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New limit on LFV searches from the MEG experiment

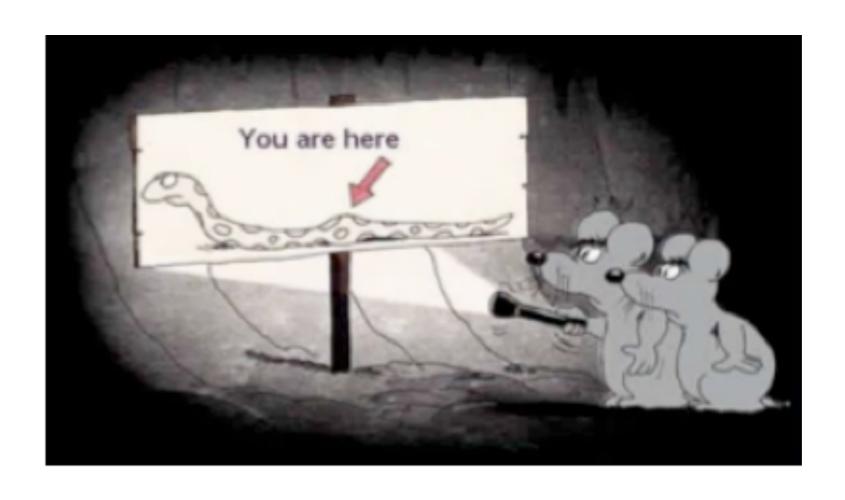
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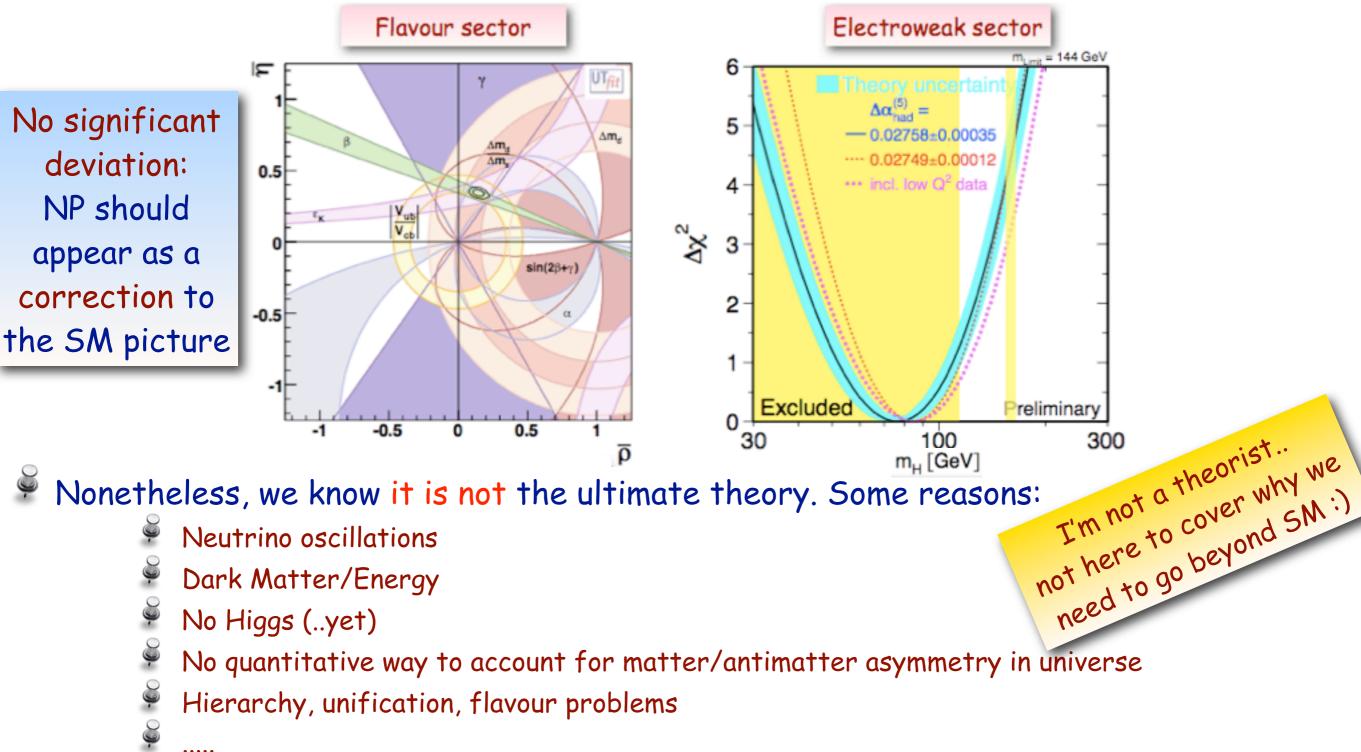
Where we are







SM success (& failure)



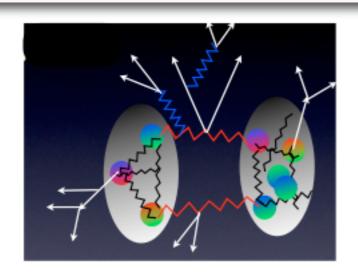
Everybody is eager for New Physics!!



Going beyond the SM



Through the gauge sector (Higgs, EWSB)

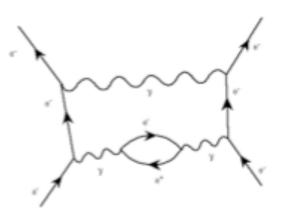




The High Energy Frontier

New particles produced increasing c.m. energy

Through the flavour sector (LFV,CPV, FCNC, v mixing, EDM)





The High Intensity Frontier

Virtual processes indirectly test the NP energy scale (sometime further than LHC reach)

Full complementarity between the two approaches

Why Lepton Flavour Violation

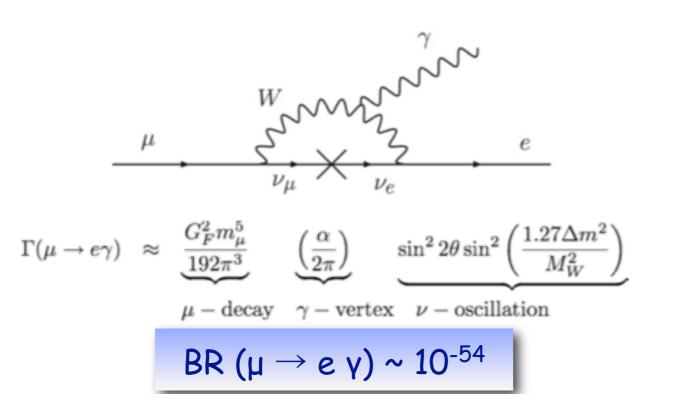




- Not related to the gauge structure of the theory
- Naturally violated in SM extensions

Observation of $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$ would be an unambiguous evidence of NP beyond SM

- FLFV already observed in the neutral sector: neutrino oscillations
- F LFV in charged sector could be mediated by
 - neutrino oscillation in SM extensions with massive neutrinos
 - off-diagonal terms in the slepton mass matrix (through RG evolution) in SUSY



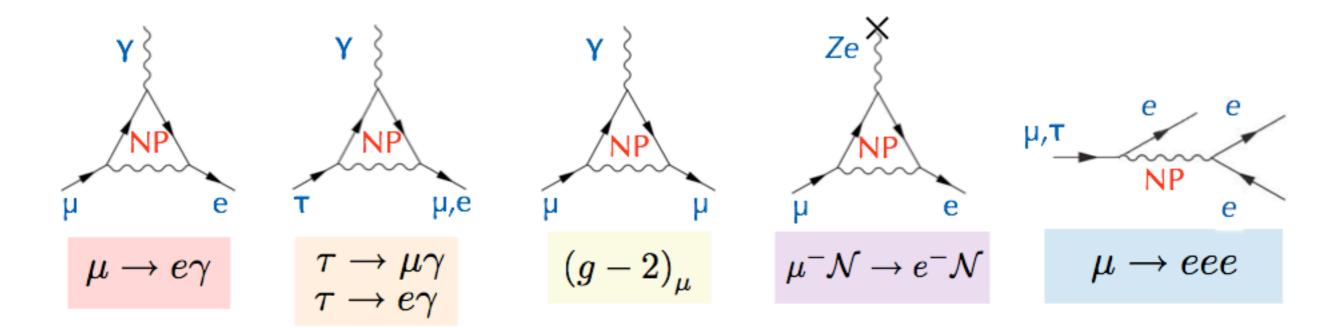
$$\mu$$
 χ^{μ}
 χ^{ν}
 χ^{ν}

BR (
$$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$$
) ~ 10^{-13} - 10^{-14}



A new lepton-lepton coupling

$$y_{ij} \bar{\ell}_i F^{\mu
u} \ell_j \sigma_{\mu
u}$$





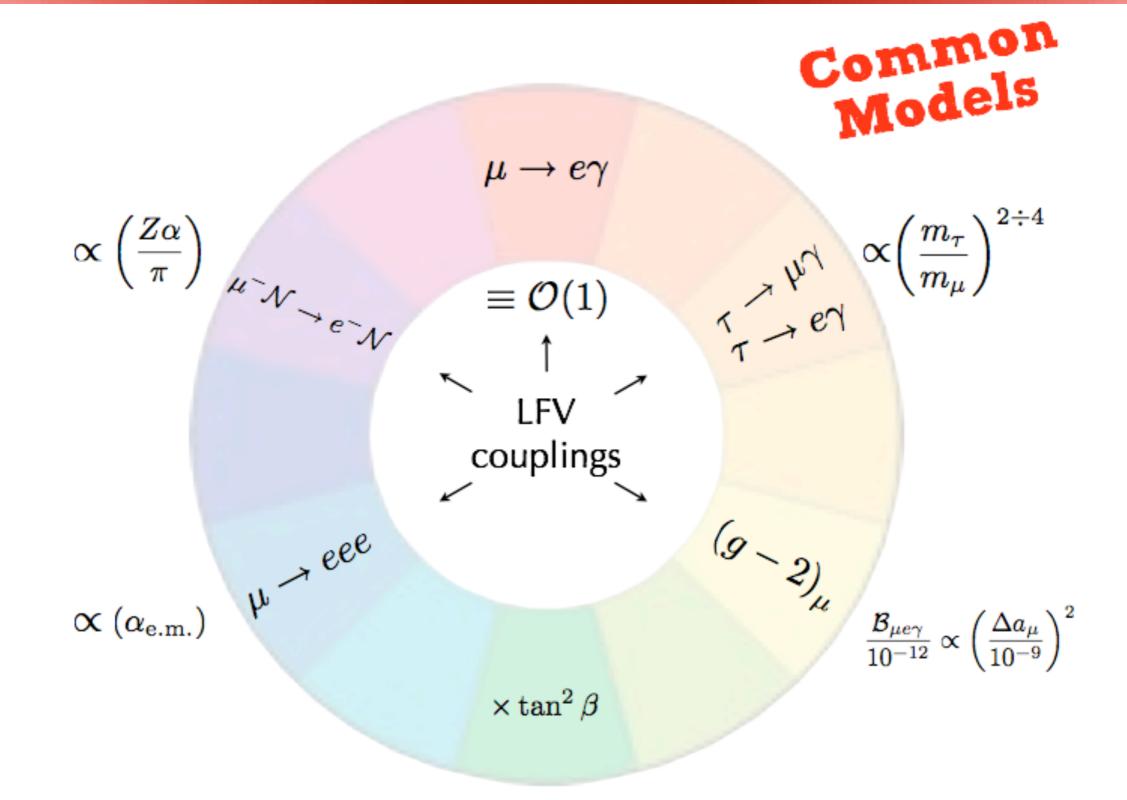
cLFV processes are a wide field of research

