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Probing and Knocking with Muons for Dark Matter and others

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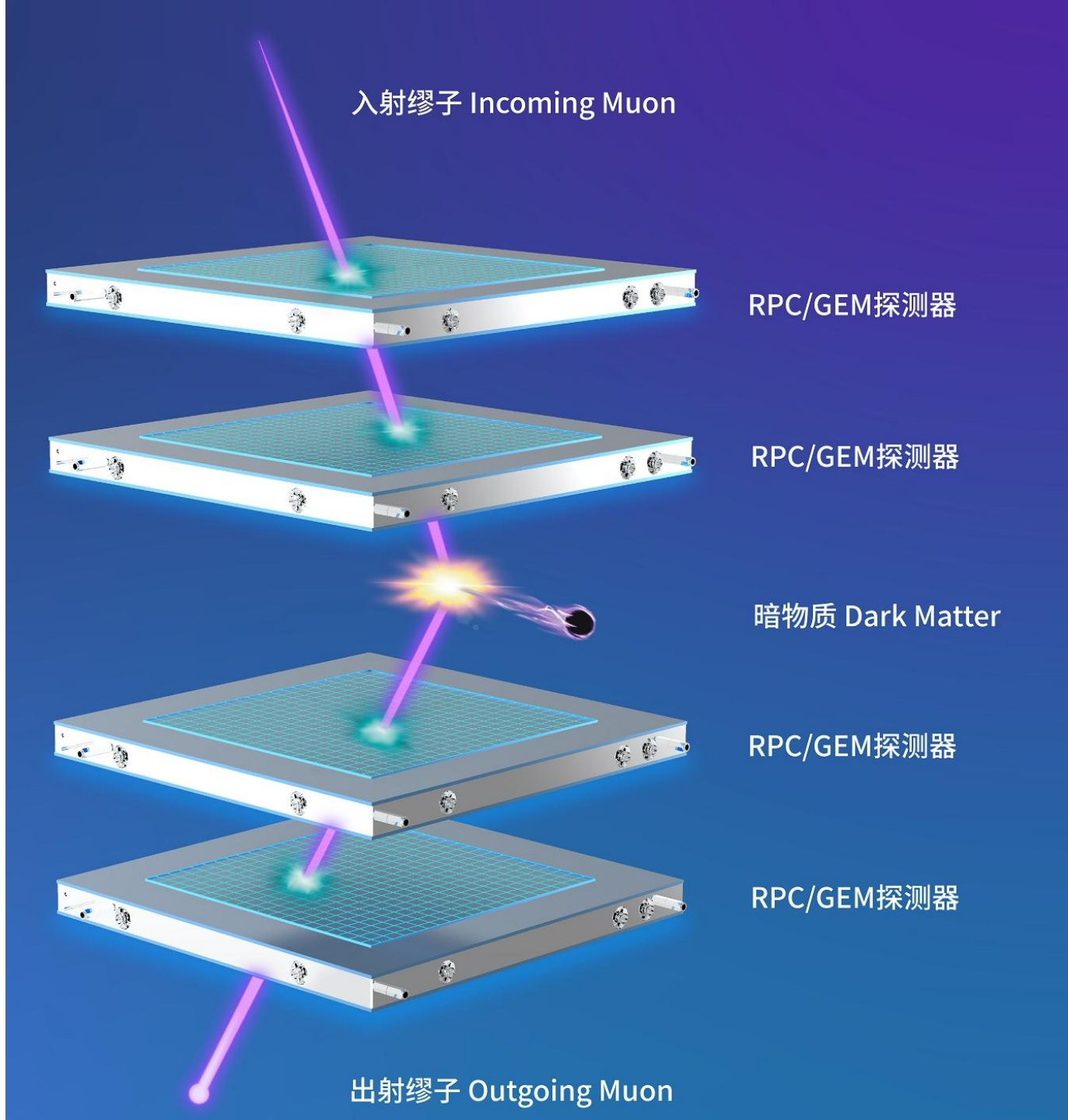
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PKMu for DM

PKMu for CLFV

SPCS 2024, Shanghai
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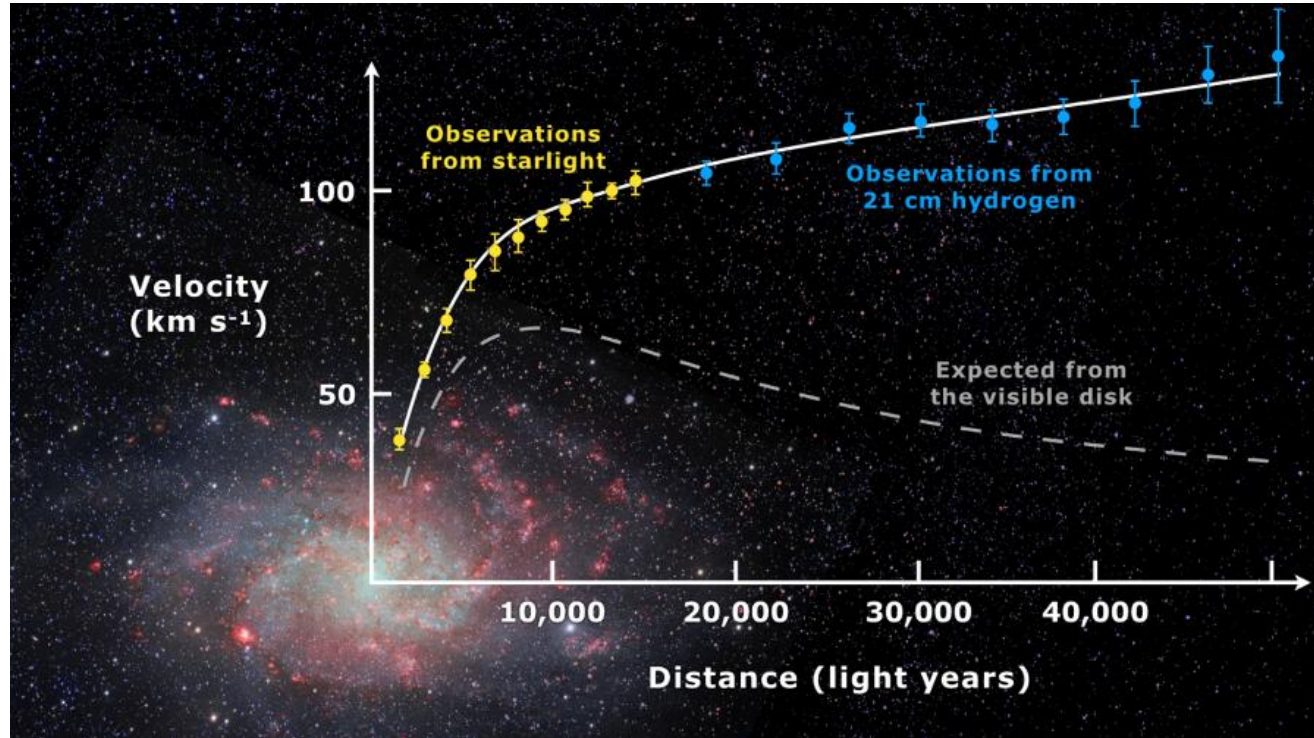


1. Dark Matter Matters
2. Why Muon?
3. A Brief Introduction of PKMu
4. Phase I: Cosmic Muons (RPC/GEM Tomography)
 1. Run1 data
5. Phase II: Chinese Muon beams (CSNS, HIAF)
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Evidence for the existence of dark matter

- Galaxy rotation curves (1933/1970s)



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Bullet Cluster



Credit: x-ray: NASA/CXC/CfA/M. Markevitch et al.; optical: NASA/STScI, Magellan/U. Arizona/D. Clowe et al.; lensing map: NASA/STScI ESO WFI, Magellan/U. Arizona/D. Clowe et al.

- Gravitational lensing, microwave background radiation
- Normal matter:dark matter:dark energy = 5:27:68

Report of the 2023 Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel / USA



Illuminate
the
Hidden
Universe

Determine the Nature
of Dark Matter

Understand What Drives
Cosmic Evolution

Determine the Nature of Dark Matter. The gravitational evidence for dark matter is overwhelming. We have many ideas for what dark matter could be, with a handful of particularly compelling candidates with viable cosmological histories. The number of strong candidates inspires a multifaceted campaign to determine the nature of dark matter, leveraging underground facilities, quantum sensors, telescopes, and accelerator-based probes.

National Natural Science Foundation of China

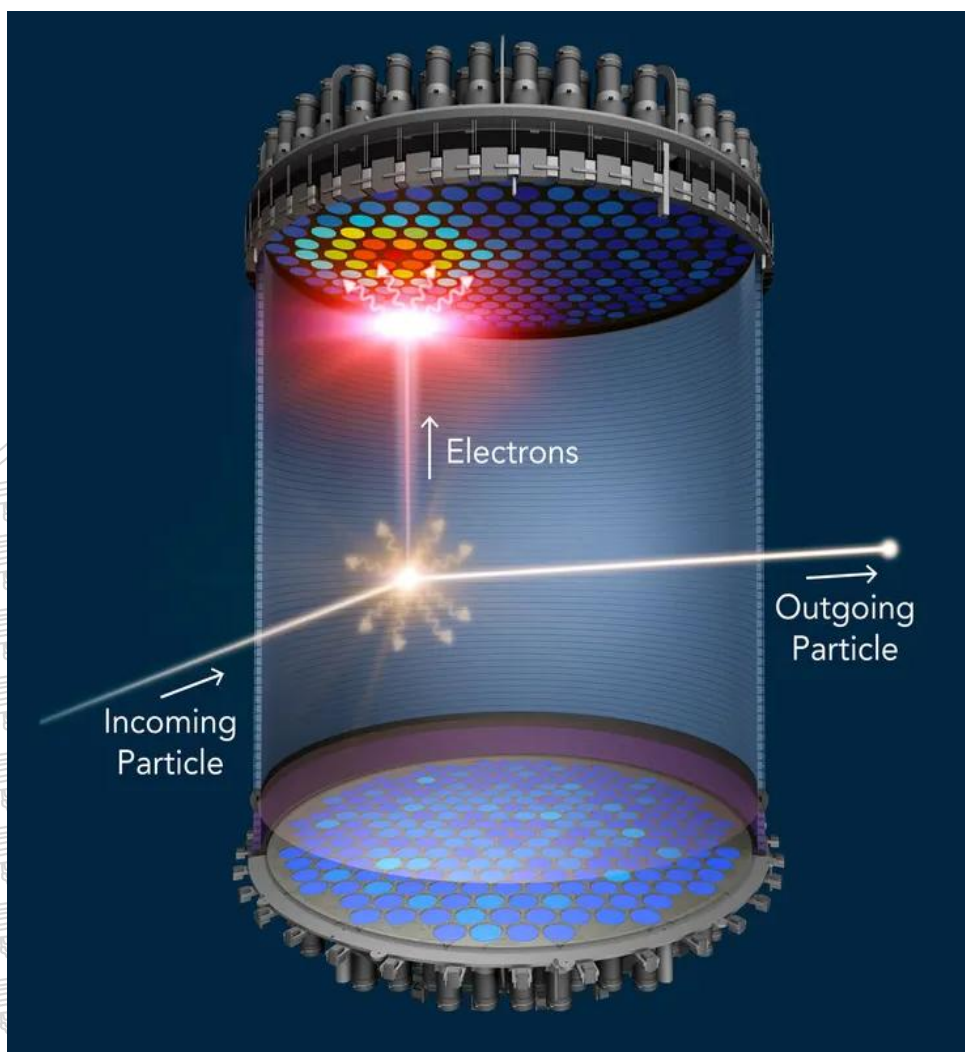
“十四五”优先发展领域（115项）

7.暗物质、暗能量以及星系巡天研究

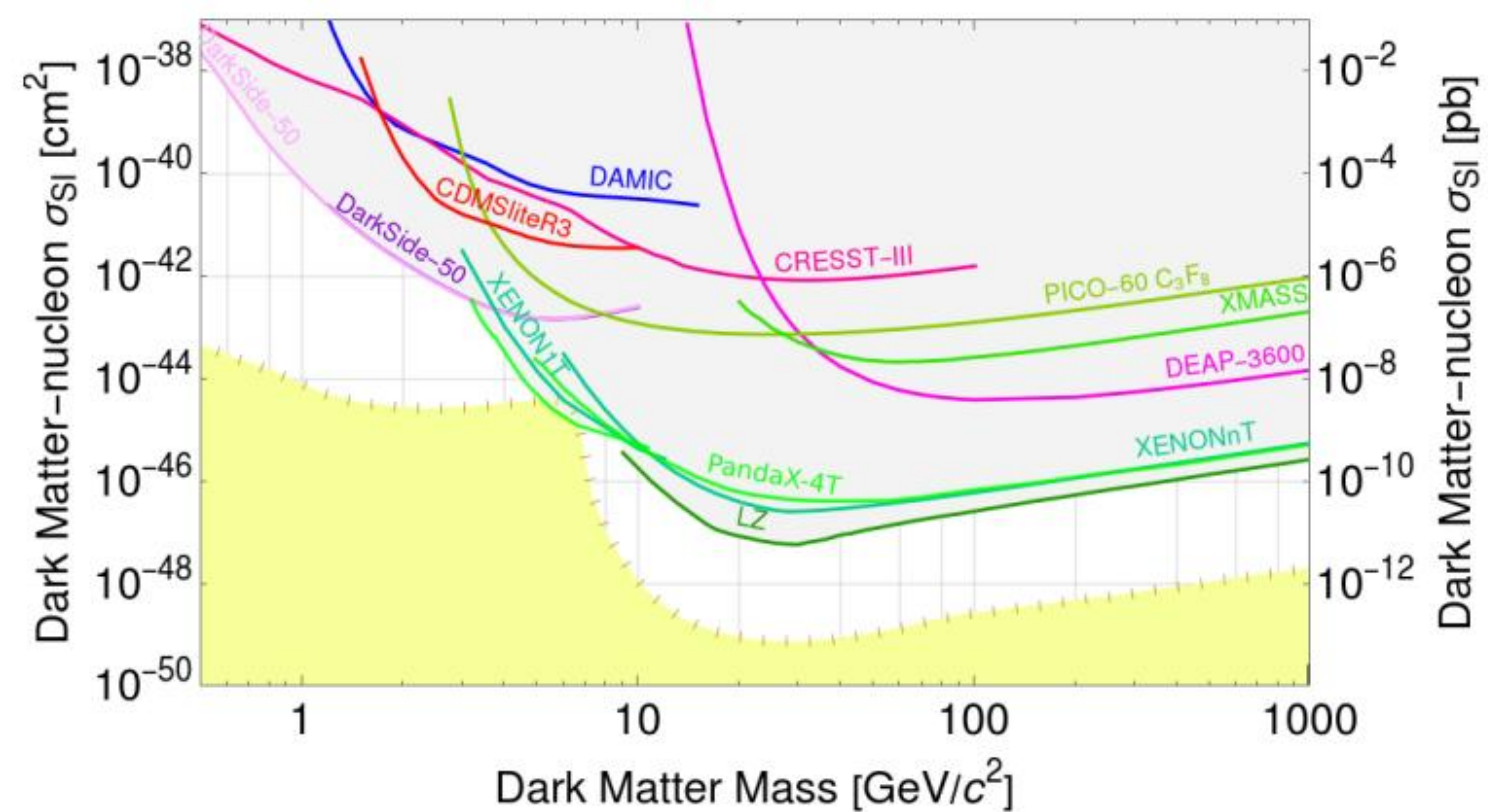
围绕宇宙的起源和演化前沿科学问题，重点研究暗物质和暗能量的本质，宇宙网络中的星系形成与演化，超大质量黑洞的起源与演化。

