

# Estimating $P_\mu$ for the *TWIST* Measurement of $P_{\mu\xi}$

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# Overview

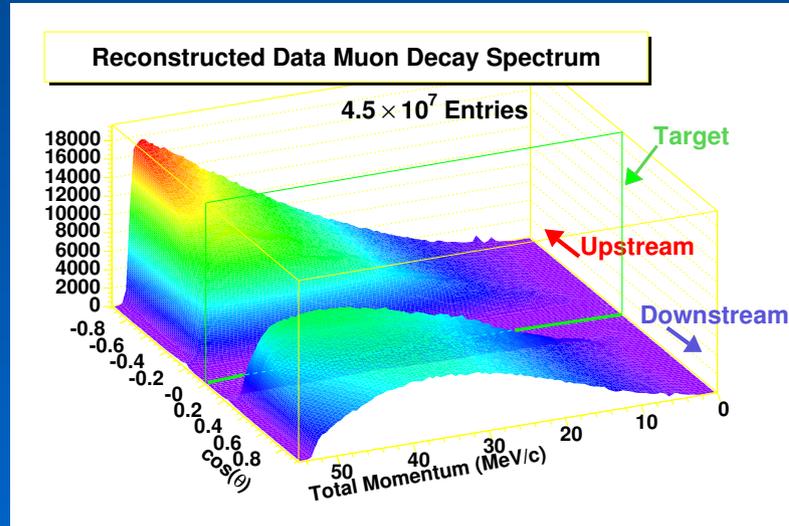
- What is  $P_{\mu\xi}$ ?
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- Review of Spin
- Spin propagation in Magnetic Fields
- Overall *TWIST* Muon Depolarization estimate

# What is $P_\mu \xi$ ?

- $P_\mu$  is the polarization of the muon,  $\xi$  is asymmetry in angle of decay positrons from normal  $\mu$  decay
- Standard Model (V-A) predicts  $\xi = 1$  and  $P_\mu = 1$

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dx d\cos\theta} \propto x^2 - x^3 + \frac{2}{9}\rho(4x^3 - 3x^2) + \eta x_0(x - x^2) + \frac{1}{3}P_\mu \xi \cos\theta(x^2 - x^3 + \frac{2}{3}\delta(4x^3 - 3x^2)) \quad (1)$$

$$x = E_e/W_{e\mu}$$
$$W_{e\mu} = \frac{m_\mu^2 + m_e^2}{2m_\mu}$$
$$x_0 = \frac{m_e}{W_{e\mu}}$$



# Physics and Motivation for $P_{\mu\xi}$

- Best Measurements:

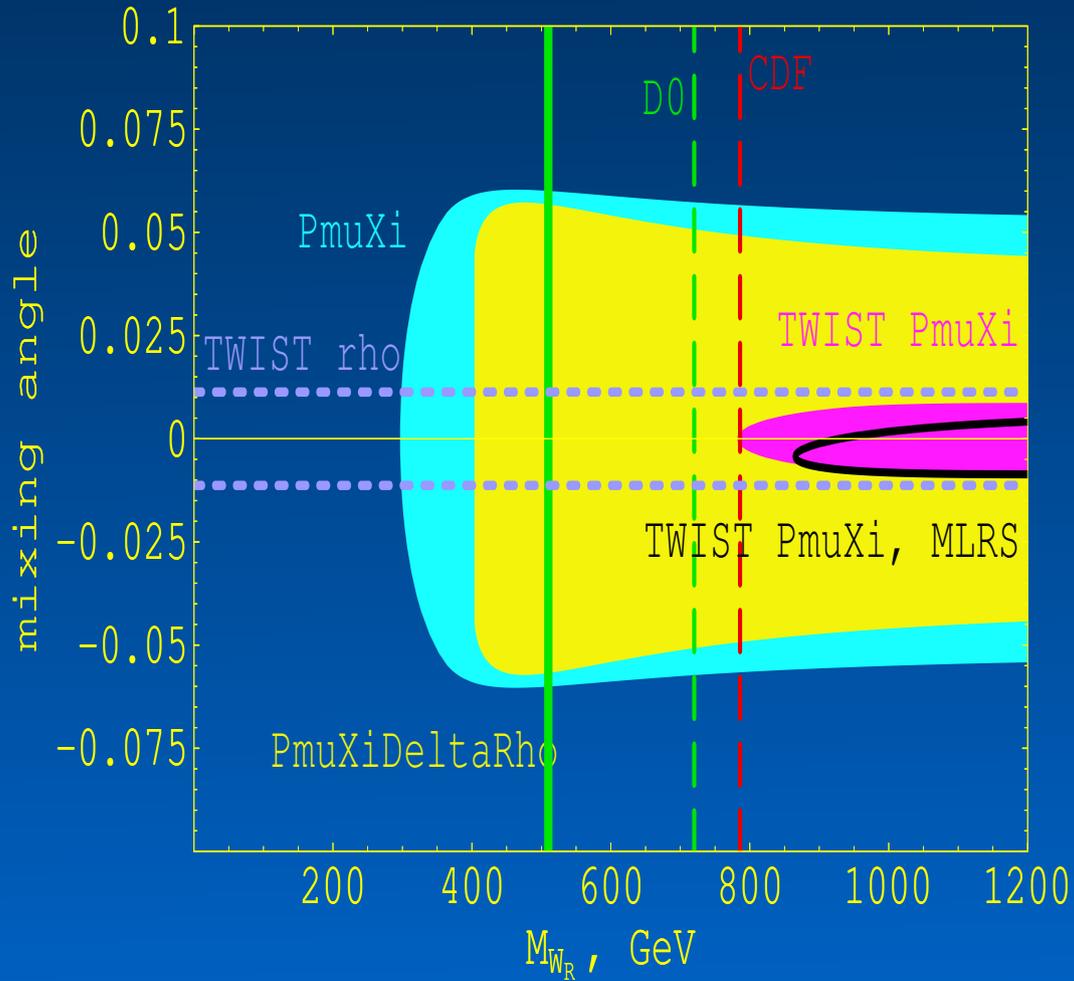
- $P_{\mu\xi} = 1.0027 \pm 0.0079 \pm 0.0030$  (Beltrami et. al., PL **B194** 326)
- $P_{\mu\xi}\delta/\rho > 0.99682$ , 90% conf. level (Jodidio et.al., PR **D34** 1967, PR **D37** 237)

- $\xi$  and  $\delta$  together give limit on probability of right-handed muon decaying into any handed positron:

$$Q_R^\mu = \frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\xi - \frac{16}{9}\xi\delta\right) \quad (2)$$

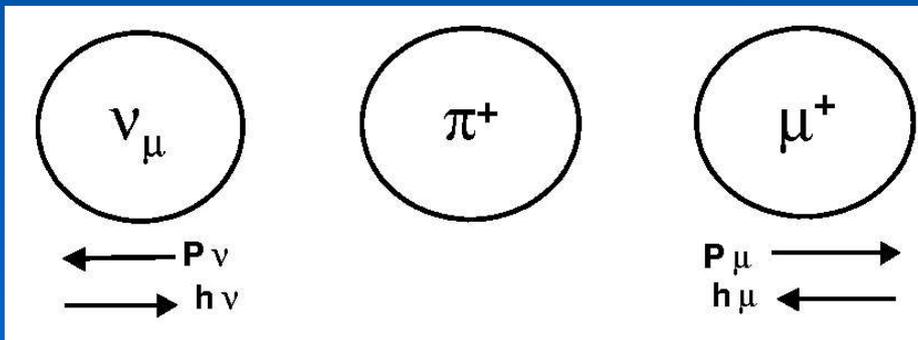
- In Left-right symmetric model,  $P_{\mu\xi}$  sets limit on  $W_R$  mass ( $\epsilon$ ) and left/right mixing parameter ( $\zeta$ ):

$$P_{\mu\xi} = 1 - 2\epsilon^2 - 2\zeta^2 - 2\epsilon^2\left(\frac{V_{ud}^R}{V_{ud}^L}\right)^2 - \epsilon\zeta\frac{V_{ud}^R}{V_{ud}^L} \quad (3)$$



