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*Lepton Flavor Violation and  
Dipole Moments in the Muon  
System at High Intensity Beams*

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- Precision Physics as complementary to Frontier Energy Physics
- Precision Measurement relevant if:
  - firm predictions (eventually null) from Standard Model
  - relevant informations on Standard Model or on Standard Model extensions can be extracted
  - *experimentally accessible*
  - *(relatively) low cost*
- Muons satisfy all requirements!

# Physics motivations: LFV

- Lepton flavor violation processes (LFV), like  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ,  $\mu \rightarrow eee$ ,  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion, are negligibly small in the extended Standard Model (SM) with massive Dirac neutrinos ( $\text{BR} \approx 10^{-50}$ )
- Super-Symmetric extensions of the SM (SUSY-GUTs) with right handed neutrinos and see-saw mechanism may produce LFV processes at significant rates

$\mu$ -LFV decays are therefore a clean (no SM contaminated)  
indication of New Physics

and

they are accessible experimentally

# Physics motivations : $\mu$ moments

## 1. Magnetic Dipole Moment ( $g-2$ ) :

- ✓ measured and predicted with very high accuracy (10 ppb in electron; 0.5 ppm in muon), it represents the most precise test of QED ;
- ✓ most extensions of SM predict a contribution to  $g-2$  ;
- ✓ a  $2.7 \sigma$  discrepancy between theory and experiment has raised a lot of interest (and publications) .

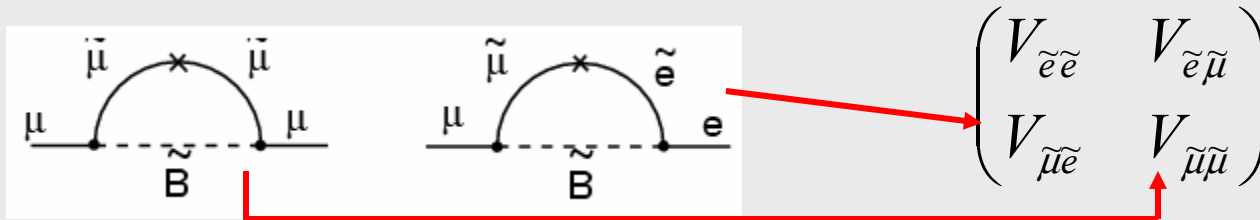
## 2. Electric Dipole Moment ( $\mu$ EDM) :

- ✓ Like LFV processes, a positive measurement of  $\mu$  Electric Dipole Moment ( $\mu$ EDM) would be a signal of physics beyond the SM

Both experiments need a new high intensity muon source for the next generation of measurements

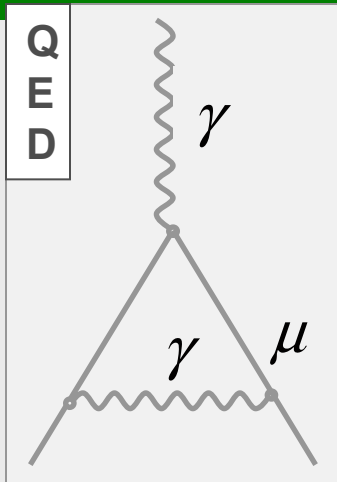
# Connection between $LFV$ and $\mu$ -moments

- In SUSY,  $g-2$  and EDM probe the diagonal elements of the *slepton mixing matrix*, while the  $LFV$  decay  $\mu \rightarrow e$  probes the off-diagonal terms



- In case SUSY particles are observed at LHC, measurements of the LFV decays and of the  $\mu$ -moments will provide one of the cleanest measurements of  $\tan\beta$  and of the *new CP violating phase*.

# The Anomalous Magnetic Moment : $a_\mu$



QED Prediction:

$$\Gamma_\mu = e\gamma_\mu + a_\ell \frac{ie}{2m} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q_\nu$$

Schwinger 1948  
(Nobel price 1965)

Computed up to 4<sup>th</sup> order

[Kinoshita *et al.*]

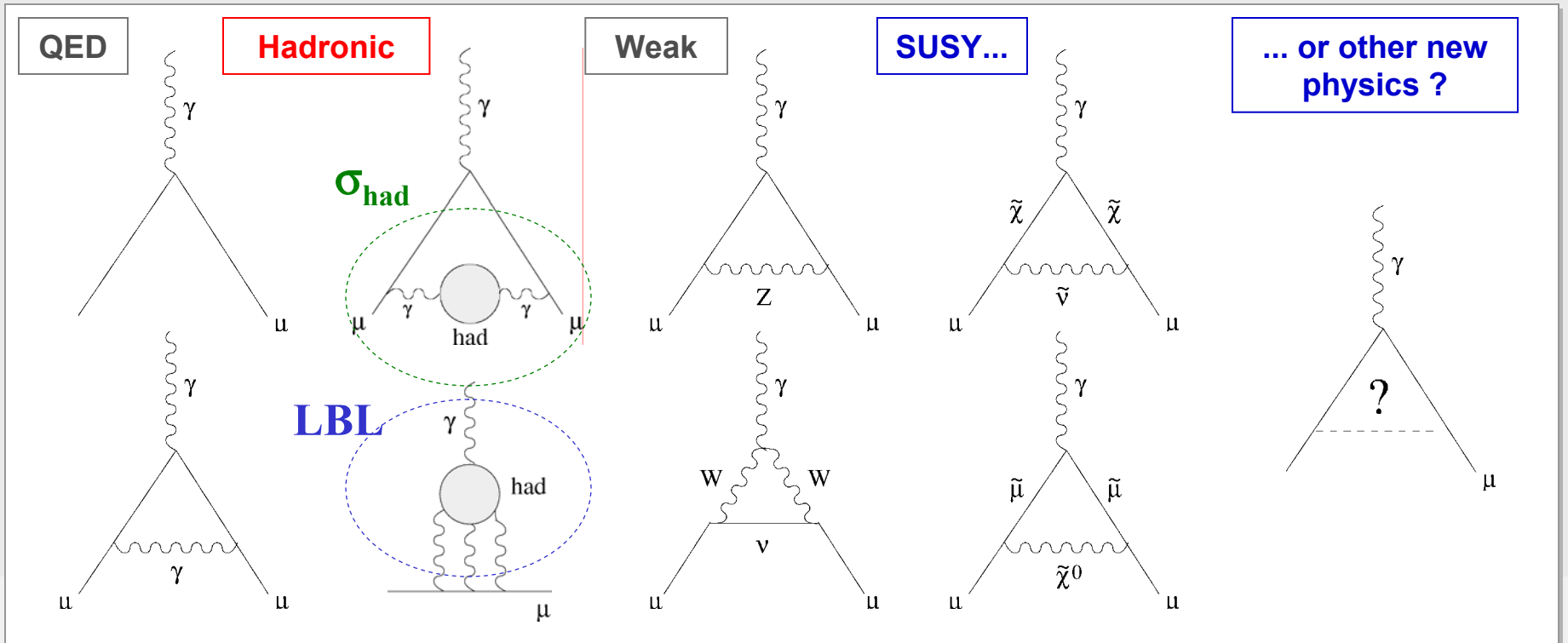
(5<sup>th</sup> order estimated [Mohr, Taylor])

$$a_\ell = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} = 0.001161\dots$$

