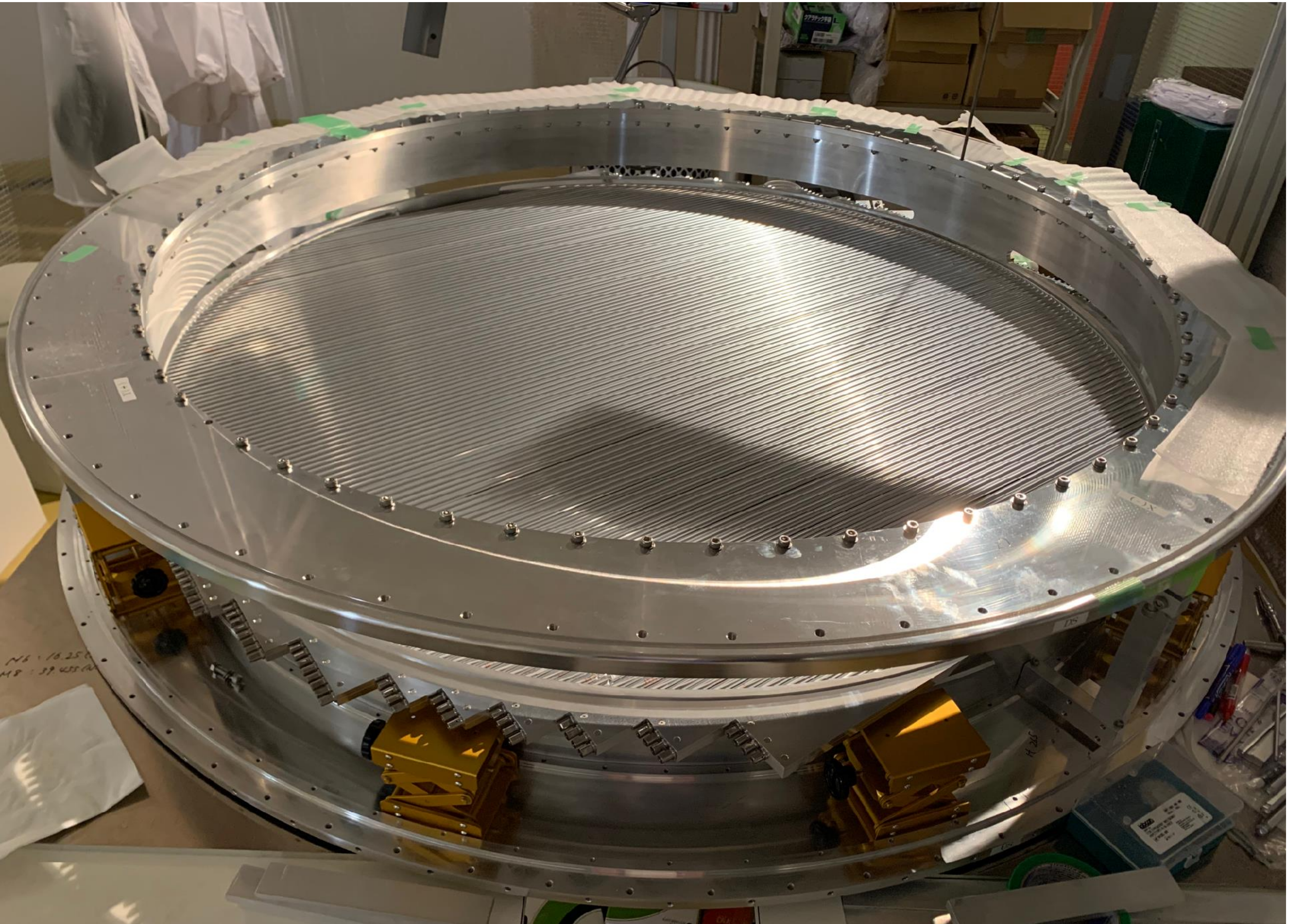


J-PARC activities



- First straw tracker module for Phase-α is on final stage of assembling
- 480 straw tubes already glued into the frame and wired
- Electronic boards “Roesty” are ready for installing
- After that is planed system gas leakage and vacuum tests
- Within working visit all straw tubes were checked for quality, gas leakages and mechanical damages
- **After 7 year All straws are in perfect condition and ready to be used for next modules**
- Future activities include conclusion R&D of new 12 μm straw tubes and preparation for new mass production

Straw Tracker Status — COMET Phase-I

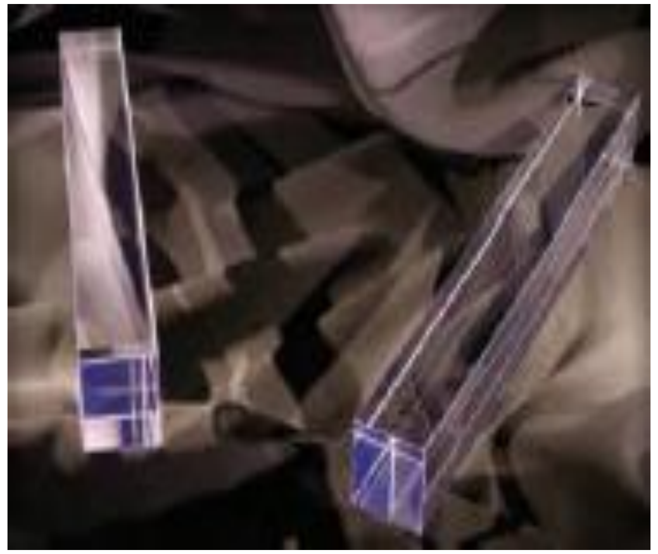


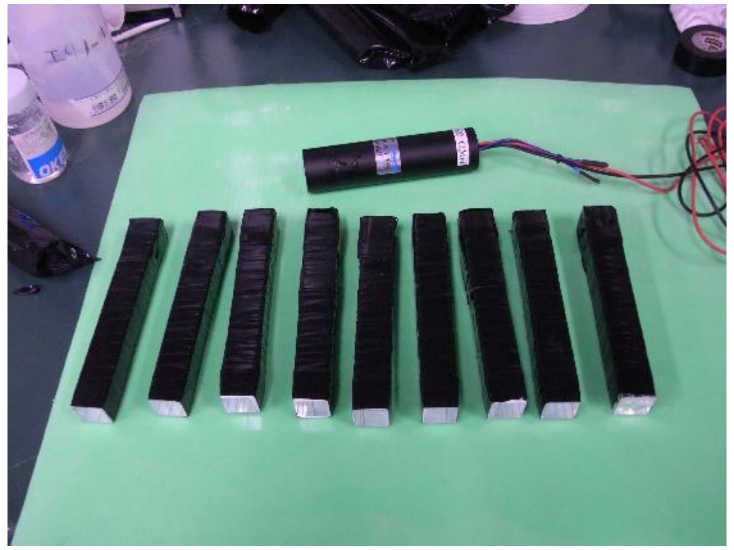
Straw-Tracker Assembly

1st layer, completed !!!