国家自然科学基金
“十四五”发展规划

Direct detection experiment of WIMP dark matter



Credit: SLAC

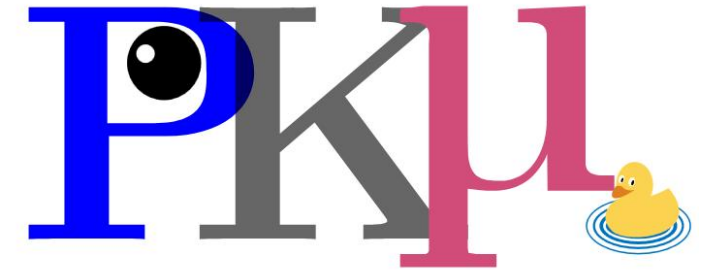


arXiv:2312.10828



PKMu

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arXiv:2303.18117 [hep-ph] accepted by International Journal of Modern Physics A
arXiv:2402.13483 [hep-ex] accepted by Phys. Rev. D 110, 016017

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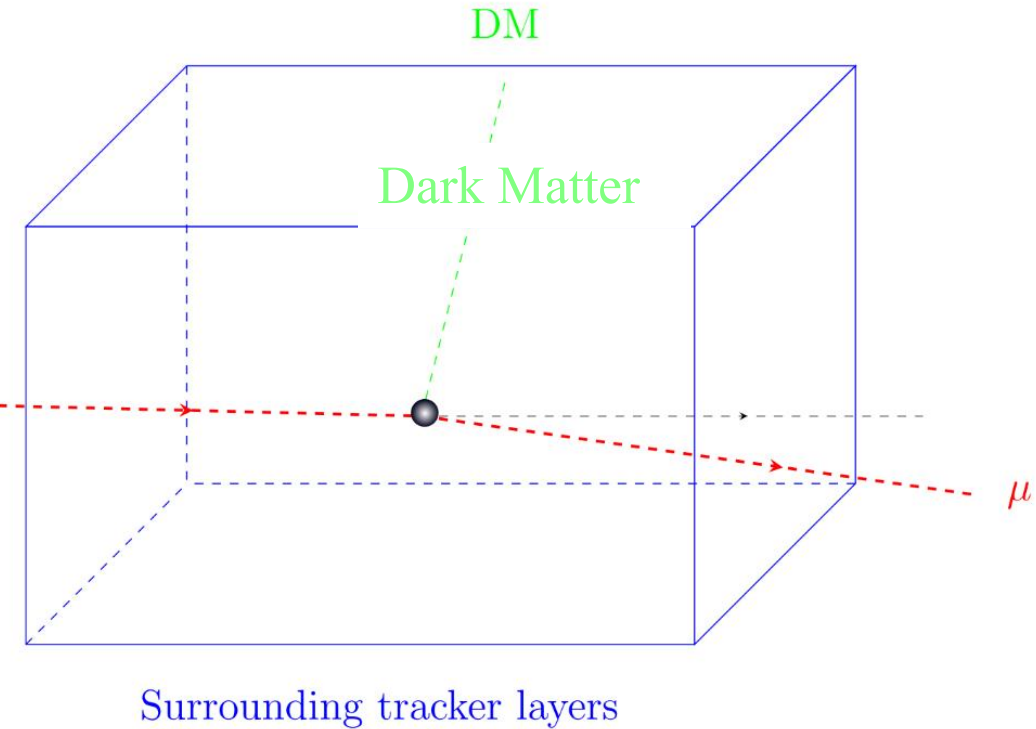
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Proposed Peking University muon experiment for muon tomography and dark matter search

Xudong Yu, Zijian Wang, Cheng-en Liu, Yiqing Feng, Jinning Li, Xinyue Geng, Yimeng Zhang, Leyun Gao, Ruobing Jiang, Youpeng Wu, Chen Zhou, Qite Li, Siguang Wang, Yong Ban, Yajun Mao, and Qiang Li
Phys. Rev. D **110**, 016017 – Published 19 July 2024

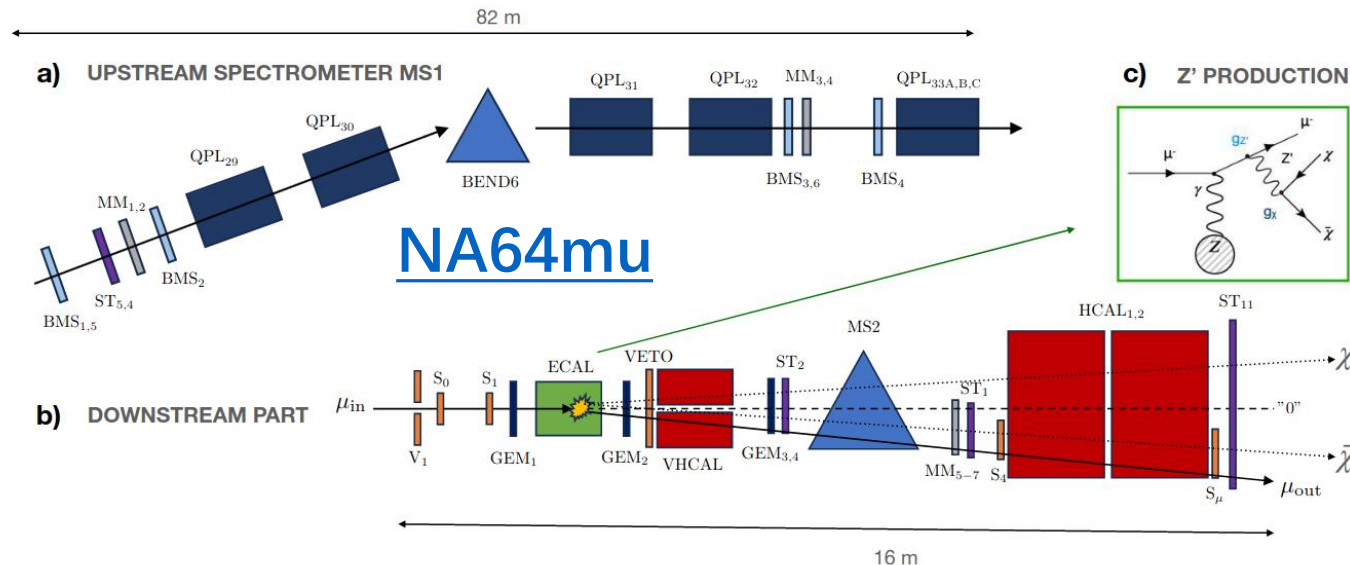
Why we consider using muons to detect dark matter

- 1. Few groups have studied the reaction between muons and dark matter.
- 2. The muon is the second-generation lepton of the Standard Model.
- 3. Free muons have a short lifetime and are very rare in the universe.
- 4. Experimental conditions: Detection of cosmic ray muons experience /Future muon sources in China.



Prelude: NA64, DarkShine, LDMX, MMM

- **Muon Philic Dark Matter** may be possible or necessary! (arXiv: 1804.03144)
- Some Electron/Muons **on Target** Experiments
 - [DarkShine](#) is \sim [LDMX](#) based on [Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility](#)
 - [MMM](#) (M3) is a US proposed muon-LDMX experiment
 - Intrigued by a [proposal](#) based on CERN NA64
 - “a lower-energy, e.g. 15 GeV, muon beam allows for greater muon track curvature and, therefore, a more compact experimental design...”



Light Dark Matter

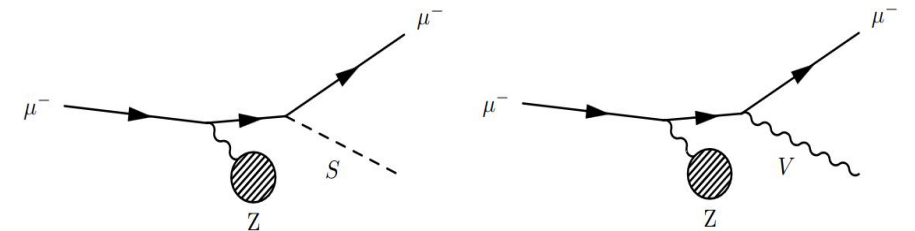
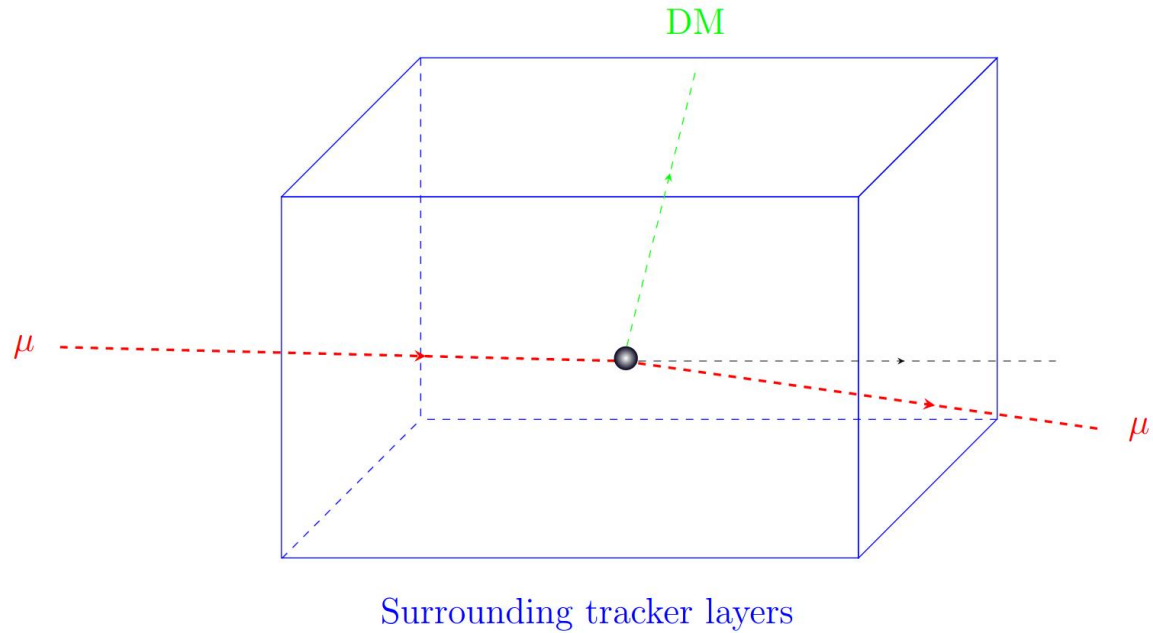


Figure 1. Dark bremsstrahlung signal process for simplified models with invisibly decaying scalar (left) and vector (right) forces that couple predominantly to muons. In both cases, a relativistic muon beam is incident on a fixed target and scatters coherently off a nucleus to produce the new particle as initial- or final-state radiation.

Phase I: Muon Tomography for Muon-DM scattering



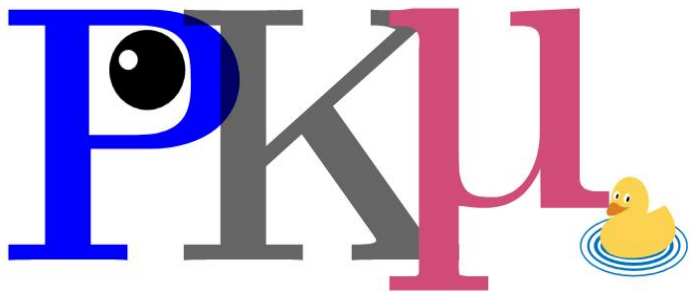
Notice for high speed muons, it is appropriate to treat DM as frozen in the detector volume (V), and the estimated rate per second could be:

$$\rho V / M_D \times \sigma_D \times F_\mu,$$

The local density of DM is at the order of $\rho \sim 0.3$ GeV/cm³ and with a typical velocity of $v = 300$ km/s. While F_μ is the muon flux $\sim 1/60$ /s/cm² at the sea level. For Dark Matter mass $M_D \sim 0.1$ GeV, and detector box volume as $V \sim 1$ m³. Thus the sensitivity on Dark Matter Muon scattering cross section for 1 year run will be around

$$\sigma_D \sim 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^2$$

One year



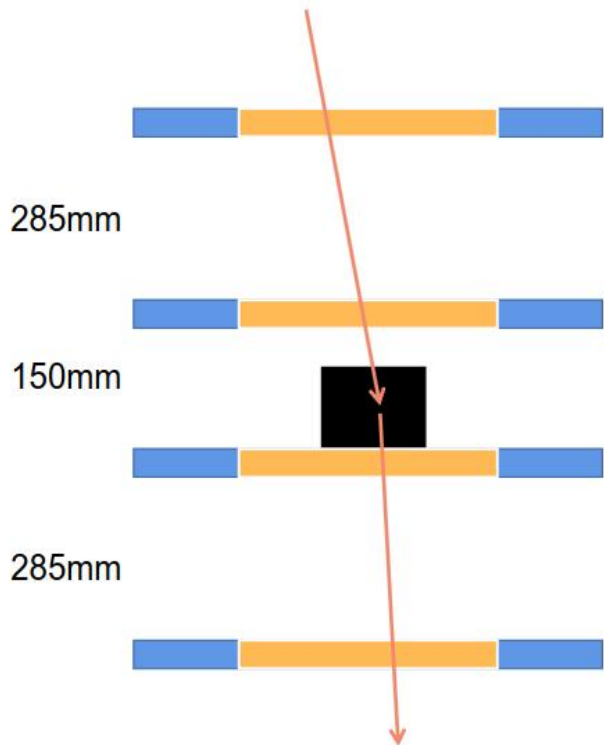
PKμ-Probing and Knocking with Muons

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基于 RPC, GEM, AT-TPC, etc.
20cm*20cm 60cm*40cm 完整径迹

