

# The Muon $g-2$ Experiment

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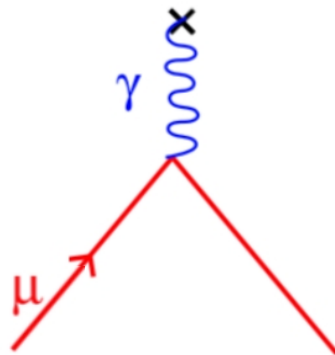
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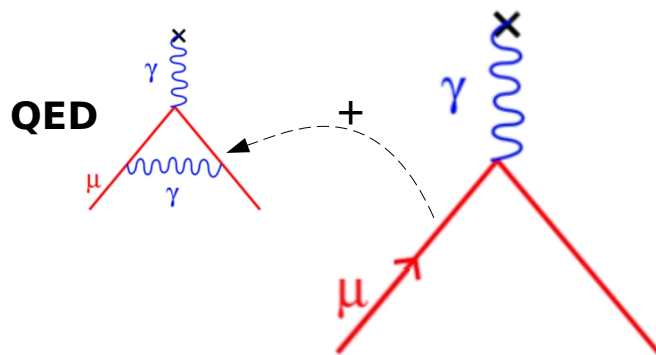
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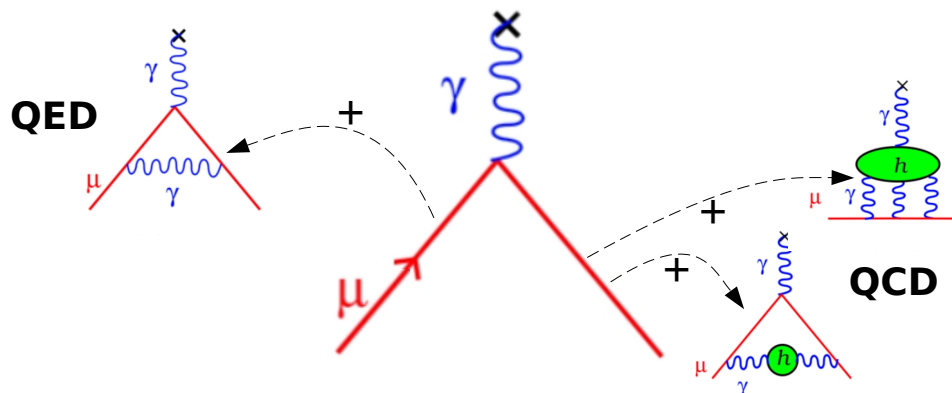
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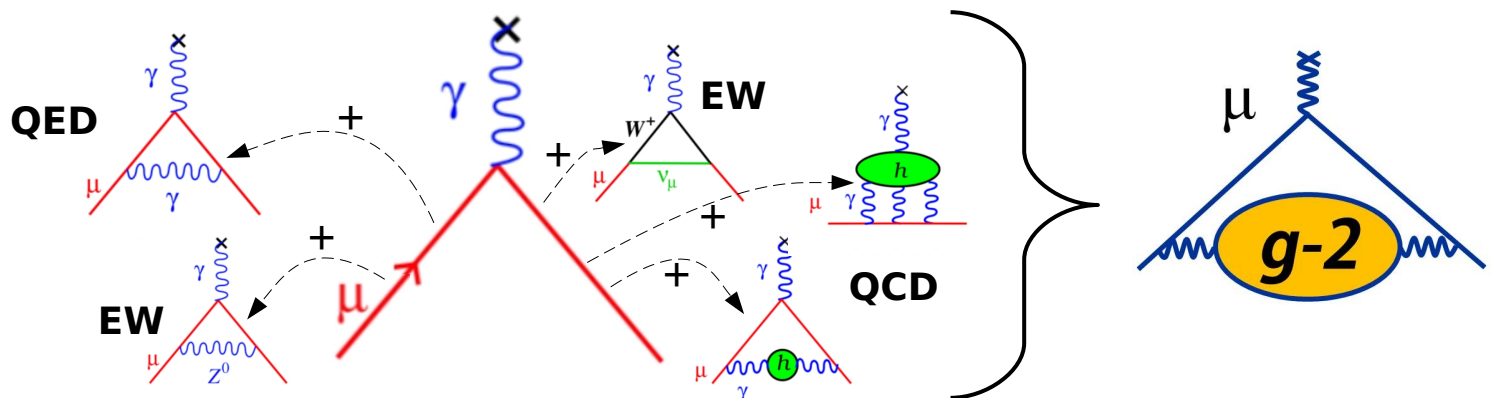




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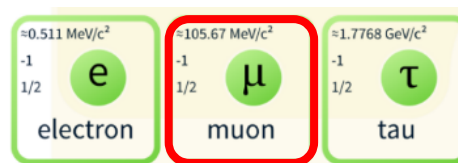
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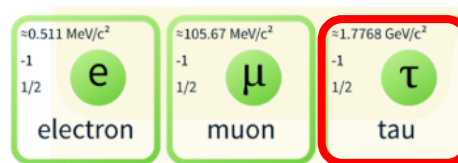
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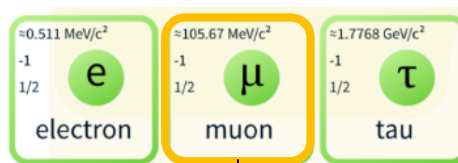
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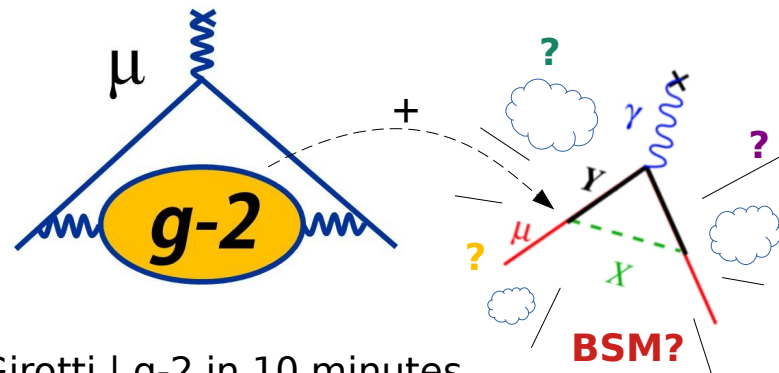
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- The electron is the most precisely measured and predicted with an accuracy of  $10^{-10}$  (6(56))
- The muon is the most sensitive to new physics because it is more sensitive to BSM effects
- The tau would be even more sensitive but it is impractical to measure its  $g-2$

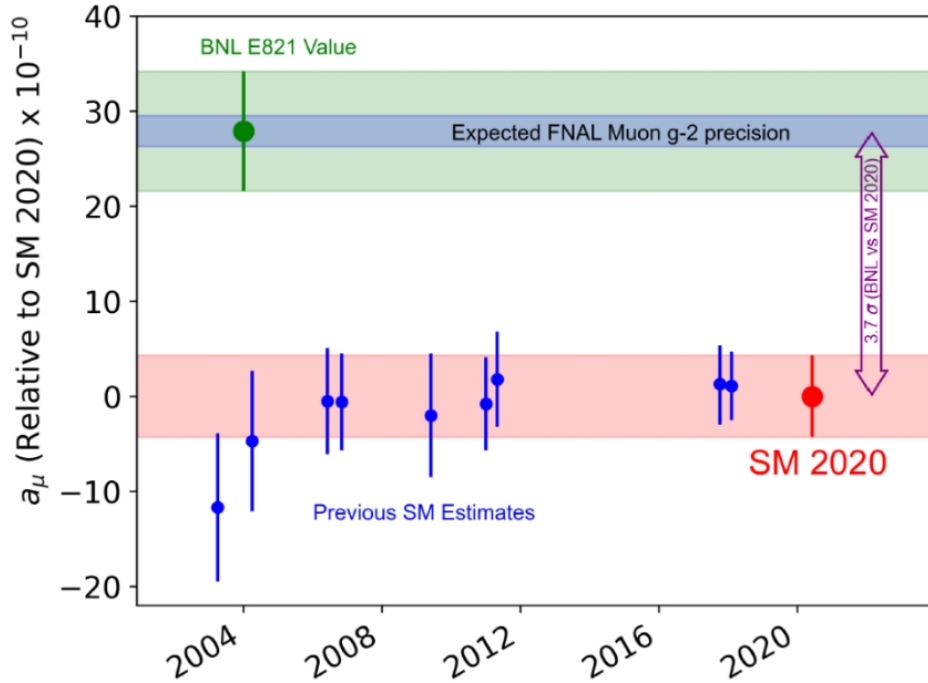
The muon is our golden ticket  
 to explore the unknown...  
 Just measure it very precisely!





