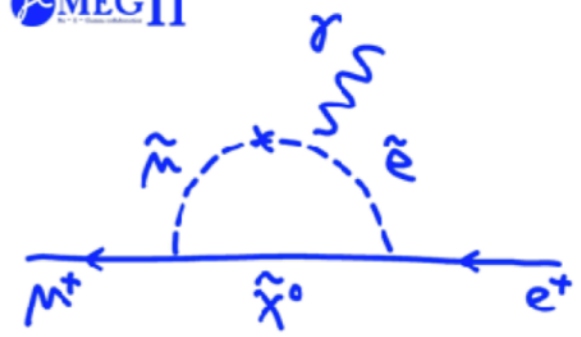




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MEG II



MEG II実験の2023年データにおけるガンマ線 解析の現状

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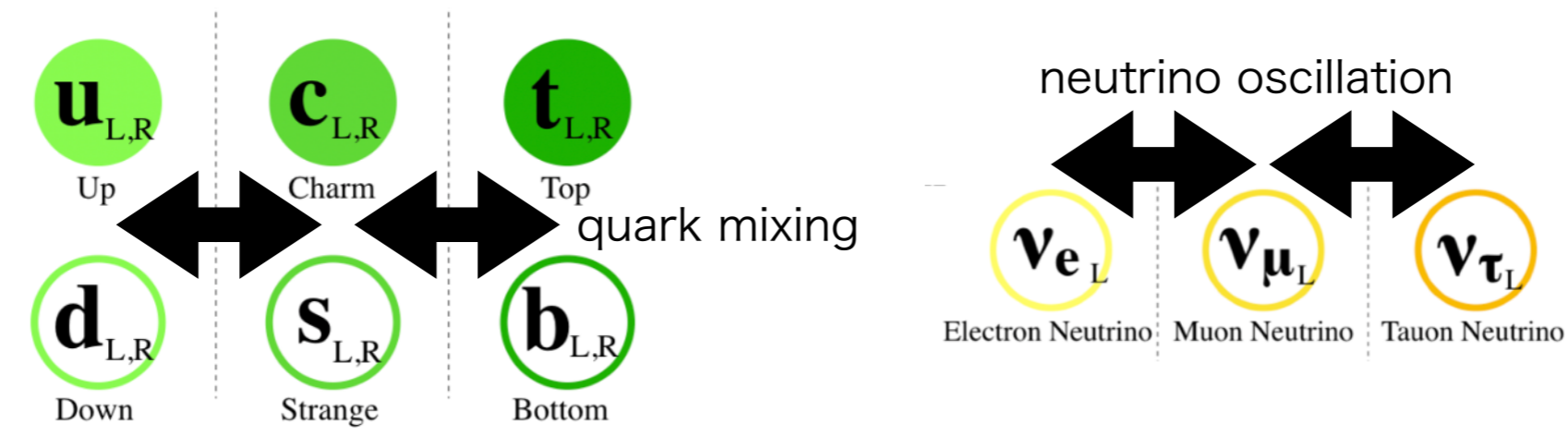
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Charged Lepton Flavor Violation

- In quark and neutrino (neutral lepton) sector, the flavor violates in SM



- Some theories BSM predict flavor violation in the charged lepton sector
 - In the Standard Model (+ν osci.), it is practically prohibited : $Br(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = 10^{-54}$
 - In BSM, $Br(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim O(10^{-14})$ is predicted (not observed yet)

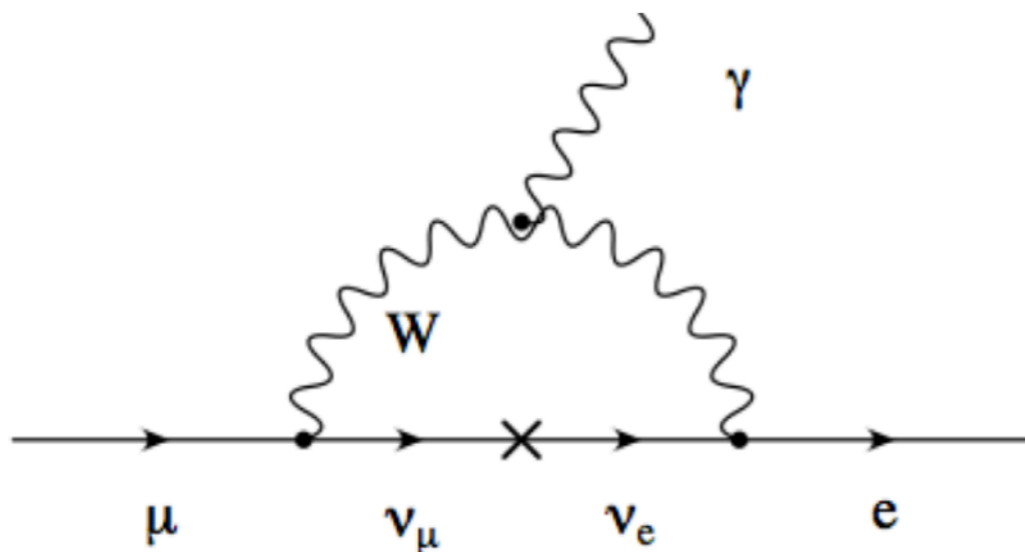
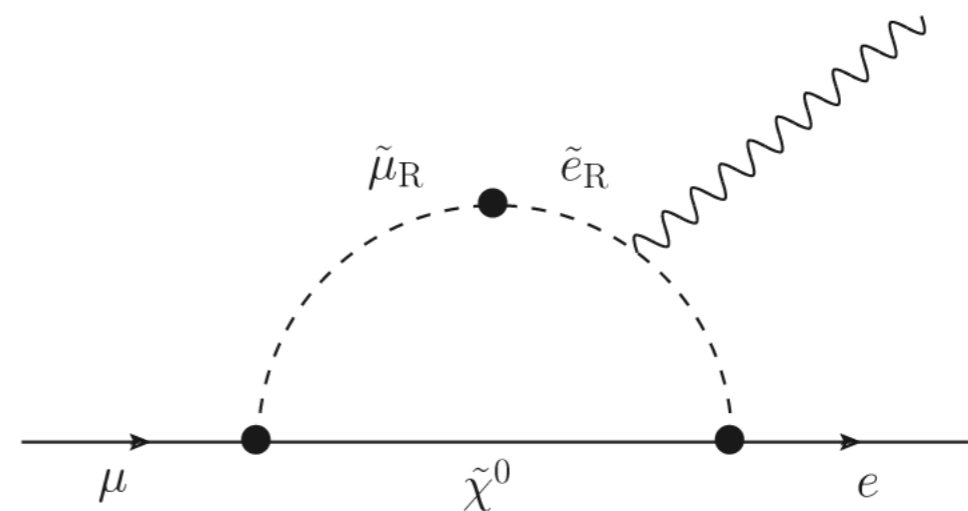


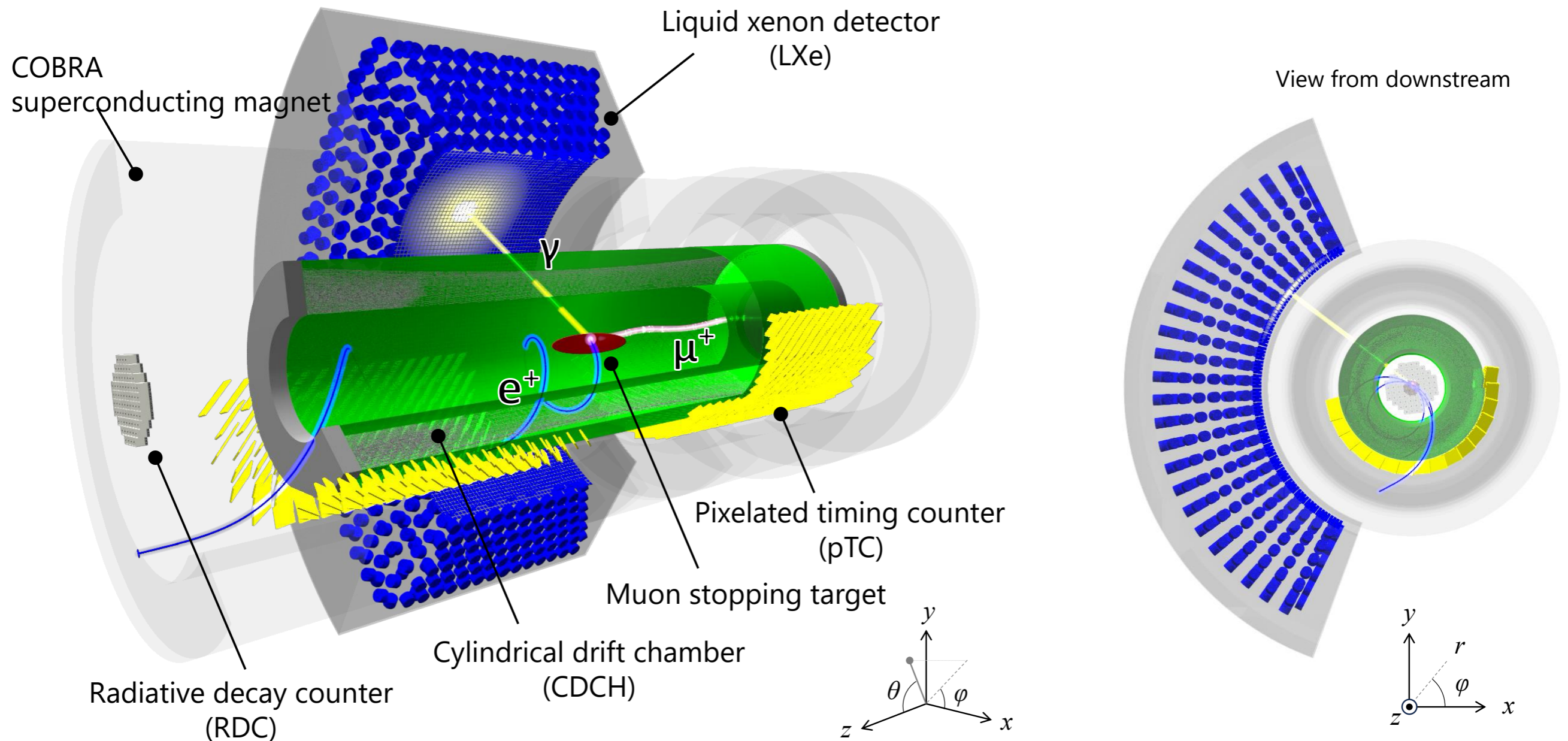
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Possible diagram in SUSY-GUT scenario

