

Lepton Flavor Violation with muons



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The landscape of flavour physics towards the intensity era
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Outline

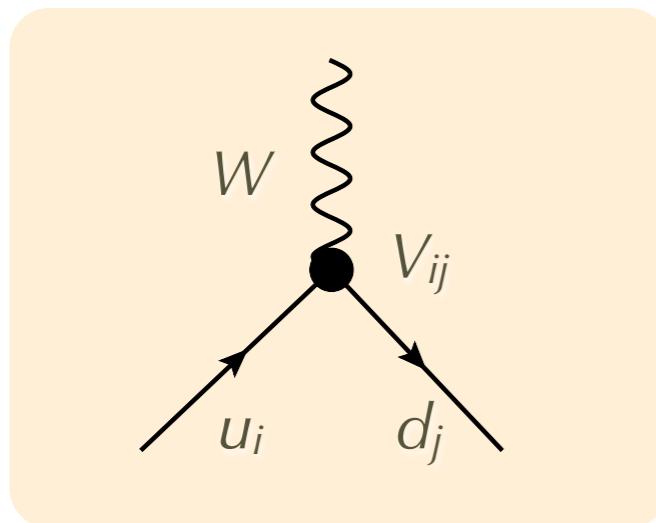
- (Charged) Lepton Flavour violation search experiments
 - complementary to quark flavor and CP
- Observables towards new physics
- The “classical searches”
 - $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$
 - $\mu \rightarrow 3e$
 - $\mu N \rightarrow e N$
- Status and perspectives



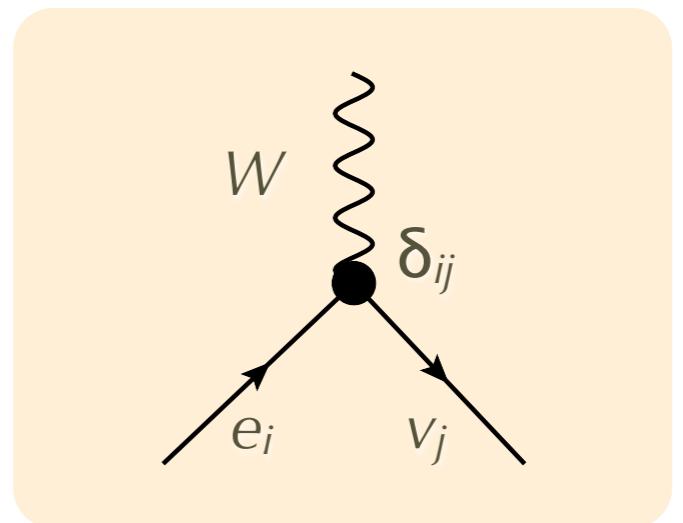
Flavor in the SM

- 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

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



V_{CKM}

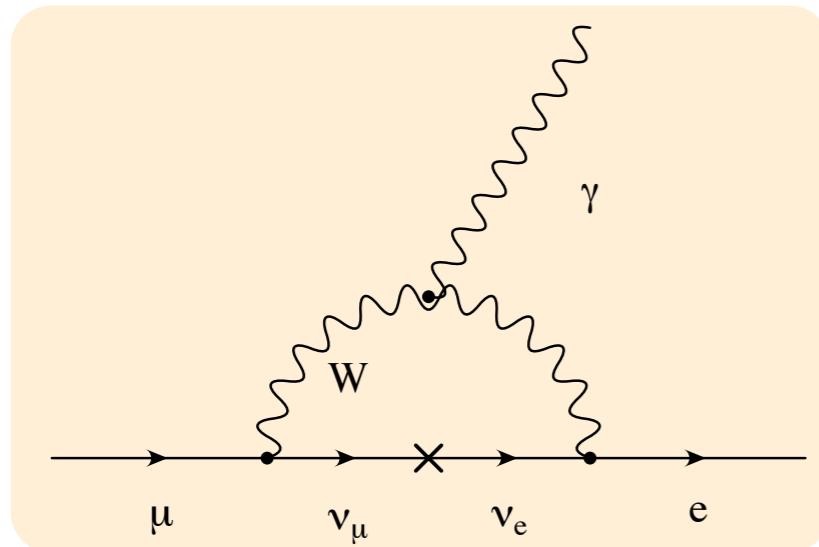


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- In the SM **lepton flavor** transitions are **forbidden**
- Nevertheless **neutrino oscillations** were **observed** $\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j$
 - Flavor transitions in the (neutral) lepton sector
 - vSM

charged Lepton Flavor Violation

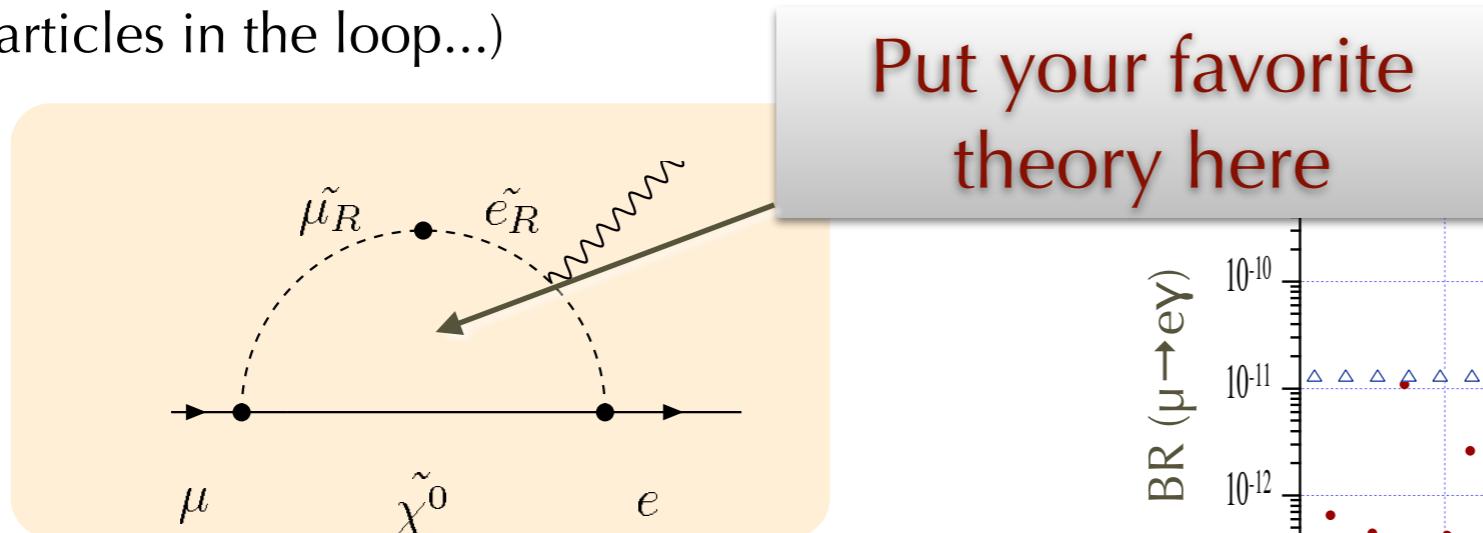
- neutrino masses and mixings induces cLFV decays radiatively in the SM is by at a negligible level



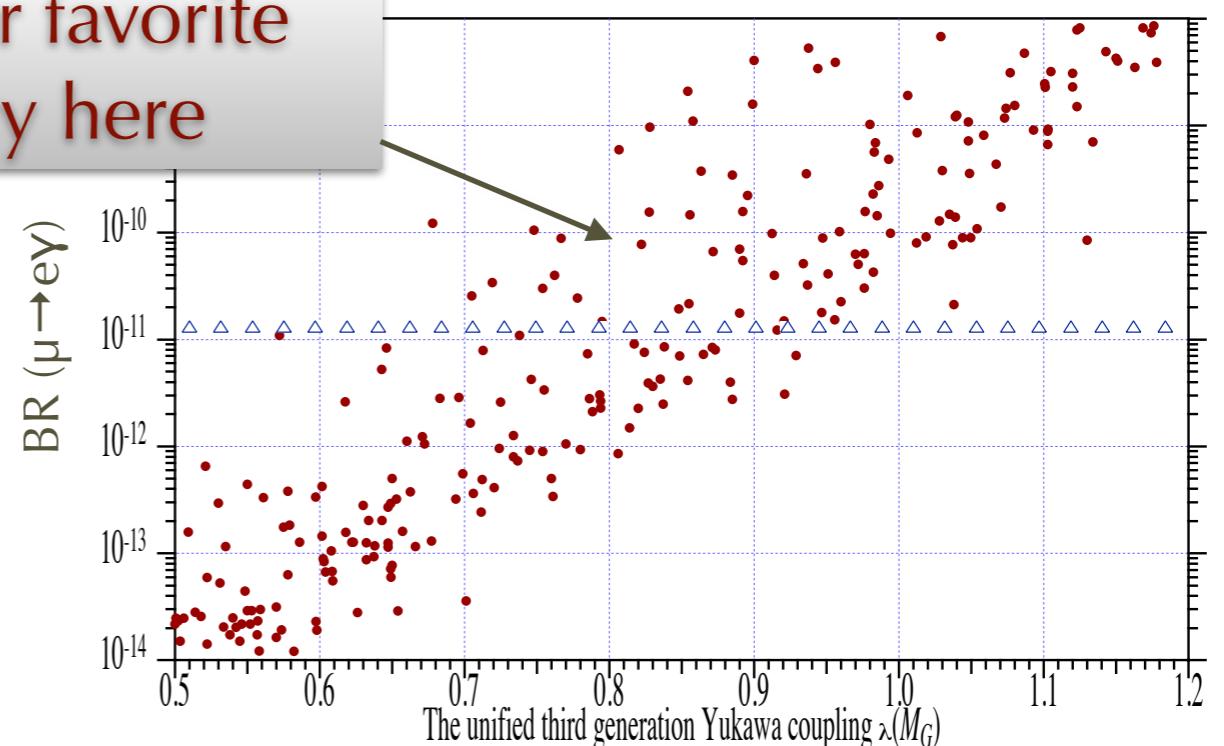
$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) &\approx \underbrace{\frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192\pi^3}}_{\mu - \text{decay}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)}_{\gamma - \text{vertex}} \underbrace{\sin^2 2\theta \sin^2\left(\frac{1.27\Delta m^2}{M_W^2}\right)}_{\nu - \text{oscillation}} \\ &\approx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

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

- All SM extensions enhance the rate through mixing in the high energy sector of the theory (other particles in the loop...)



Put your favorite theory here



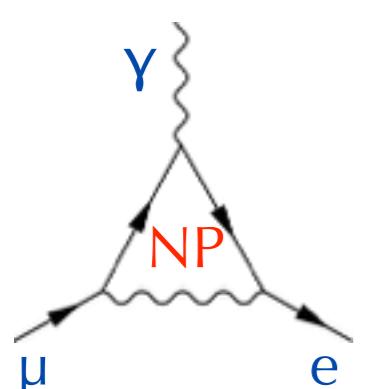
- Clear evidence for physics beyond the SM
 - background-free
- Restrict parameter space of SM extensions

Many processes

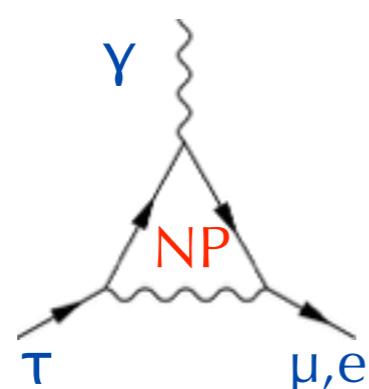
- LFV is related to “new” lepton-lepton **couplings** and **effective operators**

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

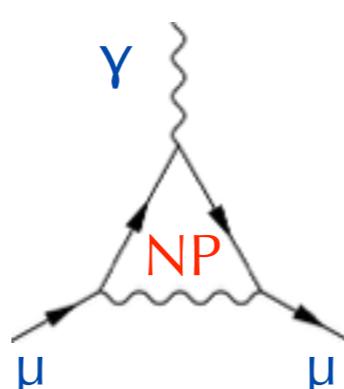
$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\ell}_i \gamma_\mu \ell_j (\bar{q}_k \gamma^\mu q_m + \bar{\ell}_k \gamma^\mu \ell_m)$$



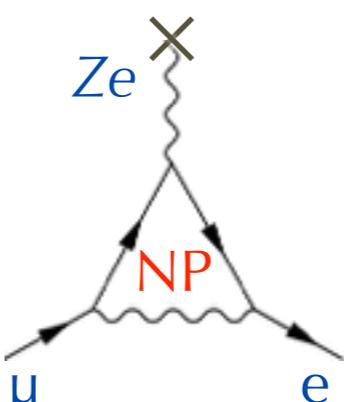
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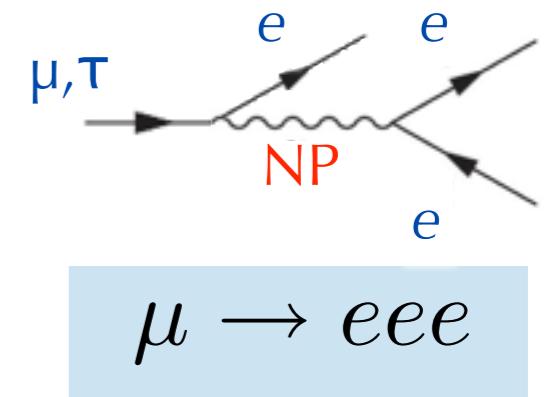
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$
 $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$



$(g - 2)_\mu$

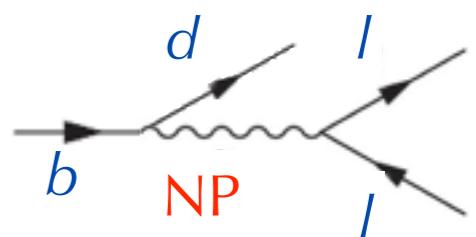
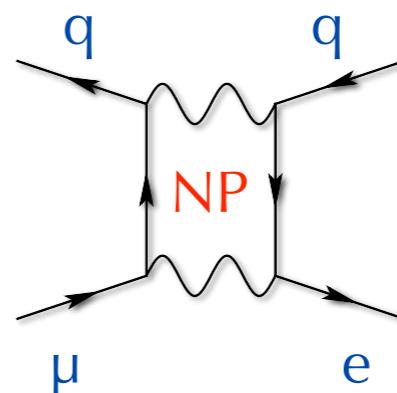


$\mu^- \mathcal{N} \rightarrow e^- \mathcal{N}$



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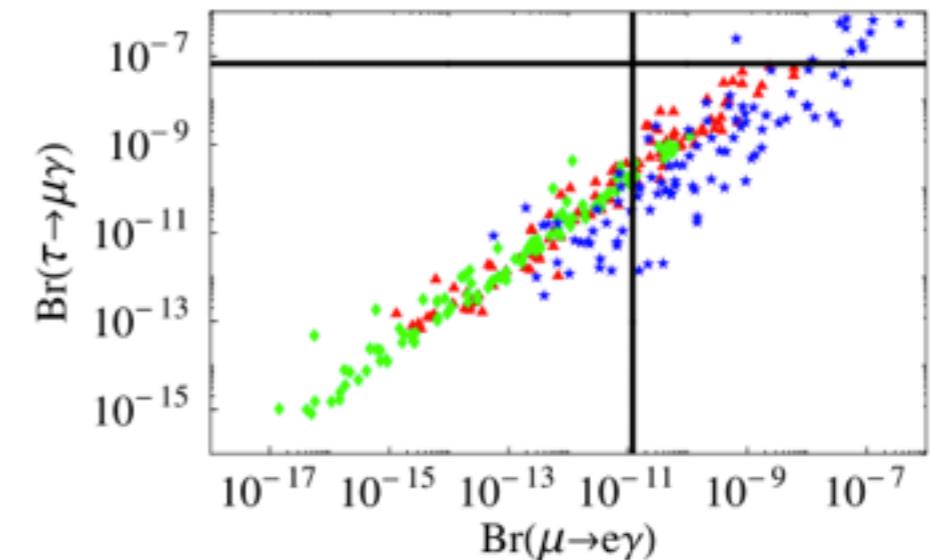
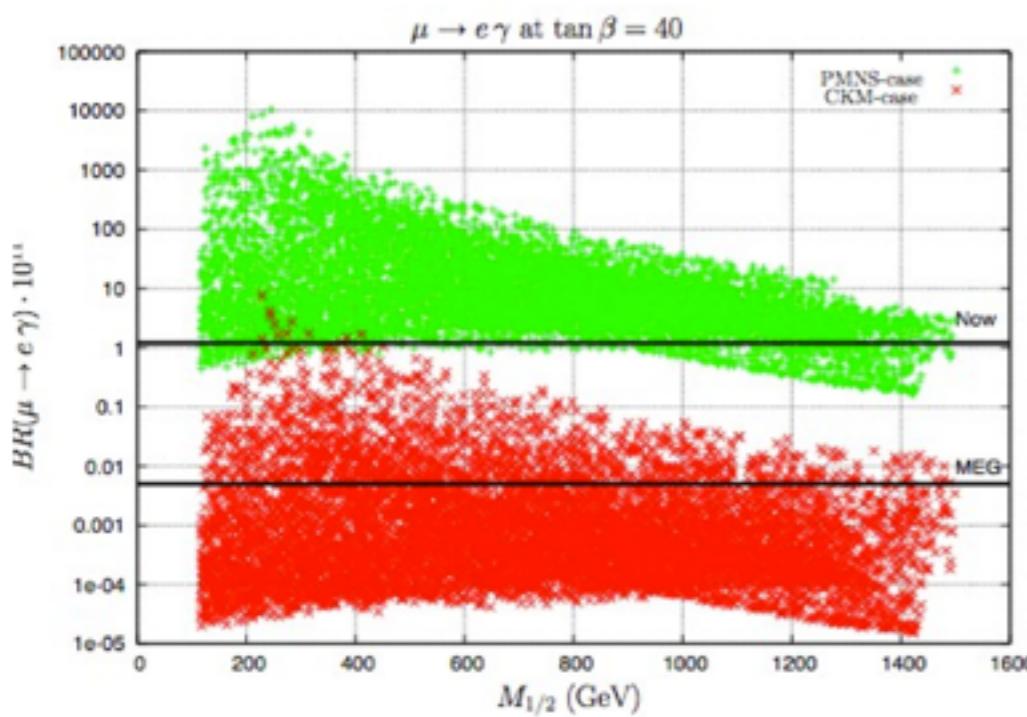
- A wide field of **research**
 - LFV **decays** of leptons
 - Anomalous **magnetic moment** for the μ
 - **Muon-to-electron conversion**
 - LFV in meson **decays**



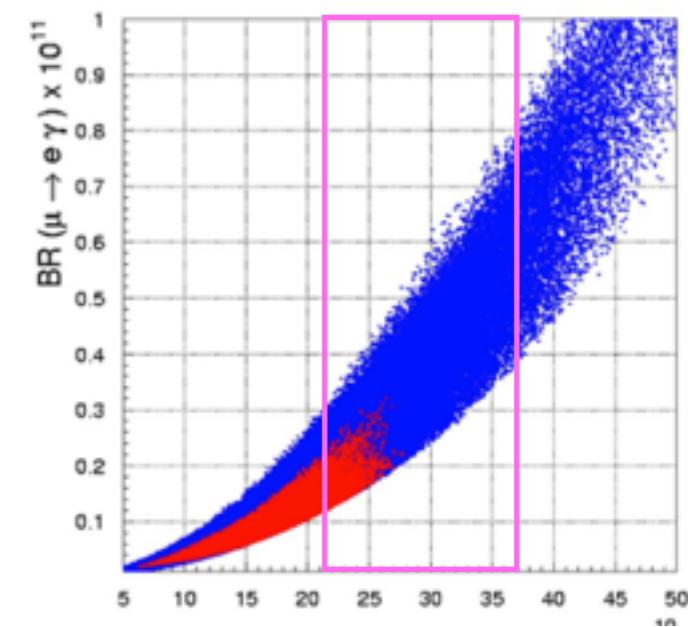
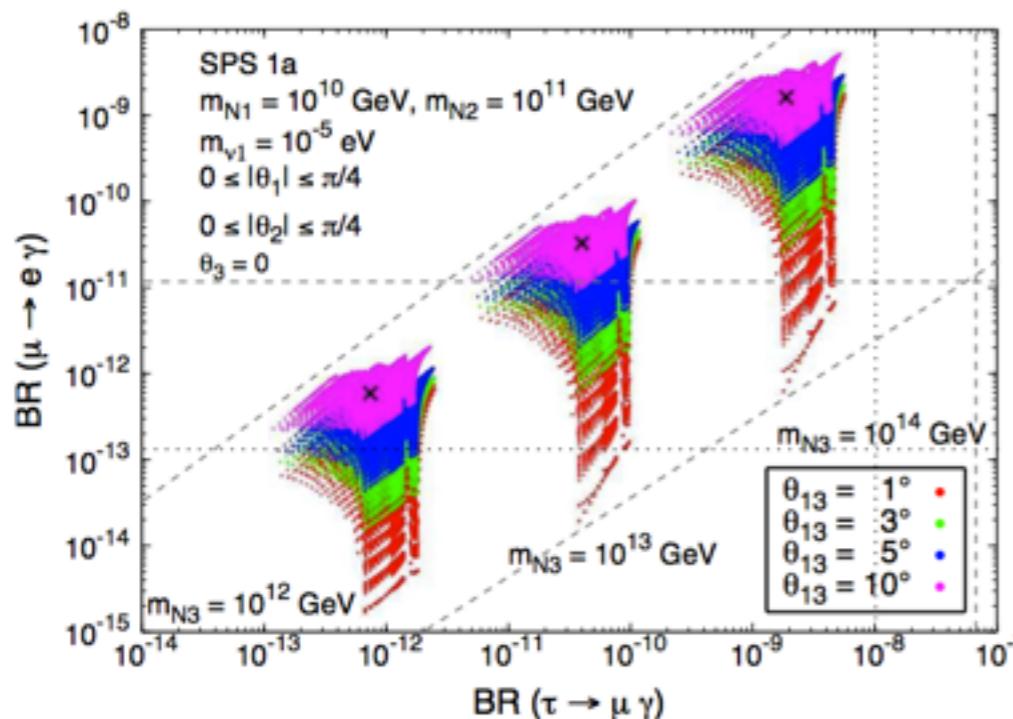
$B \rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}'$
 $B \rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell}' X_s$

