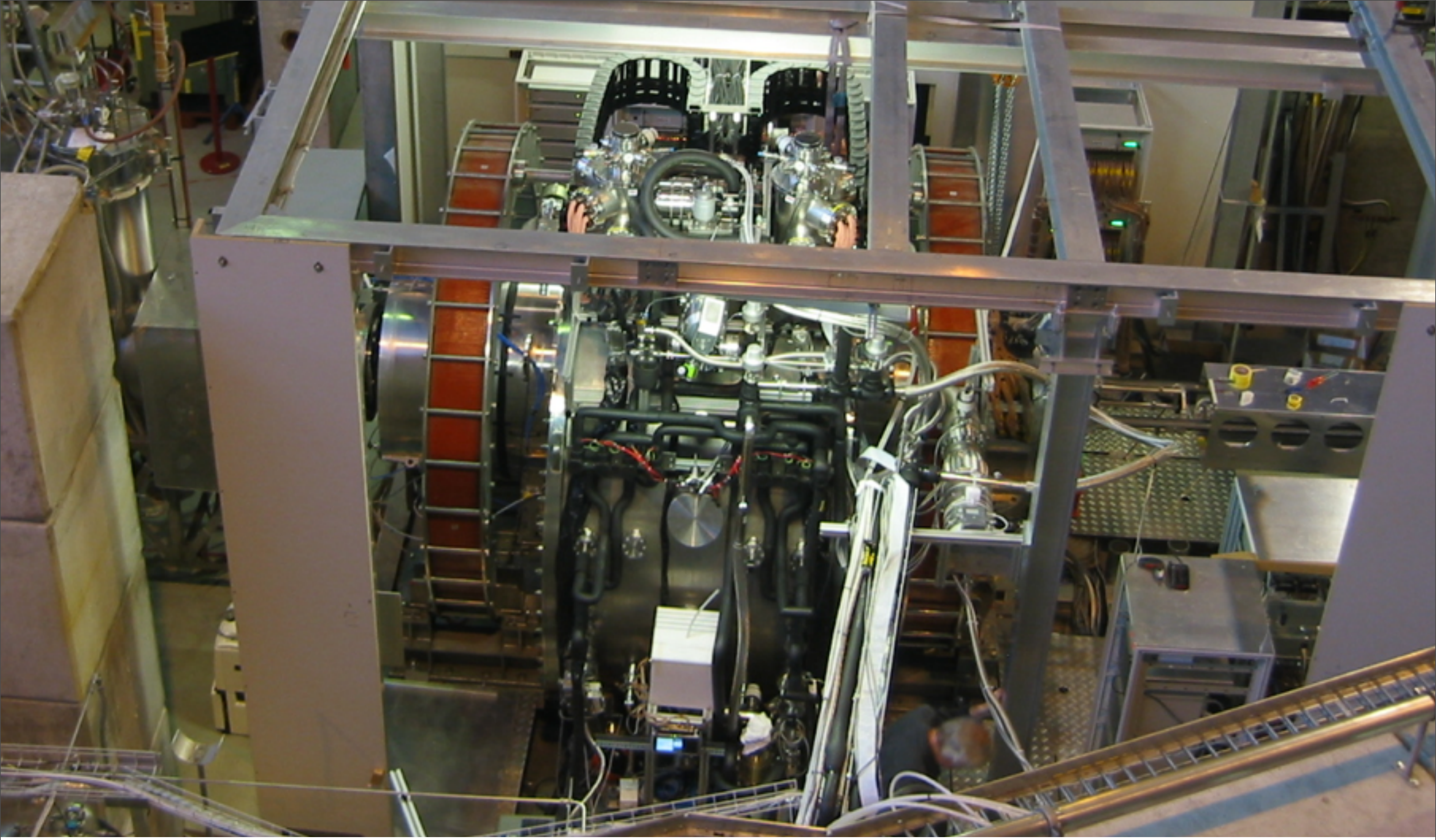

MEG Experiment at PSI

Status and Prospects

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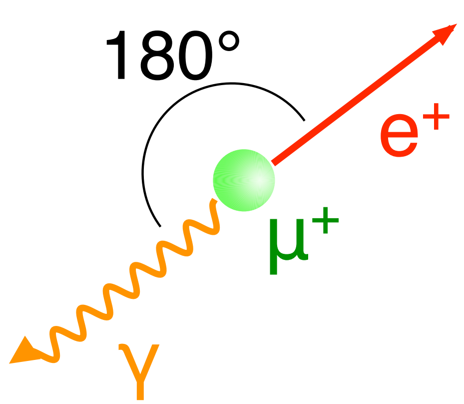
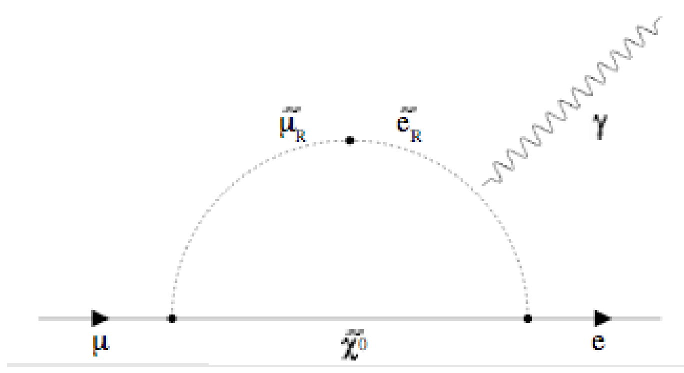
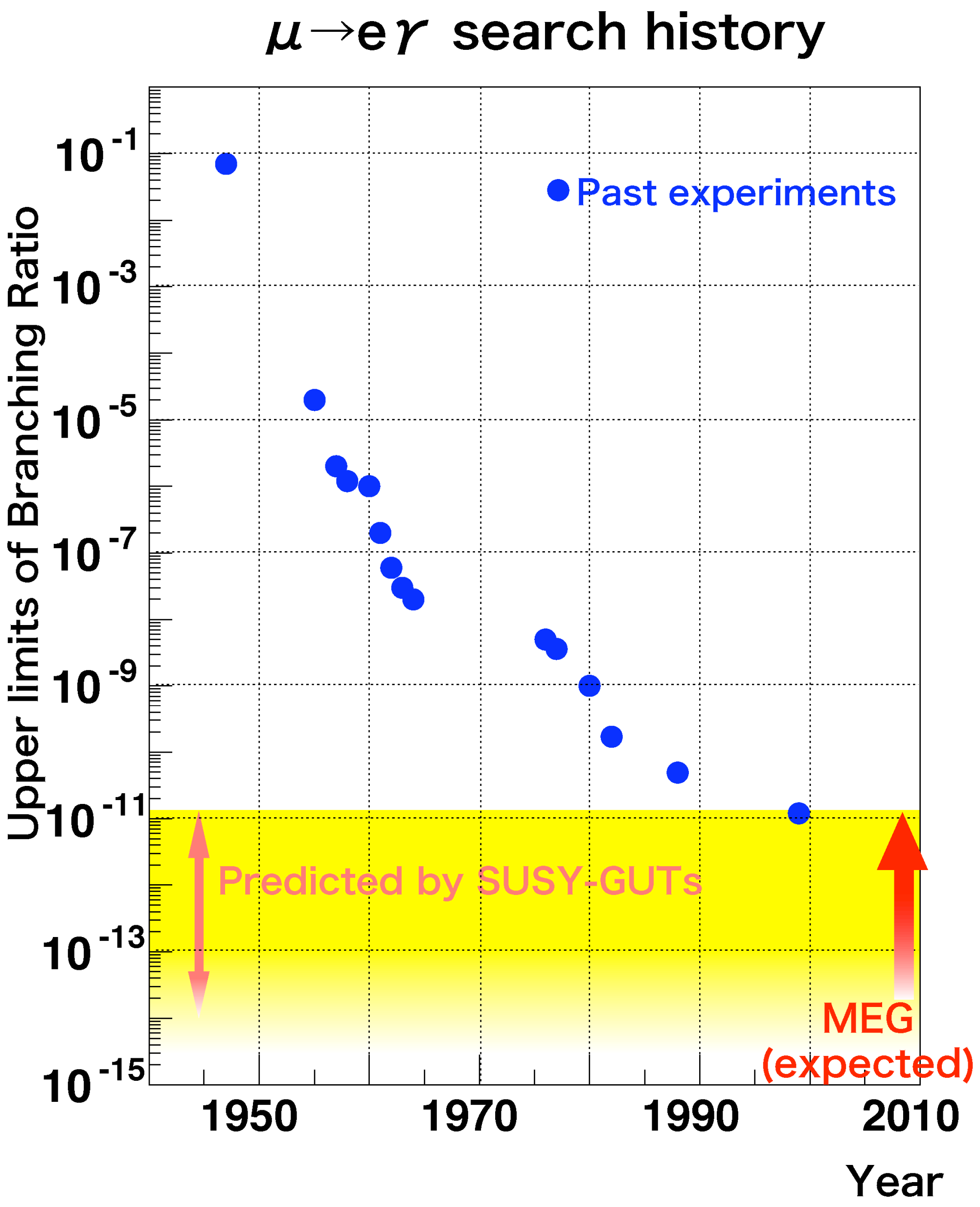
What Is MEG?

- MEG is an experiment to search for the lepton flavor violating (LFV) muon decay, $\mu \to e\gamma$.
- Target sensitivity at BR~10^{-13} improving the present limit by two orders of magnitude.
- There's a real chance to discover an evidence of new physics beyond the SM such as SUSY-GUTs.







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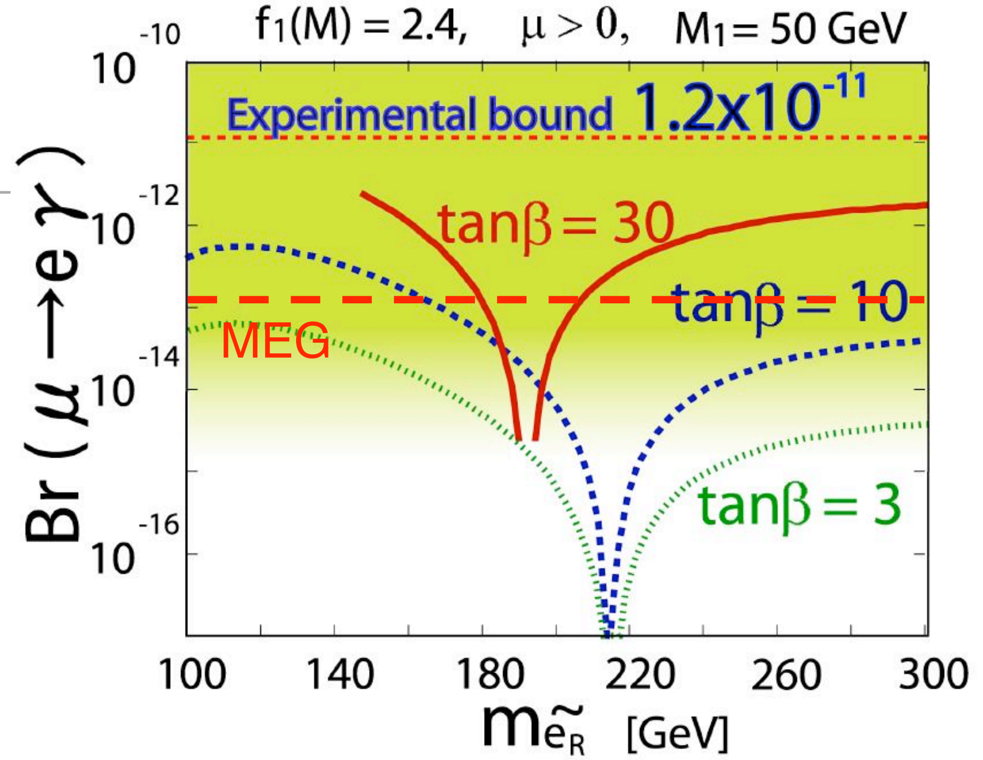
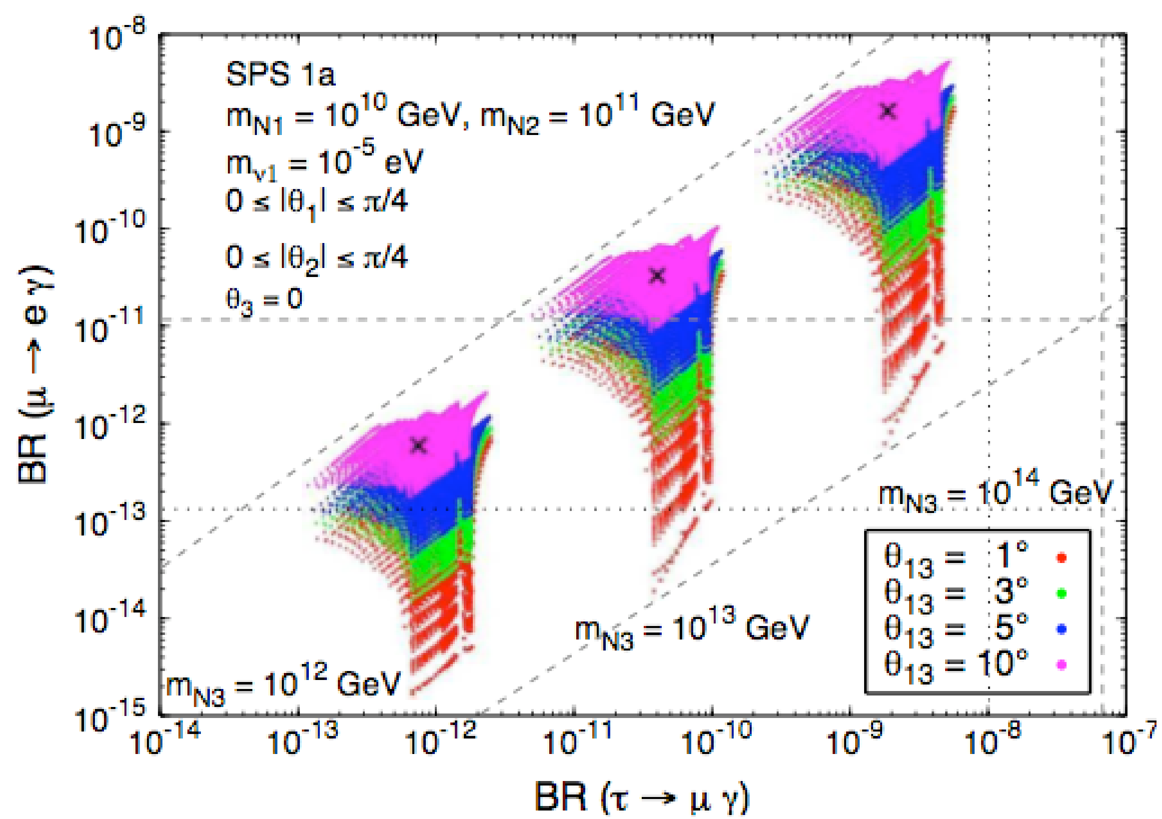


J.Hisano et al. PLB391(1997)341

- LFV found in the neutral sector. Why not in the charged sector?
- Many "positive" SUSY predictions
- No BG from the standard model
- Complementary to LHC experiments at some parameter space



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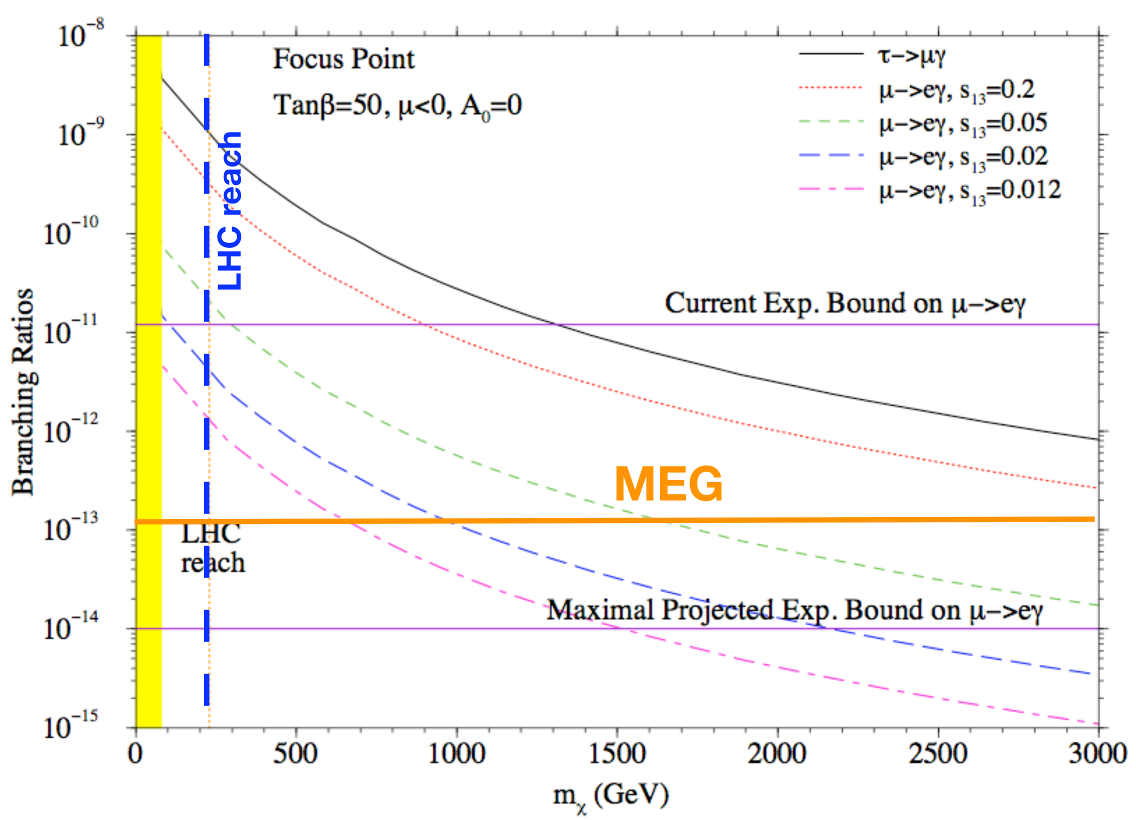


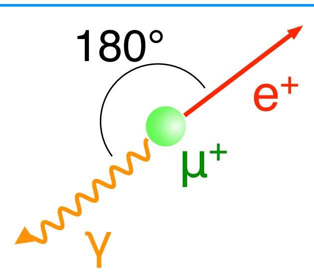
A.Masiero, JHEP 03(2004)046

What's Necessary for μ→eγ Search?

