Low-Energybeyond-the-Standard-Model Experiments

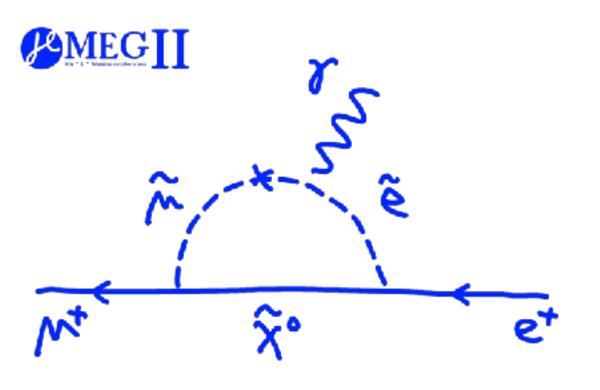






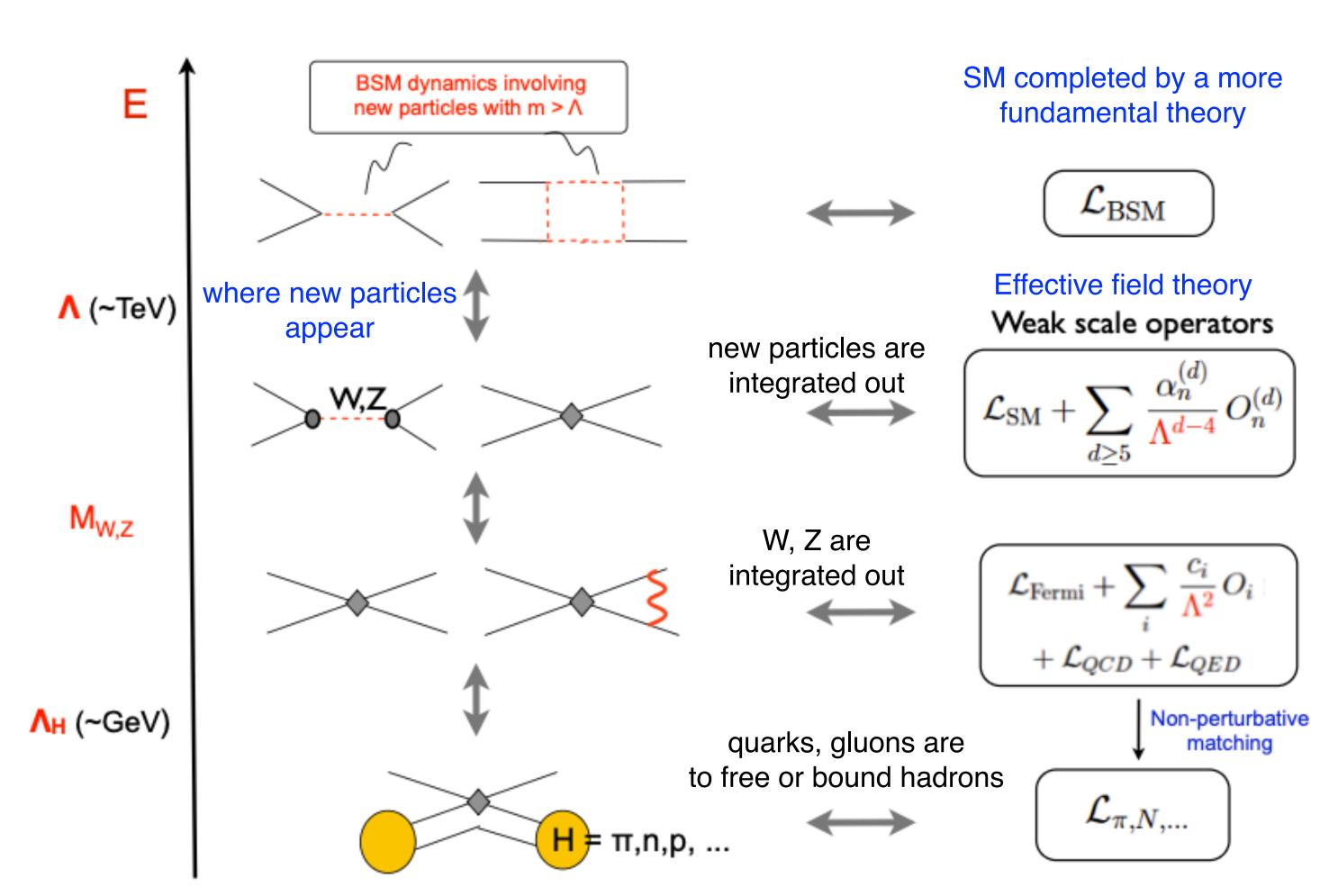
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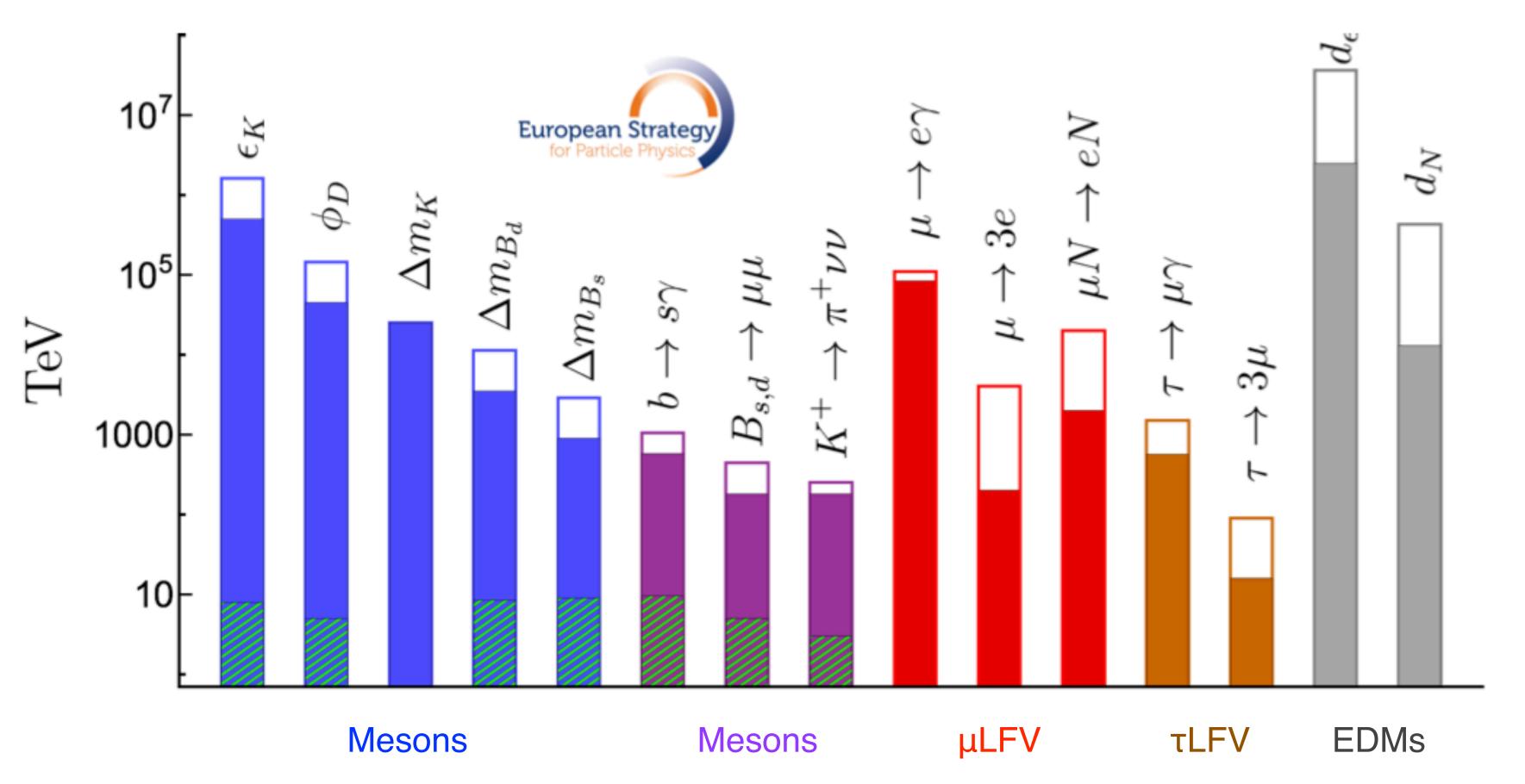
Introduction

- Elementary particle physics
 - Looking for new physics beyond the standard model to explain unsolved problems
 - Highest energy accelerator
 - Direct production of heavy new particles
 - No indication from LHC yet, HL-LHC, FCC-ee and -hh, ILC, CEPC, CLIC,
 - Low energy (high intensity) accelerator
 - Can play important roles
 - Indirect production (virtual state) of even heavier new particles
 - Intense sources and ultra-sensitive detectors are necessary



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Reach in new physics scale



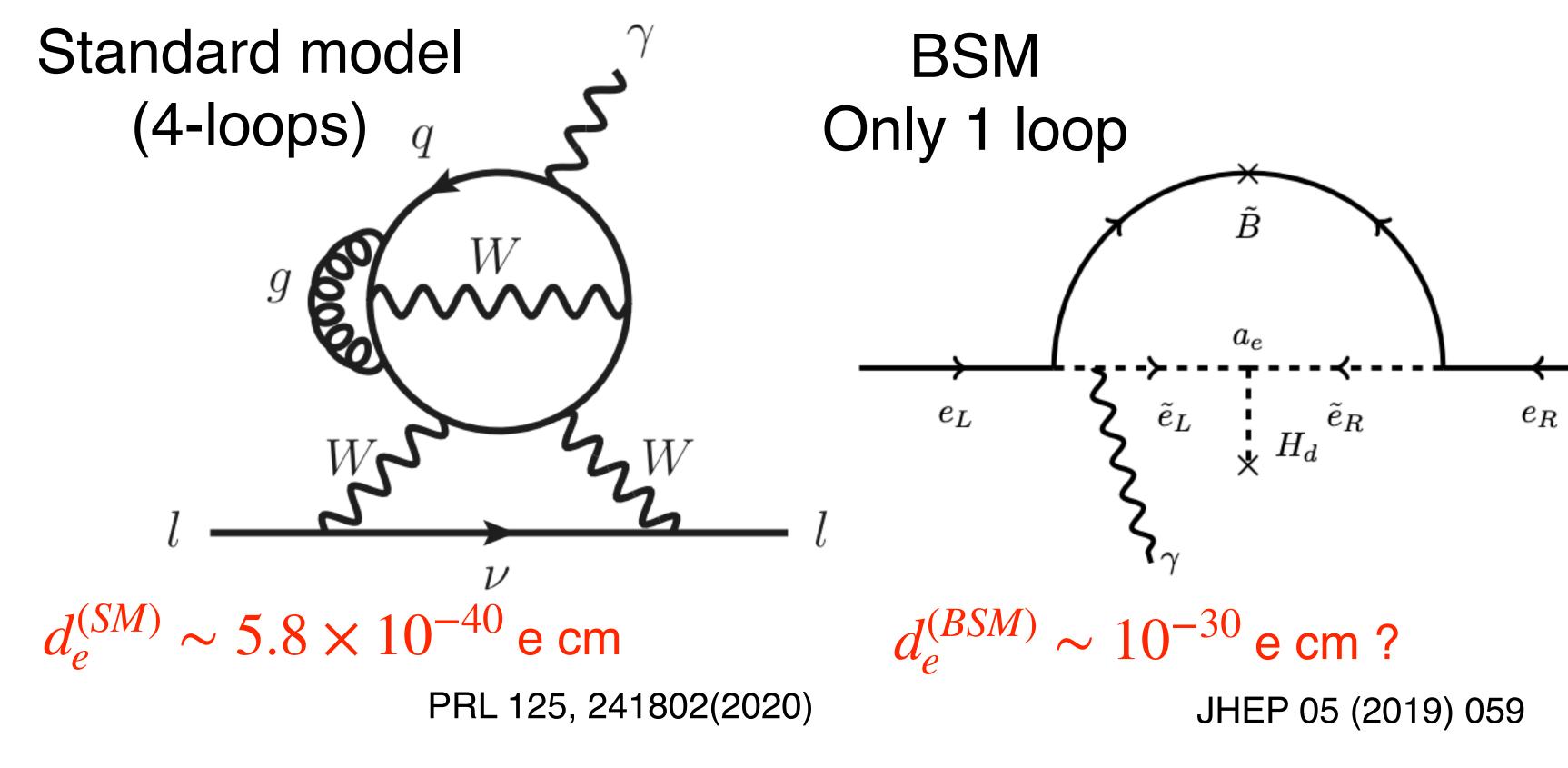
Bounds on Ci (=1/ Λ_i^2) of dimension-six operators

Physics Briefing Book, arXiv: 2511.03883

- Low energy (high intensity) experiments can reach even higher new physics scale than highest energy experiments
 - Small-scale experiments
 - Rare processes and precision measurements
 - EDMs, Muon LFV, rare pion decay
 - Mid-, Large-scale
 - K, B mesons, τ lepton
 - Anomalies
 - g_{μ} -2, LFU etc.

Electric Dipole Moments

- spin Treversal
- A finite EDM indicates an asymmetry of the charge distribution relative to the spin direction
 - If it exists, EDM violates T symmetry, and thus CP symmetry under the CPT



EDM is a backgroundfree probe to the BSM

Any new CPV would be a significant discovery to explain for matter universe

EDM measurements

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	PRESENT BEST MEASUREMENT	2025		2030		2035	
μΕDΜ	$d_{\mu} = (0.0 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-19} e \text{ cm}$	$2 \times 10^{-20} e \text{ cm}$	4 ×	10 ⁻²¹ <i>e</i> cm		6 × 10	⁻²³ e cm
nEDM	$d_n = (0.0 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-26} e \text{ cm}$		2 ×	10 ⁻²⁷ e cm	5 × 10 ⁻²⁸	<i>e</i> cm	next nEDM
					proton	EDM 1	× 10 ⁻²⁹ e cm
Had EDI	Ms $\theta \sim (0 \pm 1) \times 10^{-10}$	current Hg, TlF, Xe, Yb	0 ~ 1	10-11	radioactive atoms/m	olecules	$\theta \sim 10^{-12}$
eEDM	$d_e = (-1 \pm 2) \times 10^{-30} e \text{ cm}$			$1 \times 10^{-31} e$	cm		$1 \times 10^{-32} e \text{ cm}$

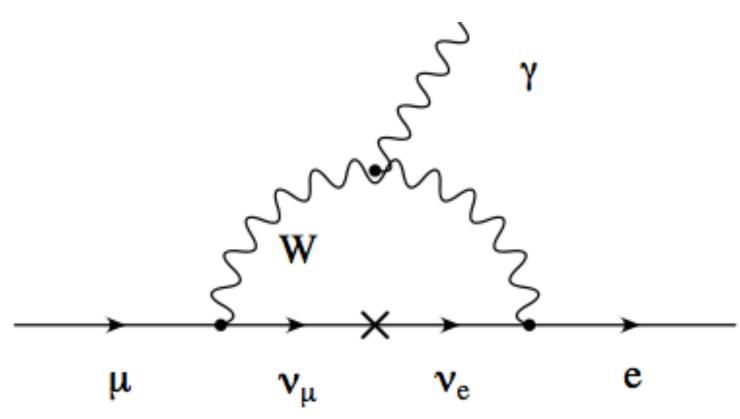
- · Current experimental limit: $d_n=(0.0\pm1.1)\times10^{-26}$ e cm, $d_e=(-1\pm2)\times10^{-30}$ e cm
 - test NP at mass scales above 10TeV ~ 10⁶ TeV
- Hadron EDM and lepton EDM searches are complementary
 - Different new physics can be tested
 - Hadron EDMs also provide direct information on the QCD CPV parameter θ

Charged lepton flavor violation (cLFV)

- One of the most powerful probes to search for New Physics (NP)
- The conservation of the lepton flavor is an accidental symmetry in SM
 - arising from the absence of right-handed neutrinos
- This symmetry is typically lost in NP models
 - · lepton flavor violation is commonly predicted at the level of the current experimental sensitivities
- · Discovery of neutrino oscillations demonstrated this symmetry is not exact
 - it is not sufficient to give observable cLFV effects
 - Their existence further stimulates the search for cLFV

Charged lepton flavor violation in Standard model (with ν mass) vs New physics

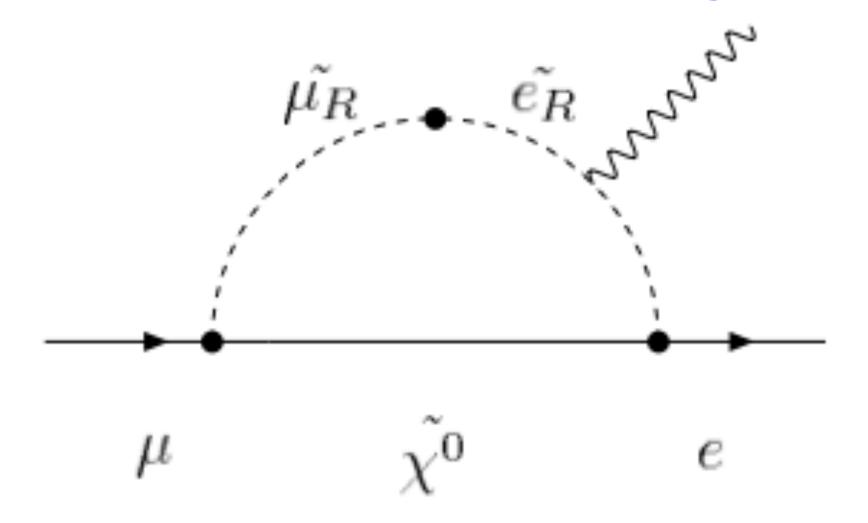
Charged lepton flavor transition has never been observed yet



$$\mathrm{BR}(\mu \to e\gamma) \simeq \frac{\Gamma(\mu \to e\gamma)}{\Gamma(\mu \to e\nu\bar{\nu})} = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{k=1,3} \frac{U_{\mu k} U_{ek}^* m_{\nu_k}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2$$

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

Neutrino is too light

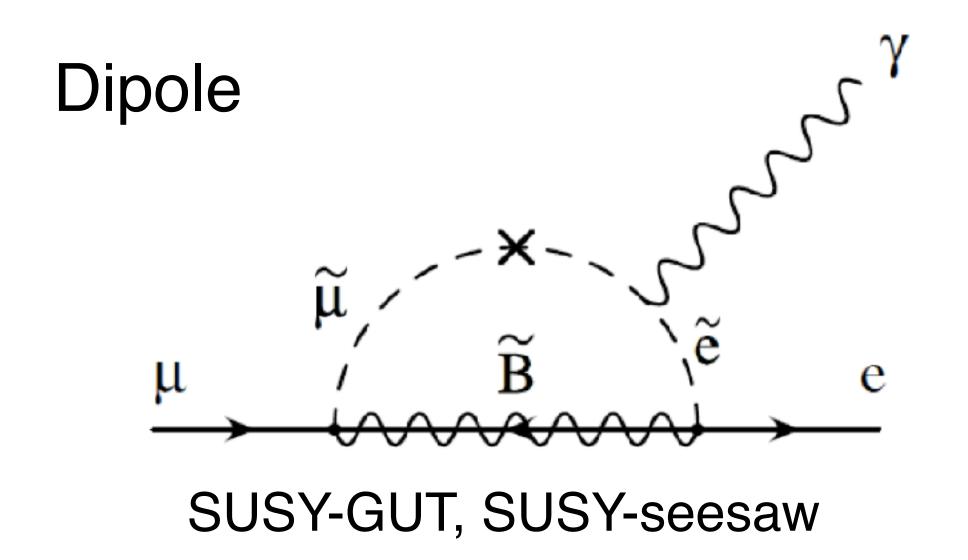


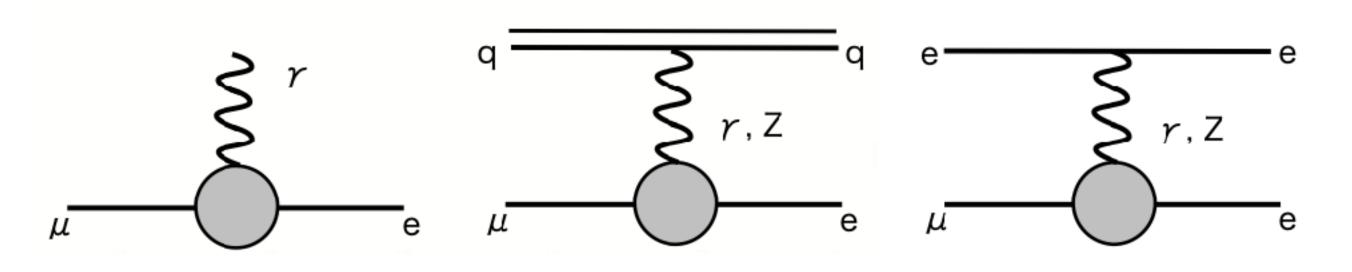
New particles from SUSY in the loop can enhance the branching ratio $10^{-12} - 10^{-14}$

SUSY-GUT / SUSY-seesaw

Evidence of $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ = Evidence of new physics

New physics models

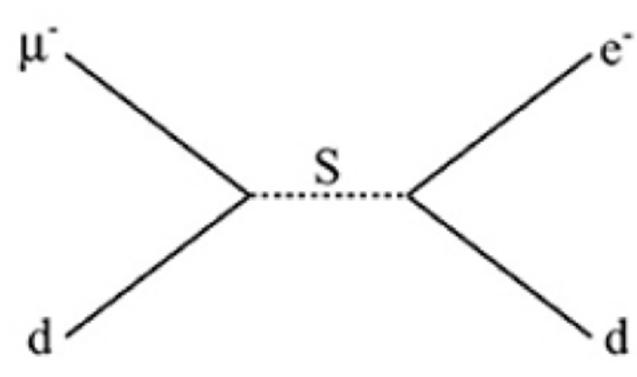




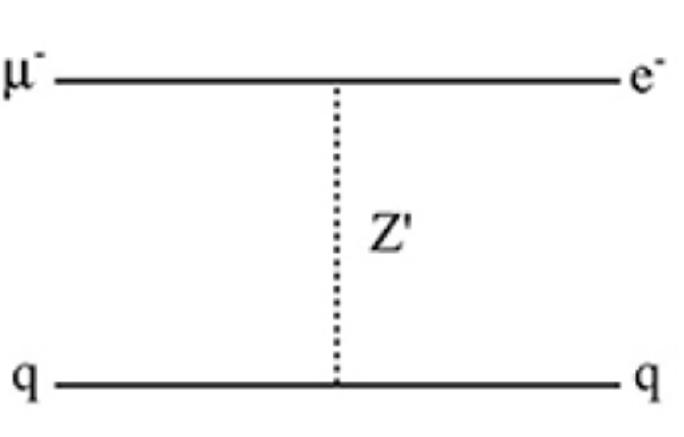
Br($\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$) : R(μ -Al $\rightarrow e$ -Al) : Br($\mu \rightarrow 3e$)

= 1 : 1/170 : 1/390

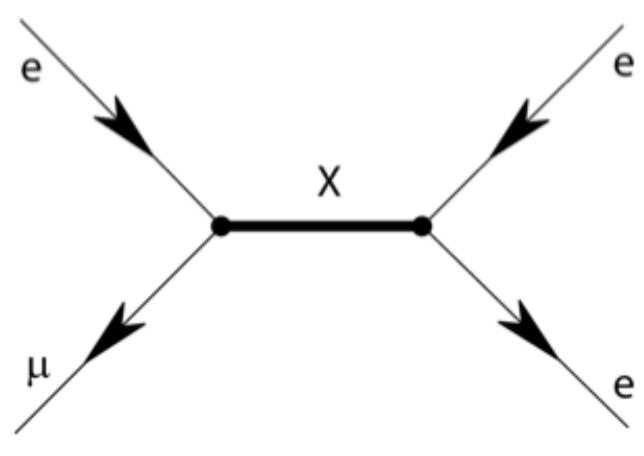




Scalar: RPV SUSY



Vector: Leptoquarks, ...