Processes are correlated

- Model-dependent correlations



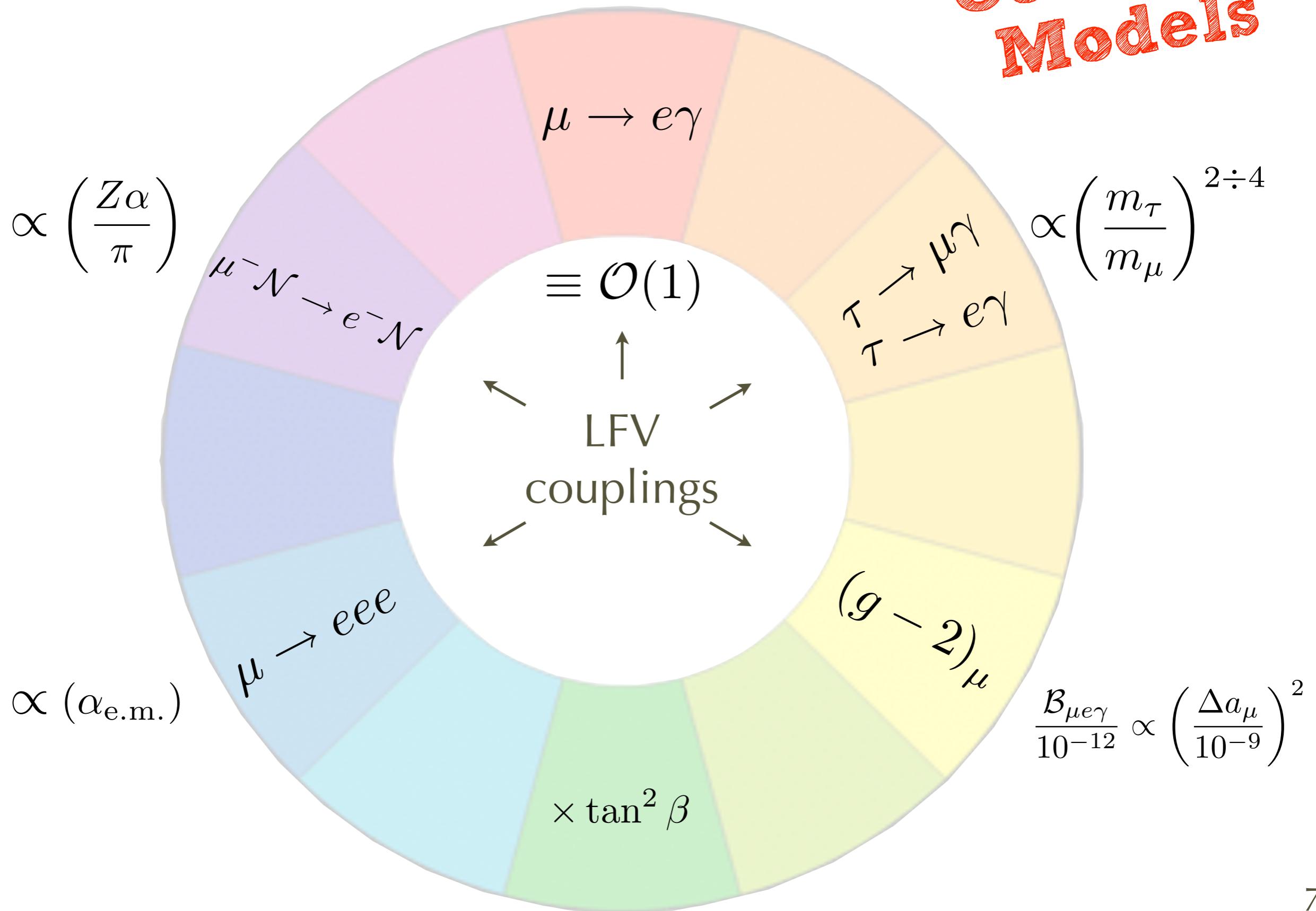
Large θ_{13}
Higgs & No Susy



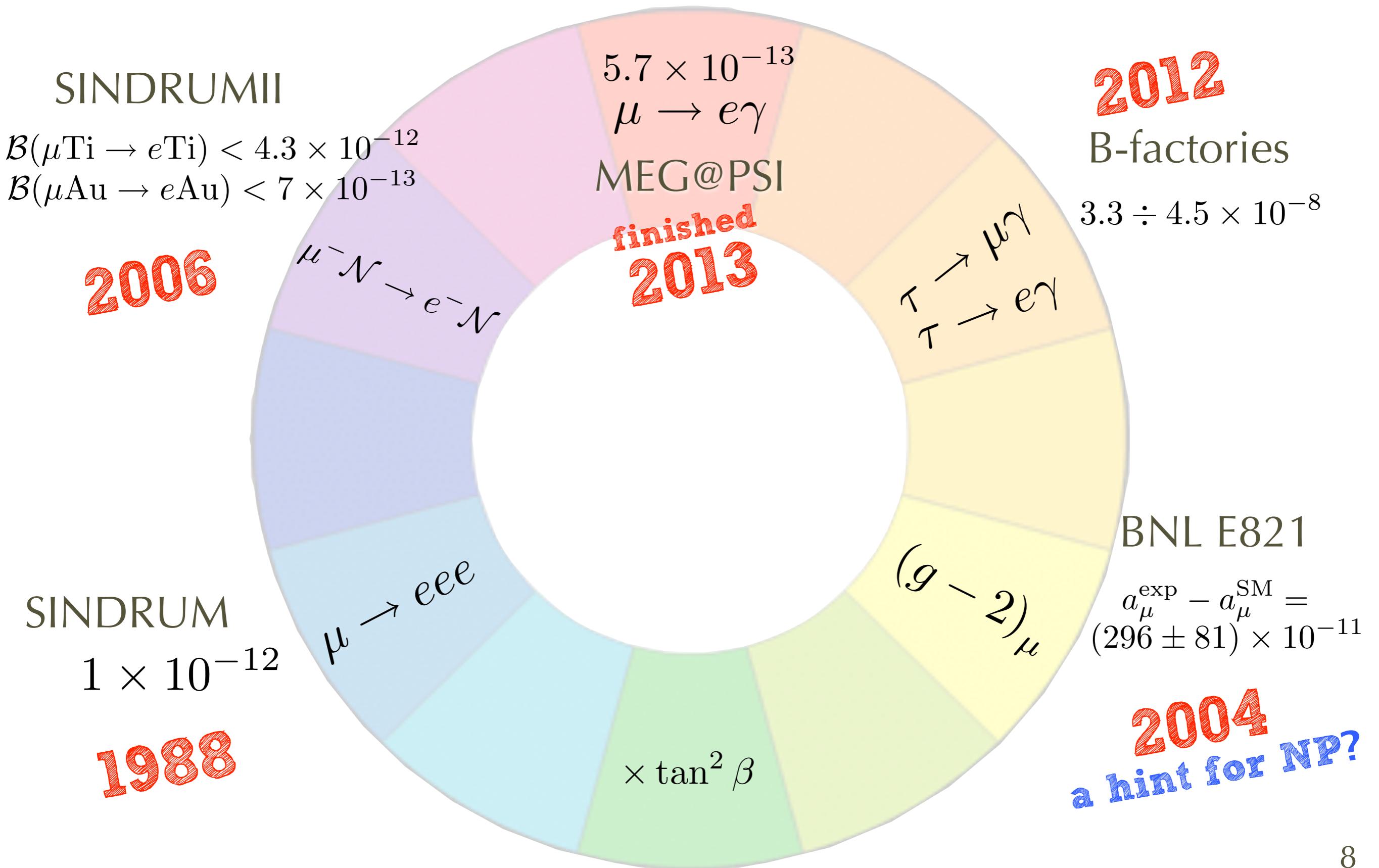
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The CLFV wheel

Common
Models



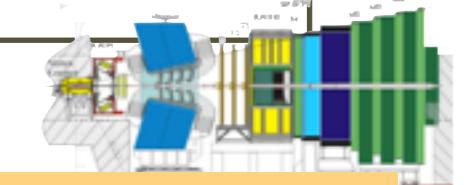
Present limits

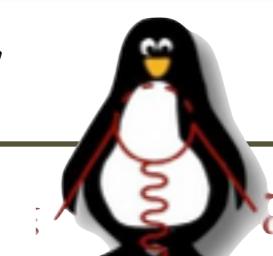


Experimental effort

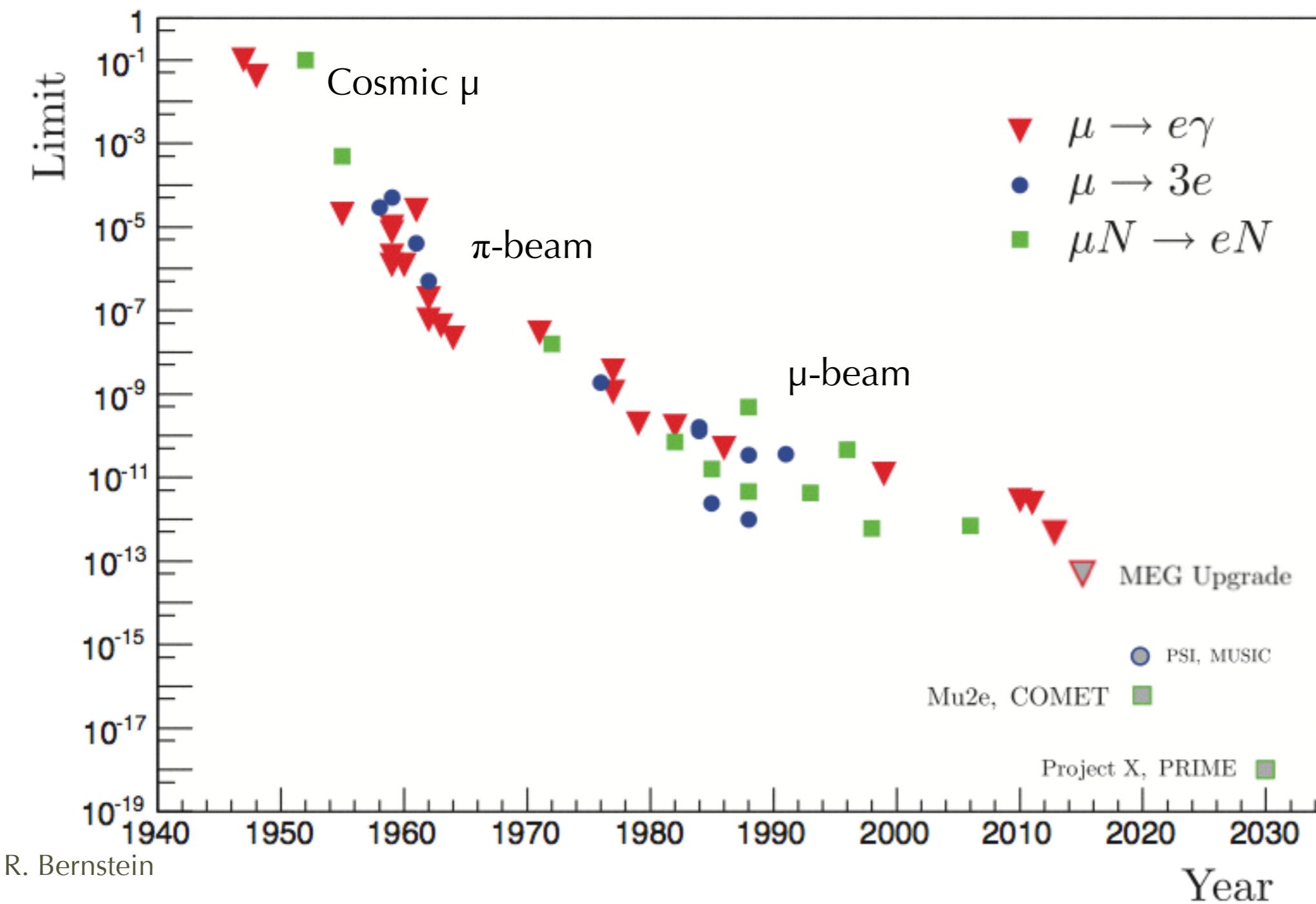
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Exotic Searches New Physics Experiment	$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ $\mu \rightarrow eee$ $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$	$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$ $K_L^0 \rightarrow \mu e$ $Z' \rightarrow e\mu$ $\tau \rightarrow 3\ell$
BSM physics NP SM Theory	e, μ, 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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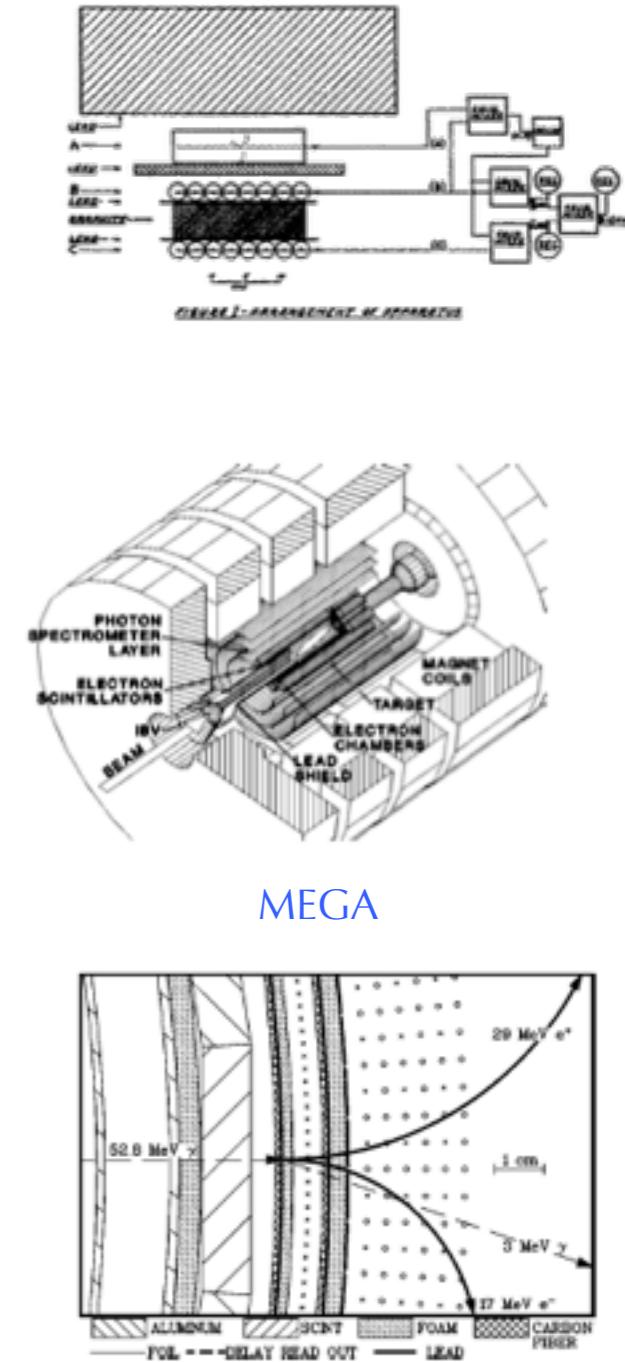
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65 years of searches

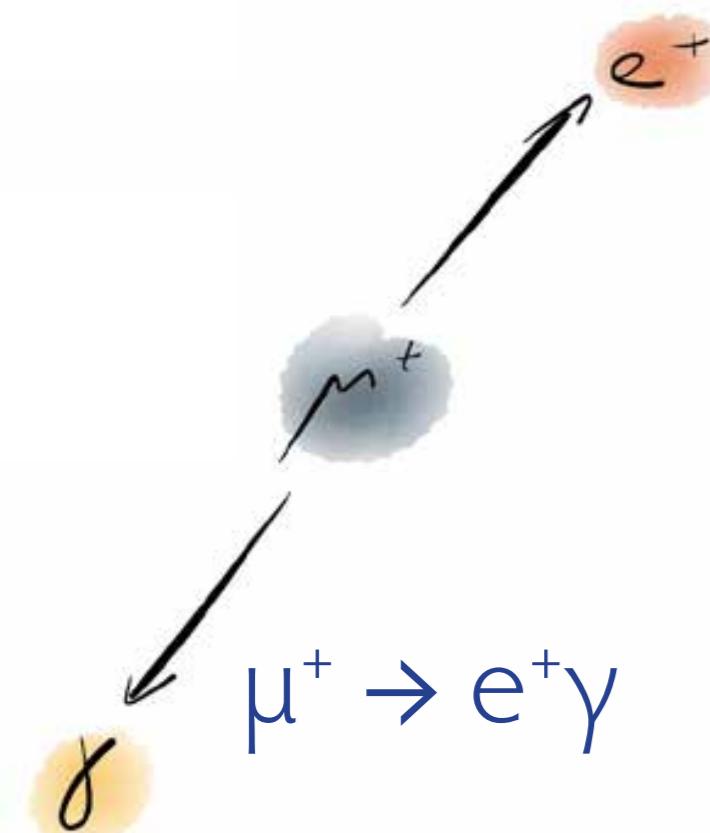


Hinks & Pontecorvo



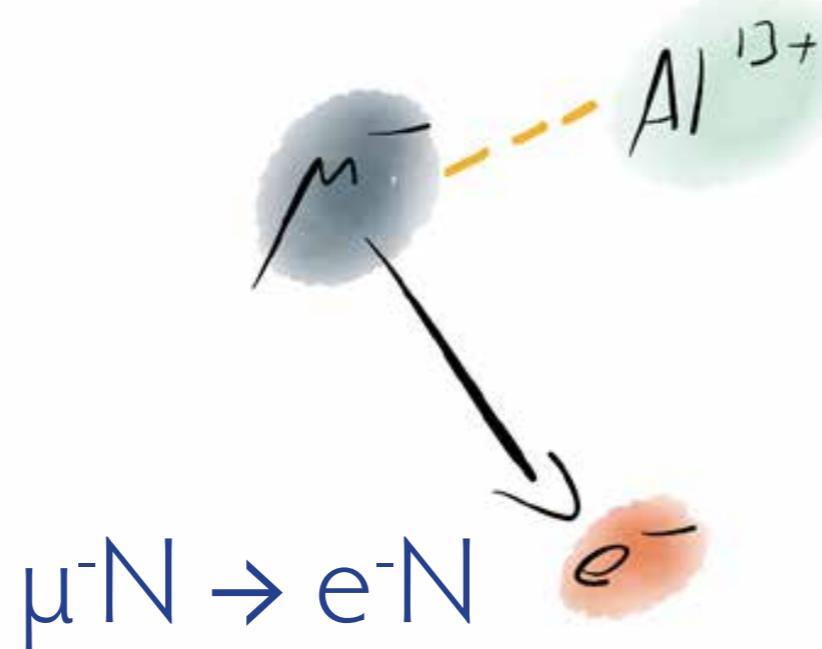
- Each improvement linked to beam and detector technology
- Trade-off between sub-detectors to achieve the best “sensitivity”

Kinematics



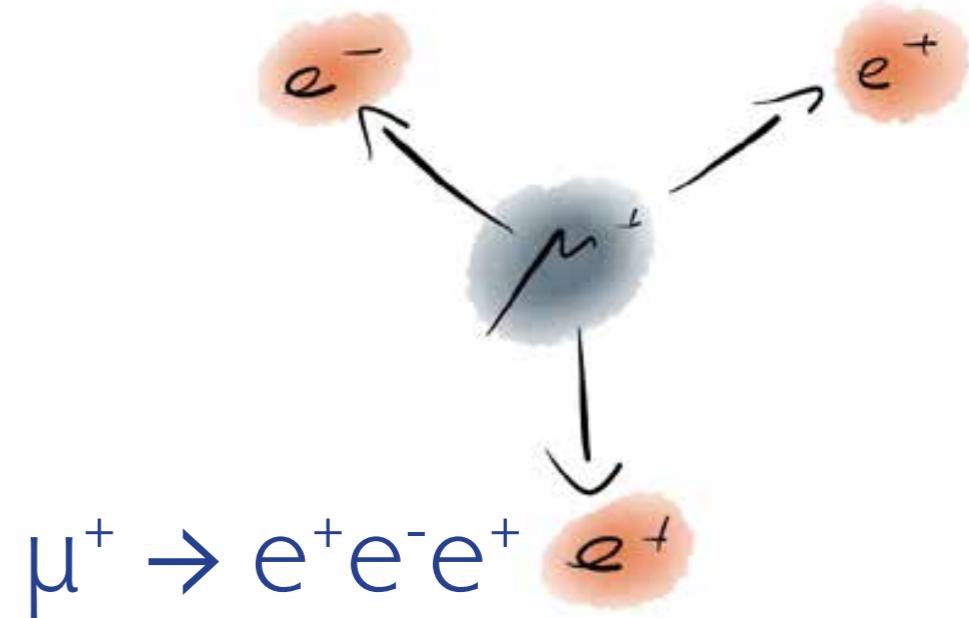
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- 2-body decay
- Monoenergetic e^+ , γ
- Back-to-back



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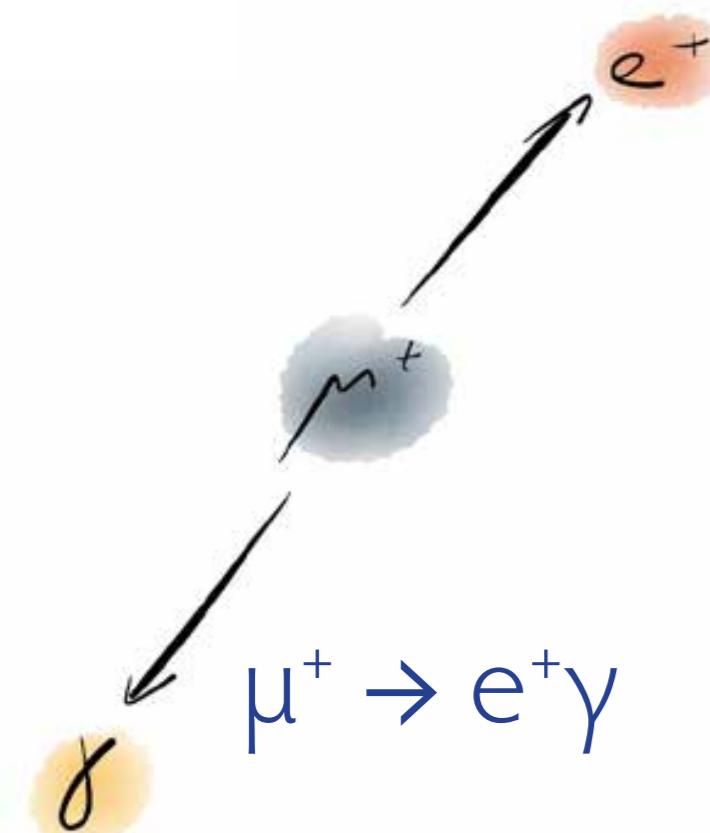
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- Single particle detected



