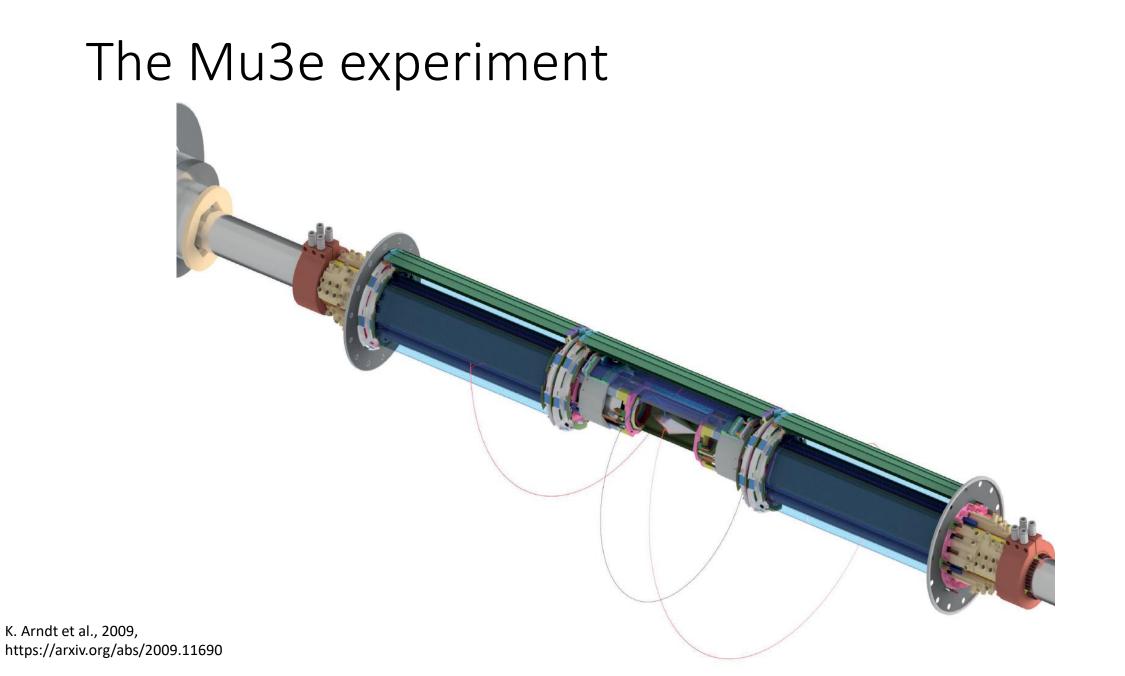
# Radiation hardness of Kapton in a helium atmosphere

