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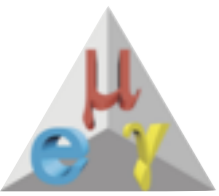
# MEG Experiment: status and prospects

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# Lepton Flavour Violation



Lepton Flavour Conservation is an accidental symmetry of SM:

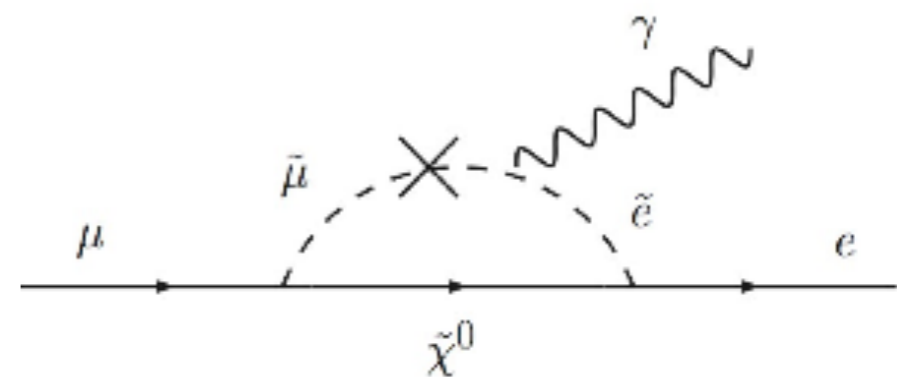
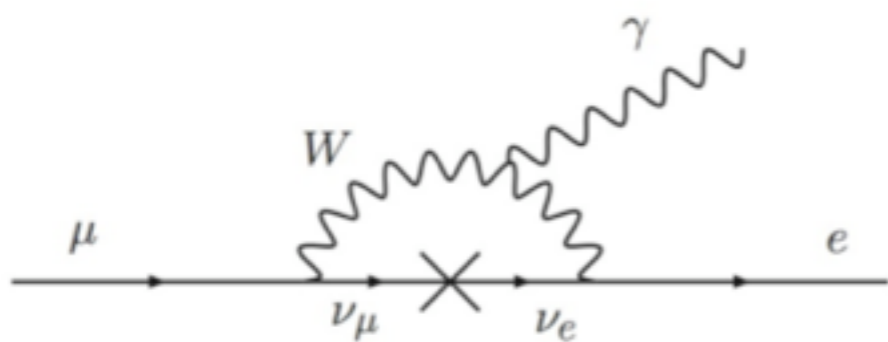
- Not related to the gauge structure of the theory
- Naturally violated in SM extensions

Observation of  $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$  would be an unambiguous evidence of NP beyond SM

LFV already observed in the neutral sector: neutrino oscillations

LFV in charged sector could be mediated by

- neutrino oscillation in SM extensions with massive neutrinos
- off-diagonal terms in the slepton mass matrix (through RG evolution) in SUSY



$$\Gamma(\mu \rightarrow e \gamma) \approx \underbrace{\frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192 \pi^3}}_{\mu - \text{decay}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)}_{\gamma - \text{vertex}} \underbrace{\sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{1.27 \Delta m^2}{M_W^2}\right)}_{\nu - \text{oscillation}}$$

$BR(\mu \rightarrow e \gamma) \sim 10^{-54}$

$BR(\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma) \propto \delta_{ij}^2 \tan^2 \beta$

$BR(\mu \rightarrow e \gamma) \sim 10^{-13} - 10^{-14}$

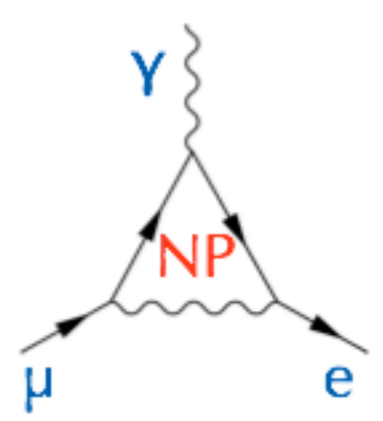
# Charged LFV processes

Model independent effective cLFV Lagrangian

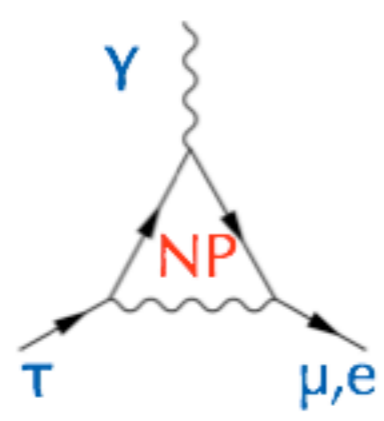
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CLFV}} = \frac{m_\mu}{(\kappa + 1)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_L F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa}{(\kappa + 1)\Lambda^2} (\bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu u_L + \bar{d}_L \gamma^\mu d_L)$$

new coupling  
(SUSY, heavy  $\nu$ )

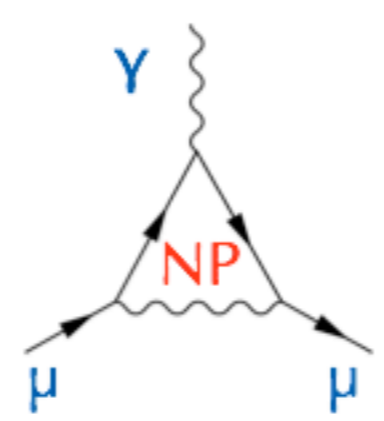
contact term  
(leptoquark,  $Z'$ ...)



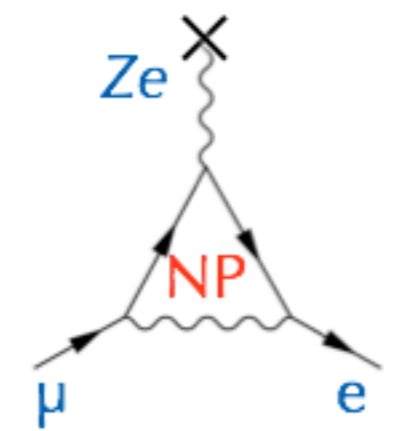
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$



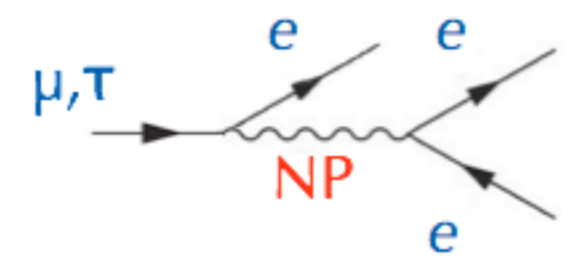
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$   
 $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$



$(g - 2)_\mu$



$\mu^- \mathcal{N} \rightarrow e^- \mathcal{N}$



$\mu \rightarrow eee$

cLFV processes are a wide field of research

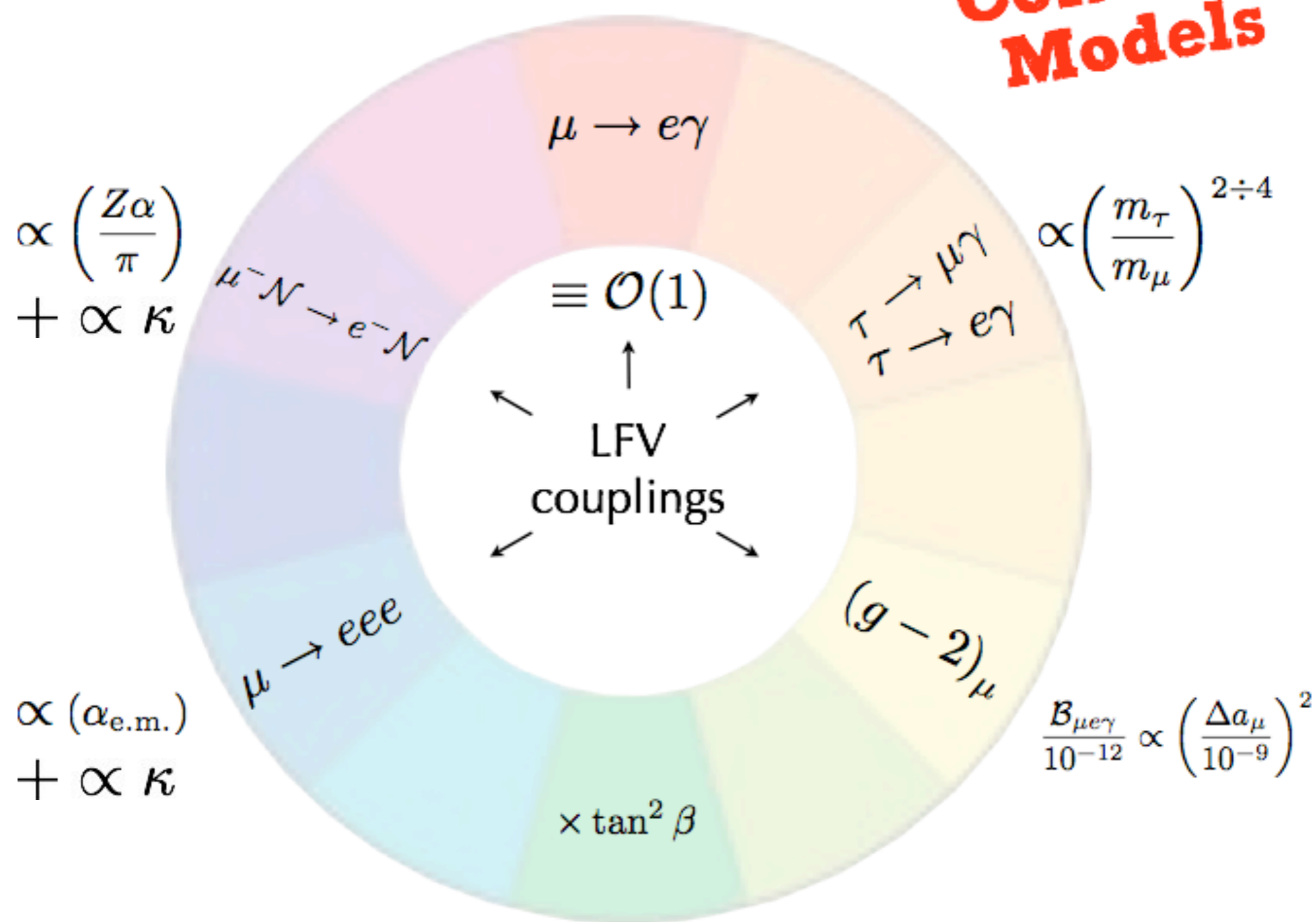
- LFV decays
- Muon to electron conversion in matter
- Anomalous magnetic moment



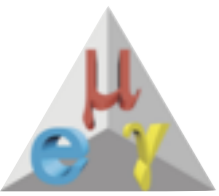
# The cLFV wheel



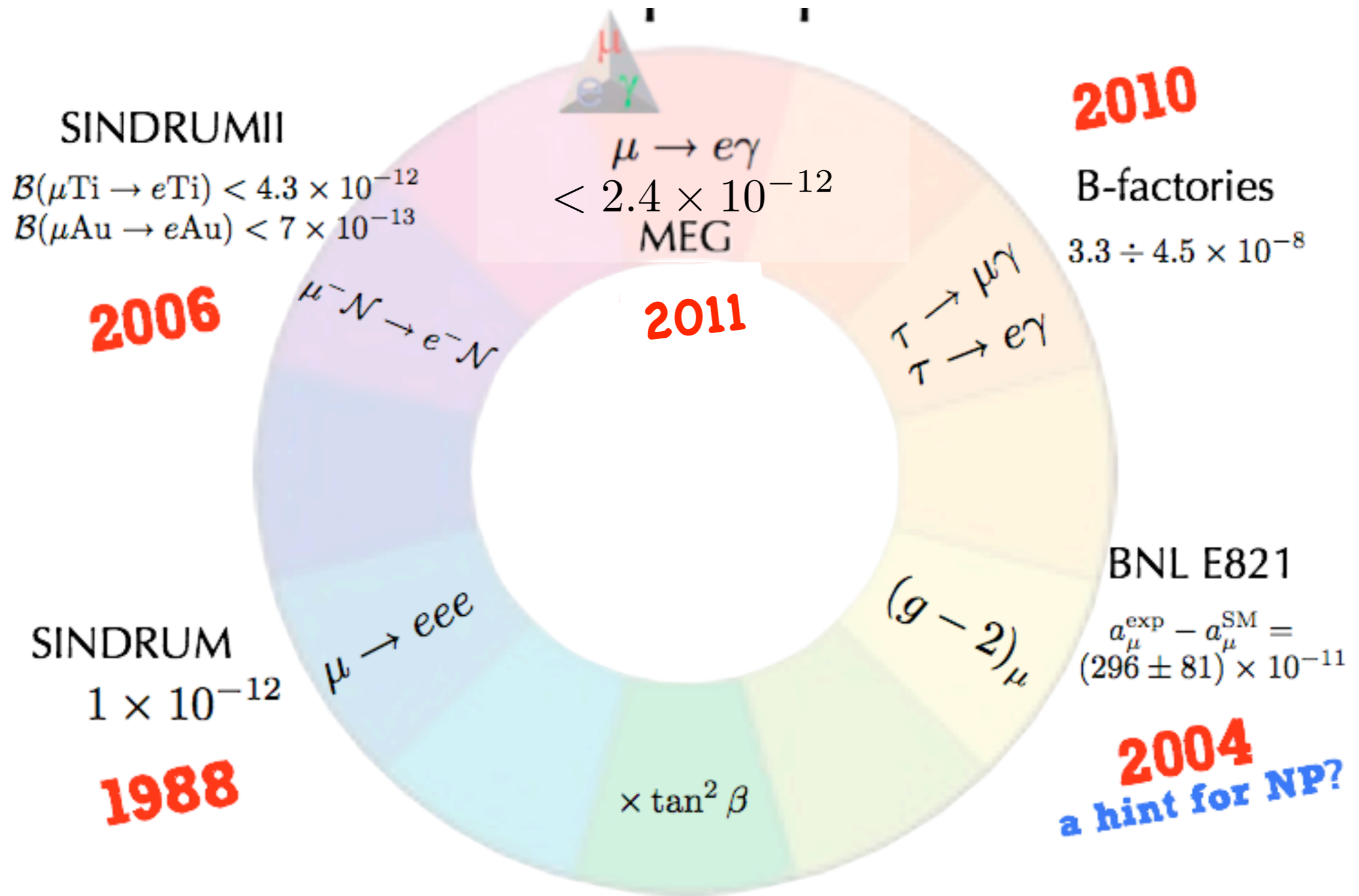
**Common Models**



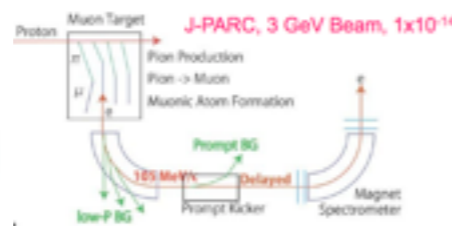
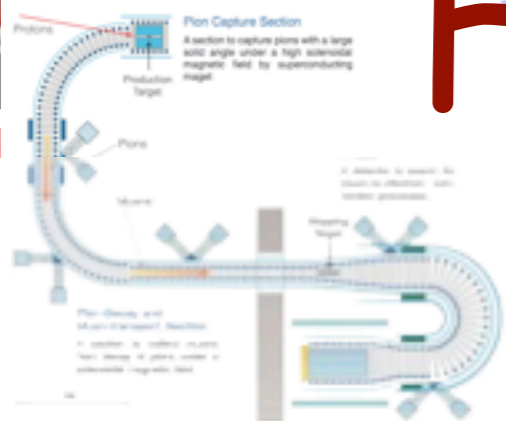




# Present Limits



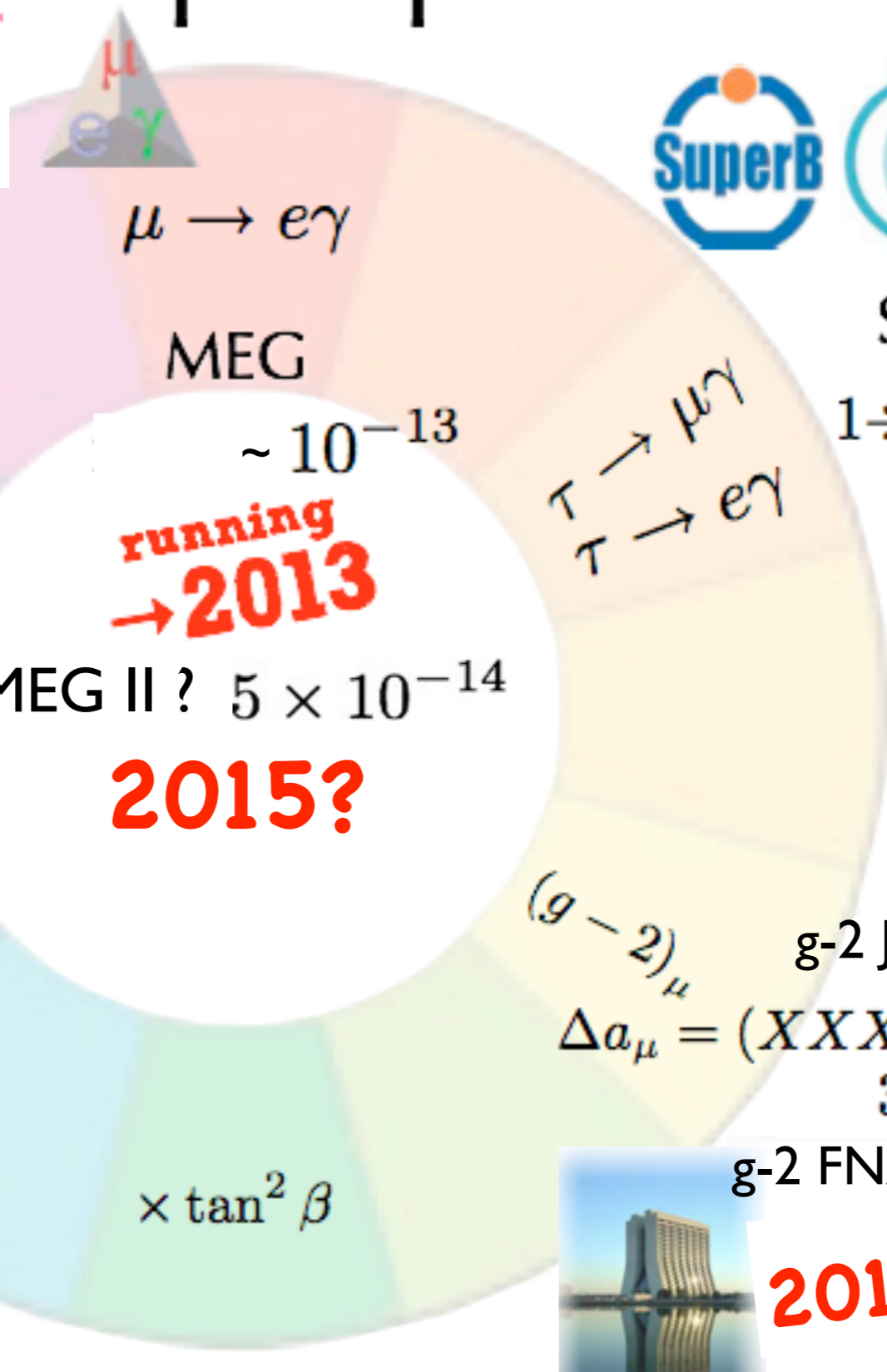
# Future Prospects



mu2e COMET  
 $10^{-15} - 10^{-17}$

DeeMe

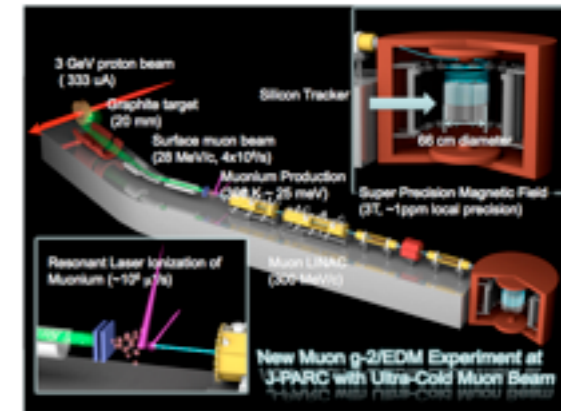
**2017 → 2019**



SuperB

$1 \div 2 \times 10^{-9}$

**2015 →**



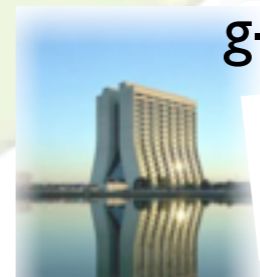
g-2 JPARC **2017? →**

$$\Delta a_\mu = (XXX \pm 34) \times 10^{-11}$$

$3.6\sigma \rightarrow 8\sigma$  0.1 ppm

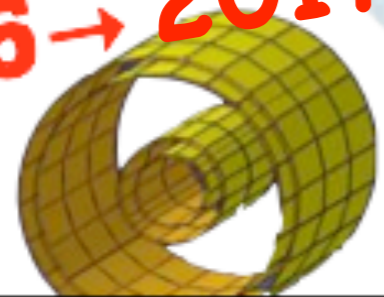
g-2 FNAL

**2017? →**

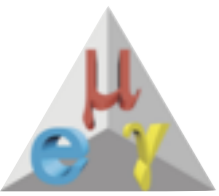


Heidelberg  
 $\sim 10^{-15 \div 16}$

**2015 → 2017**







# $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$ : experimental signature



180°  
 $\mu^+$  at rest  
 $e^+$   
 $\gamma$

**Signal**

- 52.8MeV
- Back-to-back
- Time coincidence

$\mu^+$   
 $e^+$   
 $\nu$   
 $\bar{\nu}$   
 $\gamma$

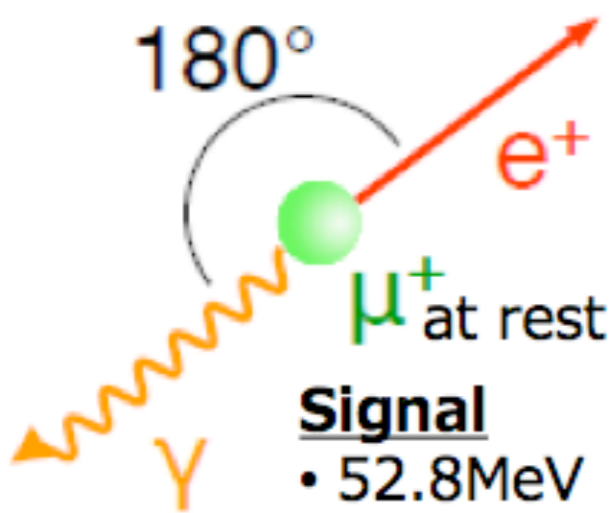
**Physics BG**  
(radiative muon decay)