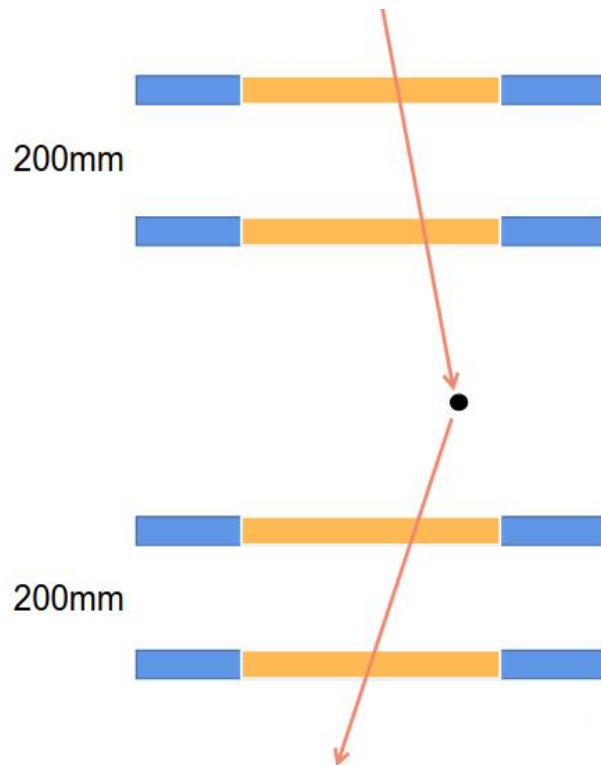
Muon Tomography

缪子成像装置，容易转换成
缪子对空间的散射角测量



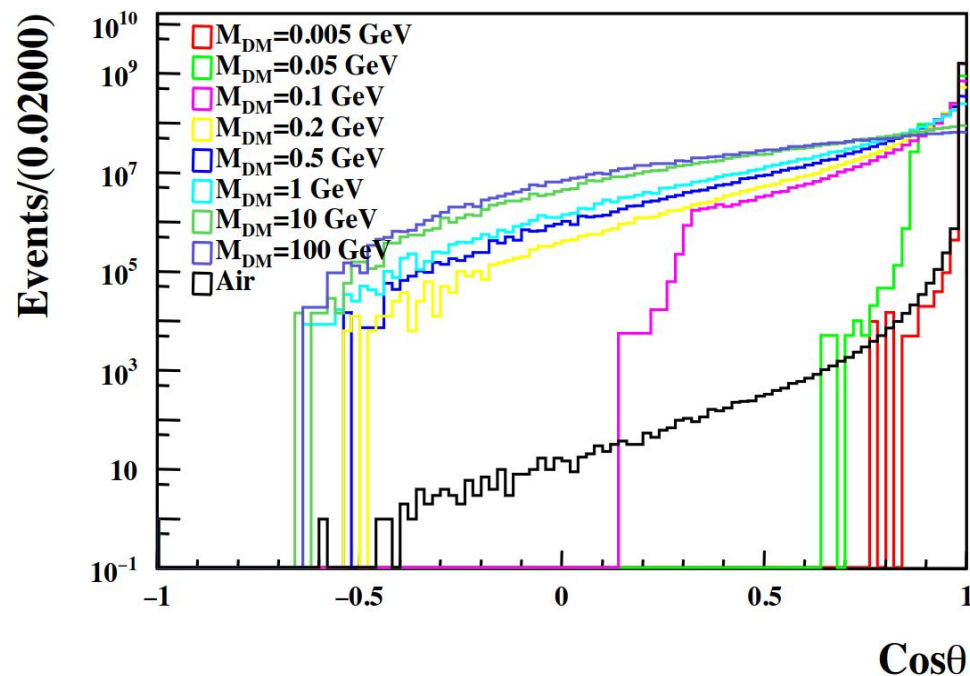
Dark Matter Search 暗物质寻找

(arXiv: 2303.18117 accpted by ITJMPA)



缪子穿过1m厚度空气及不同质量暗
物质的散射角模拟结果

Geant4 simulation results for muon
scattering with 1m thick air or DM



PKU RPC R&D History



The Compact Muon Solenoid Experiment

CMS Bulletin

CERN, CH-1211 GENEVA 23, Switzerland



Bulletins are available on
CMS internal information server:

<http://cmsdoc.cern.ch/cms.html>

Number 06-01
13 March 2006

Moving Forward !



YE-1 yoke equipped with CSC/RPC packages
(inner ring) and RE1/3 RPC's (outer ring).



The ME1/3 CSC's now cover the RPC outer ring and
hence complete the first Muon station on YE-1.

- Resistive Plate Chamber
 - R. Santonico (in 1980s)



- Large Area $\sim m^2$
- Good Time Solution $\sim 1ns$
- Acceptable Spatial Resolution
 - $\sim 3mm \sim 1cm$



CMS Muon Trigger RPCs

Assembled and tested by PKU (~2002)

GE2/1 GEM: 探测器部件生产进展

PKU Lab

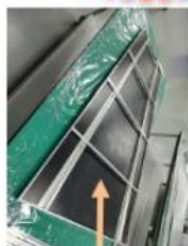
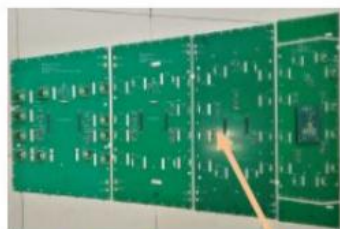
Module Components

Component s	GEM Foils	External Frames	Internal Frames	O-rings	Drift PCB	RO PCB	T-nuts	Pull-outs
% Produced	82%	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	27% - 41%	27% - 41%	42.4 %	27.5 %

(> 50% expected by Aug. 2023) (> 50% expected by Sep. 2023)



北大基地生产的第一个CMS GEM模块



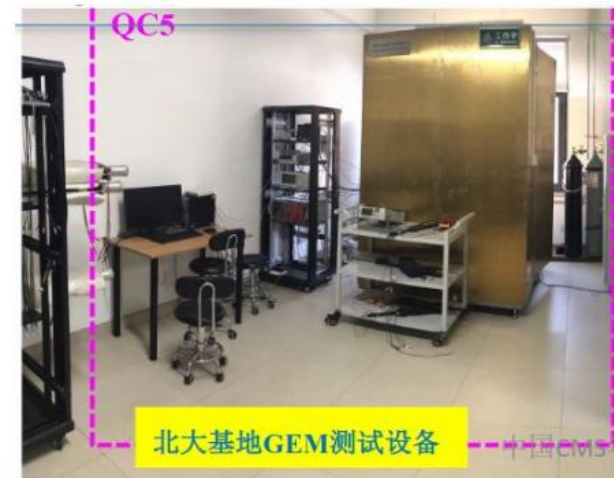
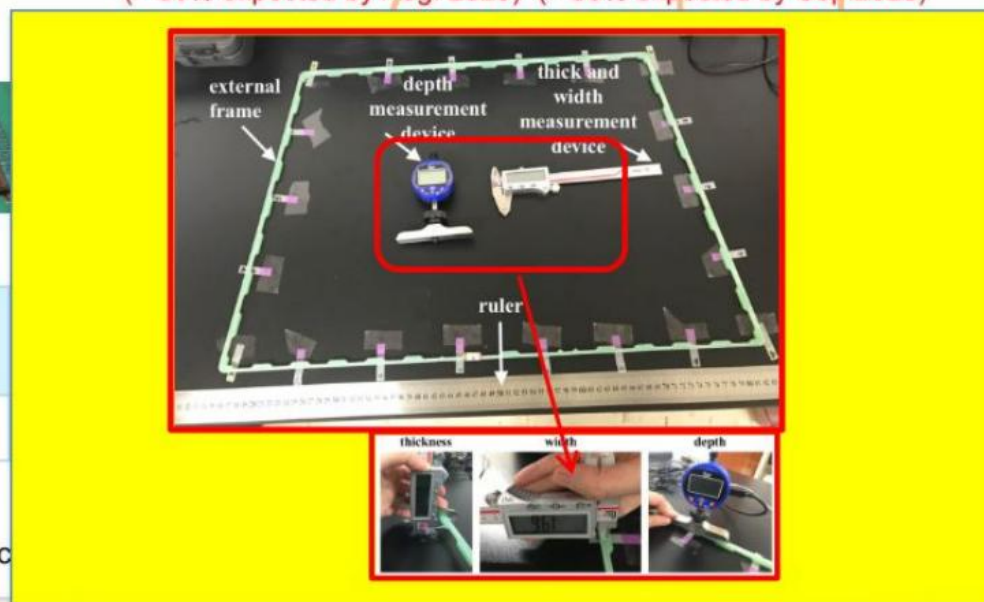
On-detector electronics

Components	GEB	OH	VFAT (Plug-in Card)
% Produced	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	60.2 %

In progress (>50% expected)

Chamber components

Components	Mechanics	On-detector Fibers	HV filters	Cooling	On-detector Cabling (HV/LV/GND)
% Produced	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	~30%	50% - 100%	COMPLETED



北大基地GEM测试设备

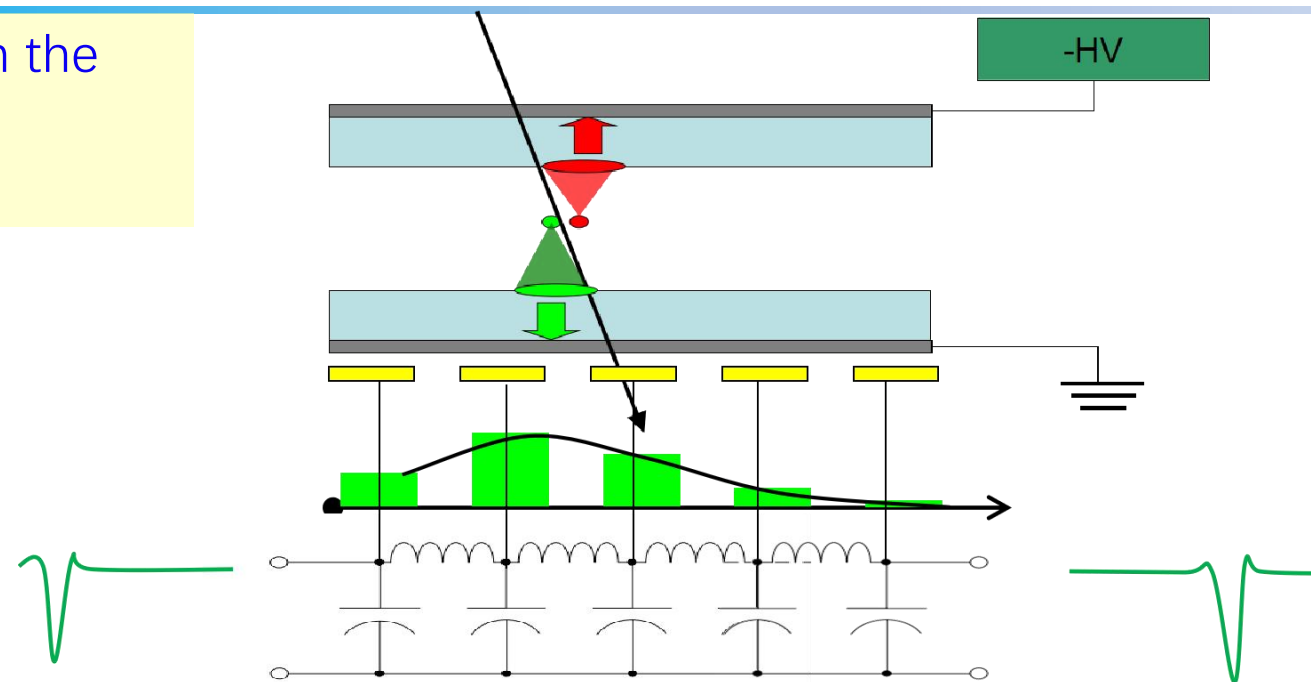
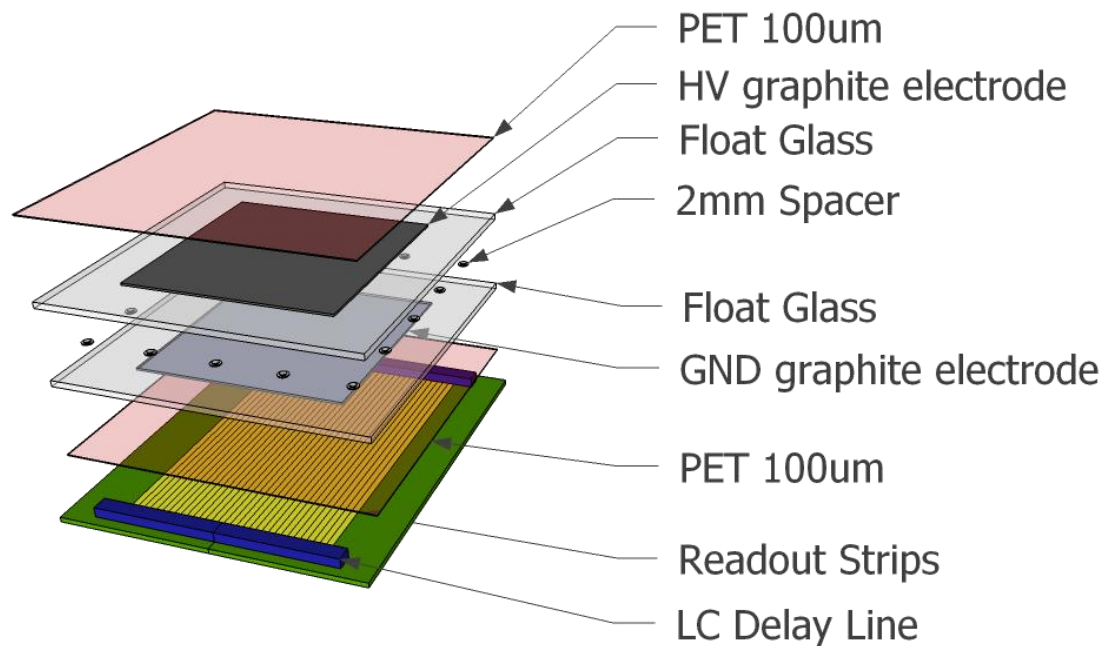
中国组负责生产的GEM部件均已按计划完成并通过CERN检测!

2023/07/02

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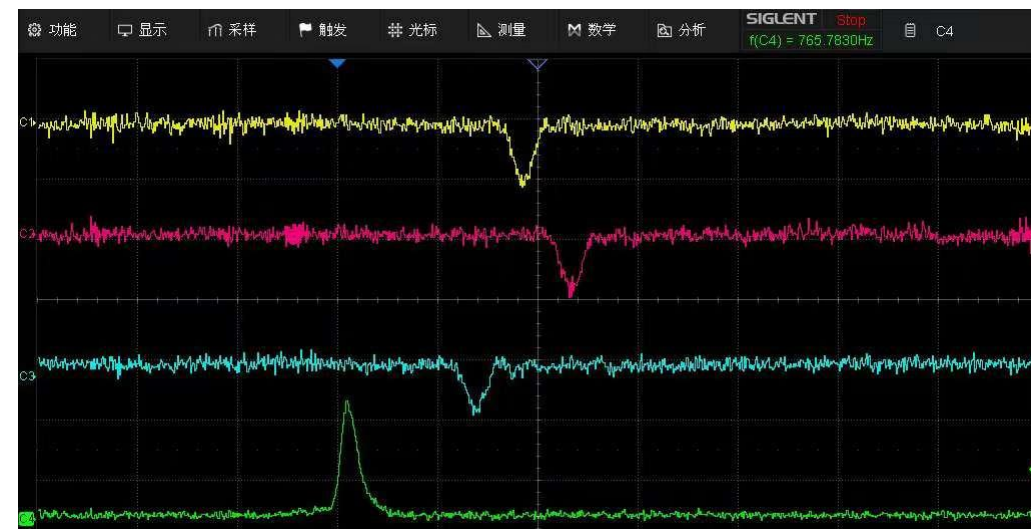
High resolution RPC R&D (2012~2013)

Innovatively combine the large-area glass RPC with the delay-line readout technology. 2 TDC/1 dim
Spatial resolution of muons. 0.3~0.4 mm (σ)