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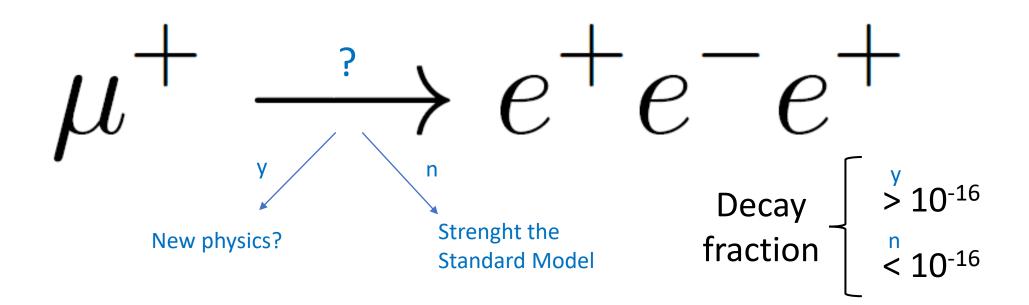
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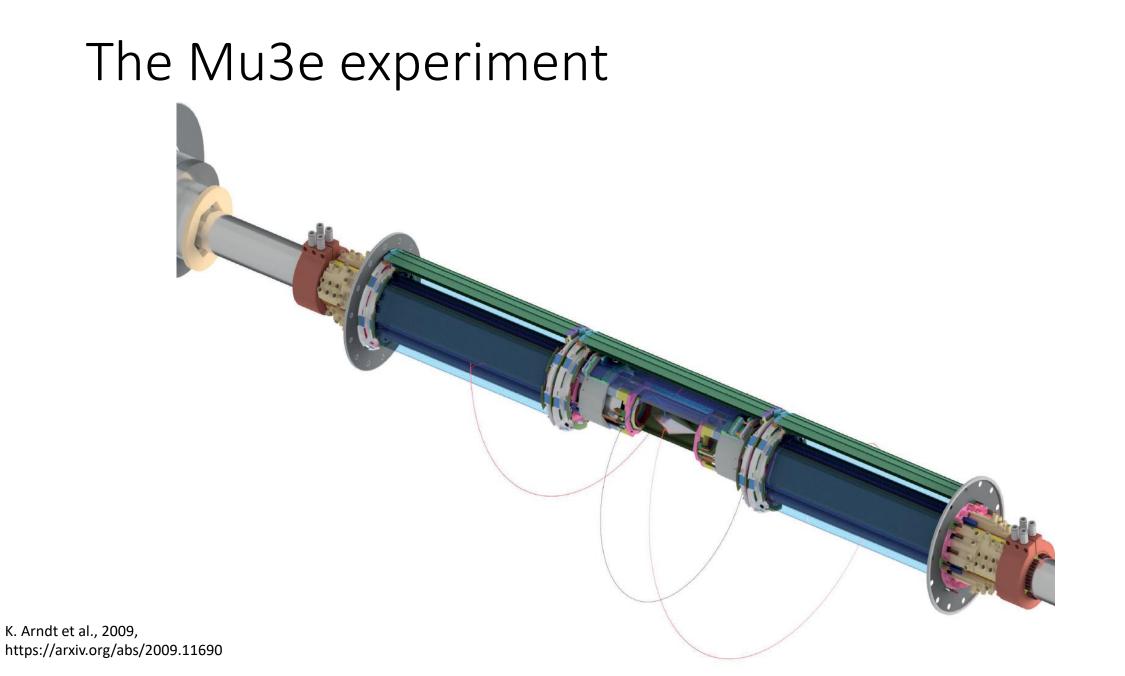
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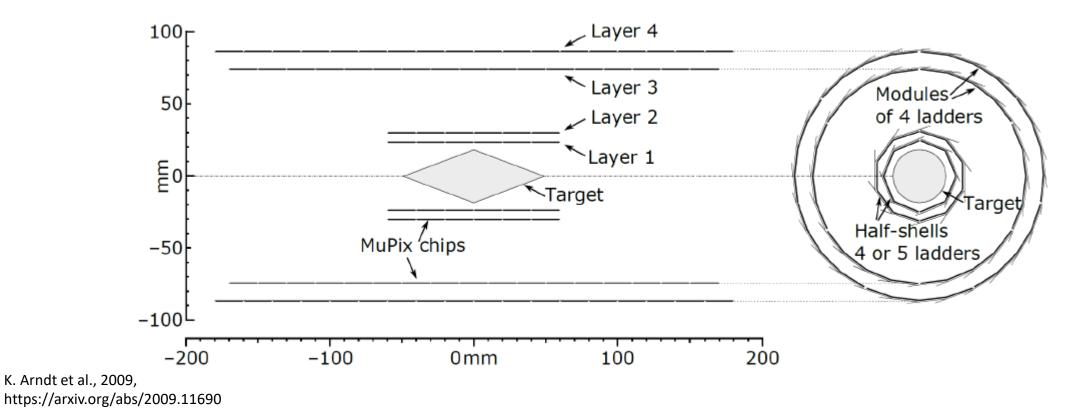
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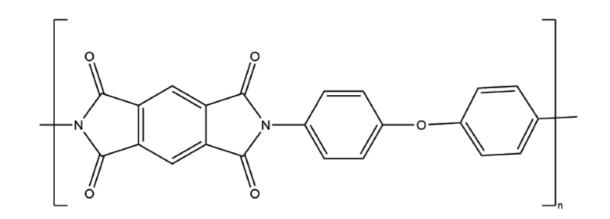
#### The Mu3e experiment