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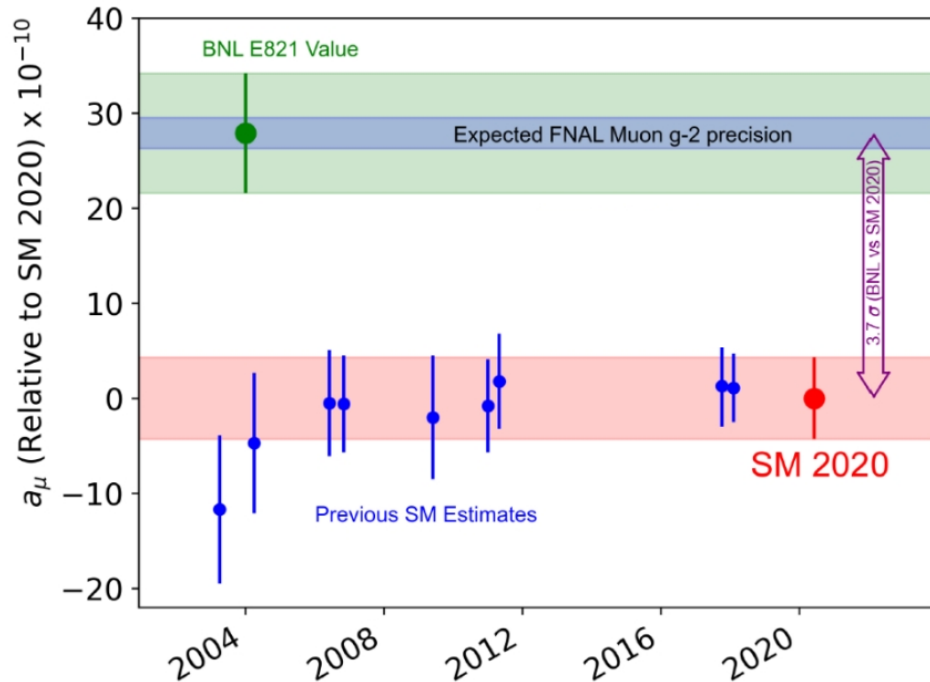
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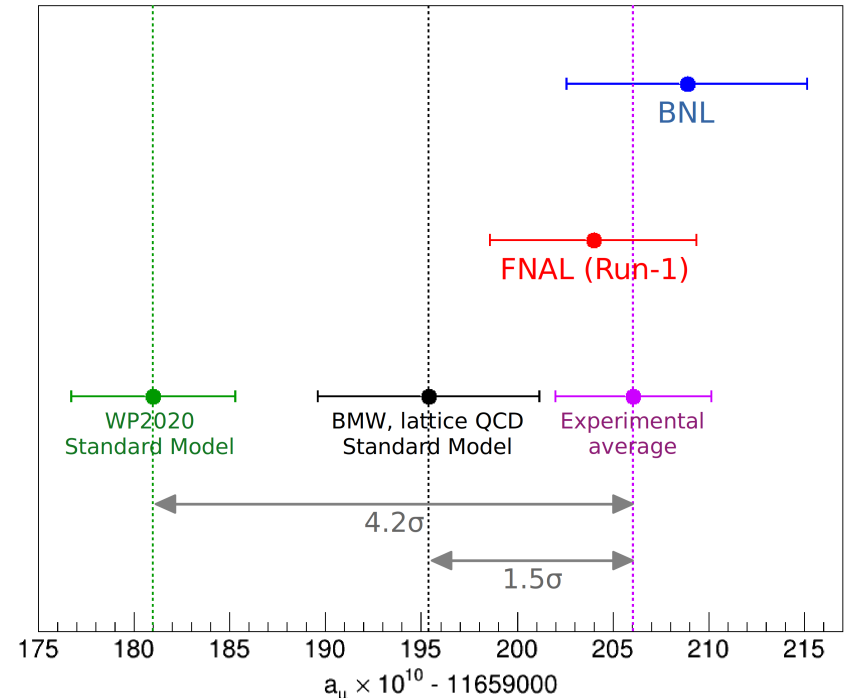
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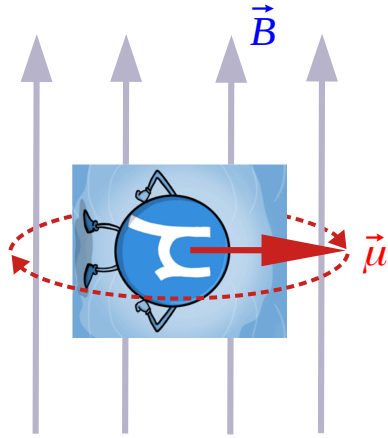
## 2021 - Now



- Fermilab Run-1 result published in 2021 with 460 ppb precision → Discrepancy increased to  **$4.2\sigma$**  !
- New precise **Lattice-QCD** calculations of the hadronic contribution to  $a_\mu$  in tension with the data-driven SM prediction → a new g-2 puzzle !

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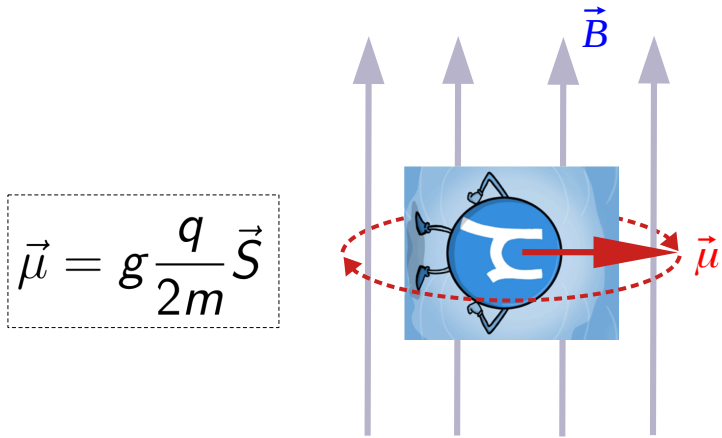


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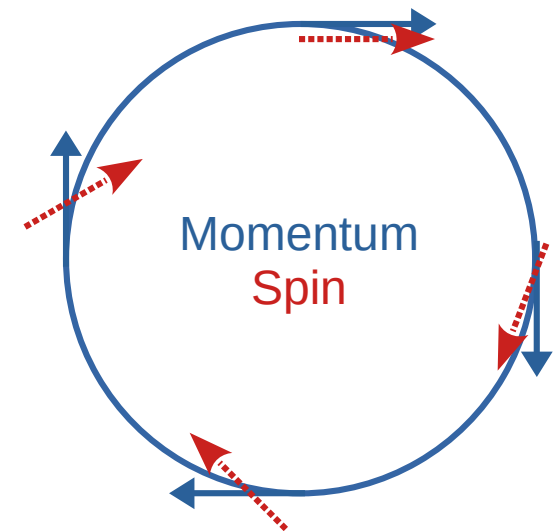
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$$\underline{\omega}_a = \underline{\omega}_s - \underline{\omega}_c = -\left(\frac{g-2}{2}\right)\frac{e\vec{B}}{m} \equiv -a_\mu \frac{e\vec{B}}{m}$$

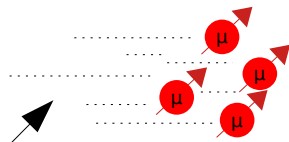
- The “anomalous” precession frequency of the muon is proportional to the g-2 and to the magnetic field strength
- Virtual particles make this happen!
- Measure  $\omega_a$  and  $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow$  obtain  $a_\mu$

