

# Future projects at PSI

**Workshop on status and perspectives of  
physics at high intensity**

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# PIONEER

## A next-generation rare pion decay experiment

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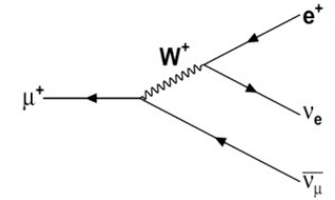
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# Lepton Flavor Universality is a simple concept:

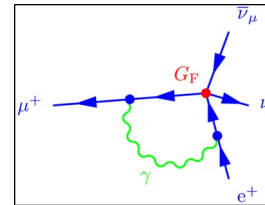
The weak interaction bare gauge couplings among leptons are the same  $e / \mu / \tau$

- The weak-interaction “strength” is associated with the Fermi Constant,  $G_F$
- Muon decay provides the most precise measurement
  - Technically it determines  $G_\mu$ , which is usually just called  $G_F$  ... because we believe in LFU !



$$G_F(\text{MuLan}) = 1.166\,378\,7(6) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \text{ (0.5 ppm)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\mu^+}} = \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192\pi^3} (1 + q)$$



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Questioning the validity of what others took to be true...

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**Fermi constants and “new physics”**

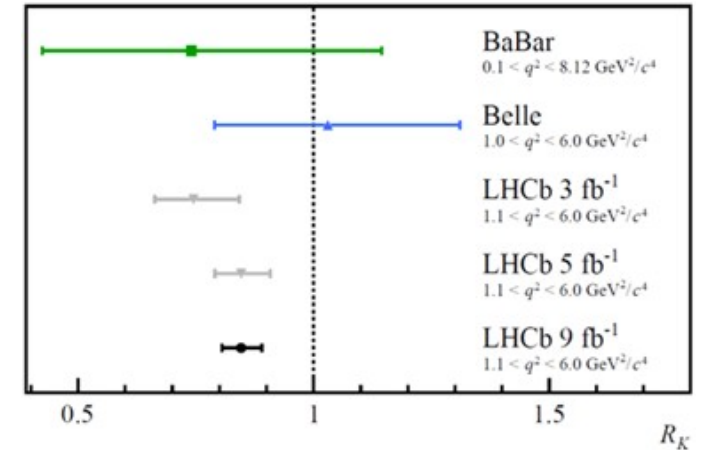
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# Status now? Strong hints of problems with various $B$ decay channels and leptons\*

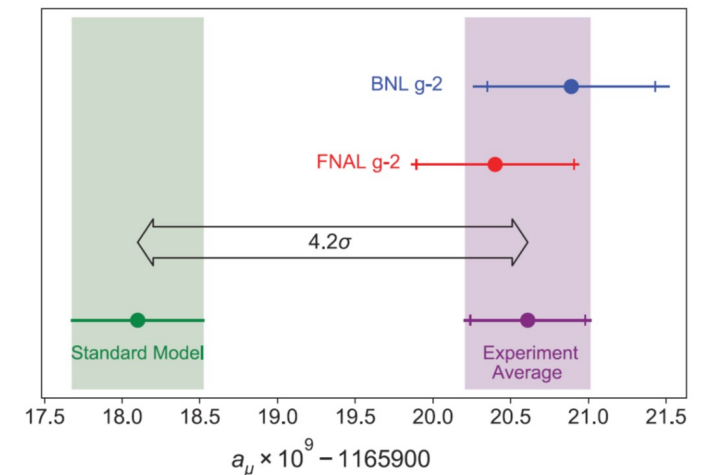
$B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu / B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \mu \nu$  ; charged currents

$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu \mu / B \rightarrow K^{(*)} ee$  ; neutral currents

Also, “lots” of anomalies are associated with flavor measurements



**O(10%) deviations from universality !**



Beyond Universality [arXiv:2204.12175 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.12175)

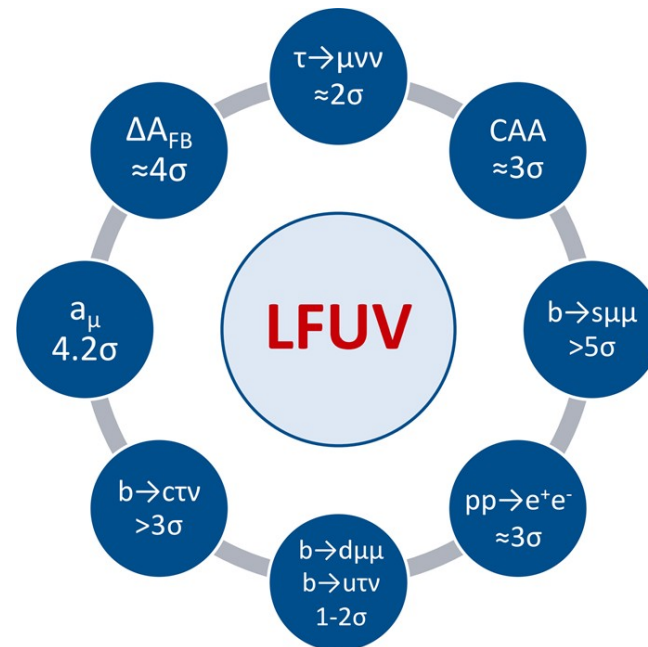
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**Abstract.** In recent years, exciting (indirect) hints for physics beyond the Standard Model (SM) have been accumulated. In particular, semi-leptonic  $B$  decays show deviations from the SM predictions, which, due to the ratios  $R_{K^{(*)}}$  and  $R_{D^{(*)}}$  are obviously related to lepton flavor universality violation (LFUV). However, we point out there are more anomalies which admit an interpretation in terms of LFUV: The anomalous magnetic moment of the muon, the Cabibbo angle anomaly, the CPV measurements of non-resonant  $D$ -decays, the difference of the forward-backward asymmetry in  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}$  and leptonic tau decays. In this letter we discuss the experimental and theoretical status of these anomalies, compare their strength and weaknesses and examine and speculate how they can be explained in terms of possible extensions of the SM by new particles and interactions. Even though not all anomalies might be explained in the future, this unified view of the anomalies in terms of LFUV significantly strengthens their relevance, which is crucial in order to construct a convincing physics case for these studies.

**1. Introduction**  
 The SM of particle physics has been tested and confirmed by many indirect and direct measurements in the last decades [1] and it was completed in 2012 by the discovery of the Higgs boson [2, 3]. Therefore, the focus of particle physics has now shifted towards discovering physics beyond the SM, i.e. new particles and new interactions. However, despite the observation of Dark Matter (at astrophysical scales) and neutrino masses (via oscillations), as well as compelling theoretical arguments for the existence of beyond the SM physics, no new particles were (so far) observed directly at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN (see e.g. Refs. [4, 5] for an overview). Fortunately, intriguing indirect hints for new physics (NP) have been accumulated so:

- Semi-leptonic bottom quark decays ( $B \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$ )
- Tauonic  $B$  meson decays ( $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$ )
- The anomalous magnetic moment of the muon ( $a_\mu$ )
- The Cabibbo angle anomaly (CAA)



# Physics Case 1: Test LFUV at precision of theory

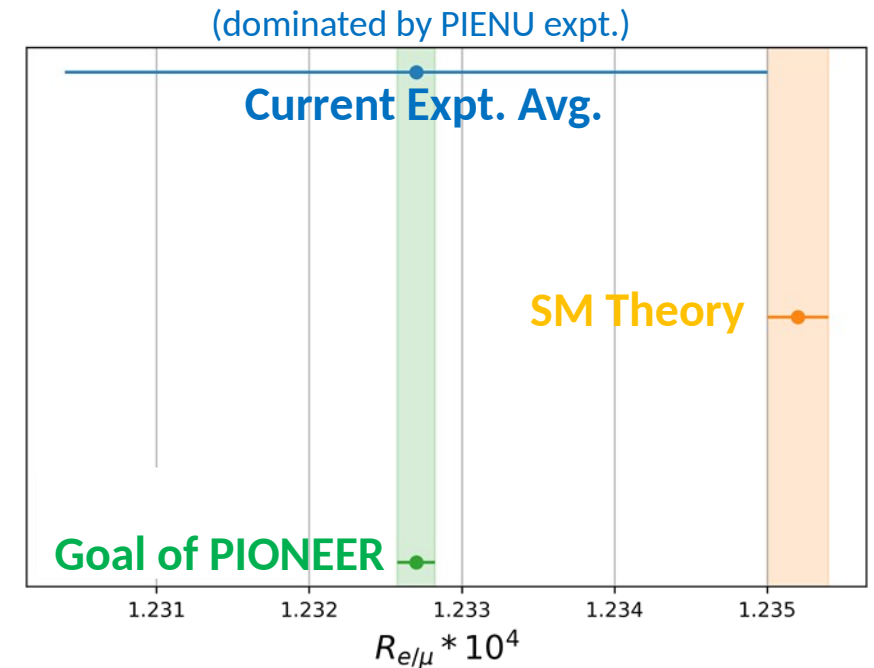
- **Lepton Flavor Universality test in**  $R_{e/\mu}^{theory} = \frac{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e\nu(\gamma))}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu(\gamma))}$

$$R_{e/\mu}(\text{SM}) = 1.23524(015) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$R_{e/\mu}(\text{Exp}) = 1.23270(230) \times 10^{-4}$$

15 x worse than theory

$$\frac{g_e}{g_\mu} = 0.9990 \pm 0.0009 \quad (\pm 0.09\%)$$



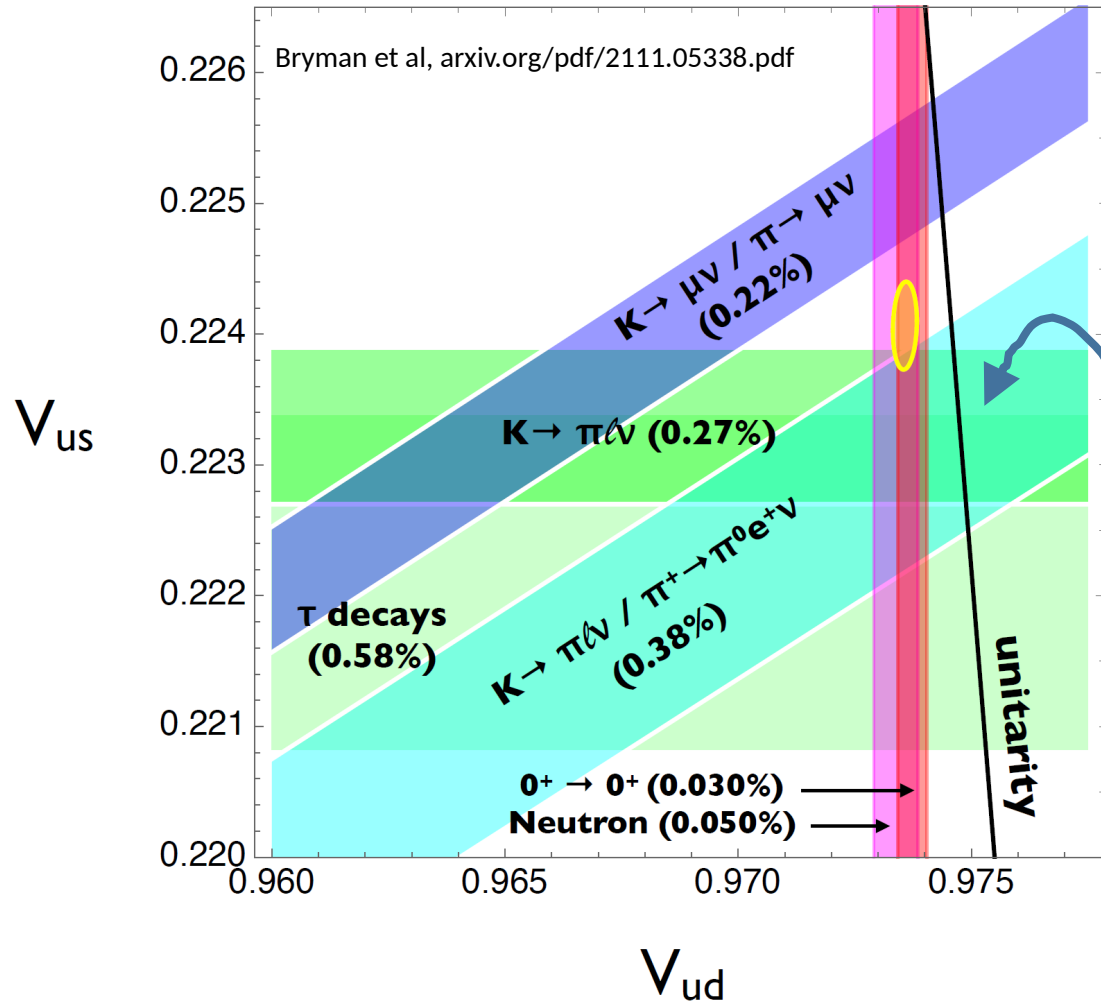
This just demands to be tested better! A clean generic way to look for new physics. **Theory vs Experiment in high precision test.**

Will be (**by far**) the most precise test of Lepton Flavor Universality

# Physics Case 2 (3): Improve pion beta decay by factor of 3 (10)

(note: This is a long term goal, representing Phase II of PIONEER)

Tensions in the first-row CKM unitarity test  
Again a  $\sim 3\sigma$  problem (or even more)



Dominant uncertainty in  $\delta |V_{ud}|$  are associated with hadronic and nuclear corrections

Pion beta decay,  $\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu(\gamma)$  provides the theoretically cleanest determination of  $|V_{ud}|$

BUT, uncertainty is too large at present.

New idea\*, a 3-fold improvement ( $\sim$ doable) in pion beta decay, together with improved  $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu(\gamma)$   
Improves  $R_V$  as shown

Pion beta decay and Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa unitarity

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# The basics of pion decay and the challenges

## Measurements:

What a pion decays to “normally”  $\equiv BR(\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu(\gamma)) = 0.999877 = \pm 0.0000004$

The helicity suppressed “e” branch  $\equiv BR(\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e(\gamma)) = 1.2327 \pm 0.0023) \times 10^{-4}$

The “beta decay” branch  $\equiv BR(\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \pi^0) = 1.036 \pm 0.006) \times 10^{-8}$

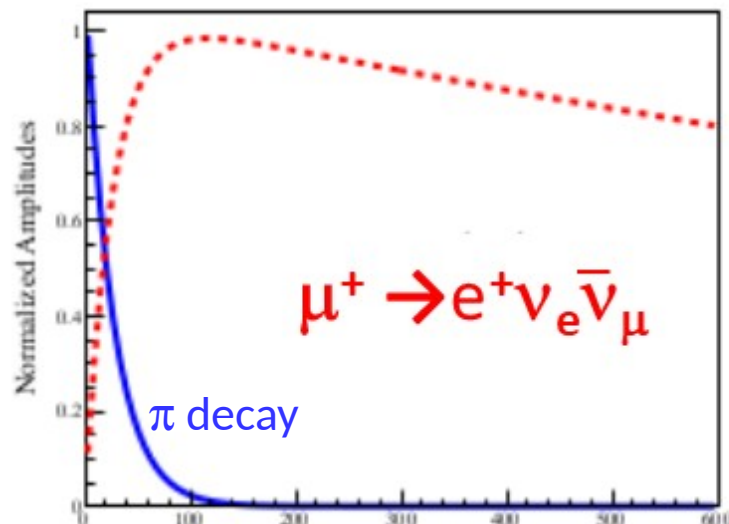
### Reminders:

Pion lifetime: 26 ns

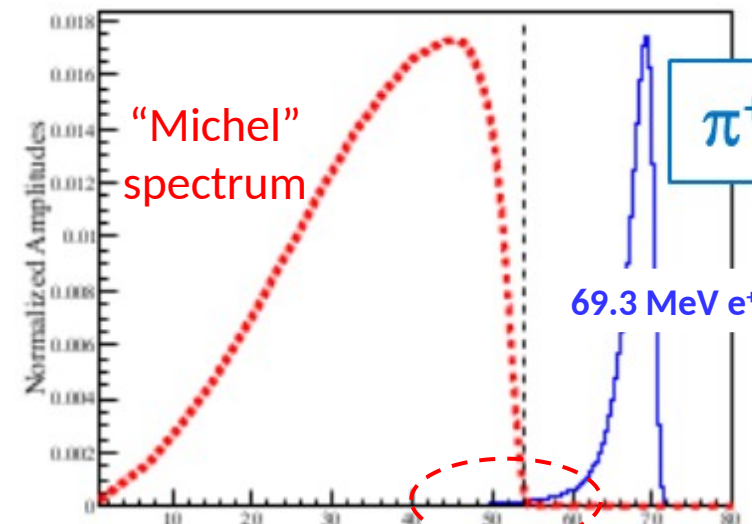
Muon lifetime: 2197 ns

Pion mass: 139.6 MeV

Muon mass: 105.7 MeV



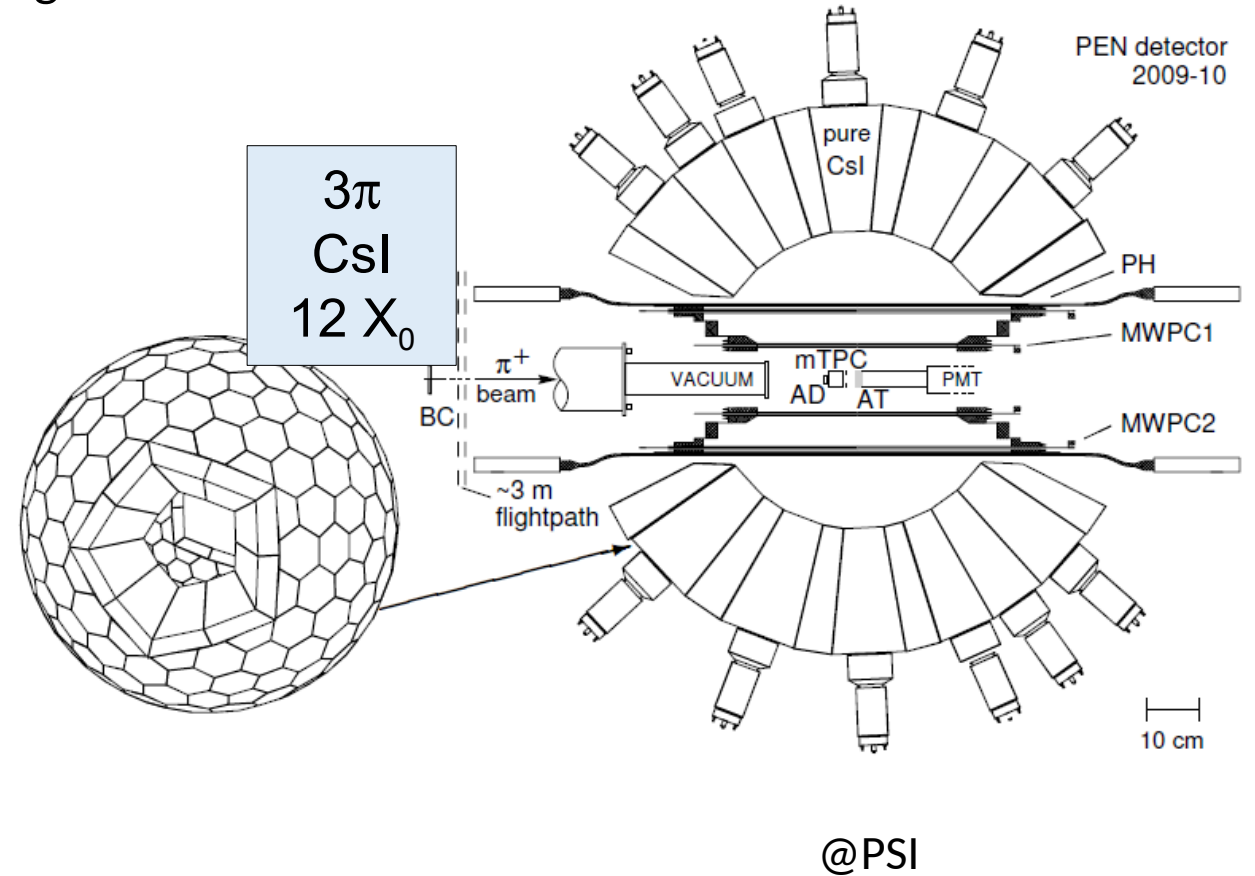
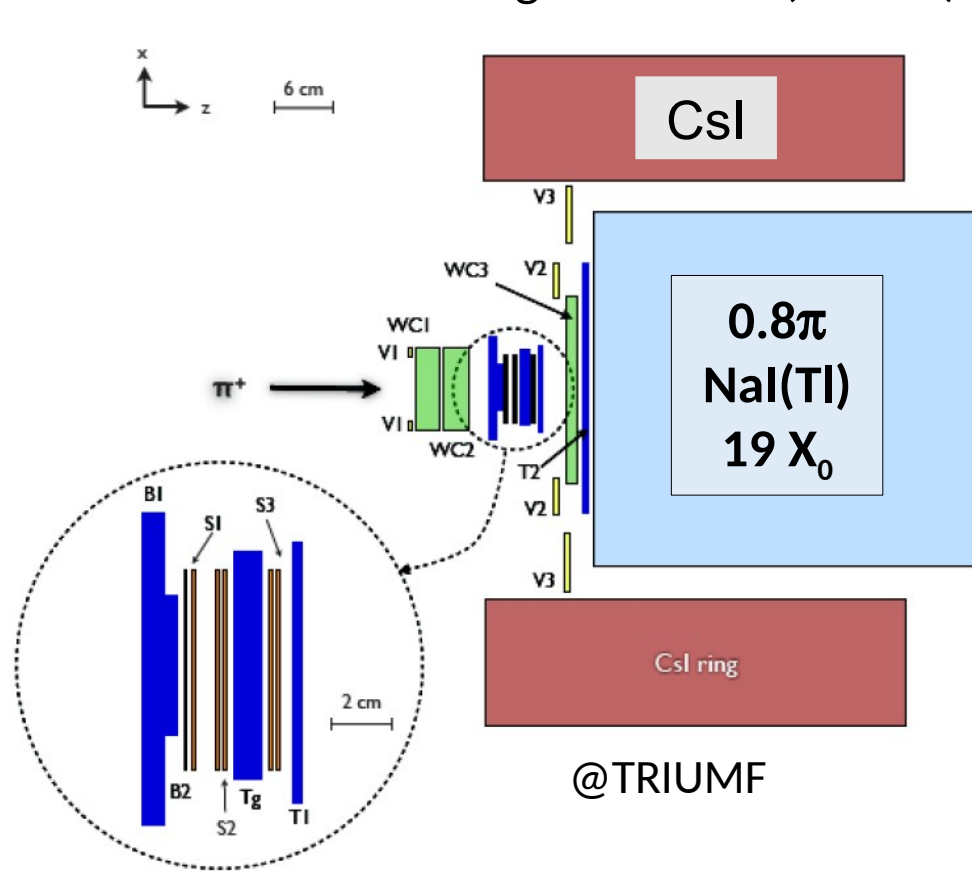
Timing



e<sup>+</sup> Energy

# Two (rather different) Pion Decay Experiments: PIENU and PEN/PIBETA

Both took data a while ago but have (known) challenges to overcome before final results



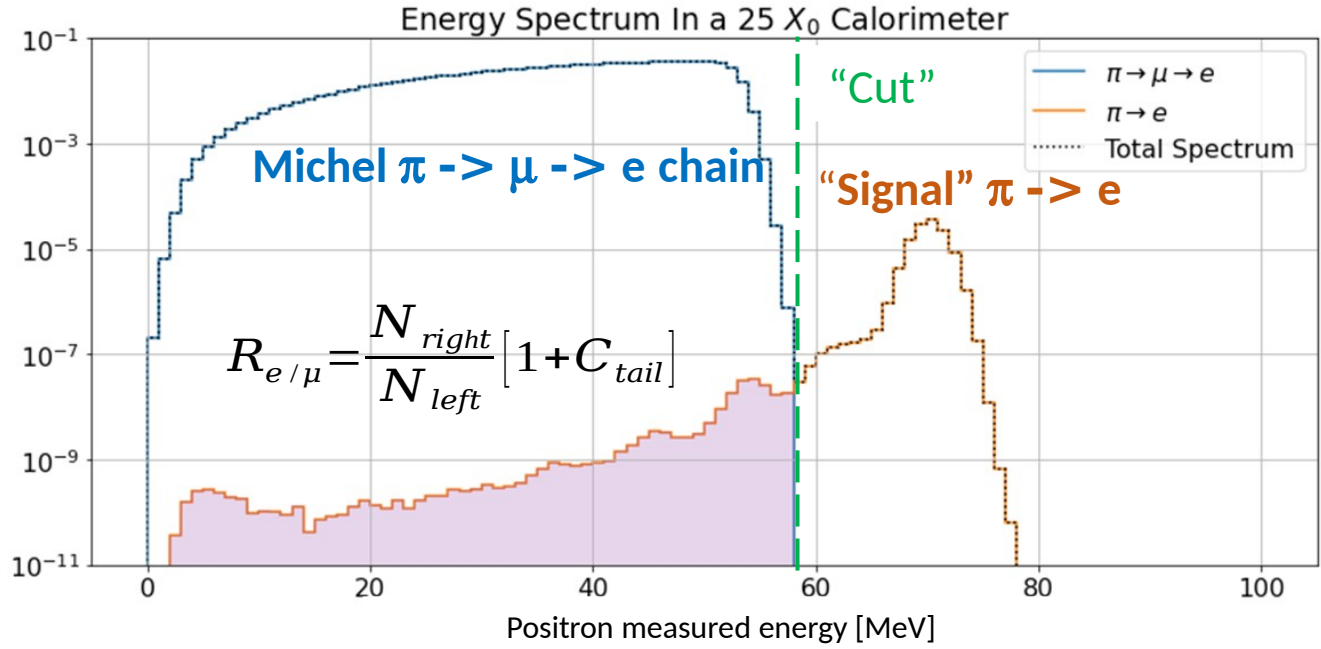
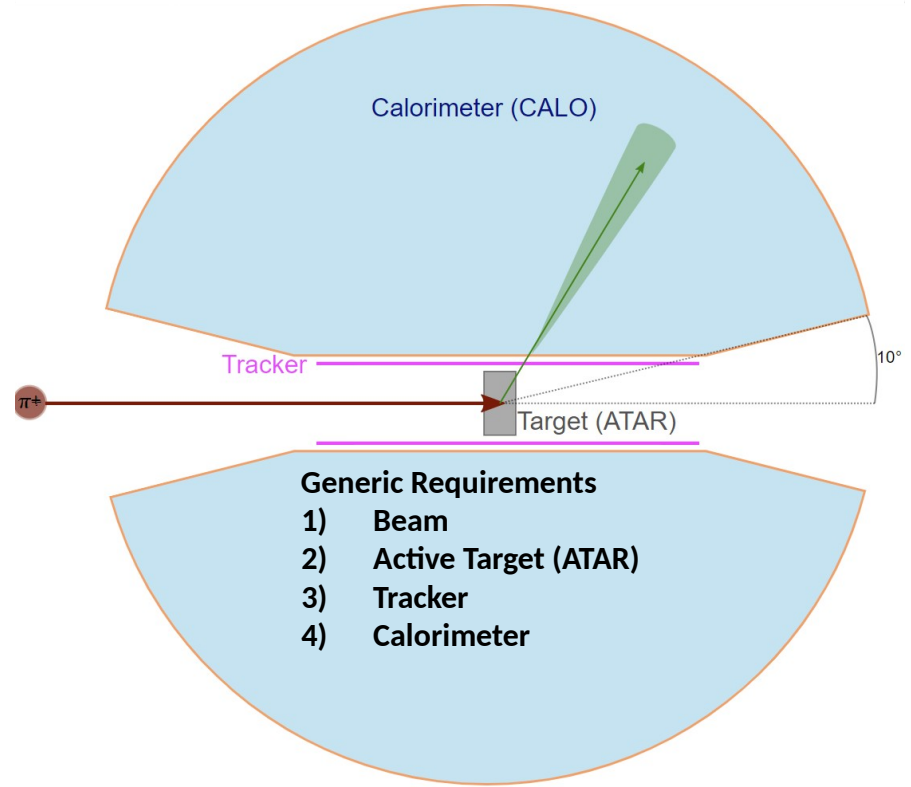
- NaI slow, but excellent resolution
- Single large crystal but shower leakage depends on angle changing resolution and tail fraction
- Small solid angle

- Good geometry but calorimeter depth of  $12X_0$  too small to resolve tail under muon spectrum.



# Generic experiment: count $e^+$ from stopped $\pi^+$ and sort:

$$\frac{N(\pi \rightarrow e\nu)}{N(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu)} \rightarrow \frac{N(\pi \rightarrow e\nu)}{N(\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e\nu)}$$



The mono-energetic 69 MeV “signal” spectrum is determined from

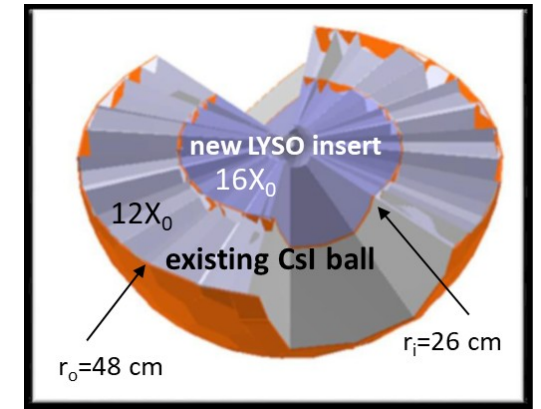
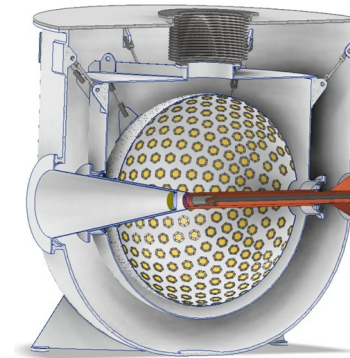
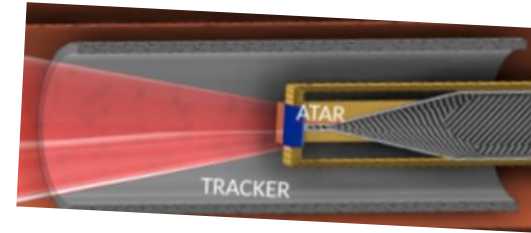
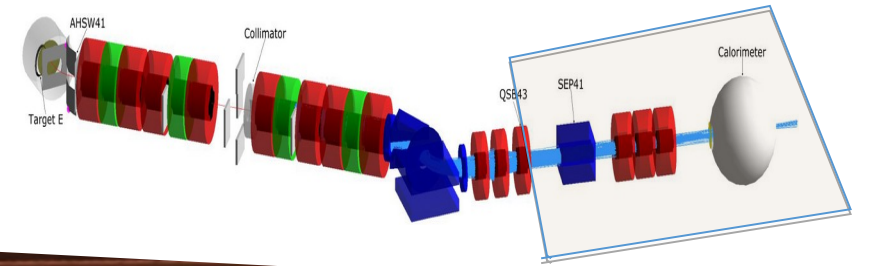
- Calo Resolution - better sharpens the “right/left” cut boundary
- Calo Depth - deeper minimizes the tail

The key to success: minimize and measure the tail

Q: How can you possibly measure that tail under the Michel spectrum?

# Technologies being explored

- World's most intense low-energy pion beamline at PSI
- Active, segmented target (ATAR) using AC LGADs
- Cylindrical tracker Resistive Micro Well ( $\mu$ -RWELL) (or LGADs or silicon strip detectors)
- Fast, deep, high-resolution calorimeter options
  - LXe following the example of the MEG II collaboration
  - Hybrid LYSO + CsI (existing) crystal combination
- And of course, very fast triggering, DAQ, high res digitization, etc.