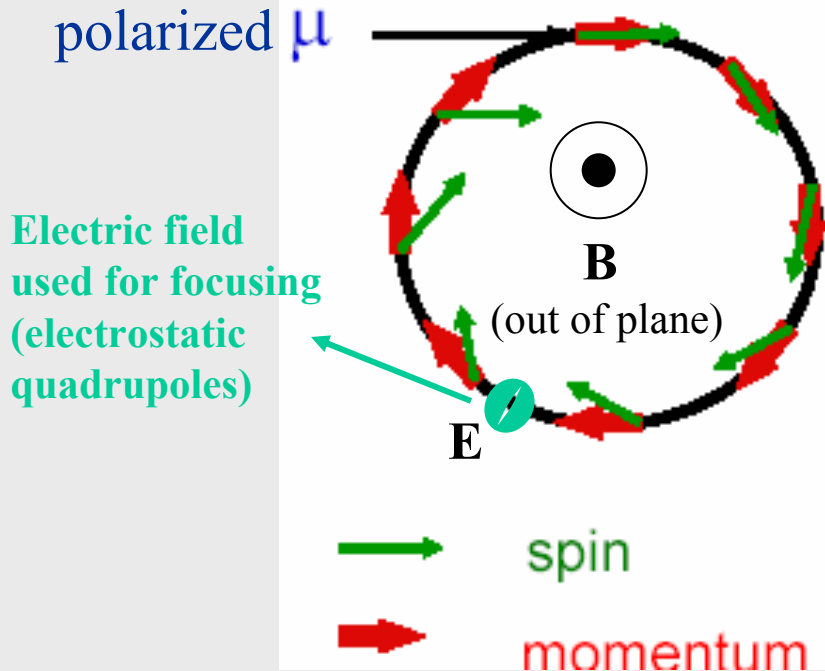
$$a_\mu^{\text{QED}} = \sum_{n=1} \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^n \approx \left( \begin{array}{l} 11614098.1 + 41321.8 \\ + 3014.2 + 38.1 + 0.6 \end{array} \right) \times 10^{-10}$$

corrected feb 04

Kinoshita-Nio,  
hep-ph/0402206



# Storage ring to measure $a_\mu$



Precession of *spin* and *momentum* vectors in  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  fields (in the hyp.  $\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ ) :

$$\begin{cases} \vec{\omega}_a = \vec{\omega}_s - \vec{\omega}_m = \frac{e}{mc} (a_\mu \vec{B} - K \vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}) \\ K = a_\mu - \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \end{cases}$$

- At  $\gamma_{magic} = 29.3$ , corresponding to  $E_\mu = 3.09$  GeV,  $K=0$  and precession is directly proportional to  $a_\mu$

$$a_\mu \approx \omega_a / B$$

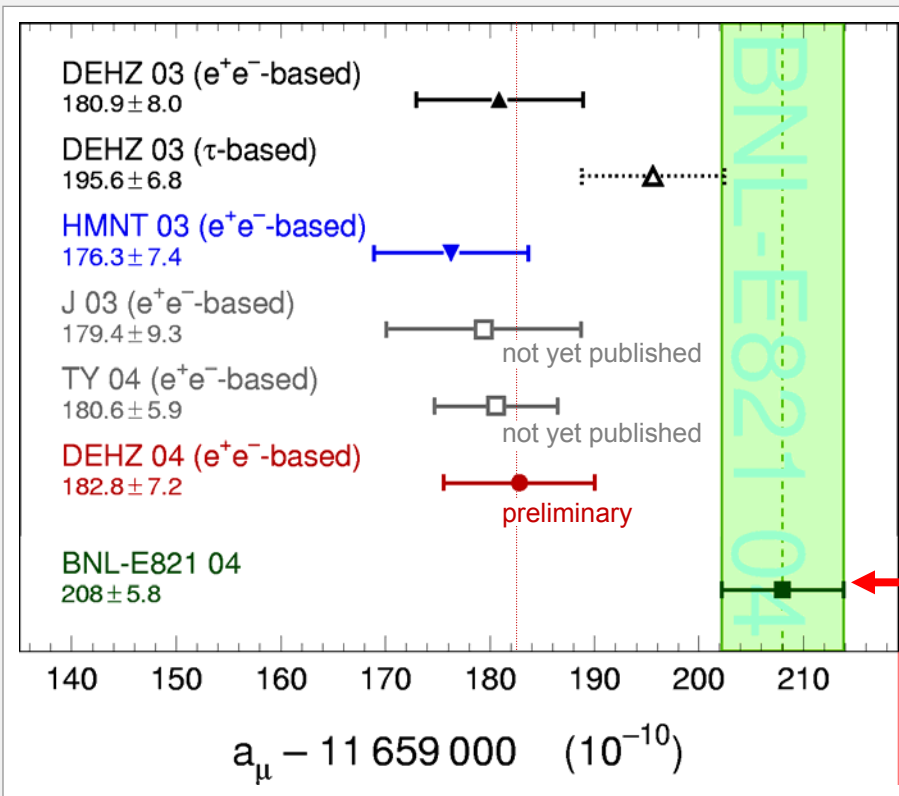
# Muon anomaly (from Hoecker's presentation at ICHEP04 - Beijing)

Including **CMD2** and **KLOE**  $e^+e^-$  results

Melnikov-Vainshtein, hep-ph/0312226

$$a_\mu^{\text{SM}} [e^+e^-] = (11\,659\,182.8 \pm 6.3_{\text{had}} \pm 3.5_{\text{LBL}} \pm 0.3_{\text{QED+EW}}) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\text{BNL E821 (2004)} : a_\mu^{\text{exp}} = (11\,659\,208.0 \pm 5.8) 10^{-10}$$



Observed Difference with Experiment:

$$a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = (25.2 \pm 9.2) \times 10^{-10}$$

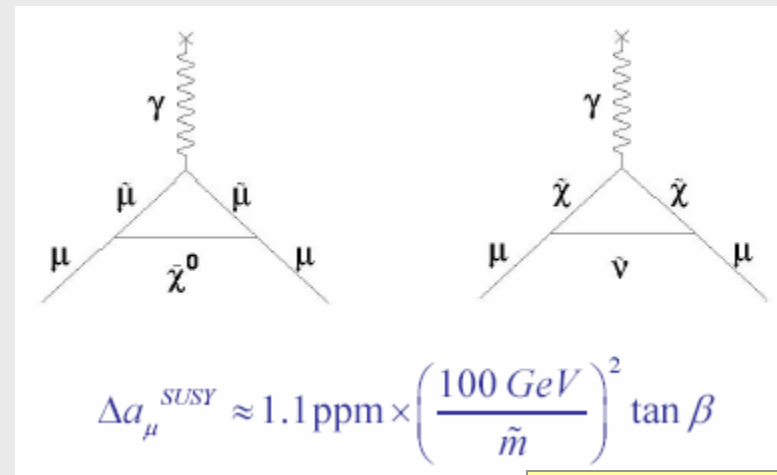
➔ 2.7 "standard deviations"  
(using  $e^+e^-$  data only)

$\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  data combined together (CPT)

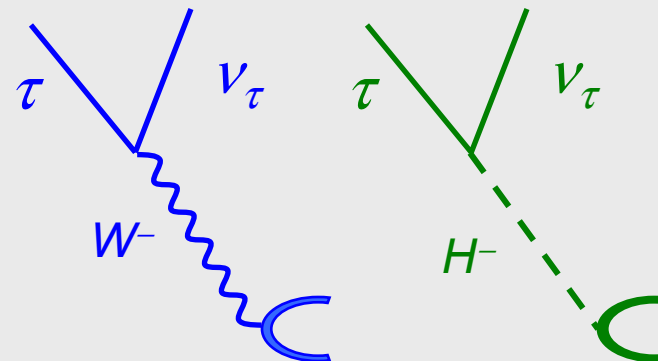


# Possible new physics contribution...

- New physics contribution can affect  $a_\mu$  through the muon coupling to new particles
- In particular **SUSY** can easily predict values which contribute to  $a_\mu$  at the  $\sim 1$ ppm level
- $\tau$  data can be affected differently than  $e^+e^-$  data by this new physics
- In particular  $H^-$  exchange is at the same scale as  $W^-$  exchange, while  $m(H^0) \gg m(\rho)$



