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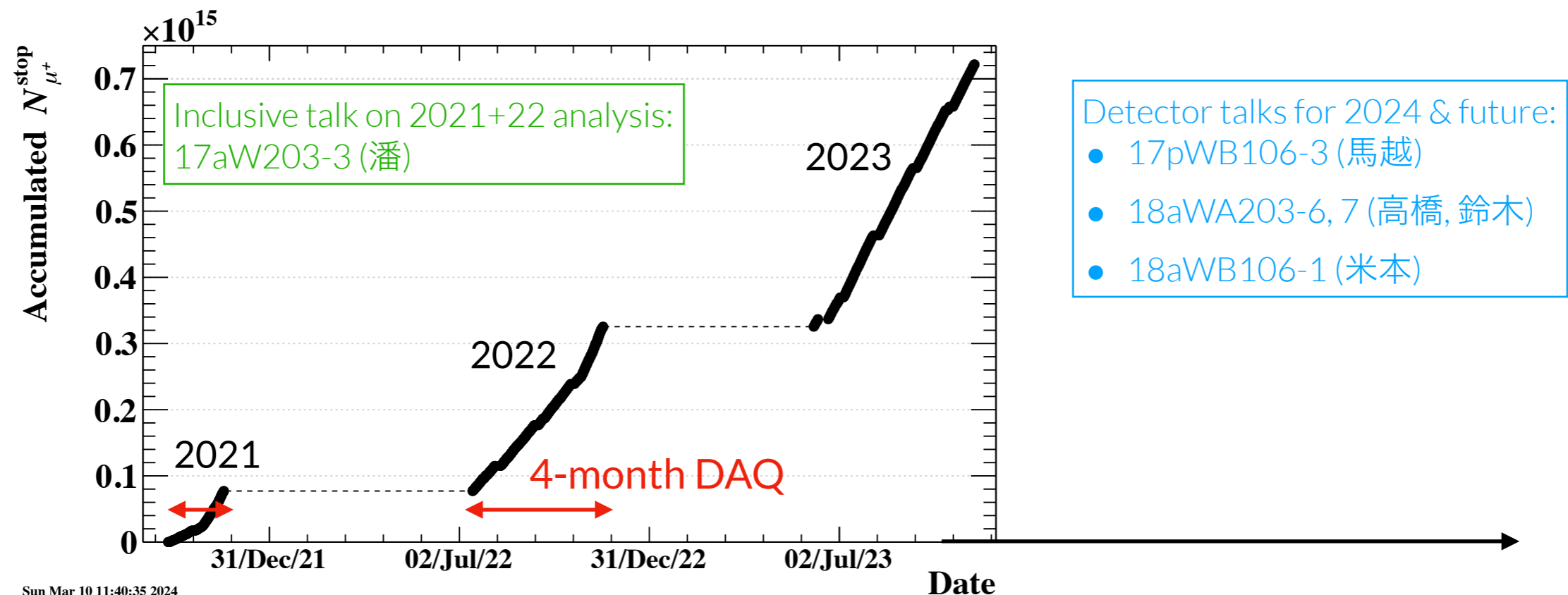
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$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ search in MEG II

- MEG II experiment searches for $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ with target sensitivity of 6×10^{-14}
 - Strongly suppressed down to $\mathcal{O}(10^{-54})$ in SM + ν osc.
 - Predicted with $\mathcal{O}(10^{-12} - 10^{-14})$ in BSM, e.g. SUSY
- Physics run started in 2021
 - Sensitivity 8.8×10^{-13} for 2021 data *K. Afanaciev, et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 84 (2024), 214
 - **Preliminary sensitivity 2.1×10^{-13} for 2021+2022 data**

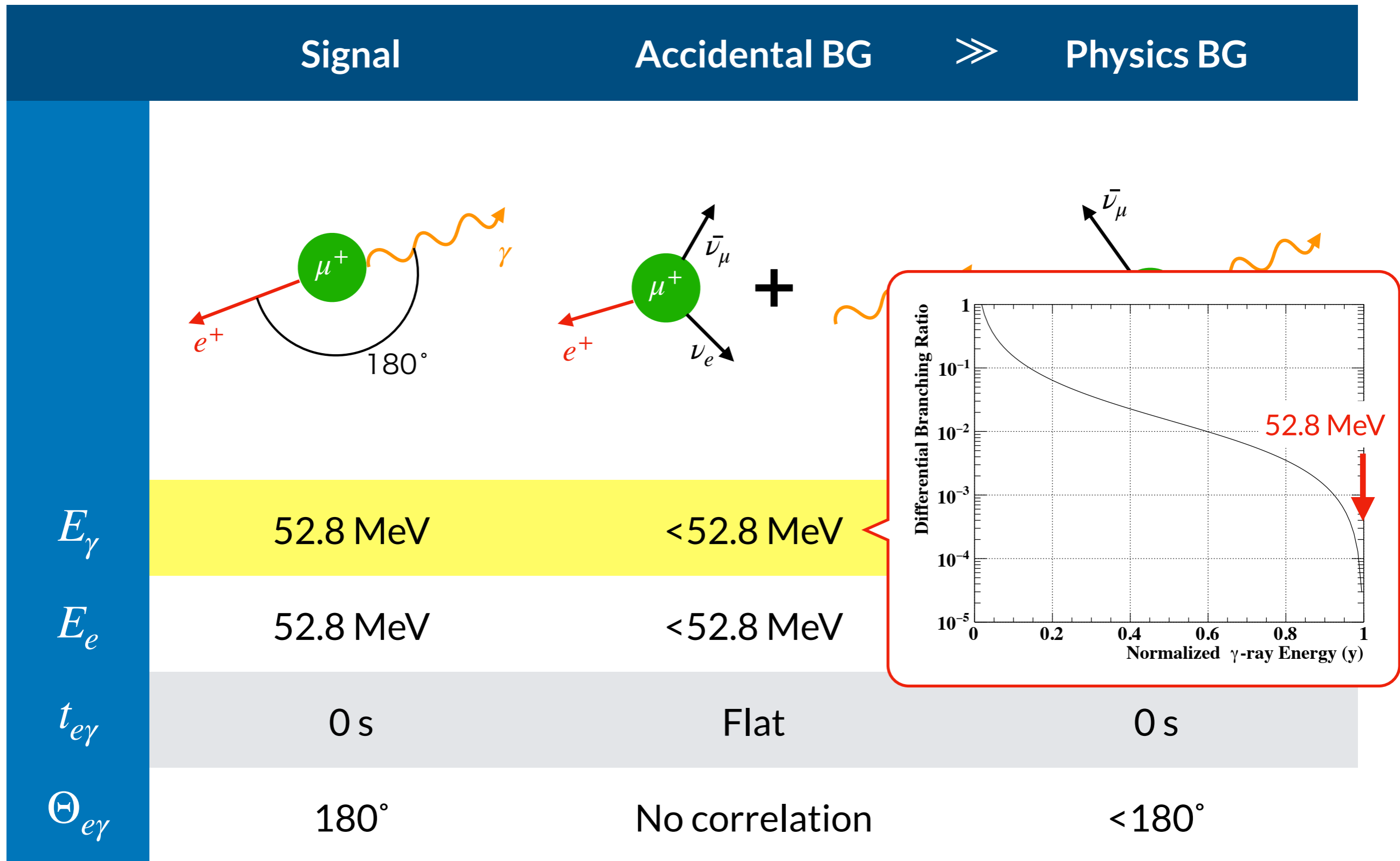


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Signal & BG kinematics

| | Signal | Accidental BG | >> | Physics BG |
|--------------------|----------|----------------|----|------------|
| | | | | |
| E_γ | 52.8 MeV | <52.8 MeV | | <52.8 MeV |
| E_e | 52.8 MeV | <52.8 MeV | | <52.8 MeV |
| $t_{e\gamma}$ | 0 s | Flat | | 0 s |
| $\Theta_{e\gamma}$ | 180° | No correlation | | <180° |

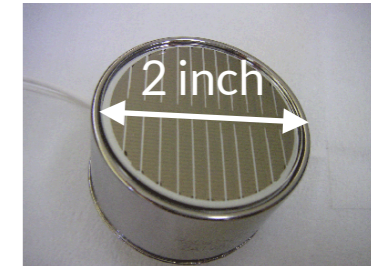
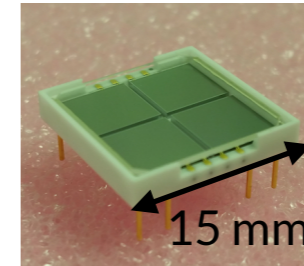
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LXe photon detector