# Initial $P_\mu$ and Depolarization Effects

- Muon from  $\pi$  decay at rest has spin opposite direction from momentum since:
  - Standard Model  $\nu$  is left handed
  - Conservation of Angular Momentum
- Depolarization Effects:
  - Precession of Spin in Magnetic Fields
    - \* Beam Divergence
    - \* Radial Fringe Fields
  - Muonium Formation in Non-metals

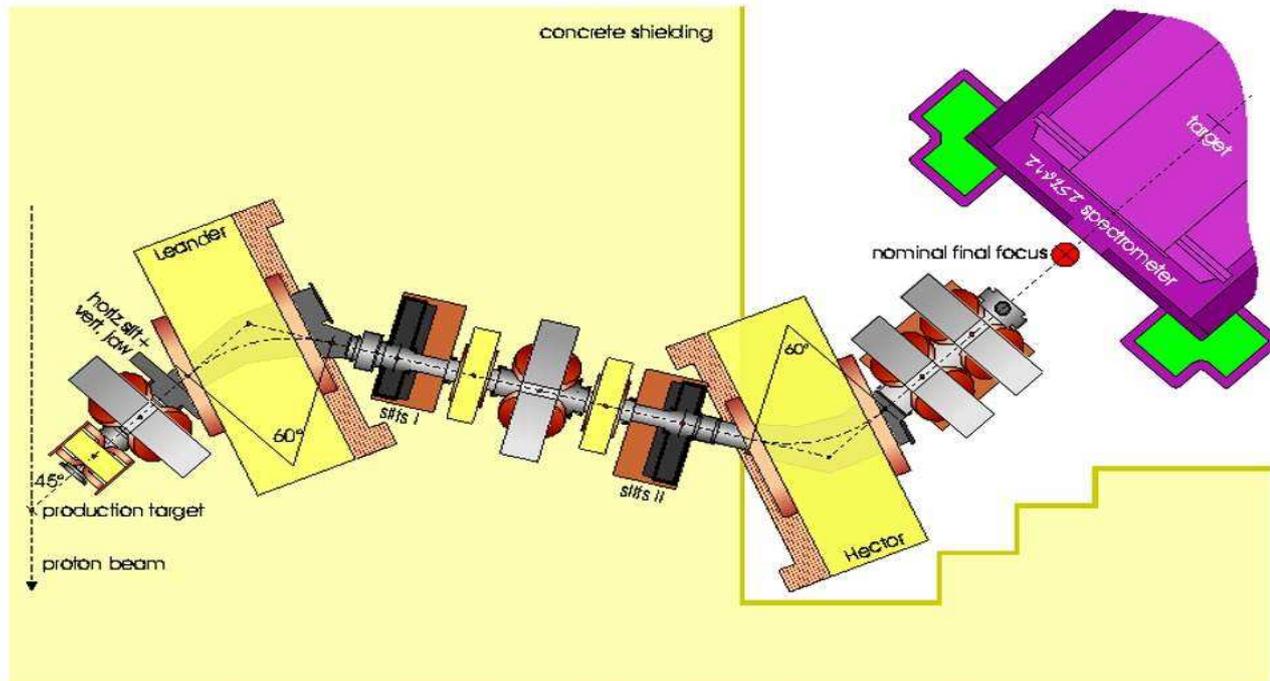


# Statement of the Problem

- What is the average  $\Delta P_\mu$  as  $\mu$  goes from production to stopping?