- <52.8MeV
- Any angle
- Time coincidence

**Accidental BG**

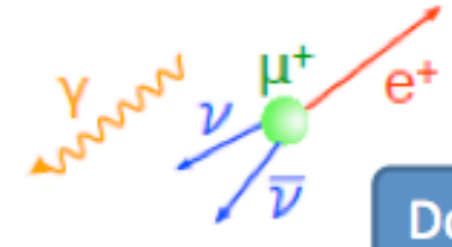
- <52.8MeV
- Any angle
- Random

# $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$ : experimental challenge!

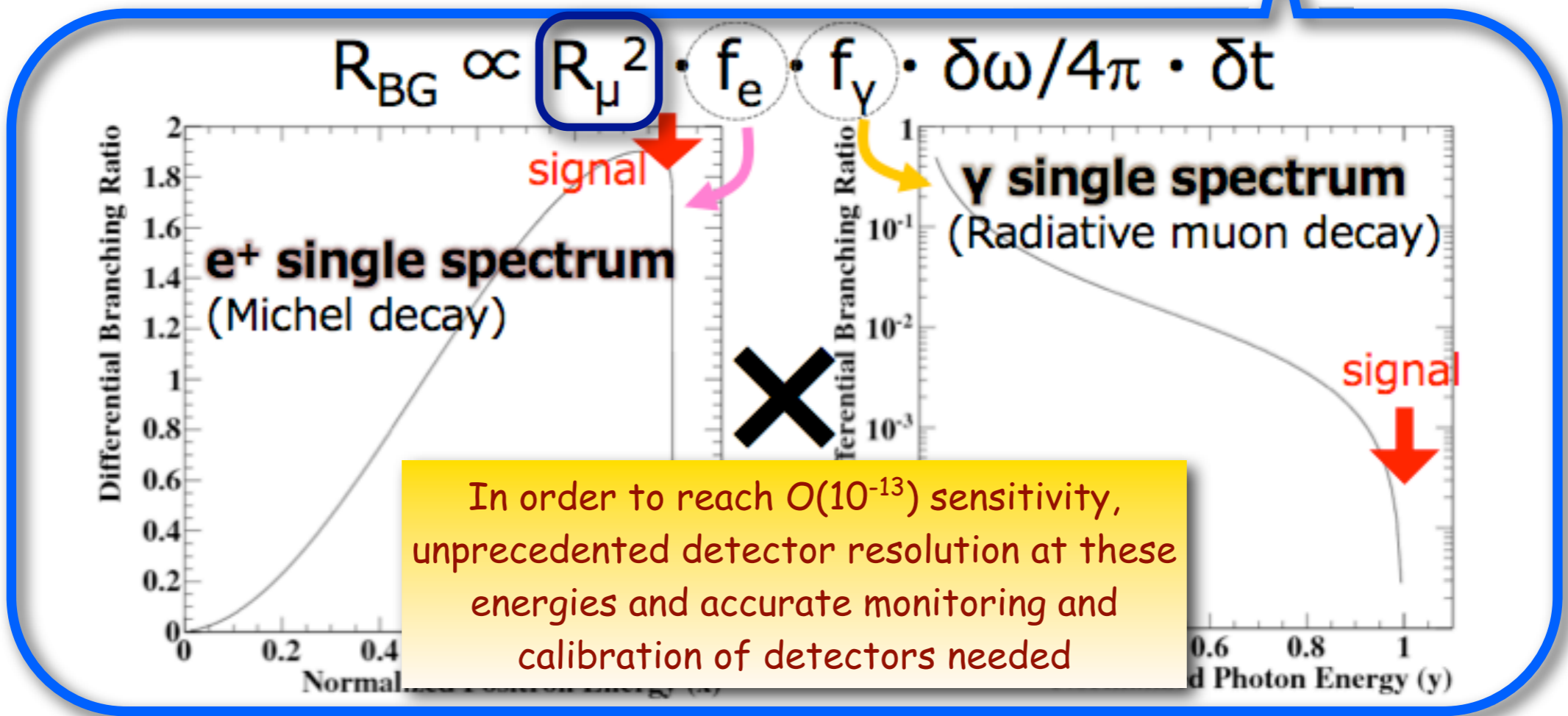


- Signal**
- 52.8 MeV
  - Back-to-back
  - Time coincidence

- Physics BG** *RMD*  
(radiative muon decay)
- <52.8 MeV
  - Any angle
  - Time coincidence



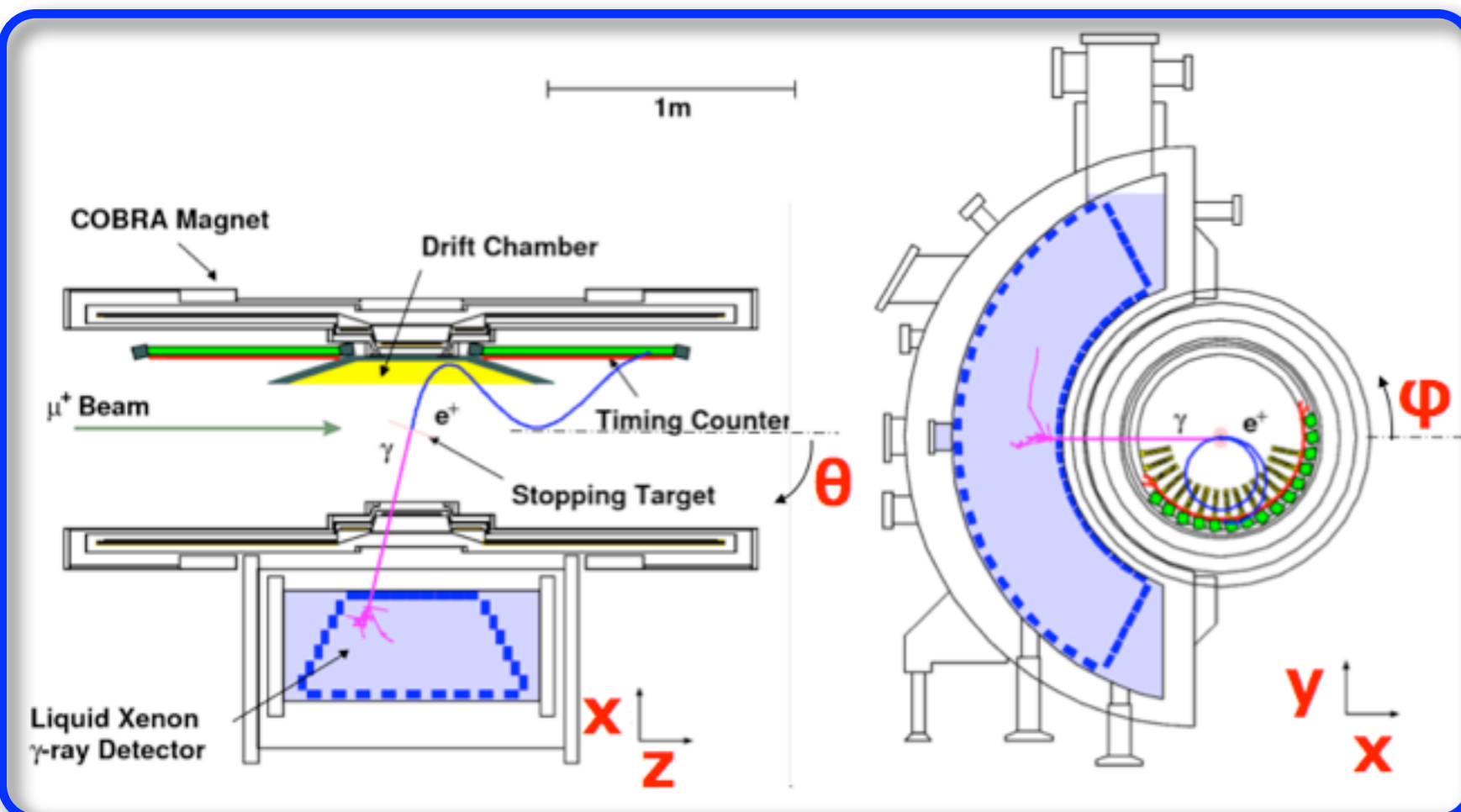
- Accidental BG**
- <52.8 MeV
  - Any angle
  - Random
- Accidental background is determined by the experimental resolutions







# MEG in a nutshell



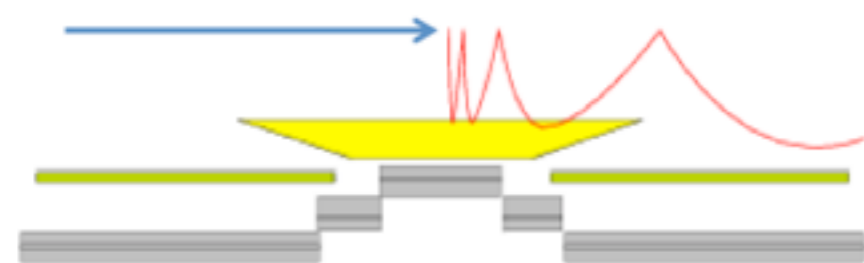
Most intense DC muon beam of  $3 \times 10^7$  muon/s at PSI

Quasi-solenoidal spectrometer & low mass drift chamber for  $e^+$  kinematic measurement

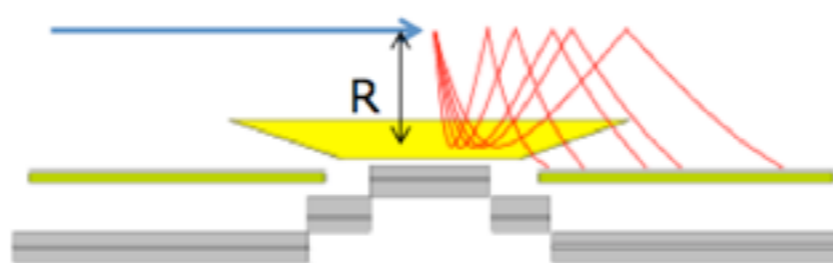
Scintillator bars and fibers for  $e^+$  timing read by PMT/APD

Liquid Xenon calorimeter for photon detection read by PMT

$\sim 10^7$  fully efficient trigger bkg suppression



$e^+$  quickly swept out



Constant bending radius independent of emission angles

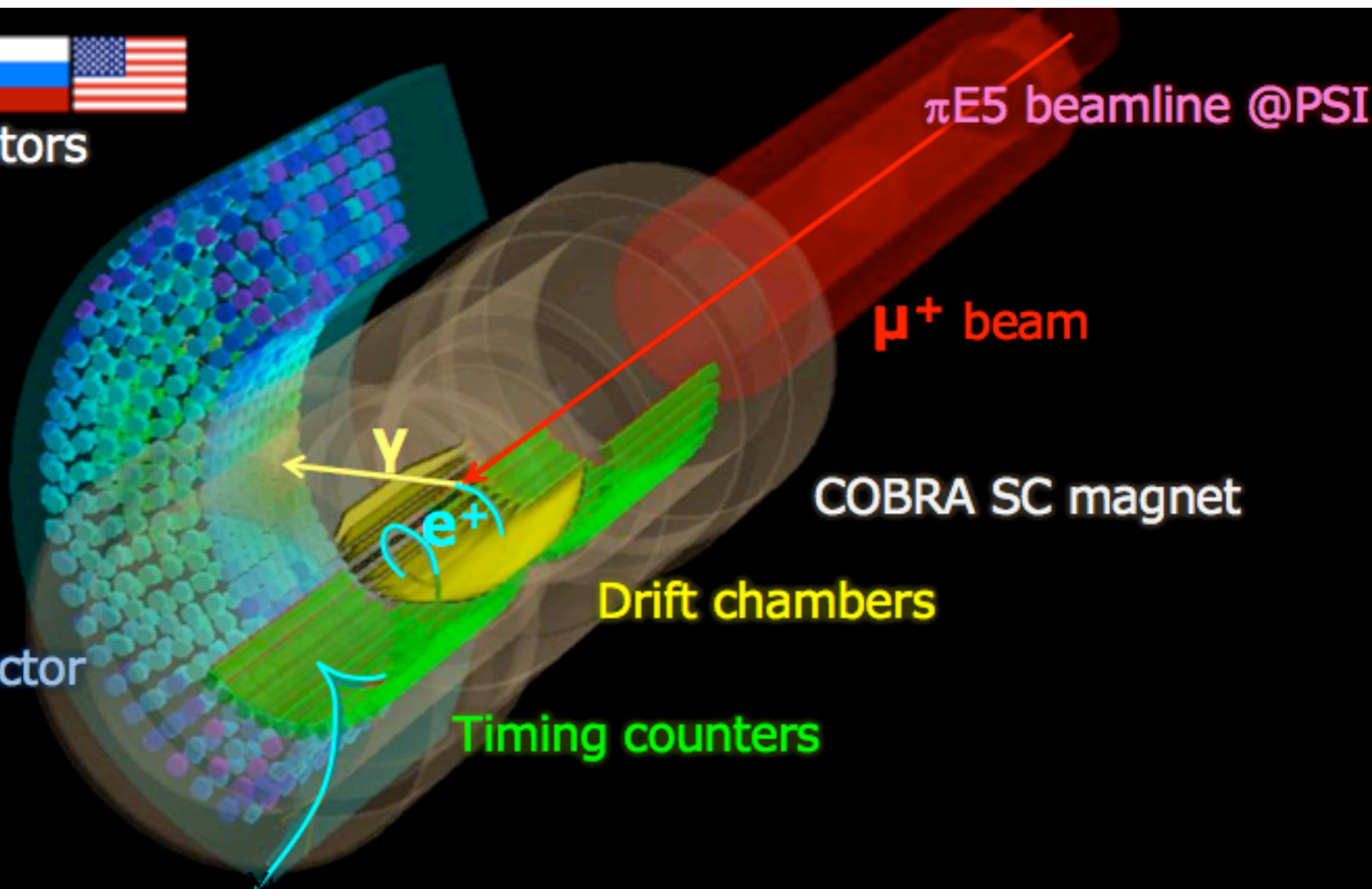
Gradient B field instead of uniform B field for good momentum resolution and high pile up rejection



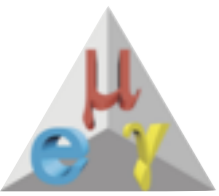
# MEG picture



~60 collaborators



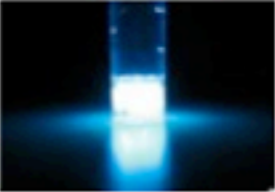
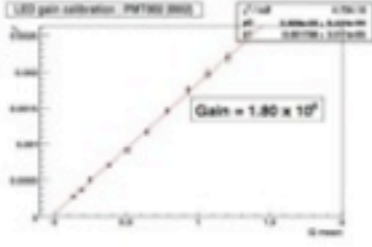





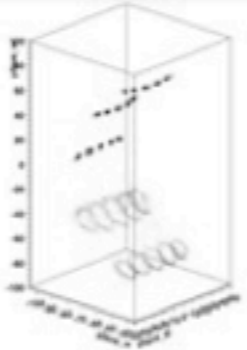
# Calibrations




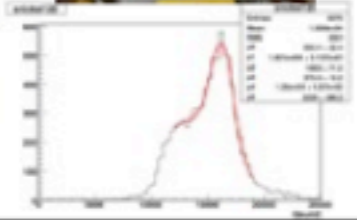
**LED**  
PMT gain

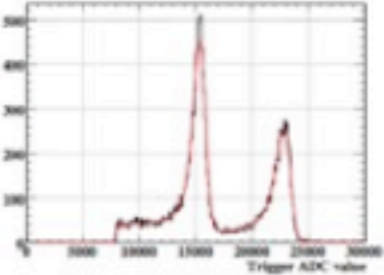

**α source**  
PMT QE  
Absorption length


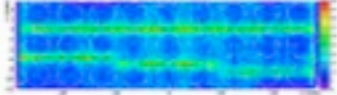
**Ni γ generator**  
9 MeV γ-line  
beam on/off calib.

**CEX**  
γ-resolutions:  
- energy  
- time  
- impact point





LH<sub>2</sub> target


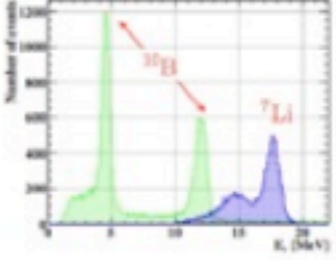
**XENON CALIBRATION**

$\mu \rightarrow e \nu \bar{\nu} \gamma$



t<sub>ey</sub>

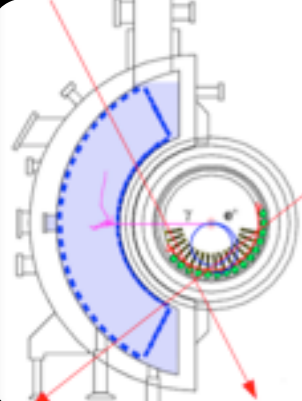
**CW p-accel**  
Light Yield  
LXe-TC t-calib

## TRACKER CALIBRATION

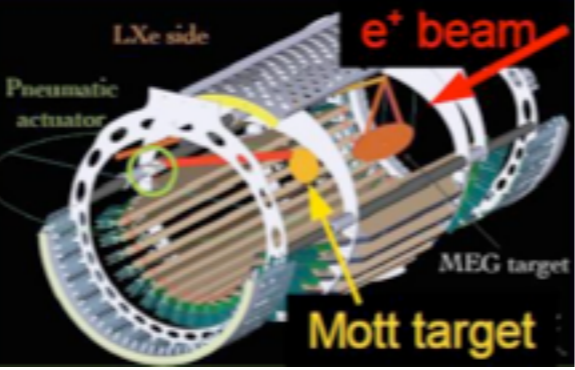
**Cosmic Ray**

- DC alignment
- TC uniformity
- LXe monitoring



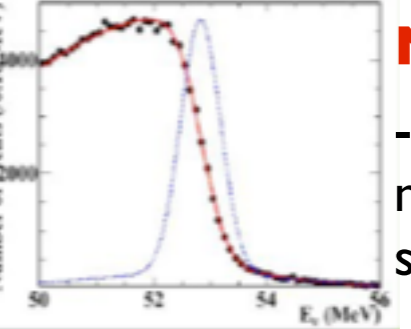
**e<sup>+</sup> Mott-scatter**

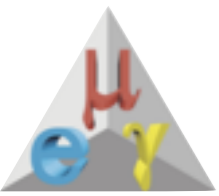
- Monochromatic, tunable momentum beam



**Michel decays**

- $\mu \rightarrow e \nu \nu$  for momentum energy scale

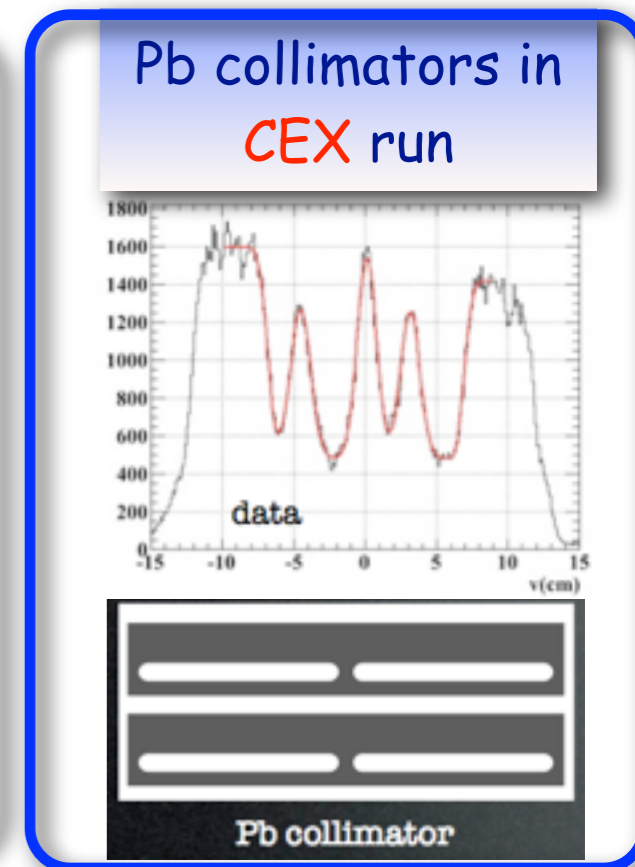
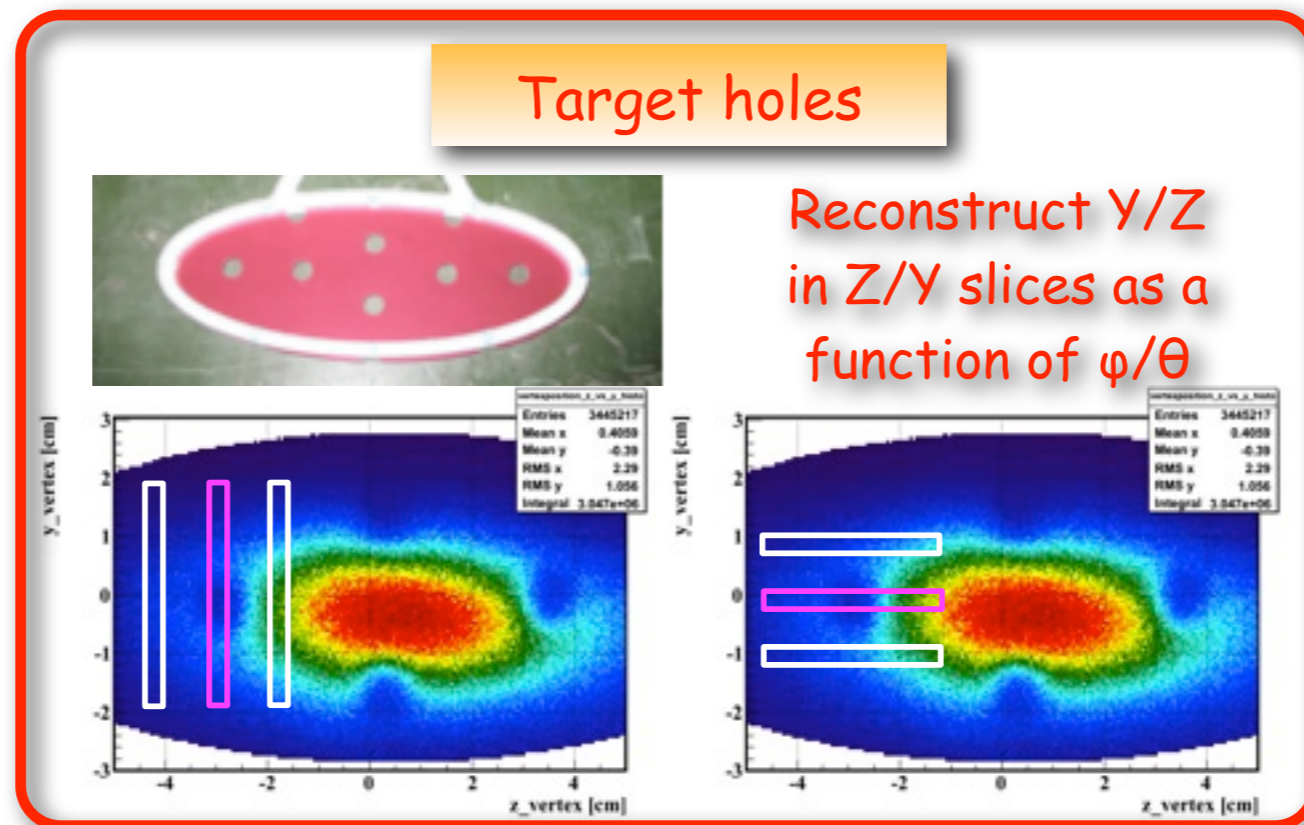
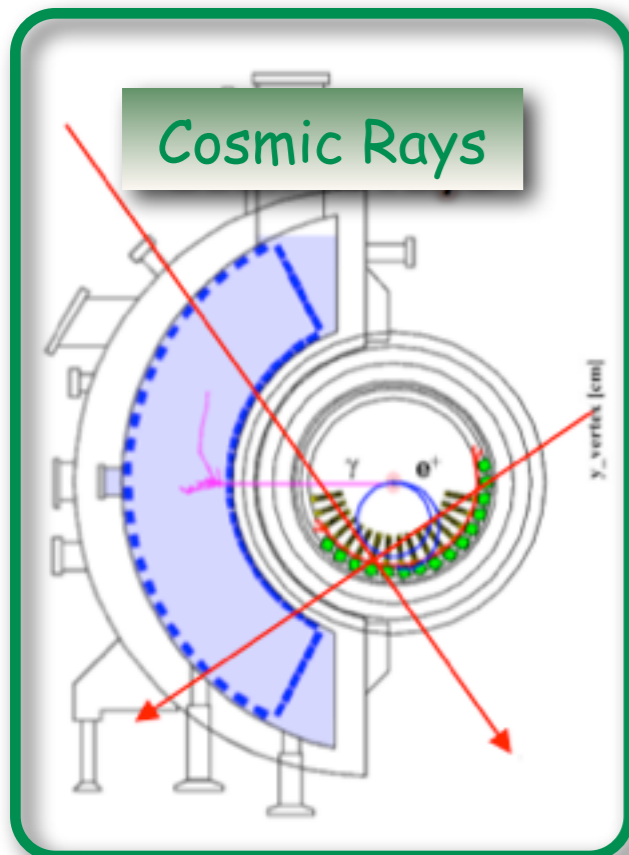




