

Development status of low momentum positron timing counter to identify BG gamma ray from radiative muon decay in MEG II experiment

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MEG MEG II EXPERIMENT

$\diamond \mu \rightarrow e \gamma$ decay search

- In standard model with neutrino oscillation,
- the branching ratio is too small
- to detect the decay: $\sim O(10^{-54})$
- On the other hand, some beyond standard models predict large branching ratio: ~O(10⁻¹⁴ - 10⁻¹³)
 - whose level our experiment can reach!!
- Discovery of $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma = Discovery of new physics$

♦ Signal Event : 2-body decay from a muon at rest

- Both e^+ and γ have a monochromatic energy (52.8 MeV)
- They are emitted time-coincidently, and
- back to back



high precision measurement of energy, timing and opening angle of $e^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ and γ



MEG MEG II EXPERIMENT





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- Doubled beam rate: 7×10⁷muons/s
- PMTs in LXe Detecter are partially replaced with MPPCs
- A low mass stereo drift chamber

- A multi-tile scintillation timing counter
- New BG tagging detector is introduced



♦ Main Background Event : accidental background



• Radiative Decay Counter (RDC)

tags Radiative Muon Decay actively

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• 16 ~ 28% higher sensitivity can be achieved

by introducing RDC



sensitivitywithout RDC downstream 5.0×10^{-14} with RDC downstream 4.3×10^{-14} with full RDC $\star 3.9 \sim 4.1 \times 10^{-14}$ \star depending on detection

 \star depending on detection efficiency (50%~80%)



\diamond Active tagging of Radiative Muon Decay

- Radiative Muon Decay with
 - a high energy (> 48 MeV) gamma ray
 - simultaneously emits

a low momentum positron (typically: ~5 MeV).



- It has small turning radius
 - →Small counters are set
 - on the beam axis
- measure **time coincidence**
 - between γ and low momentum $e^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$
- measure energy of e⁺ to distinguish
 Radiative Decay from Michel decay ← downstream only



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♦ Upstream RDC

- Made of 704 plastic scintillation fibers
 - thickness = 250 µm
 - · small effect on $\mu^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ beam transportation
- Separate μ⁺ from e⁺
 using difference of energy deposit
- Measure time coincidence

between γ and e^+ (from radiative decay)

The effect on the $\mu^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ beam properties ?

- In simulation,
 - stopping efficiency will be decreased by 3 %:
 71.9% (w/o RDC)→69.8% (w/ RDC)
- A small influence on the beam spread (6~7 %).
 sigma X: 1.11 cm (w/o RDC)→1.19 cm (w/ RDC)
 sigma Y: 1.07 cm (w/o RDC)→1.13 cm (w/ RDC)
- We plan to measure it with beam using a mock-up detector in this Autumn.





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◇ Downstream RDC

- Already approved by the collaboration
- 12 Plastic scintillation bars
 - length: 7 ~ 19 cm, width: 1 ~ 2 cm, thickness: 5 mm
 - · measure time coincidence between γ and $e^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$
- 76 LYSO crystals
 - 2 × 2 × 2 cm³
 - measure energy deposit and
 - distinguish Radiative Decay and Michel Decay





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◇ Plastic scintillator

Good performance within limited space

- BC-418 (Saint-Gobain)
 - large light yield
 - fast response (decay constant: 1.4 nsec)
- Two types of width: 1 cm & 2 cm
 - 1 cm: for reducing pileup events
- Series connected MPPCs
 - sharpen waveforms
- PCBs: compact readout circuits
 - MMCX cables are used.
 - 3 narrow bars are attached on a long PCB
- Required time resolution ~ 100 psec



STATUS&SCHEDULE



downstream RDC		Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
R & D	RMD detection with prototype									
	crystal selection 🗸									
	MPPC selection 🗸									
	crystal shape v									
	optical coupling optimization									
	afterglow study									
Production	MPPC test									
	holder production									
	PCB production									
	plastic scintillator test									
	counter assembling & test									
	mover production									
	operation test									

SCINTILIATOR TEST



◇ Plastic scintillator

<u>setup</u>

- 12 scintillation bars were tested.
- MPPCs were attached
- on both sides of a scintillation bar.
- 2 or 3 MPPCs were connected in series.
- optical grease was used for coupling.
- radioactive source: 9°Sr.
- trigger: hit in reference counter.
- calculate [T(ch1)+T(ch2)]/2 T(reference)
 - constant fraction time
- Fit the distribution with Gaussian function and the **sigma** is defined as time resolution



- Result: 120-145 psec
 - This value includes resolution of the reference counter.