$$a_\mu \equiv \frac{g-2}{2}$$



# Let's build a g-2 experiment

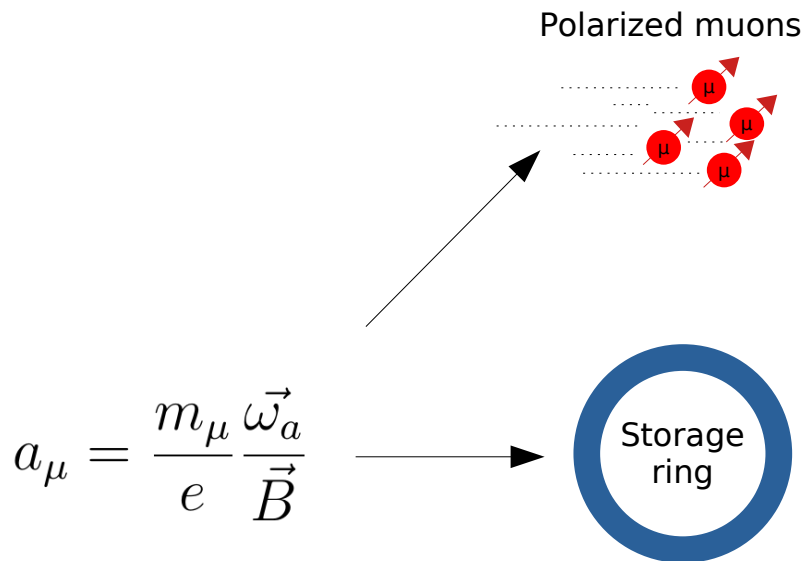
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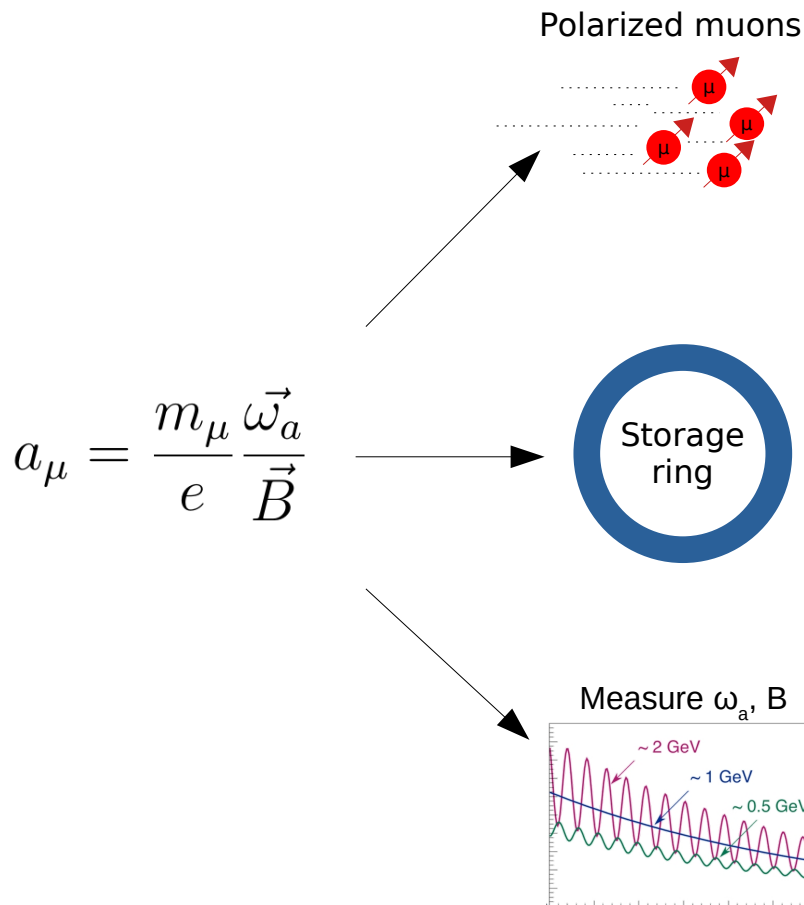
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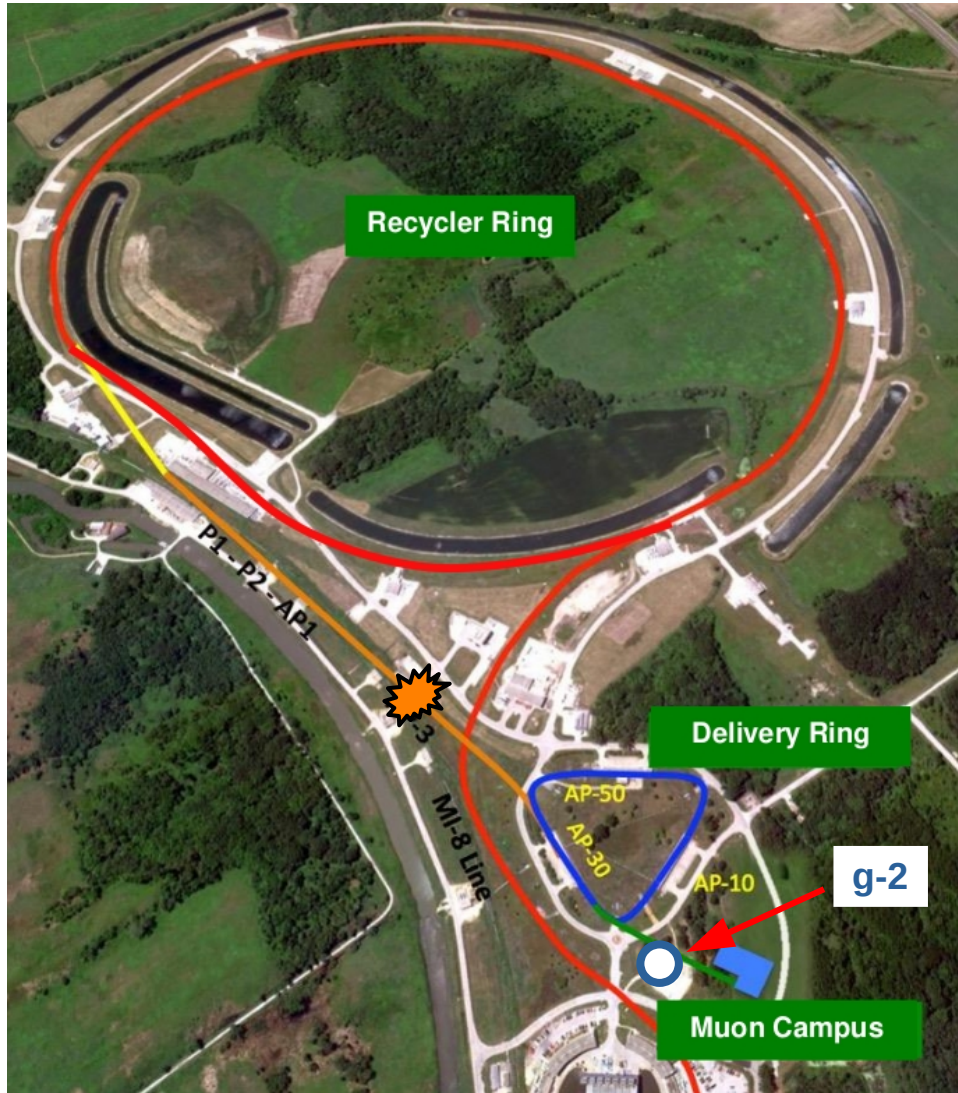
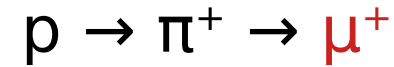
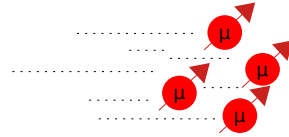
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- Detect all the decay positrons
- Measure the magnetic field
- Measure the beam distribution

# How to

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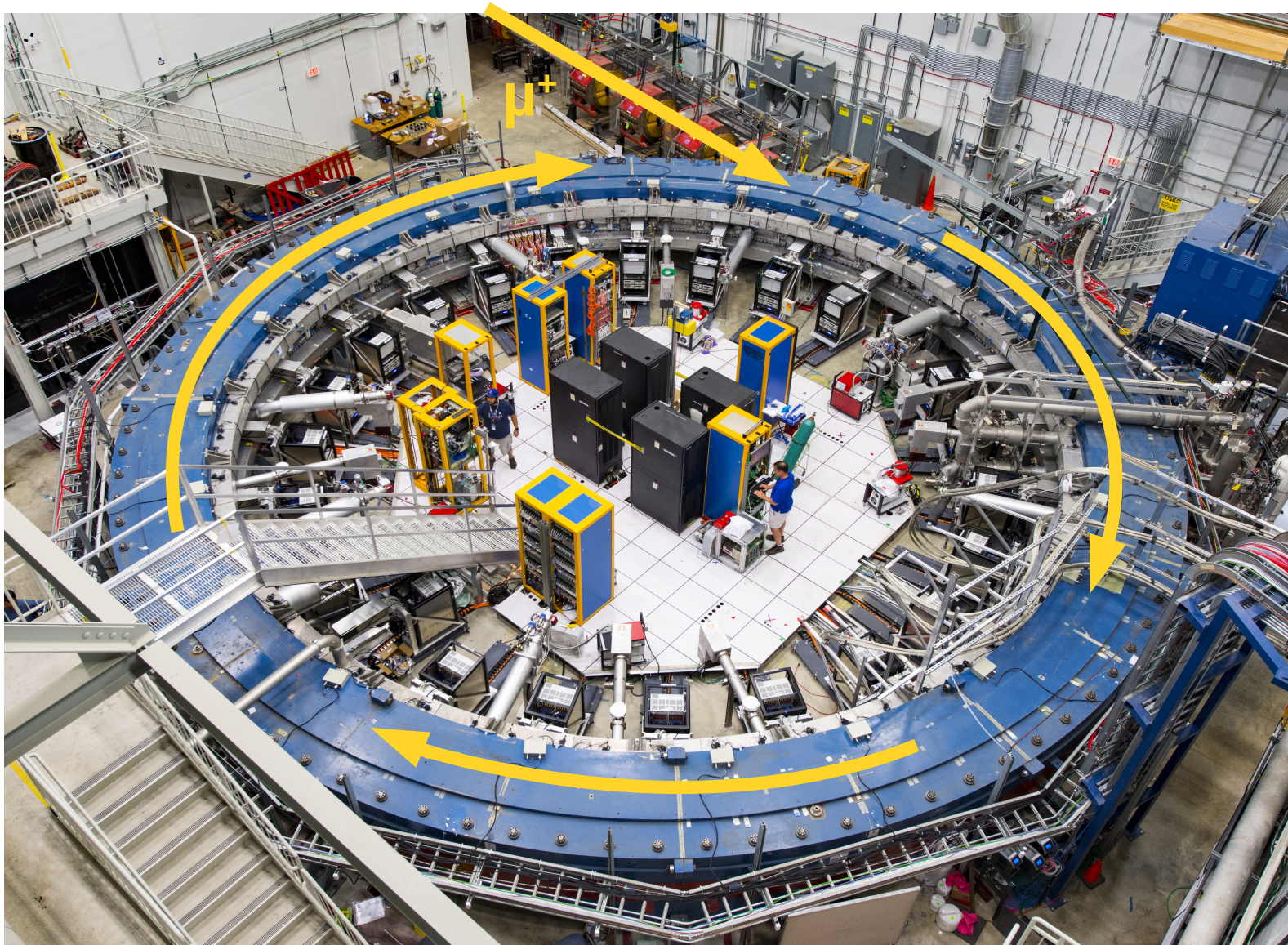
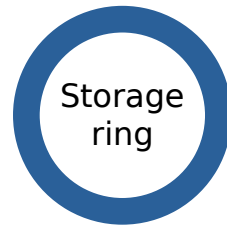
- 16 bunches of  $10^{12}$  protons **boosted** @8 GeV to **recycler ring** and sent toward a fixed **target**
- Positive pions are extracted from the interaction with target
- Four turns in the **delivery ring** to separate remaining protons and let pions fully decay into muons
- High energy muons are naturally polarized