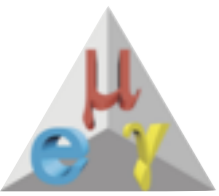
# Alignment

- Good alignment is crucial to reduce systematics on relative photon-positron angle
  - No back to back source for calibration
  - Nonetheless, we improved alignment inside and among detectors
    - DC - B field - target - LXe

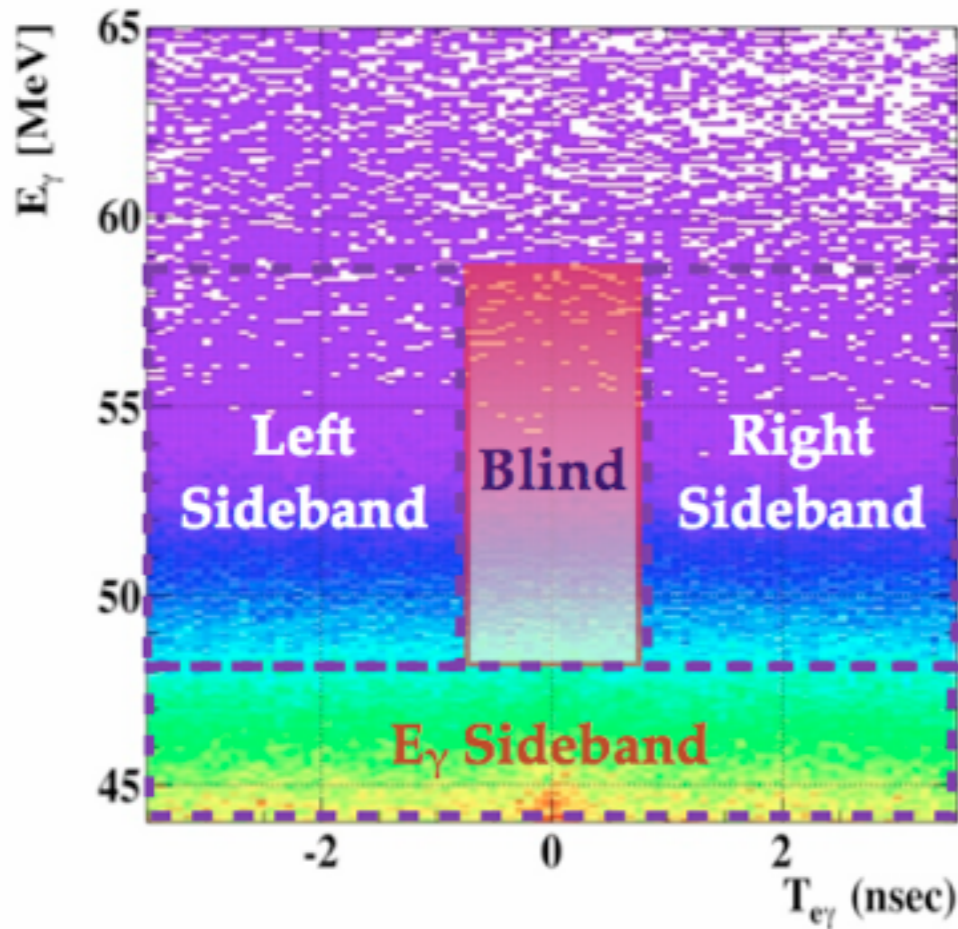
- Tools:
  - Optical surveys
  - DC: Millipede (a la CMS) with cosmic rays + Michel  $e^+$
  - Target holes
  - LXe: Pb collimators
  - B field: resolutions and correlations







# Analysis Technique

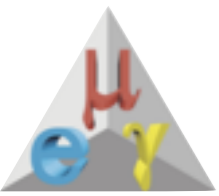


- Blind analysis technique adopted:
  - Events inside a signal region of  $E_\gamma$  and  $t_{e\gamma}$  not used for analysis development
  - Background characterization from sidebands:
    - accidental bkg from off-time sidebands,
    - RMD from low energy  $E_\gamma$  sideband
- Extended unbinned ML fit of  $N_{\text{sig}}$ ,  $N_{\text{RMD}}$  and  $N_{\text{bkg}}$ 
  - Observables  $E_\gamma, E_e, t_{e\gamma}, \theta_{e\gamma}, \varphi_{e\gamma}$

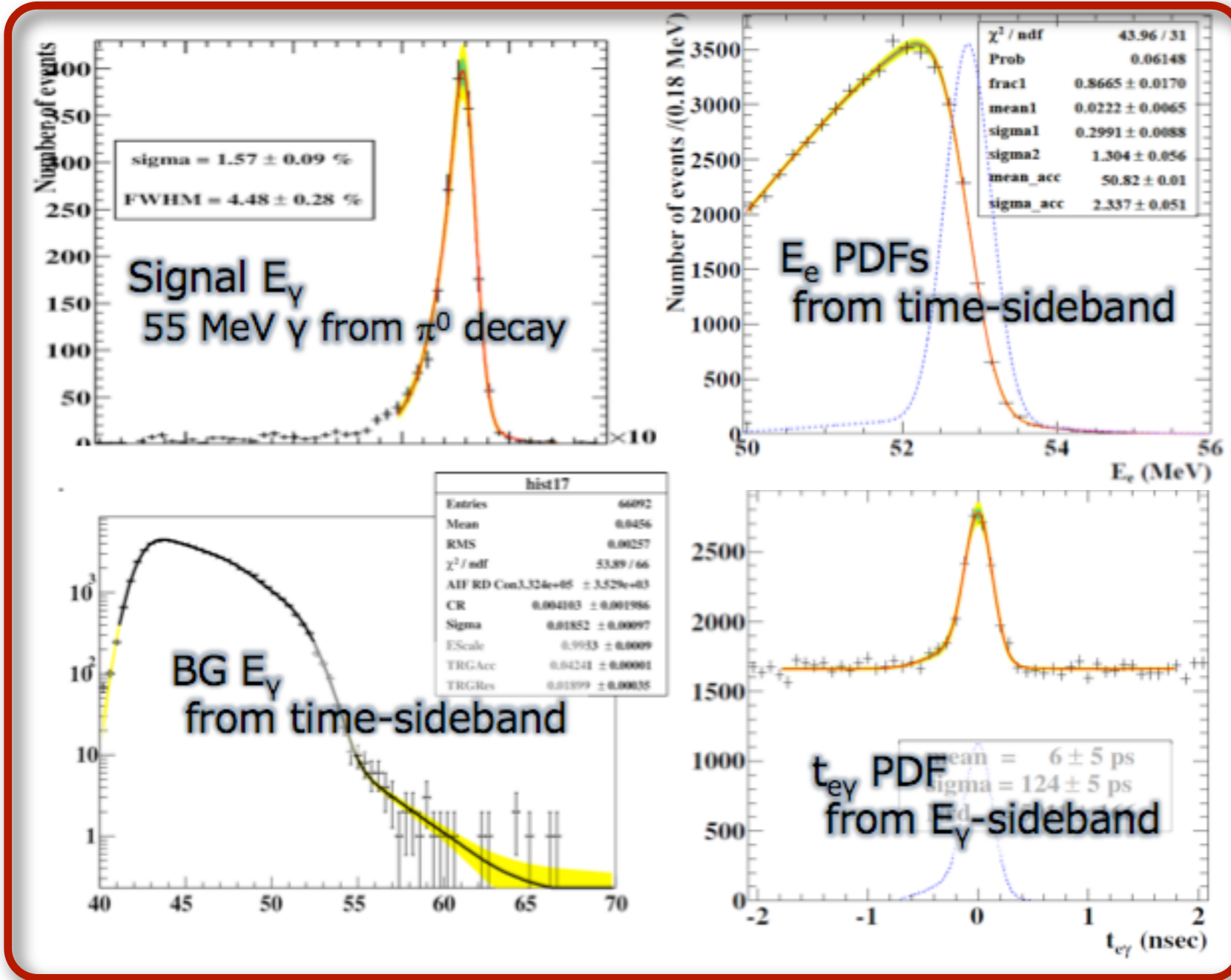
• Number of muons stopped on target:  $1.7 \times 10^{14}$  ( $6.5 \times 10^{13}$  (2009) +  $1.1 \times 10^{14}$  (2010))

- Count unbiased Michel sample in physics data simultaneously with the signal
  - Count RMD sample in  $E_\gamma$  sideband (independent sample) for consistency check
- Independent of instantaneous beam rate and insensitive to acceptance and efficiency

$$\text{BR}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) = \frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{N_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}} \times \frac{f_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}^E}{P} \times \frac{\epsilon_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}^{\text{trig}}}{\epsilon_{e\gamma}^{\text{trig}}} \times \frac{A_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}^{\text{TC}}}{A_{e\gamma}^{\text{TC}}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}^{\text{DCH}}}{\epsilon_{e\gamma}^{\text{DCH}}} \times \frac{1}{A_{e\gamma}^g} \times \frac{1}{\epsilon_{e\gamma}},$$



# PDFs

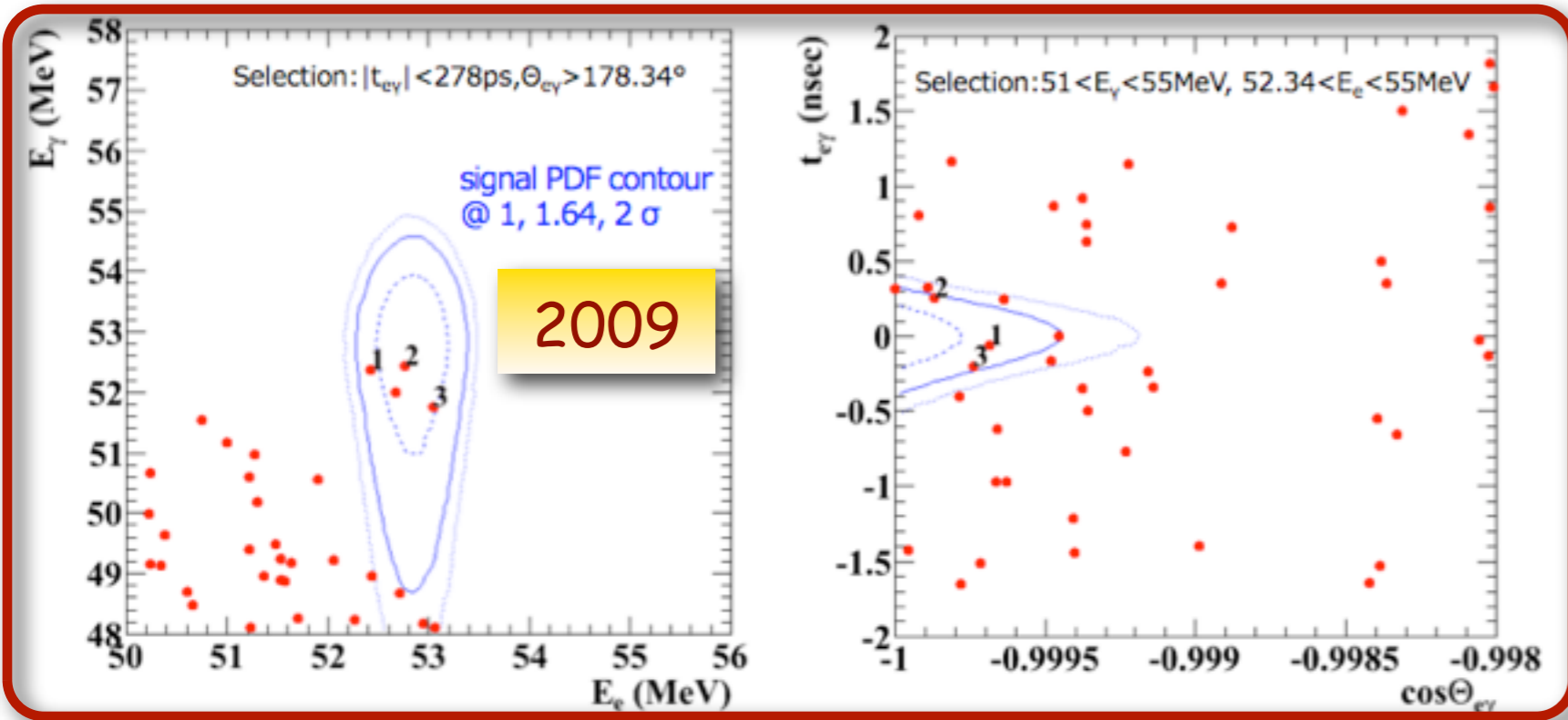


- Signal  $E_e$  PDF from fit to Michel edge data
- Signal angle PDFs measured on data from tracks which make two turns inside the spectrometer
- Background angle PDFs measured on time sideband
- RMD PDFs from theoretical distributions convoluted with measured resolutions

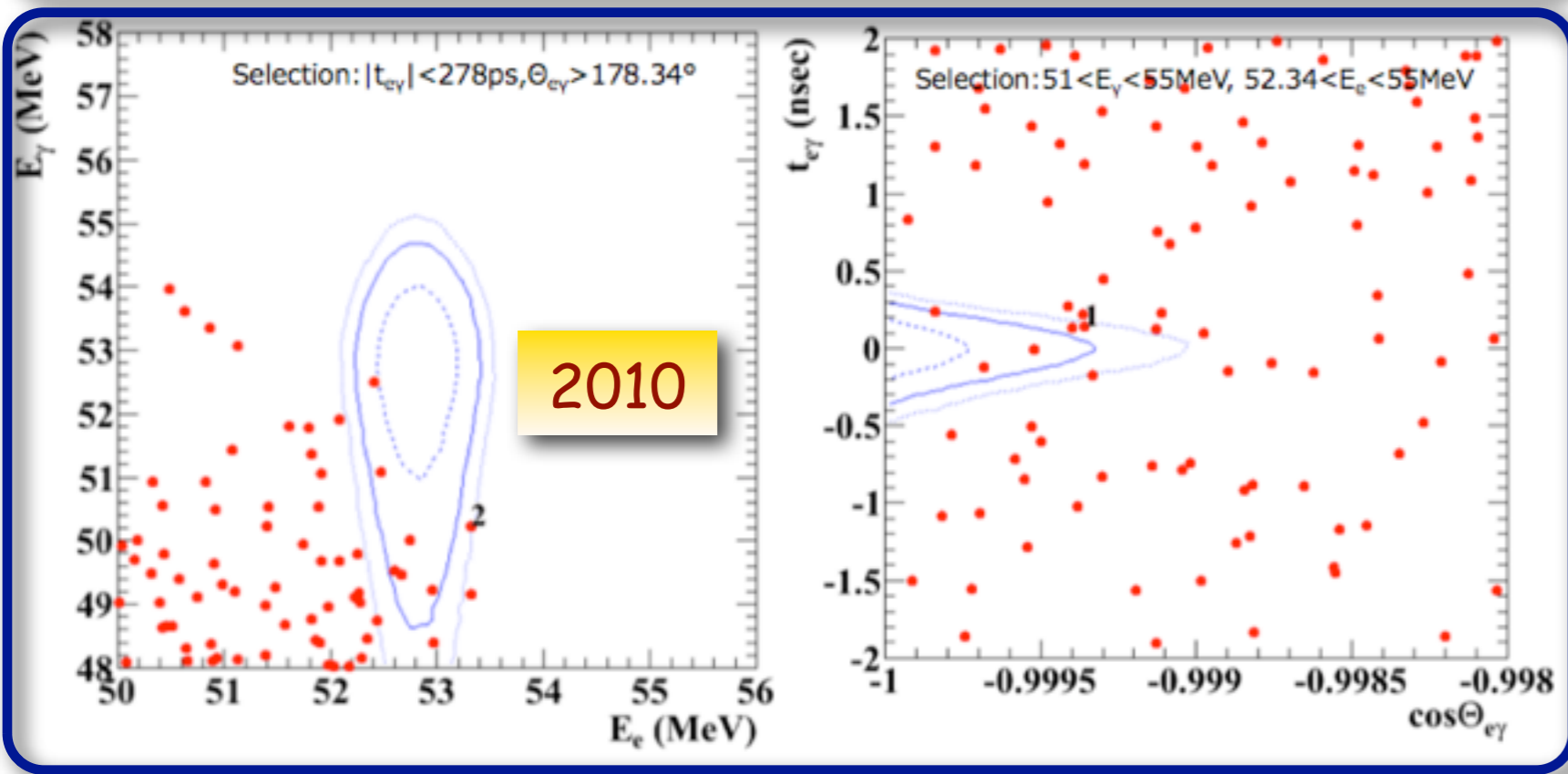
Fit variables:  $E_\gamma, E_e, t_{ey}, \theta_{ey}, \psi_{ey}$



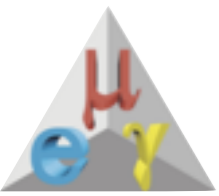
# 2009 and 2010 results



- 2009 data re-analyzed with improvements : best  $N_{sig}$  fit 3.4 (ICHEP '10 best  $N_{sig}$  fit 3.0) ----> **STABLE RESULT**
- $1.7 \times 10^{-13} < BR < 9.6 \times 10^{-12}$  @ 90% CL
- p-Value for null signal 8%



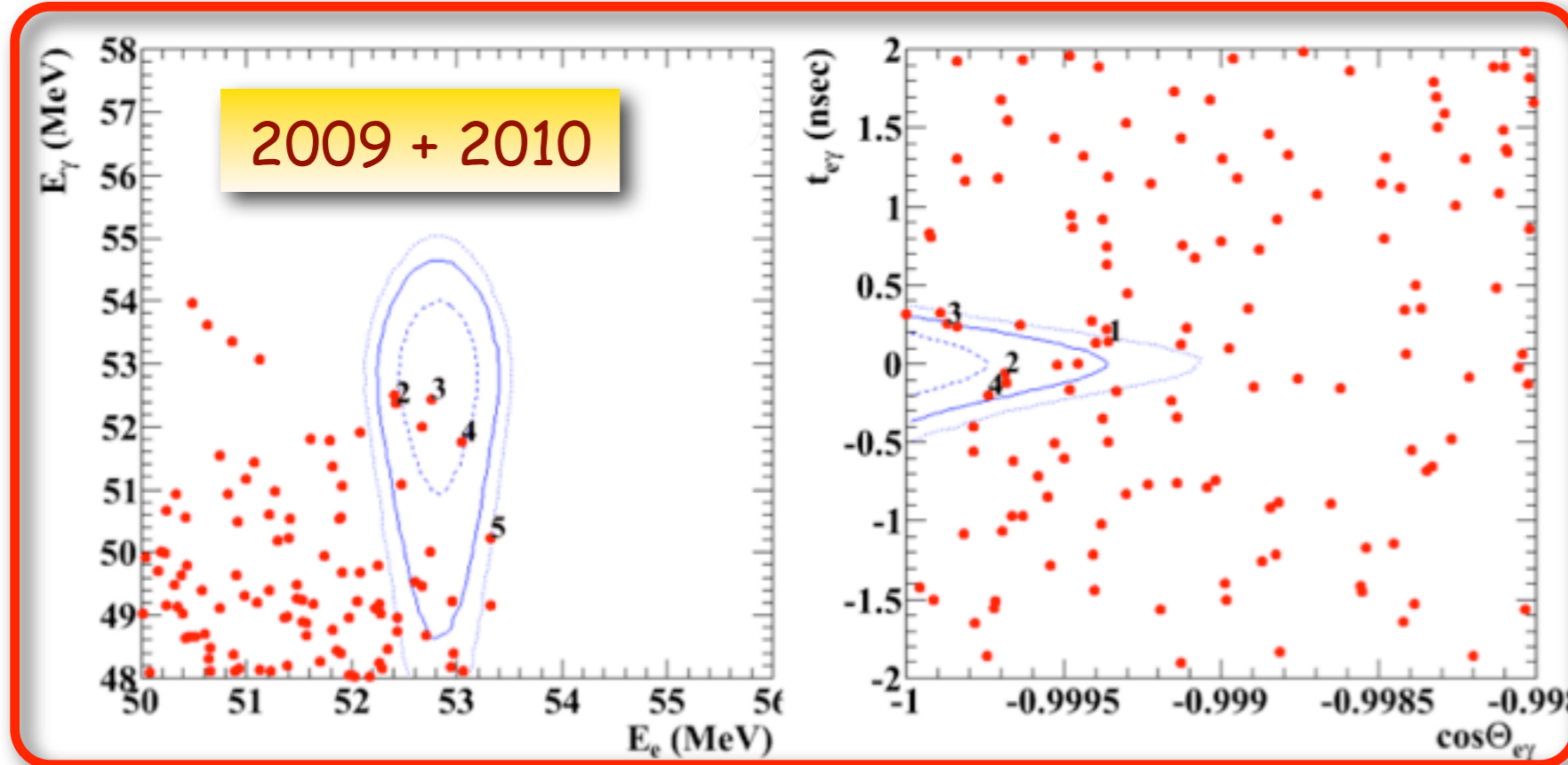
- 2010 data best  $N_{sig}$  fit -2.2
- $BR < 1.7 \times 10^{-12}$  @ 90% CL
- Sensitivity  $2.2 \times 10^{-12}$



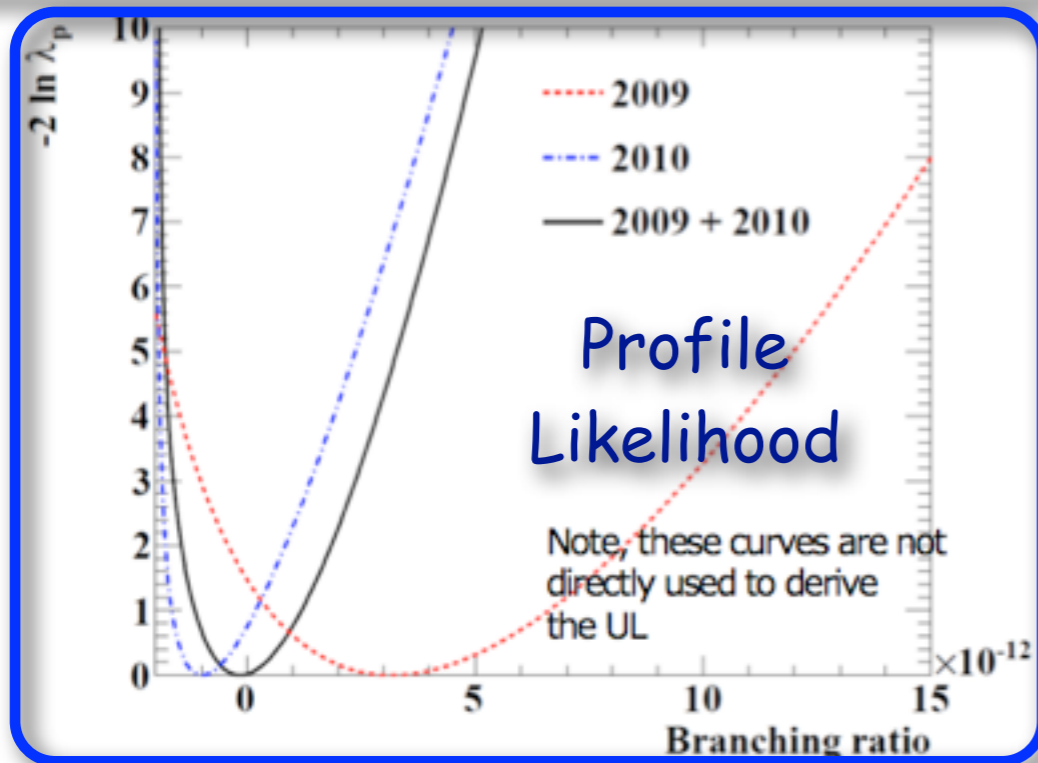
# Combined Result



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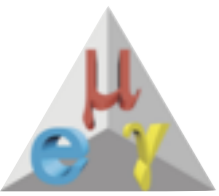
	expected	best fit
$N_{sig}$		<b>-0.5</b>
$N_{RMD}$	$79.4 \pm 7.9$	$76 \pm 12$
$N_{bkg}$	$881.7 \pm 15.1$	$882 \pm 22$