- LFV decays
- Muon to electron conversion in matter
- Anomalous magnetic moment



The cLFV wheel







Present Limits

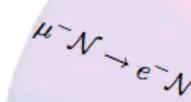


SINDRUMII

$$\mathcal{B}(\mu \mathrm{Ti} \to e \mathrm{Ti}) < 4.3 \times 10^{-12}$$

 $\mathcal{B}(\mu \mathrm{Au} \to e \mathrm{Au}) < 7 \times 10^{-13}$

2006



1.2×10^{-11}

$$\mu \to e \gamma$$

MEGA@LAMPF

1999

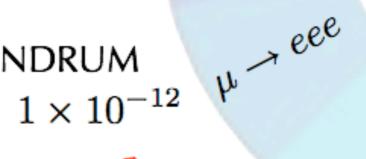
2010

B-factories

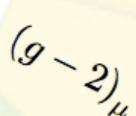
$$3.3 \div 4.5 \times 10^{-8}$$

SINDRUM

1988



 $\times \tan^2 \beta$



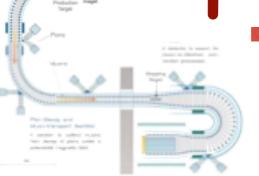
BNL E821

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{exp}} - a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}} = (296 \pm 81) \times 10^{-11}$$



Future Prospects





mu2e COMET

 $10^{-16} \rightarrow 10^{-18}$



 $\mu \to e \gamma$

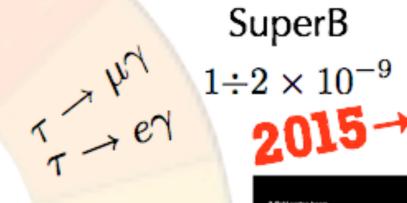


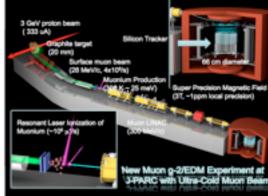
 $\text{few} \times 10^{-13}$

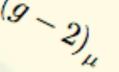
running →2013









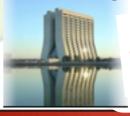


g-2 JPARC

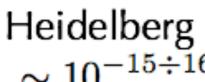
$$\Delta a_{\mu} = (XXX \pm 34) \times 10^{-11}$$

 $3.6\sigma \rightarrow 8\sigma$ 0.1 ppm

g-2 FNAL

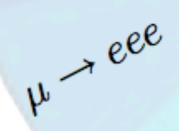


2017?→



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



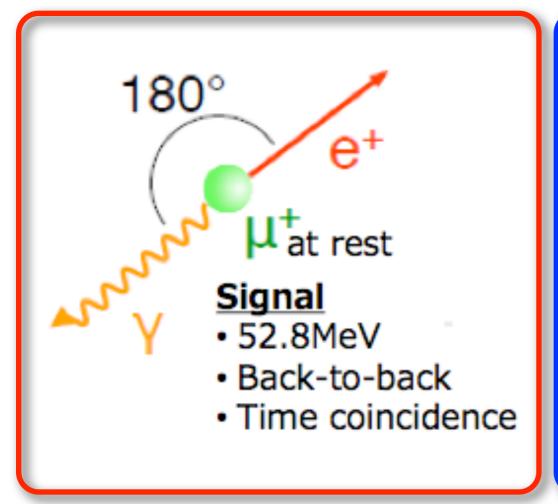


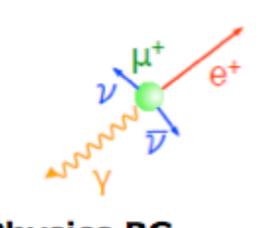
 $\times \tan^2 \beta$



μ-ey: experimental signature



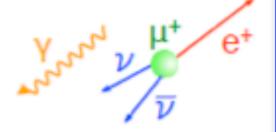




Physics BG

(radiative muon decay)

- <52.8MeV</p>
- Any angle
- Time coincidence



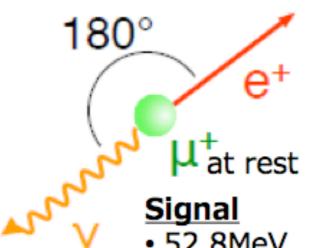
Accidental BG

- <52.8MeV</p>
- Any angle
- Random

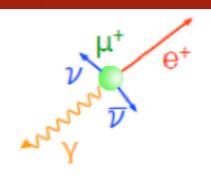


µ→ey: experimental challenge!! KEK-JAPA





- 52.8MeV
- Back-to-back
- Time coincidence



Physics BG RMD (radiative muon decay)

- <52.8MeV</p>
- Any angle
- Time coincidence



- < < 52.8 MeV
- Any angle
- Random

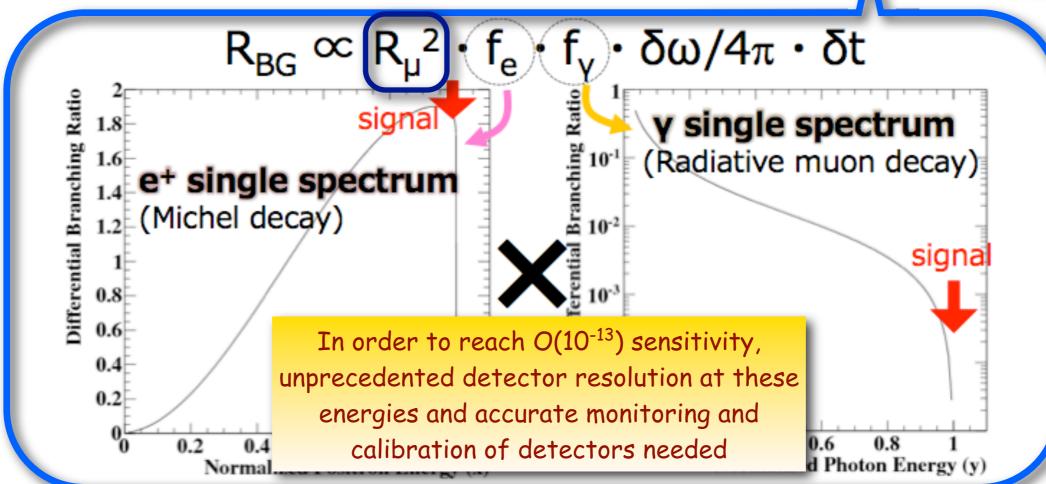
Accidental

Dominant

background is

determined by the

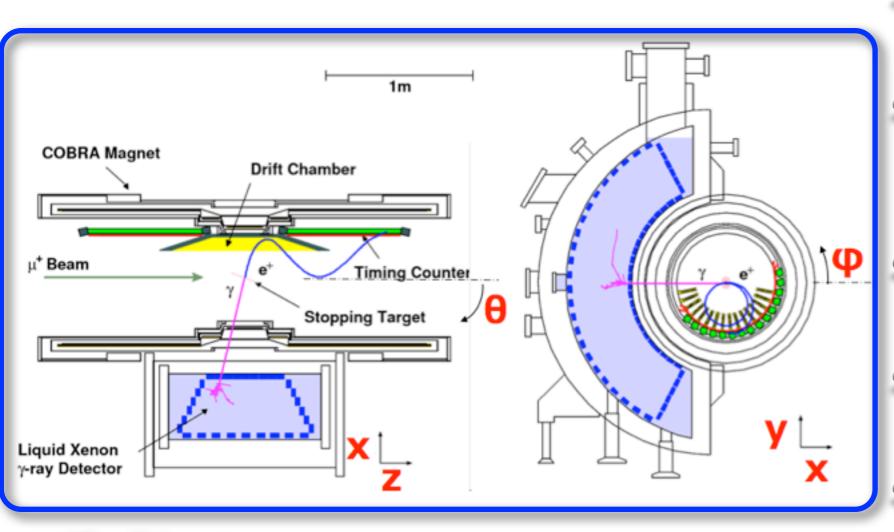
experimental resolutions





MEG in a nutshell





Most intense DC muon beam of 3×10^7 muon/s at PSI

- Quasi-solenoidal spectrometer & low mass drift chamber for e kinematic measurement
- Scintillator bars and fibers for e⁺ timing
- Liquid Xenon calorimeter for photon detection
- ~10⁷ fully efficient trigger bkg suppression





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KEK Tokyo Univ. Waseda Univ.