Electromagnetic calorimeter

R&D of LYSO crystals, LYSO crystal parameters investigation





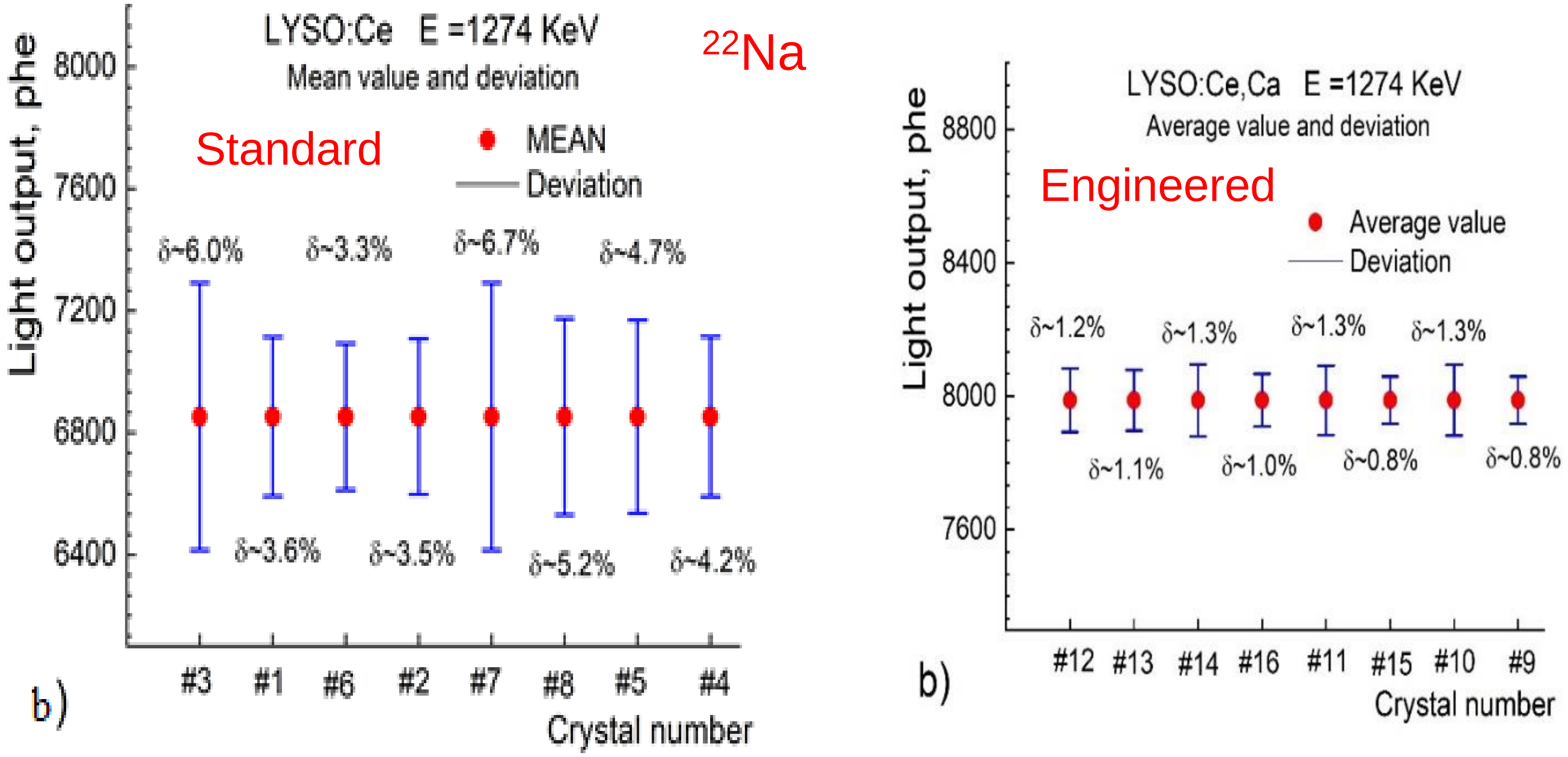
Three candidate vendors

- **Saint-Gobain (SG), Baseline**
- OXIDE (OX), Japan
- Suzhou JT Crystal Technology (JTC)

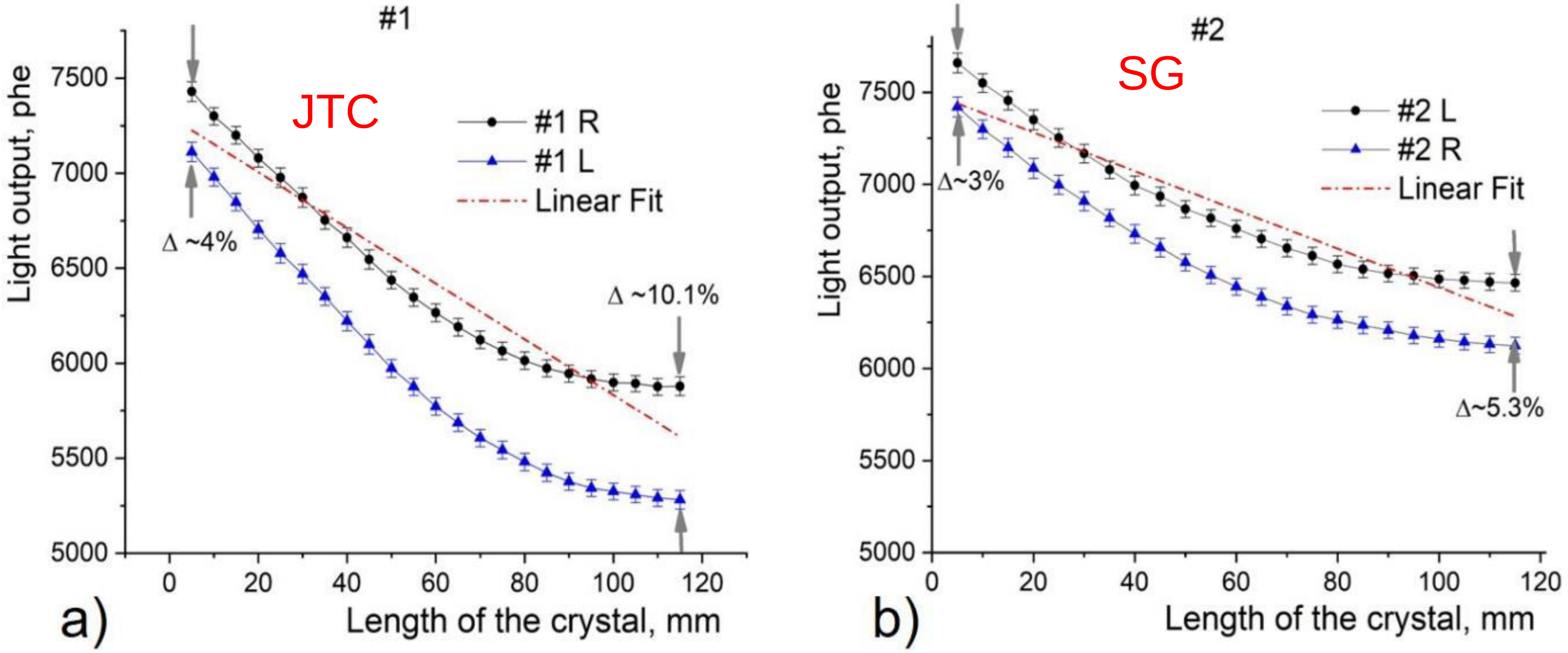
Saint-Gobain has introduced an engineered version of LYSO which, compared to standard LYSO, offers up to:

- 6% improvement in energy resolution
- 20% higher light yield
- 20% faster decay time