- Cooling of the sensors  $\rightarrow$  Helium atmosphere
- Insulation and support structure  $\rightarrow$  Kapton



#### Kapton

• Synthetic polymer



- Interesting properties for a detector
  - Rip resistance: 231 MPa at room temperature
  - Temperature resistance: -269°C to 400°C
  - Elasticity up to 70% at room temperature
  - High radiation resistance
  - Form conservation
  - Low moisture absorption
  - Dielectric constant lower than  $3 \rightarrow$  flexible printed circuits

R. Bryant et al., 54, 2014

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#### Kapton experience

### Kapton in the Mu3e experiment: a good choice?

- Phase I part:
  - 10<sup>16</sup> *e*<sup>+</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Often MeV positrons  $\rightarrow$  ionizing radiation
- Kapton in oxygenless atmosphere: a problem?

$$RH \xrightarrow{e^+} H + R \cdot$$

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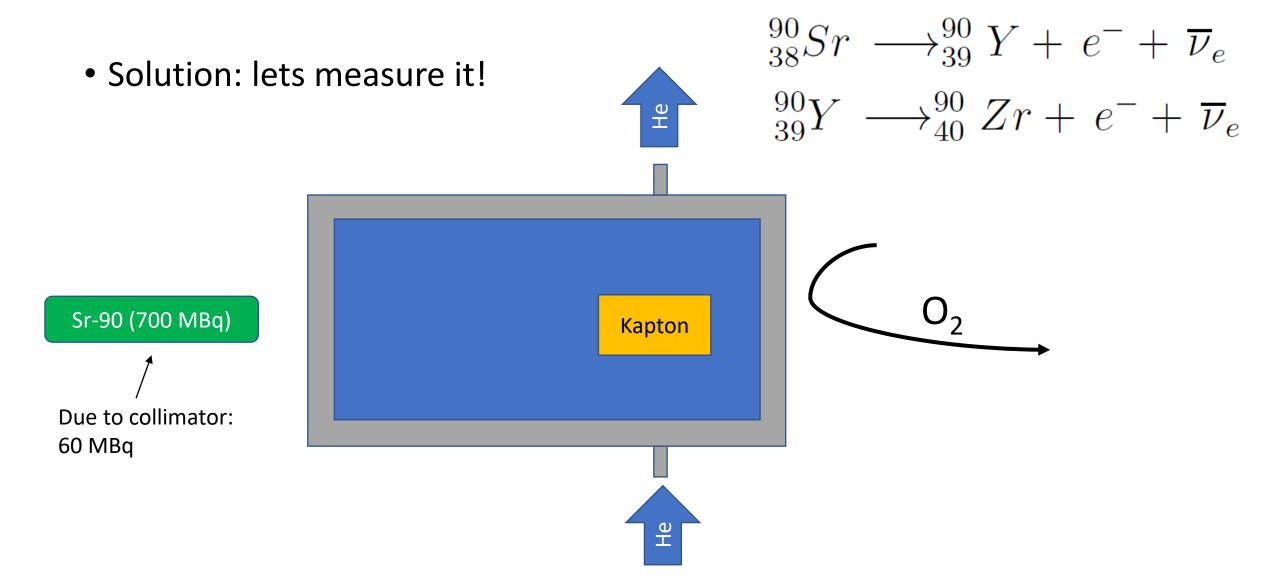
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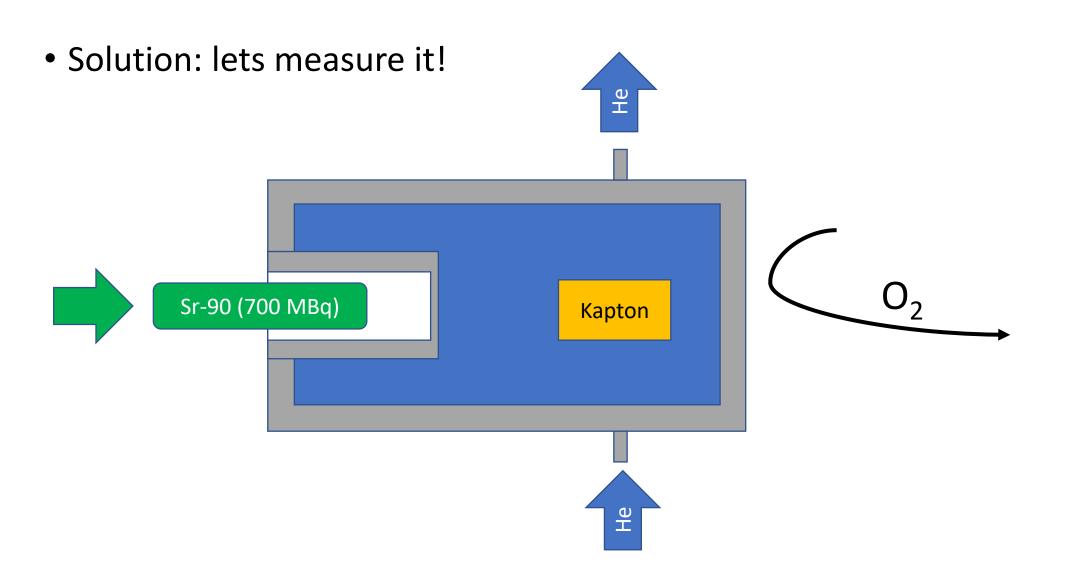
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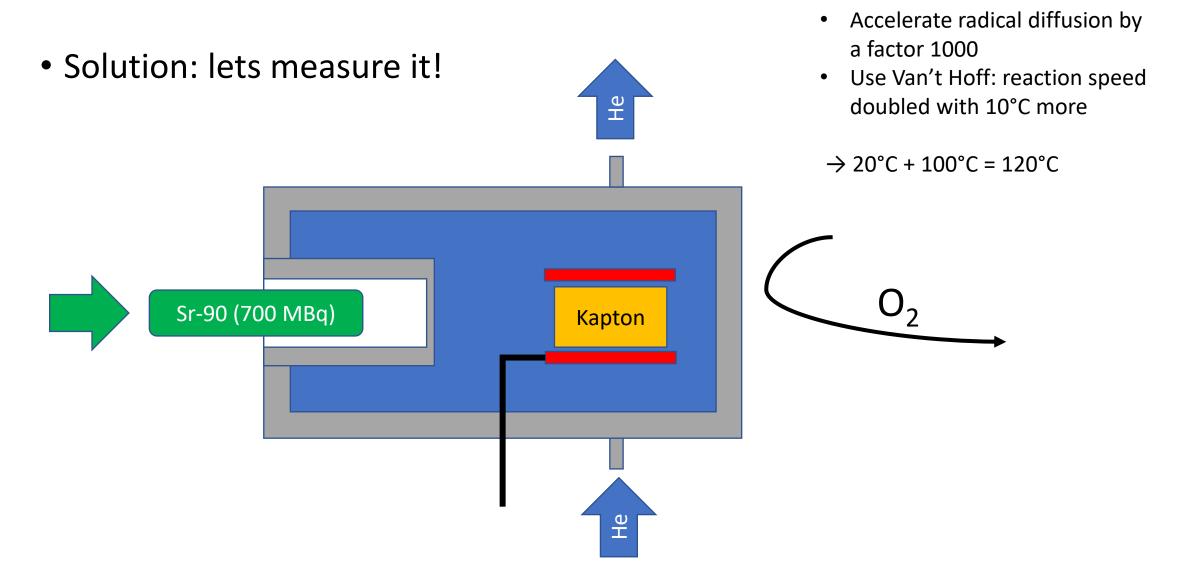
No oxygen around the Kapton layers in Mu3e!

