
MEG 実験の最新結果

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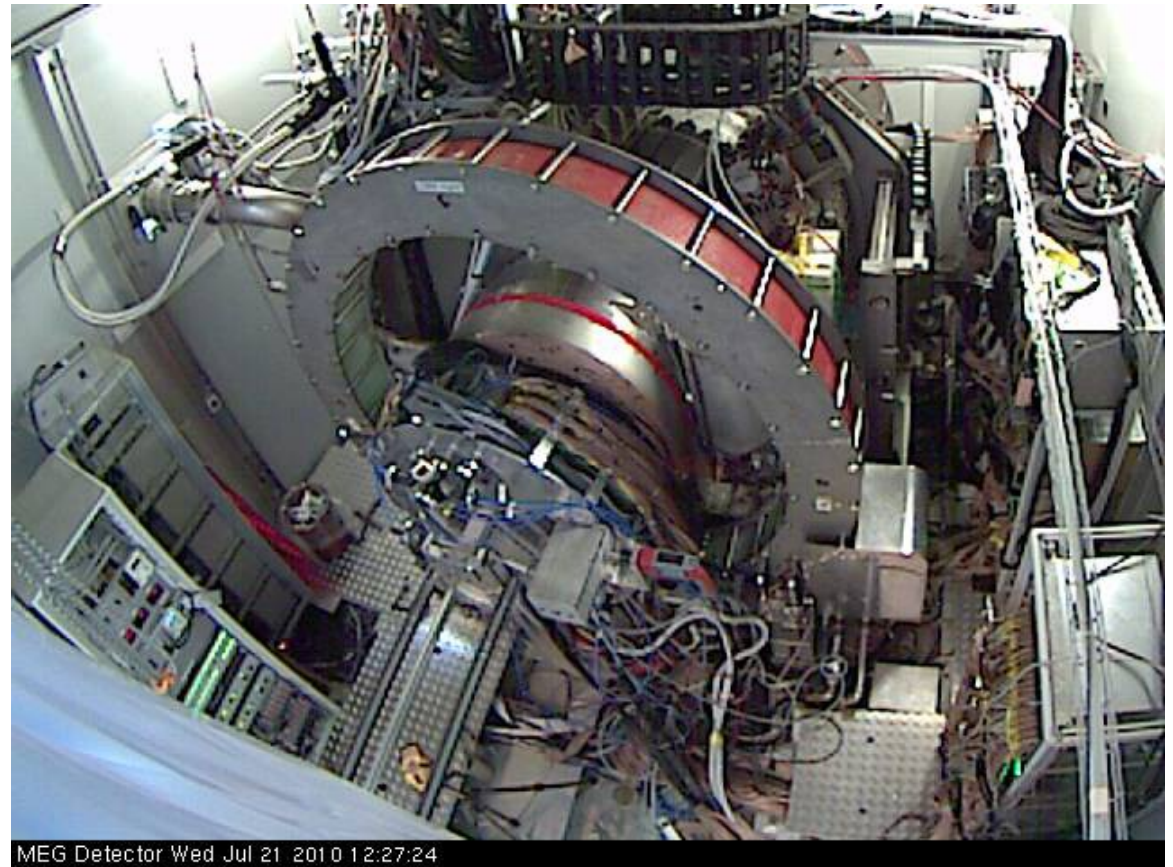
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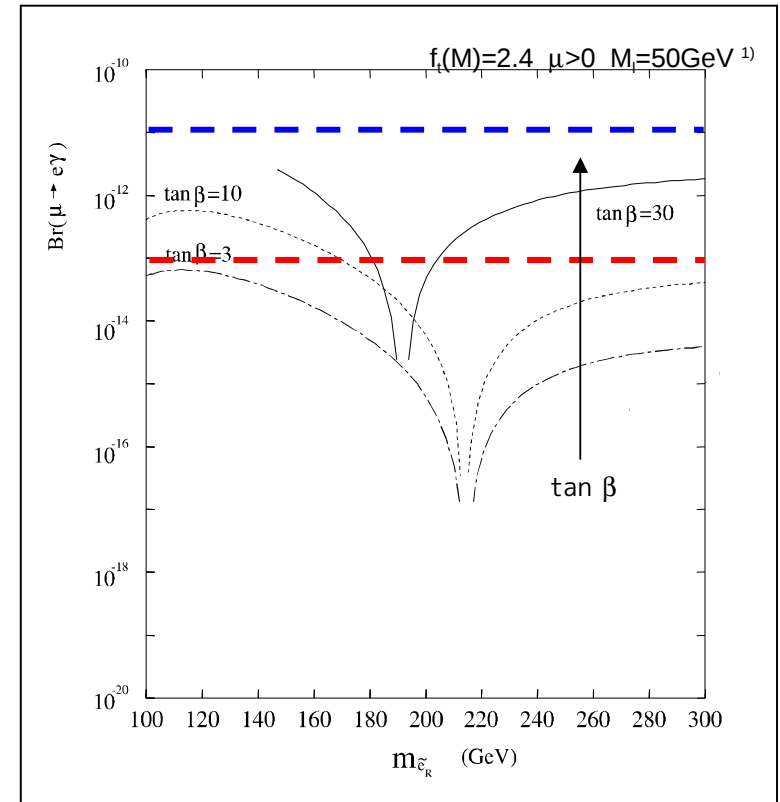
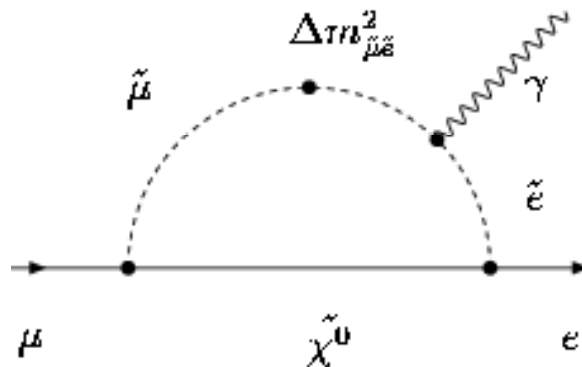
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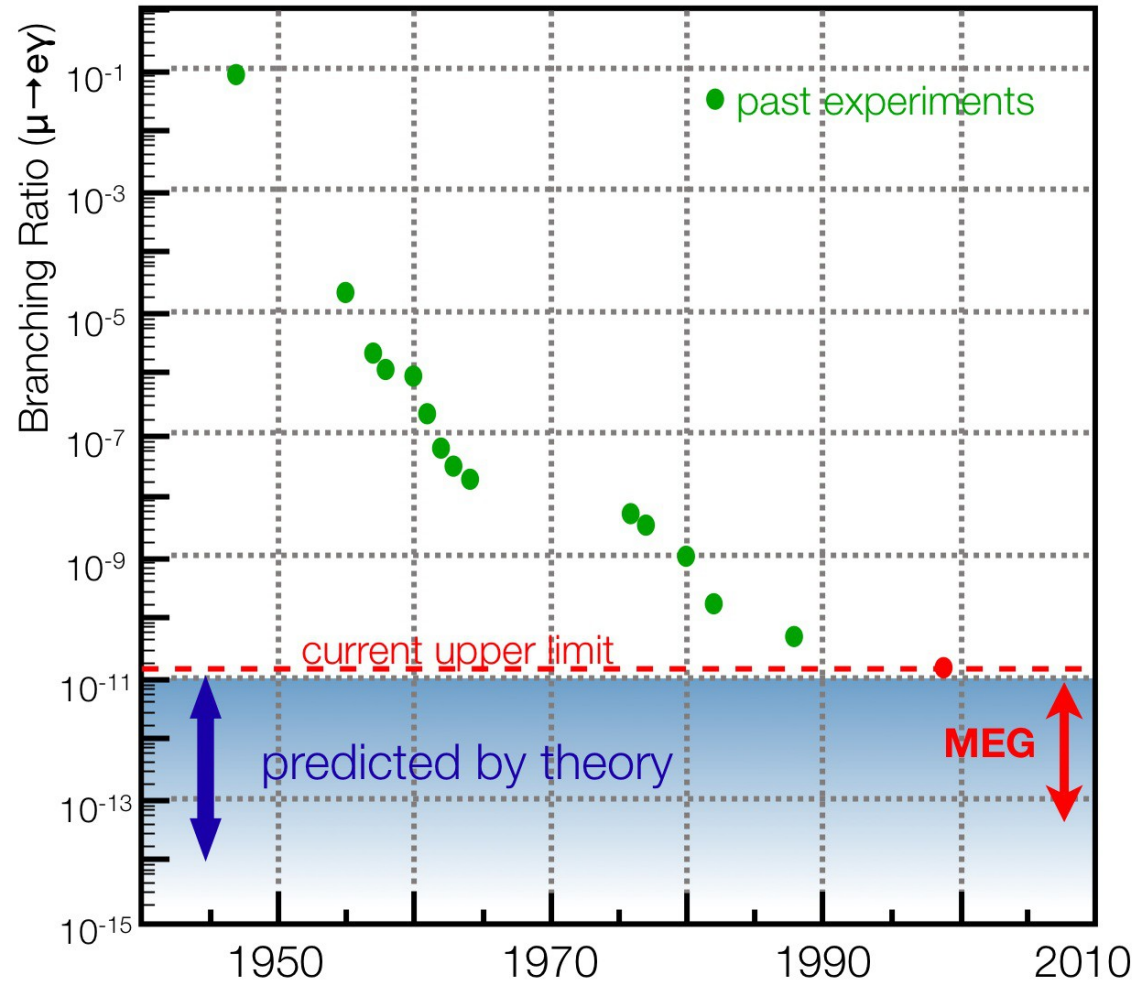
Motivation

- LFV is forbidden in the Standard Model, and even if the neutrino mass is taken into account, the charged LFV branching ratio ($\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$) is almost zero
- Charged lepton flavor violation is a clear evidence of physics beyond the SM
- New physics like SUSY-GUT, SUSY-seesaw predicts measurable LFV just below the current limit



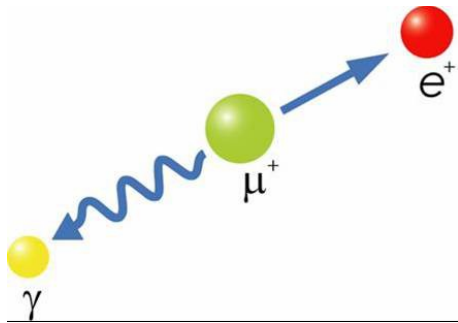
Motivation

- Current experimental bound is set by MEGA
 - $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 1.2 \times 10^{-11}$
- MEG goal : $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim \text{a few} \times 10^{-13}$
- Real chance to discover new physics



Signal and Background

- Positive μ decay at rest
- Clear two body kinematics



- Back to back ($\theta_{e\gamma} = 180^\circ$)
- $E_e \approx E_\gamma = 52.8 \text{ MeV}$
- Coincident ($T_{e\gamma} = 0$)

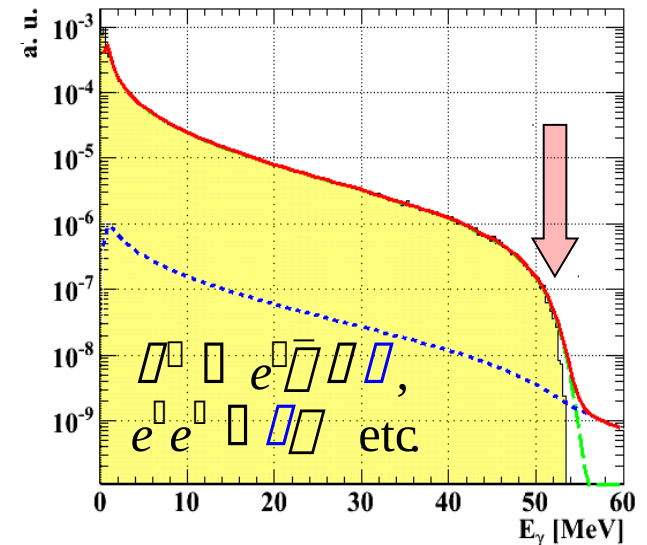
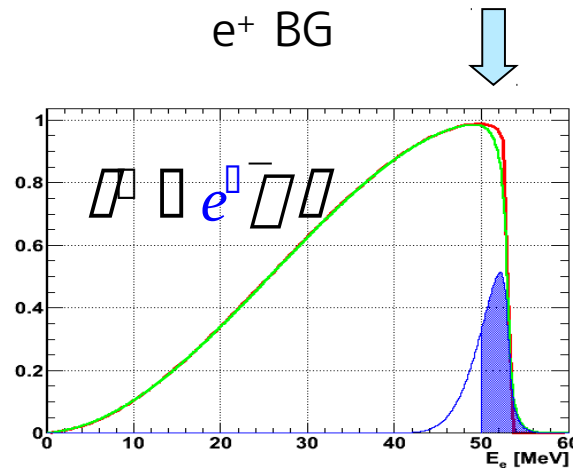
Background