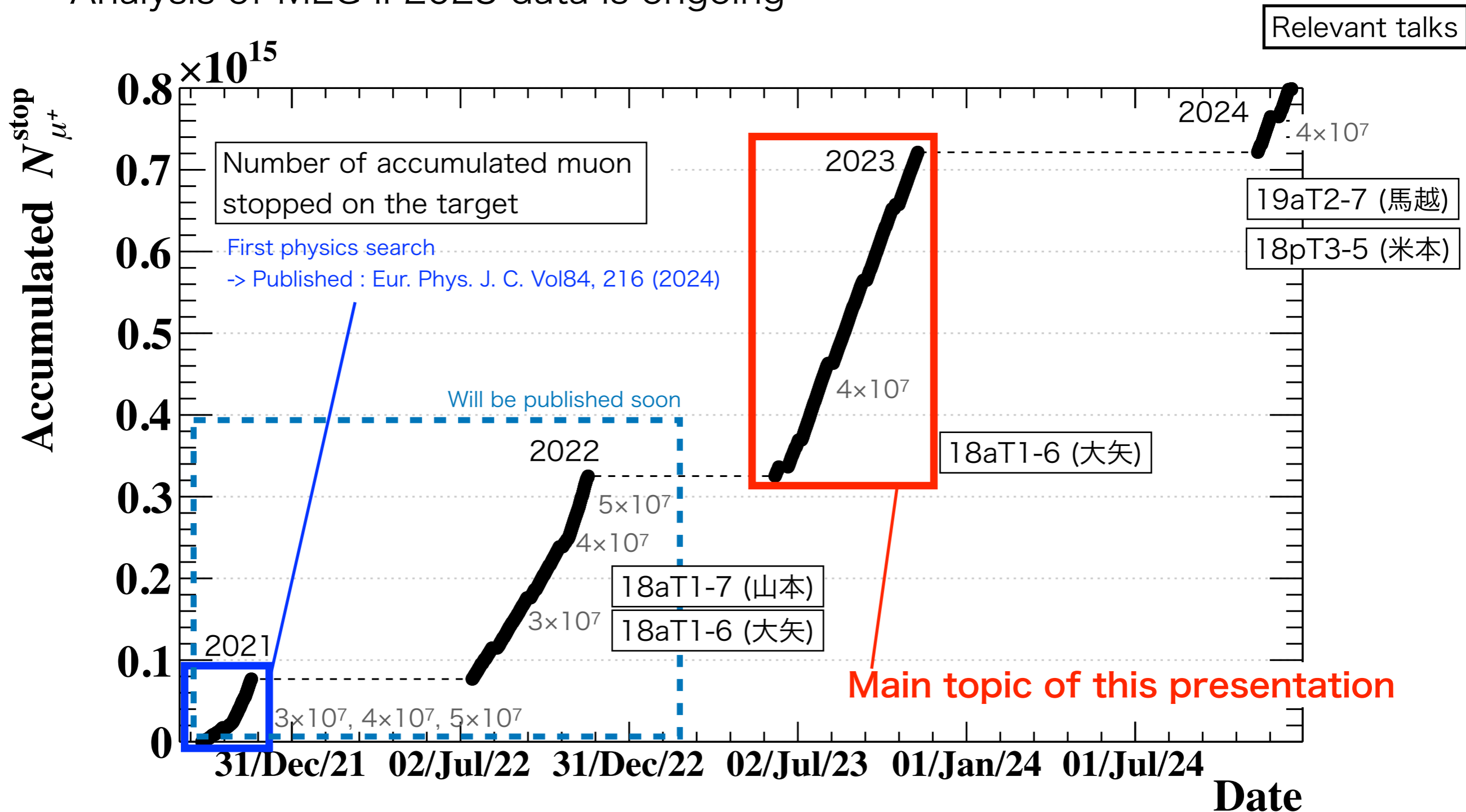
MEG II experiment

- MEG II experiment aims to search for charged lepton flavor violation : $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$
 - with higher sensitivity by one order of magnitude compared to the MEG
 - Using high intensity continuous muon beam at Paul Scherrer Institut (PSI)
 - Target sensitivity of $\text{Br}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) : 6 \times 10^{-14}$



Timeline of the MEG II experiment

- Physics run started since 2021
 - First result was published in 2024
 - MEG II 2021+2022 result will be published soon
 - Analysis of MEG II 2023 data is ongoing



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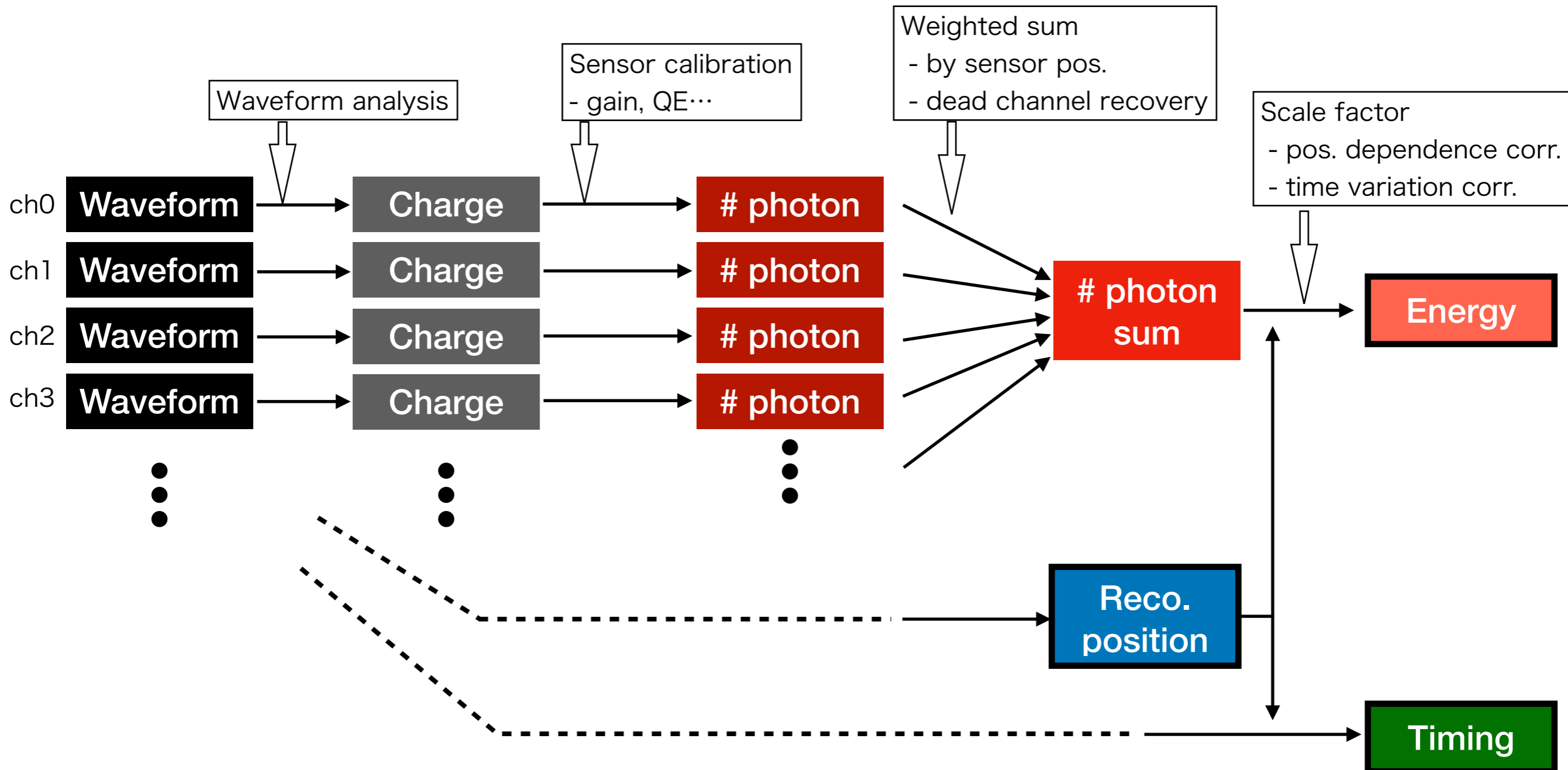
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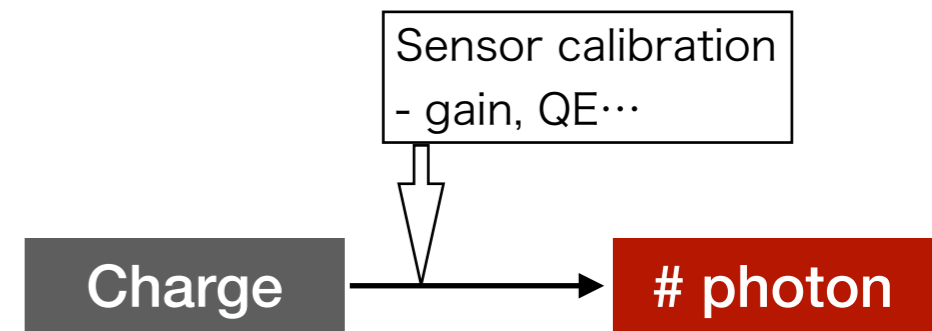
Reconstruction of Gamma-ray

- Reconstruction flow of gamma-ray
 - Energy, timing, and position are reconstructed

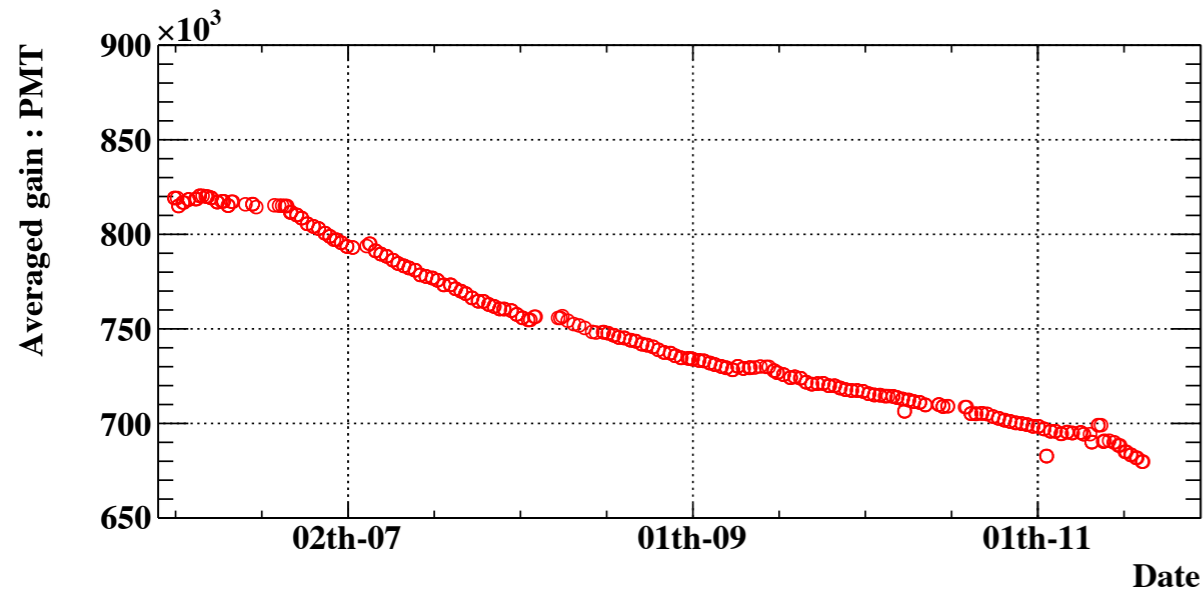


Reconstruction of Gamma-ray : Calibration

- Sensor calibrations were completed

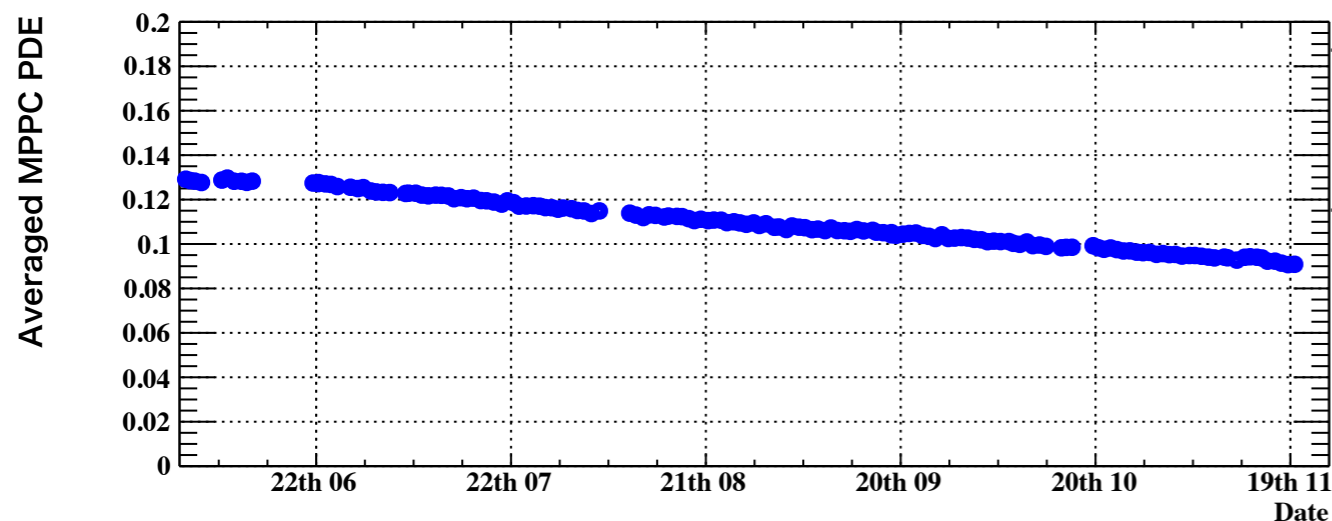


- Gain calibration using LEDs



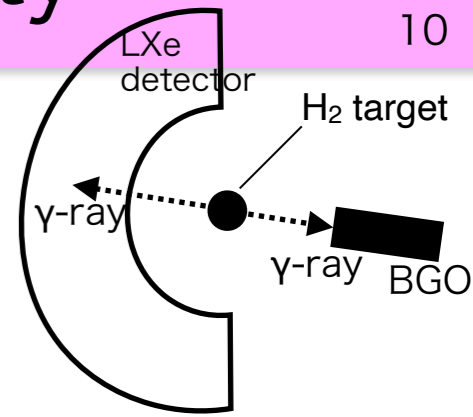
- PMT gain decreased due to UVU-irradiation during beam time (known problem)
- For MPPC, crosstalk&after-pulse probability are also calculated in addition to gain calibration