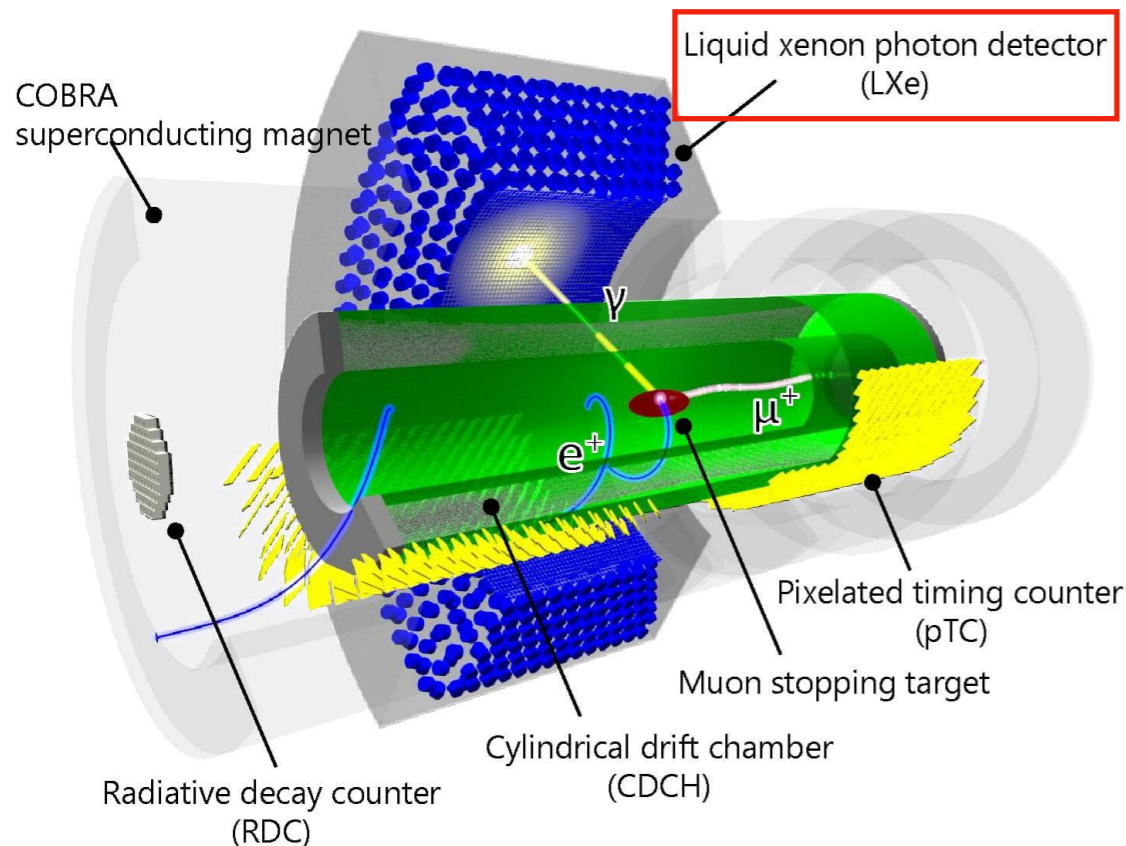
- Scintillation light in LXe collected by VUV-sensitive photosensors

- 4,092 MPPCs on the γ entrance face
- 668 PMTs on the other faces
- Gain and PDE/QE calibrated