Accidental background is dominant

Michel e^+ + random γ

γ BG

e^+ BG



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

Good detector performance is essential (especially, E_γ)

High rate e^+ measurement with intense μ beam

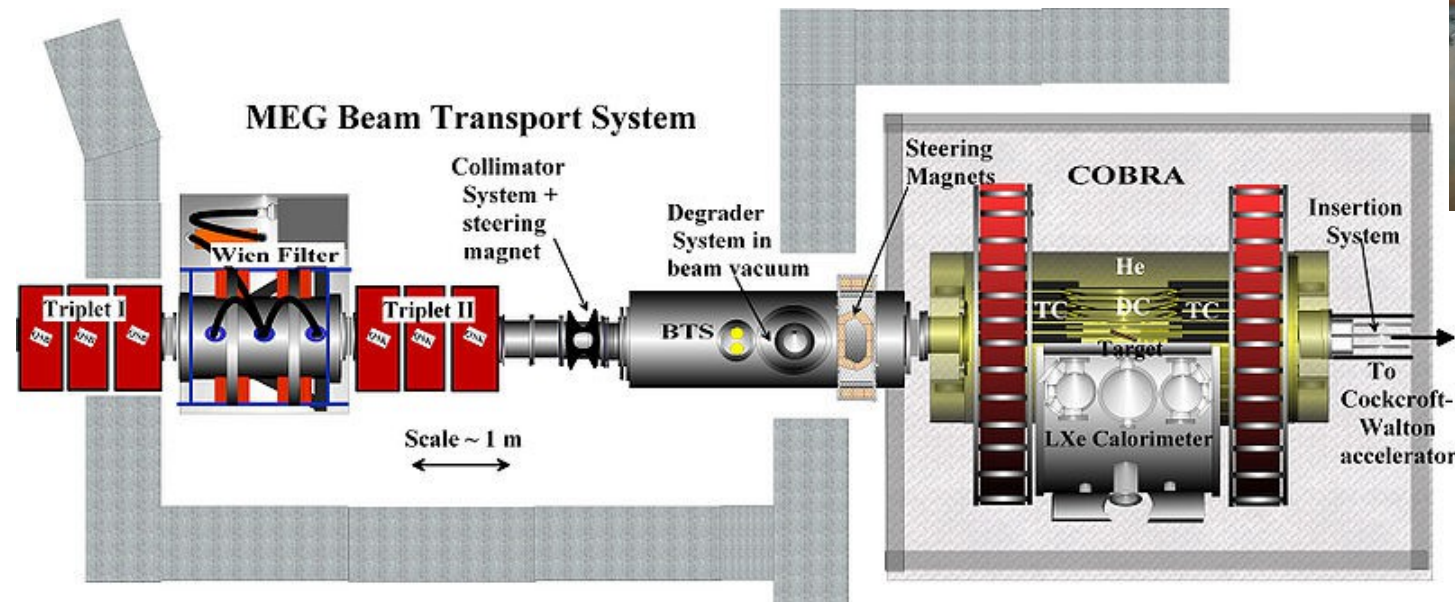
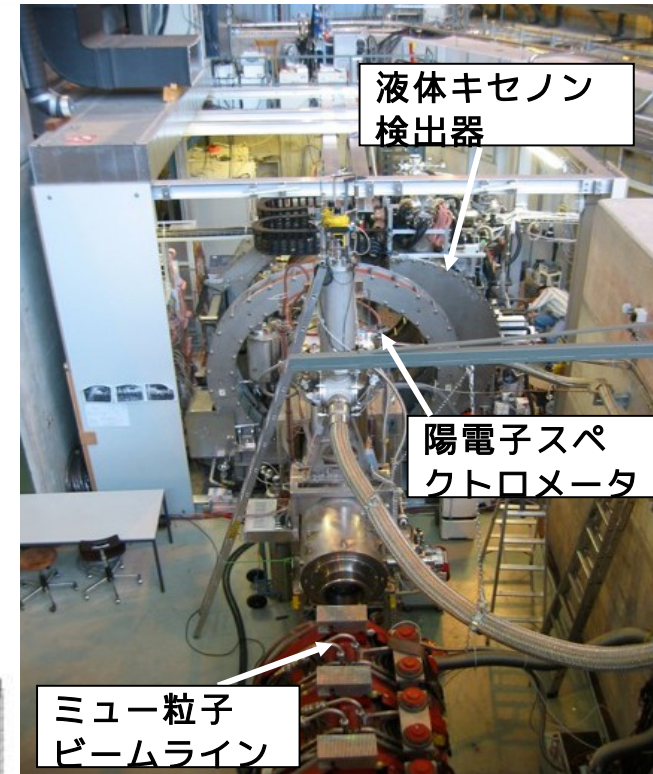
Pileup rejection is necessary

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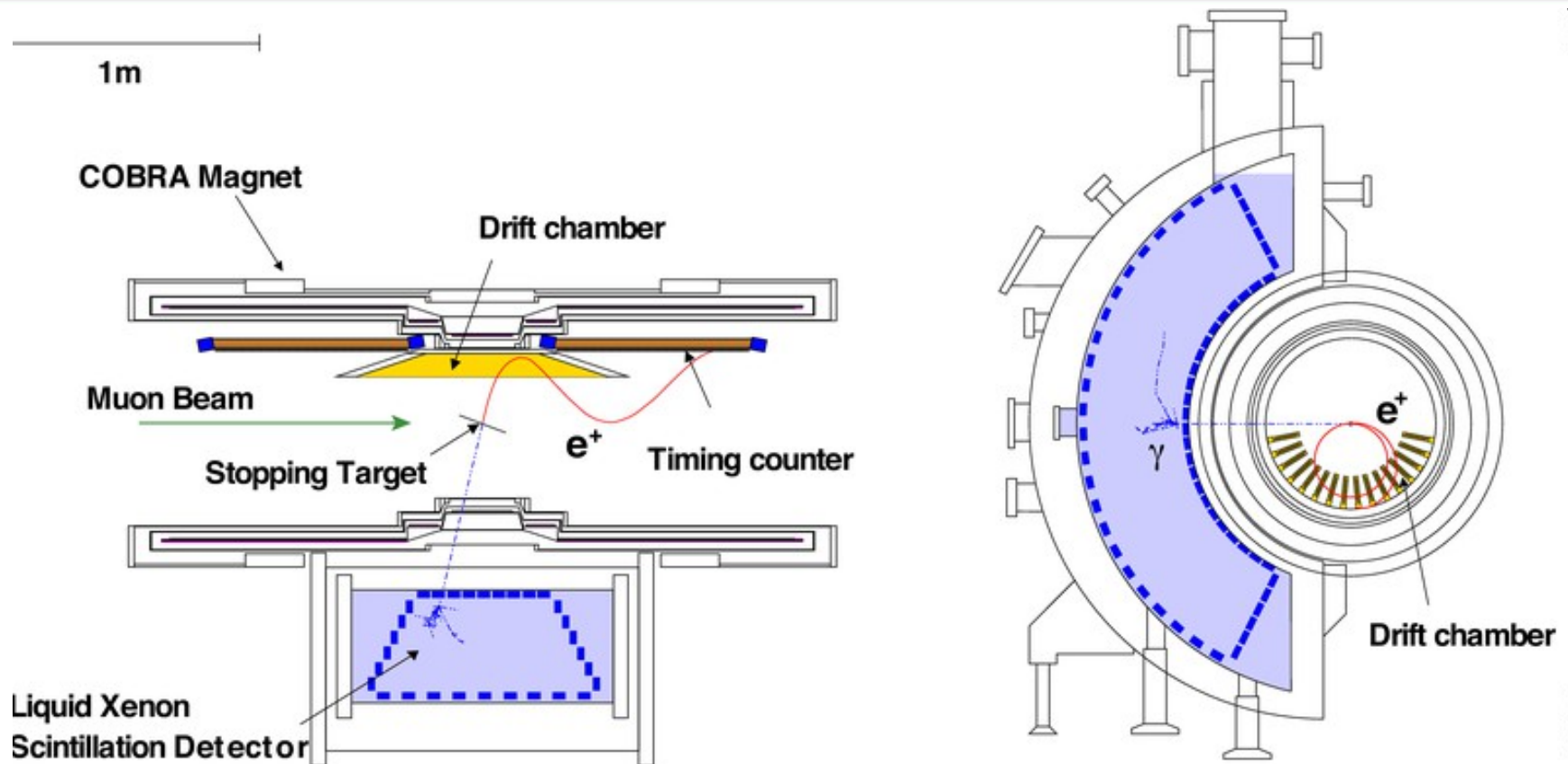
PSI accelerator and MEG beamline



- 1.3MW most intense proton accelerator at PSI in Switzerland
- DC muon beam $3 \times 10^7 \mu/s$ (possible up to $\sim 1 \times 10^8 \mu/s$)
 - DC beam is suitable to reduce accidental background



MEG Experiment



- High precision low mass positron spectrometer
 - SC magnet and low mass drift chamber, timing counter
- High performance photon detector
 - 900 liter liquid xenon + 846 PMTs
- Waveforms of all detectors are recorded by waveform digitizer
 - Essential for pileup reduction

MEG history

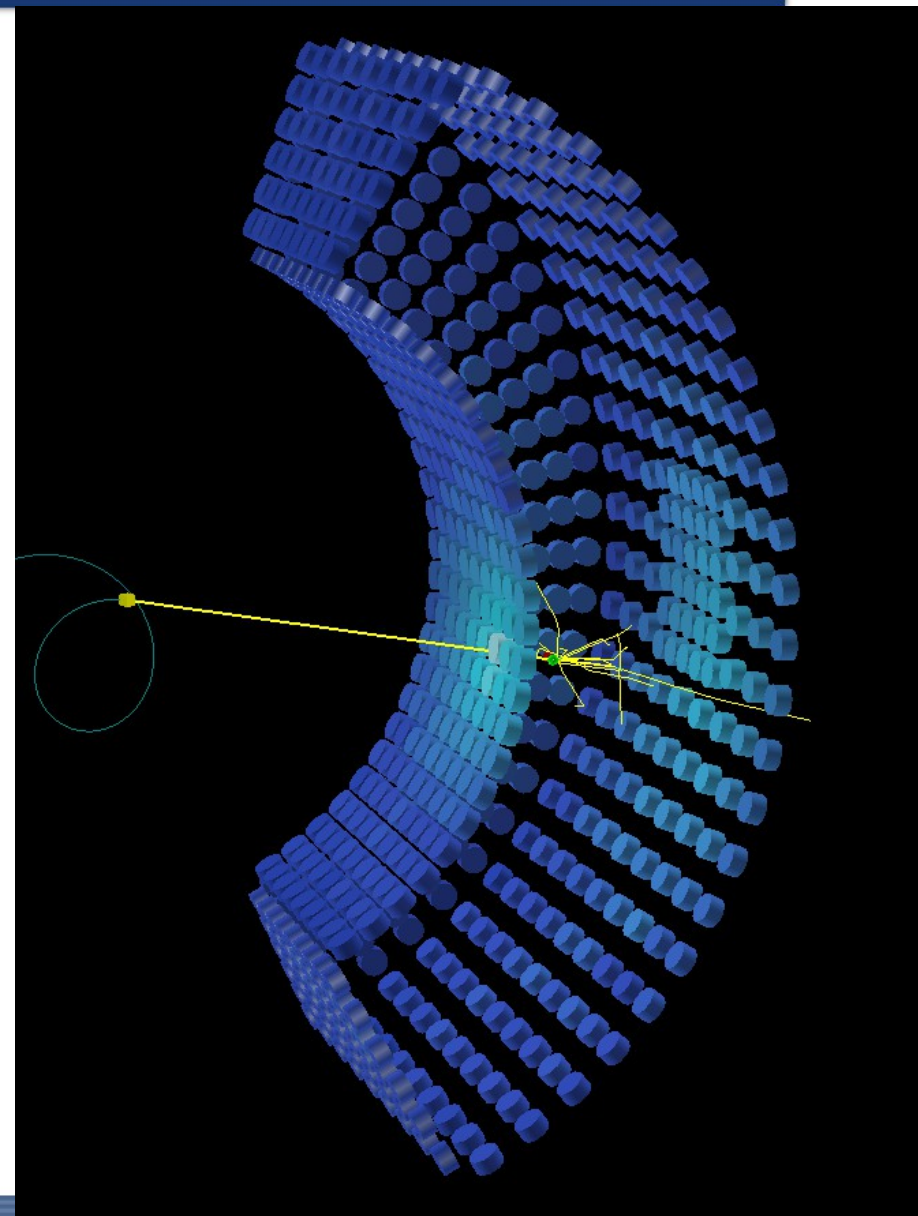
- 1999: Proposal to PSI
- 2007: all detectors ready
- 2008: 78days physics runs
 - Positron detection efficiency($\sim 1/3$), sensitivity $\sim 1.3 \times 10^{-11}$
 - $\text{Br}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma) < 2.8 \times 10^{-11}$ (90% C.L.), Nucl.Phys.B834(2010)1-12
- **2009: 43days physics runs**
 - Other experiment used our beamline, repair work for positron spectrometer
- 2010: physics run restarted in August
 - 10 days CEX calibration at the end of August, 117days physics run expected