- A lot of muons
  - High intensity μ^+ beam
  - High duty factor to minimize accidental background
- Good detector
  - Precise measurements of energy, timing and angle both for positron and gamma
  - Capability to identify pileups

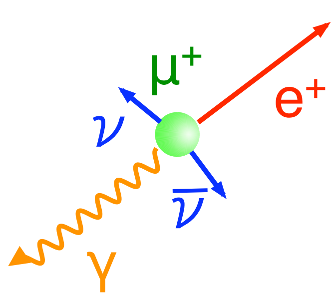
$$B_{acc} \propto \delta E_e \cdot \delta t_{e\gamma} \cdot (\delta E_\gamma)^2 \cdot (\delta \theta_{e\gamma})^2$$

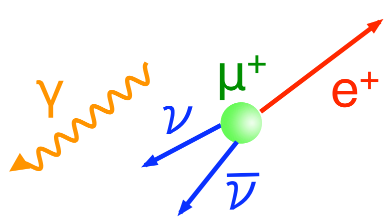
- Signal
  - Back-to-back
  - Mono-energetic
    E_e=52.8MeV E_γ=52.8MeV
  - Coincident in time



- Background
  - Prompt background: $\mu \to e\gamma\nu\nu$
  - "Accidental" overlap: $\mu \to e\nu\nu + \gamma$

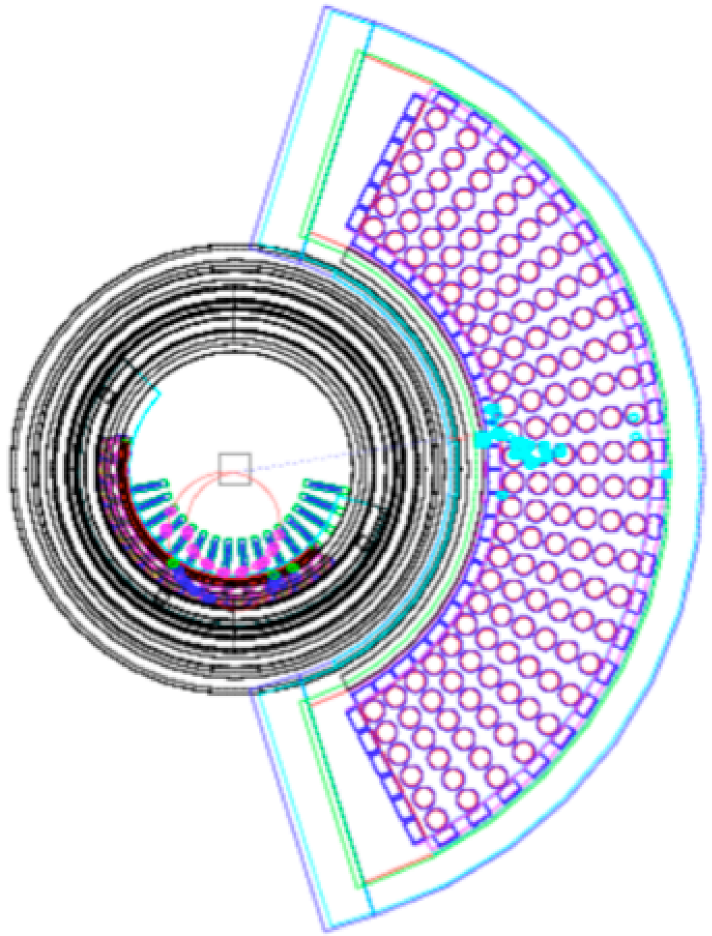
Predominant

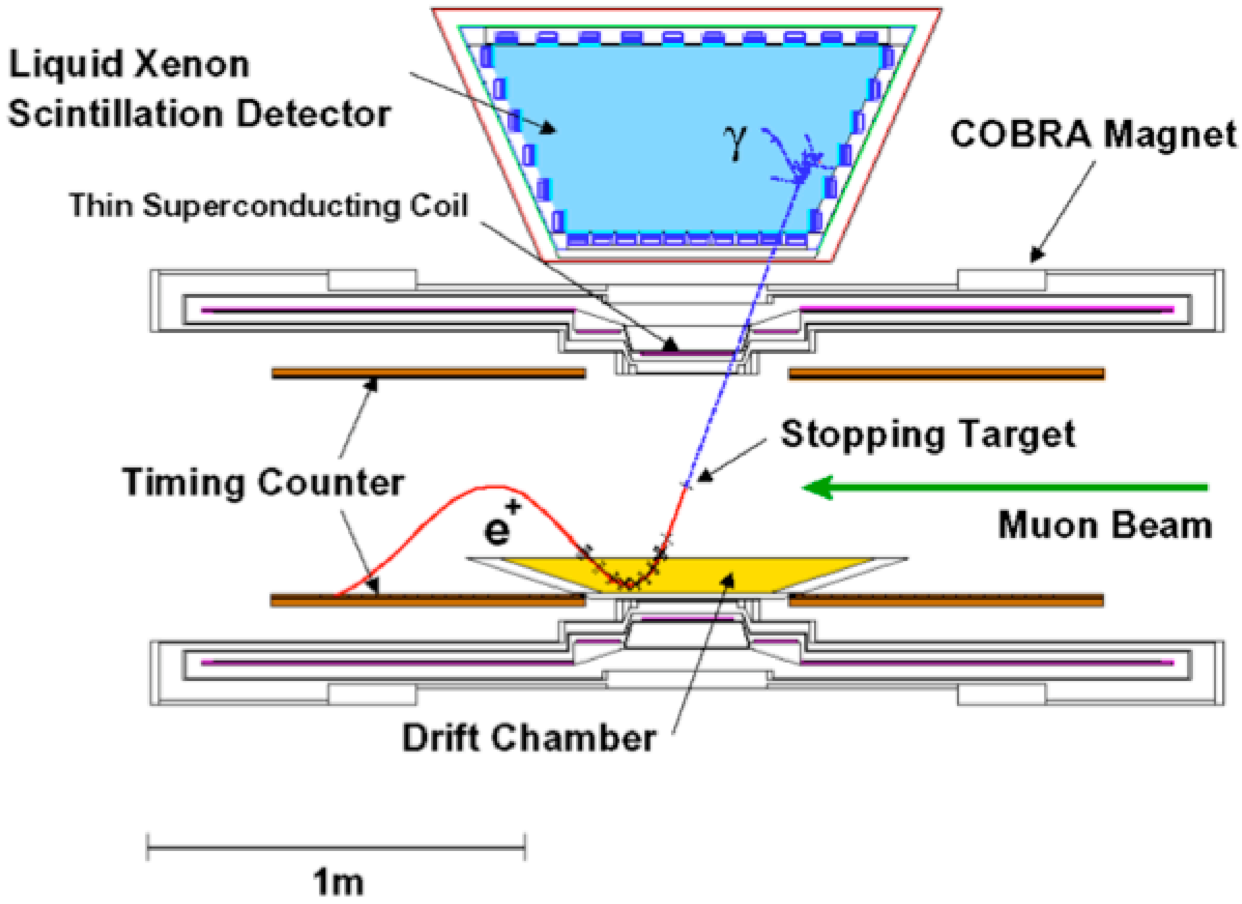




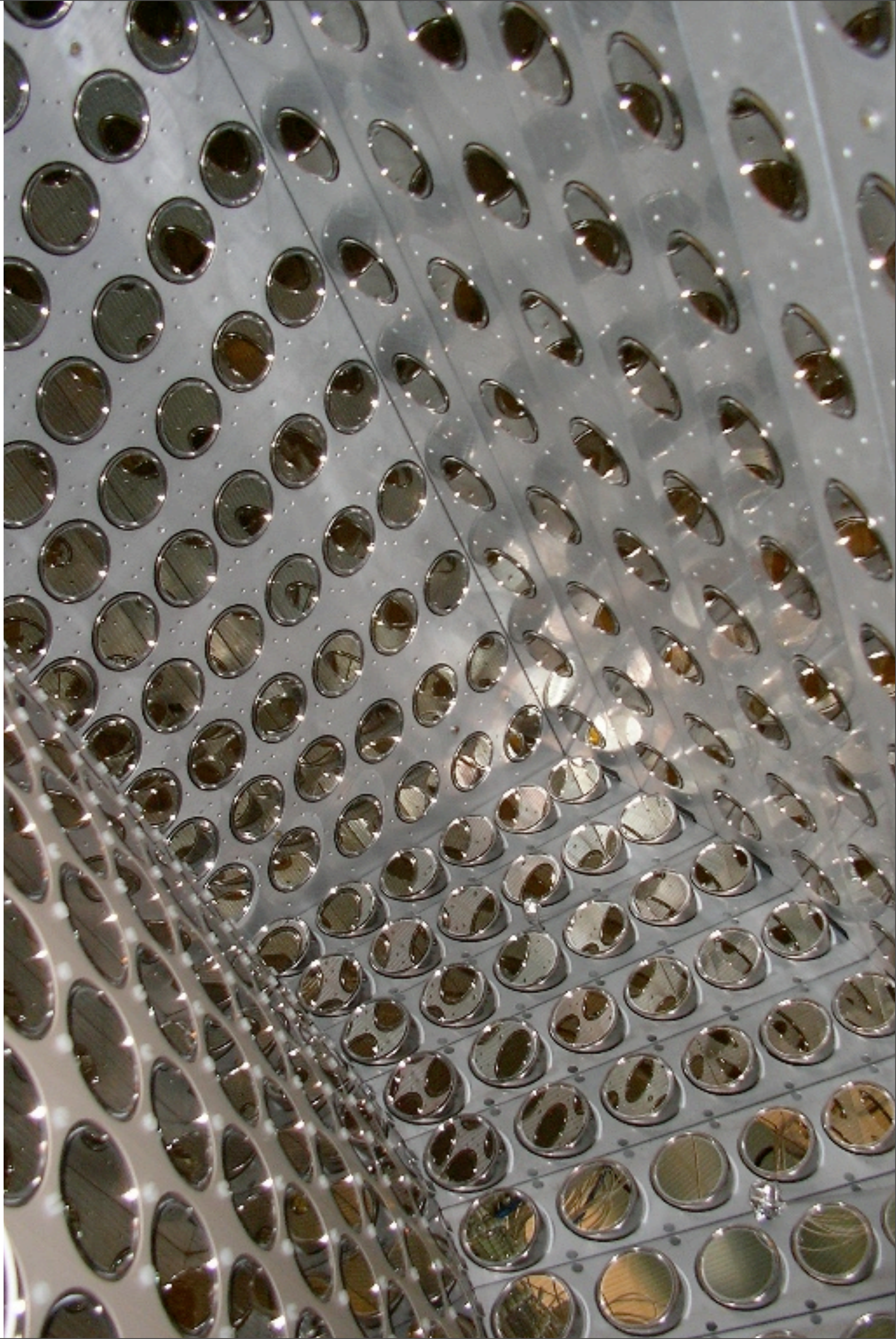
Our Solution

- World's most intense DC muon beam up to 10^8 μ^+/sec at Paul Scherrer Institute
- MEG detector
  - Gamma: LXe scintillation detector
  - Positron: COBRA positron spectrometer with gradient magnetic field.