Marciano + others



# LoI to J-PARC

- ✓ An experiment with sensitivity of 0.05 ppm proposed at J-PARC
- ✓ At the moment, the project is scheduled for Phase2 (>2011)
- ✓ Together with the experiment there must be an improvement on:
  - evaluation of LBL
  - experimental data on  $\sigma(\text{had})$  to cover  $m(\pi) < \sqrt{s} < m(\rho)$  and  $1 < \sqrt{s} < 2 \text{ GeV}$

## Letter of Intent: An Improved Muon ( $g - 2$ ) Experiment at J-PARC

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# New proposal - statistics

- The new experiment aims to a precision of 0.1-0.05 ppm, which needs a factor of 25-100 more muons
- This can be achieved by increasing the ...
  1. ... number of primary protons on target → target must be redesigned
  2. ... number of bunches
  3. ... muon injection efficiency which, at E821, was 7%
  4. ... running time (it was 7months with  $\mu^-$  at BNL)
- The J-PARC proposal is mostly working on items 2 (go from 12 → 90 bunches) and 3

# Intermediate step on g-2 ...

- As *intermediate step* between **now** ( $\sim 0.6$  ppm) and a **future storage ring** ( $\sim 0.05$ ) a proposal of upgrading E821, in order to **reach**  $\sim 0.2$  ppm, has been submitted to BNL in July 2004 and defended Sep 9  $\rightarrow$  positive response from PAC

A  $(g - 2)_\mu$  Experiment to  $\pm 0.2$  ppm Precision

BNL P969

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Fast extracted proton beam to the V-target. 12 or 24 bunches per AGS cycle, 60 TP per cycle, minimum possible AGS cycle time.

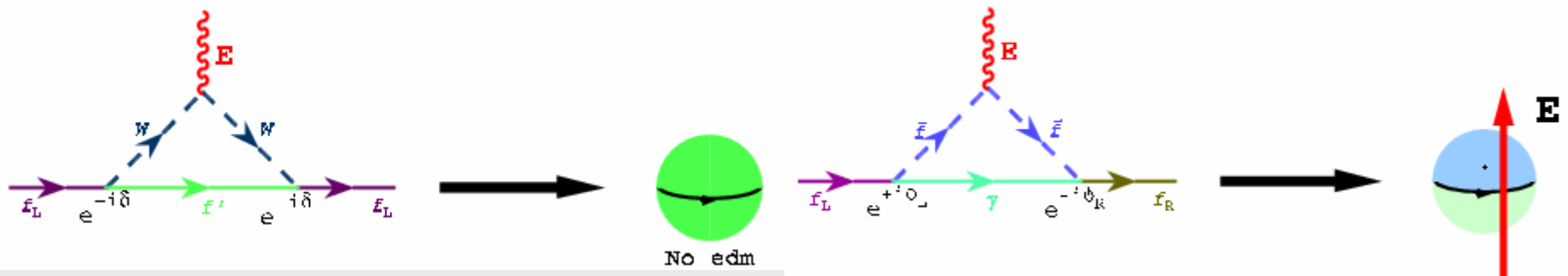
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# Electric Dipole Moment (EDM)

- The electromagnetic interaction Hamiltonian of a particle with both magnetic and electric dipole moment is:

$$H = \underbrace{-\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}}_{g-2 \text{ term}} - \vec{d} \cdot \vec{E} \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} \vec{d}_M \equiv \vec{\mu} = g \frac{e\hbar}{2mc} \vec{s} = \frac{g}{2} \mu_0 \vec{\sigma} \\ \vec{d}_E \equiv \vec{d} = \eta \frac{e\hbar}{2mc} \vec{s} = \frac{\eta}{2} \mu_0 \vec{\sigma} \end{cases}$$

- The existence of  $d_E$ , in SM, is suppressed because
  - $d_E$  violates both P and T (and also CP in the CPT hyp.)
  - only one weak phase exist in CKM
- This is not the case for SUSY where many CP phases exist



# Limits on EDM

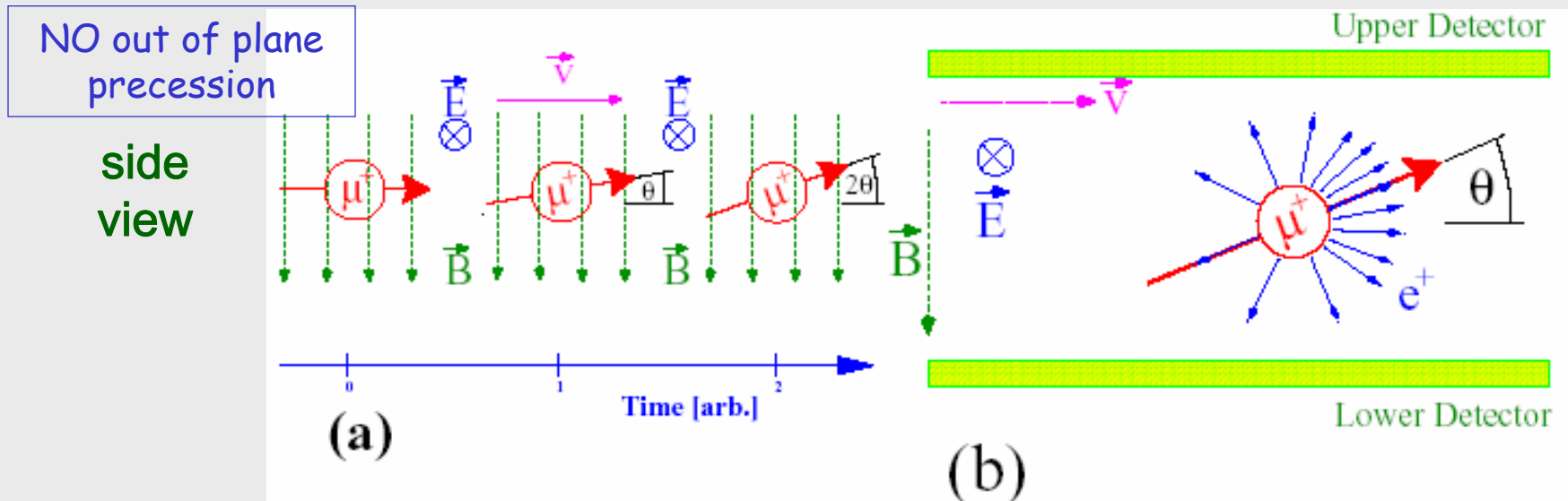
- o Up to now EDMs have been measured only on:
  1. Neutrons
  2. Heavy paramagnetic/diamagnetic atoms/molecules (Tl,Hg,YbF)
- o Electron EDM extracted from (2.) :  $d_E(e) < 2 \times 10^{-27} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$
- New idea to measure directly the EDM on an elementary particle : *muons in storage ring*

# New approach to $\mu$ EDM

- Muons in storage ring: combination of  $\gamma$ ,  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  that cancels out muon spin (g-2) precession (electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  must be radial and  $\mathbf{E} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta} = 0$ ) ; only  $\mu$ EDM precession left .

$$\vec{\omega}_a \propto a_\mu \vec{B} - K(\gamma) \vec{\beta} \times \vec{E} = (a_\mu B - K(\gamma) \beta E) \hat{z} \equiv 0 \quad \text{- precession due to } a_\mu$$

$$\vec{\omega}_{EDM} = \frac{e}{mc} \frac{\eta}{2} (\vec{E} + \vec{\beta} \times \vec{B}) \approx \eta \frac{e}{2mc} \beta B \hat{r} \quad \text{- precession due to } \mu\text{EDM}$$



