

# $\mu$ LHV in Europe: MEG $\mu$ 3e and beyond

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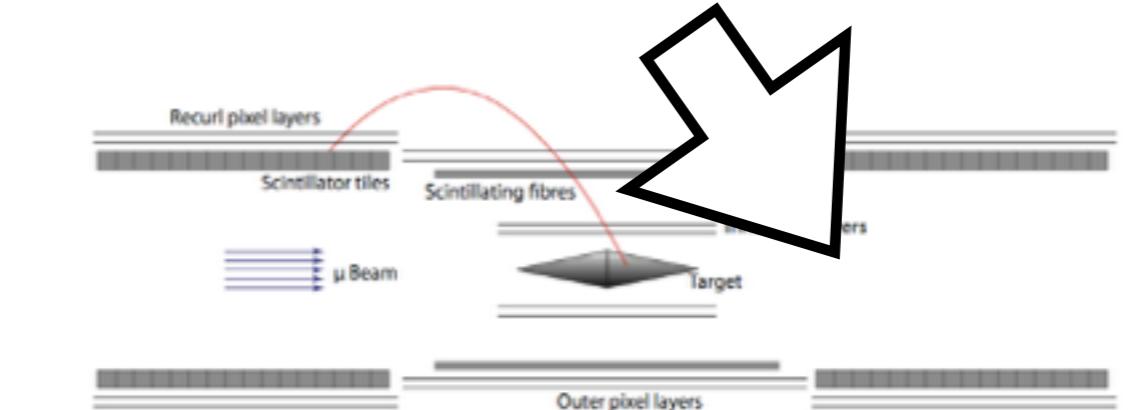
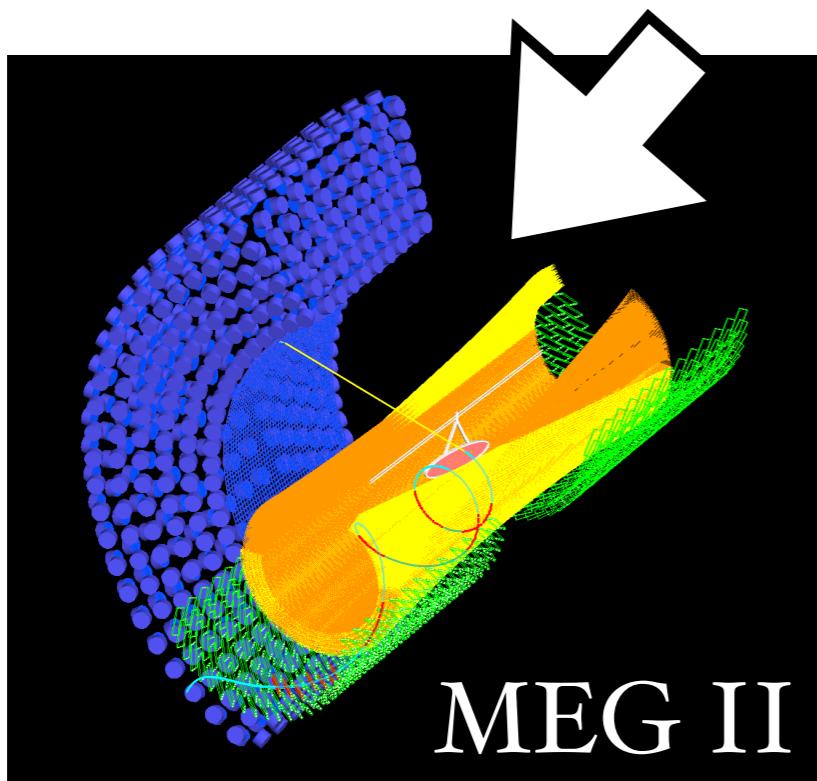
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# Ballistic

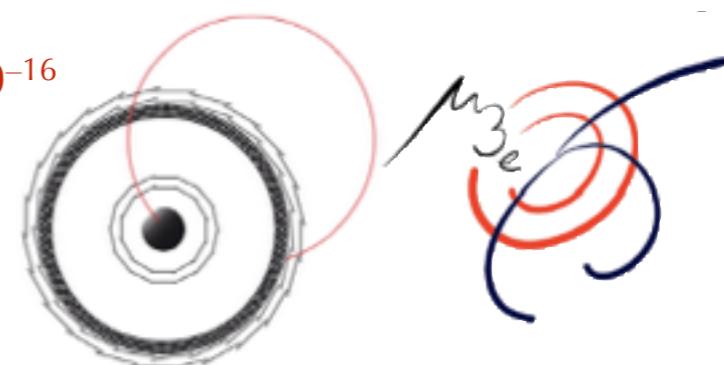
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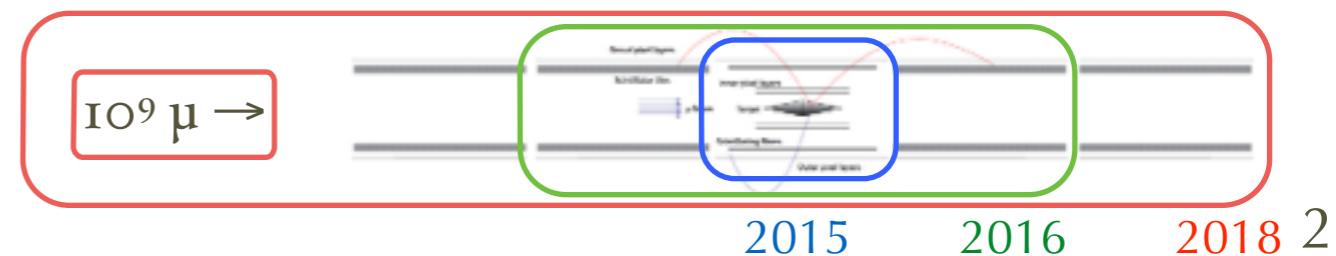
- $10^8 \mu/\text{sec}$ , 1.2 MW continuous  $p$  beam. LFV (Sin, SINdrum...)



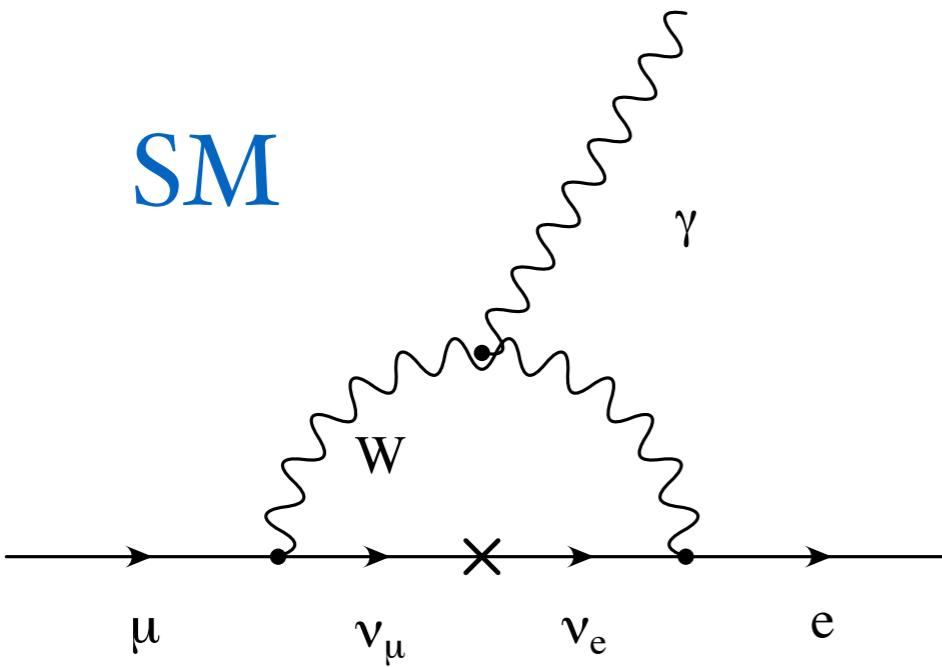
$$10^{-12} \rightarrow 10^{-15} \rightarrow 10^{-16}$$



$$5 \times 10^{-13} \rightarrow 5 \times 10^{-14}$$

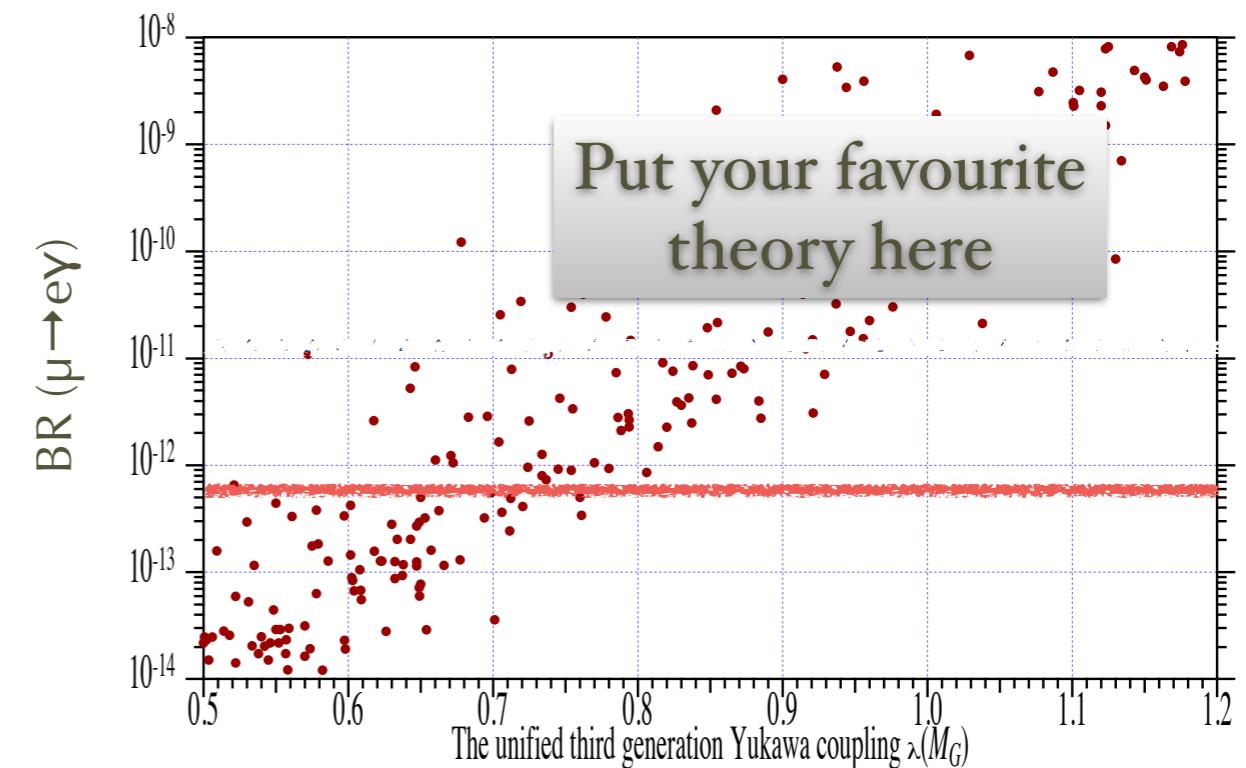
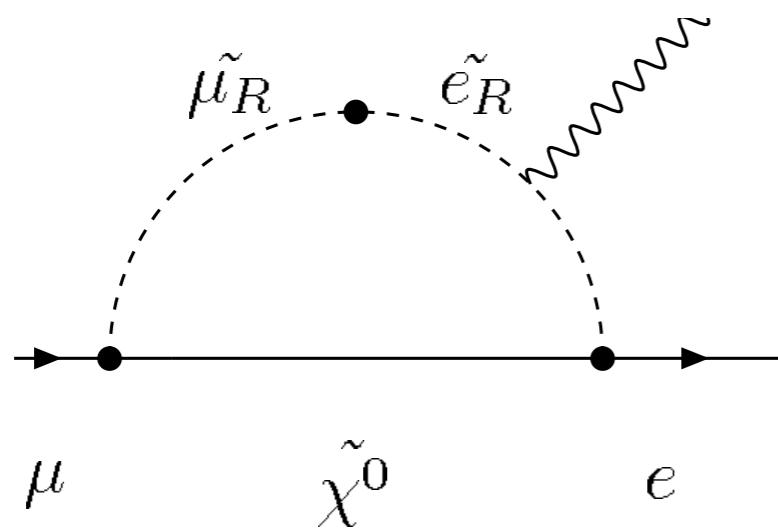


# Non ballistic

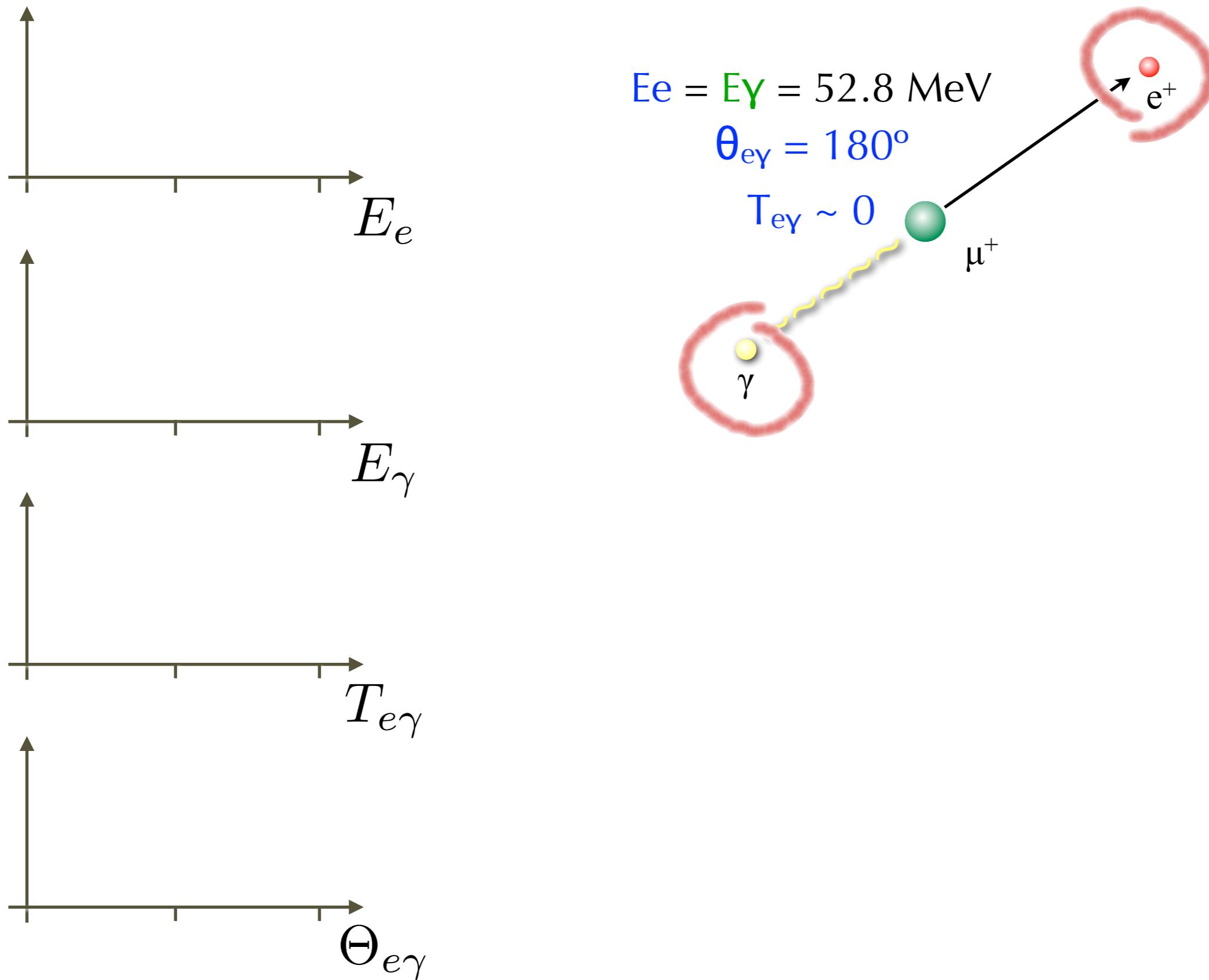


$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) &\approx \underbrace{\frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192\pi^3}}_{\mu - \text{decay}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)}_{\gamma - \text{vertex}} \underbrace{\sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{1.27\Delta m^2}{M_W^2}\right)}_{\nu - \text{oscillation}} \\ &\approx \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192\pi^3} \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left(\frac{\Delta m_{23}^2 s_{13} c_{13} s_{23}}{M_W^2}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

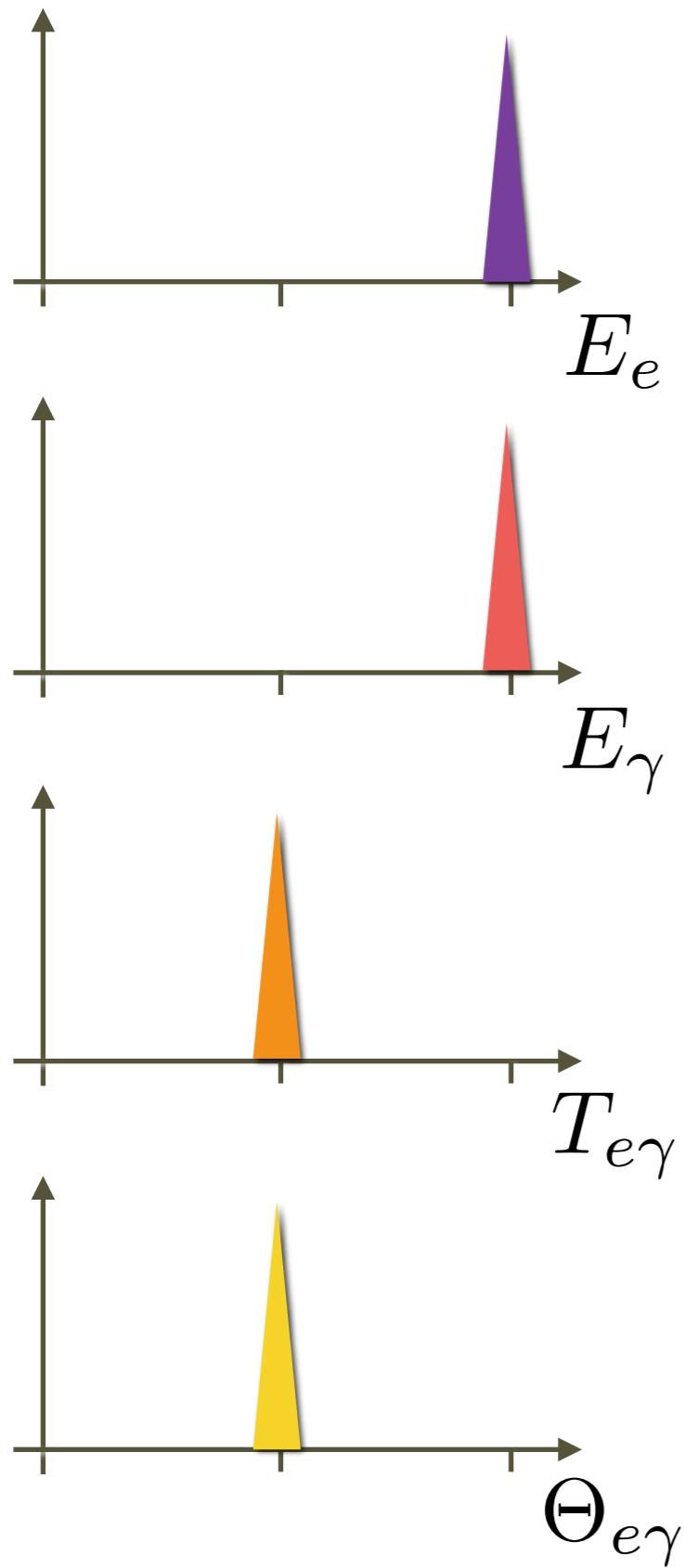
relative probability  $\sim 10^{-54}$



# Take $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ : sensitivity



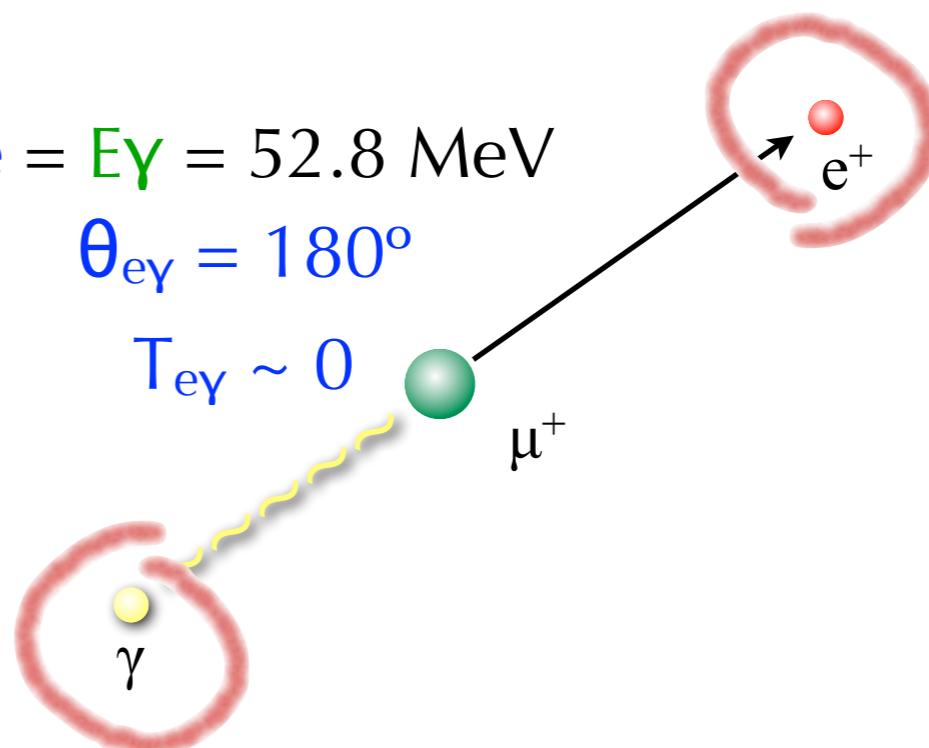
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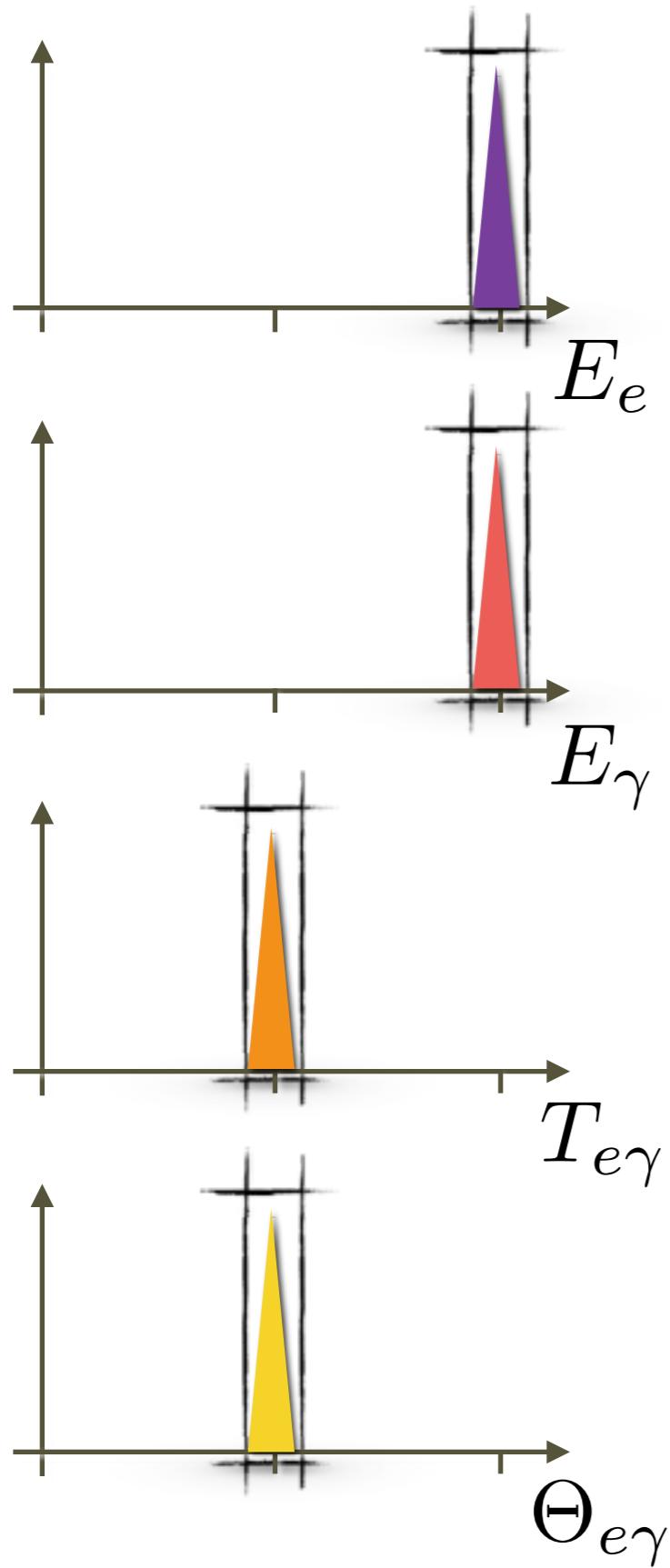
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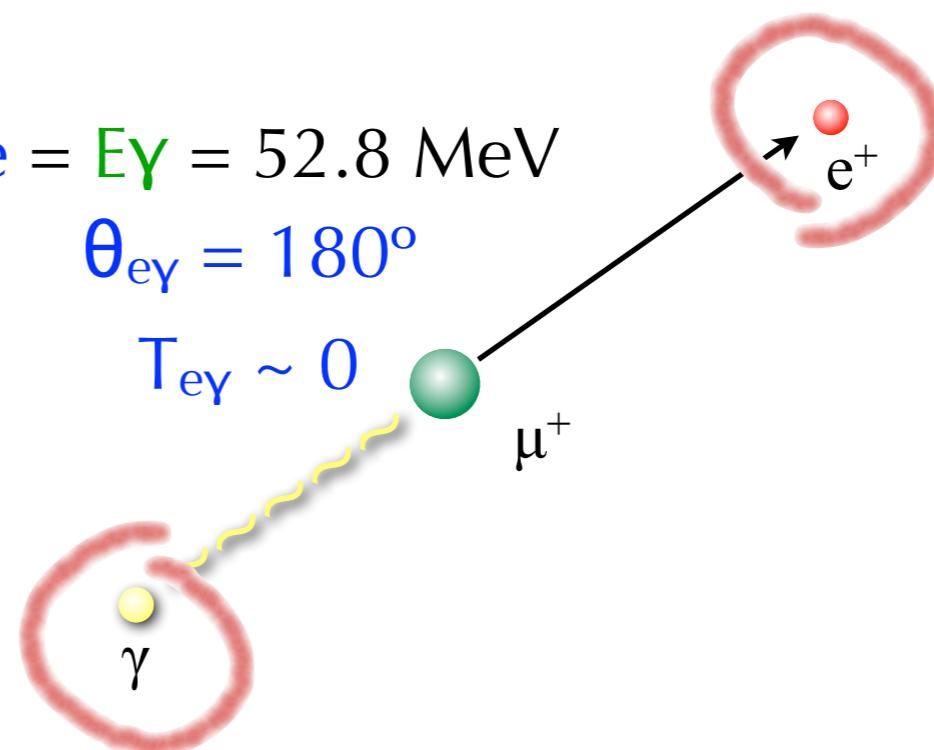
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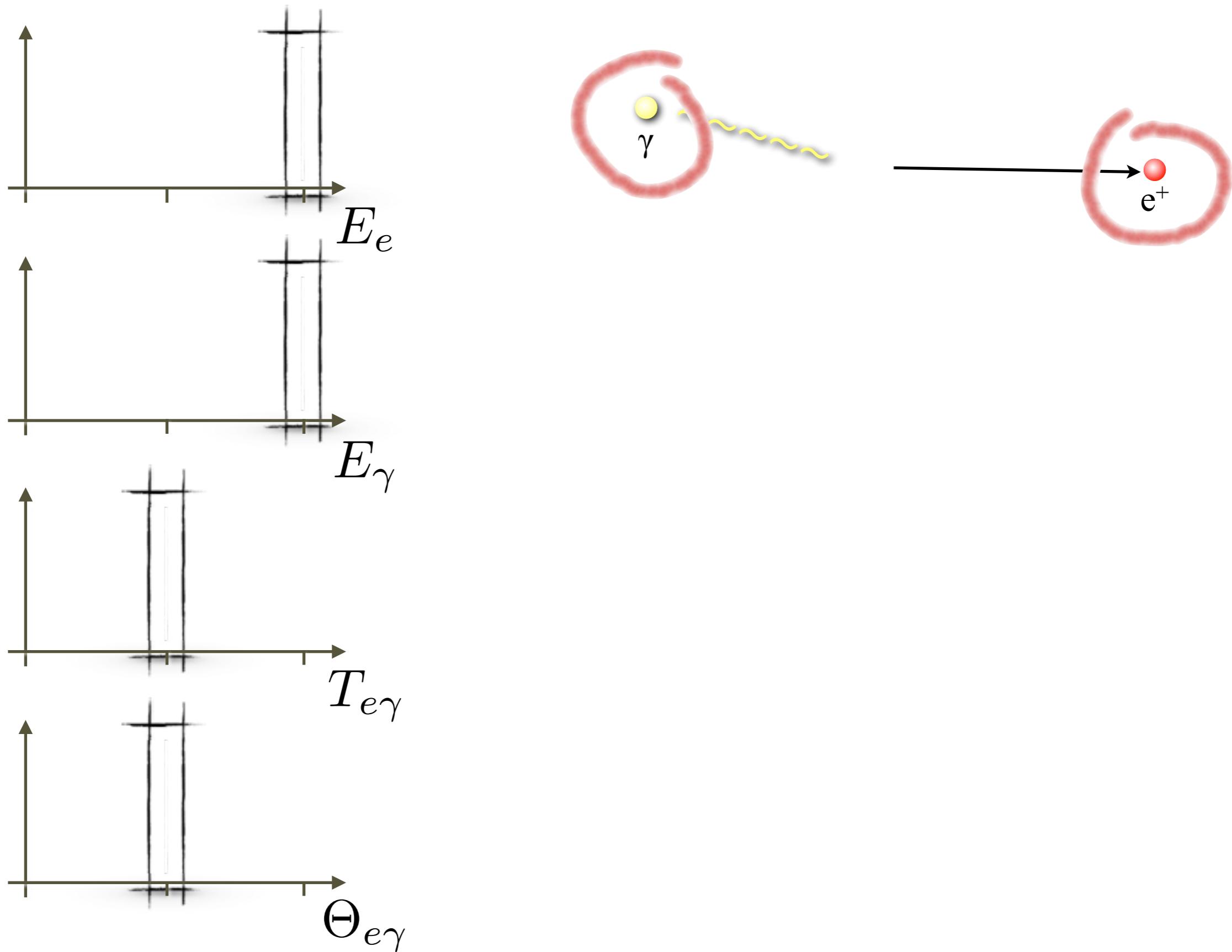


$$SES^{-1} \propto N_\mu \cdot T \cdot (\Omega/4\pi) \cdot \epsilon_e \cdot \epsilon_\gamma \cdot \epsilon_{\text{sel}}$$