- Light detection efficiency calibration using alpha-ray source

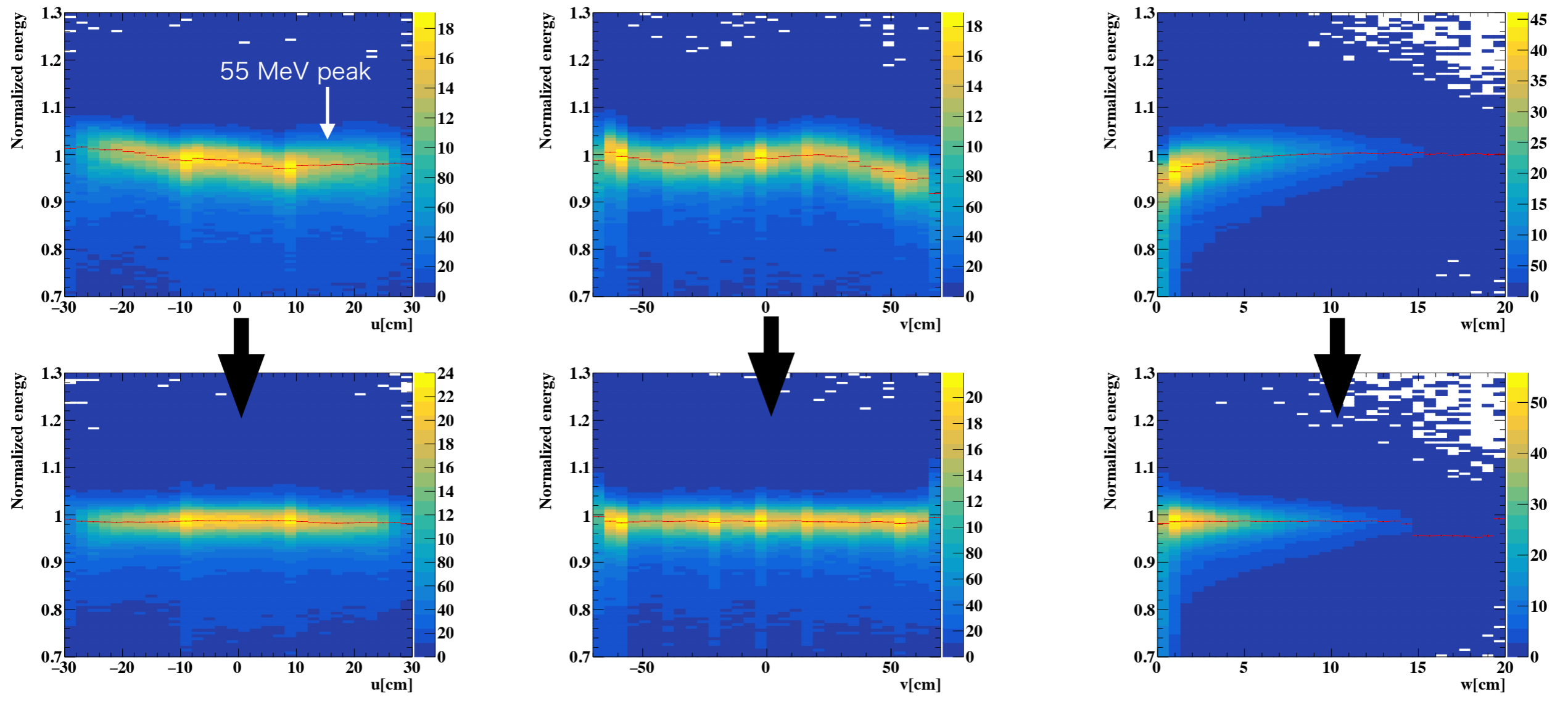


- MPPC PDEs were slightly decreasing by radiation damage during beam time (known problem)
- > PDEs are recovered by annealing during shutdown period

Reconstruction of Gamma-ray : Non-uniformity



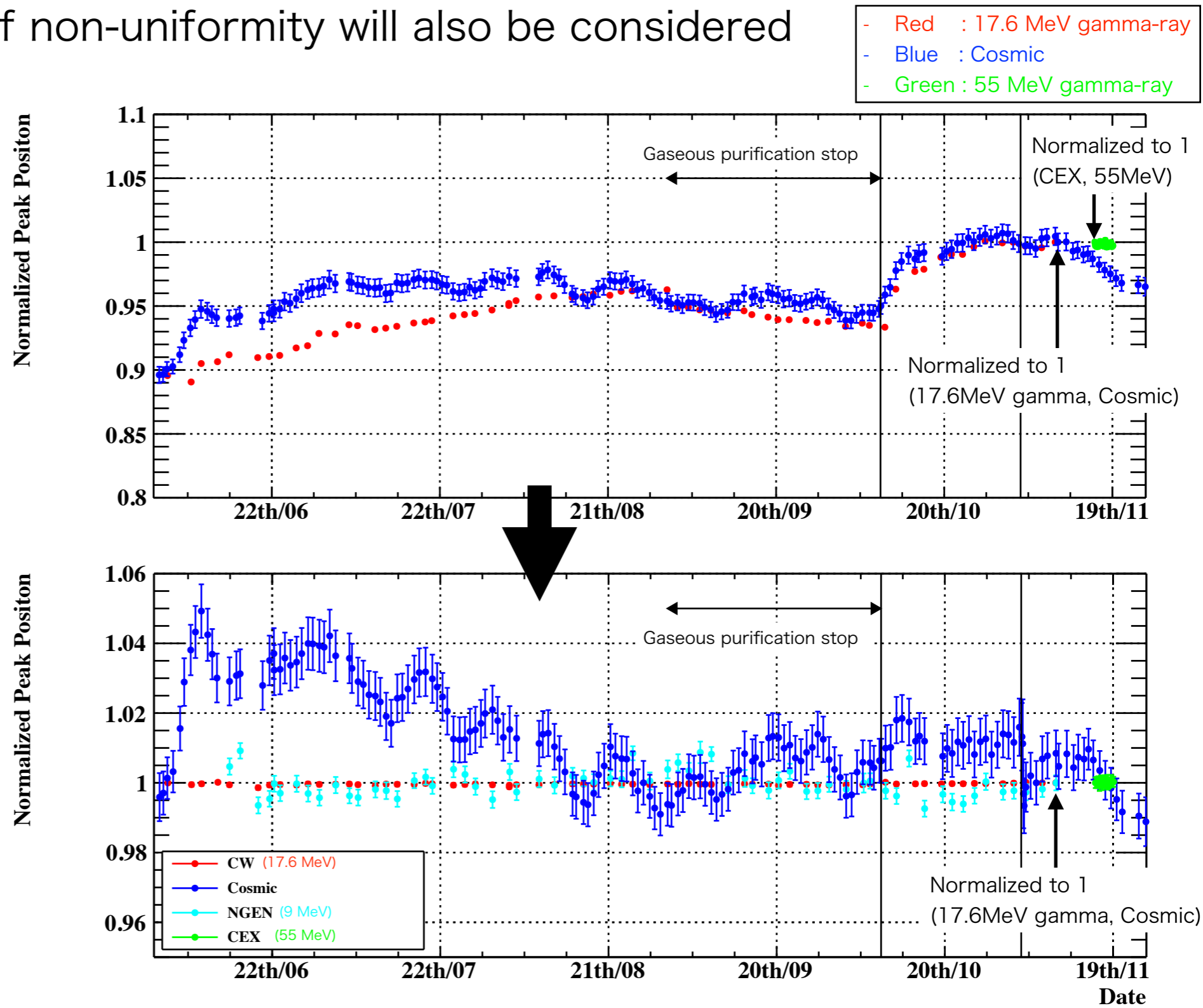
- Non-uniformity correction by 55 MeV gamma-ray
 - π^- beam to H₂ target \rightarrow (Charge EXchange with p) $\rightarrow \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
 - Dedicated calibration run at the end of 2023 run
 - Tagging the back-to-back γ by BGO crystals, 55 MeV γ -rays are obtained
- Further precise correction will be available using 17.6 MeV γ -ray and BG spectrum



- (In addition to these, 3D-corrections are applied)

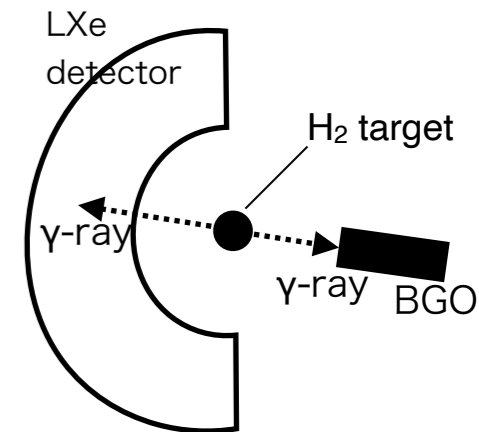
Reconstruction of Gamma-ray : Time variation

- Time variation correction by mono-energetic gamma-ray (17.6 MeV, 55 MeV)
 - This time, only time variation of energy scale is corrected
 - Time variation of non-uniformity will also be considered