Kinematics

- 3-body decay
- Invariant mass constraint
- $\sum p_i = 0$

Background

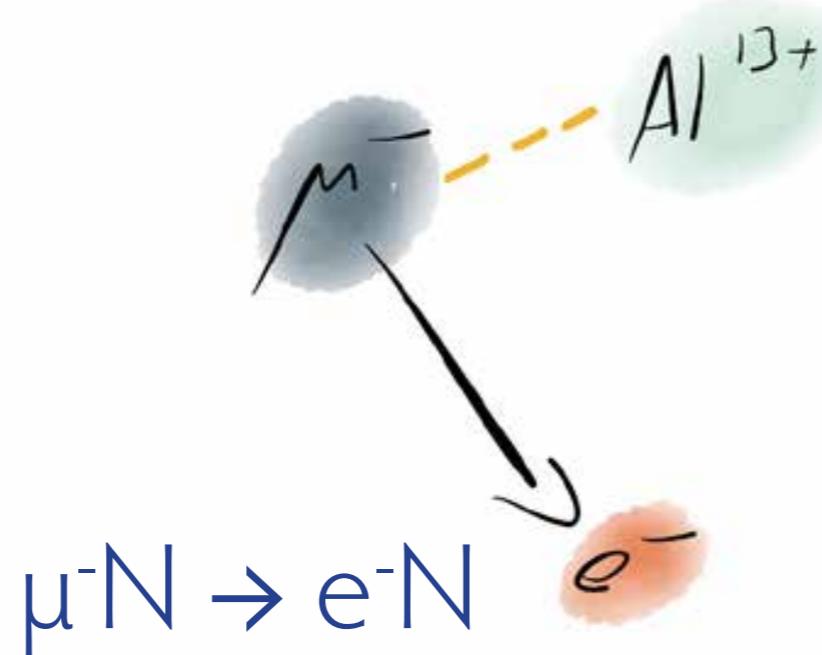


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- Accidental background

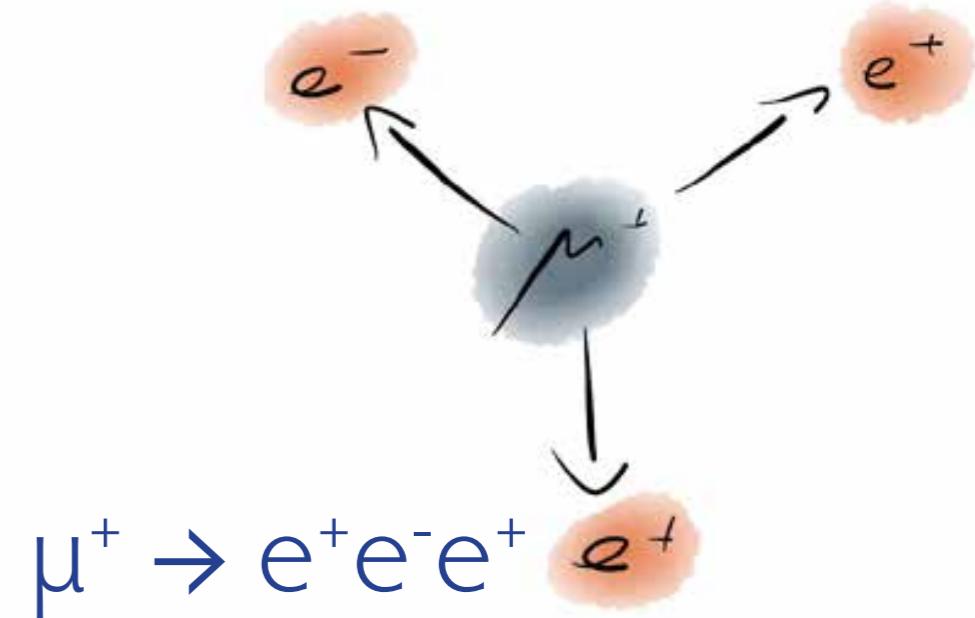


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Background

- Decay in orbit
- Antiprotons, pions



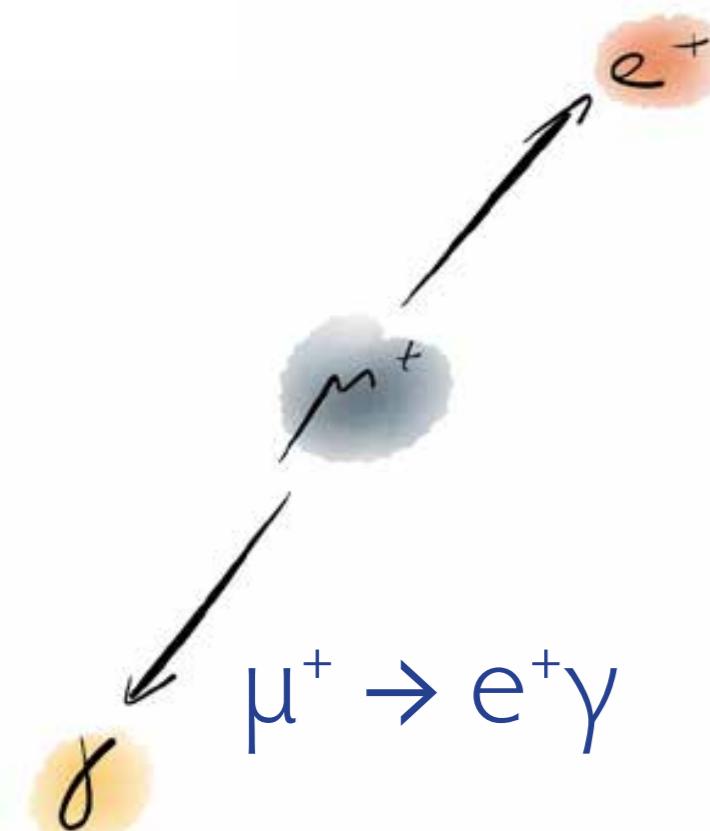
Kinematics

- 3-body decay
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Background

- Radiative decay
- Accidental background

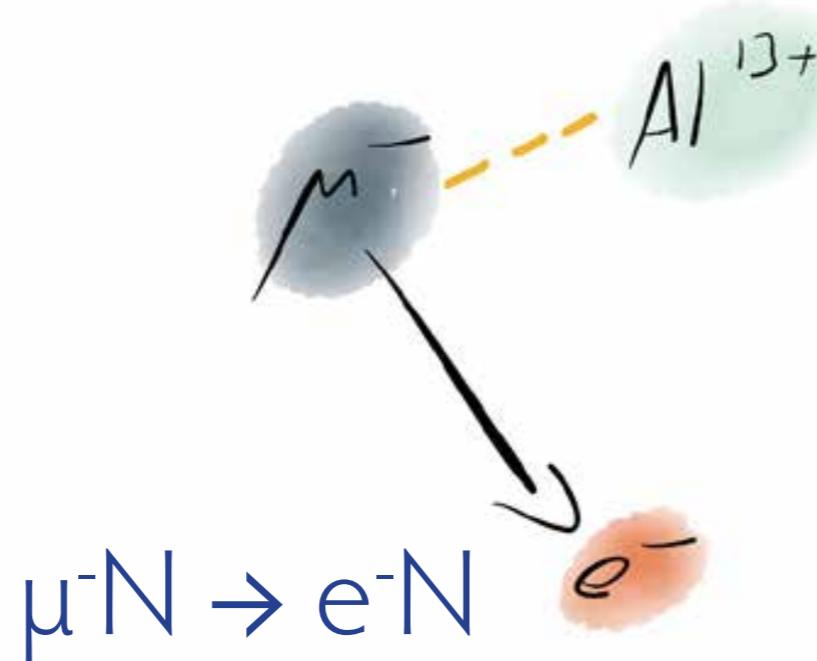
Beam requirements



Kinematics

- 2-body decay
- Monoenergetic
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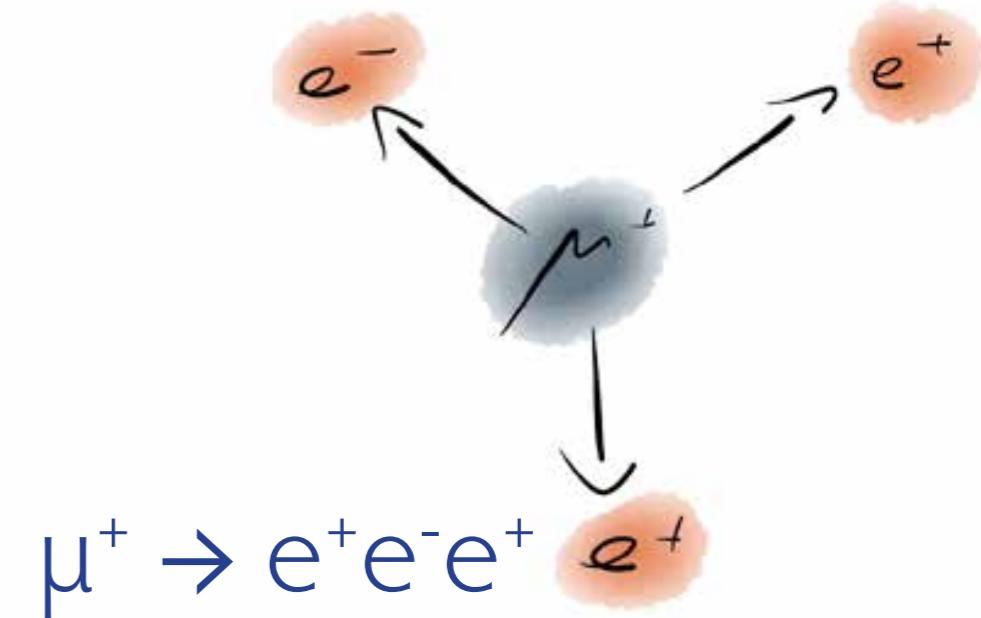
Background
Continuous Beam



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Background
Pulsed Beam



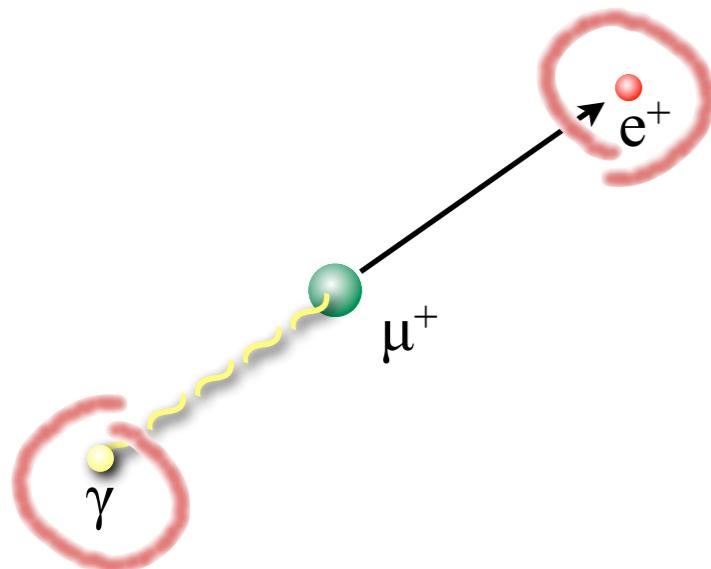
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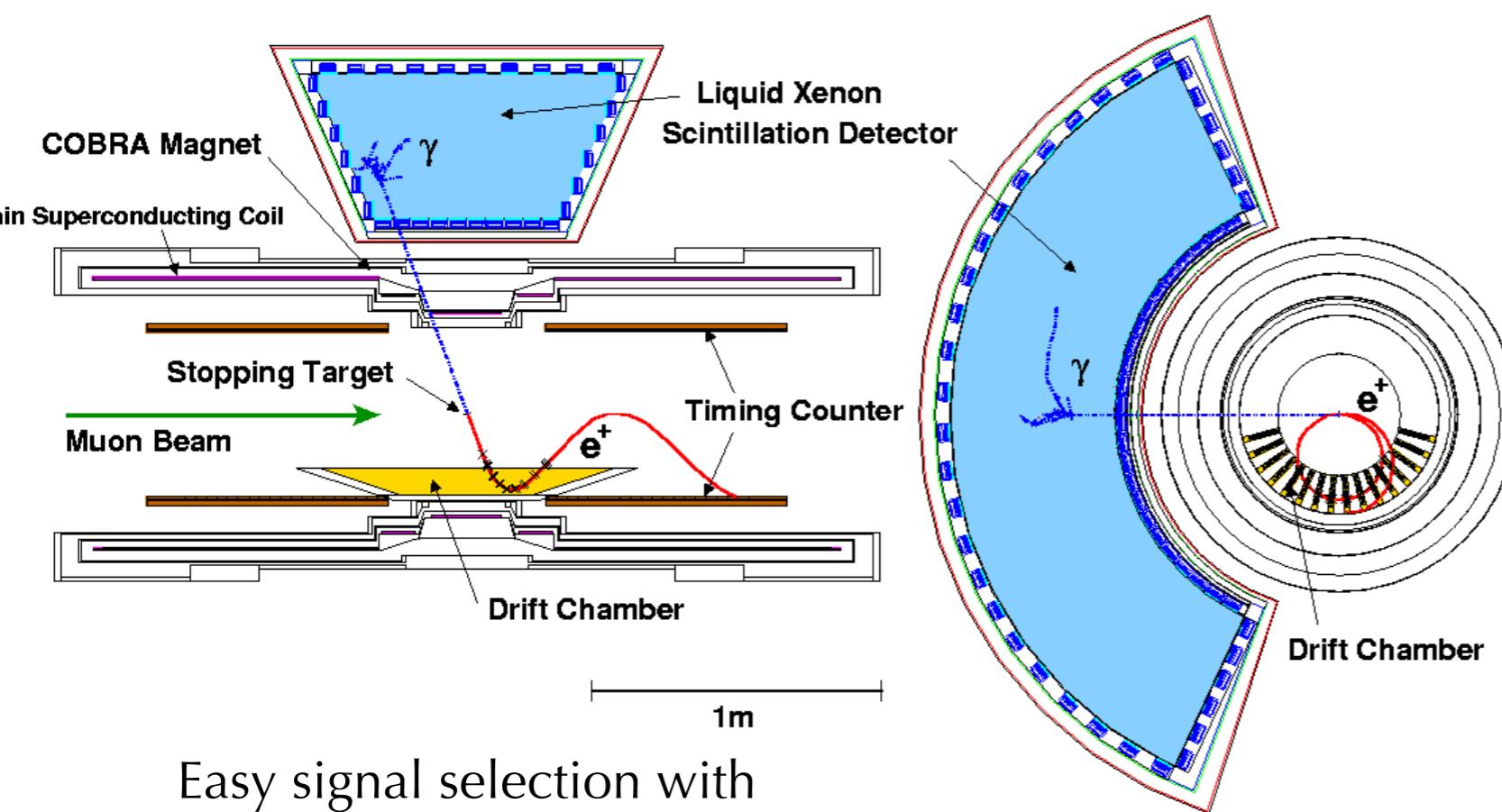
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MEG experimental method

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PDF parameters	Present MEG
e ⁺ energy (keV)	306 (core)
e ⁺ θ (mrad)	9.4
e ⁺ φ (mrad)	8.7
e ⁺ vertex (mm) Z/Y(core)	2.4 / 1.2
γ energy (%) (w <2 cm)/(w >2 cm)	2.4 / 1.7
γ position (mm) u/v/w	5 / 5 / 6
γ-e ⁺ timing (ps)	122



Easy signal selection with
 μ^+ at rest

- μ : stopped beam of $3 \times 10^7 \mu$ /sec in a 205 μm polyethylene target
 - PSI πE5 beam line: 29 MeV μ^+
- e⁺ detection

magnetic spectrometer composed by solenoidal magnet and drift chambers for momentum plastic counters for timing
- γ detection

Liquid Xenon detector based on the scintillation light

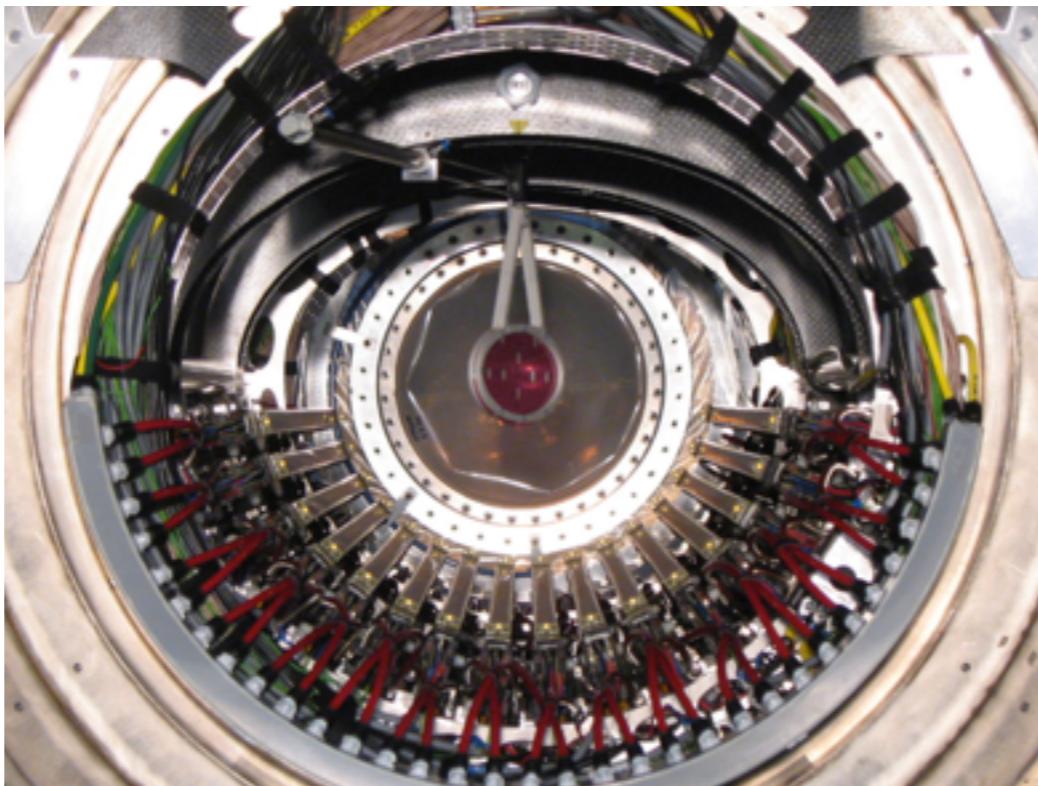
 - fast: 4 / 22 / 45 ns
 - high LY: $\sim 0.8 * \text{Nal}$
 - short X_0 : 2.77 cm

Some detector pictures

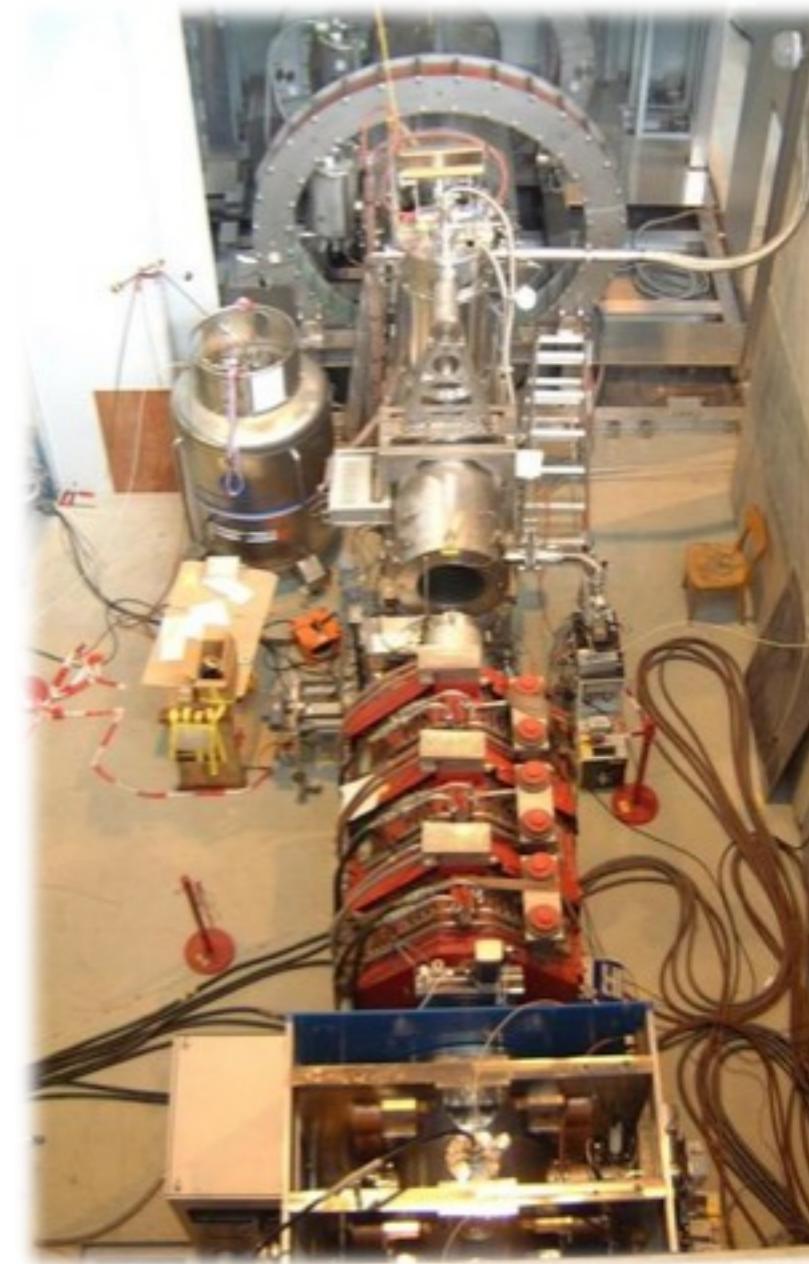
LXe detector



DC system



Beam Line

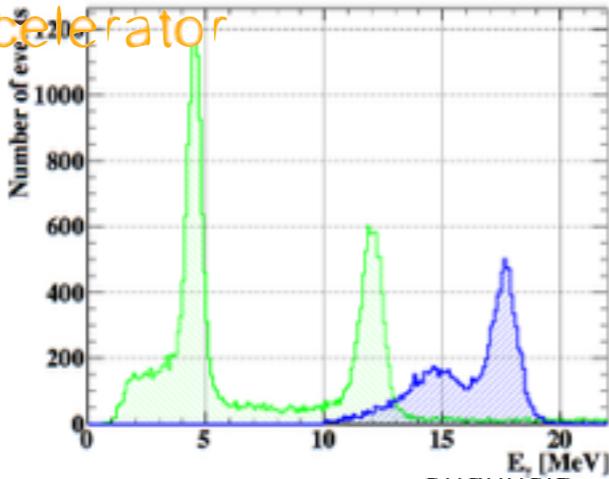


TC with fibers exposed



Calibration & Monitoring

Proton Accelerator



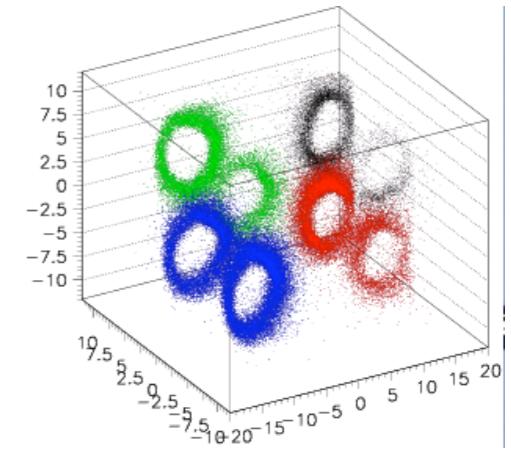
Li(p, γ)Be

LiF target at COBRA center
17.6MeV γ
~daily calib.
also for initial setup

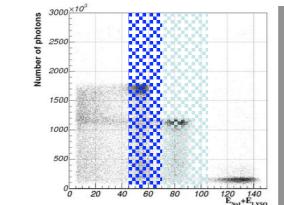
Alpha on wires



PMT QE & Att. L
Cold GXe
LXe



$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

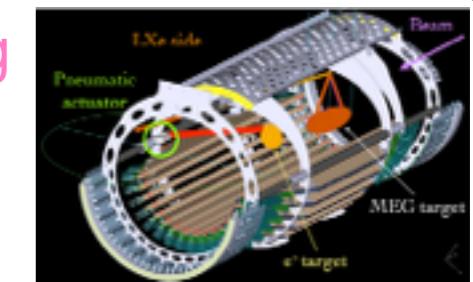
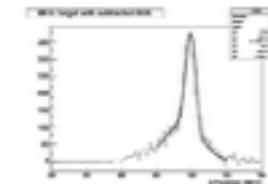