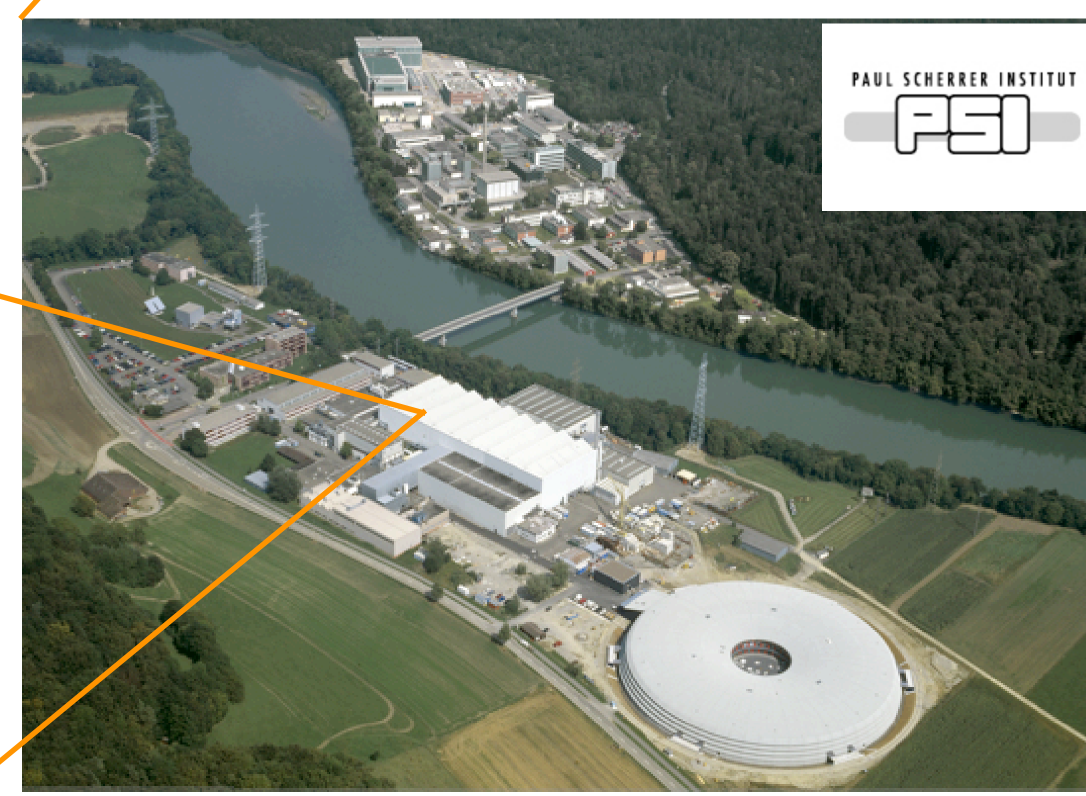


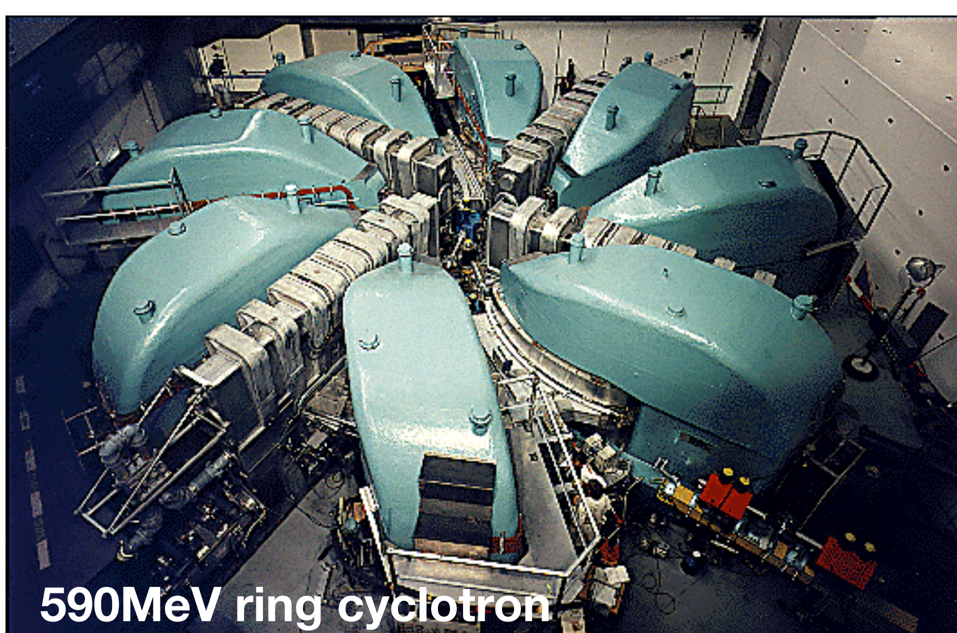
MEG Detector



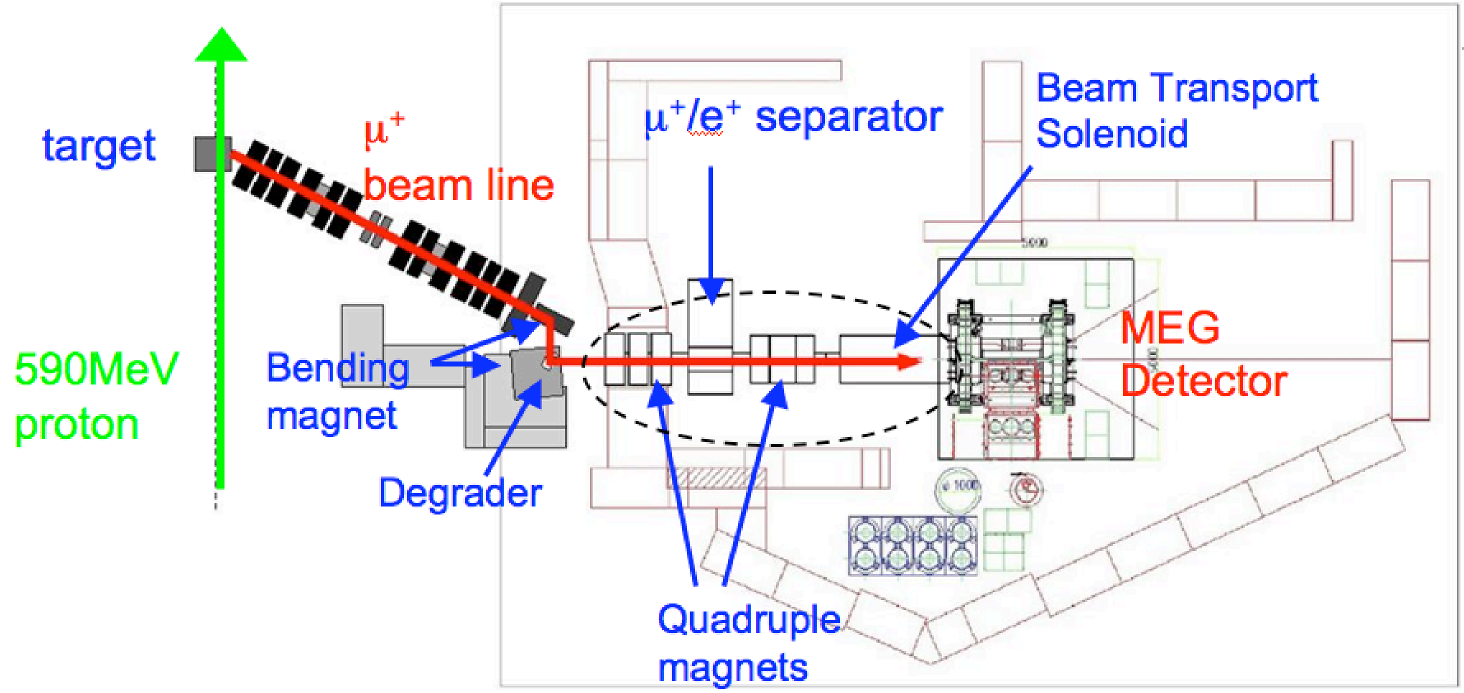
Accelerator

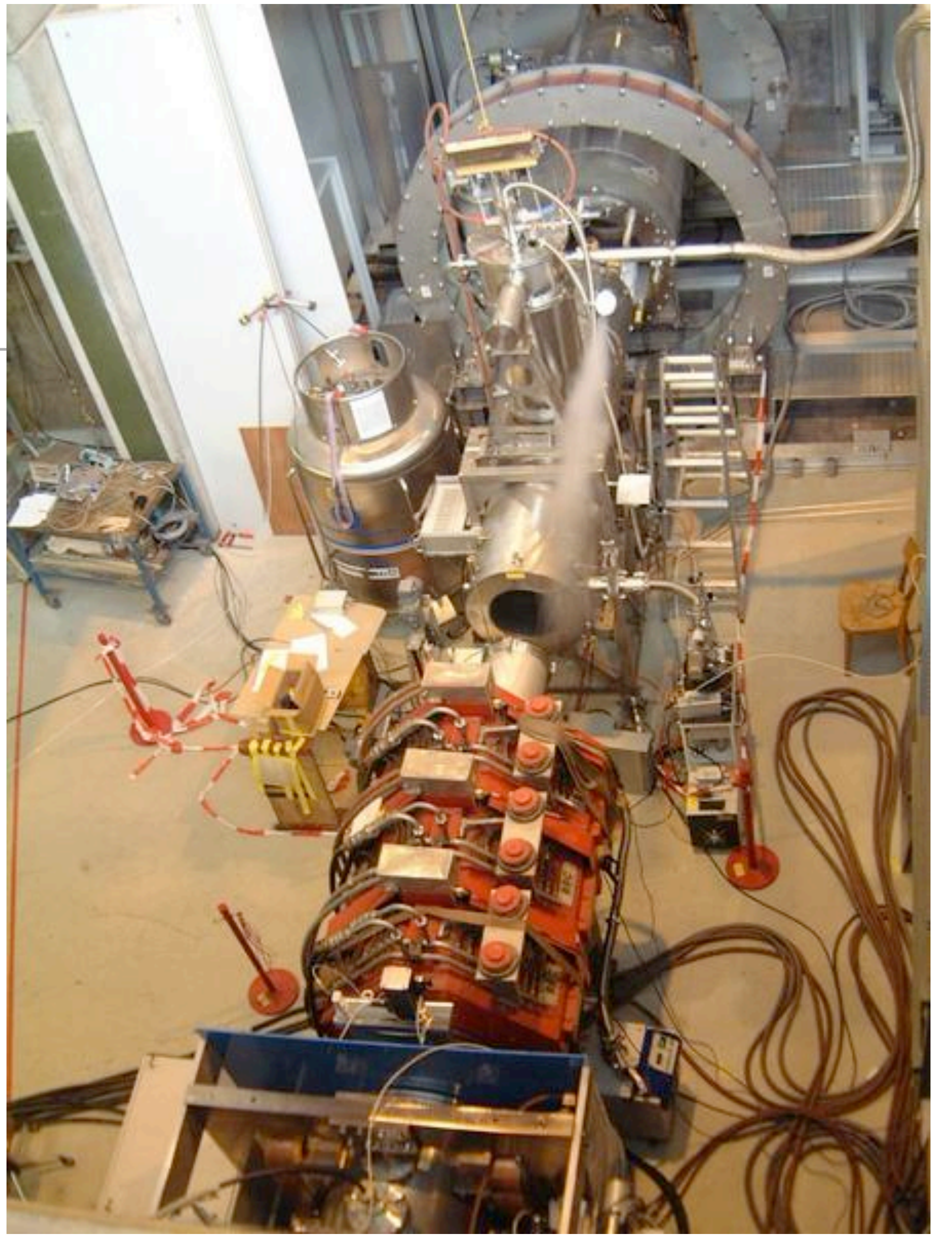
- PSI is the best place for $\mu \to e\gamma$ search.
- 590MeV ring cyclotron
- Beam power over 1MW
- 2mA proton current (planned to go higher)
- Continuous muon beam
- MEG at PSI
  - 1998 LOI
  - 1999 Proposal
  - 1999 Approval

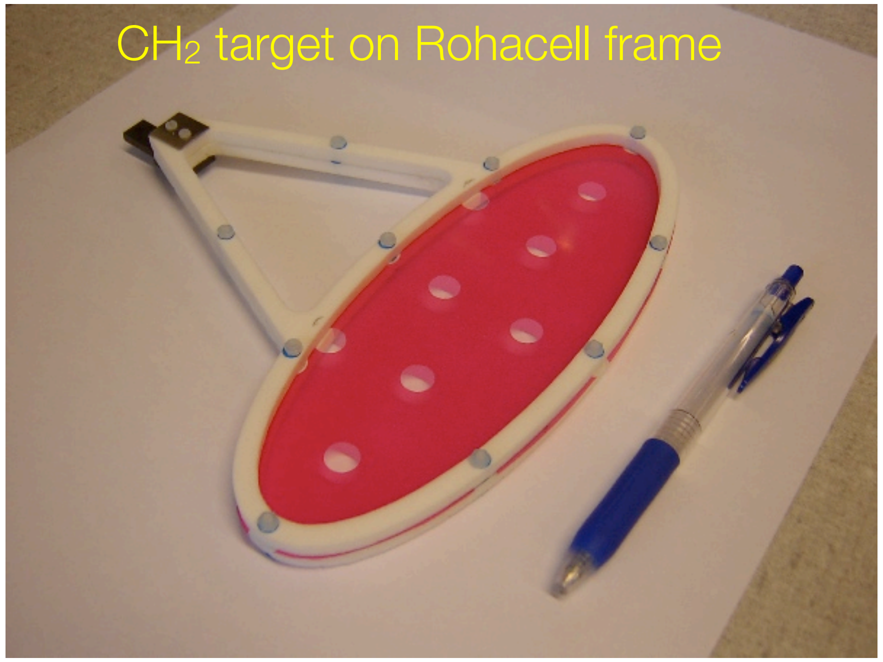




Beam Transport and Target



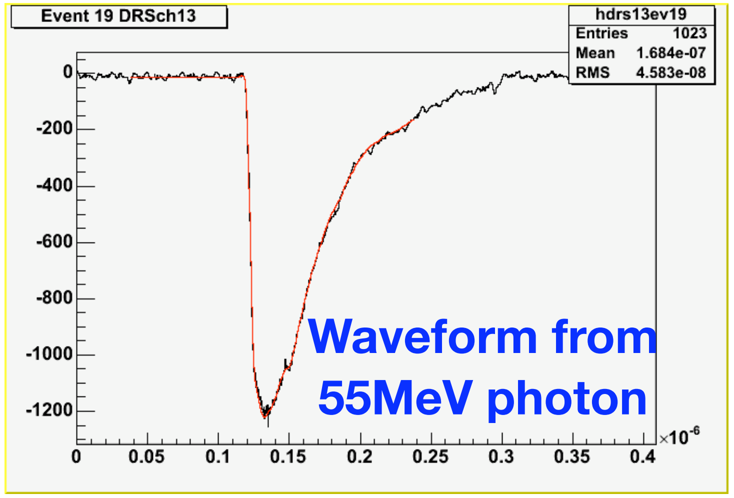


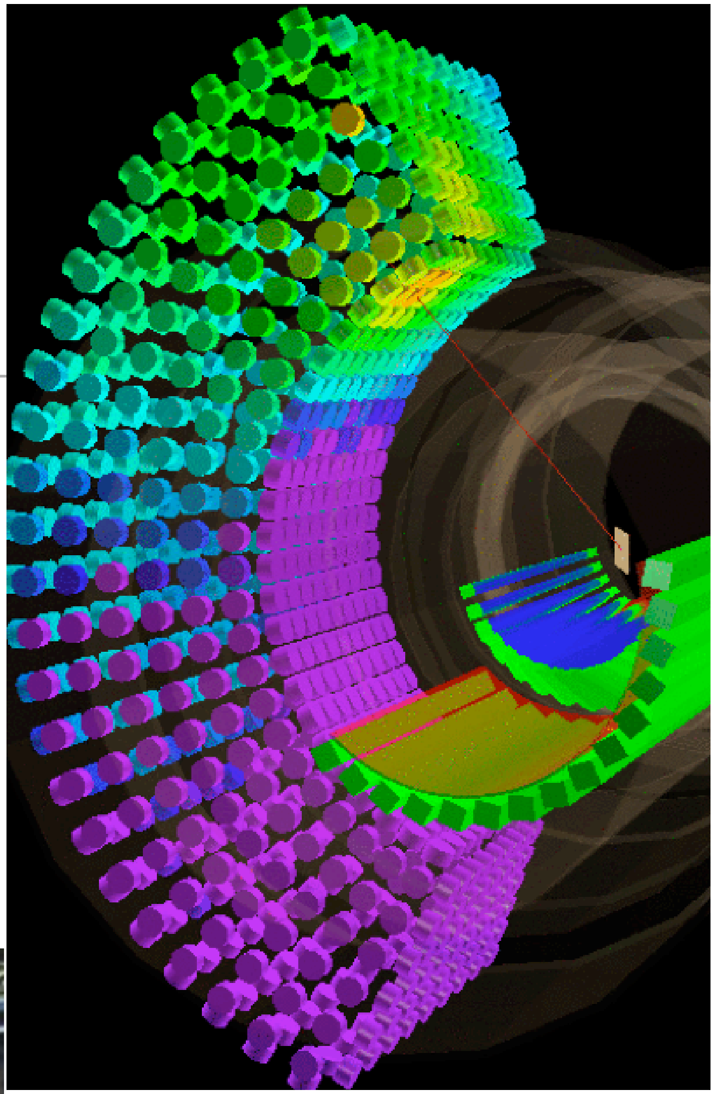


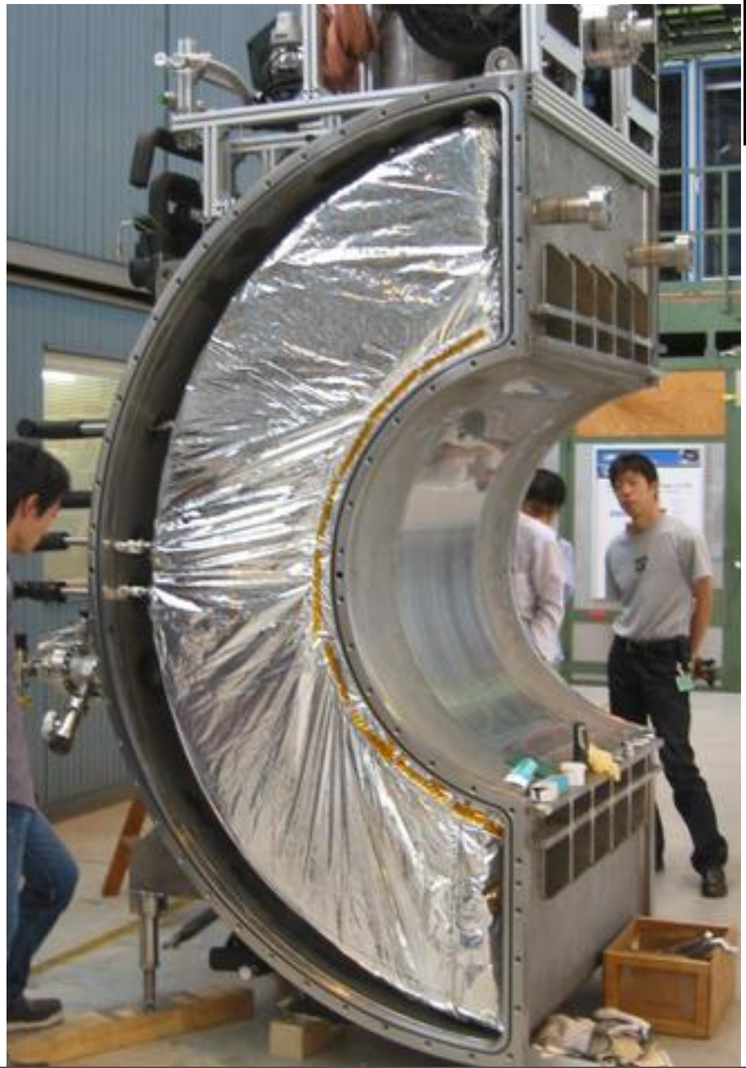
- Beam transport system
  - πE5 beam channel
  - 28MeV/c surface muon beam up to 10^8/sec
  - Wien filter for μ^+/e^+ separation
  - Superconducting transport solenoid with degrader
  - Beam spot size: σ~10mm
- Target
  - 205μm-thick polyethylene/polyester sandowitch target supported by Rohacell frame
  - Slanted angle 20.5°
  - holes (Φ10mm) to check vertex reconstruction

Liquid Xenon Scintillation Detector

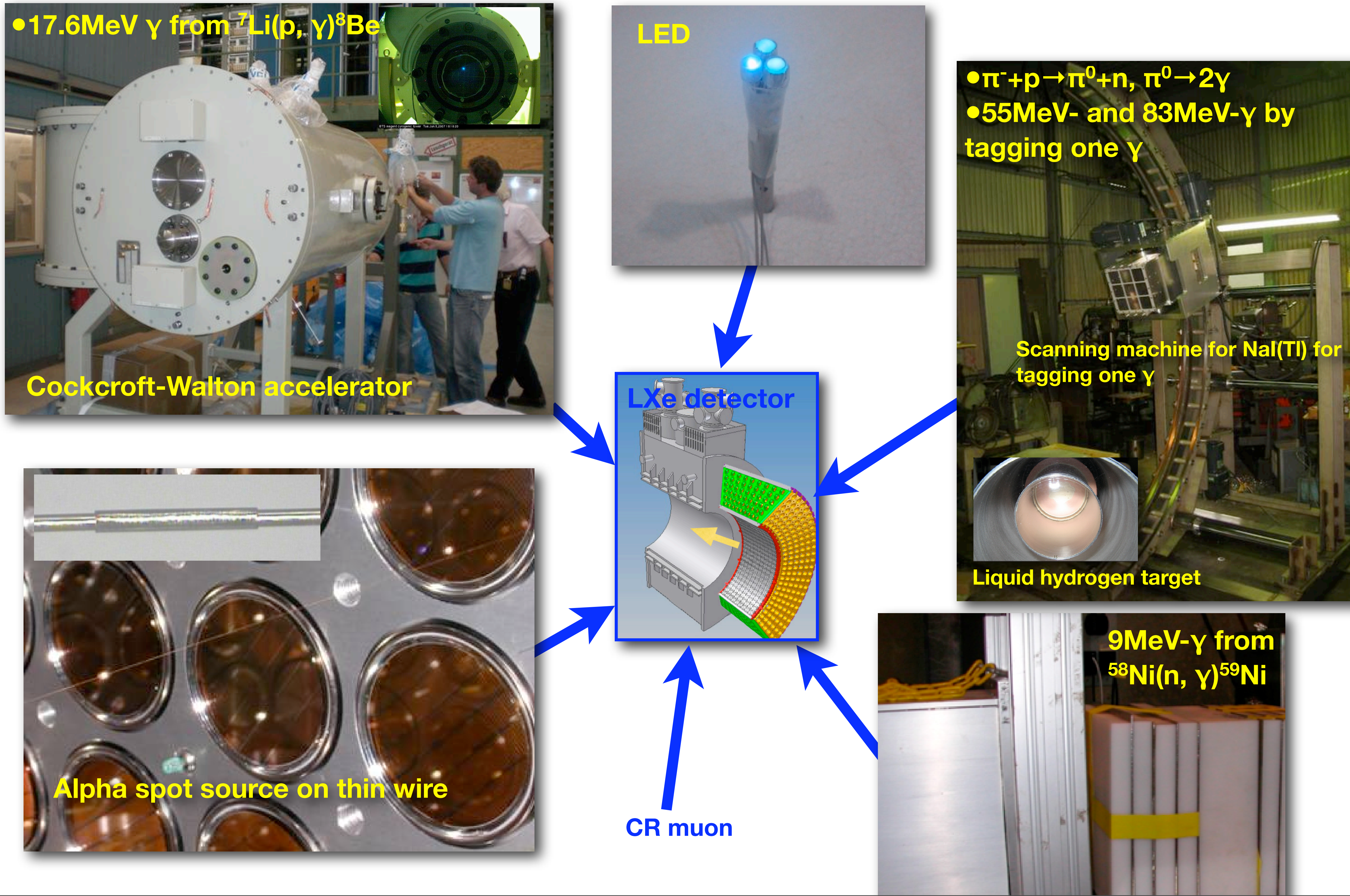
- World's largest LXe scintillation detector
- C-shape 800L LXe is surrounded by 846 photomulipliers (PMTs).
- How to measure high energy gamma-ray?
  - **Energy**: collect scintillation light as much as possible
  - **Position**: PMT output distribution
  - **Time**: average photon arrival time
- All PMTs are read out by waveform digitizer→pileup ID, particle ID