The M13 beam line used for *TWIST* at TRIUMF



# Review of Spin 1/2 Leptons

- Spin “angular momentum” is a fundamental property of a particle

- Magnetic dipole moment due to spin is:

$$\vec{M} = -\frac{ge\hbar}{2m}\vec{S} = -g\mu_B\frac{\vec{S}}{\hbar}, \mu_B = 5.788381749(43) \times 10^{-11} \text{MeV/T} ; g \approx 2. \text{ due to relativistic kinematics, called Thomas Precession}$$

- Torque ( $\vec{\tau}$ ), and Force ( $\vec{F}$ ) due to the intrinsic spin are:

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{M} \times \vec{B}$$

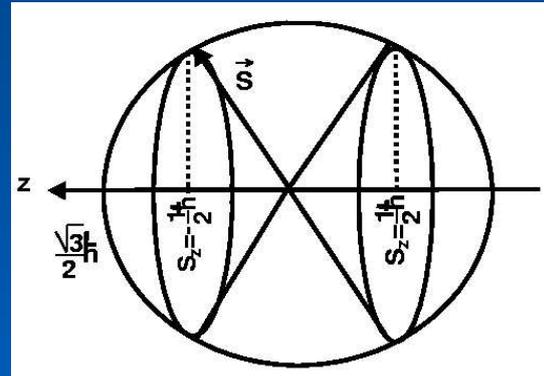
$$\vec{F} = \nabla(\vec{M} \cdot \vec{B})$$

- Quantization of spin

- Spin must be 1/2 (ie  $2s+1=2$ )

- Spin precesses about  $\vec{B}$ , along direction of B (z-axis):  $S_z = \pm \frac{\hbar}{2}$

- Time average of Spin perpendicular to B is zero



# Non-Relativistic Propagation of Spin in Uniform B

- The equation for propagation of spin in a uniform magnetic field is:

$$\frac{d\vec{S}}{dt'} = \frac{ge}{2mc}\vec{S} \times \vec{B}' \quad (4)$$

- Prime means defined in rest frame of the particle,  $\vec{S}$  is the spin in that frame
- For perfect alignment of  $\vec{S}$  and  $\vec{B}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} S_x &= \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \gamma_z t \\ S_y &= \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \gamma_z t \\ S_z &= -\frac{\hbar}{2} \\ \gamma_z &= \frac{ge}{2mc} B_z \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

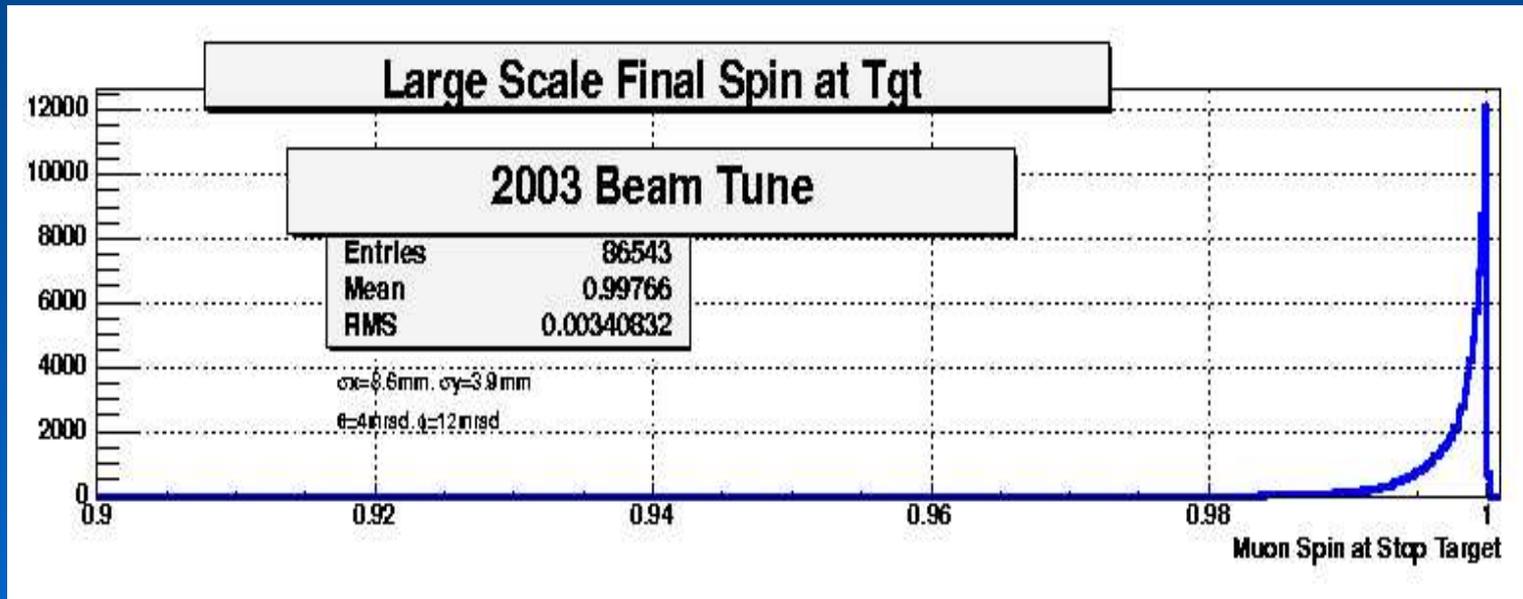
- Misalignment  $\alpha$  between  $\vec{S}$  and  $\vec{B}$  results in depolarization:  
 $\Delta P_\mu = 1 - |\cos \alpha|$