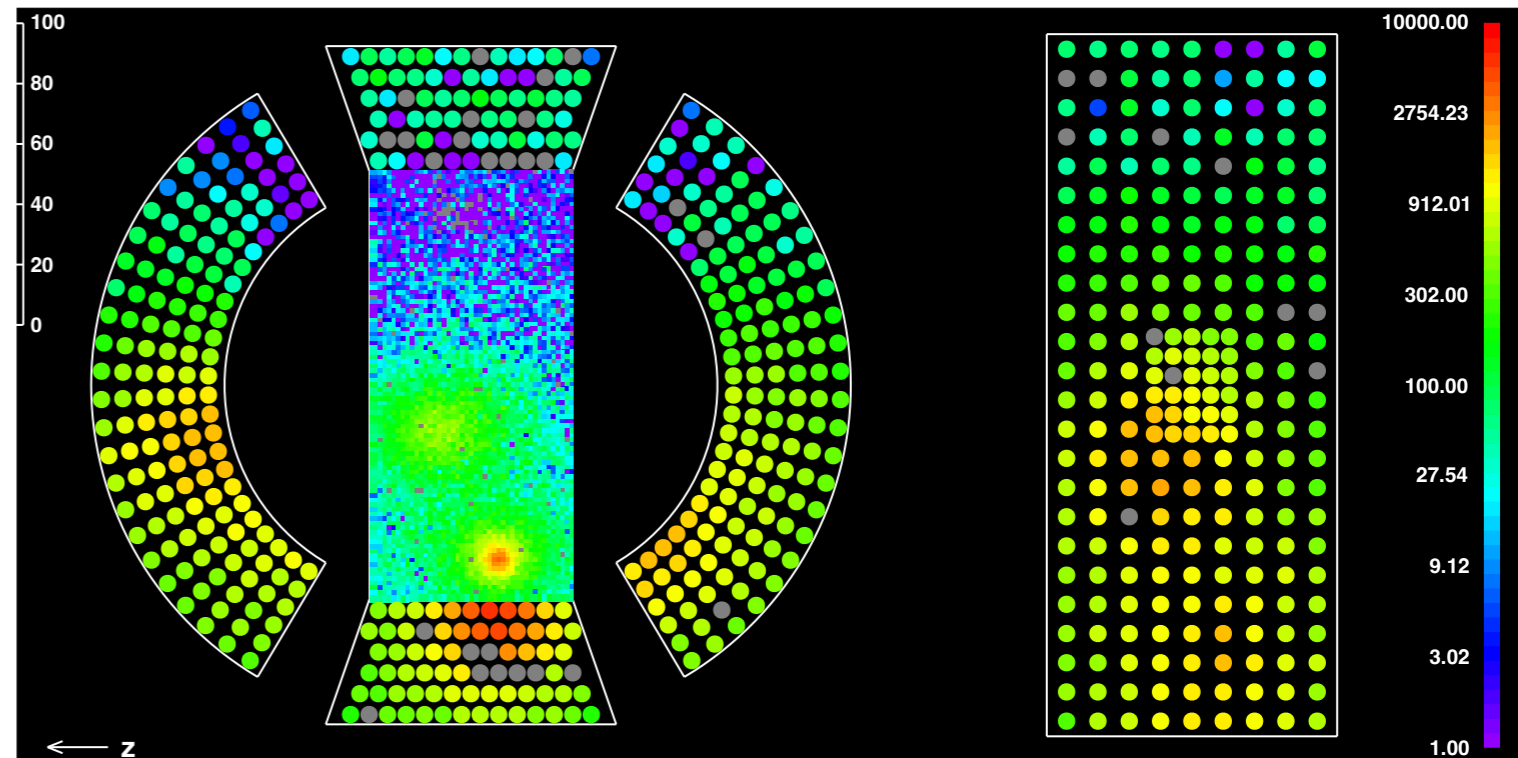


- Measure γ position, timing, and energy

- Energy reconstructed by collecting all scintillation photons and converting it



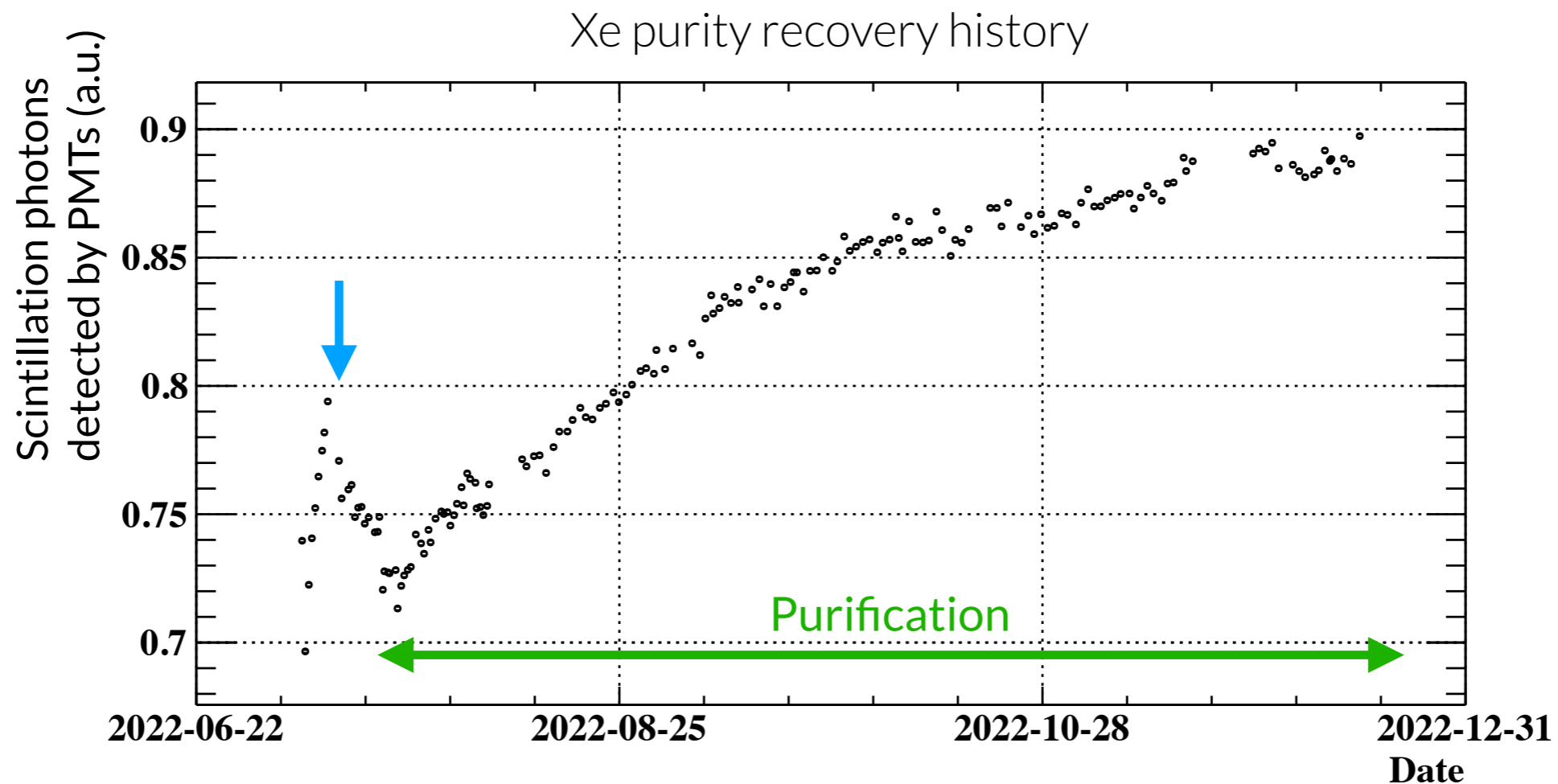
Detected scintillation photon distribution of a multi- γ event



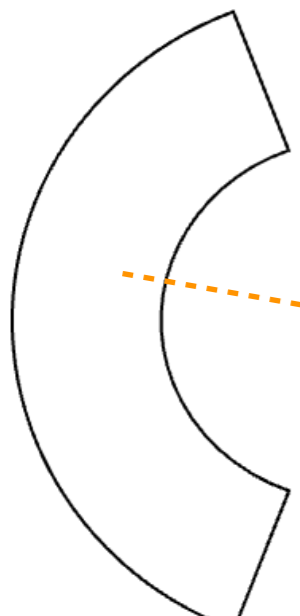
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Light absorption due to impurity

- Impure Xe added at the beginning of the 2022 run
 - Water contaminated
- ➔ Shorter light absorption length at the beginning
- Purification in parallel with DAQ



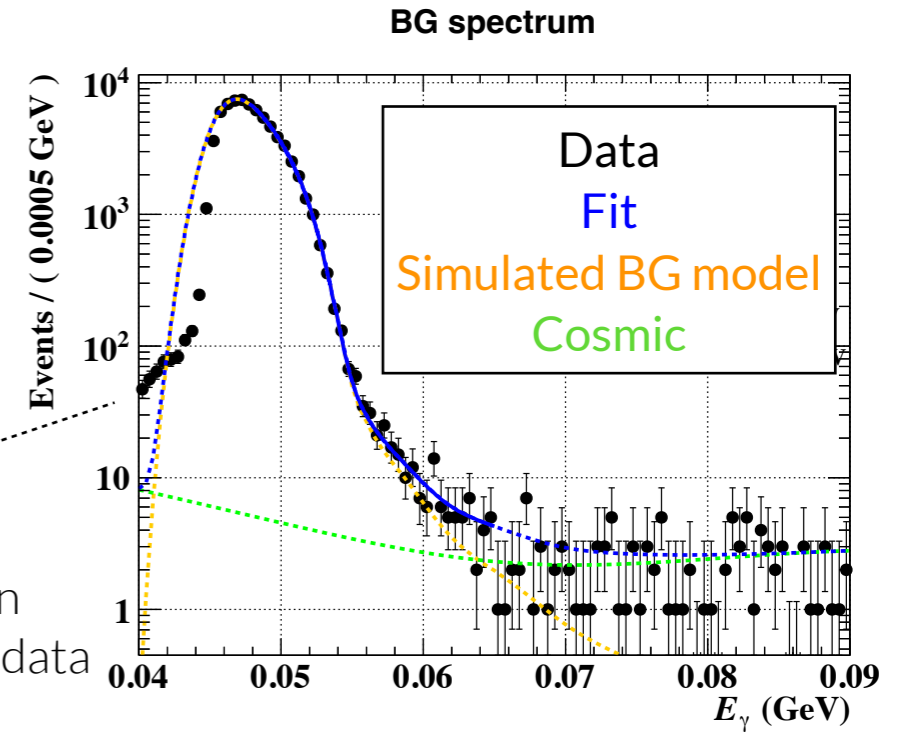
Calibration datasets



γ rays

- 18 MeV γ from ${}^7\text{Li}(p, \gamma){}^8\text{Be}$
- 9 MeV γ from ${}^{58}\text{Ni}(n, \gamma){}^{59}\text{Ni}$
- <52.8 MeV γ from μ decays (BG)

Spectra comparison in MC and data

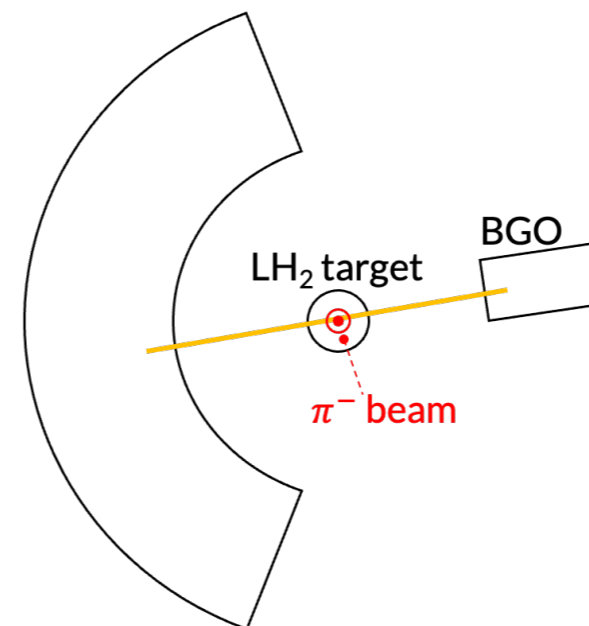
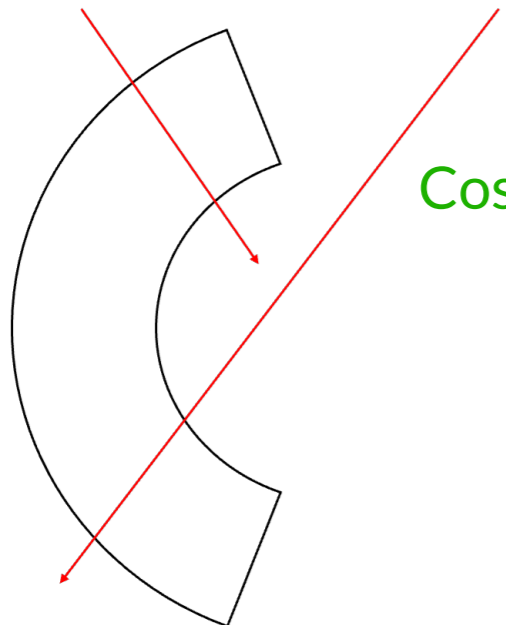