- Muons enter the **g-2 ring** 

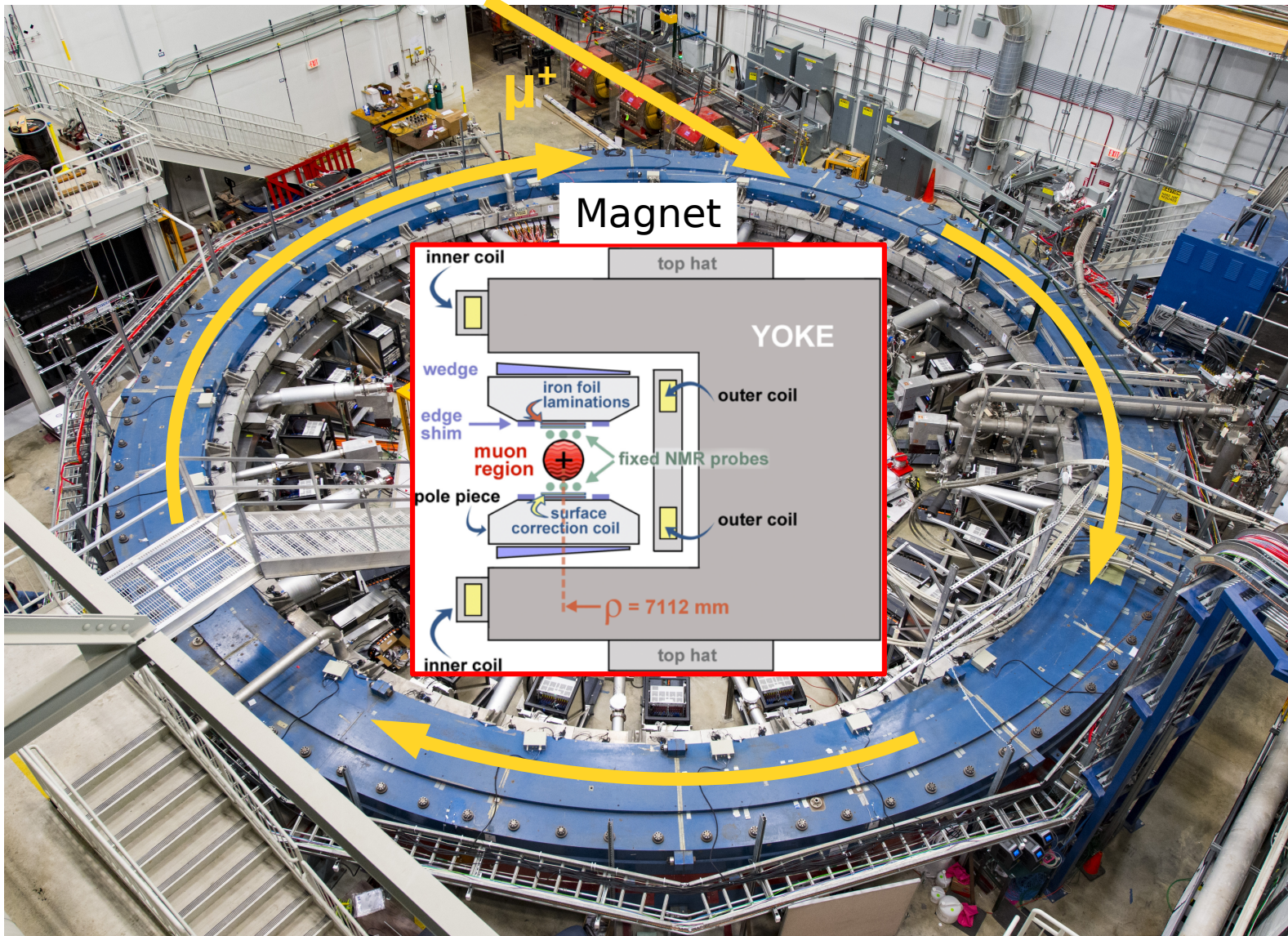
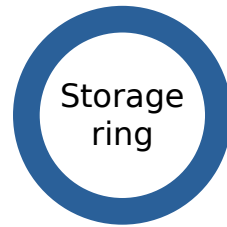


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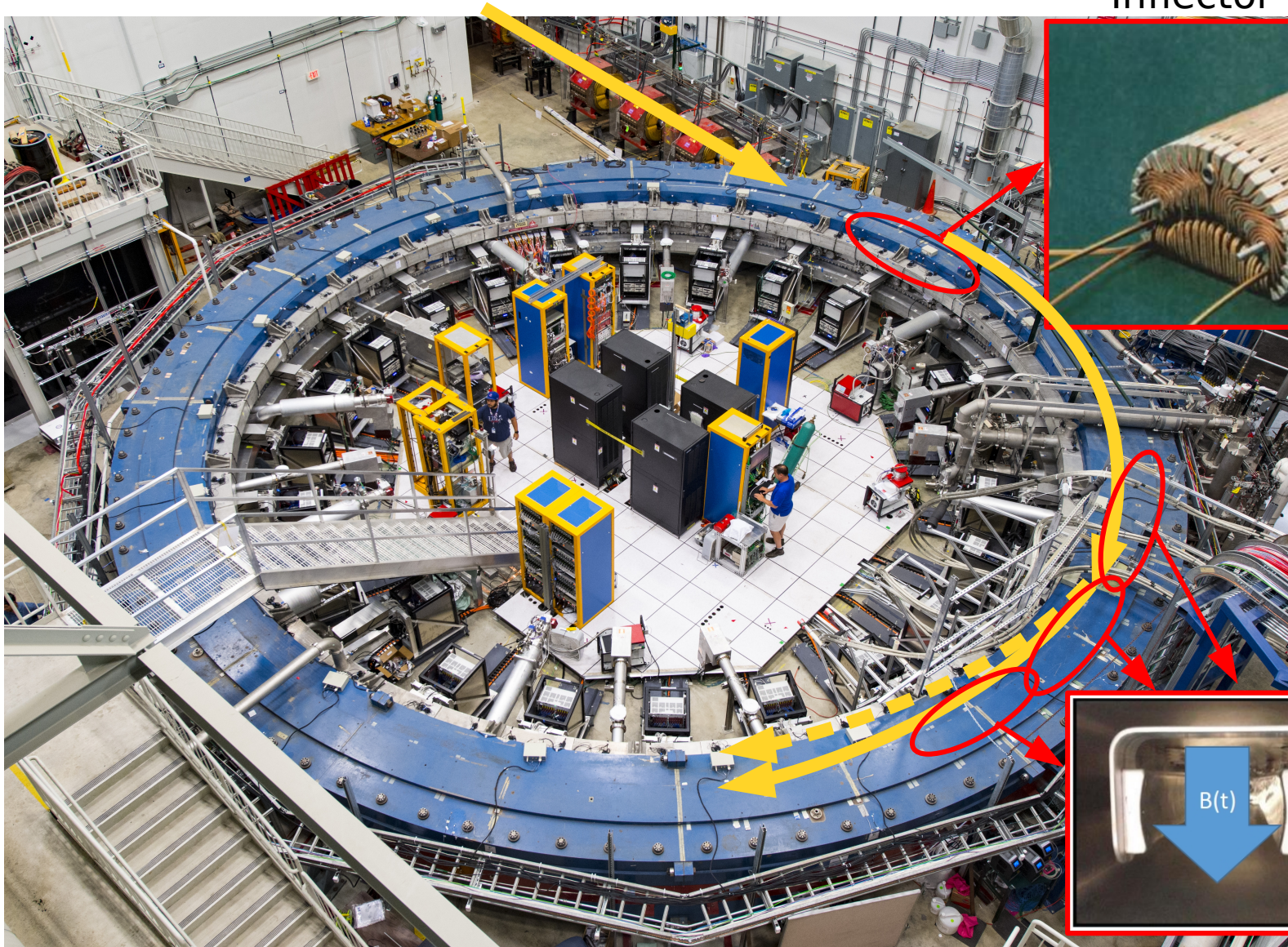
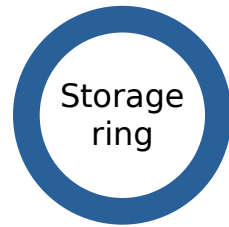


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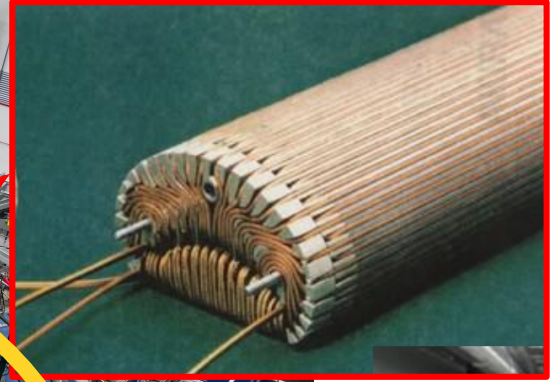




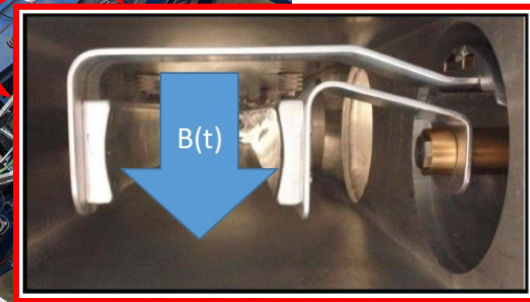
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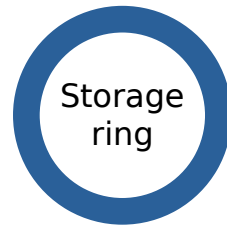


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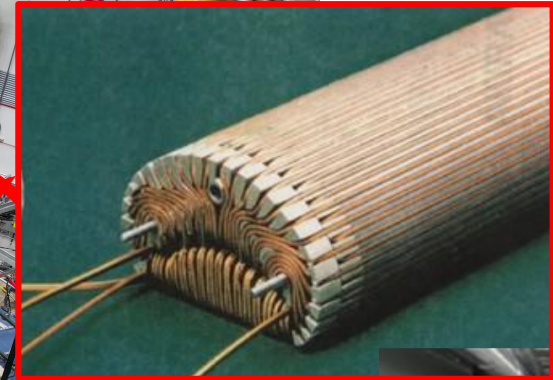