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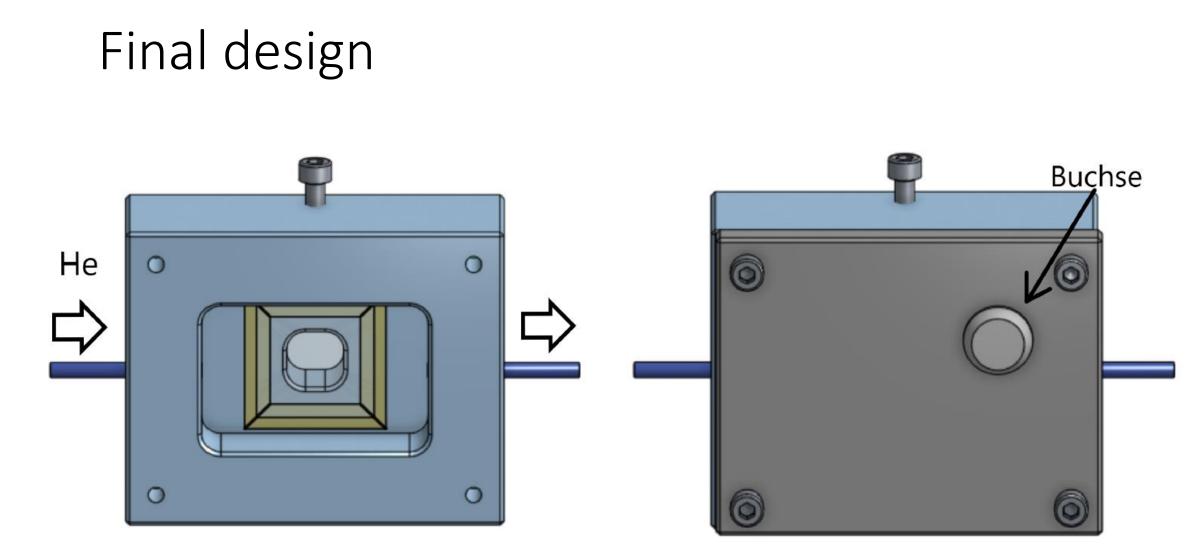
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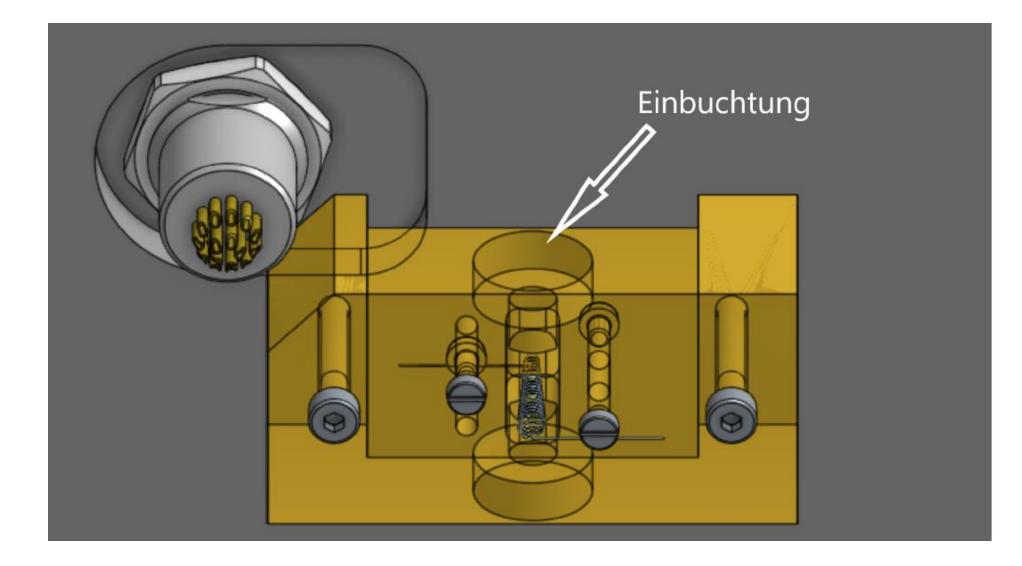