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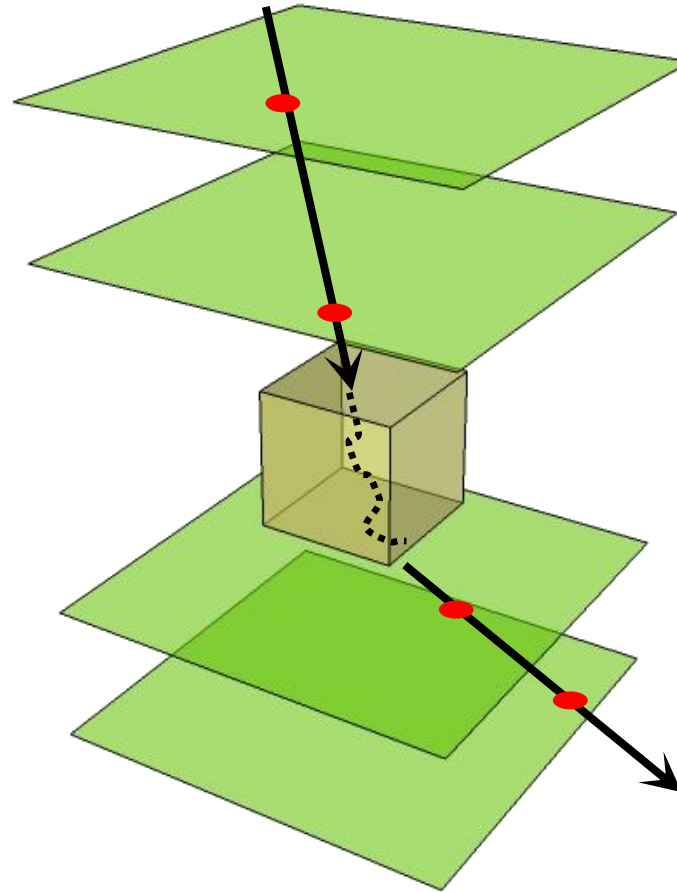
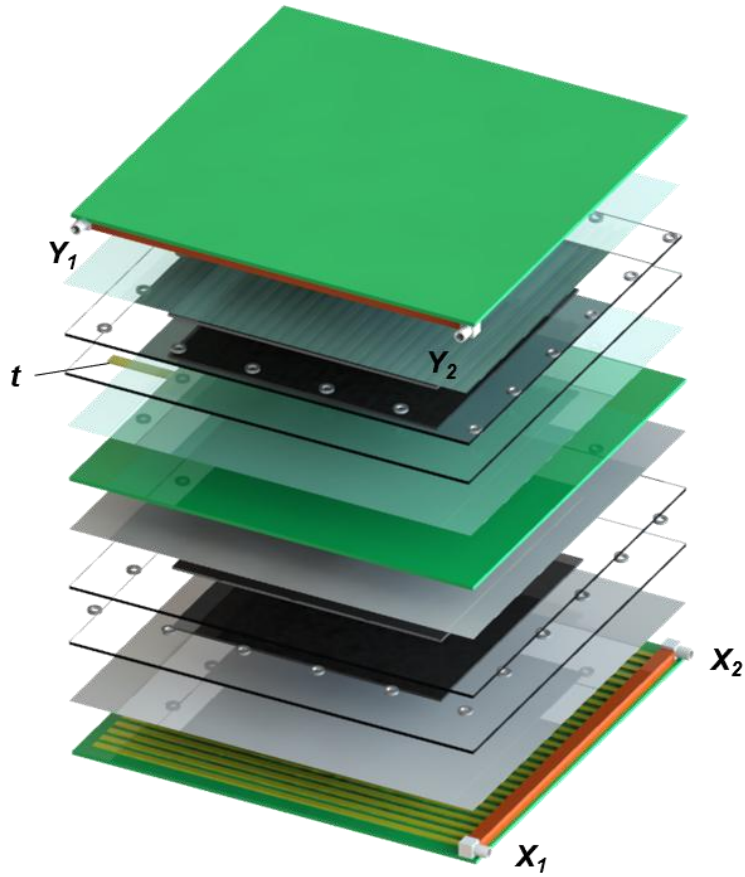
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- 许金艳,李奇特*, 等, *物理实验*, 41(2021)23



3D Imaging Test(2013~2014)

4 X-Y readout RPC Boxes, distance 285mm

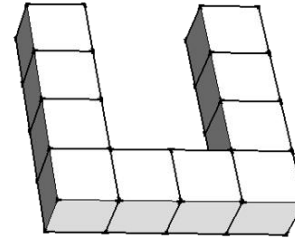
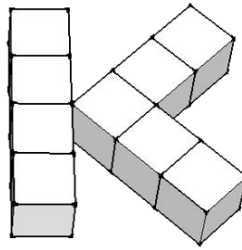
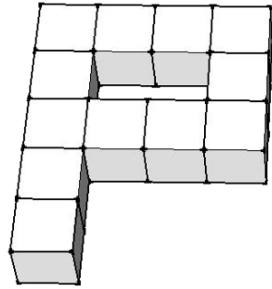
Active area 203mm*203mm



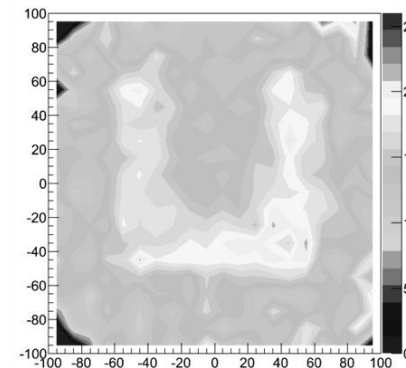
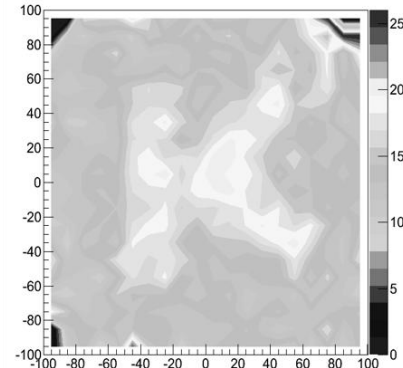
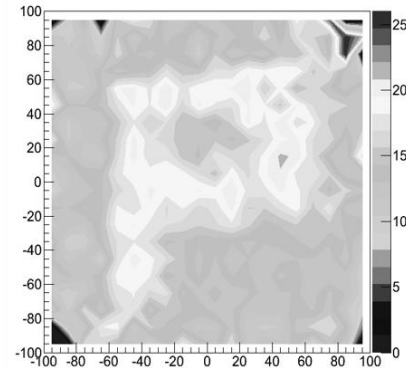
PKU prototype muon tomography System

Using only 20 TDC channels



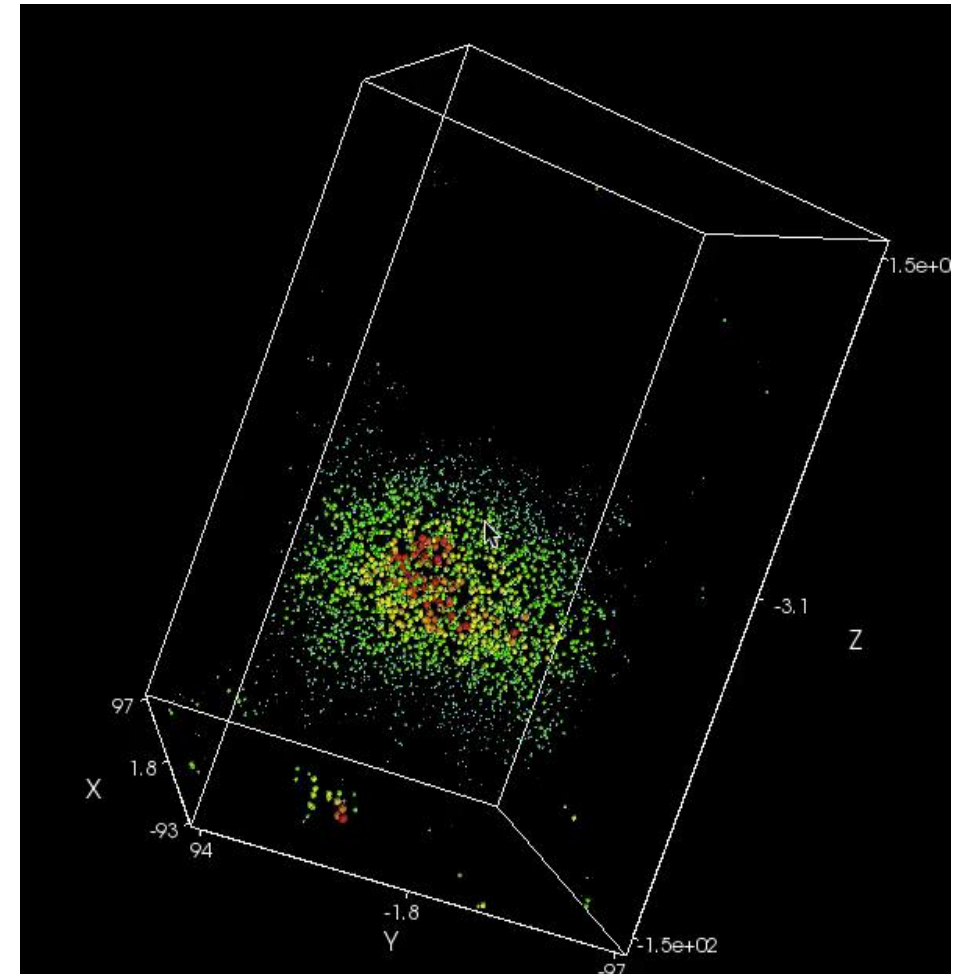
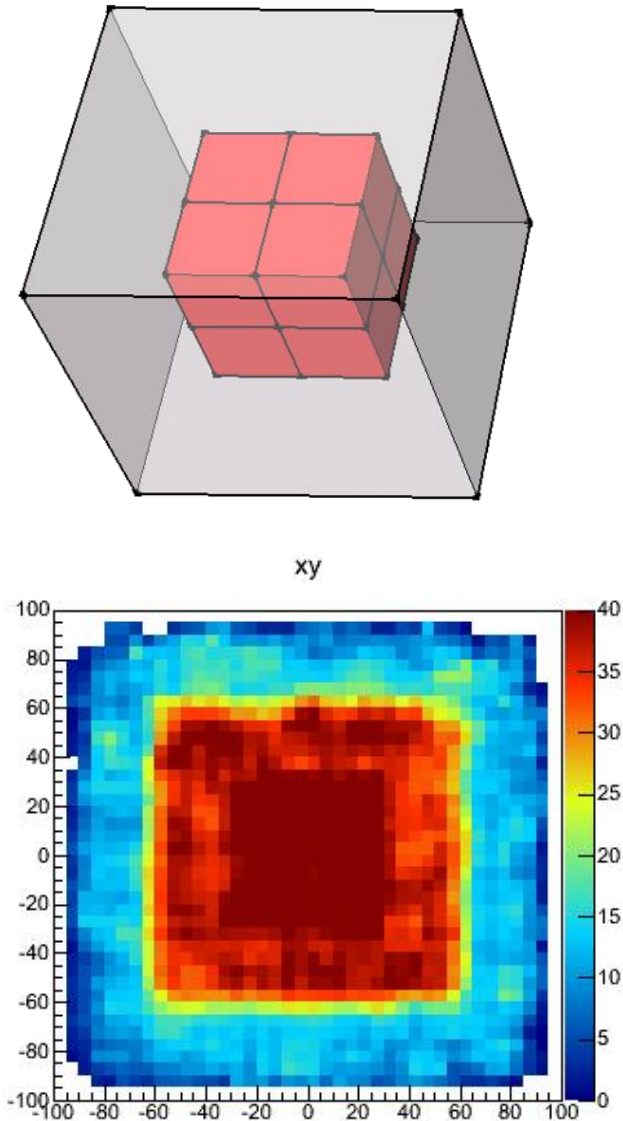


P K U
some $3 \times 3 \times 3 \text{ cm}^3$
Fe blocks



- Using this RPC with high position resolution to build a cosmic ray muon imaging system to detect the incident and outgoing trajectory vectors of cosmic ray muons can measure a very small scattering deflection angle of $< 5 \text{ mrad}$ (0.3°) and reconstruct the material distribution information in the sensitive area.

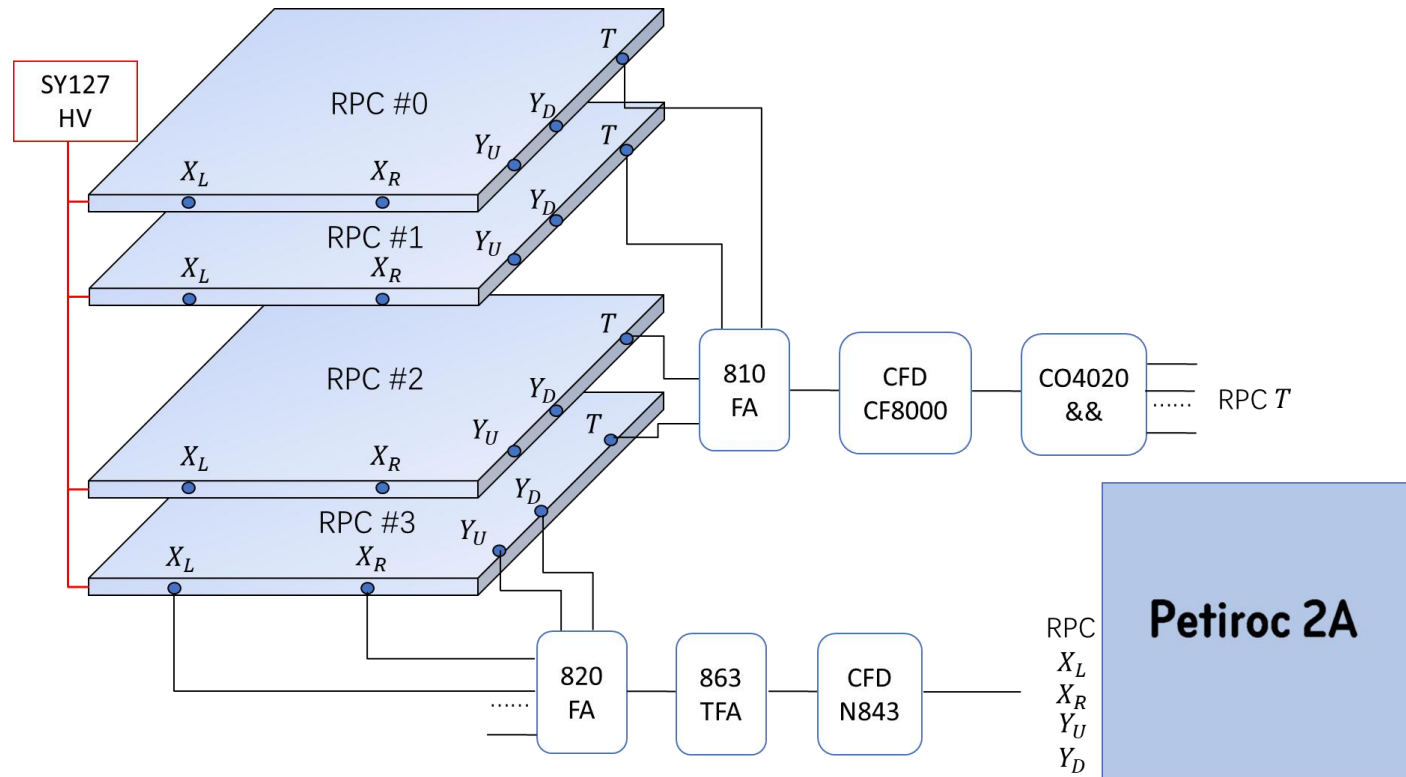
Imaging Results of a $6 \times 6 \times 6 \text{ cm}^3$ Square Lead Block Wrapped in a $12 \times 12 \times 12 \text{ cm}^3$ Iron Shell



· Liu C M , Wen Q G , Zhang Z Y , et al. Study of muon tomographic imaging for high-Z material detection with a Micromegas-based tracking system[J]. 2020.