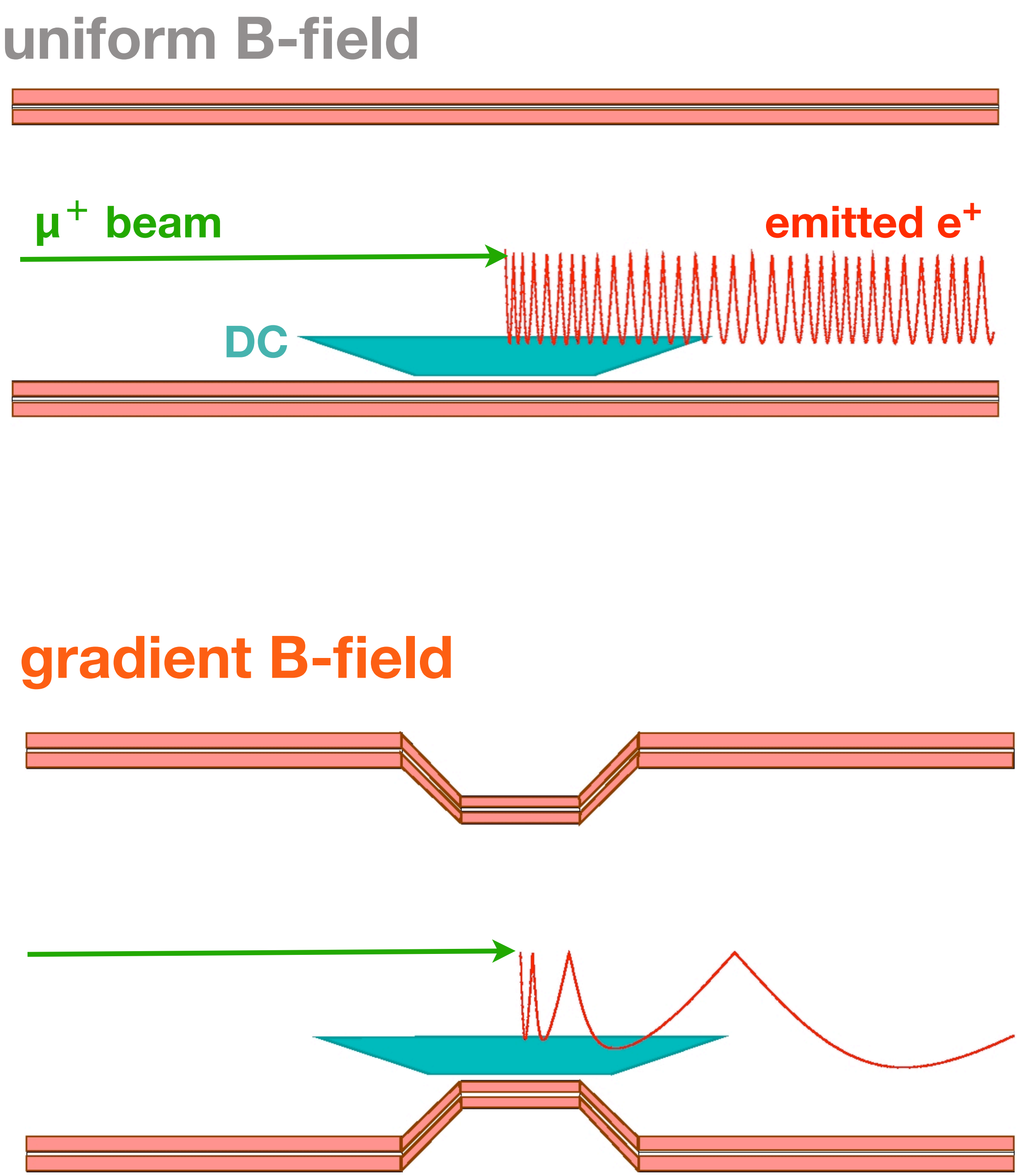




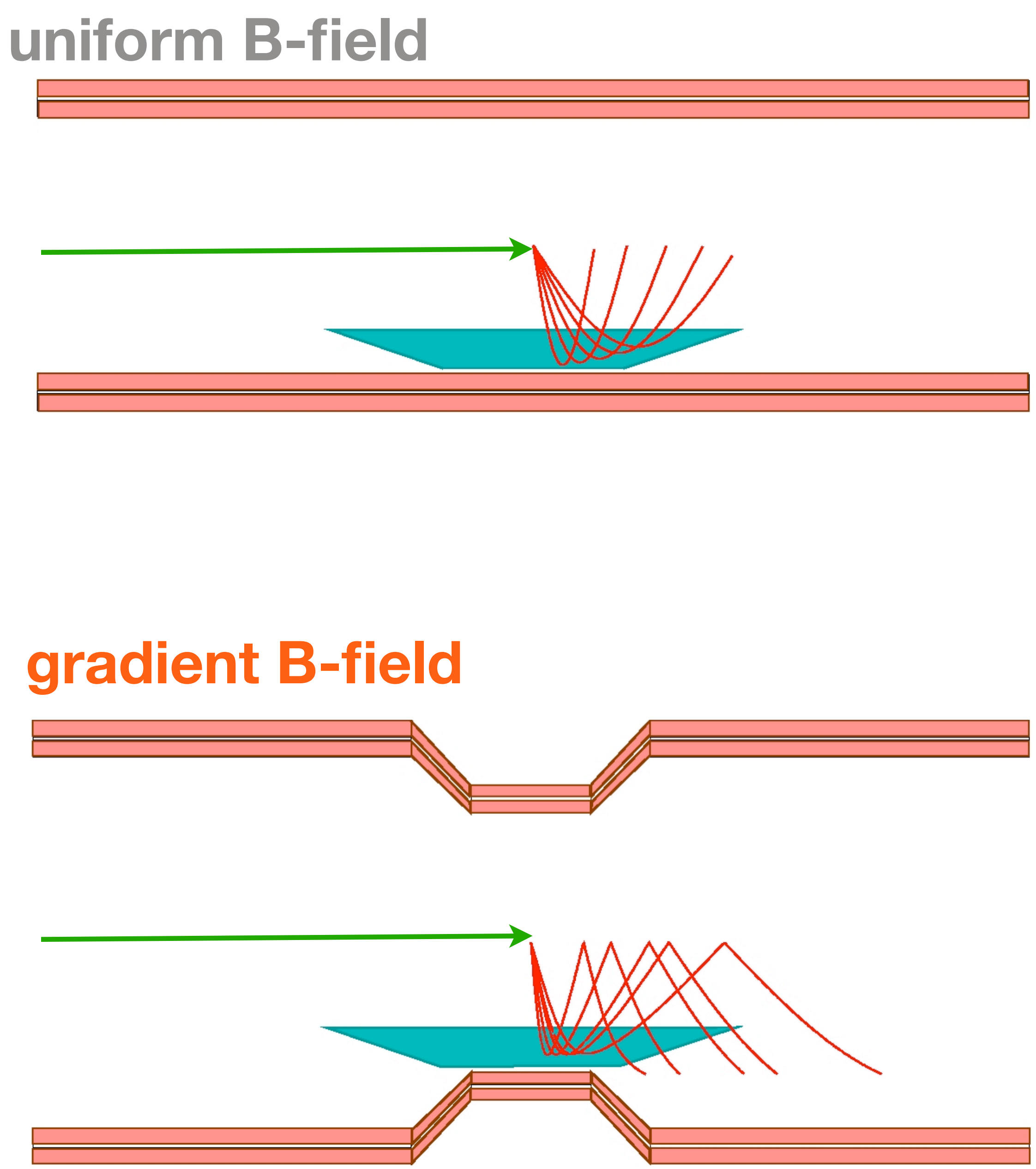
LXe Detector: Calibration and Monitoring



Positron Spectrometer: COBRA Concept



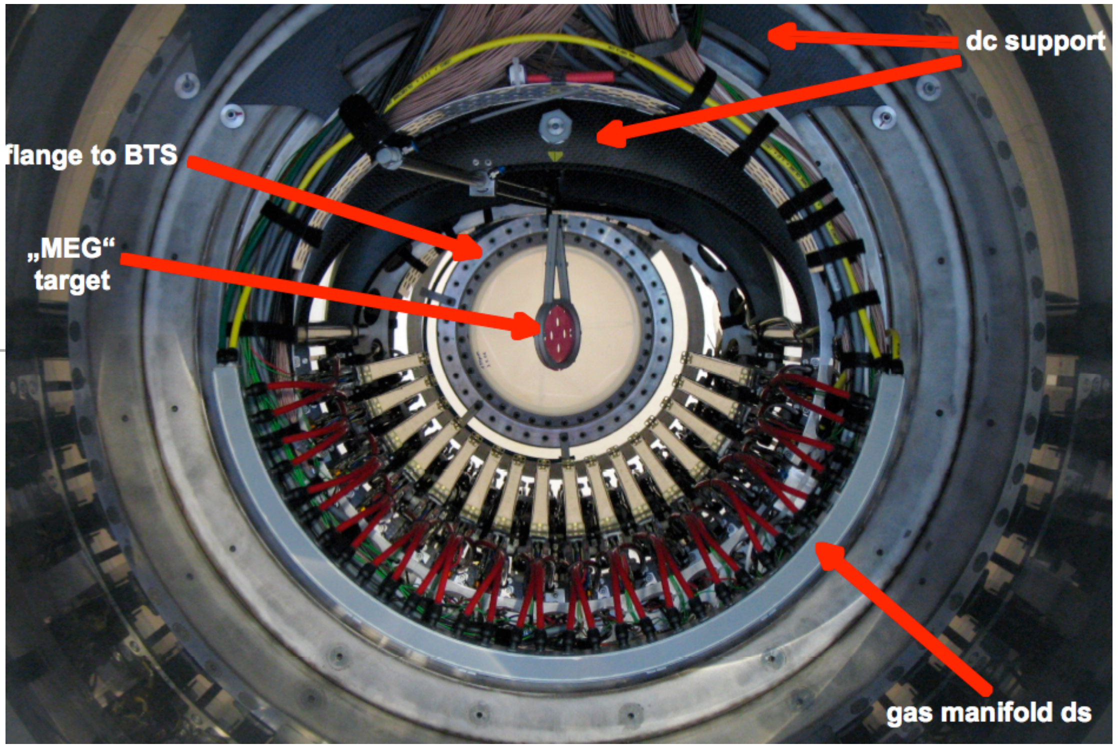
Low energy positrons quickly swept out

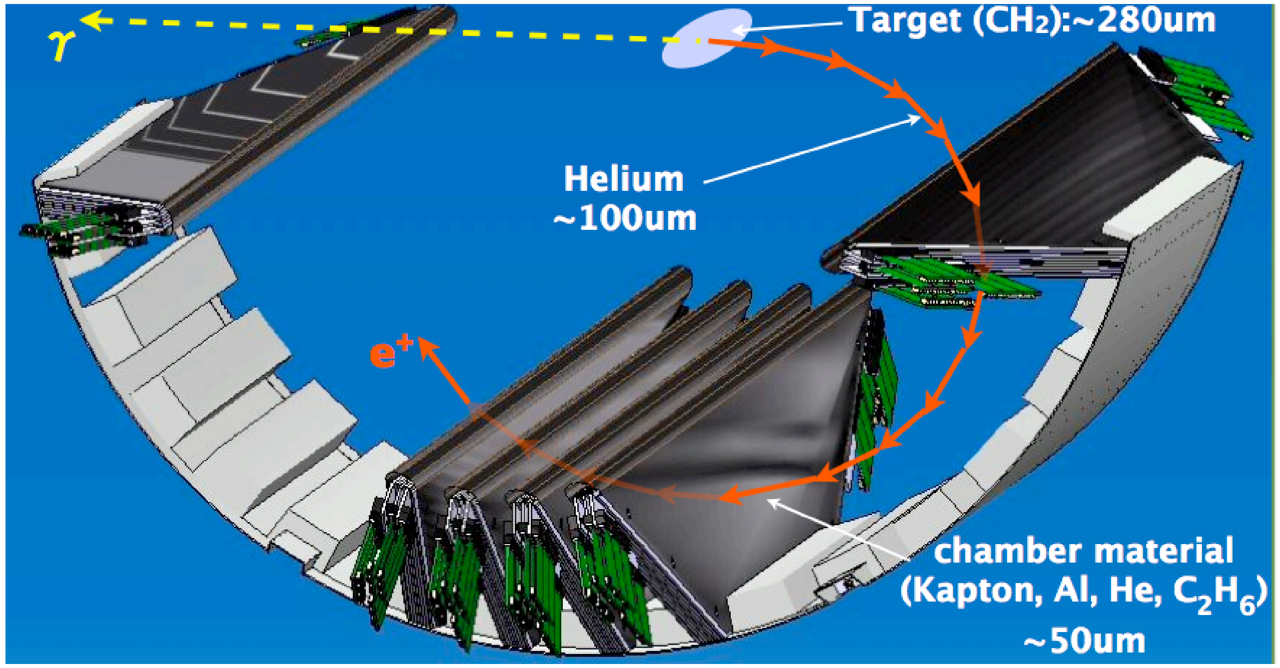


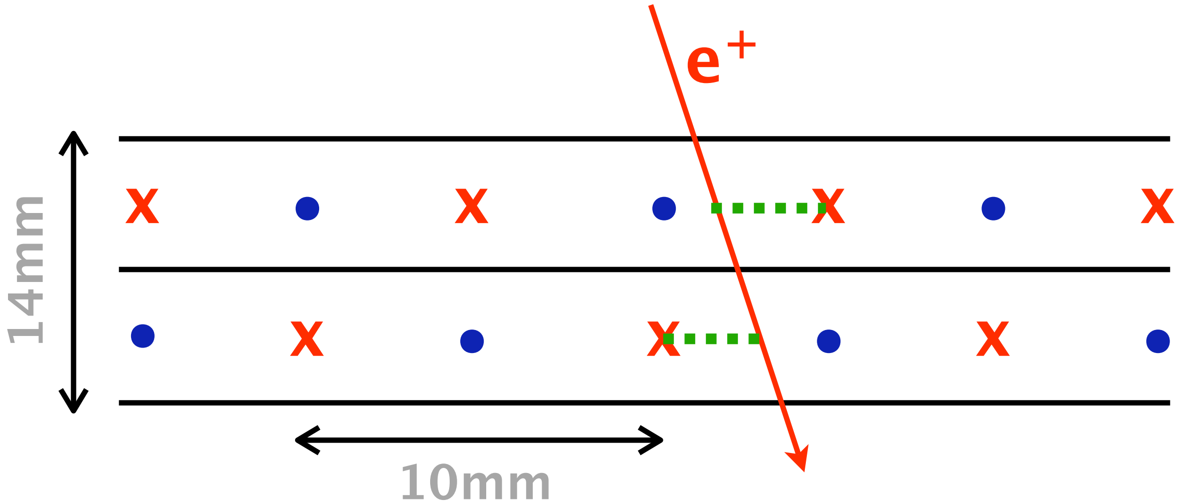
COnstant **B**ending **RA**dius independent of emission angles

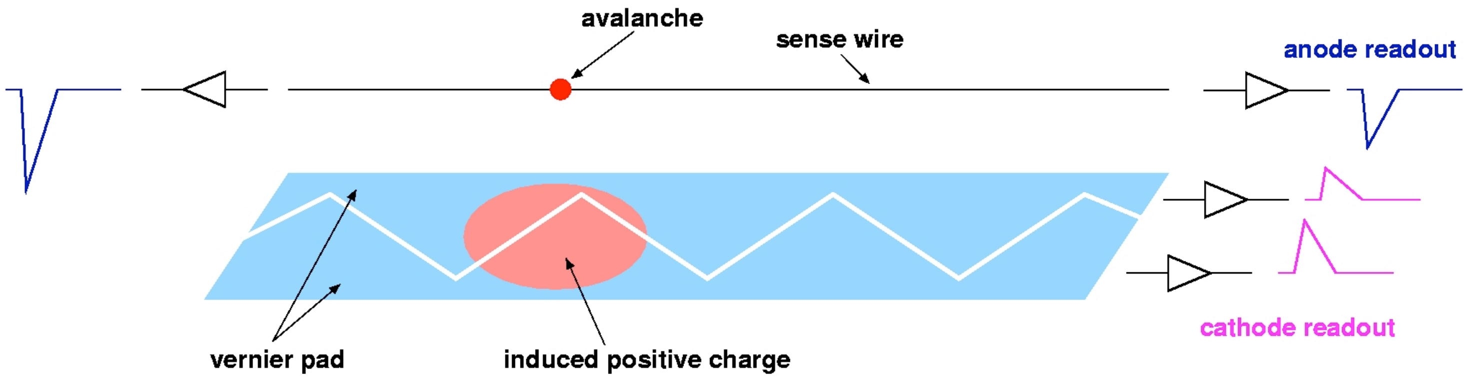
Drift Chamber System

- 16 chambers radially aligned with 10° intervals
- Minimize amount of material to avoid multiple-scattering and annihilation photon BG
- Two staggered layout of drift cells for R measurement (σ_R~100-200μm)
- Charge division on anode wire and Varnier pattern cathode pad to measure Z (σ_Z~300μm)