Physics run period

Date

Calibration run period

Cosmic rays

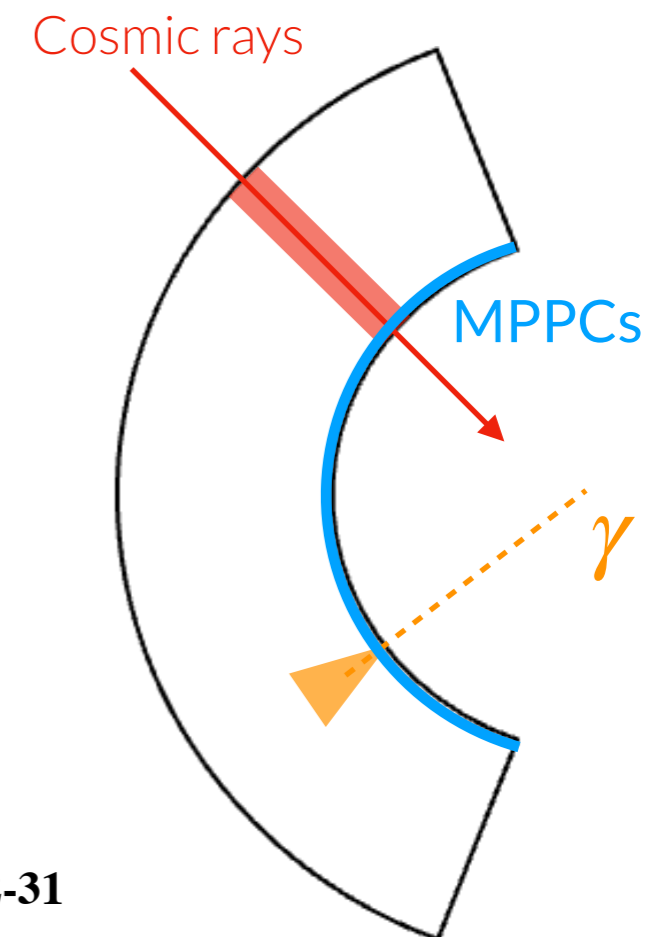
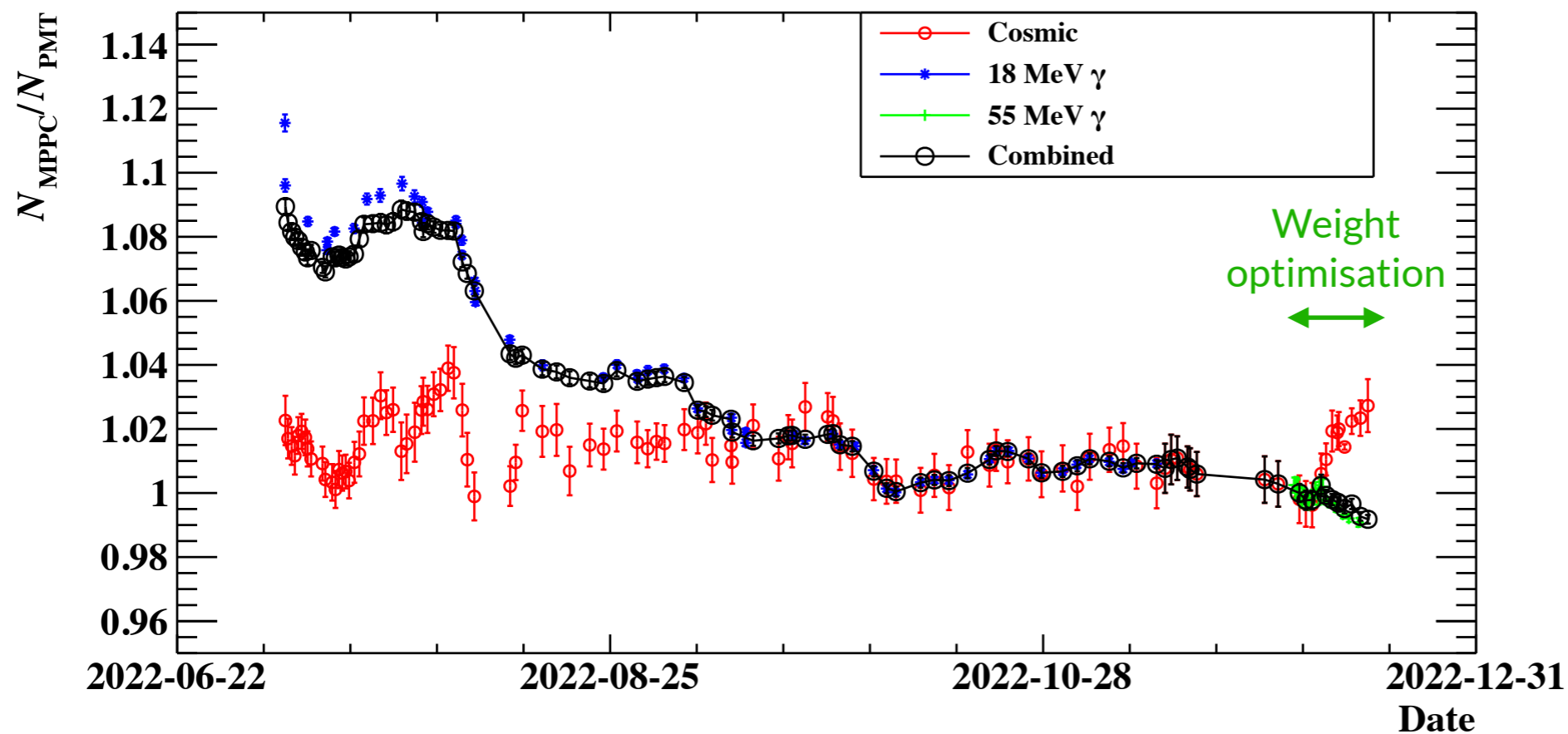


55 MeV γ rays from

- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n$
- $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

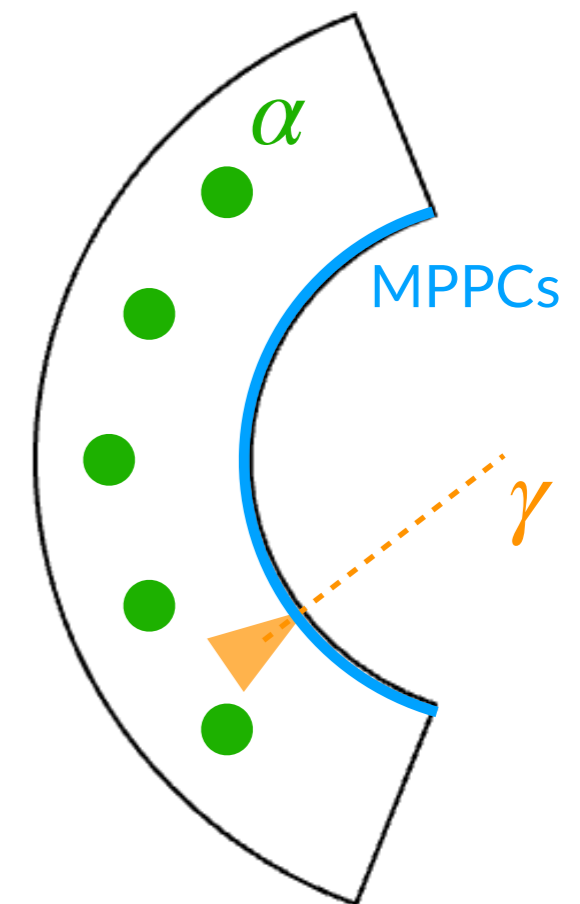
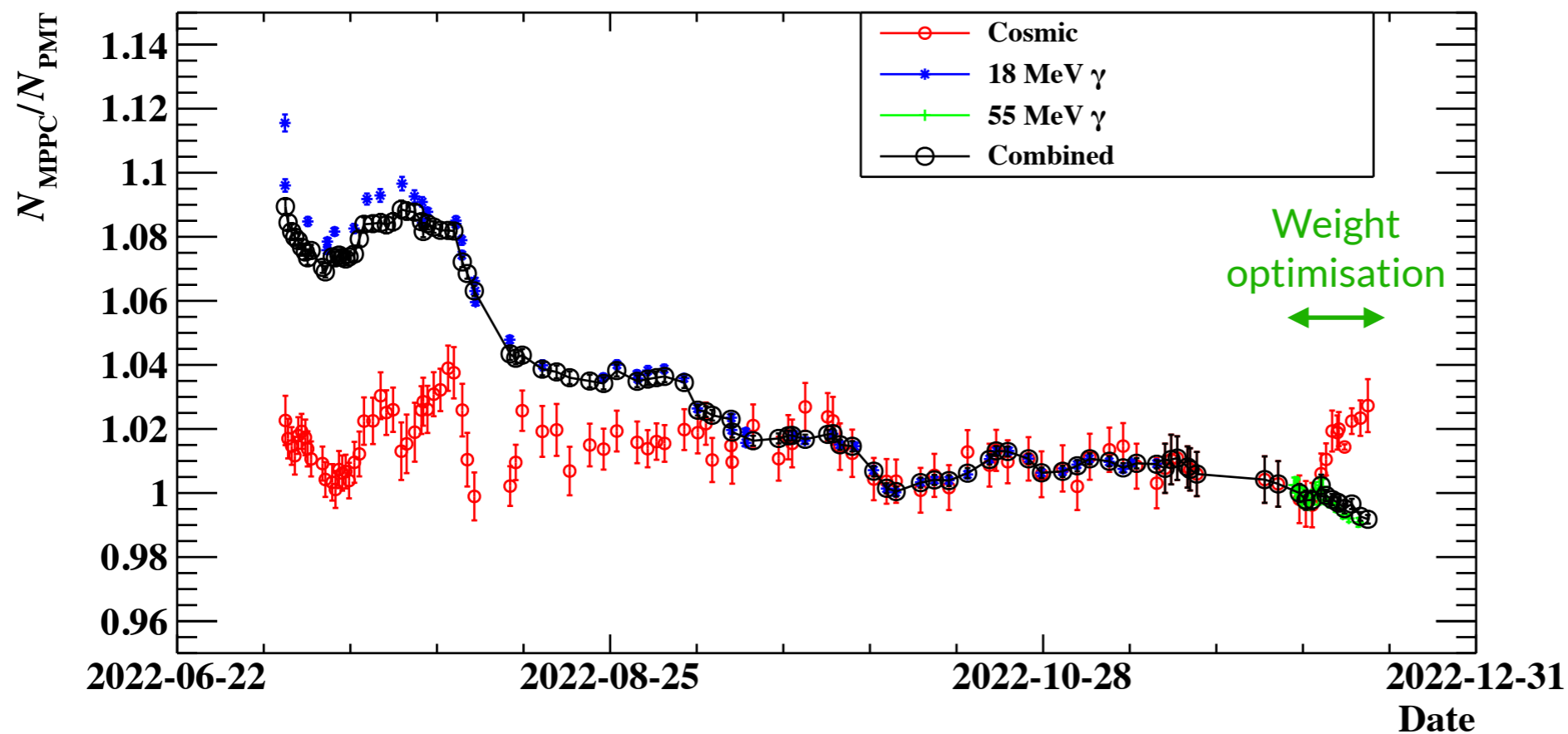
Temporal variation in light collection