# Muon ring for $\mu$ EDM measurement

LOI to J-PARC with following parameters:

$$P = 500 \text{ MeV}/c$$

$$B_z = 0.25 \text{ T}$$

$$E_r = 2 \text{ MV}/\text{m}$$

$$R = 7 \text{ m}$$

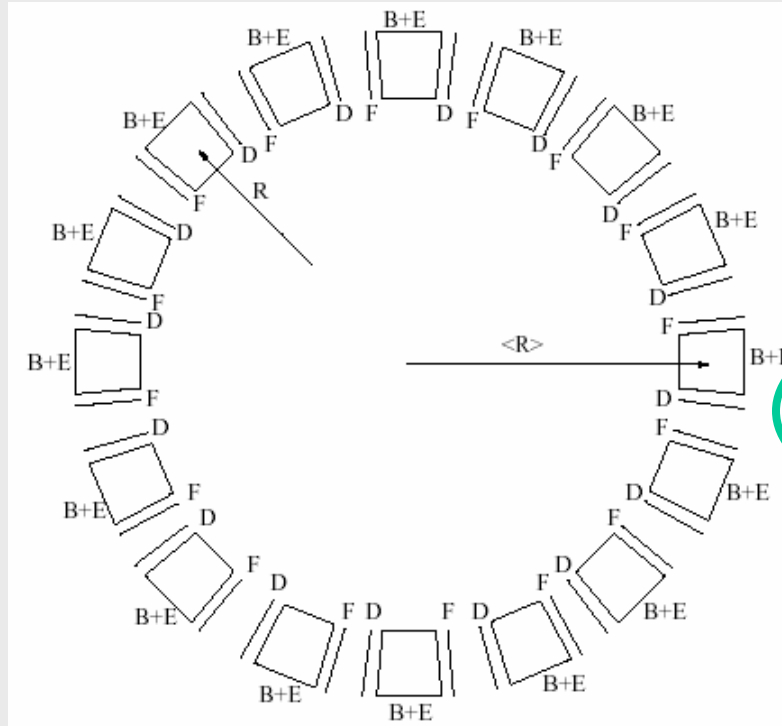
$$\langle R \rangle = 11 \text{ m}$$

$$B+E = 2.6 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Intervals} = 1.7 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{n. elements} = 16$$

$$\text{circunference} \sim 40 \text{ m}$$



**Required statistics:**

$$N_\mu \cdot P^2 = 10^{16}$$

P = Beam Polarization

➤ Optimal momentum choice :  $p_\mu \sim 300\text{-}500 \text{ MeV}$

- Below  $\sim 300 \text{ MeV}$  the *muon polarization* becomes a concern
- Above  $\sim 500 \text{ MeV}$  the *radial electric field* needed to cancel out  $g-2$  precession is  $>20 \text{ kV}/\text{cm}$



# Systematics

- Basic idea to fight systematics: compare *clockwise* vs *counter-clockwise* results

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{e}{mc} \left( \underbrace{a_\mu \vec{B} - \left( a_\mu - \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \right) \vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}}_{\text{Opposite sign}} + \underbrace{\frac{\eta}{2} (\vec{E} + \vec{\beta} \times \vec{B})}_{\text{Same sign}} \right)$$

~0 due to choice of  $\beta, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{E}$

Opposite sign

Same sign

cw  $\rightarrow$  ccw

$\beta \rightarrow -\beta$

$\mathbf{B} \rightarrow -\mathbf{B}$

$\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$

- Needs 2 injection points and possibility of changing polarity of dipole magnets (not necessary for quadrupoles)

# Summary on $\mu$ -moments

- Both  $g-2$  and  $\mu$ EDM are sensitive to new physics beyond the SM (*maybe behind the corner*)
- Unique opportunity of studying *phases of mixing matrix* for SUSY particles
- $\mu$ EDM first direct probe of  $d_E$  on elementary particle
- The experiments are hard but, in particular the  $\mu$ EDM, not impossible
- A *large flux of polarized muons* of energy 3 GeV ( $g-2$ ) or  $\sim 500$  MeV ( $\mu$ EDM) is required

# Lepton Flavor Violation $\mu$ decays

- Three relevant processes :

$$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$$

$$\mu \rightarrow 3e$$

$$\mu N \rightarrow eN$$

- Model Independent Interactions:

Dipole Transition

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{m_\mu}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_R \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_L F_{\mu\nu} + \text{h.c.}$$

*e.g. :  
slepton mixing  
matrix*

Direct violation

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_F^2} \bar{\mu}_L \gamma^\mu e_L \bar{f}_L \gamma_\mu f_L + \text{h.c.}$$

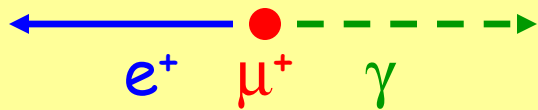
- Relative strength depends upon arbitrary parameters  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda_F$
- In the hyp.  $\Lambda/\Lambda_F \ll 1$ , as in large class of SUSY-GUT theories:

$$\text{BR}(\mu\text{-}e \text{ conv}) \approx 10^{-3} \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \quad \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e) \approx 10^{-2} \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$$

# $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$

signal

$$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$$



$$\theta_{e\gamma} = 180^\circ$$

$$E_e = E_\gamma = 52.8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T_e = T_\gamma$$

background

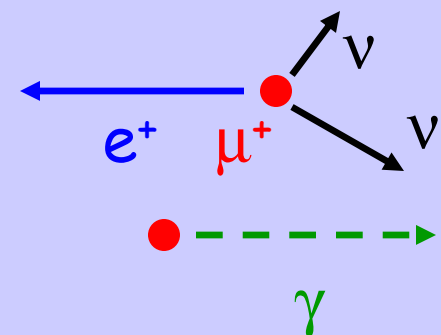
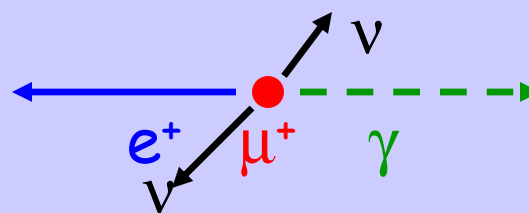
accidental

$$\mu \rightarrow e \nu \nu$$

correlated

$$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma \nu \nu$$

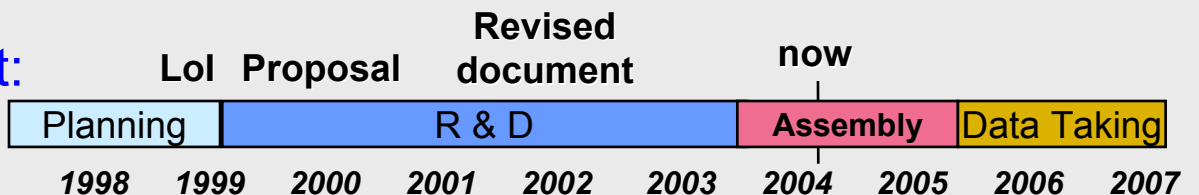
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu \rightarrow e \gamma \nu \nu \\ ee \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \\ eZ \rightarrow eZ \gamma \end{array} \right.$$