$\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + n$
 $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (55MeV, 83MeV)
 $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \gamma + n$ (129MeV)

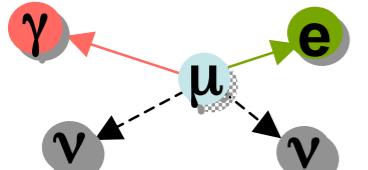
LH₂ target

Detector Calibration

Mott e⁺ scattering



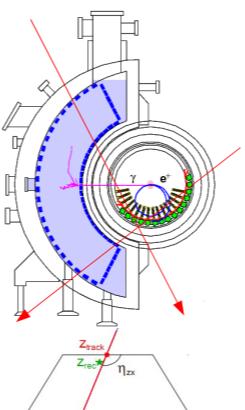
μ radiative decay



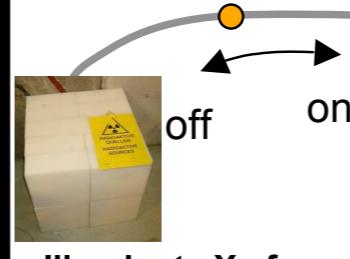
Lower beam intensity $< 10^7$
Is necessary to reduce pile-ups

A few days ~ 1 week to get enough statistics

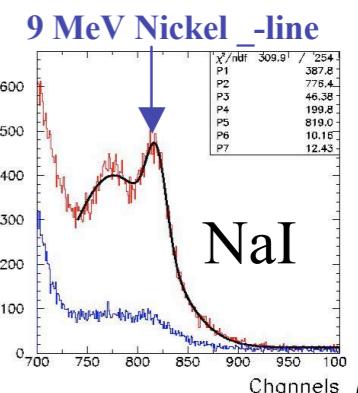
Cosmic ray alignment



Nickel γ Generator

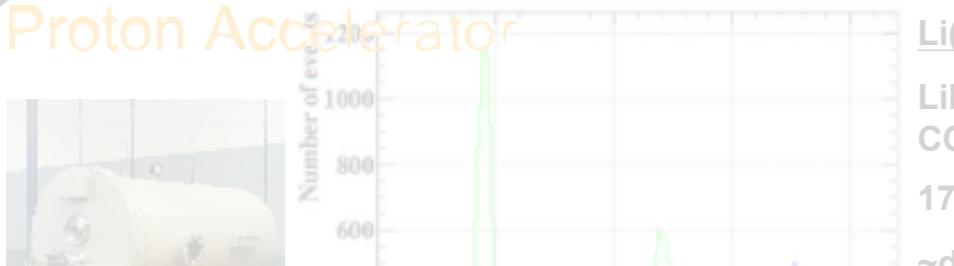


Illuminate Xe from the back
Source (Cf) transferred by comp air → on/off



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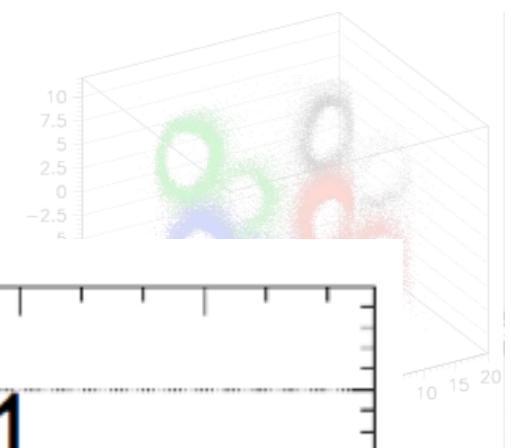
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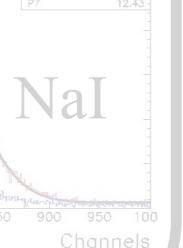
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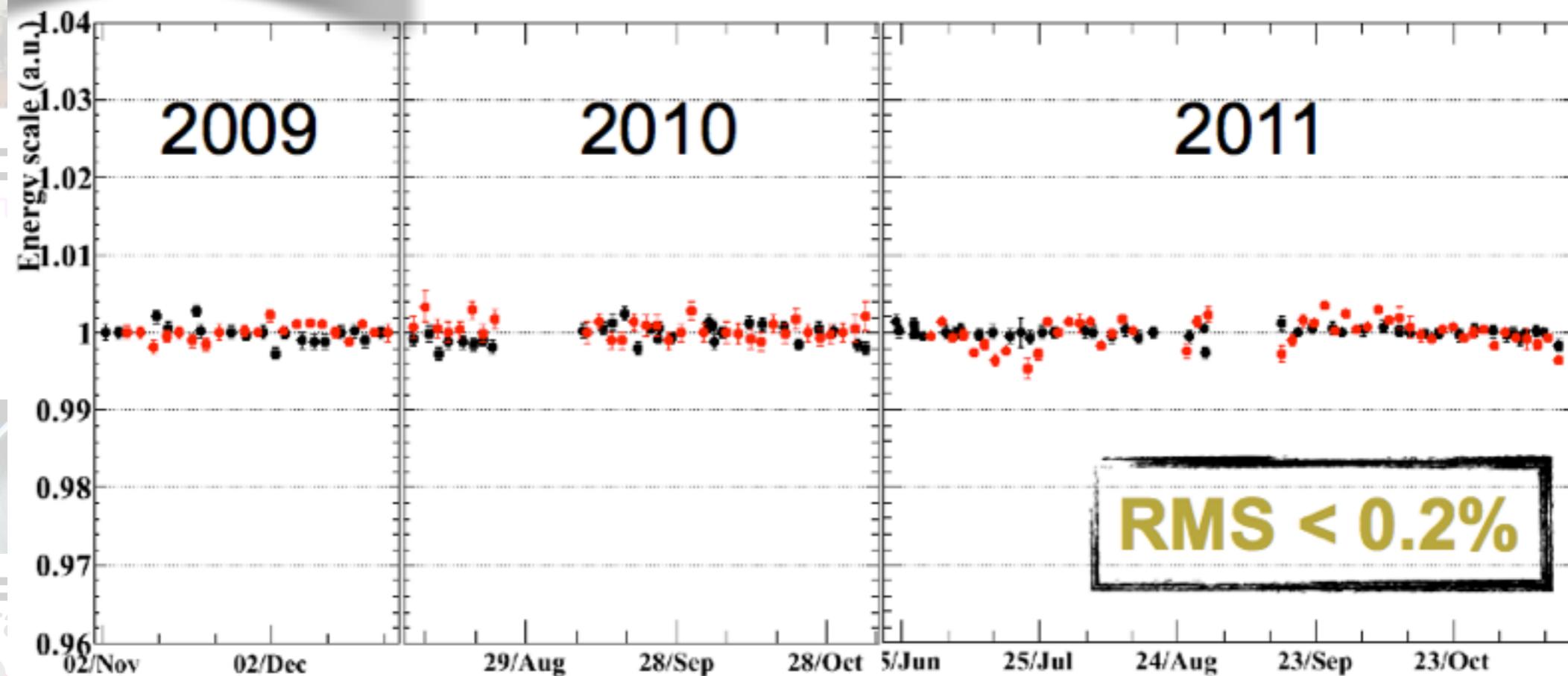
	χ^2/ndf	309.91 / 254
P1		387.8
P2		778.4
P3		46.38
P4		199.8
P5		819.0
P6		10.16
P7		12.43



2009

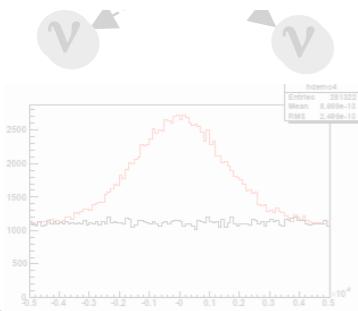
2010

2011

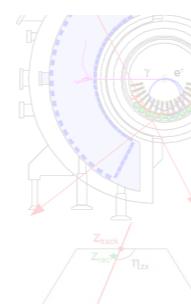


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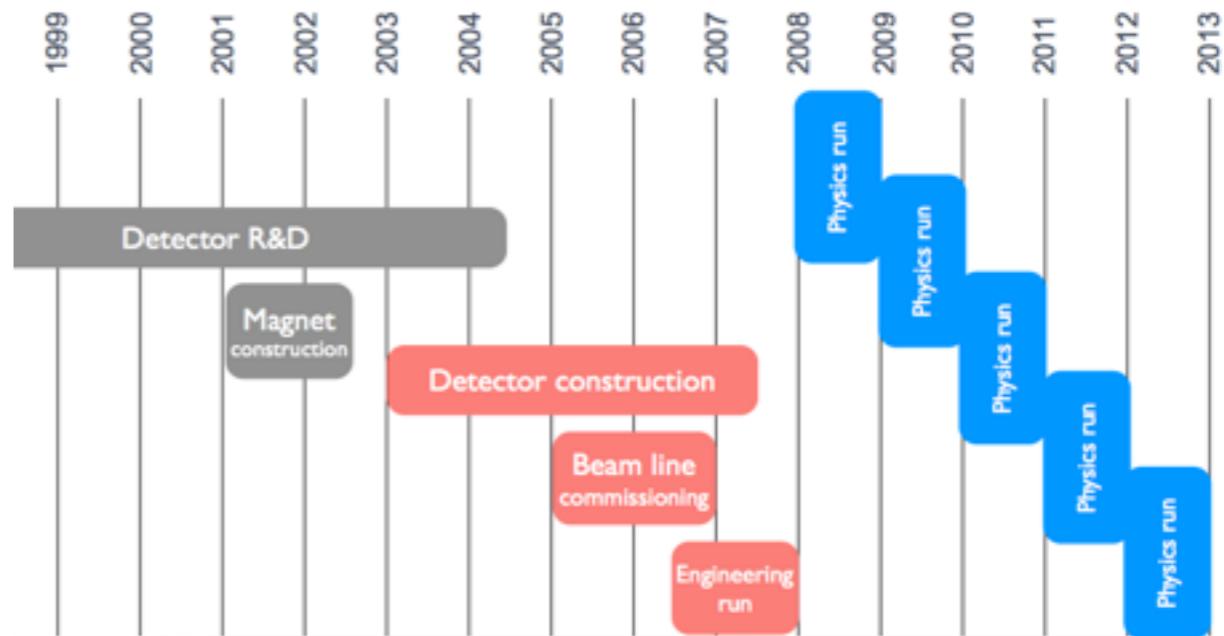
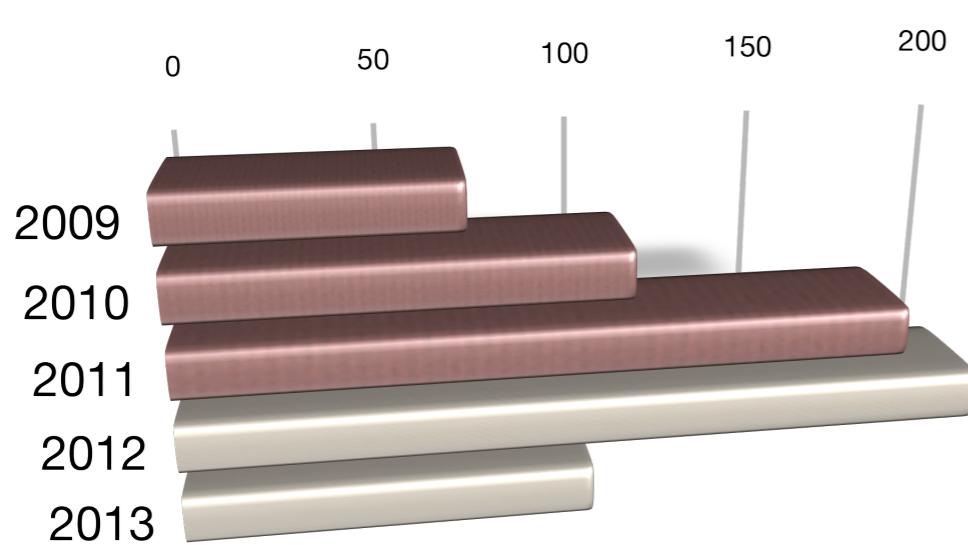


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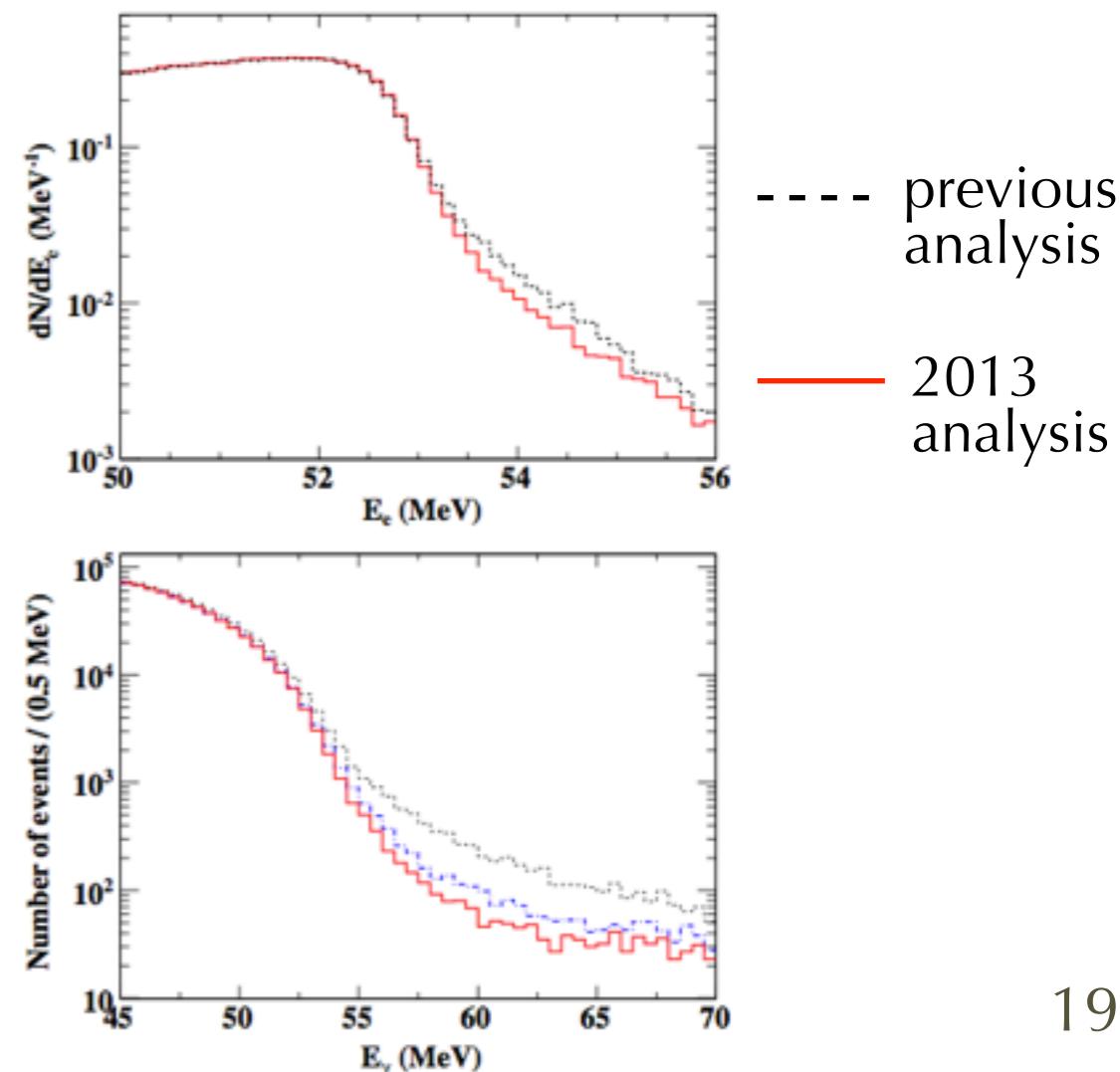
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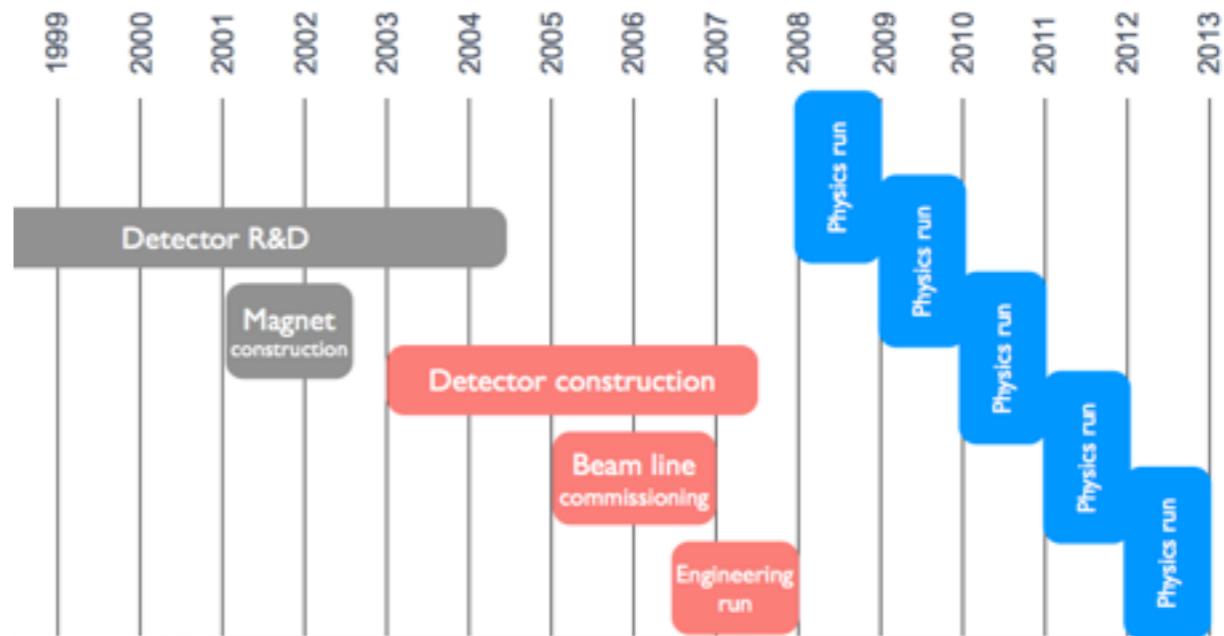
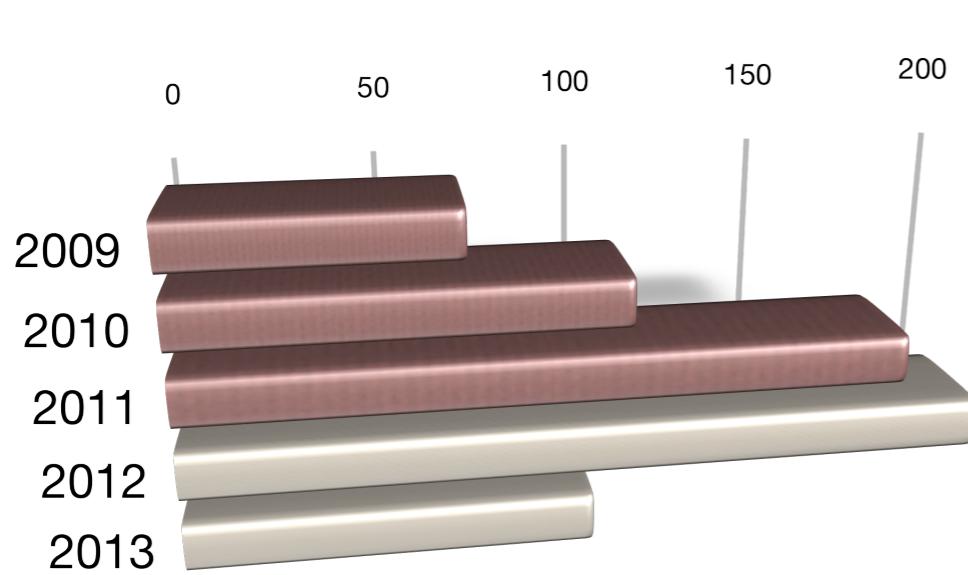
MEG schedule



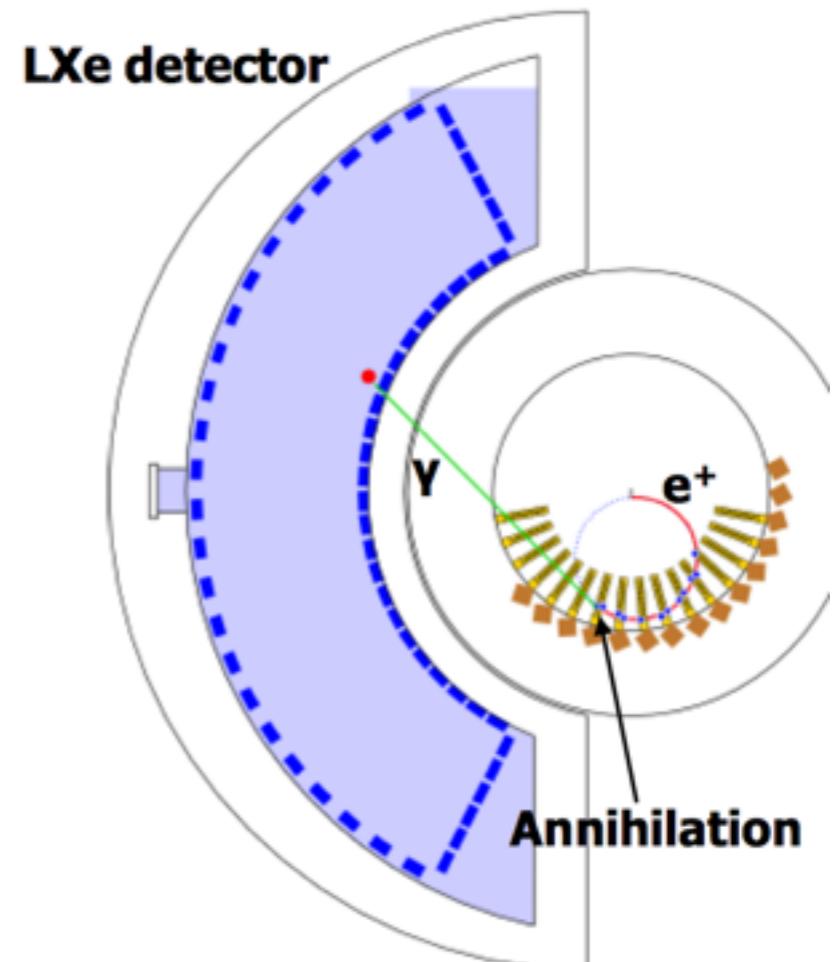
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2009-2011 fit result