UC Irvine

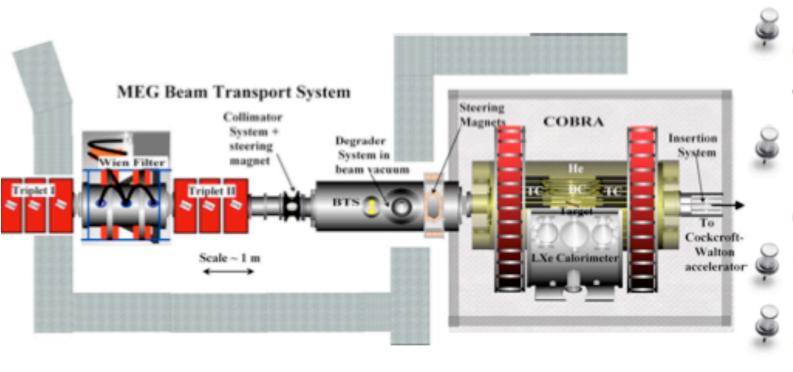


PSI



BINP - Novosibirsk JINR - Dubna

The PSI πE5 beam & target LEK-JAPA



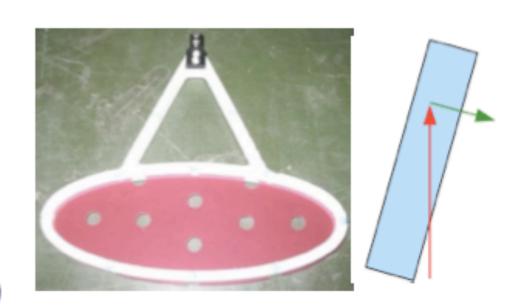
Most intense proton DC beam in the world: 2 mA @ 1.3 MW
 28 MeV/c "surface muons" from decay of π at rest

Wien filter for e/μ separation Solenoid to couple beam with the

COBRA magnetic field

Need enough material for stopping muons but low bremsstrahlung for signal positron:

- 🏿 degrader 200/300 μm + target 205 μm
- 20.5° angle between beam and target
- material with high radiation length X0 (CH2)



μ

Liquid Xenon y detector



First ton-scale (~ 900 L) LXe calorimeter in use in the world

- Pros
 - High light yield (~ 75% NaI)
 - Fast response (Tdecay = 45 ns)
 - High stopping power $(X_0 = 2.8 \text{ cm})$
 - No self absorption
 - Uniform, no segmentation, no aging
- Challenges
 - Vacuum ultra violet (178 nm)
 - Low temperature (165 K)
 - Need high purity

Measure photon energy and time and position

of conversion inside the LXe

 $\leq \sigma_{E}/E < 2 \% @ 52.8 MeV$

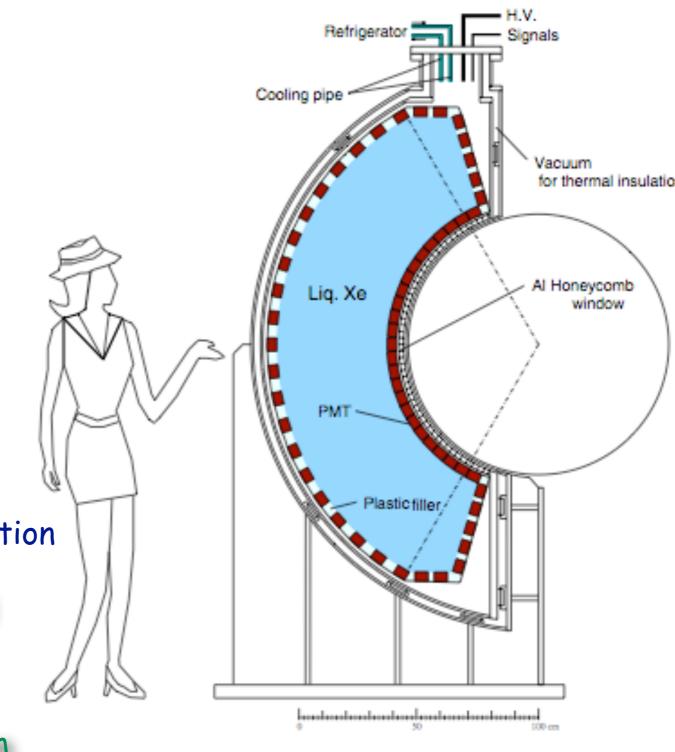
 $\sigma_t = 67 \text{ ps}$

 $\sigma_{x} = 5-6 \text{ mm}$

proposal 1.2 %

43 ps

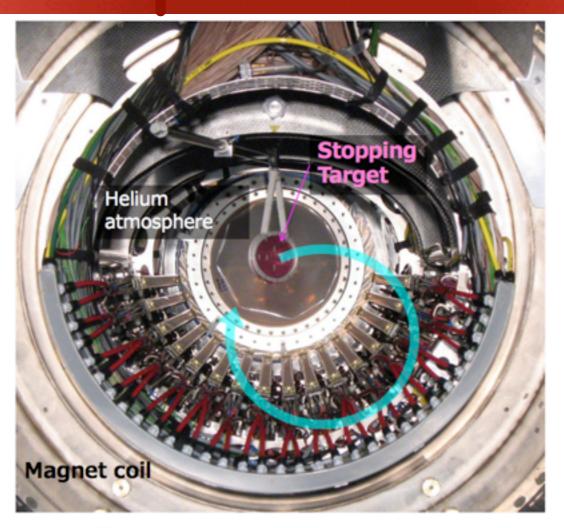
3.8-5.1 mm





The Spectrometer





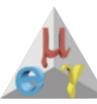
Experimental requirements:

Very good momentum and angular resolution (~ 200 KeV @ 52.8 MeV and ~ 5 mrad)

Low pile-up for efficient background rejection

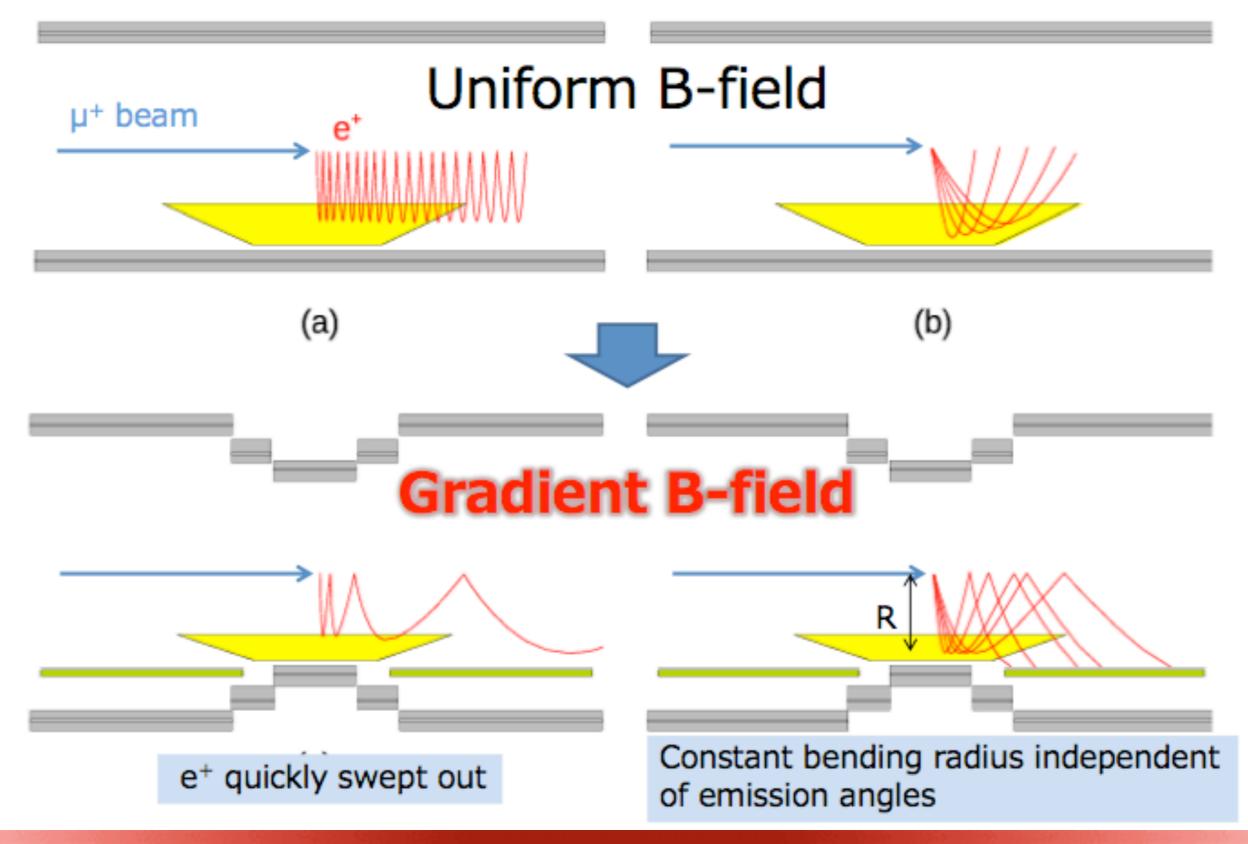


Low mass drift chambers in graded magnetic field (COBRA)



COnstant Bending RAdius Magnet



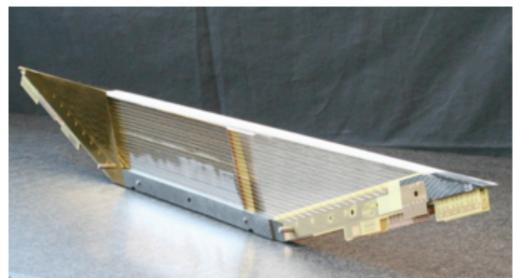


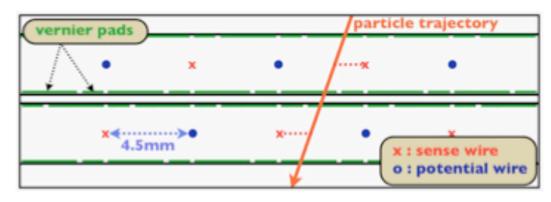


Drift Chambers









16 chamber sectors, 2 planes each

Staggered array of drift cells

Helium: Ethane 50/50 mixture

Ultra low mass chamber to suppress MS that limits momentum and angular resolutions

