# TOSHINORI MORI THE MEG II COLLABORATION THE FIRST RESULT OF MEG II ON SEARCH FOR $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$



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## **Really?**



































 $\pi n \rightarrow \mu$ 

We do not really observe neutrinos in these reactions.

### **LEPTON FLAVORS ARE DEFINITELY VIOLATED IN CHARGED LEPTONS!**

 $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  should occur!







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## ANY TEV SCALE PHYSICS HELP MAKE THE BRANCHING RATIO BIGGER !













electron neutrino

muon neutrino



















### Grand Unification

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## **BIG PICTURE**

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## **POSSIBLE HINTS**

muon g-2 lepton universality in B decays



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WHY  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  ?

### **THE CURRENT STATUS:** $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

the smallest measured branching ratio for an elementary particle

**10**<sup>-1</sup> 10<sup>-2</sup> **10**<sup>-3</sup> 10<sup>-4</sup> **10**<sup>-5</sup> **10**<sup>-6</sup> -7 10 Branching ratio upper limit -8 10 \_-9 10 **10**<sup>-10</sup> 10<sup>-11</sup> **10**<sup>-12</sup> **10**<sup>-13</sup> **10**<sup>-14</sup> **10**<sup>-15</sup> 1940

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### $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ SEARCH REQUIRES <u>LOTS OF MUONS</u>





### (1) If you want to find something at $<10^{-13}$ , you need to observe at least >10<sup>13</sup> muons.



### NANT BACKGROUND IS ACCIDENTAL

Shown are effective branching ratios for  $(E_{\gamma}, E_e) > (E_{\gamma,min}, E_{e,min})$ 



Accidental Background is dominant if you have good detectors



### **SUPPRESSING ACCIDENTAL BACKGROUND**



(2) must manage high rate e<sup>+</sup>

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## THREE STRATEGIES FOR MEG / MEG |

1. High intensity (~10<sup>8</sup>/sec) DC muon beam

### Paul Scherrer Institute's 1.4MW Ring Cyclotron

2. e<sup>+</sup> spectrometer that can manage high rate

### Gradient Magnetic Field Spectrometer (COBRA)

- 3. High resolution gamma-ray detector
  - Liquid Xenon Scintillation Detector



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### THE UNIQUE FACILITY FOR $\mu \to e \gamma$ SEARCH

Provides world's most powerful DC muon beam > 10<sup>8</sup>/sec



### (2) COBRA POSITRON SPECTROMETER

Thin-wall SC solenoid with a gradient magnetic field:
1.27T center - 0.49T both ends



Gradient B field helps to manage high rate e<sup>+</sup>

compensation coils

COBRA





### "COBRA Concept" to manage high rate positrons



Low energy positrons quickly swept out

### COBRA = "COnstant Bending RAdius"

**Constant bending radius** independent of emission angles





## (3) 2.7TON LIQUID XENON PHOTON DETECTOR (LXE)

Scintillation light from 900 liter LXe is detected by SiPM & PMTs mounted on all surfaces

Fast response & high light yield provide good resolutions of energy, time, & position

Gas/liquid circulation system to purify xenon

Ultimate uniformity & purity unachieval crystal calorimeter



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### Liquid xenon photon detector (ε<sub>v</sub>~62%, σ<sub>E</sub>/E~2%)

### e<sup>+</sup> hits the Timing Counter after making 1.5 - 2.5 turns in the Drift Chamber

(5×10<sup>7</sup> S<sup>-1</sup>)

Pixelated timing counter  $(\sigma_t \simeq 40 \text{ ps})$ 

Muon stopping target (170 µm-thick scintillating film)

Cylindrical drift chamber  $(\sim 1.6 \times 10^{-3} X_0, \sigma_p \sim 100 \text{ keV})$ 

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### $\pi$ E5 BEAMLINE











## **MUON STOPPING TARGET**

- Displacement/deformation of target should be < 0.5mm</p>
  - Dominant systematic error (5% in BR) of MEG
  - Six holes systematic checks by e<sup>+</sup> tracking
  - NEW: photogrammetric survey by two cameras
    - good within 100µm normal to the target plane

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## 174µm thick (cf. MEG 205µm), 66mm height, 15° slanted, carbon fibre frame