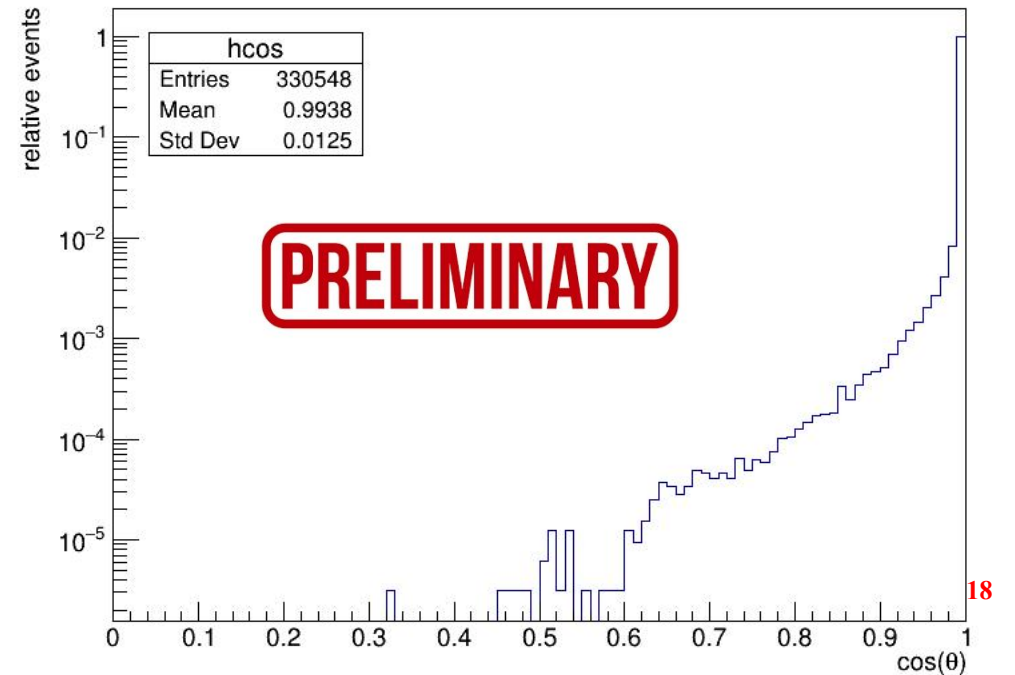
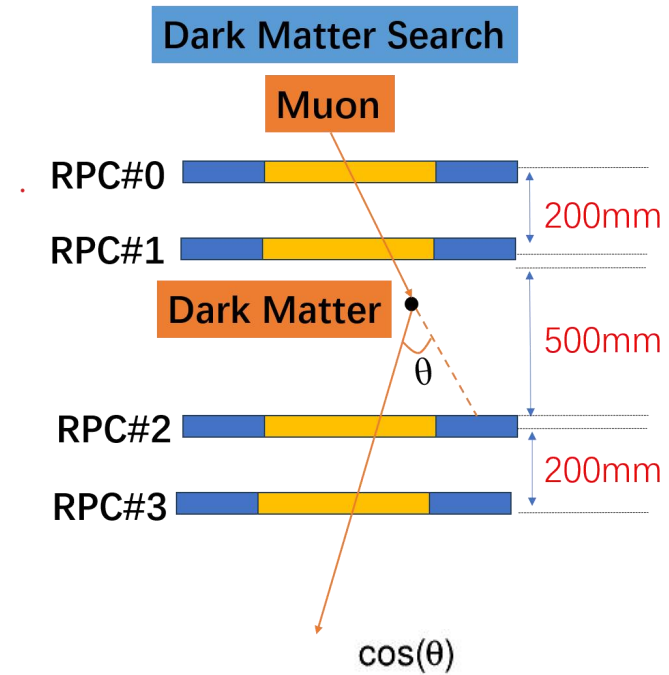
4RPCs Muon tomography for Dark Matter search (2023 - 2024)

- 20cm-50cm-20cm
- Petiroc 2A ASIC DAQ by USTC



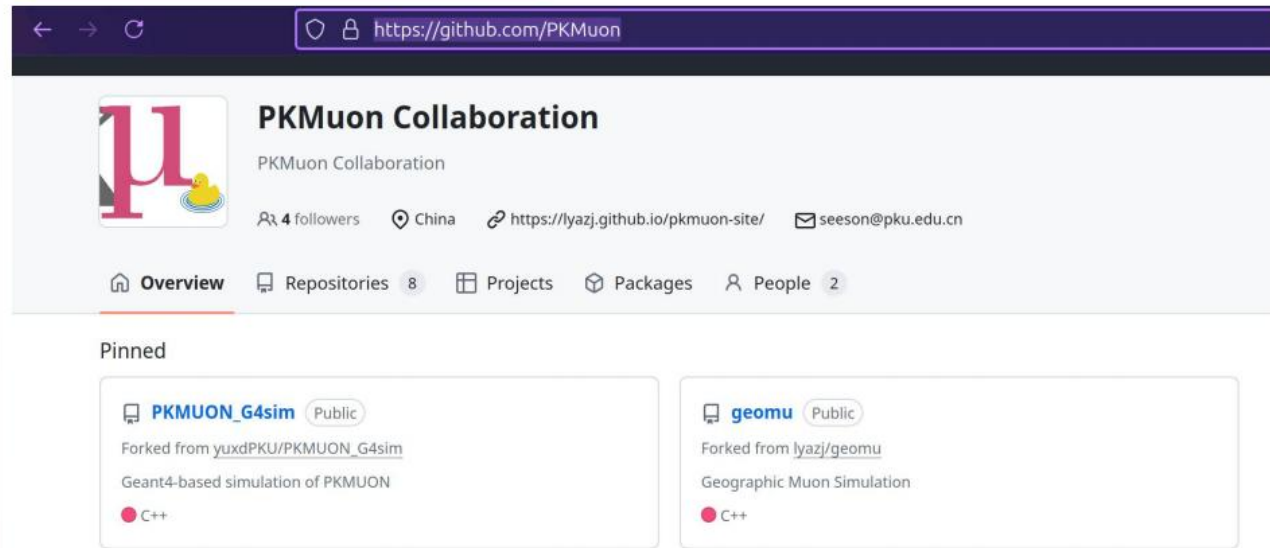
Run1 Muon Scattering data

- Jan. 2024 - May. 2024
- data accumulated 92 days in air
- sensitive volume
 - 50x20x20 cm³
- 330548 valid events
- mean scattering angle 0.0252 rad
- 1.6% $\theta > 0.2\text{rad}$

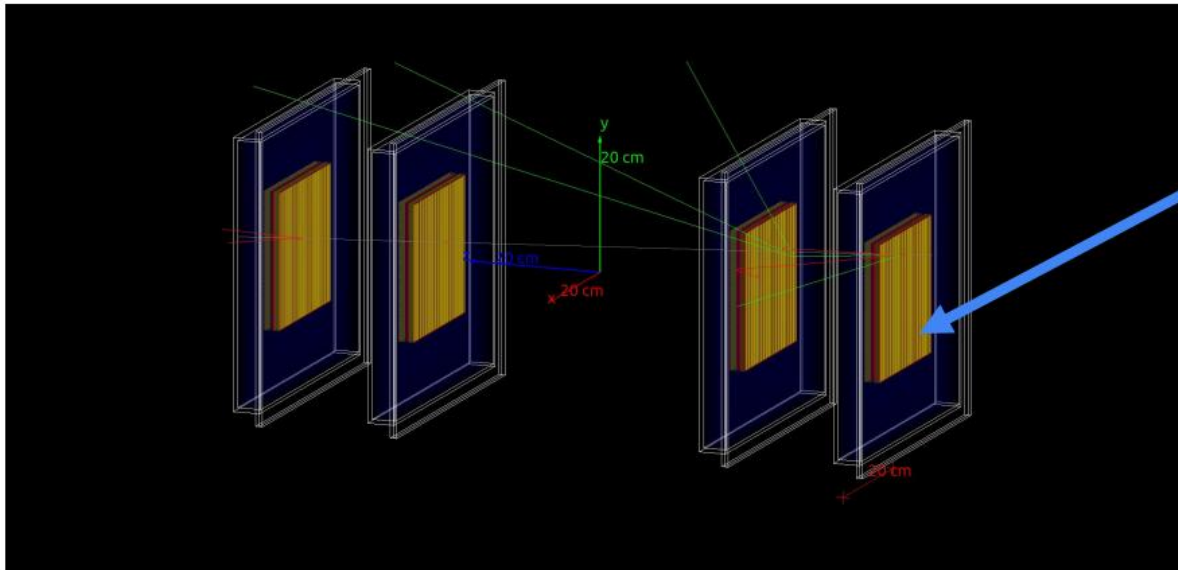


Growing PKMuon Software Framework

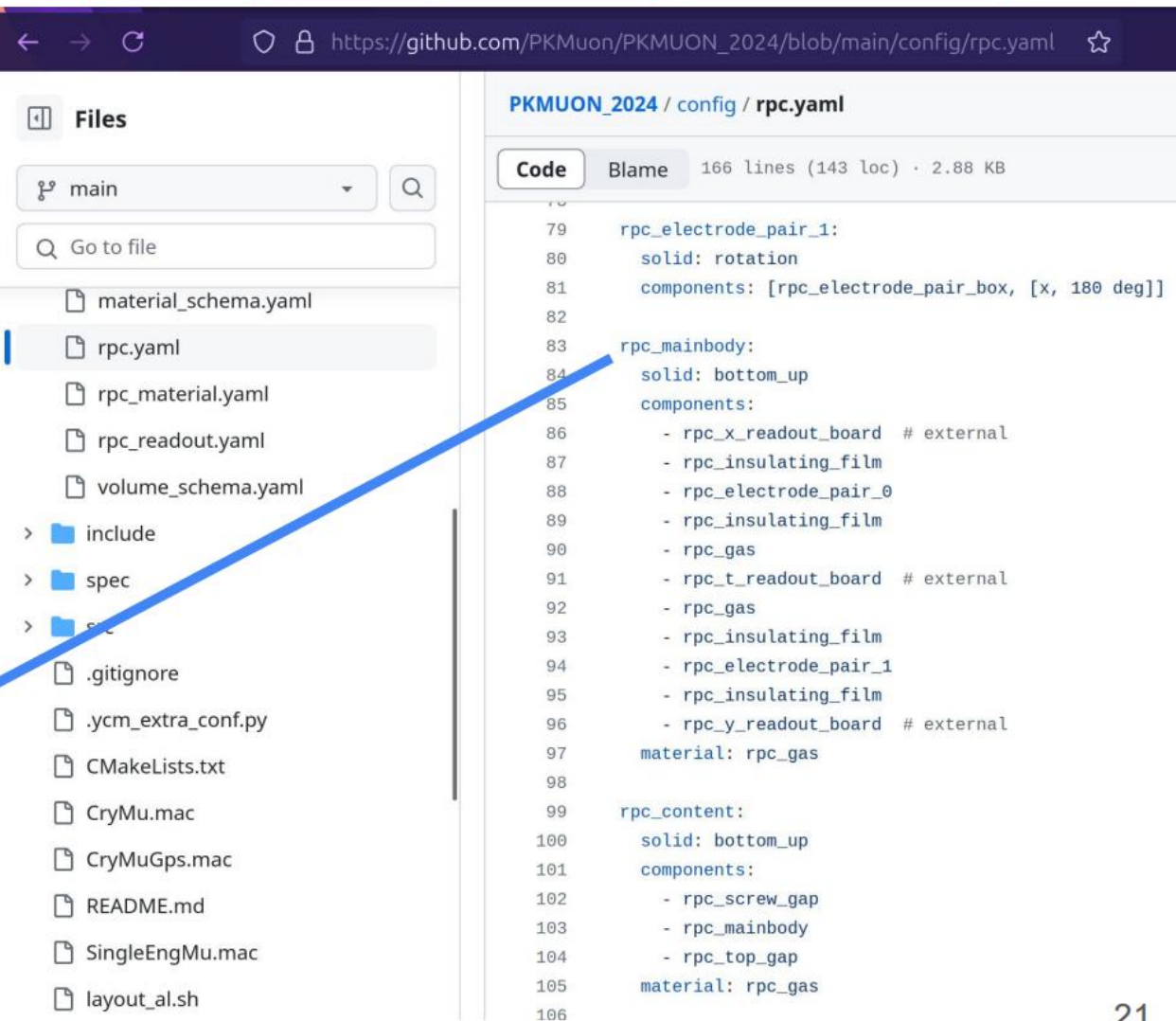
Collaborate on GitHub



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for "PKMuon Collaboration". The repository is public and has 4 followers. It is located in China and has a website link: <https://lyazj.github.io/pkmuon-site/>. The repository is forked from [yuxdPKU/PKMUON_G4sim](#) and is a Geant4-based simulation of PKMUON. The pinned section shows two repositories: "PKMUON_G4sim" (Public) and "geomu" (Public). The "geomu" repository is forked from [lyazj/geomu](#) and is a Geographic Muon Simulation. The repository is written in C++.