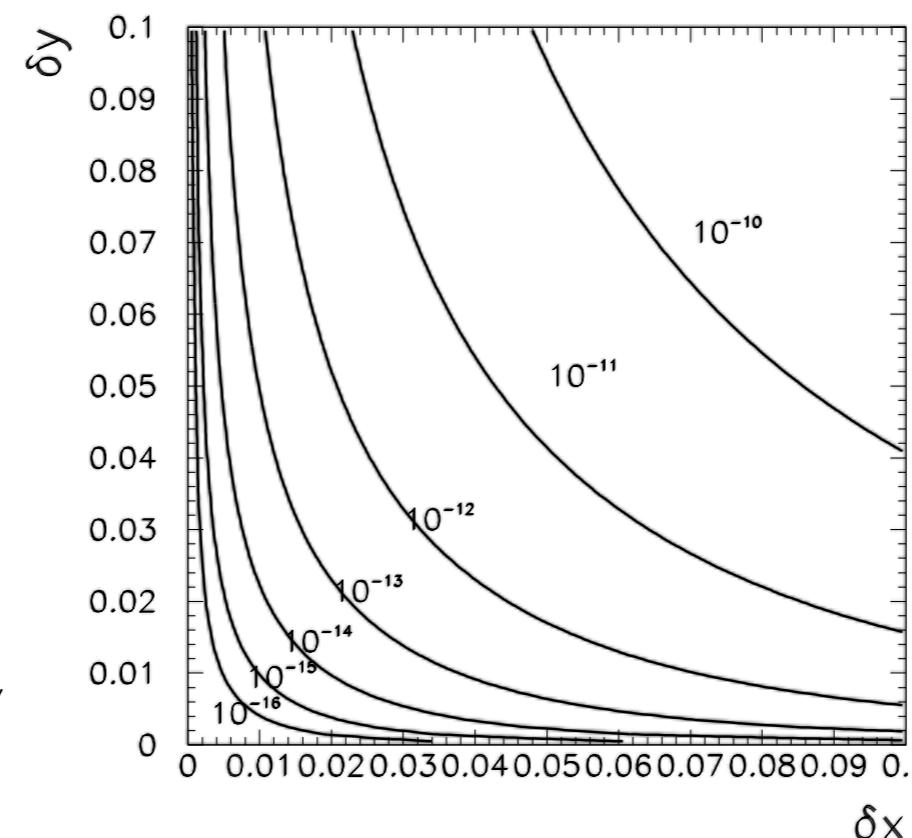
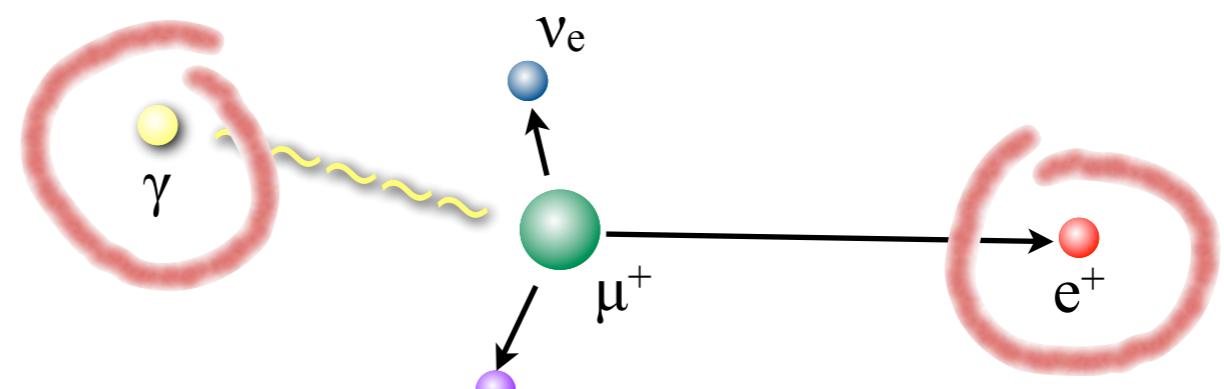
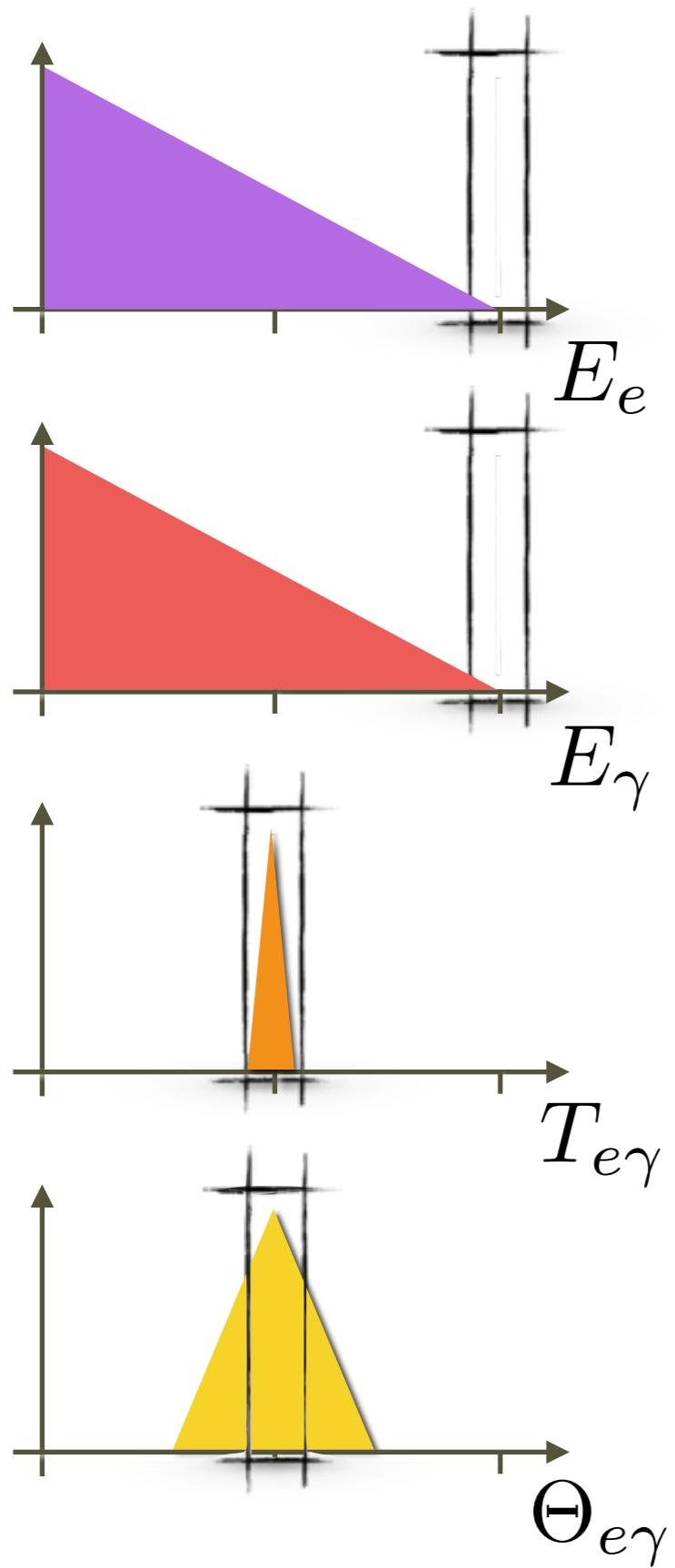
$$\propto 10^8 \mu/\text{sec} \cdot 5 \times 10^7 \text{ sec} \cdot 10\% \cdot 50\%$$

$$SES \approx 10^{-13} \div 10^{-15}$$

# Take $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ : sensitivity



# $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ RMD background

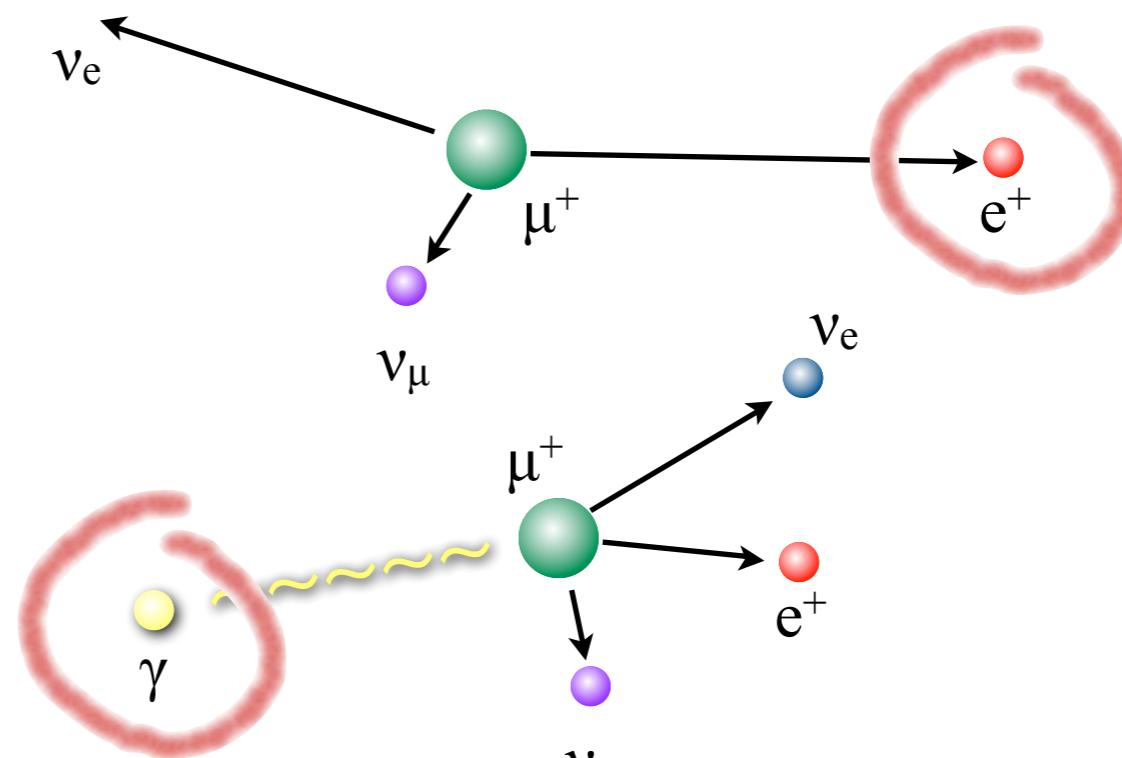
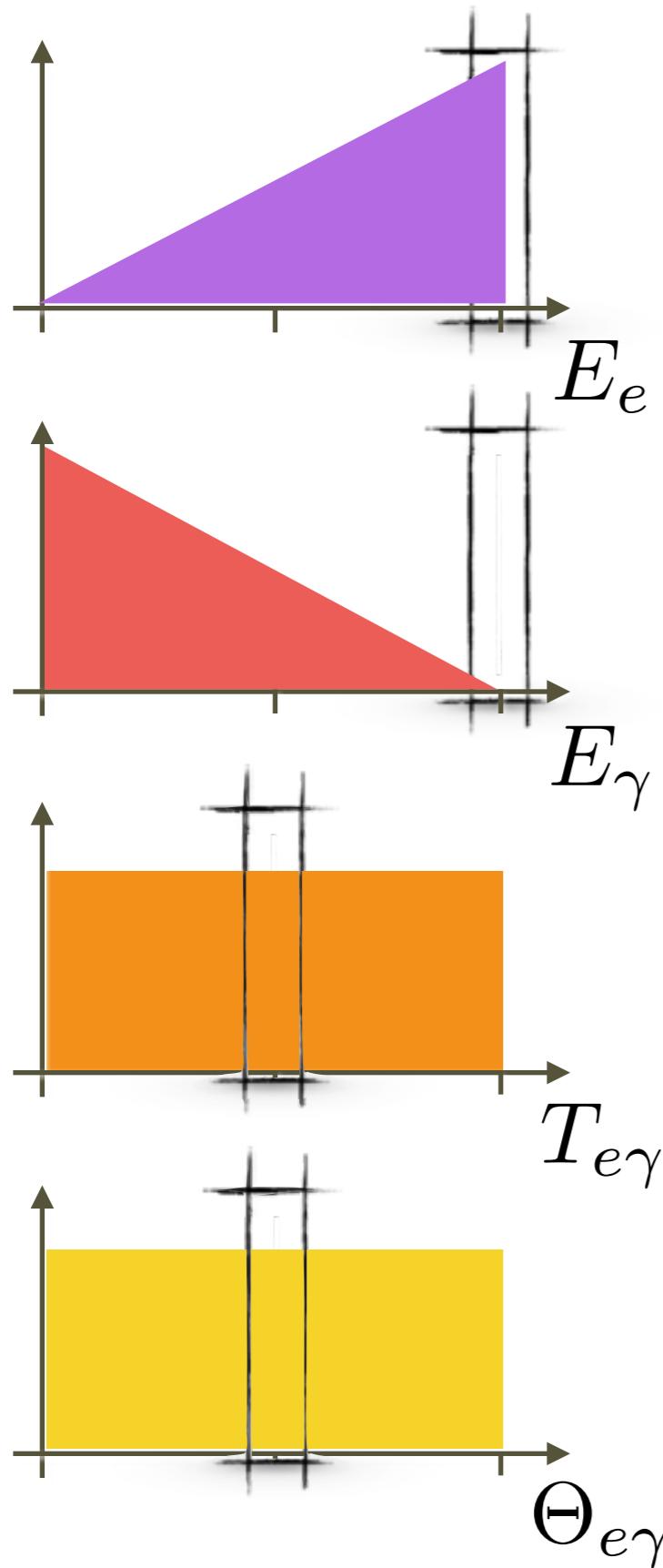


$$y = \frac{E_\gamma}{m_\mu/2}$$

$$x = \frac{E_e}{m_\mu/2}$$

$$dB(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \gamma) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \bar{\nu})} \int_{1-\delta x}^1 dx \int_{1-\delta y}^1 dy \int_0^{\min(\delta z, 2\sqrt{(1-x)(1-y)})} dz \frac{d\Gamma(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \gamma)}{dxdydz}$$

# $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ accidental background



$$N_{\text{acc}} \approx R_\mu^2 \cdot \Delta E_e \cdot \Delta E_\gamma^2 \cdot \Delta \Theta_{e\gamma}^2 \cdot \Delta T_{e\gamma}$$

The total background grows quadratically with the muon rate *provided that* the RMD background is negligible

# Take $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ : sensitivity

- The **sensitivity** to the decay is the best **compromise** between **resolution**, **acceptance** and **efficiency**

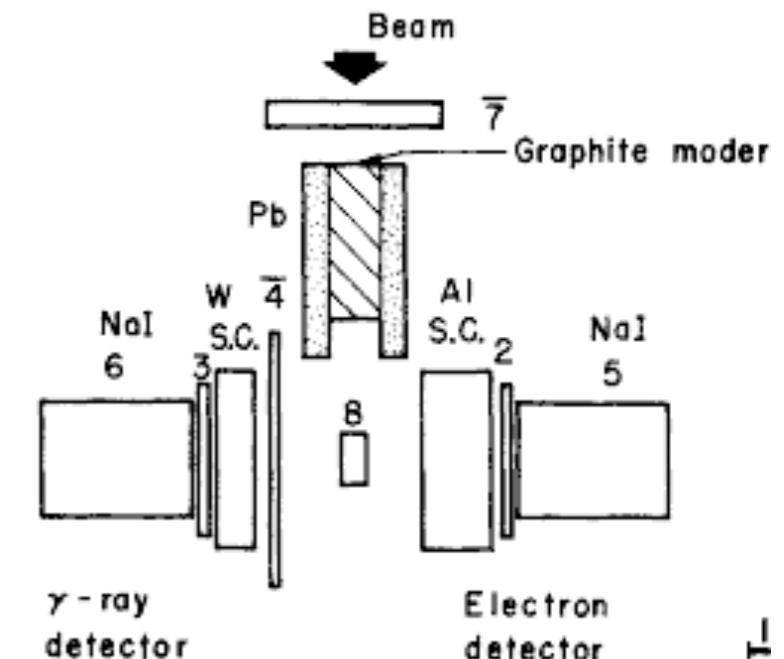
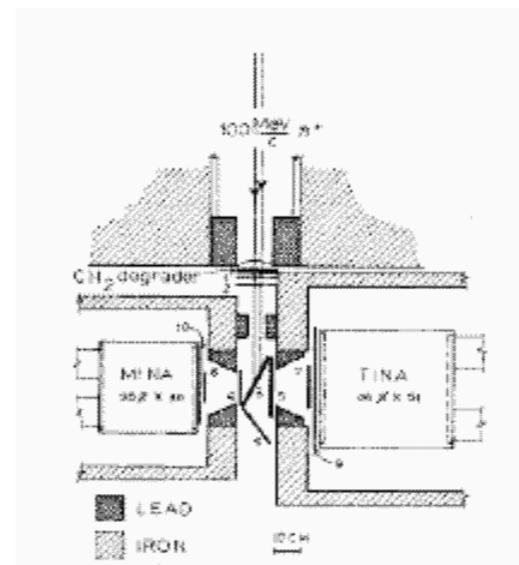
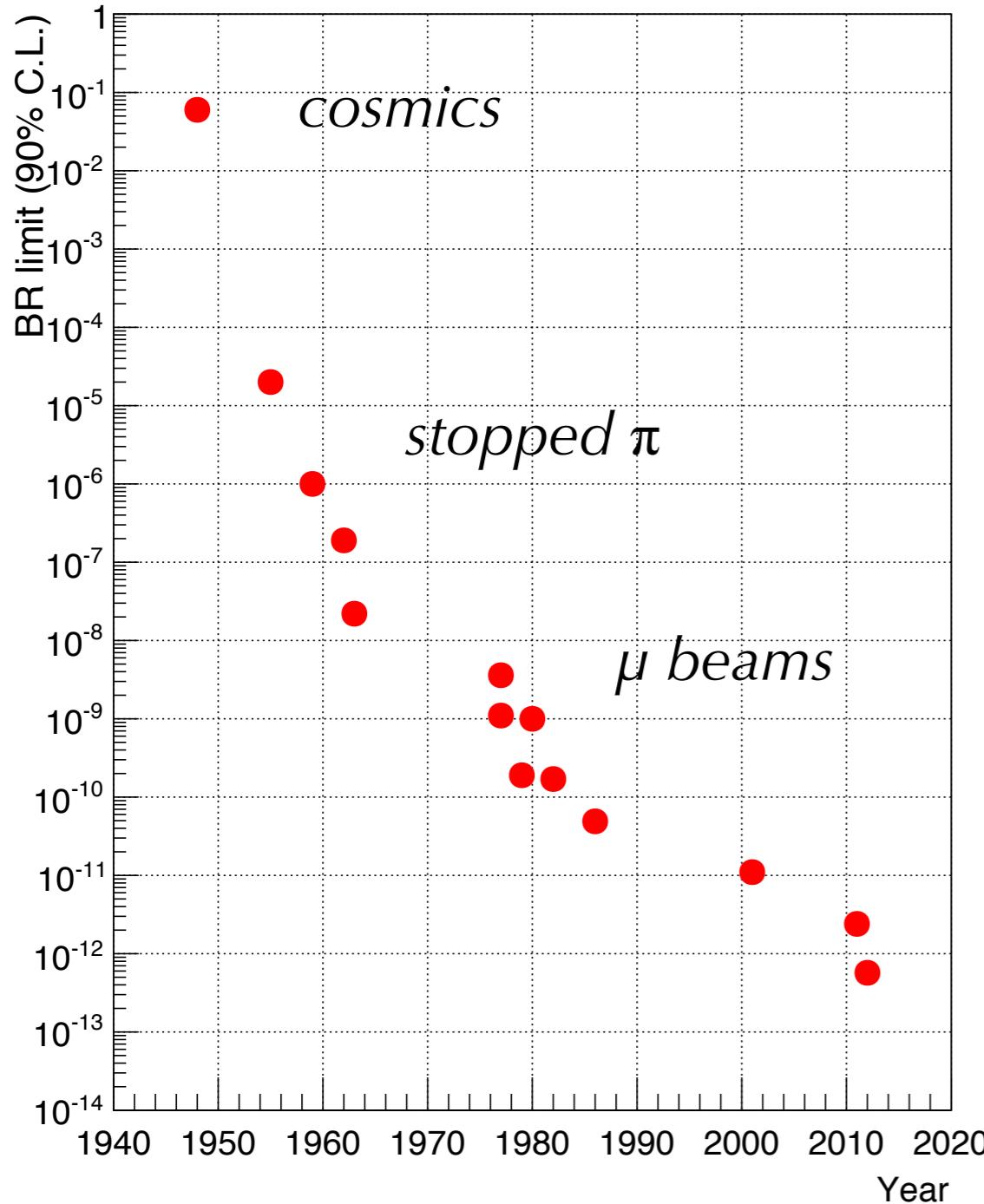
Place	Year	$\Delta E_e$	$\Delta E_\gamma$	$\Delta t_{e\gamma}$	$\Delta\theta_{e\gamma}$	Upper limit
SIN	1977	8.7%	9.3%	1.4 ns	–	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-9}$
TRIUMF	1977	10%	8.7%	6.7 ns	–	$< 3.6 \times 10^{-9}$
LANL	1979	8.8%	8%	1.9 ns	37 mrad	$< 1.7 \times 10^{-10}$
LANL	1986	8%	8%	1.8 ns	87 mrad	$< 4.9 \times 10^{-11}$
LANL	1999	1.2%*	4.5%*	1.6 ns	17 mrad	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-11}$
PSI	2014	1.4 %*	4.5 %*	280 ps*	20 mrad*	$< 5.7 \times 10^{-13}$

- (\*) FWHM resolutions, averaged over several years
- The **background rejection** capability is the best **compromise** between subdetector **resolutions** and **acceptances**

$$N_{\text{acc}} \approx R_\mu^2 \cdot \Delta E_e \cdot \Delta E_\gamma^2 \cdot \Delta\Theta_{e\gamma}^2 \cdot \Delta T_{e\gamma}$$

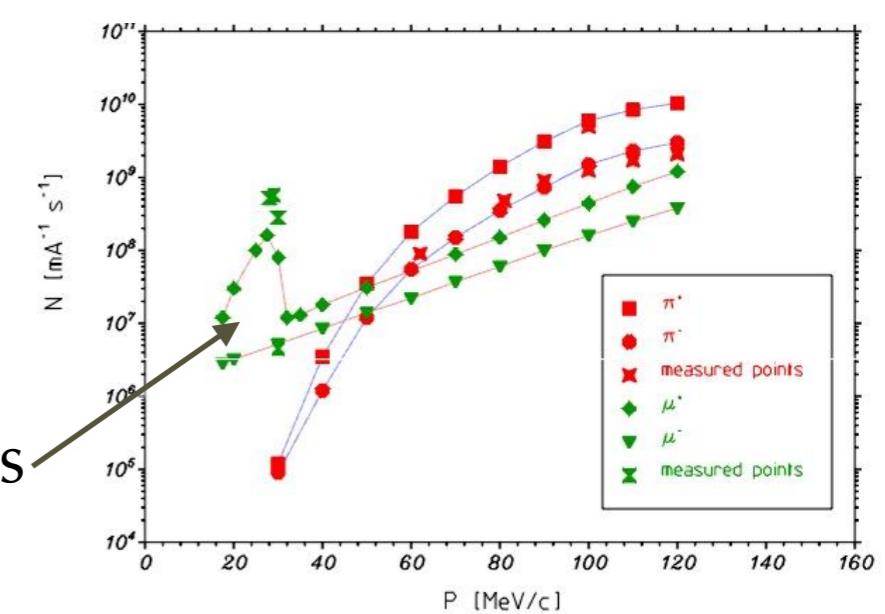
# What we learned

- 1) We need a **continuous**, 29 MeV/c **muon** beam stopped on a **thin target** (100  $\mu\text{m}$ )