MEG Collaboration
~70 physicists from
Japan, Switzerland, Italy,
Russia and USA

MEG Detector

Liquid Xenon Detector

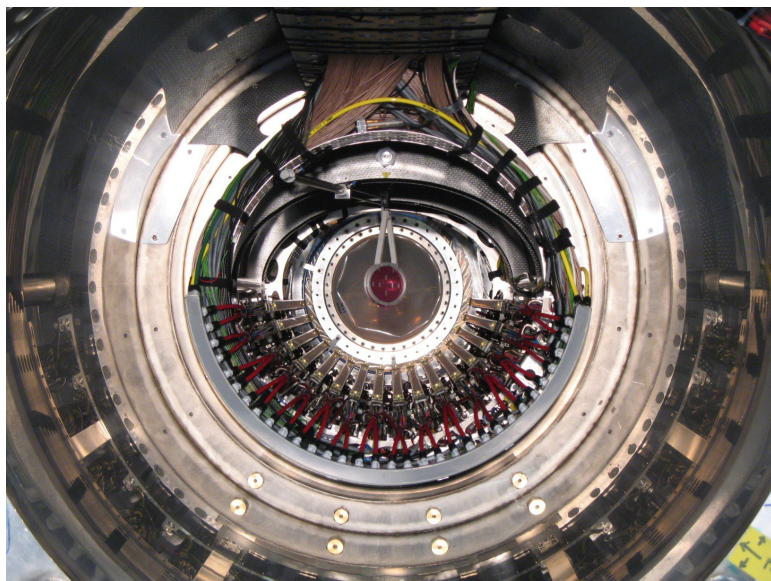
- 900 liter liquid xenon
- 846 2" PMTs (Hamamatsu R9869)
 - immersed in LXe directly
- Good uniformity (homogeneous, liquid)
- High light output (~75% of NaI)
- Short decay time (45ns)
- High density (3g/cm³)
- Short scintillation wavelength ~ 175nm
 - Quartz window for PMT
- Low temperature 165K
 - pulse tube cryocooler developed by KEK
- Purification to remove H₂O, O₂, N₂ etc.



13pSM-3: MEG 実験 液体キセノン検出器の性能 : 白雪

Positron spectrometer

- SC magnet produces special gradient magnetic field, 1.27(at z=0) ~0.49Tesla
 - To sweep out low momentum e^+
- Timing counter ($T_e, \sigma_{Te} < 50\text{ps}$)
 - Plastic scintillator + fine-mesh PMTs
 - Scintillating fiber + APD



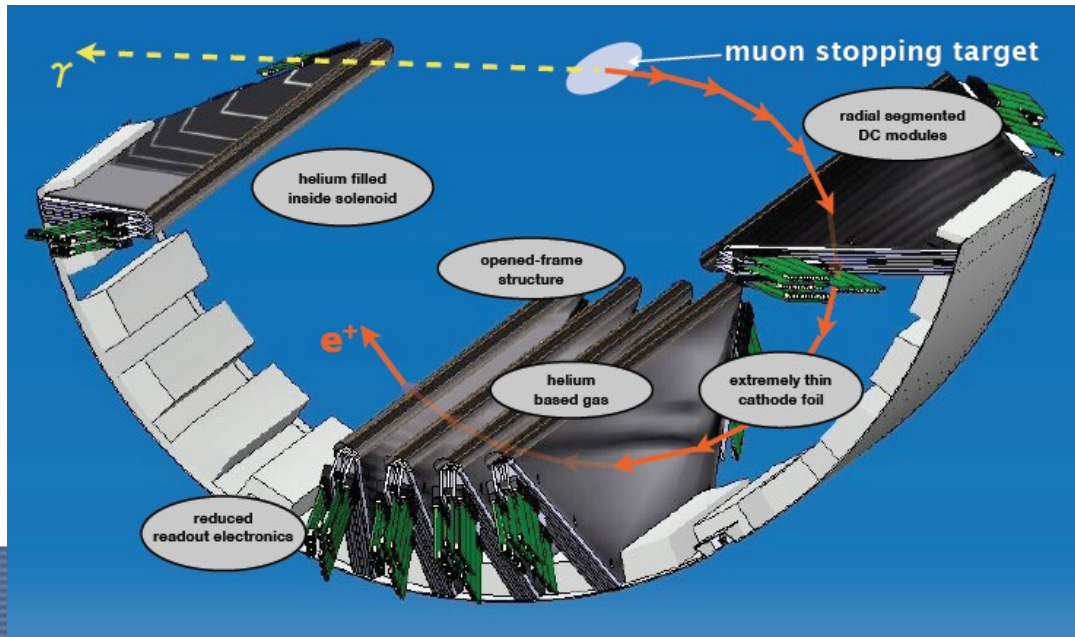
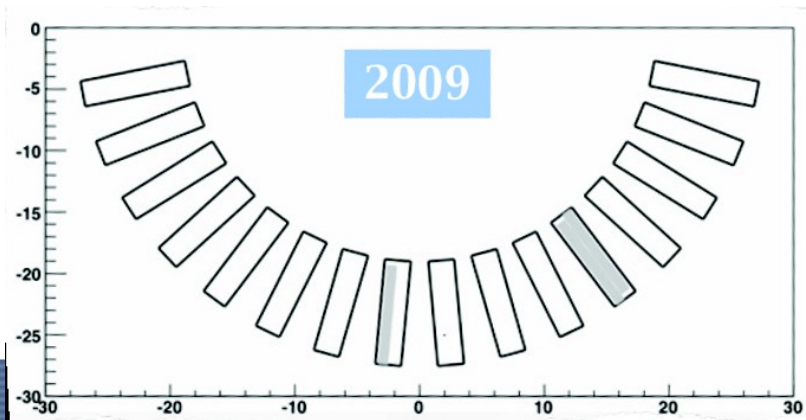
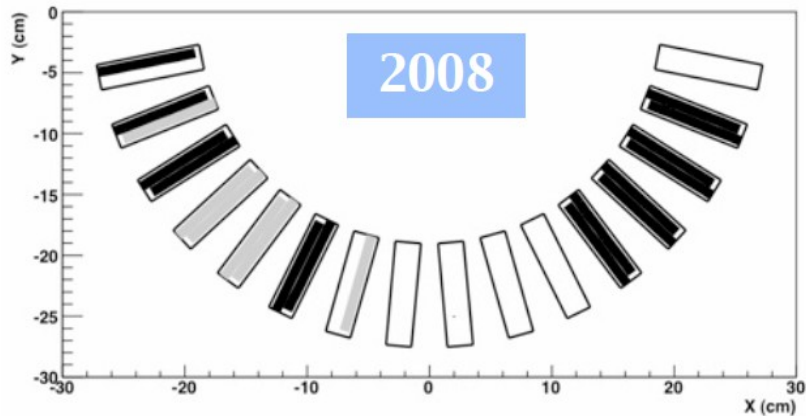
- Drift chamber ($E_{e^+}, \theta_{e^+}, \phi_{e^+}$)
 - 16 segmented chambers radially
 - Position resolution $\sim 200\mu\text{m}(r), 500\mu\text{m}(z)$
 - Momentum resolution $\sim 1\%$
 - Low material budget (low multiple scattering, low γ background)

13pSM-1: He/C₂H₆ を用いたドリフトチェンバーの高頻度照射下でのエイジング 西口創

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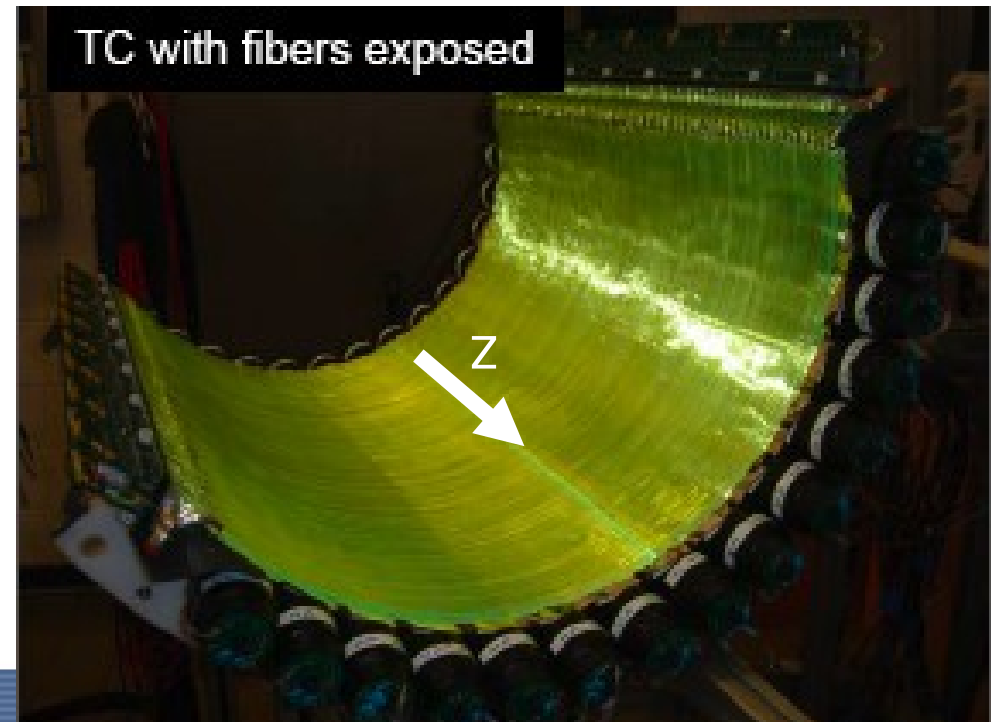
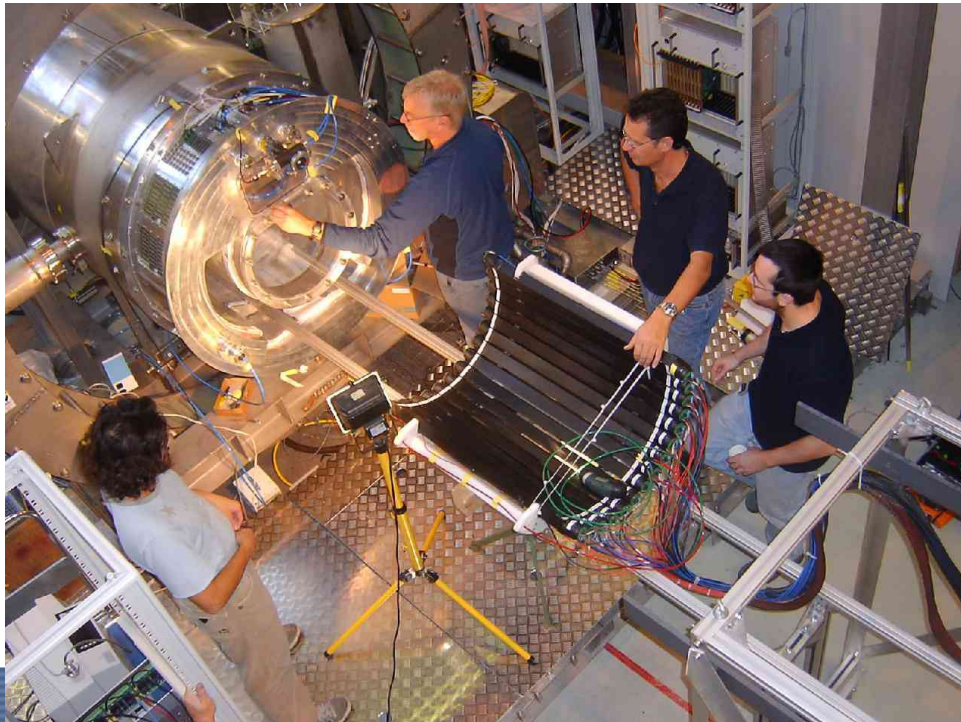
Drift chamber