≥ 12.5 µm cathode foils with Vernier patter for Z hit position

~ 0.2 % X₀ along e⁺ trajectory

Reconstruct e⁺ momentum vector at target with Kalman filter technique proposal

 $\phi = \sigma_E/E \sim 0.6 \%$ 0.3 %

 $\phi = \sigma_{\theta} \sim 10 \text{ mrad}$ 5 mrad

 $\phi = \sigma_{\phi} \sim 7 \text{ mrad}$ 5 mrad



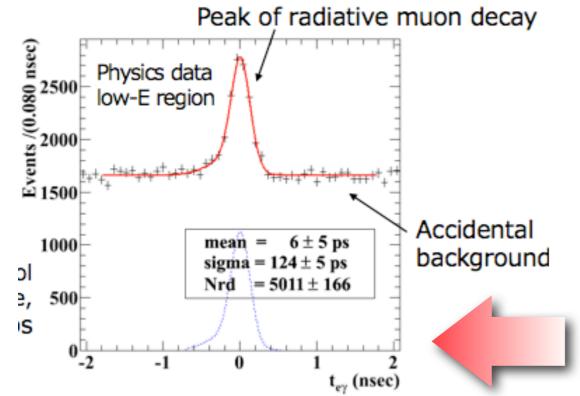
Time Measurement

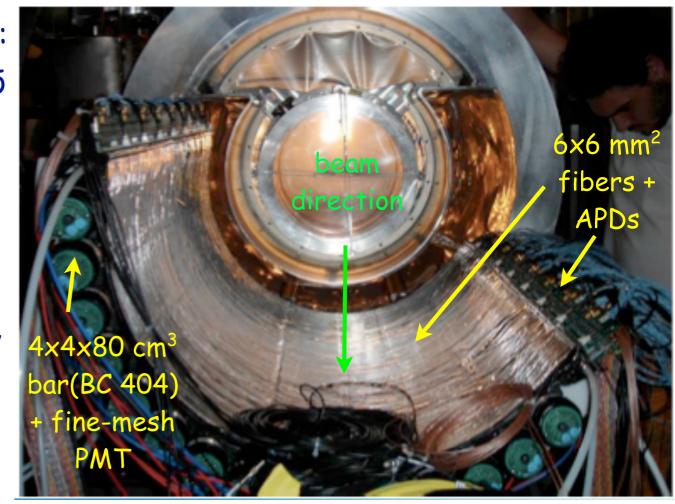


Positron time measured by timing counter: 2 sections (upstream & downstream) of 15 bars each read by fine mesh PMTs

Further z impact position measurement with scintillating fibers read by APDs

Crucial for positron time measurement: intrinsic time resolution: current ~ 70 ps/goal ~ 50 ps





Muon decay time:

F TC hit time + e $^+$ flight length from DC

 $\stackrel{>}{=}$ LXe hit time + γ flight lenght

 \Rightarrow $t_{e\gamma} = t_{e+} - t_{\gamma}$

 $\sigma_{\text{tey}} = 122 \text{ ps from RMD}$



Trigger & DAQ





DAQ

- Custom WF digitizer DRS chip design at PSI
- Sampling speed [800 MHz, 5 GHz]
- Bandwidth 1 GHz
- inter-chip synchronization < 30 ps

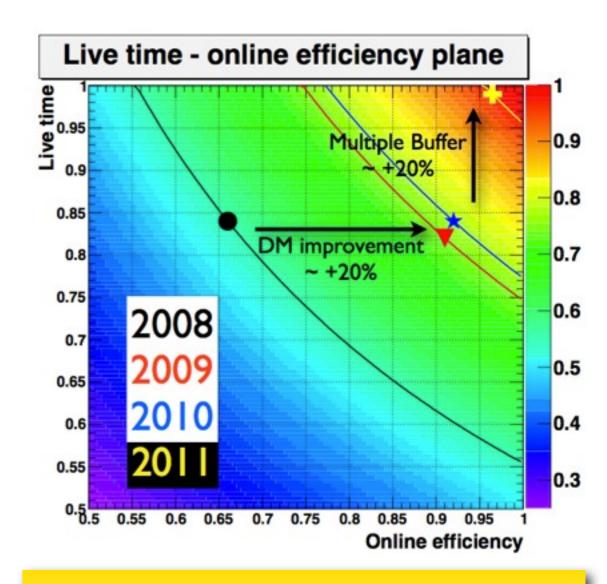
Trigger experimental requirements

- O (10⁷) background suppression
- > 95 % efficiency on signal
- Maximum latency ~ 450 ns
- Flexibility for physics analysis as well as calibrations



MEG choices

- 100 MHz digital conversion of input signals
- Selection algorithms on FPGAs
- Use of fast detector, LXe and TC:
 - $E_{v} > 45 \text{ MeV} ---> \text{rate } 2 \times 10^{3} \text{ Hz}$
 - \triangle t between LXe and TC --> rate 100 Hz
 - Collinearity based on LUT tables --> 10 Hz

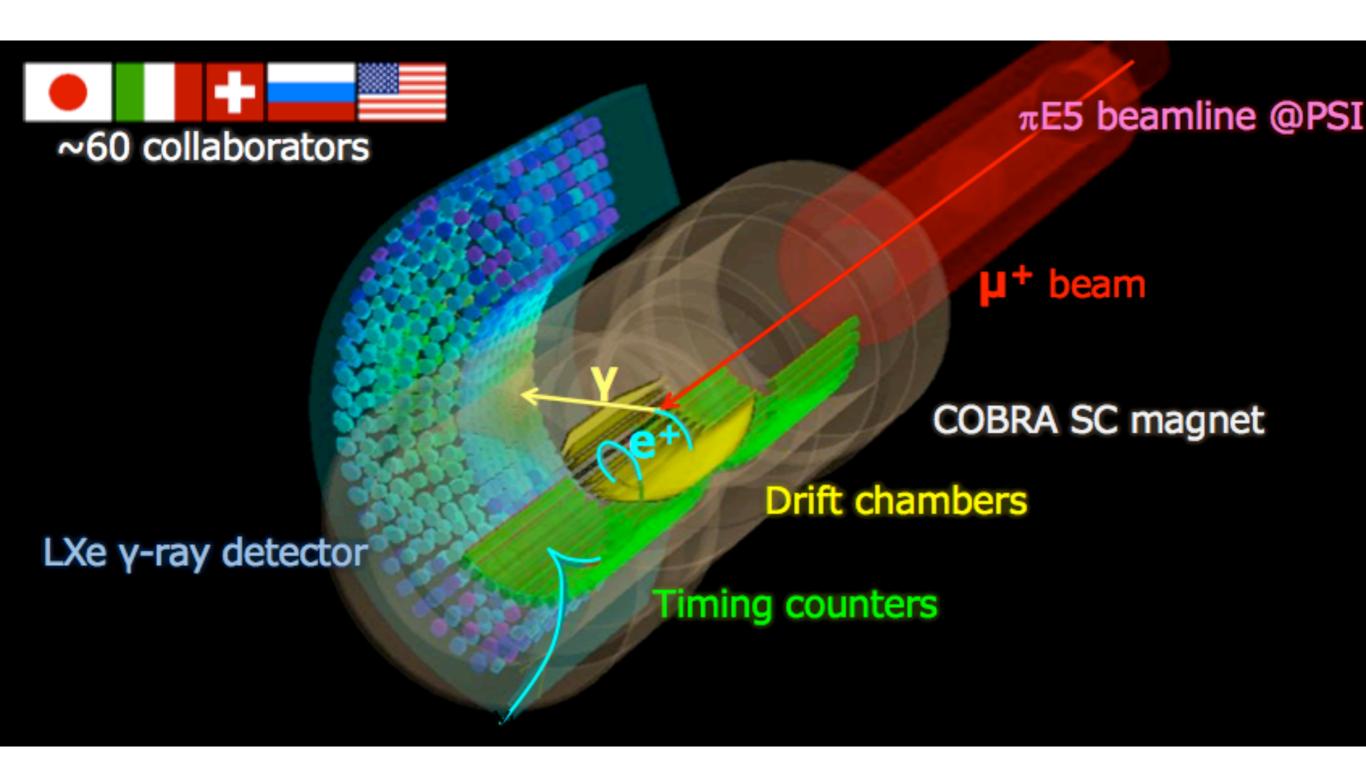


Trigger improvements through time thanks to improved online resolutions (DM improvement) and multiple buffer readout implementation (MB)