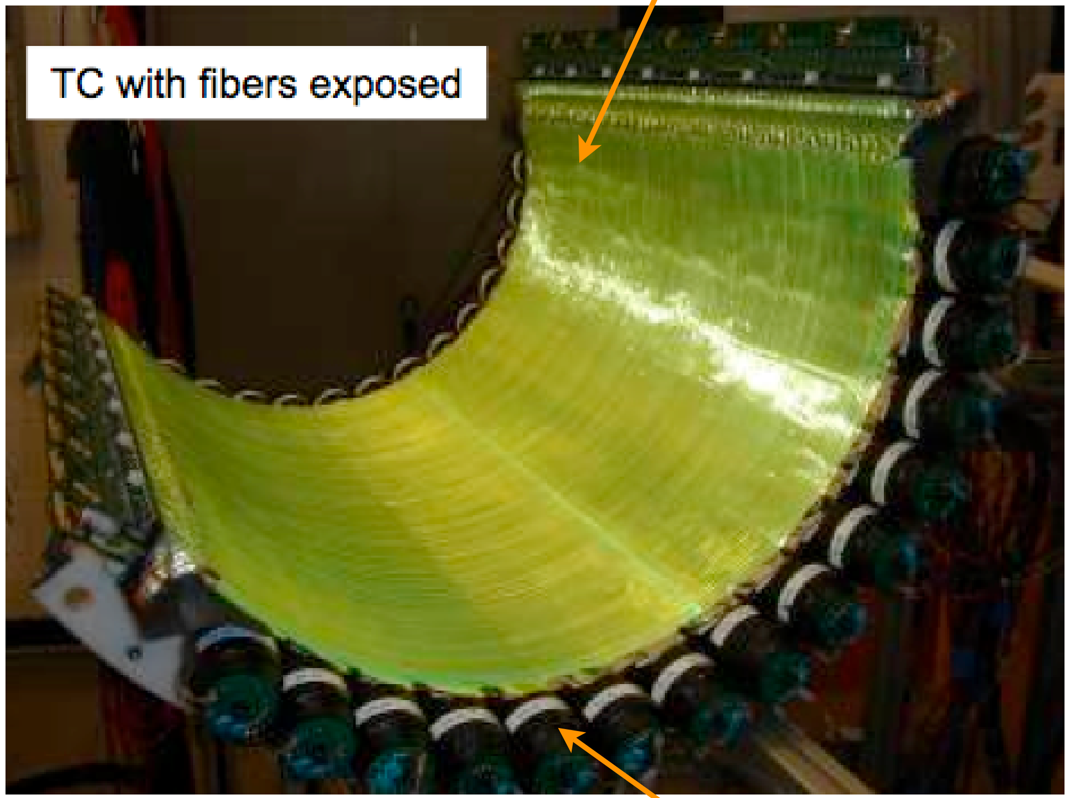




Timing Counter

- Fast timing counter for positron
- Phi-counter: scintillator bars read out by fine mesh PMTs at both ends to measure the positron timing.
- Z-counter: Scintillating fiber read out by APD for additional trigger information

Scintillating fiber + APD



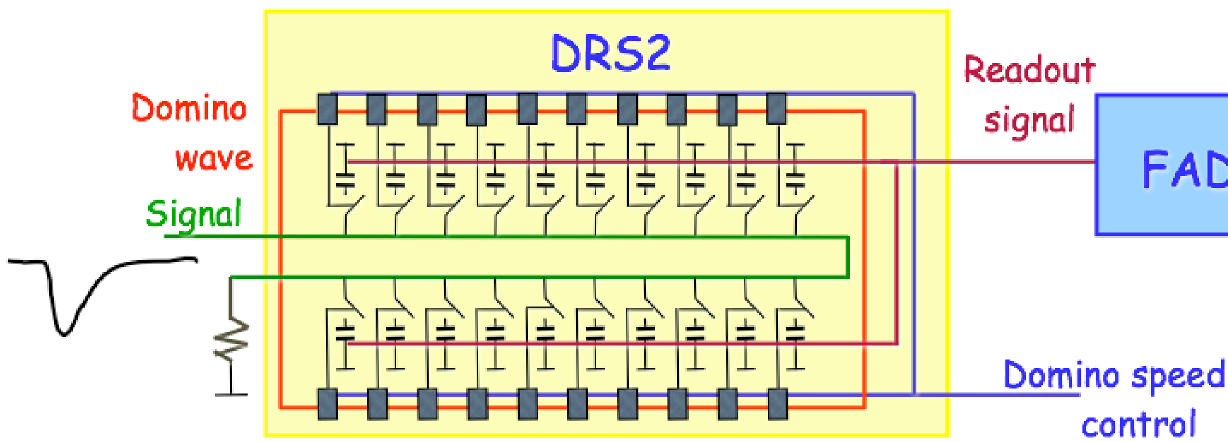
Scintillator bar + fine-mesh PMT

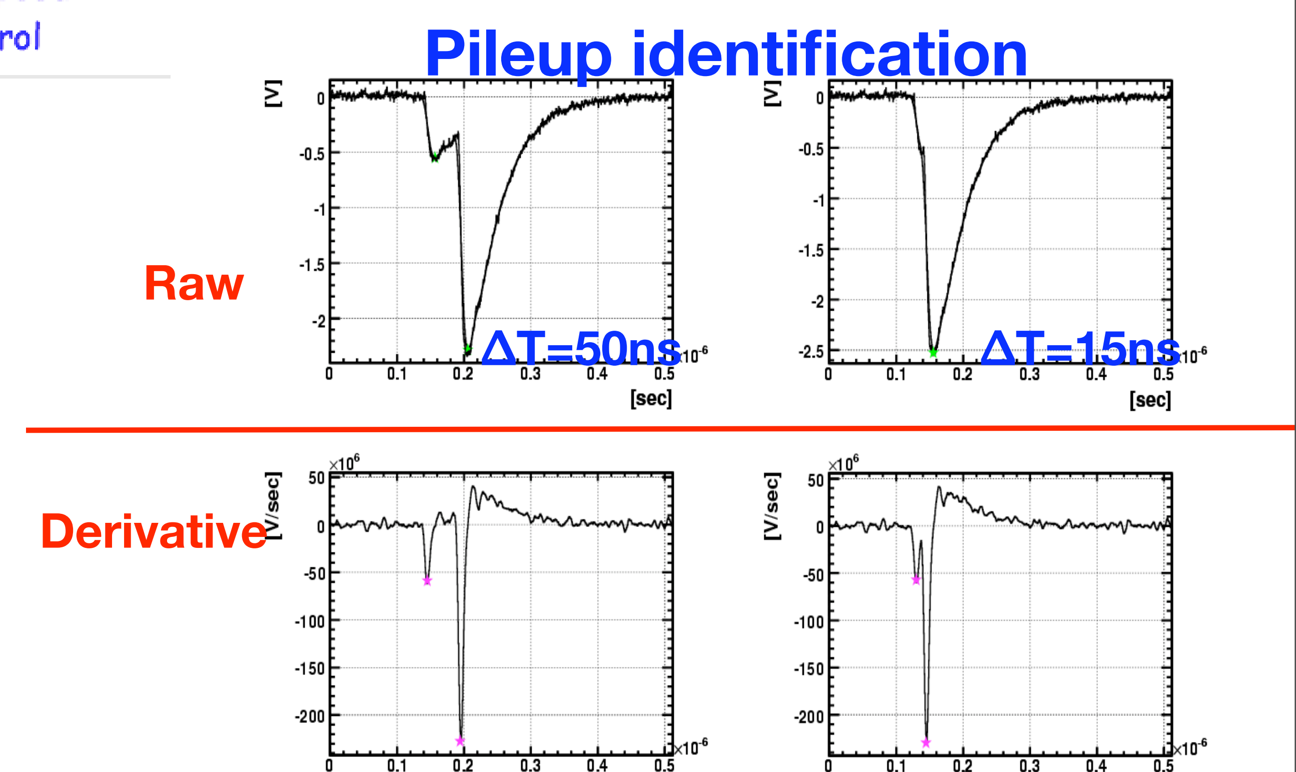
Comparison of long timing counters (from E. Nappi)

Exp. application (*)	Counter size (cm) (T x W x L)	Scintillator	PMT	λ_{att} (cm)	σ_t(meas)	σ_t(exp)
G.D.Agostini	3x 15 x 100	NE114	XP2020	200	120	60
T. Tanimori	3 x 20 x 150	SCSN38	R1332	180	140	110
T. Sugitate	4 x 3.5 x 100	SCSN23	R1828	200	50	53
R.T. Gile	5 x 10 x 280	BC408	XP2020	270	110	137
TOPAZ	4.2 x 13 x 400	BC412	R1828	300	210	240
R. Stroynowski	2 x 3 x 300	SCSN38	XP2020	180	180	420
Belle	4 x 6 x 255	BC408	R6680	250	90	143
MEG	4x4x90	BC	R5924	270	38	

Waveform Digitizer

- All detectors will be read by Domino Ring Sampler (DRS) developed at PSI
  - Sampling speed: 1.6GHz for LXe and TC, 0.5GHz for DC
  - 1024 sampling cells





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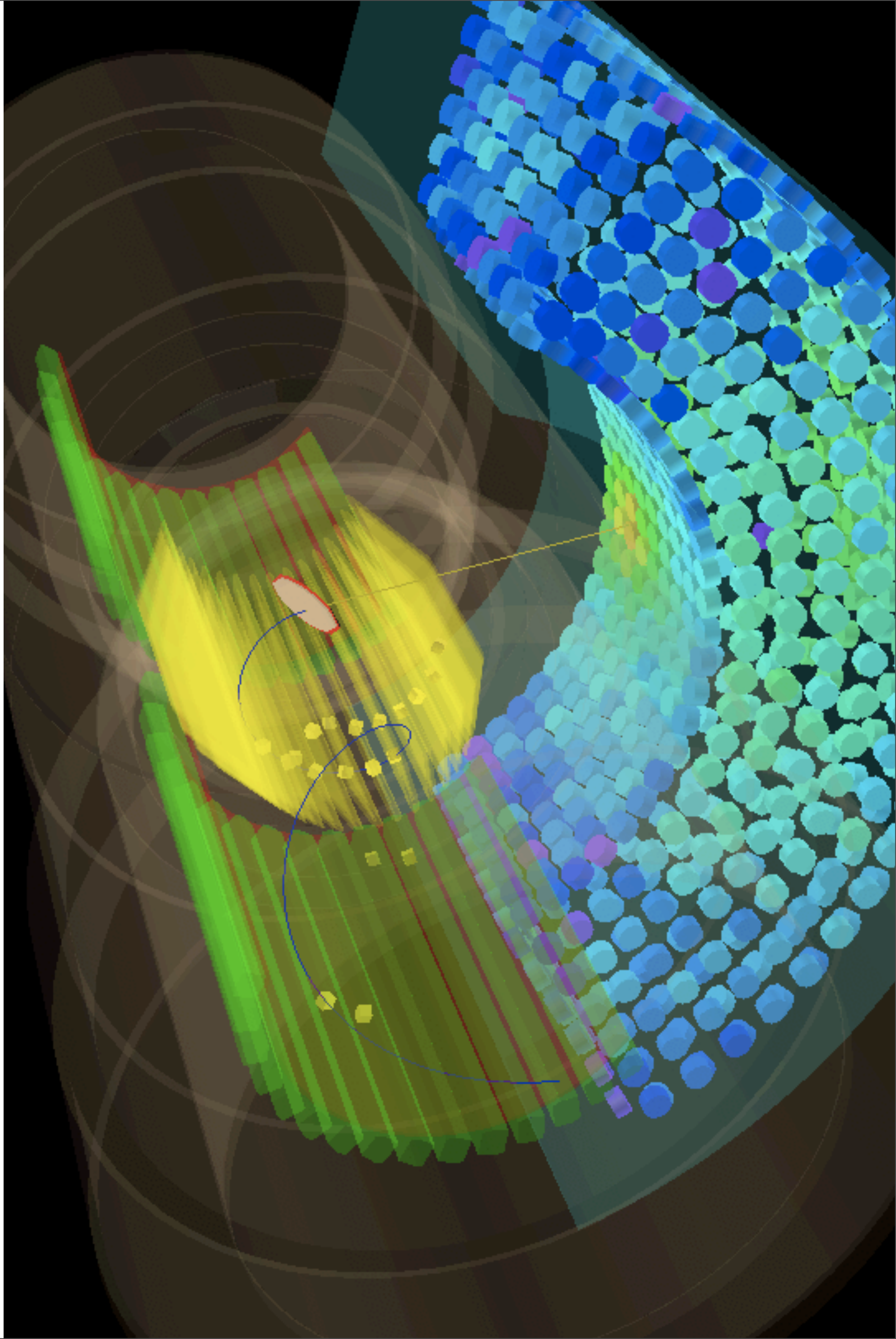

MEG in 2007

- Engineering run in 2007
- **All the main detector components assembled and operated.**
- **$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ trigger worked at expected rate.**
- Test physics run (~1-2days)
- Issues
    - LXe γ-detector
        - Low light yield due to impurity in LXe
        - HV feedthrough problem
    - e^+ spectrometer
        - Some layers were not operational in drift chamber system
        - Fiber counters in the TOF detector system are missing.
    - ...

MEG in 2008

- Solved (partly) the problems we had last year.
- **LXe detector**
  - Light yield recovered by a factor of two! by the purification
  - Calibration in full acceptance using high energy γ from π^0 decay
  - Long term stability
- **Drift chamber**
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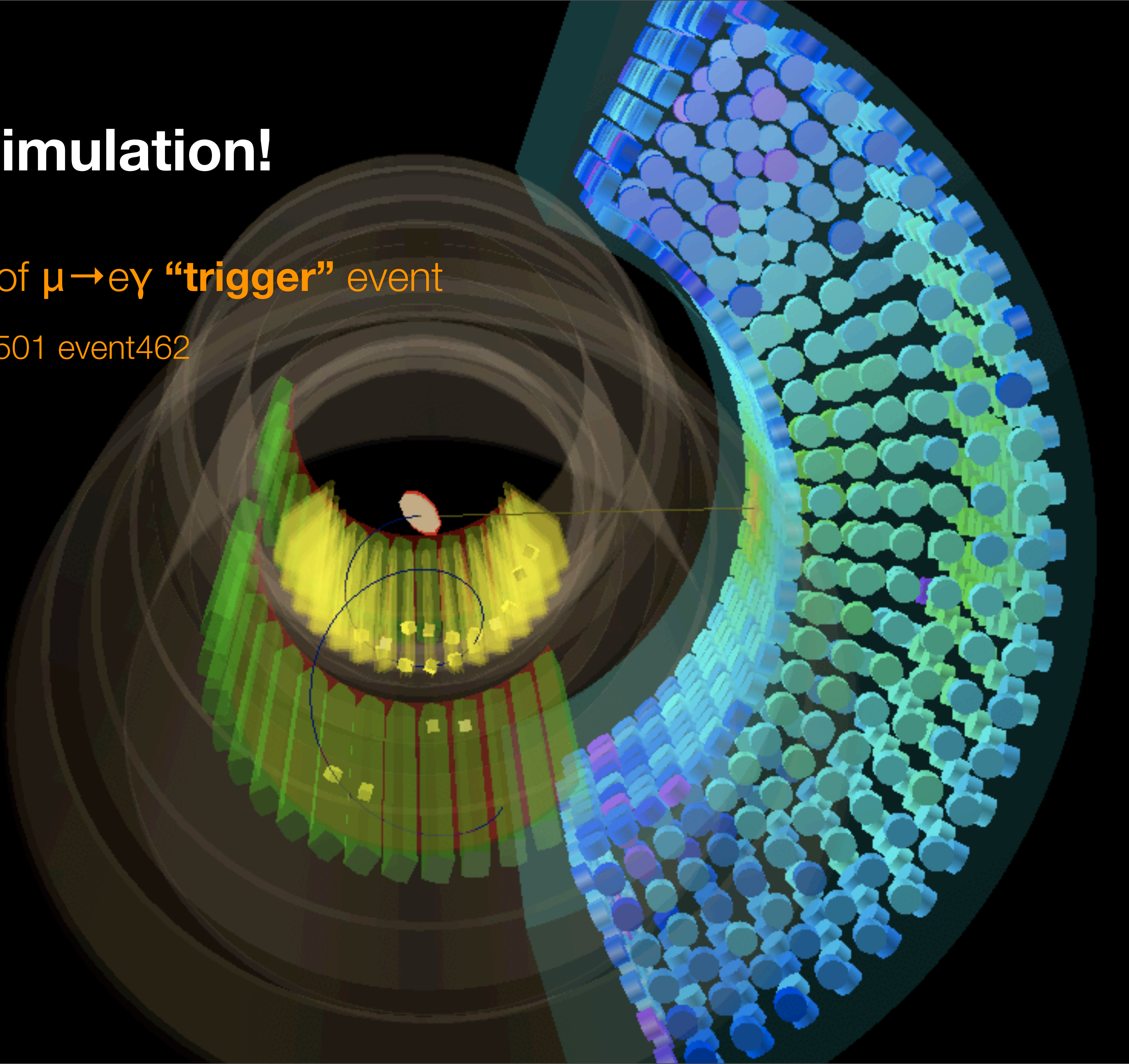
Started physics data production on Sep. 12th!