- 2008
 - Discharge problem reduced e^+ detection efficiency and resolution for positron measurement
 - $\epsilon \sim 14\%$ ($\sim 1/3$), σ_E , $\sigma_{\theta\phi}$ were worse
 - The problem was long term exposure to helium, fixed before physics run in 2009
- 2009
 - e^+ detection efficiency(30~40%, including TC matching) and resolutions improved



Timing counters

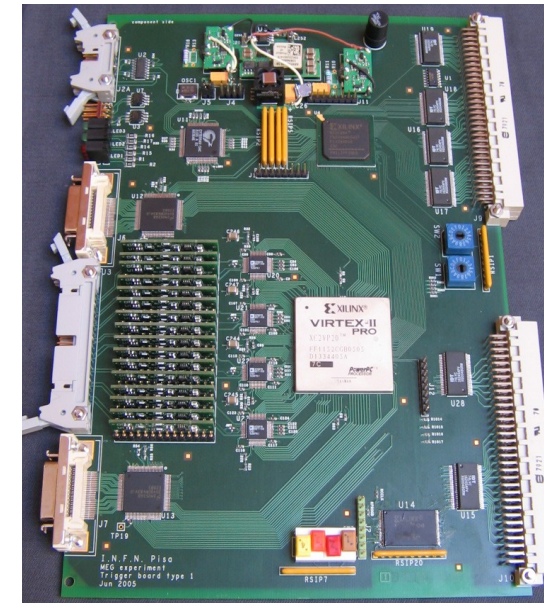
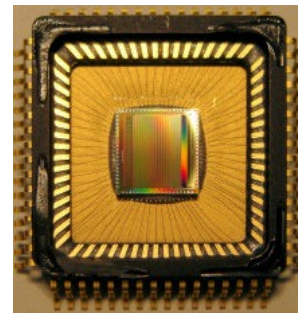
- Two layers of scintillators at each end of spectrometer
 - outer: plastic scintillator + PMT (ϕ , z)
 - Inner: scintillating fiber + APD (z)
- Measure the positron impact position and the precise timing for both trigger and physics analysis



Electronics and trigger

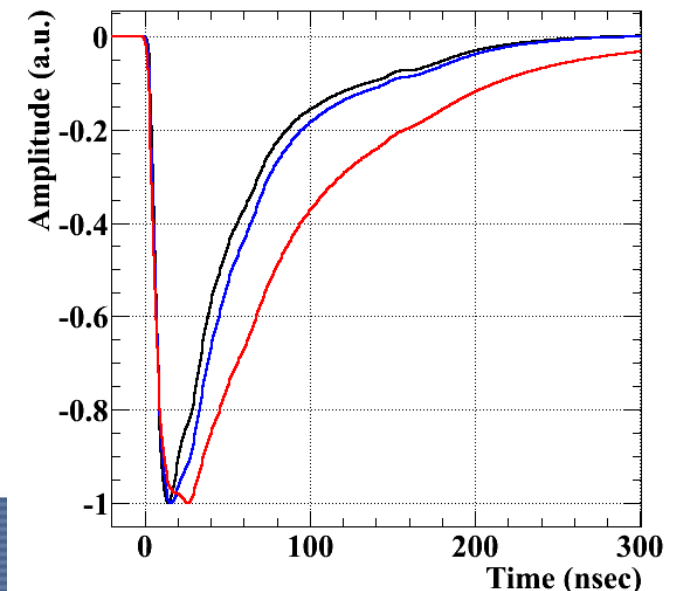
- Waveform digitizer(DRS4)

- Up to 5GHz sampling speed, 12bits resolution
- Essential to remove pileup events
- 1.6GHz sampling for XEC,TC
- 0.8GHz sampling for DC



- MEG trigger

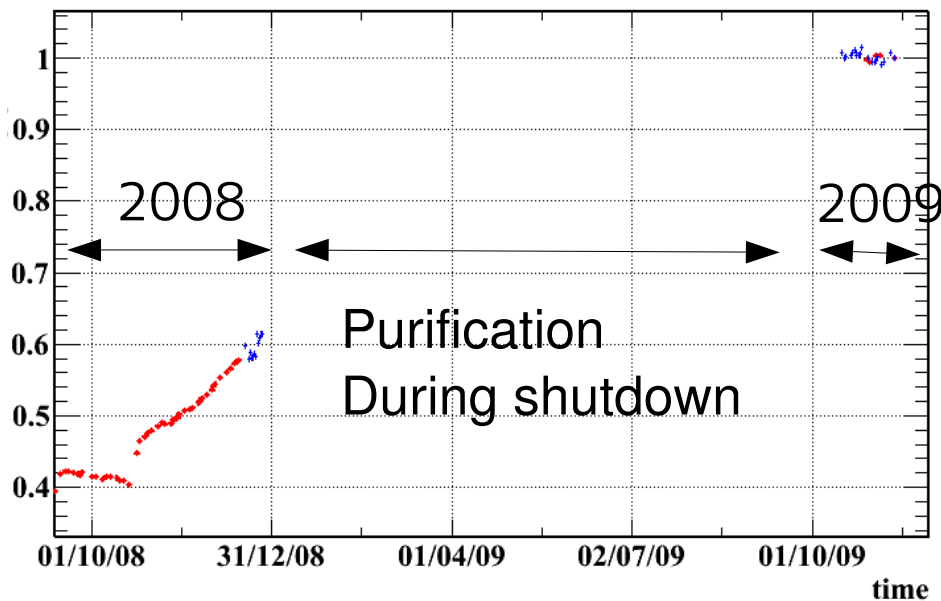
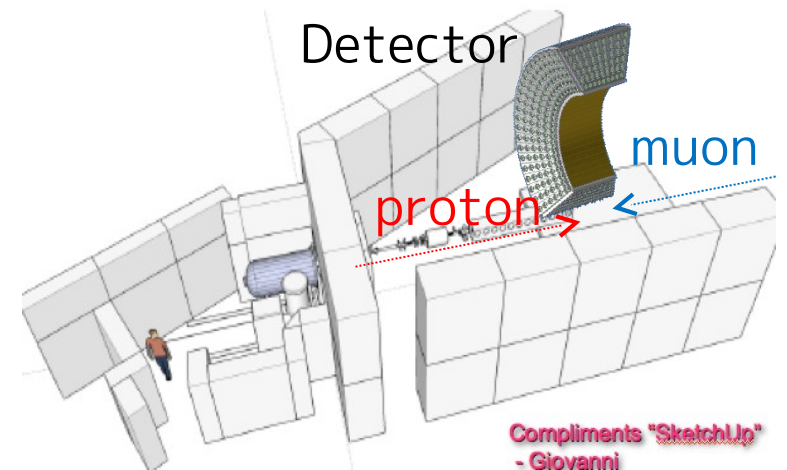
- Built on FADC-FPGA architecture
- LXe total charge & TC total charge
- Direction match & timing coincidence
- 6Hz DAQ rate during MEG run



Calibration and Monitoring

XEC detector

- PMT gain monitored by LED, QE by α
- Light yield monitoring (CW, CR, AmBe etc.)
- Cockcroft-Walton proton accelerator
 - 17.6MeV γ by Li(p, γ)Be reaction
 - Light yield monitoring & σ_E at 17.6MeV



2008 physics run and shutdown:
gaseous purification to increase light yield

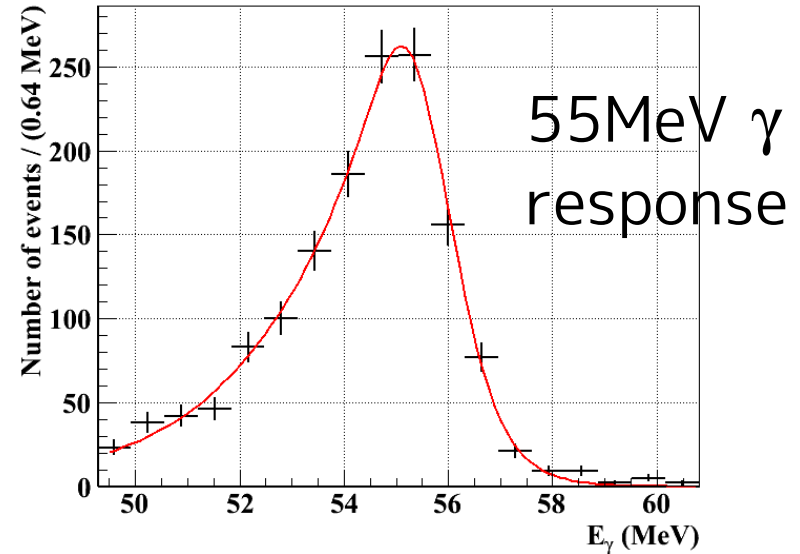
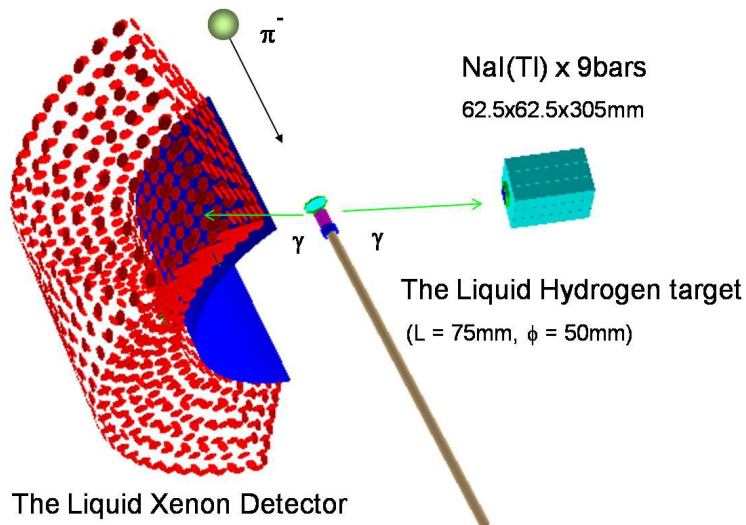
Light yield became as much as expected
And decay time of γ waveform changed

2009 physics run: no purification

Light yield monitoring: < 1% level

CEX calibration (E_γ , T_γ , XY_γ)