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### **MEG II DETECTOR**

### CYLINDRICAL DRIFT CHAMBER (CDCH)



### arXiv:2310.12865



## **CYLINDRICAL DRIFT CHAMBER (CDCH)**

- Low material:  $1.58 \times 10^{-3} X_0$  /e<sup>+</sup>-turn (cf.  $2.0 \times 10^{-3} X_0$  for MEG)
  - He-Isobutane (90:10) with oxygen 0.5% + isopropyl alcohol 1.5%
  - Radius of 17 29cm, 1.93m long
  - 9 layers of drift cells of 6 9mmø with stereo angles of 6.0 8.5°

  - Ag-plated Al cathode/guard wires (40µm)
  - innermost cells at > 1MHz for  $5 \times 10^7 \mu$ /sec, max occupancy ~25%
  - ~110µm position resolution

to avoid corona discharge & current spikes

1,728 Au-plated W anode wires (20µm), of which 1,200 within acceptance are readout

Earlier corrosions problems solved by maintaining dry atmosphere



## CDCH - HIT DETECTION

- Convolutional Neural Network to help identify
  - Remove coherent noise
  - Obtain first cluster arrival time
    - Tracking efficiency improved by 26%

measured DOCA (standard approach)





## **ALIGNMENTS**

- CDCH wire alignment by Michel positrons
  - 22 25µm survey errors  $< 5 \mu m$
- CDCH Magnetic Field Map
  - Non-uniform field could affect  $E_{\rho^+}$  measurement
- CDCH Target
  - Target hole reconstruction 100µm uncertainty
- CDCH LXe photon detector  $\leq 1$ mm
  - Cosmic-rays penetrating both CDCH & LXe



 $\delta_{E_a} < 10 \text{ keV}$ 

Rotation < a few mrad





## CDCH - PERFORMANCE

- Double-turn method for evaluation
- Michel edge evaluation
  - Improved by CNN DOCA reconstruction
  - $\sigma_{E_e^+} \approx 90 \text{ keV}$  (cf. MEG 320 keV)
  - Efficiency CDCH-pTC =  $67\% @3 \times 10^7 \mu/sec$ 
    - Less material & better tracking than MEG (30%)







## **PIXELATED TIMING COUNTER (PTC)**

- 256 tile scintillators on each side
- each tile ~100ps resolution
  - ▶ e<sup>+</sup> hits 9 tiles on average → ~37ps









a tile scintillator 120x50/40x5mm<sup>3</sup>

<sup>H=</sup> <sup>50 mm</sup> array of six SiPMs (AdvanSiD 3x3mm<sup>2</sup>) connected in series on each side

optical fibre for laser calibration



## **PIXELATED TIMING COUNTER (PTC)**

- Clusters of hit tiles are reconstructed
  - Then matched with CDCH tracks
- Calibration among the tiles ~15ps
  - Track-based calibration
  - Laser calibration via optical fibres
- Temperature maintained within ±1°C Support structure water-cooled at 11-15°C
  - To slow down radiation damage <13% degradation by end of experiment
  - < 75kHz / tile at 5 x 10<sup>7</sup> muons/sec



3D reconstruction of first cluster

a hit to be rejected



## LIQUID XENON PHOTON DETECTOR (LXE)

- All photosensors operational @165K & sensitive to VUV light
  - ► 4,092 MPPCs (15x15mm<sup>2</sup>) on front face cf. MEG uses 2" PMTs Better uniformity enables more precise reconstruction of position & energy
  - ► 668 2" PMTs on other faces

Multiple photons are separated by position & timing and simultaneously measured





## **LXE DETECTOR - PILEUP ANALYSIS**

- Pileup photons are separated by fitting:
  - light distribution in the MPPCs, and
  - summed waveforms of MPPCs & PMTs
- Works up to 1x10<sup>8</sup> µ/sec
- Efficiency =  $92\pm2\%$ @3x10<sup>7</sup>µ/sec



### **LXE DETECTOR – RADIATION DAMAGE ON MPPC PDE**

- damage by radiation. (The real cause of the damage is still unknown and under investigation.)
  - PDE > 2% should not significantly degrade the detector performance.
- Annealing (Joule heating of MPPCs up to 75°C) restored the reduced PDE.



K. leki et al., Nucl. Instrum. Methods A 1053, 168365 (2023)

> The photon detection efficiency (PDE) of MPPCs for VUV light decreased significantly during the run due to surface

> ~28h annealing for each MPPC during the winter shutdown is sufficient to recover PDE for the next year's run.