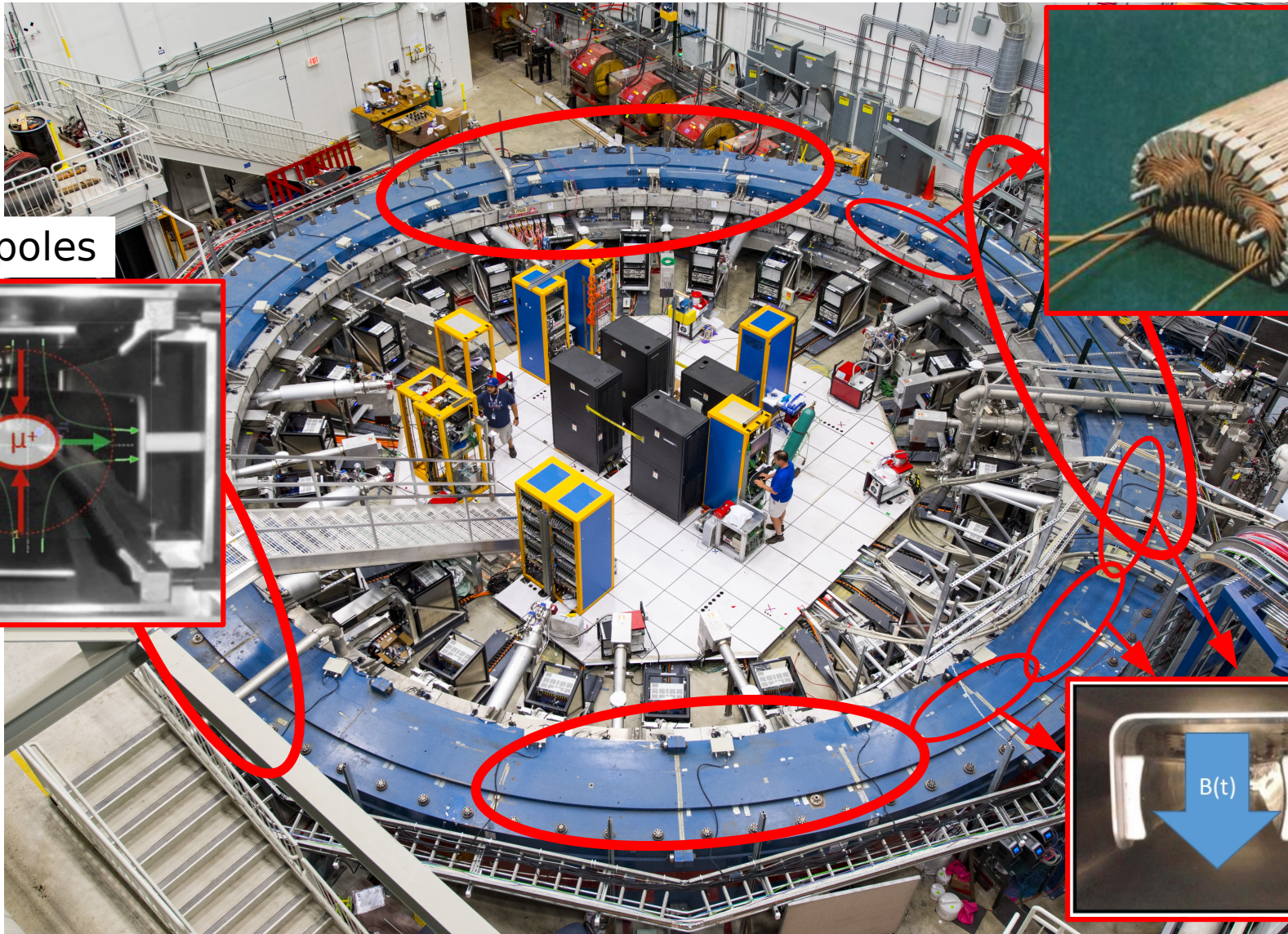
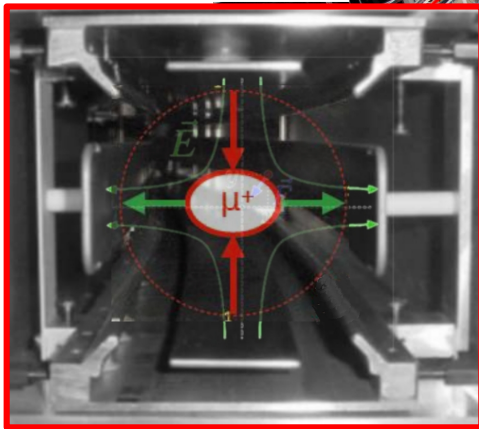
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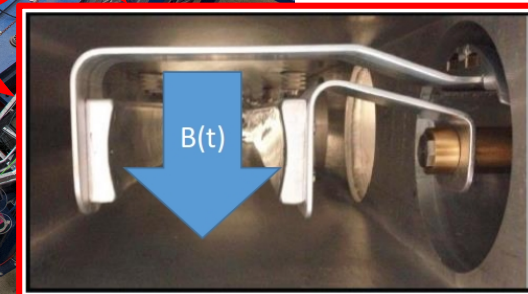
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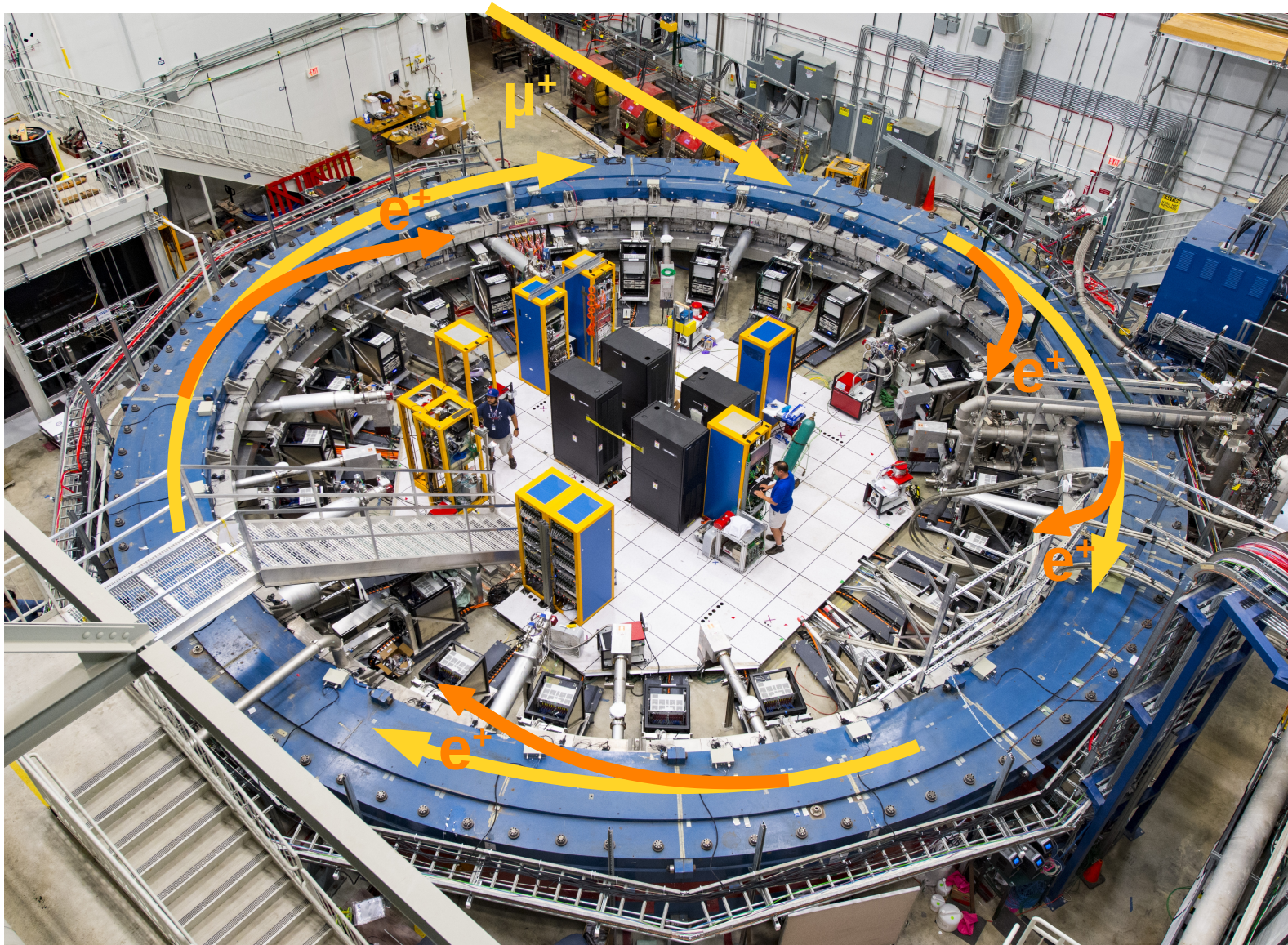
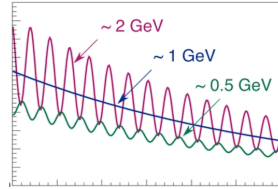


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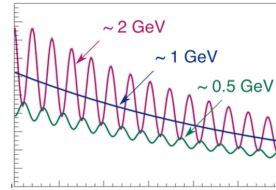