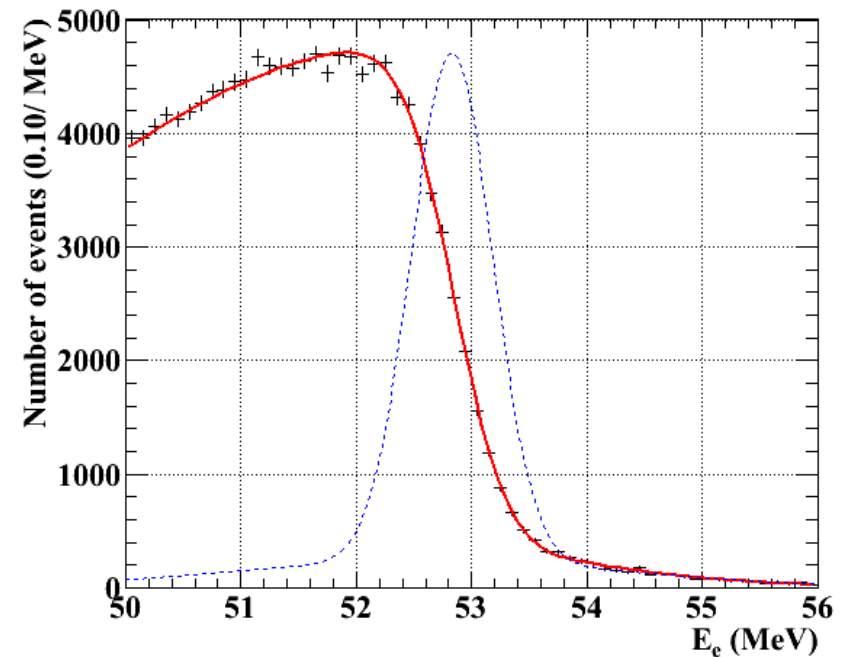
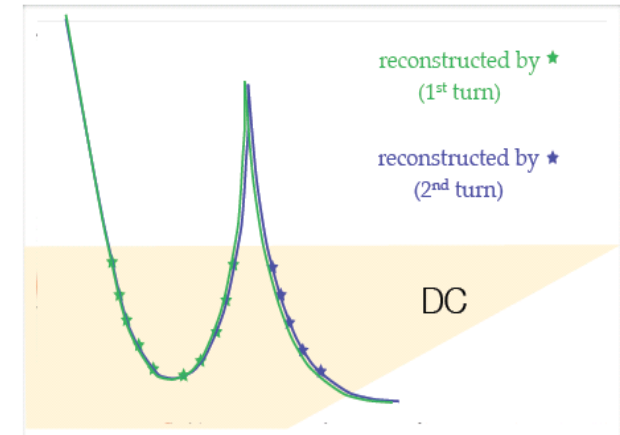
- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n \rightarrow \gamma\gamma n$ (CEX reaction)
 - 55, 83MeV γ s are available once back-to-back photons are selected
 - Energy close to our signal (52.8MeV)
- Tagging detector - NaI + APD array
- LH_2 target
- $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$ (Dalitz decay) for absolute time offset measurement



- Energy, timing, and position resolution
 - 2.1%(depth>2cm), >68ps, 5mm(XY), 6mm(depth)
- Position dependence by moving NaI
- Signal response function
- γ efficiency: 58%

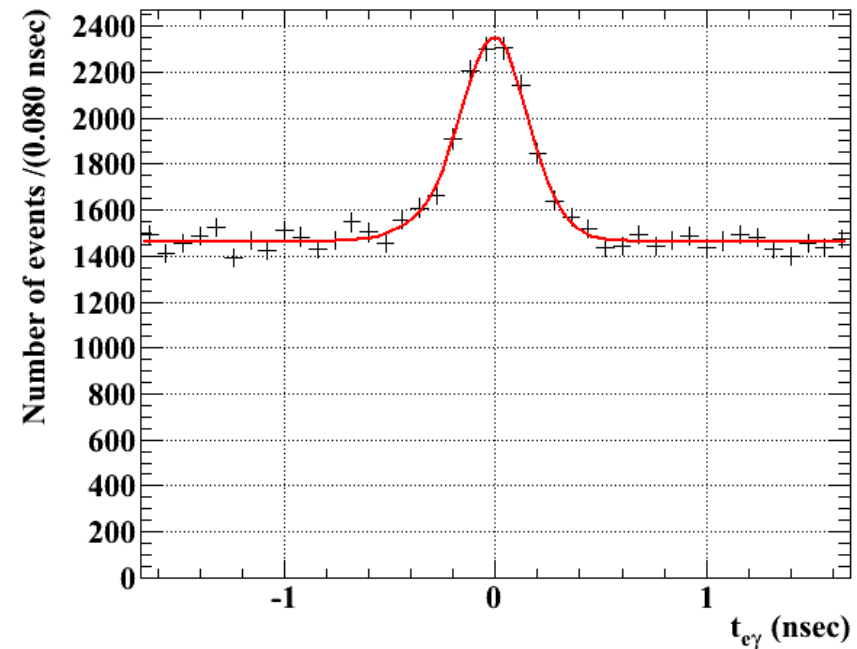
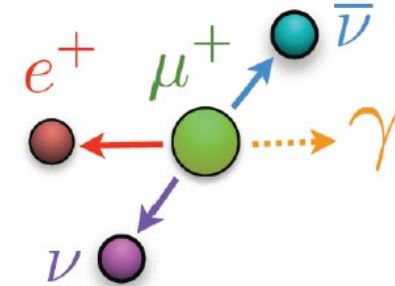
Positron resolution

- Resolution and signal response can be extracted from residuals of two turn tracks
 - Momentum resolution
 - $\sigma_E \sim 0.74\%$ core
 - Angle resolution
 - $\sigma_\phi \sim 7.1\text{mrad}$ (core)
 - $\sigma_\theta \sim 11.2\text{mrad}$
- Background spectrum
 - Michel spectrum fit smeared by detector resolution
 - Double Gaussian plus acceptance



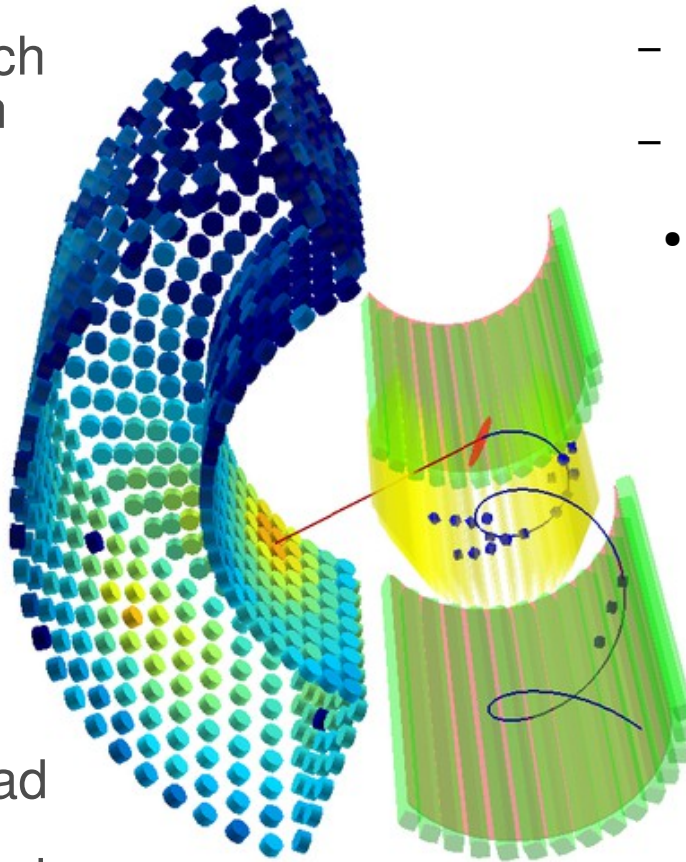
Radiative muon decay ($T_{e\gamma}$)

- Relative timing resolution can be estimated directly by physics data (RMD)
 - Coincident, not back-to-back, γ low energy
 - $\sigma_{T_{e\gamma}}$ consists of each detector resolution, tracking ambiguity etc.
 - Good test to detect $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ events, and possible to measure $\sigma_{T_{e\gamma}}$ directly
 - Can be also used to check overall detection efficiency
 - $\sigma_{T_{e\gamma}} \sim 142\text{ps}$ (core)

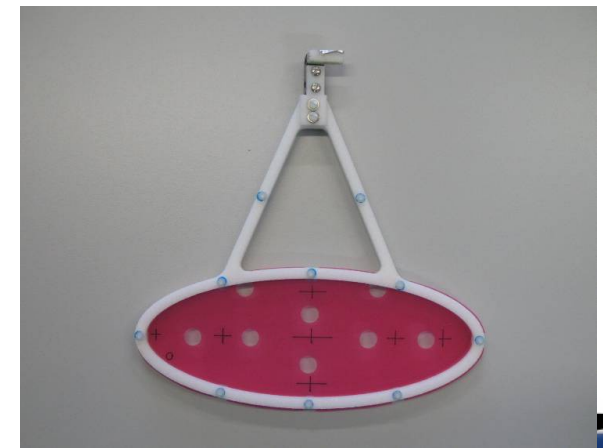


Relative angle ($\theta_{e\gamma}$, $\phi_{e\gamma}$)

- Relative angle resolution is combination of each detector resolution
- Xenon detector position resolution
 - x,y : 5mm
 - Depth: 6mm
- In total,
 - $\theta_{e\gamma} \sim 14.6\text{mrad}$
 - $\Phi_{e\gamma} \sim 12.5\text{mrad}$



- Positron angle resolution
 - θ : 11.2mrad
 - ϕ : 7.1mrad (core)
- Vertex resolution on the target
 - Extrapolation from the track
 - Resolution by two turn tracks
 - R: 2.3mm
 - Z: 2.8mm



Performance

	2008	2009 (preliminary)
Gamma Energy (%)	2.0 (w>2cm)	2.1 (w>2cm)
Gamma Timing (psec)	80	>67
Gamma Position (mm)	5(u,v)/6(w)	□
Gamma Efficiency (%)	63	58
e ⁺ Timing (psec)	<125	□
e ⁺ Momentum (%)	1.6	0.74(core)
e ⁺ efficiency (%)	14	30~40%
e ⁺ angle (mrad)	10(φ)/18(θ)	7.4(φ core)/11.2(θ)
e ⁺ - gamma timing (psec)	148	142(core)
Muon Decay Point (mm)	3.2(R)/4.5(Z)	2.3(R)/2.8(Z)
Trigger efficiency (%)	66	84
Stopping Muon Rate (sec ⁻¹)	3x10 ⁷	2.8x10 ⁷ (300μ m)
DAQ time / Real time (days)	48/78	35/43
Sensitivity	1.3x10 ⁻¹¹	
BR upper limit (obtained)	2.8x10 ⁻¹¹	

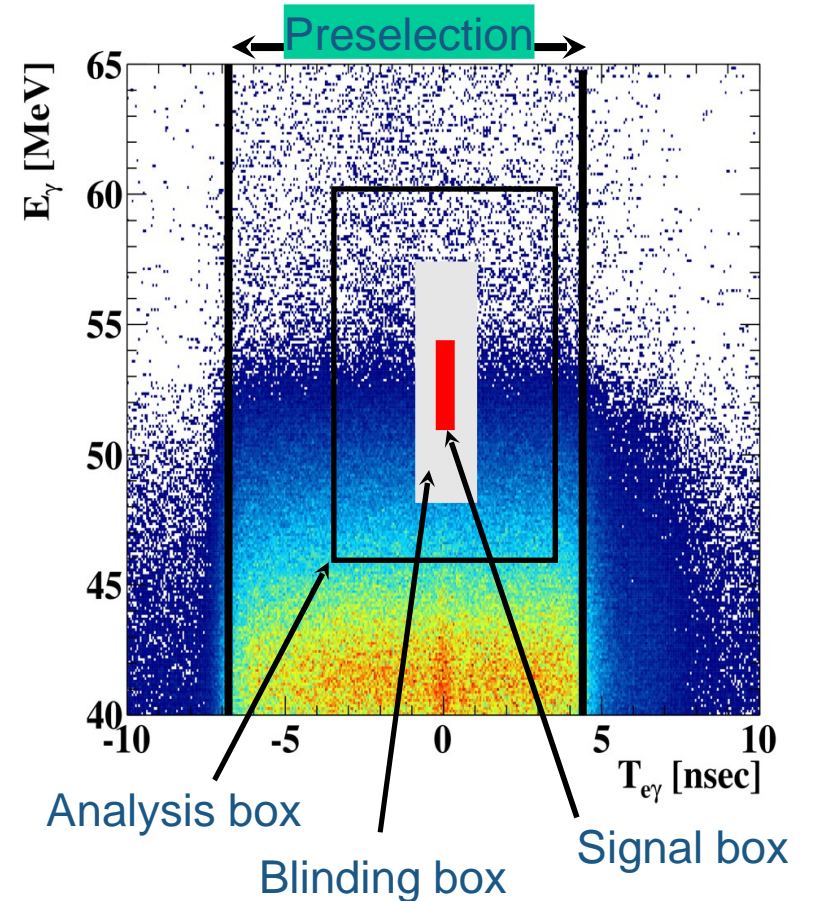
- In 2008, sensitivity was 1.3×10^{-11} , and our result was the BR UL 2.8×10^{-11} (90%C.L.)
- 2009 DAQ time is shorter than 2008
- e⁺ efficiency, resolutions improved
- Trigger efficiency improved
- Statistics in 2009 : ~x2