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

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

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

- Likelihood function is built

- in terms of Signal, RMD and BG

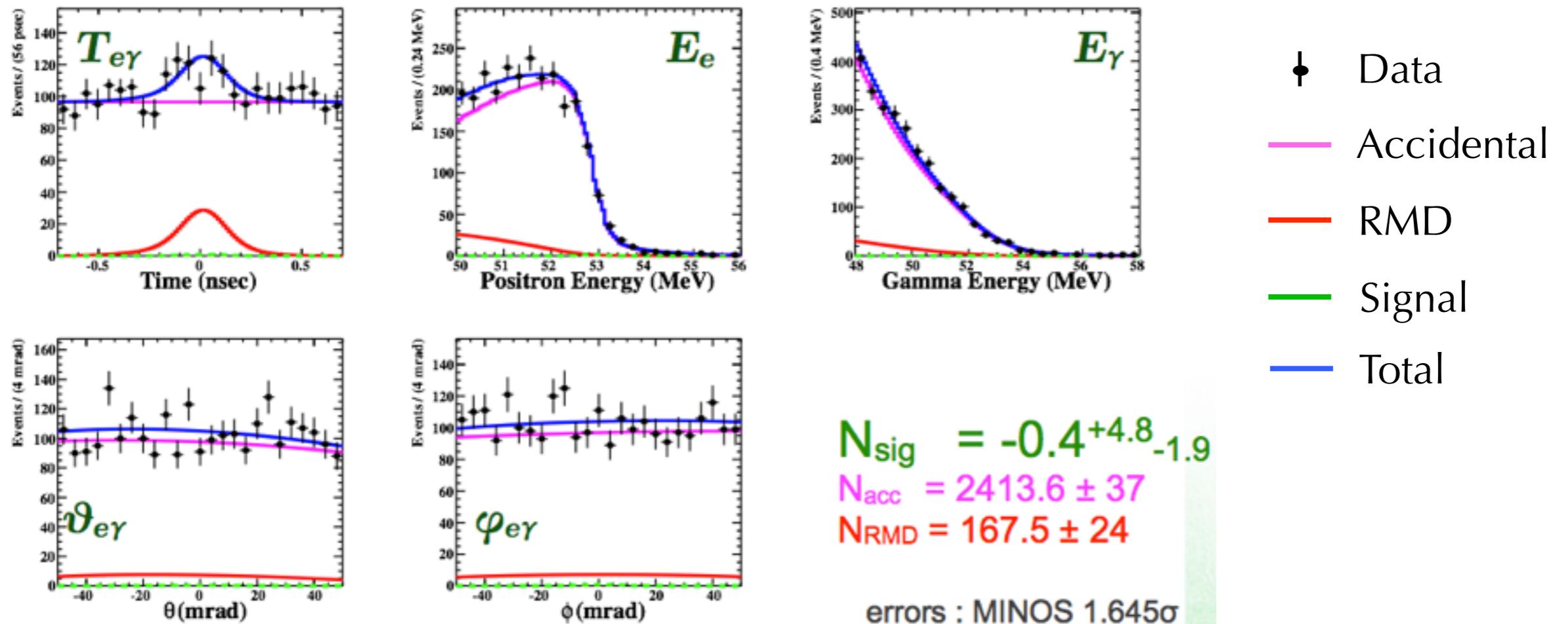
$$= N_{\text{exp}} - N_{\text{obs}} \ln(N_{\text{exp}}) - \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{obs}}} \ln \left[\frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{N_{\text{exp}}} S(\vec{x}_i) + \frac{N_{\text{RMD}}}{N_{\text{exp}}} R(\vec{x}_i) + \frac{N_{\text{BG}}}{N_{\text{exp}}} B(\vec{x}_i) \right]$$

- Blind-box analysis strategy

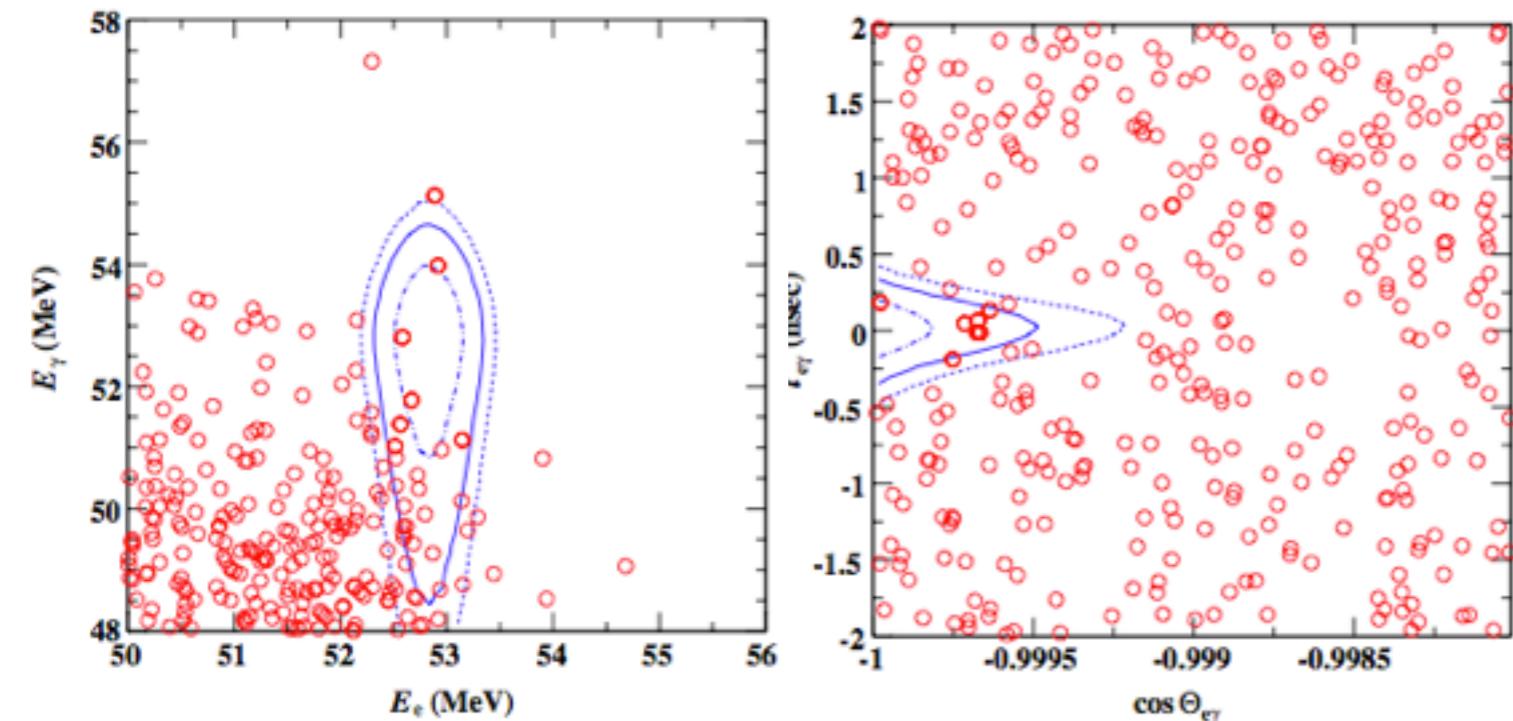
- Use of the sidebands

- our main background comes from accidental coincidences

- RMD can be studied in the low E_γ sideband



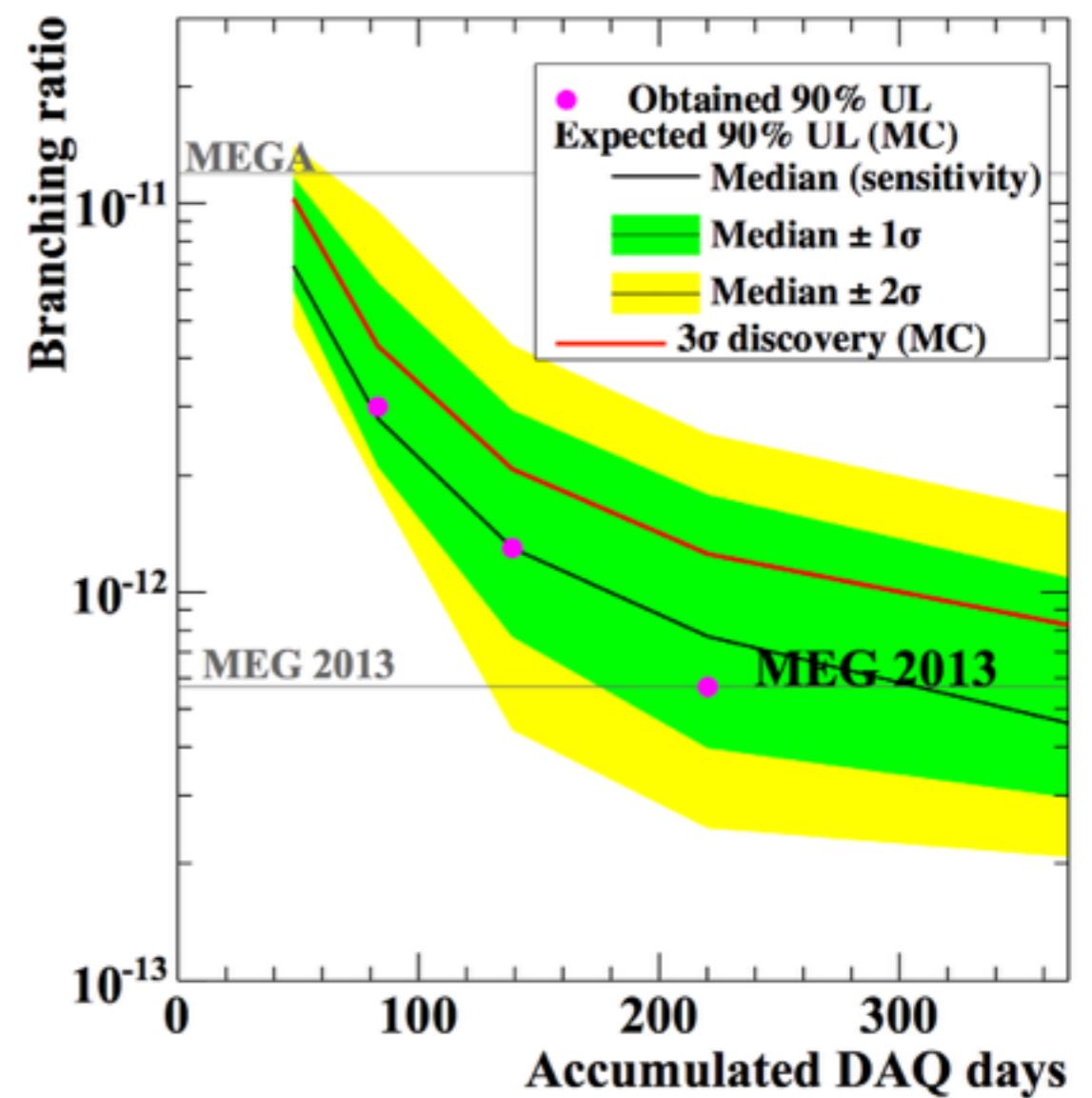
Combined 2009 -2011



J. Adam et al (MEG Collaboration) PRL 17 May 2013

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

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



Present & Future

- We have just finished the 2013 data-taking (last year)
- MEG is expected to saturate its sensitivity.
- In the meanwhile an upgrade was presented and accepted by PSI laboratory

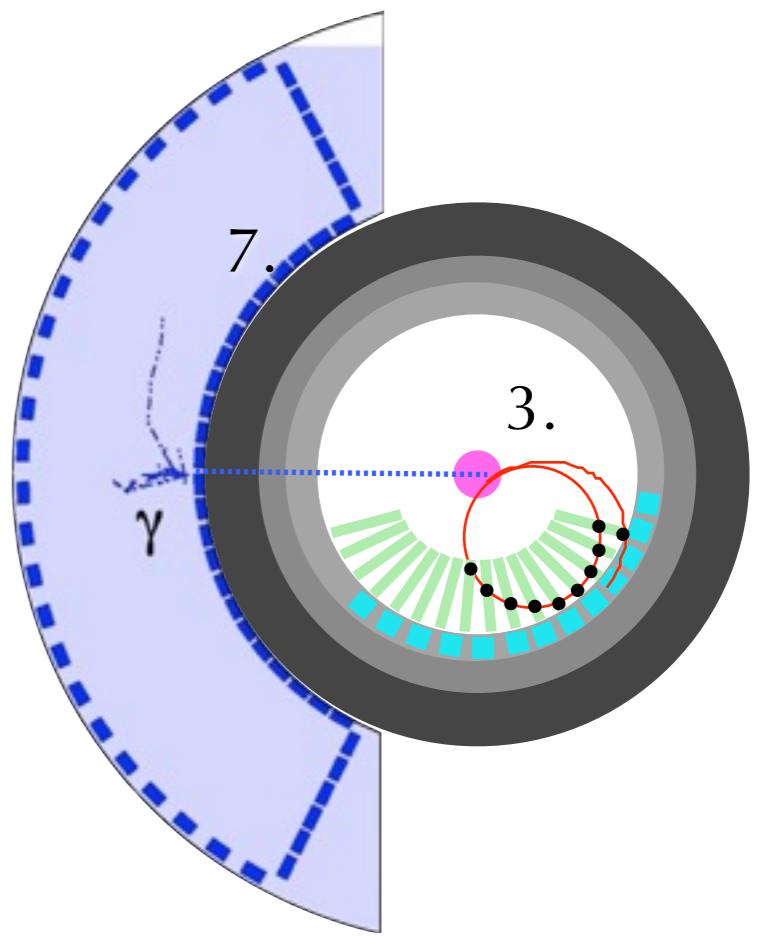
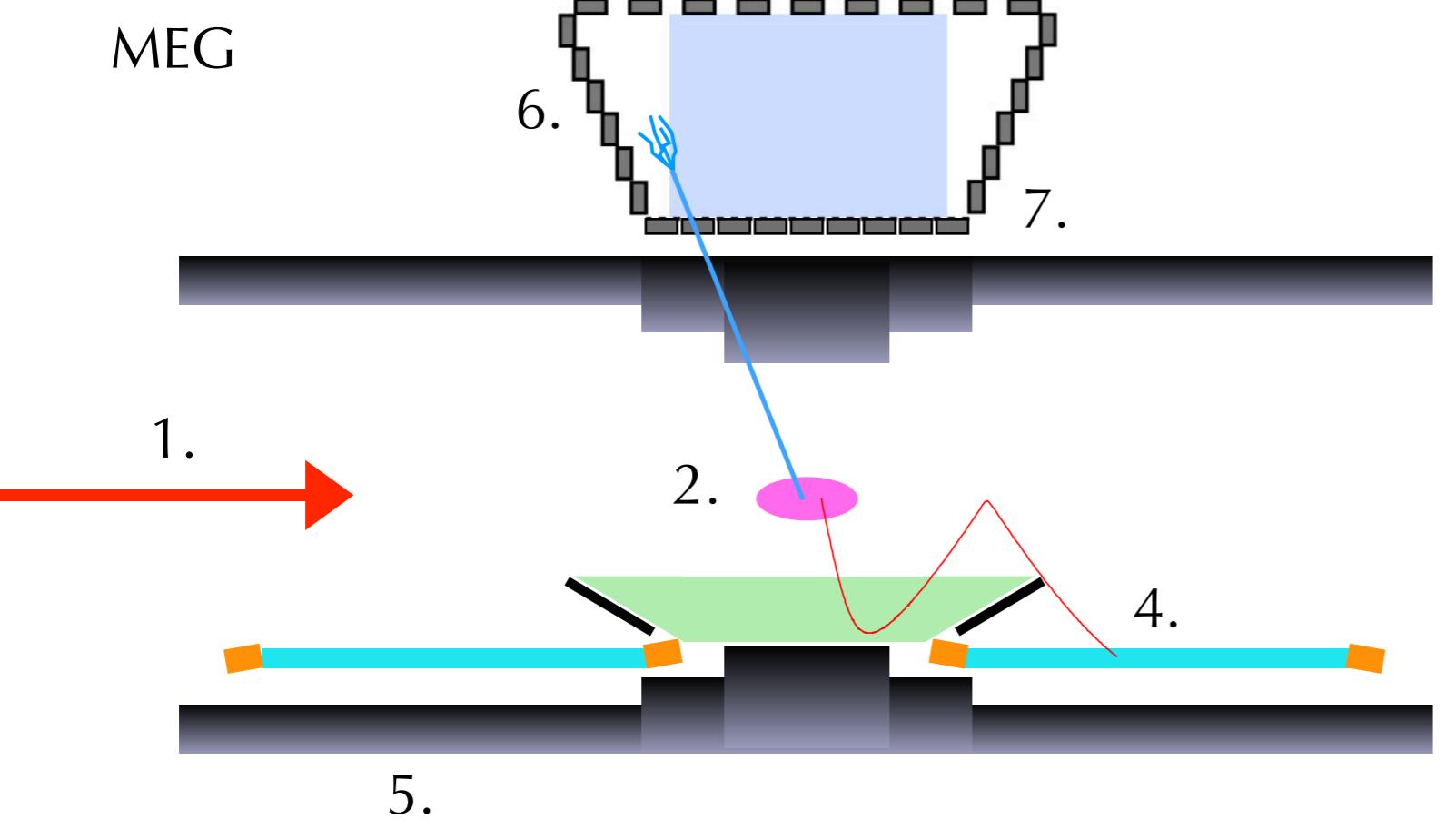
μ

1. Increasing μ^+ -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

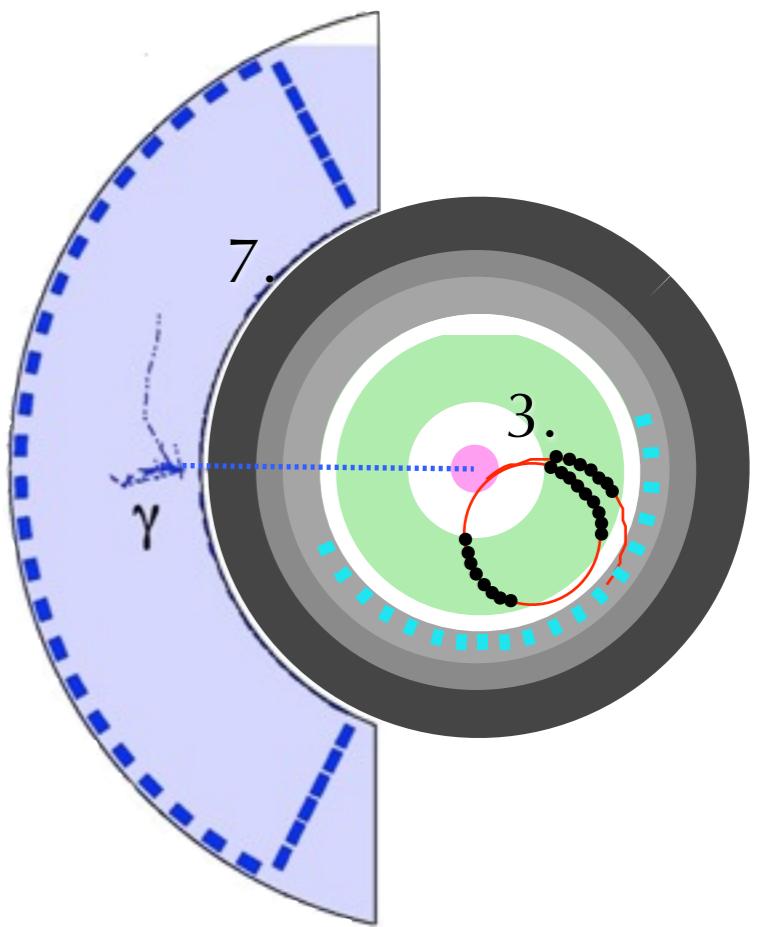
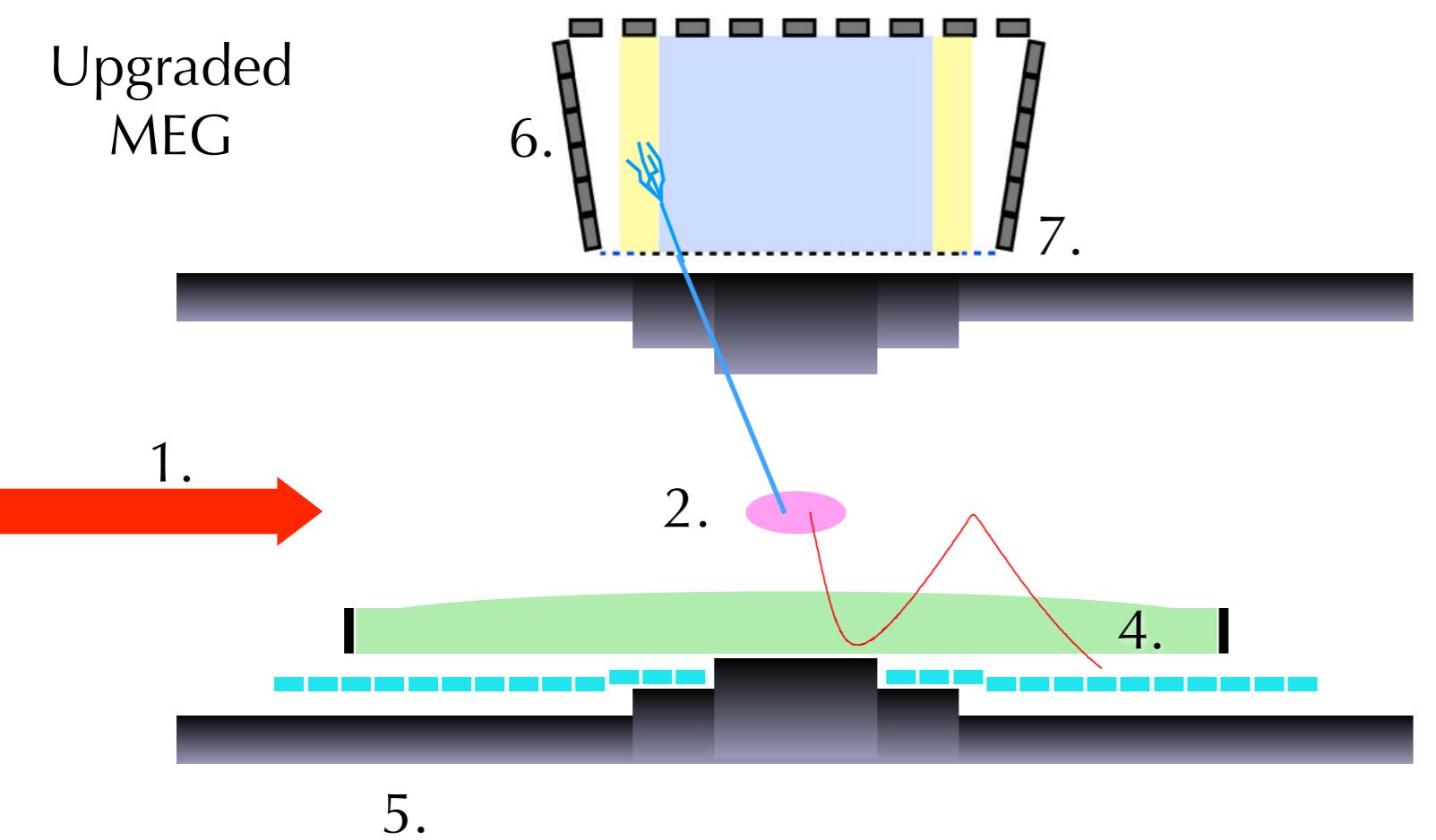
e

6. Extending the γ -ray detector acceptance
7. Improving the γ -ray energy and position resolution for shallow events
8. Integrating splitter, trigger and DAQ maintaining a high bandwidth