MEG picture







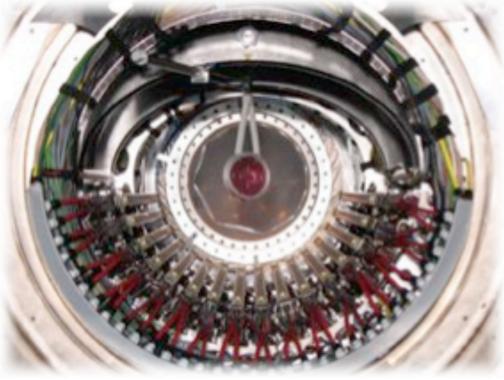
Detector Pictures

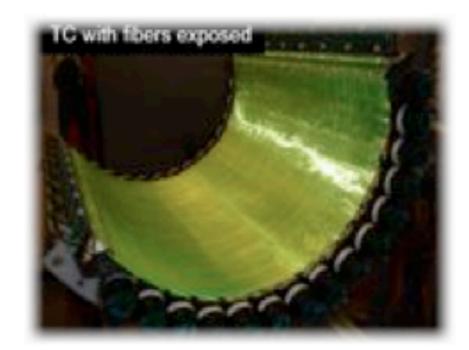


LXe detector



DC system





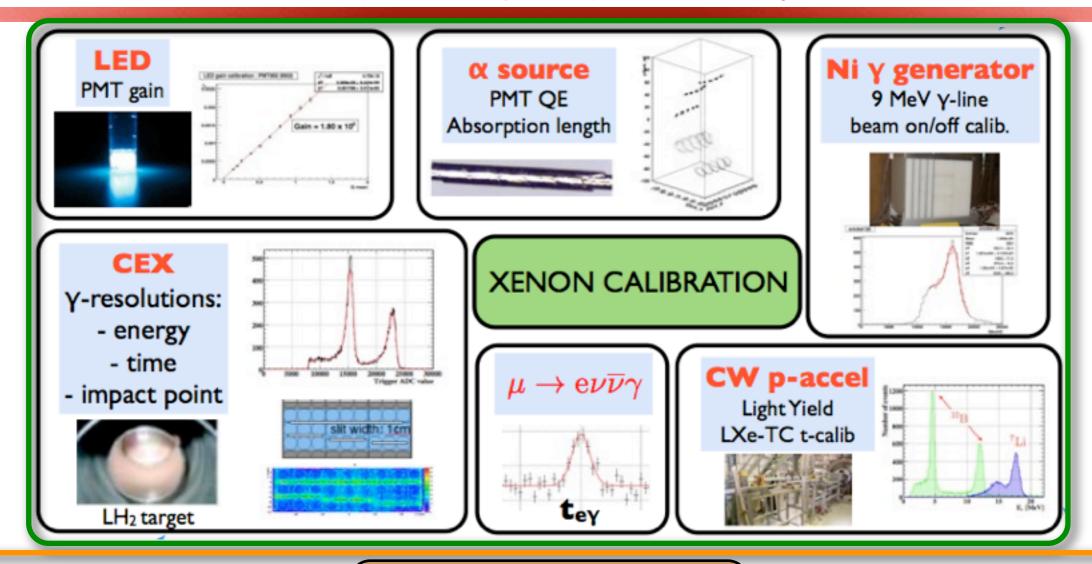
Beam Line



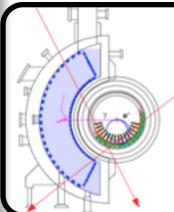


Calibrations



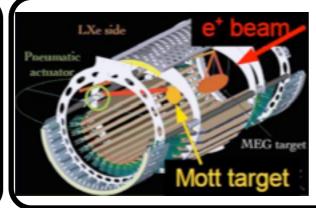


TRACKER CALIBRATION



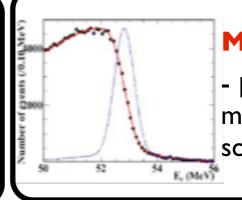
Cosmic Ray

- DC alignment
- -TC uniformity
- -LXe monitoring



e⁺ Mott-scatter

- Monochromatic, tunable momentum bean



Michel decays

- μ→ e vv for momentum energy scale



CW and CEX calibrations

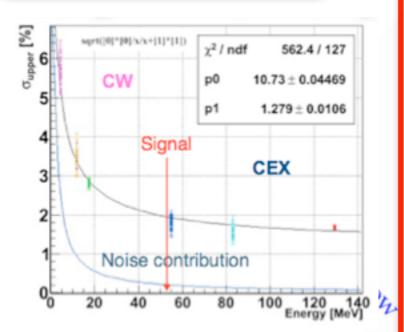


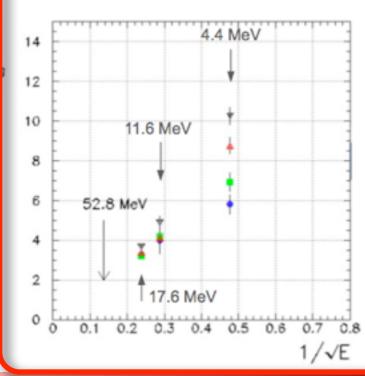
 $p + {}_5{}^{11}B \rightarrow {}_6{}^{12}C^{**} + \gamma$ 4.4, 11.7, ${}^{12}C^{**} \rightarrow {}^{12}C \gamma$ 16.1 MeV at the same time

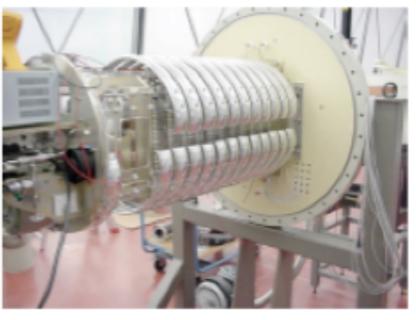
+ $_3$ ⁷Li \rightarrow $_4$ ⁸Be + γ 17.6, 14.6 MeV

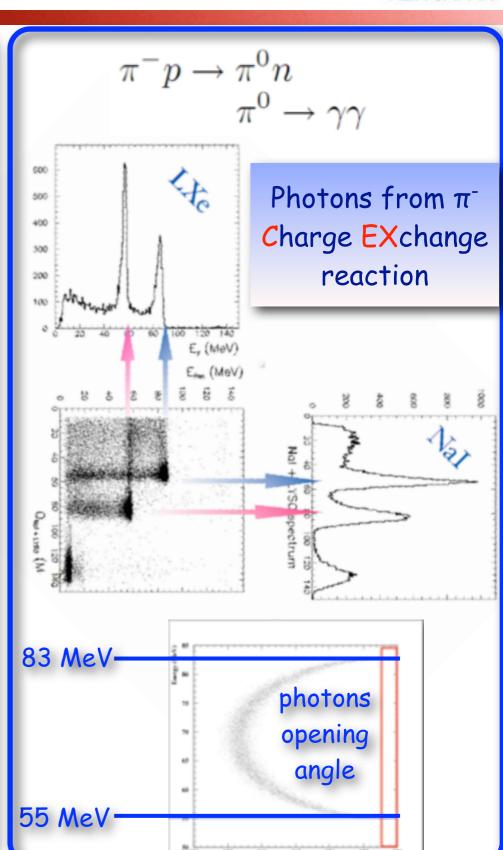
Target of Li₂B₄O₇ allows both calibrations at same time

> Cockcroft-Walton accelerator











Alignment





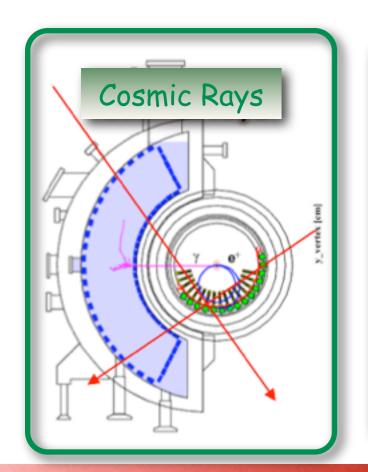
Good alignment is crucial to reduce systematics on relative photon-positron angle

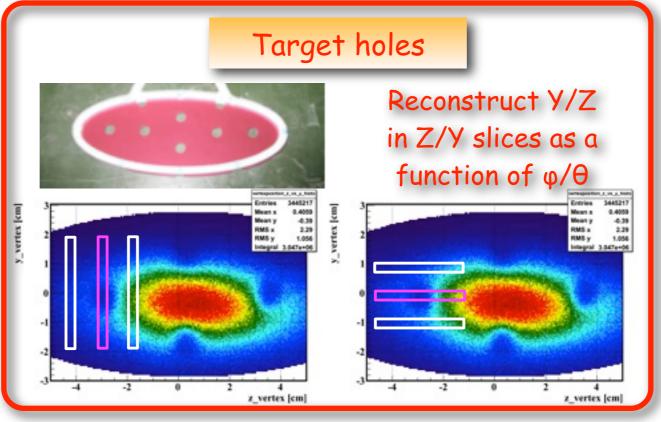
- No back to back source for calibration
- Nonetheless, we improved alignment inside and among detectors
 - DC B field target LXe

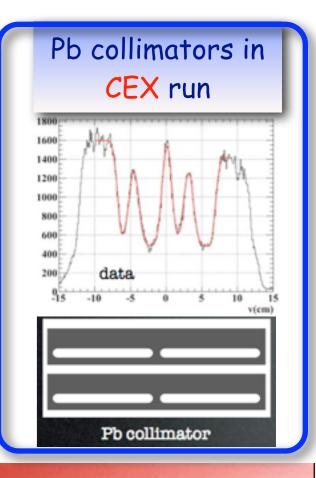


Tools:

- Optical surveys
- DC: Millipede (a la CMS)
 with cosmic rays + Michel e
- Target holes
- LXe: Pb collimators
- B field: resolutions and correlations



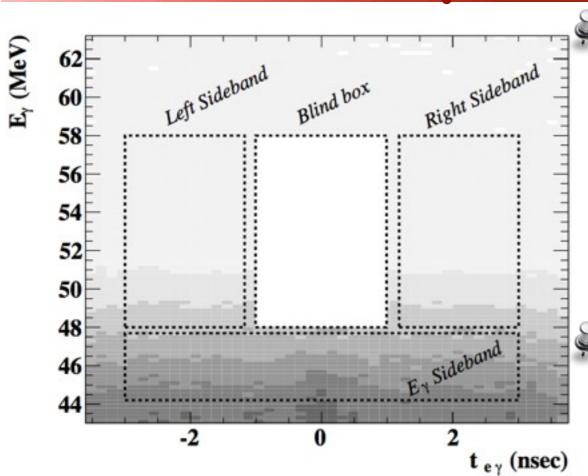






Analysis Technique





Blind analysis technique adopted:

- Events inside a signal region of E_{γ} and $t_{e\gamma}$ not used for analysis development
- Background characterization from sidebands:
 - accidental bkg from off-time sidebands,
 - RMD from low energy E_v sideband
- Extended unbinned ML fit of Nsig, NRMD and Nbkg
 - Observables E_{γ} , E_{e} , $t_{e\gamma}$, $\theta_{e\gamma}$, $\phi_{e\gamma}$,



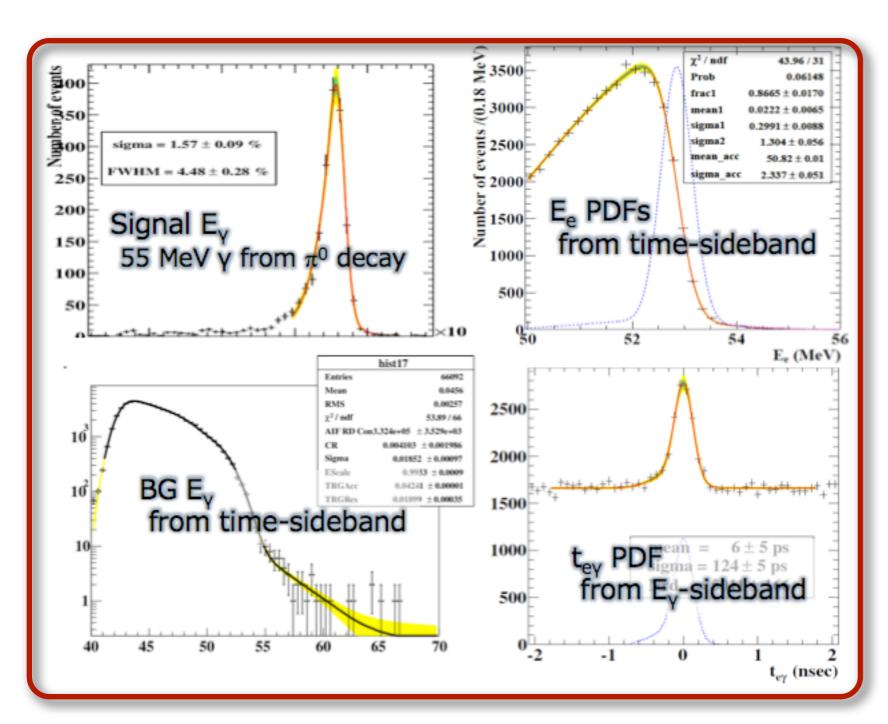
- Count unbiased Michel sample in physics data simultaneously with the signal
 - \mathcal{L} Count RMD sample in E_v sideband (independent sample) for consistency check
- Independent of instantaneous beam rate and insensitive to acceptance and efficiency

$$\mathrm{BR}(\mu^+ \to e^+ \gamma) \; = \; \frac{N_{\mathrm{sig}}}{N_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}} \times \frac{f_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}^E}{P} \times \frac{\epsilon_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}^{\mathrm{trig}}}{\epsilon_{e\gamma}^{\mathrm{trig}}} \times \frac{A_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}^{\mathrm{TC}}}{A_{e\gamma}^{\mathrm{TC}}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}^{\mathrm{DCH}}}{\epsilon_{e\gamma}^{\mathrm{DCH}}} \times \frac{1}{A_{e\gamma}^{\mathrm{g}}} \times \frac{1}{\epsilon_{e\gamma}^{\mathrm{DCH}}},$$