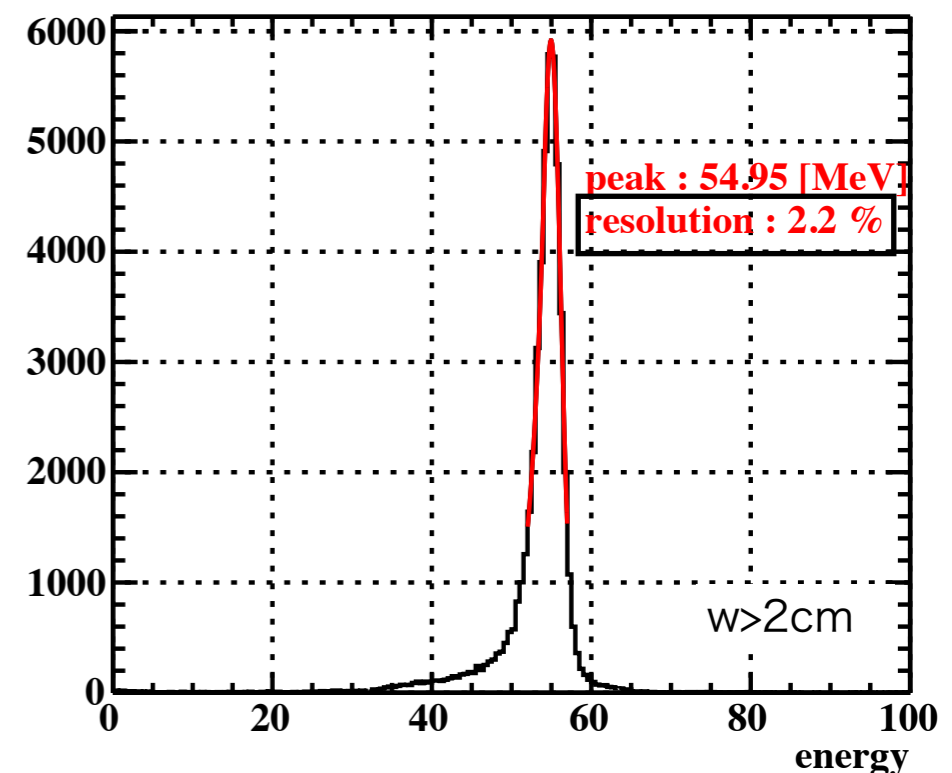
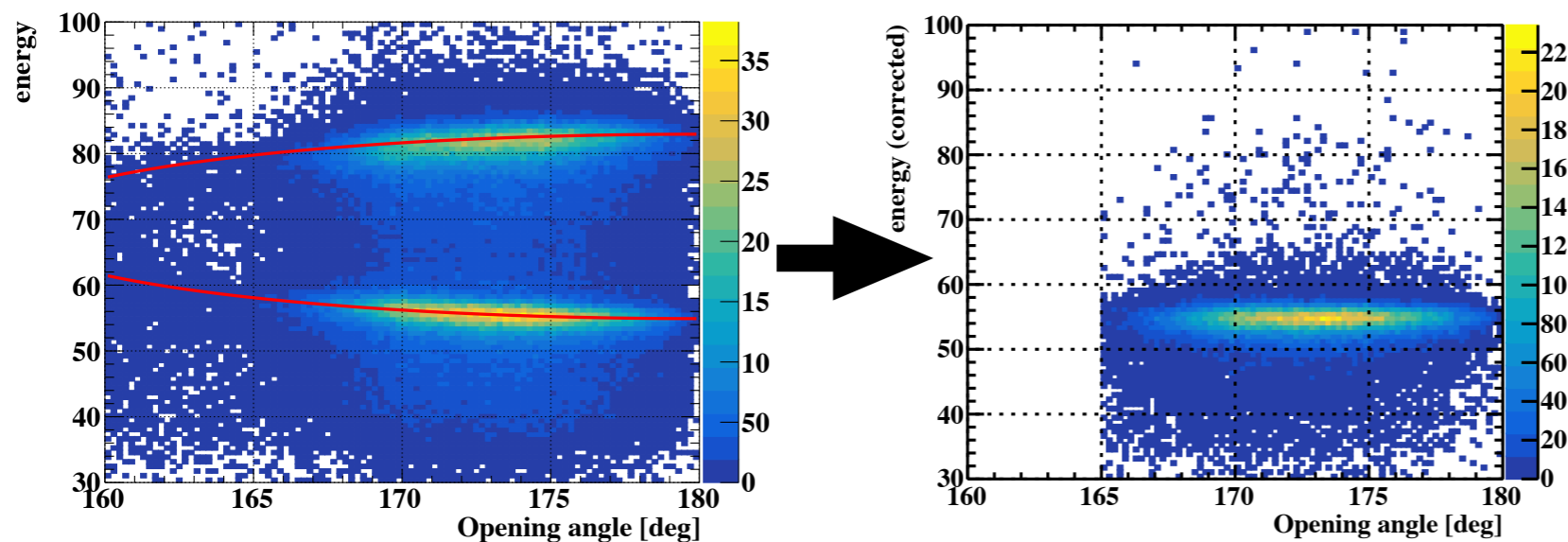
Reconstruction of Gamma-ray : Energy Resolution

- Energy resolution evaluated with 55 MeV gamma-ray
 - BGO energy cut to select 55 MeV peak
 - Opening angle between two gammas (to the LXe detector and the BGO)
 - -> Correlation is corrected



- Worse energy resolution ($\sigma/E = 2.2\%$ @55MeV) than 2021 data
 - cf) $\sigma/E = 1.8\%$ @55MeV^[1] for 2021 data

- To improve the energy resolution, reconstruction scheme is reviewed
 - Non-linear response of SiPMs



- [1] [Eur.Phys.J.C 84 \(2024\) 2, 190](#)

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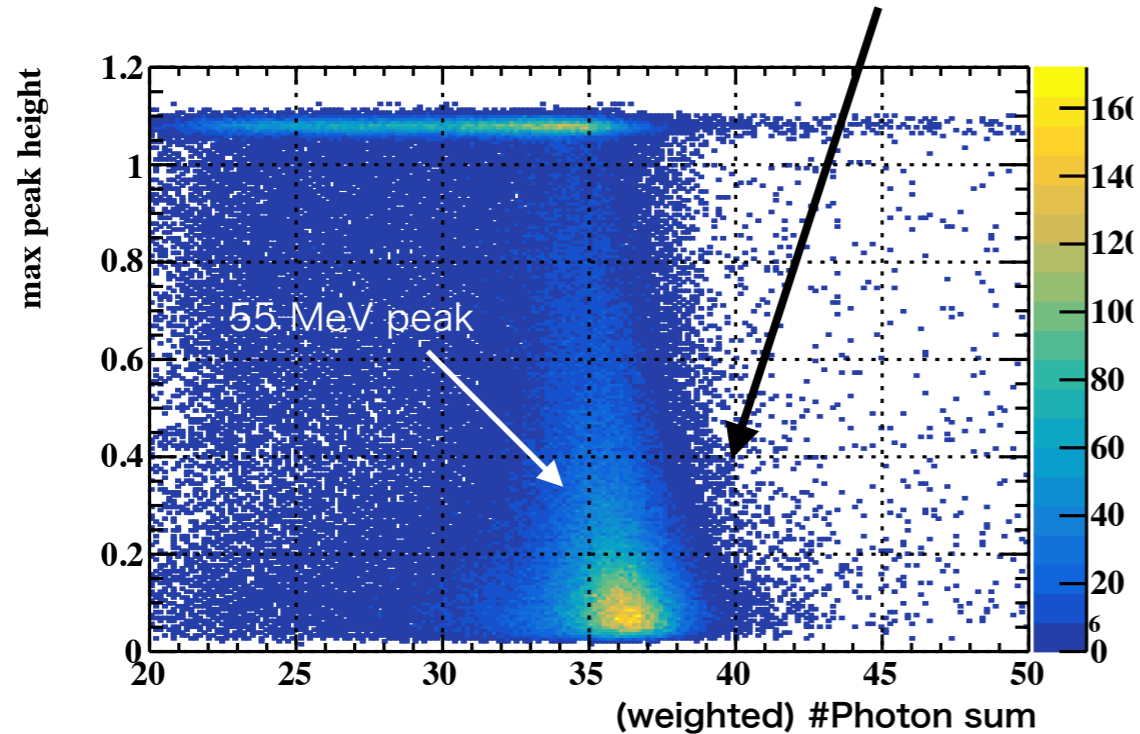
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Improvement of #photon reconstruction

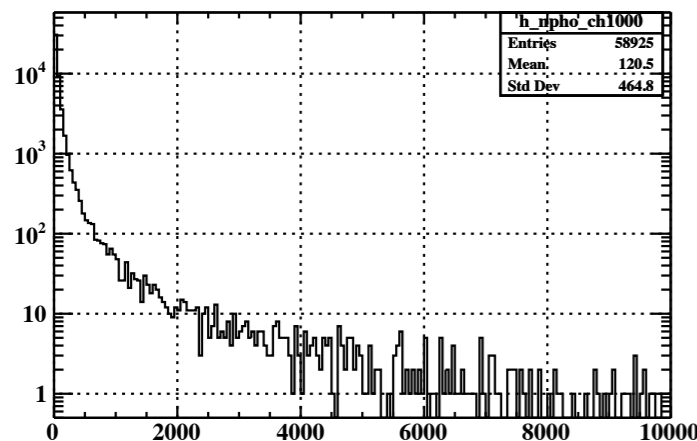
- Suspicious MPPC non-linear response
 - smaller #photon reconstruction with larger wave height (larger #photon)
- -> Correct it by modeled saturation curve (model : [NIM A Volume 1064, July 2024, 169431](#))

Negative correlation

- perhaps due to MPPC non-linearity?

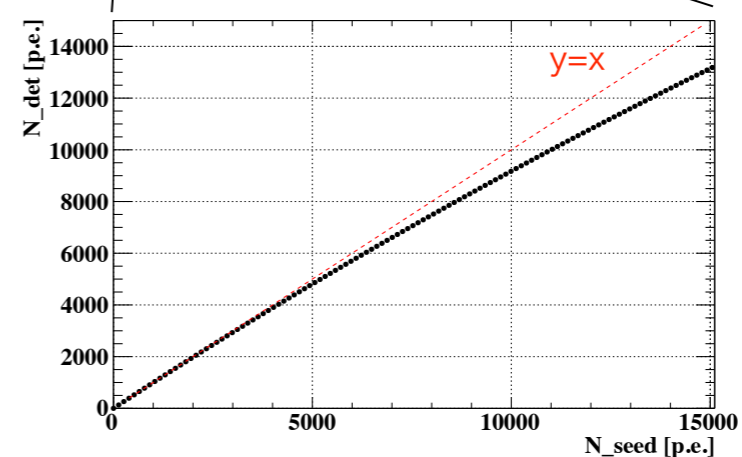
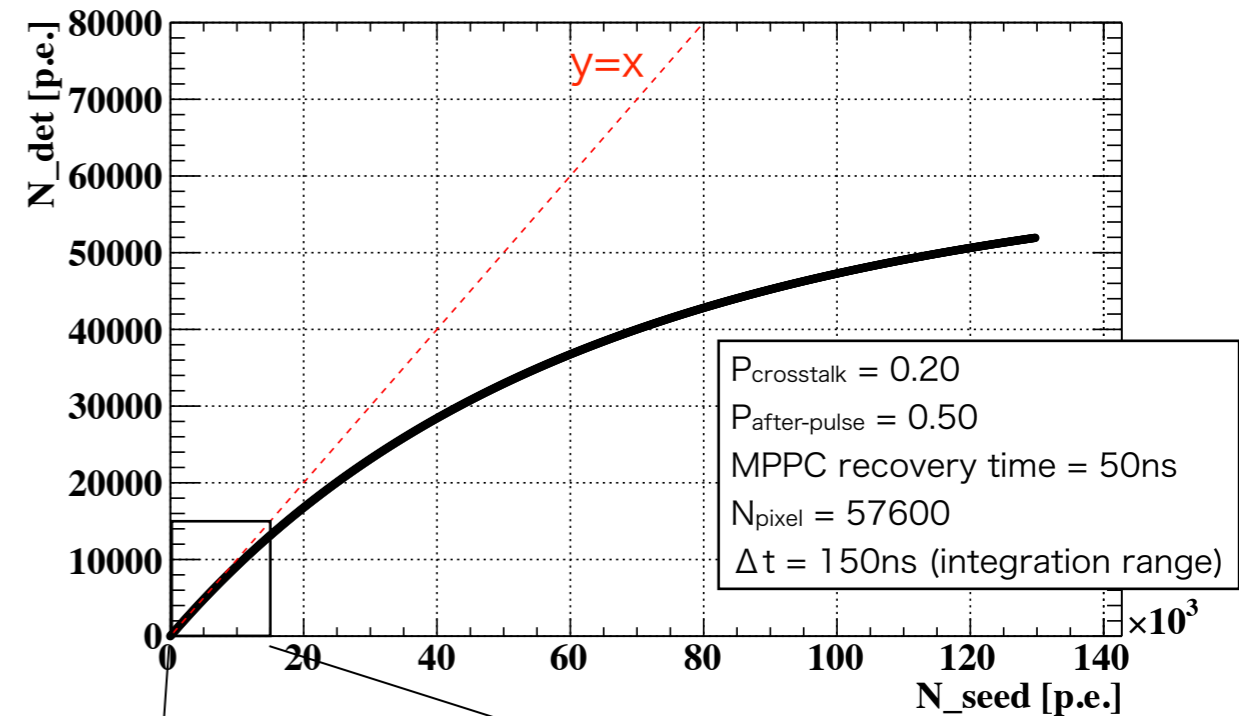