1 cm plastic target  $\rightarrow$  2 MeV  $\rightarrow$  4%

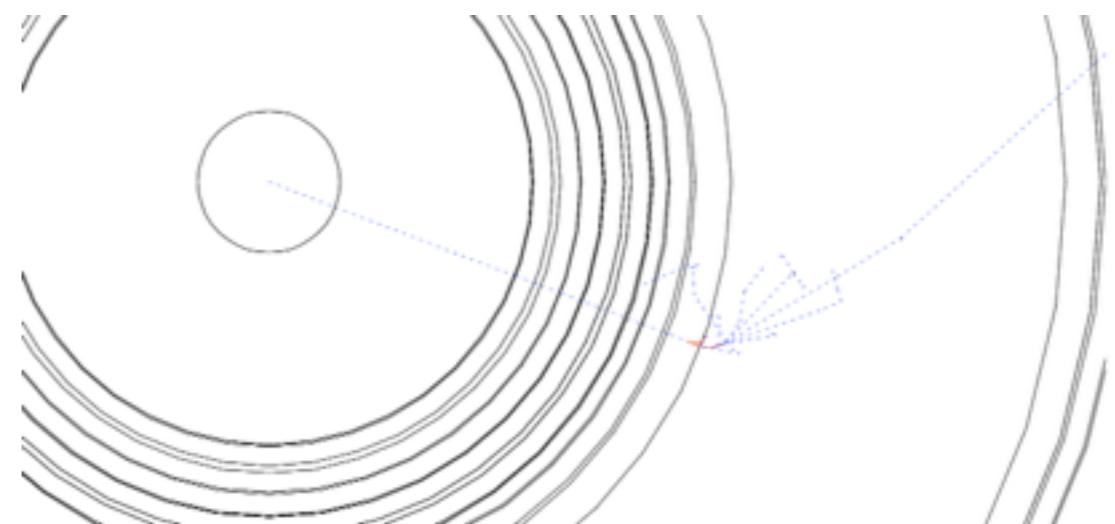
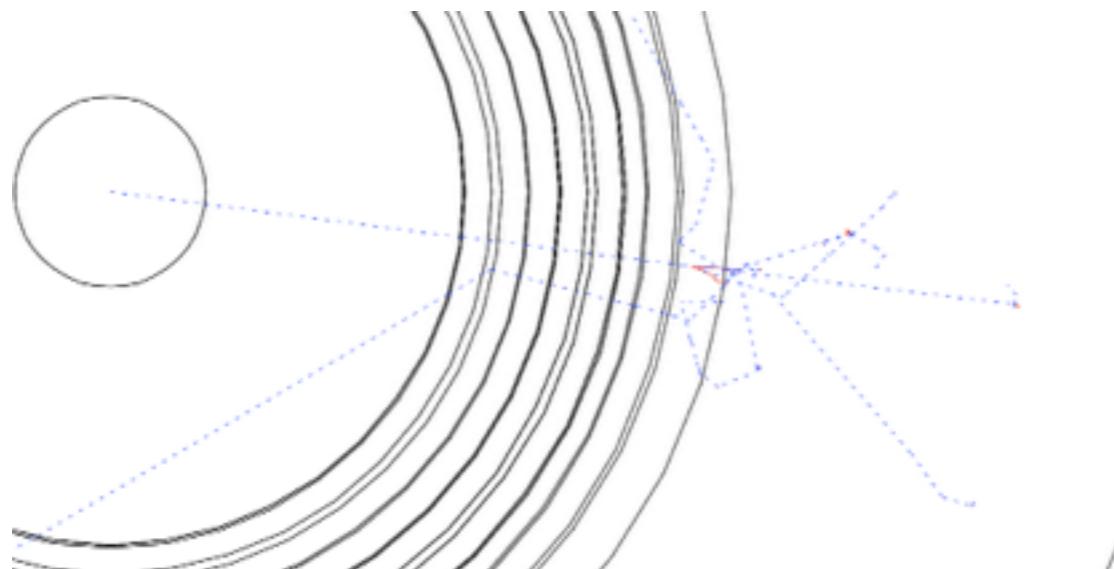
“surface” muons



# What we learned

2) 52.8 MeV photons and positrons have different behavior from that at “high” energy

- no e.m. shower
- lots of multiple scattering

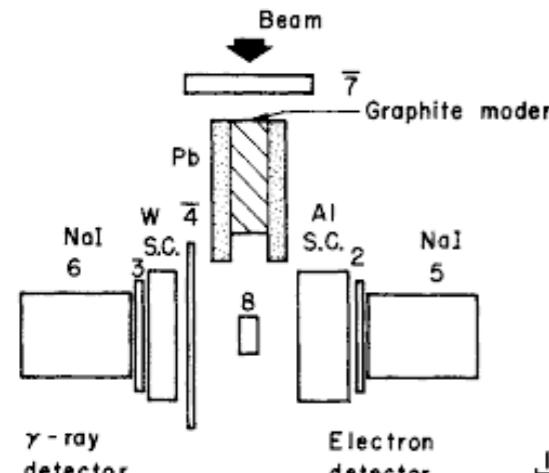


$$\theta_0 = \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}}{\beta cp} z \sqrt{x/X_0} \left[ 1 + 0.038 \ln(x/X_0) \right]$$

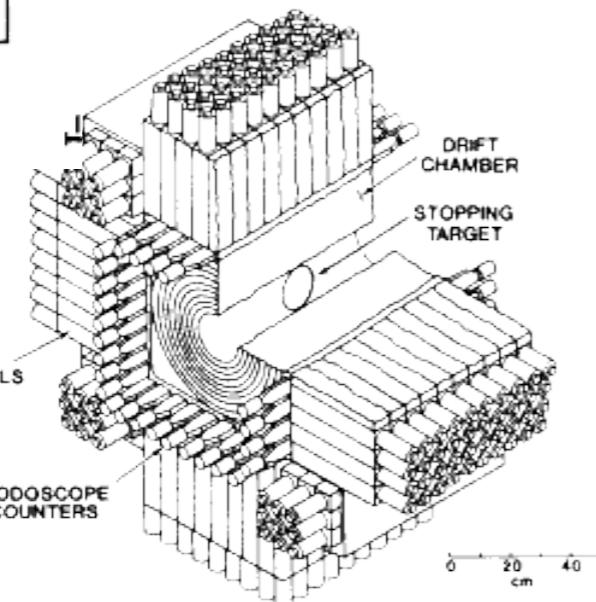
- MEG-II  $1.7 \times 10^{-3} X_0$  per track

# What we learned

3) Need for **specialized** detectors.... (or **not?**) or “how to achieve back-to-back”

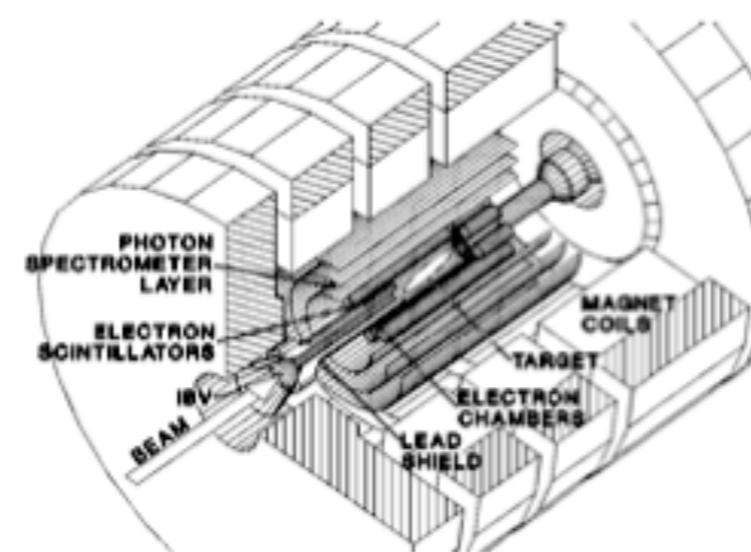


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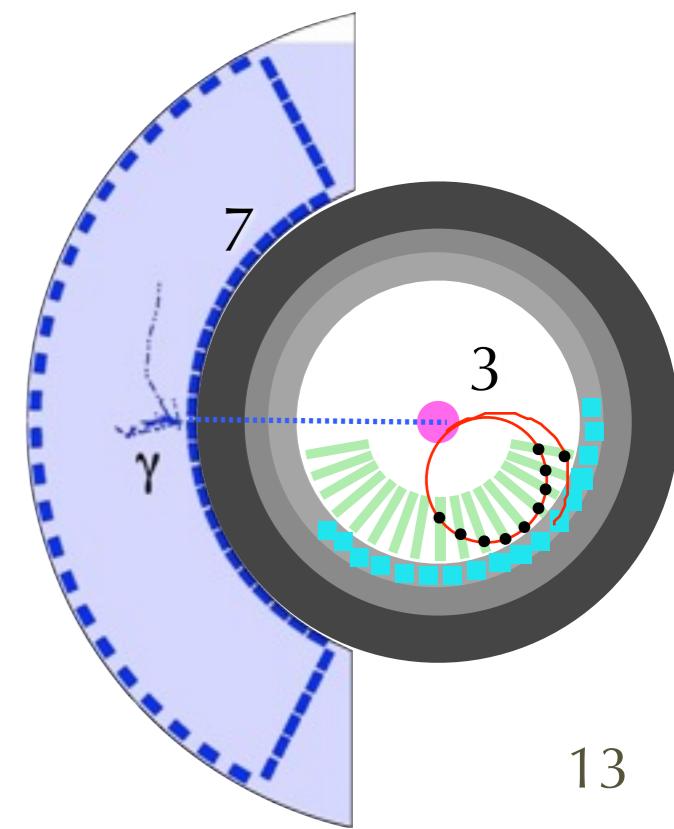
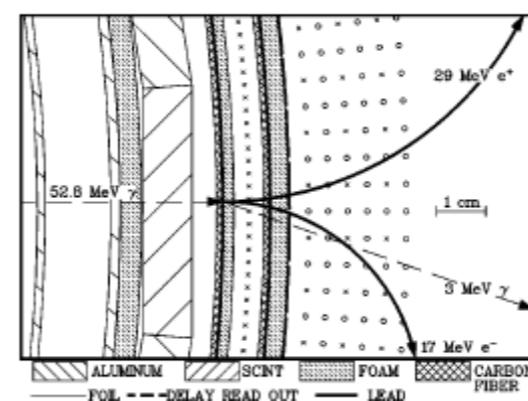


*Crystal Box*

*MEGA*

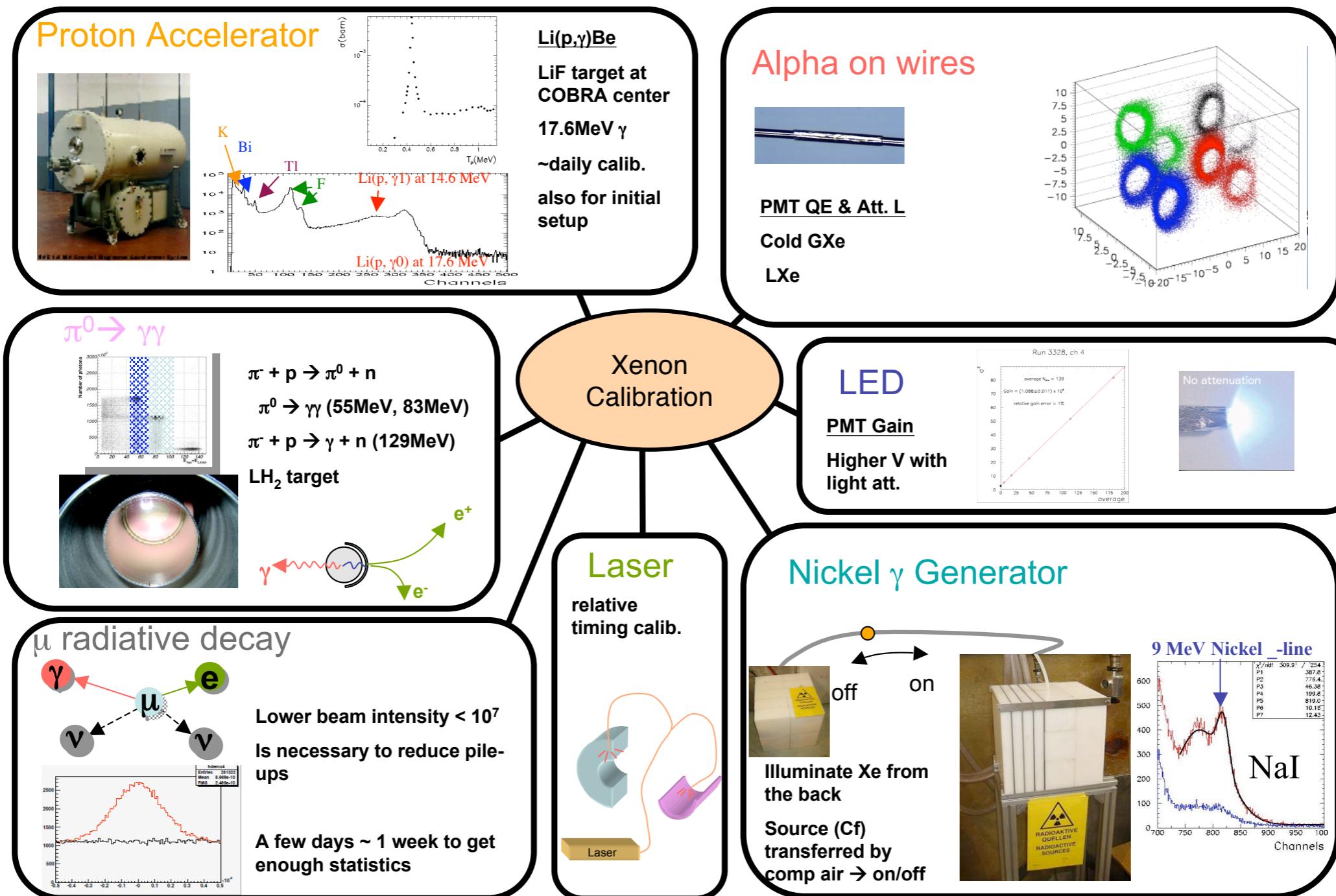


*MEG / MEG II*



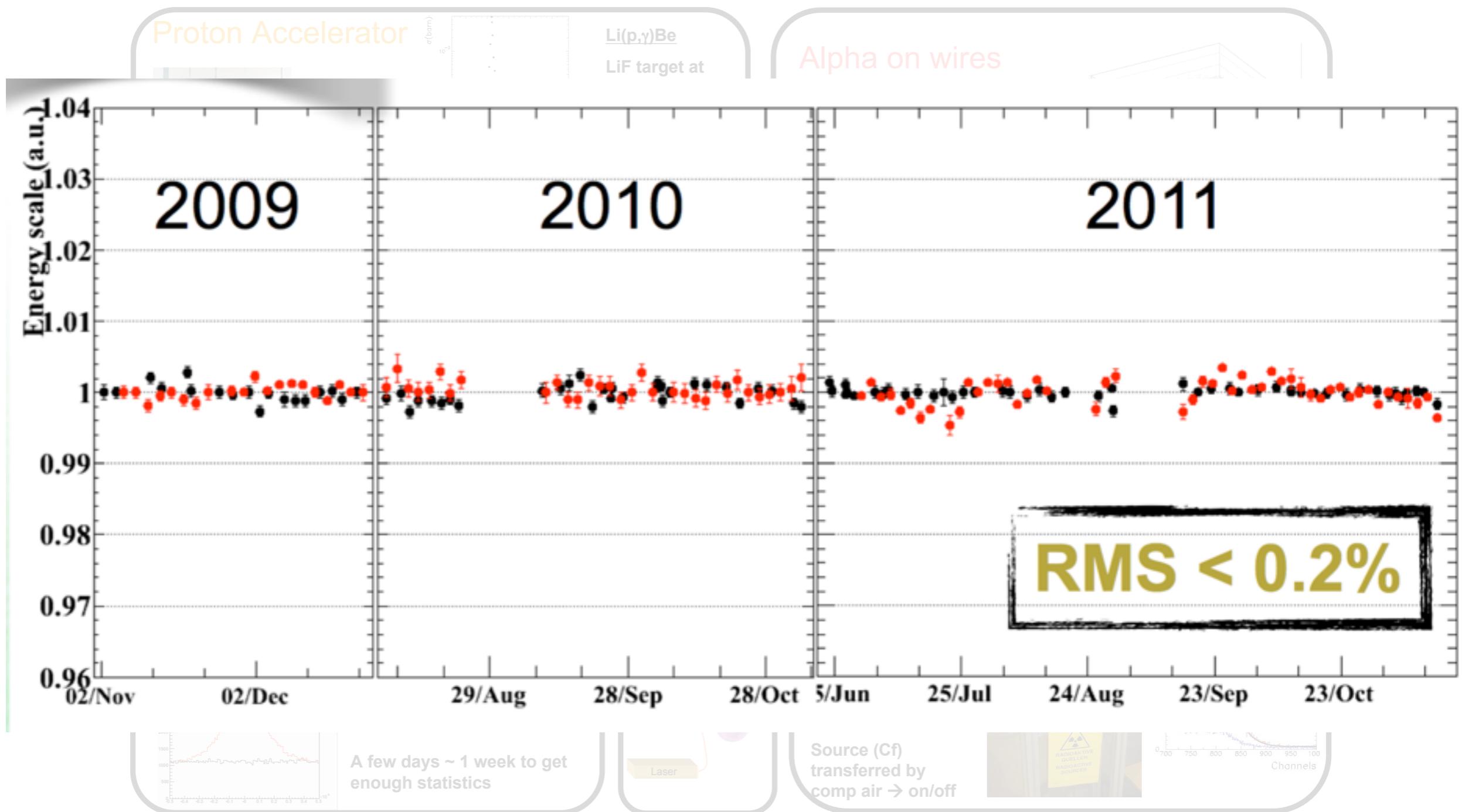
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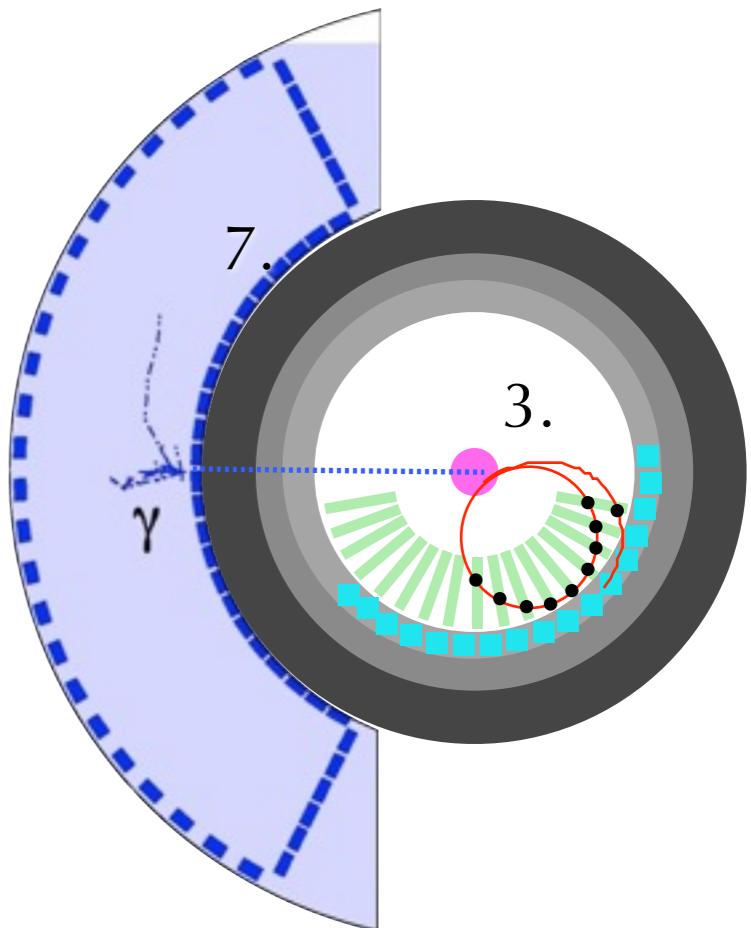
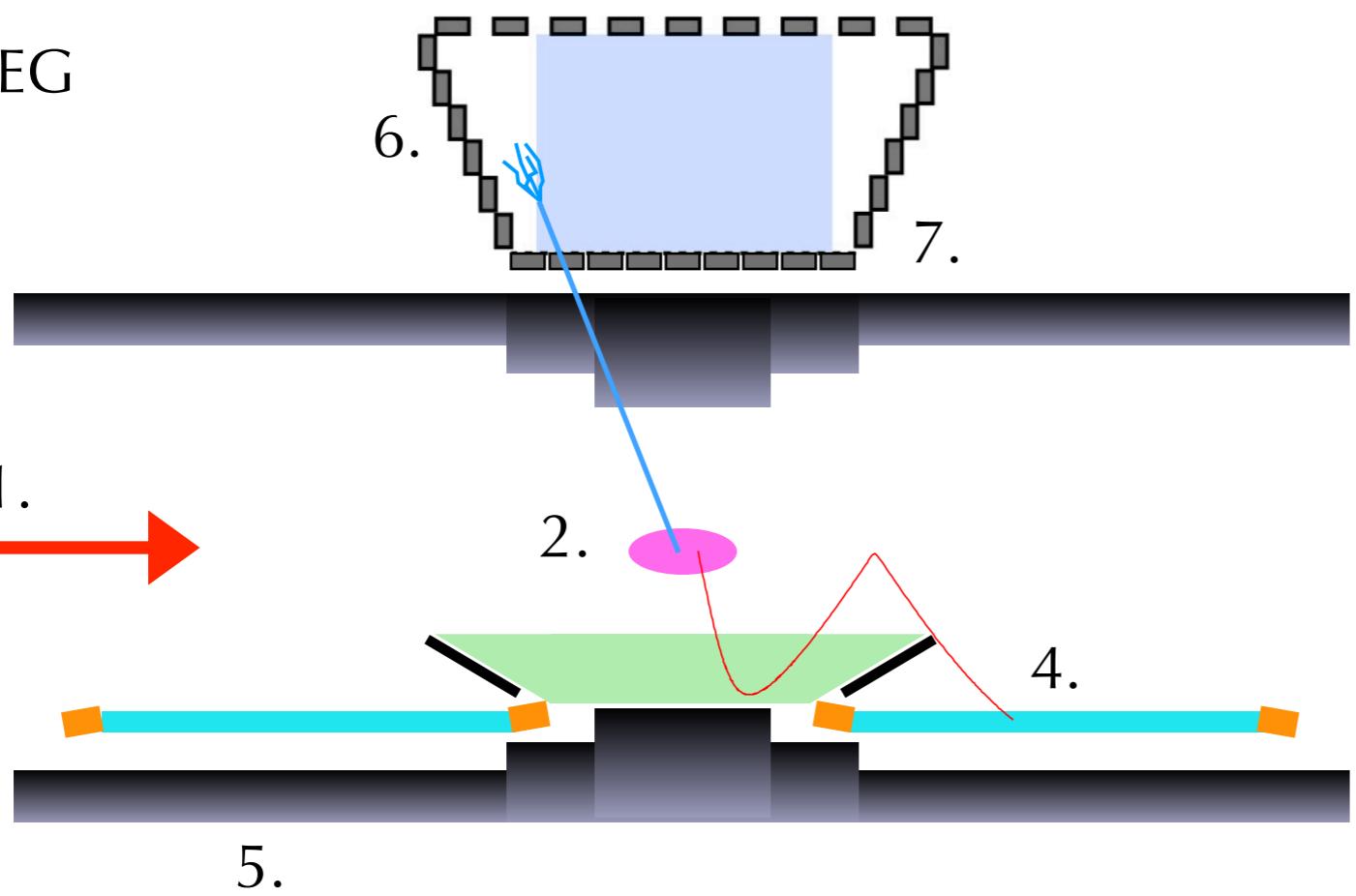
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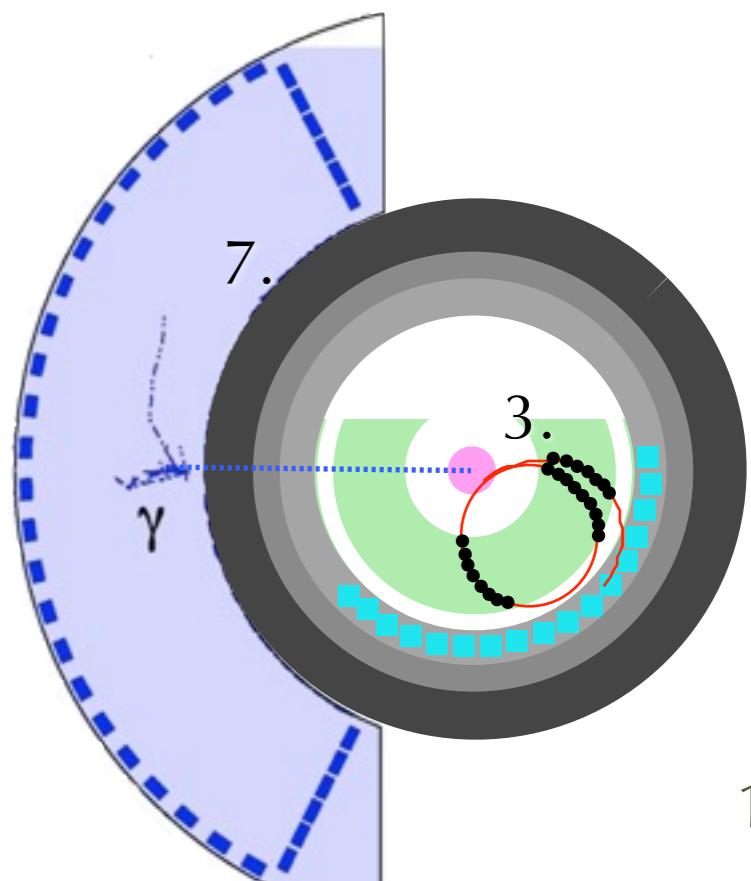
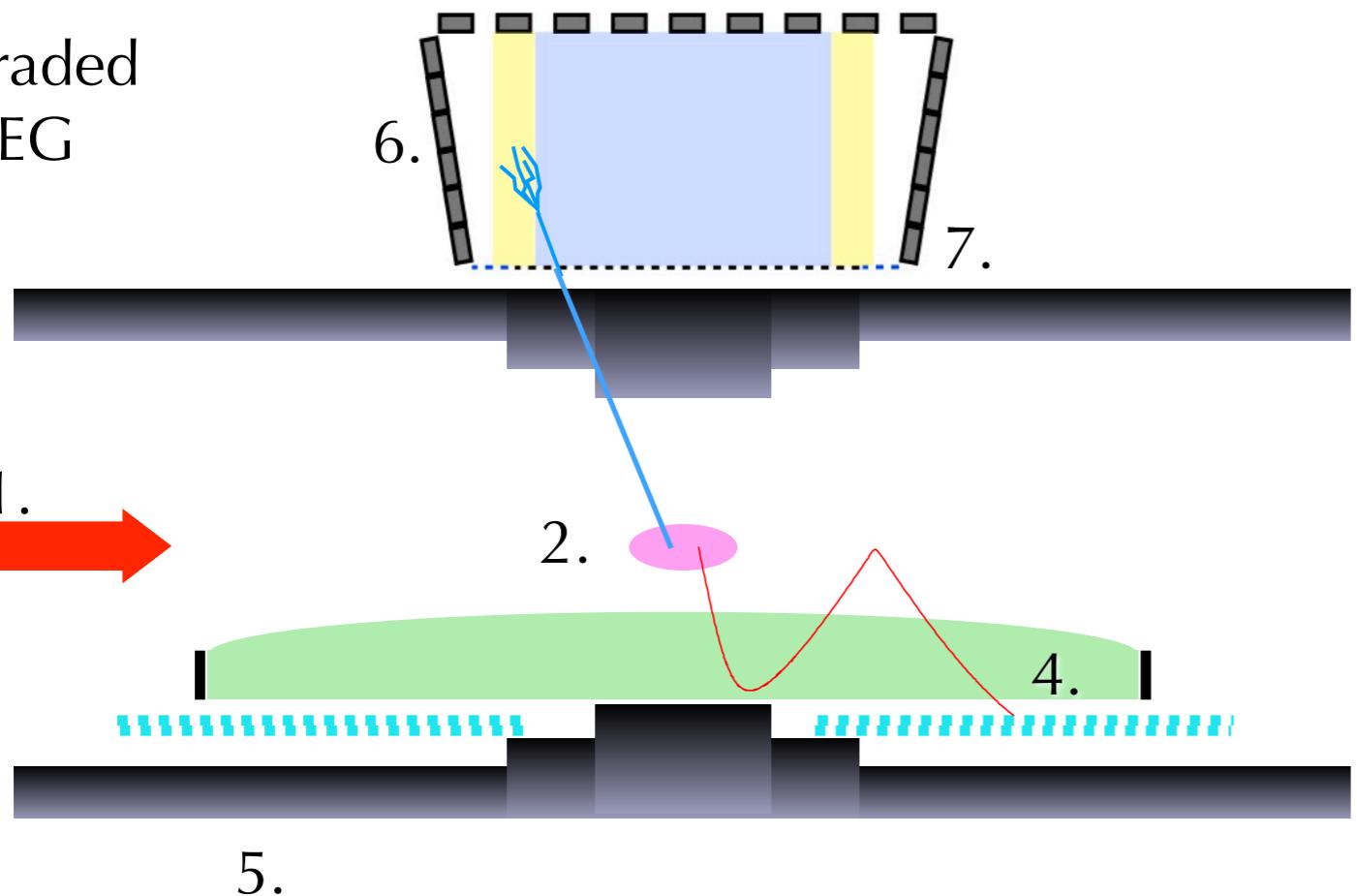
# Key elements to MEG II