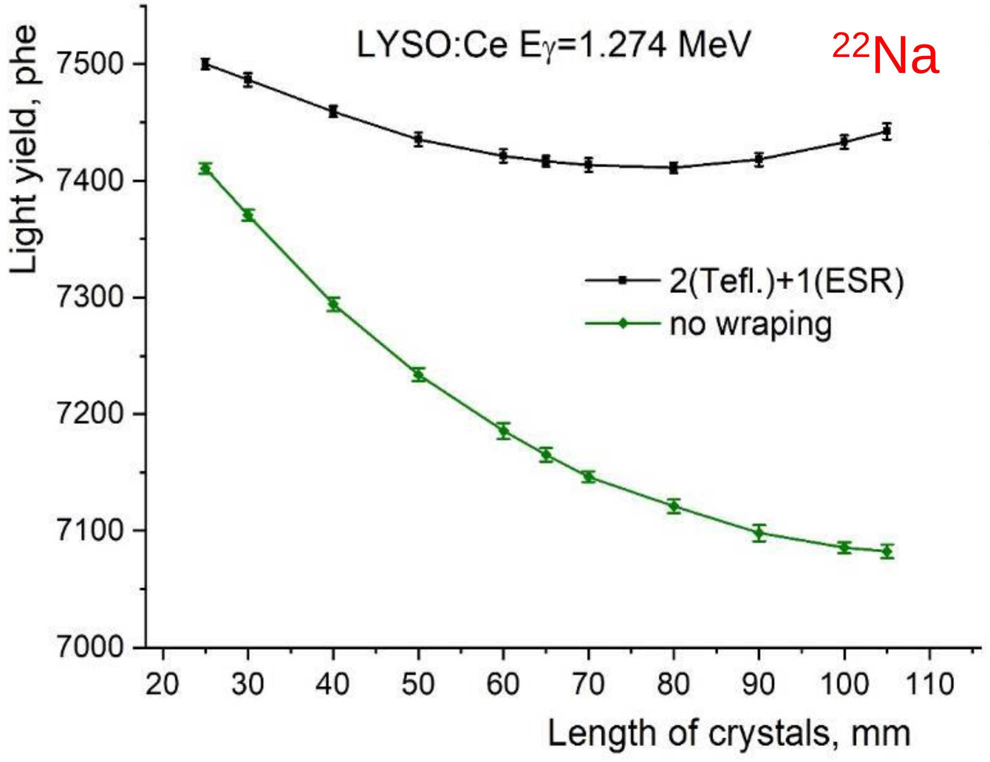
Properties	Standard LYSO	Engineered LYSO
Density [g/cm³]	7.1	
Hygroscopic	no	
Attenuation length for 511keV (cm)	1.2	
Energy resolution [%] @ 662 keV*	8.5	8
Wavelength of emission max [nm]	420	
Refractive index @ emission max.	1.81	
Decay time [ns]	45	36
Light yield [photons/MeV]*	27600	33200
Average temperature coefficient from 25 to 50° C (%/°C)	-0.28	



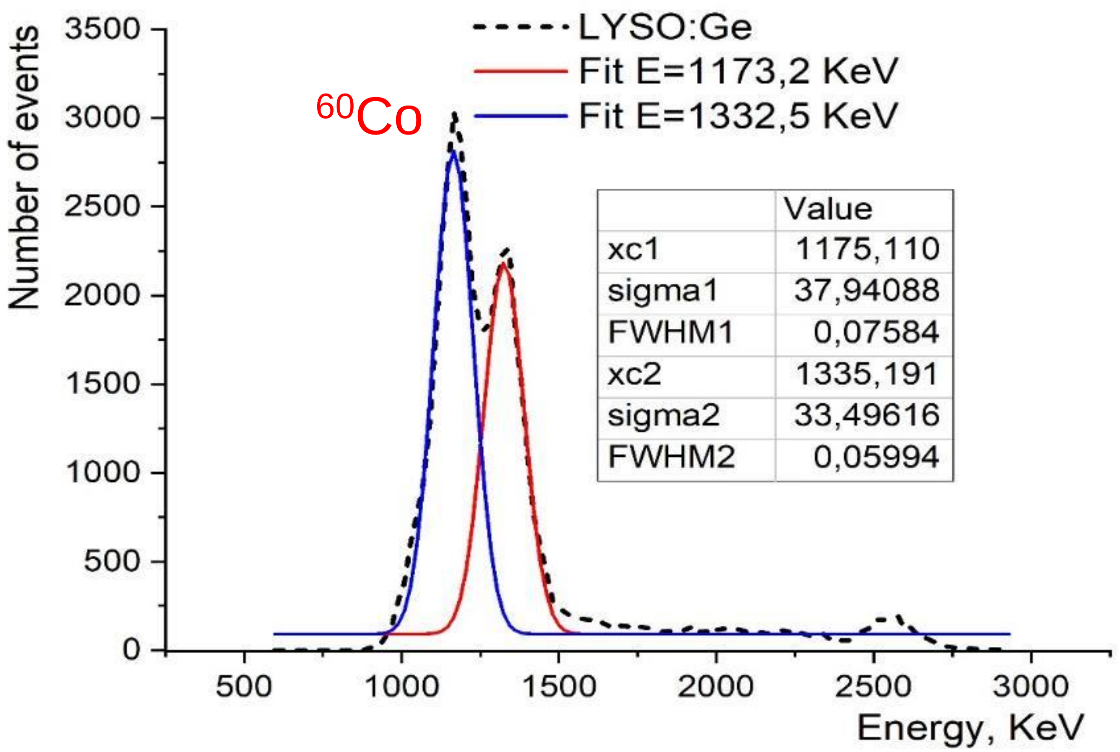
a) Scintillator responses non-uniformity of the LYSO:Ce s; b) scintillator responses non-uniformity of the LYSO:Ce,Ca crystals



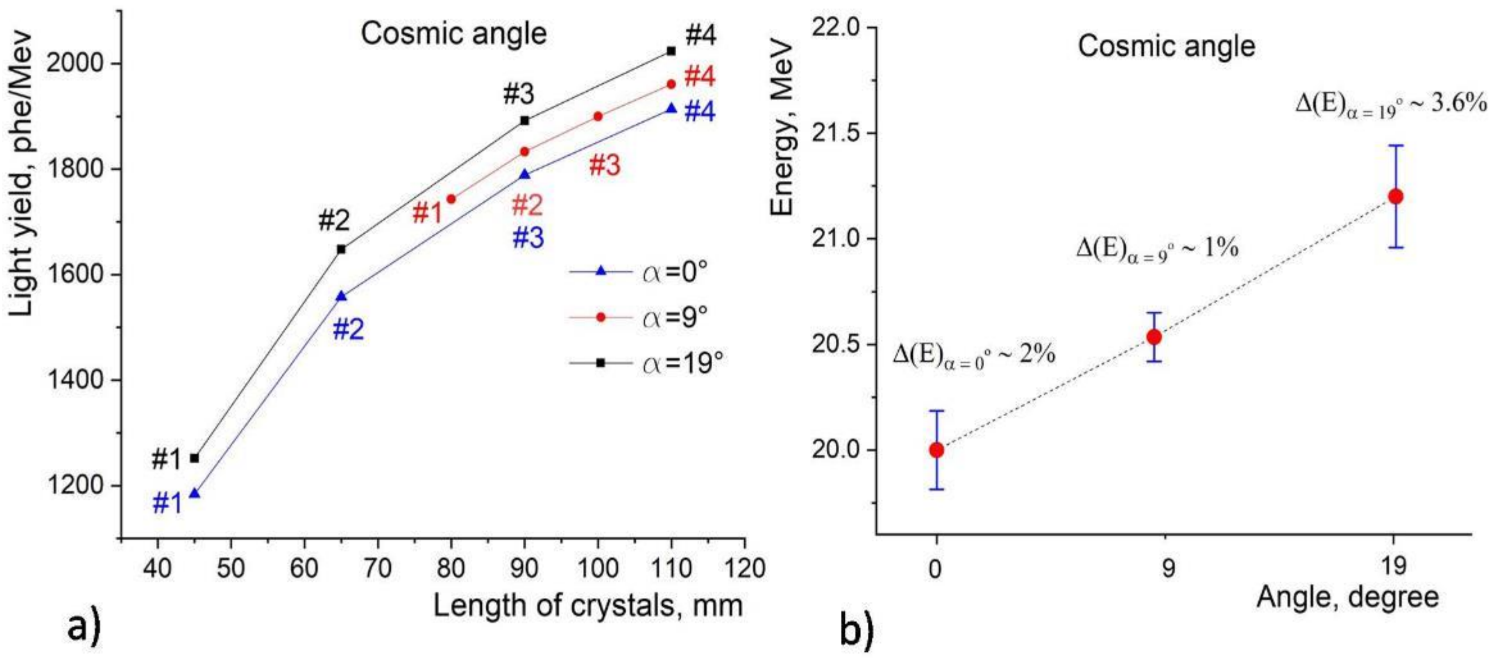
Light yield distribution along the LYSO:Ce crystals length for two positions of the photodetector (left and right) relative to the length of the crystal: a) JT Technology crystal; b) Saint-Gobain crystal