- Optimise weight for MPPCs to sum up scintillation photons with 55 MeV photons
- Weight depends on absorption length



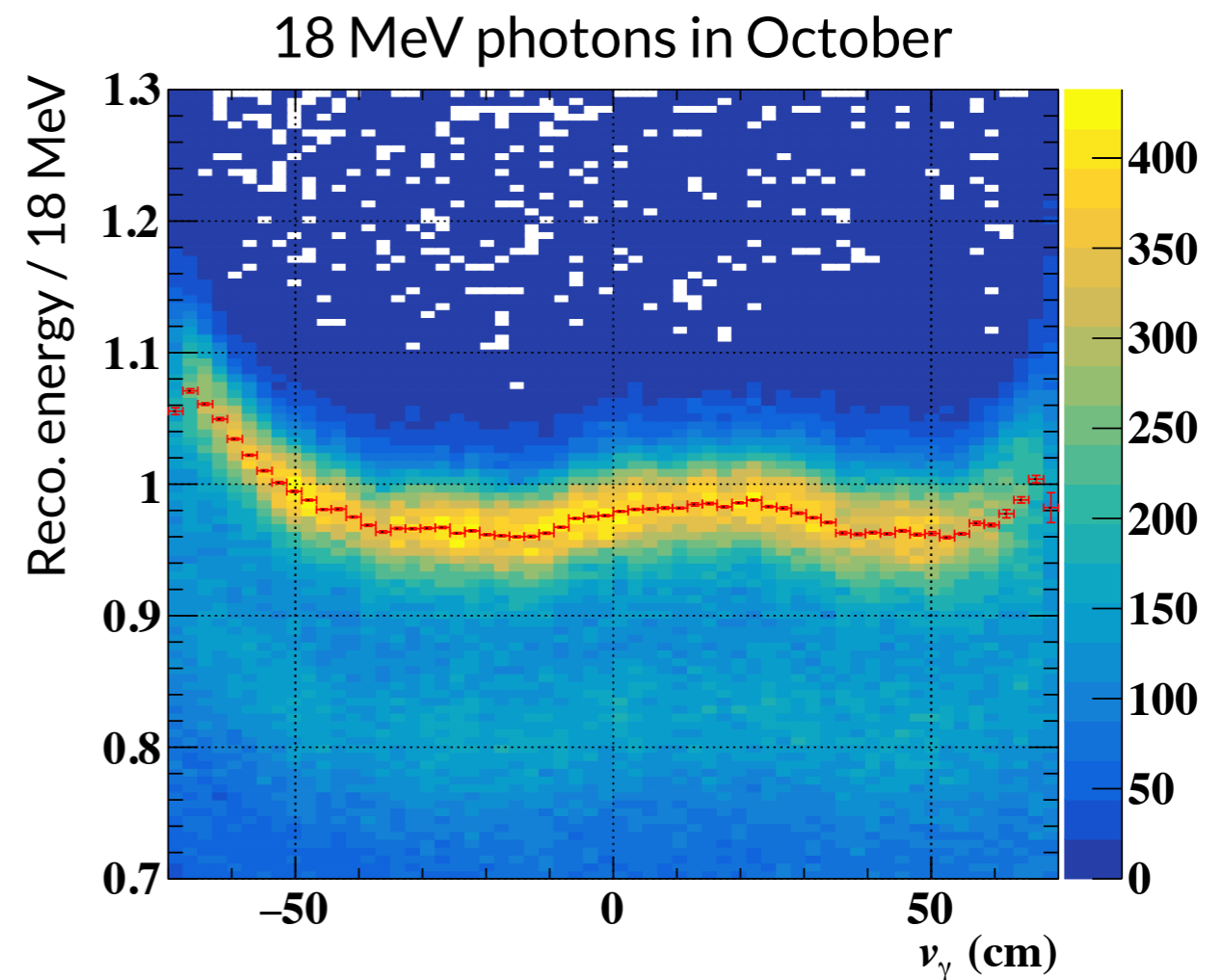
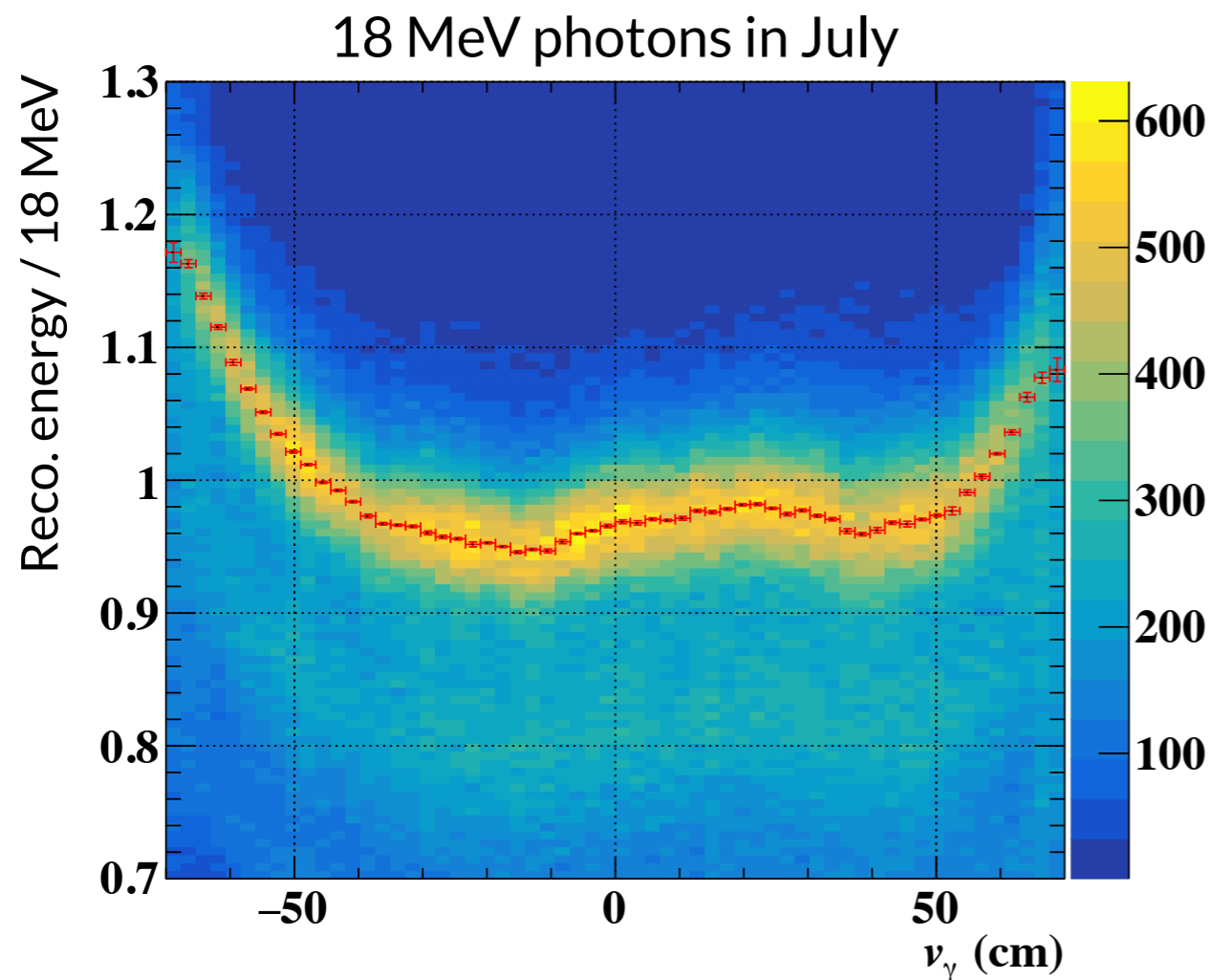
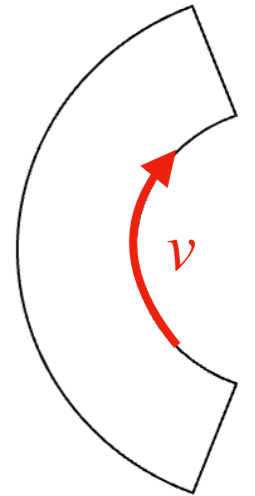
MPPC and PMT response difference