4-lepton:
Type II seesaw, RPV SUSY,
LRSM, ...

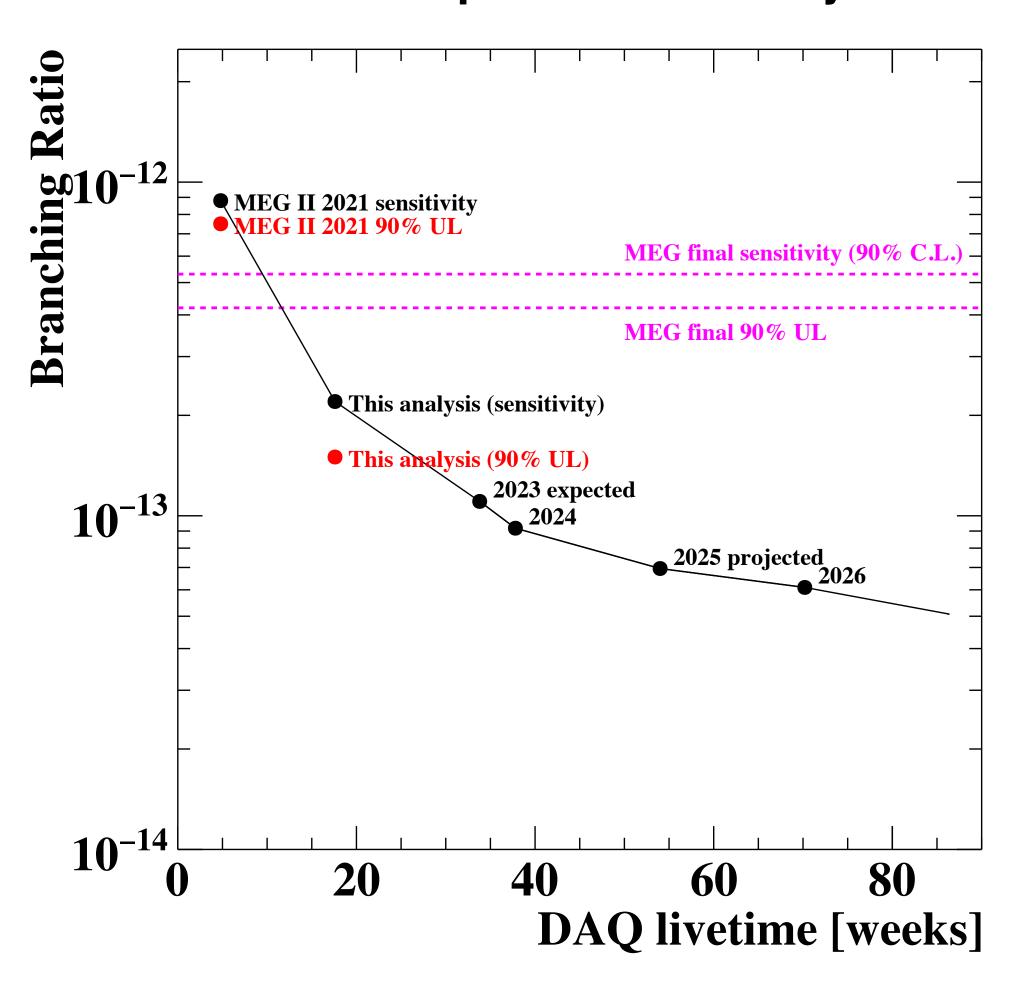
Current running experiment

MEG II experiment @ PSI in Switzerland

Liquid xenon detector (LXe) **COBRA** $\sigma_E \sim 2\%$, $\sigma_x \sim 2mm$, $\sigma_t \sim 65ps$ superconducting magnet @52.8 MeV γ 1.27 - 0.5 T $4 - 5 \times 10^7 \mu / s$ $\sigma_{x,y} \sim 11 \text{ mm}$ Pixelated timing counter (pTC) $\sigma_t \sim 35 ps$ Muon stopping target 170µm-thick scintillating film Cylindrical drift chamber (CDCH) σ_{E} ~90keV, σ_{θ} ~6mrad Radiative decay counter

(RDC)

MEG II expected sensitivity



→ test NP at mass scales above ~10⁴ TeV

Experiments about to begin

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 Mu3e phase I, Mu2e-I, COMET: finalizing the detector construction

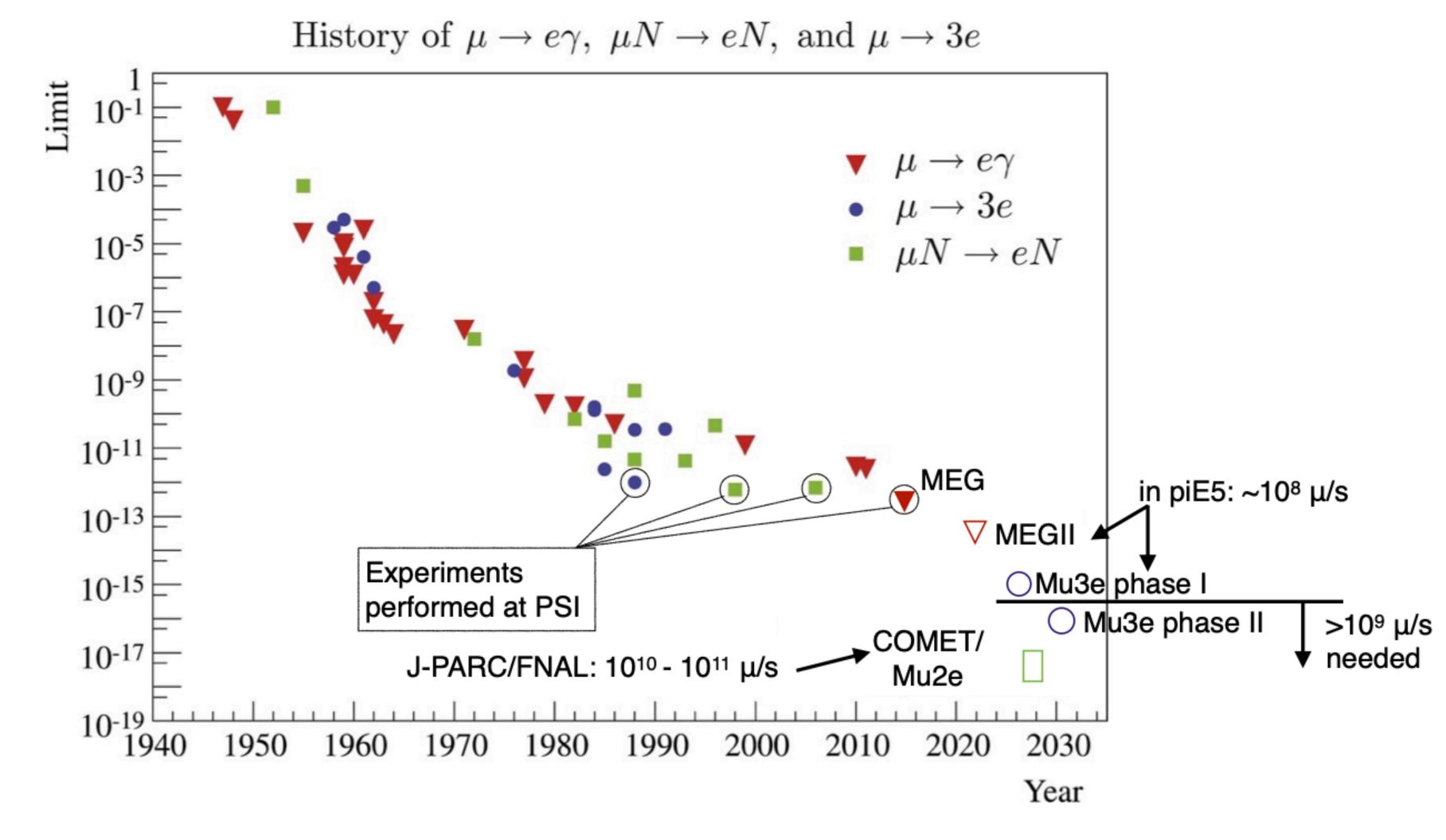
Mu3e-I @ PSI: 2026, 2029-Recurl pixel layers Scintillator tiles Inner pixel layers Scintillating fibres Outer pixel layers 8 GeV proton beam Mu2e @FermiLAB: Run 1 2026 Run 2 2029–2033 4.6 T collimator 2.0 T calorimeter tracker μ -target detector production transport solenoid solenoid solenoid Exciting results will be available in 2030s

COMET Phase-I: 2026— @J-PARC

Pion Capture Section A section to capture pions with a large solid angle under a high solenoidal magnetic field by superconducting Pions Detector Section A detector to search for muon-to-electron conver-Muons Stopping Pion-Decay and Muon-Transport Section Удологовальной подпологовальной в A section to collect muons from decay of pions under a solenoidal magnetic field.

$$\mu^{+} \to e^{+} \gamma$$
, $\mu^{+} \to e^{+} e^{-} e^{+}$, & $\mu^{-} \to e^{-}$

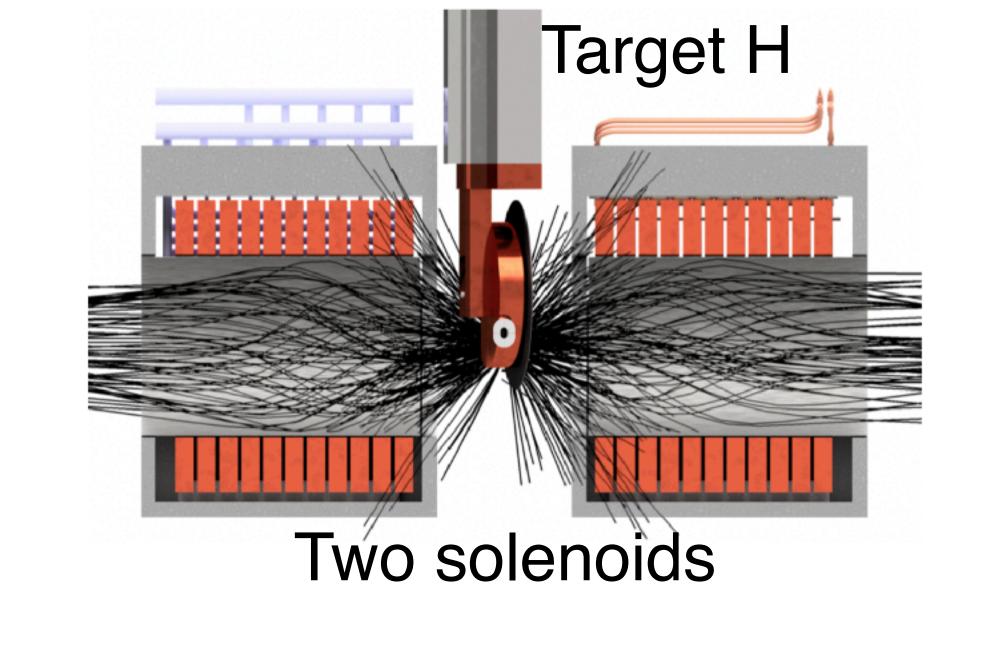
- Golden channels
 - High intensity muon beam
 - Clean signature
- Synergy to look for these decay modes at the same time
 - Maximize the discovery potential to different new physics model
 - Pin down the new physics model with independent branching ratio values after the discovery

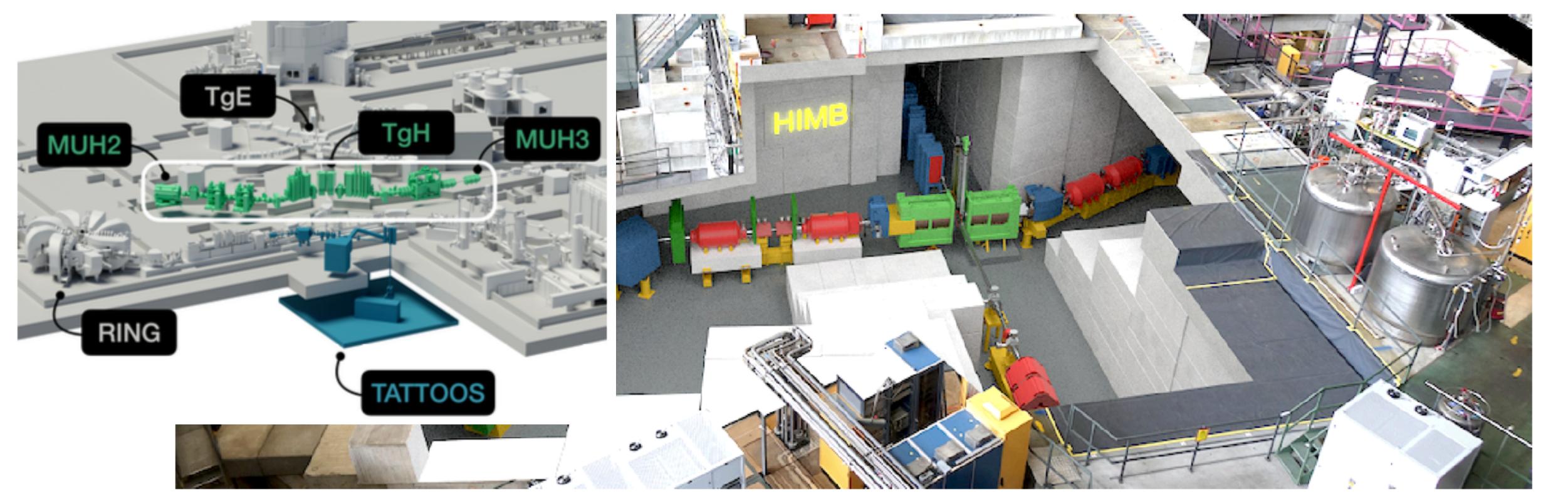


arXiv:2111.05788

High intensity muon beam line @ PSI

- Shutdown of about two years from 2027
- New target geometry, 4 times capture efficiency, 6 times transport efficiency, resulting in > 10¹⁰μ/s (5x10⁸μ/s now) available from late 2028
- Beam spot σ~40mm

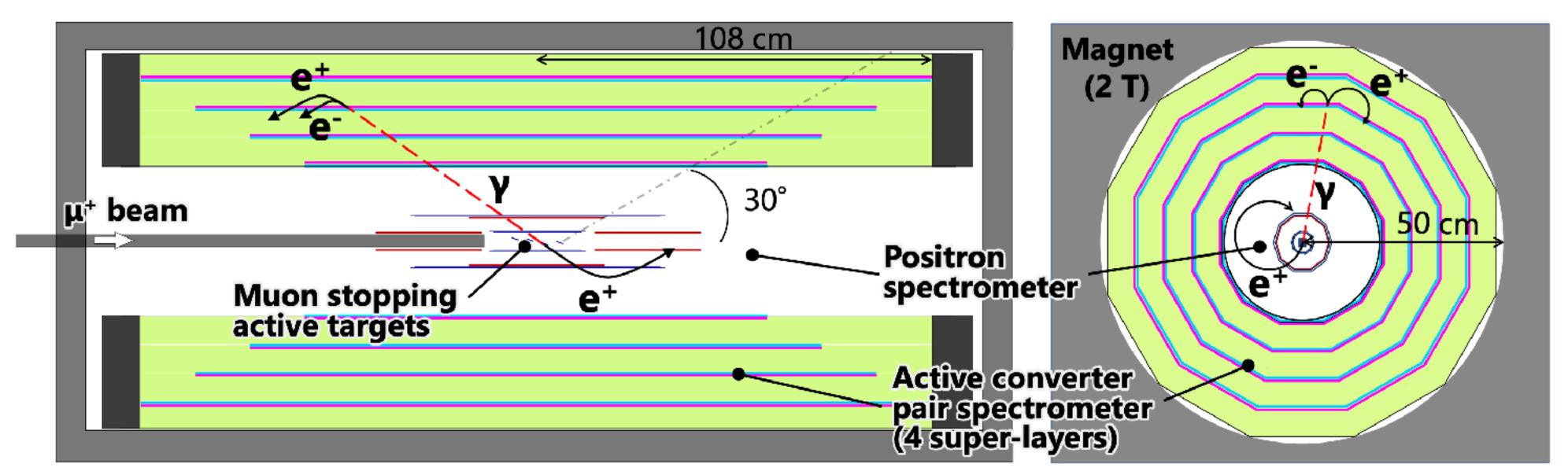




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Future $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$

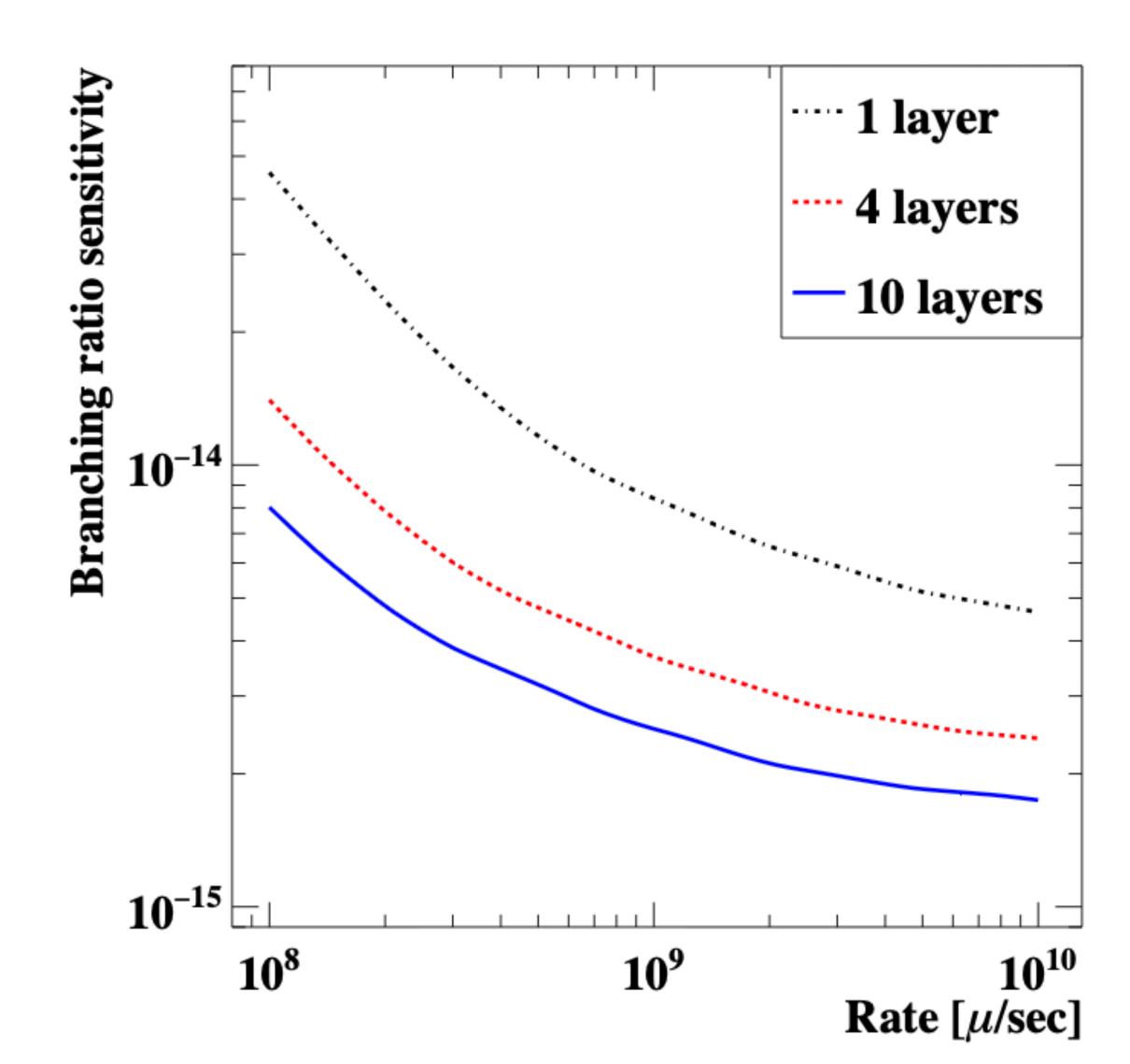
- Sensitivity of $\mu \to e \gamma$ searches is limited by the background from accidental coincidences
- Background scales with the square of the stopping muon rate, improvement in the detector resolutions inevitable to exploit beam rates up to 109-1010 μ/s
- · Large acceptance to gain the statistics while beam intensity is kept as low as possible
- · R&D of new detector concept (resolutions, efficiency, rate capability) is underway
 - · Based on photon pair spectrometer with active converter, Silicon detector (like Mu3e) for positron, larger acceptance