MEG 2009 Results



Analysis procedure

- **Blind analysis to avoid human bias**
 - $T_{e\gamma} (-1\text{ns} < T_{e\gamma} < 1\text{ns})$, $E_{\gamma} (48 < E_{\gamma} < 57.6\text{MeV})$
- **Optimization of analysis algorithms and background study using sideband data**
- **Open the box**
- **Likelihood fit** for data, and calculate confidence intervals with toy MC simulation
- N_{sig} **normalized** to the number of observed Michel decays
- $\text{BR}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma) = N_{\text{sig}} / (\text{Normalized factor})$



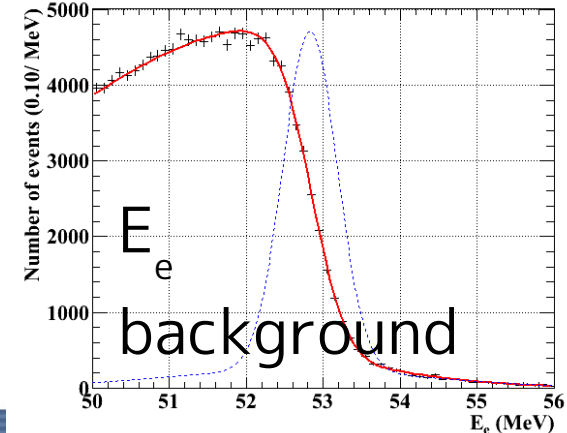
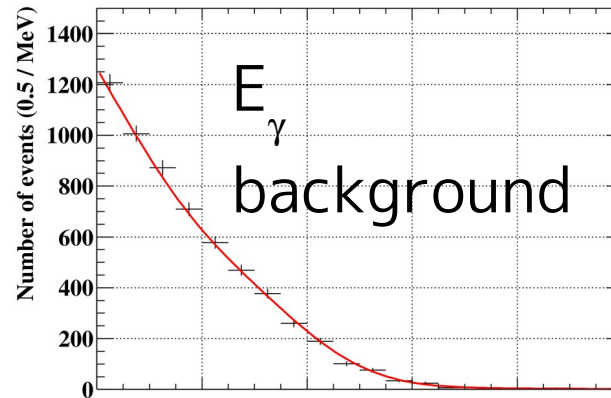
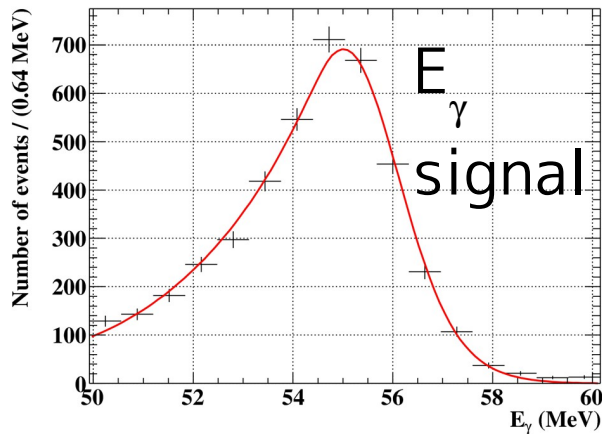
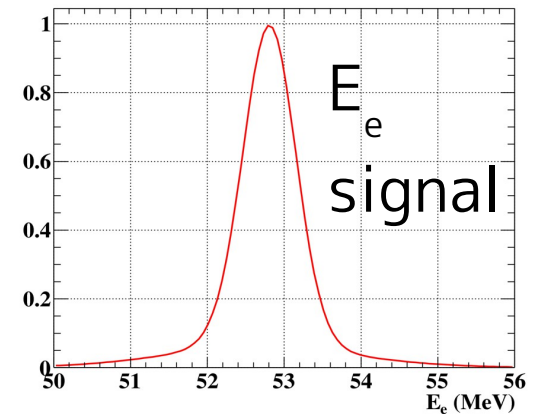
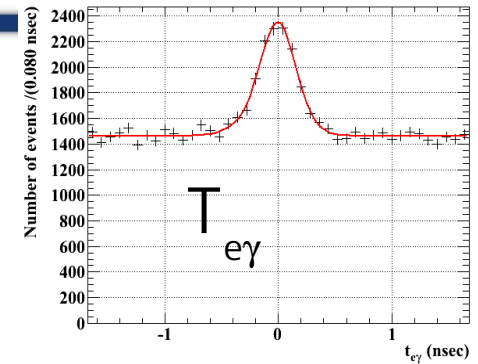
E_{γ} vs T distribution
without any selection.

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Analysis Method

$$\mathcal{L}(N_{\text{sig}}, N_{\text{RMD}}, N_{\text{BG}}) = \frac{N^{N_{\text{obs}}} \exp^{-N}}{N_{\text{obs}}!} \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{obs}}} \left[\frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{N} S + \frac{N_{\text{RMD}}}{N} R + \frac{N_{\text{BG}}}{N} B \right]$$

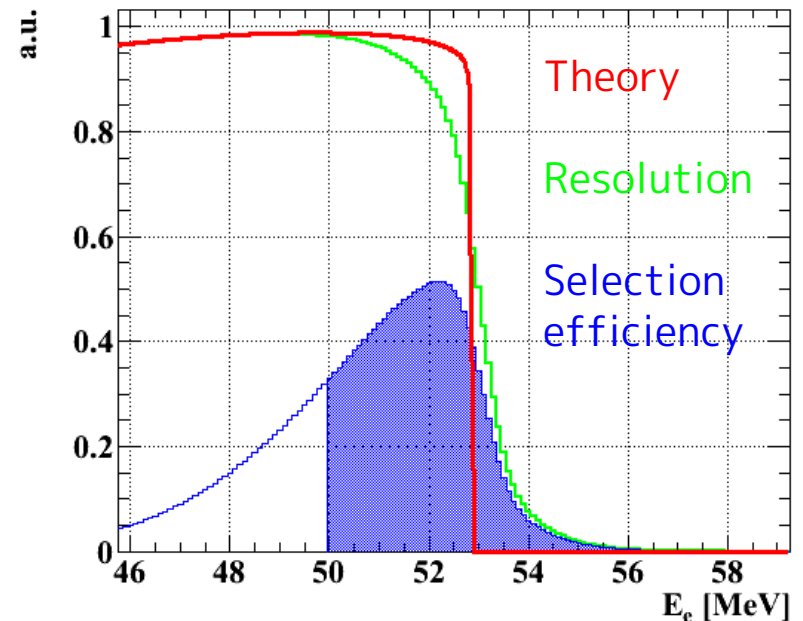
- Extended unbinned maximum likelihood analysis
- Fitting parameters (N_{BG} , N_{RMD} , N_{signal})
- PDF preparation
 - (S, R, B) : PDF for ($\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$, RMD, Background)
 - Product of PDFs for the five observables (E_γ , E_e , $t_{e\gamma}$, $\theta_{e\gamma}$ and $\phi_{e\gamma}$)
- Most PDFs can be obtained by data
- Position, time, and positron tracking quality dependence etc. included



Number of Michel decay

$$BR(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) = \frac{N_{sig}}{N_{evv}} \times \frac{f_{evv}^E}{P} \times \frac{\epsilon_{evv}^{trig}}{\epsilon_{e\gamma}^{trig}} \times \frac{A_{evv}^{TC}}{A_{e\gamma}^{TC}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{evv}^{DCH}}{\epsilon_{e\gamma}^{DCH}} \times \frac{1}{A_{e\gamma}^g} \times \frac{1}{\epsilon_{e\gamma}}$$

- Count the number of detected Michel positrons
 - N_{evv} obtained simultaneously with the signal
- The upper limit on $BR(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma)$ is calculated by normalizing N_{sig} to the N_{enn}
- Independent of instantaneous beam rate and insensitive to positron acceptance and efficiency



$$\text{B.R.} = N_{sig} / 1.0 \pm 0.1 \times 10^{12} \quad (\text{Preliminary})$$

Sensitivity

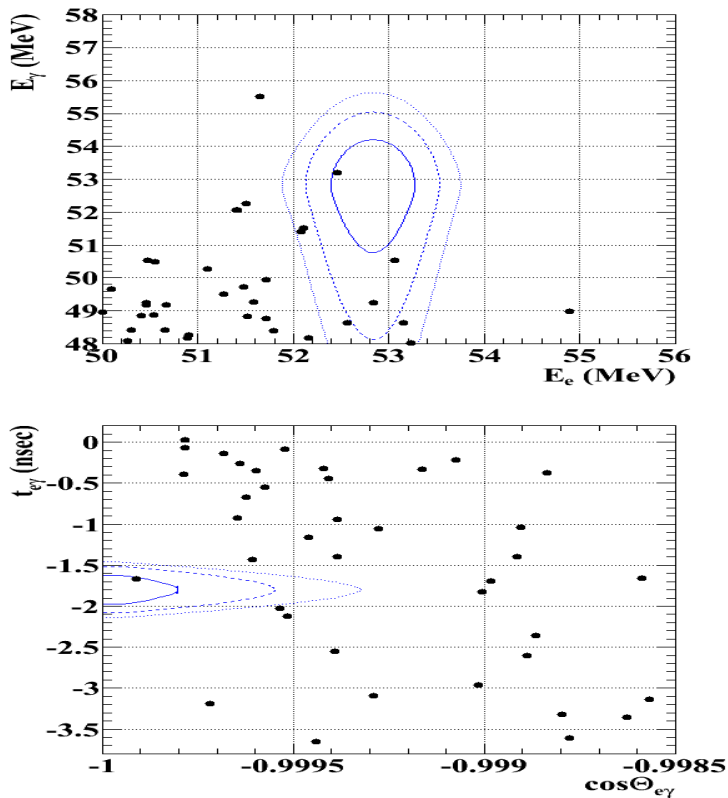
Preliminary

Average 90% C.L. upper limit of toy MC with null signal.