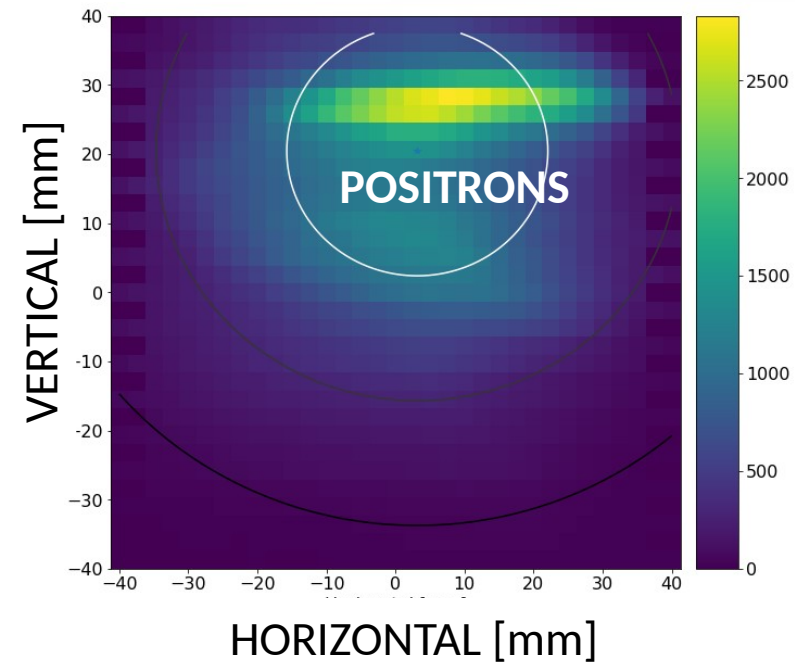
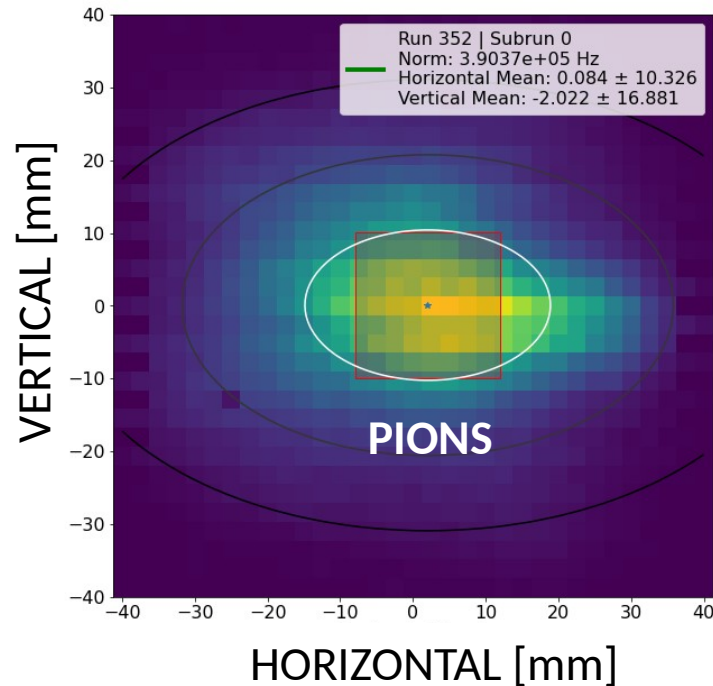
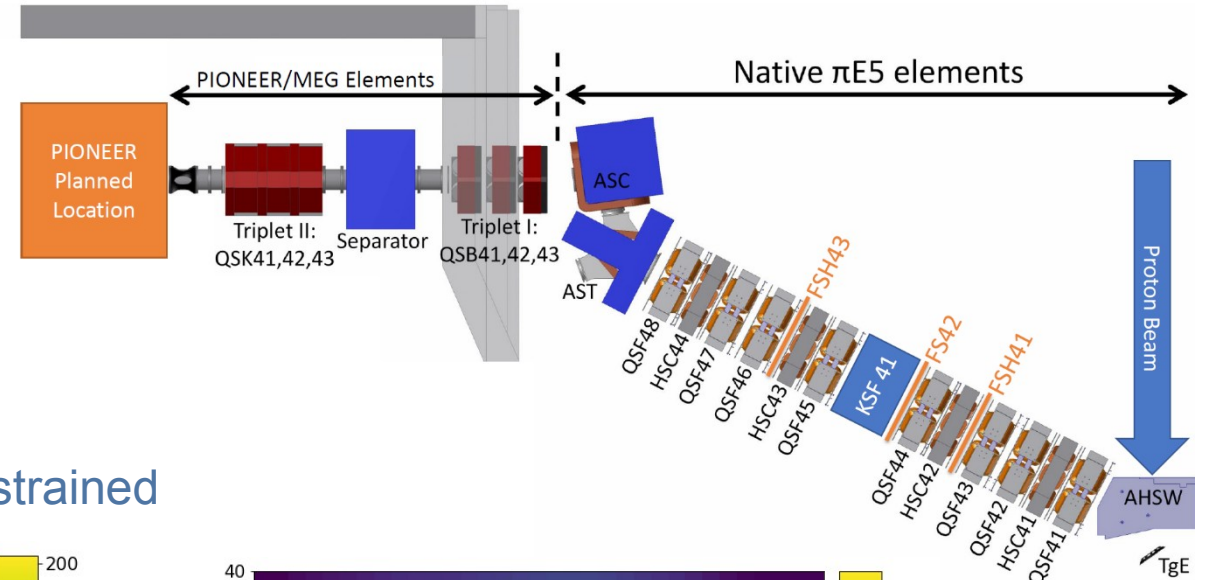
# Use World's Brightest Stopped Pion Beam @ PSI: piE5

- Specifications (for Phase I) and first measurements

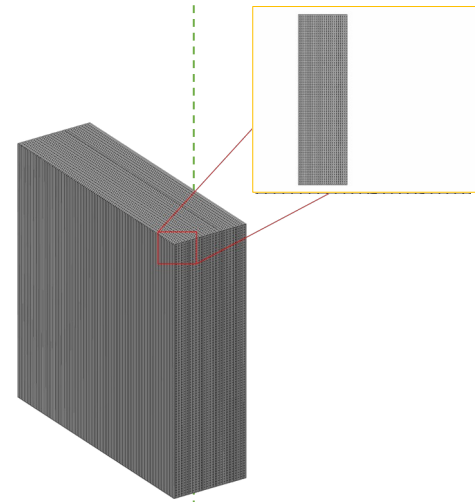
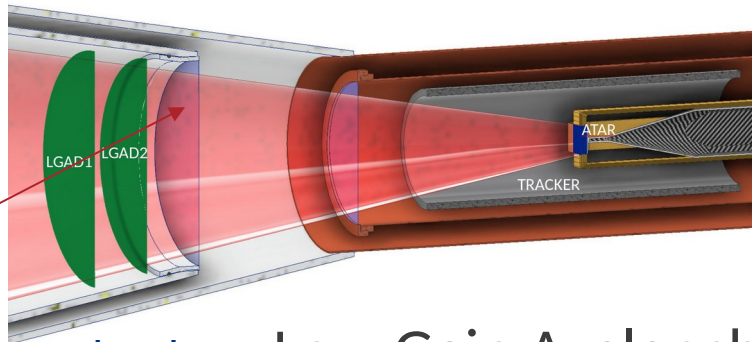
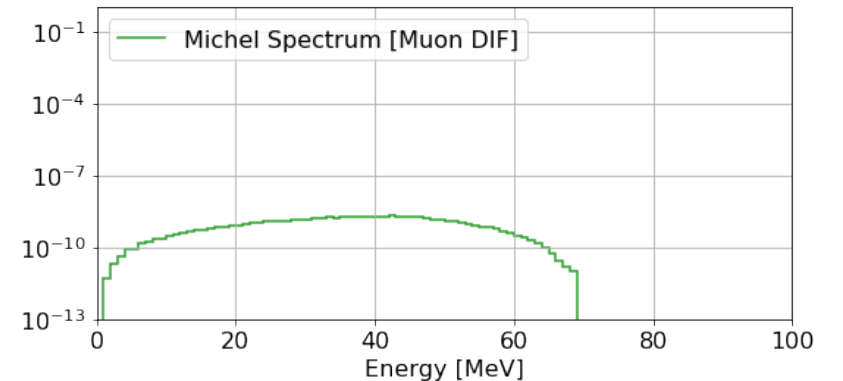
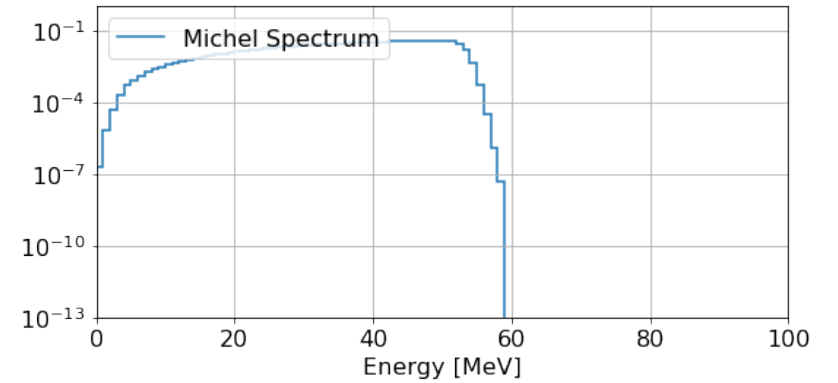
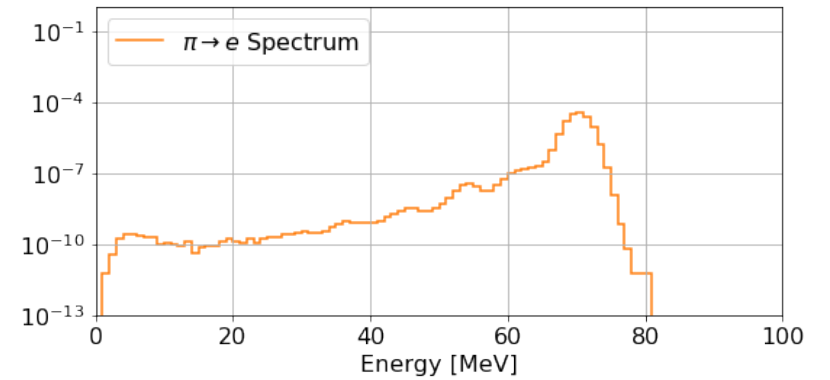
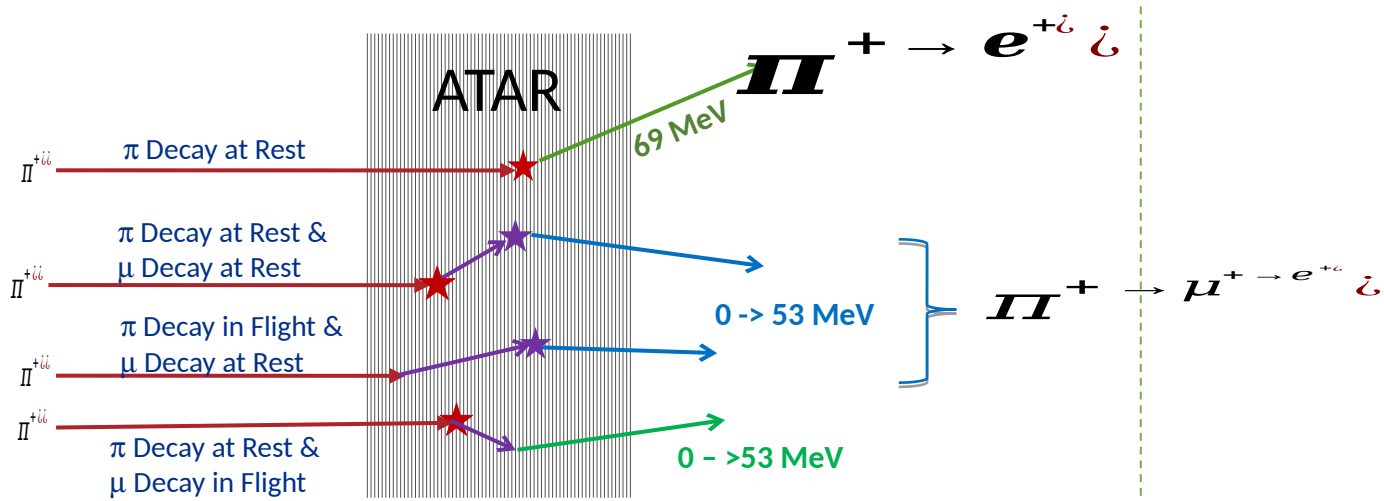
- ✓  $p = 55-70 \text{ MeV}/c$
- ✓  $\sigma_x, \sigma_y < 10 \text{ mm}$  and small divergence
- ⚠  $dp/p < 2\%$  for top in 30.5 mm silicon
- ✓  $> 300 \text{ kHz}$  stopping rate in target
- ⚠ Separation of  $\pi / \mu / e$  in beamline

- Going forward

- Much to do to model and minimize spot size
- Must add an intermediate focus, but space is constrained



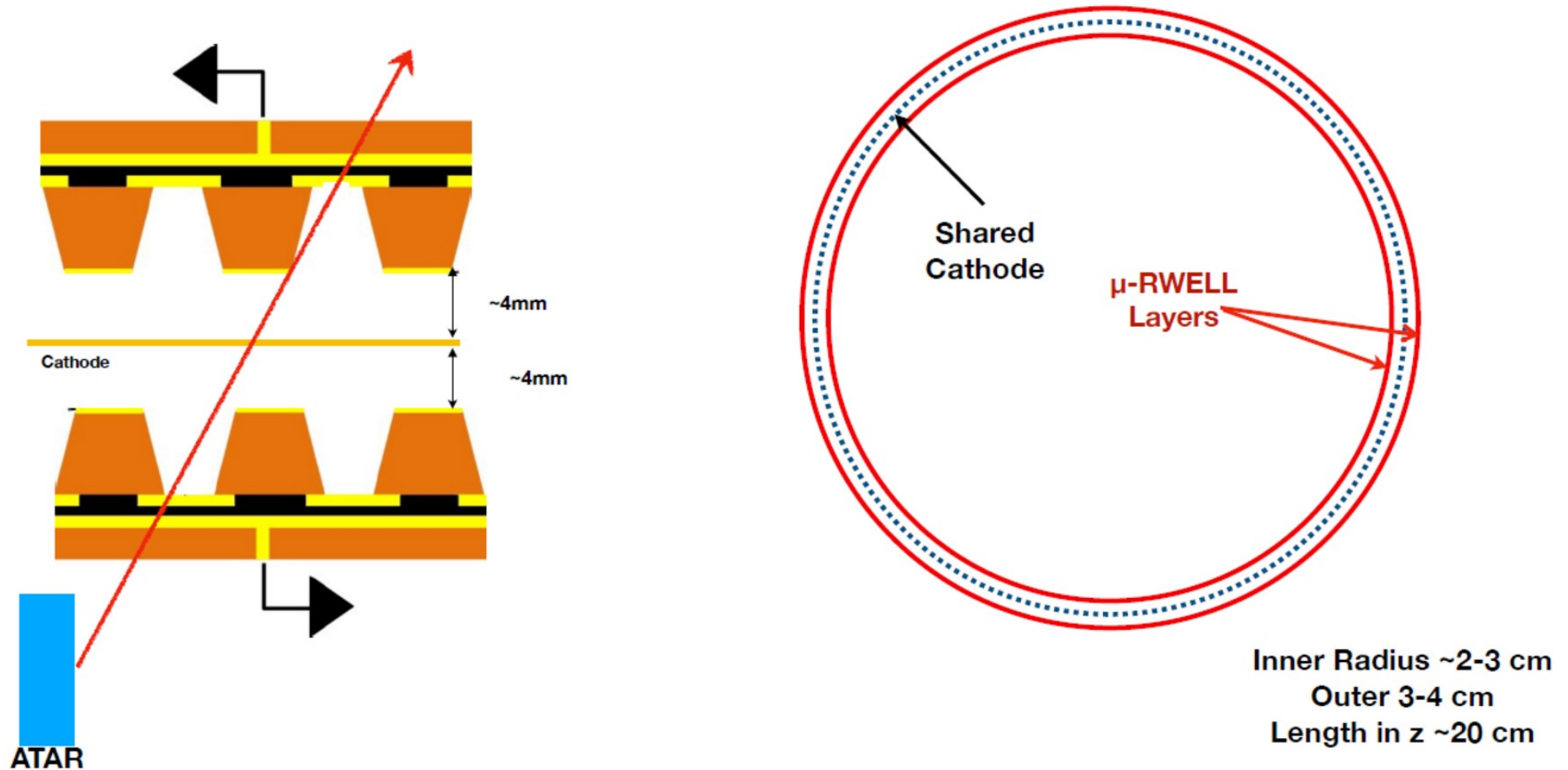
# Spectrum and the background: ATAR



- Technology: Low Gain Avalanche
- Detectors LGADS
- Silicon detector
  - Thin, 120 um layers
  - Modest gain (10-50),  $\sigma_t < 100$  ps with full charge collection  $\sim 2$  ns
  - Intense R&D

# Tracking positron to the calorimeter

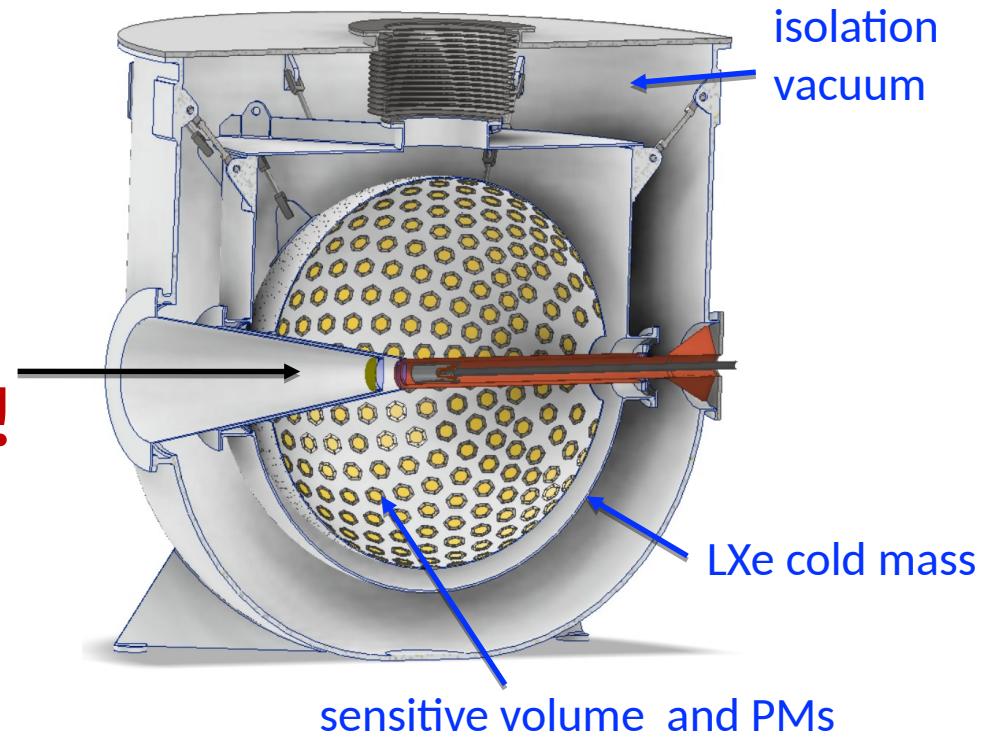
## Preliminary Idea for a Cylindrical $\mu$ -RWELL