**UL @ 90% CL BR <  $2.4 \times 10^{-12}$**   
**Present world most stringent UL**

Data set	$B_{fit}$	LL	UL
2009	$3.2 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-13}$	$9.6 \times 10^{-12}$
2010	$-9.9 \times 10^{-13}$	—	$1.7 \times 10^{-12}$
2009 + 2010	$-1.5 \times 10^{-13}$	—	$2.4 \times 10^{-12}$

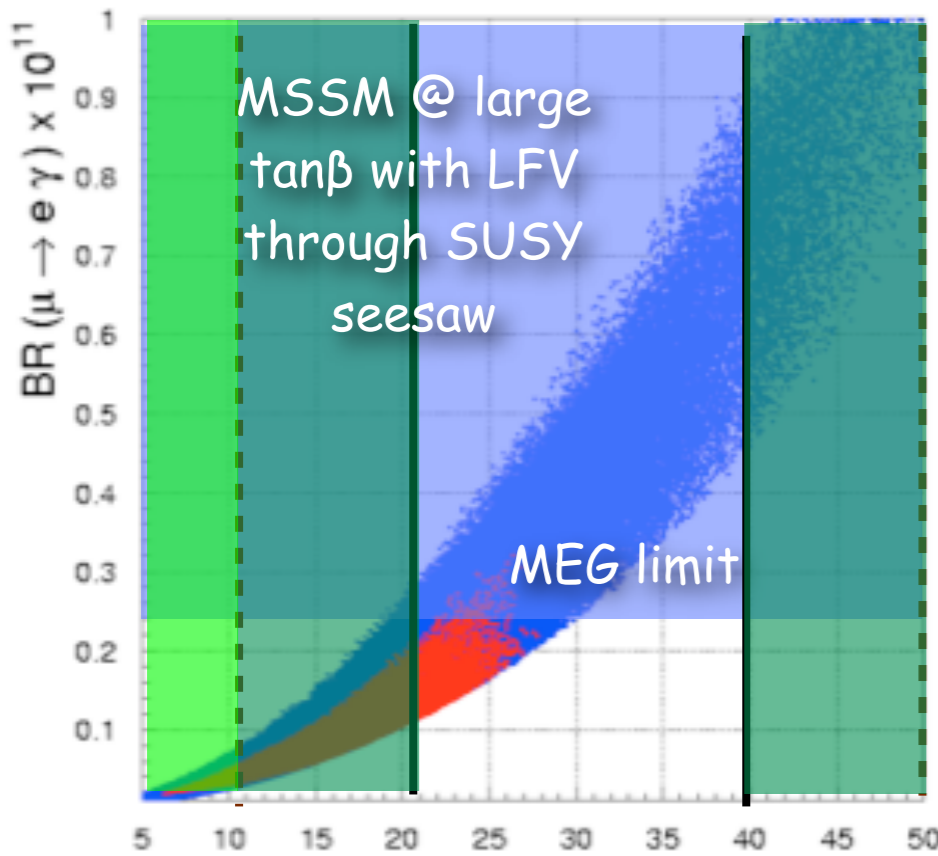




# Implications



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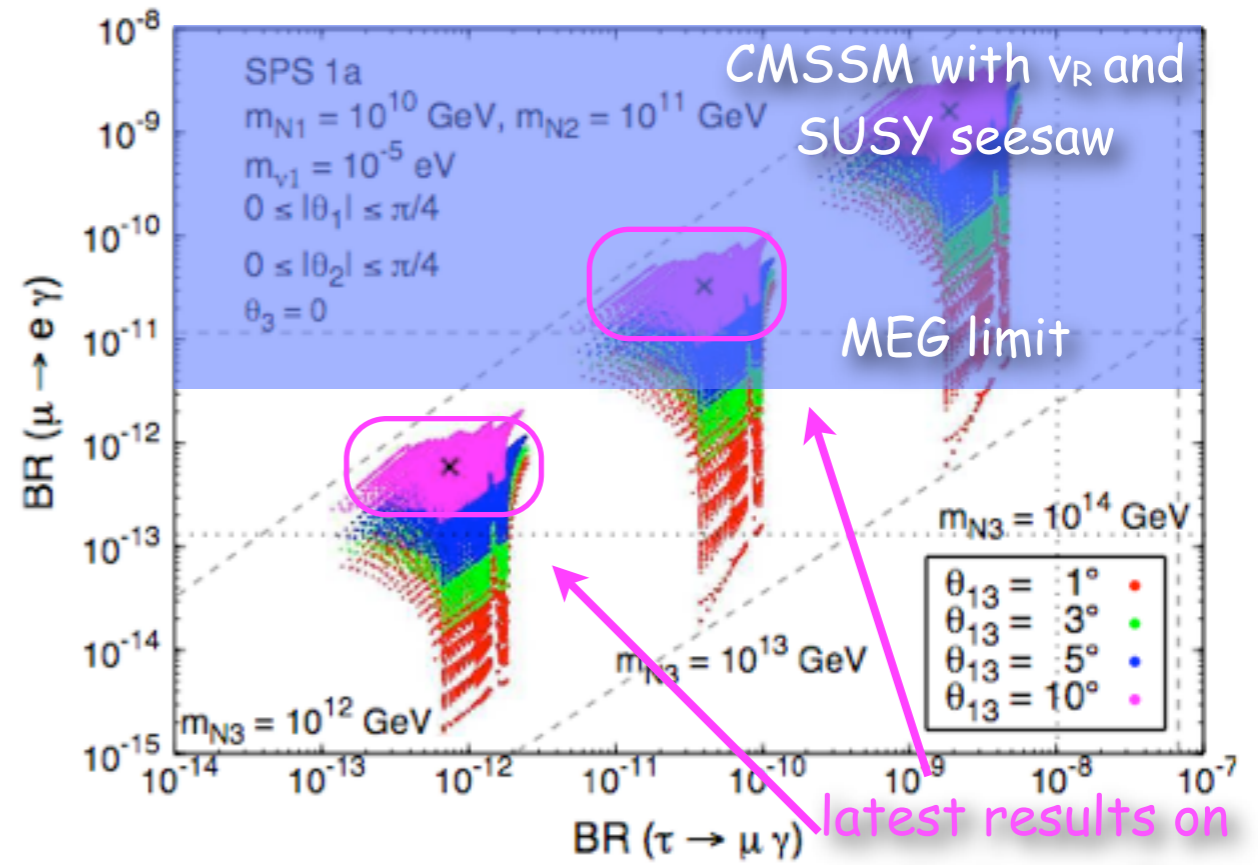


additional constraints from B physics

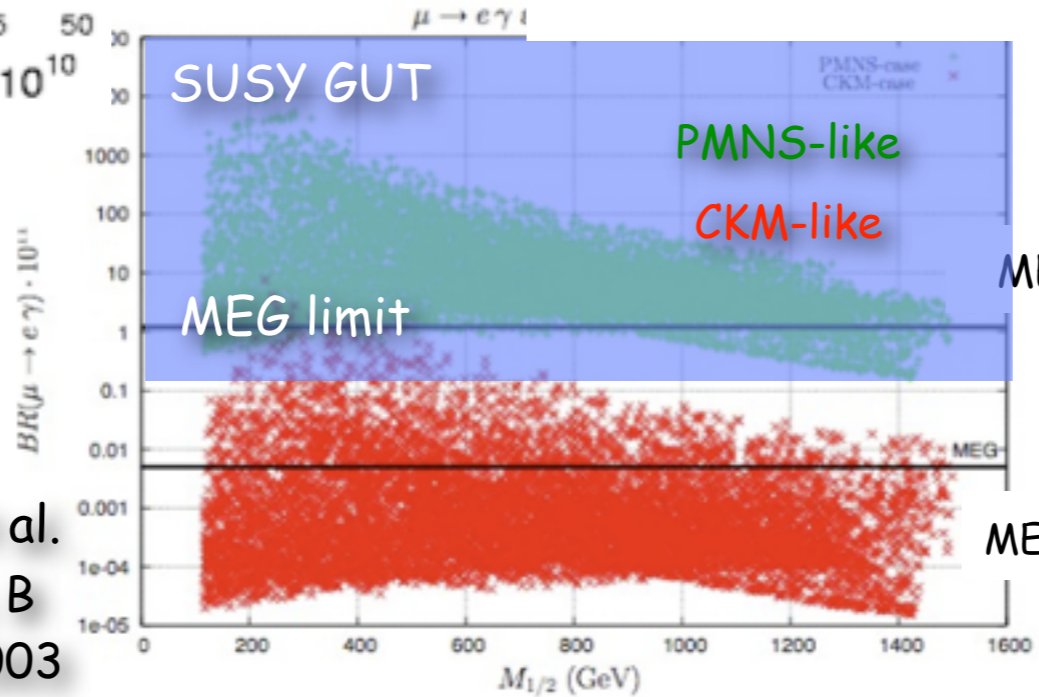
$\Delta a_\mu \pm 1 (2) \sigma$  constraint

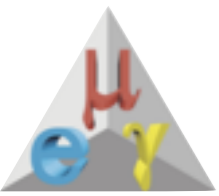
Masiero et al. Nucl.Phys. B 649:189, 2003

S. Antusch et al, JHEP 0611:090 (2006)



latest results on  $\theta_{13} \sim 9^\circ$



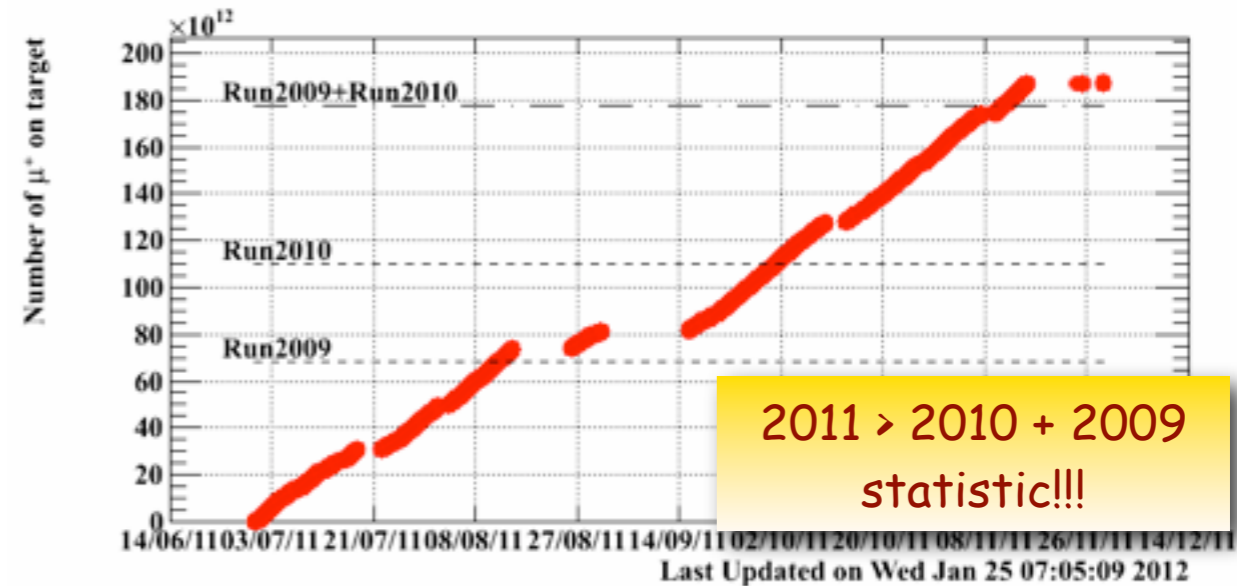


# 2011 Run



2011 dataset > 2009 + 2010 datasets

- Improved DAQ & trigger efficiency up to >99% live time with >95% efficiency
- Improved noise conditions in DC thanks to new HV power supplies
- New DC alignment
- More efficient XEC calibrations
- TC fibers APDs operational



## Analysis improvements

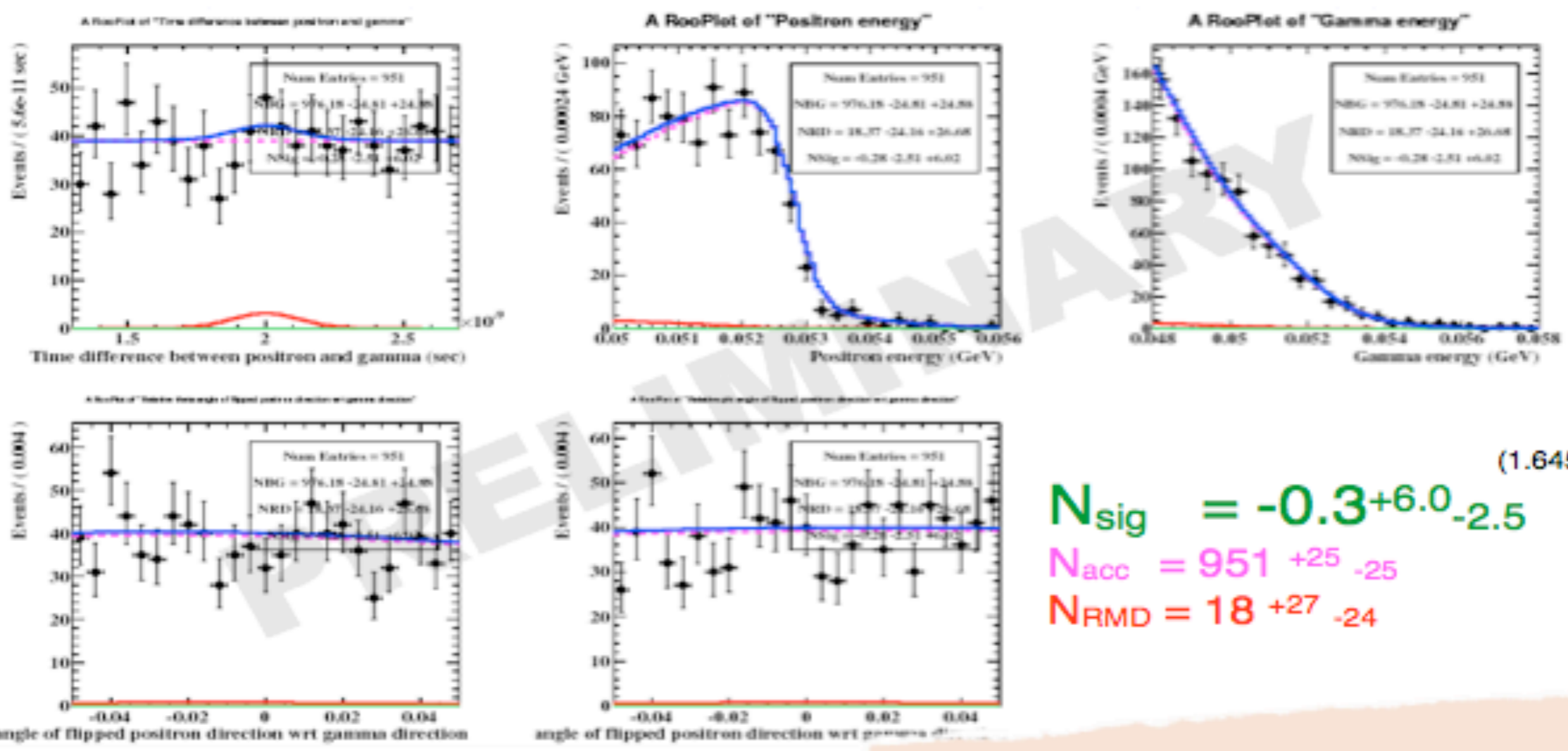
- New photon pile up rejection
- Offline noise reduction in DC
- New tracking code
- Event by event PDF for  $e^+$

	2010	2011
$\gamma$ Energy $\sigma E_\gamma$ (%)	1.9 (depth>2cm)	1.7 (depth>2cm)
$\gamma$ Position $\sigma x_\gamma$ (mm)	5/6	←
$\gamma$ Efficiency $\epsilon_\gamma$ (%)	59	63
$e^+$ Mom. $\sigma p_e$ (%)	0.61(core 79%)	0.61(core 86%)
$e^+$ Angle $\sigma \theta_e$ (mrad)	7.2( $\phi$ )/11( $\theta$ )	6.5( $\phi$ )/10.8( $\theta$ )
$e^+$ Efficiency $\epsilon_e$ (%)	41	←
$\gamma$ - $e^+$ Timing $\sigma_T$ (ps)	126(core)	133
$\mu^+$ decay vertex (mm)	2.0/1.1	1.9/1.0
Trigger Efficiency (%)	92	95
# of stopped $\mu$	$1.1 \times 10^{14}$	<b><math>1.9 \times 10^{14}</math></b>
Sensitivity	$2.2 \times 10^{-12}$	<b>next slide !</b>



# Expected 2011 sensitivity

Likelihood Fitting on Sideband Samples



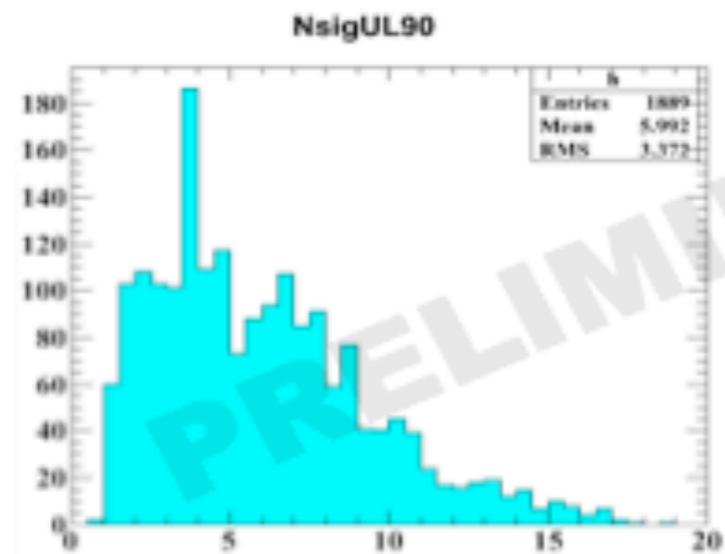
(1.645σ)

$$N_{sig} = -0.3^{+6.0}_{-2.5}$$

$$N_{acc} = 951^{+25}_{-25}$$

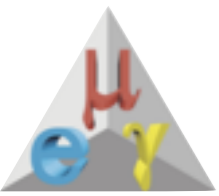
$$N_{RMD} = 18^{+27}_{-24}$$

$N_{sig}^{UL}$  (90% CL.)

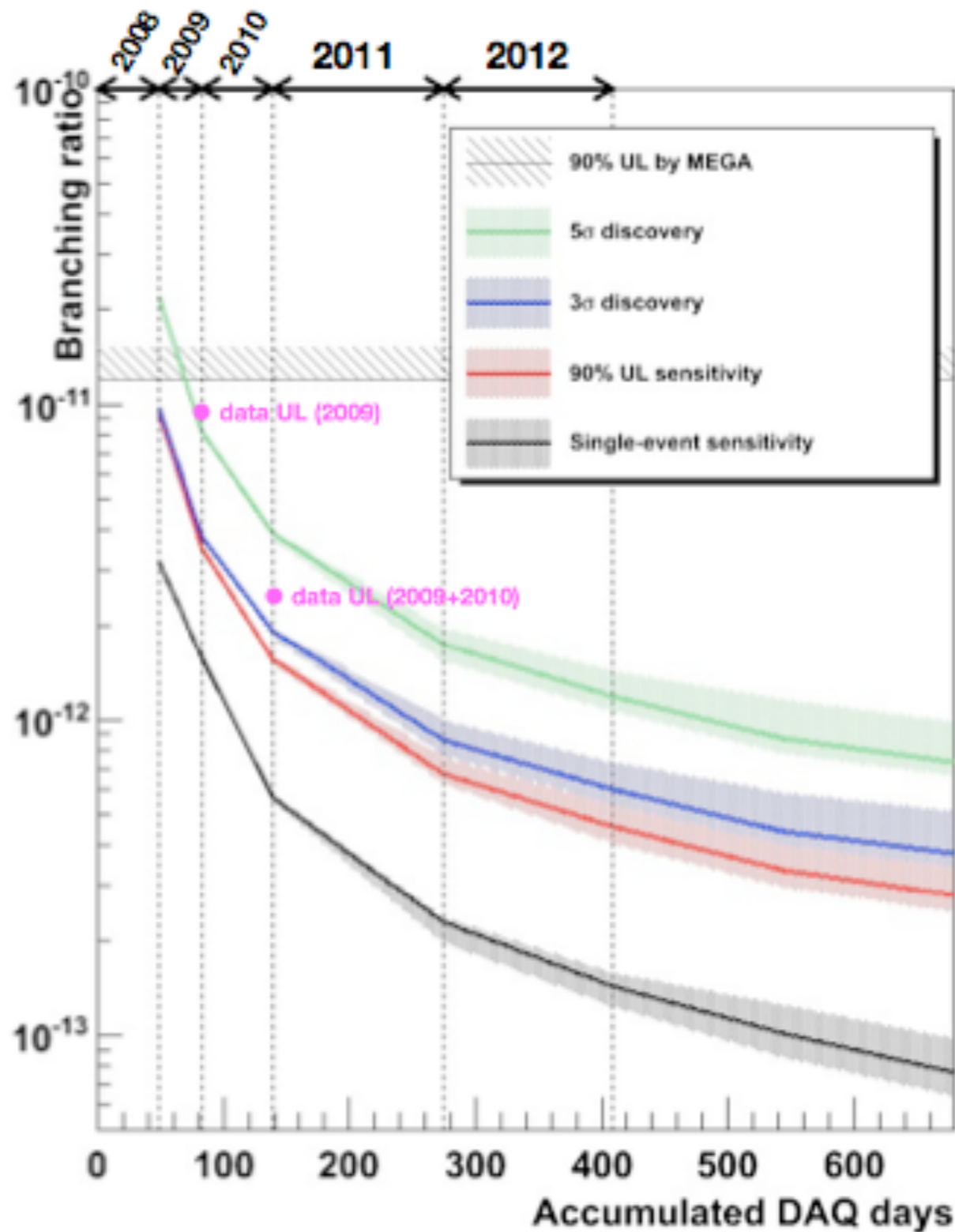


median  $N_{sig}^{UL} = 5.4$   
Sensitivity :  $1.5 \times 10^{-12}$

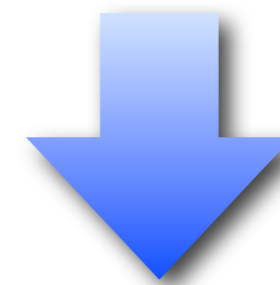
Expected Sensitivity  
 $\sim 1 \times 10^{-12}$   
(2011 data only)