# Relativistic Propagation of Spin

- Spin propagation is given by Bargmann, Michel, Telegdi (BMT) equation:

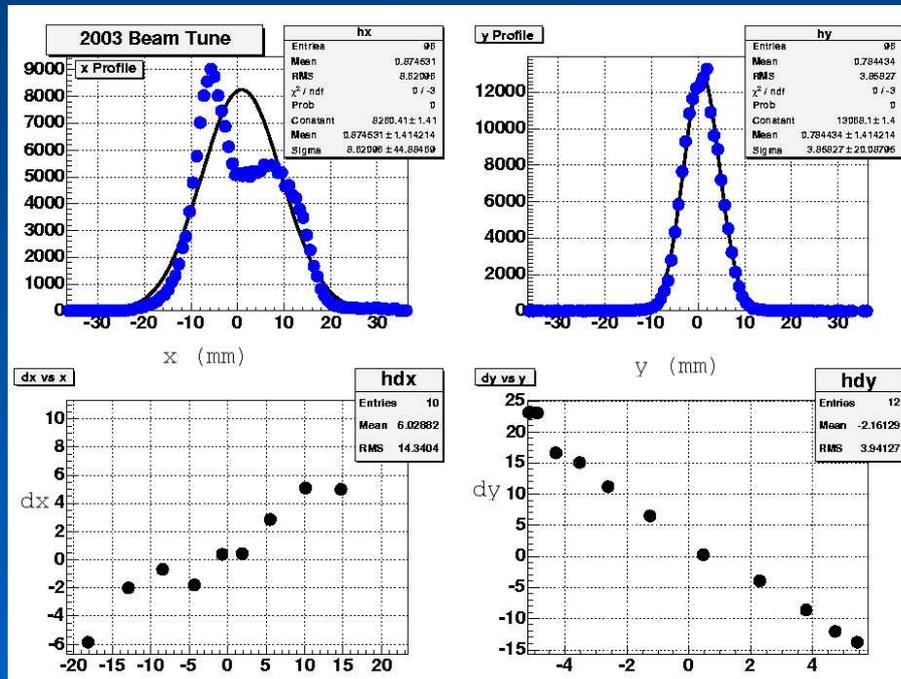
$$\frac{d\vec{s}}{dt} = \frac{e}{mc} \vec{s} \times \left[ \left( \frac{g}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \vec{B} - \left( \frac{g}{2} - 1 \right) \frac{\gamma}{\gamma + 1} (\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{\beta} \right] \quad (6)$$