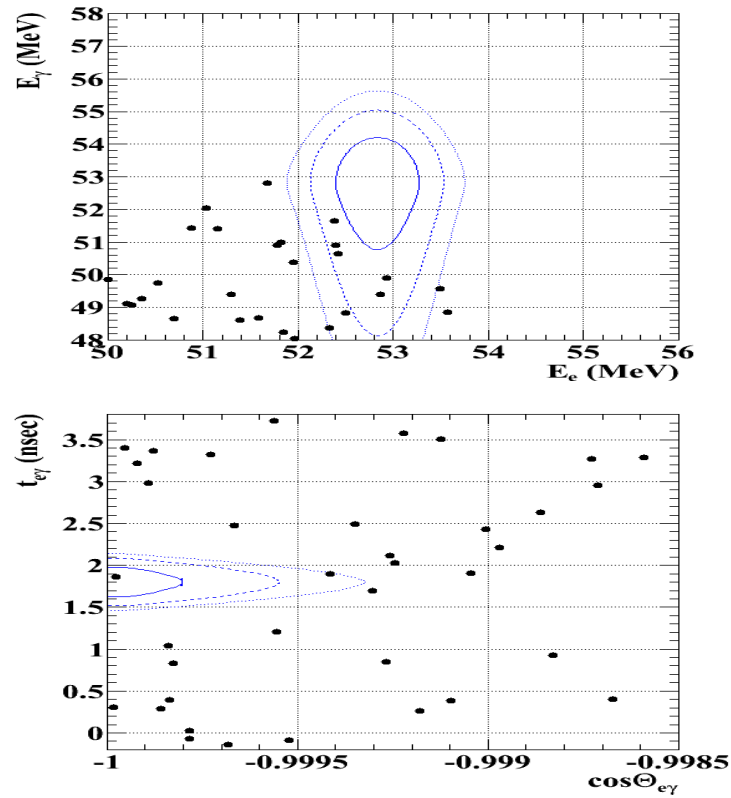
Sensitivity : 6.1×10^{-12}

Sideband fit result is consistent. $Br < 4 \sim 6 \times 10^{-12}$

Negative T_{ey} sideband



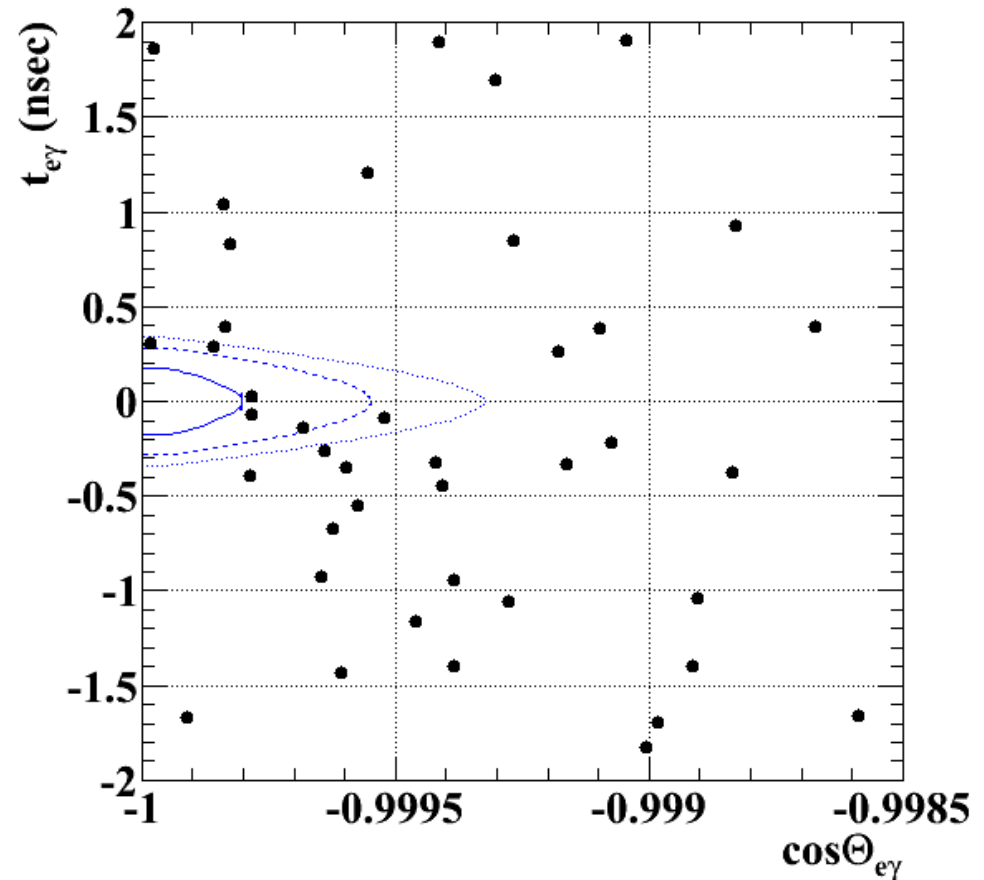
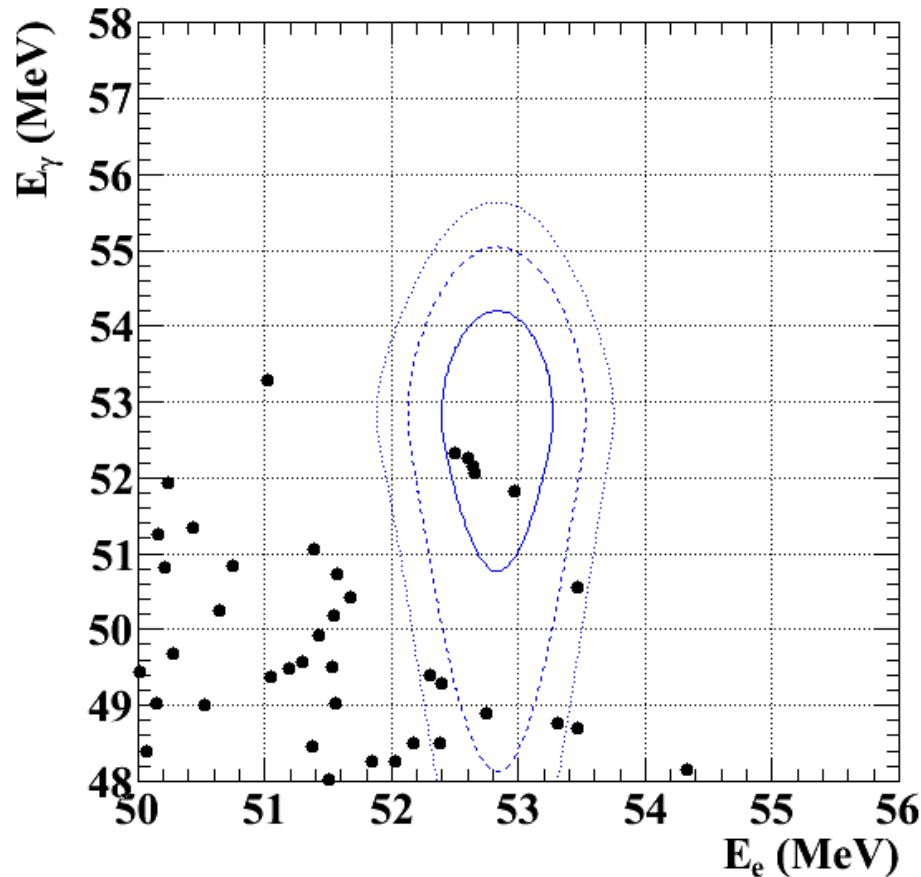
Positive T_{ey} sideband



(Current B.R. upper limit is 1.2×10^{-11} by MEGA)

Event distribution after unblinding

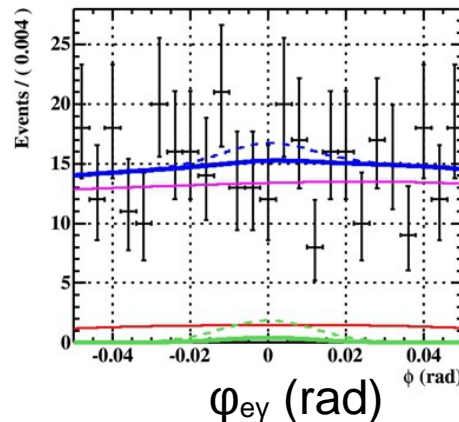
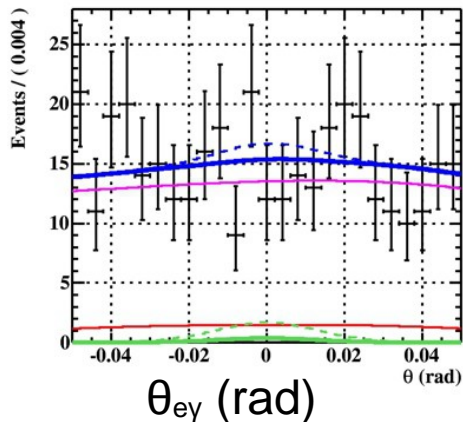
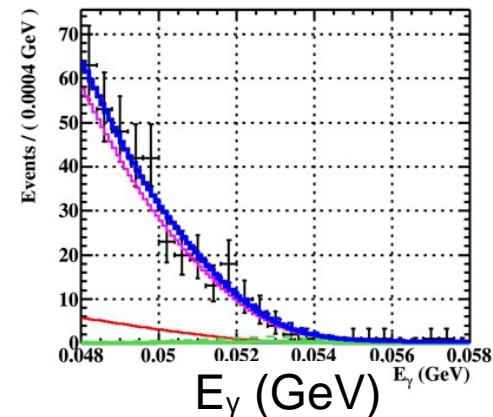
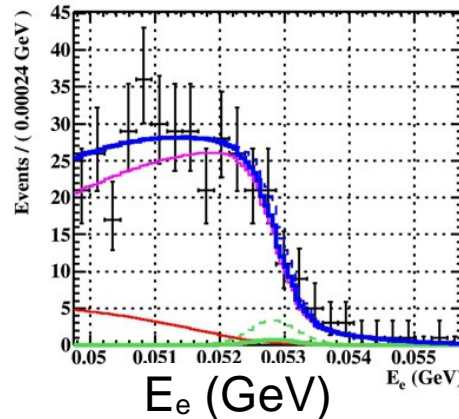
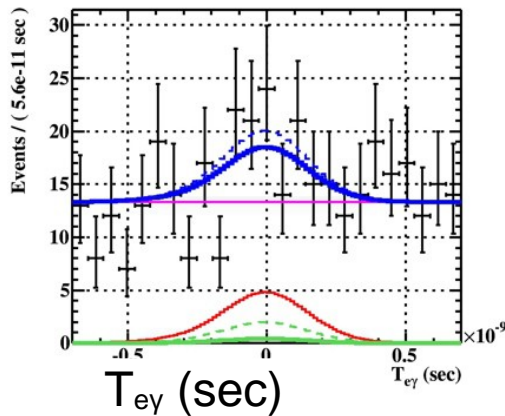
6/July the blind box was opened



Blue lines are 1(39.3 % included inside the region w.r.t. analysis window), 1.64(74.2%) and 2(86.5%) sigma regions.
For each plot, cut on other variables for roughly 90% window is applied.

Fit result

Preliminary



Accidental BG

RMD

Signal

Total

$N_{\text{RMD}} = 35^{+24}_{-22}$
(Expectation from
sideband = 32 ± 2)

Dashed lines : 90% C.L. UL of Nsig

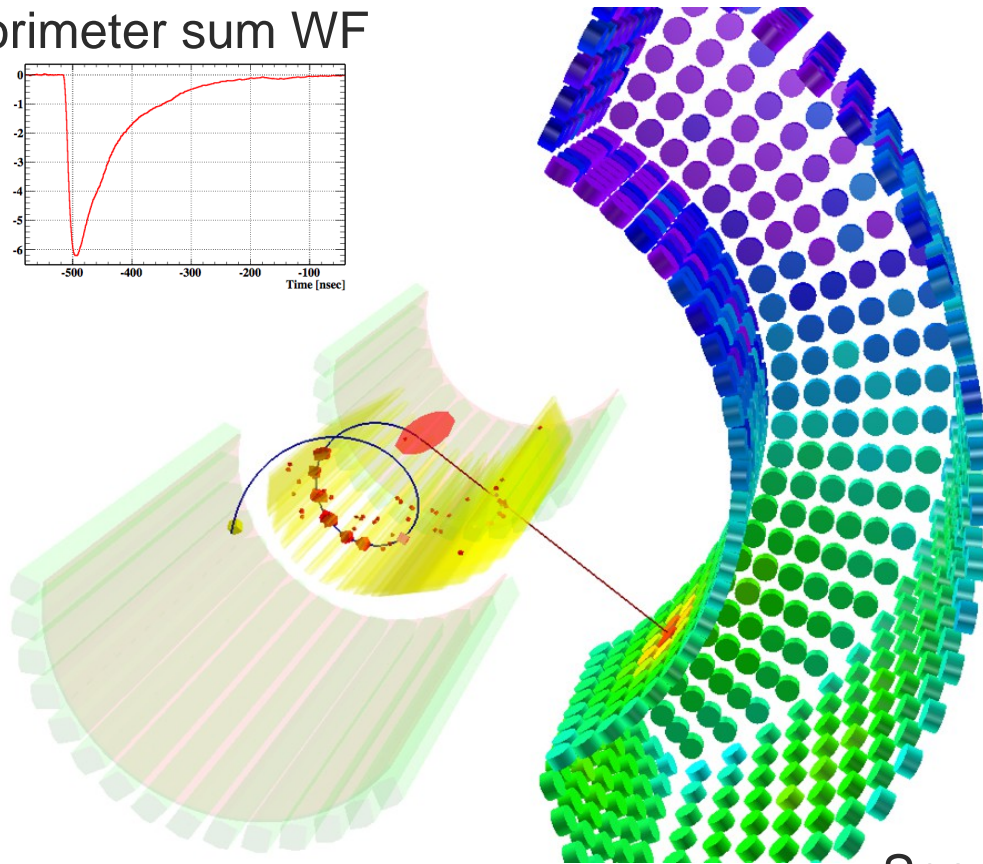
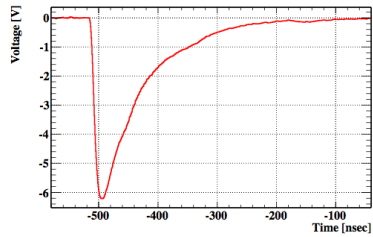
Nsig best fit = 3.0