# Sensitivity prospects

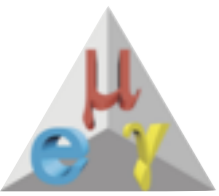


- With 2011 data MEG entering  $O(10^{-13})$  region
- With 2012 data,  $3\sigma$  discovery potential if  $BR > \sim 10^{-12}$
- After 2012 we will be on the plateau of the sensitivity



Time to consider an upgrade of the experiment





# MEG Upgrade

Sensitivity goal  $O(10^{-14})$

Budget: 30% of original MEG construction budget

Variable	Foreseen	Obtained
$\Delta E_\gamma$ (%)	1.2	1.9
$\Delta t_\gamma$ (psec)	43	67
$\gamma$ position (mm)	4(u,v),6(w)	5(u,v),6(w)
$\gamma$ efficiency (%)	> 40	60
$\Delta P_e$ (KeV)	200	380
$e^+$ angle (mrad)	5( $\phi_e$ ),5( $\theta_e$ )	7( $\phi_e$ ),9( $\theta_e$ )
$\Delta t_{e^+}$ (psec)	50	107
$e^+$ efficiency (%)	90	40
$\Delta \Theta_{e\gamma}$ (mrad)	7.2	10.3
$\Delta t_{e\gamma}$ (psec)	65	120

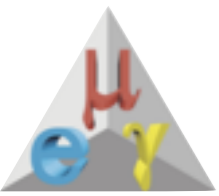
not uniform light collection

very small signals on DC cathodes

material between DC and TIC

affected by tracking performances

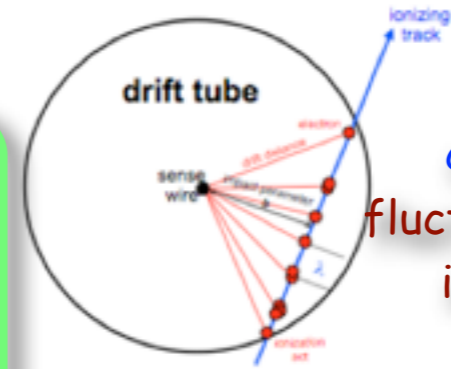
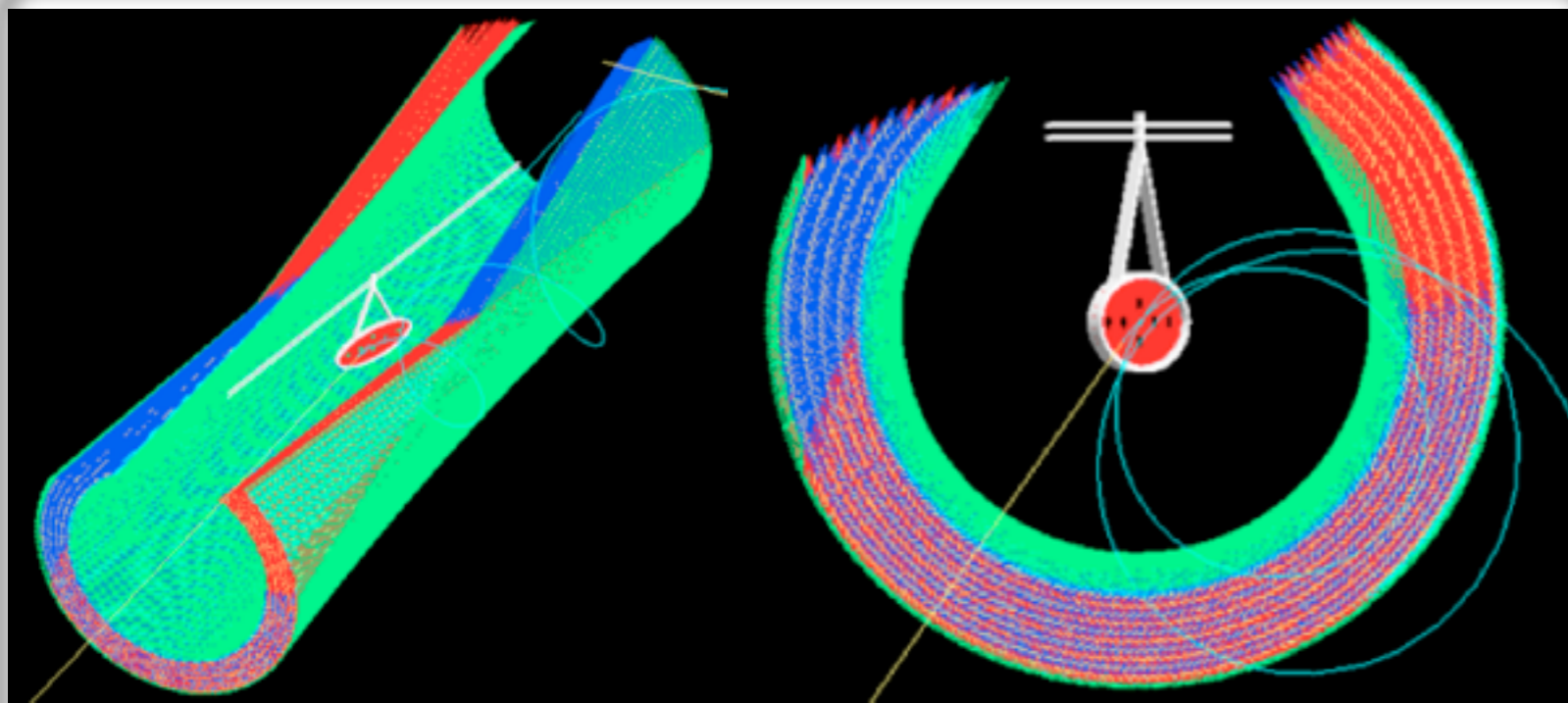
- The aim is a substantial improvement w.r.t. MEG sensitivity with a reasonably short R&D and running time (~ 3 + 3 years)
- Major upgrades plus several alternative options:
  - Replace the positron tracker with full volume drift chamber for improved tracking performance and efficiency
  - Upgrade XEC photon detectors for an improved photon position and energy resolution
  - Replace TIC bars with smaller ultra fast scintillating plates read by SiPM
  - Run at  $\sim 10^8 \mu/s$  and possibility to use sub-surface muons/thinner target
  - Alternative options: active target, vertex detector, TPC as an alternative tracker



# DC Upgrade: DRAGO



- Detector concept: single volume low mass gas detector, with small cell  $\sim 7 \times 7 \text{ mm}$  and all stereo
- Use of fast electronic to perform cluster timing for improved hit position resolution
- Less material along  $e^+$  path and tracking until TIC hit



cluster timing: reduce time fluctuation of first cluster adding information from other cls



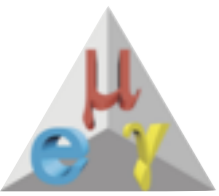
## R&D status

- Preliminary frontend developed and successfully tested
- Small prototype for resolution study nearly ready
- Additional prototype for aging study under construction

Expected performance from MC simulation:

- $\epsilon_{e^+} = 90\%$
- $\sigma_p = 110 \text{ KeV}$
- $\sigma_{\phi/\theta} = 6-5 \text{ mrad}$

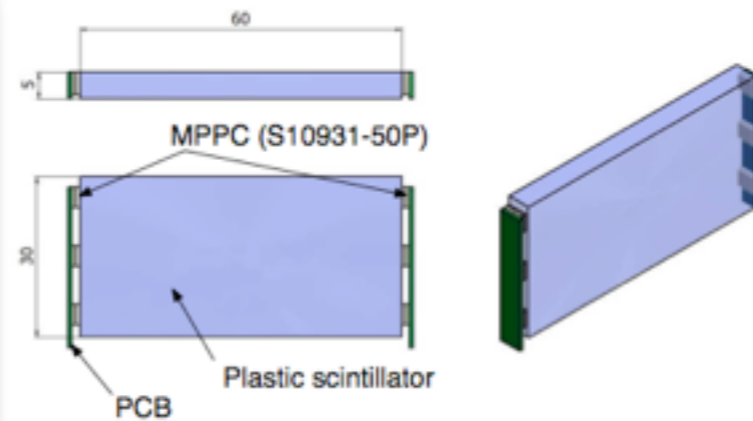
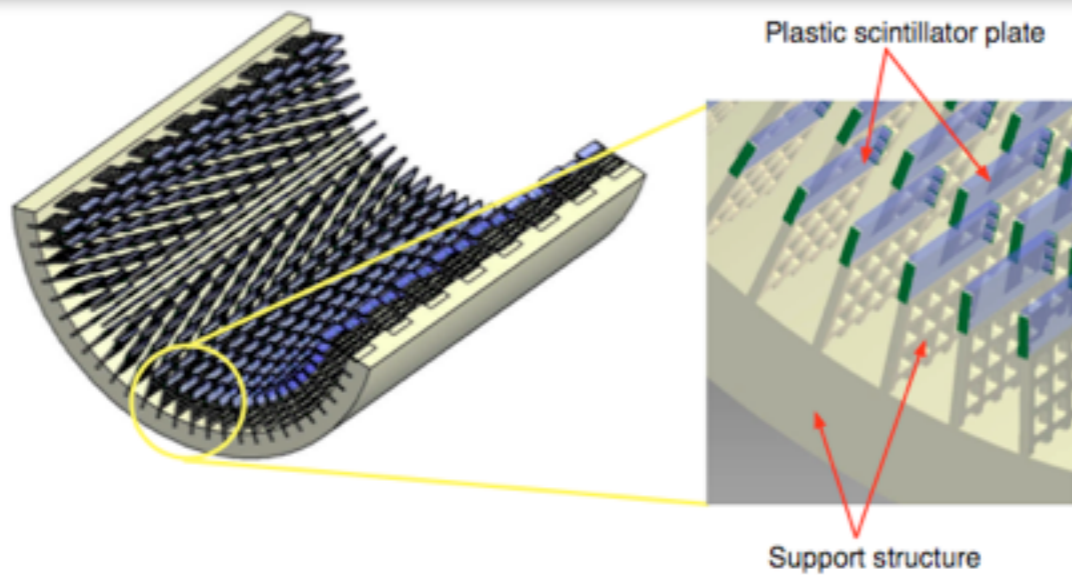




# TIC Upgrade



- Detector concept: small scintillating pixel ( $\sim 30 \times 60 \times 5 \text{ mm}^3$ ), read by MPPC from both ends
- Reduced path length ambiguity inside scintillator, reduce hit rate and pile up, provide multiple hit information and can be operated in the He atmosphere

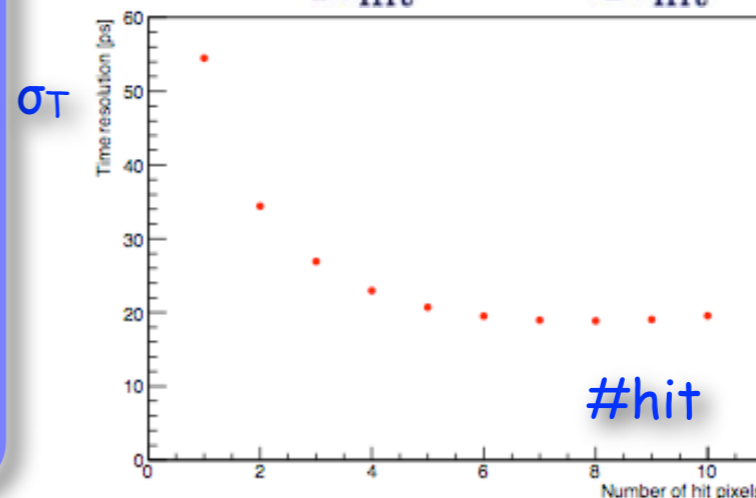


possible single pixel design

$$\sigma_{\text{single}} = \frac{19\text{ps}}{\sqrt{kE[\text{MeV}]}}$$

from data w/ a pixel w/ similar configuration tested at PSI

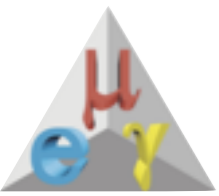
$$\sigma_{\text{overall}}^2 = \frac{\sigma_{\text{single}}^2}{N_{\text{hit}}} + \frac{\sigma_{\text{inter-pixel}}^2}{N_{\text{hit}}} + \sigma_{\text{MS}}^2 N_{\text{hit}}$$



From data + MC simulation expected  $\sigma_T = 29 \text{ ps}$

## R&D status

- Work already started in lab for:
  - characterization of longer pixels
  - test of combination of pixels output
  - test of cables and readout electronics effects



# XEC Upgrade



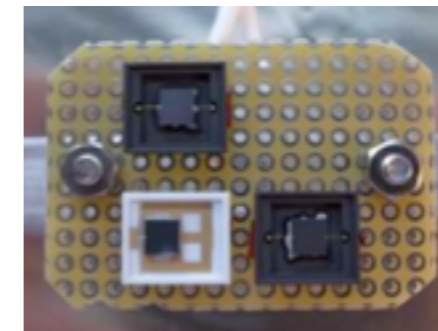
The idea: replace inner face PMT with smaller photosensors to reduce the non-uniform response due to non-uniform PMT coverage

- MPPC
- 1-inch square-shape PMT
- 2-inch flat panel multi-anode PMT

Further improvement possible from modification of lateral PMTs layout

## R&D status

- MPPC PDE for VUV light and max dimensions to be addressed: develop MPPC in collaboration with Hamamatsu
- test facility with 2l LXe at PSI for MPPC tests

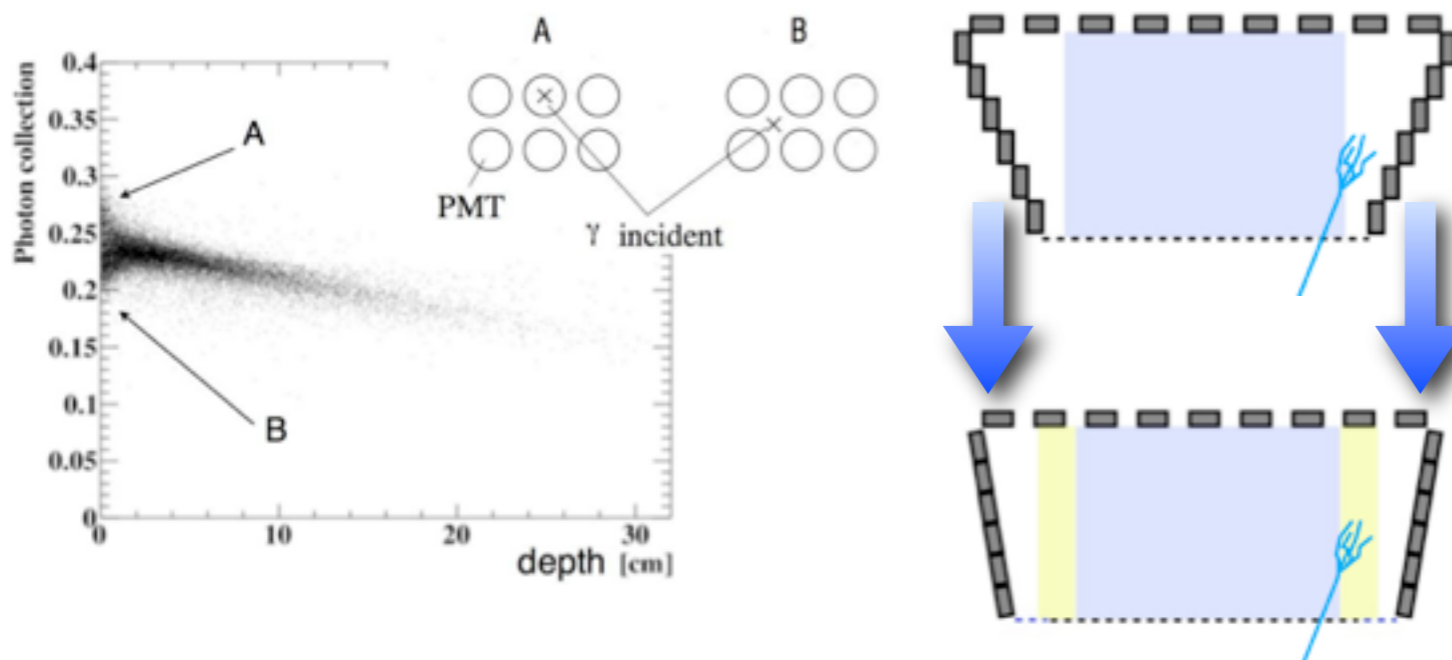


preliminary tests show ~ 10% PDE

Expected performance from MC simulation:

$$\sigma_E = 0.7 \sim 0.9 \%$$

$$\sigma_X = 2 \sim 4 \text{ mm}$$



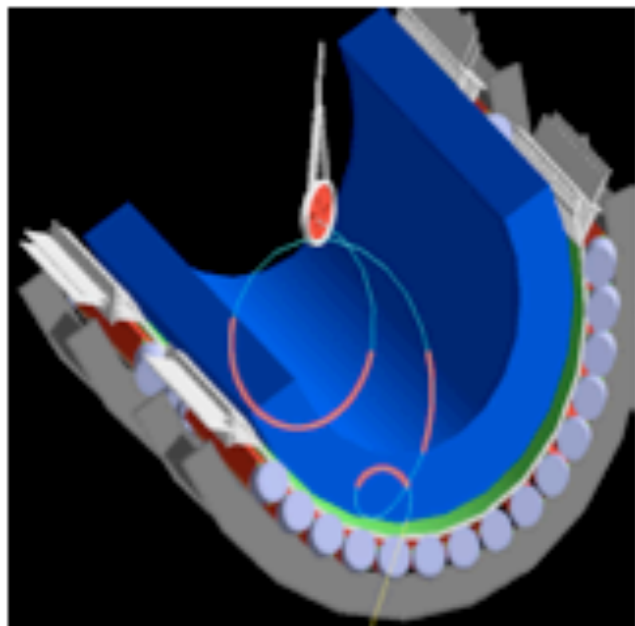




# Alternative Upgrade R&D



## Radial TPC base e<sup>+</sup> tracker



Expected performance

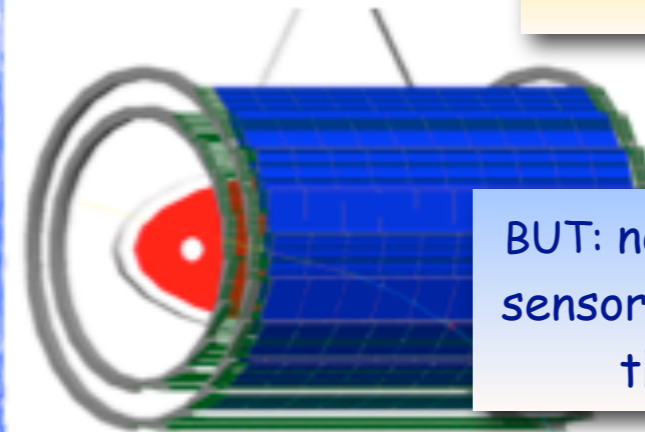
$$\epsilon_{e^+} = 90\%$$

$$\sigma_p = 140 \text{ KeV}$$

$$\sigma_{\phi/\theta} = 9 \sim 4 \text{ mrad}$$

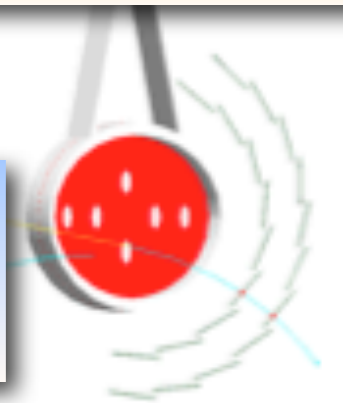
BUT: need for a E field uniformity < 0.2% , ultra-thin cylindrical electrode foils...several building issues

## SVD option

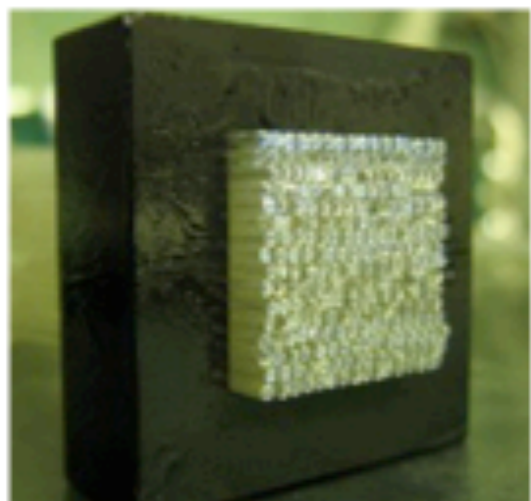


Improves angular resolutions at the price of small loss in efficiency

BUT: need for a sensor < 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick



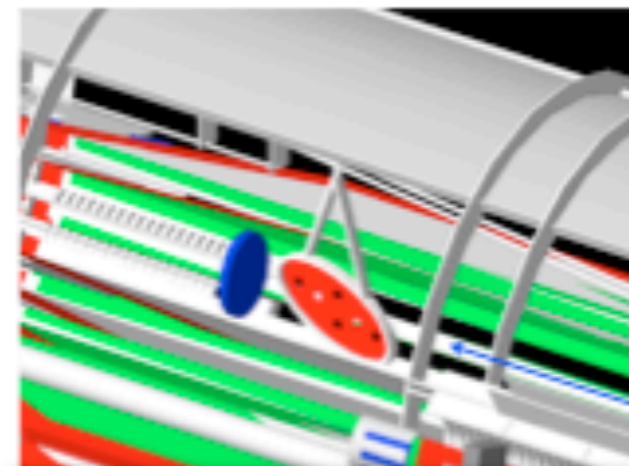
## Active Target idea



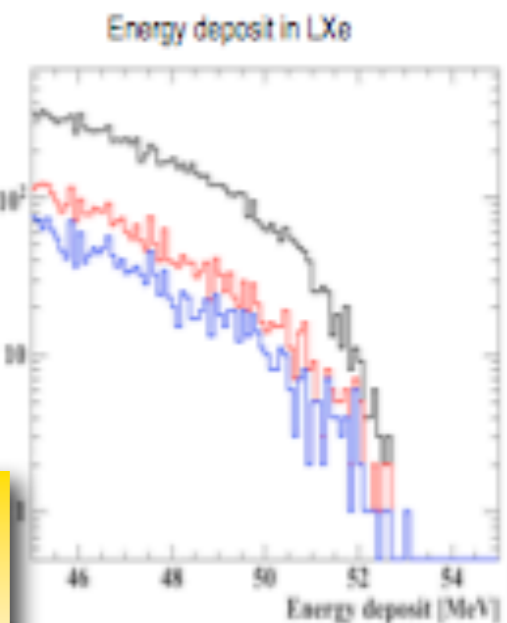
Improves phi and momentum resolutions at the price of higher material budget

Final performances depending on tracker and beam choice

## Radiative decay Veto



Highly reduce  $\gamma$  background at the price of a small loss in efficiency



# Conclusions & Prospects

2009 + 2010 MEG data analysis consistent with null signal

Most stringent UL on LFV improved by a factor 5

$$BR(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) < 2.4 \times 10^{-12} \quad @ 90\% CL$$

MEG 2011 dataset > 2010 +2009 statistic with improved trigger, DAQ and DC noise conditions

Expected sensitivity with 2011 data:  $1 \times 10^{-12}$   
Stay tuned!! :)

2012 data taking starting this week

Upgrade proposal getting finalized and soon to be presented to INFN (this week) and PSI (end of the year)

Upgrade proposal sensitivity  $O(10^{-14})$





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 INFN Lecce  
 INFN Pavia  
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~ 60 collaborators

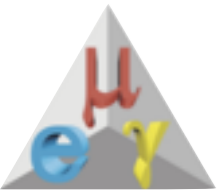


MEG   
 experiment

Thank You!!!