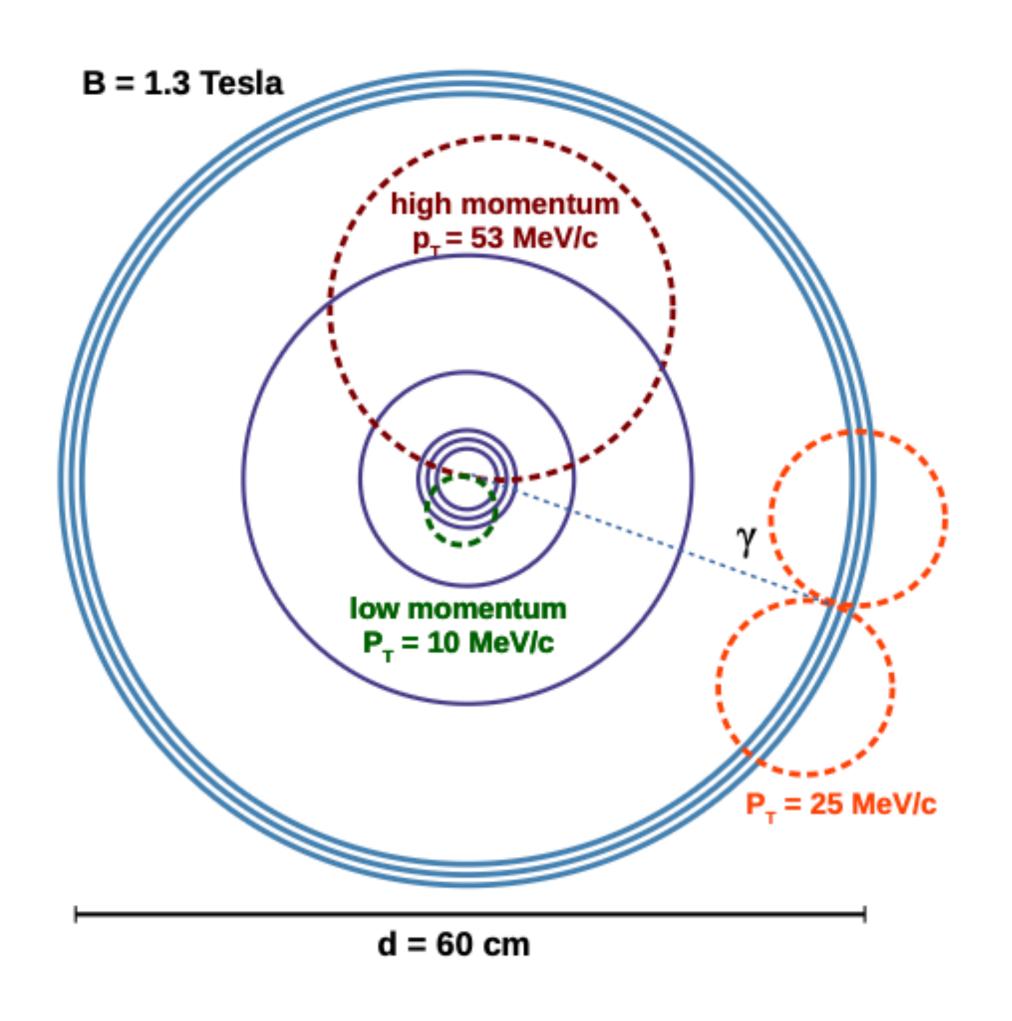
Sensitivity for future $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$

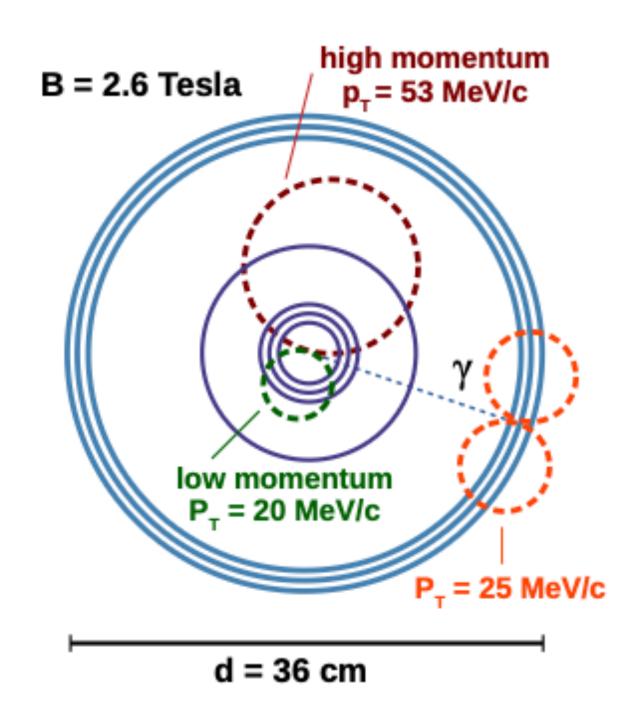
- Assumption
 - Five separate stopping targets
 - Detector performance in a table below
- (2–3) \times 10^{-15} are reachable above $10^9 \mu^+/\mathrm{s}$

	Resolutions/efficie	MEG II	
Photon energy	200 keV	0.4%	2%
Photon position	$200\mu m$		2.5mm
Photon timing	30 ps		65ps
Photon angle	150 mrad		
Photon detection efficiency (4 layers)	6 %		62%
Positron energy	$100\mathrm{keV}$		100 keV
Positron angle	6 mrad		6 mrad
Positron timing	30 ps		30 ps
Positron detection efficiency	70%		67%
Geometrical acceptance	85 %		11%



Future $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$ + Mu3e ?

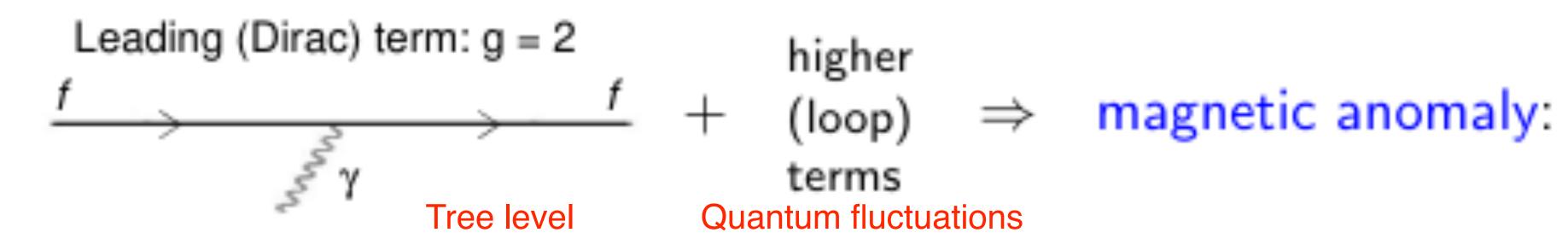




Open discussions on designs and technologies for future experiments. Currently the study group are mostly from MEG II and Mu3e, but always welcoming new participants

Muon g-2

. Dirac's equation for a point particle g-factor, $\overrightarrow{\mu} = g \frac{e}{2m} \overrightarrow{S}$, gives $g \equiv 2$



$$a=\frac{g-2}{2}\neq 0$$

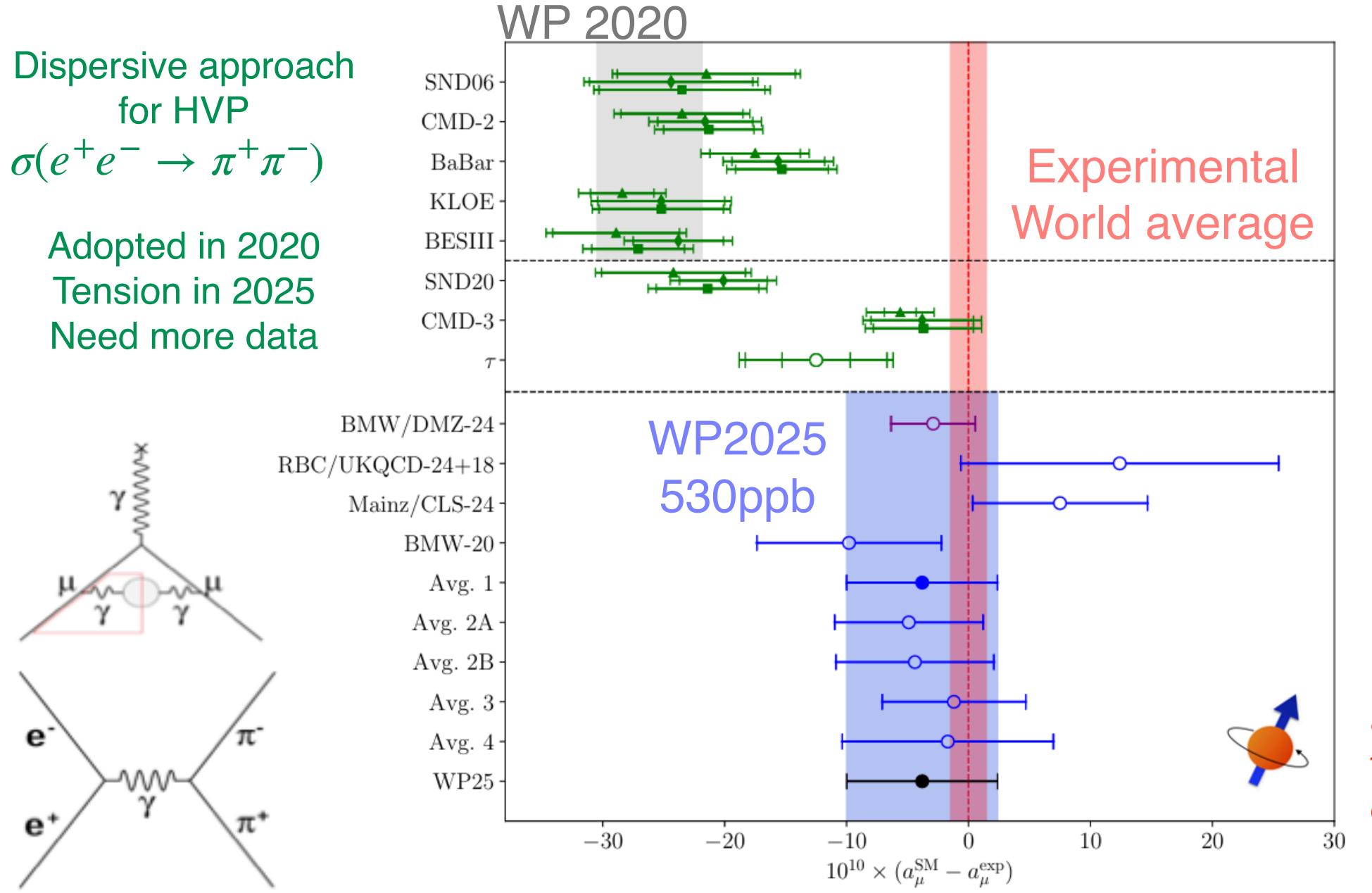
Leading order processes contributing to a_{μ} :

$$\frac{\Delta a_{\mu}^{SM}}{a_{\mu}^{SM}} = 369 \times 10^{-9} \text{ (369 ppb in 2020)}$$

a_{μ} term	value (\times 10 ⁻¹¹)	uncert.	
QED	116,584,718.931	0.104	
El-weak	153.6	1.0	
HVP	6 845	40	
HLbL	92	18	
Total SM	116,591,810	43	

0.6%

Muon g-2 summary



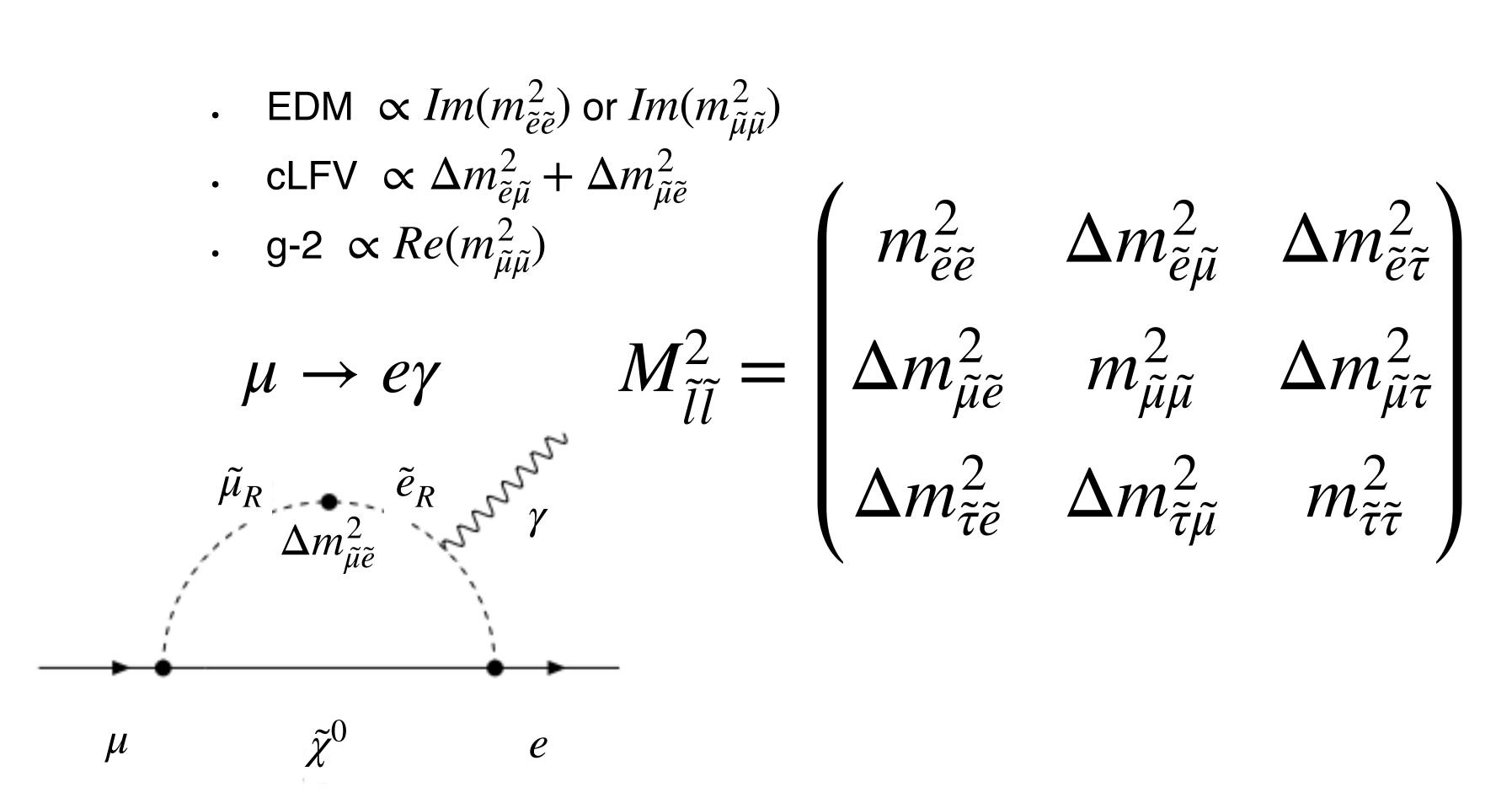
Final precision E989 127ppb

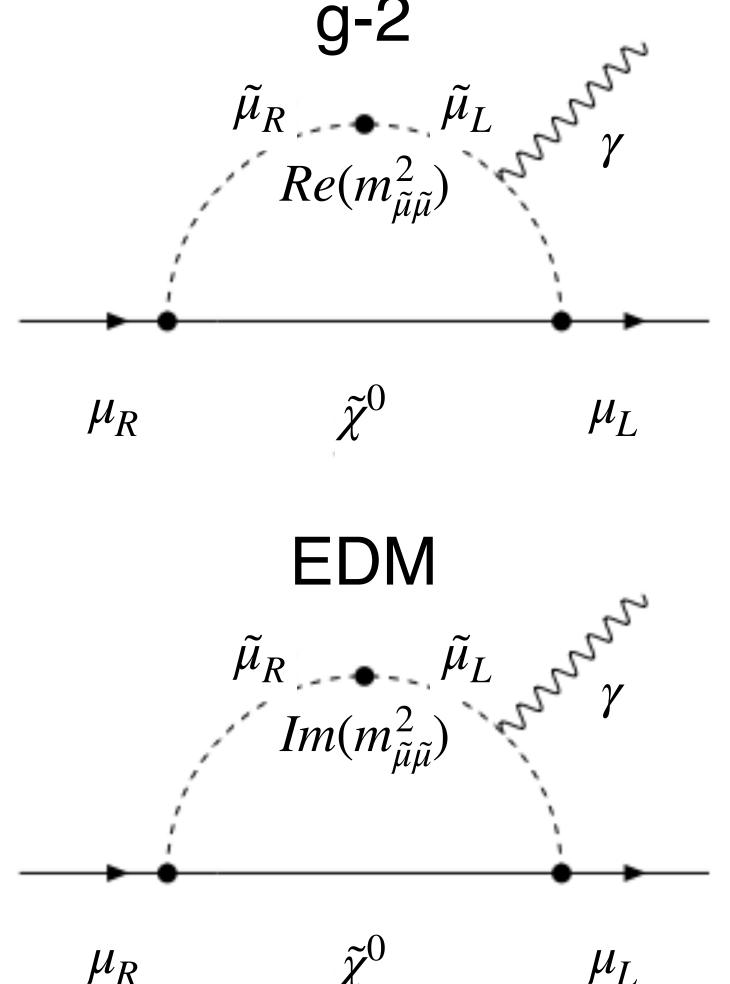
Lattice-QCD for HVP not mature in 2020 Adopted in 2025

Further investigations are planned both from the theory and experimental sides

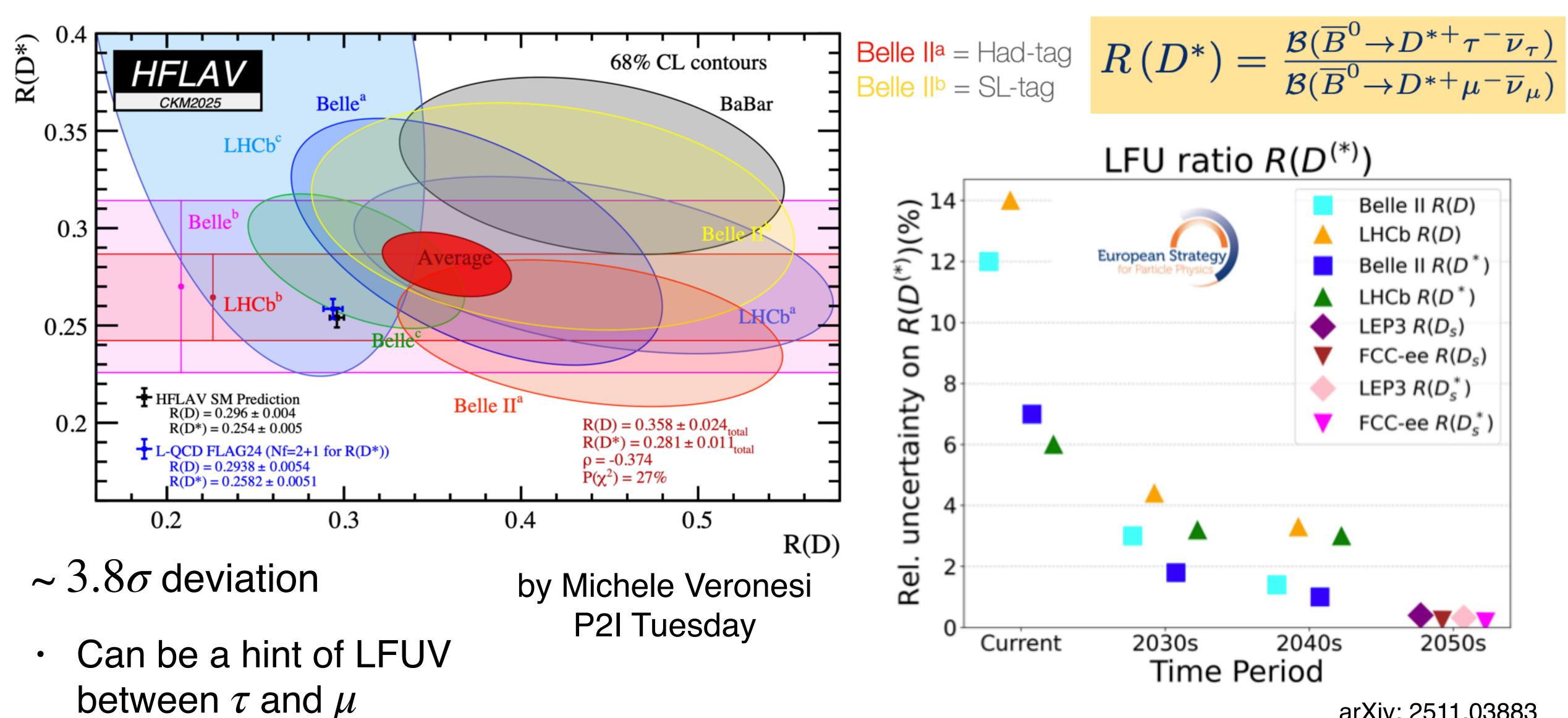
Relation between LFV, EDM, g-2

• In SUSY models, LFV processes are induced by the off-diagonal terms in the slepton mass matrices