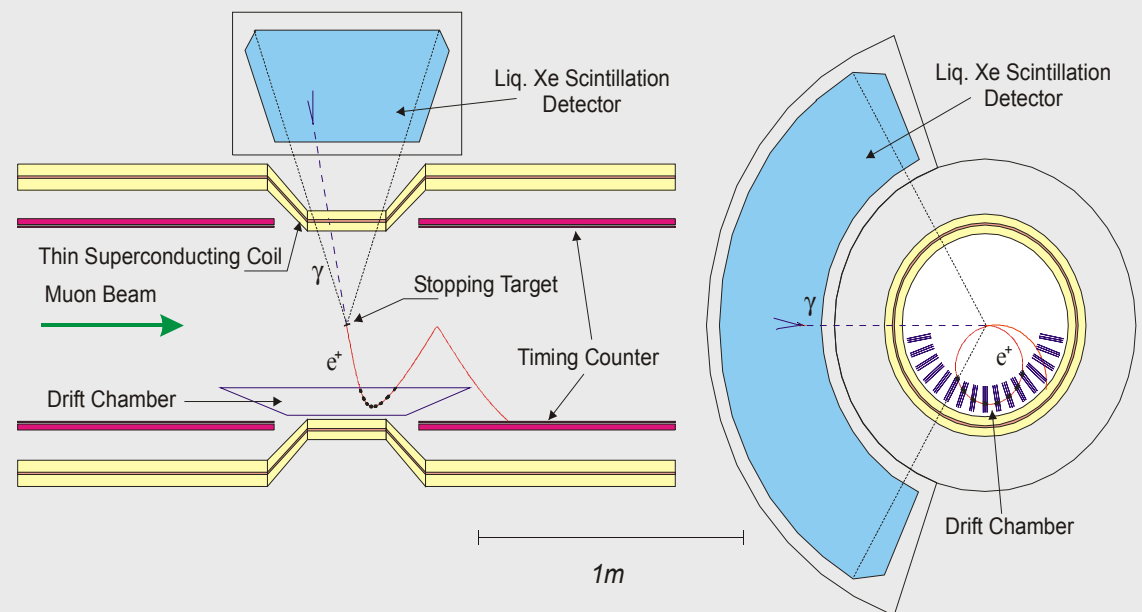
# $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ : present

Present limit  $B(\mu \rightarrow e \gamma) < 1.2 \times 10^{-11}$  by the MEGA Collab. M.L.Brooks et al. Phys.Rev.Lett. 83(1999)1521

New approved experiment:  
MEG @ PSI



- Stopped beam of  $>10^7 \mu$  /sec in a  $150 \mu\text{m}$  target
- Liquid Xenon calorimeter for  $\gamma$  detection (scintillation)
- Solenoid spectrometer & drift chambers for  $e^+$  momentum
- Scintillation counters for  $e^+$  timing



# $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ : future

- MEG sensitivity :  $10^{-13}$  with  $10^7 \mu^+/s$
- The PSI  $\pi E5$  can deliver up to  $3 \times 10^8 \mu^+/s$
- The MEG sensitivity is **accidental background limited**
- With **better detector resolutions** a BR of  $10^{-14}$  would be possible

but...

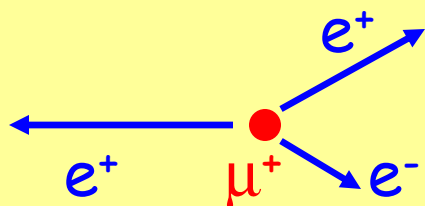
Challenging !

No immediate (next 10 years) need for  
a more intense beam

# $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$

signal

$$\mu \rightarrow e e e$$



Coplanarity

Vertexing

$$\sum E_e = m_\mu$$

$$T_{e^+} = T_{e^+} = T_{e^-}$$

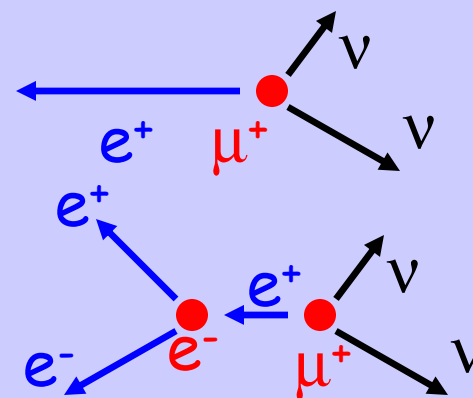
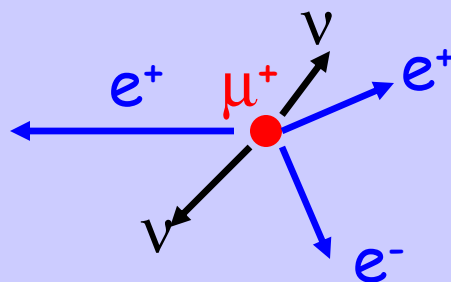
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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu \rightarrow e \nu \nu \\ e^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^- \end{array} \right.$$

correlated

$$\mu \rightarrow e e e \nu \nu$$


# $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^-$ : SINDRUM I

Present limit  $B(\mu \rightarrow 3e) < 1 \times 10^{-12}$  U.Bellgardt et al. Nucl.Phys. B299(1985)1

No other experimental proposal

## SINDRUM I parameters

- beam intensity  $6 \times 10^6 \mu^+/s$
- $\mu^+$  momentum 25 MeV/c
- magnetic field 0.33T
- acceptance 24%
- momentum resolution 10% FWHM
- vertex resolution  $\approx 2 \text{ mm}^2$  FWHM
- timing resolution  $\approx \text{ns}$
- target length 220 mm
- target density 11 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>



# $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$ : summary

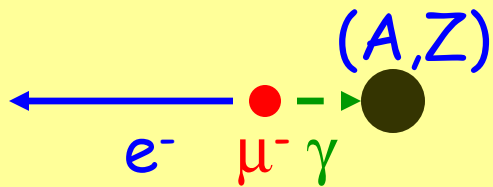
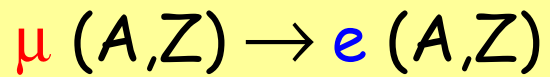
- A new experiment should aim at a sensitivity of  $\sim 10^{-15}$ , which means to increase beam intensity by  $10^3$
- Technically not impossible, but uncorrelated background scales *quadratically* with the beam intensity, therefore six orders of magnitude of background reduction, wrt to SINDRUM I, is required
  - four orders of magnitude could be achieved ... more?

**Challenging !**

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a more intense beam

# $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ conversion

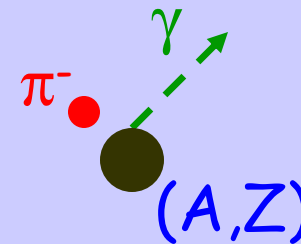
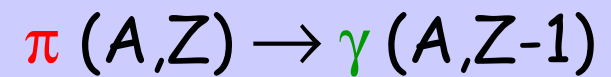
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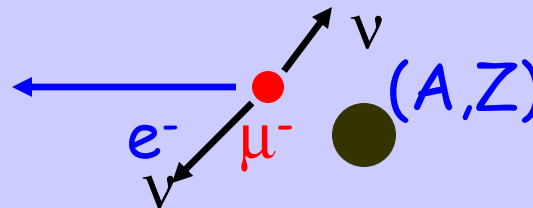
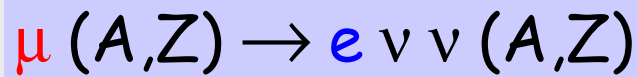
$$E_e = m_\mu - E_B$$