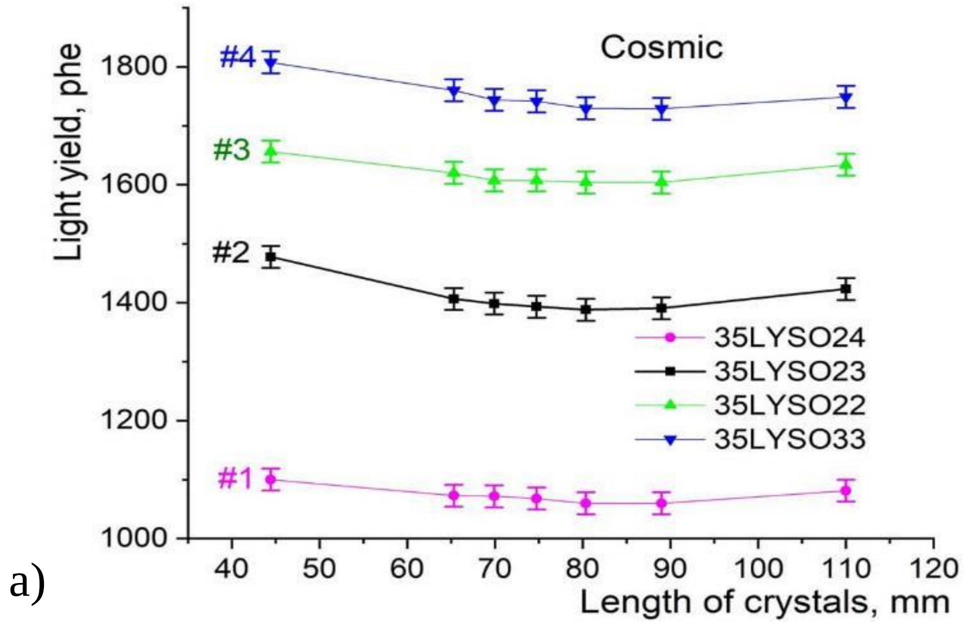
Light yield non-uniformity along the crystal length for various types of reflective materials

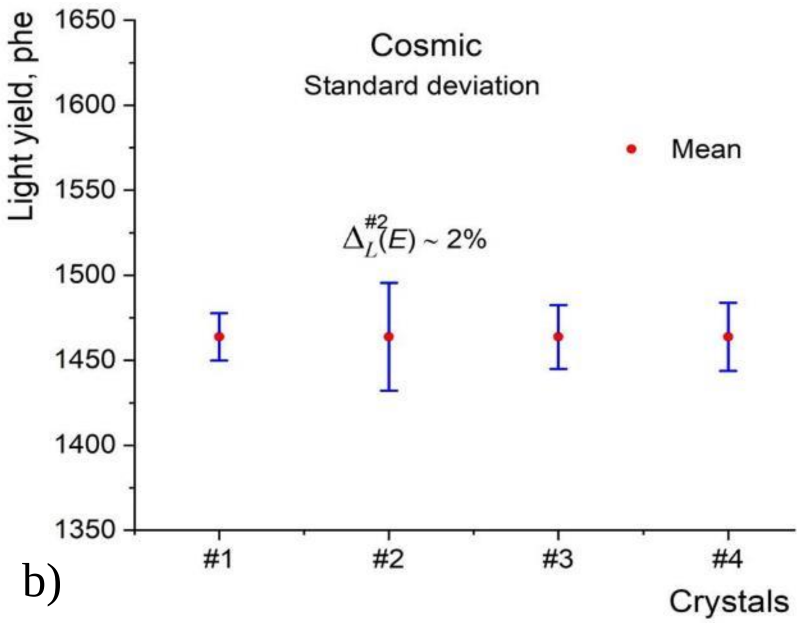


Energy spectrum of a crystal with optimal wrapping



a) Scintillator responses of the calorimeter prototype for angles of 0, 9 and 19 degrees ; b) Detector response non-uniformity for angles 0, 9 and 19 degree





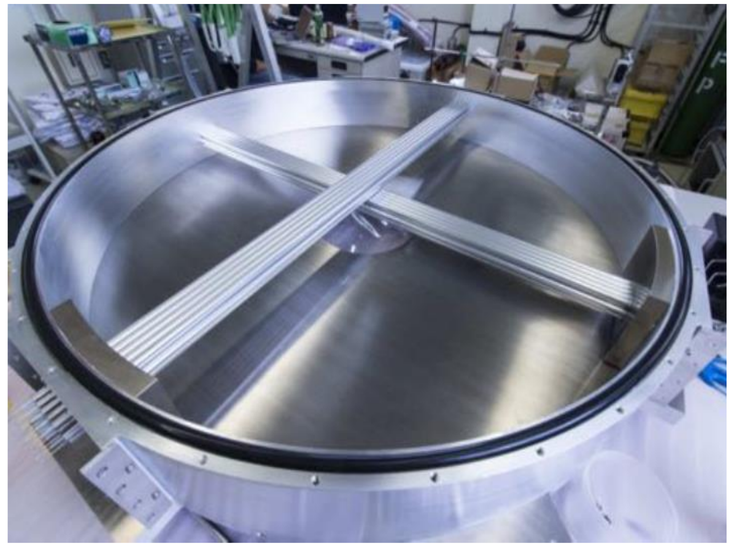
a) Light yield distribution along the crystal length (scintillators responses) measured with cosmic muons; b) Mean value of response and response non-uniformity for each scintillator

Plan for further work is continuation of work on the development of a calorimeter calibration technique:
1) measurement of the calorimeter prototype parameters at electron beam ;
2) calculation of the energy resolution of the calorimeter prototype..

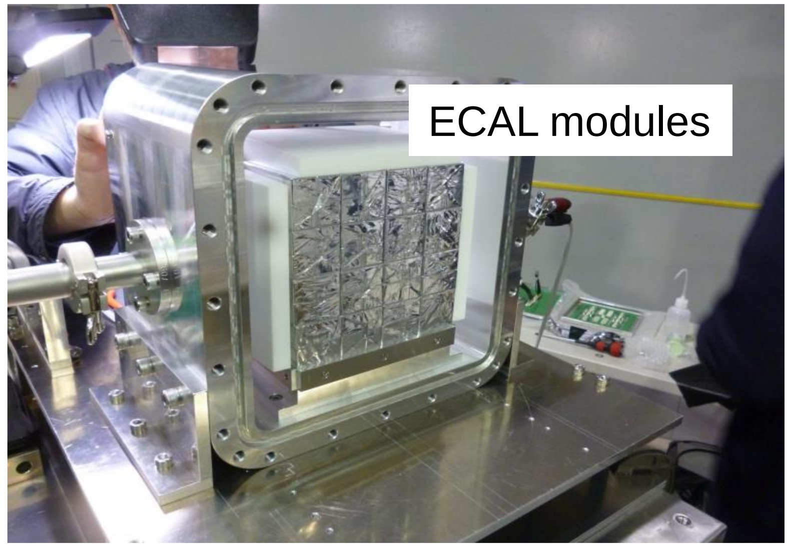
- Simulation of processes in crystals, ongoing
- Comparison of the crystal types, finished
- Simulation of optimal structure of the calorimeter, ongoing
- Simulation of the calorimeter geometry in framework ICEDUST, ongoing
- Experimental study of the main parameters (uniformity, light output) LYSO crystals on a precision JINR stand, ongoing
- Calibration of 64 crystals of LYSO at the JINR stand for Beam Test (Tohoku), finished
- Participation in a calorimeter design, ongoing
- Quality control (certification) of all crystals in JINR (full responsibility), ongoing
- Calorimeter assembling, testing, calibration and installation at setup, in the near future

StrECAL system integration tests at ELPH in Tohoku Univ.