MEG



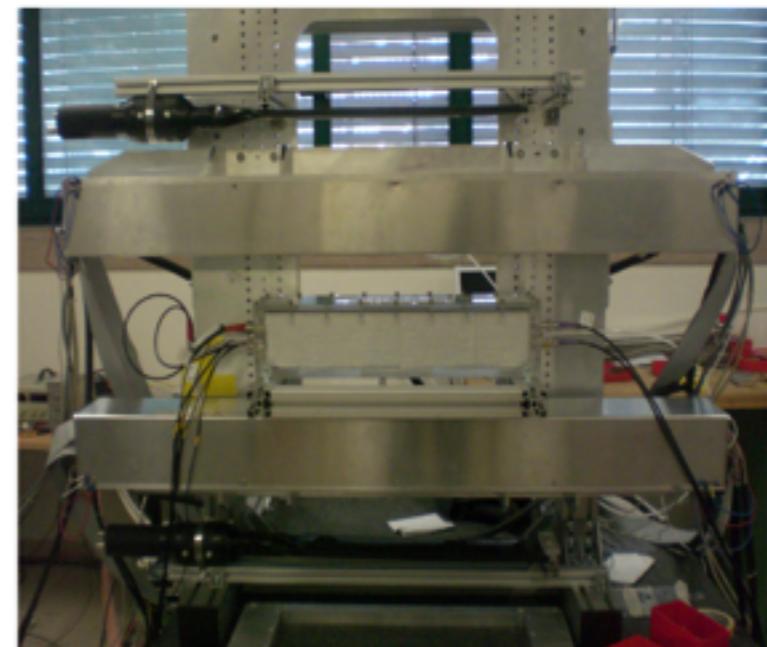
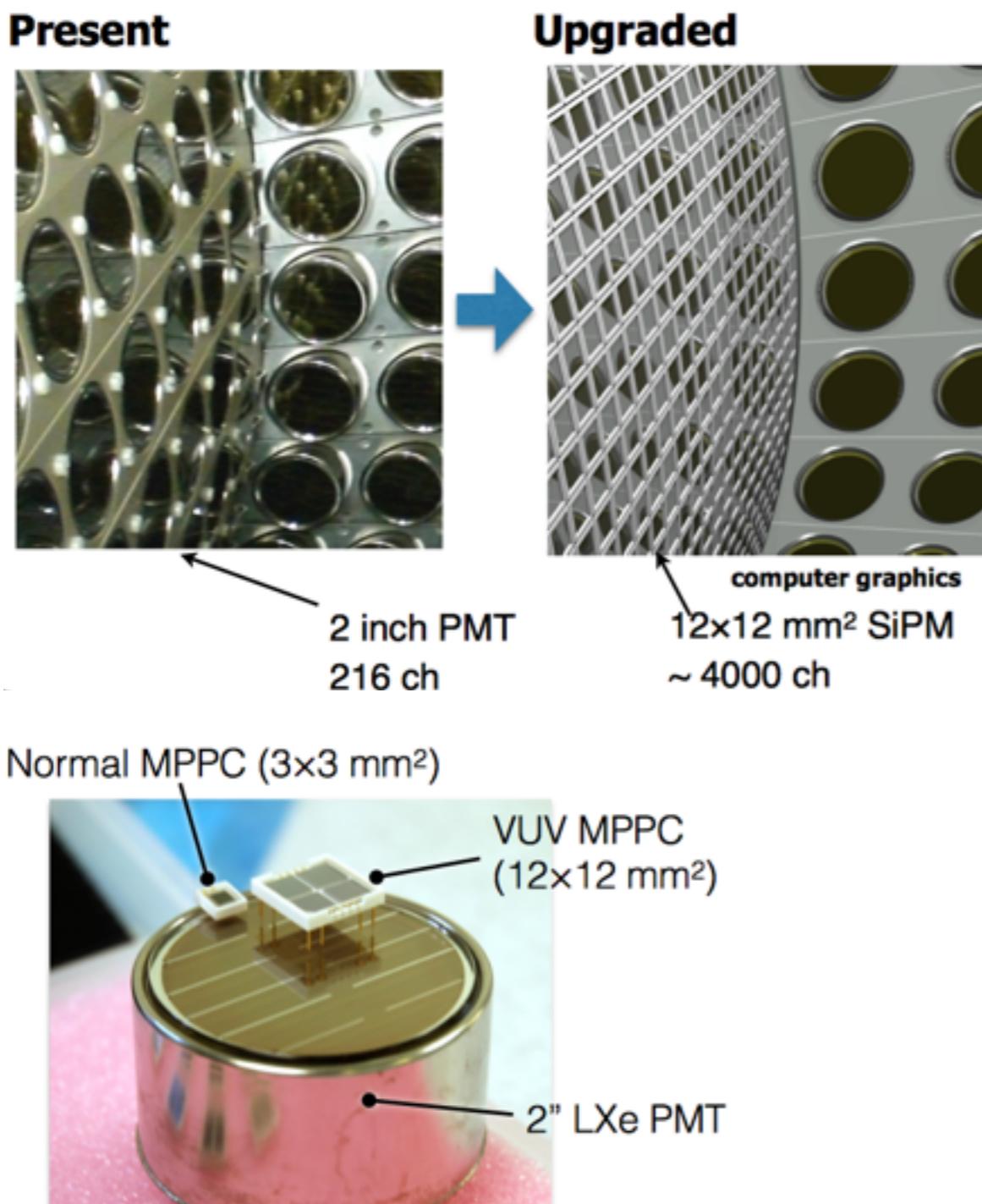
Upgraded
MEG



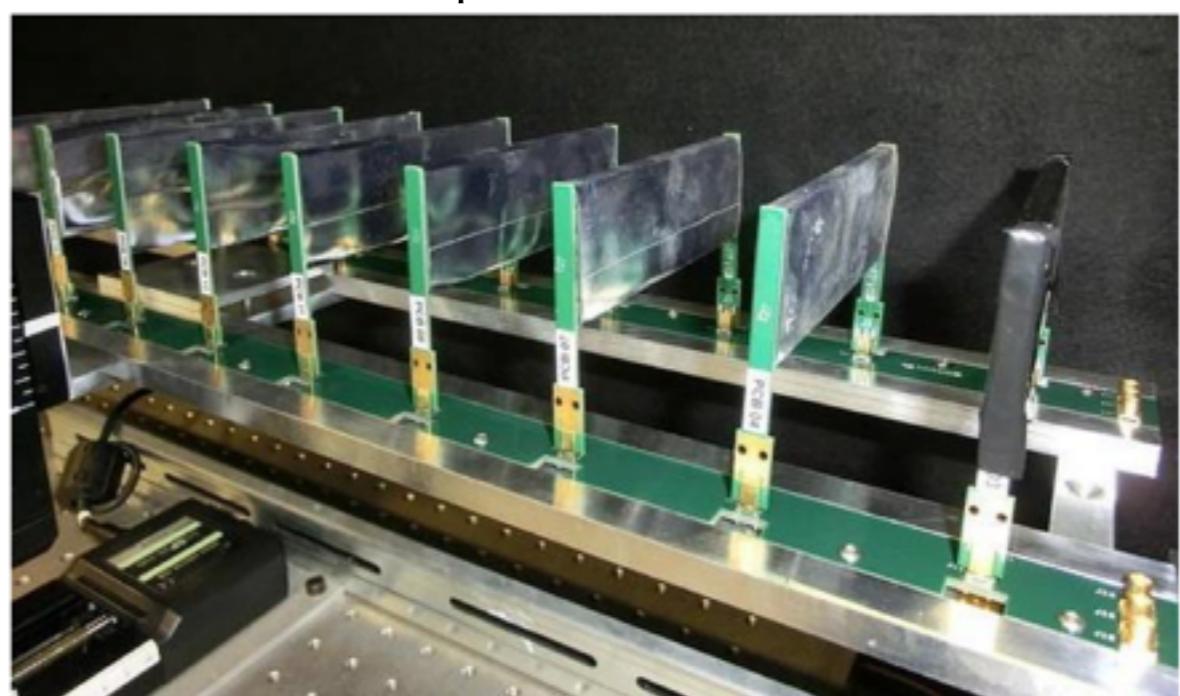
Upgrade highlights

- LXe calorimeter
 - x2 better energy/position resolution
 - 10% higher efficiency

- DC
 - single hit resolution $\sim 120 \mu\text{m}$

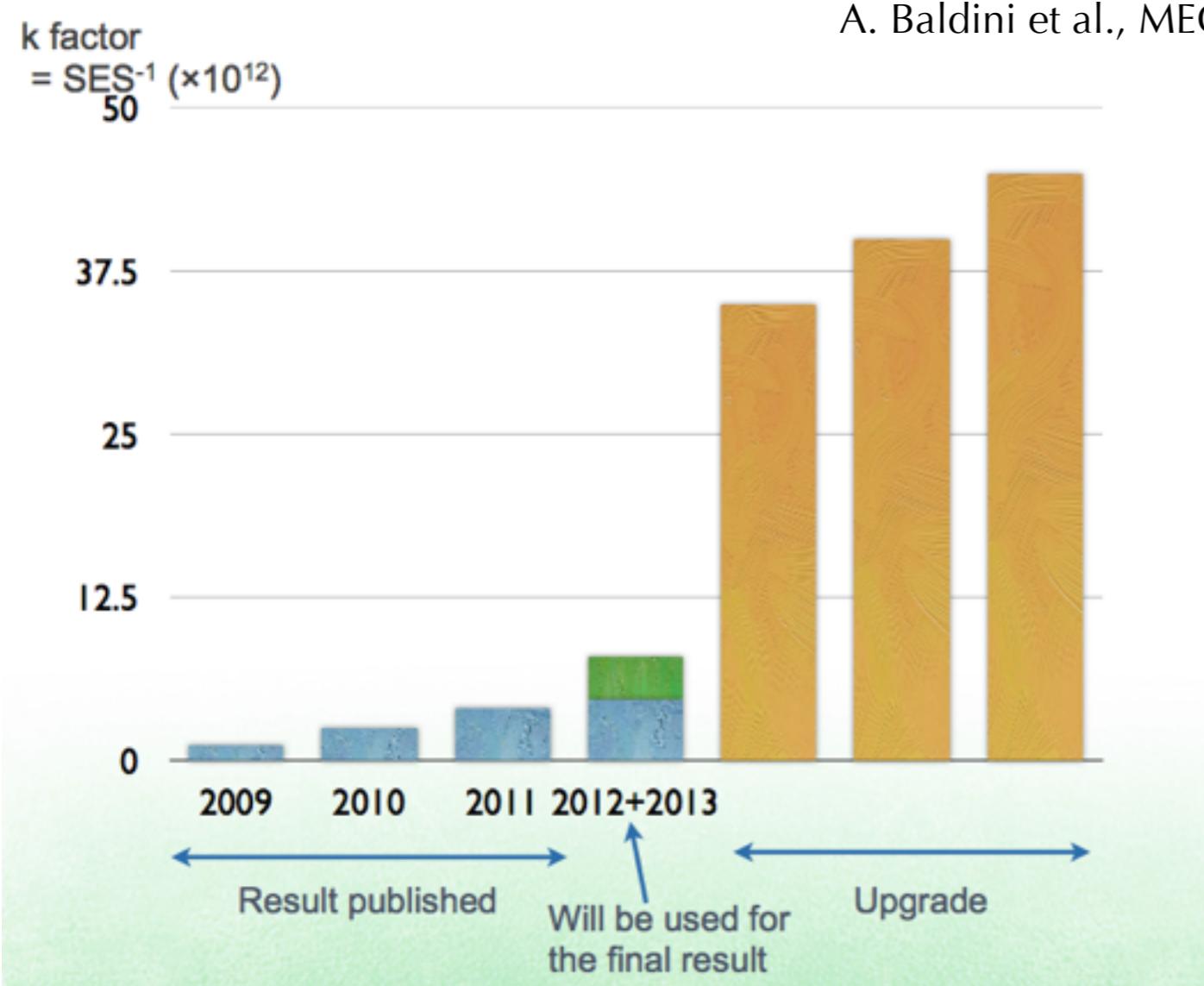


- Tile timing counters
 - $\sigma \sim 40 \text{ ps}$

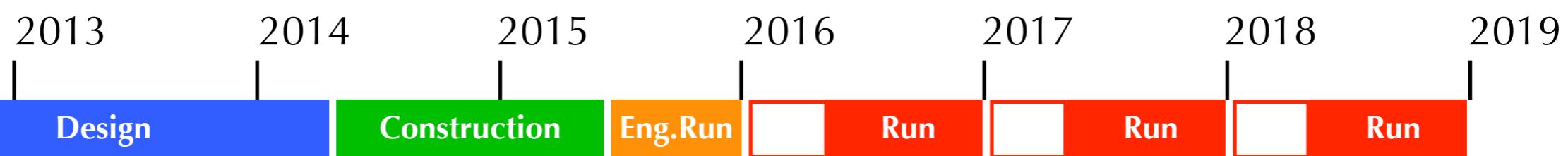
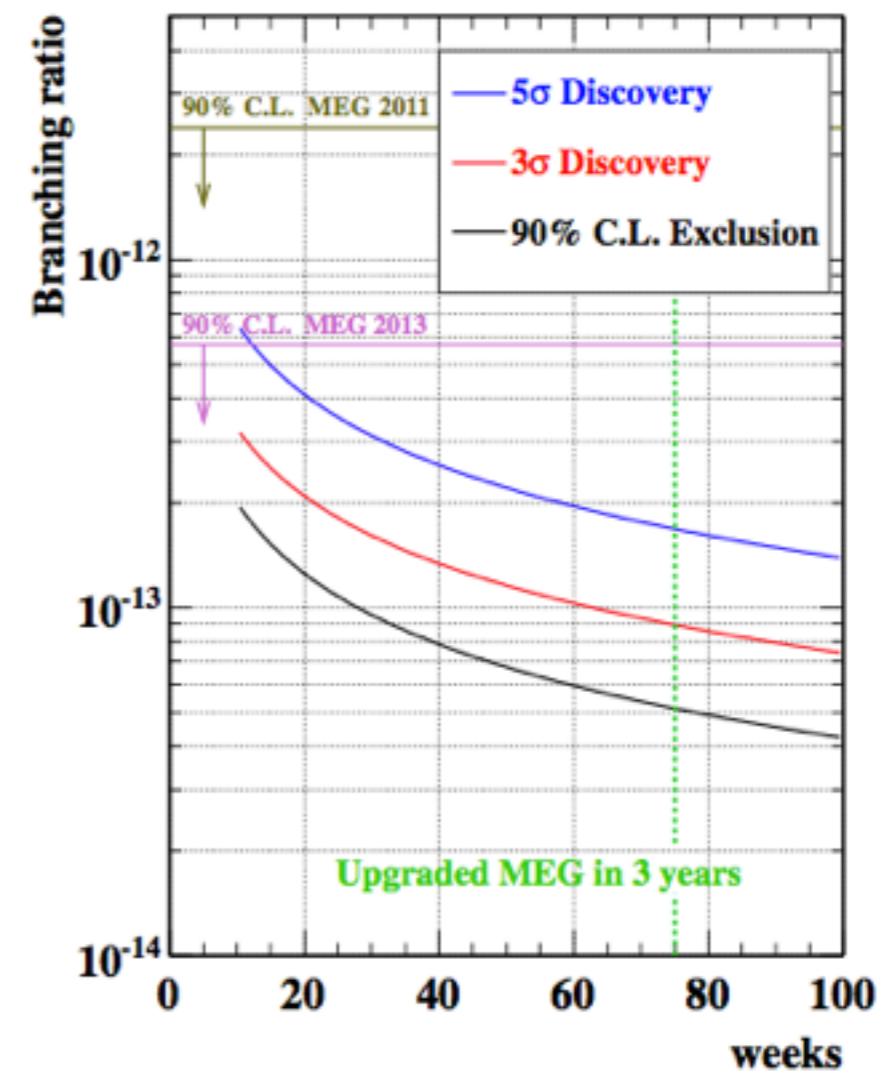


MEGII sensitivity

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

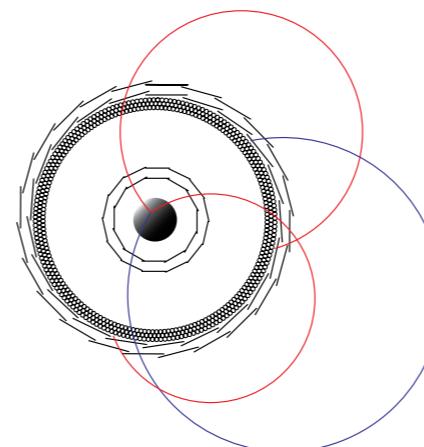
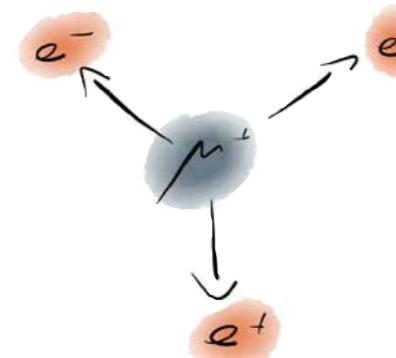
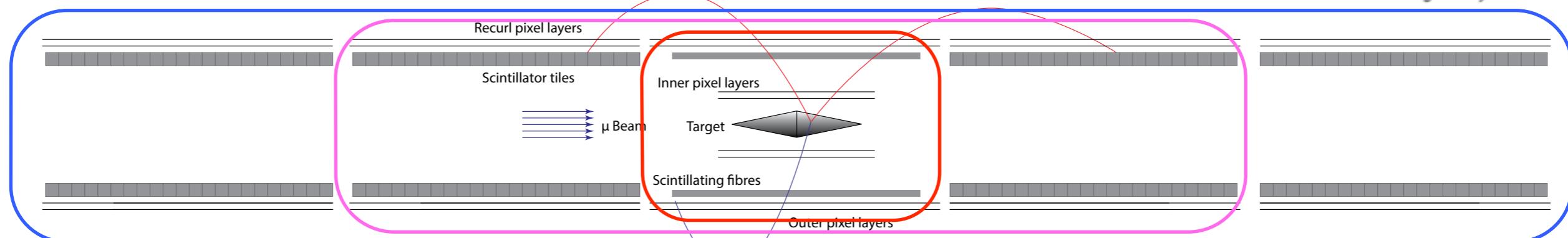
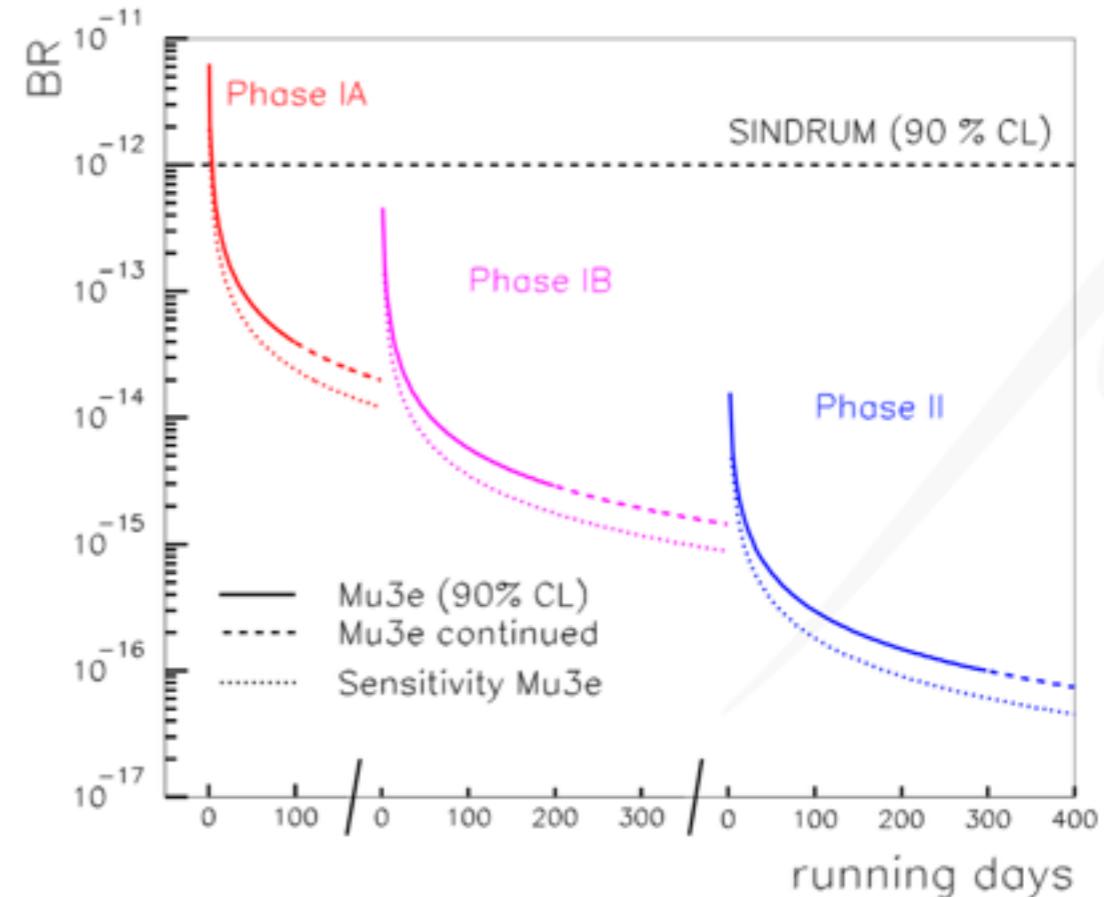


A. Baldini et al., MEG Upgrade Proposal, [arXiv:1301.7225 \[physics.ins-det\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1301.7225) |



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)

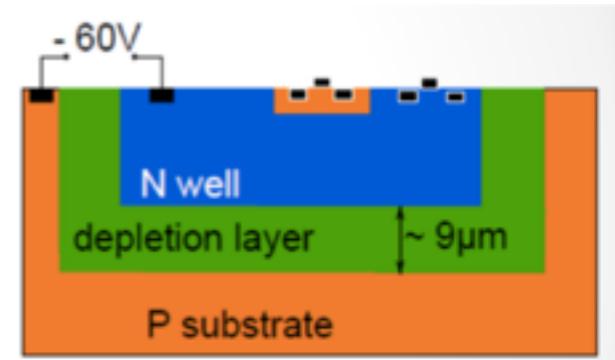


Mu3e detector technology

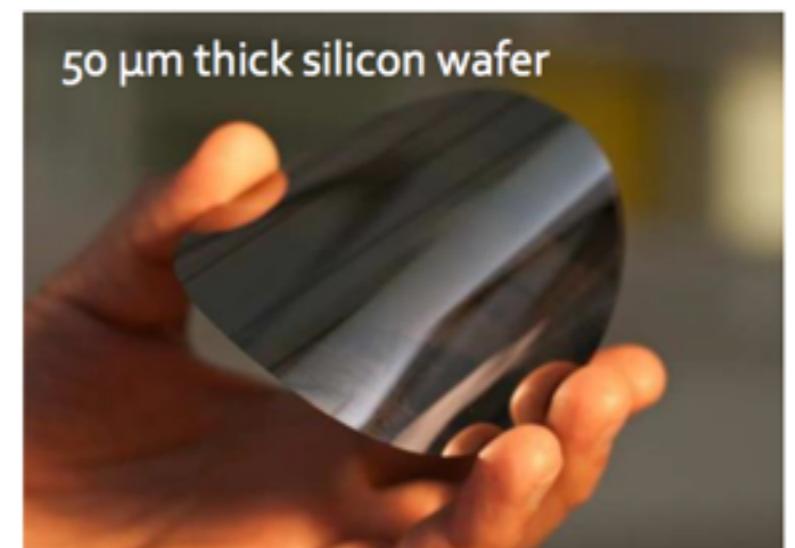
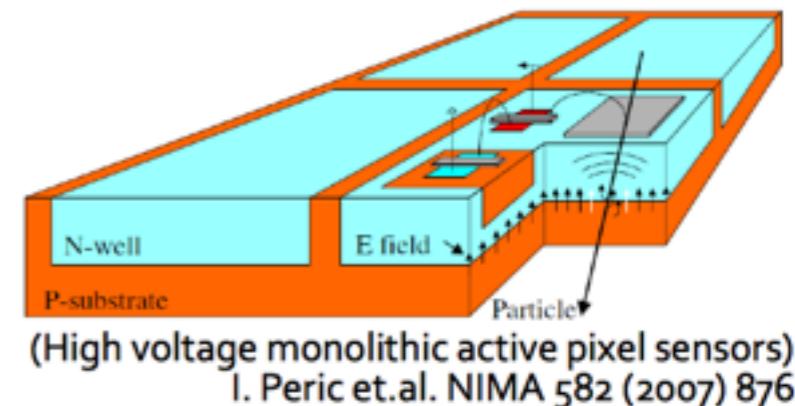
- Ultra-thin devices are necessary to suppress multiple scattering