1. Increasing  $\mu^+$ -stop on target
2. Reducing target thickness to minimize e+ MS & brehmsstrahlung
3. Replacing the e+ tracker reducing its radiation length and improving its granularity and resolutions
4. Improving the timing counter granularity for better timing and reconstruction
5. Improving the positron tracking-timing integration by measuring the e+ trajectory up to the TC interface
6. Extending the  $\gamma$ -ray detector acceptance
7. Improving the  $\gamma$ -ray energy and position resolution for shallow events
8. Integrating splitter, trigger and DAQ maintaining a high bandwidth

# MEG

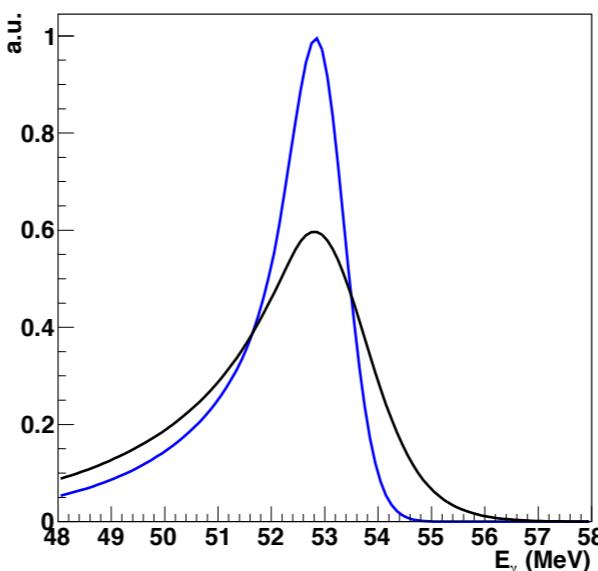
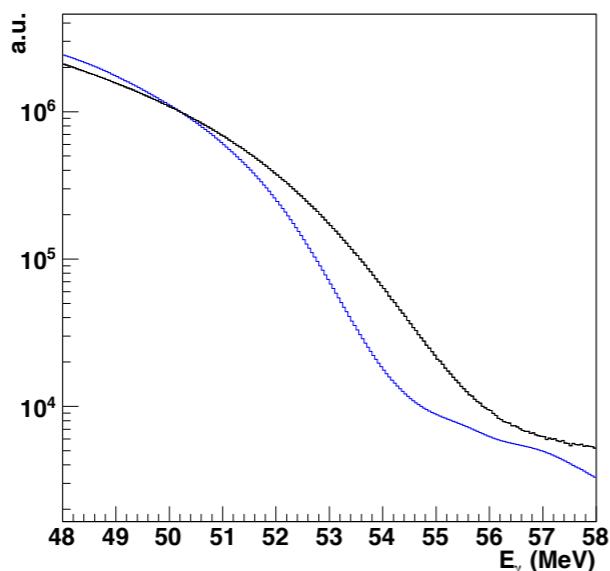


# Upgraded MEG



# MEG<sup>UP</sup> sensitivity

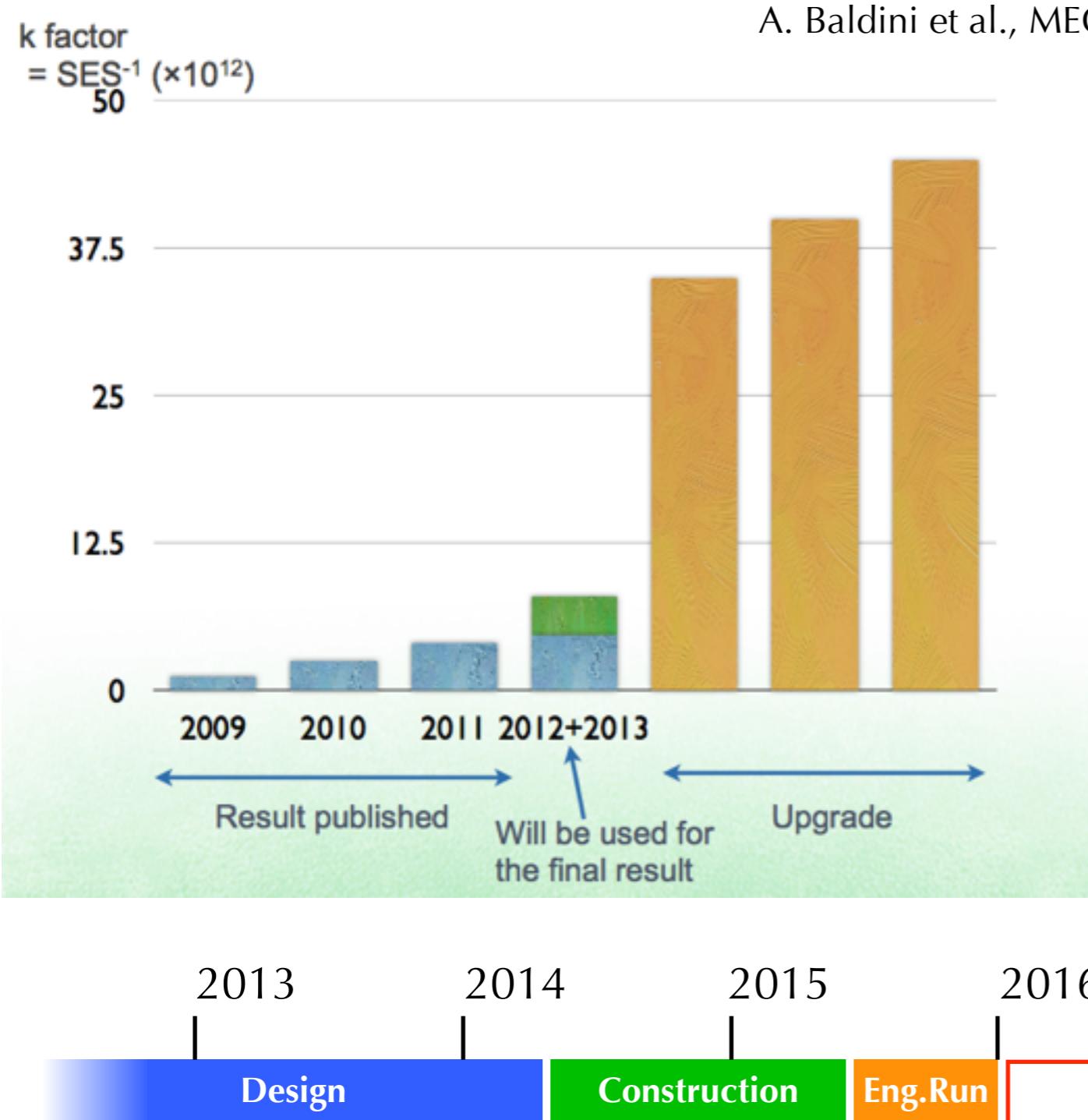
PDF parameters	Present MEG	Upgrade scenario
e <sup>+</sup> energy (keV)	306 (core)	130
e <sup>+</sup> $\theta$ (mrad)	9.4	5.3
e <sup>+</sup> $\phi$ (mrad)	8.7	3.7
e <sup>+</sup> vertex (mm) Z/Y(core)	2.4 / 1.2	1.6 / 0.7
$\gamma$ energy (%) ( $w < 2$ cm)/( $w > 2$ cm)	2.4 / 1.7	1.1 / 1.0
$\gamma$ position (mm) u/v/w	5 / 5 / 6	2.6 / 2.2 / 5
$\gamma$ -e <sup>+</sup> timing (ps)	122	84
<b>Efficiency (%)</b>		
trigger	$\approx 99$	$\approx 99$
$\gamma$	63	69
e <sup>+</sup>	40	88



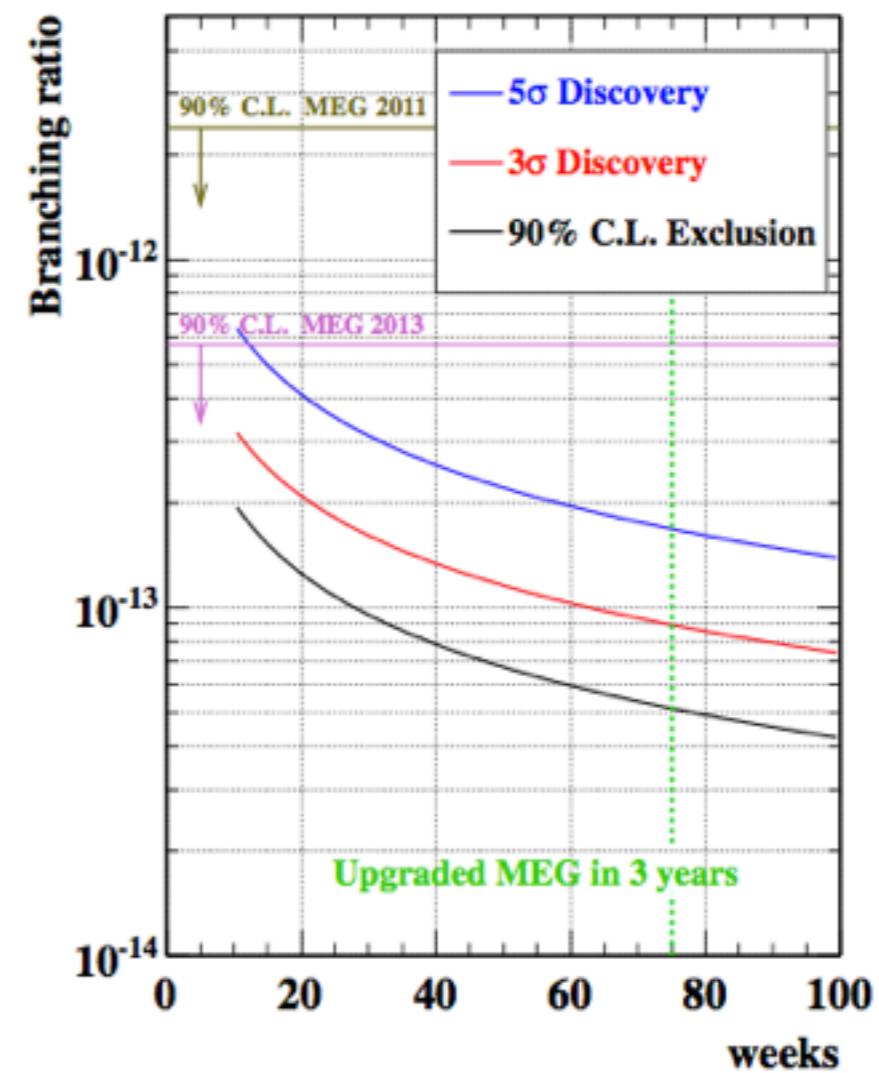
$$5.7 \times 10^{-13}$$

# MEG<sup>UP</sup> sensitivity

- Ultimate **sensitivity** at the few  $\times 10^{-14}$  level
- **Engineering** run 2015
- **Data taking** 2016-2018



A. Baldini et al., MEG Upgrade Proposal, [arXiv:1301.7225 \[physics.ins-det\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1301.7225) |

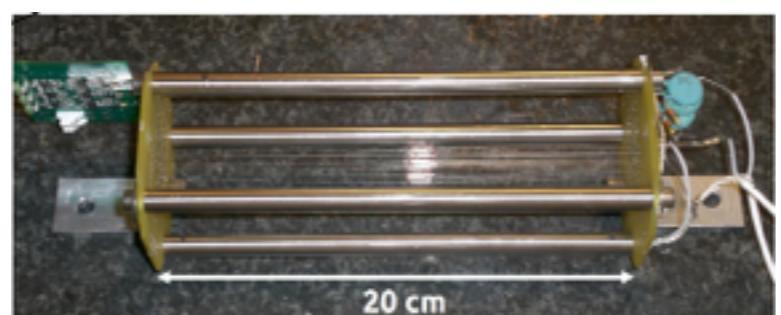
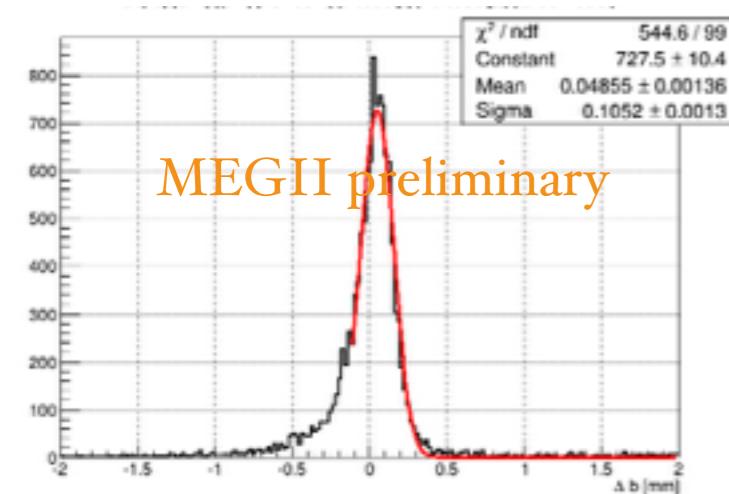
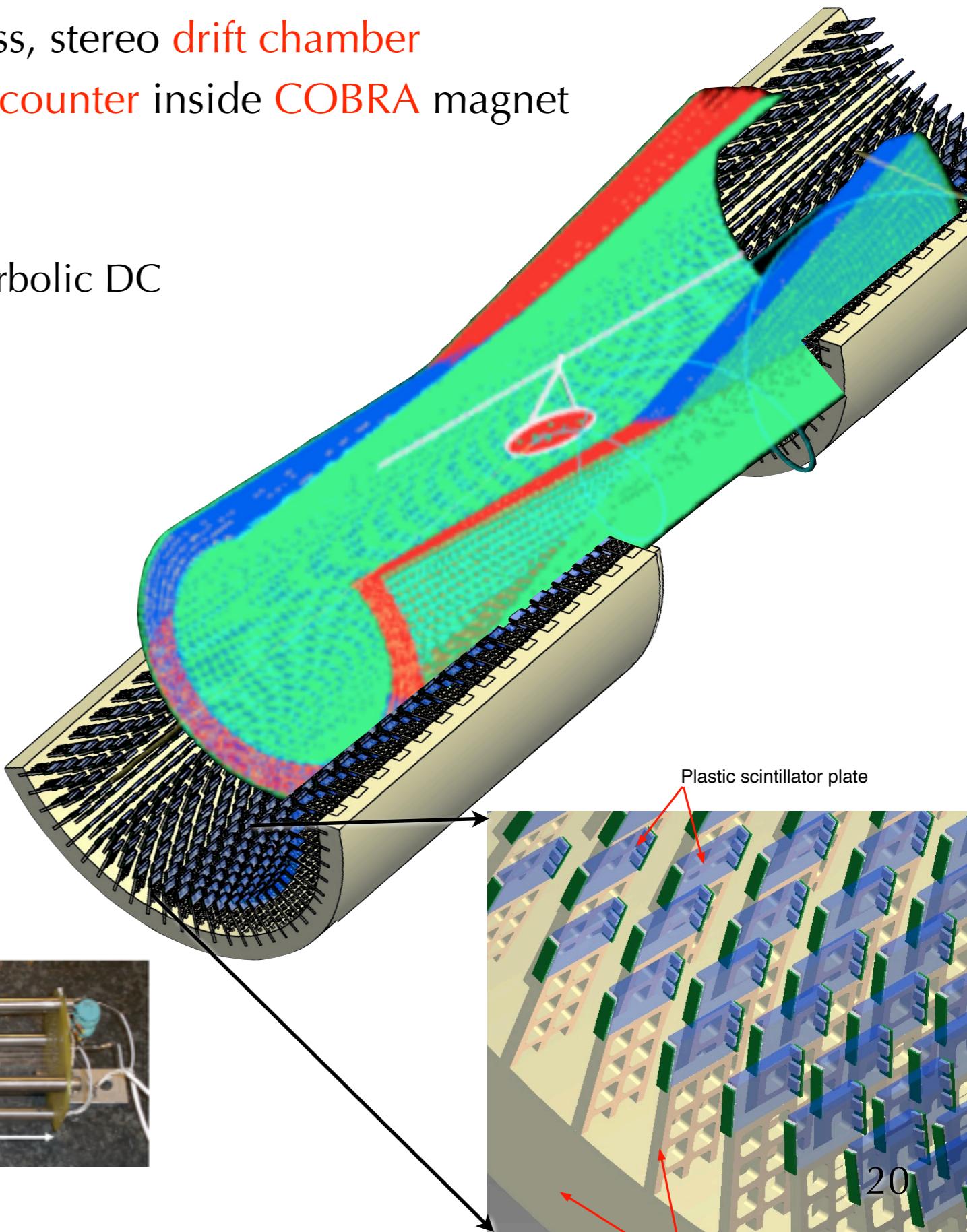


# Positron tracker

single volume, low mass, stereo drift chamber

+ multi-tile scintillation timing counter inside COBRA magnet

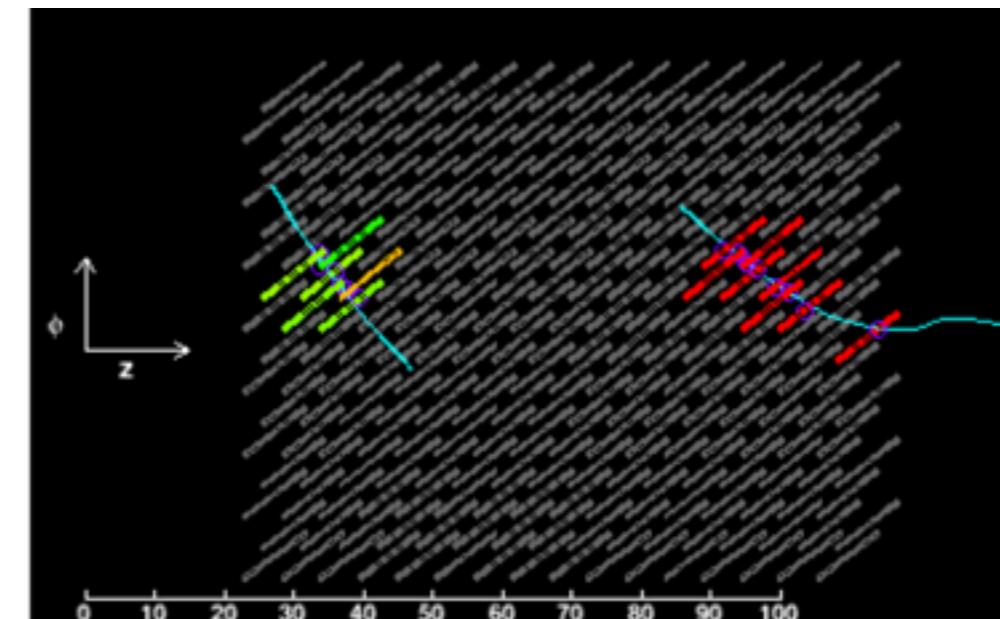
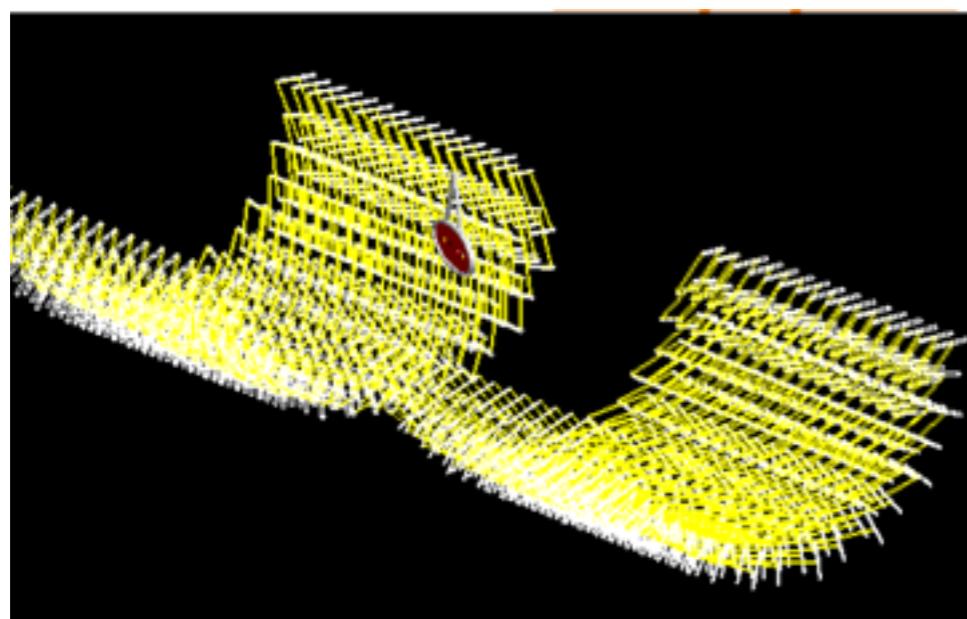
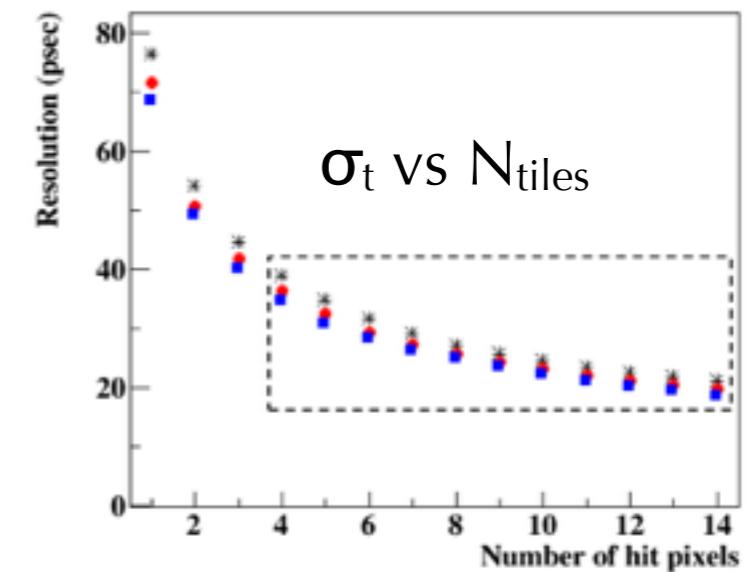
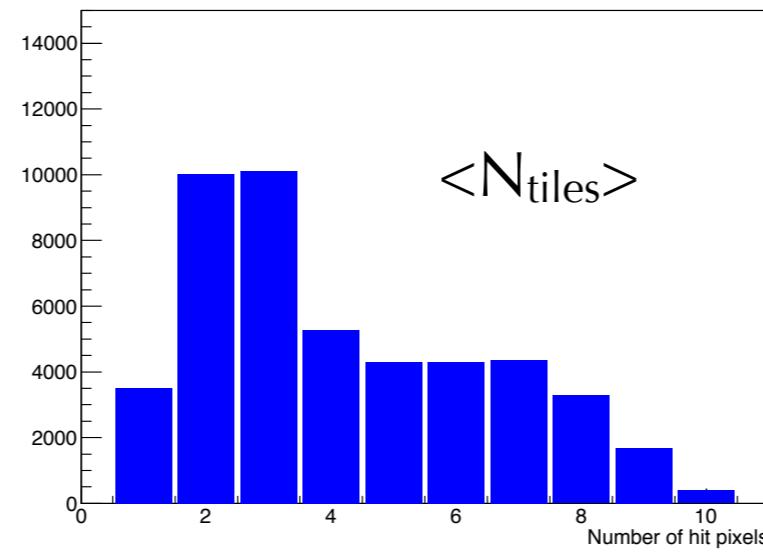
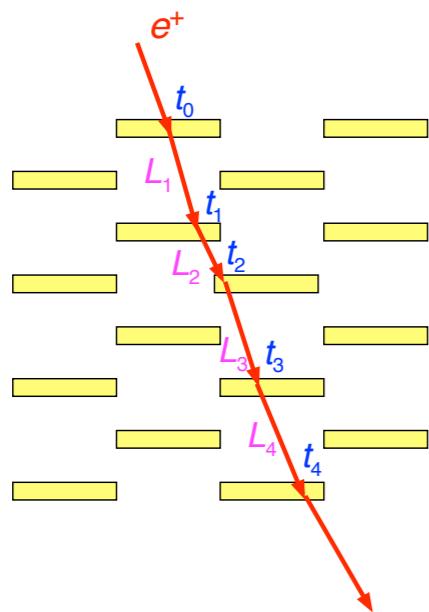
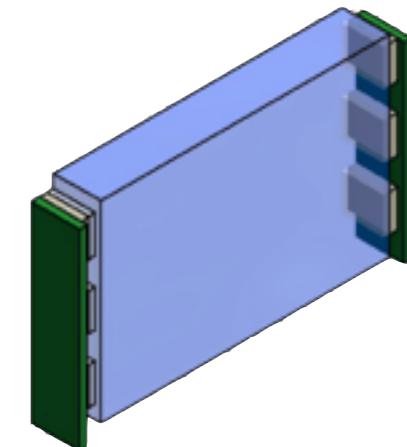
- Drift Chamber
  - Single volume gas detector
  - U-V stereo reconstruction ( $8^\circ$ )  $\rightarrow$  hyperbolic DC
  - low mass (85:15 He:iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>)
  - Low  $X_0$  ( $< 1.7 \times 10^{-3} X_0$ )
  - >80% Transparency towards TC
  - Ultra-fast electronics for cluster timing
- performance from MC + Prototypes
  - > 50 hits/track
  - Single hit resolution  $\sim 120 \mu\text{m}$
  - Momentum resolution  $\sim 150 \text{ keV}$
  - Angular resolution  $\sim 5 \div 7 \text{ mrad}$