(the resolution of reference counter : ~100 psec)

The resolution of the bars is good enough.



MPPC GROUPING

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- Grouping
 - there are 12 scintillation counters
 - \rightarrow MPPCs are divided into 24 groups
 - measure I-V curve for all of MPPCs
 - MPPCs which show close I-V shapes are put in the same group.







◇ PCB design

- Consists of 4 layers:
 - shield layers on both sides for noise suppression



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chassis ground

avoid ground loop.

Assembling

- Conductive epoxy (CW2400)
 - attach MPPCs to a PCB without heating
 - strong mechanical bonds
 - good electrical conductivity
- Alignment jig



- POM parts
 - a π shaped acrylic part for y-direction alignment
 oil coated (small friction)
 avoid glue adhering
 an acrylic part for x & z direction alignment
 for x & z direction alignment
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Assembling

- Optical cement
 - used for coupling between PCBs and scintillation bars
 - →aligned with the jig



the smallest counter -

- Aluminized mylar
 - used as a reflector





5mm

7cm

2cm

design

Rerec

5.033e-10

1.366e-10

RMS



a frame for plastic scintillators



2000

600

400

200

-1

-0.5

0

0.5

1

1.5

2 nsec





Tmean - Tref distribution

	time resolution
15 cm	71 psec
19 cm	104 psec

 \rightarrow good enough for RDC



SUMMARY & PROSPECT



\diamond Summary

- 16 ~ 28% sensitivity improvement will be achieved by introducing RDC.
- Downstream RDC has already been approved.
- Plastic scintillator bars have arrived and showed good time resolution.
- Counter production has started.
- Assembled counters showed good performance.

Our Prospect

- Finish counter production and their test
- Combine plastic scintillator part with LYSO part, and test them as overall downstream RDC.
 - \rightarrow Downstream RDC will be prepared by the end of this year.
- Study on Upstream RDC with beam will be started this autumn.







◇ Plastic scintillator

Physical Constants of SGC Plastic Scintillators										
Scintillator	Light Output % Anthracene ¹	Wavelength of Maximum Emission, nm	Decay Constant, Main Component, ns	Bulk Light Attenuation Length, cm	Refractive Index	H:C Ratio	Loading Element % by weight	Density	Softening Point °C	
BC-400	65	423	2.4	250	1.58	1.103		1.032	70	
BC-404	68	408	1.8	160	1.58	1.107		1.032	70	
BC-408	64	425	2.1	380	1.58	1.104		1.032	70	
BC-412	60	434	3.3	400	1.58	1.104		1.032	70	
BC-416	38	434	4.0	400	1.58	1.110		1.032	70	
BC-418	67	391	1.4	100	1.58	1.100		1.032	70	
BC-420	64	391	1.5	110	1.58	1.102		1.032	70	
BC-422	55	370	1.6	8	1.58	1.102		1.032	70	
BC-422Q	11	370	0.7	<8	1.58	1.102	Benzephenone,0.5%*	1.032	70	
BC-428	36	480	12.5	150	1.58	1.103		1.032	70	
BC-430	45	580	16.8	NA	1.58	1.108		1.032	70	
BC-440	60	434	3.3	400	1.58	1.104		1.032	99	
BC-440M	60	434	3.3	380	1.58	1.104		1.039	100	
BC-444	41	428	285	180	1.58	1.109		1.032	70	
BC-452	32	424	2.1	150	1.58	1.134	Lead,5%	1.080	60	
BC-454	48	425	2.2	120	1.58	1.169	Boron,5%	1.026	60	
BC-480	••	425	-	400	1.58	1.100		1.032	70	
BC-482A	QE=.86	494	12.0	300	1.58	1.110		1.032	70	
BC-490	55	425	2.3	NA	1.58	1.107		1.032	70	
BC-498	65	423	2.4	NA	1.58	1.103		1.032	70	
¹ Anthracer	ne light output = 4	0-50% of Nal(Tl) * 0.1 to 5 v	veight % also a	vailable	** Ratio of Cerenkov light to scintillator light = 10:1				

http://www.crystals.saint-gobain.com/uploadedFiles/SG-Crystals/Documents/SGC%20Organics%20Brochure.pdf







MPPC GROUPING

◇ MPPCs for plastic scintillator

- MPPC (Multi-Pixel Photon Counter)
 - S13360-3050PE
 - pixel size: 50×50 µm²
 - crosstalk suppression
 - 2 or 3 series connection
 - 60 MPPCs are used



trenches between pixels suppress crosstalk