Organize geometry modularly and extensibly

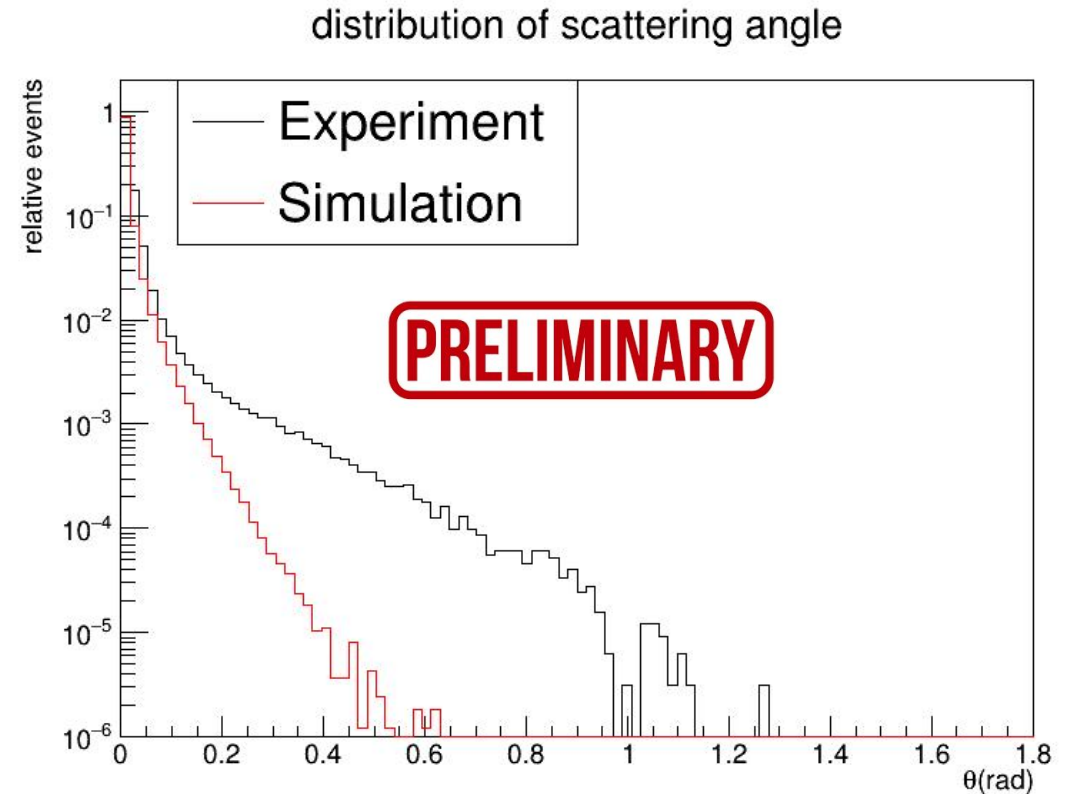


The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for "PKMUON_2024". The repository is public and has 166 lines (143 loc) and 2.88 KB. The file "config/rpc.yaml" is selected, showing the following content:

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88     - rpc_electrode_pair_0
89     - rpc_insulating_film
90     - rpc_gas
91     - rpc_t_readout_board # external
92     - rpc_gas
93     - rpc_insulating_film
94     - rpc_electrode_pair_1
95     - rpc_insulating_film
96     - rpc_y_readout_board # external
97   material: rpc_gas
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99 rpc_content:
100   solid: bottom_up
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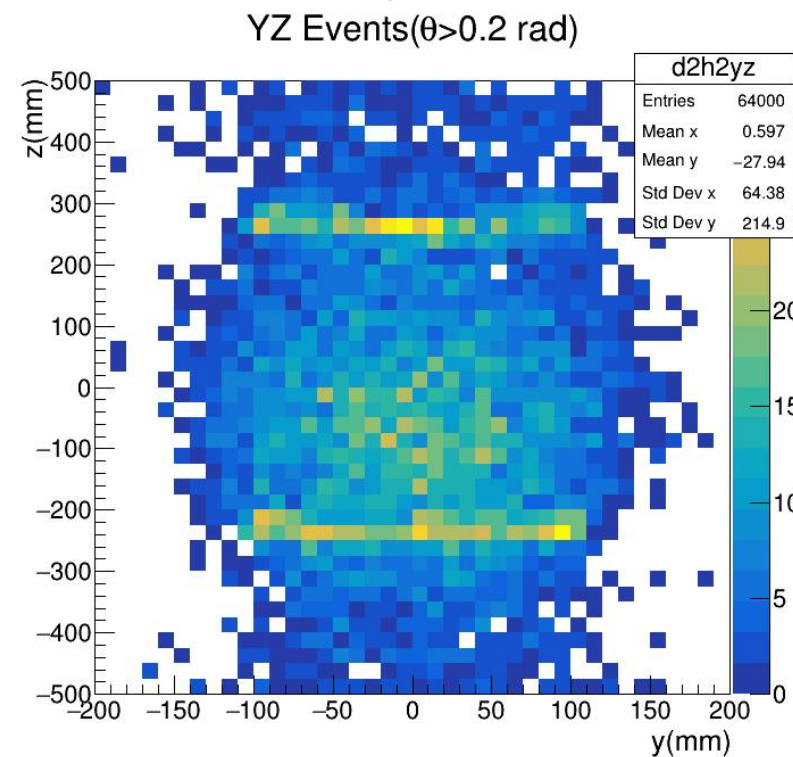
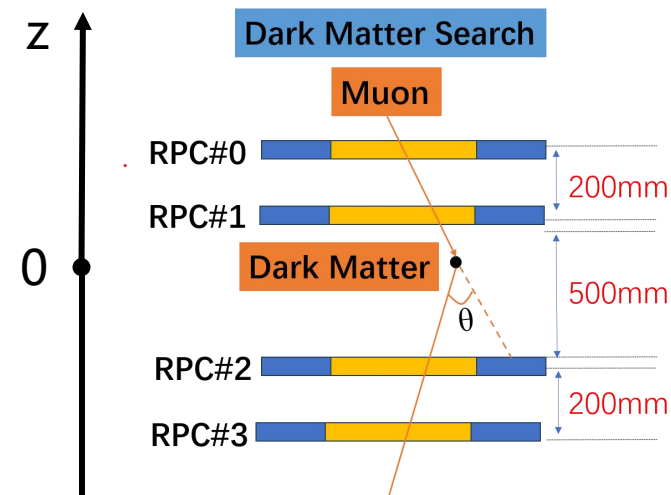
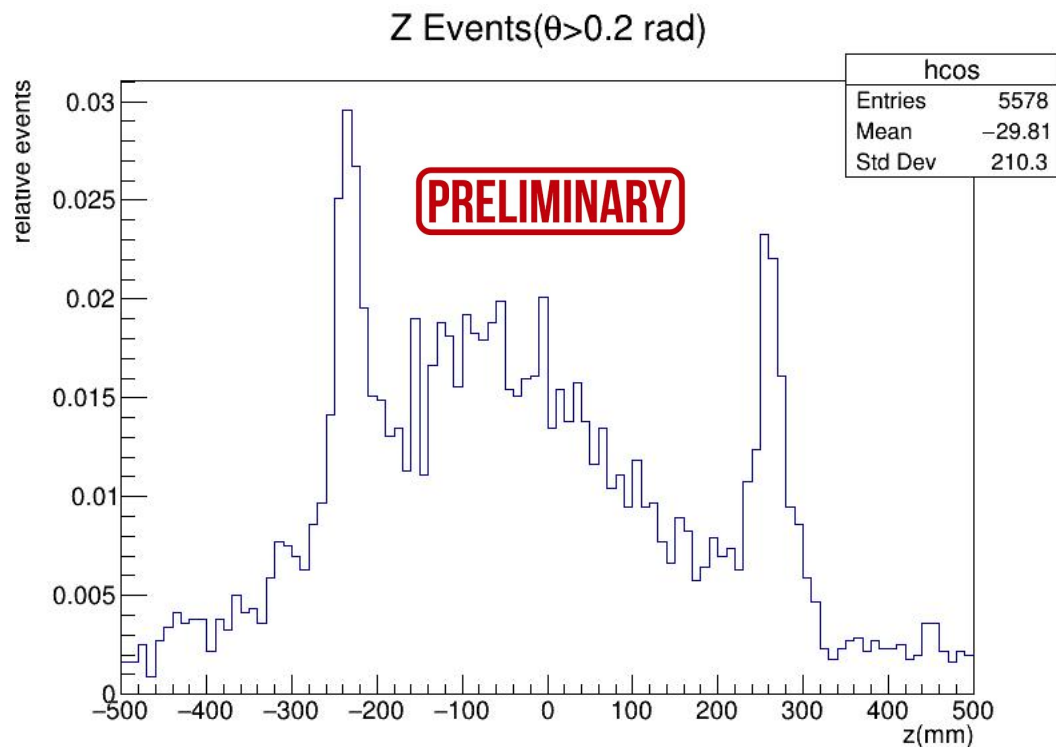
Run1—Preliminary comparison between experiment and simulation

- Simulated the scattering angle distribution of cosmic ray muons.
- The experimental results differ significantly from the simulated muon scattering results at large scattering angles.
- Where do large-angle scatterings come from?



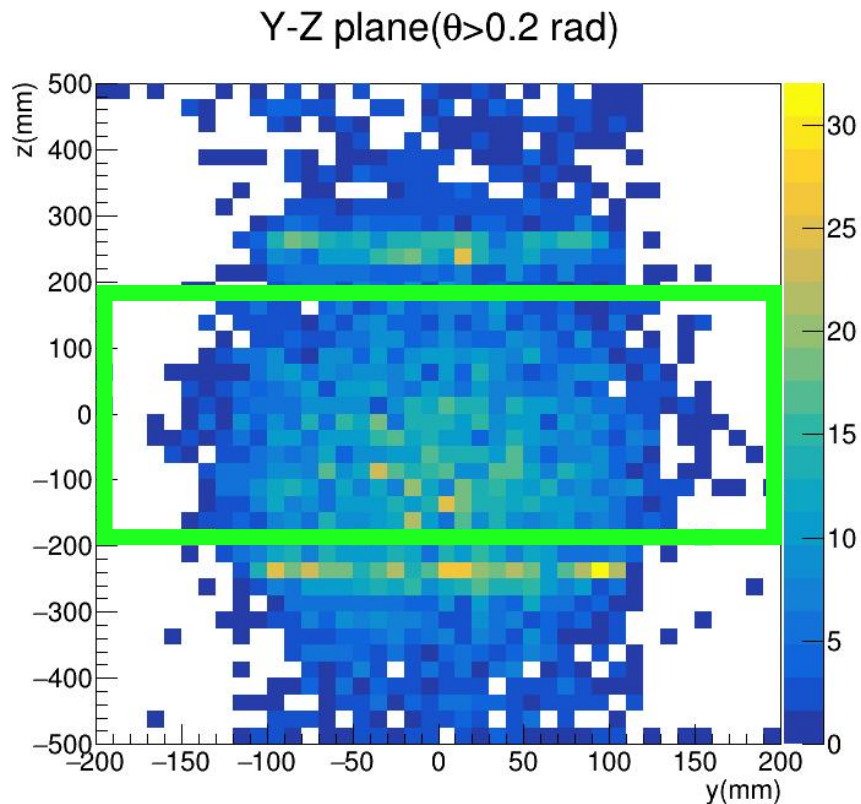
Run1 Muon Scattering data

Large Muon Scattering points on RPC and sensitive area

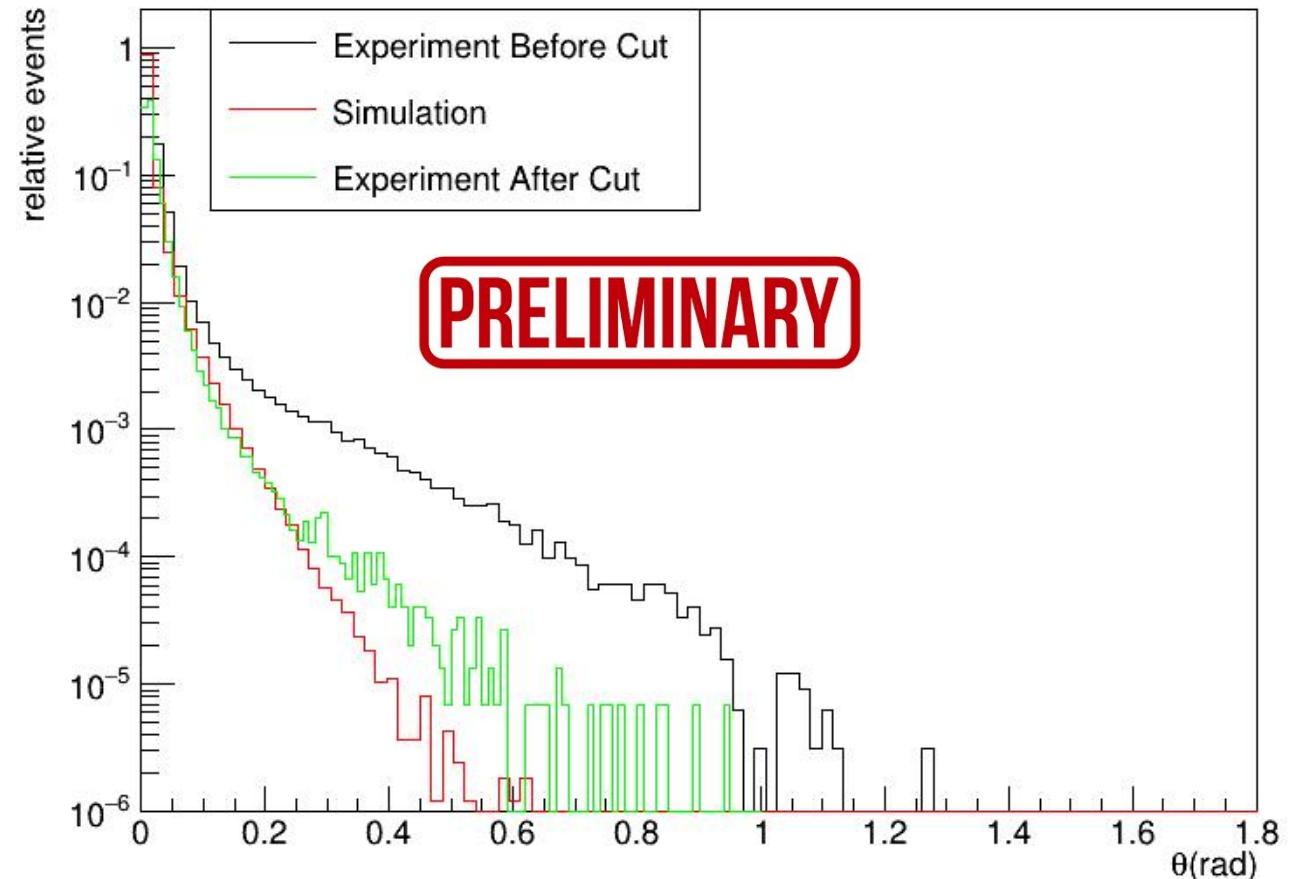


Run1—Scattering angles within the ROI

- there are still events at large angles.
- 147,251 valid events
- $\theta > 0.2$ rad accounting for 0.37%.
- The average scattering angle is 0.0193 rad.