# Timing Counter

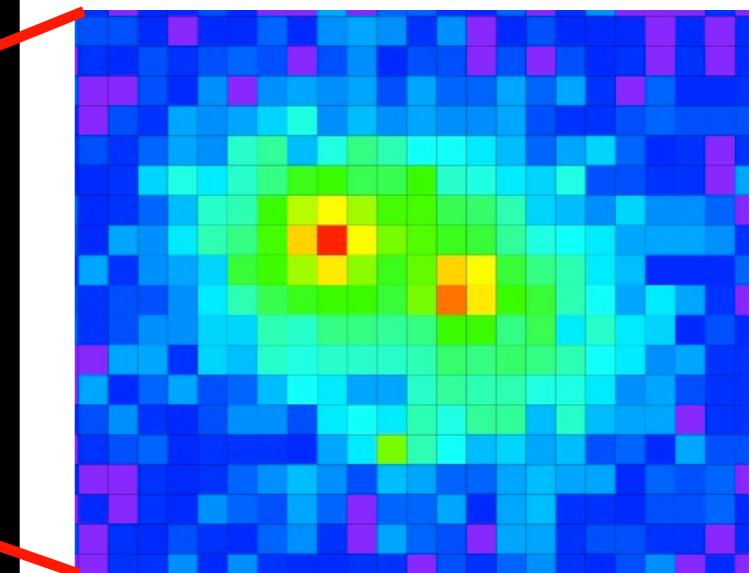
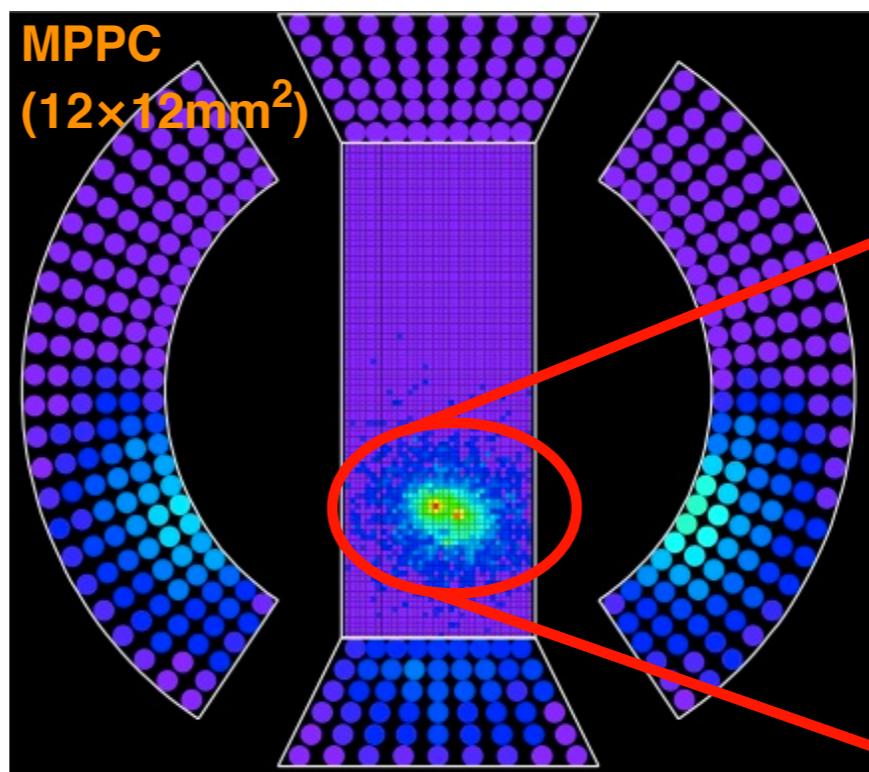
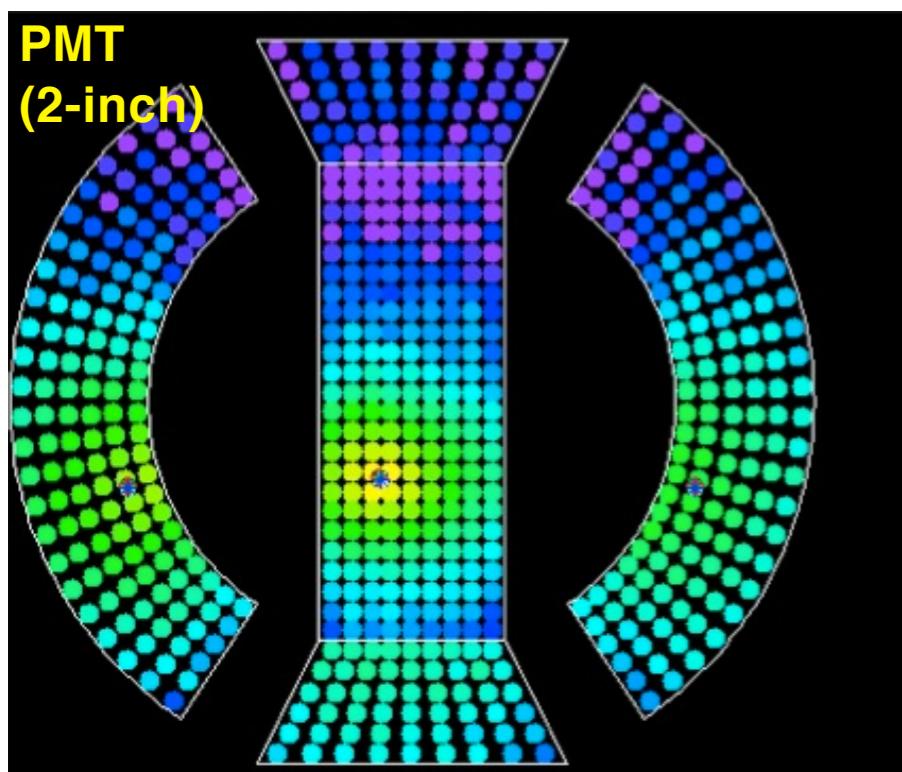
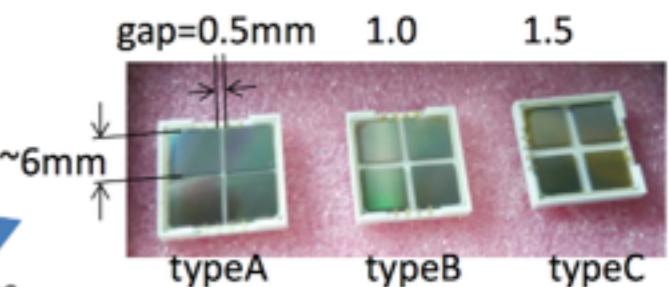
- **Timing Counter**

- Increased muon flux → Reduce **hit-rate** and **pile-up**
- $(3 \times 6 \times 0.5)$  cm<sup>3</sup> **plastic** scintillator **tiles**, read by **MPPC**
- improve timing resolution by **combining** several **tiles**



# $\gamma$ -detector improvements

- Use the same cryostat, most mechanics, + 620 PMTs
- Use of  $1 \text{ cm}^2$  SiPM (MPPC)
  - O(3500)
  - +9% detector transparency to 52.8 MeV  $\gamma$ -rays
  - Better granularity for depth reconstruction/pile-up rejection
  - position reconstruction
  - timing

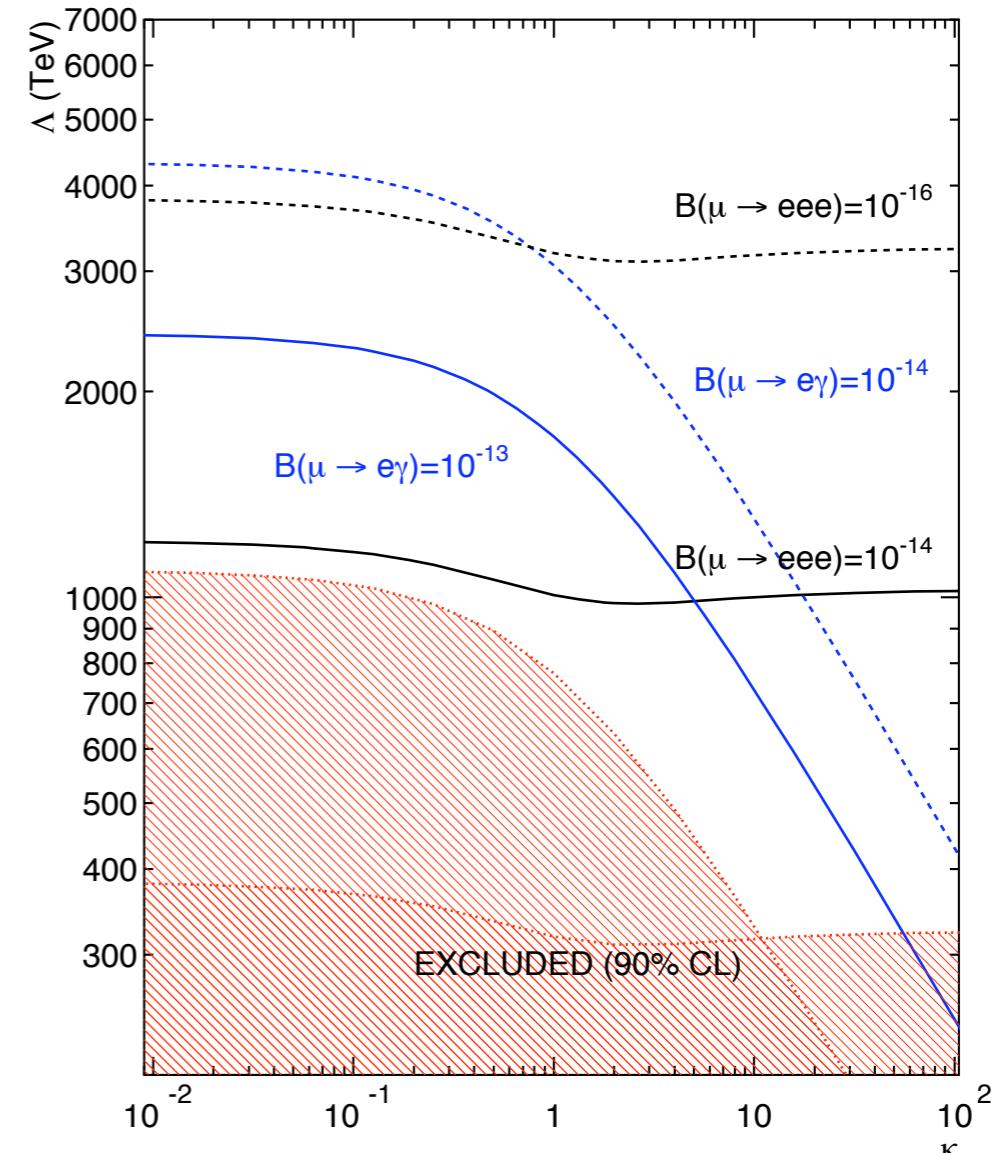
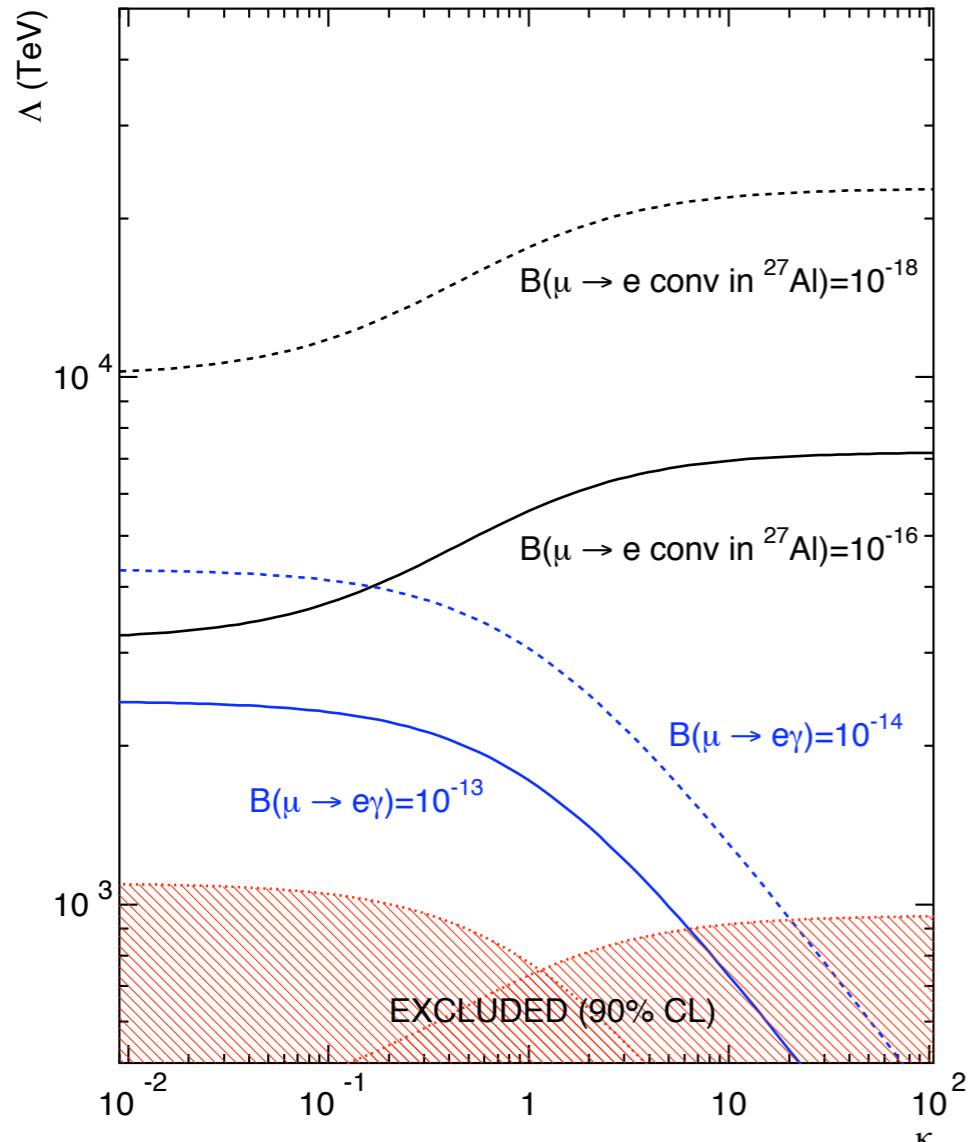


- Different geometry for the lateral faces
  - +10% acceptance (Xenon)

# Complementarity

- Capability of different measurements to discriminate between models

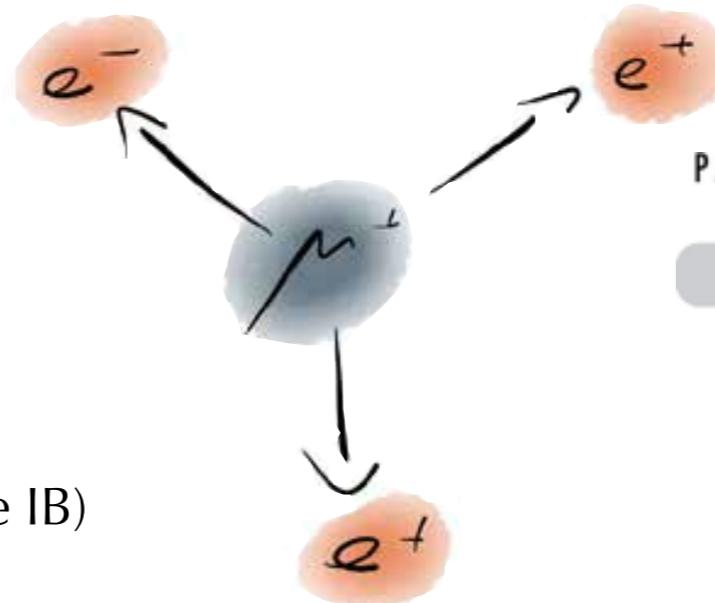
de Gouvea and Vogel, 2013



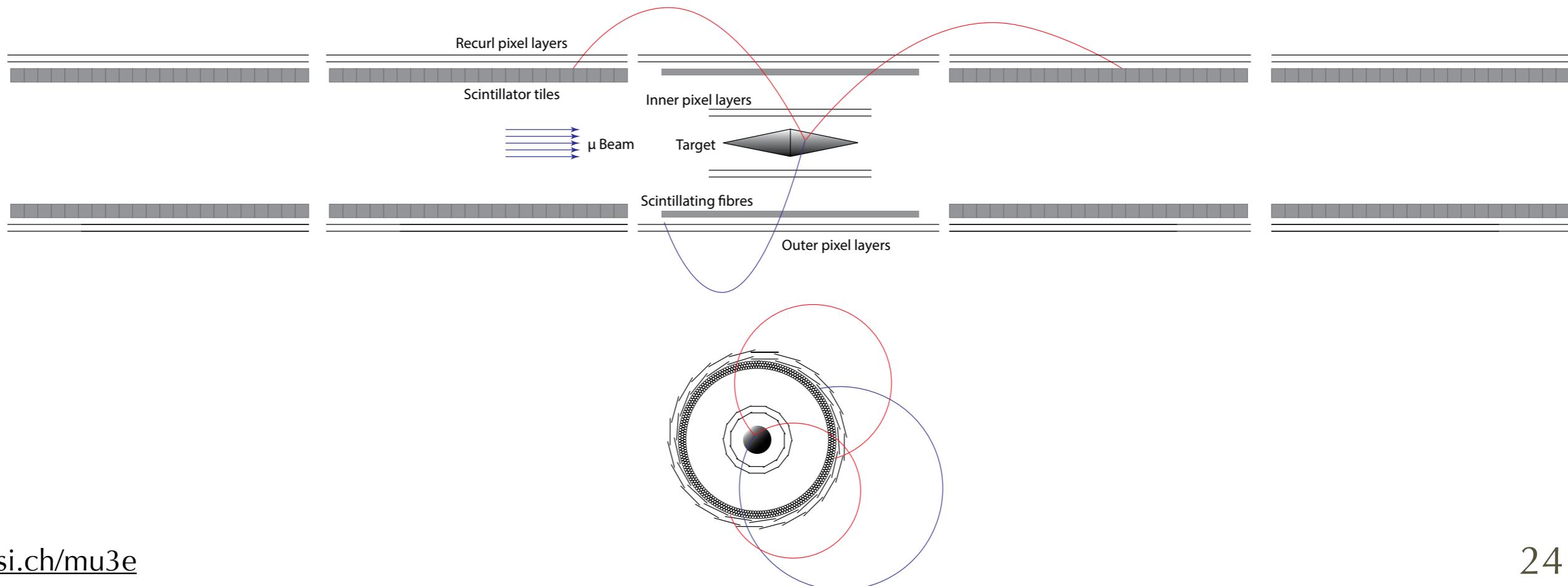
$$\frac{m_\mu}{(1 + \kappa)\Lambda^2} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: Muon decays into electron and photon via loop} \\ \text{with a wavy line representing conversion in } {}^{27}\text{Al} \end{array} \right) + \frac{\kappa}{(1 + \kappa)\Lambda^2} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: Muon decays into three electrons} \\ \text{via a vertex with three outgoing lines} \end{array} \right)$$

# Mu3e at PSI

- Search for  $\mu \rightarrow e e e$ 
  - $10^{-15}$  sensitivity in phase IA / IB
  - $10^{-16}$  sensitivity in phase II
- Project approved in January 2013
  - Double cone target
  - HV-MAPS ultra thin silicon detectors
  - Scintillating fibers timing counter (from phase IB)



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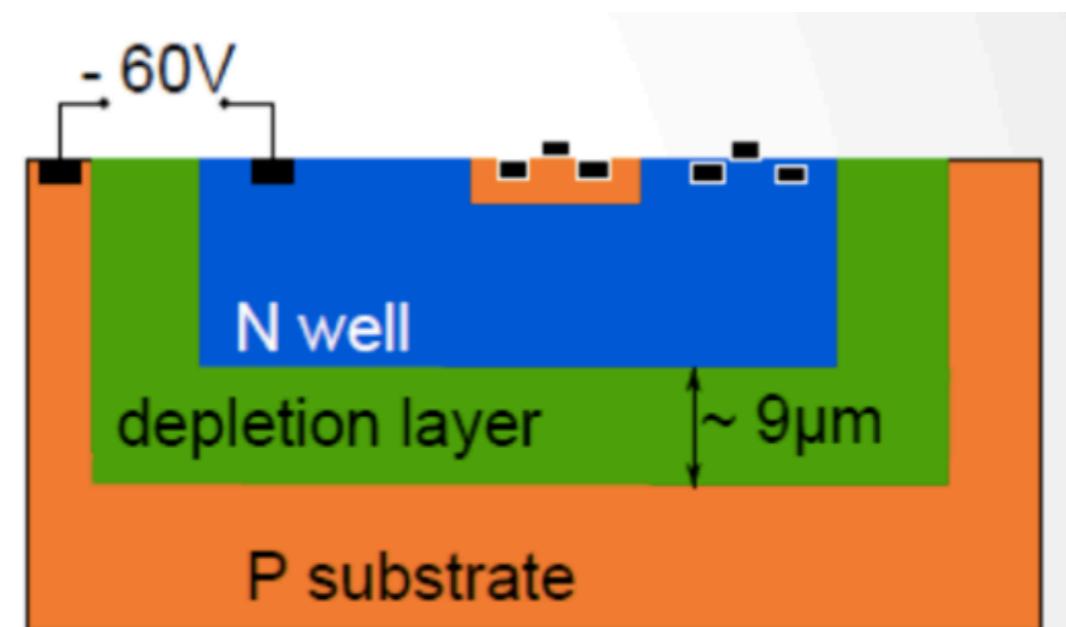
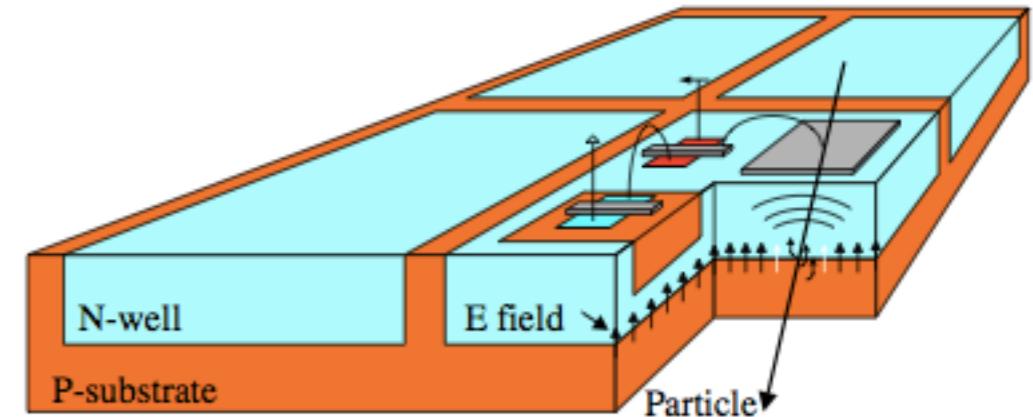
# The pixel detector

**HV-MAPS**

- Key elements

- based on HV-MAPS

- ▶ Pixel dimension:  $80 \times 80 \mu\text{m}^2$
- ▶ Thinning to  $50 \mu\text{m}$
- ▶ The sensor and readout are integrated on the same device
- ▶ Drift charge collection:  $< 10\text{ns}$
- ▶ Sensor size:  $1 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$  or  $2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$
- ▶ Power consumption :  $150 \text{ mW/cm}^2$



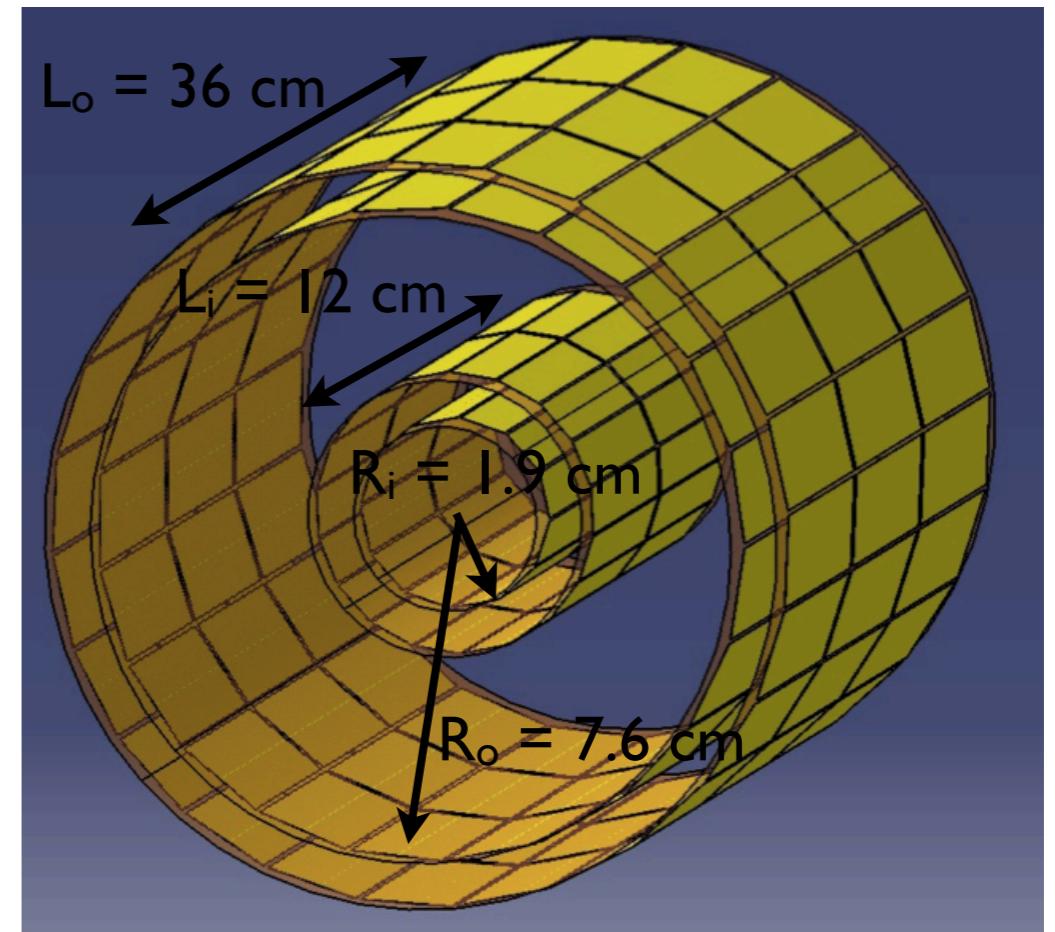
**by Ivan Perić**

I. Perić, A novel monolithic pixelated particle detector implemented in high-voltage CMOS technology  
Nucl.Instrum.Meth., 2007, A582, 876

# The pixel detector

## ● Performances

- ▶ Precise hit Position:  $80 \times 80 \mu\text{m}^2$   
(c.t. multiple scattering  $\sigma_{\text{MS}} \sim 150 \mu\text{m}$ )
- ▶ Momentum resolution  $< 0.5 \text{ MeV}/c$  over a large phase space
- ▶ Geometrical acceptance  $\sim 70\%$
- ▶  $X/X_0$  per layer  $\sim 0.044\%$
- ▶ Vertex resolution  $< 200 \mu\text{m}$  suppressing the accidental background
- ▶ Internal conversion background is limiting
- ▶ Sensitivity down to  $10^{-16}$  achievable with  $< 0.5 \text{ MeV}/c$  momentum resolution



# State of the art

## ● The beam

- ▶ Compact beam-line solution in PiE5 able to deliver up to  $\sim 10^8$  mu/s (Mu3e Phase I)
- ▶ HiMB feasibility study is ongoing with the aim of providing up  $10^{10}$  mu/s (Mu3e Phase II)

## ● The pixel detector

- ▶ Mupix4 prototype
- ▶ Active area: 9,42 mm<sup>2</sup> -- Pixel size: 92 × 80  $\mu\text{m}^2$  -- Pixel Matrix: 40 × 32 pixels
- ▶ Detection efficiency: 99% -- Spatial Resolution: (RMS) 28  $\mu\text{m}$  -- Timing: O (10ns)

## ● The fiber hodoscope

- ▶ Multi-layer square/round fibre
- ▶ Detection efficiency: > 99% -- Timing resolution: < 700 ps -- Spatial resolution: 150  $\mu\text{m}$