- Distribution of #photon in a single channel



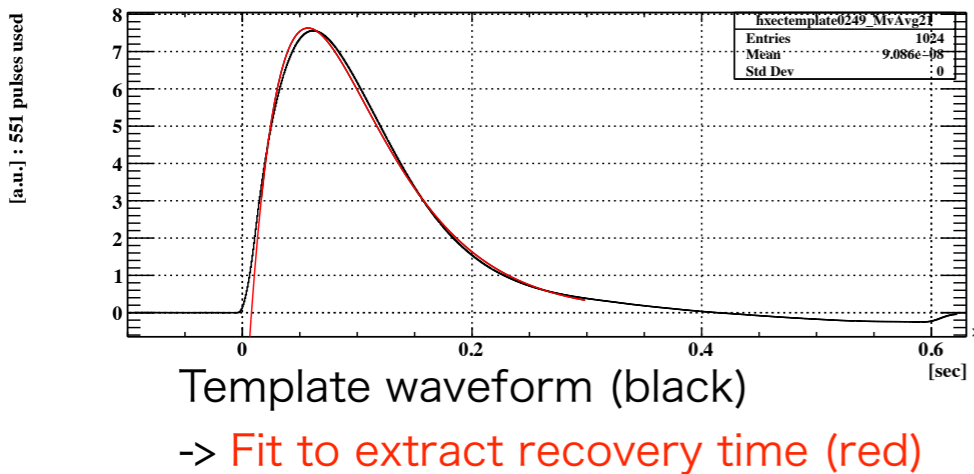
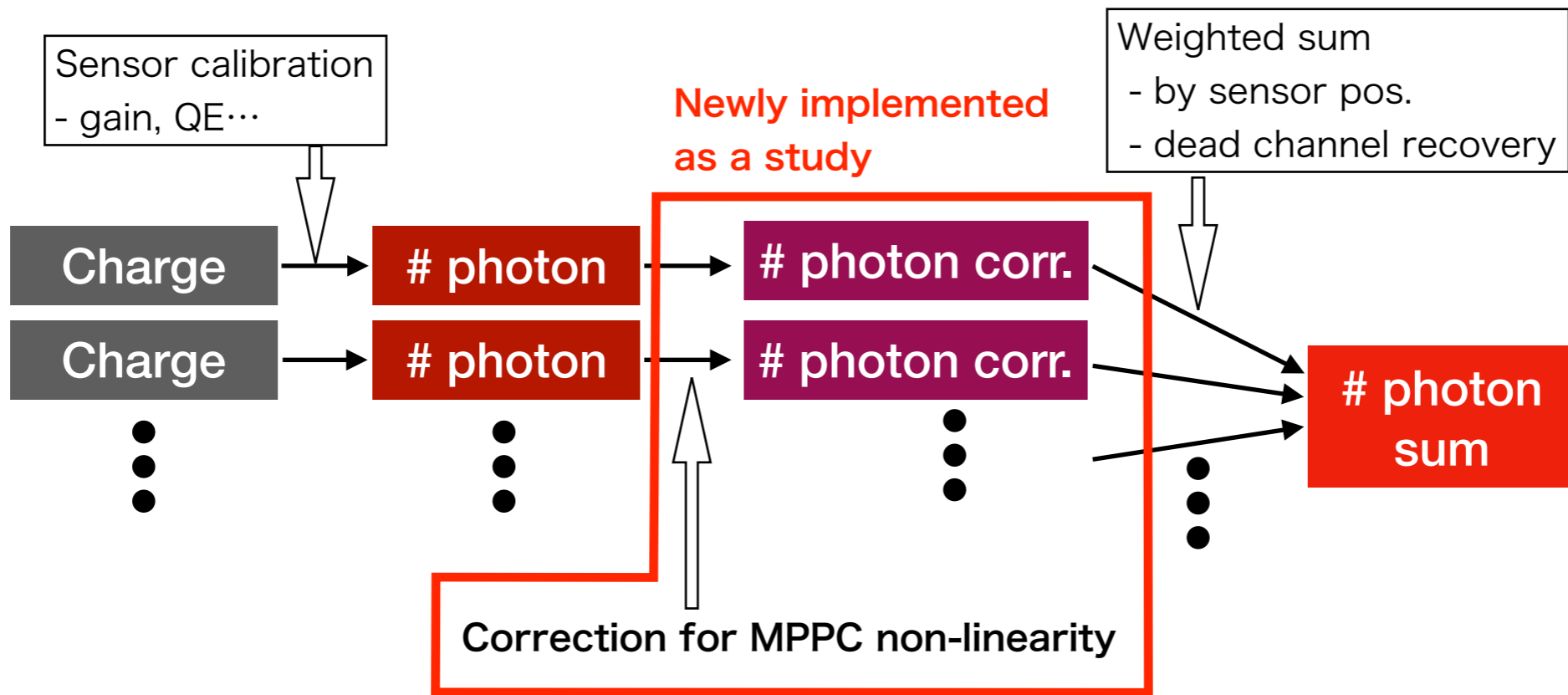
- reach to ~10,000 ph.

Example of saturation curve



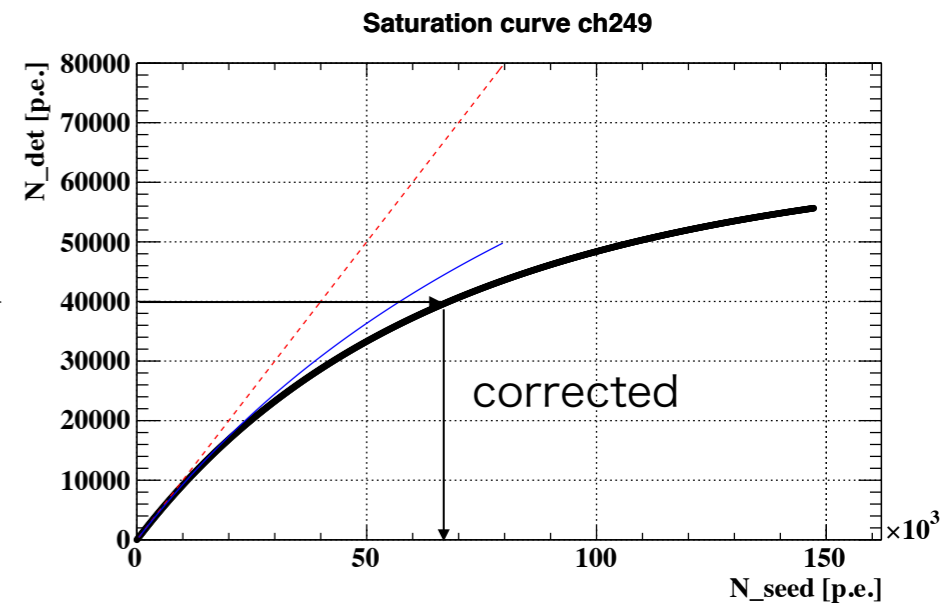
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- Implementation of correction for MPPC non-linear response



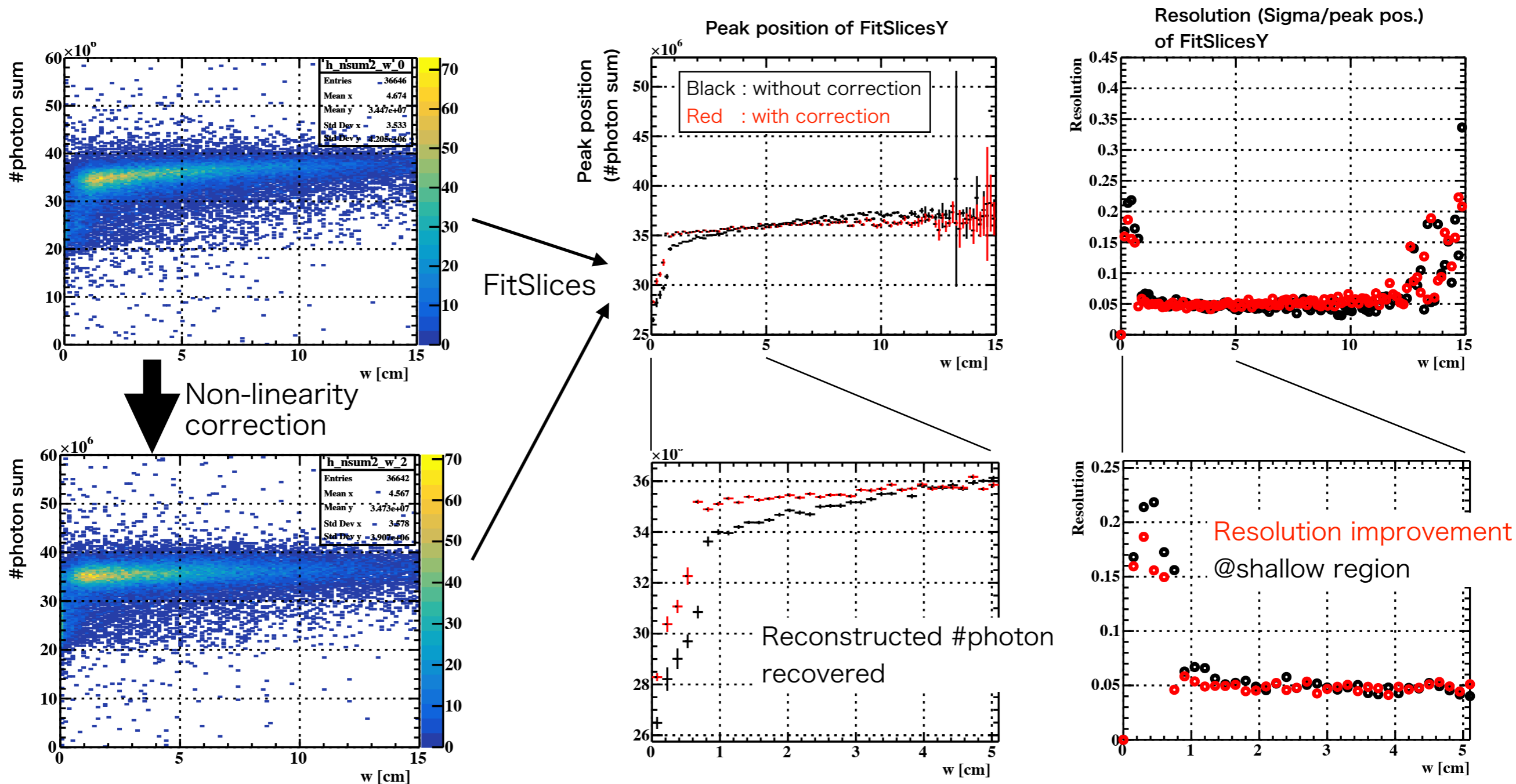
Crosstalk and after-pulse probability calibrated by LED run

Inputs for saturation curve
Saturation curve is calculated for each sensor



Improvement of #photon reconstruction

- Evaluation of the improvement by non-linearity correction
 - At shallow region, the resolution (σ/peak) is improved
 - But for the other region, improvement is not observed
 - Still have some room to optimize parameters of this correction



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- MEG II experiment will continue by 2026
 - PSI $\pi E5$ beam line update in 2027-28
- Prospect of MEG II sensitivity
 - Sensitivity is calculated as 90% C.L. upper limit with BG only hypothesis