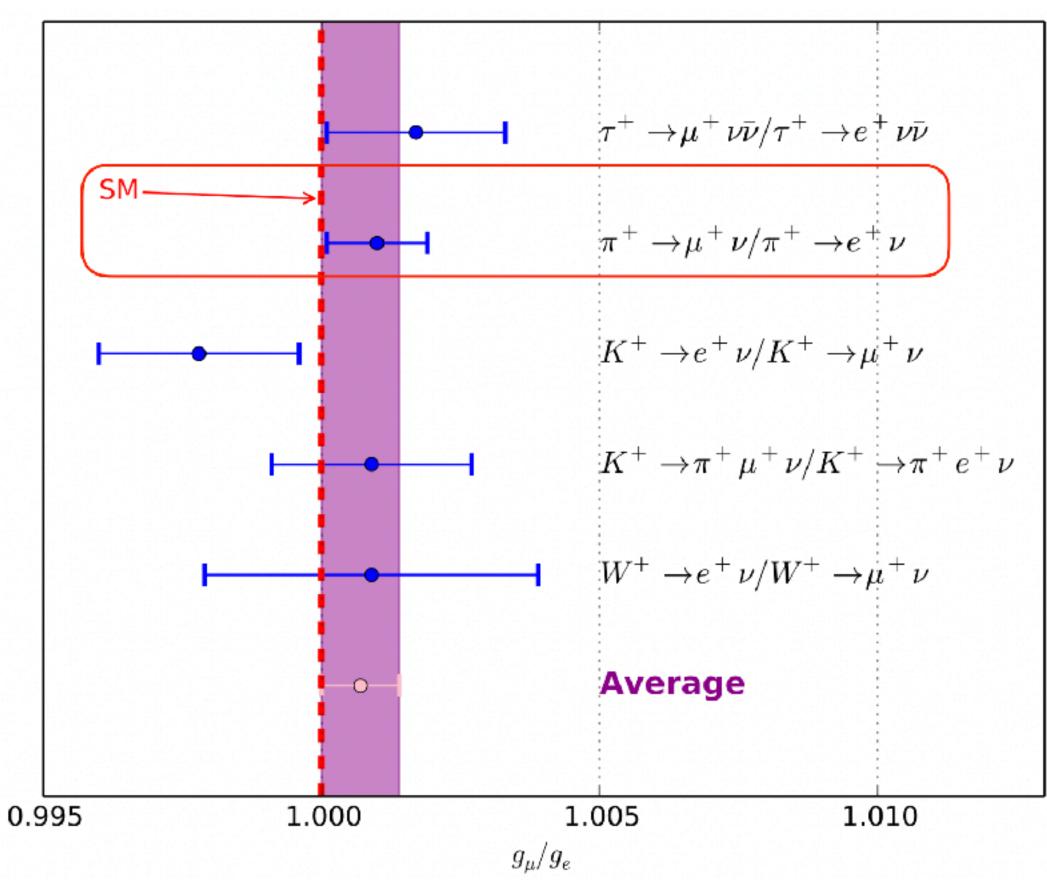


R(D) and R(D*) measurements



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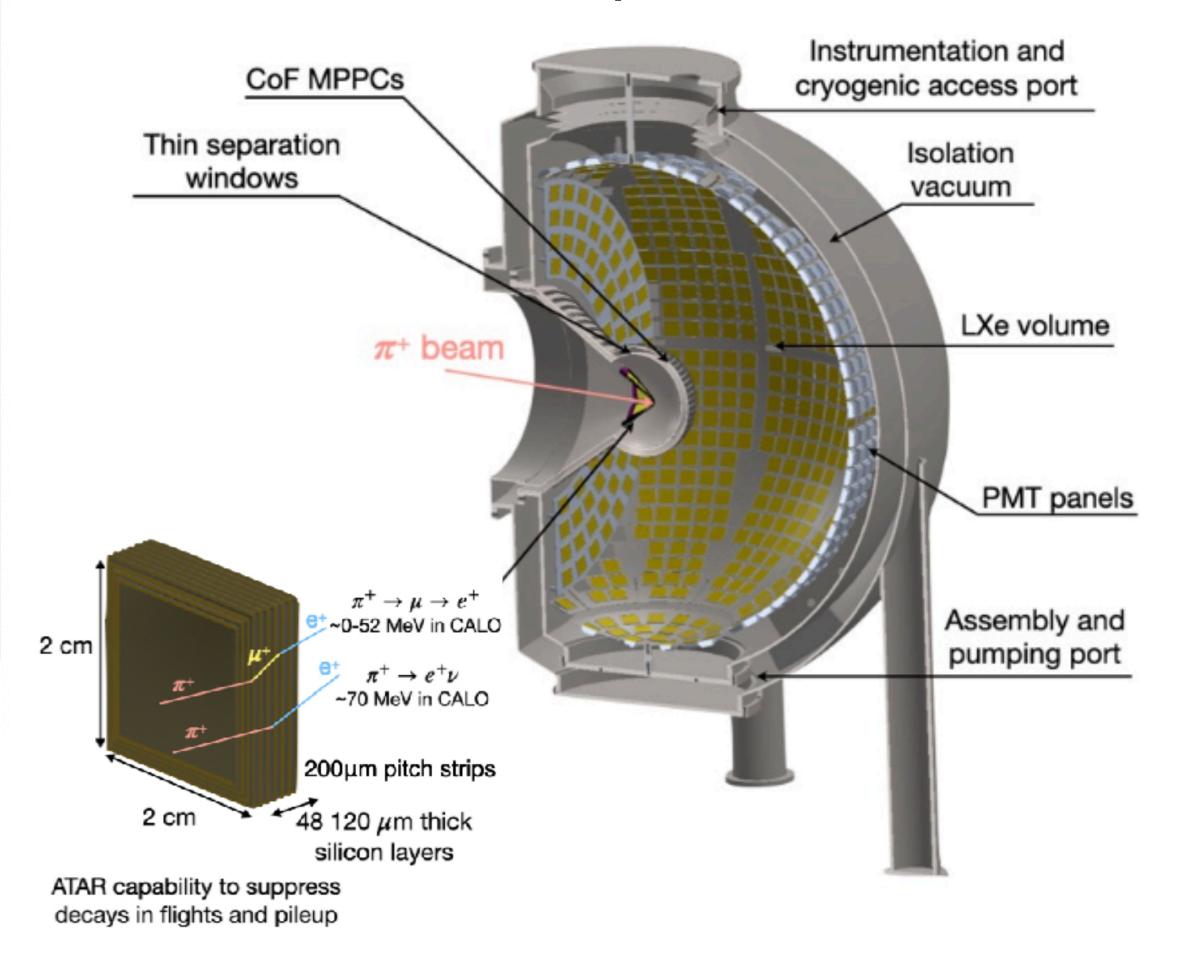
Lepton universality check with pion



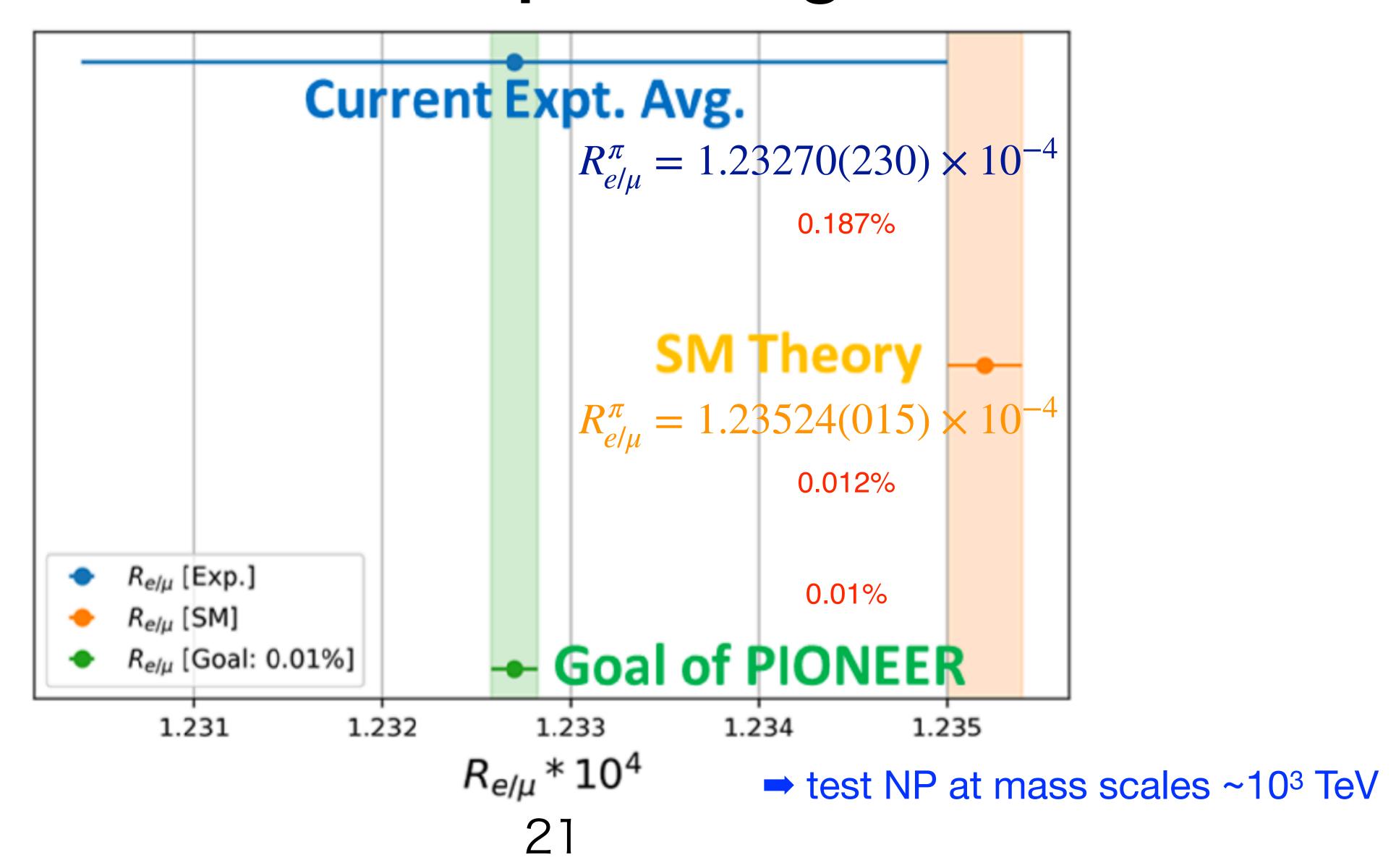
$$R^{\pi}_{e/\mu} = \frac{\Gamma(\pi \to e \bar{\nu}_e(\gamma))}{\Gamma(\pi \to \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu(\gamma))} \ \text{measurement}$$

provides the best result so far to test LFU

PIONEER experiment @ PSI



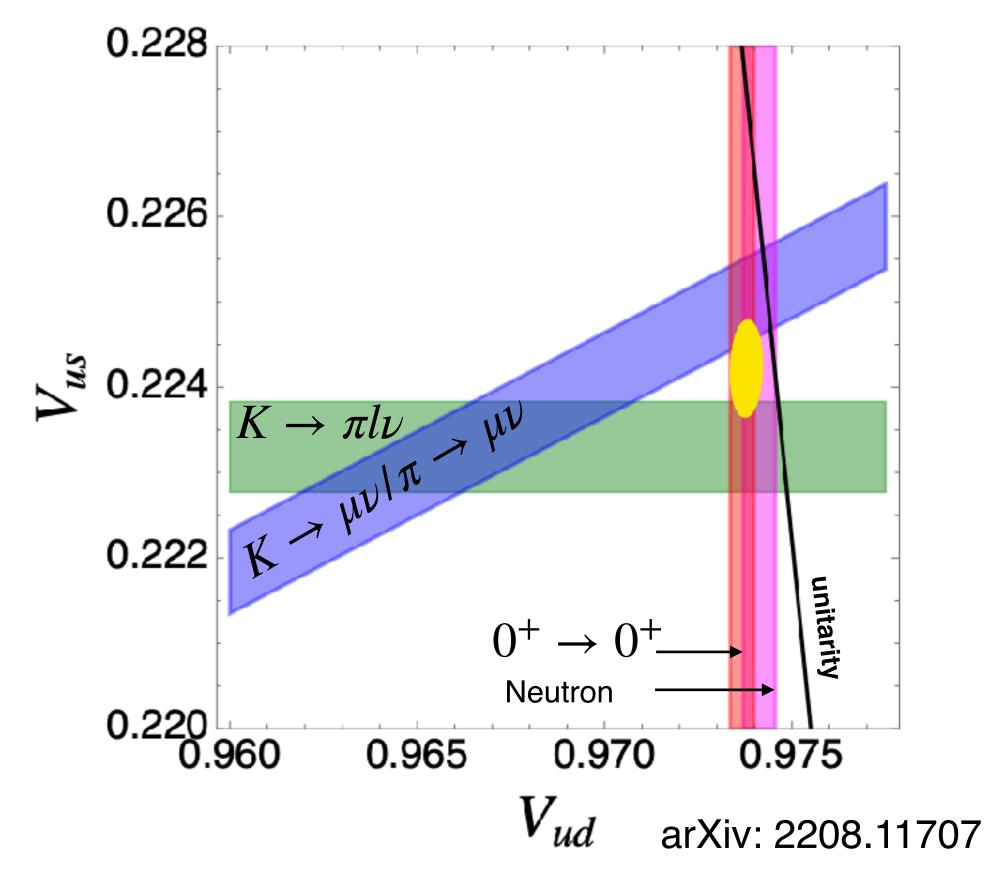
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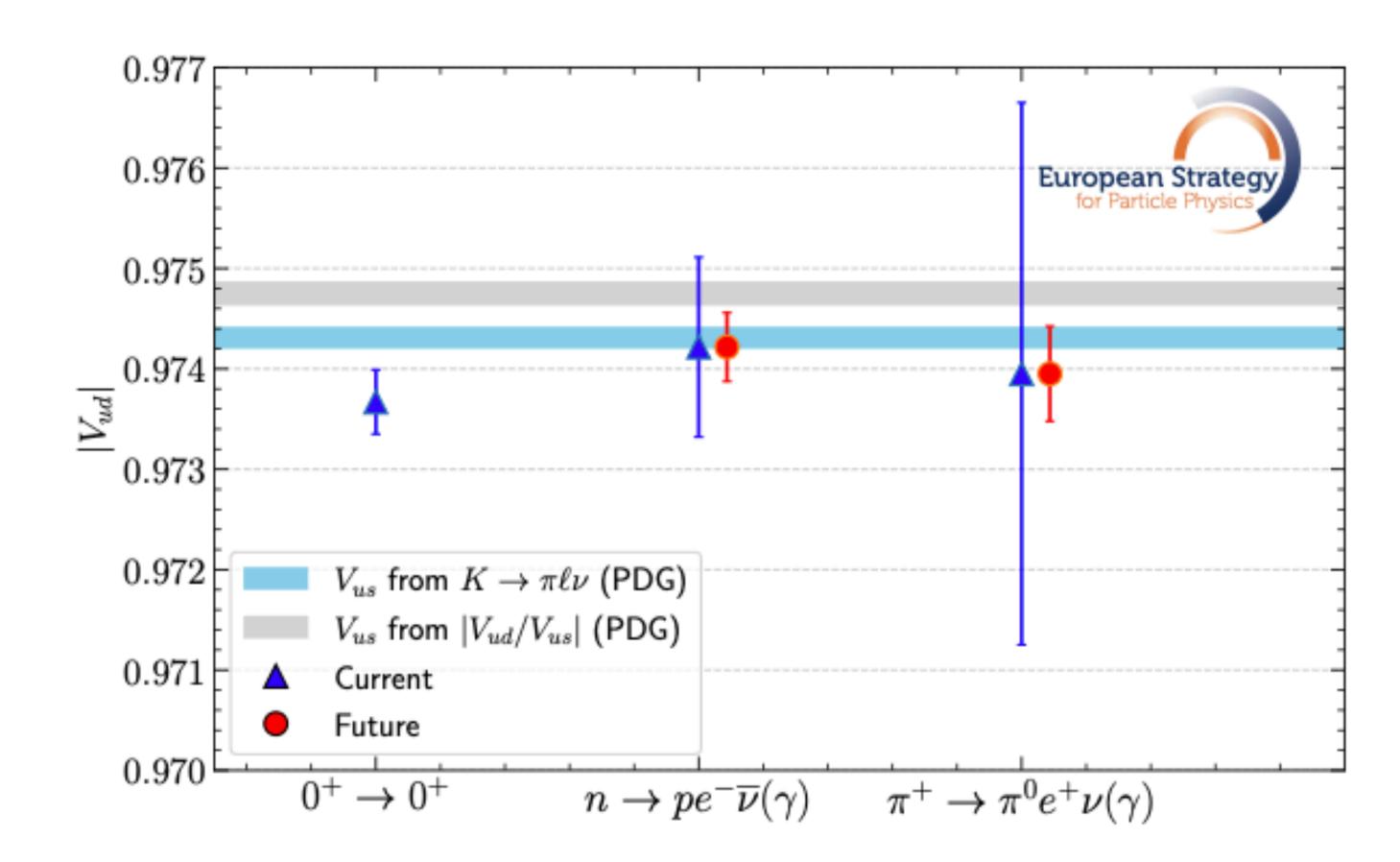
PIONEER phase II goal

Unitarity of the CKM matrix

$$\Delta_{\text{CKM}} \equiv |V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 - 1 = 0$$



~3 σ deviation (Cabibbo Angle Anomaly) This can also be interpreted as a LFUV \cdot V_{ud} from e, V_{us} from μ meas.



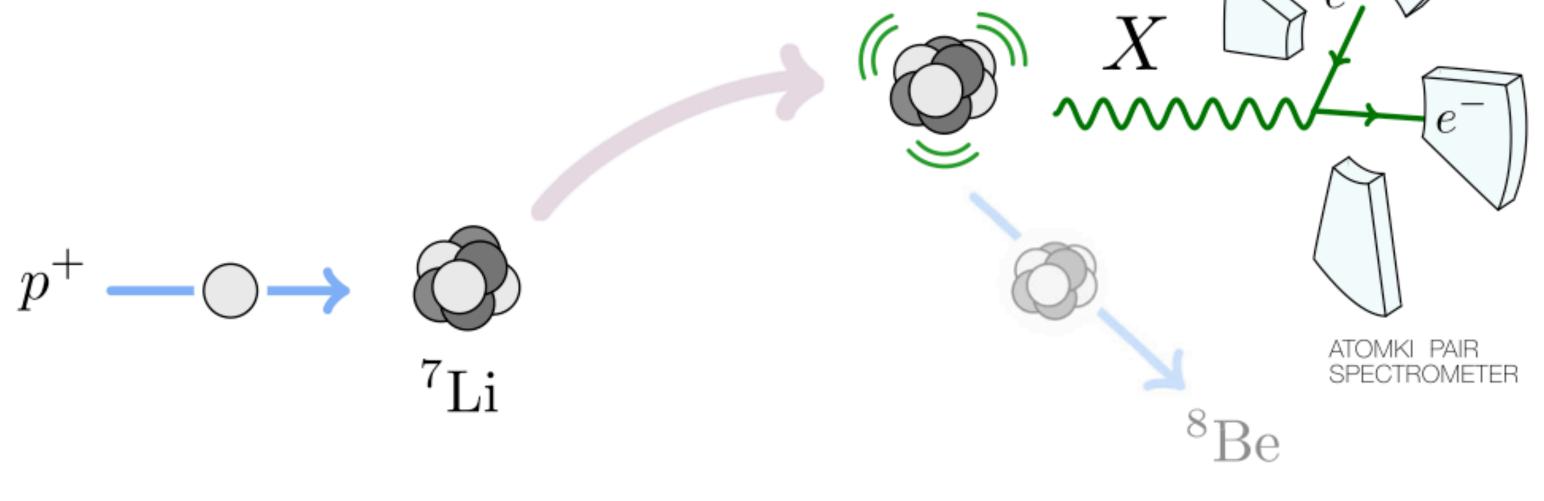
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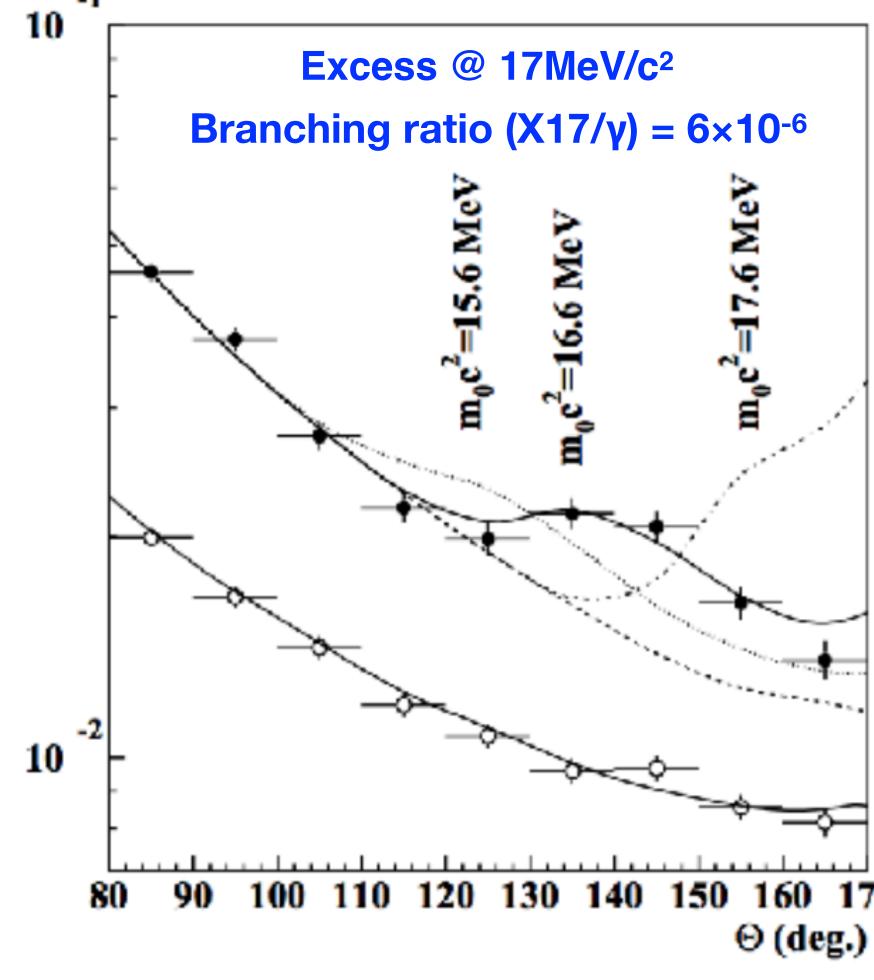
- Experiments using low energy (high intensity) accelerators can reach even higher energy new physics scale than highest energy accelerator.
- A wide variety of complementary experiments can play a role that is synergistic with high-energy frontier experiment. Since the energy scale of new physics remains unknown, this is a particularly important research area.
- Small-scale experiments including EDMs, LFV, g-2, LFUV are discussed here. These including mid- and large-scale experiments are an indispensable part of the future strategy for particle physics.