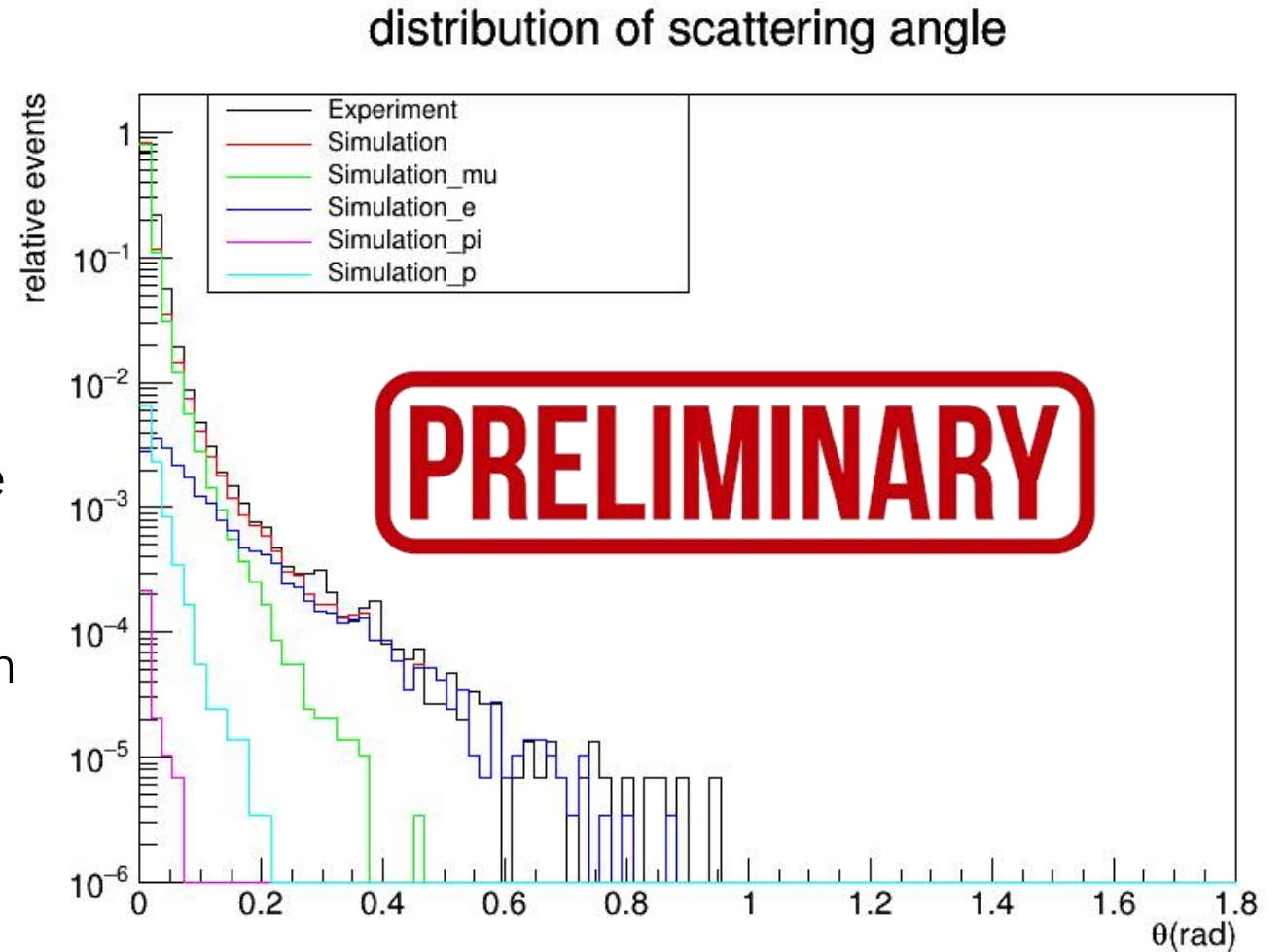


distribution of scattering angle



Run1—Detailed simulation

- Simulation of the composition of secondary cosmic ray particles at sea level: μ , e , π , p
- The small angle is mainly for muons, and the large angle is mainly for high-energy electron
- partially understand the source of large-angle scattering
- To improve the detection limit of muon search for dark matter, it is necessary to exclude background events of high-energy electrons



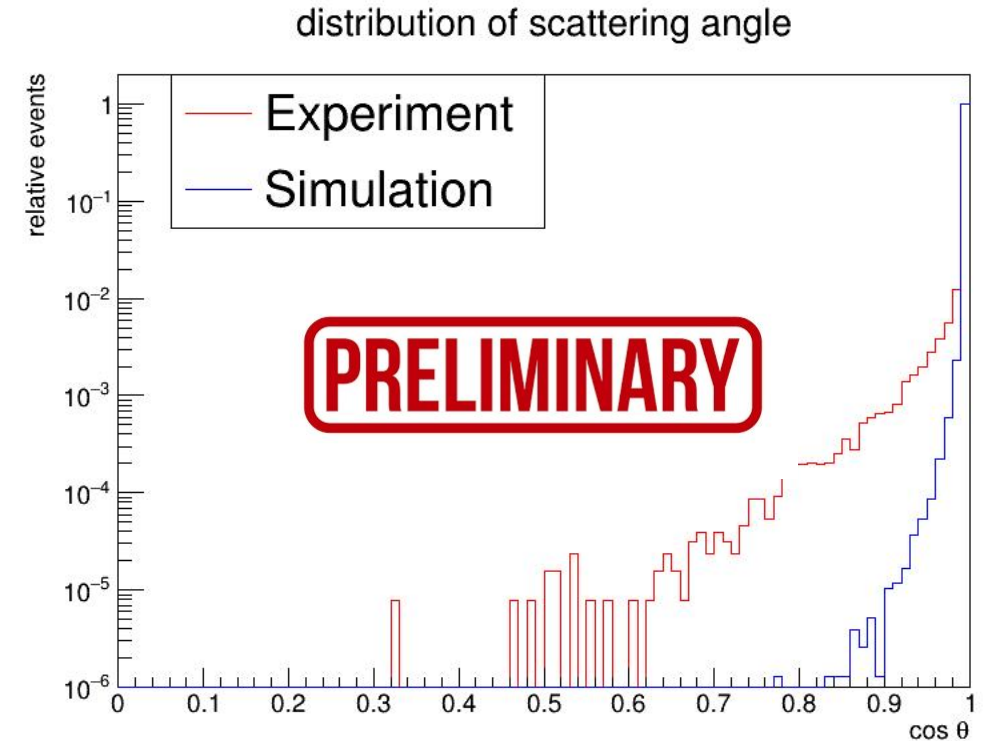
RUN1 summary

- We have proposed a novel method for searching for dark matter using muon scattering.
- We conducted a 3-month test of muon scattering using a RPC-based muon scattering imaging system and obtained the scattering angle distribution.
- Using GEANT4, we constructed a muon scattering detection system with the same dimensions, materials, and spacing settings, and simulated the scattering angle distribution of cosmic ray scattering in air for this system.
- The experimental results showed a significantly higher number of events at large scattering angles than expected from the muon scattering simulation. Even after filtering events within the ROI, there were still excesses.
- Further analysis revealed that small-angle scatterings were mostly muons, while large-angle scatterings were mostly electrons.
- The data is still under analysis, and the results will be published soon. Please stay tuned.



• Possible Reasons for the differences between experimental results and simulation results:

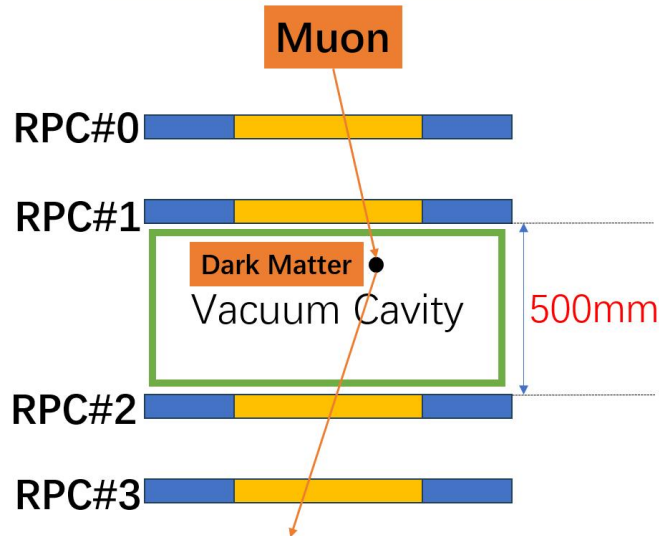
- Muon multiple scattering events
- Influence of low-energy muons
- Influence of components other than muons in cosmic rays
- There may be events where multiple muons or other particles enter the detection system
- The physical processes used in GEANT4 simulation may deviate from the simulation of large-angle scattering of muons in reality
- A further understanding of the scattering of muons in materials and space may be needed.



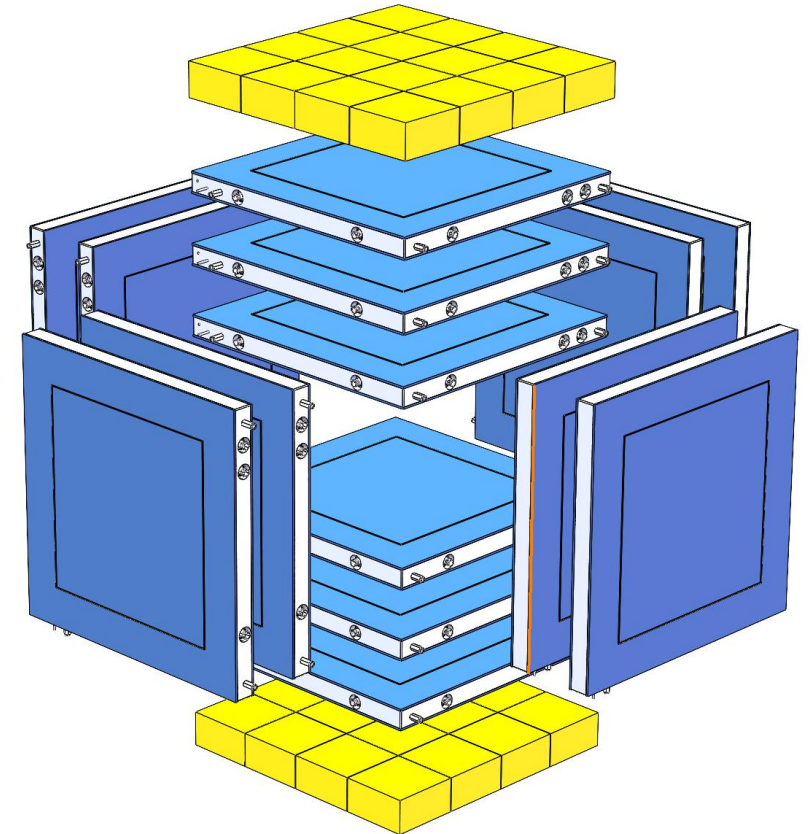
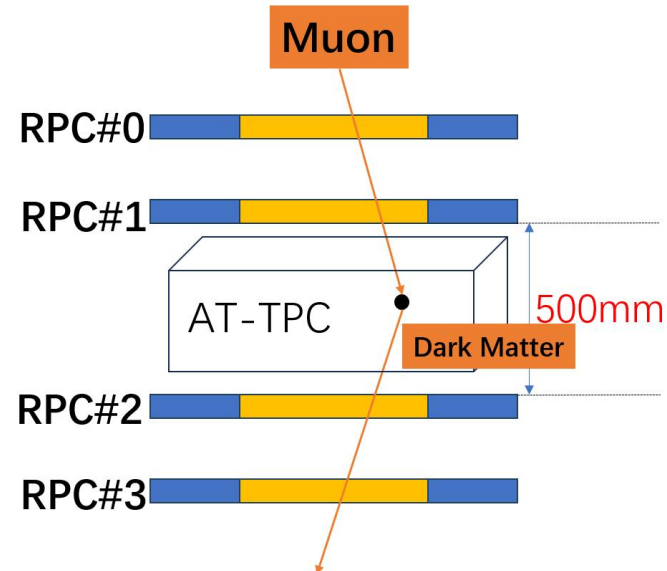
Future experiments

1. Upgrade the detection system to vacuum chamber mode to eliminate air interference.
2. Use AT-TPC to eliminate the influence of multiple scattering and locate the reaction point.
3. Large angle acceptance
4. PID

1 Vacuum Cavity Version



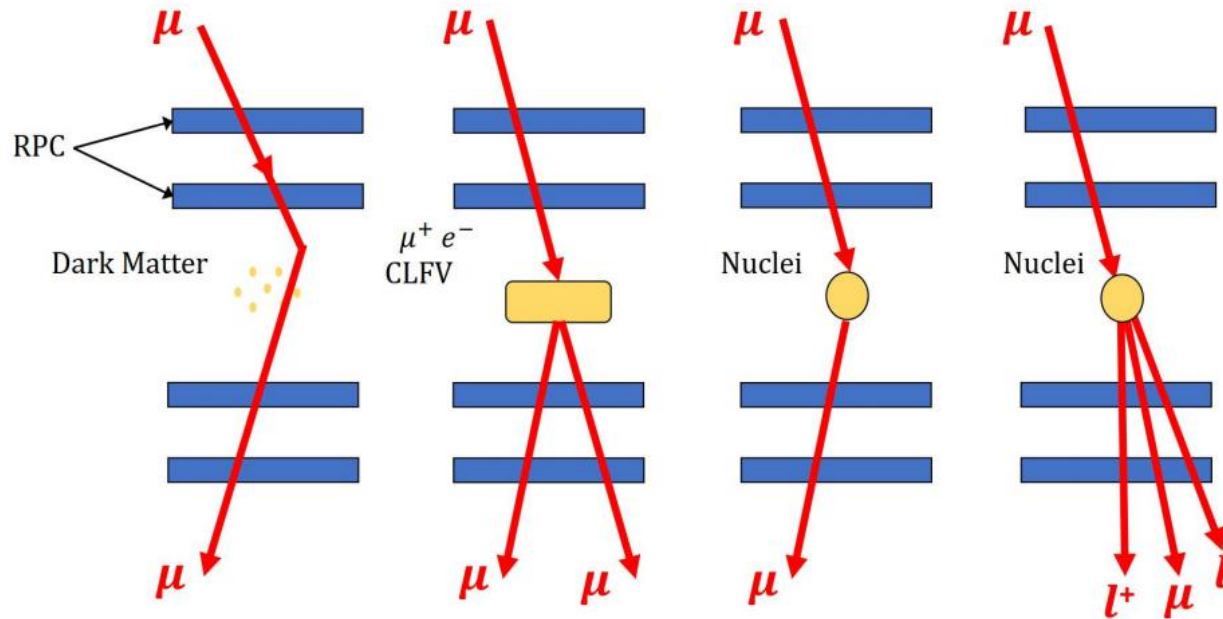
Dark Matter Search with AT-TPC



Future

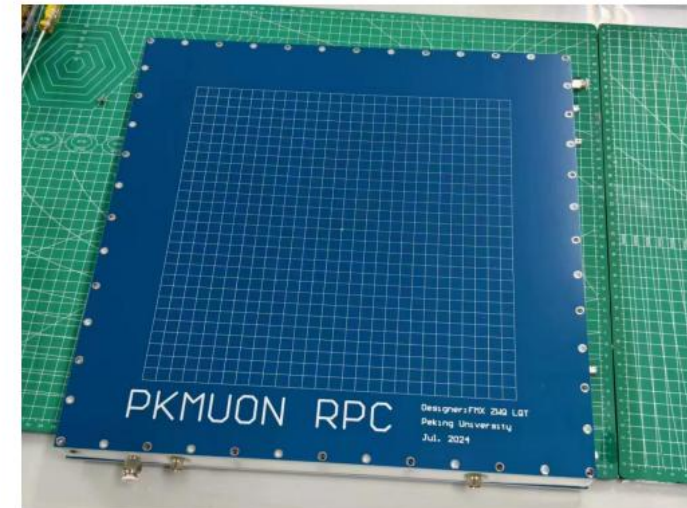
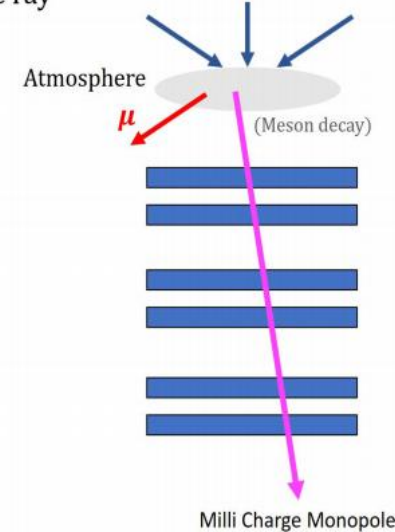
Interfacing Cosmic Muon or Muon beam