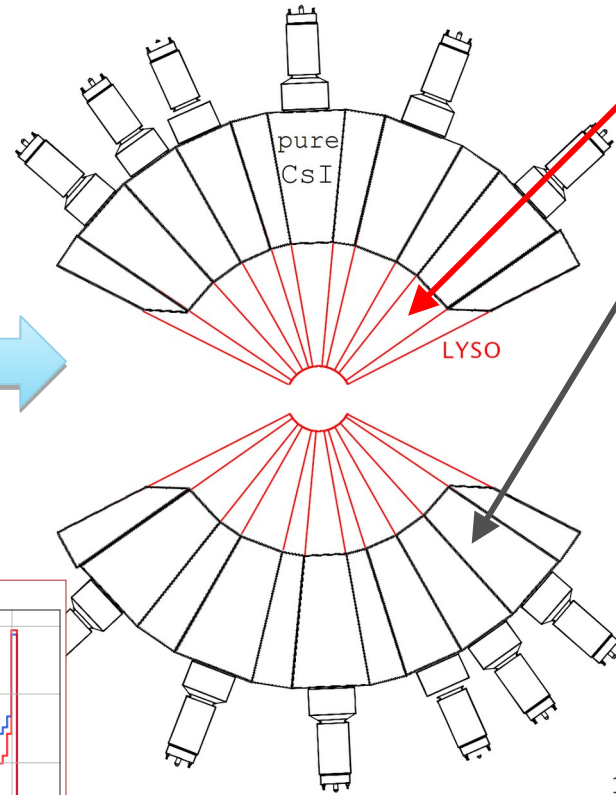
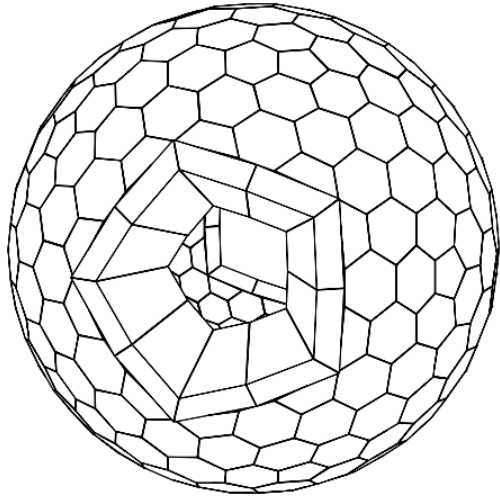
# LXe Calorimeter is Baseline Design

- Based on MEG II Experience
  - i. Fast: sub-ns timing,  $\sim 40$  ns decay
  - ii. Resolution  $< 2\%$  peak resolution
- LXe scintillating challenges
  - Optical segmentation
  - VUV Photosensors
- **Major Challenge: LXe procurement!!**

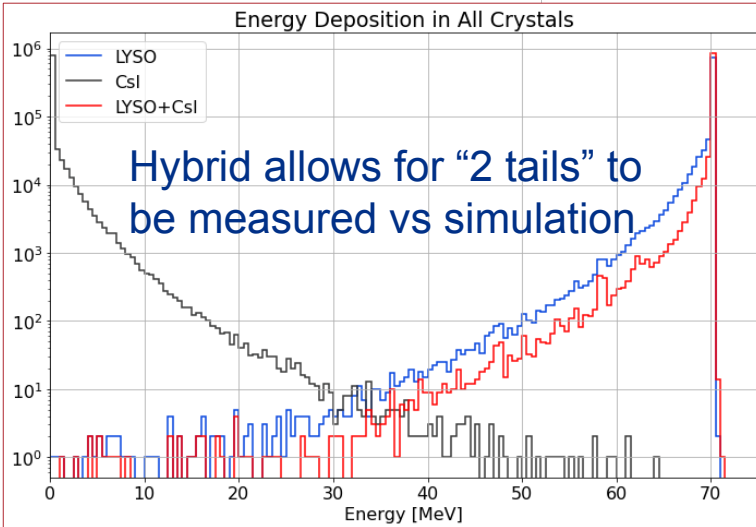
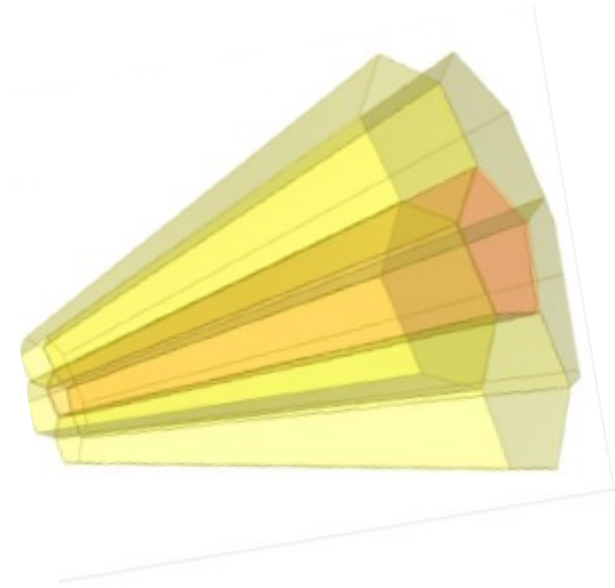
- Conceptual design
  - 9 t LXe sphere in vacuum isolated dewar
  - $\sim 1000$  VUV sensitive PMT readout
  - Possibly introduce segmentation



# Crystal CALO alternative: **New** LYSO inner layer, matched to existing CsI (**PEN**) outer



**LYSO**  
+ PEN CsI xtals ( )



- Fast, segmented, compact, "cheaper"
- Is resolution good enough?
- LYSO for HEP not yet demonstrated, given its promise and extensive use in PET

# Strategy for $10^{-4}$ precision experiment

$$\sigma_{stat} = \sigma_{sys} = 0.7 \times 10^{-4}$$

- Analysis

$$R_{e/\mu} = \frac{\pi \rightarrow e \nu(\gamma)}{\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu(\gamma)}$$

- fit high/low energy time distributions

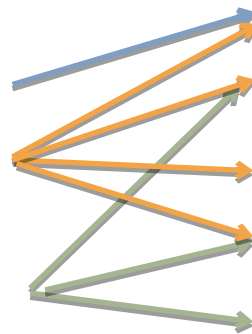
- background, pileup, etc

- Statistics

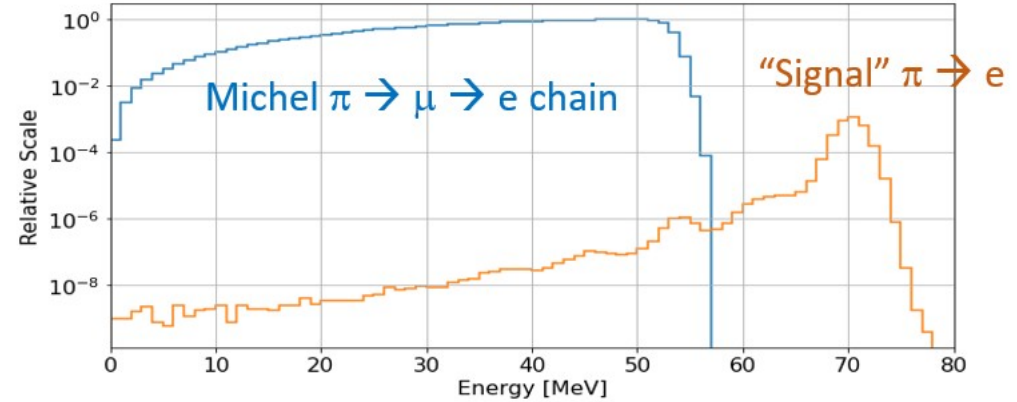
- $2 \times 10^8$  events  
in 2 years with  $3 \times 10^5$  /s beam

- Systematic improvements

- intense, high quality beam
- active target with key new ideas and technology
- calorimeter: 3,  $25X_0$ , high res., fast

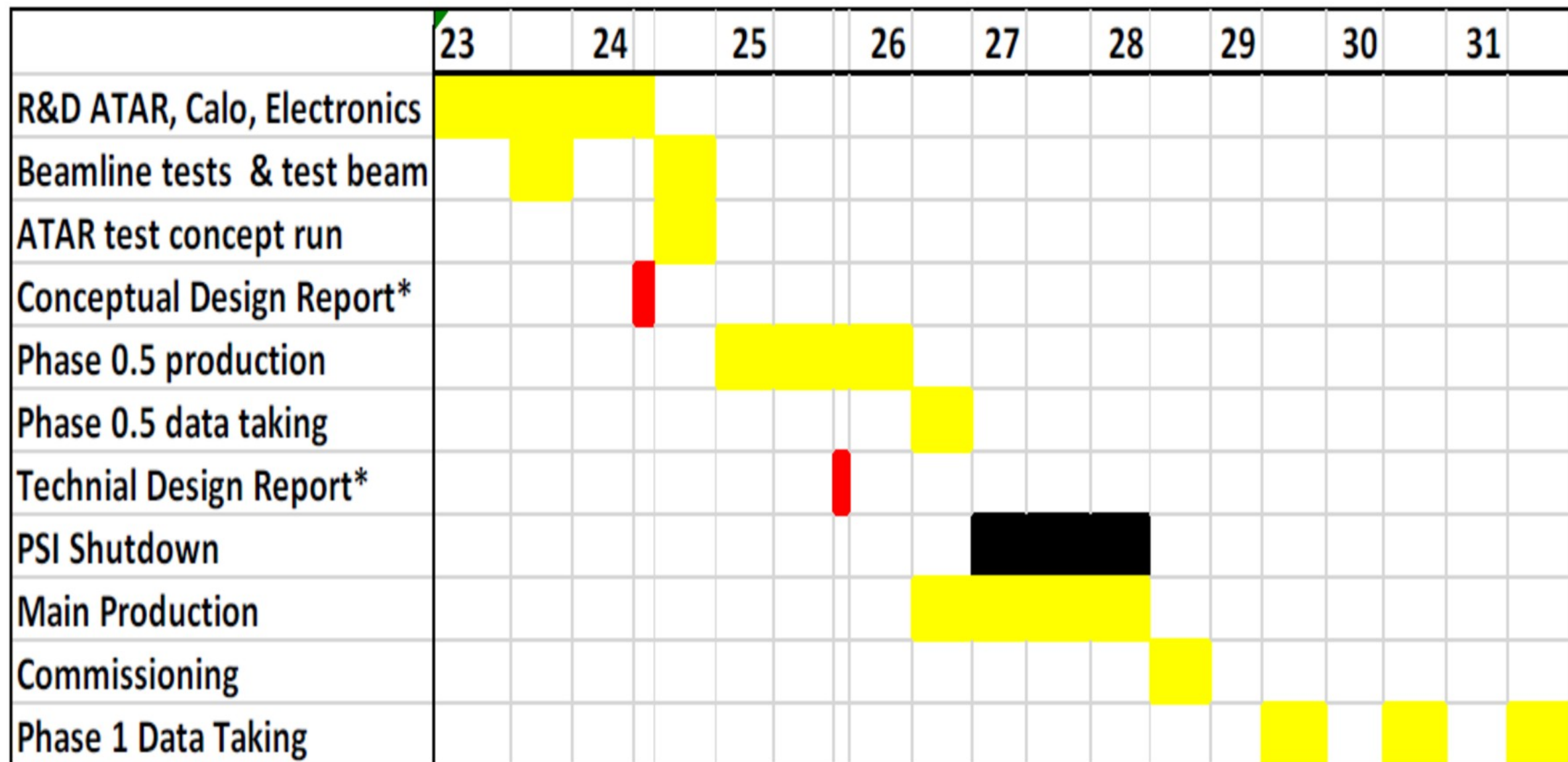


normalization & background



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Selection Cuts	0.04	<0.01
Acceptance Correction	0.03	0.003
<b>Total Uncertainty</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>≤ 0.01</b>





\*Approximate target dates; funding profile not folded in

# Summary / Conclusions

- Lots of exciting physics to be explored with a Next-Gen Pion Decay Experiment
  - Lepton Flavor Universality Violation – possible connected to the “many” existing flavor anomalies
    - B decays; CKM, issues, Muon g-2, ...
  - Measurement of Pion Beta Decay; ratio with kaon decays gives important slope in  $V_{ud}$  vs  $V_{us}$  plane
  - Exotic physics searches will come out automatically from these precision measurements
    - Sterile neutrinos, ALPs, etc.
  - PIONEER is APPROVED and is a growing international collaboration of physicists from broad communities in HEP, NP, instrumentation, theory
  - To be successful it will require:
    - State of the art active target with 4D tracking
    - Precise cylindrical tracker
    - A very high resolution, fast, and deep EM calorimeter
    - An intense stopping pion beamline
    - State of the art triggering, digitization, DAQ, and offline
    - Simulations, simulations, etc.
  - This is an exciting time with a new collaboration forming and a “semi-blank slate” to design a new experiment **together**

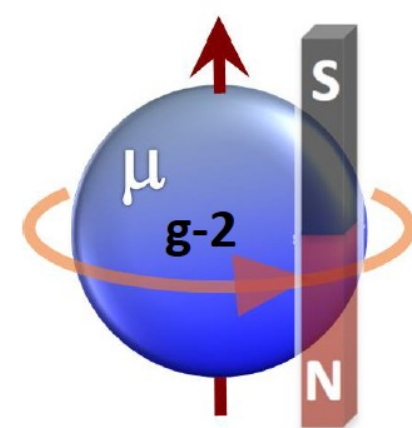


# muEDM at PSI: An attractive possibility to extend even further the intensity frontier program

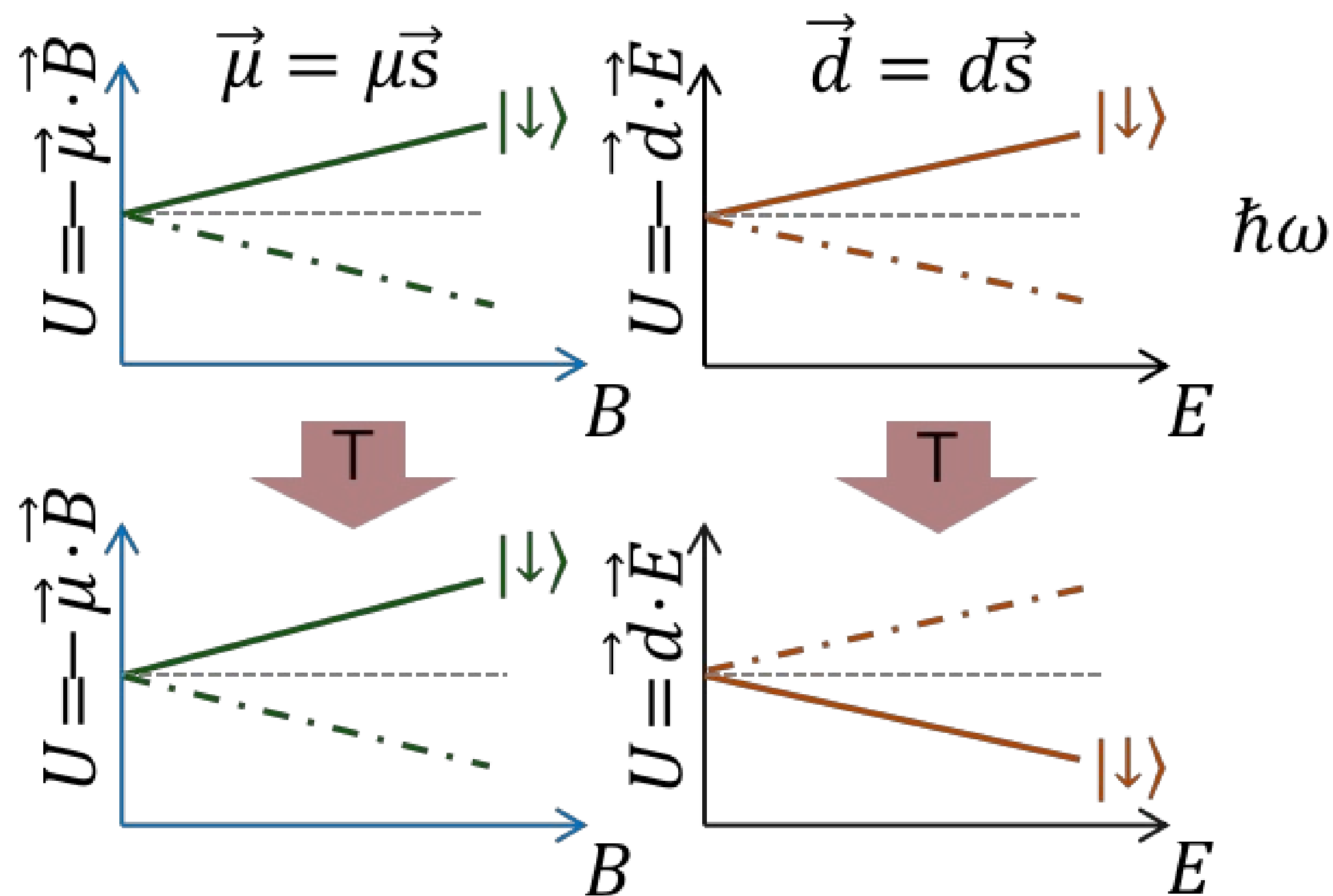
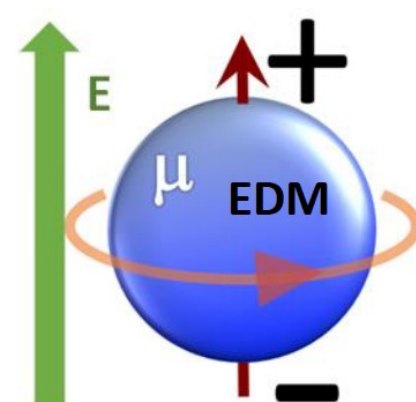
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## muEDM: Definition