X17 boson search at MEG II

An experiment at **Atomki** reported an **anomaly** in the angular distribution of the internal e+e- pairs conversion of ⁷Li(p, e+e-)⁸Be reaction

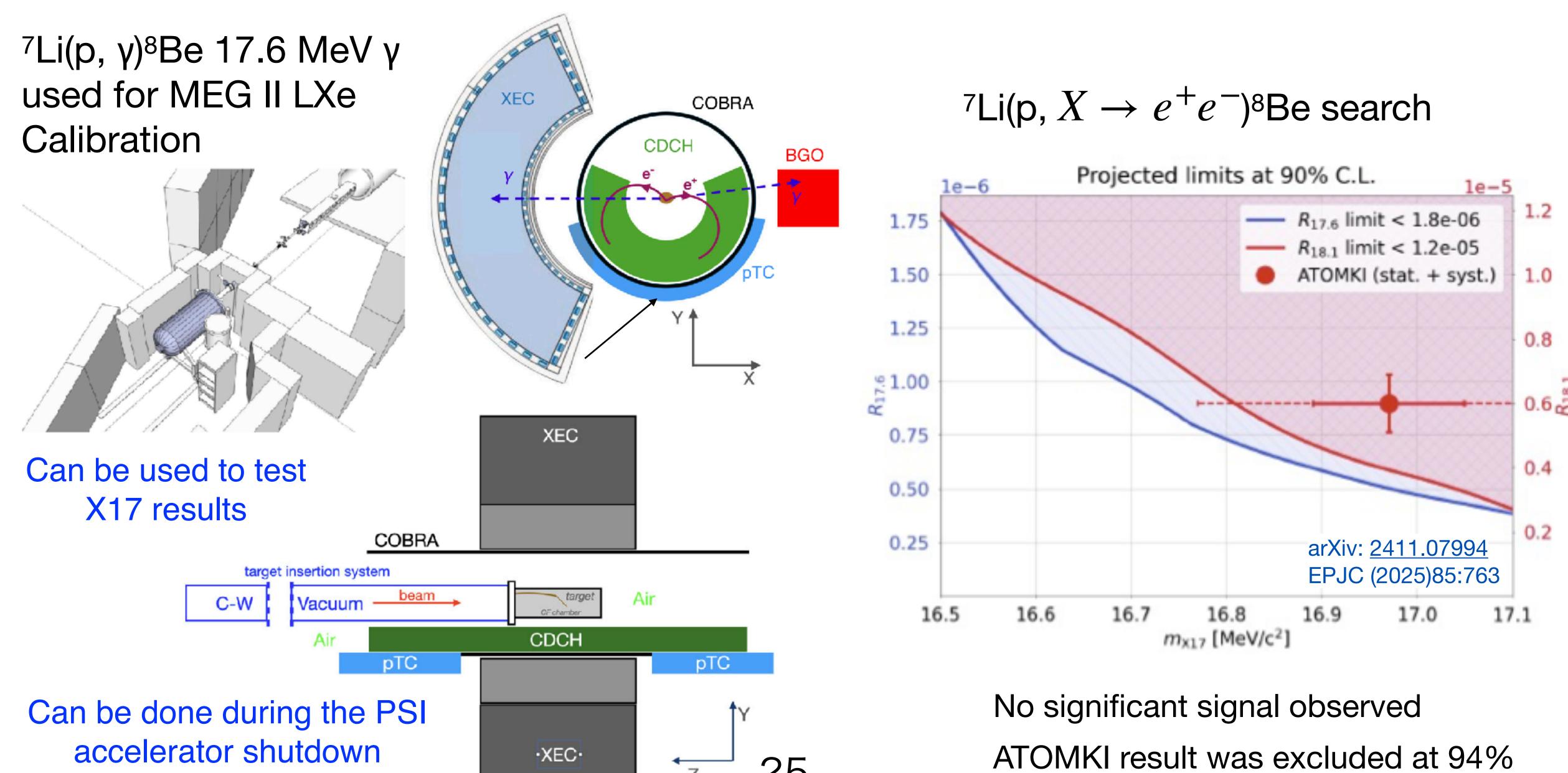


If confirmed, this would be evidence of a new particle beyond the SM Hint for a neutral, 17MeV boson: X17 (Atomki collaboration)



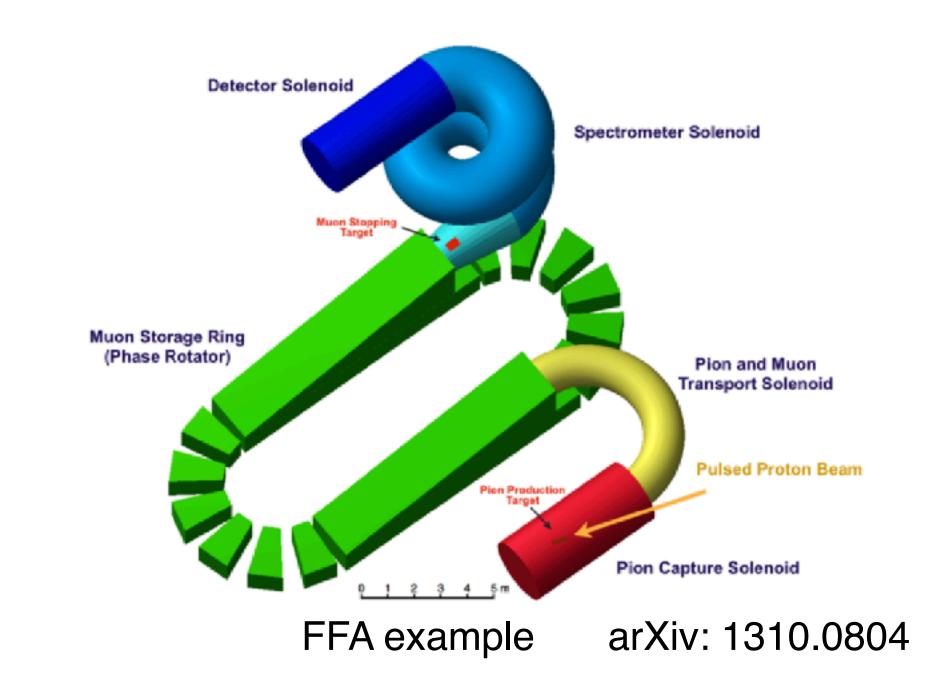
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X17 boson search at MEG II



Advanced Muon Facility (AMF) at Fermilab

- Proton improvement plan (PIP-II) @ FNAL from 2029
 - Primary goal is a neutrino experiment (DUNE)
- Exploiting the full potential of the PIP-II accelerator
 - Use 800MeV p from PIP-II linac for Mu2e-II from ~2035
- AMF complex would use a fixed-field alternating gradient synchrotron (FFA)
 - · Cold, intense muon beam with low momentum dispersion
- World's most intense μ+ and μ- beams for CLFV experiments
- AMF could also be an R&D step toward a muon collider
- Aim in the 2040s



Proton Driver Front End Muon Beams Experiments $\mu^+ \to e \gamma, 3e$ $\mu^- N \to e^- N$

FFA to create pure,

cold muon beam

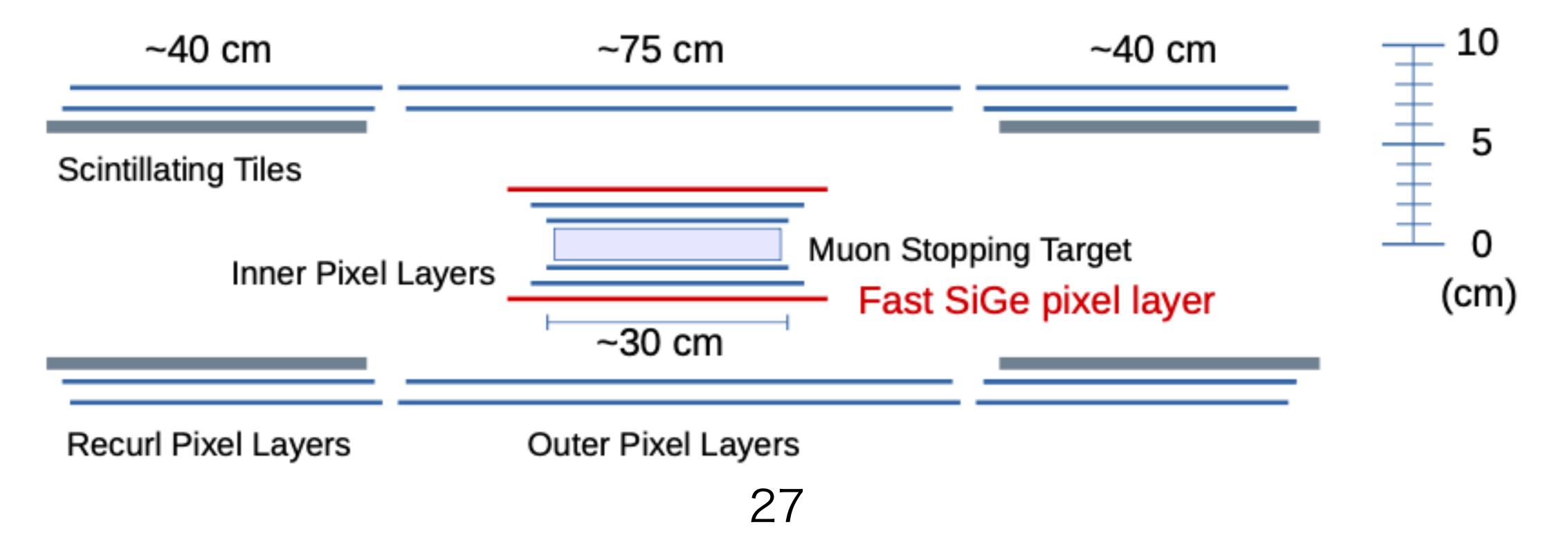
100kW-1MW

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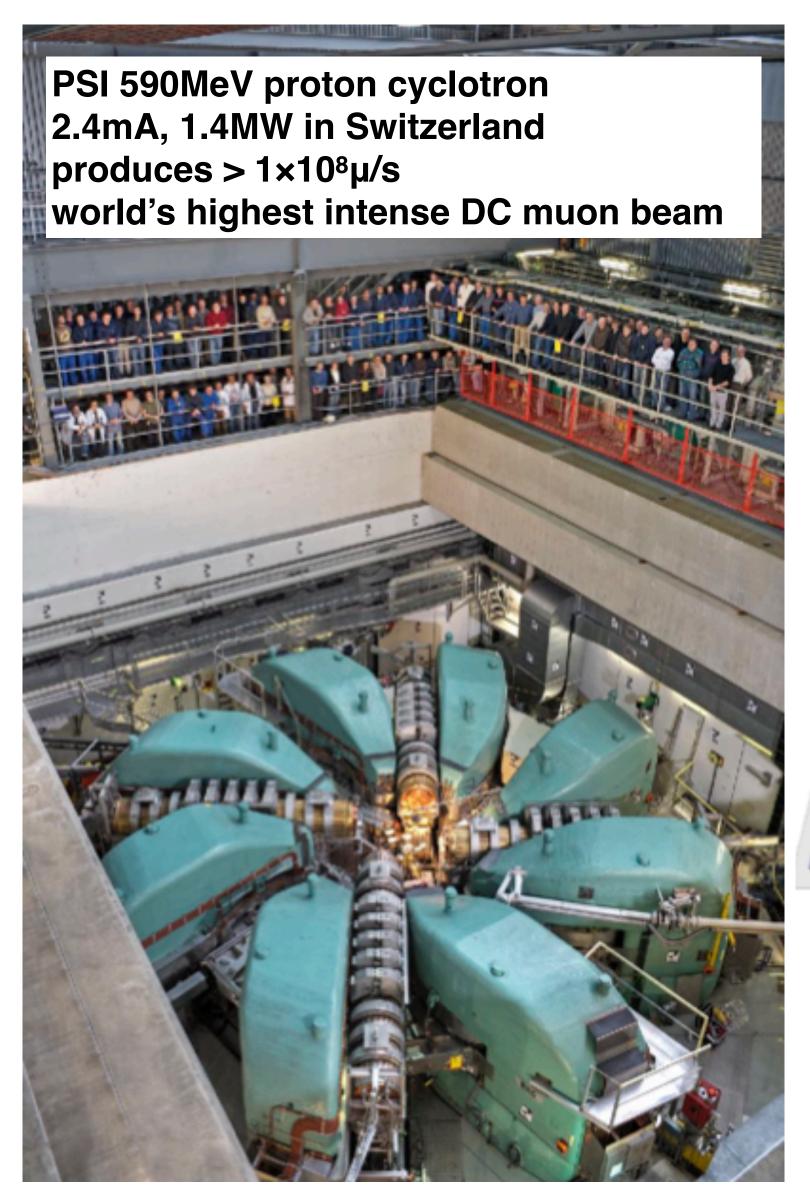
target in a Capture

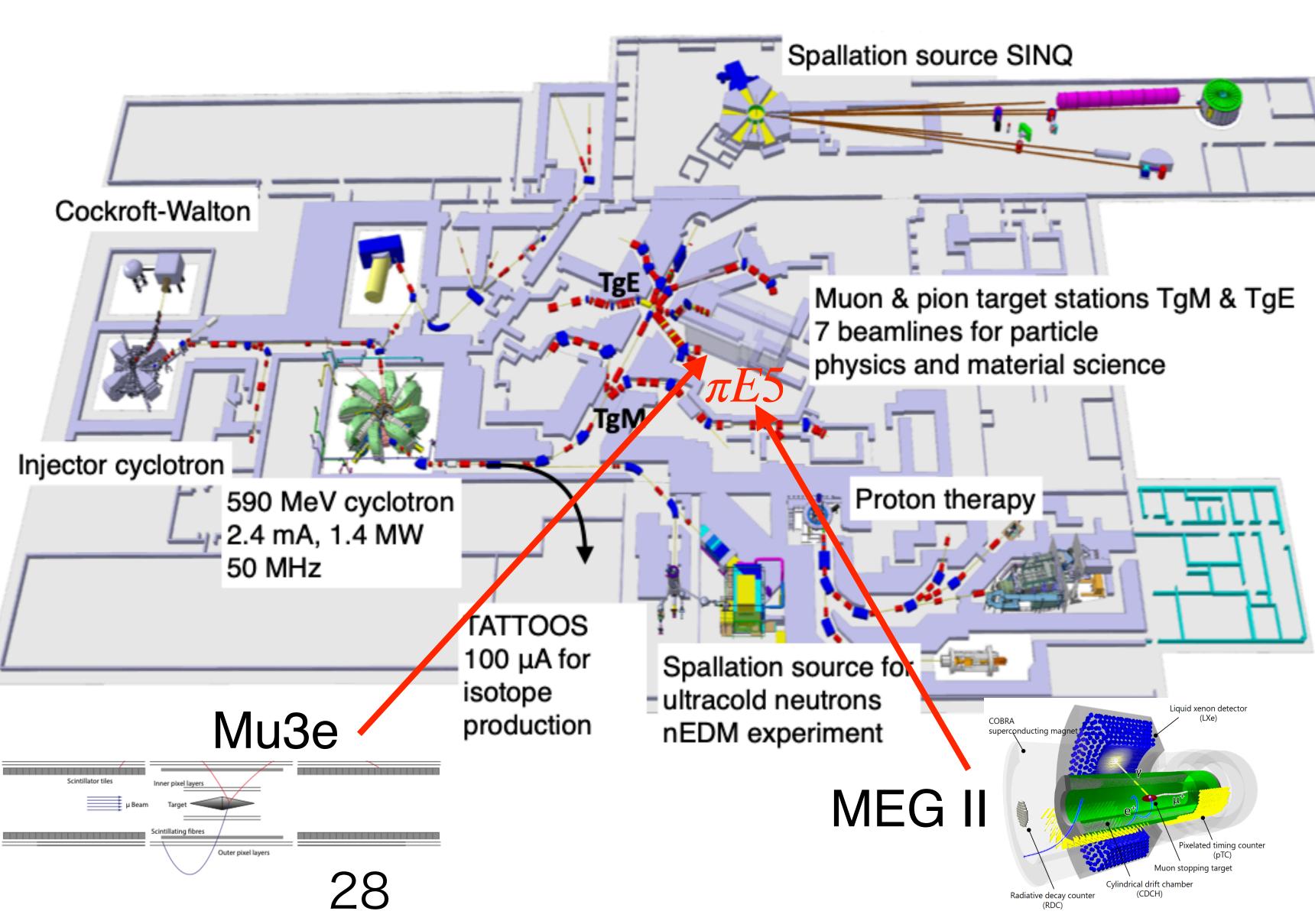
Mu3e phase II

- Extension of the muon-stopping target, reduction of the material in the stopping target region and the first tracking layer, further improving the time and vertex resolution of HVMAPS
- HVMAPS with even smaller thickness and smaller pixel sizes, with 100 ps time resolution
- Muon stopping rates of ~ 2x109/s in HiMB, Magnetic field to 2 T
- Start in the early 2030s, ultimate sensitivity of B(mu->3e) ~ 10⁻¹⁶ after three years of operation

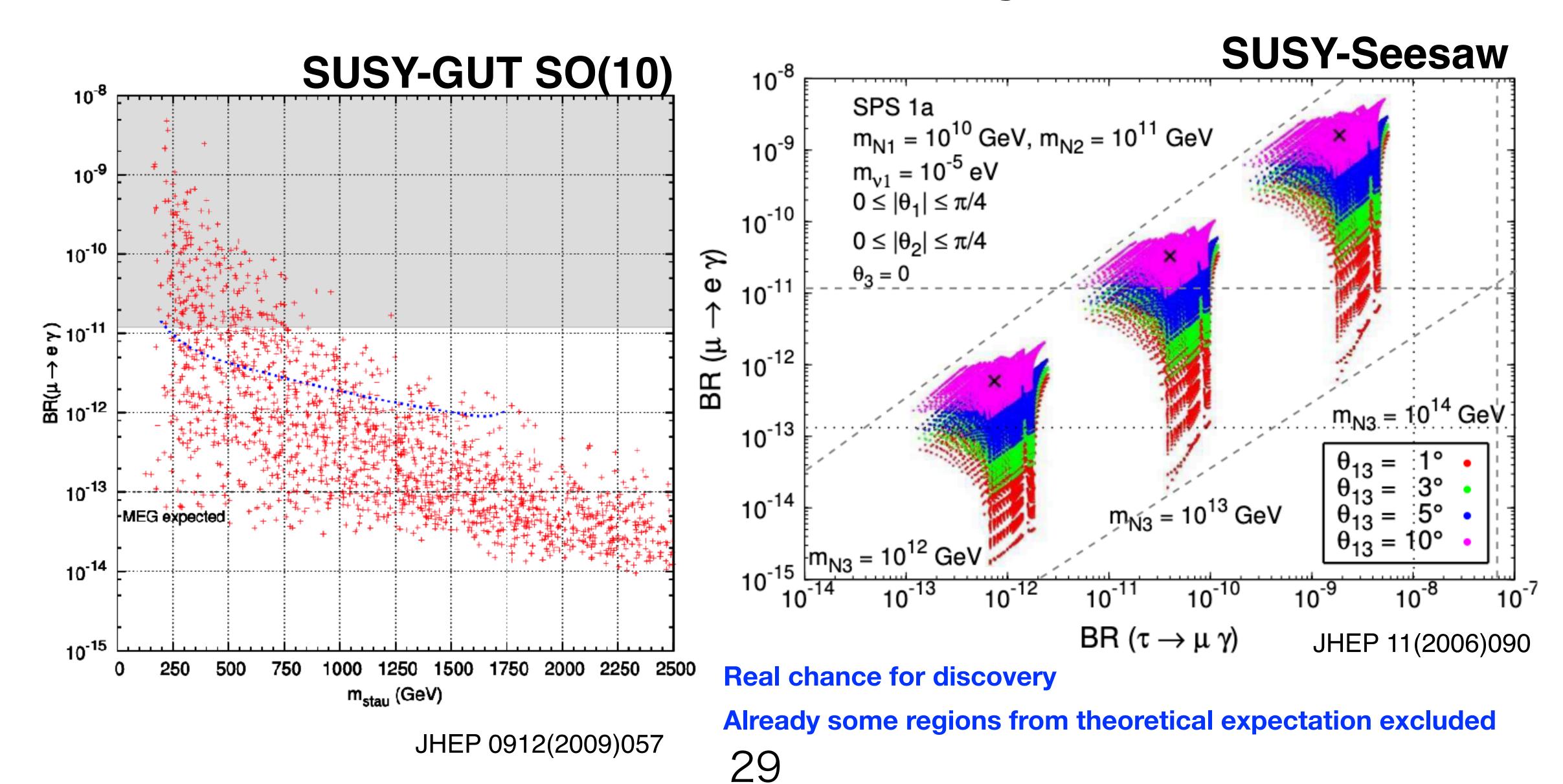


Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI) in Switzerland



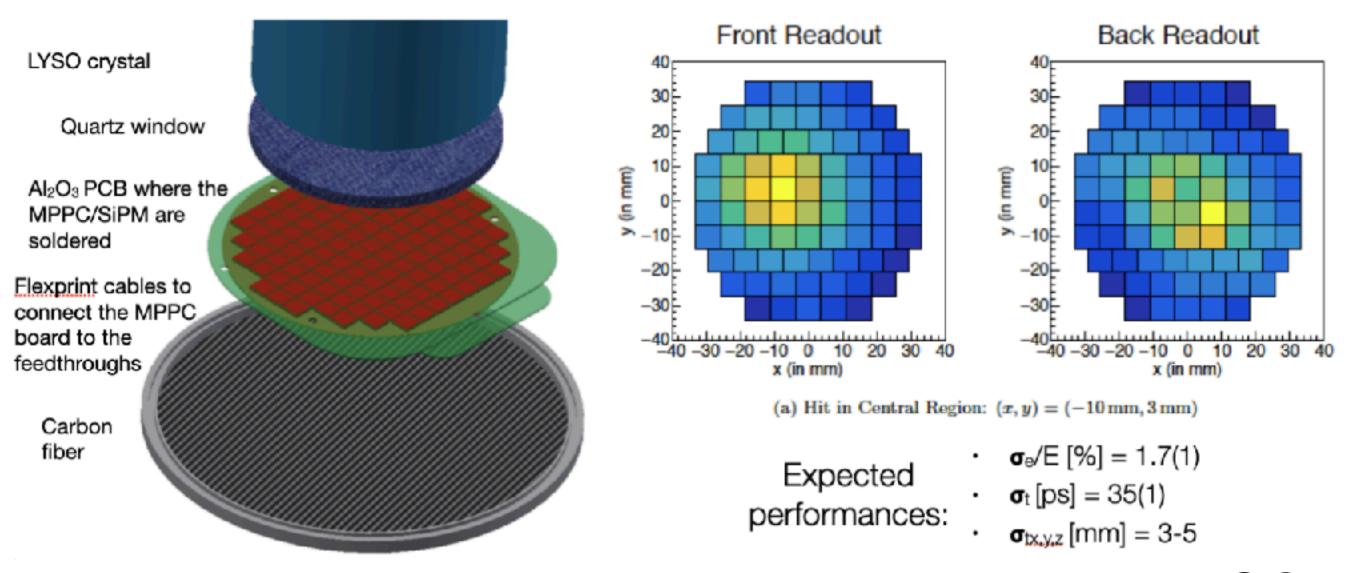


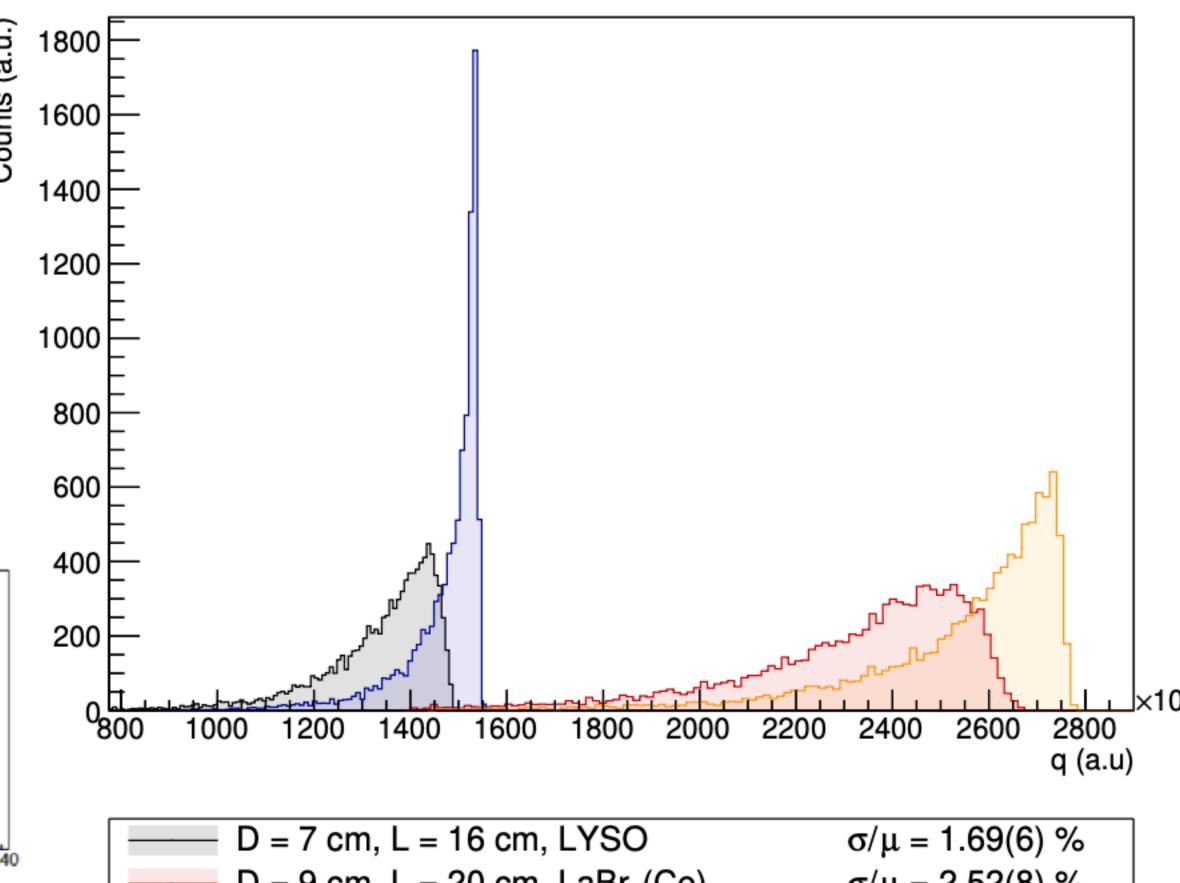
Examples of new physics



Photon measurement: Calorimeter

- Two promising materials
 - · LaBr3(Ce) and LYSO with SiPM readout
- Limiting factor could be capability of growing large crystals and their cost
 - Interesting option for an intermediate phase in a staged approach