Energy range: 65 -145 MeV



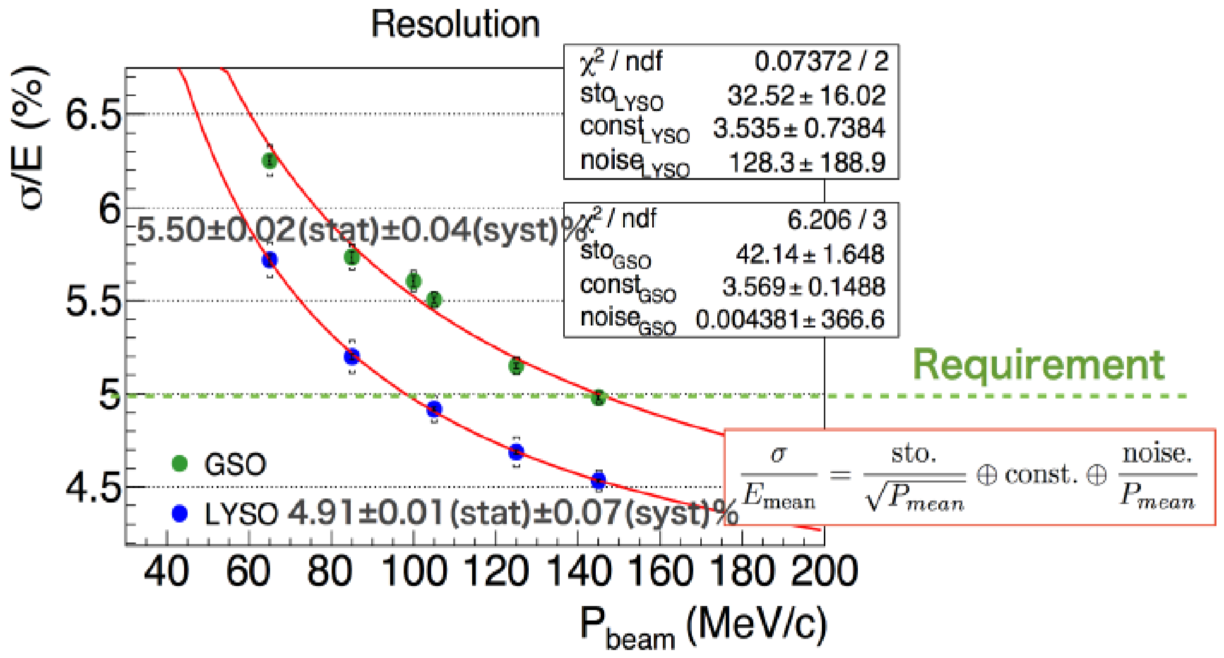
Straw prototype

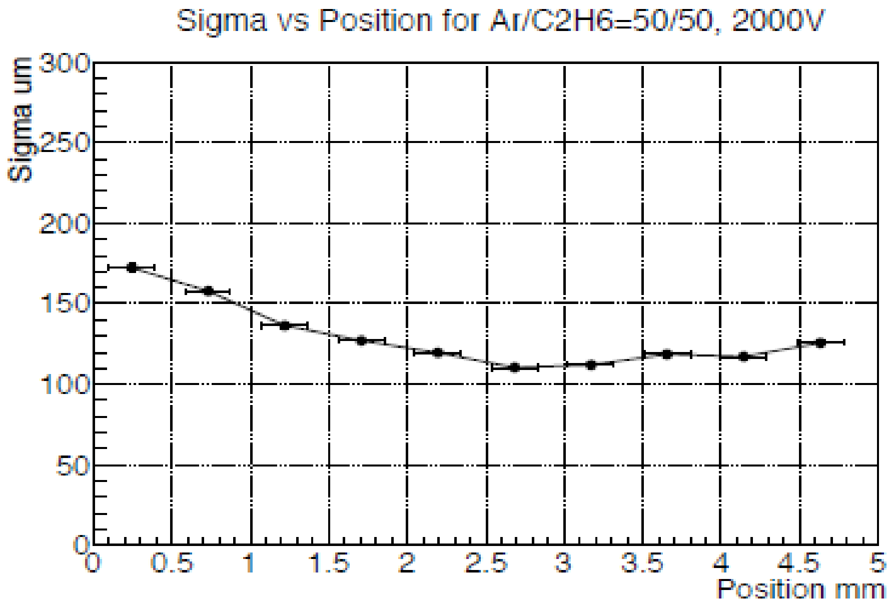


ECAL prototype 64 (8x8) JINR cryst.

The energy resolution at 105 MeV for

- GSO - 5.5 ± 0.02 (stat) ±0.04 (syst) %
- LYSO – 4.91 ± 0.01 (stat) ± 0.07 (syst) %

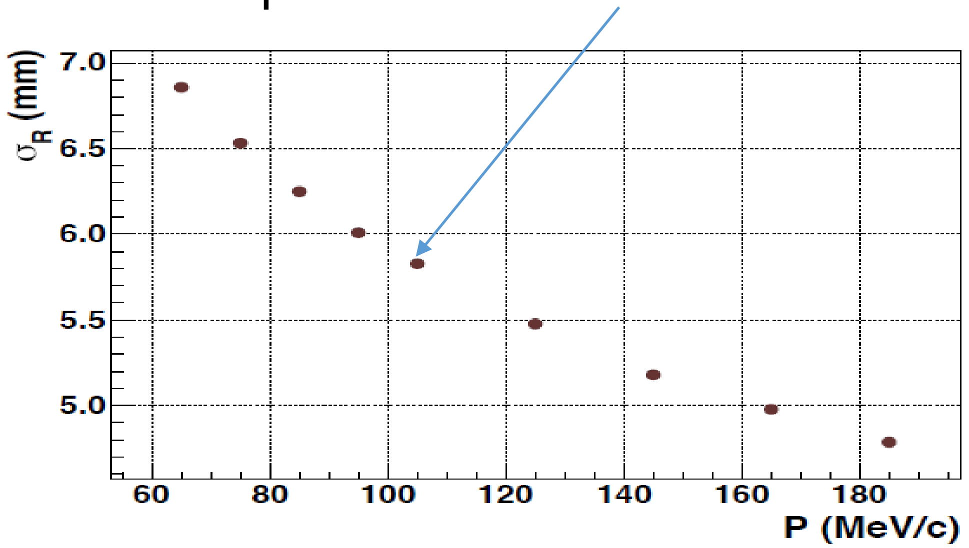




The results of straw efficiency and spatial resolution HV 2000)

- ε > 96%
- σ ~ 119 μm

The position resolution is 5.8 mm



The position resolution varying from 5.3 mm to 8.5 mm, depends on where electron hits (center, border, corner)