PDFs





- Signal E_e PDF from fit to Michel edge data
- Signal angle PDFs measured on data from tracks which make two turns inside the spectrometer
- Background angle PDFs
 measured on time sideband
- RMD PDFs from theoretical distributions convoluted with measured resolutions

Fit variables: E_γ, E_e, t_{eγ}, θ_{eγ}, φ_{eγ}

Signal Positron PDFs & Correlations



Signal positron PDFs are evaluated from tracks which make 2 turns inside the spectrometer, treating each turn as an independent pseudo track

Since all positrons must come from the target (~200 µm thick, fairly considered bidimensional in our analysis), this constraint removes one degree of freedom from the problem, introducing correlations among all positrons track parameters and resolutions

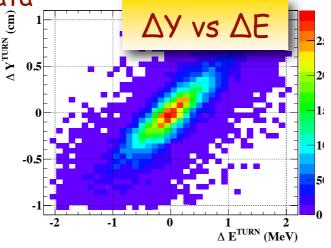
This geometrical effect worsen resolutions, which can nevertheless be partially recovered taking correlations into account in the likelihood analysis

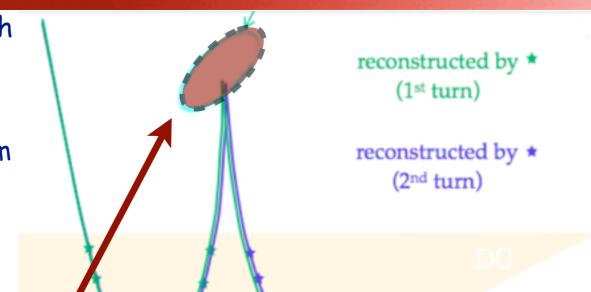
Evaluating resolution at the 2-turn track turning point on a fictitious plane with same inclination as the target allows to extract correlations from data

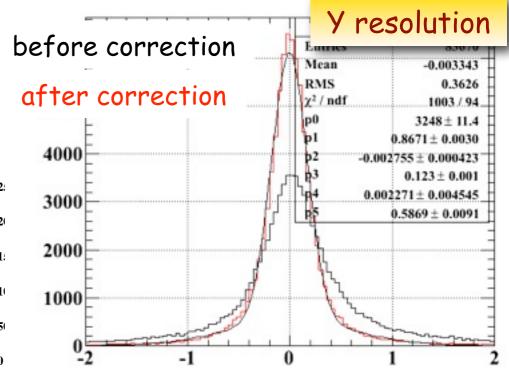
$$\delta\phi_e = -2 an\phi_erac{\delta R}{R} = -2 an\phi_erac{\delta E}{E}$$

$$\delta Y = 2\delta R\cos\phi_e + R\sin\phi_e\delta\phi_e = rac{2R}{\cos\phi_e}rac{\delta E}{E}$$

$$\delta Z = \frac{2R}{\sin^2\theta_e}\delta\theta_e - 2R\cot\theta_e\frac{\delta E}{E}$$









Performances



	2009	2010
γ energy	1.9%(w> 2cm), 2.4%(w< 2cm)	1.9%(w> 2cm), 2.4%(w< 2cm)
γ timing	96 ps	67 ps
γ position	5 mm (u,v), 6 mm(w)	5 mm (u,v), 6 mm(w)
γ efficiency	58%	59%
e ⁺ timing	107 ps	107 ps
e ⁺ energy	0.31 MeV (80% core)	0.32 MeV (79% core)
e^+ angle (θ)	9.4 mrad	II.0 mrad
e ⁺ angle (φ)	6.7 mrad	7.2 mrad
e ⁺ vertex (Z/Y)	I.5 mm/I.I mm(core)	2.0 mm/I.I mm(core)
e ⁺ efficiency	40%	34%
e ⁺ - γ timing	146 ps	122 ps
Trigger efficiency	91%	92%
e ⁺ - γ angle (θ)	14.5 mrad	17.1 mrad
e^+ - γ angle (ϕ)	13.1 mrad	14.0 mrad
Stopping µ rate	$2.9 \times 10^7 s^{-1}$	$2.9 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$
DAQ time/ Real time	35 days/43 days	56 days/67 days
Total stopped µ	6.5×10^{13}	1.1 x 10 ¹⁴

Slightly worse ettracking in 2010

- due to noise

problem

Photon timing improvement thanks to WF digitizer upgrade in 2010



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This result



- ²2009 + 2010 dataset combined analysis (2010 data ~ 2 x 2009 data)
- Improved understanding of the experiment w.r.t. ICHEP 2010:
 - Improved alignment inside and among detectors through newly developed techniques
 - Improved magnetic field map
 - Implementation of correlations at the target in likelihood analysis, strongly reducing the systematics and the effective resolutions
- Improvements in the likelihood analysis technique w.r.t. ICHEP 2010
 - N_{bkg} constrained from sideband data
 - Profile-likelihood interval with Feldman-Cousins method

compare best UL 12 \times 10⁻¹²

Sensitivity confirmed on time AND angular

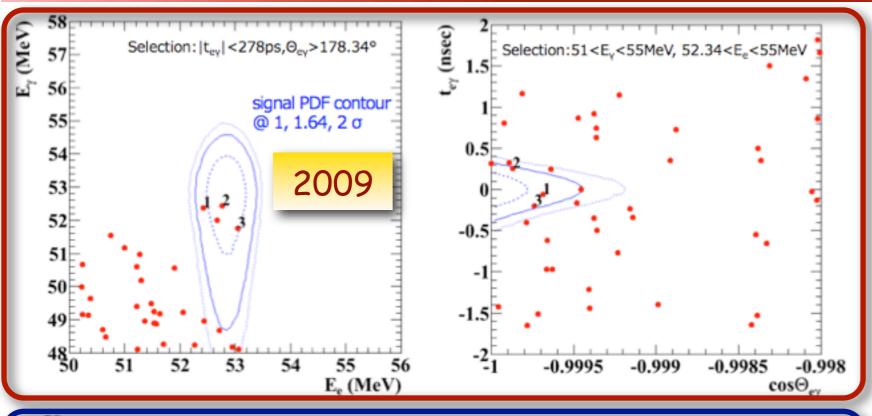
sideband data

Sensitivity of combined data 1.6 \times 10⁻¹² @ 90% CL 3.3 \times 10⁻¹² in 2009 + 2.2 \times 10⁻¹² in 2010

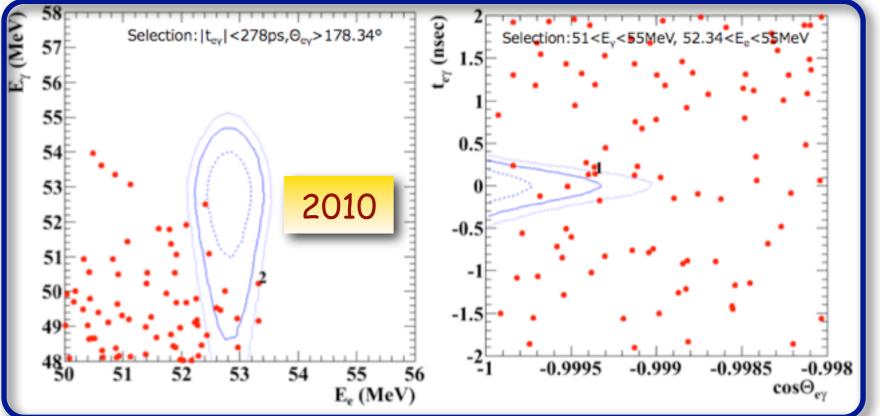


2009 and 2010 results





- 2009 data re-analyzed with improvements: best N_{siq} fit 3.4 (ICHEP '10 best Nsig fit 3.0) ---> STABLE RESULT
- 1.7×10^{-13} < BR < 9.6 × 10⁻¹² @ 90% CL
- p-Value for null signal 8%

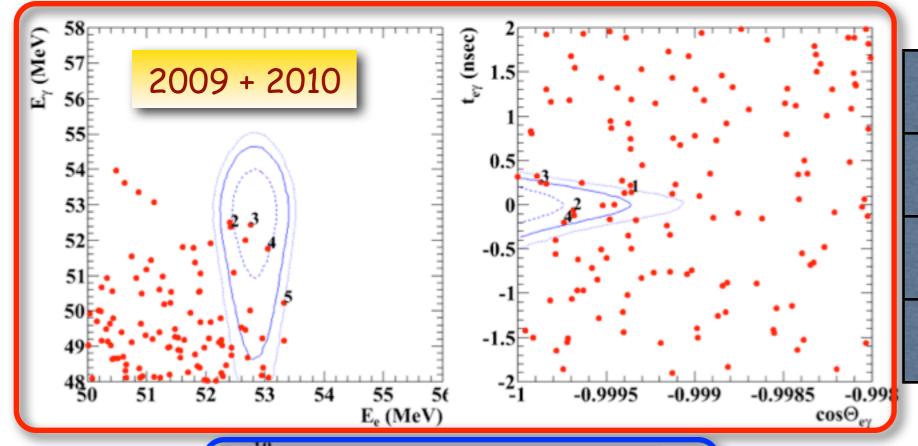


- 2010 data best N_{sig} fit -2.2
- ■BR < 1.7 × 10⁻¹² @ 90% CL
- Sensitivity 2.2×10^{-12}



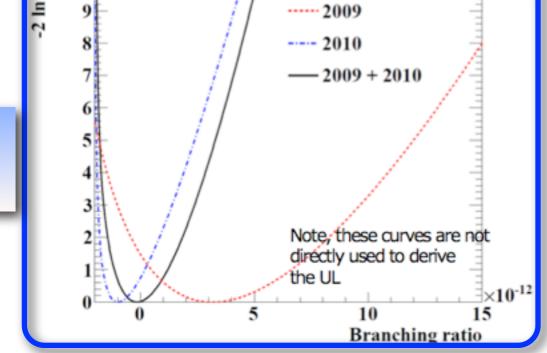
Combined Result





	expected	best fit
Nsig		-0.5
N _{RMD}	79.4 ± 7.9	76 ± 12
N _{bkg}	881.7 ± 15.1	882 ± 22