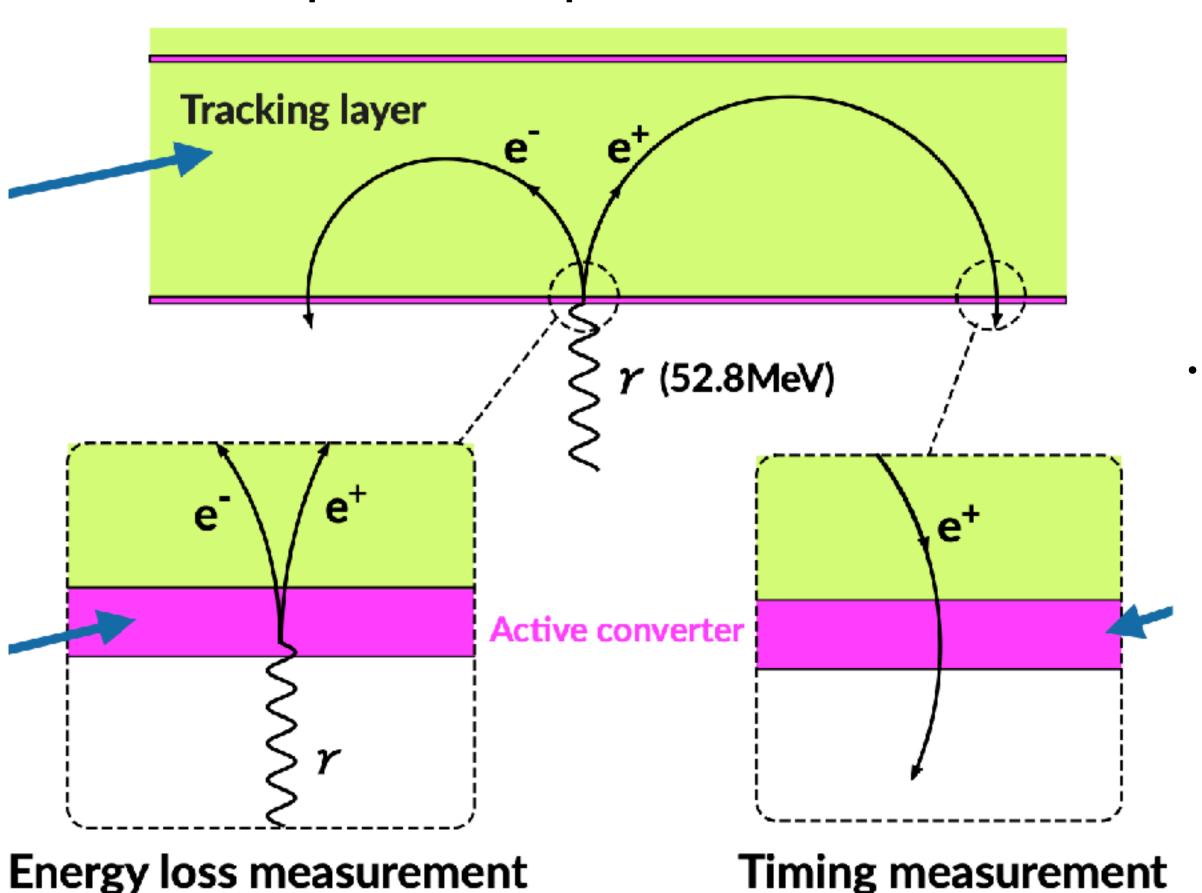


Photon measurement: Pair Spectrometer with Active Converter

Baseline option for photon measurement

- Tracking in a magnetic spectrometer
 - Drift chamber
 - Radial-TPC
 - Silicon detector

- Active converter
 - A layer of dense material to convert photons into e+epairs
 - Scintillator+SiPM
 - Silicon detector



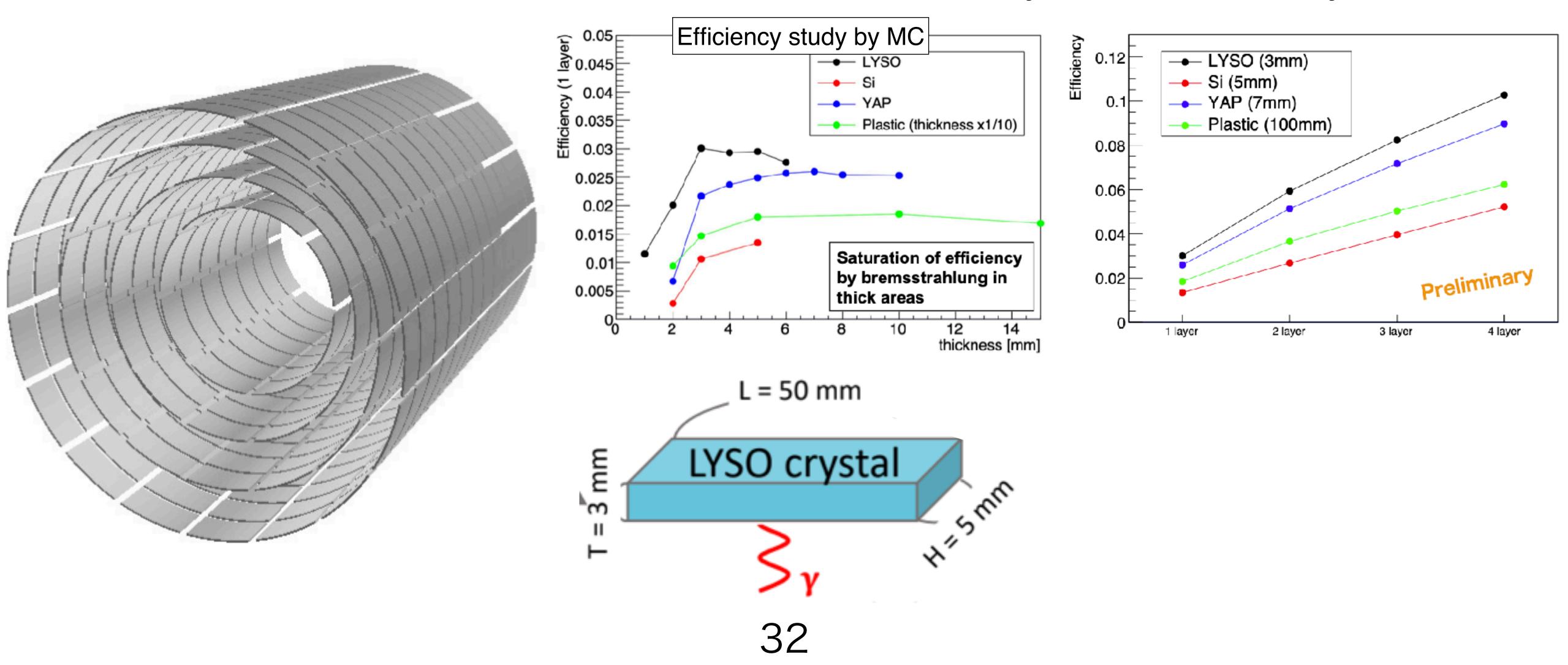
Timing measurement

- Measure timing of returning conversion pair
- in front of active converter
- Multi-layer RPC
- Active converter = timing detector

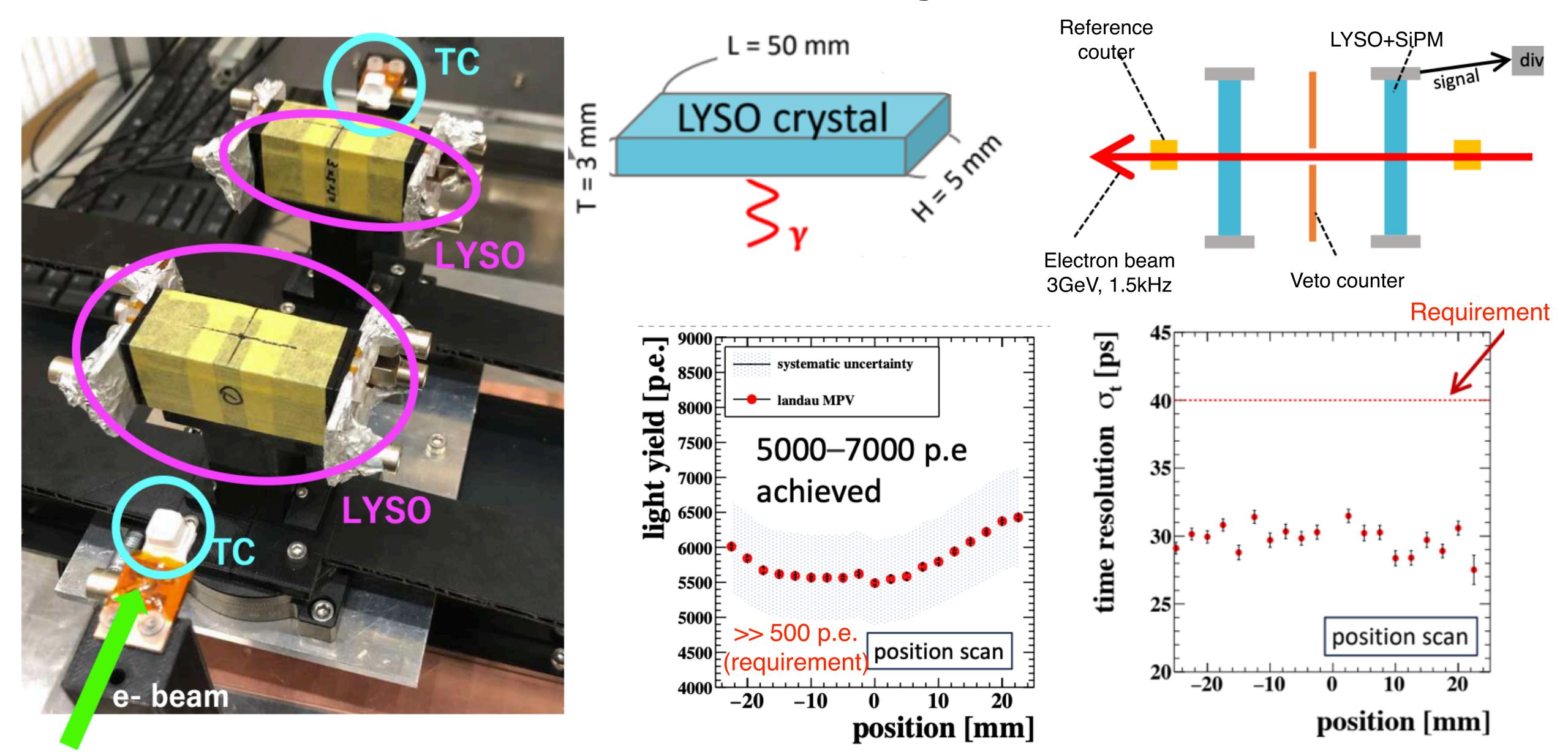
Target performance:
$$\sigma_E/E=0.4~\%$$
 , $\sigma_t=30ps$, $\sigma_x=0.2mm$ (MEG II : $\sigma_E/E=1.8~\%$, $\sigma_t=65ps$, $\sigma_x=2.5mm$) 31

Current R&D

Active converter material and size are evaluated by Simulation study



Active converter prototype beam test



e+e- tracker for reconstruction of converted photons

Silicon tracker

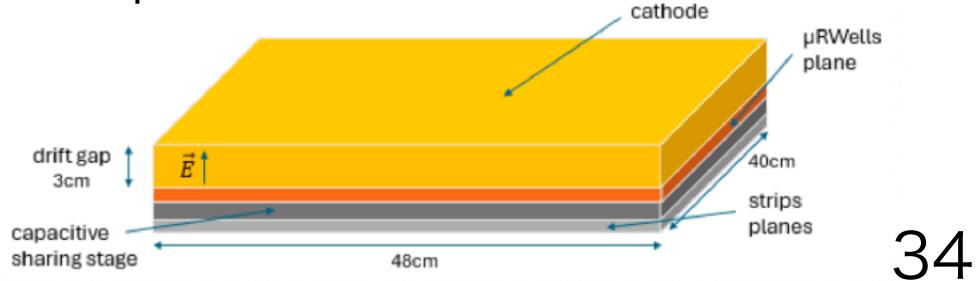
- surely satisfies the performance requirements
- O(10m2/conv. layer) → can be expensive

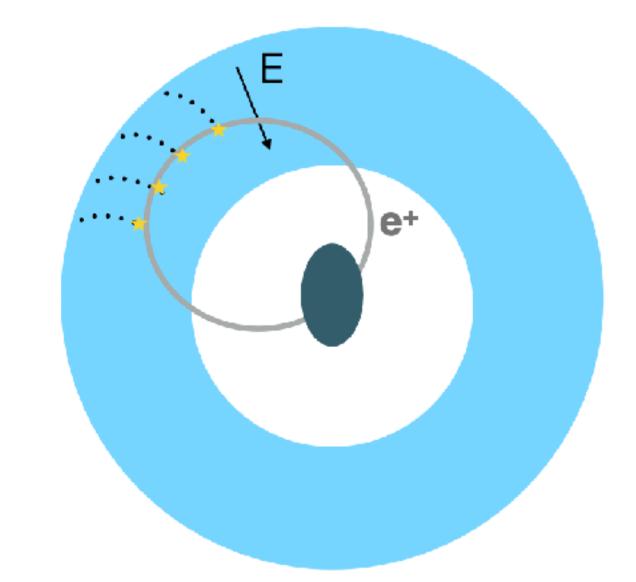
Drift chamber

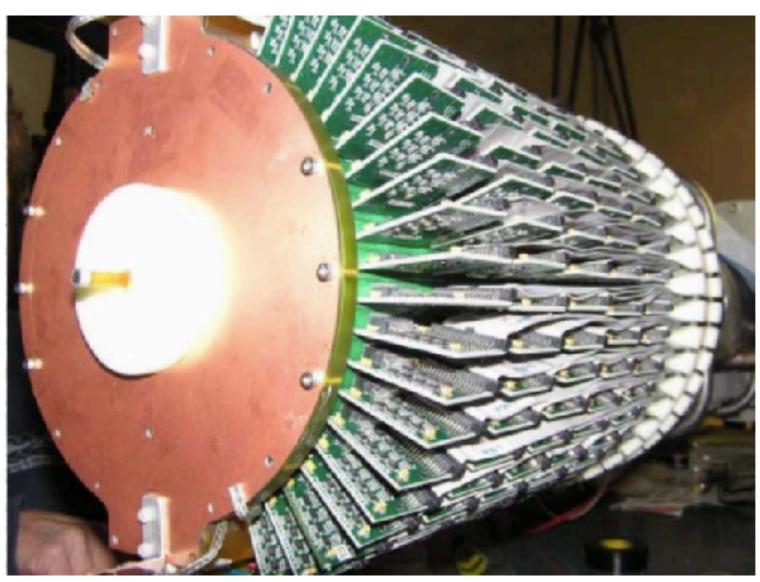
- stereo geometry needed → acceptance limited
- granularity limited by cell size → difficult for low p

Time projection chamber

- overcomes limitations of a drift chamber
- requires a light gas mixture
- Drift cannot be along beam → radial TPC
- Limited space for readout electronics
- TPC strip readout demonstrator test @ beam



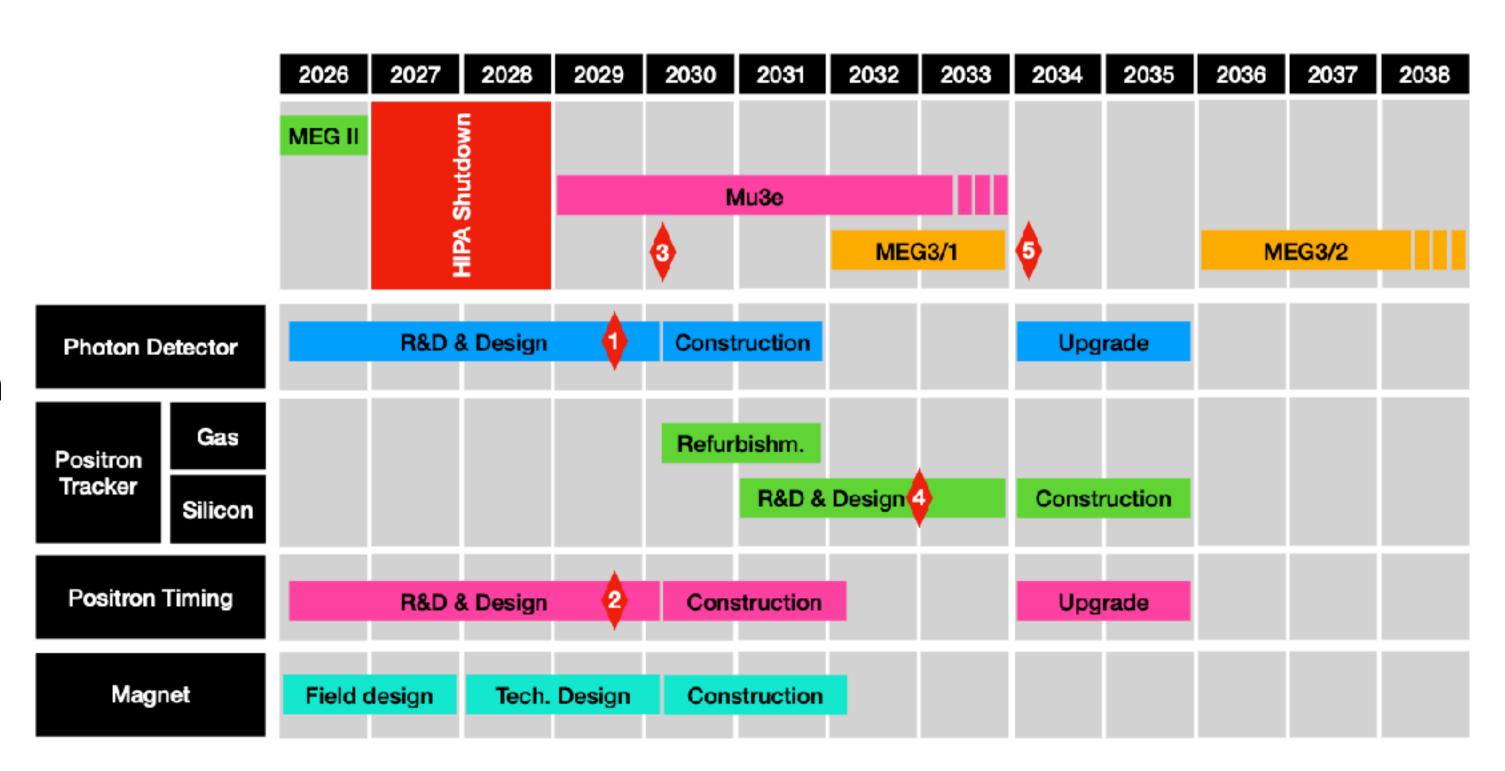




BONuS radial TPC @ J-LAB

Future $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ Schedule

- Staged approach
- · Phase-I
 - Proof of principle of the conversion technique
 - CEX 55MeV γ with converter+tracker in COBRA
 - Running at 10⁸ μ+/s, sensitivity of a few 10⁻¹⁴ (possible in PiE5)
- · Phase-II
 - New silicon positron tracker
 - Construction after the completion of Mu3e at HIMB
 - Experiment in the second half of the next decade

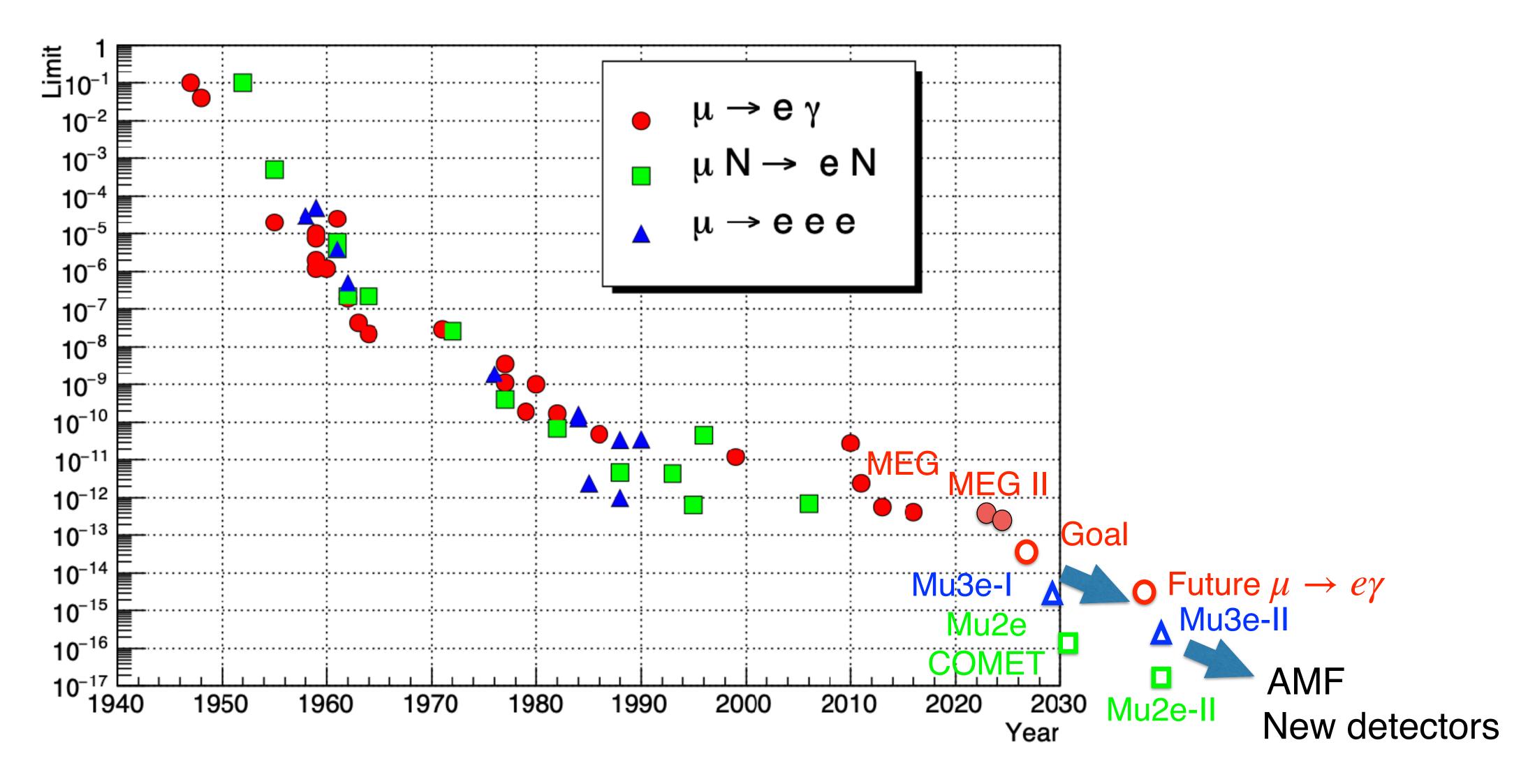


- ◆1: Photon converter proof of principle (CEX with converter + tracker in the MEG COBRA magnet)
- 2: Decision about positron timing technology
- ♦ 3: phase-I approval by PSI and funding agencies
- 4: Decision about positron tracker technology for phase-II
- ♦ 5: phase-II approval by PSI and funding agencies

