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MEG Experiment: past, present and future

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Lepton Flavour Violation



- Expton Flavour Conservation is an accidental symmetry of SM:
 - Not related to the gauge structure of the theory
 - Naturally violated in SM extensions

Observation of cLFV would be an unambiguous evidence of NP beyond SM

- LFV already observed in the neutral sector: neutrino oscillations
- LFV in charged sector could be mediated by
 - neutrino oscillation in SM extensions with massive neutrinos ---> unobservable
 - through RG evolution even if theory is LFC at high energy scales (SUSY, ED, unparticles, etc etc)



$$\Gamma(\mu \to e\gamma) \approx \underbrace{\frac{G_F^2 m_{\mu}^3}{192\pi^3}}_{\mu - \text{decay}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)}_{\gamma - \text{vertex}} \underbrace{\sin^2 2\theta \sin^2\left(\frac{1.27\Delta m^2}{M_W^2}\right)}_{\nu - \text{oscillation}}$$

$$\mathsf{BR}\left(\mu \to e \gamma\right) \sim 10^{-54}$$



BR (
$$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$$
) ~ 10⁻¹³ - 10⁻¹⁴

A Charged LFV processes

Model independent effective cLFV Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{CLFV} = \frac{m_{\mu}}{(\kappa+1)\Lambda^{2}} \bar{\mu}_{R} \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_{L} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa}{(\kappa+1)\Lambda^{2}} (\bar{u}_{L} \gamma^{\mu} u_{L} + \bar{d}_{L} \gamma^{\mu} d_{L})$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{new coupling} \\ \text{(SUSY, heavy v)} \\ \text{(leptoquark, Z'...)} \end{array}$$

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CLFV processes are a wide field of research

- 🖉 LFV decays
- Muon to electron conversion in matter
- Anomalous magnetic moment

$A \mu \rightarrow e\gamma$:experimental challenge!!



A needle in a haystack



....only that our haystack is at least as big as 4 Cheops Pyramids.....

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MEG in a nutshell



- Most intense DC muon beam of 3×10^7 muon/s at Paul Scherrer Institut, Switzerland
- Quasi-solenoidal spectrometer & low mass drift chamber for e⁺ kinematic measurement
- Scintillator bars and fibers for e⁺ timing read by PMT/APD
- Liquid Xenon calorimeter for photon detection read by PMT
- ~10⁷ fully efficient trigger bkg suppression

Gradient B field instead of uniform B field for good momentum resolution and high pile up rejection











Calibrations







Calibrations



Analysis Technique





- Blind analysis technique adopted:
 - Events inside a signal region of E_{γ} and $t_{e\gamma}$ not used for analysis development
 - Background and signal characterization from sidebands:
 - accidental bkg fully defined from sidebands data
 - RMD from low energy E_y sideband
- Extended unbinned ML fit of N_{sig} , N_{RMD} and N_{bkg} Observables E_{γ} , E_{e} , $t_{e\gamma}$, $\theta_{e\gamma}$, $\phi_{e\gamma}$,

$\stackrel{\scriptstyle\checkmark}{=}$ Number of muons stopped on target: 3.6 x 10¹⁴ (2009-2011)

- Sount unbiased Michel sample in physics data simultaneously with the signal
 - \checkmark Count RMD sample in E_y sideband (independent sample) for consistency check
- Independent of instantaneous beam rate and insensitive to acceptance and efficiency

$$\mathrm{BR}(\mu^+ \to e^+ \gamma) \;=\; \frac{N_{\mathrm{sig}}}{N_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}} \times \frac{f_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}^E}{P} \times \frac{\epsilon_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}^{\mathrm{trig}}}{\epsilon_{e\gamma}^{\mathrm{trig}}} \times \frac{A_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}^{\mathrm{TC}}}{A_{e\gamma}^{\mathrm{TC}}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{e\nu\bar{\nu}}^{\mathrm{DCH}}}{\epsilon_{e\gamma}^{\mathrm{DCH}}} \times \frac{1}{A_{e\gamma}^{\mathrm{g}}} \times \frac{1}{\epsilon_{e\gamma}},$$

2009-2011 Combined Result



Some Implications











MEG will saturate its sensitivity with the current run

MEG Upgrade



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Fully approved by all funding agencies and given the highest priority from PSI

will ensure that PSI keeps its world leadership in the study of this process. The Committee approves the upgrade proposal and expects that, after the upgrade is successfully completed, MEG will be given the highest priority in $\pi E5$.





Maximum

integrated charge

for 3 year running is

0.32 C/cm

Positron Side



Or, make it active with

scintillator fibers (option)

Helium-base gas

1.7×10⁻³X, per track

Pixelated timing counter

- Array many ultra-fast plastic scintillator counters
- SiPM readout
- High resolution with multiple counters hit
- Expected resolution 30–35 ps now 76 ps



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	Present chamber	Expected	
Momentum (keV)	350	~130	
Angular (mrad)	9, 11	~5, ~5	
Vertex (mm)	1.8, 1.1	1.2, 0.8	
Efficiency to TC (%)	40	>80	



Photon Side





A Ongoing R&D Activities



A Sensitivity Comparison



MEG upgrade goal is competitive with next generation experiments for "dipole-type" coupling !!!!