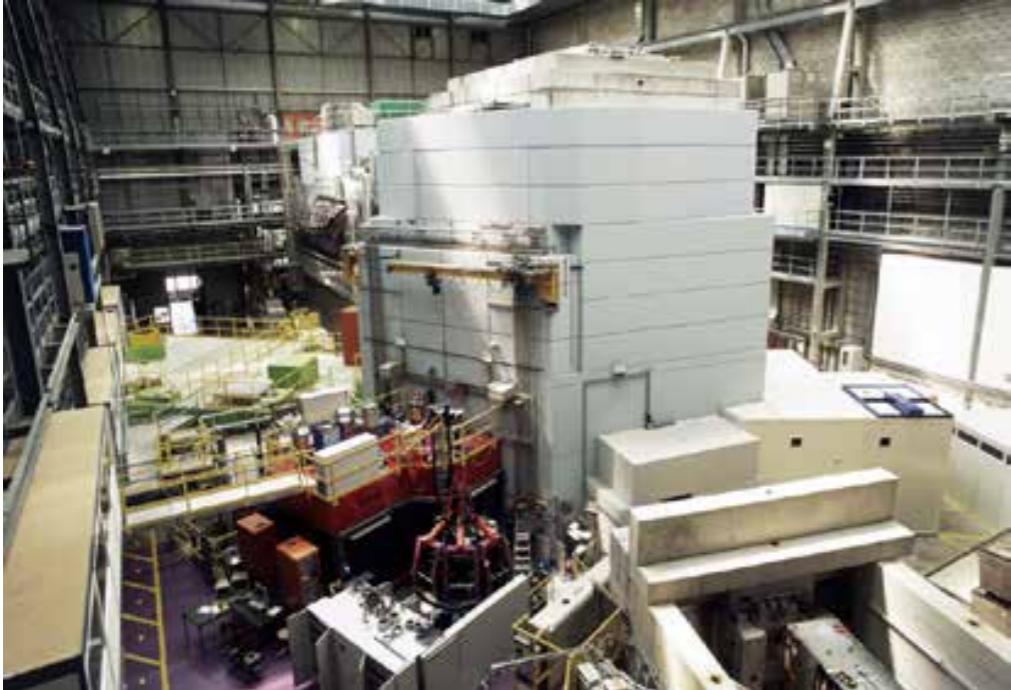
## ● The Tile detector

- ▶ Detection efficiency: > 99% -- Timing resolution: ~ 70 ps

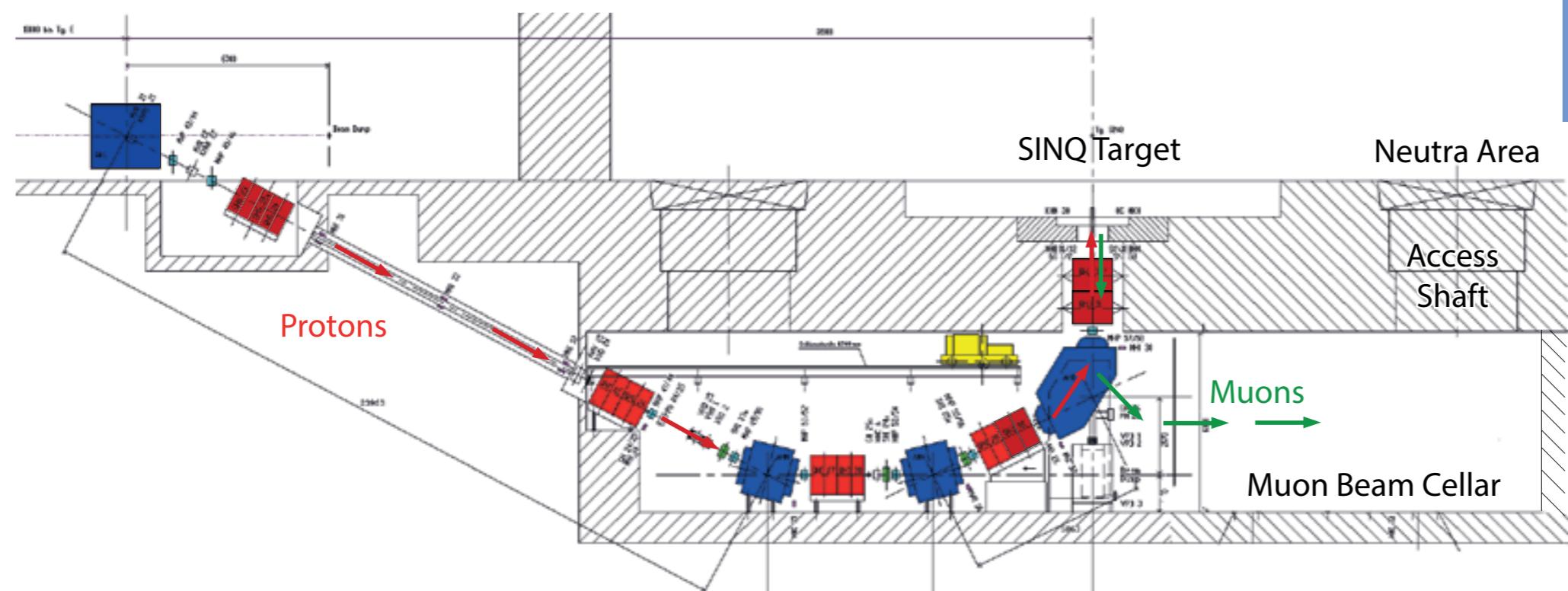
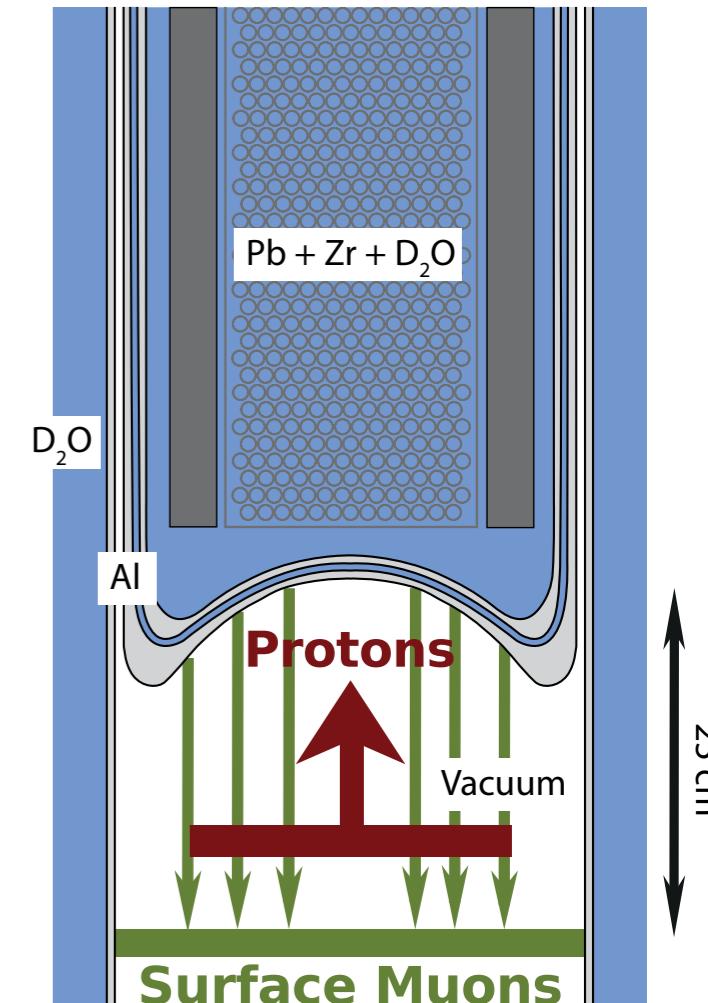
## ● The DAQ

- ▶ DRS4 abundant used. DRS5 Wavedream available soon
- ▶ STiC v.2

# HIMB at PSI

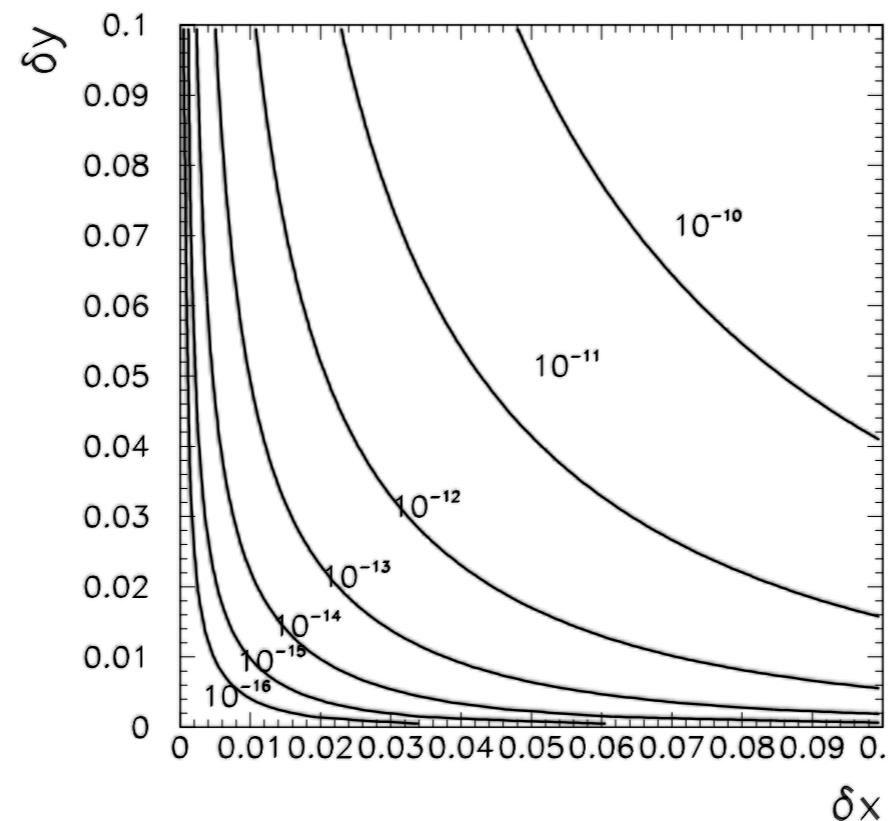


- Muon rates in excess of  $10^{10}/s$  in acceptance
- $2 \cdot 10^9/s$  needed for  $\mu \rightarrow eee$  at  $10^{-16}$
- Not before 2017



# Towards an ultimate $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

- It is interesting to start thinking if **there is a physical limit** to the measurement of the  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma / \mu \rightarrow eee$  decays (no SM background)
- If **accidentals** are the limit:
  - **Track photons**
    - pair spectrometer
    - identify photon starting point (multiple targets)
- If **resolutions** are the limit
  - Improved beams  $\rightarrow$  restrict acceptance
  - focussing spectrometer

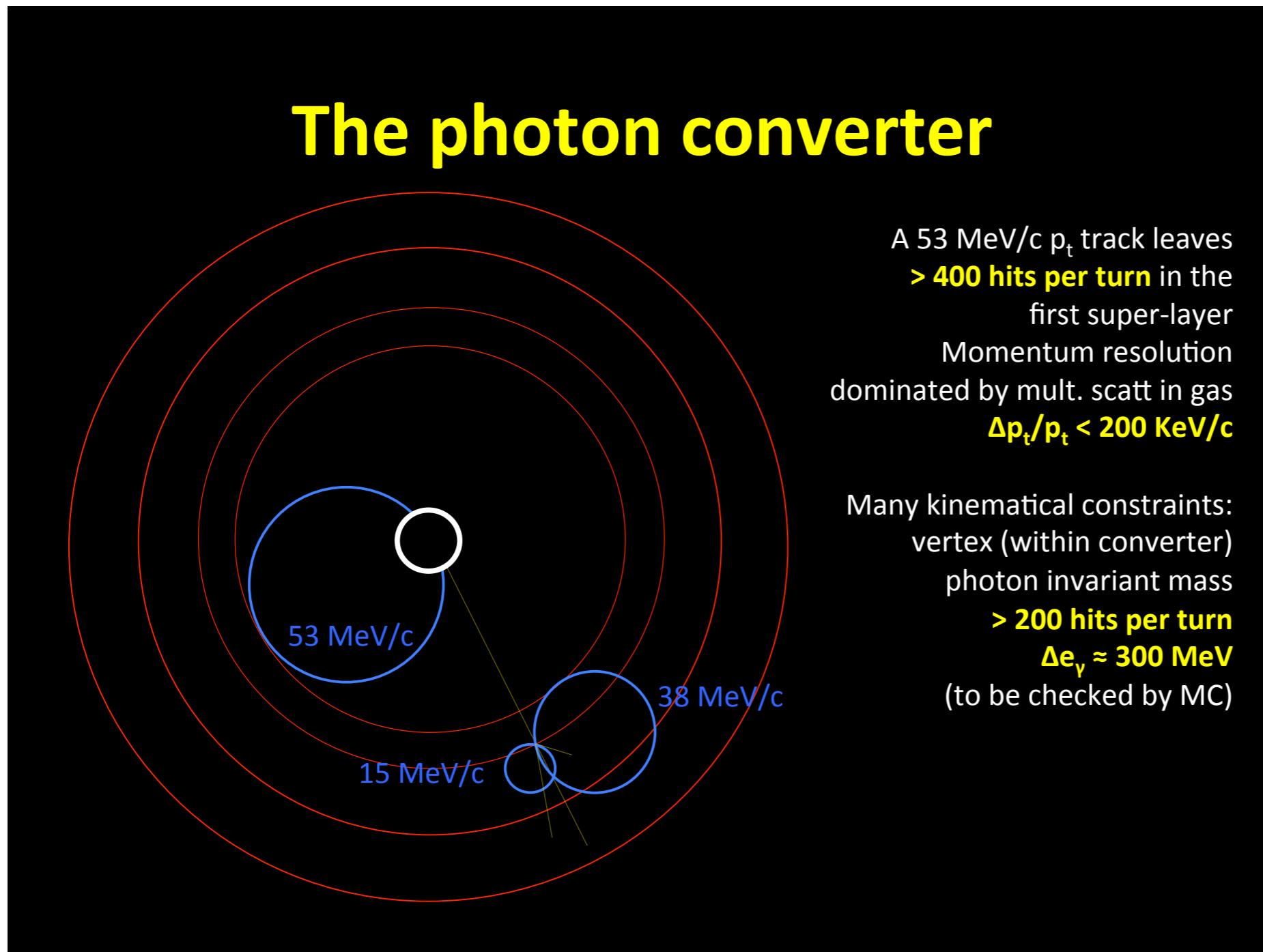


- At some point the **prompt background** will dominate  $\rightarrow$  stop

# Some futuristic ideas

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- by F. Grancagnolo *et al.*



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## Conclusions 1

We have presented a different approach at searching for evidence of CLFV in the muon sector.

The approach requires an apparatus made of three sub-detectors:

- A very large volume, low mass, all stereo drift chamber with the order of  **$10^5$  sense wires**. The drift chamber is used also for the determination of the radiative photon energy through its conversion in thin W radiators placed in the active volume.
- A very thin, fast response time, high granularity two layers pixel detector based on HV MAPS for defining the vertex of the decays. It makes use of  **$7 \times 10^5$  pixels per layer**.
- A system of scintillating fibers for setting the trigger of photon conversion and defining a crude position of the conversion point. It uses of the order of  **$6 \times 10^4$  readout channels**.

# Comparison

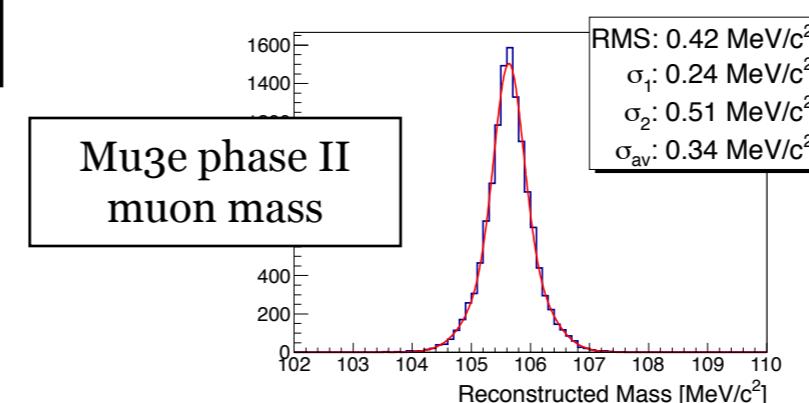
- We use Super $B$  FastSim and  $BABAR$  framework to study a conceptual design of a detector for  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma (\rightarrow e^+ e^-)$
- Comparison with MEG, MEG upgrade and Mu3e.

	This work	MEG
$p_e$	200 keV	305 keV
$E_\gamma$	0.37%	1.7–2.4 %
$m_{e\gamma}$	340 keV	
$\Phi_{e\gamma}$	10 mrad	9 mrad
$\theta_{e\gamma}$	9 mrad	16 mrad
efficiency	1.25%	~2%

TABLE XI: Resolution (Gaussian  $\sigma$ ) and efficiencies for MEG upgrade

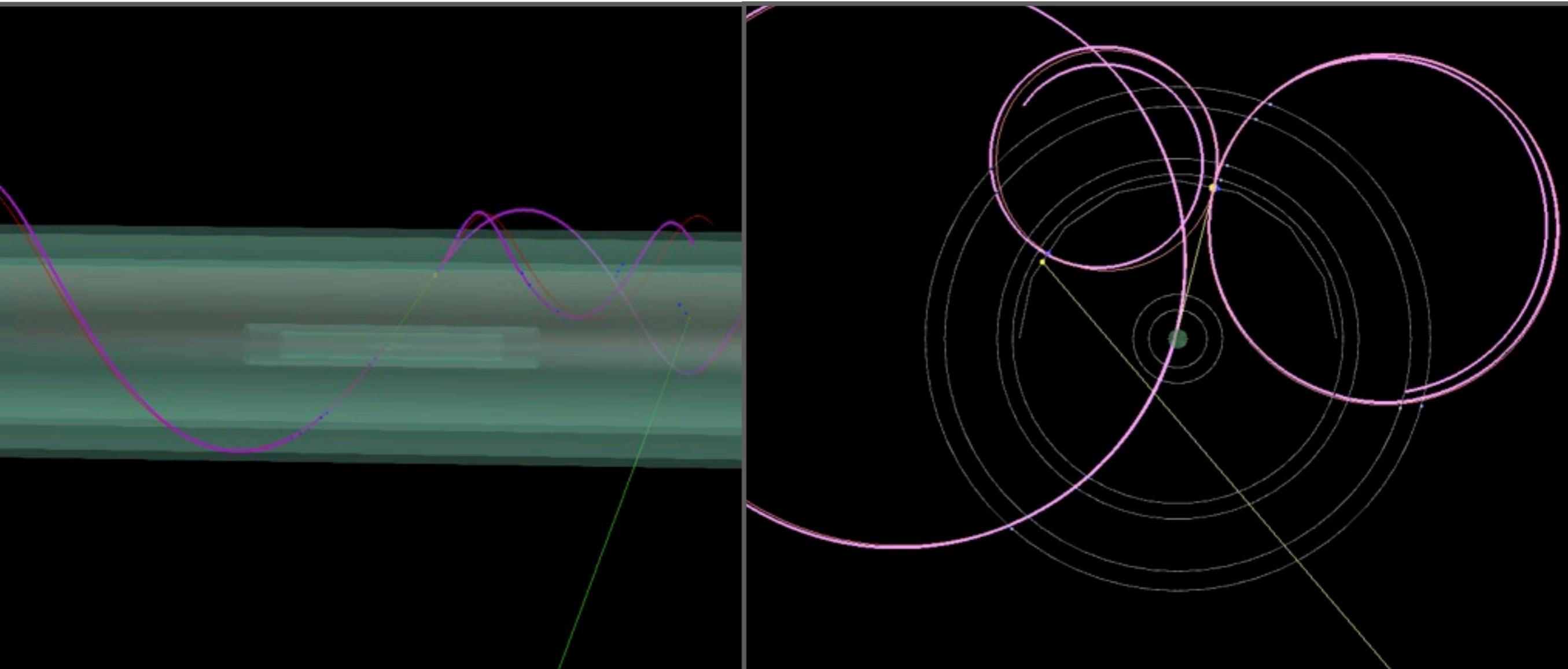
PDF parameters	Present MEG	Upgrade scenario
$e^+$ energy (keV)	306 (core)	130
$e^+$ $\theta$ (mrad)	9.4	5.3
$e^+$ $\phi$ (mrad)	8.7	3.7
$e^+$ vertex (mm) $Z/Y$ (core)	2.4 / 1.2	1.6 / 0.7
$\gamma$ energy (%) ( $w < 2$ cm)/( $w > 2$ cm)	2.4 / 1.7	1.1 / 1.0
$\gamma$ position (mm) $u/v/w$	5 / 5 / 6	2.6 / 2.2 / 5
$\gamma$ - $e^+$ timing (ps)	122	84
<b>Efficiency (%)</b>		
trigger	$\approx 99$	$\approx 99$
$\gamma$	63	69
$e^+$	40	88

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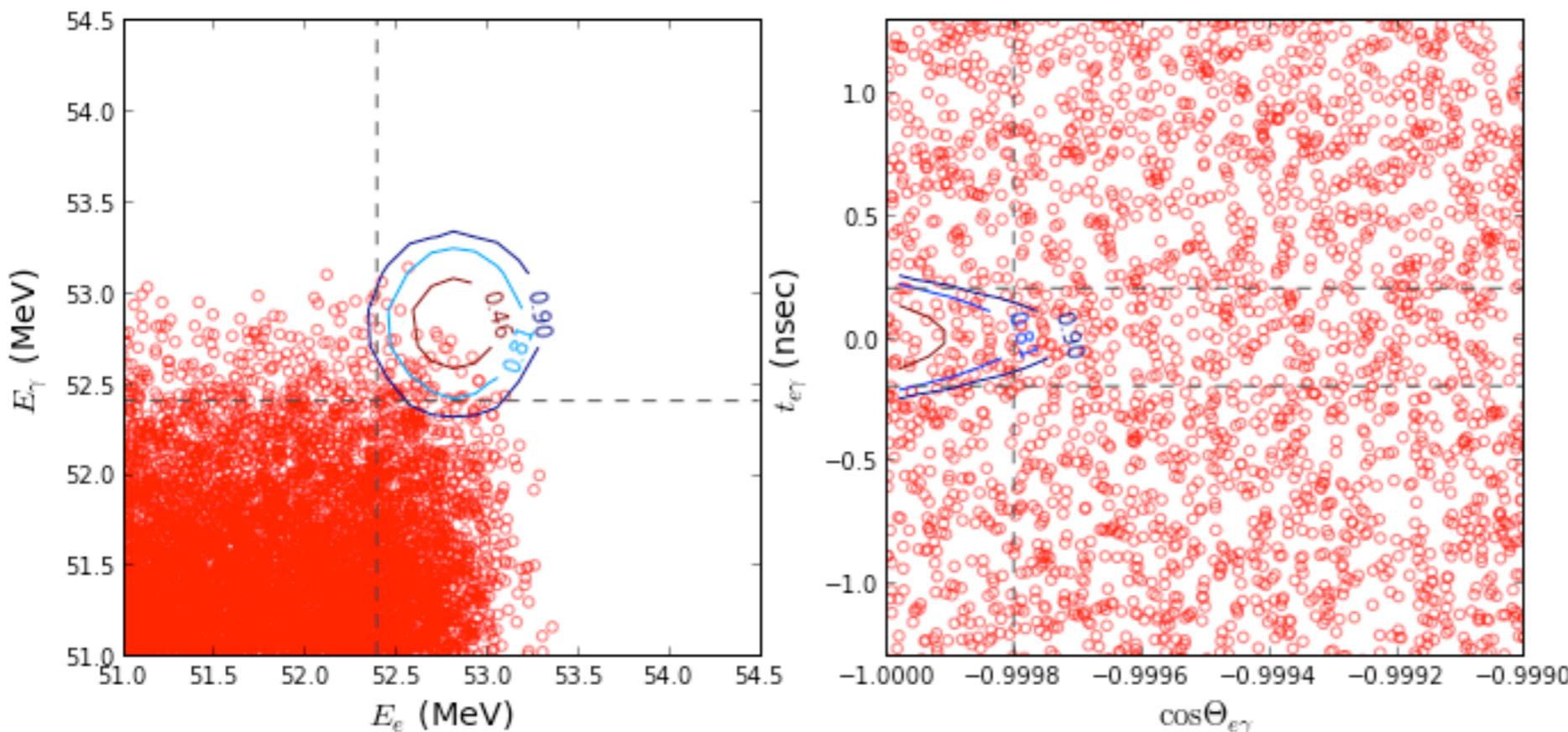
# Event display



Thin red curves: **generated** helices; magenta curves: **fitted** trajectories

# Background in future facility

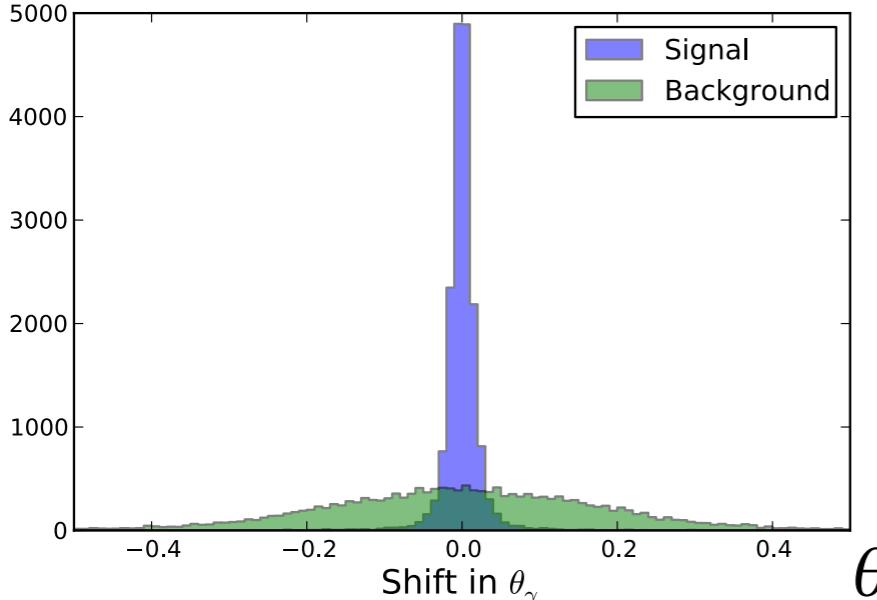
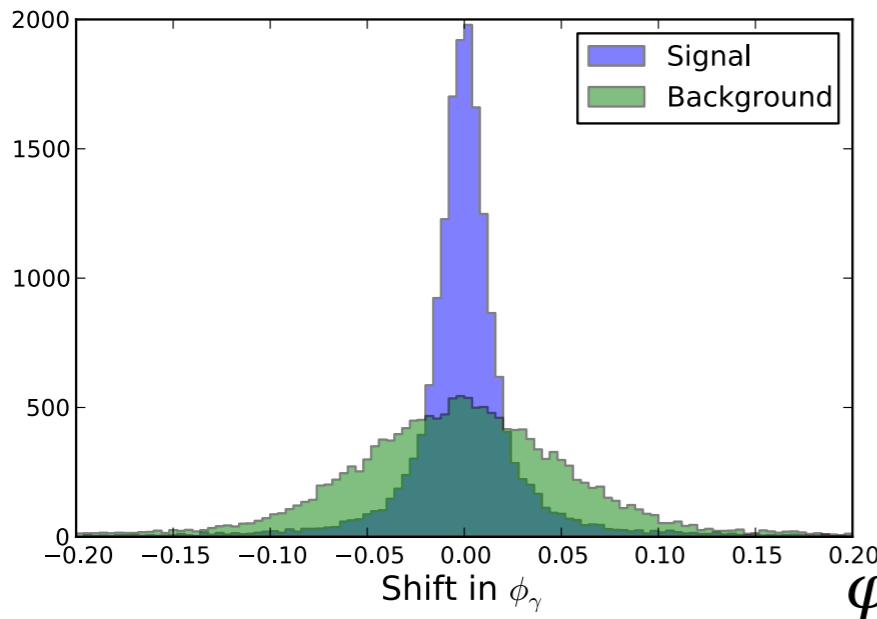
- Assume single event sensitivity  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-15}$ .
- Signal efficiency 1.25%.
- Need  $\sim 4 \times 10^{16}$  stopped muons.
- Assuming data taken in 1.5 DAQ years  $\Rightarrow R_\mu = 8.4 \times 10^8 / s$ .
- Use resolutions similar to those found in FastSim, and timing resolution of 100 ps.