# The MEG Collaboration

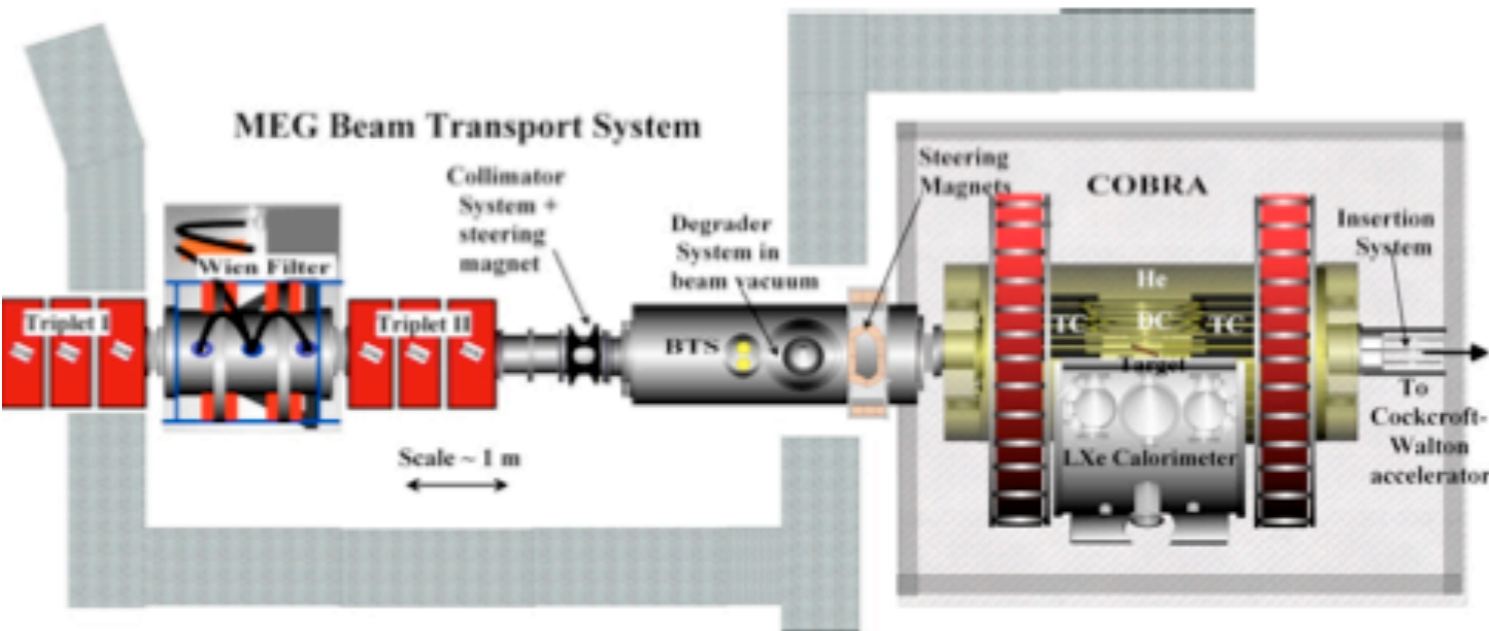




# Backup slides



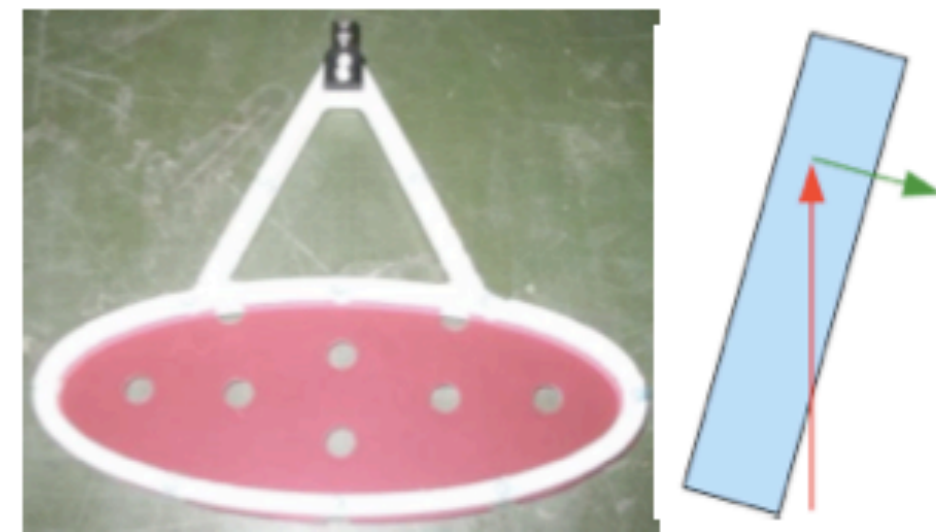
# The PSI $\pi E5$ beam & target



- Most intense proton DC beam in the world : 2 mA @ 1.3 MW
- 28 MeV/c "surface muons" from decay of  $\pi$  at rest
- Wien filter for  $e/\mu$  separation
- Solenoid to couple beam with the COBRA magnetic field

• Need enough material for stopping muons but low bremsstrahlung for signal positron:

- degrader 200/300  $\mu\text{m}$  + target 205  $\mu\text{m}$
- 20.5° angle between beam and target
- material with high radiation length  $X_0$  ( $\text{CH}_2$ )





# Liquid Xenon $\gamma$ detector



First ton-scale ( $\sim 900$  L) LXe calorimeter in use in the world

## Pros

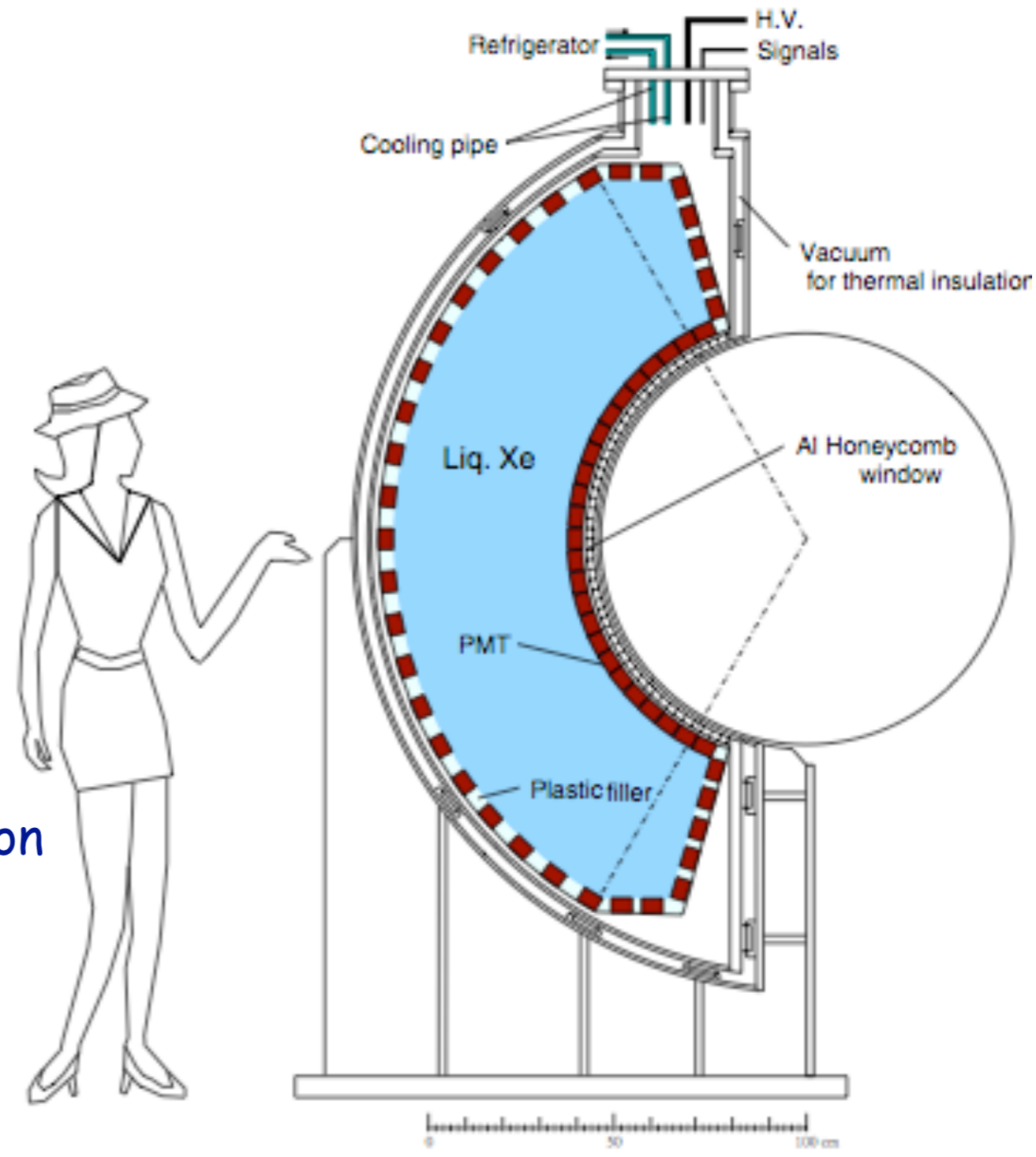
- High light yield ( $\sim 75\%$  NaI)
- Fast response ( $\tau_{\text{decay}} = 45$  ns)
- High stopping power ( $X_0 = 2.8$  cm)
- No self absorption
- Uniform, no segmentation, no aging

## Challenges

- Vacuum ultra violet (178 nm)
- Low temperature (165 K)
- Need high purity

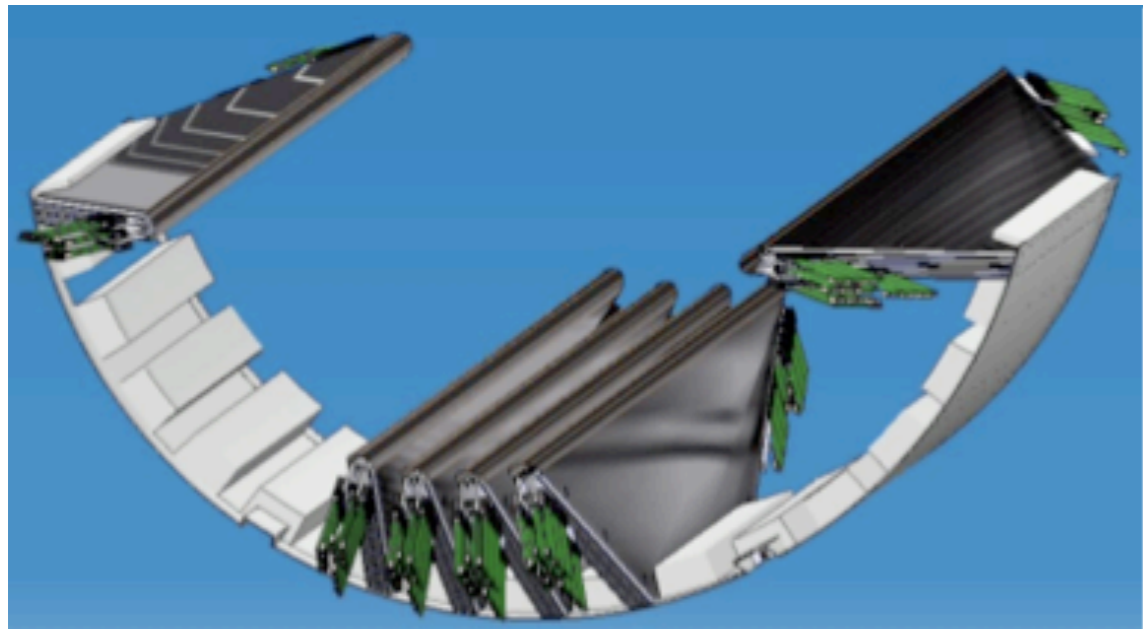
Measure photon energy and time and position of conversion inside the LXe

$\sigma_E/E < 2\%$ @ 52.8 MeV	proposal 1.2 %
$\sigma_t = 67$ ps	43 ps
$\sigma_x = 5-6$ mm	3.8-5.1 mm

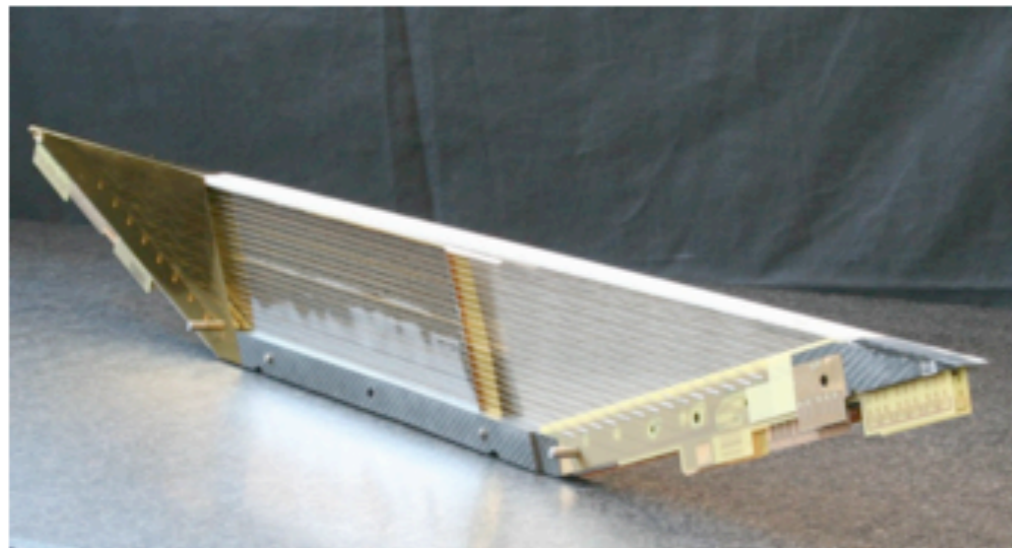




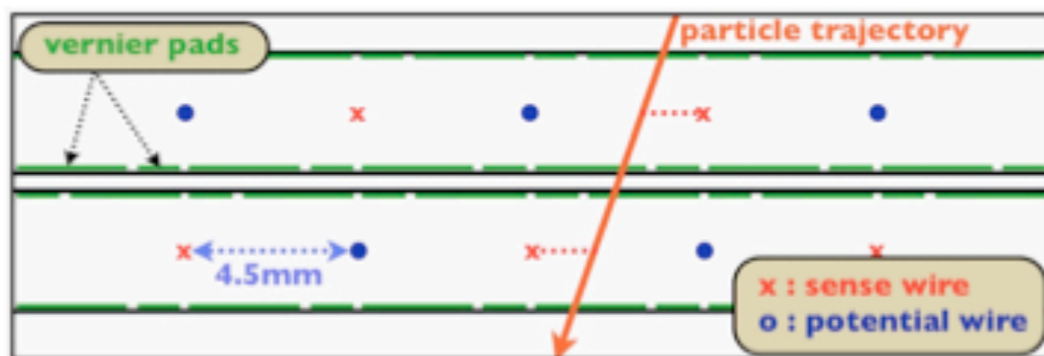
# Drift Chambers



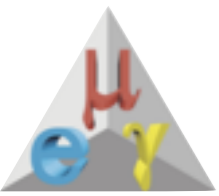
- 16 chamber sectors, 2 planes each
- Staggered array of drift cells
- Helium:Ethane 50/50 mixture
- Ultra low mass chamber to suppress MS that limits momentum and angular resolutions



- 12.5  $\mu\text{m}$  cathode foils with Vernier pattern for Z hit position
- $\sim 0.2\%$   $X_0$  along  $e^+$  trajectory
- Reconstruct  $e^+$  momentum vector at target with Kalman filter technique



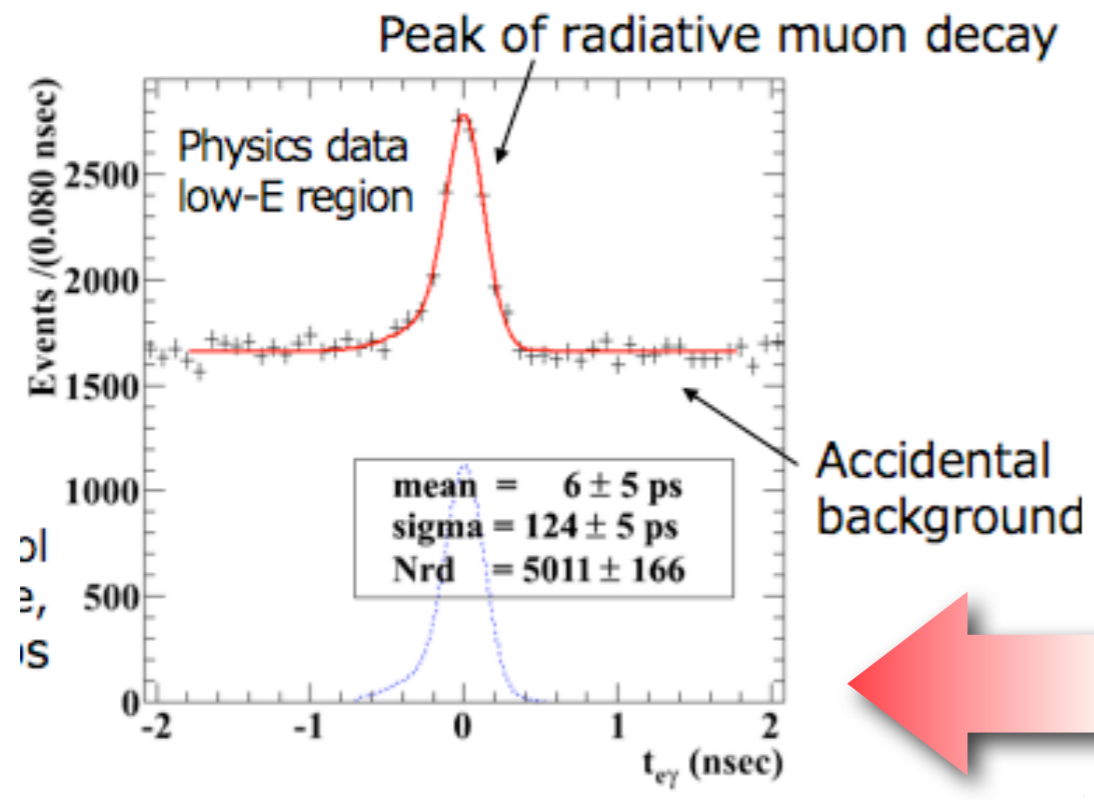
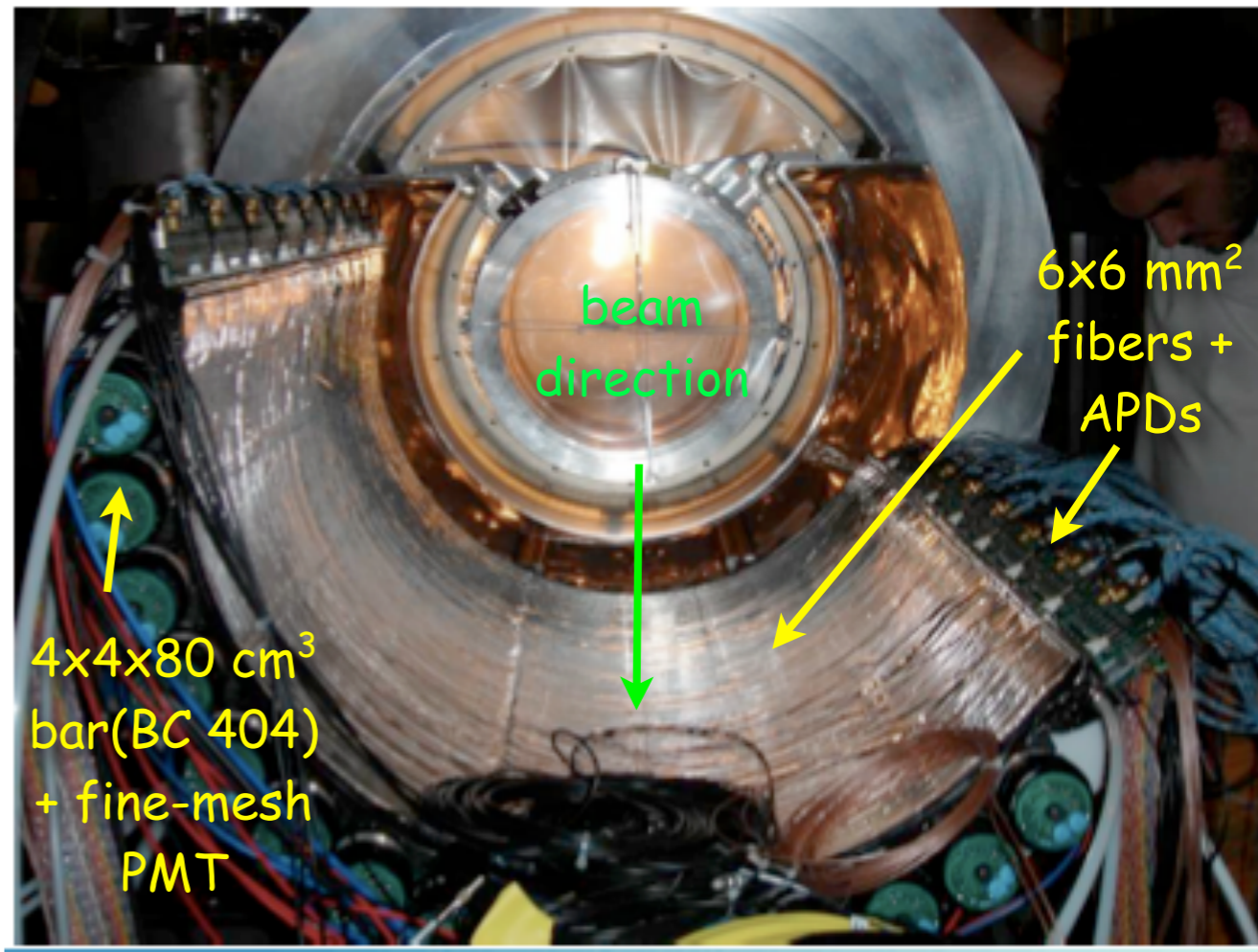
• $\sigma_E/E \sim 0.6\%$	proposal 0.3%
• $\sigma_\theta \sim 10 \text{ mrad}$	5 mrad
• $\sigma_\phi \sim 7 \text{ mrad}$	5 mrad



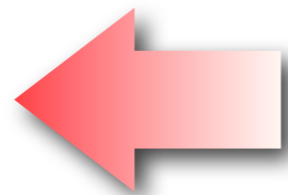
# Time Measurement



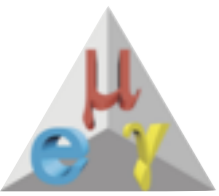
- Positron time measured by timing counter: 2 sections (upstream & downstream) of 15 bars each read by fine mesh PMTs
- Further z impact position measurement with scintillating fibers read by APDs
- Crucial for positron time measurement: intrinsic time resolution: current  $\sim 70$  ps/ goal  $\sim 50$  ps



- Muon decay time:
  - TC hit time +  $e^+$  flight length from DC
  - LXe hit time +  $\gamma$  flight length
  - $t_{e\gamma} = t_{e^+} - t_{\gamma}$
- $\sigma_{t_{e\gamma}} = 122$  ps from RMD