& Conclusions & Prospects

MEG latest result is the most stringent UL on cLFV process (improved by factor 4)

BR($\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$) < 5.7 x 10⁻¹³ @ 90% CL

MEG 2012-2013 dataset will double the statistic

Expected sensitivity with full dataset ~ 5×10^{-13}

- MEG upgrade for the improvement of one order of magnitude in sensitivity has been approved by all funding agencies and given the highest priority by PSI
- Several ongoing R&D activities, already showing very encouraging results

Upgrade proposal sensitivity ~ 5 x 10⁻¹⁴ on a time scale of 5 years (end 2018)







Backup slides

Keep 3 keys of MEG

- World's most intensity DC μ beam @ PSI
- Innovative liquid xenon γ-ray detector
- Gradient B-field e⁺-spectrometer

Cylindrical Drift Chamber

Pixelated Timing Counter

mma-ray detector

Beam transport

Muon beam

- Stopping target

-Drift chamber

Timing counter

Liquid Xenon Calorimeter

Upgraded

ATrigger & DAQ upgrade

- Increased number of channels (DC +1000, LXe +3000, TC +200)
 - higher bandwidth for timing, DC cluster recognition
- 2 GHz waveform digitizer for all signals
- WaveDREAM board
 - General purpose board
 - DRS4 waveform digitizing technology
 - splitter + trigger
 - dedicated fast comparator for self trigger and FPGA for complex algorithms
 - improved clock synchronization → timing
- Trigger algorithm the same as MEG





Additional possible bkg suppression



Identify AIF-BG by

- Detect e⁺ trajectory before annihilation
- Test correlation with γ
 This algorithm will work better with upgraded tracker



TABLE XI: Resolution (Gaussian σ) and efficiencies for MEG upgrade

PDF parameters	Present MEG	Upgrade scenario
e ⁺ energy (keV)	320	110-140
$e^+ \theta$ (mrad)	11	5-7
$e^+ \phi$ (mrad)	7.2	5-7
e ⁺ vertex Z/Y(core) (mm)	2.0/1.1	1.5/1.0
γ enegy (%) ($w > 2$ cm)	1.9	1.0
γ position (u, v, w) (mm)	5(u,v), 6(w)	2
γ -e ⁺ timing (ps)	122	75-90
Efficiency (%)		
trigger	≈ 99	≈ 99
γ reconstruction	59	59
e ⁺ reconstruction	40	85-90
event selection	80	85

ltem	cost (k euros)	
calorimeter	1692	
timing counter	206	
DAQ	915	
drift chamber	786	
total	3600	

~ 30% of original MEG budget

Resolutions & Costs

Future Prospects





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A The PSI π E5 beam & target 🤣



 Most intense proton DC beam in the world : 2 mA @ 1.3 MW
 28 MeV/c "surface muons" from decay of π at rest
 Wien filter for e/μ separation
 Solenoid to couple beam with the COBRA magnetic field

Need enough material for stopping muons but low bremsstrahlung for signal positron:

- 🎽 degrader 200/300 μm + target 205 μm
- 20.5° angle between beam and target
- material with high radiation length X₀ (CH₂)



A Liquid Xenon y detector 😽

Refrigerato



Pros





Drift Chambers









- 🖉 16 chamber sectors, 2 planes each
- Staggered array of drift cells
- 🖉 Helium:Ethane 50/50 mixture
- Ultra low mass chamber to suppress MS that limits momentum and angular resolutions
 - 12.5 µm cathode foils with Vernier patter for Z hit position
 - ~ 0.2 % X₀ along e⁺ trajectory
- Reconstruct e⁺ momentum vector at

target with Kalman filter technique

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🦉 σ _E /E ~ 0.6 %	0.3 %
🎽 σ _θ ~ 10 mrad	5 mrad
🎽 σ _φ ~ 7 mrad	5 mrad

Time Measurement

- Positron time measured by timing counter:
 2 sections (upstream & downstream) of 15
 bars each read by fine mesh PMTs
- Further z impact position measurement with scintillating fibers read by APDs
- Crucial for positron time measurement: intrinsic time resolution: current ~ 70 ps/ goal ~ 50 ps





Muon decay time:

- TC hit time + e^+ flight length from DC
- $\frac{1}{2}$ LXe hit time + γ flight lenght

$$\sigma_{tey}$$
 = 124 ps from RMD





DAQ

- Custom WF digitizer DRS chip design at PSI
- Sampling speed [800 MHz, 5 GHz]
- Bandwidth 1 GHz
- inter-chip synchronization < 30 ps

Trigger experimental requirements

- O (10⁷) background suppression
- > 95 % efficiency on signal
- Maximum latency ~ 450 ns
- Flexibility for physics analysis as well as calibrations

MEG choices

- 100 MHz digital conversion of input signals
- Selection algorithms on FPGAs
- Use of fast detector, LXe and TC:
 - $\stackrel{\scriptstyle \frown}{=}$ E_y > 45 MeV ---> rate 2 x 10³ Hz
 - Δt between LXe and TC --> rate 100 Hz
 - Collinearity based on LUT tables --> 10 Hz