Magnetic moment ( $\vec{\mu} = gq\hbar/4mc \vec{\sigma}$ )



Electric moment ( $\vec{d} = \eta q\hbar/4mc \vec{\sigma}$ )



A discovery of a muon EDM indicates CP violation invoking CPT theorem

# Search for a muon EDM using the frozen-spin technique

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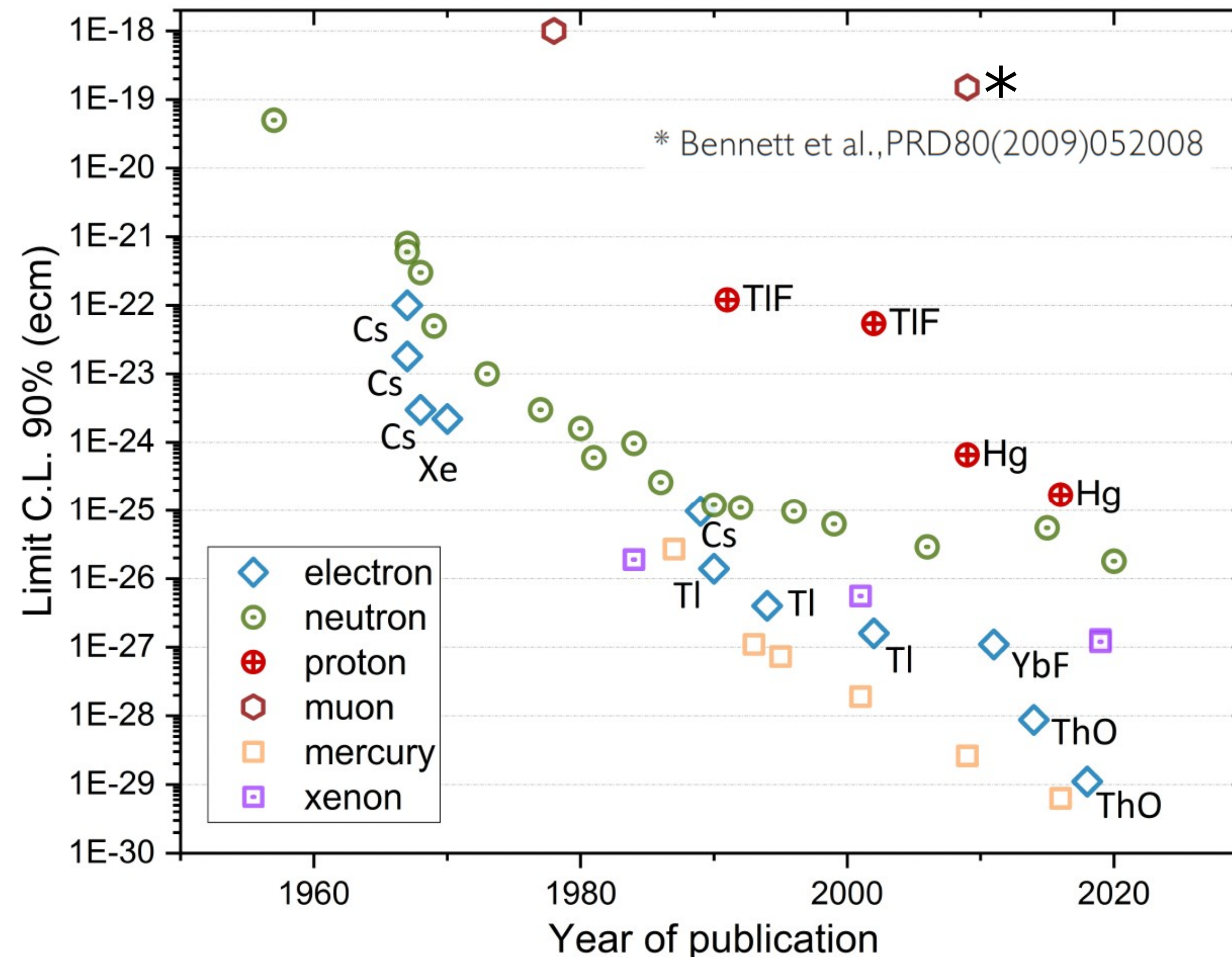
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This letter of intent proposes an experiment to search for an electric dipole moment of the muon based on the frozen-spin technique. We intend to exploit the high electric field,  $E = 1 \text{ GV/m}$ , experienced in the rest frame of the muon with a momentum of  $p = 125 \text{ MeV}/c$  when passing through a large magnetic field of  $|\vec{B}| = 3 \text{ T}$ . Current muon fluxes at the  $\mu\text{E}1$  beam line permit an improved search with a sensitivity of  $\sigma(d_\mu) \leq 6 \times 10^{-23} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$ , about three orders of magnitude more sensitivity than for the current upper limit of  $|d_\mu| \leq 1.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$  (C.L. 95%). With the advent of the new high intensity muon beam, HIMB, and the cold muon source, muCool, at PSI the sensitivity of the search could be further improved by tailoring a re-acceleration scheme to match the experiments injection phase space. While a null result would set a significantly improved upper limit on an otherwise un-constrained Wilson coefficient, the discovery of a muon EDM would corroborate the existence of physics beyond the Standard Model.

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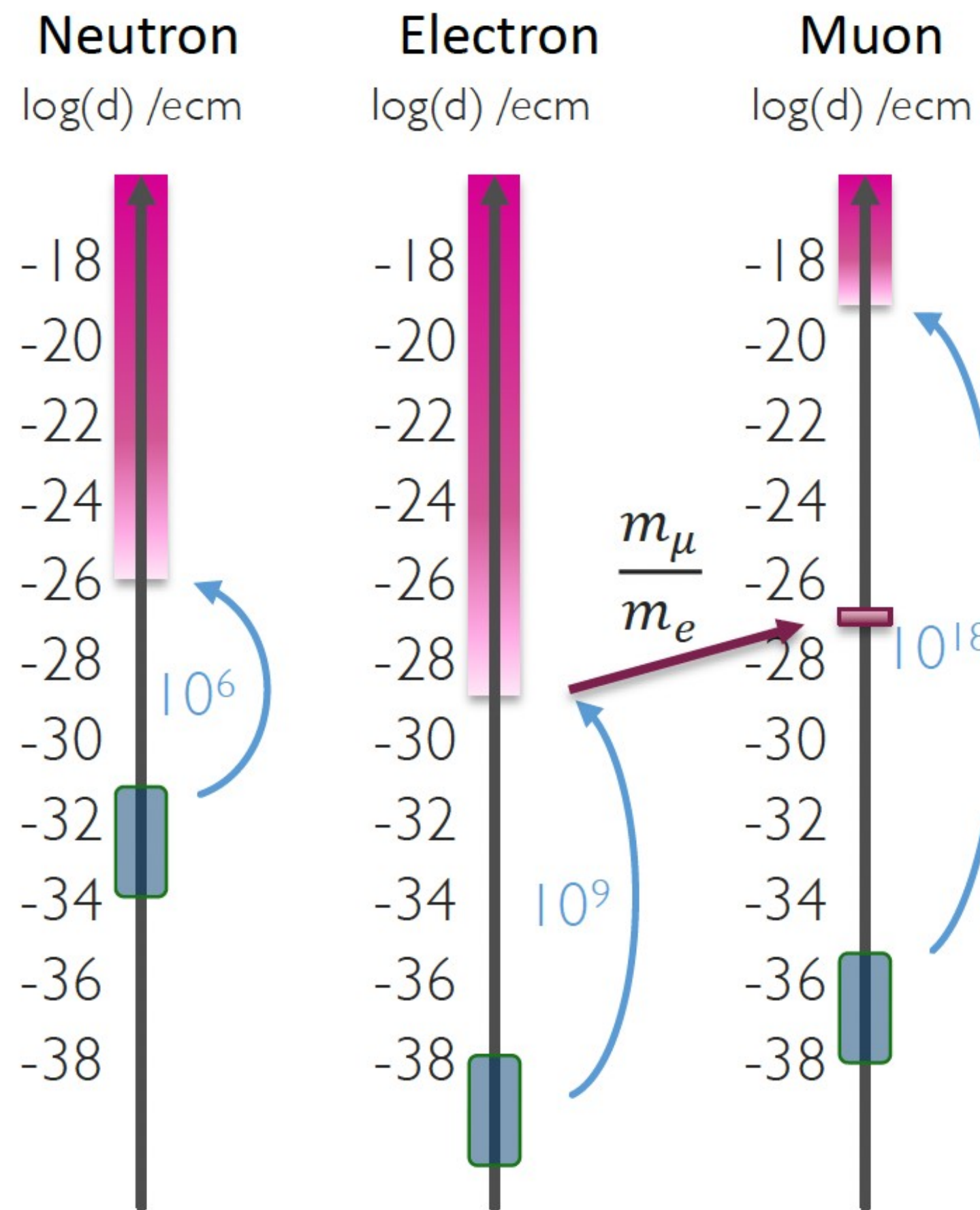
# muEDM dedicated search: Current status

- EDMs of fundamental particles are intimately connected to the violation of time invariance and the combined symmetry of charge and parity
- The different EDM searches are sensitive to different, unique combinations of underlying CPV sources



Quite poor current direct limit  $d_\mu < 1.5 \times 10^{-19} \text{ ecm}$  (CL 90%)

# muEDM direct search: Why now?



- Limits on the electron EDM deduced from measurements using atoms or molecules, e.g., ThO molecules  $d_e < 1.1 \times 10^{-29} ecm$  (CL 90%) lead to  $d_\mu < 2.3 \times 10^{-27} ecm$  (CL 90%), many orders of magnitude better than the direct limit  $d_\mu$  assuming  $m_\mu/m_e$  naive rescaling minimal flavor violation (MFV), a model dependent assumption

- Experimental evidence found for deviation from SM physics involves the muon:  $g-2$  experiment at FNAL ( $a_\mu = (g-2)/2 \rightarrow 4.2\sigma$ )

LFU in B-meson decays ( $3.1\sigma$ , more than  $5\sigma$  when combining all LFU observable in B-meson decays) Deficit in the 1st row unitarity of the CKM matrix may be interpreted as LFU violation (about  $4\sigma$ )

- FNAL/JPARC  $g-2$  experiments aims at  $d_\mu \sim \mathbf{O(10^{-21}) ecm}$  (via  $g-2$ )

- Direct muEDM search at PSI in stages:**

- Precursors:**  $d_\mu < 3 \times 10^{-21} ecm$

- Final:—::**  $d_\mu < 6 \times 10^{-23} ecm$

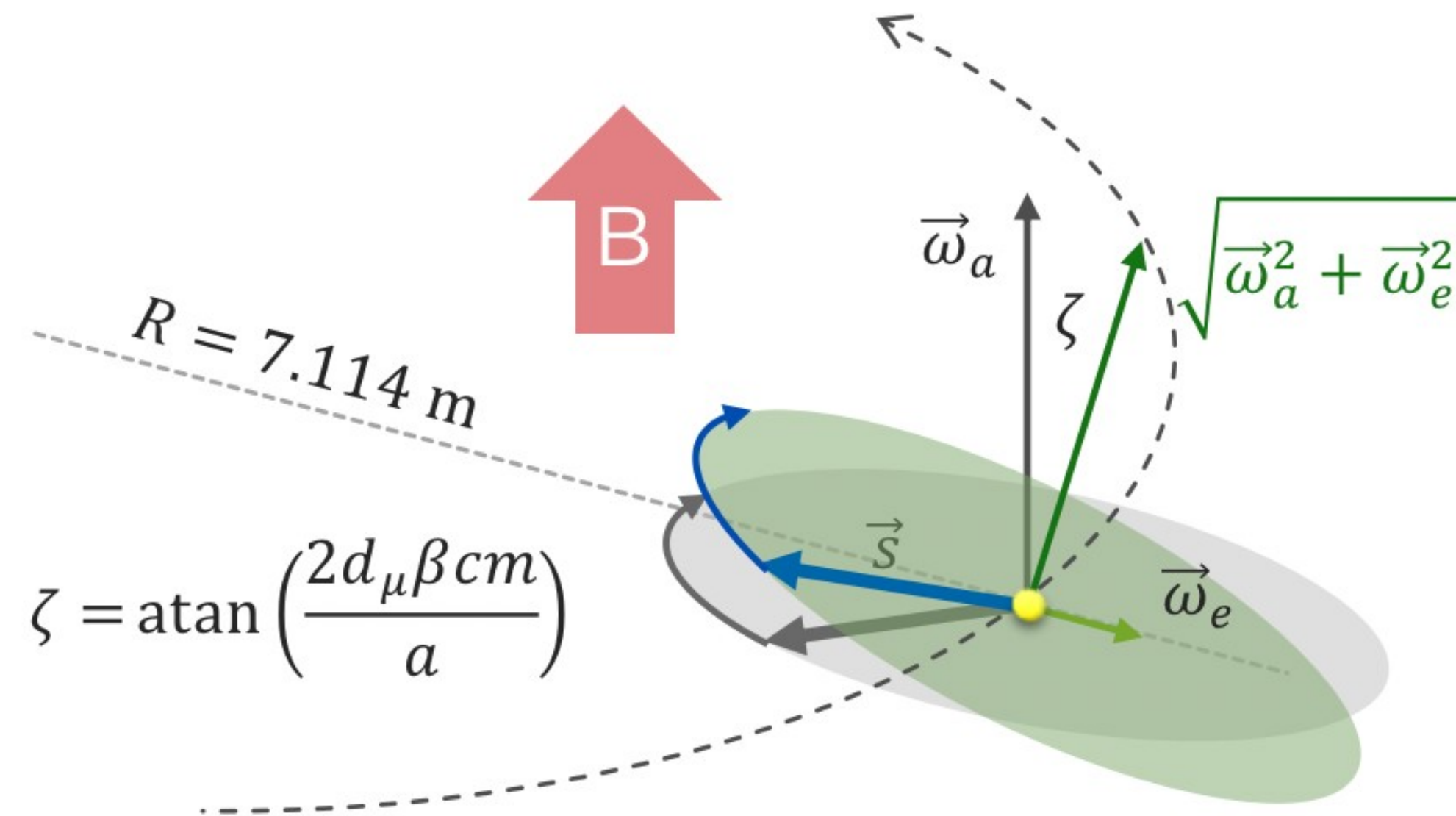
# EDM search: From the “frequency” approach...