background

RPC



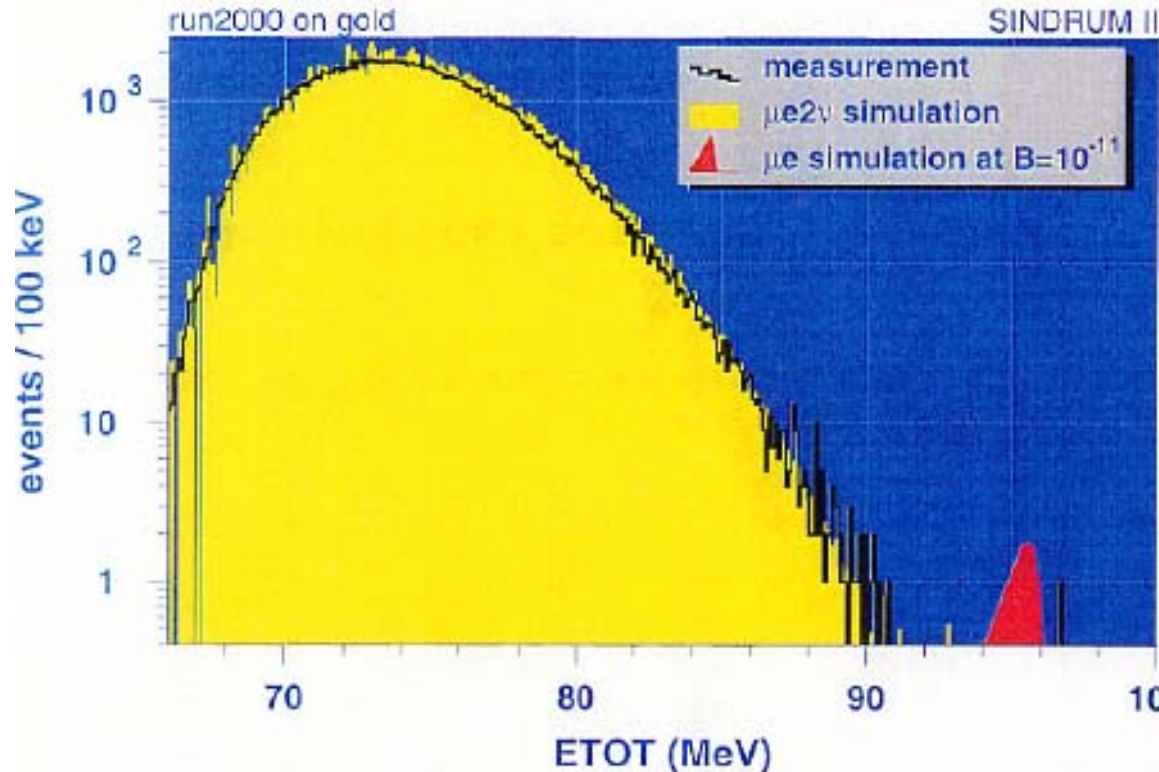
MIO



# $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ : present

Present limit  $B(\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma) < 8 \times 10^{-13}$

SINDRUM II COLLABORATION



## SINDRUM II parameters

- beam intensity  $3 \times 10^7 \mu^-/s$
- $\mu^-$  momentum 53 MeV/c
- magnetic field 0.33T
- acceptance 7%
- momentum res. 2% FWHM

Main background : *Radiative Pion Capture (RPC)*

✱ suppressed with an 8mm carbon absorber at the entrance of the solenoid

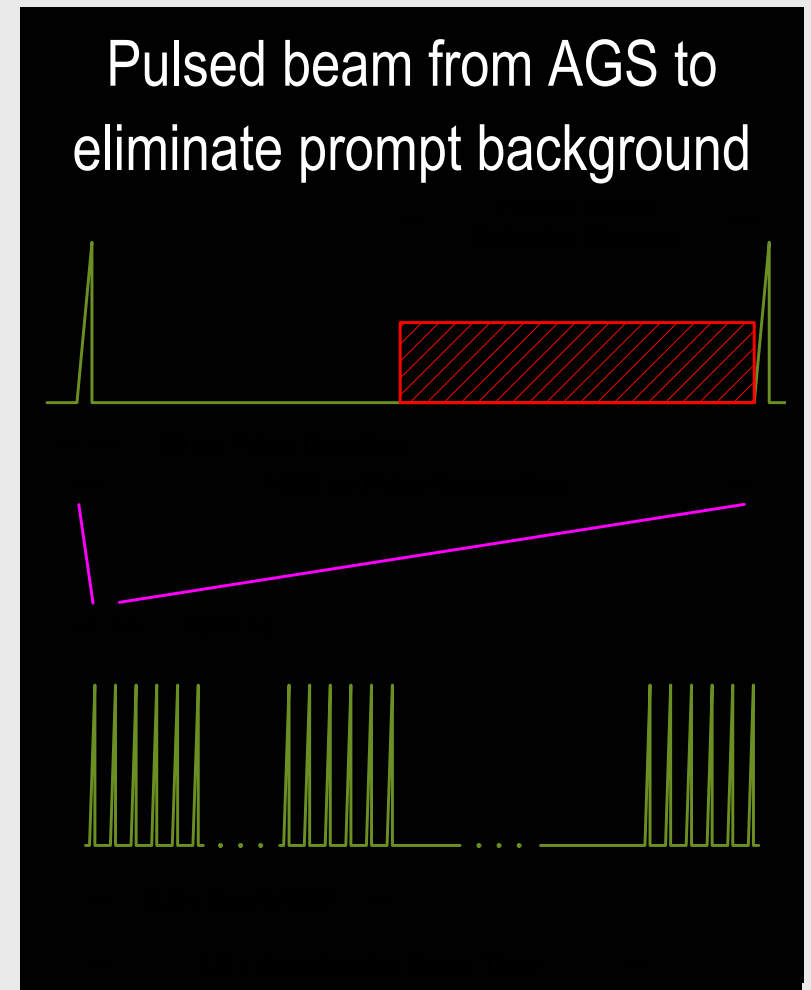
# $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ : future

- Differently from other channels, this one is not limited by *accidentals* but by *RPC*
- Two techniques to improve beam purity proposed for two *next generation* experiments:
  - ❖ New approved experiment at BNL:  
MECO (E940)       $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e) < 10^{-16}$  (2008 ??)
  - ❖ New project LOI to J-PARC:  
PRISM/PRIME       $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e) < 10^{-18}$  (>2008 ??? )

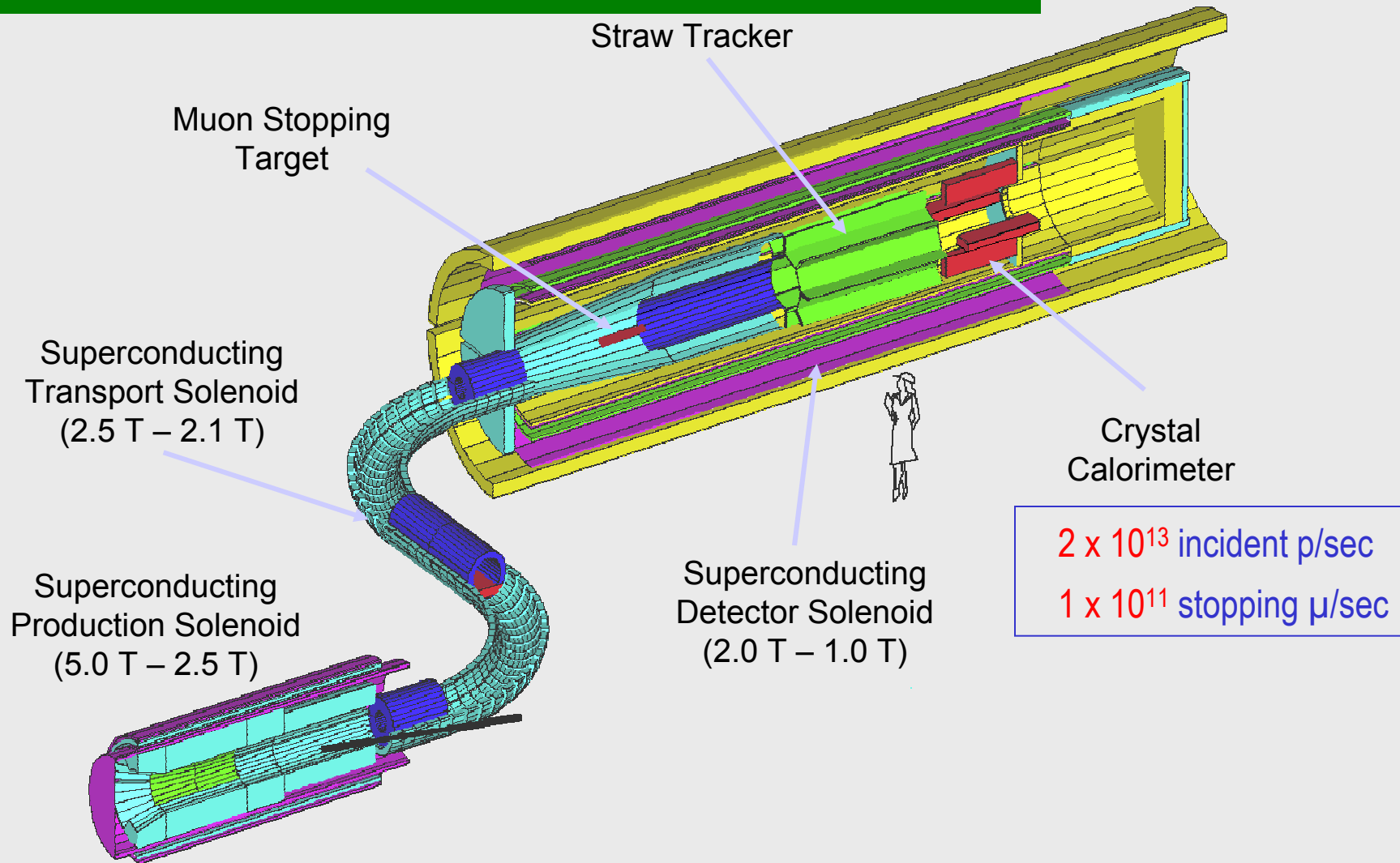
# $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ : beam line for MECO