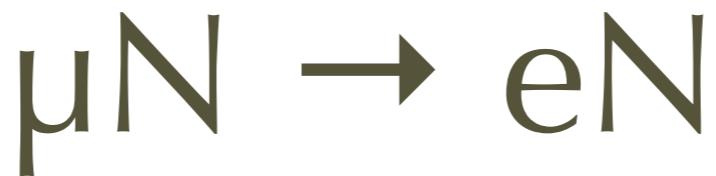
- HV-MAPS

- thinned down to 50 µm
 - amplification and digitization on chip
 - fast readout to get a <50 ns timestamp

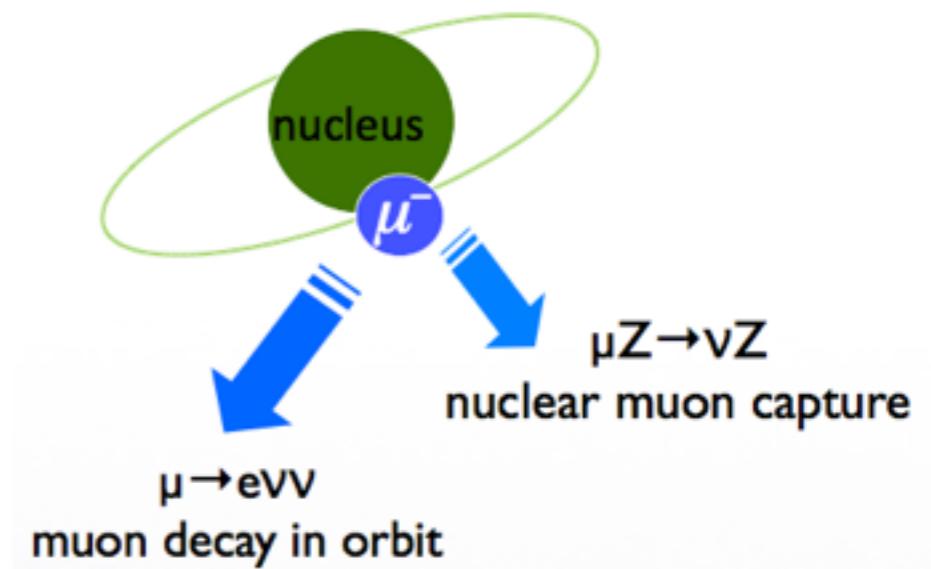
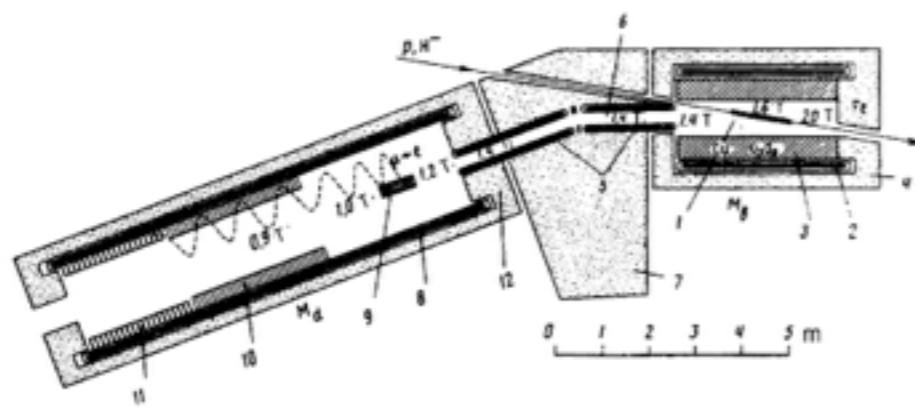


- 50 µm Silicon sensor
 - 25 µm Kapton flexprint
 - 25 µm Kapton support frame
- ~ 1 % Radiation length



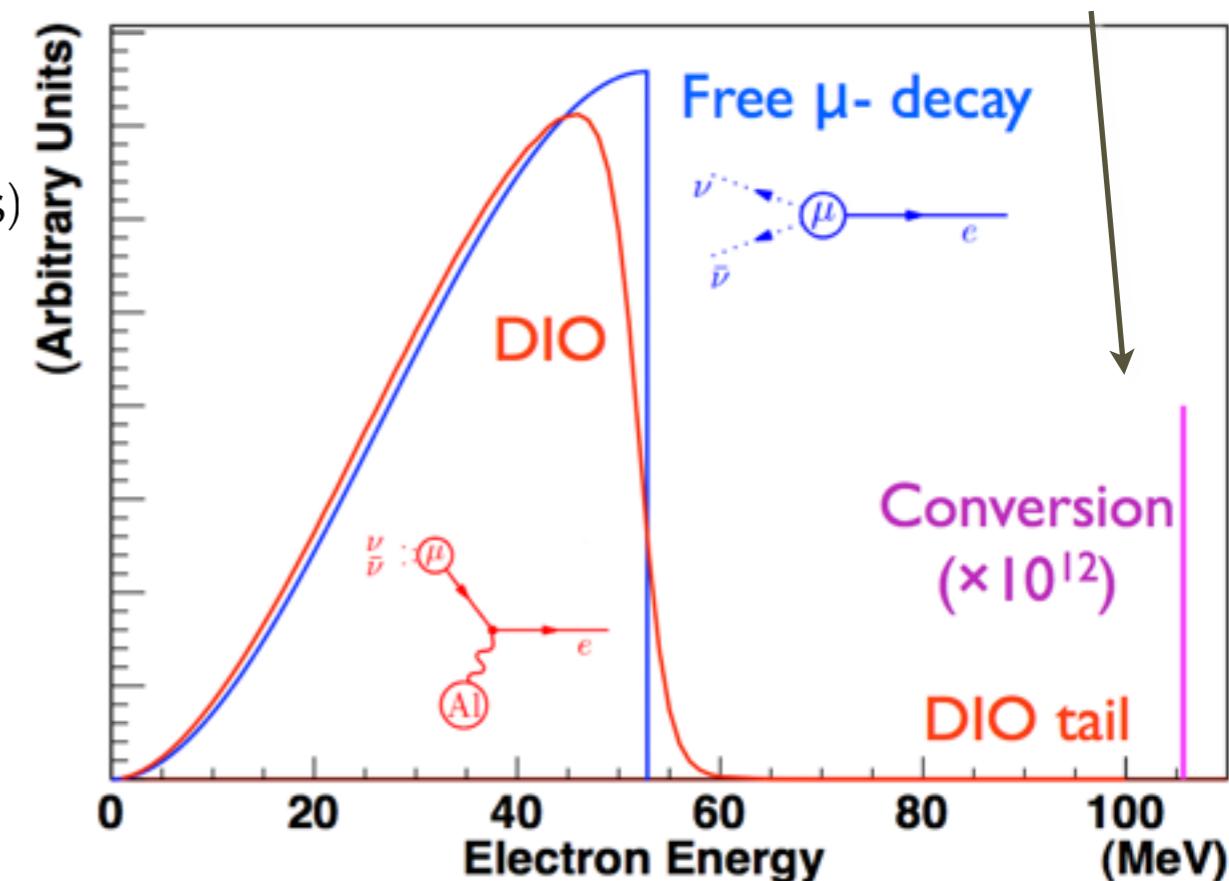


- Coherent muon capture on nucleus (Al is the candidate)
- Single mono-energetic electron
 - $E_e = m_\mu - B_\mu - \text{recoil}$
- Only one particle in final state
 - No (accidental) background limited
 - Unlike $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ and $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ there is no experimental “wall” until conversion rates $O(10^{-18})$
 - It is anticipated that will provide the ultimate sensitivity to CLFV
- Background comes from
 - μ decay-in-orbit (DIO)
 - radiative muon capture
 - bkg n and γ -rays are produced
 - beam related background (π and e contaminations)
 - high purity environment
 - curved solenoid (Dzhilkibaev and Lobashev, 1989)
 - pulsed beam with challenging extinction



$$(E_\mu - E_e)^5$$

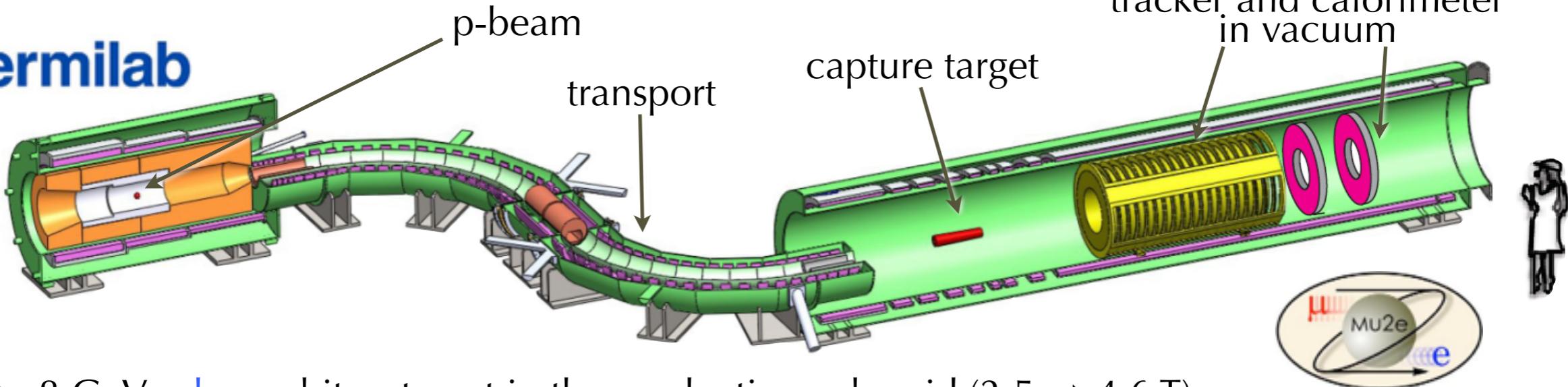
$\sim 10^{-17}$ of the spectrum
within the last MeV



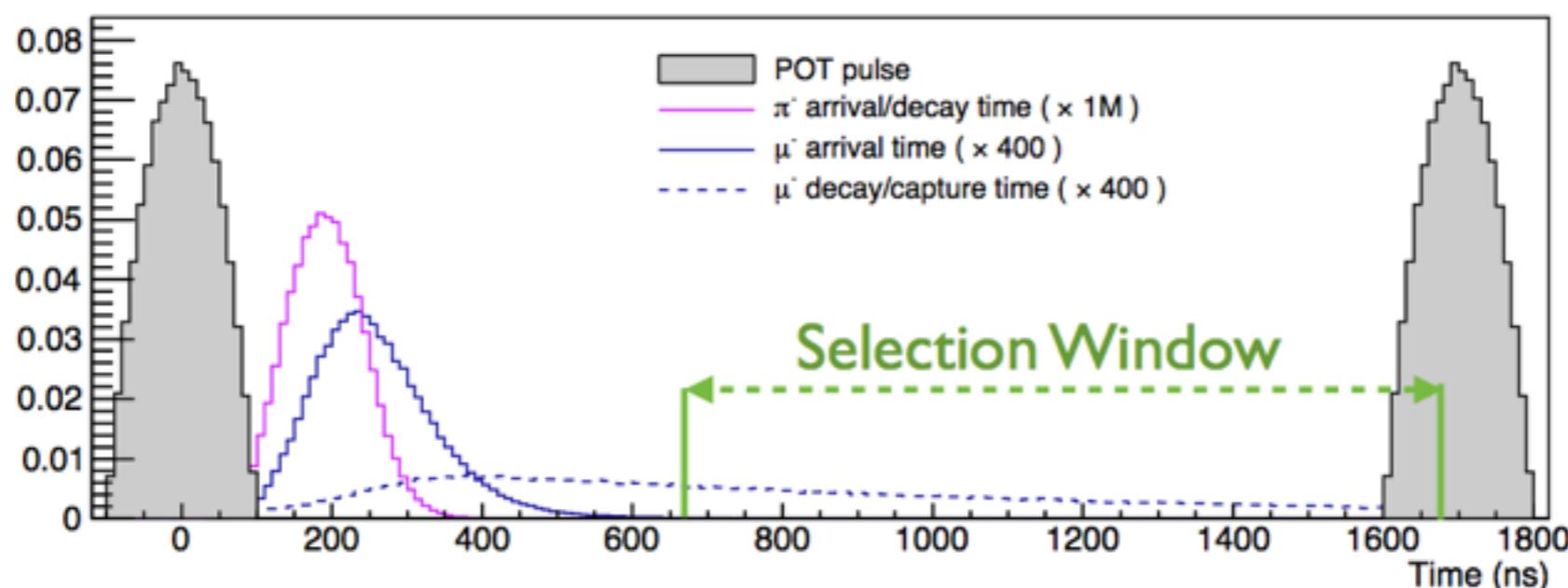
$\mu N \rightarrow e N$ experiments: mu2e

- Mu2e @ FNAL and COMET @ J-PARC are quite **similar** in the outline

 **Fermilab**



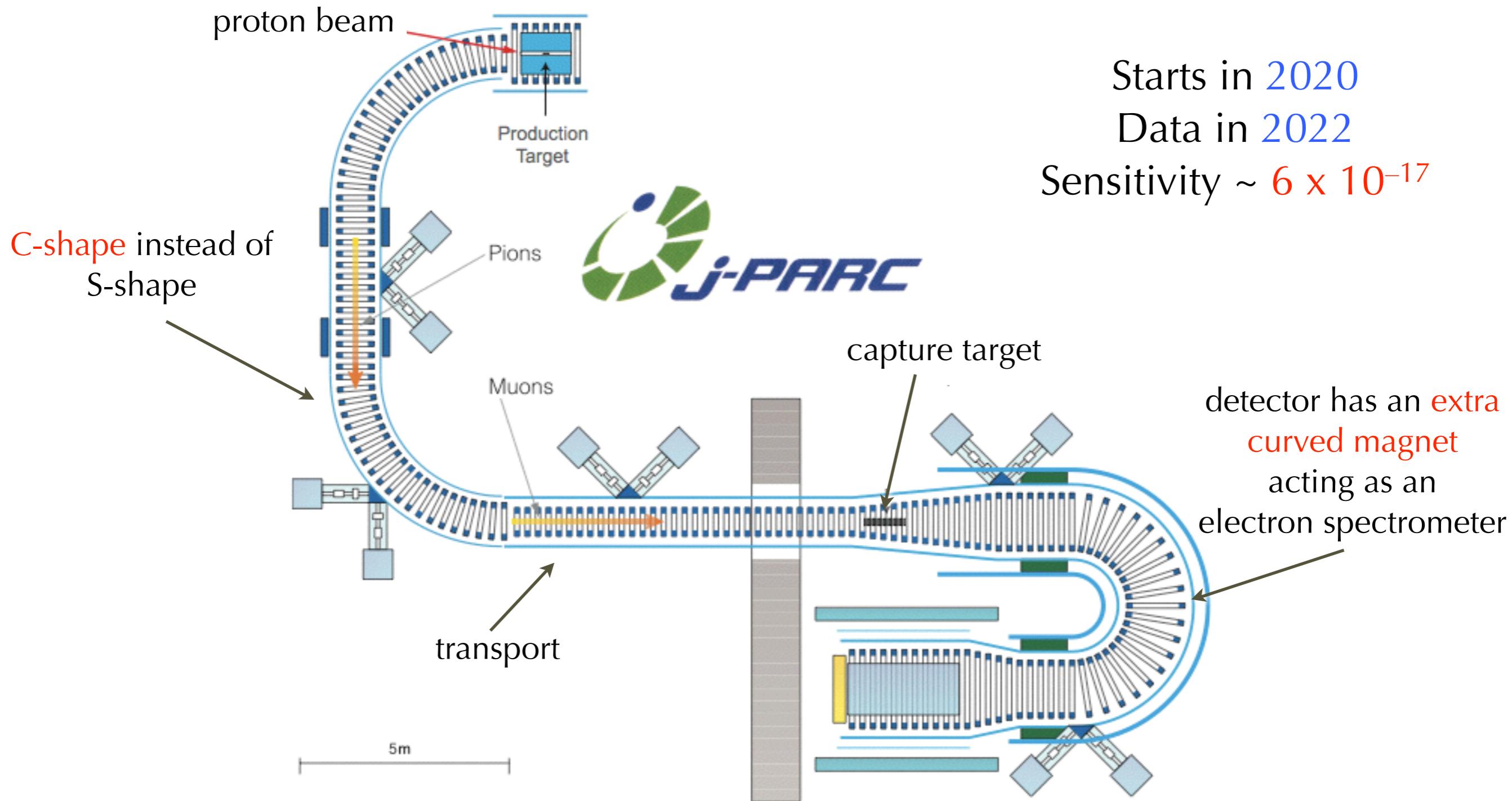
- 8 GeV **p-beam** hits a target in the production solenoid ($2.5 \rightarrow 4.6$ T)
- solenoid** collects (lenses) π^- and let them decay to μ^-
- μ^- are transported to the **capture target** inside the detector solenoid ($2 \rightarrow 1$ T)
- A **pulsed beam** allows a time window for events \Rightarrow needs high extinction