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{q}{m} \left[ a\vec{B} - \left( a + \frac{1}{1-\gamma^2} \right) \frac{\vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}}{c} \right] + \frac{q}{m} \frac{\eta}{2} \left( \vec{\beta} \times \vec{B} + \frac{\vec{E}}{c} \right)$$

$\omega_a$

$\omega_e$

- i.e. FNAL: The decay positrons are recorded using calorimeters and straw tube trackers inside the storage ring
- The sensitivity to a muon EDM is limited by the resolution of the vertical amplitude, proportional to  $\zeta$  of the oscillation in the tilted precession plane
- i.e. J-PARC: even if the technique is different the sensitivity to an EDM is limited by the resolution of the vertical amplitude



# ...to the frozen-spin technique

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{q}{m} \left[ a\vec{B} - \left( a + \frac{1}{1-\gamma^2} \right) \frac{\vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}}{c} \right] + \frac{q}{m} \frac{\eta}{2} \left( \vec{\beta} \times \vec{B} + \frac{\vec{E}}{c} \right)$$

$\omega_a$

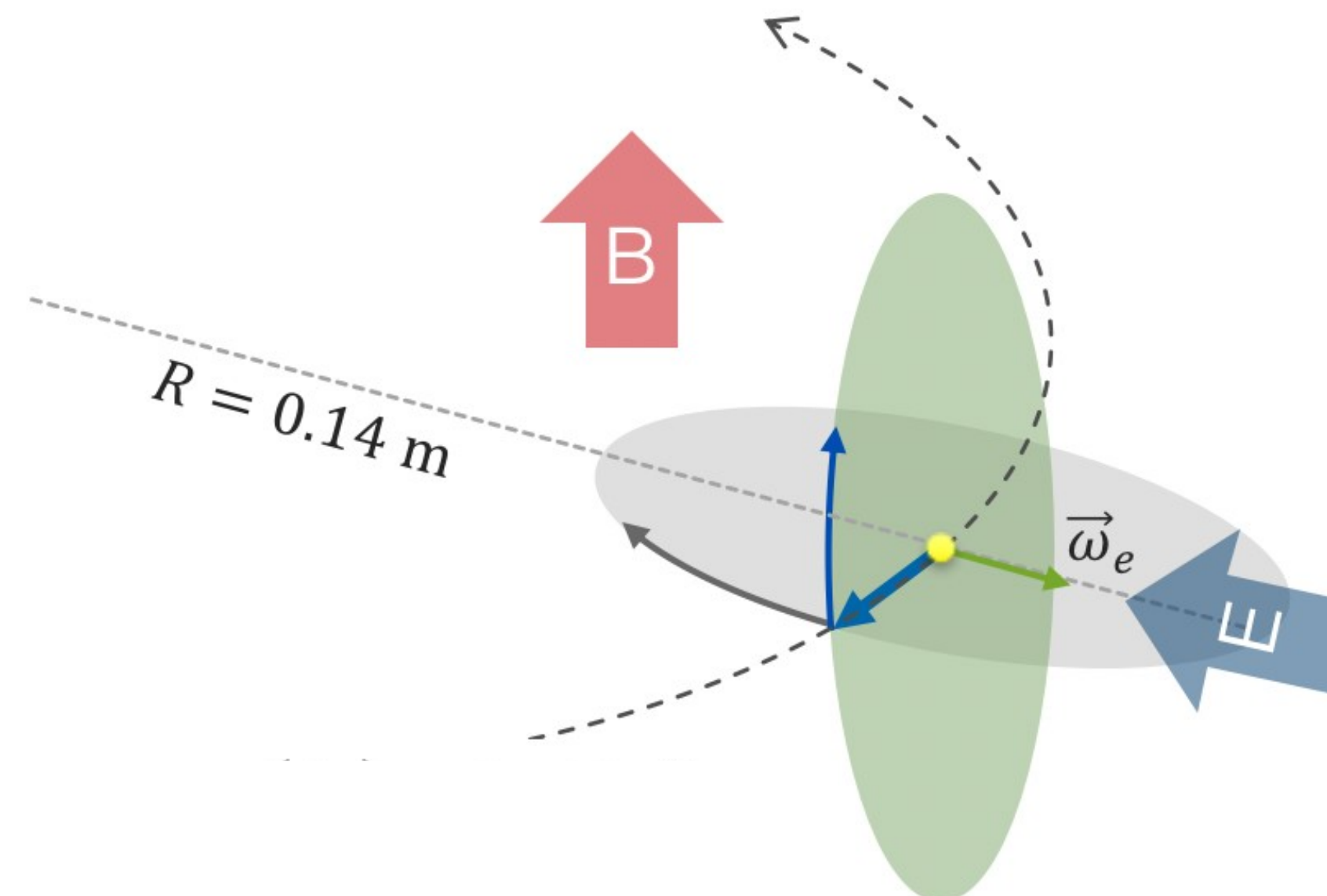
$\omega_e$

- The frozen-spin technique uses an Electric field perpendicular to the moving particle and magnetic field, fulfilling the condition:

$$a\vec{B} = \left( a - \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \right) \frac{\vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}_f}{c}$$

- Without EDM,  $\omega = 0$ , the spin follows the momentum vector as for an ideal Dirac spin-1/2 particle, while with an EDM it will result in a precession of the spin with  $\omega_e \parallel E$ .

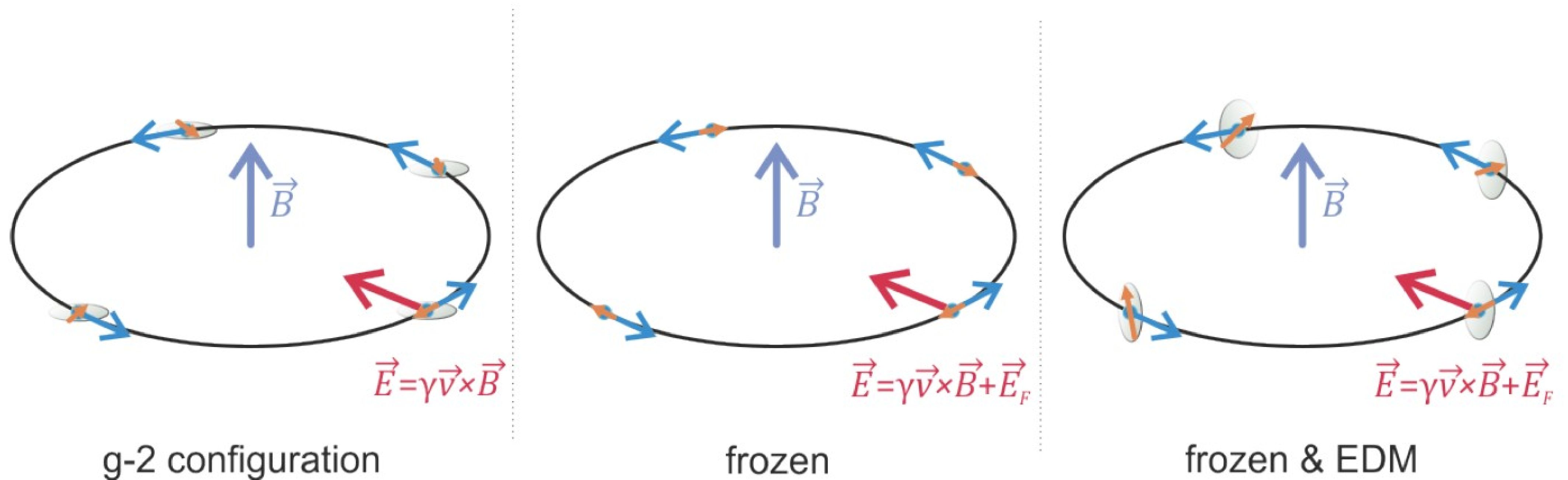
- The sensitivity to a muon EDM is given by the asymmetry up/down of the positron from the muon decay





# EDM: From the “frequency” approach to the frozen-spin technique

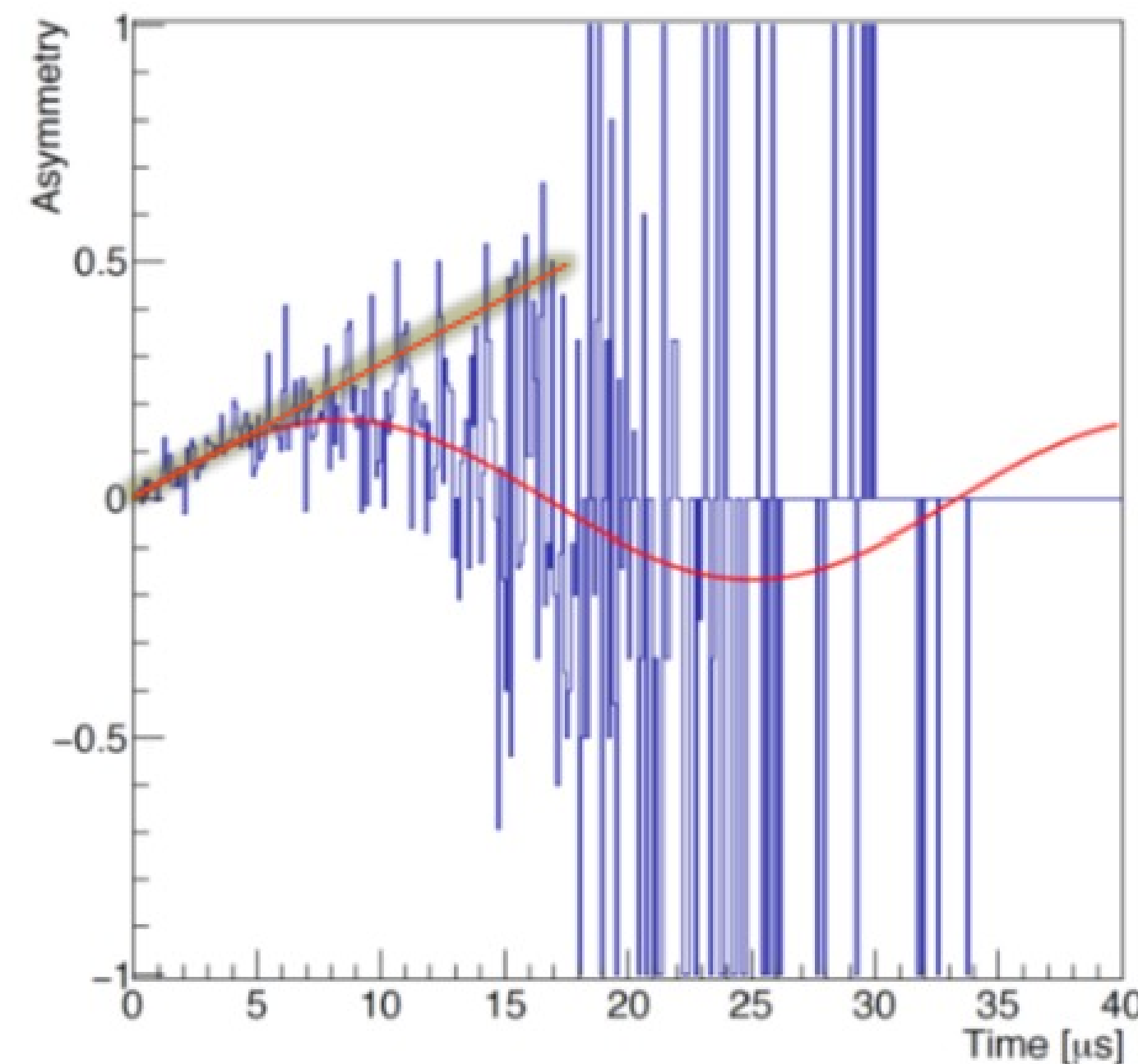
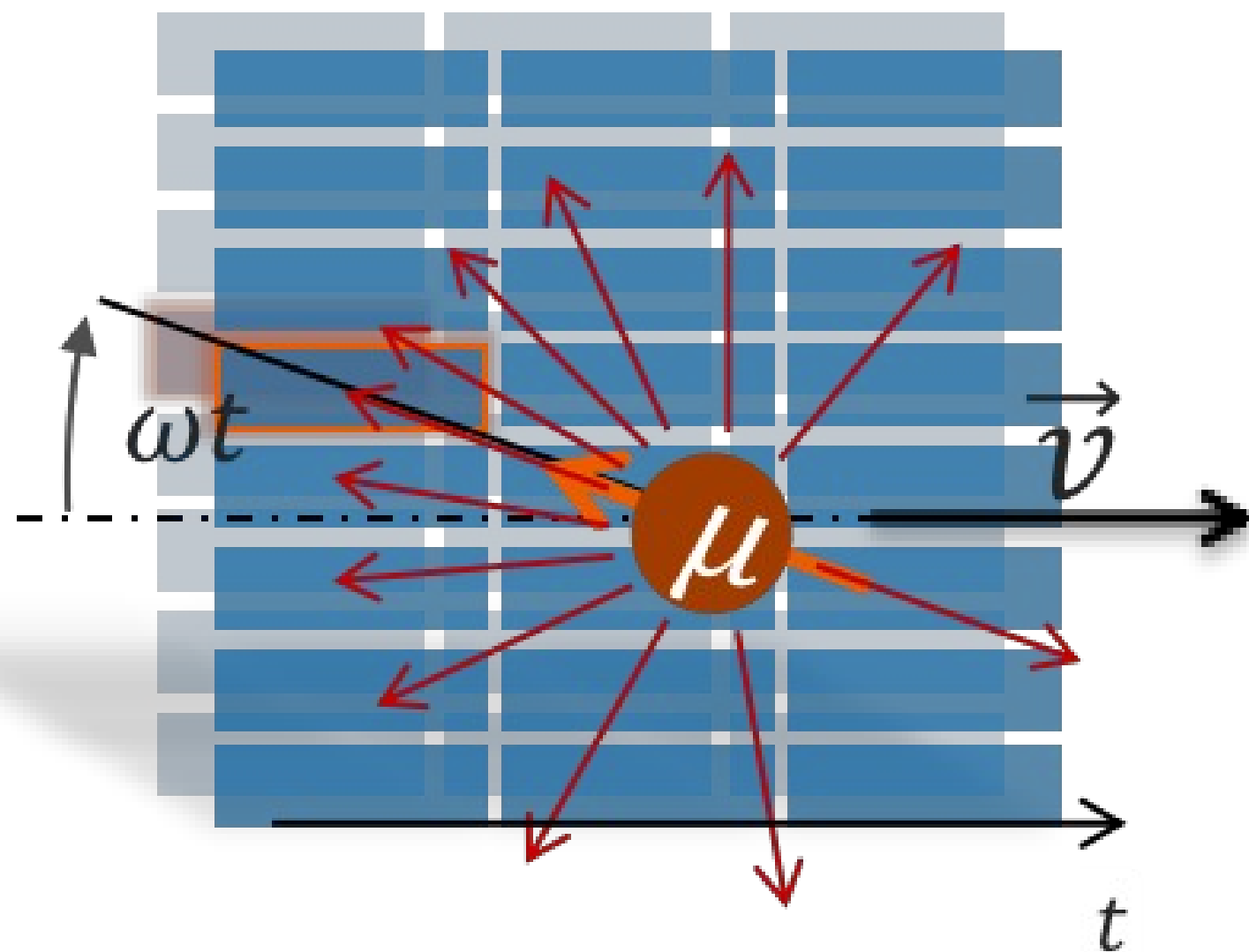
- Putting everything together, here a summary:



# Signal: asymmetry up/down positron tracks

- The sensitivity to a muon EDM is given by the asymmetry up/down of the positron from the muon decay
- Positron are emitted predominantly along the muon spin direction

$$A(t) = \frac{N_{\uparrow}(t) - N_{\downarrow}(t)}{N_{\uparrow}(t) + N_{\downarrow}(t)} = \alpha p \sin\left(\frac{2d_{\mu}}{\hbar} t\right) \approx \alpha p \frac{2d_{\mu}}{\hbar} t$$



The slope gives the sensitivity of the measurement:

$$\sigma(d_{\mu}) = \frac{\hbar \gamma^2 a_{\mu}}{2p E_f \sqrt{N} \gamma \tau_{\mu} \alpha}$$