- Difference of response to γ between MPPCs and PMTs
 - α used to calibrate photon detection efficiency for MPPCs and quantum efficiency for PMTs
- Correct weight and response difference as a function of time



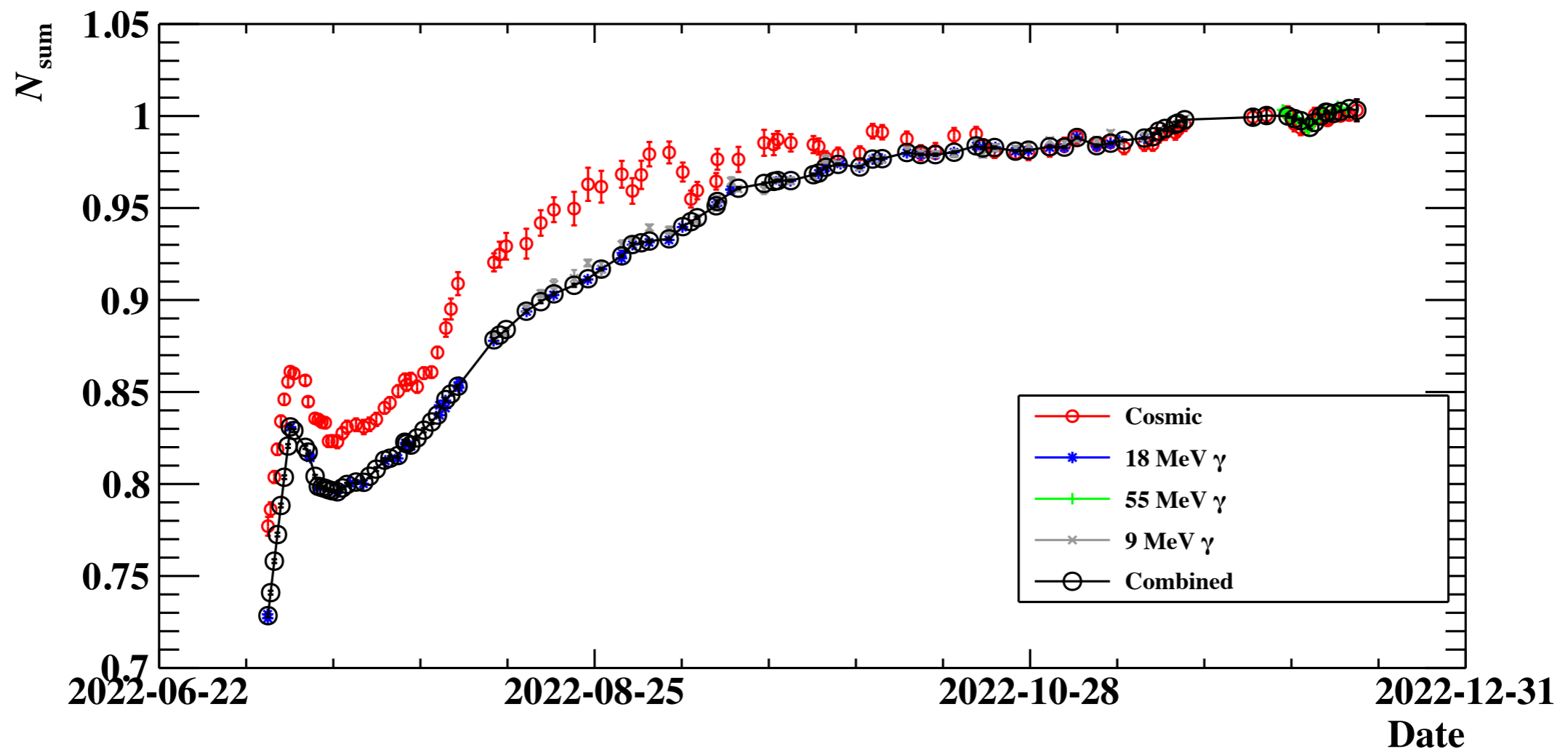
Temporal variation in position dependence

- Temporal dependence on MPPC weight caused temporal variation in position dependence
 - Higher energy reconstructed in regions close to edge
- ➔ Correct it to achieve **uniform response** and **high resolution** for whole 2022 run