→ Cosmic μ or μ beam



Telescope

→ Cosmic ray



**More physics program:
CLFV, Muon-Nuclei scattering ...**

CLFV arXiv: 2407.05831

**Larger area
RPC or GEM
being produced**

Highlights, byproducts

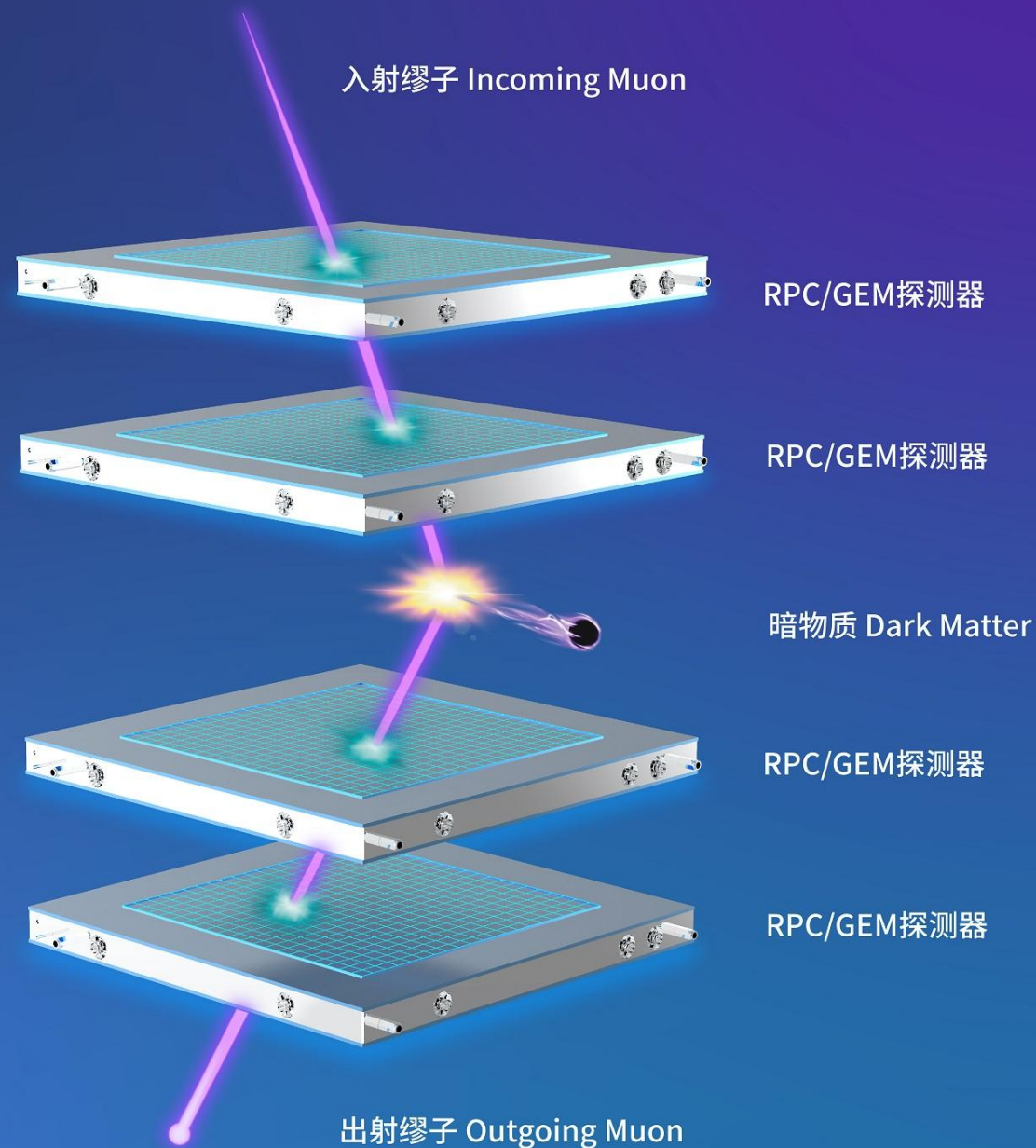
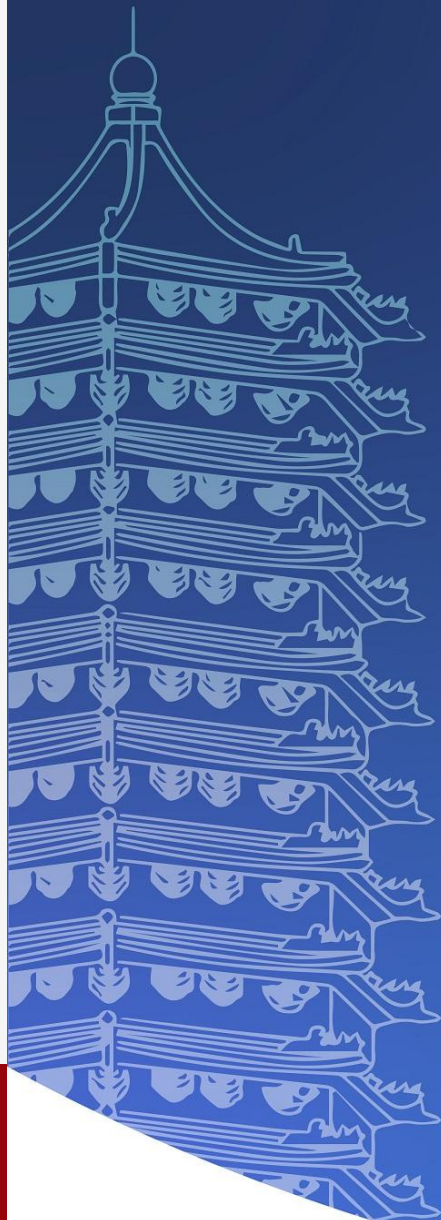
- Muon dark matter detection step by step
- Full scale Detector R & D & Applications
 - TPC / AT-TPC protential use on cosmic ray μ or μ beam dark matter scattering measurement
- Muon tomography applications
 - Cosmic muon manipulation
- HEP Muon experiment with Chinese Muon beam
 - More possibilities with Muon on target
- A route towards Muon collisions
 - Can also extend to neutrino experiment using muon decay

THANKS

Ref:

PKMu for DM
[1] Phys. Rev. D 110, 016017

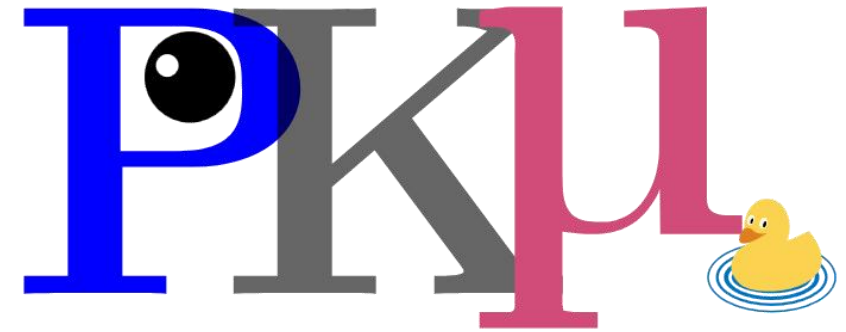
PKMu for CLFV
[2] arXiv: 2407.05831



Backup

● Phase I:

- Muon Tomography using RPC/GEM
- Probing dark with Cosmic Muons



● Phase II:

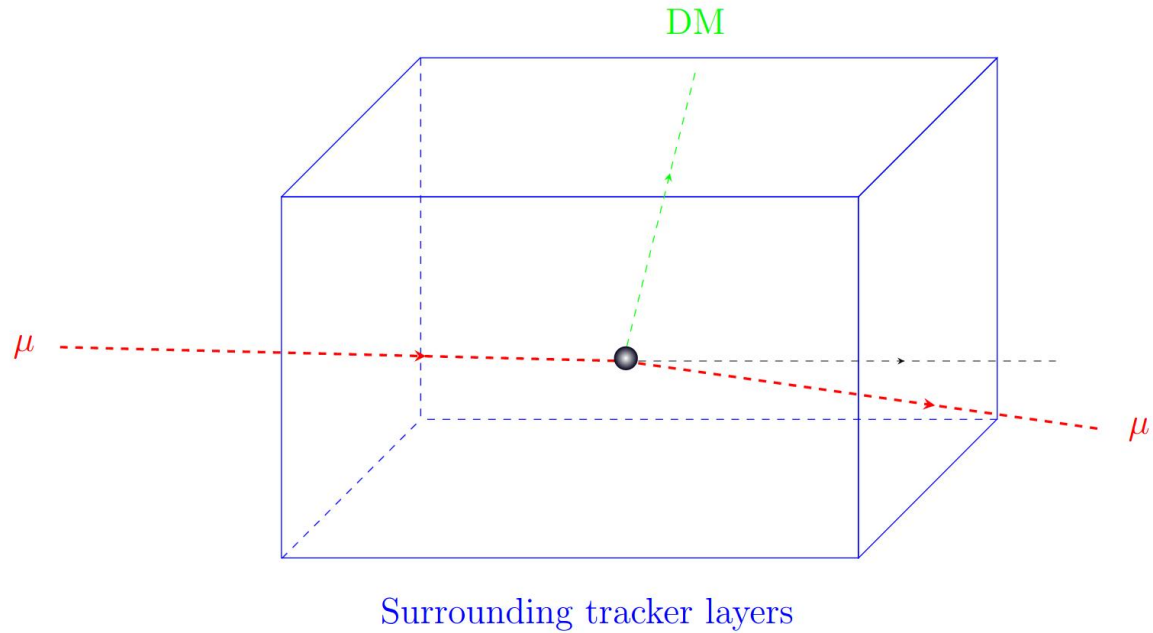
- PKMu + Chinese Muon beams (CSNS, HIAF)

● Phase III:

- Muon On Target using Chinese Muon beams
 - Invisible $\mu + N \rightarrow \mu + \text{dark}$
 - Visible $\mu + N \rightarrow \mu + \text{di-leptons}$
 - Muon Electron Threshold Scan: CLFV Z' , LFV DM
 - Others: trident, laser-assisted decay



Phase I: Muon Tomography for Muon-DM scattering



Notice for high speed muons, it is appropriate to treat DM as frozen in the detector volume (V), and the estimated rate per second could be:

$$\rho V / M_D \times \sigma_D \times F_\mu,$$

The local density of DM is at the order of $\rho \sim 0.3$ GeV/cm³ and with a typical velocity of $v = 300$ km/s. While F_μ is the muon flux $\sim 1/60$ /s/cm² at the sea level. For Dark Matter mass $M_D \sim 0.1$ GeV, and detector box volume as $V \sim 1$ m³. Thus the sensitivity on Dark Matter Muon scattering cross section for 1 year run will be around

$$\sigma_D \sim 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^2$$

One year

Melody, CIADS, HIAF Chinese Muon beams

Melody @CSNS: approved and the first Chinese Muon beam will be built in 5 years.

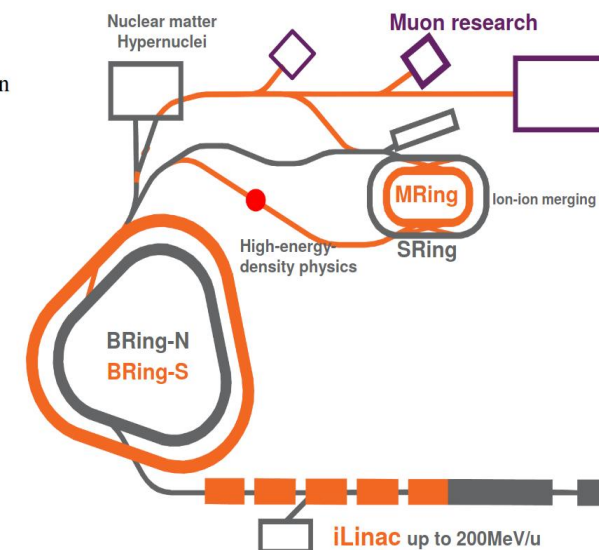
	Surface Muon	Negative Muon	Decay Muon
Proton Power (kW)	20	Up to 100	Up to 100
Pulse width (ns)	130 to 10	500	130 to 10
Muon intensity (/s)	$10^5 \sim 10^6$	Up to 5×10^6	Up to 5×10^6
Polarization (%)	>95	>95	50~95
Positron (%)	<1%	NA	<1%
Repetition (Hz)	1	Up to 5	Up to 5
Terminals	2	1~2	2
Muon Momentum (MeV/c)	30	30	Up to 120
Full Beam Spot (mm)	10 ~ 30	10 ~ 30	10~30

HIAF & HIAF-U



- **BRing-N**: 34Tm, 569m, 3Hz
- **SRing**: 17(25)Tm, 270.5m, accumulation/compression
- **BRing-S**: 86Tm, 3Hz, superconducting
- **MRing**: 45Tm, superconducting, beam merging

	Particle (GeV/u)	Intensity (ppp)	Est. time
FAIR	2.7 $^{238}\text{U}^{28+}$	5×10^{11}	2025
NICA	4.5 $^{197}\text{Au}^{32+}$	4×10^9	2022
FNAL	8.0 p	6.8×10^{13}	2028
HIAF-U	3.0 $^{238}\text{U}^{35+}$	2×10^{12}	2032
	9.1 $^{238}\text{U}^{92+}$	1×10^{12}	
	25 p	4×10^{14}	

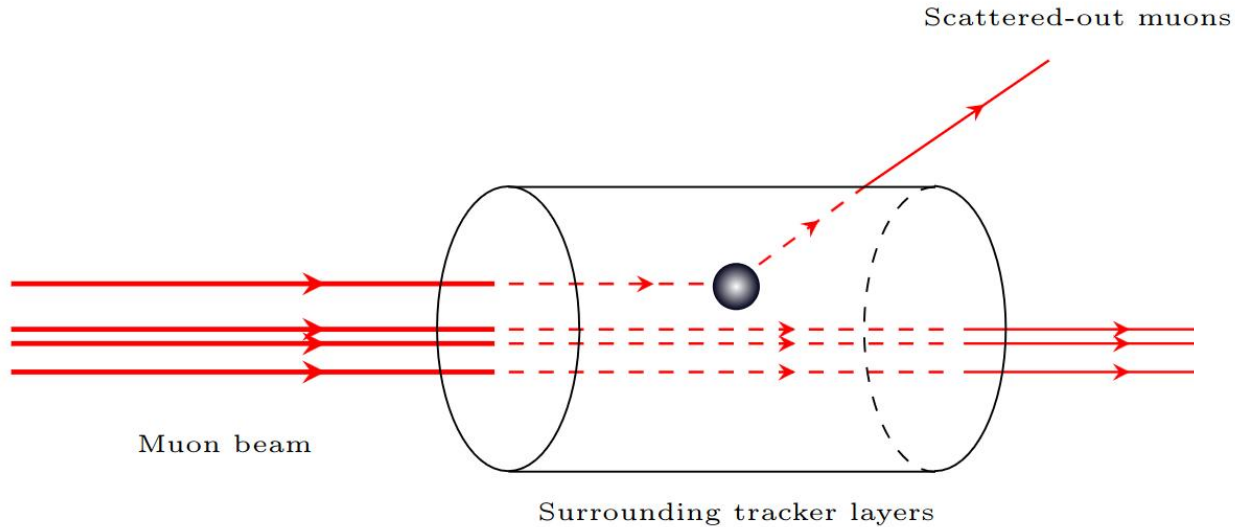


~30 MeV, ~100 MeV (2028)

~1GeV (2026)



Phase II: Muon Beam scattered with DM



The estimated rate per second:

$$dN/dt = N_{\mu} \times \sigma_D \times L \times \rho/M_D,$$

For $M_D = 0.03 \text{ GeV}$, $L = 1 \text{ m}$, and $N_{\mu} \sim 10^6/\text{s}$ (e.g., CSNS Melody design), and one year 10^7 s .

$$\sigma_D \sim 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^2$$

One year

$$N = 10^{13} \times \sigma_D \times 100/\text{cm}^2,$$

Thus the sensitivity on Dark Matter Muon scattering cross section for 1 year run will be around

Notice the surrounding area is around 100 cubic centimeters.