At 105 MeV/c, the energy resolution varying from 3.8% to 4.8%, depends on where the electron hits (center, border, corner) on the ECAL

The LYSO crystals are to meet the required for ECAL, ER and PR of better than 5 % and, <10 mm accordingly at 105 MeV in all the area

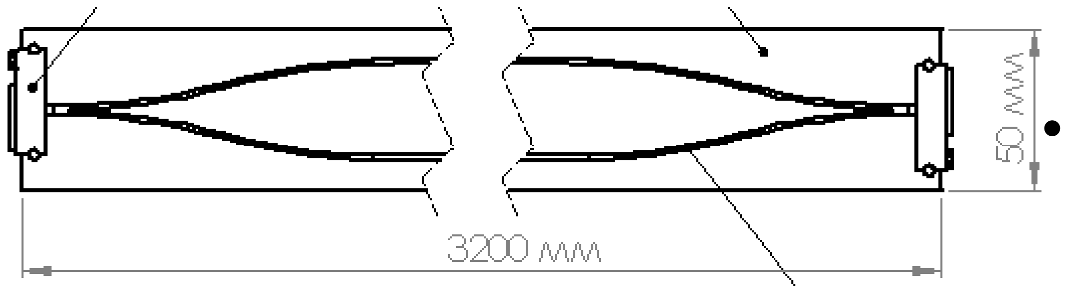
Cosmic-Ray Veto (CRV)

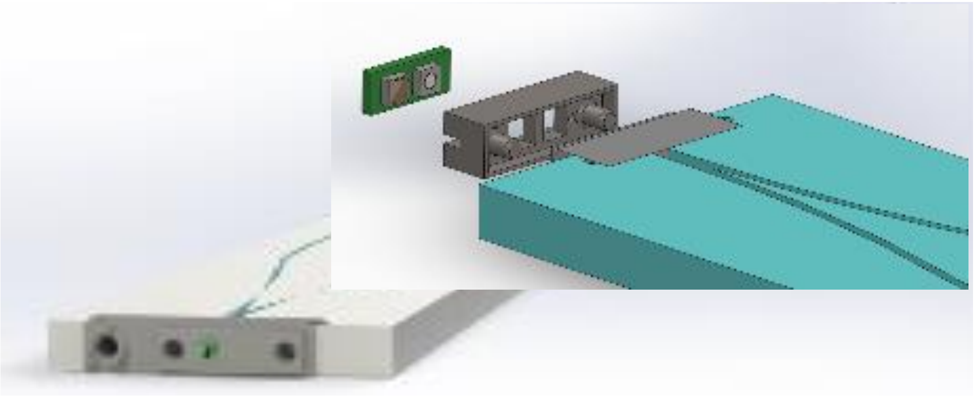
COMET CRV major goals

- Muons from cosmic rays mimic the 105 MeV conversion electrons and, as a major source of background, would reduce the experiment overall precision. So, to suppress the cosmic muons, the Cosmic-Ray Veto (CRV) system becomes as an essential part of the COMET experiment. It will cover around of the COMET other systems and will acting as an active shielding and efficiency to record the muon is required on 99.99% level.
- CRV will consist of two major parts: scintillator based (SCRV) and GRPC based (GRPC-CRV) subsystems. The SCRV subsystem placed on top, sides and back of the COMET and based on extruded plastic scintillation strip with WLS fiber glued to the strip groove. The GRPC-CRV will be placed in hottest area at front of the COMET and will be consists of array of GRPC.
- The JINR group is the leader in R&D, in design and in development of the SCRV subsystem. This activity includes two parts: to finalize design of the SCRV with providing scintillation strips production, testing, CRV modules creation schedule and to design/create/test the electronics embedded to the scintillators.
- **We proposed the final designs of the strip and CRV module were discussed during the COMET Collaboration Meeting 34 and 35 and it was approved for SCRV-LS-0**.
- First 3.2-meter long CRV module already created and sent to J-PARC

Scintillation strips as a base element of the COMET SCRV modules

Design of the strip





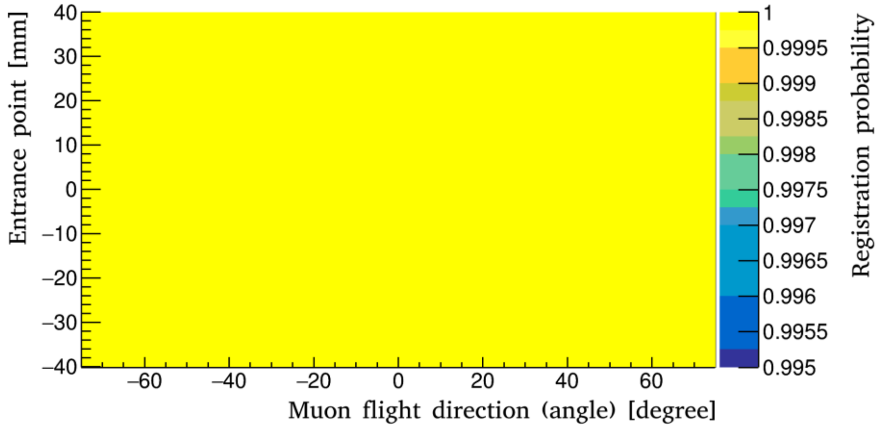
Sketch of the strip with SiPM board and housing.
The real look of the SiPM PCB inserted to the housing

real strip

Hamamatsu MPPC/SiPM S14160-3050HS in housing

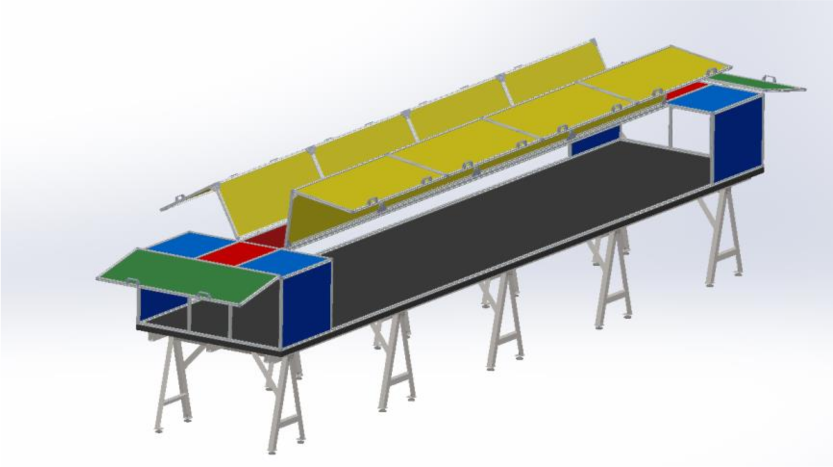
- We investigated the different configurations for strips: with one or two Wave-Length Shifting (WLS) optical fiber in parallel grooves, with different WLS fibers diameters, combination of it.
- The investigation included a search of the best values for the shift layer to each other (so called pattern) by simulation with GEANT-4 and it tested on 4x4 module.
- We found the reasonable compromise between the strip's geometry, number of WLS fibers, its diameter and SiPM type should be attached
- design of SCRV based on 4-layers array of plastic scintillator strips of 7x50 mm^2 in cross section and with two 1.2-mm (for sides) and 1.4-mm (for top) in diameter WLS fiber glued in the groove along the strip
- With this geometry it will be possible to achieve required up to 99.99% efficiency for cosmic muon registration.
- The light collection will be done with Hamamatsu MPPC/SiPM S14160-3050HS since it have up to 50% of quantum efficiency on required green light area thus ensuring maximum efficiency of the strip to detect the cosmic muons