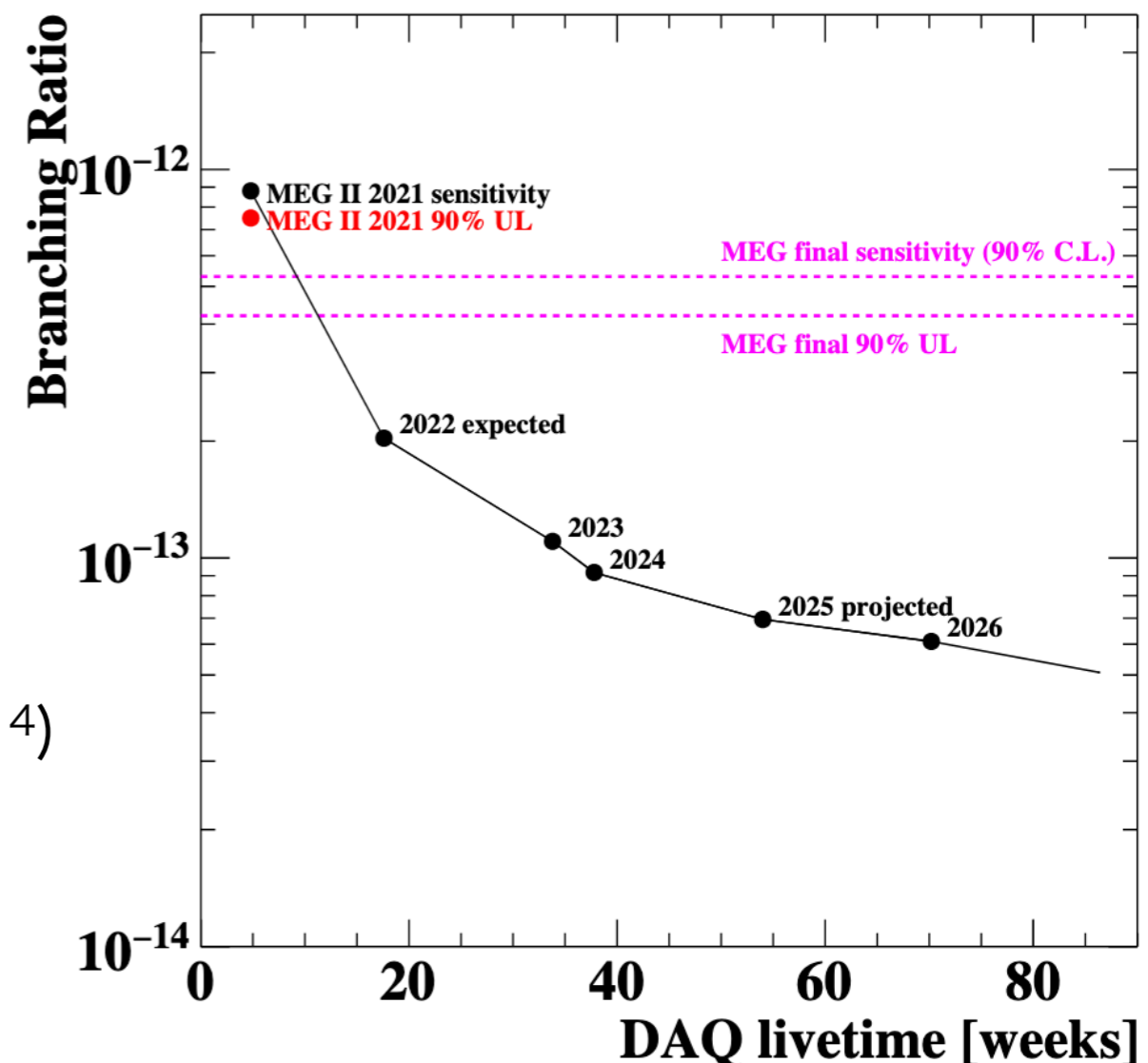
- 2021+2022 data : will be published soon !
 - sensitivity : 2.2×10^{-13} (preliminary)
 - see the talk : 18aT1-7 (山本)

- 2023 data :
 - Analysis is ongoing
 - Energy reconstruction : ongoing
 - + trial to improve the resolution
 - sensitivity prospect : almost reach $O(10^{-14})$

-> aim to reach the final sensitivity :

$$(5-6) \times 10^{-14}$$

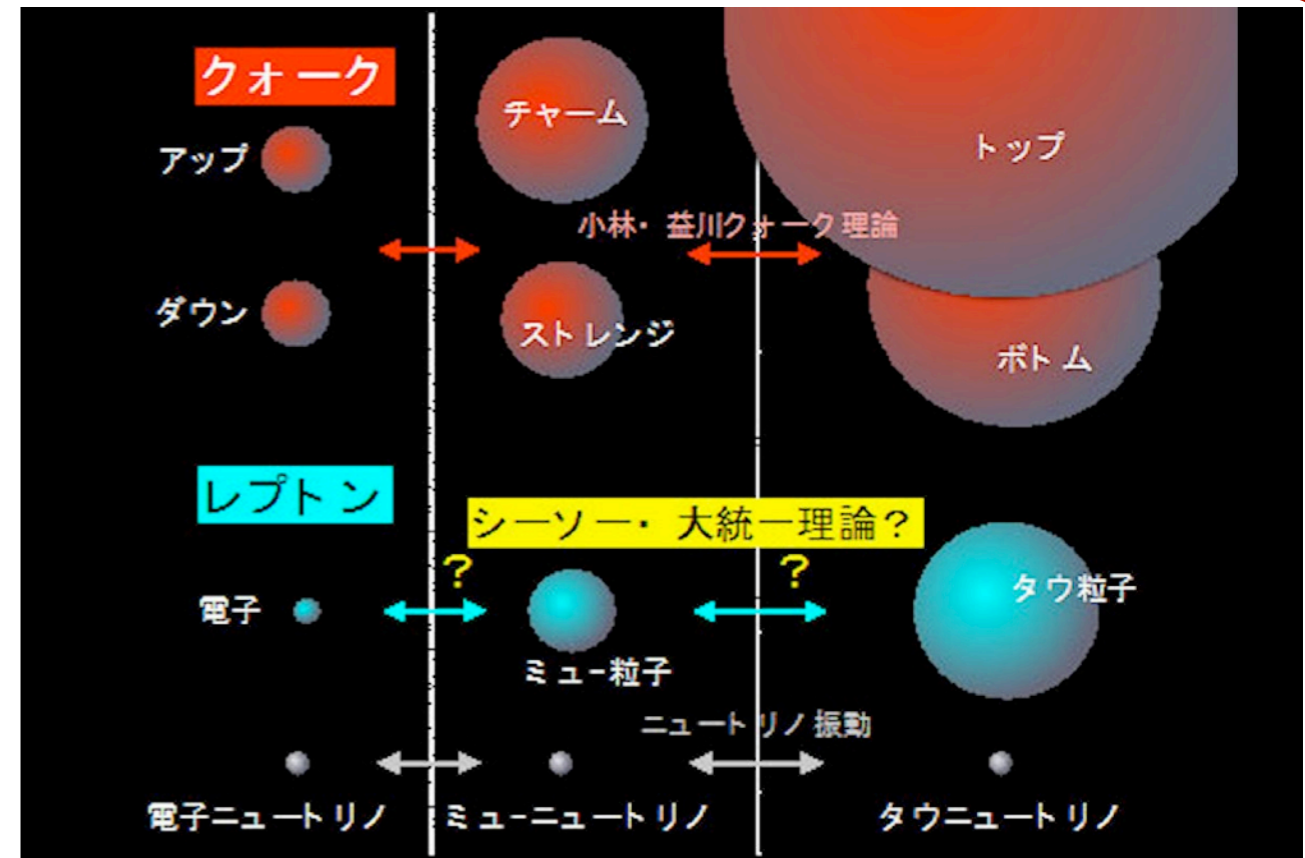
MEG II expected sensitivity



Back up

Charged Lepton Flavor Violation

- Strong evidence of new physics once it observes
- Grand Unified Theory predicts cLFV
 - SUSY-GUT, SUSY-seesaw
 - Typical prediction :
 - $Br(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim O(10^{-14})$
 - Can be observed realistically



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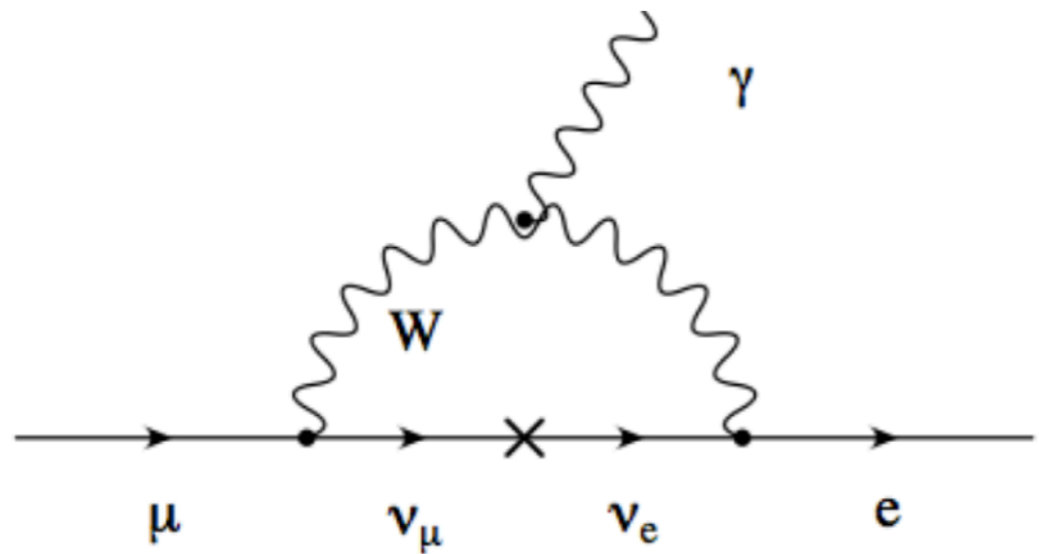
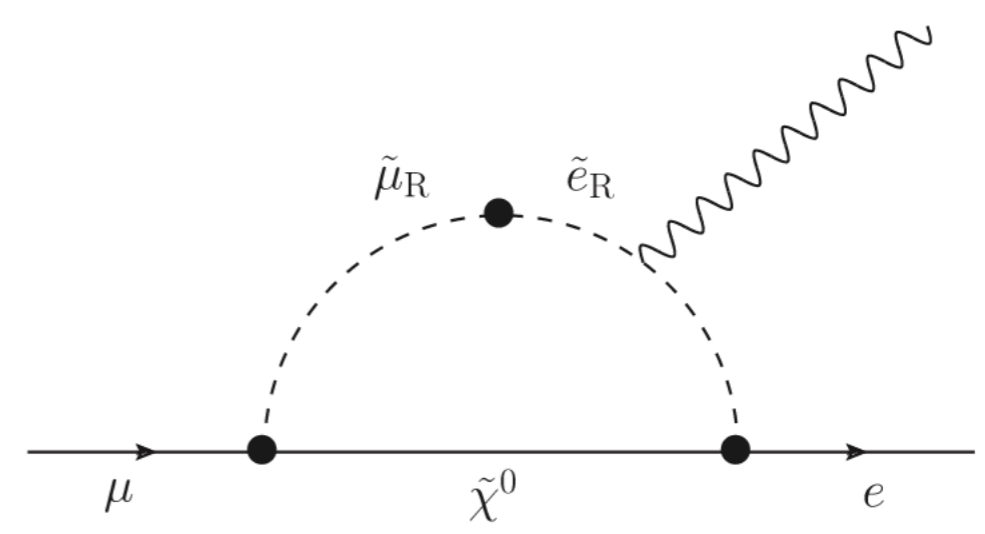