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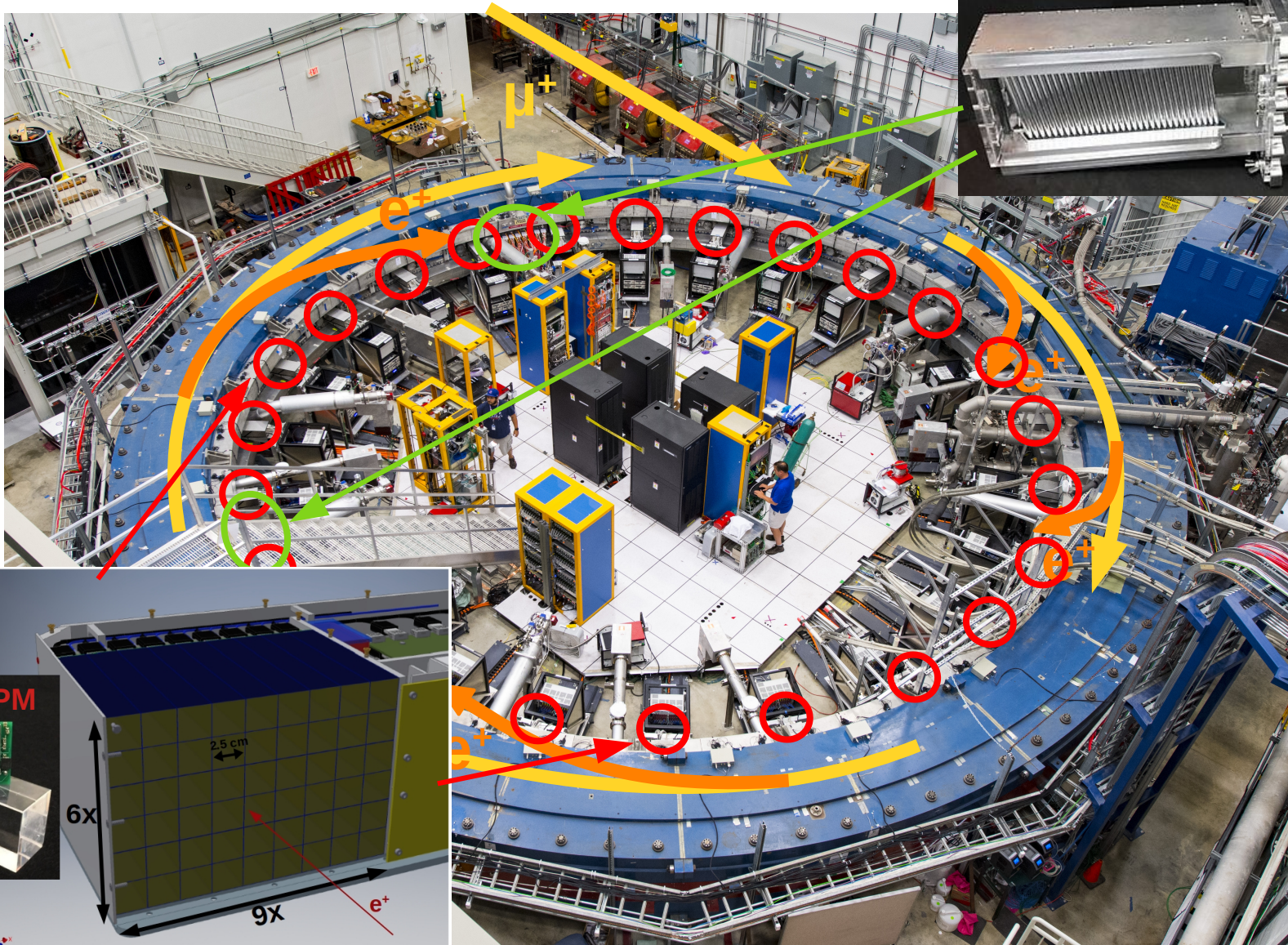
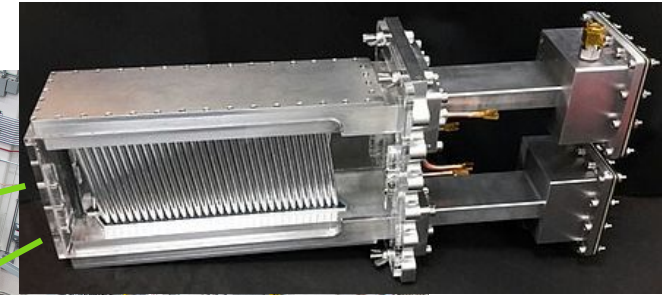




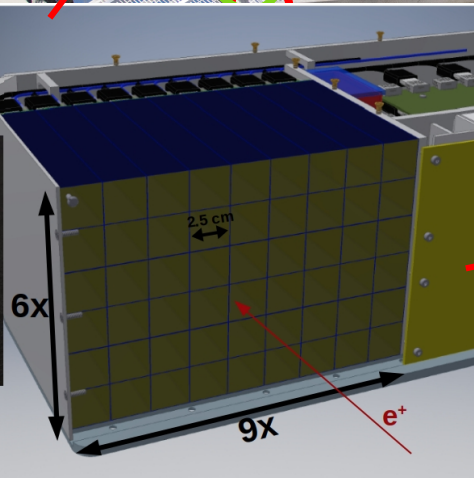
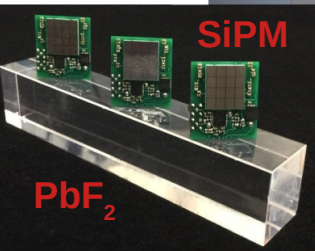
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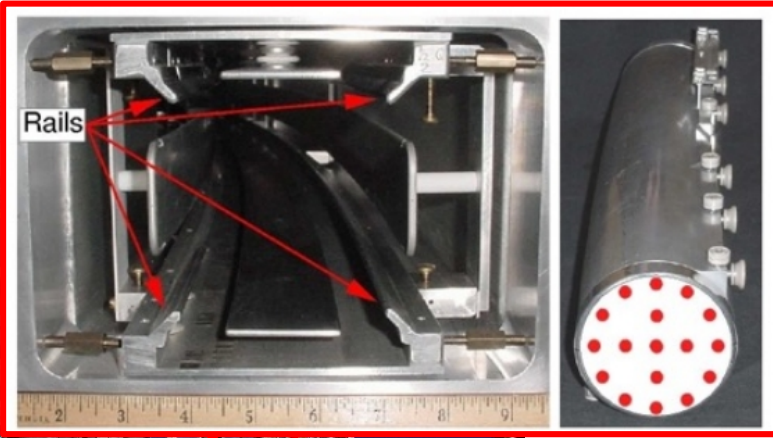
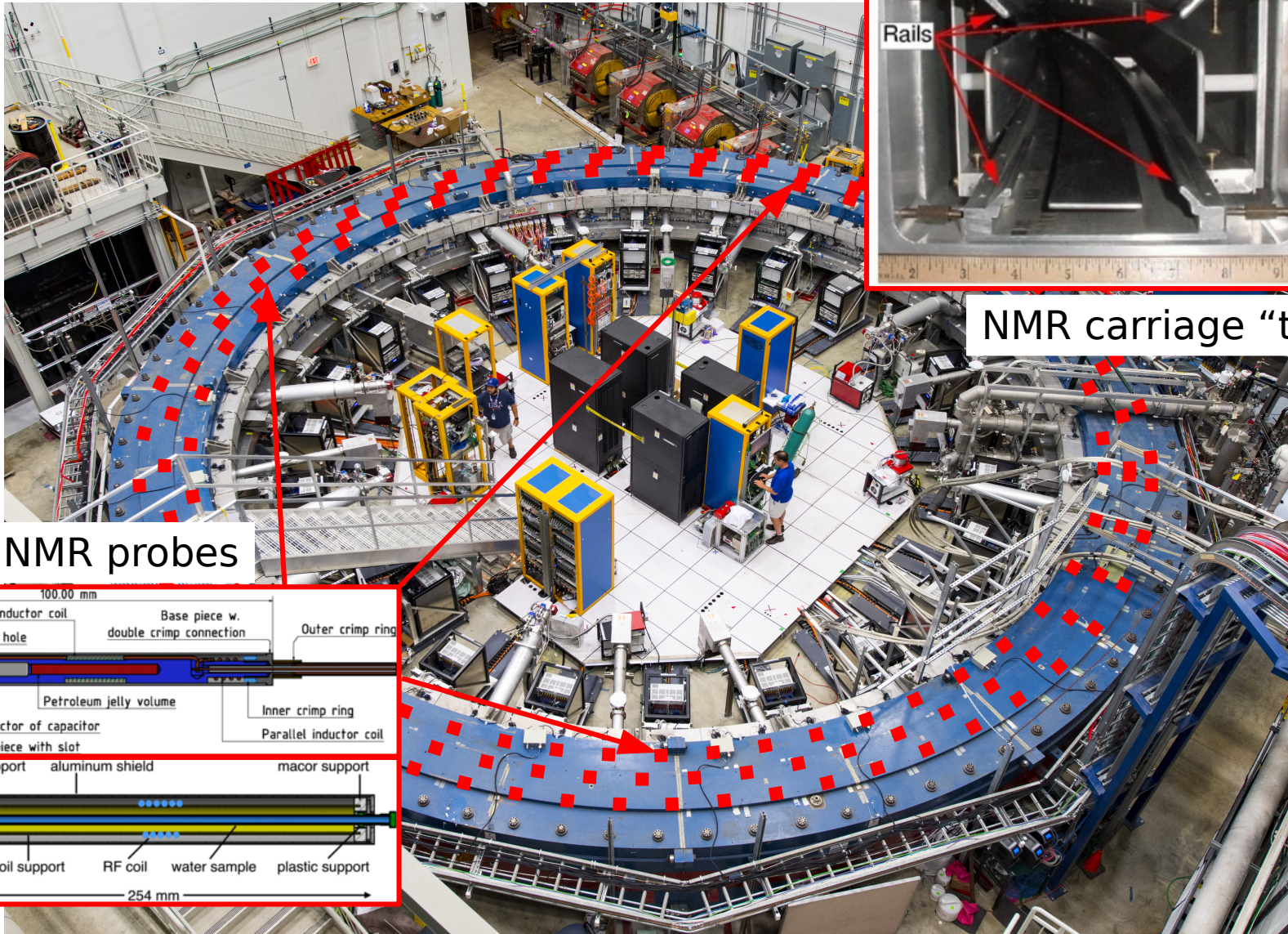
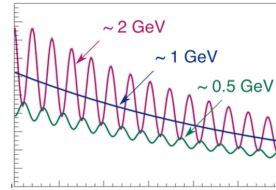