$p$  := initial polarization

$E_f$  := Electric field in lab

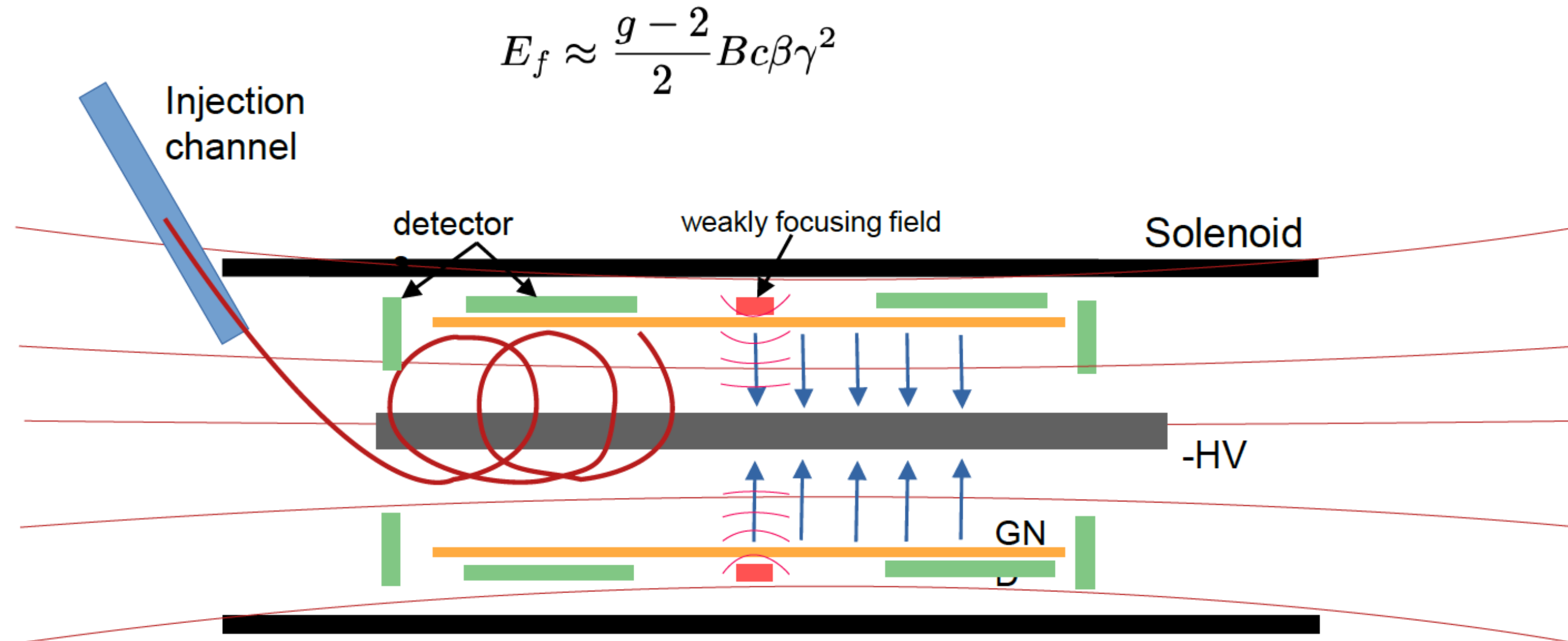
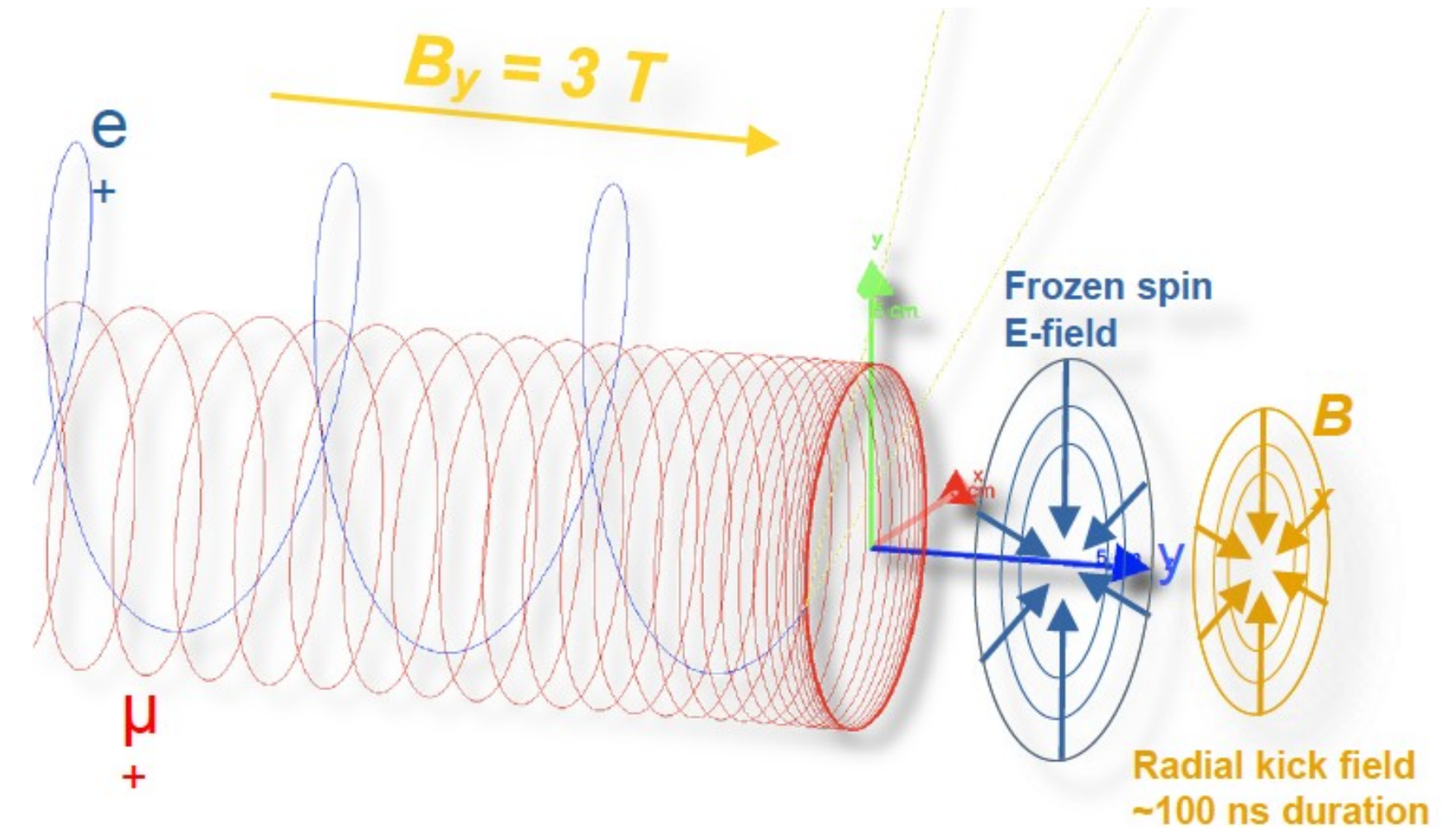
$\sqrt{N}$  := number of positrons

$\tau_{\mu}$  := lifetime of muon

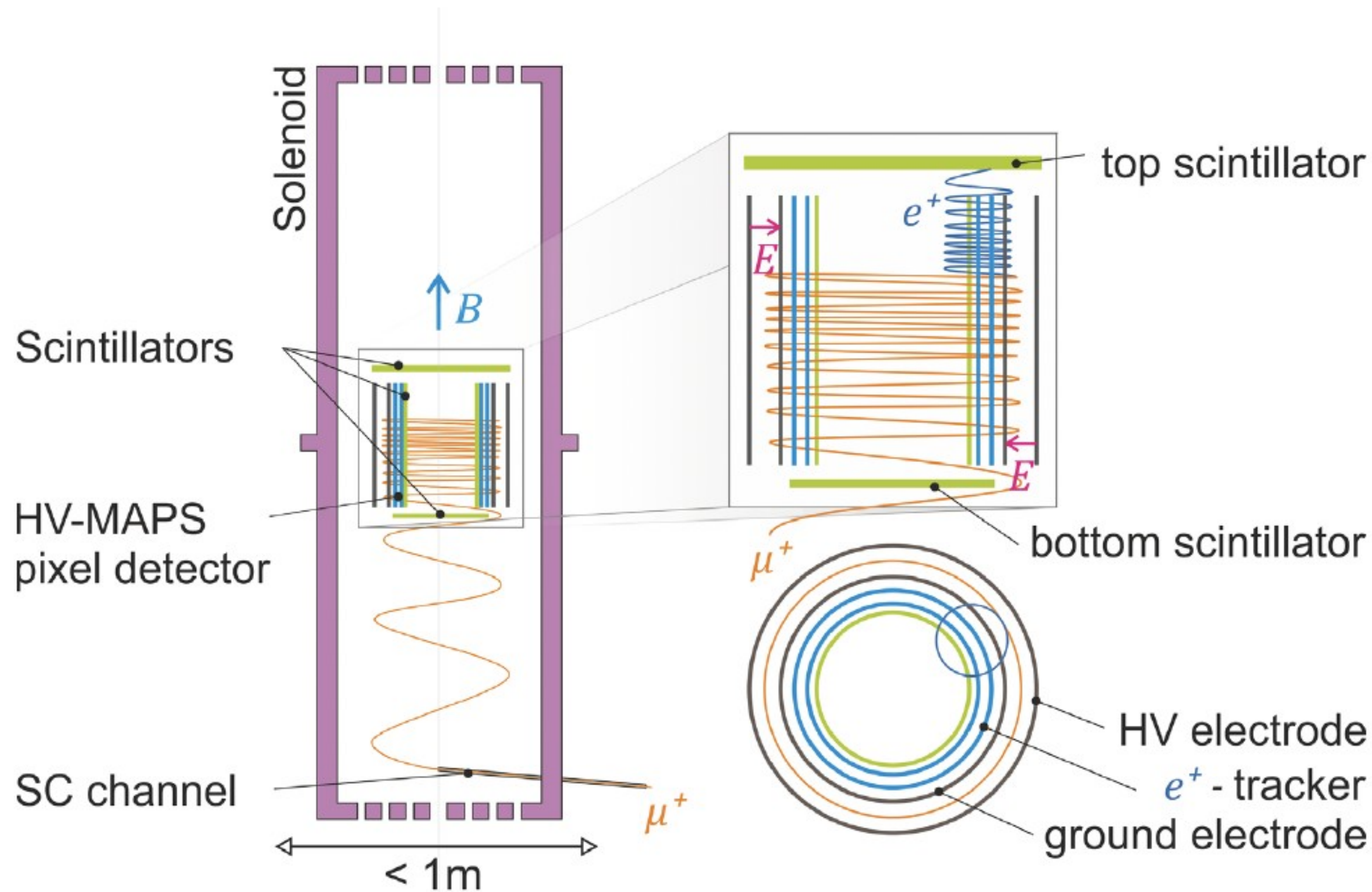
$\alpha$  := mean decay asymmetry

# The general experimental idea

- Muons enter the uniform magnetic field
- A radial magnetic field pulse stops them within a weakly focusing field where they are stored
- Radial electric field 'freezes' the spin so that the precession due to the MDM is cancelled



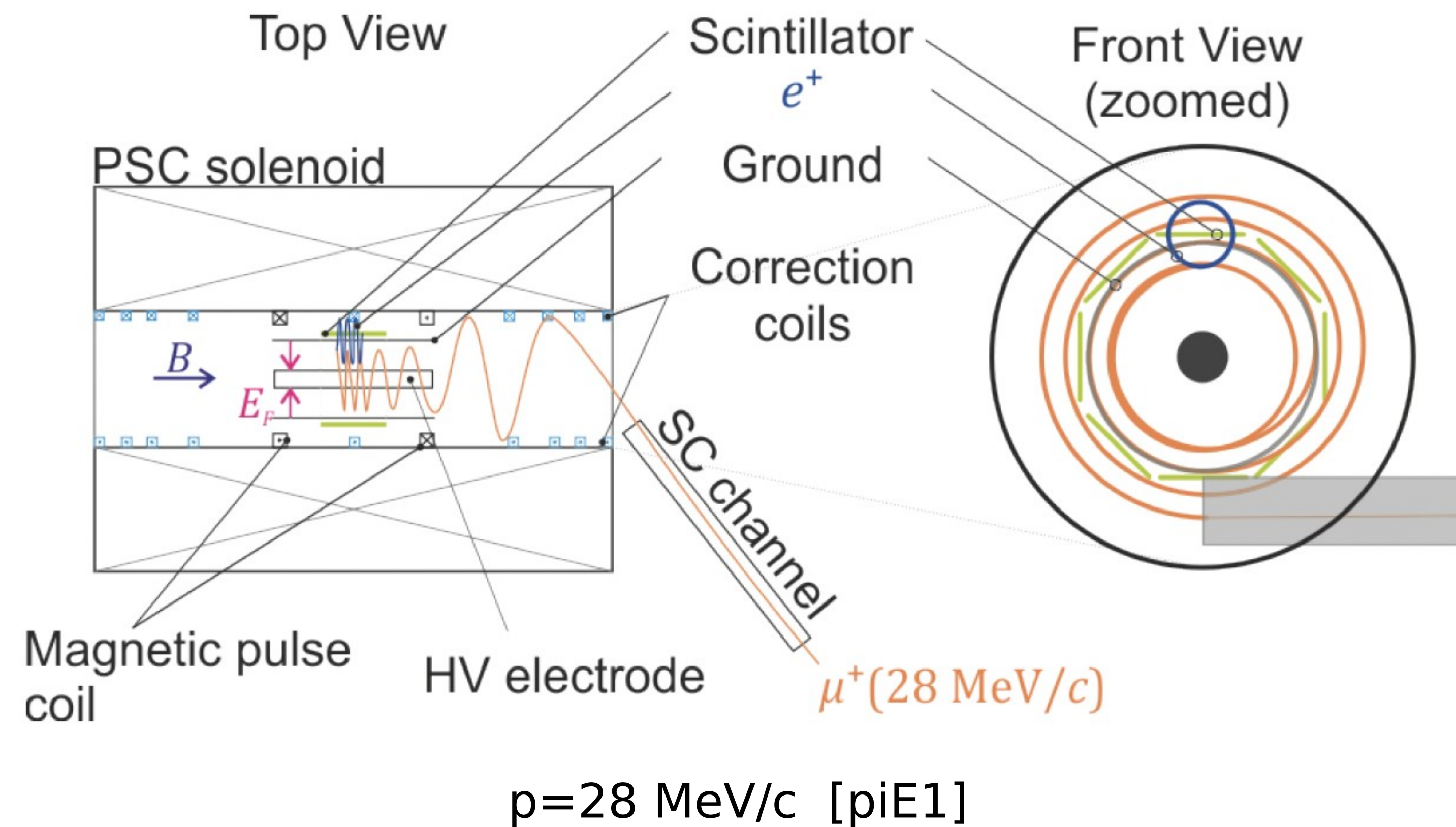
# muEDM final at PSI: Frozen spin and longitudinal injection



- $\mu^+$  from Pion-decay  $\rightarrow$  high polarization  $p \approx 95\%$
- Injection through superconducting channel
- Fast scintillator triggers pulse
- Magnetic pulse stops longitudinal motion of  $\mu^+$
- Weakly focusing field for storage
- Thin electrodes provide electric field for frozen spin
- Pixelated detectors for  $e^+$ -tracking

$p=125 \text{ MeV}/c$  [muE1]

# muEDM Precursor at PSI: Proof-of-principle of frozen spin technique



## Develop key technologies and design the final instrument

Full MC model

Full FEM model

Analysis and DAQ

Nested electrode system with a minimal material budget for the frozen-spin technique

Pulsed magnetic field to kick muons on a stable orbit

Injection channel made of a superconducting shield

## Perform a first EDM measurement using existing infrastructure and solenoid at PSI

Develop magnetic-field correction coils and field measurement device

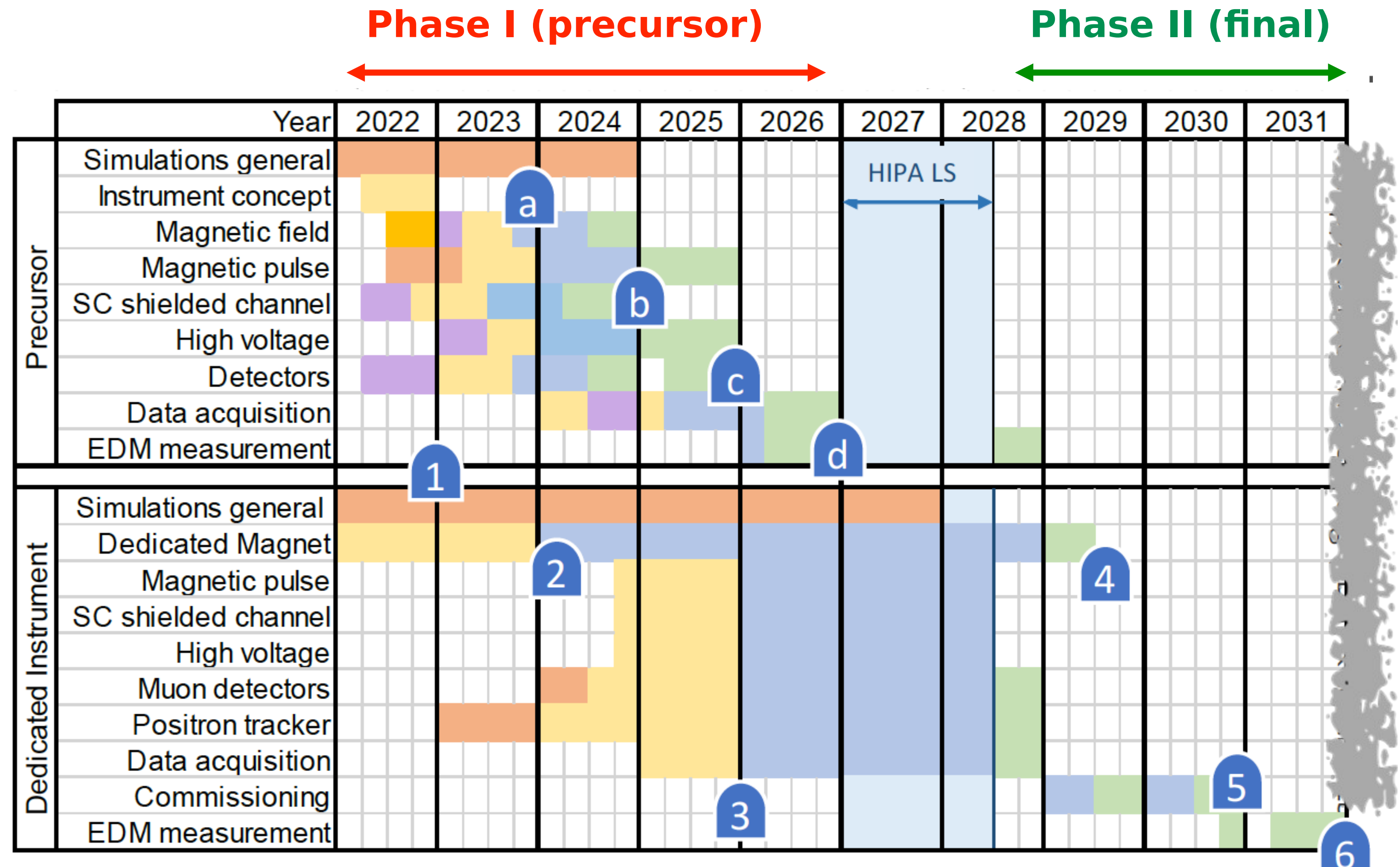
Develop dedicated positron and muon detectors

Demonstrate injection

Demonstrate for the first time electric-field tuning to frozen-spin condition

First dedicated frozen-spin EDM measurement

# A tentative schedule



Simulations  
 Conception/Design  
 Prototyping  
 Acquisition/Assembly  
 Tests/Measurements