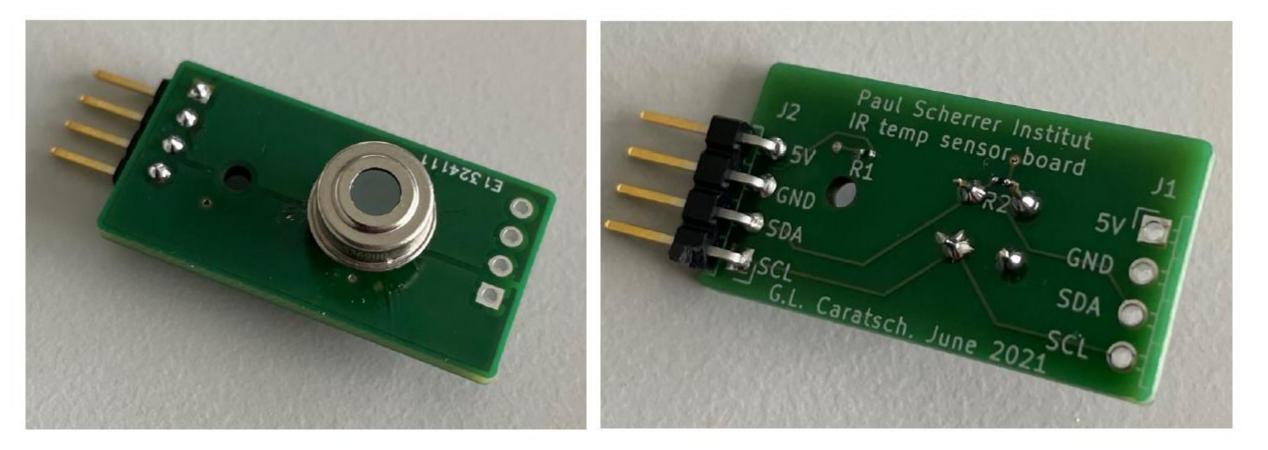
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#### Final design

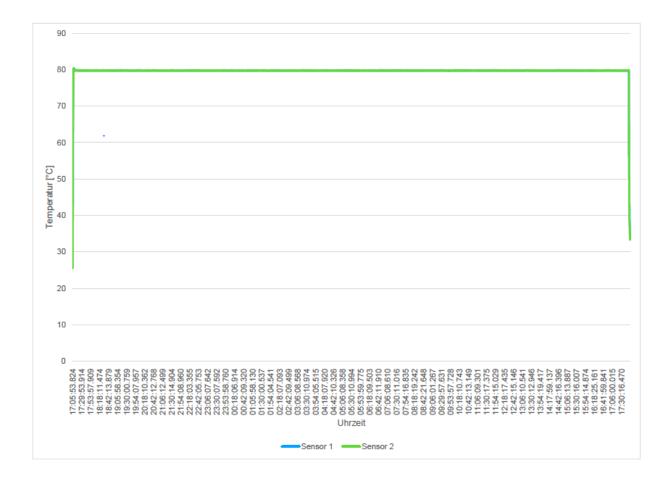


#### Heat control: the input sensors



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- Heat control worked as expected
- Kapton did not showed any damage after > 1 day