# Trigger & DAQ



## DAQ

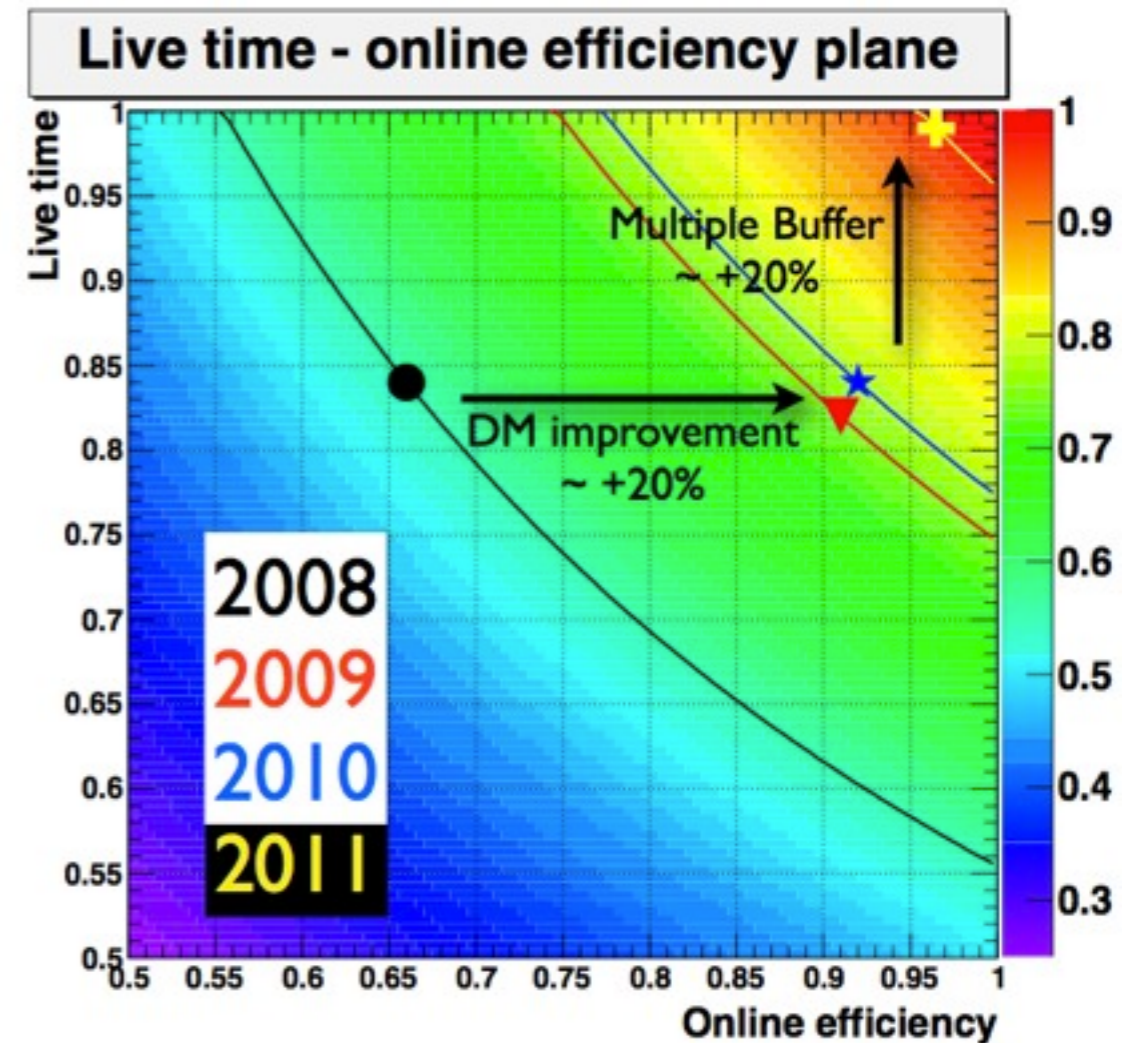
- Custom WF digitizer DRS chip design at PSI
- Sampling speed [800 MHz, 5 GHz]
- Bandwidth 1 GHz
- inter-chip synchronization < 30 ps

## Trigger experimental requirements

- $O(10^7)$  background suppression
- > 95 % efficiency on signal
- Maximum latency ~ 450 ns
- Flexibility for physics analysis as well as calibrations

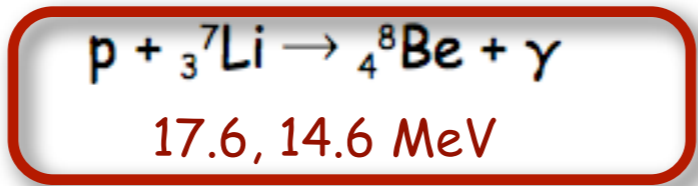
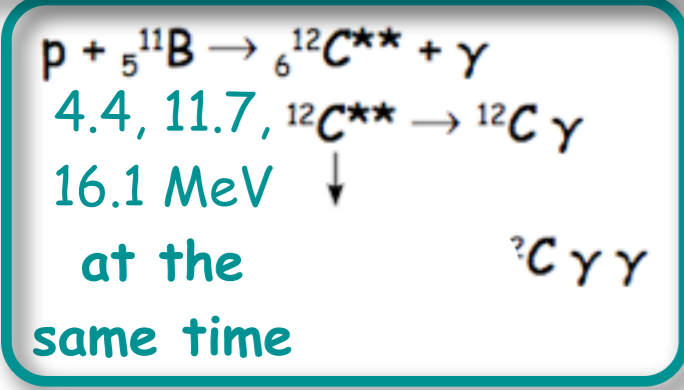
## MEG choices

- 100 MHz digital conversion of input signals
- Selection algorithms on FPGAs
- Use of fast detector, LXe and TC:
  - $E_\gamma > 45 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \text{rate } 2 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz}$
  - $\Delta t$  between LXe and TC  $\rightarrow \text{rate } 100 \text{ Hz}$
  - Collinearity based on LUT tables  $\rightarrow 10 \text{ Hz}$



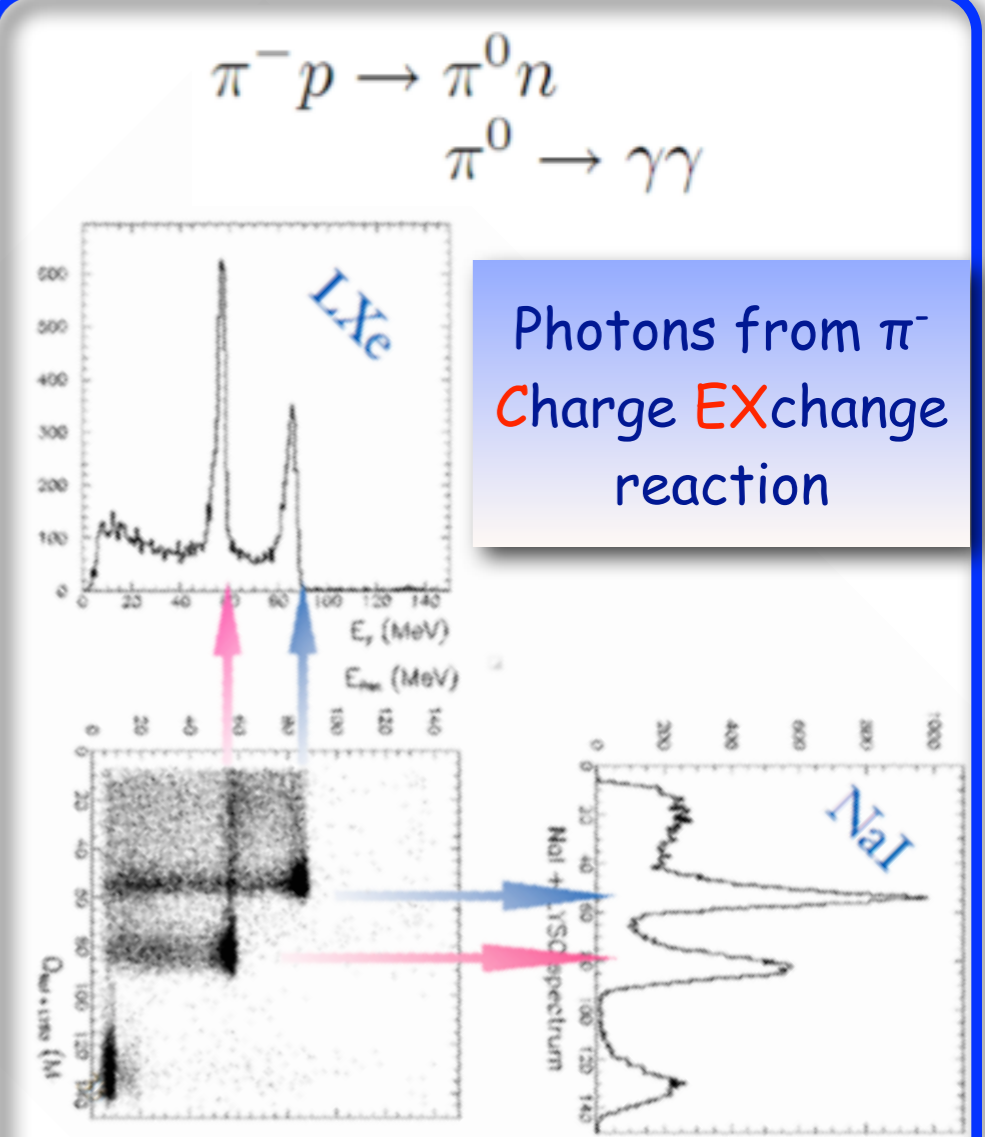
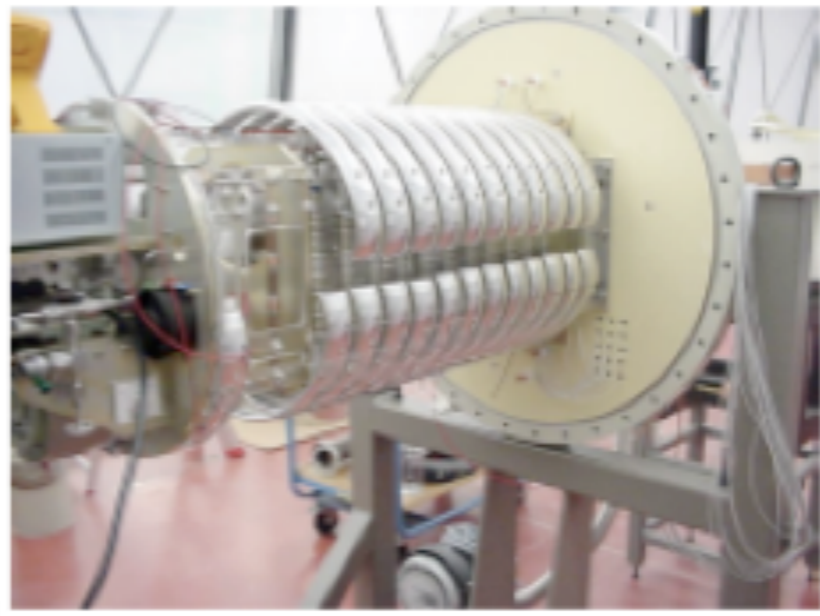
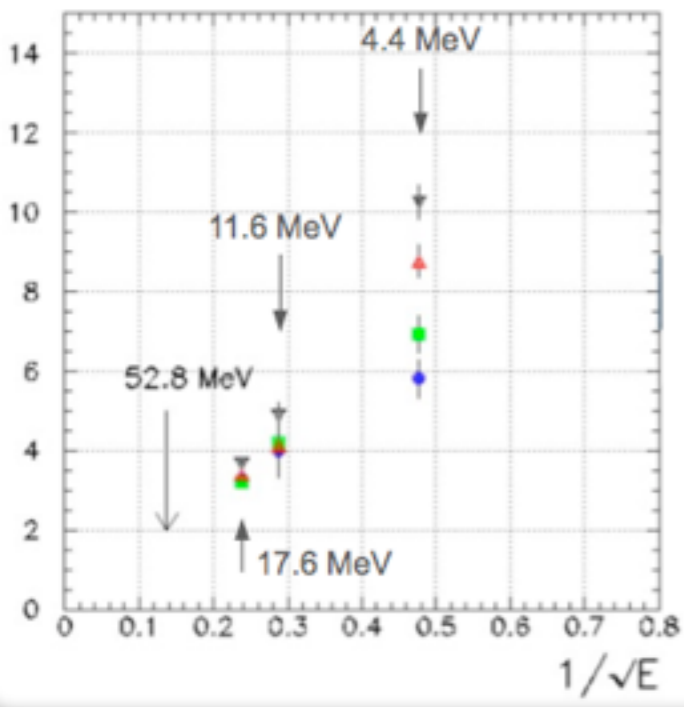
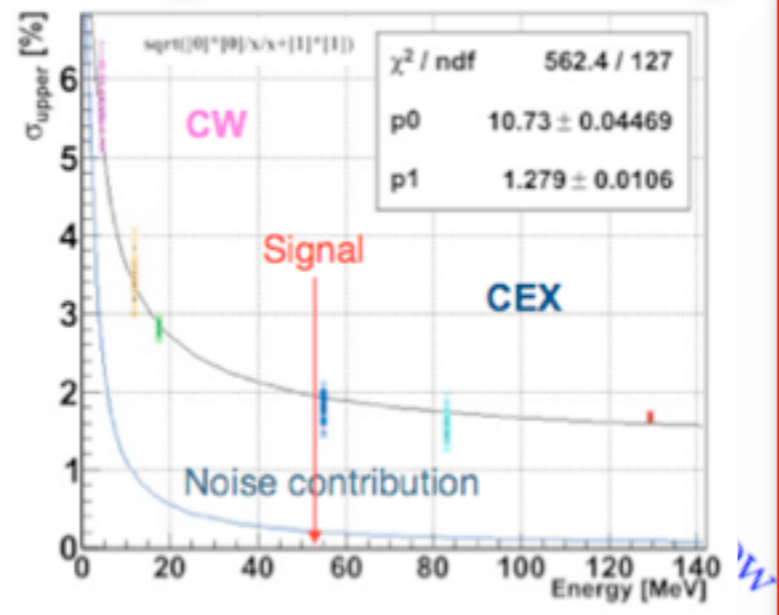
Trigger improvements through time thanks to improved online resolutions (DM improvement) and multiple buffer readout implementation (MB)

# CW and CEX calibrations

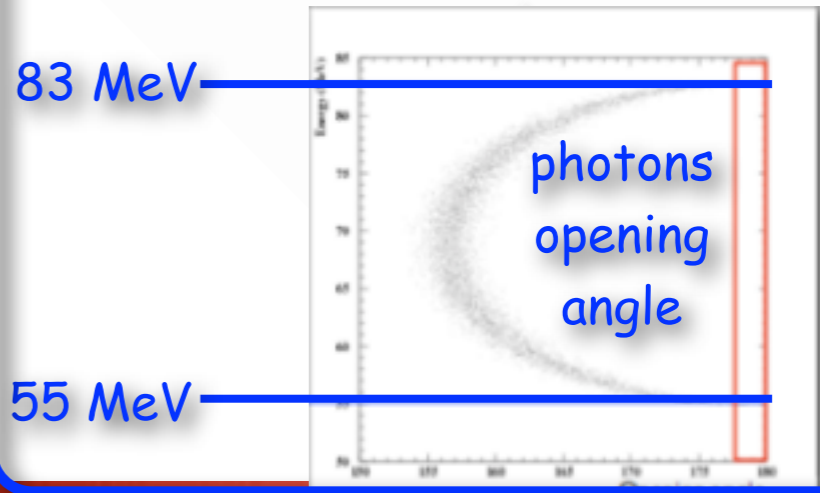


Target of  $\text{Li}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$  allows both calibrations at same time

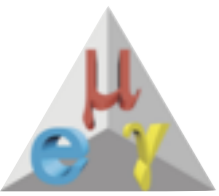
Cockcroft-Walton accelerator



Photons from  $\pi^-$  Charge EXchange reaction





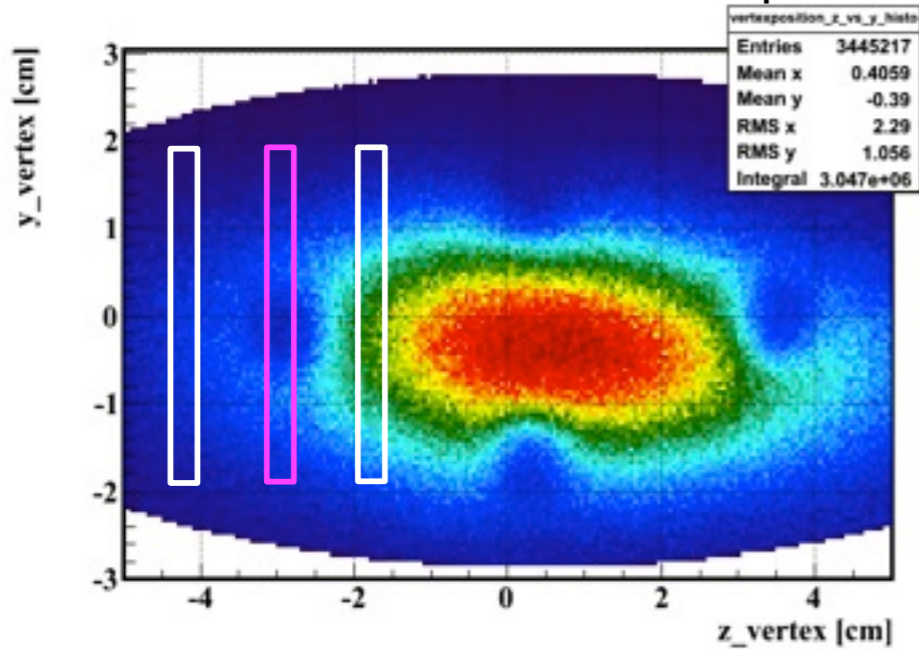


# Target Holes



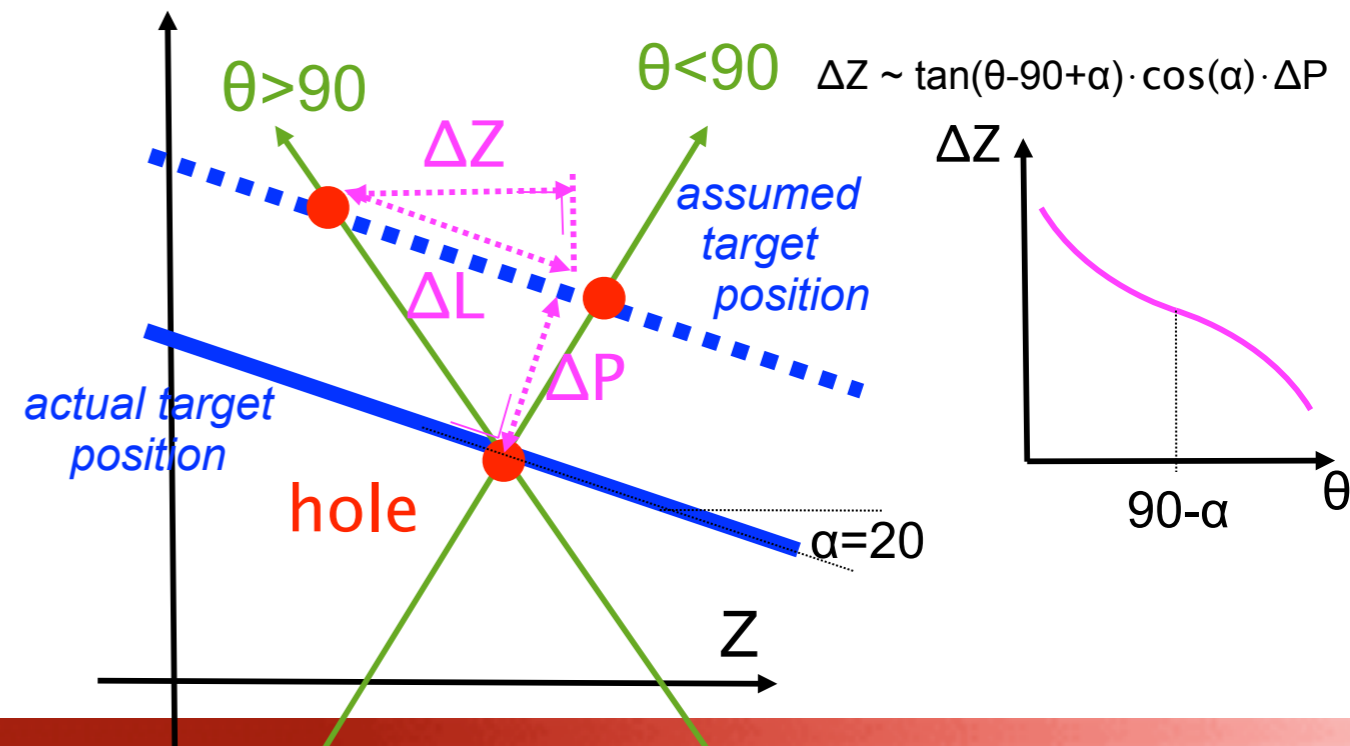
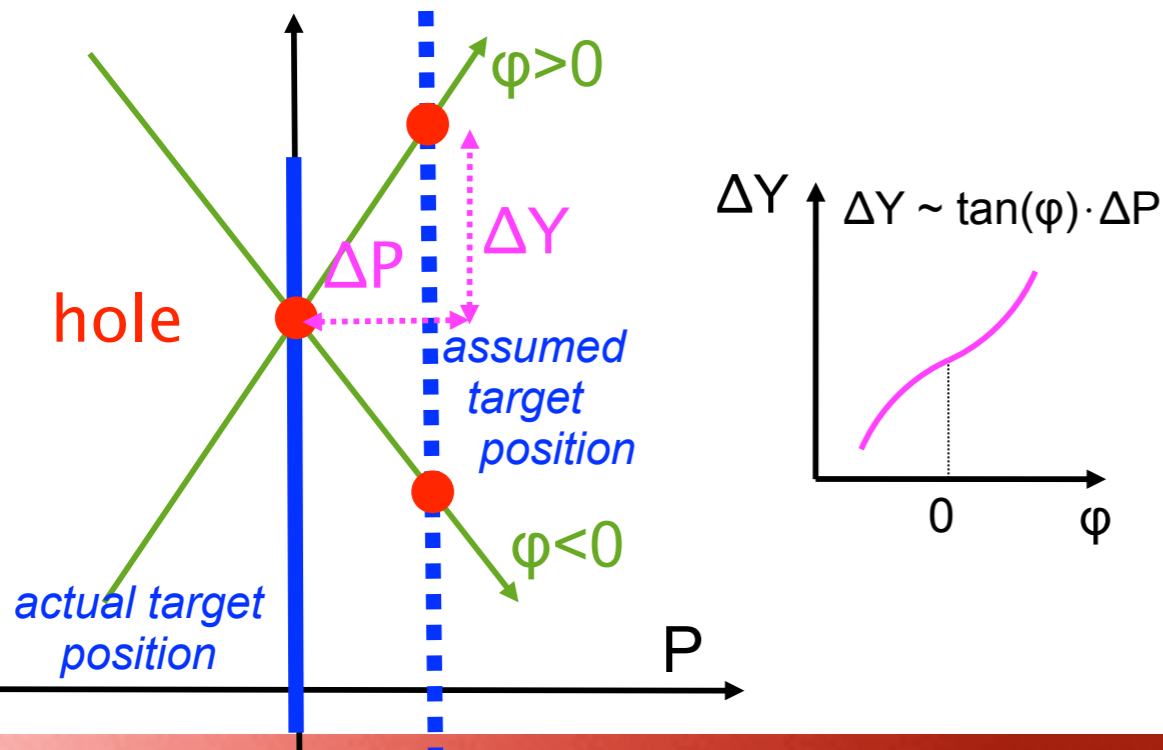
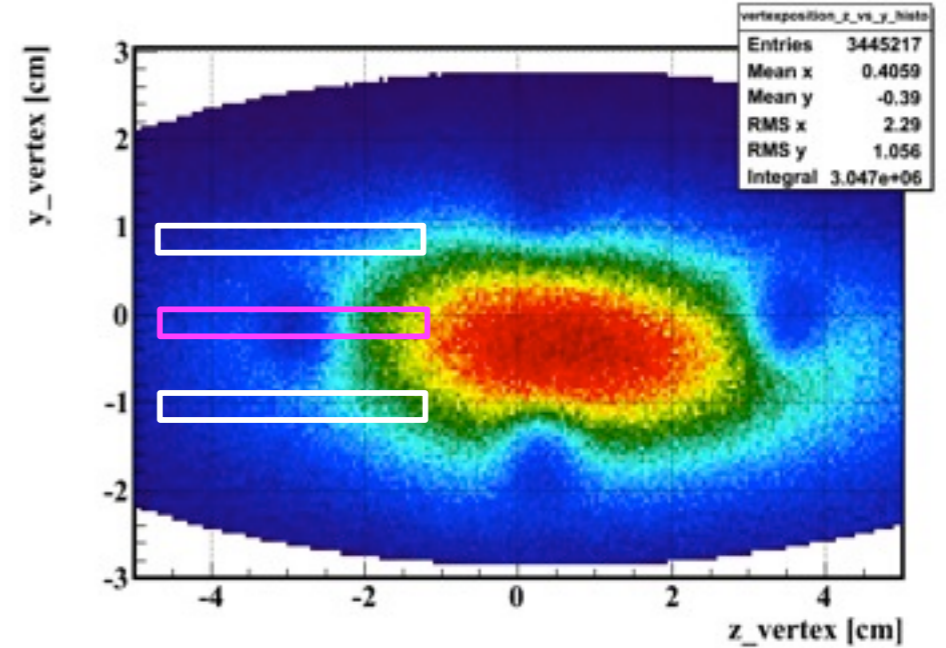
## Method 1:

Reconstruct Y-coordinate in Z-slice as a function of  $\phi$ :



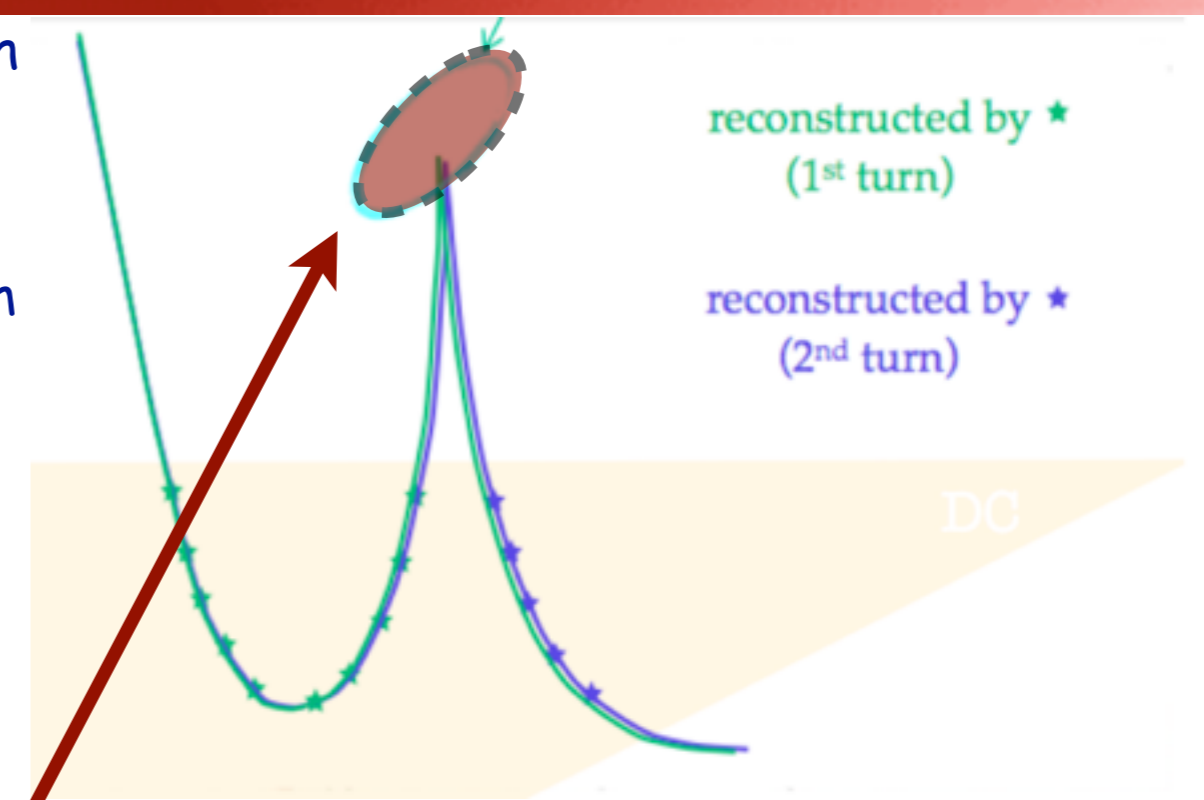
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Reconstruct Z-coordinate in Y-slice as a function of  $\theta$ :



# Signal Positron PDFs & Correlations

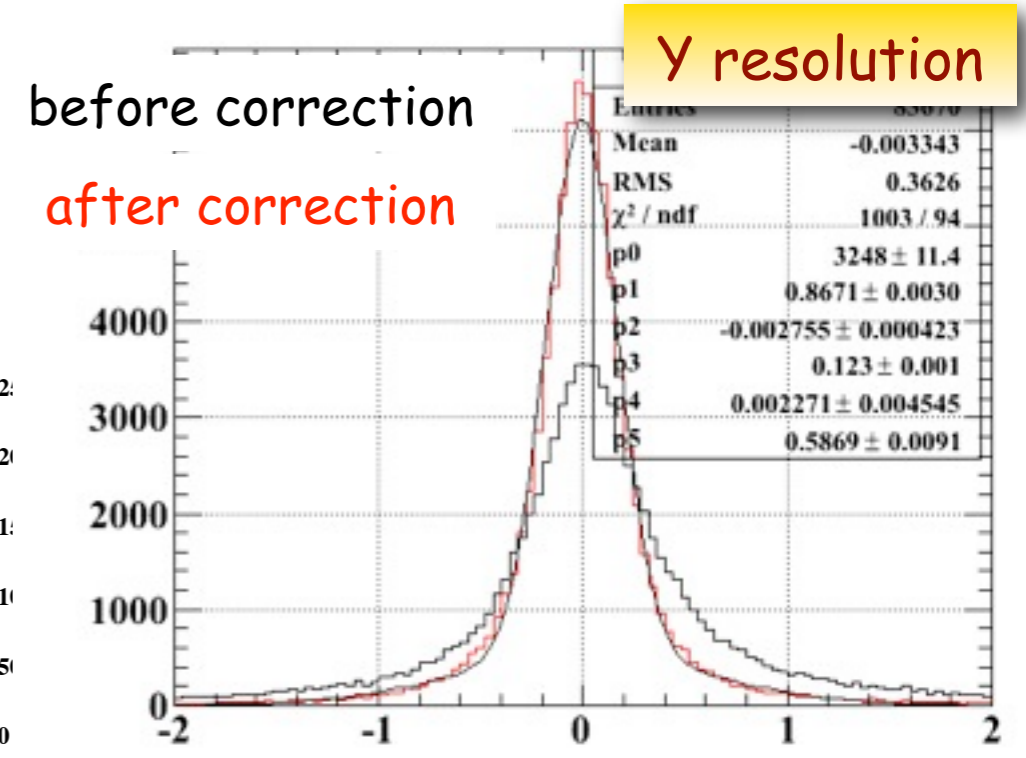
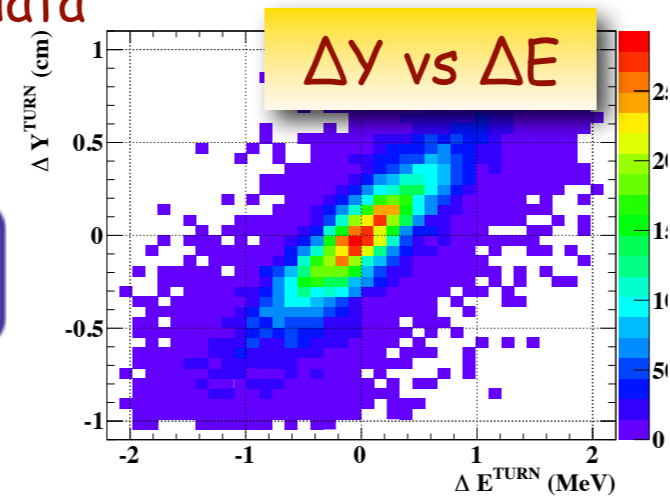
- Signal positron PDFs are evaluated from tracks which make **2 turns** inside the spectrometer, treating each turn as an **independent pseudo track**
- Since all positrons must come from the target (~200 μm thick, fairly considered bidimensional in our analysis), this constraint removes one degree of freedom from the problem, introducing **correlations among all positrons track parameters and resolutions**
- This geometrical effect **worsen resolutions**, which can nevertheless be partially **recovered** taking correlations into account in the likelihood analysis
- Evaluating resolution at the 2-turn track turning point on a fictitious plane with same inclination as the target allows to **extract correlations from data**



$$\delta\phi_e = -2 \tan \phi_e \frac{\delta R}{R} = -2 \tan \phi_e \frac{\delta E}{E}$$

$$\delta Y = 2\delta R \cos \phi_e + R \sin \phi_e \delta\phi_e = \frac{2R}{\cos \phi_e} \frac{\delta E}{E}$$

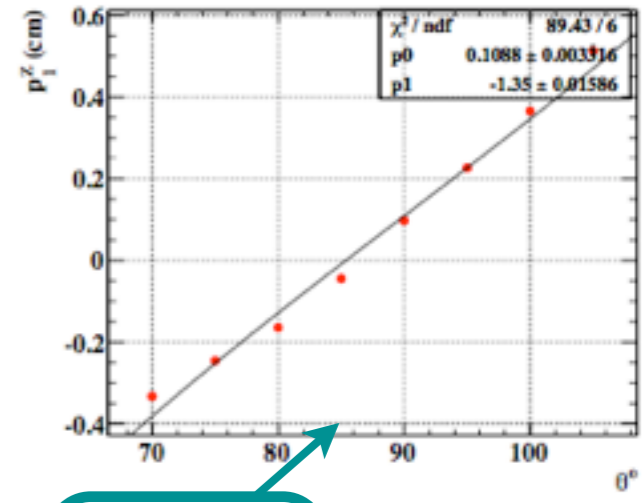
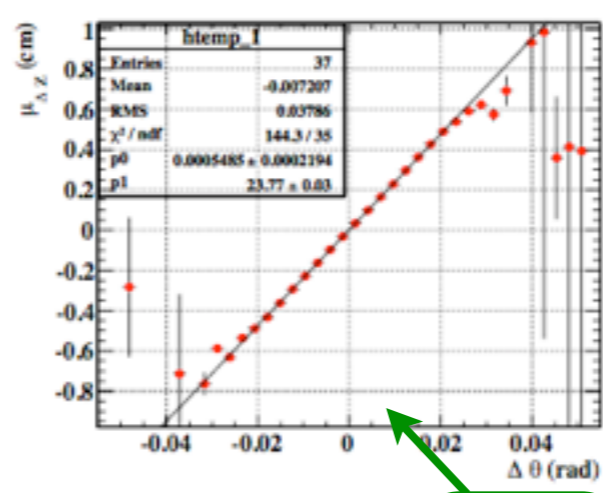
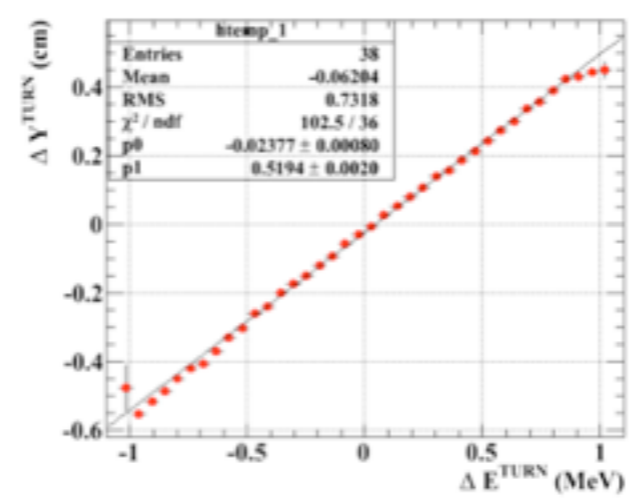
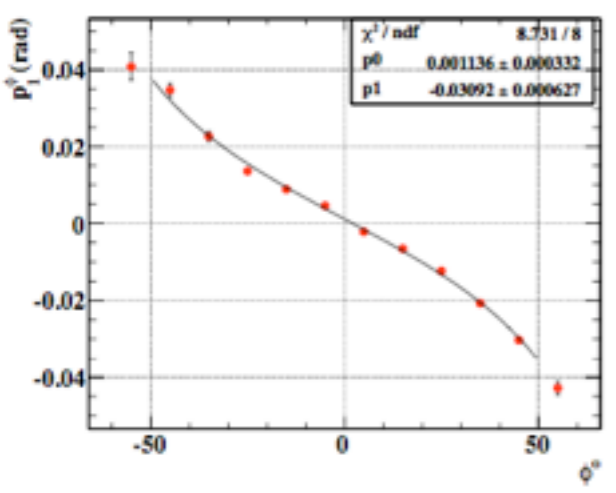
$$\delta Z = \frac{2R}{\sin^2 \theta_e} \delta\theta_e - 2R \cot \theta_e \frac{\delta E}{E}$$







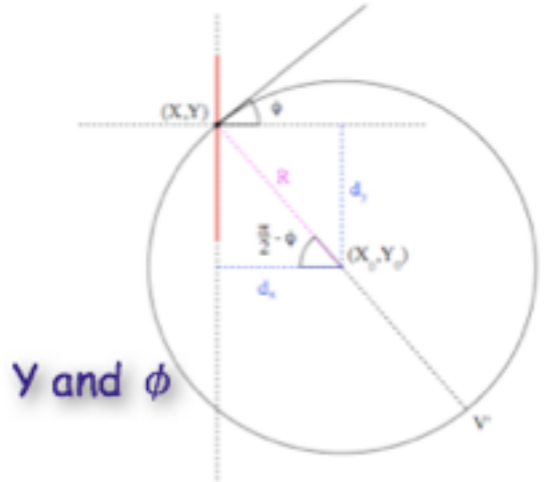
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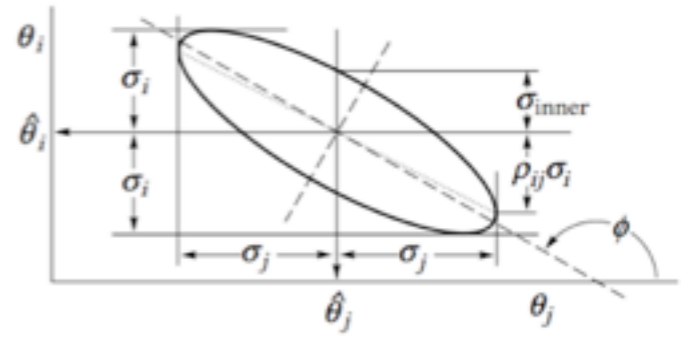
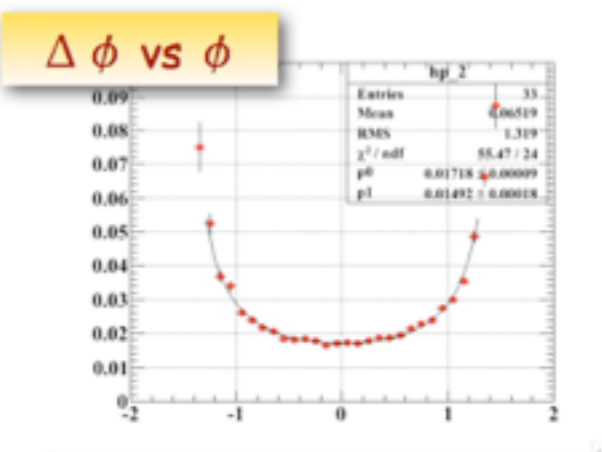
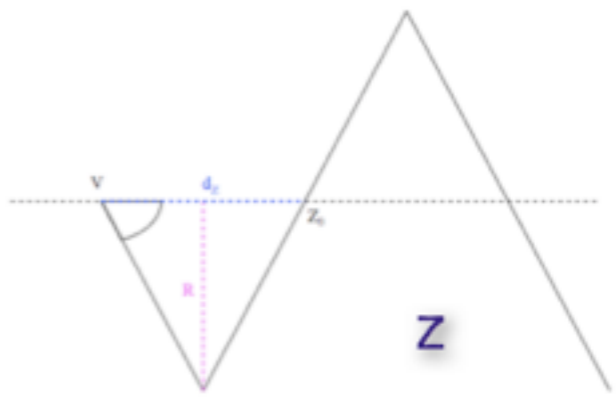
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$$\delta Z = \frac{2R}{\sin^2 \theta_e} \delta\theta_e - 2R \cot \theta_e \frac{\delta E}{E}$$



Y and phi



$$d\hat{\theta}_i/d\theta_j = \rho_{ij} \times \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_j}$$



# This result



- 2009 + 2010 dataset combined analysis (2010 data ~ 2 x 2009 data)
- Improved understanding of the experiment w.r.t. ICHEP 2010:
  - Improved alignment inside and among detectors through newly developed techniques
  - Improved magnetic field map
  - Implementation of correlations at the target in likelihood analysis, strongly reducing the systematics and the effective resolutions
- Improvements in the likelihood analysis technique w.r.t. ICHEP 2010
  - $N_{\text{bkg}}$  constrained from sideband data
  - Profile-likelihood interval with Feldman-Cousins method

compare  
best UL  $12 \times 10^{-12}$

Sensitivity  
confirmed on  
time AND  
angular  
sideband data

**Sensitivity of combined data  $1.6 \times 10^{-12}$  @ 90% CL**  
 $3.3 \times 10^{-12}$  in 2009 +  $2.2 \times 10^{-12}$  in 2010





# Performances



	2009	2010
$\gamma$ energy	1.9% <sub>(w&gt; 2cm)</sub> , 2.4% <sub>(w&lt; 2cm)</sub>	1.9% <sub>(w&gt; 2cm)</sub> , 2.4% <sub>(w&lt; 2cm)</sub>
$\gamma$ timing	96 ps	67 ps
$\gamma$ position	5 mm (u,v), 6 mm(w)	5 mm (u,v), 6 mm(w)
$\gamma$ efficiency	58%	59%
$e^+$ timing	107 ps	107 ps
$e^+$ energy	0.31 MeV (80% core)	0.32 MeV (79% core)
$e^+$ angle ( $\theta$ )	9.4 mrad	11.0 mrad
$e^+$ angle ( $\varphi$ )	6.7 mrad	7.2 mrad
$e^+$ vertex (Z/Y)	1.5 mm/1.1 mm(core)	2.0 mm/1.1 mm(core)
$e^+$ efficiency	40%	34%
$e^+$ - $\gamma$ timing	146 ps	122 ps
Trigger efficiency	91%	92%
$e^+$ - $\gamma$ angle ( $\theta$ )	14.5 mrad	17.1 mrad
$e^+$ - $\gamma$ angle ( $\varphi$ )	13.1 mrad	14.0 mrad
Stopping $\mu$ rate	$2.9 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$	$2.9 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$
DAQ time/ Real time	35 days/43 days	56 days/67 days
Total stopped $\mu$	$6.5 \times 10^{13}$	$1.1 \times 10^{14}$

Slightly worse  $e^+$  tracking in 2010 due to noise problem

Photon timing improvement thanks to WF digitizer upgrade in 2010



# Some more numbers :)

■ Fit region

$48 \leq E_\gamma \leq 58 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $50 \leq E_e \leq 56 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $|t_{e\gamma}| \leq 0.7 \text{ ns}$ ,  $|\theta_{e\gamma}| \leq 50 \text{ mrad}$ ,  $|\phi_{e\gamma}| \leq 50 \text{ mrad}$

**Sensitivity**

	2009	2010	Combined
$N_{\text{sig}}$ (median)	3.6	4.8	5.2
$BR$ (median)	$3.3 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-12}$

2009 + 2010 combined

	Best fit	LL (90% CL)	UL (90% CL)	UL (95% CL)	CL@0
$N_{\text{sig}}$	-0.5	-	7.8(7.7)	9.8(N/A)	-
$BR$	$-1.5 \times 10^{-13}$	-	$2.4 \times 10^{-12}$ ( $2.3 \times 10^{-12}$ )	$2.9 \times 10^{-12}$ (N/A)	-

2009

	Best fit	Error (MINOS 1.645 $\sigma$ )
$N_{\text{sig}}$	+3.4	+6.6-4.4
$N_{\text{RMD}}$	+26.9	+4.5-4.5
$N_{\text{BG}}$	+273.1	+12.3-12.3

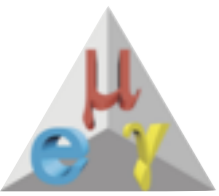
2010

	Best fit	Error (MINOS 1.645 $\sigma$ )
$N_{\text{sig}}$	-2.2	+5.0-1.9
$N_{\text{RMD}}$	+50.2	+9.2-9.2
$N_{\text{BG}}$	+608.5	+18.7-18.6

	Best fit	LL (90%CL)	UL (90%CL)	UL (95%CL)	CL@0
$N_{\text{sig}}$	3.4	0.2(0.2)	10.4(10.1)	11.9(N/A)	0.92(0.92)
$BR$	$3.2 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-13}$ ( $1.7 \times 10^{-13}$ )	$9.6 \times 10^{-12}$ ( $9.4 \times 10^{-12}$ )	$1.1 \times 10^{-11}$ (N/A)	0.92(0.92)

	Best fit	LL (90%CL)	UL (90%CL)	UL (95%CL)	CL@0
$N_{\text{sig}}$	-2.2	-	3.8(3.7)	5.0(N/A)	-
$BR$	$-9.9 \times 10^{-13}$	-	$1.7 \times 10^{-12}$ ( $1.7 \times 10^{-12}$ )	$2.3 \times 10^{-12}$ (N/A)	-





# Systematics



- Systematics effect taken into account in the calculation of confidence interval by profiling on ( $N_{RD}$ ,  $N_{BKG}$ ) and by fluctuating PDFs according to the uncertainty values
- All the results shown have systematic effects taken into account
- Size of systematic uncertainty in total 2% on the UL:  $2.3 \times 10^{-12} \rightarrow 2.4 \times 10^{-12}$
- Contribution of each item in the list was studied with toy MC experiments by comparing the results with the nominal PDFs and the one with the fluctuated ones

Relative contributions on UL

Center of $\theta_{e\gamma}$ and $\phi_{e\gamma}$	0.18
Positron correlations	0.16
Normalization	0.13
$E_\gamma$ scale	0.07
$E_e$ bias, core and tail	0.06
$t_{e\gamma}$ center	0.06
$E_\gamma$ BG shape	0.04
$E_\gamma$ signal shape	0.03
Positron angle resolutions ( $\theta_e$ , $\phi_e$ , $z_e$ , $y_e$ )	0.02
$\gamma$ angle resolution ( $u_\gamma$ , $v_\gamma$ , $w_\gamma$ )	0.02
$E_e$ BG shape	0.02
$E_e$ signal shape	0.01