## □ New AGS beam structure:

1.  $2 \times 10^{13}$  protons/bucket ( $7 \times 10^{12}$  for  $g-2$  experiment)
2. Short pulses of 30nsec with 1.35  $\mu$ sec separation between pulses (2 per rotation)
3. Extinction between pulses must be  $>10^9$ ; fast kicker in transport will divert beam from production solenoid



# $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ : MECO detector



$\sim 5$  signal events for  $10^7$  s (2800 hours) running if  $R_{\mu e} = 10^{-16}$   
 $\sim 0.45$  expected bckg events if extinction factor =  $10^{-9}$

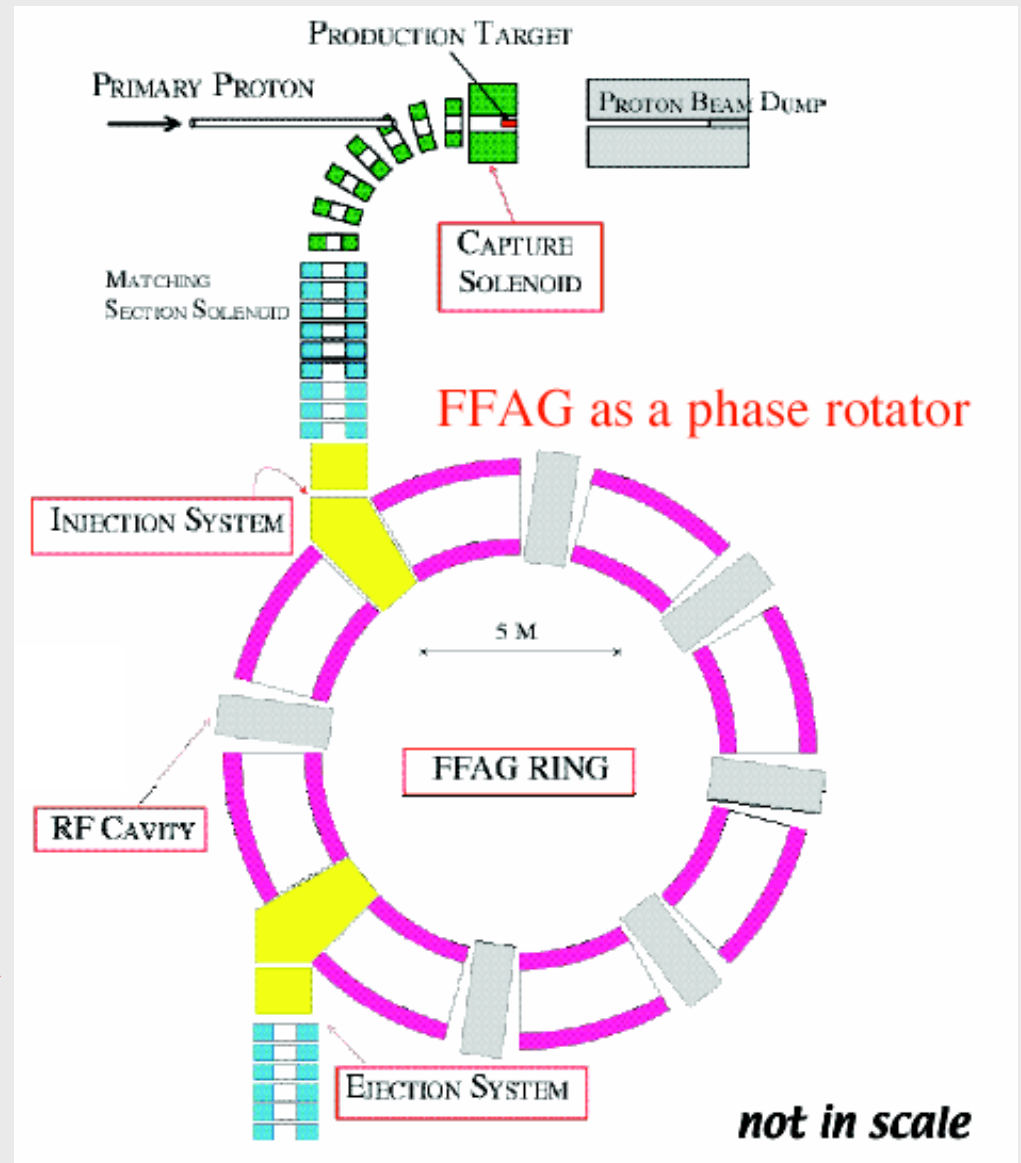
# $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ : PRISM beam

**PRISM** (Phase Rotated Intense  
Slow Muon source):

- Pion capture section
- Decay section
- Phase rotation section
- Ejection system

## Machine parameters

- Intensity:  $10^{11}$ - $10^{12}$   $\mu^\pm$ /sec
- Muon momentum : 68 MeV
- Momentum spread :  $\pm 0.5$ - $1.0$  MeV
- Beam repetition :  $\sim 100$  Hz



# $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ : PRIME detector

select a charged particle with a desired mom.