### **MEG II DETECTOR**

### LXE DETECTOR – MONITORING $E_{\gamma}$ during the run

Various methods to monitor  $E_{\gamma}$  stability during the run:

- (a) 17.6MeV  $\gamma$ -ray from  ${}^{7}Li(p,\gamma)^{8}Be$  using Cockcroft-Walton accelerator
- (b) Cosmic rays selected to have penetrated the detector
- (c) Background photon spectrum (radiative decays, annihilations in flight)
- (d) alpha-rays from <sup>241</sup>Am sources embedded in the detector
- (e) 9MeV  $\gamma$ -rays from  ${}^{58}Ni(n, \gamma_9){}^{59}Ni$  by using neutron generator
- Estimated uncertainty of temporal evolution = <u>0.3%</u>



alton accelerator three times a week





## **LXE DETECTOR – ABSOLUTE** $E_{\gamma}$ **SCALE**

- Charge-exchange reaction  $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 n \rightarrow \gamma \gamma n$  provides a **<u>55MeV monochronibication</u>** by tagging the other  $\gamma$ -ray on the opposite side
- A dedicated calibration run using  $\pi^-$  beam on liquid hydrogen target for each year
- Energy resolution depends on depth (w) of photon conversion point









## **RADIATIVE DECAY COUNTER (RDC)**

- Tag a high energy  $\gamma$ -ray as coming from a radiative decay by detecting a low energy e<sup>+</sup> in the forward direction.
- Provide discriminating variables in Likelihood Analysis.
- Search sensitivity improved by 7%.







## **TRIGGER & DATA ACQUISITION**

### WaveDAQ system

- Trigger and DAQ are integrated in a single, compact system to accommodate 4 times more channels of <u>waveform</u> readouts (8,591) than MEG.
  - > All detector signals are **waveforms**, making the event size as big as ~16MB.
- 35 crates, each holding up to 16 WaveDREAM modules.
  - WaveDREAM: 16-ch DAQ platform with 2 <u>DRS4</u> chips up to 5.0GSPS sampling speed.
- Installed & commissioned in March 2021
- Efficiency >99% for trigger rate up to 35Hz, corresponding to traffic rate of ~8Gbit/s.



M. Francesconi et al., Nucl. Instrum. Methods A 1045, 167542 (2023)



### **MEG II DETECTOR**

### **TRIGGER & DATA ACQUISITION**

- Trigger for  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ 
  - **1)**  $\gamma$ -ray energy
    - LXe weighted sum,  $\varepsilon_{E_{\gamma}} = 96\%$
  - 2) Time coincidence
    - LXe & pTC,  $\varepsilon_T = 94\%$ 
      - inefficiency for deeper conversion events
  - 3) Direction match
    - LXe & pTC positions,  $\varepsilon_{DM} = 88.5\%$ 
      - inefficiency due to a small offset of beam position
- Trigger Efficiency for the 2021 Run:  $\varepsilon_{TRG} = 80 \pm 1\% @ 3 \times 10^7 \mu^+/s$ 
  - Largely improved since the 2022 Run



### **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**

**Table 6** Resolutions (Gaussian  $\sigma$ ) and efficiencies measured at  $R_{\mu}$  =  $4 \times$ 

Resolutions	Foreseen	Achieved	MEG
$E_{e^+}$ (keV)	100	89	320
$\phi_{e^+}^{a)}, \theta_{e^+}$ (mrad)	3.7/6.7	4.1/7.2	9.4
$y_{e^+}, z_{e^+}$ (mm)	0.7/1.6	0.74/2.0	
$E_{\gamma}(\%) \ (w < 2 \text{ cm})/(w > 2 \text{ cm})$	1.7/1.7	2.0/1.8	2.4 / 1
$u_{\gamma}, v_{\gamma}, w_{\gamma} \text{ (mm)}$	2.4/2.4/5.0	2.5/2.5/5.0	5/5/
$t_{e^+\gamma}$ (ps)	70	78	122
Efficiency (%)			
$arepsilon_{\gamma}$	69	62	63
${\mathcal E}_{\mathrm{e}^+}$	65	67	30
<i>E</i> <sub>TRG</sub>	$\approx 99$	80	99

<sup>a)</sup>At  $\phi_{e^+} = 0$  with correlation taken into account. See text for the details.