Temporal evolution of energy scale

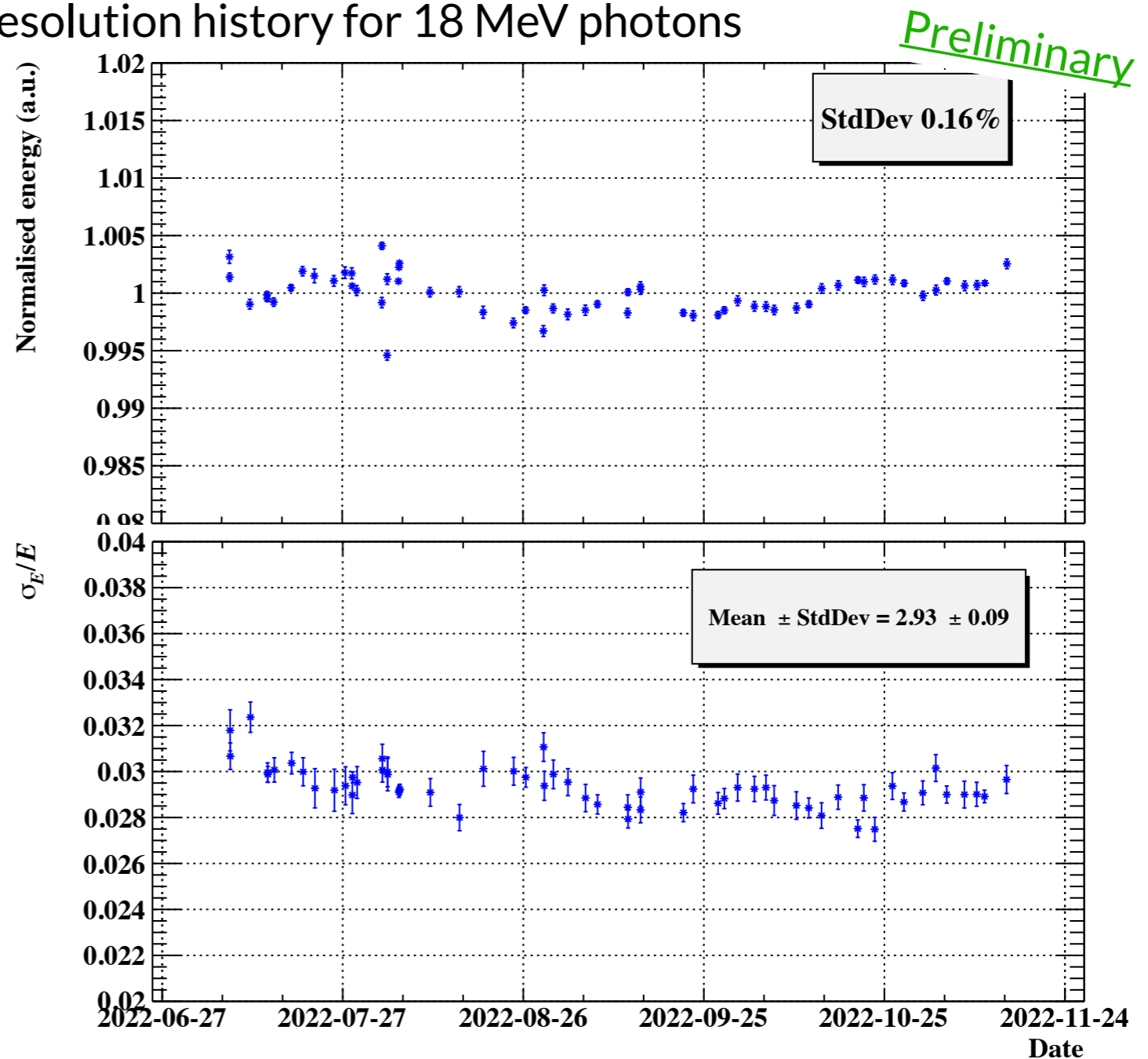
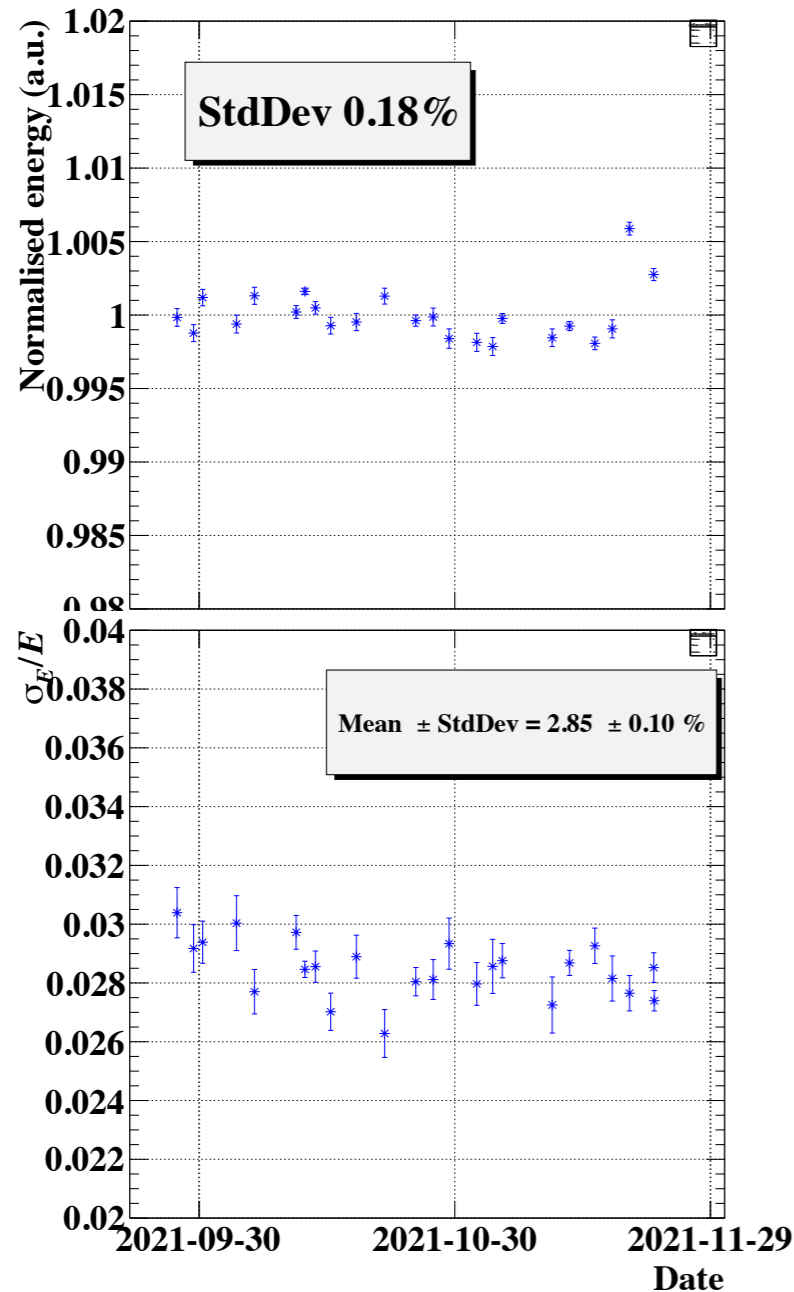
- The number of detected scintillation photons increased as a function of time
 - Due to Xe purity recovery
- ➔ Correct the temporal evolution of energy scale



Energy scale and resolution stabilities

- **Stable energy scale and resolution achieved by calibrations**
 - Temporal variation of energy scale \ll Resolution

Energy scale/resolution history for 18 MeV photons



Conclusion

- 2021+22 MEG II data analysis ongoing in search of $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ with the highest sensitivity
 - Preliminary sensitivity 2.1×10^{-13}
- Discuss photon energy reconstruction
 - Calibrate energy scale of LXe detector
 - A challenge in 2022: Large variation in Xe purity
- Aim to publish the result this autumn

Stay tuned!



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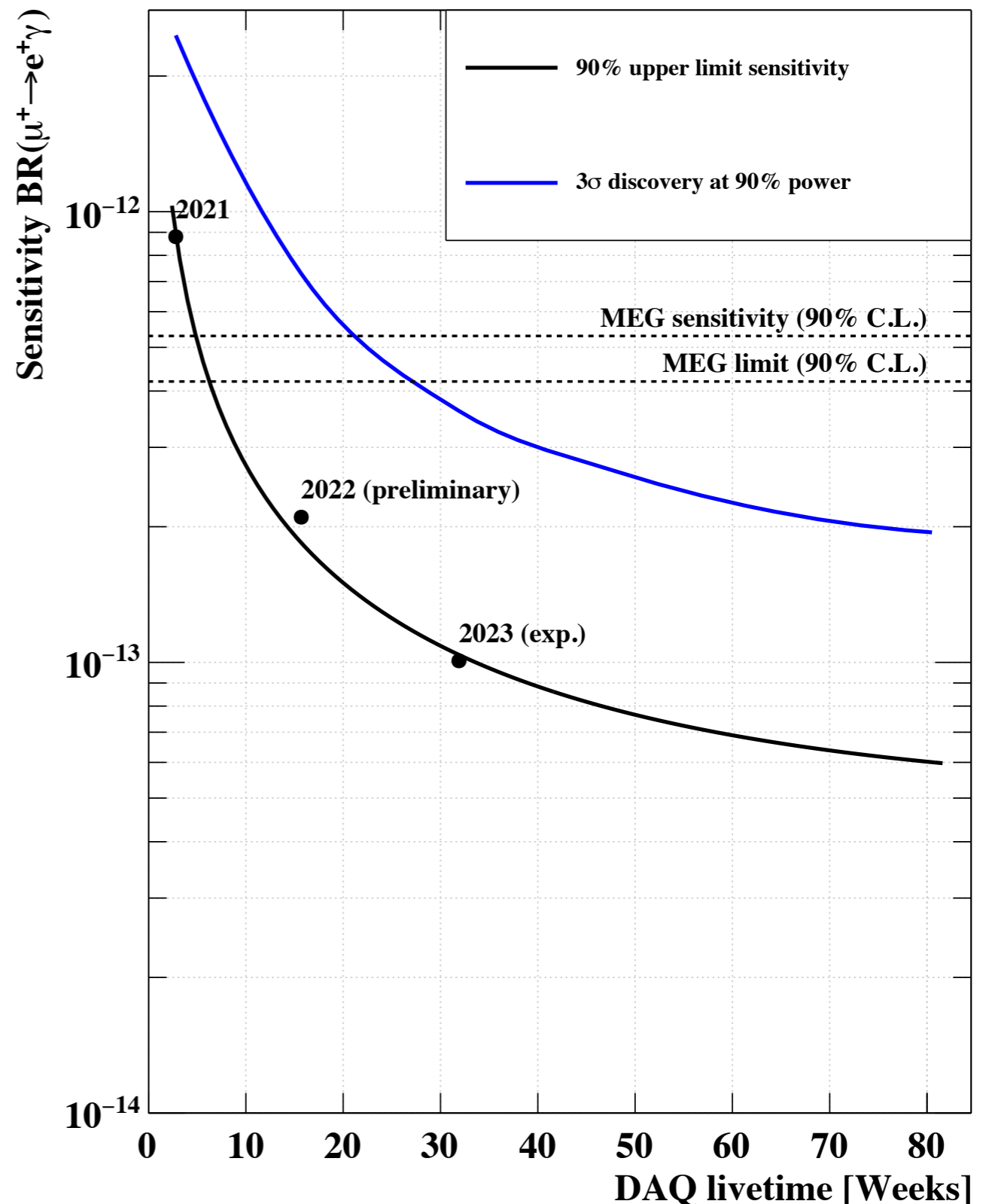
Backup