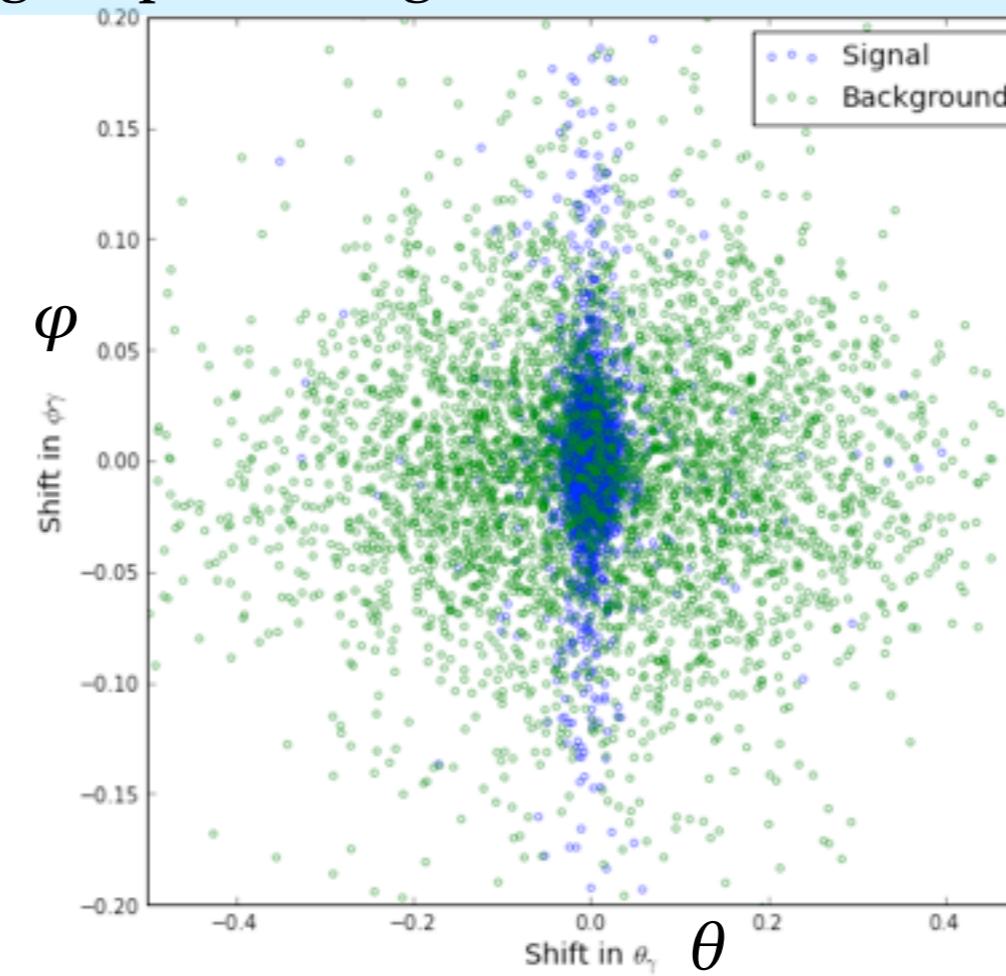
Count events in  $\pm 1.64\sigma$  windows (90% for a Gaussian distribution) in  $E_e$ ,  $E_\gamma$ ,  $\theta_{e\gamma}$ ,  $\varphi_{e\gamma}$ , and  $\Delta t$ .  
Found  $20 \pm 3$  background events.  
=> one order of magnitude to go.

# Vertexing power

- Converted photon has an angular resolution  $\sim 10$  mrad in  $\varphi$  and  $\theta$  (before vertex constraint).
- Positron and photon in accidental background come from different points on the target. Forcing the production point of the photon to be that of the positron will change the photon direction.



Change in photon angles after vertex constrained fit



In  $\pm 30$  mrad box,  
85% signal, 5% background are selected

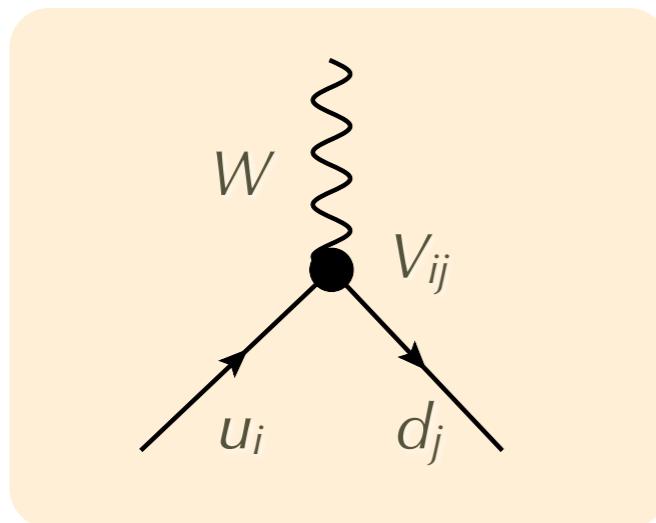
# Models - Wheel - Flavour

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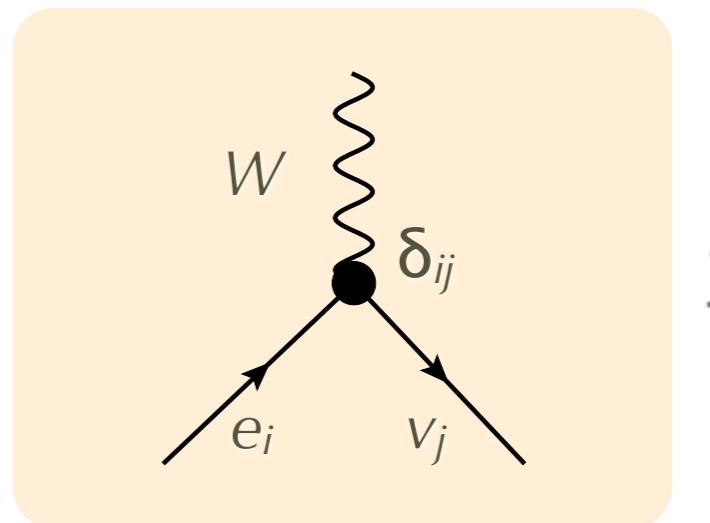
# Flavor in the SM

- Unlike the **quark** sector, **lepton flavor** transitions are **forbidden** in the **SM** due to the vanishing **neutrino masses**
- Coupling between **different generations** are present in the **charged current** and in the **mass term**
  - possibility to diagonalize simultaneously the lepton part, not the quark

$$J^\mu = \bar{d}'_L \gamma_\mu U_L^d{}^\dagger U_L^u u'_L + \bar{e}'_L \gamma^\mu U_L^e{}^\dagger \nu_L \quad Y_d^{ij} \bar{Q}_{Li} \phi D_{Rj} + Y_u^{ij} \bar{Q}_{Li} \bar{\phi} U_{Rj} + Y_e^{ij} \bar{L}_{Li} \phi E_{Rj}$$



$V_{\text{CKM}}$



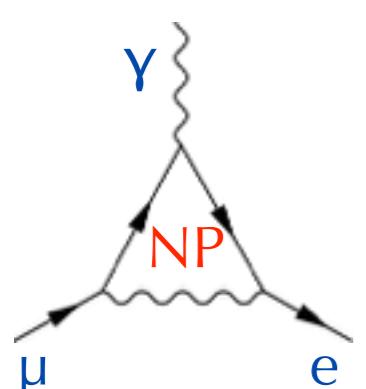
- In the SM **lepton flavor** transitions are **forbidden**
- Nevertheless **neutrino oscillations** were **observed**  $\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j$ 
  - Flavor transitions in the (neutral) lepton sector
  - vSM

# Many processes

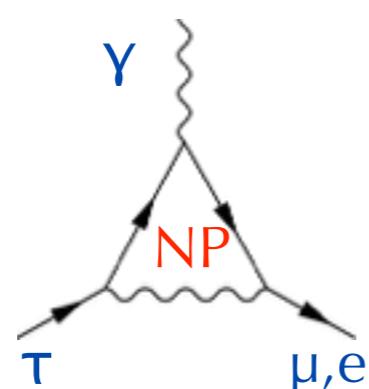
- LFV is related to “new” lepton-lepton **couplings** and **effective operators**

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} \bar{\ell}_i \sigma_{\mu\nu} \ell_j F^{\mu\nu}$$

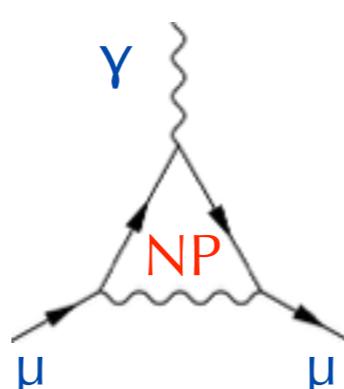
$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\ell}_i \gamma_\mu \ell_j (\bar{q}_k \gamma^\mu q_m + \bar{\ell}_k \gamma^\mu \ell_m)$$



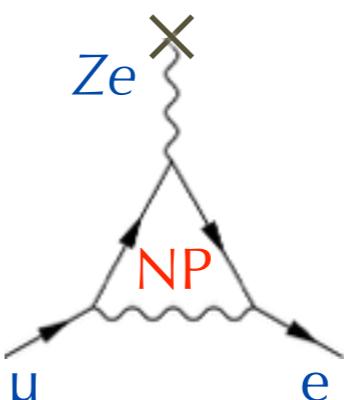
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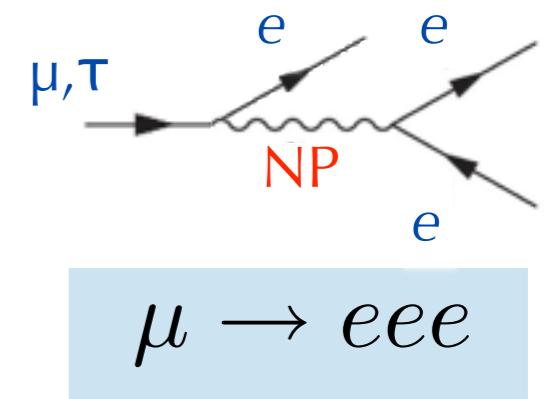
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$   
 $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$



$(g - 2)_\mu$

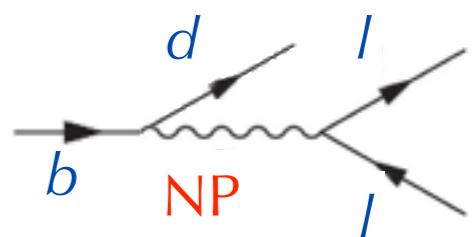
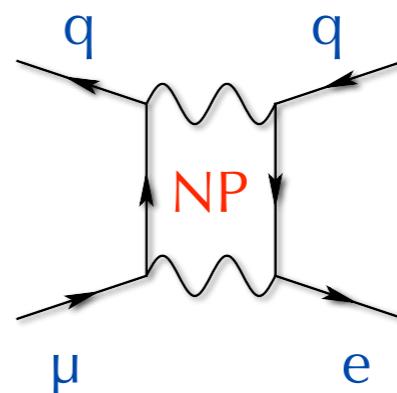


$\mu^- \mathcal{N} \rightarrow e^- \mathcal{N}$



$\mu \rightarrow eee$

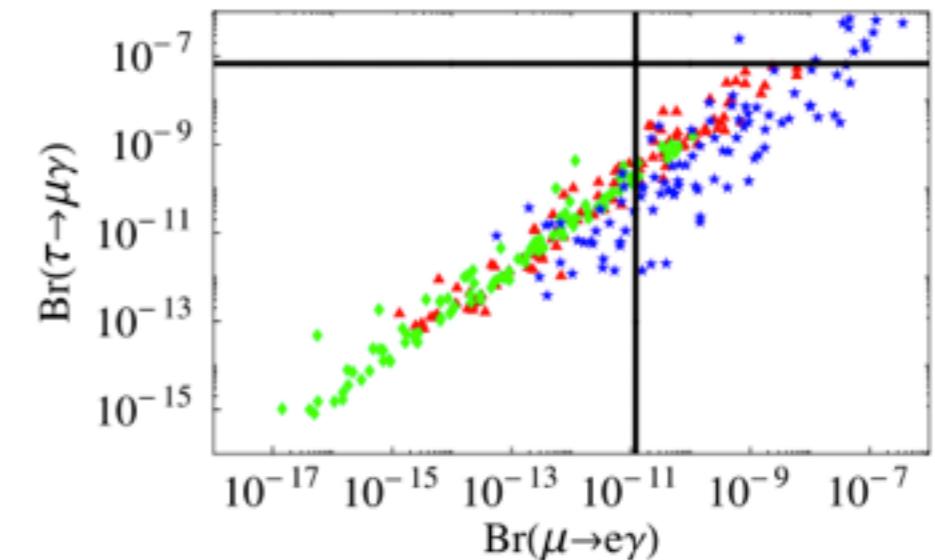
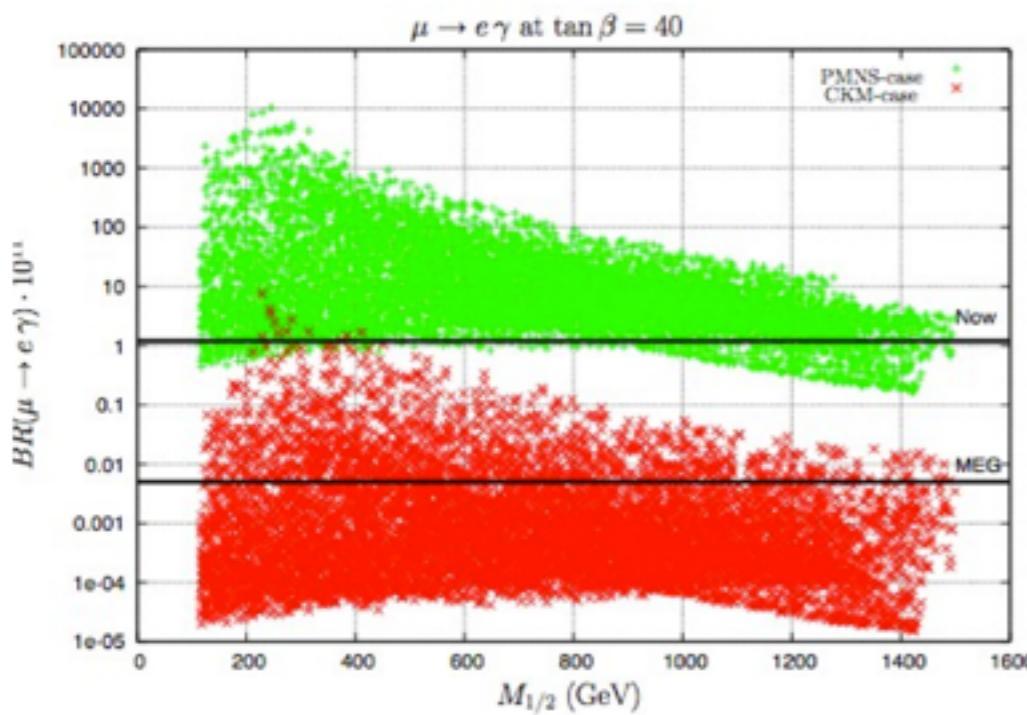
- A wide field of **research**
  - LFV **decays** of leptons
  - Anomalous **magnetic moment** for the  $\mu$
  - **Muon-to-electron conversion**
  - LFV in meson **decays**



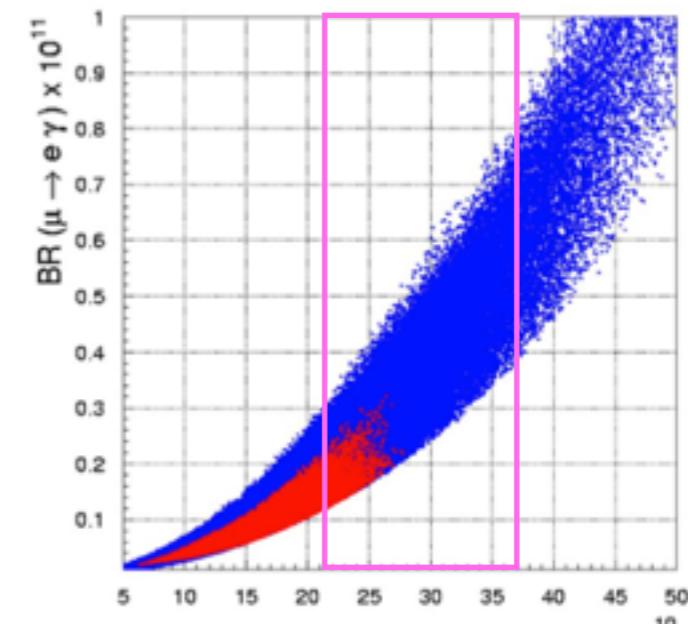
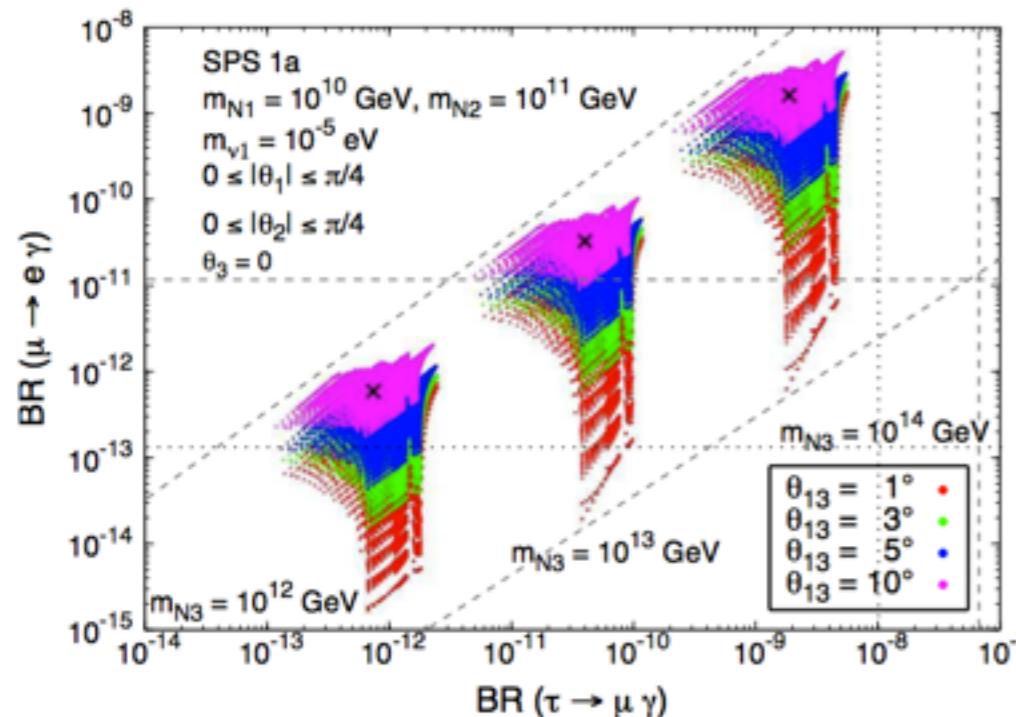
$B \rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}'$   
 $B \rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}' X_s$

# Processes are correlated

- Model-dependent correlations



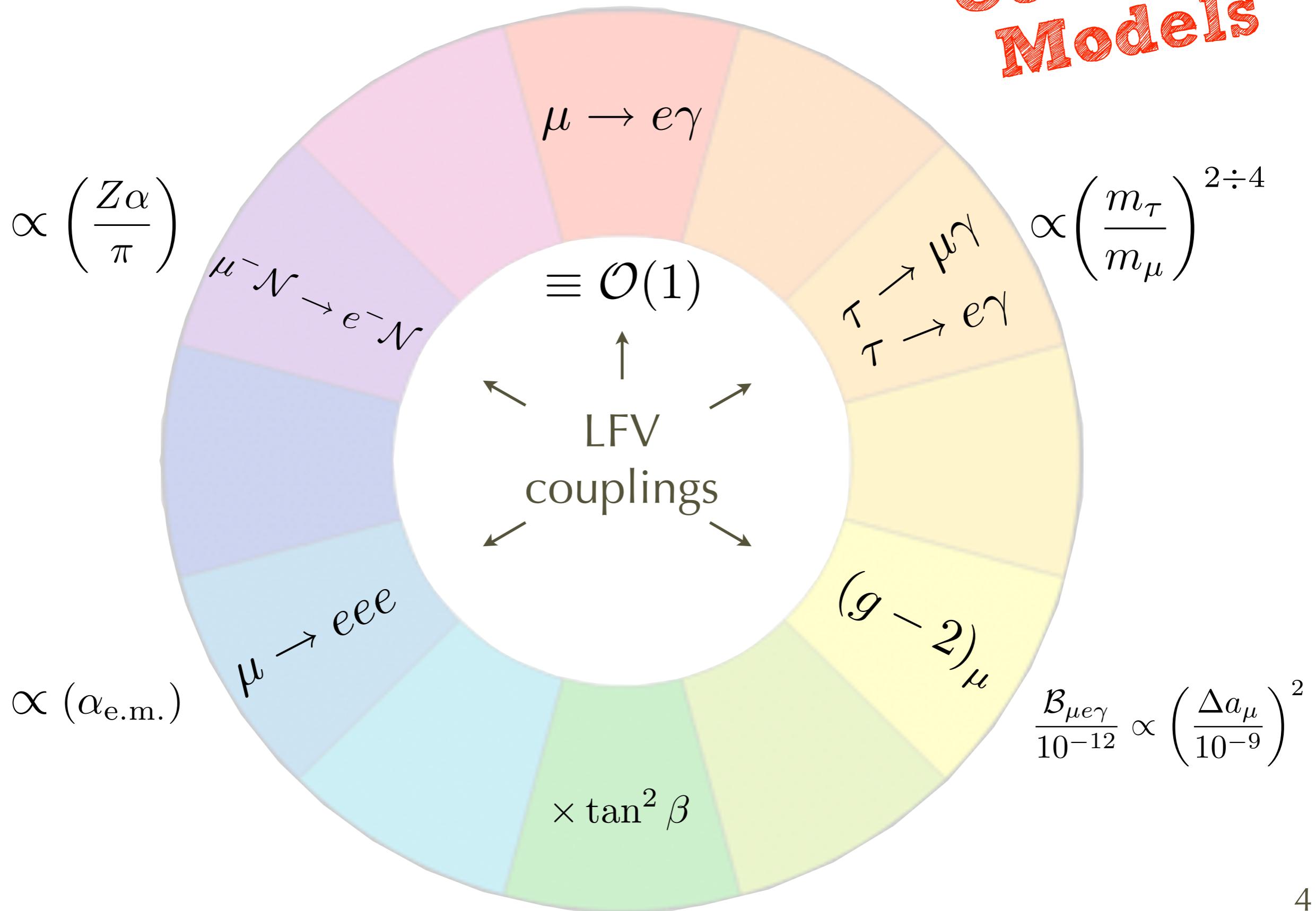
Large  $\theta_{13}$   
Higgs & No Susy



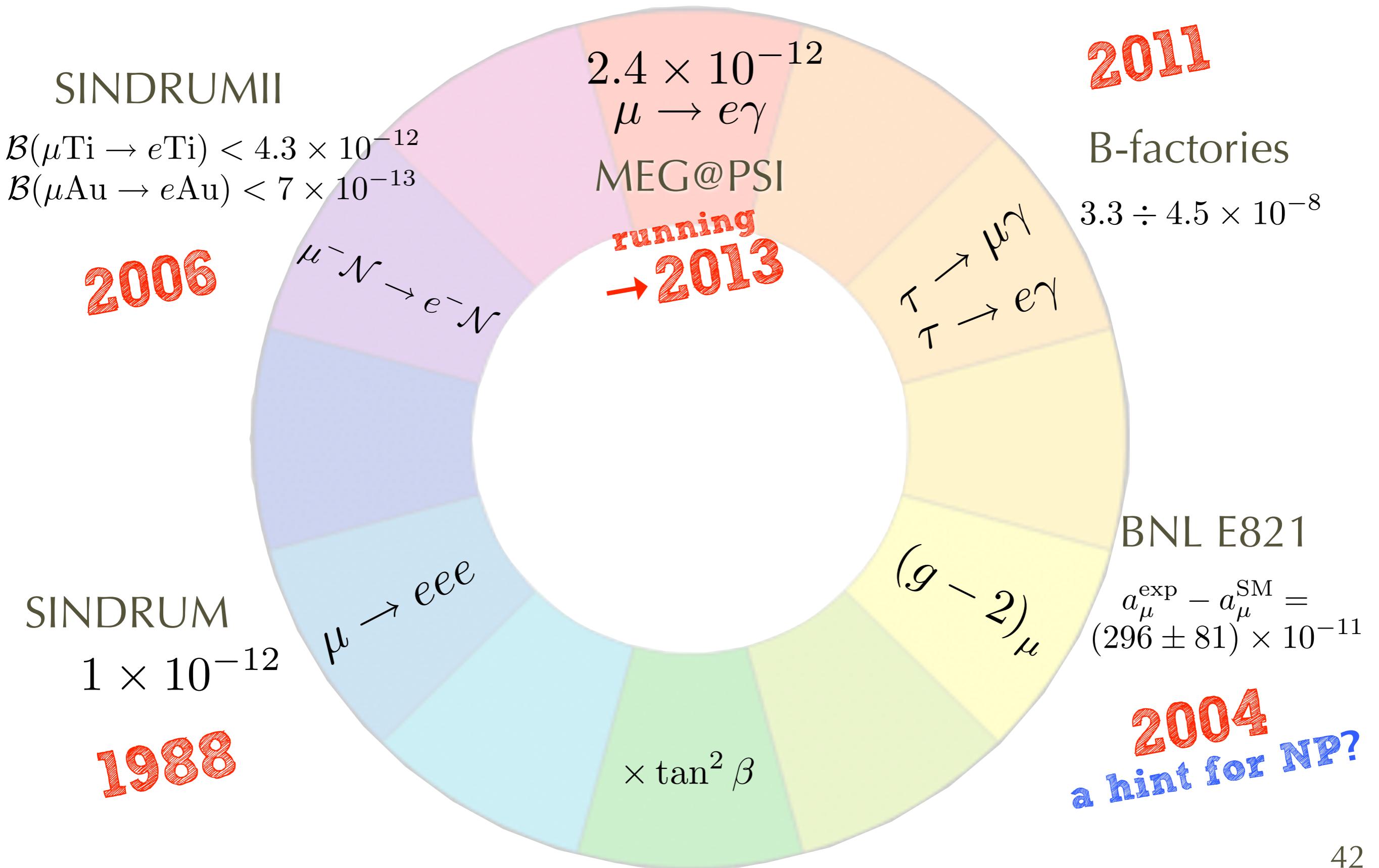
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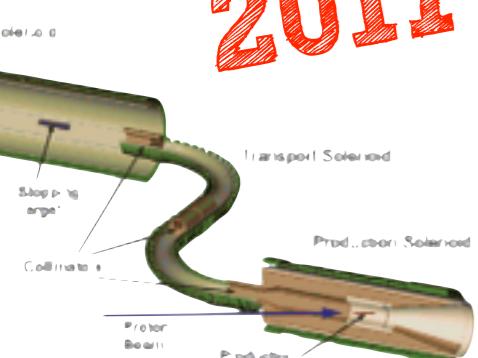
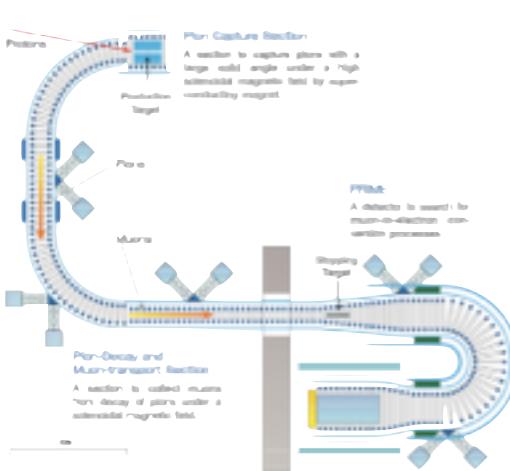
# The CLFV wheel