Trigger improvements through time thanks to improved online resolutions (DM improvement) and multiple buffer readout implementation (MB)

CW and CEX calibrations





Alignment



- Good alignment is crucial to reduce systematics on relative photon-positron angle
 - No back to back source for calibration
 - Nonetheless, we improved alignment inside and among detectors
 - DC B field target LXe



- Optical surveys
- 👻 DC: Millipede (a la CMS)
 - with cosmic rays + Michel e⁺
- Target holes
- 🚪 LXe: Pb collimators
- B field: resolutions and correlations



Target Holes













Signal E_e PDF from fit to Michel edge data

Signal angle PDFs measured on data from tracks which make two turns inside the spectrometer

Background angle PDFs measured on time sideband

RMD PDFs from theoretical distributions convoluted with measured resolutions

Fit variables: E_{γ} , E_{e} , $t_{e\gamma}$, $\theta_{e\gamma}$, $\phi_{e\gamma}$

Signal Positron PDFs & Correlations

- Signal positron PDFs are evaluated from tracks which make 2 turns inside the spectrometer, treating each turn as an independent pseudo track
- Since all positrons must come from the target (~200 µm thick, fairly considered bidimensional in our analysis), this constraint removes one degree of freedom from the problem, introducing correlations among all positrons track parameters and resolutions
- This geometrical effect worsen resolutions, which can nevertheless be partially recovered taking correlations into account in the likelihood analysis
- Evaluating resolution at the 2-turn track turning point on a fictitious plane with same inclination as the target allows to extract correlations from data

$$\begin{split} \delta \phi_e &= -2 \tan \phi_e \frac{\delta R}{R} = -2 \tan \phi_e \frac{\delta E}{E} \\ \delta Y &= 2 \delta R \cos \phi_e + R \sin \phi_e \delta \phi_e = \frac{2R}{\cos \phi_e} \frac{\delta E}{E} \\ \delta Z &= \frac{2R}{\sin^2 \theta_e} \delta \theta_e - 2R \cot \theta_e \frac{\delta E}{E} \end{split}$$











	2009	2010	2011
γ energy	1.9%(w> 2cm), 2.4%(w< 2cm)	1.9%(w> 2cm), 2.4%(w< 2cm)	1.7%(w> 2cm), 2.4%(w< 2cm)
γ timing	96 ps	67 ps	67 ps
Y position	5 mm (u,v), 6 mm(w)	5 mm (u,v), 6 mm(w)	5 mm (u,v), 6 mm(w)
γ efficiency	63%	63%	63%
e ⁺ timing	107 ps	107 ps	107 ps
e ⁺ energy	0.31 MeV (80% core)	0.32 MeV (79% core)	0.31 MeV (85% core)
e ⁺ angle (θ)	9.4 mrad	II.0 mrad	10.6 mrad
e⁺ angle (φ)	6.7 mrad	7.2 mrad	7.5 mrad
e^+ vertex (Z/Y)	1.5 mm/1.1 mm(core)	2.0 mm/1.1 mm(core)	1.9 mm/1.3 mm(core)
e ⁺ efficiency	40%	34%	36%
e ⁺ - γ timing	156 ps	122 ps	127 ps
Trigger efficiency	91%	92%	97%
e ⁺ - γ angle (θ)	14.5 mrad	16.1 mrad	16.2 mrad
e ⁺ - γ angle (φ)	8.9 mrad	9.0 mrad	8.9 mrad
Stopping μ rate	2.9 × 10 ⁷ s ⁻¹	2.9 × 10 ⁷ s ⁻¹	3.0 × 10 ⁷ s ⁻¹
DAQ time/ Real time	35 days/43 days	56 days/67 days	81 days/113 days
Total stopped µ	6.5 x 10 ¹³	1.1 x 10 ¹⁴	1.85 x 10 ¹⁴







Table 16: Relative contributions of uncertainties to upper limit of \mathcal{B} .

Center of $\theta_{e\gamma}$ and $\phi_{e\gamma}$	0.18
Positron correlations	
E_{γ} scale	0.07
$E_{\rm e}$ bias	0.06
$t_{e\gamma}$ signal shape	0.06
$t_{e\gamma}$ center	0.05
Normalization	0.04
E_{γ} signal shape	0.03
E_{γ} BG shape	0.03
Positron angle resolutions (θ_e , ϕ_e , z_e , y_e)	0.03
γ angle resolution $(u_{\gamma}, v_{\gamma}, w_{\gamma})$	0.03
$E_{\rm e}$ BG shape	0.01
$E_{\rm e}$ signal shape	0.01
Angle BG shape	0.00
Total	0.25

Reconstruction Improvements



New algorithms applied to: - reanalyze 2009-2010 sample; - process data collected in 2011

🔺 Fit to 2009-2011 data 🎸



expected from sideband data: $N_{acc} = 2415 + / - 25$ $N_{RMD} = 169 + / - 17$



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