Not a Simulation!

Example of $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ **“trigger”** event

Run#24501 event462



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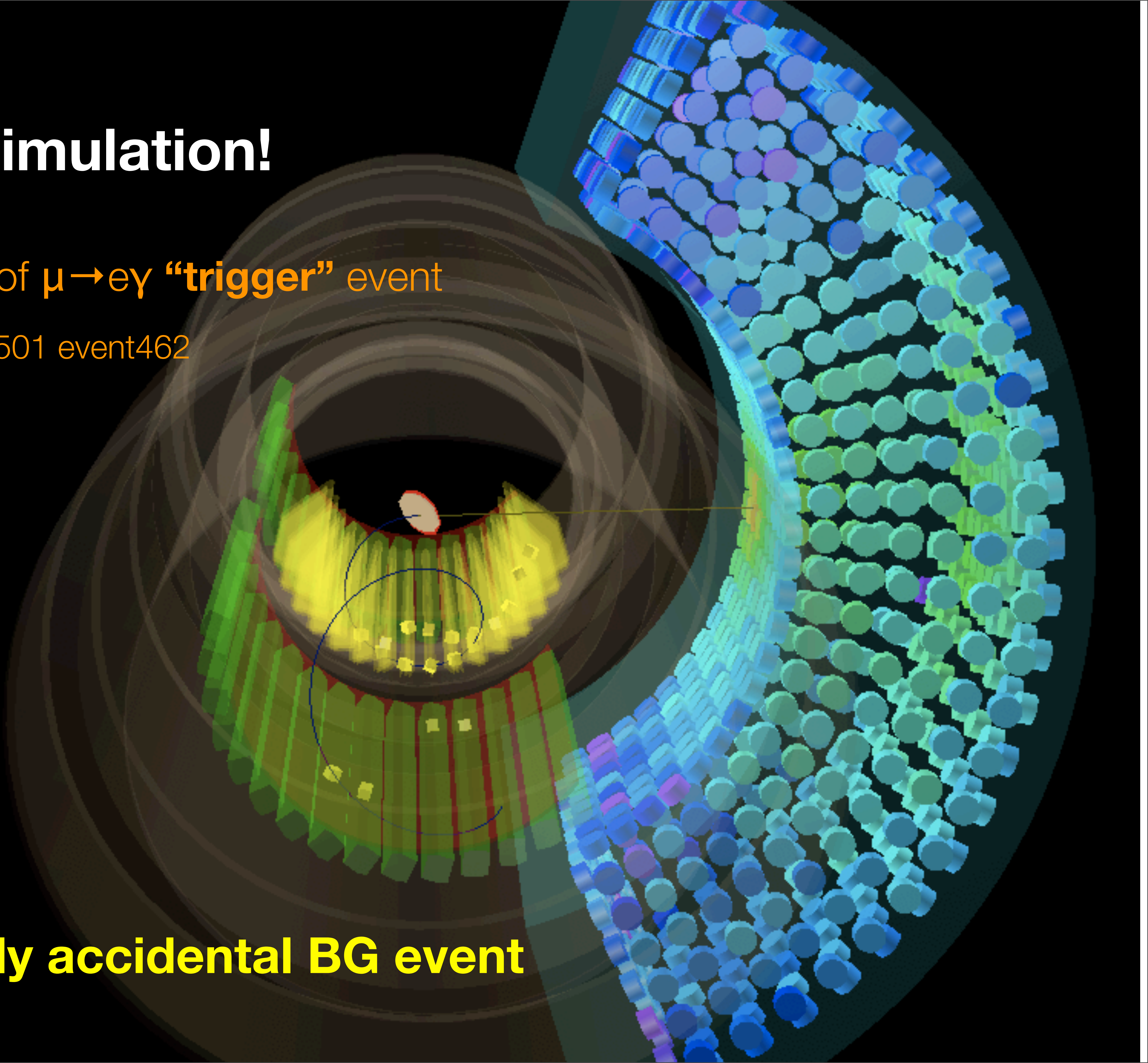
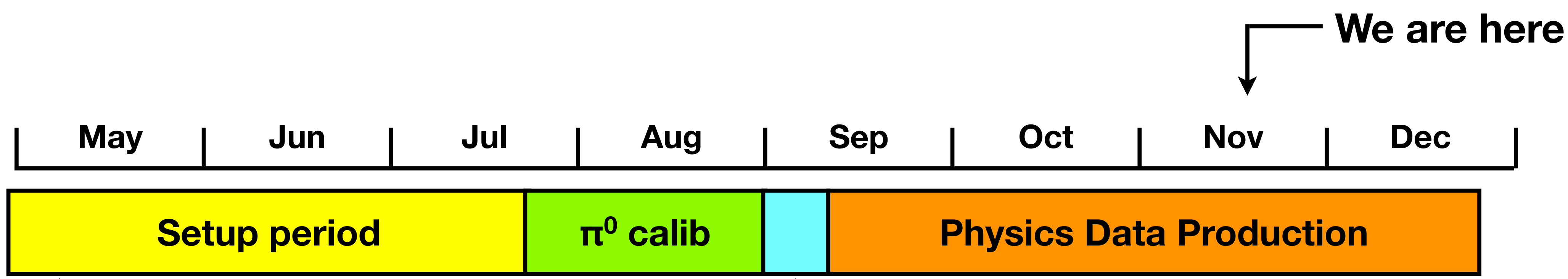


Most likely accidental BG event

Run Schedule 2008



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- Detector assembly
- Test and debugging
- LXe purification
- Electronics modification
- ...

Trigger setup

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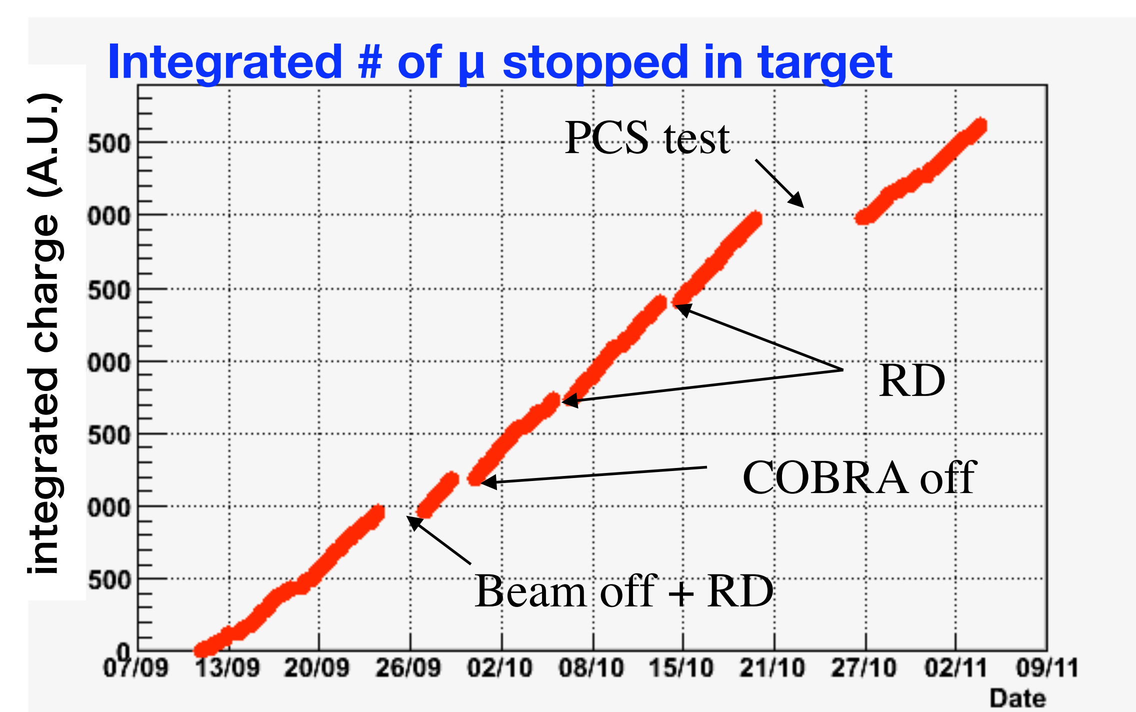
- Beam intensity study
- Single BG measurement



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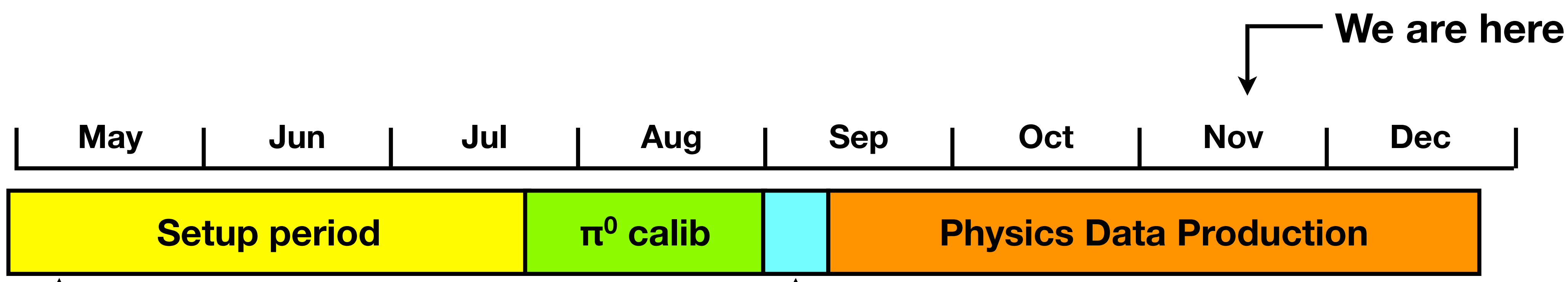

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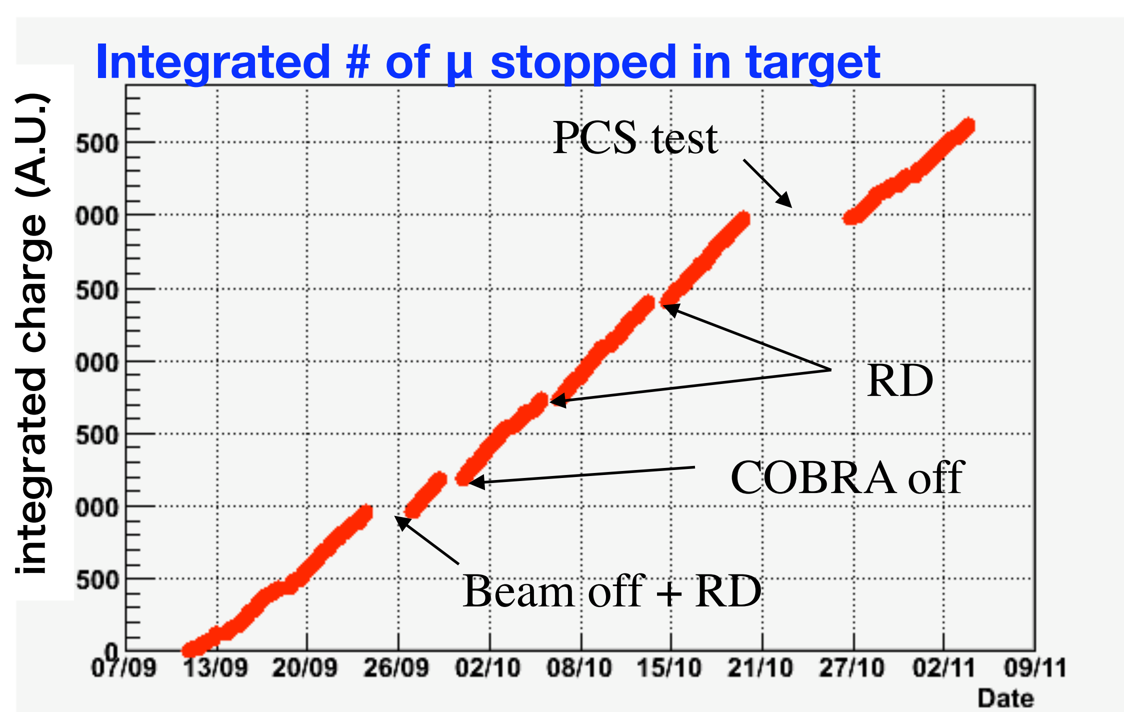


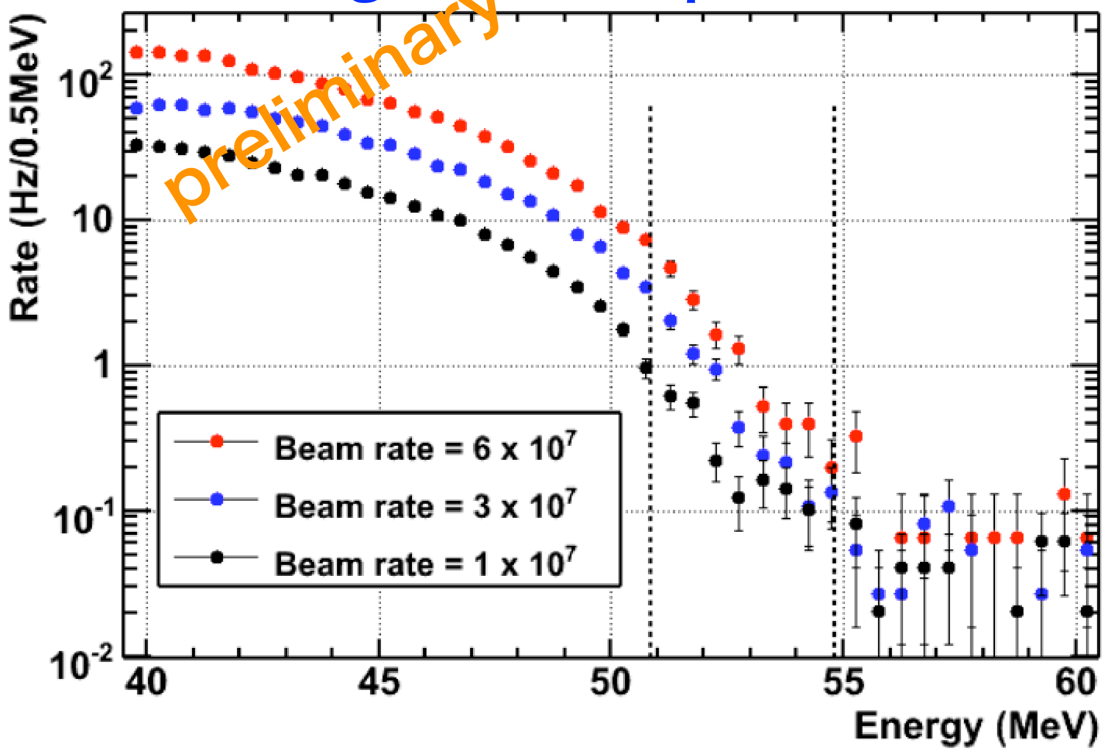
Goal of run 2008

- *First physics-data production (~12week)*
- ***"Significant" physics result***

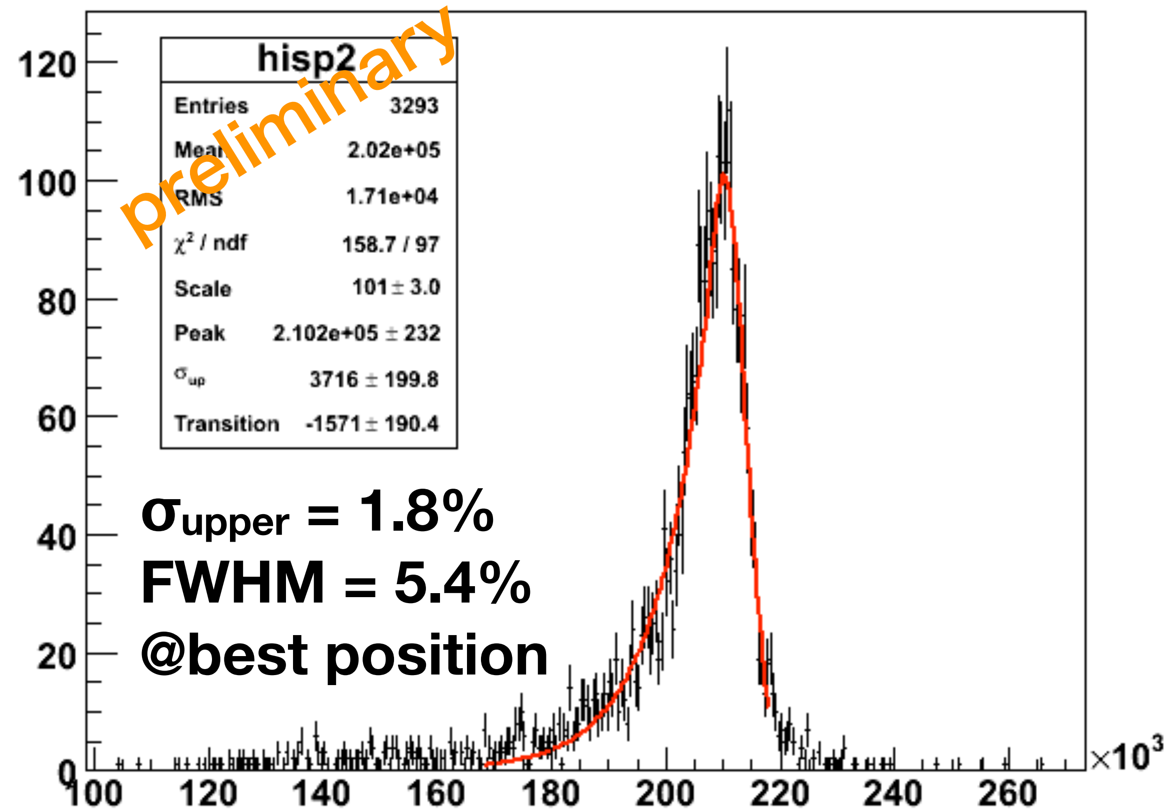
LXe Detector: Performance 2008

- LXe detector calibrated in full acceptance with 55- and 83-MeV γ from π^0 decay
- Systematic non-uniformity of detector response. Yet to be studied.