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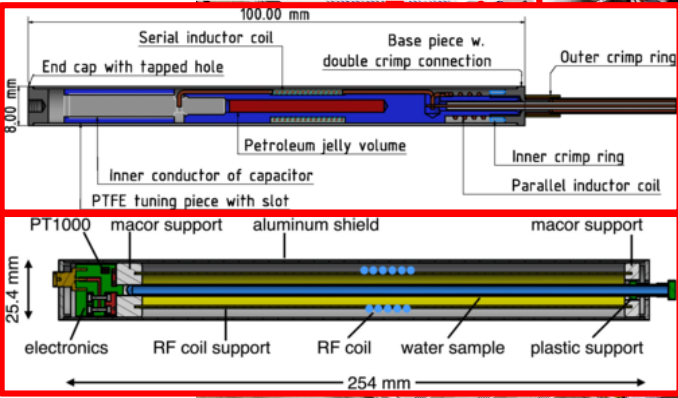


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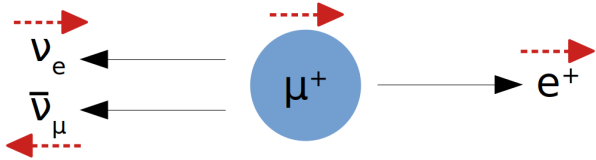


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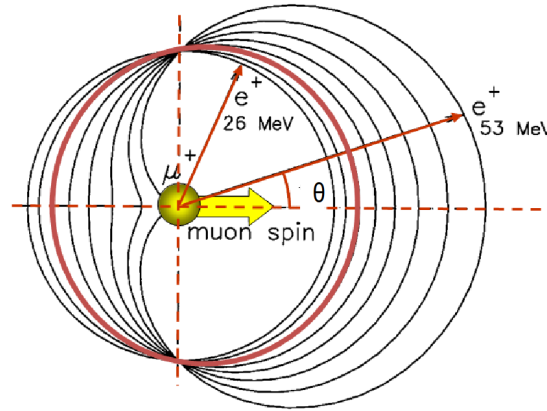
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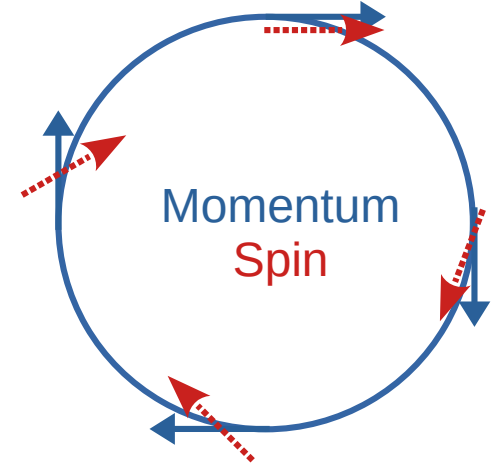
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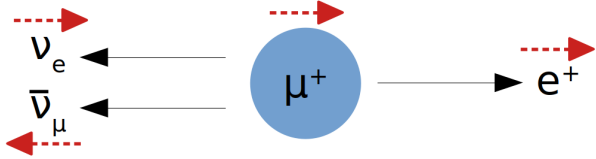
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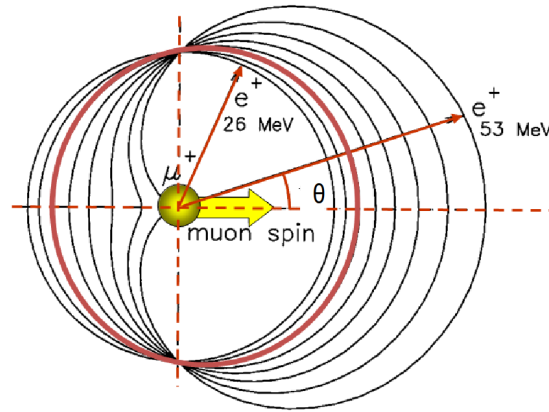
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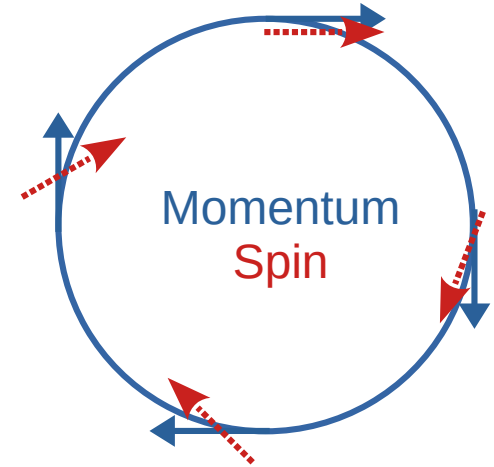
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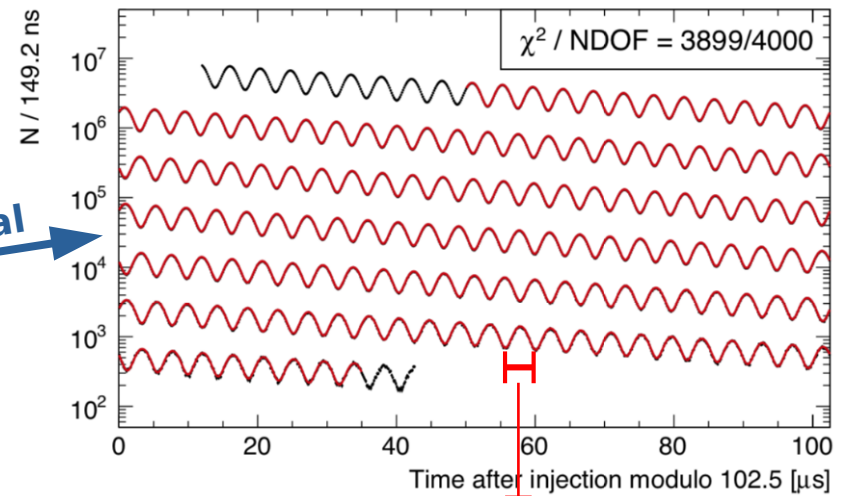
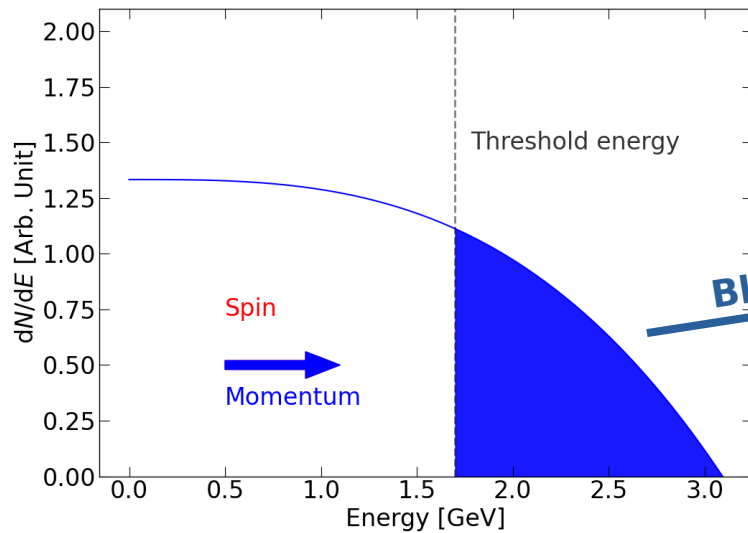
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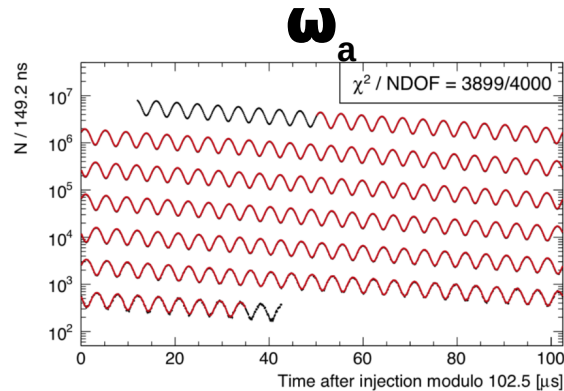
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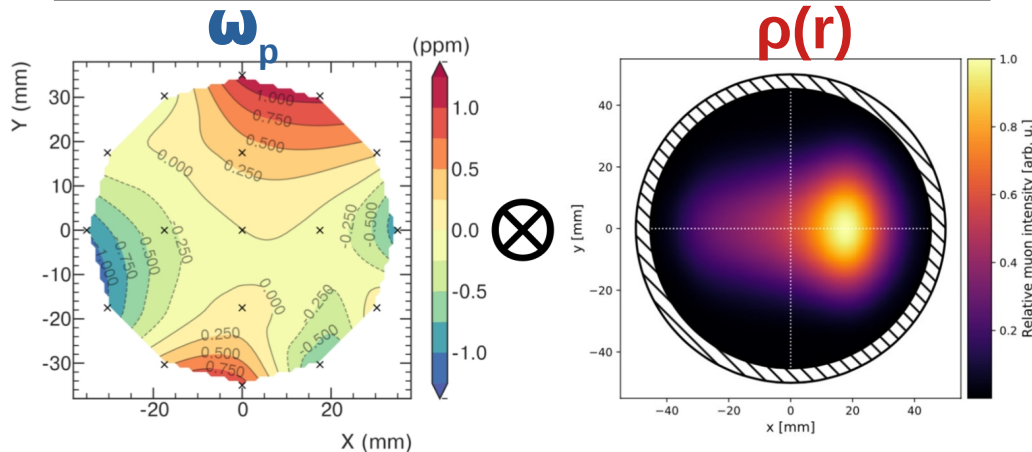
$$a_\mu = \frac{\omega_a}{\tilde{\omega}'_p(T_r)} \frac{\mu'_p(T_r)}{\mu_e(H)} \frac{\mu_e(H)}{\mu_e} \frac{m_\mu}{m_e} \frac{g_e}{2}$$

Constants known from other experiments with high precision (25 ppb)



## Three measurements:

- $\omega_a$ : Muon anomalous precession frequency
- $\omega_p$ : Larmor precession frequency of protons (B field)
- $\rho_r$ : Muon distribution in the storage ring





# Painstaking detail

- Many analysis teams performing the same measurements independently
- Many cross-checks and validation routines
- Every systematic effect to be studied at **ppb** level → that's 0.0000001% !