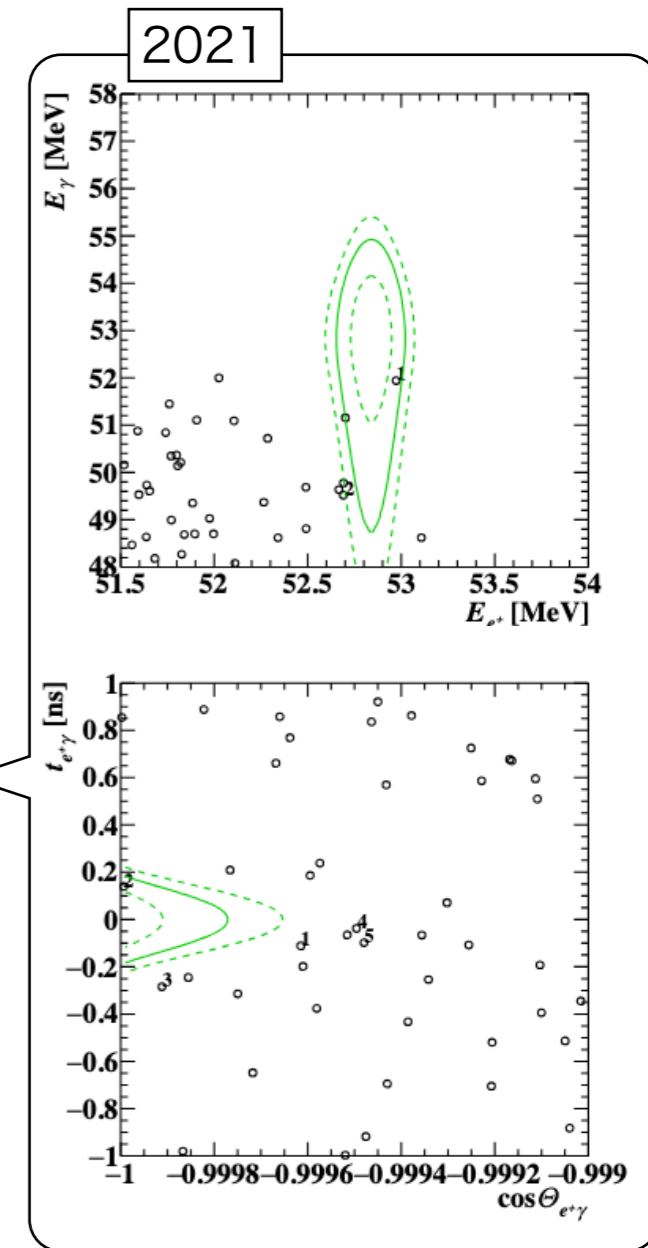
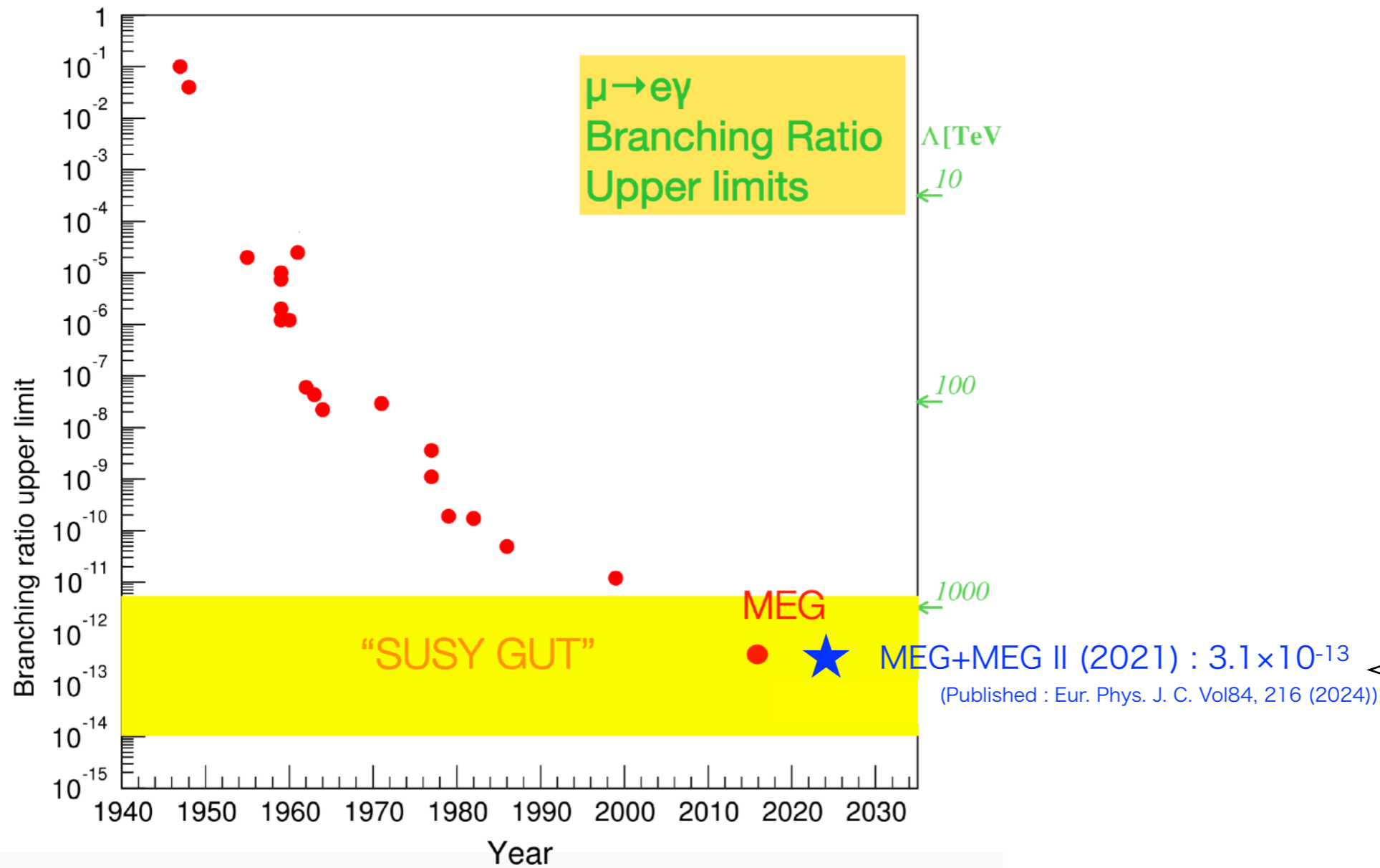
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Current status of cLFV (and other experiments)

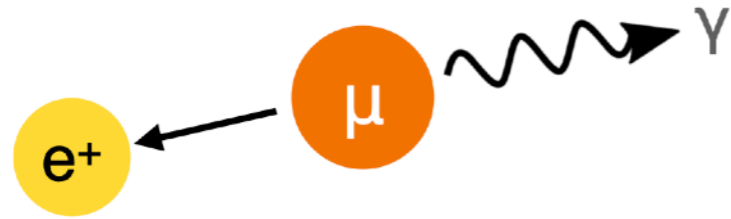
- Most strict limit for cLFV : $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 3.1 \times 10^{-13}$ (90% C.L.) by MEG II (+MEG)



- Other channels to search for cLFV
 - $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$: Mu3e
 - $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$: COMET, DeeMe, Mu2e
- Still under development/preparation for physics run

MEG II experiment : signal and background

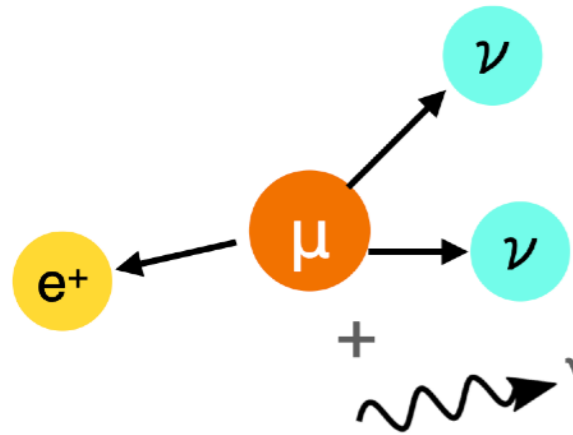
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back-to-back
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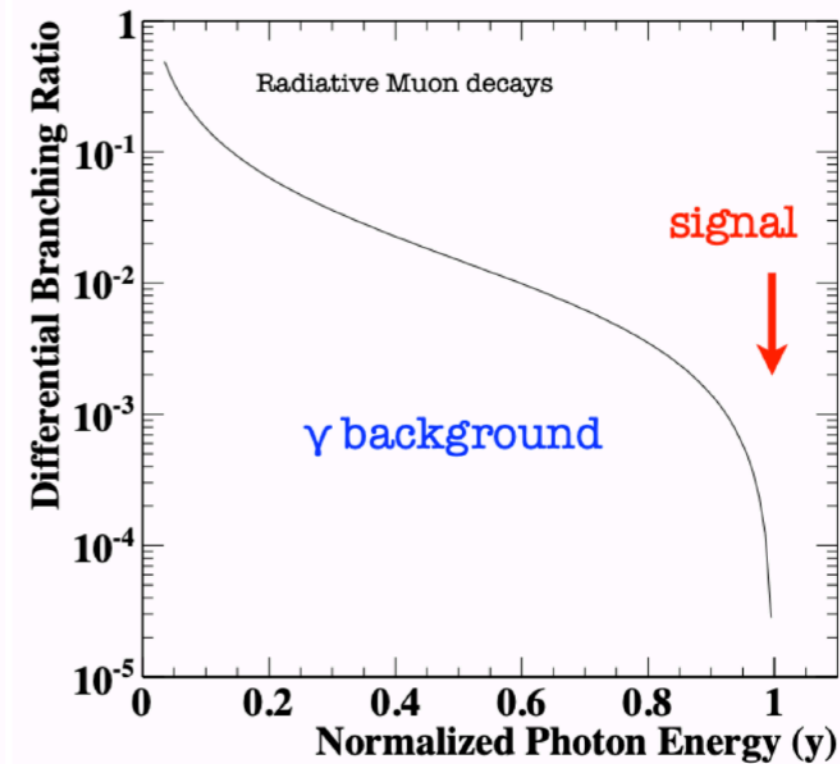
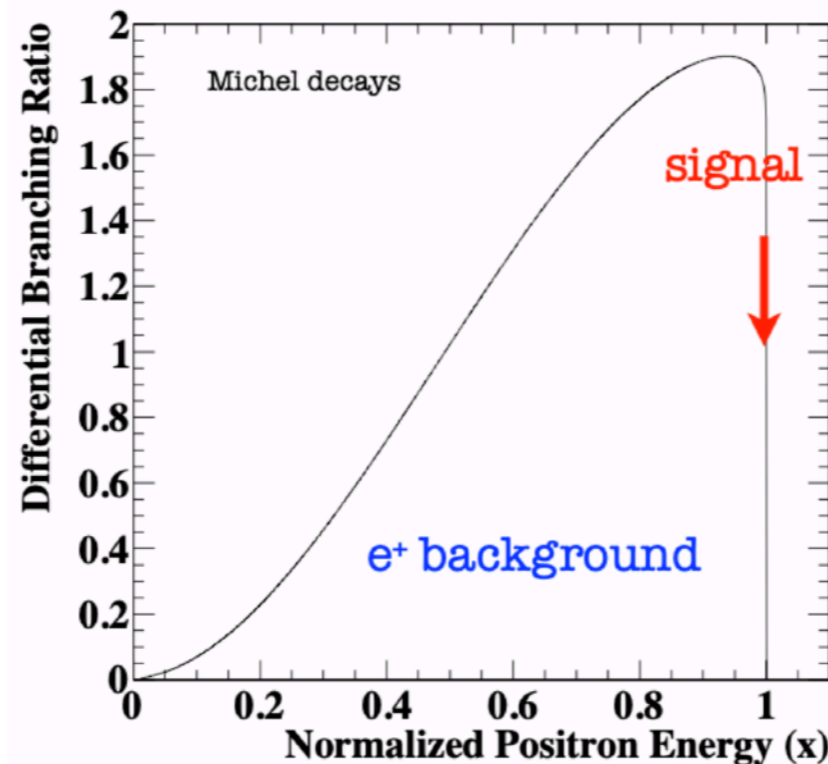
- Dominant background : Accidental coincidence of Michel positron and gamma