Common  
Models

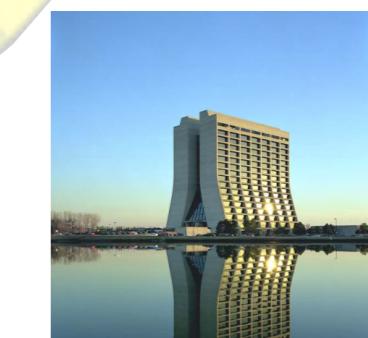
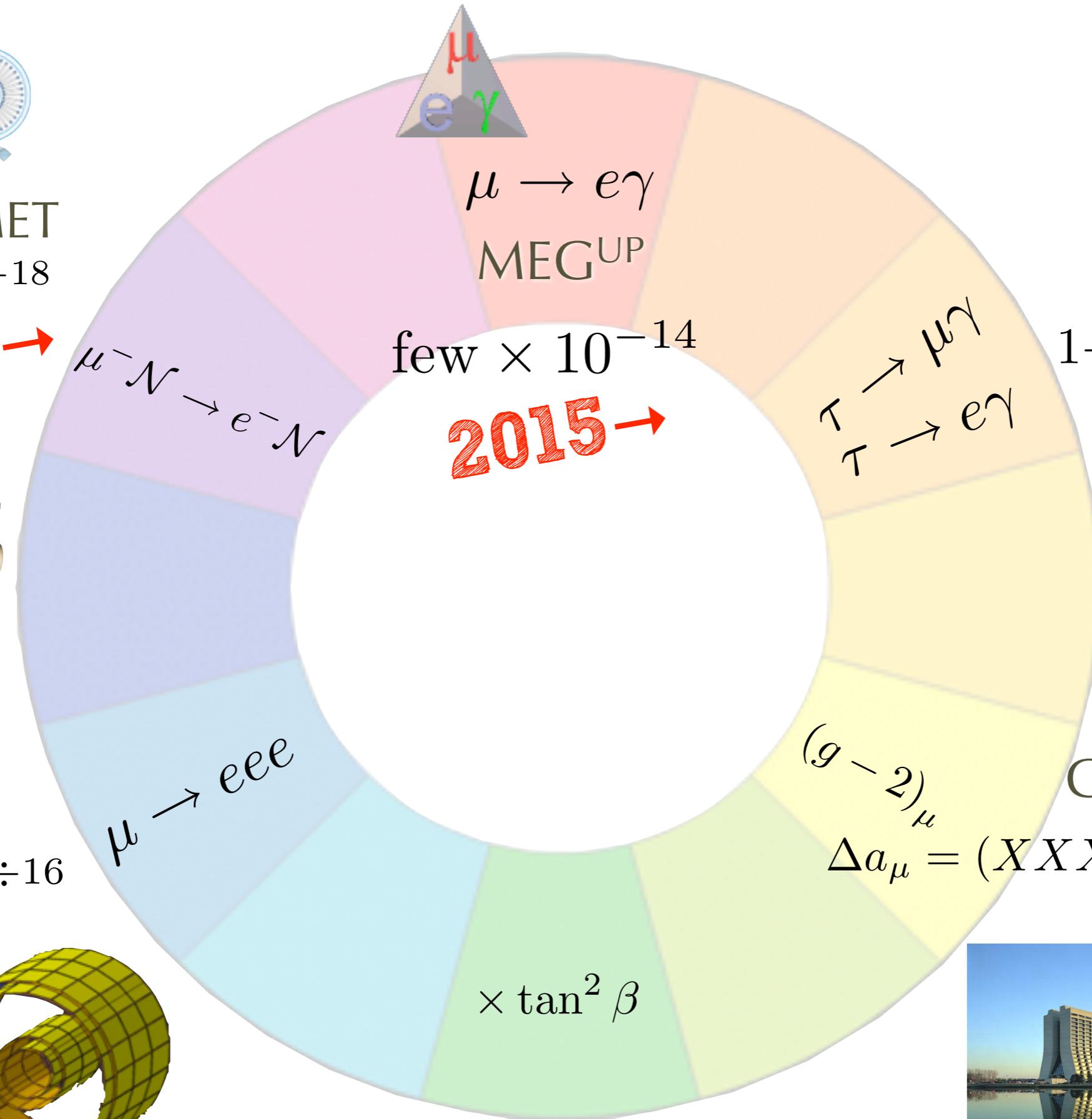


# Present limits





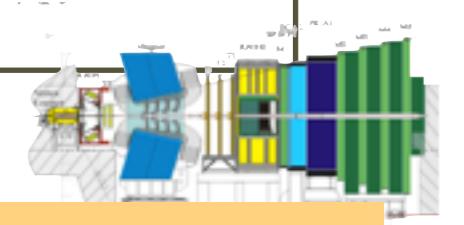
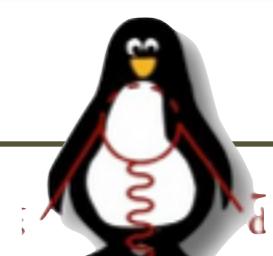
# Back to the wheel



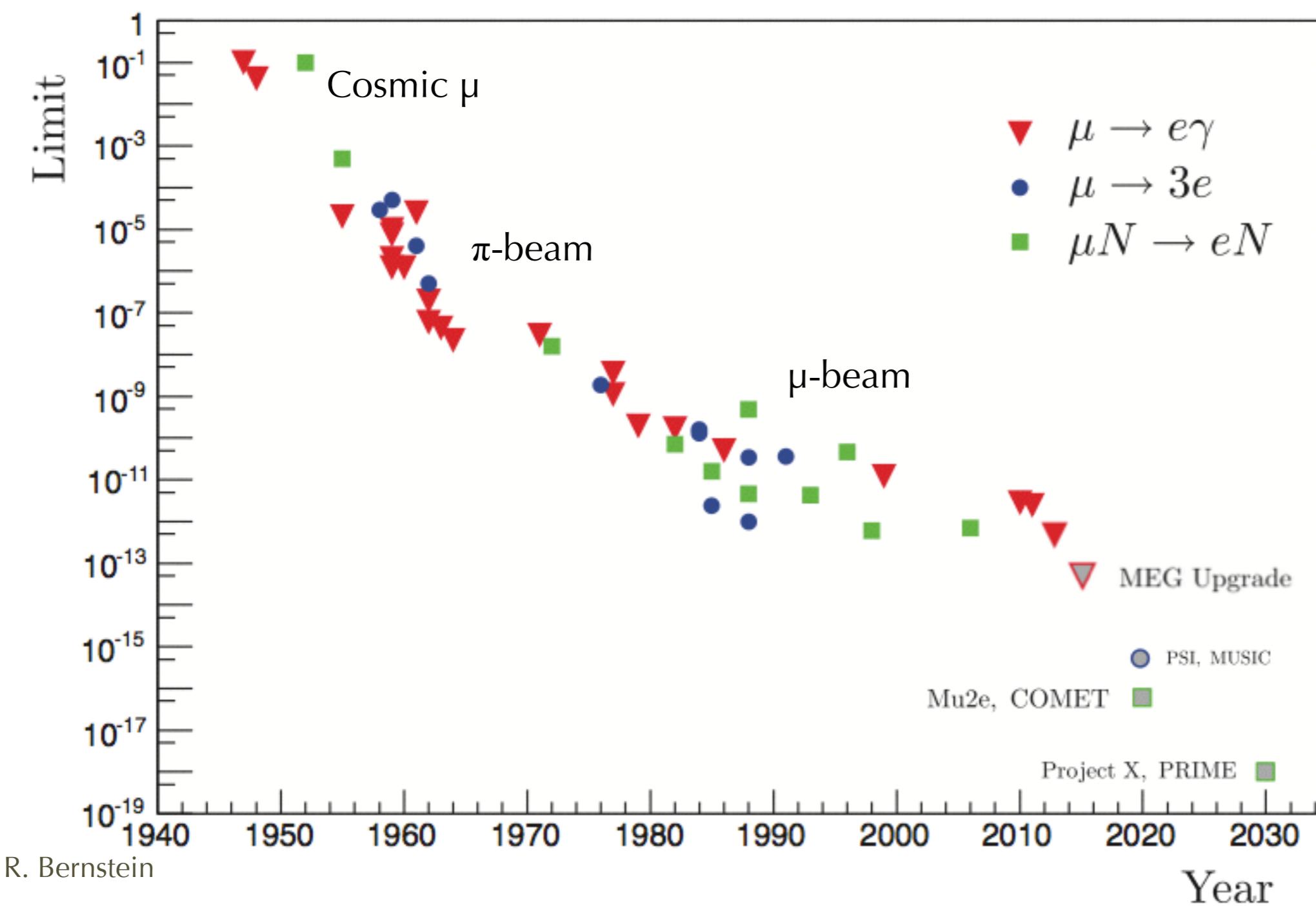
# Experimental effort

	Dedicated experiment	Multi-purpose experiment
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BSM physics NP SM Theory	$e, \mu, n$ edm $(g - 2)_\mu$ $(g - 2)_e$ $\frac{\pi^+(K^+) \rightarrow e^+\nu}{\pi^+(K^+) \rightarrow \mu^+\nu}$ $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu\nu$	$B \rightarrow \mu\mu$ $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ $\frac{\tau \rightarrow e\nu\nu}{\tau \rightarrow \mu\nu\nu}$ $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu\nu$

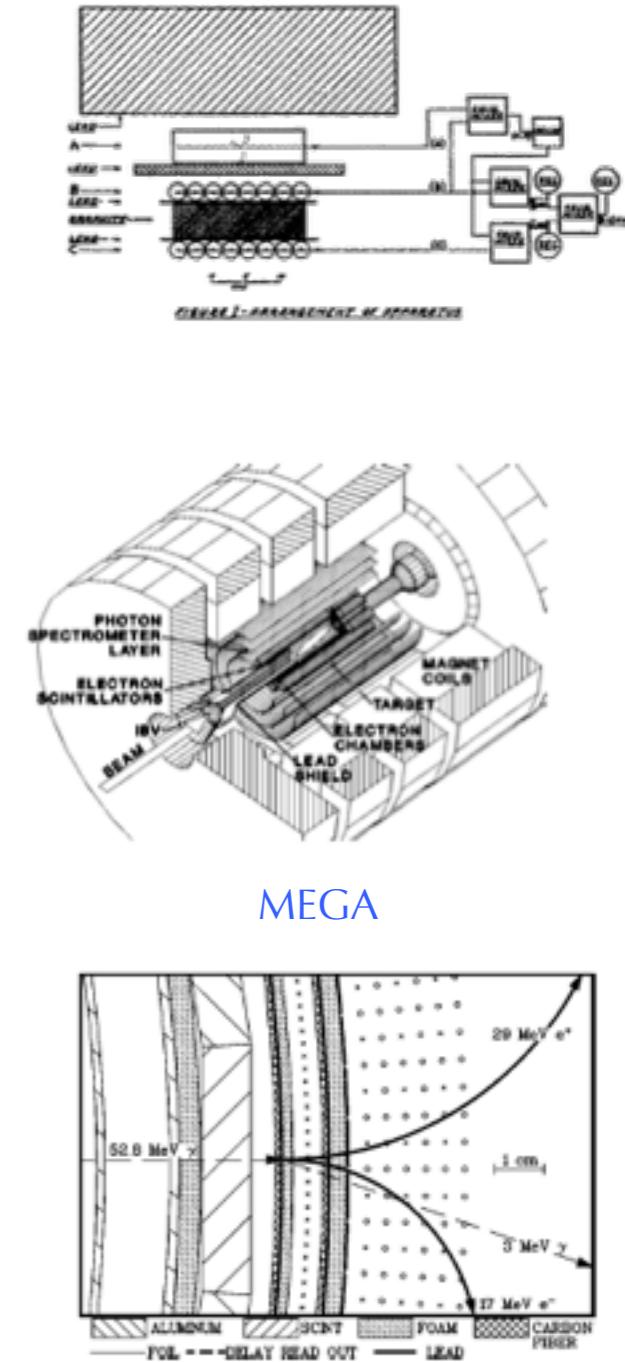
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# 65 years of searches



Hinks & Pontecorvo

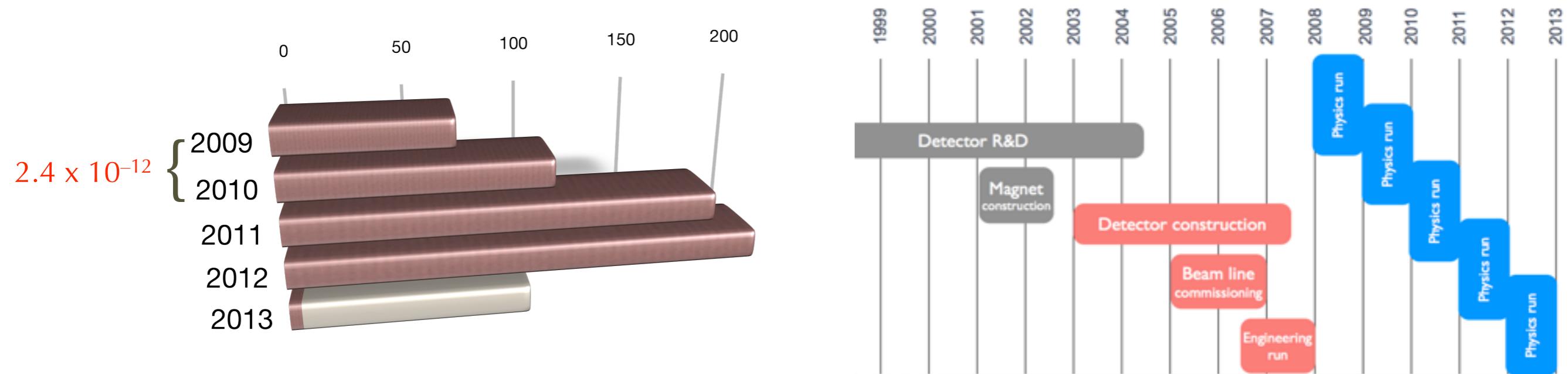


- Each improvement linked to beam and detector technology
- Trade-off between sub-detectors to achieve the best “sensitivity”

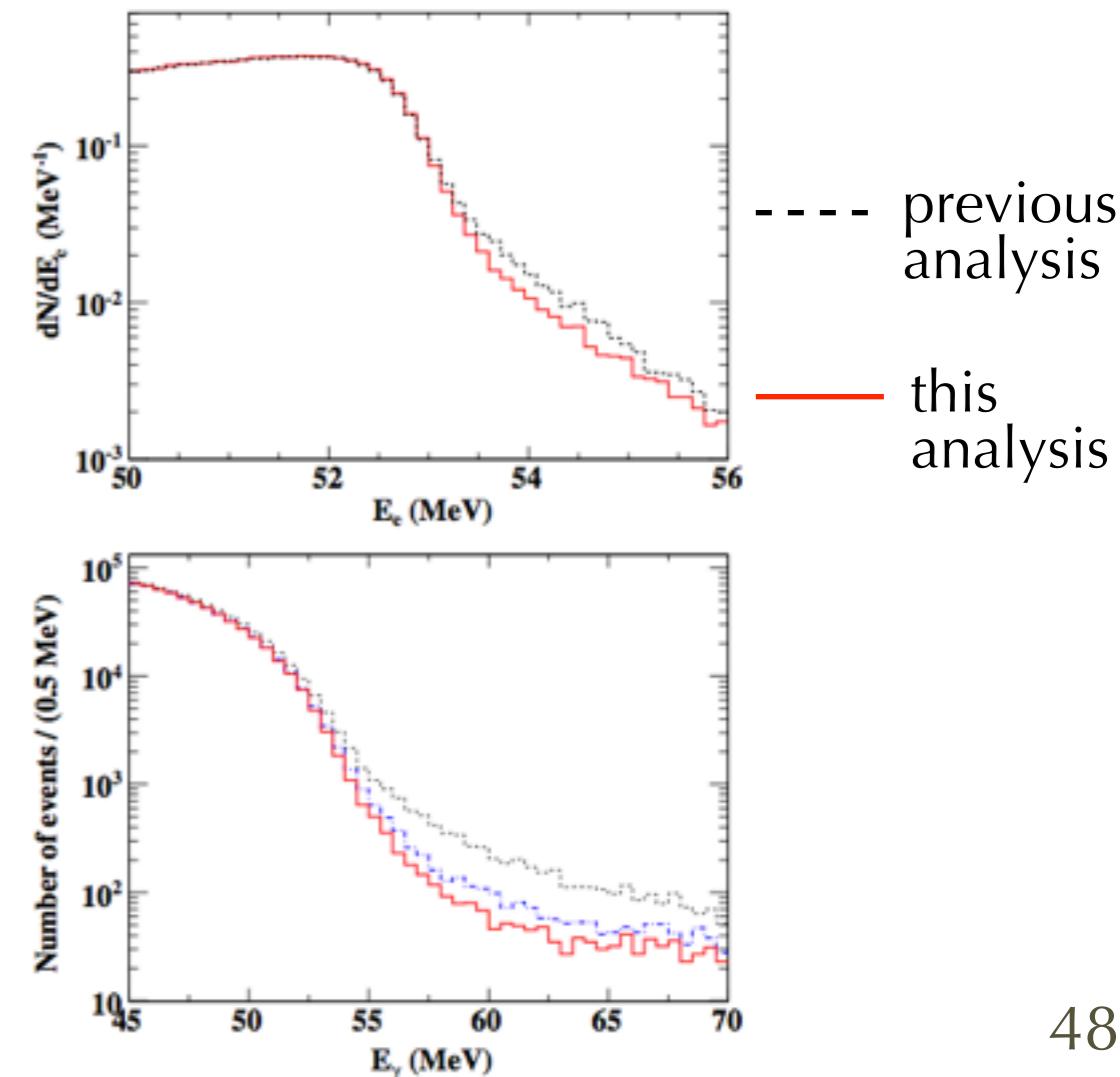
# MEG status

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# MEG schedule



- 2009+2010 analysis:  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 2.4 \times 10^{-12}$  @ 90% C.L.
- 2011 data
  - Doubled the statistics
    - Improved trigger and reconstruction efficiency
  - Hardware modification
    - BGO for calibration
    - Laser tracker system for drift chamber alignment
- 2009-2011 Analysis improvements
  - Reconstruction improvements
    - $\gamma$ -ray pileup unfolding
    - $e^+$  waveform FFT noise reduction + revised track fitter
- 2012 + 2013 analysis in progress



# 2009-2011 fit result

- A  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  event is described by 5 kinematical variables

$$\vec{x}_i = (E_\gamma, E_e, t_{e\gamma}, \theta_{e\gamma}, \phi_{e\gamma})$$

- Likelihood function is built

– in terms of Signal, RMD and BG

- Blind- box analysis strategy

– Use of the sidebands

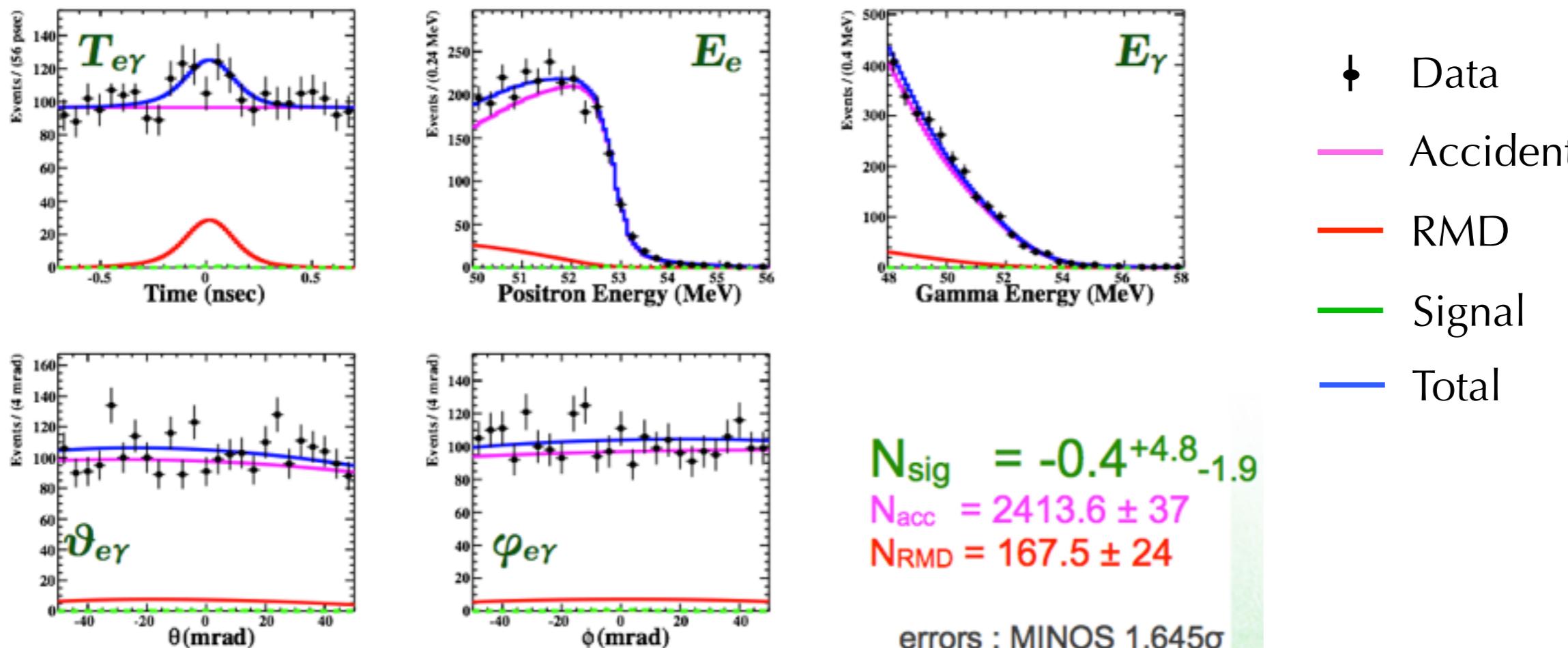
– our main background comes from accidental coincidences

– RMD can be studied in the low  $E_\gamma$  sideband

$$-\ln \mathcal{L}(N_{\text{sig}}, N_{\text{RMD}}, N_{\text{BG}})$$

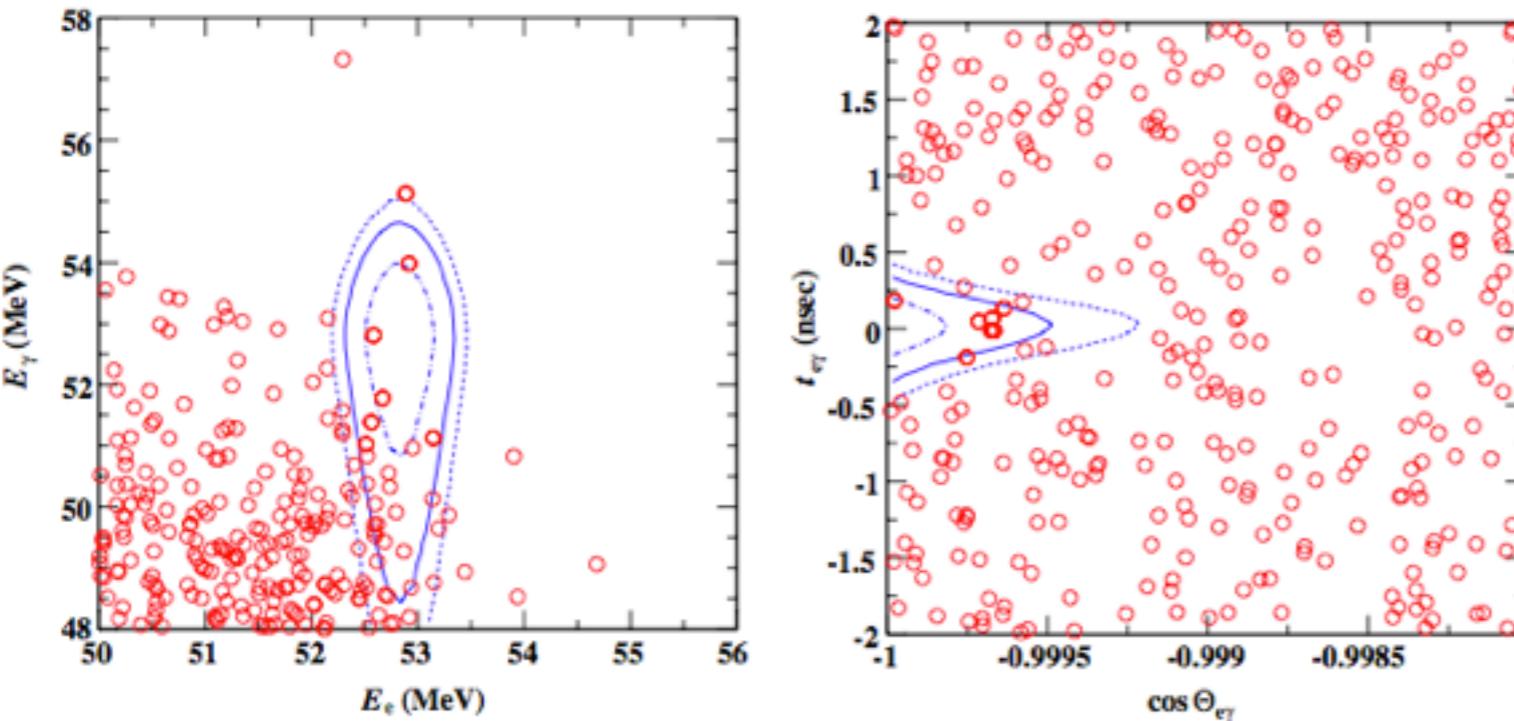
$$= N_{\text{exp}} - N_{\text{obs}} \ln(N_{\text{exp}})$$

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{obs}}} \ln \left[ \frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{N_{\text{exp}}} S(\vec{x}_i) + \frac{N_{\text{RMD}}}{N_{\text{exp}}} R(\vec{x}_i) + \frac{N_{\text{BG}}}{N_{\text{exp}}} B(\vec{x}_i) \right]$$



# Combined 2009 + 2010

2009 – 2011



Data set	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{fit}} \times 10^{12}$	$\mathcal{B}_{90} \times 10^{12}$	$S_{90} \times 10^{12}$
2009–2010	0.09	1.3	1.3
2011	-0.35	0.67	1.1
2009–2011	-0.06	0.57	0.77

- 90% C.L. Feldman-Cousins upper limit
  - $8 \times 10^{-13}$  expected for no signal (sensitivity)

$$\frac{\Gamma(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma)}{\Gamma(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \bar{\nu})} \leq 5.7 \times 10^{-13}$$

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## New Constraint on the Existence of the $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ Decay

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