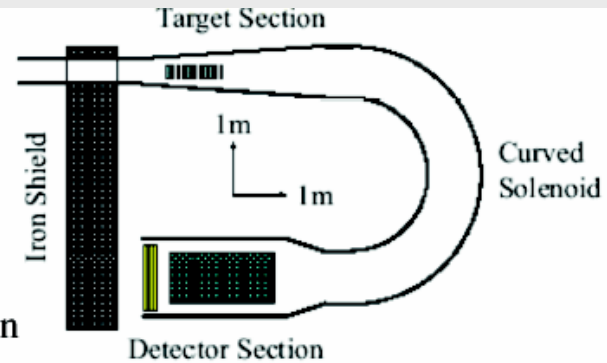
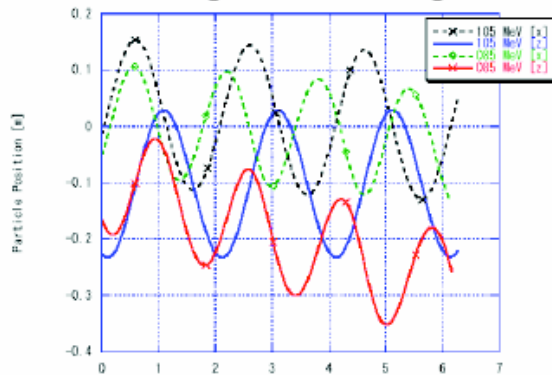
- Extract signal region only

- Curvature drift

$$D = 1./(0.3B) \times s/R \times \frac{(p_s^2 + 0.5p_t^2)}{p_s}$$

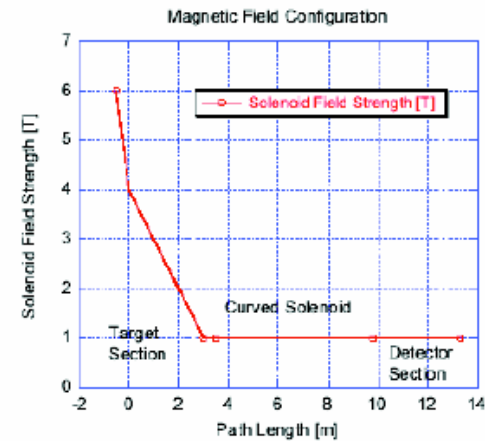
- impose auxiliary field along the drift direction
- Block unwanted particles
  - Positive
  - DIO (P<90 GeV/c)

- Reduce background and single rate



Half-turn ver 2.0(2002/12/12)

Top View



□ Single event sensitivity :  $B(\mu^- + A \rightarrow e^- + A) \sim 6 \times 10^{-19}$



# $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ : summary

- This channel will definitely benefit from an increase in beam intensity

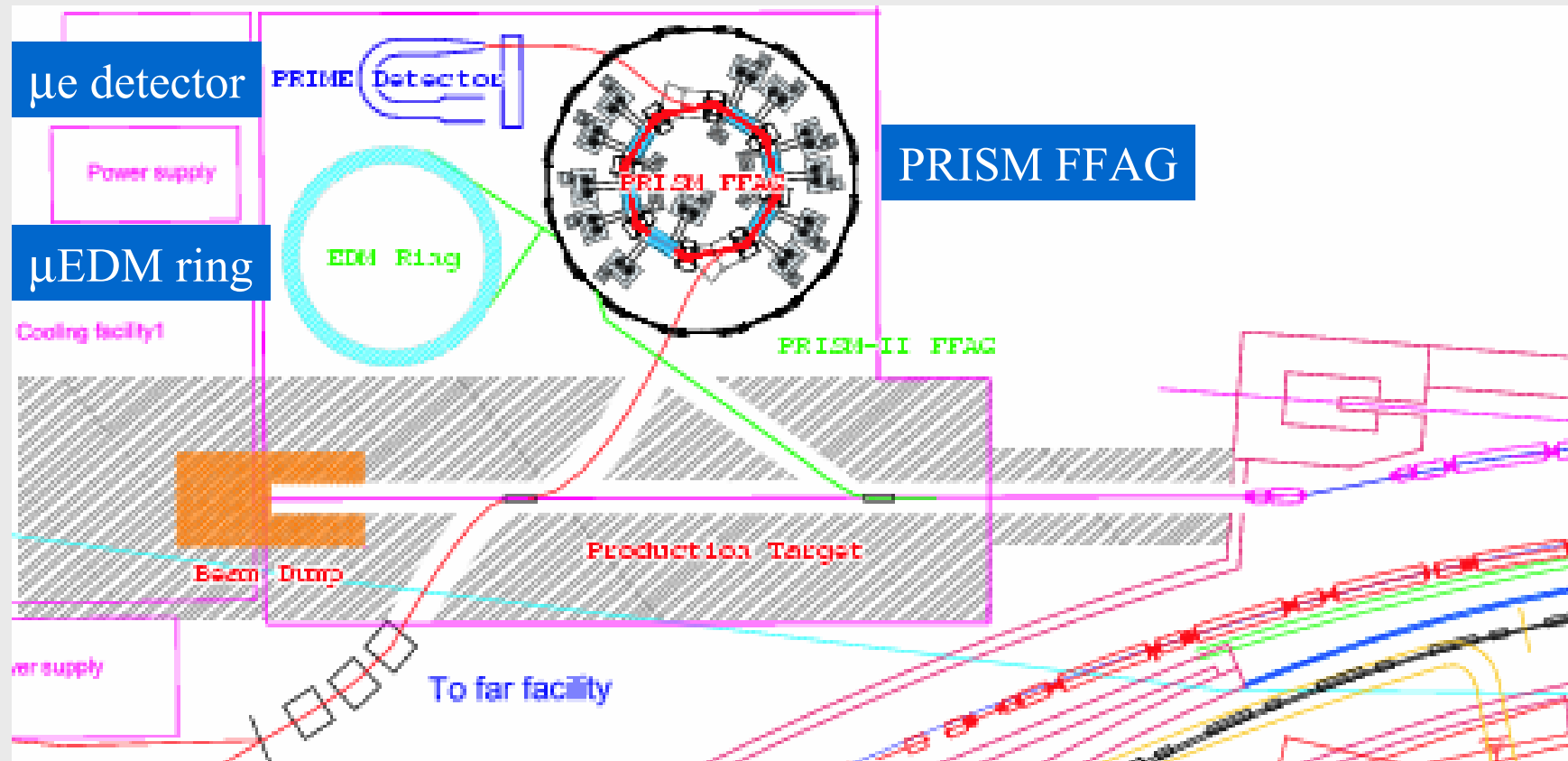
BUT

- The problem of pion contamination of the muon beam is the fundamental issue
- Two proposals :
  - Beam extinction at  $<10^{-9}$  level (!) - **BNL**
  - New kind of muon extraction technique with circular (compact) FFAG - **PRISM**

Very promising channel !

# $\mu$ EDM and $\mu e$ conversion with “same” beam?

- In  $\mu$ EDM LOI to J-PARC the possibility of **accomodating**  $\mu$ EDM and  $\mu e$  in the same hall is prospected
- The **FFAG system** must be projected with the possibility of providing muons both of  $\sim 80$  and of  $\sim 400$  MeV



# Summary table and Conclusions

Experiment	$N_\mu$	$p_\mu$ (MeV)	$\Delta p_\mu/p_\mu$ (%)	sensitivity	$I_{\text{off}}/I_{\text{on}}, \delta T, \Delta T$
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$	$10^{17}$	$< 30$	$< 10$	BR= $10^{-15}$	DC beam
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$	$10^{17}$	$< 30$	$< 10$	BR= $10^{-15}$	DC beam
$\mu^- - e^-$ pulsed	$10^{21}$	$< 80$	$< 5$	BR= $10^{-19}$	$10^{-10}, < 100\text{ns}, > 1\mu\text{s}$
$\mu^- - e^-$ continuous	$10^{20}$	$< 80$	$< 5$	BR= $10^{-19}$	DC beam
$\mu$ EDM	$10^{16}/P^2$	300 – 500	$< 5$	$10^{-24} e\text{cm}$	pulsed beam
$g - 2$	$10^{16}$	3100	$< 2$	$< 0.1\text{ppm}$	pulsed beam

- ❑ *Muons have historically played a key role in understanding the structure of the Standard Model (V-A, QED tests, ...)*
- ❑ *Muons are fundamental tools to discover and/or to understand the structure of any **physics beyond the SM***
- ❑ *All future projects (J-PARC, Fermilab) foresee high intensity flux of muons to be used in a storage ring and/or LFV exp.*
- ❑  *$\mu e$  transitions and  $\mu$ EDM (also  $g-2$ ) seem very promising*
- **Europe (CERN) should not loose this opportunity and aim for a leading role in the field of  $\mu$  decays and  $\mu$  moments**