• Further plans: extend the measurement for at least ten days

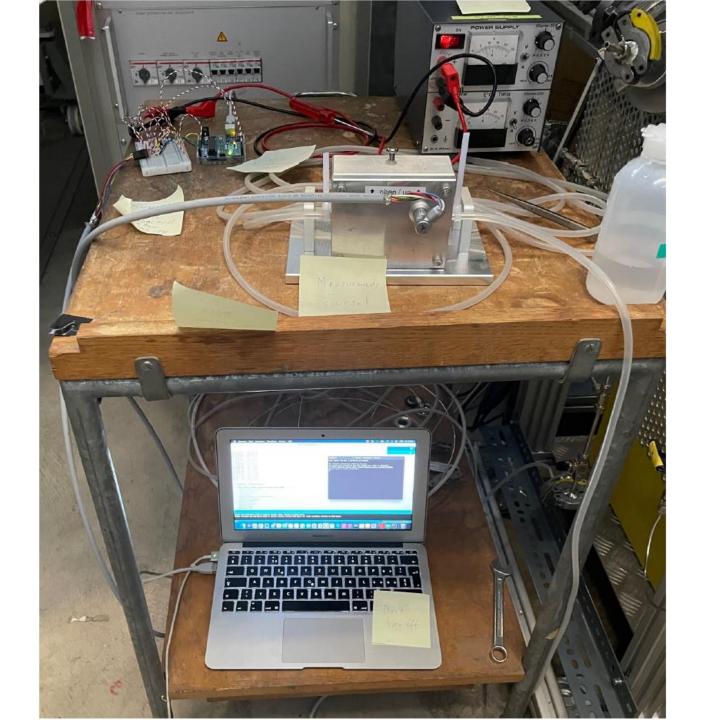
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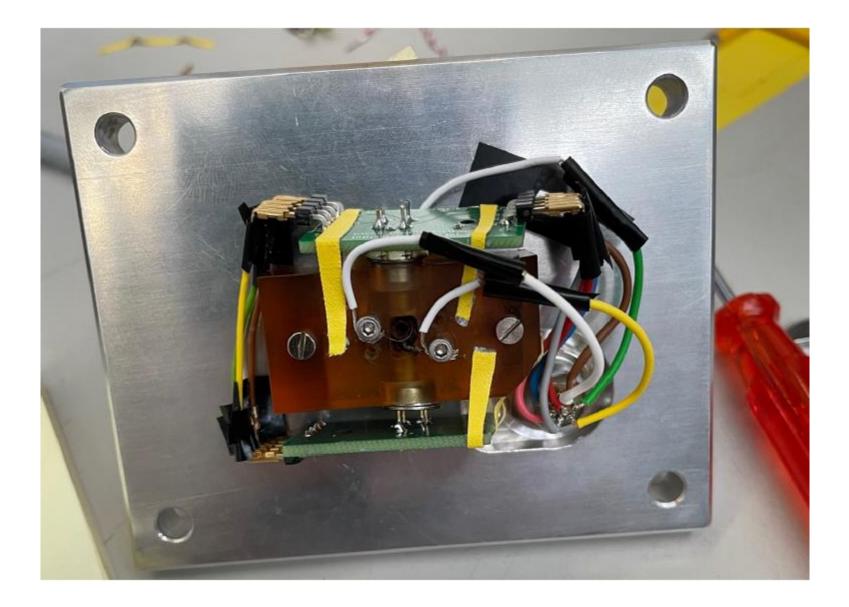
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... the Mu3e collaboration

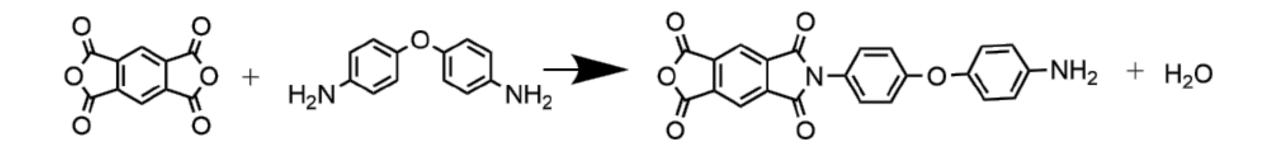
... especially my semester thesis advisor Frank Meier

#### Backup Caution: cables and wires ;)

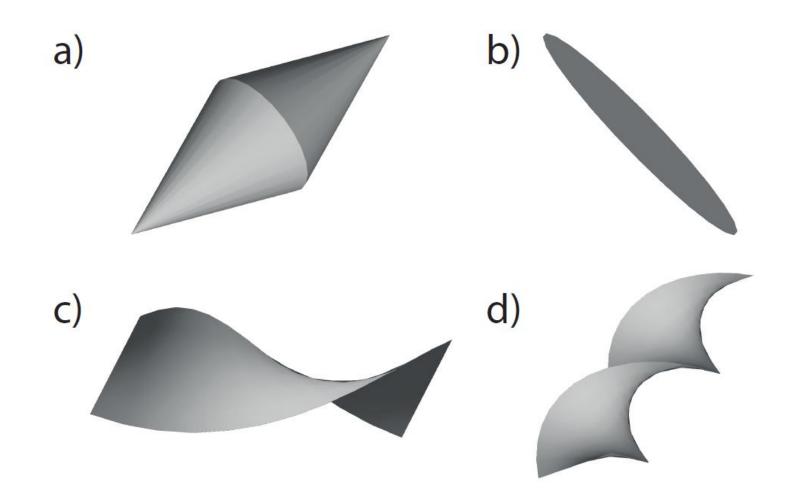




#### Chemical reaction (Kapton)



#### Mu3e Targets



#### Sensor: MLX 90614