Single γ BG spectrum



Energy resolution @55MeV-γ



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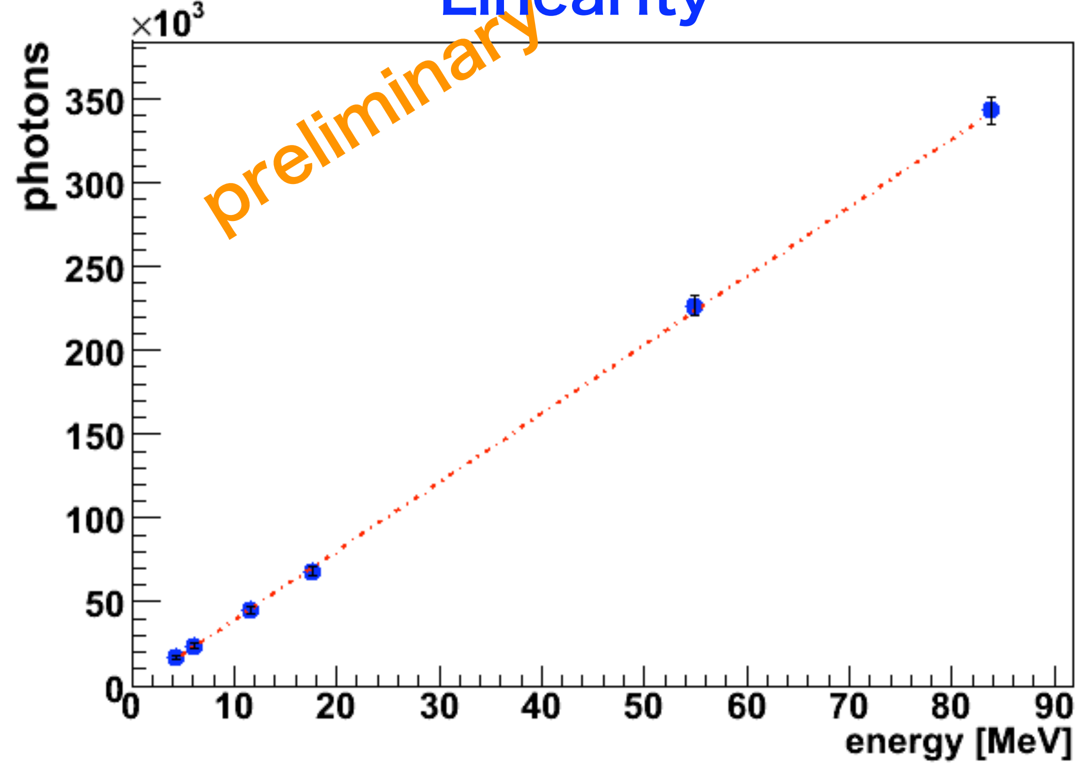
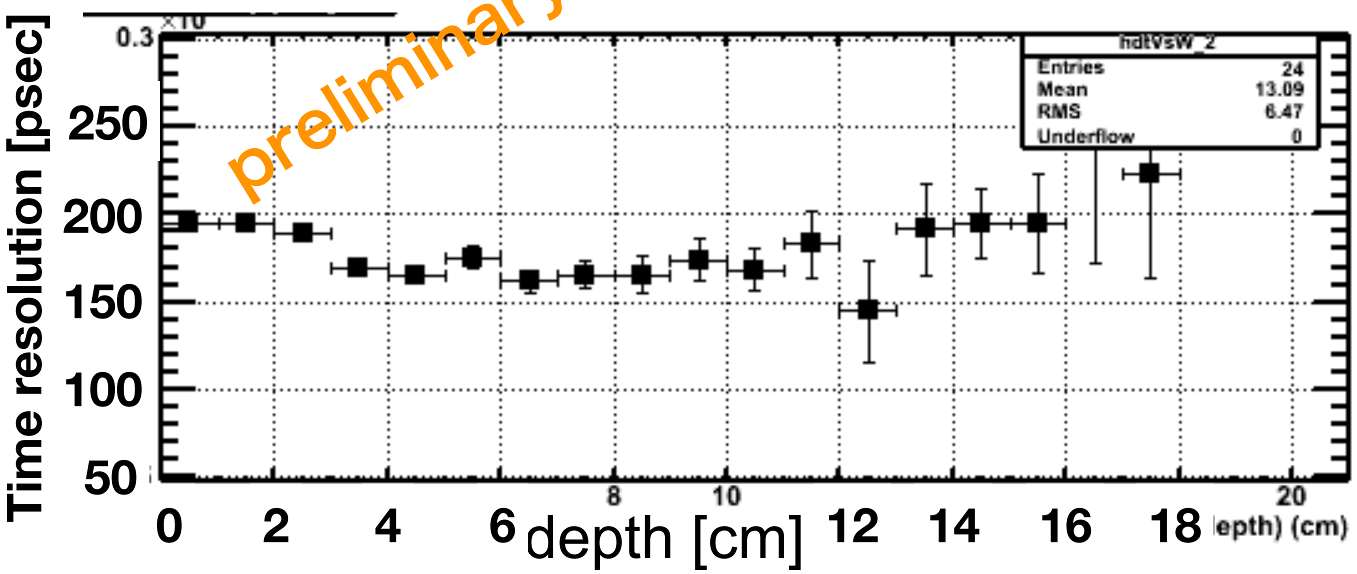


cf.) σ_{upper} = 2.4% (last year)

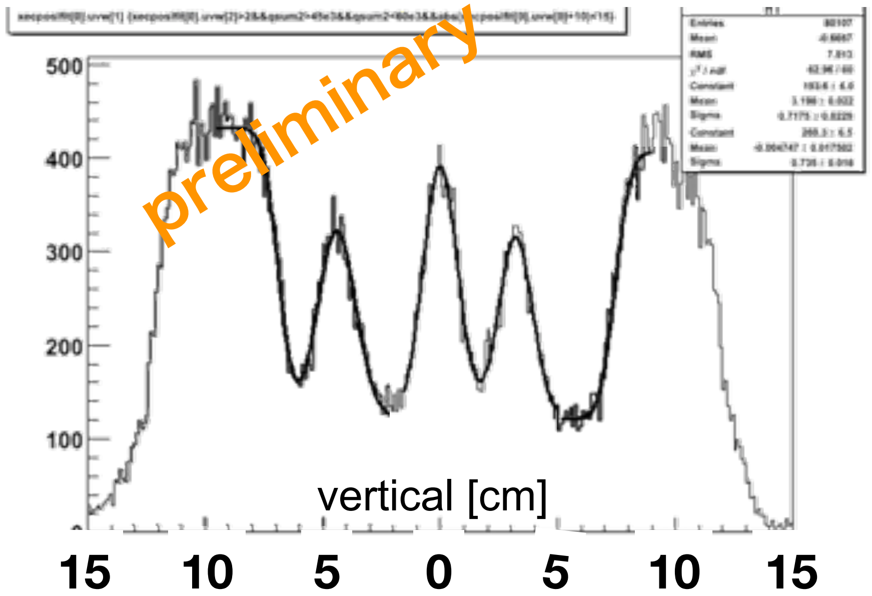
LXe Detector: Performance 2008

- **Timing resolution** for 55MeV-γ
  - Relative time between LXe and timing counter with pre-shower converter
  - LXe timing resolution = 160ps - 70ps(timing counter) - 60ps(target)

    = **130ps (σ)**



- **Position resolution** for 55MeV-γ
  - Shadows of lead collimator slits
  - LXe position resolution
    - **0.5cm (σ) @ edge**
    - 0.65cm (σ) @ slit (need further analysis)

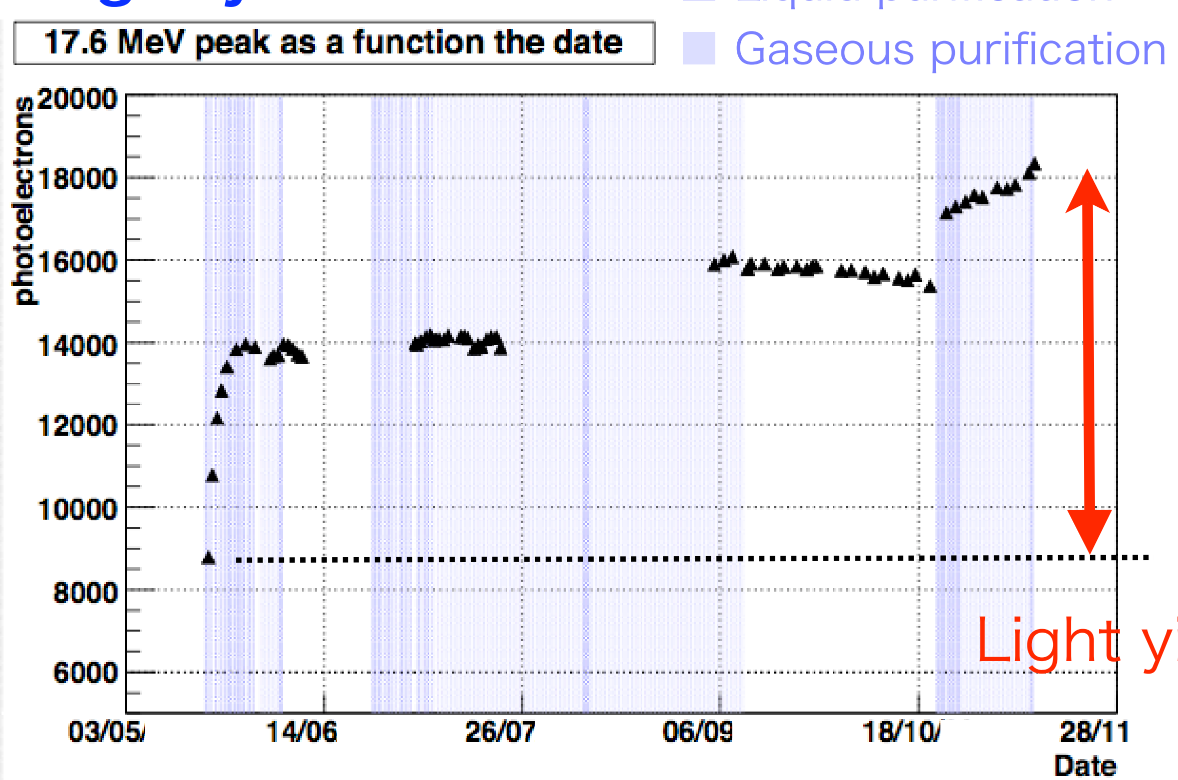


LXe Detector: Calibration and Monitoring

- **Continuous**: PMT gain monitoring with LED
- **Daily**: PMT gain measurement
- **Every second day**:
  - Calibration with monoenergetic γ from nuclear reaction using proton from Cockcroft-Walton accelerator
  - Alpha sources on wire

Light yield

Liquid purification
Gaseous purification



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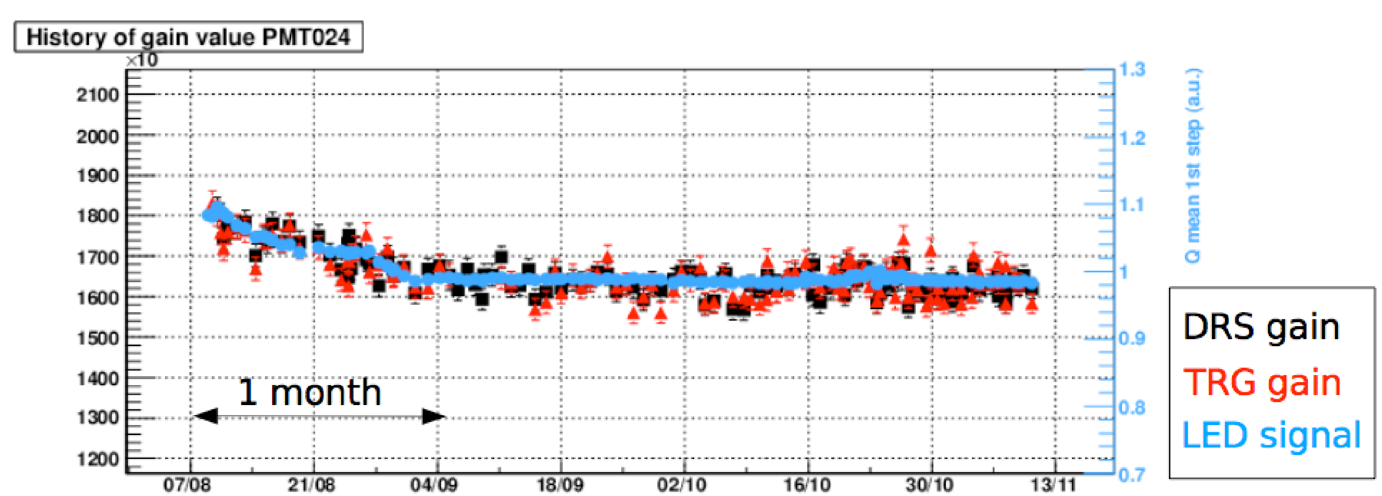
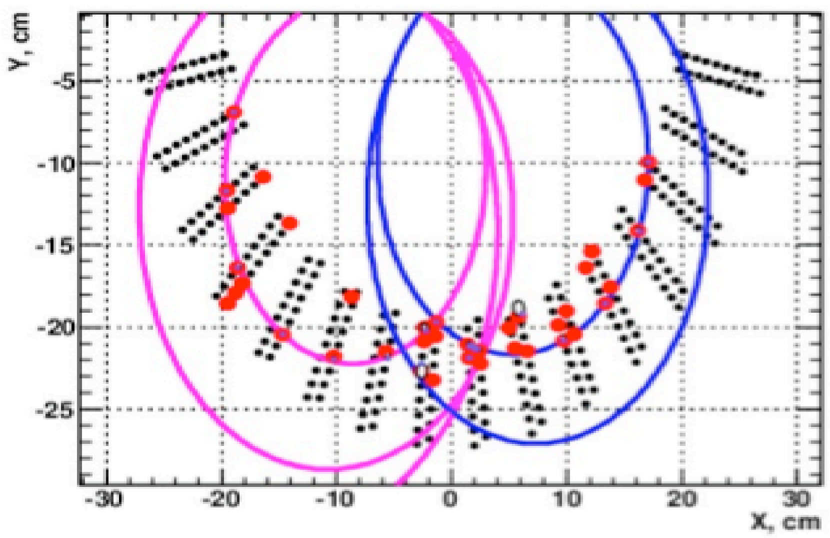


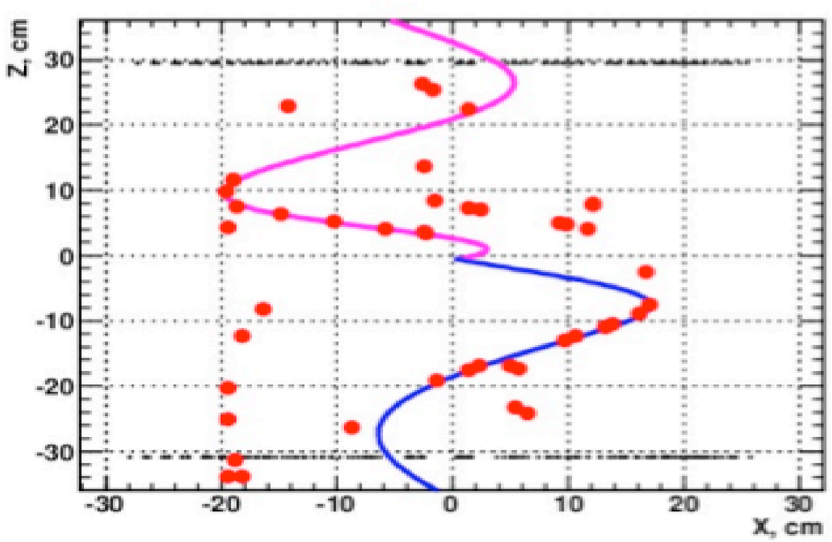
Light yield improved by a factor of two!