Profile Likelihood



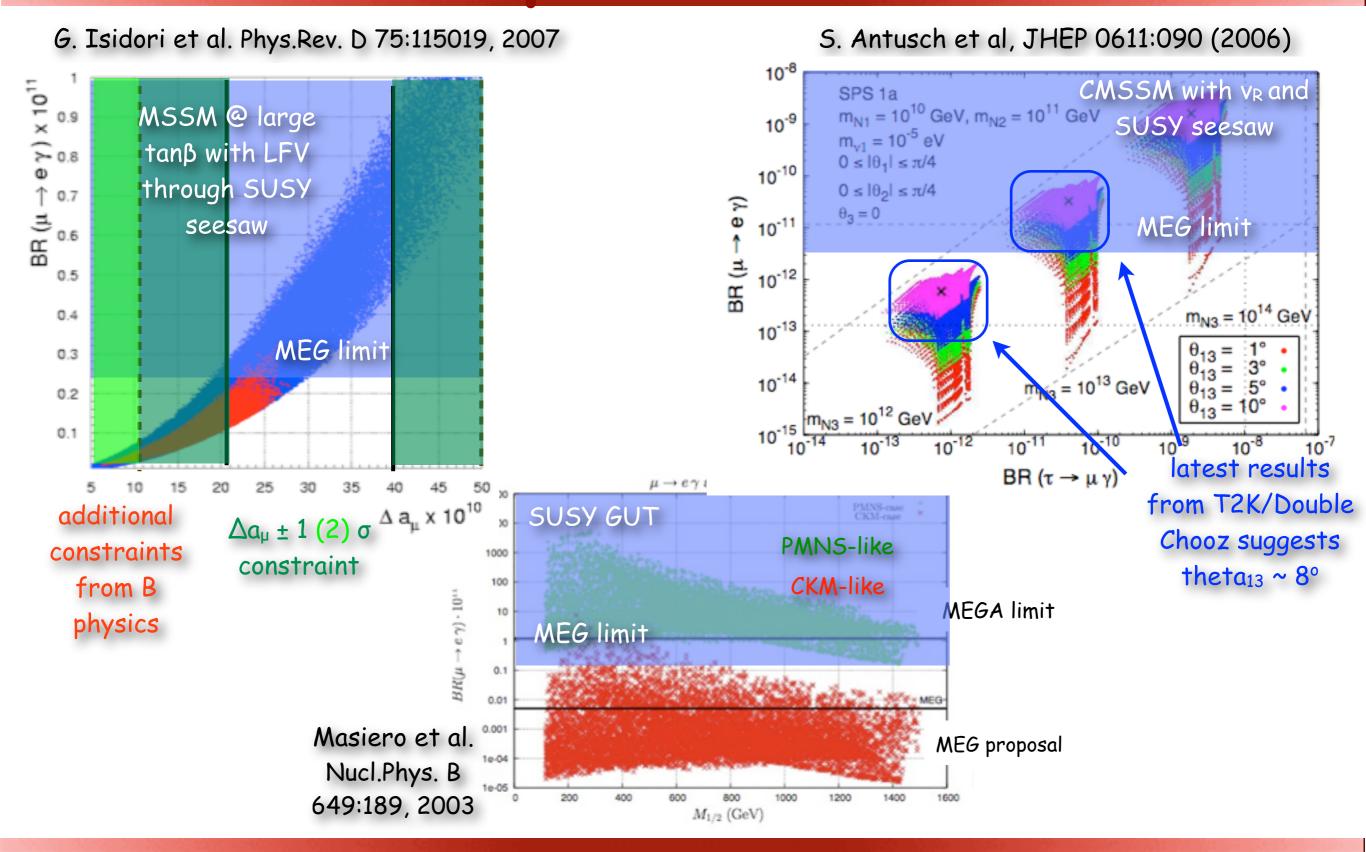
UL @ 90% CL BR < 2.4 x 10⁻¹²

Data set	$\mathcal{B}_{ ext{fit}}$	LL	UL
2009	3.2×10^{-12}	1.7×10^{-13}	9.6×10^{-12}
2010	-9.9×10^{-13}	_	1.7×10^{-12}
2009 + 2010	-1.5×10^{-13}	_	2.4×10^{-12}



Implications



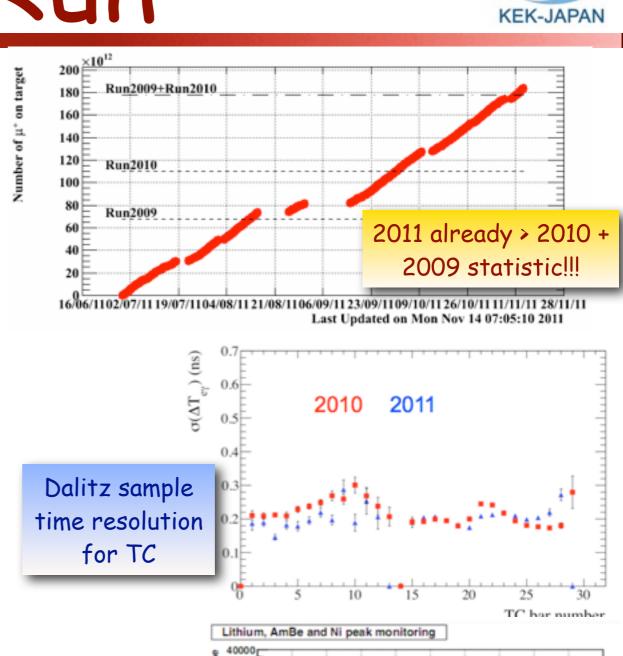


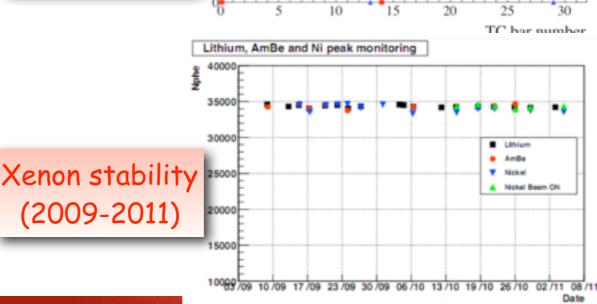


2011 Run



- 2011 data taking started in July
 - By now, collected > 2010 +2009 statistic
- Expected to reach $\sim 2 \times 2010$ statistic by end of this year
 - Improved DAQ & trigger efficiency up to >99% live time with >95% efficiency
 - ▼Improved noise conditions in DC thanks
 to new HV power supplies
 - TC fibers APDs operational
- All positron and photon resolutions consistent with 2010 already with preliminary alignment and calibrations

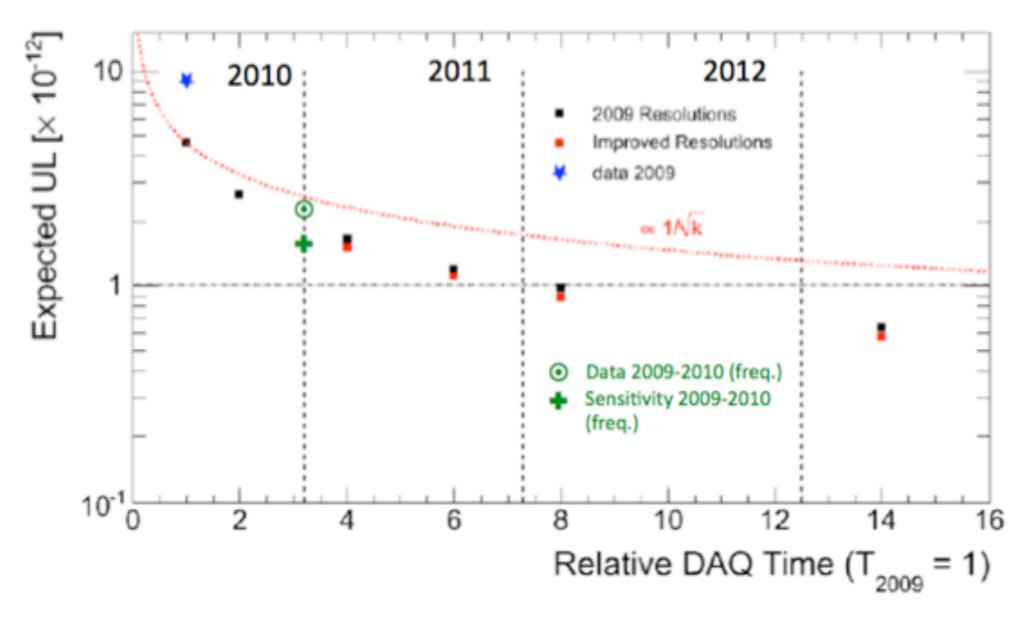






Sensitivity prospects





MEG data taking will continue through 2012

Sensitivity projection in the 5×10^{-13} range



Proposals for upgrade



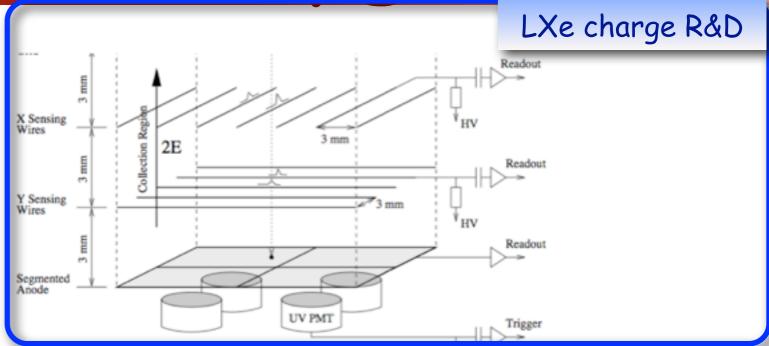
Several proposals for LXe and tracker short and long term upgrades