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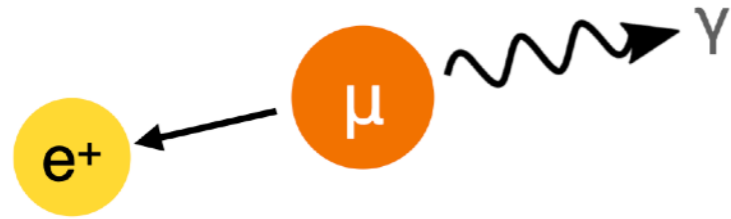
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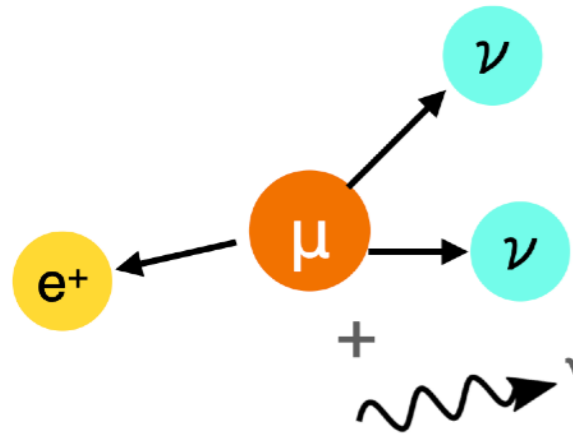
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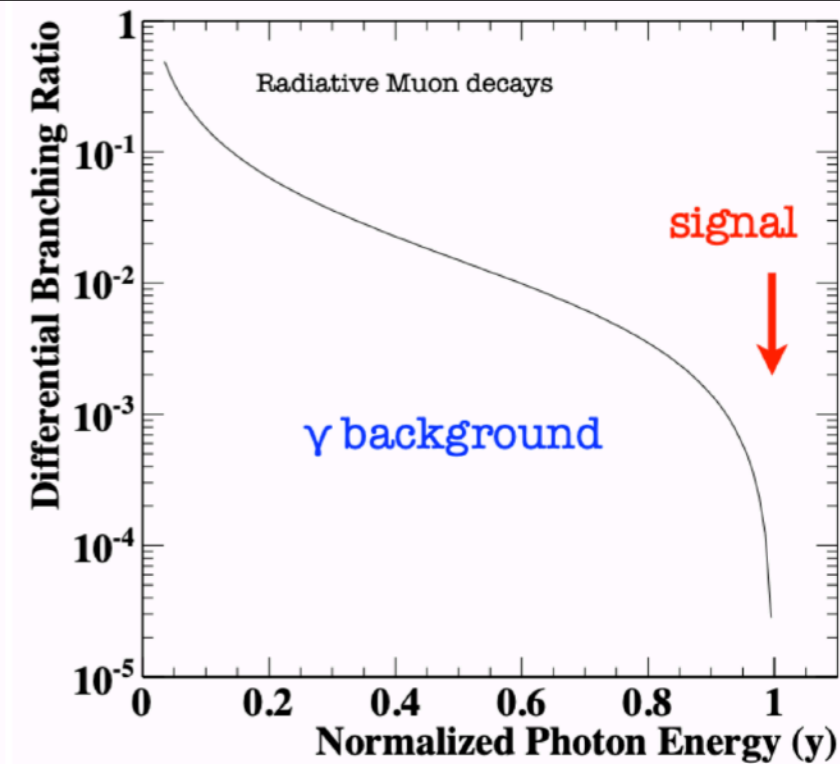
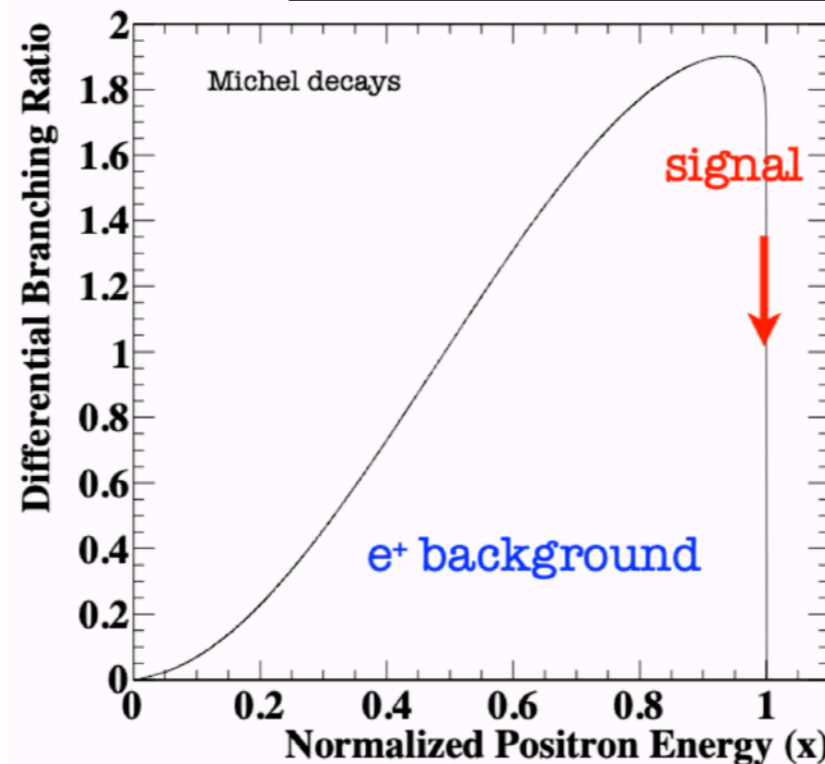


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Detector with good resolutions is key to reduce BGs

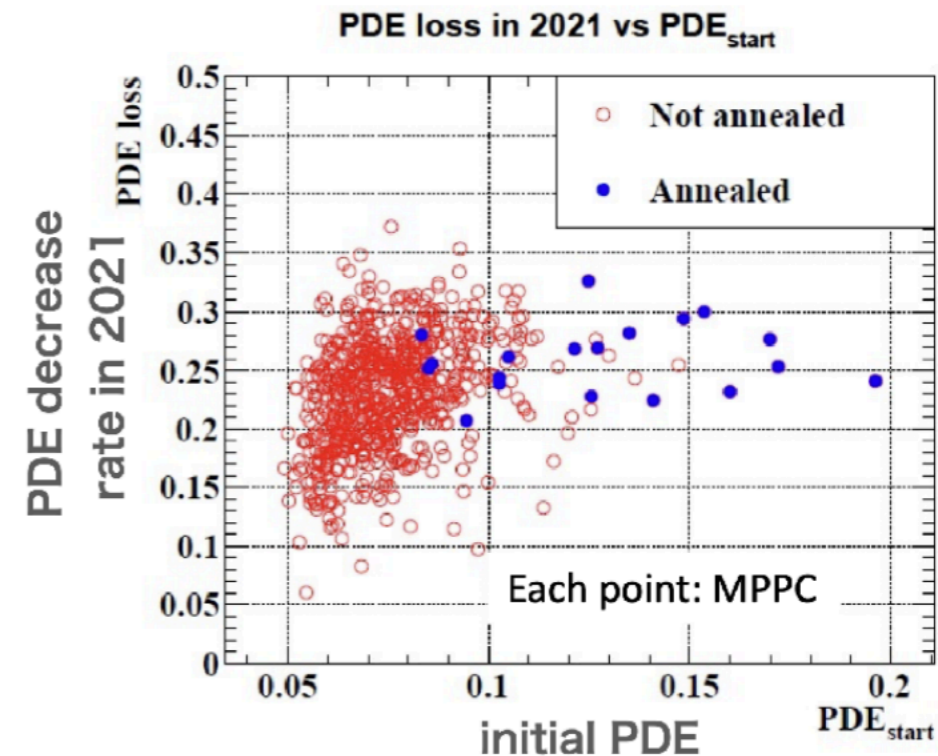
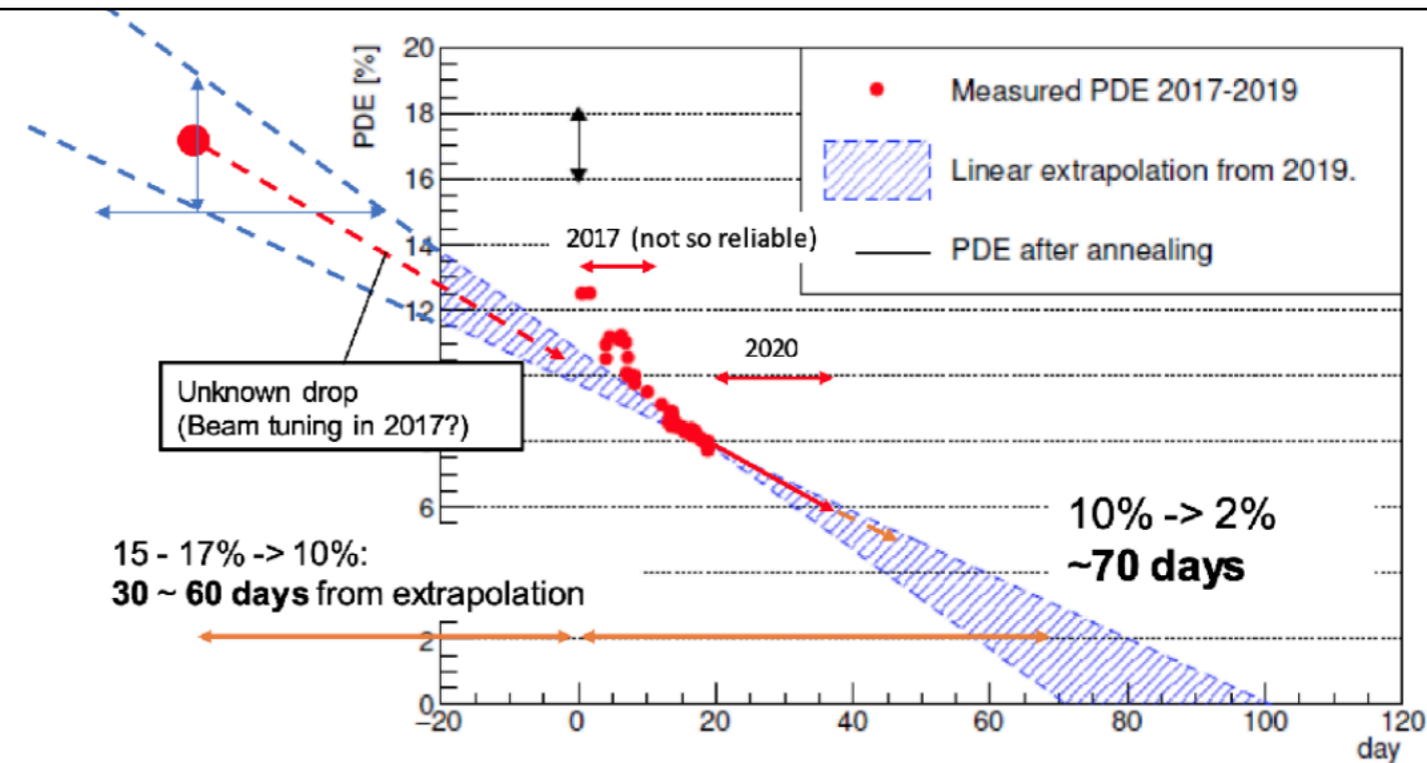


PDE decrease

Slide from T. Iwamoto (15aA562-4)

γ detector (LXe) Issue

- MPPC PDE decrease
 - observed in 2017 under muon beam
 - The cause to be investigated
 - Based on 2021 operation, PDE will change from 16% to 2% in ~ 100 days MEG II intensity
 - Annealing recovers PDE fully
- Strategy for run 2022
 - LXe MPPC can sustain ~ 120 days with $5 \times 10^7 \mu/s$
 - Beam intensity optimization necessary
 - **Annealing for all MPPCs** during accelerator winter shutdown period



Pileup rejection update in the liquid xenon detector

- Pileup search and unfolding
 - Using information of spacial clustering and #pulses in sum waveform
 - Then unfold the sum waveform by template waveform fit
 - Simultaneous fit between PMT and MPPC sum waveform is performed