Layout to create the registration probability map for CRV module



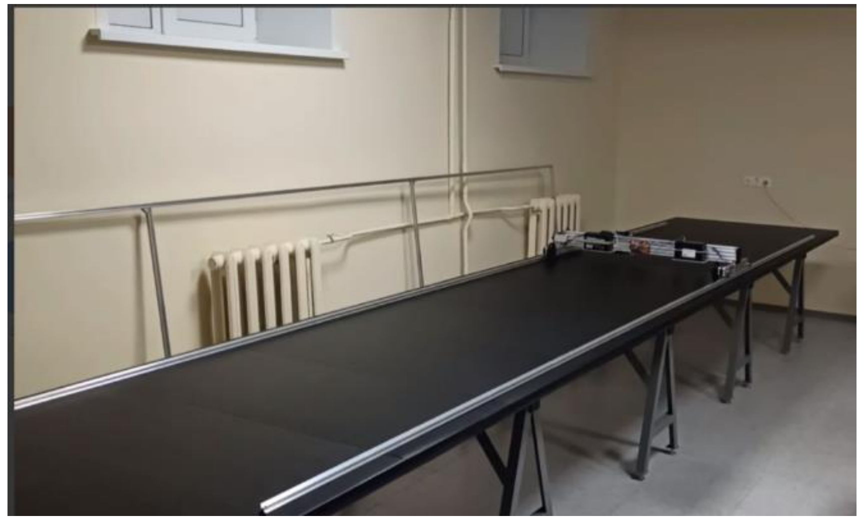
Example of the registration probability maps for CRV module with 7-mm-thick and 2 WLS fibers and shift pattern 8-8-10 mm and with expected light yield of 32 ph.e.

Strips test stand



The test stand sketch

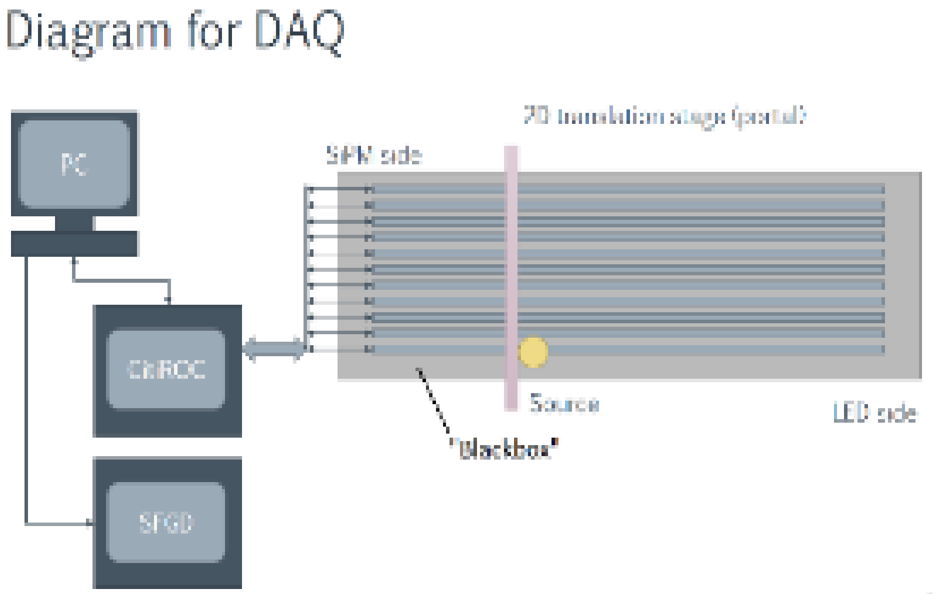
To create of this, first CRV module, we needed to provide a proper procedure of the mass production of the strips, including the quality check on each step of the production. At first, we need to choose the optical glue to fix the WLS fiber in grooves. Next, we need to check the WLS fiber state before its gluing into grooves. Then, we need to check the strips in geometry and light output prior of the CRV module creation.



2D portal in the table

Test stand full assembly

- To test the strips, we created the lightproof 6-m-long test stand with 2D translation stages (so-called 2D-portal). The collimated by 1 mm diameter radioactive by $^{90}Sr/^{90}Y$ β-source with 0.06 mCi beta-source was used to exam the strips along the distances. Light from SiPMs were collected using Front-End based on CitiROC.
- 100 strips were produced, and quality test was provided. 64 best of them were selected to create the first CRV module

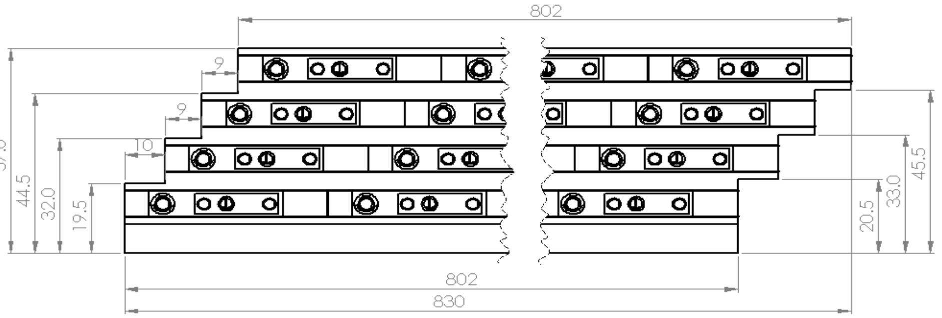


DAQ layout for strips quality test using collimated beta-source.

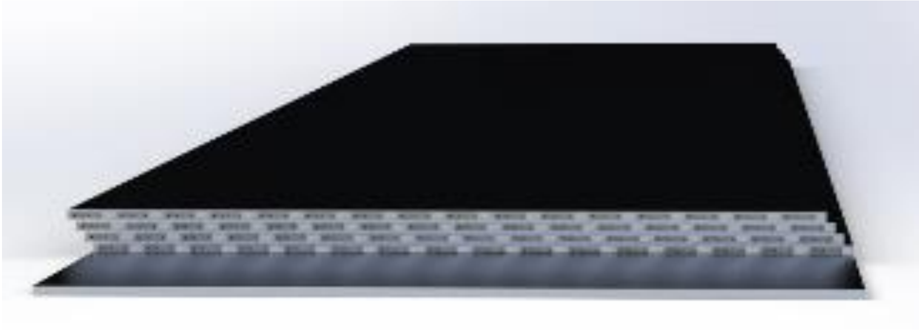
Layer	left					Top mount point view										right
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Top, L4	78	31	56	68	40	52	8	36	46	6	27	29	9	12	38	48
Middle, L3	97	33	50	47	58	35	37	53	2	39	43	11	23	4	21	70
Middle, L2	63	61	64	57	25	18	42	7	28	1	96	3	13	14	99	45
Bottom, L1	55	54	80	67	59	26	5	10	17	49	30	32	15	24	98	22

64 for strips order for first CRV module

First CRV module assembly and preliminary test on cosmic



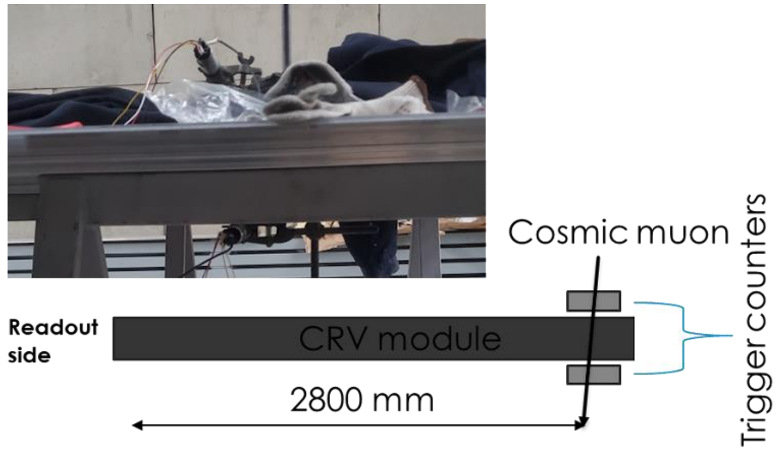
SCRV design



sketch of module

Assembly of CRV module

- The mix of the optical epoxy with TiO2 in proportion of 1:1 was found as best solution to glue the CRV module and be prevented of light loss due to gluing and to establish the necessary bonding strength for CRV module.
- We used the vacuum to provide equivalent to 25-ton force over the total CRV surface to properly fix the CRV module geometry while epoxy cures