- 1 Full proposal for both phases to CHRISP committee
- 2/a Magnet call for tender / precursor design fix
- b Precursor ready for assembly/commissioning
- 3/c Technical design report / frozen spin demonstration
- d First data for precursor muEDM
- 4 Magnet delivered, characterized and accepted
- 5 Successful commissioning / start of data taking
- 6 End of data acquisition for muEDM

# High Intensity Muon Beam (HIBM) – approved Ideas for experiments with HIBM

## Science Case for the new High-Intensity Muon Beams HIBM at PSI

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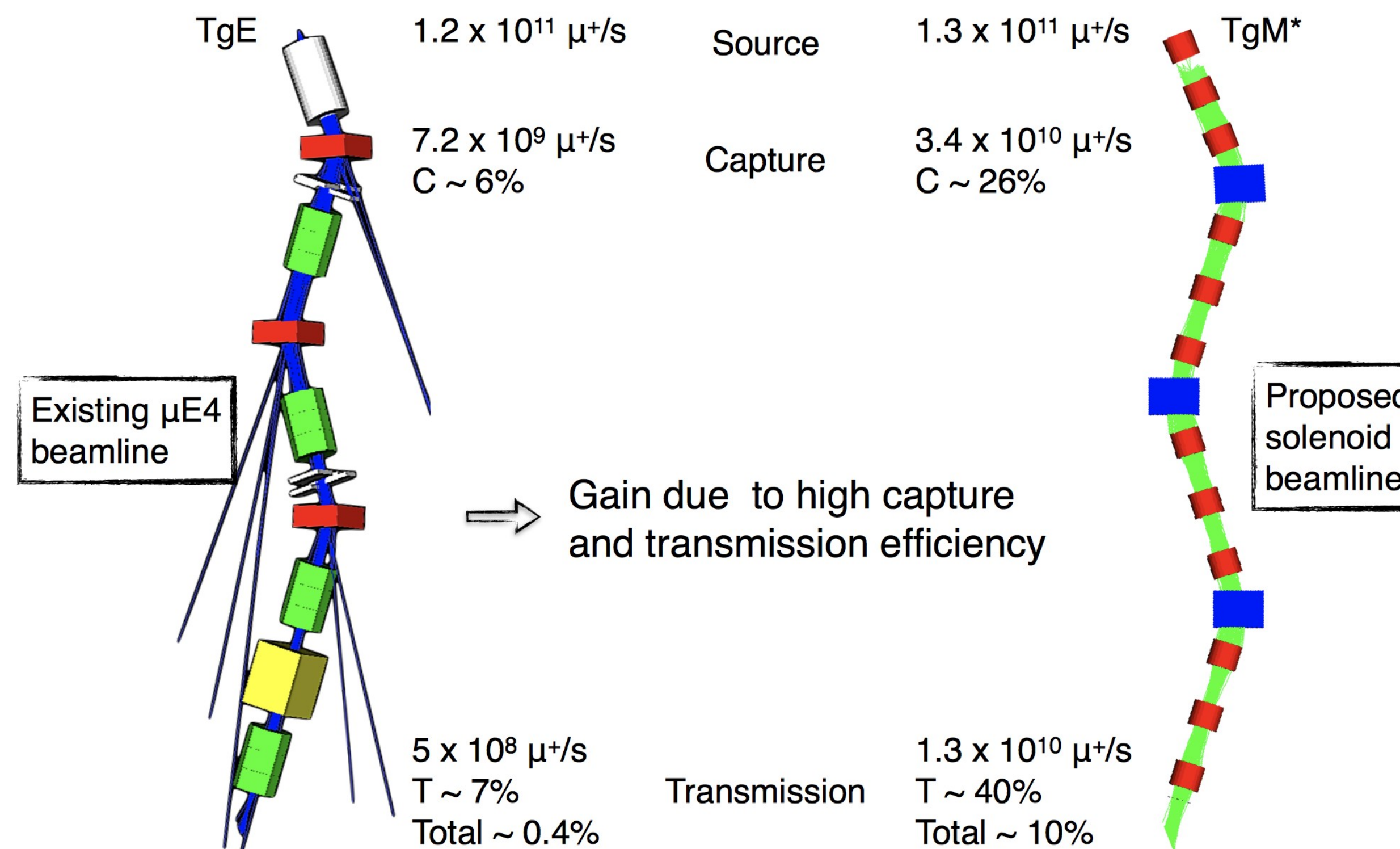
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In April 2021, scientists active in muon physics met to discuss and work out the physics case for the new High-Intensity Muon Beams (HIBM) project at PSI that could deliver of order  $10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1}$  surface muons to experiments. Ideas and concrete proposals were further substantiated over the following months and assembled in the present document. The high intensities will allow for completely new experiments with considerable discovery potential and unique sensitivities. The physics case is outstanding and extremely rich, ranging from fundamental particle physics via chemistry to condensed matter research and applications in energy research and elemental analysis. In all these fields, HIBM will ensure that the facilities  $S\mu S$  and CHRISP on PSI's High Intensity Proton Accelerator complex HIPA remain world-leading, despite the competition of muon facilities elsewhere.

# DC muon beams. Future prospects: HiMB

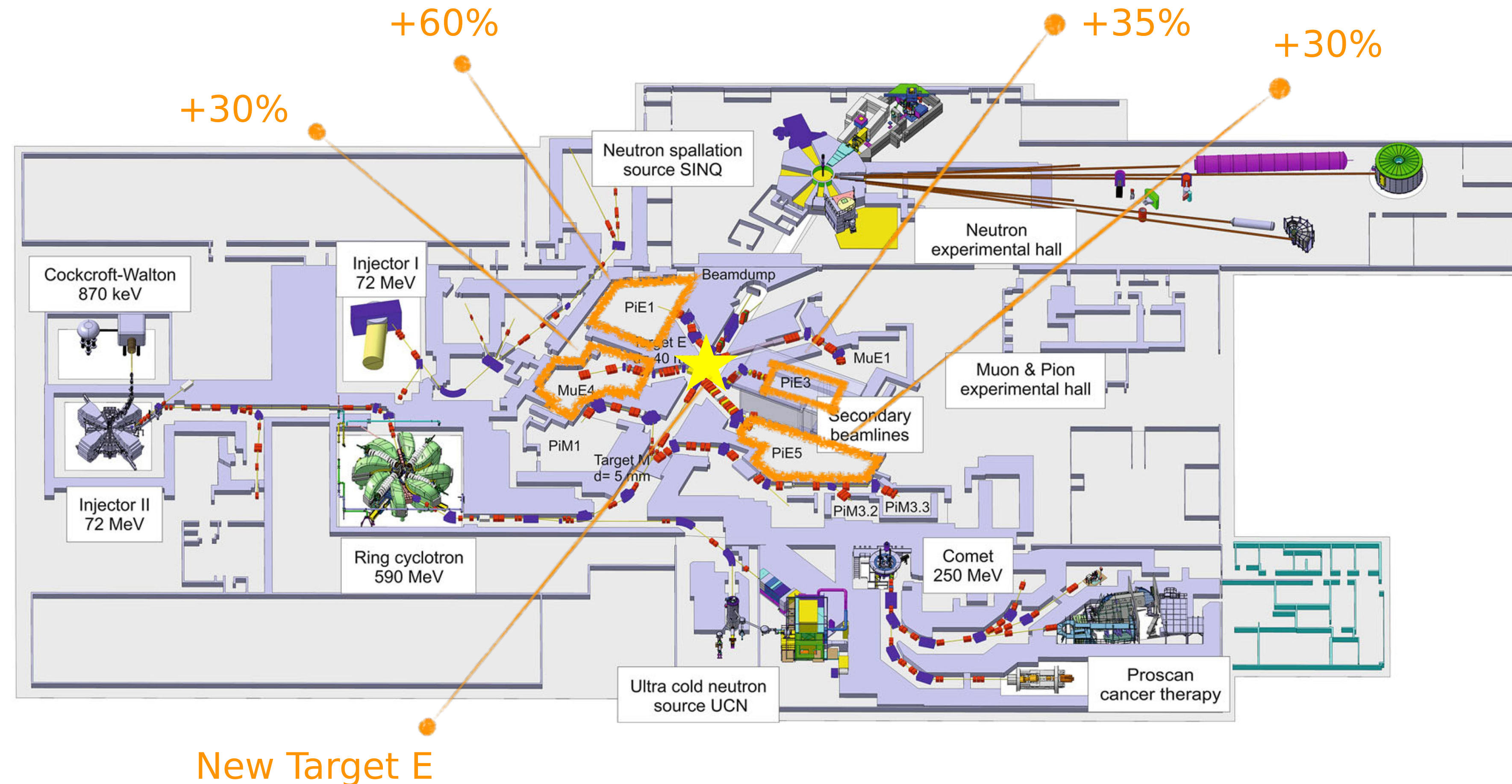
- Aim:  $O(10^{10})$  muon/s; Surface (positive) muon beam ( $p = 28 \text{ MeV}/c$ ); **DC** beam
- Time schedule: end **2028**. Long shut-down 2027-2028
- **Key elements: Slanted Target and optimised beam line** (higher capture efficiency and large space acceptance transport channel)





# Slanted target: First test on 2019 and since then in operation

- Expect ~30-60 % enhancement
- Measurements successfully done in different experimental areas in fall 2019
- **Increased muon yield CONFIRMED!**
- To be seen: **impact of higher thermal stress on long term stability of target wheel**



# Ideas for HIMB

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- $\mu \rightarrow eee$  (Mu3e experiment) phase II (already approved)
- g-2 of  $\mu$ 
  - Muonium source ( $\mu^- e^+$ ) for spectroscopy, gravitational free fall and muonium-antimuonium oscillation
  - Muonic atom parity violation
  - $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$  (MEGIII)

## $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ at HIMB: some ideas

- tracker based on thin silicon detector or radial TPC
- calorimeter based on fast high density crystal e.g.  $\text{LaBr}_3(\text{Ce})$
- alternatively Photon conversion spectrometer

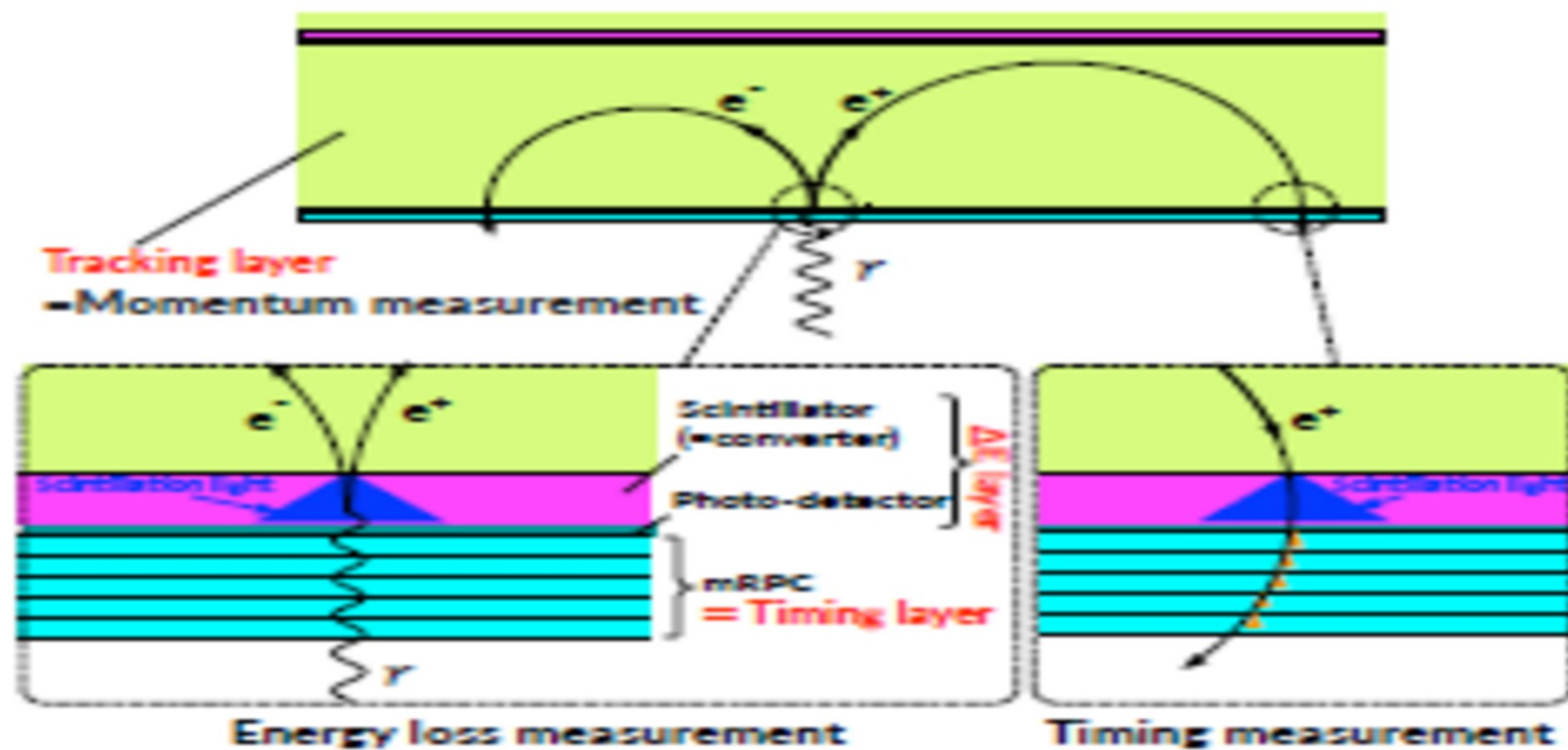


Figure 15: Possible structure of the active conversion spectrometer.

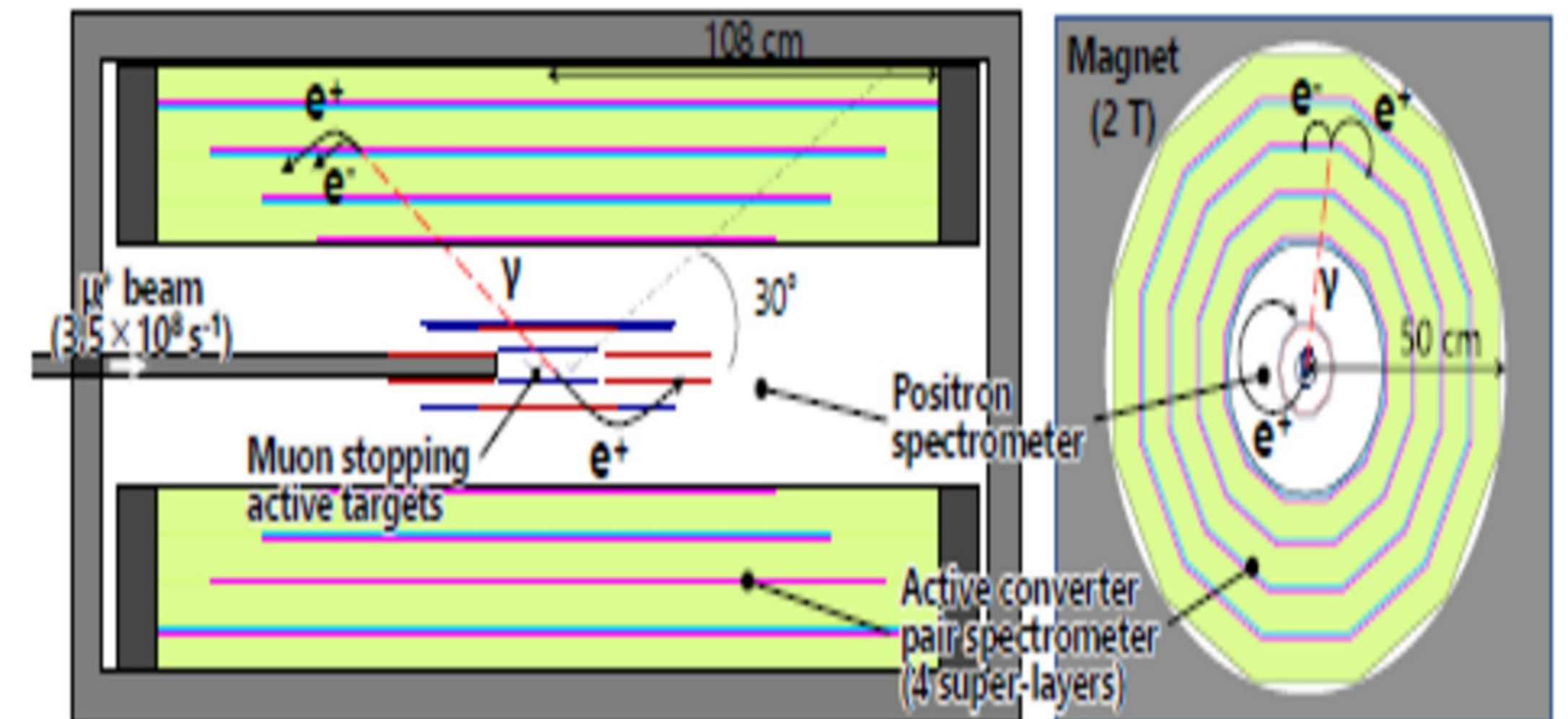


Figure 16: Possible layout of  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  experiment with photon conversion spectrometer.