- For non-uniform field solve by stepwise integration in Monte-Carlo



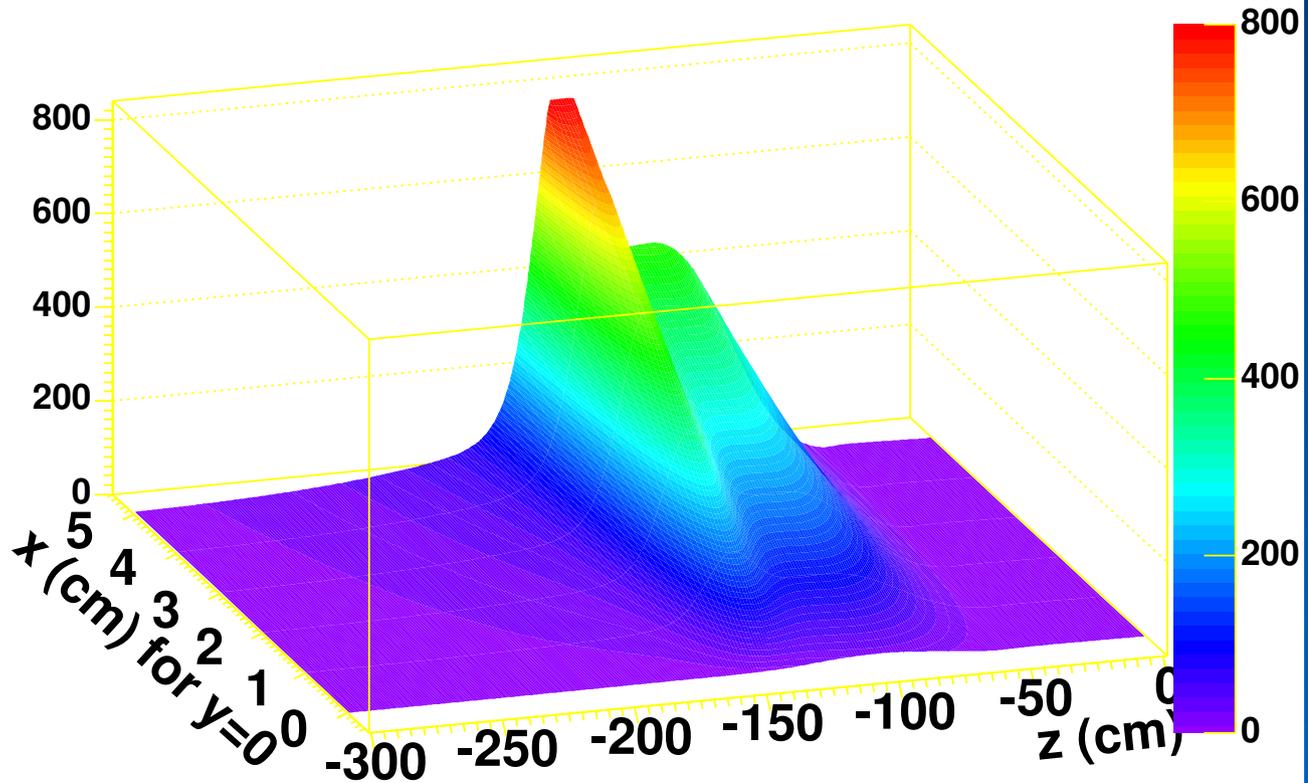
# Inputs to Depolarization Calculation

- Field map
- Beam Tune



# Radial Magnetic Field Map (Gauss)

Br vs r and z



# Summary

- Estimated  $\Delta P_\mu$  for current tune is  $\approx 3 \times 10^{-3}$
- Further reduction of beam size and divergence is desirable to reduce fringe field depolarization
- *TWIST* goal is for knowledge of  $\Delta P_\mu$  to better than  $10^{-4}$

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