Drift Chamber: Performance in 2008

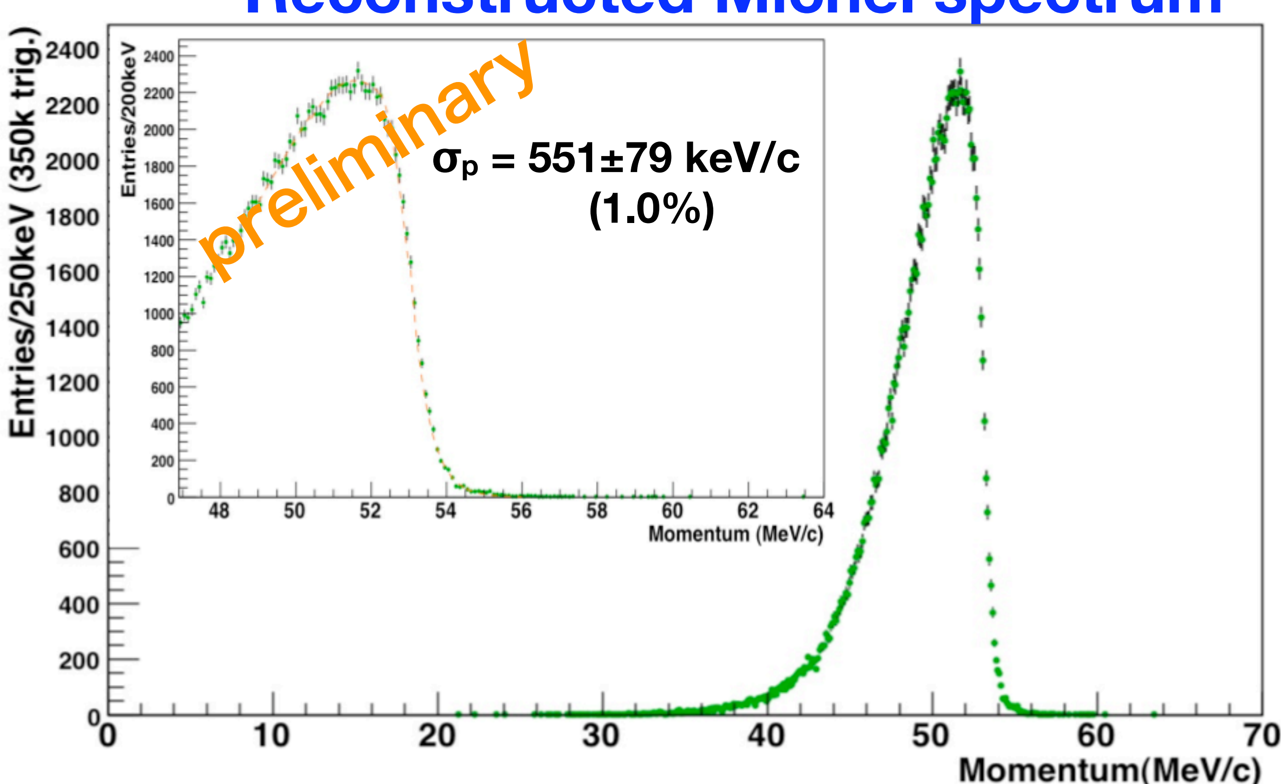
- Calibration
  - Alignment done with Michel-positron tracks
  - Z- and R-resolutions are measured with Michel positron
  - Momentum resolution measured at the edge of the Michel spectrum
- Low efficiency due to frequent tripping of some chambers

Reconstructed tracks





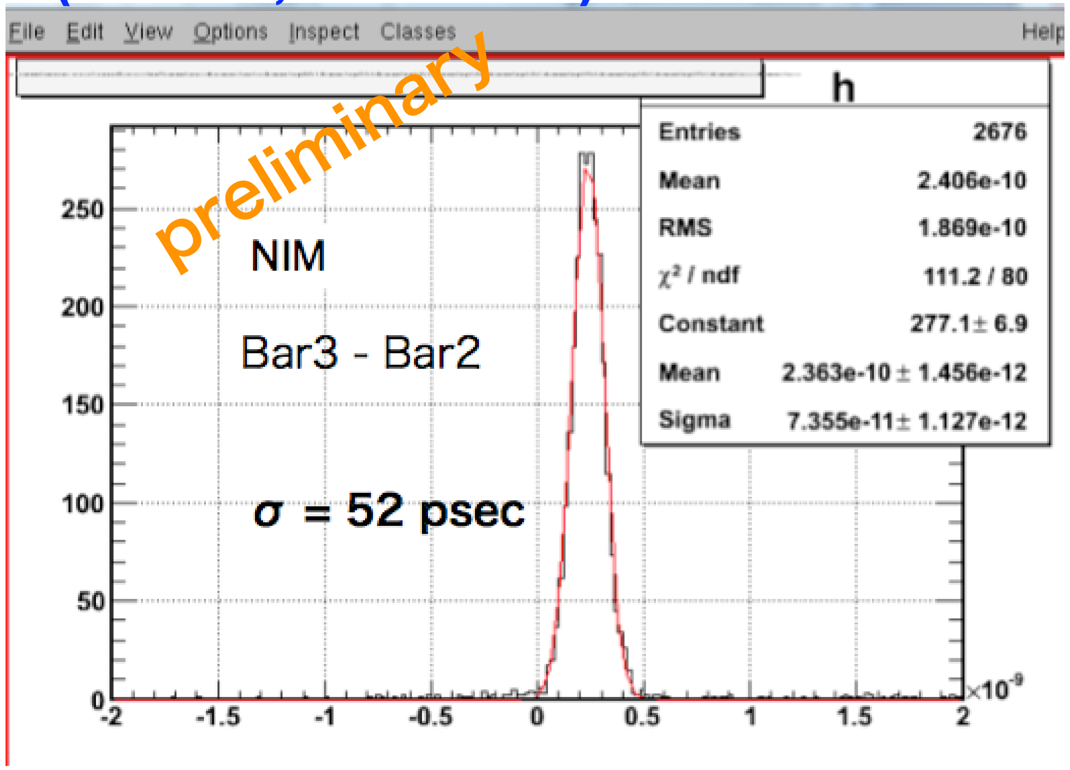
Reconstructed Michel spectrum



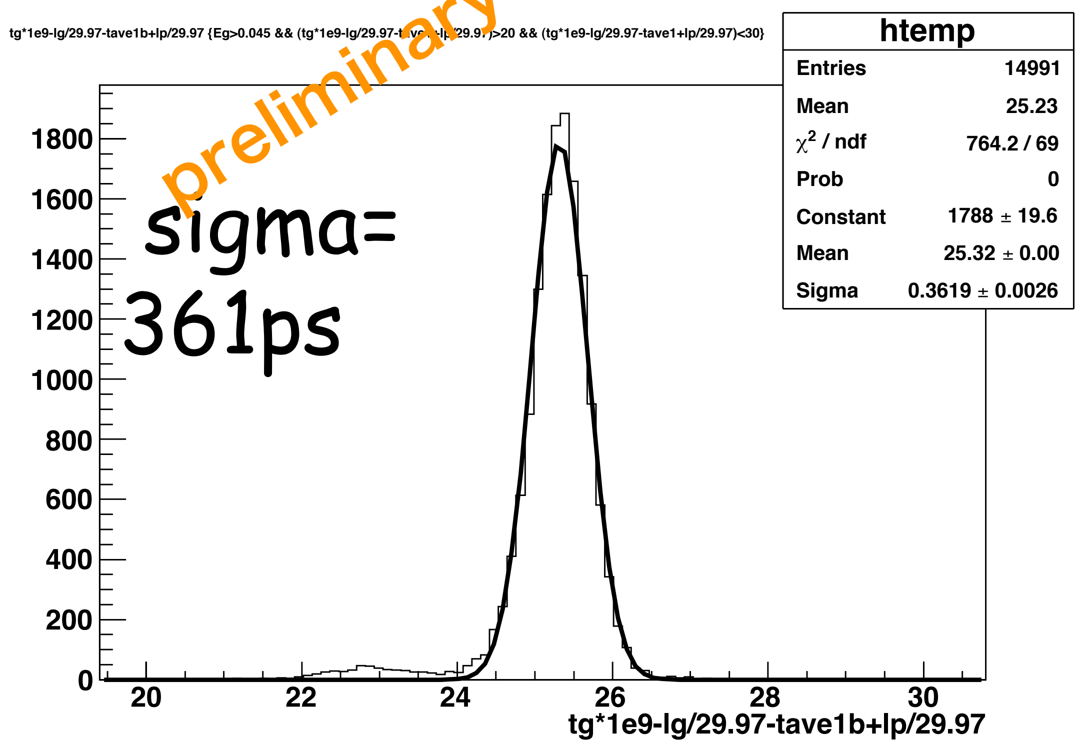
Timing Counter: Performance in 2008

- Time calibration
  - Time coincident γs (4.4 and 11.7MeV) from B(p, γ)C using protons from CW accelerator
  - Cosmic ray
  - Dalitz π^0 decay ($\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$) for calibration of $T_{e\gamma}$
  - Radiative decay (to be studied)

TC time resolution (intrinsic, in run 2007)



$T_{e\gamma}$ distribution in Dalitz π^0 decay



Background and Sensitivity

To be updated

	Goal Measured	Goal Simulation	2007 Measured	2008 Prospects
Gamma Energy (%)	4.5-5.0		6.5	
Gamma Timing (nsec)	0.15		0.27*	
Gamma Position (mm)	4.5-9.0		15.	
Gamma Efficiency (%)	>40		>40	
e^+ Timing (nsec)	0.1		0.12*	
e^+ Momentum (%)		0.8	2.1	
e^+ Angle (mrad)		10.5	17.	
e^+ Efficiency (%)		65.	65.	
Muon Decay Point (mm)		2.1	3.	
Muon Rate (sec^{-1})	3×10^{7}		3×10^{7}	2.8×10^{7}
Running Time (week) (1 week = 4×10^{5} sec)	100			12
Single Event Sensitivity	0.5×10^{-13}			8.5×10^{-13}
Accidental Rate	$0.1\text{-}0.3\times10^{-13}$			
# of Accidental Events	0.2-0.5			
90% CL Limit	2×10^{-13}			$<10^{-11}$

* added another 0.25nsec for BG evaluation (DRS time synchronization)

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  - $\rightarrow$We don’t know yet, because...

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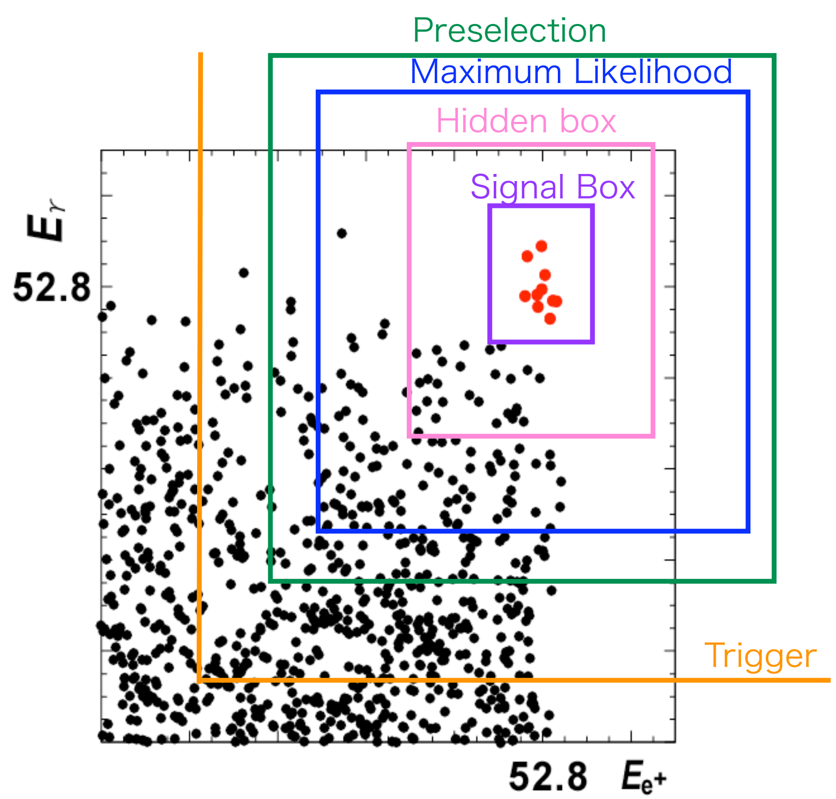
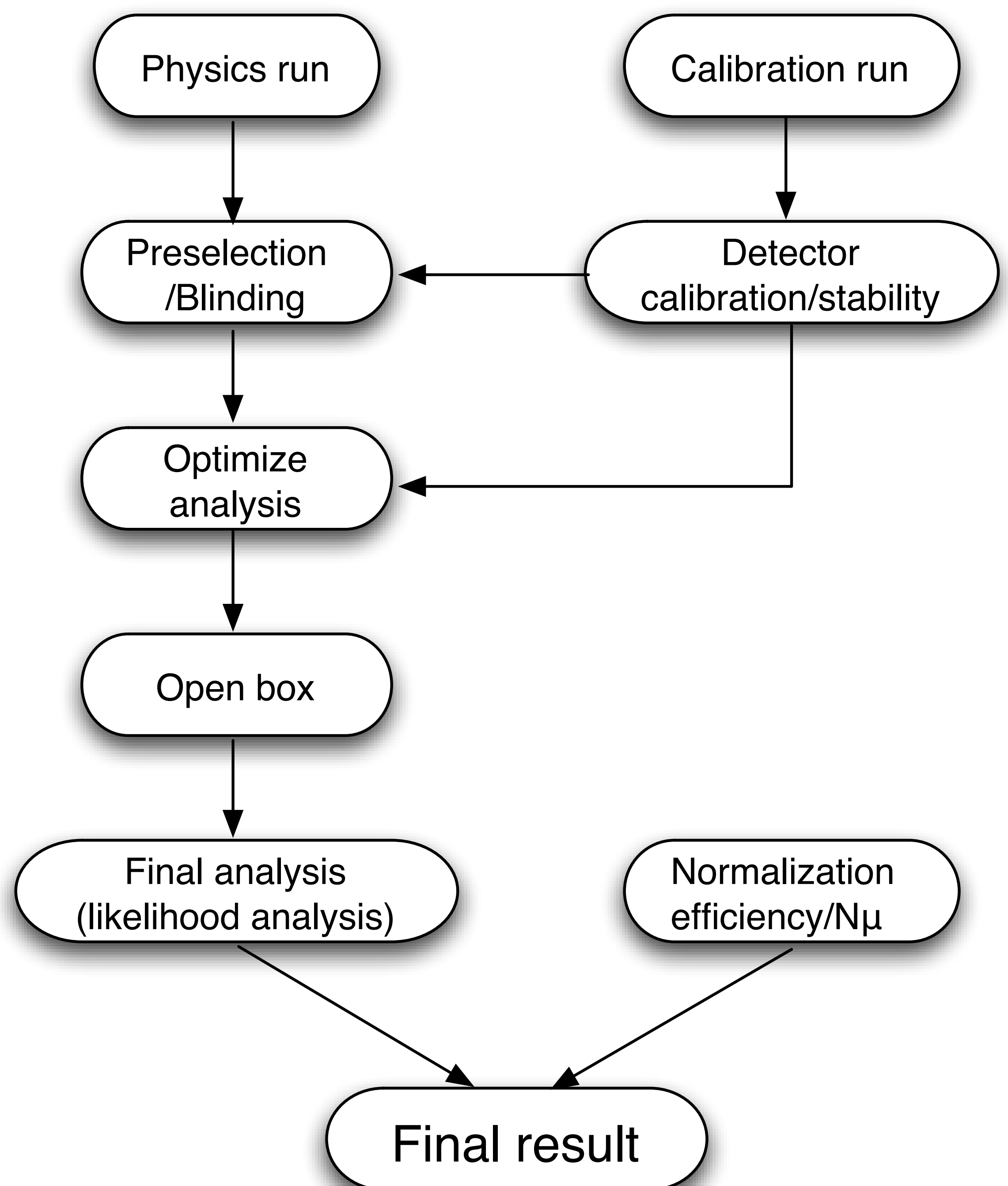
- Blind analysis: **Hidden signal box**
- **Maximum likelihood analysis**
- Preselection for data reduction and efficient analysis
- **Framework/tools are ready and being tested.**

Analysis Window Definition with MC data



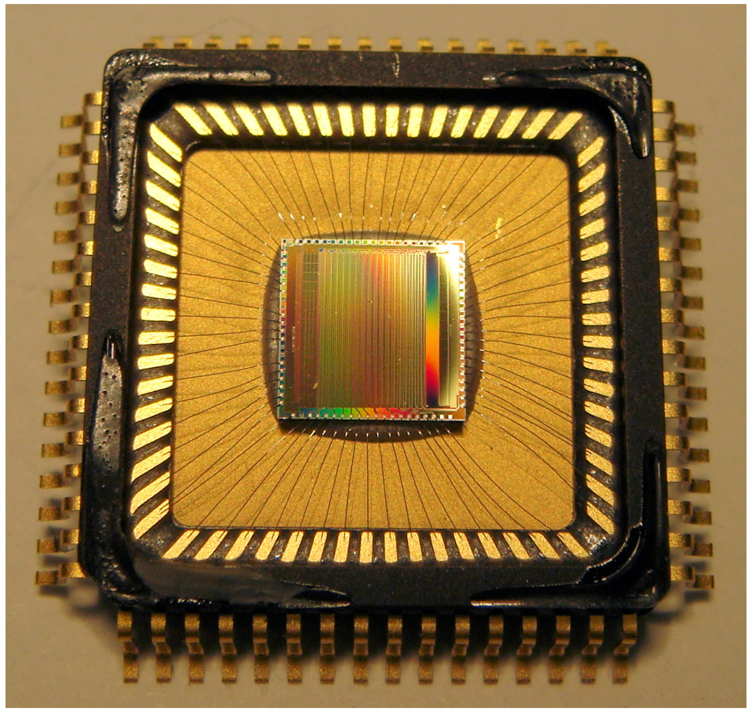
Planned analysis flow



How about Next Year or Later?

- **Various improvements in detector performance are expected next year**
  - Detector calibration still being improved.
  - New waveform digitizer (DRS4) will be installed for run 2009
    - Better time synchronization among the chips
    - Better temperature dependence
    - Ghost pulse problem solved
    - Prototype under testing.
  - Further improvement of light yield in LXe?
    - Still lower than expected (a factor of two).
  - Spectrometer performance
    - Problem of chamber tripping to be solved.
  - Reconstruction algorithms to be improved.

New digitizer chip (DRS4)
Prototype



Summary

- MEG experiment seeks evidence for the LFV process, $\mu \to e\gamma$.
- All detectors assembled again and calibrated for run 2008.
- **We finally started physics-data production in September!**
- Detector performance is still to be optimized.
- Goal of run 2008
  - **Physics data production for ~12 weeks**
  - **Get the first but "significant" physics result with a sensitivity improving the present experimental bound (BR < 1.2×10^{-11})**
- MEG is expected to reach a sensitivity at a few x 10^{-13} branching ratio in a few years of data taking.

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