2021+2022 combined sensitivity

- Branching ratio $BR = N_{\text{sig}}/k$
 - # effectively measured μ decays: $k_{2021+22} = 1.28 \times 10^{13}$
- Sensitivity S : Median 90% C.L. upper limits on BR for BG-only hypothesis
 - Median 90% C.L. upper limit on N_{sig} : 2.7
- $S_{2021+22} = 2.1 \times 10^{-13}$
 - c.f. $S_{2021} = 8.8 \times 10^{-13}$
 - c.f. $S_{\text{MEG}} = 5.3 \times 10^{-13}$
- Assume 2021 detector performance
 - Photon eeconstruction updates not included
 - **Further sensitivity improvement expected**

Prospects

- Aim to publish 2021+22 combined result this summer
- MEG II prospects
 - Long shutdown at PSI $\pi E5$ beamline planned in 2027-28
 - Beamtime to be shared with Mu3e experiment in 2025,26?
- ➔ Maximise DAQ time and efficiency
- ➔ $(5 - 6) \times 10^{-14}$ sensitivity will be reached



PMT gain calibration

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PMT gain calculation

PMT gain can be calculated from LED intensity scan data.

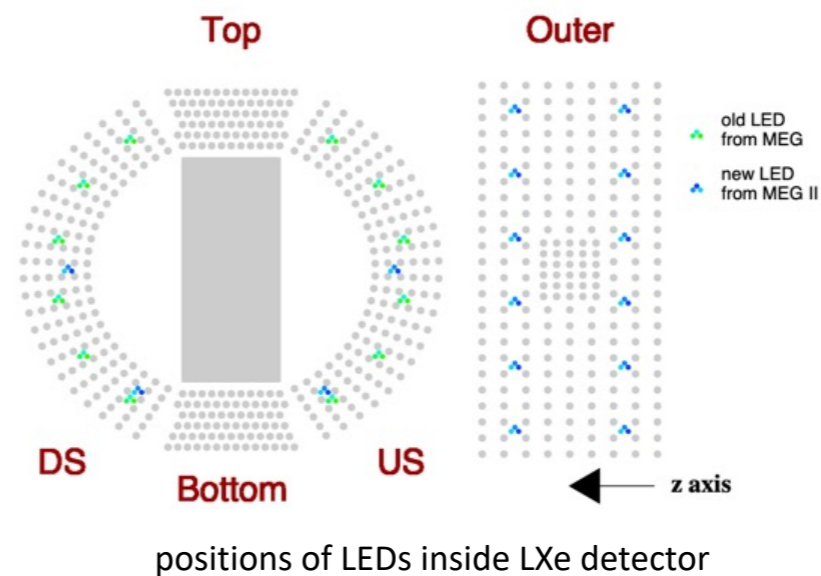
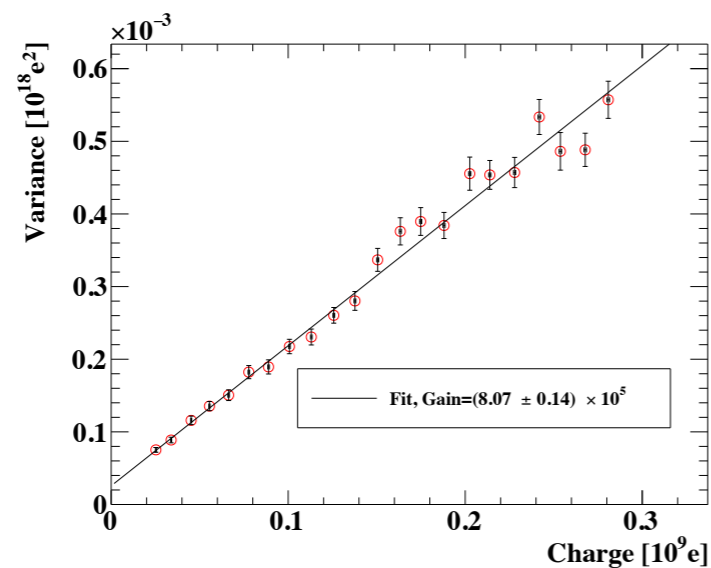
$$\sigma_q^2 = G \times e \times \bar{q} + \sigma_0^2$$

σ_q : spread of integrated charge distribution

G : gain

e : elementary charge

\bar{q} : mean of integrated charge



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MPPC Gain and ECF calibration

- MPPC gain is calculated from 0 p.e. and 1 p.e. peak using LED data.

Charge is calculated in multiple integration ranges

$$G(t) = G \times \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{t-t_0}{\tau_{\text{fall}}}\right) \right)$$

τ_{fall} : time constant

- Excess Charge Factor (ECF)

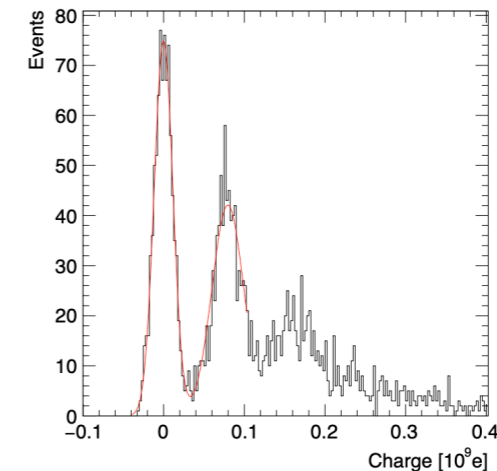
Charge increase due to cross-talk or after-pulse.

Calculated assuming the LED light is Poisson light.

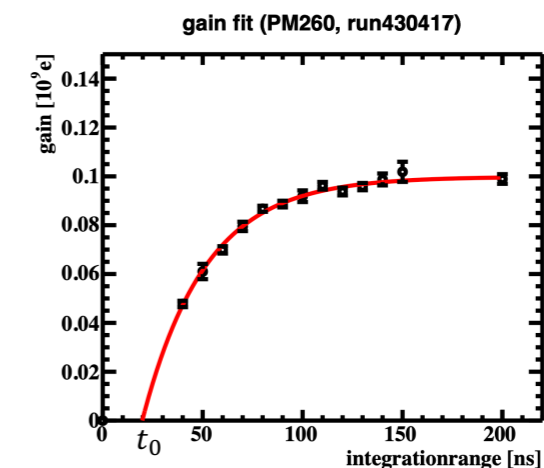
$$\text{ECF} = \frac{\mu}{\lambda}$$

$$\mu = \frac{\bar{Q}_{\text{measured}}}{G} : \text{Net average number of photoelectrons}$$

$$\lambda = -\log \frac{N_{\text{pedestal}}}{N_{\text{total}}} : \text{mean of Poisson distribution}$$



example of charge distribution
(integration range 70 ns)



MPPPC PDE/PMT QE calibration

- Definition of PDE/QE

$$\epsilon_i = \epsilon_i^{\text{MC}} \times \frac{\bar{N}_{\text{phe},i}}{\bar{N}_{\text{phe},i}^{\text{MC}}} \times F_{\text{LY}}$$

- ϵ_i : PDE/QE of i -th sensor
 - ϵ_i^{MC} : 12% PDE, 16% QE
- $\bar{N}_{\text{phe},i}$: mean of the number of photoelectrons
- F_{LY} : Light yield correction

- Calibration source: α -ray from ^{241}Am
 - Comparison b/w MC and data needed
 - Reflectivity of PMT holder in MC is 50% based on absorption curve
- Averaged PMT QE fixed at 16%
 - Supplied from Hamamatsu
 - N_{PMT} history interpreted as relative light yield history F_{LY}