## OPTIMIZING BEAM RATE $R_{,,}$

- Several beam rates  $R_{\mu} = (2 5) \times 10^7$ /s were tried to optimize sensitivity.
  - Higher R<sub>u</sub> for more statistics in a fixed Run time
  - Higher  $R_{\mu}$  increases pileup & degrades  $\varepsilon_{e^+CDCH}$
  - Background increases as  $(R_{\mu})^2$
  - Rate capability of detectors & DAQ MPPC PDE degradation turned out to be OK
- Running fractions (13%, 41%, 20%, 26%)
  - for (2, 3, 4, 5)  $\times 10^7$ /s with trigger rates 4-20Hz





### **THE 2021 RUN**





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![](_page_53_Picture_3.jpeg)

## **BLIND & LIKELIHOOD ANALYSIS**

- Blinded:  $48 < E_{\gamma} < 58 \text{MeV}, |t_{e\gamma}| < 1 \text{ns}$
- Unbinned maximum likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}(N_{\text{sig}}, \overline{N_{\text{RMD}}}, N_{\text{ACC}}, x_{\text{T}}) = \frac{e^{-(N_{\text{sig}} + N_{\text{RMD}} + N_{\text{ACC}})}}{N_{\text{obs}}!} \xrightarrow{\text{constrained}} C(N_{\text{RMD}}, N_{\text{ACC}}, x_{\text{T}}) \times \frac{1}{\text{constrained}} \sqrt{N_{\text{obs}}!} \xrightarrow{N_{\text{obs}}!} (N_{\text{sig}}S(\vec{x_i}) + N_{\text{RMD}}R(\vec{x_i}) + N_{\text{ACC}}A(\vec{x_i}))}$$

$$\vec{x}_i = (E_{\rm e}, E_{\gamma}, t_{\rm e\gamma}, \theta_{\rm e\gamma}, \phi_{\rm e\gamma}, \Delta t_{\rm RDC}, E_{\rm RDC}, n_{\rm pTC})$$

 $x_{\rm T}$  represents the target misalignment uncertainty

![](_page_54_Figure_7.jpeg)

### **TIMING SIDEBAND**

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### **UNBLINDED 2021 DATA**

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![](_page_58_Figure_2.jpeg)

66 events in Analysis Region (Sideband estimate  $68.0 \pm 3.5$ )

![](_page_58_Figure_4.jpeg)

**4D** distribution

![](_page_58_Picture_6.jpeg)

### **DATA & BEST-FITTED PDF DISTRIBUTIONS**

![](_page_59_Figure_2.jpeg)

(f) Relative signal likelihood

$$R_{\text{sig}} = \log_{10} \left( \frac{S(x_i)}{f_{\text{RMD}}R(x_i) + f_{\text{ACC}}} \right)$$
$$f_{\text{RMD}} = 0.02, \ f_{\text{ACC}} = 0.9$$

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![](_page_59_Figure_6.jpeg)

![](_page_59_Figure_7.jpeg)

MEG

### **OBSERVED PROFILE LIKELIHOOD RATIO**

- Confidence interval for  $N_{sig} > 0$ 
  - à la Feldman-Cousins
  - Best fit branching ratio  $\mathscr{B}_{\text{fit}}$

$$\mathscr{B}_{fit} = -1.1 \times 10^{-16}$$

> 90% C.L. upper limit of branching ratio:

$$\mathscr{B}_{90} = 7.5 \times 10^{-13}$$
  
MEG:  $\mathscr{B}_{90} = 4.2 \times 10^{-10}$   
II + MEG combined:

$$\mathscr{B}_{90} = 3.1 \times 10^{-13}$$

![](_page_60_Figure_9.jpeg)

combined sensitivity:  $S_{90} = 4.3 \times 10^{-13}$ 

![](_page_60_Picture_11.jpeg)

### **CONSISTENCY CHECK**

![](_page_61_Figure_2.jpeg)

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Also: Likelihood fit with no constraints on  $N_{\rm RMD}$  and  $N_{\rm ACC}$  lead to a consistent result

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### **BACKUP SLIDES**

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### **PROSPECTS OF SENSITIVITY IMPROVEMENTS** As presented at ICHEP2022, July 2022, by TM

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