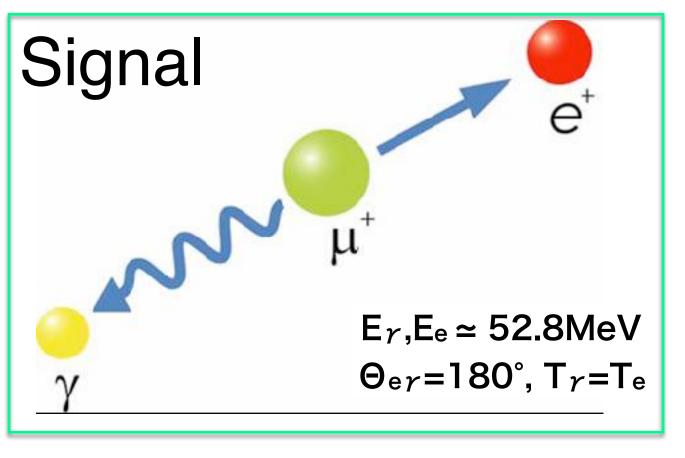
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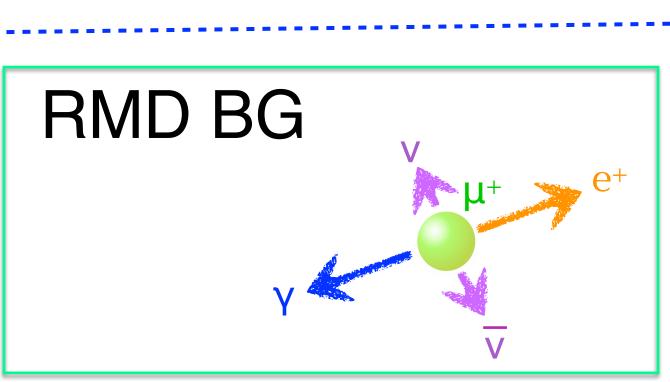
- Upgrade of the Mu2e experiment
 - If Mu2e discovers CLFV in aluminum, Mu2e-II can measure with different target materials to pin down NP parameters
 - If Mu2e does not find a signal, repeat the measurement to push limits even further
 - An order of magnitude improvement in sensitivity over Mu2e with 5y of data taking
- Reuse as many components of Mu2e as possible
- PIP-II baseline to provide ~100kW protons (8kW for Mu2e)
- · Challenges (rates, radiation, resolution)
 - Design a target for very high heat and rad loads
 - Replace bronze heat and radiation shield with tungsten shield
 - R&D for tracker, calorimeter, cosmic ray veto
- Can act as a bridge to Advanced Muon Facility

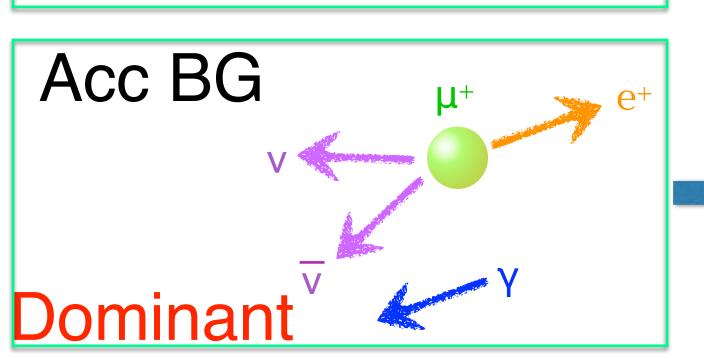
cLFV search prospects

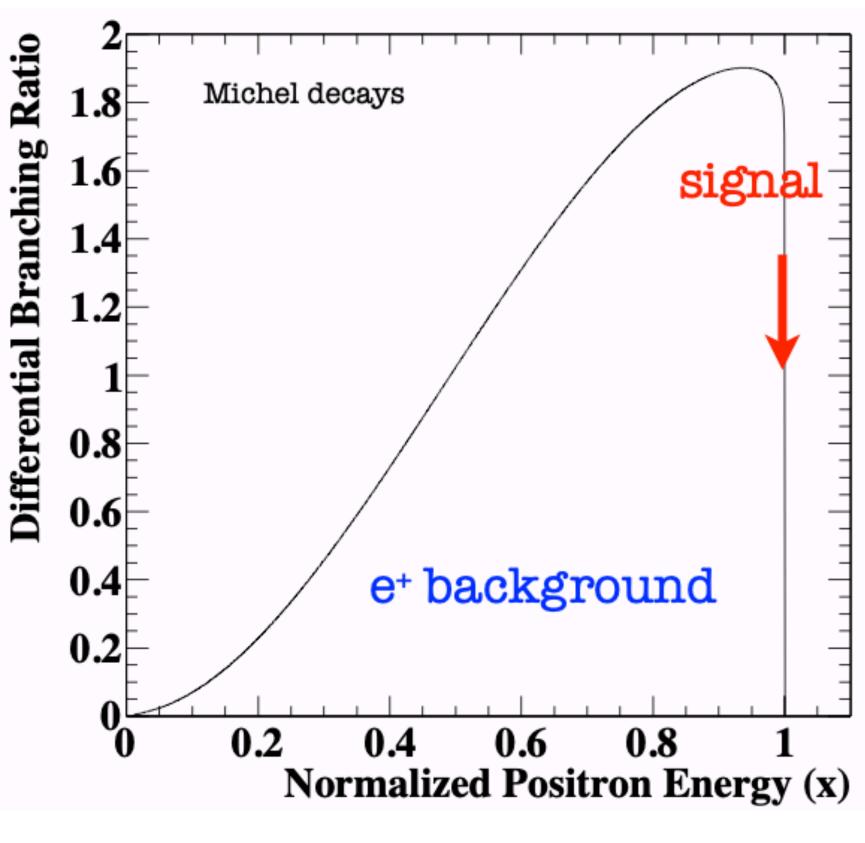


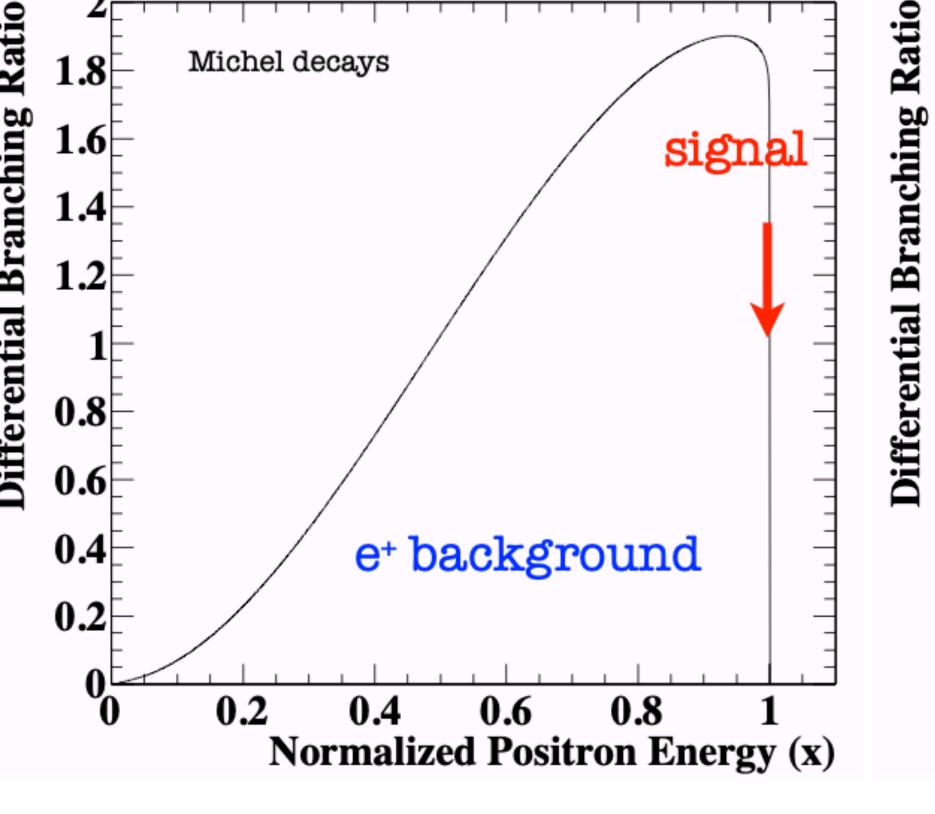
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ signal and backgrounds















0.6

Normalized Photon Energy (y)

Radiative Muon decays

y background

0.4

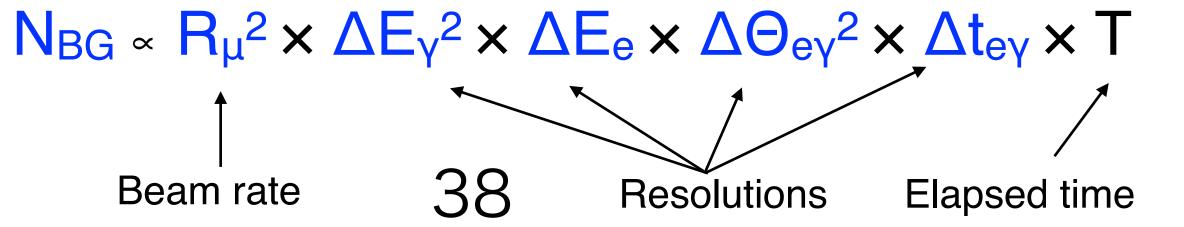
10⁻²

10⁻³

10-4

10⁻⁵

0.2



Good resolution crucial to lower the accidental background (N_{BG})

0.8

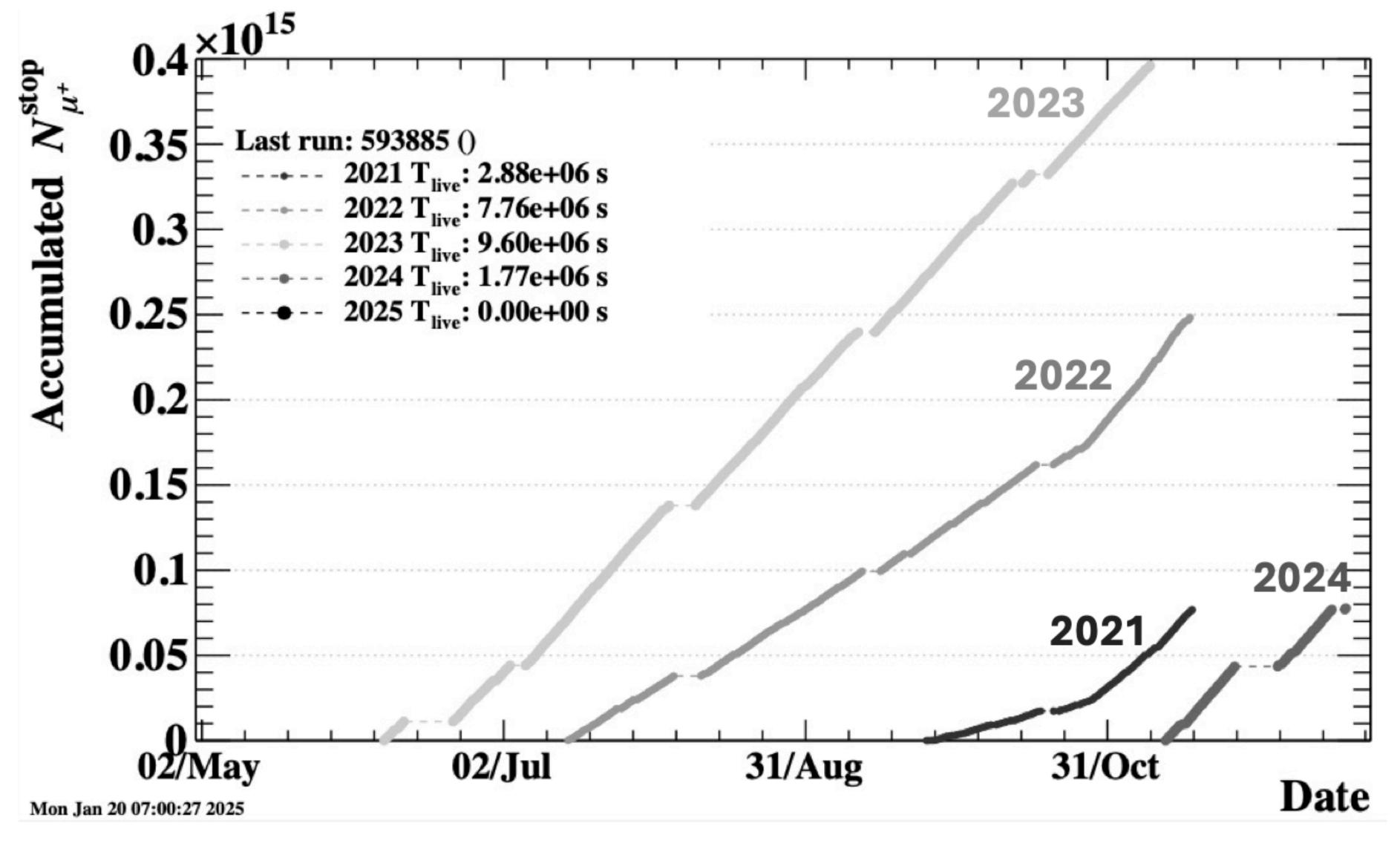
signal

Detector performance summary

Table 6 Resolutions (Gaussian σ) and efficiencies measured at $R_{\mu} = 4 \times 10^7 \, \text{s}^{-1}$, compared with the predictions from [3,57].

Resolutions	Foreseen	Achieved	MEG
E_{e^+} (keV)	100	89	320
$\phi_{e^{+}}^{a)}, \theta_{e^{+}}$ (mrad)	3.7/6.7	4.1/7.2	9.4
y_{e^+}, z_{e^+} (mm) $E_{\gamma}(\%)$ (w<2 cm)/(w>2 cm)	0.7/1.6 1.7/1.7	0.74/2.0 2.0/1.8	2.4 / 1.7
$u_{\gamma}, v_{\gamma}, w_{\gamma} \text{ (mm)}$	2.4/2.4/5.0	2.5/2.5/5.0	5/5/6
$t_{e^+\gamma}$ (ps)	70	78	122
Efficiency (%)			
$oldsymbol{arepsilon}_{\gamma}$	69	62	63
$oldsymbol{arepsilon}_{\mathrm{e^+}}$	65	67	30
$oldsymbol{arepsilon}_{ ext{TRG}}$	≈99	80	99

MEG II data taking so far



MEG II total statistics $8.1 \times 10^{14} \mu$ stops

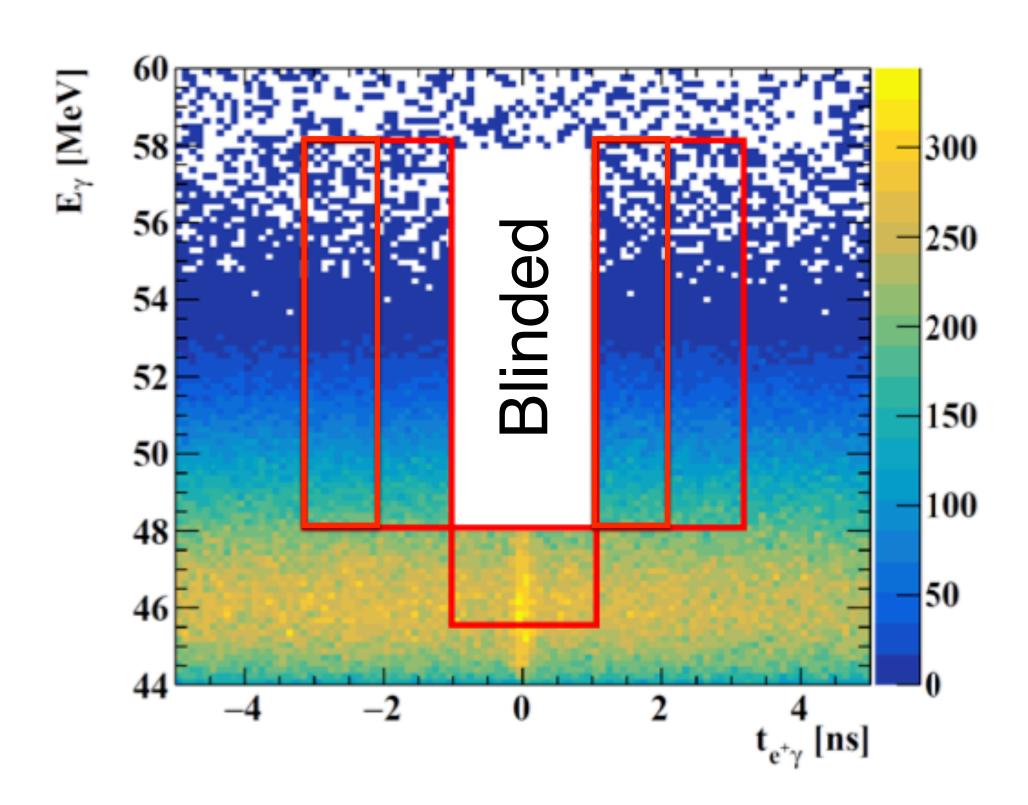
~ x10 the 2021 published statistics

Method of $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$ search

- Blind analysis
 - Time coincidence $t_{e^+\gamma}$ within 1ns, 48MeV< E_γ <58MeV
- Sideband to extract PDFs, analysis check
 - Four time sidebands for N_{ACC} study
 - low energy sideband for N_{RMD} study
- Maximum likelihood analysis to estimate N_{sig}
 - Confidence interval from Feldman-Cousins method

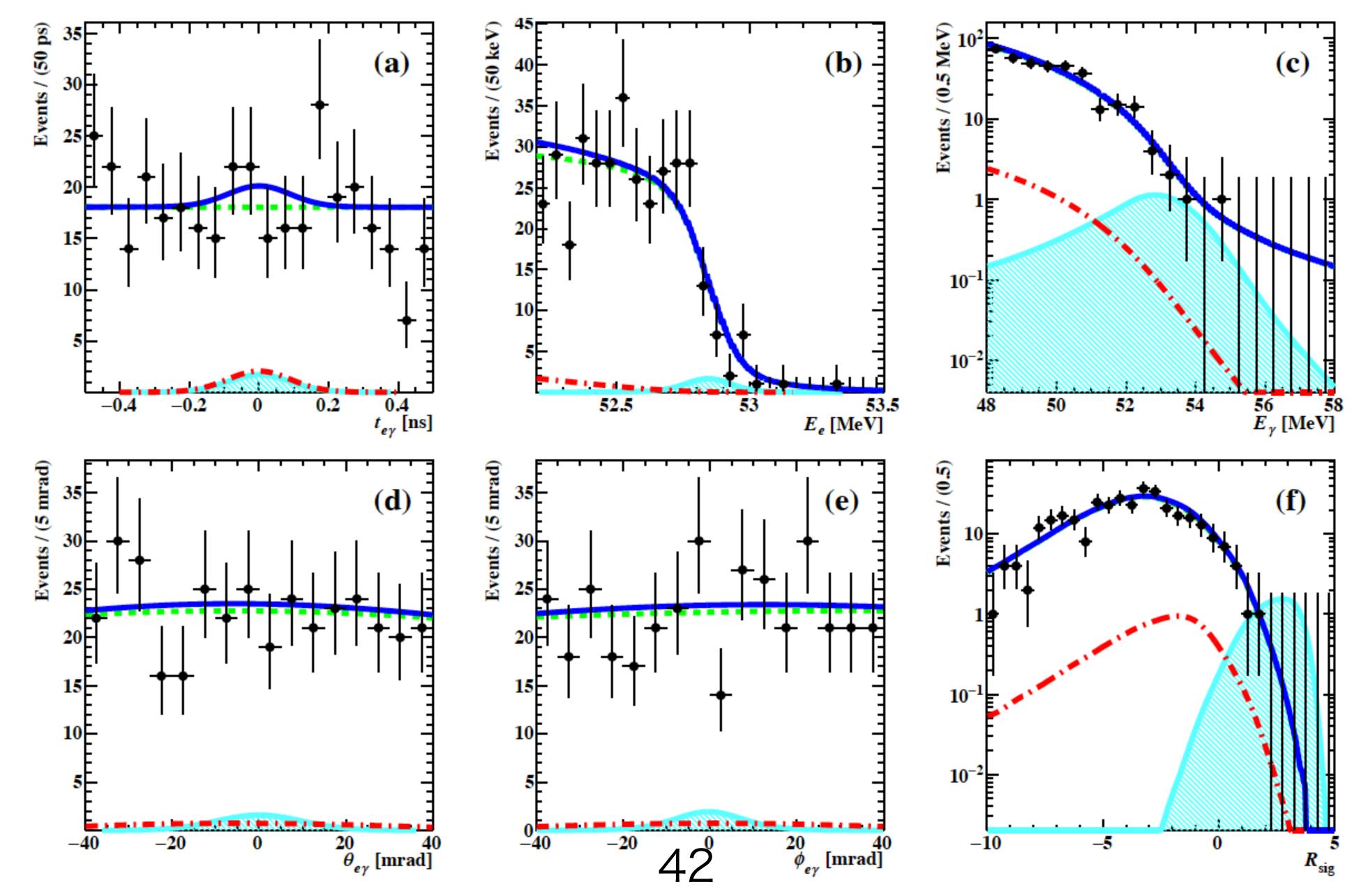
nuisance parameters
$$\mathcal{L}(N_{\mathrm{sig}}, N_{\mathrm{RMD}}, N_{\mathrm{ACC}}, x_{\mathrm{T}}) = \frac{e^{-(N_{\mathrm{sig}} + N_{\mathrm{RMD}} + N_{\mathrm{ACC}})}}{N_{\mathrm{obs}}!} \frac{\text{constrained}}{C(N_{\mathrm{RMD}}, N_{\mathrm{ACC}}, x_{\mathrm{T}}) \times \frac{N_{\mathrm{obs}}!}{\mathrm{constrained}} = \frac{N_{\mathrm{$$