Source	Uncertainty
Frequency Standard	1 ppt
Frequency Synthesizers	0.1 ppb
Digitization Frequency	2 ppb
Total Systematic	2 ppb

$f_{clock}$

$R(\omega_a)$ with detailed systematics categories [ppb]				
Total systematic uncertainty	65.2	70.5	54.0	48.8
Time randomization	14.8	11.7	9.2	6.9
Time correction	3.9	1.2	1.1	1.0
Gain	12.4	9.4	8.9	4.8
Pileup	39.1	41.7	35.2	30.9
Pileup artificial dead time	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Muon loss	2.2	1.9	5.2	2.4
CBO	42.0	49.5	31.5	35.2
Ad-hoc correction	21.1	21.1	22.1	10.3

$\omega_a$

	1a	1b	1c	1d
$C_e$ (ppb)	471	464	534	475
Statistical uncertainty	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2
Fourier method	8.4	13.4	14.4	3.9
Momentum-time correlation	52	52	52	52
Quad alignment/voltage	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4
Field index	1.7	1.5	1.7	4.0
Systematic uncertainty	53	54	54	53

$C_e$

## Run-1 uncertainty table

Quantity	Correction [ppb]	Uncertainty [ppb]
$\omega_a$ (statistical)	-	434
$\omega_a$ (systematic)	-	56
$C_e$	489	53
$C_p$	180	13
$C_{ml}$	-11	5
$C_{pa}$	-158	75
$f_{calib} \langle \omega'_p(x, y, \phi) \cdot M(x, y, \phi) \rangle$	-	56
$B_q$	-17	92
$B_k$	-27	37
$\mu'_p/\mu_e$	-	10
$m_\mu/m_e$	-	22
$g_e$	-	0
Total systematic	-	157
Total external factors	-	25
Total	544	462

	1a	1b	1c	1d
$C_p$ (ppb)	176	199	191	166
Statistical uncertainty	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Tracker alignment/reco.	11.0	12.3	12.0	10.7
Tracker res. & acc. removal	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.0
Azimuthal avg. & calo. acc.	1.0	1.3	2.2	1.1
Amplitude fit	1.2	0.4	1.0	2.9
Quad alignment/voltage	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Systematic uncertainty	12.4	13.7	13.6	12.3

$C_p$

Data Set	Run-1a	Run-1b	Run-1c	Run-1d
$C_{ml}$	-14	-3	-7	-17
Phase-momentum	2	0	1	3
Form of $l(t)$	2	0	1	1
$f_{loss}$ function	2	1	2	2
Linear sum ( $\sigma_{C_{ml}}$ )	6	2	4	6

$C_{ml}$

Data Set	Run-1a	Run-1b	Run-1c	Run-1d
$C_{pa}$	-184	-165	-117	-164
Stat. uncertainty	23	20	15	14
Tracker & CBO	73	43	41	44
Phase maps	52	49	35	46
Beam dynamics	27	30	22	45
Total uncertainty	96	74	60	80

$C_{pa}$

Quantity	Symbol	Value	Unit
Diamagnetic Shielding T dep	$(1/\alpha)da/dT$	-10.36(30)	ppb/°C
Bulk Susceptibility	$\delta_b$	-1504.6 ± 4.9	ppb
Material Perturbation	$\delta_m$	15.2 ± 13.3	ppb
Paramagnetic Impurities	$\delta_p$	0 ± 2	ppb
Radiation Damping	$\delta_{rd}$	0 ± 3	ppb
Proton Dipolar Fields	$\delta_d$	0 ± 2.3	ppb

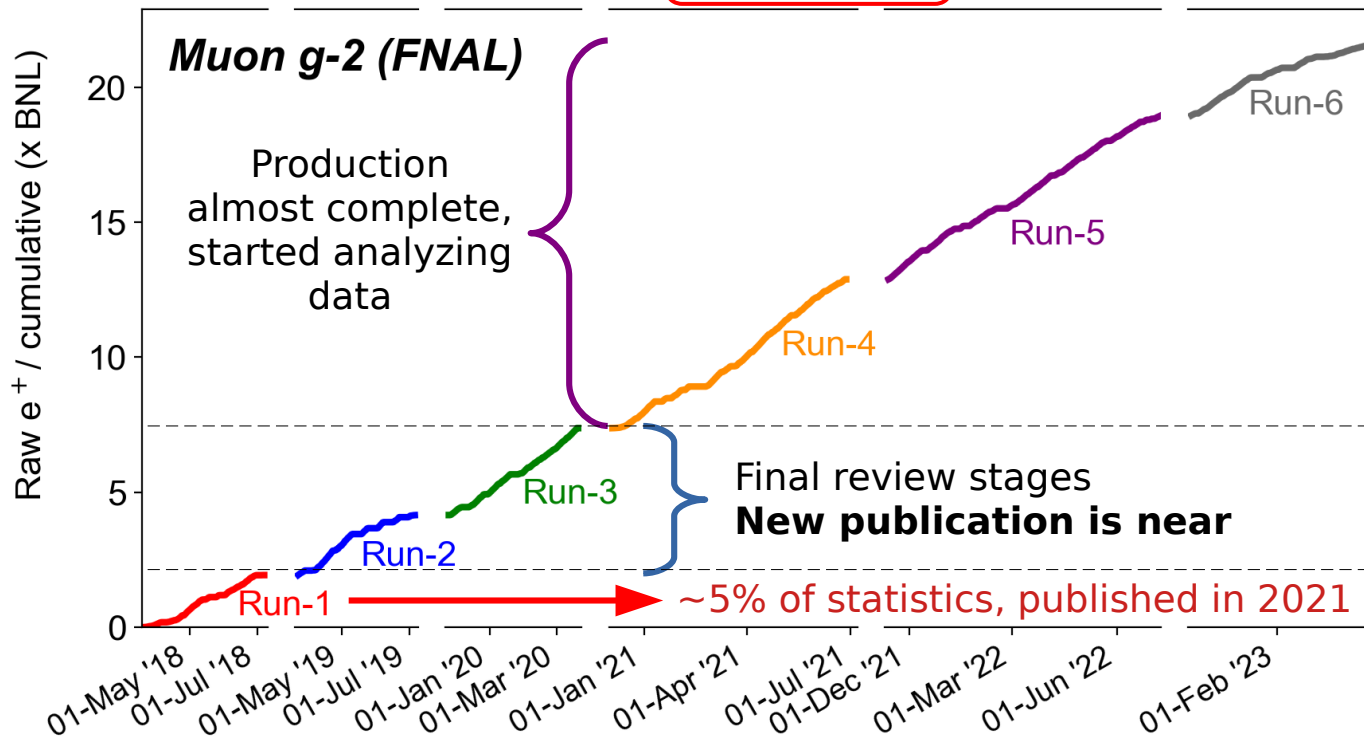
run-1 (substructure)	77.4 ppb
azimuthal shape*	7.6 ppb
skin depth	12.6 ppb
frequency extraction (0.4/1ms)	4.6 ppb
Q3L: fit, position	1.5 ppb
repeatability	13.3 ppb
drift	10.2 ppb
radial dependency	4.4 ppb
2 <sup>nd</sup> 8-pulses	14.0 ppb
total -15.0 ppb	81.7 ppb

Dataset	correction [ppb]				uncertainty [ppb]			
	1a	1b	1c	1d	1a	1b	1c	1d
1. Tracker and calo effects	-	-	-	-	9.2	13.3	15.6	19.7
2. COD effects	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.4	5.2	4.7	5.2	4.9
3. In-fill time effects	-1.9	-2.3	-1.2	-4.1	-	-	-	-
Total	-0.3	-0.8	0.5	-2.7	10.6	14.1	16.5	20.3

# A lot of data

- More than **7 PB** of raw data have been accumulated in 6 years of data taking
- All the detected  $\sim 10^{11}$  positrons are reconstructed and carefully calibrated in time and energy
- $\sim 3 \times 10^7$  cpu-hours of Grid production every year + simulation

Last update: 2023-06-26 23:24 ; Total = 21.89 (xBNL)



# Takeaways

- The Muon  $g-2$  is a fascinating topic that touches a large portion of modern physics
- Impossible to cover all aspects of  $g-2$  in 10 minutes  
→ I hope I sparked a bit of curiosity
- Possible hints of new physics could come via extreme precision measurements
- New tensions are arising on the theory side too
- New publication at  $\sim 220$  ppb coming as soon as analysis review is complete. Stay tuned!

**Thank you for listening!**