First test of CRV module with Meteor 32 provided at JINR

Compressed by 1 bar CRV module

CRV module ready to send

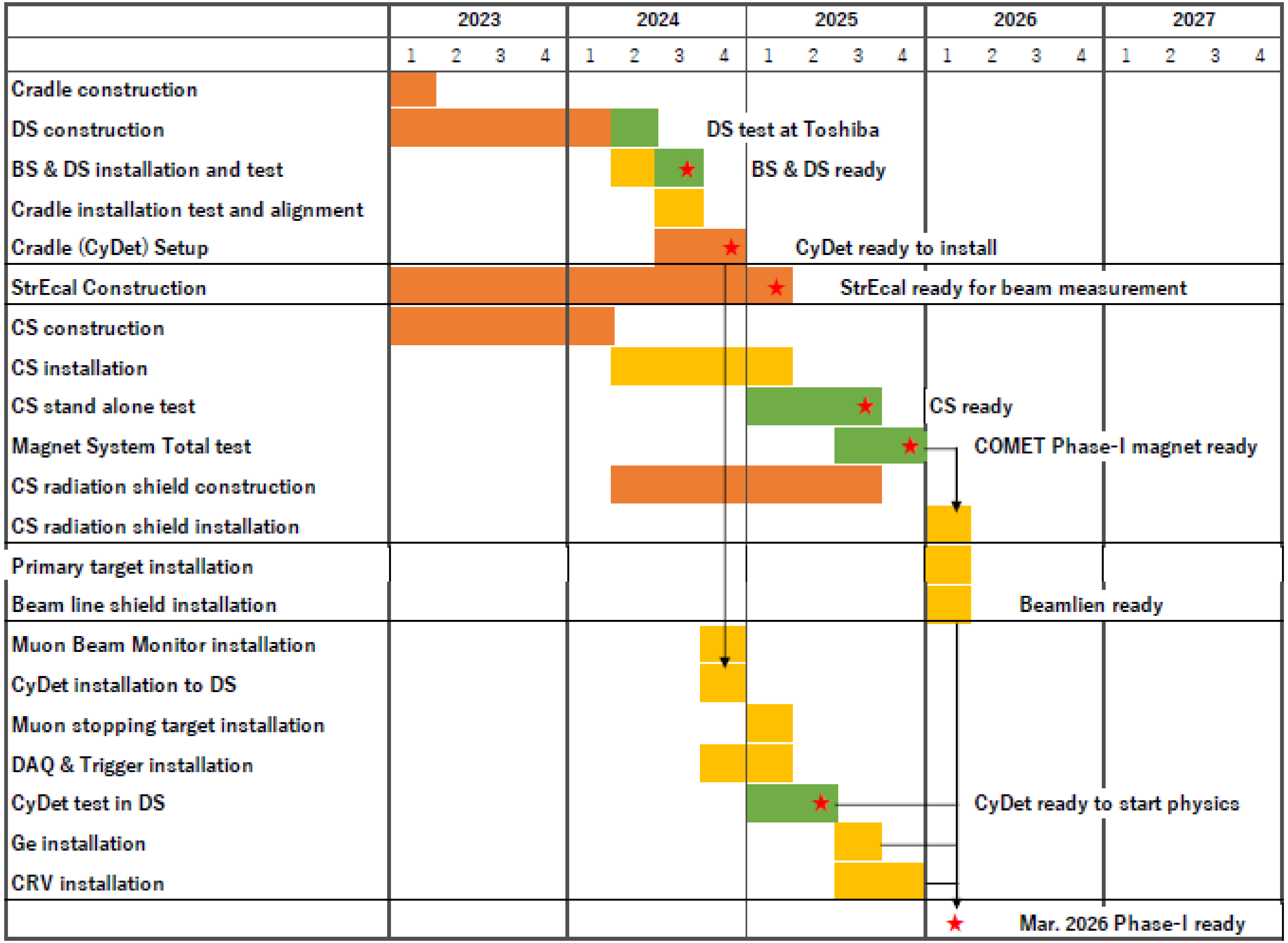
The responsibility of the JINR in the COMET

- The JINR group is a single one in the COMET collaboration, which is capable to produce thin-wall straw tubes. Therefore, we are fully responsible for manufacturing of all straw tubes. Different procedures of the tube tests on pressure, gas leakage and elongation have been also updated in accordance with the COMET requirements and new test standards have been established.
- JINR takes full responsibility for the next step to this direction, carrying out of R&D works of straw tubes for the COMET Phase-II, with the tubes of 5 mm diameter and 12μ wall thickness. For this purpose, we are preparing a new straw line in DLNP.
- JINR physicists together with the KEK colleagues take full responsibility in assembling, tests and installation of the full-scale straw tracker for Phase-I. Appreciating the crucial contribution of the JINR to the creation of the straw tracker, a member of JINR-COMET team was elected as one of the coordinator for the straw tracker system.
- JINR takes full responsibility in production of a full-scale straw station for Phase-I, with new type of straw tubes.
- JINR takes full responsibility for development and optimization of a crystal calibration method for the calorimeter to be used in COMET Phase I and Phase-II.
- Physicists from JINR take full responsibility for the certification of crystals, and are the leaders in the R&D work.
- JINR together with KEK and Kyushu University takes full responsibility for assembling, testing, installation and operation of the calorimeter.
- JINR physicists have implemented a full-scale R&D program to create a cosmic veto system. The program was completed successfully, and the results were reported at the collaboration meetings. Based on these results, all the parameters and methods for creating the CRV are determined. Also, the main responsibility in the assembly, testing and installation of the CRV for Phase-I will be on scientists from JINR. Based on these, a member of JINR-COMET group was elected as the CRV team leader.

COMET Phase-I Facility Construction Schedule

Detector Schedule

- CyDet will be ready by the end of June, 2025
- StrECal should be ready by the end of January, 2025
- CRV should be ready by the end of September, 2025



Summary

- ➢ The COMET is a search experiment for μ-e conversion at J-PARC
  - aiming improvement the sensitivity x 10,000 better than the past limit, 1.0 x 10^{-17}
  - staging approach called Phase-I (under construction) / Phase-II
- ➢ **COMET Phase-I** is now under construction

Phase-I Goal:
(in 150 days operatio

$$B(\mu^- + Al \to e^- + Al) = 3.0 \times 10^{-15} \ \text{(S.E.S)}$$
$$B(\mu^- + Al \to e^- + Al) < 7 \times 10^{-15} \quad (90\% C.L.)$$

Up to 10^{-15} → sensitive to "new physics"

- The creation of CDC detector for physics search is already finished
- The other system is under construction
- We plan to be ready in the beginning of 2026

- ➢ In parallel preparation and carrying out Phase-I, will go work on creation of a full muon bunch, R&D for COMET Phase-II is underway. After completion of Phase-I, will immediately begin installation and assembly for Phase-II. Expecting to start in 2028-2030
- ➢ JINR plays a **leading role** in preparation of this experiment of fundamental importance.

Thank you for attention!