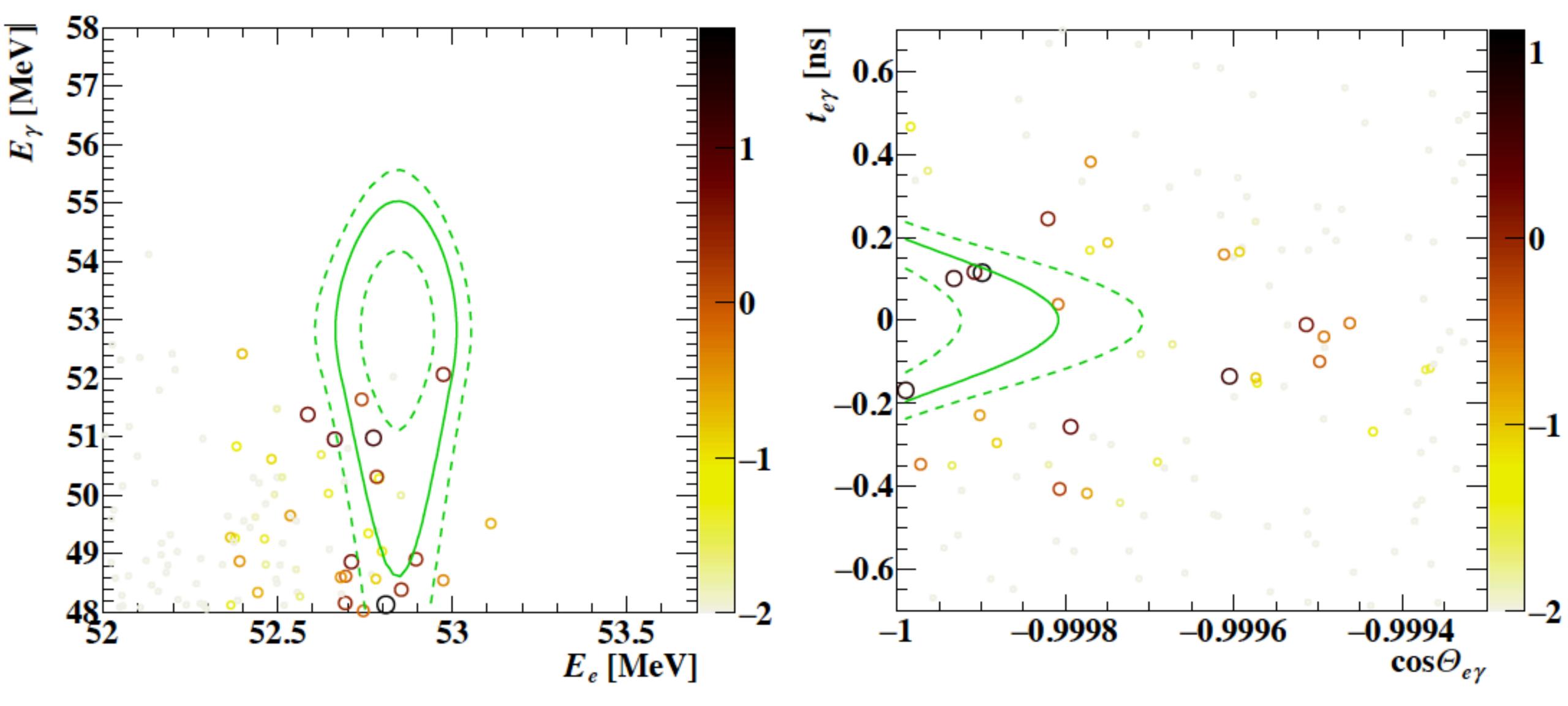


Analysis Region $48 < E_{\gamma} < 58 \text{MeV} \quad 52.2 < E_{\text{e}^{+}} < 53.5 \text{MeV}$ $|t_{\text{e}^{+}\gamma}| < 0.5 \text{ns} \quad |\theta_{\text{e}^{+}\gamma}| < 40 \text{mrad} \quad |\phi_{\text{e}^{+}\gamma}| < 40 \text{mrad}$

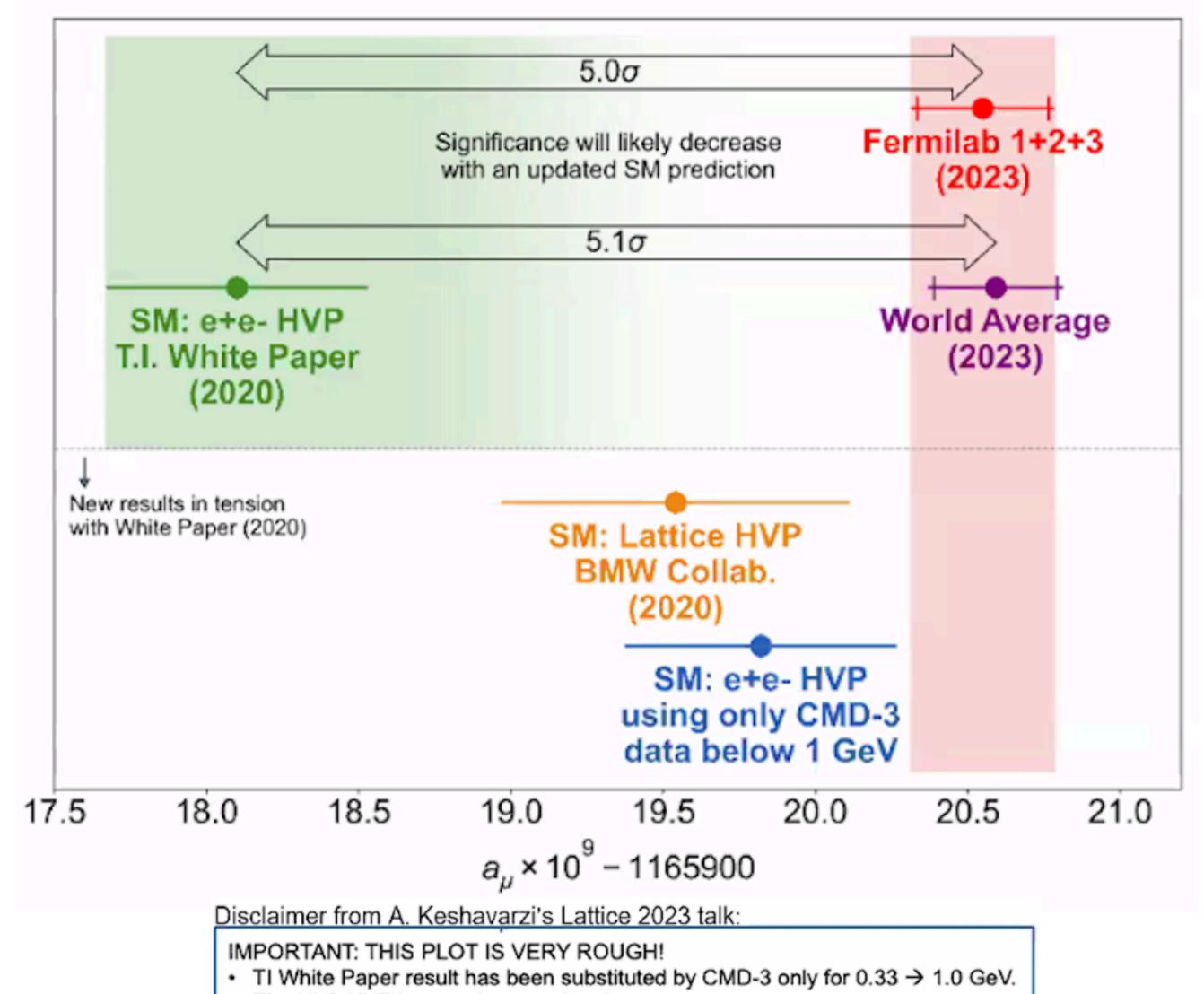
Projections of PDFs to observables (2021+2022 data set)



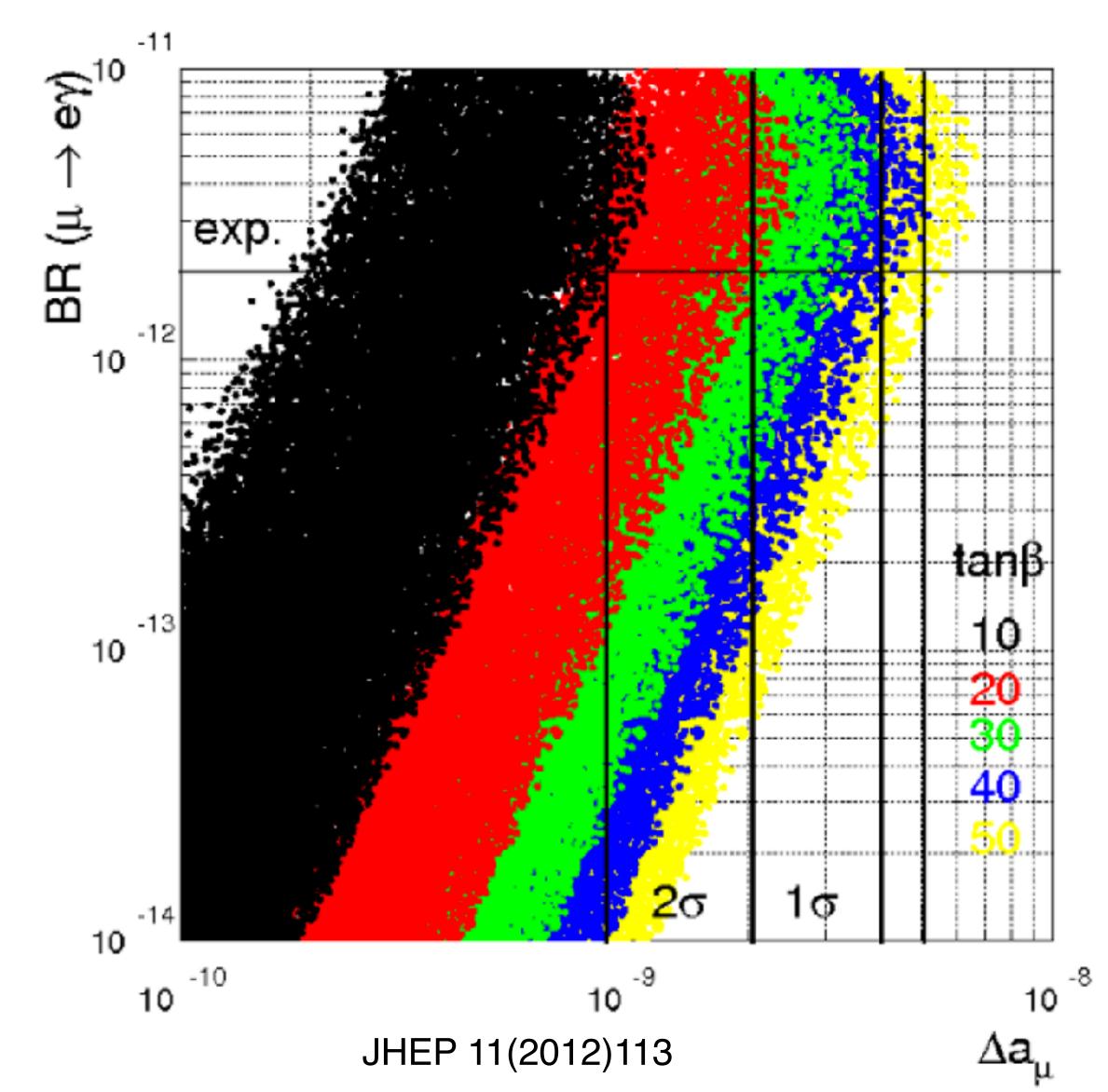
2-D event distributions



CLFV with other indications

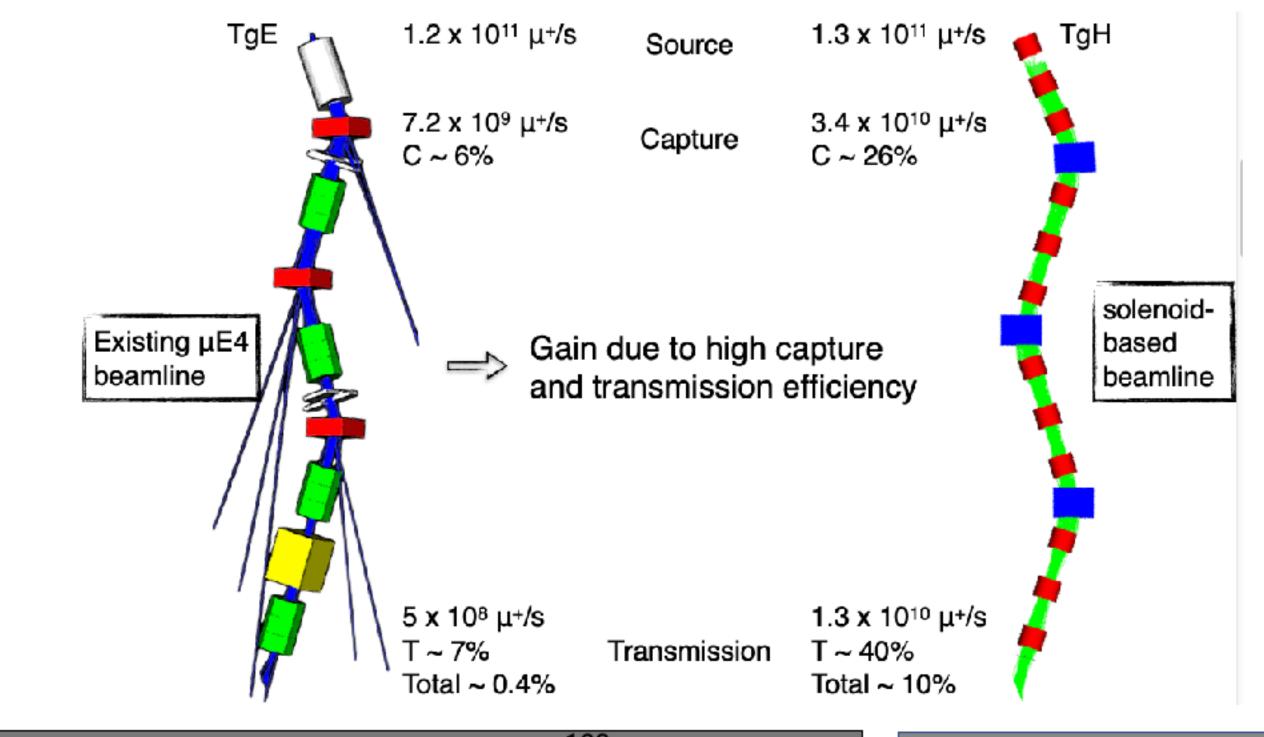


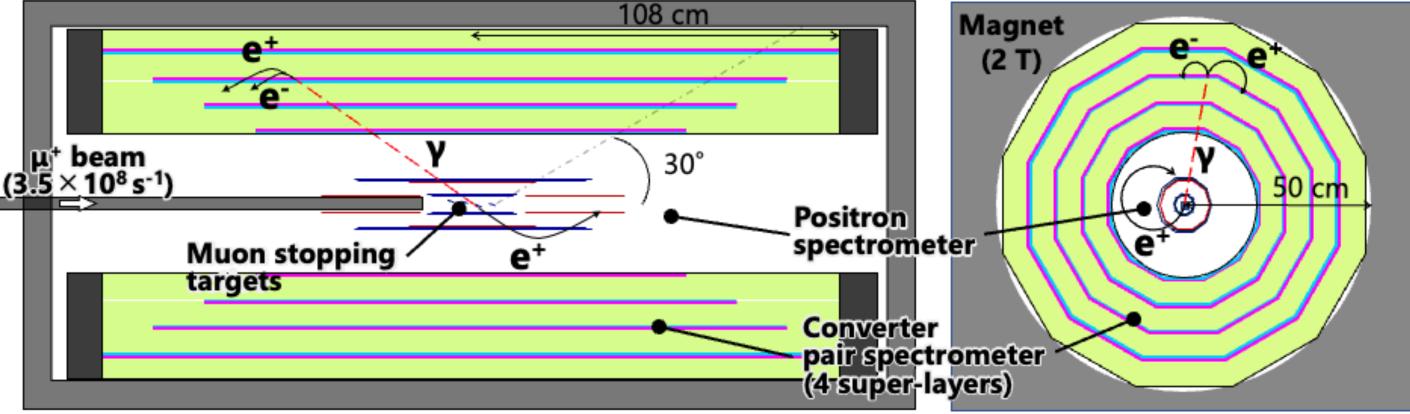
- The NLO HVP has not been updated.
- It is purely for demonstration purposes → should not be taken as final!



After MEG II

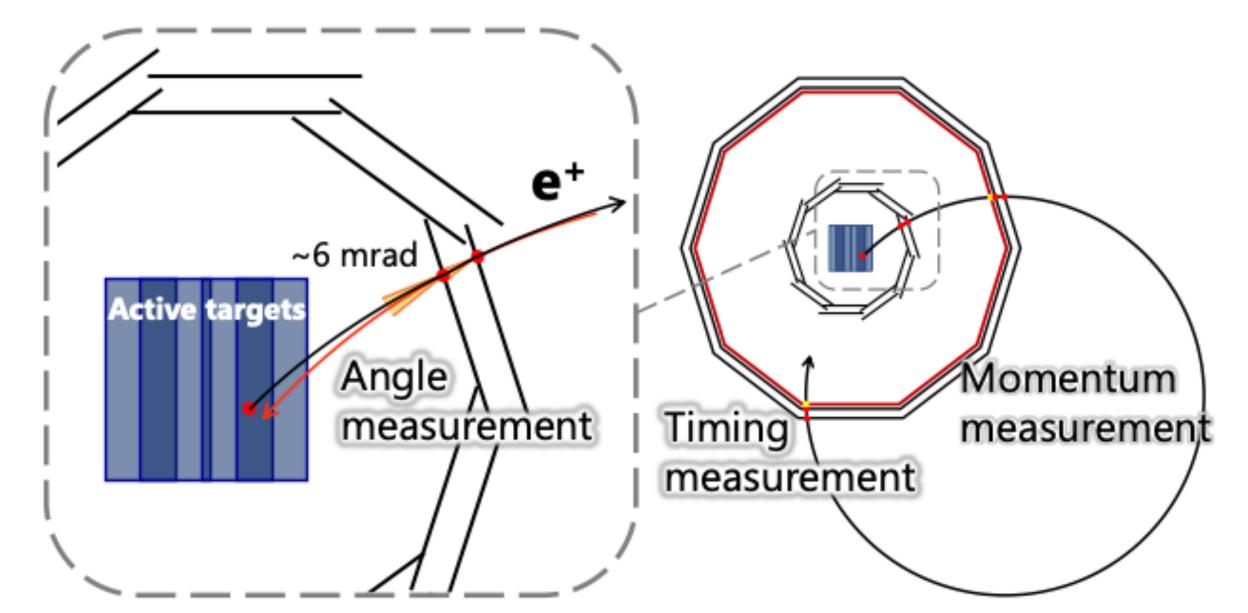
- High Intensity Muon Beam project (HiMB) at PSI
 - $10^{10} \mu$ +/s ($100 \times improvement$)
 - CDR by end of 2021
 - Implementation during 2027/2028
 - Science Case workshop 6-9 April 2021
- Future µ→eγ experiment for CLFV
 - Goal: Br(µ→eγ) ~10⁻¹⁵
 - Discover new physics and precision measurements
 - Detector R&D to make maximum use of HiMB
 - Resolution improvements
 - Calorimeter → converter + pair spectrometer
 - High rate tolerance
 - Drift chamber → Silicon detector
- Possible to measure µ→eee at the same time

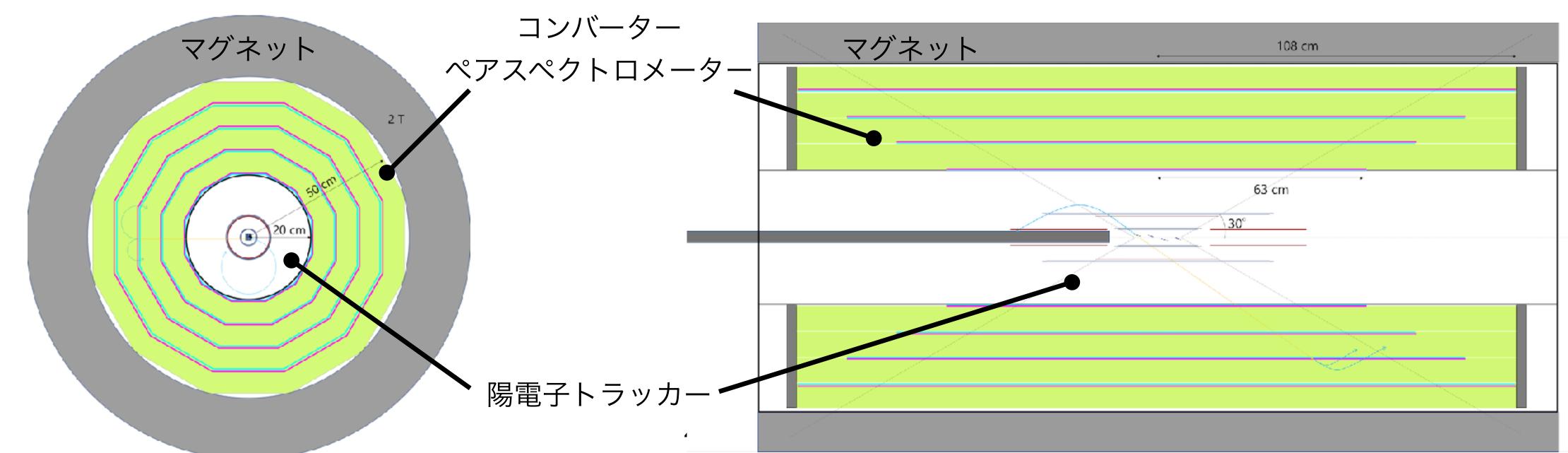




Future µ→eγ

- Positron spectrometer
 - HV-MAPS + scintillator or mRPC
 - Resolutions
 - energy 0.3%(150keV) · time 30ps · angle 6mrad ·
 detection efficiency 70%
- Gamma converter + pair spectrometer
 - Resolutions
 - energy 0.4% (200keV) · time 30ps · position
 0.2mm · angle 50mrad · detection eff. 60%





Pattern of the relative predictions in several models

Model	$\mu o eee$	$\mu N \to e N$	$\frac{\mathrm{BR}(\mu \to eee)}{\mathrm{BR}(\mu \to e\gamma)}$	$\frac{\operatorname{CR}(\mu N \to e N)}{\operatorname{BR}(\mu \to e \gamma)}$
MSSM	Loop	Loop	$\approx 6 \times 10^{-3}$	$10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$
Type-I seesaw	Loop^*	Loop^*	$3 \times 10^{-3} - 0.3$	0.1 - 10
Type-II seesaw	Tree	Loop	$(0.1 - 3) \times 10^3$	$O(10^{-2})$
Type-III seesaw	Tree	Tree	$\approx 10^3$	$O(10^{3})$
LFV Higgs	$\operatorname{Loop}^\dagger$	$\operatorname{Loop}^{*\dagger}$	$\approx 10^{-2}$	$\mathcal{O}(0.1)$
Composite Higgs	Loop^*	Loop^*	0.05 - 0.5	2 - 20

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Complementarity in target materials