**$N_{\text{sig}} < 14.5$ @ 90% C.L \rightarrow $\text{Br}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma) < 1.5 \times 10^{-11}$ @ 90% C.L.
 $N_{\text{sig}} = 0$ is in 90% confidence region**

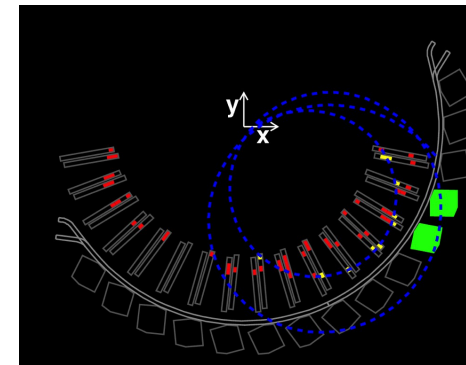
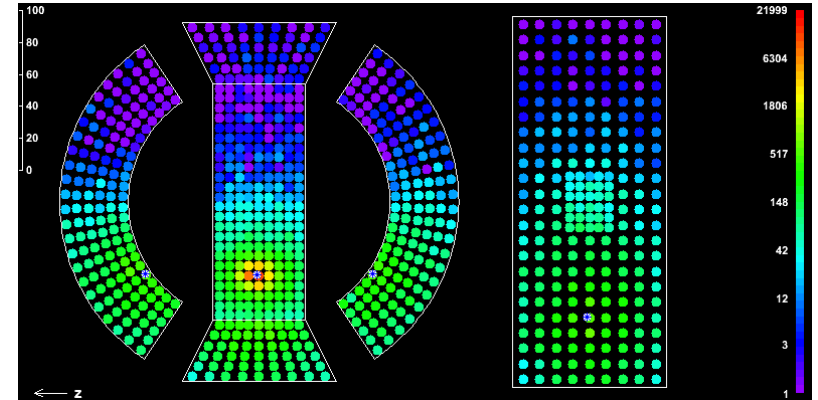
Fitting was done by three groups with different parametrization, analysis window and statistical approaches, and confirmed to be consistent (N_{sig} best fit = 3.0-4.5, UL = 1.2 - 1.5×10^{-11})

Event display

Calorimeter sum WF



Calorimeter PMT hit map



Spectrometer hits and a track

Each highly ranked event is checked carefully.

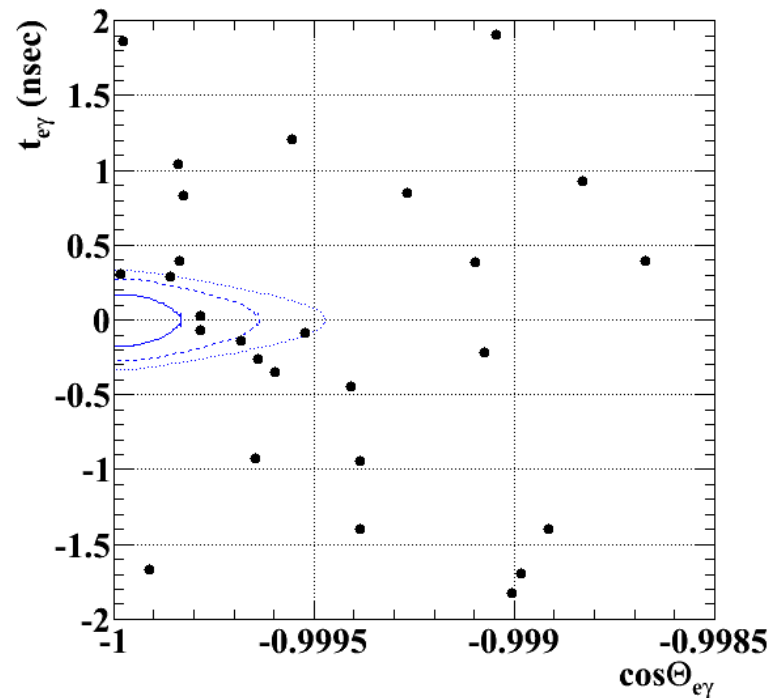
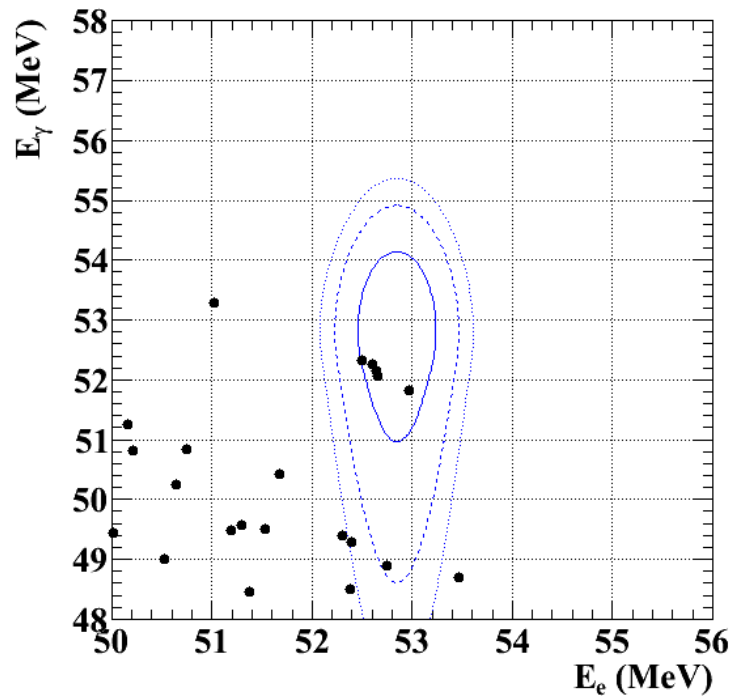
Event quality check

High quality e^+ track category events

Selected by number of drift chamber(DC) hits, E_e , θ_e , φ_e fitting uncertainties, track fitting χ^2 , r and z difference between timing counter hit and extrapolation of a track.

Events around signal region do not disappear by selecting high quality track events.

High quality fraction = 59%



Prospects

- Possible improvements
 - Improvement of synchronization of waveform digitizer (DRS4) improves σ_T
 - Possible better calibration with monochromatic positron beam and improve positron tracking
 - Noise reduction and electronics modification for DC
 - Refinement in calorimeter analysis
- 3 years physics data (2010-2012)
 - Sensitivity will reach our goal, a few $\times 10^{-13}$
 - Each detector performance could be improved further!

	2010 (preliminary)
Gamma Energy (%)	1.5 (w>2cm)
Gamma Timing (psec)	68
Gamma Position (mm)	5(u,v)/6(w)
e⁺ Timing (psec)	<95
e⁺ Momentum (%)	0.7
e⁺ angle (mrad)	8(ϕ)/8(θ)
e⁺ - gamma timing (psec)	120
Muon Decay Point (mm)	1.4(R)/2.5(Z)
Stopping Muon Rate (sec⁻¹)	2.9x10⁷
DAQ time / Real time (days)	95/117
Sensitivity	(2.0-2.2)x10⁻¹²
BR upper limit	-

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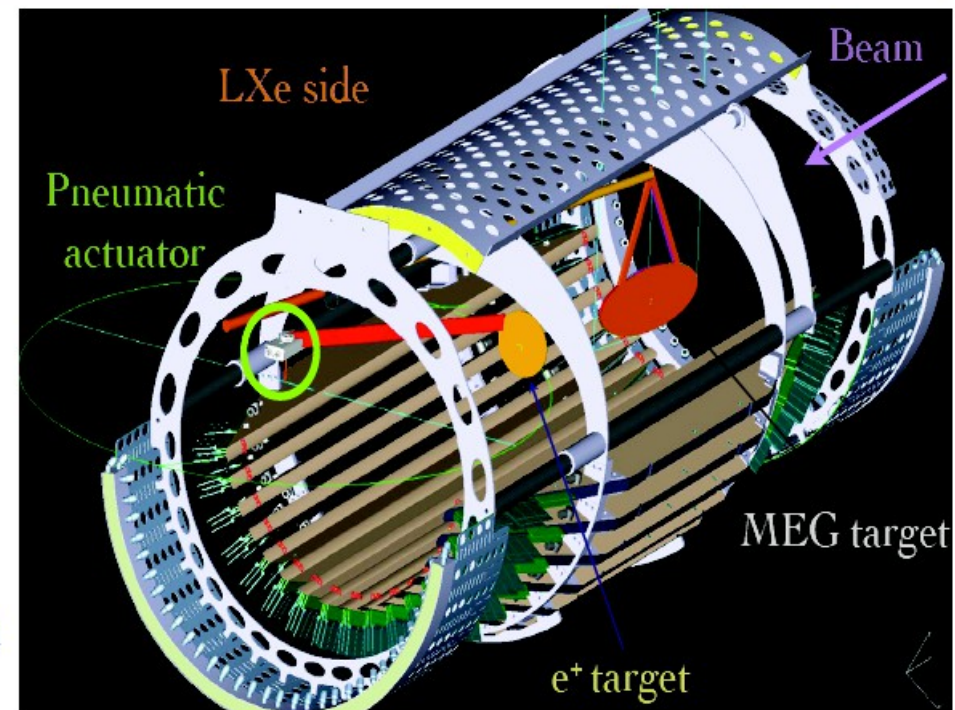
Summary

- MEG detector has started operation since 2007, and physics data have been taken in 2008 and 2009.
- Many calibration & monitoring methods have been established to check our detector performance.
- Our result to search for lepton flavor violating $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ decay is the branching ratio upper limit 1.5×10^{-11} (90% C.L., preliminary) based on 2009 data with the sensitivity 6.1×10^{-12} (90% C.L., preliminary).
- We will have three years data taking (2010-2012) to reach our sensitivity, a few $\times 10^{-13}$. Improvement of our detector performance is the most important for us.

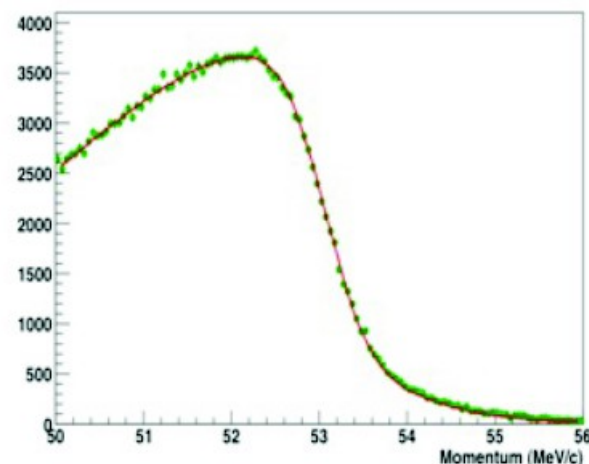
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Improve Resolutions, contd.

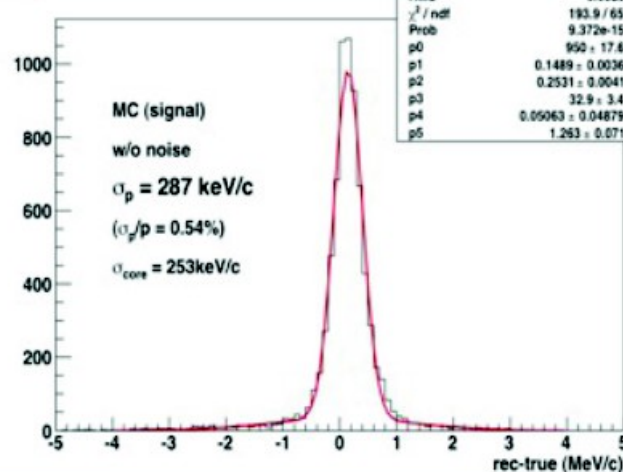
- ❖ New Calibration Source will be implemented.
- ❖ Using Mott-Scatt. (coherent elastic) on light nuclei.
- ❖ “ **Variable / Monochromatic** ” e^+ is available.
- ❖ Momentum Calibration and Resolution Understanding will be improved.



Michel Spectrum



ΔP



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