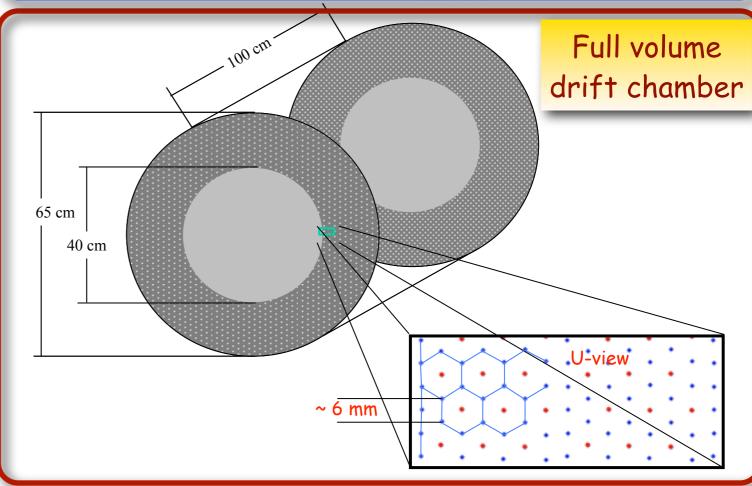
LXe:

- Short term: low reflectivity internal surface
- Long term: replacement of internal window PMTs and use of charge information (italian MIUR independent R&D)

Tracker:

- Short term: change DC gas, target inclination and TC cables
- Long term: replace tracker, either full volume DC (capable of isolating primary ionization clusters) or set of scintillating films
- R&D now starting





Conclusions & Prospects

- 2009 + 2010 MEG data analysis consistent with null signal
- Most stringent UL on LFV improved by a factor 5

BR(
$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$$
) < 2.4 x 10⁻¹² @ 90% CL

 $\stackrel{\checkmark}{=}$ MEG resumed data taking in July and have already accumulated > 2010 +2009 statistic with improved trigger, DAQ and DC noise conditions

Expected sensitivity at the end of 2012: a few 10^{13} Stay tuned!! :)

Several proposal for a short (2012-2013) and long term (2015-2016?) upgrades to further improve sensitivity







Backup slides

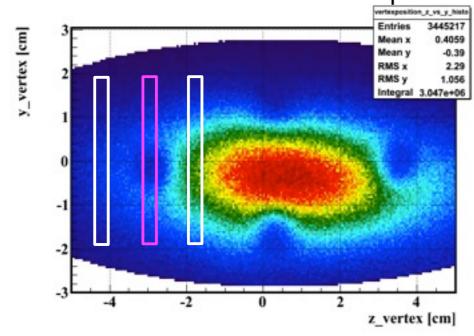


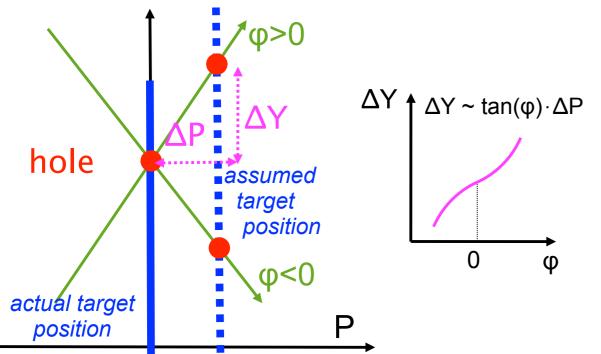
Target Holes



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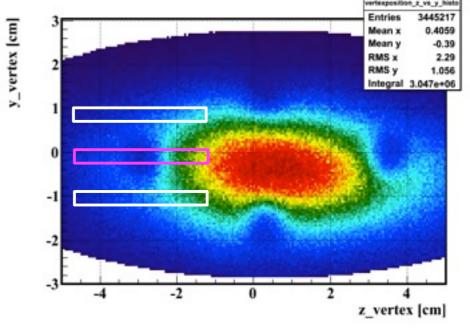
Reconstruct Y-coordinate in Z-slice as a function of φ:

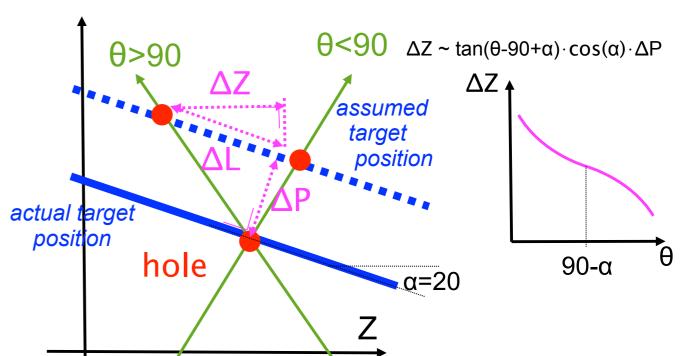




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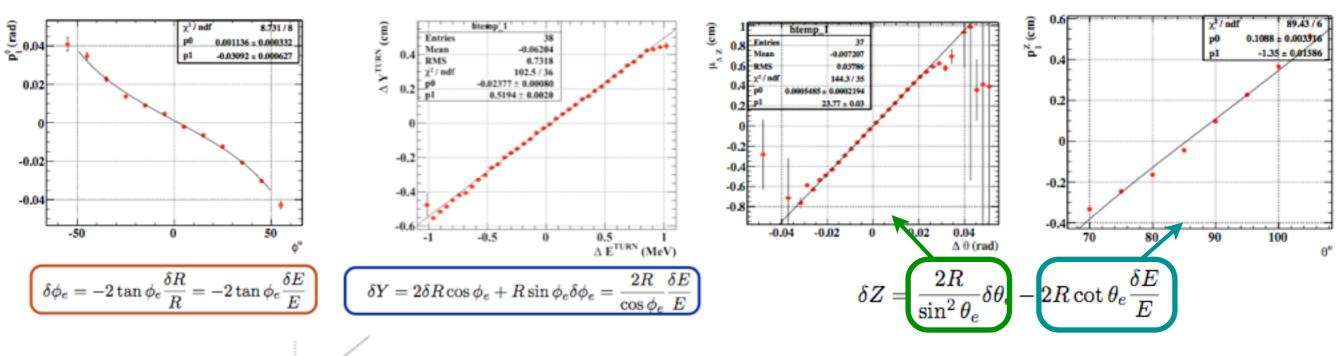


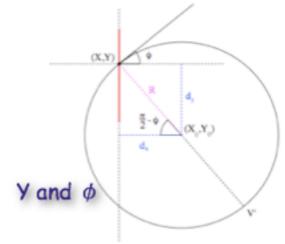


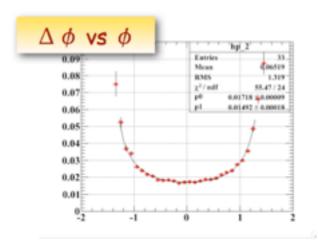


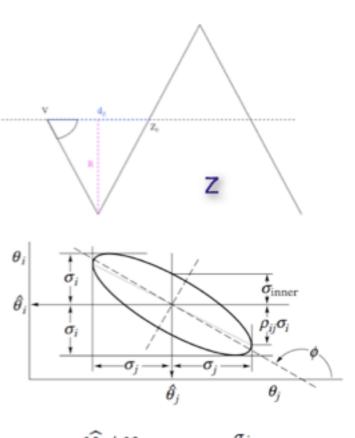
Correlations and Resolutions













Some more numbers:)



Fit region

 $48 \le E_{V} \le 58 \text{MeV}, 50 \le E_{e} \le 56 \text{MeV}, |t_{eV}| \le 0.7 \text{ns}, |\theta_{eV}| \le 50 \text{mrad}, |\phi_{eV}| \le 50 \text{mrad}$

Sensitivity

	2009	2010	Combined
N _{sig} (median)	3.6	4.8	5.2
BR (median)	3.3 ×10 ⁻¹²	2.2 ×10 ⁻¹²	1.6 ×10 ⁻¹²

2009 + 2010 combined

	Best fit	LL (90% CL)	UL (90% CL)	UL (95% CL)	CL@0
N _{sig}	-0.5	-	7.8(7.7)	9.8(N/A)	-
BR	-1.5×10 ⁻¹³	-	2.4 ×10 ⁻¹² (2.3×10 ⁻¹²)	2.9 ×10 ⁻¹² (N/A)	-

2009

	Best fit	t Error (MINOS 1.645σ)	
N _{sig}	+3.4	+6.6-4.4	
N _{RMD}	+26.9	+4.5-4.5	
N _{BG}	+273.1	+12.3-12.3	

	Best fit	LL (90%CL)	UL (90%CL)	UL (95%CL)	CL@0
N _{sig}	3.4	0.2(0.2)	10.4(10.1)	11.9(N/A)	0.92(0.92)
BR	3.2 ×10 ⁻¹²	1.7 ×10 ⁻¹³ (1.7 ×10 ⁻¹³)	9.6 ×10 ⁻¹² (9.4 ×10 ⁻¹²)	1.1 ×10 ⁻¹¹ (N/A)	0.92(0.92)

2010

	Best fit	Error (MINOS 1.645σ)		
N sig	-2.2	+5.0-1.9		
N _{RMD}	+50.2	+9.2-9.2		
N _{BG}	+608.5	+18.7–18.6		

	Best fit	LL (90%CL)	UL (90%CL)	UL (95%CL)	CL@0
N _{sig}	-2.2	-	3.8(3.7)	5.0(N/A)	-
BR	-9.9 ×10 ⁻¹³	-	1.7 ×10 ⁻¹² (1.7 ×10 ⁻¹²)	2.3 ×10 ⁻¹² (N/A)	-



Systematics



- Systematics effect taken into account in the calculation of confidence interval by profiling on (N_{RD}, N_{BKG}) and by fluctuating PDFs according to the uncertainty values
- All the results shown have systematic effects taken into account
- Size of systematic uncertainty in in total 2% on the UL: $2.3 \times 10^{-12} --> 2.4 \times 10^{-12}$
- Contribution of each item in the list was studied with toy MC experiments by comparing the results with the nominal PDFs and the one with the fluctuated ones

Relative contributions on UL

Center of $\theta_{e\gamma}$ and $\phi_{e\gamma}$	0.18
Positron correlations	0.16
Normalization	0.13
E_{γ} scale	0.07
$E_{\rm e}$ bias, core and tail	0.06
$t_{\mathrm{e}\gamma}$ center	0.06
E_{γ} BG shape	0.04
E_{γ} signal shape	0.03
Positron angle resolutions (θ_e , ϕ_e , z_e , y_e)	0.02
γ angle resolution $(u_{\gamma}, v_{\gamma}, w_{\gamma})$	0.02
$E_{\rm e}$ BG shape	0.02
$E_{\rm e}$ signal shape	0.01