Starts in 2020
Data in 2022
Sensitivity
 $\sim 6 \times 10^{-17}$

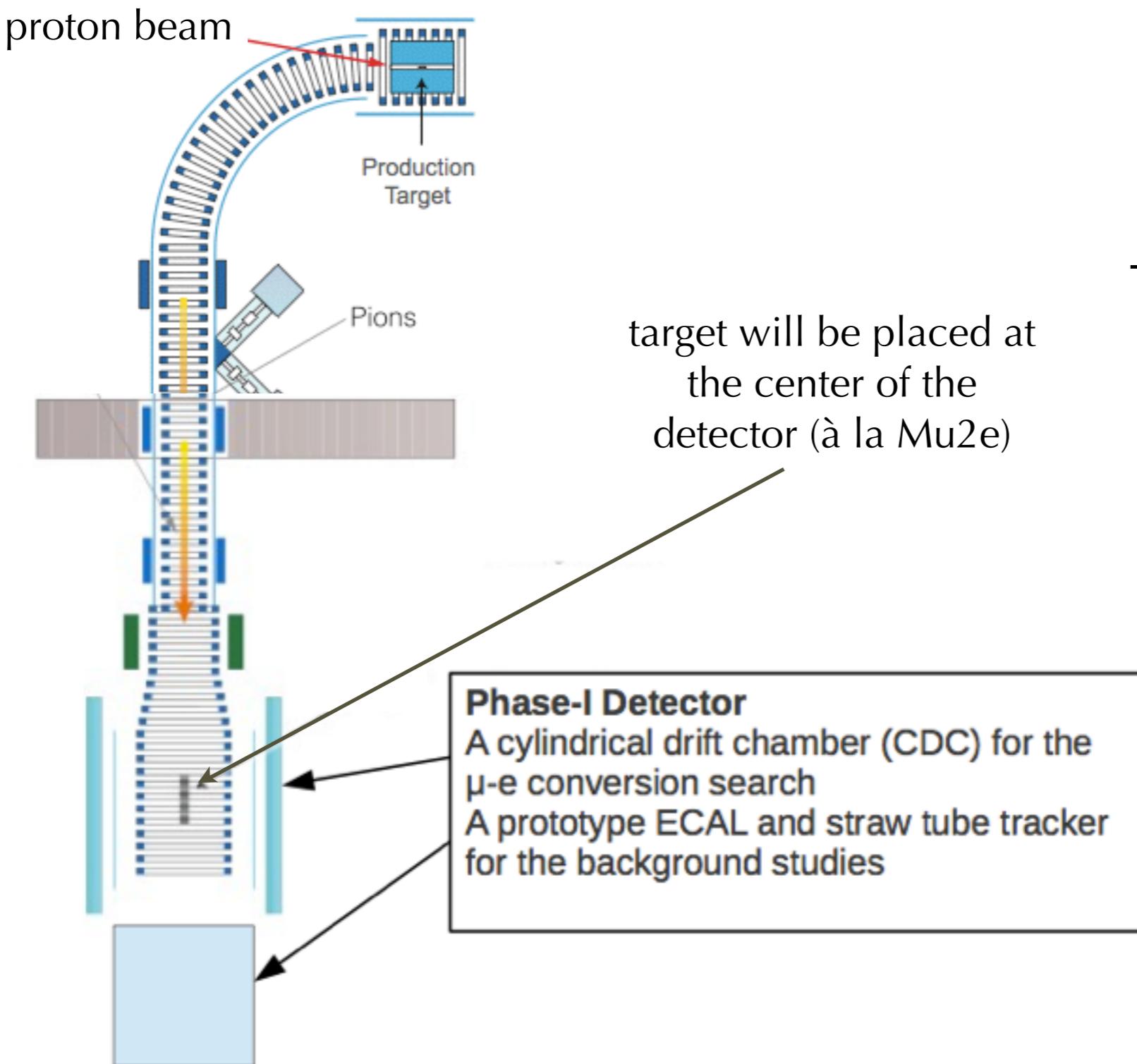
COMET: phase II

- COMET @ J-PARC has some differences



COMET: phase I

- COMET @ J-PARC has some differences

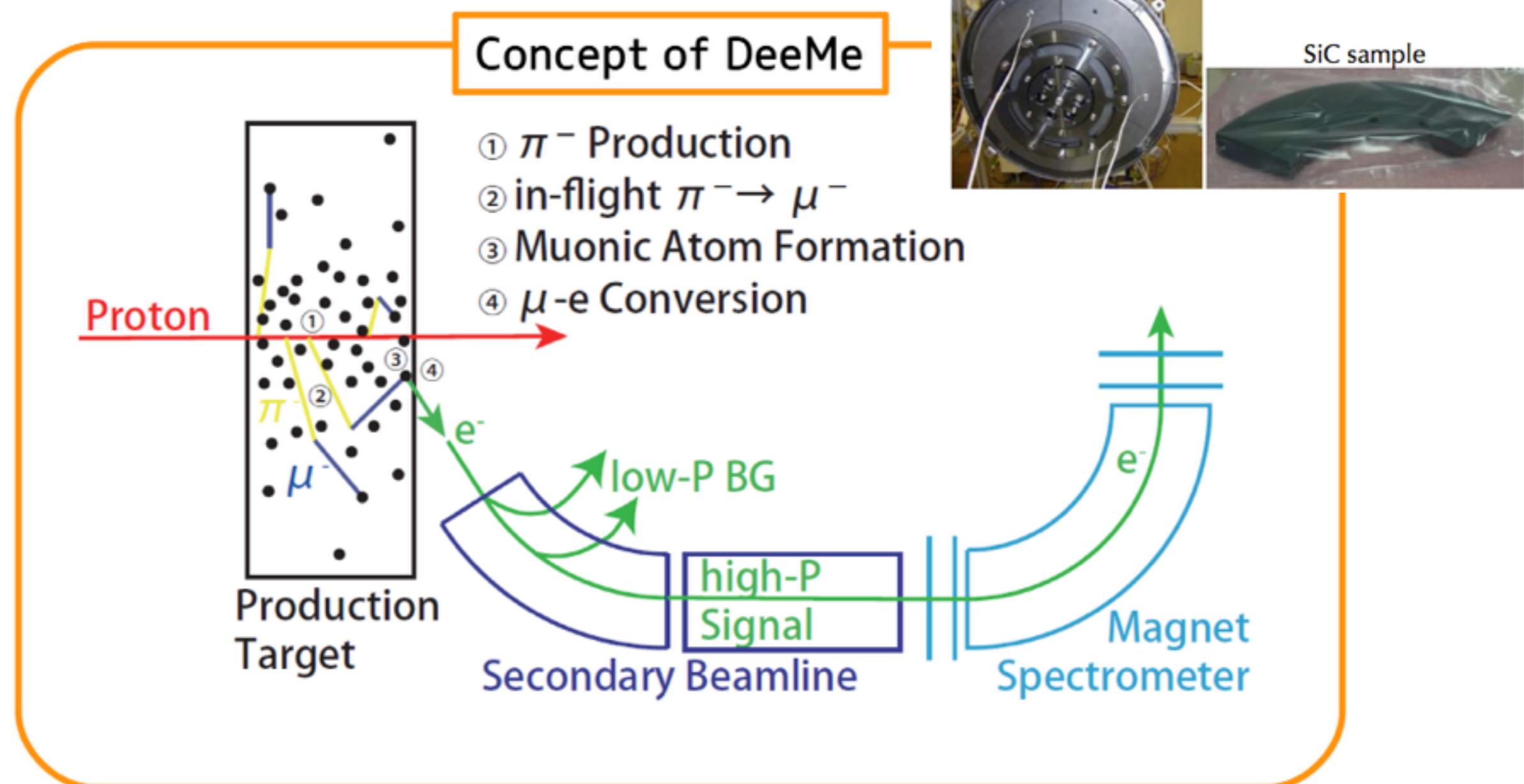


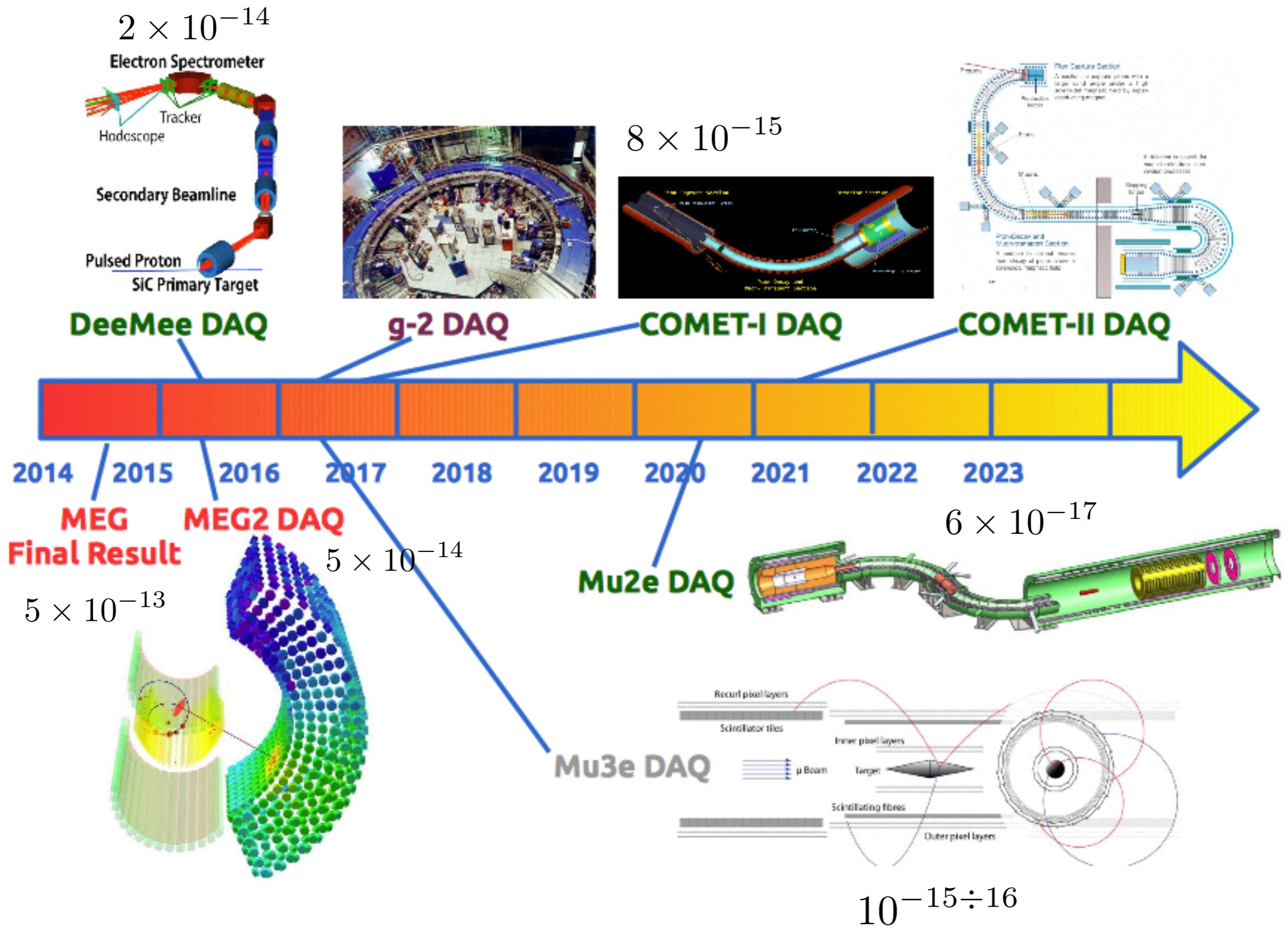
Starts in **2016**
~1 month of data taking

-Study **backgrounds**
-Sensitivity ~ **10^{-15}**

In the meanwhile: DeeMe

- DeeMe at J-PARC H-line aims at searching for $\mu N \rightarrow e N$ with a 2×10^{-14} sensitivity
- production target and conversion target are the same
- rotating Silicon Carbide target
- physics data taking planned to start in 2015





Tau LFV

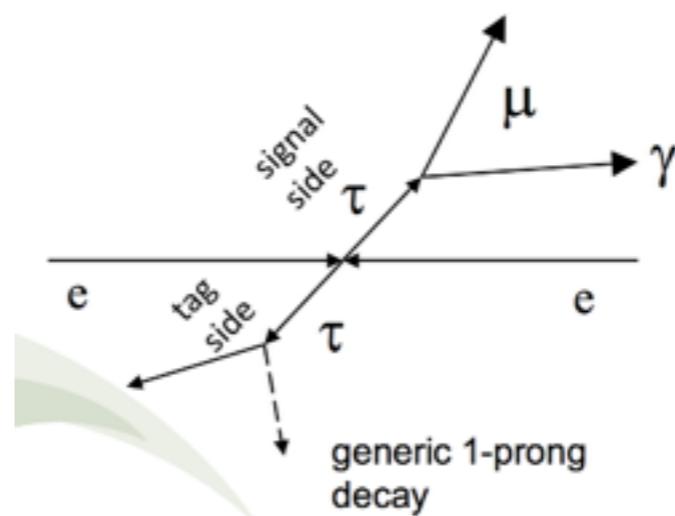
- PROS

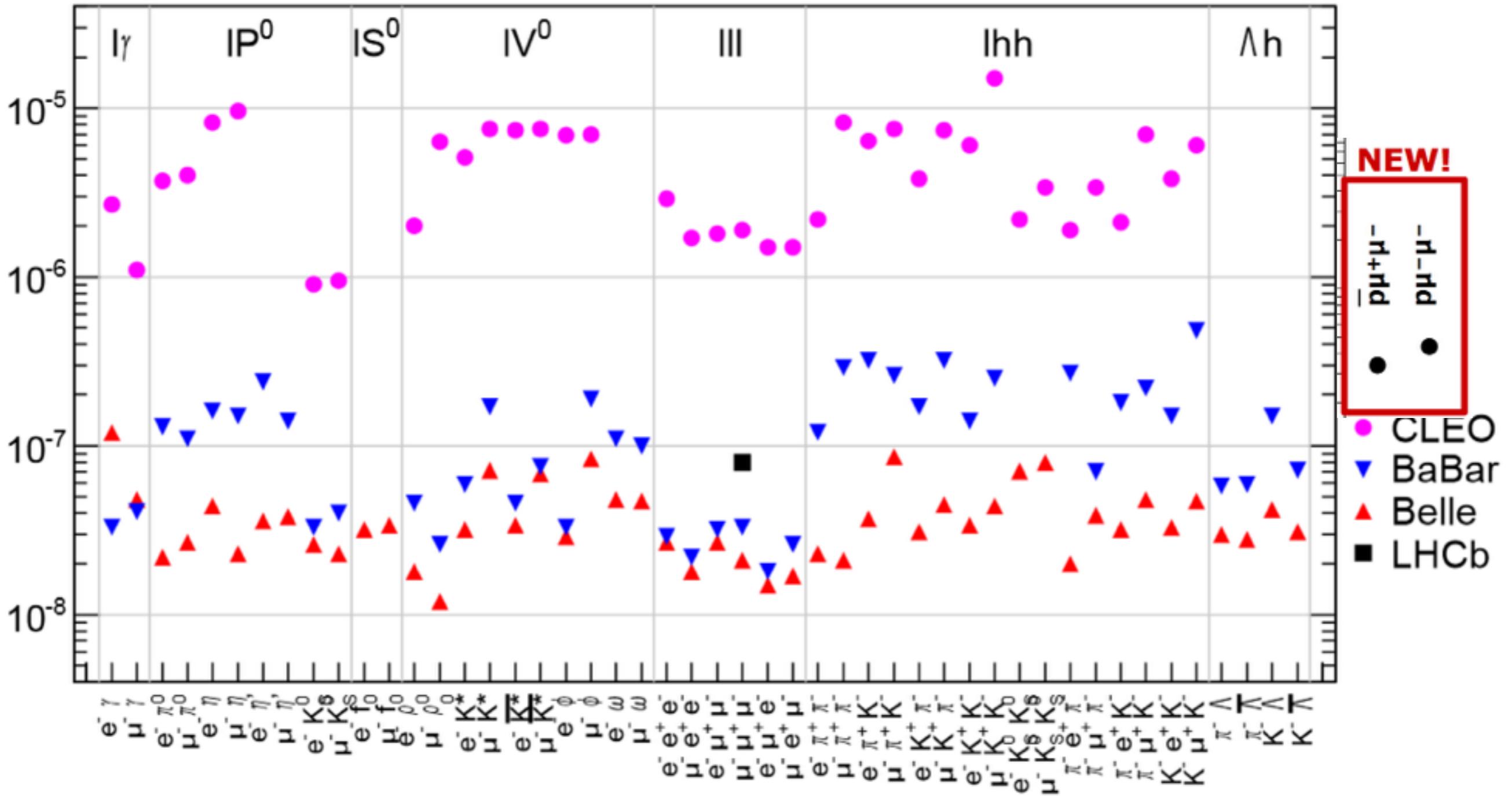
- Amongst the **cleanest** probes of new physics at high luminosity **flavour factories**
- **Larger** branching ratio compared to μ
- **Many** possible **final states** \Rightarrow possibility to test different models within one experiment

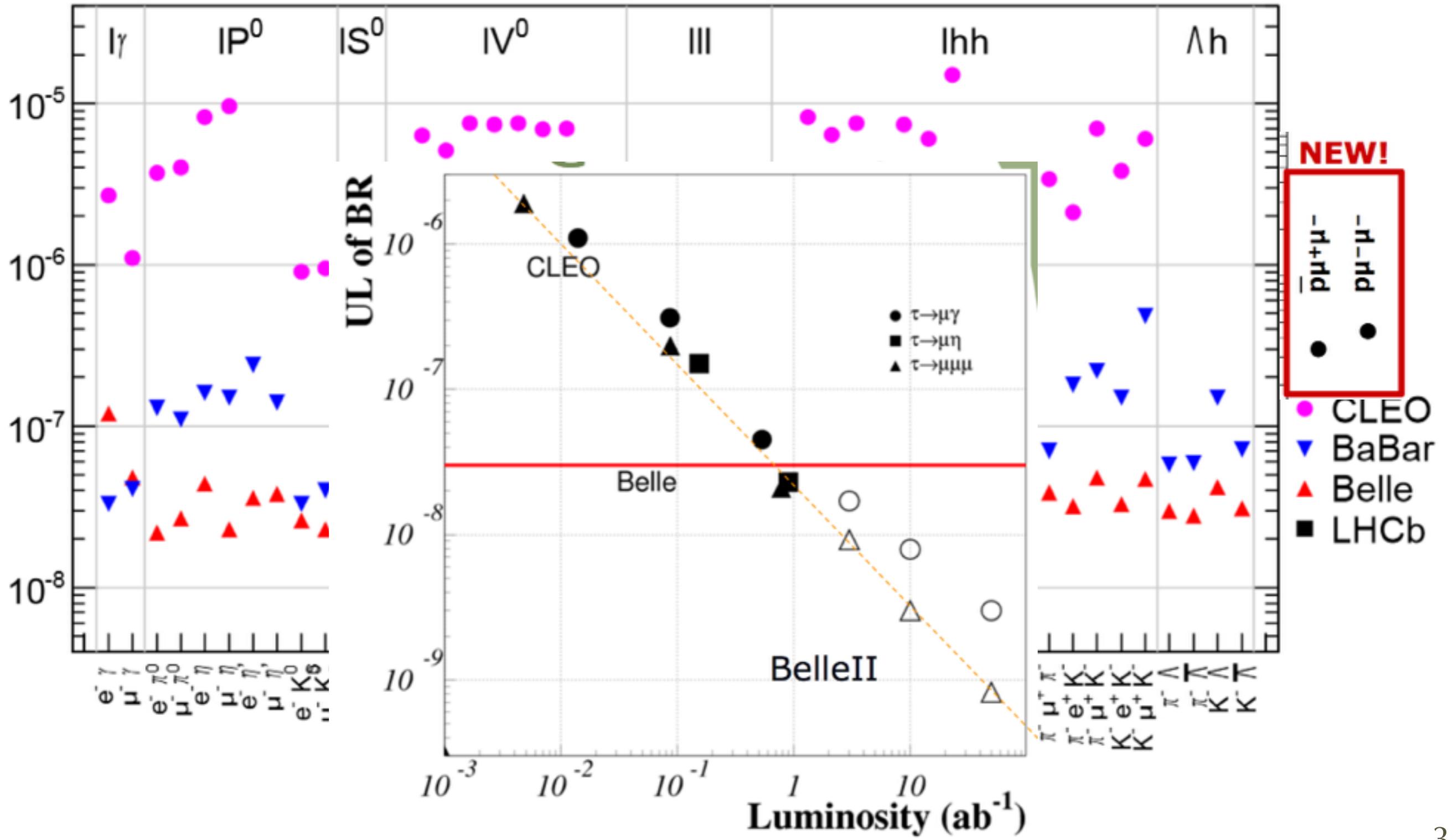
	SUSY+GUT (SUSY+Seesaw)	Higgs mediated	Little Higgs	non-universal Z' boson
$\begin{pmatrix} \tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu \\ \tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma \end{pmatrix}$	$\sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$	0.06~0.1	0.4~2.3	~ 16
$\begin{pmatrix} \tau \rightarrow \mu e e \\ \tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma \end{pmatrix}$	$\sim 1 \times 10^{-2}$	$\sim 1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.3~1.6	~ 16
$\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma)$ @Max	$< 10^{-7}$	$< 10^{-10}$	$< 10^{-10}$	$< 10^{-9}$

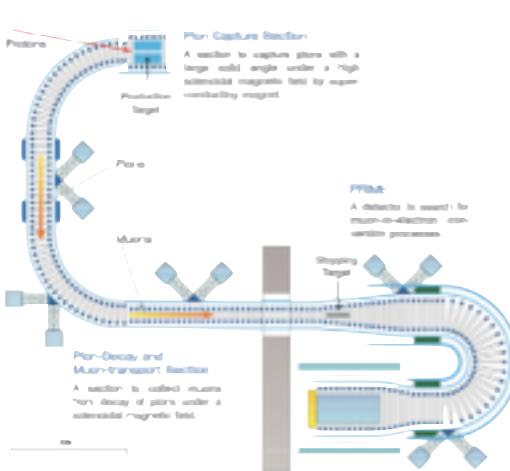
- CONS

- Smaller number of produced τ
- Larger experimental background
 - $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$
 - $\tau \rightarrow \text{LLL}$ cleaner

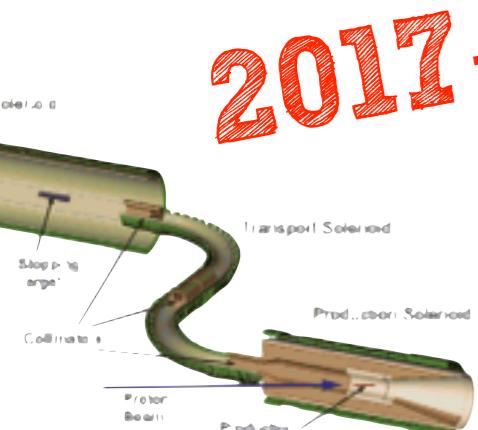




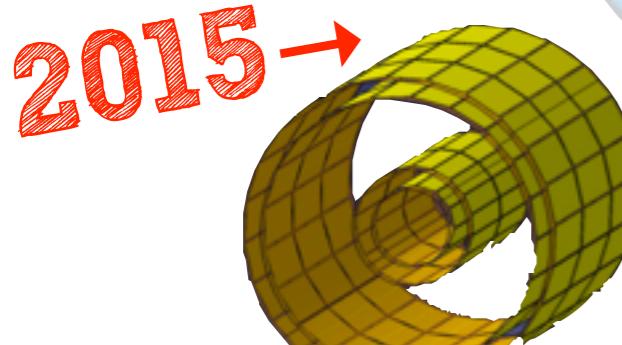




mu2e COMET
 $10^{-16} \rightarrow 10^{-17}$

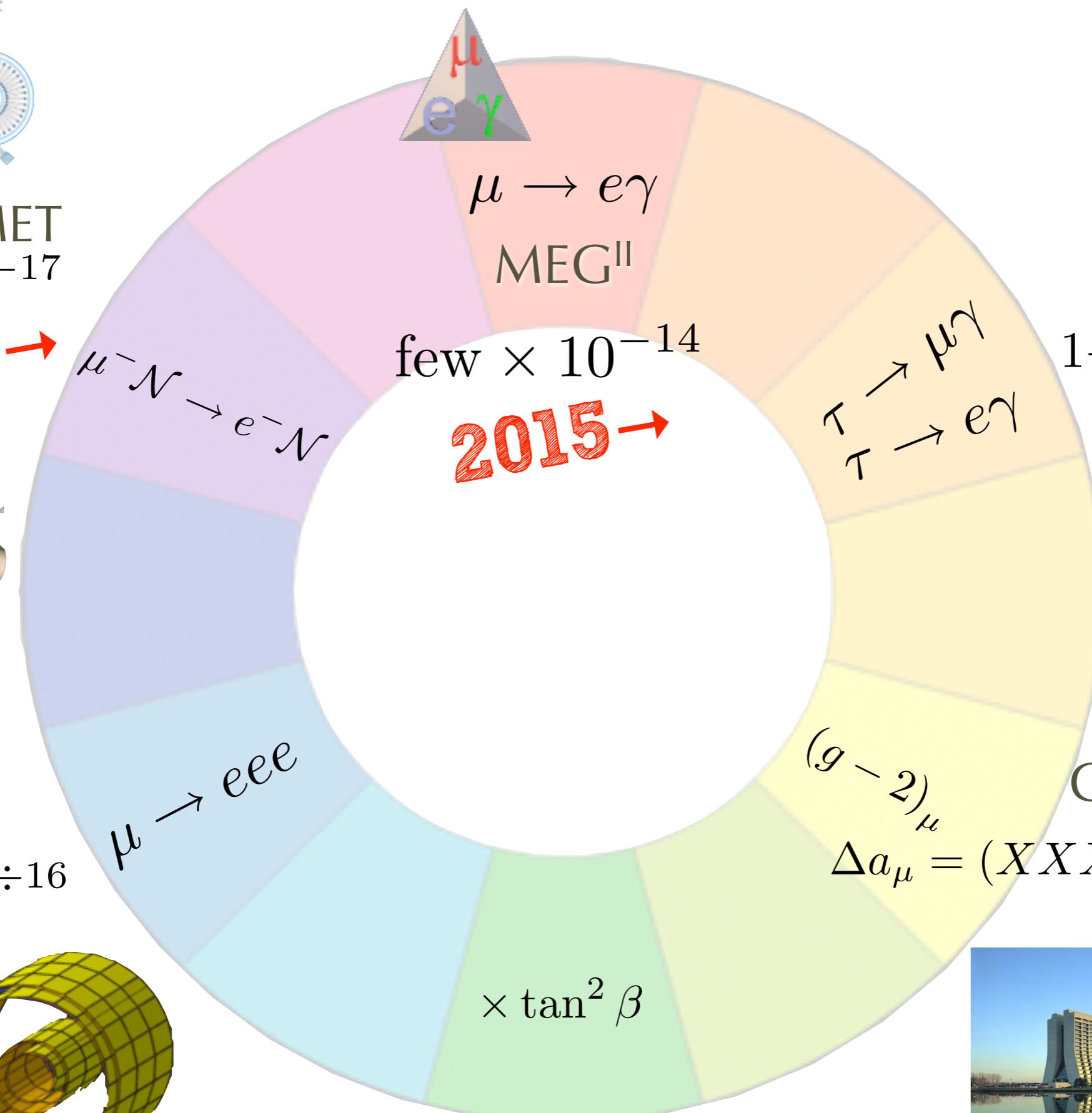


Mu3e
 $\sim 10^{-15} \div 16$



2015 →

Back to the wheel



2015 →

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

Summary

- CLFV activities in the World
- Complements flavor physics from the lepton sector
- MEG improved the limit on $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$
 - 5.7×10^{-13} @ 90% C.L.
 - Final result expected for spring 2015
- MEG II
 - Down to 6×10^{-14}
- Mu3e @ PSI
 - Staged approach
 - $<10^{-16}$ level
- Mu2e, DeeMe and COMET
 - intensive R&D for the realization of the experiments
 - Staged setup to test part of the techniques
 - 10^{-17} level
 - towards 10^{-18} with future muon campuses (Project-X and PRISM/PRIME)
- Complementarity with τ , meson and exotic CLFV